
Robust parameter estimation within minutes on gravitational wave signals from binary neutron star inspirals

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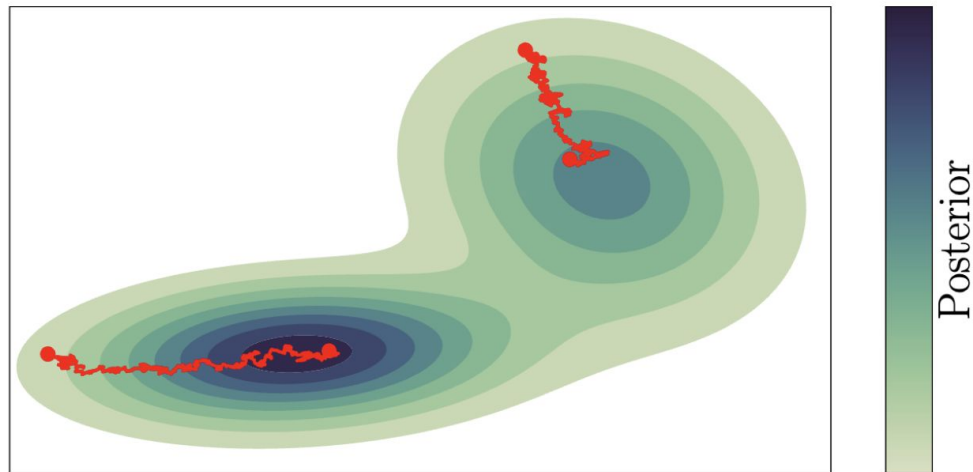


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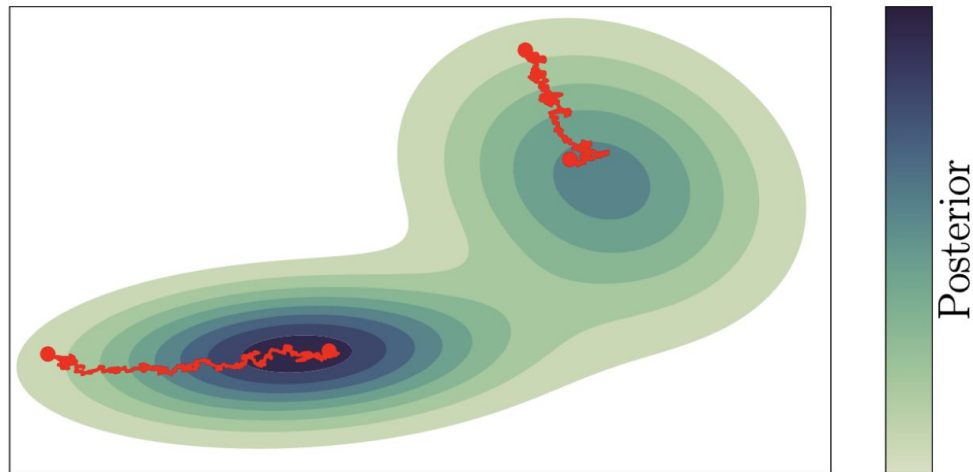
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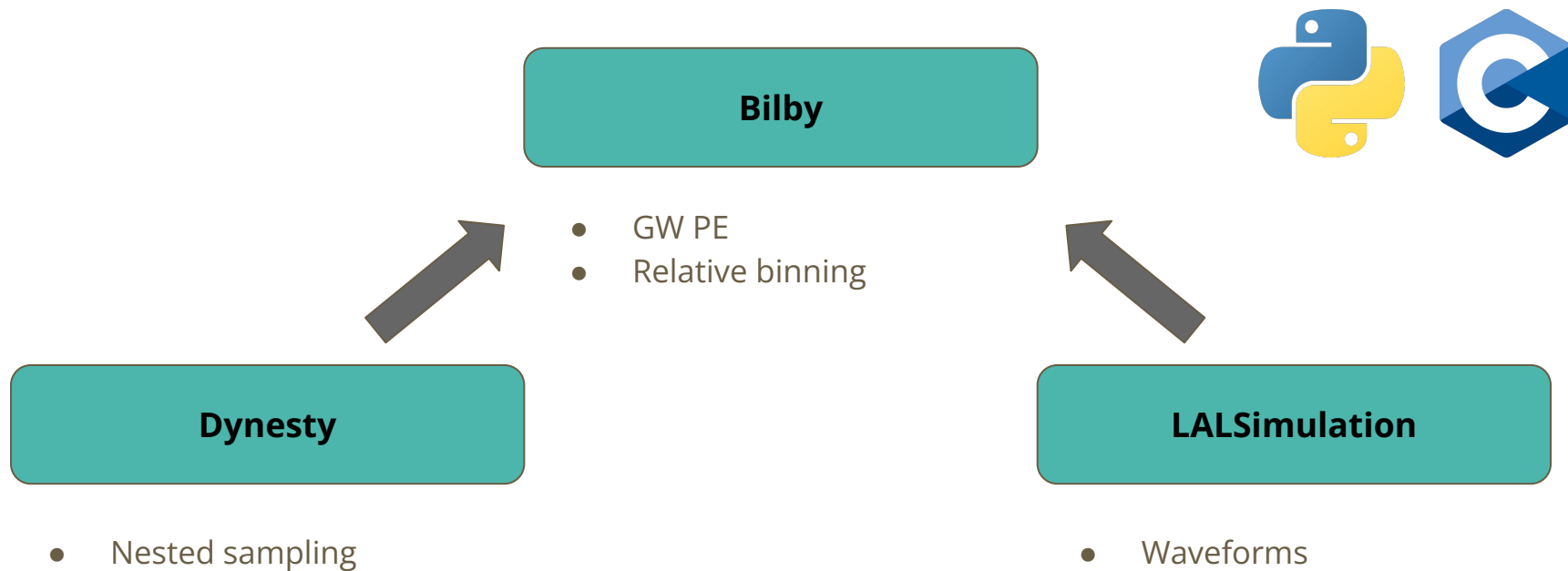
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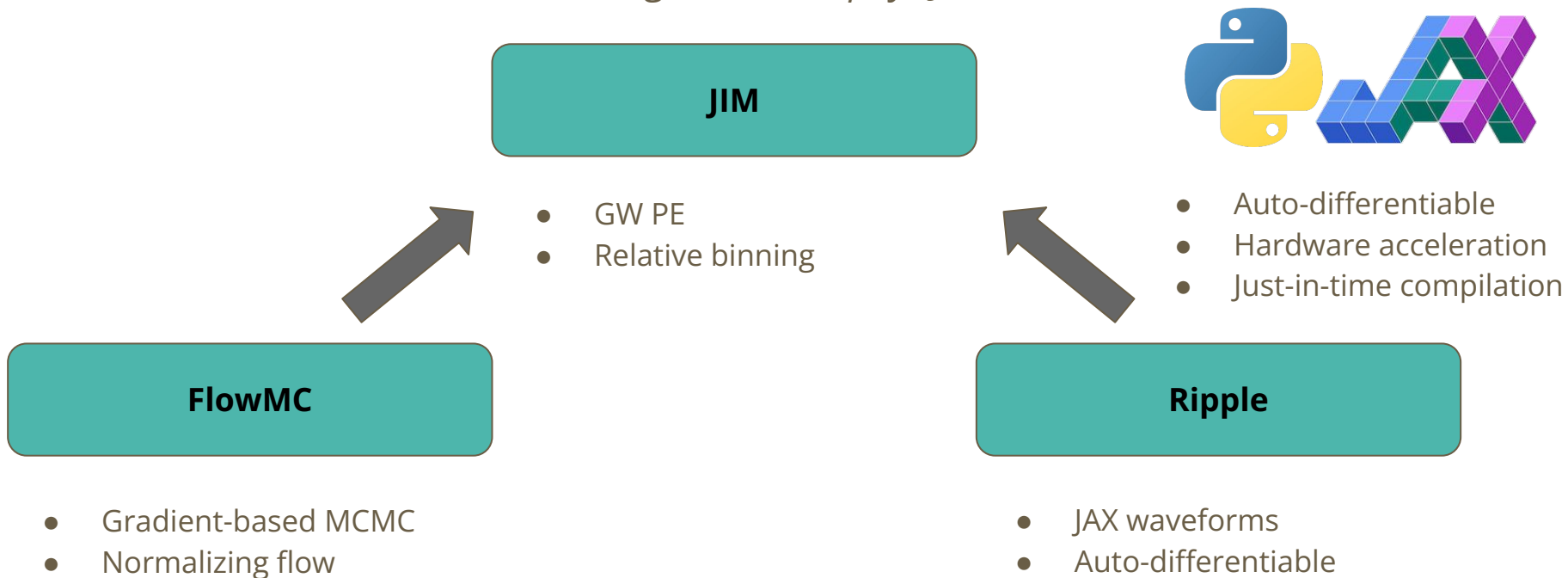
Parameter estimation is expensive!!

Overview



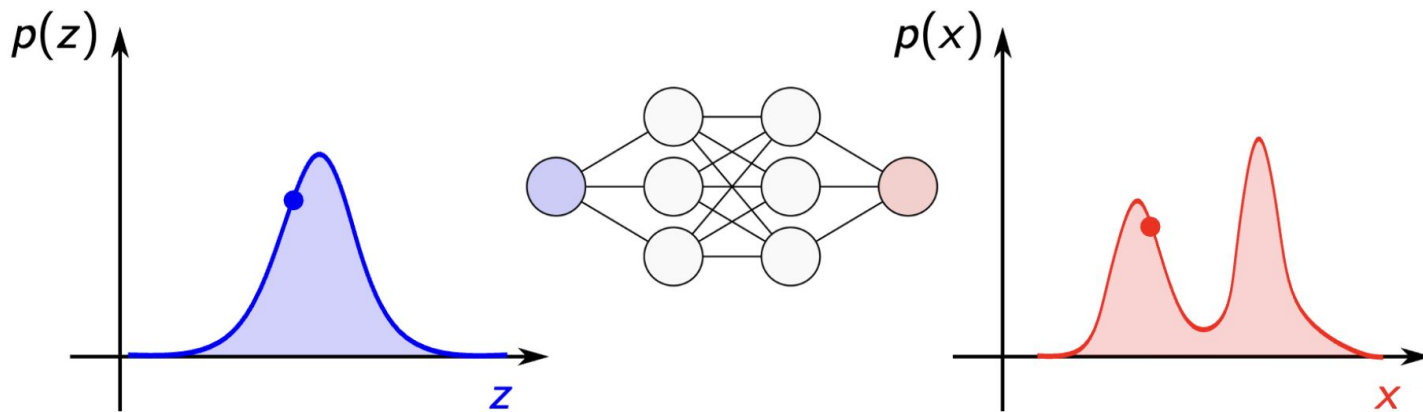
Overview

- JIM: Fast and robust parameter estimation pipeline of GW signal powered by JAX
- PE on BBH within minutes (Wong et al. *Astrophys.J.* 958 (2023) 2, 129)



Normalizing flow

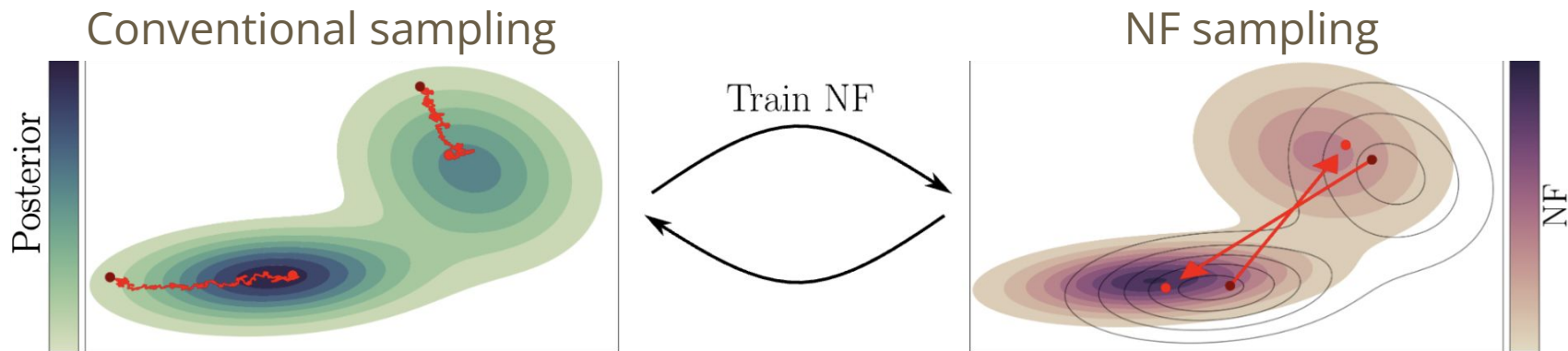
- Generative machine learning model
- Learn the mapping between **latent** space and **parameter** space
- Approximate sampling from complicated distributions
- Preliminary MCMC samples \longrightarrow Efficient proposal distribution



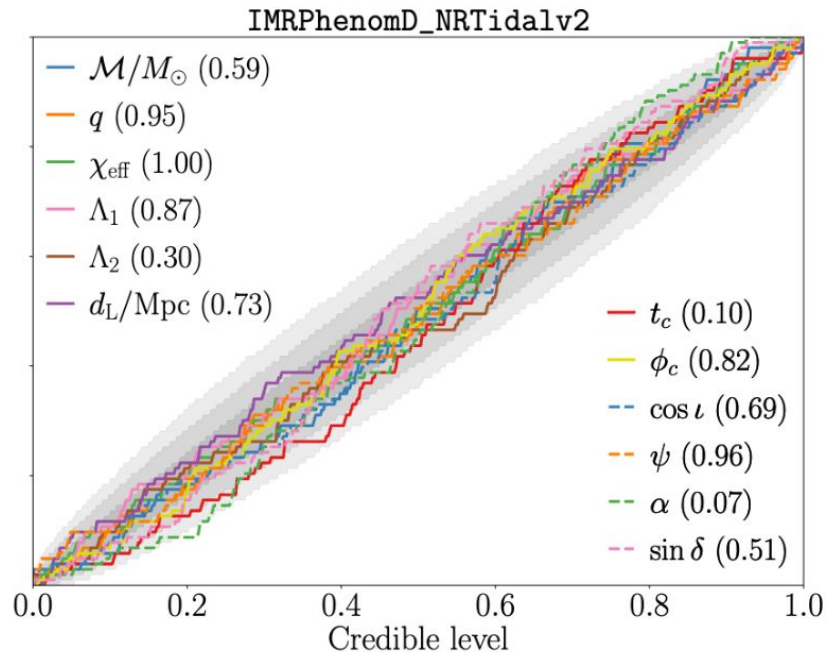
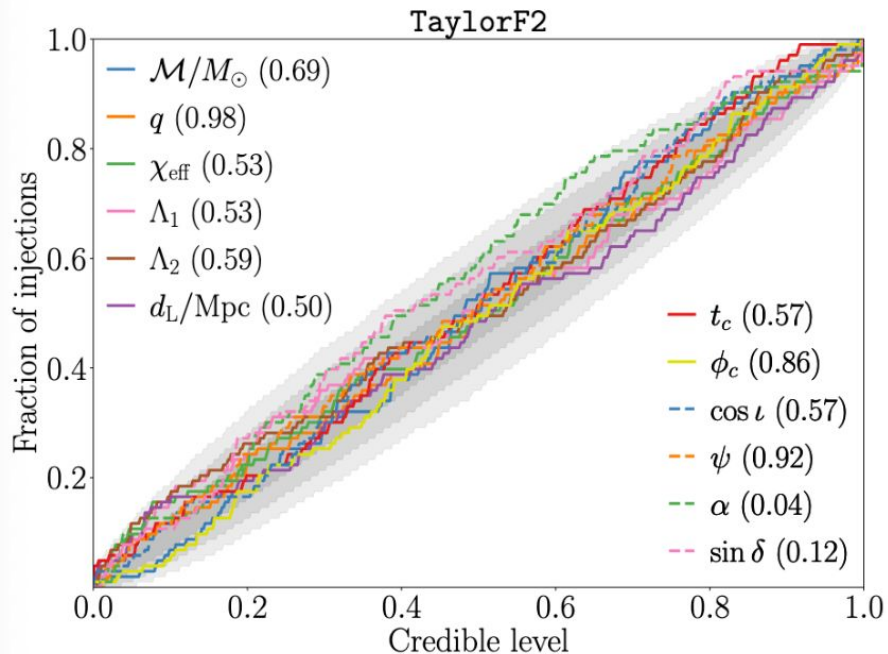
FlowMC

Normalizing-flow (NF) enhanced MCMC sampling

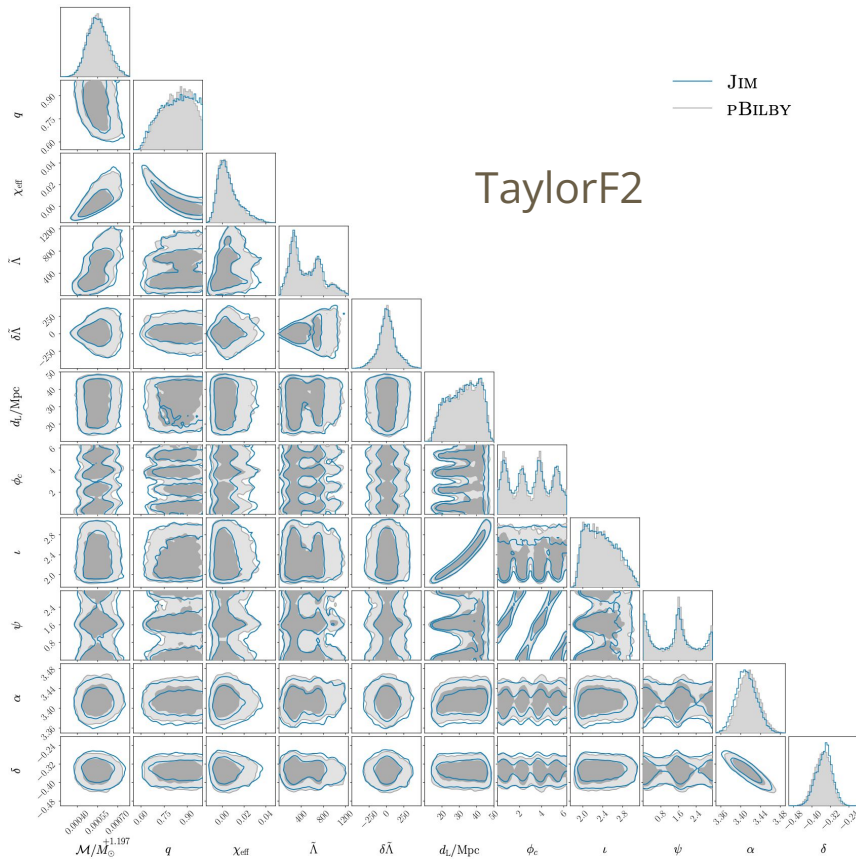
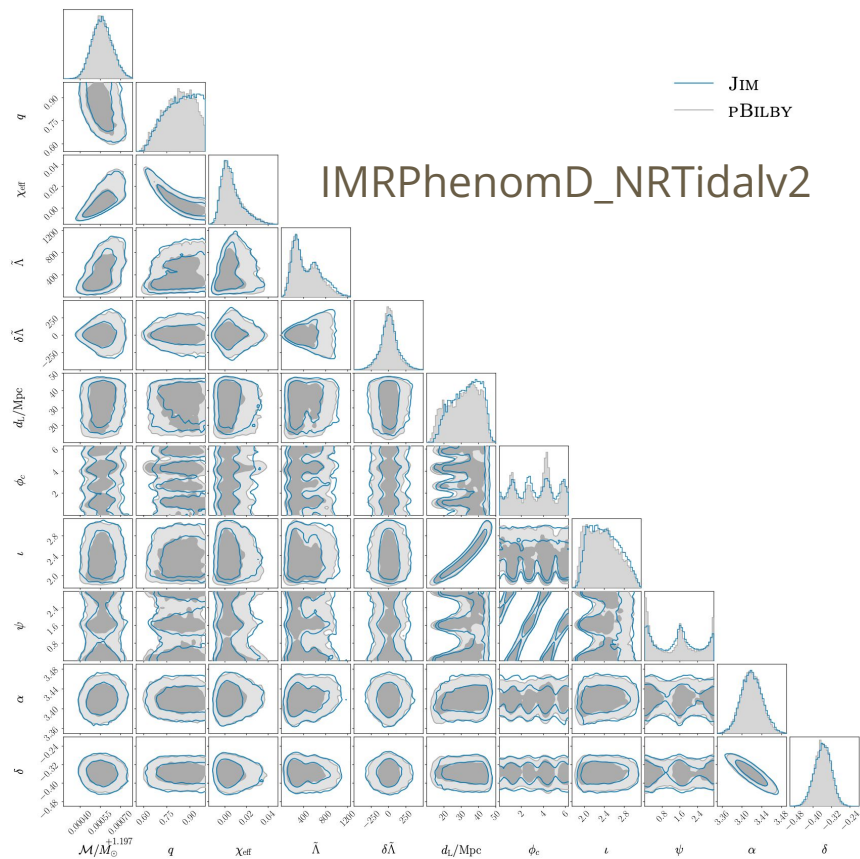
1. Gradient-based sampler (Conventional sampling)
2. Train the NF with the samples output
3. Sampling with the NF



Validation with pp-plot



GW170817



Runtime

- JIM wall time
 - Finding the maximum likelihood parameters for relative binning
 - Training the NF
 - Sampling

Event	Waveform	JIM (1 GPU)	PBILBY (480 cores)	RB-BILBY (24 cores)	ROQ-BILBY (24 cores)
GW170817	TF2	(9.70 + 17.00) min	9.64 h	3.18 h	–
	NRTv2	(5.69 + 28.02) min	10.99 h	4.68 h	1.65 h
GW190425	TF2	(5.13 + 16.49) min	4.08 h	2.30 h	–
	NRTv2	(6.15 + 15.37) min	4.69 h	4.68 h	0.97 h
Injection	TF2	24.76 min	–	–	–
	NRTv2	18.02 min	–	–	–

Environmental impact

- JIM is more **environmental friendly** than existing pipelines
- Energy consumption for 204 BNS runs

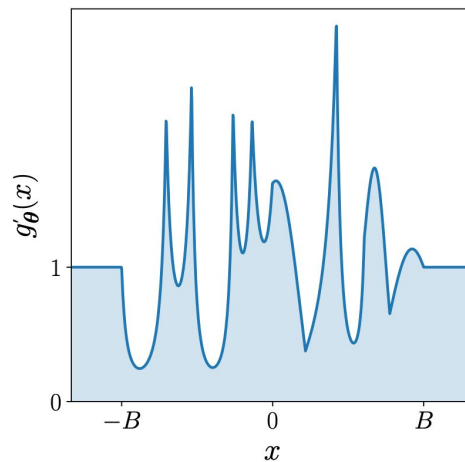
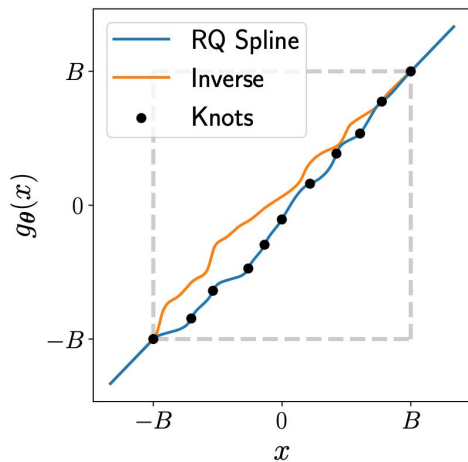
	kWh	CO ₂ [kg]	Trees [†]	
JIM	34	11	0.55	
PBILBY	3599	1180	59.02	
RB-BILBY	91	30	1.49	
ROQ-BILBY	sampling	32	10	0.52
	precompute [‡]	27	9	0.44

Conclusion

- JIM: Fast, robust and environmental friendly parameter estimation pipeline of GW signal
- Conduct PE for BNS in < 30 min without any pre-training needed
- Future applications:
 - For next generation detectors e.g. Einstein Telescope
 - Multi-messenger astrophysics
 - Population study
 - And more....

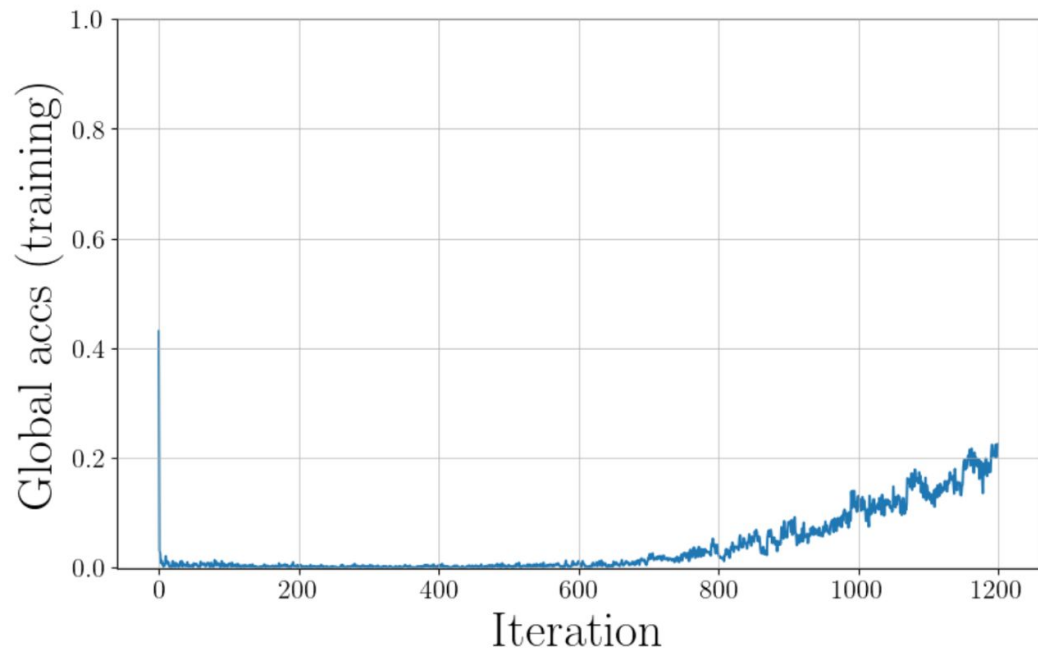
NF details

- Rational-quadratic neural spline flows
- 10 layers 8 bins
- 128 neuron in hidden layers
- Adam optimizer, learning rate decay with polynomial schedule



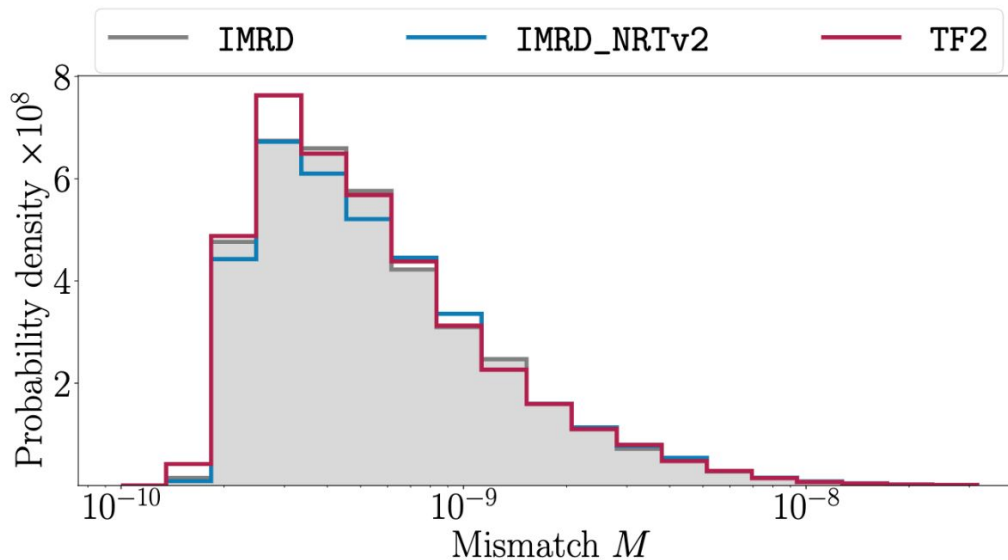
Stopping criterion

- The NF is frozen when it reached an acceptance rate threshold

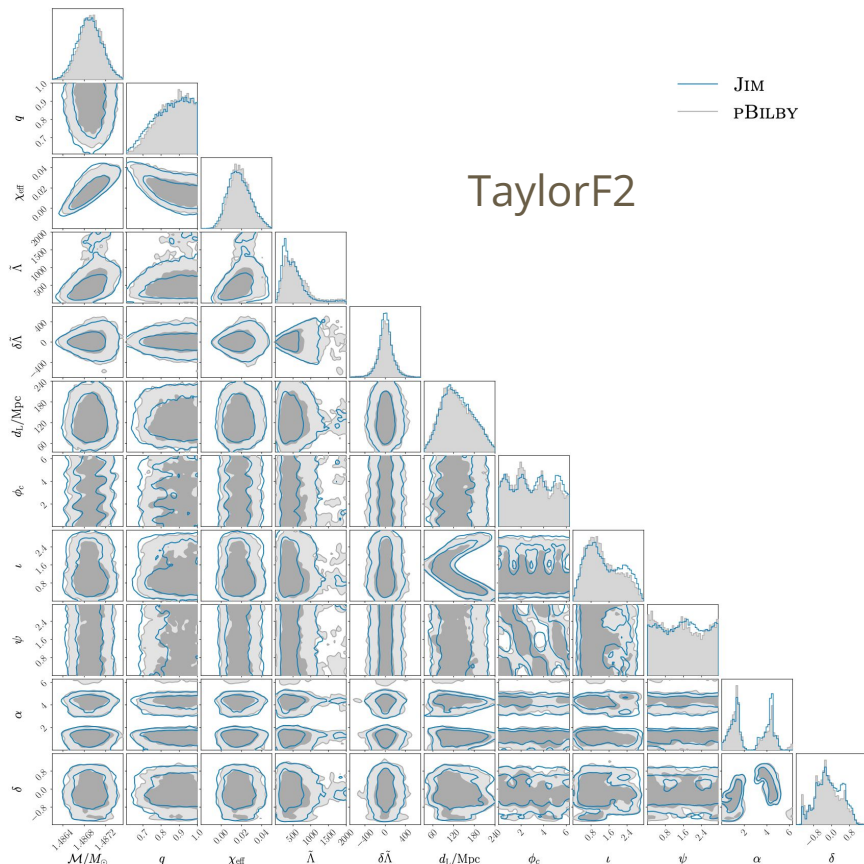
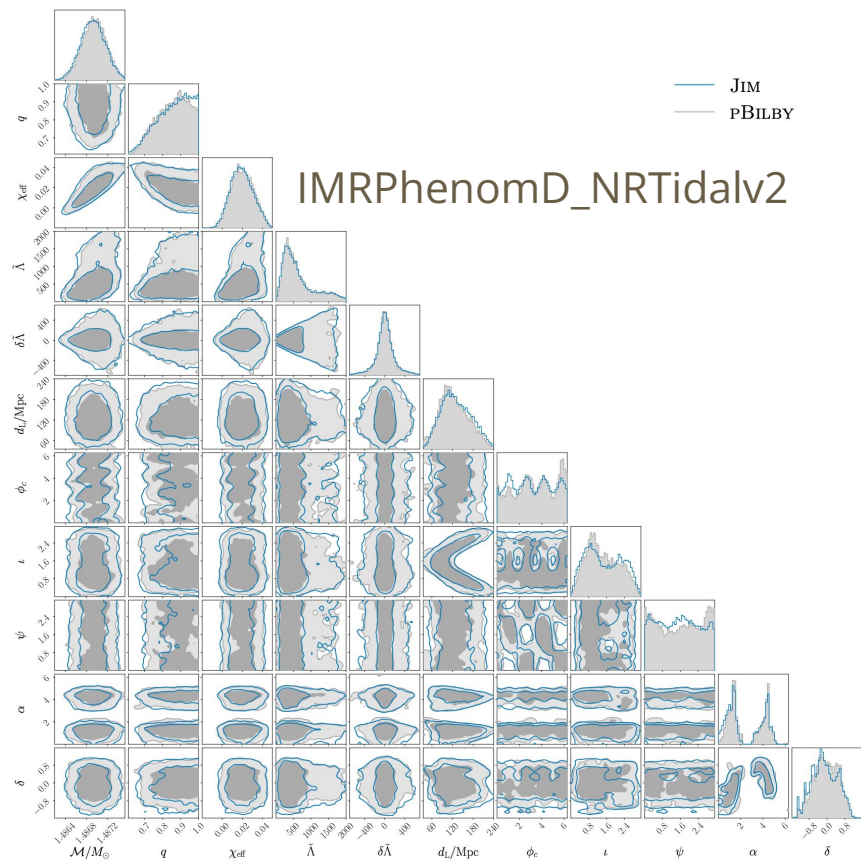


Waveform cross-checking

Parameter	Range
Component masses	$[0.5M_{\odot}, 3M_{\odot}]$
Component aligned spins	$[-0.05, 0.05]$
Dimensionless tidal deformabilities	$[0, 5000]$
Inclination angle	$[0, \pi]$



GW190425



Priors

Parameter	Injection	GW170817	GW190425
$\mathcal{M} [M_{\odot}]$	[0.88, 2.61]	[1.18, 1.21]	[1.485, 1.490]
q	[0.5, 1]	[0.125, 1]	[0.125, 1]
χ_i	[-0.05, 0.05]	[-0.05, 0.05]	[-0.05, 0.05]
Λ_i	[0, 5000]	[0, 5000]	[0, 5000]
d_L [Mpc]	[30, 300]	[1, 75]	[1, 500]
t_c [s]	[-0.1, 0.1]	[-0.1, 0.1]	[-0.1, 0.1]
ϕ_c	[0, 2π]	[0, 2π]	[0, 2π]
$\cos \iota$	[-1, 1]	[-1, 1]	[-1, 1]
ψ	[0, π]	[0, π]	[0, π]
α	[0, 2π]	[0, 2π]	[0, 2π]
$\sin \delta$	[-1, 1]	[-1, 1]	[-1, 1]