



# Deep Learning to detect gravitational waves from binary Close Encounters: Fast parameter estimation with Normalizing Flows

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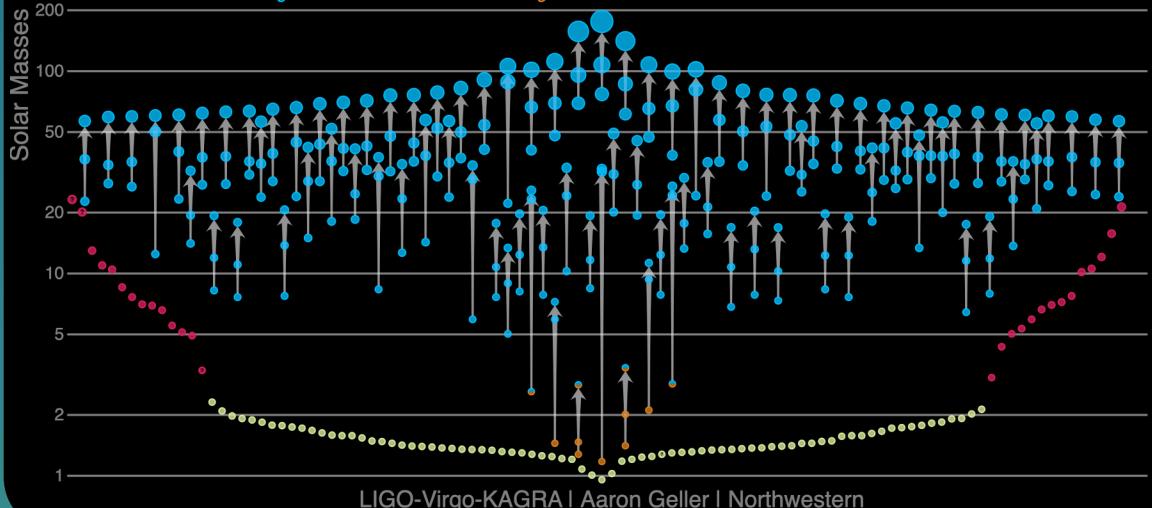
# What has been observed so far ?

- Gravitational Wave Transient Catalogue 3 :
  - 90 transients (CBCs)
    - 2 Binary Neutron Stars
    - 3 Neutron Star + Black Hole

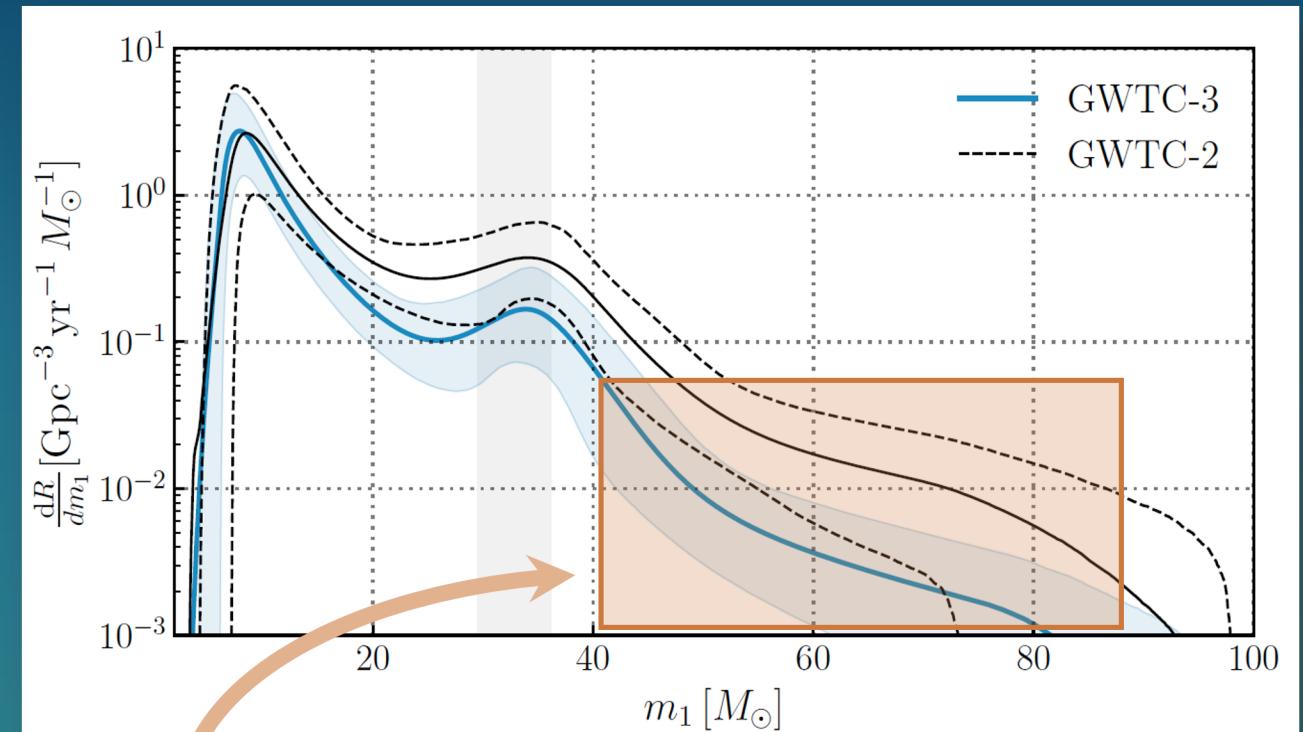
Abbot R. et al. (2021)

## Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Black Holes LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Neutron Stars EM Black Holes EM Neutron Stars



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Hint to dynamical formation channels

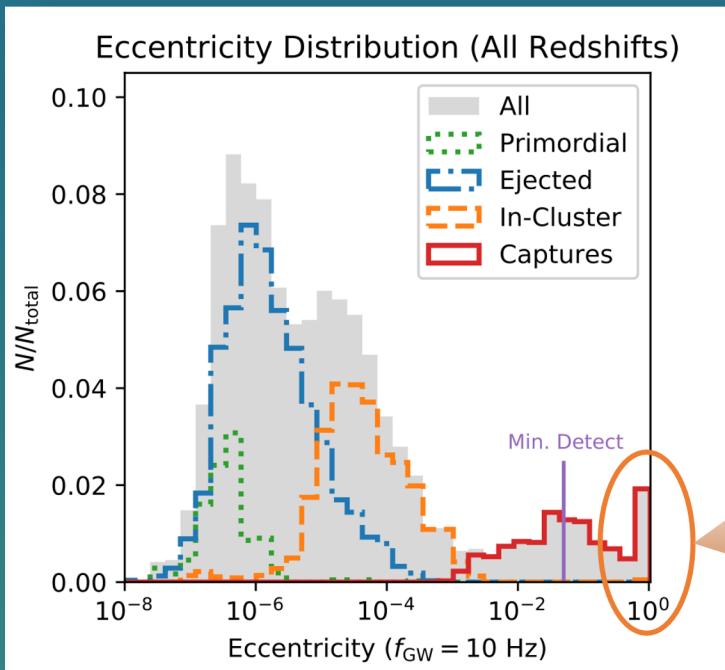
# Dynamical Interactions in dense stellar environments

N – body interactions  
(binary-single + binary-binary)

Ejected inspirals:  $f_{GW} < 10^{-2}$ Hz

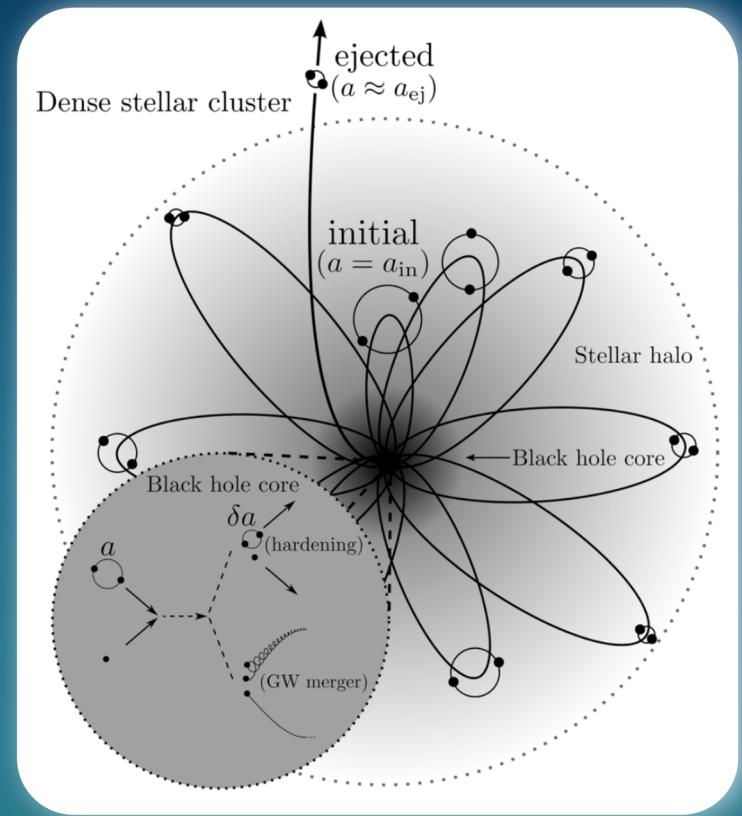
In-cluster mergers:  $e \sim 0$

GW captures:  $f_{GW} \geq 10^{-1}$ Hz /  $e \geq 0.05$



Close Encounters  
Subpopulation  $e \sim 1$  at  $f_{GW} \sim 10$  Hz

Rates (BHs):  $1 - 2 \text{ Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$



Samsing J. (2018)

# Close Encounters Waveforms: The Effective Fly-by framework

- Single-burst description (2.5 PN)
- parabolic orbit (fly-by) as  $e \rightarrow 1$

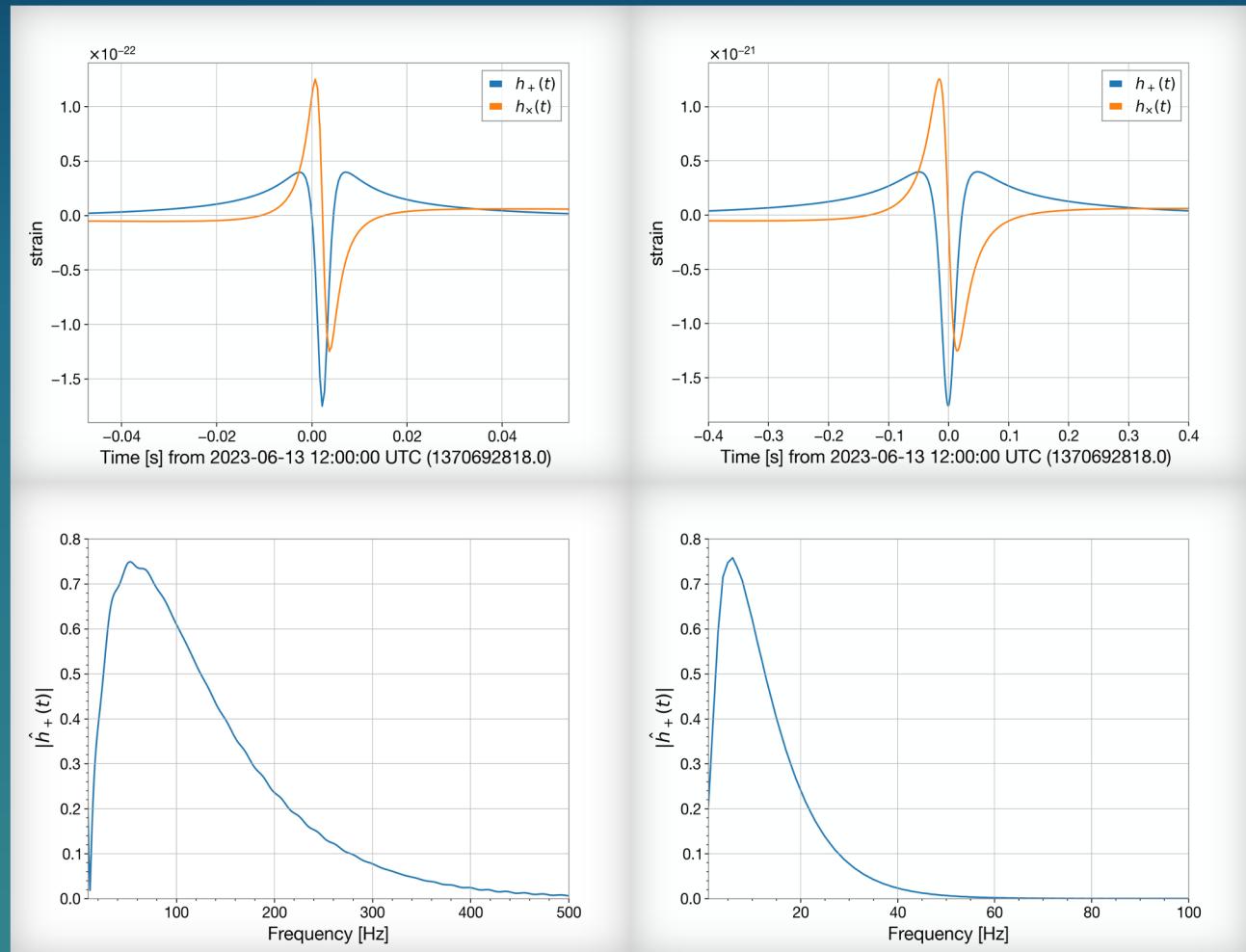
$$h_{+,x} \propto \frac{M^2 \eta}{p d_L}$$

Parameters:

- $M$  total mass
- $\eta$  symmetric mass ratio
- $p$  semi latus-rectum
- $e$  eccentricity
- $d_L$  luminosity distance
- $t_p$  time of periastron passage

- Multi-burst sequences  $\Leftrightarrow$  known timing model

$$\theta_{i+1} = \theta_i + \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)_{\theta_i} T_i$$

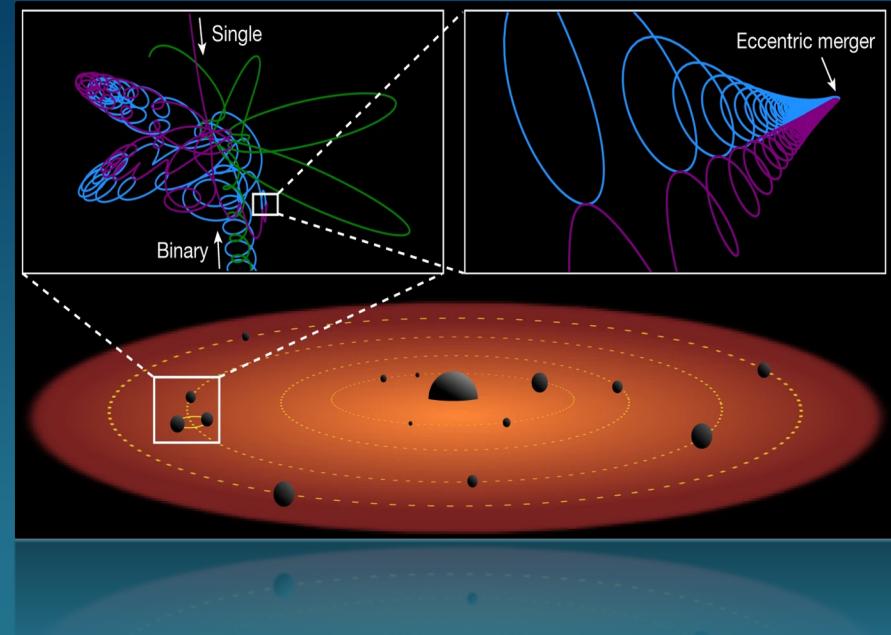



$10 M_\odot + 10 M_\odot$

$100 M_\odot + 100 M_\odot$

# Implications of GW Observations

Samsing J. (2022)



- High eccentricity ( $e \sim 1$ ):
  - ⇒ GW emission: Repeated Bursts at each periastron
  - ⇒  $v \sim 0.7c$  → strong field regime / GR Tests
  - ⇒ f-modes excitation in Neutron Stars → Equation Of State constraints
  - ⇒ Dynamical formation channel → Astrophysics
  - ⇒ Possible e.m. counterparts → Multimessenger Astronomy

Detection & Parameter Estimation required !

# Close Encounters Detection

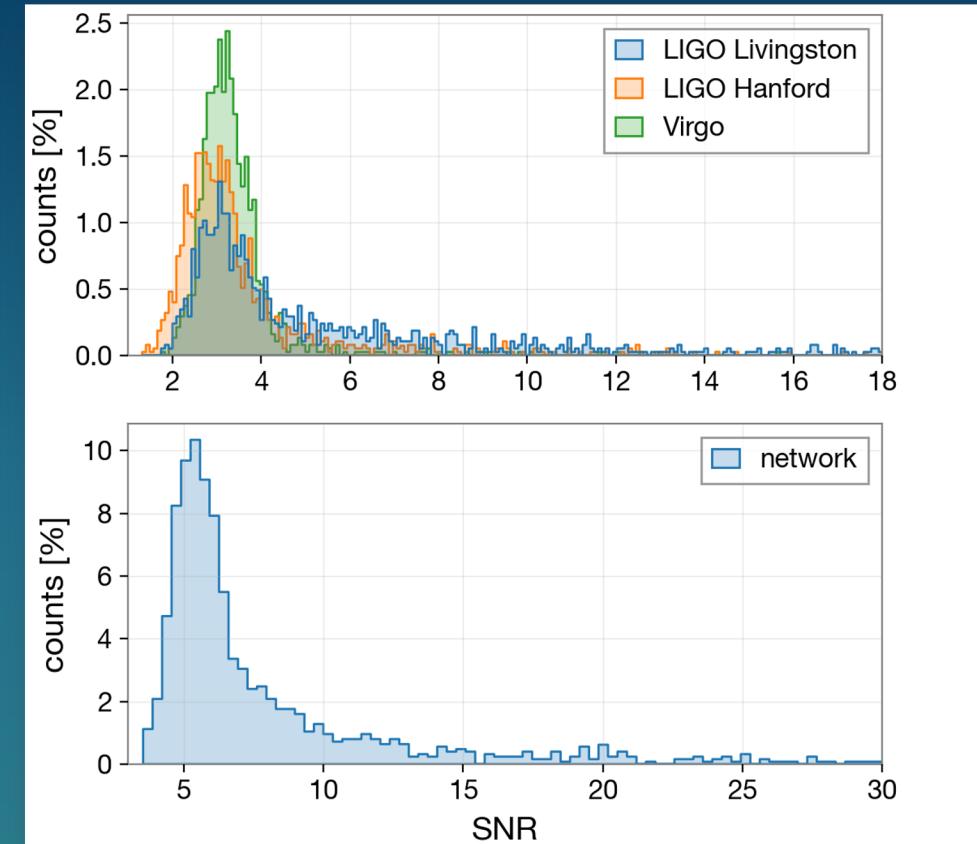
## ➤ Challenges :

- Low SNR with current sensitivities
- Burst-like signal with small frequency evolution



## ➤ Approaches :

- Power stacking of multi-bursts  $SNR \sim N^{1/4}$
- Machine Learning (e.g. *Sorrentino 2023*)



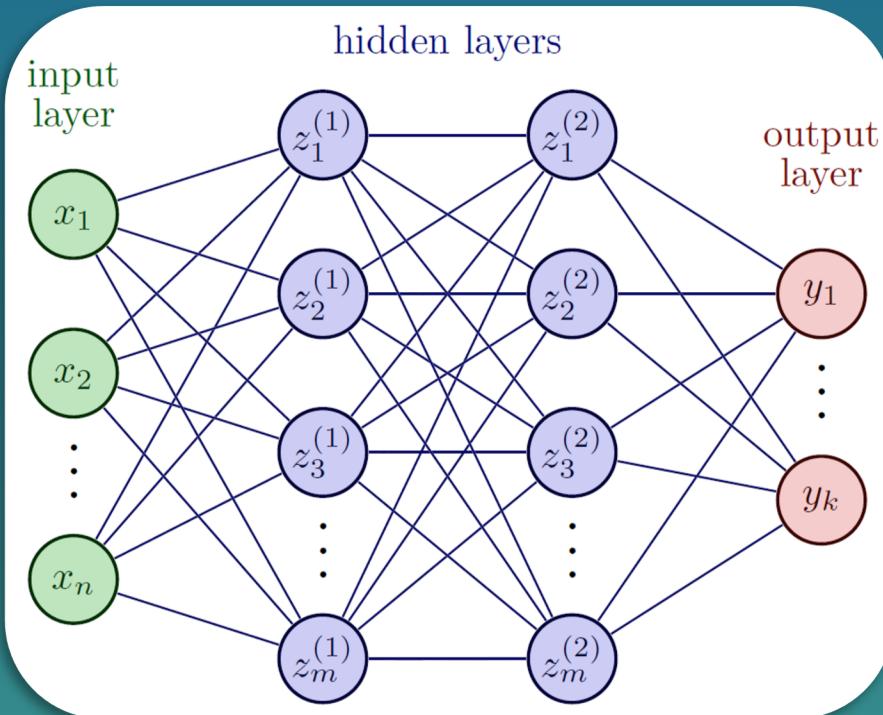
$$SNR^2 = 4 \int_0^\infty df \frac{|\hat{h}(f)|^2}{S_n(f)}$$

$$SNR_{net} = \sqrt{\sum_d SNR_d^2}$$

# Machine Learning & Deep Neural Networks

## Artificial Neuron

$$y_j^{(L)} = \varphi^{(L)} \left[ b_j + \sum_k w_{jk}^{(L)} x_k^{(L-1)} \right]$$



- Algorithms that are trained to perform specific tasks

## Supervised Learning

### Classification

( Noise vs Signal )

- Traditional ML → point estimates
- Probabilistic ML → probability distributions

### Regression

( Parameter Estimation )

# Normalizing Flows

Pamakarios G. (2019)

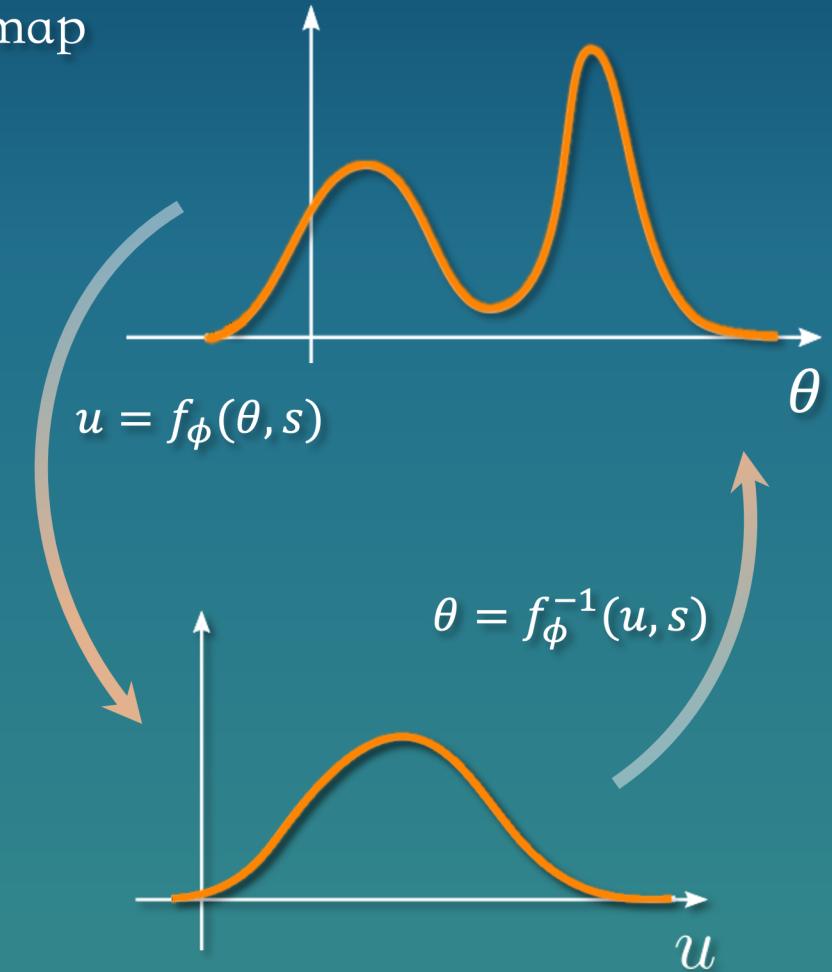
- Key idea: parametrize an analytical function  $f: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$  to map GW parameters into a simpler distribution

$$\theta \xrightarrow{f(s)} u \sim \pi(u) = \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbb{I})$$

- $f$  must:

- be invertible and differentiable
- depend on parameters  $\phi \leftarrow \text{NN}$  output

$$p(\theta|s) \approx q(\theta|s) = \pi(f_\phi(\theta, s)) |\det J(f_\phi(\theta, s))|$$



# Training a Normalizing Flow

Kullback S., Leibler R.A. (1951)

- $p(\theta|s) \approx q(\theta|s) \Rightarrow$  define the *loss function* as the Kullback-Leibler divergence (distance) between  $p$  and  $q$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{KL}[p||q] &= \int ds p(s) \int d\theta p(\theta|s) \log \left( \frac{p(\theta|s)}{q(\theta|s)} \right) = && \text{unknown posterior} \\ &= \int ds p(s) \left[ - \underbrace{\int d\theta p(\theta|s) \log q(\theta|s)}_{\mathbb{H}[p||q]} + \underbrace{\int ds p(\theta|s) \log p(\theta|s)}_{\mathbb{H}[p||p]} \right] = \\ &&& \end{aligned}$$

(using Bayes Theorem)

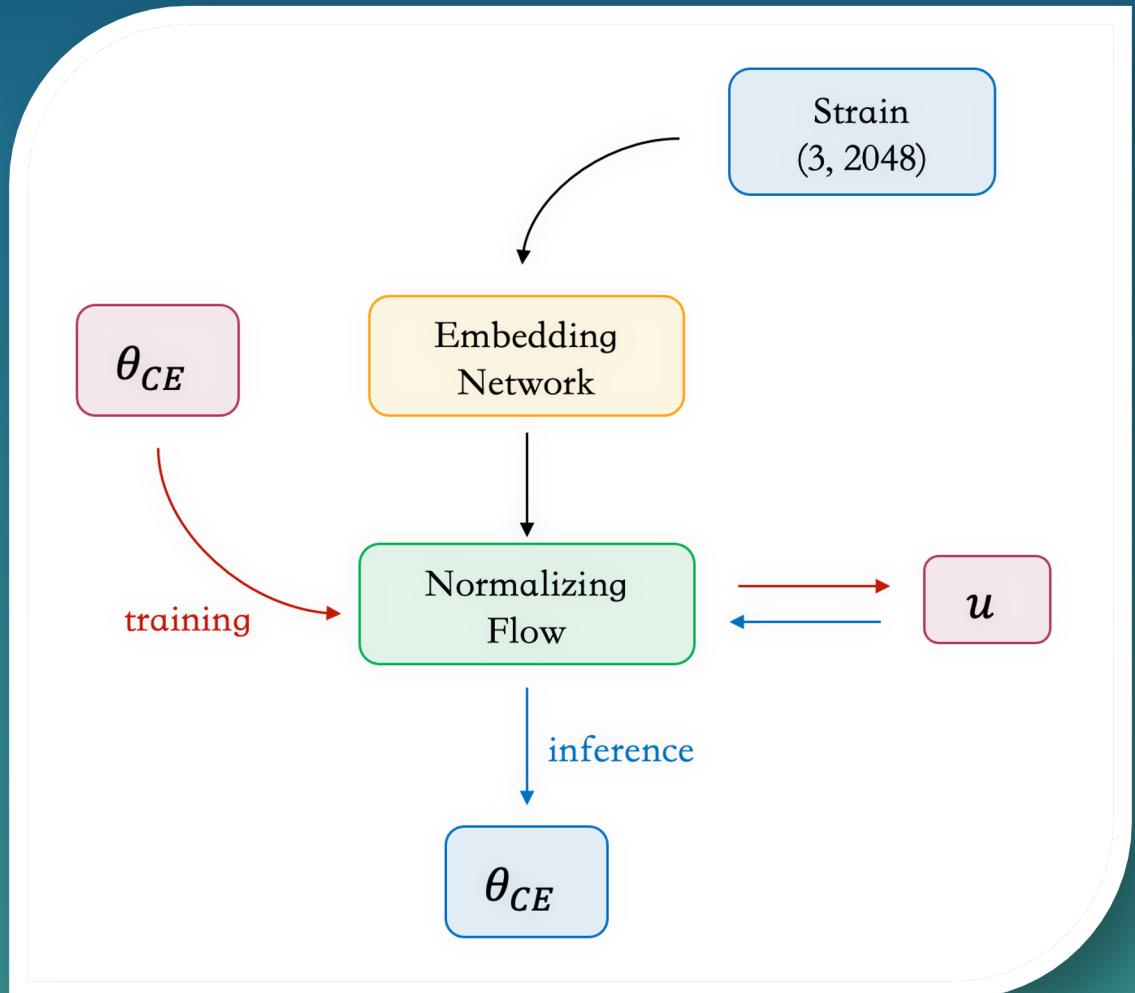
$$\simeq - \int d\theta p(\theta) \int ds p(s|\theta) \log q(\theta|s) \simeq - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log q(\theta_i | s_i)$$

Training dataset:  $\begin{cases} \theta_i \sim p(\theta) \\ s_i \sim p(s|\theta_i) \end{cases}$

➤ No Likelihood evaluation required

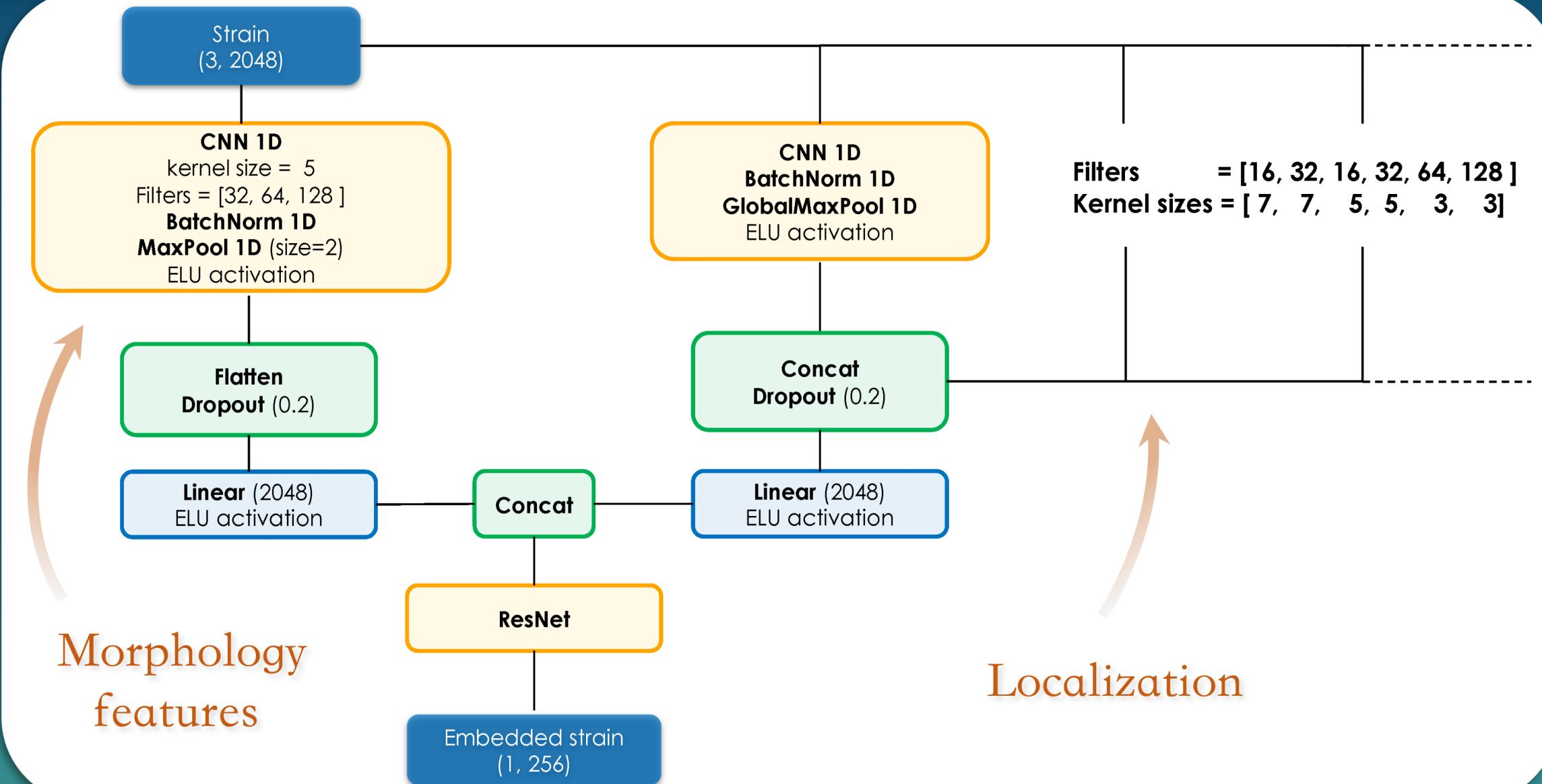
# HYPERION: Model Overview

- HYPer fast close EncouneR Inference from Observations with Normalizing flows

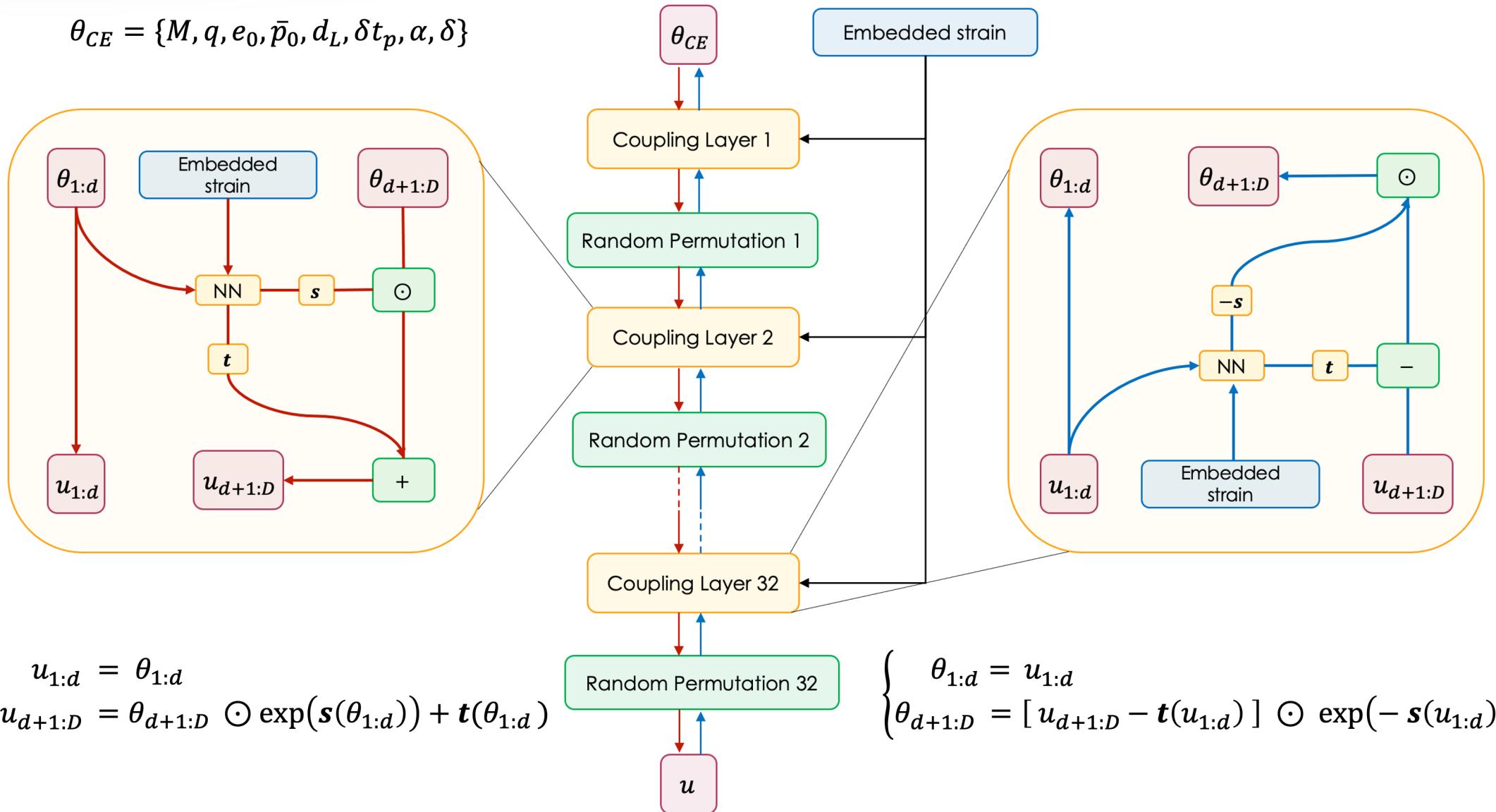


- Developed in Python + PyTorch
- Input: 1s strain at 2 kHz ( 3 detectors )
- Output:  $\theta_{CE} = \{M, q, e_0, \bar{p}_0, d_L, \delta t_p, \alpha, \delta\}$
- Core modules:
  - Embedding Network: CNN, extracts features
  - Normalizing Flow: coupling layers, reconstructs posterior distribution
  - $\sim 180$  M parameters

# HYPERION: Embedding Network



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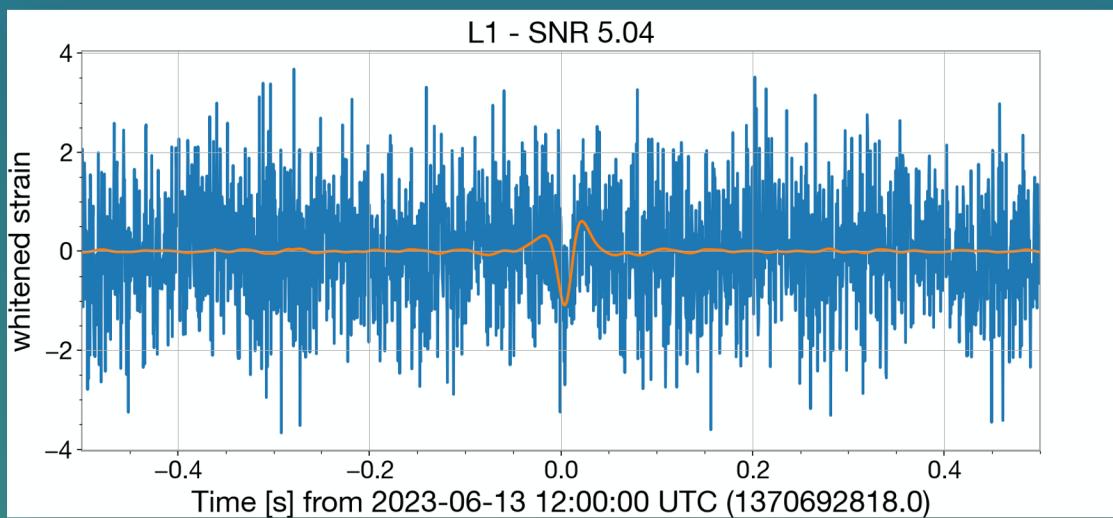
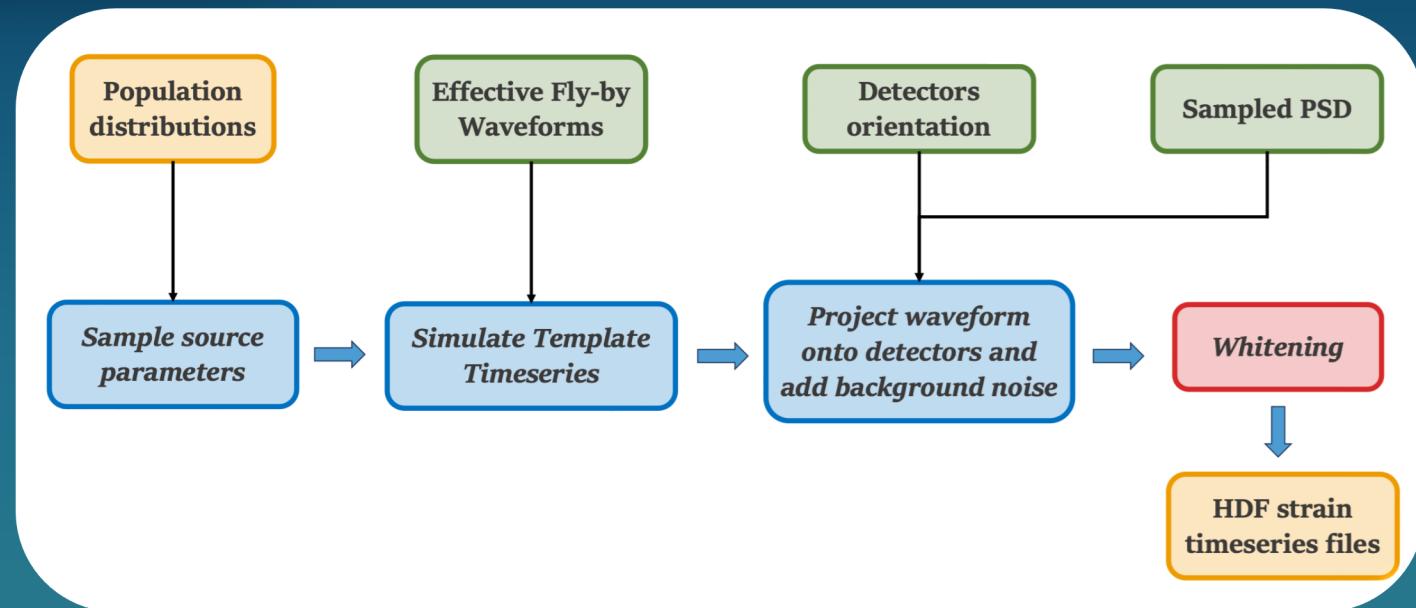


# Simulations and preprocessing

$\theta_{CE}$	distribution	min	max
$m_1 [M_\odot]$	uniform	10	100
$m_2 \leq m_1 [M_\odot]$	uniform	10	100
$\bar{p}_0$	uniform	13	25
$d_L [\text{Mpc}]$	uniform	100	2000
$e_0$	uniform	0.85	0.95
$\alpha$	uniform	0	$2\pi$
$\delta$	cos	$-\pi/2$	$\pi/2$
$\delta t_p [\text{s}]$	uniform	-0.25	0.25

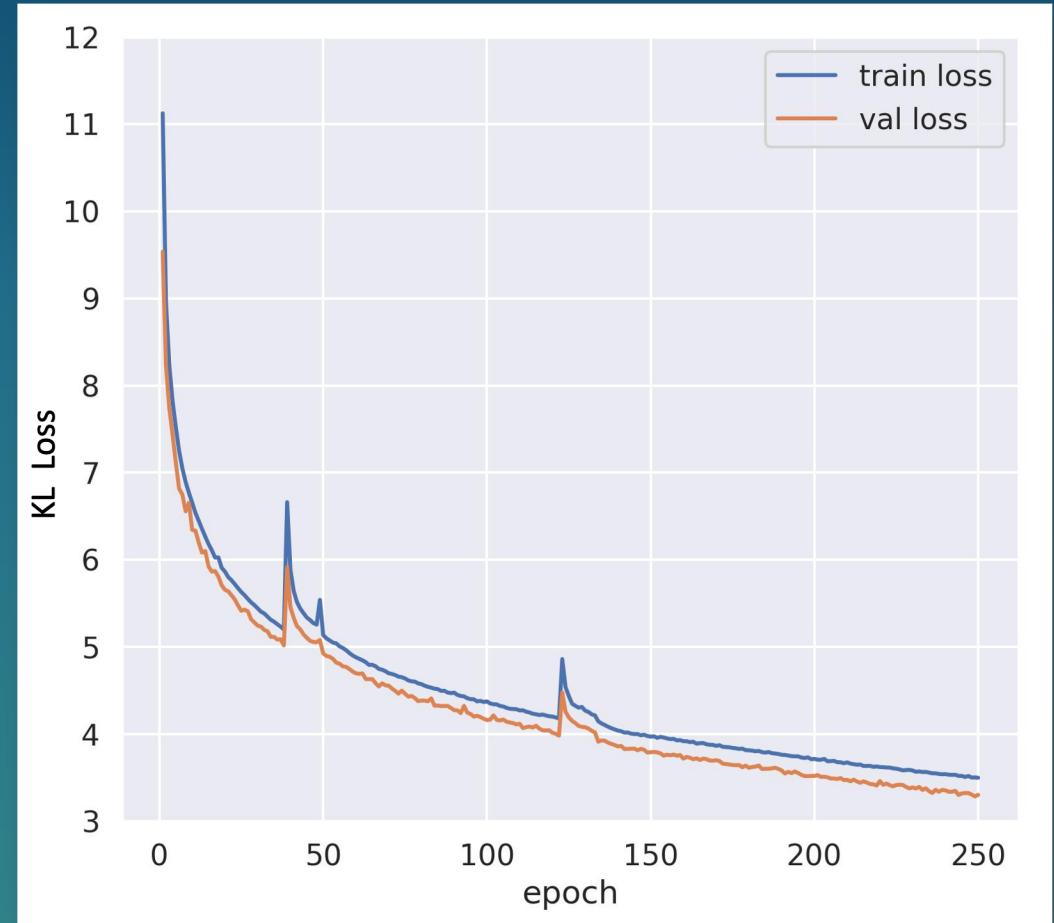
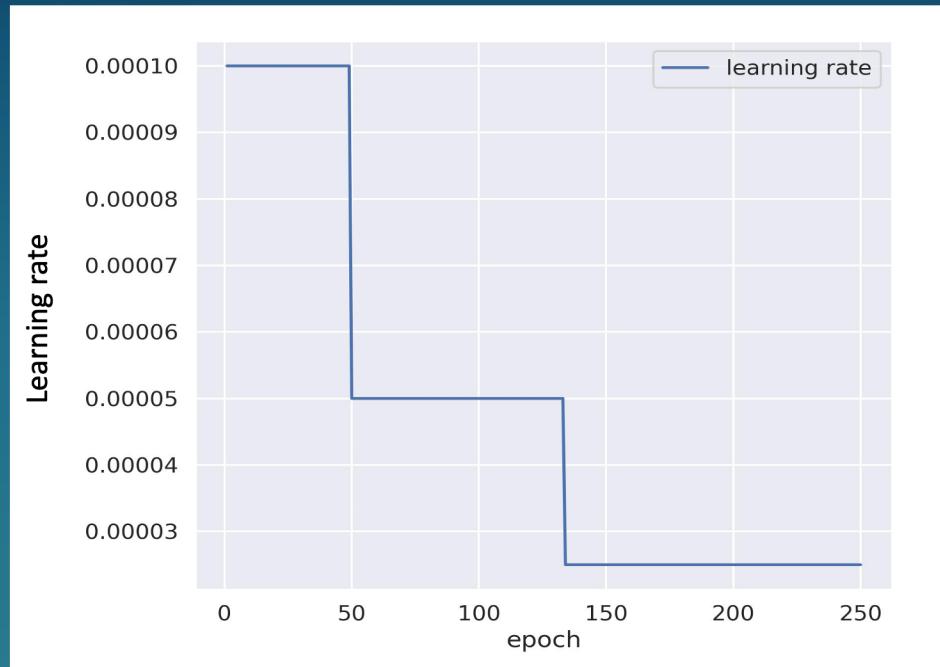
$\psi$	uniform	0	$\pi$
$\iota$	sin	0	$\pi$
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$5 \times 10^6$  training samples



# Training

➤ ~ 20 hr on Nvidia A30 GPU



- Trained for 250 epochs
- Batch size = 512
- Training Dataset split: 90% training + 10% validation
- ADAM optimizer
- $\delta t_p$  augmentation
- Learning rate reduced by 50% if validation loss did not improve after 10 epochs

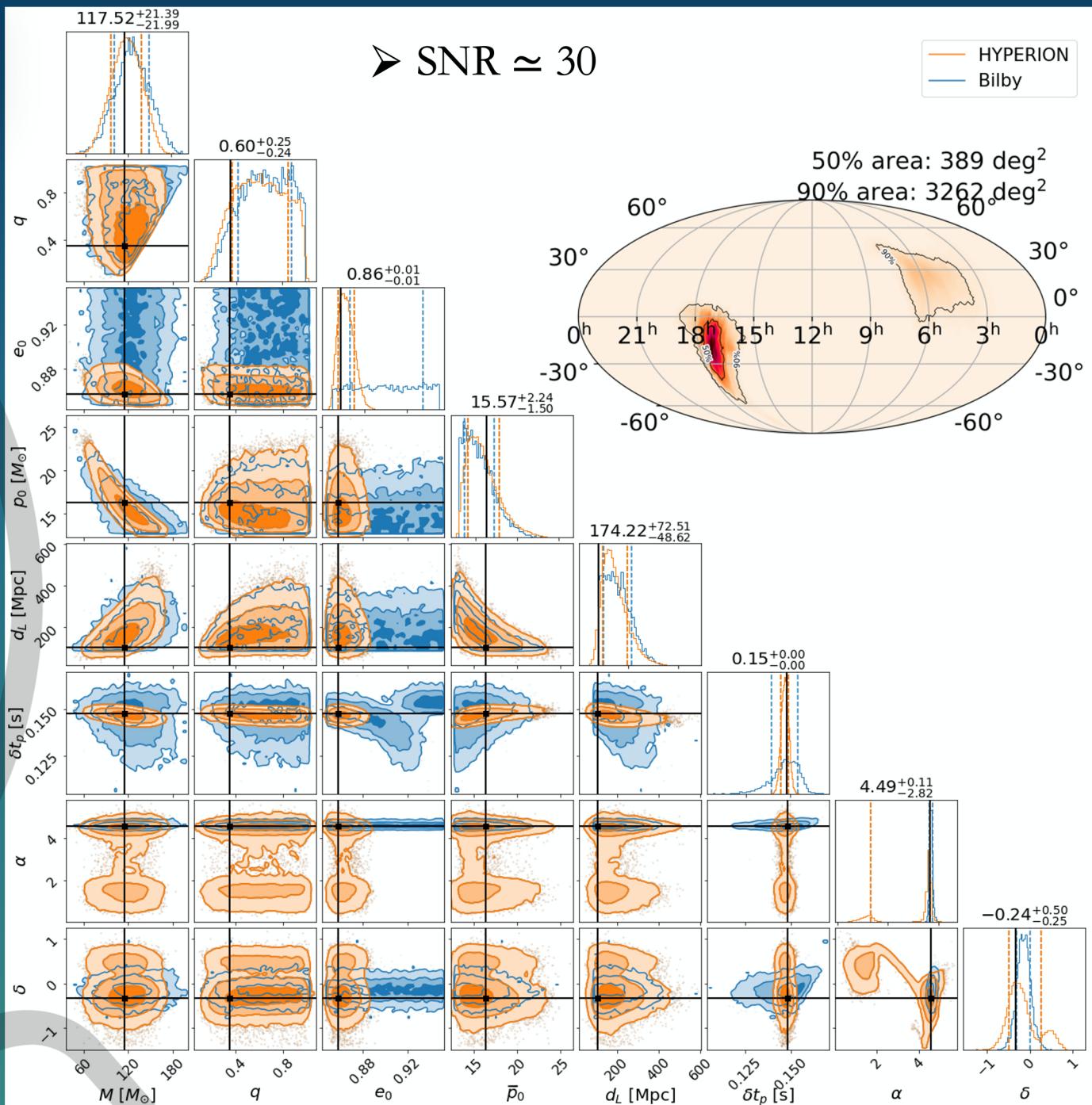
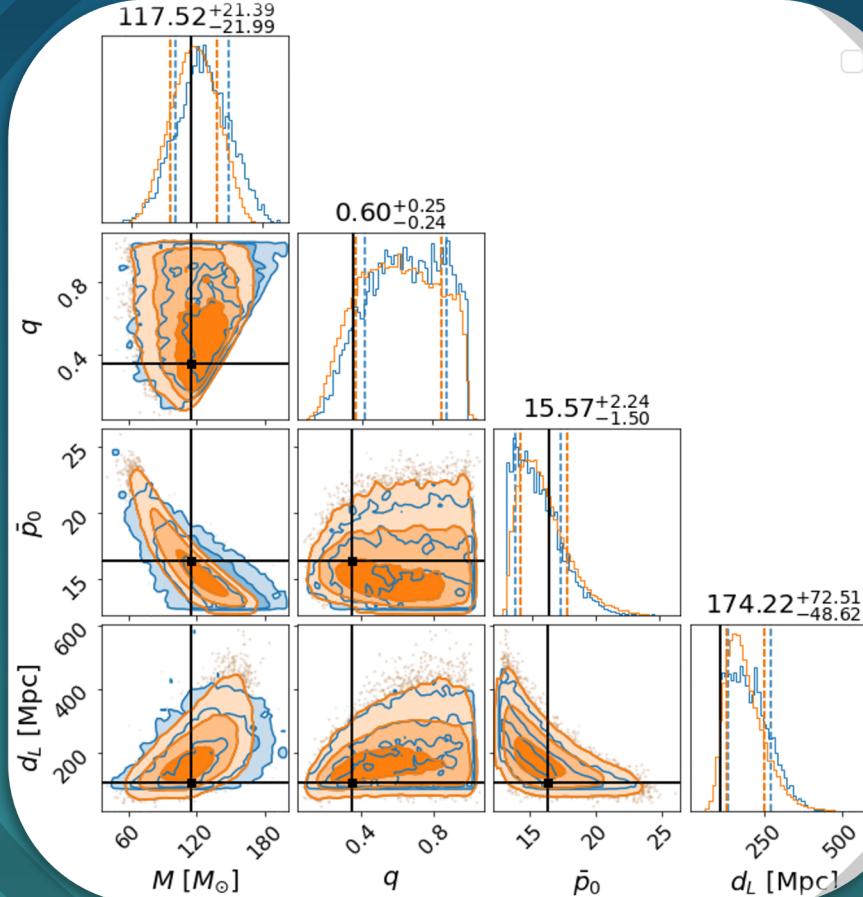
# Results and Performance

➤ Comparison with standard PE tools e.g. Bilby: (*Ashton G. et al. (2018)*) :

- Dynesty Sampler
  - nact = 50
  - nlive = 1000
  - N CPU = 42

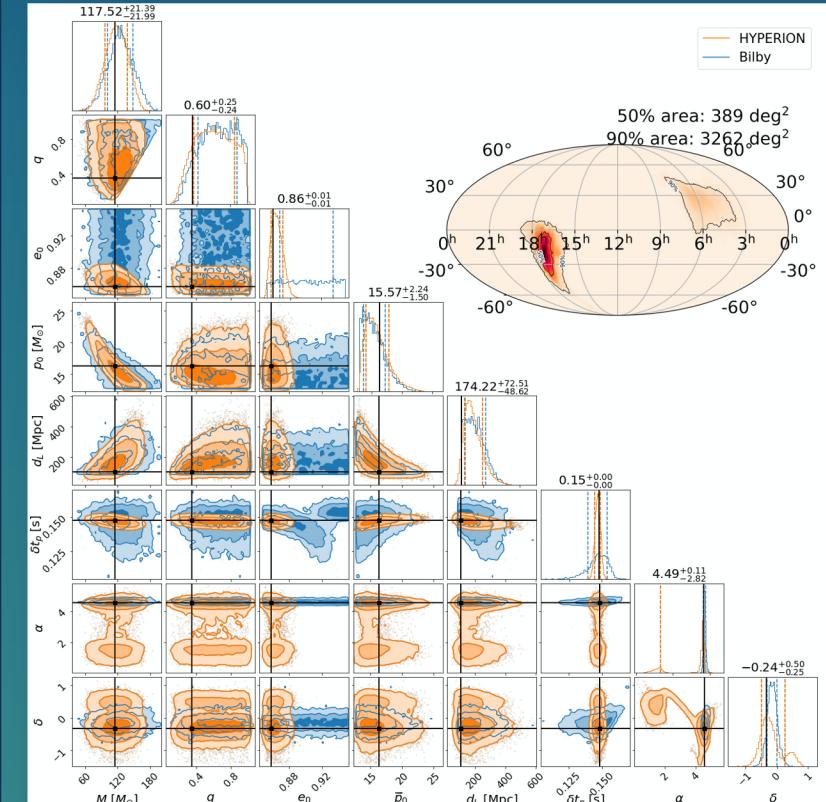
	Posterior samples	Inference time
Bilby	$\sim 5 \times 10^3$	$\sim 10$ h
HYPERION (CPU)	$5 \times 10^4$	$\sim 16$ s
HYPERION (GPU)	$5 \times 10^4$	$\sim 0.5$ s

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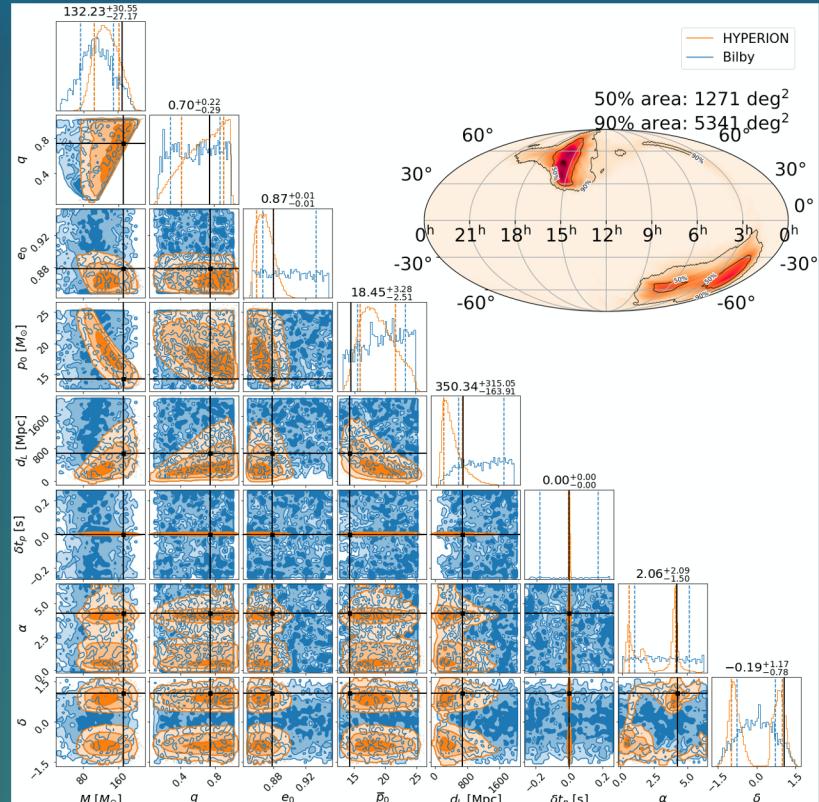


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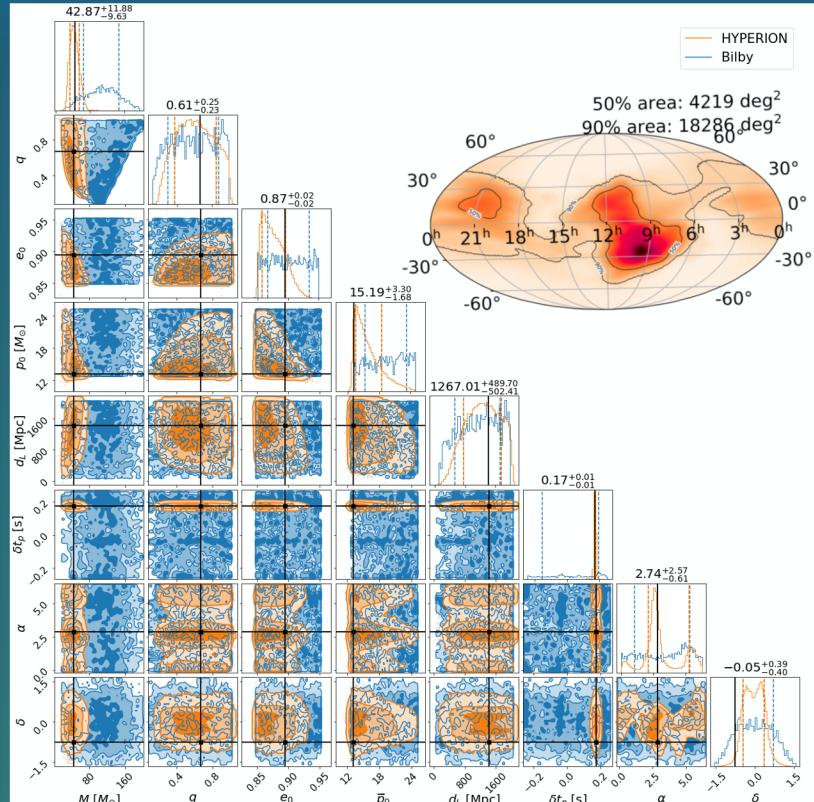
► SNR  $\simeq 30$



► SNR  $\simeq 12$

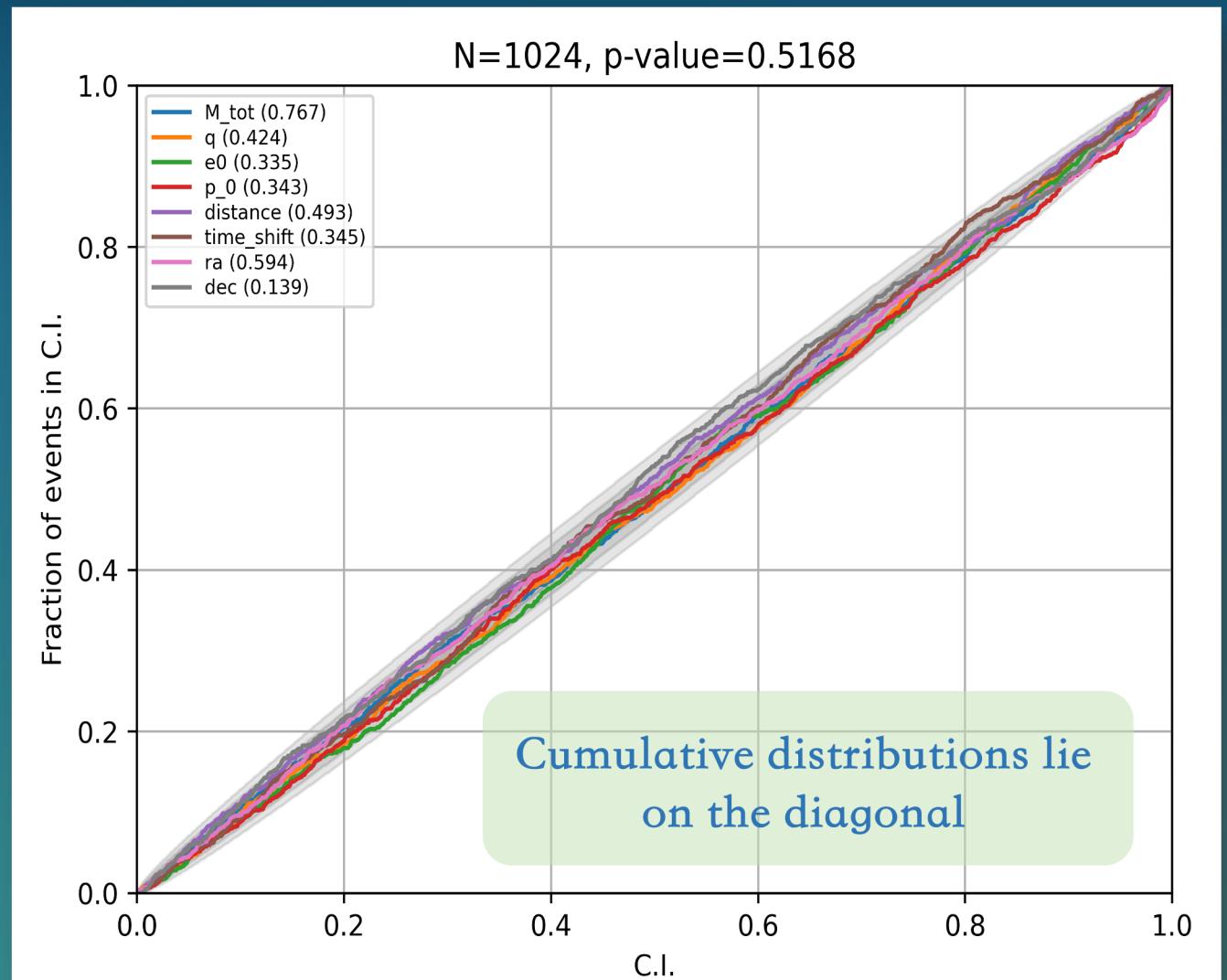


► SNR  $\simeq 6$



# Results and Performance: Probability - Probability Plot

1. Obtain posterior for 1024 events from the test dataset
  2. For each parameter compute the percentile score of the true value in the marginalized posterior
  3. Take the cumulative distributions
  4. Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test (95%)
- Promising approach on simulations



# Importance Sampling & Bayes Factors

Murphy K. (2023)

- Bayes Factor

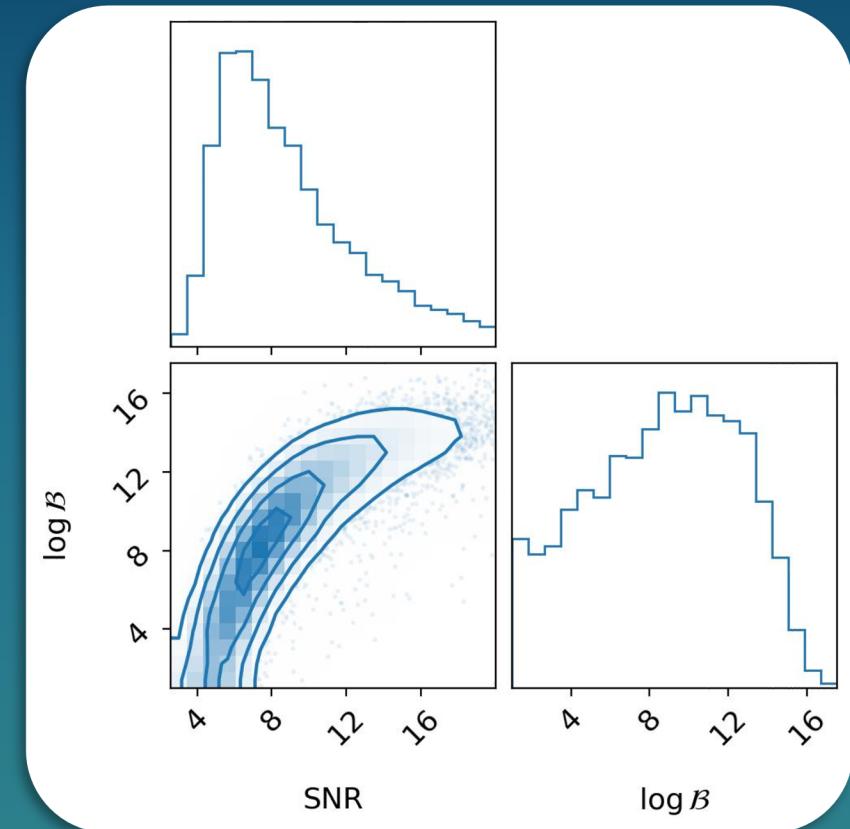
$$\mathcal{B}_{12} = \frac{\mathcal{Z}_1}{\mathcal{Z}_2}$$

signal + noise  
noise

- Importance Sampling

$$\mathcal{Z}_1 = \int d\theta p(\theta) p(s|\theta) = \int d\theta \frac{p(\theta) p(s|\theta)}{q(\theta|s)} q(\theta|s)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{Z}}_1 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \frac{p(\theta_i) p(s_i|\theta_i)}{q(\theta_i|s_i)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i w_i \quad (\text{Unbiased estimator})$$



# Conclusions and future works

## ➤ Normalizing Flows for Close Encounters :

- CEs are interesting but challenging sources
- Likelihood – free approach
- $\sim 10^4$  times faster than traditional methods → low latency → e.m. follow-up
- To our knowledge, first application to CE

## ➤ Future work :

- Test detection capabilities on real data
- Perform systematic searches over O3

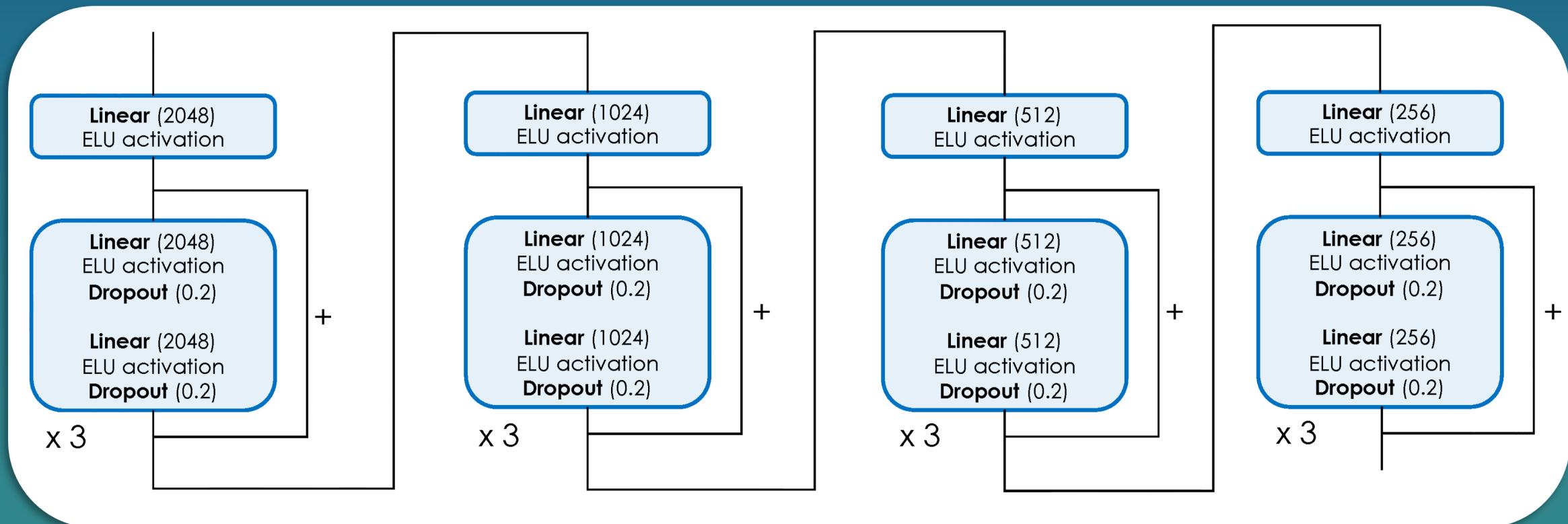
## ➤ Method Paper: VIR-0011B-24 , DCC: P2400041 (PRD submitted)

*Thank You for the Attention !*

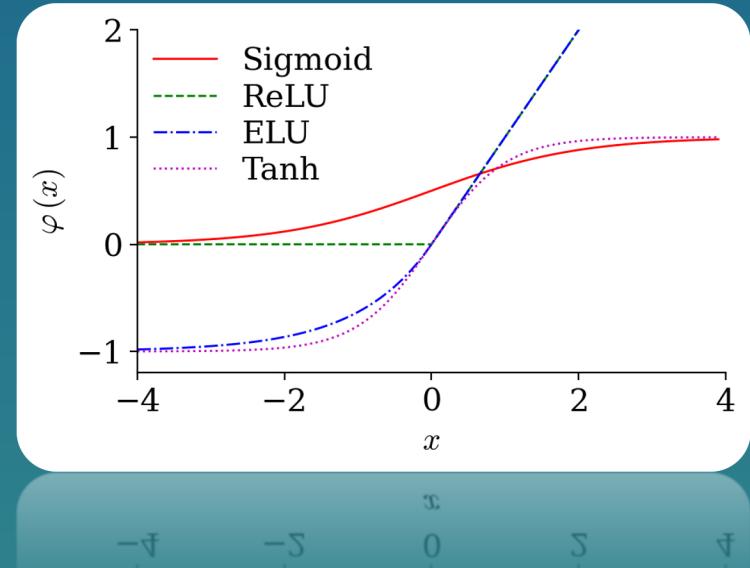
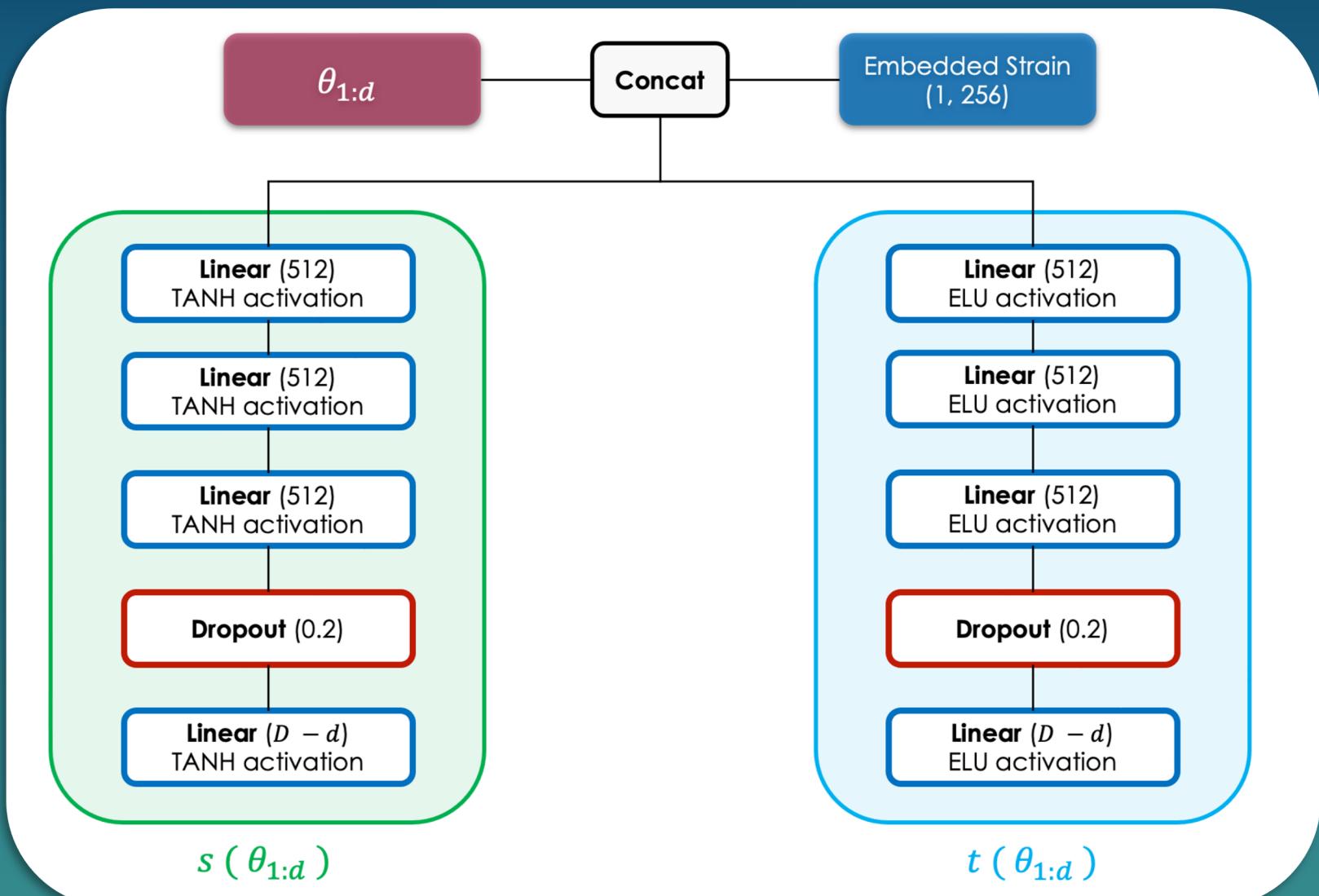
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# HYPERION: Embedding Network – ResNet block

- ResNet ⇒ more efficient information compression



# HYPERION: Flow Architecture



# Effective Fly-by Waveforms

$$h_{+,\times}(t) = -\frac{M^2 \eta}{p[\ell(t)] d_L} \sum_{k=0}^6 \sum_{n=0}^2 \epsilon^n \Phi^{(n,k)}(\iota, \psi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} e(t) &= e(\ell = 0) + \left( \frac{de}{d\ell} \right)_{\ell=0} + O(\ell^2) = \\ &= e_0 - \frac{304}{15} \frac{\eta e_0}{\bar{p}_0^{5/2}} \left( 1 + \frac{121}{304} e_0^2 \right) \ell(t) + O(\ell^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{p}(t) &= \bar{p}(\ell = 0) + \left( \frac{d\bar{p}}{d\ell} \right)_{\ell=0} + O(\ell^2) = \\ &= \bar{p}_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{64}{5} \frac{\eta}{\bar{p}_0^{5/2}} \left( 1 + \frac{7}{8} e_0^2 \right) \ell(t) + O(\ell^2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\ell(t) = \frac{n_0}{2\pi F_{rr}} \exp\{[2\pi F_{rr} (t - t_p)] - 1\}$$

$$F_{rr} = \frac{96}{10\pi M} \frac{\eta}{\bar{p}_0^4} (1 - e_0^2)^{3/2} \left( 1 + \frac{73}{24} e_0^2 + \frac{37}{96} e_0^4 \right)$$

$$n_0 = M^{-1} \left( \frac{1 - e_0^2}{\bar{p}_0} \right)^{3/2}$$