



Hamiltonian Monte Carlo sampler for compact binary sources

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I. Bayesian inference for GW data analysis

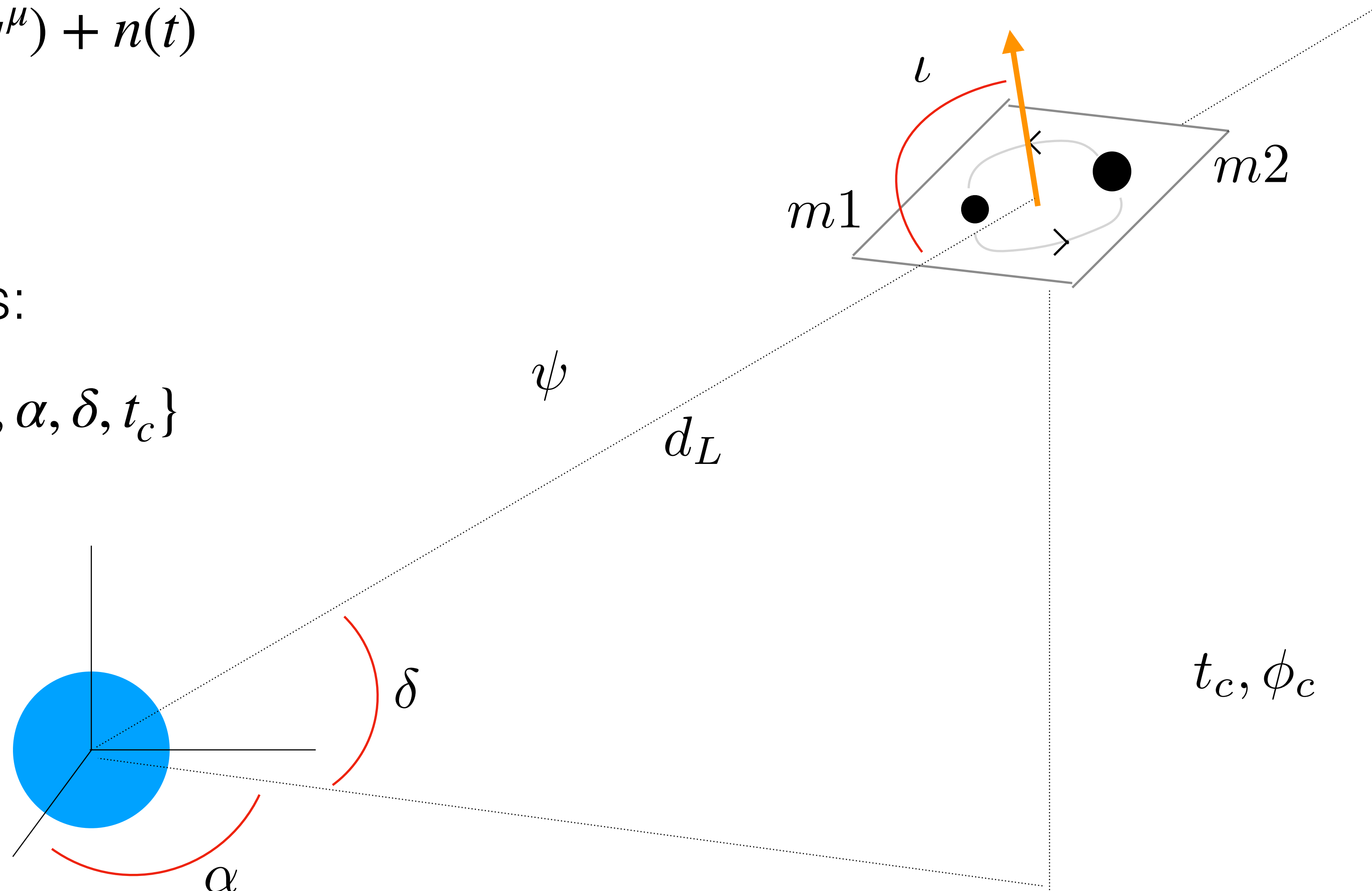
- Data model: $s(t) = h(t; q^\mu) + n(t)$

- Astrophysical parameters:

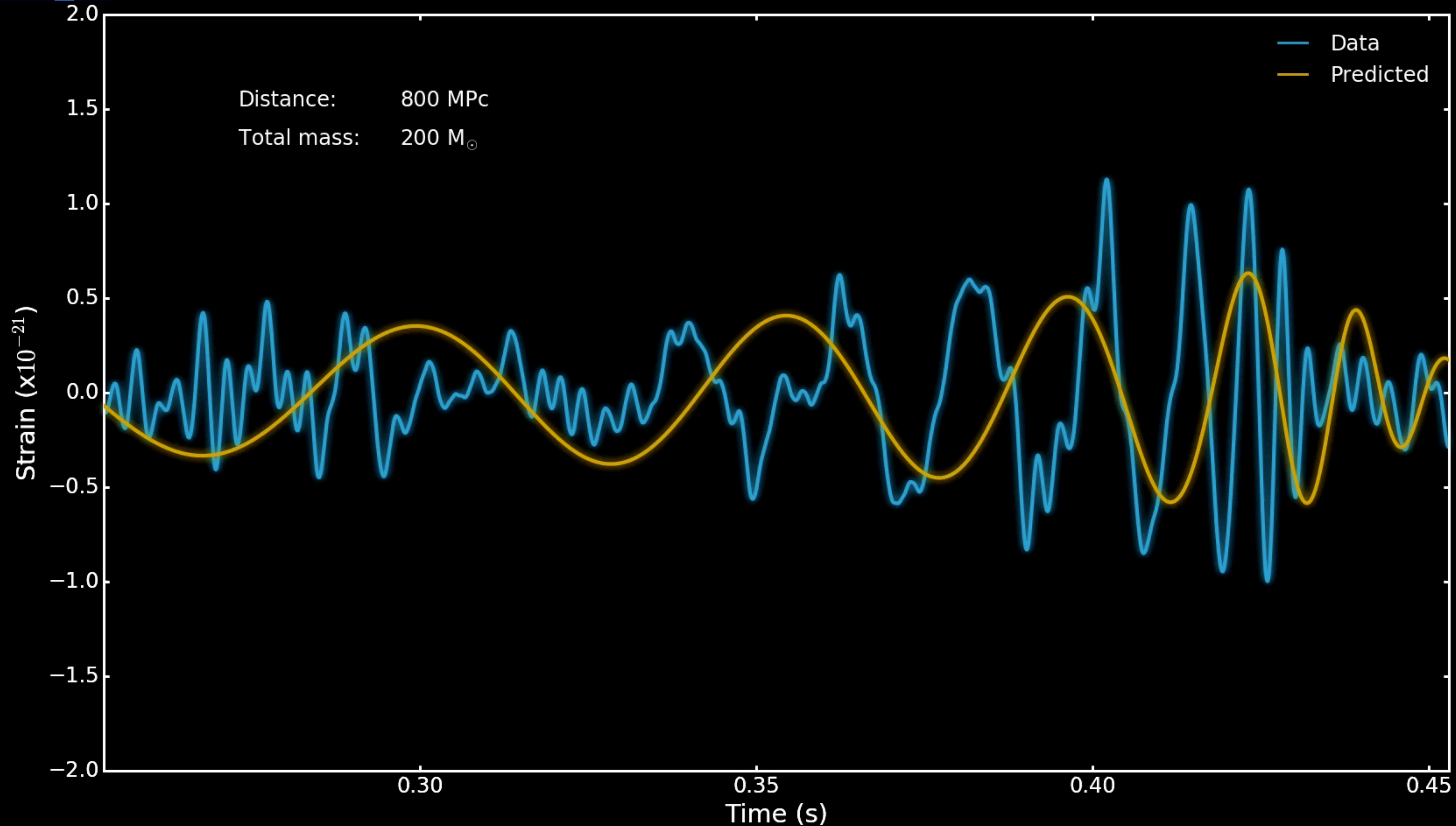
$$q^\mu = \{\iota, \phi_c, \psi, D_L, m_1, m_2, \alpha, \delta, t_c\}$$

- Noise model:

- Gaussian + stationary



I. Bayesian inference for GW data analysis



I. Bayesian inference for GW data analysis



- Bayesian framework

$$p(q^\mu | s, M) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)}{Z}$$

- Likelihood expression:

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(q^\mu) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{d \in \{H, L, V\}} \left\langle \tilde{s}_d(f) - \tilde{h}_d(f; q^\mu) \mid \tilde{s}_d(f) - \tilde{h}_d(f; q^\mu) \right\rangle$$

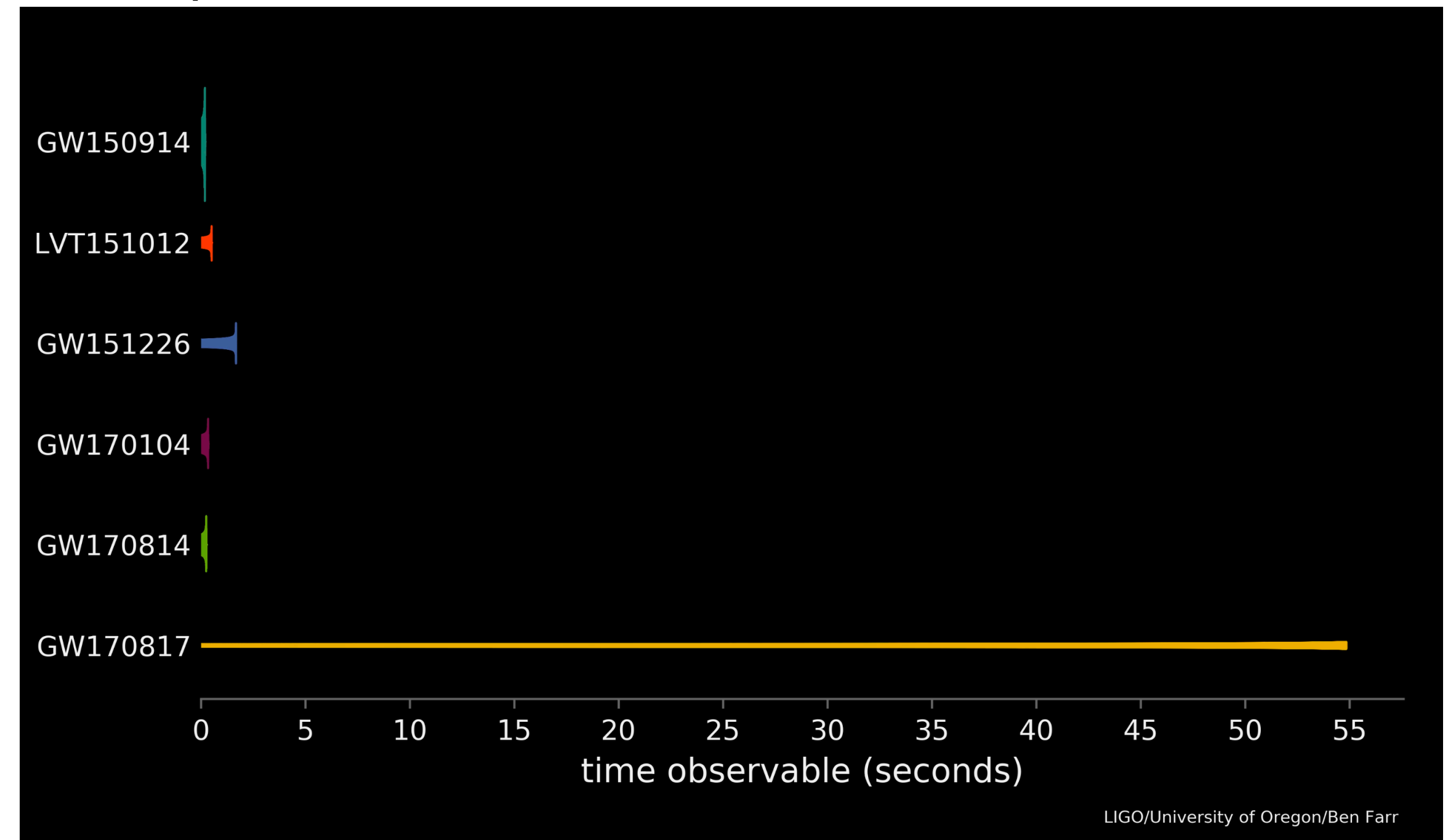
- Noise weighted inner product:

$$\langle h \mid g \rangle = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\tilde{h}(f)\tilde{g}^*(f) + \tilde{h}^*(f)\tilde{g}(f)}{S_n(f)} df$$

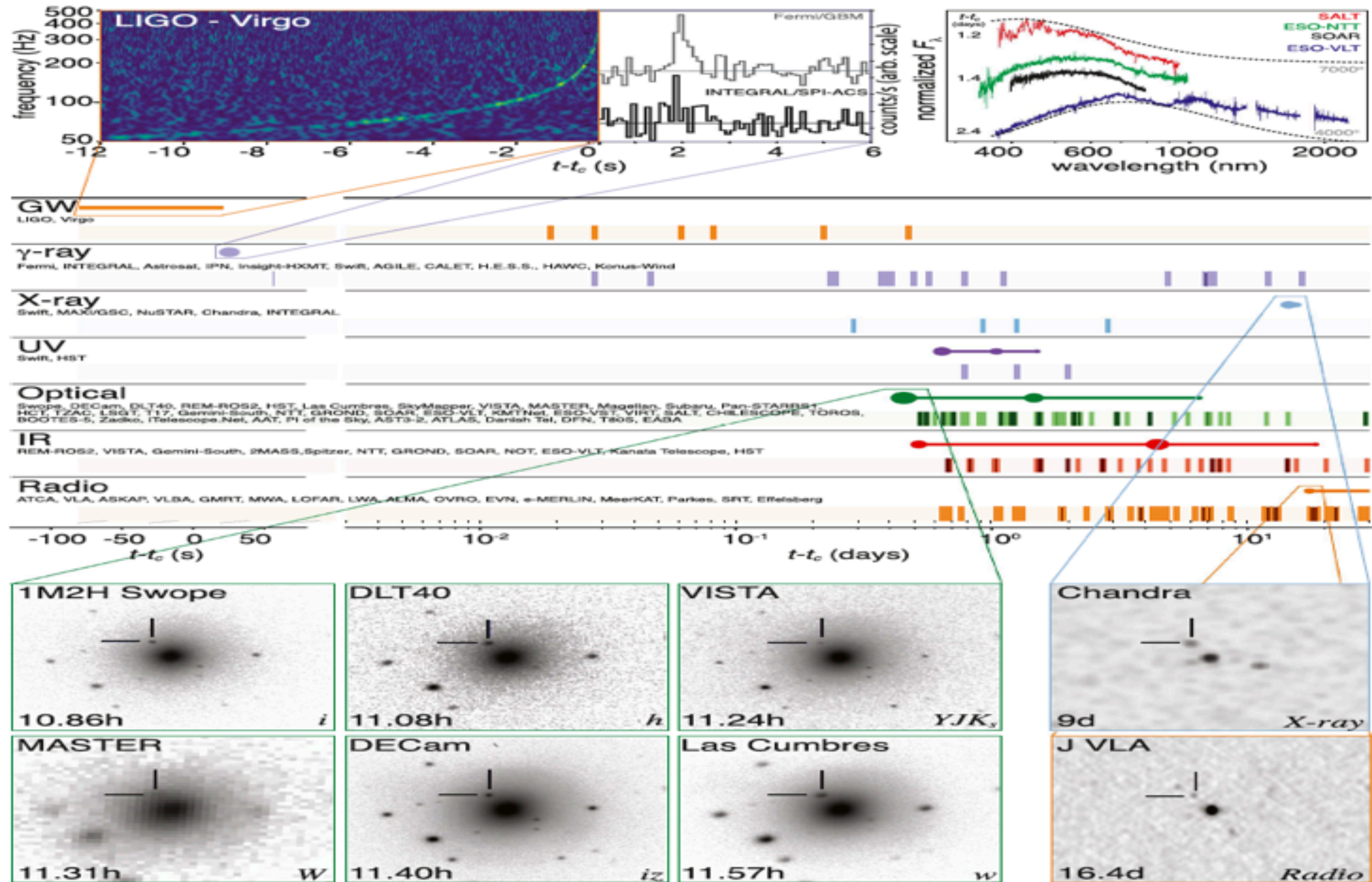


II. Currently used algorithms

- Currently parameter estimation analysis is carried on using **parallel tempered MCMC** and **Nested sampling** algorithms
- Both belong to a family of random walk samplers
- Duration of those analysis:
 - BBH(signal < 1sec): few days
 - BNS(signal ~ 100sec): few weeks
- Likelihood is evaluated $\sim 10^7$ times (for MCMC) to get an effective sample size of 10^4 uncorrelated samples.



II. Electromagnetic follow-up



II. Currently used algorithms

- Rates for O3:

BBH: ~ 1-2 / week

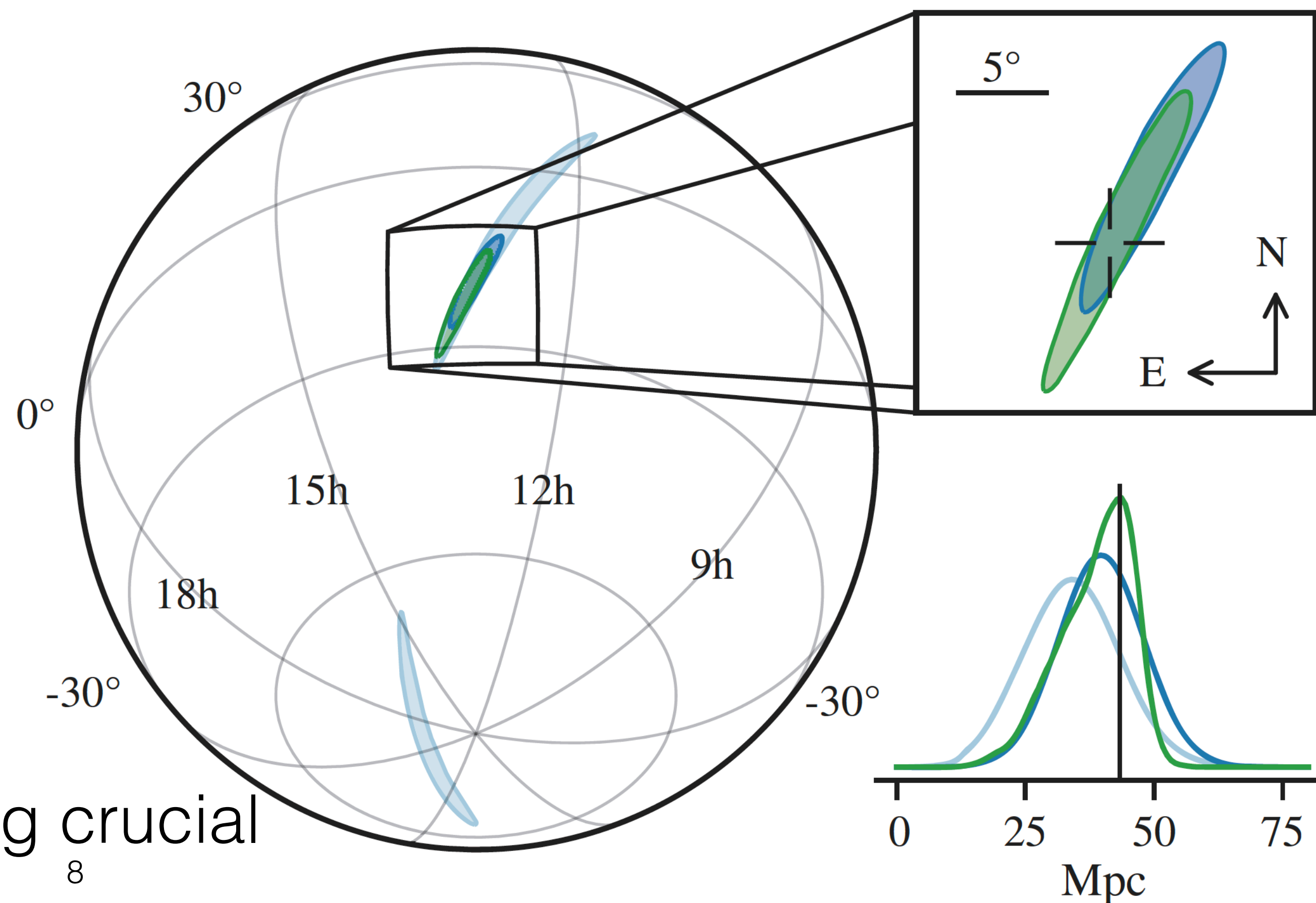
BNS: 1 / month

NSBH: 1 / year

(C. Pankow, 2018)

- Need for rapid sky maps for electromagnetic follow-up: <1h

(Physical Review Letters, <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.119.161101>)



- Low latency algorithms are becoming crucial



III. Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

- Non-random walk sampler
- Instead of proposing random jumps in parameter space, we use Hamiltonian dynamics to explore the posterior distribution
- Has been shown to be **D** times more efficient than MCMC samplers
(A. Hajian, Phys. Rev. D75, 083525 (2007), astro-/0608679)

D = dimensionality of parameter space

- Is better than MCMC at exploring multi-modal distributions

III. Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

- Define Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}(q^\mu, p^\mu) &= \mathcal{U}(q^\mu) + \mathcal{K}(p^\mu) \\ &= -\ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)] + \frac{1}{2}M_{\mu\nu}^{-1}p^\mu p^\nu\end{aligned}$$

- Canonical distribution

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi(q^\mu, p^\mu) &\propto e^{-\mathcal{H}(q^\mu, p^\mu)} \\ &\propto e^{-\mathcal{U}(q^\mu)} e^{-\mathcal{K}(p^\mu)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Pi(q^\mu, p^\mu) \propto \mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu) e^{-\frac{(p^\mu)^2}{2m^\mu}}$$

- If the momenta are drawn from a normal distribution, the marginal distribution for q^μ gives a sample set that asymptotically comes from the posterior distribution

III. Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

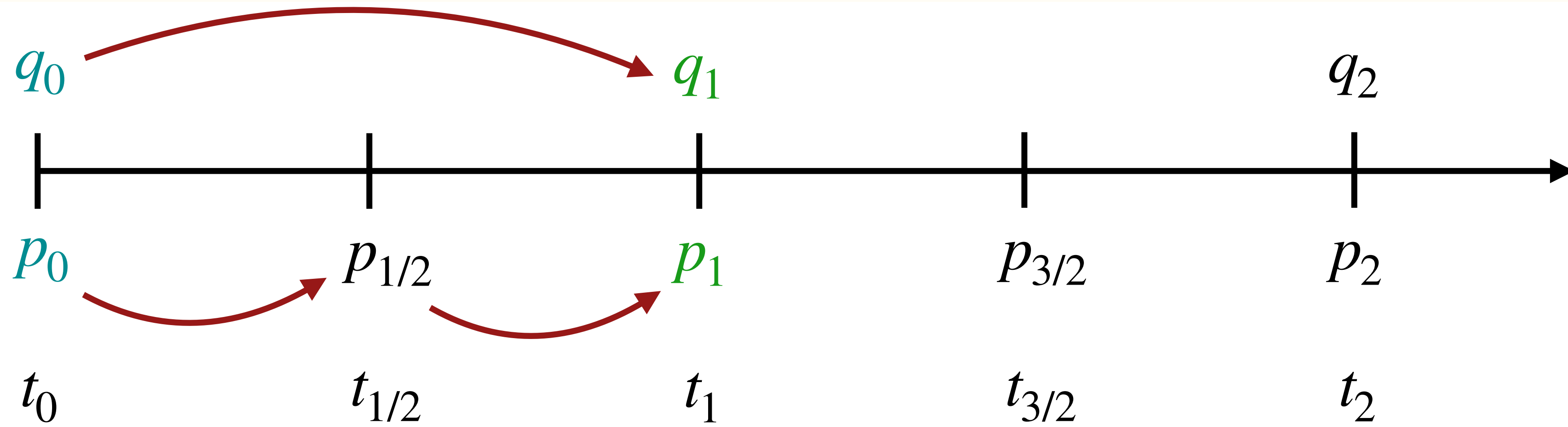
- Trajectories in phase space are found solving Hamilton's equations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dp^\mu}{dt} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial q^\mu} \\ \frac{dq^\mu}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{K}}{\partial p^\mu} \end{array} \right. \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dp^\mu}{dt} = \frac{\partial \ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)]}{\partial q^\mu} \\ \frac{dq^\mu}{dt} = M_{\mu\nu}^{-1} p^\nu = (m^\mu)^{-1} p^\mu \end{array} \right.$$

- Can't be solved analytically
- We need an integrator that
 - Conserves the Hamiltonian
 - Is time reversible
 - Conserves phase space volume

Leap frog algorithm

III. Hamiltonian Monte Carlo



1/2 step in momenta

$$p^\mu\left(t + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right) = p^\mu(t) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\partial \ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)]}{\partial q^\mu} \Bigg|_{q^\mu(t)}$$

Full step in position

$$q^\mu(t + \epsilon) = q^\mu(t) + \frac{\epsilon}{m^\mu} p^\mu\left(t + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)$$

1/2 step in momenta

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III. Hamiltonian Monte Carlo



- Leapfrog algorithm

$$\ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)] \sim \langle s - h(q^\mu) | s - h(q^\mu) \rangle$$

Main computational bottleneck

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p^\mu(t + \frac{\epsilon}{2}) = p^\mu(t) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\partial \ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)]}{\partial q^\mu} \Big|_{q^\mu(t)} \\ q^\mu(t + \epsilon) = q^\mu(t) + \frac{\epsilon}{m^\mu} p^\mu(t + \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \\ p^\mu(t + \epsilon) = p^\mu(t + \frac{\epsilon}{2}) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\partial \ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)]}{\partial q^\mu} \Big|_{q^\mu(t+\epsilon)} \end{array} \right.$$

Each step along the trajectory: 2D waveform generations required

III. Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

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Time estimation to get 10^6 samples with numerical gradients:

Nb of trajectories \leftarrow **10^6** \times **200** \times **9** \times **2** \times **1ms** \sim **1 month !**

Nb of leapfrog steps per trajectory \leftarrow **200**

Nb of parameters¹⁴ \leftarrow **9**

Central differencing \leftarrow **2**

One waveform generation \leftarrow **1ms**

IV. Tuning the algorithm



- “Out of the box” leapfrog

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p^\mu(t + \frac{\epsilon}{2}) = p^\mu(t) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\partial \ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)]}{\partial q^\mu} \Big|_{q^\mu(t)} \\ q^\mu(t + \epsilon) = q^\mu(t) + \frac{\epsilon}{m^\mu} p^\mu(t + \frac{\epsilon}{2}) \\ p^\mu(t + \epsilon) = p^\mu(t + \frac{\epsilon}{2}) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\partial \ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)]}{\partial q^\mu} \Big|_{q^\mu(t+\epsilon)} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\epsilon^\mu = s^\mu \epsilon$$

$$s^\mu = m_\mu^{-1/2}$$

IV. Tuning the algorithm



- Scaled leapfrog

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{p}^\mu \left(t + \frac{\epsilon^\mu}{2} \right) = \tilde{p}^\mu(t) + \frac{\epsilon^\mu}{2} \frac{\partial \ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)]}{\partial q^\mu} \Big|_{q^\mu(t)} \\ q^\mu(t + \epsilon^\mu) = q^\mu(t) + \epsilon^\mu \tilde{p}^\mu \left(t + \frac{\epsilon^\mu}{2} \right) \\ \tilde{p}^\mu(t + \epsilon^\mu) = \tilde{p}^\mu \left(t + \frac{\epsilon^\mu}{2} \right) + \frac{\epsilon^\mu}{2} \frac{\partial \ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)]}{\partial q^\mu} \Big|_{q^\mu(t+\epsilon^\mu)} \end{array} \right.$$

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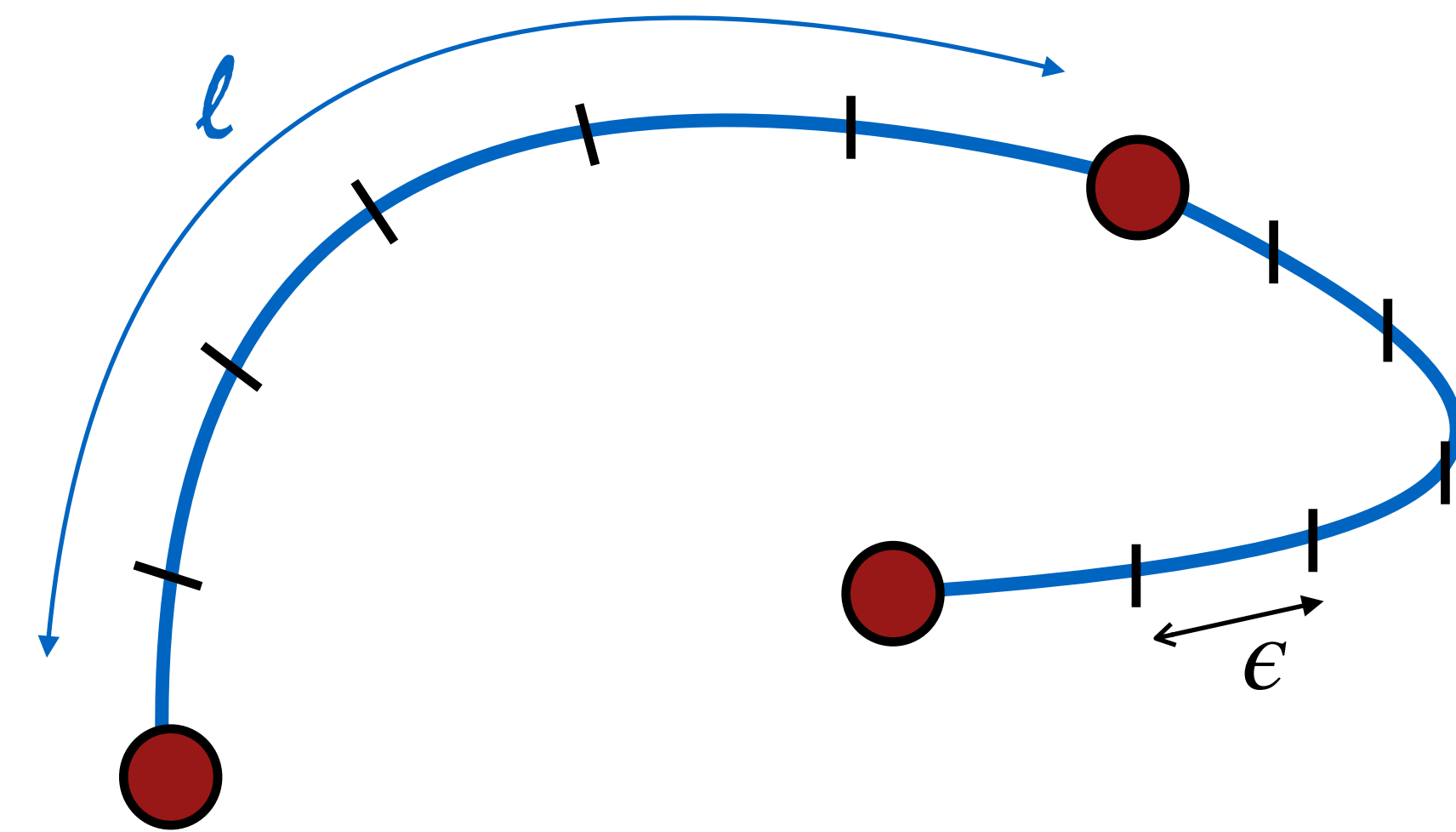
$$\tilde{p}^\mu = s^\mu p^\mu$$

IV. Tuning the algorithm

1. Free parameters

- $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(5 \cdot 10^{-3}, 1.5 \cdot 10^{-3})$

$$l \sim \mathcal{U}(50, 100)$$



- Mass matrix:
$$M_{\mu\nu} = \begin{cases} m_{\mu} & \text{if } \mu = \nu \\ 0 & \text{if } \mu \neq \nu \end{cases}$$

Derived from a corrected Fisher Information Matrix



IV. Tuning the algorithm

2. Cubic fit approximation

- At each step of the leapfrog algorithm, replace numerical gradient by a cubic fit approximation (Carré and Porter, 2009)

$$f(q^\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^D a_i q^i + \sum_{j=1}^D \sum_{k=j}^D a_{jk} q^j q^k + \sum_{l=1}^D \sum_{v=l}^D \sum_{w=v}^D a_{lvw} q^l q^v q^w$$

- 220 coefficients per dimension
- How to derive the cubic fit approximation ?



IV. Tuning the algorithm

2. Cubic fit approximation

- Phase I

3-5 hours

- Run ~1000 numerical gradient trajectories
- If trajectory is accepted, keep q^μ and $\frac{\partial \ln[\mathcal{L}(q^\mu)\pi(q^\mu)]}{\partial q^\mu}$ at each leapfrog step

- Phase II

~ 10 min

- Derive the 220 coefficients of the cubic fit for each dimension, using a QR decomposition

- Phase III

20-25 hours

- Replace numerical gradients with approximate gradients from the cubic fit

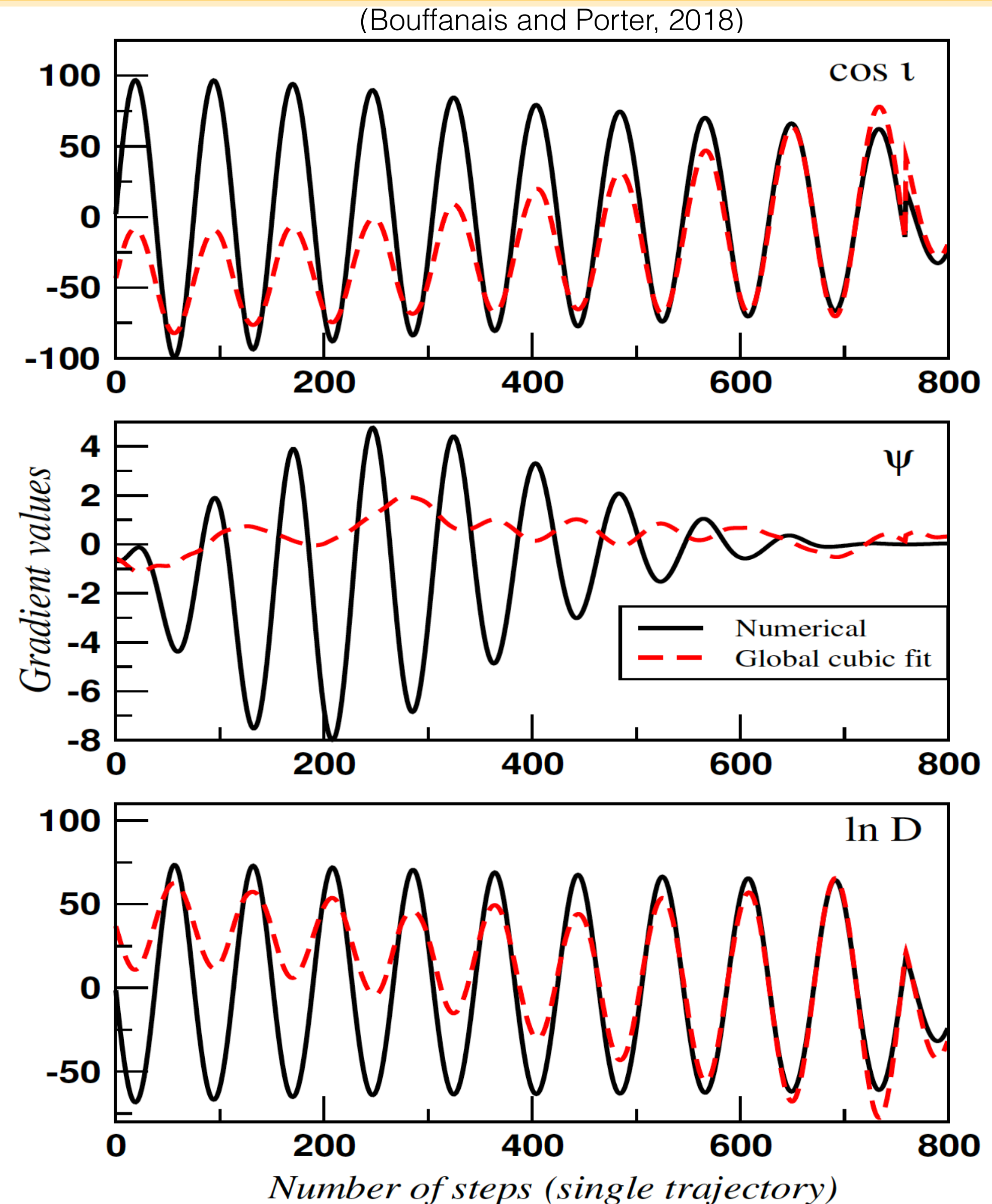
x 3000 faster

IV. Tuning the algorithm

2. Cubic fit approximation

- Problem for BNS systems !
- Trajectories get rejected as soon as Phase III starts
- Cubic fit does not work for 3 parameters:

$$\{ \cos t, \psi, \ln D_L \}$$
- These 3 parameters are the only bi-modal

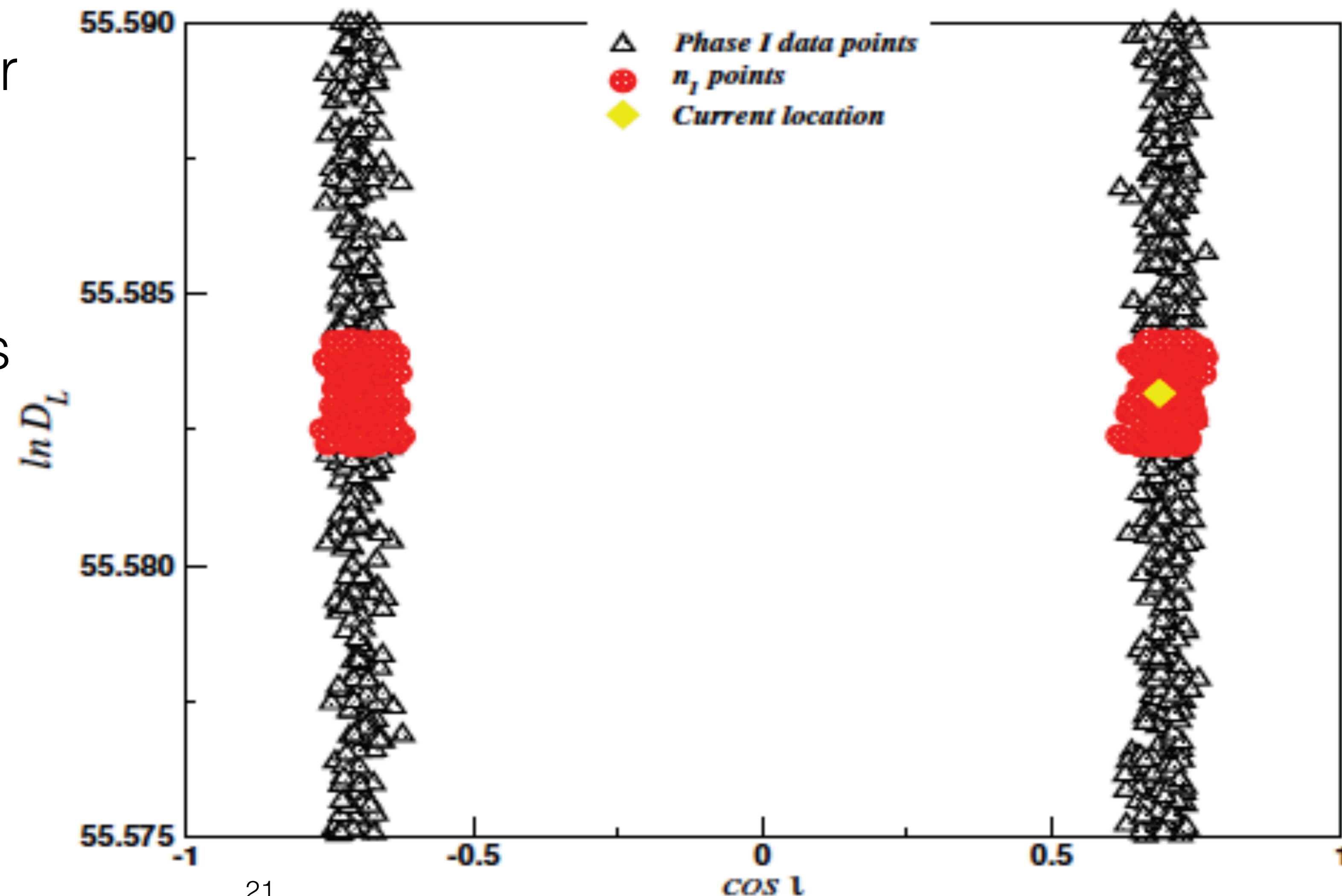


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3. Ordered Look Up Tables

- So we decided to use Ordered Look-Up Tables for each of the 3 troublesome parameters
- Select the **n_1** closest points to the point of interest
- Problem !!

(Bouffanais and Porter, 2018)



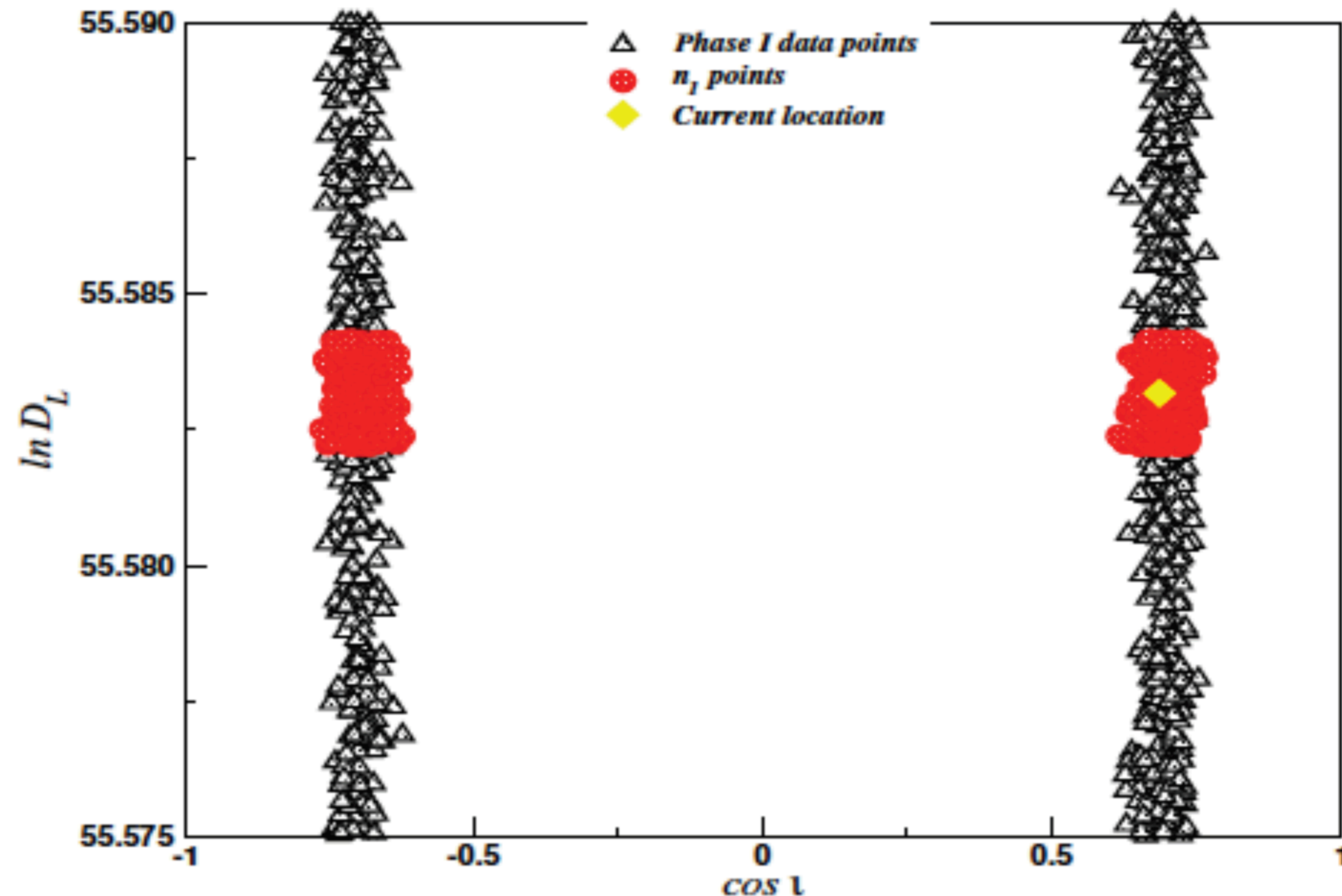
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3. Ordered Look Up Tables

- Solution is to use a scaled Euclidian distance to sub-select the **n2** points that are truly local
- Usually
 - $n1 = 2000$
 - $n2 = 200$

(Bouffanais and Porter, 2018)



IV. Tuning the algorithm

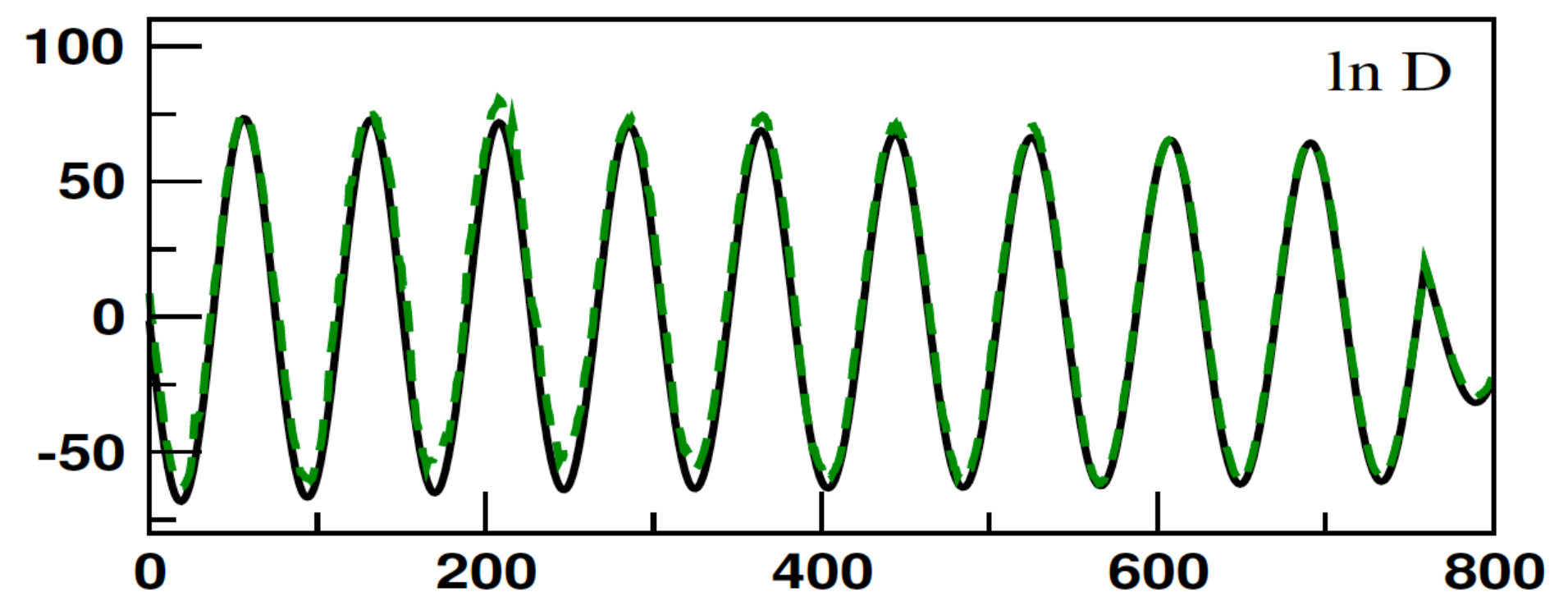
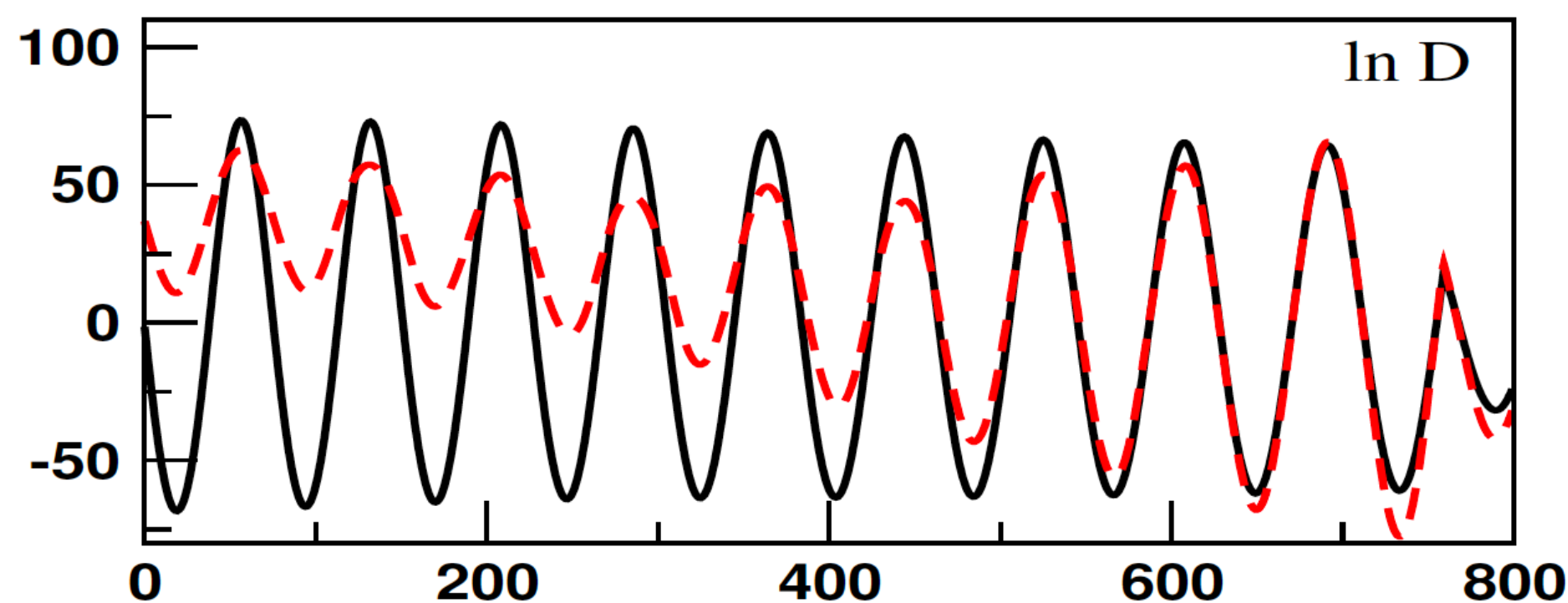
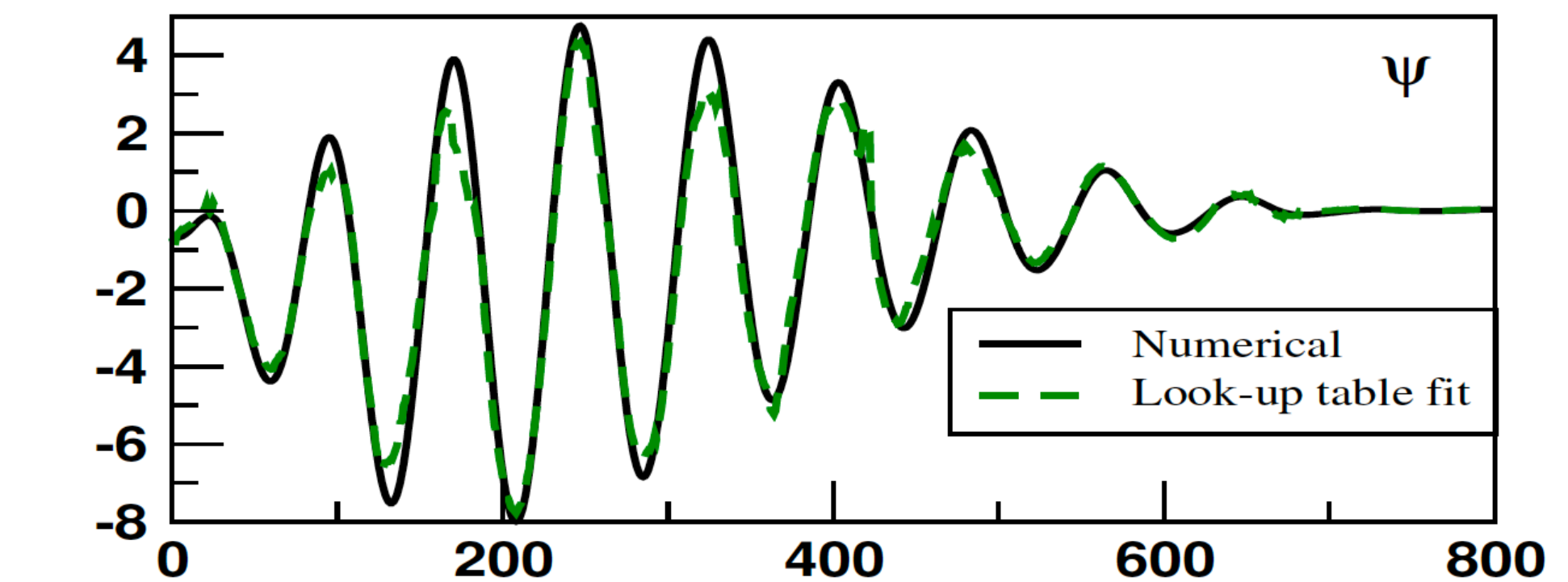
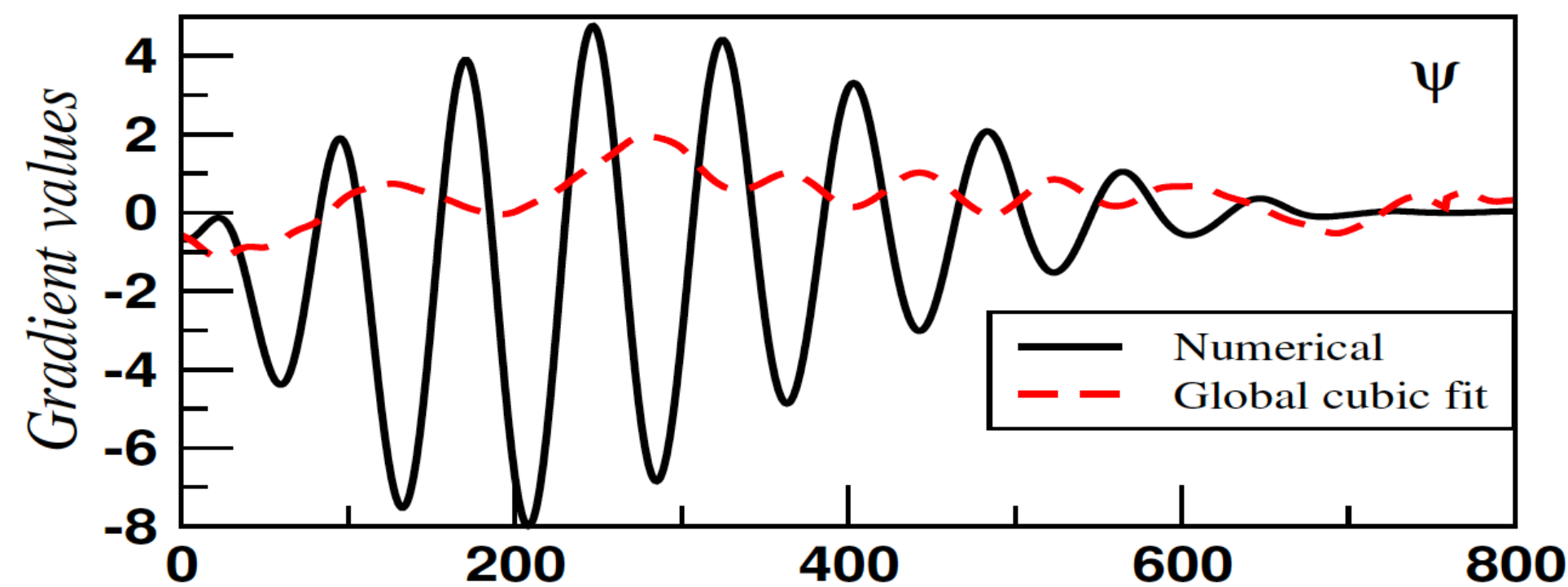
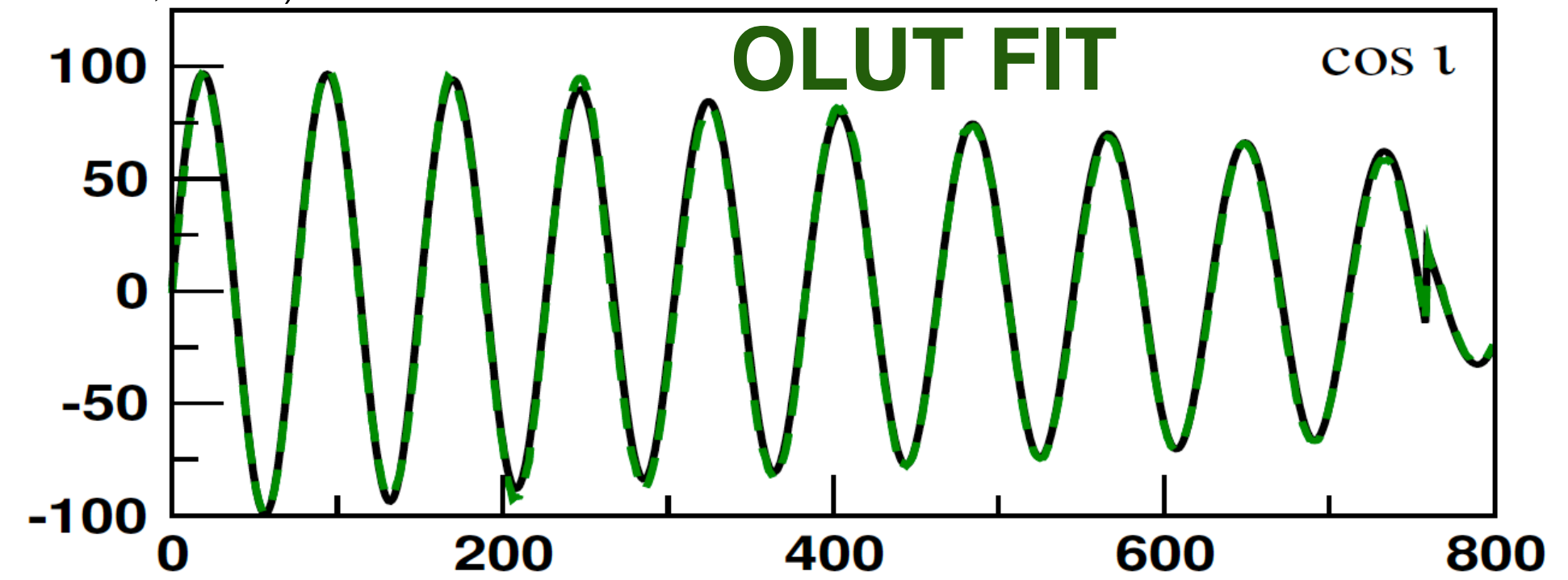
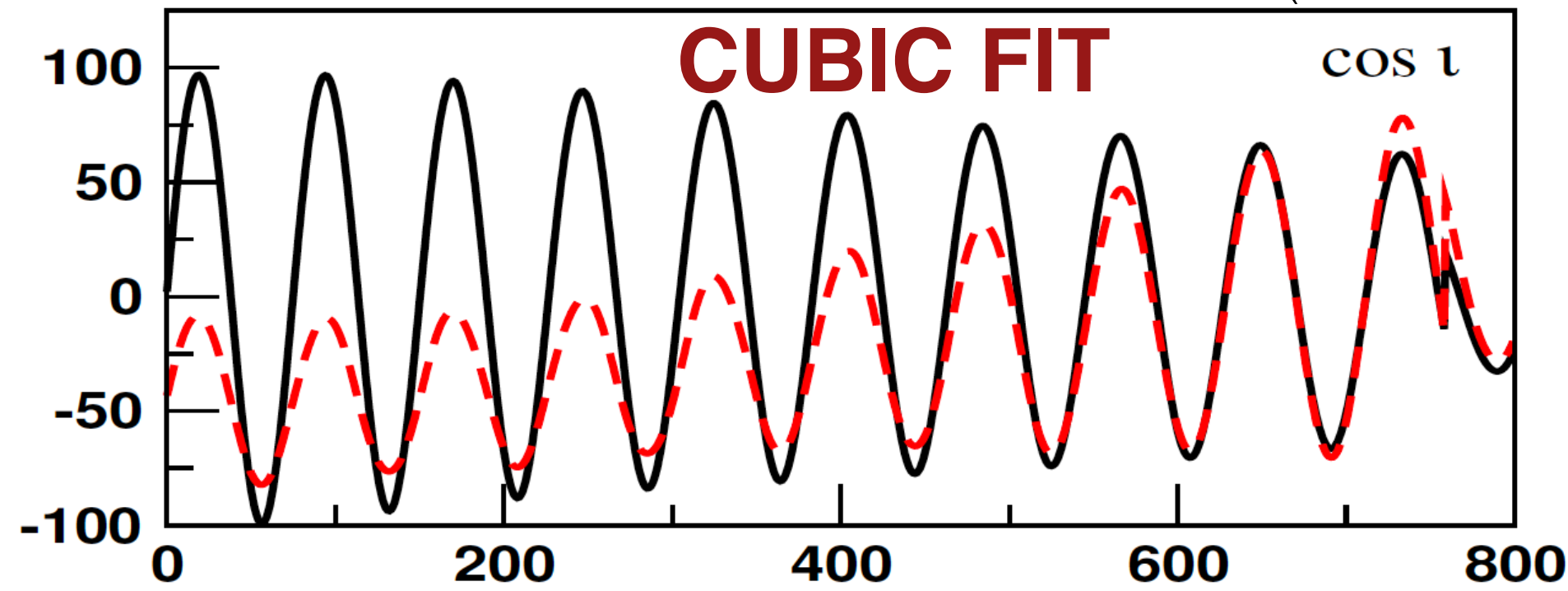


3. Ordered Look Up Tables

(Bouffanais and Porter, 2018)

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Number of steps (single trajectory)

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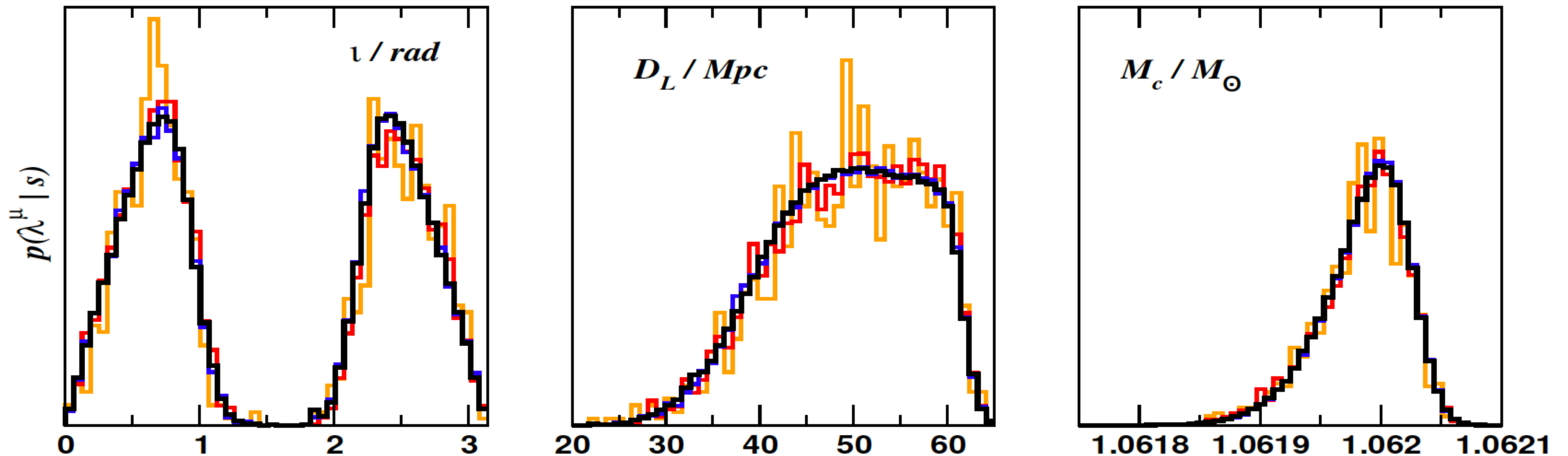
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IV. Tuning the algorithm



4. Convergence analysis

Convergence after 10^3 , 10^4 , 10^5 , 10^6 trajectories



(Bouffanais and Porter, 2018)

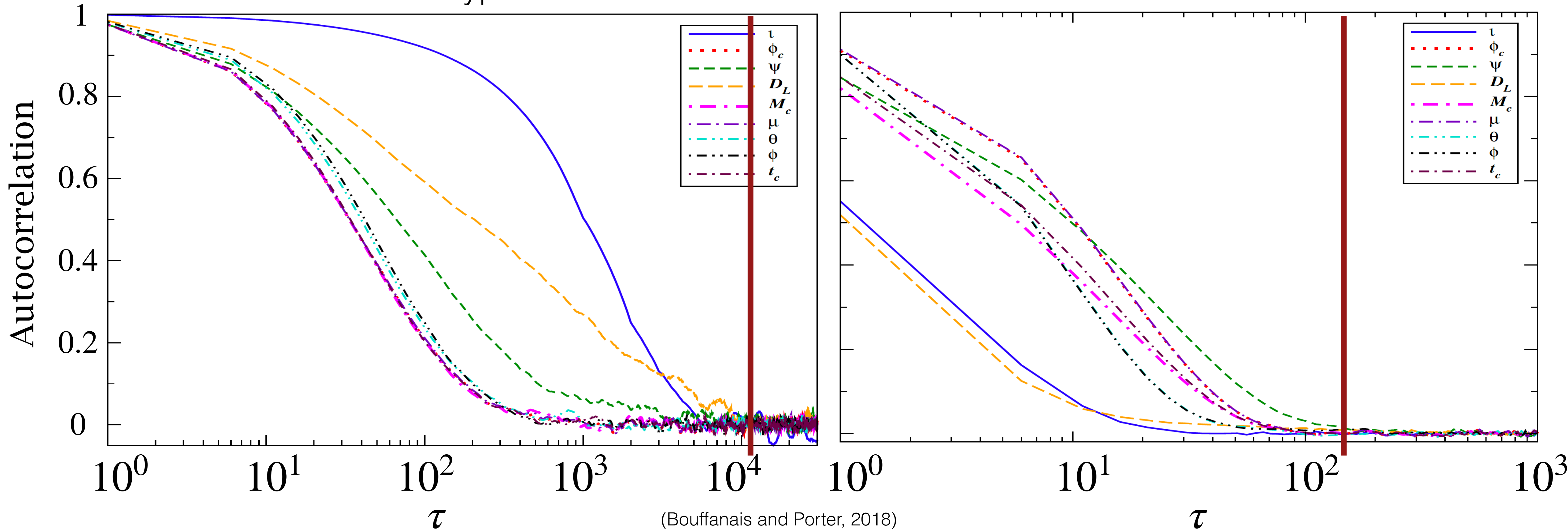
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4. Convergence analysis

10⁶ iteration typical MCMC

10⁶ iteration HMC



Autocorrelation falls off more rapidly

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5. Effective sample size

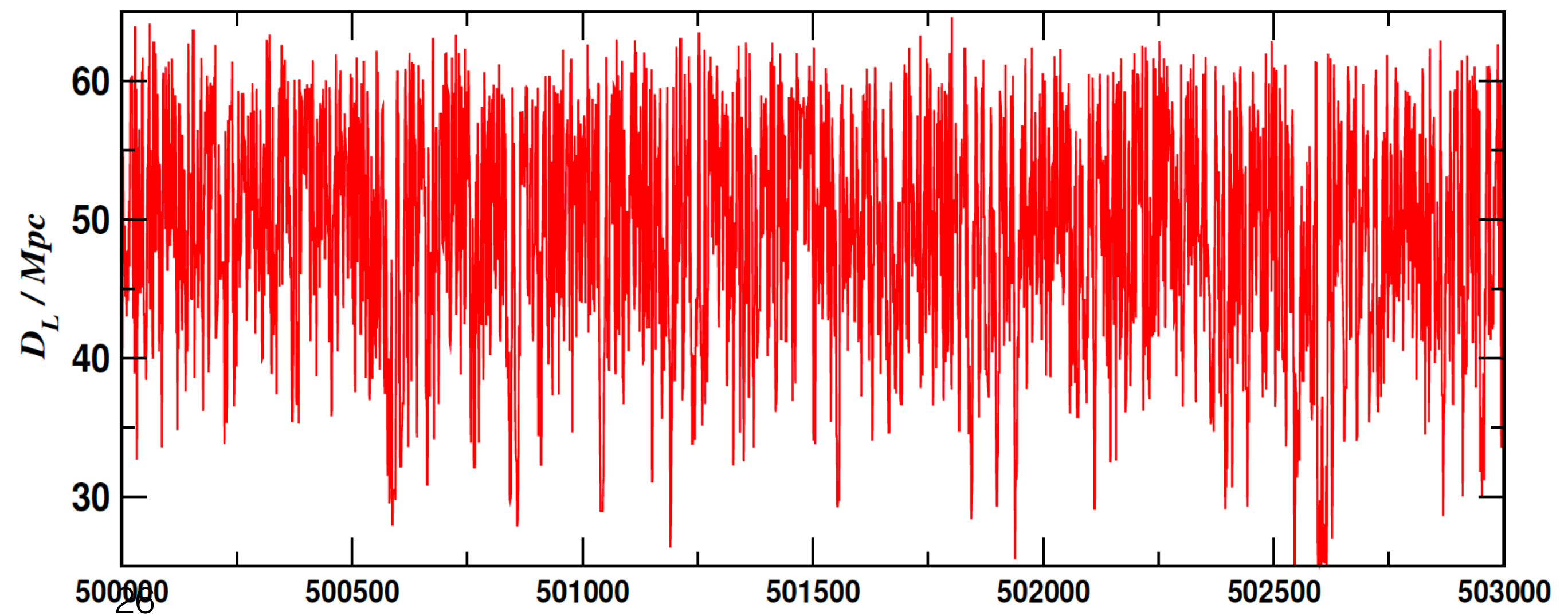
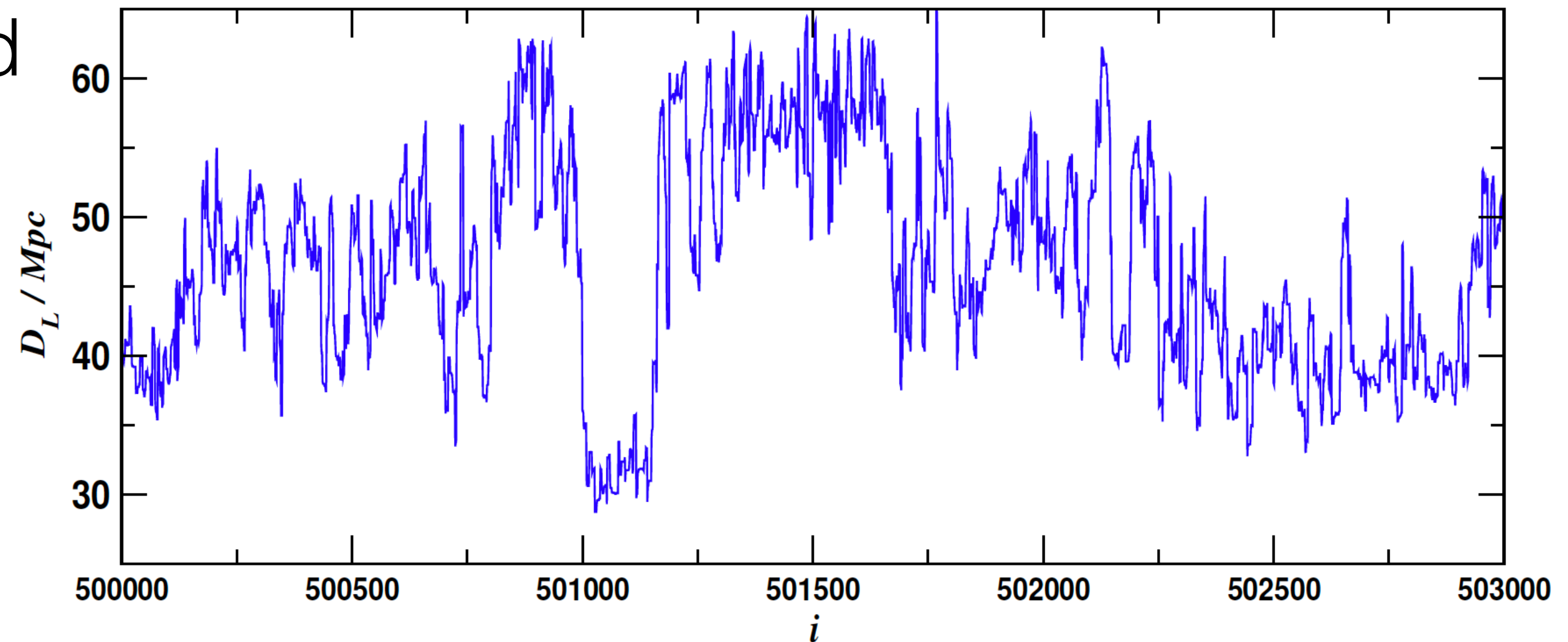
- Effective sample size is increased

- 10^6 MCMC $\Rightarrow 10^2 - 10^3$

- 10^6 HMC $\Rightarrow 10^4 - 10^5$

- Chain exploration is much more efficient

(Bouffanais and Porter, 2018)



Conclusion



- Non-random walk sampler
- Tuning + $\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(q^\mu)}{\partial q^\mu}$ computation problem solved
- Larger effective sample size with shorter chains compared to MCMC
- Ongoing work
 - C to python
 - Include spins and tidal deformations
 - Main goal: introduce HMC in **LSC Algorithm Library**
 - Galactic Binaries, spinning SMBHBs, EMRIs for LISA



Thank you for your attention !