

# Fractal analysis of LIGO data a.k.a. How to characterize interferometric noise in low latency

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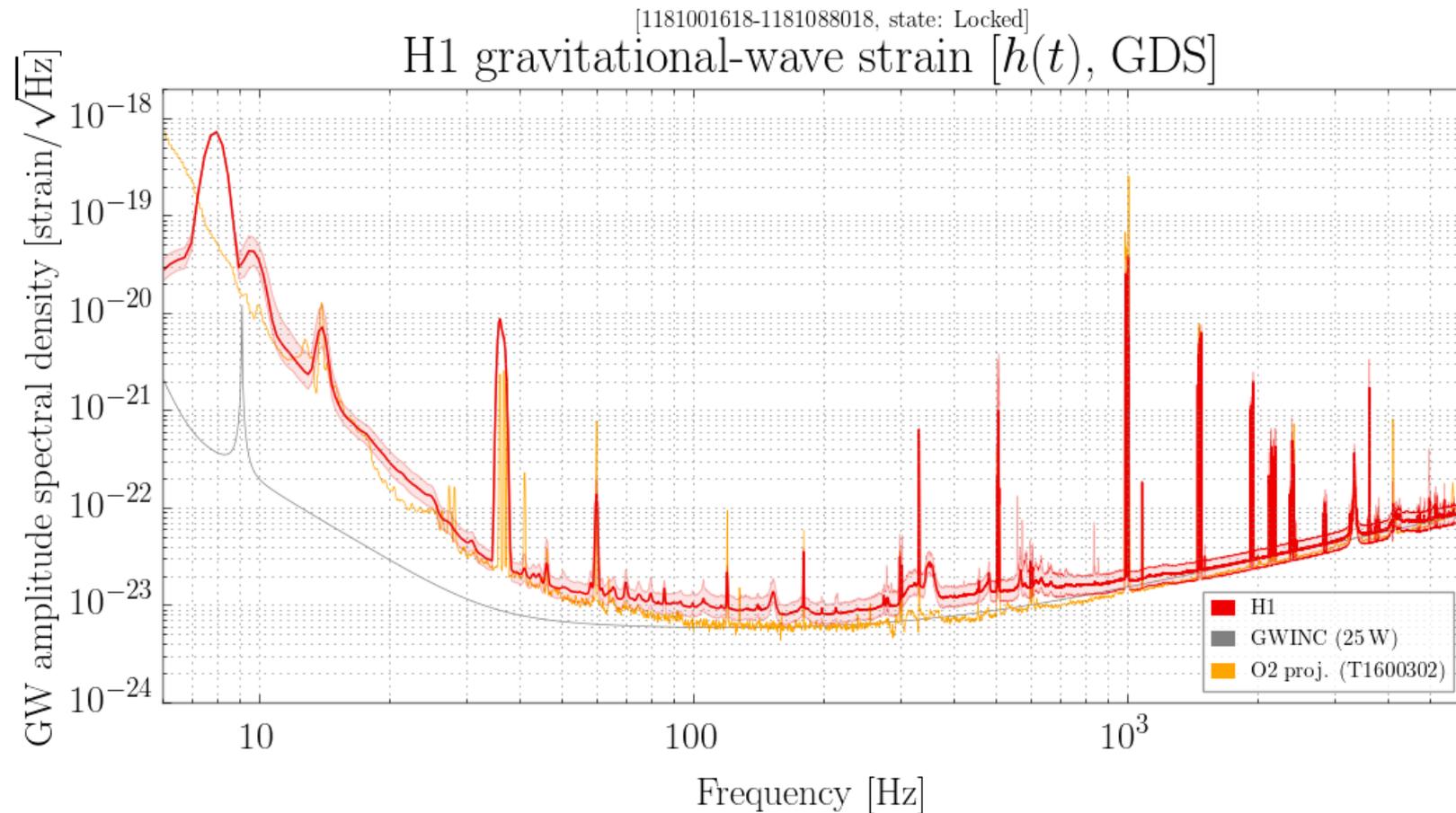
# Today is Juneteenth!

**JUNETEENTH**



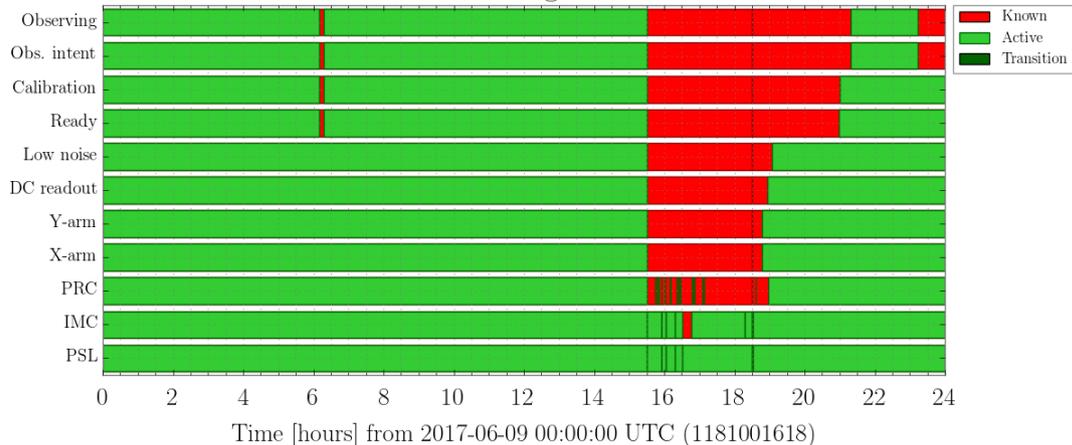
Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. It is now a federal holiday in the U.S.

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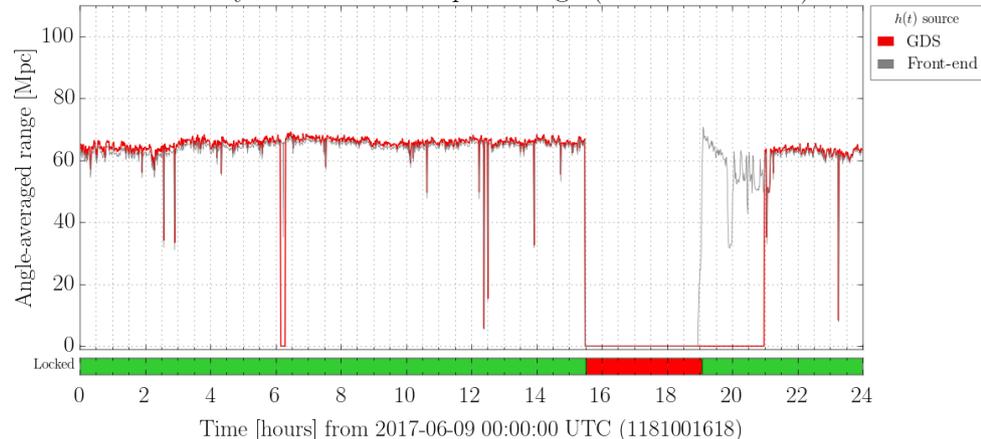


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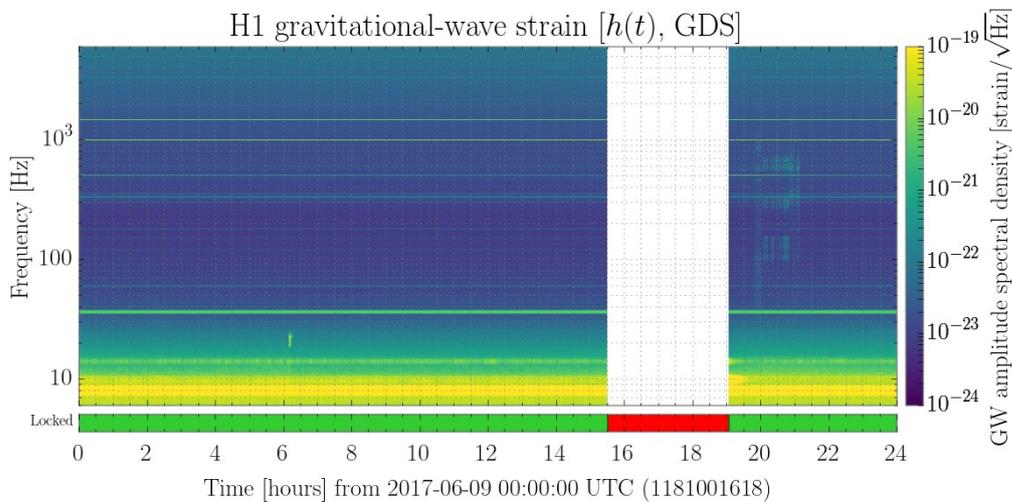
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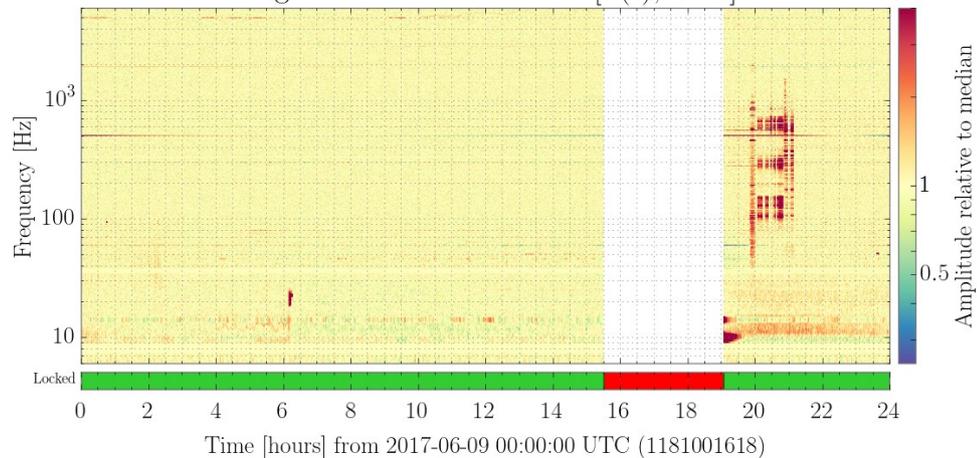
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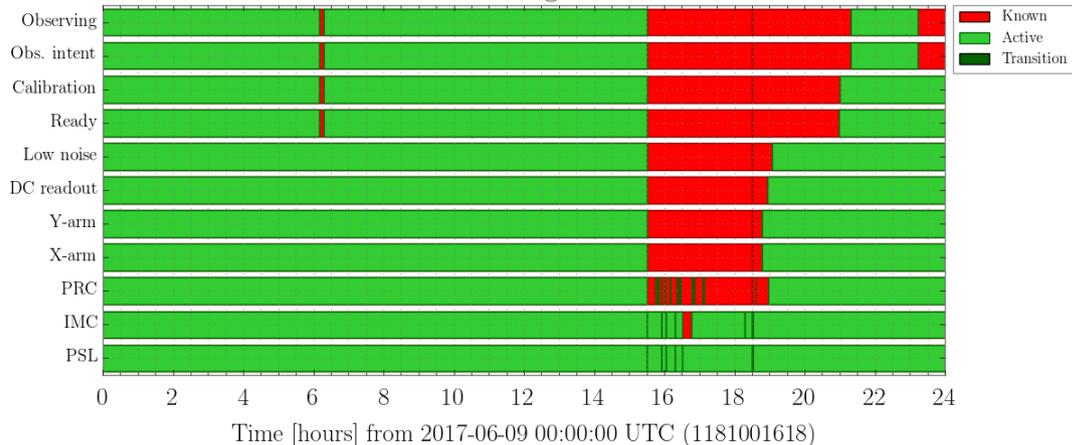


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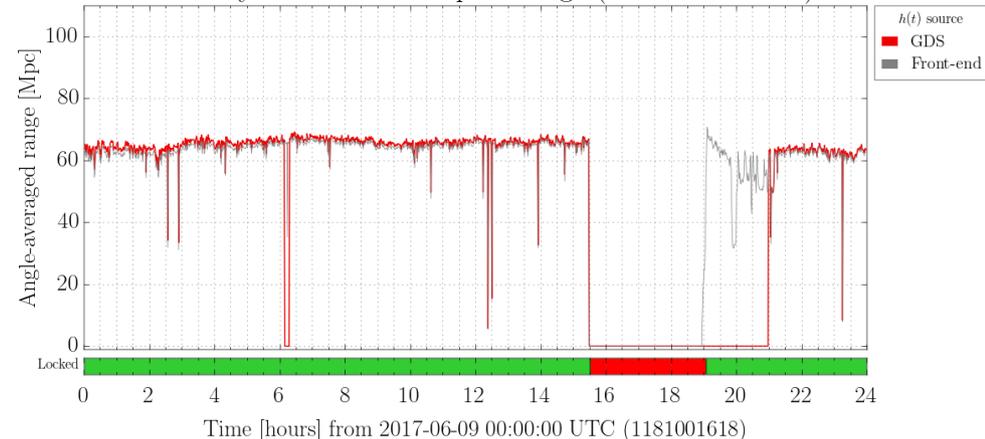


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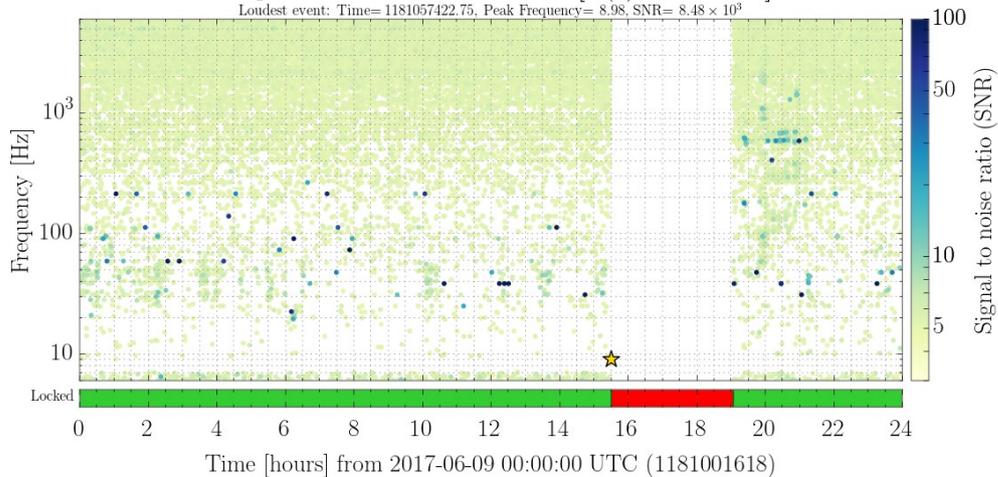


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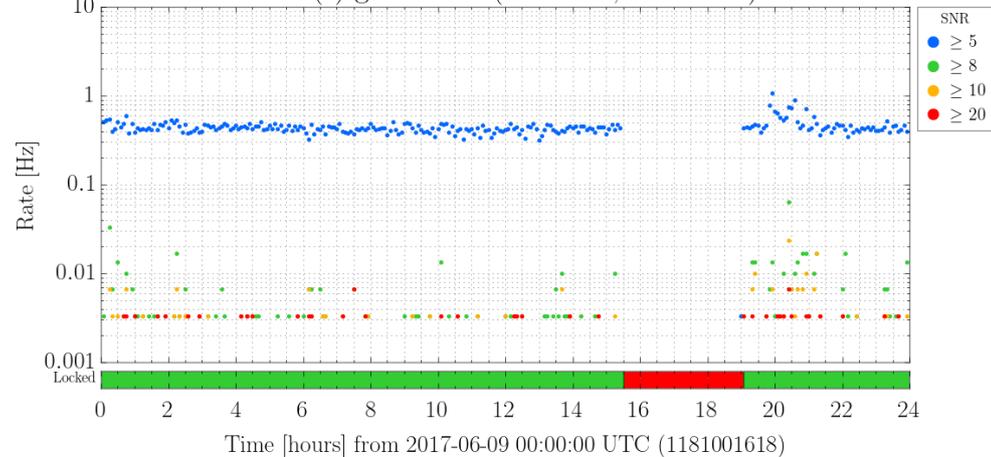


### H1 gravitational-wave strain [ $h(t)$ , Omicron]

Loudest event: Time= 1181057422.75, Peak Frequency= 8.98, SNR=  $8.48 \times 10^3$



### H1 $h(t)$ glitch rate (Omicron, 300 s bins)

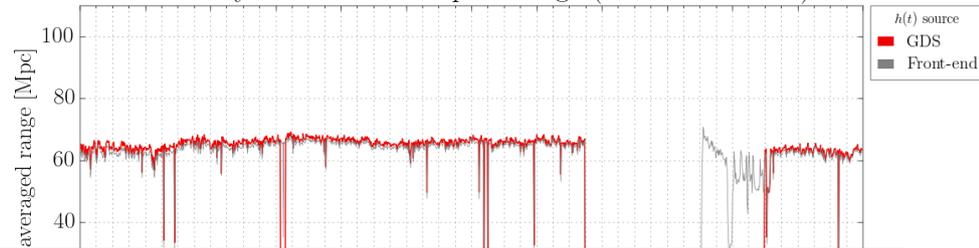


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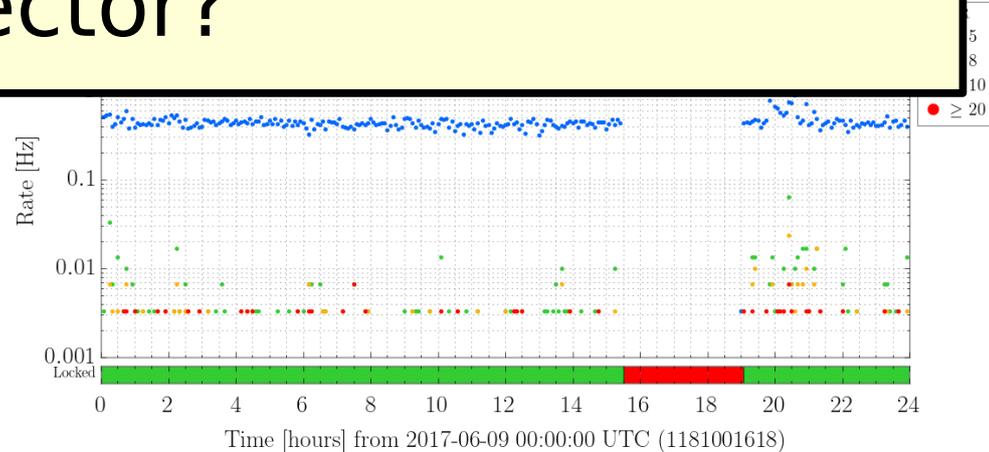
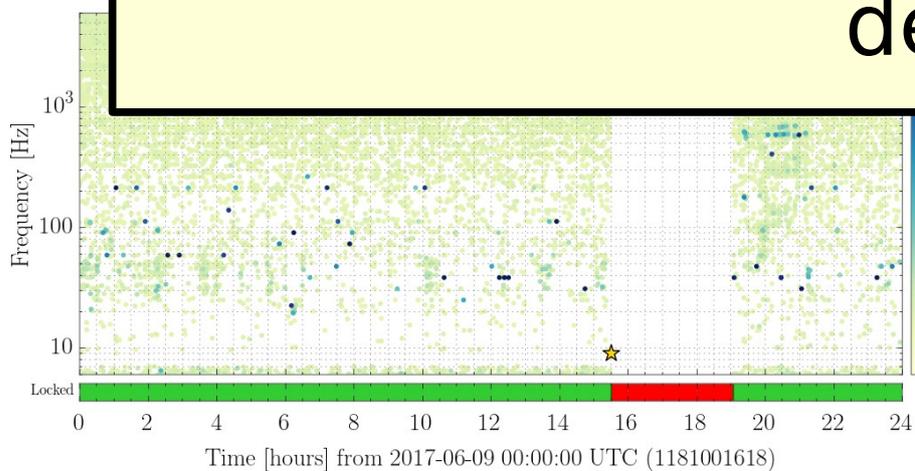
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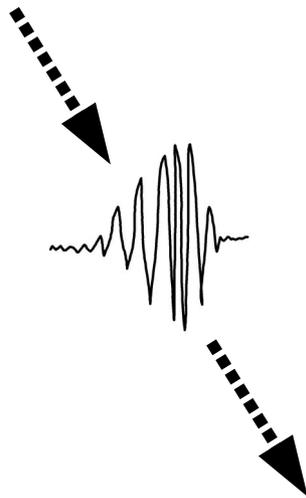
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Is there a way to characterize noise variations as they happen in the detector?



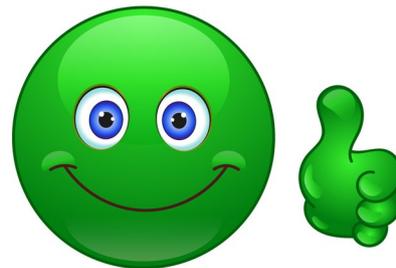
# Noise monitor concept



Bad data



Please double check...



Data OK!

# Low-latency data quality assessment

Typically a lot of work goes in Data Quality assessment

Superevent Information	
Superevent ID	S200311b0
Category	Production
Labels	DQOK EM_READY ADVOK EM_Selected EMBRIGHT_READY PASTRO_READY SKYMAP_READY GCN_PRELIM_SENT PE_READY
t <sub>start</sub>	1267963150.37
t <sub>0</sub>	1267963151.40
t <sub>end</sub>	1267963152.44
Submitted ▾	2020-03-11 11:59:09 UTC
Links	<a href="#">Data</a>

*EM advocate says event is okay.*  
**Added by:** Geoffrey Mo  
**Added:** March 11, 2020, 12:15 p.m.

# Rapid Response Team

Analyst Comments   Data Quality   Sky Localization   External Coincidence   EM Followup

## Analyst Comments

**Log Comment**

RRT minutes as PDF, updated to include chat text. ([S200311bg RRT Minutes.pdf](#))

— Submitted by Jenne Driggers on March 11, 2020 17:04:24 UTC

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RRT minutes: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TFNX3n7ZfaXmZzTuundu5rYGhmw5pFRhDtM6jcaPuYo/edit>

([S200311bg\\_RRT.mp3](#))

— Submitted by Geoffrey Mo on March 11, 2020 12:34:14 UTC

**Log Comment**

Online DQ report - H1 and L1 both look clean around the time of the event. There is some slight noise at 1.2s (below 100Hz) after the event at H1 in case anyone uses data after the event time.

— Submitted by Laura Nuttall on March 11, 2020 12:16:24 UTC

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2.1.2	Technical solutions . . . . .				
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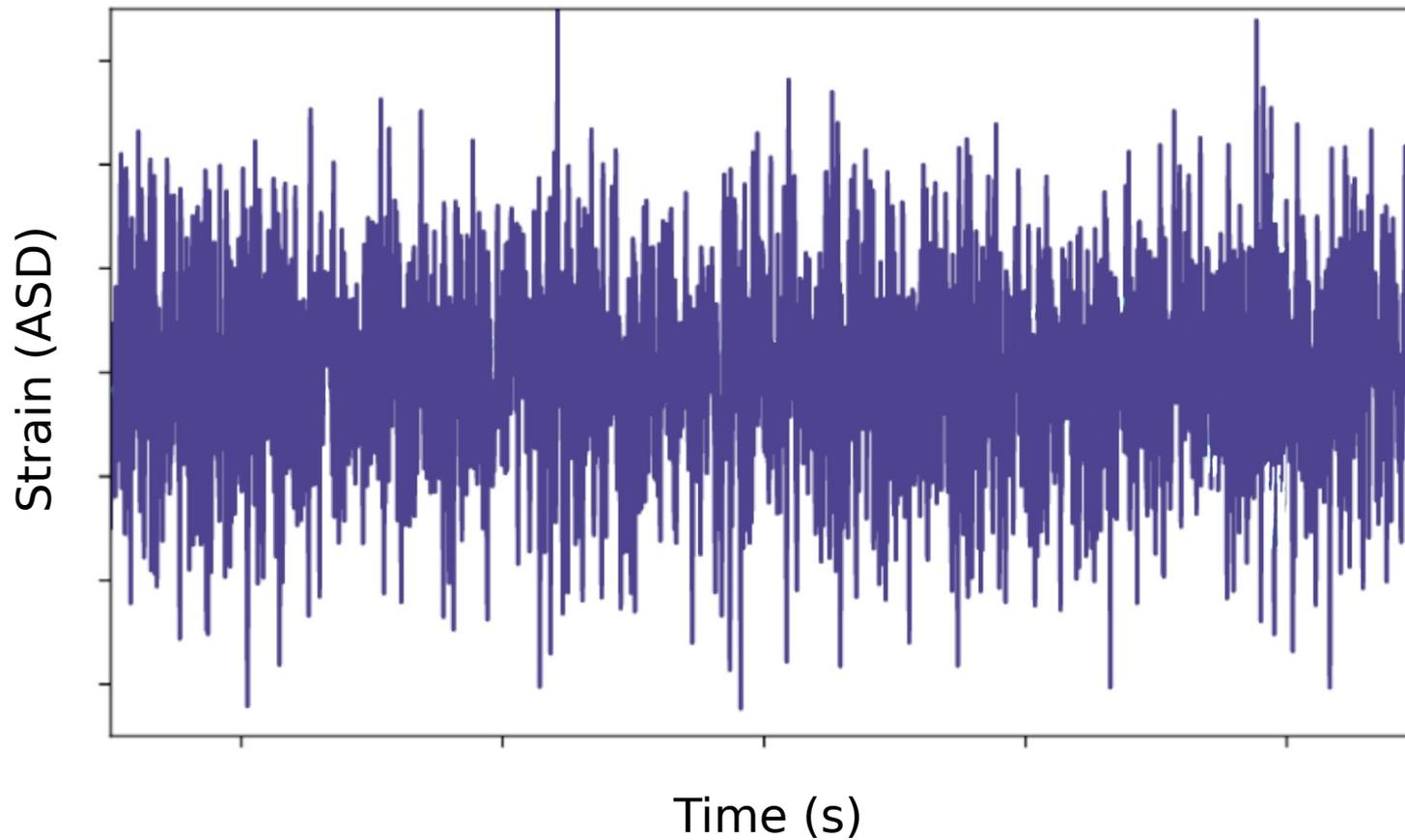
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## Metrics for the Detchar RRT During O3

2.1	Did the candidate occur at a suspicious location?	● Identify nearest hardware injection
2.1.1	Existing items included within 100 km	● Bruco <a href="https://git.ligo.org/gabriele-vajente/bruco">https://git.ligo.org/gabriele-vajente/bruco</a>
2.1.2	Technical solutions	● Stochmon <a href="https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T1400205/public">https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T1400205/public</a>
2.2	Is there a high probability that a gravitational wave candidate based on statistical inference is a false alarm?	● Stationarity
2.2.1	Existing items included within 100 km	● Check calibration kappas
2.2.2	Technical solutions	● Calibration state vector check
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# Building a nominal state metric from strain data



# Noise and fractals



Benoit Mandelbrot

“In 1961 IBM was involved in transmitting computer data over phone lines, but a kind of white noise kept disturbing the flow of information—breaking the signal—and IBM looked to Mandelbrot to provide a new perspective on the problem.”

<https://www.ibm.com/ibm/history/ibm100/us/en/icons/fractal/>

# Fractal analysis

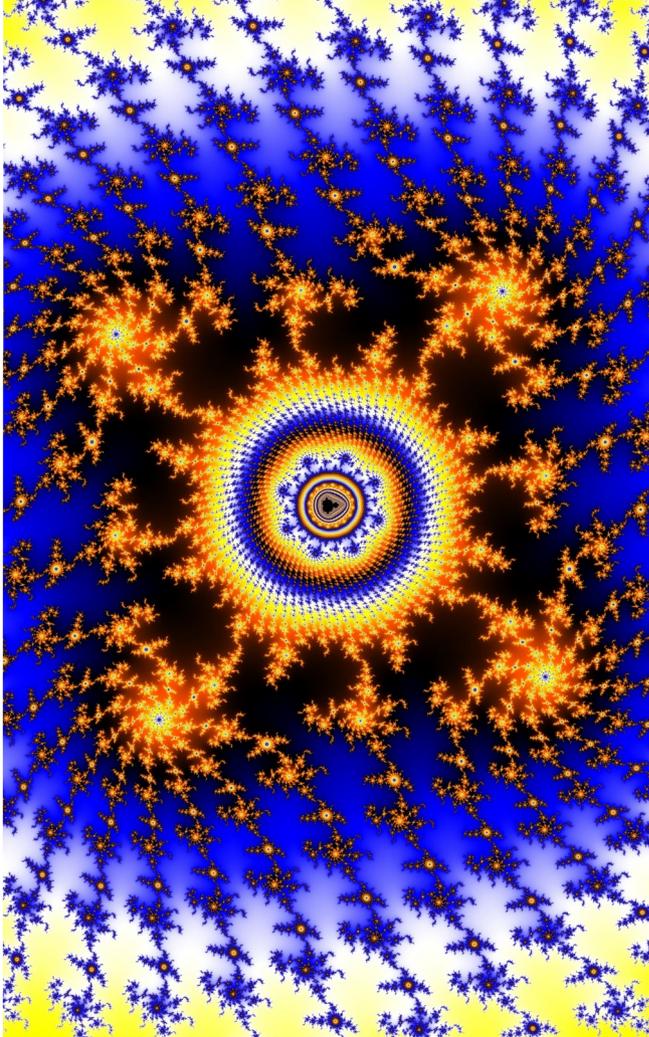


Figure credit: <https://wallup.net/>

- Fractal analysis can be used to characterize the degree of complexity of a set.
- The concept has been applied to different physical phenomena met in various fields from materials science to chemistry, biology, etc.

# Topological dimension of a set

A topological space is an ordered pair  $(X, \tau)$ , where  $X$  is a set and  $\tau$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$ , satisfying the following axioms:

- The empty set and  $X$  itself belong to  $\tau$ .
- Any arbitrary (finite or infinite) union of members of  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ .
- The intersection of any finite number of members of  $\tau$  belongs to  $\tau$ .

The elements of  $\tau$  are called open sets and the collection  $\tau$  is called a topology on  $X$ .

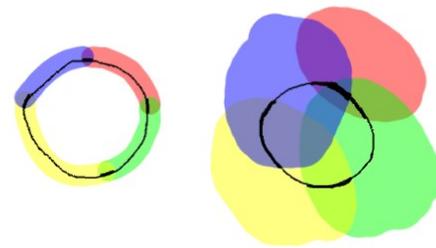
A topological space can be covered by open sets. The topological (Lebesgue covering) dimension is the smallest number  $n$  such that for every cover, there is a refinement in which every point in  $X$  lies in the intersection of no more than  $n + 1$  covering sets. The topological dimension is an integer number that does not change as the space is continuously deformed under an homeomorphism.

M. Yamaguti et al. "Mathematics of Fractal" Mathematical monographs, vol.167 AMS 1997s

# Topological dimension of a set

Examples:

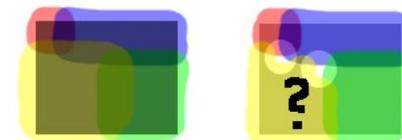
A circle requires a set of two (or more) open arcs to be covered. The topological dimension of the circle is one.



A disk requires at least three open sets to be covered. The topological dimension of the disk is two.



In general an  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space has topological dimension  $n$ .



# Fractal dimension

A fractal is a subset of an Euclidean space with a fractal dimension that strictly exceeds its topological dimension.

The fractal dimension  $D$  is defined with the number of covering areas necessary to cover the fractal structure  $F$ .

Box-counting

$$D = \frac{\log [N(\epsilon)]}{\log [1/\epsilon]}$$

$\epsilon$  = radius of the covering balls

Hausdorff dimension

$$D = \sup \{d \in \mathbb{R}^+ : m_d(F) = \infty\}$$

$m_d$  =  $s$ -dimensional Hausdorff-outer measure

$D$  is a measure of roughness.

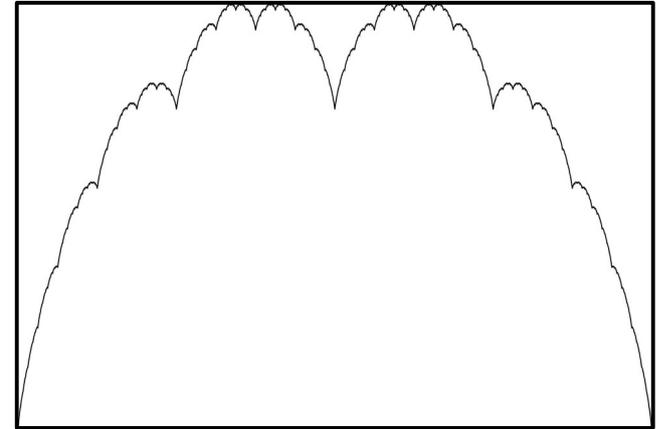
For an  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space, the Hausdorff dimension coincides with the topological dimension: Single point = 0, line segment = 1, square = 2, etc.

# Examples

## Takagi-Landsberg curve

$$T(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} w^n s(2^n x) \quad s(x) = \min_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |x - n|$$

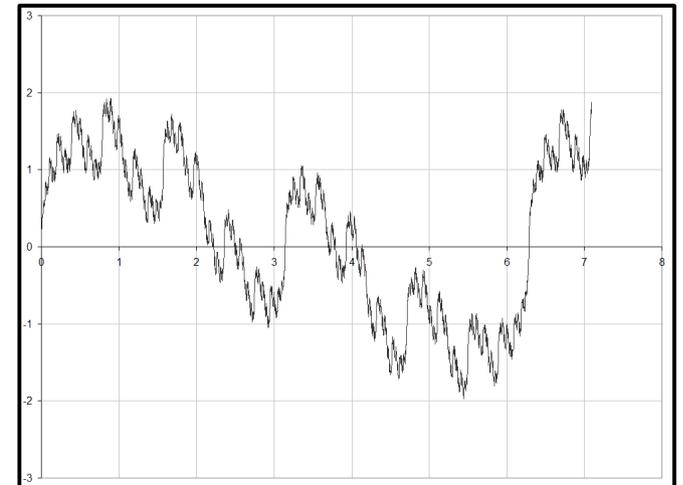
$$D = 2 + \log_2(w)$$



## Weierstrass function

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a^{-k} \sin(b^k x), \quad 1 < a < 2, \quad b > 1$$

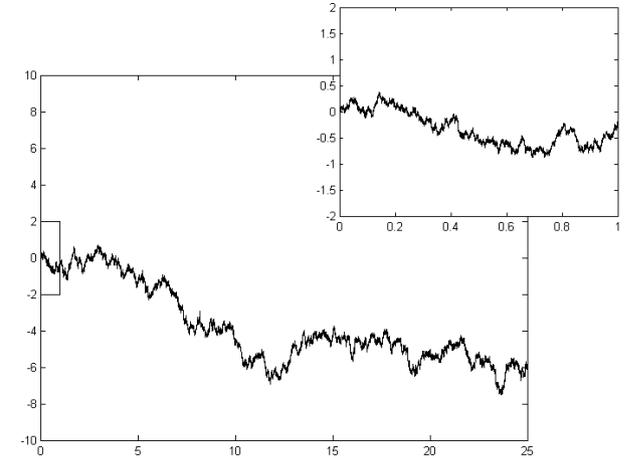
$$D = 2 - \log_b(a)$$



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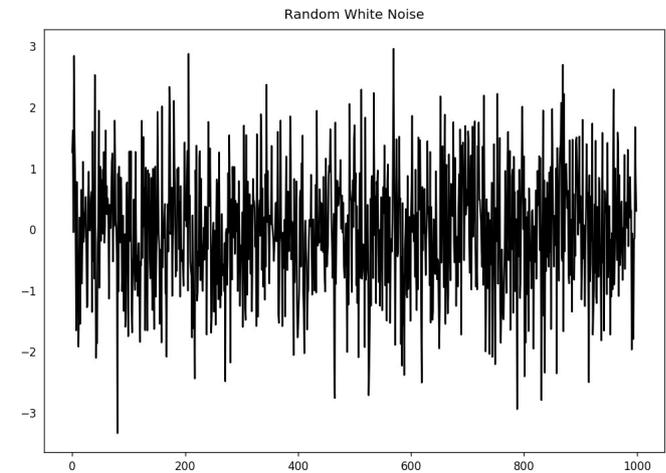
Brownian motion (Wiener process)

$$D = 3/2$$



White noise

$$D = 2$$



# Calculation of fractal dimension

ANAM method

$$M_{\tau}^{\alpha}(f, x) = \left[ \frac{1}{\tau^2} \int_{t_1=0}^{\tau} \int_{t_2=0}^{\tau} |f(x + t_1) - f(x - t_2)|^{\alpha} dt_1 dt_2 \right]^{1/\alpha}$$

$$K_{\tau}^{\alpha}(f, a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{x=a}^{x=b} \left[ \frac{1}{\tau^2} \int_{t_1=0}^{\tau} \int_{t_2=0}^{\tau} |f(x + t_1) - f(x - t_2)|^{\alpha} dt_1 dt_2 \right]^{1/\alpha} dx$$

$$D = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \left( 2 - \frac{\log K_{\tau}^{\alpha}(f, a, b)}{\log \tau} \right)$$

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Variation (VAR) method

$$f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

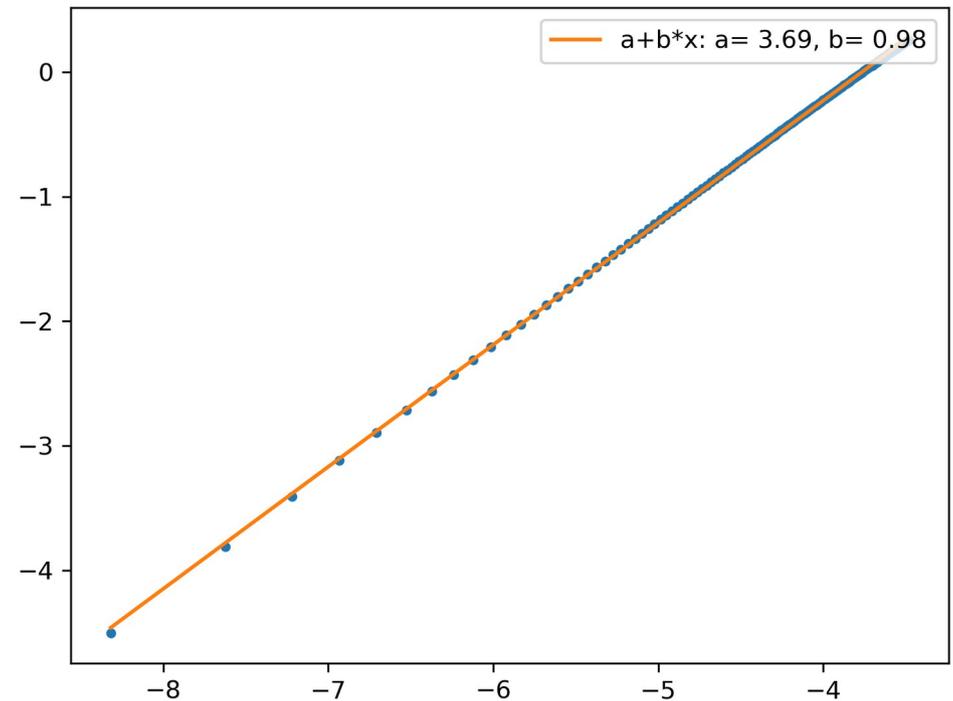
$$\text{OSC}_\tau(f, x) = \left| \max_{|x-t|<\tau} (f(t)) - \min_{|x-t|<\tau} (f(t)) \right|$$

$$\text{VAR}_\tau(f, a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \text{OSC}_\tau(f, x) \, dx$$

$$D = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \left( 2 - \frac{\log \text{VAR}_\tau(f, a, b)}{\log \tau} \right)$$

# Algorithm

- Discretize either the  $\text{VAR}_\tau(f, a, b)$  or the  $K_\tau^\alpha(f, a, b)$  estimator
- The fractal dimension of the time series is the slope of  $2 - \log(\text{estimator}) / \log(\tau)$
- Theoretically this is a straight line. In practice, do a fit of the  $\log(\text{estimator})$  as function of  $\log(\tau)$ .



# Simple tests

Data length: 1 s, sampling rate: 4096 Hz. Decimate factor: 1/128 (VAR/ANAM).

	Theory	VAR	ANAM
Simple analytic function $f(x)$	1.000	1.020 (+2%)	1.002 (+0.2%)
Takagi-Landberg curve ( $w=0.7$ )	1.485	1.448 (-2.5%)	1.503 (+1.2%)
Takagi-Landberg curve ( $w=0.8$ )	1.678	1.748 (+4.2%)	1.668 (-0.6%)
Weierstrass curve ( $a=0.7, b=9$ )	1.838	1.747 (-5.0%)	1.804 (-1.9%)
Weierstrass curve ( $a=0.5, b=12$ )	1.721	1.638 (-4.8%)	1.662 (-3.4%)

VAR

Faster

Less accurate

ANAM

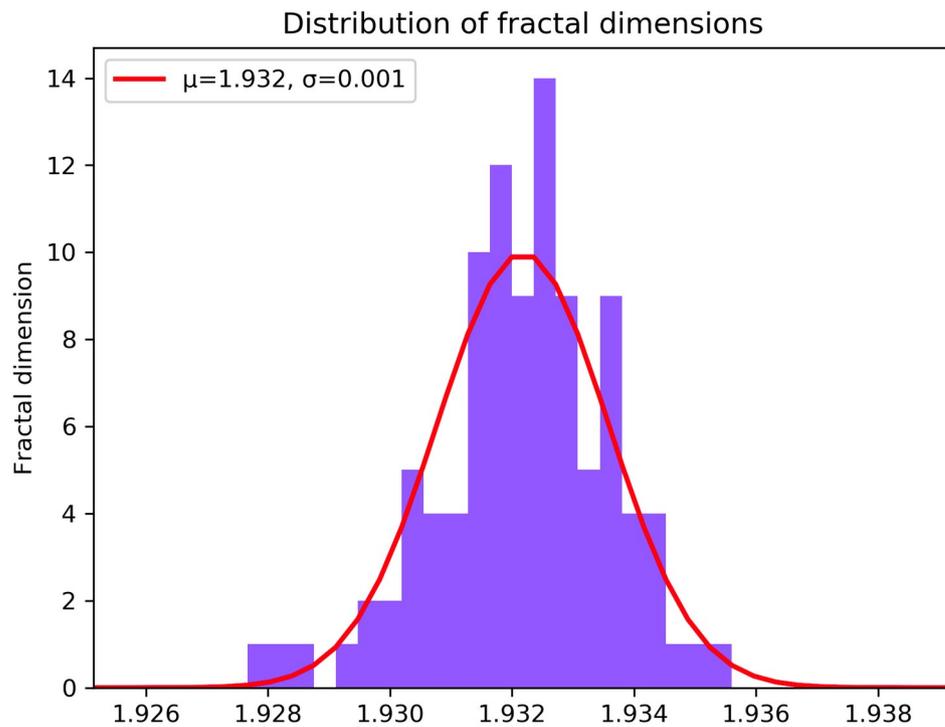
Slower (x100 VAR)

More accurate

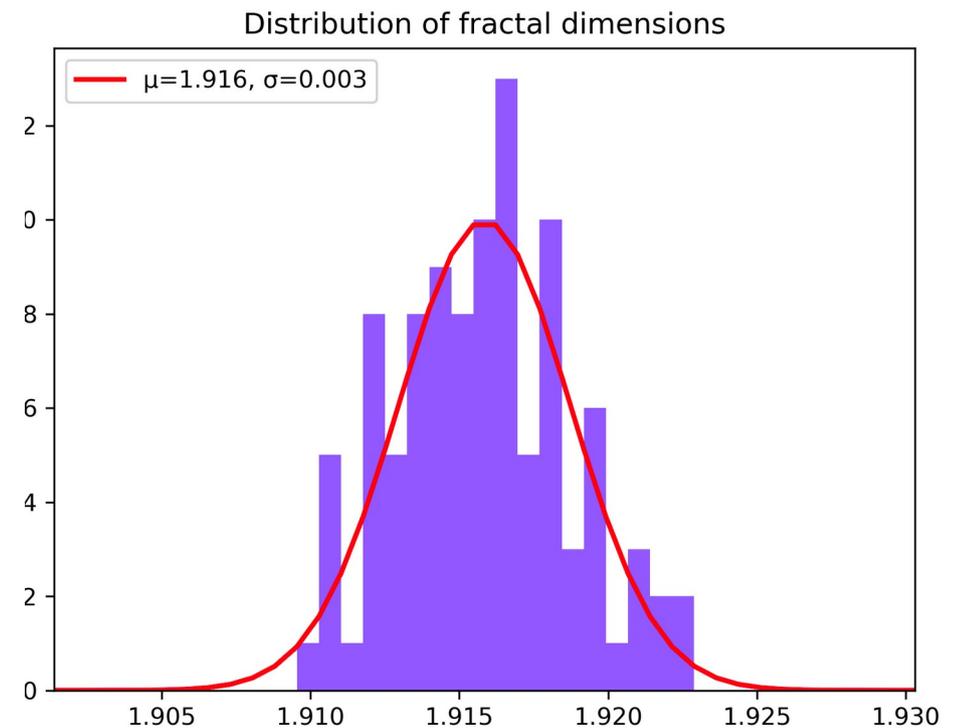
# Tests on fake noise: White noise

Data length: 1 s, sampling rate: 4096 Hz. Decimate factor: 16/128 (VAR/ANAM)  
Runs: 100. Theoretical fractal dimension: 2.000

## VAR



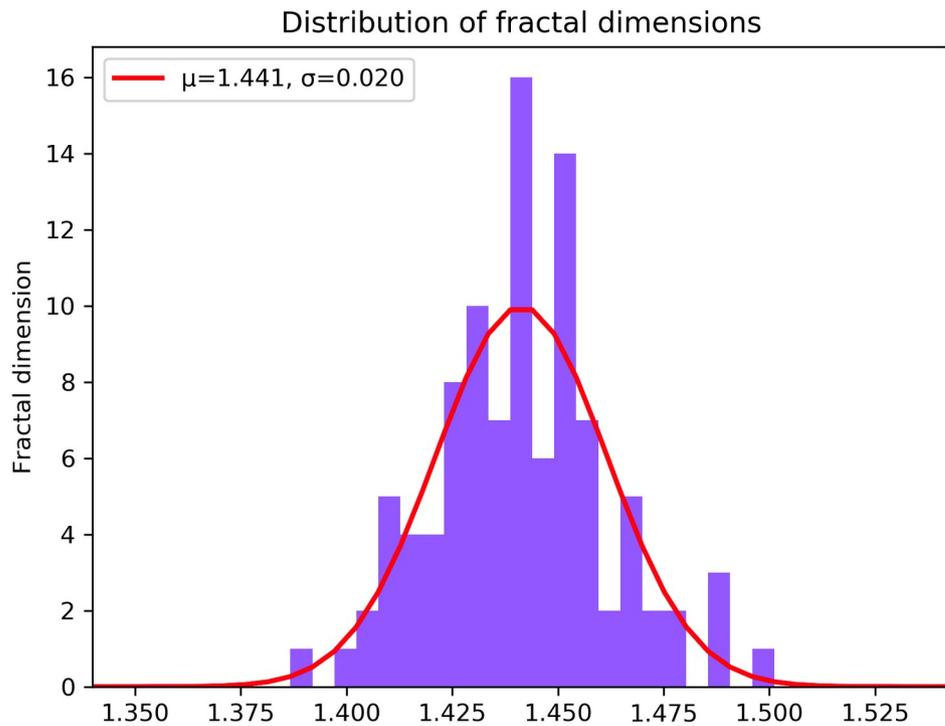
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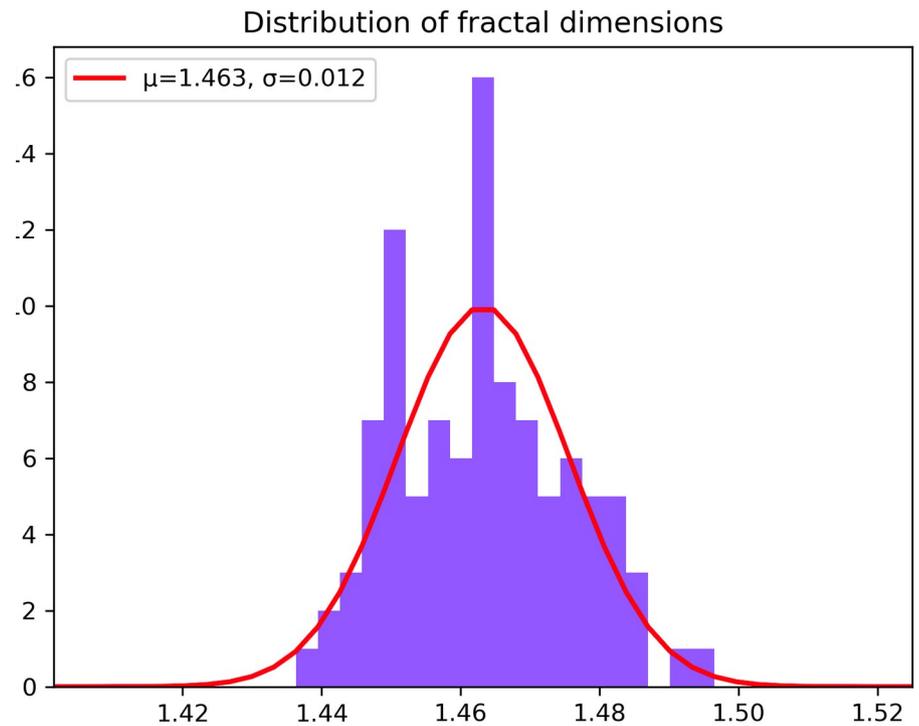
# Tests on fake noise: Brownian noise

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Brownian motion speed: 2. Runs: 100. Theoretical fractal dimension: 1.500

## VAR

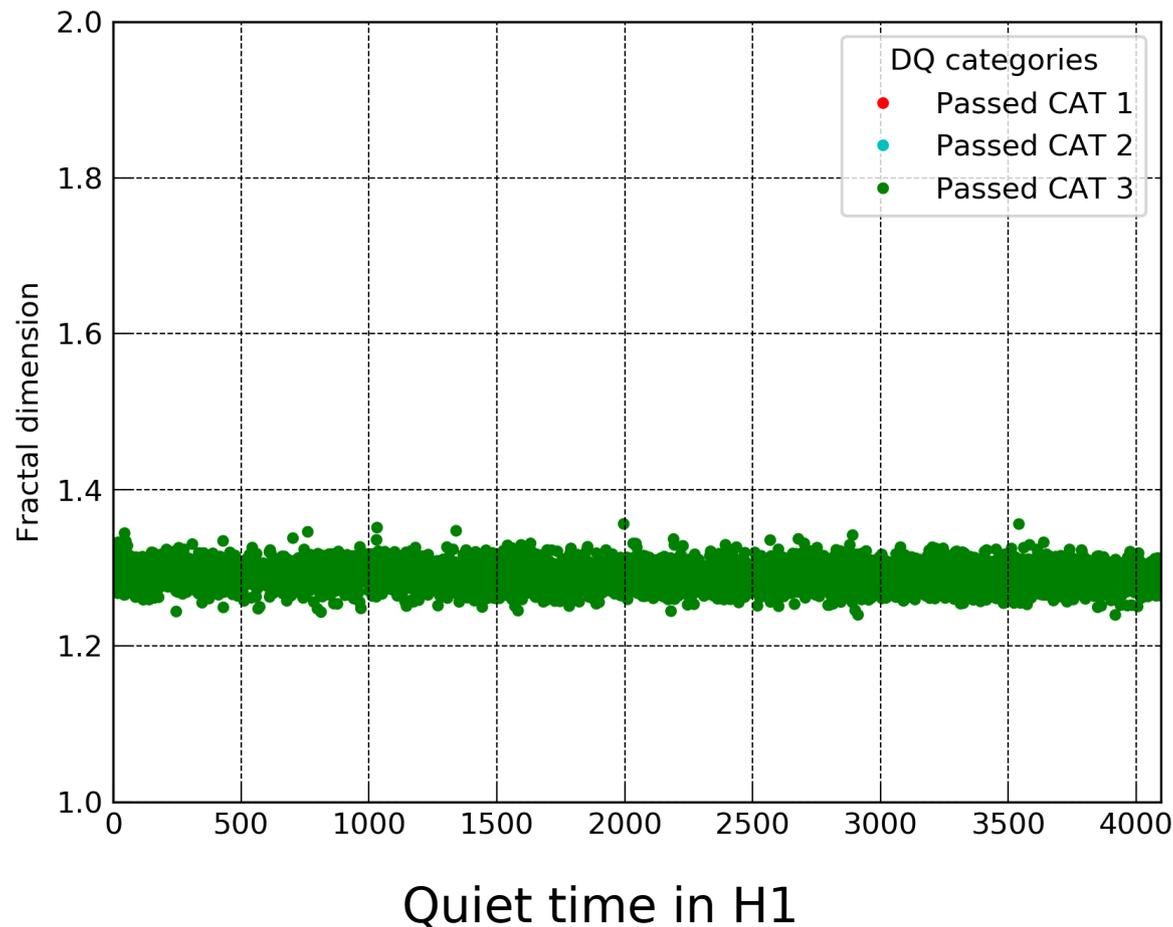


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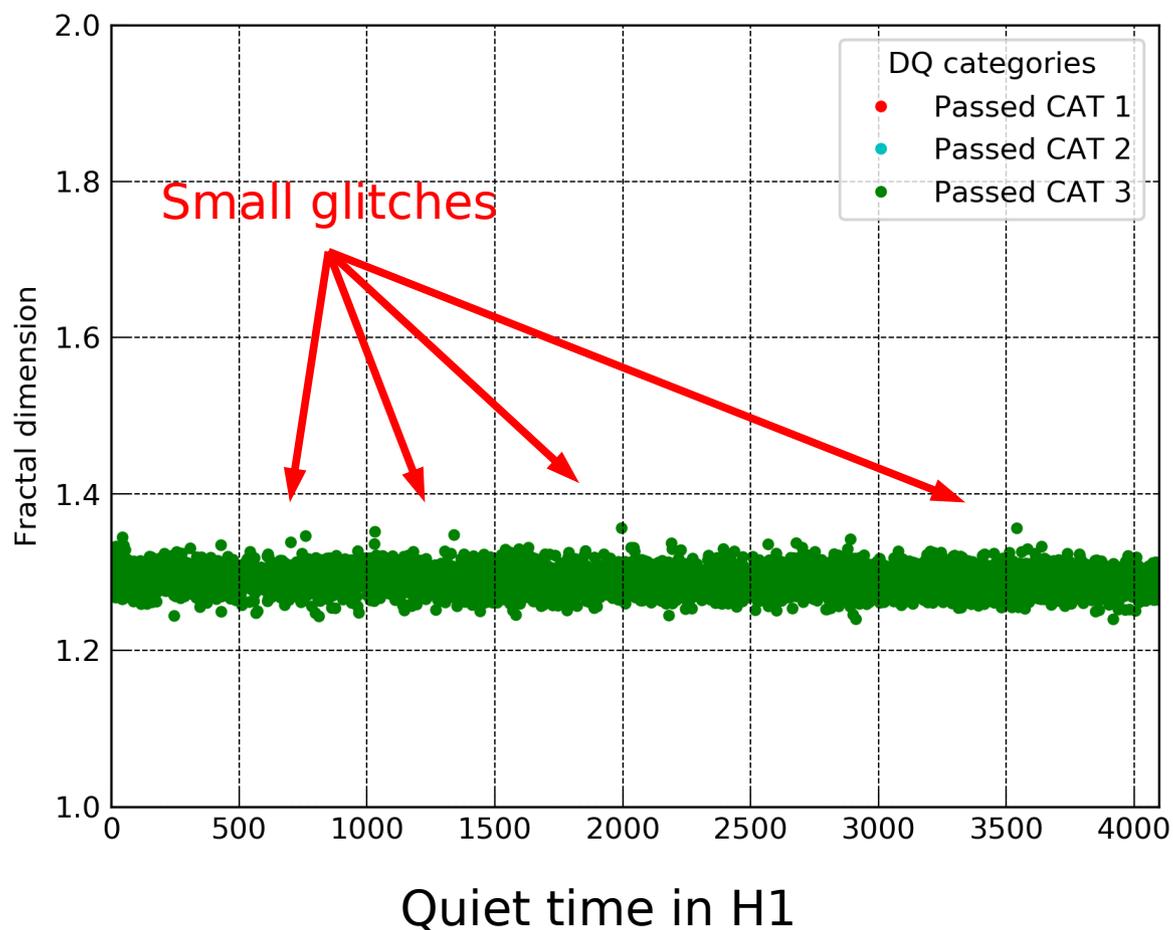
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LIGO Hanford O2 data. Sampling rate: 4096 Hz. Fractal dimension over 1 sec.  
Method: VAR. Decimate factor: 16



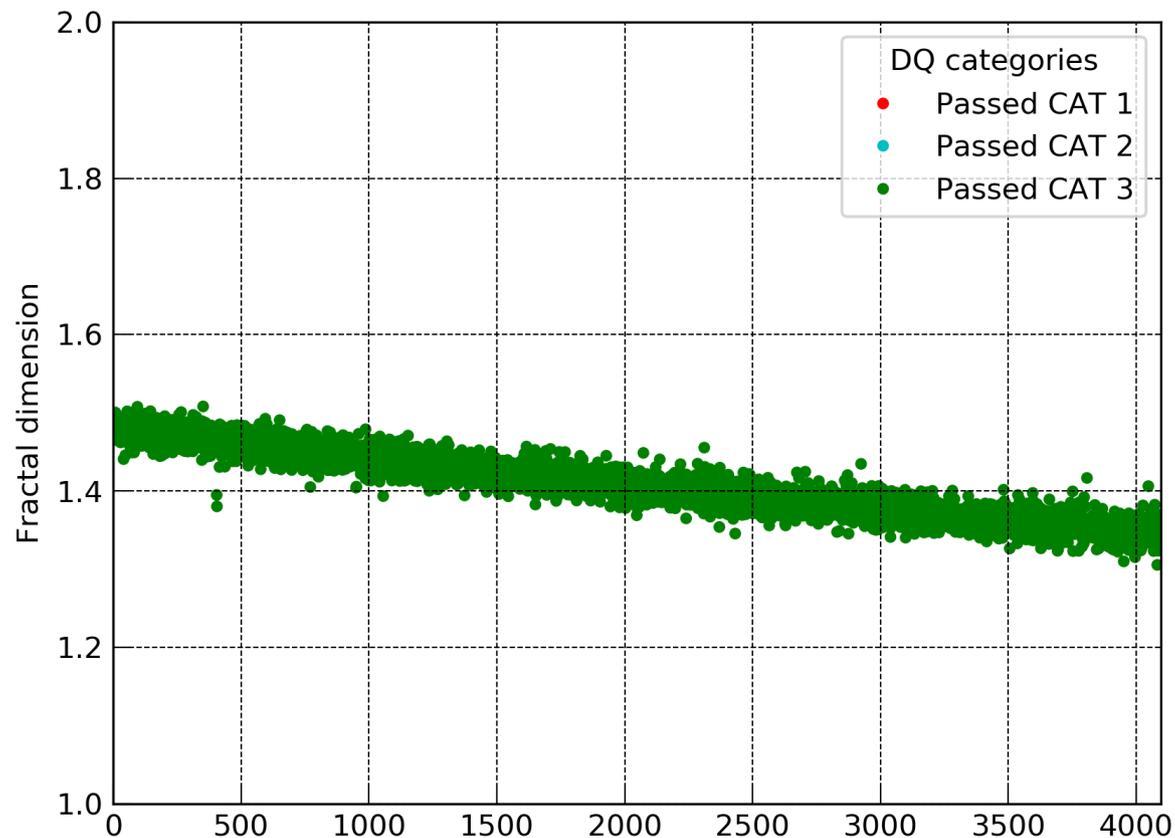
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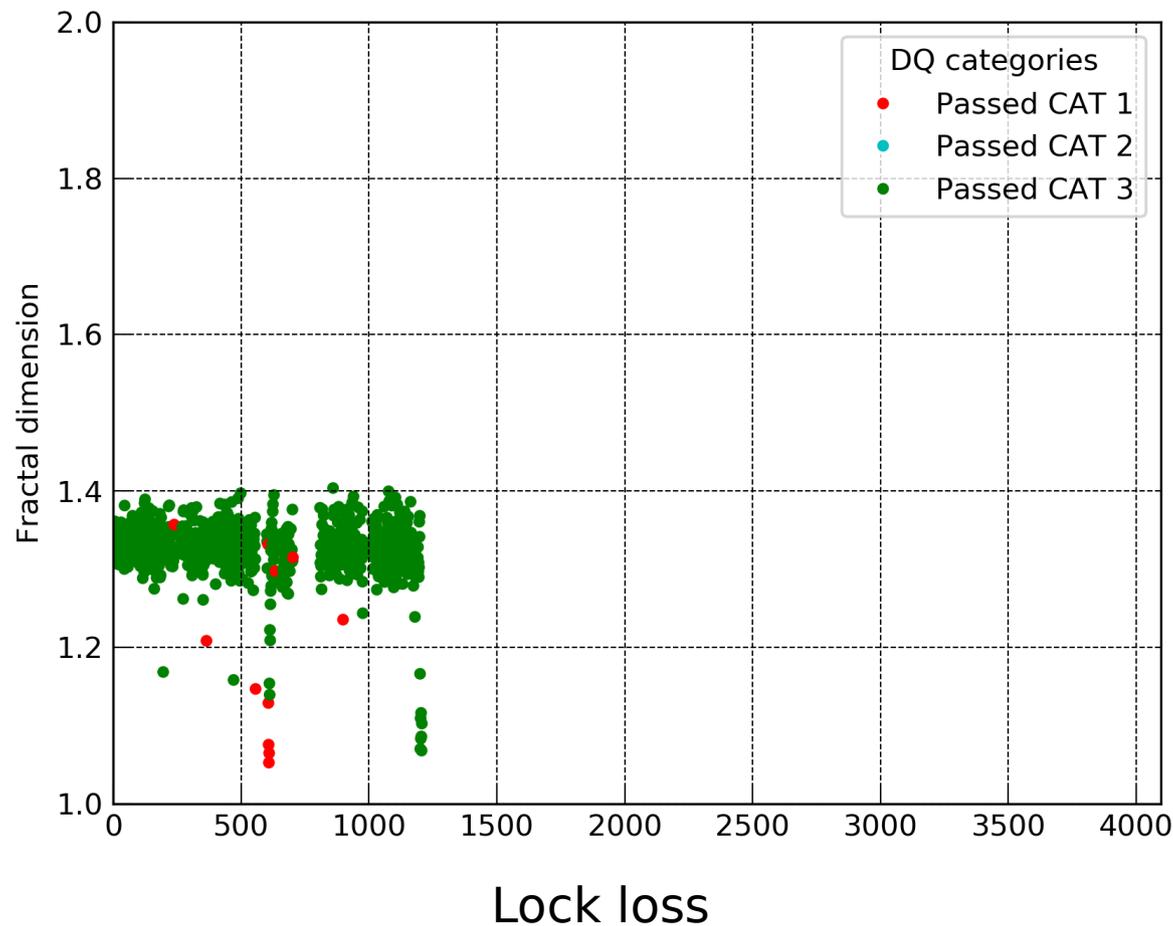
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Changing noise on long time-scale

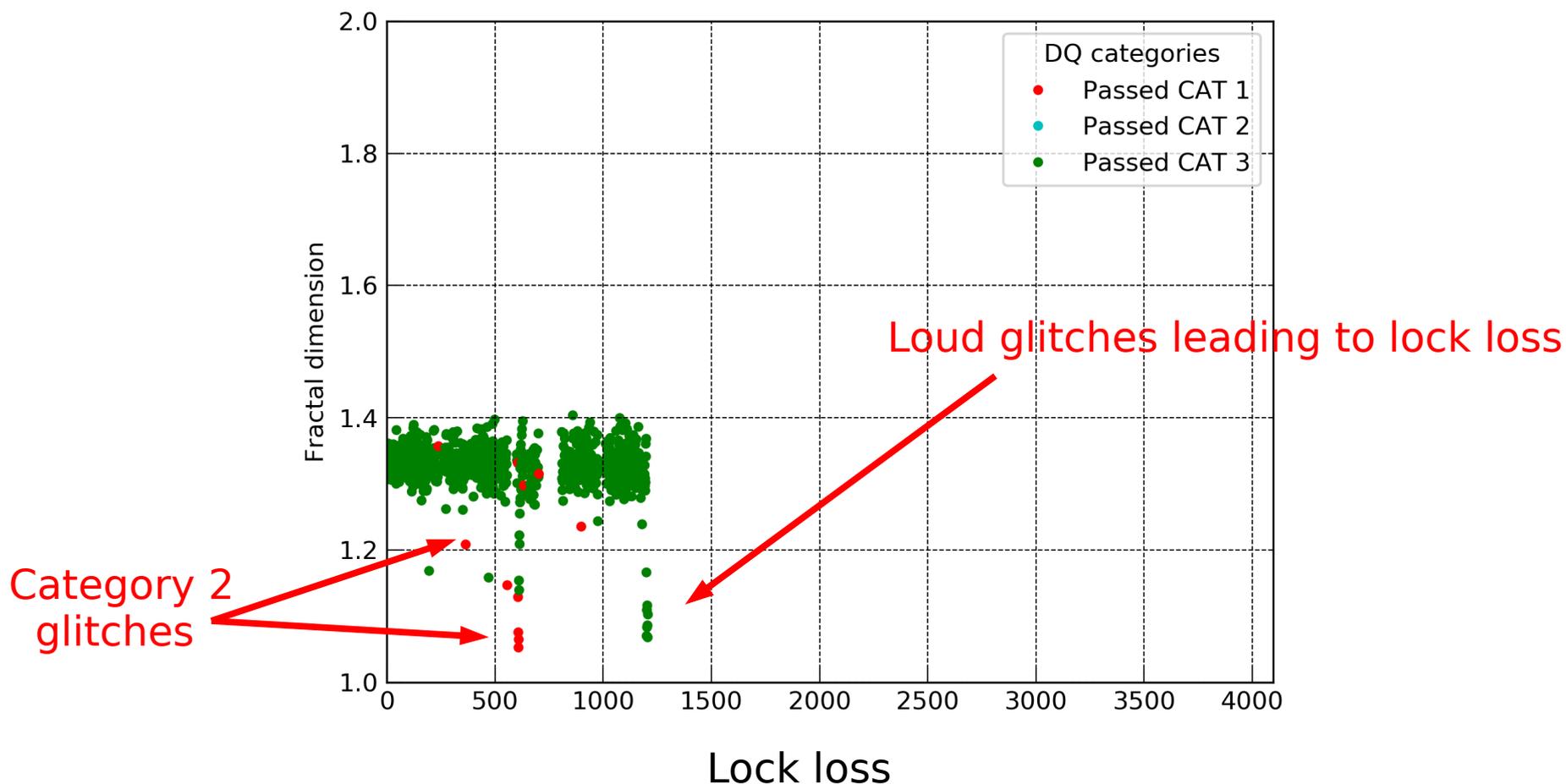
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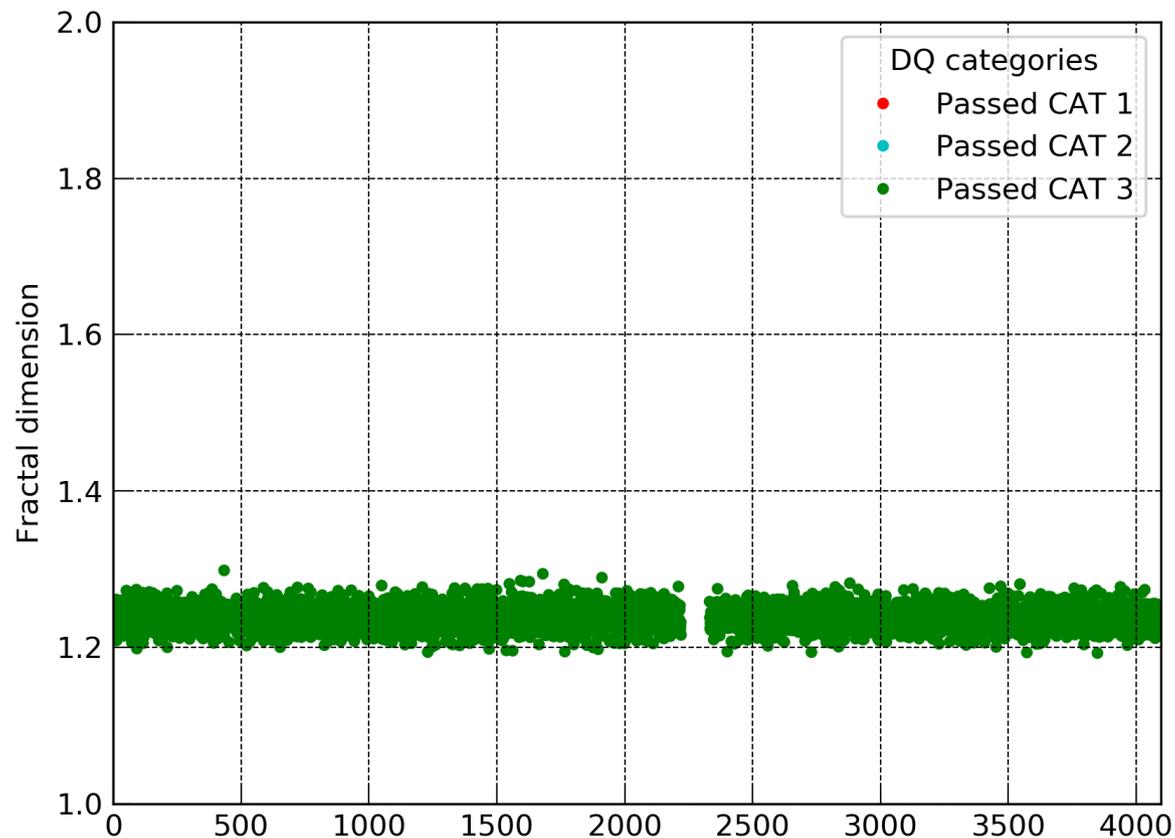
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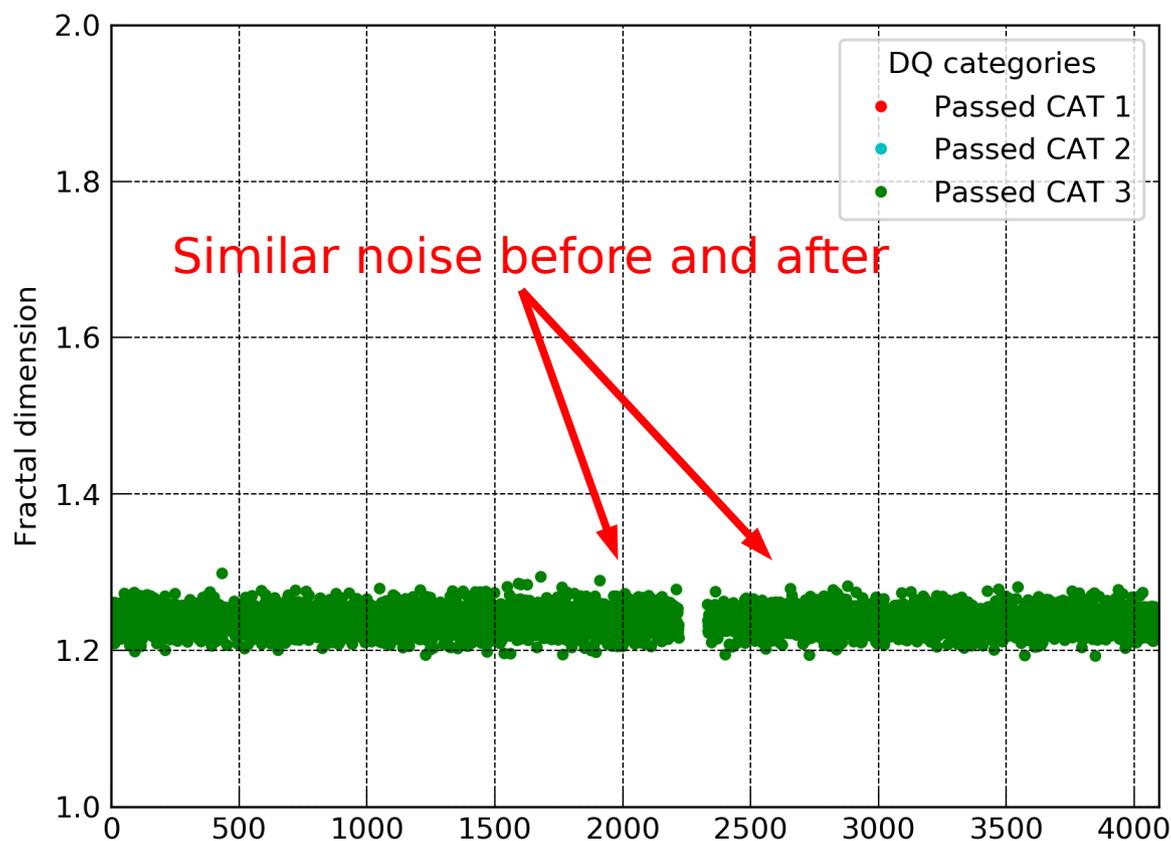
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Category 1 data (interferometer in low noise, but locked)

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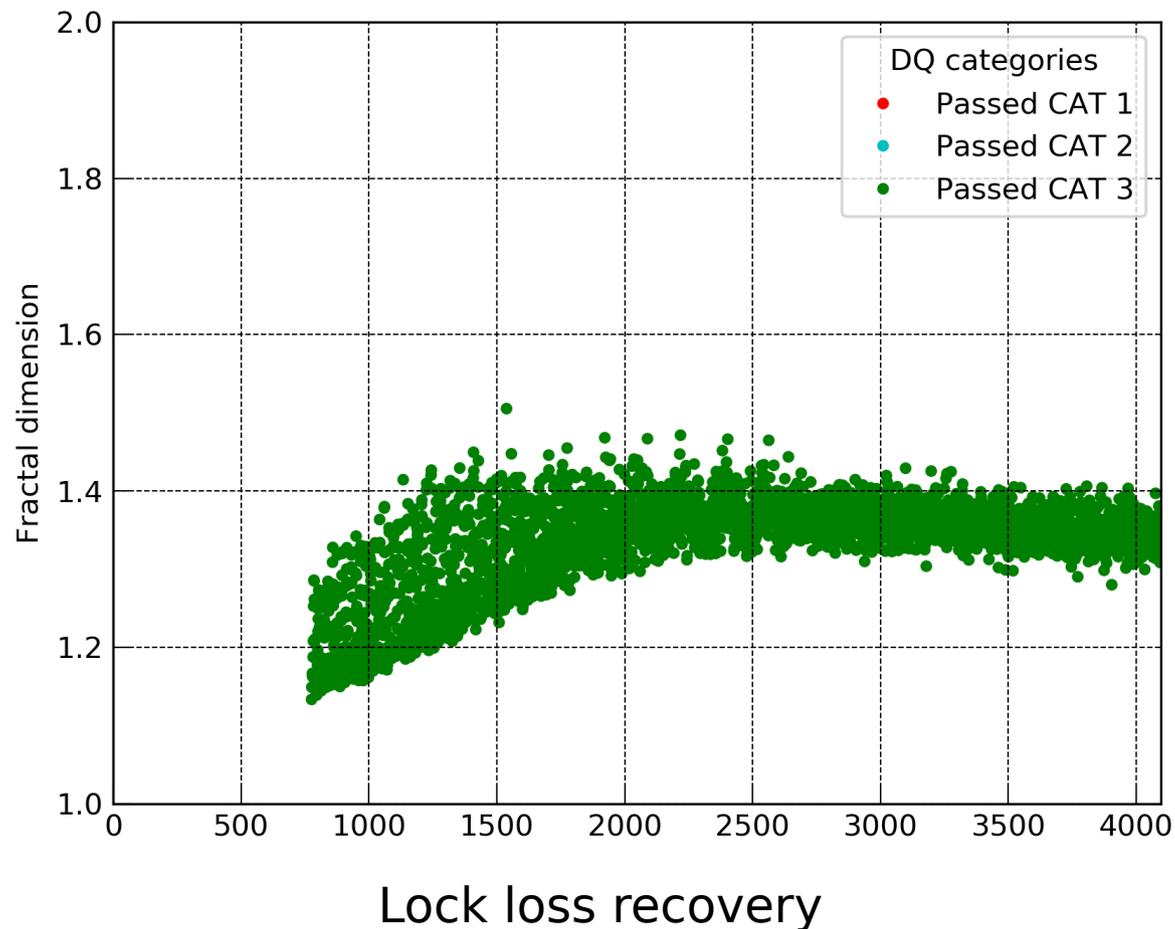
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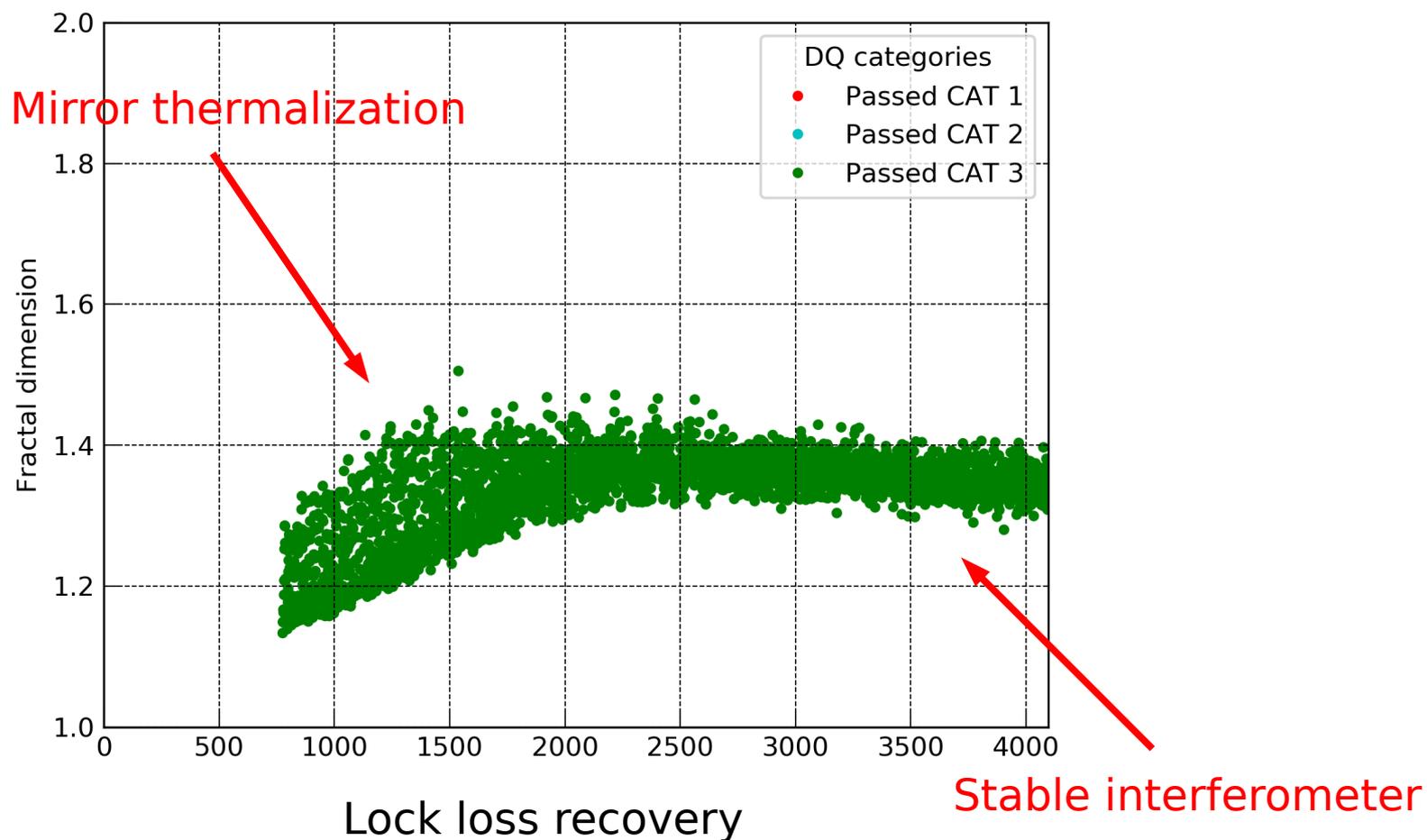
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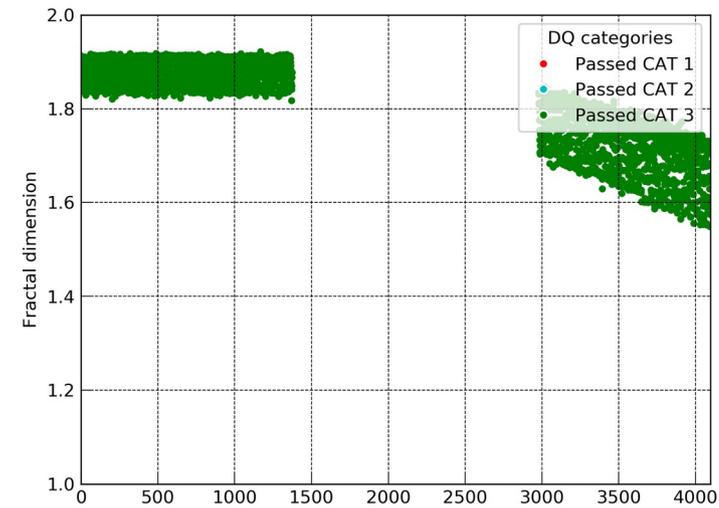
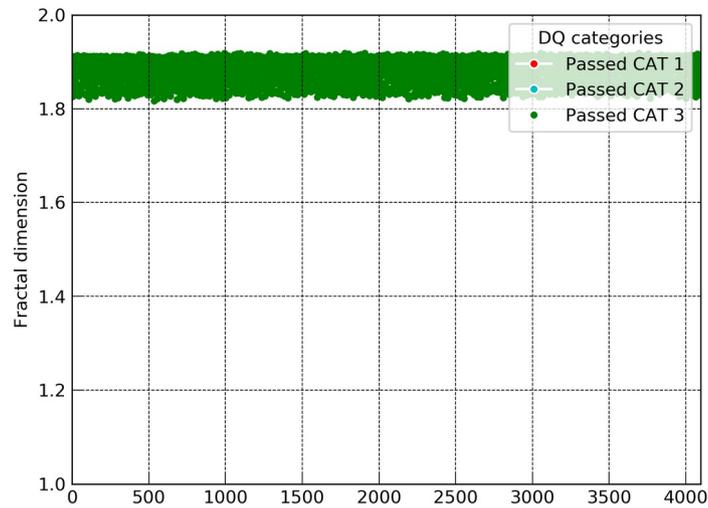


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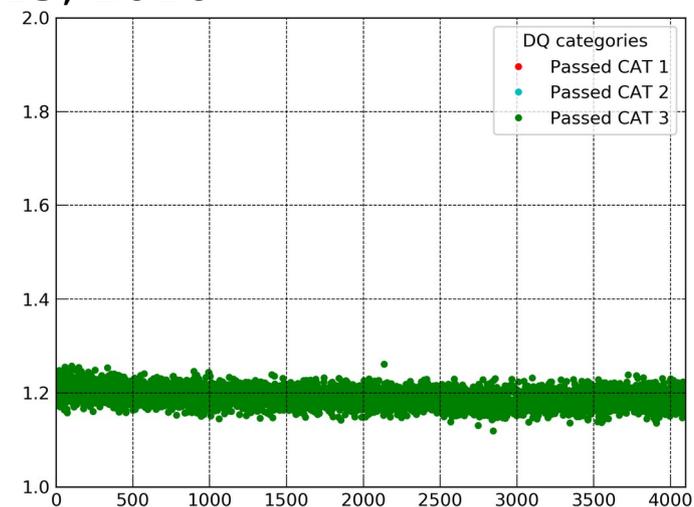
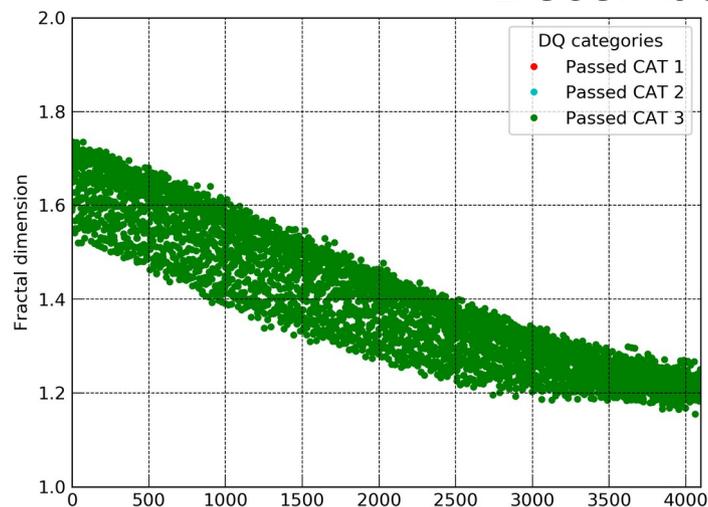
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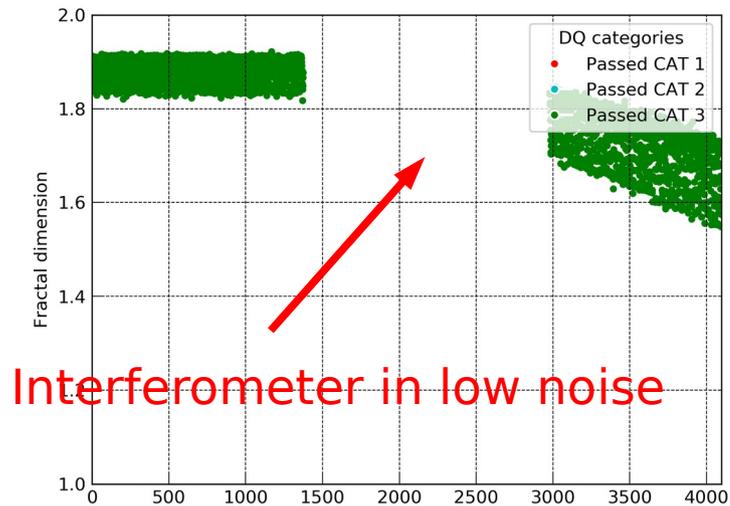
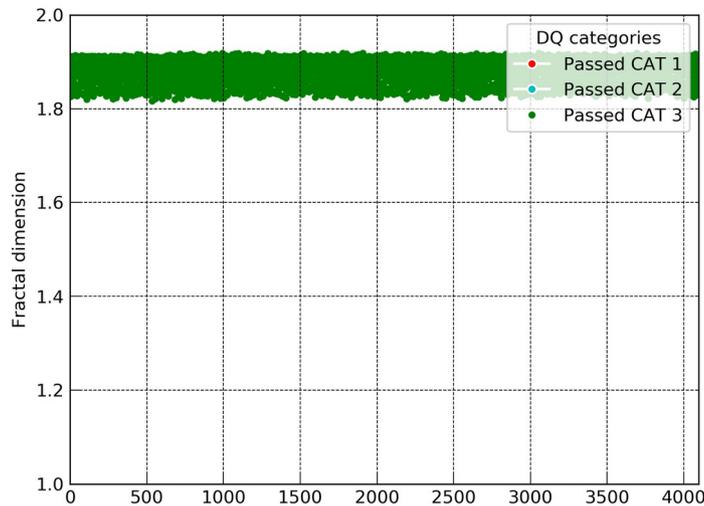
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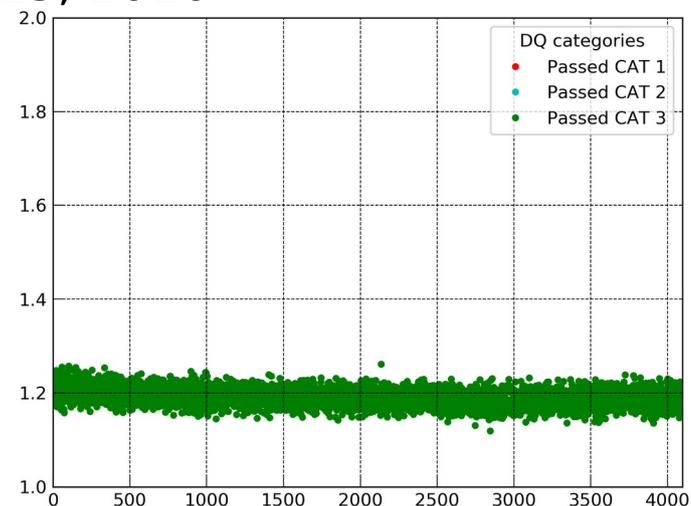
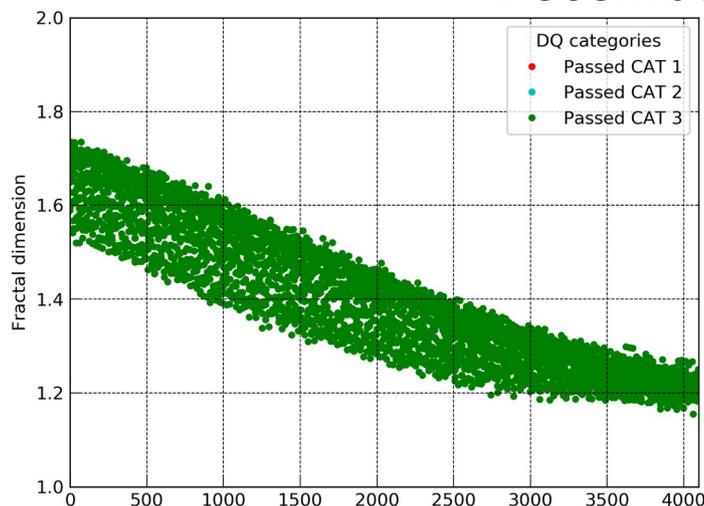
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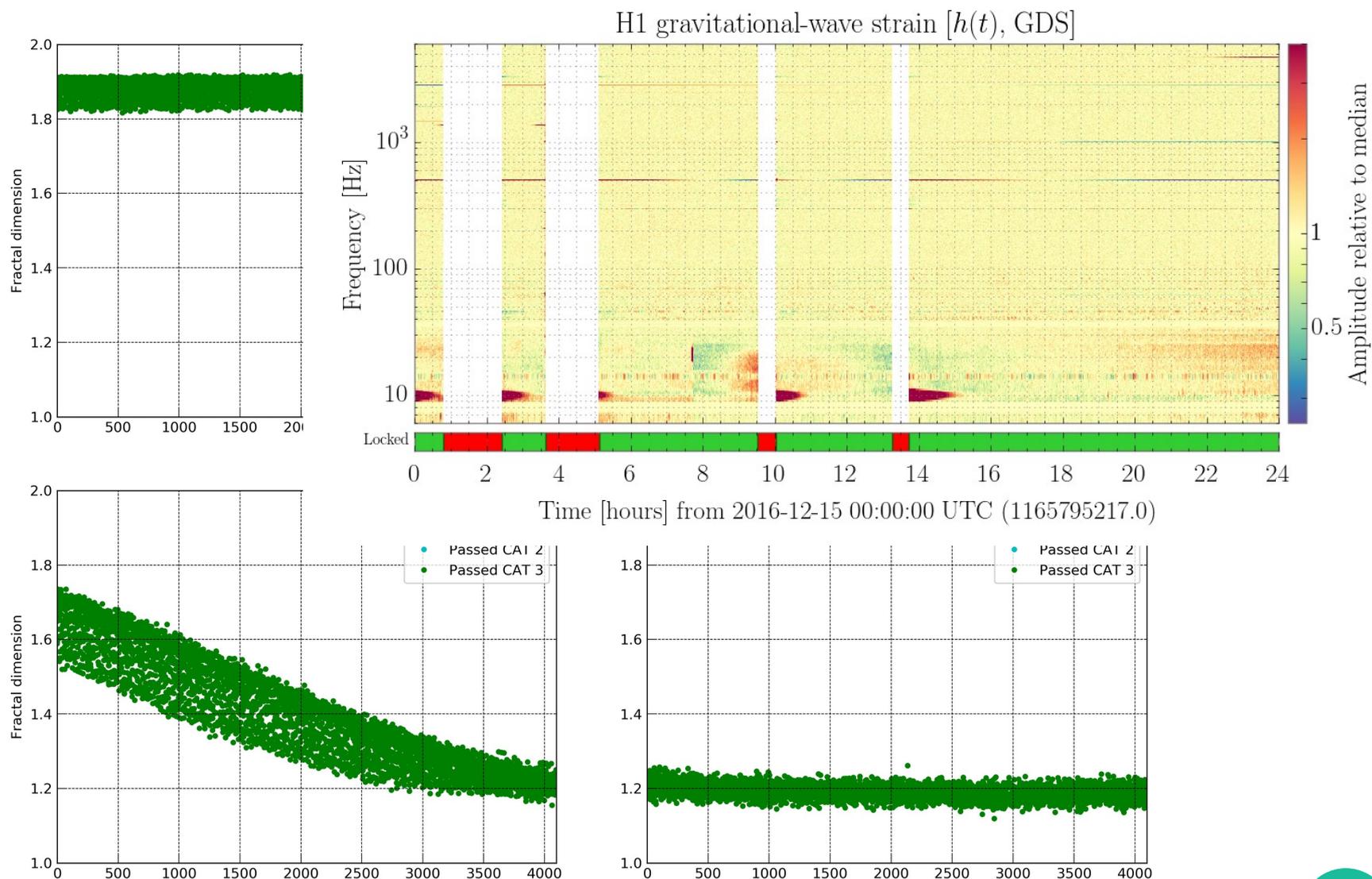
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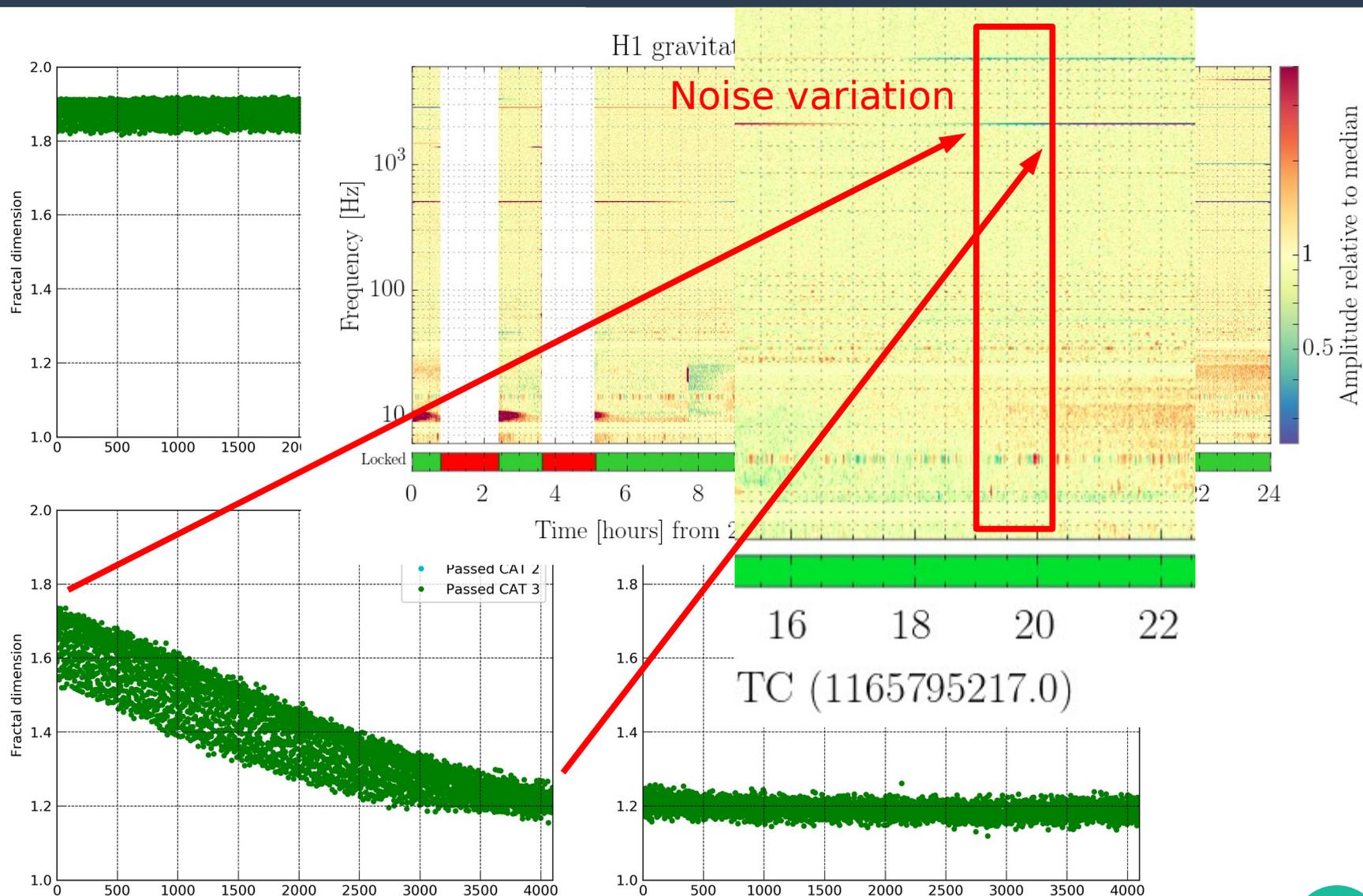
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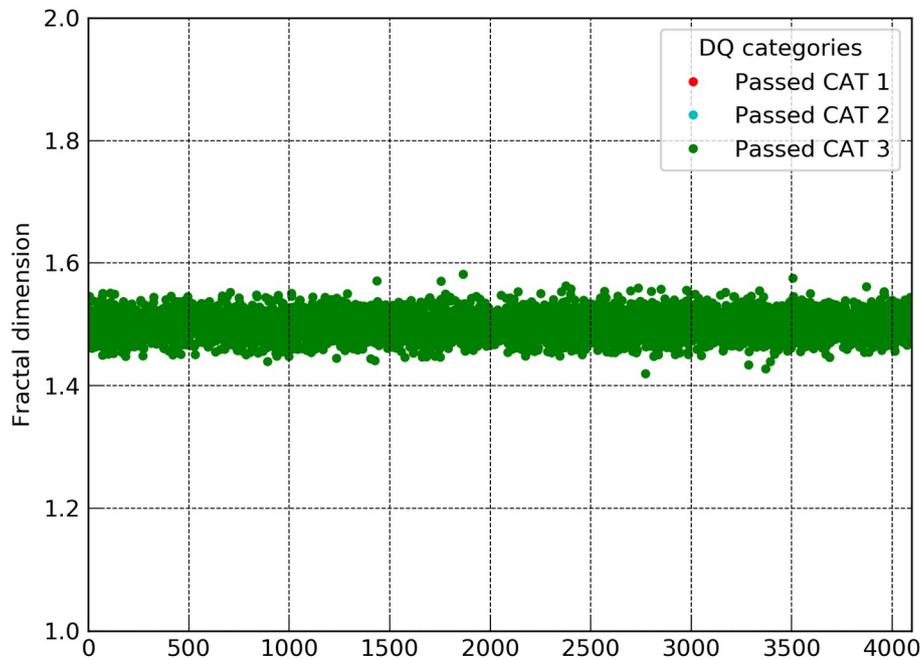


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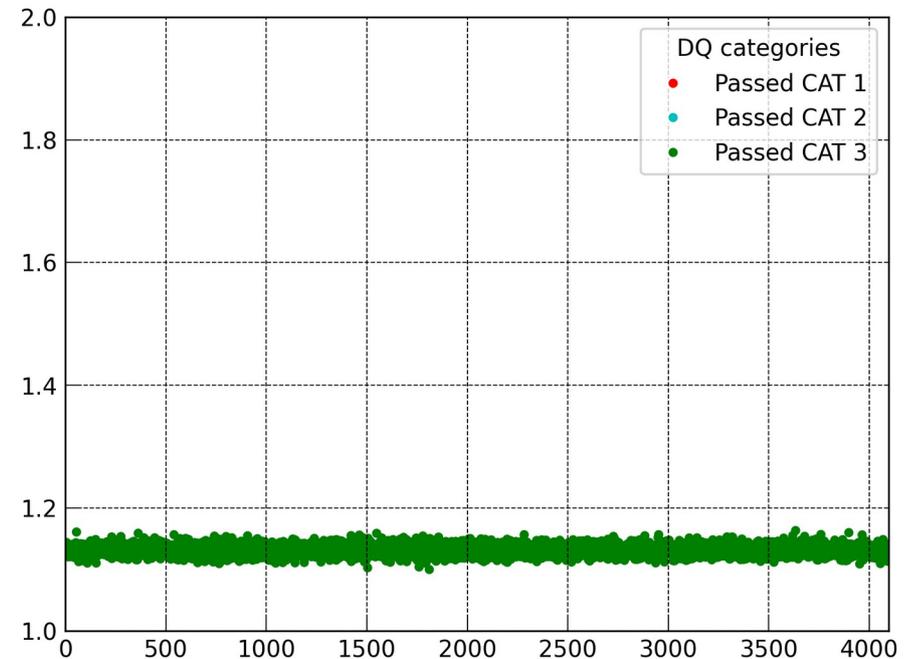


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Background noise is not the same across the run!

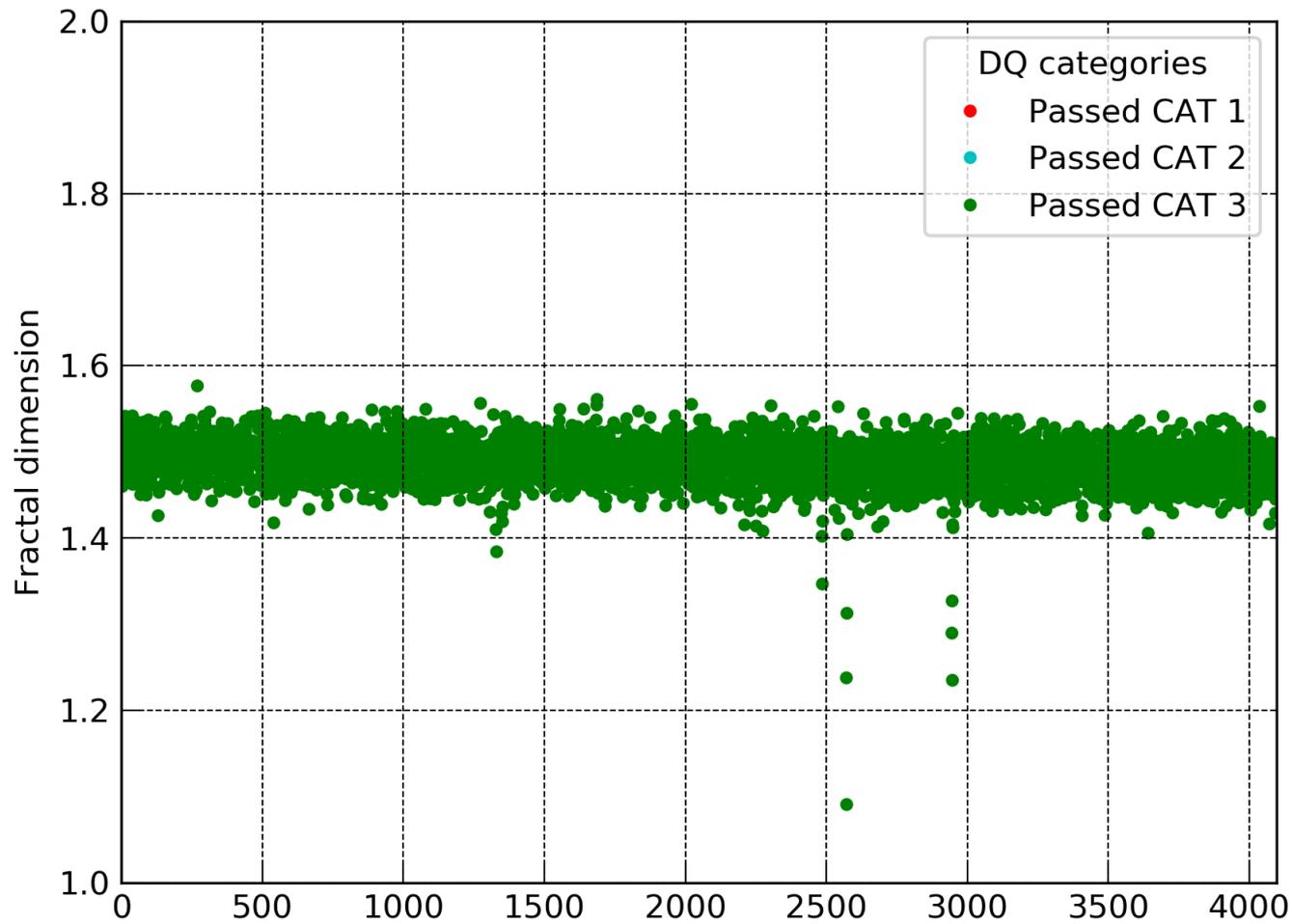


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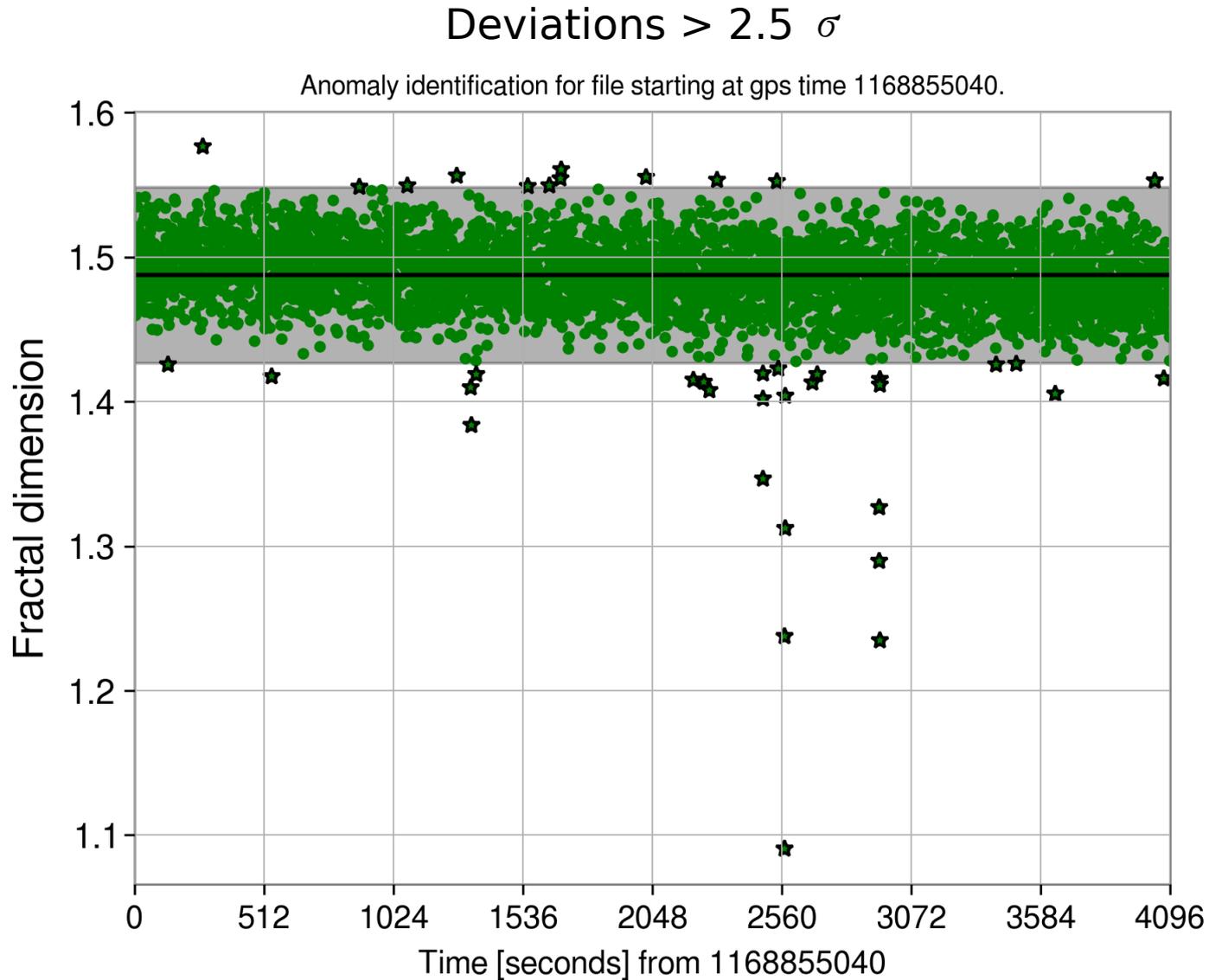


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# Glitch identification



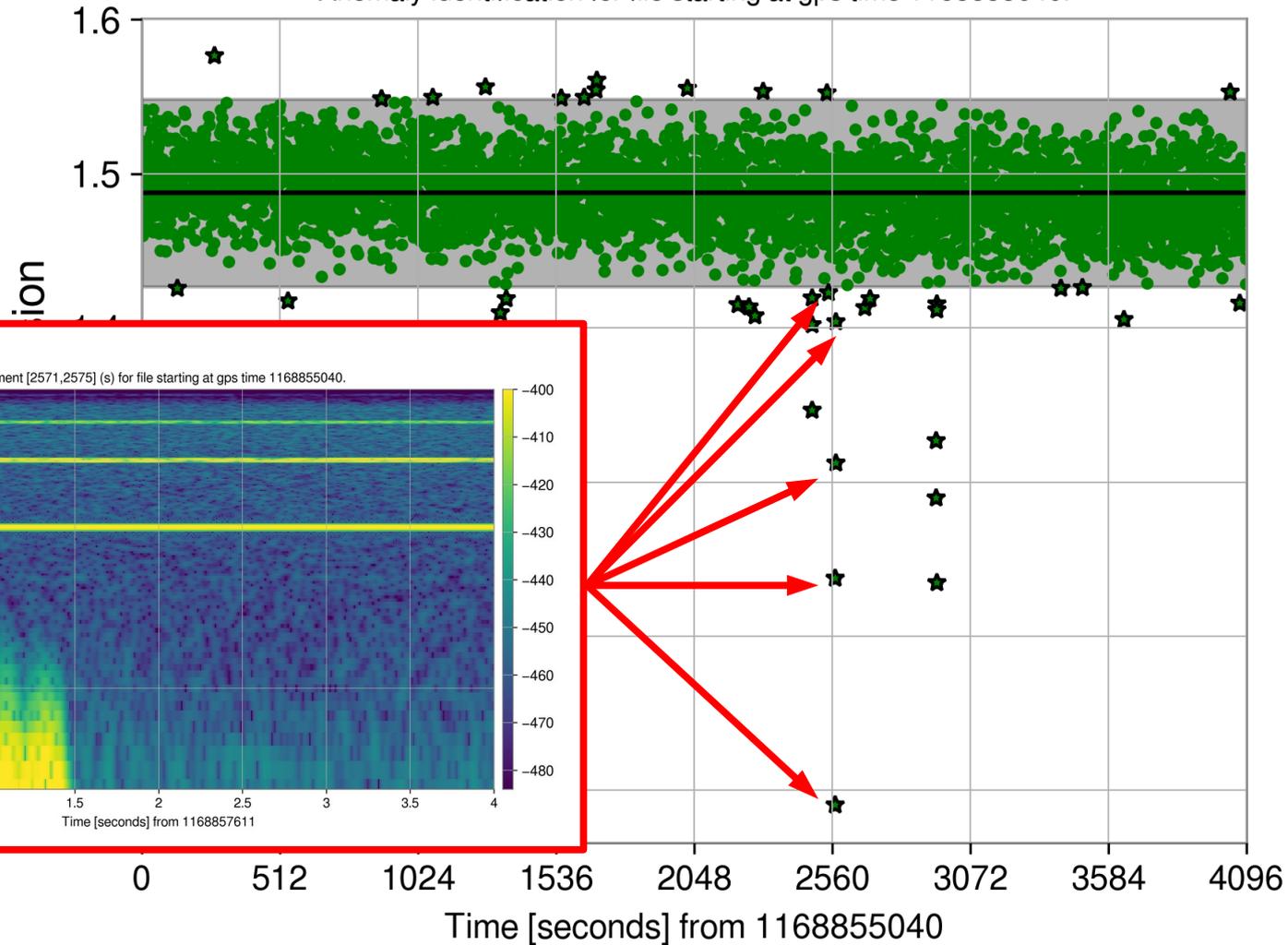
# Glitch identification



# Glitch identification

Deviations  $> 2.5 \sigma$

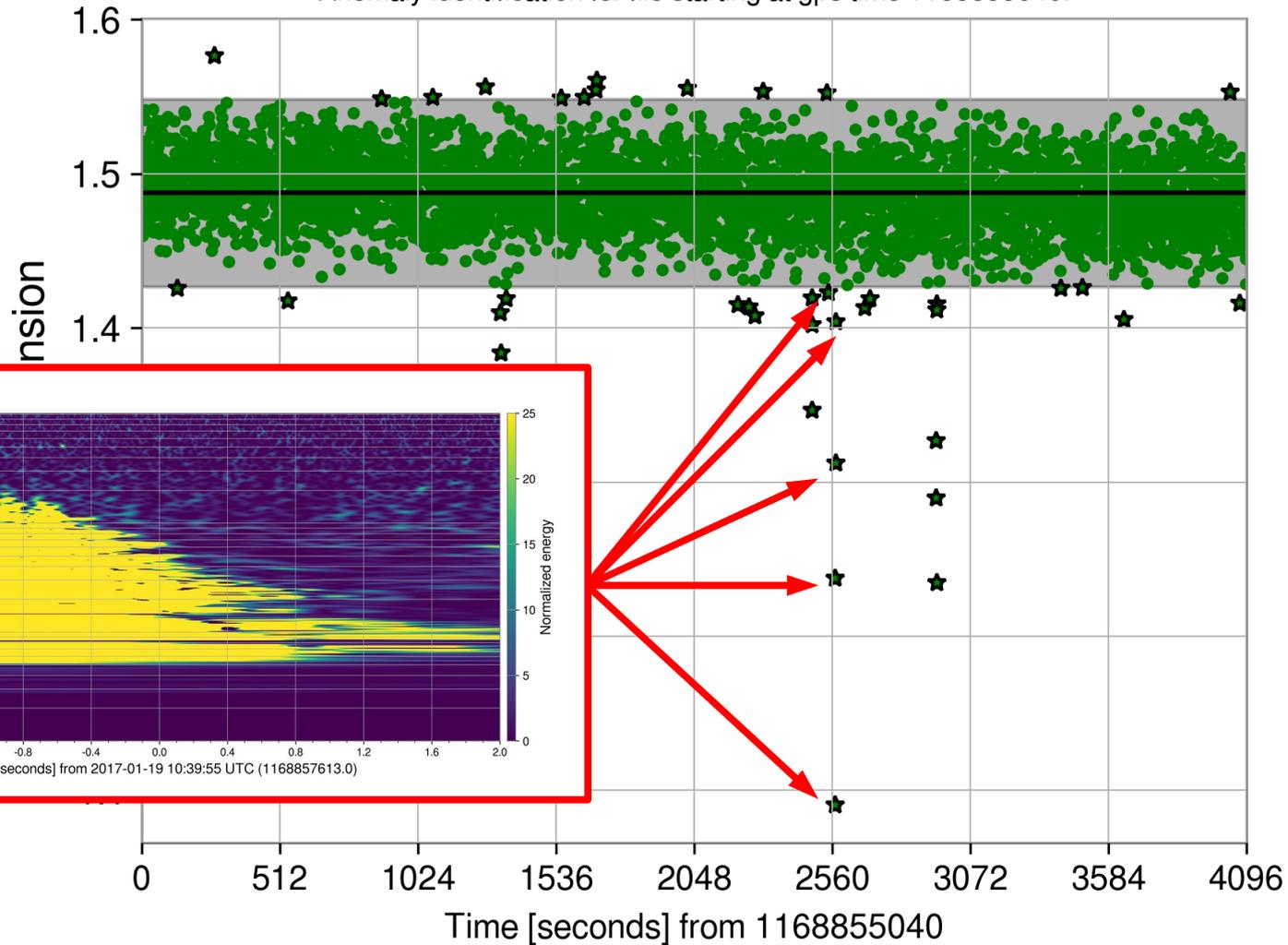
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# Glitch identification

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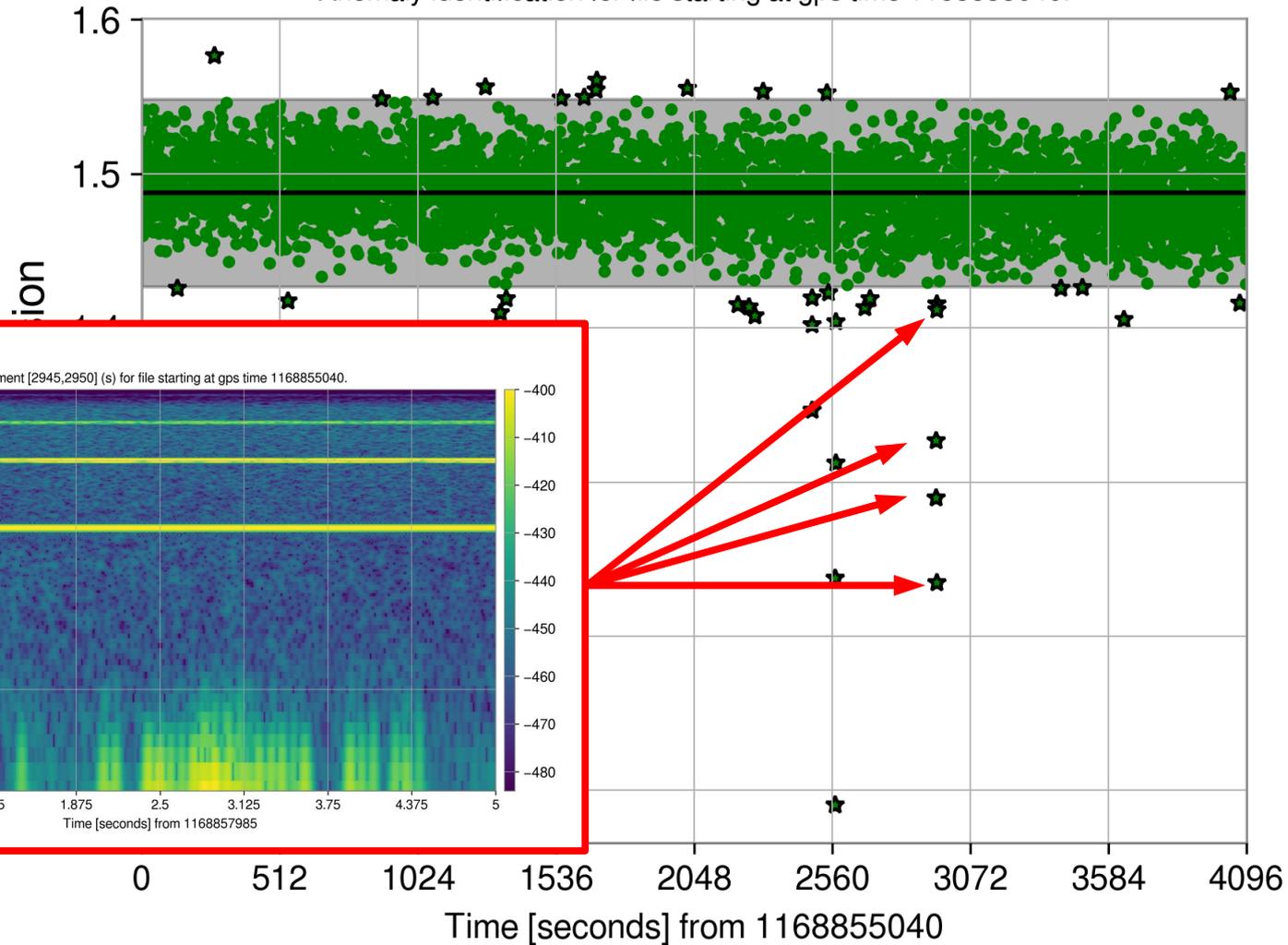
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# Glitch identification

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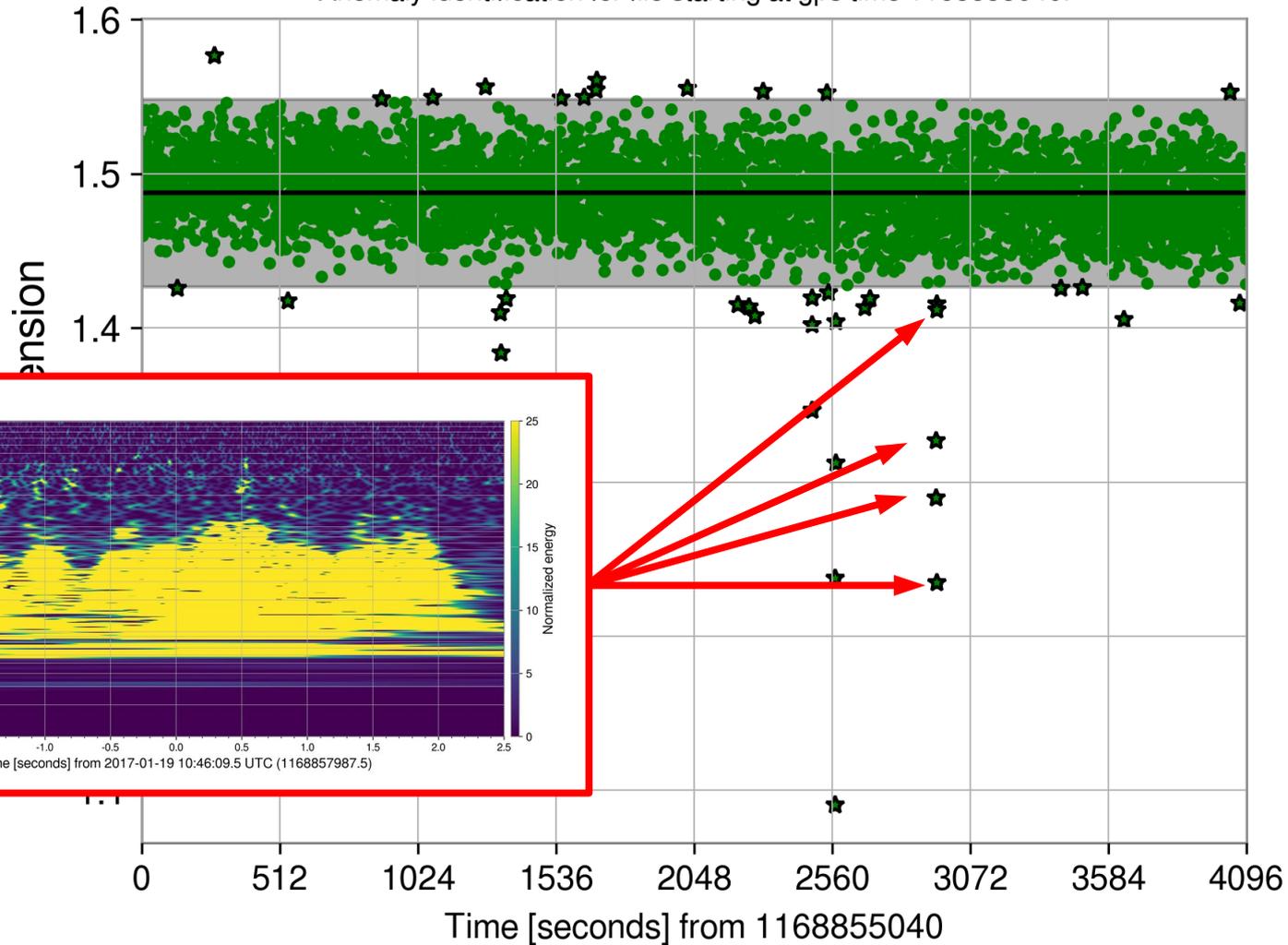
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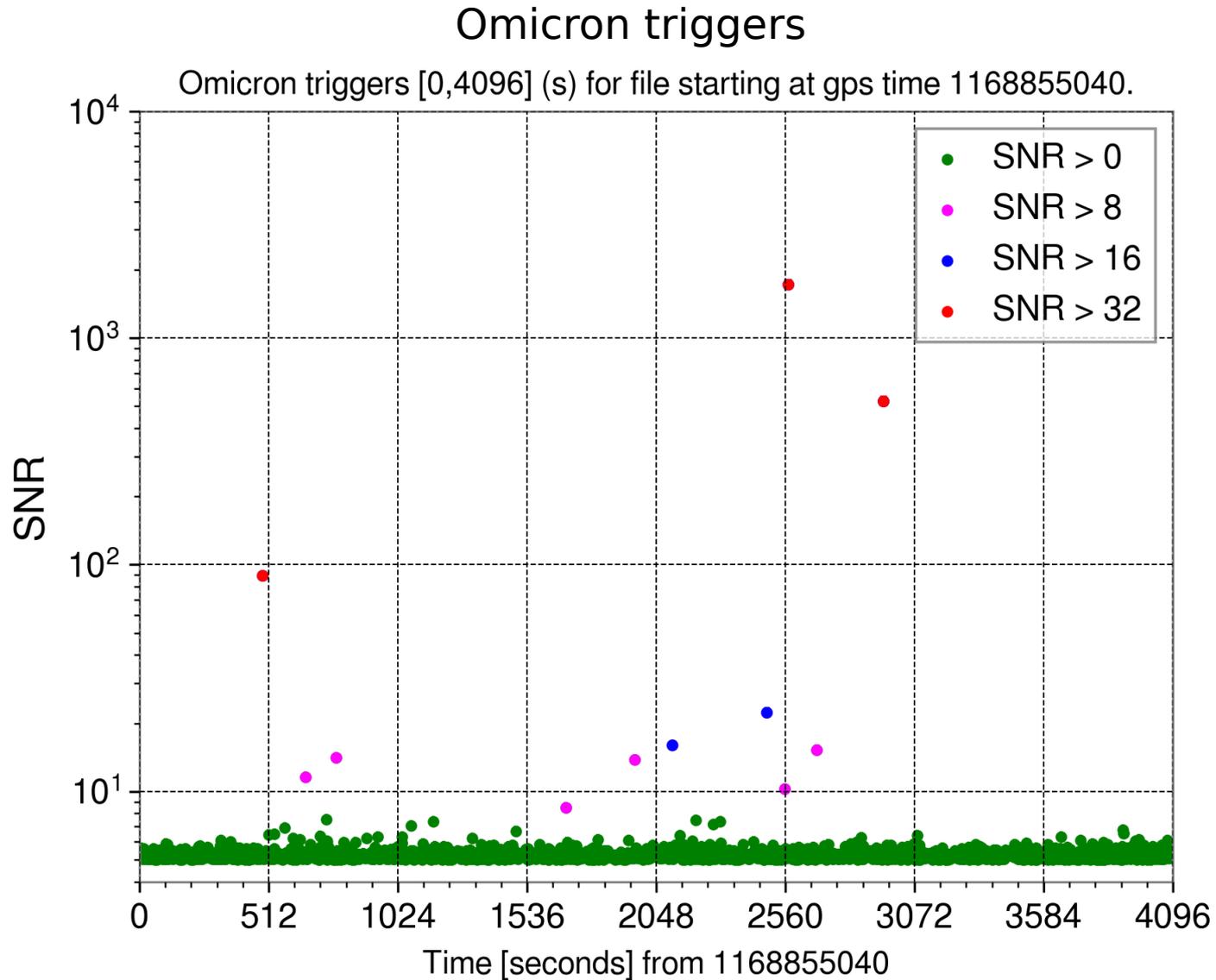
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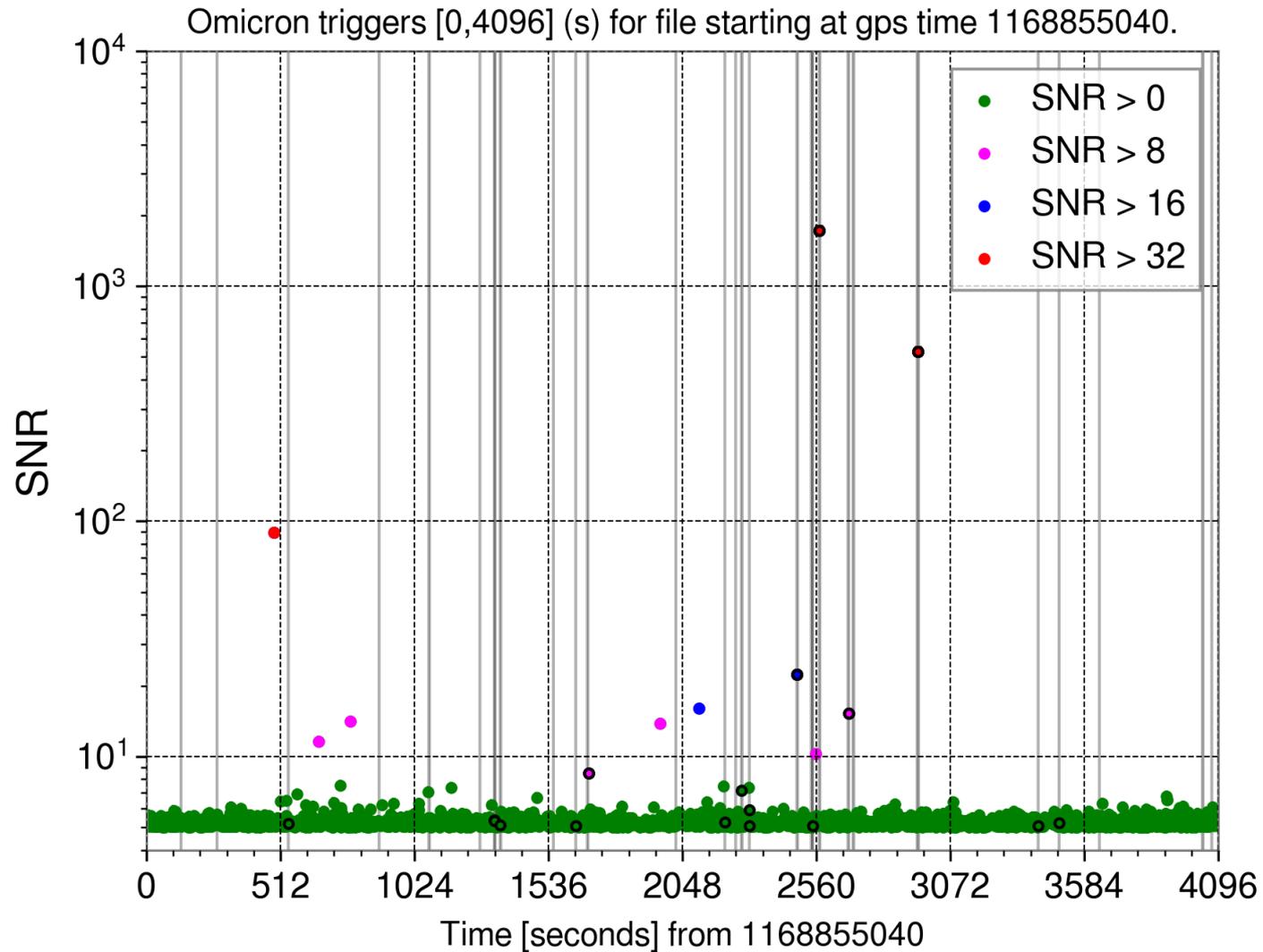


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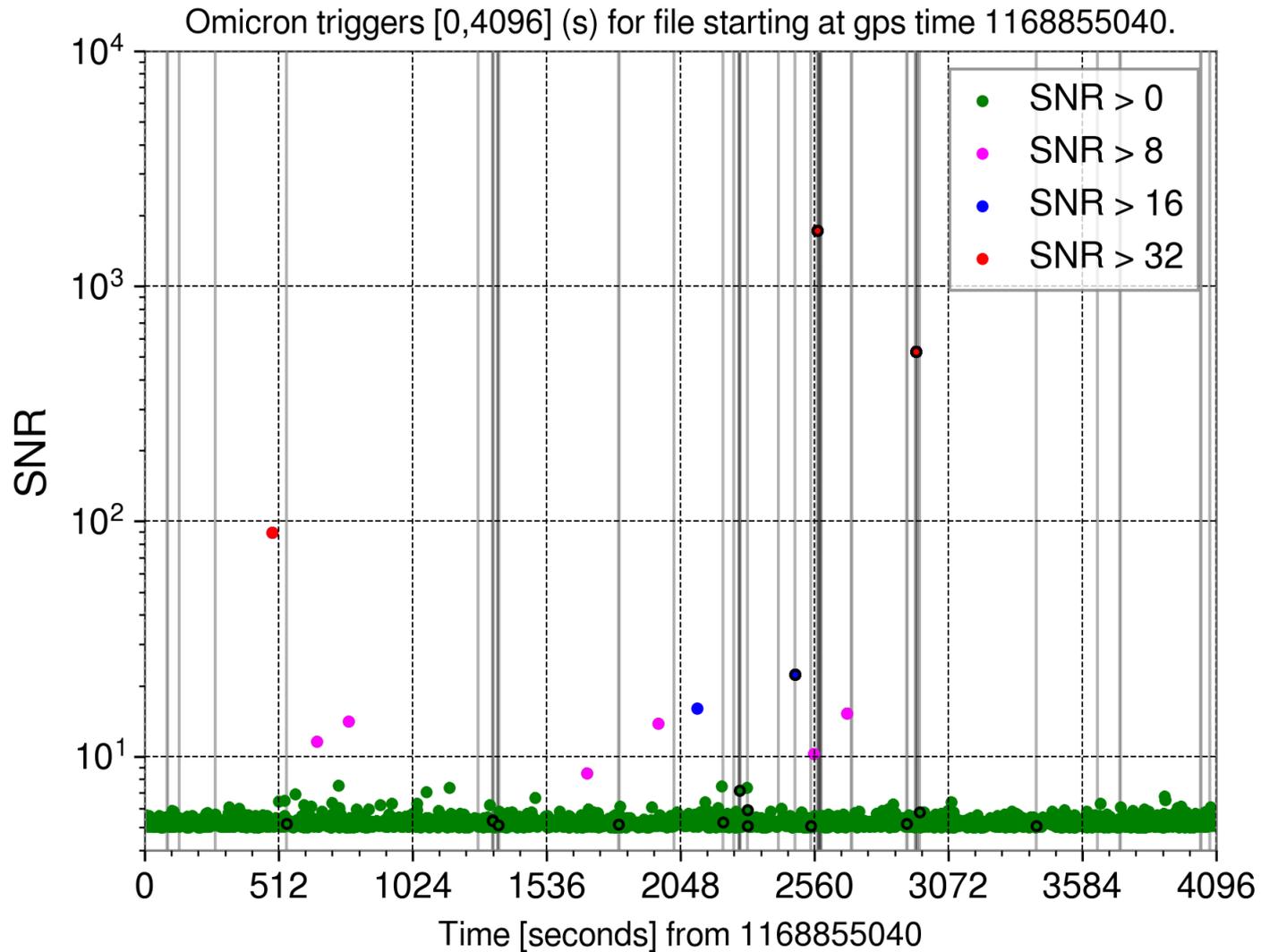
# Glitch identification

## Vetoed Omicron triggers



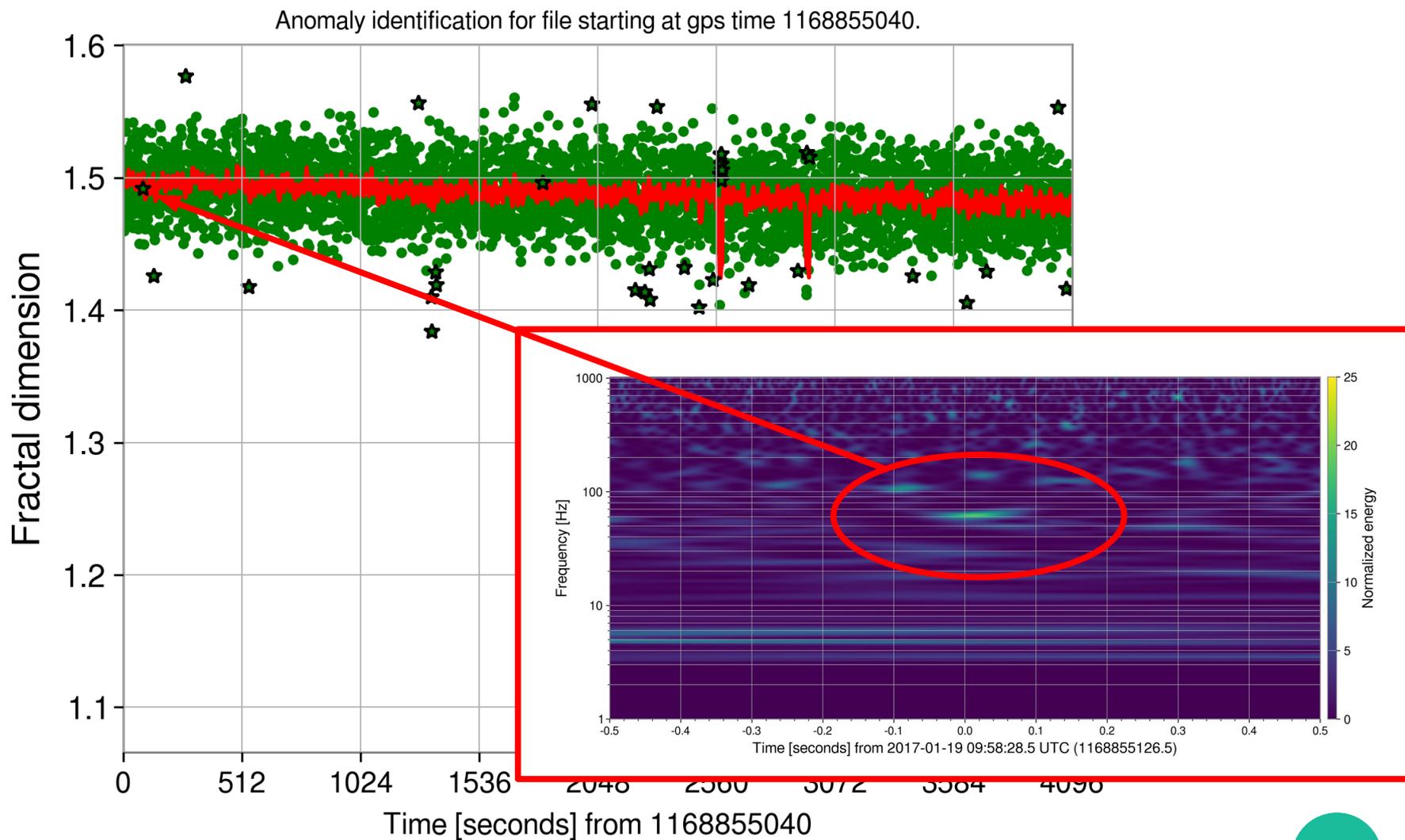


# Glitch identification



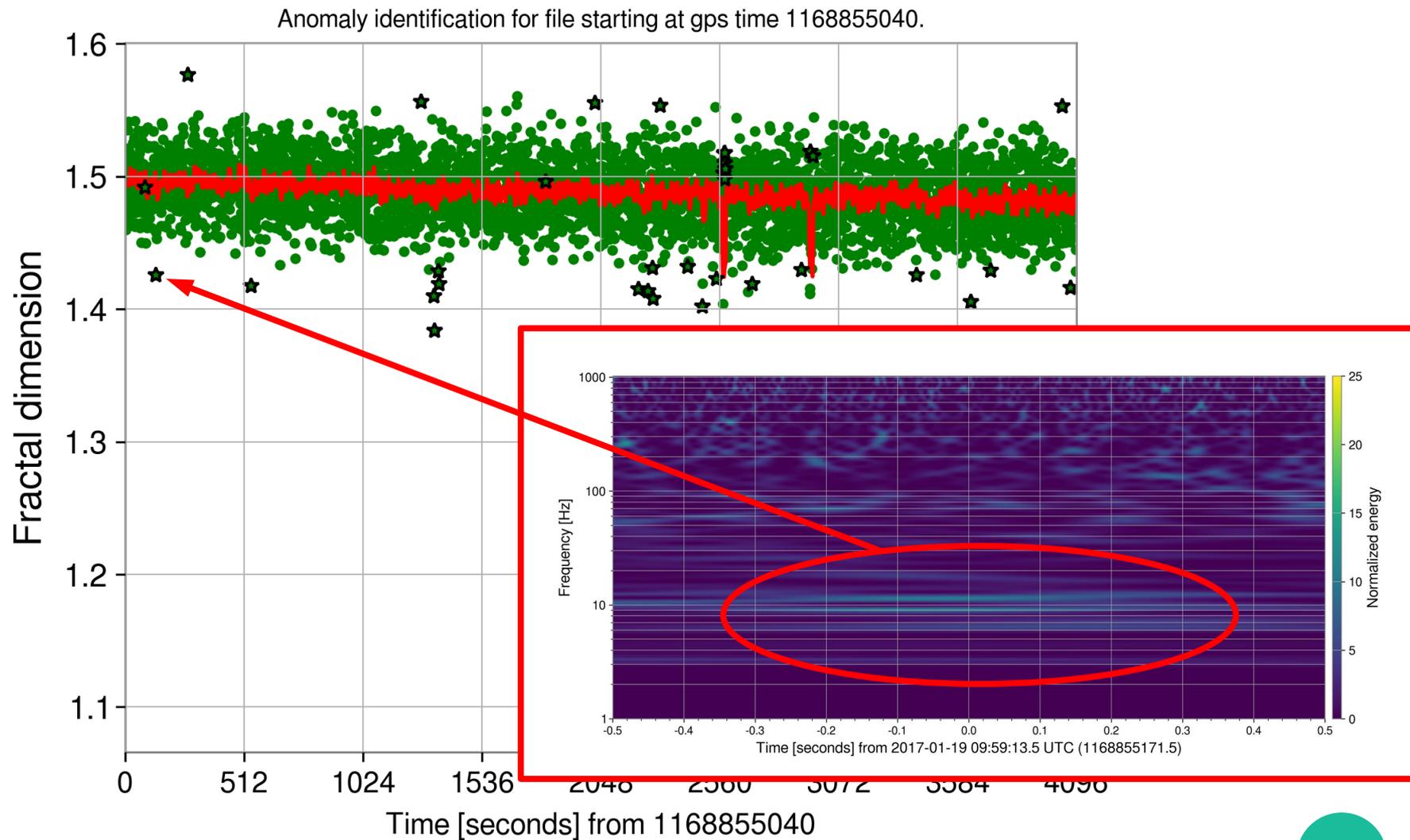
# Glitch identification

Rolling mean + anomaly detection with Local Outlier Factor (LOF)

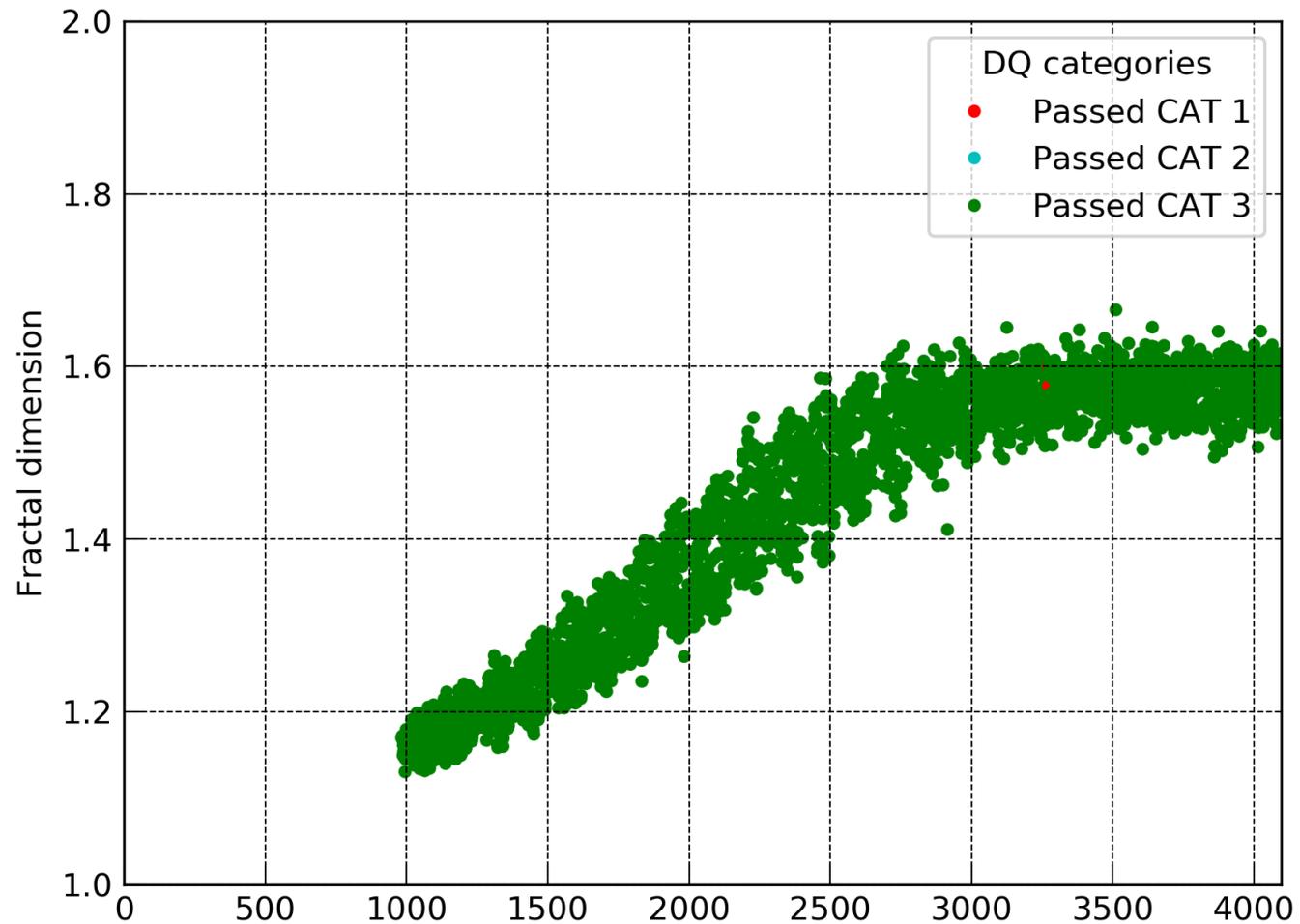


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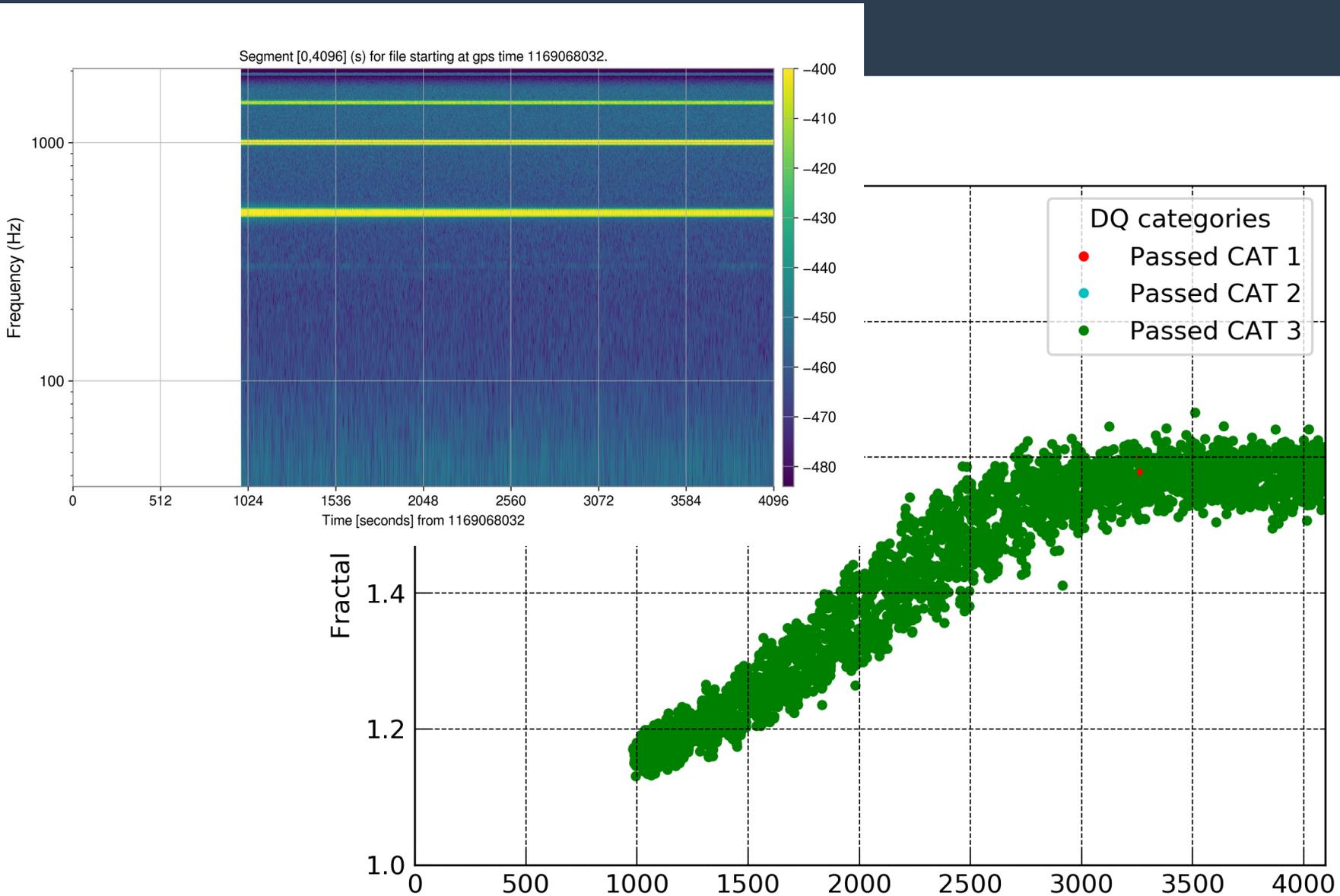
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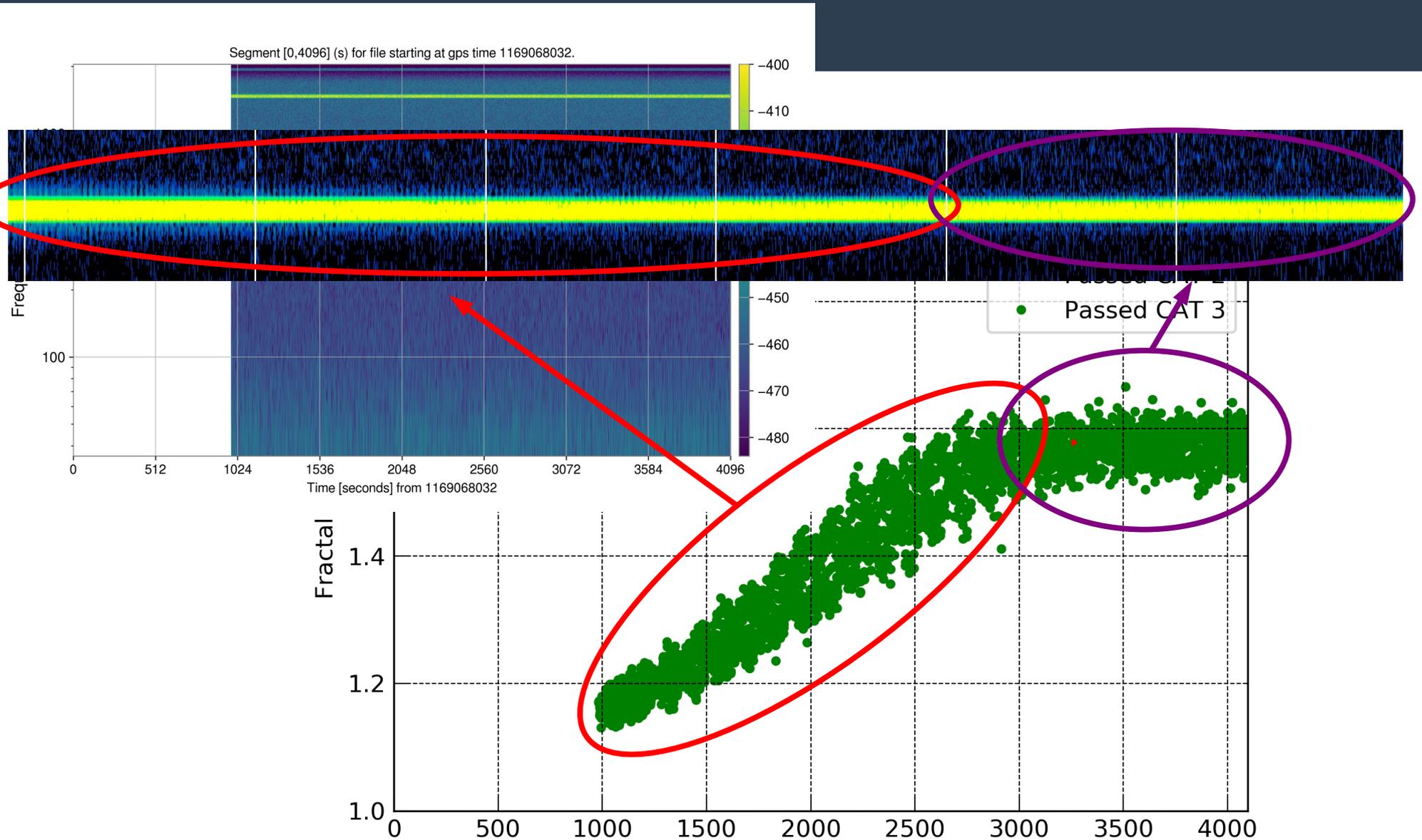
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# Conclusions

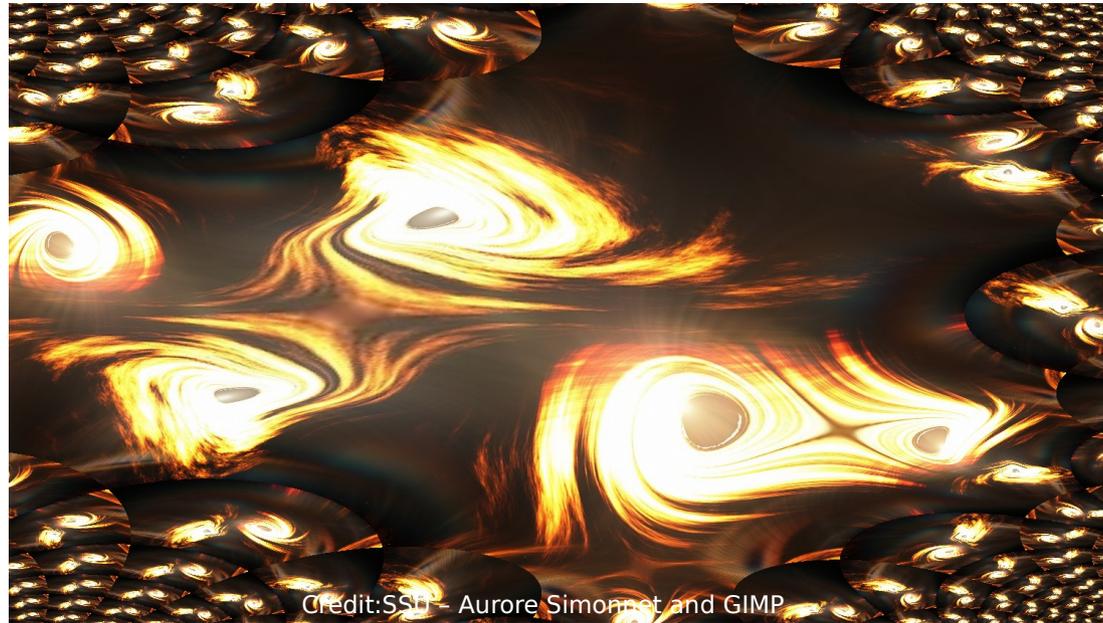
- Simple algorithms that can run on GPUs with numba → speed x 100
- One second of O2 open data at 4kHz decimated by a factor 16 is processed with the VAR algorithm on Caltech's GPU's pcdev11 in less than 0.6 s (including I/O)
- ~ 1/3 of O2 open data processed in a few days:  
<https://ldas-jobs.ligo.caltech.edu/~marco.cavaglia/Fractals/>
- **Fractal dimension can characterize the noise and can be processed in real time!**

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# Thank you! Questions<sup>(†)</sup> ?

(†) “If you ask me a question I do not know, I’m not going to answer it”  
– Yogi Berra



Credit:SSB – Aurore Simonnet and GIMP

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