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Implementation of Automatic Differentiation in Microlensing Light Curve Calculation

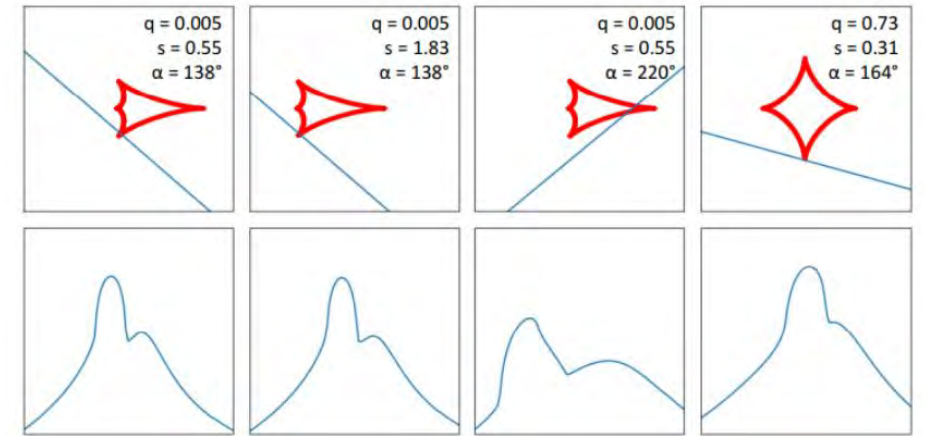
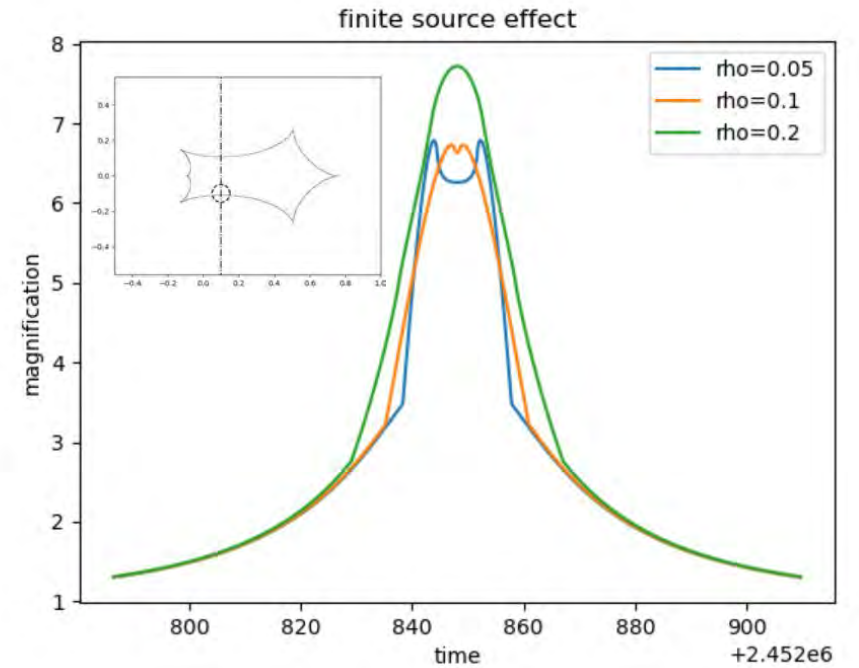
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Background

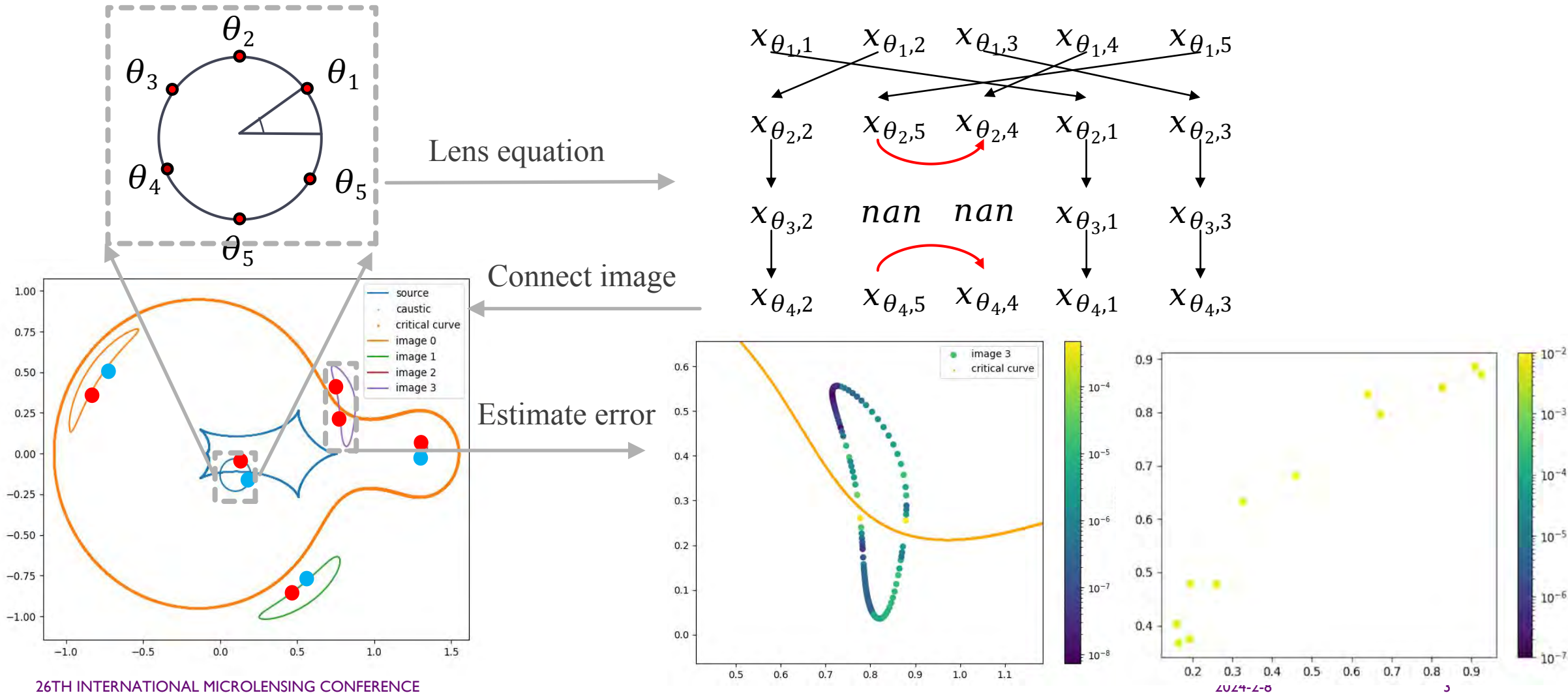
- Binary lens modelling Challenge:
 - Light curve calculation: roots finding, **finite source effect**
 - Inference: **degeneracy and similarity**
- Current algorithm:
 - VBinaryLensing contour Integral + optimal sampling
 - Grid search + MCMC inefficient, local minimum
- Advanced algorithm : global optimization? variant of MCMC? Machine Learning?
 - **Optimal sampling +Gradient**



Degeneracy and similarity in binary lens Credit [Jennifer Yee](#)

Schramm and Kayser, (1987)
 Gould and Gaucherel ,(1997)
 Dominik (2007)
 Bozza (2010), Bozza et al. (2018)
 Bartolić (2023) ...

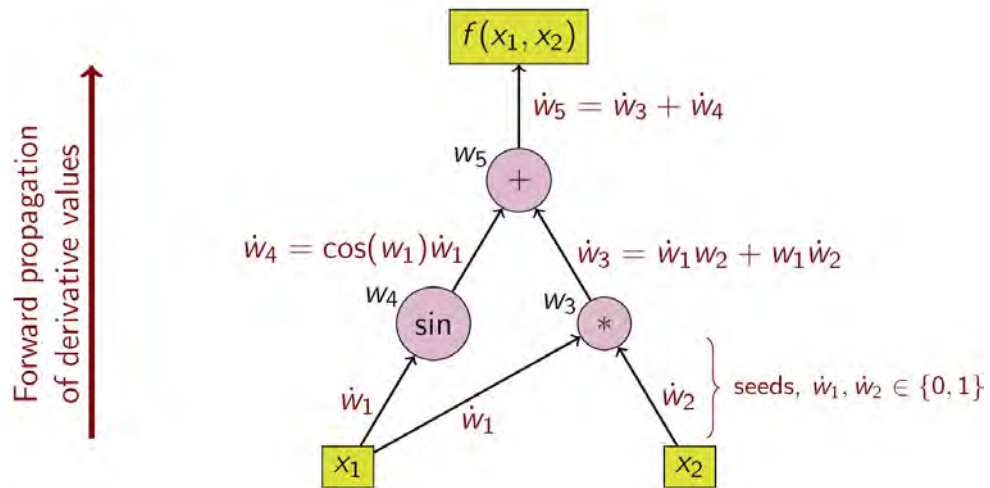
Contour Integral + optimal sampling



Implementation: Jax

- Automatic differentiation

Decompose the algorithm and use chain rule to get accurate gradient.



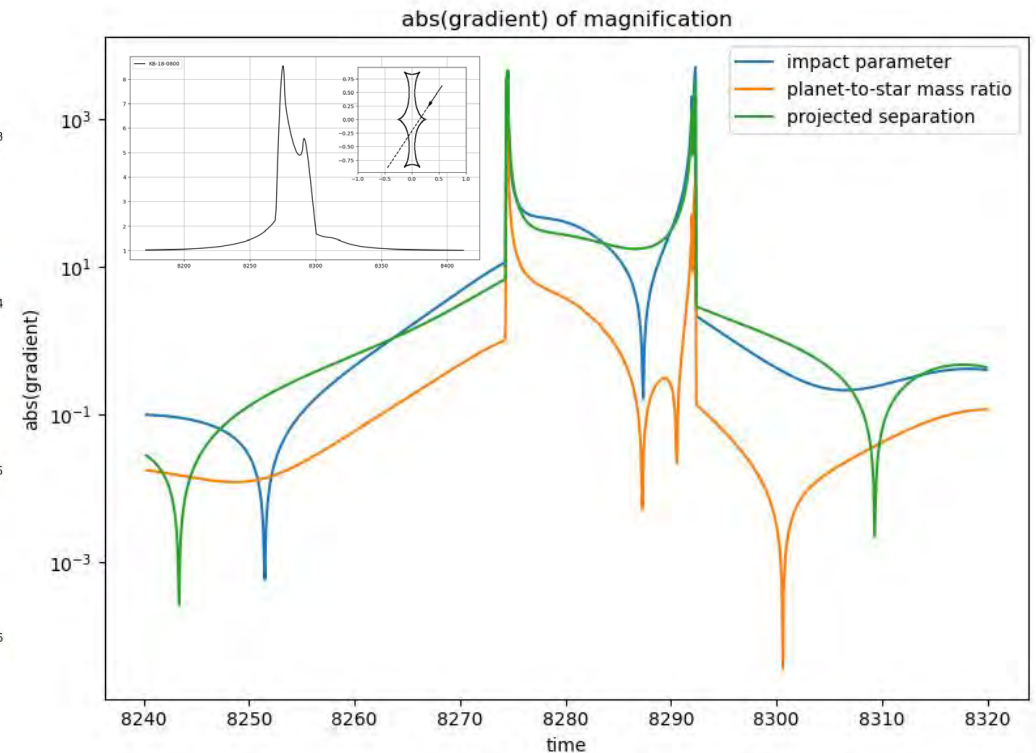
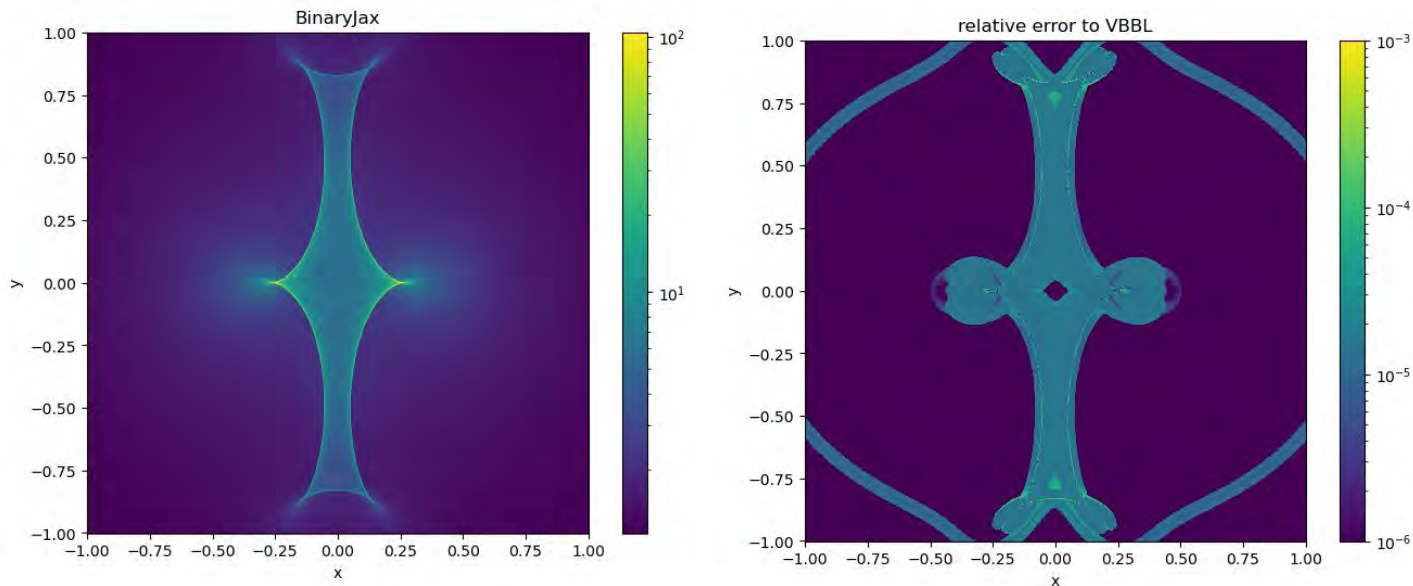
- JIT(just-in-time) compile: accelerate
- compile requirement:

Shaped array (we must know the shape of array before code runs): **memory and time waste**

0	θ_i	2π	Nan	Nan	Nan	Nan	Nan	Nan
			↓ Operation					
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Result

- Draw magnification maps and compare with VBBL. $q \in [10^{-6}, 1]$, $s \in [0.1, 4]$, $\rho \in [10^{-3}, 10^{-1}]$
- **Fast robust and accurate light curve calculation with gradient function**
- $\sim s$ for \sim light curve with $1e4$ points



Application of gradient

- Optimization:

Local minimization: from simplex to gradient based method (CG,BFGS...)

Global minimization: Basin hopping

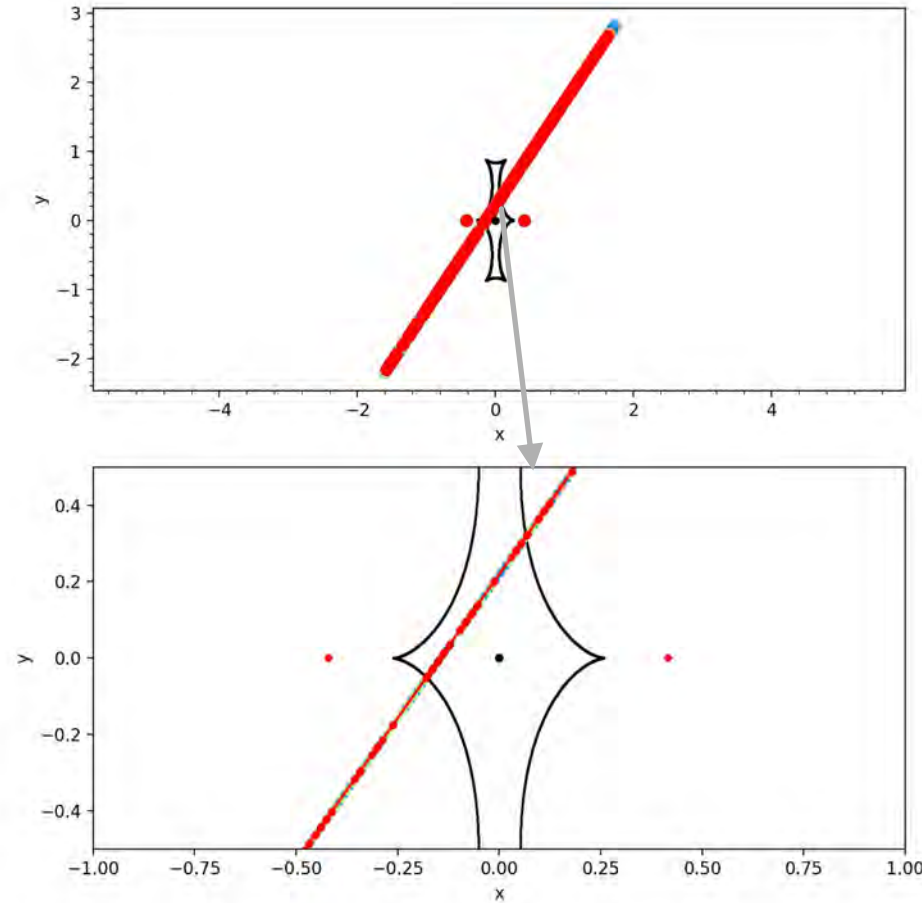
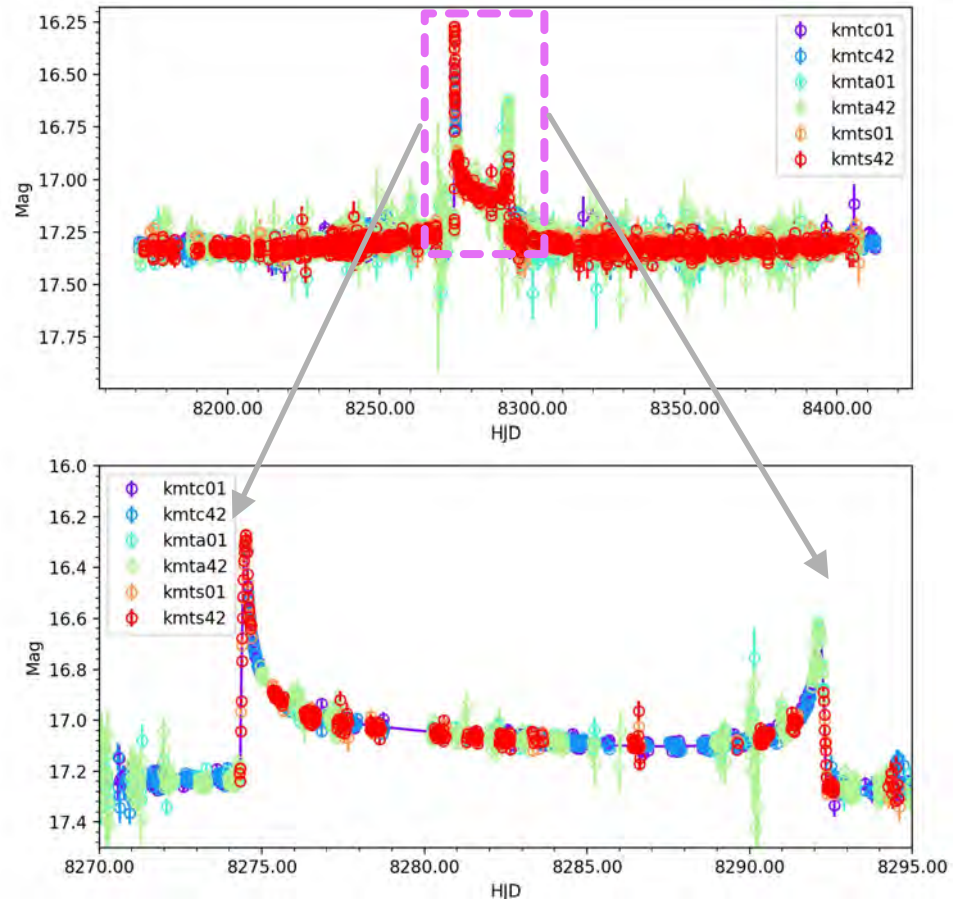
- Posterior:

From MCMC to Fisher matrix

From MCMC to variant of MCMC(such as HMC)

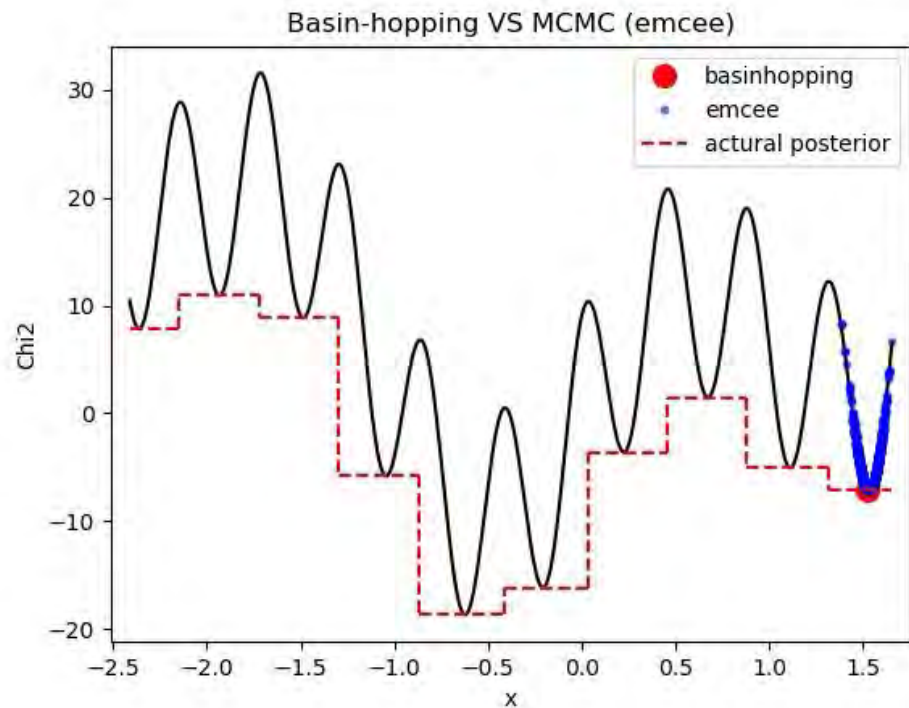
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Optimization: Basin hopping

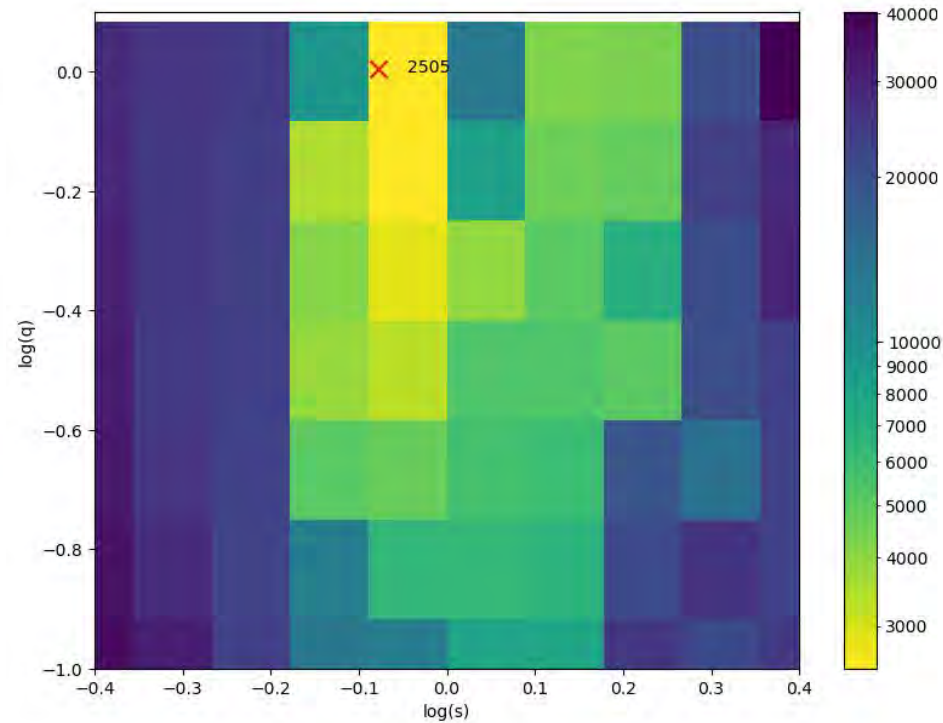
- *RandomPerturbation()*
- *LocalMinimisation()* *gradient*
- *Accept / Reject (Metropolis criterion)*



■ Grid search

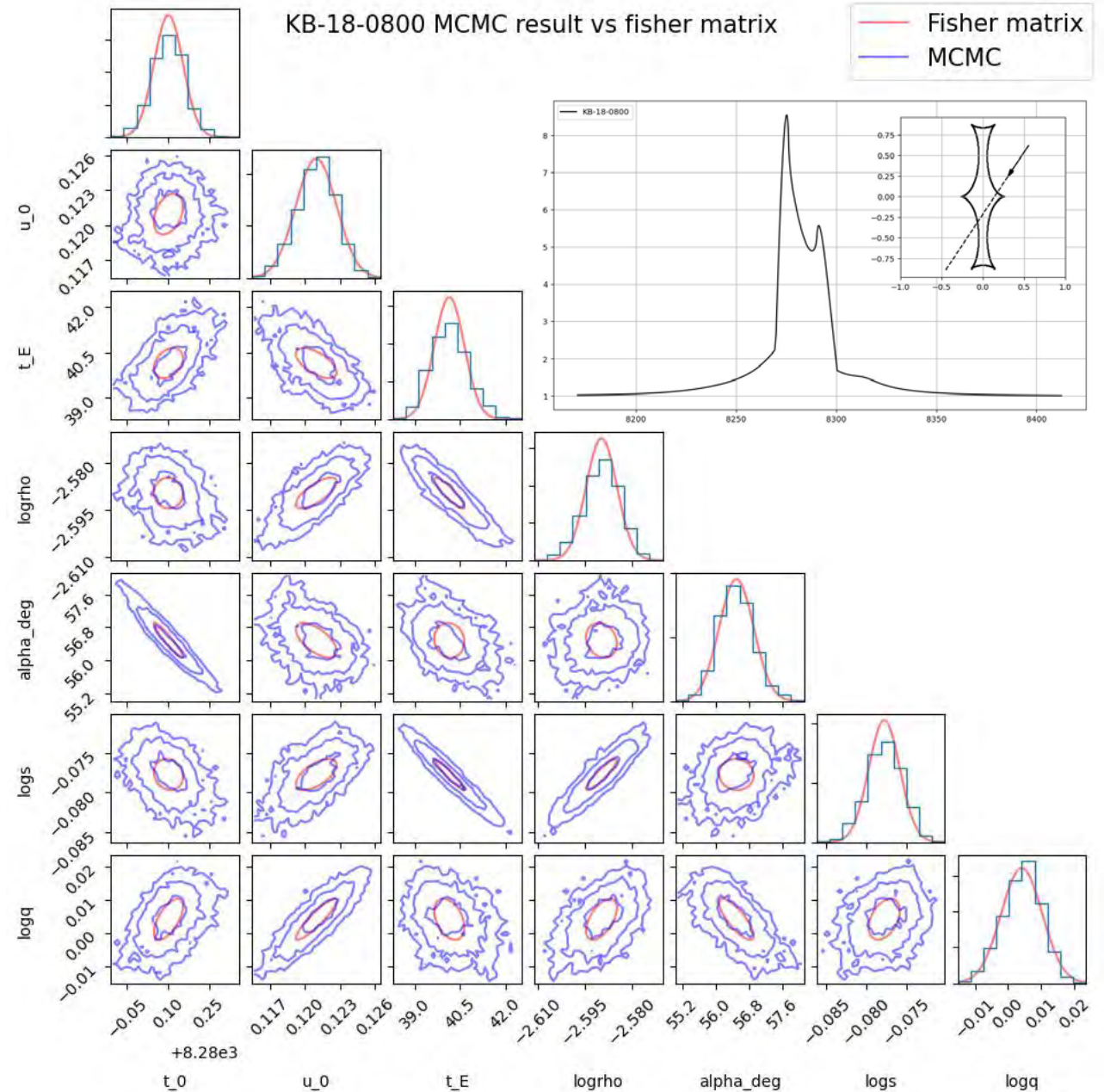
~1000 function calls/grid :basin hopping

~10000 function calls/grid :emcee



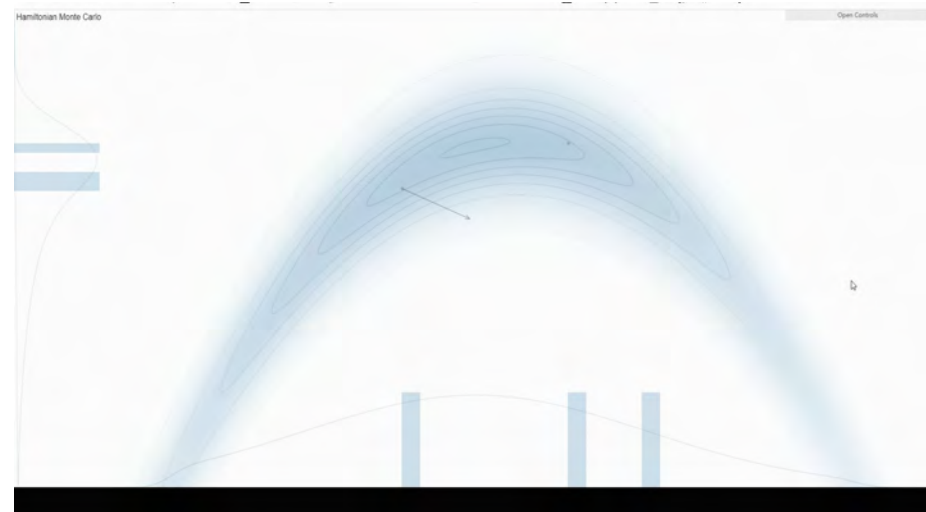
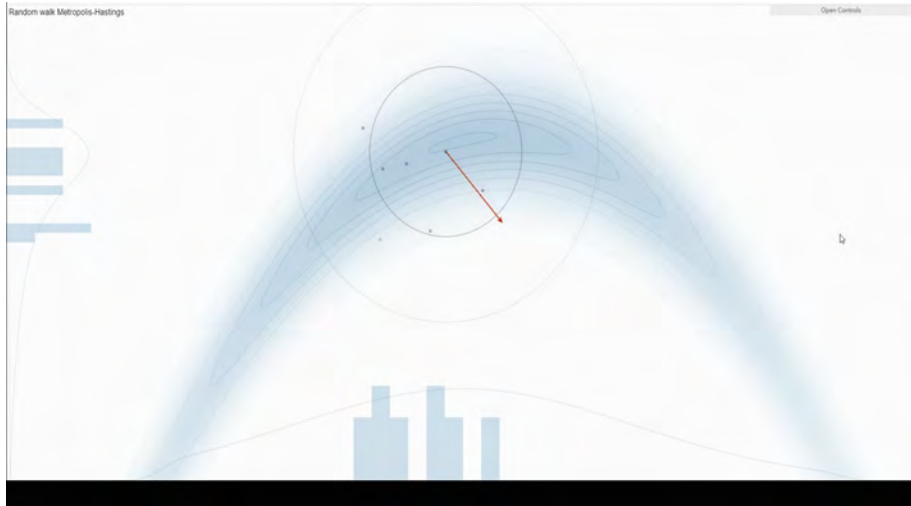
Fisher Information Matrix

- $$F_{ij} = \sum_k \frac{\partial F_{t_k}}{\partial \theta_i} * \frac{\partial F_{t_k}}{\partial \theta_j} * \frac{1}{\sigma_{t_k}^2}$$
- Optimization + Fisher information : directly get posterior
- only the linear correlation (Gaussian) Fail when parameters are not well constrained, **Sampling: variant of MCMC**



Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

- Associate PDF with energy $p(x, q) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-H(x, q)}$
- Using Hamiltonian dynamic to propose new state. **Reversibility** and **acceptance rate = 1.0**(theoretically)
weaker autocorrelation, Higher acceptance ratio



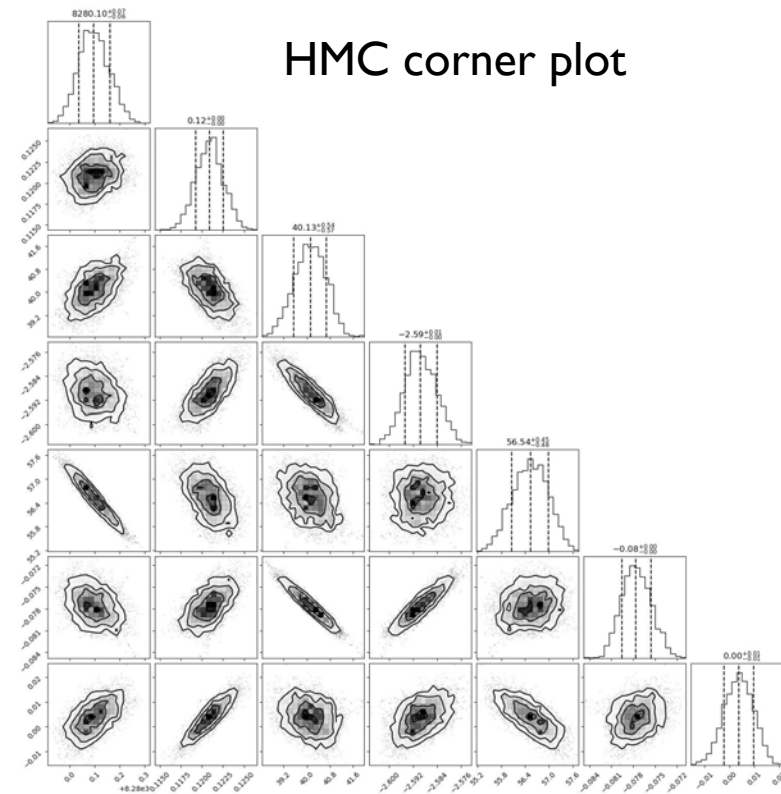
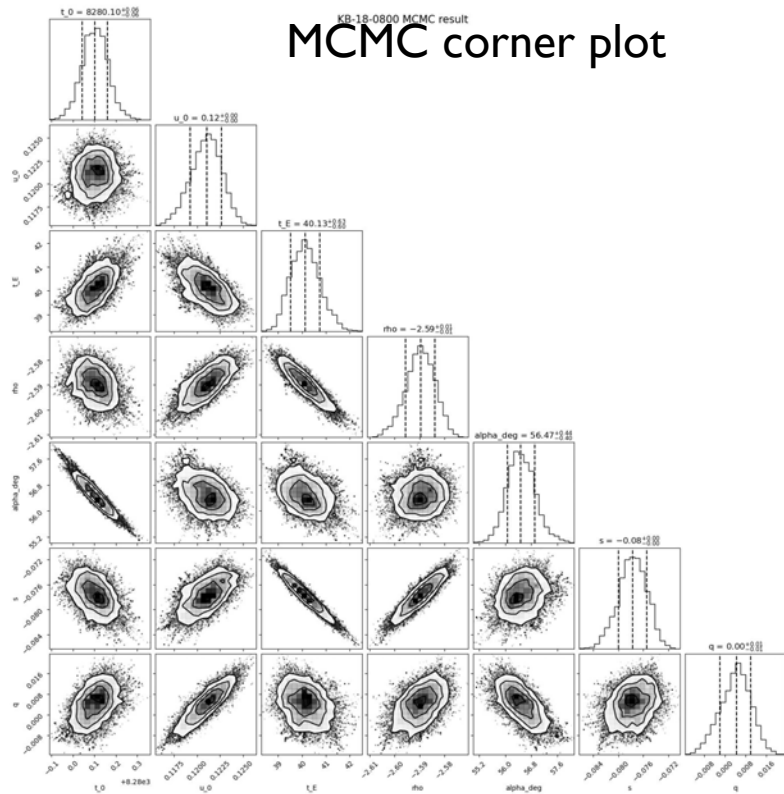
MCMC VS. HMC

Credit: <https://github.com/chi-feng/mcmc-demo>

Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

More Light curve evaluation : 248 (function + gradient) per ESS HMC 600 function per ESS MCMC.

ESS: Effective sample size



Take Home Message

- We implement a fast, robust and accurate light curve calculation algorithm with Autograd in Jax
- With gradient we can explore more advanced algorithms:
 - Basin hopping, Fisher matrix , HMC
- Future Plan
 1. Optimization: Roots Finding etc.
 2. High order effect : parallax etc.
 3. Machine Learning
 4. ...



 <https://github.com/CoastEgo/BinaryJax>