

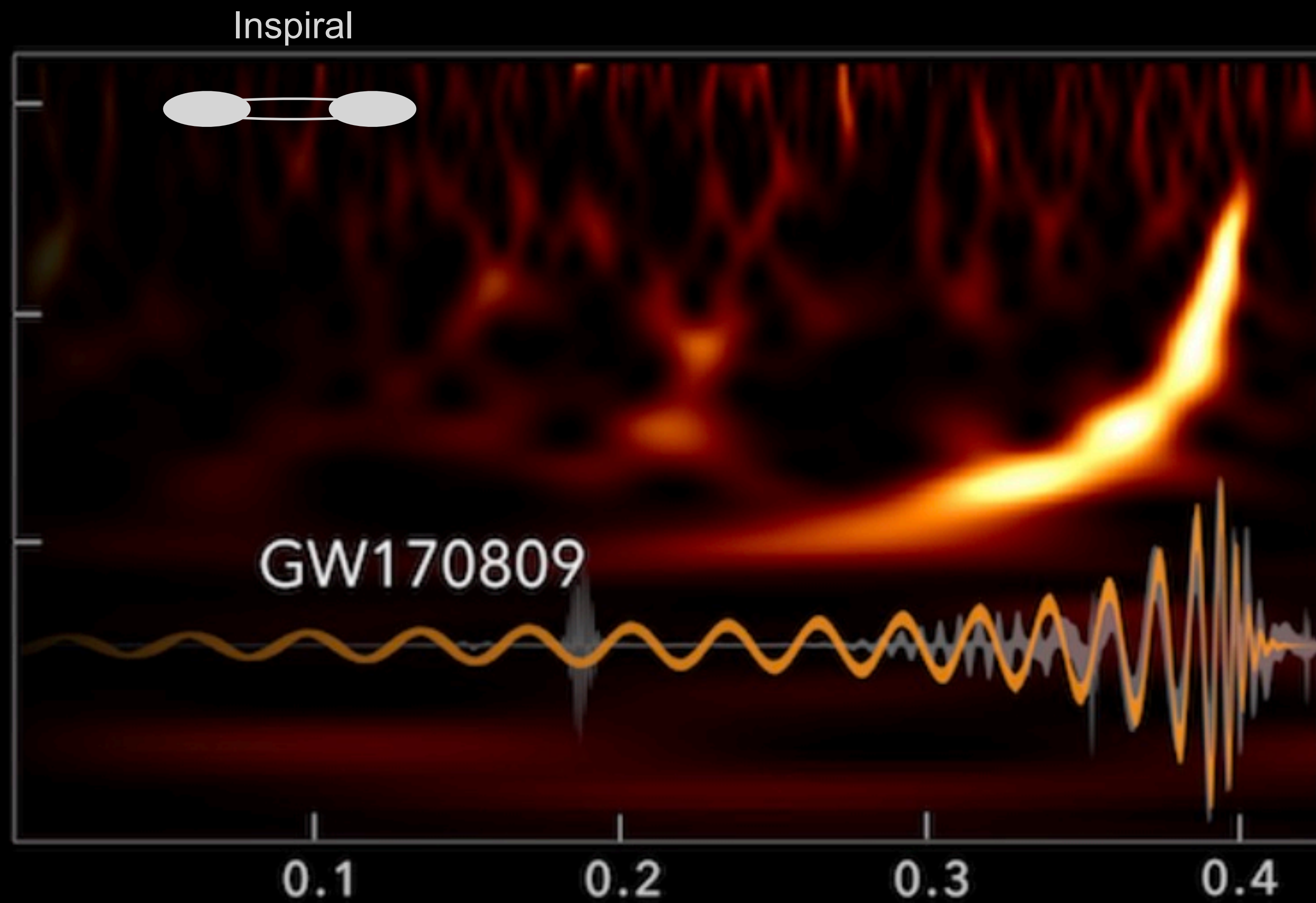
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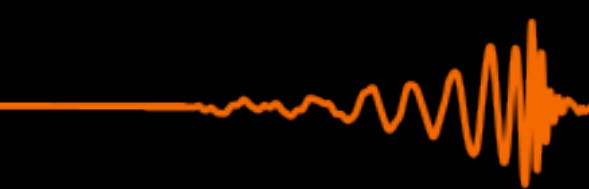
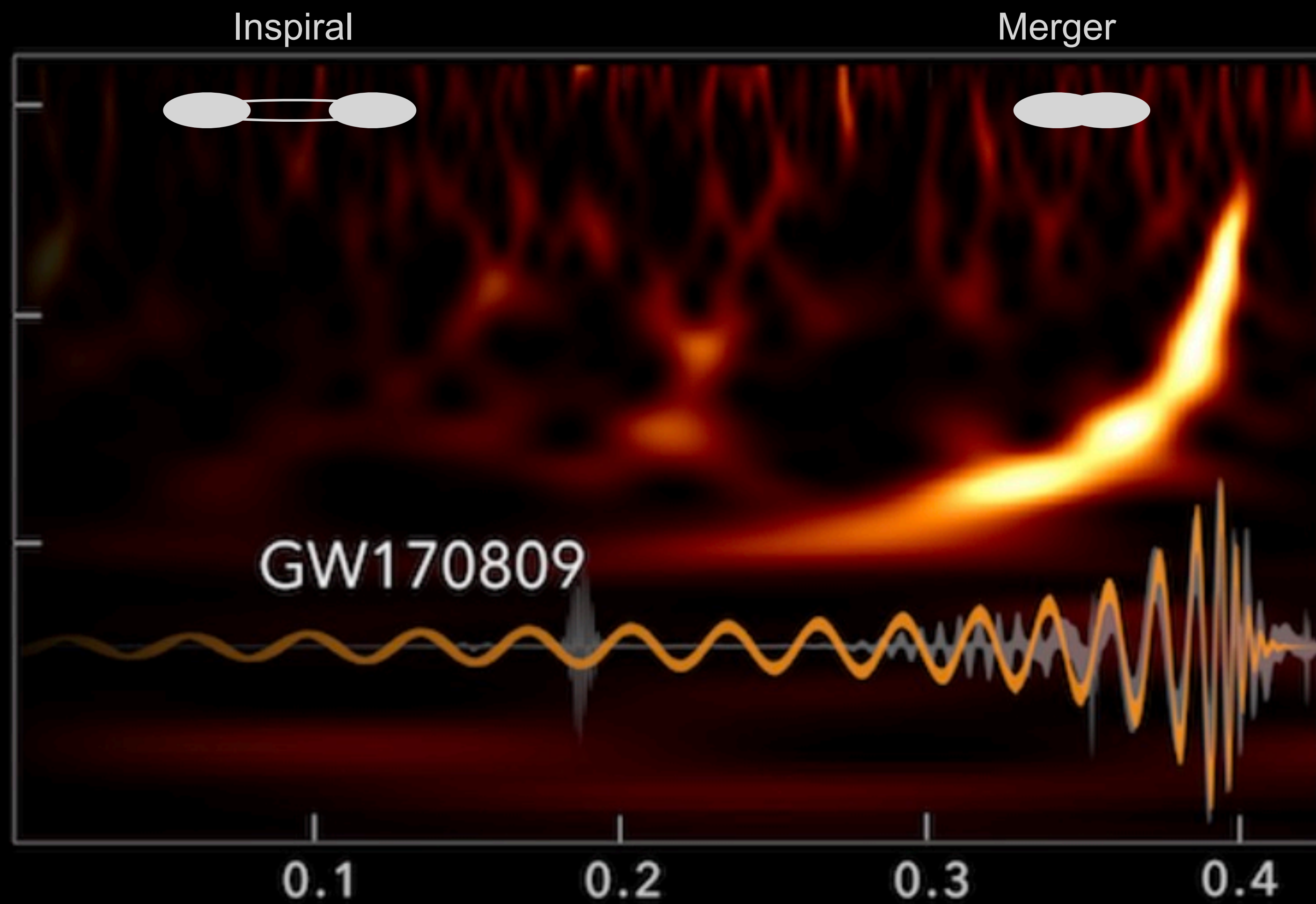
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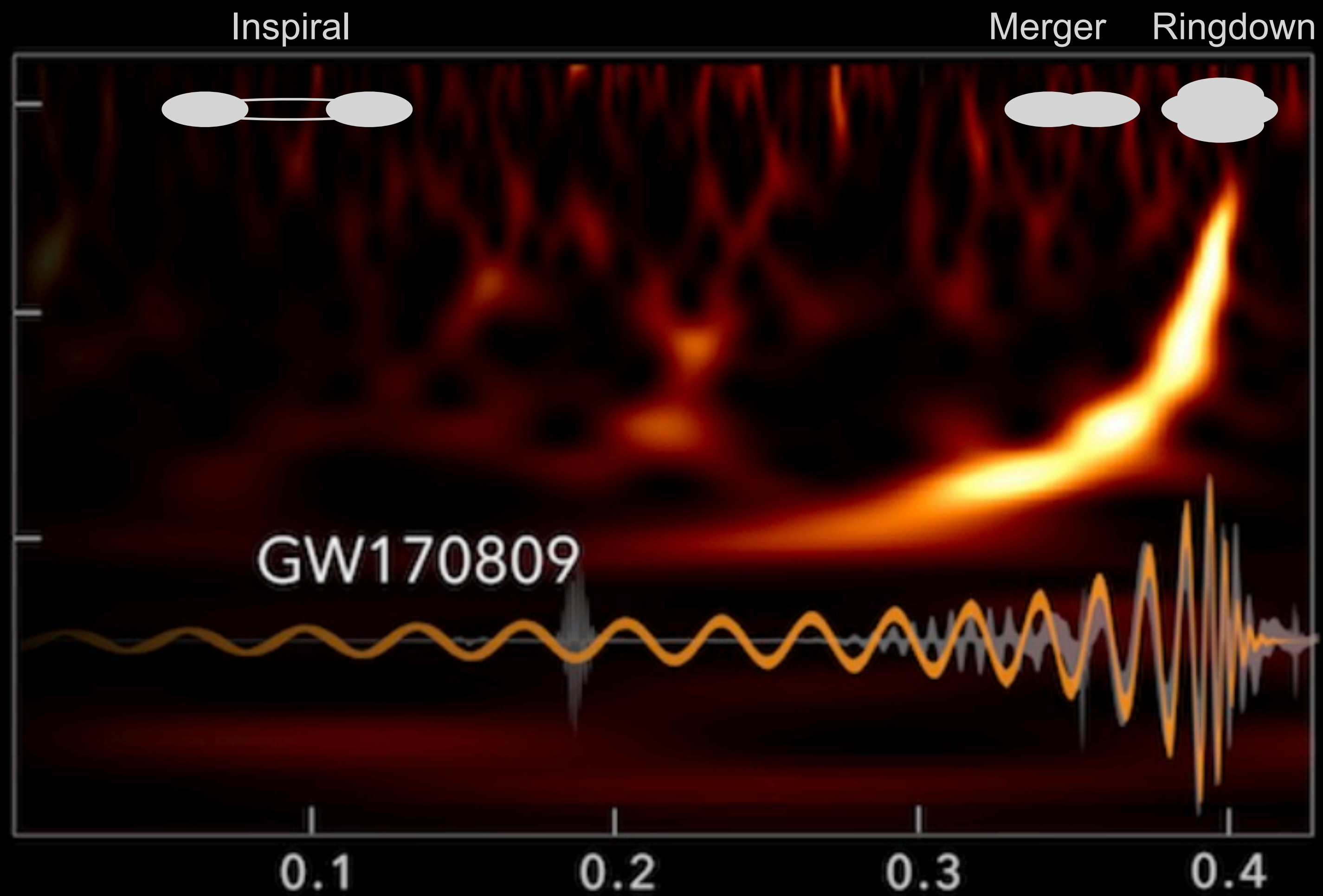


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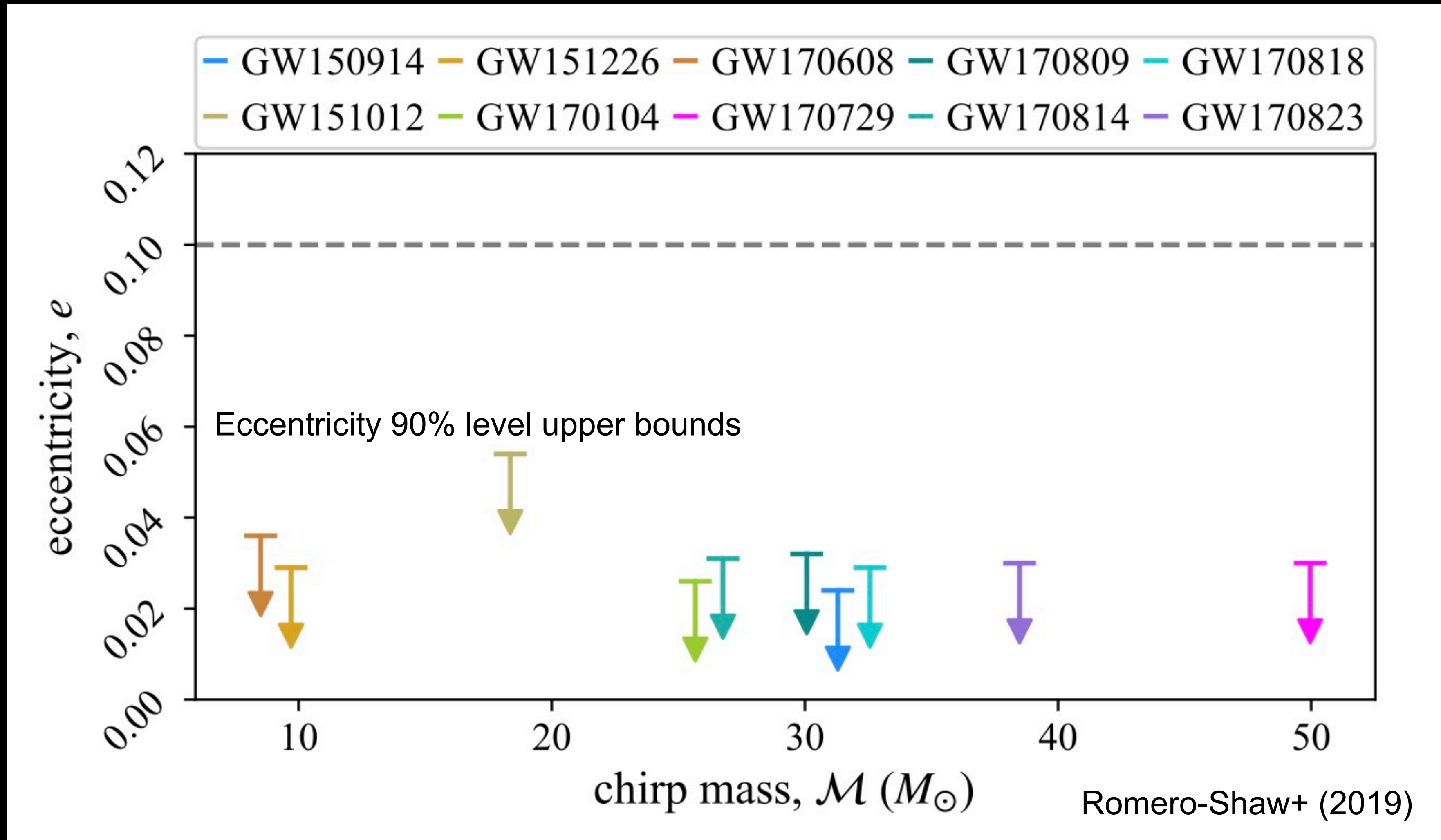




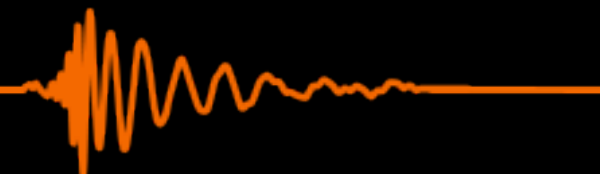


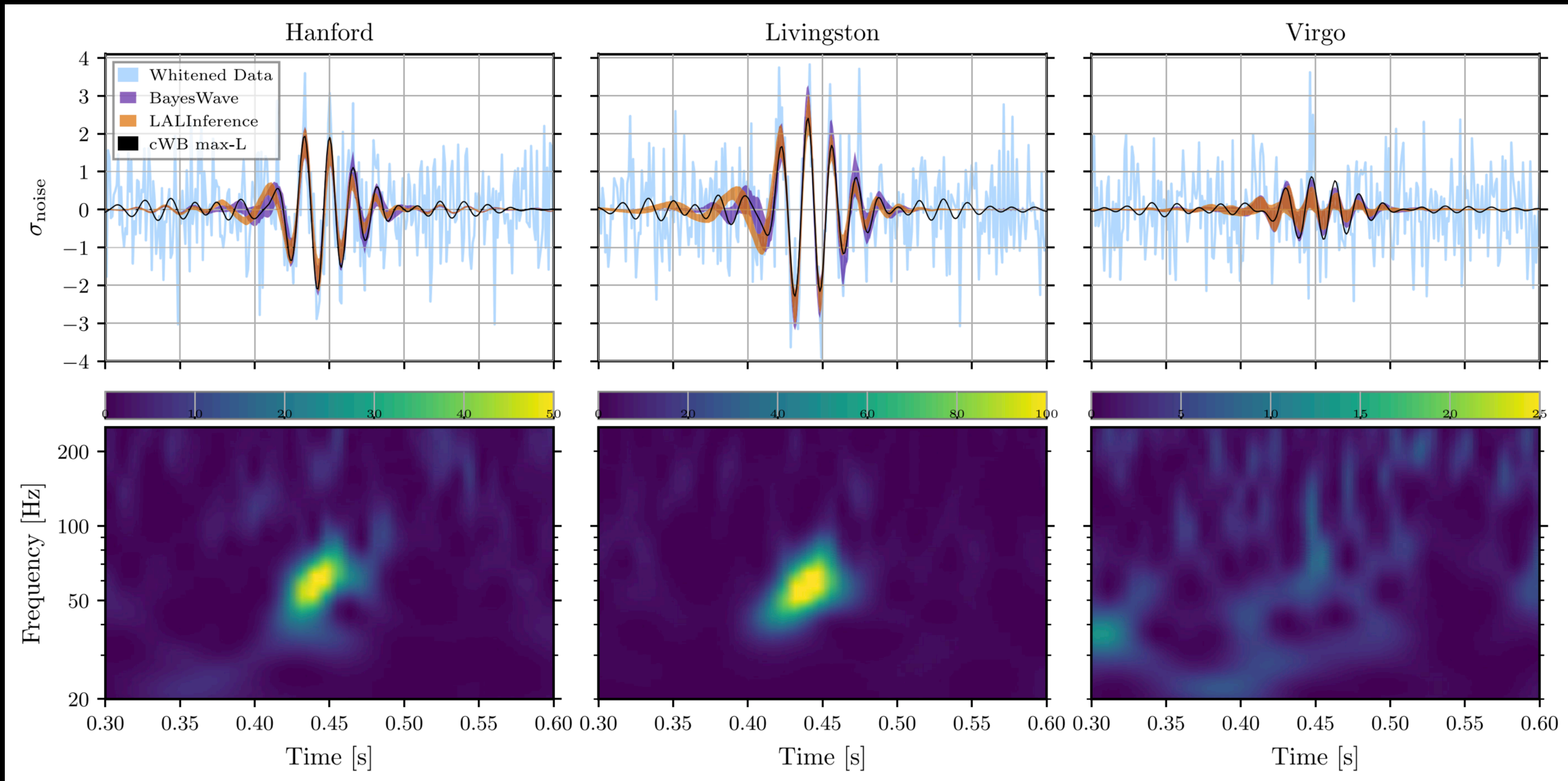


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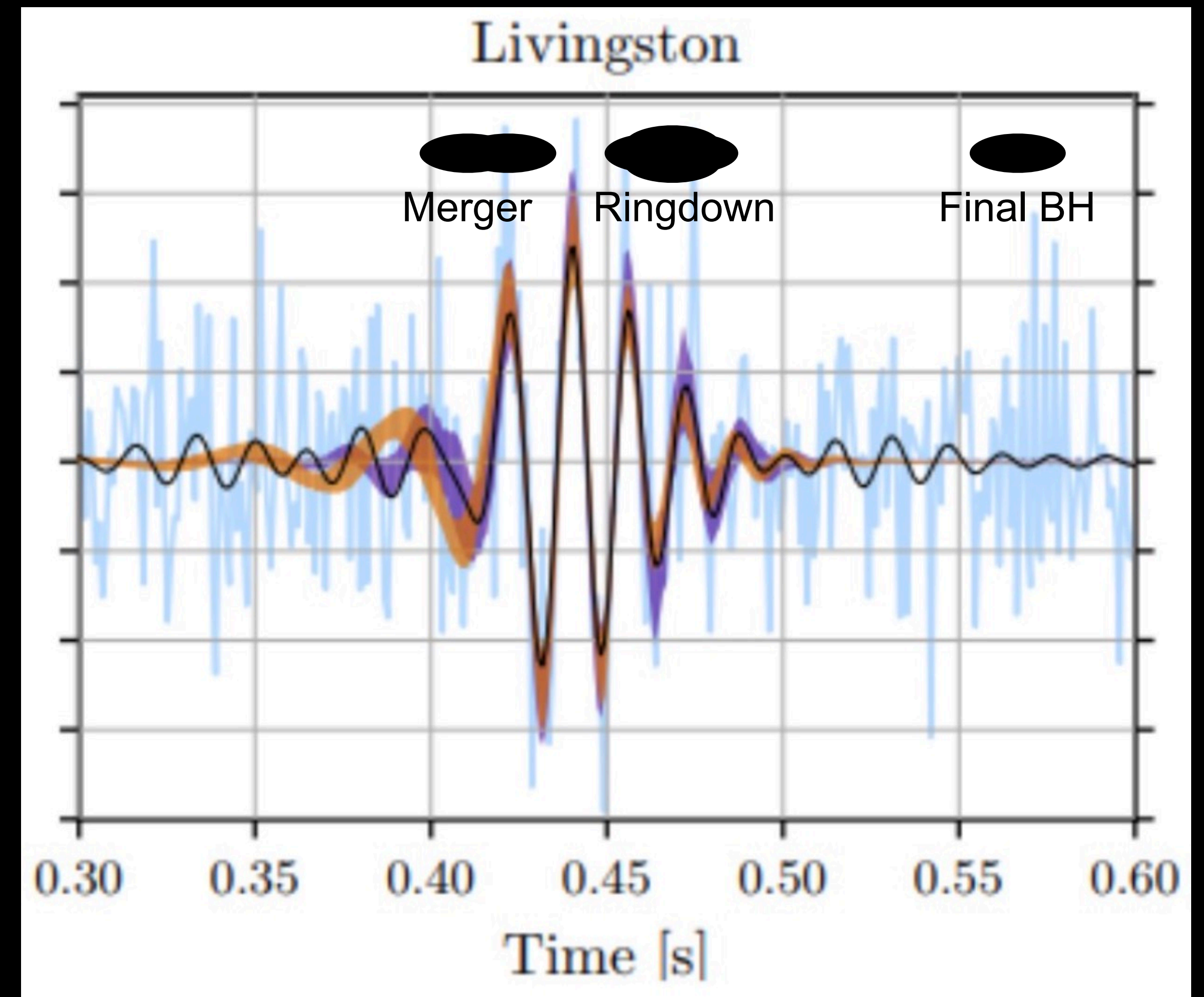




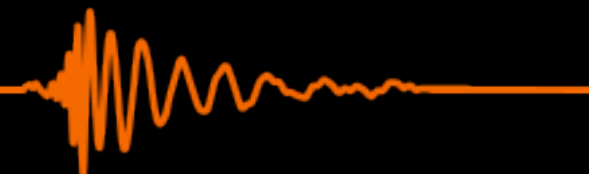
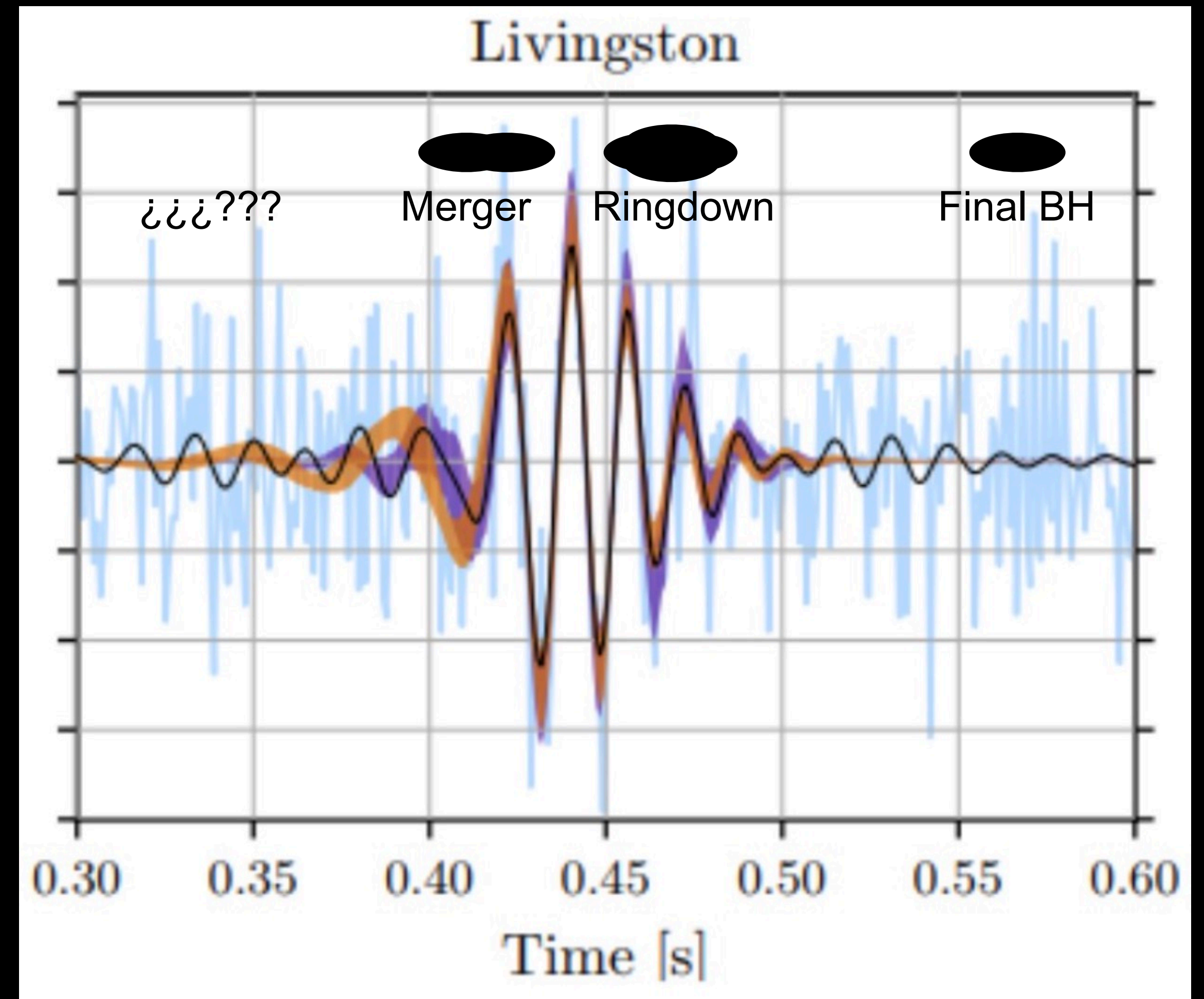
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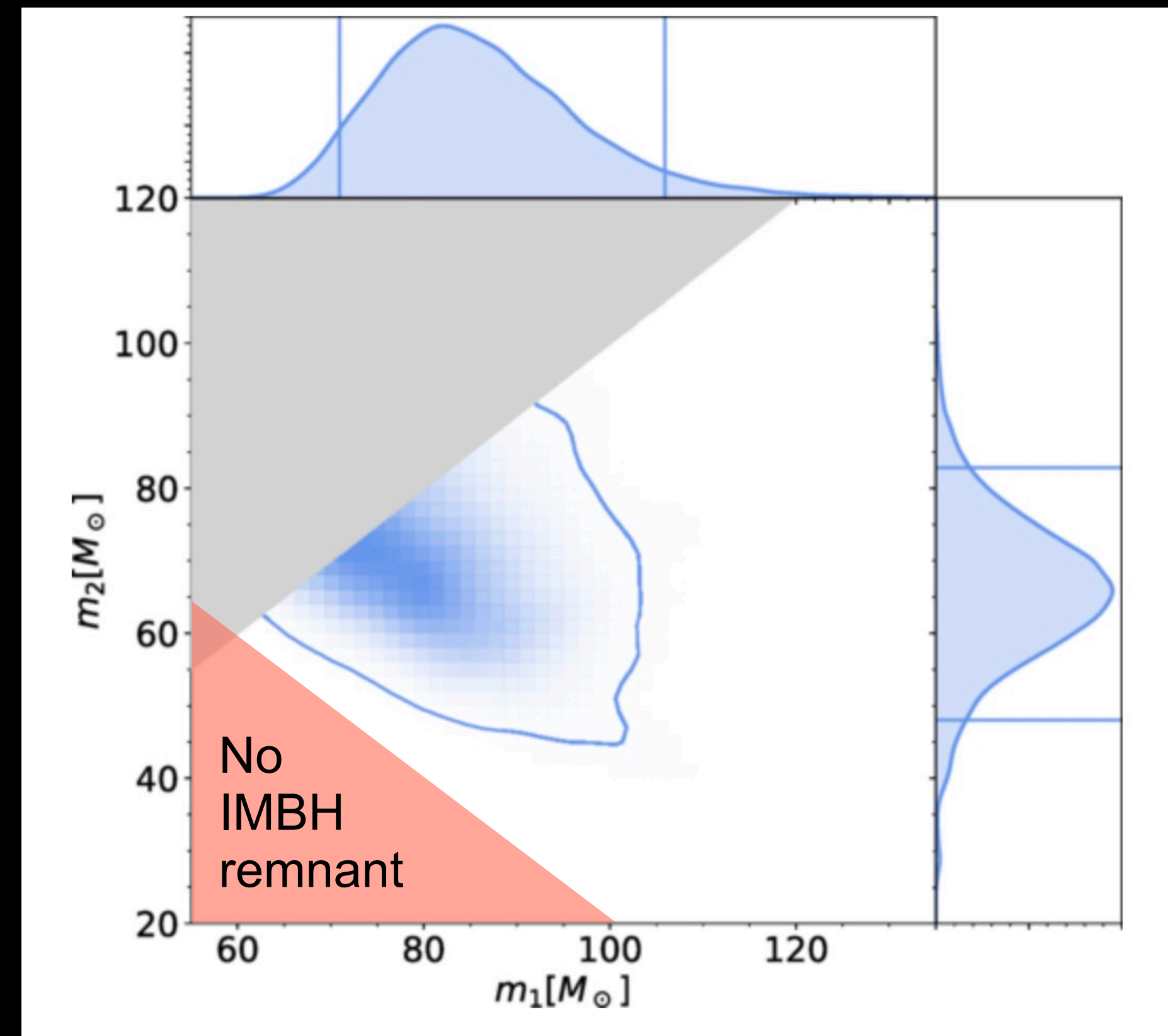
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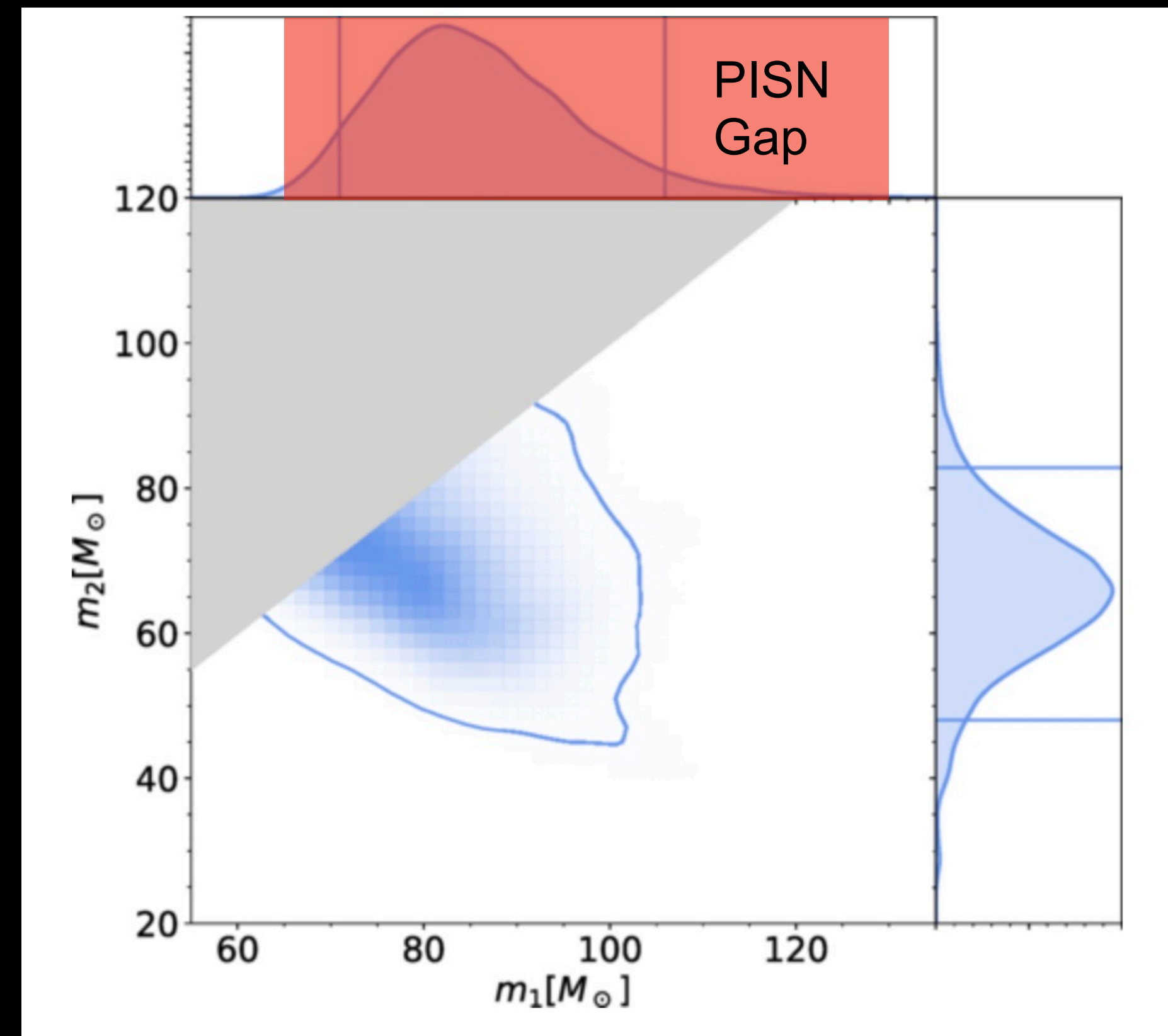


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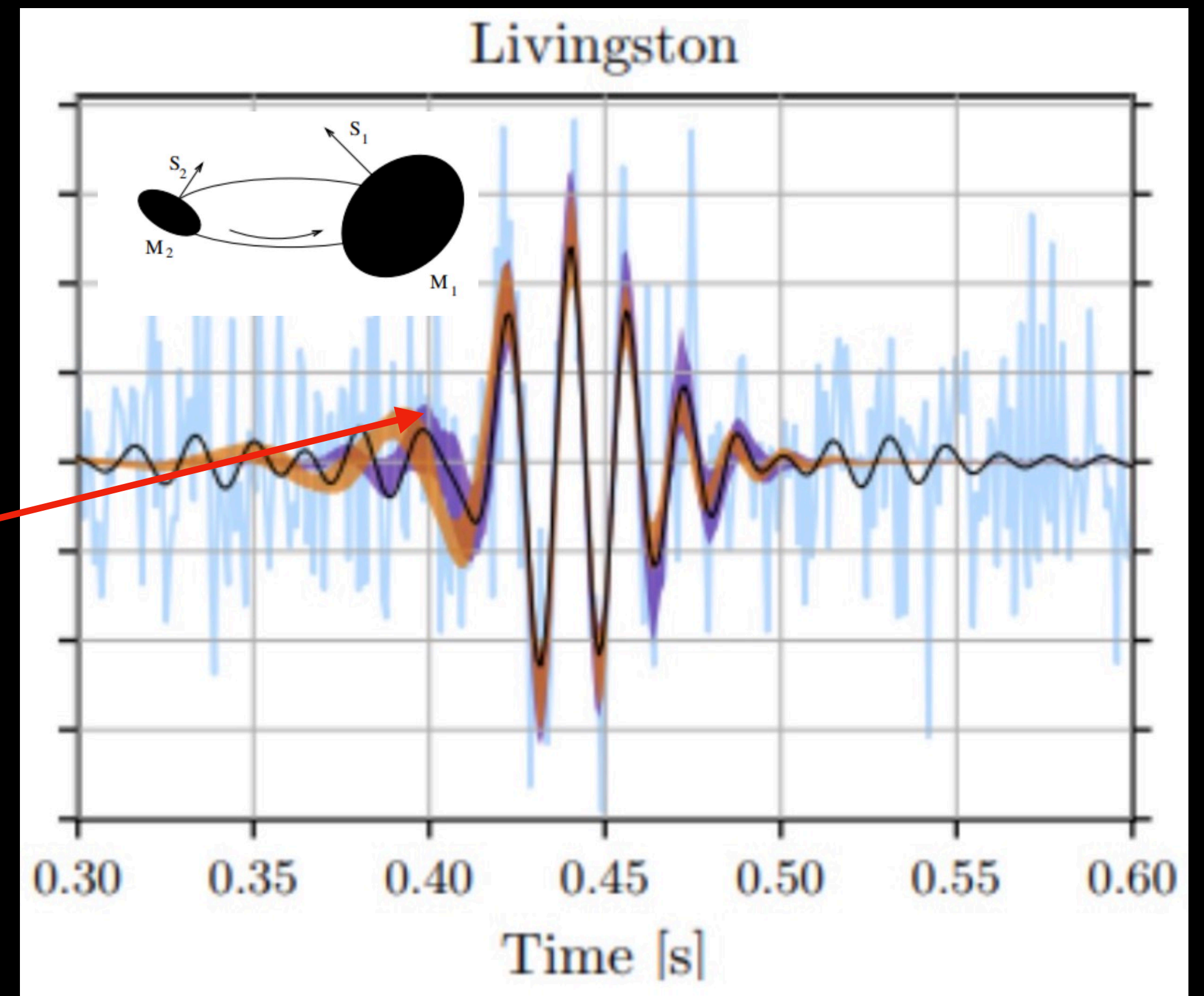
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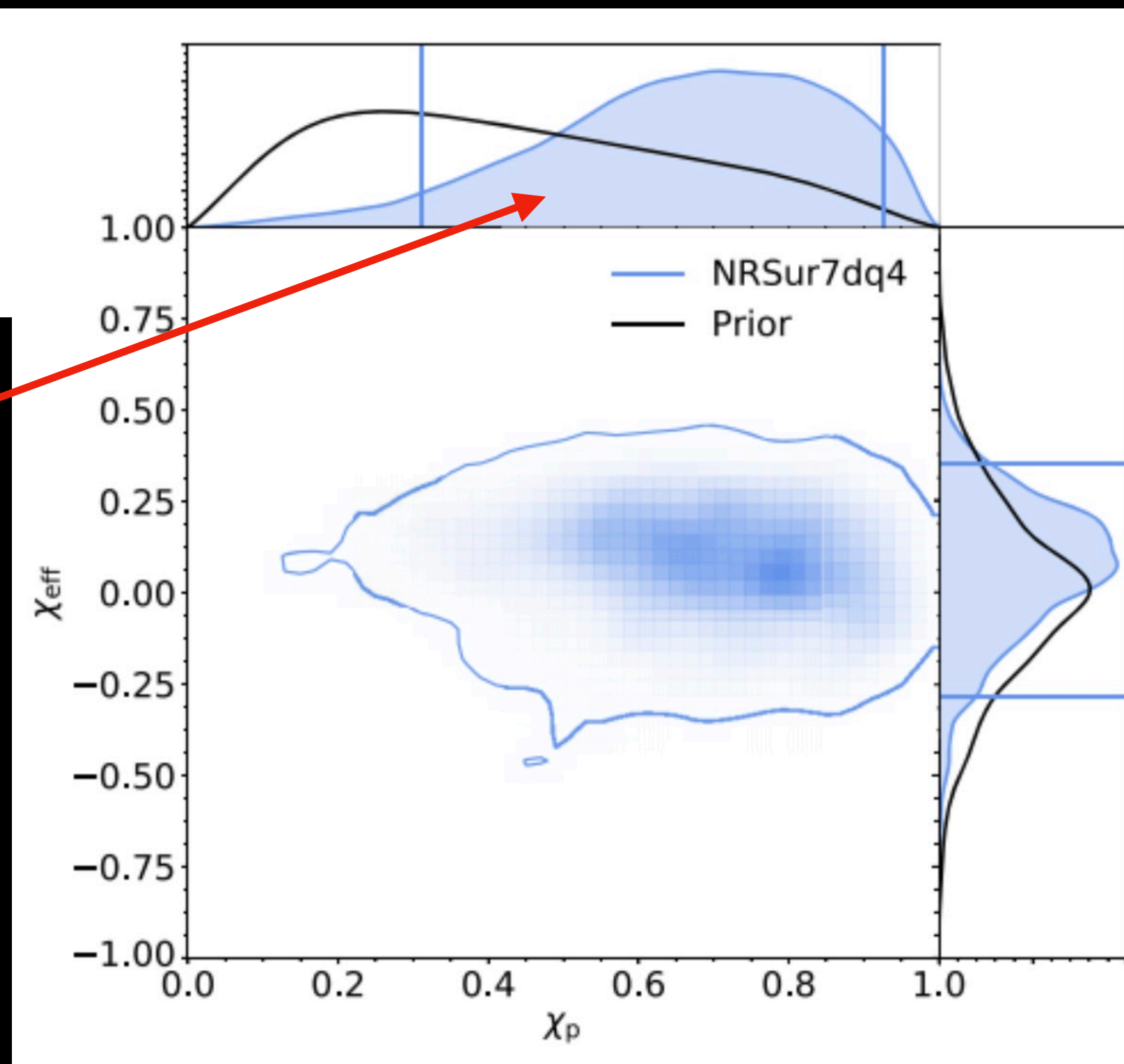
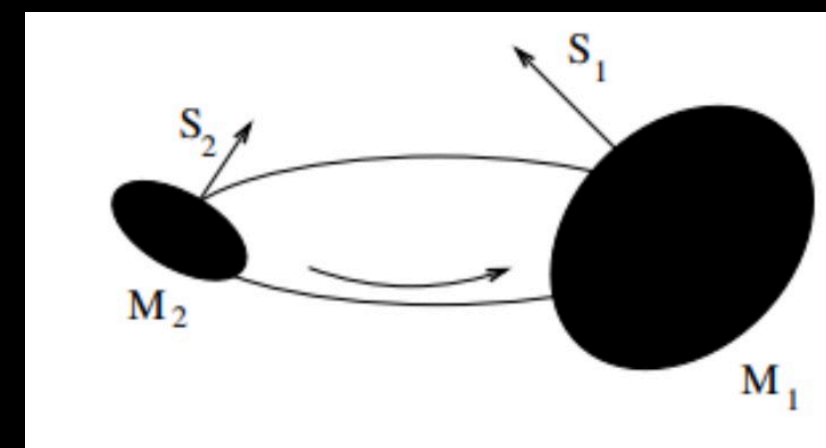
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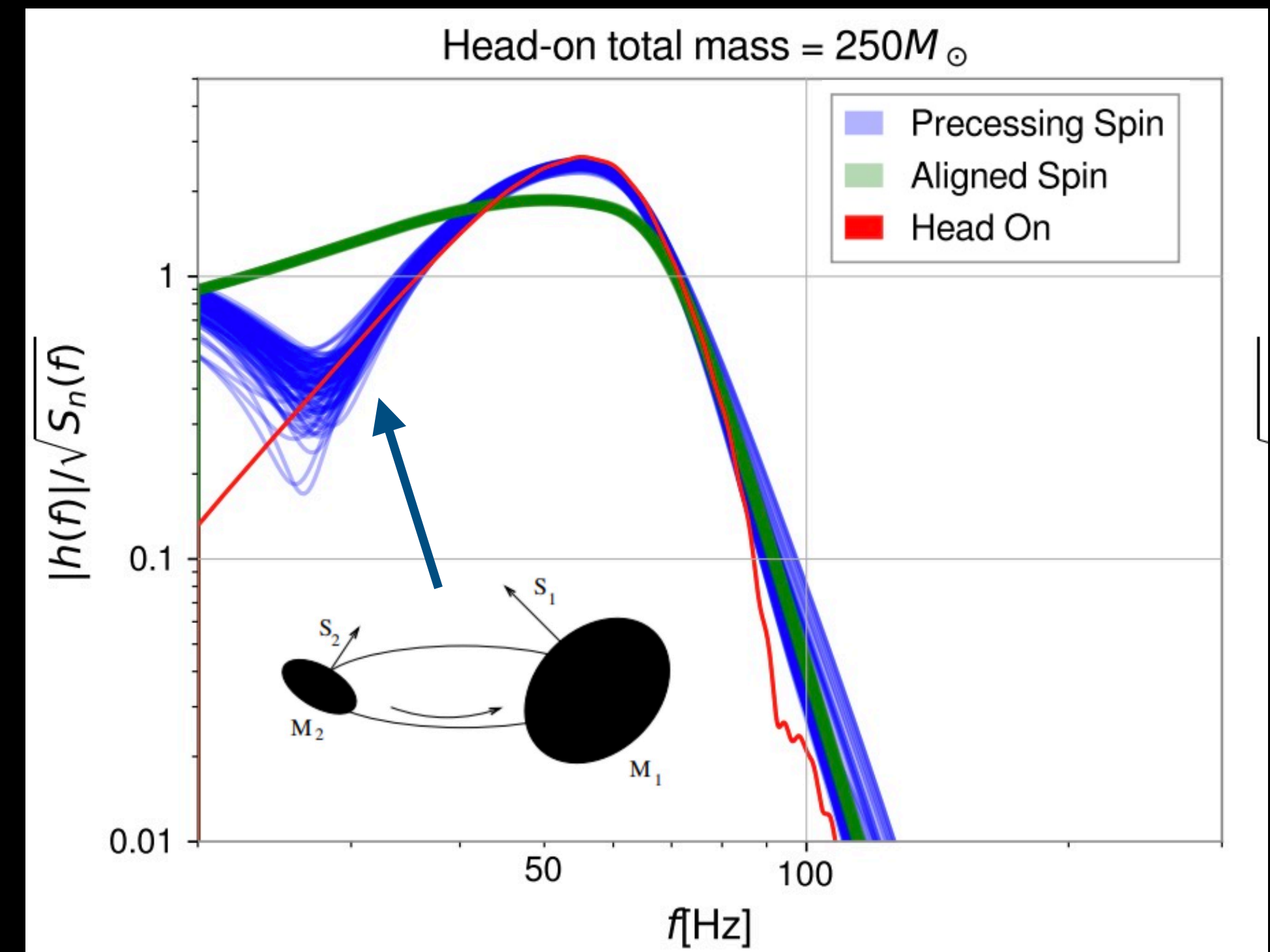
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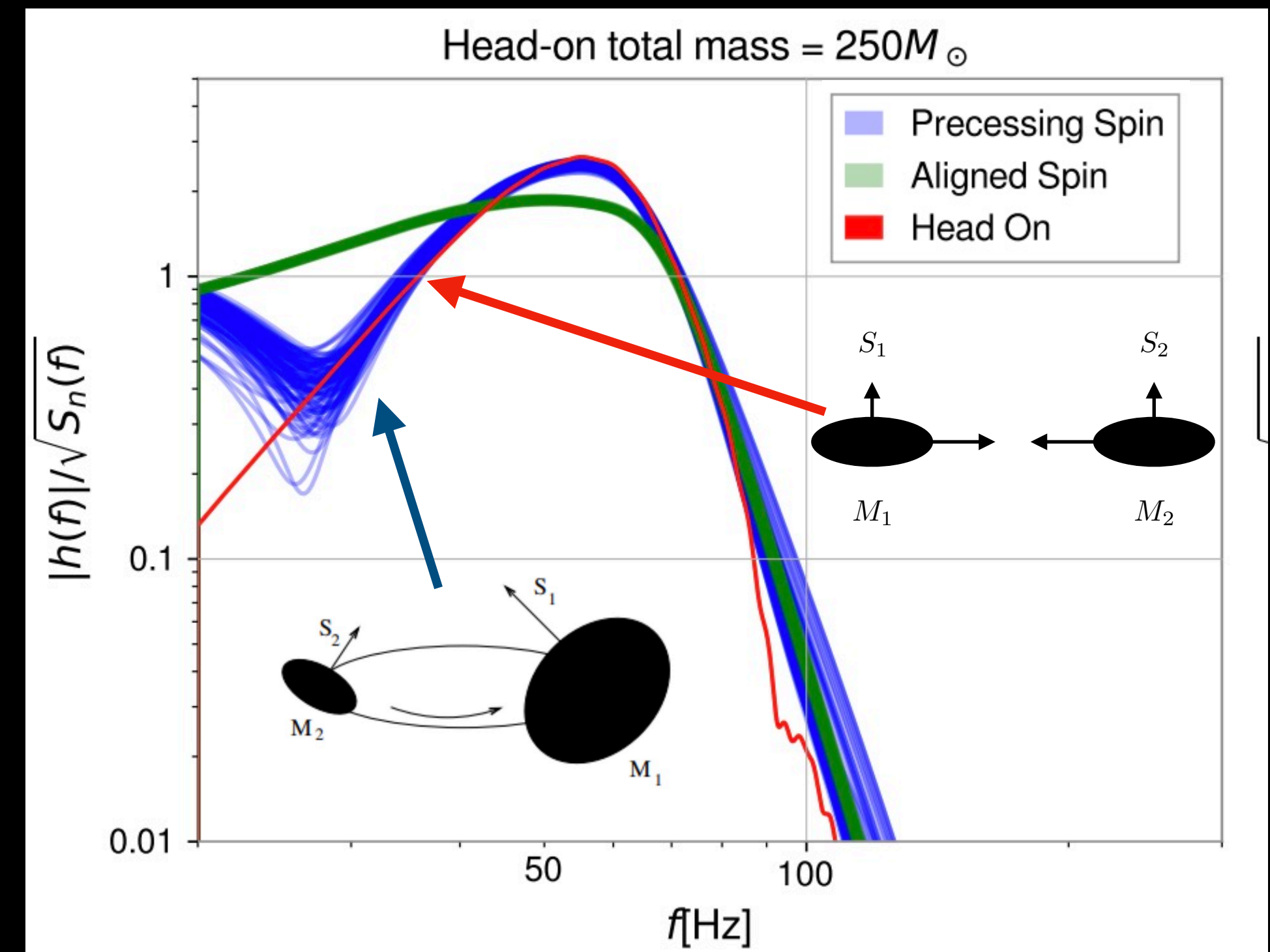


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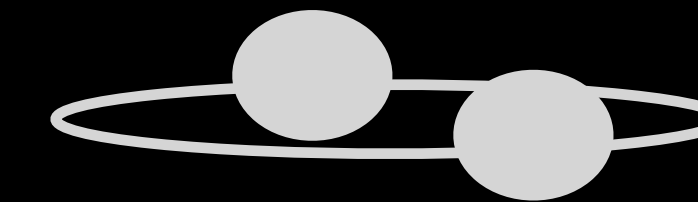
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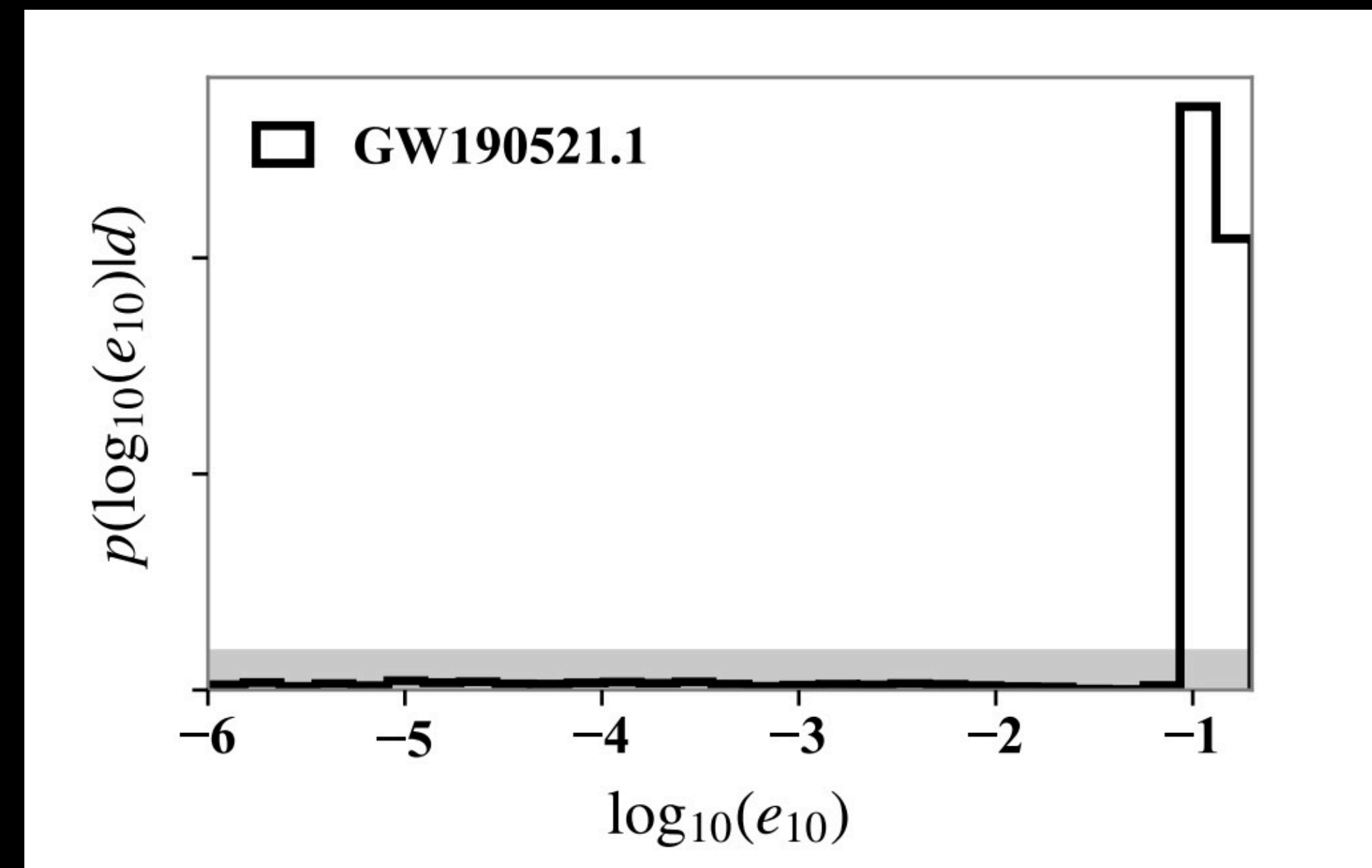
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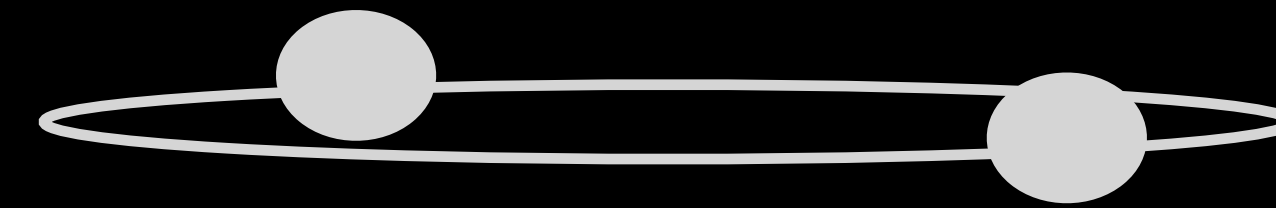


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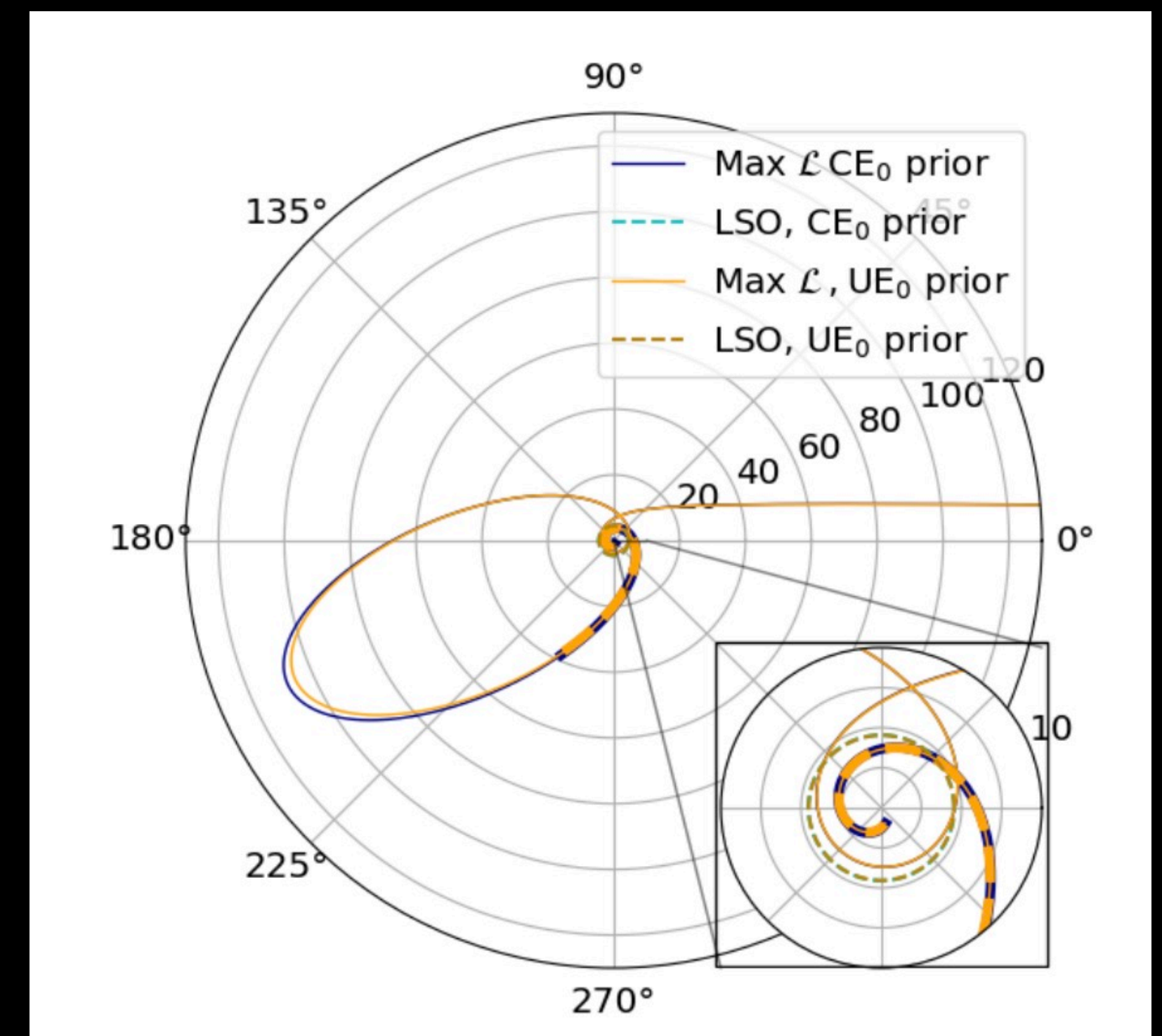




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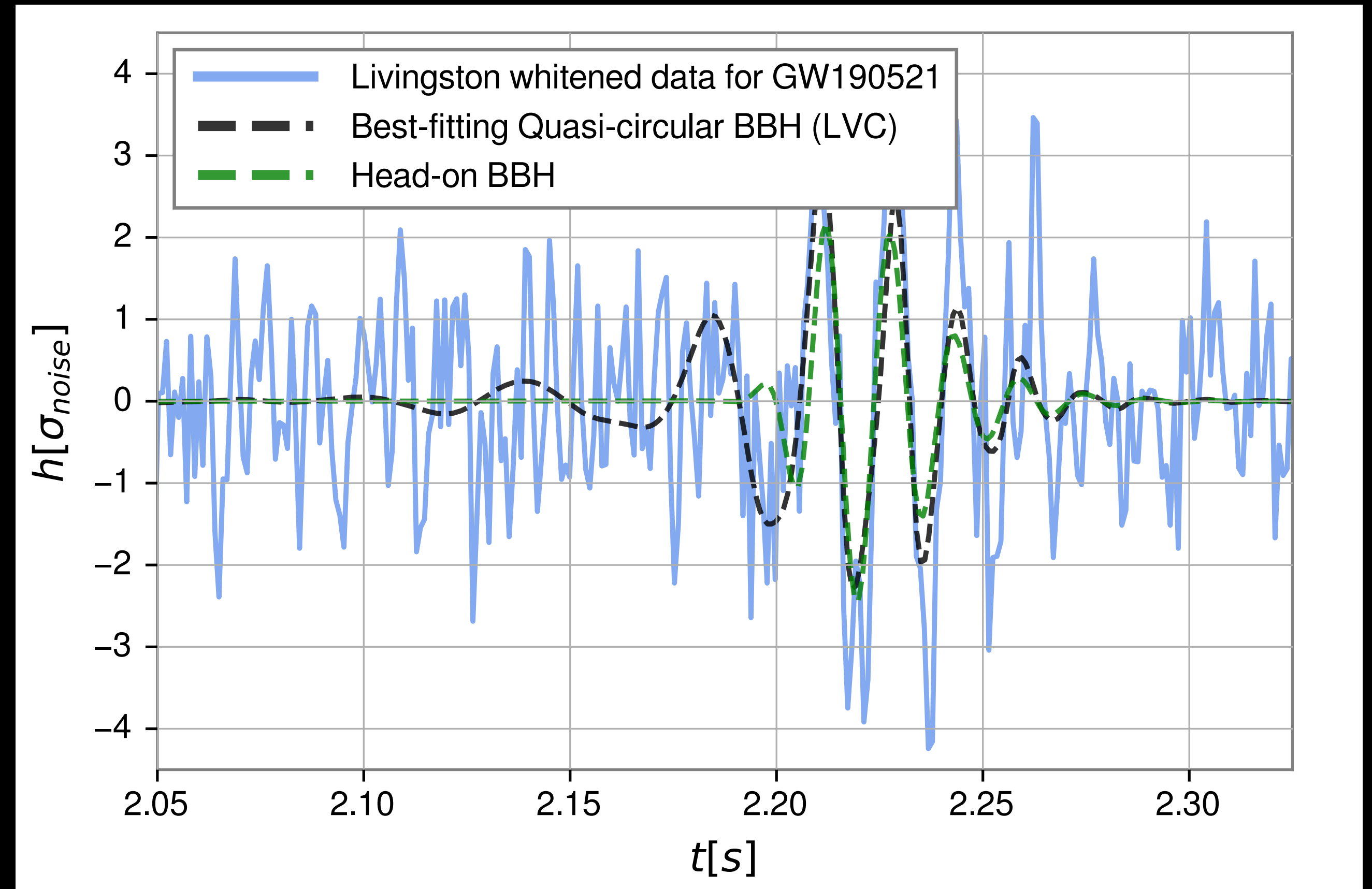
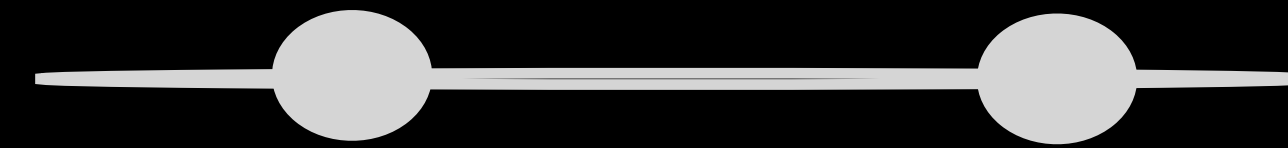
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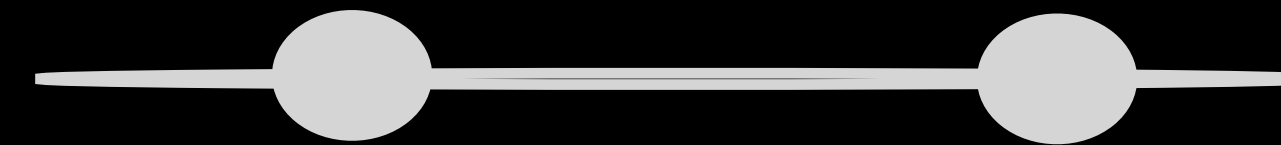


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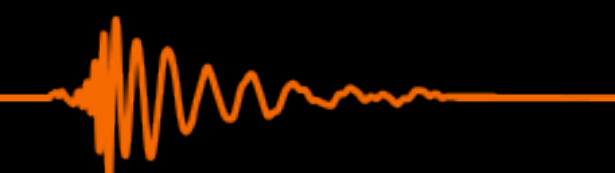
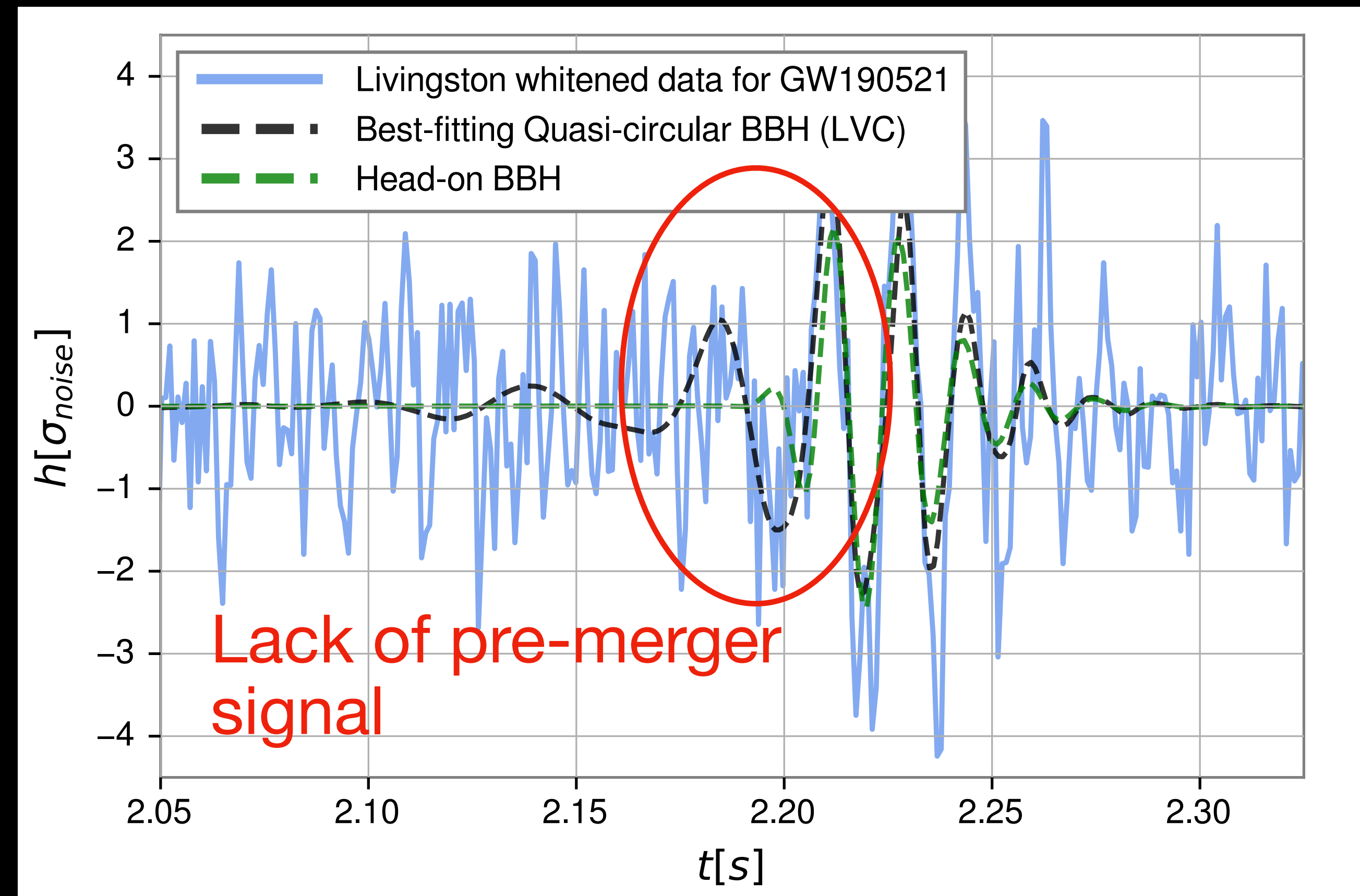
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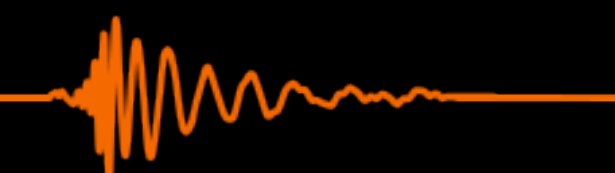
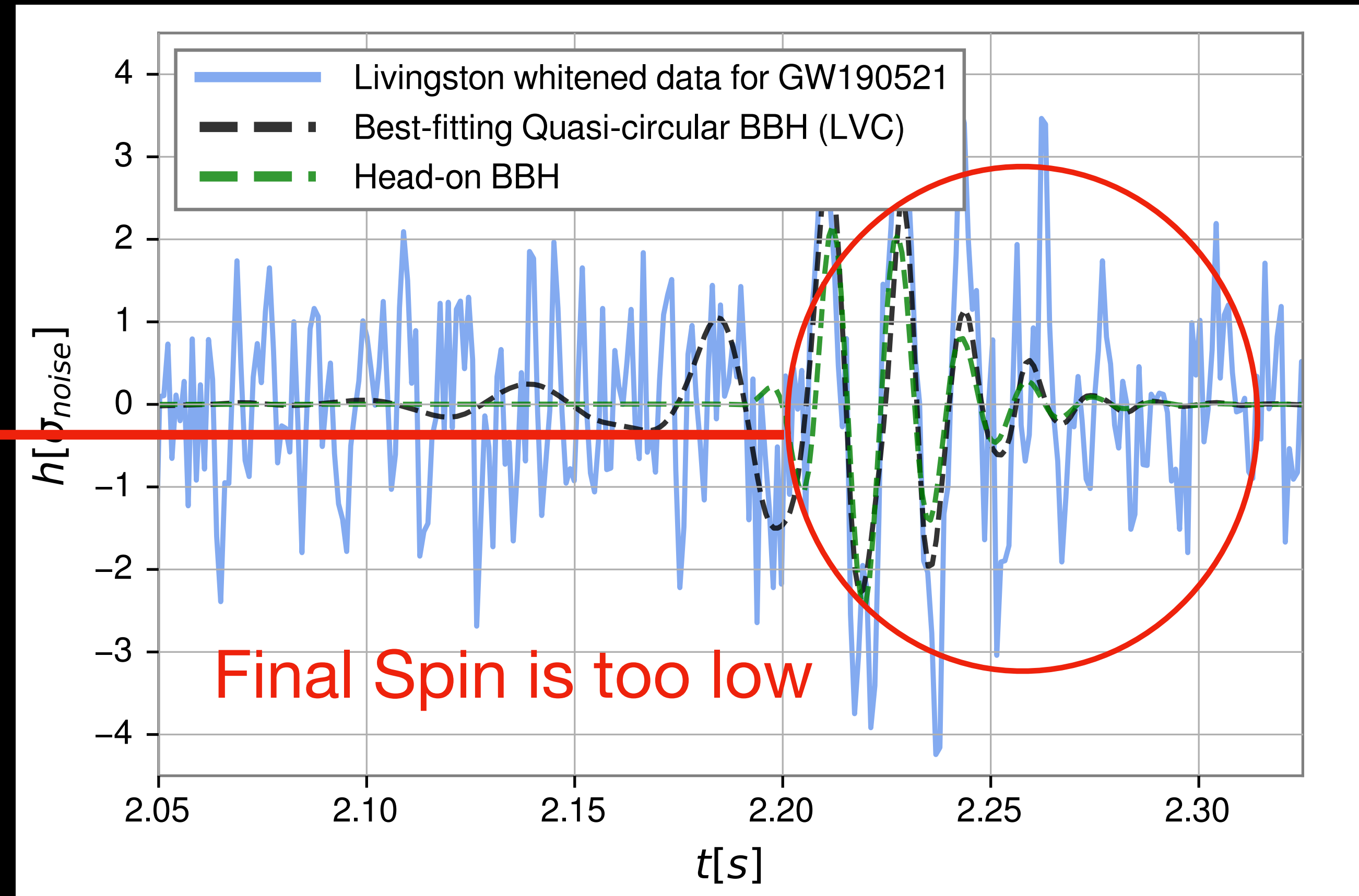
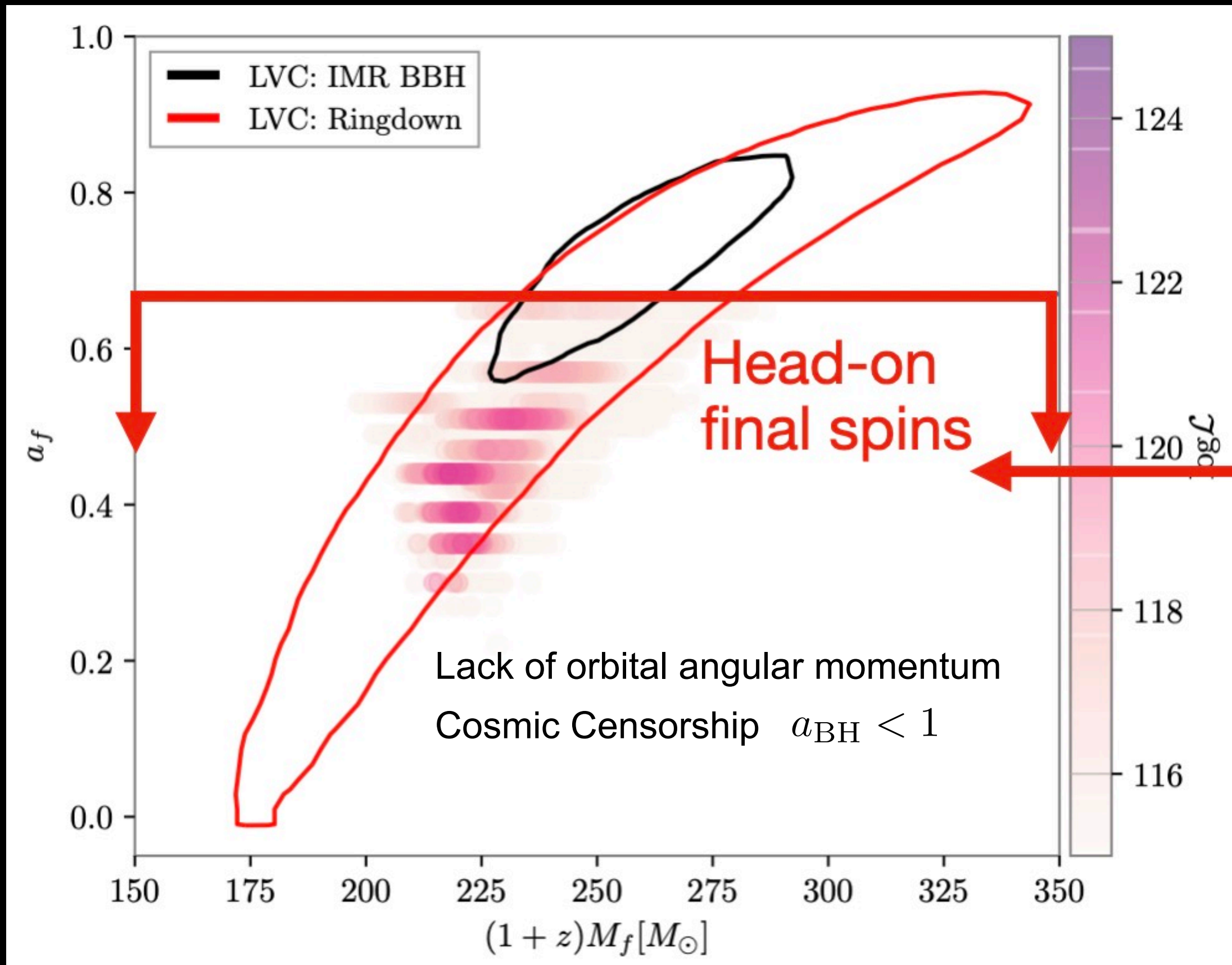
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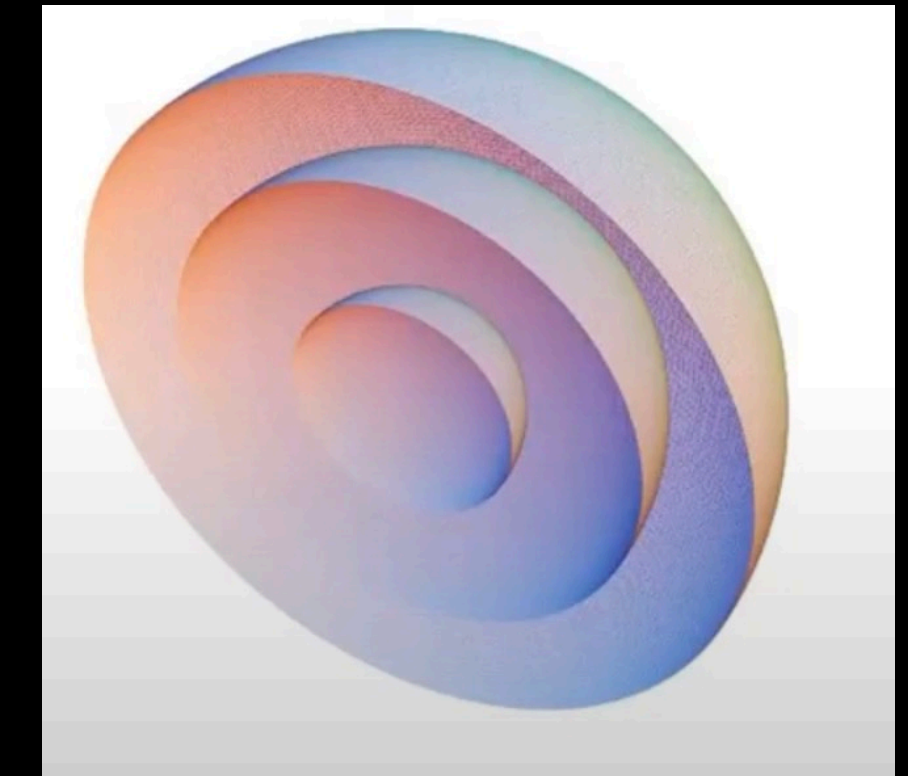
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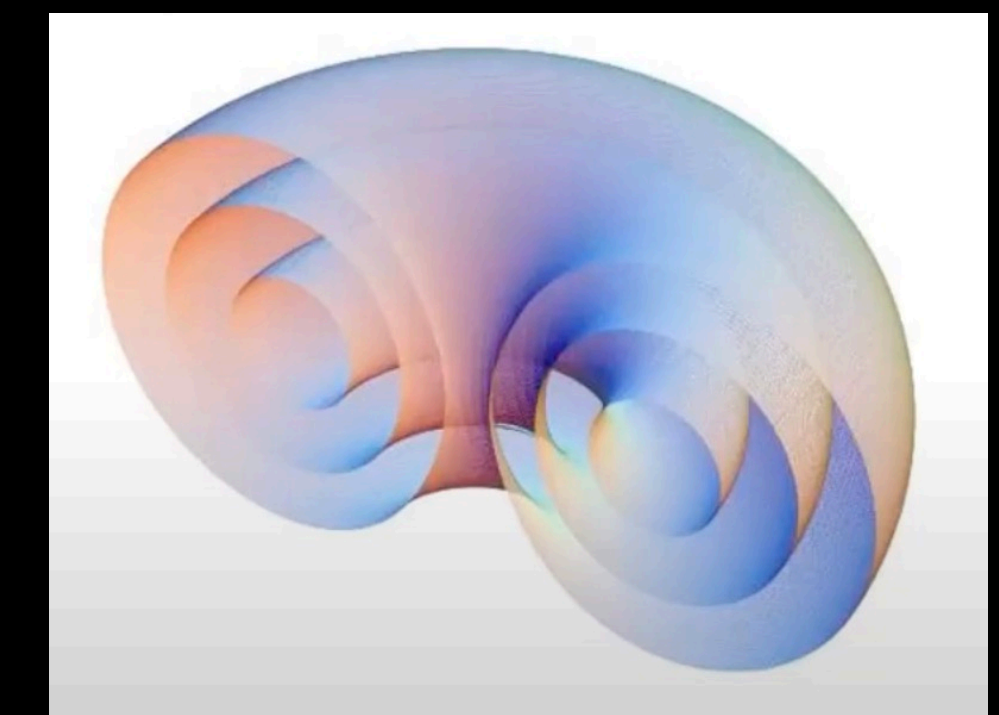
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Mergers:

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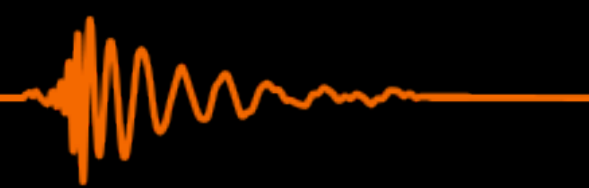
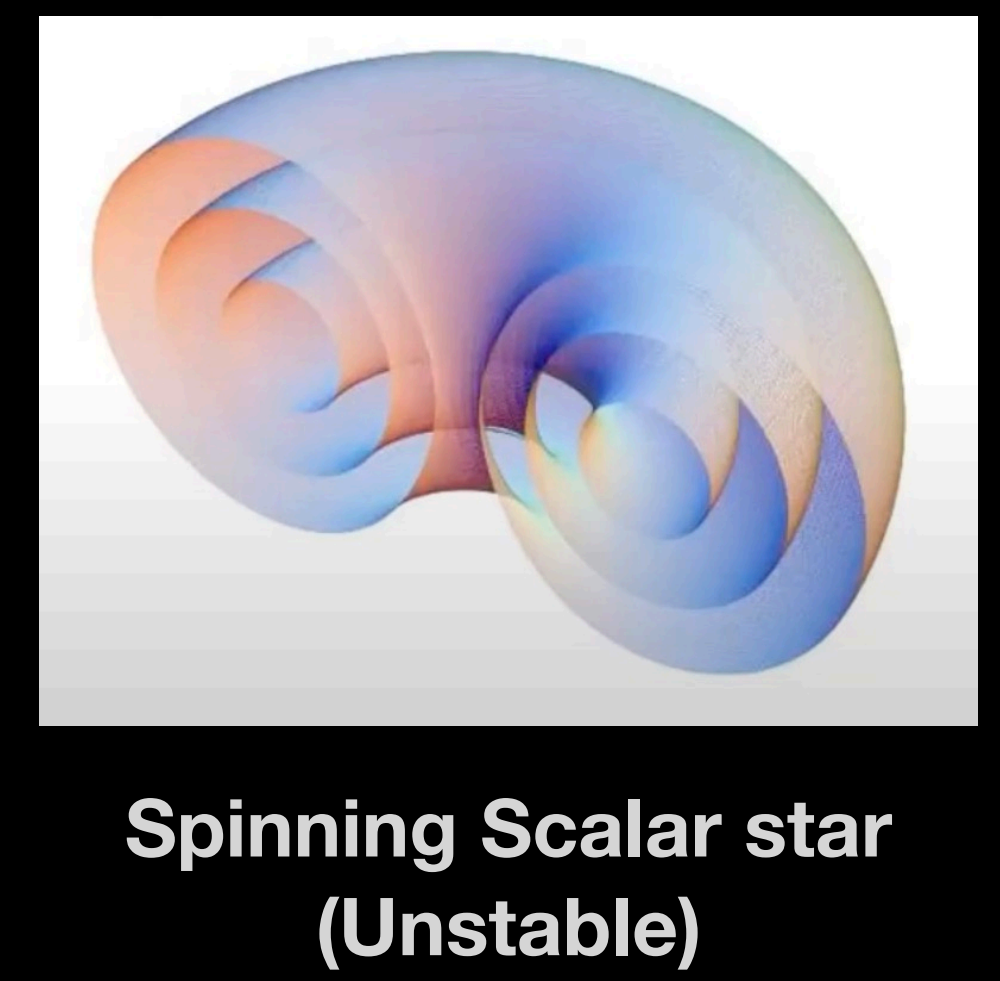
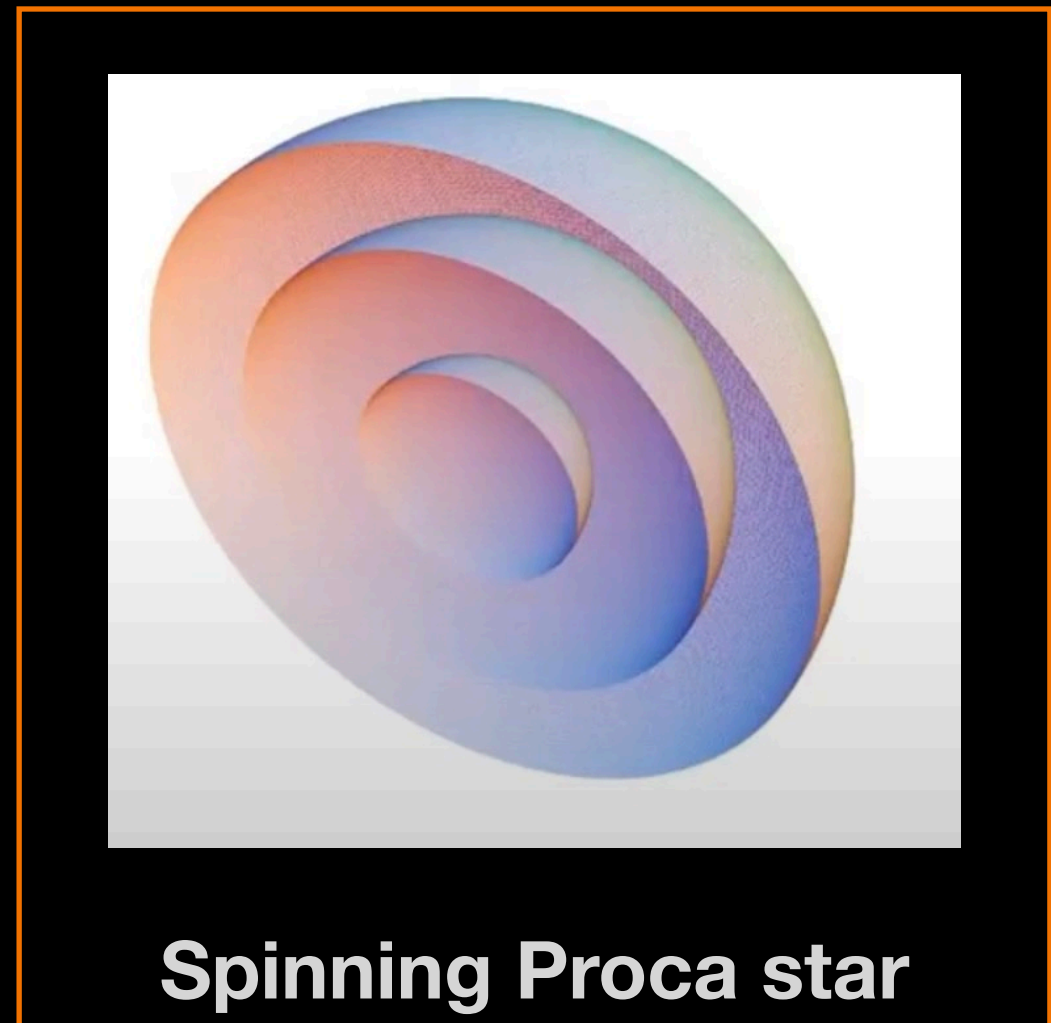
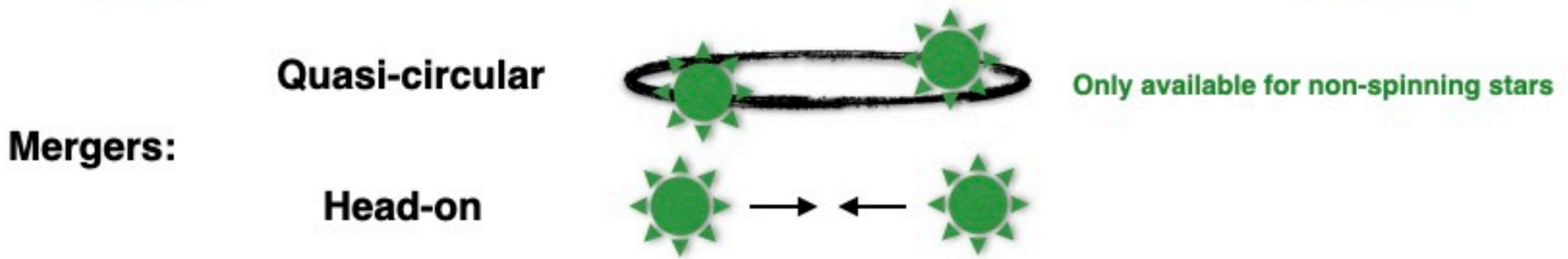


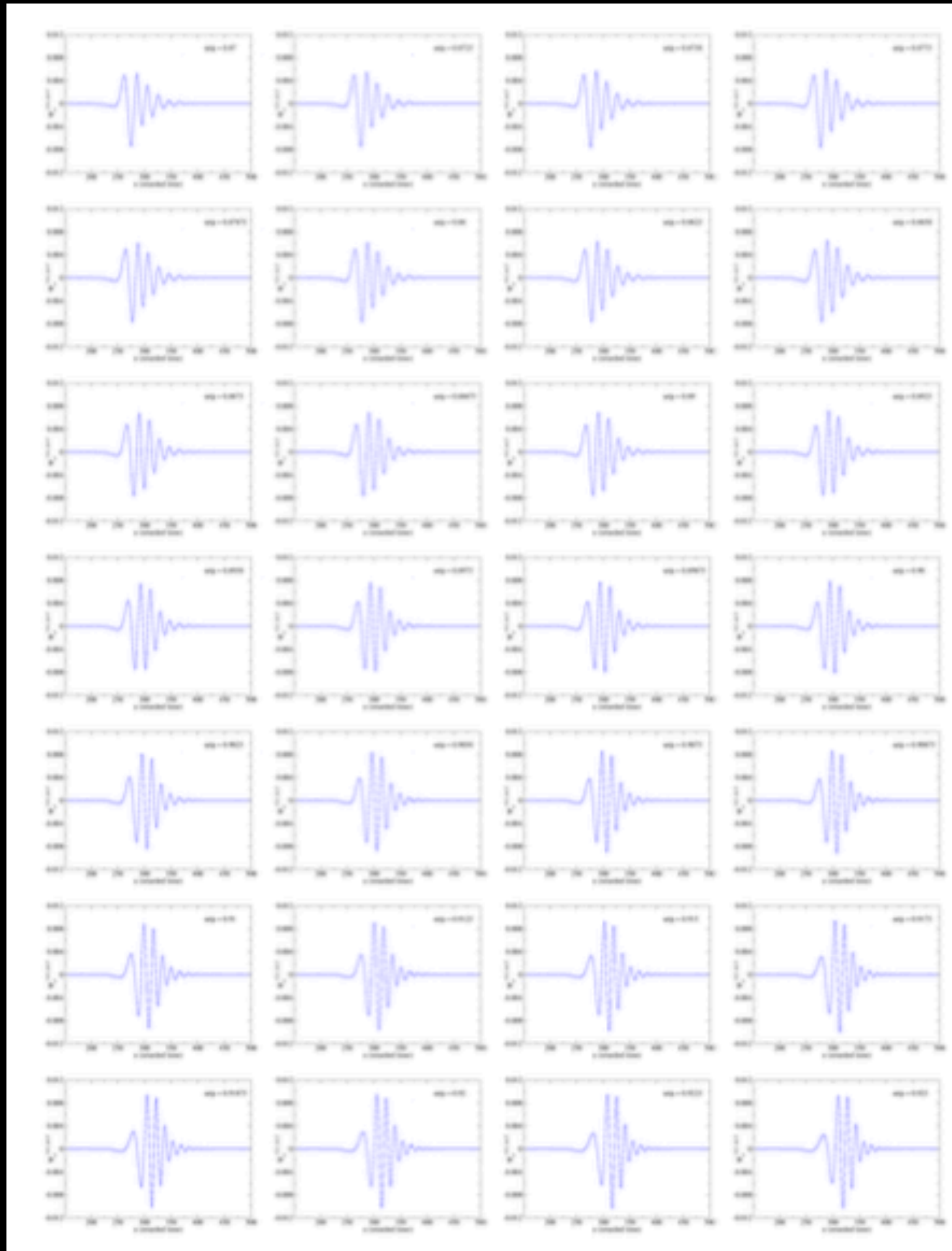
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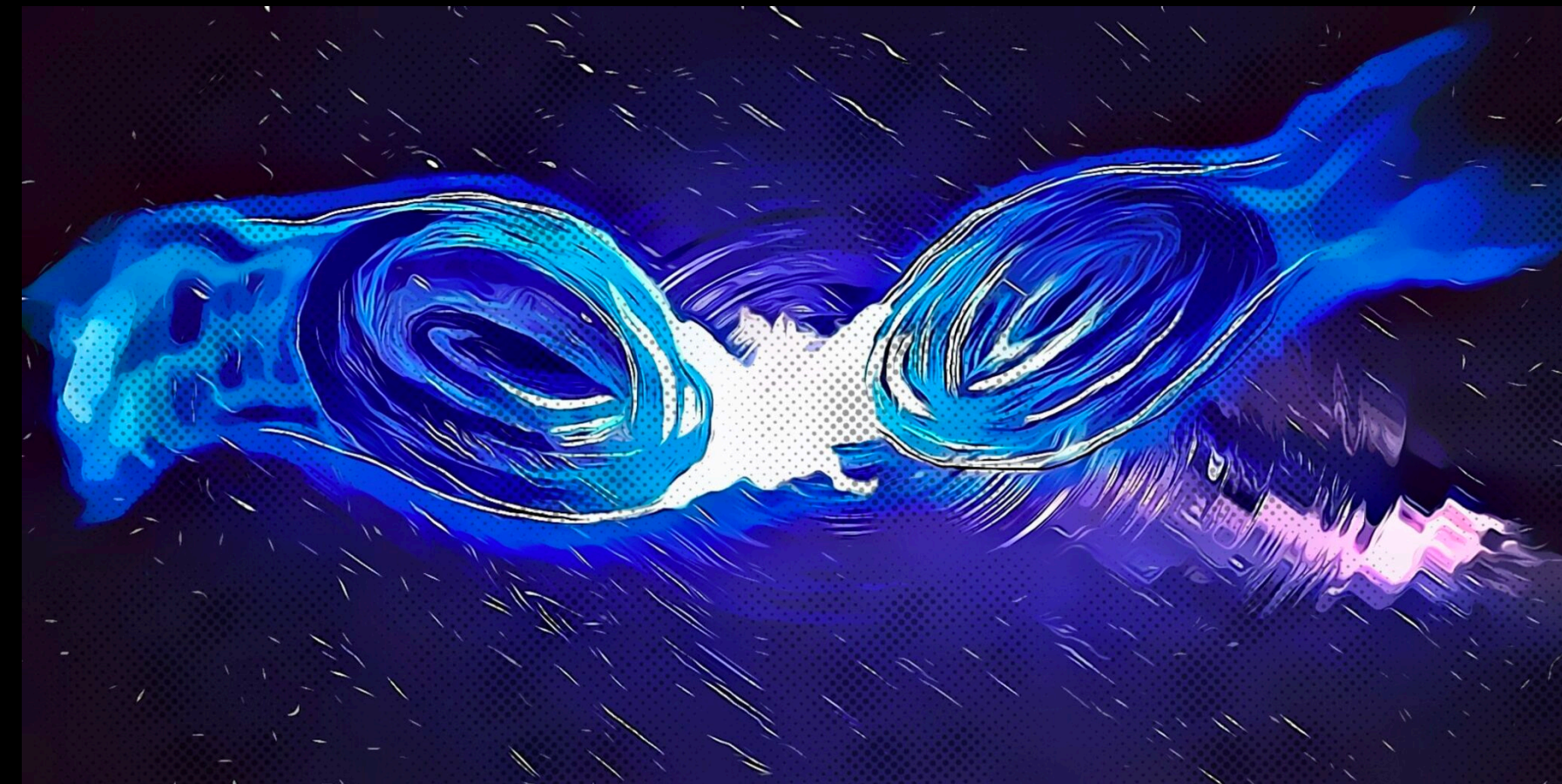
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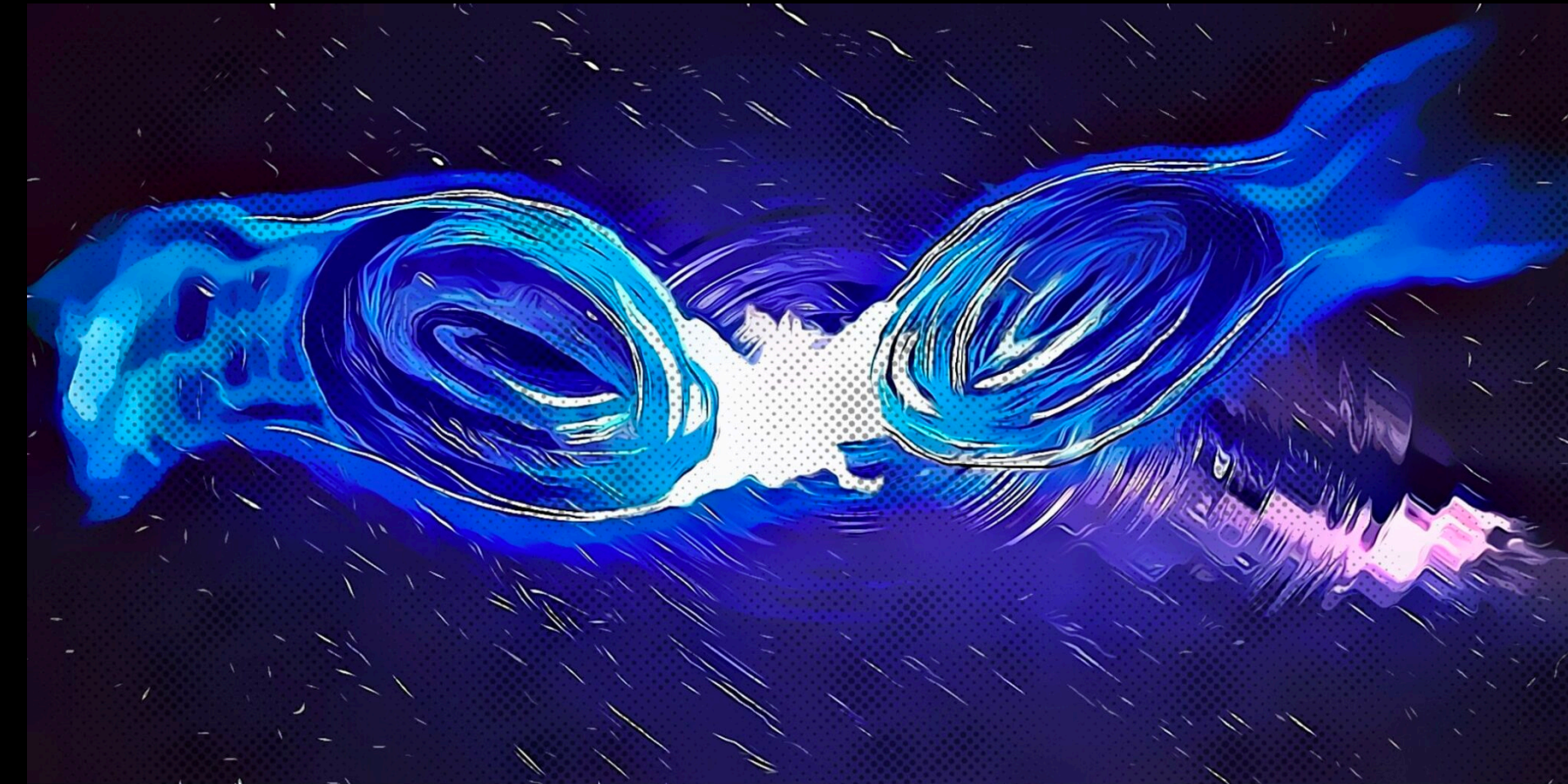
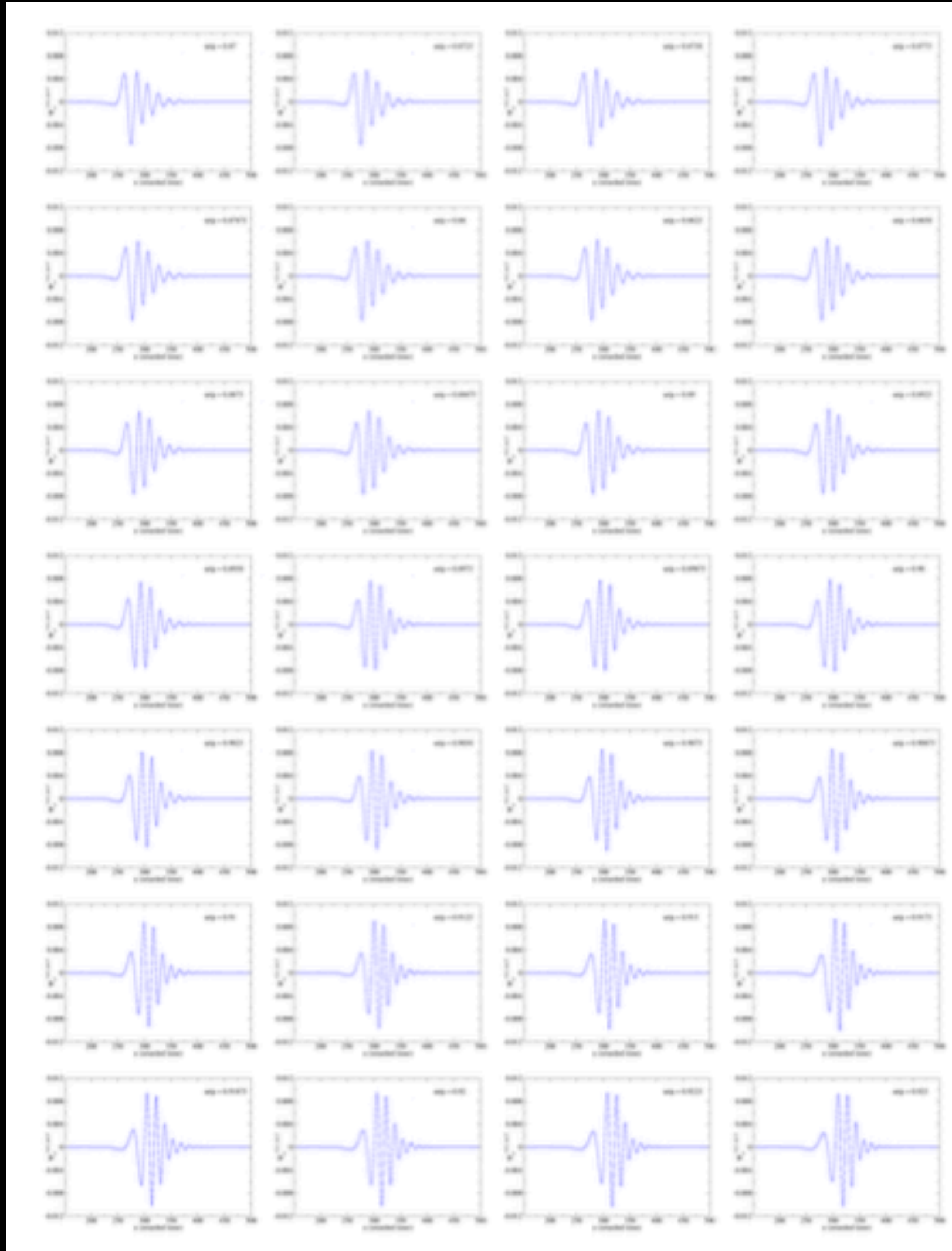


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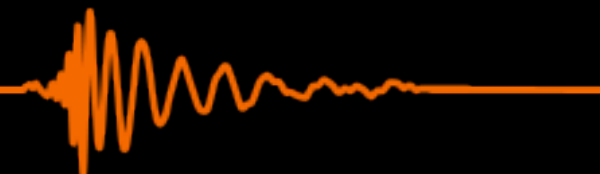
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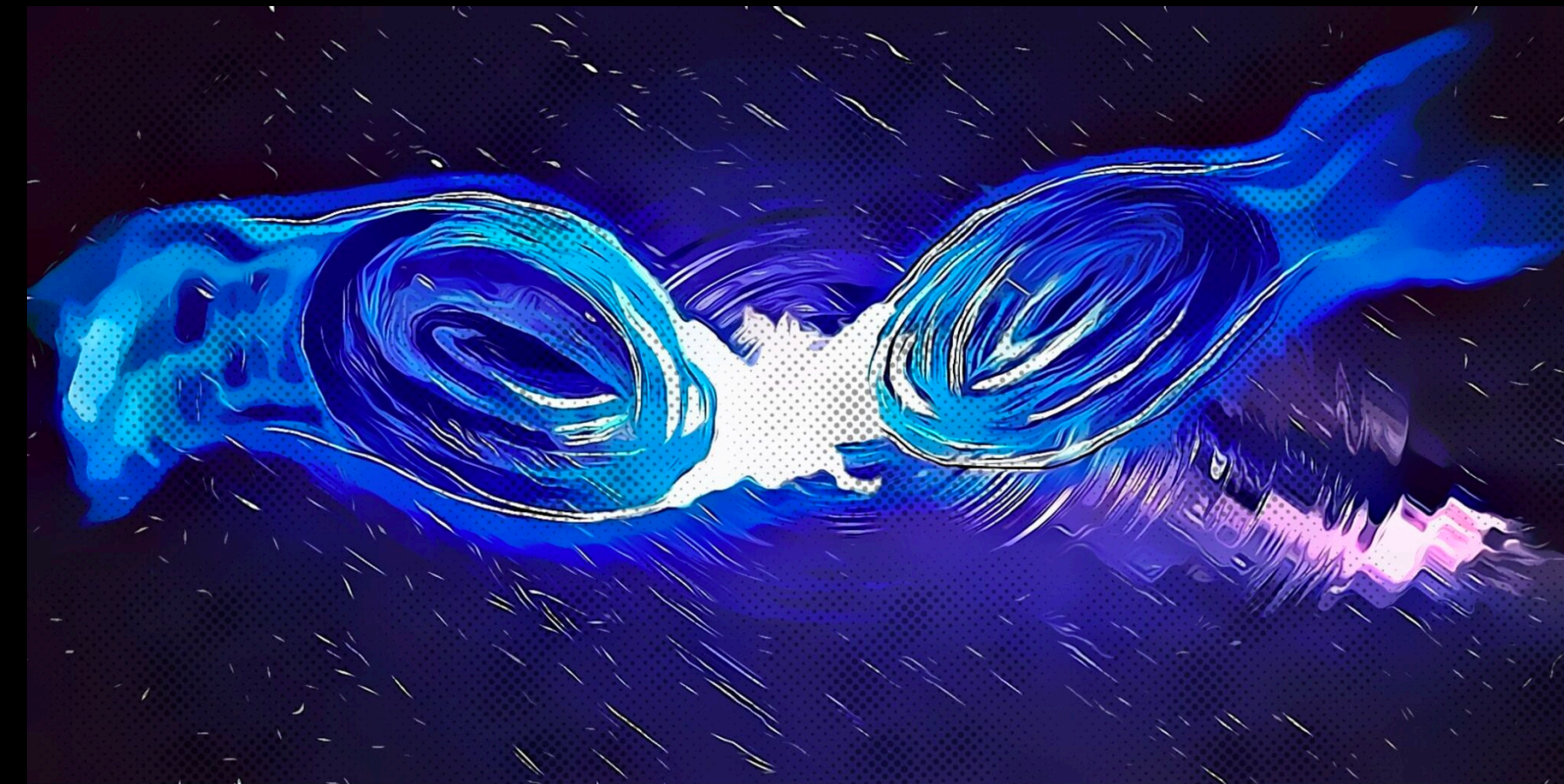
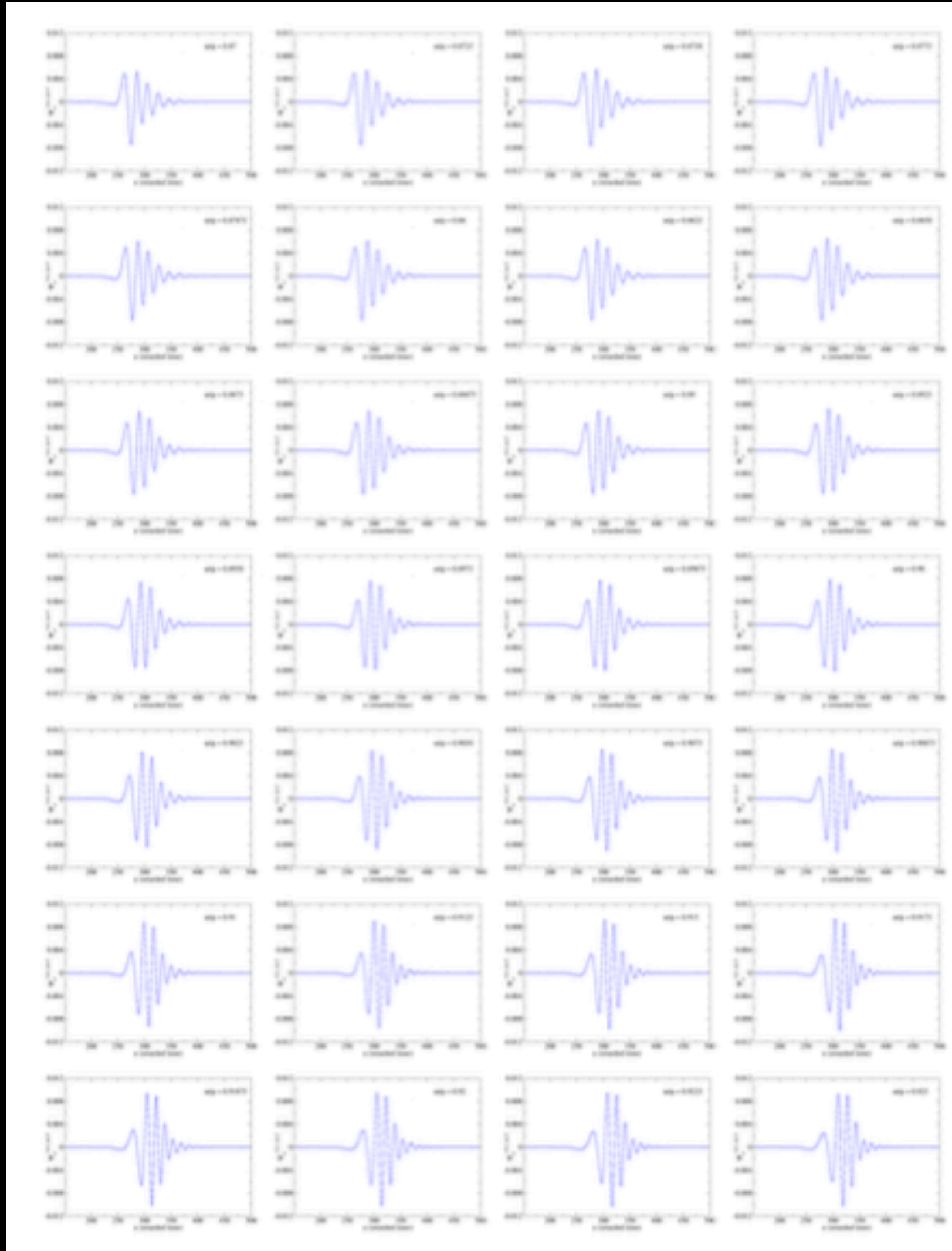
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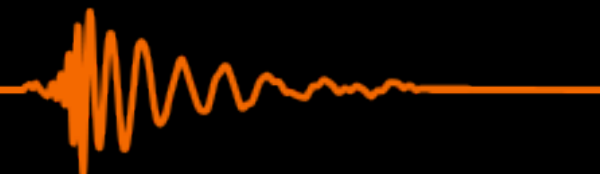
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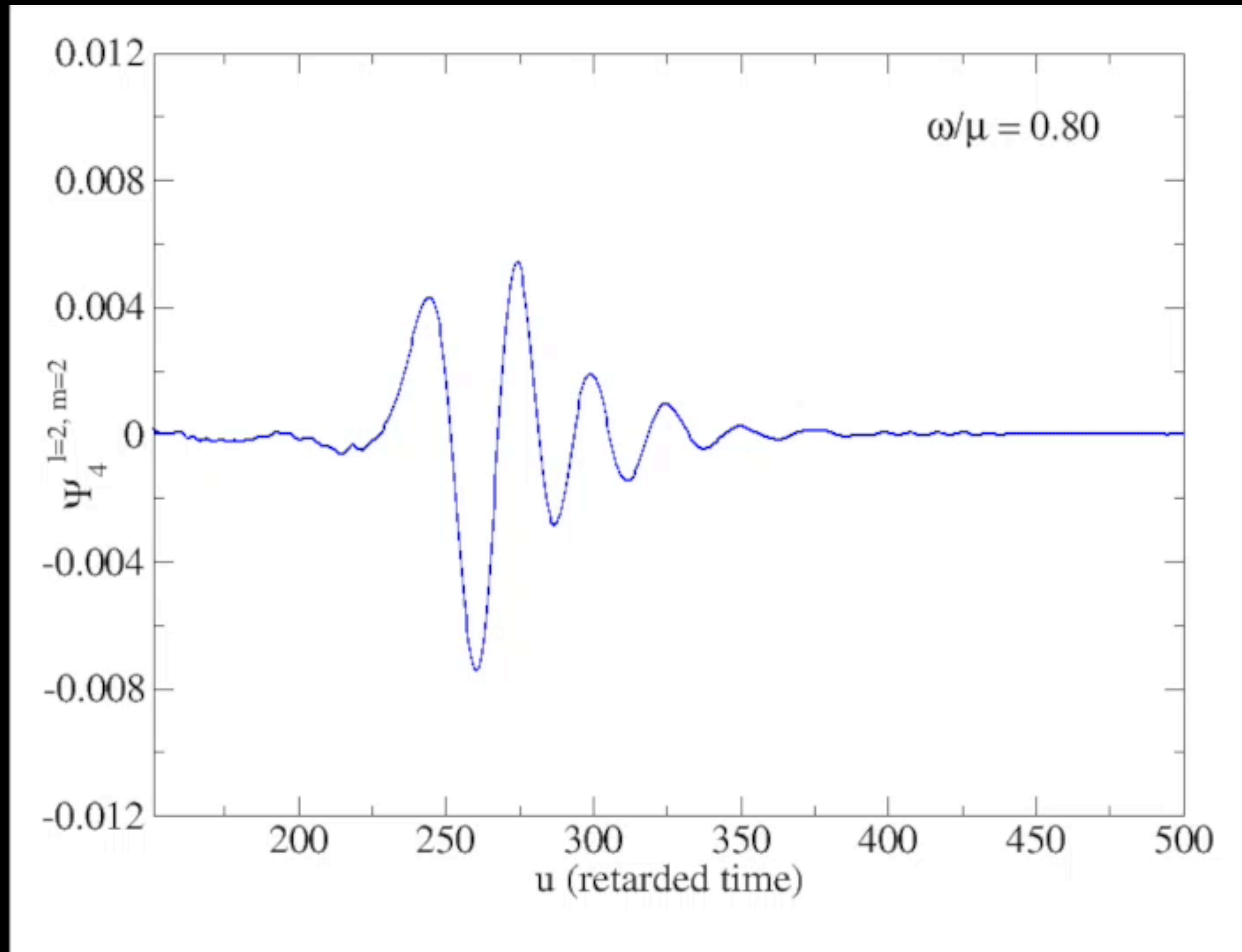
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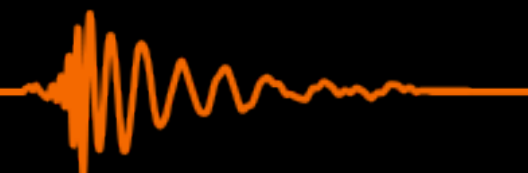
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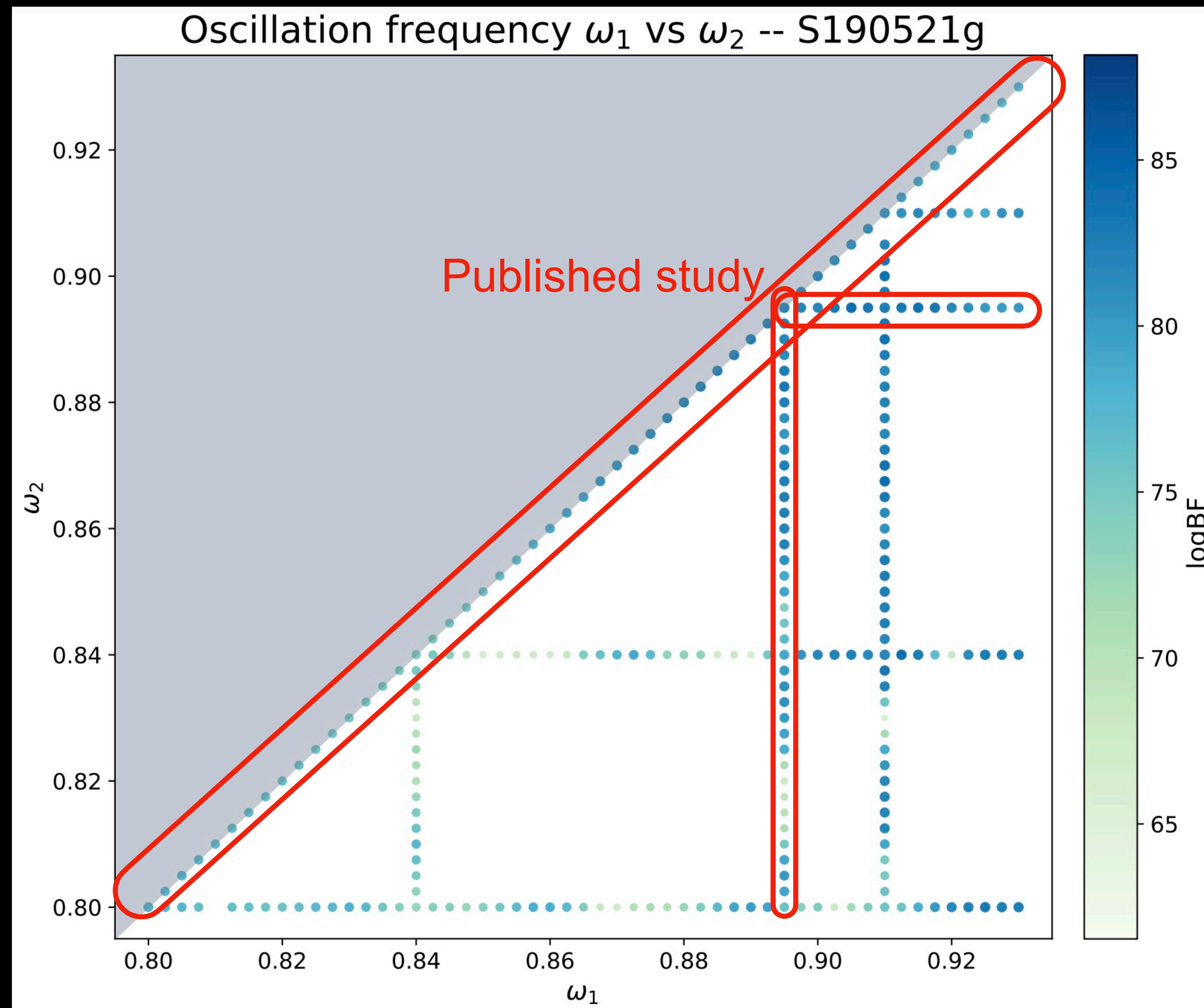
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Standard for the spins, source orientation, sky-location

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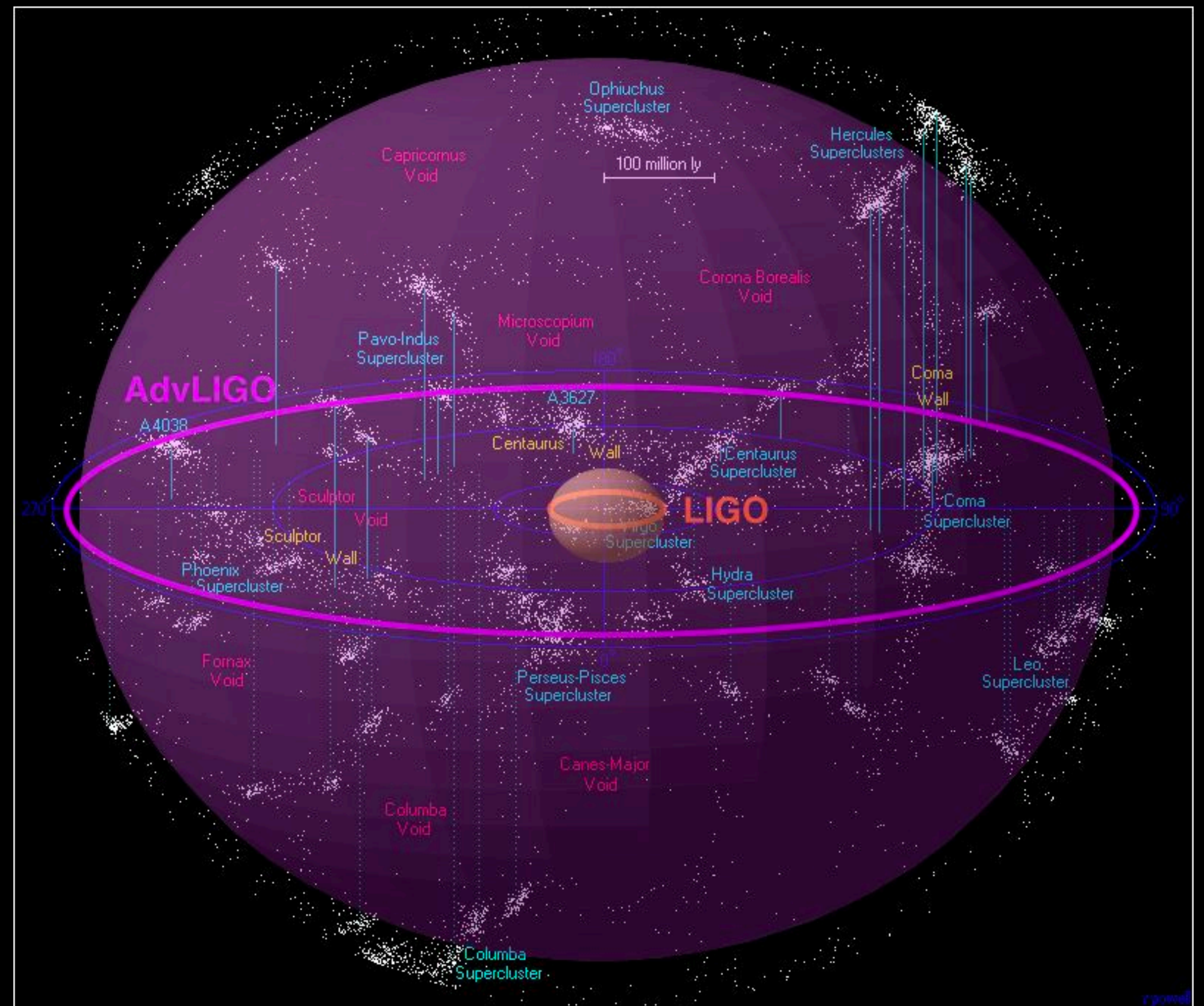
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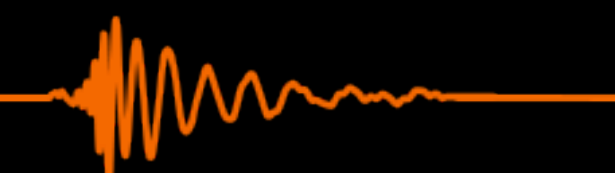
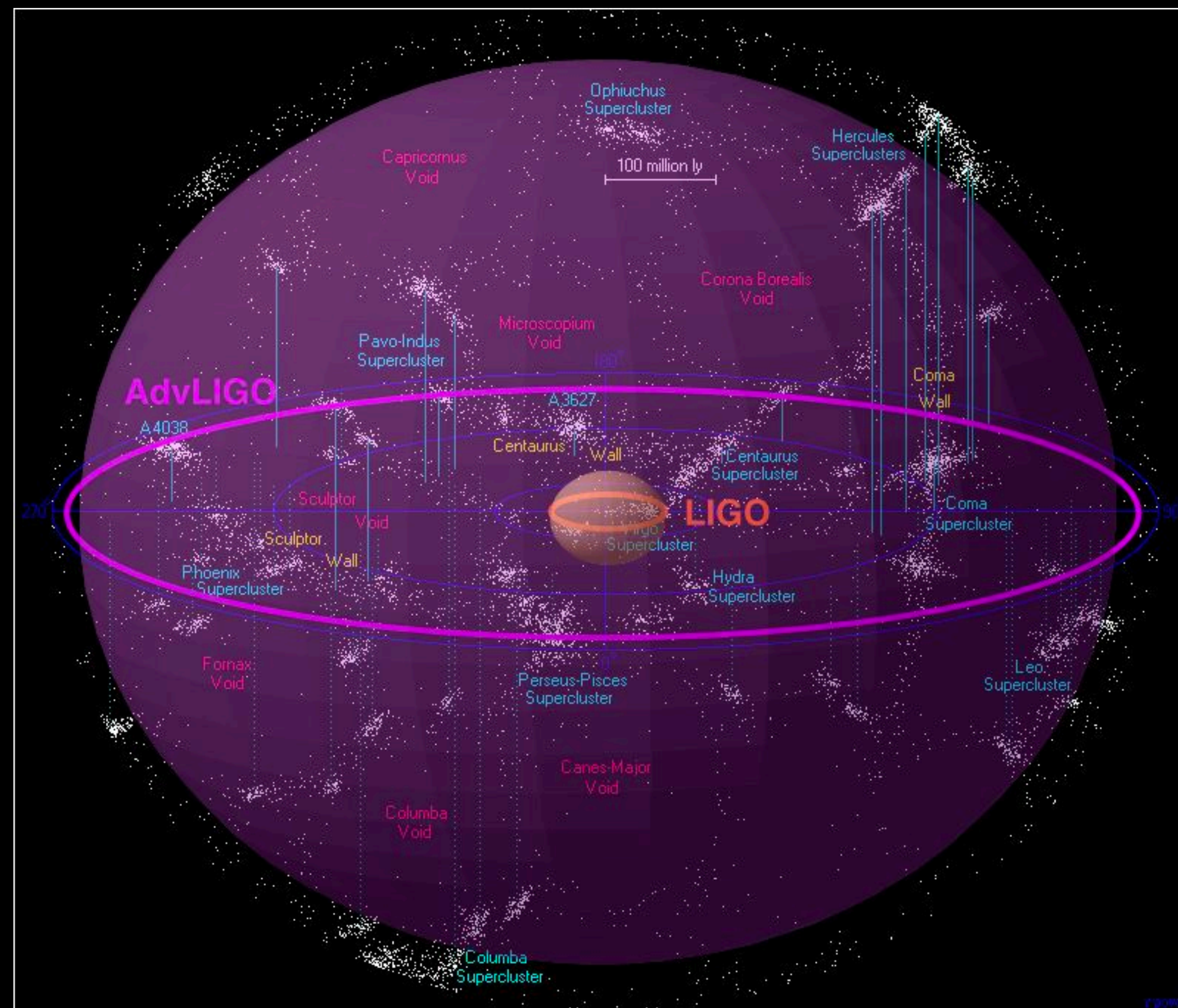
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Reasonable, but this favours loud BBH sources

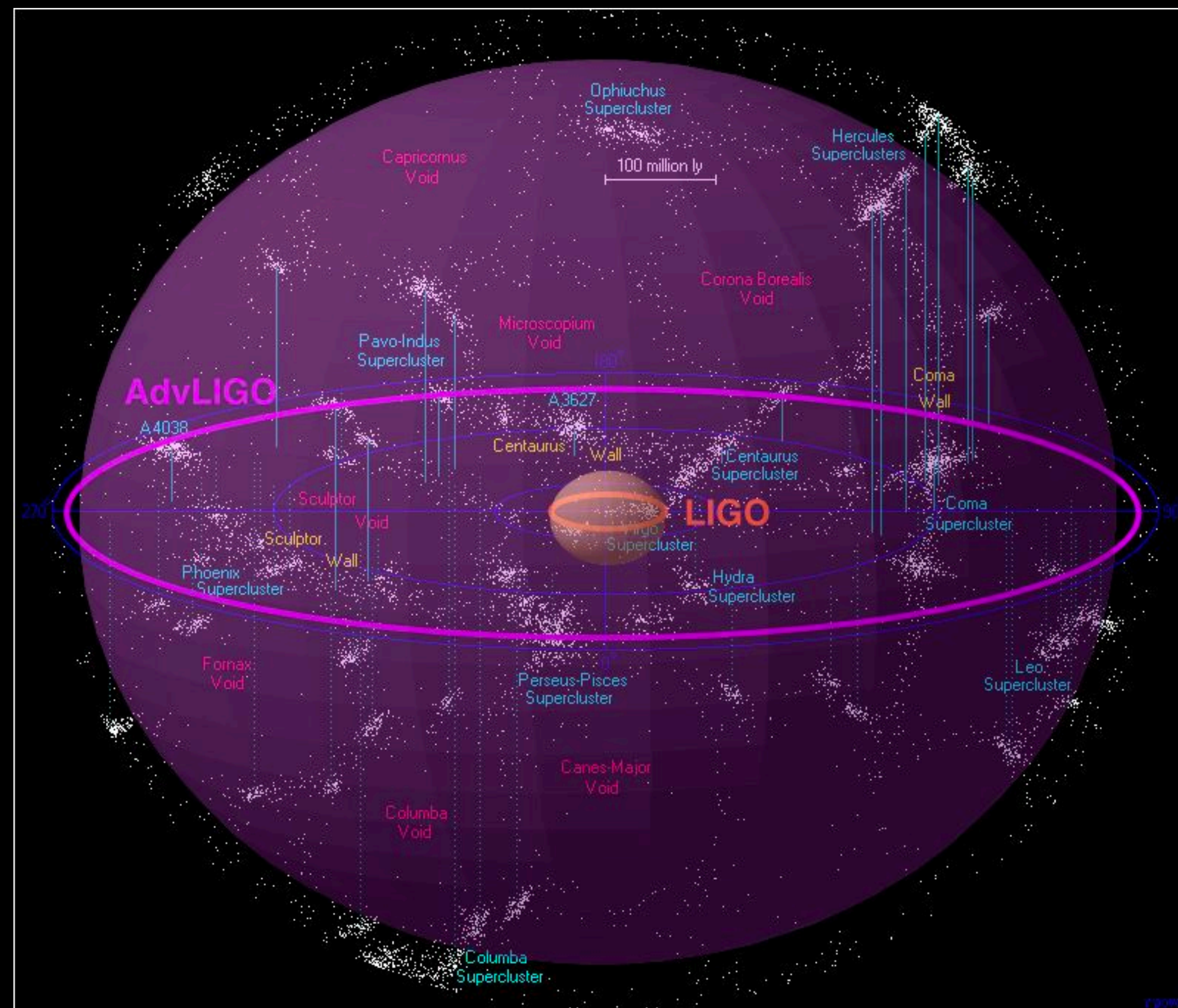


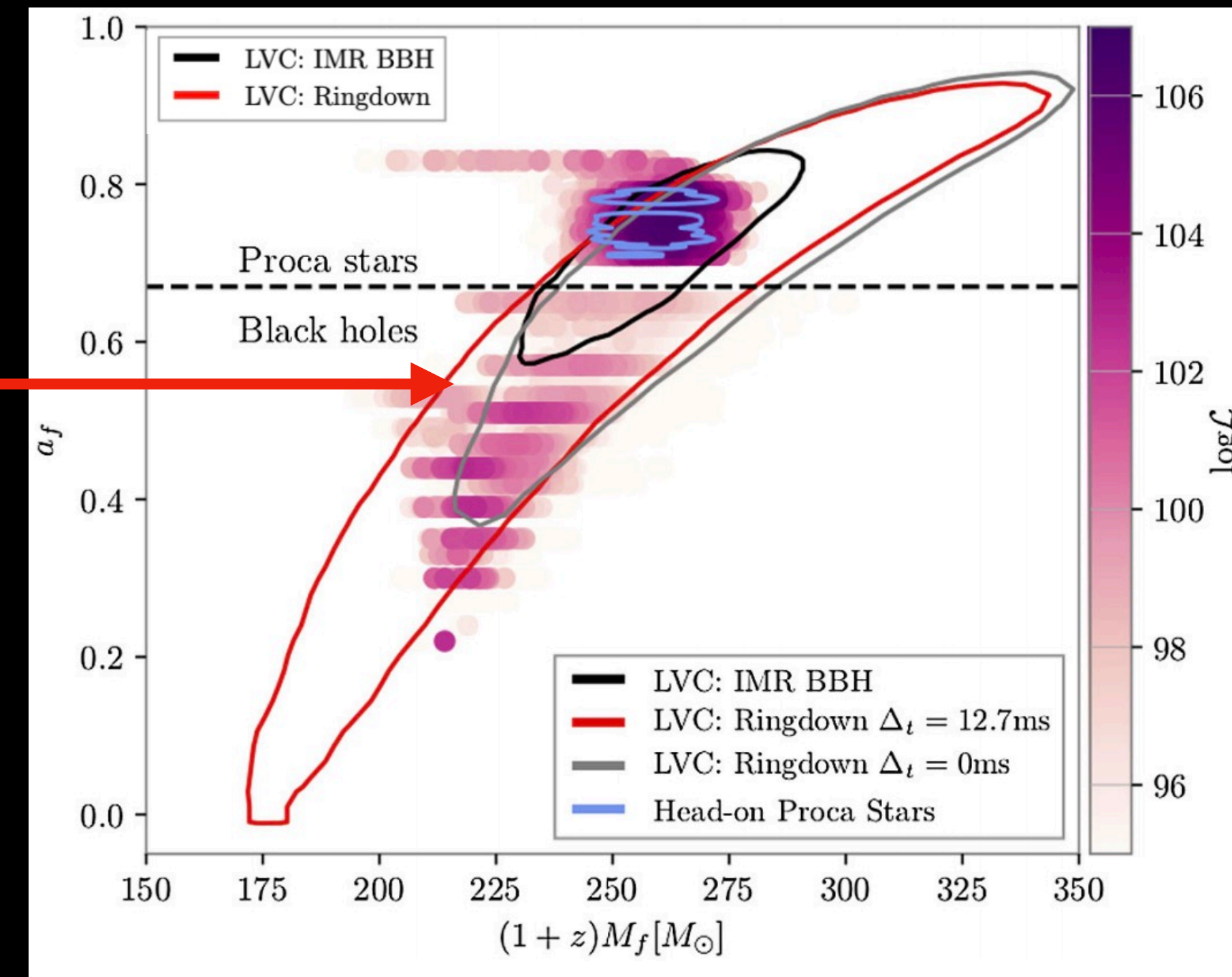
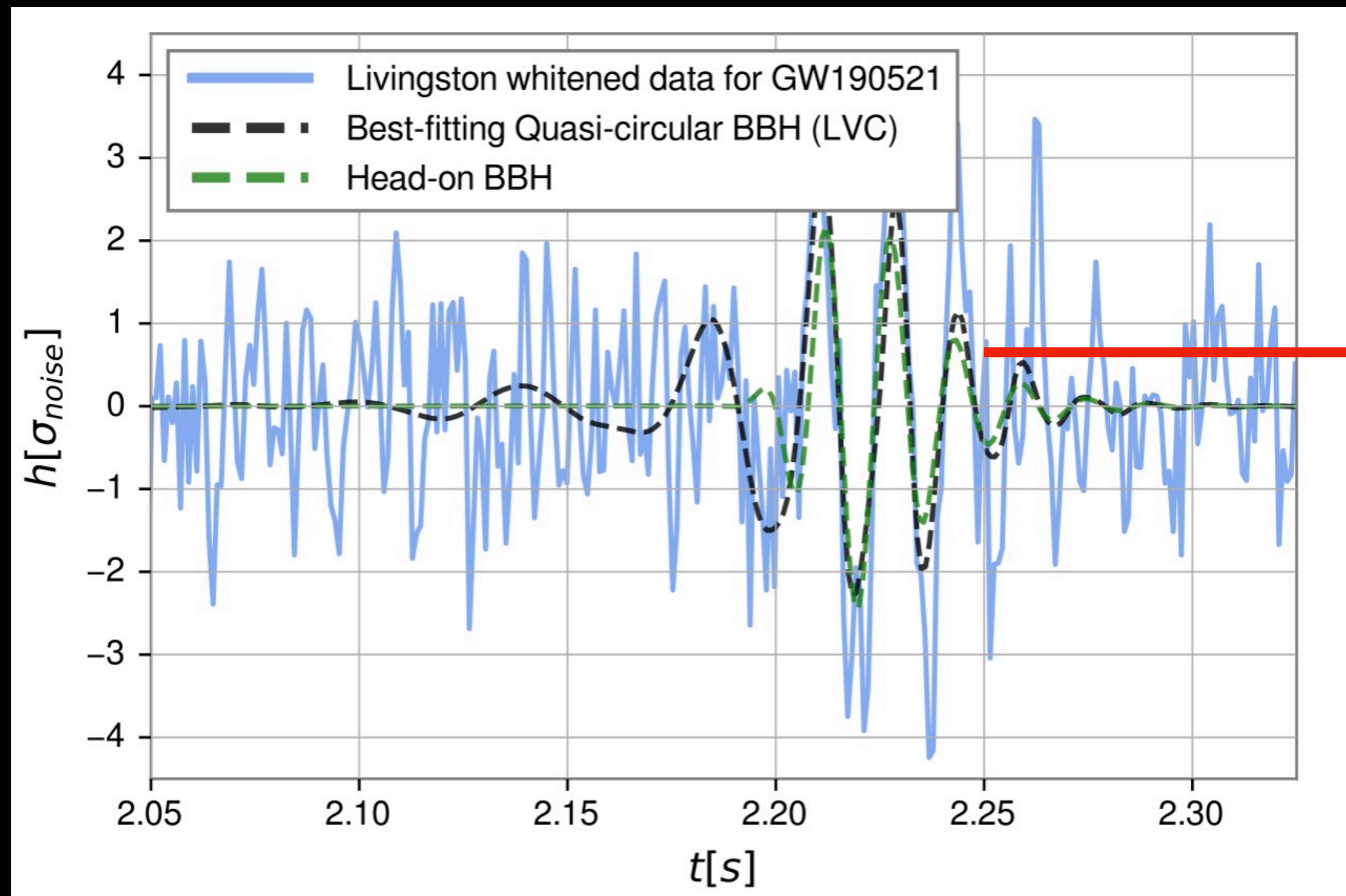
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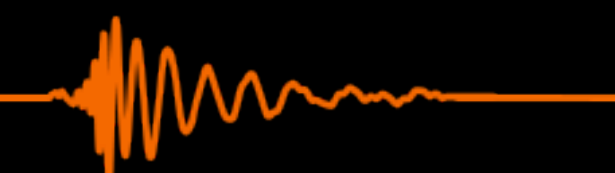
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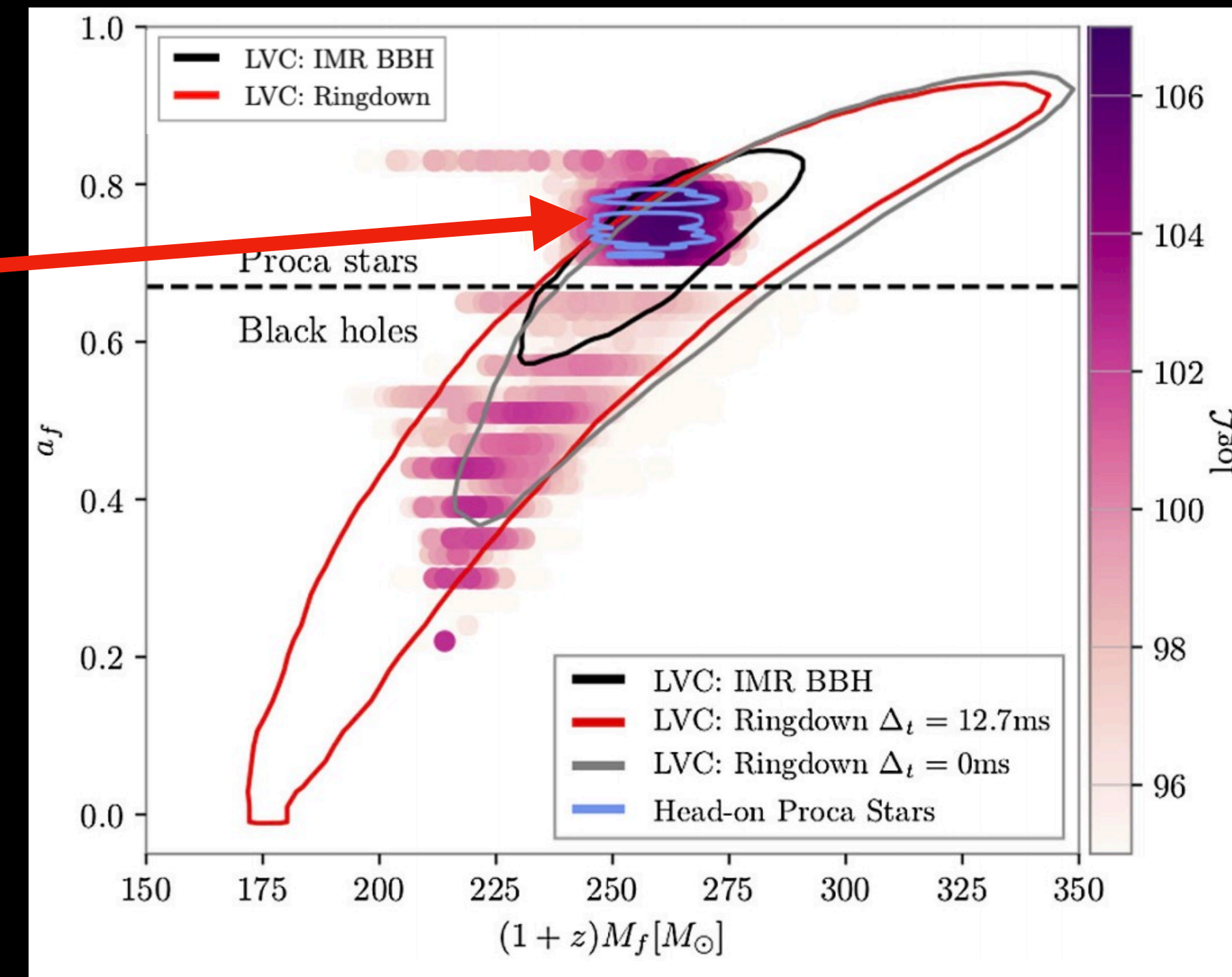
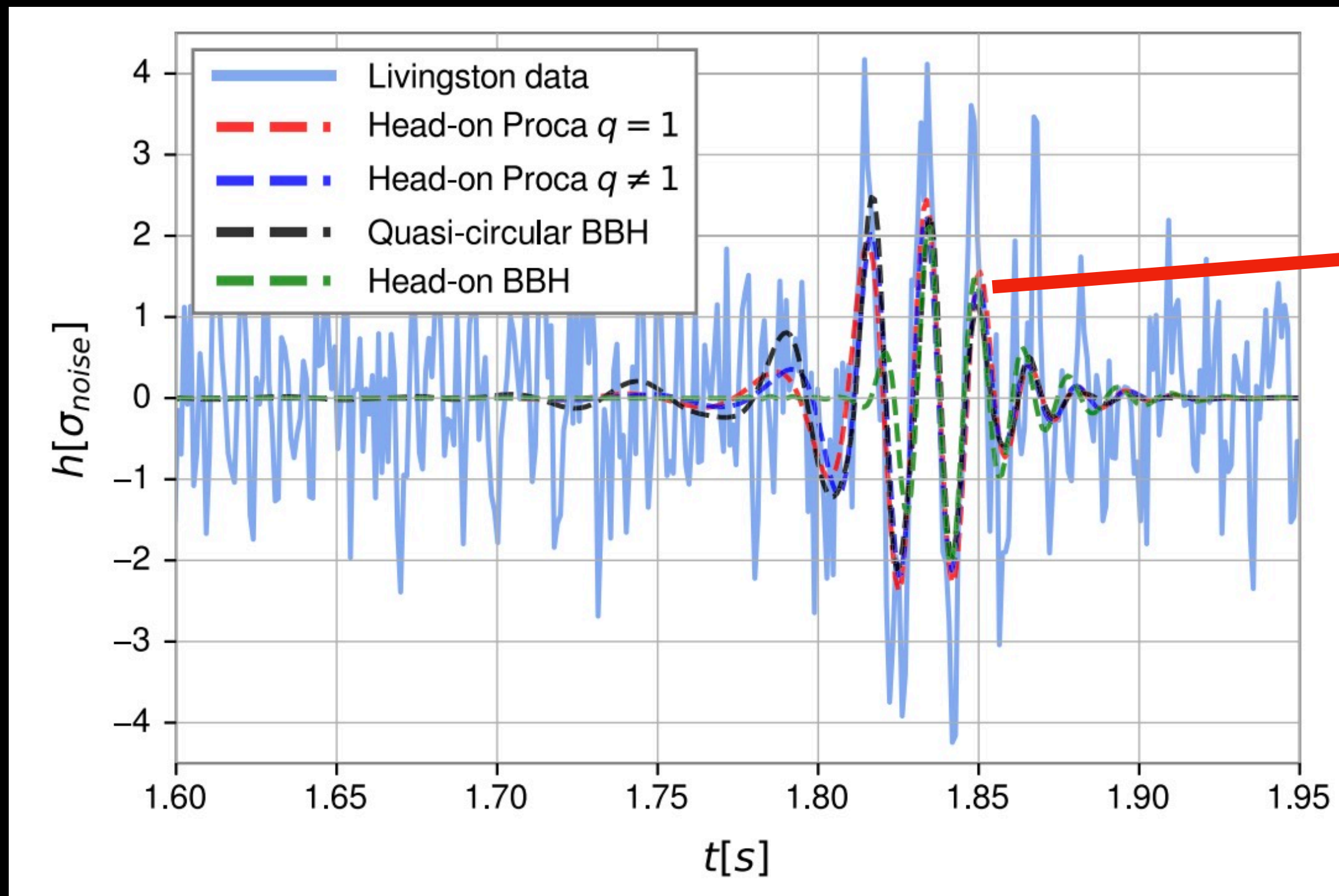
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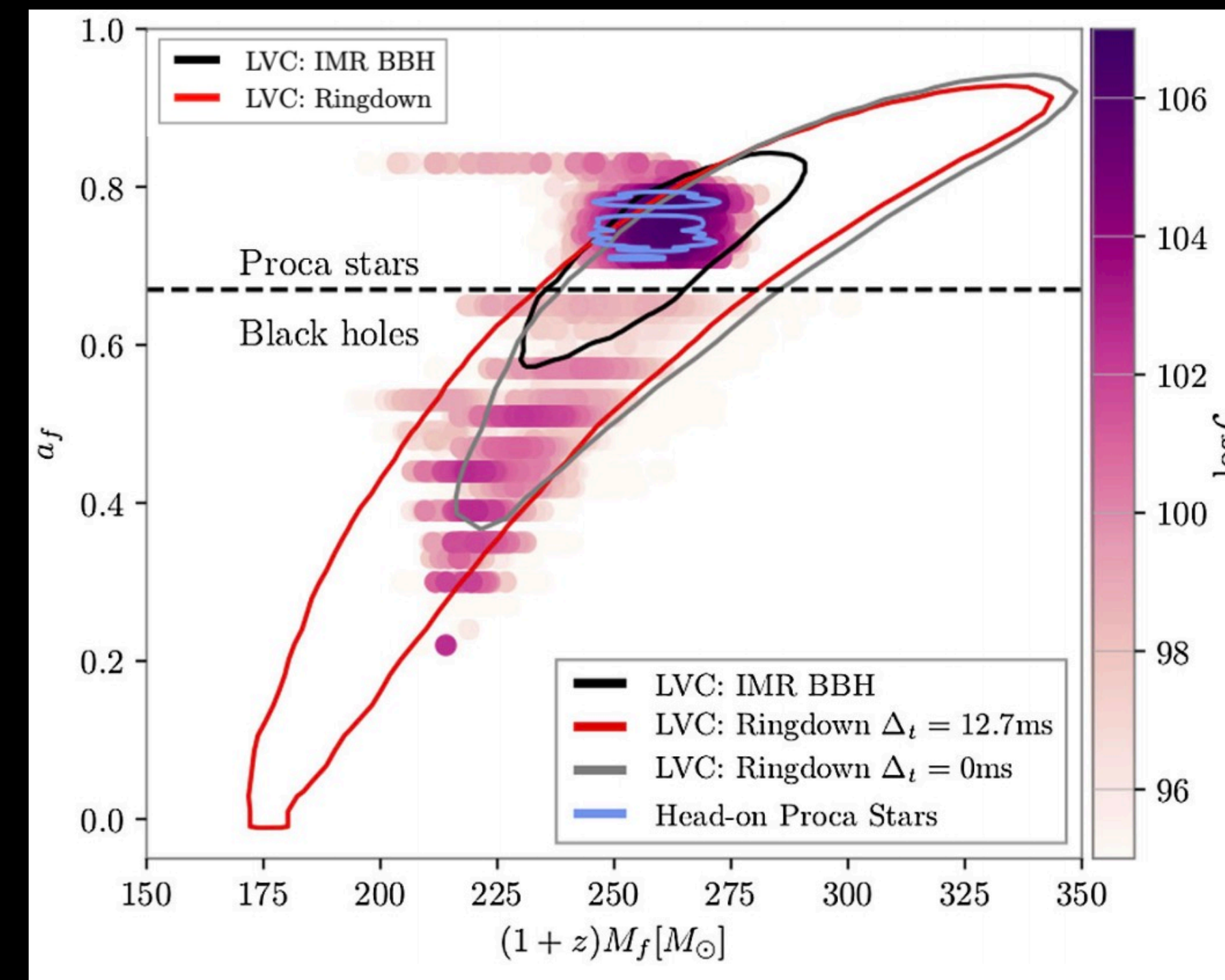
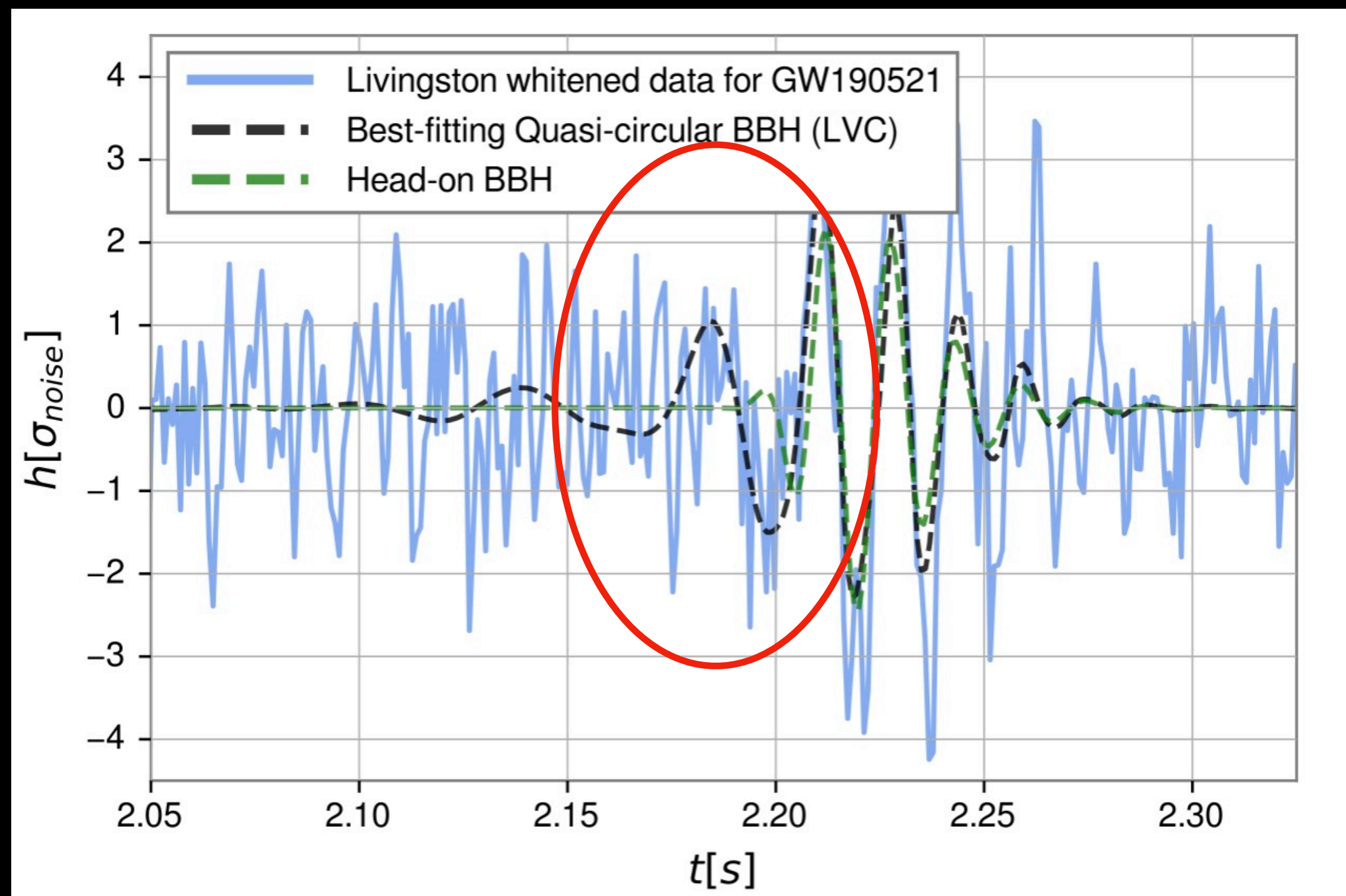


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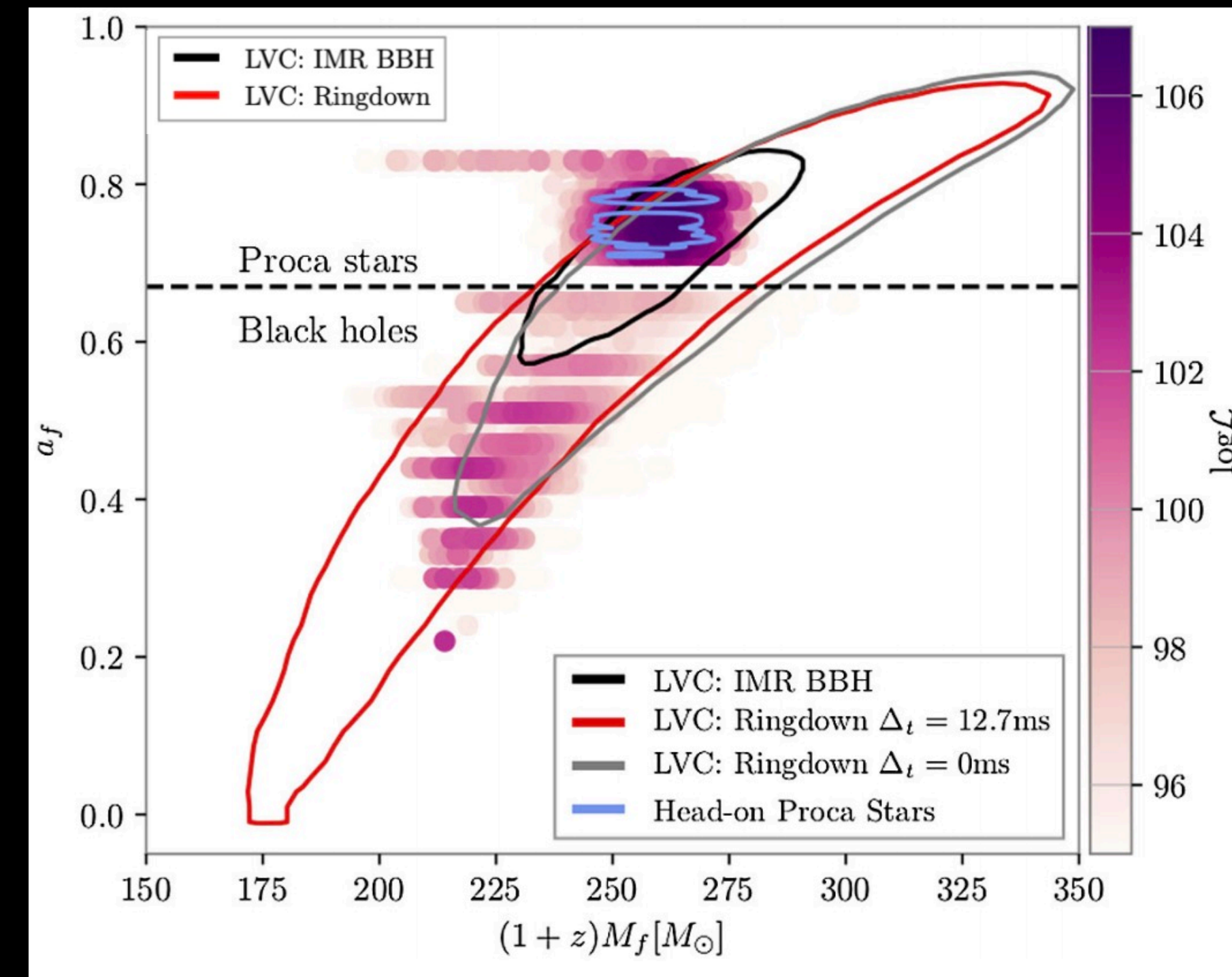
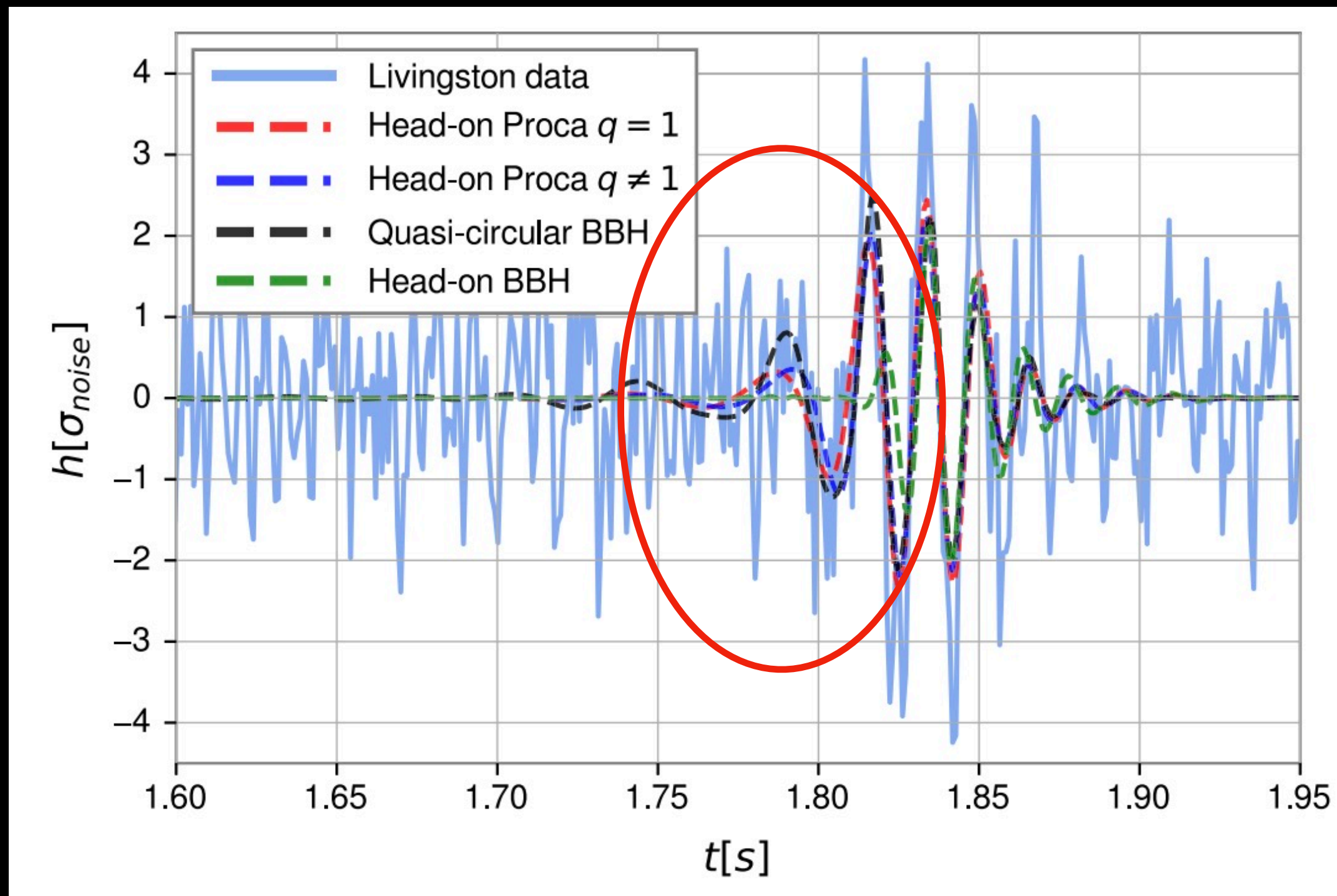




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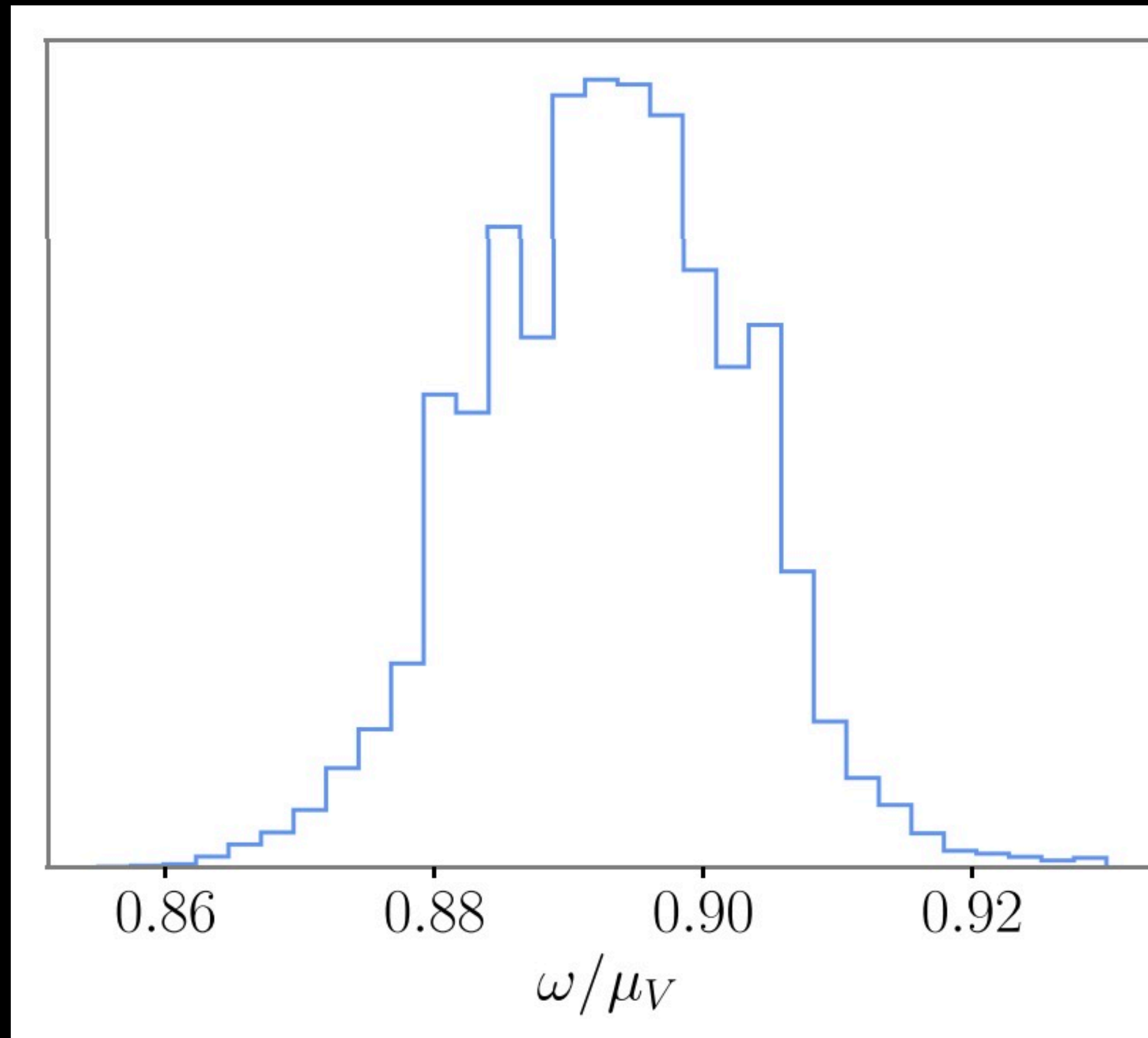


Lack of power before signal peak: immediate ringdown of final black hole

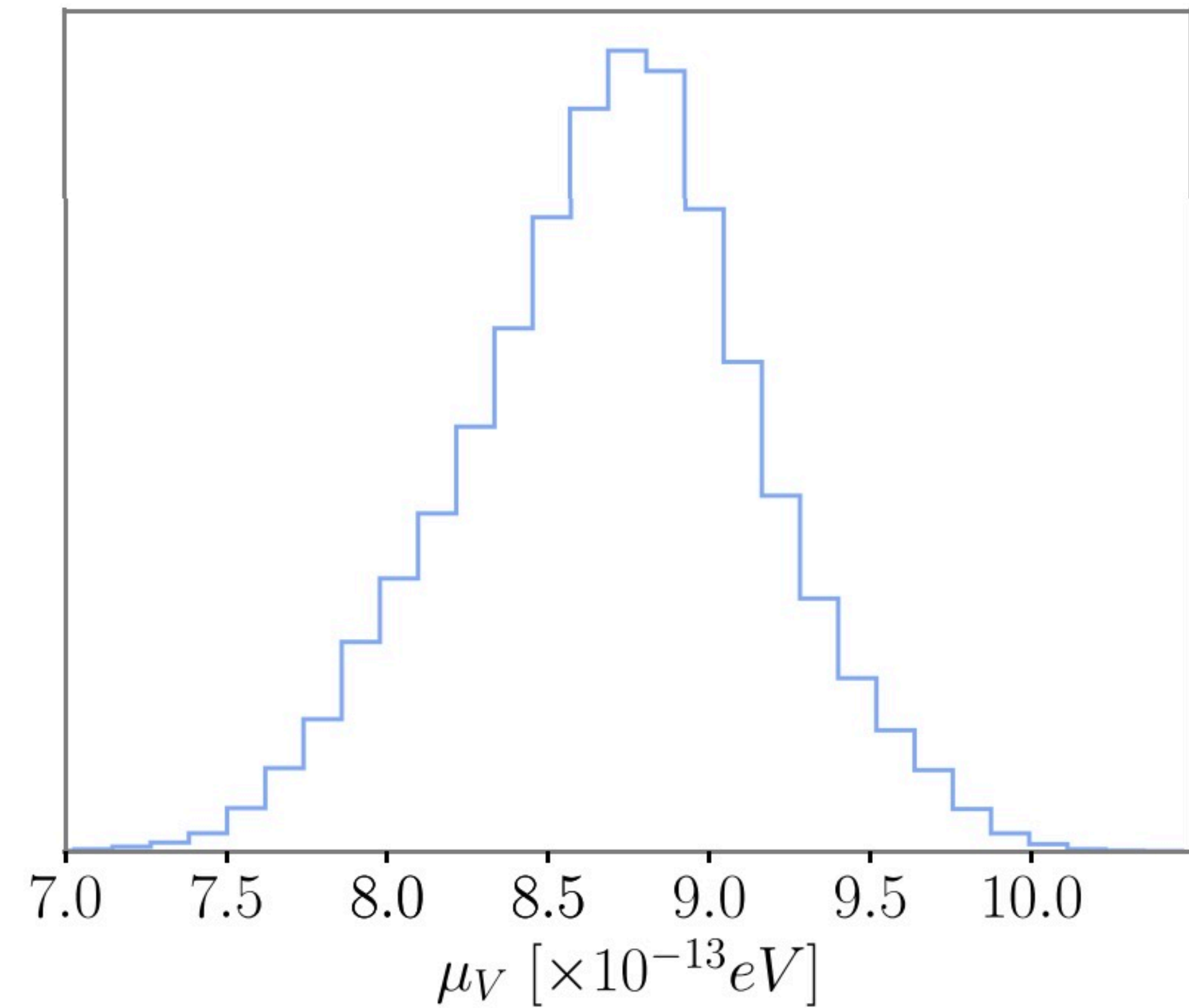


Transient hypermassive Proca star: power before signal peak

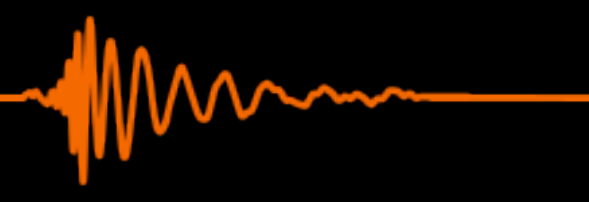
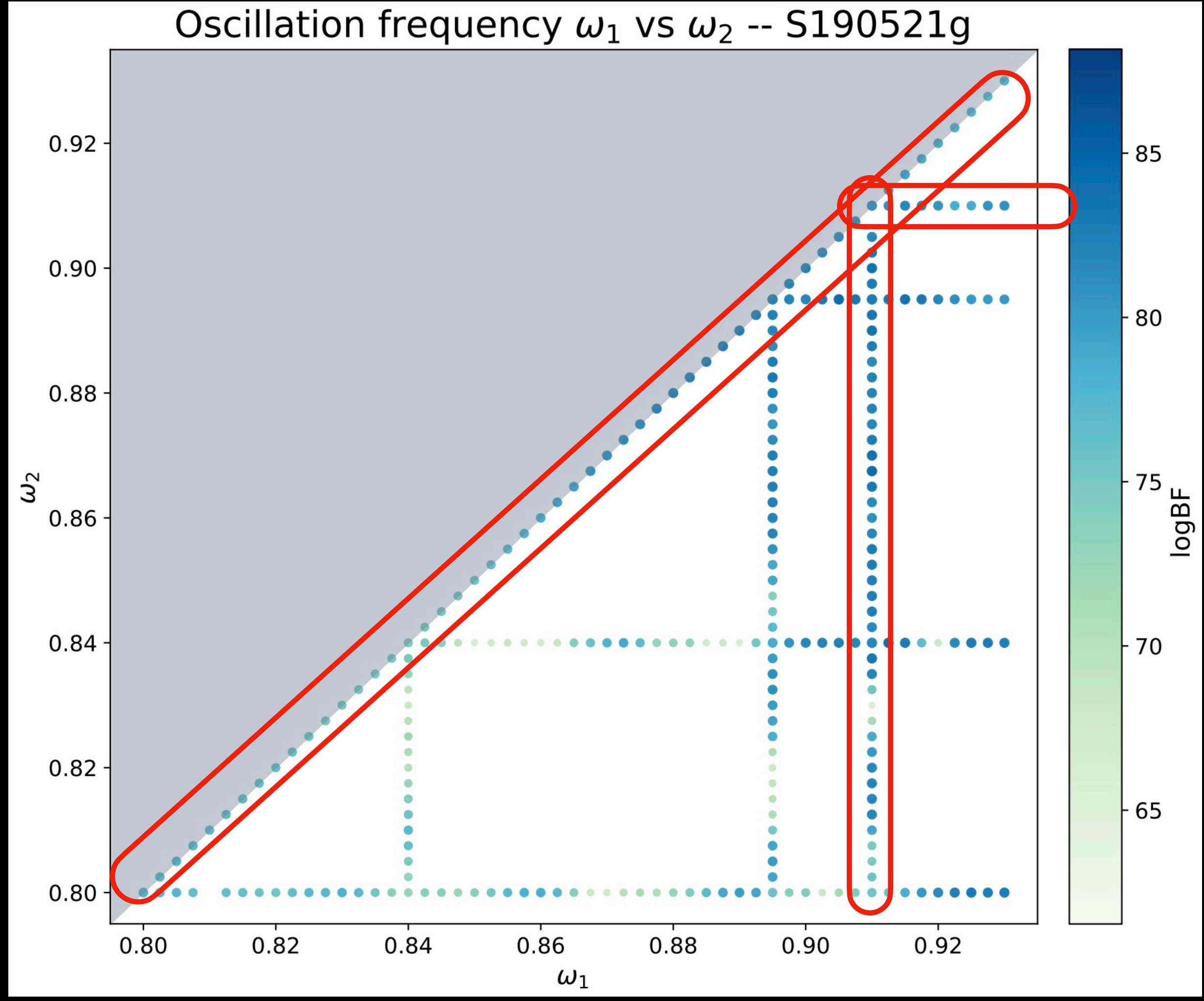
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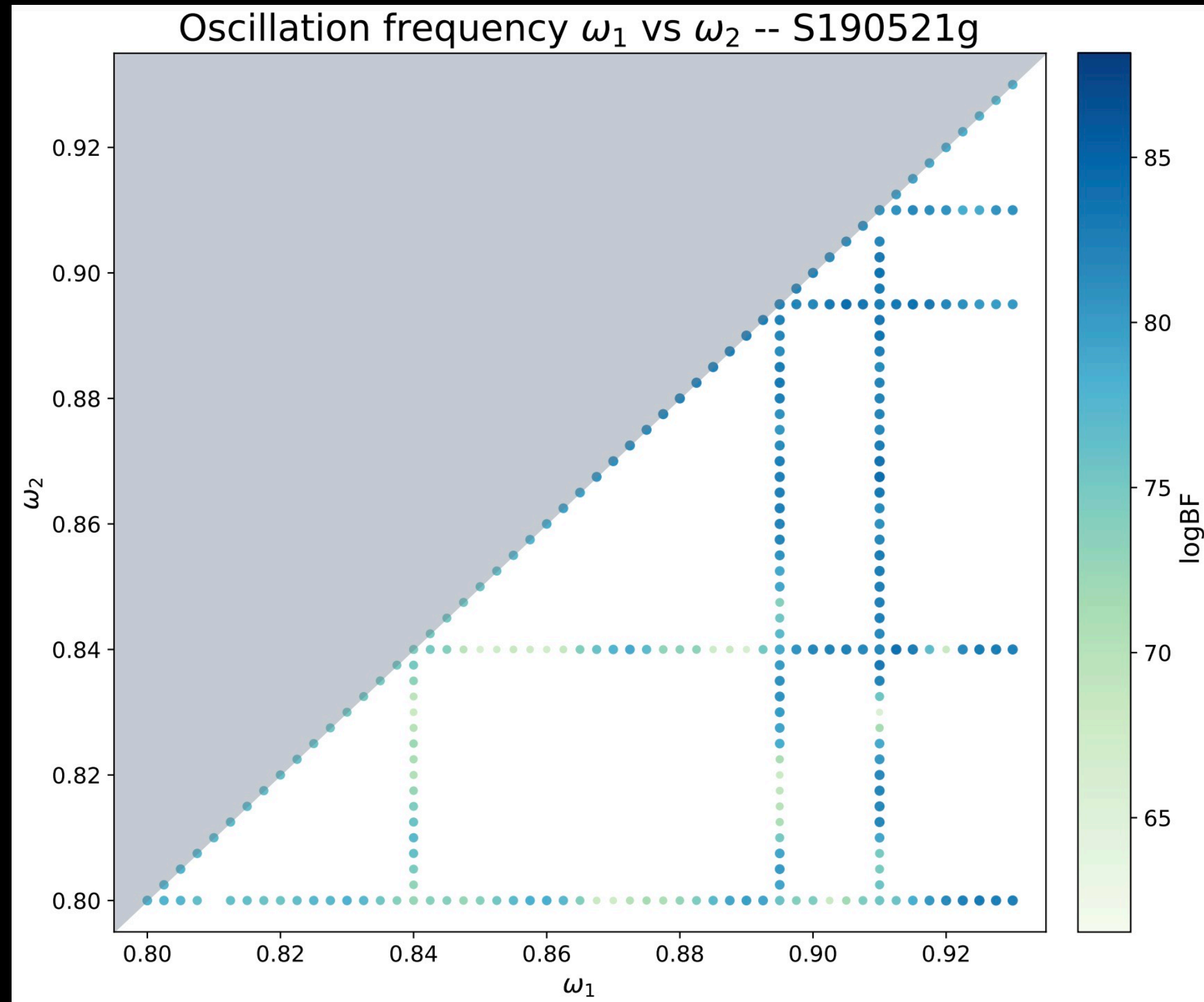


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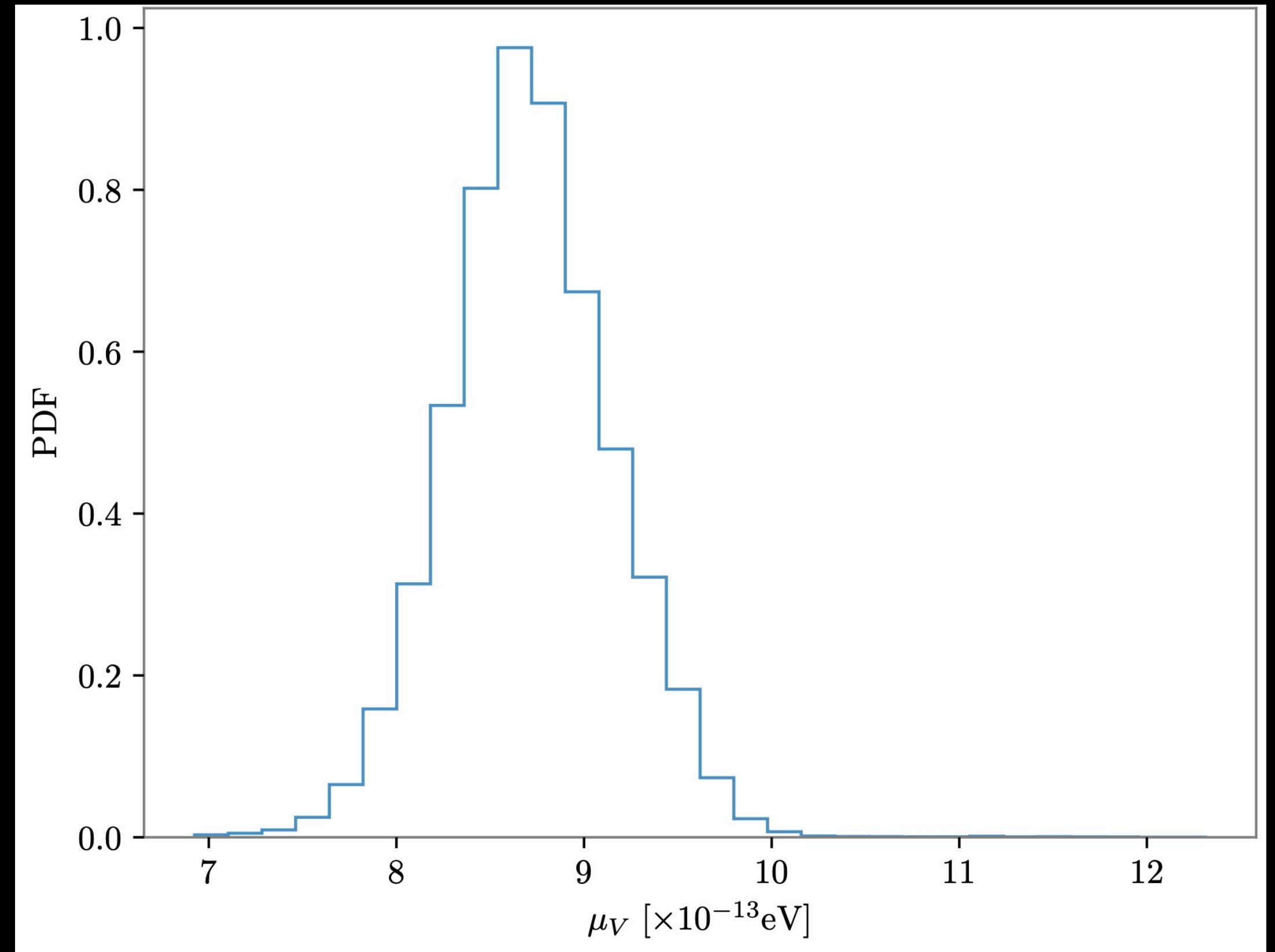
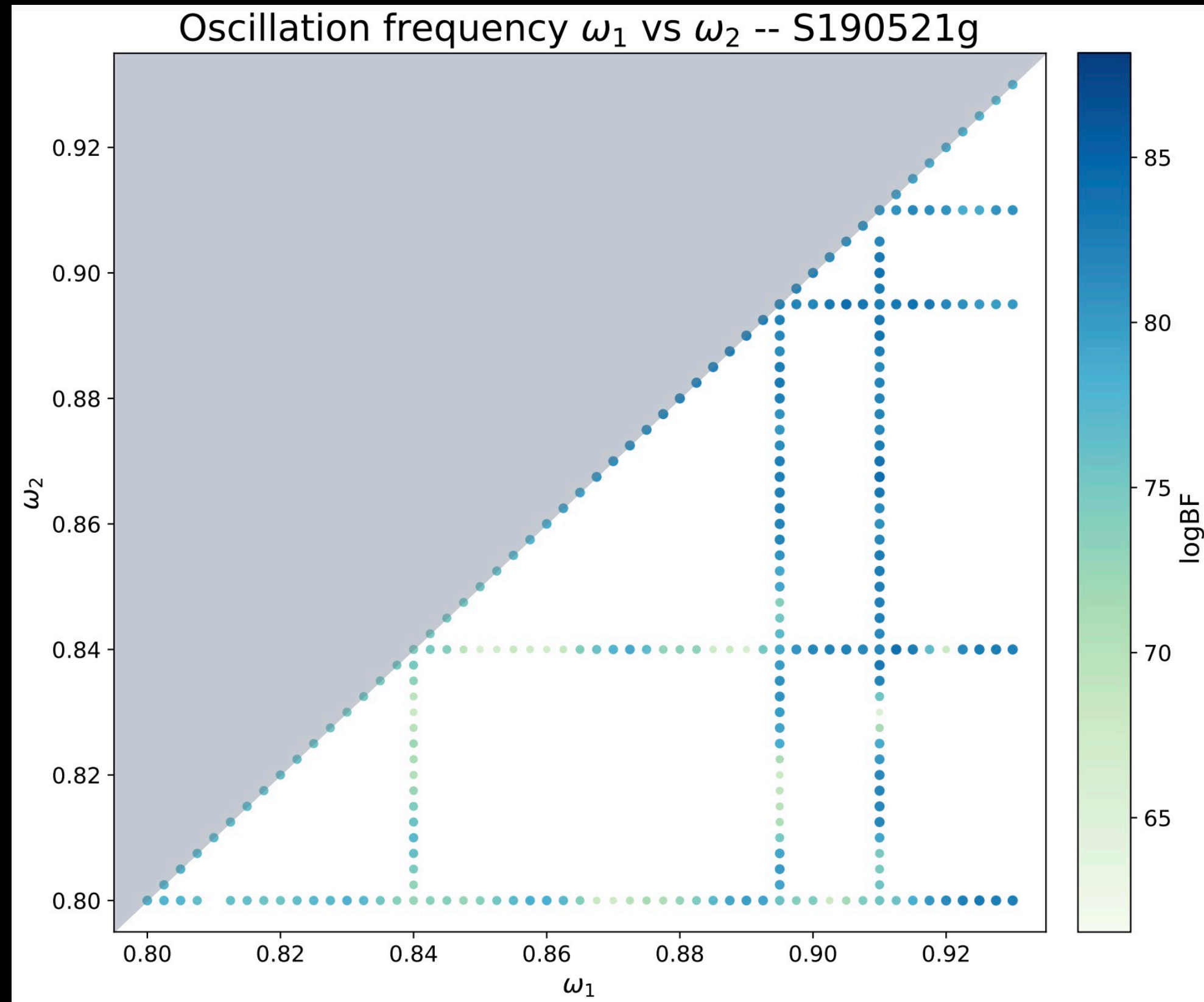


Enlarged waveform family

We add the (3,3) mode See Capano+ 2021

Increased Max LogLikelihood: from 106 to 110

Mildly increased Log Bayes Factor: from 80.9 to 81.46



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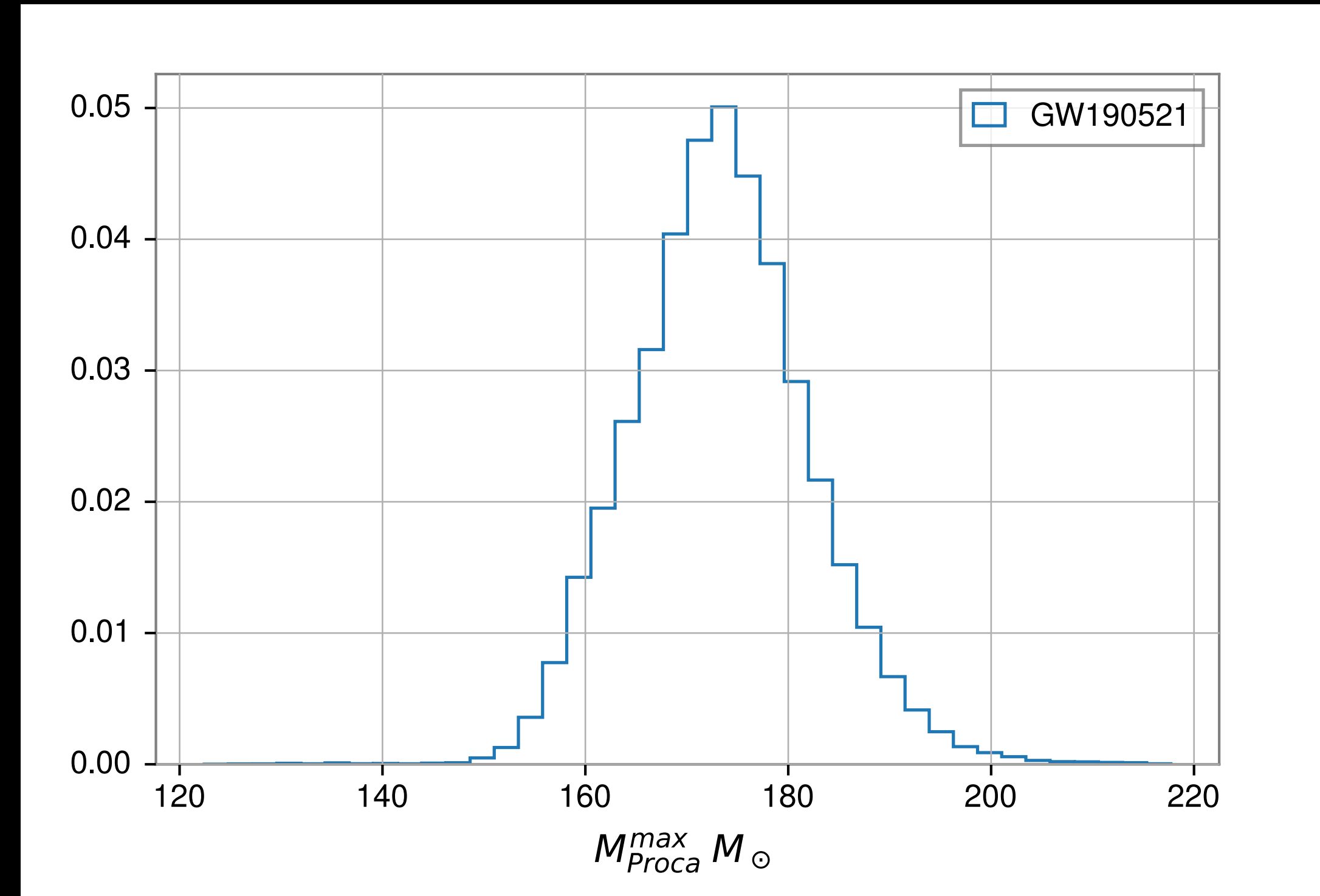
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PRELIMINAR



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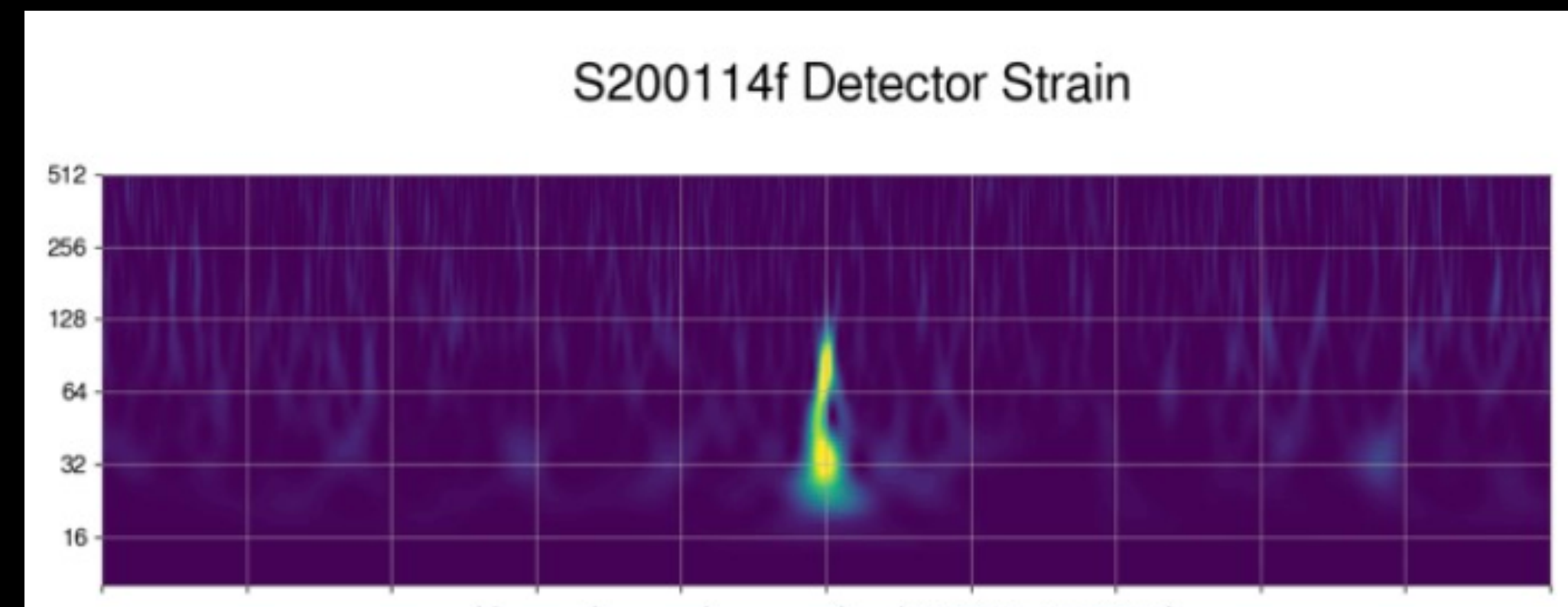
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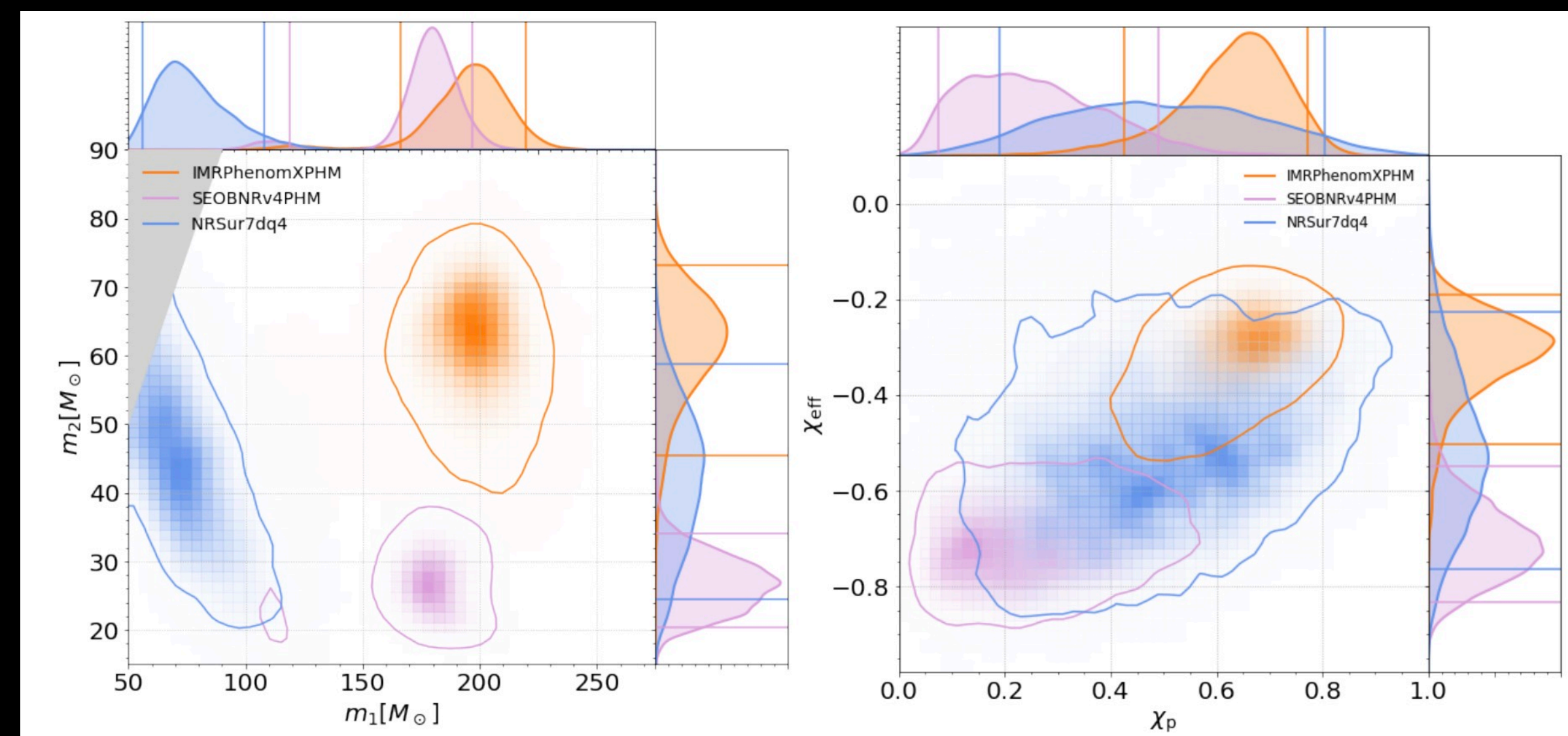
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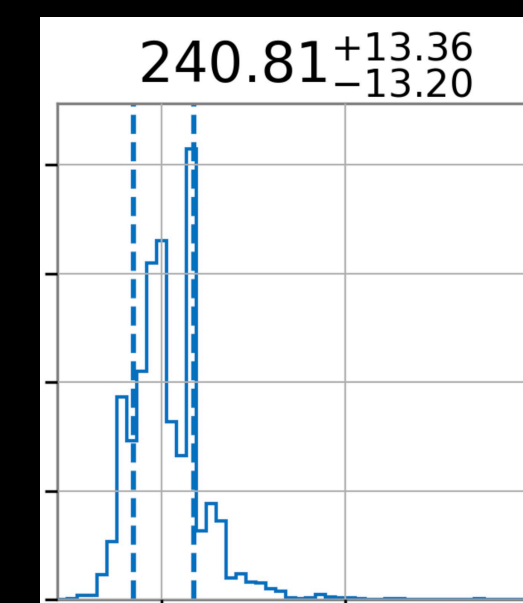
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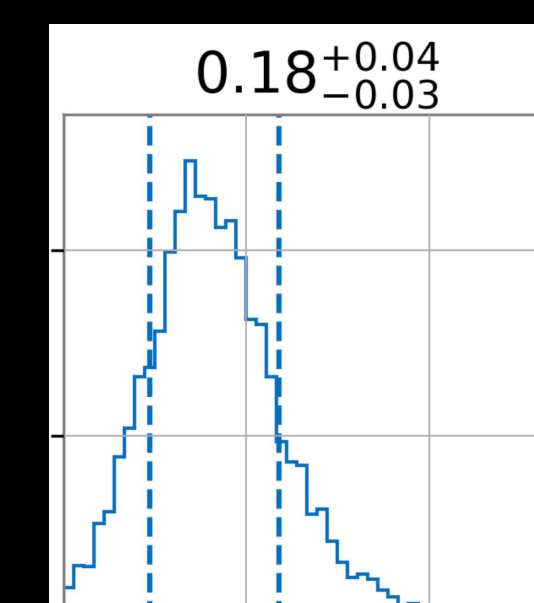
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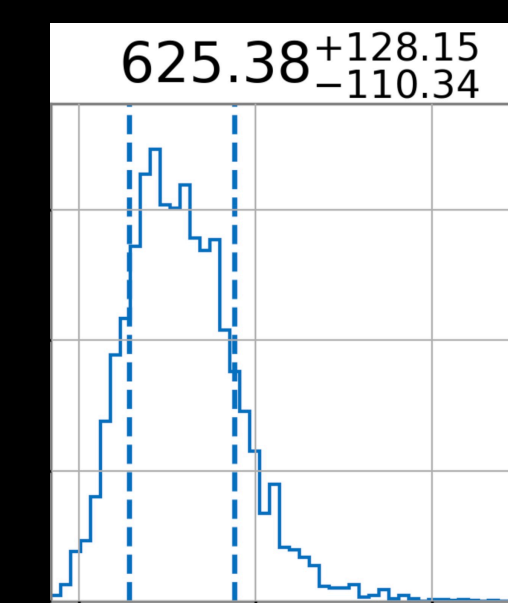
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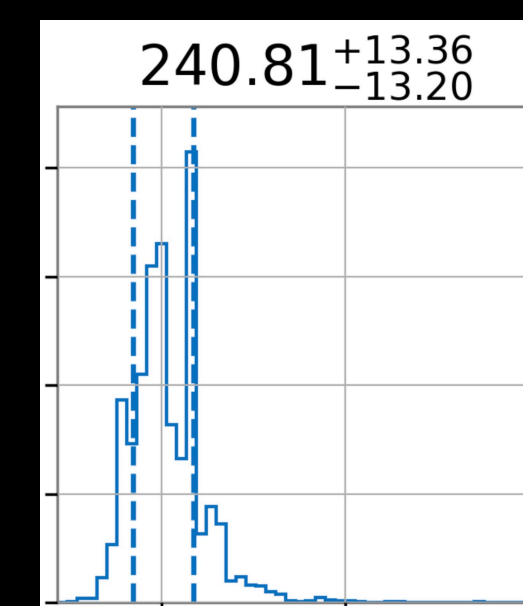
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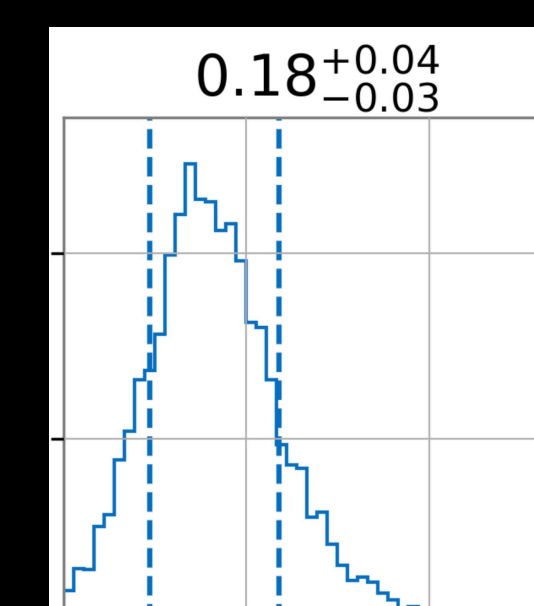
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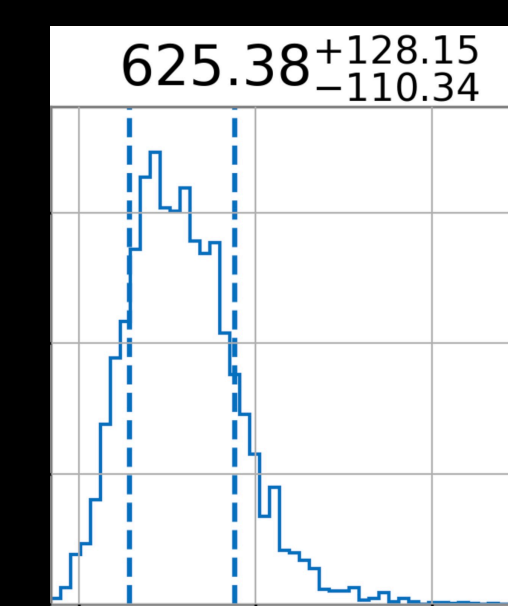
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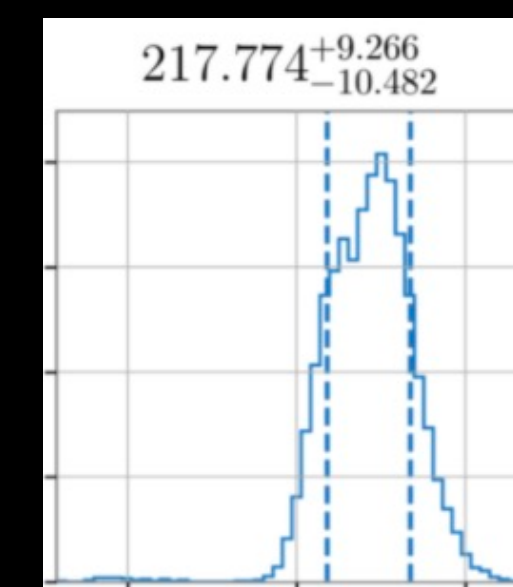
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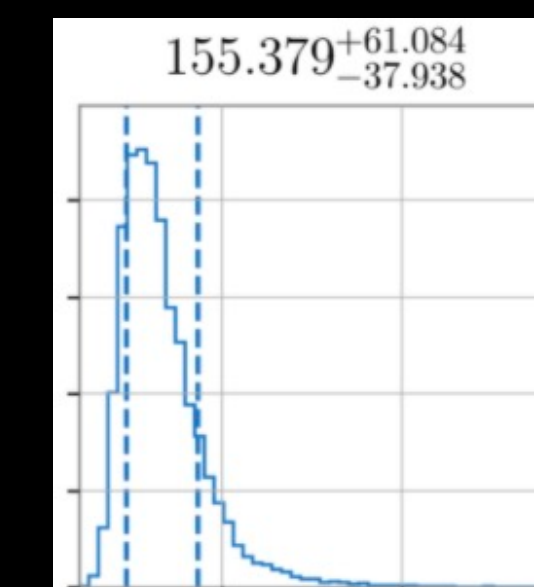
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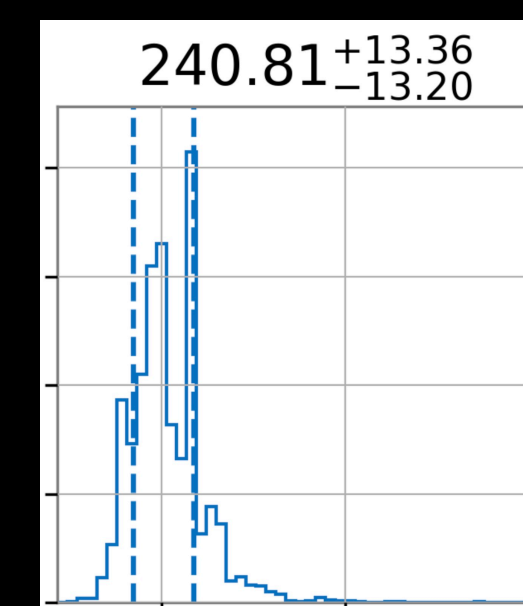
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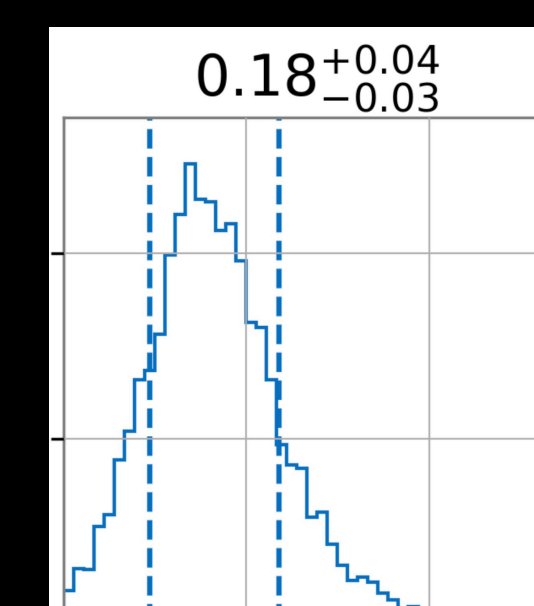
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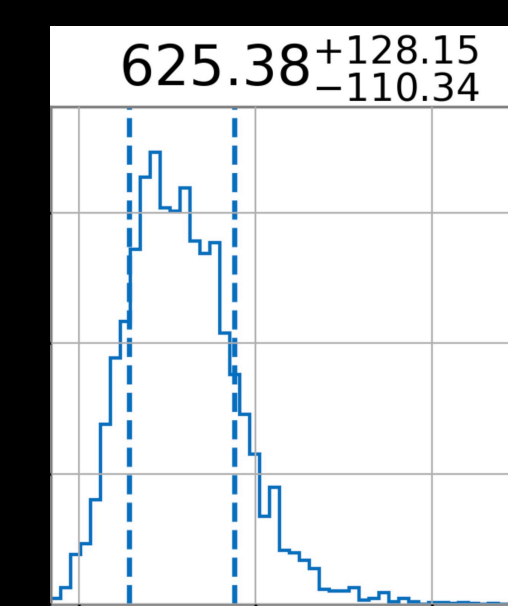
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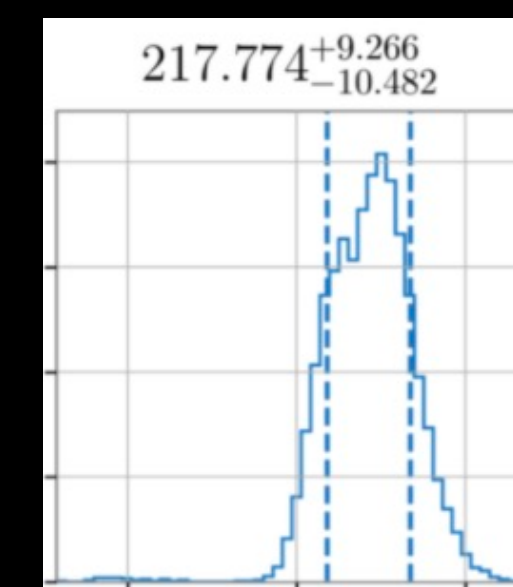
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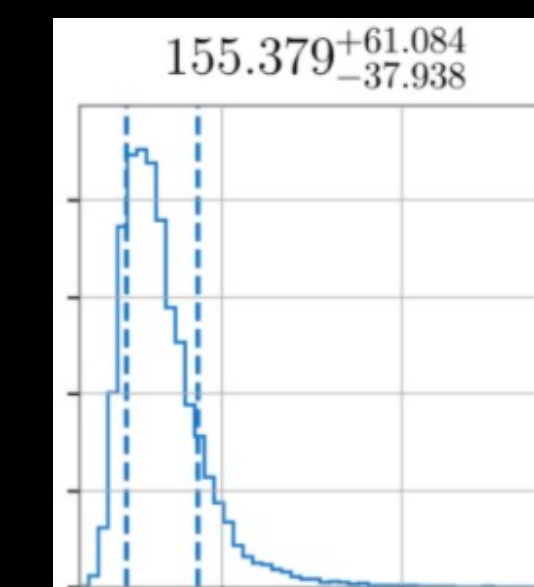
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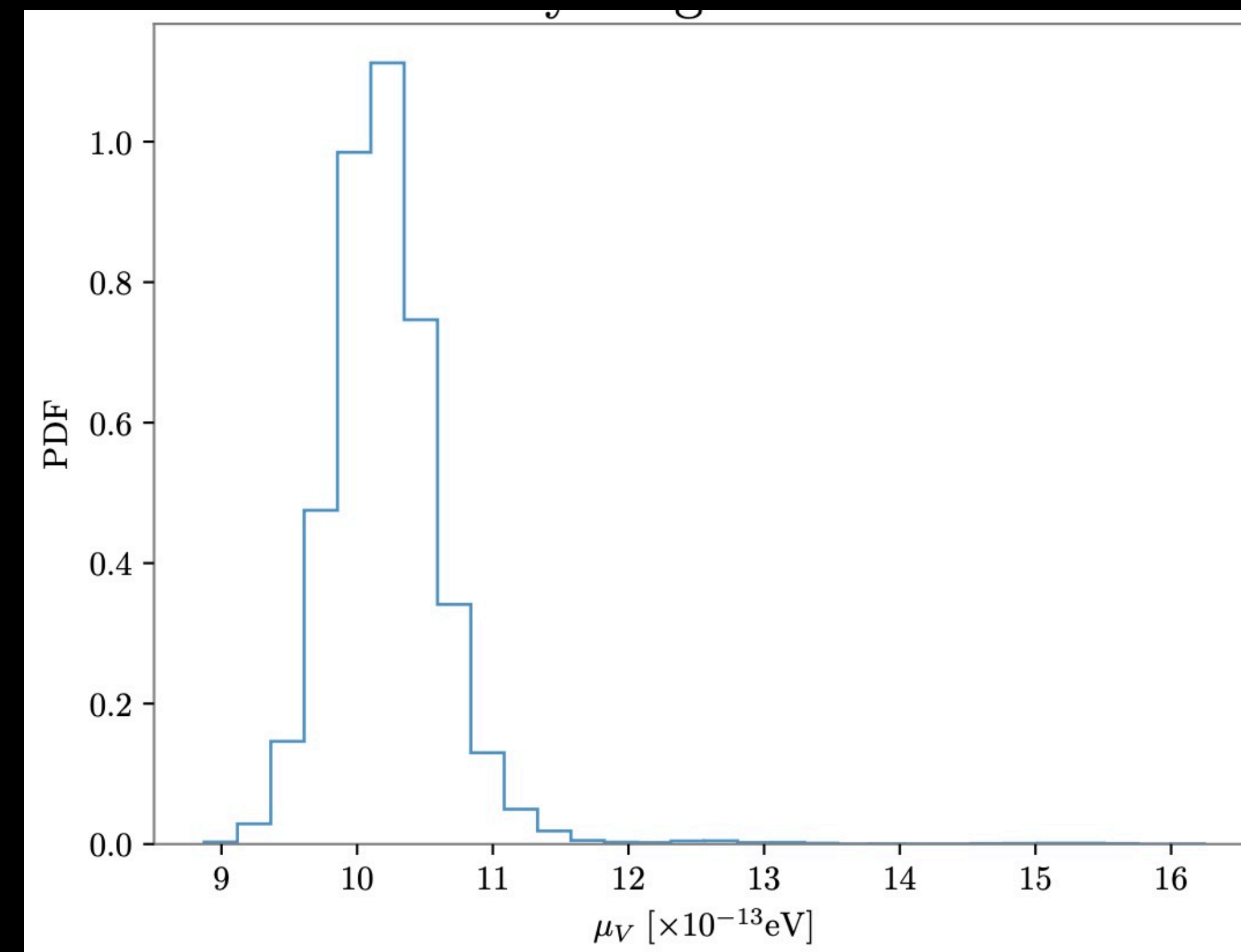
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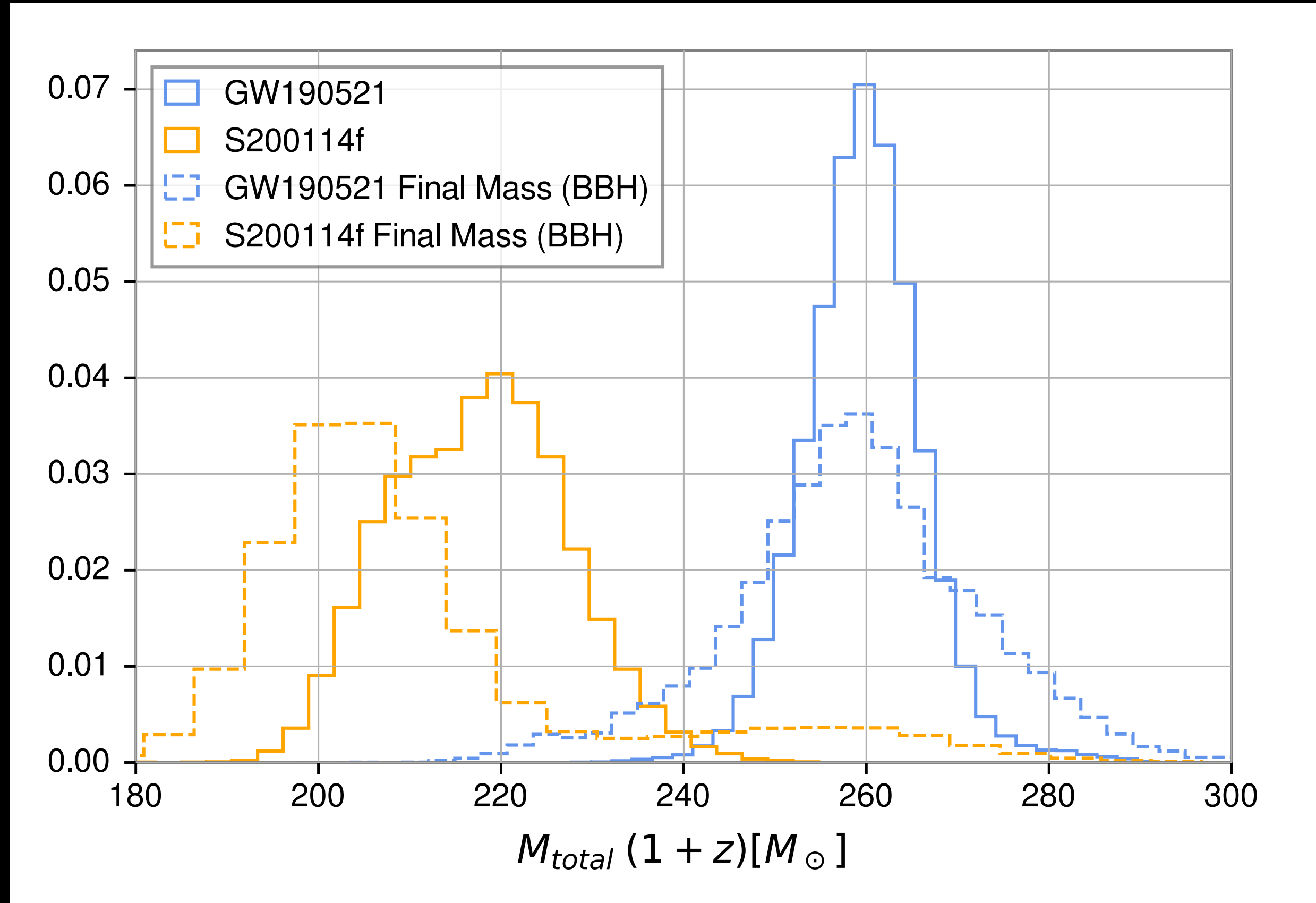
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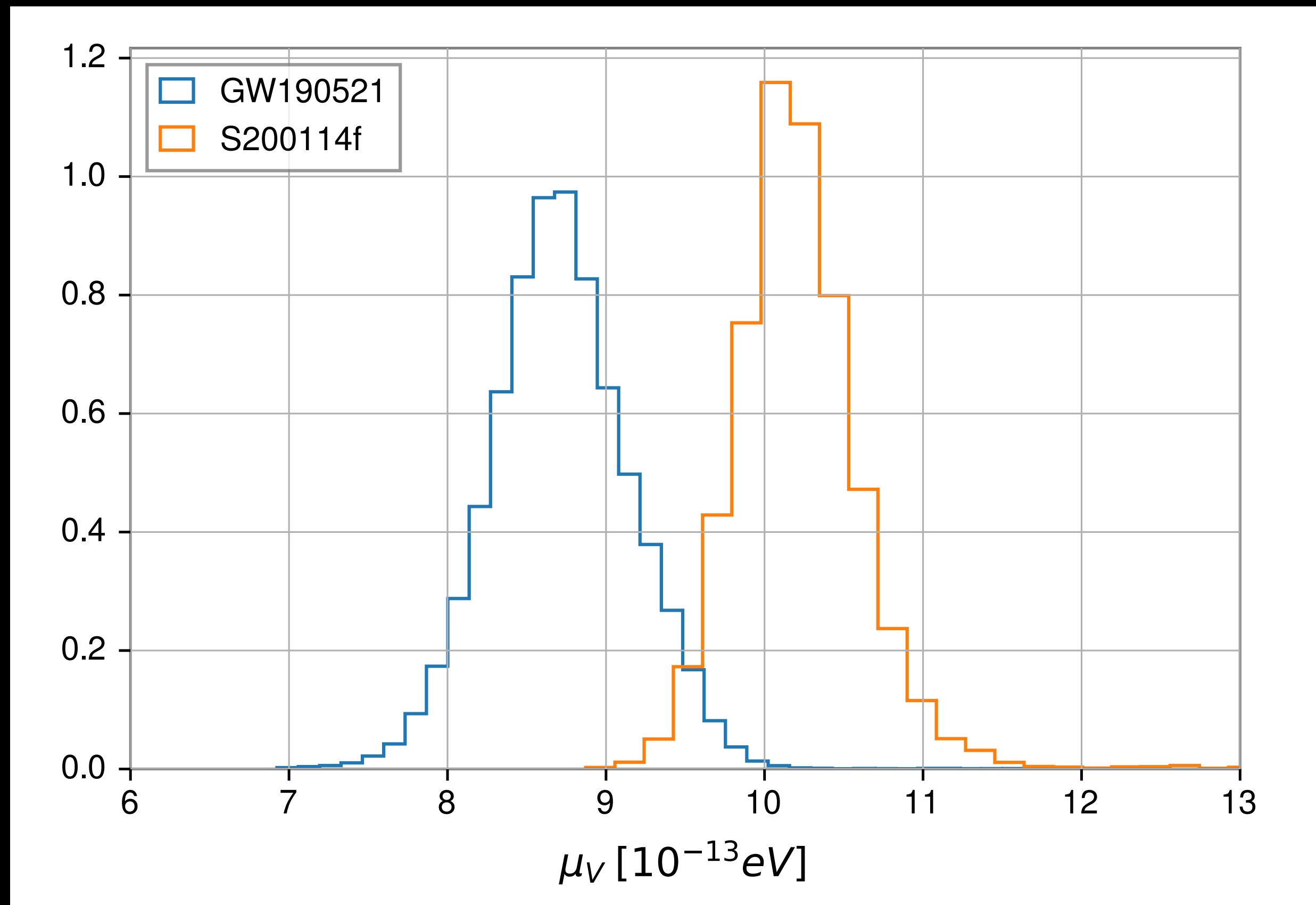
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The future:

Simulations for less eccentric configurations: large room for improvement!!!!

Targeted search for boson-star mergers

Mass consistency across events: population studies. How many ultralight bosons are there, if any?



Gravitational-wave data analysis with the Newmann-Penrose scalar

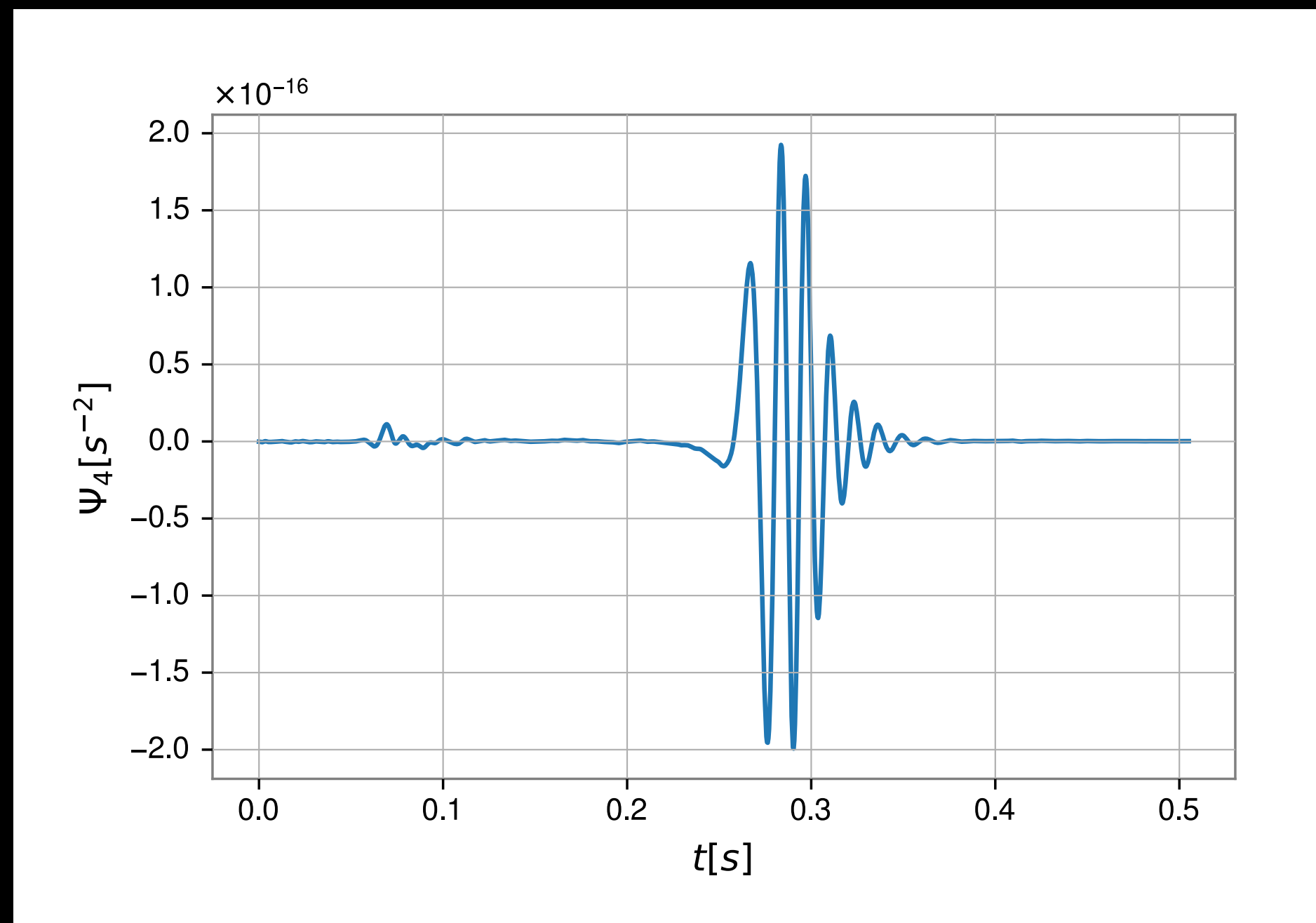
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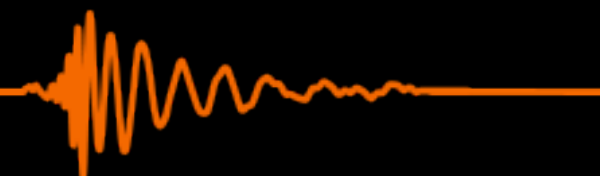
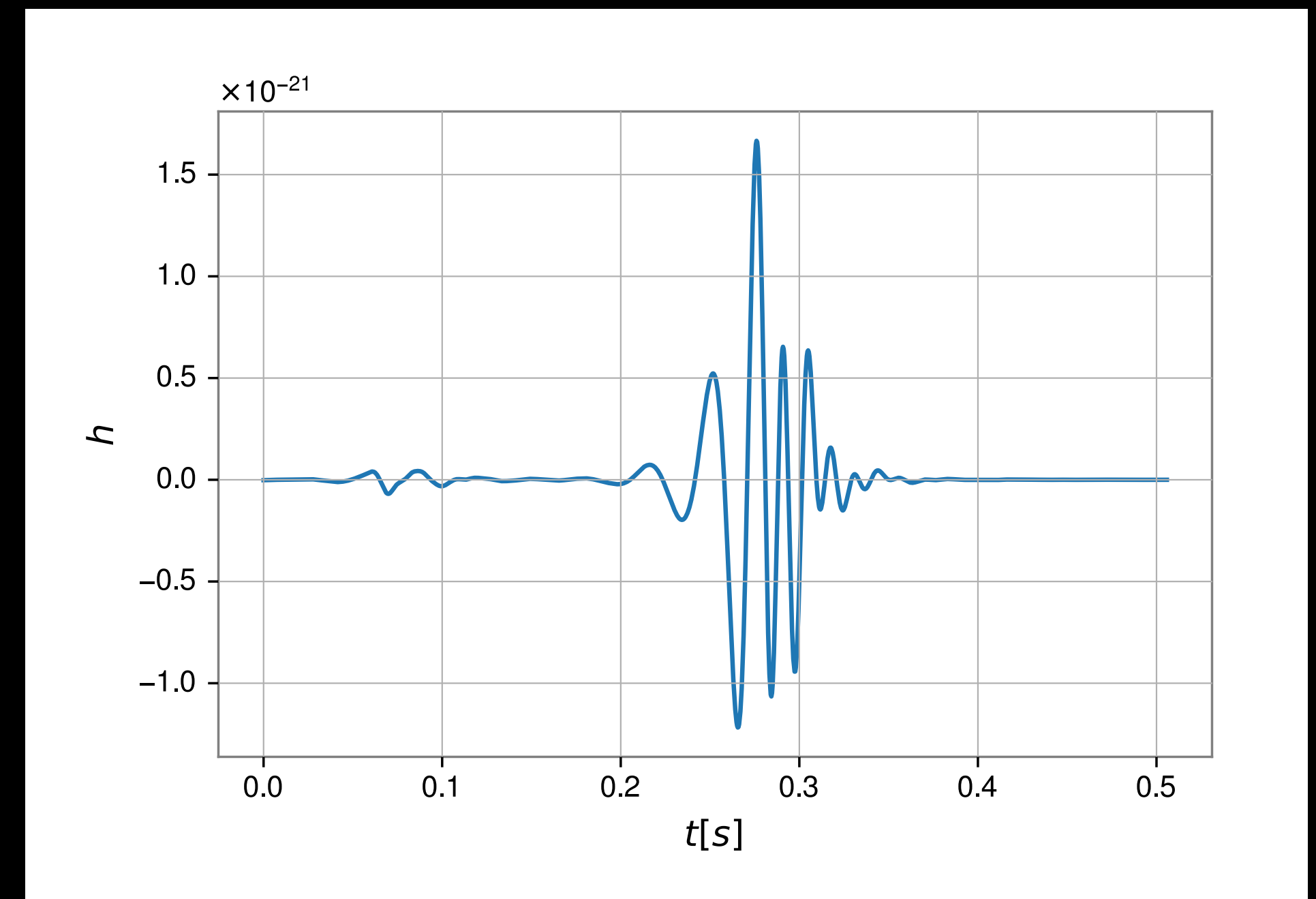
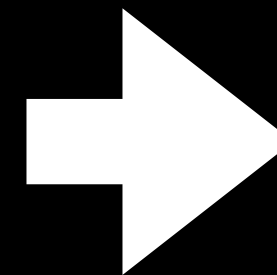
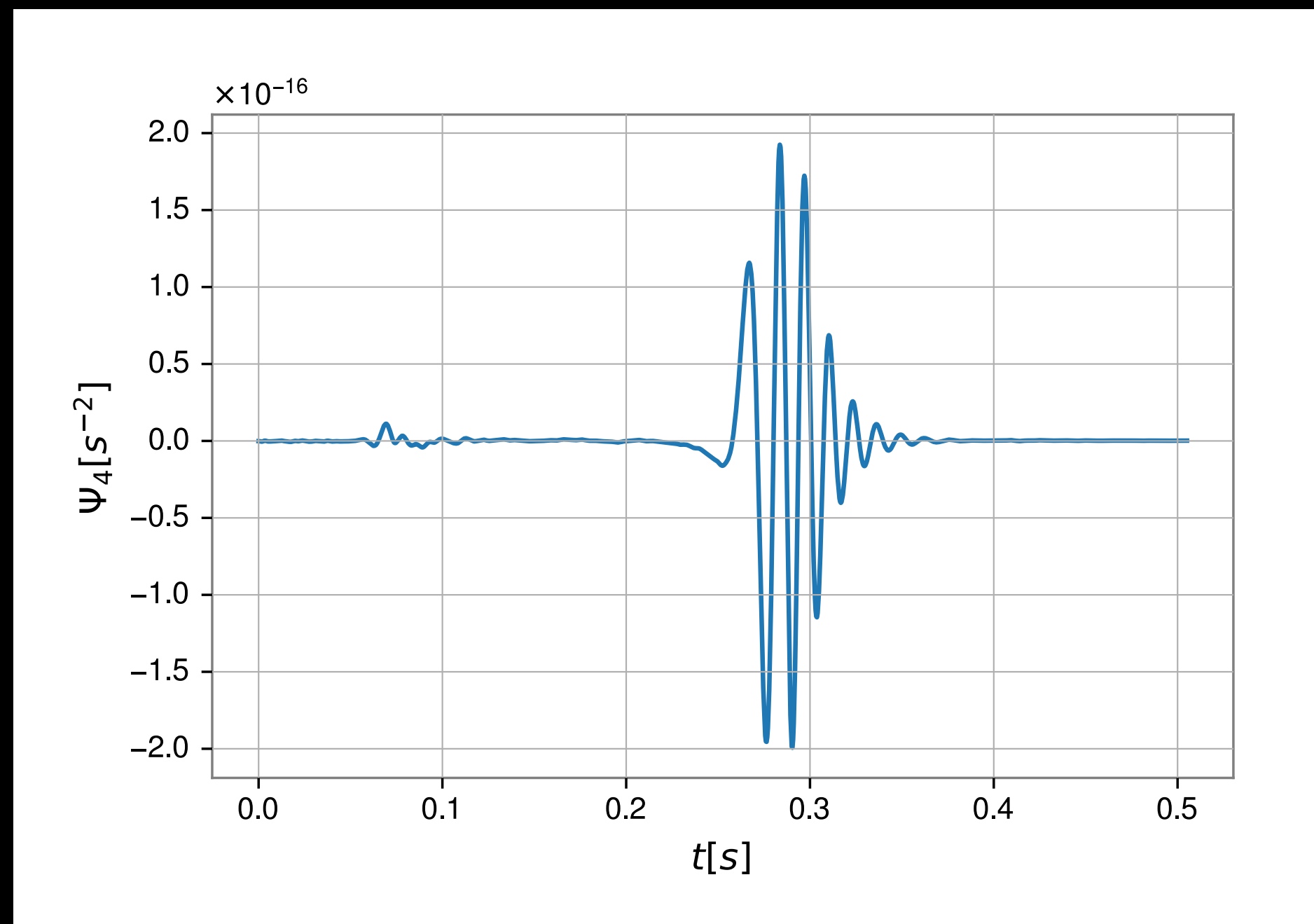
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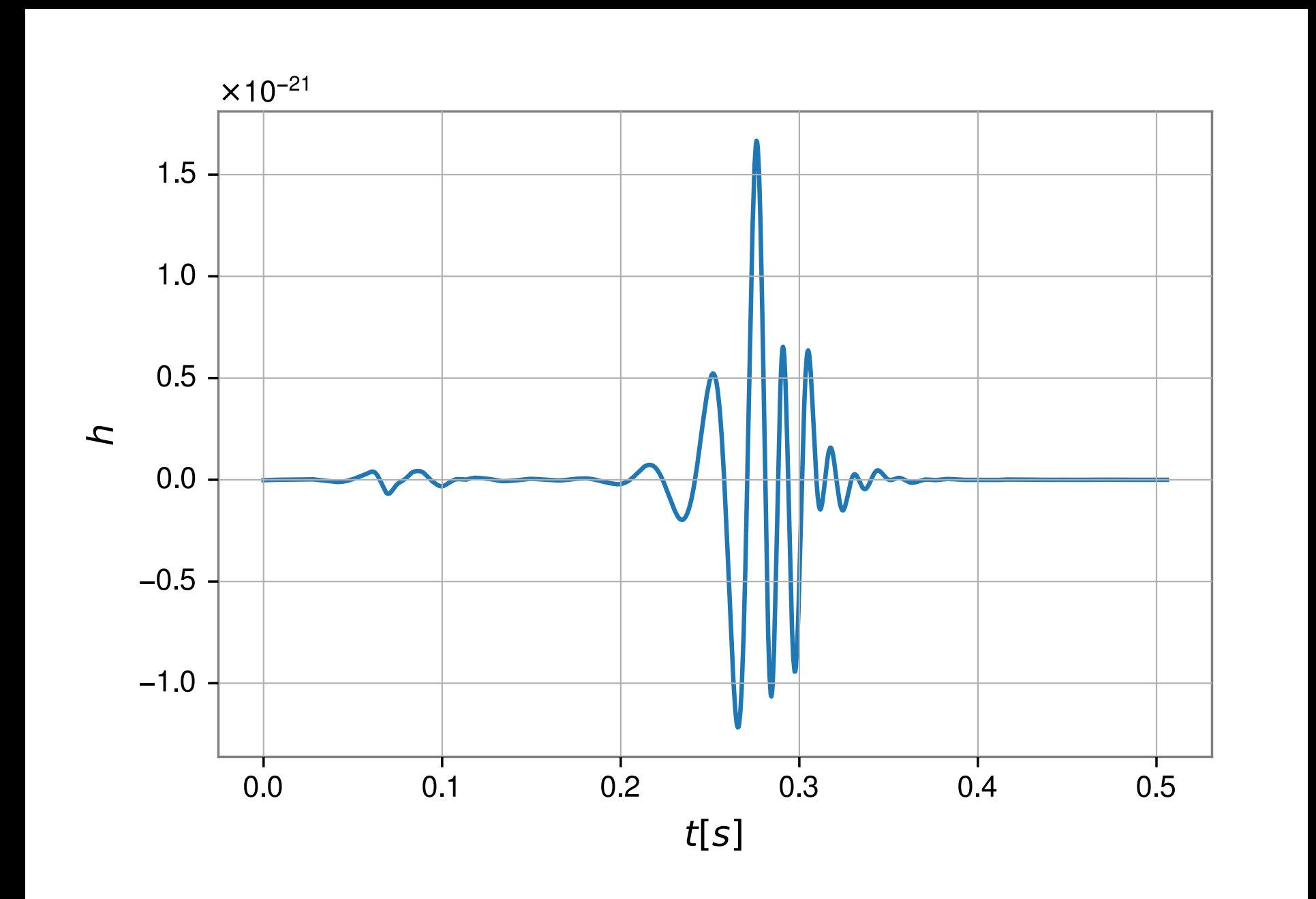
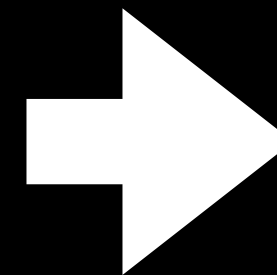
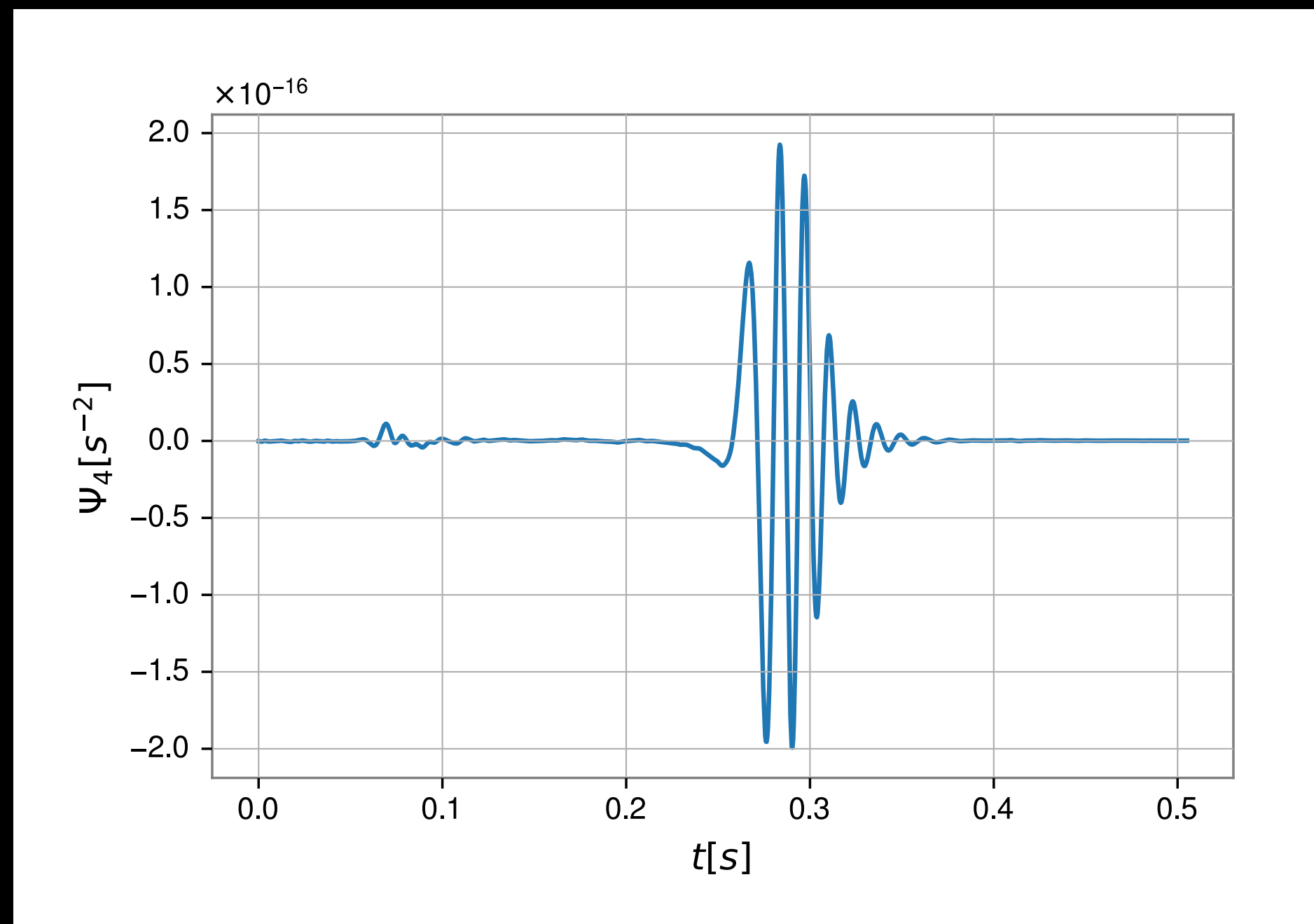
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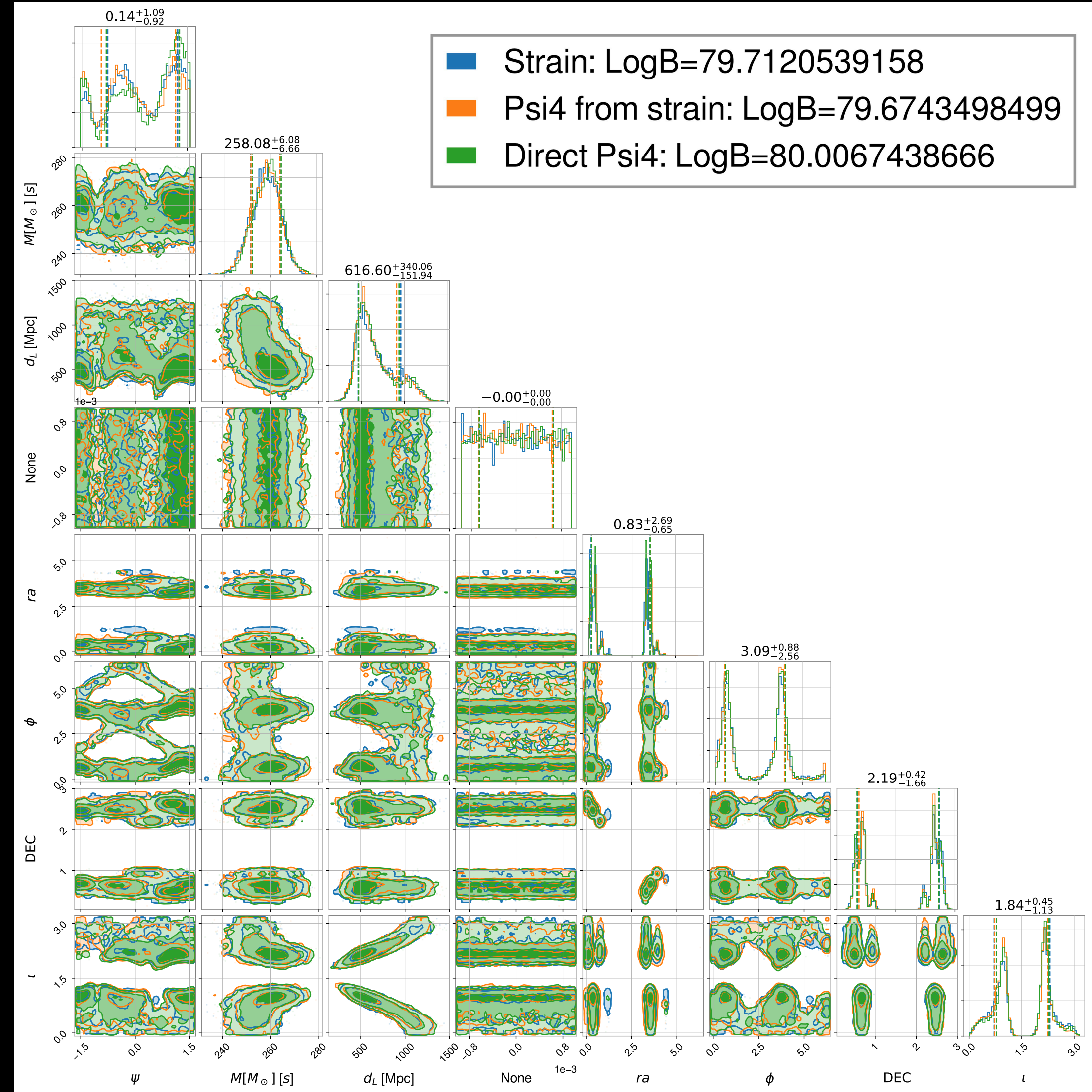
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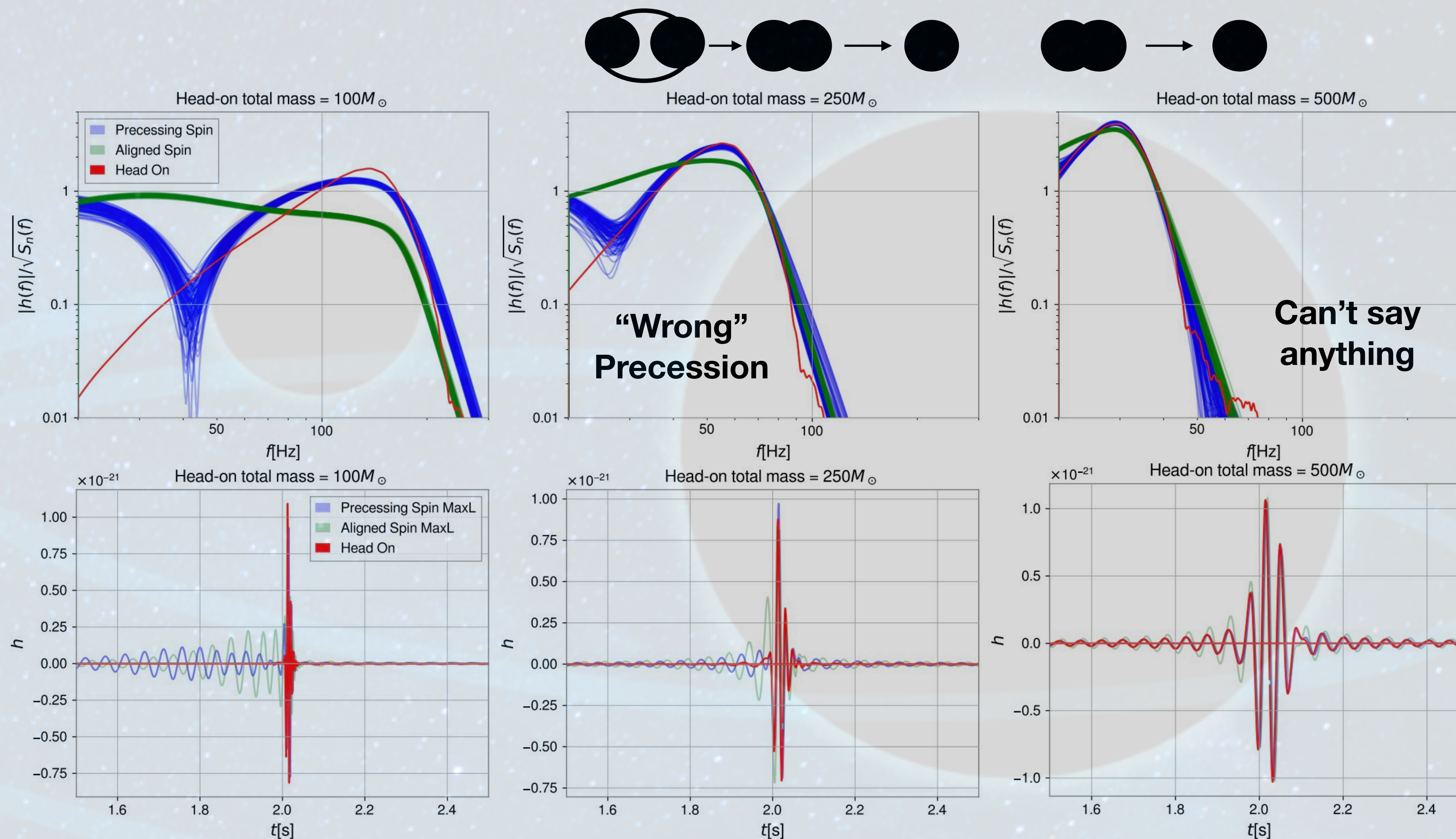
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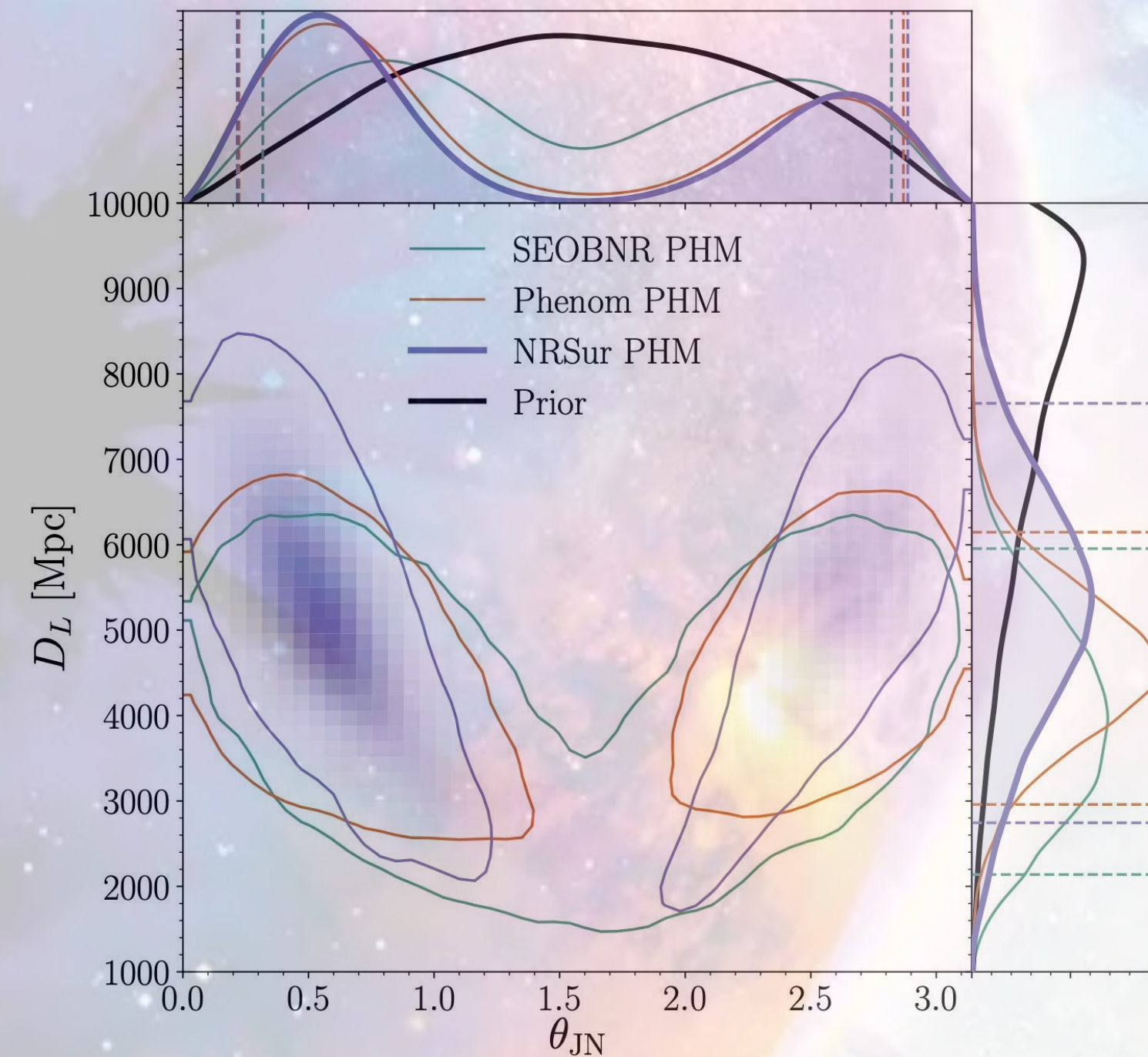
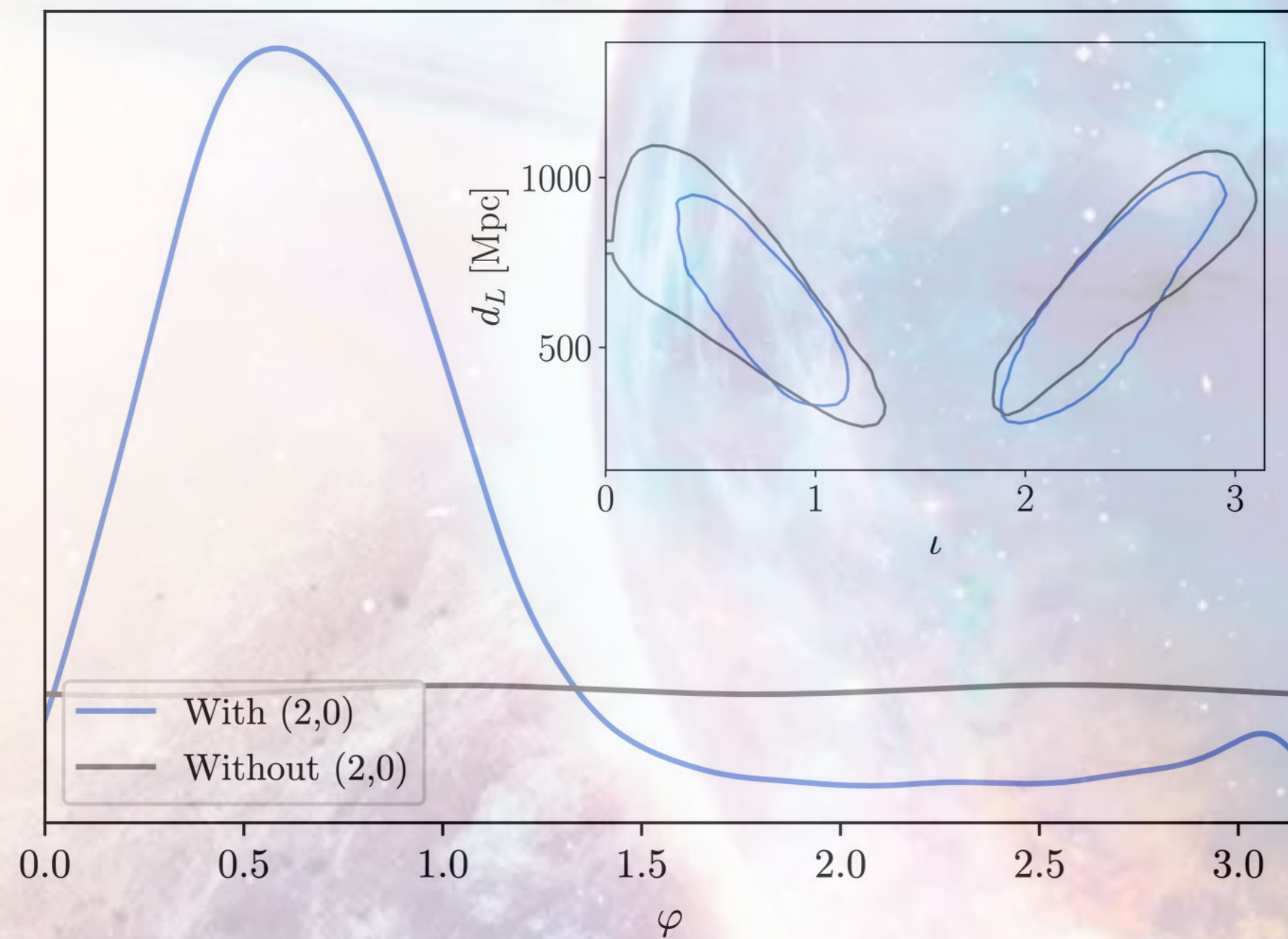
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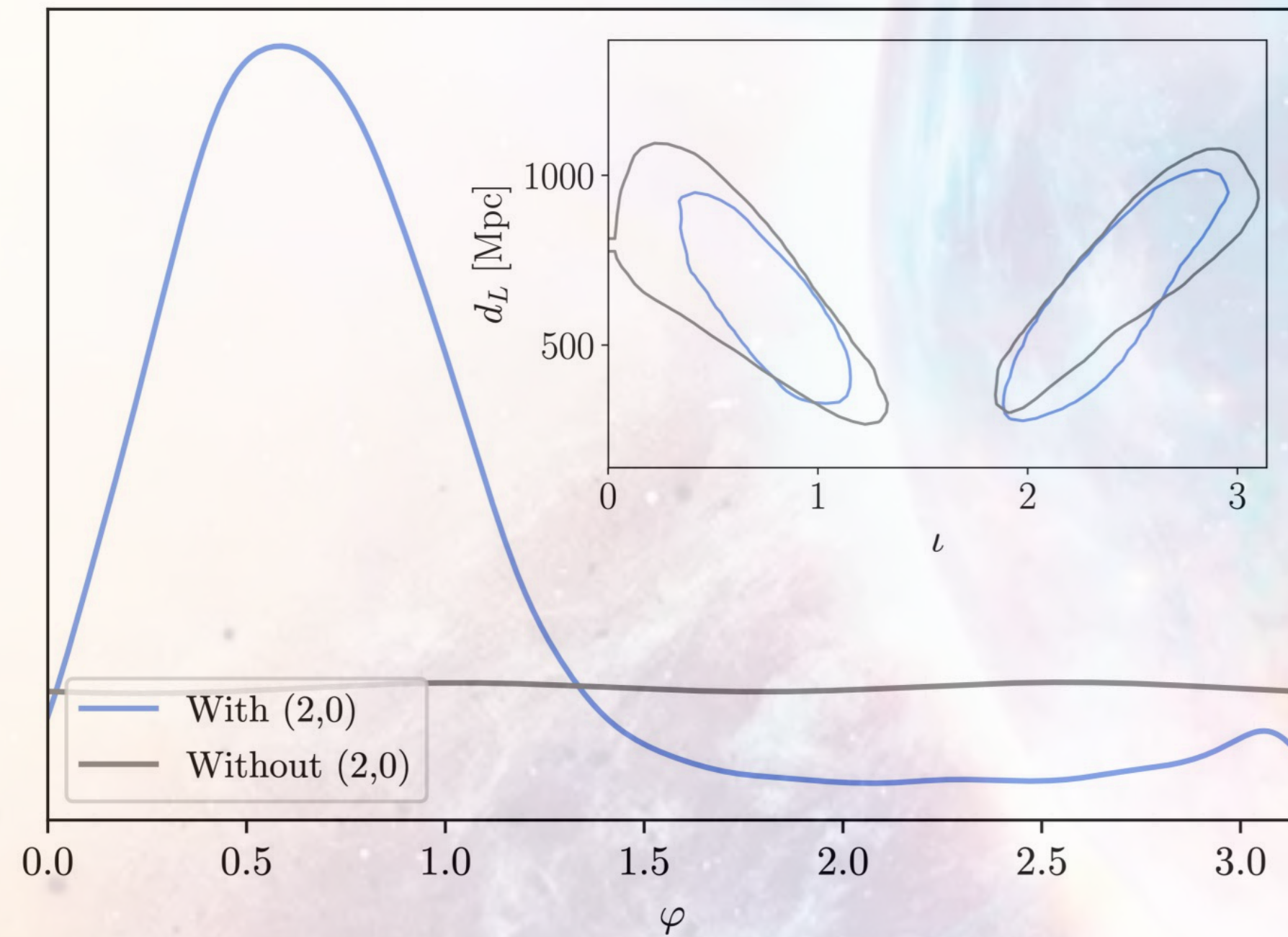


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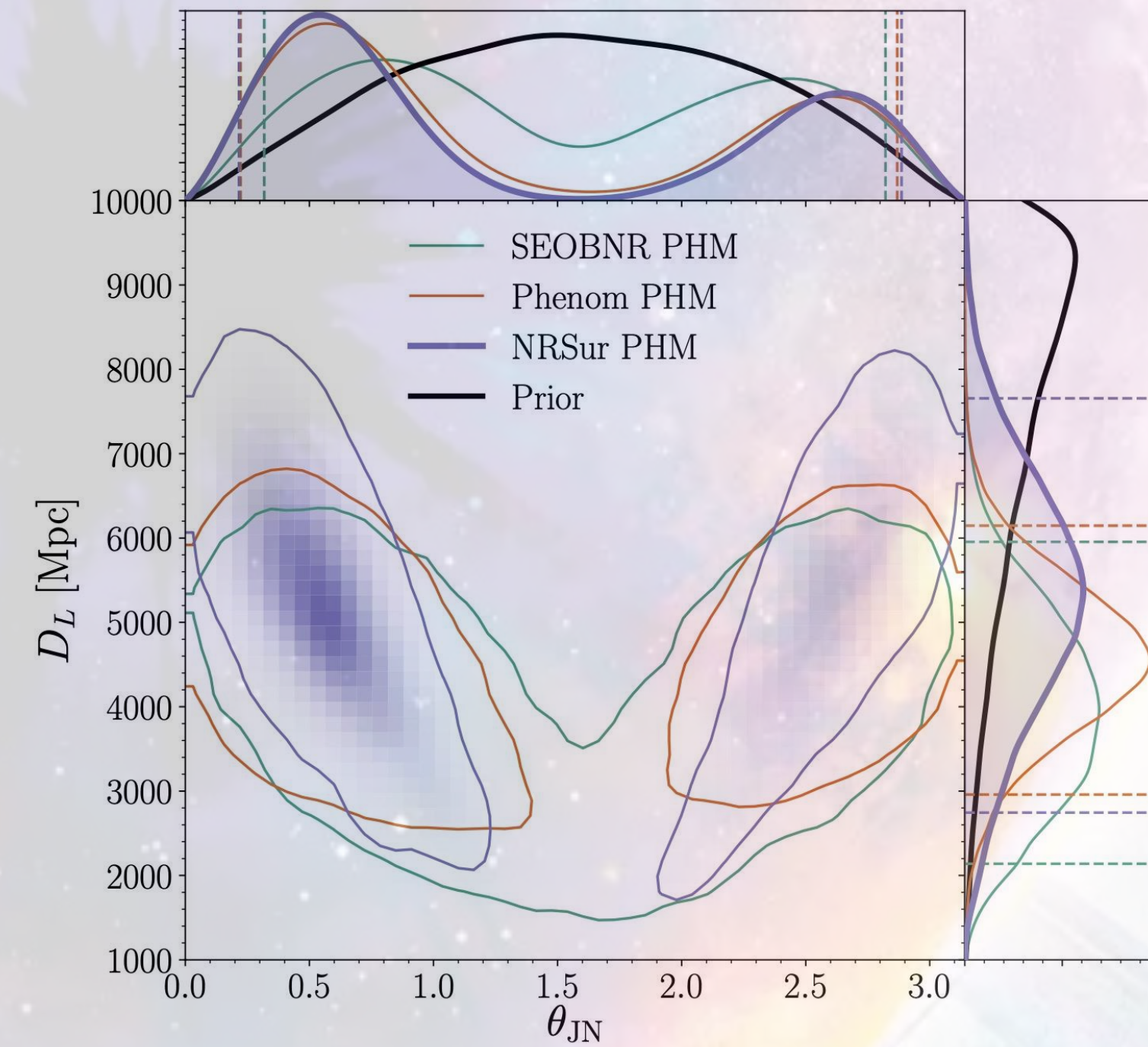
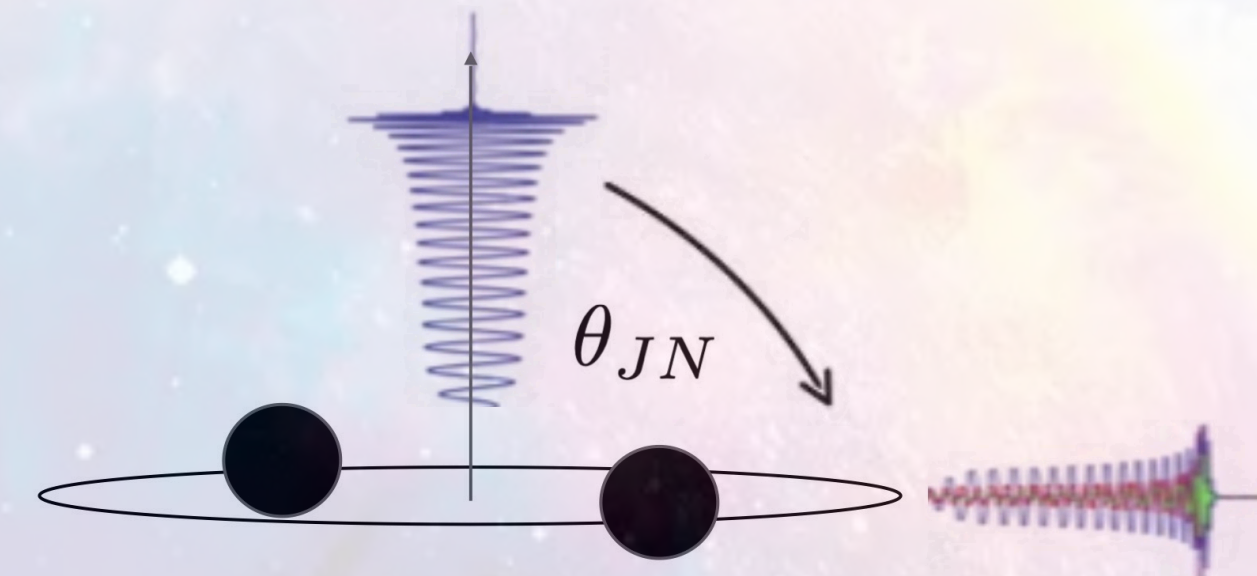


GW190521: Proca-star parameters

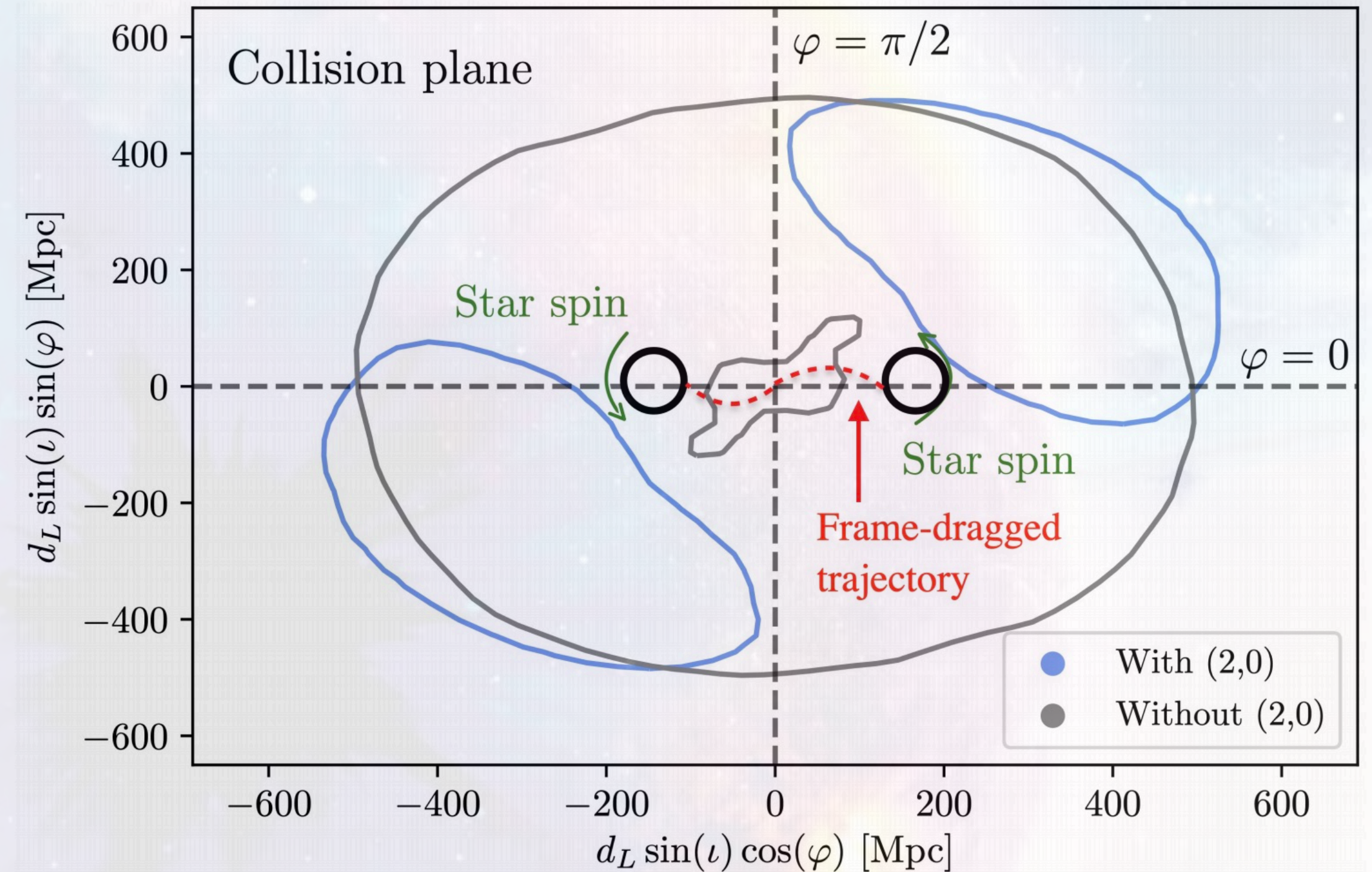
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- Star's trajectories curved by frame-dragging
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