

# On ringing gravitational waves from black holes

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# Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy : Genesis

Our new Innovative Area has just started from the last summer.

Synergy between data analysis and theory researches

## A: BH binaries

A-01

Testing gravity

using gravitational waves

A-02

Gravity and  
Cosmology

A-03

BH binary  
formation

## B: NS binaries

B-01

Internal structure of  
NS

B-02

Gamma-ray burst  
and BH

B-03

*r*-process  
elements

## C: Supernovae

C-01

SN explosion  
mechanism

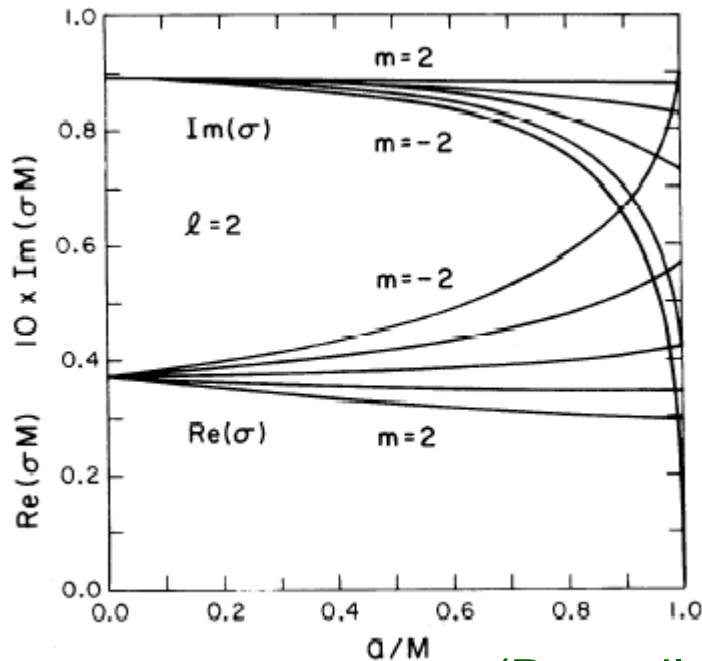
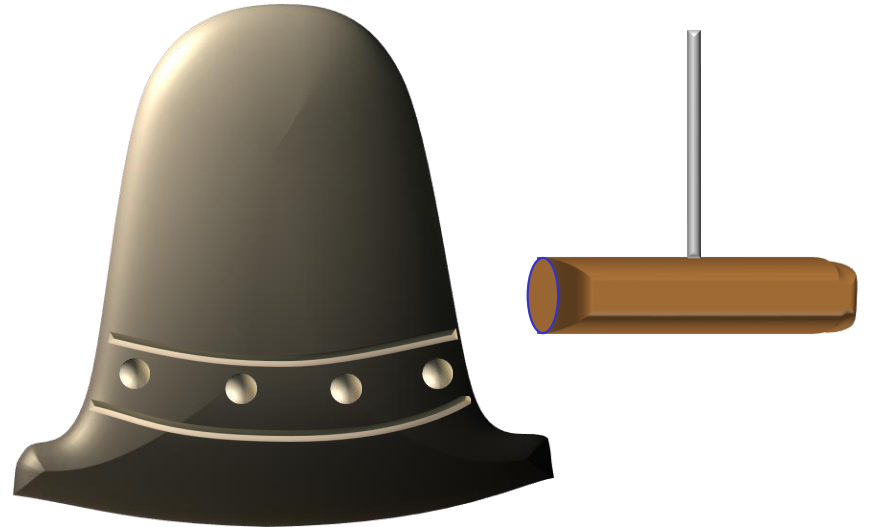
C-02

SN explosion  
mechanism via  
 $\nu$  observation

Physics and astronomy motivated by GW observations

There are many examples of extended models of gravity that would require dedicated analysis of gravitational wave data.

# BH quasi-normal mode (QNM)

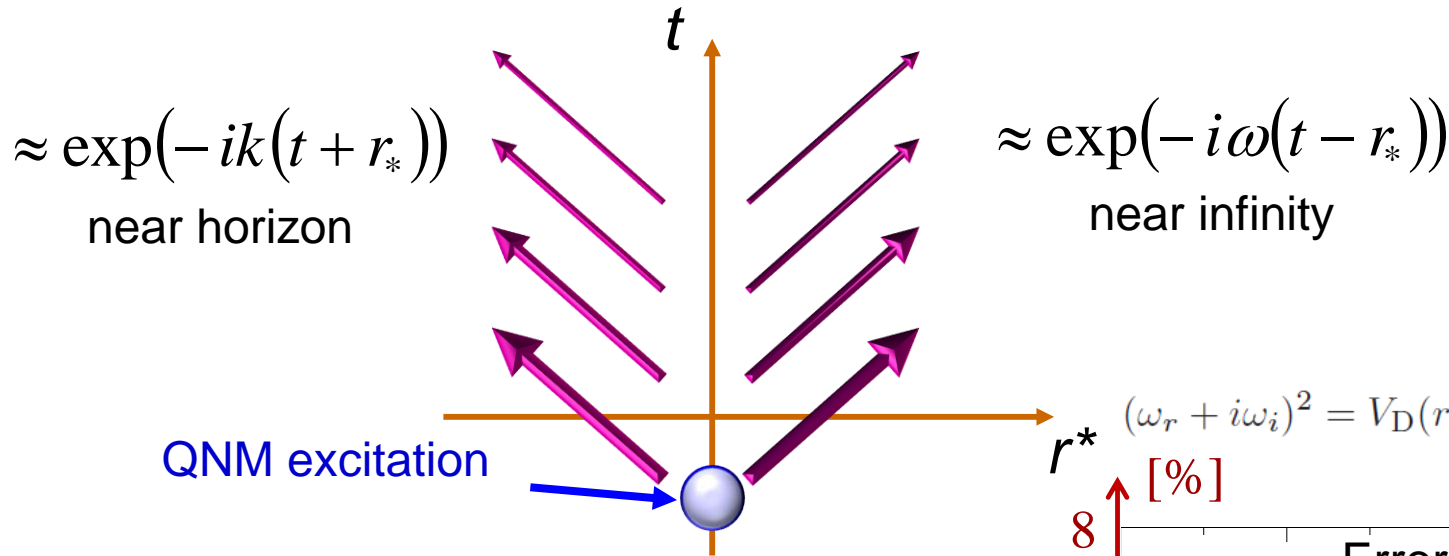


Frequency ( $f_R$ ) and damping rate ( $f_I$ ) are determined by the BH mass and spin.

Evidence for the formation of BH

(Detweiler ApJ239 292 (1980))

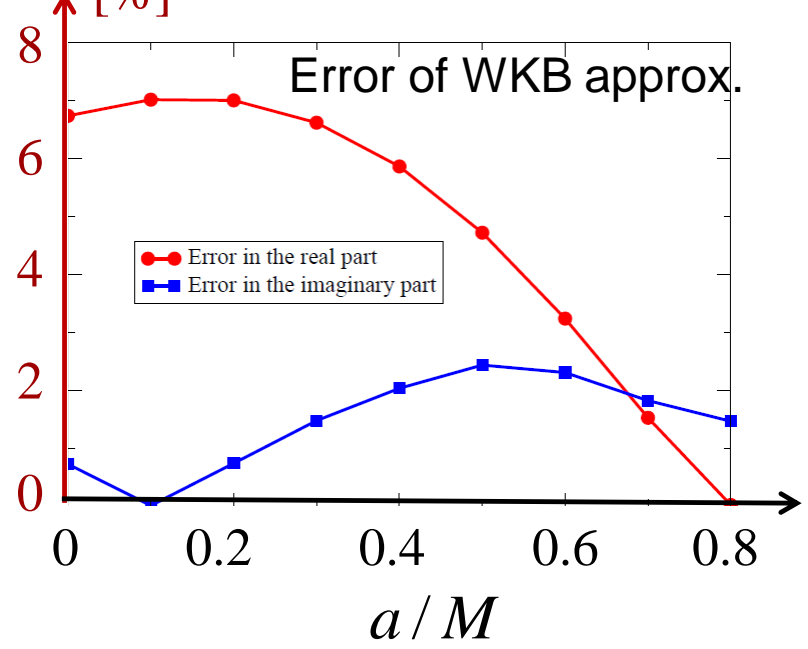
# How deeply can we see BH spacetime by observing QNMs?



$$(\omega_r + i\omega_i)^2 = V_D(r_0^*) - i \sqrt{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 V_D}{dr^{*2}} \Big|_{r^*=r_0^*}}$$

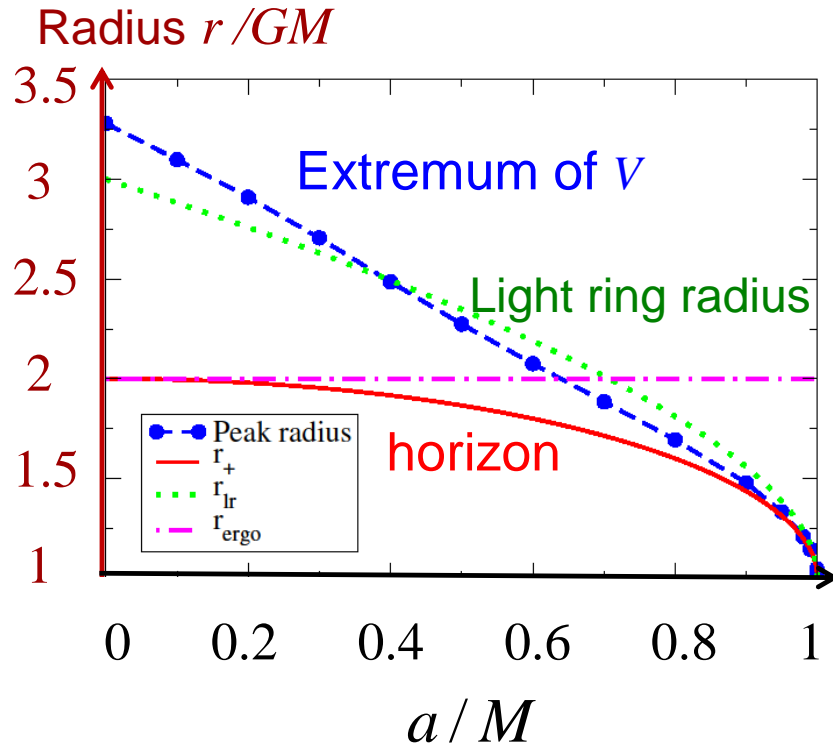
- QNM frequencies can be rather accurately obtained by WKB approximation (Schutz & Will, ApJ, 291 (1985))
- But breakdown of WKB approx. is necessary to find a solution connecting in-going and out-going waves.
- The breakdown of WKB approx. occurs at around the extremum of the effective potential  $V$ .
- In WKB approx. the behavior of  $V$  around the extremum determines the QNMs
- The position of the extremum of  $V$  will give an approximate answer to the above question.

(Nakamura et al., Phys.Rev. D93 (2016))



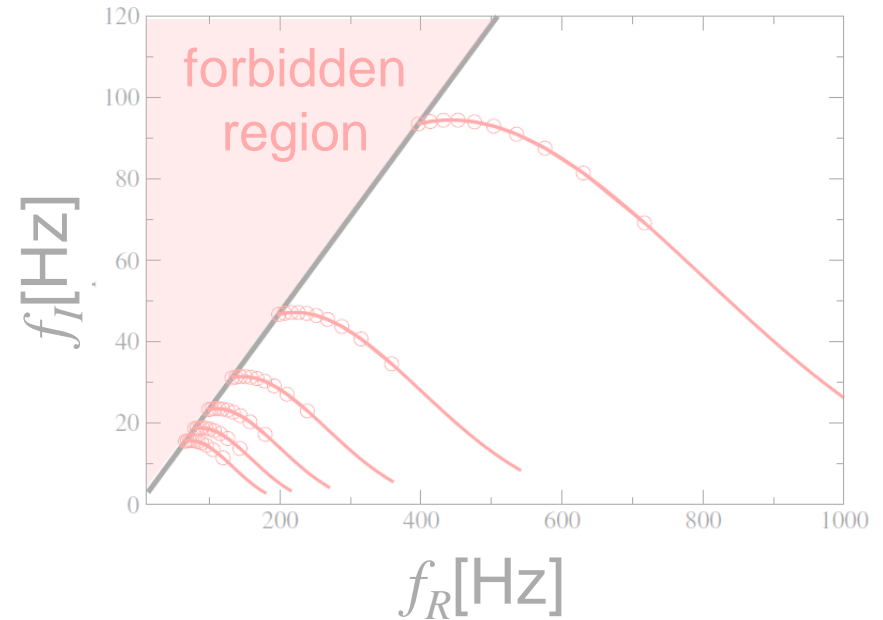
(Nakamura, Nakano, TT arXiv:1601.00356)

# How deeply can we see BH spacetime by observing QNMs?



- Potential maximum that determines QNM frequency is rather close to horizon, especially for rapidly rotating case.

(Nakamura, Nakano,  
arXiv:1602.02385)



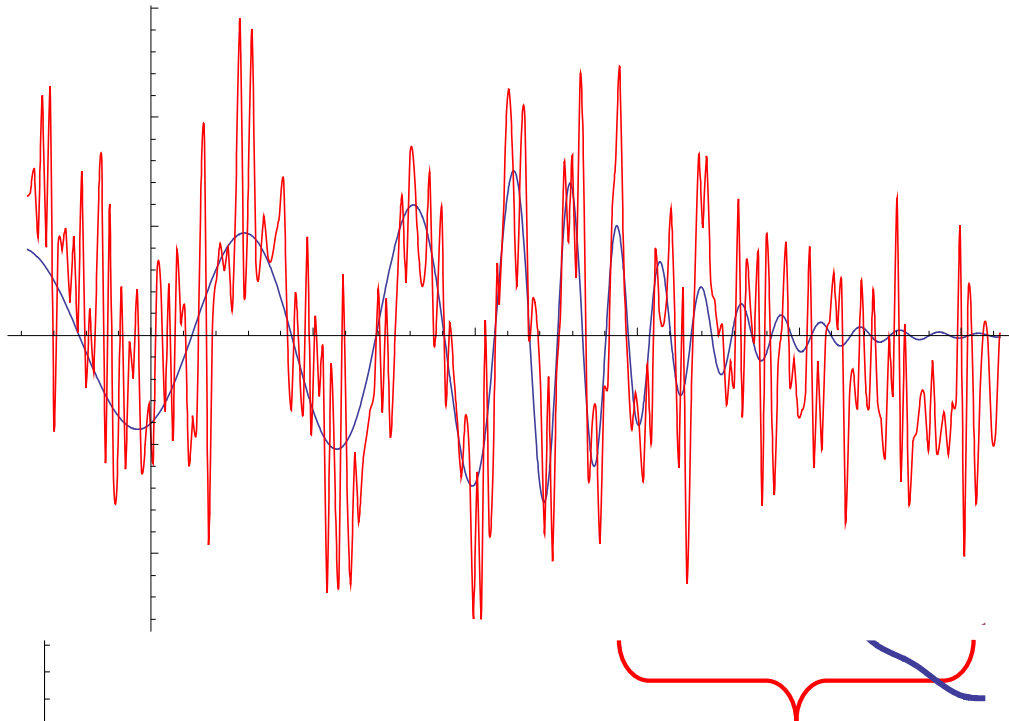
- There is a forbidden region for QNM frequencies in GR
- Black line is corresponding to Schwarzschild case

(Nakano, TT, Nakamura,  
arXiv:1506.00560)

# Mock data challenge

- Many groups have been working on extracting QNMs as a test of performance of advanced data analysis methods.
- But fair comparison of performance has not been done.

Frequency



Numerical relativity simulation tells that the evolution of frequency and amplitude in GR is rather simple and smooth.

⇒ We construct waveform with modified  $f_R$  and  $f_I$  with Gaussian noise.

Then, can we extract  $f_R$  and  $f_I$ ?

QNM

# Matched filtering

$$(s | h) \approx \int \frac{df}{S_n(f)} s(f) h^*(f)$$

$s$ : data

$h$ : template with parameter  $\theta$

$$S_n(f) := 2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\tau \langle n(t) n(t + \tau) \rangle e^{2\pi i f \tau}$$

$n$ : noise

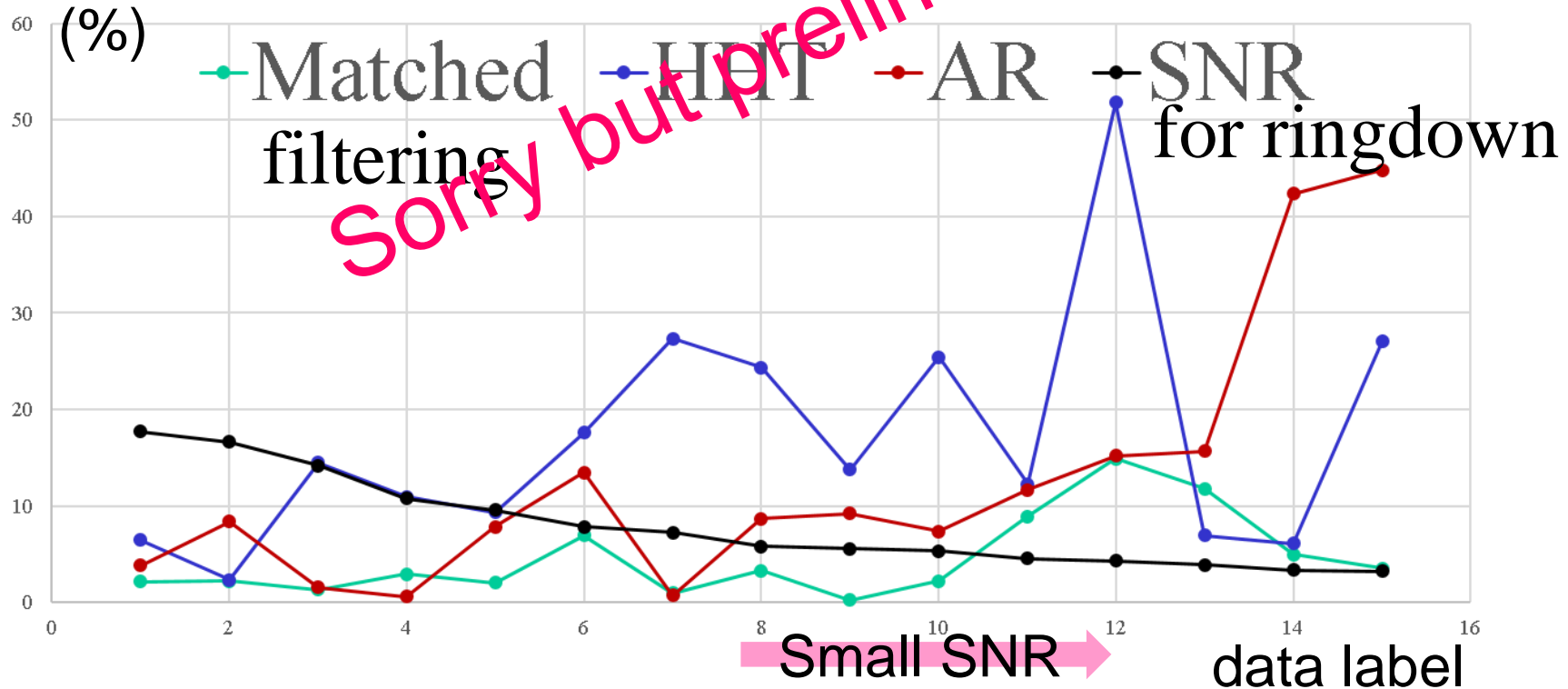
Find parameter  $\theta$  that realizes maximum  $(s|h)$ .

- Matched filtering is the optimal one among linear filtering methods for Gaussian noise.
- However, it is not generally guaranteed to be optimal.
- Also, the estimate of QNM frequency based on matched filtering might be systematically biased depending on the assumed wave form.



# Challenge results(1)

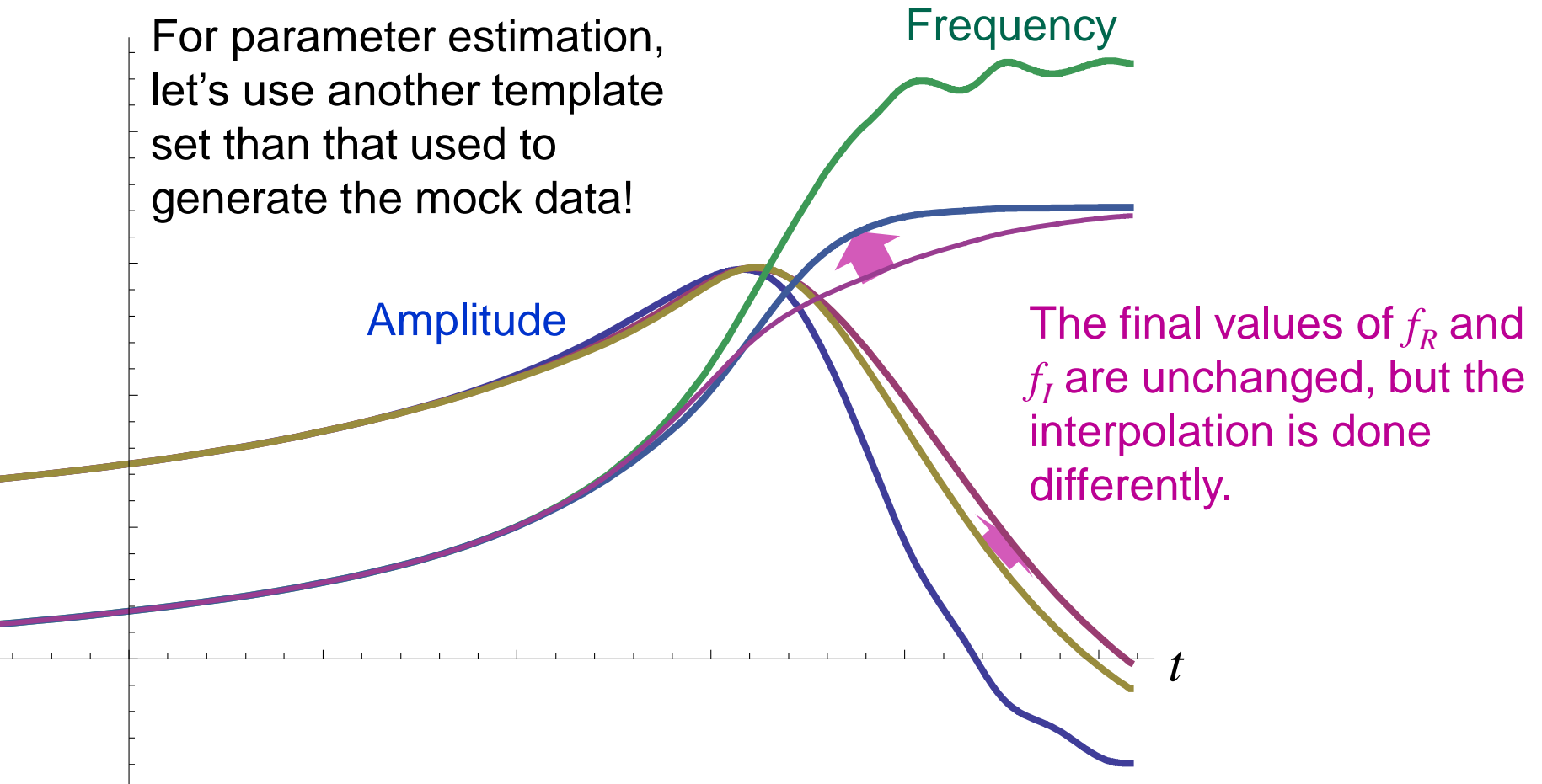
Error in the estimate of  $f_R$



The reference matched filtering shows the best performance on average but here it is a little cheating, since we used the modified ring-down wave form that is used to generate the mock data, which is unknown in reality.

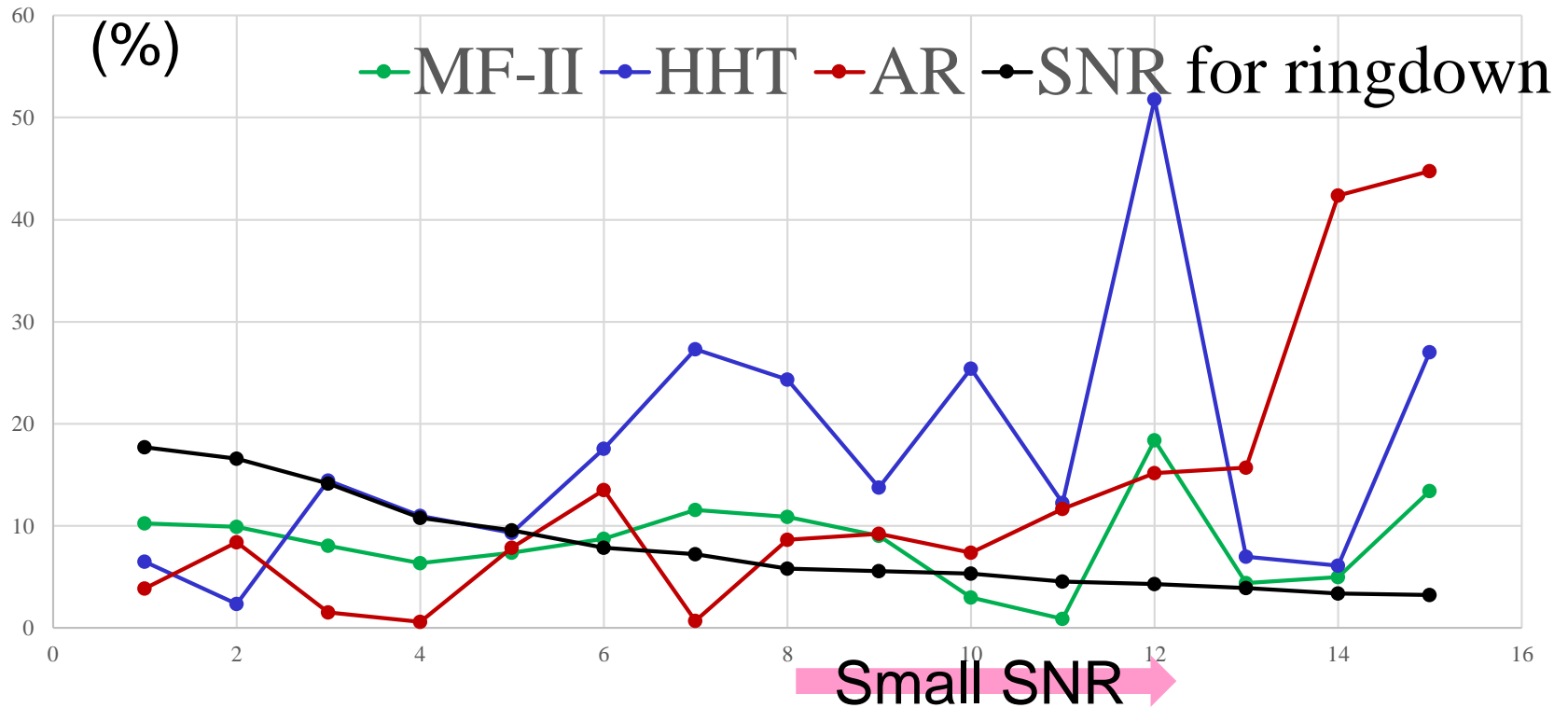
# Is matched filtering by using the same templates for mock data generation and filtering so cheating?

For parameter estimation, let's use another template set than that used to generate the mock data!



# Challenge results(2)

Error in the estimate of  $f_R$

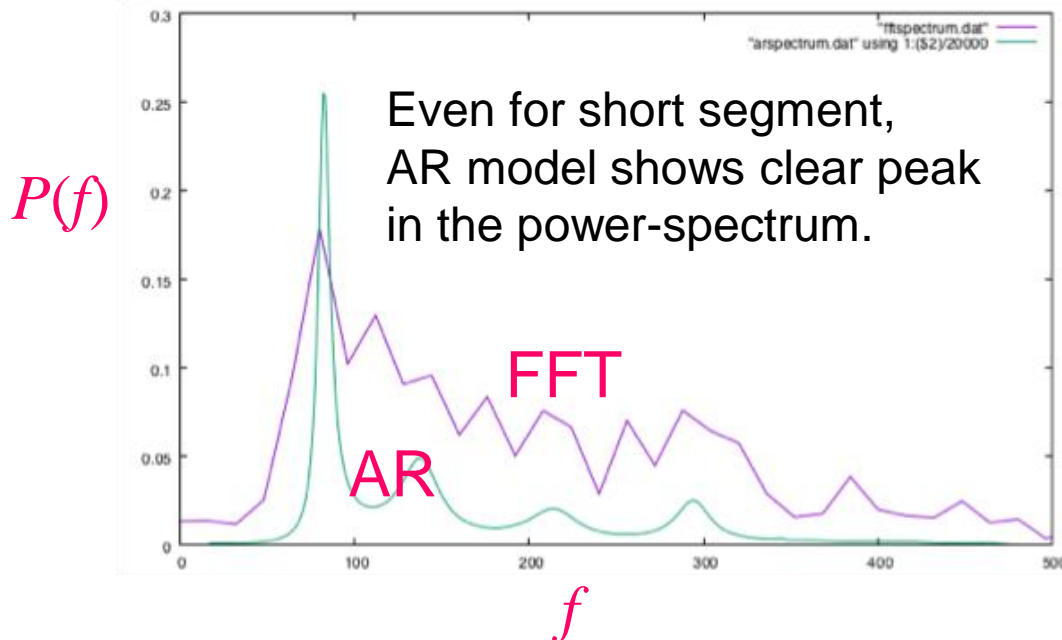


AR method shows rather good performance except for low SNR case.

Fitting data in time sequence with linear func.

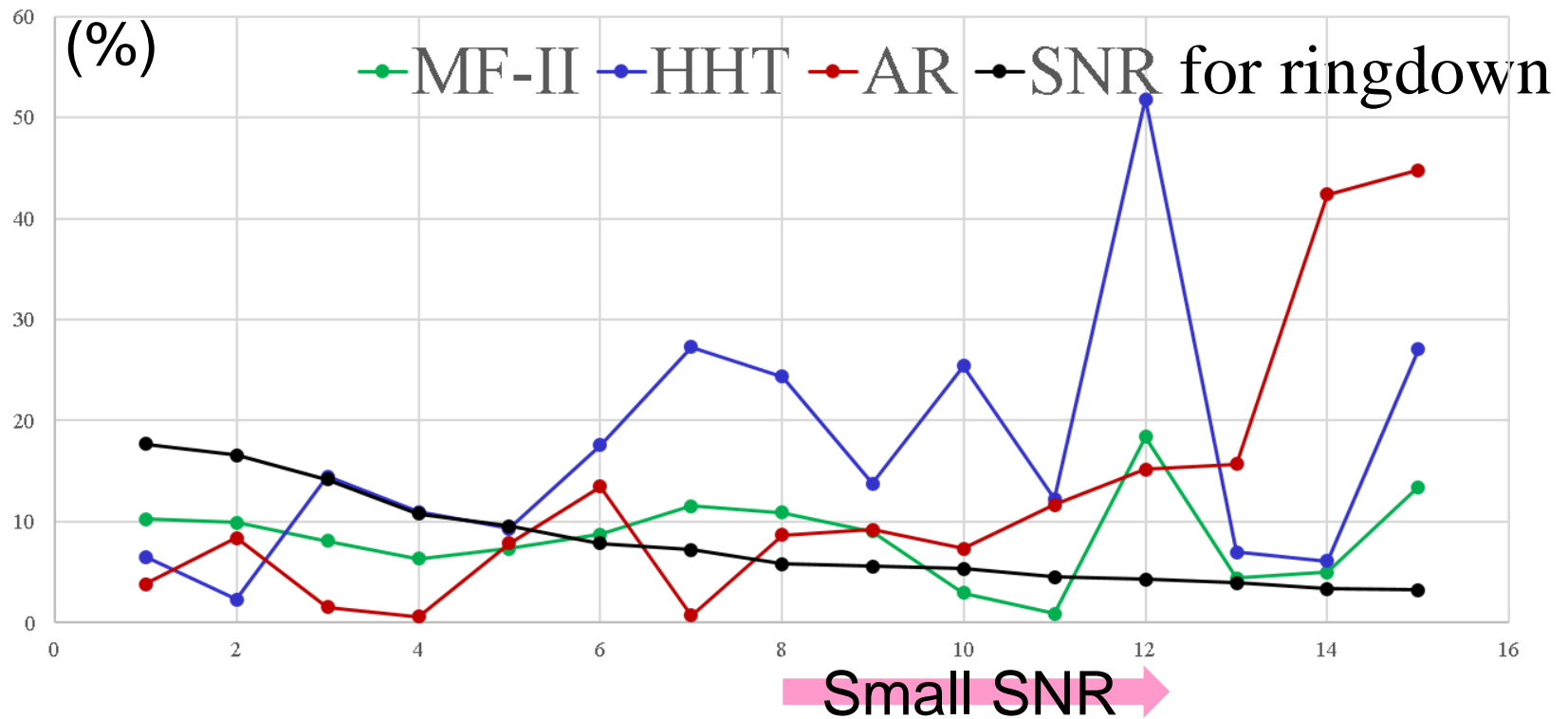
$$\begin{aligned}x_n &= a_1x_{n-1} + a_2x_{n-2} + \cdots + a_Mx_{n-M} + \varepsilon \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^M a_jx_{n-j} + \varepsilon\end{aligned}$$

- find  $a_j, \varepsilon$
- re-construct wave signal using the fitted function
- apply FFT to the re-constructed wave.
- The order  $M$  was fixed at 20~30.



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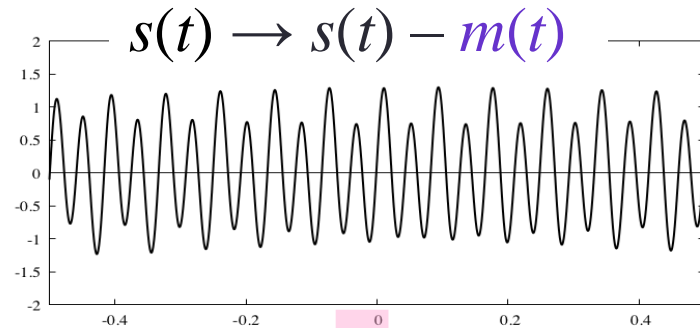
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HHT method may work better for small SNR, contrary to our naïve expectation, although the number of samples is still too small.

## Empirical Mode decomposition

We drop high and low frequency modes by filtering the data  $[f_L, f_H]$



Iterate this process until  $m(t)$  becomes sufficiently small

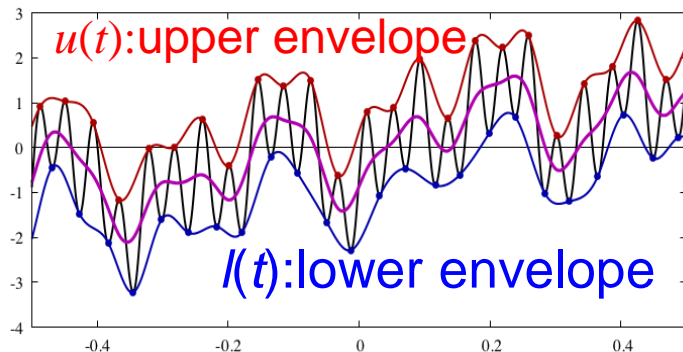
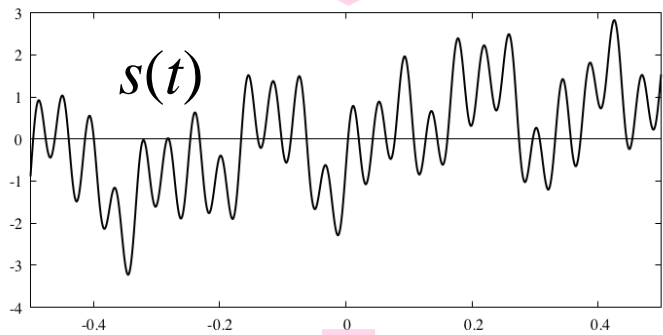
## Hilbert-Spectral Analysis

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{s(\tau)}{t - \tau} d\tau$$

$$a(t)e^{i\theta(t)} = s(t) + iv(t)$$

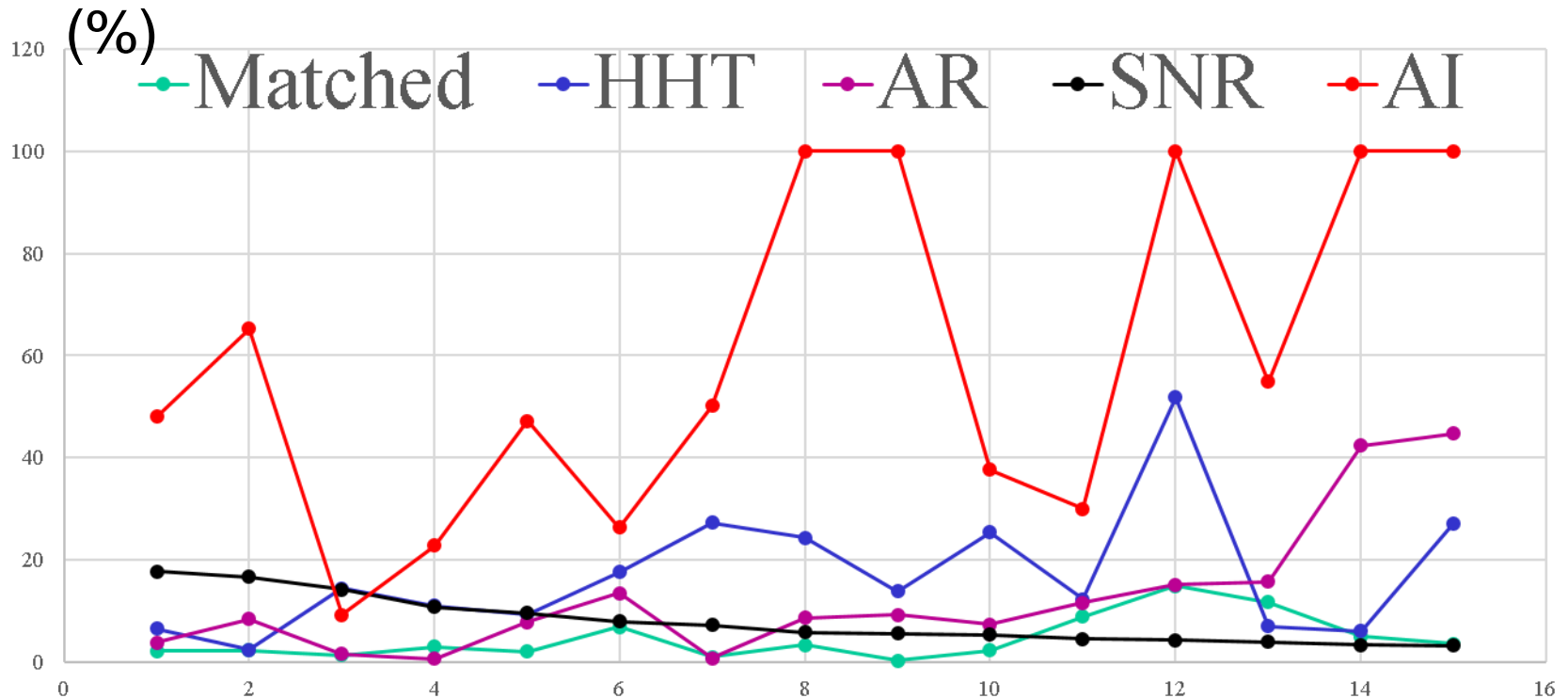
We extract  $f_R$  (from  $\theta(t)$ ) and  $f_I$  (from  $a(t)$ ).

The choice of initial filtering band  $[f_L, f_H]$  is a little ad hoc.



$$m(t) := (u(t) + l(t))/2$$

# Use of AI



Currently, the performance of our AI approach is not good, but it is still under development.

# Summary

- Our group is planning to develop systematic tests of modified gravity by using gravitational wave data.
- Today we focused on the extraction of black hole ring-down frequency.
- Matched filtering analysis gives a good estimate but it can be biased.
- There have been already many works in extracting QNM frequencies, but impressive improvement of the estimation accuracy has not been actually achieved in our group.
- However, the performance of alternative methods can be further improved.
- The goal would be to find a method *s.t.*
  - the accuracy is better than the matched filtering with appropriate modified waveform being used
  - the systematic bias is small enough.