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## Abstract

Glitches are a frequent occurrence with LIGO data, on the order of 10 an hour, and represent unwanted noise when searching for gravitational wave signals. Due to their similarity to IMBH merger events, they represent an obstacle to any search that deals with higher mass black holes. With a viable model of these glitch events, a full search could more easily distinguish IMBH mergers from short duration glitches. The glitch model created for this report was found to be accurate when searching against LIGO data using traditional matched filtering, and showed high similarity to events identified using the omicron scan, despite the difference in methods for detection. This glitch model was shown to not hinder a search for IMBH's, as merger templates for GW190521 still responded more strongly than the glitch model, showing it's safety in respect to true mergers. As such, this could pose a viable model for an extended search across a much larger swathe of LIGO data, with higher mass resolutions providing a logical improvement.

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# 1 Introduction

Note: A Github Repository containing the search code and other relevant data can be found [here](#) [9].

## 1.1 The Intermediate Mass Black Hole Problem

Since their inception a century ago, we have found a multitude of black holes spanning the very small, to the monstrously large. At the lowest range are stellar black holes, remnants of the largest stars whose mass is less than  $10^2 M_\odot$ . In contrast are the supermassive black holes, whose mass is sufficient to dominate the evolution of galaxies, and are thought to reside with their cores. Within this continuous range of known compact objects is an odd discontinuity; black holes whose mass ranges from  $10^2 - 10^5 M_\odot$ .

While a handful of candidates for these intermediate mass black holes (IMBH's) have been found, only a single one has ever been confirmed. This object, GW190521 [1], was found on the 19<sup>th</sup> of may 2019 following a detection trigger in multiple detectors, which was thought to result from the merger of two large stellar mass black holes. This merger event, characterised by a short duration and low peak frequency, sits squarely within the area that LIGO is most sensitive to, raising questions as to their observed scarcity.

As the largest stars reach the end of their lives, temperatures and pressures within their cores are sufficient for pair creation to play a dominant role in stellar evolution. As stars support themselves against gravitational collapse by way of radiation pressure, a portion of these photons becoming particle-antiparticle pairs destabilises the previously established equilibrium [6].

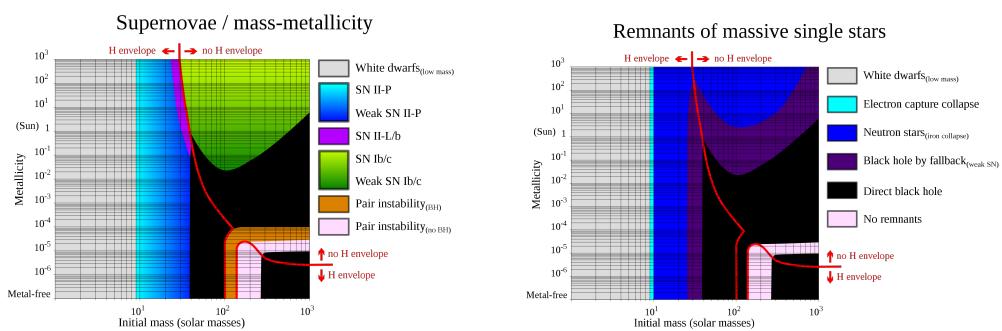


Figure 1: Supernovae types, and remnant object, given initial star mass and metallicity. credit: [3] [4]

For stars between  $100$  and  $130M_{\odot}$  this results in several pulsations, where increased pair production causes the star to contract, raising core fusion rate until a new equilibrium is established, with several solar mass of material ejected from the outermost layers of the star in the process. This continues until the star falls below the required limit for pair production, and evolves further as a regular (albeit massive) star.

Stars within the  $130$  and  $250M_{\odot}$  boundary experience a much more energetic suite of pair production events due to their increased pressures. While smaller stars can eventually reach a new equilibrium after the initial pair production, these stars experience a runaway feedback loop. Overpressure in the star is sufficient to completely consume the core as a seconds-long thermonuclear explosion, blowing apart the star in a highly destructive and energetic pair-instability supernova [6]. We can see this in figure 1 as a blank area in the two graphs.

Further massive stars, those above  $250M_{\odot}$  undergo photodisintegration before pair-production can completely consume the star. Photodisintegration is an endothermic (energy absorbing) process whereby a nucleus absorbs a gamma ray, enters an excited state, and immediately deexcites by emitting one or more subatomic particles. This prevents thermonuclear runaway, as distinct fusion processes require specific atomic isotopes, and the star eventually collapses completely in on itself to form a massive black hole [5]. While this is the expected evolutionary path of a star this massive, very few, if any, of these stars besides the very first in the universe are expected to have formed.

From this, we expect that intermediate mass black holes form only through gravitational mergers, though a secondary problem arises: Supermassive black holes. If our model of bottom up formation is correct, SMBH's form through mergers of massive seed black holes, either typical IMBH's or direct collapse black holes [8]. Given the high population of both SMBH's and stellar mass black holes, we should expect to see many remnants within the IMBH range.

## 1.2 Glitch Events

Within any arbitrary segment of gravitational strain data are glitch events. Glitches are, broadly speaking, short duration non-Gaussian wave-forms with similar spectral properties to actual merger events, though without an astro-

physical source, and an almost unlimited loudness. These occur frequently, on the order of ten an hour, and are independent between detectors, with a rare chance that two detectors may see a chance overlap of independent glitches.

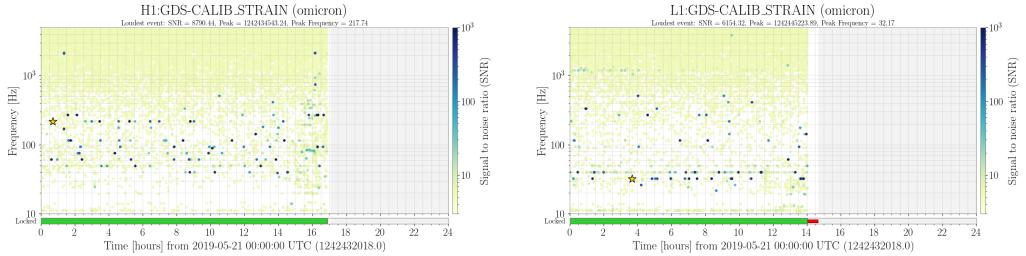


Figure 2: Omicron scan of the Hanford and Livingston detectors, demonstrating the frequency of glitch events

Over years of LIGO observation, we have seen an entire zoo [7] of glitches. To trim what would otherwise be a broad topic, the particular glitches that share features with the blip (**B**and **L**imited **I**m**Pulse) glitches will be the main focus of this paper, with an example shown in figure 3. This figure shows a specific class of time-frequency diagram called the “QTransform” which shows the energy content of each frequency in the detector strain changes over time.**

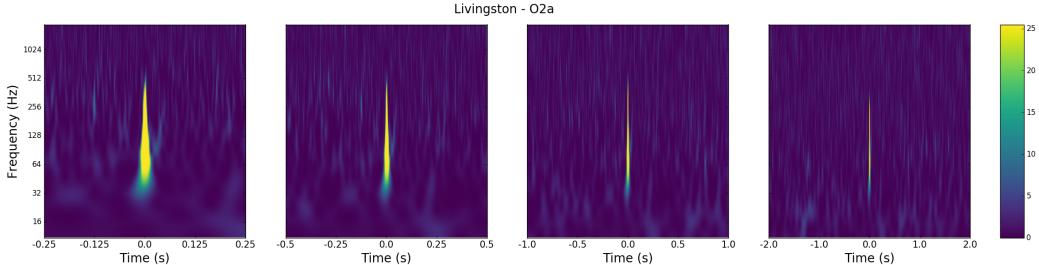
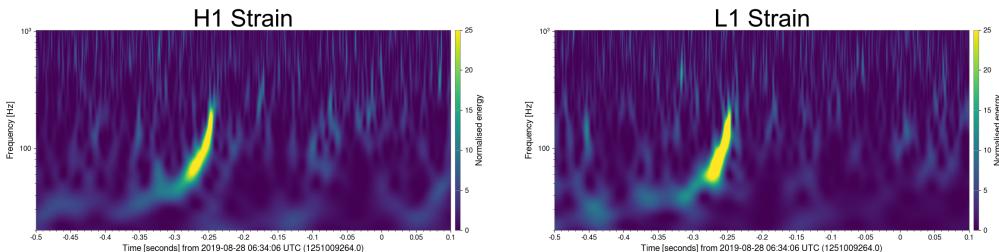


Figure 3: Sample Glitch event in the Livingston Detector. The colour scale is the normalised energy for this time range

From this plot we can see how short a duration blip glitches are compared to mergers, significantly less than a tenth of a second for this specific glitch. As it will be important later, we can also see that this glitch occurs between the 16 and 1024Hz range, with a greater proportion of the glitch occurring at the lower end of this frequency range.

To further visually distinguish glitches from mergers, figure 4 shows the spectral plot of a merger event. Note how this event is asymmetric, unlike

Figure 4: Spectral plot for  $GW190828_063405$ 

the blip glitch in figure 3, due to the characteristic chirp of a gravitational in spiral.

While the majority of glitches can be easy to dismiss, as they have Signal-to-Noise ratios in the hundreds to thousands, it is the quietest that present the largest problem. Those that have Signal-to-Noise ratios (SNR's) on the same scale as true mergers, between 10 and 30, have near identical properties to IMBH events.

Due to their similarity with short duration mergers, there exists the potential that the curious deficit of IMBH merger events could be due to incorrect labelling as glitches. This report will progress toward a search for glitch-like IMBH mergers that may help to place limits on the number of known high-mass events.

### 1.3 Moving forward

In order to further filter out glitch events, especially those quieter ones that mimic IMBH mergers, it would be best to create a template model that accurately represents these glitch events. Particularly, it should have near identical physical characteristics, and should respond to signal processing in much the same way as the ones encountered within LIGO data.

With an appropriate model created, a search through LIGO data using the same methods that have found gravitational mergers should be able to locate glitch events. Running this search against data that contains both known glitch and merger events should be an excellent test of theory, and allow any fine tuning to more accurately determine the nature of each detection event.

Finally, by comparing and contrasting each of these searches between mul-

tiple detector data, we should be able to determine if any glitches (or mergers) are true glitch events, or misconstrued IMBH mergers. Extending this search further into unknown data should also allow the potential discovery of new IMBH events, and potentially a better understanding into how to accurately model and remove these glitch events.

To do this, the Python PyCBC package will be used inside a Jupyter notebook running on an external LIGO server. This should expose all required LIGO data and computational power to completely achieve the goals laid out above.

## 2 Theory

### 2.1 Constructing a Glitch

Before attempting to construct a glitch template, it is prudent to list the known properties of glitches found within LIGO data:

- Merger similarity:

Glitches respond very similarly to mergers when matched filtering for merger templates. They also exhibit similar spectral properties to known merger events, as touched on in section 1.2.

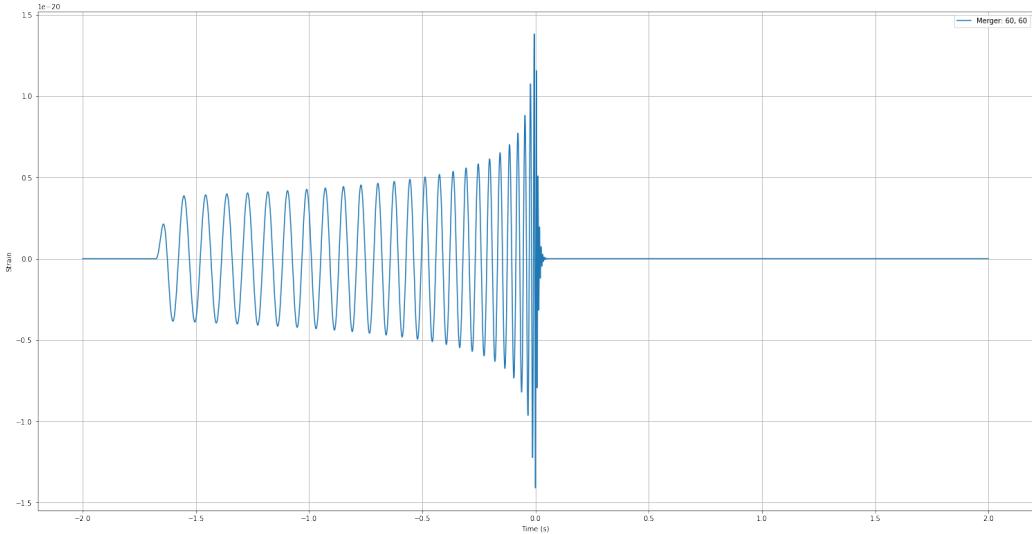
- Duration:

Glitches are very short duration, typically on the order of tenths of a second. The specific glitches this paper focuses on, blip glitches, are time-symmetric, unlike merger events that tend to have an initial chirp.

- Loudness:

Glitches can vary from near-undetectable, to completely overwhelming, with an almost continuous distribution between the two. Any given glitch can have any given loudness, with no obvious relation.

In order to address the first point and ensure our glitch template has similar spectral features and properties to a merger event, we will first start with a merger template as shown in figure 5. While this does give us the

Figure 5: Merger between two  $60M_{\odot}$  black holes

characteristic spectrum we desire, with most of the energy contained in lower frequencies, this does come with the side-effect of introducing the characteristic merger chirp into our template.

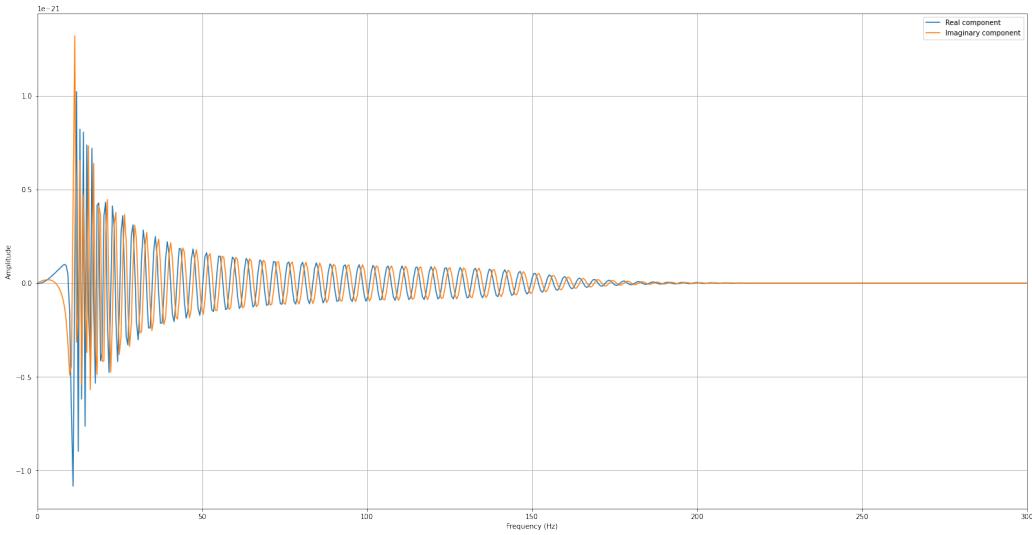


Figure 6: Fourier transform of the merger

As there are very few things that can be done here without removing required information, The template will then be converted to a frequency series by way of Fourier transform as shown in figure 6. This representation encodes each frequency of a waveform as a complex number, where the ar-

gument is the phase of each frequency, and the magnitude is its amplitude. This representation thus allows us to address the second point above.

### Standard form

$$z = a + bj \quad (1)$$

$$a = \operatorname{Re}(z) \quad (2)$$

$$b = \operatorname{Im}(z) \quad (3)$$

### Polar form

$$z = r(\cos(\theta) + j \sin(\theta)) = re^{j\pi\theta} \quad (4)$$

$$r = \operatorname{mod}(z) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \quad (5)$$

$$\theta = \arg(z) = \arctan\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \quad (6)$$

One way of representing short duration is to say that all frequency information is in phase. As the phases of each individual sinusoidal become aligned, so too does their central peaks, causing constructive interference around the centre and destructive interference elsewhere. As we know that phase information for each frequency is the argument of each complex number, a useful next step would be setting this to zero without affecting the modulus (and subsequently amplitude) for each frequency.

From 6, we can see an easy way of achieving this is setting  $b$ , or the imaginary part, to zero. To retain the amplitude information, 5 Shows that  $r^2 = a^2 + b^2$ , and so  $a$ , or the real part, must be set to the modulus. This is, conveniently enough, what the `numpy.abs()` function does, the output of such shown in figure 7.

Finally, using an Inverse Fourier transform to return to the time domain, we should see that our template now occurs almost exclusively at  $t = 0$ , as shown in figure 8. As the Inverse Fourier Transform expects a sequence of complex numbers, care should be taken to avoid completely removing the imaginary part in the step above. As `numpy.abs()` automatically does this, the glitch frequency series had to be recast using `numpy.astype("complex-128")`, which converts each number to a complex double floating point value (in essence, appending  $0j$  to what would otherwise be a sequence of reals).

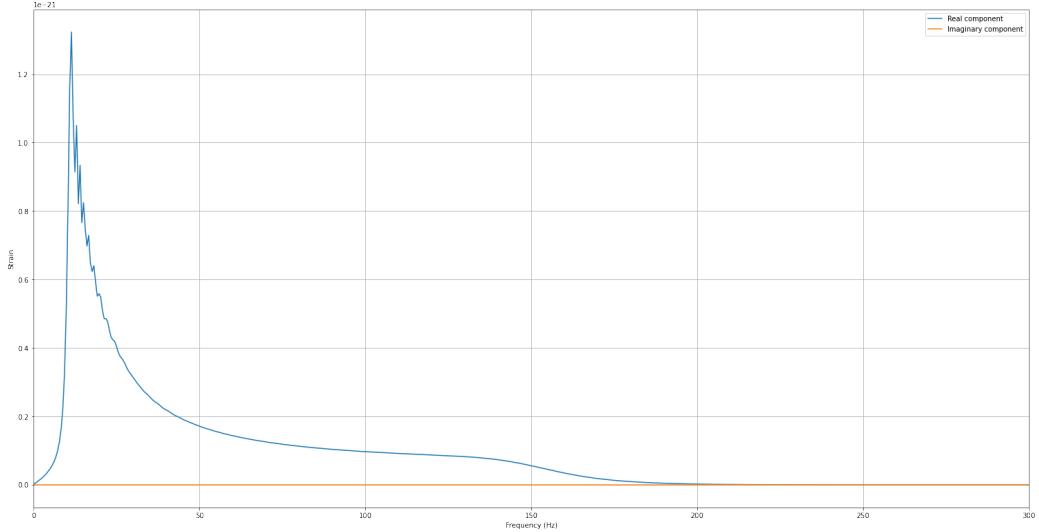


Figure 7: All phase information removed

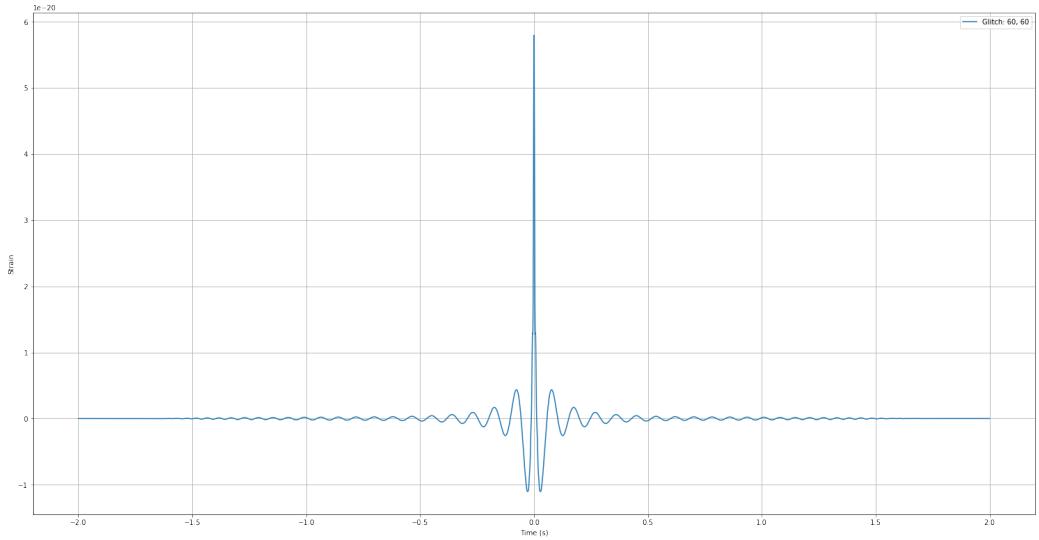


Figure 8: Inverse Fourier transformed into the time domain

There is an animation of the merger to glitch conversion hosted [here](#) as part of this project's Github Repository [9].

To assess how similar our glitch model and merger model are, we will use the PyCBC.filter.match() function to compute their similarity. This function takes two templates and yields two numbers,  $\epsilon$  and  $\phi$ .  $\epsilon$  is a measure between 0 and 1 of their correlation, where 0 is completely dissimilar and 1 is completely identical, and  $\phi$  is the time offset between the two signals

required to obtain the match. As we are only concerned with how correlated the two signals are at this stage, we can discard  $\phi$ .

To see how the similarity, or  $\epsilon$ , between glitch and merger varies as a function of mass, we can create a bank of template mergers between two equal mass black holes across a range of masses, and a bank of glitches from those same mergers. While it would not be difficult to use unequal mass templates (such as a glitch formed from a  $30M_\odot$ - $50M_\odot$  merger), the equal mass templates are more than appropriate for our needs. Figure 9 shows the result of this operation, where the glitches and templates were generated with symmetric masses between  $10$  and  $300M_\odot$ . The z axis, which shows  $\epsilon$ , is also represented proportionally with a colour scale.

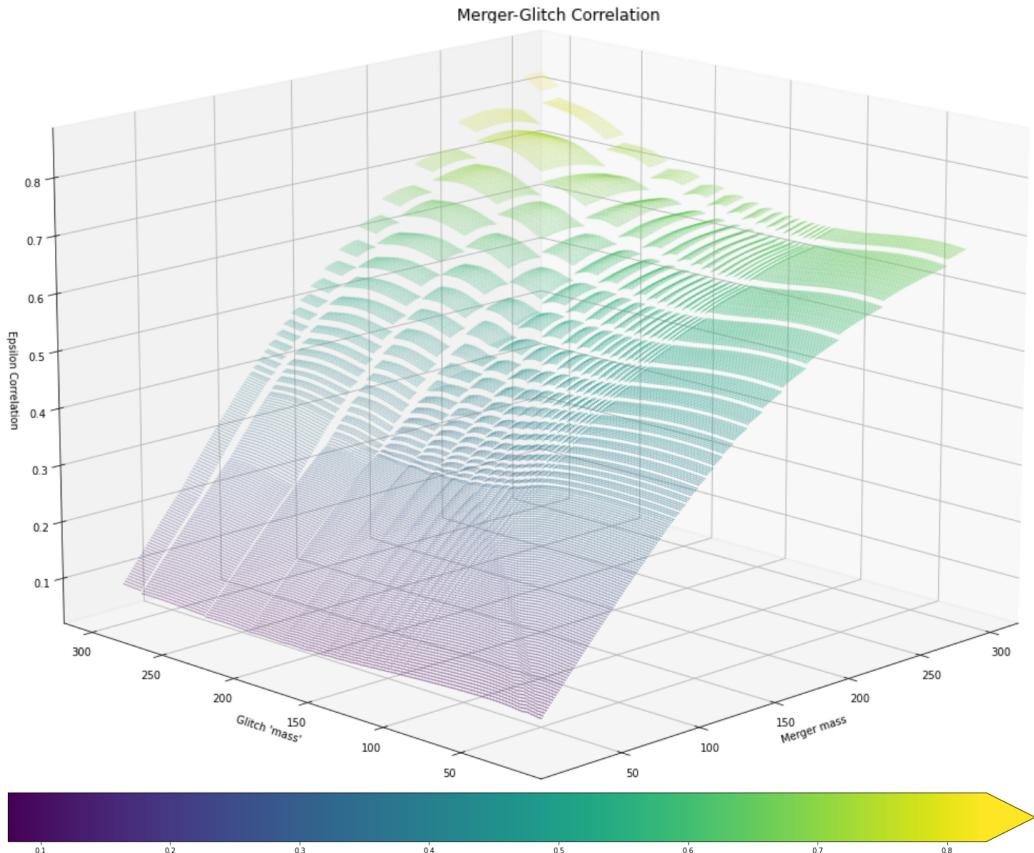


Figure 9: Epsilon correlation ( $\epsilon$ ) between a bank of Glitches and Mergers

We can see that, for low mass merger events, the value of  $\epsilon$  does not vary strongly as the mass of each glitch increases. This also shows that low mass mergers do not look particularly like glitch events, as  $\epsilon$  does not rise above

0.2 until the symmetric merger mass is above  $50M_{\odot}$ , which is already more massive than all mergers observed except GW190521 [1].

The short discontinuities in the graph is an artefact of the computation required to calculate  $\epsilon$ . The likely culprit is the frequency cutoff chosen when generating the templates, for this particular computation, only information above 10Hz was retained. This would explain why the graph is continuous at low masses, as these mergers contain a lot of information in the 100-300Hz area, while discontinuous at High masses, which occur mostly within the 1-30 Hz regime and thus are missing some of their frequency information.

## 2.2 Matched filtering

Matched filtering [2] is the main method by which the bulk of this search is performed. This tool is particularly powerful for identifying a known signal within data that contains Gaussian noise, as it is *mathematically provable* [find source maybe?] to be the optimum linear filter. As such, it underpins a lot of work in RADAR and similar subsystems, as they too require filtering known data from noise. The two deceptively simple equations that describe it's working are given below:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} \int \frac{d(f)h^*(f)}{S(f)} df \quad (7)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \int \frac{h(f)h^*(f)}{S(f)} df \quad (8)$$

The output of the matched filter function is the signal-to-noise (SNR) ratio for a given template  $h$  against data  $d$ , represented by  $\rho$  in equation 7. The  $\sigma$  term given is the auto-correlation of the template, and is used to normalise the SNR output.

We can see in equation 8 that we multiply the template with its complex conjugate. This operation yields the amplitude squared of the template, with the imaginary portion collapsing to zero, an operation which can be demonstrated with little effort.

$$z = a + bj \quad (9)$$

$$z^* = a - bj \quad (10)$$

$$zz^* = (a + bj)(a - bj) \quad (11)$$

$$zz^* = a^2 - abj + abj - b^2 j^2 \quad (12)$$

$$zz^* = a^2 + b^2 = \text{mod}(z)^2 \quad (13)$$

Having obtained the amplitude squared of the template, we divide through by the spectral density of the data. This has the effect of reducing any frequency values in the template that are not present in the data, which if integrated over all frequencies gives the correlation of the template and itself squared.

We then perform a very similar operation with the data and template, using the conjugate of the template as we've already computed it. This causes shared frequency content between the data and template to be retained prominently, while those that aren't shared are diminished. The following division by the spectral density of data evens out regular frequencies found, resulting in spikes for each frequency proportional to the strength of those frequencies present in the template.

By integrating over all frequencies, the relative correlation of the template and data at that point is returned, proportional to the amount of the template in the data. Dividing this by the auto-correlation of the template normalises the filter, such that  $\rho = 1$  is equal noise and template content, and any values above that represent a louder template signal found.

A side effect of this operation is that  $\rho = 1$  is also one standard deviation of noise, as noise is Gaussian in nature, and so the value of  $\rho$  is identical to the standard deviation of the probability of the template occurring in the data by random noise fluctuation; that is, a template with SNR 8.9 has a  $1 - \text{erf}(\frac{8.9}{\sqrt{2}}) = 5.58467 * 10^{-17}\%$  chance of being due to random noise fluctuations.

This method of matched filtering with our glitch model stands in contrast to the typical tools used, most prominently the omicron scan, as seen in figure 2. Omicron scanning is agnostic to data context, quite unlike matched filtering with it's specified template searching.

Omicron scanning operates on a wavelet-like basis, whereby the entire data is whitened, and individual tiles formed from the data are overlaid on top of each-other. These tiles vary between large in frequency domain and small in

time, and vice versa, and combine to give an overview of the spectral content of a segment of data. Where multiple of these tiles overlap, the data has deviated from a standard Gaussian, and the spectral shape of this event is shown [11].

It should be useful then, moving forward, to compare the results seen in omicron scans with those found by glitch matched filter searches. While they may not provide identical results, it should still pose as a secondary affirmation of found events.

## 3 Methodology

### 3.1 *The Search*

Now that we have a model to generate glitch events, and a handle of the methods that we can use to search for them, we can combine the two into a set of python scripts to perform a full search.

#### 3.1.1 *Data collection*

To first begin, the data to perform a search on needed to be obtained. Initial testing when developing the code function used an hour long segment at GPS time 1244473218 (2019-06-13, 15:00), while the full search documented in the results used a 3 hour long segment starting at GPS time 1242442818 (2019-05-21, 03:00).

Data was collected from both Hanford and Livingston detectors, though could easily be extended to include Virgo and others. To ease computational time, the data was down-sampled from its native  $16384Hz$  sampling time to  $4096Hz$ . This data was then separated into smaller chunks of length  $512s$  with  $32s$  padding either side. As the matched filter requires the template and data to be of equal length, this was a happy medium between reducing the number of matched filters that needed to be computed, and reducing the length of the templates (and subsequently their memory usage). To complete the requirements for the matched filter function, the spectral density for each chunk of data was computed, as shown in figure 10.

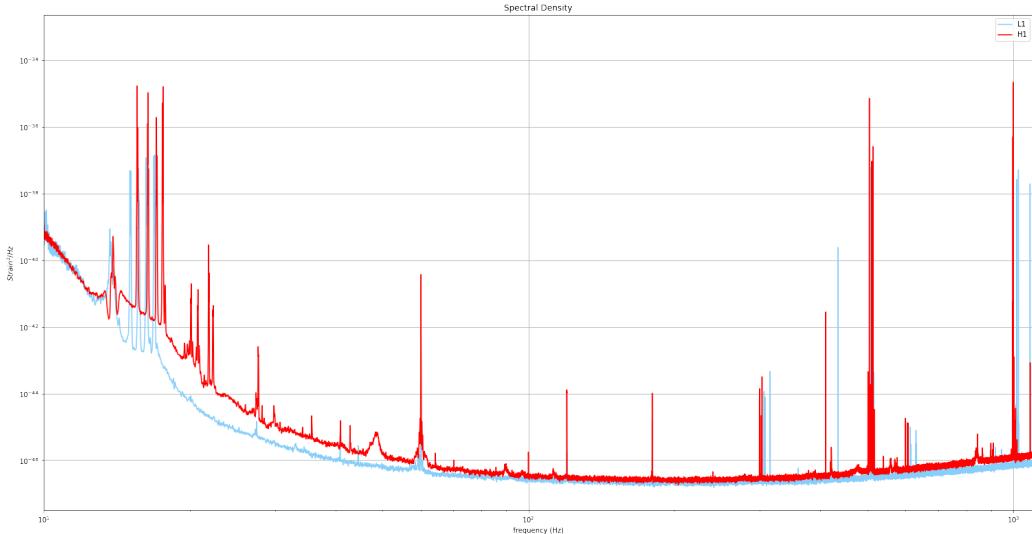


Figure 10: Logarithmic plot of the Spectral density of the two detectors. Note the different characteristic frequencies that occur between the two.

### 3.1.2 Template Generation

Following this, an entire bank of template glitches and mergers needed to be created. While these can be as numerous as desired, the results in this paper were collected by creating equal-mass templates between  $20M_{\odot}$  and  $300M_{\odot}$  in  $10M_{\odot}$  intervals, for a total of 58. While higher mass templates, and a greater mass resolution between them, could have been used, this made for an appropriate middle ground between computational speed and breadth of search. Each of the templates created had a length of 576s ( $512s + 32s$  padding either side) and a sampling rate of 4096Hz to match each data chunk.

It was imperative that the length of each template was specified before performing a cyclic time shift operation. This operation was used to align the peak of each template with  $t = 0$  by wrapping the entire template around its time length. If additional time was appended after this, the wrapped template would be discontinuous at  $t = 0$ , causing filtering errors, as the matched filter process assumes that all data and templates are continuous. This has the effect of a secondary detection echo occurring when computing the SNR, as the wrapped data is partway through the template, rather than neatly at the end of each template. An example of this artefact is shown here in figure 11, where a secondary peak is detected after a time proportional to the duration of the initial template.

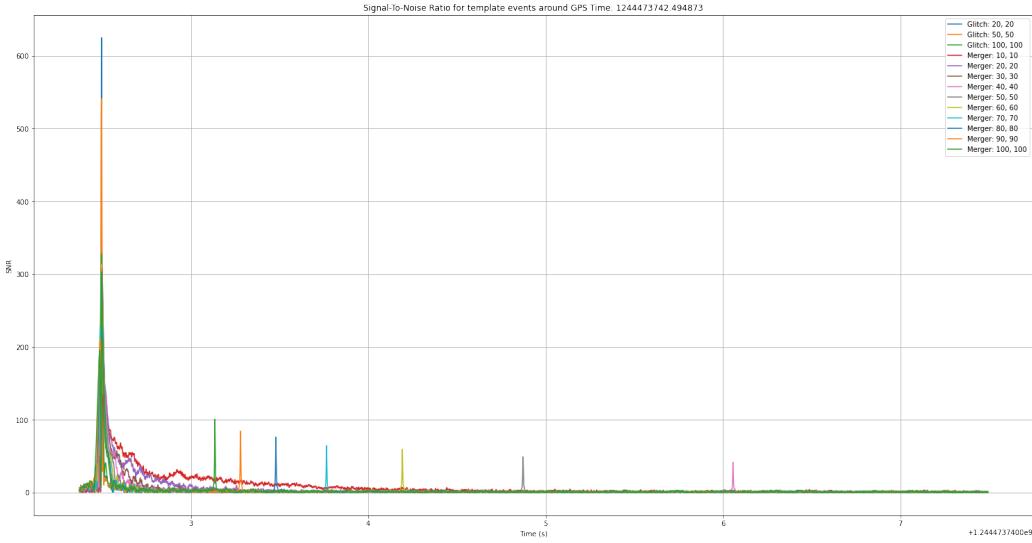


Figure 11: Secondary SNR echo due to incorrect template shifting and resizing. The secondary detection peaks can be seen to occur after the primary.

### 3.1.3 Signal Processing

For each 576s chunk of data, the Signal-to-Noise ratio was computed for each of the template events. As this would have taken a long time to do in series a multiprocessing pool [10] was utilised instead, with each of the 8 workers given a template at a time. While more workers could have been used, this would have slightly increased the overhead per worker, and would have consumed more resources on the shared server.

With 928 SNR segments of length 576s found, all of the points where the SNR dropped below a signal threshold were discarded, so that only significant peaks remained. A typical SNR of 8 is chosen for LIGO searches, but as the standard deviation for Gaussian noise is  $\pm 1$ , an event that would have had a raw SNR of 8 could feasibly register as 7 with noise included, hence SNR 7 was the cutoff for this search.

For each of the peaks found for a given template, all peaks within a certain time threshold were compared, such that only the loudest within a 5s boundary was reported. This eliminates echoing artefacts, and is significantly under the expected detection time of a gravitational event. Once each of the most significant peaks for each of the templates is found, they are compiled into an extended array, and our signal processing stages are complete.

### 3.2 Compiling results

#### 3.2.1 Event Detection

With an array of each SNR peaks found within the data, compiling them into a coherent list of probable events is the next, and arguably most important, step. To ensure computational efficiency from this point onward, the peak array is sorted chronologically. This makes the task of determining which templates align much simpler, as any two neighbours greater than  $5s$  apart mark the boundary between one event and the next.

It should be ensured between these two steps that events are sorted when other parts of the search expect them to be, as this could (and did) cause cascading errors in follow up calculations.

By splitting this array into sub-arrays, each containing only coincident SNR peak events (those that occur within a  $5s$  boundary of each other), we can directly compare each template to identify which was responsible for this event. The simplest approach is to assume that the template with the loudest SNR is most likely responsible for this event.

As we have only the coincident templates for each event, we can also show which detector data was triggered for this event. This, coupled with identifying a glitch or merger as the most probable culprit, provides an important step in quickly determining which, if any, event requires further study.

While not directly required, a very useful metric to calculate and show at this stage is  $G/M$  ratio, or the SNR of the loudest glitch for this event divided by the SNR of the loudest merger. This serves as a very quick indication of how “glitchy” an event actually is, with values close to 1 representing a possibility that random noise could have pushed this event one way or the other. Alongside this,  $G - M$  offset, or the time delay between the peak of the loudest glitch and loudest merger, can also be shown, though this is less important for collecting results.

For example, supposing that a 20 glitch and 130 merger had an SNR of 14.5 and 10 respectively, separated by  $0.5s$ . This would be identified as a single  $20M_{\odot}$  glitch, with a  $G/M$  ratio of 1.45. As these individual peaks are separated by more than  $\pm 1$ , we can be reasonably confident in saying this event is a glitch.

Once the above steps have all been completed, it remains only to distribute them across a table, as shown in both extended and summary tables. Then, with all events categorised and laid out logically, any anomalies or objects of further study can be identified.

### 3.2.2 Graphical Output

While the search is technically complete, as the table of results contains any information needed, it does not necessarily aid an understanding of the distribution of events. To that end, every template peak would then be plotted on a graph, with colour representing detector, and shape showing glitch or merger, as shown in the results figure 16.

This graph would thus make coincident template defections obvious, and would also show the approximate glitch frequency in an easy to understand format.

## 4 Results

For the bulk of this section, we will be referring to the table of results returned by the search script that can be found at the end of this document, with exception given to a zoomed in figure comparison below. Secondarily, all quoted SNR's (in table or otherwise) have an implicit error of  $\pm 1$  due to Gaussian noise while error in reported time is assumed to be  $\pm \frac{1}{4096} s$  due to the sampling time. Calculations using these values also have these implicit errors built in. Finally, the results and search script can be found in this project's Github Repo [9].

As demonstrated in the theoretical segment of this paper, the glitch model looks very similar to known glitches, providing a strong incentive that this model would be effective. We also see a clear correlation of these events with those found by the omicron scan, with a few exceptions whose peak frequency was in the kilohertz regime, as seen in figure 12. This is mostly due to our focus on IMBH mergers, whose frequency content lies in the single to tens of Hertz regime.

As listed in our [summarised table of results](#) in section 6.3, we found 61 unique events, of which 59 were initially labelled as glitches. The first event,

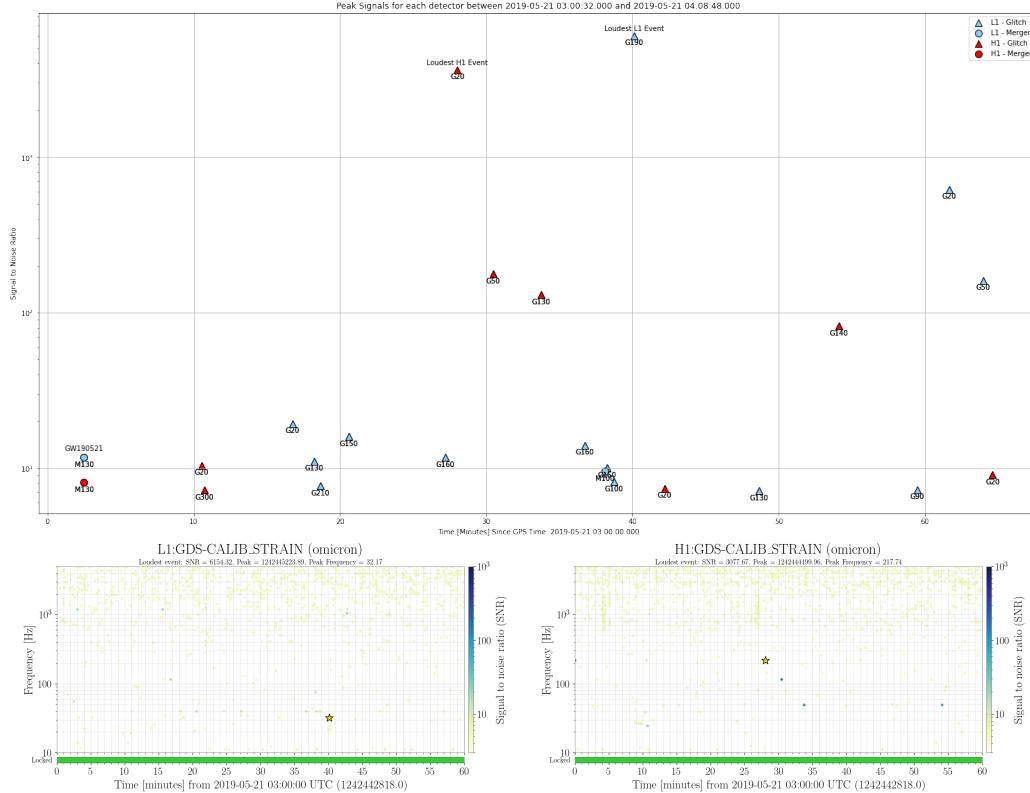


Figure 12: Comparison for one hour of data of Search script output and LIGO omicron scan

GW190521, was correctly identified as a merger, despite using only a few non-specific merger templates as a control for the search. This demonstrates that, while our glitch model is similar to the glitches identified in LIGO, it does not trigger falsely for real mergers.

The second of the two events (event 13) that triggered as a merger took place at 03:38:07, 36 minutes after GW190521, was identified as a  $100M_{\odot}$ - $100M_{\odot}$  merger. While it would be incredibly unlikely to have identified the second ever IMBH merger in history within such a short time of the first, it still warranted a further investigation as part of the search pipeline. This event was triggered only in the L1 data, and with a  $G/M$  ratio of 0.955 and peak SNR of  $9.57 \pm 1$ , hence within the range that Gaussian noise can affect. To that end, it is easily explained as a misidentified glitch in a noisy segment of data.

Event 50 also stood out as an event of interest in our table. This event was identified as a glitch, with peak SNR  $2212.58 \pm 1$  and  $G/M$  1.142 (and thus

well outside the range of Gaussian noise). This would have been nothing of note, if not for the detection trigger in both the L1 and H1 data. By noting its position on the [full table of results](#) (row 2206), we can see that this event has two main parts, one that occurred in Hanford at 05:03:51 with SNR  $\approx 2200$ , and one in Livingston at 05:03:53 with SNR  $\approx 7.4$ . As the disparity between detector SNR was so high, this event is clearly a rare near-coincidental set of two glitches, and reducing the time threshold in the search from  $5\text{s}$  to  $2\text{s}$  would have avoided this issue.

With the results obtained, it seems likely that this glitch model is accurate, despite this report only being a pilot study. With a higher mass resolution and larger bank of glitches (as mentioned previously) a much more refined glitch search could be carried out. A logical secondary step after this would be a search for glitches using this model, removal of those identified glitches, and then a secondary search afterwards on the cleaned data, with a much higher confidence that an event found after is a real merger.

## 5 Conclusion

In conclusion, it has been demonstrated that a glitch model is not only possible, but surprisingly effective. With this, while we may not currently be able to explain what causes glitches, we can definitely model and filter them. Similar to our initial understanding of gravity, we understand how it looks, but not yet what causes it.

Without actively trying to ensure its safety, the glitch model did not misidentify GW190521, only identifying known glitches as glitches. While one glitch was misidentified as a merger, it seems far more useful to generate an occasional false positive, than false negative.

While no additional IMBH mergers have been identified in the limited scope of this paper, it would require only computational time and very minimal effort to extend the search over (potentially) the entirety of the O3 run and beyond, which should provide a definitive answer to the question as to IMBH mergers.

Following this, a larger suite of glitched templates with varying properties could be created and searched for as part of the main LIGO search pipeline. While such a model can be extended to even higher masses, it should be

noted that, from figure 9, we can see that glitches generated via this model and real mergers rapidly converge. By performing a quick calculation, we can note that an  $\epsilon = 0.95$  reached for symmetric masses over 800.

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### 6.3 Results

Summary of Gravitational Signals between 2019/05/21, 03 : 00 and 2019/05/21, 06 : 25, Signal Threshold SNR >= 7.0.						
value unit	Event	Detector	Tempate name	G/M Ratio #	UTC Time ISO string	Signal SNR #
0	Event 1 - Merger	H1, L1	Merger: 130, 130	G/M Ratio: 0.876	2019-05-21 03:02:29.432	11.764142725717386
1	Event 2 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 20, 20		2019-05-21 03:10:32.179	10.41947421949494
2	Event 3 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 300, 300	G/M Ratio: 1.02	2019-05-21 03:10:42.591	7.244996515937195
3	Event 4 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 20, 20	G/M Ratio: 1.726	2019-05-21 03:16:45.594	19.369217359927497
4	Event 5 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 130, 130	G/M Ratio: 1.183	2019-05-21 03:18:14.778	11.088583339387
5	Event 6 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 210, 210		2019-05-21 03:18:39.473	7.712564812912004
6	Event 7 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 150, 150	G/M Ratio: 1.217	2019-05-21 03:20:36.281	15.94708626328262
7	Event 8 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 160, 160	G/M Ratio: 1.078	2019-05-21 03:27:11.357	11.742573709126612
8	Event 9 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 20, 20	G/M Ratio: 1.865	2019-05-21 03:28:01.965	3643.5364462830853
9	Event 10 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 50, 50	G/M Ratio: 1.531	2019-05-21 03:30:28.119	177.76593104528942
10	Event 11 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 130, 130	G/M Ratio: 1.113	2019-05-21 03:33:46.332	130.3740752879017
11	Event 12 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 160, 160	G/M Ratio: 1.151	2019-05-21 03:36:44.967	14.043560529935538
12	Event 13 - Merger	L1	Merger: 100, 100	G/M Ratio: 0.955	2019-05-21 03:38:07.260	9.579593968482643
13	Event 14 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 150, 150	G/M Ratio: 1.215	2019-05-21 03:38:16.167	10.079510582311729
14	Event 15 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 100, 100	G/M Ratio: 1.068	2019-05-21 03:38:44.878	8.2083938974249
15	Event 16 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 190, 190	G/M Ratio: 1.072	2019-05-21 03:40:05.899	6034.256211671037
16	Event 17 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 20, 20		2019-05-21 03:42:11.619	7.435904918918023
17	Event 18 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 130, 130		2019-05-21 03:48:39.914	7.17226848896819
18	Event 19 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 140, 140	G/M Ratio: 1.132	2019-05-21 03:54:07.267	82.26821904587578
19	Event 20 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 90, 90		2019-05-21 03:59:29.786	7.263838439540498
20	Event 21 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 20, 20	G/M Ratio: 2.454	2019-05-21 04:01:40.566	619.4686347884222
21	Event 22 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 50, 50	G/M Ratio: 1.681	2019-05-21 04:03:59.863	161.26635501382947
22	Event 23 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 20, 20		2019-05-21 04:04:38.510	9.0630836994015
23	Event 24 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 290, 290	G/M Ratio: 1.036	2019-05-21 04:13:01.835	318.1359565294674
24	Event 25 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 270, 270	G/M Ratio: 1.062	2019-05-21 04:17:04.964	13.17909676401721
25	Event 26 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 80, 80	G/M Ratio: 1.35	2019-05-21 04:21:32.904	3259.294441092481
26	Event 27 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 30, 30	G/M Ratio: 1.962	2019-05-21 04:34:48.398	53.842667926856066
27	Event 28 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 20, 20	G/M Ratio: 1.995	2019-05-21 04:35:06.503	206.65090363804728
28	Event 29 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 20, 20	G/M Ratio: 2.271	2019-05-21 04:35:50.441	1573.7050412838698
29	Event 30 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 170, 170		2019-05-21 04:36:36.048	7.874631478020997
30	Event 31 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 40, 40	G/M Ratio: 1.112	2019-05-21 04:36:46.098	16.97511849597848
31	Event 32 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 40, 40	G/M Ratio: 1.629	2019-05-21 04:37:10.978	133.94052581842575
32	Event 33 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 50, 50	G/M Ratio: 1.6	2019-05-21 04:40:30.680	211.21825388392318
33	Event 34 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 120, 120	G/M Ratio: 1.095	2019-05-21 04:48:24.261	15.519938214096918
34	Event 35 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 190, 190	G/M Ratio: 1.061	2019-05-21 04:51:13.445	436.52591713201264
35	Event 36 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 20, 20		2019-05-21 04:56:13.202	7.520083716322648
36	Event 37 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 200, 200	G/M Ratio: 1.08	2019-05-21 04:57:07.480	10.22783222719123
37	Event 38 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 140, 140	G/M Ratio: 1.187	2019-05-21 05:01:16.551	9.581785583644624
38	Event 39 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 210, 210	G/M Ratio: 1.062	2019-05-21 05:02:24.835	130.04983793933826
39	Event 40 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 130, 130	G/M Ratio: 1.23	2019-05-21 05:02:50.138	12.776878218748388
40	Event 41 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 40, 40	G/M Ratio: 1.093	2019-05-21 05:08:14.056	124.07857546524777
41	Event 42 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 30, 30	G/M Ratio: 1.17	2019-05-21 05:09:47.383	316.4275708994588
42	Event 43 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 20, 20	G/M Ratio: 2.071	2019-05-21 05:13:11.171	986.7696131410048

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value	Event	Detector	Tempate name	G/M Ratio #	UTC Time ISO string	Signal SNR #
43	Event 44 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 30, 30	G/M Ratio: 1.563	2019-05-21 05:16:18.768	33.11058772120468
44	Event 45 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 130, 130	G/M Ratio: 1.164	2019-05-21 05:16:47.122	9.343690221403033
45	Event 46 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 80, 80	G/M Ratio: 1.248	2019-05-21 05:18:33.077	563.4179658184607
46	Event 47 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 170, 170	G/M Ratio: 1.184	2019-05-21 05:19:13.816	14.724972773504406
47	Event 48 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 120, 120		2019-05-21 05:24:29.668	7.643574052110319
48	Event 49 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 20, 20	G/M Ratio: 1.977	2019-05-21 05:32:42.454	51.49588986991503
49	Event 50 - Glitch	H1, L1	Glitch: 140, 140	G/M Ratio: 1.142	2019-05-21 05:33:51.322	2212.5781367497966
50	Event 51 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 20, 20		2019-05-21 05:36:28.943	8.659741129755359
51	Event 52 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 180, 180		2019-05-21 05:45:17.938	7.508272550763041
52	Event 53 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 140, 140	G/M Ratio: 1.131	2019-05-21 05:47:37.162	10.958745381569596
53	Event 54 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 160, 160	G/M Ratio: 1.141	2019-05-21 05:54:16.771	54.01640288978776
54	Event 55 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 200, 200	G/M Ratio: 1.099	2019-05-21 05:55:21.702	16.706859018369798
55	Event 56 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 240, 240	G/M Ratio: 1.045	2019-05-21 05:58:02.374	607.2484061727234
56	Event 57 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 220, 220	G/M Ratio: 1.048	2019-05-21 06:01:23.991	9.418672590842208
57	Event 58 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 160, 160	G/M Ratio: 1.088	2019-05-21 06:08:40.854	10.662594673750185
58	Event 59 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 90, 90		2019-05-21 06:13:32.956	8.35676072152142
59	Event 60 - Glitch	L1	Glitch: 160, 160	G/M Ratio: 1.157	2019-05-21 06:14:03.177	39.80657219651998
60	Event 61 - Glitch	H1	Glitch: 20, 20	G/M Ratio: 1.283	2019-05-21 06:21:25.875	27.887348369579332

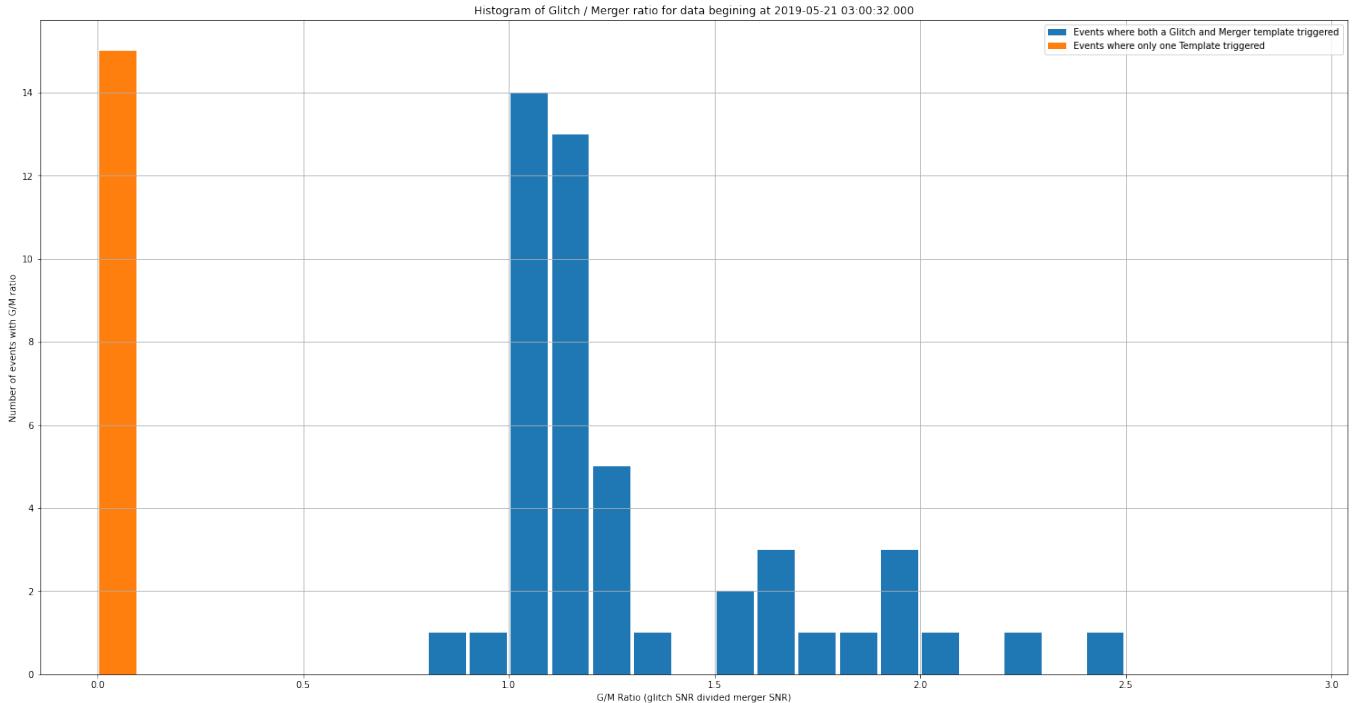


Figure 13: Histogram showing Glitch SNR divided by Merger SNR for each detection event.

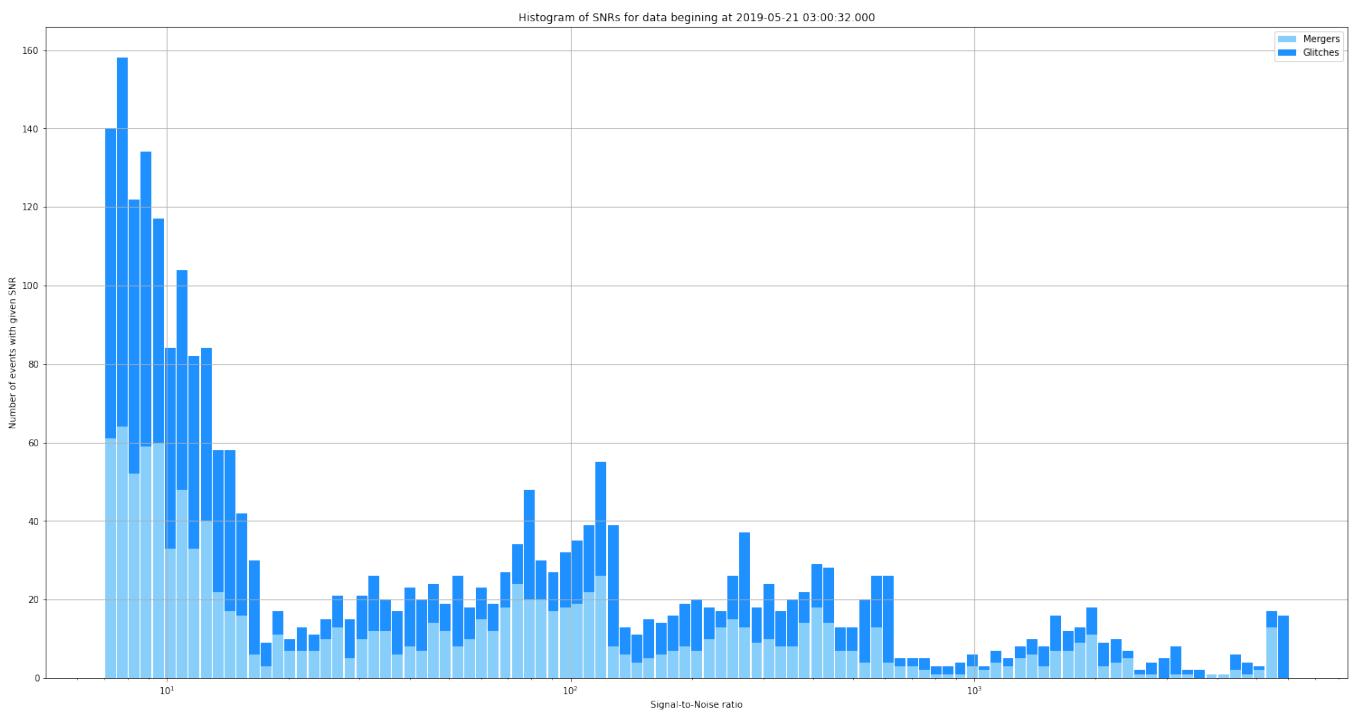


Figure 14: Histogram showing Signal-to-Noise Ratios for every template trigger.

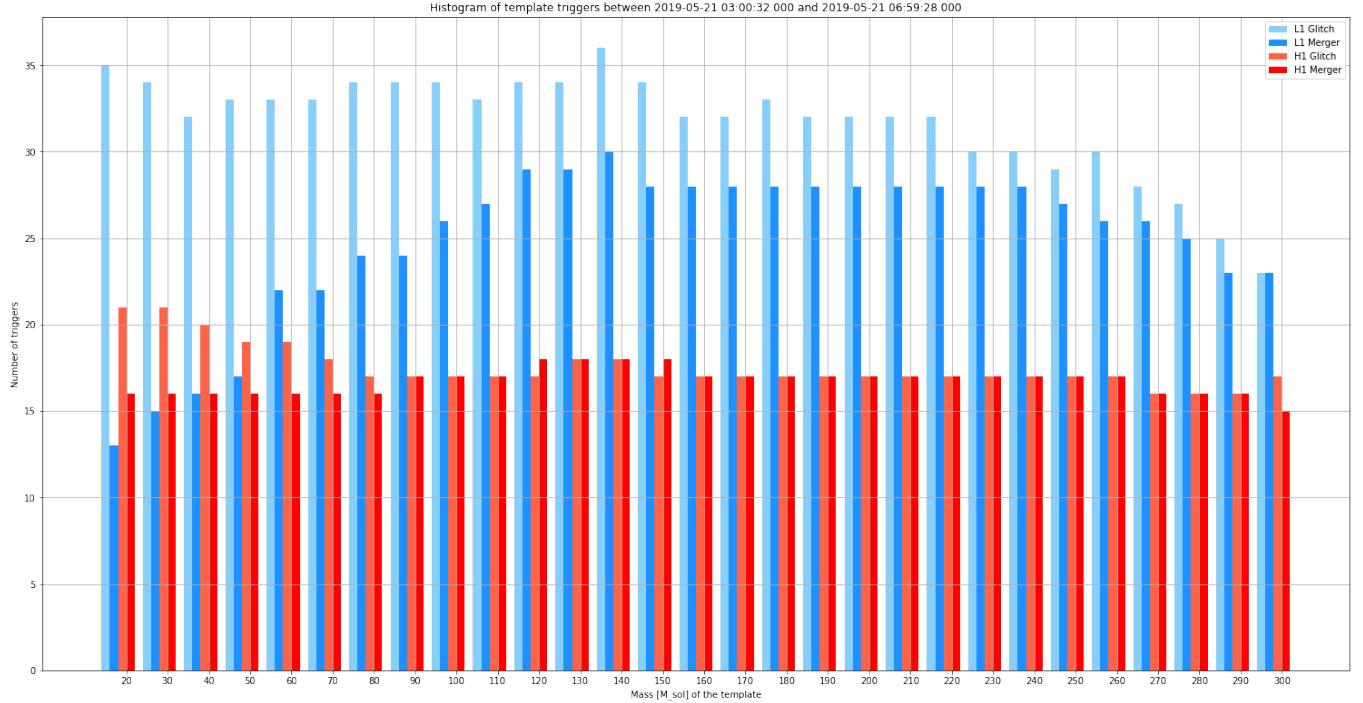


Figure 15: Histogram showing the number of triggers per template.

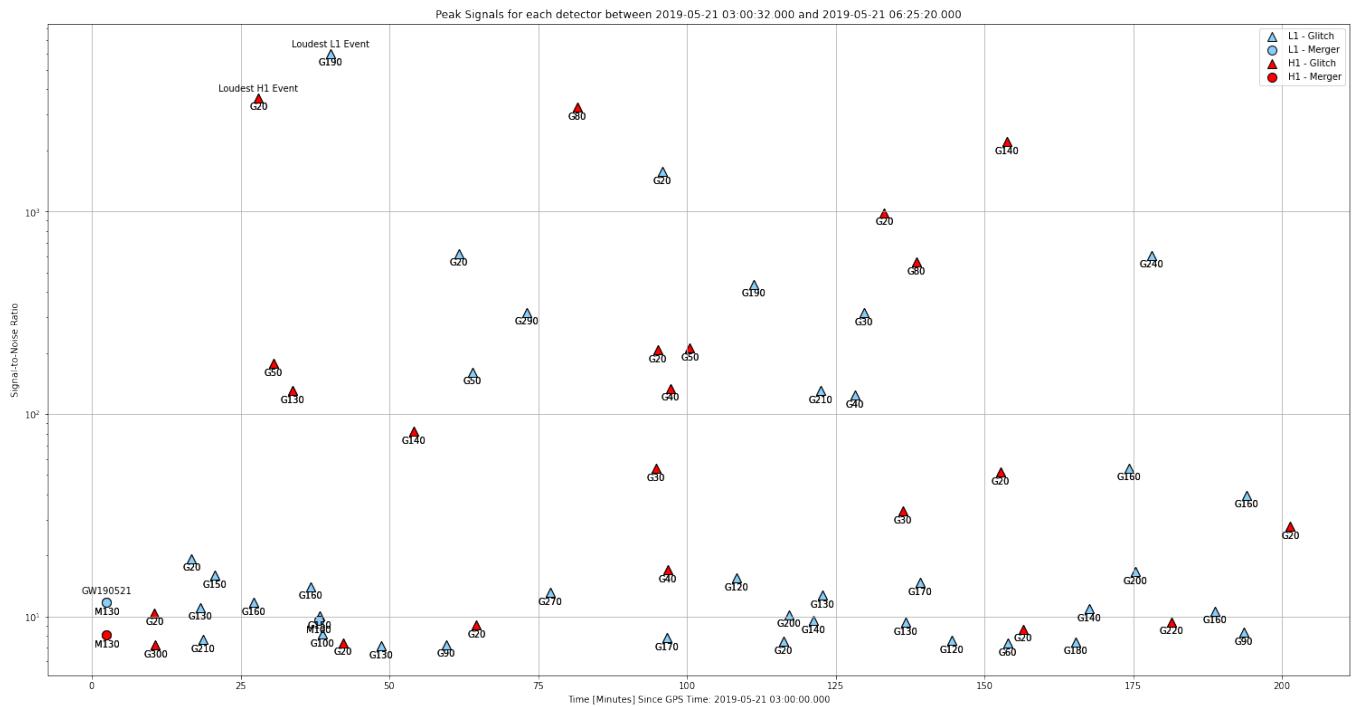


Figure 16: Graphical representation of loudest events triggered for each detector, separated by glitch, merger and detector.

## 6.4 Search Program

### 6.4.1 External Functions

```

1 #import the pycbc specific modules
2 from pycbc.filter import resample_to_delta_t, matchedfilter,
   matched_filter
3 from pycbc.psd import interpolate, inverse_spectrum_truncation
4 from pycbc.waveform import taper_timeseries, get_td_waveform
5 from pycbc import types, frame
6
7 #Import all of the general modules we require
8 from timeit import timeit, default_timer
9 from multiprocessing import Pool
10 from astropy.time import Time
11 import pandas as pd
12 import numpy as np
13 import pylab
14
15 #set the environment variable
16 %env LIGO_DATAFIND_SERVER=ldr.ldas.cit:80
17
18 #Define the class that will handle parallel computing
19 class ParrallelJobHandler():
20     #initialisation
21     def __init__(self, processes = 8):
22         #define the number of pool workers this will use
23         self.processes = processes
24
25     #execute a function with an array of inputs in parallel
26     def runJob(self, function, *inputs, unpack=False):
27         funcname = function.__name__
28         print()
29         #ensure that nested inputs are adequately dealt with
30         inputs = expandArray(*inputs, unpack=unpack)
31         #create a counter to show how many processes are
            remaining
32         numleft, maxnum = 0, 0
33         #create the pool
34         with Pool(self.processes) as p:
35             #split the inputs among the workers
36             r = p.starmap_async(function, inputs)
37             #check the job is still running
38             while not r.ready():
39                 #check if a job has been completed
40                 if (numleft != r._number_left):
41                     #update our counter
42                     numleft = r._number_left

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43             maxnum = max(maxnum, numleft)
44             #show a nice display to the user
45             showProgress(funcname, maxnum - numleft,
46                           maxnum)
46             showProgress(funcname, maxnum, maxnum, overwrite=False)
47             #store the results of the job internally
48             self.lastResult = r.get()
49             #return the results
50             return self.lastResult
51
52             #execute a parallel job, and report the time taken
53             def timedJob(self, function, *inputs, unpack=False):
54                 #create the timeit, and execute
55                 t = timeit(lambda: self.runJob(function, *inputs, unpack
56                               =unpack), number = 1)
56                 #once complete, show the runtime
57                 print("--{}`completed`in {:.2f}s".format(function.
58                               __name__, t))
58                 #and return the output of the job
59                 return self.lastResult
60
61             #execute a single function and report the time taken
62             def timedFunc(self, function, *inputs):
63                 def execute(self, function, *inputs):
64                     self.lastResult = function(*inputs)
65                     #create the timeit, and execute
66                     t = timeit(lambda: execute(self, function, *inputs),
67                               number = 1)
67                     #once complete, show the runtime
68                     print("--{}`completed`in {:.2f}s".format(function.
69                               __name__, t))
69                     #and return the output of the job
70                     return self.lastResult
71
72             #function that takes a tuple of inputs, and returns an array of
73             unique combinations of the inputs
73             def expandArray(*inputs, useLCM=True, unpack=False):
74                 #compute the number of unique values we need based on the
75                 lengths of all lists in the inputs
75                 b = [1, 1] + list([len(x) for x in inputs if isinstance(x, (
76                               tuple, list))]
76                 #compute the total combinations using product or LCM
77                 if useLCM:
78                     b = int(np.lcm.reduce(b))
79                 else:
80                     b = int(np.product(b))
81
82             #create a new array formed of the inputs
83             mixed = np.array([[y[x%len(y)] if isinstance(y, (tuple, list)

```

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    )) else y for y in inputs] for x in range(b)], dtype="object")
84 #if the array contained additional tuples that need to be
     unpacked, this will handle them
85 mixed = np.array([[z for y in x for z in (y if isinstance(y,
     (list, tuple)) else (y,))] for x in mixed], dtype="object")
86 #try to return the sorted array
87 try:
88     #sort the array by column
89     sort = mixed[np.lexsort(np.transpose(mixed)[:, :-1]) :]
90 #else just return the mixed
91 except:
92     sort = mixed
93 return [tuple(x) for x in sort]
94
95 #Function to print a nice loading sequence
96 def showProgress(operation, current, total, length=100,
   overwrite=True):
97     #ensure the inputs are valid
98     if total:
99         #convert to a fraction
100        progress = max(0, float(current / total))
101        #setup the text to print
102        done = int(round(progress * length))
103        todo = length - done
104        text = "—" * done + "\t[" + ":".ljust(1) % .format(operation, "#"
105        done + "-" * todo, progress * 100)
106        #check if we have reached the end of the bar
107        if overwrite:
108            #print the text as is
109            print(text, end="\r")
110        else:
111            #otherwise print the text without the return
               sequence
112            print(text)
113
114 #ensure that data provided is in a plottable format
115 def toPlottable(data):
116     #ensure the data is in a dictionary format
117     if not isinstance(data, dict):
118         #check if the data is nested timeseries
119         if isinstance(data[0], (types.FrequencySeries, types.
           TimeSeries)):
120             #try to fetch plotname from meta data
121             try:
122                 return dict([(x.plotName, x) for x in data])
123             #otherwise, give a default name
124             except:

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124             return dict([( "Waveform" , x) for x in data])
125 #if the data is not
126 else:
127     #try and fetch it's plotname
128     try:
129         return {data.plotName: data}
130     except:
131         return {"waveform": data}
132 #return the nicely formatted data
133 return data
134
135 def subPlot(data, title="" , xlab="" , ylab="" , xlim=None, ylim=
136 None, sharex=True, sharey=True, figsize=(10,10),
137             grid=True, asLogLog=False, asQTransform=True,
138             notePeak=False, savePlotName="" , maxplots=1000):
139     #ensure the data provided is acceptable
140     data = toPlottable(data)
141     maxplots = min(maxplots, len(data))
142
143     #fetch the figure and axes
144     fig = pylab.figure(figsize=[figsize[0], maxplots*figsize[1]])
145     gs = fig.add_gridspec(maxplots, hspace=0)
146     axes = gs.subplots(sharex=sharex, sharey=sharey)
147
148     #iterate through the dictionary
149     y = 0
150     for x in data:
151         #check if we have a frequency series
152         if isinstance(data[x], types.FrequencySeries):
153             xplot = data[x].sample_frequencies
154             #apply the xlabel if not done so already
155             if not xlab:
156                 xlab = "Frequency_(Hz)"
157             #else check for timeseries
158             elif isinstance(data[x], types.TimeSeries):
159                 xplot = data[x].sample_times
160                 if not xlab:
161                     xlab = "Time_(s)"
162
163             #check if we are plotting as a Log-Log graph
164             if asLogLog:
165                 axes[y].loglog(xplot, data[x], label=x)
166             if asQTransform:
167                 t, f, p = data[x].whiten(4, 4).qtransform(.001,
168                                         logfsteps=100, qrange=(8, 8), frange=(10, 512))
169                 axes[y].pcolormesh(t, f, p**0.5, vmin=1, vmax=6,
170                                     shading="auto")
171                 axes[y].set_yscale('log')

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168         xlabel='Time (s) ,
169         ylabel='Frequency (Hz) ,
170     else:
171         axes[y].plot(xplot, data[x], label=x)
172
173     #check if we are meant to note the location of the peak
174     #on this axis
175     if False:#notePeak:
176         posx = data[x].numpy().argmax()
177         posy = xplot[posx]
178         axes[y].text(posx, posy, "{}:{}{},{}".format(x, posx,
179             , posy), fontsize="small")
180     #increment to the next axes
181     y = (y+1)%maxplots
182
183     #set the title
184     axes[0].set_title(title)
185
186     #show the plot, and label the outer
187     for ax in axes:
188         #set the axes labels
189         ax.set_xlabel(xlabel)
190         ax.set_ylabel(ylabel)
191         #try to add a legend if possible
192         try:
193             ax.legend(loc="best")
194         except:
195             pass
196         #check limits
197         if xlim:
198             ax.set_xlim(xlim)
199         if ylim:
200             ax.set_ylim(ylim)
201         #add a grid
202         if grid:
203             ax.grid()
204         #ensure that the labels are only on the outermost
205         ax.label_outer()
206
207     #if a save name has been supplied
208     if savePlotName:
209         #remove any fileextensions if given, and add '.png'
210         #instead
211         savename = "{}.png".format(str(savePlotName).split(".")[
212             [0])
213         #save the figure
214         fig.savefig(savename, bbox_inches='tight')

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213
214 #plot the data
215 def plotData(data, title="" , xlab="" , ylab="" , xlim=None, ylim=
216     None, figsize=(10,10),
217     grid=True, asLogLog=False, asQTransform=False,
218     notePeak=False, savePlotName=""):
219     #create the plot
220     fig = pylab.figure(figsize=figsize)
221     ax = fig.add_axes((0, 0, 1, 1))
222
223     #ensure the data provided is acceptable
224     data = toPlottable(data)
225     #iterate through the provided data and plot it
226     for x in data:
227         #check if we have a frequency series
228         if isinstance(data[x], types.FrequencySeries):
229             xplot = data[x].sample_frequencies
230             #apply the xlabel if not done so already
231             if not xlab:
232                 xlab = "Frequency_(Hz)"
233             #else check for timeseries
234             else:
235                 xplot = data[x].sample_times
236                 if not xlab:
237                     xlab = "Time_(s)"
238
239             #check if we are plotting as a Log-Log graph
240             if asLogLog:
241                 ax.loglog(xplot, data[x], label=x)
242             if asQTransform:
243                 t, f, p = data[x].whiten(4, 4).qtransform(.001,
244                     logfsteps=100,qrange=(8, 8),frange=(10, 512))
245                 ax.pcolormesh(t, f, p**0.5, vmin=1, vmax=6, shading=
246                     "auto")
247                 ax.set_yscale('log')
248                 xlab='Time_(s)'
249                 ylab='Frequency_(Hz)'
250             else:
251                 ax.plot(xplot, data[x], label=x)
252
253             #check if we are meant to note the location of the peak
254             #on this axis
255             if notePeak:
256                 posx = data[x].numpy().argmax()
257                 posy = xplot[posx]
258                 ax.text(posx, posy, "{}:{}{},{}{}".format(x, posx,
259                     posy), fontsize="small")
260
261             #set the title

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256     ax.set_title(title)
257     #set the axes labels
258     ax.set_xlabel(xlab)
259     ax.set_ylabel(ylab)
260     #try to add a legend if possible
261     try:
262         ax.legend(loc="best")
263     except:
264         pass
265     #add a grid
266     if grid:
267         ax.grid()
268     #check limits
269     if xlim:
270         ax.set_xlim(xlim)
271     if ylim:
272         ax.set_ylim(ylim)
273     #show the plot
274     fig.show()
275
276     #if a save name has been supplied
277     if savePlotName:
278         #remove any fileextensions if given, and add '.png'
279         #instead
280         savename = "{}.png".format(str(savePlotName).split(".")[-1])
281         #save the figure
282         fig.savefig(savename, bbox_inches='tight')
283
284     #plot data on a nice pandas dataframe.
285     def asTable(*inputs, title="", latexName=""):
286         #create our dataframe
287         df = pd.DataFrame()
288         #create some empty arrays that will hold the headers, etc
289         headers, titles, units = [], [], []
290         #iterate through the supplied inputs to fetch each thing to
291         #plot
292         for x in range(len(inputs)):
293             #ensure we have data in the correct form
294             if not (isinstance(inputs[x], dict) and ("data" in
295                 inputs[x].keys())):
296                 #if the input is not a dictionary that contains a
297                 #data value, then go to the next input
298                 continue
299             thisdict = inputs[x]
300             #if we've been given a header
301             headers = np.append(headers, [thisdict["header"] if "header" in thisdict else ""])

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299      #or a units column
300      units = np.append(units, [thisdict["unit"] if "unit" in
301          thisdict else ""])
302      #add our title to the title array
303      titles = np.append(titles, title)
304      #add the data to the table
305      try:
306          df[x] = thisdict["data"]
307      except:
308          df[x] = thisdict["data"].flatten()
309      #set the column titles
310      df.columns = pd.MultiIndex.from_arrays([titles, headers,
311          units], names=["_","value","unit"])
312      #ensure we see all rows
313      pd.set_option('display.max_rows', None)
314      #and show the display
315      display(df)
316      #if we were given a latex savename
317      if latexName:
318          #save as a latex table
319          df.to_latex("{}.tex".format(latexName.replace(".tex", "")))
320
321      #function to grab our metadata from an object
322      def fetchMeta(obj):
323          class meta:
324              def __init__(self, plotName=None, detectorName=None):
325                  self.plotName = plotName
326                  self.detectorName = detectorName
327              #return the new metadata only object
328              try:
329                  return meta(obj.plotName, obj.detectorName)
330              except:
331                  return meta(obj.plotName)
332          except:
333              return meta()
334
335      #function to add metadata to an object
336      def addMeta(new, old, addtoname=""):
337          new.plotName = old.plotName
338          new.detectorName = old.detectorName
339          if addtoname:
340              new.plotName = "{}_{}".format(new.plotName, addtoname)
341          return new
342
343      #return the absolute value of a waveform
344      def toABS(waveform):
345          return abs(waveform).astype("complex128")

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345
346 #convert a time (or array of times) to UTC string
347 def toUTC(times):
348     #if the times given is not iterable
349     if isinstance(times, (str, float, int)):
350         try:
351             #try to compute the time
352             return str(Time(Time(float(times)), format="gps"),
353                         format="iso", scale="utc"))
353         except:
354             return times
355     #otherwise, assume it is iterable
356     return [toUTC(x) for x in times]
357
358 #convert a frequencyseries to a time one
359 def toTime(waveform):
360     if not isinstance(waveform, types.TimeSeries):
361         meta = fetchMeta(waveform)
362         waveform = waveform.to_timeseries()
363         return addMeta(waveform, meta)
364     return waveform
365
366 #convert a time to a freq
367 def toFreq(waveform):
368     if not isinstance(waveform, types.FrequencySeries):
369         meta = fetchMeta(waveform)
370         waveform = waveform.to_frequencyseries()
371         return addMeta(waveform, meta)
372     return waveform
373
374 #function to normalise a waveform
375 def normalise(data, psd=None, lowfreq=10):
376     #fetch the sigma
377     data_sigma = matchedfilter.sigma(data, psd=psd,
378                                     low_frequency_cutoff=lowfreq)
379     #divide the data by the normalisation
380     norm = data / data_sigma
381     #add the metadata, return it
382     return addMeta(norm, data, "normalised")
383
384 #compute the signal-to-noise ratio of a template against a data
385 #stream
386 def fetchSNR(template, data, psd=None, lowfreq=10, padding=8):
387     #fetch the metadata
388     template.detectorName = data.detectorName
389     meta = fetchMeta(template)
390     #ensure the template is in the time domain (this will be a
391     #glitch)
392     if not isinstance(template, types.TimeSeries):

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390     template = template.to_timeseries(data.delta_t)
391     #compute the signal-to-noise
392     snr = matched_filter(template, data, psd=psd,
393                           low_frequency_cutoff=lowfreq)
394     #crop out the padding from the snr, and ensure we have the
395     #absolute
396     snr = abs(snr.crop(padding, padding))
397     return addMeta(snr, meta, "SNR")
398
399 #search for peaks using a faster method I hope
400 def searchPeaks(snr, signalThreshold = 8, timeThreshold = 100):
401     #convert the snr to a numpy array
402     snr = snr.numpy()
403     #find all the peaks
404     peaks = np.where(snr >= signalThreshold)[0]
405     #check we found any peaks
406     #we ignore all single index peaks as errors
407     if len(peaks) > 1:
408         #compute the boundary region around each signal,
409         #ensuring we only have unique peaks
410         idxs = 1 + np.where(peaks[1:] - peaks[:-1] >
411                             timeThreshold)[0]
412         idxs = np.unique(np.concatenate(([peaks[0]], peaks[idxs],
413                                         [peaks[-1]])), axis=0)
414         #compute the exact location of each peak within the
415         #boundaries
416         for x in range(len(idxs)-1):
417             locations = [int(idxs[x]) + snr[idxs[x] : idxs[x]
418                                         + 1]].argmax() for x in range(len(idxs)-1)]
419         #and return the locations of the peaks
420         return locations
421     #return empty if we did not find any
422     return []
423
424 #search through an array of SNR's, comparing those from
425 #different sources to find the one most likely to have caused
426 #a signal
427 def searchEvents(templates, peaks, snr, timeThreshold = 1):
428     #an empty array of events
429     events = np.zeros((1, 5))
430     snrsection = []
431     #iterate through all peak times
432     for x in range(len(peaks)):
433         #fetch the current information
434         tempname, snname, pk, sn = templates[x].plotName, snr[x
435                                         ].detectorName, peaks[x], snr[x]
436         #find the SNR and exact time for each event, and add it
437         #to the events array
438         for y in pk:

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428         #fetch the utc time for this event
429         thistime = float(sn.sample_times[y])
430         #stack each peak onto the event array
431         events = np.vstack((events, [thistime, toUTC(
432             thistime), float(sn[y]), tempname, sname] )))
433         #fetch the SNR around the signal, and append with
434         #metadata. also ensure our SNR indices within the
435         #bounds of the SNR
436         section = sn[max(0, int(y - timeThreshold/sn.delta_t
437             )) : min(int(y + timeThreshold/sn.delta_t), len(
438                 sn)) ]
439         snrsection.append(addMeta(section, sn, "around_{0}".
440             format(thistime)))
441         #remove the zeros array we added to the start
442         events = np.delete(events, 0, axis=0)
443         #fetch the chronological sorting
444         sortidx = events[:,0].argsort()
445         #and return the array, by sorting in place. Note: The SNR
446         #array needs to be sorted slightly differently to preserve
447         #the PyCBC-ness of it
448         return events[sortidx], [snrsection[x] for x in sortidx]
449
450 #a function that will return an array whose contents includes a
451 #specified substring
452 def fetchStringArray(array, string):
453     #attempt to find the substring in place
454     try:
455         return array[np.where(np.char.find(array, string)>=0)
456             [0]]
457     except:
458         #otherwise, ensure we are searching a string array
459         return array[np.where(np.char.find(np.char.array(array),
460             bytes(string, 'utf-8'))>=0)[0]]
461
462 #convert an array of raw events into a neatly analysed array of
463 #events
464 #by finding all clusters of merger events that occur within the
465 #signal threshold of eachother.
466 def findClusters(events, timeThreshold=1):
467     '''start as: time, utctime, snr, name, detector
468         end as: event no. time, utctime, snr, name, detector
469         ,,
470
471     #create some shorthand for each column index
472     cols = 1
473     evtcol, timecol, utccol, snrcol, namecol, detcol = np.arange
474         (cols+events.shape[1]))
475     #create an array of empty columns
476     empty_columns = np.full((len(events), cols), "", dtype="
477         object")

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461      #and add them to our array
462      events = np.c_[empty_columns, events]
463      summary = np.zeros((1, events.shape[1]))
464      #compute the boundary region around each signal
465      peaktimes = events[:, cols].astype("float64")
466      idxs = 1 + np.where(peaktimes[1:] - peaktimes[:-1] >
467                           timeThreshold)[0]
468      #add the first and last indices, and invert the order
469      idxs = np.concatenate(([0], idxs, [len(events)]))[:-1]
470      #iterate through the indices
471      for x in range(len(idxs)-1):
472          #fetch the detections events to compare
473          tocompare = events[idxs[x+1]:idxs[x]]
474          #separate them into glitches and mergers
475          glitches = fetchStringArray(tocompare, "Glitch")
476          mergers = fetchStringArray(tocompare, "Merger")
477
478          #if we had a glitch:
479          if len(glitches) > 0:
480              #the loudest will be first
481              loudglitch = glitches[0]
482              #unless we have more than one
483              if len(glitches) > 1:
484                  loudglitch = glitches[np.array(glitches[:, snrcol],
485                                              dtype="float").argmax()]
486              #find the merger in the events and add a tag
487              events[int(np.where((events == loudglitch).all(
488                                              axis=1))[0][0])][evtcol] = "Loudest_Glitch"
489
490          #if we had a merger:
491          if len(mergers) > 0:
492              #the loudest will be first
493              loudmerger = mergers[0]
494              #unless we have more than one
495              if len(mergers) > 1:
496                  loudmerger = mergers[np.array(mergers[:, snrcol],
497                                              dtype="float").argmax()]
498              #find the merger in the events and add a tag
499              events[int(np.where((events == loudmerger).all(
500                                              axis=1))[0][0])][evtcol] = "Loudest_Merger"
501
502          #fetch the loudest event
503          loudevent = tocompare[0]
504          if len(tocompare) > 1:
505              loudevent = tocompare[np.array(tocompare[:, snrcol],
506                                      dtype="float").argmax()]
507
508          #and if we had both a merger and glitch signal
509          merge_glitch_ratio, merge_glitch_offset = "", ""

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504     if len(mergers) and len(glitches):
505         merge_glitch_ratio = "G/M_Ratio: {}" .format(round(
506             float(loudglitch[snrcol]) / float(loudmerger[
507                 snrcol]), 3))
508         merge_glitch_offset = "G_M_Offset: {}s" .format(round(
509             (float(loudglitch[timecol]) - float(loudmerger[
510                 timecol]), 3))
511
512         #insert the event analysis if we had more than one event
513         if len(tocompare) > 1:
514             events = np.insert(events, idxs[x+1], loudevent,
515                                 axis=0)
516             events[idxs[x+1]][timecol] = merge_glitch_ratio
517             events[idxs[x+1]][utccol] = merge_glitch_offset
518
519             #add the event number to the column
520             events[idxs[x+1]][evtcol] = "Event_{}--{}" .format(len(
521                 idxs) - x - 1, loudevent[namecol].split(":")[0])
522             #add the detectors to the column (If a singal was seen
523             #in multiple detectors, it will be shown here)
524             events[idxs[x+1]][detcol] = "," .join(np.unique(
525                 tocompare[:, detcol]))
526             #add this event to our summary array
527             summary = np.vstack((summary, events[idxs[x+1]]))
528             summary[-1][utccol] = loudevent[utccol]
529             #if we have only a single value, ensure we don't report
530             #GPS time in our G/M Ratio Column
531             if len(tocompare)==1:
532                 summary[-1][timecol] = ""
533             #insert an empty space before the summary
534             events = np.insert(events, idxs[x+1], np.full(loudevent .
535                                 shape, "", dtype="object"), axis=0)
536             #remove the initial zeros from our summary array
537             summary = np.delete(summary, 0, axis=0)[:: -1]
538             #return the analysed events
539             return events, summary
540
541             #fetch the spectral density of a waveform
542             def fetchPSD(data, lowfreq=10, psdtime=4):
543                 meta = fetchMeta(data)
544                 #ensure we have a timeseries
545                 if not isinstance(data, types.TimeSeries):
546                     data = data.to_timeseries()
547                 #compute psd
548                 psd = data.psd(psdtime)
549                 #interpolate
550                 psd = interpolate(psd, data.delta_f)
551                 #now do my favourite function
552                 psd = inverse_spectrum_truncation(psd, int(data.sample_rate

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        * psdtime), low_frequency_cutoff=lowfreq)
543     #apply metadata and return
544     return addMeta(psd, meta, "spectral_density")
545
546 #function to fetch data from a source
547 def fetchData(name, channel, gps_time, length=8, delta_t
548             =1.0/4096):
549     #fetch the data
550     ts = frame.query_and_read_frame(name, channel, gps_time,
551                                     gps_time+length)
552     #resample to delta_t
553     ts = resample_to_delta_t(ts, delta_t)
554     #add our metadata
555     ts.plotName = "{}_{}".format(name, gps_time)
556     ts.detectorName = channel.split(":")[0]
557     return ts
558
559 #split data into equally spaced subsections
560 def splitData(data, length=64, padding=8):
561     #fetch the metadata
562     meta = fetchData(data)
563     #calculate the number of splitable sections, such that some
564     #padding is removed from the end, and each is a defined
565     #length
566     sections = np.floor((data.duration - 2*padding) / length)
567     #convert the time durations to indices
568     padding /= data.delta_t
569     length /= data.delta_t
570     #split the array, with overlapping sections, adding metadata
571     #to each
572     return [ addMeta(data[int(x * length) : int((x+1) * length +
573                     2 * padding)], meta, "+{}s".format(x*length*data.delta_t
574 )) for x in range(int(sections)) ]
575
576 #combine two operations into a single function call
577 def fetchSplitData(name, channel, gps_time, chunks=1, sublength
578                     =128, padding=8, delta_t=1.0/4096):
579     #fetch the data
580     data = fetchData(name, channel, gps_time, chunks*sublength +
581                      2*padding, delta_t)
582     #and return the split data
583     return splitData(data, sublength, padding)
584
585 #create a merger using PyCBC
586 def createMerger(mass1, mass2, distance=100, delta_t=1.0/4096,
587                  tlen=None, lowfreq=10, approximant="SEOBNRv4_opt"):
588     #create the waveform
589     waveform = get_td_waveform(approximant=approximant, mass1=
590                               mass1, mass2=mass2,

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580                               delta_t=delta_t , f_lower=lowfreq ,
581                               distance=distance)[0]
582 #taper the waveform
583 waveform = taper_timeseries(waveform , "TAPERSTART")
584 #resize the template if neccesary
585 if tlen:
586     waveform.resize(int(tlen / delta_t))
587     #shift the data so that the strongest point occurs at t
588     #=0
589     waveform = waveform.cyclic_time_shift(waveform .
590                                         start_time)
591 #add our metadata
592 waveform.plotName="Merger : {} , {}" .format(mass1 , mass2)
593 #return the merger
594 return waveform
595
596 #create a glitch using our model
597 def createGlitch(mass1 , mass2 , distance=100, delta_t=1.0/4096 ,
598                   tlen=None, lowfreq=10, approximant="SEOBNRv4_opt"):
599     #create the waveform
600     waveform = get_td_waveform(approximant=approximant , mass1=
601                                 mass1 , mass2=mass2 , delta_t=delta_t , f_lower=lowfreq ,
602                                 distance=distance)[0]
603     #taper the waveform
604     waveform = taper_timeseries(waveform , "TAPERSTART")
605     #resize the template if neccesary
606     if tlen:
607         waveform.resize(int(tlen / delta_t))
608         #shift the data so that the strongest point occurs at t
609         #=0
610         waveform = waveform.cyclic_time_shift(waveform .
611                                         start_time)
612     #convert the waveform to a glitch by taking the absolute
613     waveform = toABS(waveform.to_frequencyseries())
614     #add our metadata
615     waveform.plotName="Glitch : {} , {}" .format(mass1 , mass2)
616     #return the merger
617     return waveform

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#### 6.4.2 Search Script

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1 ##### Constant setup #####
2
3 #initialise our parrallel job handler
4 job = ParrallelJobHandler(10)
5
6 #fetch the detector and gpstime

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7 channel = "L1:GDS-CALIB_STRAIN"
8 frametype = "L1_HOFT_C00"
9 gps_time = 1242442818
10 #Current test period: 1250553618
11 #Start of 2019-05-21 1242432018
12 #IMBH check time: 1242442818
13 #Initial testing time: 1244473218
14 delta_t = 1.0/4096
15
16 #1242442818 GPS TIME CONTAINS GW190521, so hopefully it will
   trigger the detection
17
18 #setup the length values for each item
19 chunks = 24 # 24 = 3hrs
20 padding = 32
21 sublength = 512
22 #16 * 512 ~= 2 hours of data
23
24 ### Data Collection ####
25
26 #fetch the data
27 print("Fetching_L1_Data")
28 dataArray = fetchSplitData(frametype, channel, gps_time, chunks,
   sublength, padding, delta_t)
29 print("Fetching_H1_Data")
30 dataArray += fetchSplitData(frametype.replace("L1", "H1"),
   channel.replace("L1", "H1"), gps_time, chunks, sublength,
   padding, delta_t)
31
32 #show an example of the data split
33 #print("Showing data")
34 #subPlot(dataArray, figsize=(20, 3), title="Data split into
   smaller chunks", maxplots=2, grid=True)
35
36 #fetch the spectral density of each section of data
37 print("fetching_spectral_density")
38 psdArray = job.timedJob(fetchPSD, dataArray, 10, 4)
39
40 #show an example of the spectral density
41 print("Showing_Spectral_density")
42 plotData([psdArray[0], psdArray[chunks]], xlim=(10, 1100),
   figsize=(20, 10), xlab="frequency", ylab='$Strain^2/_Hz$', 
   title="Spectral_Density", asLogLog=True)
43
44 ### Merger Generation ####
45
46 print("Creating_Merger_Templates")
47 #create an array of mass pairs for the merger templates
48 minmass = 20

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49 maxmass = 300
50 massstep = 10
51
52 #create an array of mass pairs for the templates
53 massArray = [(x, x) for x in np.arange(minmass, maxmass+massstep,
54 , massstep)]
55 #the length of each template should match our data chunk, with
56 #some padding
56 template_length = dataArray[0].duration
57
58 #compute the set of mergers
59 mergers = job.timedJob(createMerger, massArray, 100, delta_t,
60 template_length, unpack=True)
61 #and plot them to show everything works in order
62 print("Plotting_Example_Mergers")
63 plotData(mergers[0], title="Merger_Examples", figsize=(20, 5))
64
65 ### Glitch Generation ####
66
67 #create an array of mass pairs for the glitches
68 print("Creating_Glitch_Templates")
69 #create an array of mass pairs for the merger templates
70 Gminmass = 20
71 Gmaxmass = 300
72 Gmassstep = 10
73
74 #create an array of mass pairs for the templates
75 GmassArray = [(x, x) for x in np.arange(Gminmass, Gmaxmass+
76 Gmassstep, Gmassstep)]
77 #compute a set of viable glitches (50, 50) responds best to
78 #known glitch events
78 glitches = job.timedJob(createGlitch, GmassArray, 100, delta_t,
79 template_length)
80 #and plot them to show everything works in order
81 print("Plotting_Example_Glitches")
82 plotData(glitches[0], title="Glitch_Examples", figsize=(20, 5),
83 xlim=(0, 300))
84
84 ### SNR Search ####
85
86 #compile the template events into an array
87 templates = glitches+mergers
88
89 #setup the constants for the functions
90 lowfreq = 10

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91 signalThreshold = 7 # The SNR must be above this value to count
92 timeThreshold = 5 # Two SNR peaks must be at least this far
93     apart (in seconds) to count
94
94 #start out our events array with a run of zeros. We will have to
95     remove this afterwards.
95 events = np.zeros((1, 5))
96
97 for x in range(len(dataArray)):
98     #fetch the current chunks of data
99     dataChunk, psdChunk = dataArray[x], psdArray[x]
100    print("Searching: " + {}.format(dataChunk.plotName))
101    #Load from save file
102    try:
103        evts = np.load("savedData/{}.npy".format(dataChunk.
104                      plotName))
104        print("\n---Loading-SNRs")
105        events = np.vstack((events, evts))
106    #otherwise, compute as neccesary
107    except:
108        print("\n---Computing-SNRs")
109        #compute the SNR for each template
110        SNRs = job.timedJob(fetchSNR, templates, dataChunk,
111                            psdChunk, lowfreq, padding)
112
112        print("\n---Finding-Peaks")
113        #find all of the peaks in the SNR
114        peaks = job.timedJob(searchPeaks, SNRs, signalThreshold,
115                             timeThreshold / delta_t)
116
116        #plotData(SNRs, title="{} - SNR".format(dataChunk.
117                      plotName))
117        print("\n---Compiling-Probable-Events")
118        #fetch the events within our timeThreshold
119        evts = job.timedFunc(searchEvents, templates, peaks,
120                            SNRs, timeThreshold)[0]
120        #save this data for future usage
121        np.save("savedData/{}.npy".format(dataChunk.plotName),
122               evts)
122        #concatenate with the previously found events
123        events = np.vstack((events, evts))
124
125        #print a small newline seperator to separate the outputs
126        slightly
126        print("\n\n")
127
128        SNRs, peaks = None, None
129
130    #remove the run of zeros we started with

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131 events = np.delete(events, 0, axis=0)
132
133 # We don't have to sort the data normally, but if we are
   splicing data between multiple detectors, this is neccesary
134 if len(dataArray) > chunks:
135     #(if we have more data points than we should if we only
       queried one detector)
136     sortidx = events[:,0].argsort()
137     #sort using the sorting index found above
138     events = events[sortidx]
139     #waves = [waves[x] for x in sortidx]
140
141 #Latex name stuff
142 dateTime = toUTC(gps_time).split("-")[0][2:].replace("-",",")
143 timeLen = "{} hr".format(int(np.floor((chunks*sublength) / 3600)))
144
145 #Save the events array for later use if neccesary
146 np.save("{}-{}-events.npy".format(dateTime, timeLen), events)
147
148 #### Tabulate Data ####
149
150 #fetch the times for the title
151 start_time = gps_time + padding
152 end_time = start_time + chunks*sublength
153 #search through the events to find overaloping times
154 analysed_events, summarised_events = findClusters(events,
   timeThreshold)
155
156
157 #Latex name stuff
158 '''runNo = 2
159 dateTime = toUTC(gps_time).split(" ")[0][2:].replace("-",",")
160 timeLen = "{} hr".format(int(np.floor((chunks*sublength) / 3600)))
161 ) , ,
162
163 #split the summary array into a few subarrays
164 evtnum, gmratio, utcTime, value, names, detector = np.hsplit(
   summarised_events, 6)
165 #show the summary data on a table
166 asTable( {"header": "Event", "unit": "", "data": evtnum},
167           {"header": "Detector", "unit": "", "data": detector},
168           {"header": "Tempate_name", "unit": "", "data": names},
169           {"header": "G/M Ratio", "unit": "", "data": gmratio},
170           {"header": "UTC_Time", "unit": "ISO_string", "data": utcTime},
171           {"header": "Signal_SNR", "unit": "#", "data": value},
172           title="Summary_of_Gravitational_Signals_between_{}_and_{}"

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{ } , „Signal_Threshold_SNR>=_{ } ” . format ( toUTC (
    start_time ) , toUTC ( end_time ) , float ( signalThreshold ) )
,
173     latexName=“{}—{}—Summary_TimeSorted” . format ( dateTime ,
    timeLen ) )
174
175
176 #split the summary array into a few subarrays , sorted by SNR
177 evtnum , gmratio , utcTime , value , names , detector = np . hsplit (
    summarised_events [ summarised_events [ : , 3 ] . astype ( “float64” ) .
    argsort ( ) ] , 6 )
178 #show the summary data on a table
179 asTable ( { “header” : “Event” , “unit” : “” , “data” : evtnum } ,
180             { “header” : “Detector” , “unit” : “” , “data” : detector } ,
181             { “header” : “Tempate_name” , “unit” : “” , “data” : names } ,
182             { “header” : “G/M_Ratio” , “unit” : “” , “data” : gmratio } ,
183             { “header” : “UTC_Time” , “unit” : “ISO_string” , “data” :
    utcTime } ,
184             { “header” : “Signal_SNR” , “unit” : “#” , “data” : value } ,
185             title=“Summary_of_Gravitational_Signals_between_{ }_and_{ } ”
                { } , „Signal_Threshold_SNR>=_{ } ” . format ( toUTC (
                    start_time ) , toUTC ( end_time ) , float ( signalThreshold ) )
,
186     latexName=“{}—{}—Summary_SNRSorted” . format ( dateTime ,
    timeLen ) )
187
188
189 #split the events array into a few subarrays
190 evtnum , time , utcTime , value , names , detector = np . hsplit (
    analysed_events , 6 )
191 #show the extended data on a table
192 asTable ( { “header” : “Event” , “unit” : “” , “data” : evtnum } ,
193             { “header” : “Detector” , “unit” : “” , “data” : detector } ,
194             { “header” : “Tempate_name” , “unit” : “” , “data” : names } ,
195             { “header” : “GPS_Time” , “unit” : “Time” , “data” : time } ,
196             { “header” : “UTC_Time” , “unit” : “ISO_string” , “data” :
    utcTime } ,
197             { “header” : “Signal_SNR” , “unit” : “#” , “data” : value } ,
198             title=“Extended_view_of_Gravitational_Signals_between_{ } ”
                „and_{ } , „Signal_Threshold_SNR>=_{ } ” . format ( toUTC (
                    start_time ) , toUTC ( end_time ) , float ( signalThreshold ) )
,
199     latexName=“{}—{}—Full_Results” . format ( dateTime , timeLen )
)

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