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# Structure of this talk

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- Introduction to building models of GWs from compact binaries
- Regression methods
- Setup of this study
- Results
- Conclusion



# Introduction to building models of GWs from compact binaries



# What do we need to model?

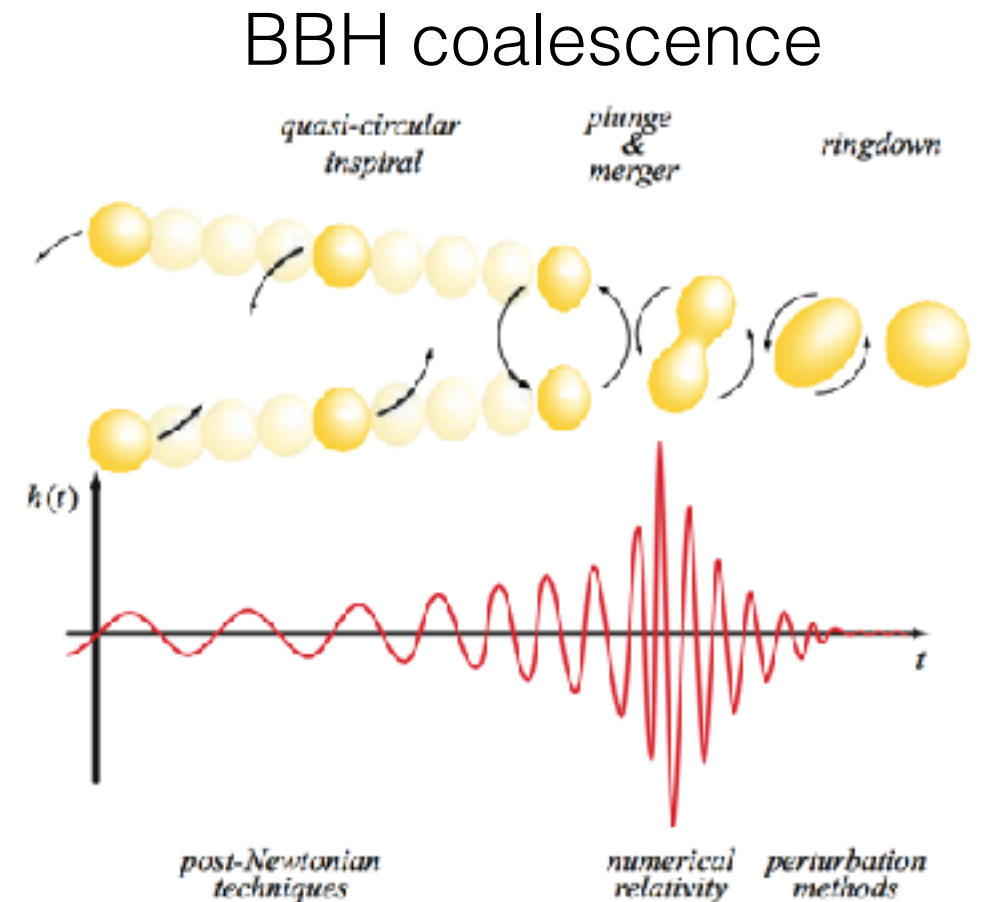
- A **waveform model** is a **parametrized function** of the waveform **polarizations**  $h_{+,\times}(t; \vec{\lambda})$  or complex **modes**  $h_{lm}(t; \vec{\lambda})$

$$h_+ - ih_\times = \sum_{l,m} h_{lm}(t; \vec{\lambda})^{-2} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

- Need to model the **inspiral, merger and ringdown** stages in binary black hole coalescence.

- GW detectors record **GW strain**:

$$h(t; \vec{\theta}) = h_+(t; \vec{\lambda}) F_+(\hat{n}, \psi) + h_\times(t; \vec{\lambda}) F_\times(\hat{n}, \psi)$$



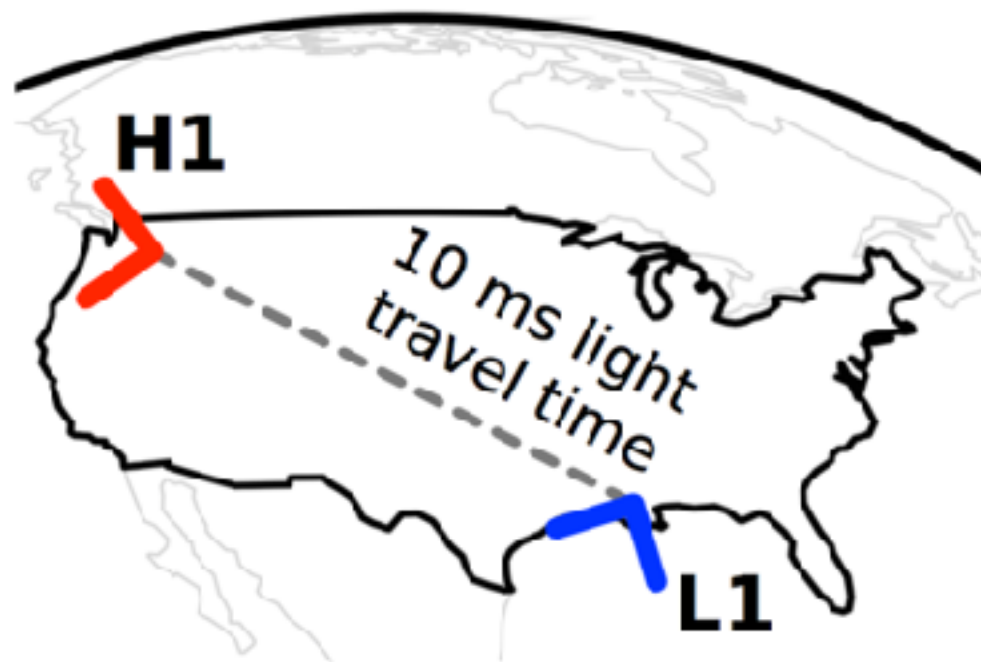
[Baumgarte & Shapiro, Numerical Relativity]



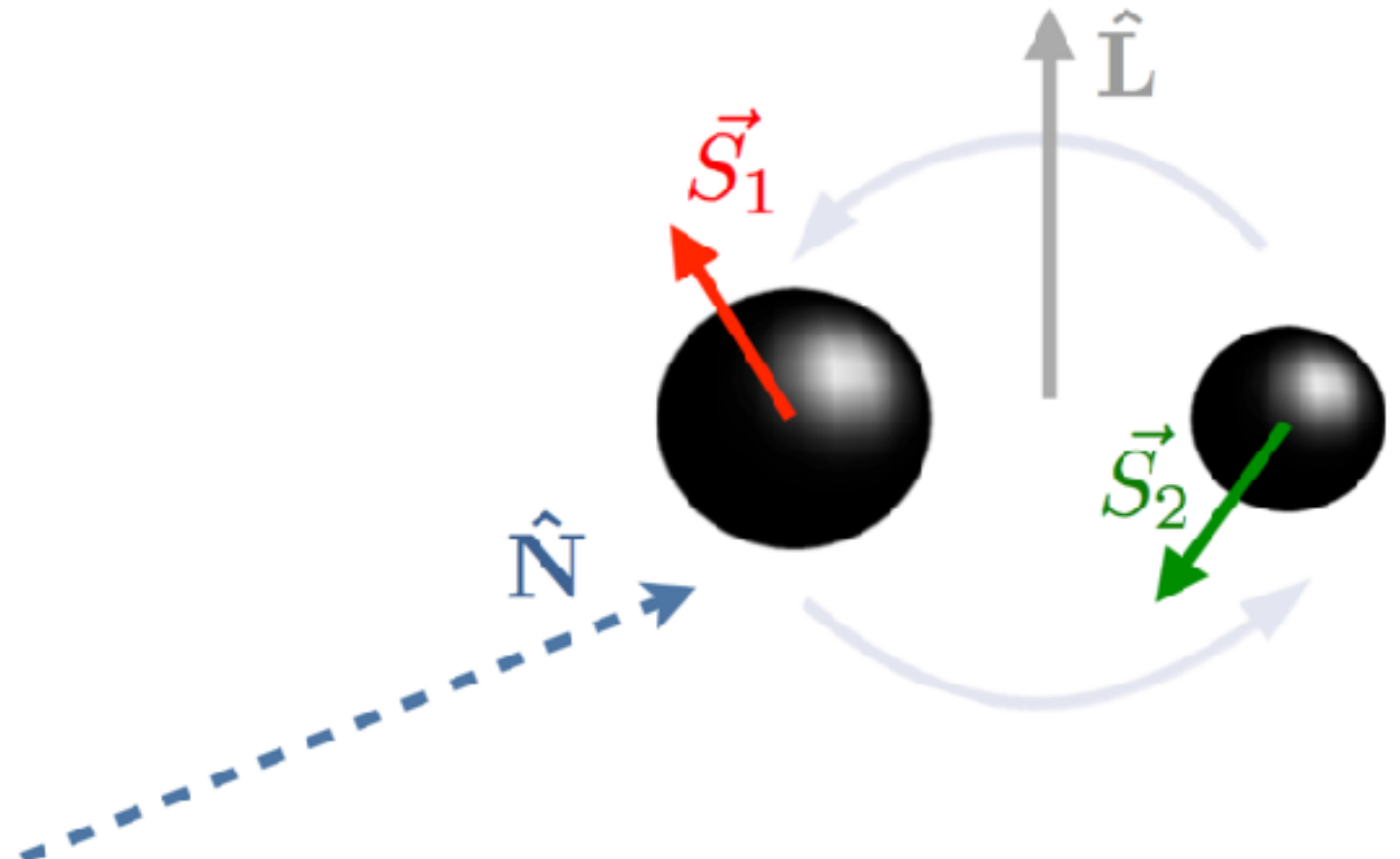
# Model parameters

## Intrinsic parameters:

masses, spins,  
eccentricity, tidal  
deformability



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## Extrinsic parameters:

time, sky position,  
distance, orientation,  
reference phase



# Types of waveform models

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- Analytic:
  - **post-Newtonian**
  - (uncalibrated) **Effective-one body** (EOB) models
- **Numerical relativity** (NR):
  - Numerical solution of Einstein's equations for binary systems
- “Data driven”:
  - Semi-analytical models combining analytical information with tuning to numerical relativity (NR) simulations
    - Phenom(enological)** models
    - EOBNR** models
  - **Surrogate / reduced order models**
    - Model directly NR or a semi-analytical model



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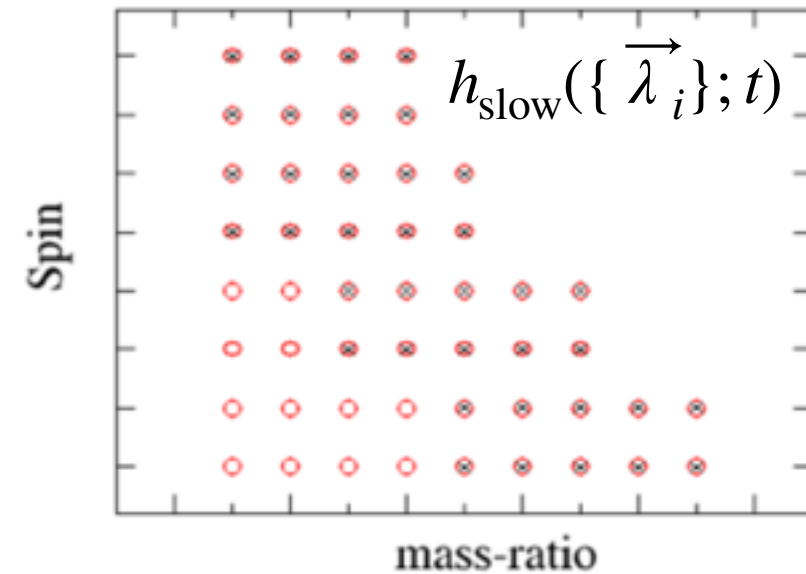
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  - **reduced order model**: *truncated orthonormal basis expansion*





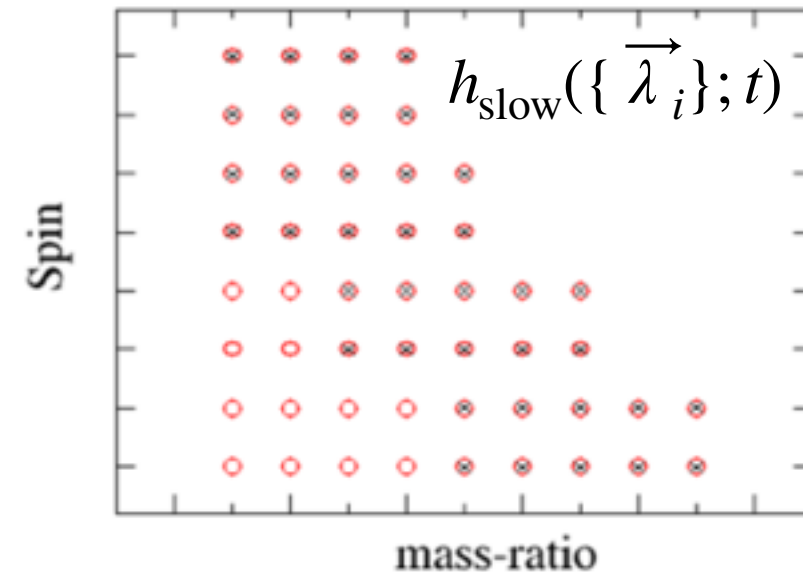
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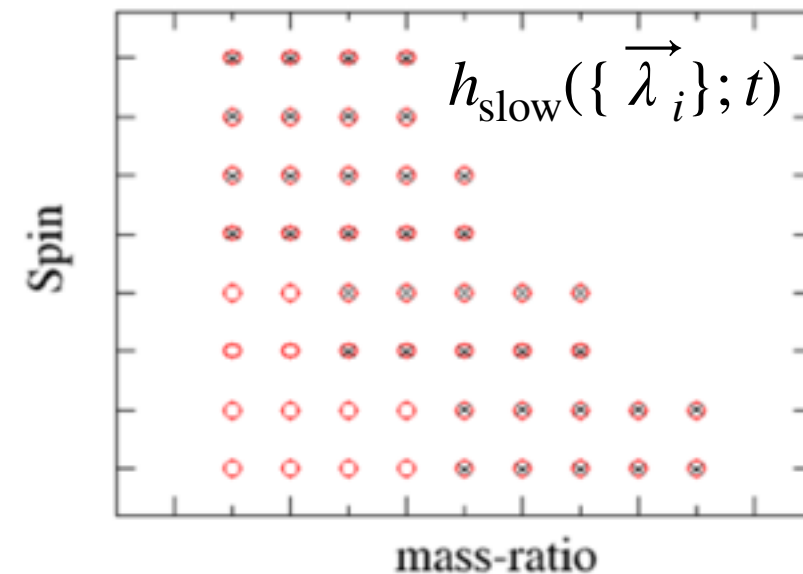
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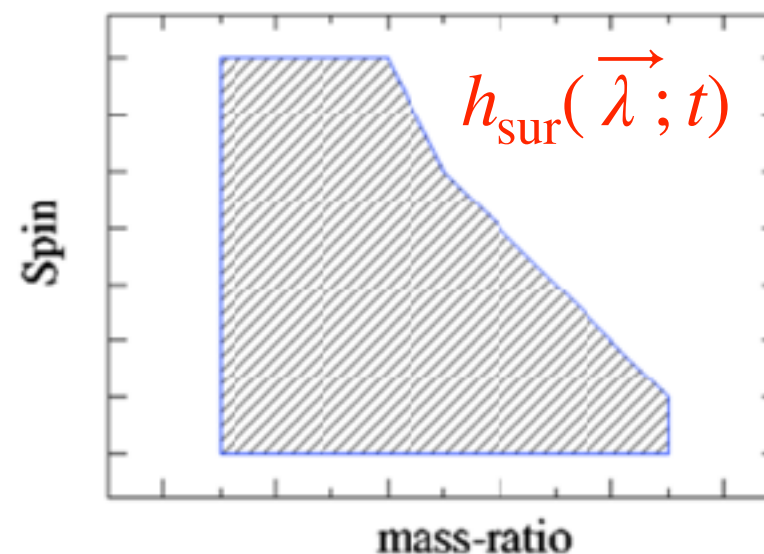
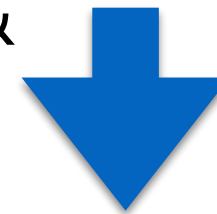


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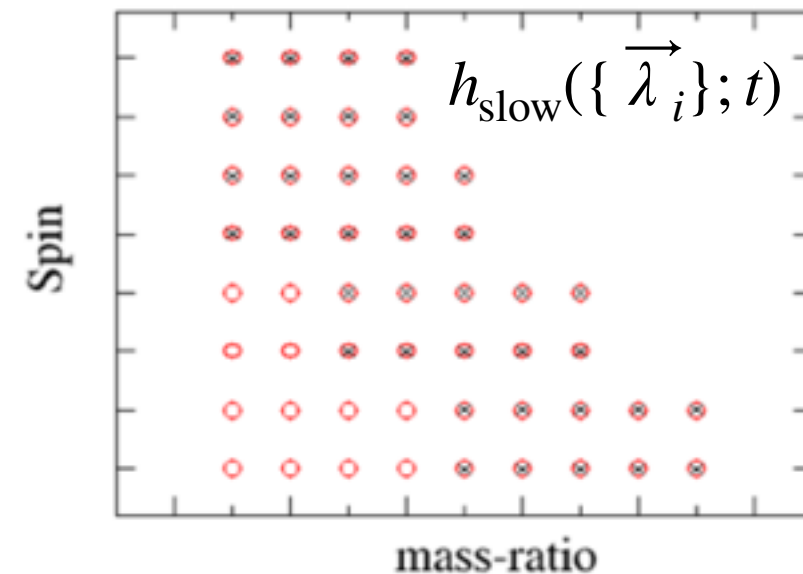


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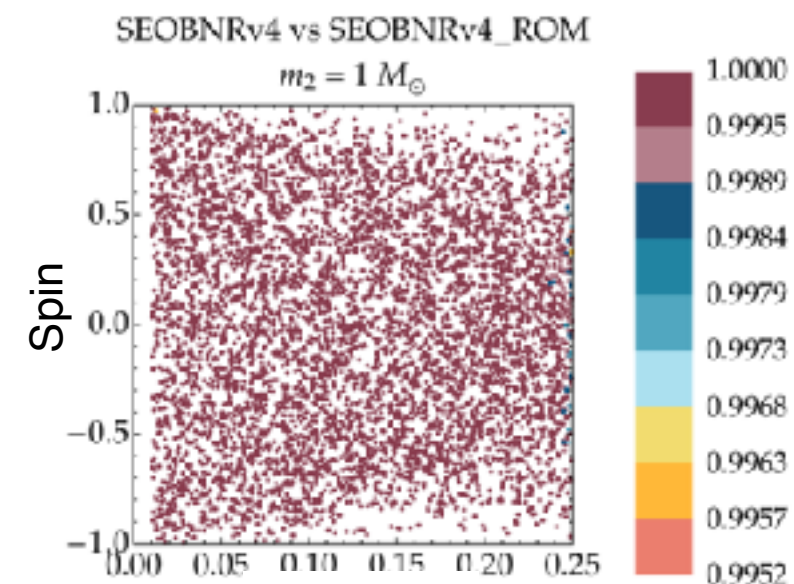
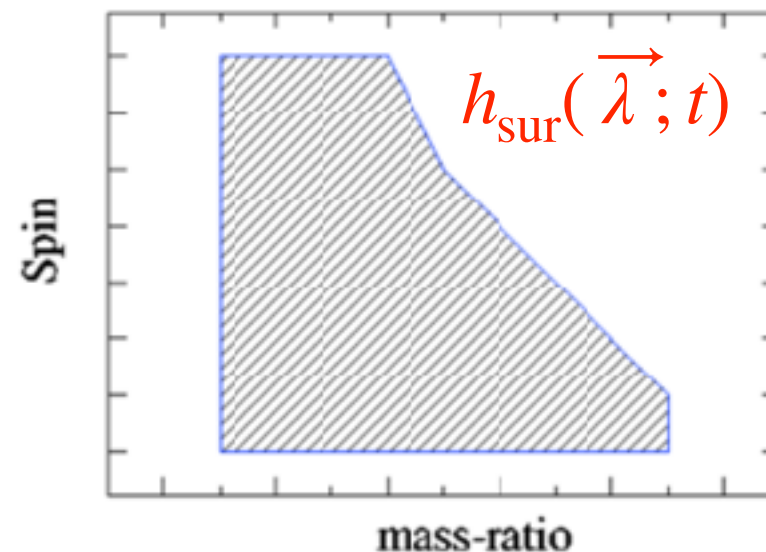
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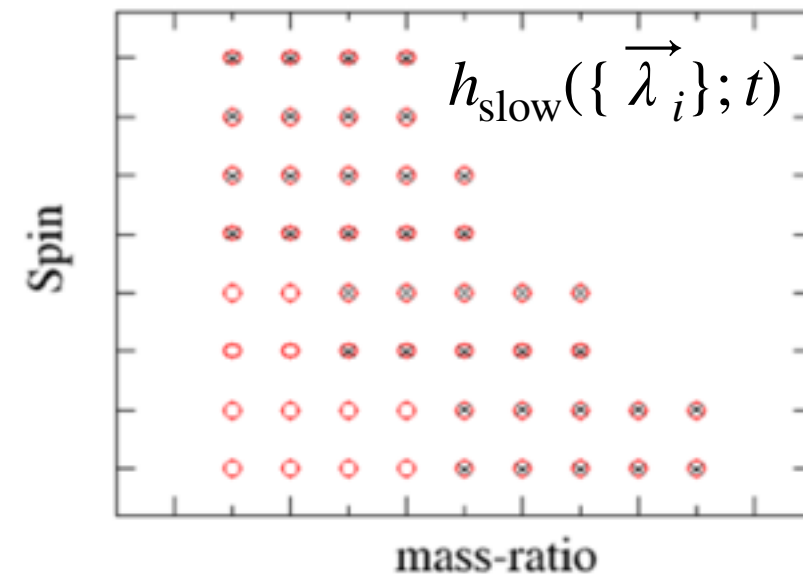
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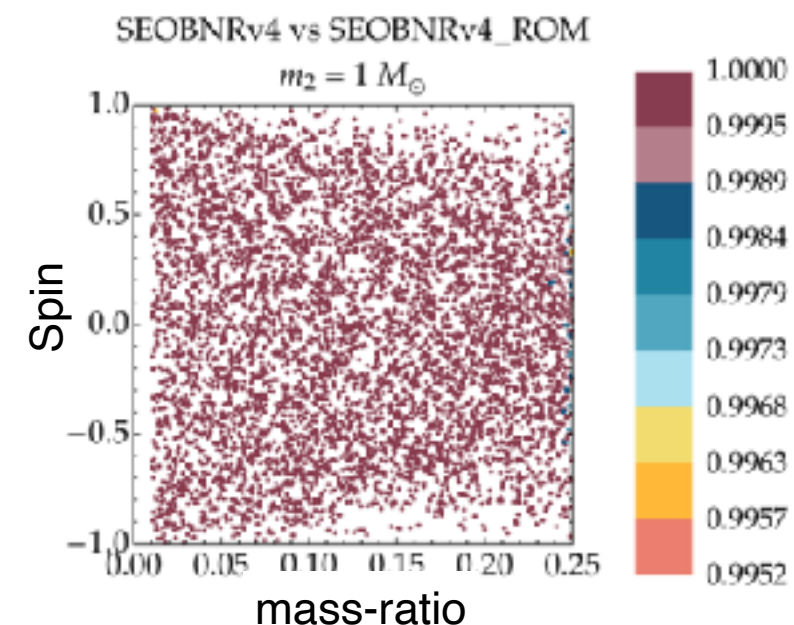
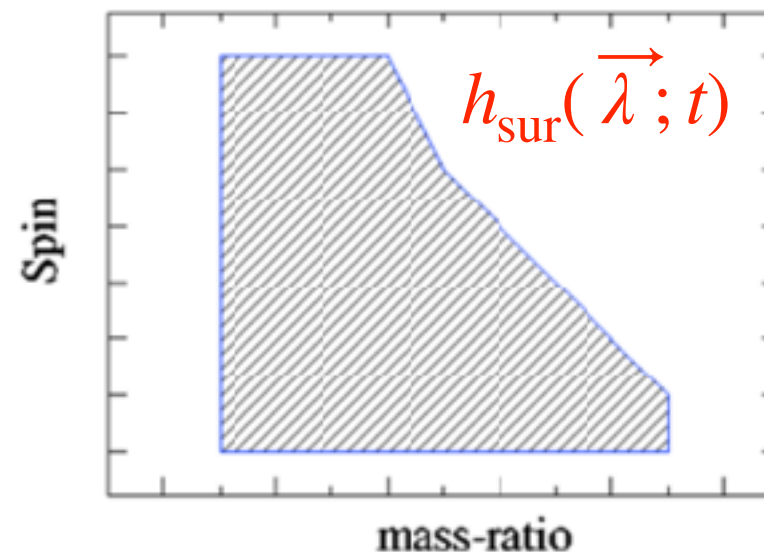
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[Field+13, MP 14, 15, Bohé+...MP 17, Lackey+16, Doctor+17 (MP), Lackey+...MP 19, Blackman+15,+17,+17, Varma+19,+19, Cotesta+ 20]





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$$I_N[X](t; \vec{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^N c_i(\vec{\lambda}) e^i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N X(T_j; \vec{\lambda}) b^j(t).$$

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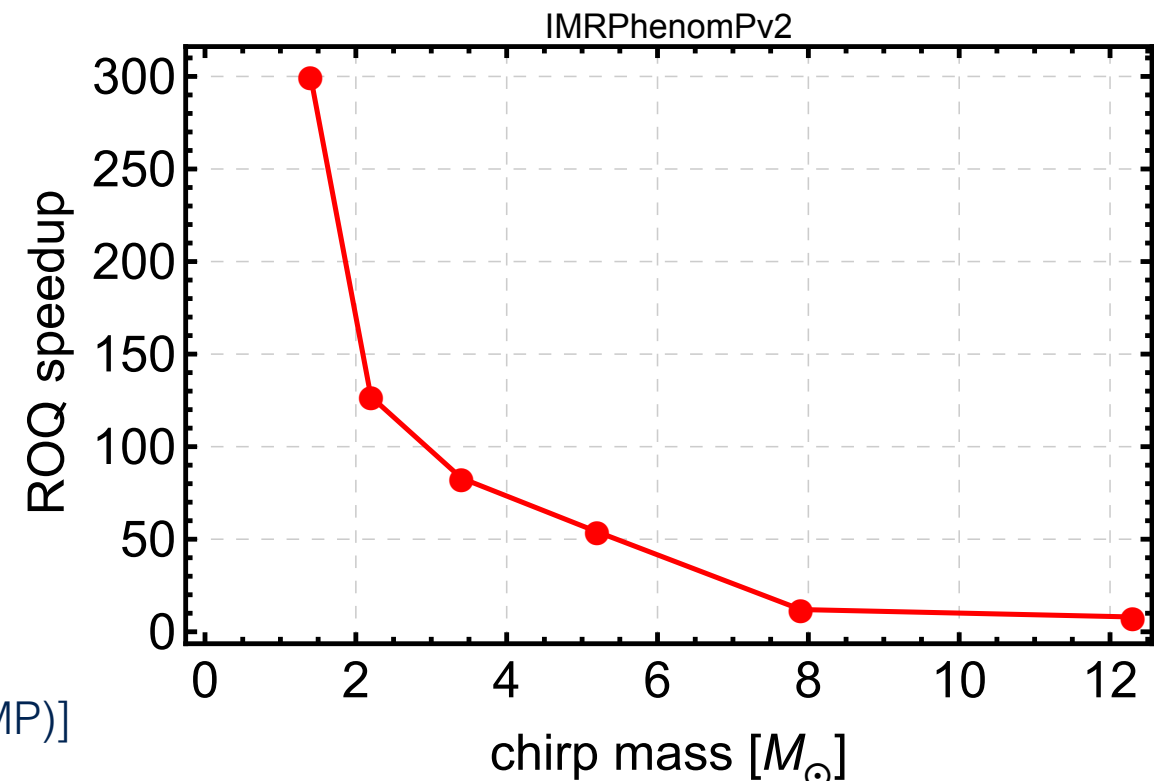
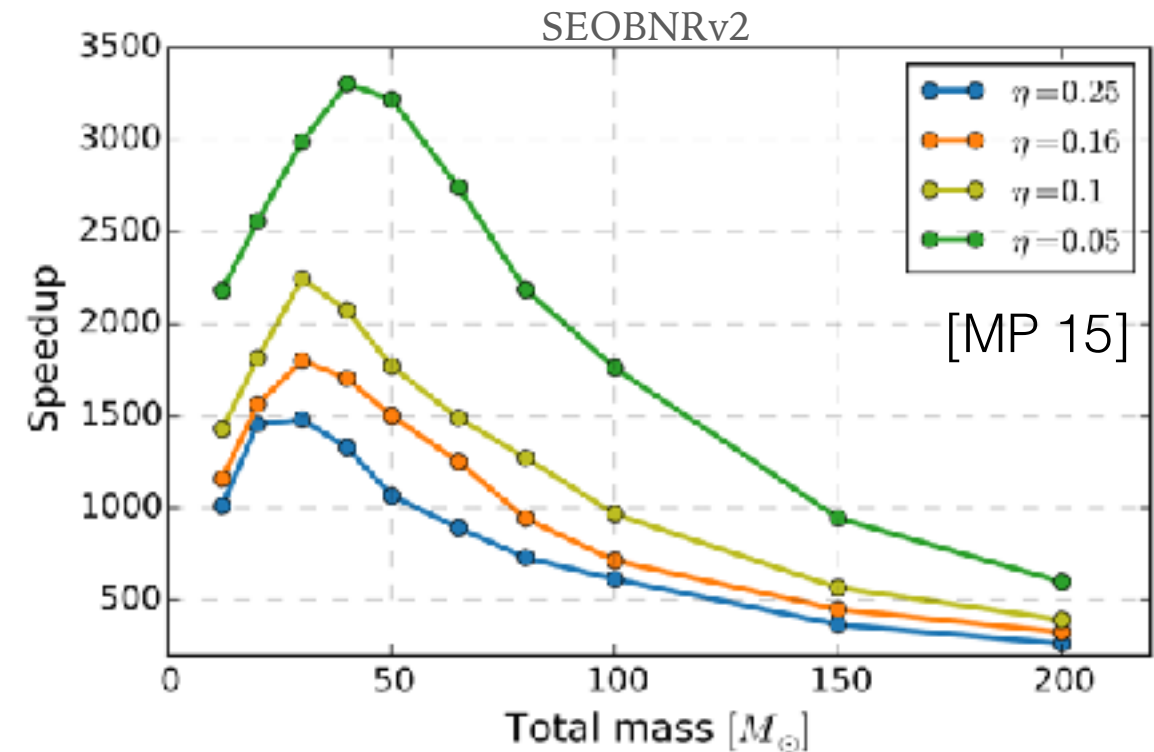
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# Regression methods

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# Overview of regression methods

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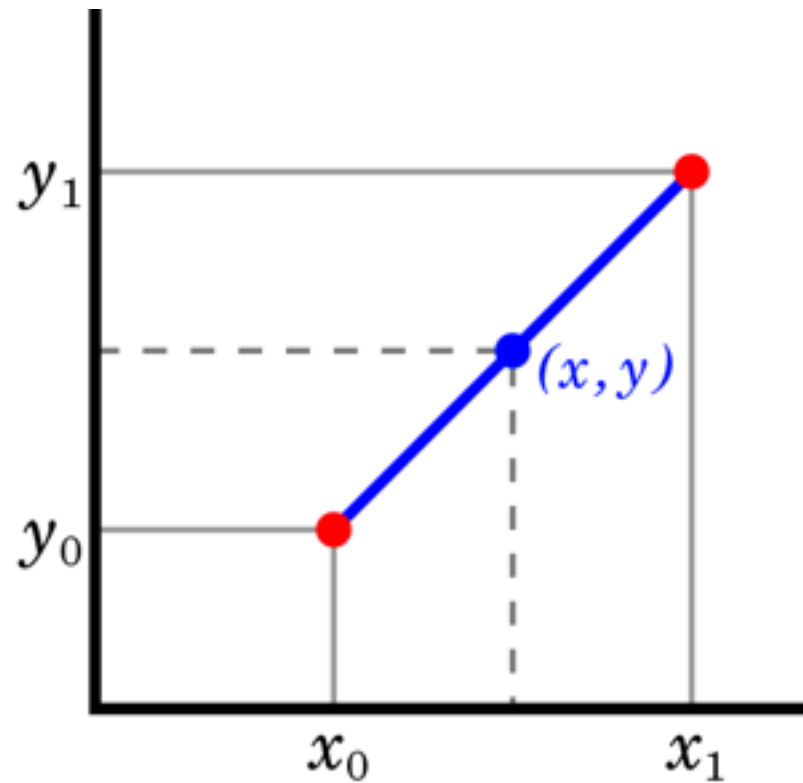
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  - Linear interpolation
  - Tensor product interpolation (TPI)
  - Greedy multivariate polynomial fit (GMVP)
- Radial basis functions (RBF)
- Gaussian process regression (GPR)
- Artificial neural networks (ANNs)



# Linear interpolation

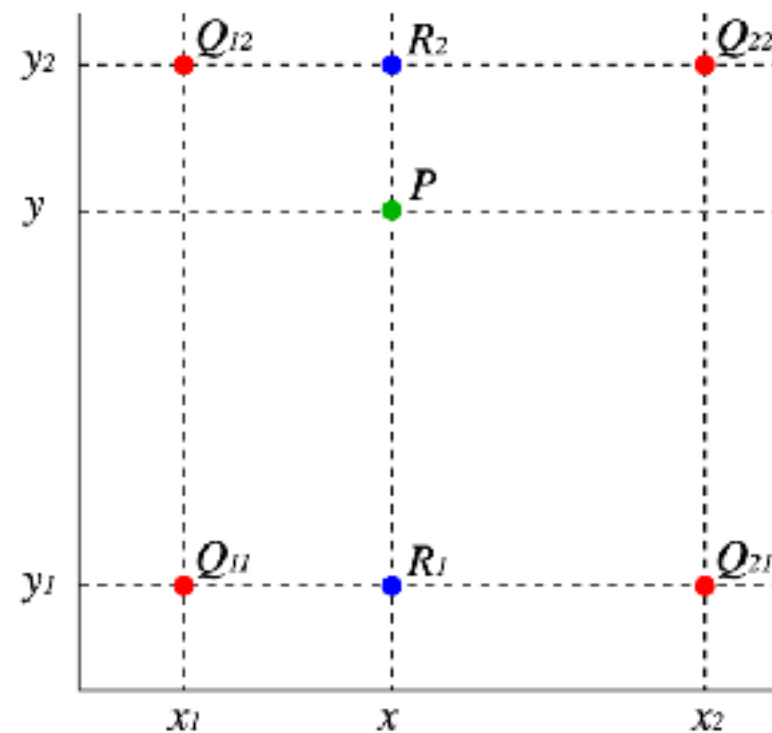
- Multivariate linear interpolation on a *regular grid* using the regular grid interpolator (RGI) in scipy

# 1D



$$y = y_0 + (x - x_0) \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0}$$

# 2D

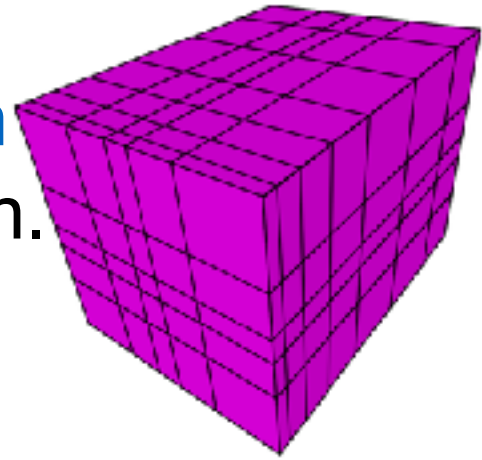


- 1) Interpolate in x-direction:  $\rightarrow R_1, R_2$
- 2) Interpolate in y-direction:  $\rightarrow P$



# Tensor product interpolation (TPI)

- On a **regular grid** can use the same **univariate interpolation method** (e.g. splines, spectral interpolation) in each dimension.



$$I[X](t_i; \vec{\lambda}) = \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_d} a_{j_1, \dots, j_d} (\Psi_{j_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \Psi_{j_d}) (\vec{\lambda}),$$

- Splines** are piecewise polynomials with continuity conditions.
  - Can be written in terms of B-spline basis functions of degree  $k$  with a “knot vector”  $t$  (connection points of polynomials)
  - Solve a linear system for the spline coefficients  $s = \sum_i s_i B_{i,k,t}(x)$
- If data is smooth **Chebyshev interpolation** is a good option.
- We use **TPI cubic splines** provided by the Cython package at <https://github.com/mpuerrerr/TPI>

A (rectilinear) regular grid [credit: [wikipedia.org](https://wikipedia.org)]



# Polynomial fits

- A **multiple linear regression model** where the independent variables form a **polynomial**

- Example in 1D:

- Assume we are given data points  $(x_i, y_i)_{i=1}^N$

- **Polynomial ansatz:**  $f(\vec{x}) = c_0 x^k + c_1 x^{k-1} + \dots + c_{k-1} x + c_k$

- If ansatz has as many d.o.f. as data points, can solve linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^k & x_1^{k-1} & \dots & x_1 & 1 \\ x_2^k & x_2^{k-1} & \dots & x_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ x_N^k & x_N^{k-1} & \dots & x_N & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{pmatrix}$$

- In general, the linear system may be over- or under-determined such that no unique solution would exist

- Use discrete **least squares fit** to minimize the error  $\sum_{j=1}^N |f(x_j) - y_j|^2$

- We use the fitting function `polyfitnd()` from <https://bitbucket.org/chadgalley/rompy>



# Greedy multivariate polynomial fit (GMVP)

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- Procedure (London & Fauchon-Jones, CQG 36, 2019):
  - Assume we have data at  $\vec{x}_j = \{x_j^1, x_j^2, \dots, x_j^d\}$
  - **Ansatz**  $f(\vec{x}) \approx \sum_k \mu_k \phi_k(\vec{x})$
  - Basis functions  $\phi_k(\vec{x})$  are chosen to be **multivariate polynomials** of maximal degree D
  - Select terms from set  $\phi_k(\vec{x}) \in \left\{ (x^1)^{\alpha_1} (x^2)^{\alpha_2} \dots (x^n)^{\alpha_d}, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \leq D \right\}$
  - Find least-squares solution
  - Iteratively add terms using a **greedy algorithm** to minimize the error 
$$\epsilon^2 = \frac{\sum_j [f(\vec{x}_j) - \sum_k \mu_k \phi_k(\vec{x}_j)]^2}{\sum_j [f(\vec{x}_j)]^2}$$
- A similar method has been used in the construction of NR-surrogate models Blackman+15,+17,+17, Varma+19,+19



# Radial basis functions (RBF)

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- RBF Method (we use `scipy.interpolate.Rbf()`)
  - Assume we have data  $\{(\vec{x}_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} | i = 1, \dots, N\}$ .
  - Make **ansatz** that depends only on **Euclidean distance**

$$s(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \varphi(r) \quad r = \|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i\|$$

- Need to solve linear system  $\Phi(r)\vec{w} = \vec{Y}$
- Choose **radial basis function (or kernel)**  
Need to ensure that matrix  $\Phi(r)$  is *non-singular*  
Common choice: **multiquadric kernel function**

$$\varphi(r) = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{r}{\varepsilon}\right)^2}$$



# Gaussian process regression (GPR)

- GPR assumes the **values of a function**  $y_i$  at the points  $\mathbf{x}_i$  are **random variables that follow a multivariate Gaussian**:

$$p(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathcal{N}(0, k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j))$$

- **Covariance function** between two points  $k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$
- Can estimate the functional value  $y'$  at  $\mathbf{x}'$  given data  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$

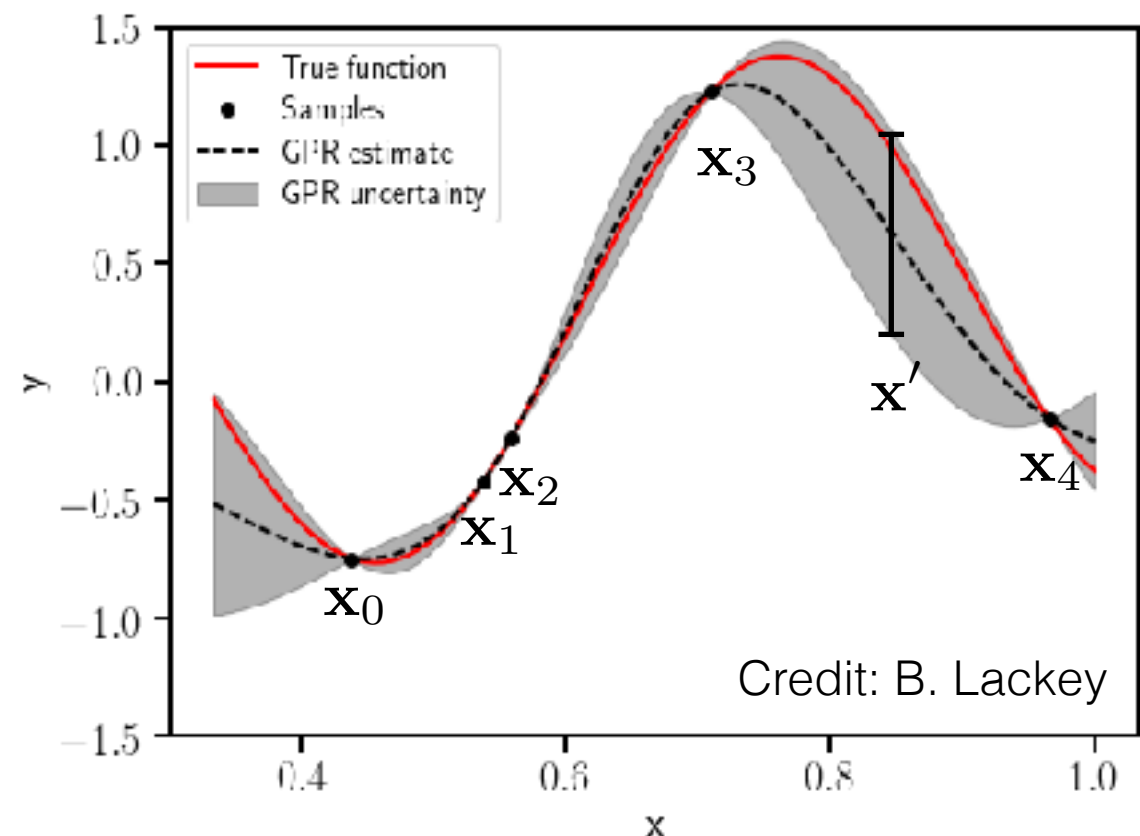
- **Mean:**  $E[p(y'|\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}', y_i)]$

- **Uncertainty:**  $\text{Var}[p(y'|\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}', y_i)]$

- **Example kernels:**

$$k_{SE}(r) = \exp\left(\frac{-r^2}{\ell^2}\right)$$

$$k_M(r) = \frac{2^{1-\nu}}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\nu}r}{\ell}\right)^\nu K_\nu\left(\frac{\sqrt{2\nu}r}{\ell}\right)$$





# Gaussian process regression (GPR)

- Define a **Gaussian process for zero mean**

$$y(\vec{x}) \sim GP\left(\mu(\vec{x}) = 0, k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')\right)$$

- Can write vector of training and test outputs as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{y} \\ y_* \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \begin{bmatrix} K(X, X) + \sigma_n^2 I & K(X, X_*) \\ K(X_*, X) & K(X_*, X_*) \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

- Find **conditional probability**  $p(y_* | \vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_*, \vec{y}, \vec{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\bar{y}_*, \text{var}(y_*))$

$$\bar{y}_* = K(X_*, X)(K(X, X))_{ij}^{-1} y_j$$

$$\text{var}(y_*) = K(X_*, X_*) - K(X_*, X_i)(K(X, X))_{ij}^{-1} K(X_*, X_j).$$

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \sigma_f^2 k(x_i, x_j) + \sigma_n^2 \delta_{ij}$$

- **Optimize over hyper-parameters**  $\sigma_f, \sigma_n, \{\ell_i\}_{i=1}^n$

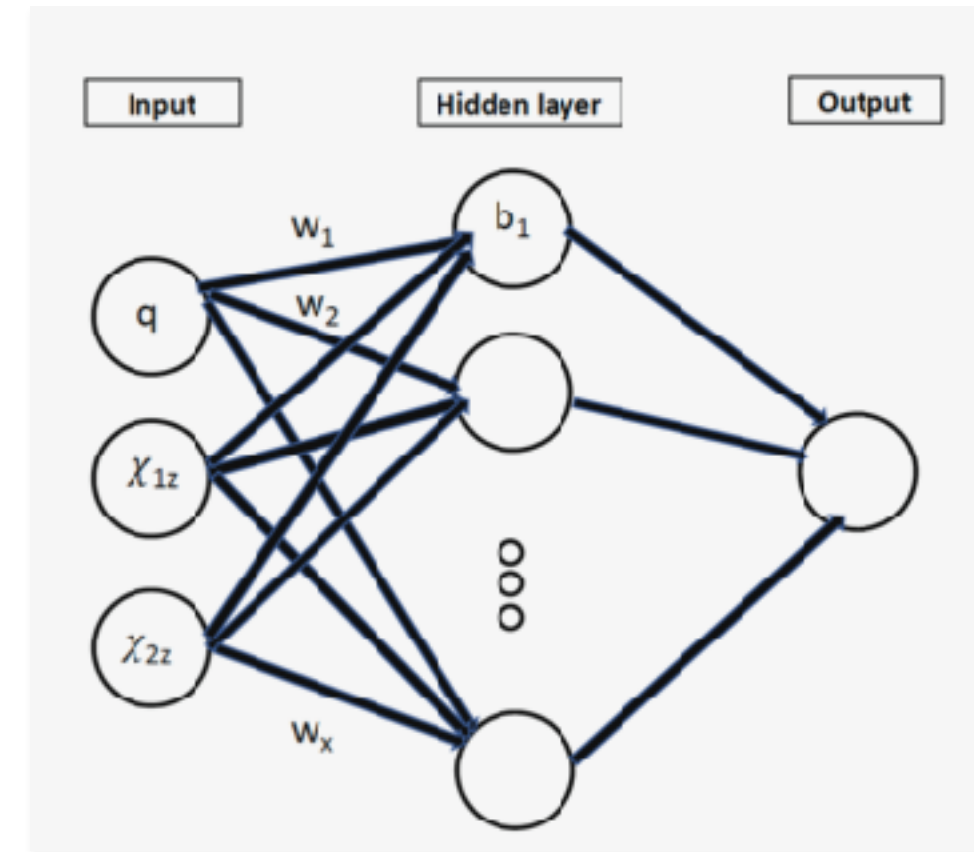
by maximizing the *marginal log-likelihood*

$$\ln p(y_i | \vec{x}_i, \vec{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( y_i (K(X, X))_{ij}^{-1} y_j + \ln |K(X, X)| + N \ln 2\pi \right)$$



# Artificial neural networks (ANNs)

- **ANNs are a machine learning algorithm** used e.g. for pattern recognition, classification.
- We use a **multi-layer-perceptron** with 2 hidden layers between input and output
  - Each layer acts as an *affine transformation* on its inputs
- **Activation functions** are used to introduced nonlinearity
  - We use the Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)  $\sigma(z) = \max(z, 0)$



A single-layer ANN for 3d interpolation

$$x_{i+1,k} = \sigma \left( \sum_j w_{ijk} x_{ij} + b_{ik} \right)$$

activation function

weights

input

bias

i: layer index  
j: neuron index



# Overview of regression methods

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Methods	Advantages	Disadvantages	Training time
Linear (RGI)	standard <code>scipy</code>	needs regular grid	$\mathcal{O}(N)$
TPI	robust and high accuracy	needs regular grid	$\mathcal{O}(N^k)$
GMVP	irregular grid fast execution time	complex	#basis function #error tolerance
Polynomial fit	irregular grid simple and fast	Runge's phenomenon only univariate in <code>scipy</code>	$\mathcal{O}(N)$ and #polynomial degree
RBF	<code>scipy</code> irregular grid	high computational complexity	$\mathcal{O}(N^3)$
GPR	irregular grid can predict uncertainty	depends on the choice of kernel and hyperparameters complex	$\mathcal{O}(N^3)$
ANN	irregular grid flexible architecture choices	complex	#neurons #hidden layers



# Setup of this study



# Key waveform quantities

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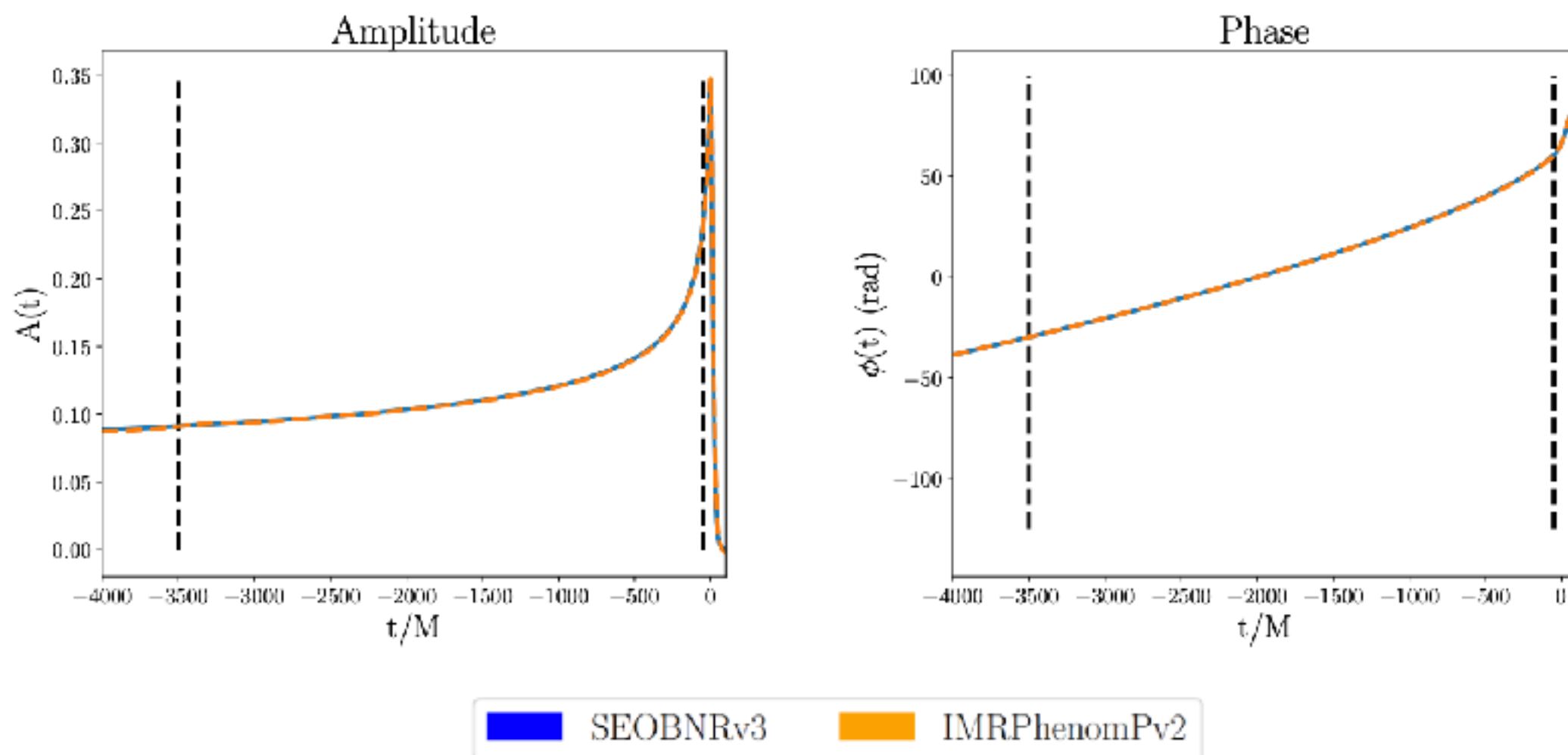
- We transform the *inertial* frame waveform modes to the minimally rotating **co-precessing frame** and align the waveforms at a particular time ( $t = -2000 M$ )
- We further define a frame that follows the orbital motion and compute the modes in this **co-orbital frame**.
- In this study we don't build a full waveform model, instead we just use **two key quantities** at selected times

$$\phi(t) := \frac{1}{4} \left( \arg \left[ \bar{h}_{\text{copr}}^{2,-2}(t) \right] - \arg \left[ \bar{h}_{\text{copr}}^{2,2}(t) \right] \right)$$

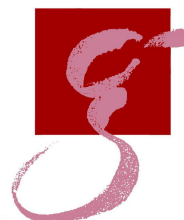
$$A(t) := \text{Re } \bar{h}_+^{2,2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left( \bar{h}_{\text{coorb}}^{2,2}(t) + \bar{h}_{\text{coorb}}^{2,-2*}(t) \right)$$



# Key waveform quantities: example



**Figure 1.** The key quantities of the GW signal of a precessing BBH, here illustrated for a binary with  $(q, \chi_{1x}, \chi_{1y}, \chi_{1z}, \chi_{2x}, \chi_{2y}, \chi_{2z}) = (1.99, 0.51, 0.04, 0.03, 0.01, 0.6, 0.1)$ . Left: the dimensionless amplitude  $A(t)$ . Right: the phase  $\phi(t)$  (in unit radian). The black dashed lines show the points in time-space, where we perform different interpolation methods ( $t=-3500M$  and  $t=-50M$ ).



# Waveforms and data sets

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- Our choice of using waveform quantities at fixed times is motivated by the **EIM modeling framework**.
- We use **two inspiral-merger-ringdown waveform models** that describe GWs emitted from precessing black hole binaries:
  - **SEOBNRv3** (time domain waveform)
  - **IMRPhenomPv2** (iFFT of Fourier domain waveform)
- We consider these **data sets**:
  - **Dimensionality**: 3D ( $q$ , aligned spin) or 7D ( $q$ , generic spins)
  - **Early and late times**: -3500M or -50M before merger
  - **Number of training set points**: 3D (5 - 11 per dimension), 7D (total up to 3000); 2500 random test points
  - **Physical domain**: 3D ( $q \leq 10, |\chi_i^z| \leq 1$ ), 7D ( $q \leq 2, |\chi_i| \leq 1/\sqrt{3}$ )

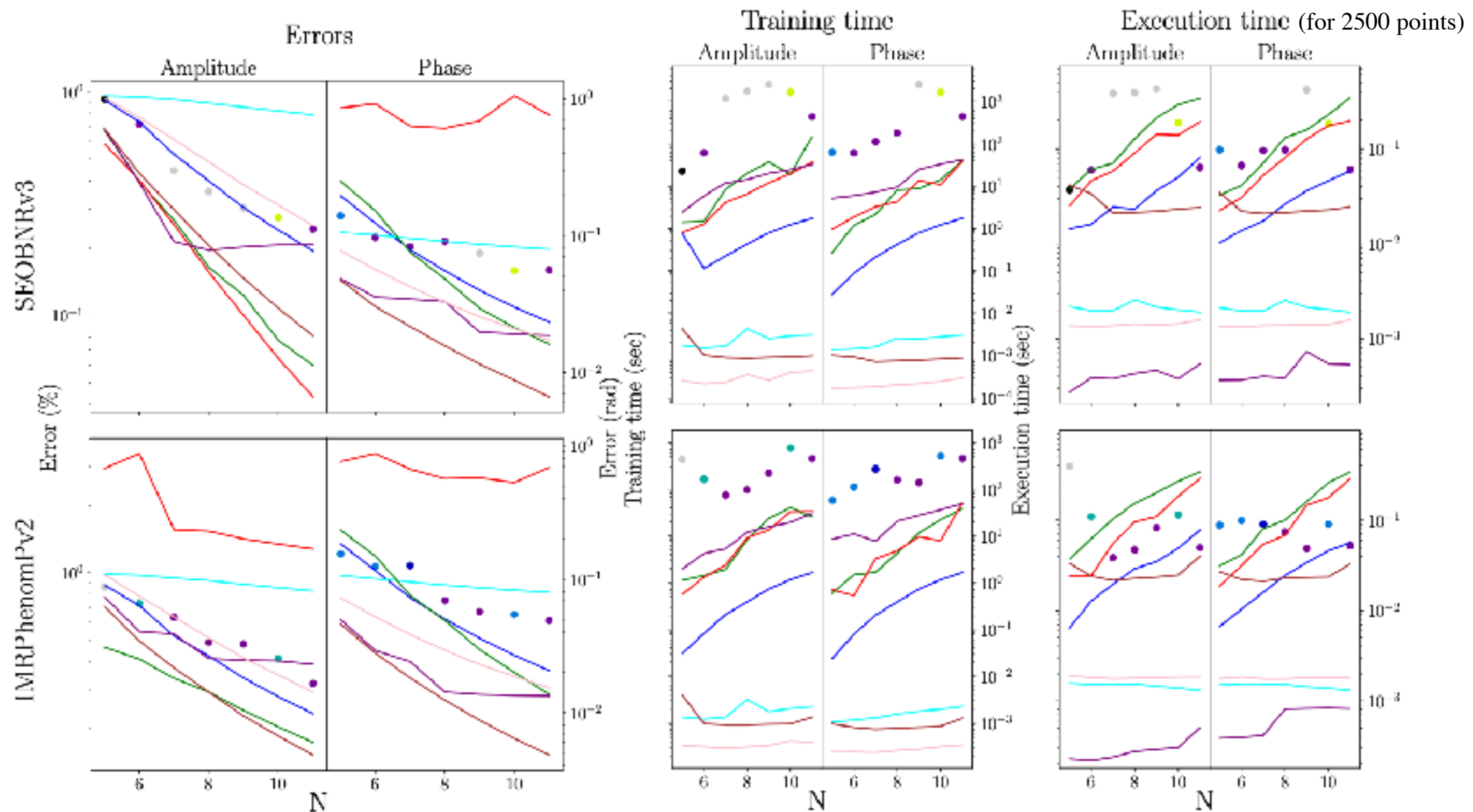


# Results





# 3D interpolation results at t=-3500M



$$\varepsilon_{ae} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N |\phi_{\text{pred}}^i(t) - \phi_{\text{true}}^i(t)|$$

$$\varepsilon_{rc} = \frac{\sum_i^N |A_{\text{pred}}^i(t) - A_{\text{true}}^i(t)|}{\sum_i^N |A_{\text{true}}^i(t)|} \times 100$$



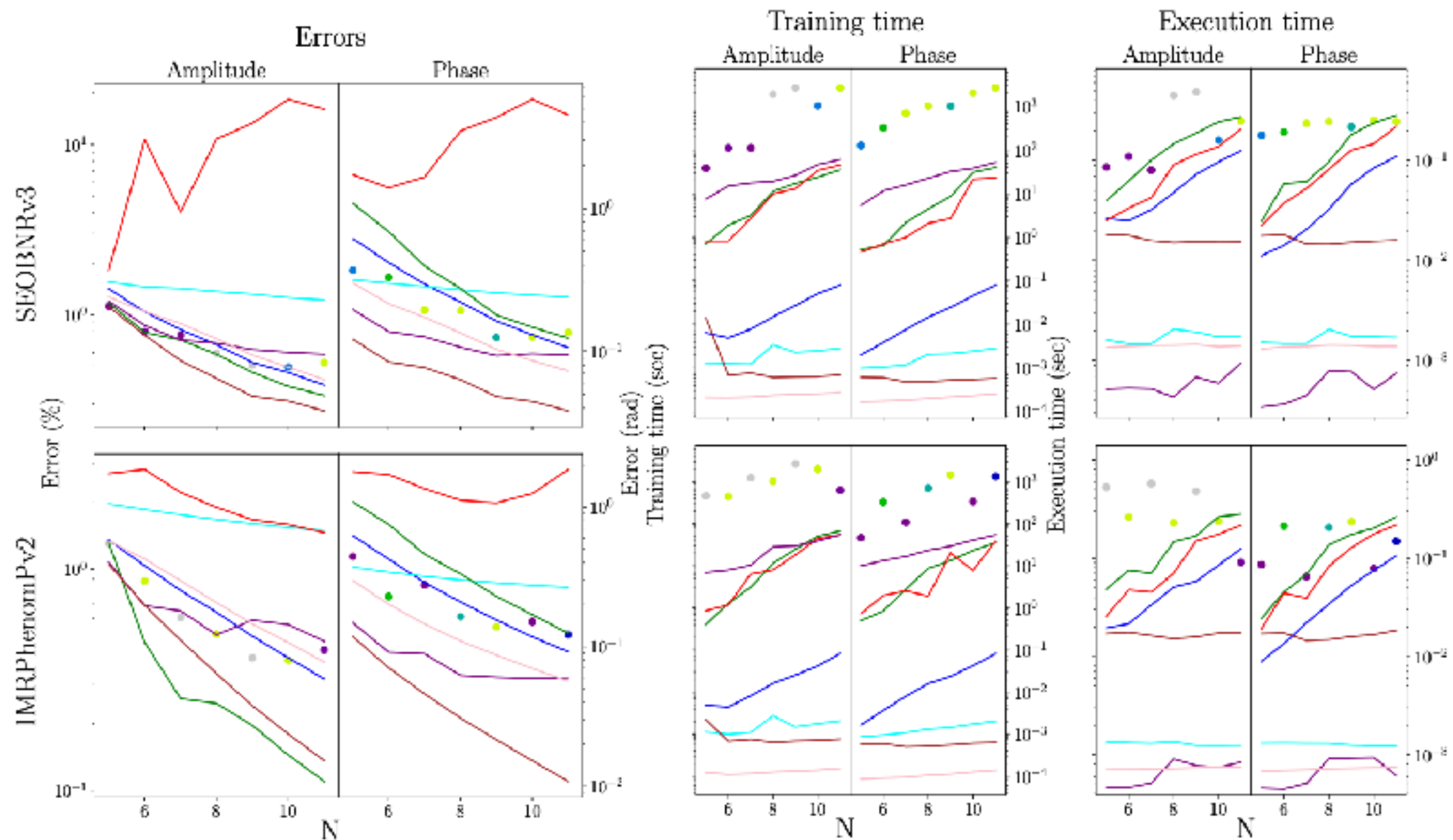
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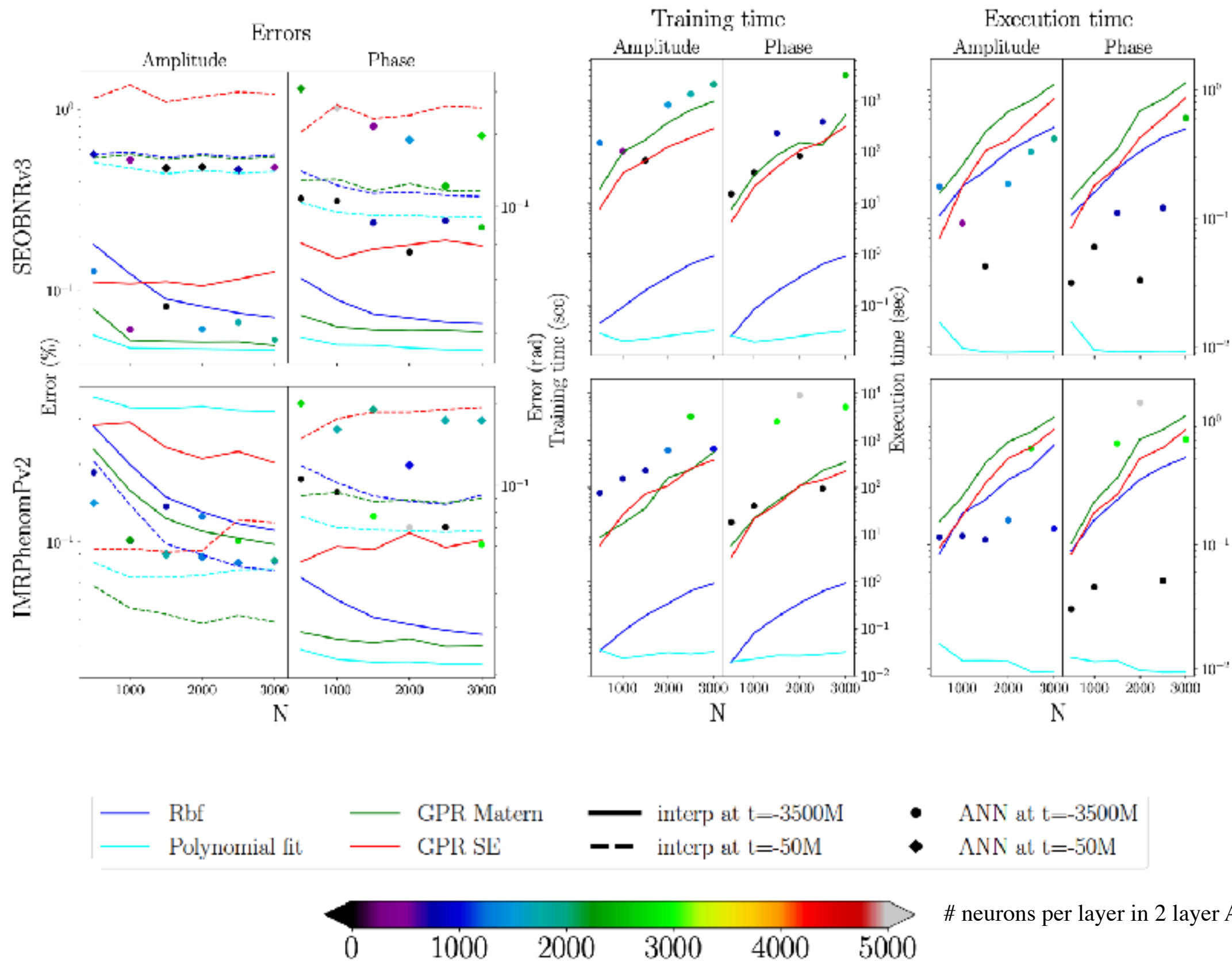
- In general, **errors decrease with the size of the training set.**
- **Errors are similar between the two waveform models,** but:
  - GPR *amplitude error* for IMRPhenomPv2 is much higher for SE kernel compared to Matérn
  - Noise in the IMRPhenomPv2 data due to the iFFT
- **Comments on the 2-layer ANNs:**
  - We report *minimum error* over # neurons in [2, 2000]
  - Too many neurons lead to *overfitting* (dropout could help) and too few neurons lead to *underfitting*



# 3D interpolation results at t=-50M



# 7D interpolation results



# Observations for 7D results

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- **Amplitude errors near merger / during inspiral:**

- For SEOBNRv3, errors near merger are higher than in the inspiral.
- For IMRPhenomPv2, surprisingly, amplitude errors are *smaller* near merger.

- **Phase errors:**

- They are comparable for SEOBNRv3 and IMRPhenomPv2.

- **Execution time:**

- for GPR and RBF it depends on the size of the TS,
- in contrast to ANNs.

- **Comparing errors between 3D and 7D:**

- For the *same parameter ranges*, errors in 7D can be up to 100 times larger for  $A(t)$  and 15 times larger for  $\phi(t)$ .



# Conclusions

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- A few **take-aways** from the regression results
- 3D:
  - **TPI** is very accurate and fast in training and evaluation
  - **GMVP** is also doing very well here
- 7D:
  - **Polynomial fits** are fast and accurate
  - **GPRs with a Matérn kernel** have good accuracy (with SE kernel errors are much higher)
  - Note: GMVP not included because implementation was too slow.
- **Methods that have been used build GW surrogate models:**
  - **TPI** (up to 5D)
  - **Greedy polynomial fits** (slightly different from GMVP) in 7D
  - **GPR** (up to 5D)

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Thank you for your  
attention!

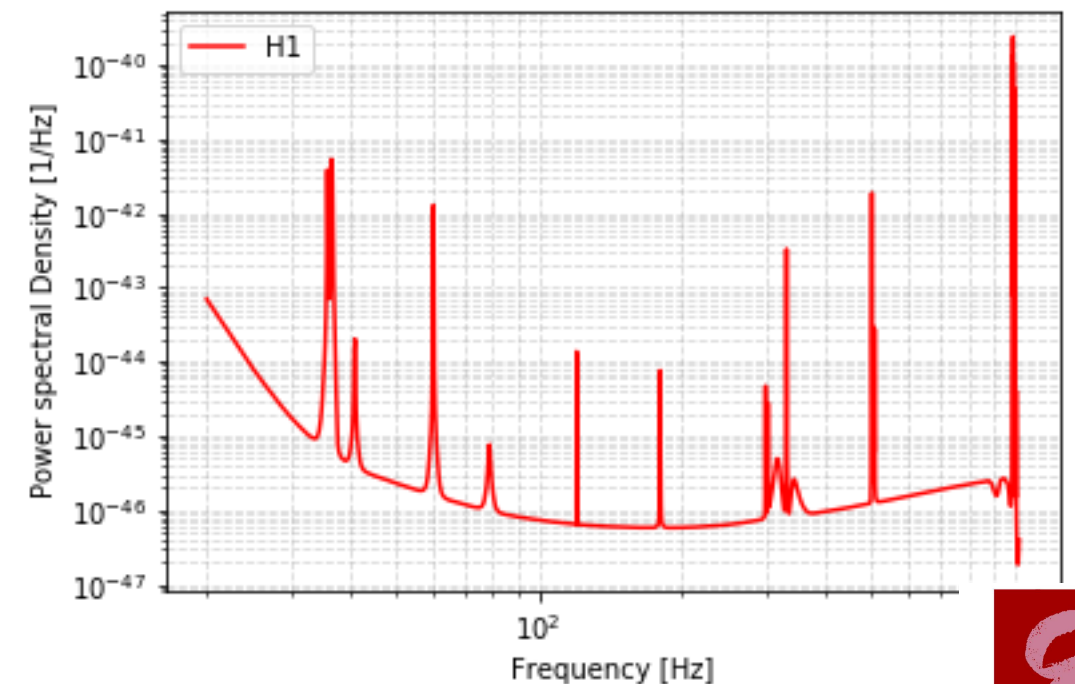
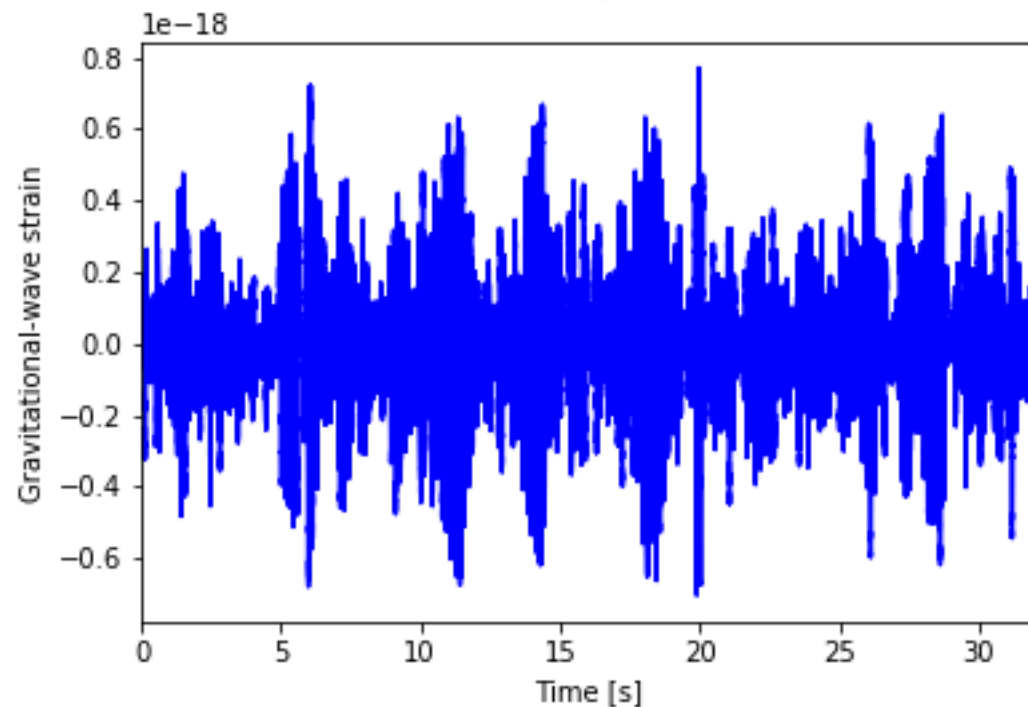
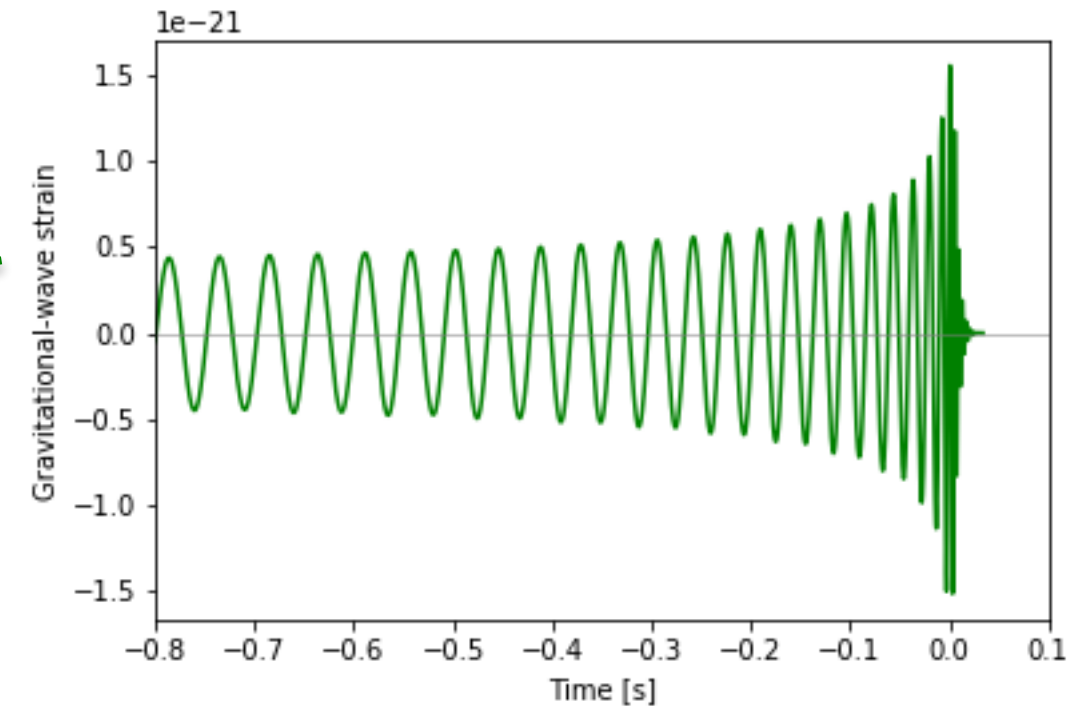




# Matched filtering

## Inner product

$$\langle d | h \rangle = 4 \operatorname{Re} \int_0^\infty \frac{\tilde{d}(f) \tilde{h}^*(f)}{S_n(f)} df$$





# Checking accuracy of waveforms

$$\langle h_1, h_2 \rangle = 4\text{Re} \int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} \frac{\tilde{h}_1(f) \tilde{h}_2(f)^*}{S_n(f)} df$$

SNR

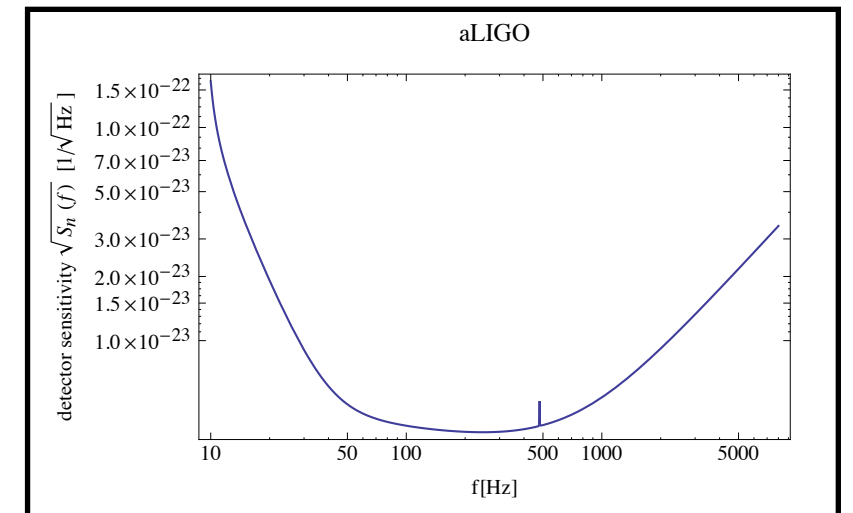
$$\rho = \|h\|$$

Match  
(overlap)

$$\mathcal{O}(h_1, h_2) = \frac{4}{\|h_1\| \|h_2\|} \max_{t_0} \left| \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[ \frac{\tilde{h}_1(f) \tilde{h}_2(f)^*}{S_n(f)} \right] (t_0) \right|$$

Mismatch  
(Faithfulness)

$$1 - \mathcal{O}(h_1, h_2)$$

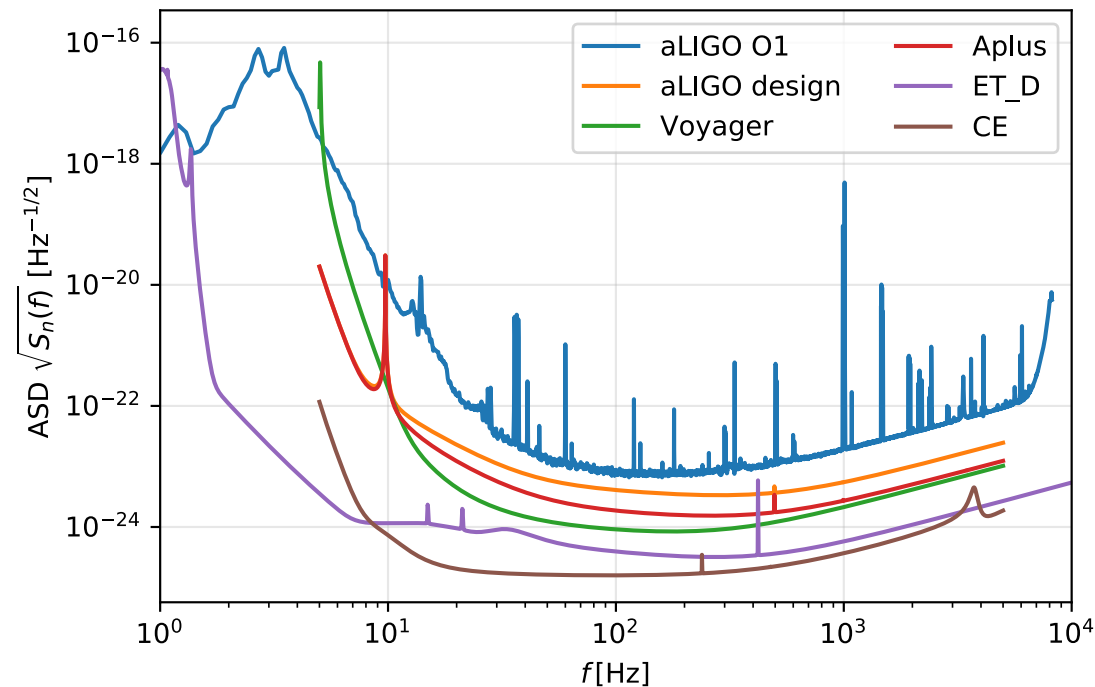


$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}[g(f)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(f) e^{-2\pi i f t} df$$

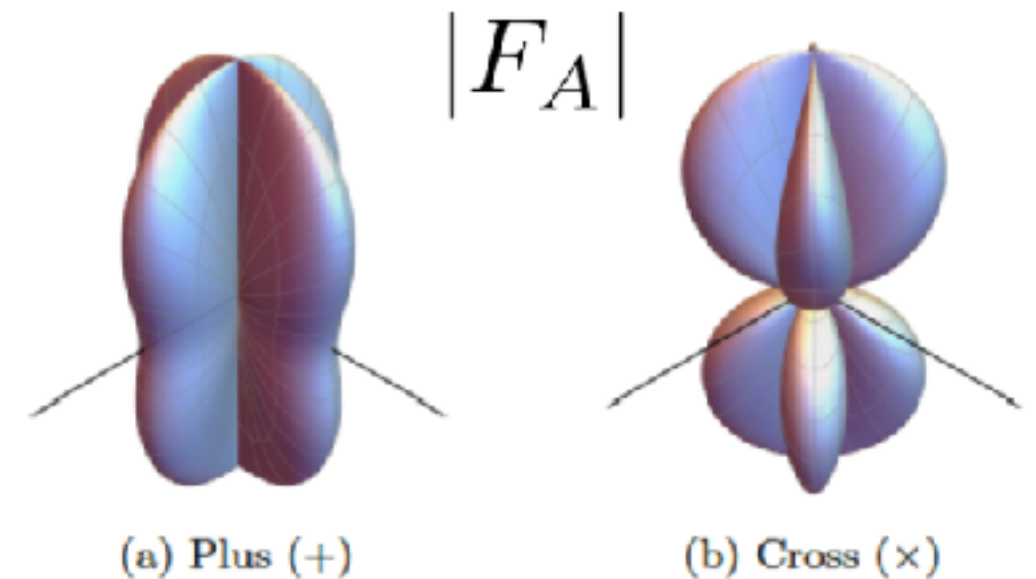


# Interferometric GW detectors

Evolution of detector sensitivity



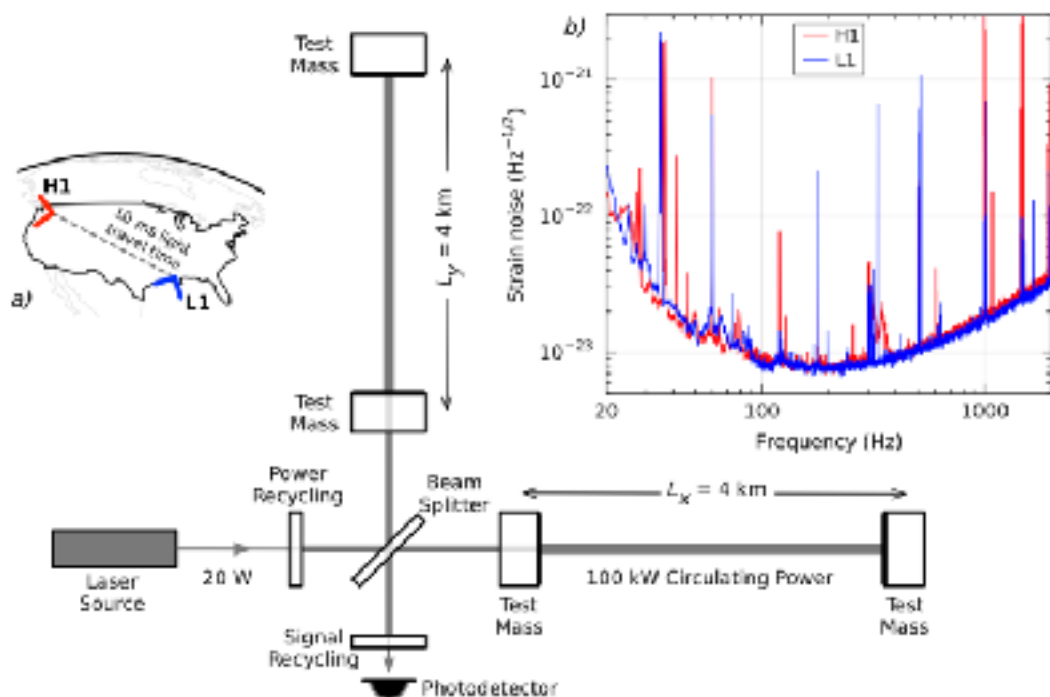
Angular response of IFO



$$h = h_A F^A \quad F^A(\hat{n}, \psi) = D^{ab} e_{ab}^A$$

$$A = +, \times, \dots$$

$$D^{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \left( d_x^a d_x^b - d_y^a d_y^b \right)$$



# Reduced Basis and Empirical interpolation method

$$\tilde{h}(f; \vec{\lambda}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^m c_i(\vec{\lambda}) e_i(f) \quad \text{greedy reduced basis} \quad c_i(\vec{\lambda}) = \langle \tilde{h}(\cdot; \vec{\lambda}), e_i(\cdot) \rangle$$

- **Empirical interpolation** method finds “good” frequencies:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m c_i(\vec{\lambda}) e_i(F_j) \stackrel{!}{=} \tilde{h}(F_j; \vec{\lambda})$$

*EI frequencies*

- **EI interpolant:**

$$\tilde{h}(f; \vec{\lambda}) \approx \sum_{j=1}^m B_j(f) \tilde{h}(F_j; \vec{\lambda}) \quad B_j(f) = \sum_{i=1}^m e_i(f) (V^{-1})_{ij}$$
$$V_{ij} = e_i(F_j)$$

- **Fit**  $\tilde{h}(F_i; \vec{\lambda})$  **w.r.t.**  $\vec{\lambda}$  **at each**  $F_i$  using only data at greedy points

[Field+13, Blackman+15,+17,+17, Varma+19,+19, Gadre+... MP in prep]

