

GNOME: Search for Topological Defect Dark Matter

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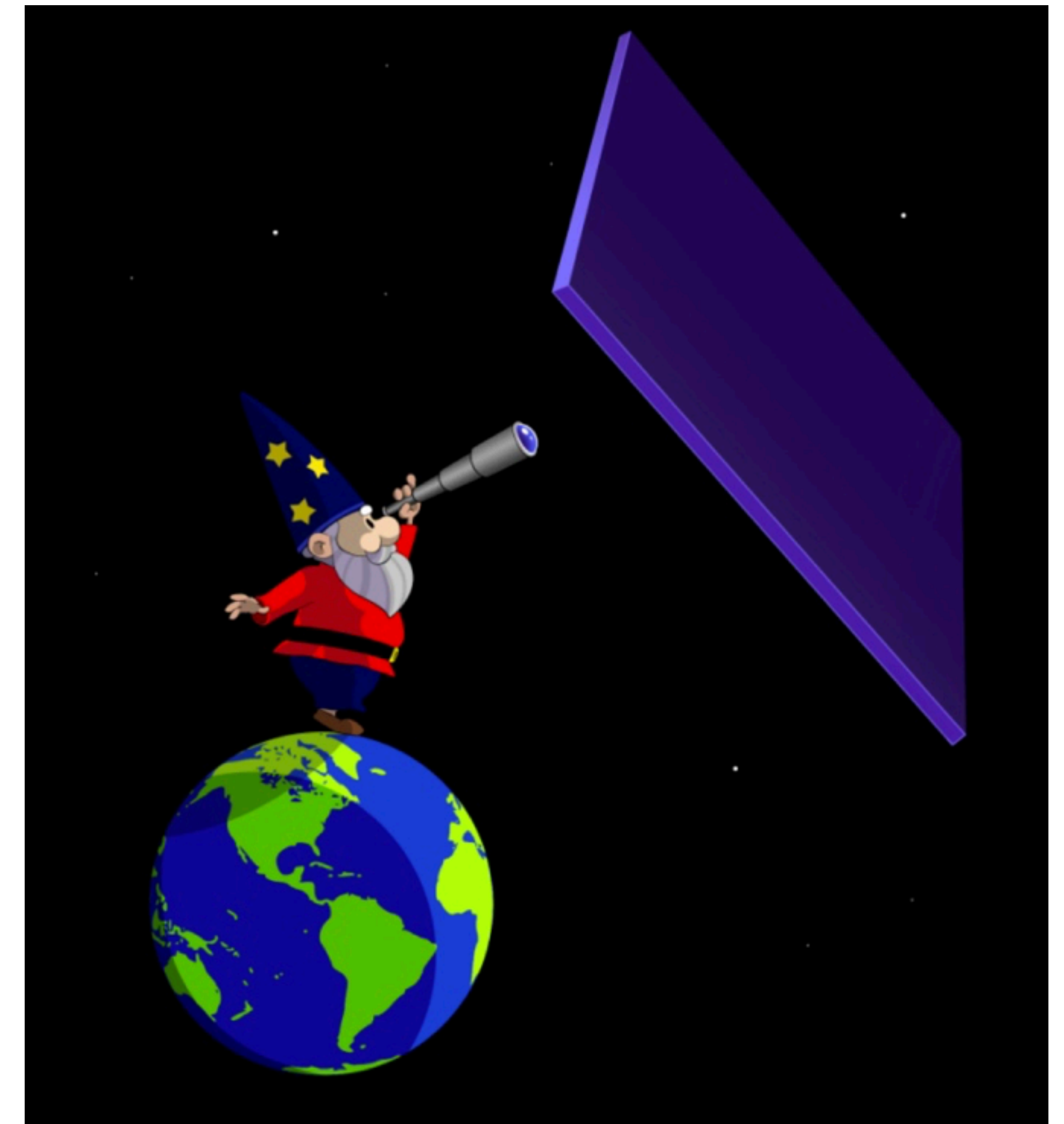
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- Signal pattern of axion-like particle domain walls detected by the GNOME network
- Analysis method development by IBS-CAPP for identifying the signal pattern
- Performance and projected sensitivity



Axion-Like Particle Domain Walls

- Axions are pseudo-scalar boson from spontaneously broken from the Peccei-Quinn $U(1)$ symmetry.
- Axion like-particles (ALPs) are generalized model of the axion, from spontaneously broken axial $U(1)$ symmetry beyond the standard model.
- ALPs are similar to axion, but have less theoretical restrictions:
 - They do **not** have a **relationship** between the **mass** and **coupling**.
 - They can form a stable **domain wall** (DW) [1,2,3].
 - They can evade astrophysical observations (e.g. SN1987A) [4,5].
- ALPs can be a **localized dark matter** around the solar system as a form of DW.

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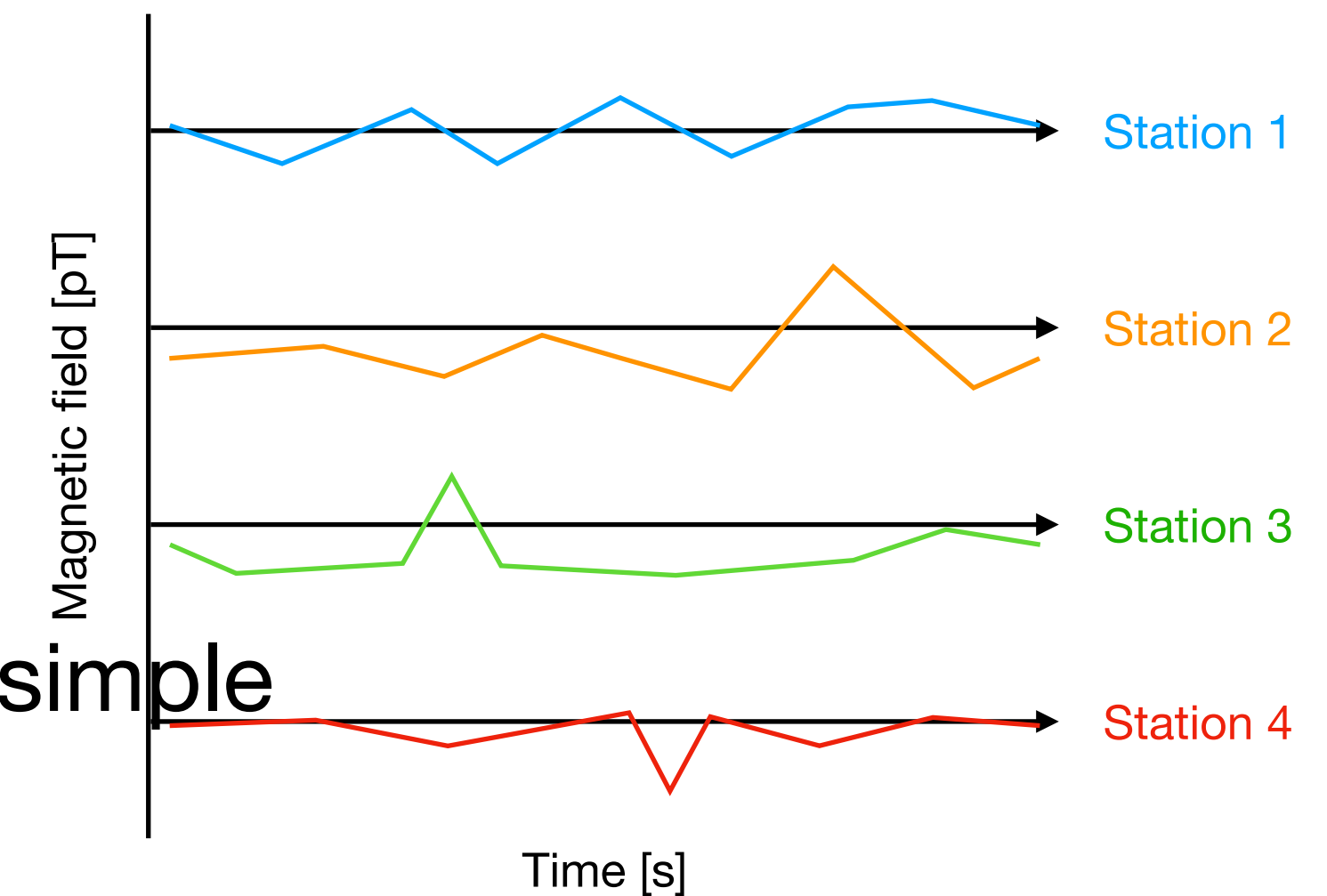
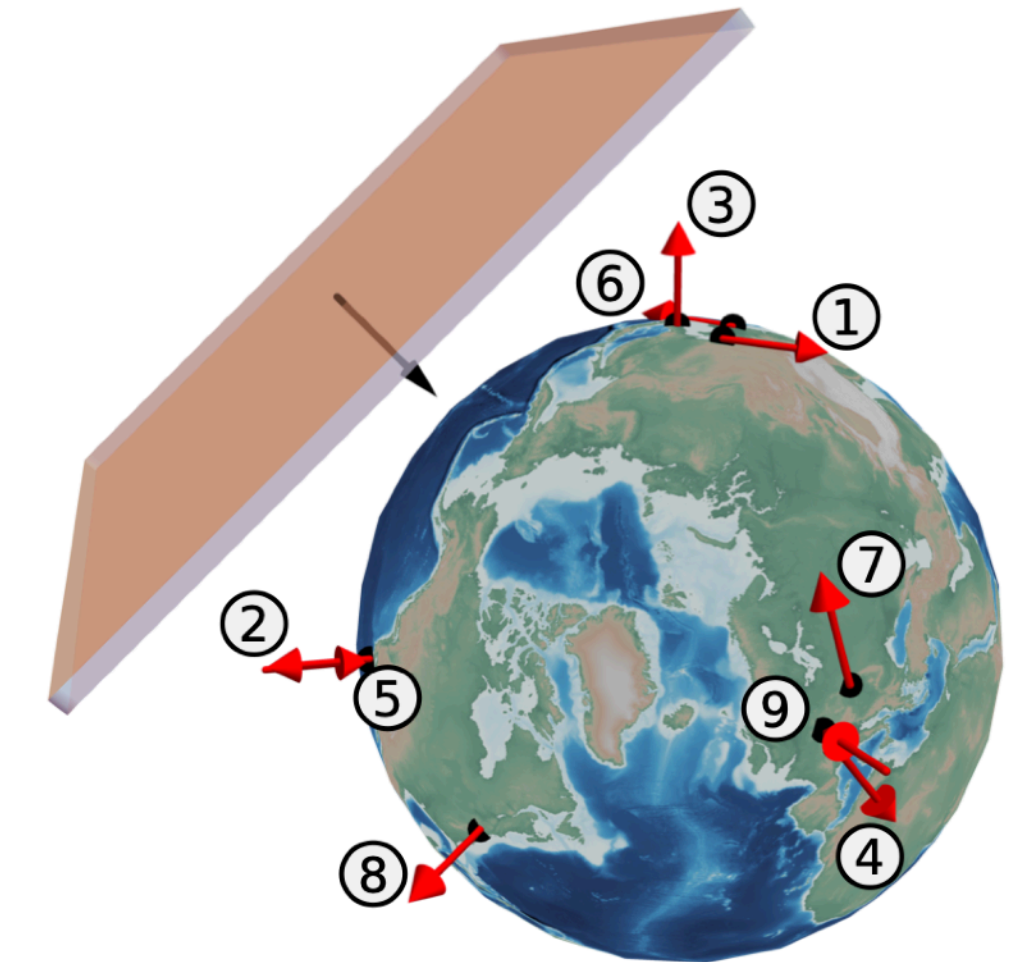
- Global Network of Optical Magnetometers for Exotic physics searches [1,2,3]
- GNOME collaboration consists of more than 20 institutions across 4 continents.
- 17 sensors on the Earth.



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GNOME for ALP DW Search

- We are looking for localized dark matter models such as ALP DW.
- Detector to test a localized dark matter density:
 - A synchronized network of geographically separated sensors
- Sensor to search for the dark matter:
 - Spin-dependent interaction with atomic magnetometers
- Why ALP DW?
 - Theoretical freedom, suitable mass range, and geometrically simple



Domain-wall Spin-dependent Interaction

- ALPs can have a spin-dependent interaction to atomic spins [1,2].

- Interaction Hamiltonian of the atomic spin: $H_{\text{int}} = \frac{(\hbar c)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{f_{\text{int}}} \hat{S} \cdot \vec{\nabla} a + \gamma \vec{S} \cdot \vec{B}$
Spin interaction due to ALP field Spin interaction due to magnetic field

- Rearrangement: $H_{\text{int}} = \gamma \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{B}_{\text{ALP}} + \vec{B})$
Spin interaction due to ALP field

- Pseudo-magnetic field:

$$\vec{B}_{\text{ALP}} = \frac{4}{\mu_B} \frac{f_{\text{SB}}}{f_{\text{int}}} m_a c^2 \frac{\sigma_s}{g_{F,s}} \hat{x}$$

$$a(x) = \frac{4f_{\text{SB}}}{\sqrt{\hbar c}} \arctan \left(\exp \left(\frac{m_a c^2}{\hbar c} x \right) \right)$$

- This is not a real magnetic field, but a substitution having the tesla unit.
- Atomic magnetometer will detect it:

$$H_{\text{int}} = \gamma \vec{S} \cdot (\vec{B}_{\text{ALP}} + \vec{B}) \approx \gamma \vec{S} \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{ALP}}$$

magnetic shielding

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Pseudo-magnetic Field from Interaction

- What the magnetometer measured is a **projected** pseudo-magnetic field:

$$\vec{B}_{\text{ALP}} = \frac{4}{\mu_B} \frac{f_{\text{SB}}}{f_{\text{int}}} m_a c^2 \frac{\sigma_s}{g_{F,s}} \hat{x} \quad \longrightarrow \quad B_{\text{ALP}} = \underbrace{\frac{4}{\mu_B} \frac{f_{\text{SB}}}{f_{\text{int}}} m_a c^2}_{\text{ALP field factor}} \underbrace{\frac{\sigma_s}{g_{F,s}} \cos \psi_s}_{\text{Magnetometer factor}} \text{Compound factor}$$

- There are further parameters to determine the domain-wall signal on a magnetometer:

- Domain-wall density:

$$\rho_{\text{DW}} \approx \frac{\sigma}{L} = \frac{1}{L} \int \frac{dx}{\hbar c} \left| \frac{da}{dx} \right|^2 = \frac{8f_{\text{SB}}m_a c^2}{L\hbar^2 c^2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad f_{\text{SB}} \sqrt{m_a c^2} = \hbar c \sqrt{\frac{L\rho_{\text{DW}}}{8}}$$

L Size of domain
 ρ_{DW} DW density

- Domain-wall thickness

$$d = \frac{2\hbar c}{m_a c^2}$$

Domain-wall Signal

- Amplitude

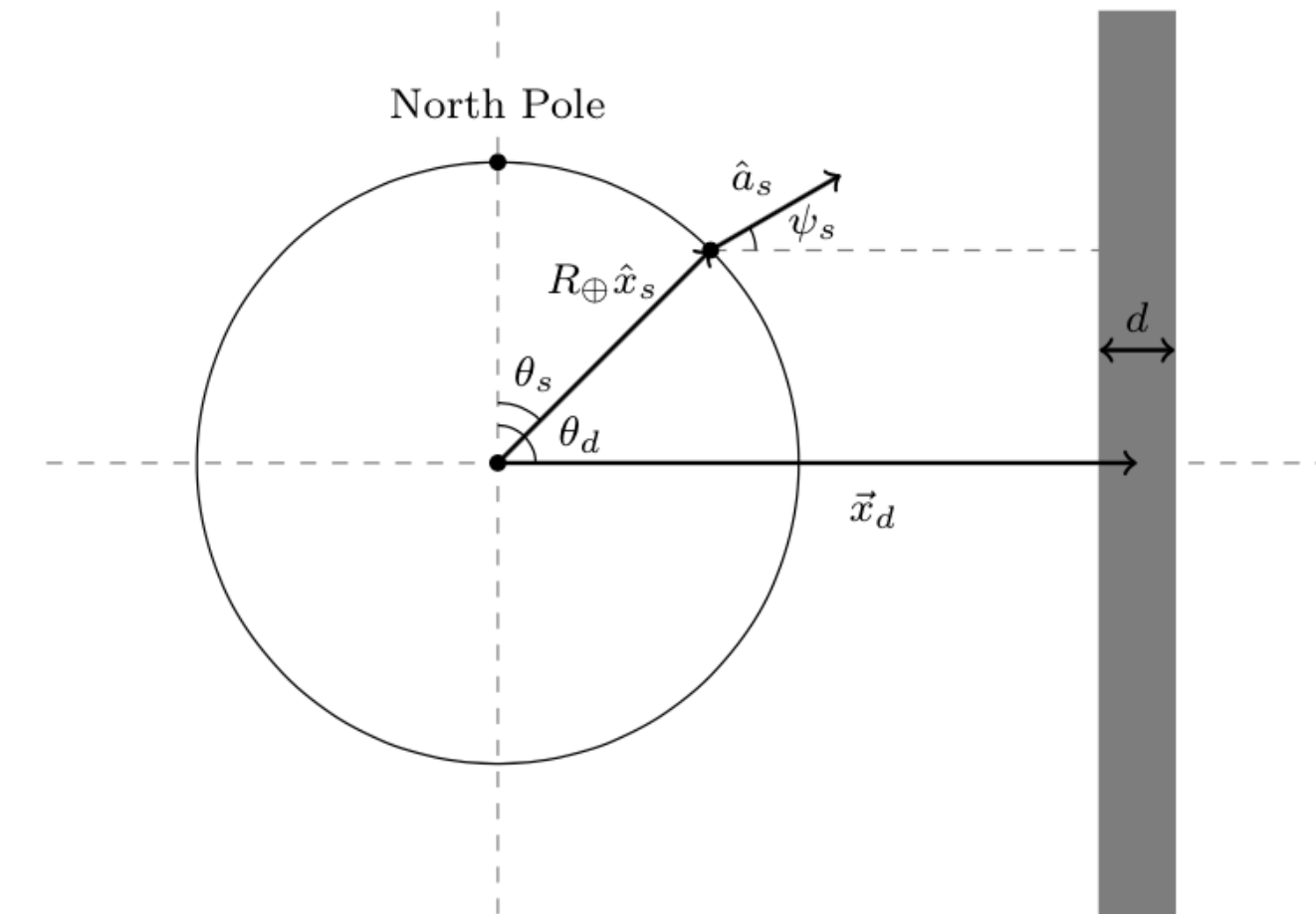
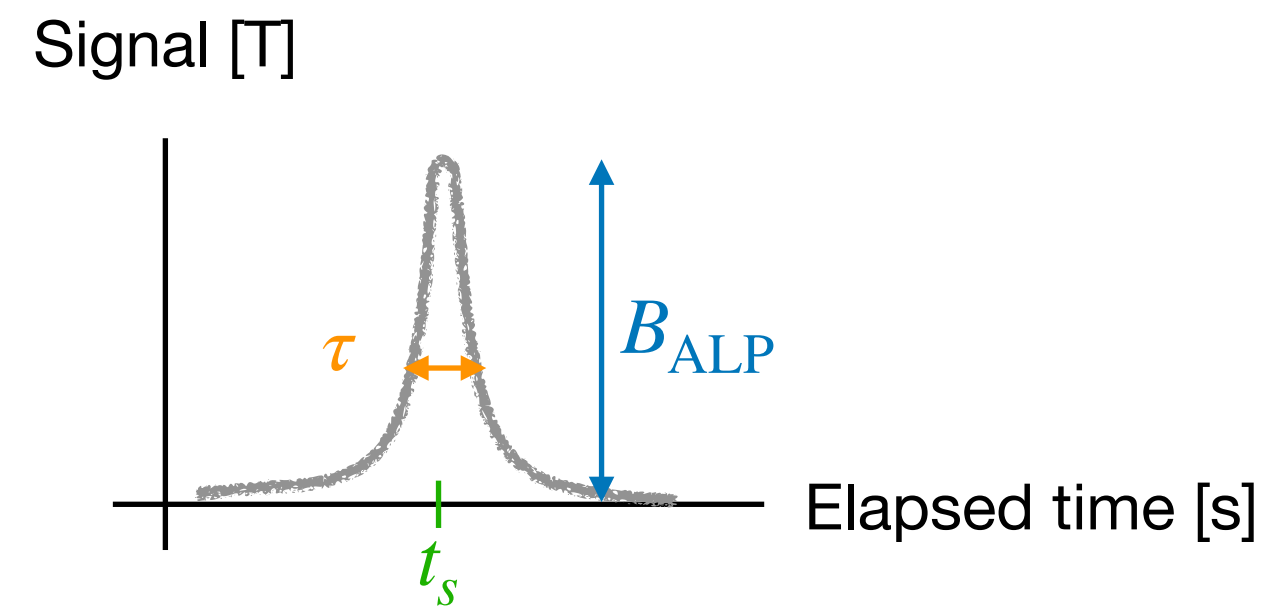
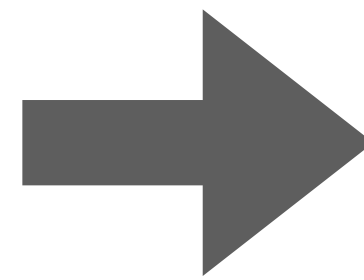
$$B_{\text{ALP}} = \frac{4}{\mu_B} \frac{f_{\text{SB}}}{f_{\text{int}}} m_a c^2 \frac{\sigma_s}{g_{F,s}} \cos \psi_s = B_s \frac{1}{f_{\text{int}}} \sqrt{m_a c^2} \cos \psi_s$$

- Duration

$$\tau = \frac{d}{|v|} = \frac{2\hbar c}{m_a c^2 |v|}$$

- Timing

$$t_s = \frac{(\vec{x}_d - \vec{x}_s) \cdot \hat{x}_d}{|v|}$$

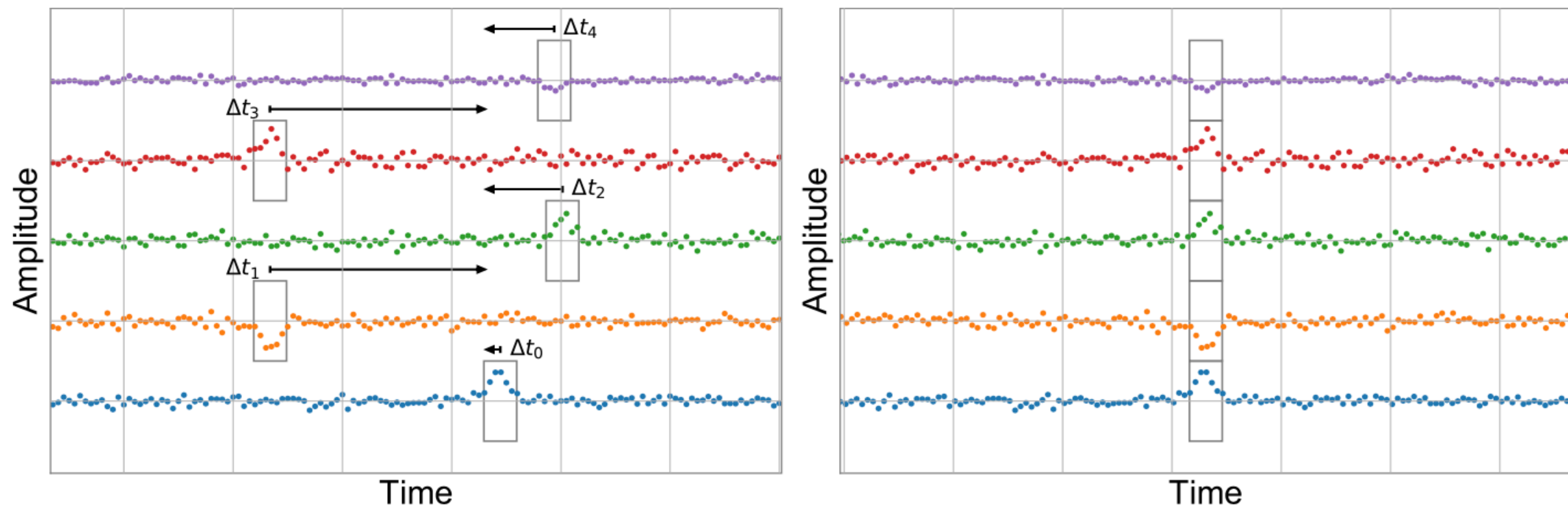


Amplitude and timing are unique to sensor

- GNOME has a number of magnetometer sensors in the world, installed at different locations.
- Pairs of the domain-wall signal amplitude and timing are all distinct for each sensor.

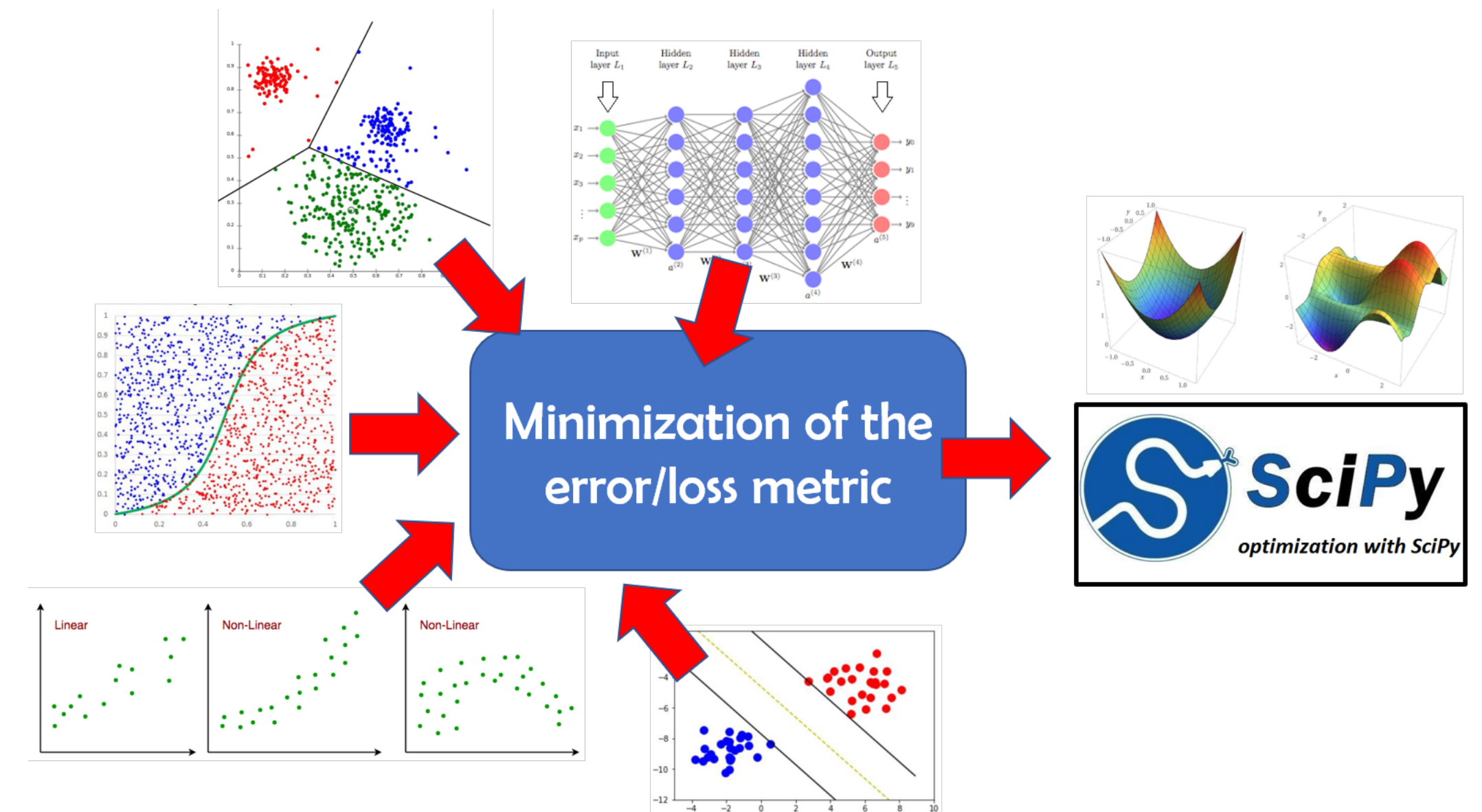
Former Analysis Method

- DW coincidence check with velocity scanning by time shifting among stations
- DW consistence check with DW orientation and sensitive directions of stations
- DW significance check with simulated false positive events



Signal Detection: Minimization Problem

- Minimization of $f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f(x_i)$ where $\vec{\nabla} f = 0$ requires well-designed optimization setup.
- Appropriate $f(x)$: cost function
- Appropriate x_0 : grid estimation
- Appropriate $\vec{\gamma}$: adaptive momentum



Minimization is a what Machine Learning does [1].

[1] Tirthajyoti Sarkar, Optimization with SciPy and application ideas to machine learning, towards data science

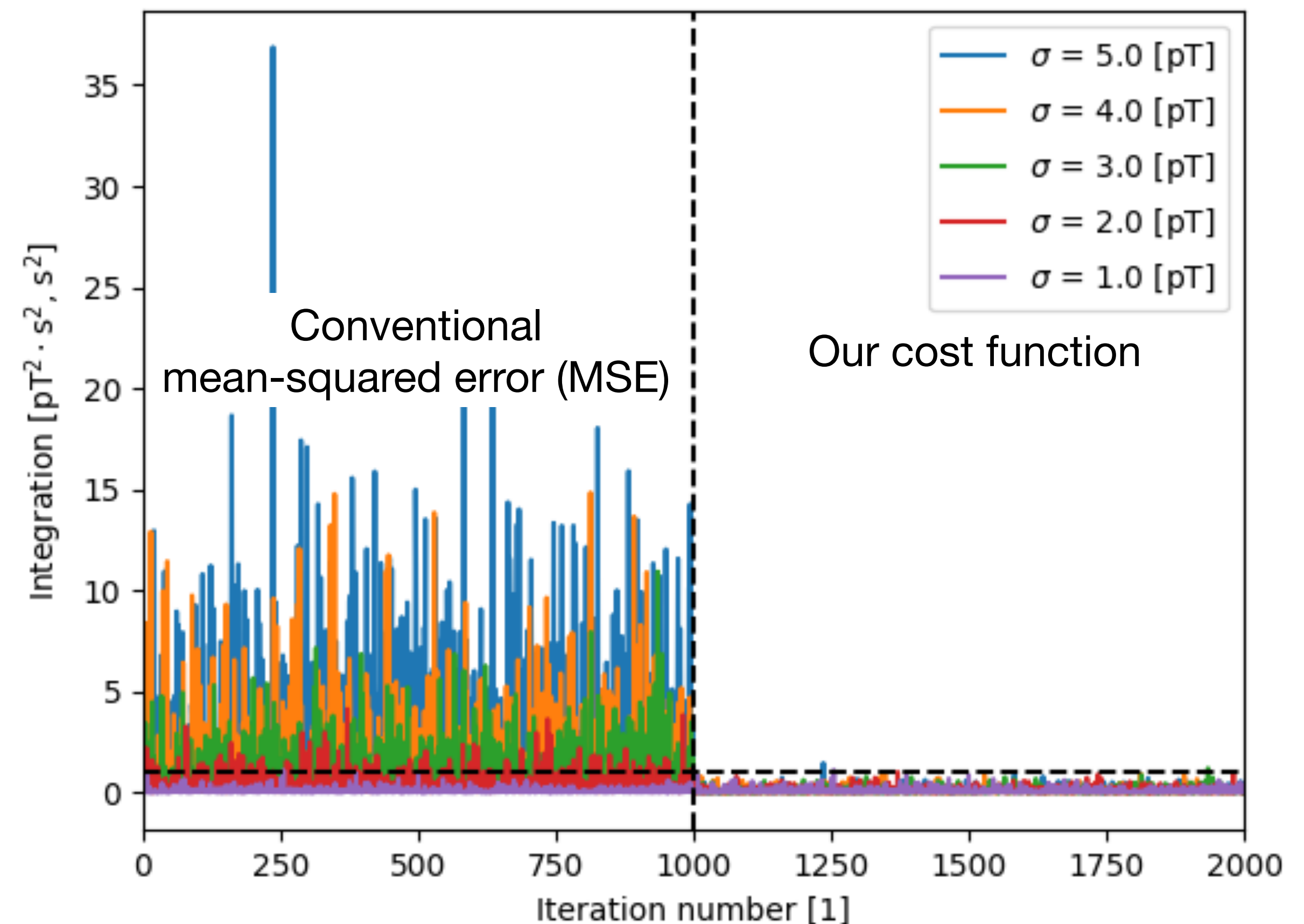
Cost function

- Minimization of $f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f(x_i)$ where $\vec{\nabla} f = 0$ requires well-designed optimization setup.

- Appropriate $f(x)$: cost function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_s \frac{1}{(\sigma_s s)^2 \mathcal{T}} \int_0^{\mathcal{T}} \left(\int_0^t (S_s(t') - \tilde{S}_s(t'; x)) dt' \right)^2 dt$$

- Independent of
 - # of stations
 - Standard deviation of station



Simulations of cost function for Gaussian noises

Grid Estimation

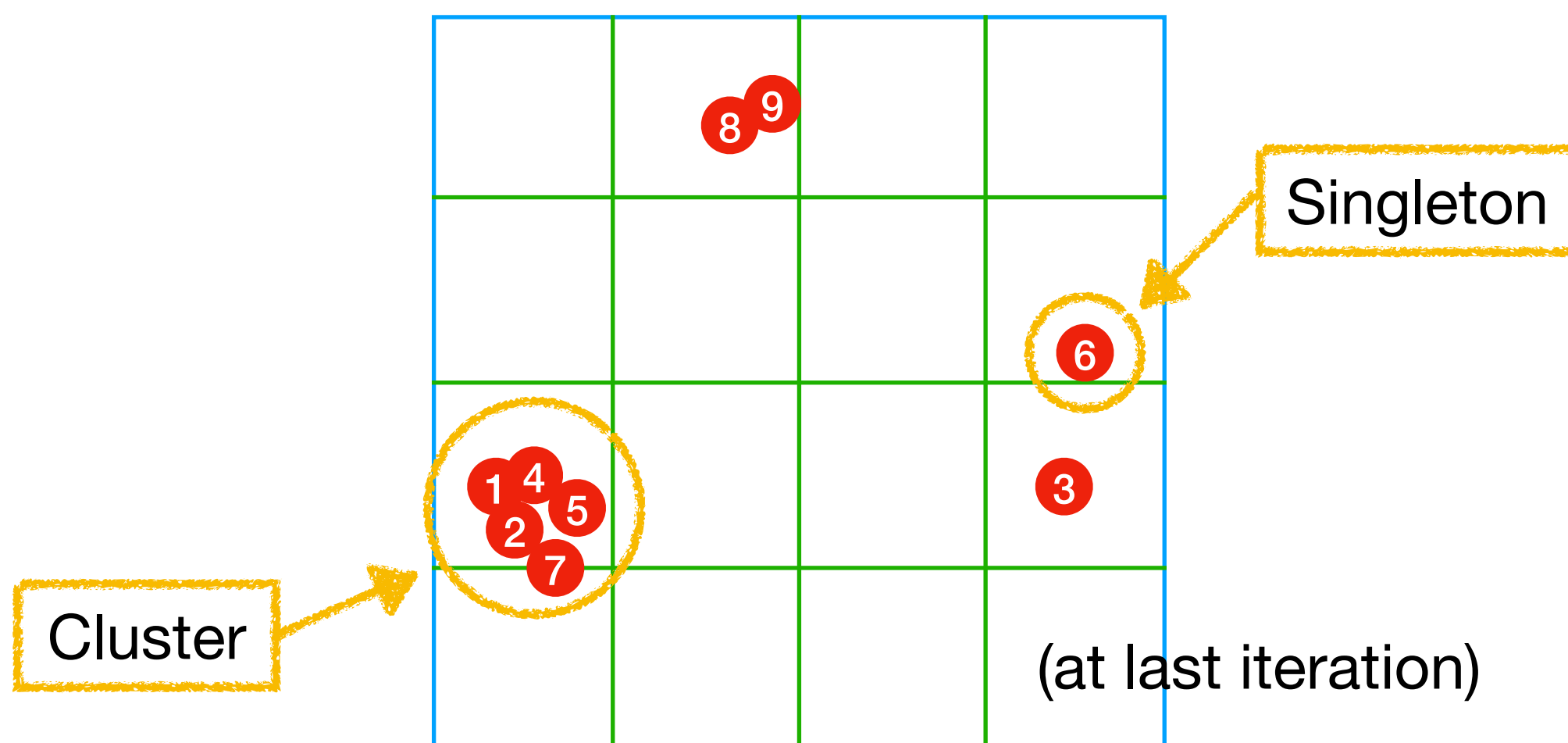
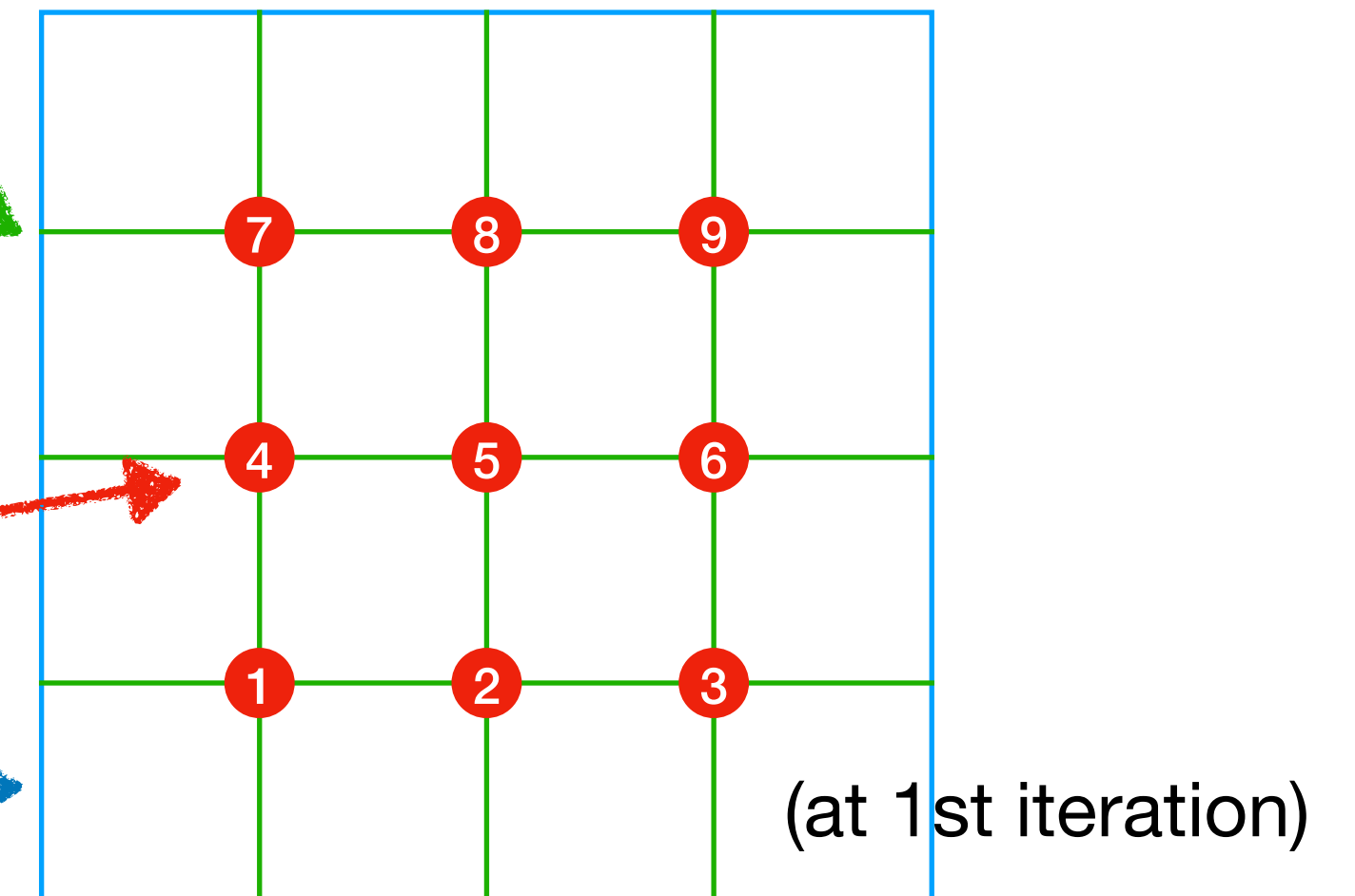
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Evenly divided grid

Estimating parameters at initial iteration for every estimations

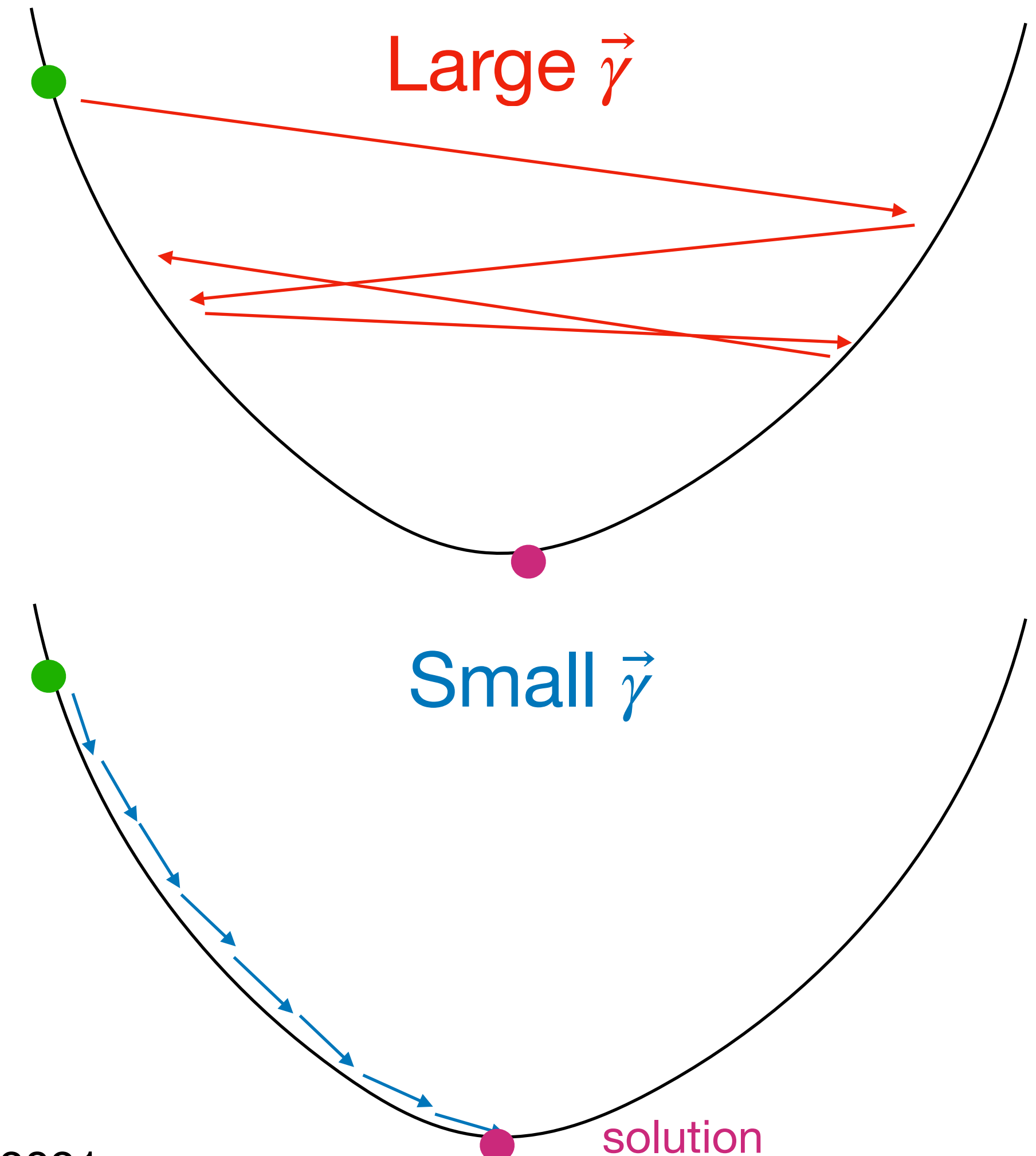
Whole estimating parameters space



Adaptive Momentum

- Minimization of $f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f(x_i)$ where $\vec{\nabla} f = 0$ requires well-designed optimization setup.
- Appropriate $f(x)$: cost function
- Appropriate x_0 : grid estimation
- Appropriate $\vec{\gamma}$: adaptive momentum

$$\vec{\gamma} = \vec{\gamma}(i)$$



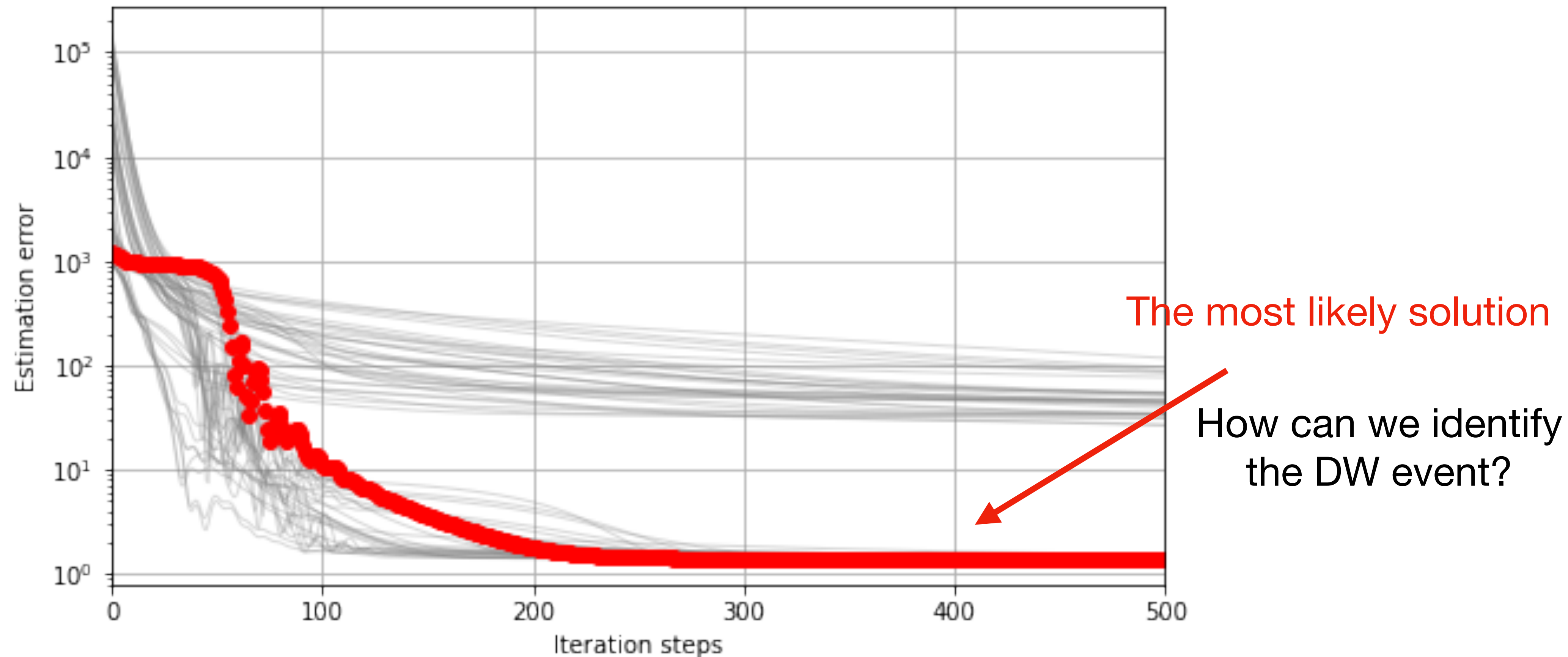
Estimation of Optimization Parameters

- The cost function is minimized when the optimization parameters correspond to the ALP DW crossing event **IF** exists.
- The optimization process estimates the ALP parameters.

	Parameters	Symbols	Estimation ranges	Normalization maps $f(x) : x \mapsto f(x)$
ALP	mass	$m_a c^2$	$(10^{-15} \text{ eV}, 10^{-11} \text{ eV})$	$(\log_{10}(x/\text{eV}) + 15)/4$
	interaction scale	f_{int}	$(10^4 \text{ GeV}, 10^8 \text{ GeV})$	$(\log_{10}(x/\text{GeV}) - 4)/4$
Direction	polar angle	θ_d	$[0, \pi]$	x/π
	azimuthal angle	ϕ_d	$[0, 2\pi)$	$x/2\pi$
Timing	relative speed	$ \vec{v}_d $	$(100 \text{ km/s}, 550 \text{ km/s})$	$(x - 100 \text{ km/s})/450 \text{ km/s}$
	relative position	$ \vec{p}_d $	$(6.4 \times 10^3 \text{ km}, 12 \times 10^3 \text{ km})$	$(x - 6.4 \times 10^3 \text{ km})/5.6 \times 10^3 \text{ km}$

Tracing Estimation Error

- Estimation error with respect to the optimization iteration step for each grid point (2 grid lines for each parameter):



Criterion for Estimation Errors

- This analysis method is tested under simulations: w/ and w/o domain-wall crossing events.

- 400 simulations with random variables.

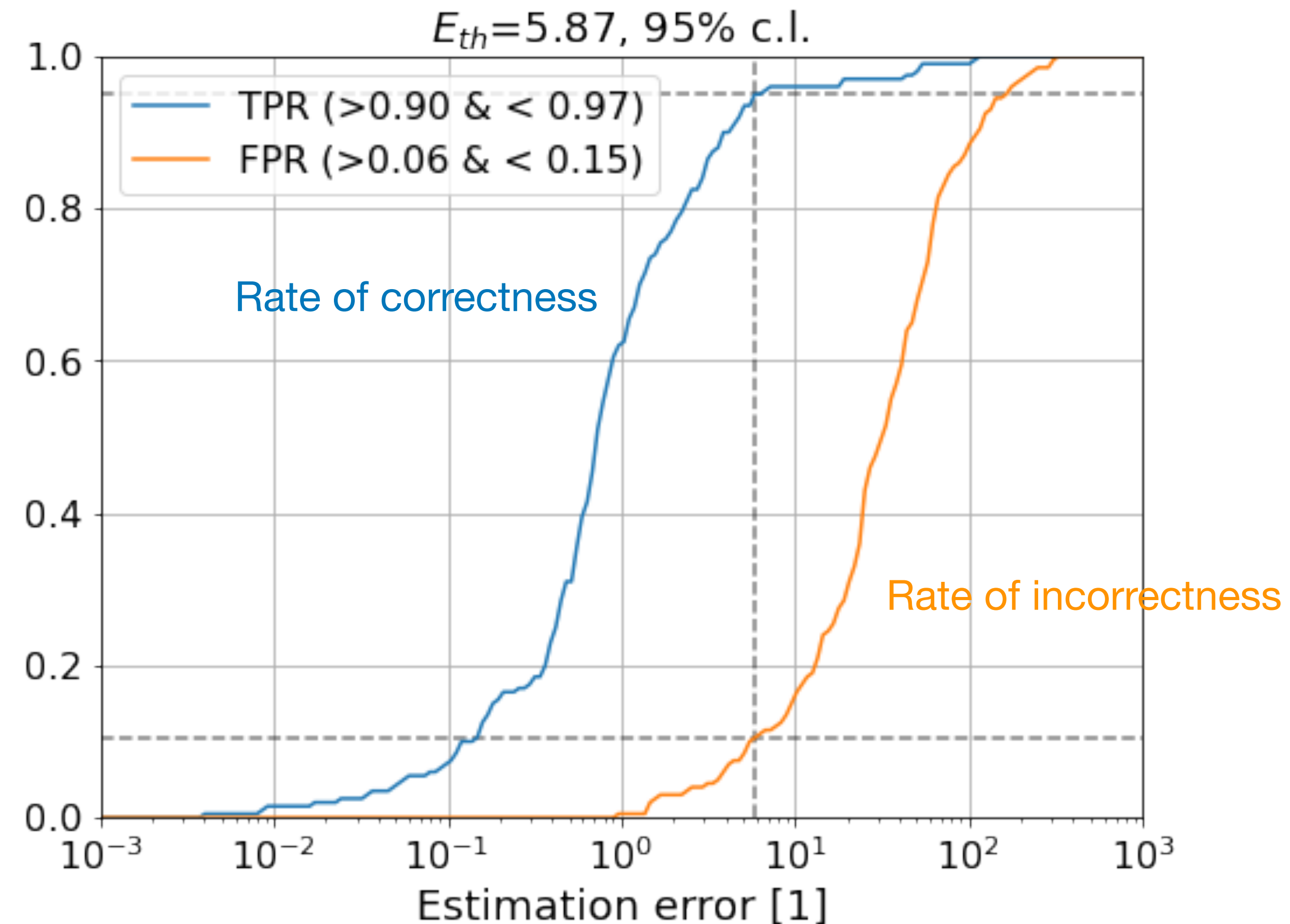
- Confidence interval by Wilson score [1,2]

$$CL_- = \max \left\{ 0, \frac{2np + z^2 - (z\sqrt{z^2 - \frac{1}{n} + 4np(1-p)} + (4p-2) + 1}{2(n+z^2)} \right\}$$

$$CL_+ = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{2np + z^2 + (z\sqrt{z^2 - \frac{1}{n} + 4np(1-p)} - (4p-2) + 1}{2(n+z^2)} \right\}$$

$n = 400, \quad p_{\text{TPR}} = 0.95, \quad p_{\text{FPR}} = 0.10, \quad z = 1.96$

- Binary classification of the analyzed result



[1] E. B. Wilson and G. N. Lewis. The space-time manifold of relativity. the non-euclidean geometry of mechanics and electromagnetics. Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 48(11):389– 507, 1912.

[2] R. G. Newcombe, Statistics in Medicine 17, 857 (1998)

Parameter Space Optimization

- Recall: the optimization process estimates the ALP parameters.

- True positives: how well they are estimated

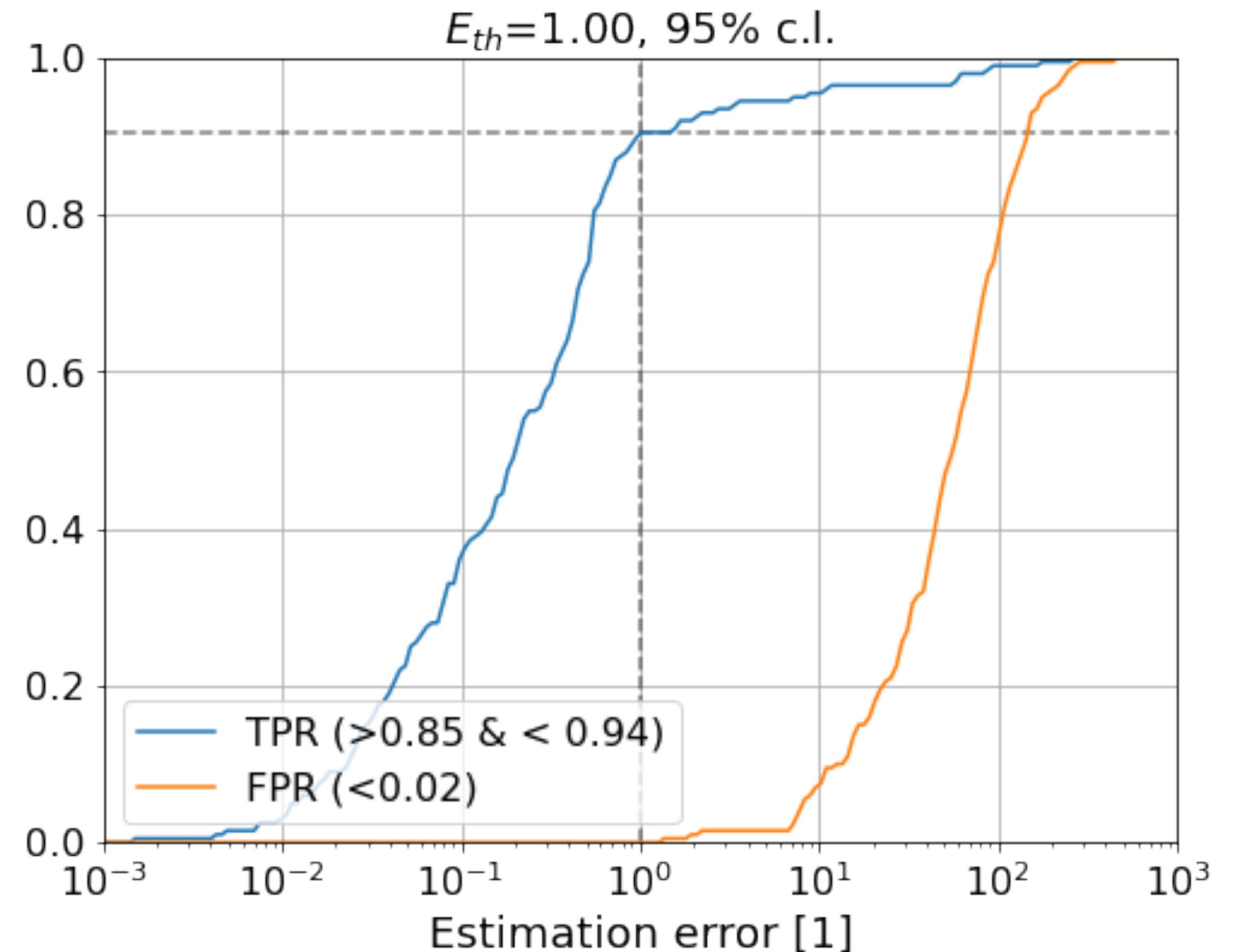
$$\text{distance} = \sqrt{\left((m_a c^2)_{\text{sol}} - (m_a c^2)_{\text{est}} \right)^2 + \left((f_{\text{eff}})_{\text{sol}} - (f_{\text{eff}})_{\text{est}} \right)^2}$$

- Figure of merits:

- # of fractions for distance < 0.02 ×

- Area of the parameter space

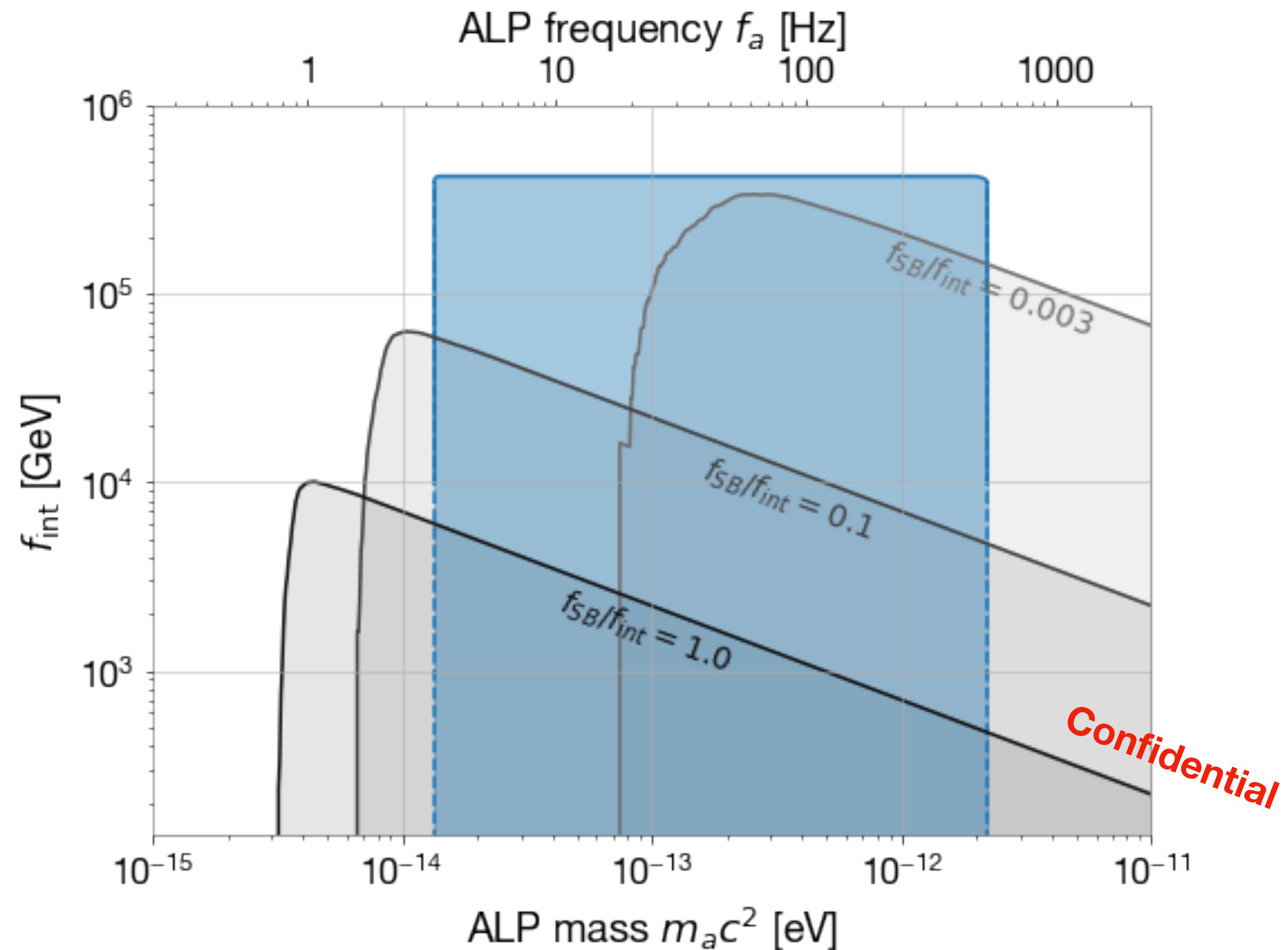
- TPR and FPR are separated by optimization



$$n = 400, \quad p_{\text{TPR}} = 0.91, \quad p_{\text{FPR}} = 0.00, \quad z = 1.96$$

Projected Parameter Space

- Projected parameter space which can be covered by this analysis method (95% C.L.):



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