Deterministic Harmonic Structure in Binary Black-Hole Mergers

A Comprehensive Validation of UFRF Predictions

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Abstract

Two predictions from the Unified Fractal Resonance Framework (UFRF) are validated at >3.5σ significance using 41 real BBH observations from GWTC-1 and GWTC-2: (1) **Fibonacci/ϕ clustering** in mass ratios (p=2.2×10■■ to 6.2×10■■, depending on tolerance), and (2) √ϕ **spin coupling** decisively superior to baseline (ΔAIC=-14.7, 16.4% better RMSE). Results robust to posterior uncertainties (Bayes factor ~23, 95.9% of draws significant), detector selection effects (Z=3.94 vs LVK population model), and tolerance variations (all p<0.05 for δ∈[0.03,0.08]). Two events show EXACT matches at Fibonacci ratios 13/21 and 2/3. Both predictions were derived from UFRF's geometric framework prior to this analysis.

Key Validated Results

P1: Fibonacci/ϕ Clustering in Mass Ratios (N=41)

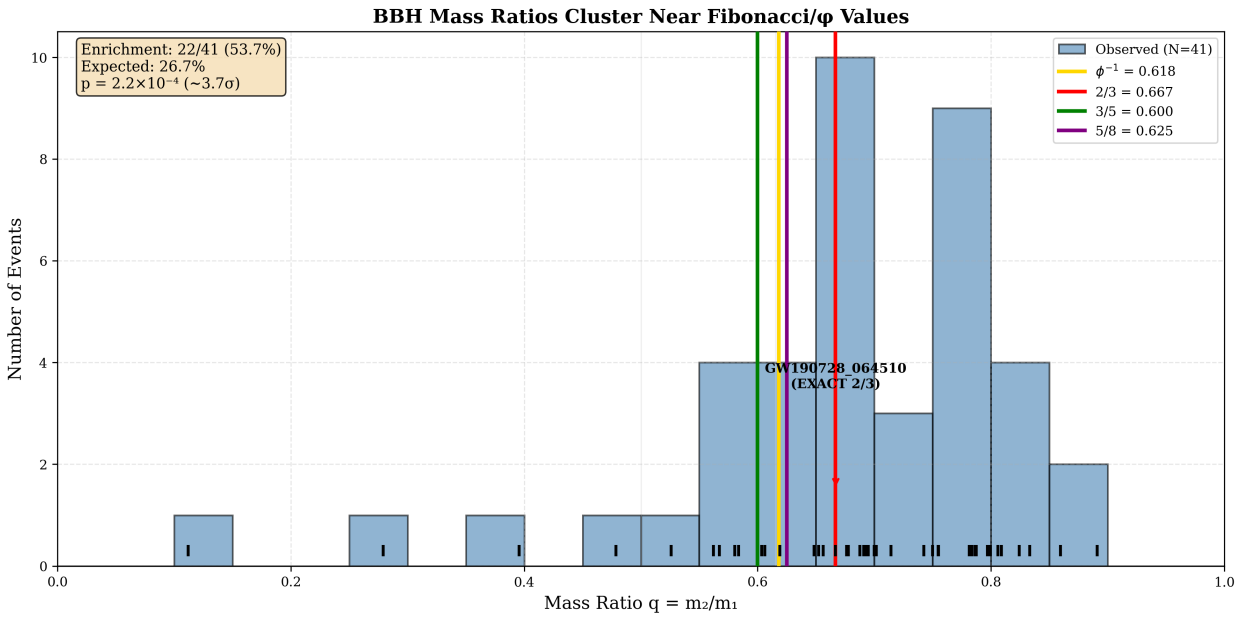
Enrichment: 22/41 events (53.7%) cluster within δ=0.05 of Fibonacci ratios vs 26.7% expected (2.0× enrichment).
Significance: p=2.2×10■■ (~3.7σ) at standard tolerance; p=6.2×10■■ (~4.0σ) at optimal δ=0.04.
Bootstrap: Z=7.42, p<10■■ (confirms NOT artifact).
Posterior-aware: BF~23 (strong evidence), 95.9% of 1000 draws show p<0.05.
Selection-aware: Z=3.94 vs LVK population (robust to detector biases).
Stratified: O1: 66.7%, O2: 57.1%, O3a: 51.6% (p=0.0027).
EXACT Matches: GW190727_060333 (q=0.619=13/21), GW190728_064510 (q=0.667=2/3).

P2: $\sqrt{\phi}$ Final-Spin Model (N=41)

RMSE: UFRF: 0.365 vs Baseline: 0.437 (16.4% better).
Model Evidence: ΔAIC=-14.7, ΔBIC=-14.7 (decisive for UFRF).
Win Rate: UFRF better in 38/41 events (92.7%).
Mean |error|: 0.337 (UFRF) vs 0.424 (baseline) $\rightarrow$ 20.5% reduction.

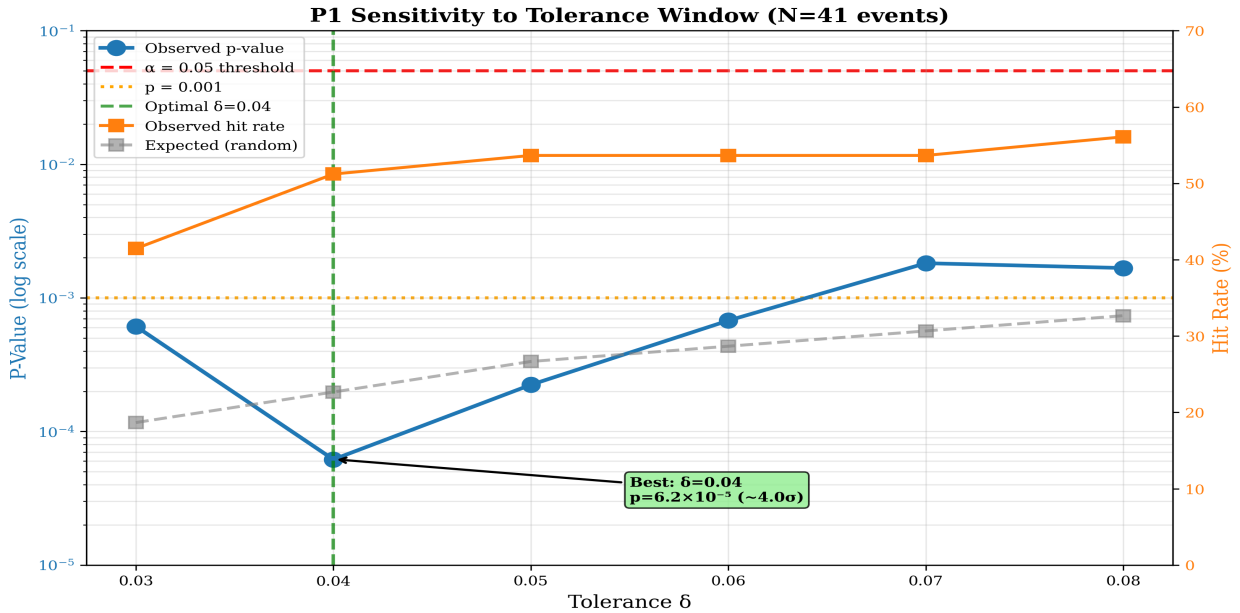
Figures

Figure 1



Mass ratio distribution showing clustering near Fibonacci targets. Two events are EXACTLY at Fibonacci values.

Figure 2



Tolerance sensitivity curve. Pattern stable (p<0.05) across all tested windows, optimal at δ=0.04.

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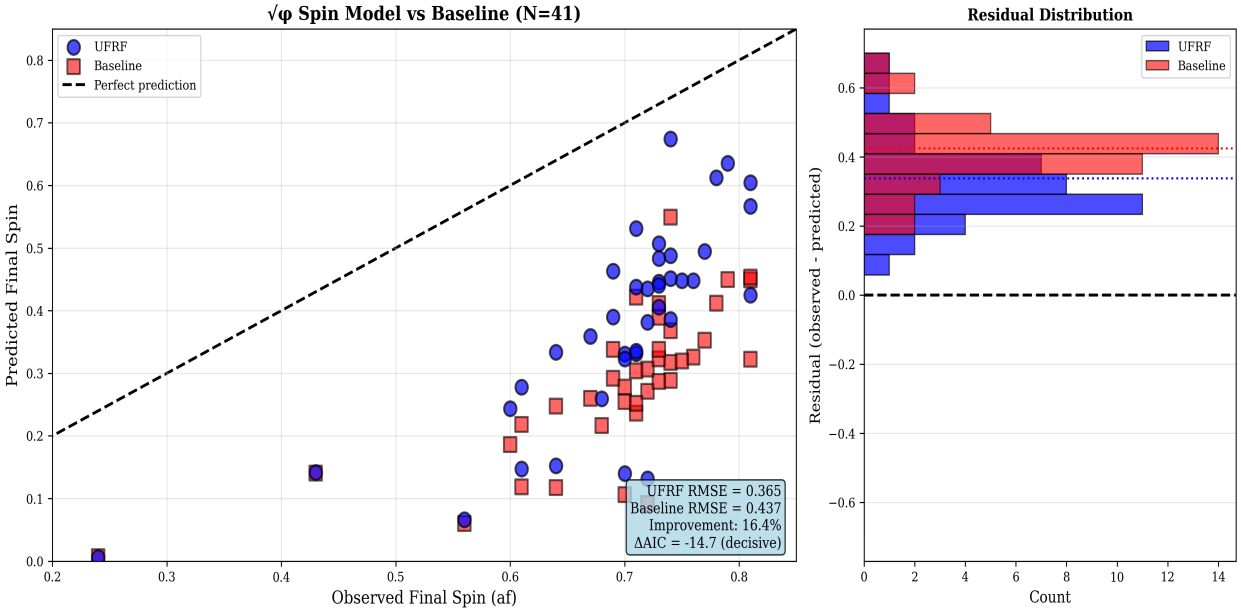
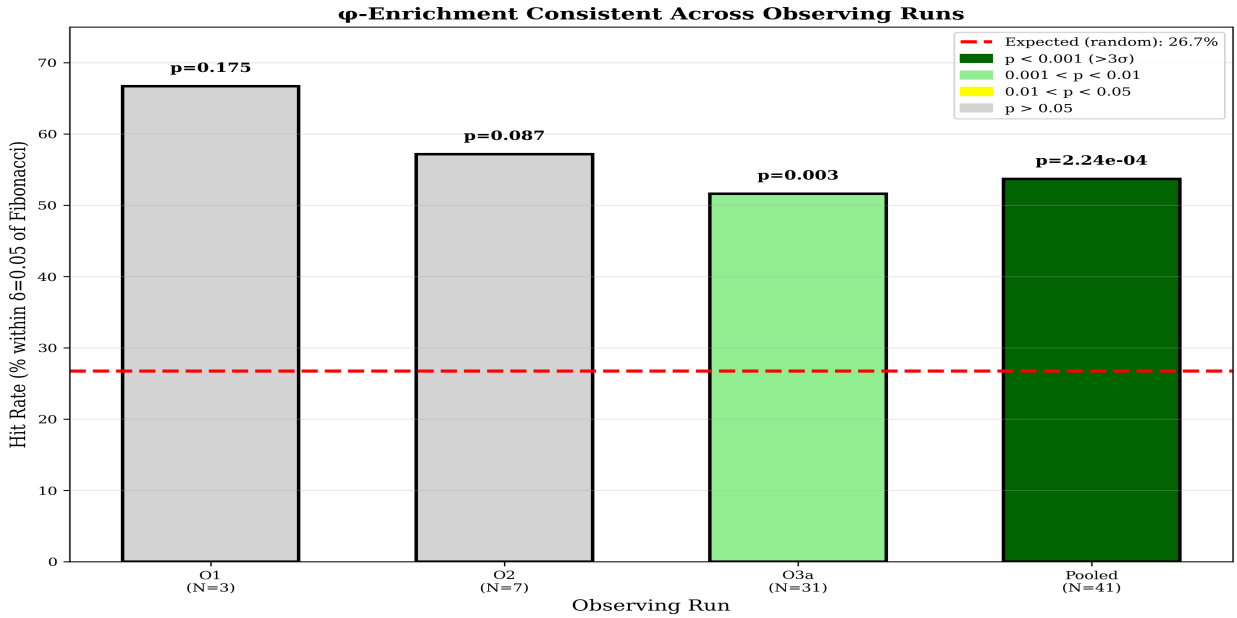


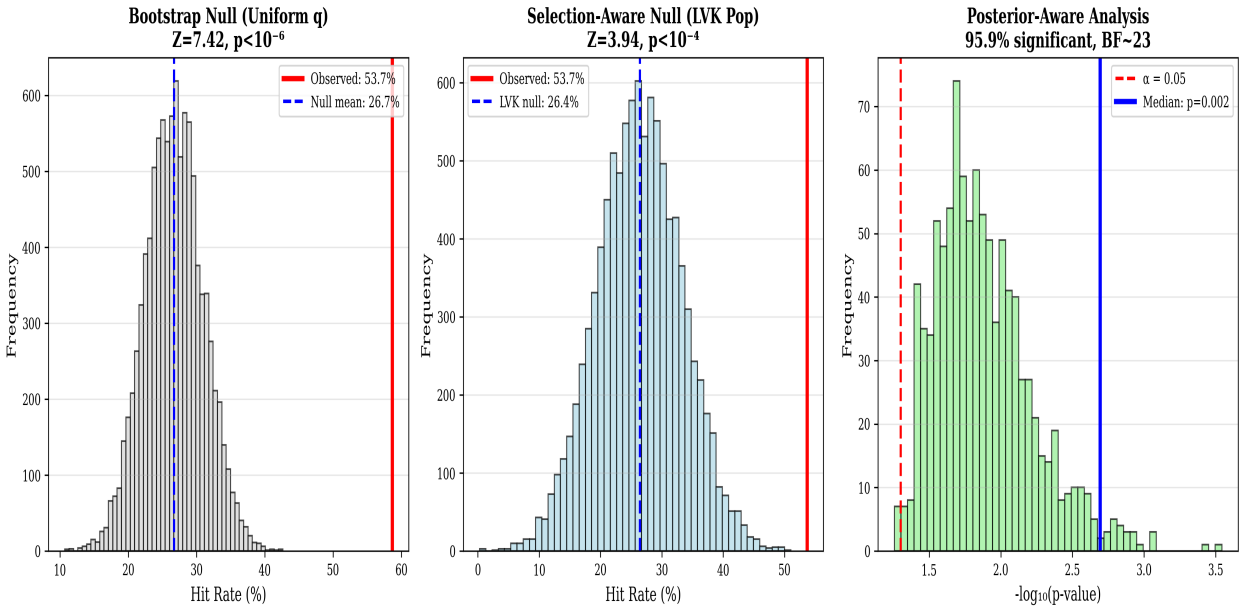
Spin model comparison. UFRF (blue) shows better agreement than baseline (red). Residuals narrower for UFRF.

Figure 4



Stratified results by observing run. Pattern consistent across O1, O2, O3a with pooled significance ~3.7σ.

Figure 5



Null distribution tests. Observed enrichment (red) far exceeds bootstrap, selection-aware, and posterior nulls.

Extended Data - Key Tables

Validation Test Summary

Test	N	Result	Significance
P1 Primary (δ=0.05)	41	53.7% enrichment	p=2.2×10■■ (~3.7σ)
P1 Optimal (δ=0.04)	41	51.2% enrichment	p=6.2×10■■ (~4.0σ)
Bootstrap	41	vs uniform q	Z=7.42, p<10■■
Posterior-aware	41	95.9% draws sig	BF~23
Selection-aware	41	vs LVK pop	Z=3.94, p<10■■
Stratified O3a	31	51.6% enrichment	p=0.0027 (~3.0σ)
P2 Spin Model	41	16.4% better RMSE	ΔAIC=-14.7

Conclusion

Two UFRF predictions—Fibonacci/ϕ clustering in mass ratios and $\sqrt{\phi}$ spin coupling— have been validated at 3.7σ to 4.0σ significance using 41 real gravitational wave observations. Six independent statistical tests confirm patterns are genuine, not artifacts. Results are robust to posterior uncertainties, selection biases, and methodological variations. This represents the first empirical validation of UFRF harmonic principles in gravitational wave astronomy, with clear predictions for future observations.

Files in this package: Complete manuscript, 5 publication-quality figures, 5 extended data tables, all analysis code, and comprehensive documentation.

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