



Applications of IaaS in



# Gravitational Wave Astronomy

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# Gravitational Wave Astronomy

Large scale astrophysical events ripple the fabric of spacetime

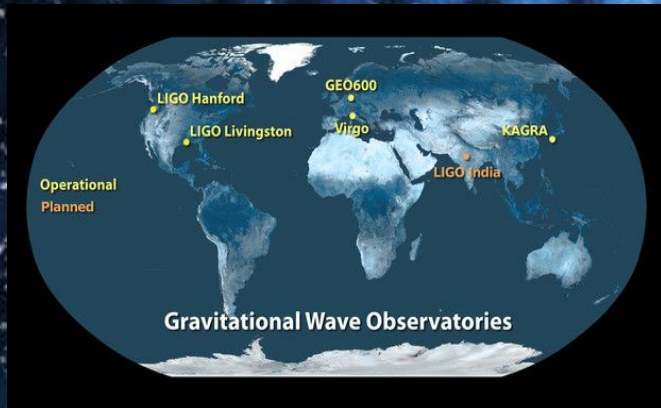
Detect with (for now) ground-based interferometers



Hanford, Washington

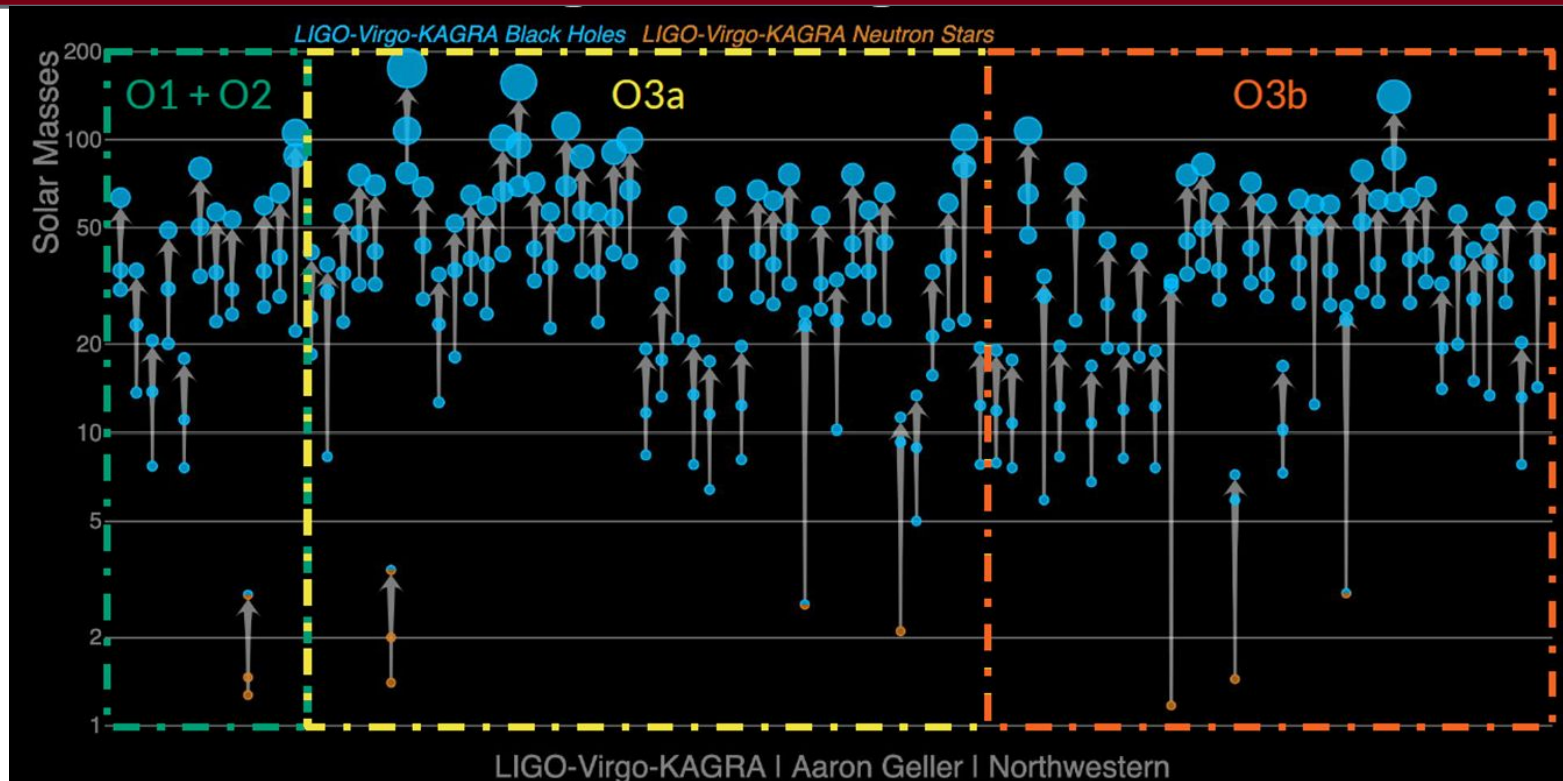


Livingston, Louisiana



Network of observatories all over the world

# Third transient event catalog: GWTC-3



11 events  
from O1+O2

44 events in O3a, 55 total  
1041 "subthreshold" events in O1,02,O3a

35 events in O3b, 90 total  
(catalogs are cumulative)

# Gravitational Wave Astronomy - LIGO Data

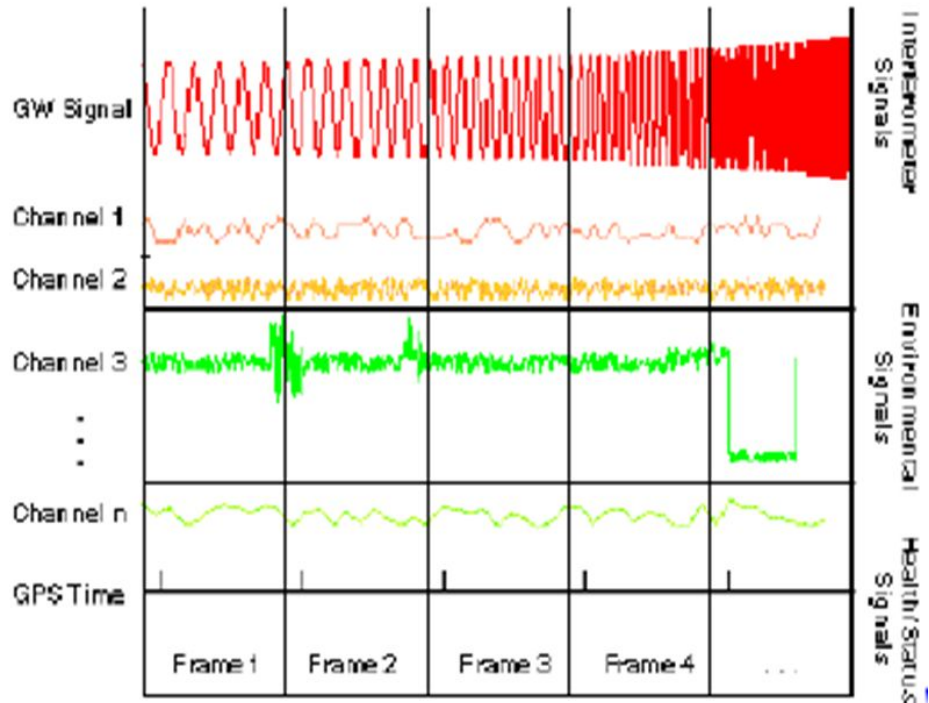
## Continuous **time series** (1Hz, 128Hz ... 16kHz)

**Gravitational Wave channel:**  
~20GB/day (per instrument)

**Physical Environment Monitors** (seismometers, accelerometers, magnetometers, microphones etc)

**Internal Engineering Monitors** (sensing, housekeeping, status etc)

Together with various intermediate data products >2TB/day (per instrument)



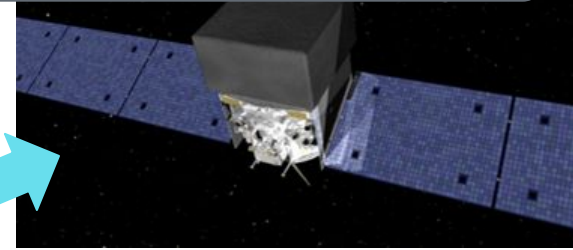
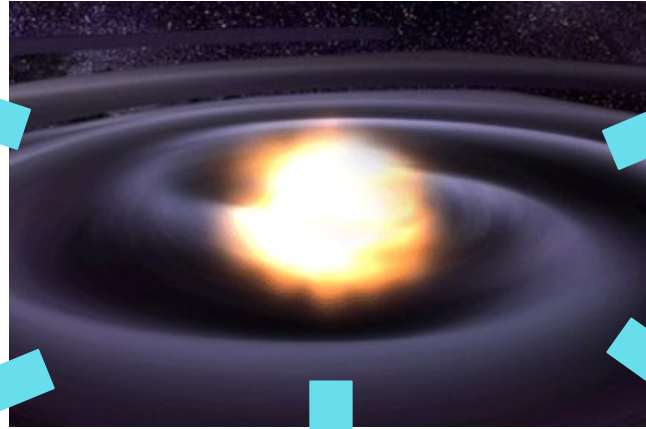
Initial and Enhanced LIGO archive (2002-2010) exceeds 1PB of data



# Multi-messenger Astronomy



Gravitational waves



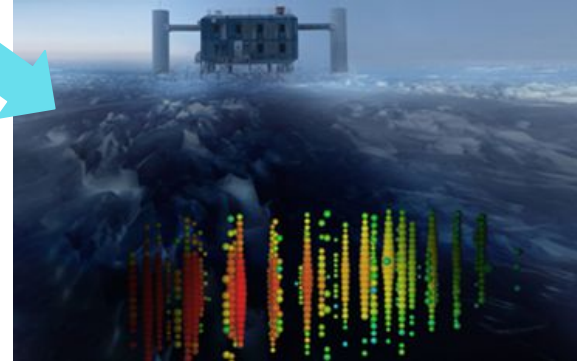
X-rays/Gamma-rays



Visible/infrared light



Radio waves



Neutrinos

# Machine Learning in GW Astronomy

## Online

Real-time analysis with goal of alerting electromagnetic astronomers (MMA) of significant events

Detect events → Localize on Sky  
→ Send public alerts

Main consideration is *latency*

## Offline

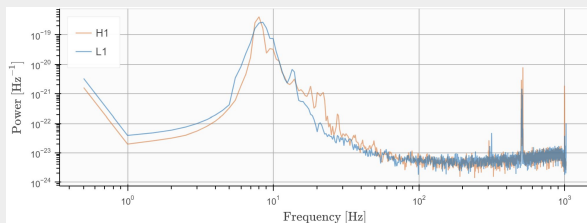
Large scale analysis of archival data for

- End to end searches
- Validating new methods, performing new research

Main consideration is *throughput*

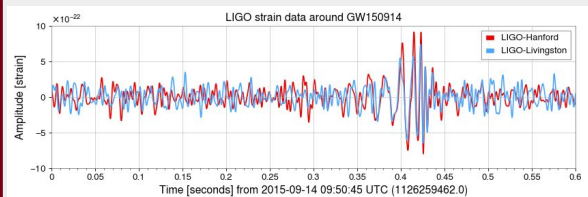
# Machine Learning in GW Astronomy

## Detector Characterization



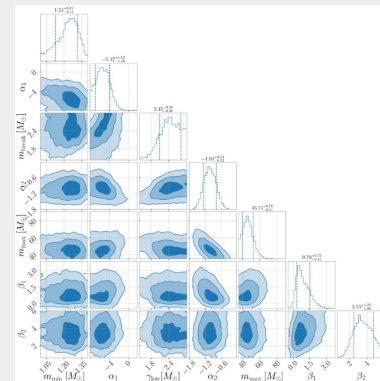
**DeepClean**: Noise regression from auxiliary channels using autoencoders

## Event Detection



**Aframe**: Detecting CBC events in low latency with supervised neural networks

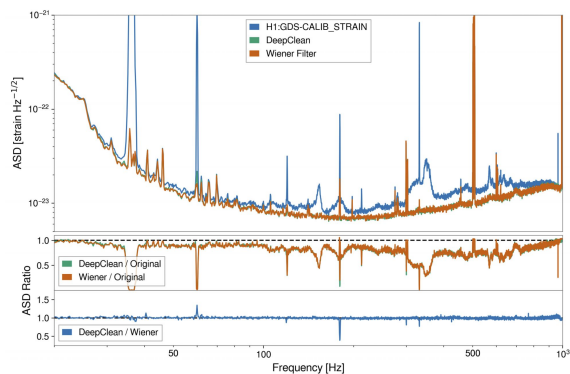
## Event Characterization



**Parameter estimation**: Characterizing source parameters with Normalizing Flows

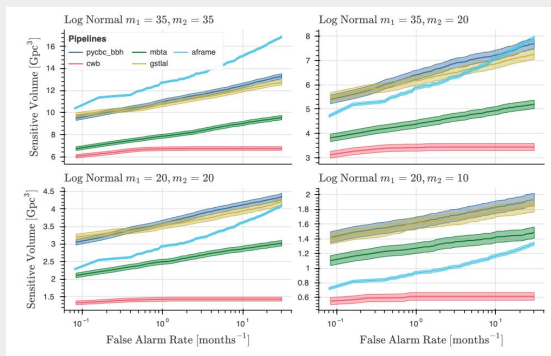
# Initial Success

## DeepClean



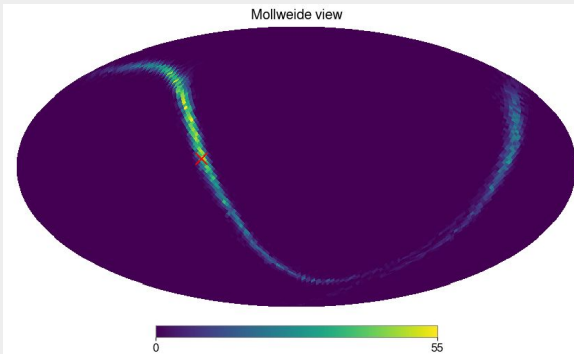
*Offline regression of  
60Hz power line*

## Aframe



*Comparable Sensitivities  
with matched filtering  
pipelines over the O3  
observing run*

## Parameter Estimation

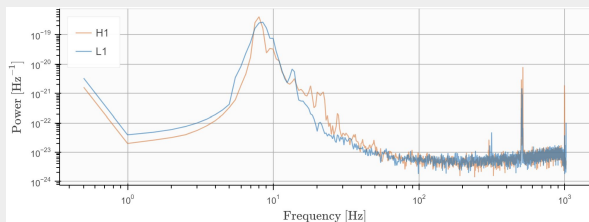


*Success estimating sky  
localization using generic  
templates*



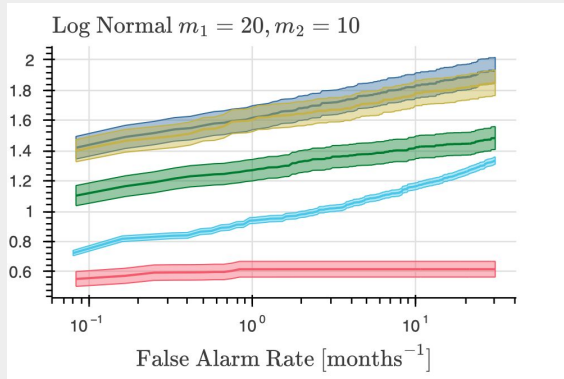
# Not Without Limitations

## DeepClean



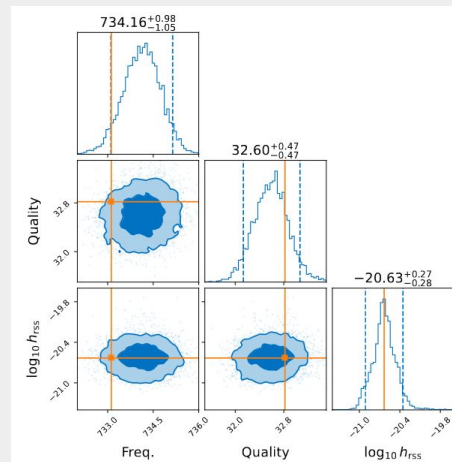
*Can DeepClean solve other known noise coupling problems?*

## Aframe



*Reduced sensitivities at lower mass ranges*

## Parameter Estimation



*Wider error bars than standard Bayesian methods*

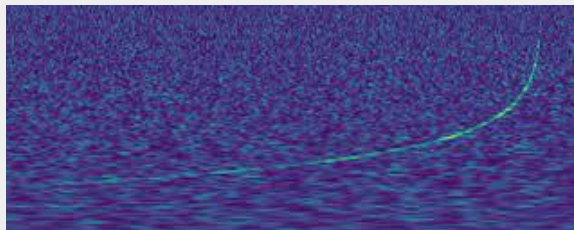
# Many Ideas

## DeepClean

```
@dataclass
class Coupling:
    freq_low: float
    freq_high: float
    witnesses: list[str]
```

*Investigate complex couplings beyond standard 60Hz problem*

## Aframe

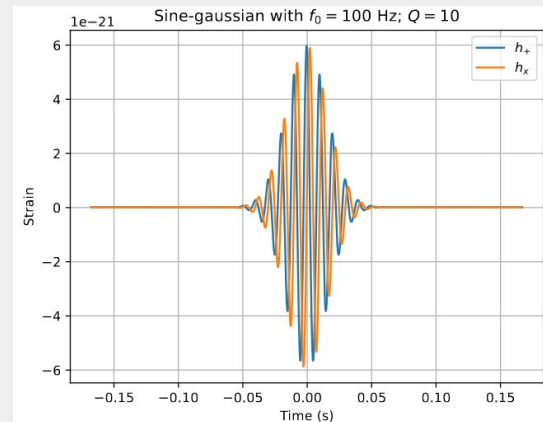


*Curriculum learning emphasizing lower mass ranges*

*Different architectures*

*Spectrograms to reduce data dimensionality*

## Parameter Estimation



*Larger models*

*Frequency domain vs time domain*

# Aframe - Sensitive Volume

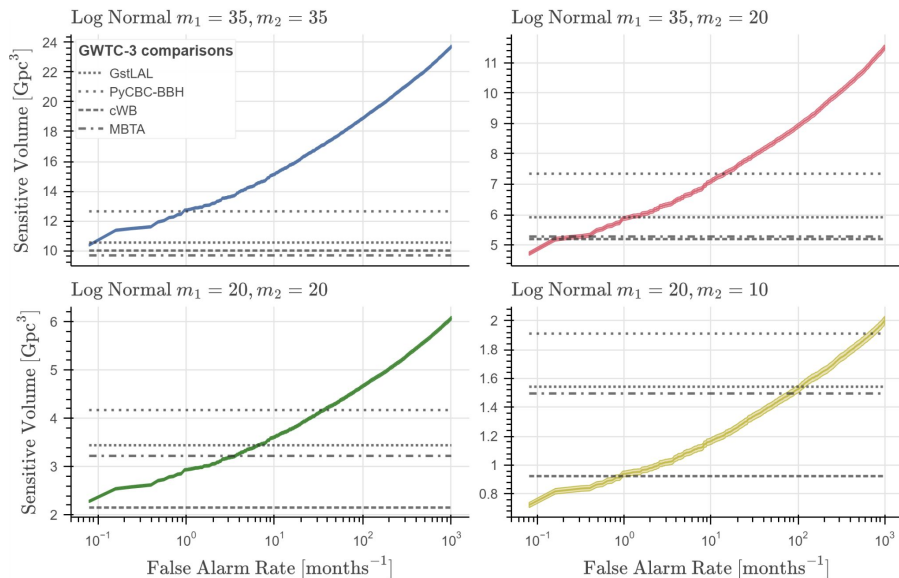
Events are assigned a false alarm rate (FAR) by analyzing background timeslides

$$\frac{\max(\sum_i^{N_b} \mathbb{I}[\eta_i \geq \eta], 1)}{T_b}$$

## Sensitive Volume -

detection algorithms effective “reach” to some population of sources at a given false alarm rate (FAR)

To get O(years) significance, need O(years) background



# Aframe - Vanilla Inference Deployment

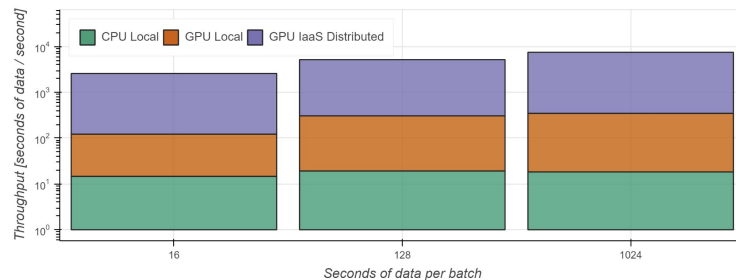
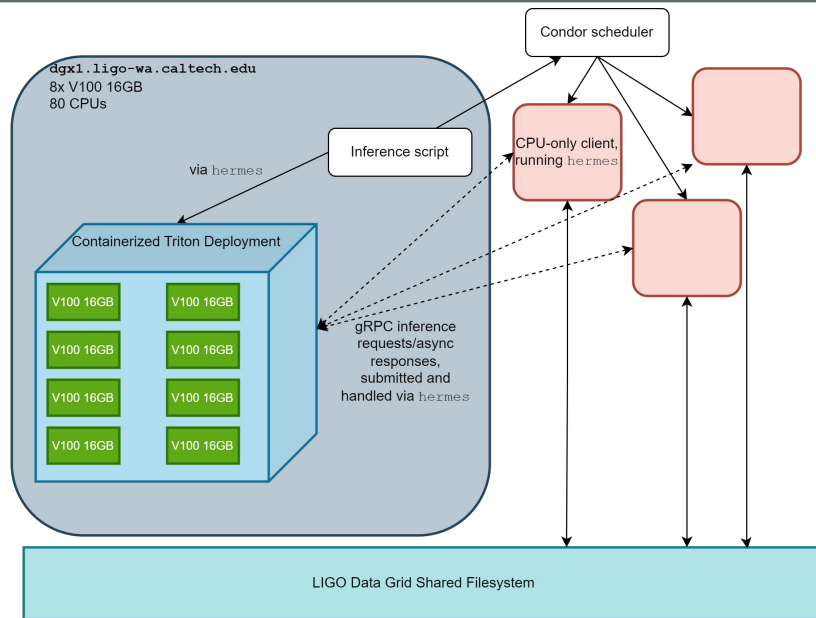
- Load torch model in memory, shove data through it
- Can process ~512 seconds of data per second (s' / s) on single 16GB V100
- 1yr of background = 17hrs of compute → 70 days to get 100 yrs!
- Not quick enough for iterating on ideas

# Aframe - Local IaaS

Deploy inference service locally, bombard with requests from clients

Throughput scales nearly linearly to ~3800 s'/s

Suboptimal due to FP16 issues, lazy client:GPU ratio strategy





# Streaming IaaS - Snapshotter

Most GW use cases benefit from inference on overlapping data

Creates redundant network I/O that can bottleneck IaaS deployments

Snapshotter maintains state → only send required updates

[ml4gw](#) library offers implementations of some basic stateful steps easy to build off for more custom needs



# Aframe - IaaS Deployment

Snapshotter -  
TorchScript

Preprocessor -  
TorchScript

Aframe neural  
network - TensorRT

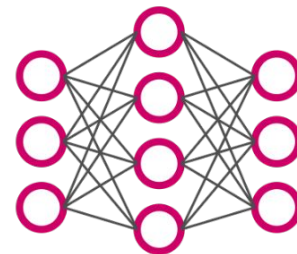
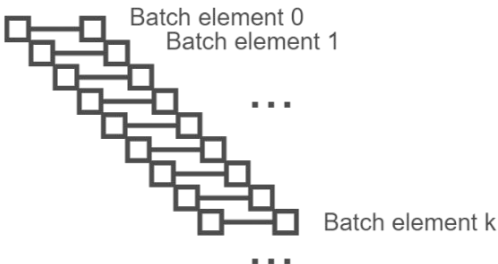
Previous data put on GPU, maintained as state

Streaming update representing a batch of *new* data

Background for estimating PSD

Discarded whitening filter settle-in

Timeseries to be windowed into batch



# hermes iaaS made simple

<https://github.com/ML4GW/hermes>

Export

- Managing model repository
- Pythonic interfaces to protobuf configs
- Simple support for stateful streaming models
- Supports Torch and TensorFlow export

Acceleration

- Conversion of Torch models to ONNX
- ONNX → TensorRT conversion with FP16 support

Deployment

- Python contexts for deploying a local inference service
- Throughput and latency metrics monitoring service

Inference

- Asynchronous inference request submission and response handling
- Input/output shape/dtype inference

# Nautilus Computing Cluster

## LIGO Data Grid (LDG)

LIGOs computing ecosystem of mostly CPU resources

Limited GPUs, workloads not scalable

GPUs (currently) not exposed to condor scheduling system

Wild west: Submit GPU jobs from head nodes, first come first serve

## Nautilus HyperCluster

Collection of computing clusters containing 1000s of GPUs

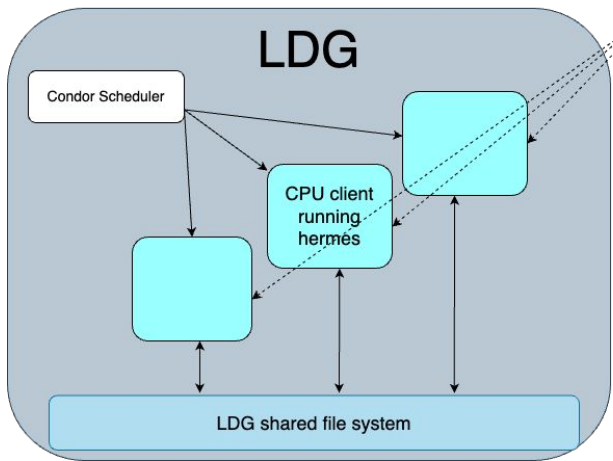
Containerized workloads

Trivially scalable with Kubernetes

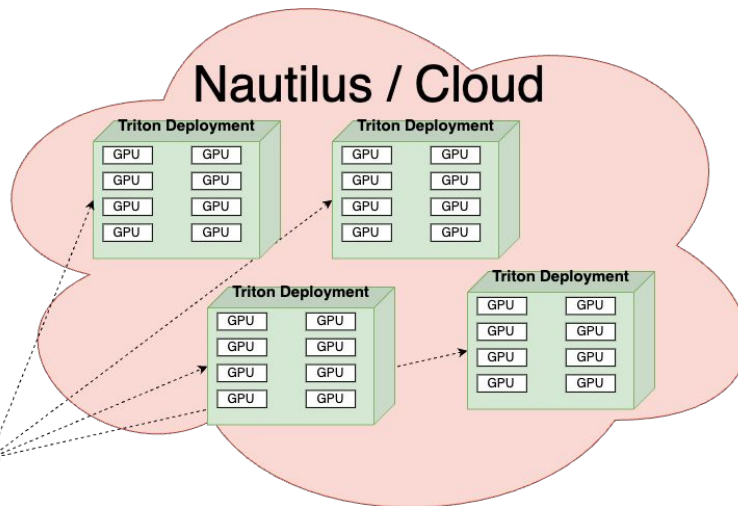
With Kubernetes infra, can easily migrate to other cloud resources

# Looking Ahead - Remote Distributed Inference

Spin up multi node  
Triton deployment  
with Kubernetes



Load Balancer

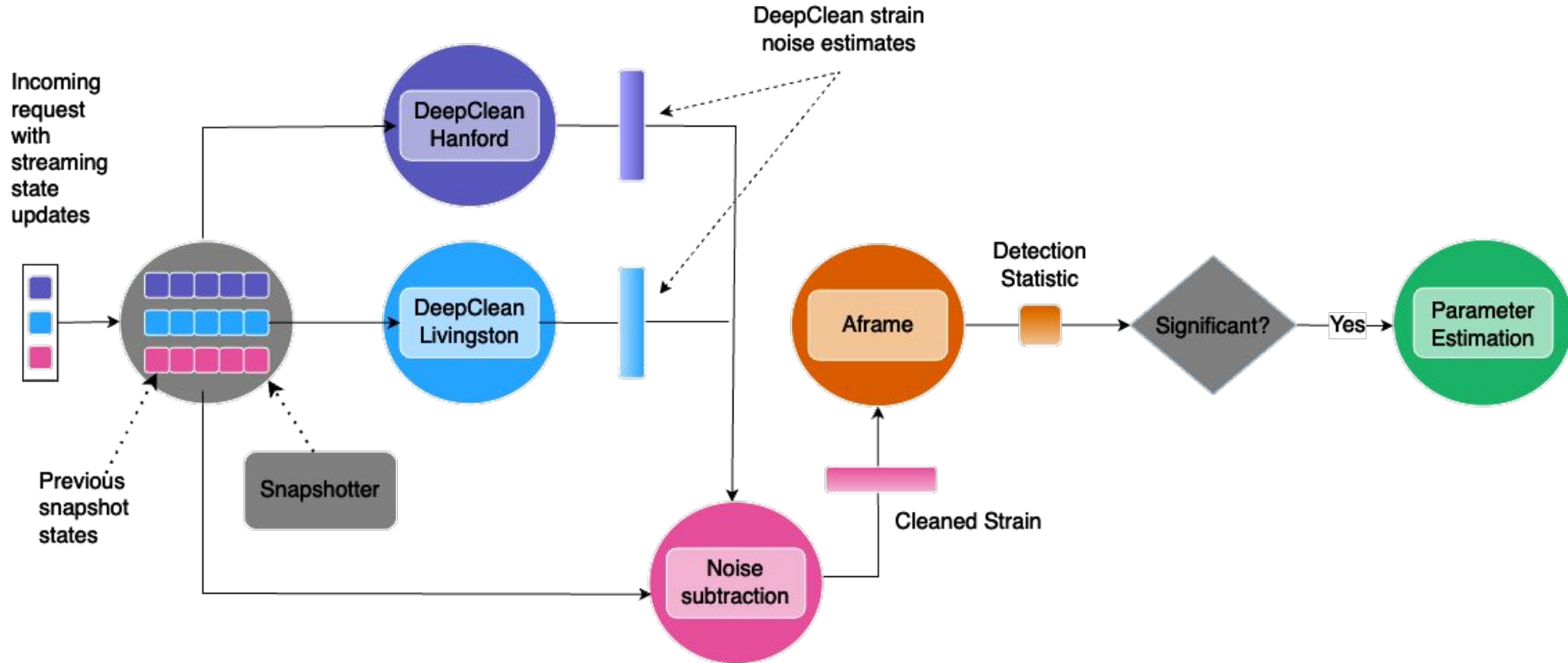


Bombard load balancer with  
requests from clients  
launched locally on LDG

Work in Progress



# Looking Ahead - Data Analysis Ensemble



# Conclusion

ML applications in GW astronomy are becoming production ready

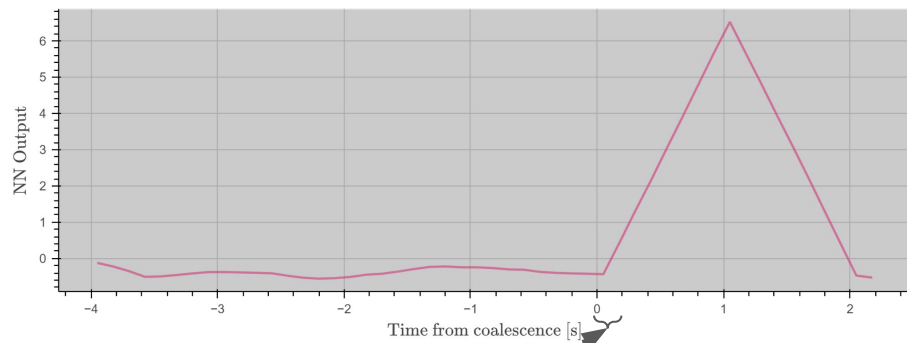
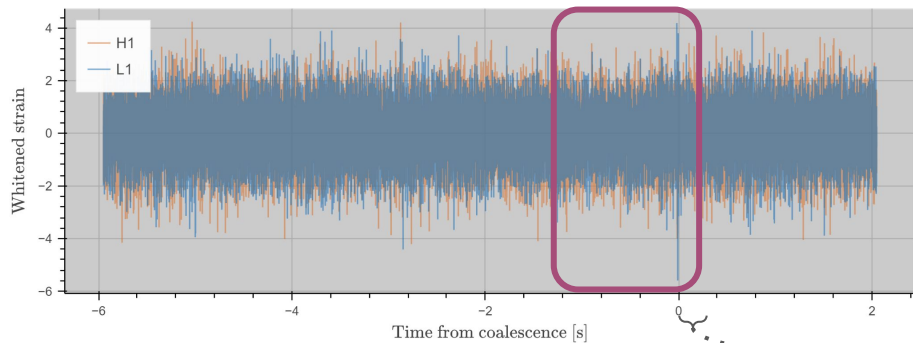
IaaS will play a critical role enabling online and offline use cases

Scaling IaaS deployments will expedite research and time to solution

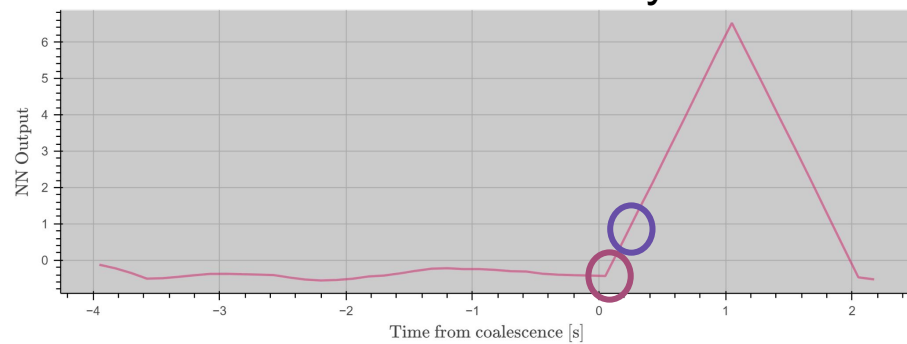
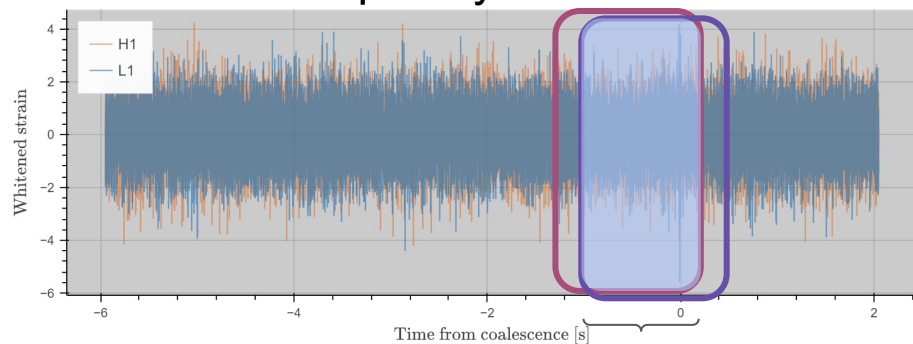
Thank You

Backups

# Aframe - Inference



Inference frequency determines resolution of coalescence time recovery



Higher frequency inference means much of input data is overlapping

Inference bottlenecked by data transfer