

Machine Learning Identification of Strongly Lensed Gravitational Waves Events

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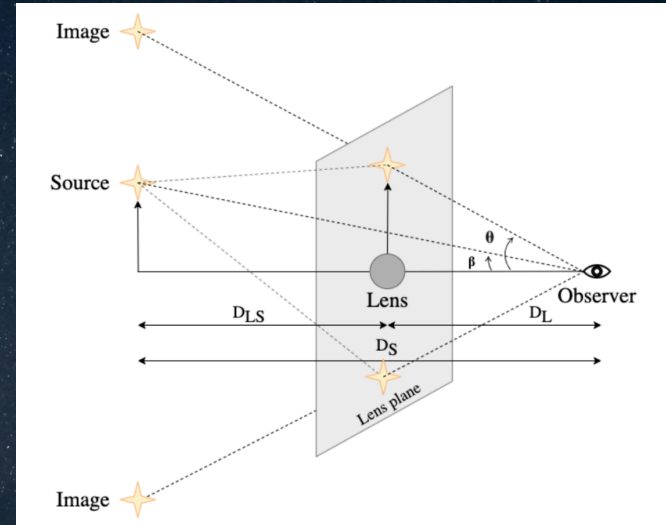
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Strong Lensing: one source, multiple images



The “Twin Quasar”
Q0957+561 (Walsh et
al, 1979, HST).



Gravitational wave lensing review from Martina's talk!

On the right: 'Strong Gravitational Lensing of Gravitational Waves: A Review', Universe 2023, 9, 200. <https://doi.org/10.3390/universe9050200>

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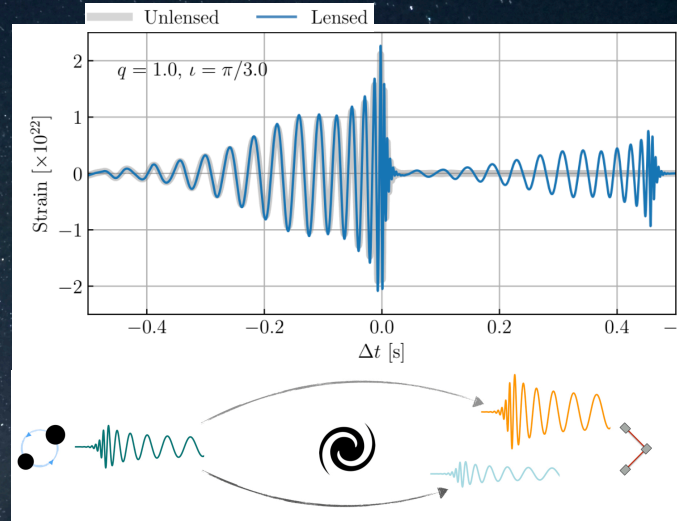
multiple *images*

We do not see GW lensing...we *hear* it!



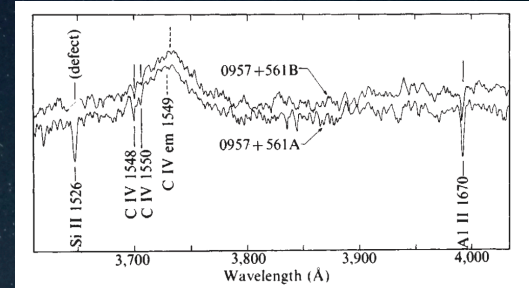
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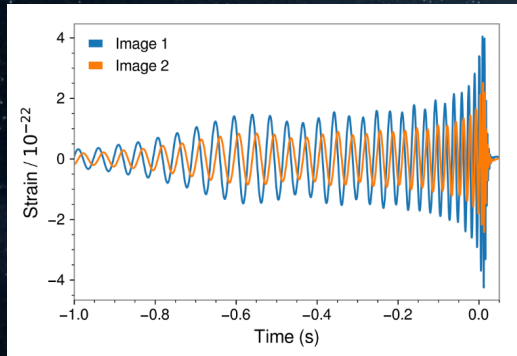


multiple *chirps*

How can we distinguish?



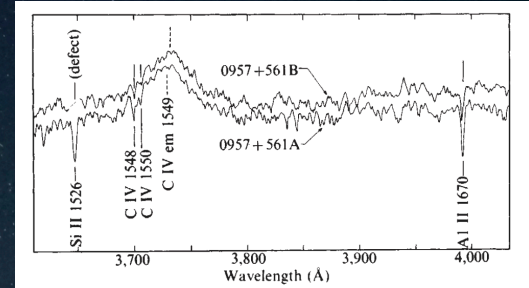
Spectroscopy



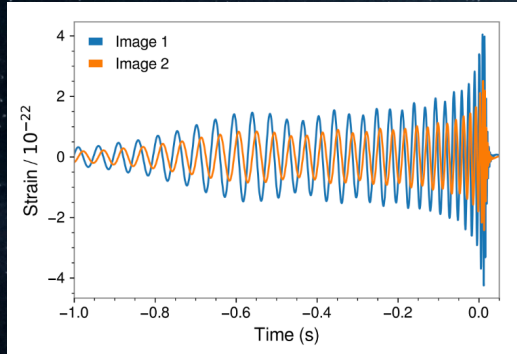
Two events
or
Just one strongly lensed?

Top right: 0957+561 A, B: twin quasistellar objects or gravitational lens?, Walsh, D.; Carswell, R. F.; Weymann, R. J., *Nature*, Vol. 279, p. 381-384 (1979)

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GW parameters!

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Multiple images in formulas

- Solve the GW propagation equation in a curved spacetime
(more details from Nicola's talk earlier this morning!)

Weak-gravity
+
Thin lens
approximation

$$h_L(\omega) = F(\omega, \theta_S) h(\omega)$$

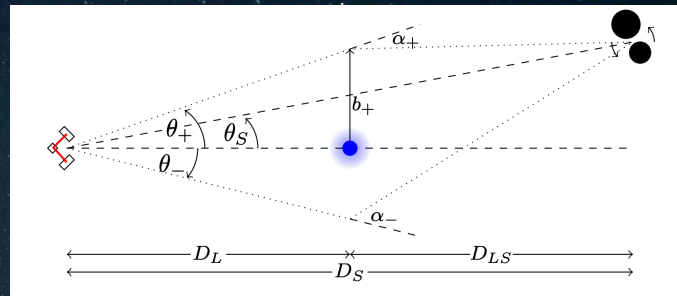
$$F \sim \sum_j \mu(\theta_j)^{1/2} \exp[i(\omega t_d(\theta_j) - \pi n_j)]$$

Magnification

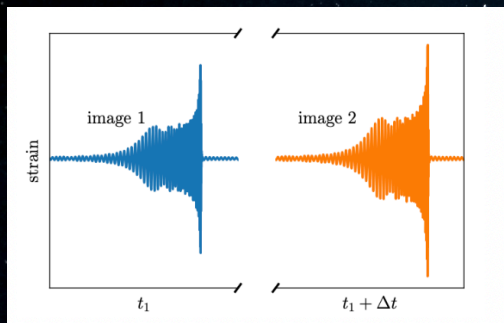
Time delay

Morse phase shift

$$n_j = 0, 1/2, 1 \quad (\text{Type I, II, III images})$$



Strongly lensed GW: *almost* twins



Follow-up Analyses to the O3 LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Lensing Searches [arXiv:2306.03827].

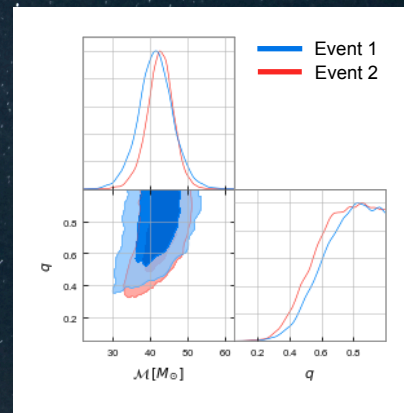
Data compression

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Arrival time (t_d),
Luminosity distance (μ),
Phase information (Morse shift)

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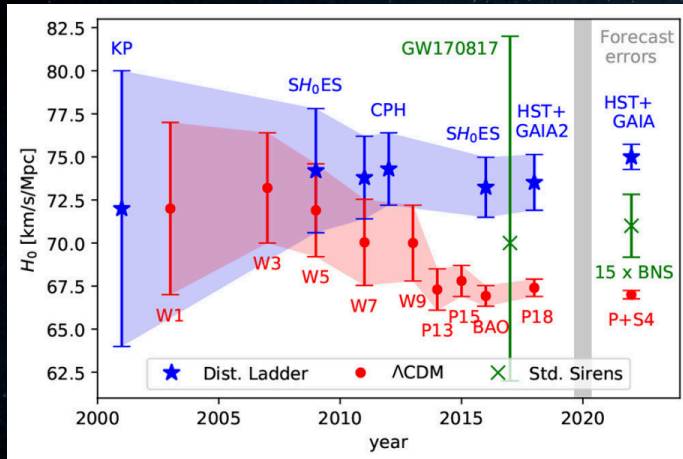
Compatibility
of intrinsic parameters



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The idea: “tension” between GW couples



The Hubble tension: measurements of H_0 in the local universe (in blue), derived values of H_0 from the CMB assuming Λ CDM (in red), direct measurements of H_0 with standard sirens following GW170817 (in green).

We compute ‘distances’ between parameters from two GW events



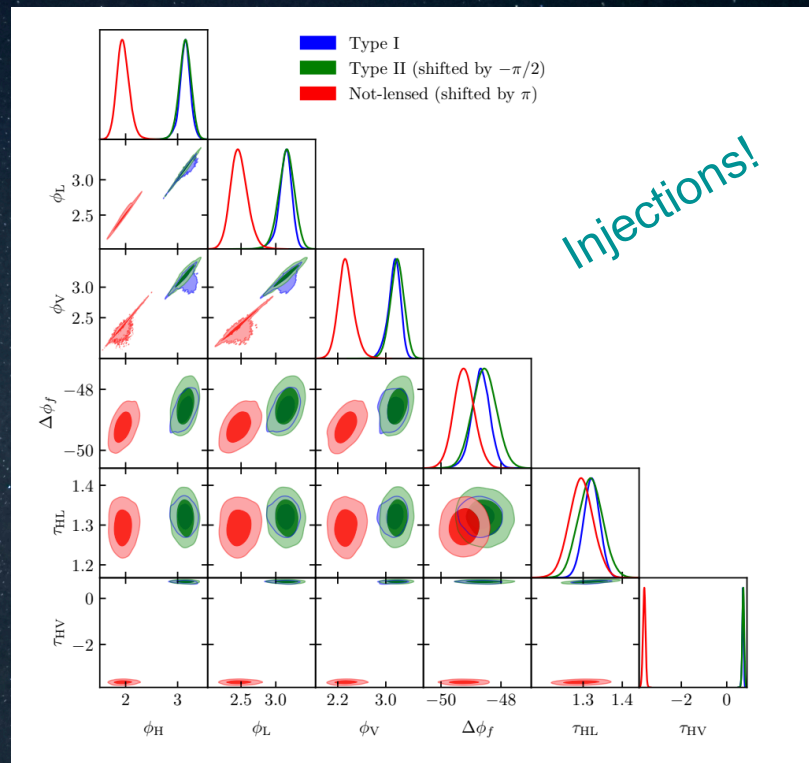
Small tension
=
high SL probability!

Testing SL hypothesis in parameter space

Search for pairs of events that are Morse phase shift consistent

Gaussian Linear Model

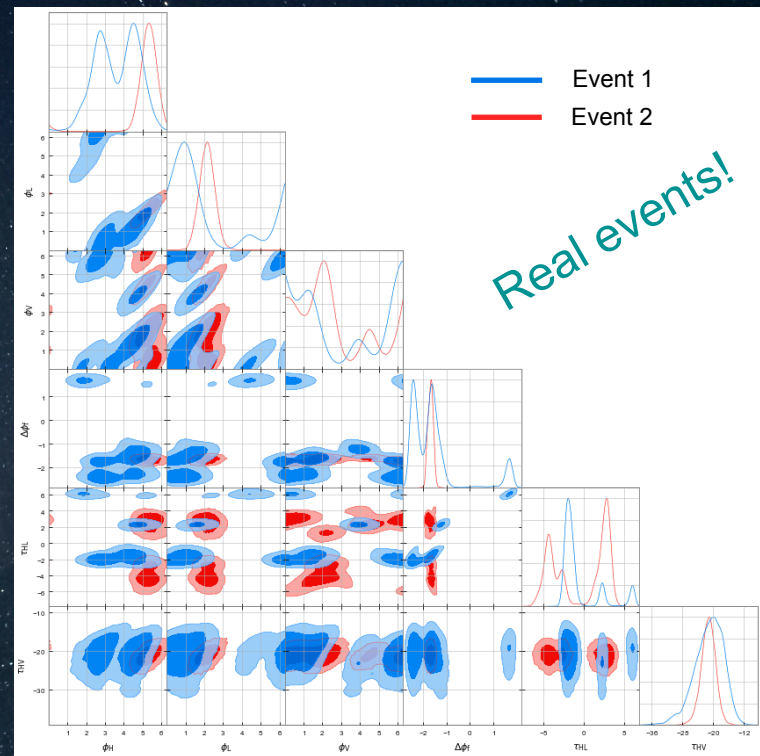
“Concordance and Discordance in Cosmology”,
[M. Raveri and W. Hu, arXiv: 1806.04649v1]



Identifying strongly lensed gravitational waves through their phase consistency, J. M. Ezquiaga, W. Hu and Rico K. L. Lo, arXiv: 2308.06616

Reality is more challenging

- High dimensional space
- Non-Gaussianities
- Multimodality



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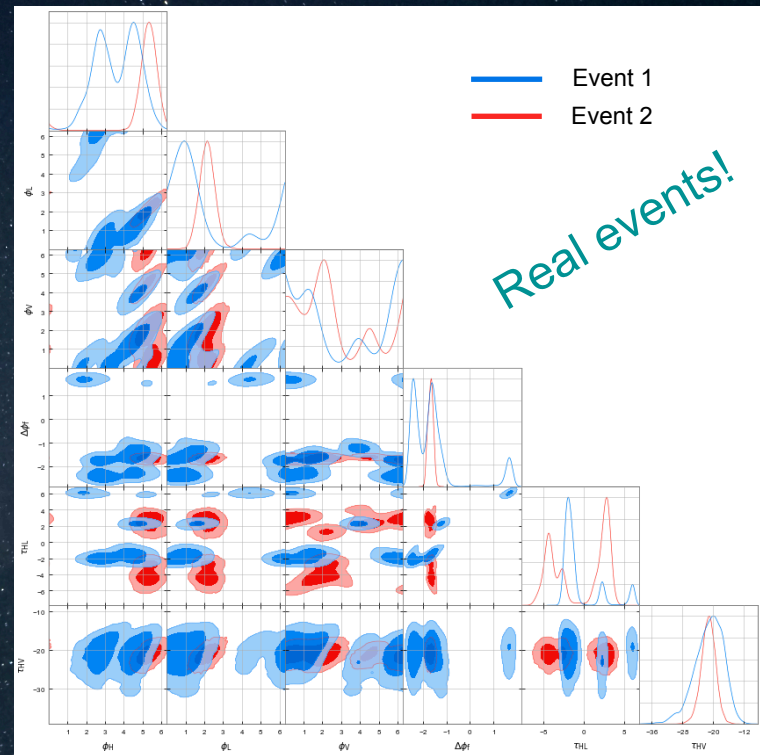
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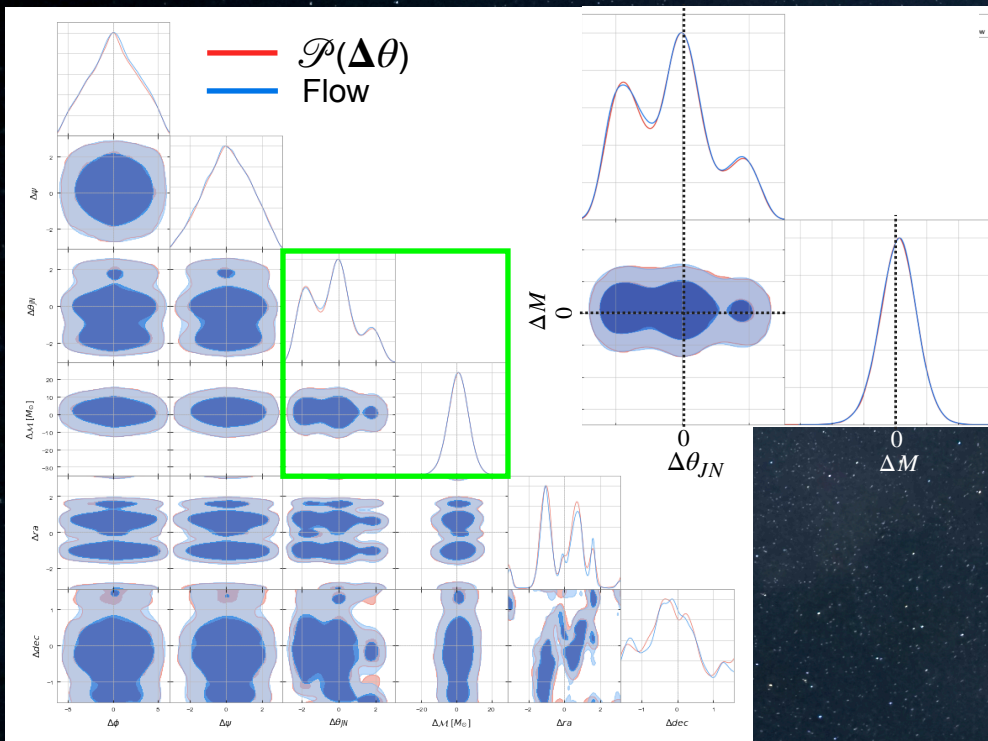
We need machine learning!



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Normalising Flows (NF) at work



Parameter difference distribution
 $\mathcal{P}(\Delta\theta)$

NF

Statistical significance
of the shift

$$\Delta = \int_{\mathcal{P}(\Delta\theta) > \mathcal{P}(0)} \mathcal{P}(\Delta\theta) d\Delta\theta$$

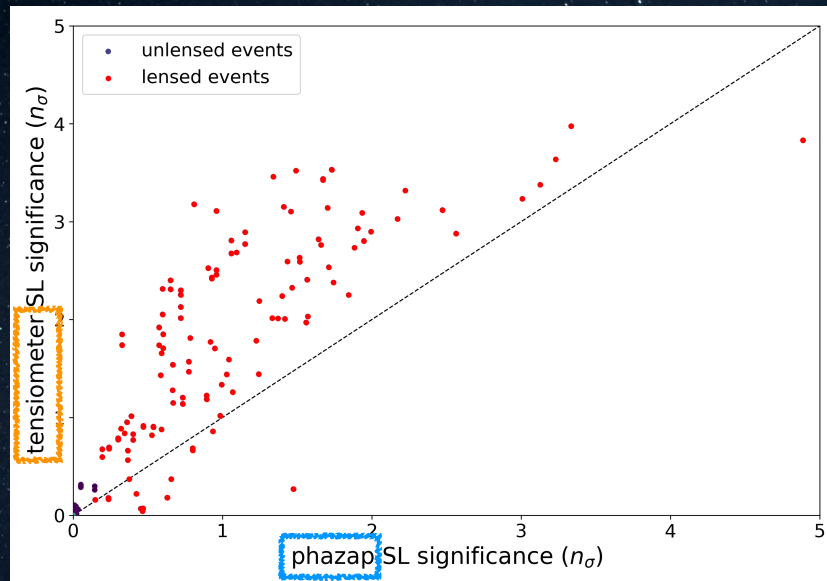
Exact! Not approximated!

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Unblind the algorithm performance

Non-Gaussian
method
(Normalising Flow)



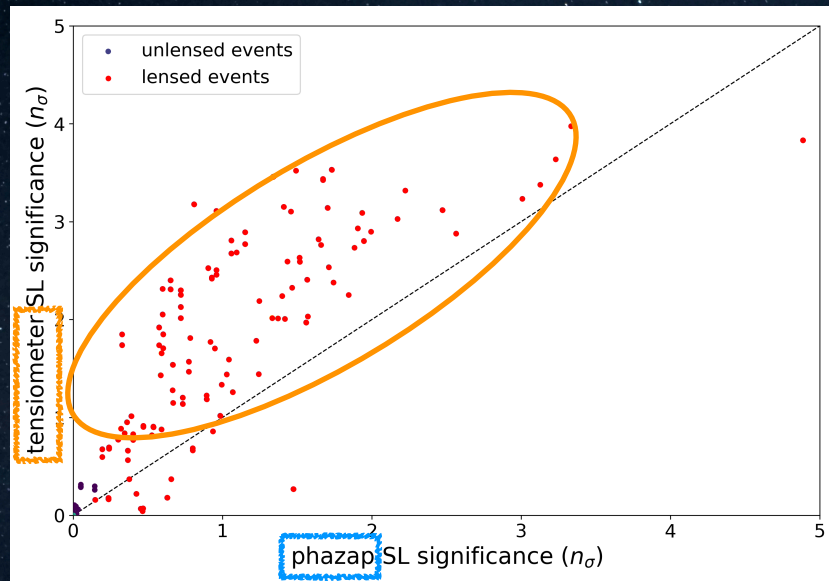
Gaussian approximation method

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Gaussian approximation method

✓ Simulations



✓ O3 real data



Road to
O4 data release!



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Takeaways messages and future prospects

- Why is it important to search for SL GW pairs?
 - Never seen...
 - Physical properties of the lens system (Astrophysics!)
 - Big dream: matter distribution and large scale structure (Cosmology!)
- What was the focus of my work?
 - Testing the SL hypothesis looking at the consistency of GW parameters
 - Non-Gaussian + high dimensions = ML methods (NF!)
- What about real events? Are there any lensed GWs?
 - Let's see what O4 holds! Check the arXiv!

Thank you!