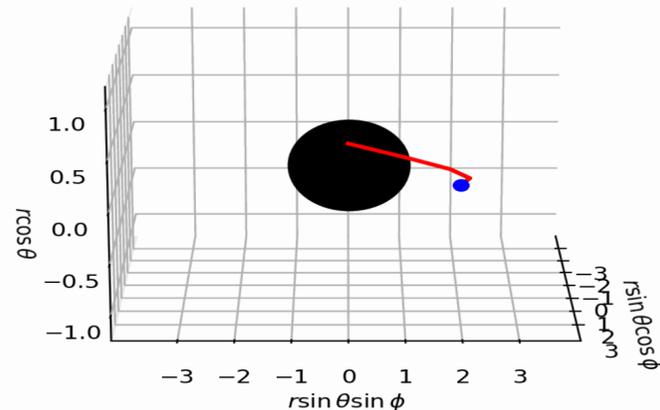


# Adiabatic vs Post-adiabatic

## Circular Schwarzschild Orbits

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Philip Lynch, Barry Wardell, Lorenzo Speri

Near\_Plunge: Eccentric orbit into a rotating black hole  
 $M = 10^6 M_\odot$ ,  $\mu = 10 M_\odot$ ,  $a = 0.9$ ,  $p_0 = 2.9$ ,  $e_0 = 0.3$ ,  $t_0 = 0.3$

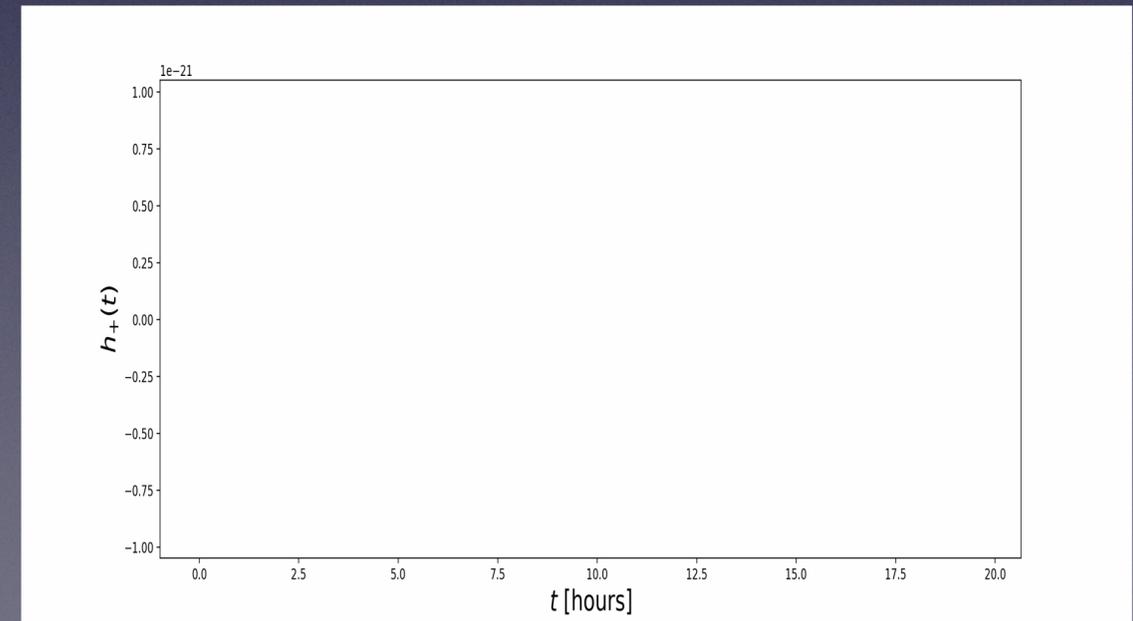


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<https://github.com/OllieBurke/animations>

Capra, 05/07/23  
Copenhagen



# The structure

- 1. Importance of accuracy:** The global picture
- 2. Circular Schwarzschild Orbits:** 0PA vs 1PA — How well can we do?
- 3. Concluding remarks :** Take home message + Discussion

# Part 1: **Accuracy**

# The global picture

Parameter estimation  
**what is important?**

Cover parameter  
space



Why?

Failure to claim  
Detection

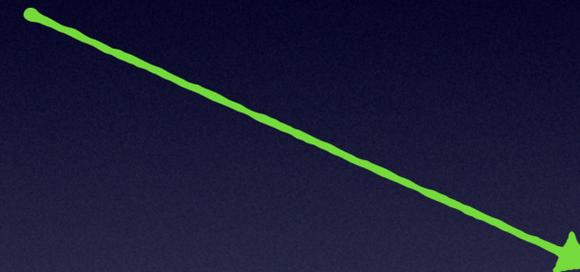


Fast to evaluate



Why?

We want results within  
a Hubble time



Faithful

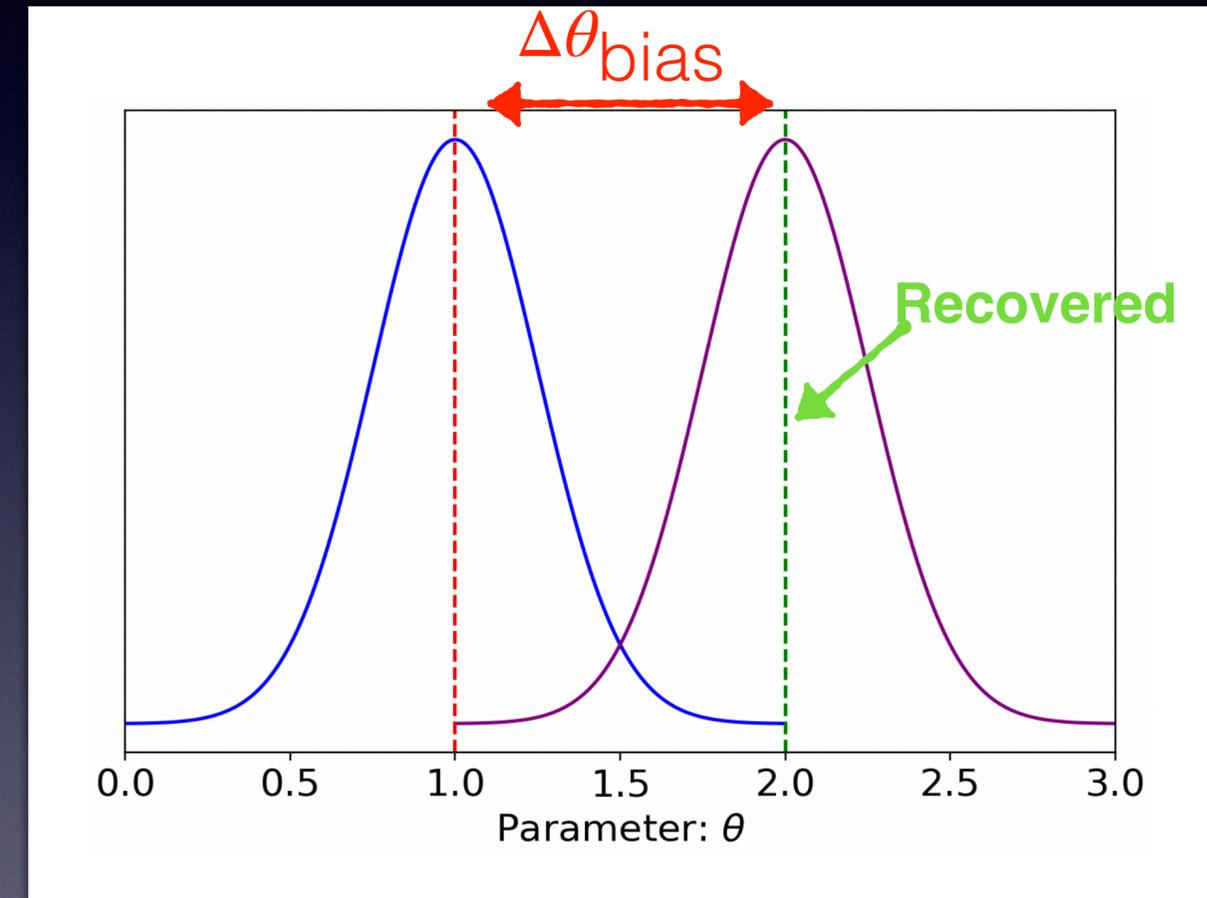
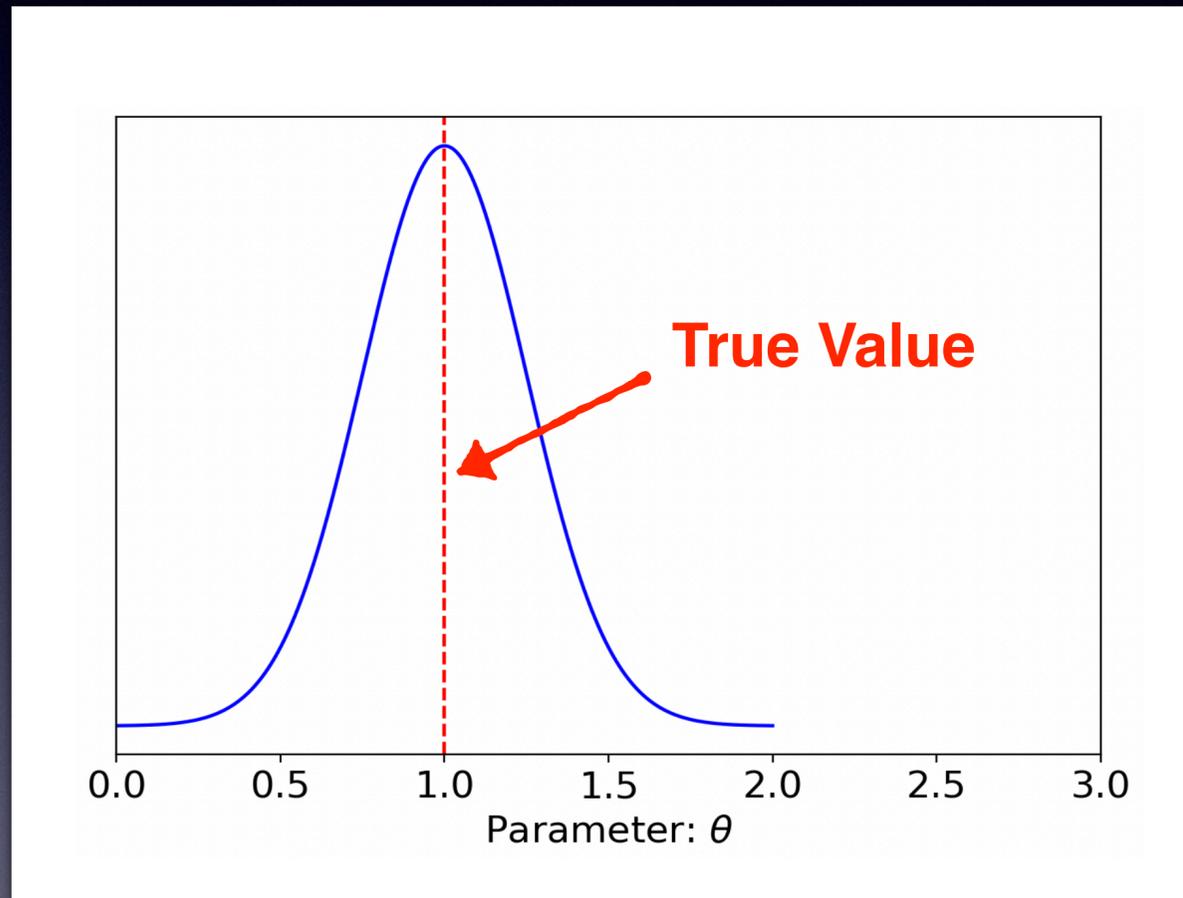


Why?

Potentially wrong  
parameters recovered

# The importance of accuracy

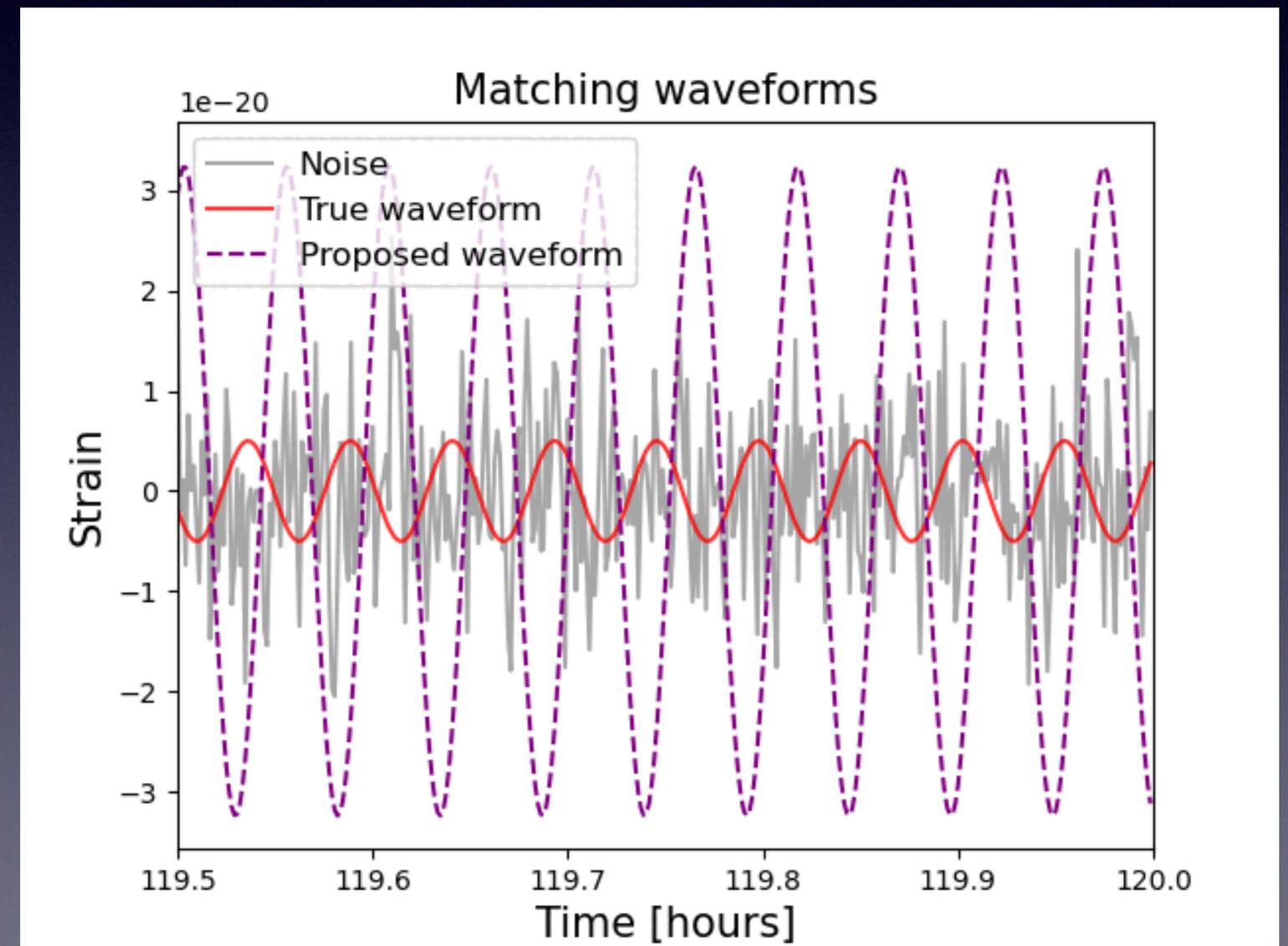
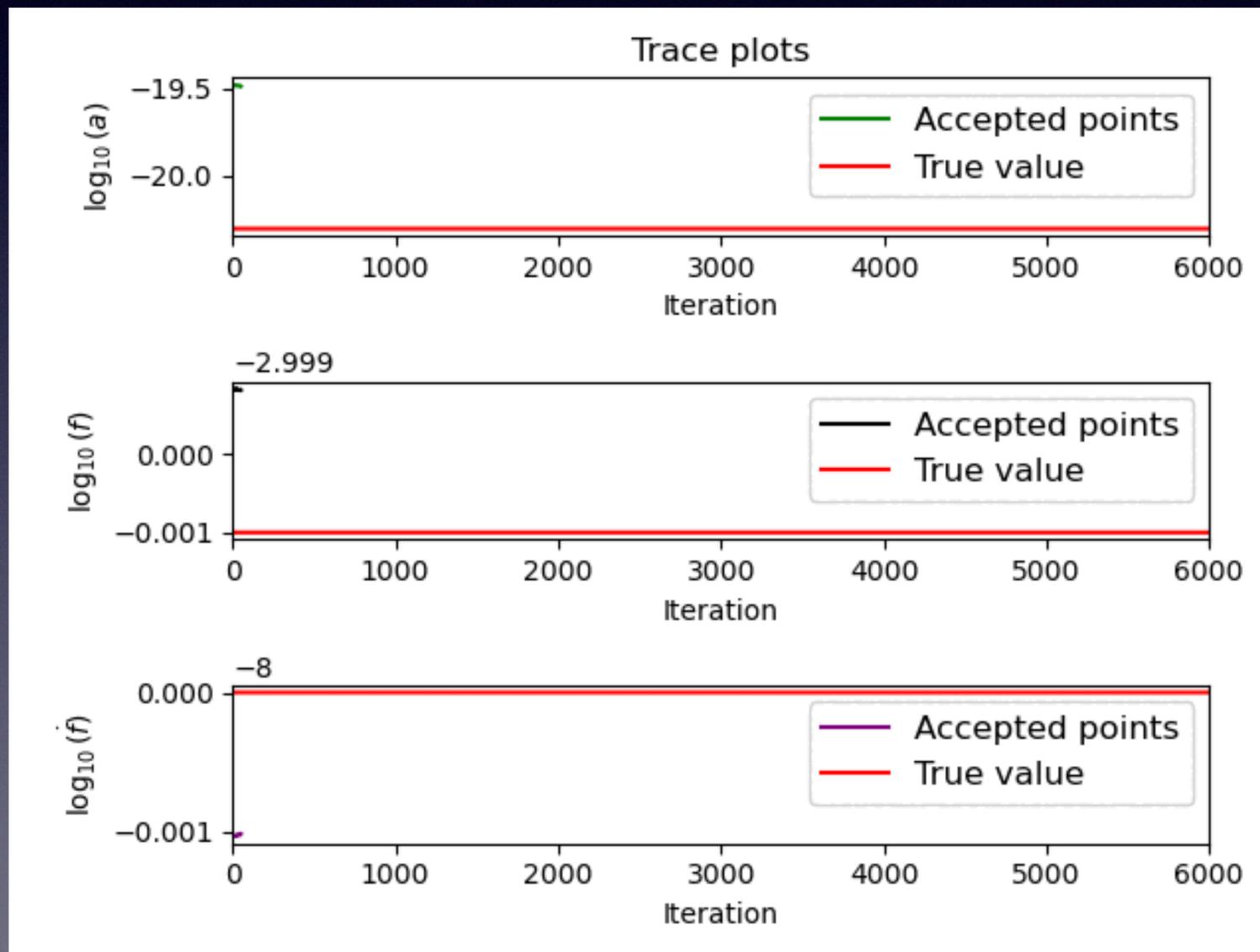
Inaccurate Waveforms  $\implies$  Biases in Parameters



**Goal: Recovered parameter within  $1\sigma$  width of true distribution**

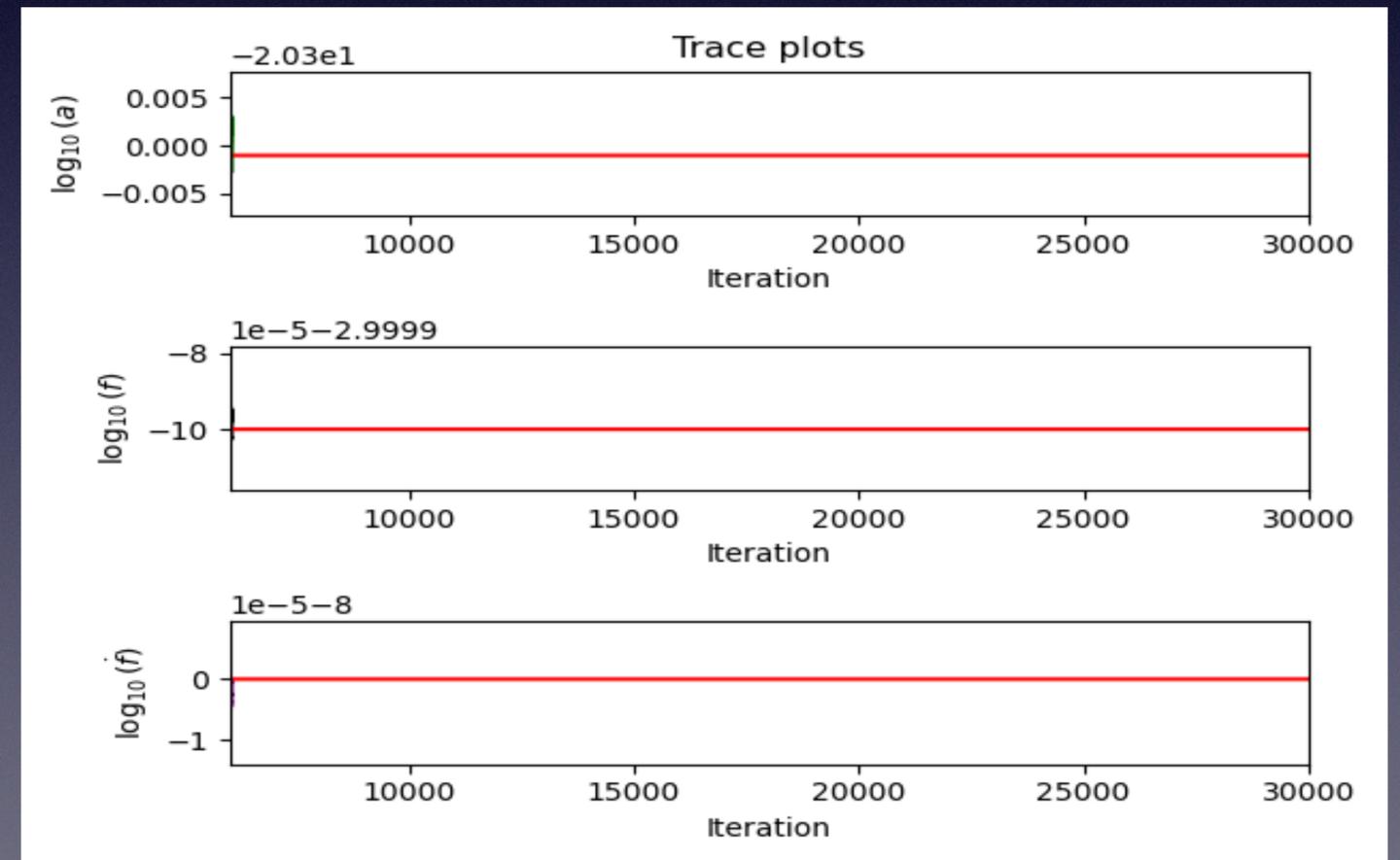
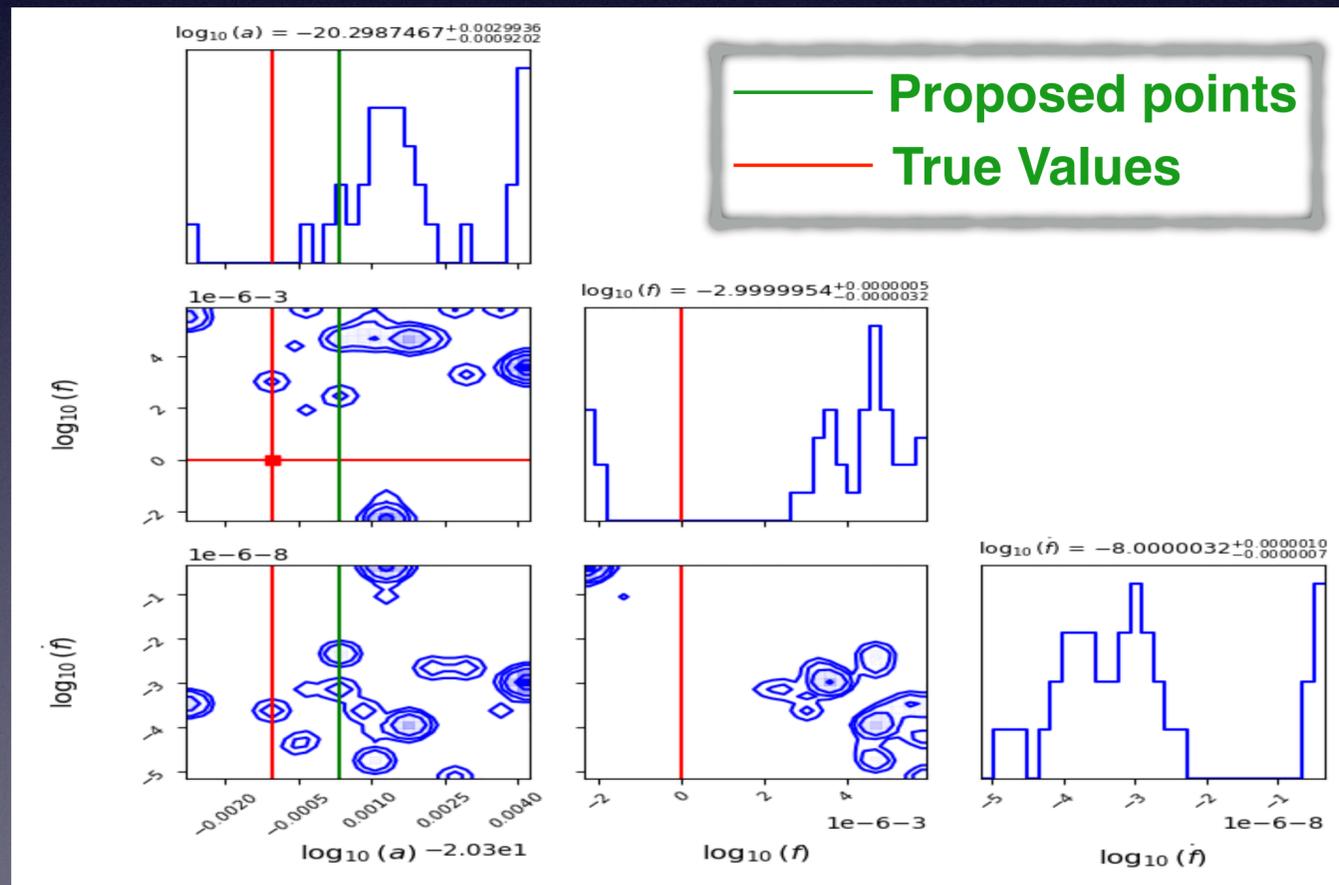
# Monte Carlo: finding the “best” signal

Goal: Identify parameters  $\theta$  that best match the waveform



# Parameter Estimation

- Identified “best” location in parameter space
- Now sample  $\theta \sim p(\theta | d)$  and explore posterior!
- Make statements on  $\theta$  given observed data  $d$



# Part 2: **Search and Destroy**

# Infrastructure

- **FastEMRIWaveforms** — GPU accelerated waveforms — **Fast** (Katz, et al 2021)
- **Circular Schwarzschild Waveform Models with 0PA + (full) 1PA.** (Pound, et al 2019)
- Full LISA response (TDI) including latest (mission requirements) noise model. (Katz, et al 2021)

**Procedure: Injection with Accurate waveform then attempt recovery with innacurate waveform**

# 1PA vs 1PA waveform

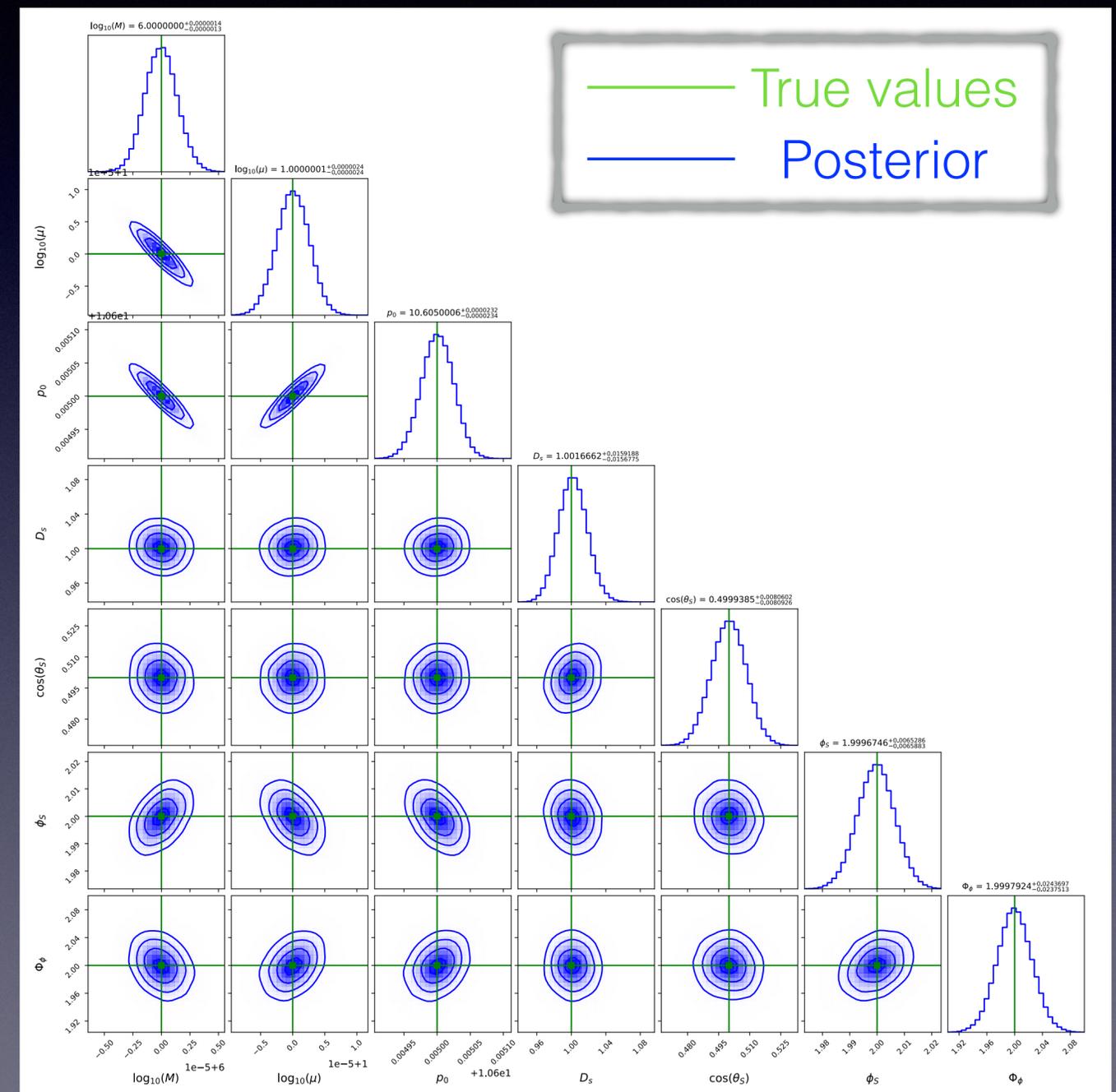
Inject waveform 1PA, **Recover with 1PA**

Quite loud: SNR  $\sim 62$ ,

Strong field:  $r - r_{\text{isco}} \sim 0.3M$

Parameters:  $M = 10^6 M_{\odot}$ ,  $\mu = 10 M_{\odot}$ ,  $r_0 = 10.605M$

Unbiased. As expected.



# 0PA vs 1PA waveform

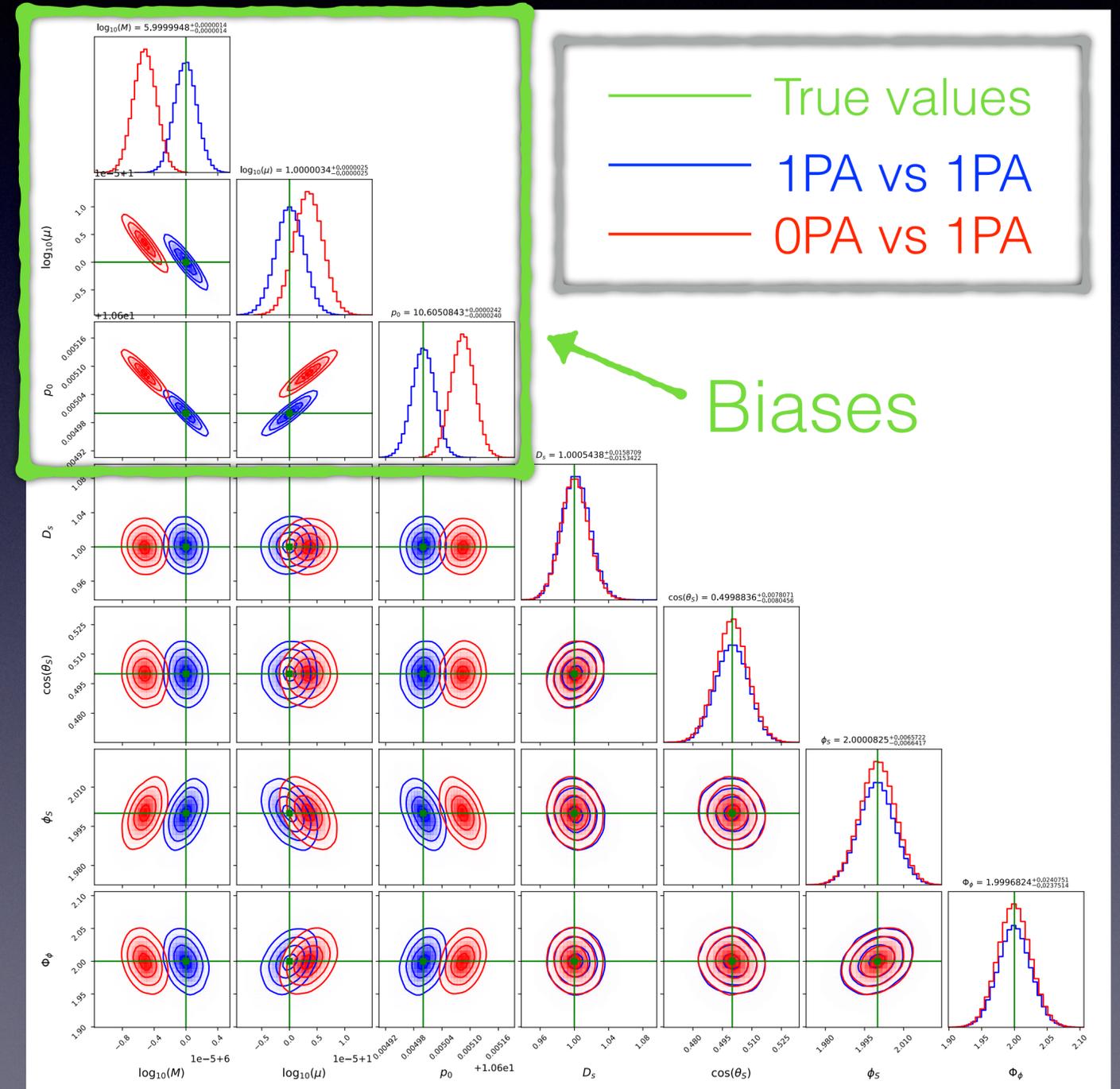
Inject waveform 1PA, **Recover with 0PA**

Quite loud: SNR  $\sim 62$ ,

Strong field:  $r - r_{\text{isco}} \sim 0.3M$

Parameters:  $M = 10^6 M_{\odot}$ ,  $\mu = 10 M_{\odot}$ ,  $r_0 = 10.605M$

Largest bias  $\sim 4\sigma$  from truth



# Teeny-tiny perturbations to parameters

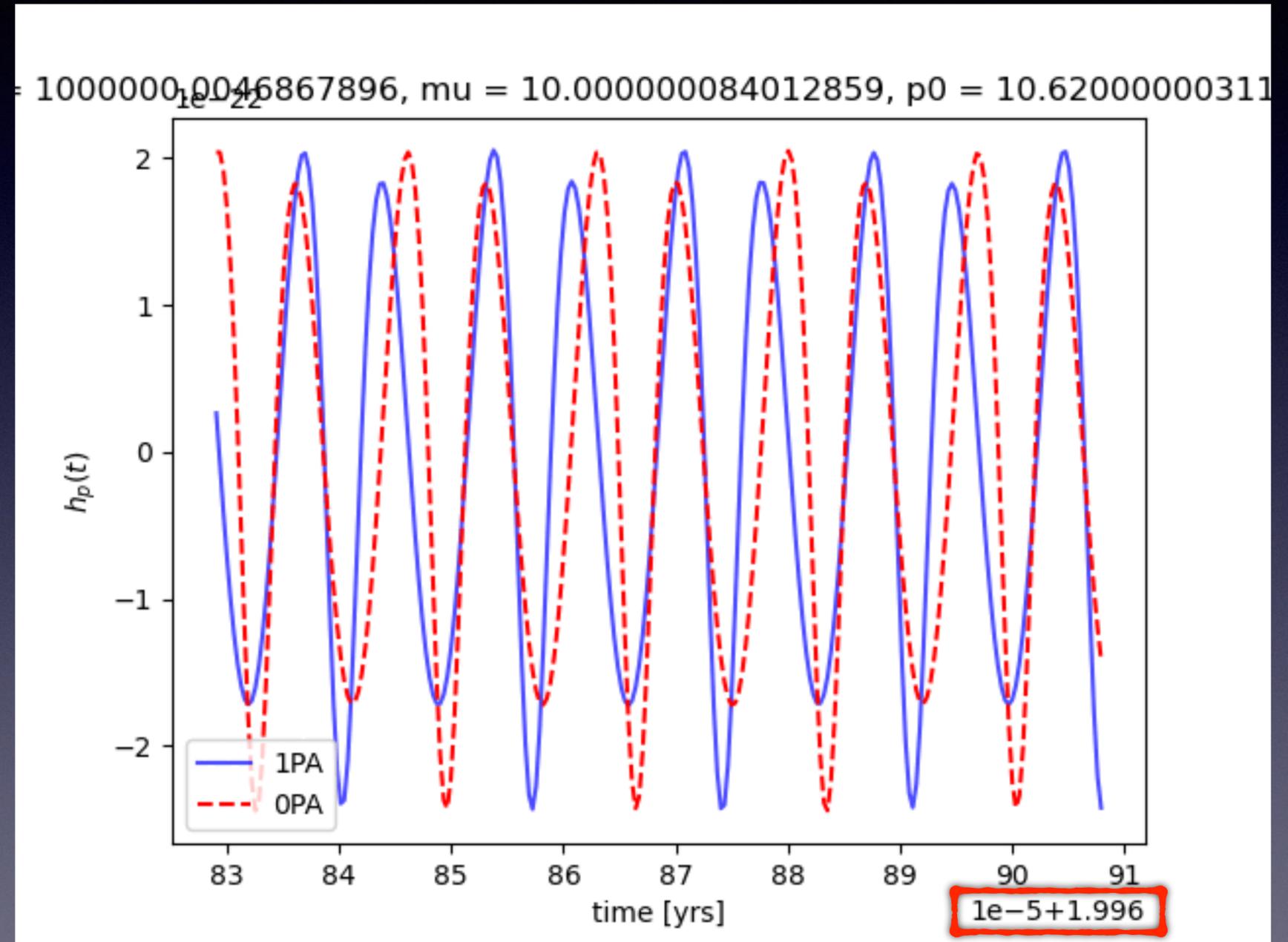
$$\mathcal{O} \left( h^{1PA}(\theta_{\text{true}}), h^{OPA}(\theta_{\text{true}}) \right) = 0.203$$

$$\Delta\phi = \max \left| \phi_{\text{true}}^{(1PA)} - \phi_{\text{true}}^{(OPA)} \right| \approx 3 \text{ rads}$$

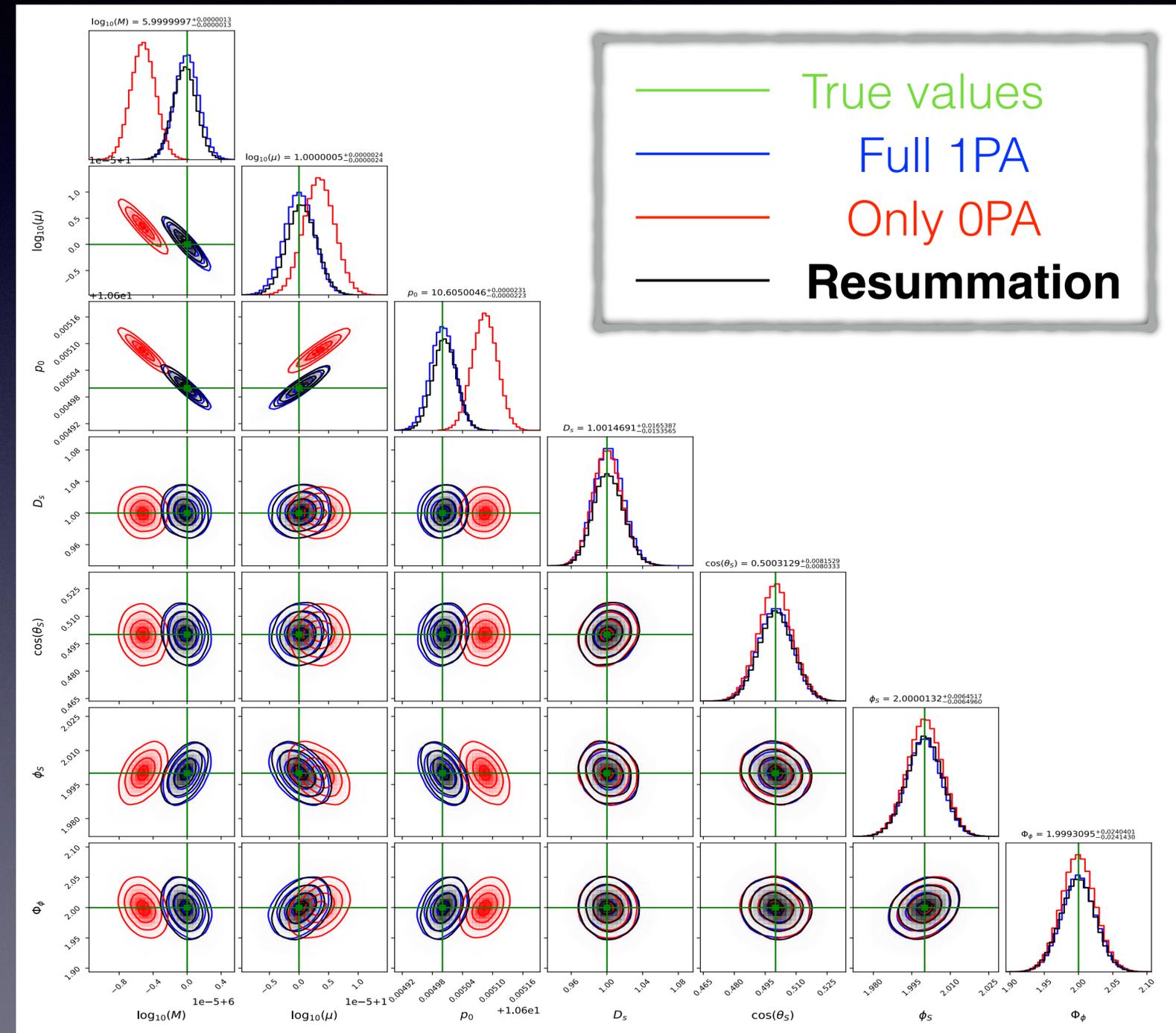
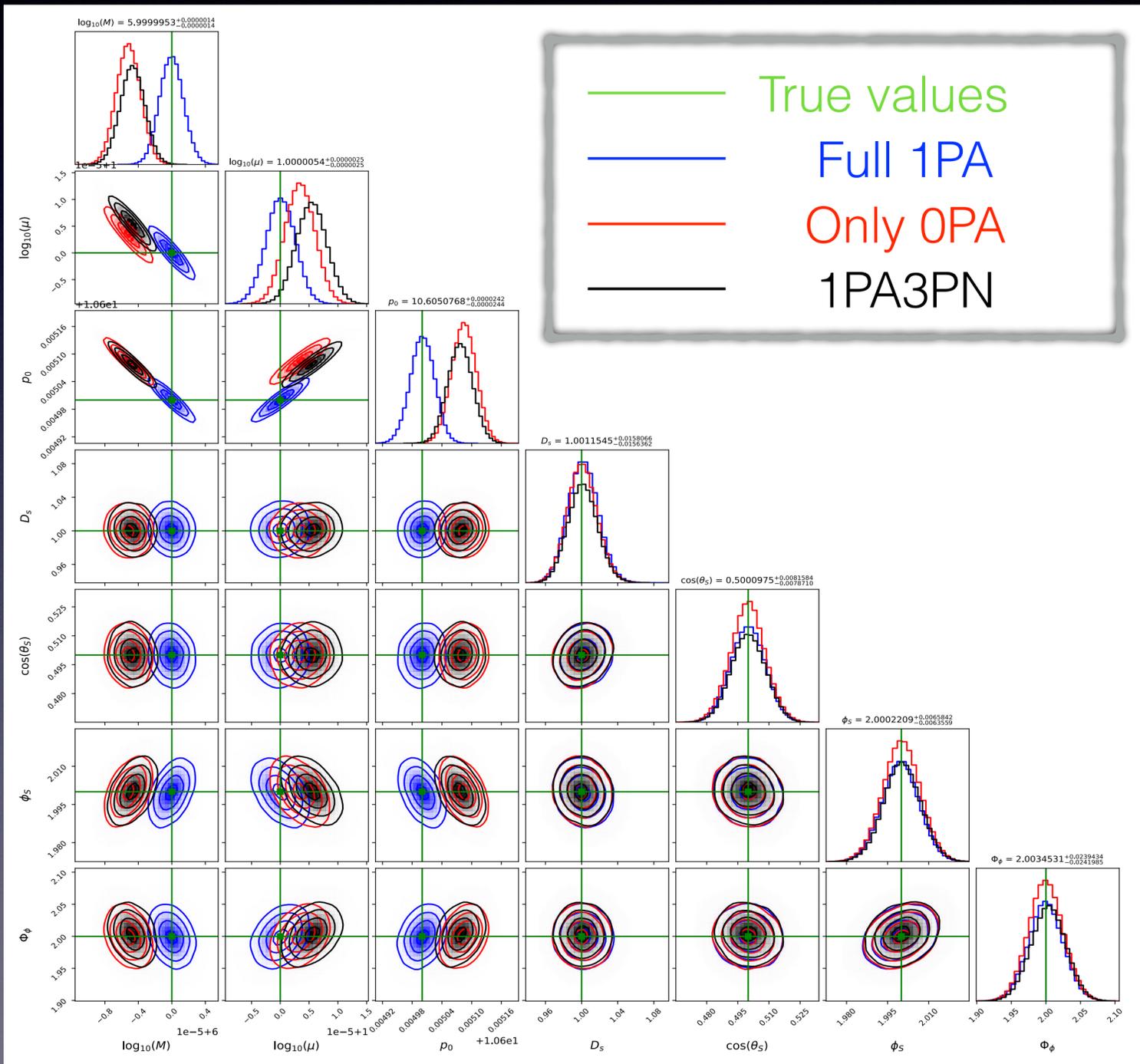
EMRIs are extremely sensitive to minor perturbations in parameters

$$\mathcal{O} \left( h^{1PA}(\theta_{\text{true}}), h^{OPA}(\theta_{\text{bf}}) \right) = 0.9999\dots$$

$$\Delta\phi = \max \left| \phi_{\text{true}}^{(1PA)} - \phi_{\text{bf}}^{(OPA)} \right| \approx 0.003 \text{ rads}$$



# Can we do better with PN?

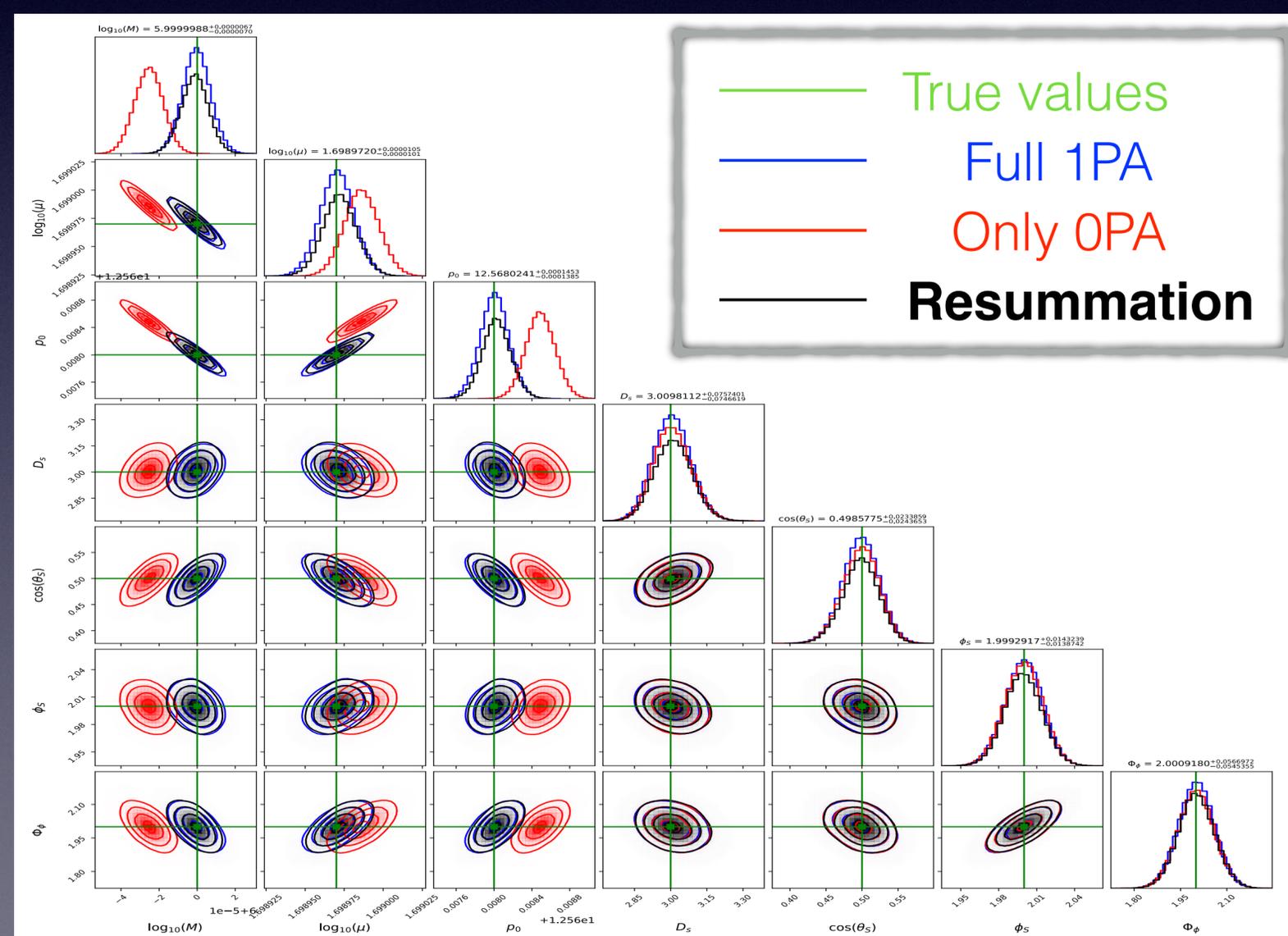
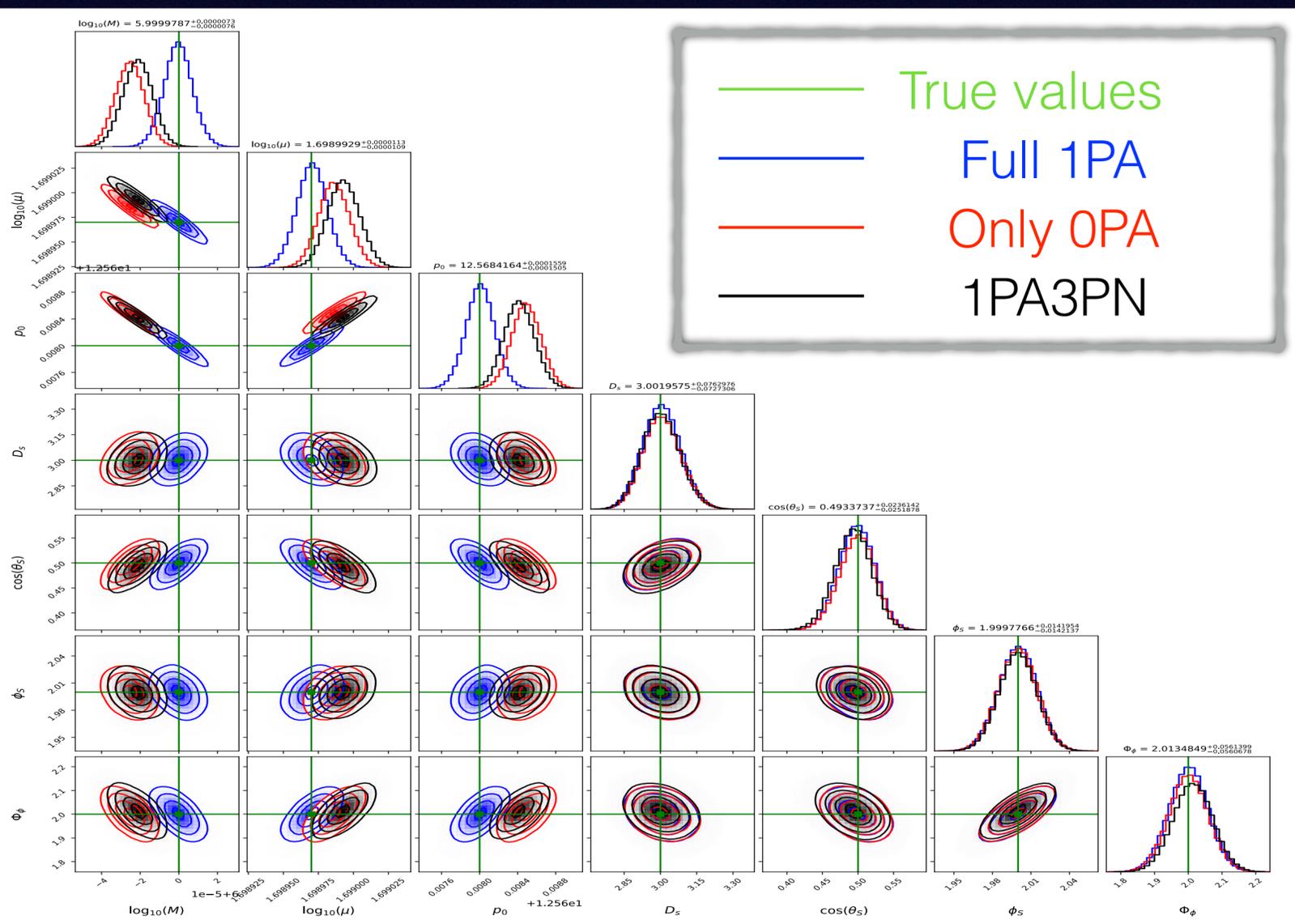


# Increase mass-ratio?

Parameters:  $M = 10^6 M_\odot$ ,  $\mu = 50 M_\odot$ ,  $r_0 = 12.568M$ , SNR  $\sim 48$

One year long inspiral

Strong field:  $r - r_{\text{isco}} \sim 0.2M$

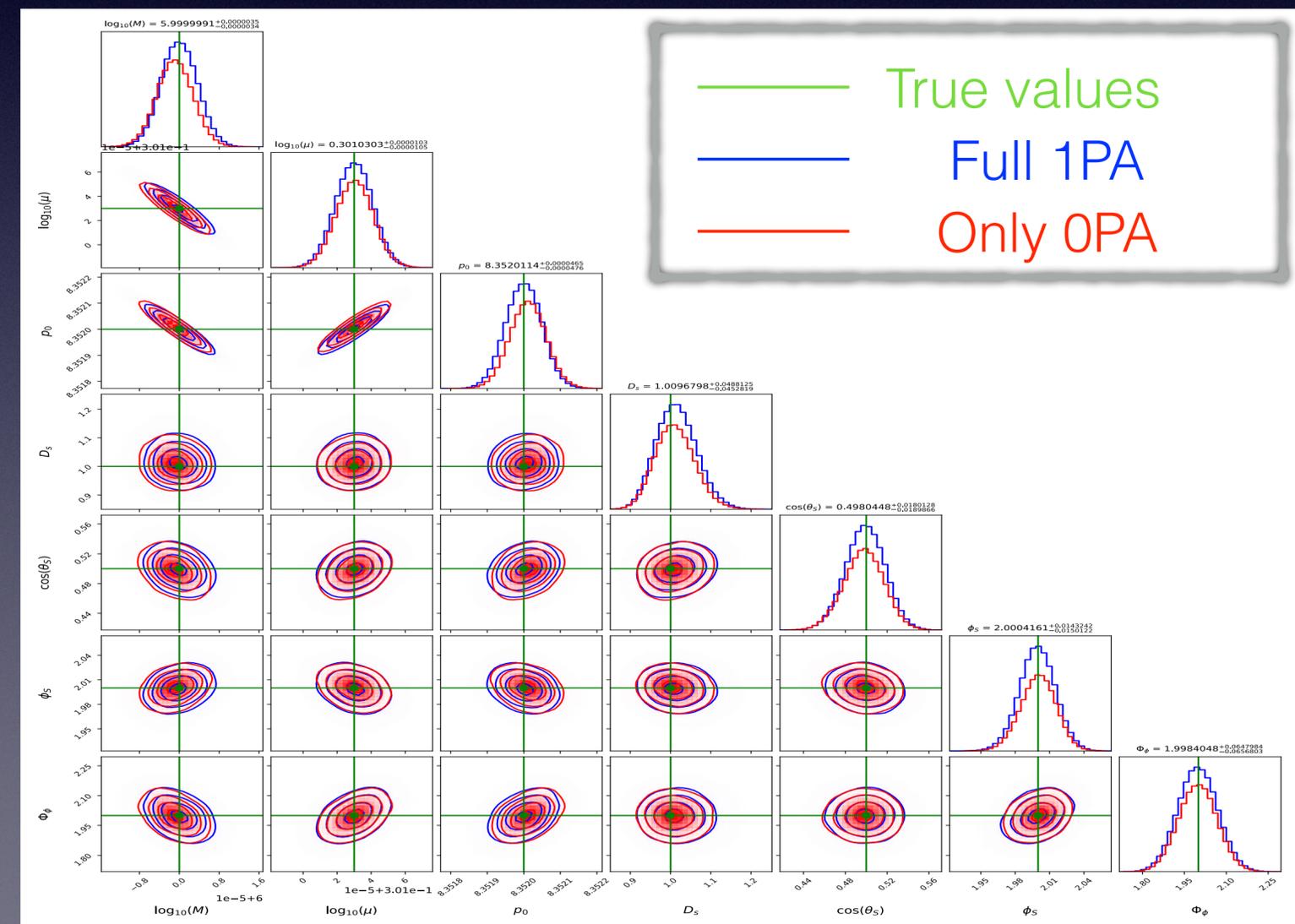
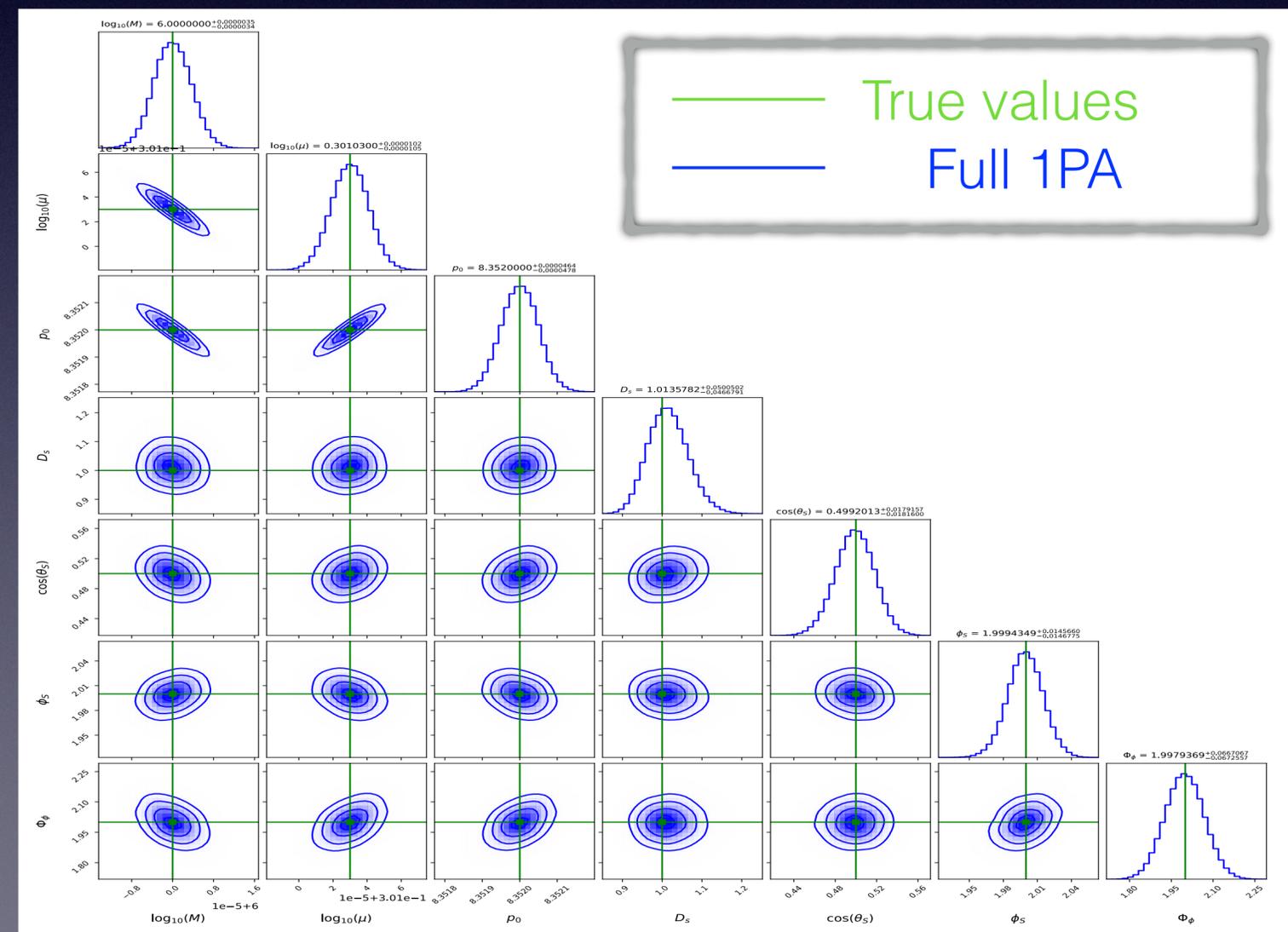


# Decrease mass-ratio?

Parameters:  $M = 10^6 M_\odot$ ,  $\mu = 2M_\odot$ ,  $r_0 = 8.32M$ , SNR  $\sim 21$

Two year long inspiral

Strong field:  $r - r_{\text{isco}} \sim 0.22M$

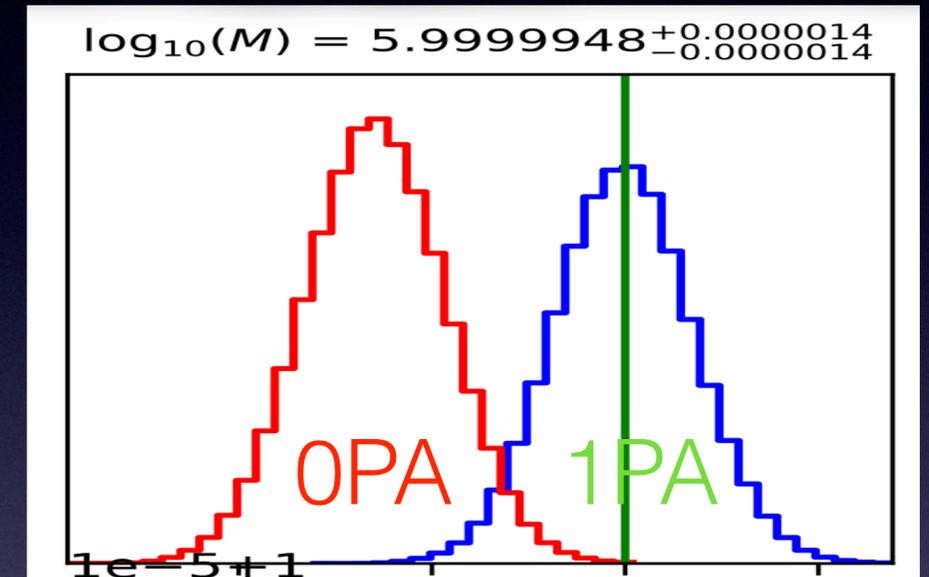


# Final thoughts + musings

Neglecting post-adiabatic  $\implies$  Biases!

Biases “not as bad” as expected.

PN “tricks” could help!

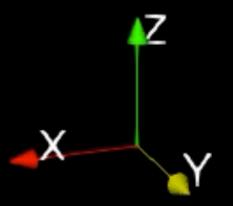
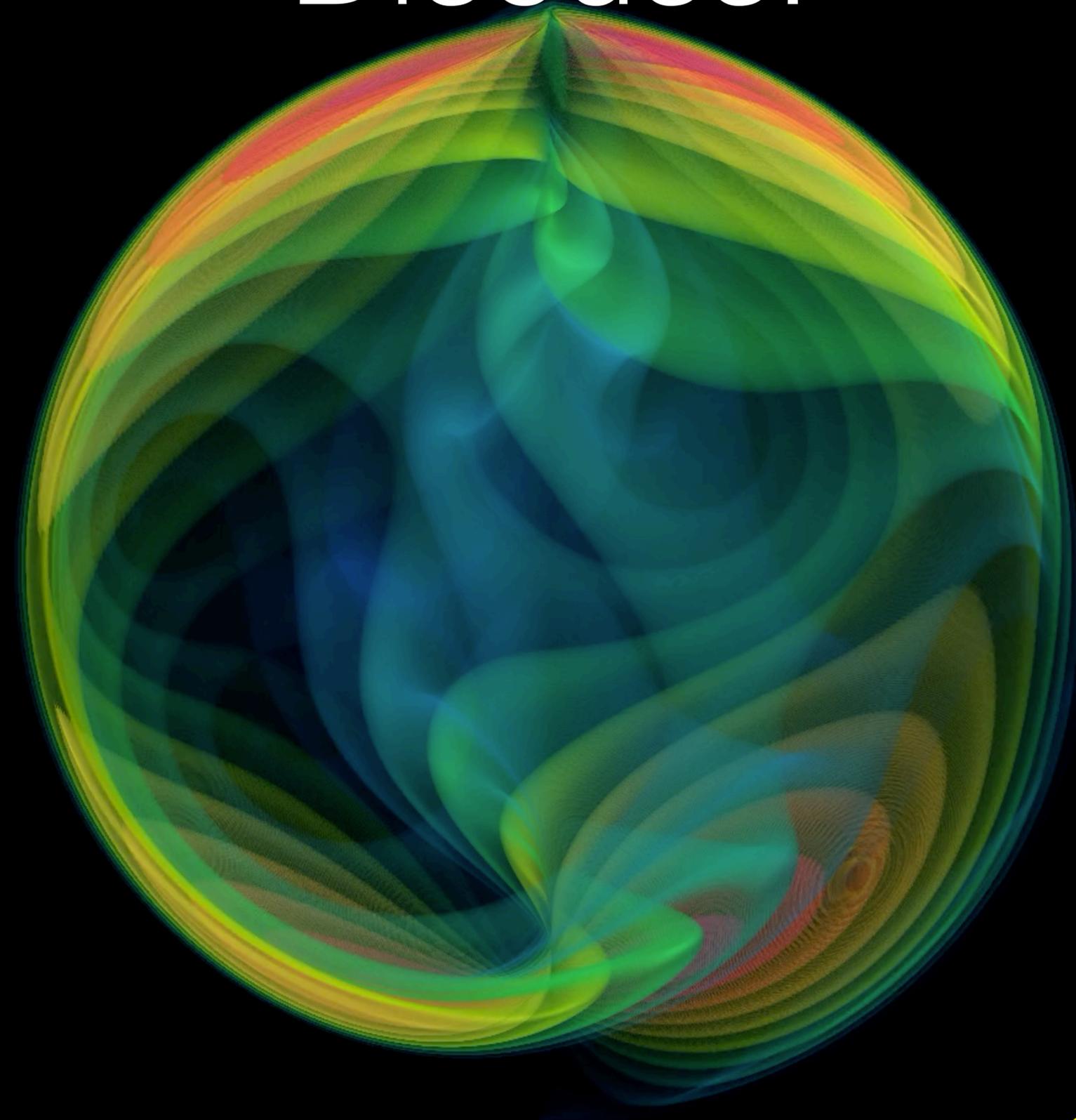


- Impact on **tests of GR + astrophysics?**
- Work only possible through **Self-force community** + **FEW**

Results may not extend for generic orbits / Kerr

Time: 0s

# Discuss.



(Credit: Nils Fischer)

# Why?

$$\mathcal{O} \left( h^{1PA}(\theta_{\text{true}}), h^{0PA}(\theta_{\text{true}}) \right) = 0.203$$

$$\Delta\phi = \max | \phi^{(1PA)} - \phi^{(0PA)} | \approx 3 \text{ rads}$$

$$\text{Lindblom} = \left( h^{(1PA)} - h^{(0PA)} \mid h^{(1PA)} - h^{(0PA)} \right) \approx 3900$$

$$\mathcal{O} \left( h^{1PA}(\theta_{\text{true}}), h^{0PA}(\theta_{\text{recovered}}) \right) = 0.999990043$$

$$\Delta\phi = \max | \phi^{(1PA)} - \phi^{(0PA)} | \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ rads}$$

$$\text{Lindblom} = \left( h^{(1PA)} - h^{(0PA)} \mid h^{(1PA)} - h^{(0PA)} \right) \approx 0.17$$

