

DETECTING CONTINUOUS GWs FROM INSPIRALING LIGHT PBHs

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1 - INTRODUCTION

Just a brief explanation of the problem at hand



2 - THE NEW METHOD

The new proposed method is described



3 - SENSITIVITY ESTIMATION

With the new method an analytical sensitivity (understood as the maximum distance where signals can be detected) is computed



4 - CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEARCH GRID

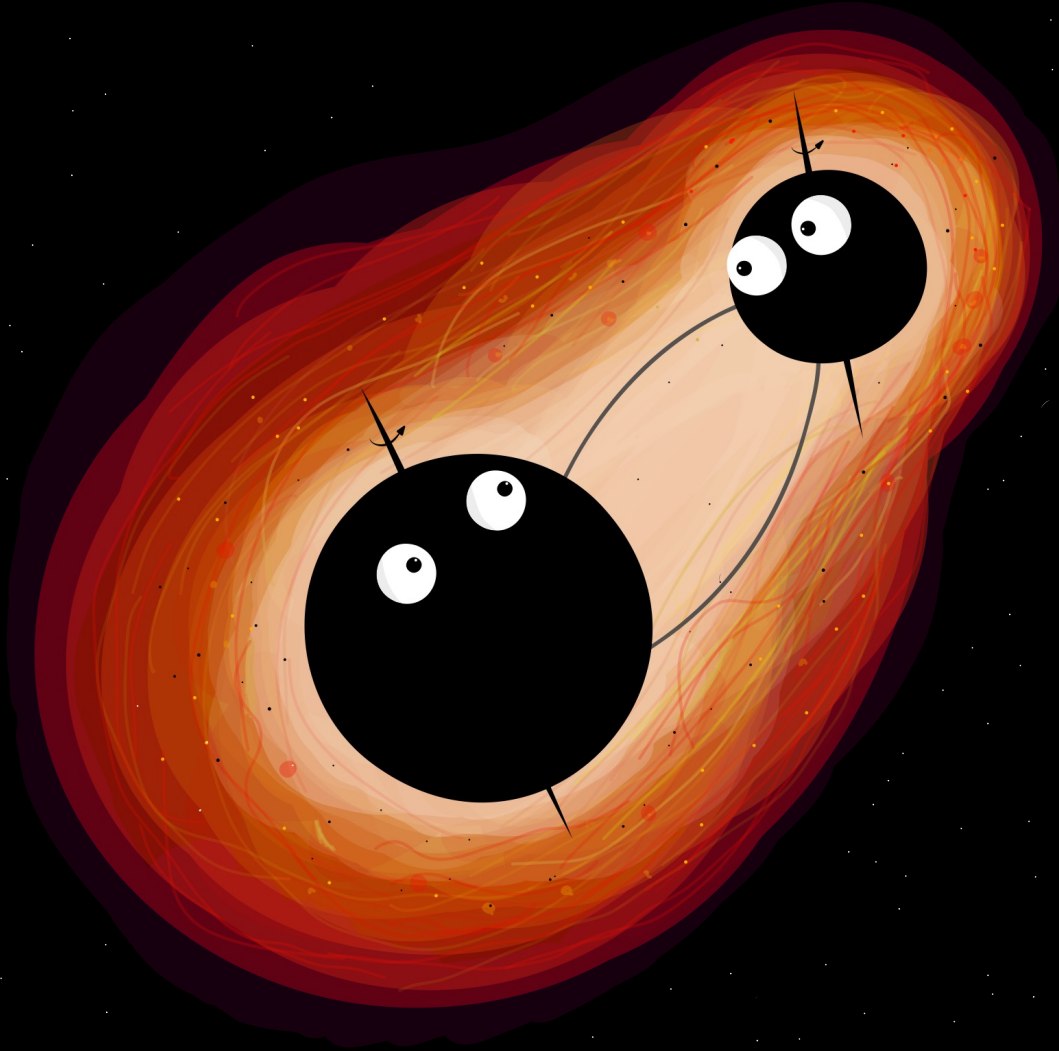
The way to construct the grid where the parameter space is going to be explored is explained



5 - CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

A small recap of everything and the things still pending to do are shown

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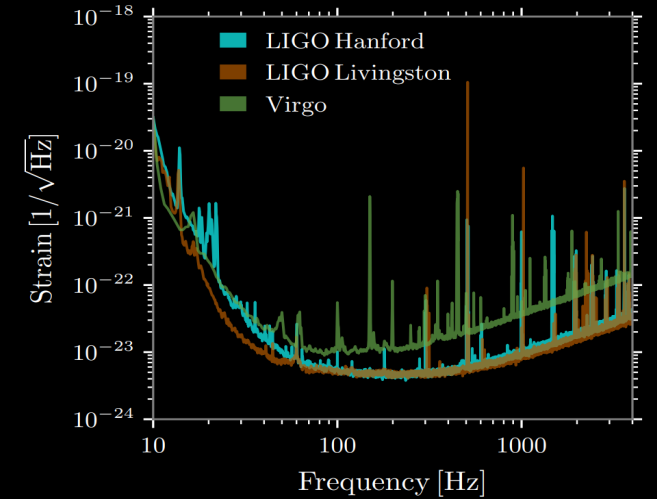
We restrict ourselves to the cases fulfilling the following conditions:

- 1 Binary systems
- 2 Long inspiral phase (>10 h)
- 3 High SNR to be detected

1 - INTRODUCTION

THE DATA

The data measured in one detector can be assumed to be $h(t) = s(t) + n(t)$, where $n(t)$ represents the noise and is characterized by a power spectral density (PSD) and the signal can be modeled by $s(t) = A(t)e^{i\Phi(t)}$.



[LVK \(2021\)](#)

The traditional problem of continuous gravitational waves (CW) is that the signal is extremely faint but lasts for very long in the detector. A method that can be employed is that of performing a heterodyne correction to then obtain a peakmap. This peakmap is a collection of peaks in time and frequency, created by computing the periodogram of a set of fast Fourier transforms (FFTs) of the data, normalized by an average spectrum, and selecting only the peaks above a given threshold. [P. Astone et al. \(2014\)](#)

THE CORRECTION

The heterodyne correction is based on applying the following operation on the data:

$$h_{corr}(t) = [s(t) + n(t)]e^{-i\Phi_{corr}(t)}$$

[O.J. Piccinni et al. \(2018\)](#)

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DOPPLER MODULATION



$$f_{det}(t) = f(t) \left(1 + \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}}{c} \right)$$

The velocity vector considers the Earth orbit around the sun and its own rotation

[P. Astone et al. \(2014\)](#)

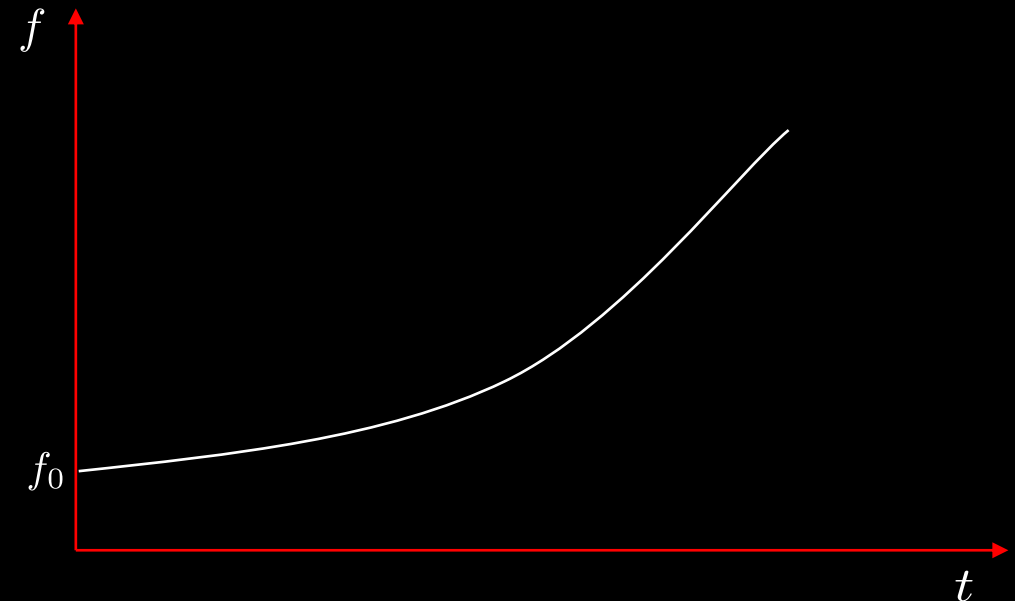
SIGNAL SPIN-UP

Assuming the small mass approximation and taking only the 0PN order, the spin-up of the signal can be modelled as:

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{96}{5} \pi^{8/3} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^3} \right)^{5/3} f^{11/3} = k f^n$$

Integrating it leads to an expression of the form of a power law

$$f(t) = f_0 \left(1 + \frac{t}{\tau} \right)^\alpha$$



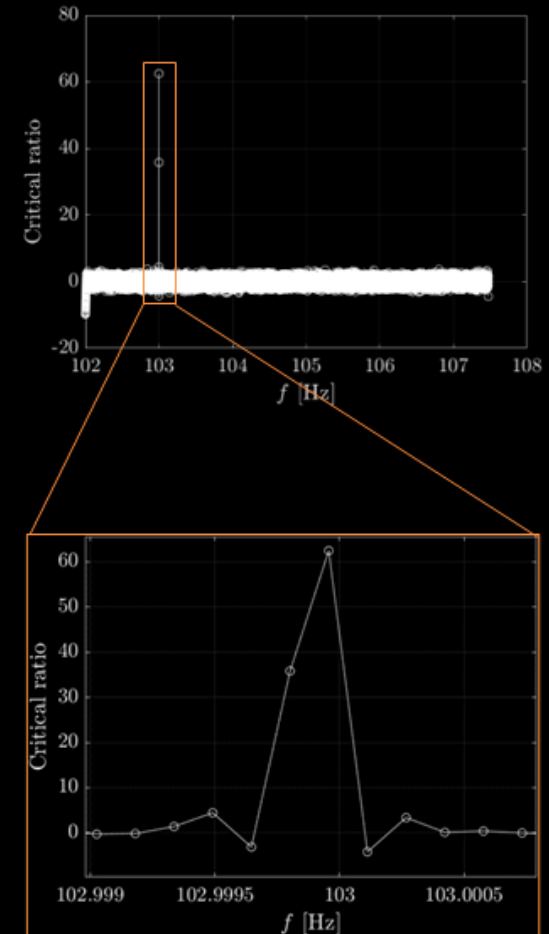
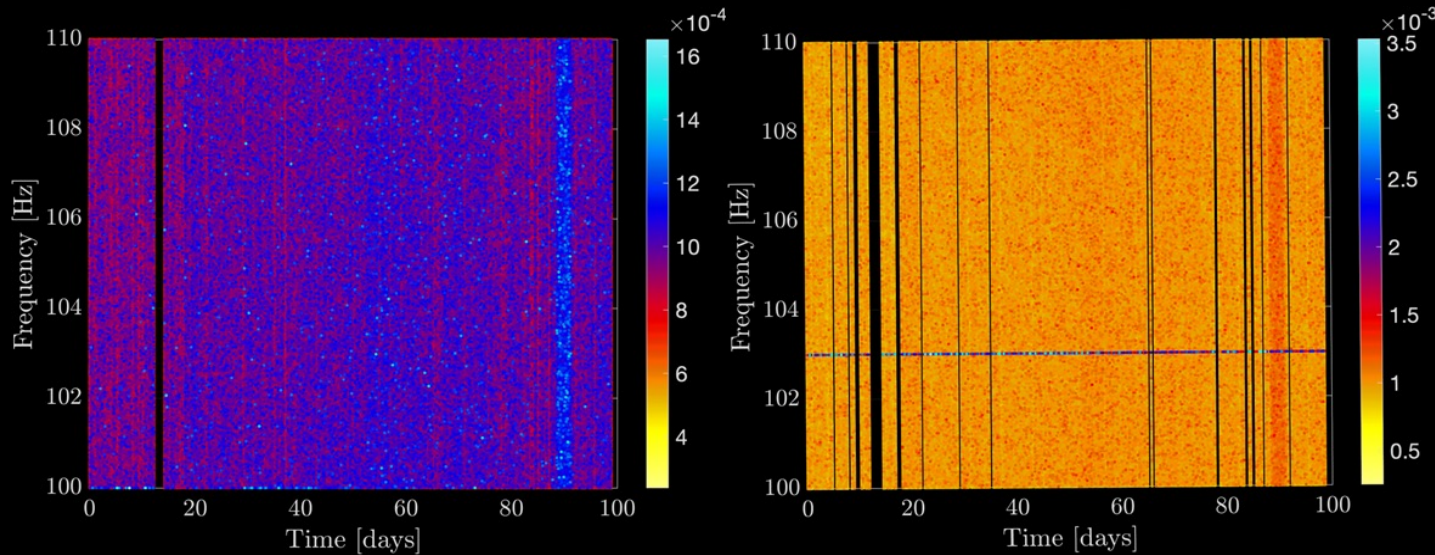
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With all this information we can compute the correction phase as $\Phi_{corr}(t) = \Phi_{dopp}(t) + \Phi_{sig}(t)$ where each individual phase can be computed from the relation

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\Phi(t)}{dt}$$

Project into the frequency axis and compute the critical ratio

$$CR = \frac{n - \mu}{\sigma}$$



Peakmap of an injected signal with a chirp mass of 10^{-4} Ms at 1 kpc and with a reference frequency of 103 Hz with no correction (left) and after the heterodyne correction (right).

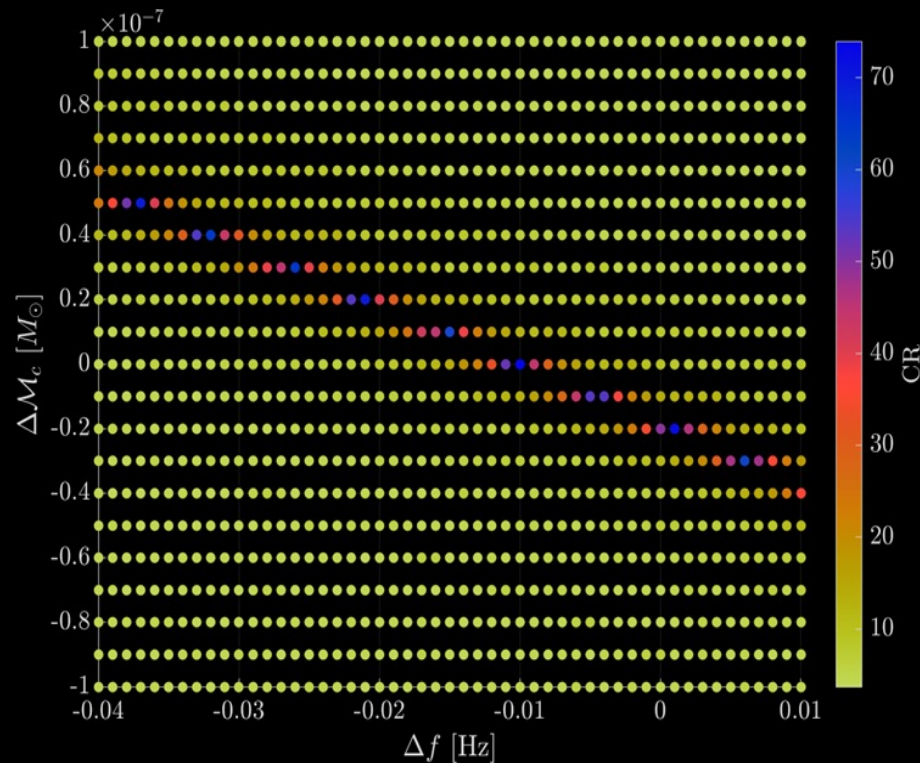
PROBLEM: The parameter space grid is two-dimensional and, therefore, computationally expensive

2 – THE NEW METHOD

THE IDEA IN A NUTSHELL

Exploiting the fact that there is a degeneracy of the two parameters we can reduce the computing cost by searching in a one-dimensional grid instead of a two-dimensional one.

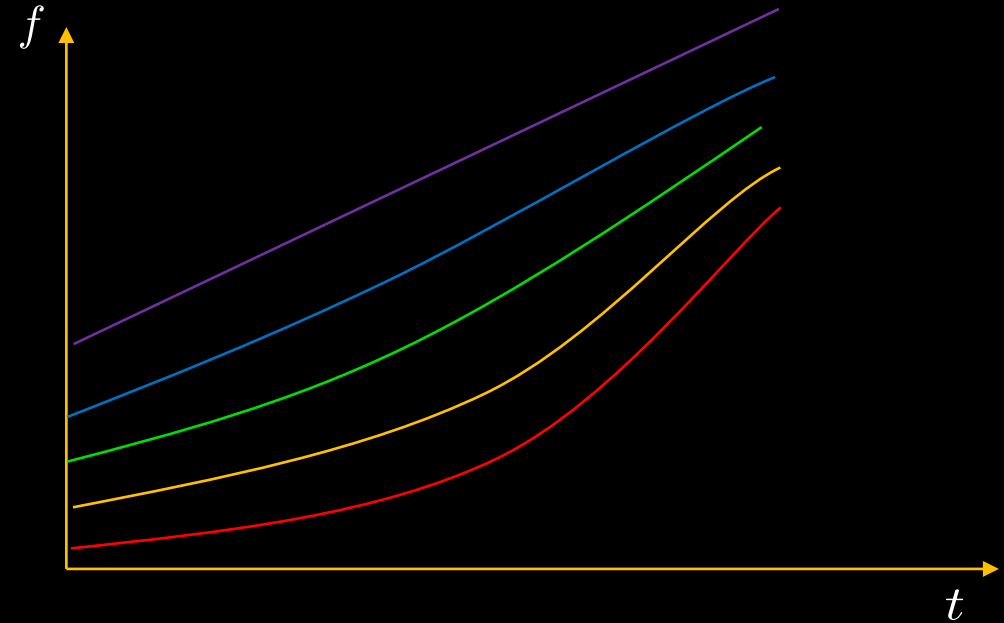
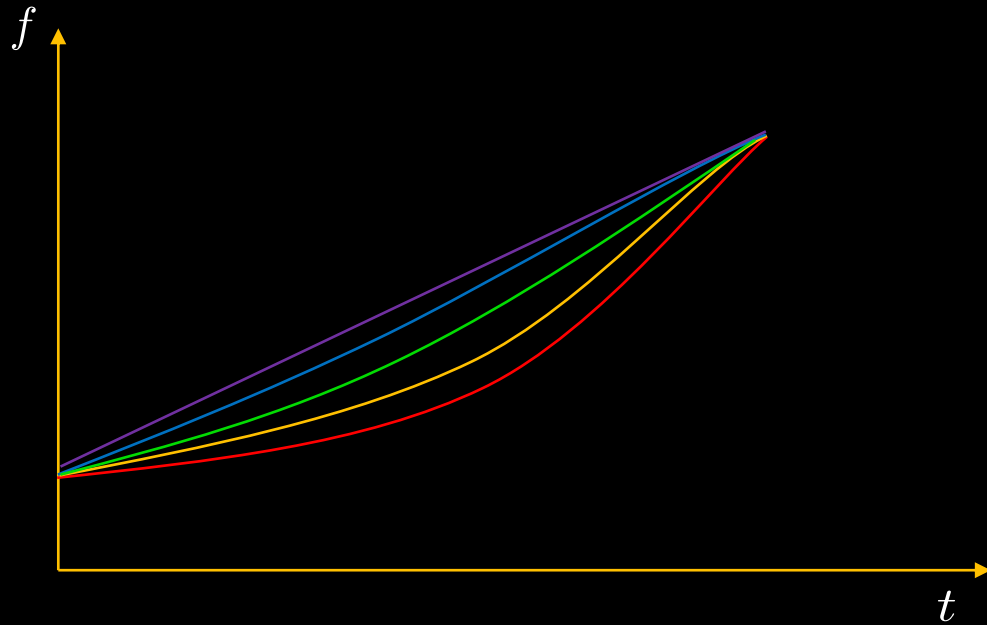
MOTIVATION



Performing a wrongful correction, we still recovered the signal!!!

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Which are all the signals that have an equal frequency increment during the observing time?



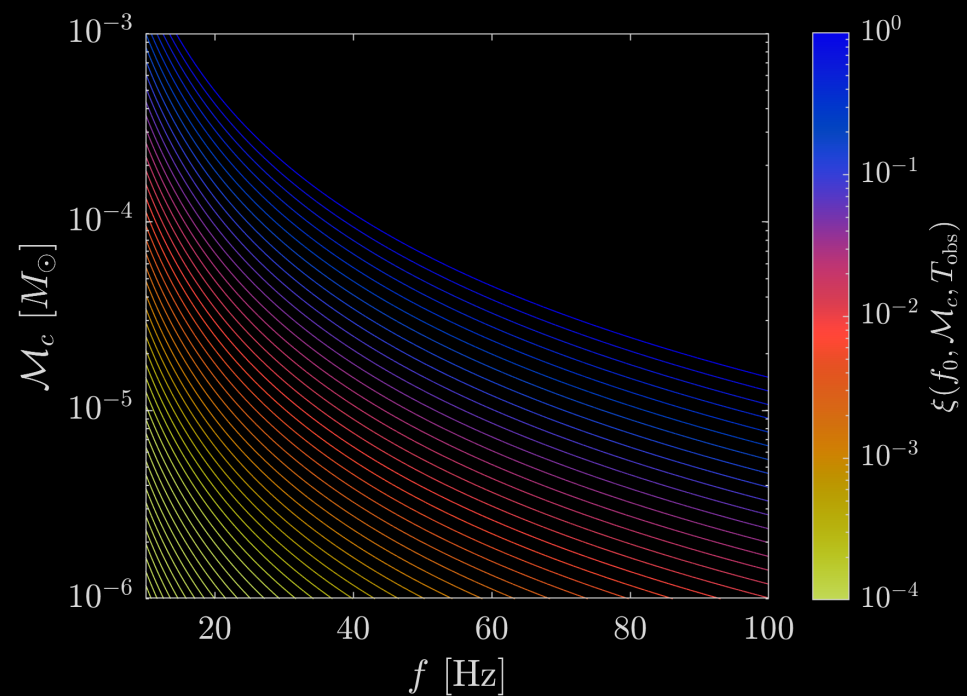
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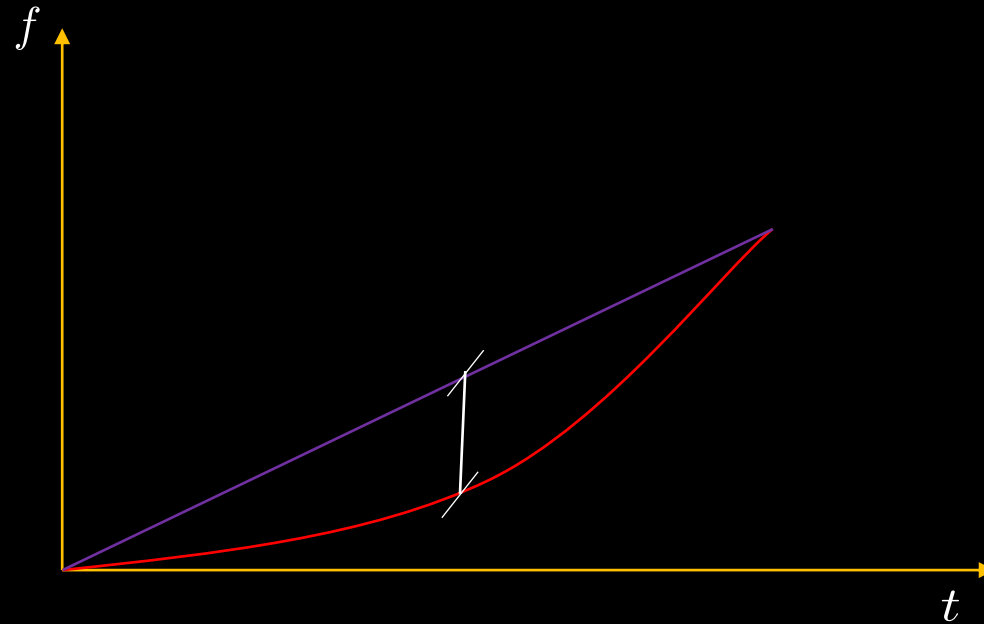
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Now, for each value of ξ we can compute the allowed T_{fft} as the maximum possible difference between two signals contained in the parameter space with the same ξ .

$$\max_t |f(t) - f'(t) - f_0 + f'_0| \leq \frac{1}{T_{fft}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad t_m = \frac{f_0^{1/\alpha} - \beta f'_0{}^{1/\alpha}}{(1-n)(\beta k' - k)} \quad \beta = \left(\frac{k'}{k}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha n}}$$



3 – THEORETICAL SENSITIVITY

The minimum detectable strain at a given confidence level (denoted by the gamma) can be computed as a function of the noise, the length of FFT, the observing time and some factor dependent on the antenna. [P. Astone et al. \(2014\)](#), [LVK \(2022\)](#)

$$h_{min}(f) = \frac{\mathcal{B}}{(T_{obs}/T_{fft})^{1/4}} \sqrt{\frac{S_n(f)}{T_{fft}}} \sqrt{\rho_{CR} - \sqrt{2}\text{erfc}^{-1}(2\Gamma)}$$

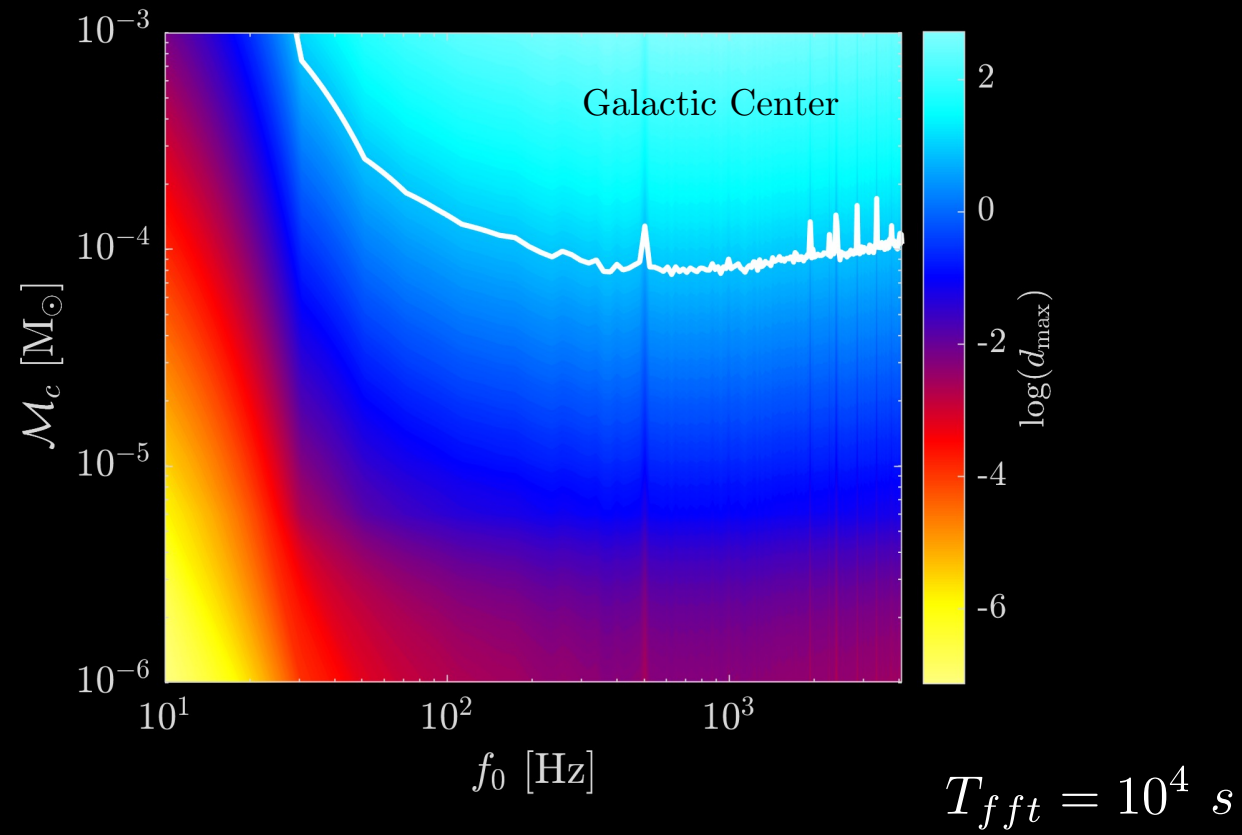
At the same time, an estimation of the strain of the signal can be obtained by evaluating the strain at the initial time.
This is,

$$h = \frac{4}{d} \left(\frac{G\mathcal{M}_c}{c^2} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{\pi f_0}{c} \right)^{3/2}$$

which leads to a minimum reachable distance of

$$d_{min} = \frac{4}{\mathcal{B}} \left(\frac{G\mathcal{M}_c}{c^2} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{\pi f_0}{c} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{T_{obs}}{T_{fft}} \right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{T_{fft}}{S_n(f)}} \left[\rho_{CR} - \sqrt{2}\text{erfc}^{-1}(2\Gamma) \right]^{-1/2}$$

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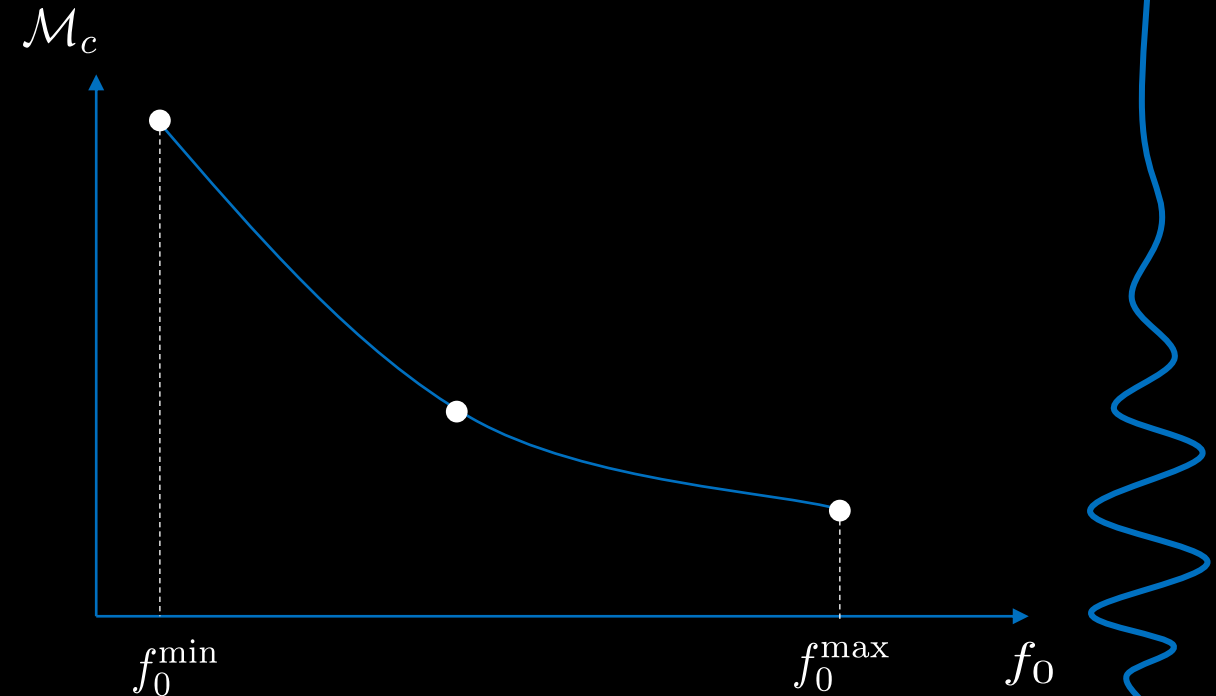
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$$\text{s.t. } f_0 \in [f_0^{\min}, f_0^{\max}]$$

3. Set $T_{fft} = 1/\mathcal{G}_{\max}$
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5. If $\xi_i < \xi_{\max}$ go to step 2.



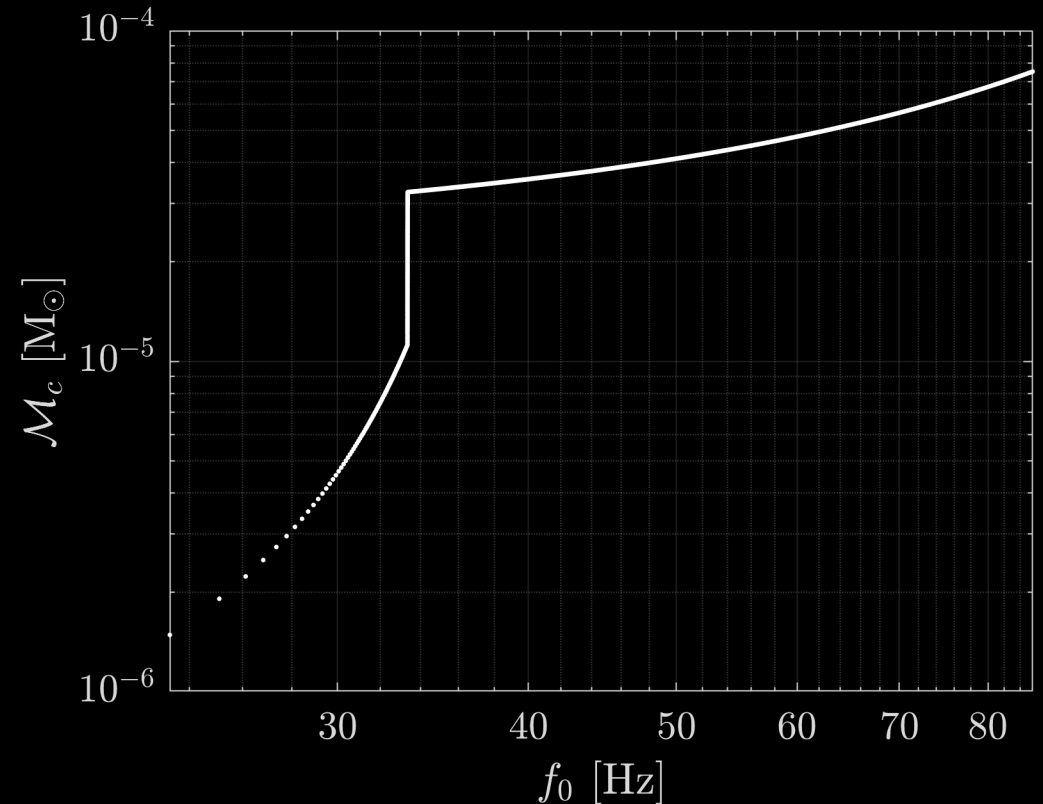
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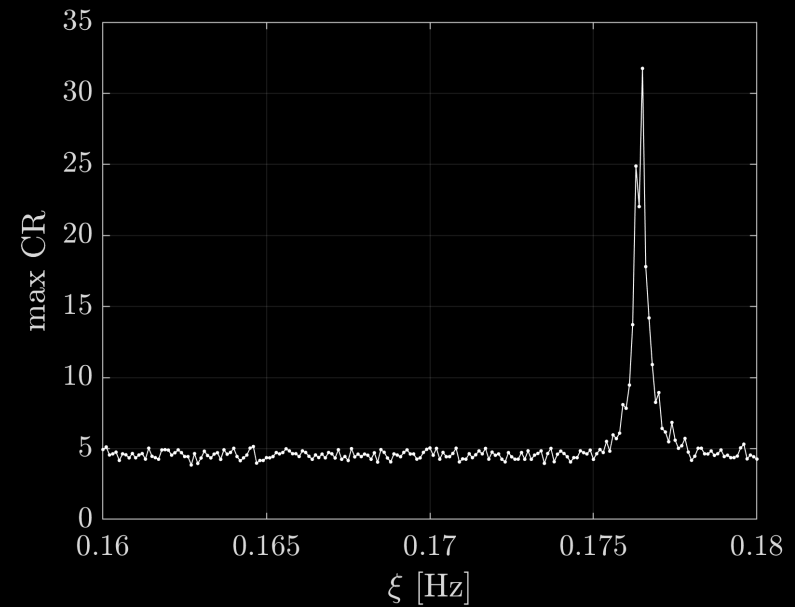
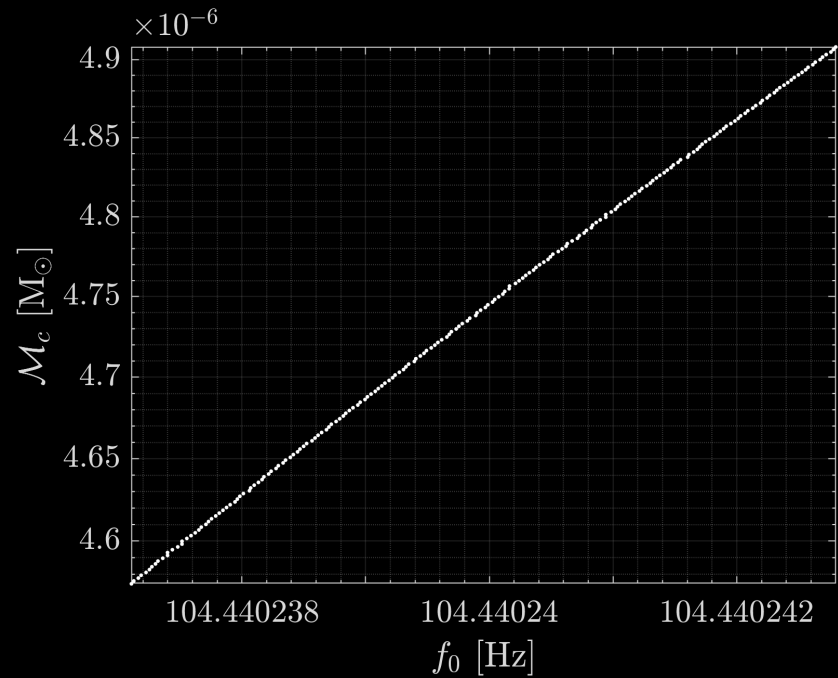
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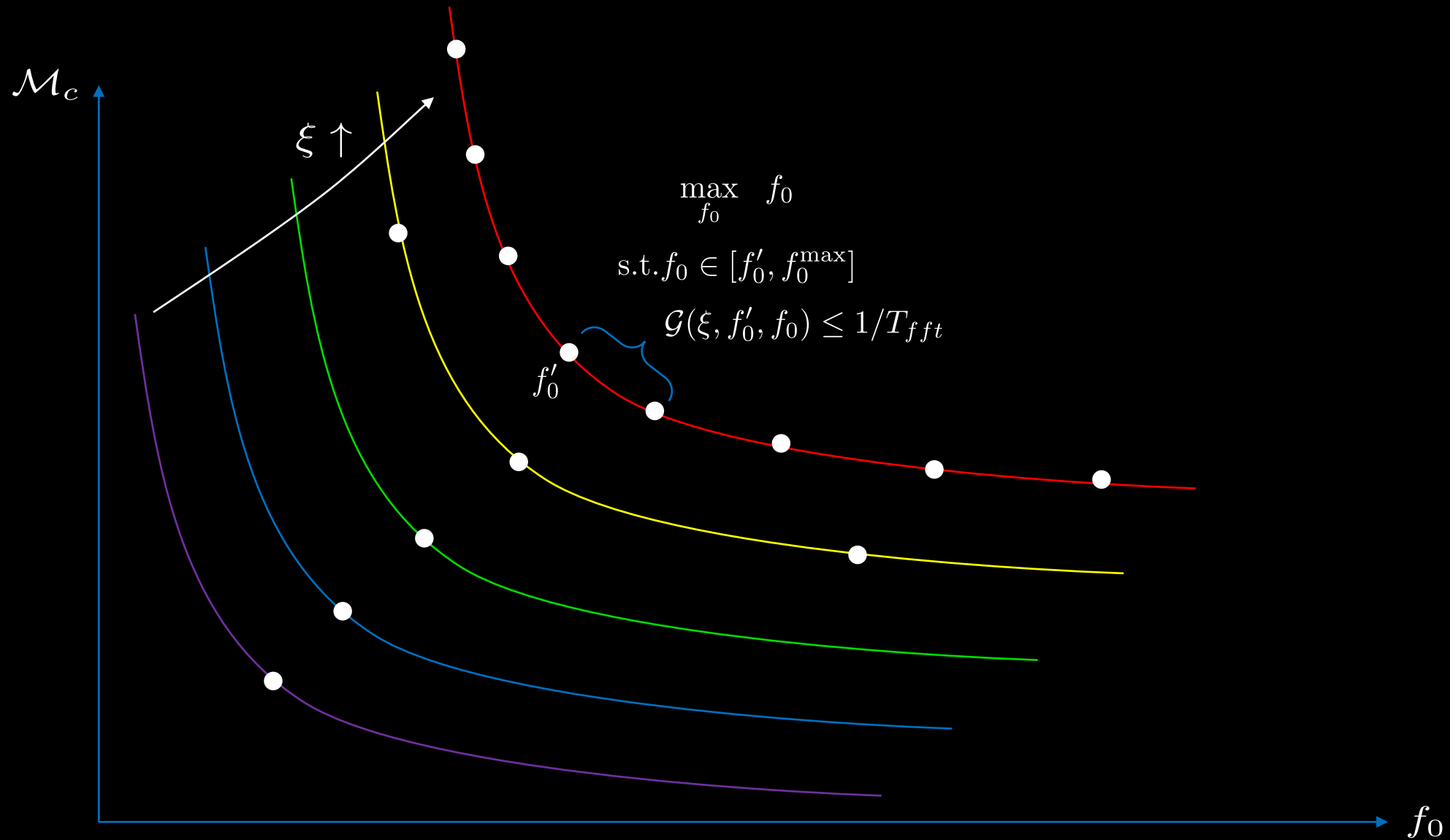
EXAMPLE OF AN INJECTION AND RECOVERY

We inject a signal with $f_0 = 103$ Hz and $\mathcal{M}_c = 5 \times 10^{-6} M_\odot$ at 0.02 kpc



4 – CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEARCH GRID

What if we want to fix the T_{fft} ?



5 - CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

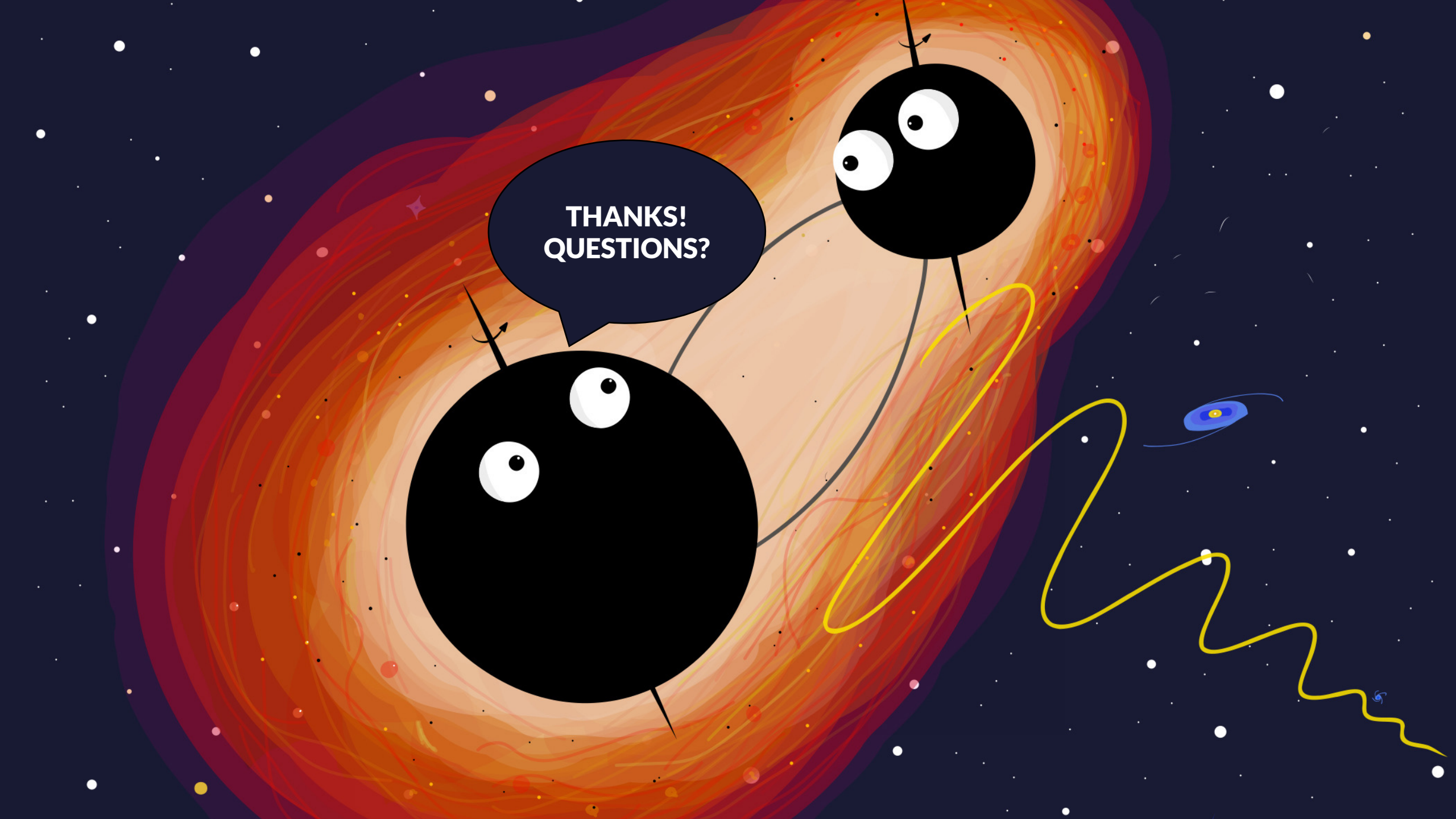
We have reviewed the basic theory of a CW method based on the heterodyne correction applied to inspiraling PBHs

We have explained a new method that may reduce the complexity of the problem

We have shown that the method sensitivity would be enough to reach the galactic center

Still there are details to be taken care of and finish the code to run the actual search





THANKS!
QUESTIONS?

The image features two black, circular cartoon characters with large white eyes and thin black antennae. They are positioned within a large, swirling orange and red galaxy. The character on the left has a speech bubble that says "THANKS! QUESTIONS?". Both characters have small black arrows on their antennae indicating rotation. A yellow wavy line extends from the right character towards the right edge of the frame. The background is a dark blue space filled with white stars and a small blue spiral galaxy in the distance.