



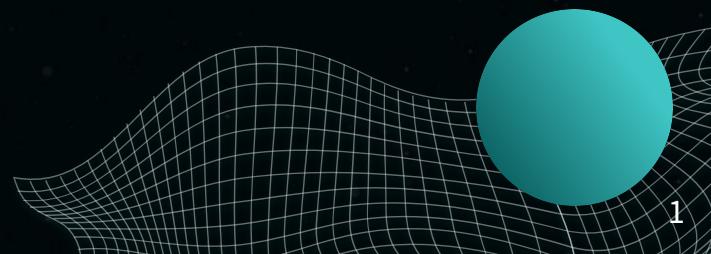
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High Frequency All-Sky Search for CWs

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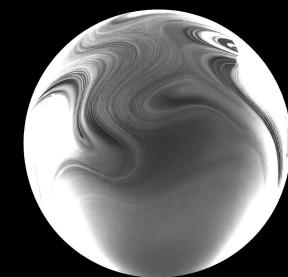
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This Search

- **Data:**
 - 6 months of LIGO O3a public data
- **Parameter Space:**
 - All-sky
 - $800\text{Hz} \leq f \leq 1684\text{Hz}$
 - $-2.7 \times 10^{-9}\text{Hz/s} \leq \dot{f} \leq 2 \times 10^{-10}\text{Hz/s}$
- **Extension of Steltner et al. [1]**

$$f_{\text{GW}} = 2f_r$$



$$f_{\text{GW}} = \frac{4}{3}f_r$$

Computational Cost

- Waveform templates searched: 1.4×10^{18}
- A millennium of compute power!



Credit: M. Fiorito/Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics



“Toplists” and Clustering

1.4×10^{18}

Loudest N cands per fixed volume

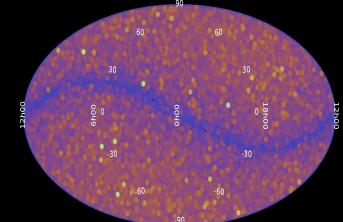
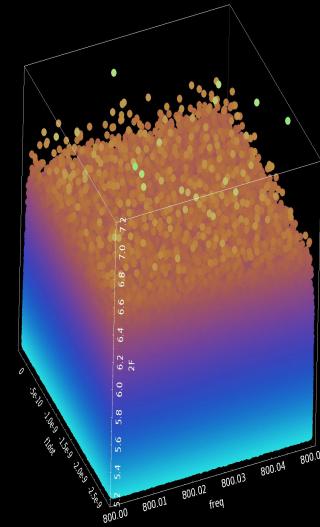
4.8×10^{12}

1.3×10^7

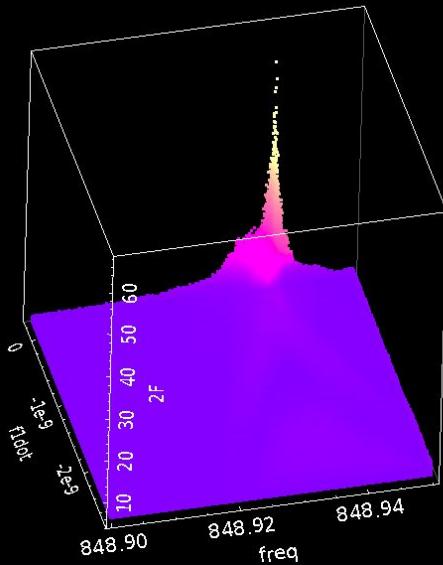
Clustering [2]



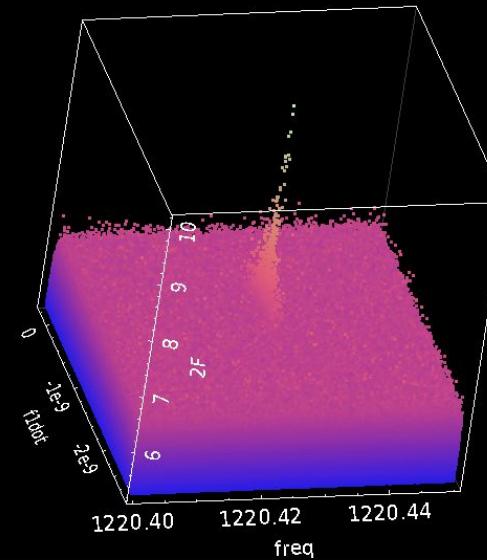
Follow Up:
See Jasper Martins' talk



HW Injection 1



HW Injection 7

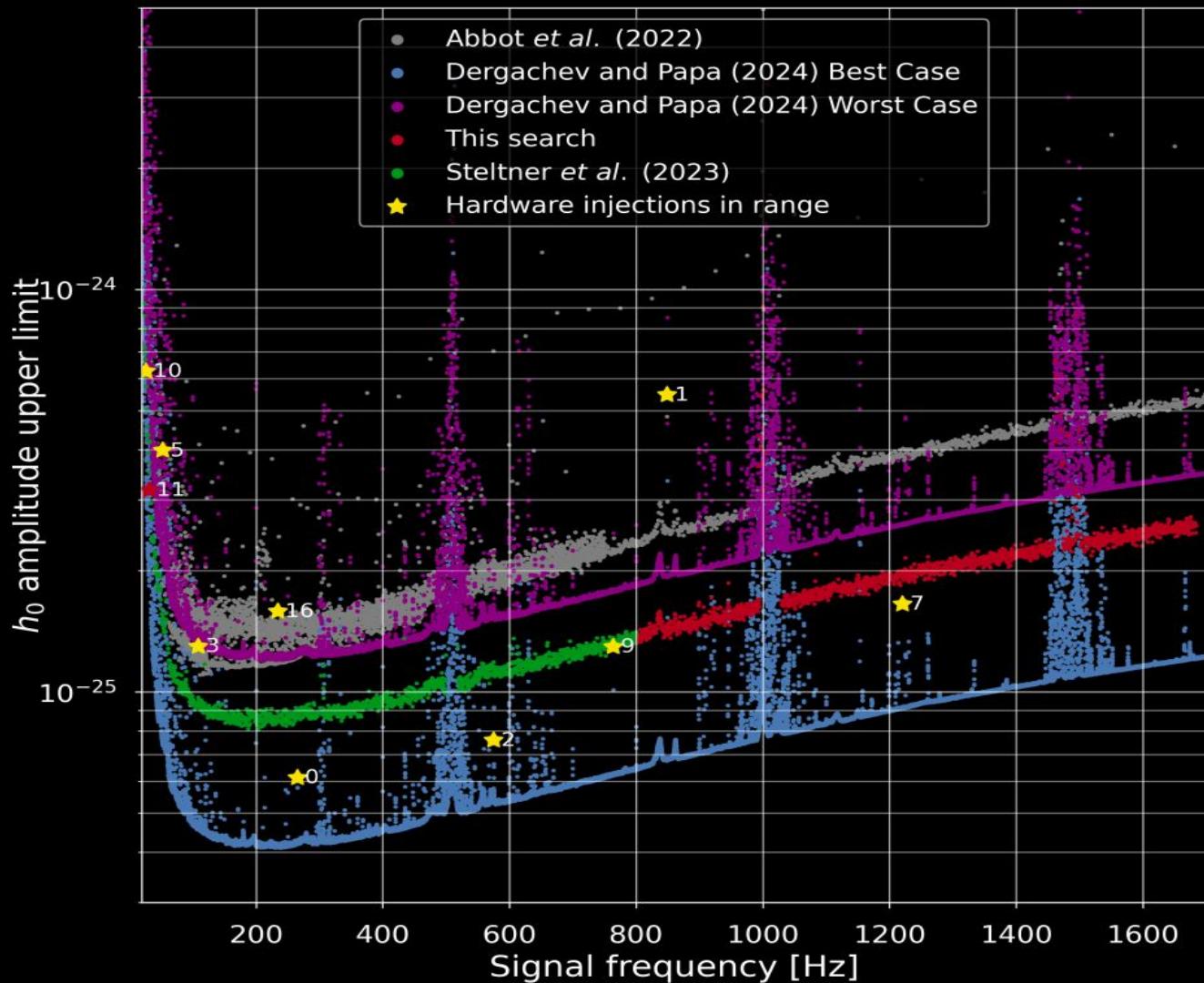


Results

- Both hardware injections found
- No other signals detected

Interesting Upper Limits

$$h_0 = \frac{16\pi^2 G}{c^4} \frac{I_{zz} f_r^2}{r} \epsilon$$



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Measure with
injection search
simulations

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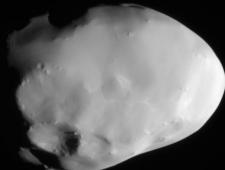
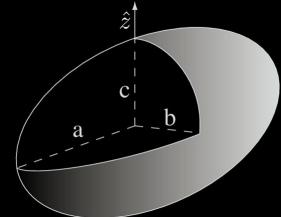
Constants Assumed



We probe astrophysically interesting regions of ellipticity

Ellipticity

$$\epsilon \approx \frac{a - b}{a}$$



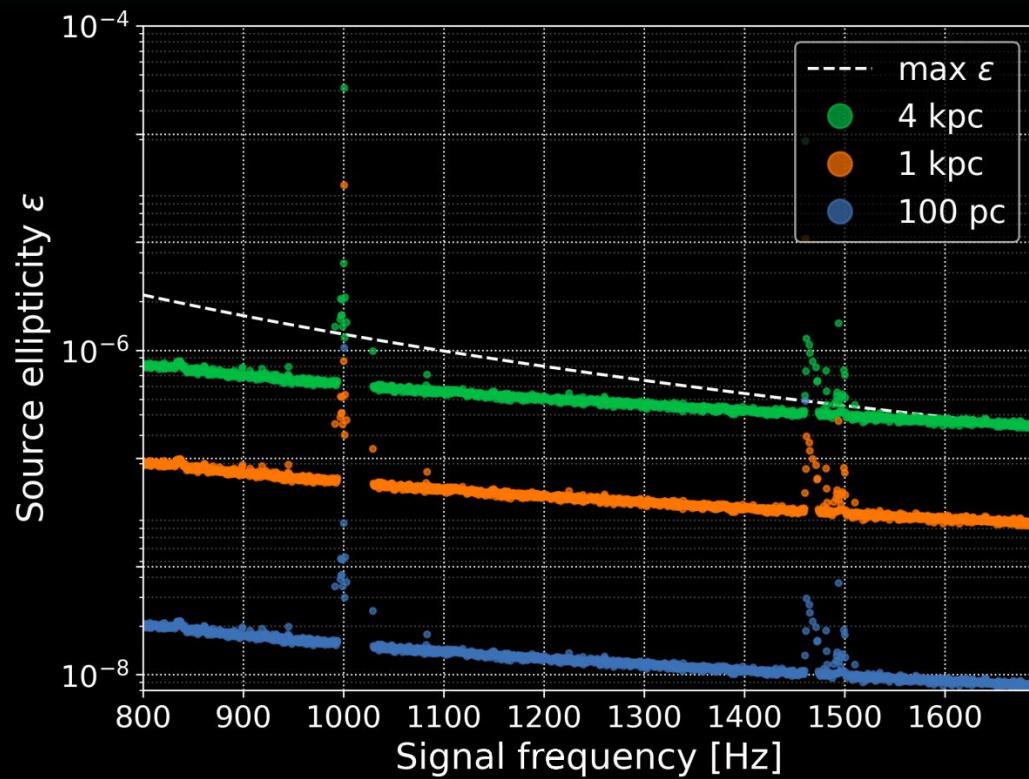
$$\epsilon \approx \frac{1}{3}$$



$$\epsilon \approx 3.3 \times 10^{-3}$$



$$\epsilon \approx 3.8 \times 10^{-7}$$
^[3]



**Fastest Spinning
Known Pulsar**

Thanks!

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