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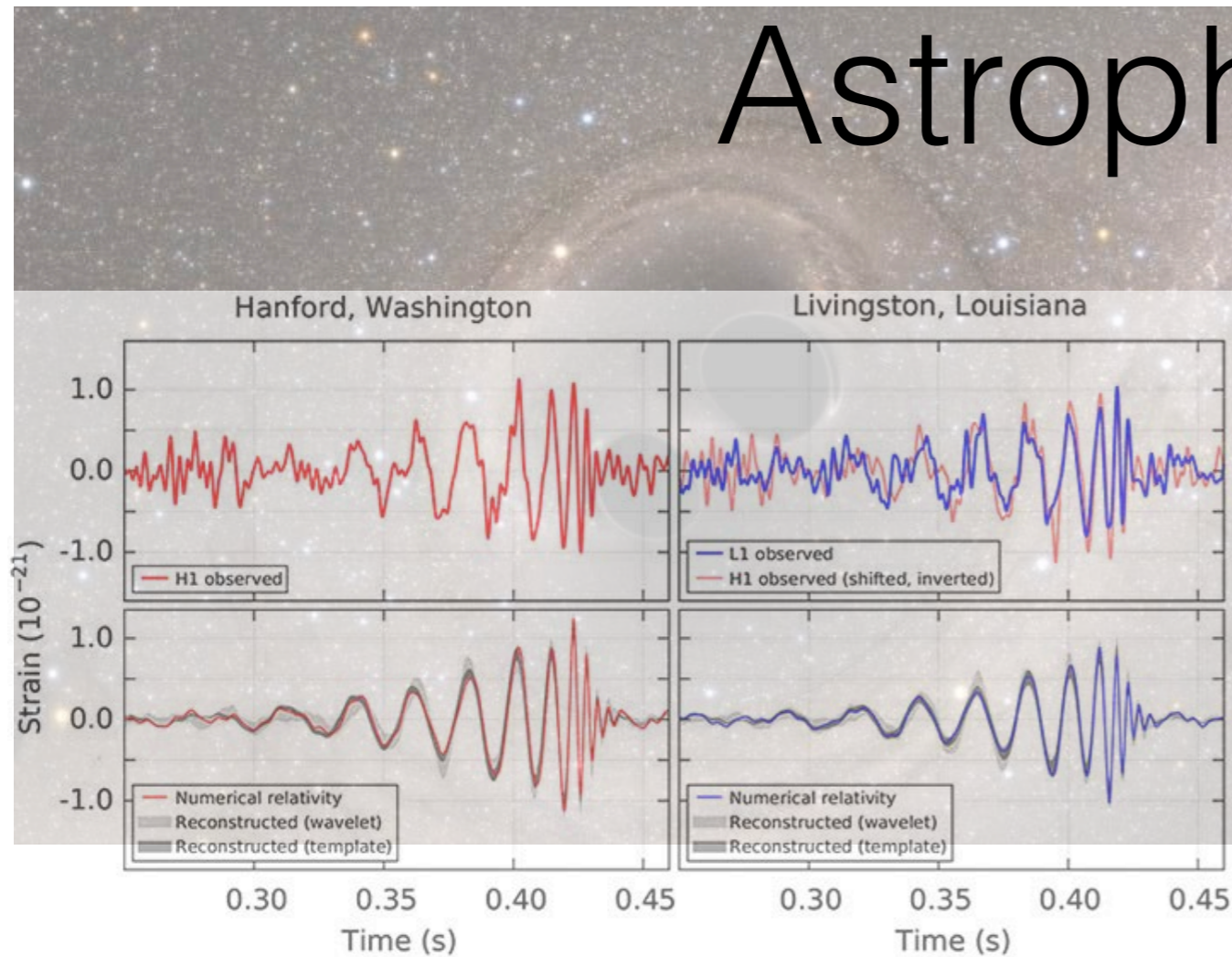
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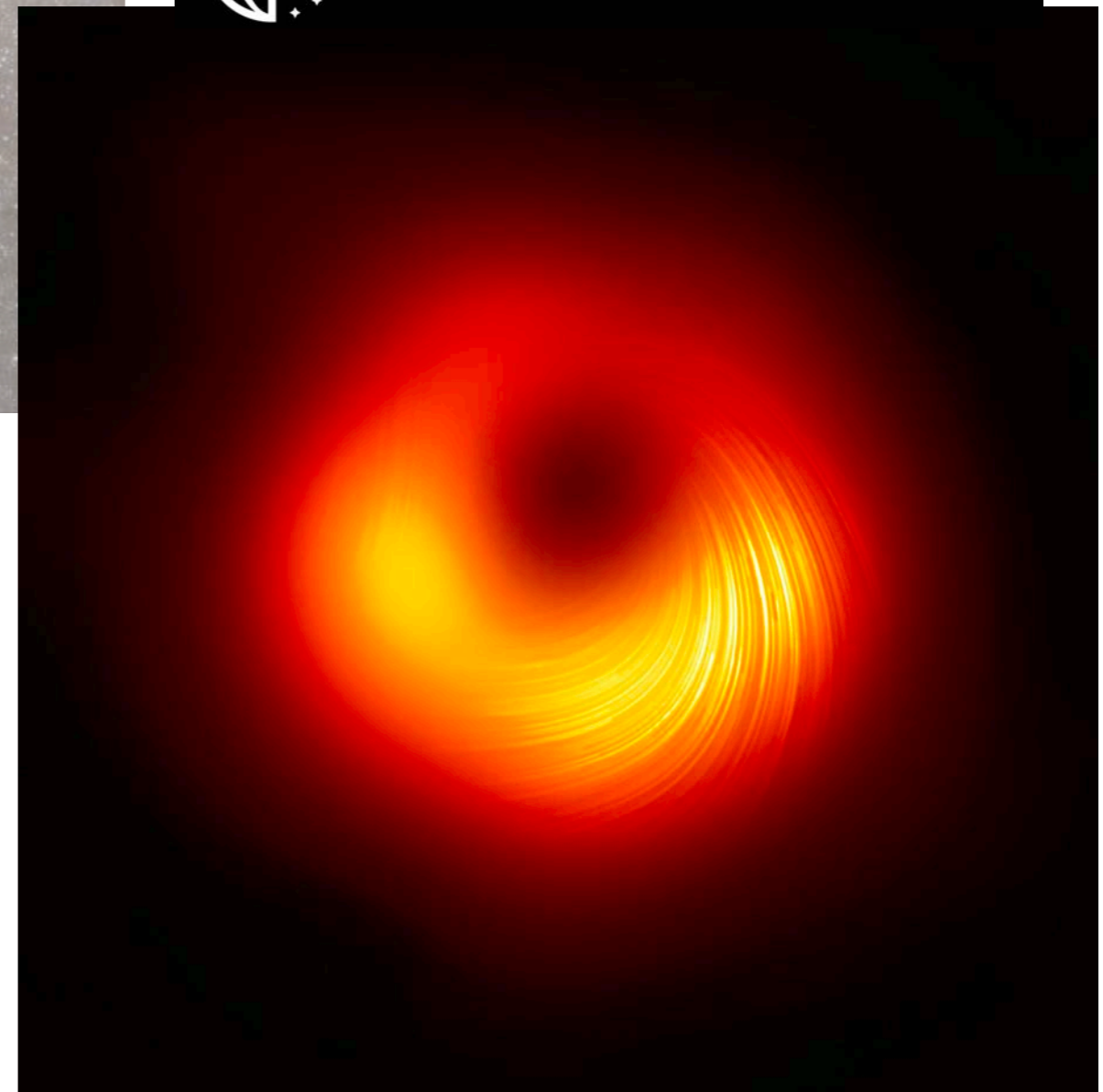
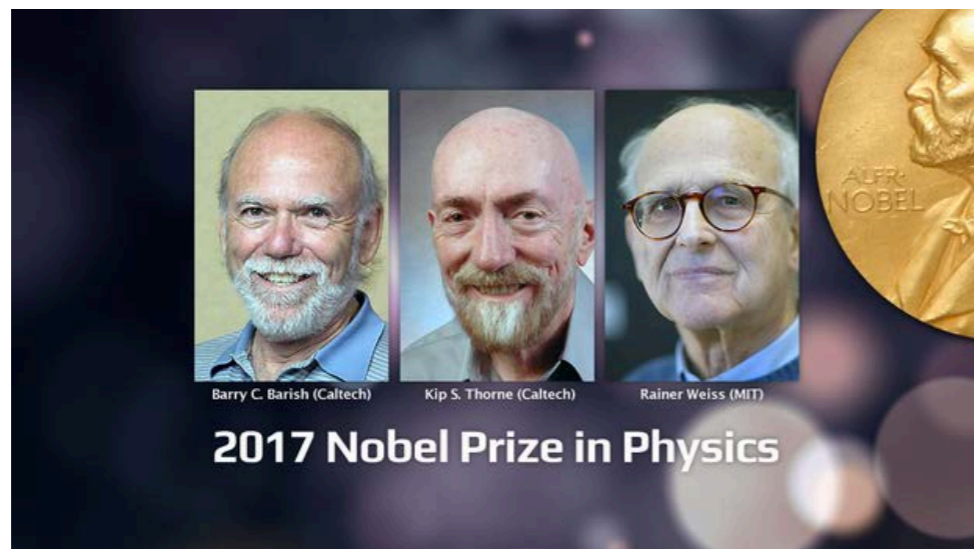
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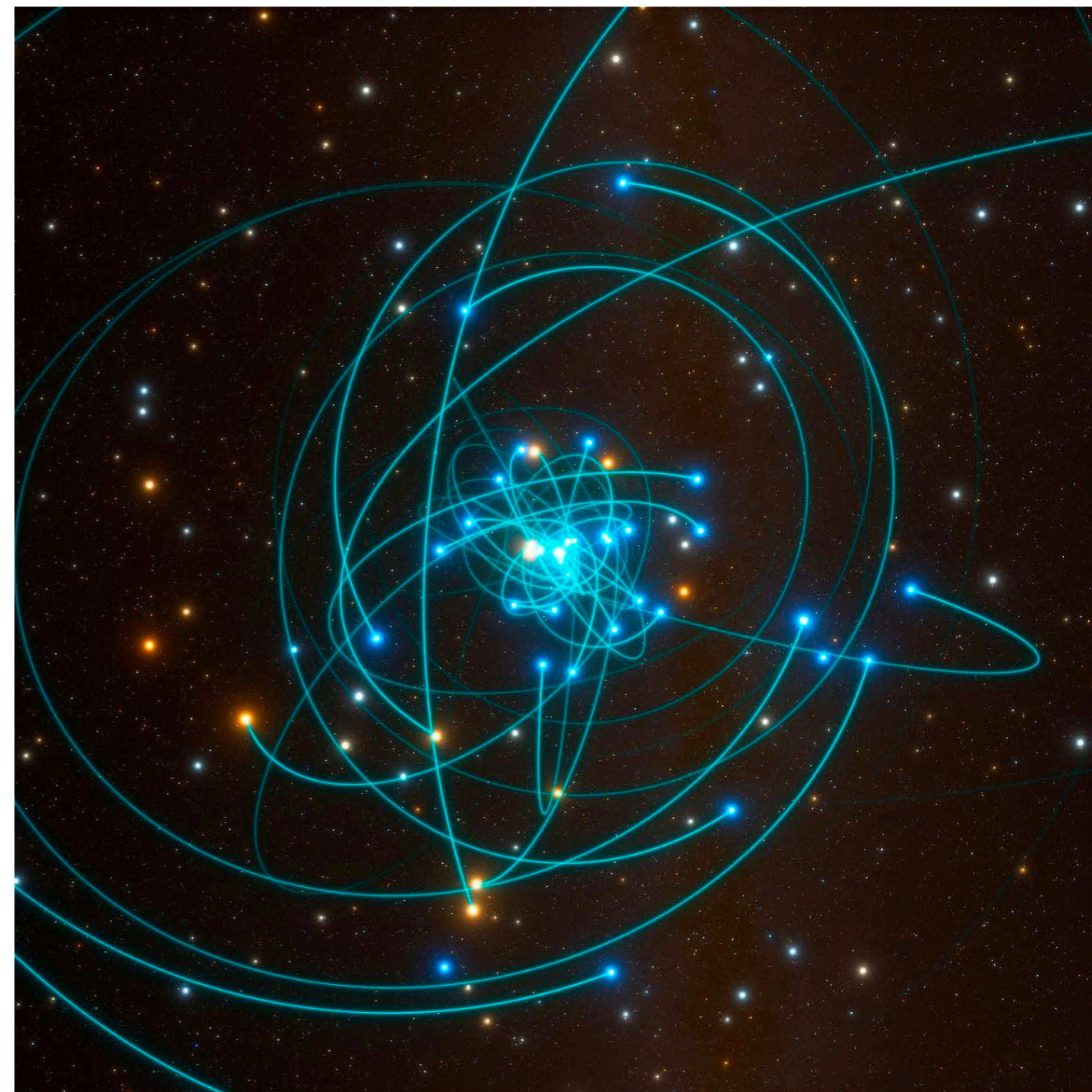
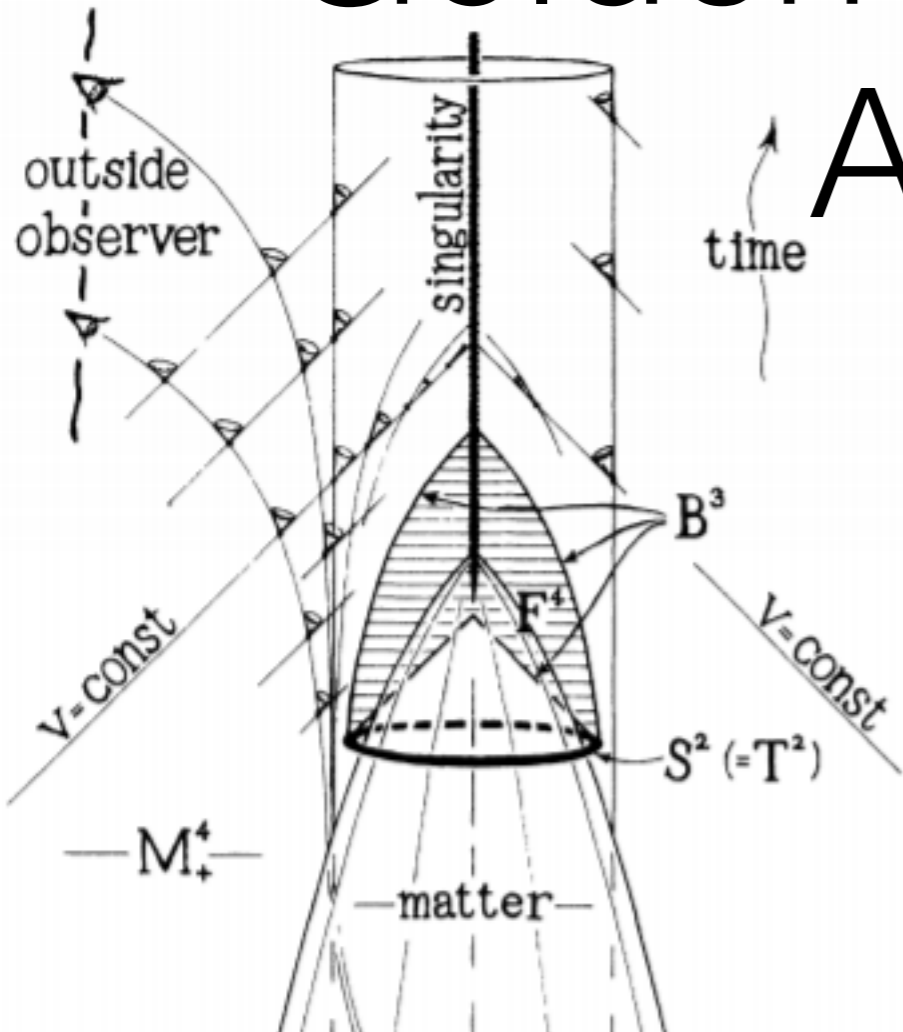
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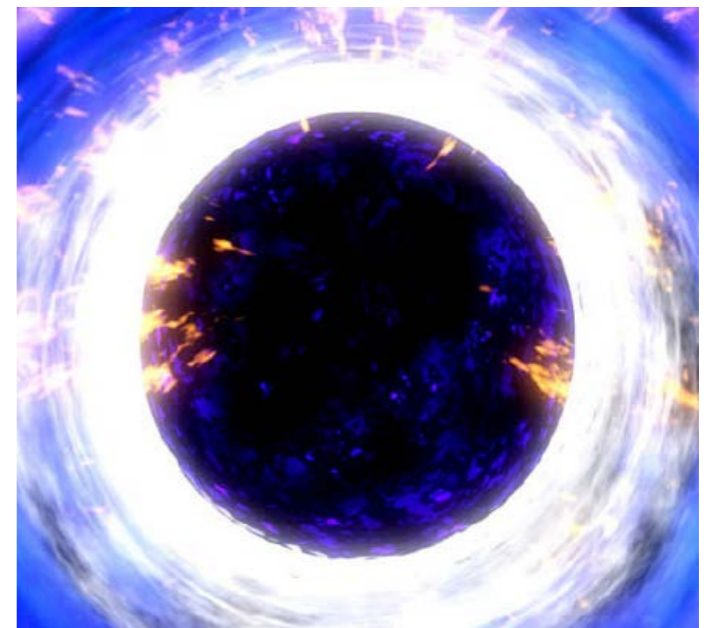
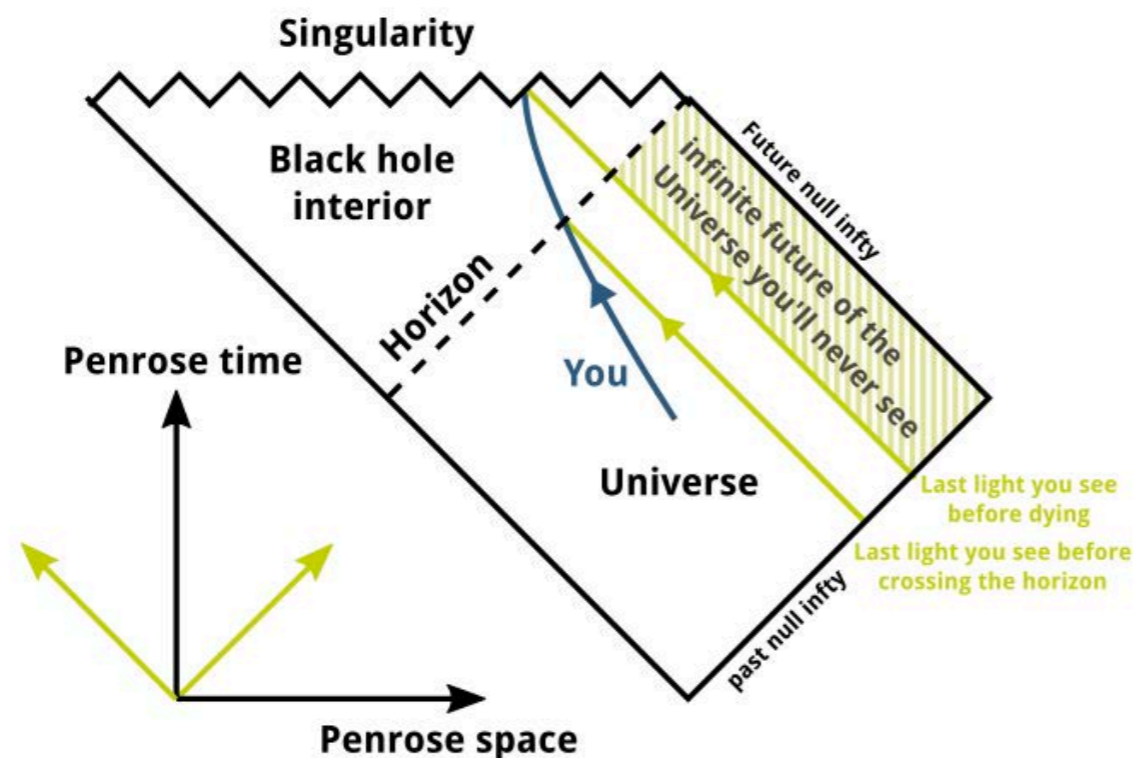
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Event Horizons in Relativity

- Global structure of some spacetimes lead to event horizons
- In classical GR, local observers experience “no drama” at horizon

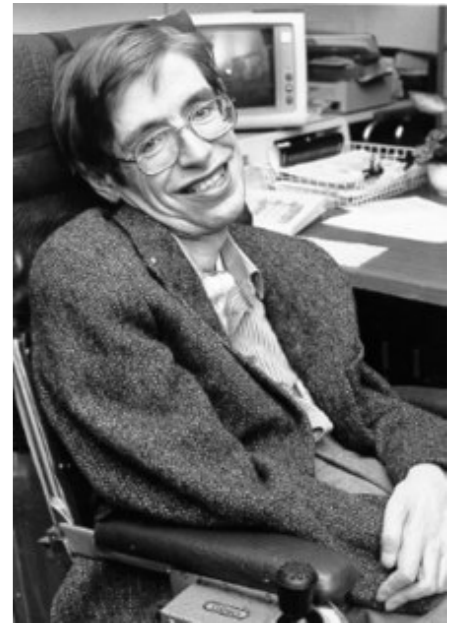


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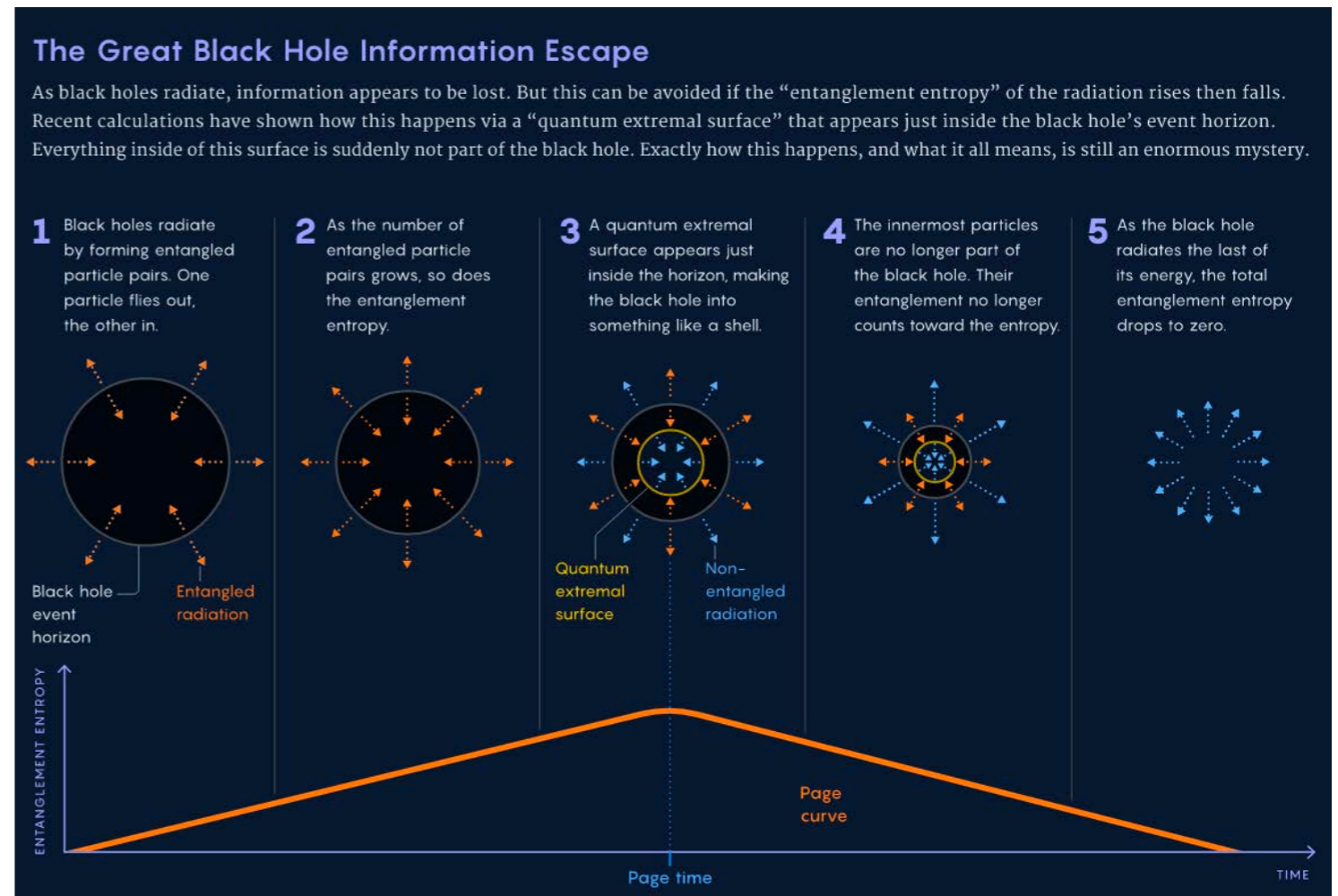
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Which states does this entropy count?!

Story of Black Hole Evaporation

- Assume semi-classical evaporation
- Invent rules to match the story!
- Testable predictions?
- What do we learn about Quantum Gravity?



Pennington, Almheiri, et al., Marolf & Maxfield, ...
(Image courtesy of Quanta magazine)

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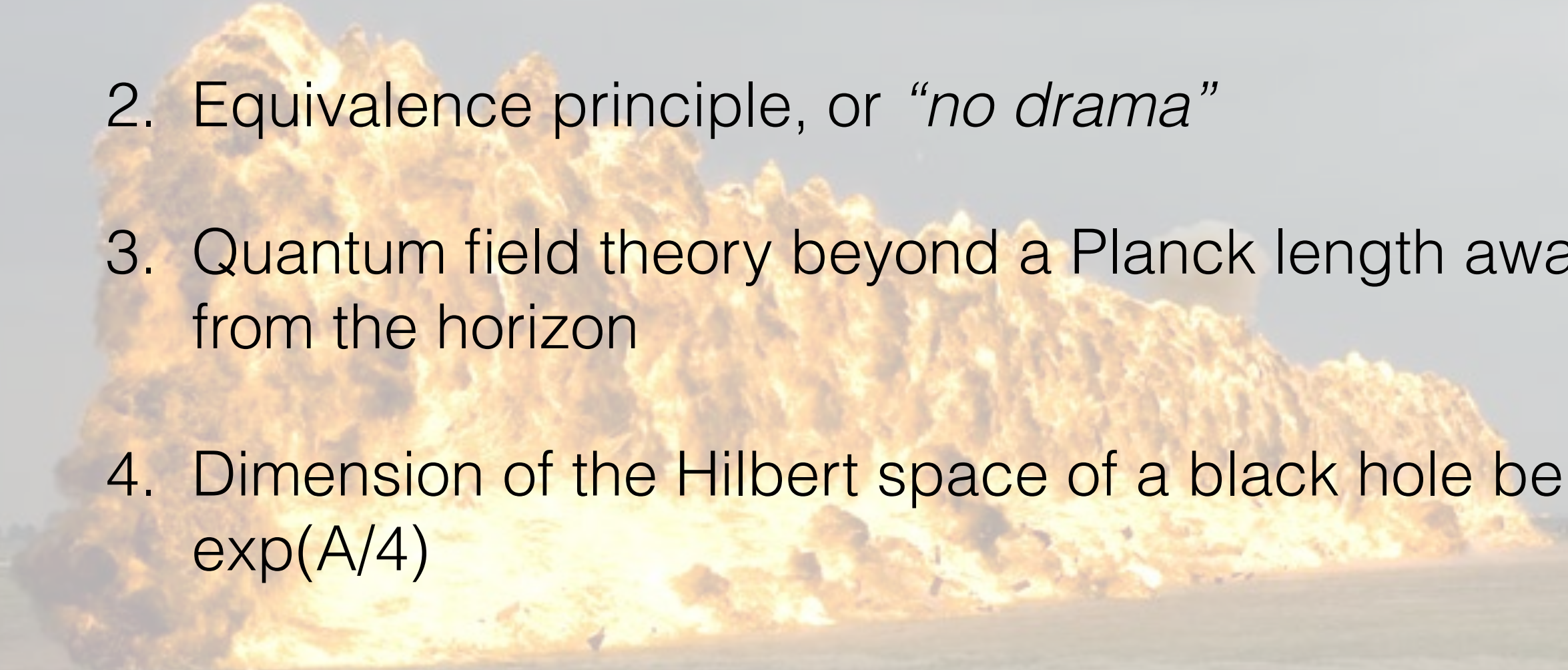
- **Information paradox:** unitary black hole evaporation, not consistent with local physics+smooth horizon (*Hawking ... AMPS 2013*)
- **Quantum Tunnelling:** $\exp(-S_E) \times \exp(\text{entropy}) \sim 1$
→ collapsing stars tunnel to a generic Quantum Gravity state at $O(1)$ probability (*Mathur 2008*)
- **Dark Energy:** equilibrium with stellar BH's → scale of dark energy+no horizon
(*Prescod-Weinstein, NA, Balogh 2009, Hergott & NA, in prep.*)



Firewall Paradox



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Almheiri, Marolf, Polchinski & Sully 2012 (AMPS), Mathur 2008

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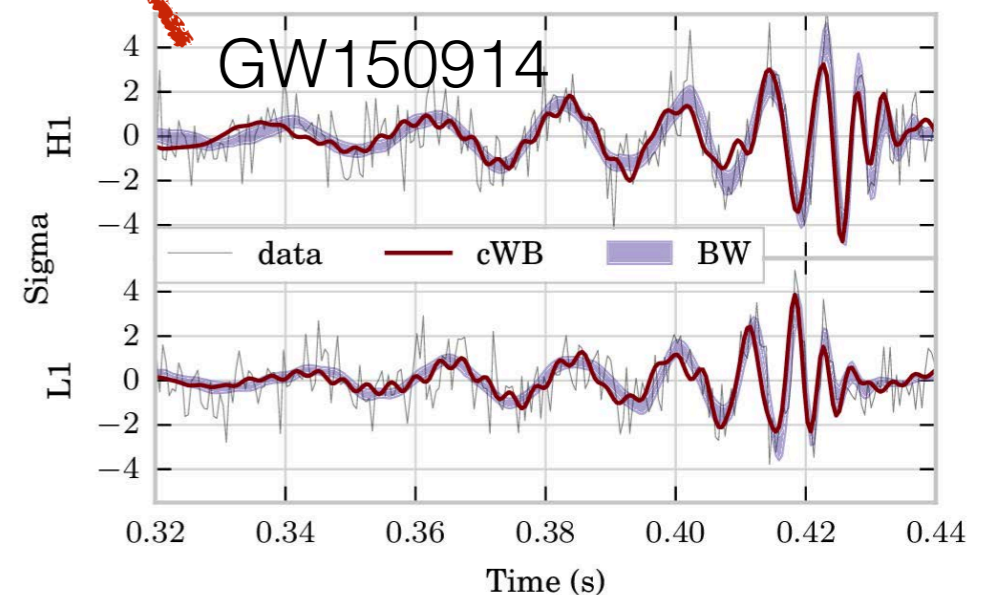
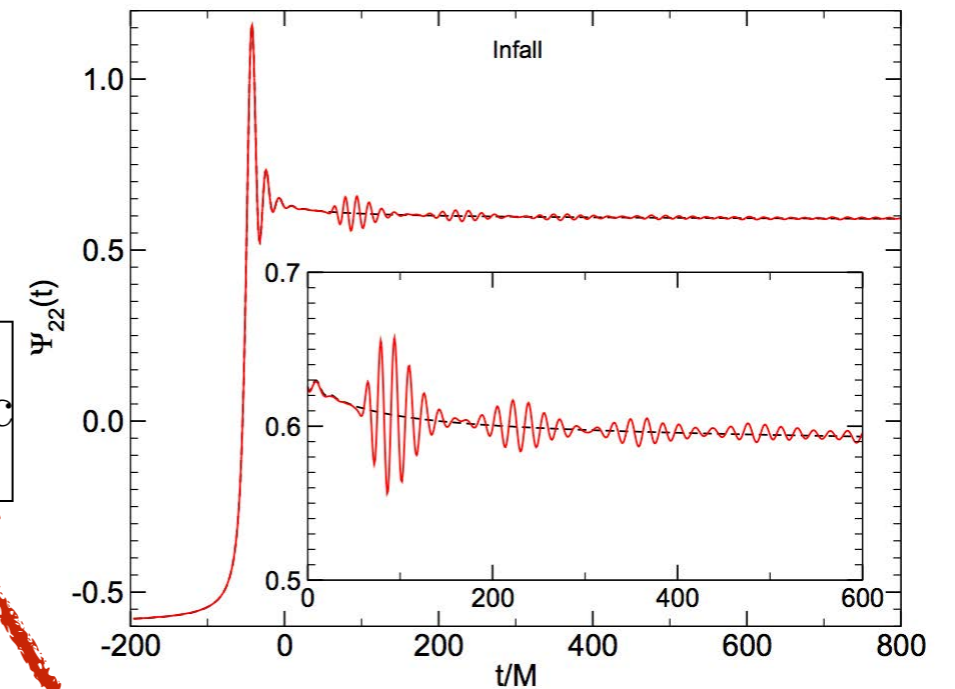
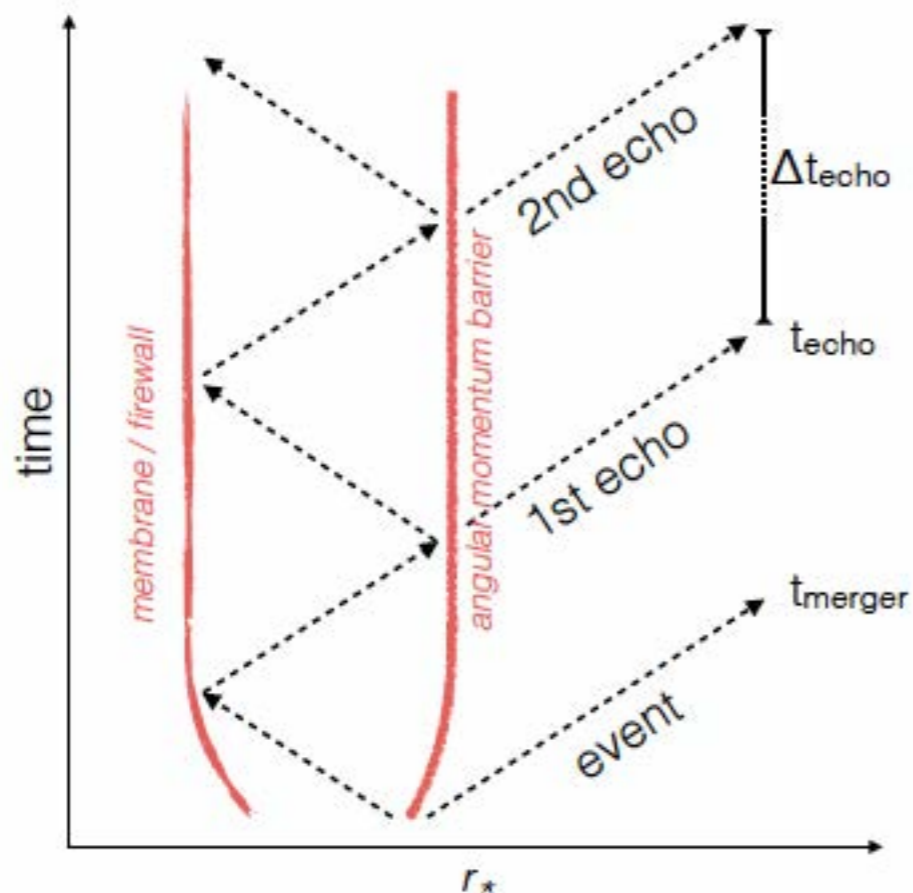
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Echoes from the Abyss!

Cardoso, et al. 16

- Delayed echoes from Planckian structure near horizon

$$\Delta t_{\text{echo}} \simeq \frac{4GM_{\text{BH}}}{c^3} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - a_*^2}} \right) \times \ln \left(\frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{M_{\text{planck}}} \right) \simeq 0.3 \text{ sec}$$



Universal Reflectivity of Quantum Horizons

- Three independent arguments for Boltzmann reflectivity:

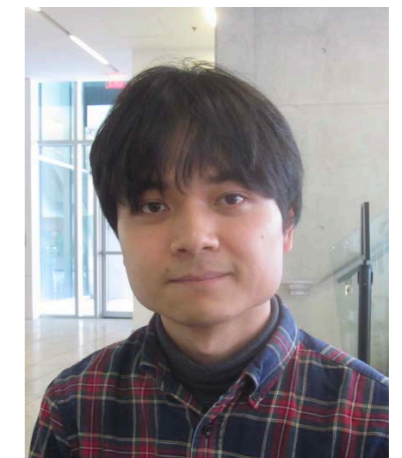
(1) *Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem*

(2) *Thermodynamic Detailed Balance*

(3) *CP-symmetry*

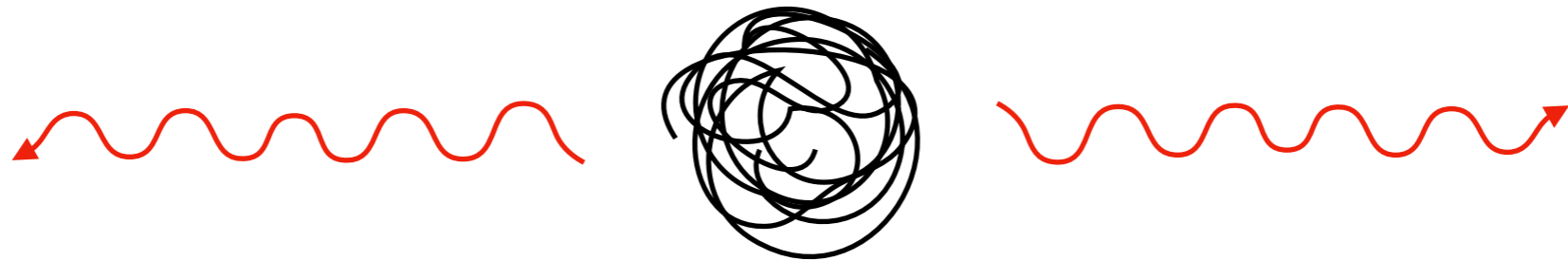
- **Echoes are stimulated Hawking Radiation**

$$R = \exp\left(-\frac{\hbar\omega}{kT_H}\right)$$



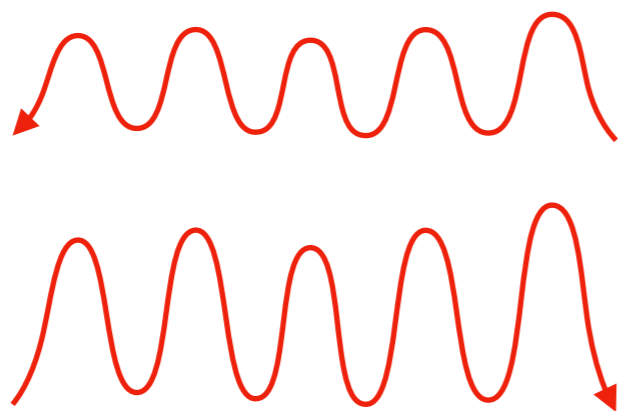
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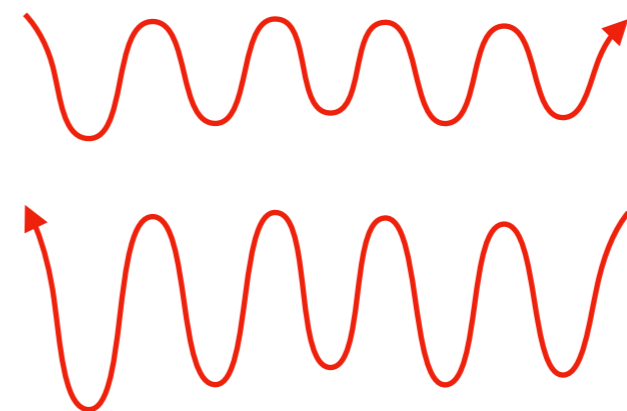
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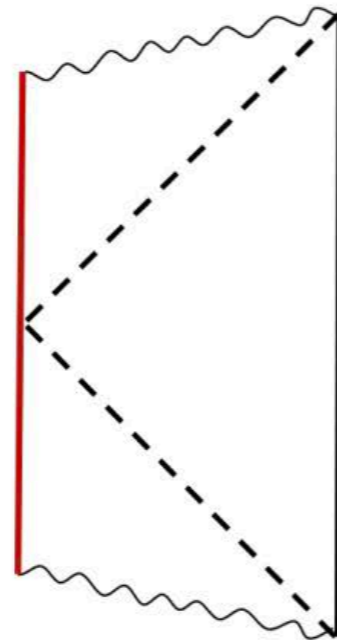
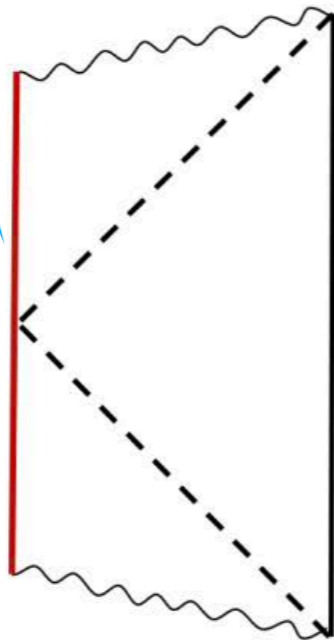


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\mathbb{Z}_2 identification \rightarrow
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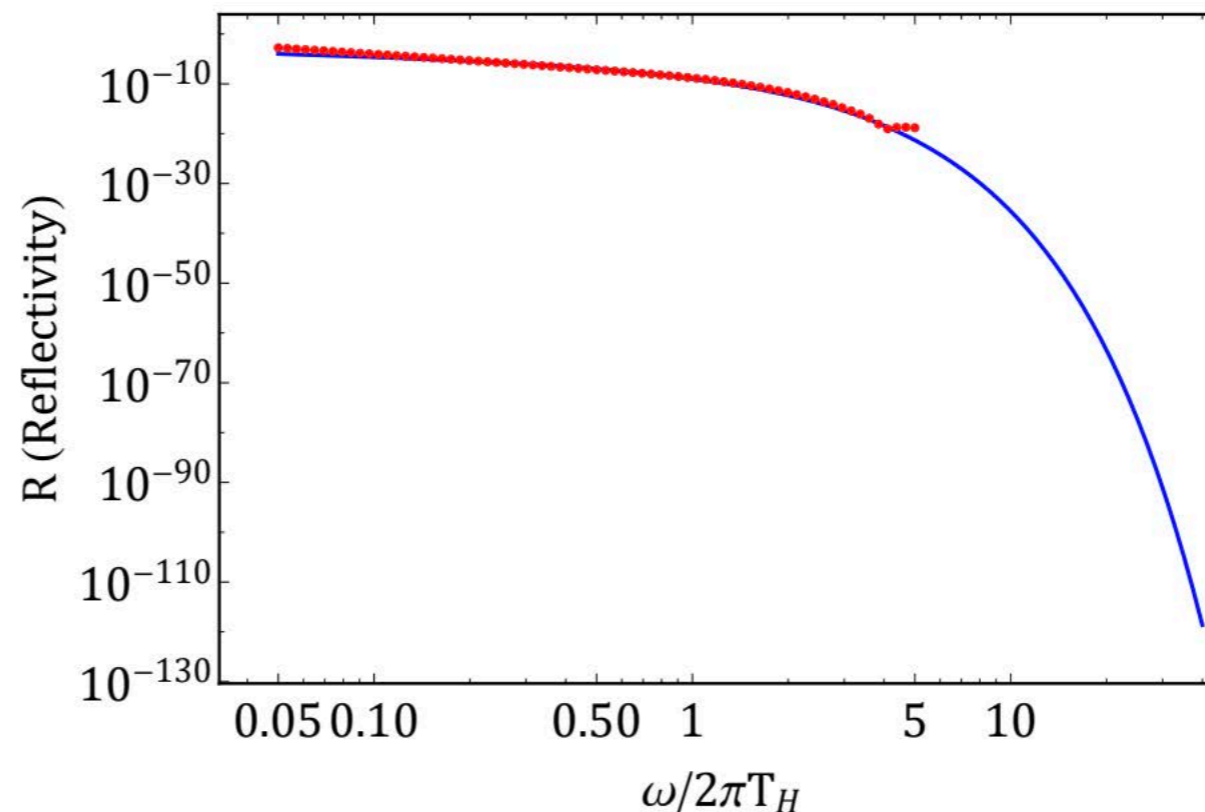
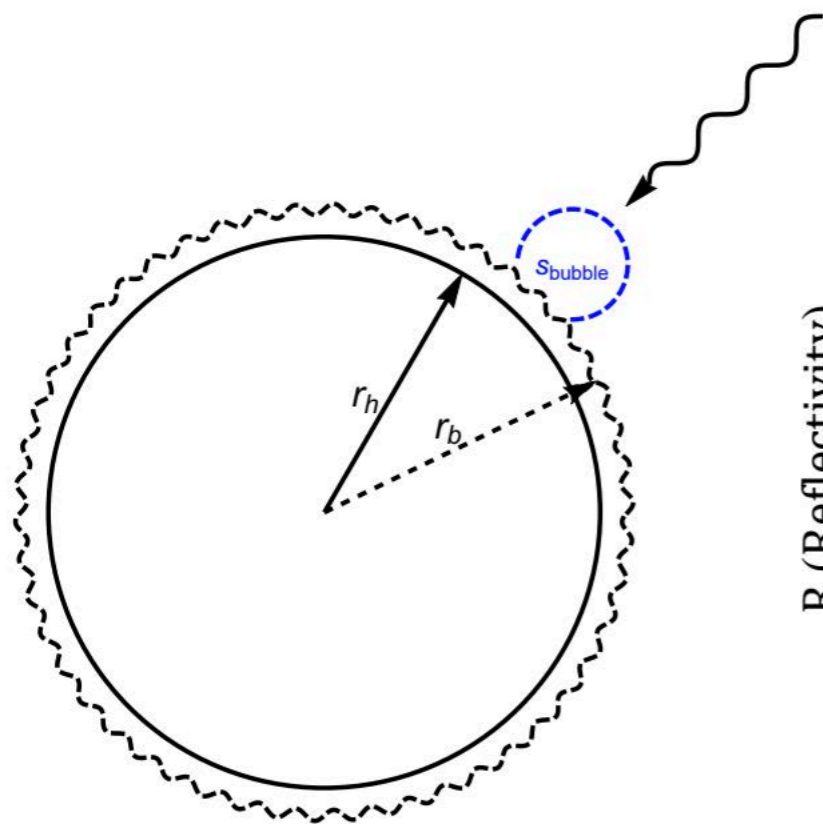
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Electromagnetic Albedo of Quantum Black Holes *(w/ Wan Zhen Chua)*

- Reflection off virtual electron-positron pairs near horizon \rightarrow Boltzmann Albedo for photons
- No quantum gravity needed!



Black Holes as Fast Scramblers of Quantum Information

[Submitted on 15 Aug 2008]

Fast Scramblers

Yasuhiro Sekino, Leonard Susskind

We consider the problem of how fast a quantum system can scramble (thermalize) information, given that the interactions are between bounded clusters of degrees of freedom; pairwise interactions would be an example. Based on previous work, we conjecture:

- 1) The most rapid scramblers take a time logarithmic in the number of degrees of freedom.
- 2) Matrix quantum mechanics (systems whose degrees of freedom are n by n matrices) saturate the bound.
- 3) Black holes are the fastest scramblers in nature.

The conjectures are based on two sources, one from quantum information theory, and the other from the study of black holes in String Theory.

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$$\tau = \frac{t_*}{\beta} = C \log N$$

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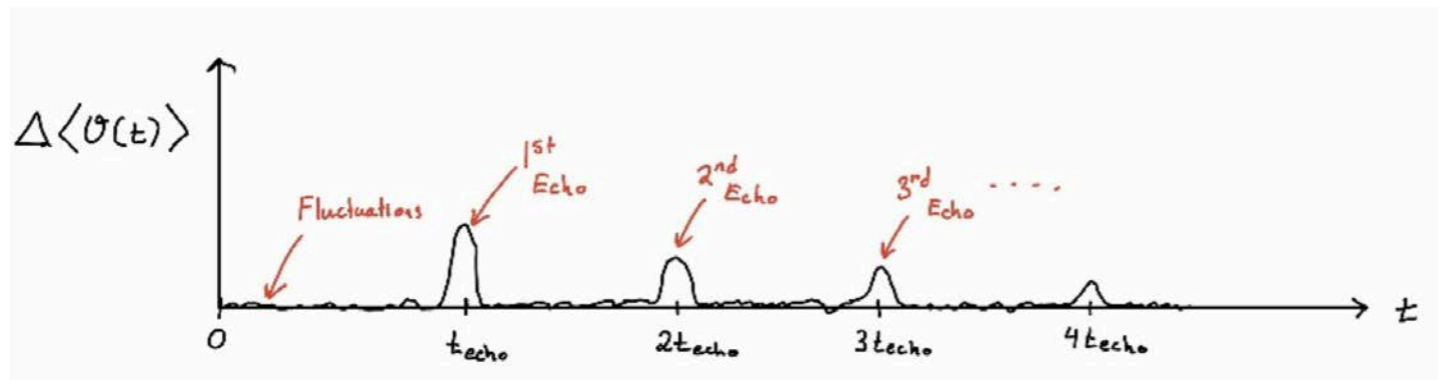
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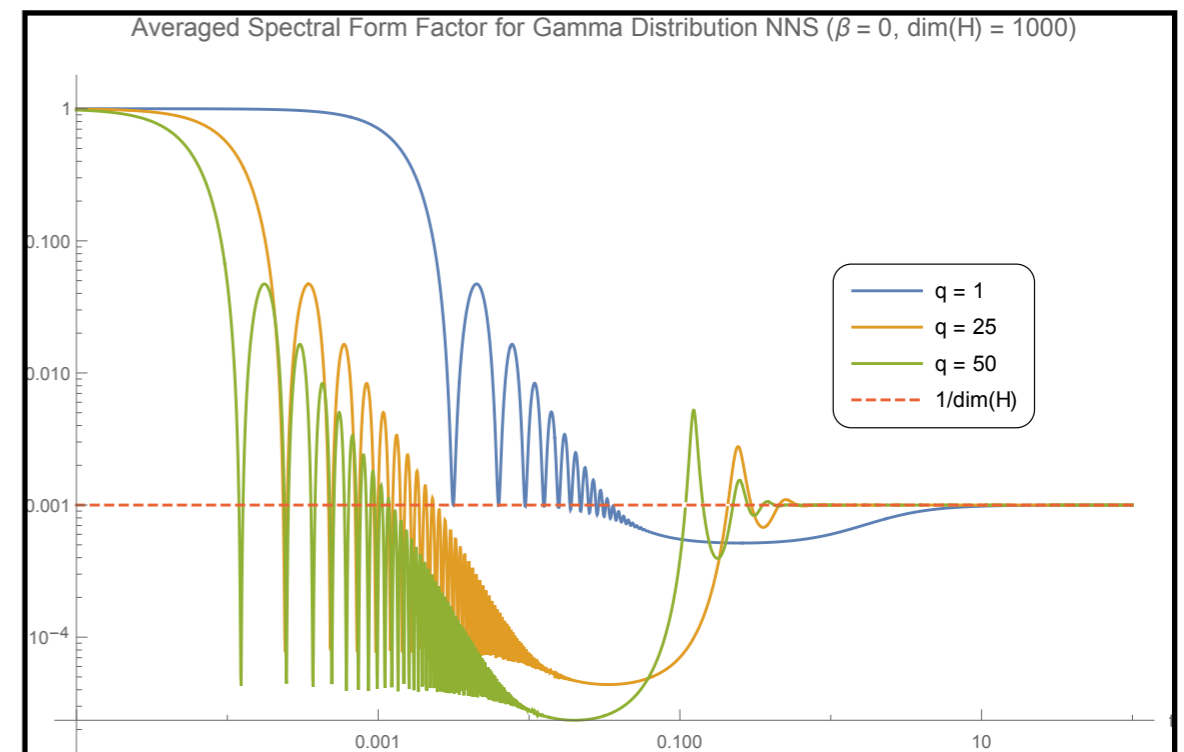
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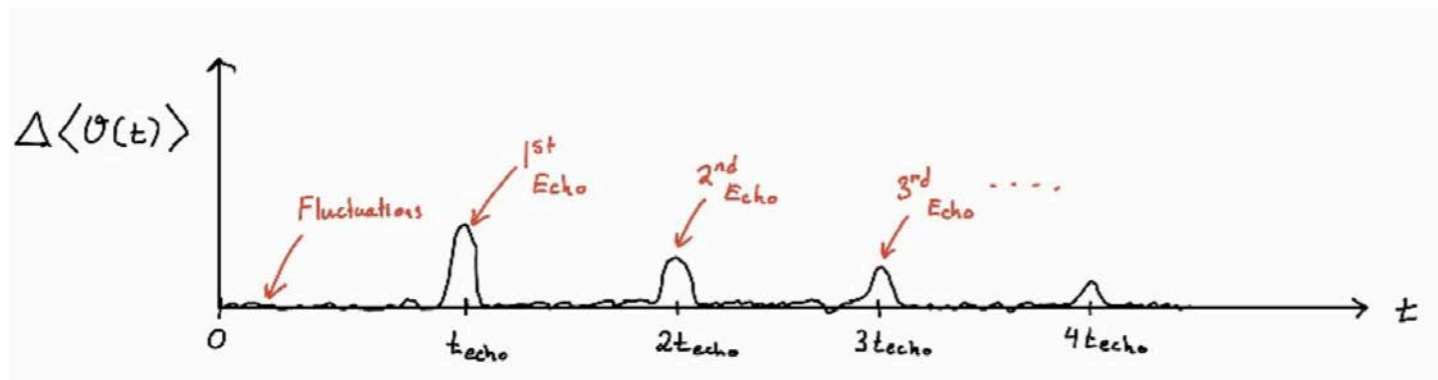
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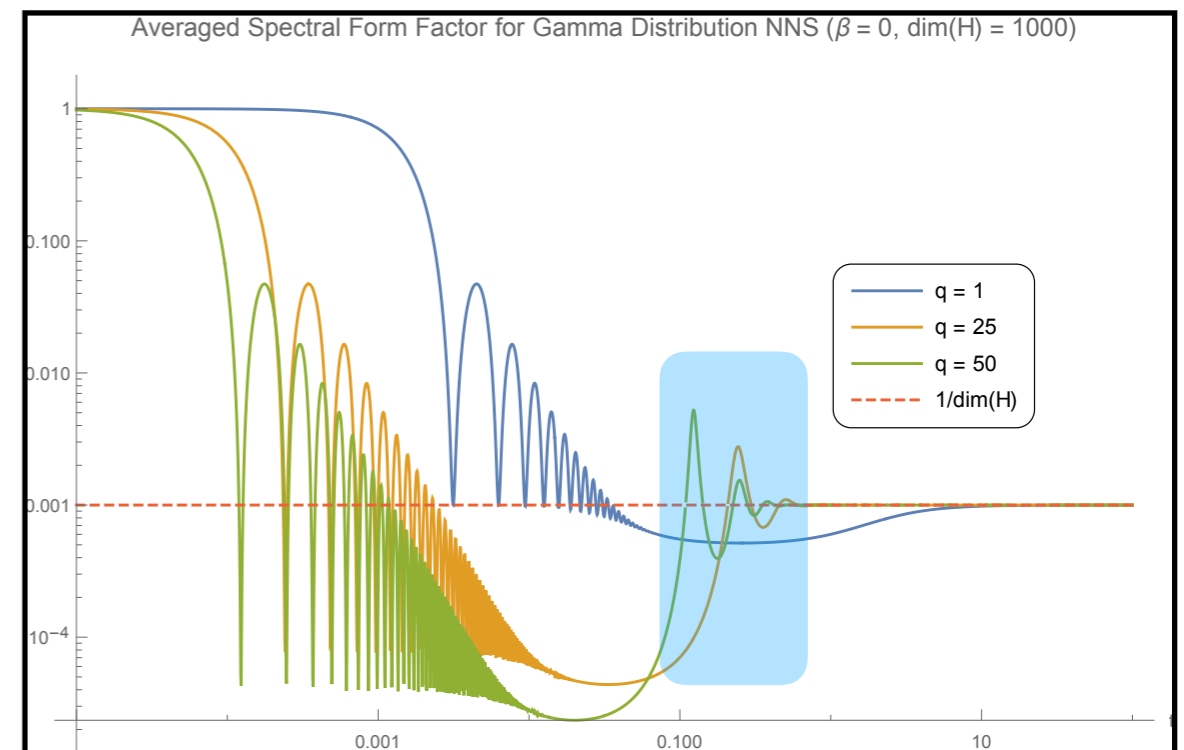
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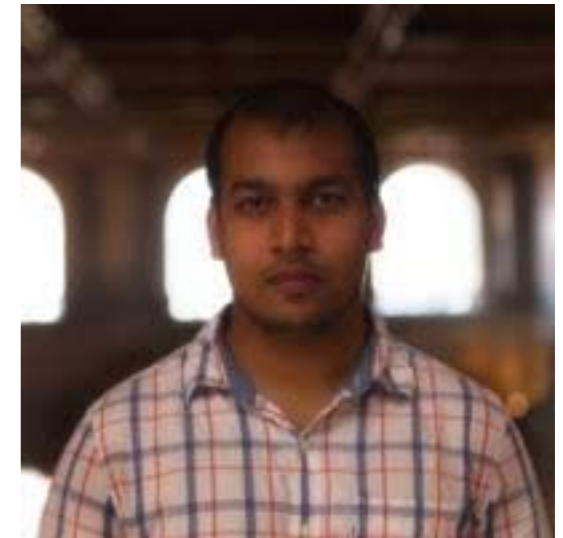
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Echoes in Kerr/CFT

(w/ Ramit Dey)

- modular identification of 1+1 CFT also leads to Boltzmann echoes, *a la* “Hidden Conformal Symmetry of the Kerr Black Hole”



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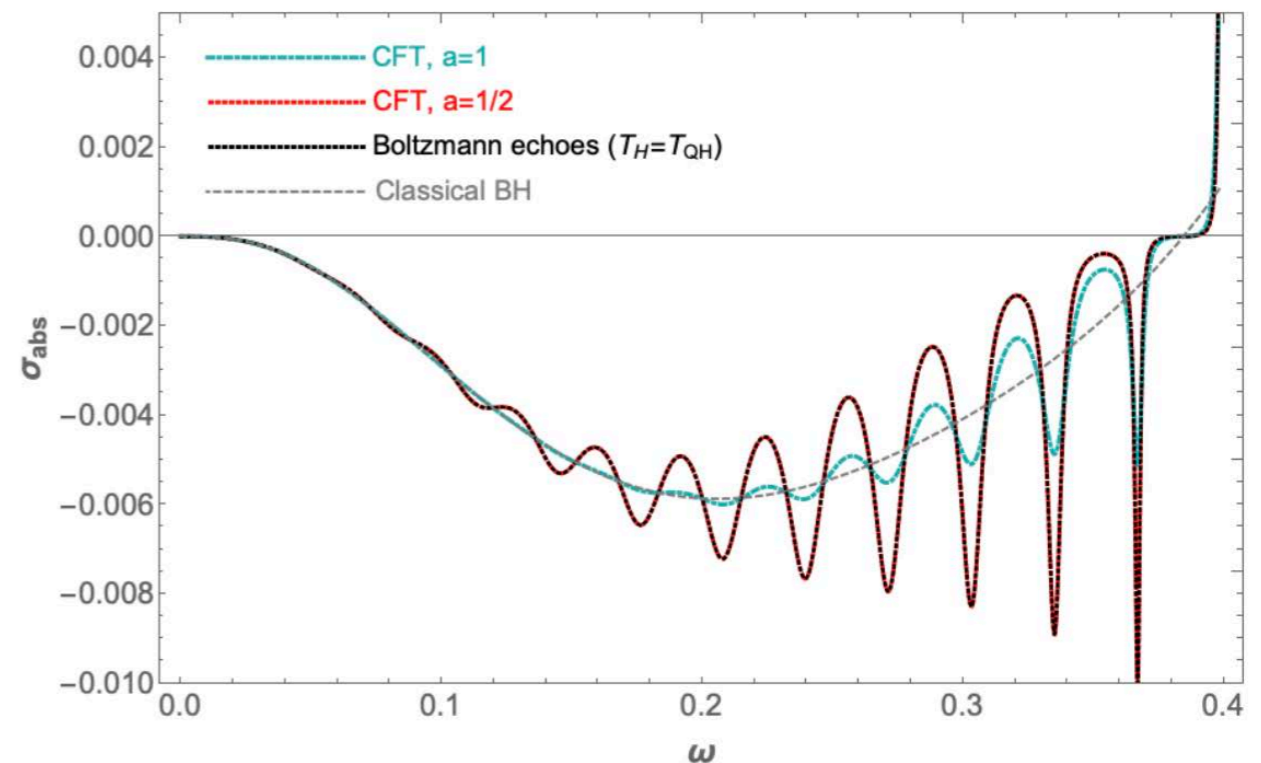
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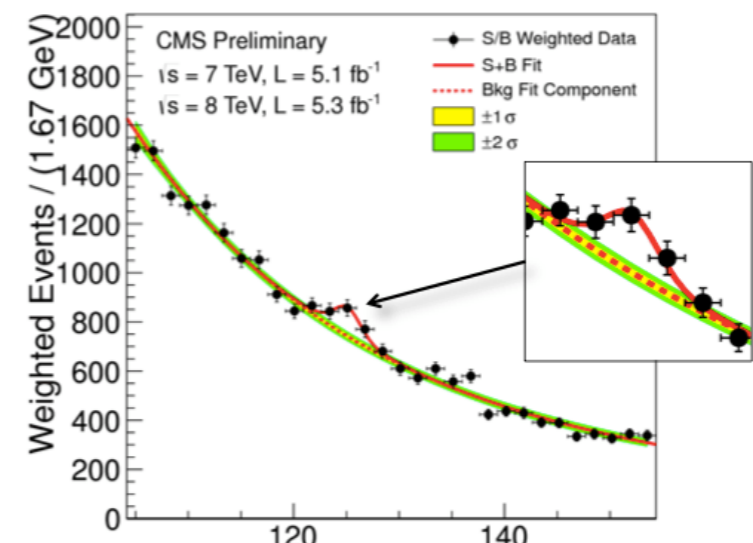
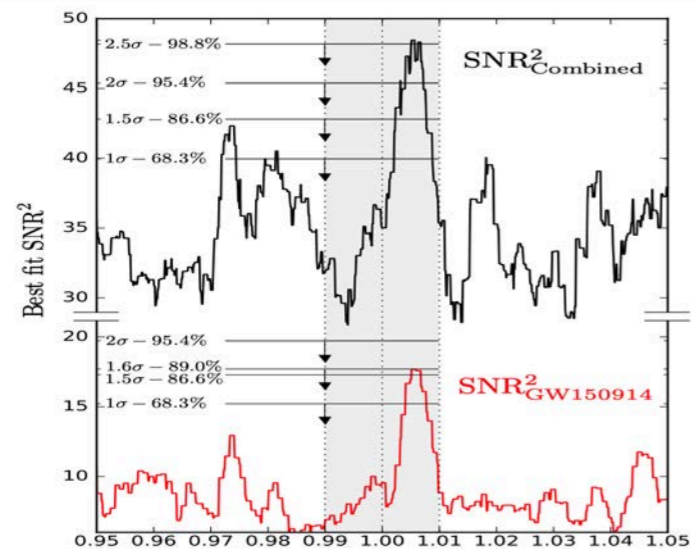


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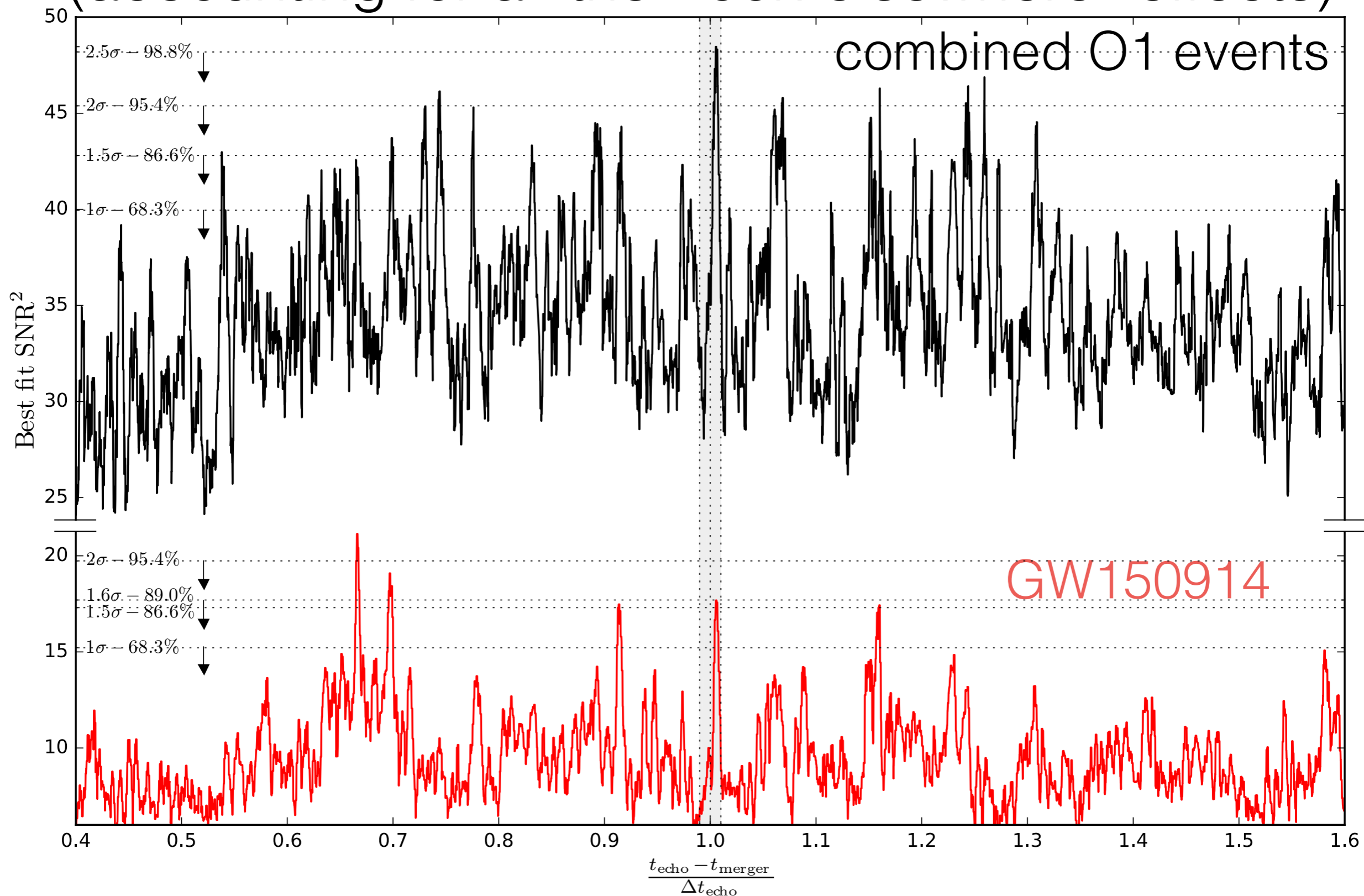


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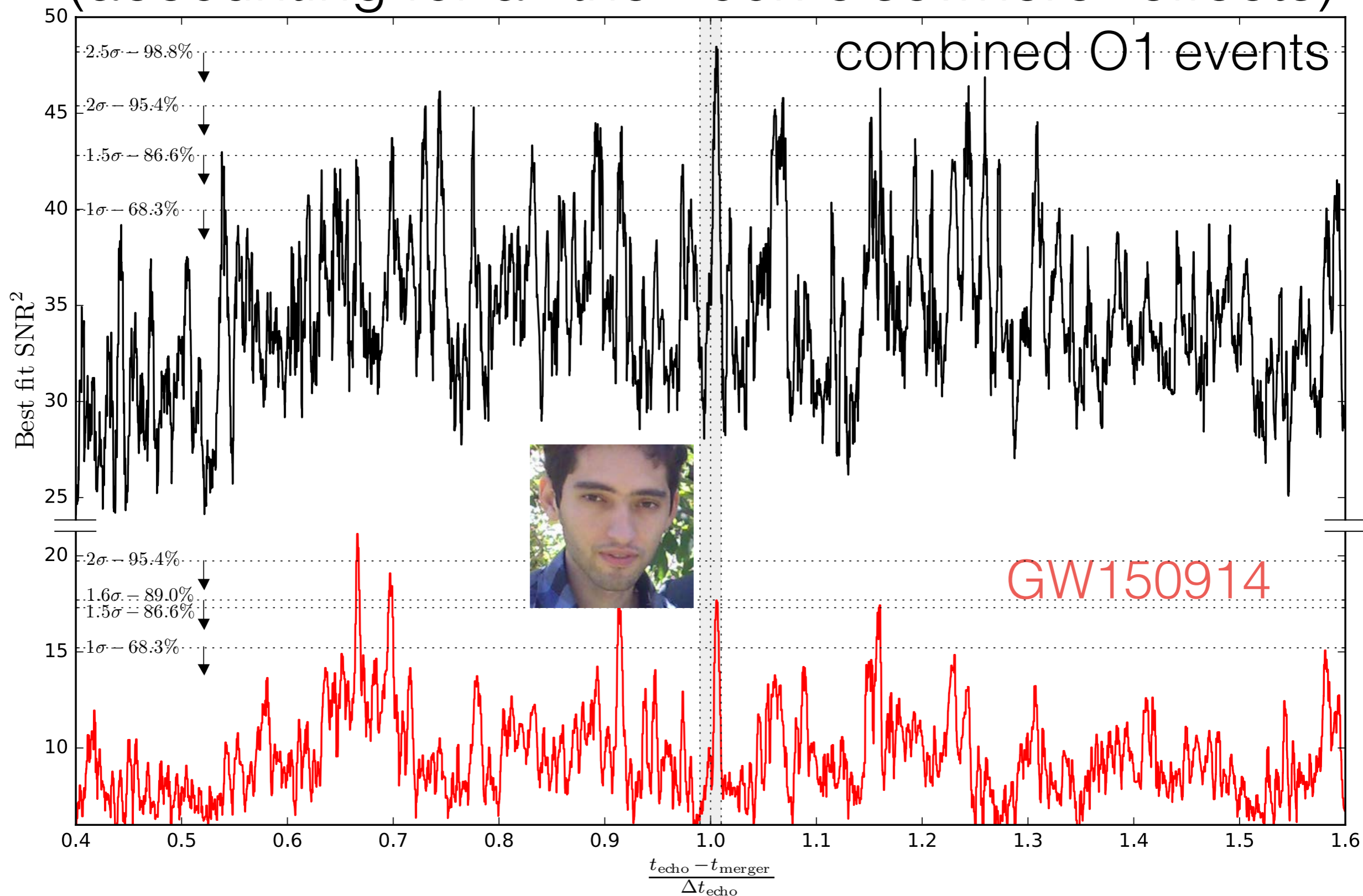
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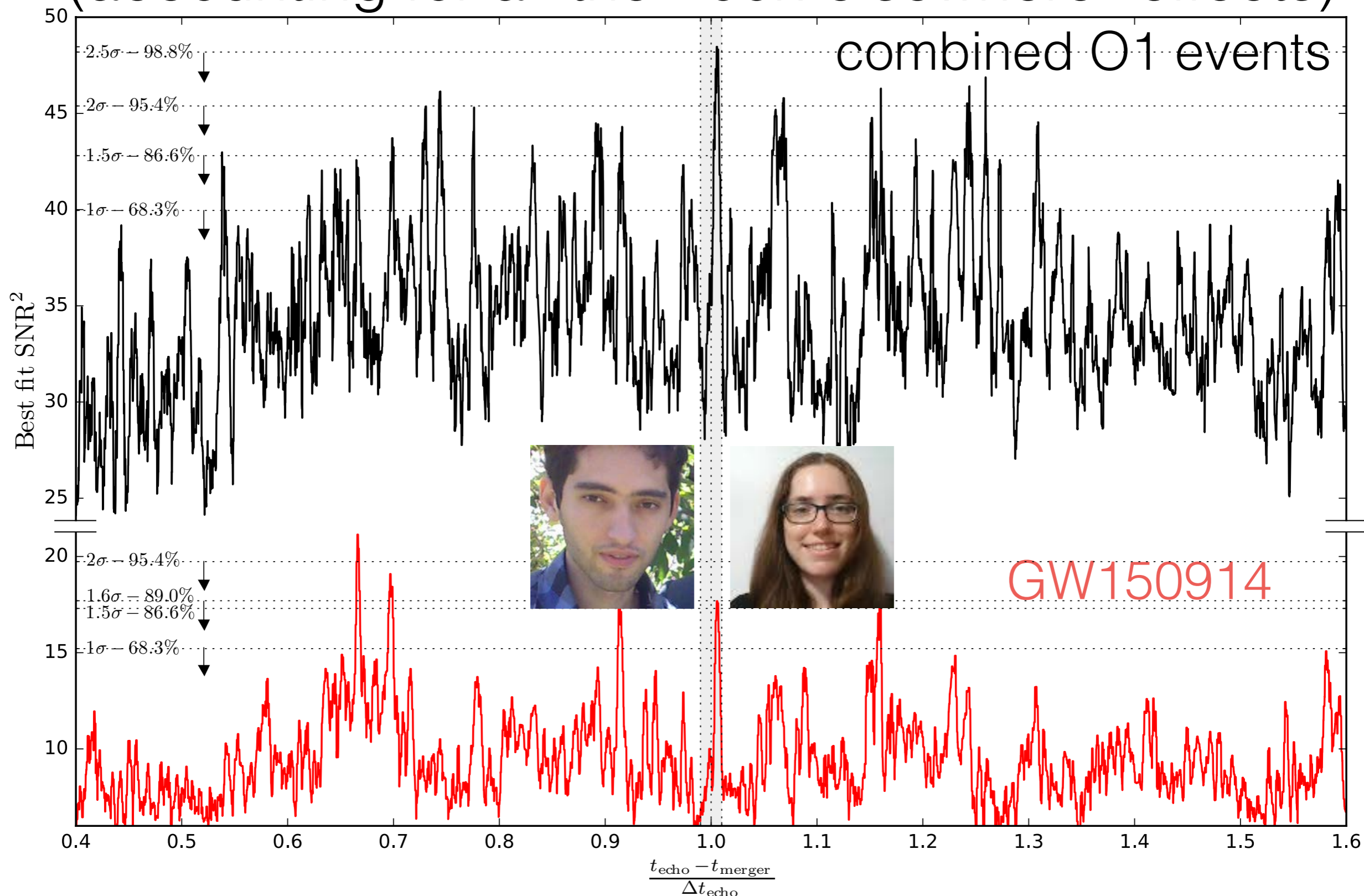


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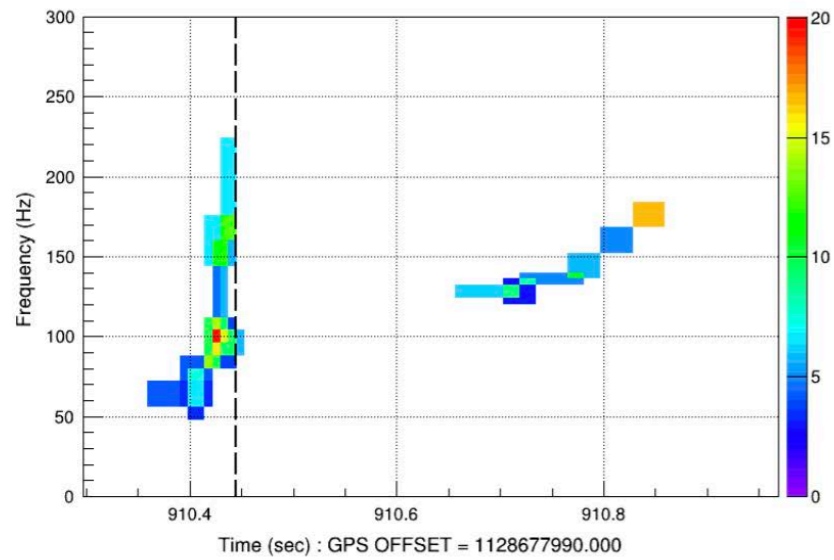
Predictions in Abedi, Dykaar, NA 2017

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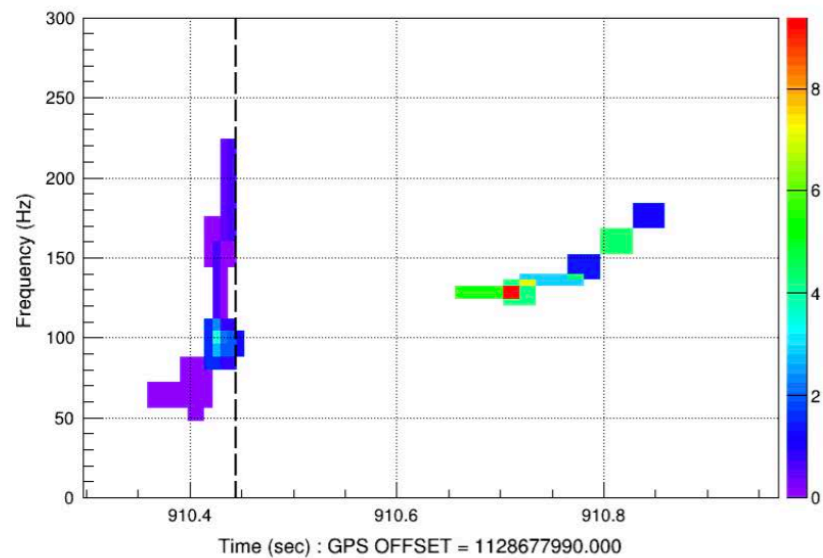
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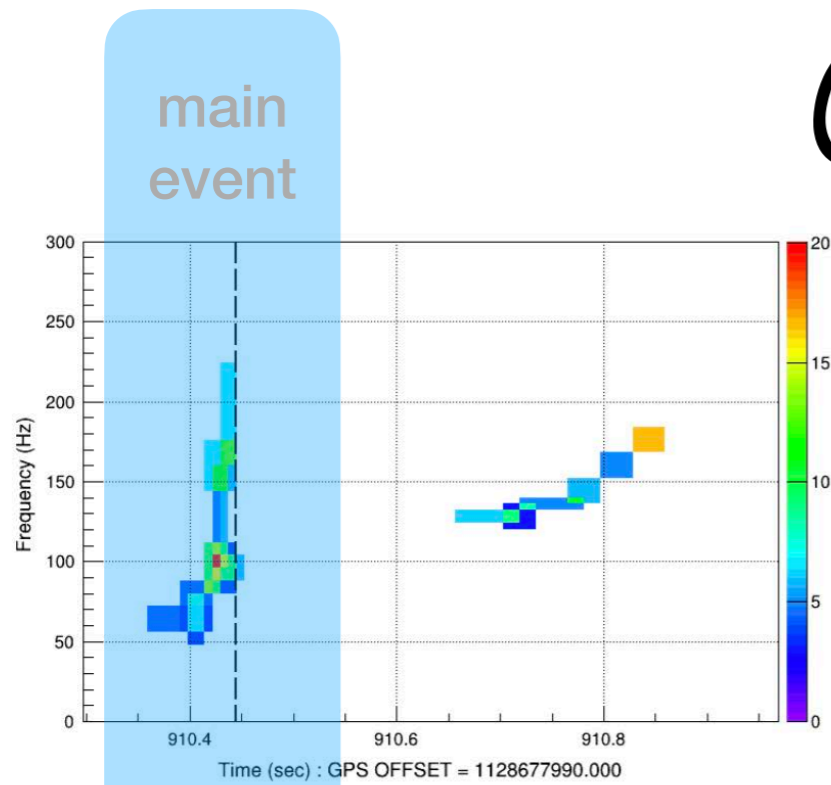


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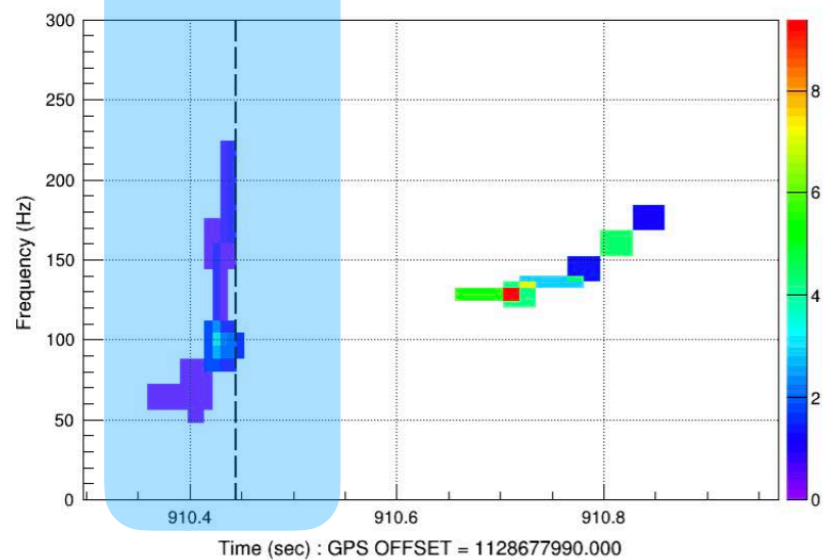


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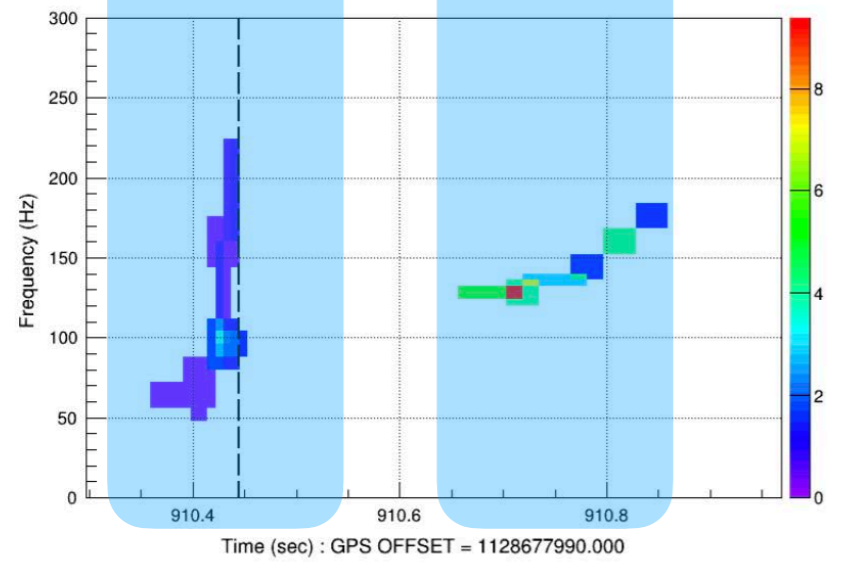
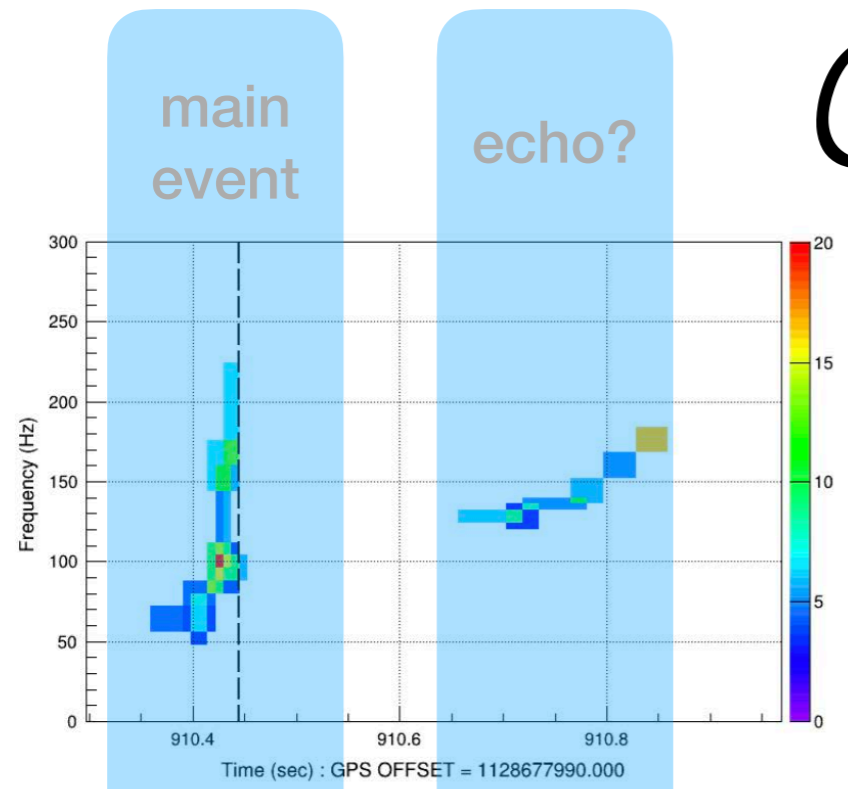


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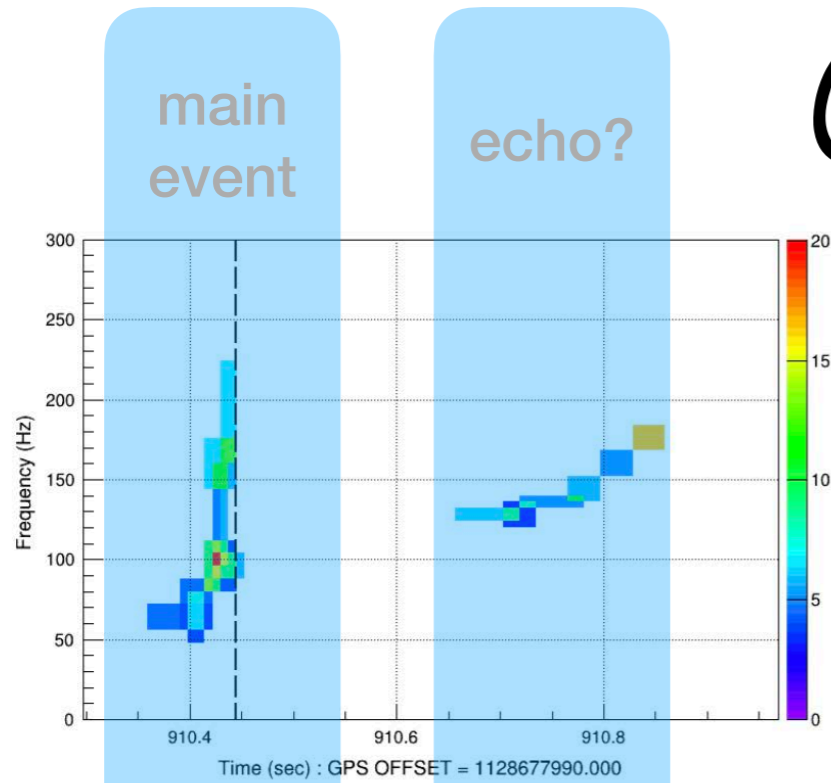
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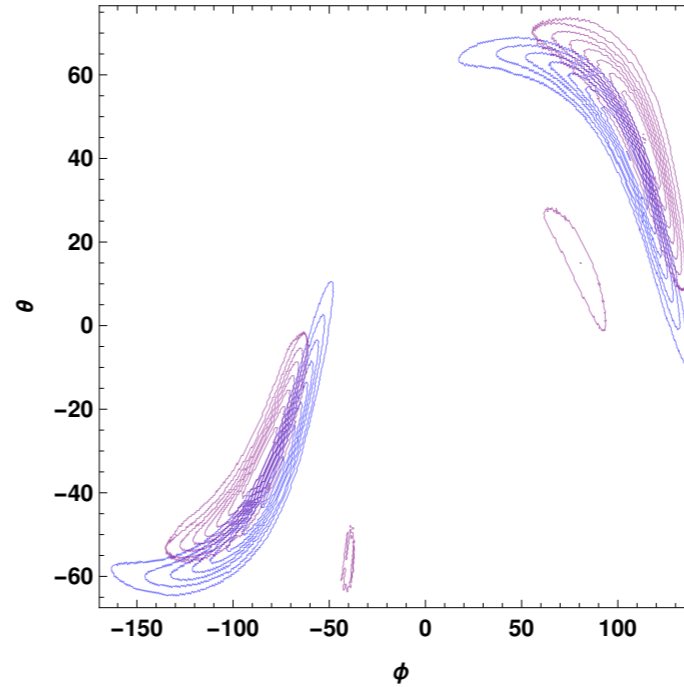


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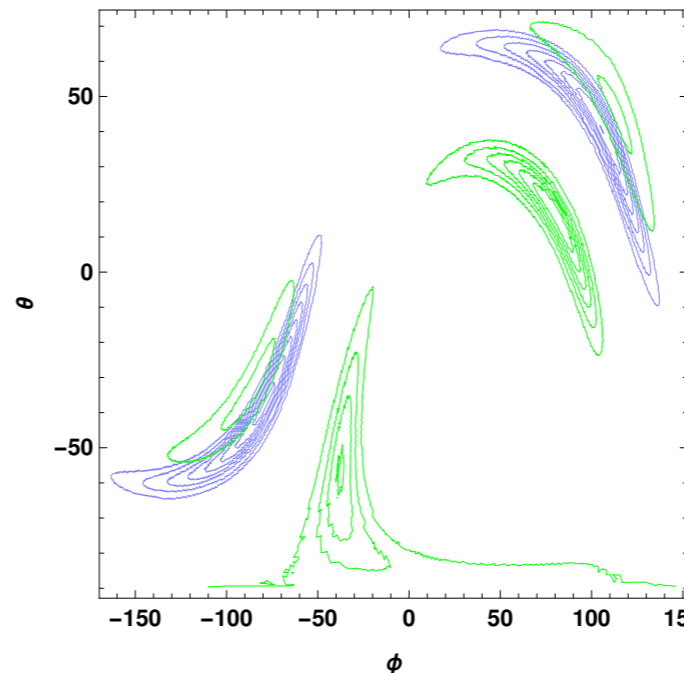
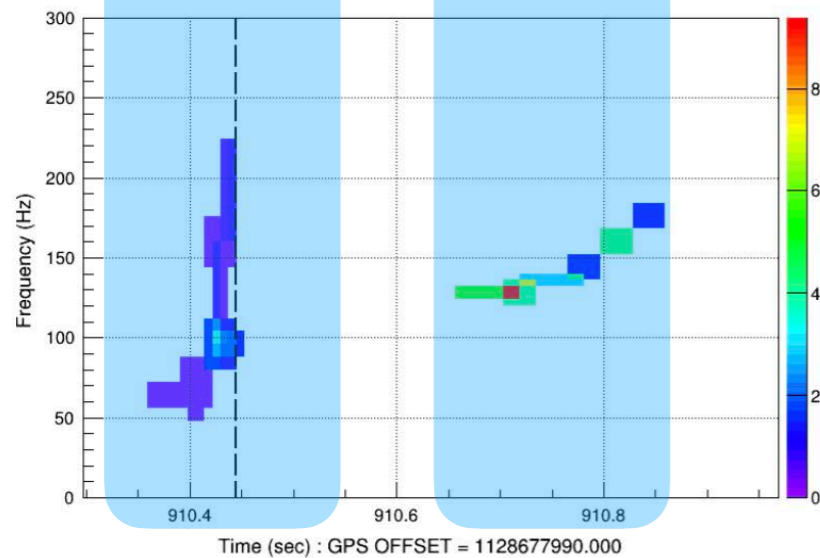
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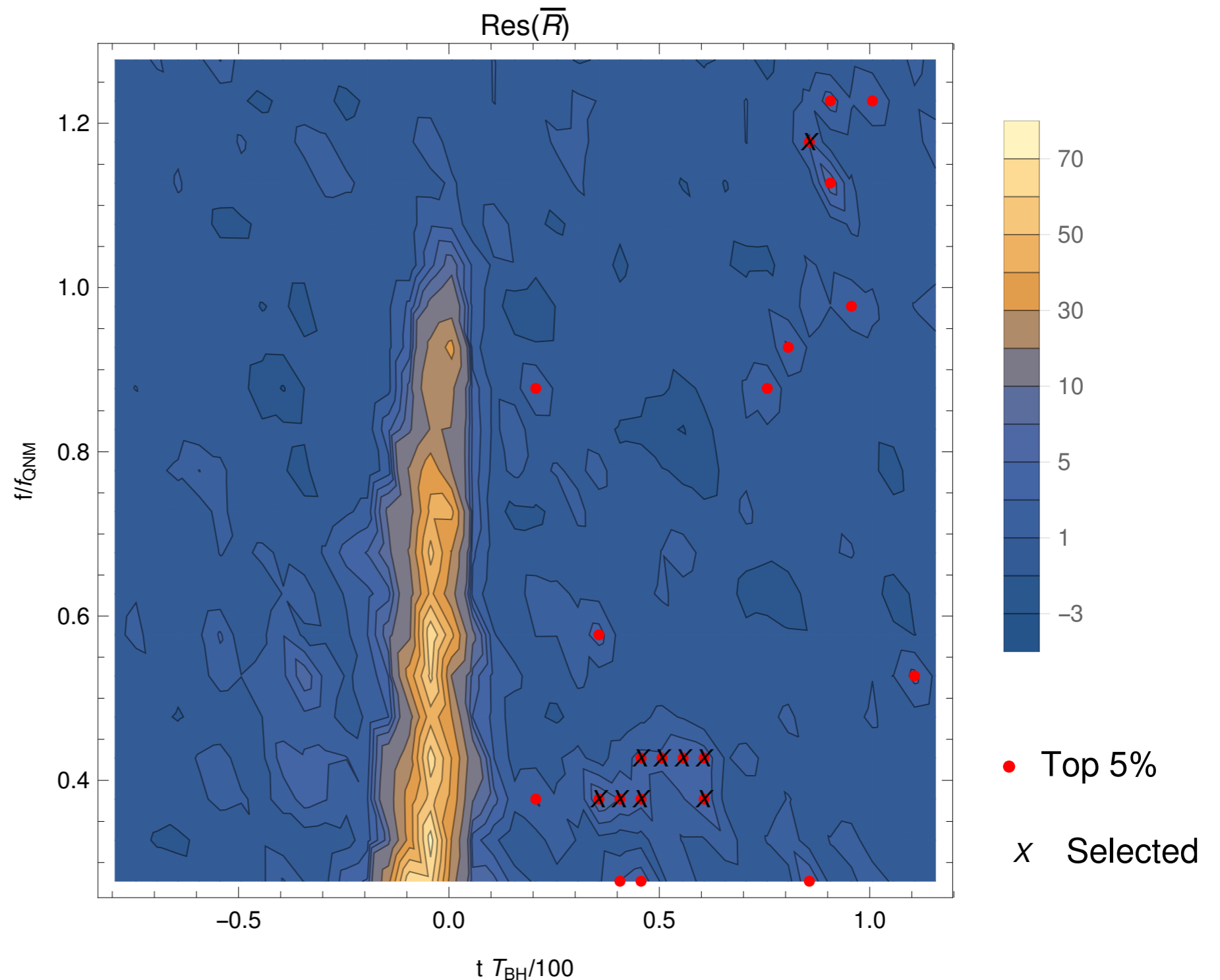
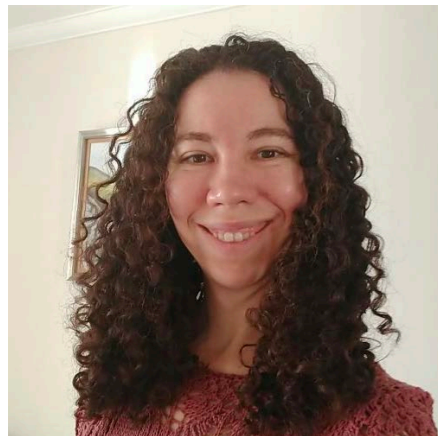


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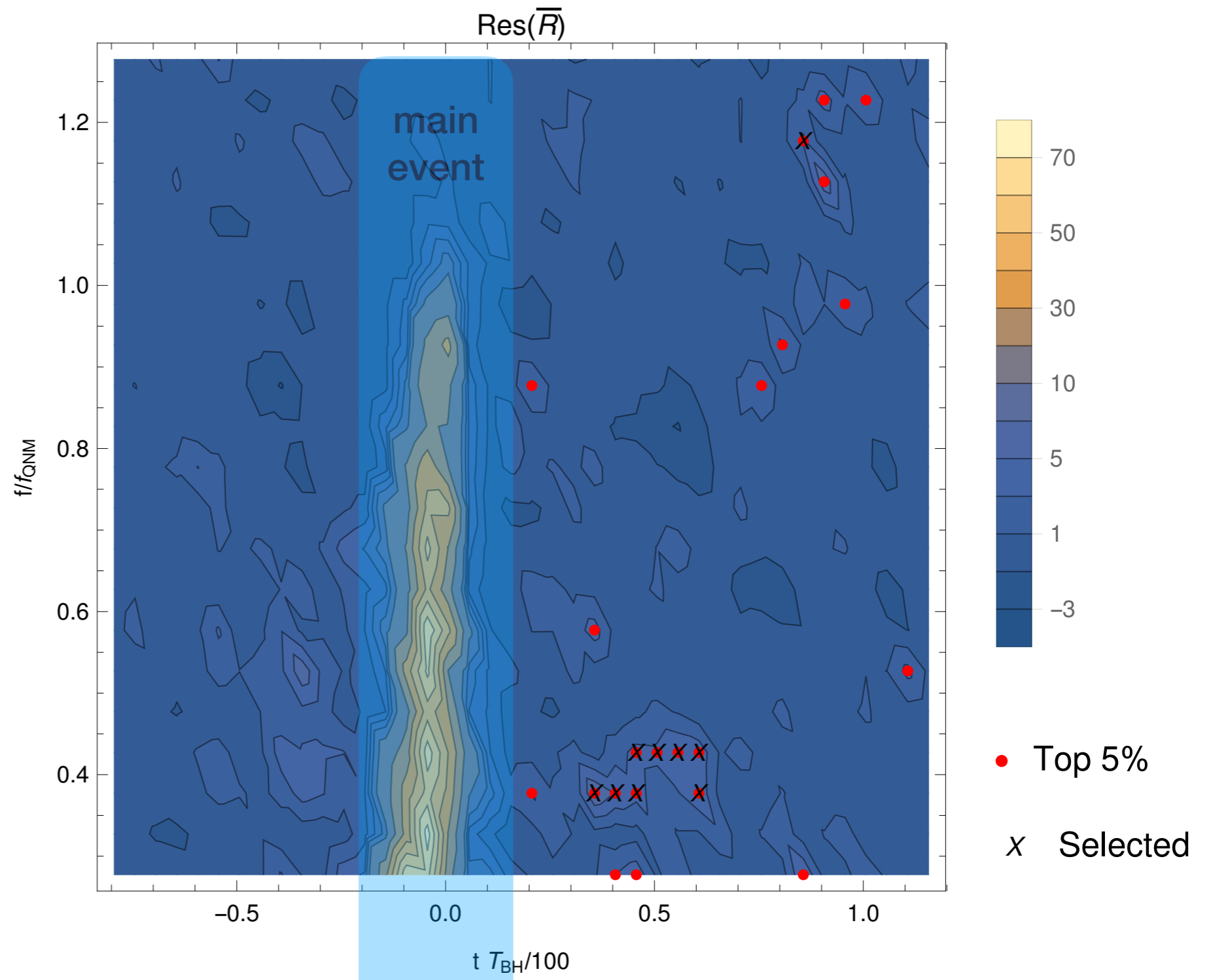
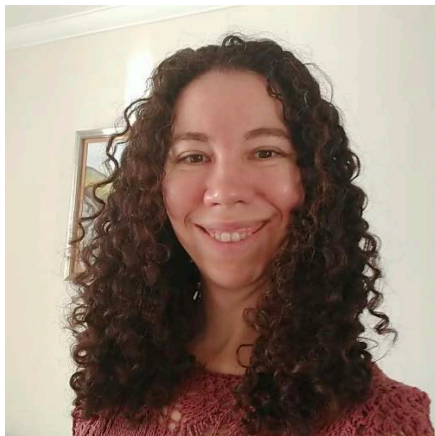
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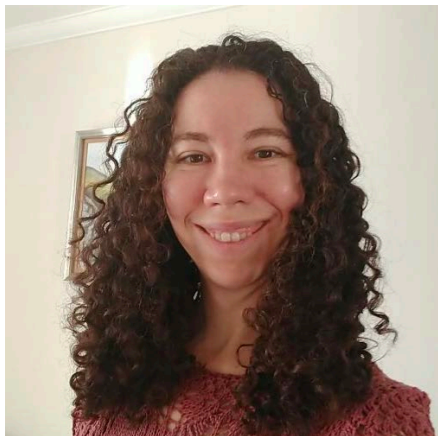
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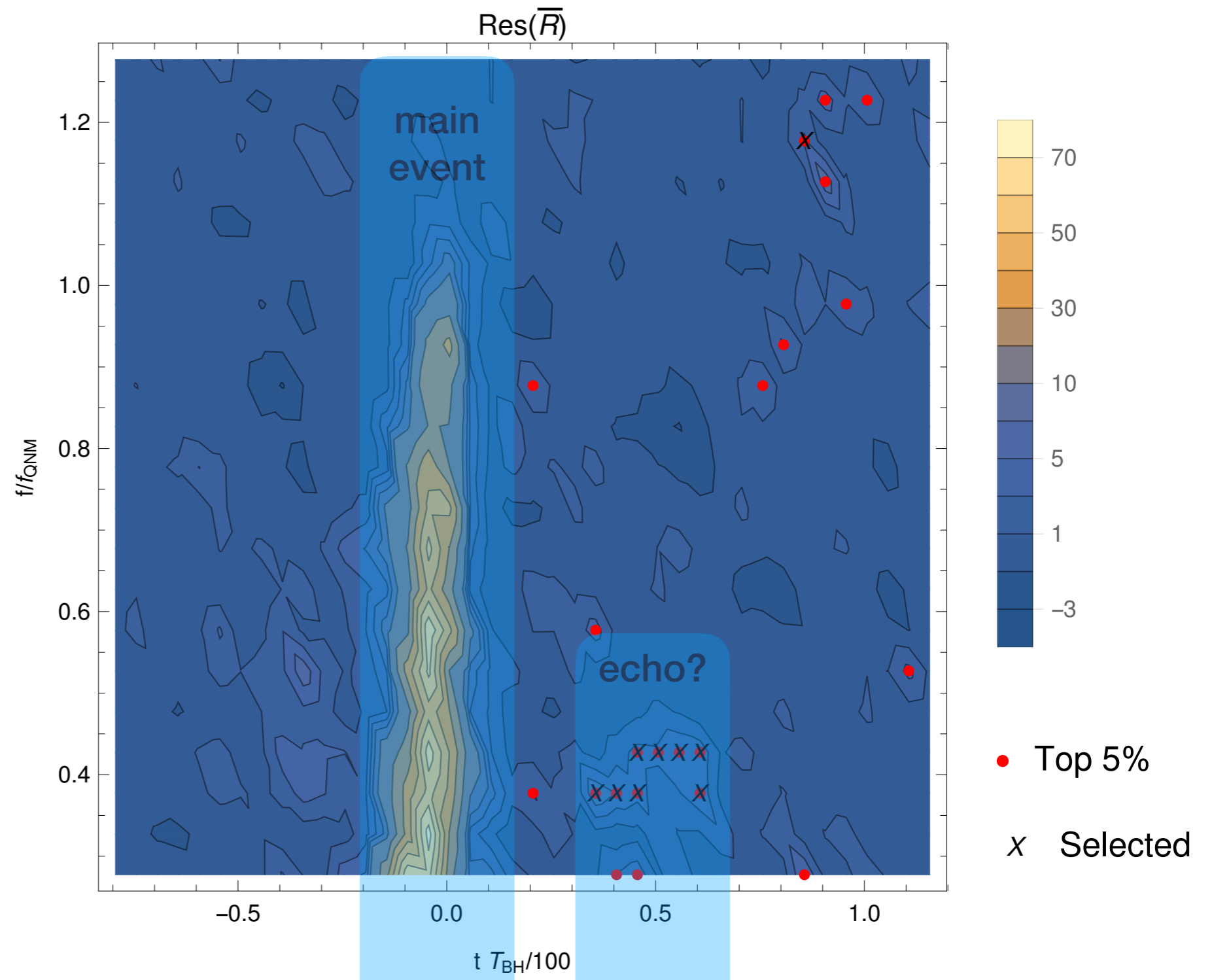
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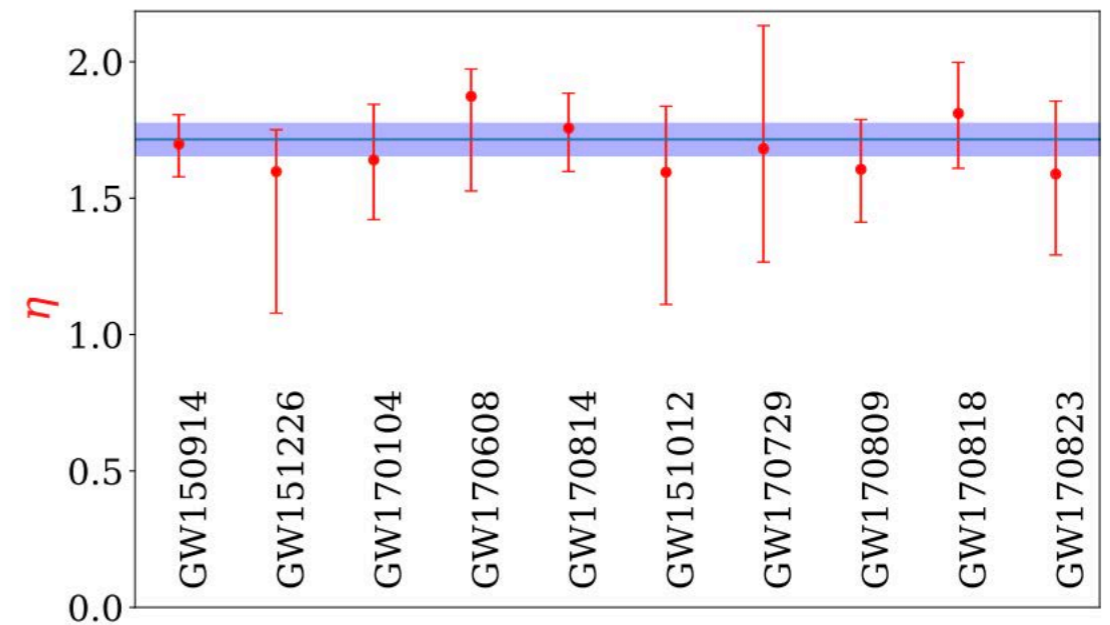
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- Echo Time delay
- consistent across events
- p-values

$$\frac{\Delta t}{M} = 4\eta \log\left(\frac{M}{\ell_{\text{Pl}}}\right) \left(\frac{1 + (1 - \chi^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{2}\right) (1 + z).$$



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GW170818	0.0094	GW170729	0.0010 & 0.0006

But not everyone finds echoes!

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GW190421_213856	−0.11	GW190708_232457	−0.87
GW190503_185404	−0.36	GW190720_000836	−0.45
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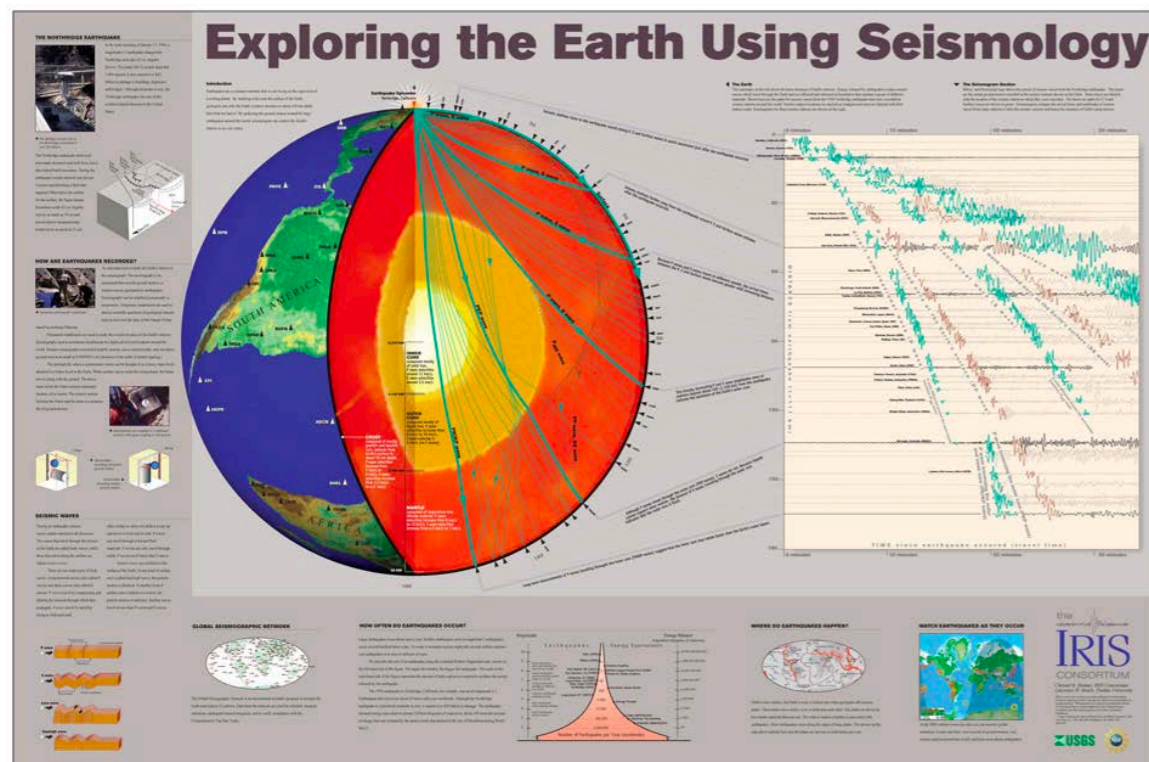
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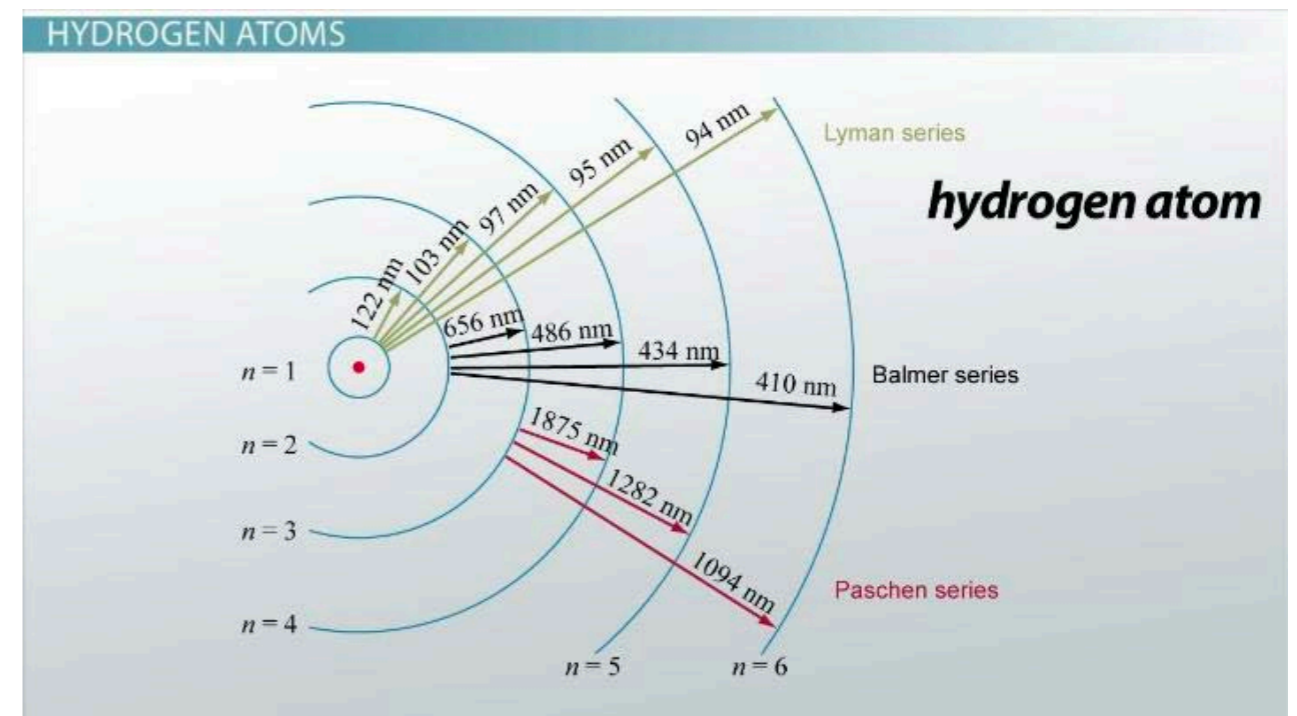
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Seismology vs Spectroscopy



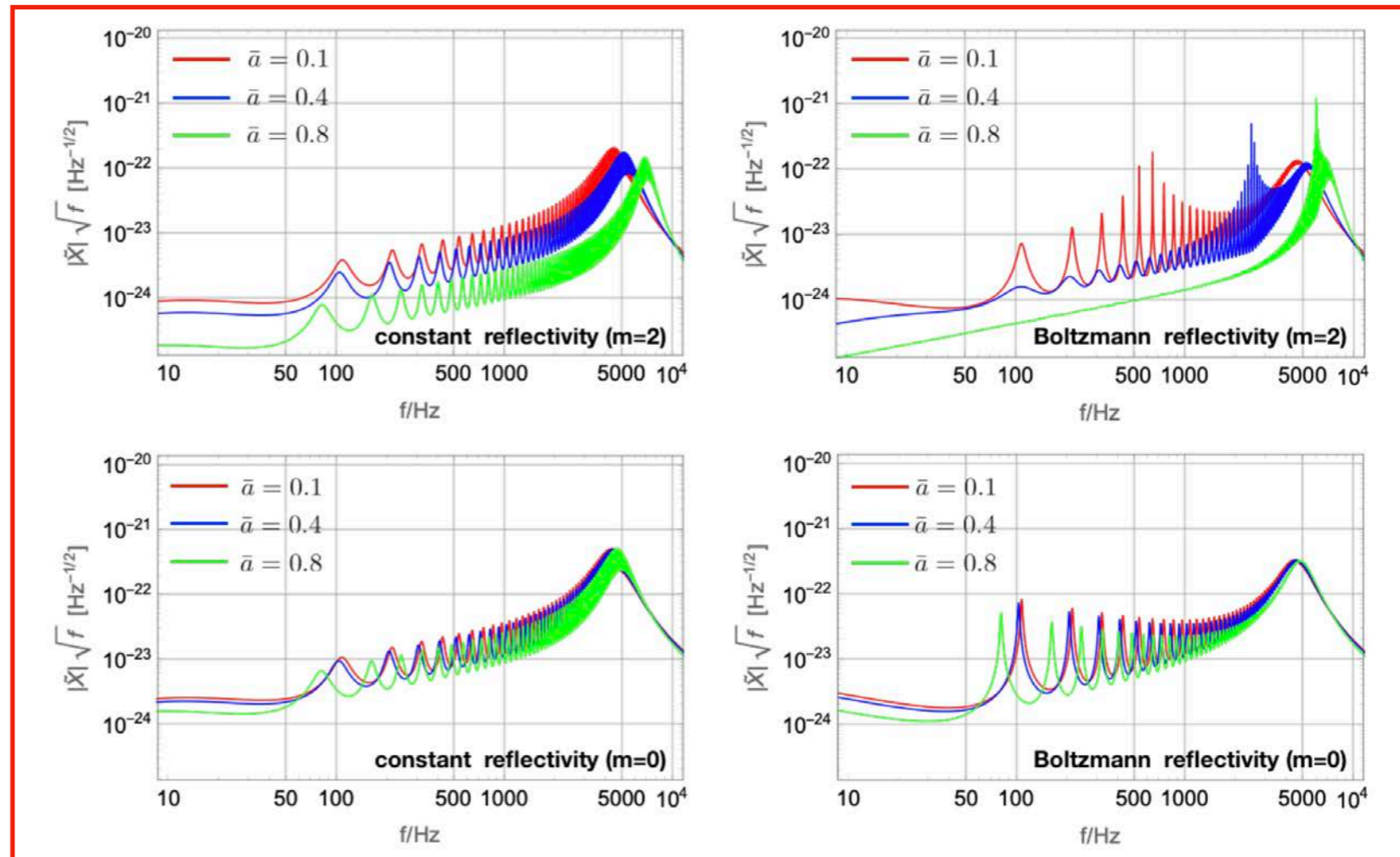
**What's inside the Black Hole
(replaces event horizon ~2M)**



**What's outside the Black Hole
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What Black Hole Seismology teaches us 1/3

- Reflectivity law of the quantum horizons
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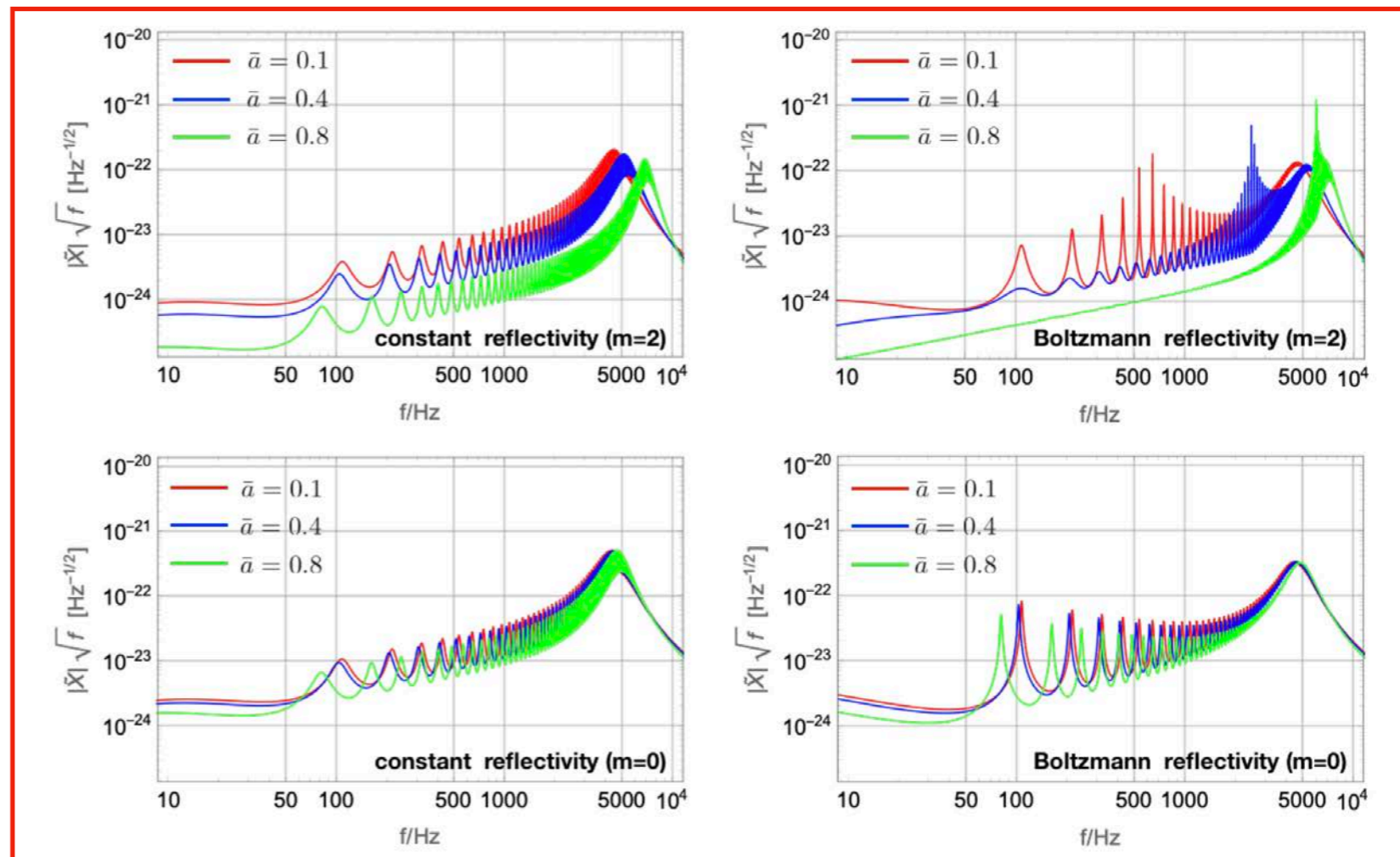


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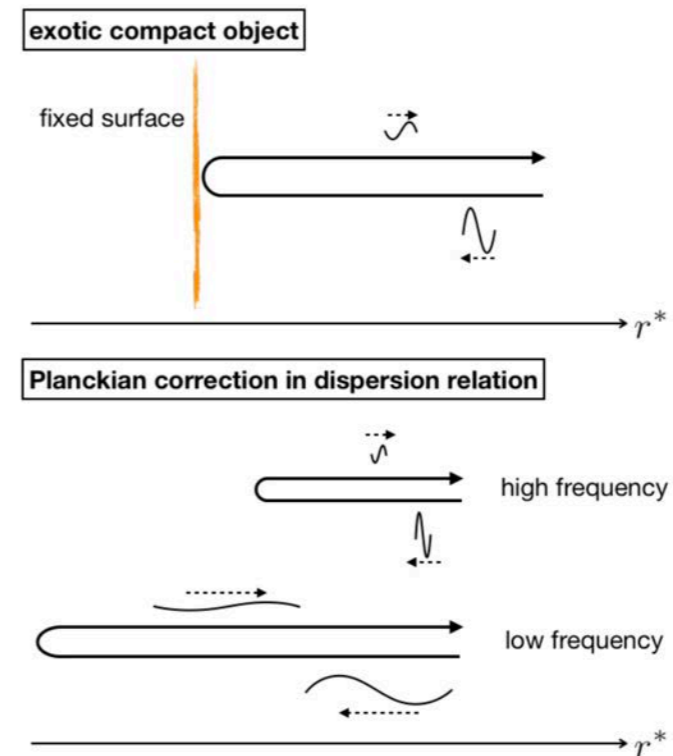
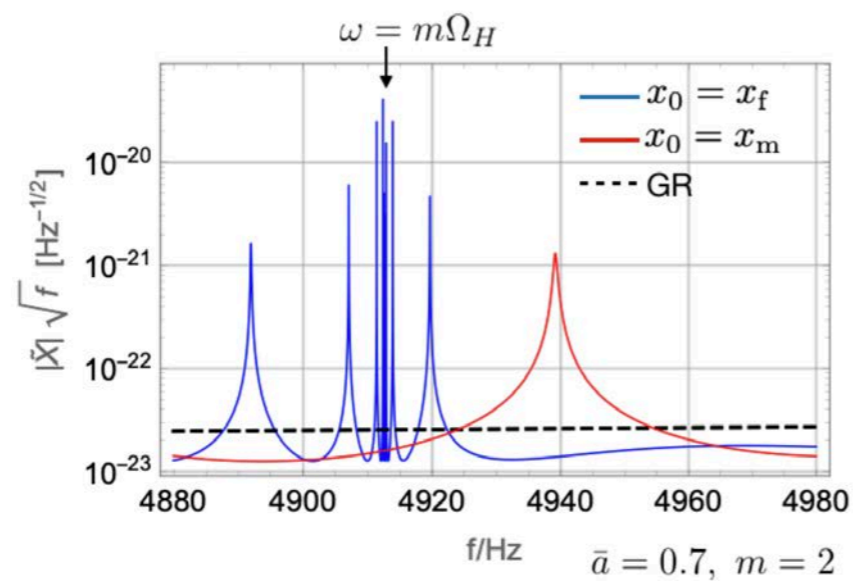
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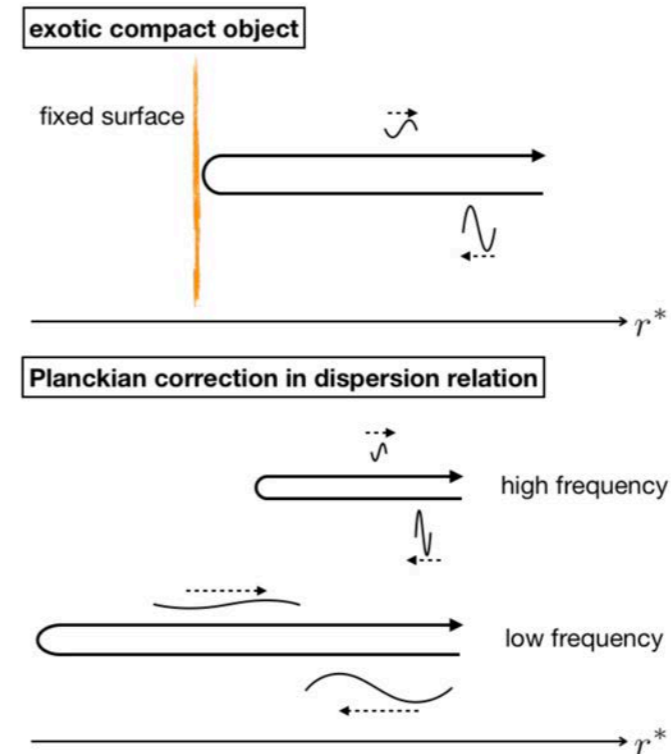
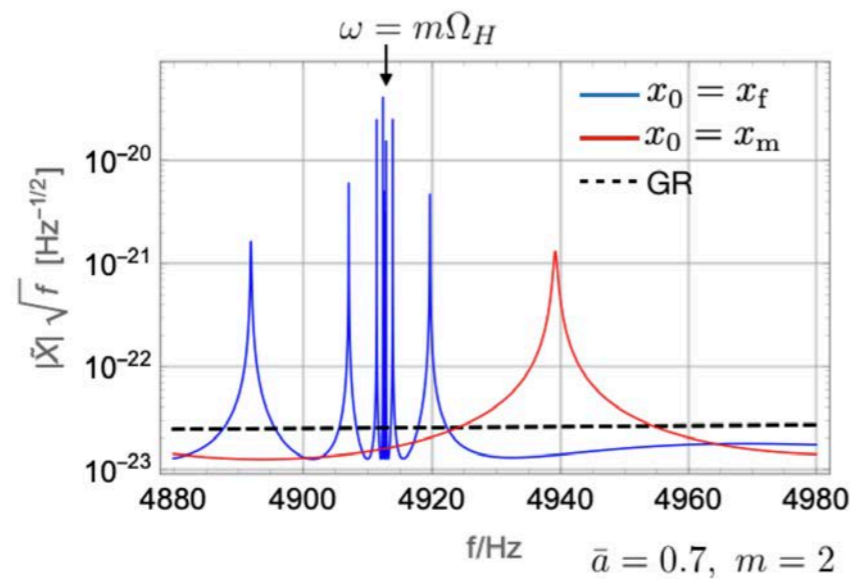
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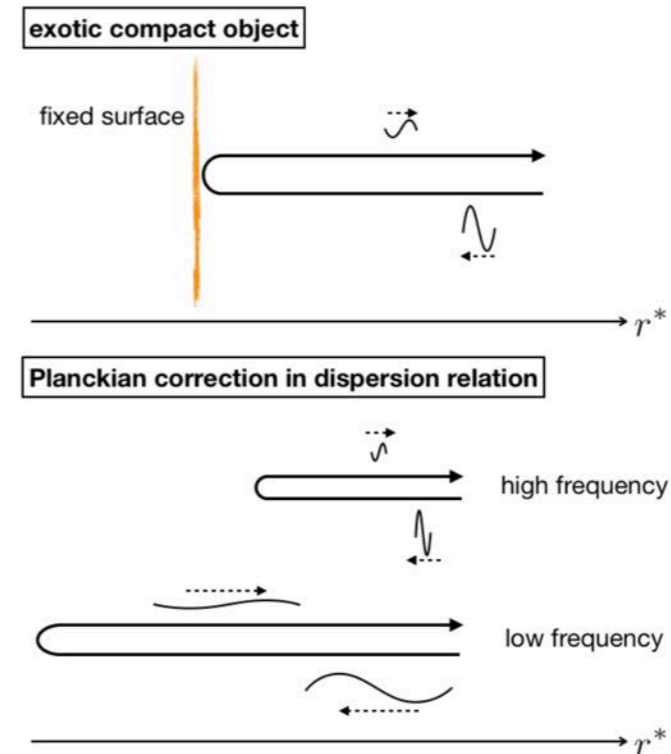
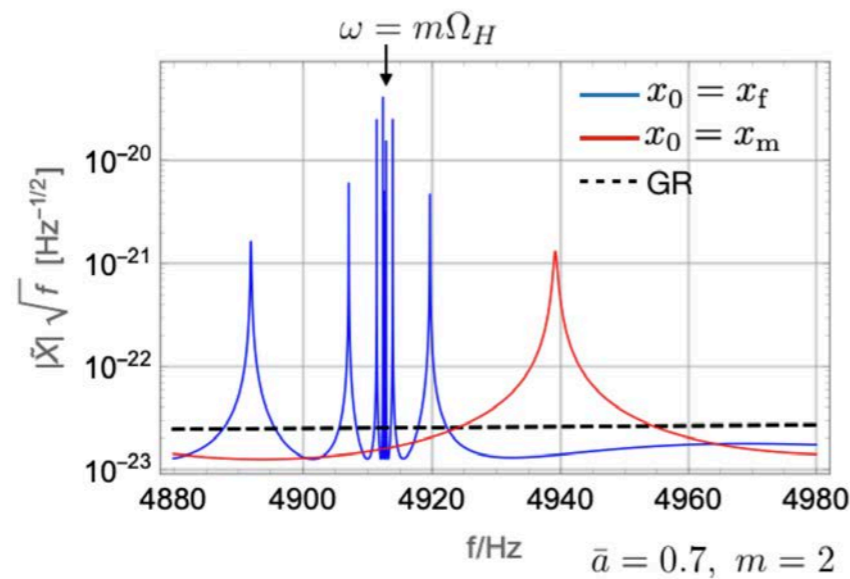
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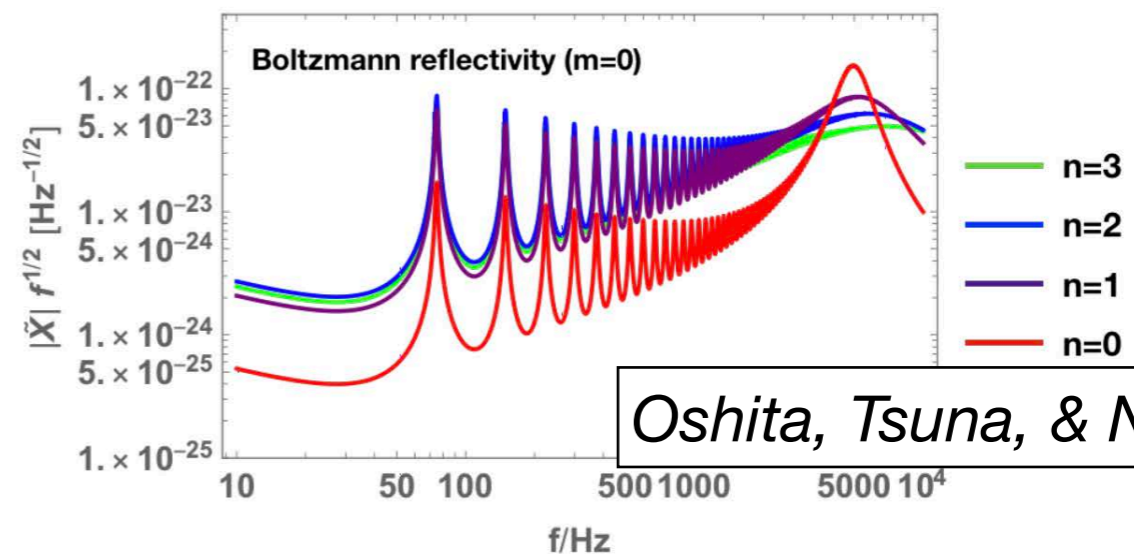
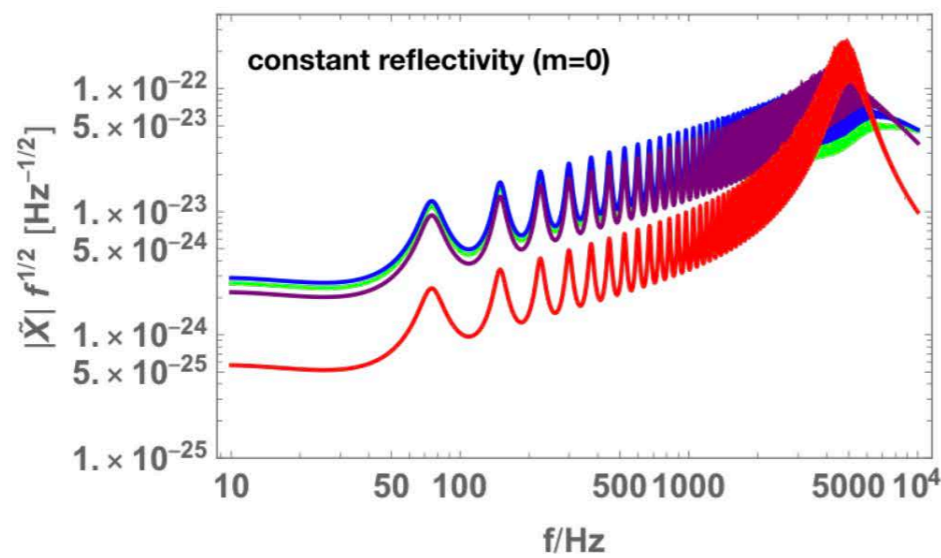


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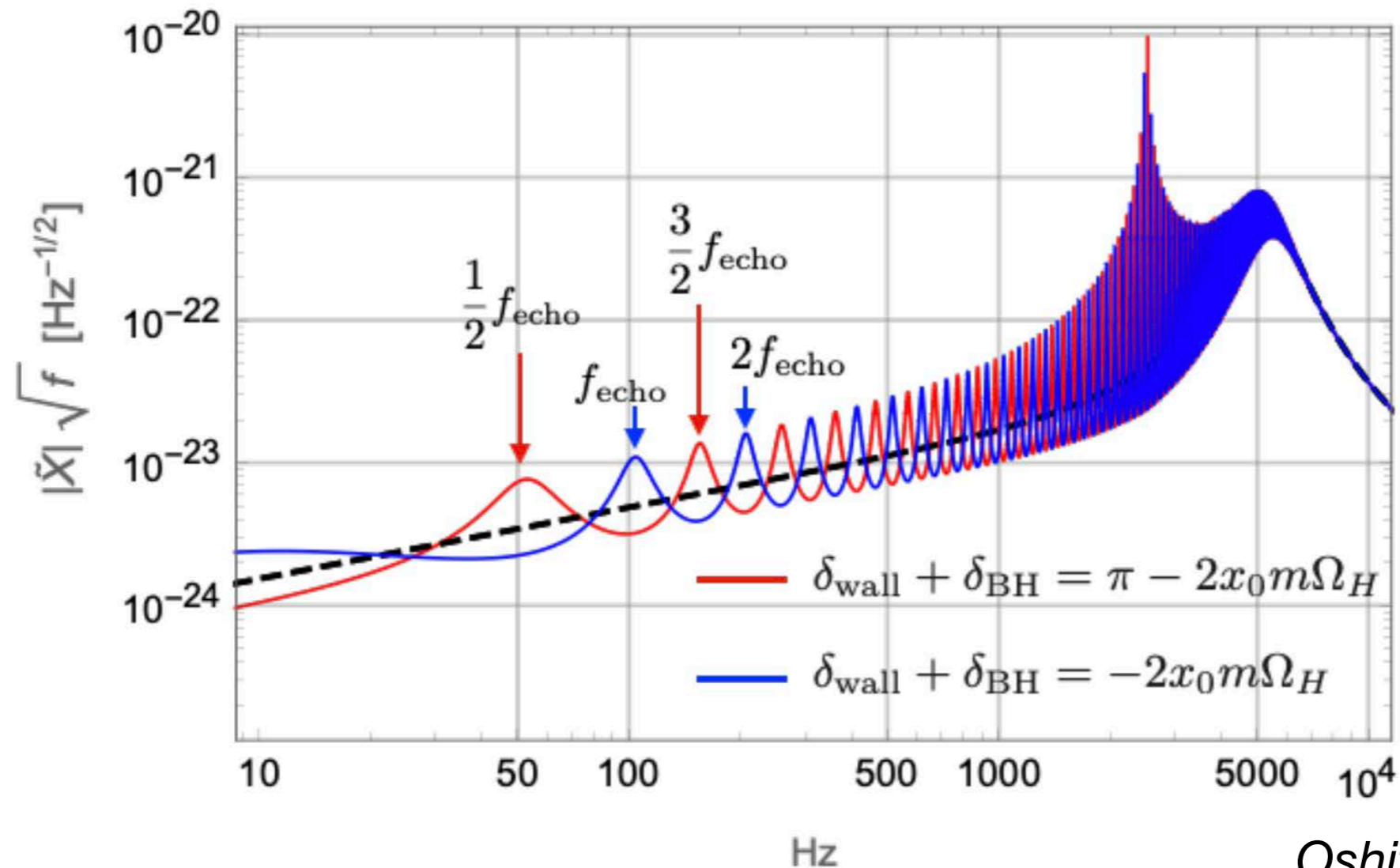
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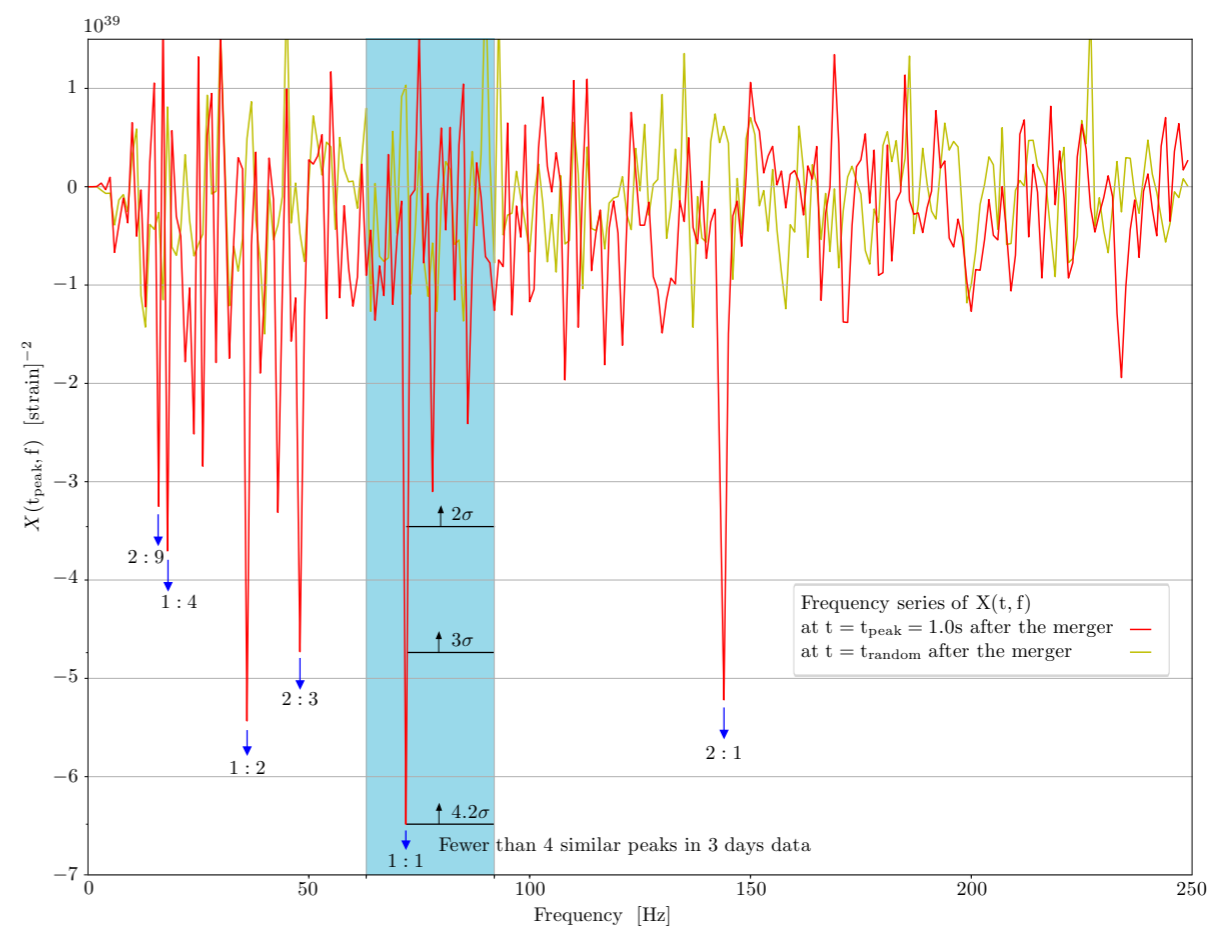
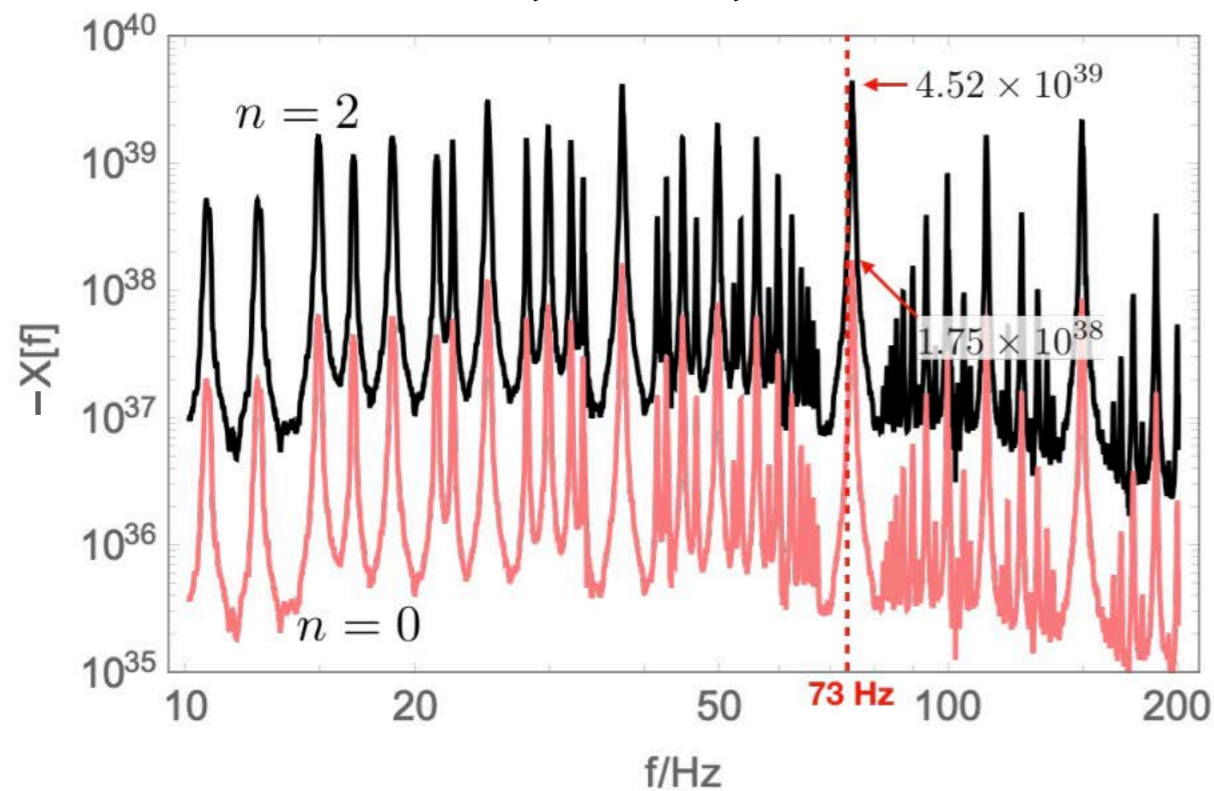
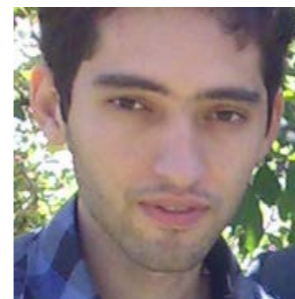


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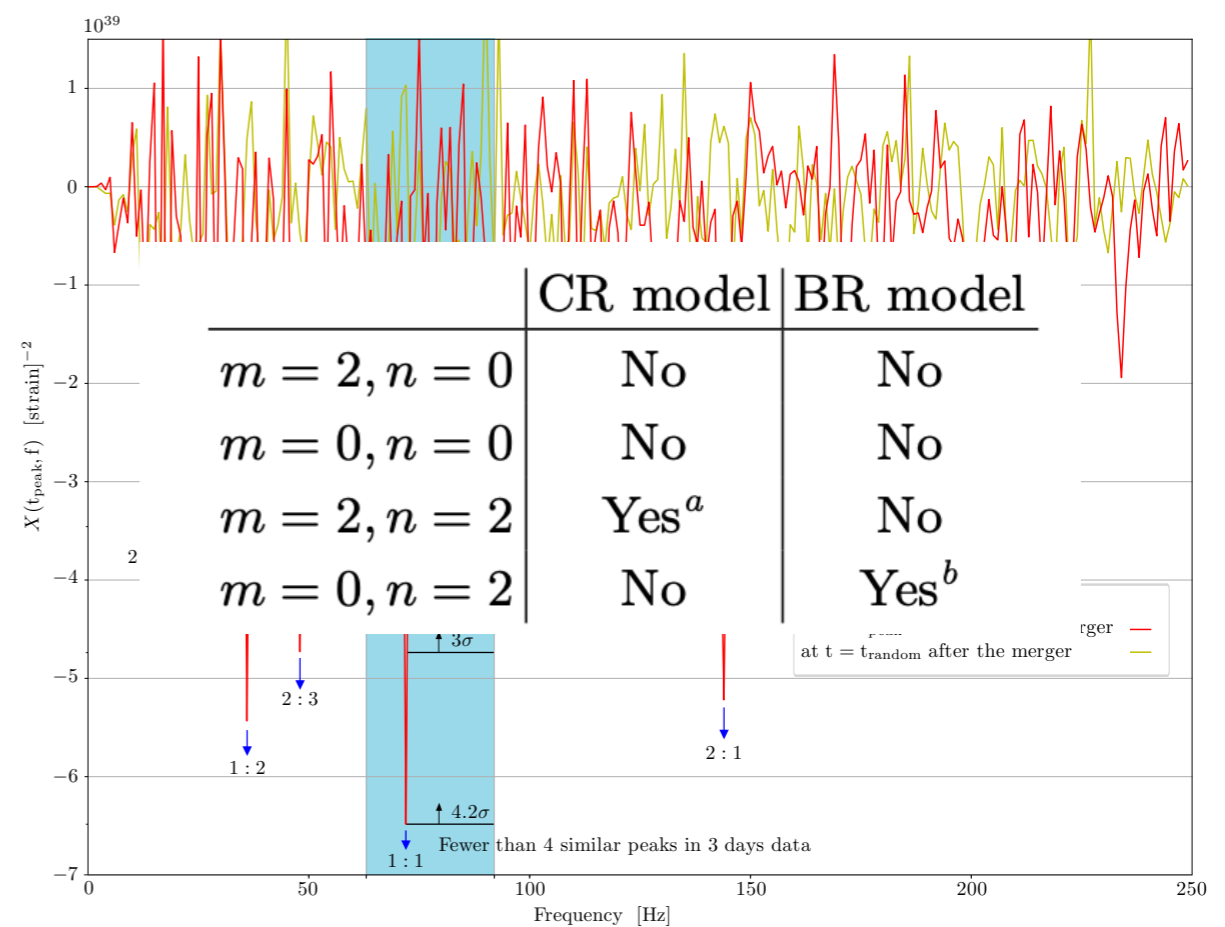
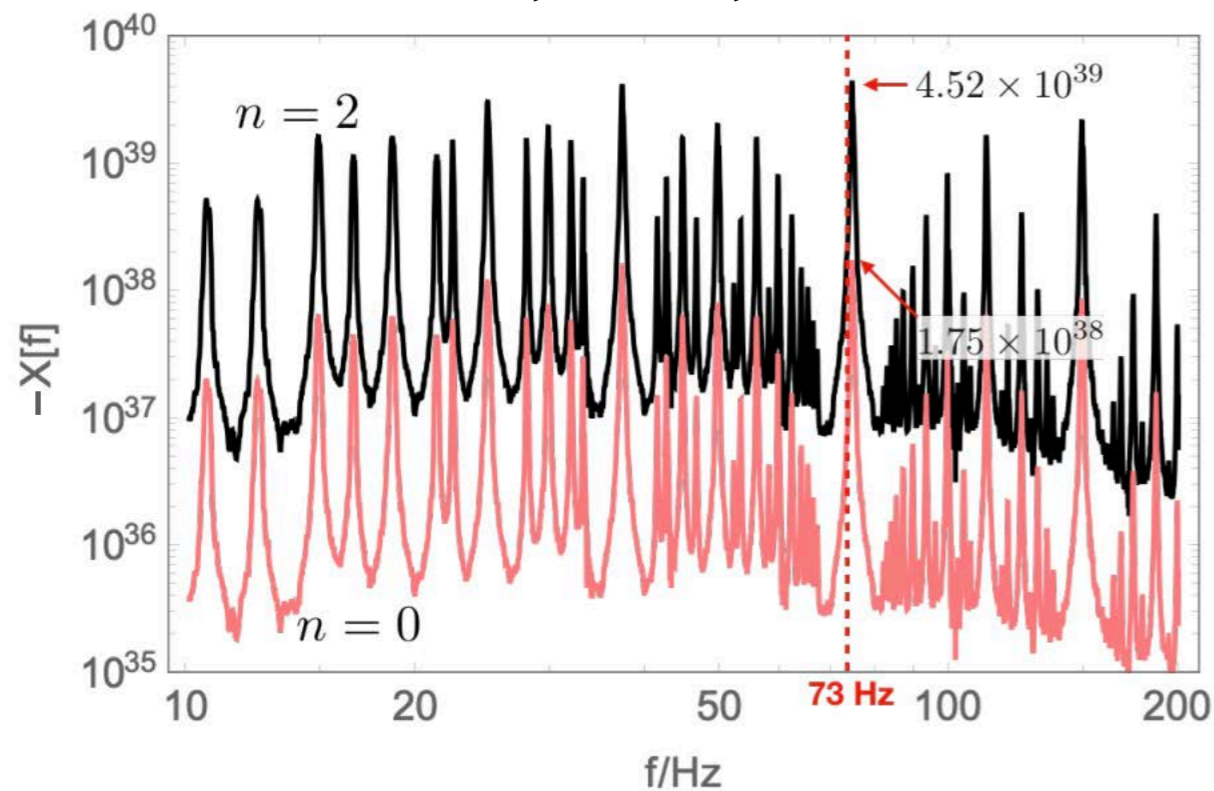
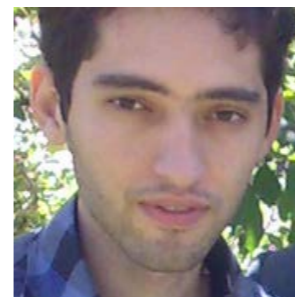


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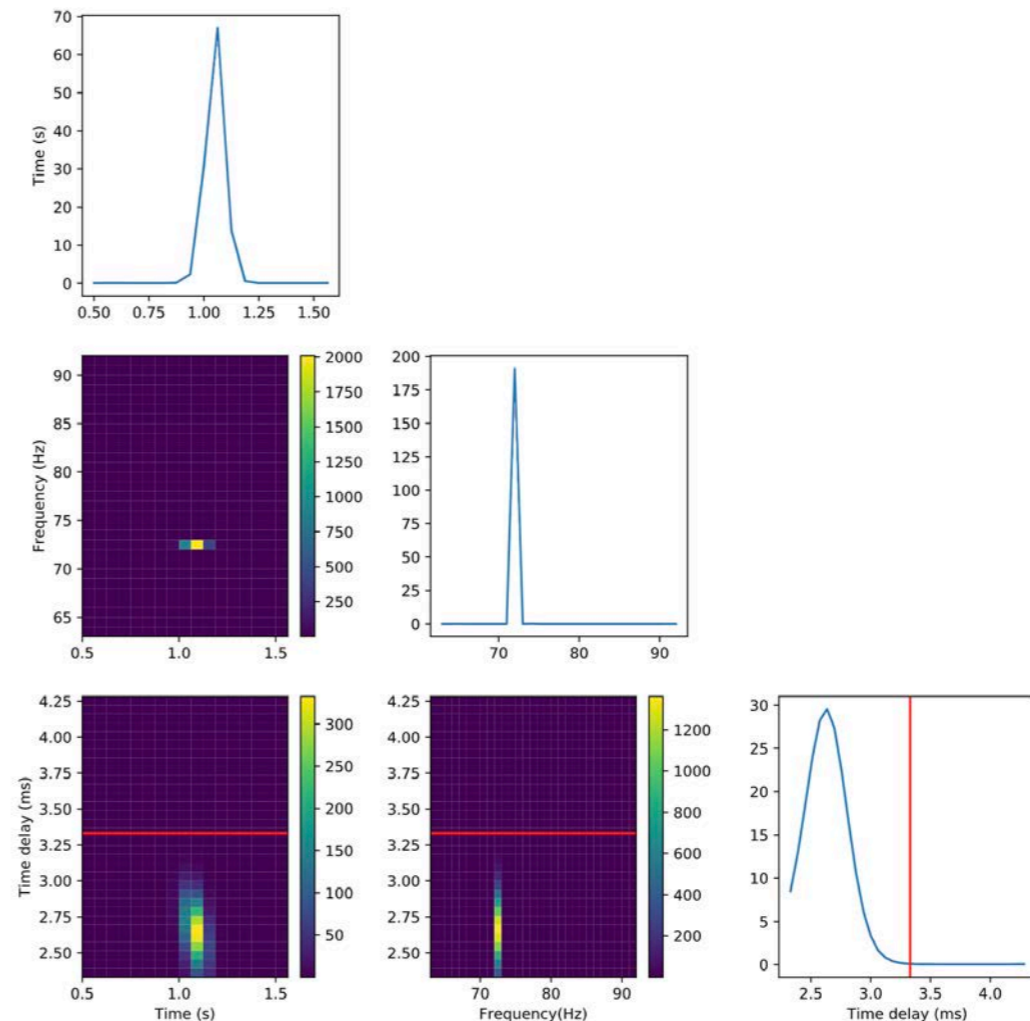
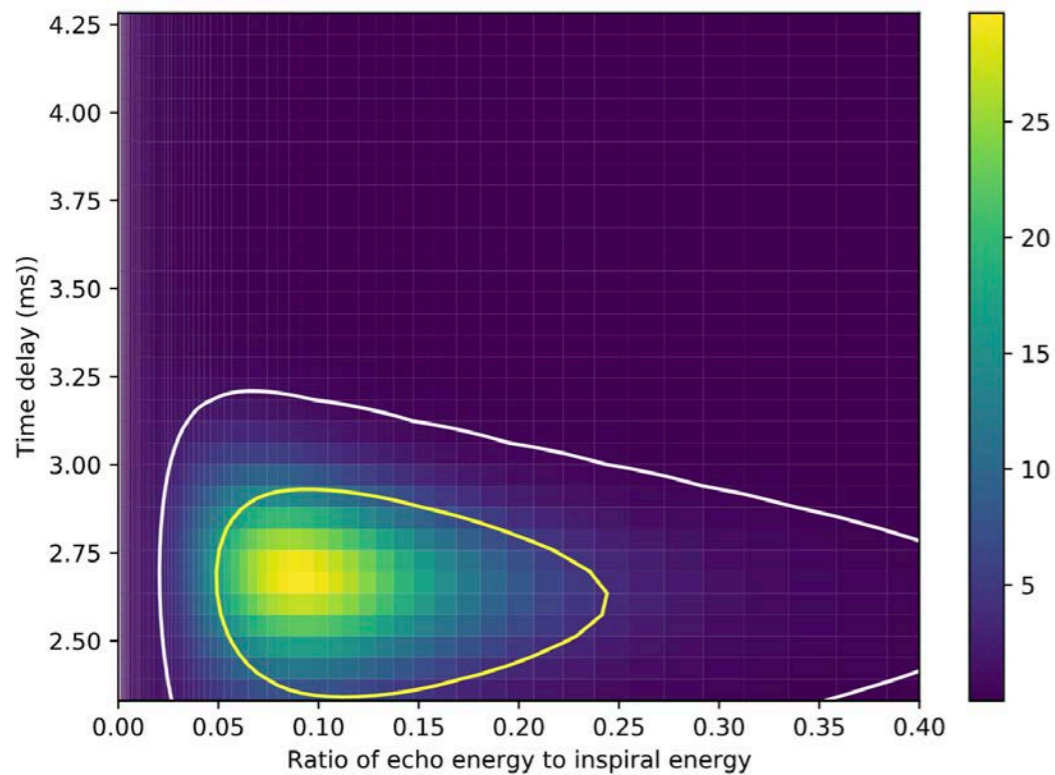


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Bayesian approach to BH seismology

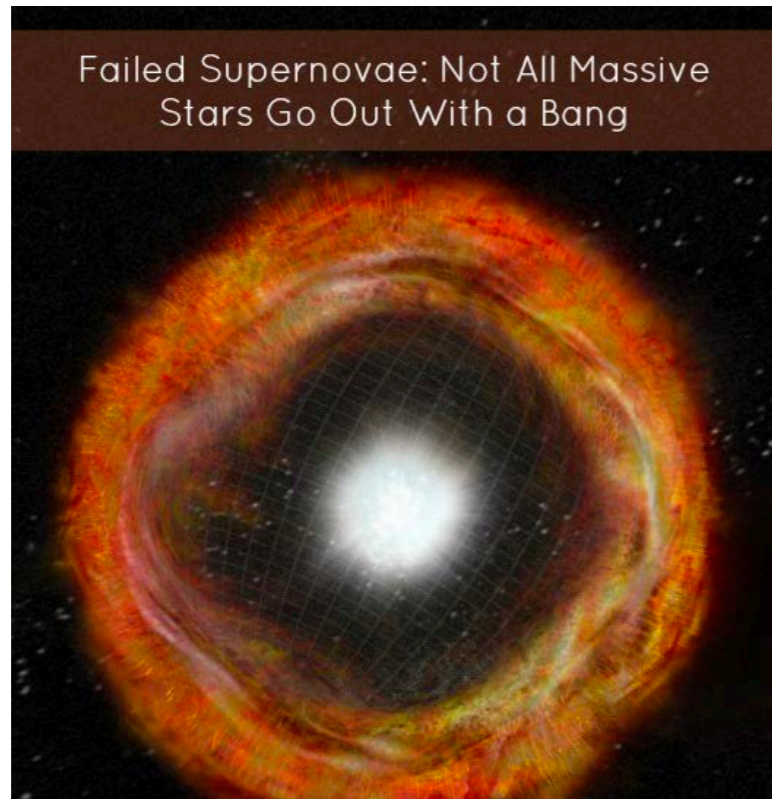
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- Echoes after GW170817, Bayes factor of **~ 10**
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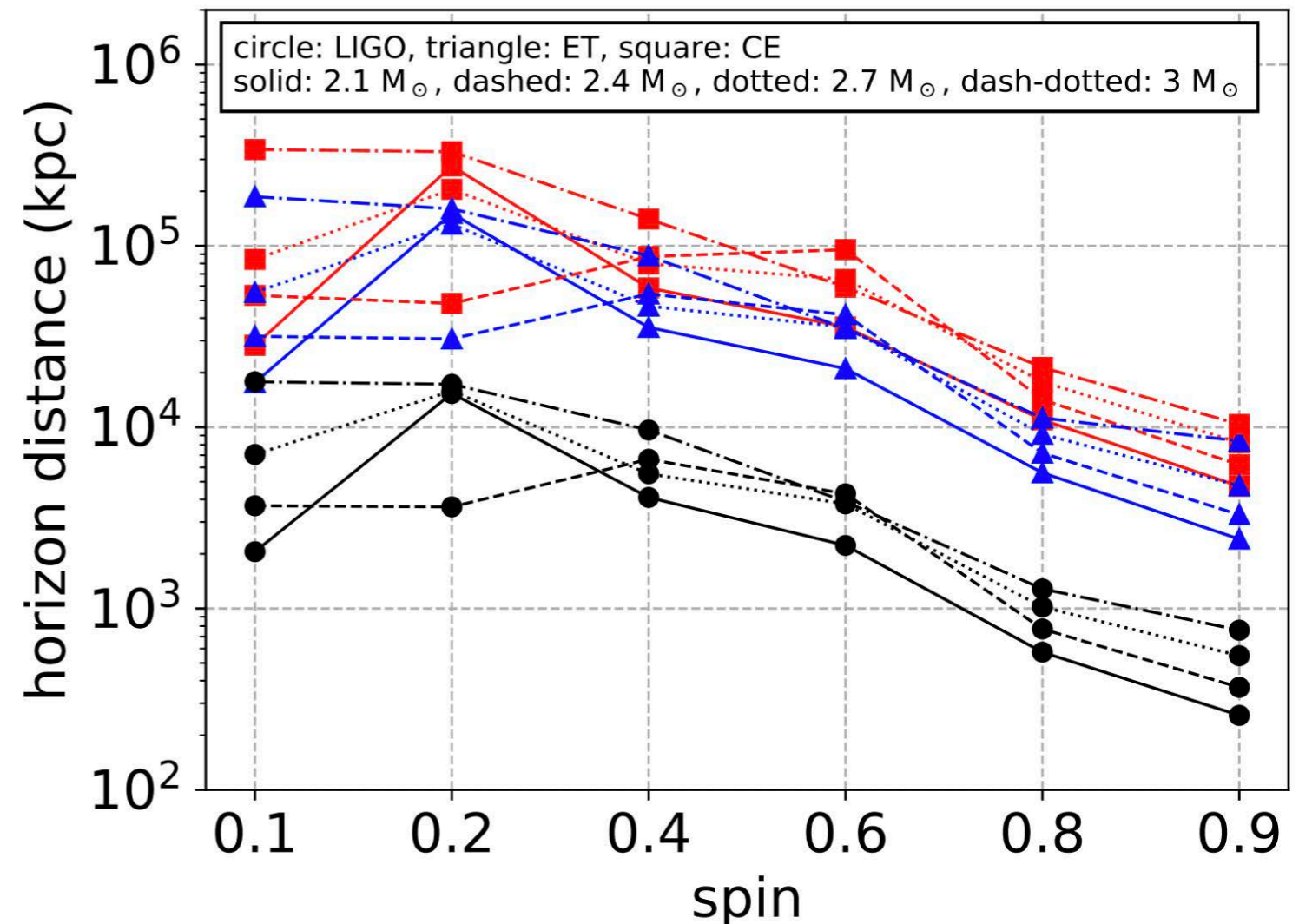
Failed Supernova Echoes?

- GR Ringdown frequency for few $\times M_{\odot}$ BH is beyond LIGO sensitivity
- But echo harmonics have much lower frequencies
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Detectability of Failed SNe for maximum stable horizon temperature

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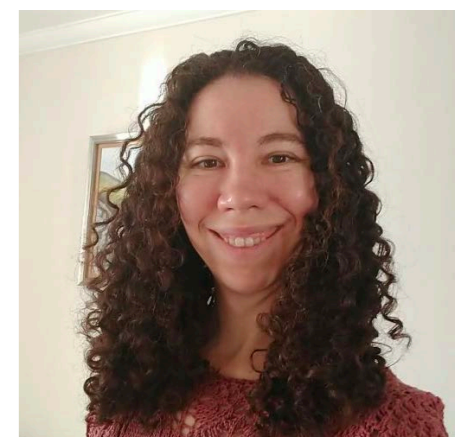
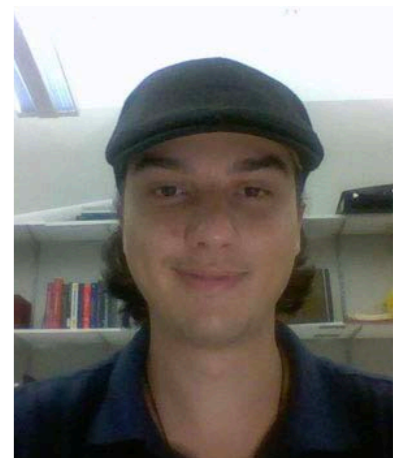
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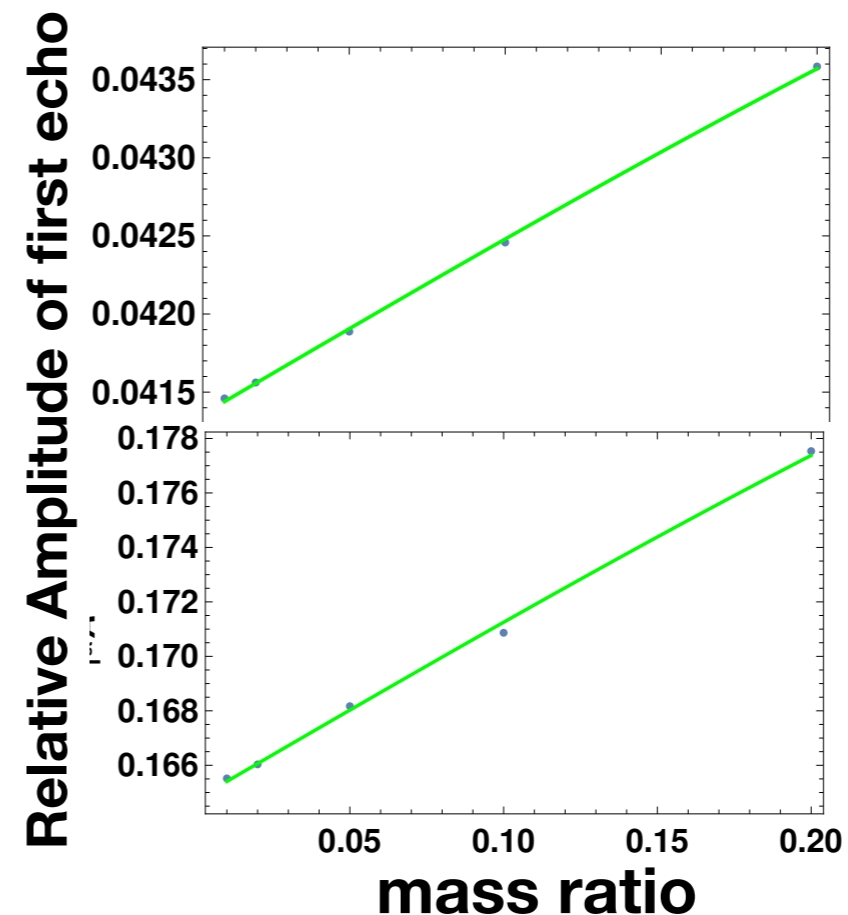
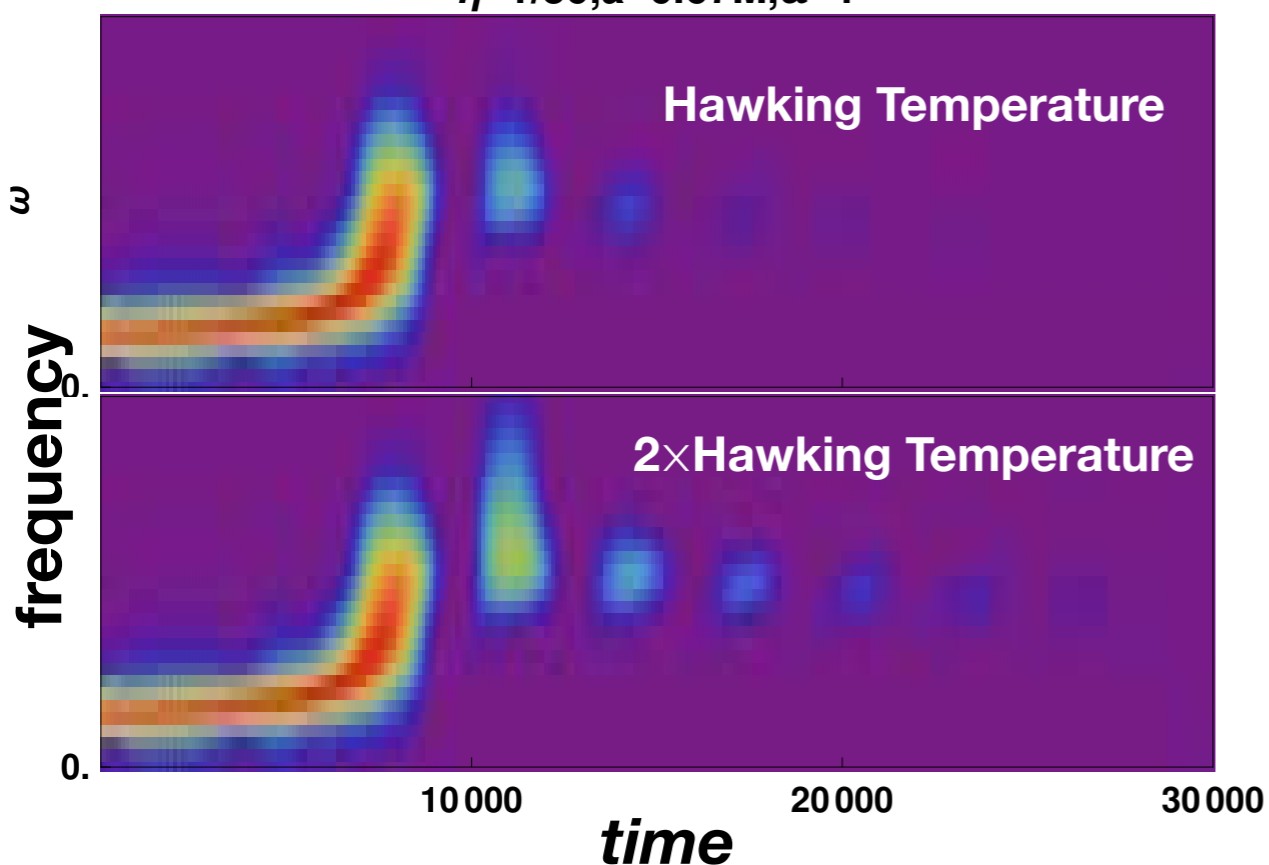
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Echo-Diversity: How initial conditions impact seismology

- *Upcoming work with Luis Longo and Cecilia Chirenti*
- Solving for GW radiation of an ***inspiralling point*** mass into a Quantum Black Hole



$\eta=1/50, a=0.67M, \alpha=1$



Has LIGO already seen one on Jan. 14, 2020?!

GraceDB – Gravitational-Wave Candidate Event Database

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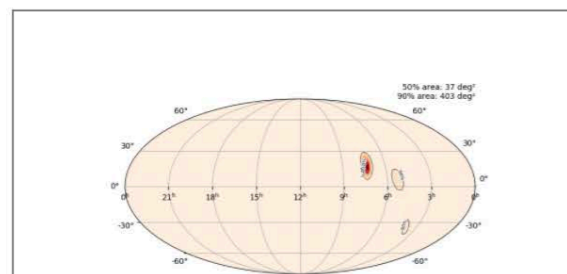
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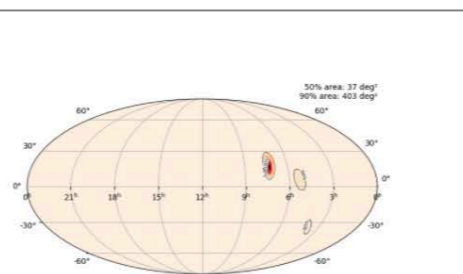
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Superevent Log Messages

Sky Localization



Mollweide projection of [cWB.fits.gz](#) [cWB.png](#).
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Independent confirmation by AEI group *(in spite of their title* 😞)

Event	[21]	original 16s (32s)
GW150914	0.11	0.199 (0.238)
LVT151012	-	0.056 (0.063)
GW151226	-	0.414 (0.476)
GW170104	-	0.725
(1,2)	-	0.004
(1,3)	-	0.159
(1,2,3)	0.011	0.020 (0.032)
(1,3,4)	-	0.199 (0.072)
(1,2,3,4)	-	0.044 (0.032)

- 3σ “detection” w/ 1st & 2nd events
 - None in the 3rd & 4th
- A. *(un)lucky coincidence?*
- B. *Echoes are more complex?*

Low significance of evidence for black hole echoes in gravitational wave data

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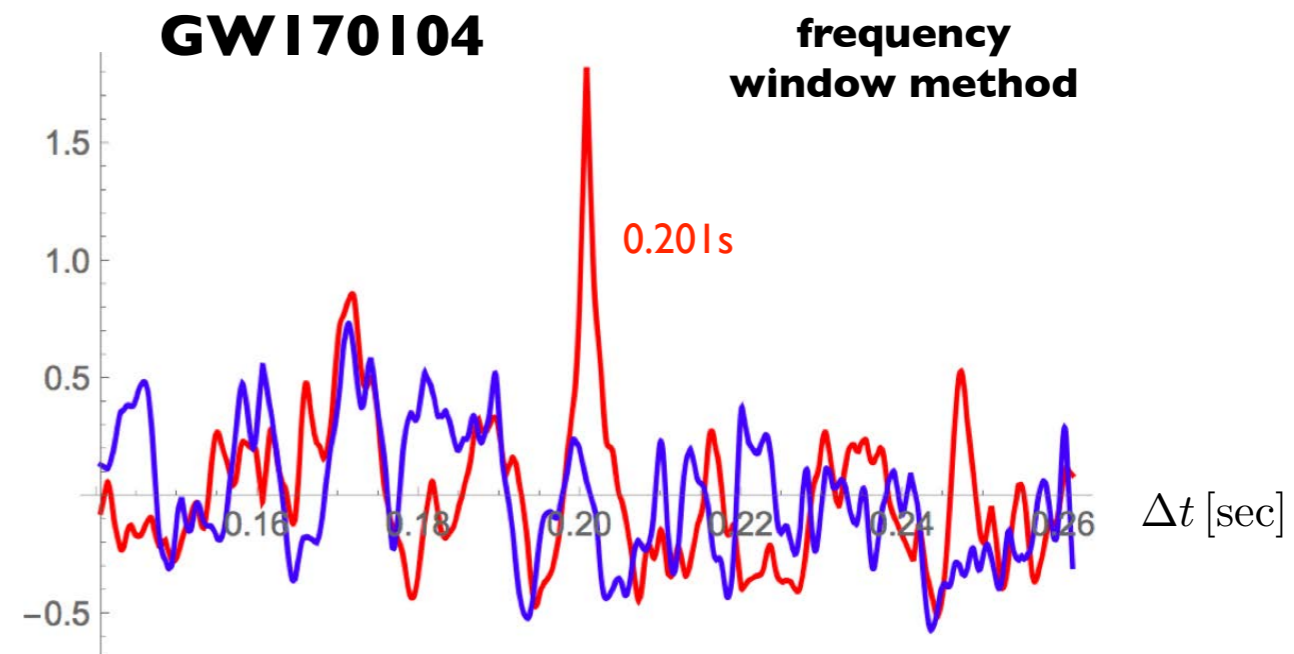
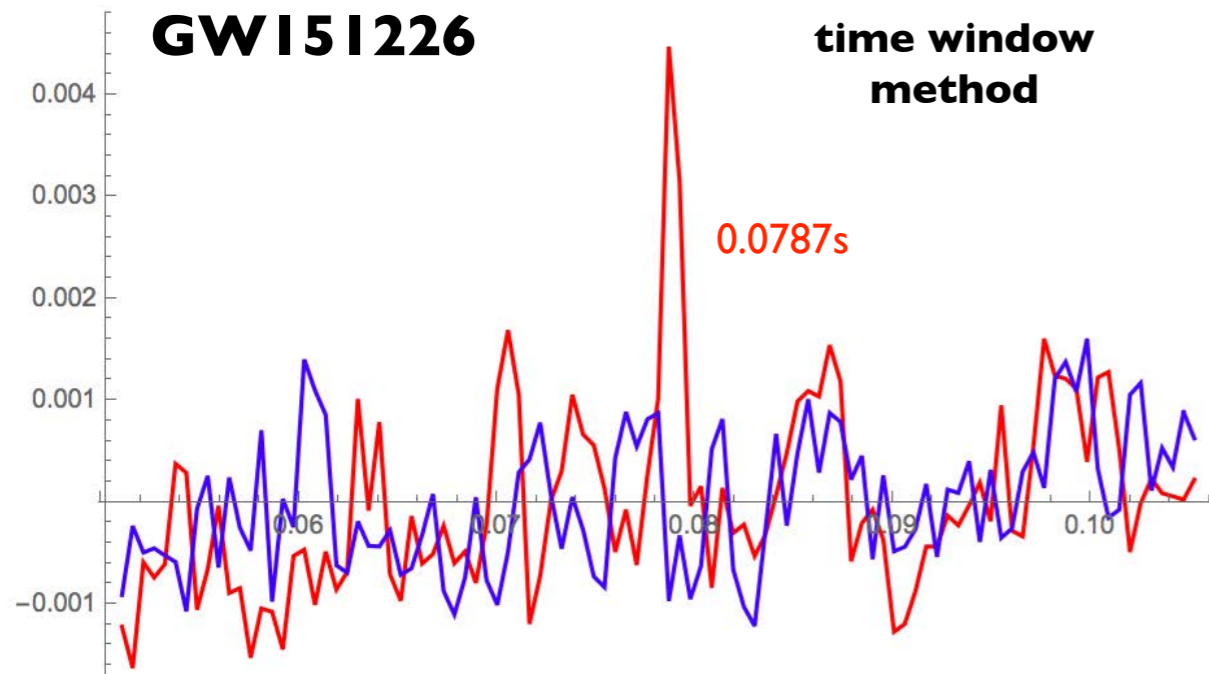
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arXiv:1712.09966

Another **independent** search for echoes

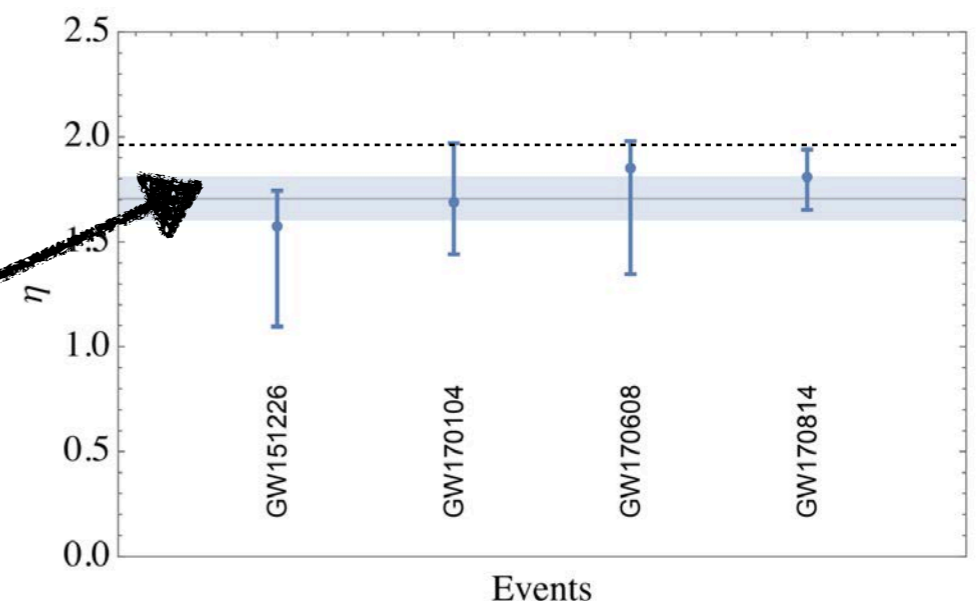
- **Search strategies:** using window functions to find the **preferred time delay** of echoes from the correlation of two LIGO detectors (red and blue curves are for data after and before merger)

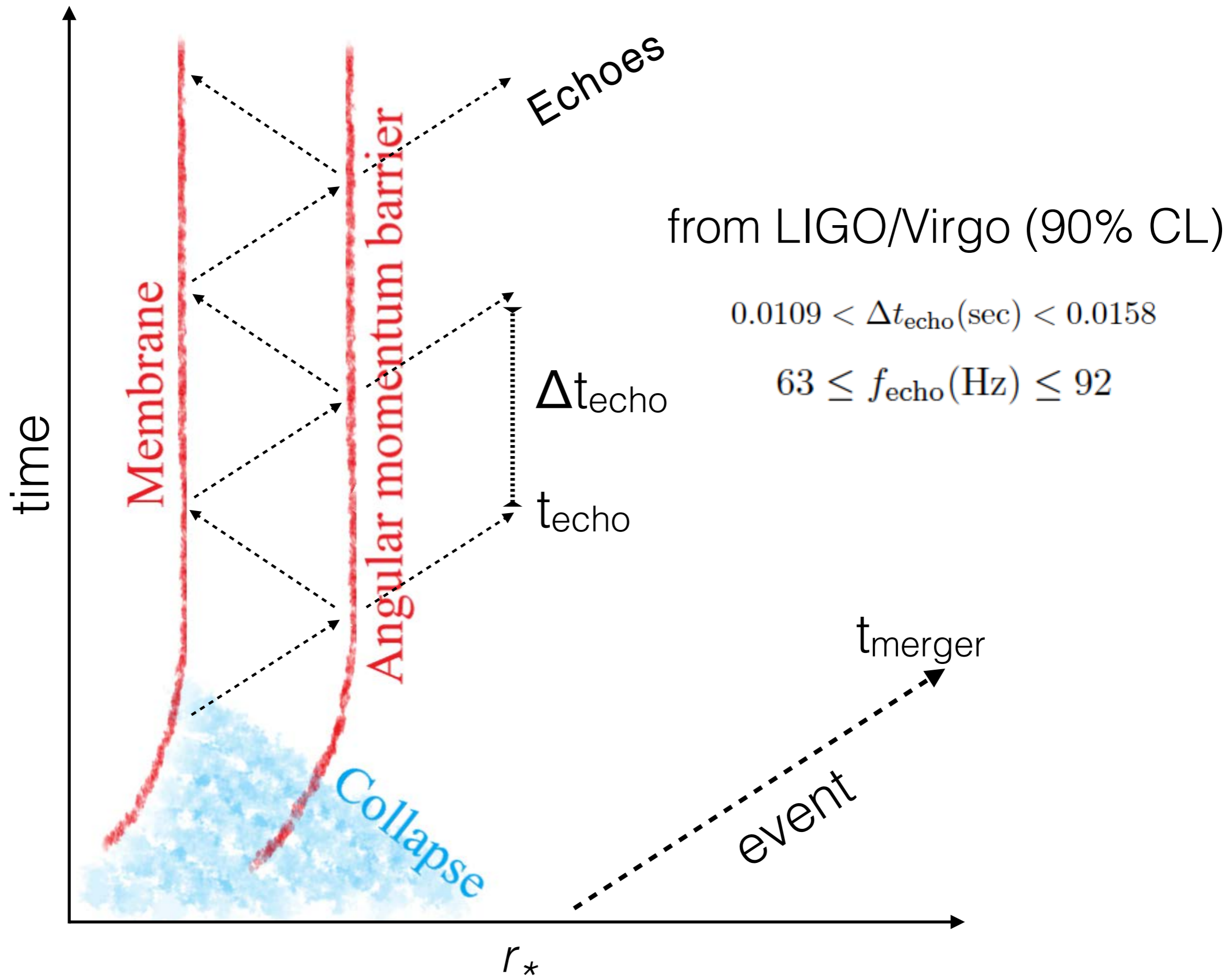


- Tentative signal peaks for *GW151226*, *GW170104*, *GW170608*, *GW170814*, *GW170817*
- **p-values ~ 0.2%-0.8%**
- consistent w/ **GUT** or “Inflation” scales

$$K_{\max} \sim E_{\text{Pl}}/C \sim 10^{-6 \pm 2} E_{\text{Pl}} = 10^{13 \pm 2} \text{ GeV}$$

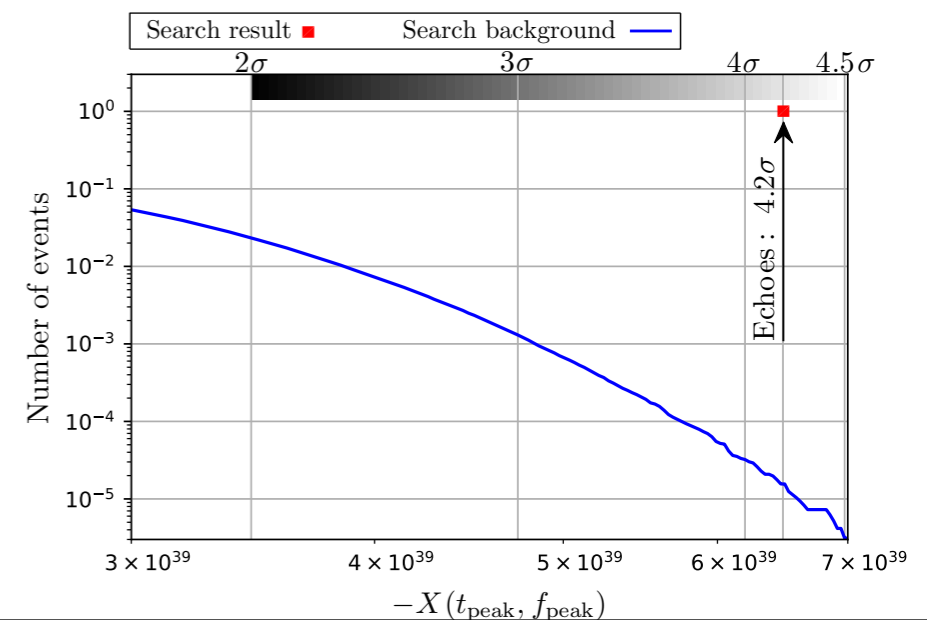
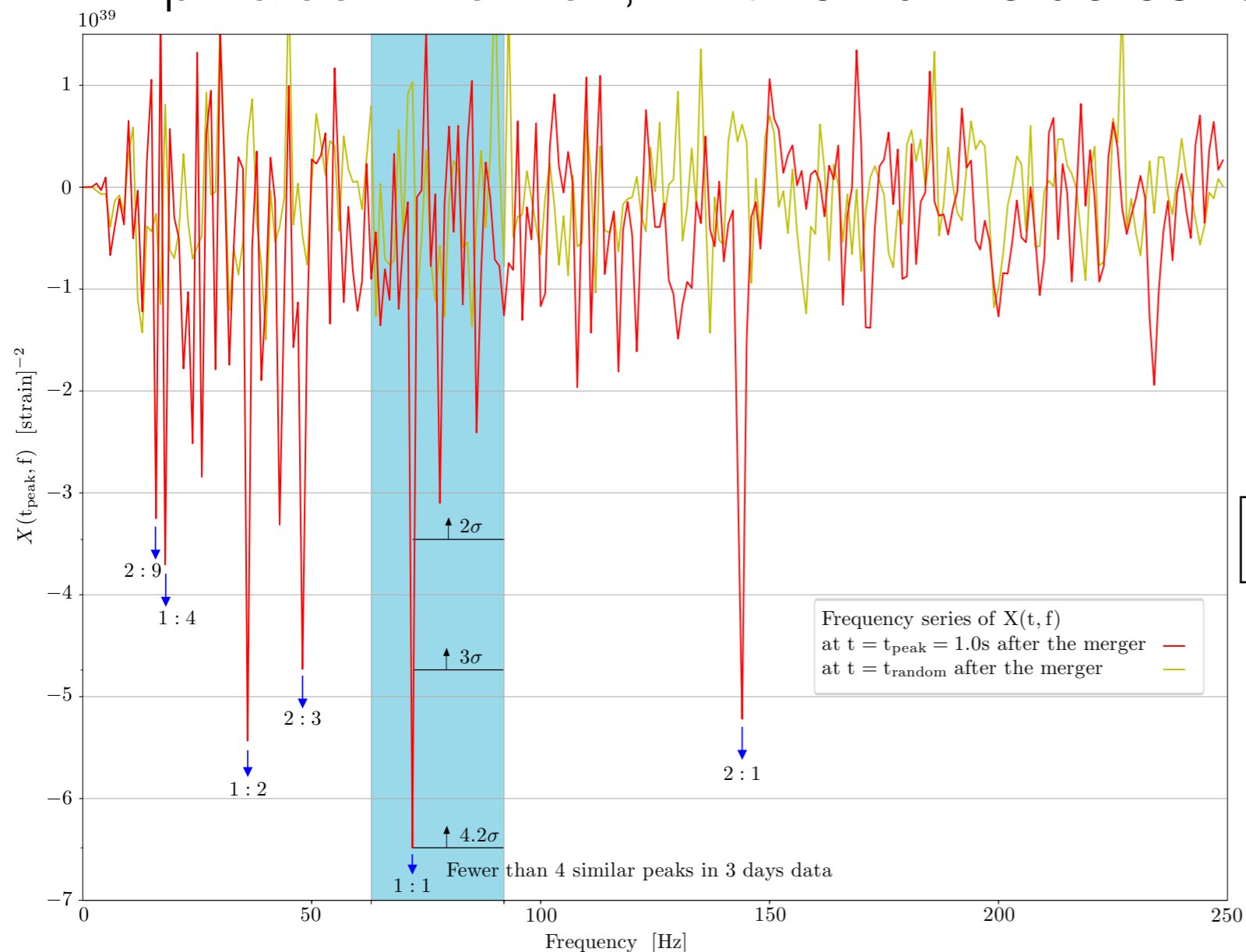
Oshita & NA 2019



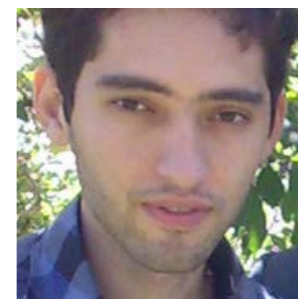


Binary Neutron Star merger

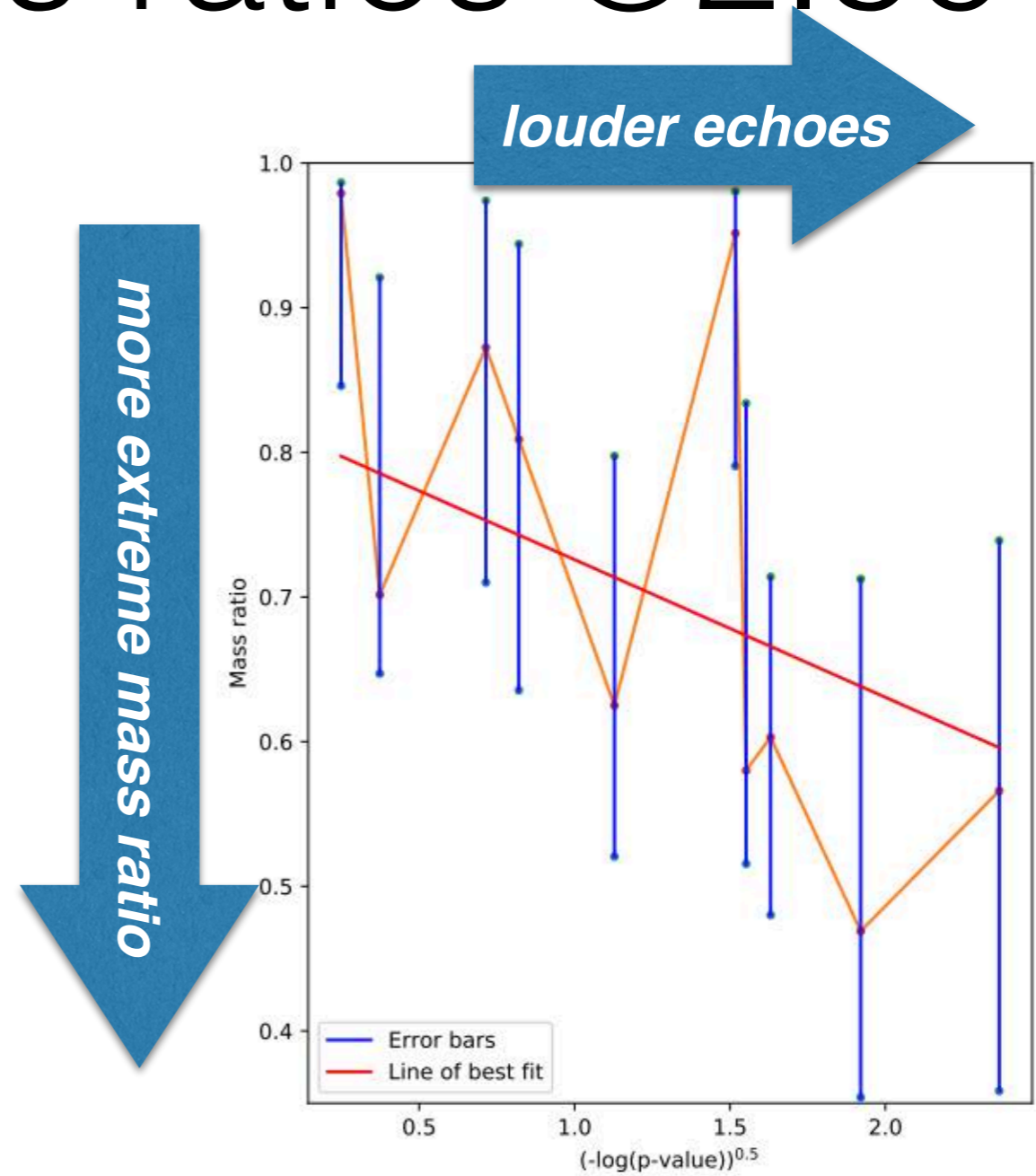
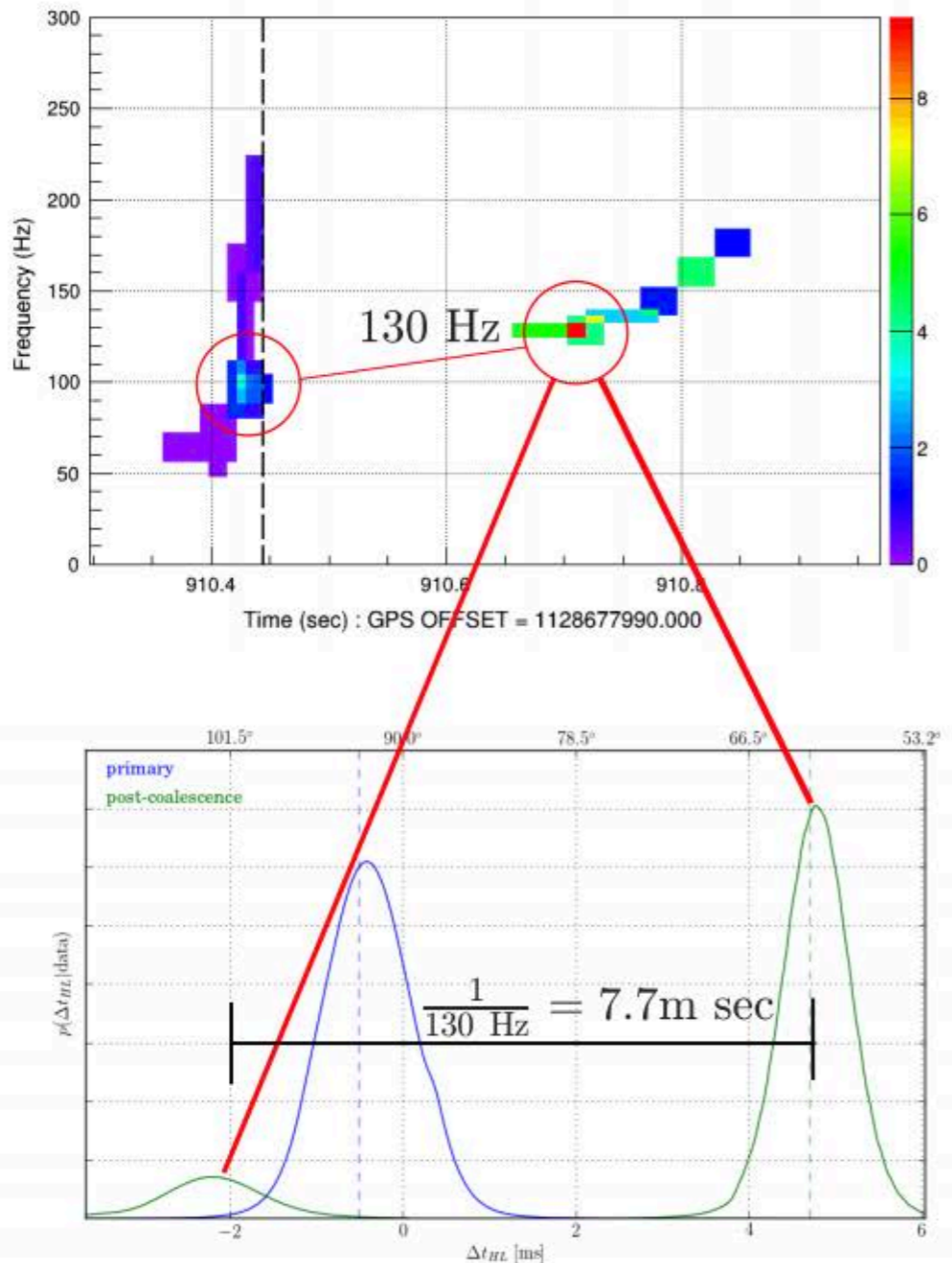
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Abedi & NA, arXiv:1803.10454



Echoes are louder for more extreme mass ratios @ 2.5σ




[15] F. Salemi, E. Milotti, G. A. Prodi, G. Vedovato, C. Lazzaro, S. Tiwari, S. Vinciguerra, M. Drago, and S. Klimenko, *Phys. Rev. D* **100**, 042003 (2019), [arXiv:1905.09260 \[gr-qc\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.09260).

p-values from Salemi, et al. 2019

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Failed Searches

	Authors	Method	Data	possible caveat
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2	Nielsen, et al. 2019	ADA+Bayes	150914	mass-ratio dependence
3	Uchikata, et al. 2019	ADA, hi-pass	O1, O2	no low-frequencies
4	Salemi, et al. 2019	coherent WaveBurst	O1, O2 **	mass-ratio dependence, only 1st echo
5	Lo, et al. 2019	ADA+Bayes	O1	“Infinite” prior
6	Tsang, et al. 2019	BayesWave	O1+O2	needs very loud echoes (9 free parameters)

Independent Evidence for Echoes in O2

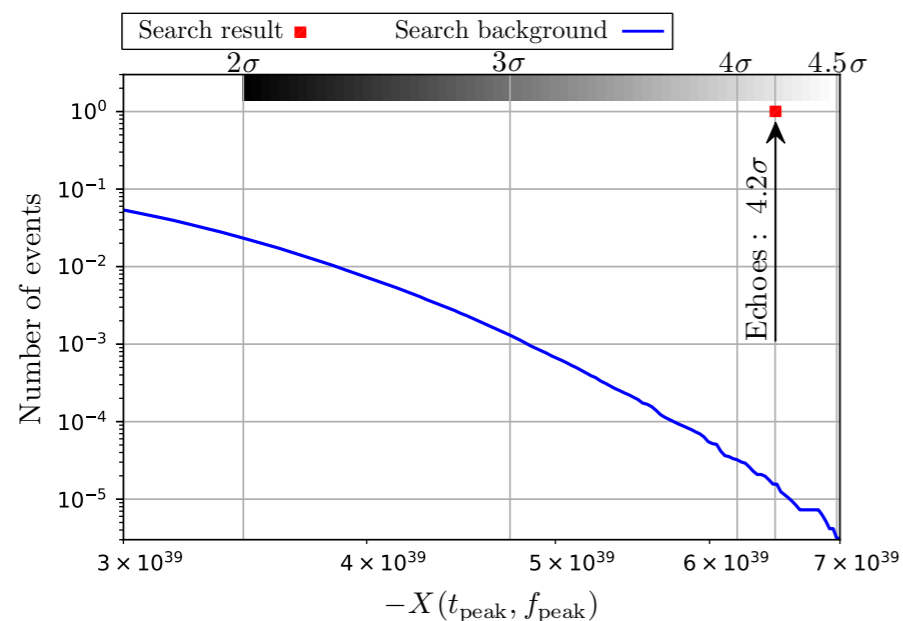
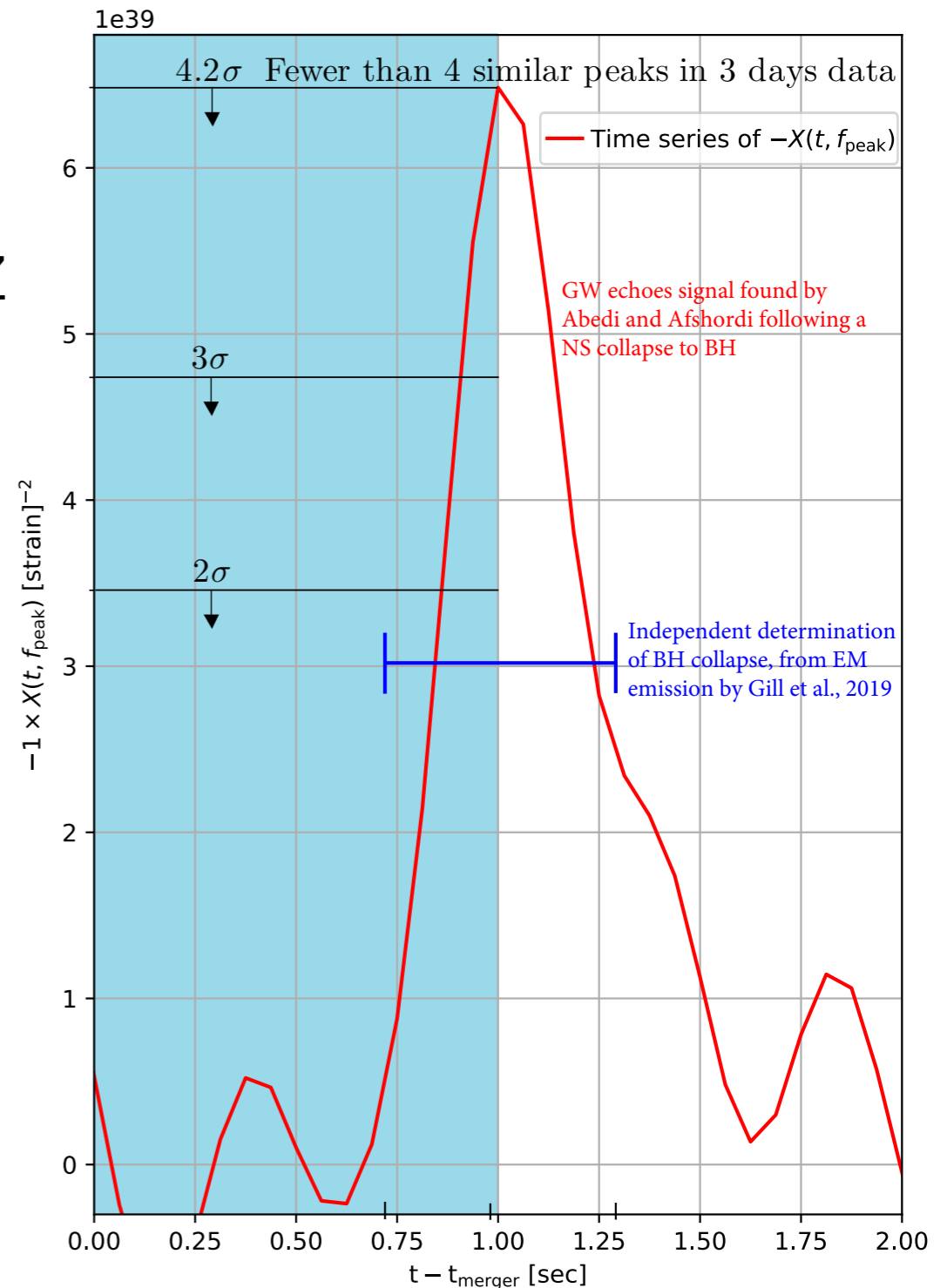
Event	Uchikata et al. [11]
GW170104	0.071
GW170608	0.079
GW170729	0.567
GW170814	0.024
GW170818	0.929
GW170823	0.055
Total	0.039

TABLE III: P-values for O2 events [11]. The results show O2 events have same small p-values as O1.

- [11] N. Uchikata, H. Nakano, T. Narikawa, N. Sago, H. Tagoshi, and T. Tanaka, *Phys. Rev. D* **100**, 062006 (2019), [arXiv:1906.00838 \[gr-qc\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.00838).

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