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# lisabeta: LISA response implementation and waveform interface

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# lisabeta: overview

## Objectives and scope

- Science prospective, Figures of Merit
- Prototyping real analysis (LDC)
- Source types: MBHB, SBHB, GB
- Consortium-available lisabeta\_release (full members)

<https://gitlab.in2p3.fr/marsat/lisabeta>

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## Tools implemented

- SNR computations
- MCMC: ensemble sampler with parallel tempering (ptemcee)
- Informed proposals to deal with degeneracies
- Fast likelihoods
- Waveforms: PhenomD, PhenomHM, PhenomXHM, SEOBNRv4HM\_ROM, SEOBNRv5HM\_ROM
- Limited so far to **spin-aligned**

**Caveat:** lisabeta built for fast PE in simple cases — data model might not work in general

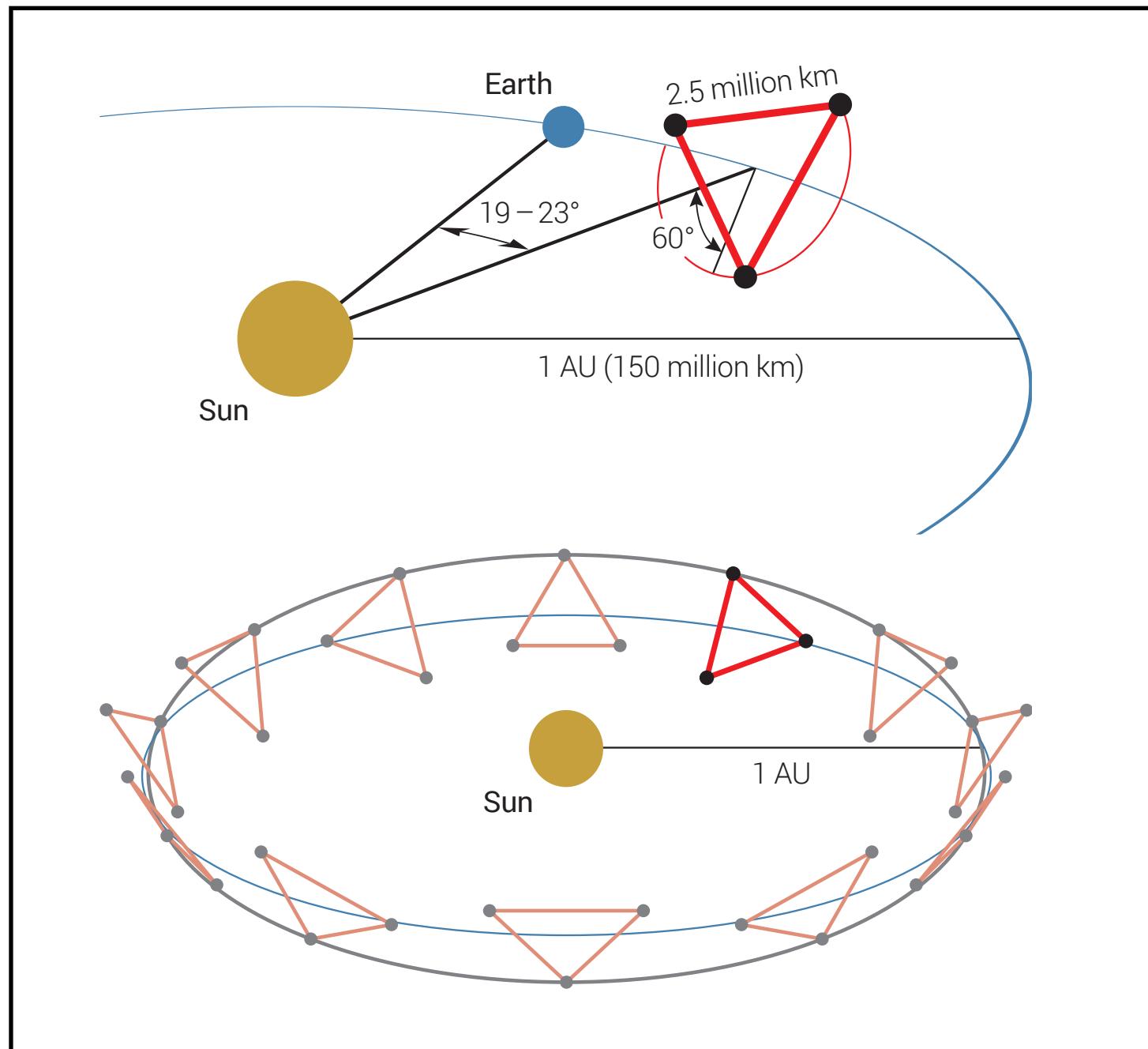
## Data analysis: levels of approximation

- Fisher matrix: for high SNR limit (depends on signal !) ✓
- Idealized PE: zero-noise realization ✓
- Bayesian PE initialized from Fisher ✓
- Bayesian PE from priors ✓
- Bayesian PE with noise ✓
- Superposition of sources, unknown noise, noise artifacts... **in progress**

## Computational cost

- SNR: few ms
- Fisher: ~200ms at high-M, worse at low-M
- Likelihood: MBHB 3-4ms, SBHB 3-5ms
- Bayesian PE with Fisher init. (best case): ~1CPUh
- Bayesian PE in simulated noise (LDC): ~8 CPUh

# LISA instrumental response: time-domain and Fourier-domain



## Response

From spacecraft s to spacecraft r through link l:  $y = \Delta\nu/\nu$

Levels of approximations:

- **Equal-armlength response (lisabeta)**
- Realistic orbits (lisabeta, in dev.)
- Pointing-ahead and other effects

Fourier-domain, at leading order in the separation of timescales:

$$\mathcal{T}_{slr} = \frac{i\pi f L}{2} \text{sinc} [\pi \textcolor{blue}{f} L (1 - k \cdot n_l)] \exp [i\pi \textcolor{blue}{f} (L + k \cdot (p_r + p_s))] n_l \cdot P \cdot n_l(\textcolor{red}{t}_f)$$

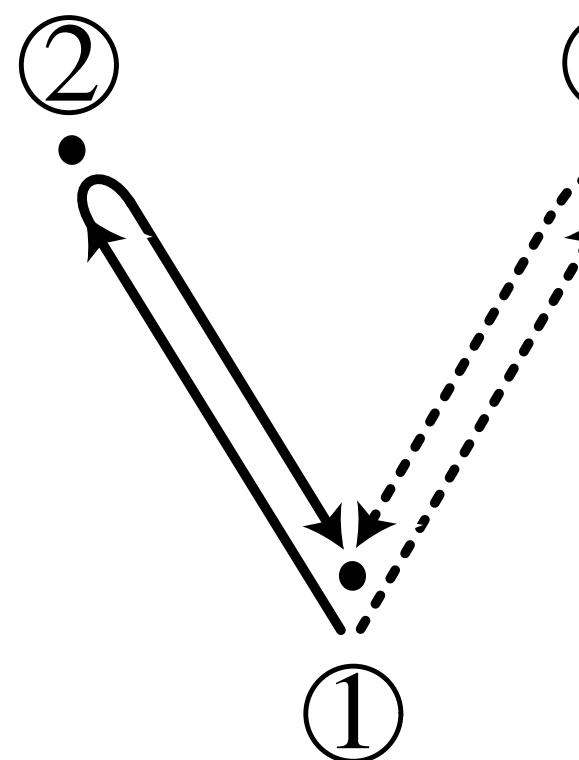
Time and frequency-dependency

## Time-Delay interferometry

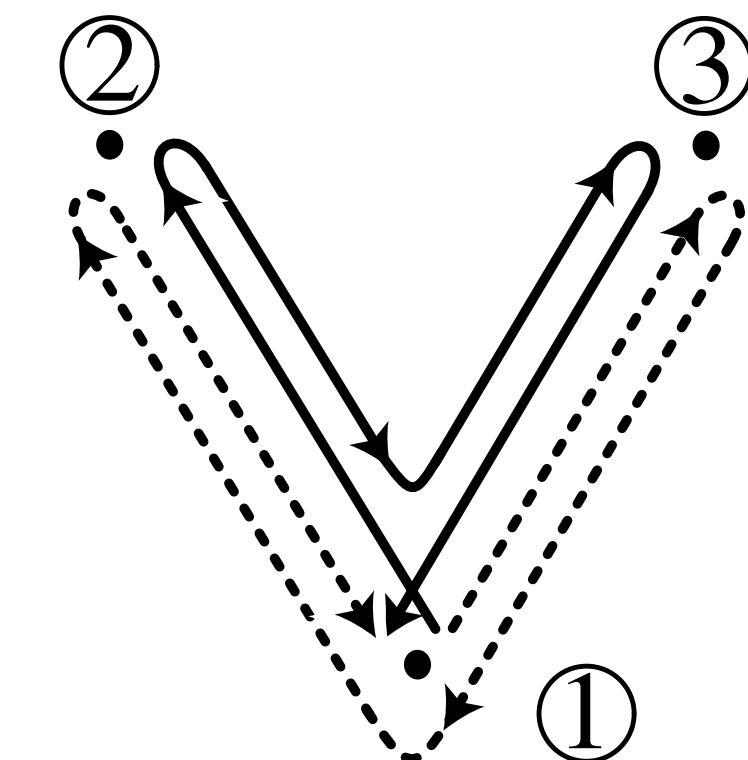
1st and 2nd generation TDI:

$$X_1^{\text{GW}} = \underbrace{[(y_{31}^{\text{GW}} + y_{13,2}^{\text{GW}}) + (y_{21}^{\text{GW}} + y_{12,3}^{\text{GW}})_{,22} - (y_{21}^{\text{GW}} + y_{12,3}^{\text{GW}}) - (y_{31}^{\text{GW}} + y_{13,2}^{\text{GW}})_{,33}]}_{X^{\text{GW}}(t)} \\ - \underbrace{[(y_{31}^{\text{GW}} + y_{13,2}^{\text{GW}}) + (y_{21}^{\text{GW}} + y_{12,3}^{\text{GW}})_{,22} - (y_{21}^{\text{GW}} + y_{12,3}^{\text{GW}}) - (y_{31}^{\text{GW}} + y_{13,2}^{\text{GW}})_{,33}]}_{X^{\text{GW}}(t-2L_2-2L_3) \simeq X^{\text{GW}}(t-4L)}.$$

Equal-arm Michelson



Unequal-arm Michelson



# Perturbative formalism for the Fourier-domain response

## Expansion of f-dependent convolution

Input:  $\tilde{h}(f) = A(f)e^{-i\Psi(f)}$

Modulation + delays: convolution  
with f-dependent kernel

$$s(t) = F(t)h(t + d(t))$$

$$\tilde{s}(f) = \int df' \tilde{h}(f - f')\tilde{G}(f - f', f')$$

$$G(f, t) \equiv e^{-2i\pi f d(t)} F(t)$$
 [Marsat-Baker 2018]

Leading order:  $\mathcal{T}(f) = G(f, t_f)$

time-of-frequency

$$t_f \equiv -\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\Psi}{df}$$

Example correction,  
Quadratic phase term:  $\mathcal{T}(f) = \sum \frac{1}{p!} \left( \frac{i}{8\pi^2} \frac{d^2\Psi}{df^2} \right)^p \partial_t^{2p} G(f, t_f)$

→ Evaluation on a stencil  
cf SUA [Klein&al 2014]

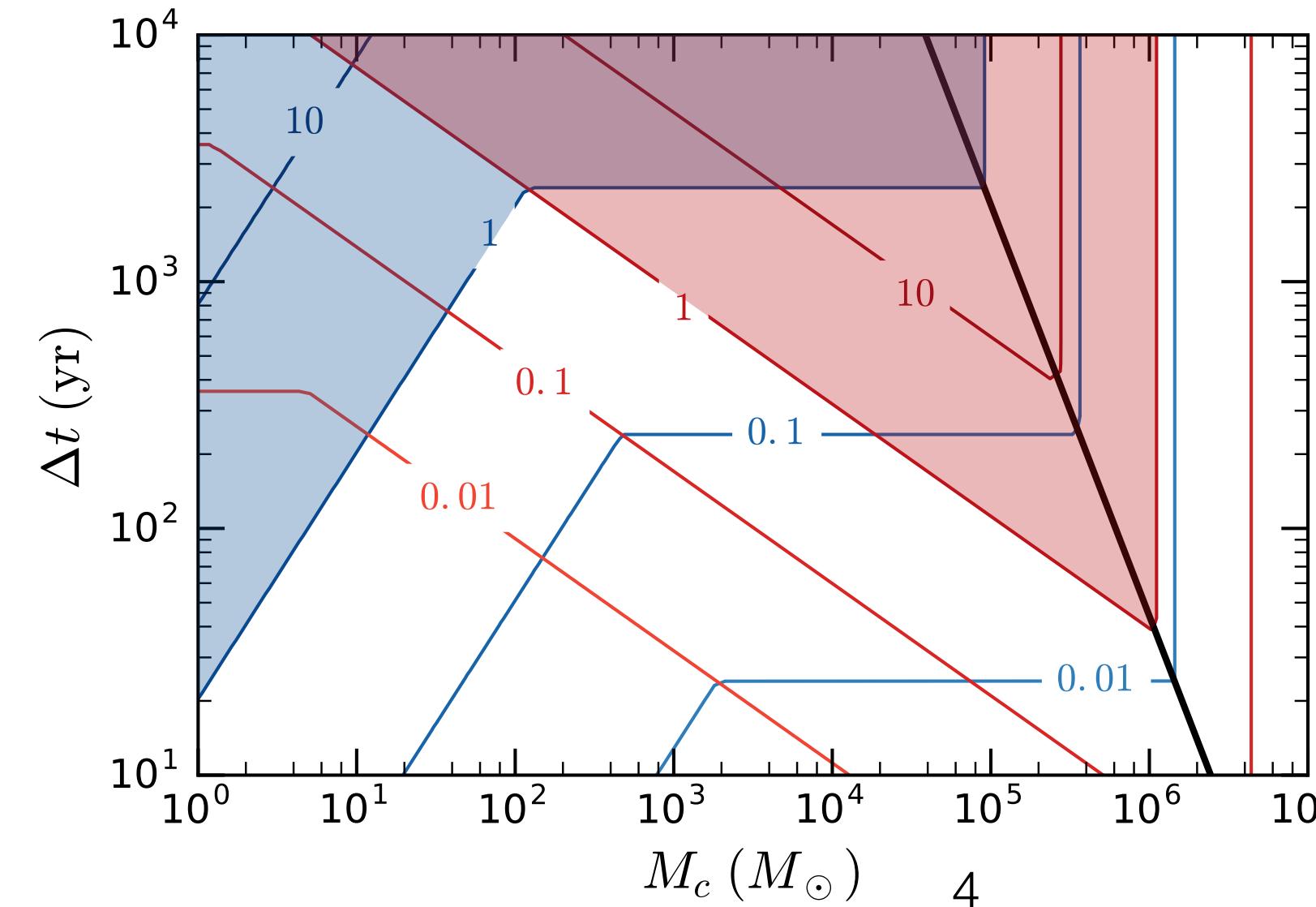
For the **spin-aligned case**:  
leading-order sufficient

Precessing case: see  
[Pratten&al 2023]  
(PhenomXPHM)

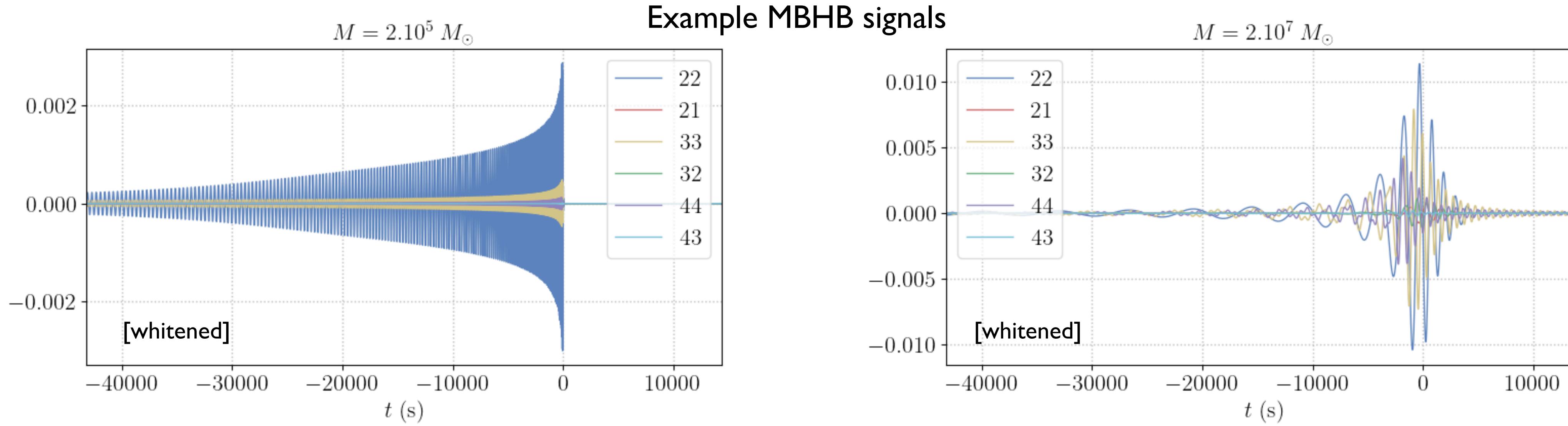
## Breakdown: monochromatic limit

Perturbative scheme breaks  
down when radiation reaction  
timescale is longer than LISA  
orbital timescale

→ Quasi-monochromatic signals  
(GB, early SBHB) need other  
treatment (heterodyne+FFT)



# Waveform structure: spin-aligned case with HM



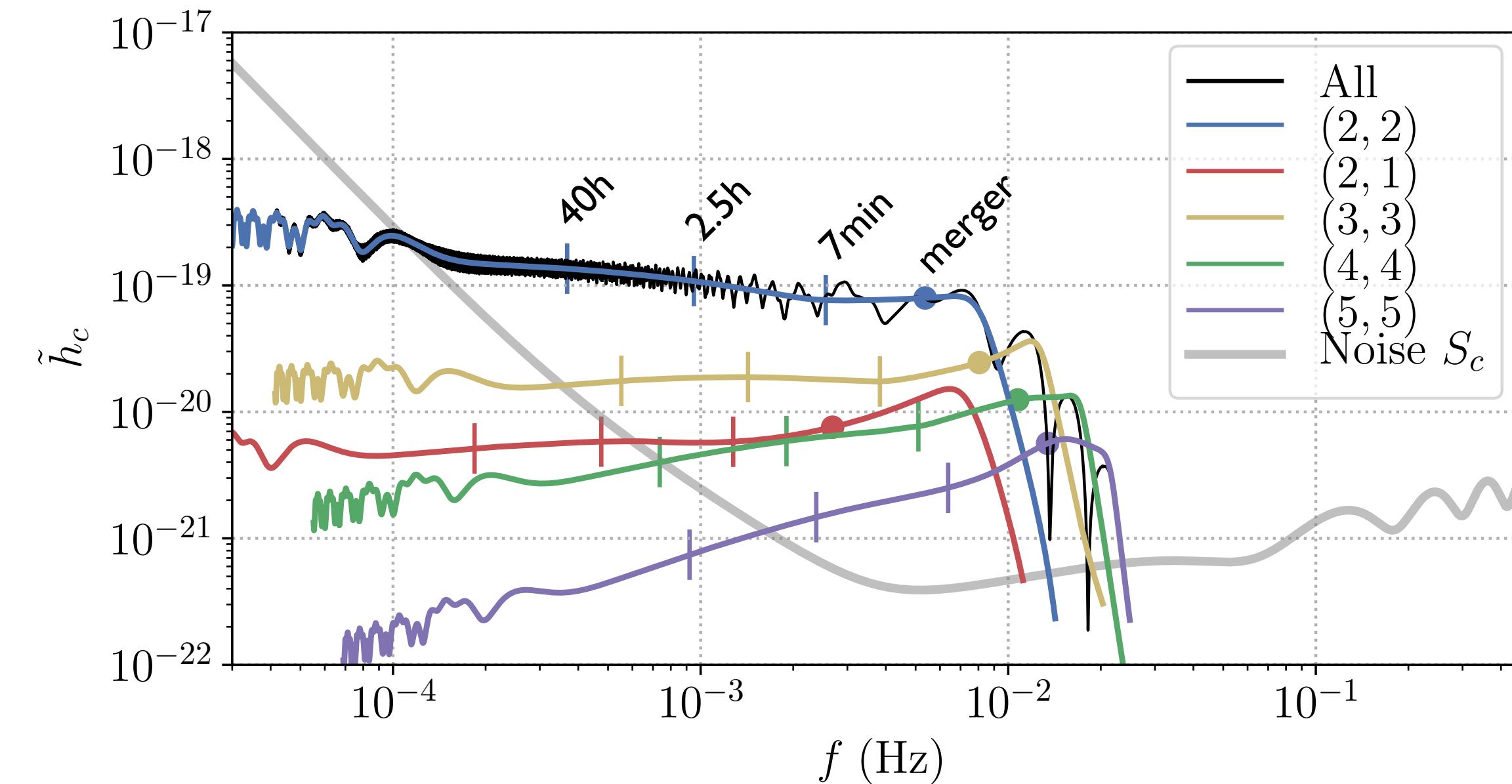
Waveform decomposition:

$$h_+ - i h_\times = \sum_{\ell \geq 2} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} {}_{-2}Y_{\ell m}(\iota, \varphi) h_{\ell m}$$

For planar orbits (**no precession**):

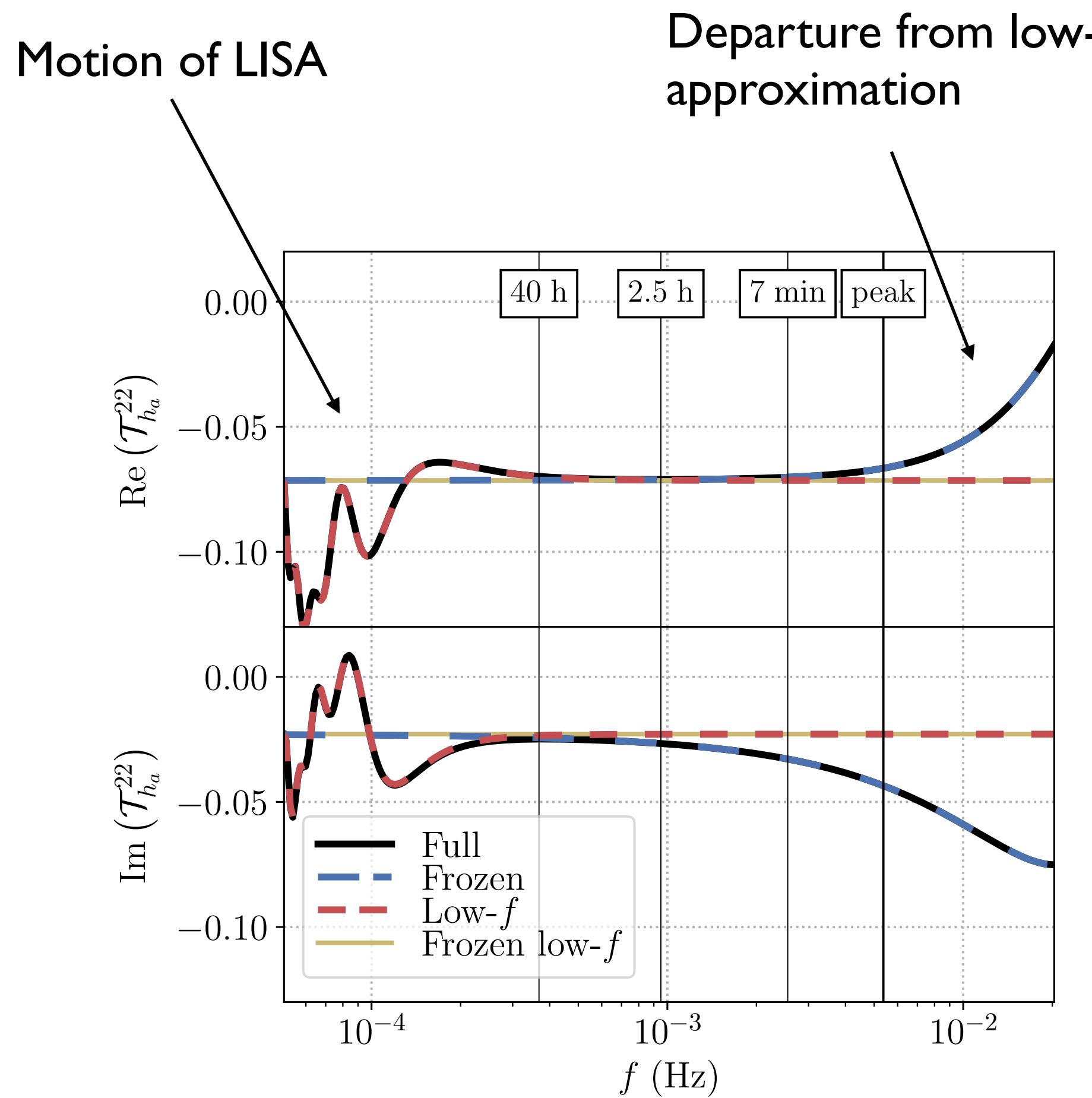
$$h_{\ell, -m} = (-1)^{\ell} h_{\ell m}^*$$

Response: treat each harmonic separately



# Structure of FD response and interpolation

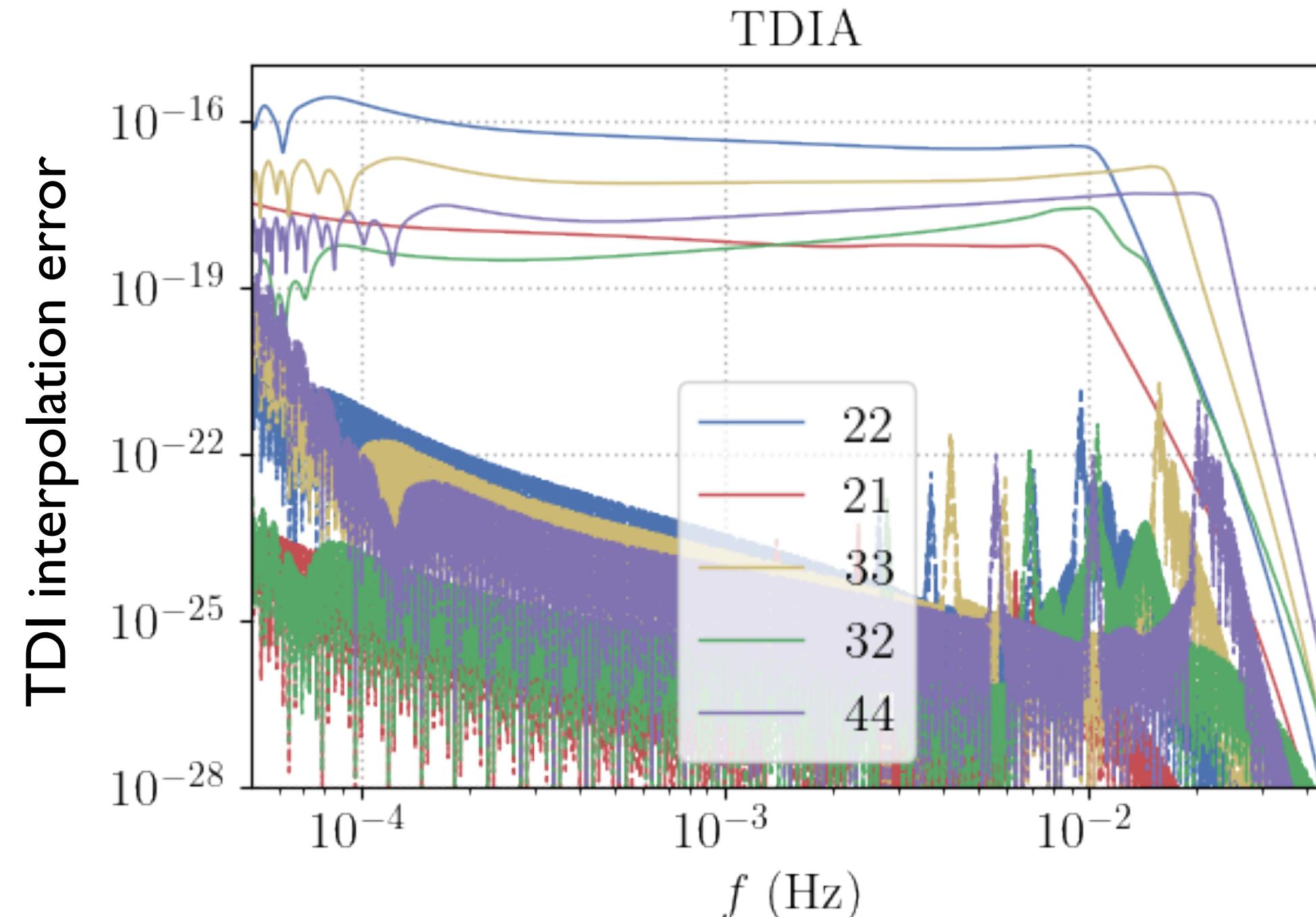
## Structure of FD transfer functions



## Waveform/Response interpolation errors

Input: for each mode  $A(f)$ ,  $\Phi(f)$ ,  $t_f$  Note: amplitude/phase, not  $h$

on sparse frequency grid (200-300) + spline interpolation



Sparse spline representation  
with few hundred points  
(Spin-aligned case)

Same representation for short  
MBHBs/very long SBHB signals

# Inner products and likelihoods

$$(h_1|h_2) = 4\text{Re} \int df \frac{\tilde{h}_1(f)\tilde{h}_2^*(f)}{S_n(f)}$$

## Discretization on a grid

Adjust frequency resolution for inspiral/merger

Similar to multi-banding

[Vinciguerra+ 2017]

$$(h|d) = 4\text{Re} \sum_i \Delta f_i \frac{\tilde{h}(f_i)\tilde{d}^*(f_i)}{S_n^i}$$

Safe, used e.g. for Fisher matrices

Cost: ~50ms

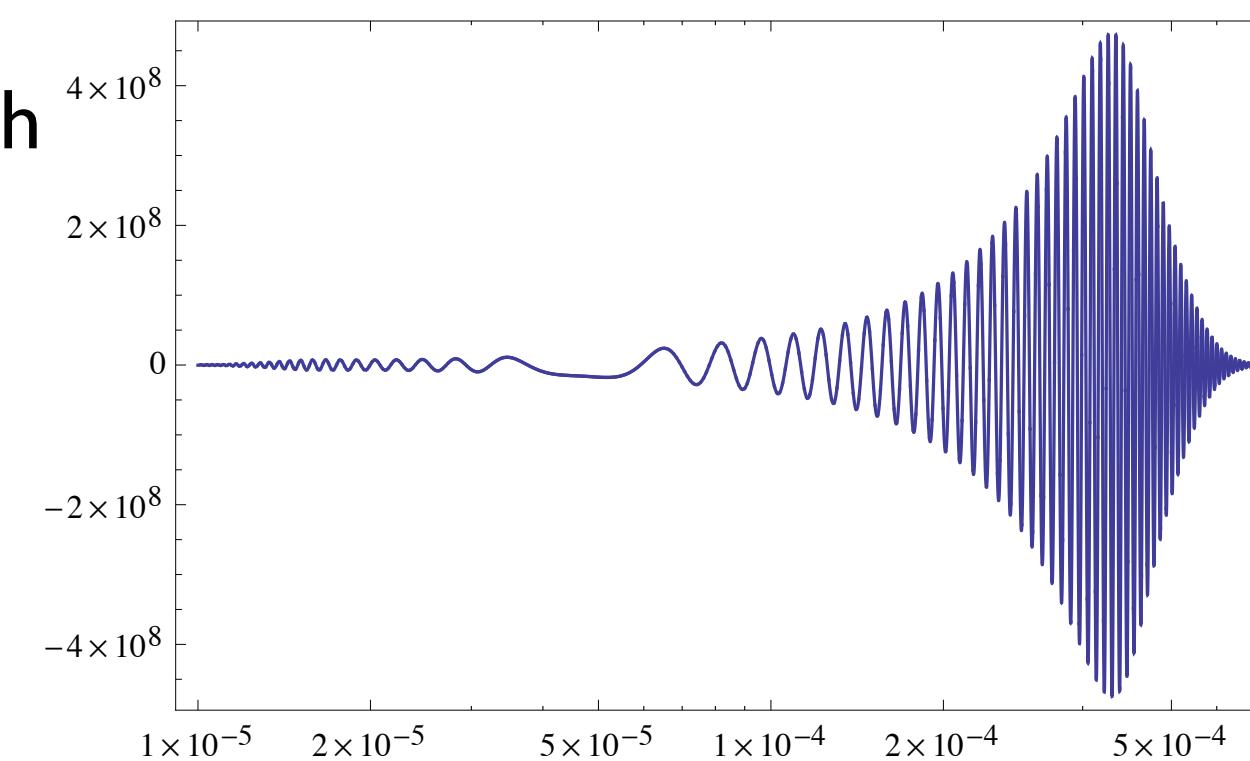
## Fresnel overlaps

0-noise overlaps

Oscillatory integrals with quadratic spline phase:  
Fresnel integrals

$$\int_{f_i}^{f_{i+1}} P(f) e^{i[af + bf^2]}$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{f_i}^{f_{i+1}} e^{i[af + bf^2]}$$



Cost: <15ms

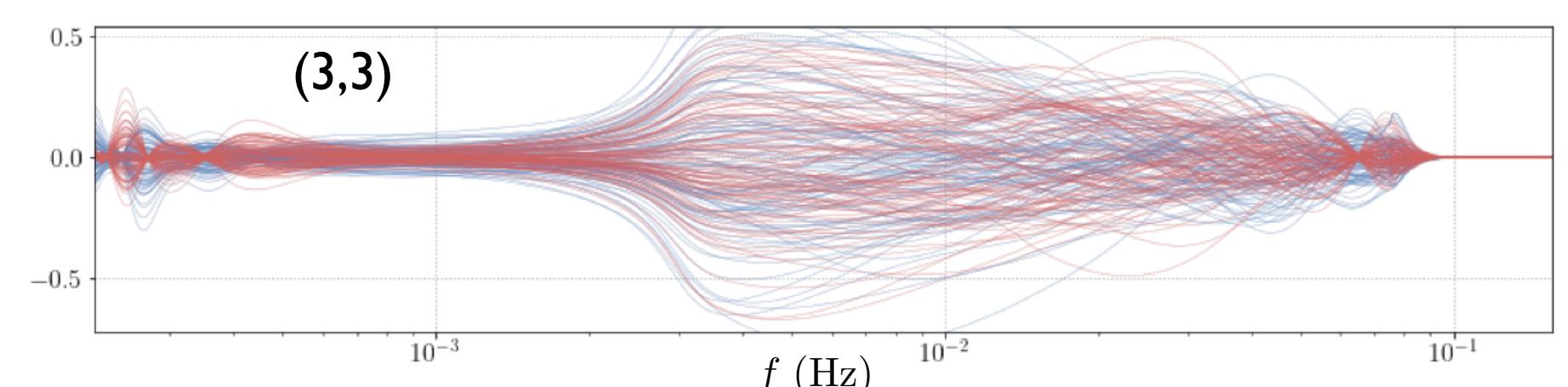
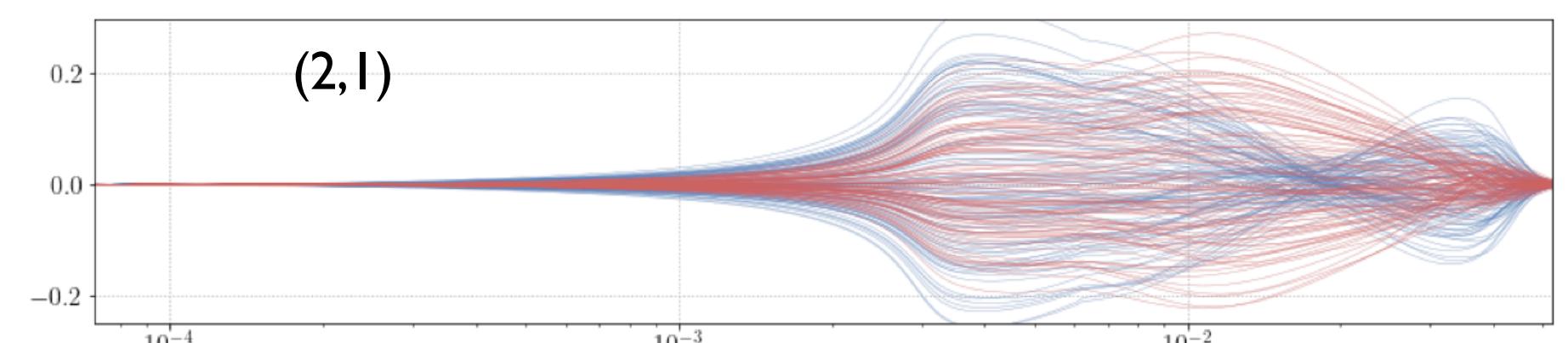
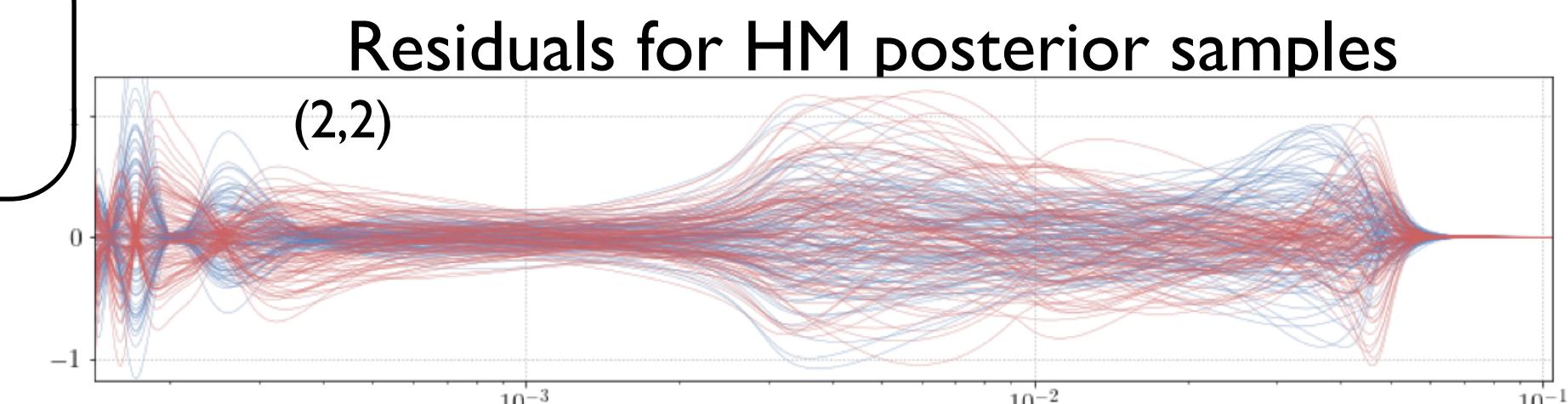
## Heterodyne likelihood

$$\zeta(f) = h(f)/\bar{h}(f)$$

$$(d|h) = \int df \frac{\bar{h}d^*(f)}{S_n} \zeta(f)$$

$$(h|h) = \int df \frac{\bar{h}\bar{h}^*(f)}{S_n} \zeta\zeta^*(f)$$

Flexibility in choice of freqs. required



Cost: <5ms

[Cornish 2012]  
[Zackay+ 2018]

[Cornish 2021]

Introduce a reference waveform, decompose overlaps in **fast-varying** (precomputed) and **slow varying parts** (coarsely resolved)

# lisabeta: waveform interface

Input: for each mode  
 $A(f)$ ,  $\Phi(f)$ ,  $t_f$   
on user-specified frequencies

## Stand-alone reimplementation

- (EOBNRv2HM\_ROM)
- PhenomD
- PhenomHM
- PhenomXHM



- Historically, hard to work with lalsuite...
- Provide stand-alone lightweight package without the whole lalsuite
- PhenomHM refactored for speed
- Access to analytical  $t(f)$ , amplitude/phase output
- Wasteful in programming time !

## LAL interface modified

- SEOBNRv4HM\_ROM
- SEOBNRv5HM\_ROM



- Use lalsimulation
- Temporary tweak to interface for amplitude/phase output

## NR surrogate (injections)

- NRHybSur3dq8



- Use gwsurrogate time-domain waveforms
- Fast Fourier transforms with SPA+FFT

# Time-domain LISA response

Time-domain response:

$$y_{slr} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - k \cdot n_l} n_l \cdot [H(t - (k \cdot p_s + L)) - H(t - k \cdot p_r)] \cdot n_l$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_1^{\text{GW}} &= \underbrace{[(y_{31}^{\text{GW}} + y_{13,2}^{\text{GW}}) + (y_{21}^{\text{GW}} + y_{12,3}^{\text{GW}}),_{22} - (y_{21}^{\text{GW}} + y_{12,3}^{\text{GW}}) - (y_{31}^{\text{GW}} + y_{13,2}^{\text{GW}}),_{33}]}_{X^{\text{GW}}(t)} \\ &\quad - \underbrace{[(y_{31}^{\text{GW}} + y_{13,2}^{\text{GW}}) + (y_{21}^{\text{GW}} + y_{12,3}^{\text{GW}}),_{22} - (y_{21}^{\text{GW}} + y_{12,3}^{\text{GW}}) - (y_{31}^{\text{GW}} + y_{13,2}^{\text{GW}}),_{33}]}_{X^{\text{GW}}(t-2L_2-2L_3) \simeq X^{\text{GW}}(t-4L)}. \end{aligned}$$

Mode-by-mode TDI transfer functions (~derivatives):

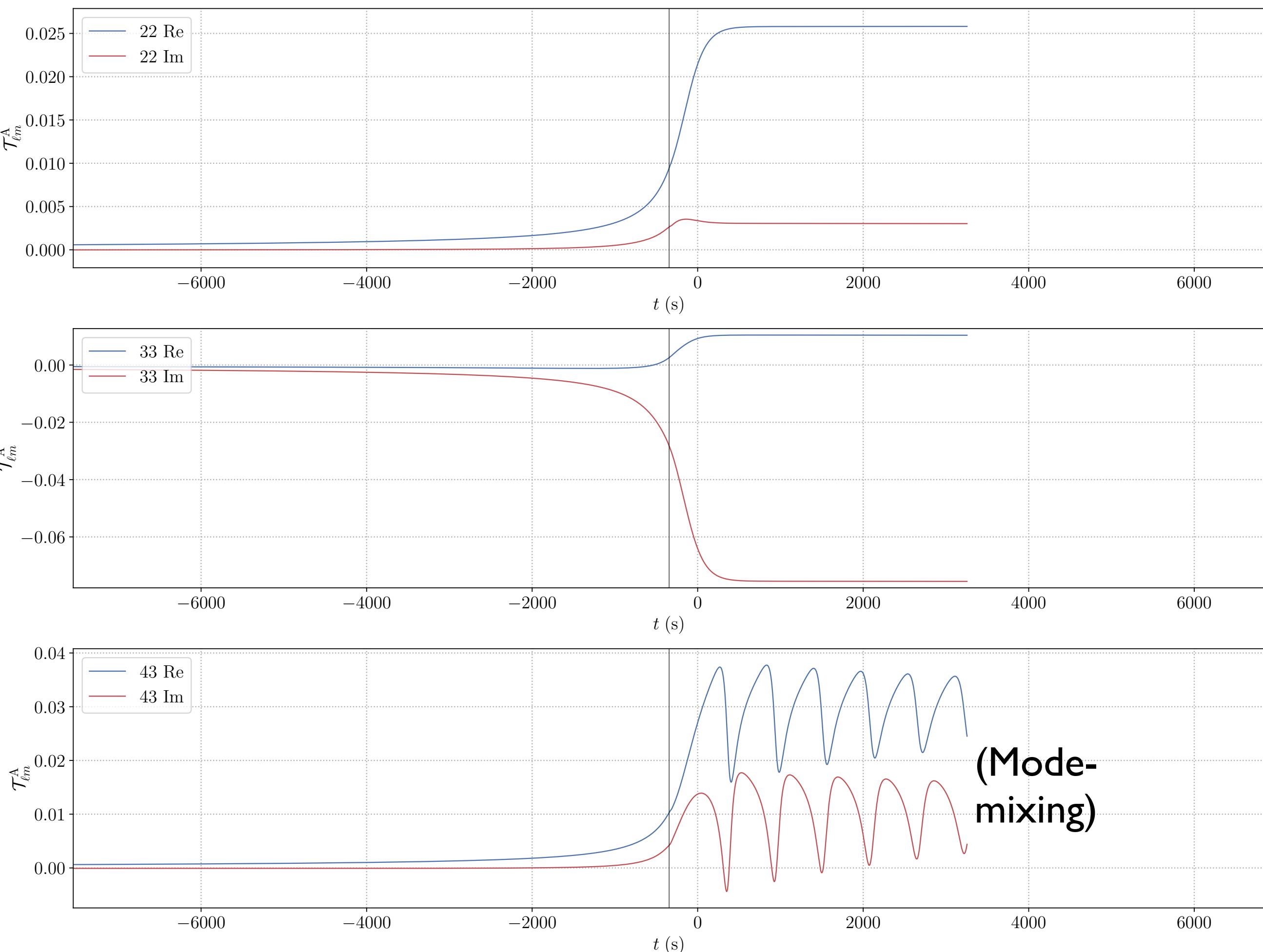
$$\text{TDI} = \sum_{\ell,m>0} \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\ell m}^{\text{TDI}} h_{\ell m} + (\mathcal{T}_{\ell m}^{\text{TDI}} h_{\ell m})^* \right]$$

Time delays: need to interpolate

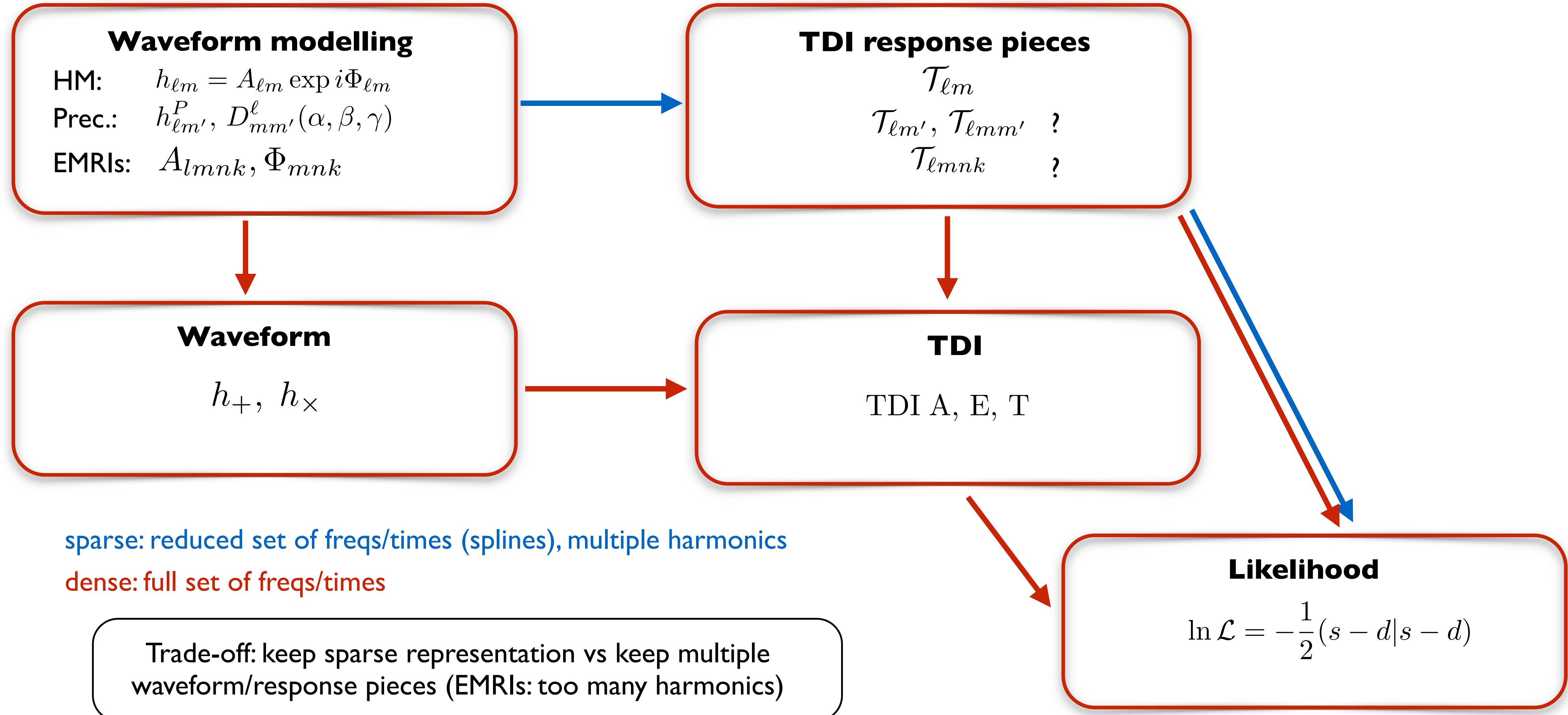
$$h_{\ell m}(t - nL - p_A), \quad A = 1, 2, 3, \quad n = 0, \dots, 4 \quad (\text{TDII})$$

+ geometric prefactors, linear combinations to rebuild TDI

Sparse spline representation for transfer function (<1000 pts)  
(Spin-aligned case)



# Interface of waveforms and LISA response



- lisabeta: take as input amplitude/phase/tf for separate harmonics on sparse frequencies, compute sparse FD response, TDI FD given by spline interpolation - can we always keep the same “Fast-PE” data model ?
- Precession: important missing part, work in progress
- Should move on from reimplementation to using modern and generic waveform interface
- Current developments: waveform systematics, inspiral tests of GR, extra polarizations, future instruments (GWspace2050)
- Fourier domain may not be best given instrumental non-stationarities (Wavelet domain)