

## Lecture 4:

# Bayesian Signal Detection



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**Bayesian Data Analysis and  
Machine Learning for Physical  
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literature:

A NEW METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF A PERIODIC SIGNAL OF UNKNOWN SHAPE AND PERIOD

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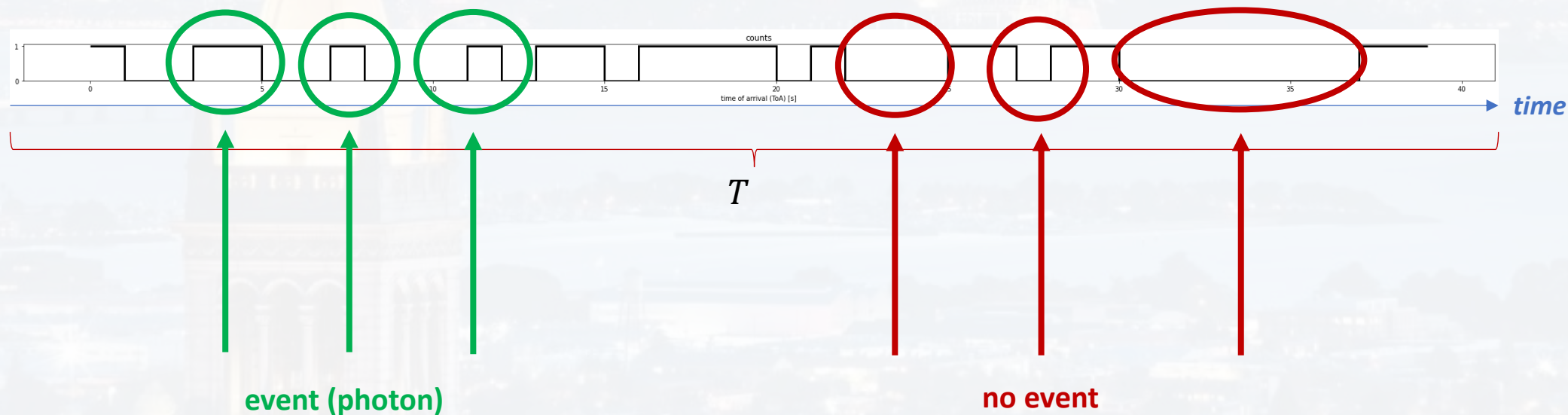
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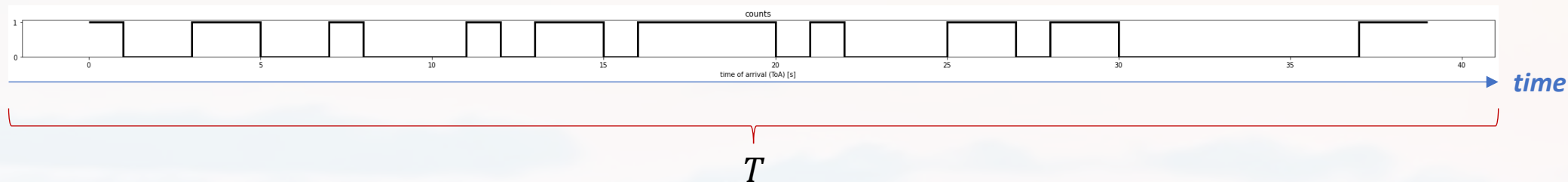
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one application: pulsar timing (X-ray pulsars), Hambaryan et al., 20XX





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0	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	5
5	7
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$T$

if we *had* the frequency  $\omega$

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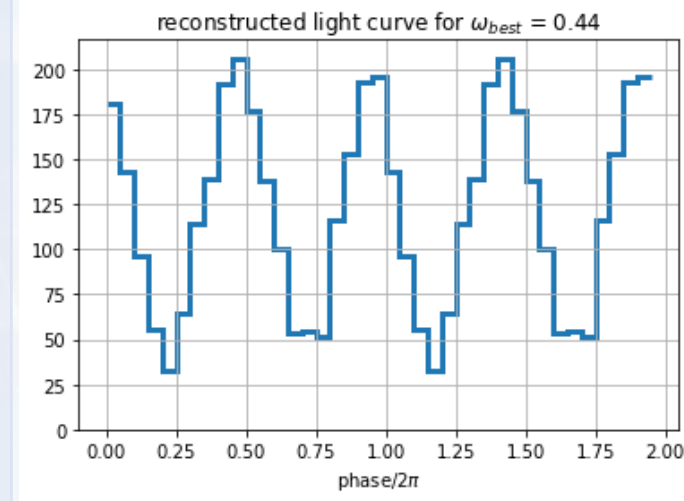
→  $\varphi(\text{norm})_i(t_i) = \varphi_i(t_i)/2\pi$

→ using  $\varphi(\text{norm})_i(t_i) = \varphi(\text{norm})_i(t_i) + 1$

→ histogram of all  $\varphi(\text{norm})_i(t_i)$

→ **phase binned light curve**

actual data:  $t_i$  **Time of Arrival (ToA)**

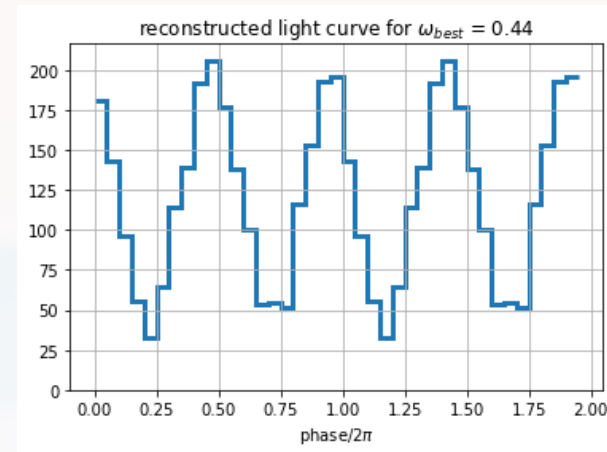






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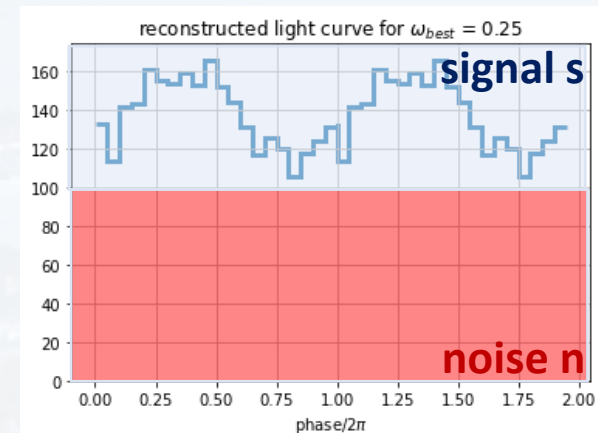
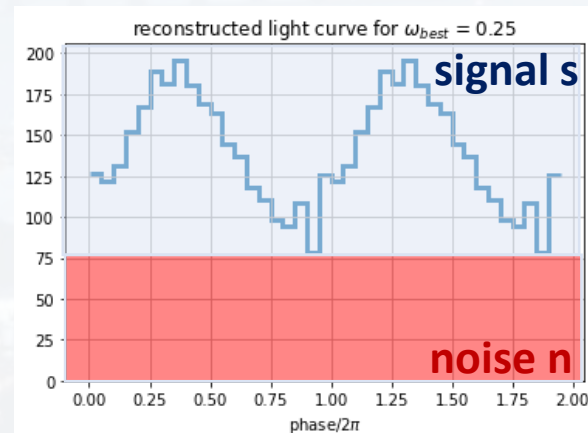
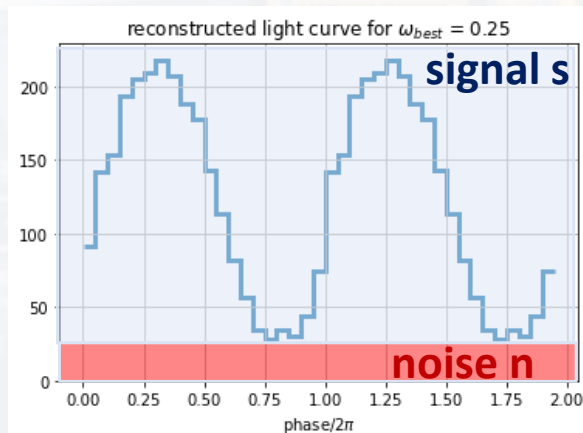
no signal:

- constant rate  $r(t_i) = \text{const}$
- events are evenly distributed over phase bins
- light curve is flat

signal:

- $r(t_i)$  is a function of time
- light curve of any shape

increasing noise level





$$P(M_i|D, I) = \frac{P(D|M_i, I)}{P(D|I)} P(M_i|I)$$

Bayes Theorem

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odds ratio

“Bayes Factor”

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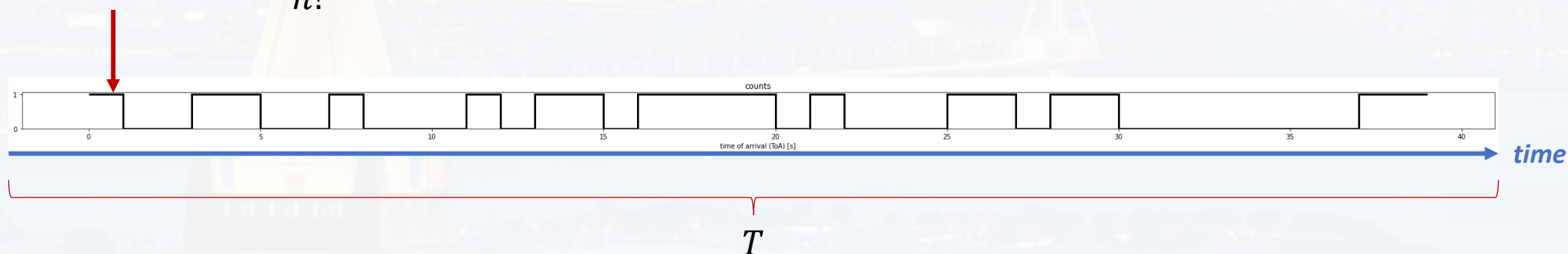
marginalization

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**Poisson distribution**



actual data (ToA)

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**joint likelihood**

$$P(D| r(t), t) = \prod_{i=1}^N r(t_i) \cdot \Delta t e^{-r(t_i) \cdot \Delta t} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^Q e^{-r(t_i) \cdot \Delta t}$$

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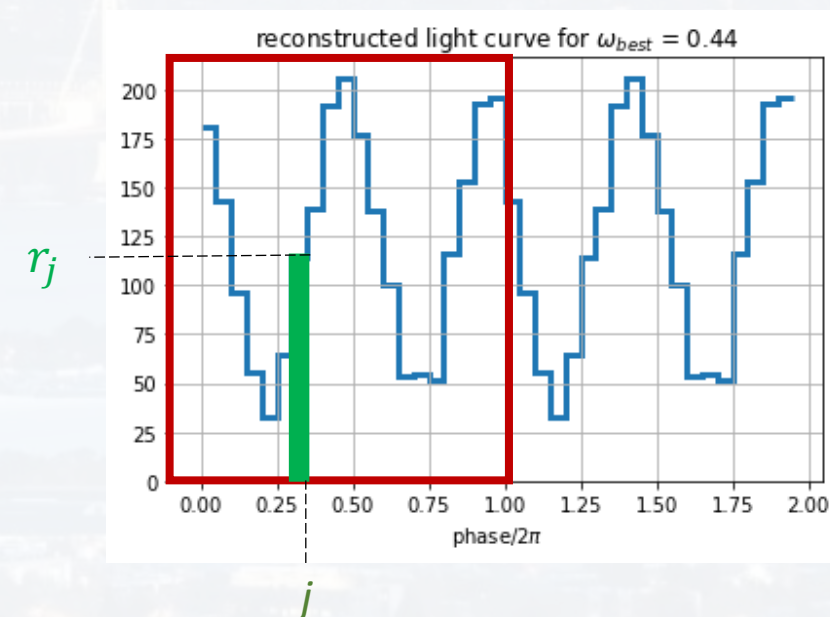
$m$  phase bins:

$r_j$  rate in each phase bin  $j$

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Each light curve of any shape is being fully described by  $f_j$



## any periodic model

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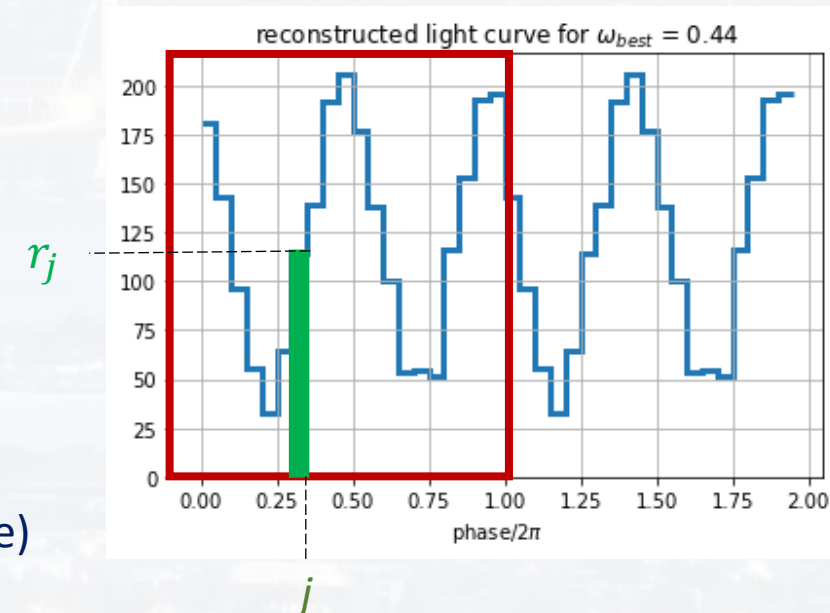
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constant model:  $r_j = \text{const } \forall j$

$\rightarrow r_j = A$

$P(D | r(t), t) = (\Delta t)^N \cdot A^N \cdot e^{-AT}$  **constant model (poiss noise)**

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actual signal

- amplitude
- phase
- frequency
- offset

detection

-  $t_i$

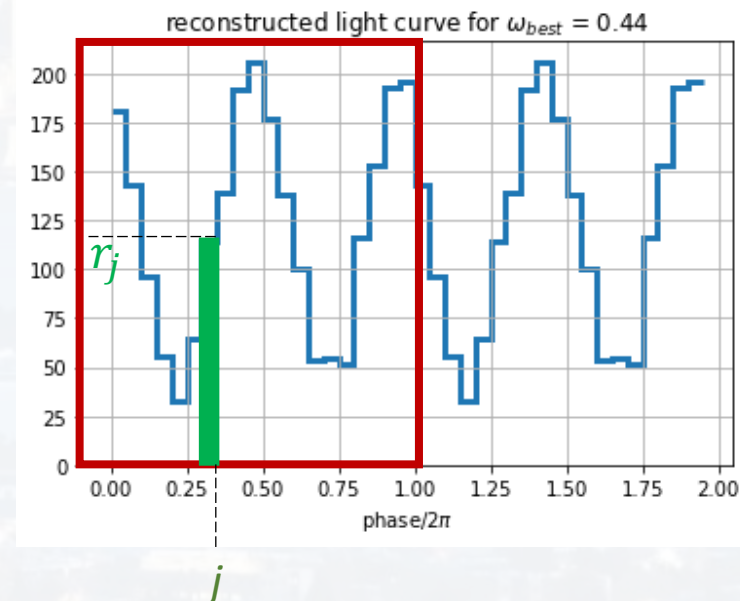
analysis

- phase
- frequency
- $f_j(A, m)$

note:

- we assume a poissonian process
- sampling rate  $\gg r(t)$  throughout the observation
- $r(t)$  does not change within  $\Delta t$
- $T$  is large enough to capture at least  $\approx 10$  periods of the signal
- $m$  is large: we capture finer details of light curve, but increase fluctuations within the bins and vice verse

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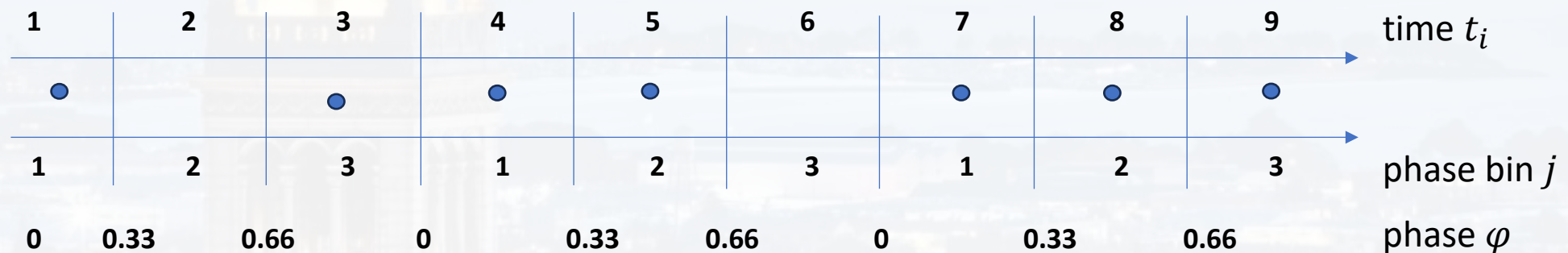
**any periodic model:**

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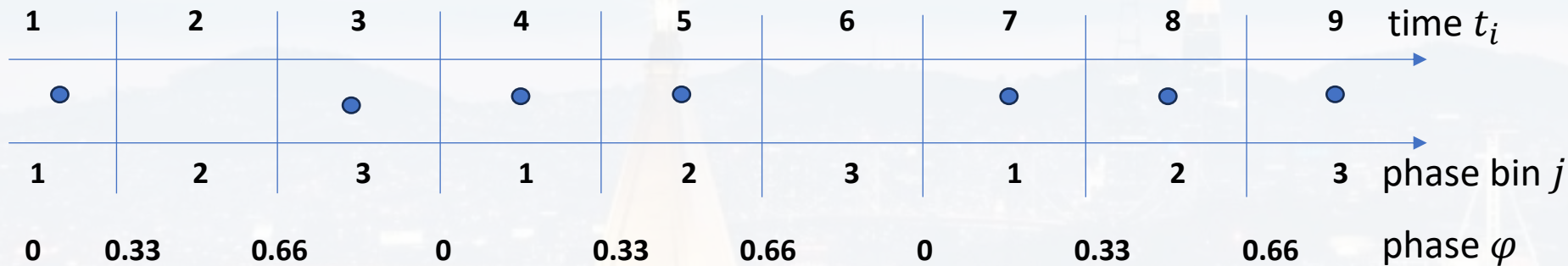




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$$f_1 = 3/7$$

$$f_2 = 2/7$$

$$f_3 = 2/7$$

for  $T \gg 1/\omega$  these will be average values

$n_j = n_j(\omega, \varphi)$ : number of events that fall into phase bin  $j$  (here  $n_1 = 3, n_2 = 3$  etc)

$$\prod_{i=1}^N r(t_i) = \prod_{i=1}^N A m f_{j(t_i)} = (A m)^N f_1 f_3 f_1 f_2 f_1 f_2 f_3 = (A m)^N \prod_{j=1}^m f_j^{n_j}$$

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$$r_j = \text{events/time} = n_j / \tau_j$$

$$\tau_j: \text{total time integrated per phase bin } j \quad \tau_j \approx \frac{T}{m}$$

$$\int_0^T r(t) dt = \sum_{i=1}^{Q+N} r(t_i) \cdot \Delta t = \sum_{i=1}^{Q+N} A m f_{j(t_i)} \Delta t$$

$$= A m \sum_{i=1}^{Q+N} (f_1 + f_3 + f_1 + f_2 + f_1 + f_2 + f_3) \Delta t = A m \sum_{j=1}^m f_j n_j \Delta t = A m \sum_{j=1}^m f_j \tau_j$$

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**any periodic model:**

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**note:** - for  $T \gg 1/\omega$  and  $\tau_j \approx \frac{T}{m}$  on can show that

$$P(D|\omega, \varphi, A, f, M_m) \approx (\Delta t)^N \cdot (A m)^N \left( \prod_{j=1}^m f_j^{n_j(\omega, \varphi)} \right) \exp(-A T)$$

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$$P(\omega, \varphi, A, f|M_i) = P(\omega|M_i)P(\varphi|M_i)P(A|M_i)P(f|M_i)$$

max entropy:  $P(\omega|M_i) = \frac{1}{\omega \ln(\omega_{max}/\omega_{min})}$        $\omega_{max} = \frac{2\pi N}{T}$        $\omega_{min} = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

$$P(\varphi|M_i) = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

$$P(A|M_i) = \frac{1}{A_{max}}$$

$$P(f|M_i) = (m-1)! \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j \right)$$

$r(t)$	: rate
$\Delta t$	: time resolution
$T$	: obs. time span
$D$	: data set
$N$	: number of intervals with $n=1$
$r_j$	: rate in each phase bin $j$
$A$	: average rate
$m$	: number of phase bins
$f_j$	: fraction of total rate in $j$
$f$	: full set of $f_j$
$M_1$	: constant model
$M_m$	: periodic model $m$ bins
$\omega$	: frequency
$\varphi$	: phase

in practice:  $\omega_{min} = 10 \frac{2\pi}{T}$

delta function  $\delta$ ,  
see also page 155



a few notes on pulsar timing:

- rotating dipole  $\rightarrow$  spin down  $\dot{\omega} \approx -const \omega^n$



$$\varphi(t) = \omega (t - t_0) + \frac{1}{2} \dot{\omega} (t - t_0)^2$$

fitting  $\dot{\omega}$  such that phases are consistent: phase coherent timing



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$$P(D|M_i) = \int P(D|\{\alpha\}_i M_i) P(\{\alpha\}_i | M_i) d\Omega_{\{\alpha\}_i}$$

for  $T \gg 1/\omega$  and  $\tau_j \approx \frac{T}{m}$ :

$$P(D|M_m) \approx \frac{1}{A_{max}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{(m-1)!}{\ln\left(\frac{\omega_{max}}{\omega_{min}}\right)} \int \frac{1}{\omega} (\Delta t)^N \cdot (A m)^N \left( \prod_{j=1}^m f_j^{n_j(\omega, \varphi)} \delta\left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j\right) \right) e^{-AT} d\omega df dA d\varphi$$

we need (estimation of frequency):

$$P(\omega|D, M_m) = P(\omega|M_m) \frac{P(D|\omega, M_m)}{P(D|M_m)} = \frac{1}{\omega \ln(\omega_{max}/\omega_{min})} \frac{P(D|\omega, M_m)}{P(D|M_m)}$$

$$P(D|\omega, M_m) = \frac{\Delta t^N (m-1)!}{2\pi A_{max}} \int (A m)^N \left( \prod_{j=1}^m f_j^{n_j(\omega, \varphi)} \delta\left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j\right) \right) e^{-AT} df dA d\varphi$$

note: we can also marginalize over  $m$ , if we are **not interested in the shape** of the light curve



$$P(D|\omega, M_m) = \frac{\Delta t^N (m-1)!}{2\pi A_{max}} \int (A m)^N \left( \prod_{j=1}^m f_j^{n_j(\omega, \varphi)} \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j \right) \right) e^{-AT} df dA d\varphi$$

$$P(D|\omega, M_m) = \frac{\Delta t^N (m-1)!}{2\pi A_{max}} \underbrace{\int (A m)^N e^{-AT} dA}_{\Gamma(a, b)} \int \prod_{j=1}^m f_j^{n_j(\omega, \varphi)} \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j \right) df d\varphi$$

$$\Gamma(a, b) = \int_a^b y^{a-1} e^{-y} dy$$

$$\int (A m)^N e^{-AT} dA = \Gamma(N+1, A_{max} T) \frac{1}{T^{N+1}}$$

$$\int \prod_{j=1}^m f_j^{n_j(\omega, \varphi)} \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j \right) df d\varphi \quad \text{generalized } \beta \text{ integral with constrain } \sum_{j=1}^m f_j = 1$$

$$\int \prod_{j=1}^m f_j^{n_j(\omega, \varphi)} \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^m f_j \right) df d\varphi = \frac{m^N}{(N+m-1)!} \int_0^{2\pi} \prod_{j=1}^m n_j(\omega, \varphi)! d\varphi$$



$$P(D|\omega, M_m) = \frac{\Delta t^N (m-1)!}{2\pi A_{\max}} \Gamma(N+1, A_{\max} T) \frac{1}{T^{N+1}} \frac{m^N}{(N+m-1)!} \int_0^{2\pi} \prod_{j=1}^m n_j(\omega, \varphi)! d\varphi$$

$$P(D|\omega, M_m) = \frac{\Delta t^N (m-1)!}{2\pi A_{\max}} \Gamma(N+1, A_{\max} T) \frac{1}{T^{N+1}} \frac{m^N}{(N+m-1)!} N! \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{N!} \prod_{j=1}^m n_j(\omega, \varphi)! d\varphi$$

$$\text{multiplicity: } \Omega_m(\omega, \varphi) = \frac{N!}{\prod_{j=1}^m n_j(\omega, \varphi)!}$$

$$P(D|\omega, M_m) = \frac{\Delta t^N (m-1)!}{2\pi A_{\max}} \Gamma(N+1, A_{\max} T) \frac{1}{T^{N+1}} \frac{m^N}{(N+m-1)!} N! \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{\Omega_m(\omega, \varphi)} d\varphi$$

**“Occam Factors”** penalize complex models  
(large values for number of bins  $m$ )





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we still need  $P(D|M_m)$ , but it is the same steps as for  $P(D|\omega, M_m)$  just with a  $\int \frac{d\omega}{\omega}$  term

finally:

$$\text{using: } \Omega_m(\omega, \varphi) = \frac{N!}{\prod_{j=1}^m n_j(\omega, \varphi)!} \quad P(\omega|D, M_m) = \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{1}{\int \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \frac{d\varphi}{\Omega_m(\omega, \varphi)}} \int \frac{d\varphi}{\Omega_m(\omega, \varphi)}$$

- note:**
- the multiplicity  $\Omega_m$  of the binned ToA contains all the information about  $\omega$  (and  $\varphi$ )
  - neither  $A_{max}$  nor  $\ln\left(\frac{\omega_{max}}{\omega_{min}}\right)$  appear in the above equation  $\rightarrow$  rel. insensitive to these priors
  - more complex models (large  $m$ ) are penalized (more detail: paper, Sect. 5.2)



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python package BayesianSignalDetect.py

```
from BayesianSignalDetect import *
```

a *decorator* that measures runtime of a function

*function* creates a test dataset for illustration

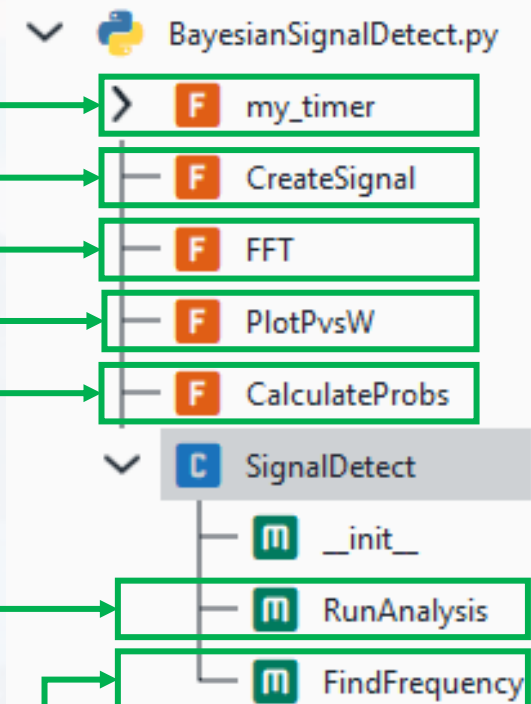
FFT for comparison

plot routine for *periodogram*

calculates  $P(D|\omega, \varphi, A, m)$

calls *CalculateProbs* and calculates  $P(D|M_i)$

calls main part of the code – runs *RunAnalysis* on multiple cpus in parallel





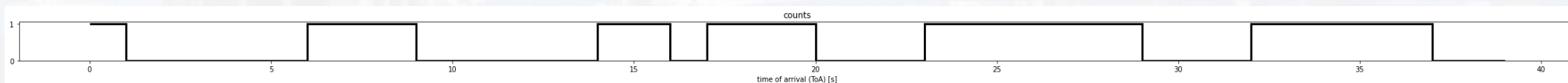
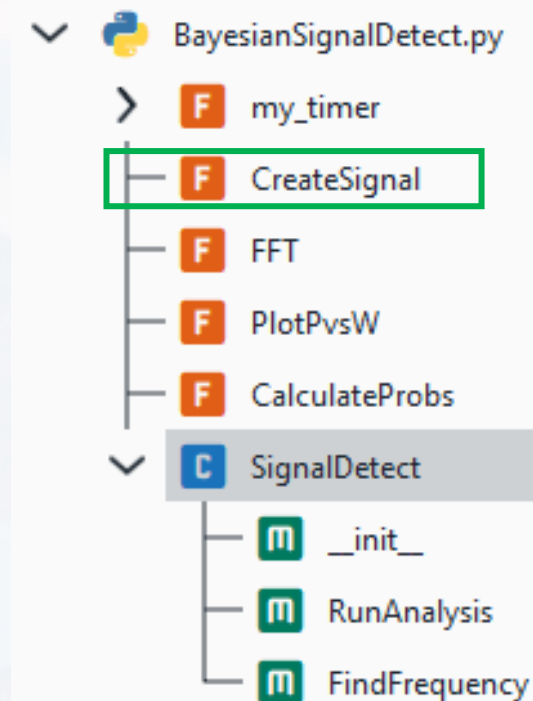
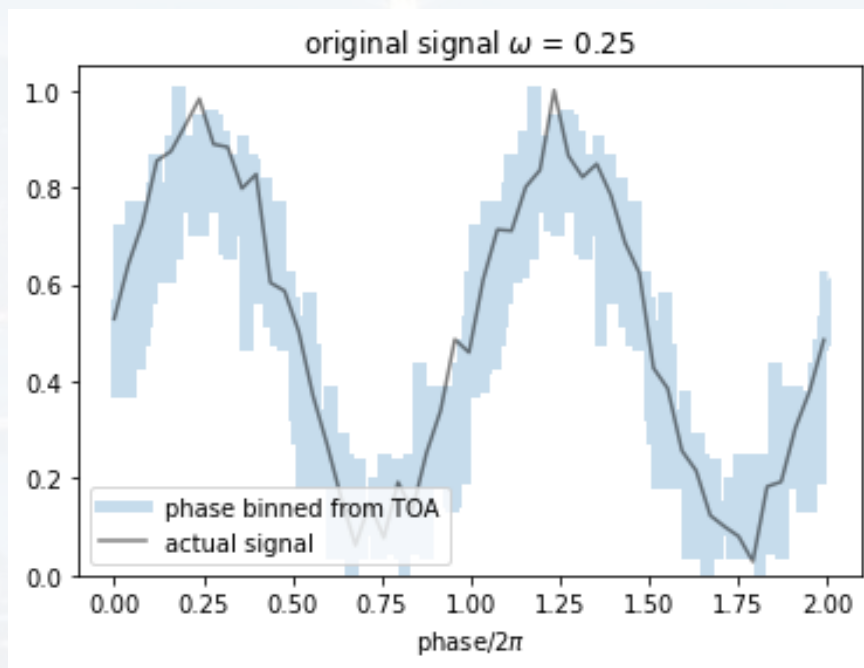


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```
T = CreateSignal(5000, 0.25, 0.1)
```

$N + Q$



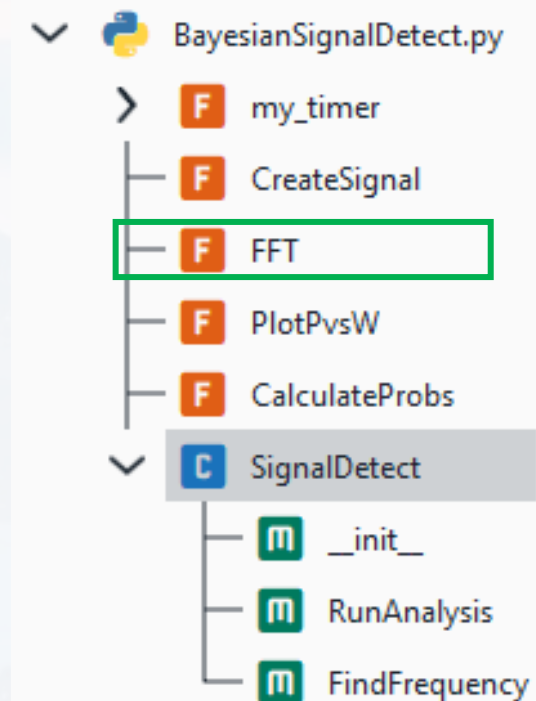
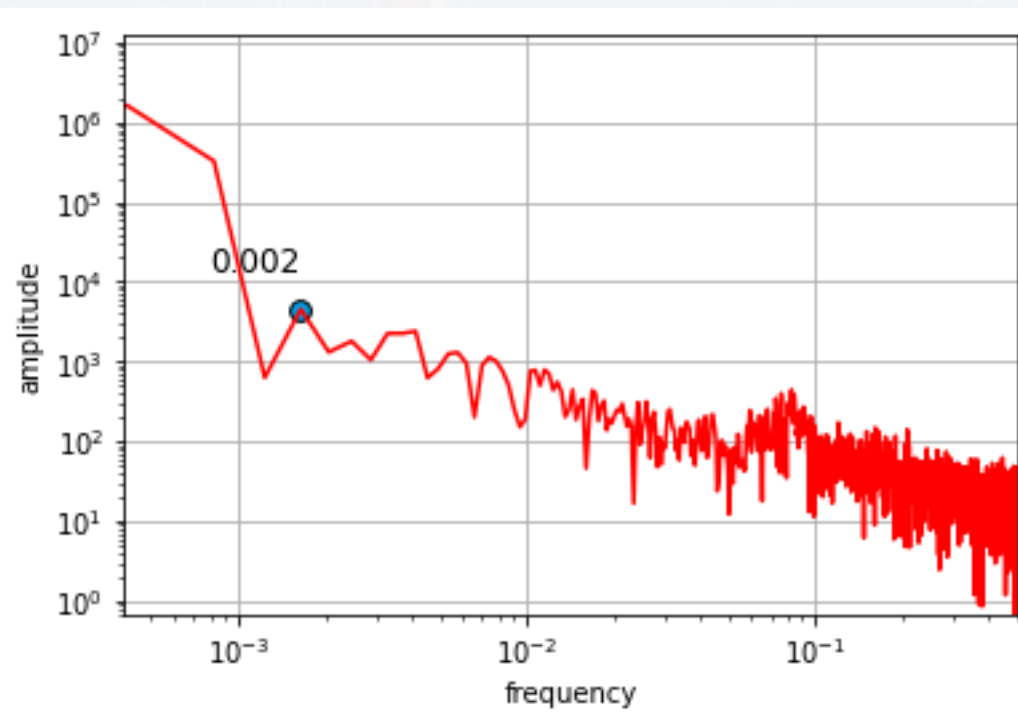


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```
T = CreateSignal(5000, 0.25, 0.1)
```

```
FFT(T)
```



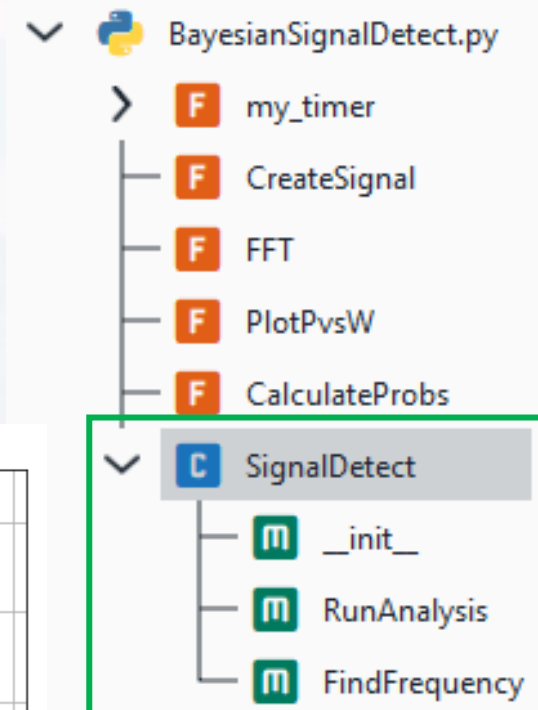
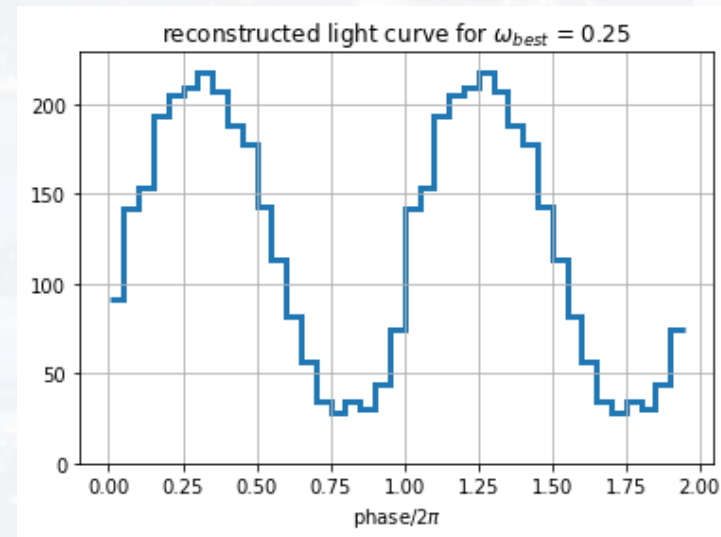
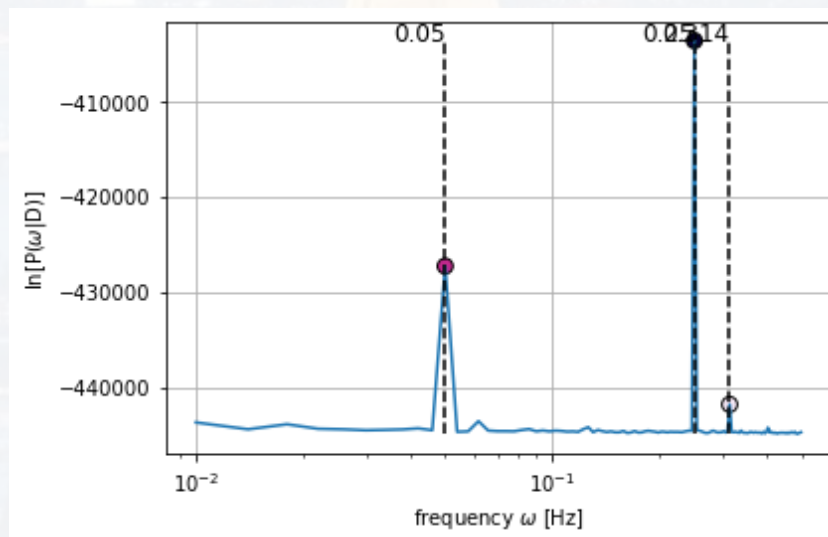


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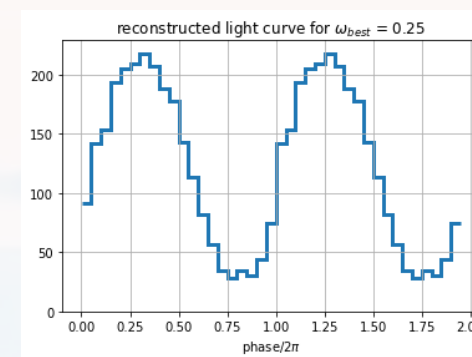
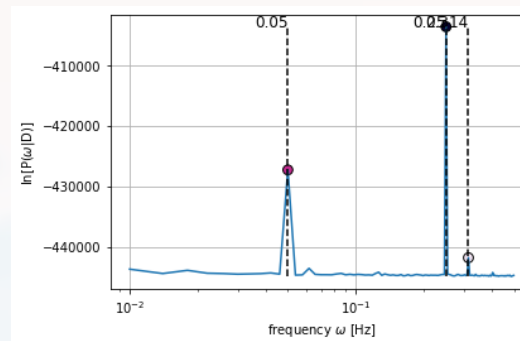
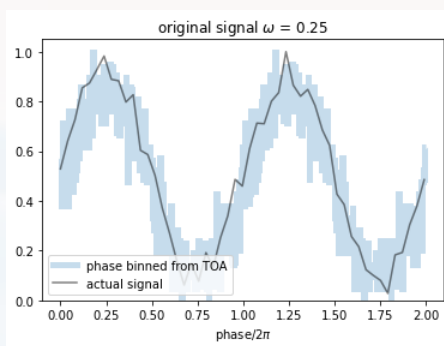
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S = SignalDetect(T, w_end = 0.5, w_start = 0.01)  
[Omega, P] = S.FindFrequency()
```



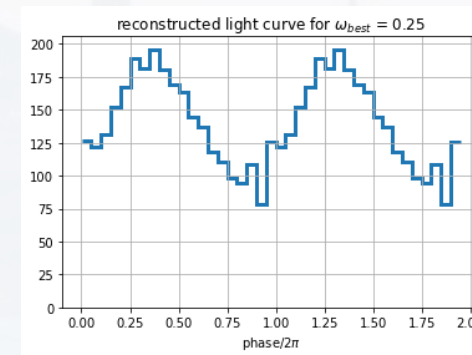
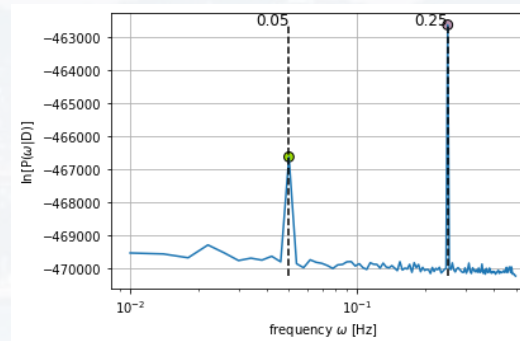
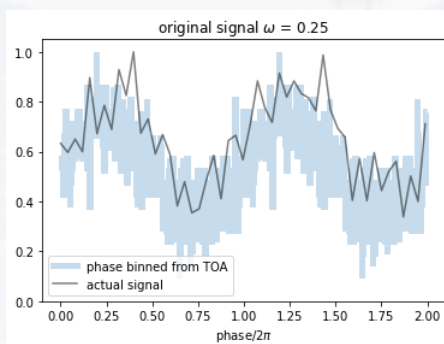




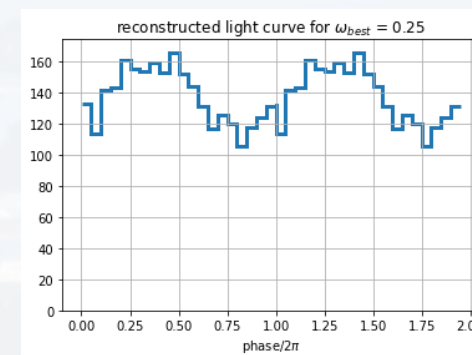
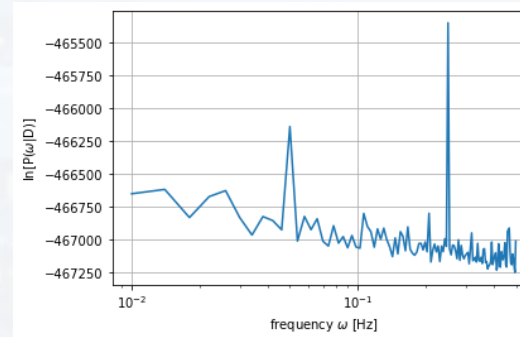
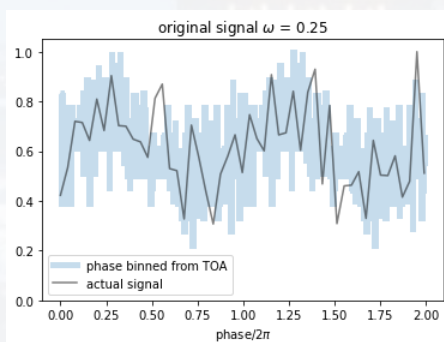
`T = CreateSignal(5000, 0.25, 0.1)`



`T = CreateSignal(5000, 0.25, 0.5)`



`T = CreateSignal(5000, 0.25, 1)`



Thank you very much for your attention!

