

# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE POLARIZATION

**A GENERAL RELATIVITY TEST**

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# RESEARCH QUESTION

How well can we constrain small admixtures of scalar and/or vector polarizations in Gravitational Wave Transient detection, given the extended network of five ground interferometers available in the near future?

# OVERVIEW



**Gravitational Waves Polarization and Detector Response**



**Network of Interferometers and Overlap Factor**



**Toy Model for a non-GR signal**



**Nested Sampling and Bayesian Approach**



**Parameter estimation**



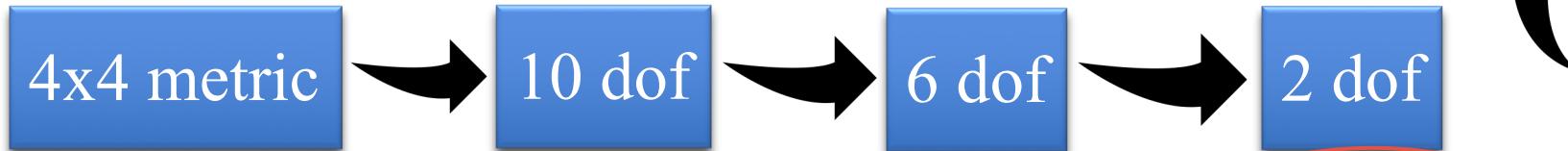
**Future work**



# TWO POLARIZATIONS

## *Linearized Theory of Gravity*

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$



Symmetry

$$h_{\mu\nu} = h_{\nu\mu}$$

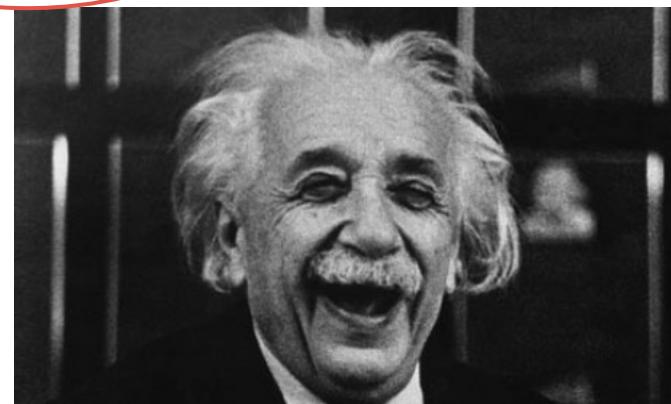
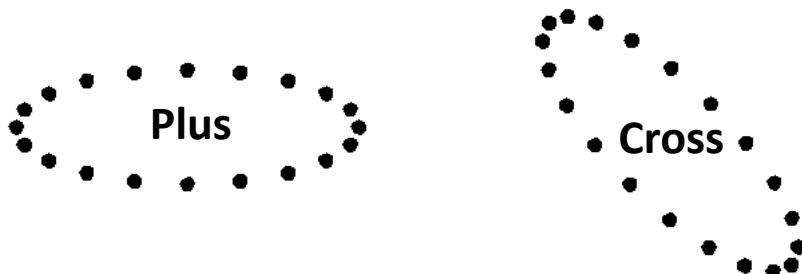
Gauge Invariance

$$h'_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} - \zeta_{\{\mu,\nu\}} + O(\epsilon^2)$$

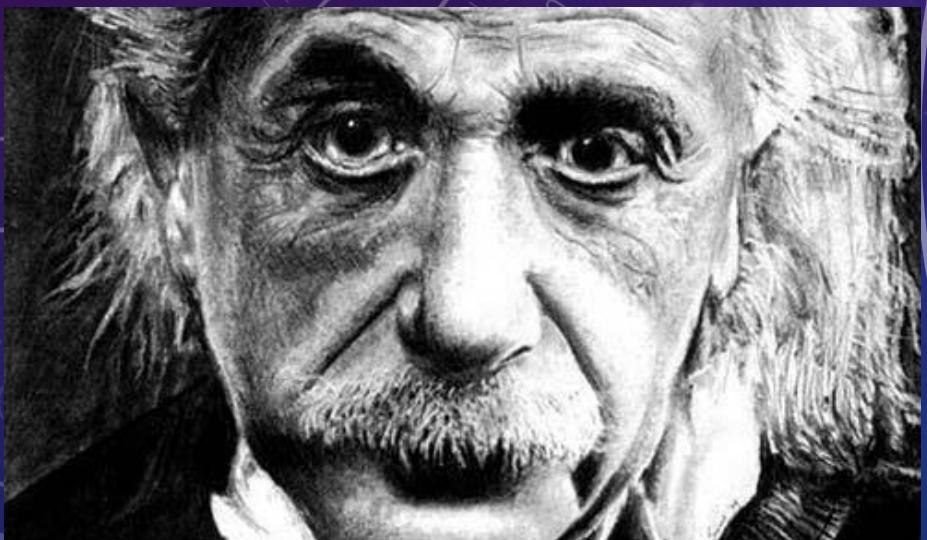
Einstein Equations  
(Bianchi Identity)

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

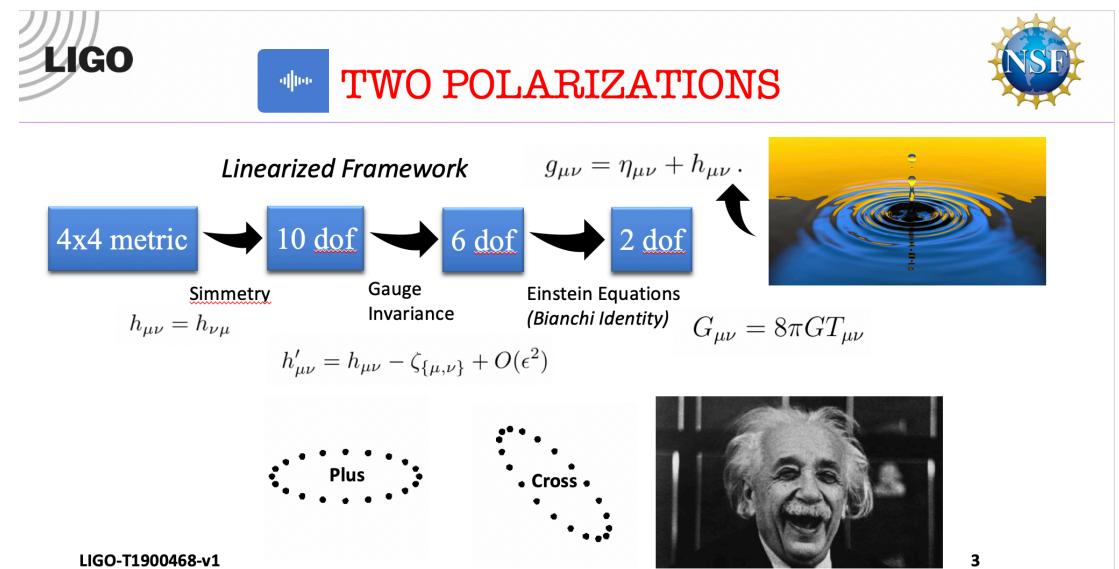
**TT-Gauge**



# WHAT IF EINSTEIN'S GR **IS NOT THE** ULTIMATE THEORY OF GRAVITY ?

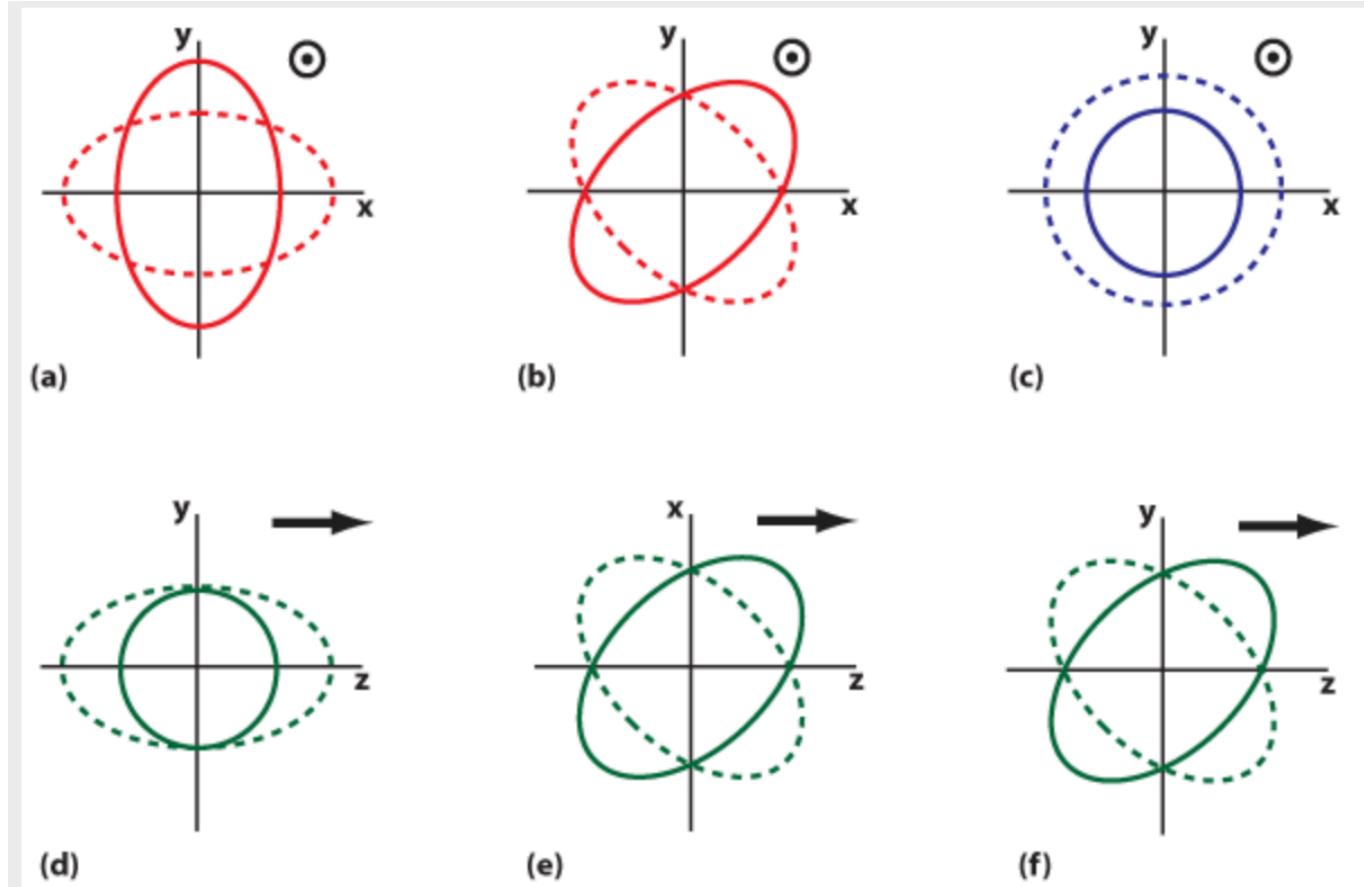


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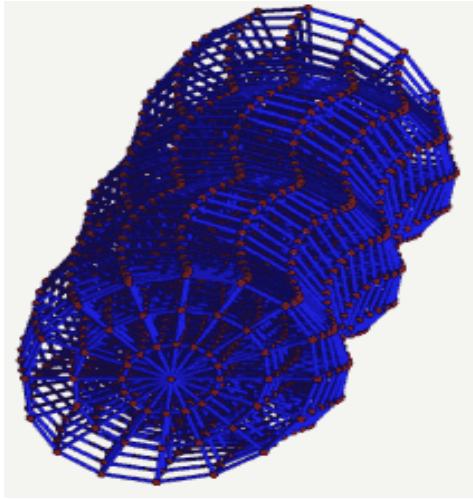


# SIX ~~TWO~~ POLARIZATIONS



Will, C.M. , [arXiv](#)

$$S_{jk} = \begin{pmatrix} A_b + A_+ & A_x & A_{Vx} \\ A_x & A_b - A_+ & A_{Vy} \\ A_{Vx} & A_{Vy} & A_l \end{pmatrix}$$

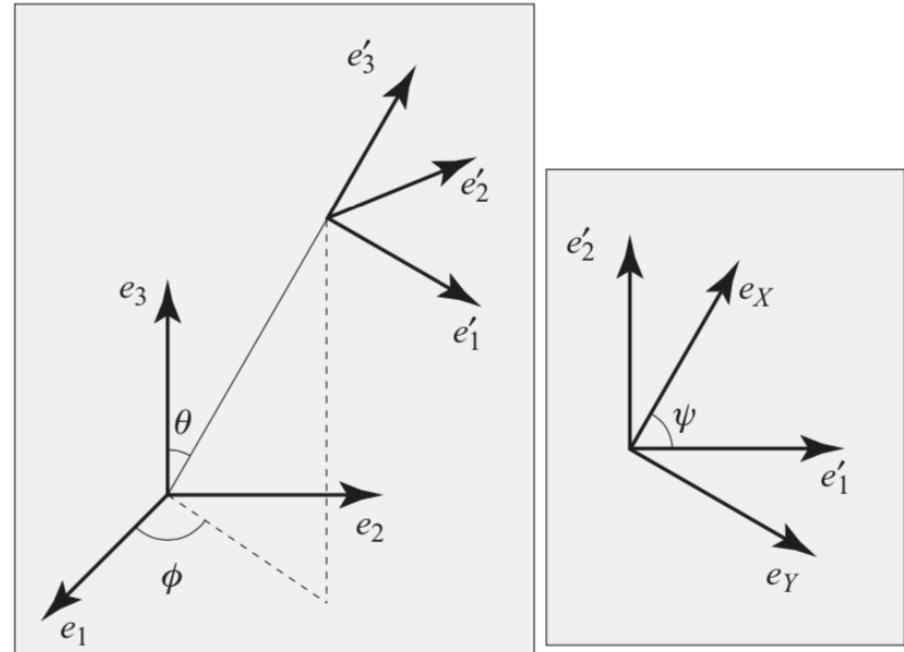
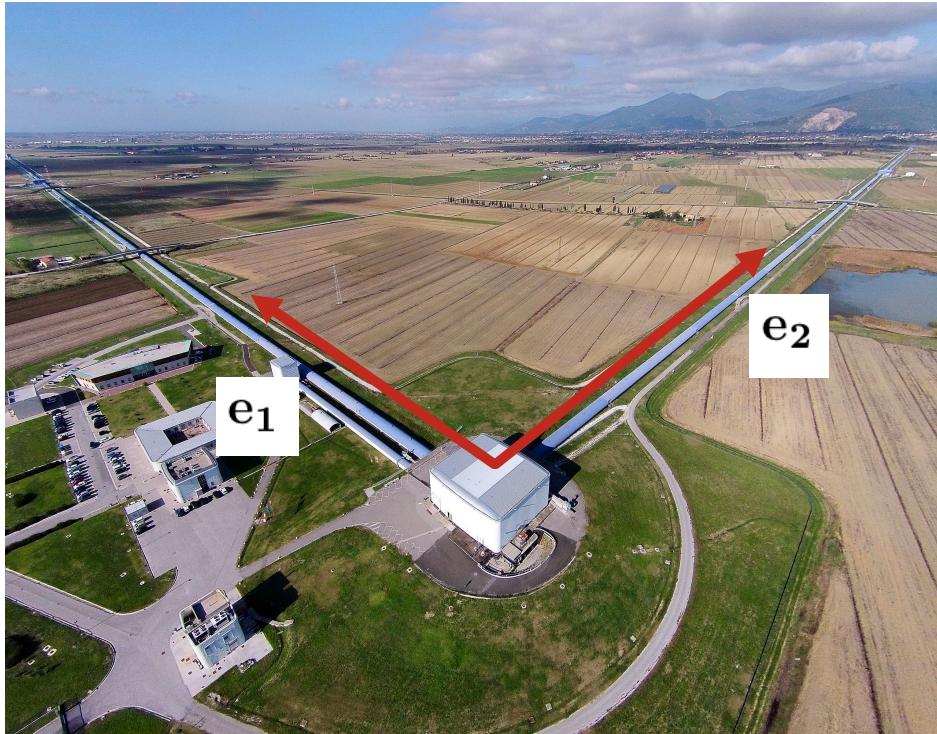


Markus Pössel, [Einstein online](#)

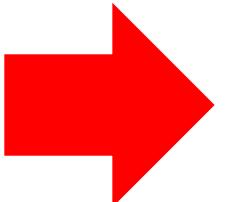


## DETECTOR DARM RESPONSE

$$S(t) = \frac{1}{2}(e_1^j e_1^k - e_2^j e_2^k) S_{jk}(\tau, \mathbf{N}) = \textcircled{F_P(\theta, \phi, \psi) A_P}$$



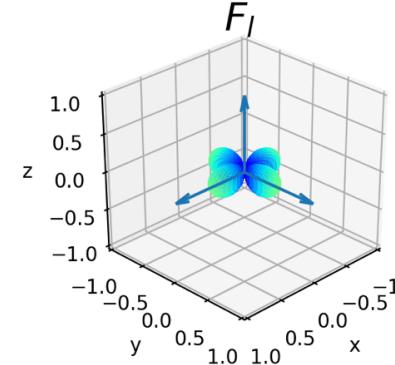
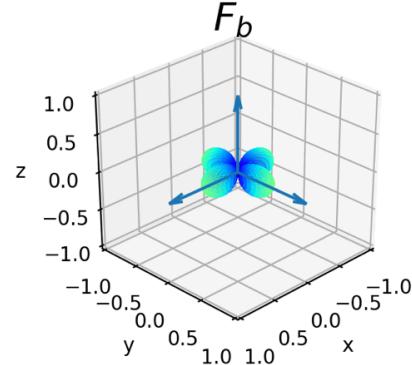
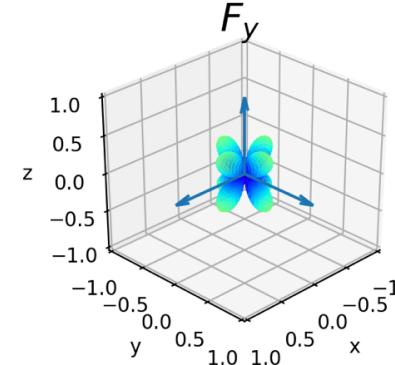
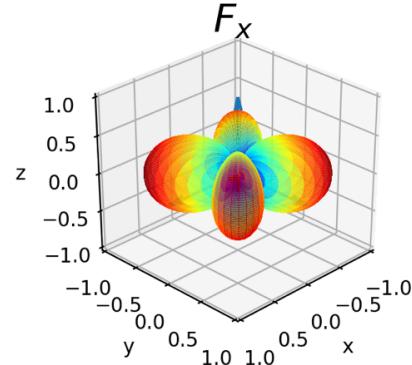
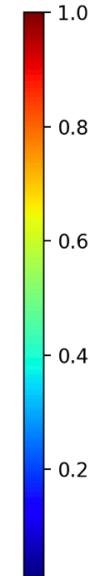
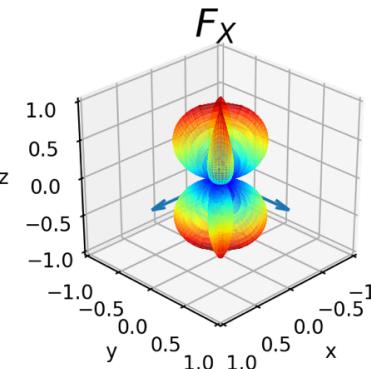
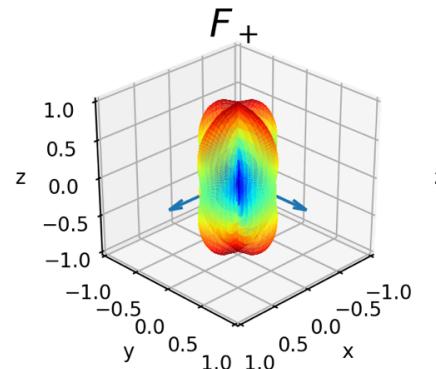
Antenna  
Patterns



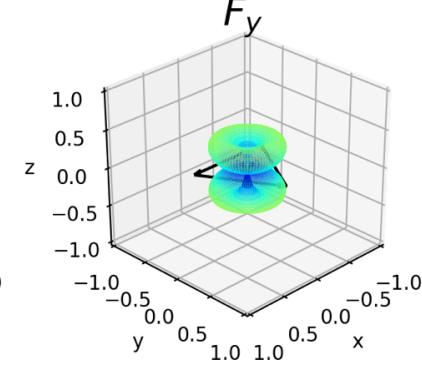
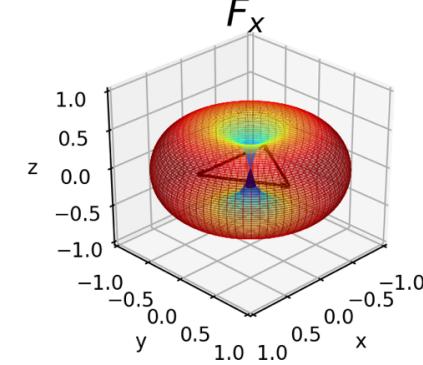
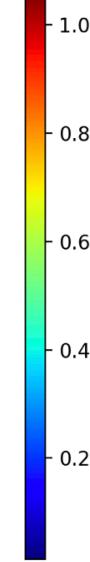
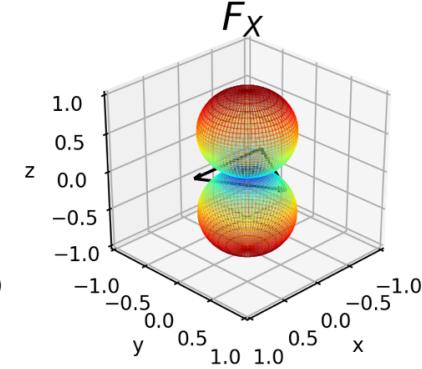
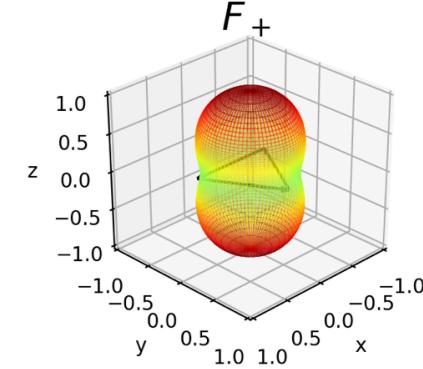
Poisson and C. Will, Gravity



# ANTENNA PATTERNS



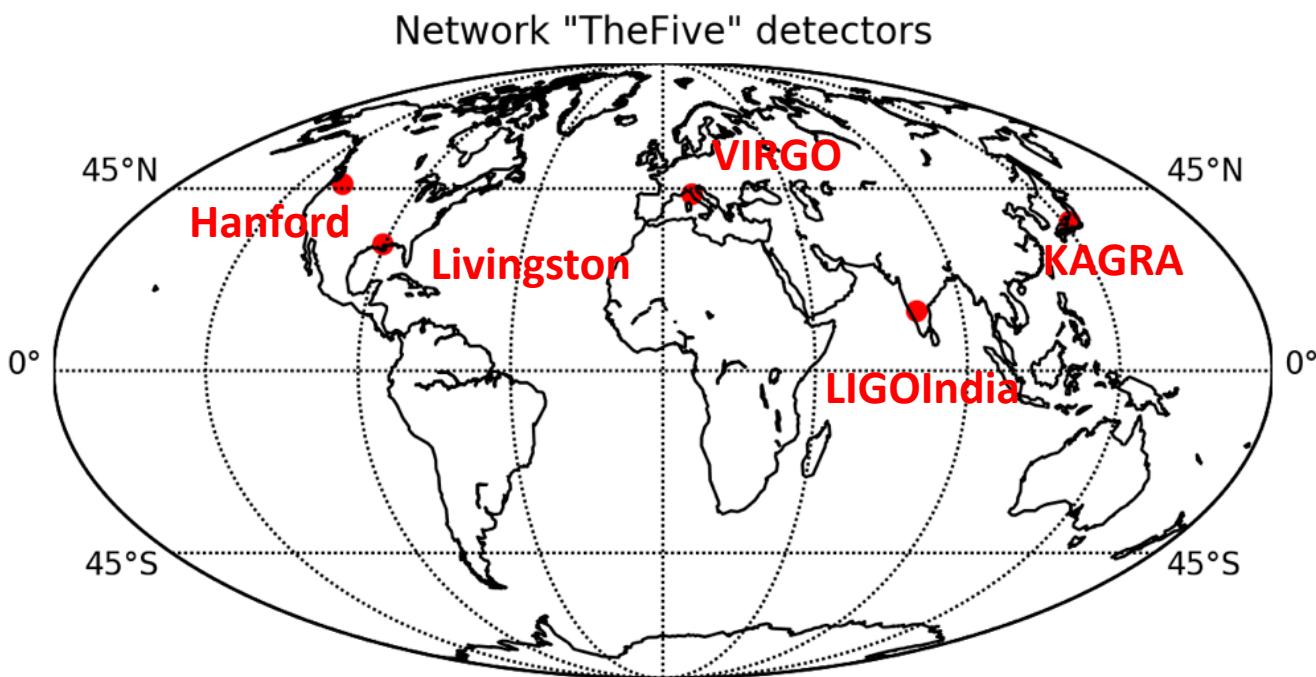
Two-Arm  
Interferometer  
(LIGO)



Three-Arm  
Interferometer  
(ET)



# NETWORK SENSITIVITY



- Vector of Antenna Patterns

$$\vec{F}_H(\theta, \phi) := (|F_H^1(\theta, \phi)|, \dots, |F_H^N(\theta, \phi)|)$$

H in {s, v, t}

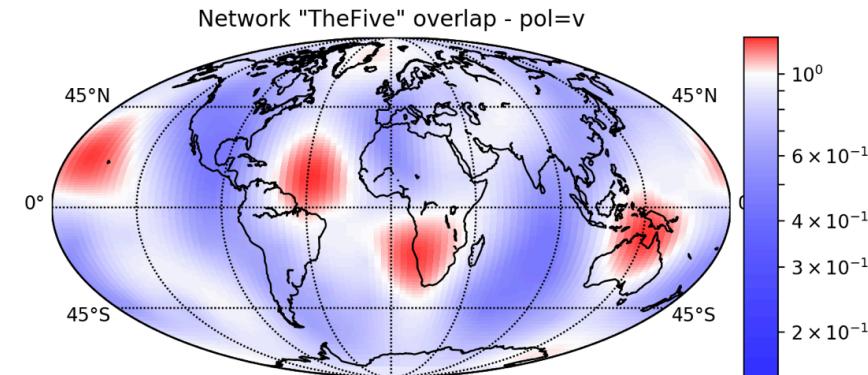
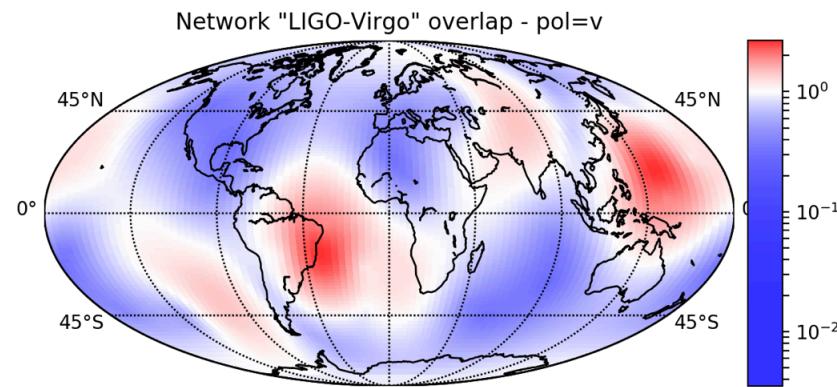
1 ... N = no. detector

- Overlap Factor

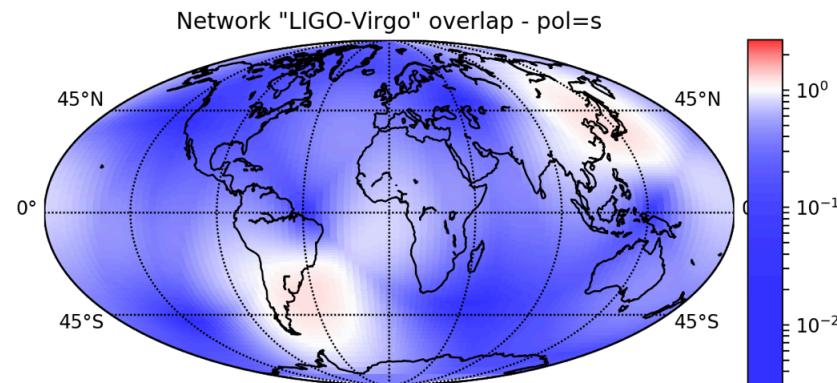
$$\mathcal{F}_{H/t} = \frac{\vec{F}_H(\theta, \phi) \cdot \vec{F}_t(\theta, \phi)}{\vec{F}_t(\theta, \phi) \cdot \vec{F}_t(\theta, \phi)}$$



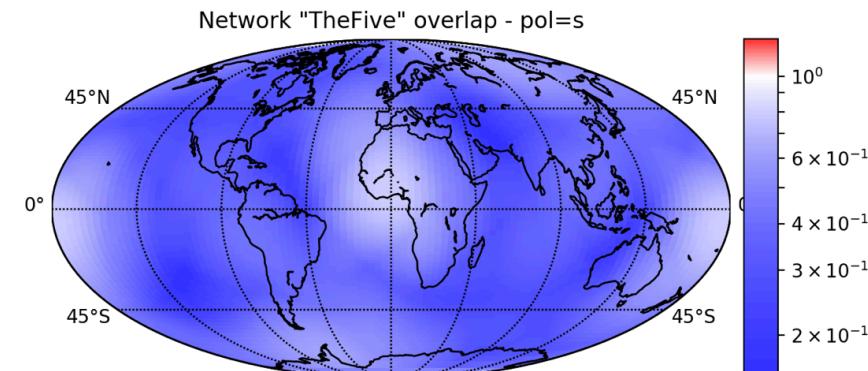
# OVERLAP FACTOR



LIGO - Virgo Network



+ LIGOIndia & KAGRA

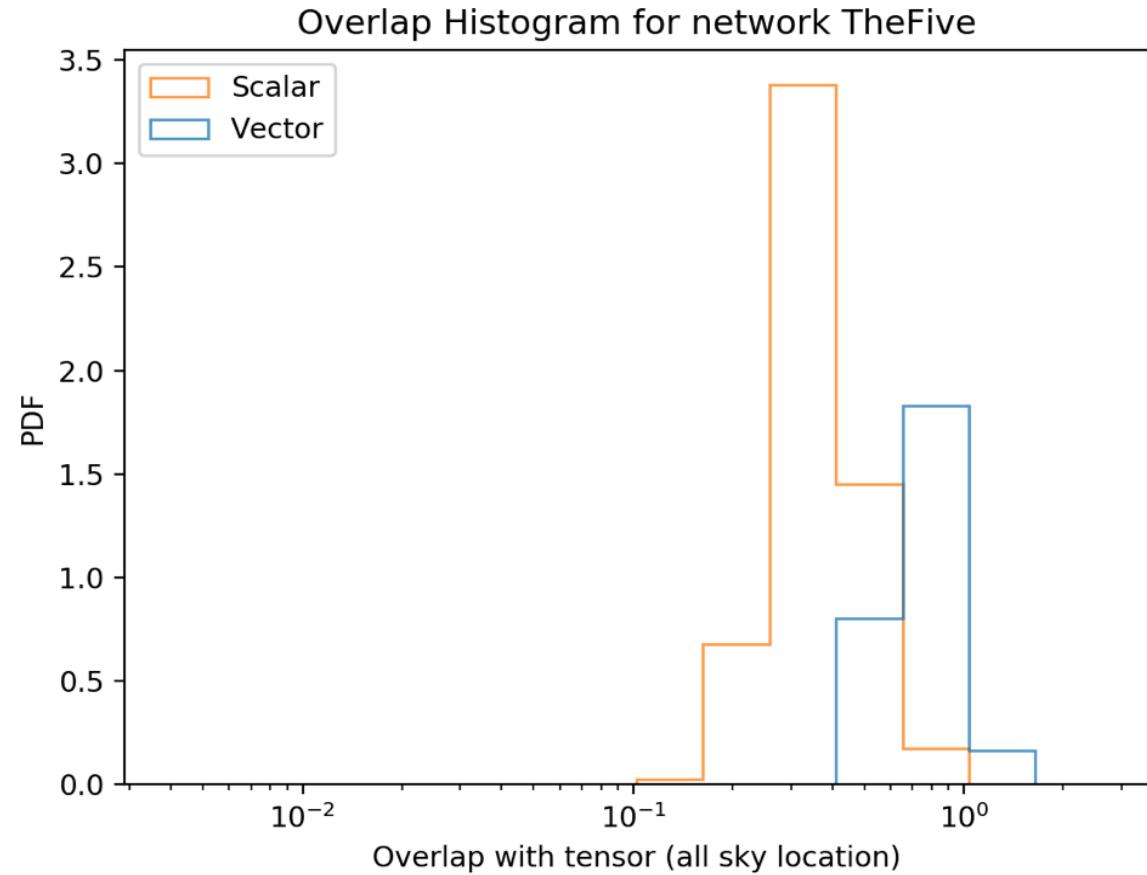
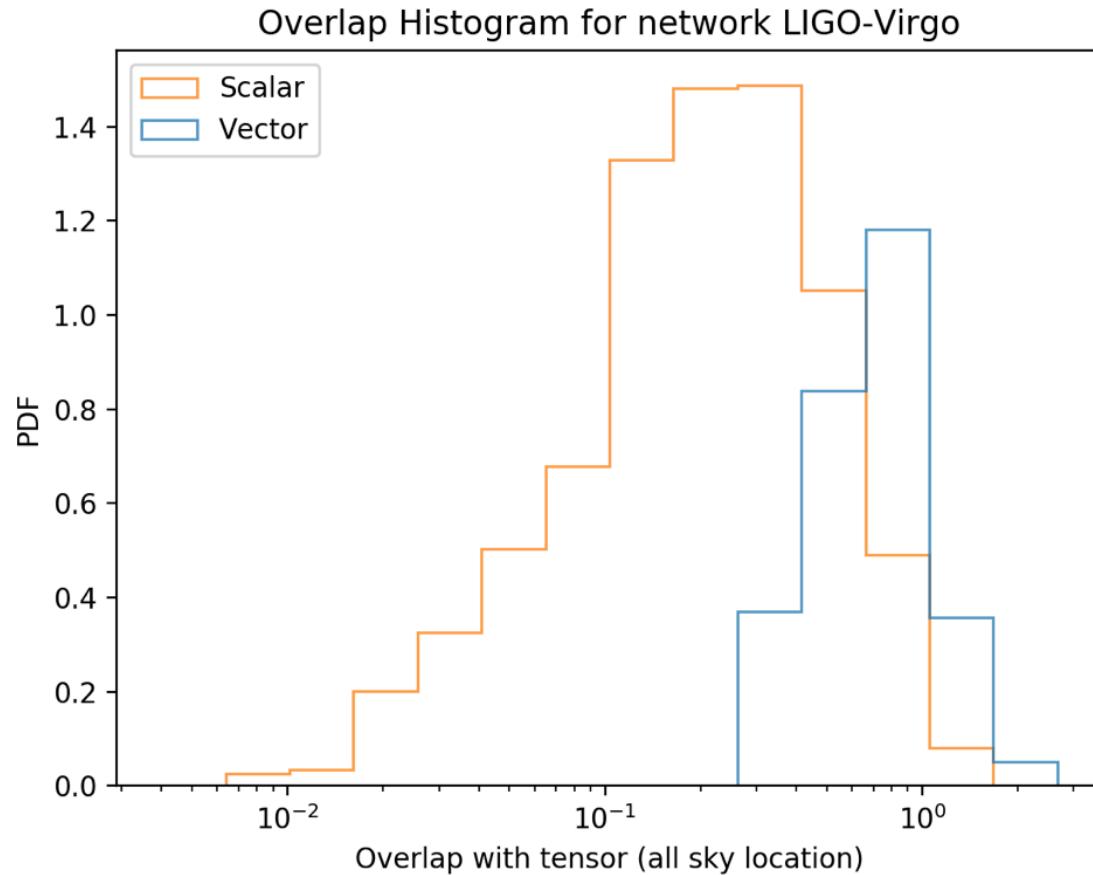


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# OVERLAP FACTOR





# TOY MODEL OF A GW

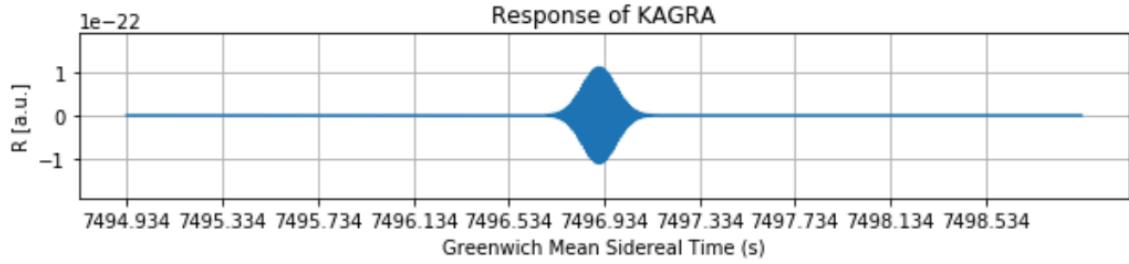
## Sine-Gaussian Waveform

$$h_I(t) = A_I \cos(\Omega t + \phi_I) \exp\left[-\frac{(t - t_0 - \delta t_I)^2}{2\tau^2}\right]$$

$$A_I = \frac{|A|}{d_L} |\tilde{A}_I|$$

$$\tilde{A}_I = \sum_{p \in \{+, \times, x, y, s\}} \epsilon_p F_p^I$$

Response of KAGRA



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1 s

- Sky coordinate location:  $(\delta, \alpha)$
- Polarization angle:  $\psi = 0$
- Geocentric sidereal time of arrival:  $t_0$  (degenerate with  $\alpha$ )
- Luminosity distance:  $d_L$
- Complex amplitude coefficients:  $\epsilon_p = \frac{a_p}{|A|} e^{i\phi_p}$
- Overall amplitude:  $|A| = \sqrt{\sum_p a_p^2}$
- Antenna Patterns:  $F_p^I = F_p^I(\alpha, \delta, \psi = 0, t_0)$
- Time delay form Earth-center:  $\delta t_I$
- Phase offset:  $\phi_I = \arctan \frac{\mathcal{I}[\tilde{A}_I]}{\mathcal{R}[\tilde{A}_I]} - \Omega(t_0 + \delta t_I)$
- Angular frequency:  $\Omega = 2\pi * (100Hz)$
- Damping time:  $\tau = 0.1s$



# $\lambda$ HYPERPARAMETERS

- *Normalized effective strain amplitude*

$$h_t = \sqrt{|\epsilon_+|^2 + |\epsilon_\times|^2}$$

$$h_v = \sqrt{|\epsilon_x|^2 + |\epsilon_y|^2}$$

$$h_s = |\epsilon_s|$$

- *Hyperparameters of the model*

$$h_t^2 = 1 - \lambda_v - \lambda_s$$

$$h_v^2 = \lambda_v$$

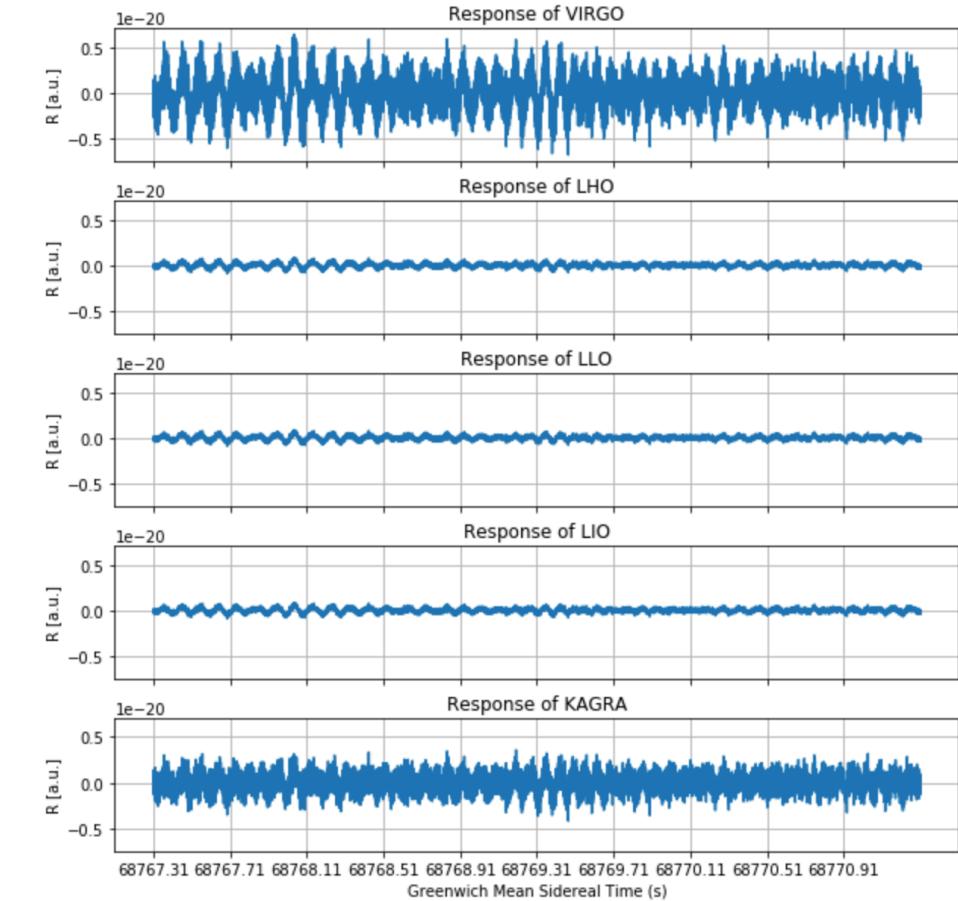
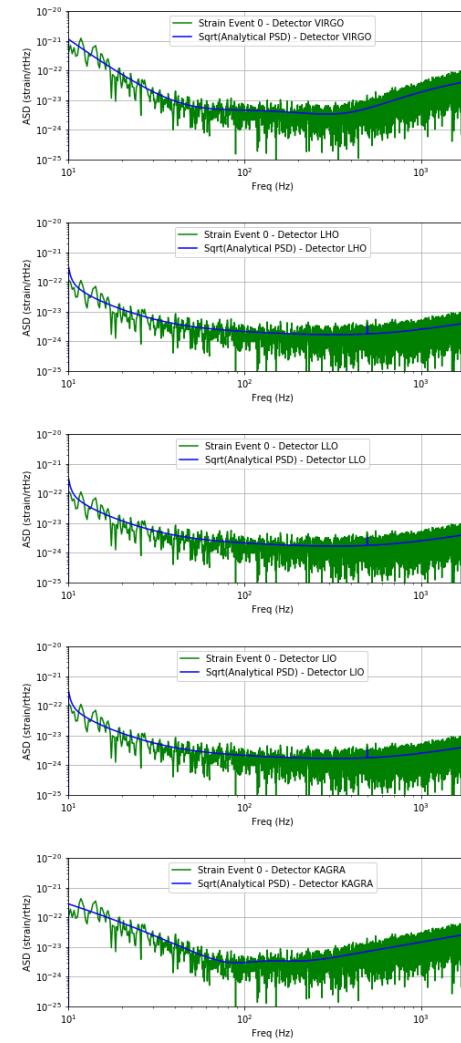
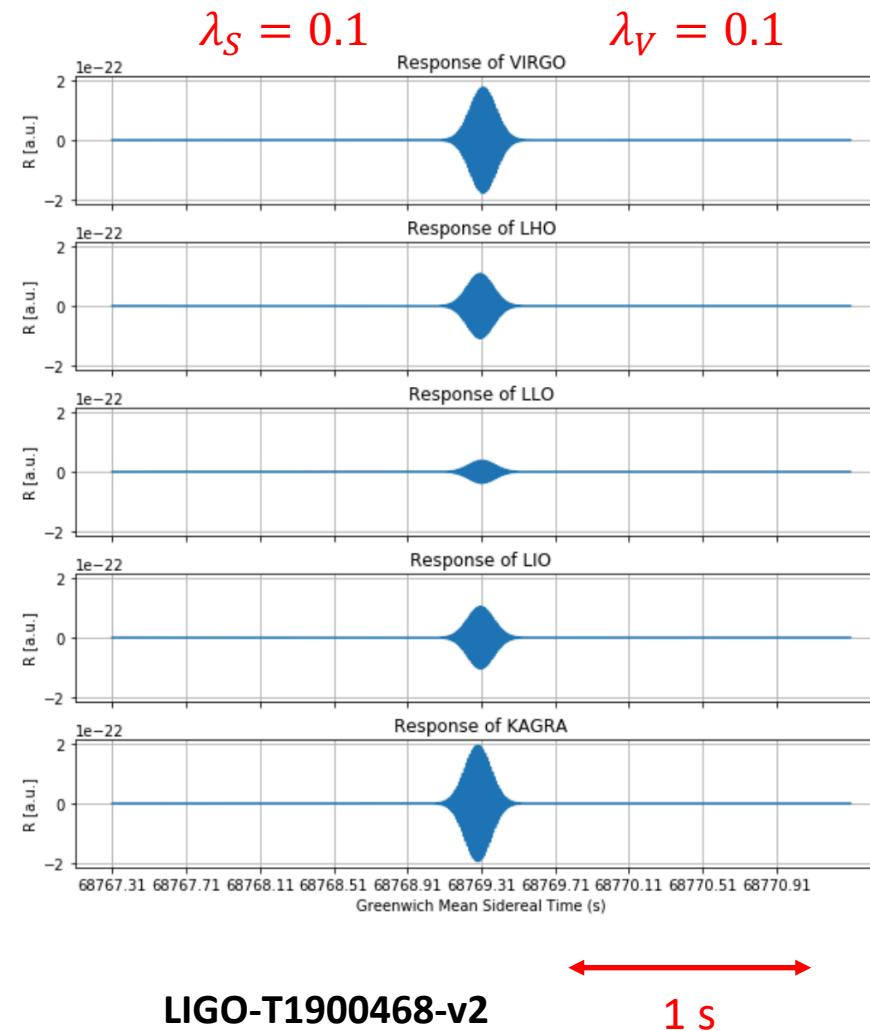
$$h_s^2 = \lambda_s$$

BAYES  
INFERENCE



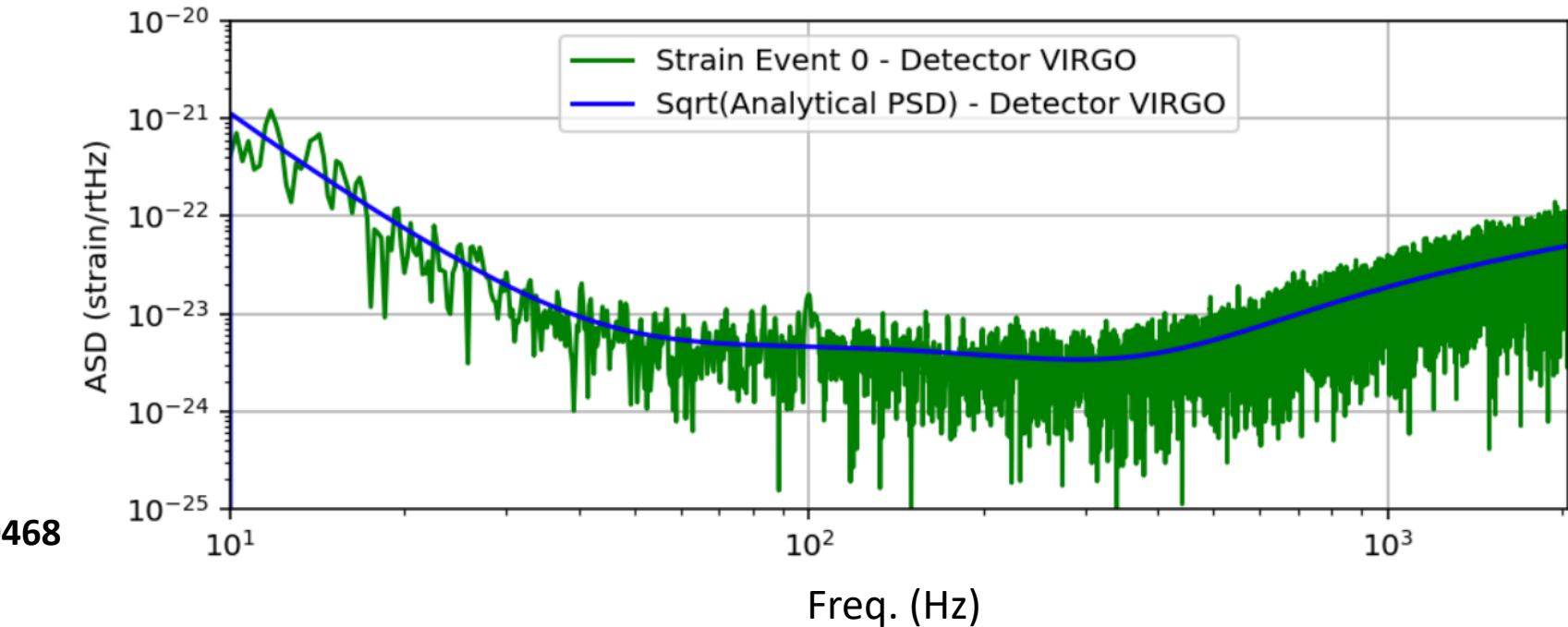
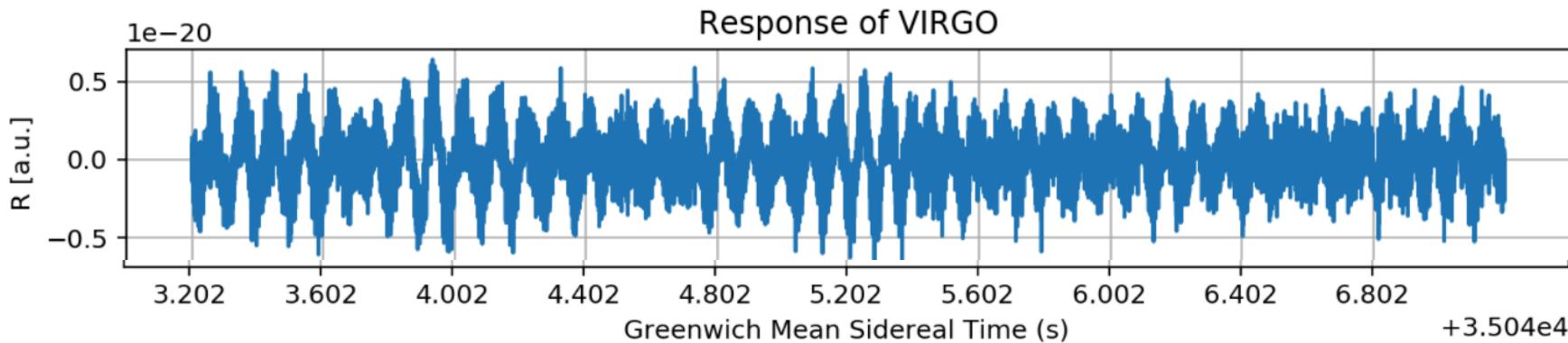
BUT FIRST...

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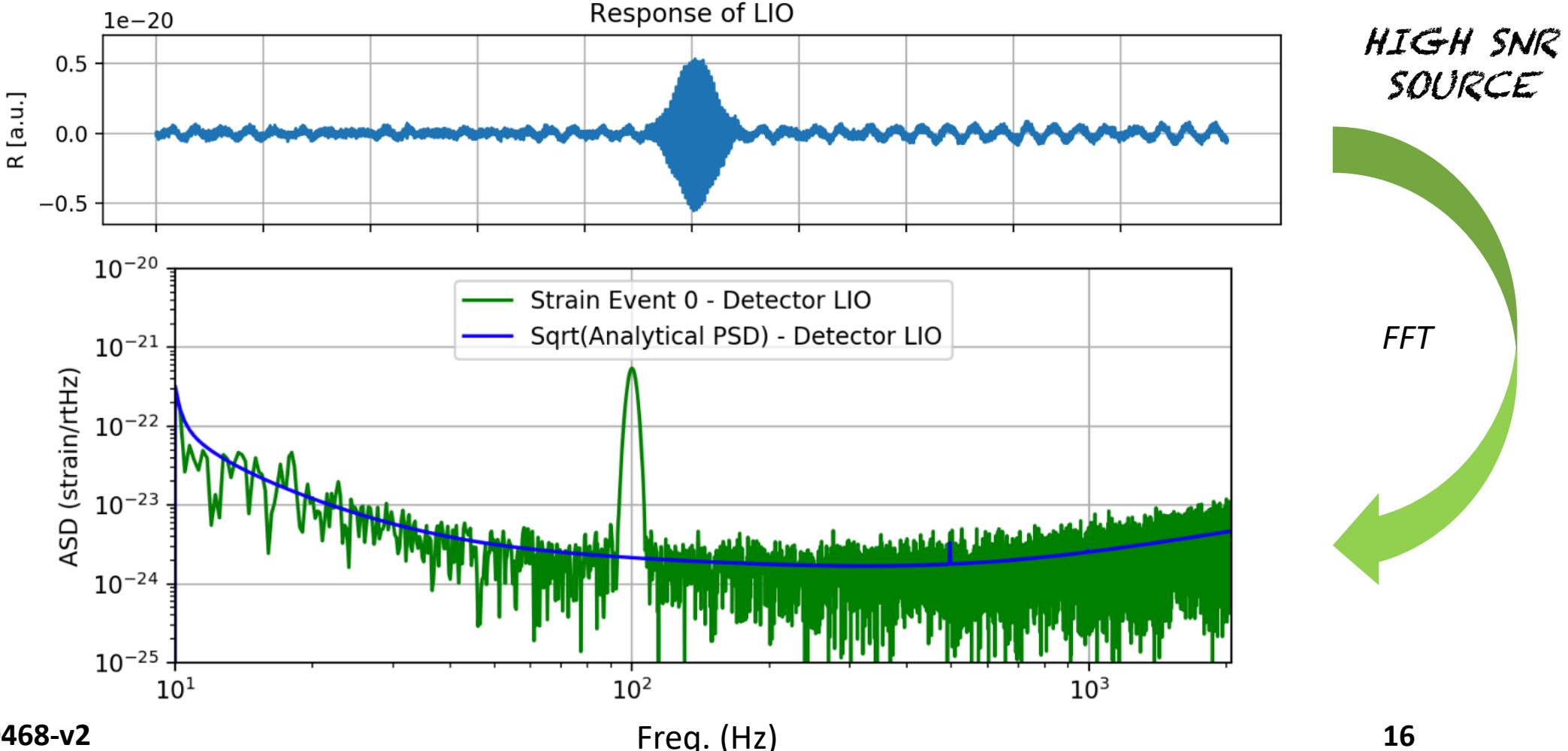


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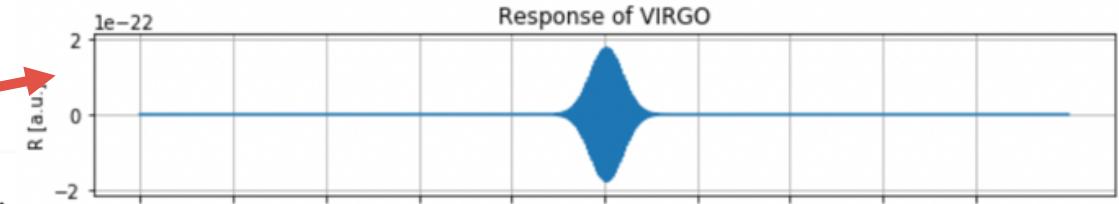
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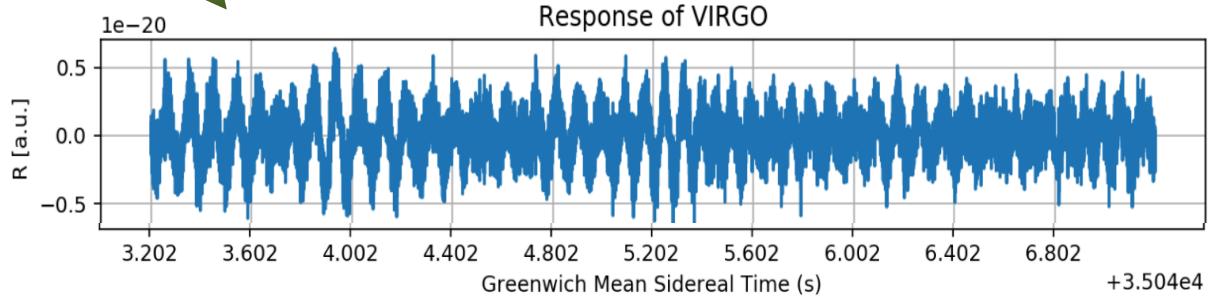
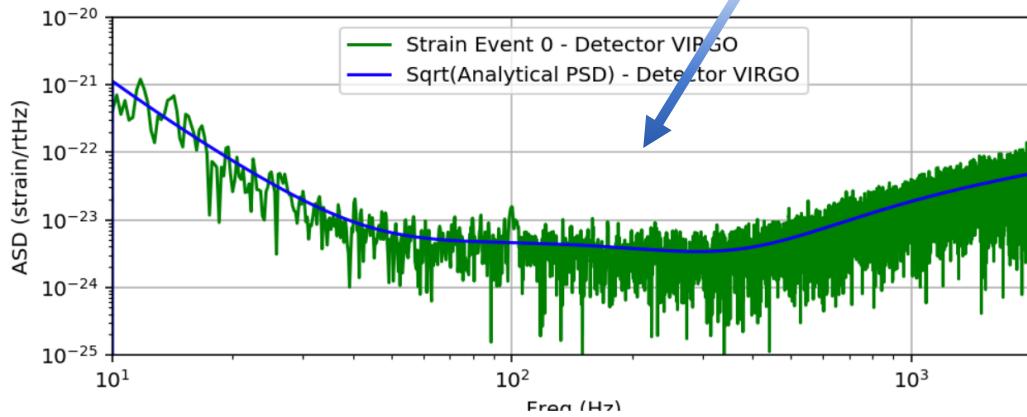


# MATCHED FILTERING

$$\langle h|s \rangle(t) = 4\Re \int_0^\infty \frac{\tilde{h}^*(f)\tilde{s}(f)e^{2\pi ift}}{S_n(f)} df$$



*Wiener's  
Optimal  
Filter*



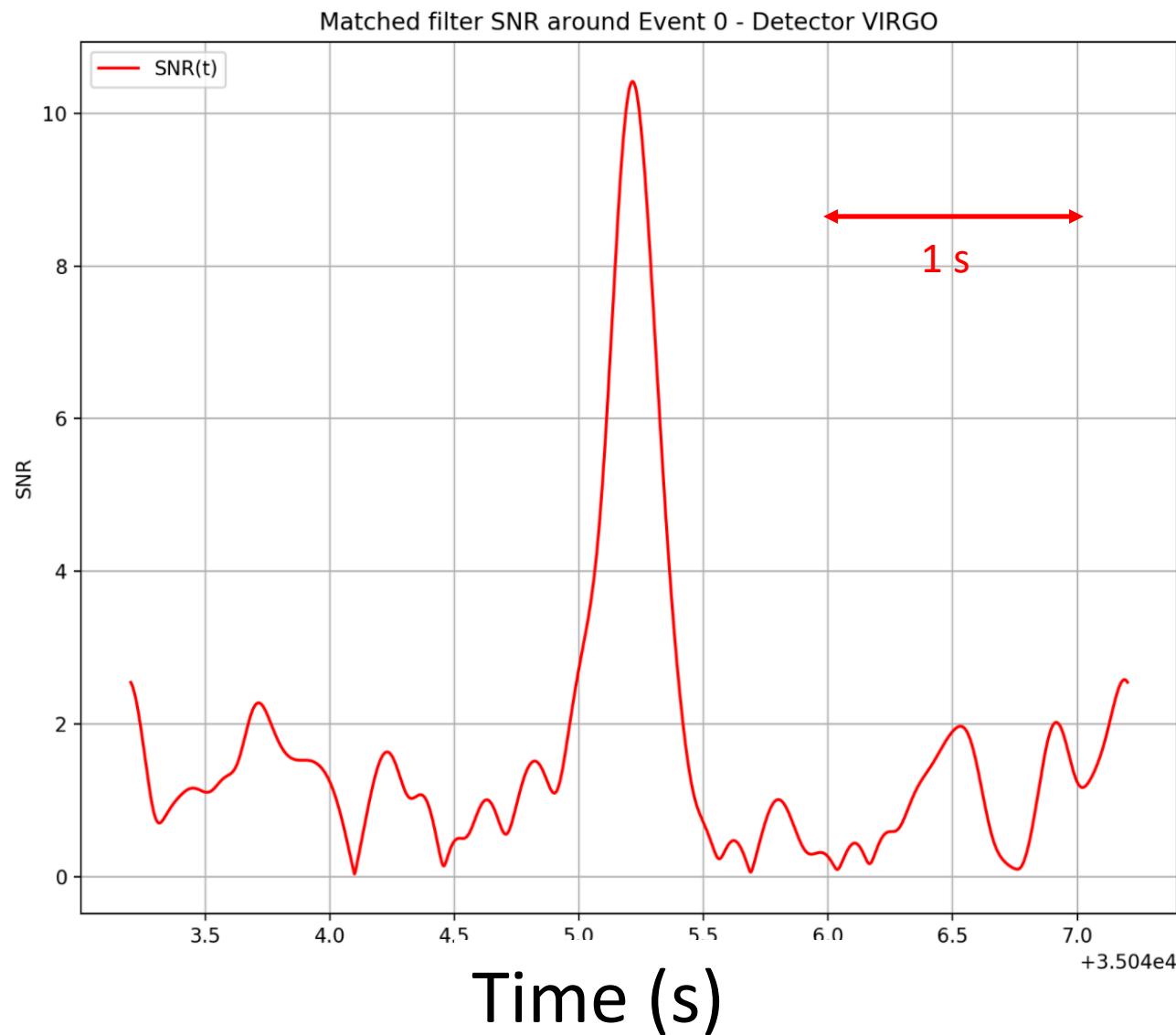


*SNR  
(Signal-to-  
Noise Ratio)*

$$\rho(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\langle h|s\rangle}{\langle h|h\rangle}}$$

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# SNR





*Parameter  
Estimation*

*Model  
Selection*

# BAYES THEOREM

$$p(\vec{\theta}|\vec{d}, \mathcal{H}, I) = \frac{p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{H}, I)p(\vec{d}|\vec{\theta}, \mathcal{H}, I)}{p(\vec{d}|\mathcal{H}, I)}$$

Posterior

Prior

Likelihood

Evidence

$$O_{i,j} = \frac{P(\mathcal{H}_i|I)}{P(\mathcal{H}_j|I)} \frac{P(\vec{d}|\mathcal{H}_i, I)}{P(\vec{d}|\mathcal{H}_j, I)}$$

Odds

Priors on  
the model

Evidence  
Ratio



# LIKELIHOOD

- Two critical assumption at each detector for the **noise**:

1. Gaussianity (in each frequency bin)

2. Stationarity

$$p(\mathbf{d}|H_S, S_n(f), \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \exp \sum_i \left[ -\frac{2|\tilde{h}_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \tilde{d}_i|^2}{TS_n(f_i)} \right.$$

*Normalization crucial  
for evidence computation*

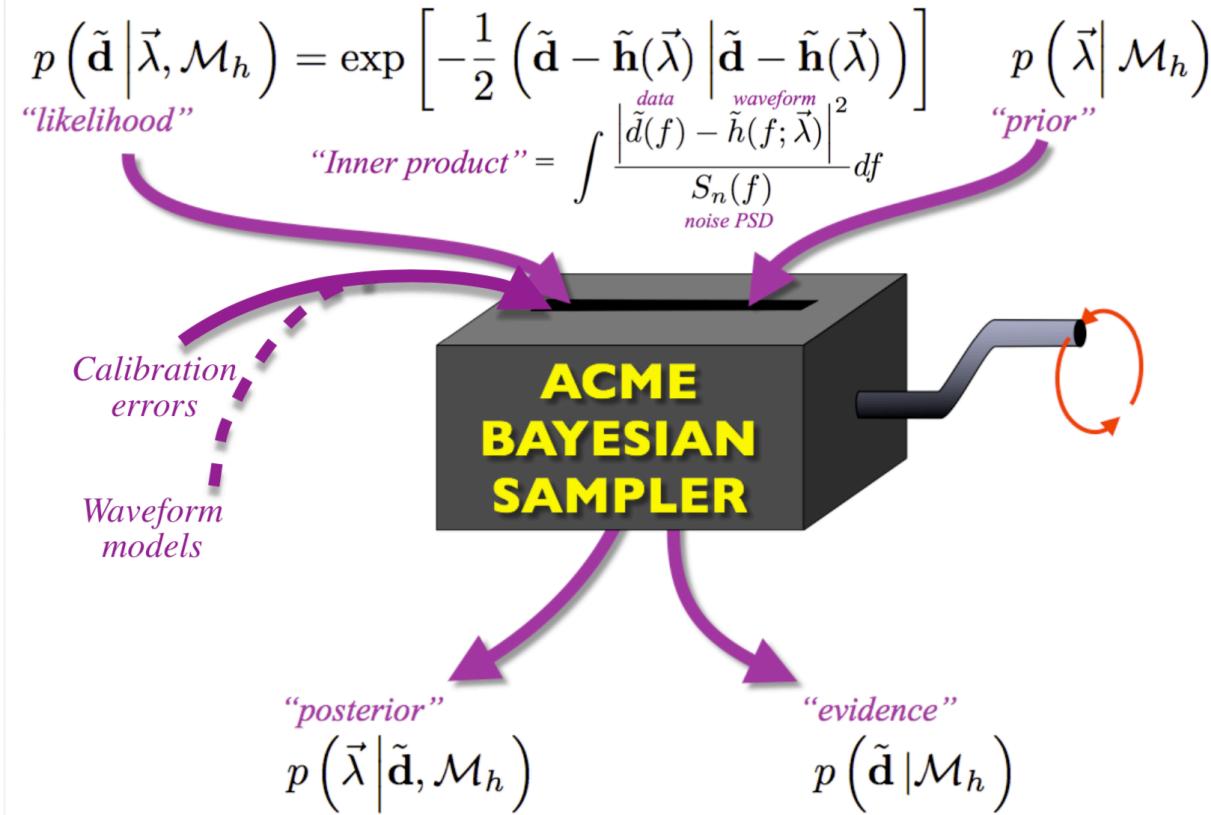
$$\left. -\frac{1}{2} \log(\pi TS_n(f_i)/2) \right]$$

Discrete Fourier Transform

$$\tilde{d}_j = \frac{T}{N} \sum_k d_k \exp(-2\pi i j k / N)$$



# NESTED SAMPLING



*Evidence  
Numerical  
Estimation*

$$Z = \int_{\Theta} p(\vec{\theta}|\mathcal{H}, I) p(\tilde{\mathbf{d}}|\mathcal{H}, \vec{\theta}, I) d\vec{\theta}$$

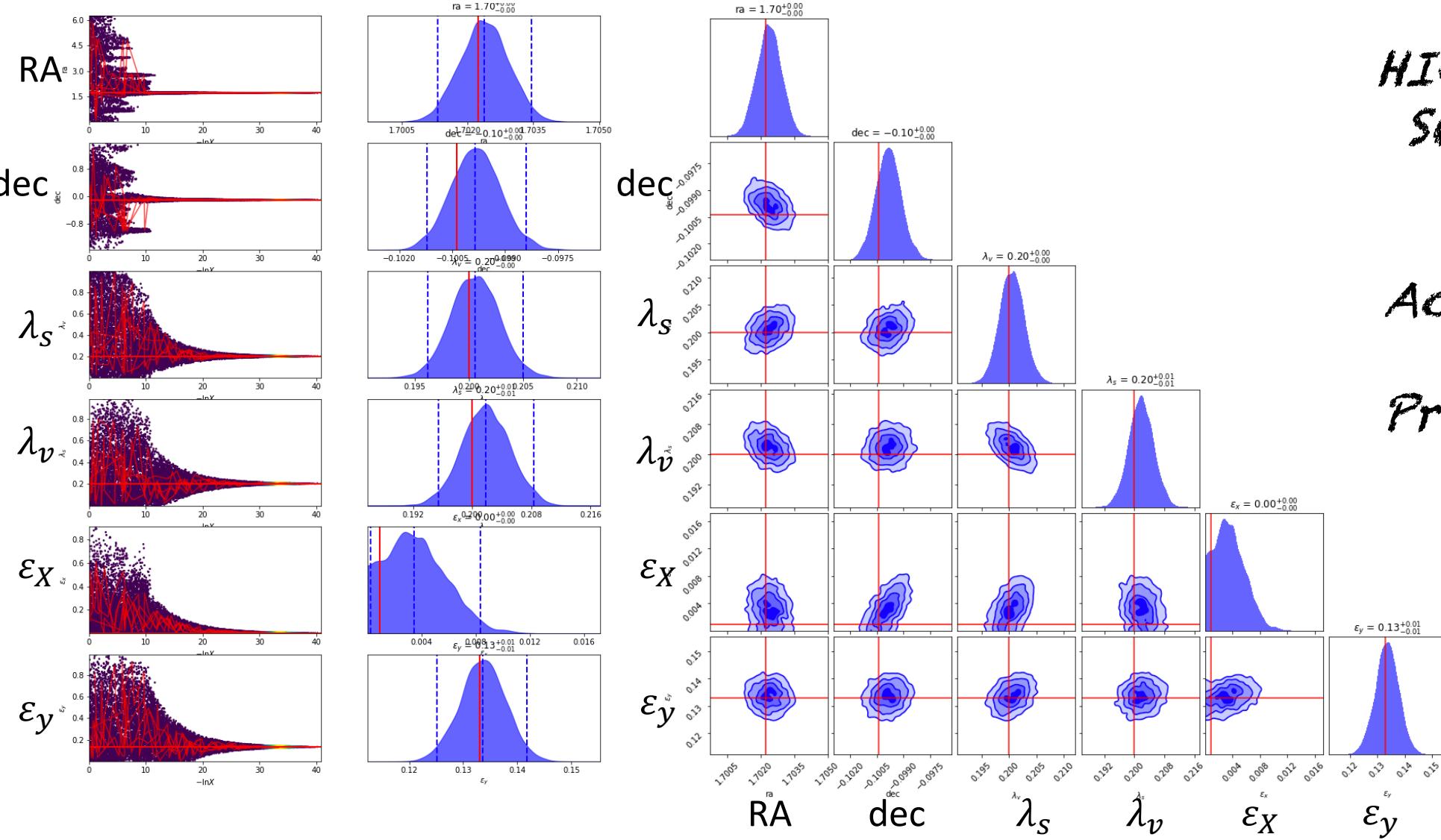
Prior                      Likelihood

Live points in  
parameters space

$$\approx \sum_{i=1}^N L_i w_i$$



# PARAMETER ESTIMATION

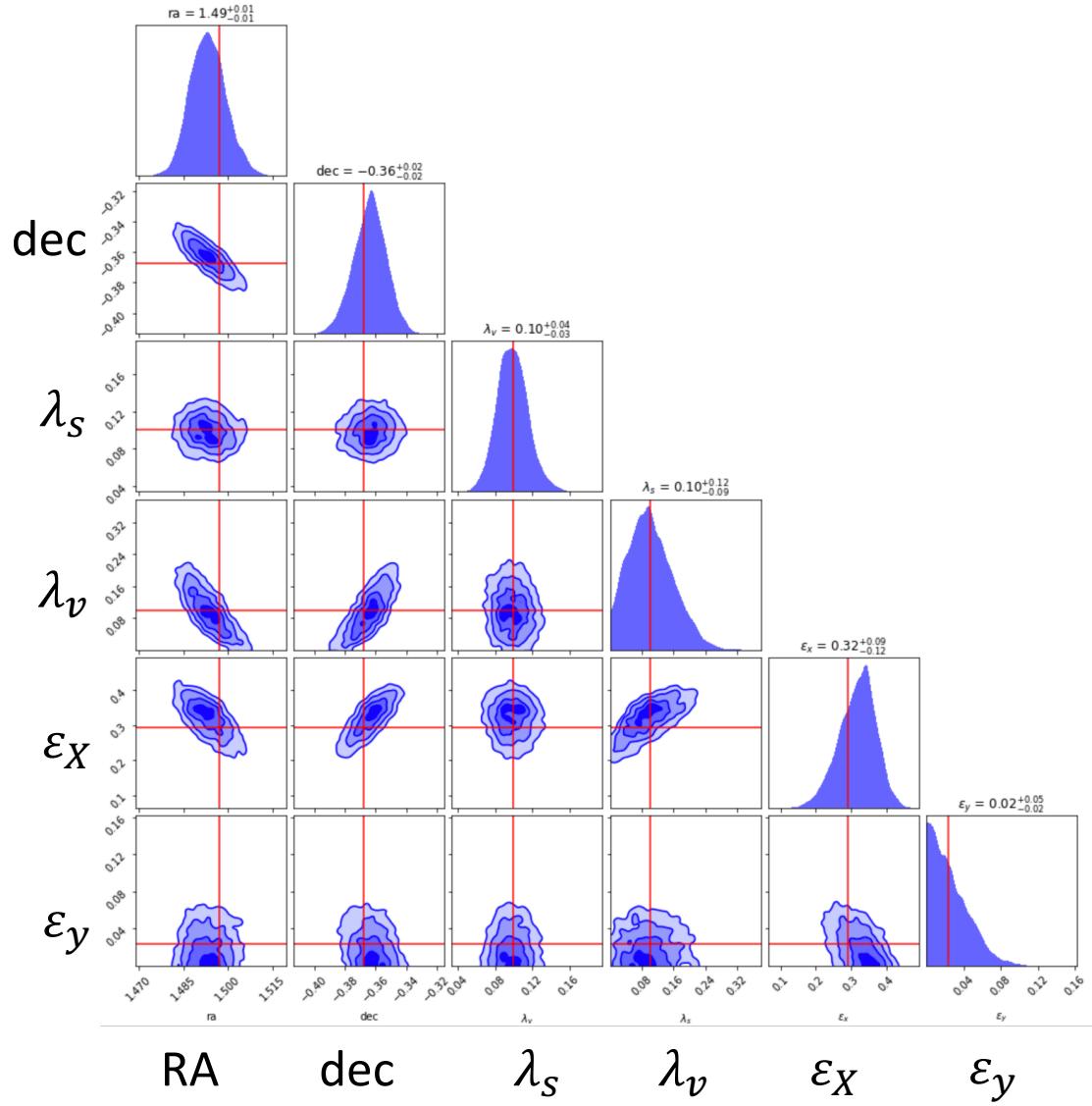
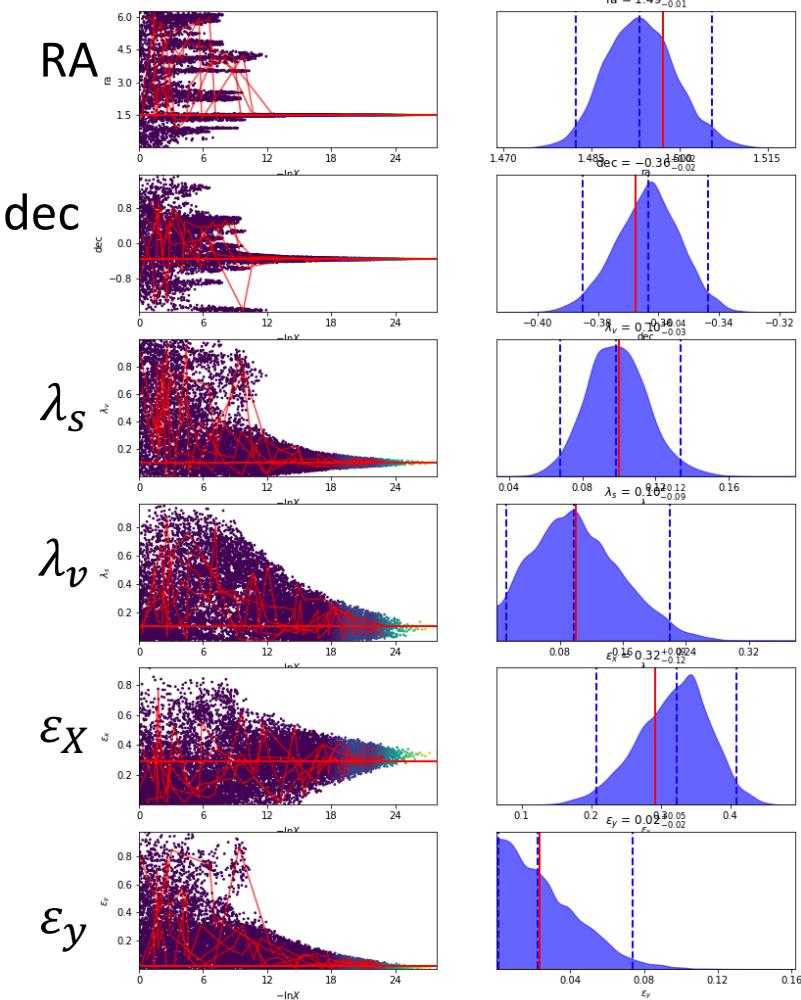


HIGH SNR  
SOURCE

High  
Accuracy  
High  
Precision



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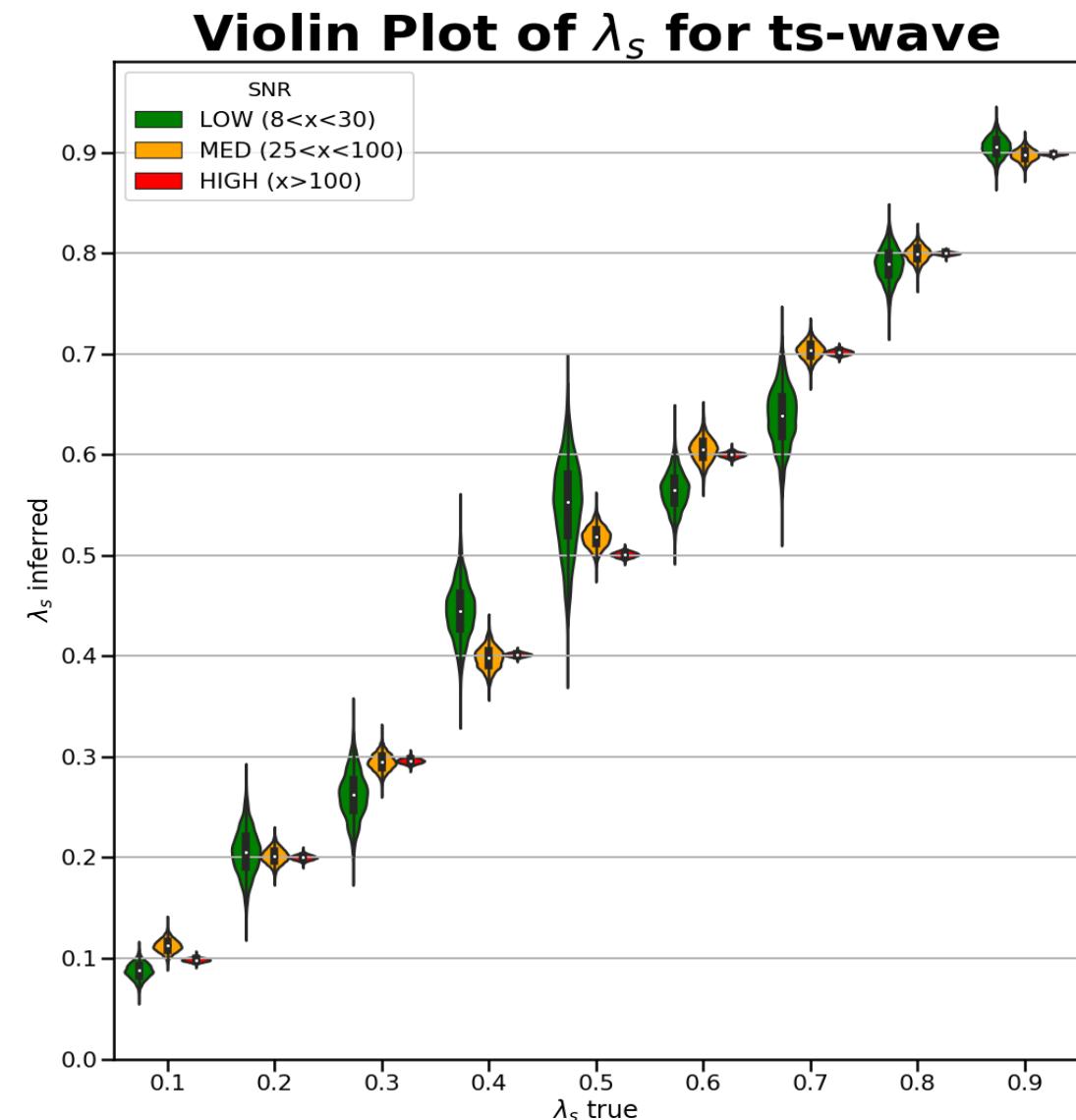
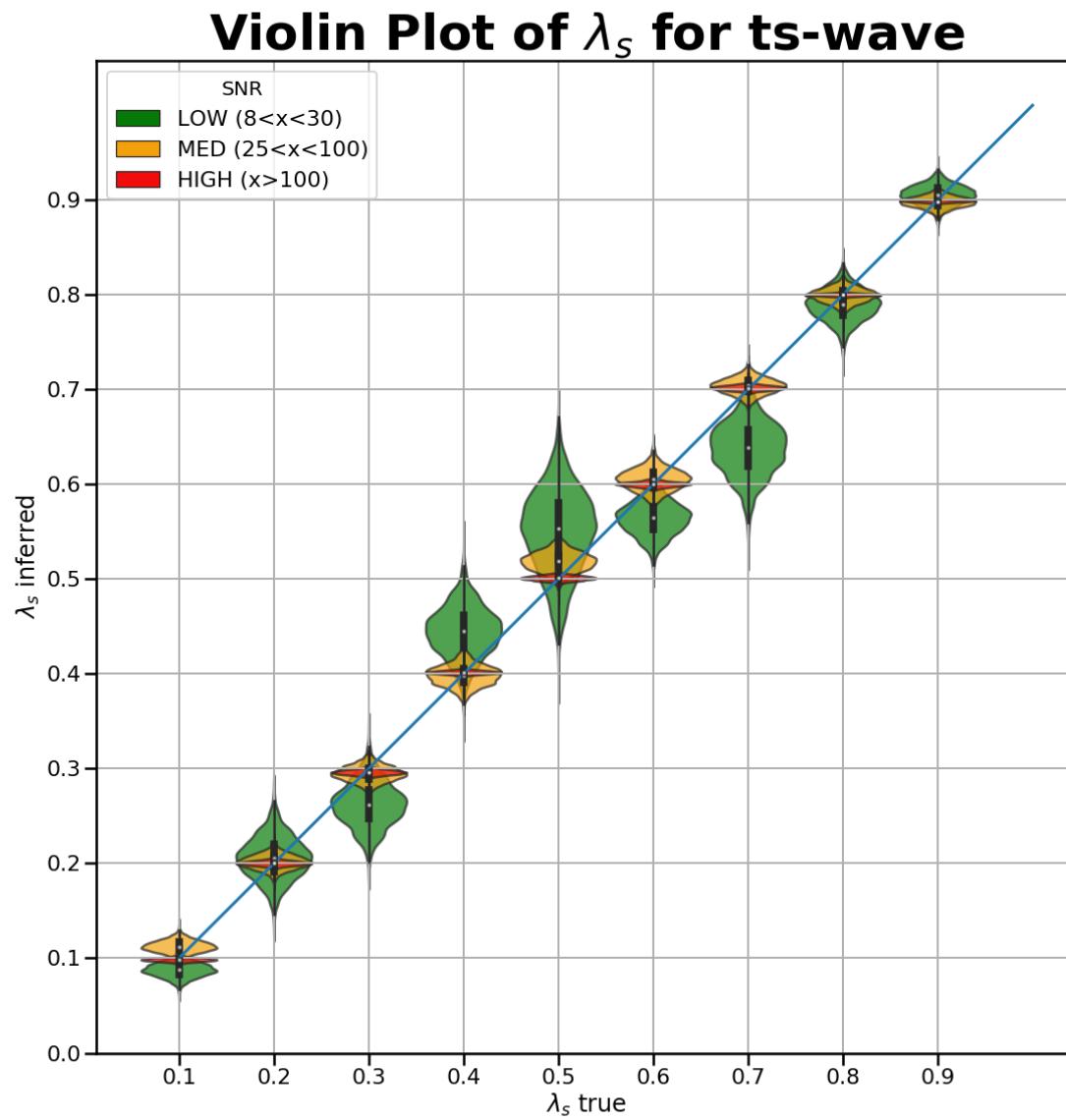


*LOW SNR  
SOURCE*

*High  
Accuracy  
Lower  
Precision*

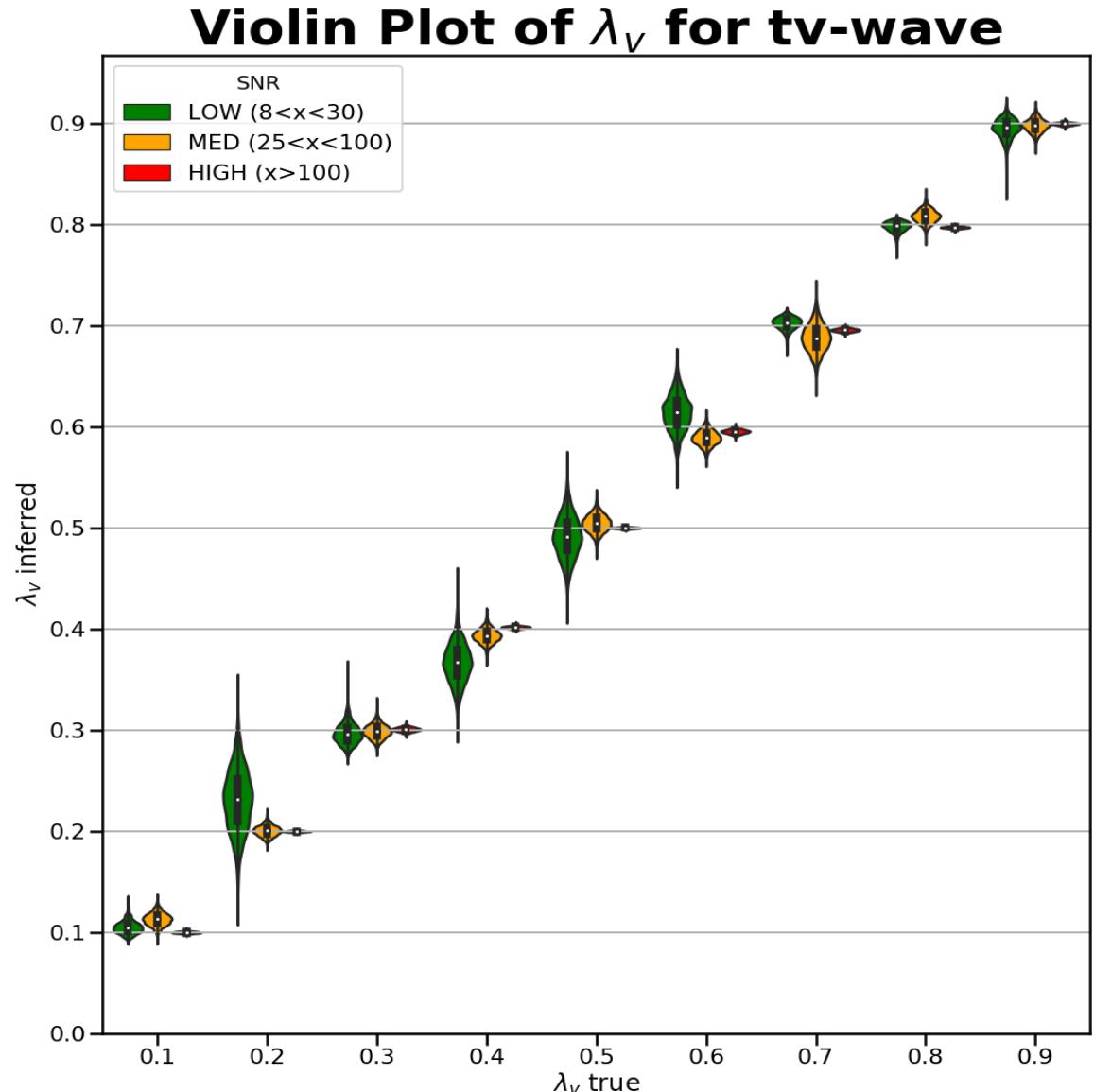
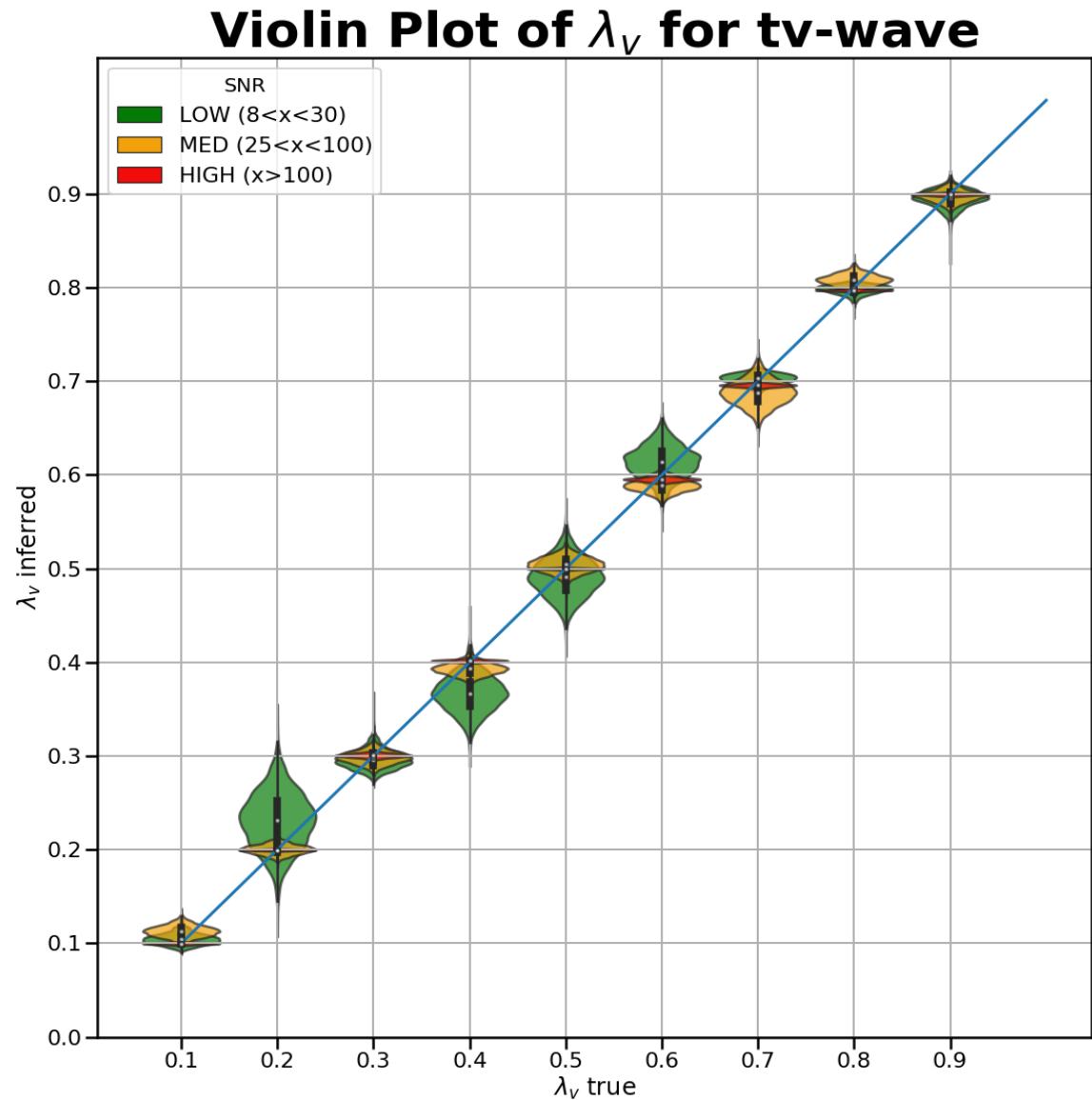


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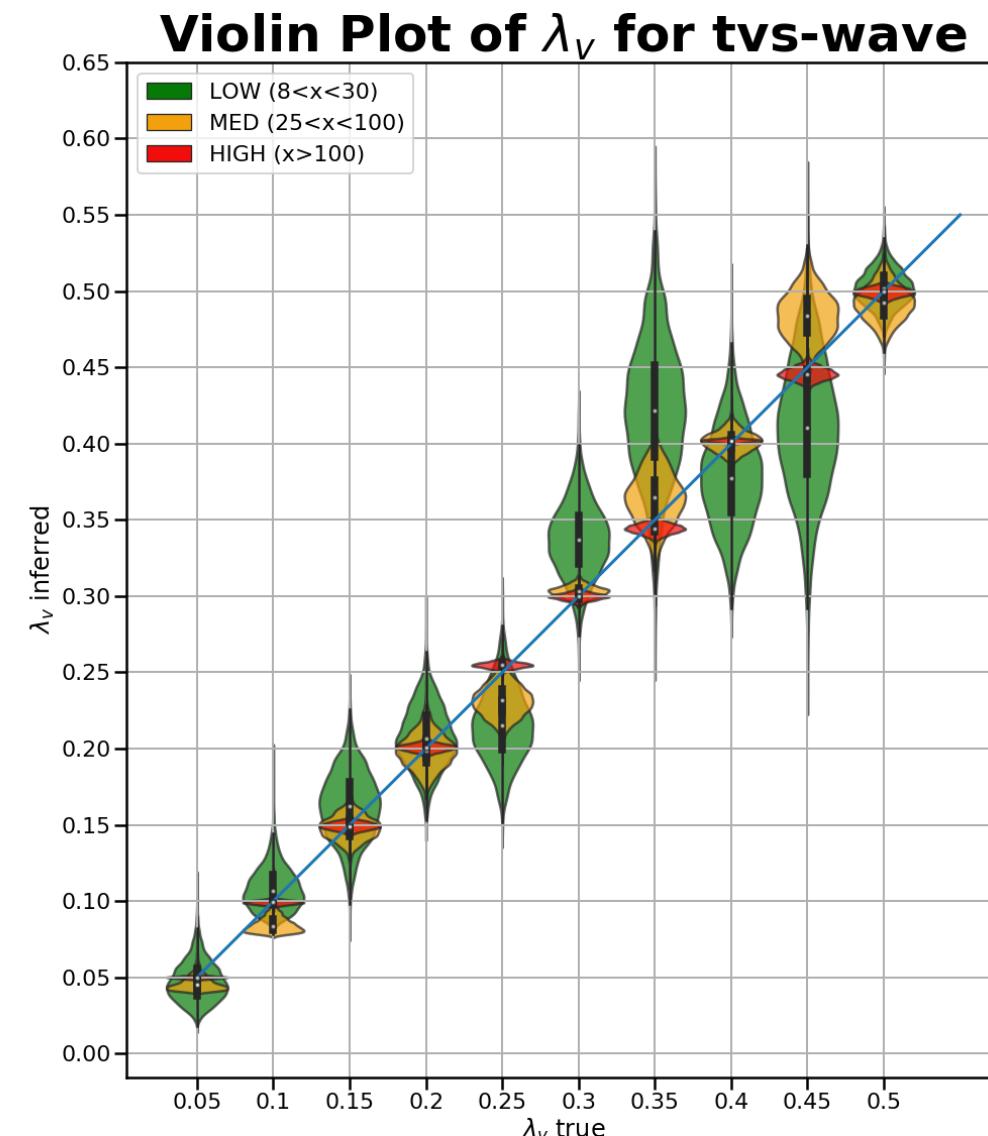
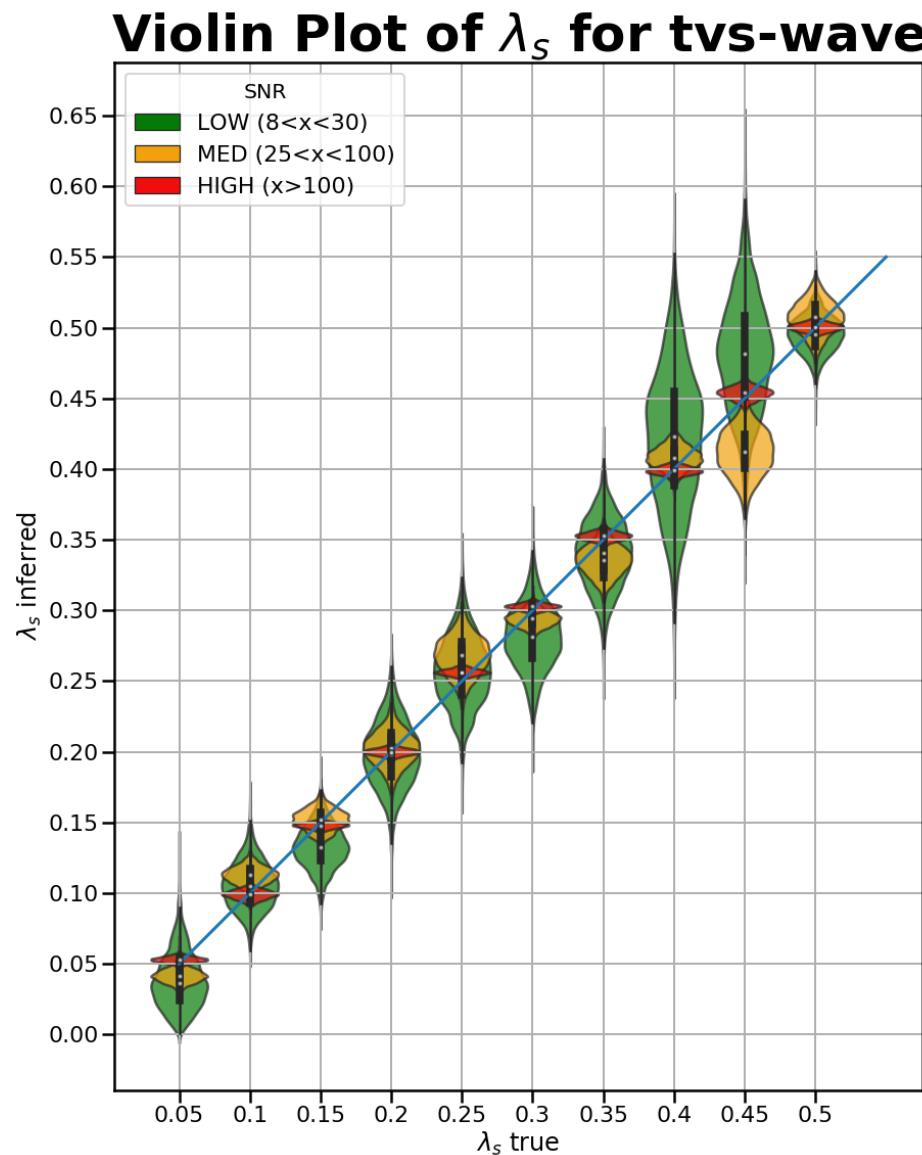


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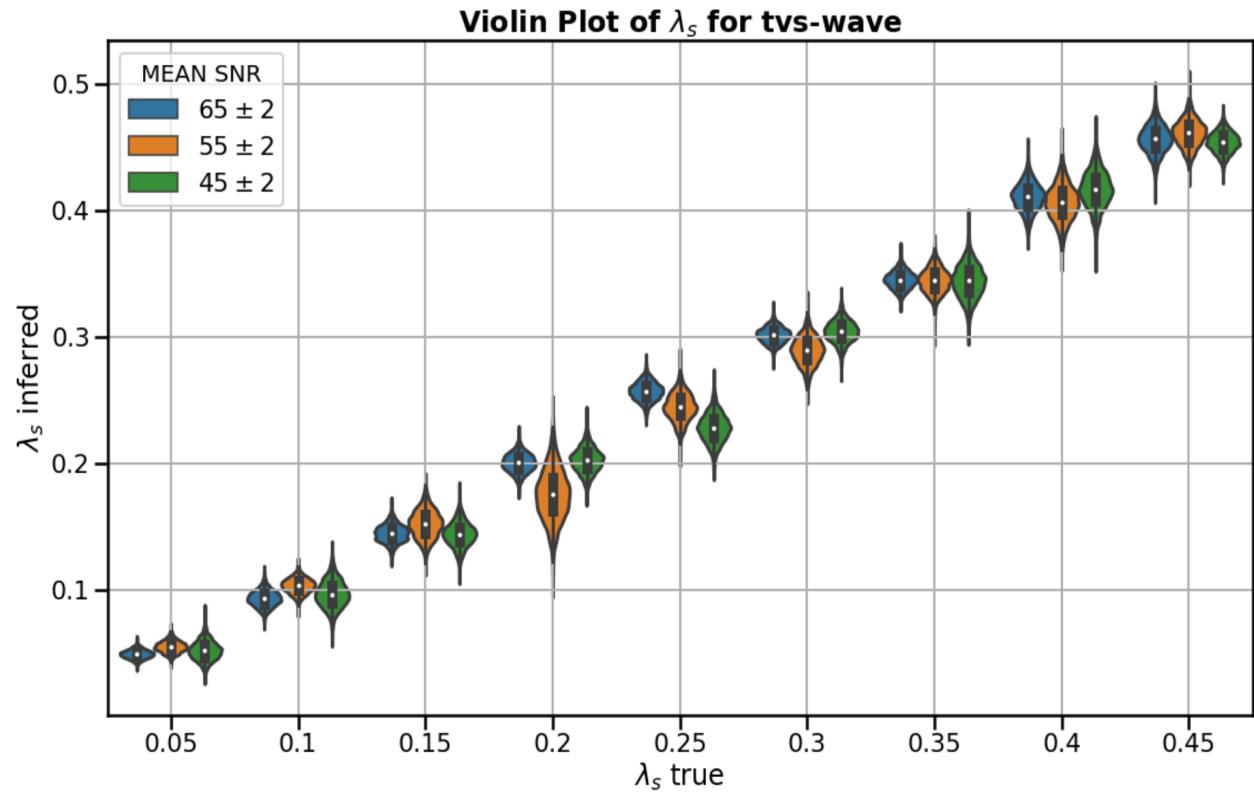
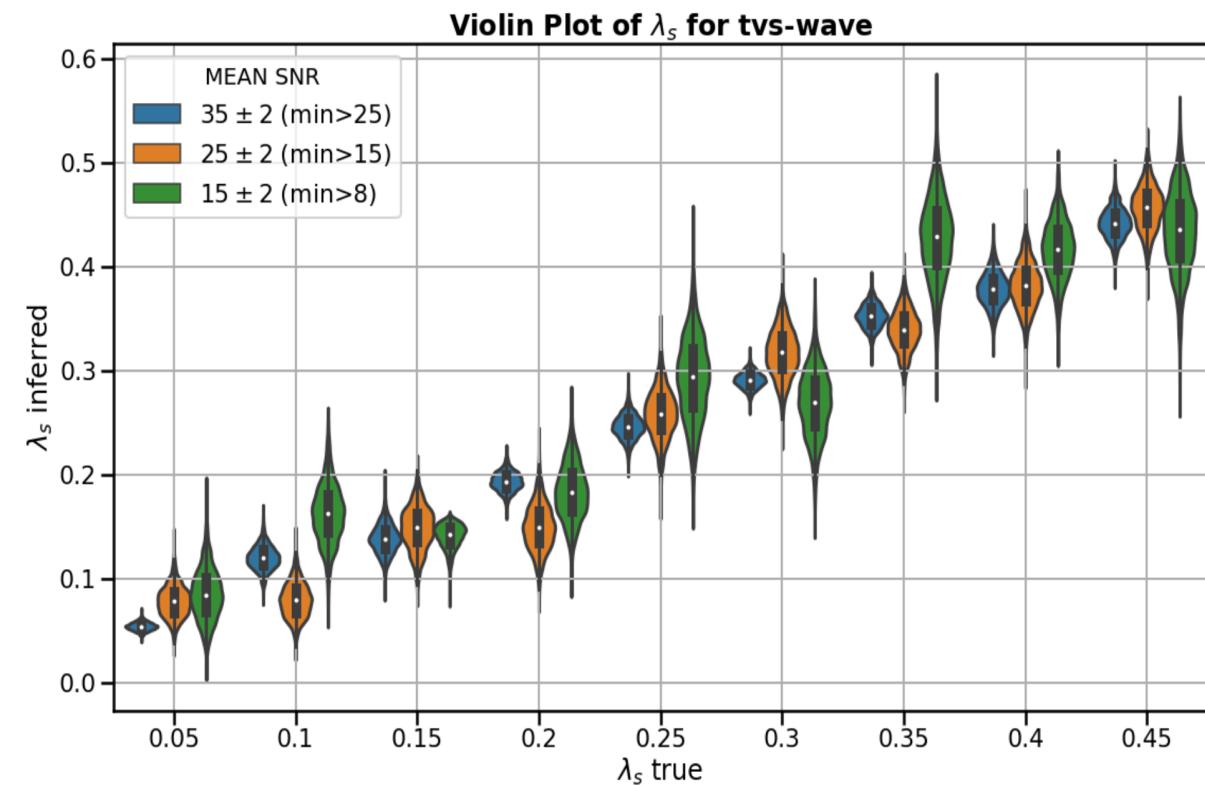


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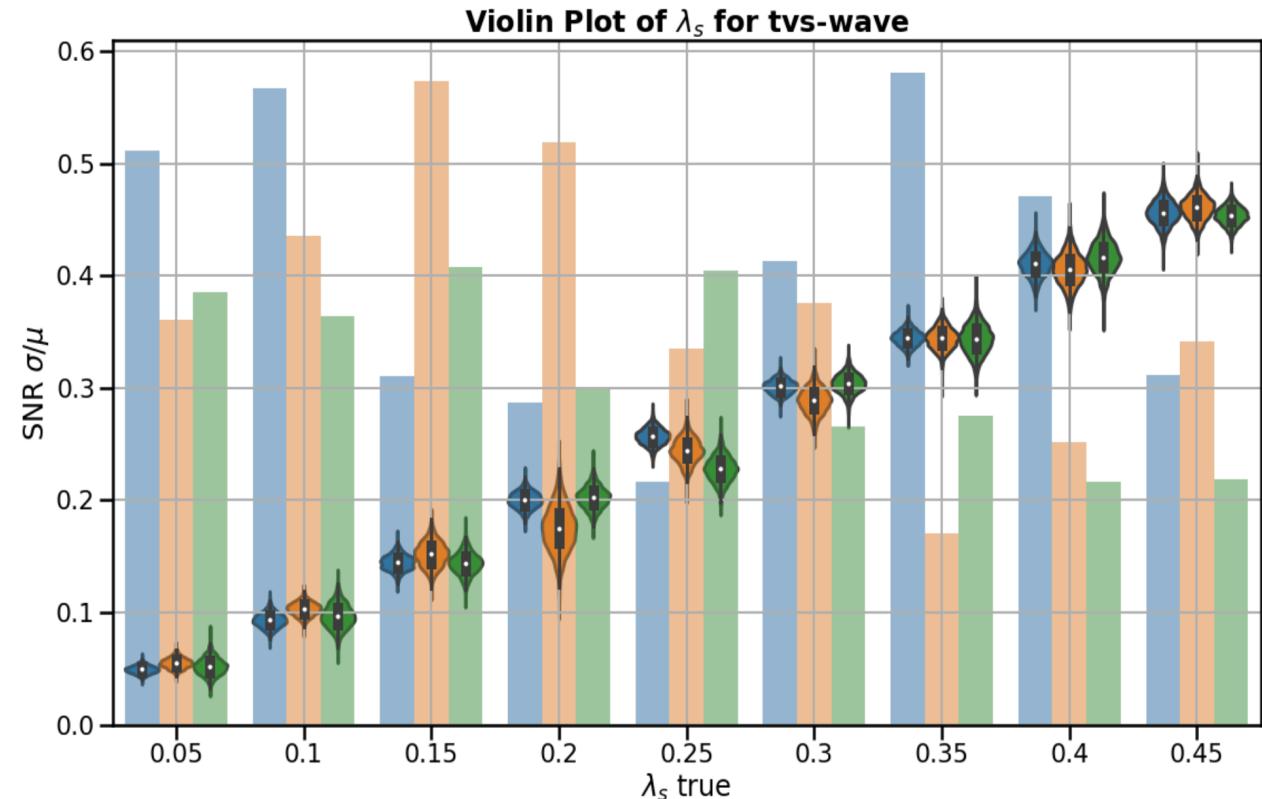
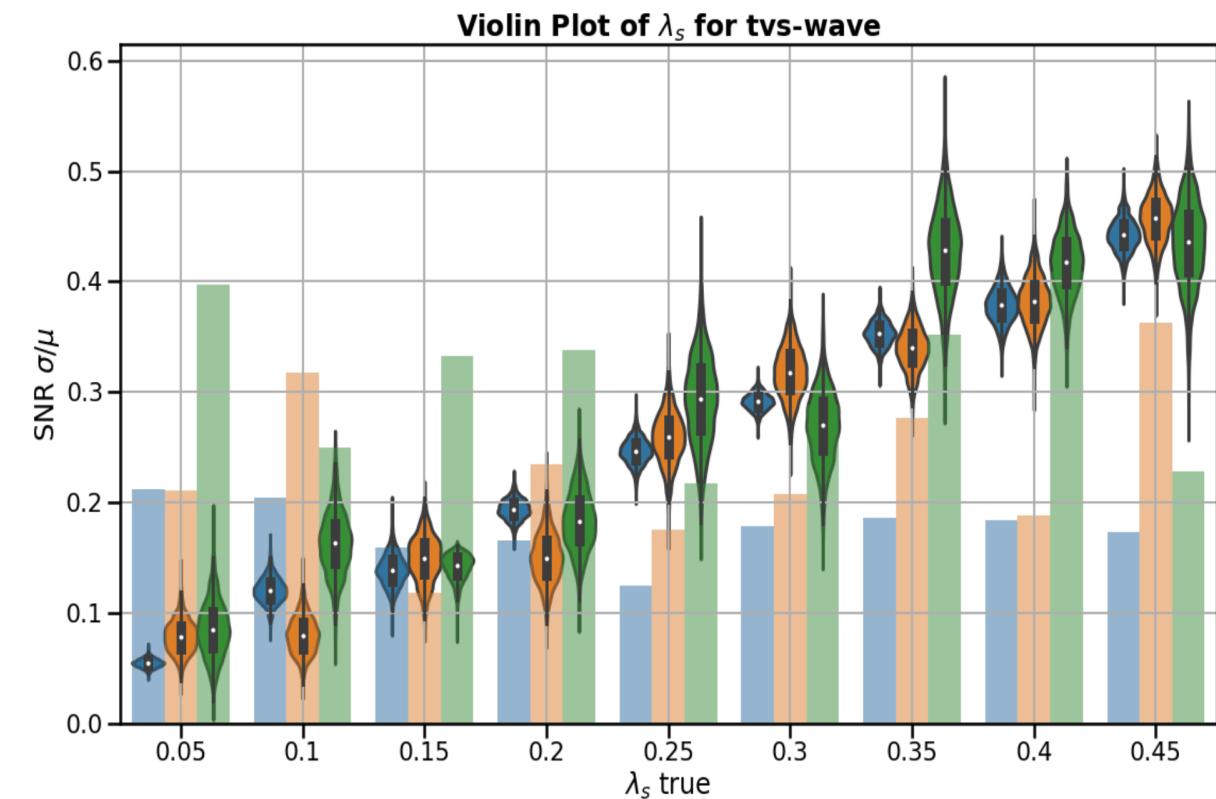


## LAMBDAS ESTIMATION





# LAMBDAS ESTIMATION





# FUTURE WORK

- More quantitative analysis on the lambdas distribution as a function of external parameters (sky position, overall amplitude, max SNR ...)
- Repeat every simulation with a pure tensor model, to compute *model selection odds*
- Using an extended post-Einsteinian Framework to compute new templates with complete polarization content ([Arxiv](#))

Model-Independent Test of General Relativity:  
An Extended post-Einsteinian Framework with Complete Polarization Content

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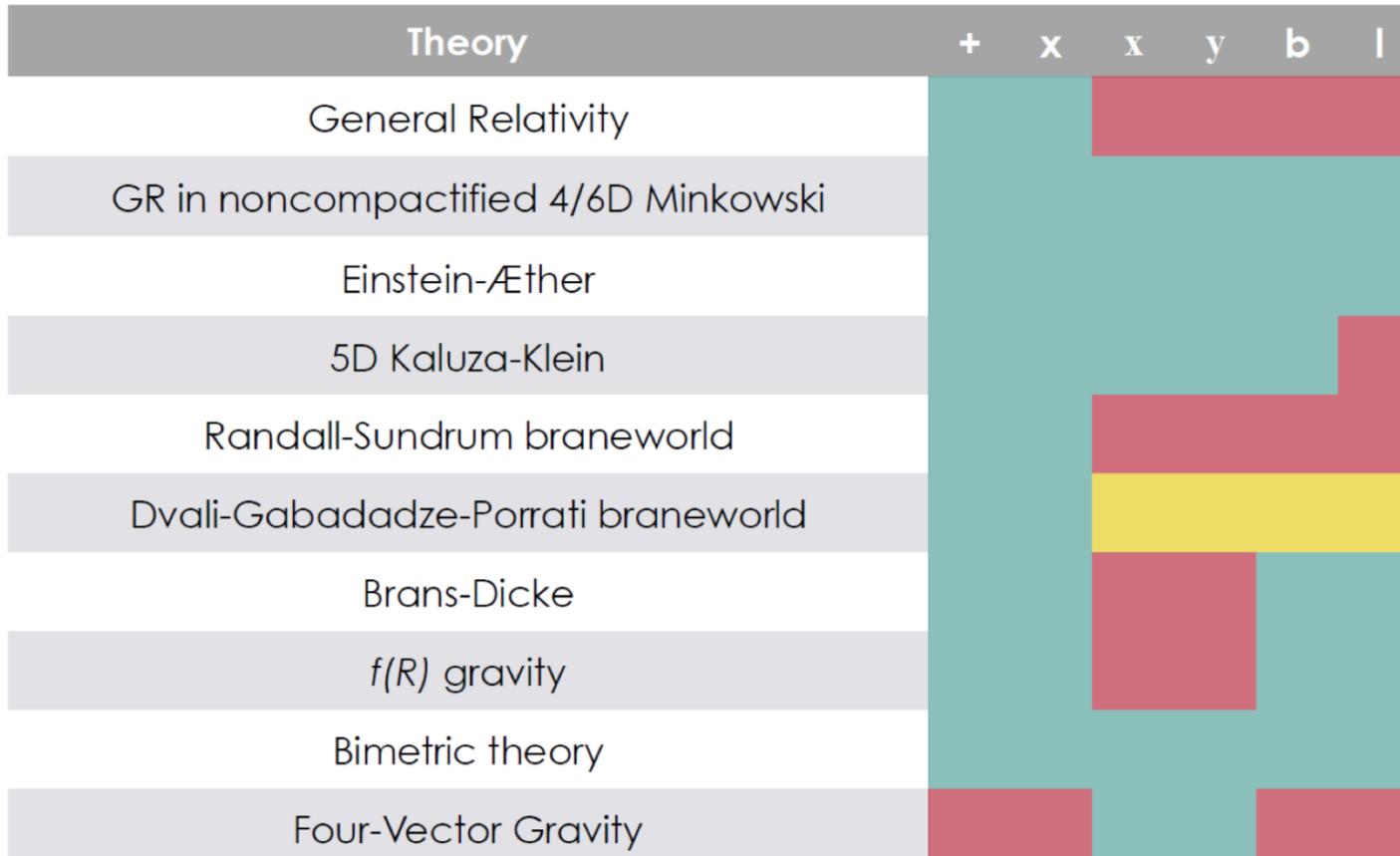


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# ALTERNATIVE METRIC THEORIES OF GRAVITY



Nishizawa et al., Phys. Rev. D 79, 082002 (2009) [except G4v &amp; Einstein-Æther].

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# POLARIZATION ANGLE

- Conceptual distinction between *triaxial GR* and *free tensor*:

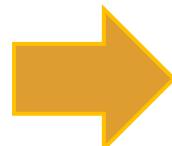
$$\Lambda_{\text{GR}}(t) = \frac{1}{2} h_0 e^{i\phi_0} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos^2 \iota) F_+(t; \psi) - i \cos \iota F_\times(t; \psi) \right]$$

$$\Lambda_t(t) = \frac{1}{2} [a_+ e^{i\phi_+} F_+(t; \psi=0) + a_\times e^{i\phi_\times} F_\times(t; \psi=0)]$$

- Rotation of antenna patterns:

$$F_+(t; \psi') = F_+(t; \psi) \cos 2\Delta\psi + F_\times(t; \psi) \sin 2\Delta\psi,$$

$$F_\times(t; \psi') = F_\times(t; \psi) \cos 2\Delta\psi - F_+(t; \psi) \sin 2\Delta\psi,$$



- Degeneracy between  $a_p$  and  $\psi$ :

$$a'_+ e^{i\phi'_+} = a_+ e^{i\phi_+} \cos 2\Delta\psi - a_\times e^{i\phi_\times} \sin 2\Delta\psi,$$

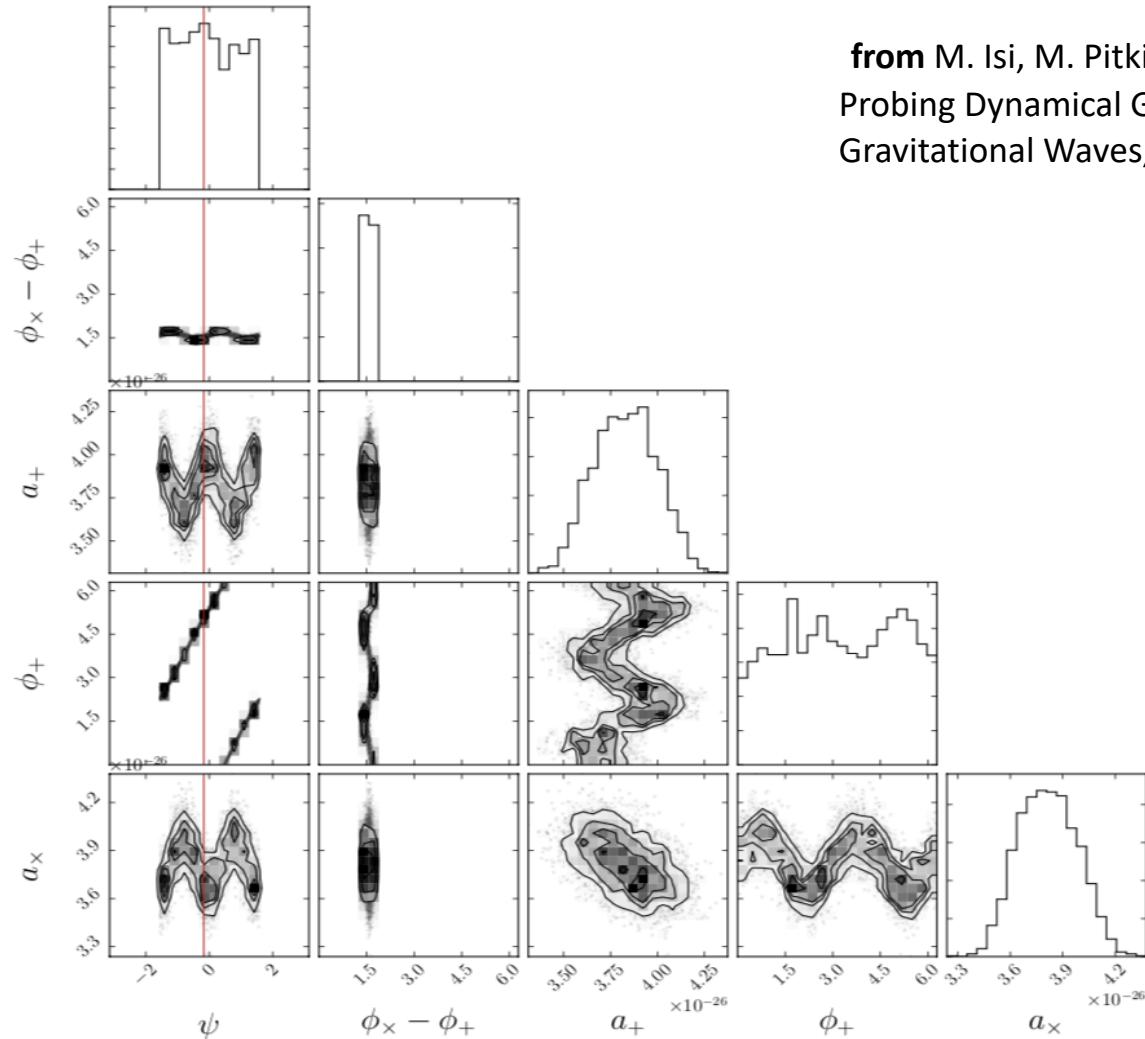
$$a'_\times e^{i\phi'_\times} = a_\times e^{i\phi_\times} \cos 2\Delta\psi + a_+ e^{i\phi_+} \sin 2\Delta\psi.$$

$\psi$  fixed

$\psi$  varying

# POLARIZATION ANGLE

- Degeneracy between  $a_p$  and  $\psi$ :



from M. Isi, M. Pitkin, and A. J. Weinstein,  
Probing Dynamical Gravity with the Polarization of Continuous  
Gravitational Waves, arXiv:1703.07530

# PSD & MATCHED FILTERING

- Power Spectral Density:

$$S_y(f) \equiv \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{T} \left| \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} [y(t) - \bar{y}] e^{i2\pi f t} dt \right|^2.$$

- Physical meaning:

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rms value of } y \text{'s oscillations} \\ \text{at frequency } f \text{ in a very narrow bandwidth } \Delta f \end{array} \right) \simeq \sqrt{S_y(f) \Delta f}.$$

- Filtering a noisy signal:

$$Y(t) = s(t) + y(t), \quad S \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(t)s(t)dt, \quad N \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} K(t)y(t)dt.$$

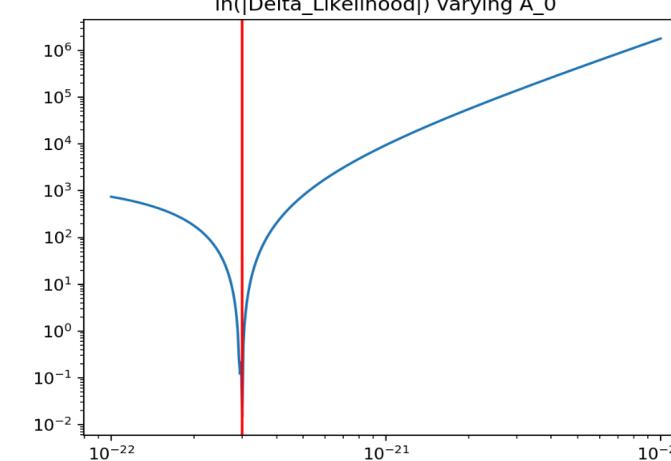
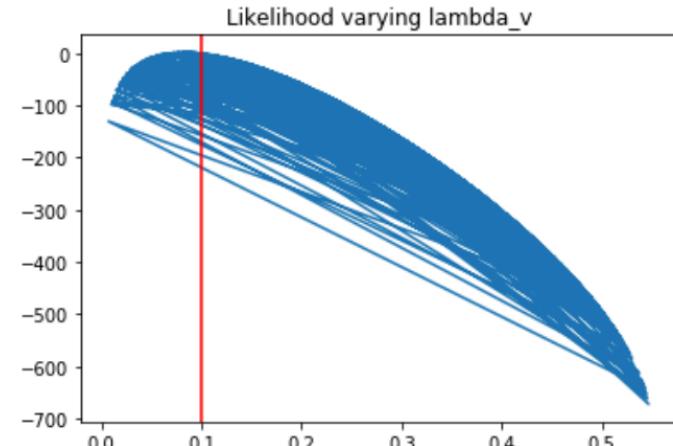
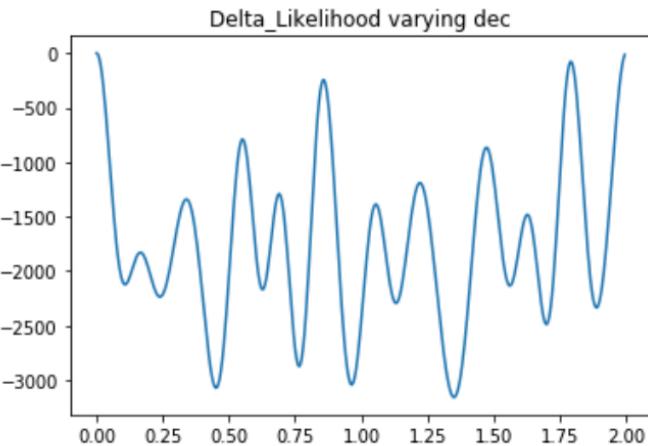
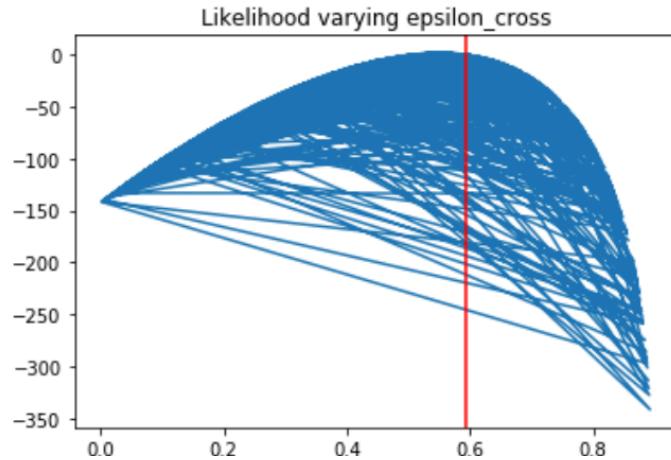
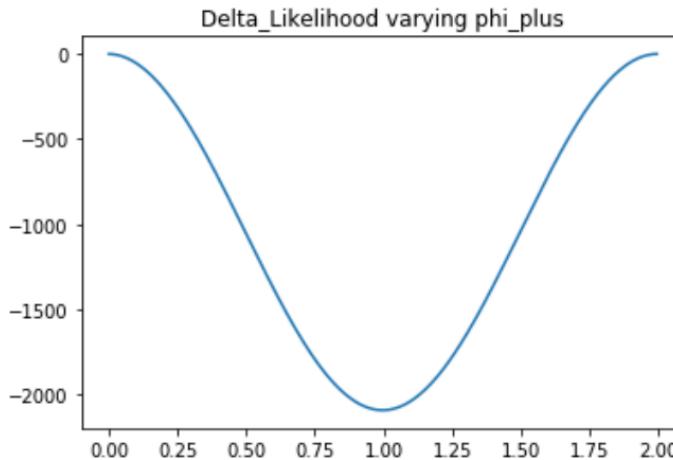
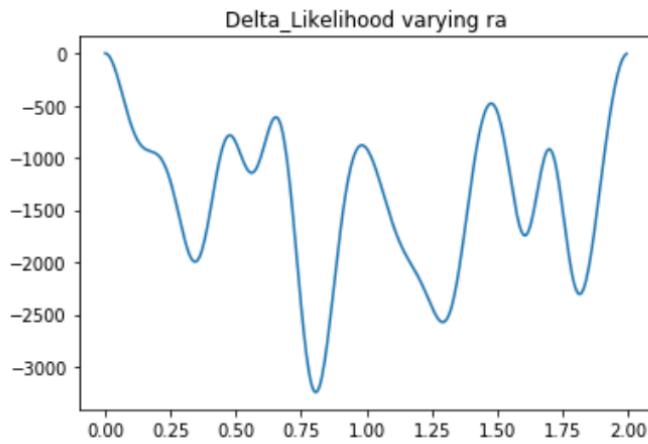
- Wiener's optimal filter:

$$\tilde{K}(f) = \text{const} \times \frac{\tilde{s}(f)}{S_y(f)},$$

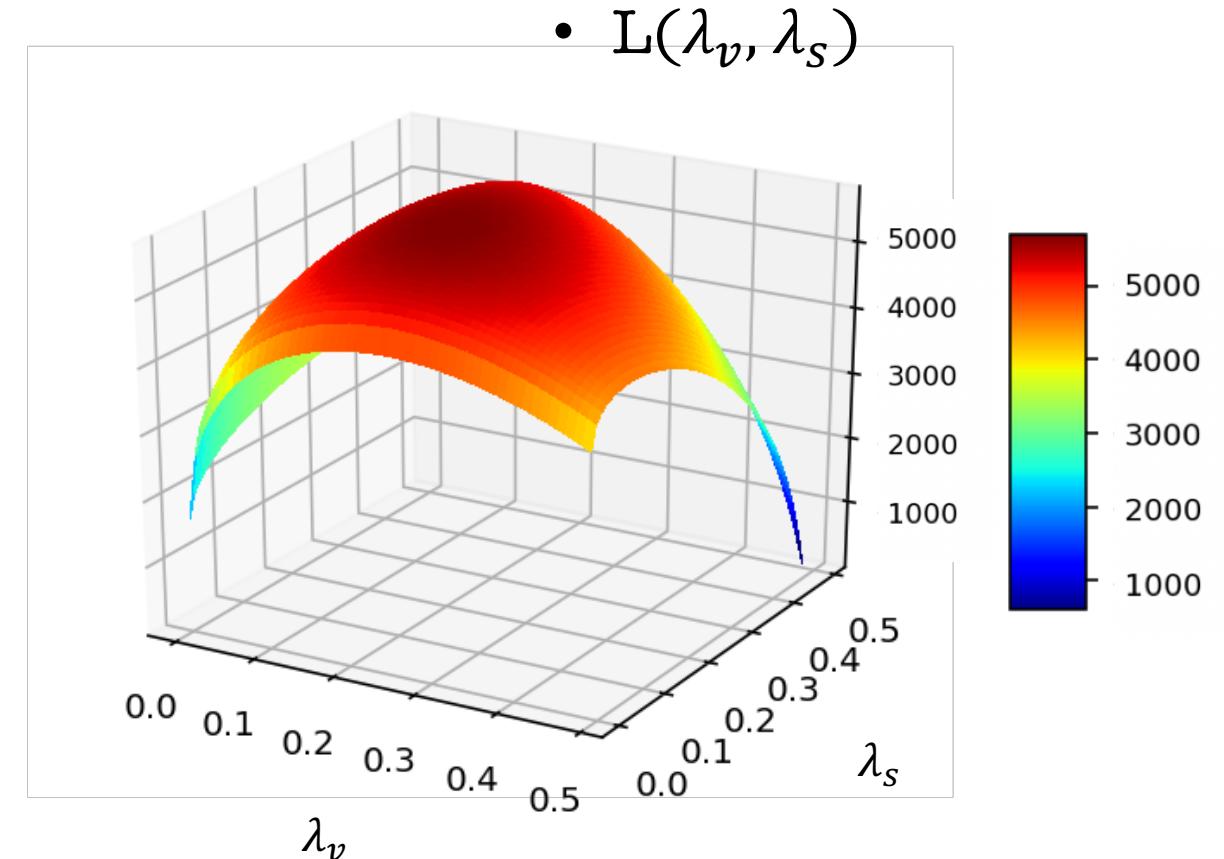
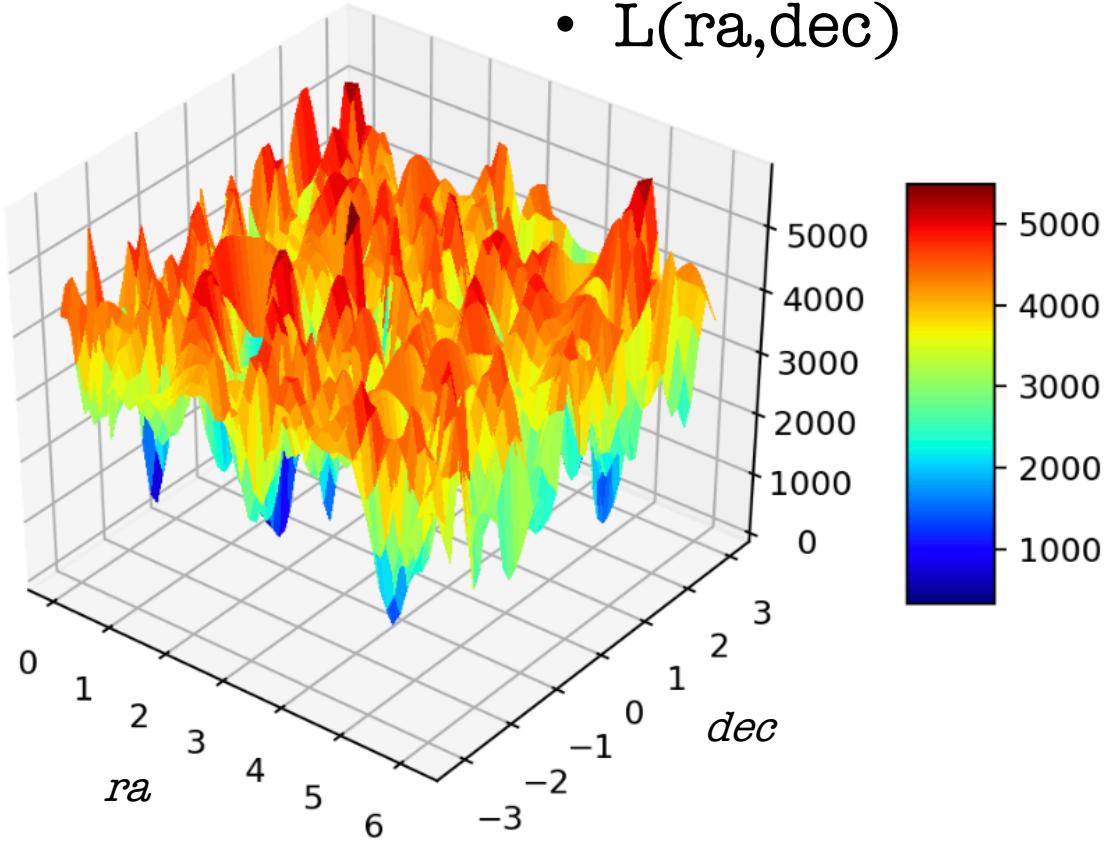
maximizes

$$\frac{S}{\langle N^2 \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

# MONODIMENSIONAL STUDY OF THE LIKELIHOOD



# BIDIMENSIONAL STUDY OF THE LIKELIHOOD





## *Evidence Numerical Estimation*

1. Sample from the prior N live points
2. Find the point with the lowest Likelihood  $L^*$
3. Replace this last with another point from the prior with  $L > L^*$
4. Repeat (2)-(3)

# NESTED SAMPLING

$$Z = \int_{\Theta} p(\vec{\theta} | \mathcal{H}, I) p(\vec{d} | \mathcal{H}, \vec{\theta}, I) d\vec{\theta} \approx$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N L_i w_i$$

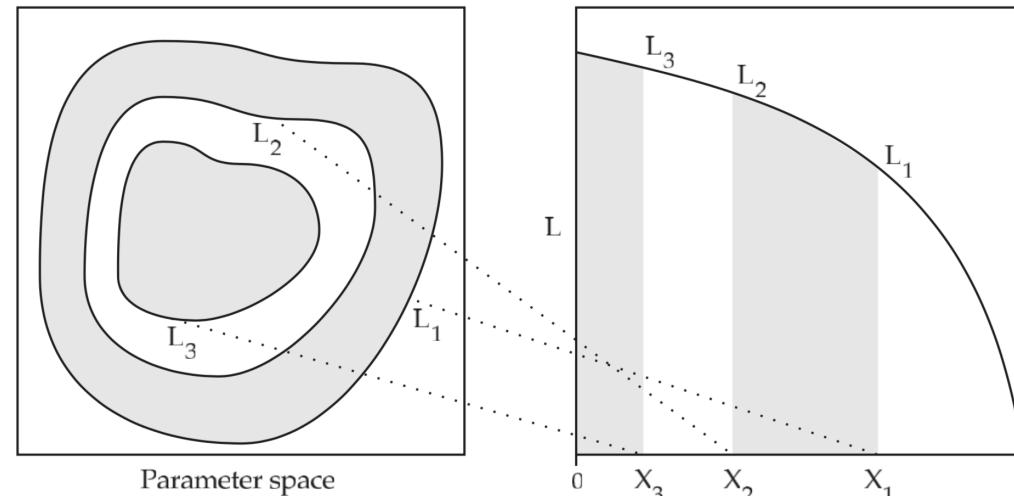
Live points

Multidimensional Integral



$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \int_0^{+\infty} X(\lambda) d\lambda = \\ &= \int_0^1 \mathcal{L}(X) dX \end{aligned}$$

Monodimensional integral



$$X(\lambda) \equiv \int_{\Theta: \mathcal{L}(\Theta) > \lambda} \pi(\Theta) d\Theta$$