

Semi-analytical Approach for Sky Localization of GWs

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Overview

- Problem & Motivation
- Bayesian Method: Prior setting and Marginalization
- Case Study
- Summary

Localization and Marginalization

- Posterior \propto Prior * Likelihood

$$\underbrace{p(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} | \mathbf{d}(t))}_{\text{Posterior}} = \frac{\overbrace{p(\mathbf{d}(t) | \boldsymbol{\vartheta})}^{\text{Likelihood}} \overbrace{p(\boldsymbol{\vartheta})}^{\text{Prior}}}{\underbrace{p(\mathbf{d}(t))}_{\text{Evidence}}},$$

- Localization needs 5-fold integral over extrinsic parameters, like Bayestar ^{*}(L. Singer+, arXiv:1508.03634) uses **numerical** integration

$$\int p(\alpha, \delta, \underline{r, \iota, t_c}, \psi, \phi_c) dr d\iota dt_c d\psi d\phi_c = p_{\text{marginalized}}(\alpha, \delta) \rightarrow \text{sky direction}$$

- Can we marginalize those parameters **analytically**?

^{*}There are also many other works on fast localization, say, Chen+arXiv:1509.00055, Tsutsui+2005.08163, Cornish arXiv:2101.01188...

Parameter set

- The response of the i -th detector can be re-expressed as

$$h^{(i)} = (G_+^{(i)}, G_\times^{(i)}) \mathbf{A}_c h_c + (G_+^{(i)}, G_\times^{(i)}) \mathbf{A}_s h_s,$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_c & \mathbf{A}_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1\text{Mpc}}{r} \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\psi & \sin 2\psi \\ -\sin 2\psi & \cos 2\psi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\cos^2 \iota}{2} & \\ & \cos \iota \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi_c & \sin \phi_c \\ -\sin \phi_c & \cos \phi_c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\alpha, \delta, t_c, \underline{r, \iota, \phi_c, \psi}\} \xrightarrow{\text{Substitution}} \mathcal{D} = \{\alpha, \delta, t_c, \underline{A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{21}, A_{22}}\}.$$

- Same as Bayestar: The errors of the intrinsic parameters are semi-independent from errors in sky localization. To achieve low-latency online localization, we assume intrinsic parameters from online matched filtering search are accurate.

Likelihood

- Likelihood for detector network (Gaussian noise): a function of $(\alpha, \delta, t_c, \mathbf{A})$

$$p(\mathbf{d} \mid \boldsymbol{\vartheta}) \propto e^{(\mathbf{d}^T \mid \mathbf{h}) - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{h}^T \mid \mathbf{h})}$$
$$\propto \prod_{x=\{c,s\}} e^{(\mathbf{d}^T \mid \mathbf{H}_x) \mathbf{G}_\sigma \mathbf{A}_x - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{A}_x^T \mathbf{G}_\sigma^T \mathbf{G}_\sigma \mathbf{A}_x}$$

$(\mathbf{d}^T \mid \mathbf{H}_x)$: SNR timeseries, $(\dots \mid \dots)$ denotes inner product

\mathbf{G}_σ : Weighted response matrix (weighted by horizon distance)

\mathbf{A}_x : $x=\{c,s\}$, \mathbf{A}_c & \mathbf{A}_s denote left & right half of matrix \mathbf{A}

Prior functions for α, δ, t_c

$$\{\alpha, \delta, t_c, A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{21}, A_{22}\}$$

- Prior functions:

- General prior functions for α, δ, t_c

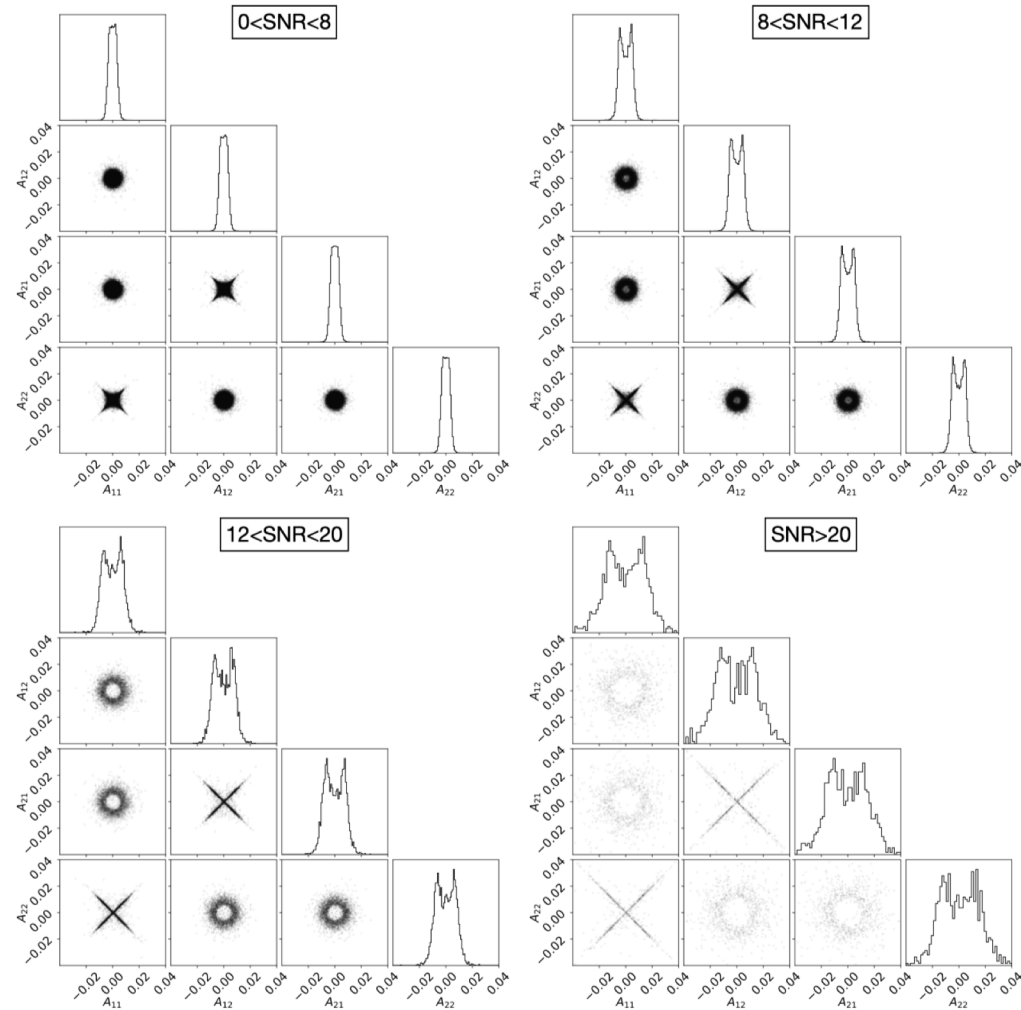
$$\begin{aligned} p(\alpha) &\propto 1, & 0 < \alpha < 2\pi \\ p(\sin \delta) &\propto 1, & -1 < \sin \delta < 1 \\ p(t_c) &\propto 1, & t_{trigger} - T < t_c < t_{trigger} + T, \\ & & T = 20ms \end{aligned}$$

- Using injections to investigate \mathbf{A}' 's distribution

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_c & \mathbf{A}_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1\text{Mpc}}{r} \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\psi & \sin 2\psi \\ -\sin 2\psi & \cos 2\psi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\cos^2 \iota}{2} & \\ & \cos \iota \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi_c & \sin \phi_c \\ -\sin \phi_c & \cos \phi_c \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Prior distribution of **A**: Simulation & Conclusions

- Simulation of 50000 BNS events in 3 detectors (HLV) with Gaussian noise colored with O2 sensitivity
- Easy to find:
 - Symmetric bimodal distribution
 - Location of peaks varies with SNR*
 - Correlation between (A11,A22), (A12, A21)



*Here SNR means network SNR, i.e., $SNR_{net} = \sqrt{SNR_H^2 + SNR_L^2 + SNR_V^2}$

Prior distribution of \mathbf{A} : Bimodal distribution

- The following function can be used to approximate bimodal function:

$$p(A_{ij}) \propto e^{-\frac{(A_{ij}-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} + e^{-\frac{(A_{ij}+\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad i, j = 1, 2, A_{ij} \text{ represents elements of } \mathbf{A}$$

- Why bimodal? Selection effect.

- The amplitude of GWs increases monotonically with $|\cos \iota|$ and $1/r$

$$\begin{aligned} h_+(t) &= \frac{1}{2}a(t)(1 + \cos^2 \iota) \cos(\phi(t) + \phi_c) \\ h_\times(t) &= a(t) \cos \iota \sin(\phi(t) + \phi_c). \end{aligned} \quad a(t) \propto 1/r$$

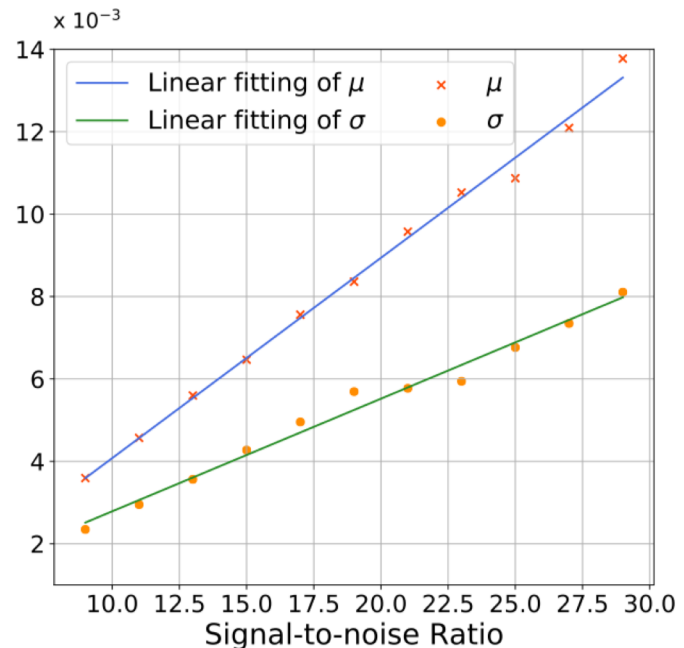
- When we select GW events in a higher SNR range, sources with larger $|\cos \iota|$ values and smaller r are more likely to be selected.
- $|\cos \iota|$ tends to be 1, which means a symmetric bimodal distribution of $\cos \iota$, hence A_{ij} are also bimodally distributed,

Prior distribution of A: Dependence on SNR

$$p(A_{ij}) \propto e^{-\frac{(A_{ij}-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} + e^{-\frac{(A_{ij}+\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= 0.0004860 \text{ SNR} - 0.0007827, \\ \sigma &= 0.0002733 \text{ SNR} + 0.00005376.\end{aligned}$$

- In each SNR range, using least square method to get the best-fit μ and σ
- We can fit $\mu, \sigma \sim \text{SNR}$ relation for each PSD
- Why depends on SNR? Selection effect
 - Larger SNR \rightarrow smaller distance r
 - $A_{ij} \propto 1/r$
 - When selecting higher SNR events, $|A_{ij}|$ also getting larger, thus peaks in A_{ij}' s distribution move outside

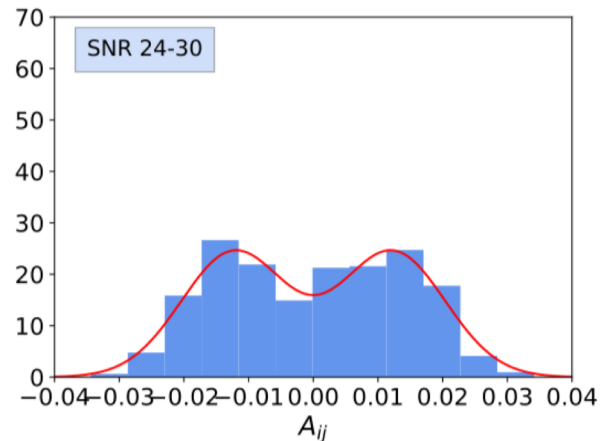
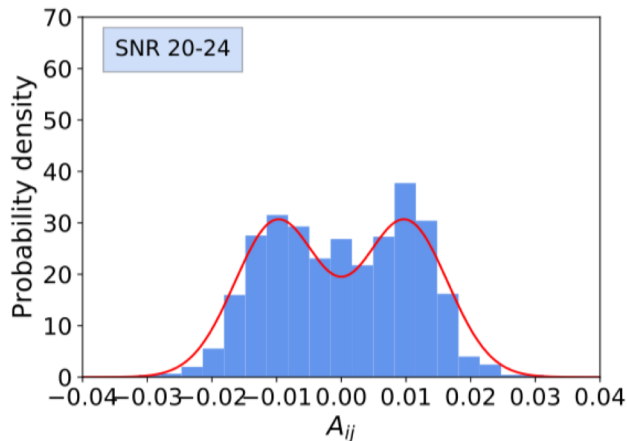
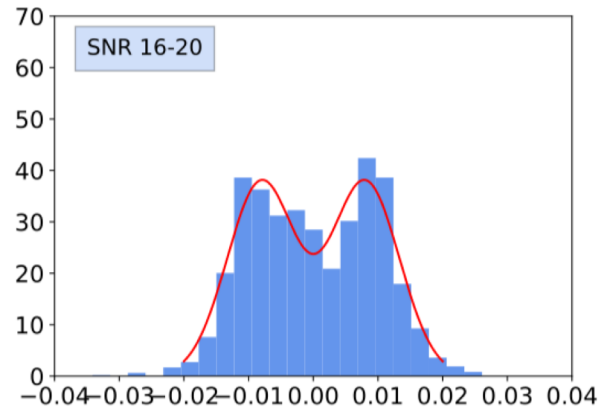
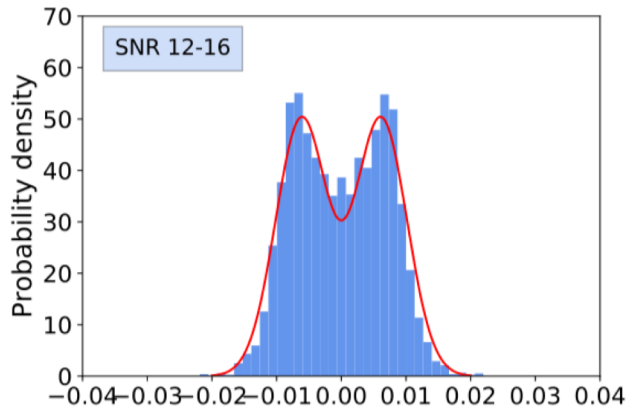


Prior distribution of **A**: Dependence on SNR

An example for O2 sensitivity:

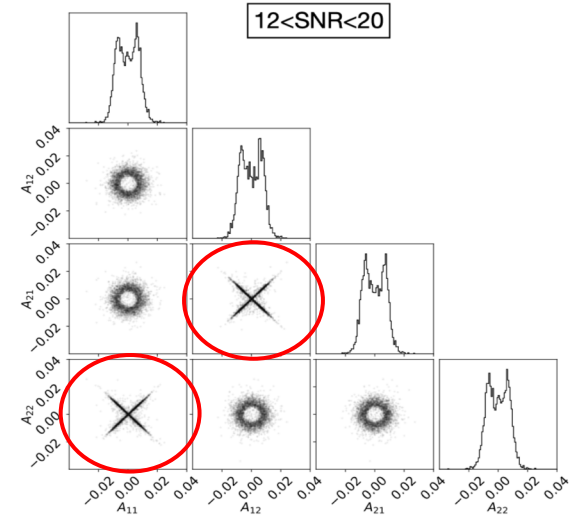
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Prior distribution of **A**: Correlation on diagonal lines

- In the corner plot, A_{11} & A_{22} , A_{21} & A_{12} are correlated (see the ○)
- Why correlated?
 - Detectable GW events usually have large $|\cos \iota|$ (Tsutsui+2005.08163)
 - From A_{ij} 's expression:
 - $\cos \iota \rightarrow 1$, $A_{11} \rightarrow A_{22}$, $A_{12} \rightarrow -A_{21}$
 - $\cos \iota \rightarrow -1$, $A_{11} \rightarrow -A_{22}$, $A_{12} \rightarrow A_{21}$
 - $\cos \iota$ has half chance to be 1, another half to be -1, thus A_{11} has equal chance to be $+A_{22}$ or $-A_{22}$
 - This causes a "cross" in the corner plot



$$A_{11} = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{1 + \cos^2 \iota}{2} \cos 2\psi \cos \phi_c - \cos \iota \sin 2\psi \sin \phi_c \right),$$

$$A_{21} = -\frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{1 + \cos^2 \iota}{2} \sin 2\psi \cos \phi_c + \cos \iota \cos 2\psi \sin \phi_c \right),$$

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Prior distribution of \mathbf{A} : Correlation on diagonal lines

- Approximation: $|\cos \varphi| \rightarrow 1$, we have $A_{22} = \pm A_{11}$, i.e.

$$p(A_{22}|A_{11}) = \frac{\delta(A_{22} - A_{11}) + \delta(A_{22} + A_{11})}{2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \delta(0) = 1, \\ \delta(x) = 0 \text{ for } x \neq 0 \end{array}$$

(the same for A_{12} & A_{21})

The approximation $A_{22} = \pm A_{11}$ is also used in Tsutsui+2005.08163

- Following rules of conditional probability:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{A}) &= p(A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{21}, A_{22}) \\ &= p(A_{11}, A_{22})p(A_{21}, A_{12}) \\ &= p(A_{11})p(A_{22}|A_{11})p(A_{21})p(A_{12}|A_{21}) \end{aligned}$$

Semi-analytical marginalization

- Gaussian integral:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{x}} d^2 \mathbf{x} = \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi)^2}{\det \mathbf{A}}} e^{\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B}}$$

- Marginalization of **A** can be converted to a 16 Gaussian integrals...

$$\begin{aligned}
 & p(\alpha, \delta | \mathbf{d}) \\
 & \propto \int_{t_{\text{trigger}}-T}^{t_{\text{trigger}}+T} dt_c \int d^4 \mathbf{A} \exp \left\{ \sum_{x=\{c,s\}} -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{A}_x^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{A}_x + \mathbf{J}_x^T \mathbf{A}_x \right\} \\
 & \times p(A_{11})p(A_{22}|A_{11})p(A_{21})p(A_{12}|A_{21}) \xrightarrow{\text{Prior probability}} \\
 & \propto \int_{t_{\text{trigger}}-T}^{t_{\text{trigger}}+T} dt_c (I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4).
 \end{aligned}$$

Likelihood

Prior probability

Analytical results of 16 Gaussian integrals
 Input: SNR timeseries & horizon distance of each detector

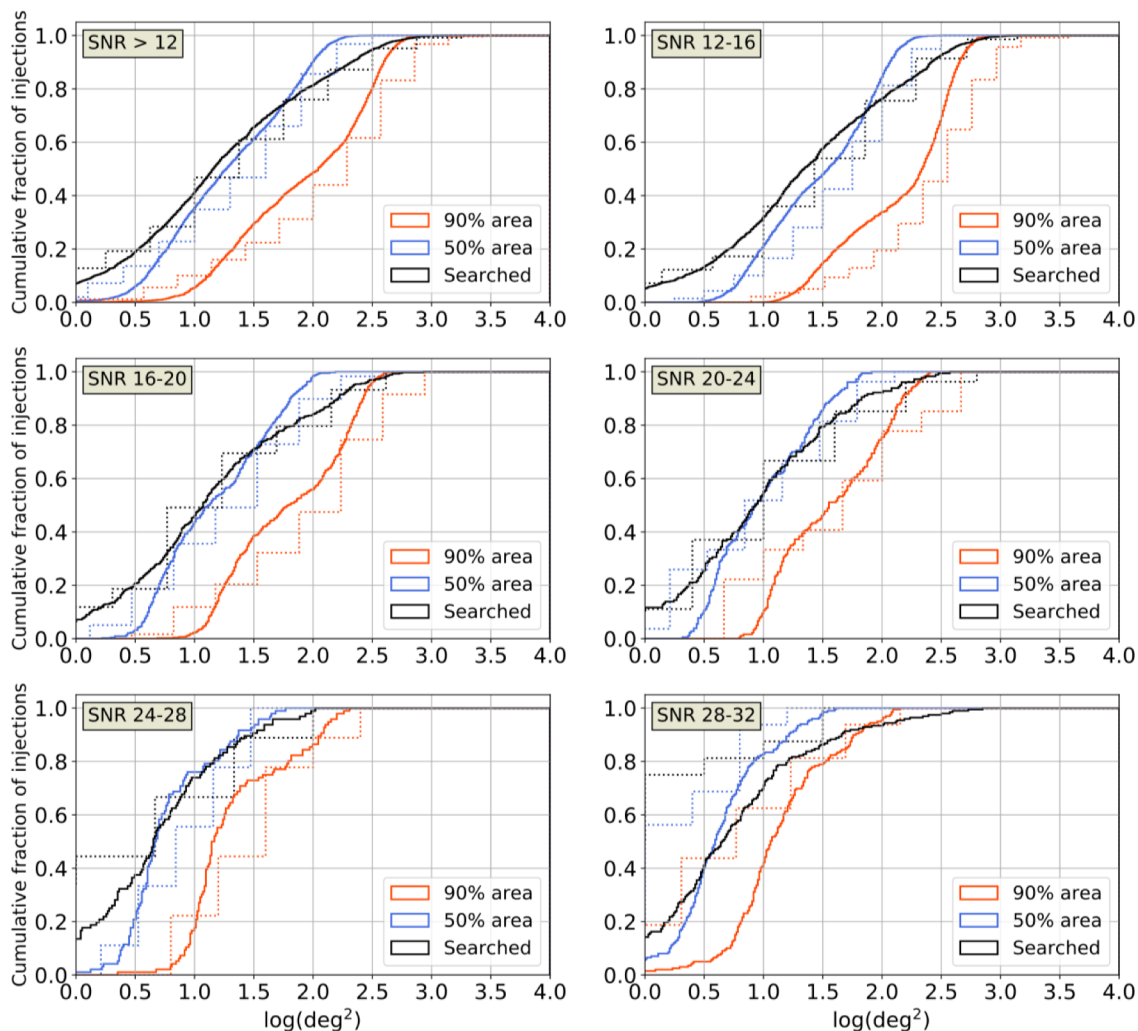
1-fold numerical integral

Case Study I: Injection

Cumulative distribution of areas

- Two kinds of areas:
 - 90%/50% confidence area
 - Searched area
- Compare our results with LALInference*
- Performance of the two methods are very close

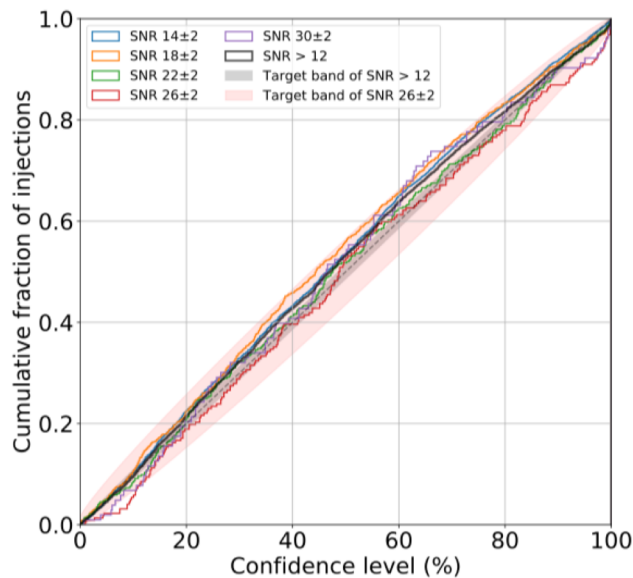
Solid line: Our method;
Dashed line: LALInference



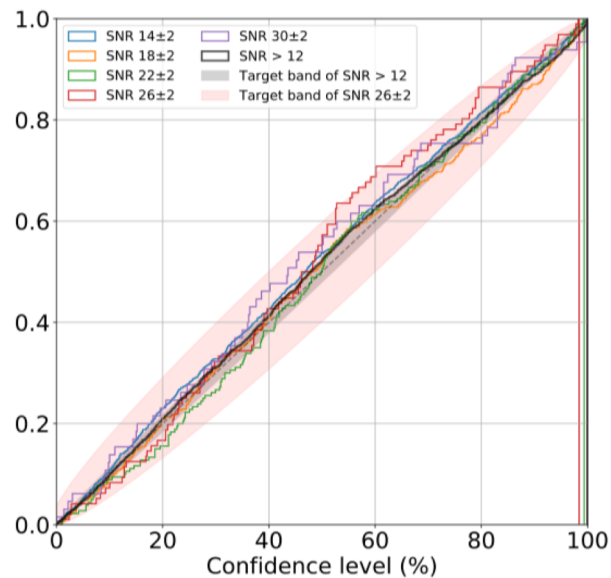
*data for LAL is from <https://git.ligo.org/leo-singer/first2years-gstlal-subset-data/>

Self-consistency

- When we claim a $x\%$ confidence area, we should use this method to correctly answer $x\%$ of test events.
- Plot **confidence level** vs **fraction of injections** that we answer right, we should get a diagonal line (p-p plot)



Design noise

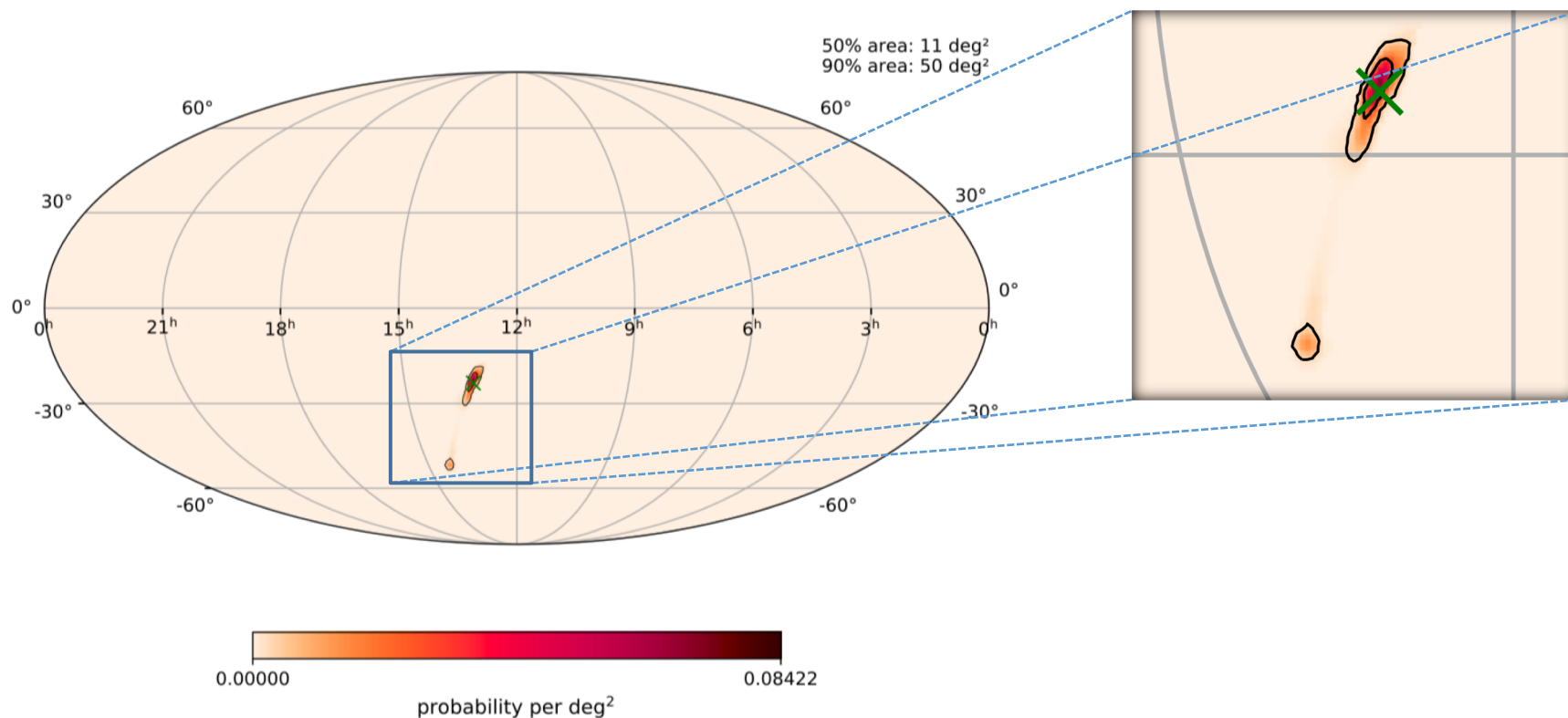


O2 noise

Case Study II: Real event

Test on GW170817

- The detected optical counterpart, $(\alpha, \delta) = (197.45^\circ, -23.38^\circ)$ is contained in our 90% and 50% confidence area.
- 90% (50%) area: 50 (11) deg^2



Run time

- SNR time series of 3 detectors, one Intel Xeon CPU E5-2695 core (2.40GHz), Nlevel=6 for adaptive HEALPix sampling, 82-data-point timeseries (20ms 4096Hz data): **~2.4 seconds**
- Run time of Bayestar (stated in their paper 1508.03634) : **$O(10^2)$ seconds** using one Xeon E5 2630 CPU core (2.40GHz)
- Time can be reduced by multi-threads computation

Summary & Acknowledgement

- We proposed a semi-analytical Bayesian method to localize GW sources:
 - Analytical approximation of prior function -> analytical marginalization over matrix \mathbf{A} .
 - Only need one-fold numerical integral which makes it fast.
- Consistent with PE results, self-consistent.
- The algorithm can be implemented into online CBC detection pipelines, e.g. SPIIR.

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