Burren Gemini Collective — Woven Light Hypothesis
Reference Note: Derivation and Justification of K = 50 in Extended Bootstrap with Small Multiplicative Jitter

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1. Context

The constant $K = 50$ used throughout the Woven Light Hypothesis (WLH) synthetic analysis and toy model experiments (clock/interferometer/cavity channels) does **not** represent a theoretical constant. It is an empirically determined number of **bootstrap replicates** required for convergence in the *Extended Bootstrap with Small Multiplicative Jitter* method used to estimate uncertainties and confidence intervals on recovered model parameters.

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2. Bootstrap Procedure

For each replicate $k = 1, \dots, K$, a multiplicative noise perturbation is applied to the observed data:

$$y^{(k)} = y\big(1 + \epsilon^{(k)}\big), \quad \epsilon^{(k)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\text{jit}}^2)$$

Each jittered dataset $y^{(k)}$ is re-fitted to recover a parameter vector $\hat{\theta}^{(k)}$, typically including quantities such as the potential amplitude Φ_0 , scale parameter R , or detection statistic.

Across the ensemble of replicates, the estimated mean and standard deviation of any derived scalar function $g(\theta)$ are:

$$\bar{g}_K = \frac{1}{K}\sum_{k=1}^{K} g(\hat{\theta}^{(k)}), \quad s_K = \sqrt{\frac{1}{K-1}\sum_{k=1}^{K}\big(g(\hat{\theta}^{(k)}) - \bar{g}_K\big)^2}.$$

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3. Convergence Criterion

The stability of the bootstrap estimates was evaluated by comparing results at successive doubling intervals ($K = 25, 50, 100$). The convergence metric used was:

$$\Delta_K = \max\left(\frac{|\bar{g}_{2K} - \bar{g}_K|}{|\bar{g}_{2K}| + \varepsilon}, \frac{|s_{2K} - s_K|}{s_{2K} + \varepsilon}\right), \quad \tau = 0.05.$$

The smallest K for which $\Delta_K < \tau$ (5% relative stability threshold) was accepted as the final value.

Results: - $K = 25 \Rightarrow \Delta_{25} \approx 0.10{-}0.12$ → not stable. - $K = 50 \Rightarrow \Delta_{50} \approx 0.02{-}0.04$ → stable. - $K = 100 \Rightarrow$ negligible change vs. $K = 50$, but doubled computation time.

Therefore, $K = 50$ was adopted as the practical balance between numerical stability and computational efficiency.

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4. Statistical Treatment

For small K , the 95% confidence interval on g is estimated using the Student-t correction:

$$\mathrm{CI}_{95\%} = \bar{g}_K \pm t_{0.975,K-1} \frac{s_K}{\sqrt{K}}.$$

This ensures coverage accuracy for modest replicate counts ($K < 100$).

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5. Recommendations for Other Researchers

- $K = 50$ is **sufficient for mean and standard error convergence** in WLH-scale analyses.
- For studies targeting extreme quantiles (e.g., 99.9%), increase to $K \geq 200$.
- The same convergence criterion ($\Delta_K < 0.05$) should be used if modifying the noise model or fitting procedure.
- If runtime allows, a conservative default is $K = 200$ with automated doubling checks.

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6. Example Implementation

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K = 50
thetas = []
for k in range(K):
    eps = np.random.normal(0, sigma_jit, size=y.shape)
    yk  = y * (1 + eps)        # multiplicative jitter
    thetas.append(fit_model(yk))

gvals = [g(theta) for theta in thetas]
g_mean = np.mean(gvals)
g_se   = np.std(gvals, ddof=1)

# 95% CI using Student-t correction
ci = (
    g_mean - t.ppf(0.975, K-1)*g_se/np.sqrt(K),
    g_mean + t.ppf(0.975, K-1)*g_se/np.sqrt(K)
)
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7. Summary

The choice of $K = 50$ in the WLH bootstrap analysis was empirically validated and satisfies both reproducibility and computational efficiency requirements. It should be regarded as a **data-driven convergence constant**, not an intrinsic physical parameter.

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