

Calibrators – The $h(t)$ group

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Mission: To study and validate $h(t)$, present case to review committee, work on $h(t)$ methods

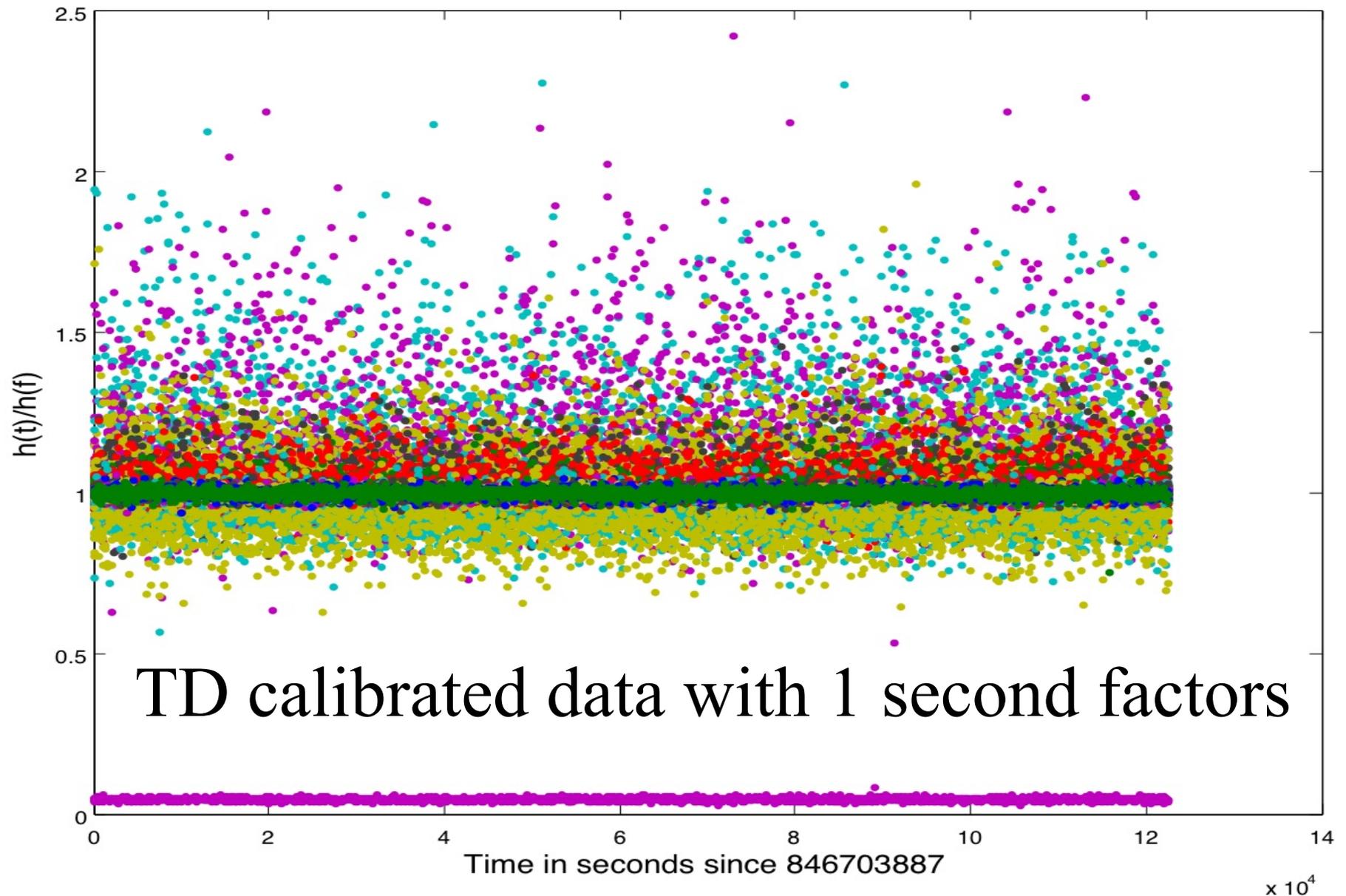
Calibrators V3 $h(t)$ work

Main tool is a noise comparison code that looks at many small bands of noise in FD calibrated DARM_ERR and compares it to noise in $h(t)$.
(Joe Betzwiezer, Amber Stuver, Chad Hanna?)

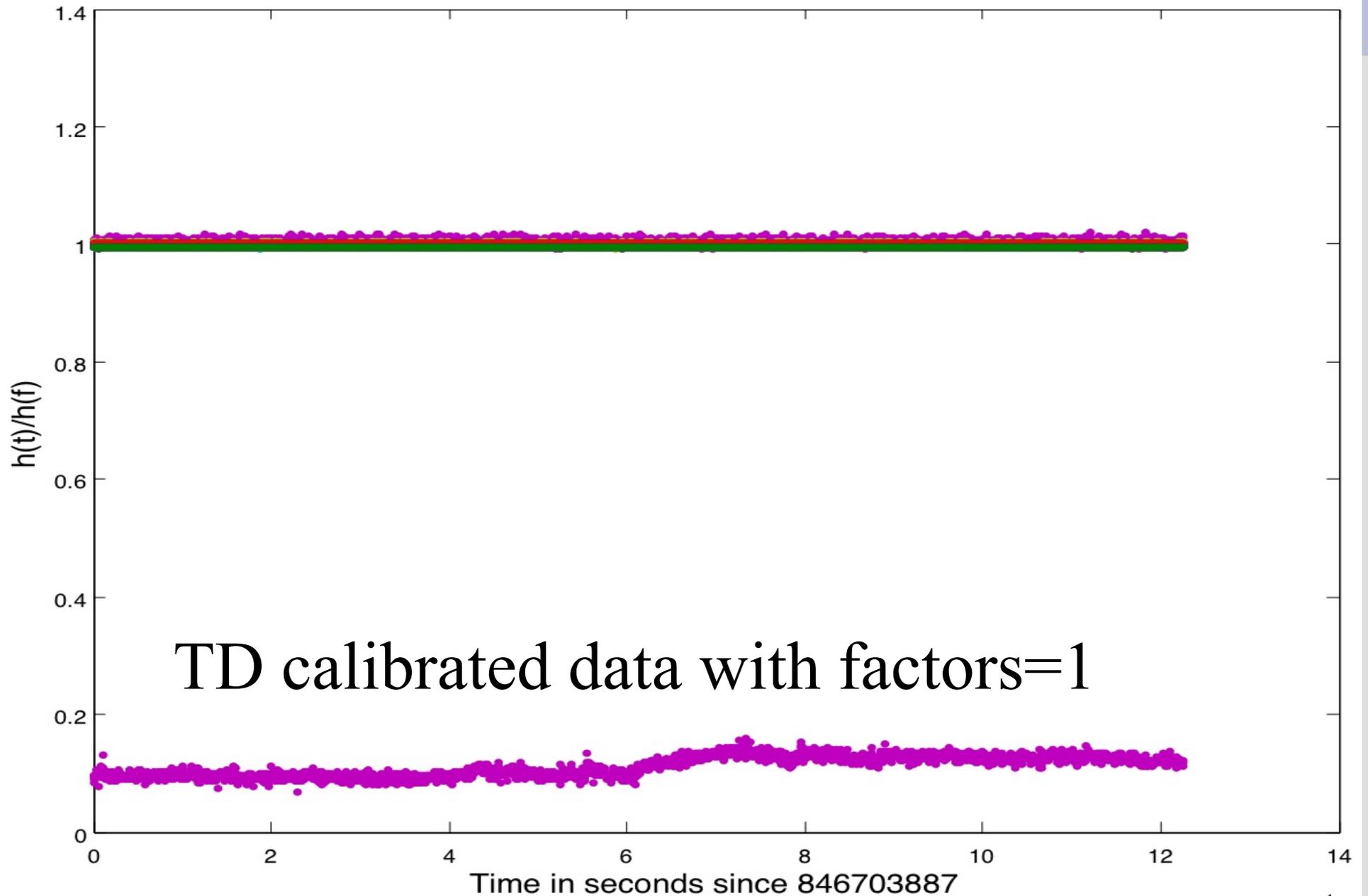
Other main effort is a look at hardware injections and comparison of recovered injection parameters between $h(t)$ and FD calibrated DARM_ERR.
(Philip Charlton, Brennan Hughey, Matt Pitkin Anand Sengupta, Myungkee Sung)

Some urgent issues

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Findings thus far:

Use of 1s factors causes differences between Fourier transforms of $h(t)$ and FD calibrated DARM_ERR near lines. This effect could be real, i.e. $h(t)$ more accurate representation. We don't know yet though—may point to a problem.

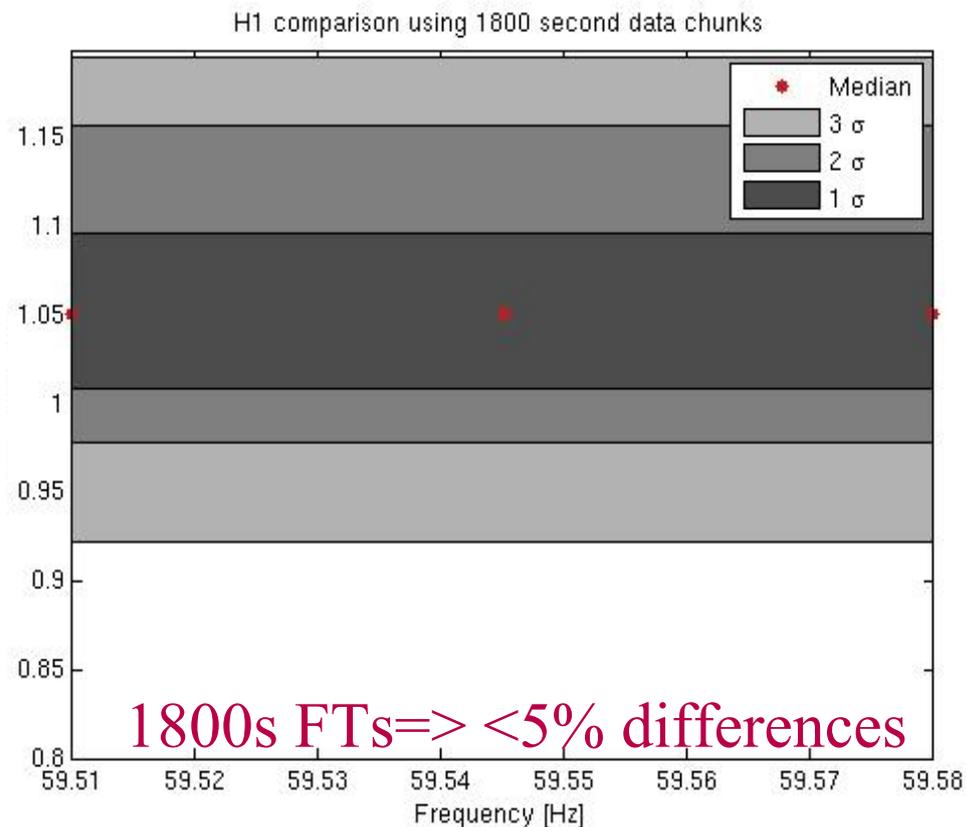
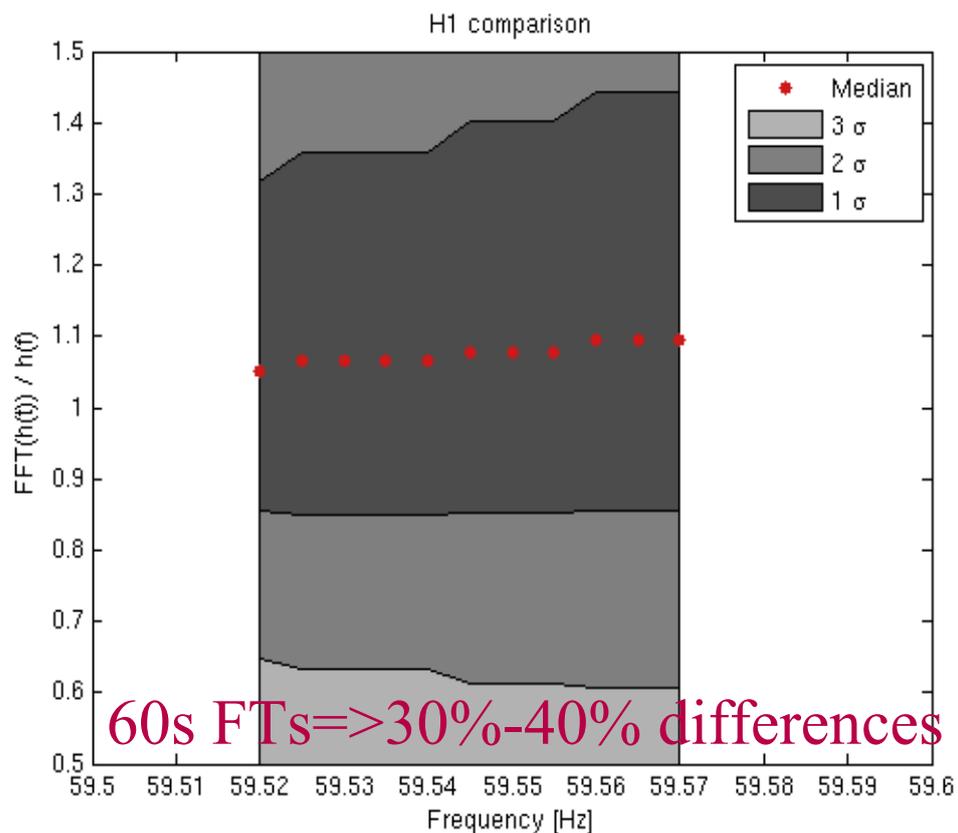
But we were worried about Crab search...

Matt Pitkin: Finds similar problem when applying 1s factors to DARM_ERR -> not an $h(t)$ generation issue.

Amber Stuver: Has taken spectra of factors to look for features that would generate sidebands. Nothing obviously there. Still looking.

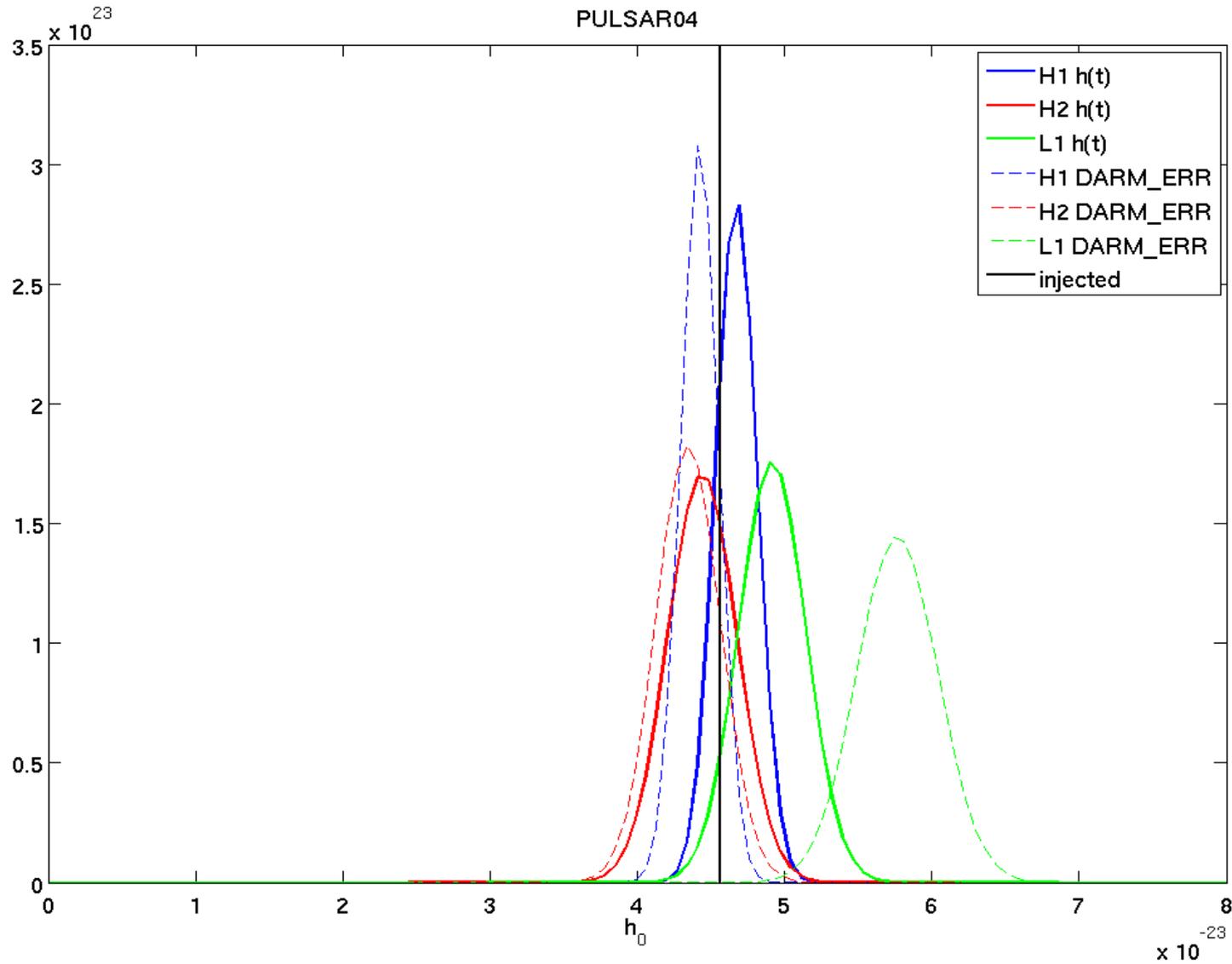
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Joe Betzwiezer: Usual comparisons use 60s Fourier transforms but Crab analysis (and most pulsar group) analysis uses 1800s Fourier transforms. Preliminary look indicates effect becomes something we can live with (rather nicely):



Injections:

Matt Pitkin (Pulsars): Quick look at injections in $h(t)$ and DARM_ERR. 2 days of data from the s5try3 injection period. Injections look better in $h(t)$. Probably a coincidence.



Brennan Hughey & Myungkee Sung (Bursts):

Started to look at burst hardware injections.

Preliminary look seems OK. Nothing glaring.

Anand Sengupta (Inspirals):

Compiling existing data from CBC group.

Philip Charlton? (Stochastic): No injection analysis going on. Doing some stochasticky noise comparisons

Spirit: To understand the effect of $h(t)$ calibration procedure on the signal. Will not pursue injection outliers if they're seen in DARM_ERR as well. Only looking for differences between TD and FD calibrations.

Summary

A lot more work going on by Calibrators than I've mentioned.

Generally: Will work to make a case to the review committee with validations and error recommendations for V3 $h(t)$ ~1 month. Huge amount of data to be checked over.

Back and forth with review committee ~1 month

Slightly optimistic estimate time to V3 completion
~2 months

V4 1-2 months after FD calibration is released