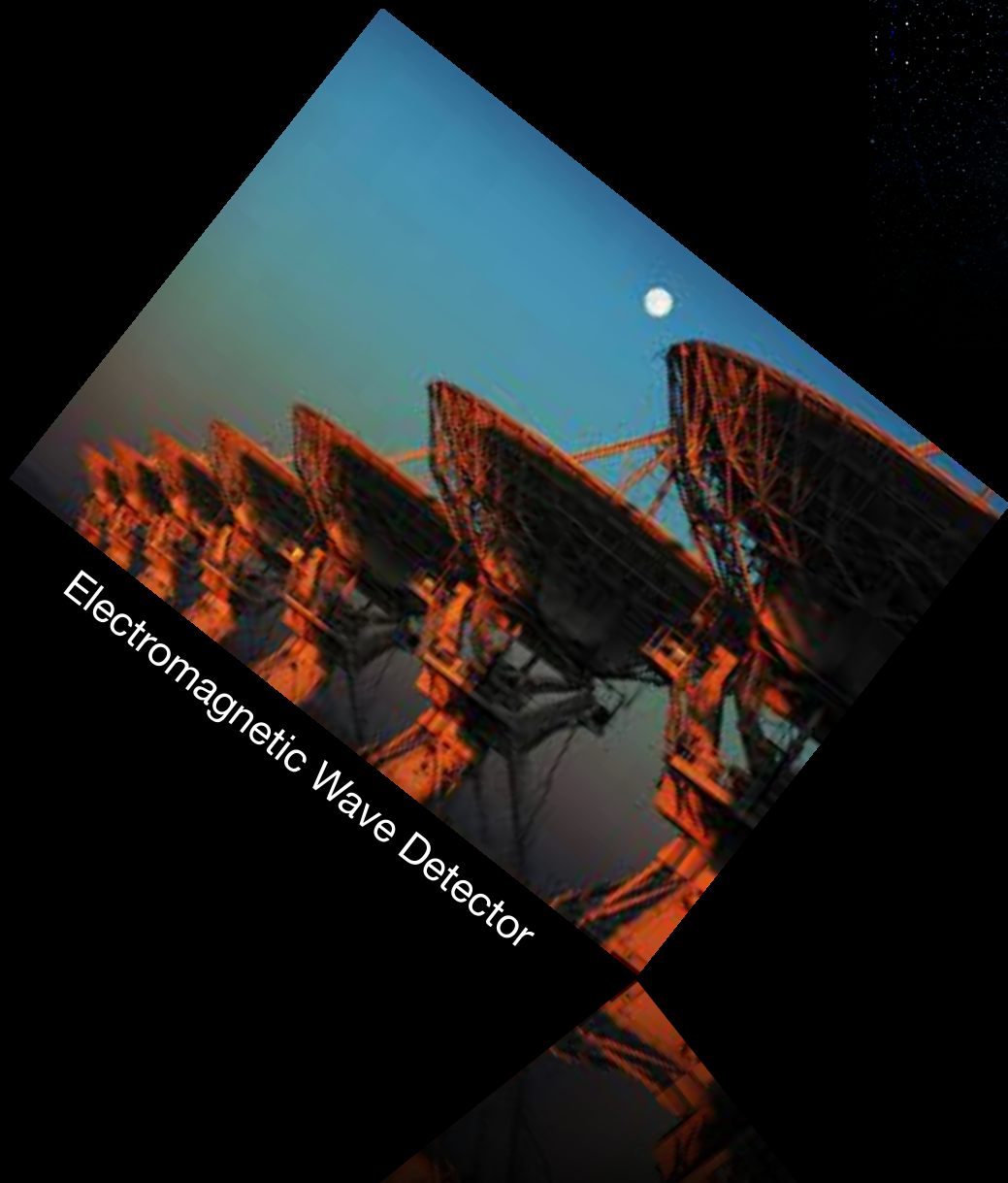


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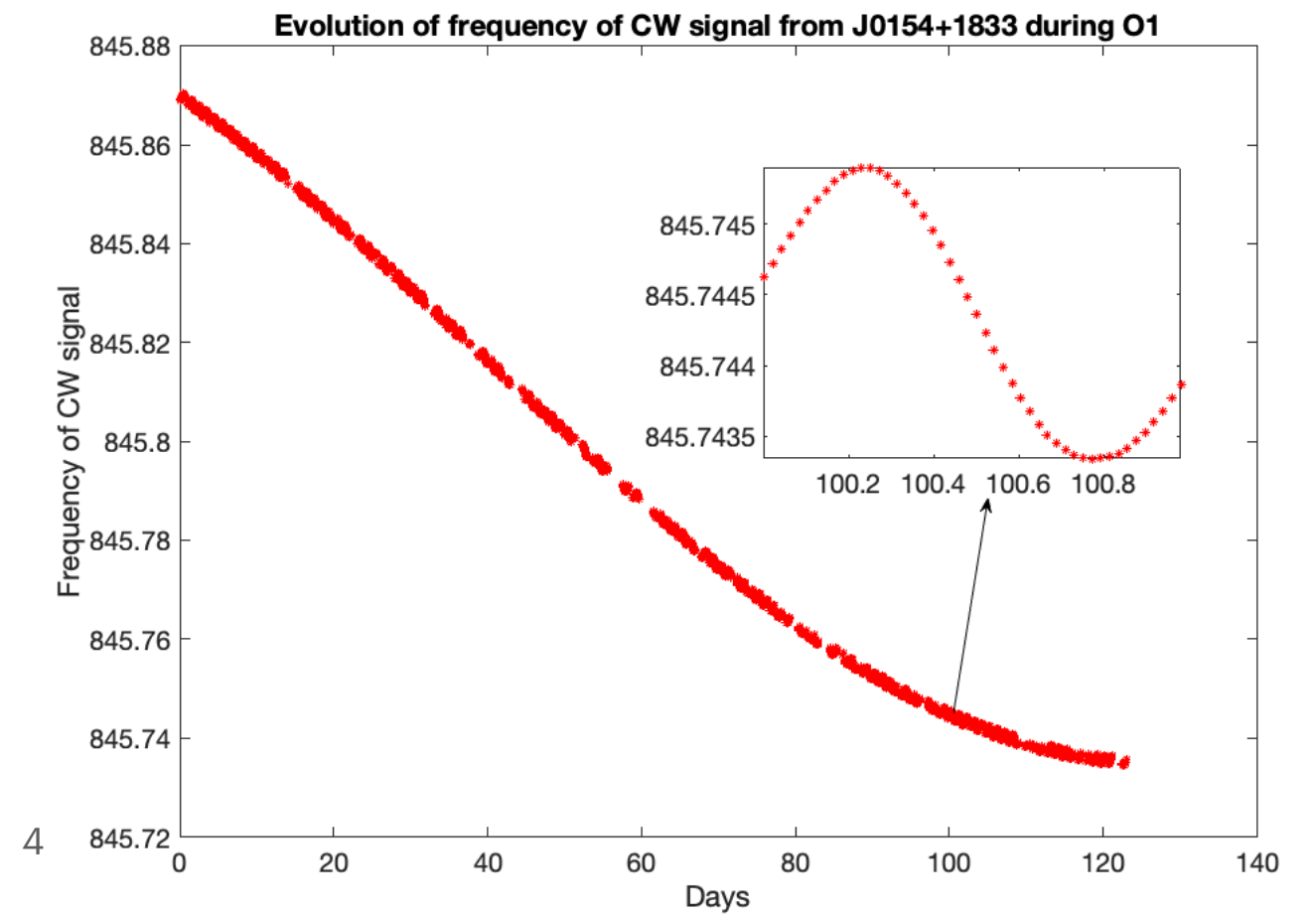
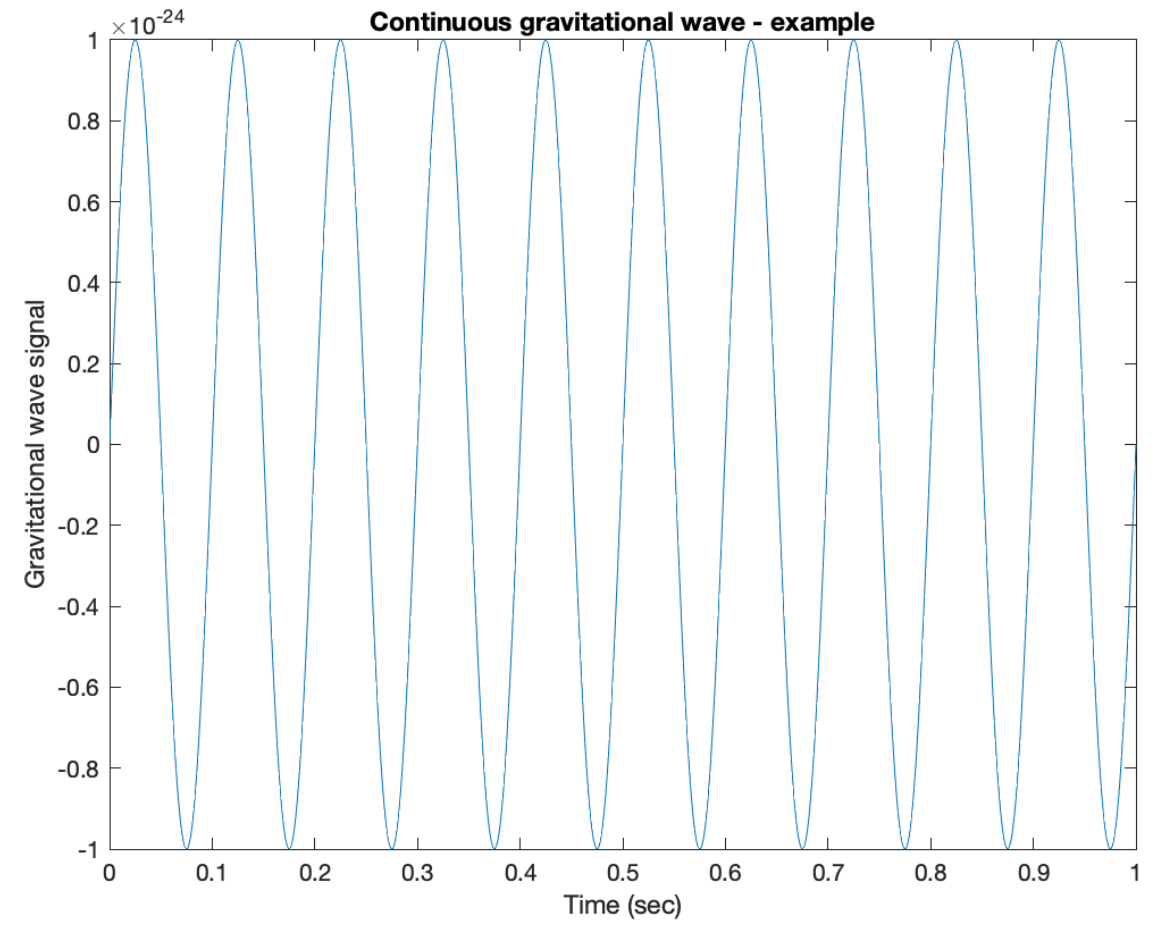
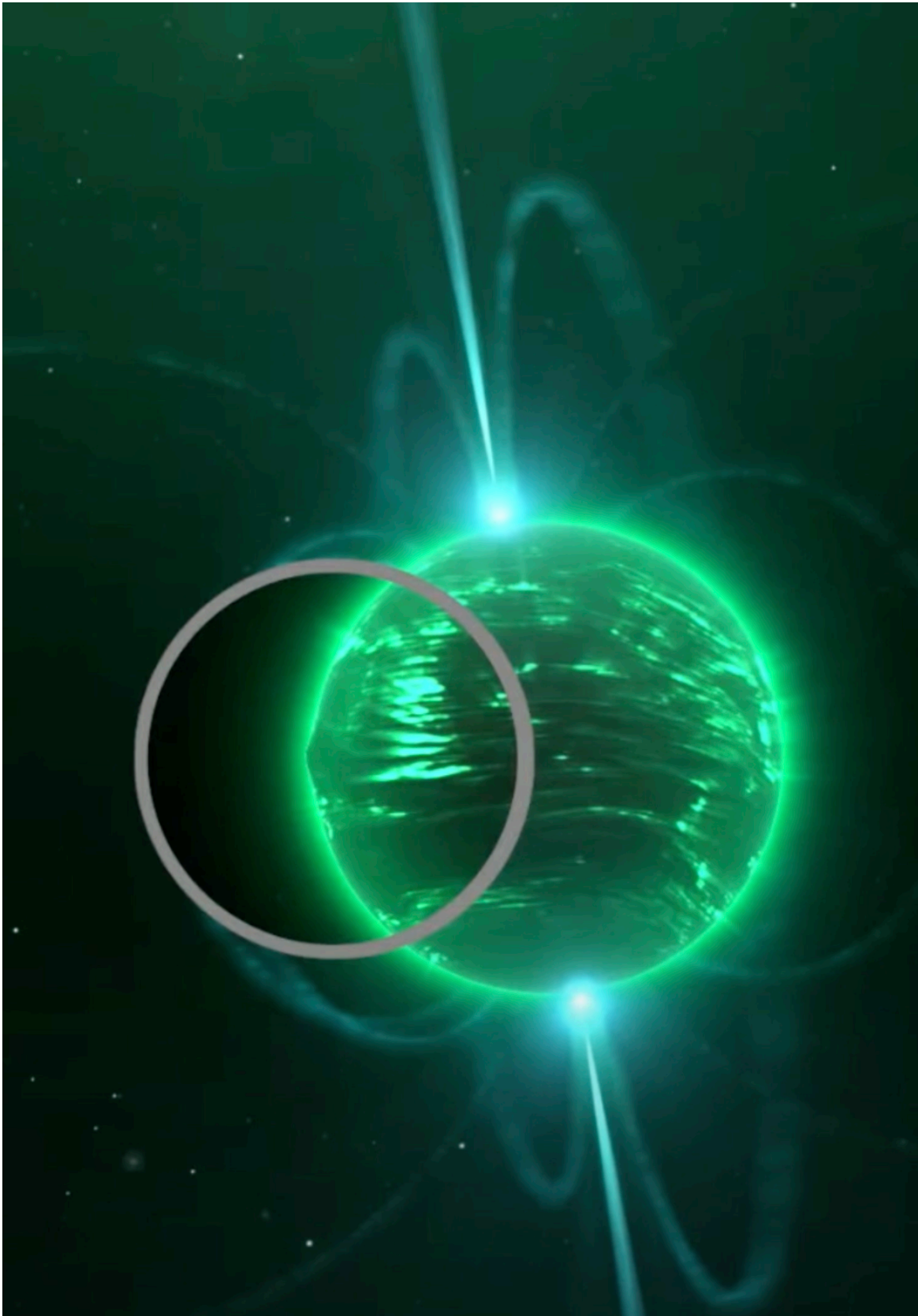
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The Signal is defined by

- Source spin frequency and spin down at a reference time

$$f_{gw} = 2f_{rot}$$

$$\dot{f}_{gw} = 2\dot{f}_{rot}$$

- Source sky position - Right Ascension and Declination (α, δ)

Phase Evolution
 λ

- Amplitude - h_0
- Inclination angle - $\cos \iota$
- Initial phase - ϕ_0
- Polarisation angle - ψ

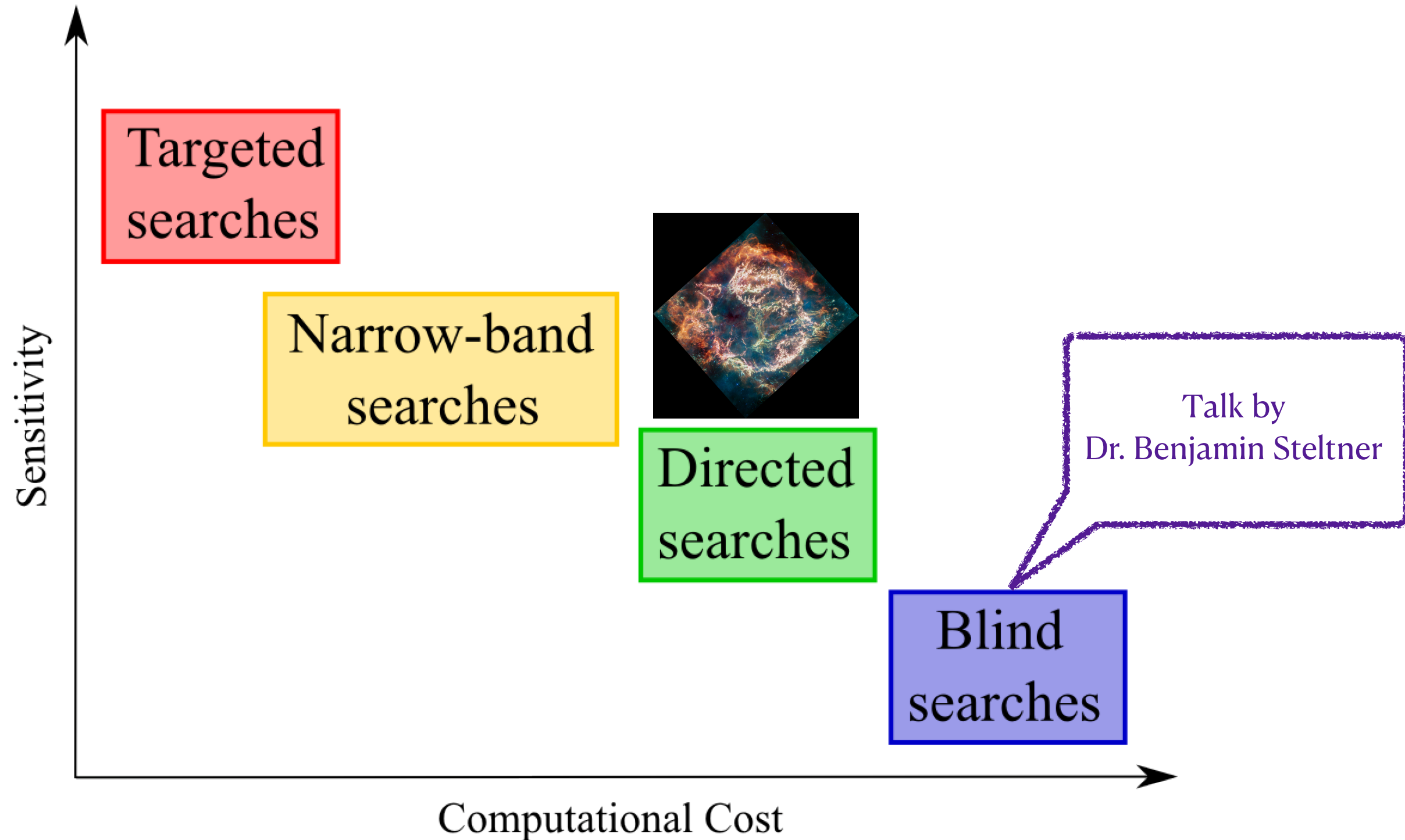
Amplitude
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..additionally orbital parameters

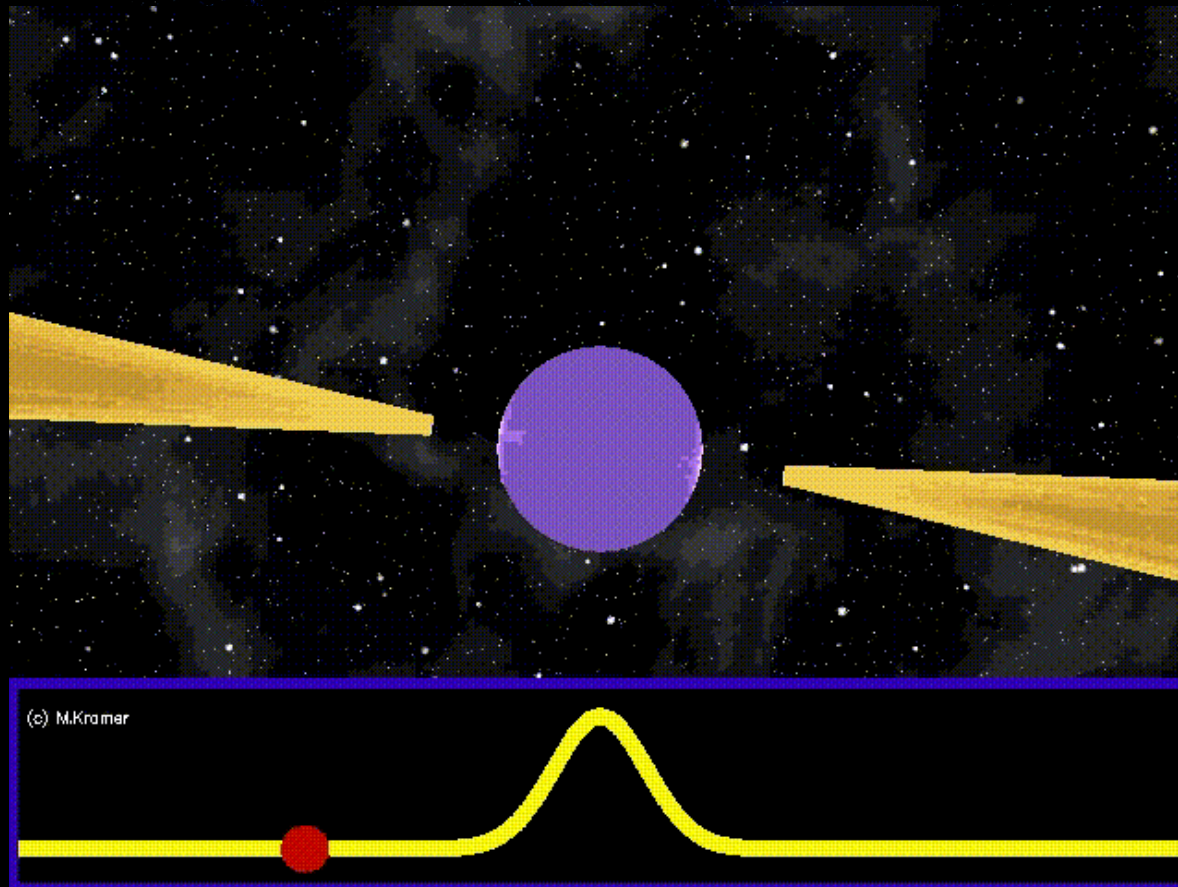
- Orbital Period (P)
- Eccentricity (E)
- Projected semi-major axis ($a \sin i$)
- Time of Periapsis (T_p)
- Argument of Periapsis (ω)



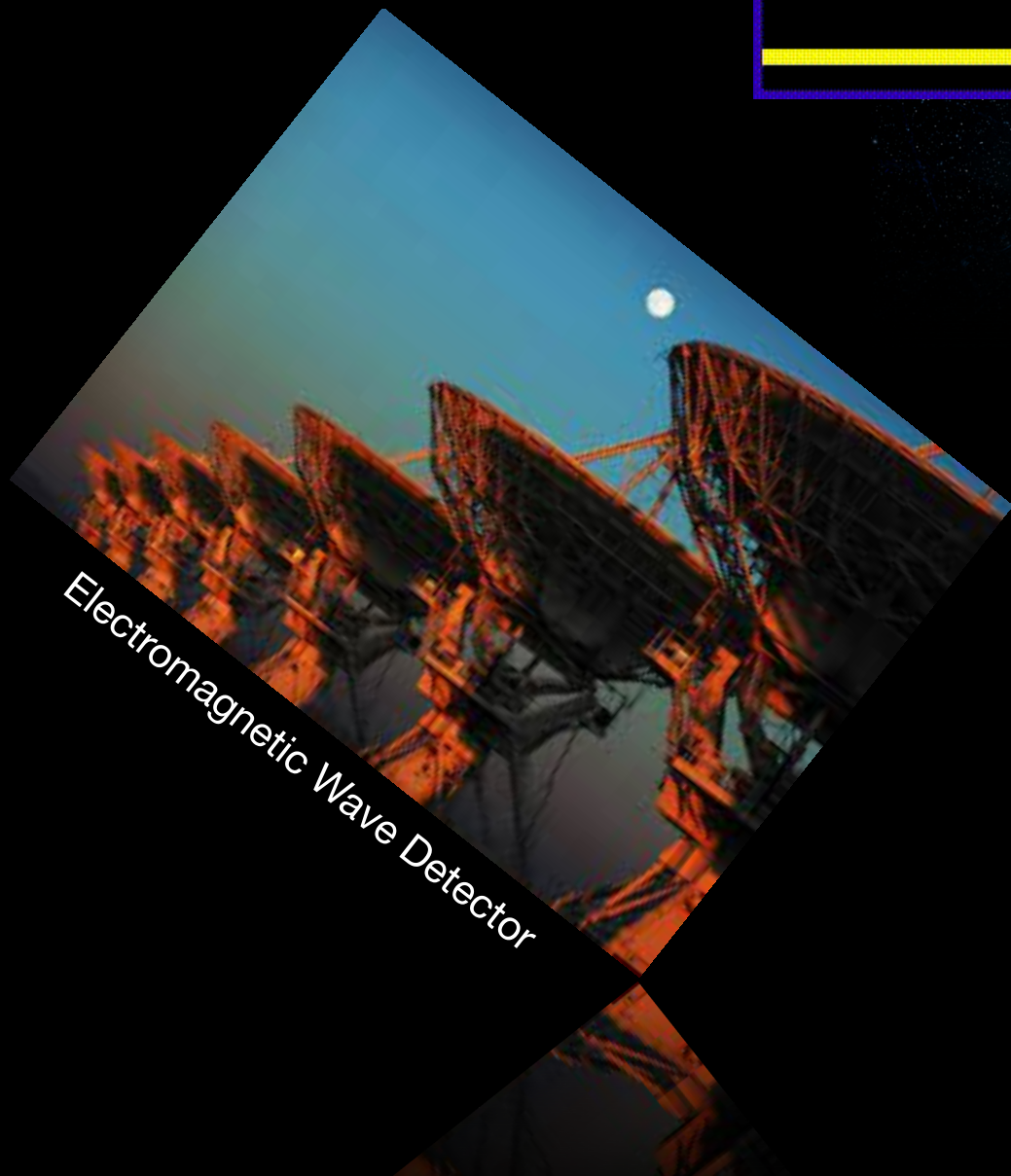
Types of searches for CW Signals



Credit : Sieniawska & Bejger (2019)



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Thanks to Pulsar Timing Solutions : Targeted Searches for the CW Signal

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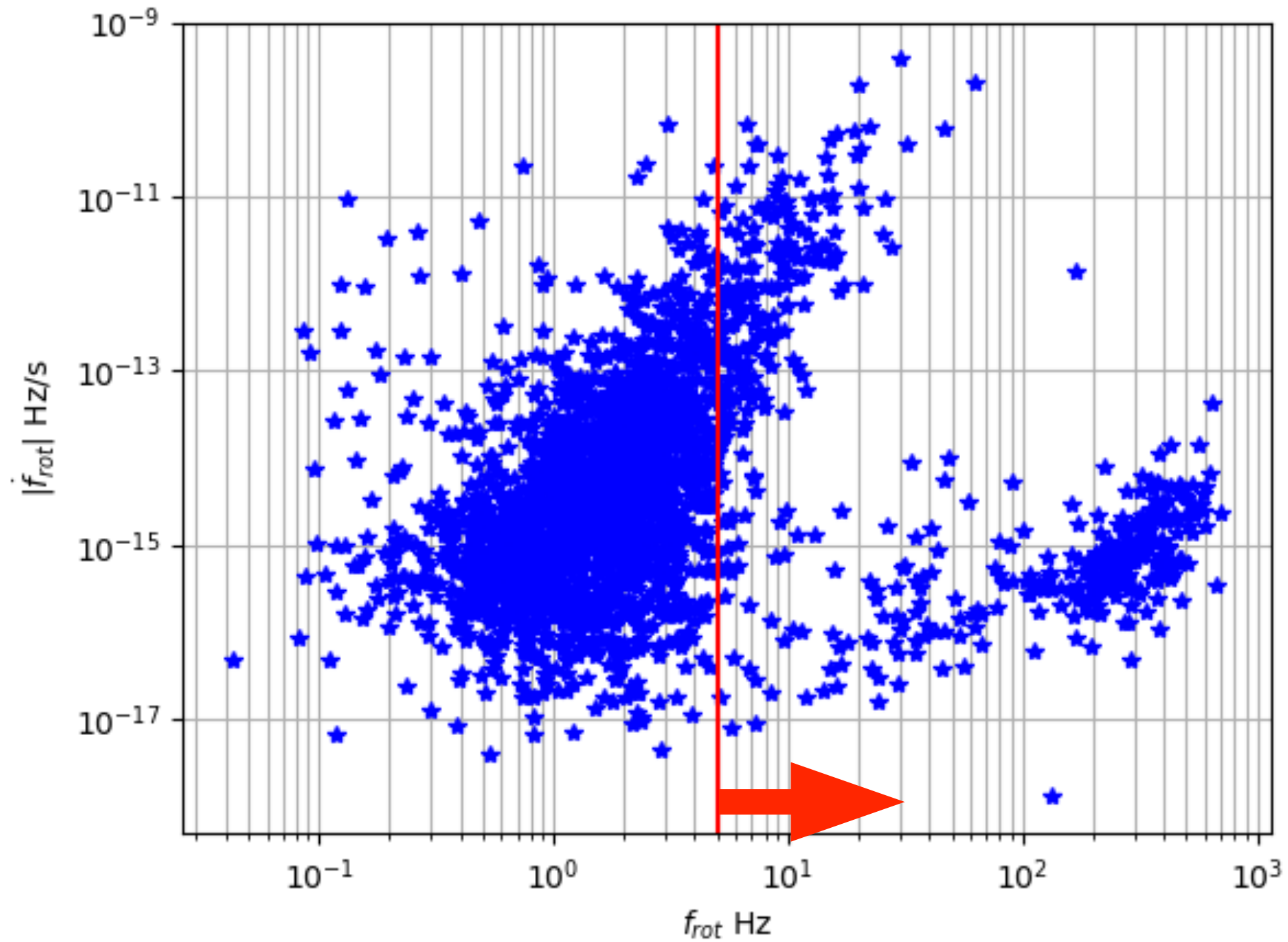
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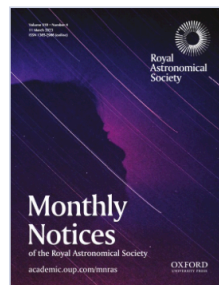


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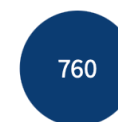
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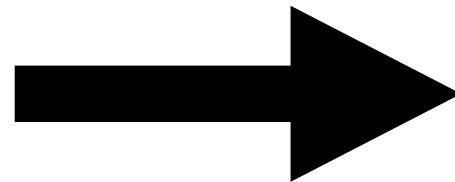


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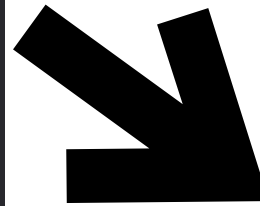
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Parameter	Value
f_{gw}	803.5Hz
\dot{f}_{gw}	-1.1e-15 Hz/s
RA	4.04 rad
DEC	-0.48 rad
Reference time	59355.5 MJD
Orbital period	5 hours
asini	0.22 lt-s
e	not measured
ω	not measured
Time of Periapsis	59303.2 MJD

Search In O1+O2+O3 data

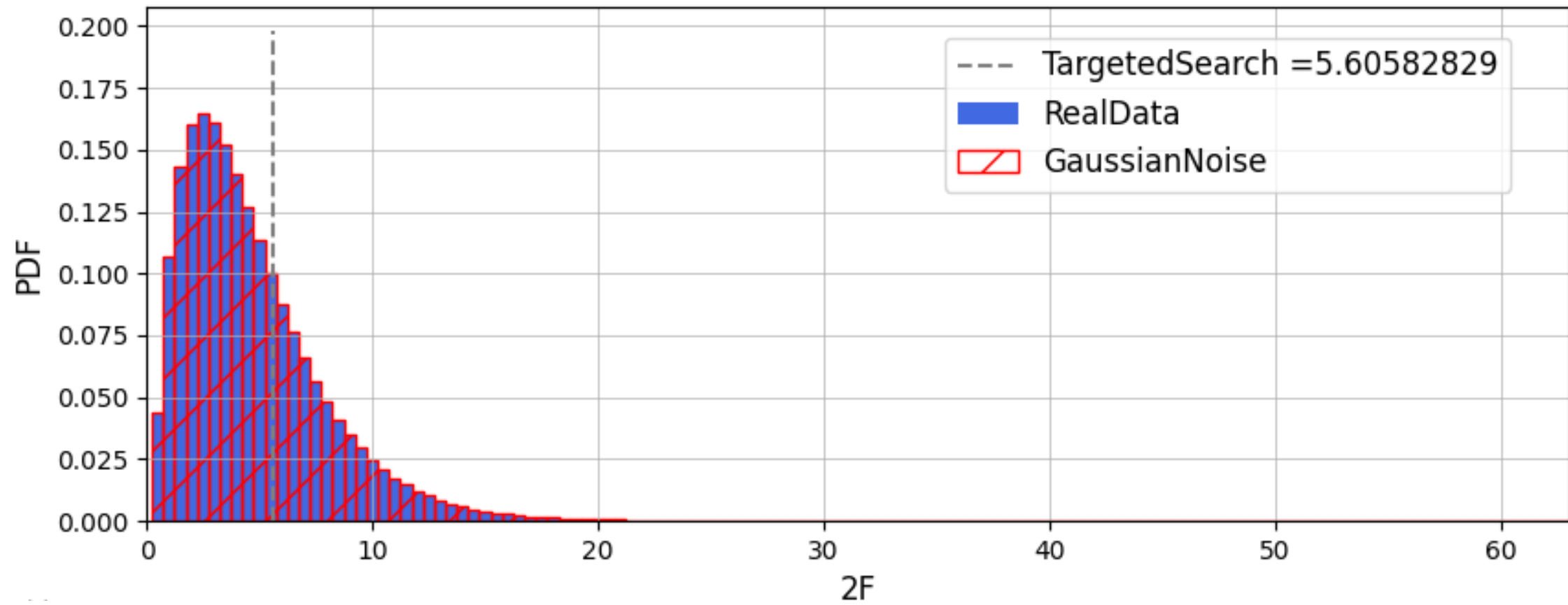
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- Hypothesis 0 : The data is $x(t) = n(t)$
- Hypothesis 1 : The data is $x(t) = n(t) + h(t; A, \lambda)$
- Likelihood ratio :

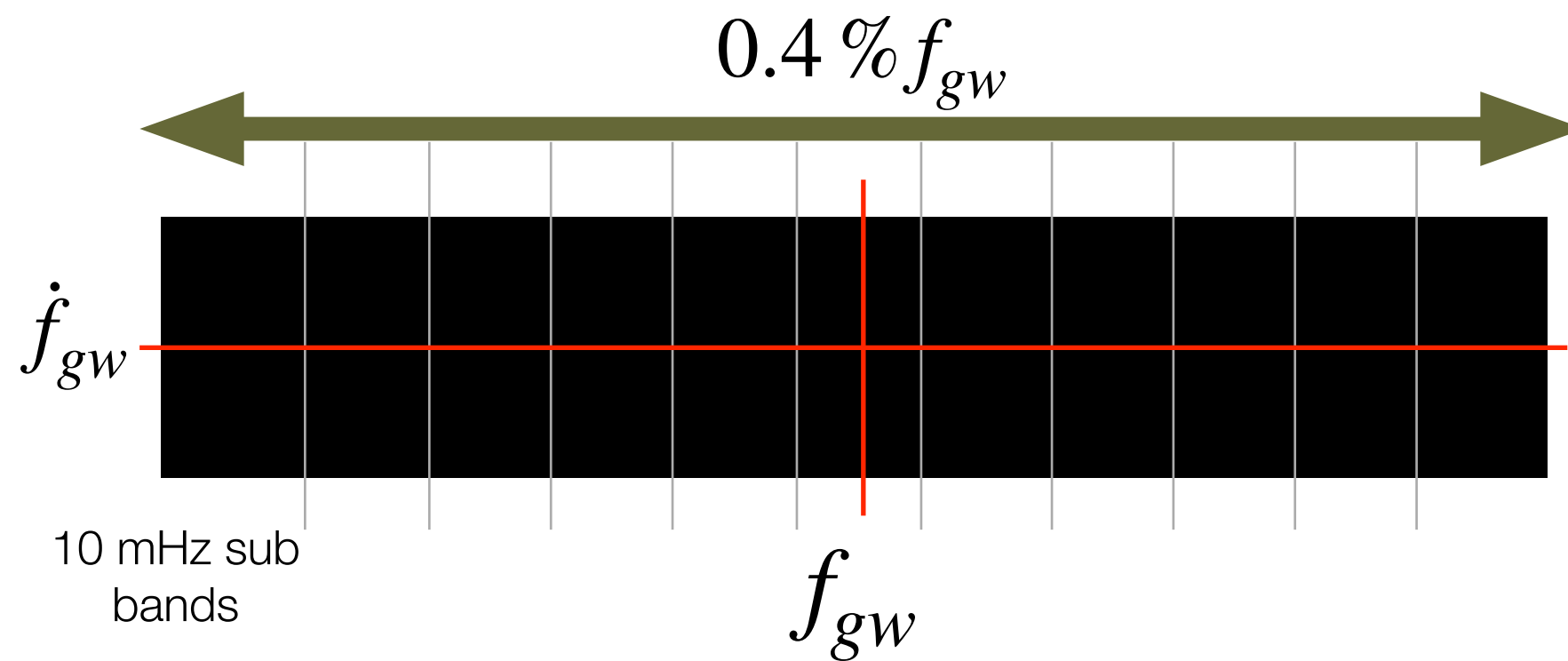
$$\mathcal{L}(x; A, \lambda) \equiv \frac{P(x | A, \lambda)}{P(x | 0)}$$

Maximised log-likelihood : \mathcal{F} -statistic ($2\mathcal{F}$)

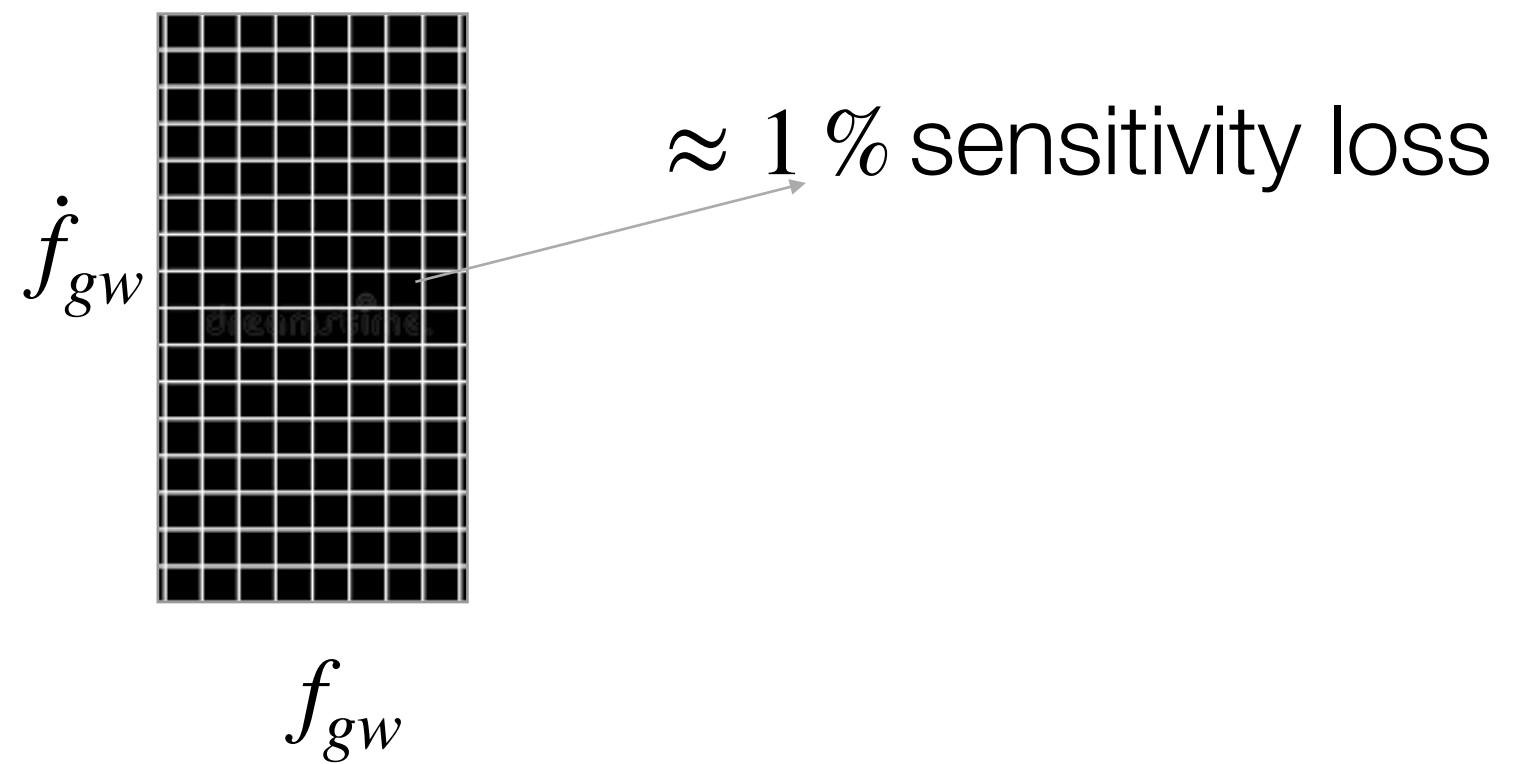
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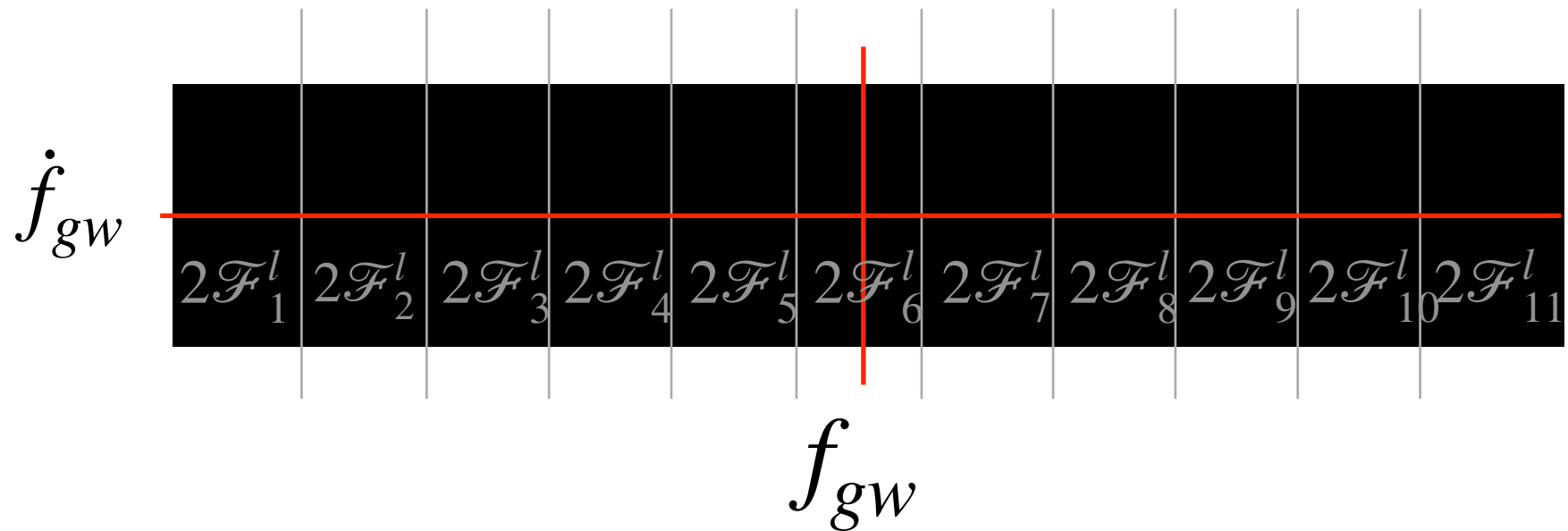
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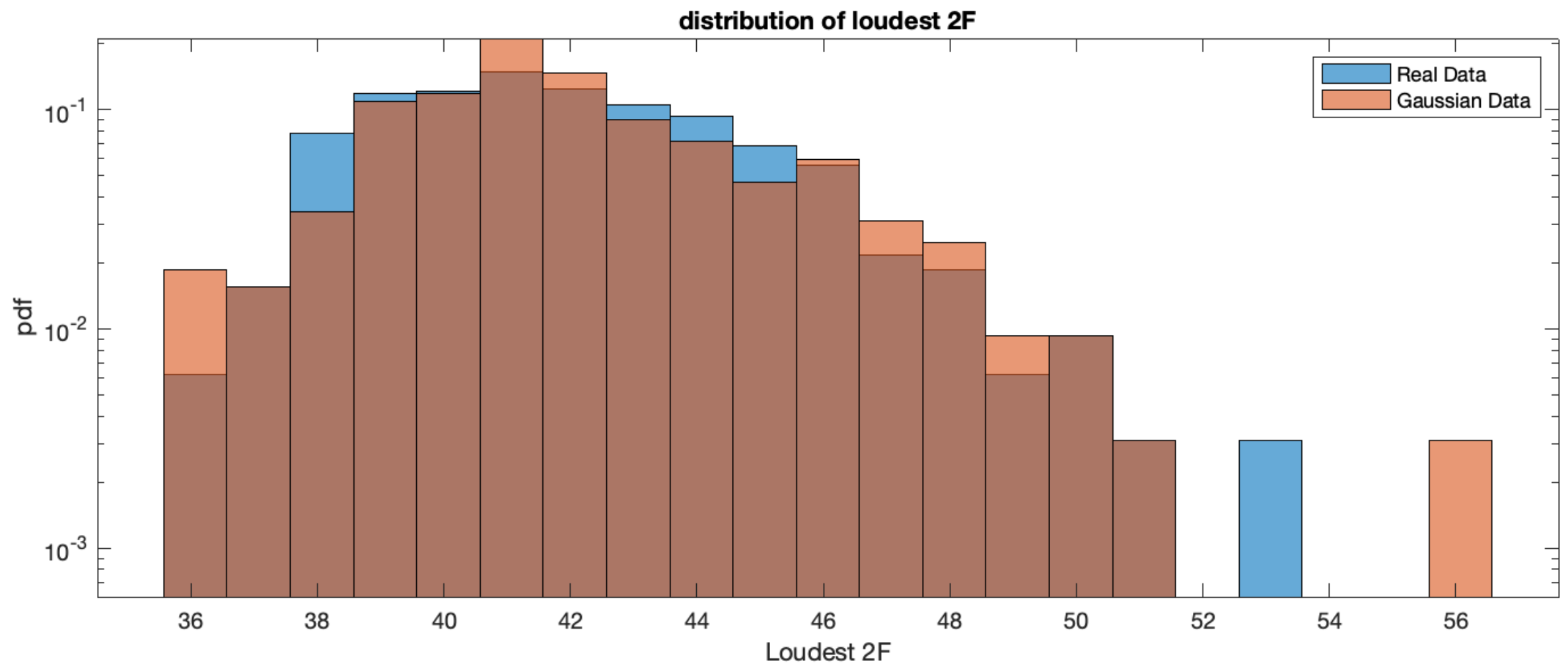


Band Search in (f_{gw}, \dot{f}_{gw})



Loudest $2\mathcal{F}$ s -> Band Search Results

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Step III : Upper limits on CW emission

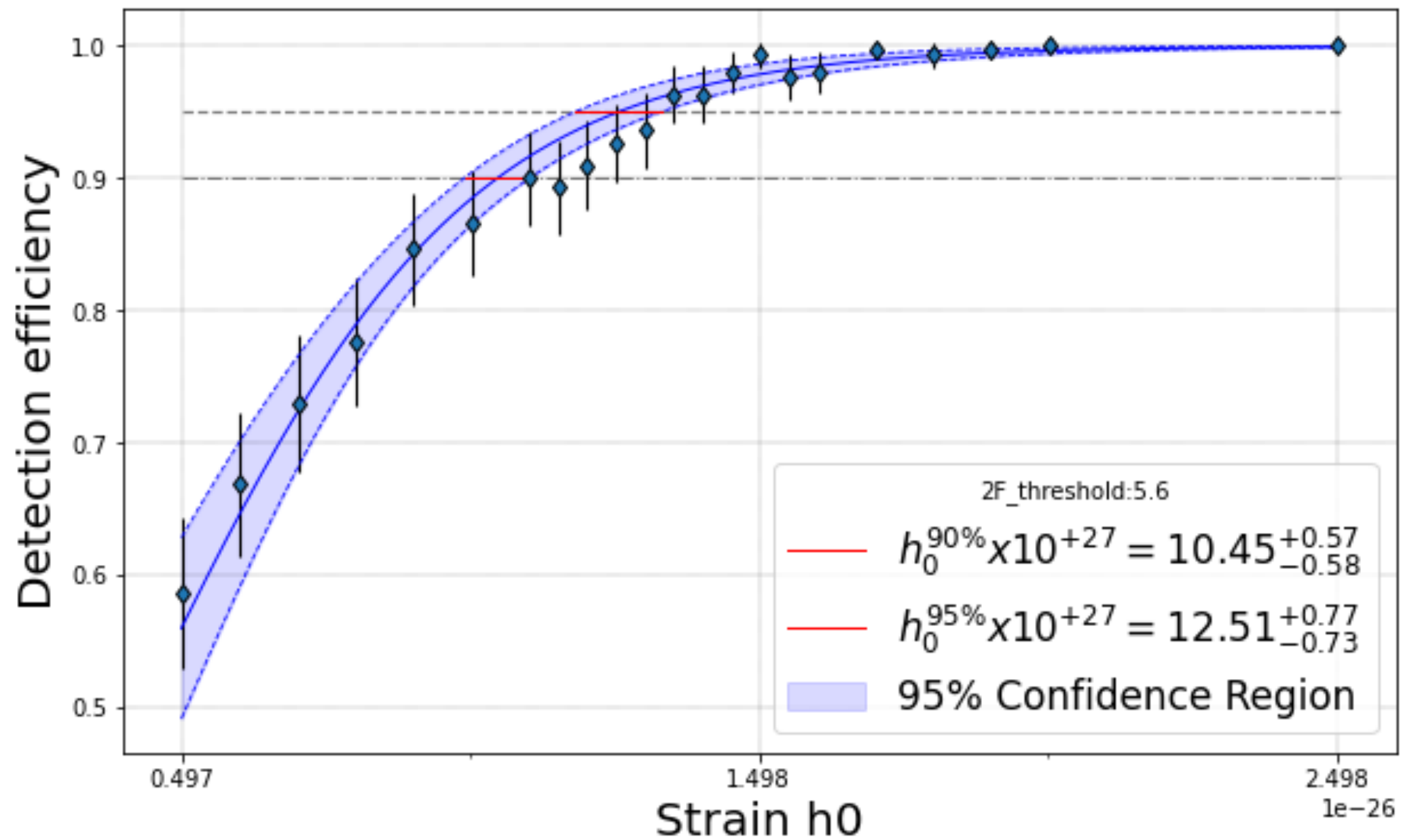
- Based on null results

$$h_0 < \left(h_0^{95\%} \right)$$

Or Else : $2\mathcal{F} > 2\mathcal{F}^{measured}$

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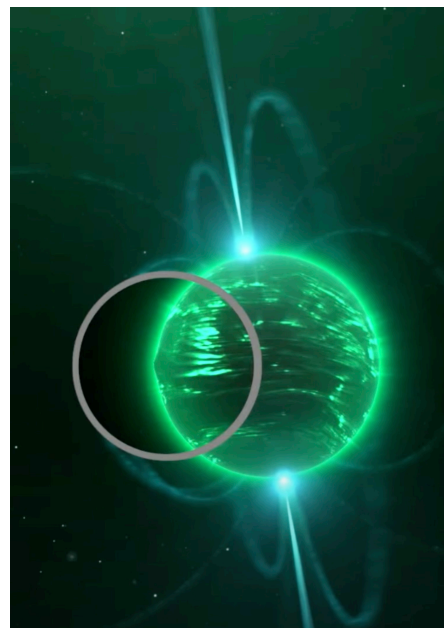
$$h_0^{95} = 1.25 \times 10^{-26}$$



Ellipticity constraints

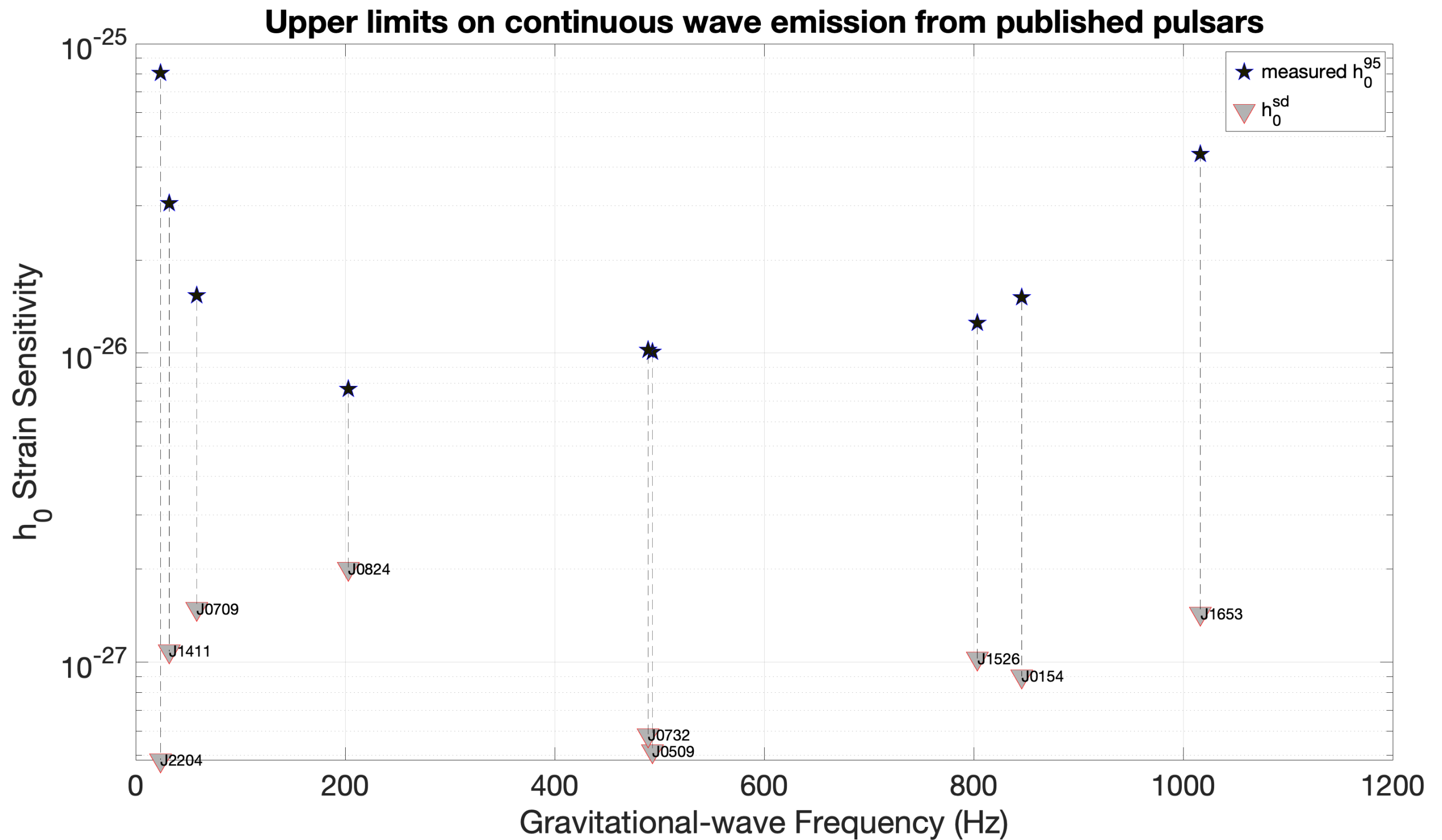
- Constrain CW \longrightarrow Constrain Ellipticity of pulsar

$$\epsilon = 2.4 \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{h_0}{10^{-26}} \right) \left(\frac{D}{1 \text{ kpc}} \right) \left(\frac{200 \text{ Hz}}{f} \right)^2 \left(\frac{10^{38} \text{ kg m}^2}{I_{zz}} \right)$$





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 $\epsilon^{95} = 2.45 \times 10^{-8}$

General Results - h_0^{95}



Ending Note

- A source is guaranteed to be present : so even a null measurement is informative about the emission.
- High sensitivity  and low computational expense 
- High value pulsars —
 - nearby,
 - high \dot{f}_{gw} ,
 - In high sensitivity frequency ranges of Advanced LIGO detectors

Ending Note - II

- New and improved telescopes/strategies are discovering new pulsars
- Ever more known pulsars



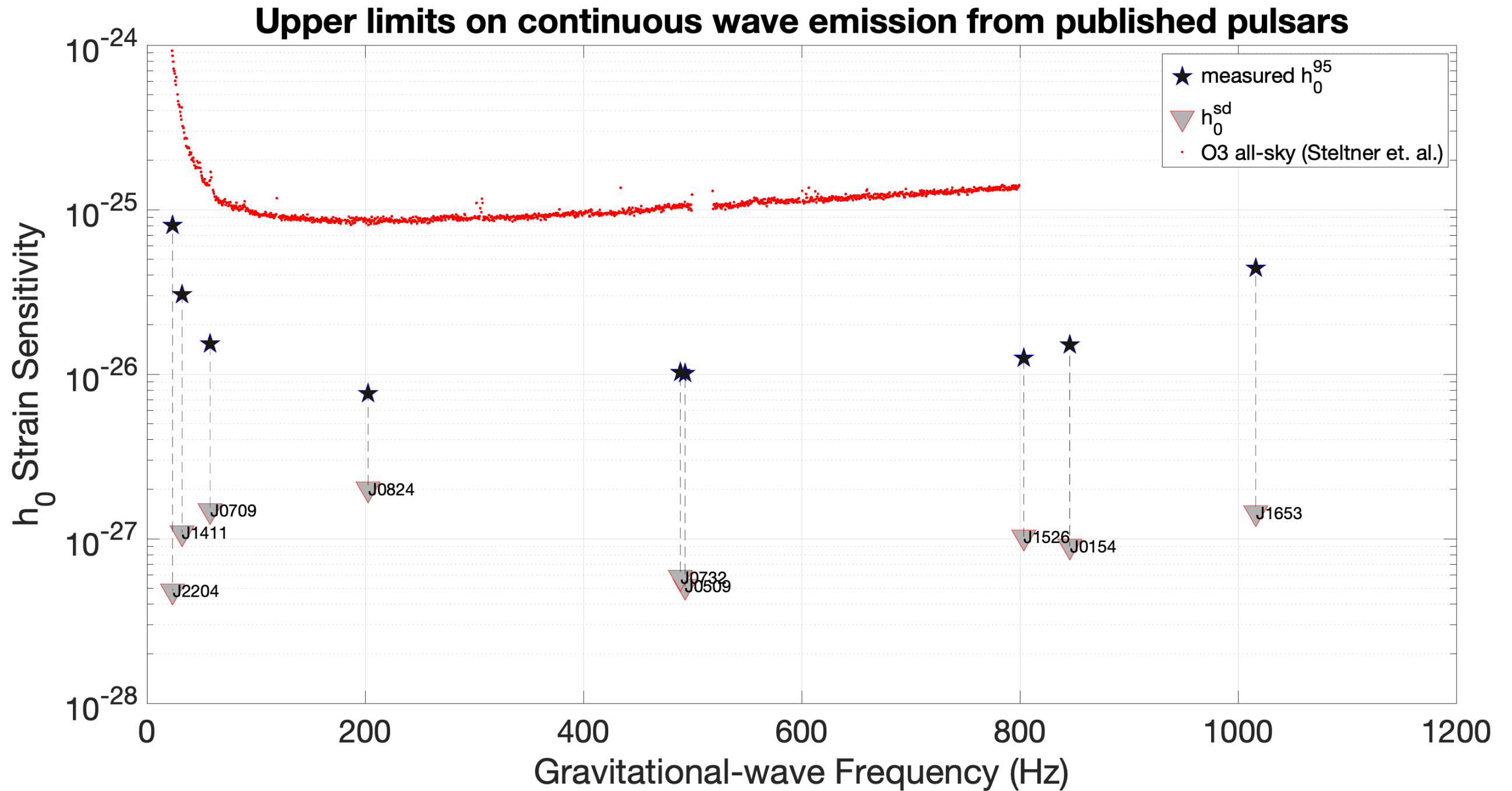


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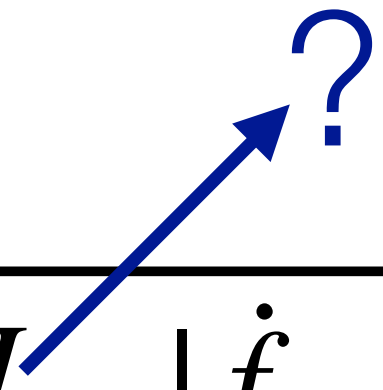
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Additional Slides

Sensitivity Comparison



Spin down upper limit

$$h_0^{sd} = \frac{1}{d} \sqrt{\frac{5GI_{zz}}{2c^3} \frac{|\dot{f}_{rot}|}{f_{rot}}}$$


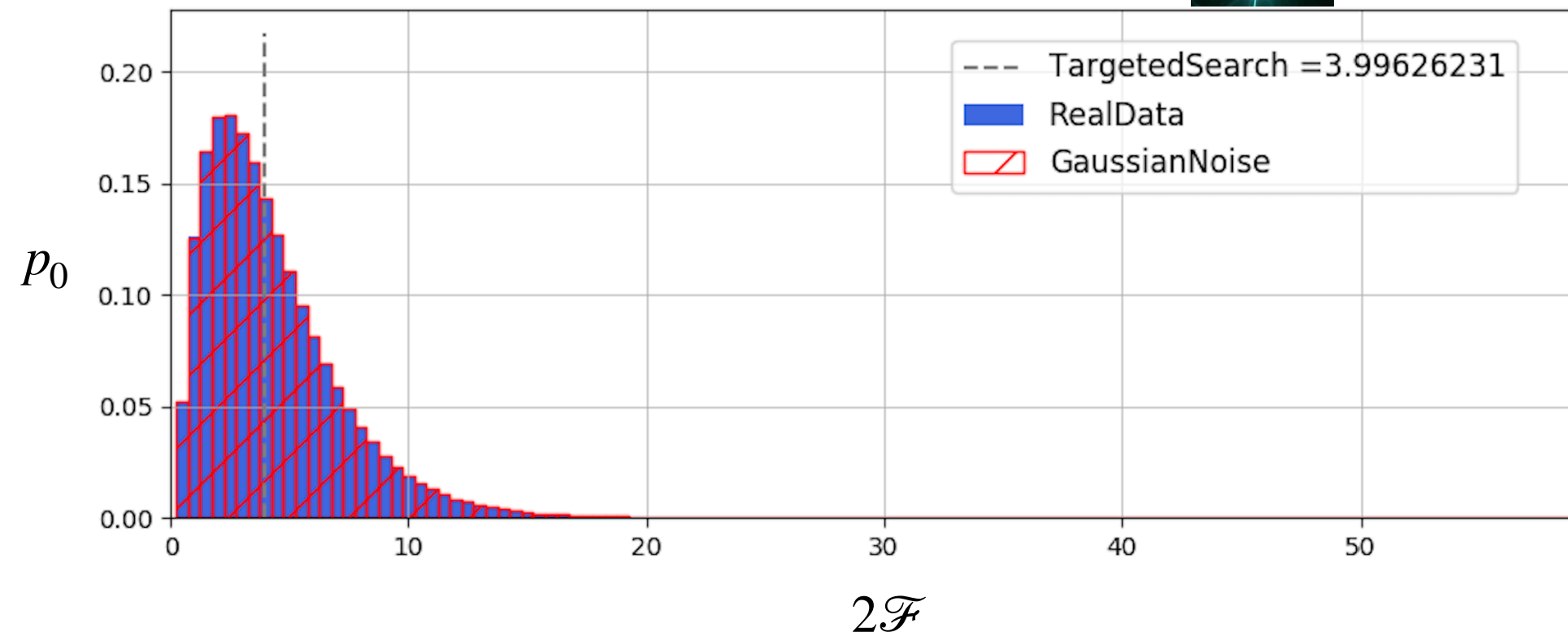
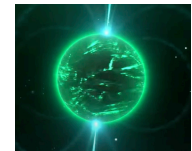
Assuming $M = 1.4M_{\odot}$ and $R = 10\text{km}$

$$I_{zz} = 10^{38} \text{kgm}^2$$

Significance of search result

- Frequentist p-values
- Search in noise-only
- Find $p_0(2\mathcal{F})$
- $2\mathcal{F}' = 3.99$
- p-value

Targeted search for J0154+1833



$$\text{p-value}(3.99) = \int_{3.99}^{\infty} p_0(2\mathcal{F}) d2\mathcal{F}$$

$$= 41 \%$$

Targeting Millisecond Pulsars - A good idea

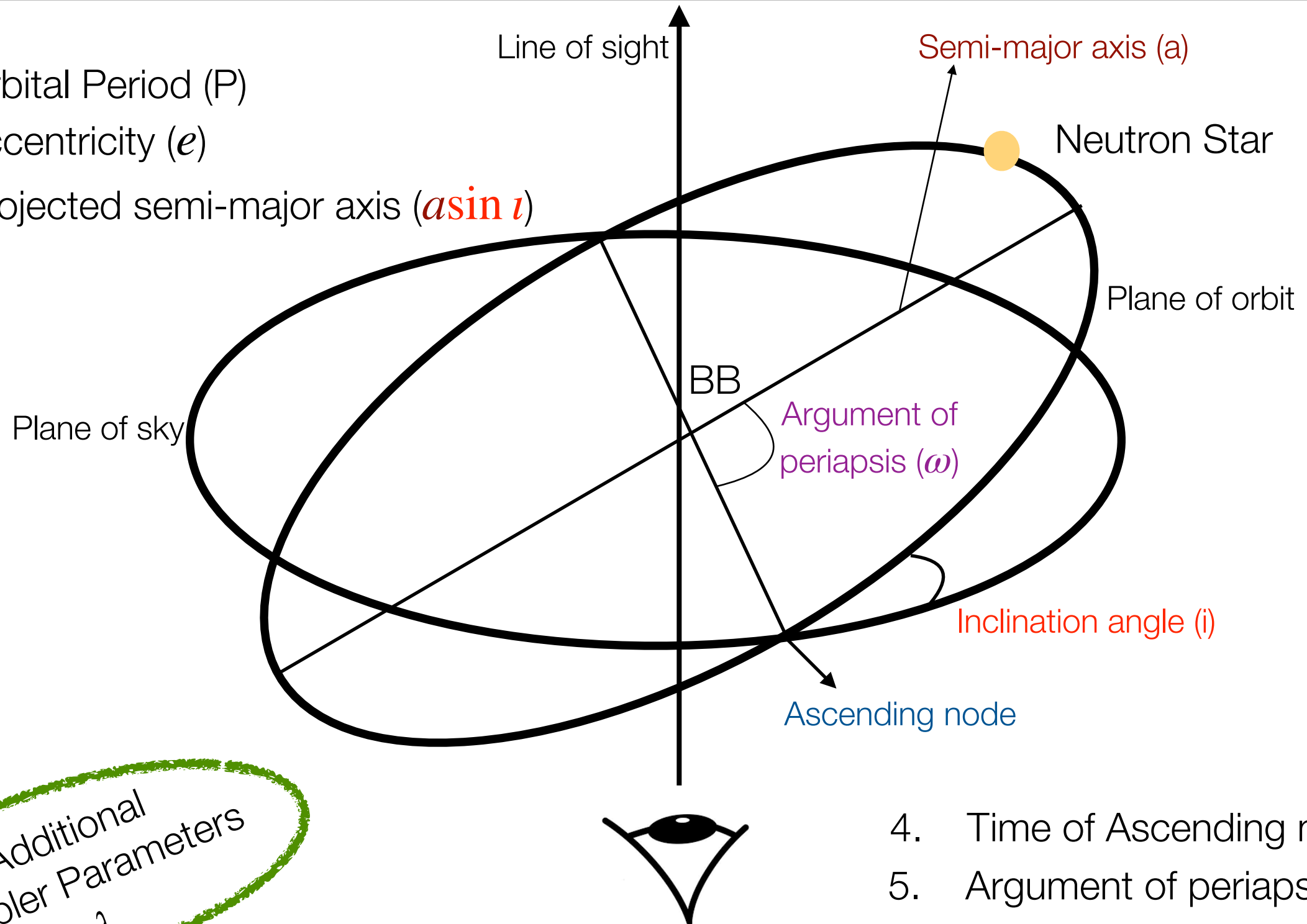
- High frequency, $h_0 \propto f_{gw}^2$, small ϵ is enough for high level of emission
- History of binary interaction - possibility of accreted mountains
- Crossing h_0^{sd} => new regime in terms of physical requirements for a detection

CW Emission : Other modes and sources

- Precessing neutron star -
 - $f_{gw} = f_{rot} + f_{prec}$
 - $f_{gw} = 2(f_{rot} + f_{prec})$
- R-mode emission - current quadrupoles, toroidal fluid oscillations inside the star, $4/3 f_{rot}$
- Boson clouds around a black hole - $f \sim$ mass of axion particle

Additionally orbital parameters

1. Orbital Period (P)
2. Eccentricity (e)
3. Projected semi-major axis ($a \sin i$)



4. Time of Ascending node (T_{asc})
5. Argument of periapsis (ω)

Additional
Doppler Parameters
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