

## GWTC-4.0: Tests of General Relativity. I. Overview and General Tests

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### ABSTRACT

The worldwide LIGO–Virgo–KAGRA network of gravitational-wave (GW) detectors continues to increase in sensitivity, thus increasing the quantity and quality of the detected GW signals from compact binary coalescences. These signals allow us to perform ever-more sensitive tests of general relativity (GR) in the dynamical and strong-field regime of gravity. This paper is the first of three, where we present the results of a suite of tests of GR using the binary signals included in the fourth GW Transient Catalog (GWTC-4.0), i.e., up to and including the first part of the fourth observing run of the detectors (O4a). We restrict our analysis to the 91 confident signals, henceforth called *events*, that were measured by at least two detectors, and have false alarm rates  $\leq 10^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . These include 42 events from O4a. This first paper presents an overview of the methods, selection of events and GR tests, and serves as a guidemap for all three papers. Here we focus on the four general tests of consistency, where we find no evidence for deviations from our models. Specifically, for all the events considered, we find consistency of the residuals with noise. The final mass and final spin as inferred from the low- and high-frequency parts of the waveform are consistent with each other. We also find no evidence for deviations from the GR predictions for the amplitudes of subdominant GW multipole moments, or for non-GR modes of polarization. We thus find that GR, without new physics beyond it, is still consistent with these GW events. The results of the two additional papers in this trio also find overall consistency with vacuum GR, with more than 90% of the events being consistent with GR at the 90% credible level. While one of the ringdown analyses finds the GR value in the tails for its combined results, this may be due in part to catalog variance.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The past decade has seen a surge of precision measurements of black holes (BHs) and neutron stars (NSs). For gravitational waves (GWs), this started with the direct observation of GWs from the merging of binary BHs (BBHs; Abbott et al. 2016a), binary NSs (BNSs; Abbott et al. 2017a), and NS–BH binaries (NSBHs; Abbott et al. 2021a). These observations have enabled a wide variety of new tests of Einstein’s theory of general relativity (GR), starting with Abbott et al. (2016b) for BBHs, Abbott et al. (2019a) for BNSs, and Abbott et al. (2025) for NSBHs.

Precision electromagnetic observations of BHs and NSs include measurements of short-period stars around Sgr A\*, which provide constraints on relativistic precession, redshift, and a putative fifth force (Do et al. 2019; Abuter et al. 2020; Abd El Dayem et al. 2025). Additionally, observations of BH shadows (Akiyama et al. 2019a, 2022a) have enabled tests of the Kerr metric (Akiyama et al. 2019b, 2022b), while measurements of isolated NS masses and radii (Bogdanov et al. 2019; Miller et al. 2019; Riley et al. 2019) provide constraints on parity violation in gravity (Silva et al. 2021).

These tests complement standard laboratory and astrophysical tests of GR (Will 2014; Berti et al. 2015), including tests using the double pulsar (Kramer et al. 2021) and cosmological observations (reviewed in, e.g., Ferreira 2019; Ishak 2019).

Among these precision measurements, the first three observing runs of the GW observatories Advanced LIGO (Aasi et al. 2015) and Advanced Virgo (Acernese et al. 2015) have provided new tests of GR across regimes previously untestable, by analyzing GW signals from compact binary coalescences (CBCs) (Abbott et al. 2016b, 2017b,c, 2019a,b, 2020b, 2021b, 2025). The tests reported to date have found consistency with GR in all but a few cases where data quality was suspected to be problematic (Abbott et al. 2025). We now update these results by including the significant compact binary signals from the first part of the fourth observing run (O4a) of the advanced-detector network, as reported by the LIGO–Virgo–KAGRA Collaboration (LVK) in Abac et al. (2025b), and adding additional tests. Specifically, this paper (Paper I), along with its two subsequent parts, Abac et al. (2025c) and Abac et al. (2025d), henceforth Paper II and Paper III, report the results of 19 tests of GR as well as a test for an acceleration along the line of sight. We combine together the results of the tests on all significant signals to date whenever possible.

The signals analyzed constitute the fourth Gravitational-Wave Transient Catalog (GWTC-4.0; [Abac et al. 2025b,e](#)), and include the new O4a observations (from [2023 May 24](#) to [2024 January 16](#)) together with those from the previous runs, O1 (the first observing run, from [2015 September 12](#) to [2016 January 19](#); [Abbott et al. 2016c](#)), O2 (the second observing run, from [2016 November 30](#) to [2017 August 25](#); [Abbott et al. 2019c](#)), O3a (the first part of the third observing run, from [2019 April 1](#) to [2019 October 1](#); [Abbott et al. 2021c, 2024](#)), and O3b (the second part of the third observing run, from [2019 November 1](#) to [2020 March 27](#); [Abbott et al. 2023](#)). All the candidates in the catalog are consistent with being CBC signals, generated by either BBHs, BNSs, or NSBHs.

In these papers, we restrict ourselves to candidates that have passed the selection criteria of having a confident false-alarm rate (FAR)  $\leq 10^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (the same as in [Abbott et al. 2021b, 2025](#)), and having been seen by at least two detectors. We henceforth refer to these in the context of the test of GR papers as *events*. Thus, of the O4a candidates, this paper covers 42 new events, while specifically excluding the single-detector events GW230529\_181500 (shortened to GW230529; [Abac et al. 2024](#)) and GW230814\_230901 (shortened to GW230814\_23 to avoid confusion with GW230814.061920; [Abac et al. 2025f](#)). The tests of GR on those two events are reported elsewhere ([Sanger et al. 2024](#); [Abac et al. 2025f](#)). Many of the tests covered have additional, narrower selection criteria for choosing which events are relevant for them, based on the required and supported physical parameters, available data, etc.; these are described in the respective sections.

GW observations enable testing many different aspects of GR or its alternatives and extensions ([Will 2014](#); [Colleoni et al. 2024](#); [Yunes et al. 2025](#); [Gupta 2026](#)), among them the linearized theory of the GWs themselves, and the dynamical and highly nonlinear theory of the two-body system generating them.

In this series of papers, we perform 19 distinct tests of GR. We give each test an abbreviated (or acronym) uppercase name, as used for them in [Tables 1–5](#). When a single test uses or compares multiple models, we write the model names in the typewriter font (as in `KerrPostmerger`), and software packages are indicated with their own font (as in `BILBY`). We subdivide our tests into three papers:

1. This paper (Paper I) includes tests of consistency, either consistency of each signal’s residual with the noise, or internal consistency of the signal with itself, according to GR expectations. We present the results of the residuals test (RT; [Abbott et al. 2019b](#)); the inspiral–merger–ringdown (IMR) consistency test (IMRCT; [Hughes & Menou 2005](#); [Ghosh et al. 2016, 2018](#)); the subdominant multipole amplitudes (SMA) test ([Puecher et al. 2022](#)); and the test of the polarization content (POL; [Wong et al. 2021](#)).
2. Paper II features parameterized tests, using quantifiable parameters for various imaginable deviations from GR signals in possible alternatives of extensions of GR. These parameters can refer to any physics involved

with either the generating system or the propagation of the waves. The parameterized tests of GW generation, grouped in the tables as PAR, constrain deviations in post-Newtonian (PN) coefficients ([Blanchet & Sathyaprakash 1994, 1995](#); [Arun et al. 2006a,b](#); [Maggiore 2007](#); [Will 2014](#); [Blanchet 2024](#)) in the inspiral and phenomenological coefficients in the post-inspiral. These include both the FTI (inspiral only; [Mehta et al. 2023](#)) and TIGER ([Li et al. 2012](#); [Agathos et al. 2014](#); [Meidam et al. 2018](#); [Roy et al. 2026](#)) single-parameter tests, as well as the principal component analysis (PCA) applied to their multi-parameter inspiral versions ([Mahapatra et al. 2025](#)). The parameterized tests of GW generation also include the spin-induced moments (SIM) tests ([Mehta et al. 2023](#); [Divyajyoti et al. 2024](#)), using either Phenom or EOB waveforms. Additionally, we test for the presence of a line-of-sight acceleration (LOSA; [Vijaykumar et al. 2023](#); [Tiwari et al. 2025](#)), which is not a beyond-GR effect, but could be confused for a GR deviation. The tests for parameterized deviations in the propagation of the GWs, grouped under the abbreviation PRP, are the MDR test for a modified dispersion relation ([Baka et al. 2025a](#)), and the SSB test for spacetime symmetry breaking, specifically anisotropic birefringent propagation ([Haegel et al. 2023](#)).

3. Paper III presents tests of the final remnant object. These include tests comparing the object’s immediate ringdown to that expected from the quasi-normal modes (QNMs) of a Kerr BH in vacuum (for the appropriate events), and searches for any post-ringdown (echo) content. The ringdown analyses, grouped as RD, are PYRING ([Carullo et al. 2019](#)), pSEOBNR ([Brito et al. 2018](#); [Ghosh et al. 2021](#); [Pompili et al. 2025](#)), and QNM rational filter (QNMRF; [Ma et al. 2022, 2023a,b](#); [Lu et al. 2025](#)). The echo searches are subdivided into searches for echoes using proposed waveform models, grouped as E-WFM, namely the ADA templates ([Abedi et al. 2017](#); [Lo et al. 2019](#)) and BHP templates ([Nakano et al. 2017](#); [Uchikata et al. 2019, 2023](#)), and minimally modeled searches for echoes, grouped as E-MM, namely the BAYESWAVE ([Tsang et al. 2018](#)) and coherent WaveBurst (cWB; [Miani et al. 2023](#)) analyses.

Of these, almost half of the tests are new, namely SMA, PCA, SIM-EOB, LOSA, SSB, PYRING (`KerrPostmerger`), QNMRF, E-WFM-BHP, and E-MM-cWB; additionally TIGER is significantly updated ([Roy et al. 2026](#)) compared to the version last used in an LVK testing GR paper ([Abbott et al. 2021b](#)). The companion paper about constraints on cosmology ([Abac et al. 2025g](#)) also presents constraints on dissipative propagation effects (GW friction) obtained using that paper’s methods.

All the tests and their specific paper and section, as well as highlights of the improvements with respect to GWTC-3.0 (see [Abac et al. 2025e](#) for catalog designations) and main re-

**Table 1.** Summary of TGR pipelines and new results across Papers I–III

Test	Paper	Section	Quantity	Parameter	Main Result	Improvement
RT	I	4.1	$p$ -value for the presence of a residual signal	$p$ -value	Consistent with uniform dist.	...
IMRCT	I	4.2	Fractional deviation in remnant mass and spin	$\left\{ \frac{\Delta M_f}{M_f}, \frac{\Delta \chi_f}{\chi_f} \right\}$	$\{0.00_{-0.06}^{+0.07}, -0.05_{-0.11}^{+0.11}\}$	{2.0, 2.5}
SMA	I	4.3	Frac. deviation in amplitude of higher multipole moments	$\delta A_{33}$	$-0.21_{-3.39}^{+1.82}$	New
POL	I	5	Bayes factors between different polarization hypotheses	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_T^X$	$-14.72_{-0.59}^{+0.59} - 0.10_{-0.57}^{+0.57}$	0.21 – 10.48
PAR	II	2.1	FTI: PN deformation params	$ \delta \hat{\varphi}_k $	$\leq 1.6 \times 10^{-3} - 1.5$	1.2 – 5.5
		2.1	TIGER: PN deformation params	$ \delta \hat{\varphi}_k $	$\leq 5.3 \times 10^{-4} - 1.2$	1.3 – 3.9
		2.1	TIGER: Post-inspiral deformation params	$ \delta \hat{b}_k ,  \delta \hat{c}_k $	$\leq 7.7 \times 10^{-3} - 0.28$	Maj. Update
		2.2	PCA: Best-constrained combination of PN deformation params	$\delta \hat{\varphi}_{\text{PCA,FTI}}, \delta \hat{\varphi}_{\text{PCA,TIGER}}^{(1)}$	$-0.01_{-0.06}^{+0.04}, 0.01_{-0.06}^{+0.06}$	New
SIM	II	2.3	Phenom: Deformation in spin-induced multipole parameter	$\delta \kappa_s$	$-19_{-34}^{+28}$	1.4
		2.3	EOB: Deformation in spin-induced multipole param	$\delta \kappa_s$	$-49_{-176}^{+95}$	New
LOSA	II	2.4	Line-of-sight acceleration	$a/c$ [s $^{-1}$ ]	$0.42_{-1.87}^{+2.00} \times 10^{-6}$	New
MDR	II	3.1	Magnitude of dispersion	$ A_\alpha $ [peV $^{2-\alpha}$ ]	$\leq (0.01 - 351) \times 10^{-22}$	1.48 – 2.88
		3.1	Graviton mass bound	$m_g$ [eV/c $^2$ ]	$\leq 1.92 \times 10^{-23}$	1.16
SSB	II	3.2	Constraints on anisotropic birefringent propagation	$ k_{00}^{(5)} $ [m]	$\leq 1.52 \times 10^{-14}$	New
RD	III	2.1	PYRING (KerrPostmerger): Frac. dev. in freq. & damp. time	$\left\{ \delta \hat{f}_{220}, \delta \hat{\tau}_{220} \right\}$	$\{0.10_{-0.18}^{+0.23}, 0.18_{-0.26}^{+0.27}\}$	New
		2.2	pSEOBNR: Frac. deviations in frequency & damping time	$\left\{ \delta \hat{f}_{220}, \delta \hat{\tau}_{220} \right\}$	$\{0.00_{-0.06}^{+0.06}, 0.16_{-0.16}^{+0.18}\}$	{1.09, 1.52}
		2.3	QNMRF: Detection statistic for subdominant ringdown modes	$\mathcal{D} - \mathcal{D}_{1\%}$	$221; \leq 3.1$	New
E-WFM	III	3.1	ADA: Bayes factor for IMR plus echoes to IMR only	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_{\text{IMR}}^{\text{IMRE}}$	$\leq 1.1$	...
		3.1	BHP: Bayes factor for IMR plus echoes to IMR only	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_{\text{IMR}}^{\text{IMRE}}$	$\leq 0.2$	New
E-MM	III	3.2	BAYESWAVE: Signal-to-noise Bayes factor for echoes	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_{\text{noise}}^{\text{signal}}$	$\leq -1.8$	...
		3.3	CWB: $p$ -value for the presence of echoes	$p$ -value	Consistent with uniform dist.	New

NOTE—Analysis abbreviations are defined in the text. The main results and improvements are calculated using the combined results unless otherwise specified, and use the hierarchically combined results if available. For analyses where we quote bounds on two parameters inferred simultaneously, we enclose the parameters in curly brackets. The improvements are computed relative to the previous analyses reported in the GWTC-3.0 test of GR paper (Abbott et al. 2021b), when applicable, or for updated analyses applied to GWTC-3.0; otherwise, “New” is given. For most tests, the improvement is defined as  $X_{\text{GWTC-3.0}}/X_{\text{GWTC-4.0}}$ , where  $X$  denotes the width of the 90% credible interval for the parameters for each test. For the tests where we give ranges for the main result and improvements, we quote the minimum and maximum over all different cases of that test independently. Thus, the endpoints of the improvement range do not necessarily correspond to the endpoints of the main result range. For two new tests, the main results were obtained with individual pre-O4 events: The SMA result is from GW190814, while the LOSA result is from GW170817. For IMRCT and pSEOBNR, the improvement is with respect to the two-dimensional hierarchical analysis (Zhong et al. 2024), not the one-dimensional hierarchical analysis performed in the GWTC-3.0 testing GR paper. For POL, the improvement is the difference of the  $\log_{10}$  Bayes factors (GWTC-3.0 minus GWTC-4.0), to illustrate the increased support for GR. The upper bounds for FTI are only for O4a, and the improvement factors are obtained by comparing O4a with results reported in the GWTC-3.0 testing GR paper. As no TIGER results were reported in the latter, its improvement factors are obtained by comparing GWTC-4.0 with a recent analysis of GWTC-3.0 events (Roy et al. 2026). The PYRING results are also only for O4a, as are the upper bounds on Bayes factors for E-WFM and E-MM-BAYESWAVE. The QNMRF parameter given is the detection statistic for the 221 mode minus the threshold corresponding to a 1% false alarm probability, computed over a period when including the 221 mode improves consistency with the IMR results, here for GW231028.153006. The ... marker for improvements is used for RT, where the result of overall consistency is maintained; for ADA, a test absent from the GWTC-3.0 analysis, but previously run (in an older implementation) in the GWTC-2.0 testing GR paper; and for BAYESWAVE, which quoted  $p$ -values rather than Bayes factors for GWTC-3.0.

179 sults, are summarized in Table 1. We find improvements in the  
 180 constraints due to including the additional events, as expected,  
 181 notably improvements in the PN coefficient constraints of up  
 182 to 5.5 (FTI) and 3.9 (TIGER), though some of this improve-  
 183 ment is due to changes to the portion of the signal where the  
 184 PN coefficient deviations are implemented. The IMRCT anal-  
 185 ysis has improvements of up to 2.5, while the MDR analysis  
 186 has improvements of up to almost a factor of three. Addition-  
 187 ally, some O4a events give notable constraints on their own.  
 188 For instance, the likely NSBH GW230518.125908 provides

189 a constraint on the  $-1$ PN coefficient that is comparable to  
 190 the combined GWTC-4.0 constraint, and provides constraints  
 191 on many higher PN coefficients that are significantly better  
 192 than those from all of GWTC-3.0 (see Section 2.1 of Pa-  
 193 per II). For the pSEOBNR ringdown analysis, the loud event  
 194 GW231226.101520 provides a constraint on deviations in the  
 195 damping time of the dominant QNM that is slightly better  
 196 than the GWTC-3.0 hierarchical constraint (see Section 2.2  
 197 of Paper III). However, the loud event GW250114 (Abac et al.  
 198 2025h) from the second part of the fourth observing run (O4b)

**Table 2.** Event selection table for the analyses in this paper, from the first part of the fourth observing run (O4a; [Abac et al. 2025b](#))

O4a				Paper I				Paper II				Paper III		
Event Name	SNR	IFOs	$(1+z)M/M_{\odot}$	RT	IMRCT	SMA	POL	PAR	SIM	LOSA	PRP	RD	E-WFM	E-MM
GW230518_125908	$14.2^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HL	$2.94^{+0.00}_{-0.00}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	...	...	...	✓
GW230601_224134	$12.3^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$73.0^{+8.3}_{-11.8}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230605_065343	$10.5^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HL	$14.44^{+0.28}_{-0.24}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW230606_004305	$10.3^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HL	$39.5^{+5.9}_{-5.8}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW230609_064958	$9.8^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$40.1^{+5.7}_{-5.9}$	✓	✗	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230624_113103	$9.7^{+0.4}_{-0.5}$	HL	$24.5^{+3.1}_{-2.4}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW230627_015337	$28.5^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	HL	$6.41^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW230628_231200	$15.5^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$35.8^{+2.8}_{-2.7}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230630_234532	$9.4^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$8.57^{+0.06}_{-0.09}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW230702_185453	$9.5^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$33.0^{+4.8}_{-3.9}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW230731_215307	$11.9^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$9.46^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW230811_032116	$12.8^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HL	$33.3^{+3.0}_{-2.6}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230814_061920	$9.4^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$77^{+12}_{-18}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230824_033047	$10.0^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HL	$65.8^{+8.0}_{-12.7}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230904_051013	$10.2^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$9.06^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW230914_111401	$16.2^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$59.4^{+7.8}_{-11.3}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230919_215712	$15.7^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$26.4^{+1.2}_{-1.2}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW230920_071124	$10.1^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HL	$35.8^{+4.1}_{-3.4}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW230922_020344	$11.8^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HL	$38.2^{+3.6}_{-3.2}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230922_040658	$11.4^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HL	$105^{+15}_{-29}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230924_124453	$12.9^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$31.7^{+2.4}_{-2.0}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230927_043729	$10.5^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HL	$41.0^{+4.3}_{-3.8}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230927_153832	$19.7^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	HL	$20.14^{+0.41}_{-0.41}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW230928_215827	$8.9^{+0.4}_{-0.6}$	HL	$61^{+10}_{-14}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW231001_140220	$9.6^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$81^{+17}_{-20}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW231020_142947	$10.5^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HL	$9.99^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW231028_153006	$21.0^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	HL	$107^{+10}_{-27}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW231102_071736	$13.3^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$71.7^{+7.8}_{-10.5}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW231104_133418	$11.0^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HL	$11.31^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW231108_125142	$12.4^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$23.79^{+0.96}_{-0.97}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW231110_040320	$11.0^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HL	$18.02^{+0.69}_{-0.48}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW231113_200417	$10.1^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$9.82^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW231114_043211	$9.8^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$14.61^{+0.37}_{-0.31}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW231118_005626	$10.5^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$17.62^{+0.40}_{-0.54}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW231118_090602	$10.9^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	HL	$10.53^{+0.12}_{-0.09}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	✓	✓

**Table 2** continued

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O4a		IFOs	$(1+z)\mathcal{M}/M_{\odot}$	Paper I				Paper II				Paper III		
Event Name	SNR			RT	IMRCT	SMA	POL	PAR	SIM	LOSA	PRP	RD	E-WFM	E-MM
GW231123_135430	$20.7^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$137^{+21}_{-27}$	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	...	✓	++	✓	✓
GW231206_233134	$11.0^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HL	$41.9^{+4.7}_{-4.9}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW231206_233901	$21.0^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	HL	$36.1^{+2.3}_{-2.3}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW231213_111417	$9.7^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HL	$44.4^{+7.2}_{-6.5}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW231223_032836	$8.8^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$55.0^{+9.3}_{-15.0}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓
GW231224_024321	$12.9^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$8.48^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	✓	✓
GW231226_101520	$33.7^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	HL	$39.8^{+1.6}_{-1.6}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	✓

NOTE— For each event we give the matched-filter network signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), the redshifted chirp mass,  $(1+z)\mathcal{M}$  (e.g., [Abac et al. 2025e](#)), and the interferometers (IFOs) used for the analysis of the events, which are Hanford (H) and Livingston (L) for all O4a events, and may include Virgo (V) for previous runs, in Tables 3–5 below. More details about the events appear in the relevant GWTC papers (for O4a events, [Abac et al. 2025b](#)). A ✓ indicates an event meeting our selection criteria for an analysis, and thus included in our results. A ✗ indicates an event that originally met the selection criteria, but technical difficulties in its analysis prevented obtaining meaningful results. A ... indicates that an event does not meet an analysis’s selection criteria.

Table 3. Updated table of events from the second half of the third observing run (O3b; [Abbott et al. 2023](#))

O3b		IFOs	$(1+z)\mathcal{M}/M_{\odot}$	Paper I				Paper II				Paper III		
Event Name	SNR			RT	IMRCT	SMA	POL	PAR	SIM	LOSA	PRP	RD	E-WFM	E-MM
GW191109_010717	$17.2^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$	HL	$60.1^{+9.8}_{-9.3}$	✓	...	...	✓	✗	...	...	✗	✓	+	++
GW191129_134029	$13.1^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$8.49^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	+	++
GW191204_171526	$17.5^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	HL	$9.69^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	+	++
GW191215_223052	$11.2^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HLV	$24.9^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	+	++
GW191216_213338	$18.6^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	HV	$8.94^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	...	++
GW191222_033537	$12.5^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$51.0^{+7.2}_{-6.5}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	+	++
GW200115_042309	$11.3^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HLV	$2.58^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	✗	...	...	+	++
GW200129_065458	$26.8^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	HLV	$32.1^{+1.8}_{-2.6}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	++	...	✓	✓	+	++
GW200202_154313	$10.8^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HLV	$8.15^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	+	++
GW200208_130117	$10.8^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HLV	$38.8^{+5.2}_{-4.8}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	+	++
GW200219_094415	$10.7^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HLV	$43.7^{+6.3}_{-6.2}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	+	++
GW200224_222234	$20.0^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	HLV	$41.1^{+3.6}_{-3.8}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	+	++
GW200225_060421	$12.5^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HL	$17.65^{+0.98}_{-1.97}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	+	++
GW200311_115853	$17.8^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	HLV	$32.7^{+2.7}_{-2.8}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	+	++
GW200316_215756	$10.3^{+0.4}_{-0.7}$	HLV	$10.68^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✗	...	+	++

NOTE—In addition to the notation used in Table 2, + indicates existing results from previous runs by external works, while ++ indicates previous results by the LVK exist, but are not used for the combined bounds here.

**Table 4.** Updated table of events from the first half of the third observing run (O3a; [Abbott et al. 2021c, 2024](#))

O3a		Paper I											Paper II			Paper III	
Event Name	SNR	IFOs	$(1+z)\mathcal{M}/M_{\odot}$	RT	IMRCT	SMA	POL	PAR	SIM	LOSA	PRP	RD	E-WFM	E-MM			
GW190408_181802	$14.6^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HLV	$23.8^{+1.2}_{-1.5}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	++	+			
GW190412	$19.8^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HLV	$15.24^{+0.37}_{-0.23}$	✓	++	✓	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	++	+			
GW190421_213856	$10.7^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HL	$45.9^{+5.7}_{-6.3}$	✓	++	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	++	...			
GW190425	$12.4^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	LV	$1.4873^{+0.0008}_{-0.0006}$	...	...	...	✓	...	...	✓	...	...	...	...			
GW190503_185404	$12.1^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HLV	$37.8^{+6.1}_{-6.7}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	++	...			
GW190512_180714	$12.7^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HLV	$18.58^{+0.69}_{-0.66}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	++	+			
GW190513_205428	$12.5^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HLV	$30.7^{+6.1}_{-3.4}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	++	+			
GW190517_055101	$10.8^{+0.5}_{-0.6}$	HLV	$36.2^{+4.2}_{-4.9}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	++	+			
GW190519_153544	$15.9^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HLV	$65.1^{+8.7}_{-10.9}$	✓	++	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	++	+			
GW190521	$14.3^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	HLV	$101^{+29}_{-34}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	...	++	++	+			
GW190521_074359	$25.9^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	HL	$39.8^{+3.2}_{-2.7}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	++	+			
GW190602_175927	$13.2^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HLV	$73^{+12}_{-18}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	++	+			
GW190630_185205	$16.4^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	LV	$29.5^{+2.1}_{-1.7}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	++	...			
GW190706_222641	$13.4^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HLV	$77^{+12}_{-18}$	✓	++	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	++	+			
GW190707_093326	$13.1^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	HL	$9.90^{+0.11}_{-0.10}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	++	...			
GW190708_232457	$13.4^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	LV	$15.48^{+0.25}_{-0.24}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	++	...			
GW190720_000836	$10.9^{+0.3}_{-0.8}$	HLV	$10.37^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	++	...			
GW190727_060333	$11.7^{+0.2}_{-0.5}$	HLV	$45.2^{+5.8}_{-5.5}$	✓	++	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	++	...			
GW190728_064510	$13.1^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HLV	$10.14^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	++	...			
GW190814	$25.3^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	HLV	$6.42^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	+	+			
GW190828_063405	$16.5^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HLV	$34.6^{+3.5}_{-2.9}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	++	+			
GW190828_065509	$10.2^{+0.4}_{-0.5}$	HLV	$17.33^{+0.61}_{-0.71}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	++	...			
GW190910_112807	$14.5^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	LV	$43.6^{+4.4}_{-4.0}$	✓	++	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	++	...			
GW190915_235702	$13.1^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HLV	$32.5^{+3.1}_{-3.1}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	++	+			
GW190924_021846	$12.0^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HLV	$6.44^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	++	...			

NOTE—Notation is as in Table 3. The IMR results for GW190412 appeared in [Abbott et al. \(2020b\)](#).**Table 5.** Updated table of events from the first (O1; [Abbott et al. 2016c](#)) and second (O2; [Abbott et al. 2019c](#)) observing runs

O1+O2		Paper I											Paper II			Paper III	
Event Name	SNR	IFOs	$(1+z)\mathcal{M}/M_{\odot}$	RT	IMRCT	SMA	POL	PAR	SIM	LOSA	PRP	RD	E-WFM	E-MM			
GW150914	$26.0^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	HL	$30.7^{+1.8}_{-1.6}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	++	+			

Table 5 continued

Table 5 (continued)

O1+O2		Paper I				Paper II				Paper III				
Event Name	SNR	IFOs	$(1+z)\mathcal{M}/M_{\odot}$	RT	IMRCT	SMA	POL	PAR	SIM	LOSA	PRP	RD	E-WFM	E-MM
GW151012*	$9.3^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	HL	$18.8^{+3.4}_{-1.5}$	++	...	...	...	++	...	...	++	...	+	+
GW151226	$12.7^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	HL	$9.71^{+0.08}_{-0.06}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	...	++	+
GW170104	$13.8^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$25.7^{+1.7}_{-1.7}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	✓	++	+
GW170608	$15.3^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$8.50^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	✓	...	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	++	+
GW170729*	$10.7^{+0.4}_{-0.5}$	HLV	$52.5^{+9.2}_{-12.0}$	++	++	...	...	++	...	...	++	...	+	+
GW170809	$12.8^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HLV	$29.9^{+2.4}_{-2.0}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	++	+
GW170814	$17.7^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HLV	$27.0^{+1.5}_{-1.3}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	++	+
GW170817	$32.7^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	HLV	$1.1976^{+0.0004}_{-0.0002}$	...	...	...	✓	++	...	✓	++	...	...	+
GW170818	$12.0^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	HLV	$32.7^{+2.8}_{-2.5}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	...	++	+
GW170823	$12.2^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	HL	$39.1^{+5.4}_{-4.7}$	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	...	...	✓	++	++	+

NOTE—Notation is as in Table 3. The starred events GW151012 and GW170729 had previously been used for the indicated tests of GR in Abbott et al. (2016c, 2019b), but do not meet the current selection criteria. GW170817’s PAR and PRP results appeared in Abbott et al. (2019a).

199 has now provided even better constraints on both PN coeffi-  
 200 cients and QNM deviations (Abac et al. 2026). Similarly, the  
 201 loud O4b event GW241011 (Abac et al. 2025i), whose source  
 202 was an unequal-mass binary, provides the best constraints for  
 203 the SMA and SIM analyses.

204 Most of the tests are null tests, placing bounds on deviations  
 205 from GR (or more generally, deviations from the waveform  
 206 models for isolated, quasi-circular binaries used in the anal-  
 207 ysis) instead of constraining a specific alternative theory as  
 208 modeling CBCs (or even single objects) in modified theo-  
 209 ries is much more complicated than in GR (Will 1994; Berti  
 210 et al. 2015; Abac et al. 2025a; Yunes et al. 2025). Illustrative  
 211 translations of the bounds on deviations in PN coefficients to  
 212 constraints on specific alternative theories (with many caveats)  
 213 are given in Section 2.1 of Paper II.

214 Overall, the results of tests in all three of these papers show  
 215 consistency with GR. There are a few events which indicate  
 216 inconsistency for one or more of the analyses, and these cases  
 217 are discussed for in the papers describing each respective  
 218 analysis. The standard consistency measure we use is finding  
 219 GR within the 90% credible interval. Thus, given enough  
 220 events and analyses, some are expected to be inconsistent,  
 221 statistically. We therefore find that our results for individual  
 222 events are still fully explainable assuming GR and statistical  
 223 noise. We additionally find that certain apparent deviations  
 224 from GR are due to prior effects or systematic uncertainties in  
 225 waveform modeling, as discussed in Paper II. There are also  
 226 certain analyses for which we find that there are more signif-  
 227 icant deviations from GR when combining together events  
 228 than for the individual events, specifically SIM, where the  
 229 apparent deviation is driven by correlations with the effective  
 230 inspiral spin, and both PYRING and pSEOBNR, where there  
 231 are apparently quite significant deviations in the combined  
 232 results: For PYRING, GR is only found at 94.7% credibility  
 233 when including all the O4a events analyzed, though if one

234 restricts to only the events with a significant ringdown signal,  
 235 GR is found at 80% credibility, and a bootstrapping analysis  
 236 finds that even this deviation may not be as significant, due  
 237 to the finite number of events considered (cf. Pacilio et al.  
 238 2024). For pSEOBNR, GR is found at 98.6% or 99.3% credi-  
 239 bility depending on how the events are combined, with similar  
 240 reductions in significance from the bootstrapping analysis.  
 241 Indeed, GR is found at a credibility of 92.2% or 96.2% when  
 242 including the loud O4b event GW250114 (Abac et al. 2025h,  
 243 2026). Thus, these combined results do not provide significant  
 244 evidence of a deviation from GR.

245 The rest of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2  
 246 discusses the events included, and details which tests were  
 247 performed for each. Section 3 describes the general methods  
 248 common between many of the tests. Section 4 describes our  
 249 consistency tests, namely the residuals test (Section 4.1), the  
 250 inspiral–merger–ringdown consistency (Section 4.2), and the  
 251 subdominant multipole amplitude test (Section 4.3). Section 5  
 252 describes the test for possible non-GR polarizations. Section 6  
 253 provides overall concluding remarks.

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## 255 2. THE GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE EVENTS

256 All the events passing the selection criteria, and an enumer-  
 257 ation of which events contributed to which sort of test, and  
 258 appear in which paper (I/II/III), are given in Tables 2–5, subdiv-  
 259 ided by observing run. We also give some basic information  
 260 about the events, including their matched-filter network SNR  
 261 and redshifted chirp mass,  $(1+z)\mathcal{M}$ , as a well-measured  
 262 combination of the masses (e.g., Abac et al. 2025e). These  
 263 are obtained from the parameter estimation analyses in the  
 264 cited GWTC papers (for O4a events, the GWTC-4.0 results  
 265 paper; Abac et al. 2025b). We further list the interferometers  
 266 (IFOs) used for the analysis of the events (H = Hanford, L =

Livingston, V = Virgo). For the O4a run, all events use data from only the Hanford and Livingston detectors.

The events analyzed in this work are drawn from GWTC-4.0 (Abac et al. 2025b). This catalog includes all events detected by the LVK before 2024 January 31. Compared to previous versions of the catalog, this version additionally contains events from the first part of O4a. During O4a, the LIGO Hanford and Livingston observatories accumulated 126 d of coincident data across a period of 237 d in 2023 and early 2024; Virgo and KAGRA were mostly offline for upgrades. For inclusion in the general relativity tests described in this work, an event must have a false alarm rate  $\leq 10^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  in at least one search and must have at least two observatories used for their analysis. Thus, for O4a, both LIGO observatories must be used in the analysis of the events. For GWTC-1.0, the tests of GR (Abbott et al. 2019b) were applied to all events in that initial catalog, due to the smaller number of total events. The events GW151012 and GW170729 were analyzed in that paper and appear in the event tables here, but they do not satisfy the significance criterion. Thus, they are not included in combined results.

The selection criteria used for applying tests of GR to subsequent editions of the catalog, GWTC-2.0 and GWTC-3.0 (Abbott et al. 2021b, 2025), are the same as the ones for the present paper, though the multiple-detector criterion was not applied explicitly in the GWTC-2.0 testing GR paper, because it was already satisfied for all events considered. Additionally, while we include the likely BNSs GW170817 and GW190425 in this paper, they were previously excluded from the testing GR catalog papers, though GW170817 had a paper dedicated to testing GR results (Abbott et al. 2019a). As in the GWTC-3.0 testing GR paper (Abbott et al. 2025), we also keep the three events (GW190421\_213856, GW190521, and GW190910\_112807) included in the GWTC-2.0 testing GR paper (Abbott et al. 2021b) whose significance dropped slightly below the threshold in the reanalysis in GWTC-2.1 (Abbott et al. 2024).

All events covered appear in the respective Tables 2–5. Further details about GW231123\_135430 (shortened to GW231123) appear in its discovery paper (Abac et al. 2025j); there are also separate papers describing tests of GR on the exceptional single-detector events GW230529 (Sanger et al. 2024) and GW230814\_23 (Abac et al. 2025f) that do not appear in this paper.

One might worry that the requirement that the events to which we apply the tests of GR are detected with a high significance means that we are a priori excluding events that have significant deviations from the waveform models used in the searches. However, the minimally modeled cWB search (Abac et al. 2025k) is able to detect signals that have the generic chirp structure expected for CBCs but differ from the exact predictions for BBHs in GR. This sensitivity of cWB is illustrated in Mishra et al. (2022) for the effects of precession or eccentricity that are not included in the template banks used in the modeled searches (Abac et al. 2025k), or the training set used for cWB. While cWB is mostly sensitive to signals from high-mass binaries, the inclusion of the cWB

significance in the selection criteria means that we are at least not missing a significant population of non-GR signals in the set of events to which we apply tests of GR.

Previous catalog papers suffered from the incorrect implementation of the detector calibration uncertainty. As described in Abac et al. (2025k), this affected parameter estimation, but produced only a negligible effect on the posteriors, with changes typically within the error from statistical sampling (Baka et al. 2025b). For O4a events, we performed all the tests of GR with the correct calibration uncertainty, but how we handle pre-O4a results differs between analyses. SMA, PCA, SIM-EOB, LOSA, and E-WFM all have used the correct calibration uncertainty in analyzing pre-O4a events, while PYRING and QNMRF do not use the calibration uncertainties. Post-inspiral TIGER, SIM-Phenom, and pSEOBNR have rerun the analysis with the correct calibration priors, while the MDR analysis reweights the old results to the correct calibration. The FTI and SSB analyses currently only present results for O4a events. POL has used the correct calibration uncertainty except for using older maximum-likelihood parameter-estimation results obtained with the incorrect calibration uncertainty to determine the time–frequency cluster used in the analysis. However, the POL analysis has a fairly broad frequency resolution, so using the corrected parameter estimation results is not expected to make a significant difference in the POL results. E-MM-CWB uses simulated signals generated using posterior samples from parameter estimation to compute a background, but this procedure is insensitive to the fine details of the waveform and is thus unaffected by the error. RT, IMRCT, and inspiral TIGER currently use the previous results with the incorrect calibration, though these will be updated later. E-MM-BAYESWAVE uses the incorrect calibration as well, but the calibration enters only through the parameter-estimation results used to determine the stretch of data for the analysis. As such, this analysis should be only minimally affected. Analyses corrected to the proper calibration showed only a negligible difference in the results, even for tests combining multiple observations.

Previous catalog papers also employed a likelihood function with a small error due to an incorrectly applied window correction, as discussed in more detail in Section 3.

Finally, all events were checked for data quality issues, as discussed in Section 4 of Abac et al. (2025k) and glitch mitigation has been performed for events when appropriate, as discussed in Appendix B of Abac et al. (2025b). We have no evidence for data quality affecting the tests presented here.

### 3. METHODS FOR TESTING GR

#### 3.1. Bayesian Inference

The detection of the GW events is followed by Bayesian inference of parameters assuming one or several waveform models within GR. This is usually carried out using the BILBY package (Ashton et al. 2019; Romero-Shaw et al. 2020), which many of our tests also employ, often with the BILBYTGR plugin (Ashton et al. 2025b). The detailed description of the parameter estimation within GR is given in the companion pa-

per Abac et al. (2025k). We consider a short data segment  $d(t)$  around each detected signal and model it as a sum of Gaussian colored noise and the GW signal. This model defines the likelihood  $p(d|\theta, \mathbb{M})$ , such that the residuals should have a Gaussian distribution after subtracting the correctly modeled GW signal (see Section 4.1 below). Here we assume that the observed data are described by a model  $\mathbb{M}$  parameterized by  $\theta$ . For example, in several tests we consider a model extended beyond GR parameterized by  $\theta_{\text{GR}}, \theta_{\text{nGR}}$ . The likelihood for a network of detectors is given as a product of likelihoods, assuming that the measurements are independent.

We use agnostic priors  $p(\theta|\mathbb{M})$ . In general, we choose uniform priors over a range that is wide enough to cover the region of parameter space where the posterior has support, while not compromising the efficiency of the sampling. Specifically, we choose the prior ranges to be wide enough to avoid *railing*, where there is significant posterior probability density right up to at least one prior boundary. The priors for GR parameters are described in Section 5.5 of Abac et al. (2025k), while the priors for non-GR parameters are specified in the description of each analysis. The detector calibration uncertainties translate into a possible frequency-dependent shift in the GW amplitude and phase which is modeled as a spline with Gaussian prior over its coefficients and marginalized over, as discussed in Section 5.4 of Abac et al. (2025k). The posterior distribution

$$p(\theta|d, \mathbb{M}) = \frac{p(d|\theta, \mathbb{M})p(\theta|\mathbb{M})}{\mathcal{Z}(d|\mathbb{M})} \quad (1)$$

is sampled using numerical techniques, where  $\mathcal{Z}(d|\mathbb{M})$  is the evidence of the considered model. A central part of several analyses presented here and in the companion papers is to evaluate which model fits better the observed data on the basis of the Bayes factor. The Bayes factor is equal to the posterior odds with equal prior given to all models, which we always assume:

$$\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{M}_2}^{\mathbb{M}_1} = \frac{\mathcal{Z}(d|\mathbb{M}_1)}{\mathcal{Z}(d|\mathbb{M}_2)} = \frac{\int p(d|\theta_{\mathbb{M}_1}, \mathbb{M}_1)p(\theta_{\mathbb{M}_1}|\mathbb{M}_1) d\theta_{\mathbb{M}_1}}{\int p(d|\theta_{\mathbb{M}_2}, \mathbb{M}_2)p(\theta_{\mathbb{M}_2}|\mathbb{M}_2) d\theta_{\mathbb{M}_2}}. \quad (2)$$

In particular, the Bayes factor between GR and extended beyond GR (nGR) models is given as

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{GR}}^{\text{nGR}} = \frac{\int p(d|\theta_{\text{GR}}, \theta_{\text{nGR}})p(\theta_{\text{GR}}, \theta_{\text{nGR}}) d\theta_{\text{GR}} d\theta_{\text{nGR}}}{\int p(d|\theta_{\text{GR}})p(\theta_{\text{GR}}) d\theta_{\text{GR}}} \quad (3)$$

We typically use nested sampling (Skilling 2006) to evaluate the evidence for the considered models. We use two implementations of the nested-sampling algorithm. Most of the tests used DYNESTY (Speagle 2020) embedded in the BILBY package (Ashton et al. 2019; Romero-Shaw et al. 2020). Another implementation of nested sampling, CPNEST (Veitch et al. 2025), was used only by PYRING. During sampling, SMA, TIGER, and SIM analytically marginalized out the distance and time of coalescence (Romero-Shaw et al. 2020); LOSA marginalized out the distance and coalescence

phase (Veitch et al. 2015); while IMRCT, FTI, PCA, and pSEOBNR marginalized out only the distance (Abac et al. 2025k). Among all the tests working within the Bayesian framework, only the two analyses using BAYESWAVE (RT and E-MM-BAYESWAVE) performed the trans-dimensional sampling using a reversible-jump Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithm (Cornish & Littenberg 2015).

The results of the parameter estimation are presented as a set of samples for each model  $\{\theta_i(\mathbb{M})\}$  as well as a single number that quantifies the agreement with GR. For some analyses this number is a Bayes factor, while for others where GR is a nested model of a more general model (like in the example above), it is the quantile at which GR is found for the marginalized distributions, with smaller values indicating better consistency with GR. For some tests examining a two-dimensional deviation space, we also quote the two-dimensional GR quantile  $Q_{\text{GR}}^{2\text{D}}$ , denoting the fraction of the posterior enclosed by the isoprobability contour that passes through the GR value. Thus, smaller values of  $Q_{\text{GR}}^{2\text{D}}$  indicate better consistency with GR. The same definition holds for higher-dimensional GR quantiles.

### 3.2. Waveform Models and Automation

The deviations from GR are implemented on top of the GR waveform models. RT, IMRCT, SMA, TIGER, PCA, SIM, MDR, SSB, and E-WFM have used the IMRPHEMOMX-PHM model (Pratten et al. 2021) as the default, usually in its IMRPHEMOMXPHM\_SPINTAYLOR version (Colleoni et al. 2025b). Thus, we will use IMRPHEMOMXPHM as a shorthand for IMRPHEMOMXPHM\_SPINTAYLOR in these papers, and use IMRPHEMOMXPHM\_MSA to specify the original model from Pratten et al. (2021) which is used by SIM. FTI, PCA, and SIM have used the SEOBNRv5HM\_ROM model (Pompili et al. 2023) and pSEOBNR uses SEOBNRv5PHM (Ramos-Buades et al. 2023). MDR has also used NRSUR7DQ4 (Varma et al. 2019) for tests of waveform systematic errors. In addition, the FTI analysis also used SEOBNRv4\_ROM\_NRTIDALV2\_NSBH (Matas et al. 2020) for GW230518\_125908. The analysis performed by LOSA is based on IMRPHEMOMXP (Pratten et al. 2021, in its original version, which we refer to as IMRPHEMOMXP\_MSA, for clarity), IMRPHEMOMXP\_NRTIDALV2 (Colleoni et al. 2025a), and IMRPHEMOMNSBH (Thompson et al. 2020). A detailed description of these models and references is given in Abac et al. (2025k). The pre-O4 analysis used earlier versions of these waveform models, as described in Abbott et al. (2023).

Some tests of GR require multiple runs probing a discrete set of models. In order to avoid human error in preparing and conducting these runs, we have used automation through the ASIMOV software library (Williams et al. 2023) together with CBCFLOW (Ashton et al. 2025a) for fetching the metadata for some analyses.

We also use *injections*, i.e., simulated signals (either with or without noise), to check the performance of these analyses, and in particular to assess potential deviations from GR.

### 3.3. Windowing and the Likelihood

Late in the paper preparation process, we discovered an error in the likelihood functions used in our analysis (see Section 5.10 in Abac et al. 2025k; Talbot et al. 2025). We incorrectly applied a correction factor intended to compensate for the power loss when applying the Tukey window to our data. Due to the late discovery of the likelihood issue, we were not able to correct all analyses. POL, PYRING, QNMRF, and E-MM-CWB are unaffected. We were able to correct SMA, FTI, TIGER, PCA, SIM, MDR, SSB, and pSEOBNR by reweighting the posteriors. IMRCT, LOSA, and E-WFM analyses were rerun with the correct likelihood, although pre-O4 IMRCT results are not yet corrected. The RES and E-MM-BAYESWAVE analyses are left with the incorrect likelihood and will be corrected later. However, using the correct likelihood leads only to a small difference in the posteriors, although they are systematically wider and the Bayes factor with respect to the noise systematically lower. As an example, for the MDR analysis, the Bayes factors are 21% lower, the posteriors have standard deviations larger by 7%, and their means move by 2% of standard deviation on average for O4a results. The error also applies to previous analyses from O1 to O3, but with lesser effects due to different window settings used. For MDR, the Bayes factors, standard deviations, and means for the GWTC-3.0 results move by 1%, 4%, and 1% respectively. These changes do not modify the overall conclusion of our tests, i.e., that we have no evidence that GR is violated.

### 3.4. Hierarchical Inference

With the ever-increasing number of GW observations, it is important to accurately combine information across the detections made to place the most stringent bounds on deviations from GR. With this in mind, we employ hierarchical inference techniques to construct a summary of the underlying distribution of possible deviations present in the data (Isi et al. 2019; Mandel et al. 2019; Zimmerman et al. 2019). For cases where the parameterized effect is identical across observations, such as in propagation tests, the combined constraint is summarized by single measure of the parameterized effect from all observations. However, in the case where individual observations may not share a common parameter, such as in null tests like those for deviations in PN coefficients, we instead infer the structure of a Gaussian distribution fit to the collection of measured deviation parameters from all events, parameterized with a mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$  (Isi et al. 2019). If multiple deviation parameters are measured and hierarchically combined, we infer the full multi-dimensional Gaussian structure and thus have correlation coefficients  $\rho$  along with the means and standard deviations (Zhong et al. 2024). This is the first application of the multi-dimensional hierarchical inference technique in an LVK testing GR analysis.

## 4. TESTS OF CONSISTENCY

### 4.1. Residual test

The residual test involves checking for excess coherent power remaining in the detector network after the best-fit GR template is subtracted from the data. If GR is the correct theory of gravitation, a GR-based template should capture all the features of the astrophysical signal and thus the residuals should be consistent with instrumental noise. We use the same method as in previous analyses (Abbott et al. 2019b, 2021b, 2025).

The noise in ground based GW detectors comes from various sources (Aasi et al. 2015; Abbott et al. 2016d). Detector noise is assumed to be stationary and Gaussian, so the data time series  $\mathbf{d}(t)$  is composed of the Gaussian noise  $\mathbf{n}(t)$  and the GW model waveform  $\mathbf{h}(t)$ , and can be modeled as:

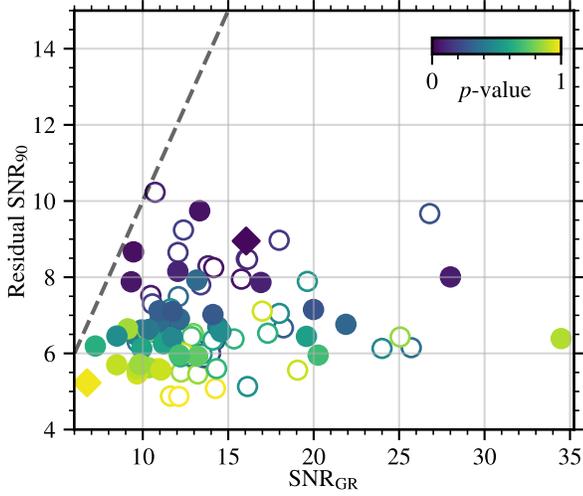
$$\mathbf{d}(t) = \mathbf{h}(t) + \mathbf{n}(t), \quad (4)$$

where the boldface notation indicates a quantity with a component corresponding to each detector. Here we choose for the best-fit model of the signal the set of parameters that maximize the likelihood of observing the recorded data under the assumption that the signal is present in the data. These maximum-likelihood parameters minimize the difference between the data  $\mathbf{d}(t)$  and the template  $\mathbf{h}(t)$ .

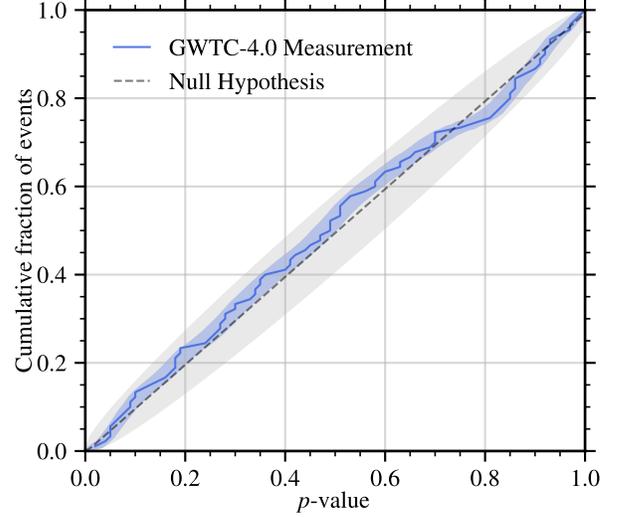
Once the best-fit (maximum-likelihood) waveform  $\mathbf{h}_{\max L}(t)$  is inferred using a GR template, where we use IMRPHEMOPXPHM for the O4a events, the residual  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{d}(t) - \mathbf{h}_{\max L}(t)$  can be obtained. If  $\mathbf{h}_{\max L}$  is an accurate estimate of the signal based on GR, the residual  $\mathbf{r}(t)$  should be consistent with noise. This is tested by analyzing the residual using BAYESWAVE (Cornish & Littenberg 2015; Cornish et al. 2021, 2024). BAYESWAVE uses a template-independent model based on Morlet–Gabor wavelets to characterize any coherent feature in the detector network. BAYESWAVE produces a discretized probability distribution in the parameter space of the wavelets, with each point corresponding to a residual that has a well defined SNR. Any loud multi-detector coherent features in the data  $\mathbf{d}(t)$  that were not captured by the GR based model  $\mathbf{h}(t)$  are reconstructed. If the true underlying signal was reliably reconstructed by the maximum-likelihood waveform  $\mathbf{h}_{\max L}$ , the BAYESWAVE reconstruction will have a median that is consistent with noise (Johnson-McDaniel et al. 2022).

To quantify the results, we describe the loudness of the residual by calculating the 90th percentile of the network SNR distribution produced by BAYESWAVE,  $\text{SNR}_{90}$ . That is, there is a 90% probability that after subtracting  $\mathbf{h}_{\max L}$ , the residual signal has an optimal network  $\text{SNR} \leq \text{SNR}_{90}$ . For the case of Gaussian noise in the LIGO Hanford, LIGO Livingston, and Virgo network, this tends to be  $\lesssim 5$  (Johnson-McDaniel et al. 2022).

We perform a more systematic assessment by defining a  $p$ -value under the null hypothesis that the residual is consistent with noise. This is done by running identical BAYESWAVE analysis on 200 randomly selected data segments around the event that cover a time window of 4096 s symmetric



**Figure 1.** Results of the residuals analysis. Scatter plot of the SNR of the maximum-likelihood template ( $\text{SNR}_{\text{GR}}$ ) and the upper limit on the residual network SNR ( $\text{SNR}_{90}$ ) for each event. The color bar denotes the  $p$ -values of individual events. Solid (empty) circles represent the O4a (pre-O4a) events, where the pre-O4a events are from Abbott et al. (2019b, 2021b, 2025). The events with the highest and lowest  $p$ -values are shown by diamonds. The dashed line represents  $\text{SNR}_{\text{GR}} = \text{SNR}_{90}$ . We see that  $\text{SNR}_{\text{GR}} \geq \text{SNR}_{90}$  for all events considered.



**Figure 2.** Results of the residuals analysis. The blue line shows the fraction of events with  $p$ -values of the residual SNR less than or equal to the value of the abscissa (PP plot). The 90% credible interval is represented by the shaded blue region due to the finite number of noise-only instantiations. The null hypothesis that the  $p$ -value is uniformly distributed over  $[0, 1]$  is shown by the diagonal dashed line, with the shaded light grey area denoting the 90% credible interval around the null hypothesis due to the finite number of events.

589 about the event time and do not contain a known GW signal  
 590 or any transient non-Gaussian features, and then calculat-  
 591 ing the probability that instrumental noise alone could pro-  
 592 duce an  $\text{SNR}_{90}^n$ , where  $\text{SNR}_{90}^n \geq \text{SNR}_{90}$ , giving the  $p$ -value  
 593  $= P(\text{SNR}_{90}^n \geq \text{SNR}_{90})$ . A higher chance for the residual  
 594 power to originate from instrumental noise will be reflected in  
 595 a higher  $p$ -value, whereas if the residual power is less likely  
 596 to come from noise alone, the  $p$ -value would be smaller.

597 Finally, we can quantify how well the GR based template  
 598 fits the signal in the data. Since our GR templates are not  
 599 perfect, and we have a probabilistic measurement of the signal  
 600 in the data, we can quantify this fit using the 90% lower bound  
 601 on the fitting factor between the model and the signal:

$$602 \quad \text{FF}_{90} = \frac{\text{SNR}_{\text{GR}}}{\sqrt{\text{SNR}_{\text{GR}}^2 + \text{SNR}_{90}^2}}, \quad (5)$$

603 where  $\text{SNR}_{\text{GR}}$  is the optimal network SNR for  $\mathbf{h}_{\text{maxL}}$ . A  
 604 value of  $\text{FF}_{90} = 1$  indicates perfect agreement between the  
 605 GR template and the signal in the data.

606 All events that pass this paper’s selection criteria and are  
 607 analyzed with BBH waveforms are considered. We summa-  
 608 rize the results for  $\text{SNR}_{\text{GR}}$ , the residual  $\text{SNR}_{90}$ ,  $\text{FF}_{90}$ , and  
 609  $p$ -values for each event in Table 6. Figure 1 shows  $\text{SNR}_{90}$   
 610 versus  $\text{SNR}_{\text{GR}}$  for both O4a events and pre-O4 events. We  
 611 confirm that the residual  $\text{SNR}_{90}$  is always smaller than the  
 612 original  $\text{SNR}_{\text{GR}}$ . For O4a events, GW230919\_215712 has the

613 lowest  $p$ -value of 0.02 with a residual  $\text{SNR}_{90} = 8.95$ , while  
 614 GW231223\_032836 has the highest  $p$ -value of 0.98 with a  
 615 residual  $\text{SNR}_{90} = 5.23$ . GW231001\_140220 has the lowest  
 616  $\text{FF}_{90}$  of 0.75, and a low  $p$ -value of 0.04. The mean  $\text{FF}_{90}$  for  
 617 O4a events is 0.87, which indicates agreement between the  
 618 GR templates and the signals in the data.

619 If our best-fit template has successfully recovered the GW  
 620 signals, then we expect that the contribution of the residual  
 621  $\text{SNR}_{90}$  comes from the detector noise. This means that the  
 622  $p$ -values should be distributed uniformly within  $[0, 1]$ . To  
 623 confirm the distribution of  $p$ -values, we show the probability-  
 624 probability (PP) plot in Figure 2. The measurement of  $p$ -  
 625 values is subject to uncertainty due to finite number of back-  
 626 ground runs. If the  $p$ -value  $\hat{p} = n/N$  is estimated by run-  
 627 ning on  $N$  background segments, of which  $n$  produce  $\text{SNR}_{90}$   
 628 greater than that of the event, the likelihood of the estimated  
 629  $p$ -values is given by a binomial function,

$$630 \quad \mathcal{L}(\hat{p}) = \binom{N}{n} p^n (1-p)^{N-n}. \quad (6)$$

631 Assuming a uniform prior distribution for the  $p$ -value, the  
 632 posterior is given by a beta distribution,

$$633 \quad P(p|N, n) = \text{Beta}(n+1, N-n+1). \quad (7)$$

634 In Figure 2, the shaded region around the PP curve represents  
 635 the 90% credible interval of the  $p$ -value posterior.

**Table 6.** Results from the residuals analysis for O4a events.

Events	SNR <sub>GR</sub>	Res. SNR <sub>90</sub>	FF <sub>90</sub>	$p$ -value
GW230518_125908	12.01	6.86	0.87	0.28
GW230601_224134	13.33	9.74	0.81	0.05
GW230605_065343	10.65	6.56	0.85	0.53
GW230606_004305	10.92	5.60	0.89	0.95
GW230609_064958	9.51	6.50	0.83	0.44
GW230624_113103	9.93	6.61	0.83	0.41
GW230627_015337	28.00	8.01	0.96	0.08
GW230628_231200	14.39	6.70	0.91	0.42
GW230630_234532	10.33	5.62	0.88	0.86
GW230702_185453	8.47	5.70	0.83	0.91
GW230731_215307	10.97	6.84	0.85	0.35
GW230811_032116	14.57	6.57	0.91	0.49
GW230814_061920	9.12	6.65	0.81	0.86
GW230824_033047	10.32	6.57	0.84	0.82
GW230904_051013	10.35	6.63	0.84	0.40
GW230914_111401	16.91	7.86	0.91	0.09
GW230919_215712	16.05	8.95	0.87	0.02
GW230920_071124	11.21	6.25	0.87	0.58
GW230922_020344	11.74	6.42	0.88	0.47
GW230922_040658	9.94	6.13	0.85	0.58
GW230924_124453	12.14	6.91	0.87	0.34
GW230927_043729	9.33	7.88	0.77	0.06
GW230927_153832	19.99	7.15	0.94	0.26
GW230928_215827	7.22	6.19	0.77	0.63
GW231001_140220	9.45	8.67	0.75	0.04
GW231020_142947	10.95	7.12	0.84	0.30
GW231028_153006	20.26	5.95	0.96	0.69
GW231102_071736	13.16	7.93	0.86	0.34
GW231104_133418	9.67	5.46	0.87	0.93
GW231108_125142	13.21	5.92	0.91	0.75
GW231110_040320	9.66	5.59	0.87	0.90
GW231113_200417	11.06	5.56	0.89	0.92
GW231114_043211	8.49	6.46	0.80	0.49
GW231118_005626	11.73	7.10	0.86	0.27
GW231118_090602	12.05	8.15	0.83	0.10
GW231123_135430	19.58	6.45	0.95	0.56
GW231206_233134	12.14	5.96	0.90	0.70
GW231206_233901	21.88	6.76	0.96	0.33
GW231213_111417	9.82	5.71	0.86	0.85
GW231223_032836	6.74	5.23	0.80	0.98
GW231224_024321	14.11	7.02	0.90	0.28
GW231226_101520	34.48	6.39	0.98	0.88

NOTE—For each event we list the SNR of the best-fit waveform (SNR<sub>GR</sub>), the 90% credible upper limit on the residual coherent network SNR (SNR<sub>90</sub>), the 90% credible lower limit on the fitting factor FF<sub>90</sub>, and the  $p$ -value calculated from the background analysis.

636 While the residuals analysis is in principle sensitive to any  
637 of the deviations from GR to which the other tests considered  
638 are sensitive, in practice it is less sensitive to a given GR  
639 deviation than a more specific test, particularly when the  
640 deviation is not well localized in time, as is the case for low-  
641 mass compact binary signals (Johnson-McDaniel et al. 2022).

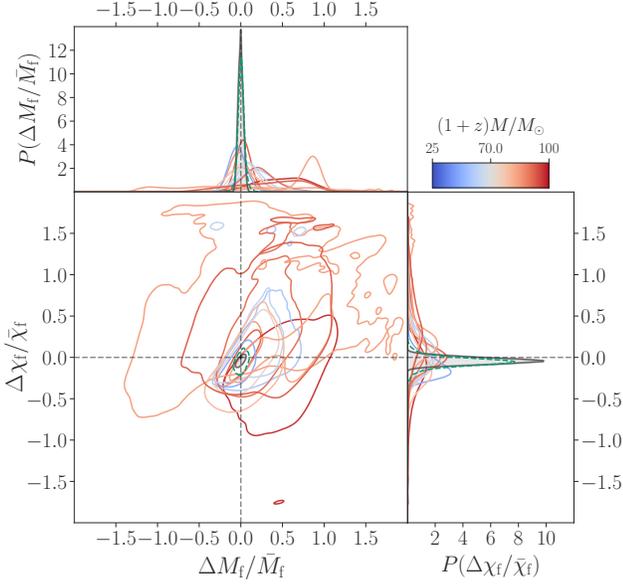
#### 4.2. Inspiral–merger–ringdown consistency test

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643 The IMR consistency test checks for the consistency of  
644 the estimates of the final mass and final spin of the remnant  
645 BH inferred independently from the low- and high-frequency  
646 parts of the GW signal emitted by a BBH merger (Hughes &  
647 Menou 2005; Ghosh et al. 2016, 2018). For the current imple-  
648 mentation of the IMR consistency test, we first estimate the  
649 component masses, dimensionless spins, and spin angles from  
650 both the low- and high-frequency portions of the signal. Next,  
651 we apply NR-calibrated fits on the masses and spins inferred  
652 for each frequency regime to compute the final mass and final  
653 spin of the remnant BH (Hofmann et al. 2016; Healy & Lousto  
654 2017; Jiménez-Forteza et al. 2017), where the specifics of the  
655 calculation are described in Abac et al. (2025k). If the ob-  
656 served signal is correctly described by a quasi-circular BBH  
657 coalescence in GR, then the estimates of the mass and spin of  
658 the remnant BH from the two frequency regimes will be in  
659 agreement. However, any deviations from GR could lead to  
660 discrepancies between the two estimates. Some studies have  
661 shown that the IMR consistency test leads to false violations  
662 of GR for simulated GW signals with unequal masses along  
663 with either high spin or near-face-on inclinations (Narayan  
664 et al. 2023, 2026). The fraction of events affected by this  
665 bias is expected to be negligible in GWTC-4.0, and could be  
666 quantified by a performing a comprehensive set of simulations  
667 for future catalogs.

668 The separation between the low- and high-frequency parts  
669 of the signal is rather arbitrary as long as both parts have  
670 sufficient SNRs. In this analysis, we divide the signal in the  
671 frequency domain at the cutoff frequency  $f_c^{\text{IMR}}$ , the dominant  
672 multipole GW frequency of the innermost stable circular orbit  
673 of the remnant Kerr BH (Bardeen et al. 1972). To determine  
674 this, we compute the posterior distribution on the cutoff fre-  
675 quency from the posteriors on the masses and spins inferred  
676 using the full IMR signal. The median of the cutoff frequency  
677 is then used to split the GW signal. This is different than  
678 previous analyses where the cutoff frequency was calculated  
679 from the medians of the component masses and spins inferred  
680 from the full IMR signal (Abbott et al. 2019b, 2021b, 2025),  
681 though it only leads to a  $\lesssim 1$  Hz difference in the results.

682 The low- and high-frequency regimes roughly correspond  
683 to the inspiral and post-inspiral, respectively, of the dominant  
684 mode of the waveform. To make sure that the two regimes  
685 of the signal have enough information, we calculate the SNR  
686 of the inspiral and the post-inspiral parts of the waveform for  
687 each event using their maximum a posteriori parameter values  
688 obtained from the full IMR signal.

689 We only perform the test on those events that have SNRs  
690 greater than 6 in both the inspiral and the post-inspiral parts  
691 (Abbott et al. 2019b, 2021b, 2025). We also impose an extra

**Table 7.** Results from the IMR consistency test for O4a events.

**Figure 3.** The main panel shows the 90% credible regions of the 2D posteriors on  $(\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f, \Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f)$  assuming a uniform prior, with  $(0, 0)$  being the expected value for GR. The side panels show the marginalized posterior on  $\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f$  and  $\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f$ . The unfilled solid contours correspond to the individual O4a events, colored by their median redshifted total mass, while the filled contours are the results from the joint posterior. The dashed green contours correspond to hierarchically inferred bounds on the fractional deviation parameters.

692 constraint on the median value of the total redshifted mass  
 693  $(1+z)M < 100 M_\odot$  to ensure enough inspiral signal for  
 694 heavier BBHs (Abbott et al. 2021b, 2025). We find that 13  
 695 events satisfy the selection criteria in O4a. The SNRs for the  
 696 full IMR, inspiral, and post-inspiral regimes (for the maximum  
 697 a posteriori waveform) along with the cutoff frequency  $f_c^{\text{IMR}}$   
 698 of the events analyzed are reported in Table 7.

699 We start by estimating the posterior distributions on the  
 700 mass  $M_f$  and the dimensionless spin  $\chi_f$  of the remnant BH  
 701 from both the inspiral and the post-inspiral parts of the sig-  
 702 nal. To quantify the consistency between the two estimates,  
 703 or a possible deviation from GR, we define two fractional  
 704 deviation parameters  $\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f$  and  $\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f$ :

$$705 \frac{\Delta M_f}{\bar{M}_f} = 2 \frac{M_f^{\text{I}} - M_f^{\text{PI}}}{M_f^{\text{I}} + M_f^{\text{PI}}}, \quad \frac{\Delta\chi_f}{\bar{\chi}_f} = 2 \frac{\chi_f^{\text{I}} - \chi_f^{\text{PI}}}{\chi_f^{\text{I}} + \chi_f^{\text{PI}}}, \quad (8)$$

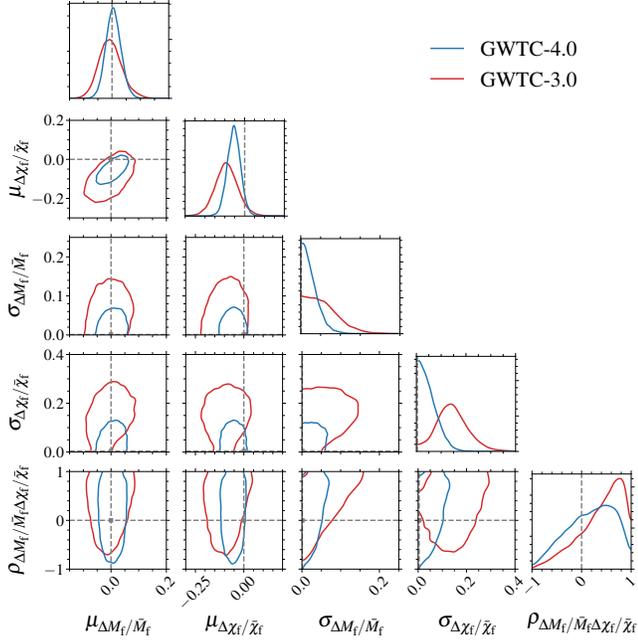
706 where  $\bar{M}_f$  and  $\bar{\chi}_f$  denote the averages of the final mass and fi-  
 707 nal spin obtained from analyzing the inspiral and post-inspiral  
 708 parts of the signal, respectively. The superscripts here refer to  
 709 the inspiral (I) and the post-inspiral (PI) portions of the signal.  
 710 The two-dimensional posterior distribution of these fractional  
 711 deviation parameters should peak around  $(0, 0)$  if the observed  
 712 signal corresponds to a quasi-circular BBH merger described  
 713 by GR.

Event	$(1+z)M$ [ $M_\odot$ ]	$f_c^{\text{IMR}}$ [Hz]	$\rho_{\text{IMR}}$	$\rho_{\text{I}}$	$\rho_{\text{PI}}$	$Q_{\text{GR}}^{2\text{D}}$ [%]
GW230606.004305	$94^{+15}_{-12}$	96	10.9	7.4	8.0	38.1
GW230609.064958*	$95^{+13}_{-11}$	94	9.5	6.0	7.4	...
GW230628.231200	$82.9^{+6.5}_{-5.7}$	118	14.4	10.9	9.5	90.1
GW230811.032116	$79.5^{+7.0}_{-5.4}$	121	14.6	12.4	7.7	14.7
GW230919.215712	$61.6^{+3.3}_{-2.9}$	174	16.1	14.2	7.6	7.6
GW230920.071124	$84.1^{+9.8}_{-7.0}$	115	11.1	8.5	7.2	59.9
GW230922.020344	$89.5^{+8.7}_{-7.2}$	111	11.7	8.6	8.0	38.3
GW230924.124453	$73.7^{+5.6}_{-4.6}$	133	12.1	9.9	7.1	9.9
GW230927.153832	$46.9^{+1.7}_{-1.1}$	207	20.0	17.7	9.4	37.0
GW231108.125142	$55.6^{+2.9}_{-2.5}$	166	13.2	11.3	6.9	32.0
GW231206.233134	$97.5^{+10.4}_{-9.9}$	96	11.7	8.4	8.2	88.6
GW231206.233901	$84.5^{+5.1}_{-4.5}$	113	21.9	16.5	14.4	24.5
GW231226.101520	$91.8^{+3.7}_{-3.5}$	102	34.5	26.7	21.8	14.8

NOTE—The median and 90% credible interval of the redshifted total mass come from the analysis in Abac et al. (2025b);  $f_c^{\text{IMR}}$  denotes the cutoff frequency between the inspiral and post-inspiral regimes;  $\rho_{\text{IMR}}$ ,  $\rho_{\text{I}}$ , and  $\rho_{\text{PI}}$  are the SNR in the full signal, the inspiral part, and the post-inspiral part respectively; and the GR quantile  $Q_{\text{GR}}^{2\text{D}}$  is defined in Section 3.1 (and here is obtained from the reweighted posterior). As discussed in the text, we were unable to obtain reliable results for GW230609.064958 due to its low  $\rho_{\text{I}}$ .

714 We use a phenomenological quasi-circular, precessing fre-  
 715 quency domain waveform model, IMRPHENOMXPHM, to  
 716 perform parameter estimation on the inspiral and post-inspiral  
 717 parts of the signals. We assume uniform priors on the detector-  
 718 frame component masses and spins. These priors translate  
 719 into nontrivial priors on  $\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f$  and  $\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f$ . Thus, similar  
 720 to previous analyses (Abbott et al. 2021b, 2025), we reweight  
 721 the posteriors to obtain uniform priors on the deviation param-  
 722 eters. The results are plotted in Figure 3, where the contours  
 723 correspond to 90% credible regions of the two-dimensional  
 724 posteriors on the fractional deviation parameters for the O4a  
 725 events which satisfy our selection criteria. We do not find any  
 726 deviation from GR for any of the events. The two-dimensional  
 727 GR quantile values  $Q_{\text{GR}}^{2\text{D}}$  for the events are given in Table 7.  
 728  $Q_{\text{GR}}^{2\text{D}}$  is defined as the fraction of the posterior enclosed by  
 729 the isoprobability contour that passes through  $(0, 0)$ , the GR  
 730 value. Smaller values indicate better consistency with GR. All  
 731 events in O4a have  $Q_{\text{GR}}^{2\text{D}} \leq 90.1\%$ .

732 We were unable to obtain reliable results for  
 733 GW230609.064958 due to its low inspiral SNR, which  
 734 led to significant raiting in the chirp mass and luminosity  
 735 distance posteriors even when extending the prior range  
 736 to values well beyond those expected physically. We also



**Figure 4.** Result of the two-dimensional hierarchical analyses on  $\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f$  and  $\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f$  joint measurements from GWTC-4.0 events including GW190814. The five hyperparameters characterizing the population model are defined in the main text. The contours enclose 90% probability mass. The blue and red contours correspond to the estimates using GWTC-4.0 and GWTC-3.0 (Zhong et al. 2024; Abbott et al. 2025). GR corresponds to  $\mu_{\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f} = \sigma_{\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f} = \mu_{\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f} = \sigma_{\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f} = 0$  (gray dashed line).

found significant railing in the mass-ratio posterior even when extending the prior range to the minimum value of 0.02 for which IMRPHENOMXPHM is deemed to be able to be extrapolated without committing large errors (Abbott et al. 2023). Railing against the lower bound on the mass ratio also affects GW230920.071124 post-inspiral significantly, where there is also a long tail in the luminosity distance that has some slight railing against a prior boundary that is well above what is expected physically. However, the railing in the distance is slight enough that we quote results for this event even though the results are affected by our choice of prior boundaries. The railing in these cases with SNRs close to the cutoff suggests that we should increase the minimum SNR in the IMRCT selection criteria.

The deviations are only constrained modestly for most of the events with moderate SNRs. However, one can combine the likelihoods on the deviation parameters for multiple events to improve these constraints. We do this by first interpolating the reweighted posteriors on the fractional deviation parameters  $\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f$  and  $\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f$  of individual events on a grid with bounds  $[-2, 2]$  for both the parameters, and then multiplying the interpolated posteriors to obtain the joint posterior. Here, we assume the deviation does not lie outside the above range for all events. As shown

in gray in Figure 3, the joint posterior on the fractional deviation parameters of GWTC-4.0 events is consistent with the GR prediction with  $(\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f)_{\text{joint}} = -0.00^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$  and  $(\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f)_{\text{joint}} = -0.04^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$ . The GR quantile of the joint posterior is 89.1%, an increase from the result of 79.6% obtained for GWTC-3.0 (Abbott et al. 2025).

Figure 4 shows the posterior distribution for the hyperparameters from the multi-dimensional hierarchical analysis, with contours indicating the 90% credible regions. The five hyperparameters are the mean and standard deviation of  $\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f$  ( $\mu_{\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f}, \sigma_{\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f}$ ), the mean and standard deviation of  $\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f$  ( $\mu_{\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f}, \sigma_{\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f}$ ), and the correlation between the two ( $\rho_{\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f \Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f}$ ). The GR prediction corresponds to  $\mu_{\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f} = \sigma_{\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f} = \mu_{\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f} = \sigma_{\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f} = 0$ , while  $\rho_{\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f \Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f}$  indicates the population-level correlation between  $\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f$  and  $\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f$ . The addition of new events from the latest observation run yields a more stringent constraints on the hyperparameters. In the previous analysis using GWTC-3.0 events, the inclusion of the event GW190814 produced a non-zero peak in the  $\sigma_{\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f}$  posterior (Zhong et al. 2024), as illustrated in Figure 4. With the new events incorporated, however, the peak shifts back toward zero. We also show the population-marginalized constraint from the hierarchical analysis in Figure 3. The hierarchical inference finds that  $(\Delta M_f/\bar{M}_f)_{\text{hier}} = 0.00^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$  and  $(\Delta\chi_f/\bar{\chi}_f)_{\text{hier}} = -0.05^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$ , and the GR quantile for the hierarchically combined distribution is 73.1%, considering both means and standard deviations. However, if one just considers the two means, which show a shift away from GR in Figure 4 similar to that seen in the joint posterior in Figure 3, then one obtains a GR quantile of 94.2%, larger than the one obtained from the joint posterior. We still find that this apparent deviation from GR is driven by GW190814, since if we exclude that event from the combined results, the GR quantile from the two means reduces to 78.7%, while the one from the combined posteriors reduces to 86.0%. The apparent GR deviation from GW190814 itself (GR quantile of 99.9%) is due to a prior effect, from its low post-inspiral SNR, as discussed in Abbott et al. (2021b). Specifically, the final spin inferred from the post-inspiral is around 0.7, while the final spin inferred from the many inspiral cycles is well constrained around 0.28. Thus, since this is purely due to the prior, there is no evidence for a GR deviation here.

### 4.3. Subdominant multipole amplitudes

GW radiation from compact binaries can be expressed using  $s = -2$  spin-weighted spherical harmonics  $Y_{-2}^{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$  (Gelfand et al. 1958; Newman & Penrose 1966; Creighton & Anderson 2011) as

$$h(t, \theta_{JN}, \lambda) = \sum_{\ell=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_{-2}^{\ell m}(\theta_{JN}, 0) h_{\ell m}(t, \lambda), \quad (9)$$

where  $h(t)$  is the time-domain strain,  $(\theta, \phi)$  denotes the direction of radiation in the source-frame, and  $\lambda$  represents the source parameters, including component masses and spins.

813 Here we have used the convention in the IMRPHE-  
 814 NOMXPHM waveform model, so  $(\theta, \phi) = (\theta_{JN}, 0)$  (Pratten et al.  
 815 2021), where  $\theta_{JN}$  is the angle between the total angular mo-  
 816 mentum of the binary and the line of sight. The quadrupolar  
 817  $(\ell, m) = (2, \pm 2)$  multipole moments dominate the signal, but  
 818 subdominant higher-order multipole moments (HOMs) be-  
 819 come significant in asymmetric-mass systems, particularly for  
 820 orientations that are not close to face-on or face-off ( $\theta_{JN} = 0$   
 821 or  $\pi$ ).

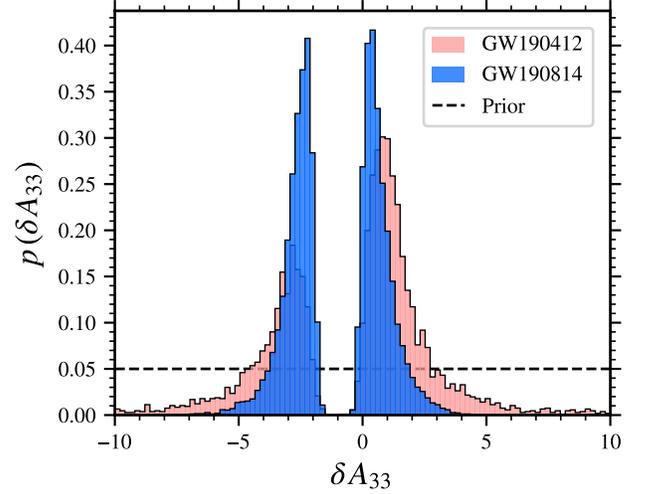
822 The SMA test evaluates the consistency of the HOM am-  
 823 plitudes with general relativity predictions (Islam et al. 2020;  
 824 Puecher et al. 2022; Gupta et al. 2025). Using the IMRPHE-  
 825 NOMXPHM waveform model, this test constrains amplitude  
 826 deviations  $\delta A_{\ell m}$  in the  $(2, \pm 1)$  and  $(3, \pm 3)$  multipole mo-  
 827 ments (currently just considered separately):

$$\begin{aligned}
 828 \quad h(t, \theta_{JN}, \lambda) &= \sum_{m=\pm 2} Y_{-2}^{2m}(\theta_{JN}, 0) h_{2m}(t, \lambda) \\
 829 &+ \sum_{m=\pm 1} (1 + \delta A_{21}) Y_{-2}^{2m}(\theta_{JN}, 0) h_{2m}(t, \lambda) \\
 830 &+ \sum_{m=\pm 3} (1 + \delta A_{33}) Y_{-2}^{3m}(\theta_{JN}, 0) h_{3m}(t, \lambda) \\
 831 &+ \sum_{\text{other HOM}} Y_{-2}^{\ell m}(\theta_{JN}, 0) h_{\ell m}(t, \lambda). \quad (10)
 \end{aligned}$$

832 For a GW event, meaningful constraints on  $\delta A_{\ell m}$  require  
 833 sufficient SNR in the relevant  $(\ell, m)$  multipole moment. The  
 834 multipole moment-wise SNR,  $\rho_{\ell m}$ , is computed by using  
 835 the component of  $h_{\ell m}$  orthogonal to the  $(2, 2)$  multipole mo-  
 836 ment, and calculating the corresponding optimal SNR (Mills  
 837 & Fairhurst 2021). In the absence of a  $(\ell, m)$  multipole mo-  
 838 ment in data,  $\rho_{\ell m}$ , in Gaussian noise, follows a  $\chi$  distribution  
 839 (i.e., the square root of a  $\chi^2$ -distributed variable) with two  
 840 degrees of freedom (Abbott et al. 2020b; Fairhurst et al. 2020;  
 841 Mills & Fairhurst 2021). Deviations from this distribution  
 842 indicate the presence of the multipole moment in the data.  
 843 Events are selected for this test when the lower bound of the  
 844 68% credible interval of the  $\rho_{\ell m}$  distribution exceeds 2.145  
 845 (the 90-th percentile of a  $\chi$  distribution).

846 GW231123 (Abac et al. 2025j) is the only event from the  
 847 O4a observing run that satisfies our selection criteria, exhibit-  
 848 ing significant SNR in both the  $(2, \pm 1)$  and  $(3, \pm 3)$  multi-  
 849 poles. However, substantial waveform systematics were pre-  
 850 viously identified for this signal (Abac et al. 2025j). These  
 851 waveform systematics are expected to impact tests of GR, and  
 852 indeed, as discussed in Appendix A of Paper II, the MDR test  
 853 finds significant apparent GR deviations when analyzing this  
 854 event using the same IMRPHE-  
 855 NOMXPHM model used for the SMA test. When the SMA test is applied to this event, the  
 856 posterior distributions for both  $\delta A_{21}$  and  $\delta A_{33}$  accumulate  
 857 near the edges of the prior range (we use uniform priors in the  
 858 range  $[-10, 10]$ ), indicating pronounced (spurious) deviations  
 859 from GR (Gupta et al. 2025).

860 Additionally, events GW190412 (Abbott et al. 2020b) and  
 861 GW190814 (Abbott et al. 2020c) from O3a exhibit sufficient  
 862 SNR in the  $(3, \pm 3)$  multipole moments to enable the appli-



863 **Figure 5.** Constraints on amplitude deviation parameters  $\delta A_{\ell m}$  for  
 864 GW190412 and GW190814.

863 cation of this analysis. Figure 5 presents the resulting con-  
 864 straints on  $\delta A_{33}$  for these events. We find  $\delta A_{33} = 0.53^{+3.43}_{-5.85}$   
 865 for GW190412, and  $\delta A_{33} = -0.21^{+1.82}_{-3.39}$  for GW190814.  
 866 GW190814 provides stronger constraints due to the higher  
 867 SNR in the  $(3, \pm 3)$  multipole moment, resulting from the sig-  
 868 nificant asymmetry in the masses of the binary components.  
 869 In both events the GR prediction ( $\delta A_{33} = 0$ ) lies well within  
 870 the 90% credible interval. However, in both cases, the pos-  
 871 terior distributions for  $\delta A_{33}$  are characteristically bimodal,  
 872 arising from degeneracies between  $\delta A_{33}$ , the binary inclina-  
 873 tion, and the reference orbital phase (Puecher et al. 2022).  
 874 This bimodality reflects the limited ability of current data to  
 875 disentangle multipole amplitude deviations from source geom-  
 876 etry, rather than indicating a true departure from GR. Indeed,  
 877 even for the loud O4b event GW241011 (Abac et al. 2025i),  
 878 which allows this test to place the best constraints so far, due  
 879 to the unequal masses of its source, the bimodality is reduced  
 880 significantly, but not eliminated.

## 5. TESTS OF POLARIZATION

881 Polarization tests (Wong et al. 2021) involve constructing  
 882 a linear combination of strain data, called the null stream, to  
 883 eliminate excess power and compare the residual data to noise,  
 884 allowing one to constrain possible non-tensorial polarizations  
 885 of GWs. The null stream is determined geometrically, relying  
 886 solely on the beam pattern function (Forward 1978; Gürsel &  
 887 Tinto 1989; Nishizawa et al. 2009; Błaut 2012; Isi et al. 2015;  
 888 Isi & Weinstein 2017), which describes detector responses to  
 889 GWs, independent of the waveform morphology.

890 In the frequency domain, the observation model is ex-  
 891 pressed as

$$892 \quad \tilde{\mathbf{d}}(f; \Delta t) = \mathbf{F}(\alpha, \delta, \psi, t_{\text{event}}) \tilde{\mathbf{h}}(f) + \tilde{\mathbf{n}}(f; \Delta t), \quad (11)$$

893 where  $\tilde{\mathbf{d}}(f; \Delta t)$  is the time-shifted strain data at the geocenter,  
 894  $\mathbf{F}(\alpha, \delta, \psi, t_{\text{event}})$  is the beam pattern matrix,  $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}(f)$  represents

**Table 8.** Polarization modes and their corresponding basis choices for the polarization analysis.

Hypothesis	Polarization modes	Pol. basis modes
Scalar (S)	b	b
Vector (V)	x, y	x
Tensor (T)	+, ×	+
Tensor–scalar (TS)	+, ×, b	+
Tensor–vector (TV)	+, ×, x, y	+
Vector–scalar (VS)	x, y, b	x
Tensor–vector–scalar (TVS)	+, ×, x, y, b	+

NOTE—The tensor plus and cross modes are denoted as “+” and “×,” respectively, while the vector x and y modes are labeled “x” and “y.” The scalar breathing mode is represented by “b.” Only the breathing mode is considered for scalar polarizations, as the longitudinal mode is degenerate with it.

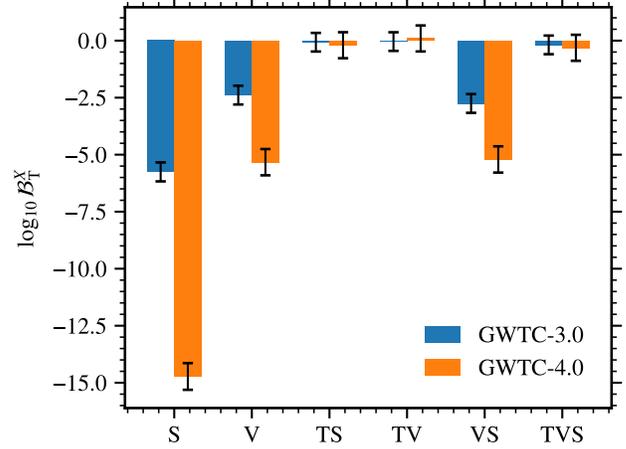
896 polarization modes at the geocentric time, and  $\tilde{\mathbf{n}}(f; \Delta t)$  is  
 897 the detector noise, also time-shifted to the geocenter.  $\alpha$  and  
 898  $\delta$  denote the source’s right ascension and declination,  $\psi$  is  
 899 the polarization angle, and  $\Delta \mathbf{t} = \Delta \mathbf{t}(\alpha, \delta, t_{\text{event}})$  represents  
 900 the time delays from the geocenter to the detectors. Since the  
 901 beam pattern function varies negligibly over the duration of  
 902 the GW transients considered, it is approximated as constant  
 903 throughout.

904 The null stream construction can be formulated as a pro-  
 905 jection using the projector constructed from the beam pattern  
 906 matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  (Wong et al. 2021). The projector removes data  
 907 within the hyperplane spanned by the column vectors of  $\mathbf{F}$ ,  
 908 irrespective of the waveform morphology of  $\mathbf{h}(f)$ . Here  $\mathbf{F}$   
 909 defines the polarization model; for instance, in a scalar–tensor  
 910 model:

$$911 \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_+ & \mathbf{f}_\times & \mathbf{f}_b \end{bmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

912 where the column vectors  $\mathbf{f}_+$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_\times$ , and  $\mathbf{f}_b$  represent the plus,  
 913 cross, and scalar breathing polarization modes, respectively.  
 914 The  $i$ th entry of the column vectors,  $\mathbf{f}_{+/\times/b}$ , corresponds to  
 915 the beam pattern function of the  $i$ th detector for the  $+/\times$ /scalar  
 916 breathing polarization mode. The scalar longitudinal mode,  
 917 being degenerate with the scalar breathing mode, is excluded  
 918 from the matrix.

919 The number of detectors must exceed the number of  
 920 columns in the beam pattern matrix. However, for O1 and  
 921 O4a, only two detectors were operational, constraining the  
 922 analysis to a single effective polarization mode. We assume  
 923 the polarization modes are similar to chosen basis modes in-  
 924 dicated in Table 8, differing at most by a complex scaling  
 925 factor (Wong et al. 2021), in a manner similar to the elliptical  
 926 parameterization in Lee et al. (2025). This assumption defines  
 927 the effective beam pattern matrix used in the analysis and  
 928 imposes a simplifying structure on the polarization subspace  
 929 (e.g., in the single basis mode case for tensorial signals, it is



**Figure 6.** Comparison of  $\log_{10}$  Bayes factors  $B_T^X$  for various polarization hypotheses (S, V, TS, TV, VS, TVS) against the tensor hypothesis, for GWTC-3.0 and GWTC-4.0. Polarization states are projected onto one basis mode as detailed in Table 8. Positive (negative) values indicate that the hypothesis in the superscript is favored (disfavored) relative to the tensor hypothesis. Error bars represent 90% credible intervals.

930 equivalent to testing consistency with  $h_\times = Ch_+$  for a com-  
 931 plex constant  $C$ ). However, the null-stream approach remains  
 932 robust to such assumptions because it is a projection-based test  
 933 that searches for excess power in the direction orthogonal to  
 934 the assumed subspace, making it more tolerant to inaccuracies  
 935 in the polarization model than fully modeled (template-based)  
 936 searches, which require precise agreement in both polariza-  
 937 tion content and waveform evolution. A concrete illustration  
 938 for non-tensorial signals is provided by scalar–tensor models,  
 939 where one can choose the plus mode as the basis and assume  
 940 similarity with the cross and scalar breathing modes, leading  
 941 to the effective beam pattern matrix

$$942 \quad \mathbf{F}_{\text{scalar–tensor,eff}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_+ + C_\times \mathbf{f}_\times + C_b \mathbf{f}_b \end{bmatrix}, \quad (13)$$

943 where  $C_\times$  and  $C_b$  are complex scaling factors. This method,  
 944 independent of the waveform of the basis mode  $\tilde{h}_+$ , is sensi-  
 945 tive only to the geometric projection of the polarization modes  
 946 in the detector responses. Assuming similarity between polar-  
 947 ization modes addresses the limitation posed by the number  
 948 of detectors. Any violation of this assumption would indicate  
 949 a signal component orthogonal to the signal space of the GR  
 950 waveform model, which should appear in the residual test de-  
 951 scribed in Section 4.1. However, as discussed there, dedicated  
 952 analyses are more sensitive to given GR deviations than the  
 953 residuals test is.

954 We use a Bayesian framework to compute the evidence  
 955 for each polarization hypothesis by sampling parameters  
 956  $\theta = \{\alpha, \delta, \psi, t_{\text{event}}, \mathbf{C}\}$  using the DYNESTY sampler. Here,  
 957  $\mathbf{C}$  are the complex scaling factors of the polarization modes  
 958 relative to the basis mode(s). The number of scaling factors de-

**Table 9.** Results from the polarizations analysis.

Events	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_T^S$	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_T^V$	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_T^{TS}$	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_T^{TV}$	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_T^{VS}$	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_T^{TVS}$
GWTC-3.0	$-5.76_{-0.42}^{+0.42}$	$-2.39_{-0.41}^{+0.41}$	$-0.07_{-0.41}^{+0.41}$	$-0.04_{-0.41}^{+0.41}$	$-2.75_{-0.41}^{+0.41}$	$-0.19_{-0.41}^{+0.41}$
O4a	$-8.97_{-0.41}^{+0.41}$	$-2.94_{-0.40}^{+0.40}$	$-0.13_{-0.40}^{+0.40}$	$0.14_{-0.40}^{+0.40}$	$-2.46_{-0.40}^{+0.40}$	$-0.13_{-0.40}^{+0.40}$
GWTC-4.0	$-14.72_{-0.59}^{+0.59}$	$-5.33_{-0.58}^{+0.58}$	$-0.20_{-0.57}^{+0.57}$	$0.10_{-0.57}^{+0.57}$	$-5.21_{-0.58}^{+0.58}$	$-0.31_{-0.57}^{+0.57}$

NOTE—Combined  $\log_{10}$  Bayes factors  $\mathcal{B}$  for various polarization hypotheses against the tensor hypothesis, using both 2-detector and 3-detector events. Polarization states have been projected onto one basis mode as detailed in Table 8. The combined values are obtained by summing the individual  $\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_T^X$  under the assumption that the events are independent. Positive (negative) values indicate that the hypothesis indicated in the superscript is favored (disfavored) with respect to the tensor hypothesis. Error bars refer to 90% credible intervals.

959 depends on the assumed number of polarization and basis modes.  
 960 For each polarization hypothesis, we choose a particular po-  
 961 larization mode as the basis, but its waveform morphology  
 962 is not assumed or involved in the analysis. Instead, only the  
 963 relative amplitudes  $\mathcal{C}$  are used to construct the effective beam  
 964 pattern matrix for null stream projection. After constructing  
 965 the null stream time-shifted to the geocenter, we then perform  
 966 the time–frequency transform (Necula et al. 2012) to obtain  
 967 the time–frequency representation of the null stream.

968 The Bayes factor, defined in Equation (3), quantifies the  
 969 relative plausibility of the hypotheses. We adopt the same  
 970 uniform priors for sky position, polarization angle, and event  
 971 time as in previous analyses. For GW170817, instead of  
 972 adopting a uniform sky prior as for other events, we fix the sky  
 973 position to the coordinates measured from electromagnetic  
 974 counterparts (Abbott et al. 2017d). For the complex scaling  
 975 factors  $\mathcal{C}$ , the amplitude prior is uniform from 0 to 1, and the  
 976 phase prior is uniform from 0 to  $2\pi$ . We report the base-10  
 977 logarithm of the Bayes factor  $\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_T^X$  comparing the non-  
 978 tensor hypothesis  $X$  to the tensor hypothesis  $T$ .

979 The likelihood is calculated by summing the contributions  
 980 of a predefined set of time–frequency pixels  $\mathcal{I}$ , known as the  
 981 time–frequency cluster. The time–frequency cluster is con-  
 982 structed by performing the time–frequency transform on the  
 983 maximum-likelihood GR waveform. The advantages of this  
 984 approach include both improving the sensitivity of the tests  
 985 and mitigating the impacts of instrumental noise. However, it  
 986 reduces sensitivity to some non-tensorial polarizations, such  
 987 as dominant dipolar scalar radiation at the orbital frequency  
 988 during the inspiral in scalar–tensor theories (Bernard et al.  
 989 2022), when the non-tensorial radiation frequency signifi-  
 990 cantly deviates from that of the tensorial radiation by more  
 991 than the analysis’s frequency resolution of  $\Delta f = 16$  Hz in  
 992 the time–frequency representation. This frequency resolu-  
 993 tion was selected as a practical choice that still sufficiently  
 994 resolves the merger phase containing the dominant excess  
 995 power in CBC signals, providing a corresponding time reso-  
 996 lution of  $\Delta t \simeq 1/(2\Delta f) \simeq 31$  ms, which is commensurate  
 997 with the characteristic duration of the merger phase in stellar-  
 998 mass BBH coalescences, thereby enabling the analysis to cap-  
 999 ture excess power during coalescence with minimal temporal  
 1000 smearing.

1001 We analyze all the O4a events satisfying the selection cri-  
 1002 teria of this paper and reanalyze all events from GWTC-3.0

1003 satisfying those criteria using the updated implementation.  
 1004 Figure 6 compares the results for events from GWTC-3.0 and  
 1005 GWTC-4.0. Table 9 lists the combined log Bayes factors for  
 1006 GWTC-3.0 events, O4a events, and GWTC-4.0 events. The  
 1007 scalar, vector, and vector–scalar hypotheses are strongly dis-  
 1008 favored compared to the tensor hypothesis, indicating a clear  
 1009 preference for the tensorial polarization modes. After includ-  
 1010 ing O4a events, these hypotheses are even more disfavored,  
 1011 with improved constraints on their viability due to the addi-  
 1012 tional data. In contrast, the tensor–scalar, tensor–vector, and  
 1013 tensor–vector–scalar hypotheses show only marginal improve-  
 1014 ments in their constraints with the inclusion of O4a events, but  
 1015 their results remain uninformative. Since the tensor hypoth-  
 1016 esis is a subset of these combined hypotheses, they are not  
 1017 expected to be strongly disfavored when the tensor hypothesis  
 1018 represents the ground truth.

## 1019 6. CONCLUSIONS

1020 The first part of the fourth observing run of the LVK has  
 1021 provided 42 confident events to which we have applied a set  
 1022 of tests of GR. We subjected each of these events, as well  
 1023 as the other confident events from previous observing runs  
 1024 in GWTC-4.0, as appropriate, to some or all of our 19 test  
 1025 pipelines, probing different regimes and potential deviations  
 1026 from GR.

1027 Overall, we find that the data are consistent with GR for all  
 1028 of our gauntlet of tests. More specifically, regarding the four  
 1029 tests of consistency described in this paper, we find consis-  
 1030 tency of the residuals with noise for all the events. The final  
 1031 mass and final spin inferred using the low- and high-frequency  
 1032 parts of each signal are consistent with each other. We find  
 1033 no evidence for deviations from the GR predictions for the  
 1034 amplitudes of subdominant GW multipole moments, nor for  
 1035 non-GR modes of polarization. The quantitative bounds on  
 1036 deviations are summarized in Table 1, as well as their im-  
 1037 provements over previous bounds, if appropriate.

1038 The table also records the bounds and improvements for  
 1039 the tests described in Papers II and III, which are further  
 1040 discussed in those two papers. Example constraints on specific  
 1041 alternative theories from applying some of the PN coefficient  
 1042 bounds obtained in Paper II are given in that paper’s Table 3,  
 1043 and that paper also discusses the caveats involved in such  
 1044 translations.

1045 A subset of parameterized tests (from Paper II) and ring-  
 1046 down tests (from Paper III) have found that there are a few  
 1047 events which place the GR parameters outside the 90% poste-  
 1048 rior probability distribution. This is to be expected statistically  
 1049 with such a high number of tests and independent events, and  
 1050 these are analyzed further in the respective papers II & III.  
 1051 Additionally, there is an apparent GR deviation found in the  
 1052 combined results for the pSEOBNR ringdown test, whose  
 1053 significance is discussed in Paper III, along with studies that  
 1054 indicate a reduced significance. All this indicates the impor-  
 1055 tance of controlling false GR deviations (Gupta et al. 2024)  
 1056 going forward. The effects of non-Gaussian noise (e.g., Kwok  
 1057 et al. 2022) and waveform modeling uncertainties (e.g., Dhani  
 1058 et al. 2025) are expected to be particularly important, with  
 1059 the expected growth in both event numbers and individual  
 1060 signal amplitudes relative to the noise arising from the in-  
 1061 crease in the detectors' sensitivities (Abbott et al. 2020a),<sup>1</sup>  
 1062 and thus their expanded reach out into the Universe. This is  
 1063 especially pertinent regarding the exceptional single detec-  
 1064 tor events GW230529 (Abac et al. 2024) and GW230814\_23  
 1065 (Abac et al. 2025f), both excluded from these three papers  
 1066 for failing the multiple-detector criterion, but discussed in  
 1067 the separate dedicated papers (GW230529 is analyzed with  
 1068 tests of GR in Sanger et al. 2024), as well as for the two  
 1069 highest mass BBH events that do meet the selection criteria,  
 1070 GW231123 (Abac et al. 2025j) and GW231028\_153006 (Abac  
 1071 et al. 2025b). These two high-mass events simultaneously  
 1072 offer the data most appropriate for ringdown analyses (see  
 1073 Section 2 in Paper III), and challenge the systematic accuracy  
 1074 of our waveform models and modeling of detector noise. The  
 1075 results obtained for GW231123 may be due to inaccuracies  
 1076 in waveform modeling, wave-optics lensing, or other features,  
 1077 as described in our dedicated paper on that event (Abac et al.  
 1078 2025j). Future detector upgrades will provide even higher  
 1079 SNR events and a larger catalog of high-significance signals.  
 1080 These, combined with the more refined analyses required to  
 1081 exploit the data, will allow us to perform ever tighter tests of  
 1082 GR.

1083 All strain data analyzed in this paper are available from the  
 1084 Gravitational Wave Open Science Center (Abac et al. 2025i).  
 1085 The data and scripts used to prepare the figures and tables are  
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 1182 based software (Acerne *et al.* 2022). Data-quality prod-  
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 1188 *et al.* 2020) and PYTHONVIRGOTOOLS (Virgo Collabora-  
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 1190 Analyses in this catalog relied upon the LALSUITE software  
 1191 library (LIGO Scientific, Virgo, and KAGRA Collaboration  
 1192 2025; Wette 2020). The detection of the signals and subse-

1193 quent significance evaluations in this catalog were performed  
 1194 with the GSTLAL-based inspiral software pipeline (Messick  
 1195 *et al.* 2017; Sachdev *et al.* 2019; Hanna *et al.* 2020; Can-  
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 1198 *et al.* 2016; Nitz *et al.* 2017; Davies *et al.* 2020) and the  
 1199 cWB (Klimenko *et al.* 2004, 2011, 2016) packages. Esti-  
 1200 mates of the noise spectra and glitch models were obtained  
 1201 using BAYESWAVE (Cornish & Littenberg 2015; Littenberg  
 1202 *et al.* 2016; Cornish *et al.* 2021; Gupta & Cornish 2024).  
 1203 Noise subtraction for one candidate was also performed with  
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 1205 timation was performed with the BILBY and PARALLEL-  
 1206 BILBY libraries (Ashton *et al.* 2019; Romero-Shaw *et al.* 2020;  
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 1208 age (Speagle 2020). SEOBNRv5PHM waveforms used in  
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1759 T. MCRAE,<sup>34</sup> R. MCTEAGUE,<sup>87</sup> D. MEACHER,<sup>10</sup> B. N. MEAGHER,<sup>79</sup> R. MECHUM,<sup>112</sup> Q. MEIJER,<sup>72</sup> A. MELATOS,<sup>124</sup> C. S. MENONI,<sup>137</sup>  
1760 F. MERA,<sup>2</sup> R. A. MERCER,<sup>10</sup> L. MERENI,<sup>176</sup> K. MERFELD,<sup>163</sup> E. L. MERILH,<sup>64</sup> J. R. MÉROU,<sup>99</sup> J. D. MERRITT,<sup>78</sup> M. MERZOUGUI,<sup>115</sup>  
1761 C. MESSICK,<sup>10</sup> B. MESTICHELLI,<sup>44</sup> M. MEYER-CONDE,<sup>272</sup> F. MEYLAHN,<sup>8,9</sup> A. MHASKE,<sup>80</sup> A. MIANI,<sup>177,62</sup> H. MIAO,<sup>75,76</sup>  
1762 C. MICHEL,<sup>176</sup> Y. MICHIMURA,<sup>42</sup> H. MIDDLETON,<sup>104</sup> D. P. MIHAYLOV,<sup>106</sup> S. J. MILLER,<sup>11</sup> M. MILLHOUSE,<sup>57</sup> E. MILOTTI,<sup>185,48</sup>  
1763 V. MILOTTI,<sup>92</sup> Y. MINENKOV,<sup>22</sup> E. M. MINIHAN,<sup>66</sup> LL. M. MIR,<sup>43</sup> L. MIRASOLA,<sup>156,157</sup> M. MIRAVET-TENÉS,<sup>138</sup> C.-A. MIRITESCU,<sup>43</sup>  
1764 A. MISHRA,<sup>24</sup> C. MISHRA,<sup>108</sup> T. MISHRA,<sup>46</sup> A. L. MITCHELL,<sup>37,109</sup> J. G. MITCHELL,<sup>66</sup> S. MITRA,<sup>80</sup> V. P. MITROFANOV,<sup>110</sup>  
1765 K. MITSUHASHI,<sup>25</sup> R. MITTLEMAN,<sup>35</sup> O. MIYAKAWA,<sup>50</sup> S. MIYOKI,<sup>50</sup> A. MIYOKO,<sup>66</sup> G. MO,<sup>35</sup> L. MOBILIA,<sup>61,62</sup>  
1766 S. R. P. MOHAPATRA,<sup>11</sup> S. R. MOHITE,<sup>7</sup> M. MOLINA-RUIZ,<sup>207</sup> M. MONDIN,<sup>181</sup> M. MONTANI,<sup>61,62</sup> C. J. MOORE,<sup>224</sup> D. MORARU,<sup>2</sup>  
1767 A. MORE,<sup>80</sup> S. MORE,<sup>80</sup> C. MORENO,<sup>135</sup> E. A. MORENO,<sup>35</sup> G. MORENO,<sup>2</sup> A. MORESO SERRA,<sup>83</sup> S. MORISAKI,<sup>42,204</sup> Y. MORIWAKI,<sup>152</sup>  
1768 G. MORRAS,<sup>208</sup> A. MOSCATELLO,<sup>92</sup> M. MOULD,<sup>35</sup> B. MOURS,<sup>65</sup> C. M. MOW-LOWRY,<sup>37,109</sup> L. MUCCILLO,<sup>177,62</sup> F. MUCIACCIA,<sup>39,38</sup>  
1769 D. MUKHERJEE,<sup>104</sup> SAMANWAYA MUKHERJEE,<sup>24</sup> SOMA MUKHERJEE,<sup>165</sup> SUBROTO MUKHERJEE,<sup>94</sup> SUVODIP MUKHERJEE,<sup>13</sup>  
1770 N. MUKUND,<sup>35</sup> A. MULLAVEY,<sup>64</sup> H. MULLOCK,<sup>116</sup> J. MUNDI,<sup>220</sup> C. L. MUNGIOLI,<sup>73</sup> M. MURAKOSHI,<sup>230</sup> P. G. MURRAY,<sup>87</sup>  
1771 D. NABARI,<sup>75,76</sup> S. L. NADJI,<sup>8,9</sup> A. NAGAR,<sup>28,274</sup> N. NAGARAJAN,<sup>87</sup> K. NAKAGAKI,<sup>50</sup> K. NAKAMURA,<sup>25</sup> H. NAKANO,<sup>275</sup>  
1772 M. NAKANO,<sup>11</sup> D. NANADOUNGAR-LACROZE,<sup>43</sup> D. NANDI,<sup>12</sup> V. NAPOLANO,<sup>63</sup> P. NARAYAN,<sup>216</sup> I. NARDECCHIA,<sup>22</sup> T. NARIKAWA,<sup>204</sup>  
1773 H. NAROLA,<sup>72</sup> L. NATICCHIONI,<sup>38</sup> R. K. NAYAK,<sup>260</sup> L. NEGRI,<sup>72</sup> A. NELA,<sup>87</sup> C. NELLE,<sup>78</sup> A. NELSON,<sup>131</sup> T. J. N. NELSON,<sup>64</sup>  
1774 M. NERY,<sup>8,9</sup> A. NEUNZERT,<sup>2</sup> S. NG,<sup>54</sup> T. C. K. NG,<sup>37,72,219</sup> L. NGUYEN QUYNH,<sup>276</sup> S. A. NICHOLS,<sup>12</sup> A. B. NIELSEN,<sup>277</sup>  
1775 Y. NISHINO,<sup>25,42</sup> A. NISHIZAWA,<sup>278</sup> S. NISSANKE,<sup>279,37</sup> W. NIU,<sup>7</sup> F. NOCERA,<sup>63</sup> J. NOLLER,<sup>280</sup> M. NORMAN,<sup>33</sup> C. NORTH,<sup>33</sup>  
1776 J. NOVAK,<sup>118,234,281</sup> R. NOWICKI,<sup>144</sup> J. F. NUÑO SILES,<sup>208</sup> L. K. NUTTALL,<sup>74</sup> K. OBAYASHI,<sup>230</sup> J. OBERLING,<sup>2</sup> J. O'DELL,<sup>229</sup>  
1777 E. OELKER,<sup>35</sup> M. OERTEL,<sup>234,118,282,281</sup> G. OGANESYAN,<sup>44,45</sup> T. O'HANLON,<sup>64</sup> M. OHASHI,<sup>50</sup> F. OHME,<sup>8,9</sup> R. OLIVERI,<sup>118,282,281</sup>  
1778 R. OMER,<sup>18</sup> B. O'NEAL,<sup>123</sup> M. ONISHI,<sup>152</sup> K. OOHARA,<sup>283</sup> B. O'REILLY,<sup>64</sup> M. ORSELLI,<sup>51,77</sup> R. O'SHAUGHNESSY,<sup>112</sup> S. O'SHEA,<sup>87</sup>  
1779 S. OSHINO,<sup>50</sup> C. OSTHELDER,<sup>11</sup> I. OTA,<sup>12</sup> D. J. OTTAWAY,<sup>117</sup> A. OUZRIAT,<sup>56</sup> H. OVERMIER,<sup>64</sup> B. J. OWEN,<sup>284</sup> R. OZAKI,<sup>230</sup>  
1780 A. E. PACE,<sup>7</sup> R. PAGANO,<sup>12</sup> M. A. PAGE,<sup>25</sup> A. PAI,<sup>195</sup> L. PAIELLA,<sup>44</sup> A. PAL,<sup>285</sup> S. PAL,<sup>260</sup> M. A. PALAIA,<sup>81,82</sup> M. PÁLFI,<sup>203</sup>  
1781 P. P. PALMA,<sup>21,22</sup> C. PALOMBA,<sup>38</sup> P. PALUD,<sup>20</sup> H. PAN,<sup>142</sup> J. PAN,<sup>73</sup> K. C. PAN,<sup>142</sup> P. K. PANDA,<sup>233</sup> SHIKSHA PANDEY,<sup>7</sup>  
1782 SWADHA PANDEY,<sup>35</sup> P. T. H. PANG,<sup>37,72</sup> F. PANNARALE,<sup>39,38</sup> K. A. PANNONE,<sup>54</sup> B. C. PANT,<sup>105</sup> F. H. PANTHER,<sup>73</sup> M. PANZERI,<sup>61,62</sup>  
1783 F. PAOLETTI,<sup>81</sup> A. PAOLONE,<sup>38,286</sup> A. PAPADOPOULOS,<sup>87</sup> E. E. PAPALEXAKIS,<sup>211</sup> L. PAPALINI,<sup>81,82</sup> G. PAPIGIOTIS,<sup>251</sup> A. PAQUIS,<sup>41</sup>  
1784 A. PARISI,<sup>77,51</sup> B.-J. PARK,<sup>246</sup> J. PARK,<sup>287</sup> W. PARKER,<sup>64</sup> G. PASCALE,<sup>8,9</sup> D. PASCUCCHI,<sup>95</sup> A. PASQUALETTI,<sup>63</sup> R. PASSAQUIETI,<sup>82,81</sup>  
1785 L. PASSENGER,<sup>6</sup> D. PASSUELLO,<sup>81</sup> O. PATANE,<sup>2</sup> A. V. PATEL,<sup>141</sup> D. PATHAK,<sup>80</sup> A. PATRA,<sup>33</sup> B. PATRICELLI,<sup>82,81</sup> B. G. PATTERSON,<sup>33</sup>  
1786 K. PAUL,<sup>108</sup> S. PAUL,<sup>78</sup> E. PAYNE,<sup>11</sup> T. PEARCE,<sup>33</sup> M. PEDRAZA,<sup>11</sup> A. PELE,<sup>11</sup> F. E. PEÑA ARELLANO,<sup>288</sup> X. PENG,<sup>104</sup> Y. PENG,<sup>57</sup>  
1787 S. PENN,<sup>289</sup> M. D. PENULIAR,<sup>54</sup> A. PEREGO,<sup>75,76</sup> Z. PEREIRA,<sup>133</sup> C. PÉRIGOIS,<sup>290,93,92</sup> G. PERNA,<sup>92</sup> A. PERRECA,<sup>75,76,44</sup> J. PERRET,<sup>20</sup>  
1788 S. PERRIÈS,<sup>56</sup> J. W. PERRY,<sup>37,109</sup> D. PESIOS,<sup>251</sup> S. PETERS,<sup>166</sup> S. PETRACCA,<sup>206</sup> C. PETRILLO,<sup>77</sup> H. P. PFEIFFER,<sup>1</sup> H. PHAM,<sup>64</sup>  
1789 K. A. PHAM,<sup>18</sup> K. S. PHUKON,<sup>104</sup> H. PHURAILATPAM,<sup>219</sup> M. PIARULLI,<sup>101</sup> L. PICCARI,<sup>39,38</sup> O. J. PICCINI,<sup>34</sup> M. PICHOT,<sup>115</sup>  
1790 M. PIENDIBENE,<sup>82,81</sup> F. PIERGIOVANNI,<sup>61,62</sup> L. PIERINI,<sup>38</sup> G. PIERRA,<sup>38</sup> V. PIERRO,<sup>291,132</sup> M. PIETRZAK,<sup>96</sup> M. PILLAS,<sup>166</sup> F. PILO,<sup>81</sup>  
1791 L. PINARD,<sup>176</sup> I. M. PINTO,<sup>291,132,292,32</sup> M. PINTO,<sup>63</sup> B. J. PIOTRZKOWSKI,<sup>10</sup> M. PIRELLO,<sup>2</sup> M. D. PITKIN,<sup>224,87</sup> A. PLACIDI,<sup>51</sup>  
1792 E. PLACIDI,<sup>39,38</sup> M. L. PLANAS,<sup>99</sup> W. PLASTINO,<sup>212,22</sup> C. PLUNKETT,<sup>35</sup> R. POGGIANI,<sup>82,81</sup> E. POLINI,<sup>35</sup> J. POMPER,<sup>81,82</sup> L. POMPILI,<sup>1</sup>  
1793 J. POON,<sup>219</sup> E. PORCELLI,<sup>37</sup> E. K. PORTER,<sup>20</sup> C. POSNANSKY,<sup>7</sup> R. POULTON,<sup>63</sup> J. POWELL,<sup>155</sup> G. S. PRABHU,<sup>80</sup> M. PRACCHIA,<sup>166</sup>  
1794 B. K. PRADHAN,<sup>80</sup> T. PRADIER,<sup>65</sup> A. K. PRAJAPATI,<sup>94</sup> K. PRASAI,<sup>293</sup> R. PRASANNA,<sup>233</sup> P. PRASIA,<sup>80</sup> G. PRATTEN,<sup>104</sup>  
1795 G. PRINCIPE,<sup>185,48</sup> G. A. PRODI,<sup>75,76</sup> P. PROSPERI,<sup>81</sup> P. PROSPERITO,<sup>21,22</sup> A. C. PROVIDENCE,<sup>66</sup> A. PUECHER,<sup>1</sup> J. PULLIN,<sup>12</sup>  
1796 P. PUPPO,<sup>38</sup> M. PÜRREER,<sup>164</sup> H. QI,<sup>16</sup> J. QIN,<sup>34</sup> G. QUÉMÉNER,<sup>174,118</sup> V. QUETSCHKE,<sup>165</sup> P. J. QUINONEZ,<sup>66</sup> N. QUTOB,<sup>57</sup>  
1797 R. RADING,<sup>231</sup> I. RAINHO,<sup>138</sup> S. RAJA,<sup>105</sup> C. RAJAN,<sup>105</sup> B. RAJBHANDARI,<sup>112</sup> K. E. RAMIREZ,<sup>64</sup> F. A. RAMIS VIDAL,<sup>99</sup>  
1798 M. RAMOS AREVALO,<sup>165</sup> A. RAMOS-BUADES,<sup>99,37</sup> S. RANJAN,<sup>57</sup> K. RANSOM,<sup>64</sup> P. RAPAGNANI,<sup>39,38</sup> B. RATTO,<sup>66</sup>  
1799 A. RAVICHANDRAN,<sup>133</sup> A. RAY,<sup>97</sup> V. RAYMOND,<sup>33</sup> M. RAZZANO,<sup>82,81</sup> J. READ,<sup>54</sup> T. REGIMBAU,<sup>31</sup> S. REID,<sup>55</sup> C. REISSEL,<sup>35</sup>  
1800 D. H. REITZE,<sup>11</sup> A. I. RENZINI,<sup>127,11</sup> B. REVENU,<sup>294,41</sup> A. REVILLA PEÑA,<sup>83</sup> R. REYES,<sup>181</sup> L. RICCA,<sup>15</sup> F. RICCI,<sup>39,38</sup> M. RICCI,<sup>38,39</sup>  
1801 A. RICCIARDONE,<sup>82,81</sup> J. RICE,<sup>79</sup> J. W. RICHARDSON,<sup>211</sup> M. L. RICHARDSON,<sup>117</sup> A. RIJAL,<sup>66</sup> K. RILES,<sup>91</sup> H. K. RILEY,<sup>33</sup>  
1802 S. RINALDI,<sup>270</sup> J. RITTMAYER,<sup>98</sup> C. ROBERTSON,<sup>229</sup> F. ROBINET,<sup>41</sup> M. ROBINSON,<sup>2</sup> A. ROCCHI,<sup>22</sup> L. ROLLAND,<sup>31</sup> J. G. ROLLINS,<sup>11</sup>  
1803 A. E. ROMANO,<sup>295</sup> R. ROMANO,<sup>3,4</sup> A. ROMERO,<sup>31</sup> I. M. ROMERO-SHAW,<sup>224</sup> J. H. ROMIE,<sup>64</sup> S. RONCHINI,<sup>7</sup> T. J. ROOCKE,<sup>117</sup>  
1804 L. ROSA,<sup>4,32</sup> T. J. ROSAUER,<sup>211</sup> C. A. ROSE,<sup>57</sup> D. ROSIŃSKA,<sup>125</sup> M. P. ROSS,<sup>53</sup> M. ROSSELLO-SASTRE,<sup>99</sup> S. ROWAN,<sup>87</sup>  
1805 S. K. ROY,<sup>191,192</sup> S. ROY,<sup>15</sup> D. ROZZA,<sup>127,128</sup> P. RUGGI,<sup>63</sup> N. RUHAMA,<sup>239</sup> E. RUIZ MORALES,<sup>296,208</sup> K. RUIZ-ROCHA,<sup>144</sup>  
1806 S. SACHDEV,<sup>57</sup> T. SADECKI,<sup>2</sup> P. SAFFARIEH,<sup>37,109</sup> S. SAFI-HARB,<sup>169</sup> M. R. SAH,<sup>13</sup> S. SAHA,<sup>142</sup> T. SAINRAT,<sup>65</sup>  
1807 S. SAJITH MENON,<sup>215,39,38</sup> K. SAKAI,<sup>297</sup> Y. SAKAI,<sup>272</sup> M. SAKELLARIADOU,<sup>68</sup> S. SAKON,<sup>7</sup> O. S. SALAFIA,<sup>159,128,127</sup>  
1808 F. SALCES-CARCOBA,<sup>11</sup> L. SALCONI,<sup>63</sup> M. SALEEM,<sup>148</sup> F. SALEMI,<sup>39,38</sup> M. SALLÉ,<sup>37</sup> S. U. SALUNKHE,<sup>80</sup> S. SALVADOR,<sup>174,173</sup>  
1809 A. SALVARESE,<sup>148</sup> A. SAMAJDAR,<sup>72,37</sup> A. SANCHEZ,<sup>2</sup> E. J. SANCHEZ,<sup>11</sup> L. E. SANCHEZ,<sup>11</sup> N. SANCHIS-GUAL,<sup>138</sup> J. R. SANDERS,<sup>182</sup>  
1810 E. M. SÄNGER,<sup>1</sup> F. SANTOLUQUIDO,<sup>44,45</sup> F. SARANDREA,<sup>28</sup> T. R. SARAVANAN,<sup>80</sup> N. SARIN,<sup>6</sup> P. SARKAR,<sup>8,9</sup> A. SASLI,<sup>251</sup> P. SASSI,<sup>51,77</sup>  
1811 B. SASSOLAS,<sup>176</sup> B. S. SATHYAPRAKASH,<sup>7,33</sup> R. SATO,<sup>227</sup> S. SATO,<sup>152</sup> YUKINO SATO,<sup>152</sup> YU SATO,<sup>152</sup> O. SAUTER,<sup>46</sup> R. L. SAVAGE,<sup>2</sup>  
1812 T. SAWADA,<sup>50</sup> H. L. SAWANT,<sup>80</sup> S. SAYAH,<sup>176</sup> V. SCACCO,<sup>21,22</sup> D. SCHAETZL,<sup>11</sup> M. SCHEEL,<sup>149</sup> A. SCHIEBELBEIN,<sup>190</sup>

1813 M. G. SCHIWORSKI,<sup>79</sup> P. SCHMIDT,<sup>104</sup> S. SCHMIDT,<sup>72</sup> R. SCHNABEL,<sup>98</sup> M. SCHNEEWIND,<sup>8,9</sup> R. M. S. SCHOFIELD,<sup>78</sup>  
1814 K. SCHOUTEDEN,<sup>111</sup> B. W. SCHULTE,<sup>8,9</sup> B. F. SCHUTZ,<sup>33,8,9</sup> E. SCHWARTZ,<sup>298</sup> M. SCIALPI,<sup>299</sup> J. SCOTT,<sup>87</sup> S. M. SCOTT,<sup>34</sup>  
1815 R. M. SEDAS,<sup>64</sup> T. C. SEETHARAMU,<sup>87</sup> M. SEGLAR-ARROYO,<sup>43</sup> Y. SEKIGUCHI,<sup>300</sup> D. SELLERS,<sup>64</sup> N. SEMBO,<sup>205</sup> A. S. SENGUPTA,<sup>301</sup>  
1816 E. G. SEO,<sup>87</sup> J. W. SEO,<sup>111</sup> V. SEQUINO,<sup>32,4</sup> M. SERRA,<sup>38</sup> A. SEVRIN,<sup>188</sup> T. SHAFFER,<sup>2</sup> U. S. SHAH,<sup>57</sup> M. A. SHAIKH,<sup>261</sup> L. SHAO,<sup>302</sup>  
1817 A. K. SHARMA,<sup>99</sup> PREETI SHARMA,<sup>12</sup> PRIANKA SHARMA,<sup>105</sup> RITWIK SHARMA,<sup>18</sup> S. SHARMA CHAUDHARY,<sup>107</sup> P. SHAWHAN,<sup>126</sup>  
1818 N. S. SHCHEBLANOV,<sup>303,263</sup> E. SHERIDAN,<sup>144</sup> Z.-H. SHI,<sup>142</sup> M. SHIKAUCHI,<sup>42</sup> R. SHIMOMURA,<sup>304</sup> H. SHINKAI,<sup>304</sup> S. SHIRKE,<sup>80</sup>  
1819 D. H. SHOEMAKER,<sup>35</sup> D. M. SHOEMAKER,<sup>148</sup> R. W. SHORT,<sup>2</sup> S. SHYAMSUNDAR,<sup>105</sup> A. SIDER,<sup>158</sup> H. SIEGEL,<sup>191,192</sup> D. SIGG,<sup>2</sup>  
1820 L. SILENZI,<sup>36,37</sup> L. SILVESTRI,<sup>39,170</sup> M. SIMMONDS,<sup>117</sup> L. P. SINGER,<sup>305</sup> AMITESH SINGH,<sup>216</sup> ANIKA SINGH,<sup>11</sup> D. SINGH,<sup>207</sup>  
1821 M. K. SINGH,<sup>33</sup> N. SINGH,<sup>99</sup> S. SINGH,<sup>217,60</sup> A. M. SINTES,<sup>99</sup> V. SIPALA,<sup>171,156</sup> V. SKLIRIS,<sup>33</sup> B. J. J. SLAGMOLEN,<sup>34</sup>  
1822 D. A. SLATER,<sup>200</sup> T. J. SLAVEN-BLAIR,<sup>73</sup> J. SMETANA,<sup>104</sup> J. R. SMITH,<sup>54</sup> L. SMITH,<sup>87,185,48</sup> R. J. E. SMITH,<sup>6</sup> W. J. SMITH,<sup>144</sup>  
1823 S. SOARES DE ALBUQUERQUE FILHO,<sup>61</sup> M. SOARES-SANTOS,<sup>189</sup> K. SOMIYA,<sup>217</sup> I. SONG,<sup>142</sup> S. SONI,<sup>35</sup> V. SORDINI,<sup>56</sup>  
1824 F. SORRENTINO,<sup>29</sup> H. SOTANI,<sup>306</sup> F. SPADA,<sup>81</sup> V. SPAGNUOLO,<sup>37</sup> A. P. SPENCER,<sup>87</sup> P. SPINICELLI,<sup>63</sup> A. K. SRIVASTAVA,<sup>94</sup>  
1825 F. STACHURSKI,<sup>87</sup> C. J. STARK,<sup>123</sup> D. A. STEER,<sup>307</sup> J. STEINHOFF,<sup>1</sup> N. STEINLE,<sup>169</sup> J. STEINLECHNER,<sup>36,37</sup> S. STEINLECHNER,<sup>36,37</sup>  
1826 N. STERGIOLAS,<sup>251</sup> P. STEVENS,<sup>41</sup> M. STPIERRE,<sup>164</sup> M. D. STRONG,<sup>12</sup> A. STRUNK,<sup>2</sup> A. L. STUVER,<sup>103,\*</sup> M. SUCHENEK,<sup>96</sup>  
1827 S. SUDHAGAR,<sup>96</sup> Y. SUDO,<sup>230</sup> N. SUELTMANN,<sup>98</sup> L. SULEIMAN,<sup>54</sup> K. D. SULLIVAN,<sup>12</sup> J. SUN,<sup>241</sup> L. SUN,<sup>34</sup> S. SUNIL,<sup>94</sup> S. J. SURESH,<sup>115</sup>  
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