



Making EDGES Bayesian

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Outline

- A Bayesian computational framework for EDGES
- Dual-Band analysis
- Bayesian Calibration



Overall Motivation

- EDGES 2018 result is surprising.
- Rigorous confirmation of derived absorption feature is very important.
- There are a number of ways in which the data analysis component of the EDGES results can be improved (cf. Hills et al. 2019, Singh+Subrahmanyan 2019 etc.).

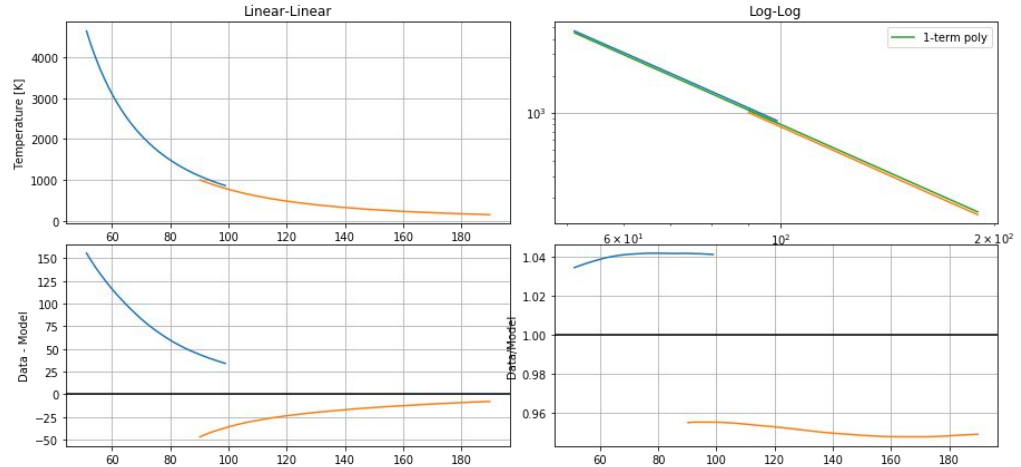


A Bayesian Model-Maker for EDGES

- New Bayesian models (likelihoods, priors, derived parameters...) implemented using <https://github.com/steven-murray/yabf>
- Defines a Python \leftarrow \rightarrow YAML “standard” for specifying computable hierarchical Bayesian models.
- All current models for EDGES implemented in https://github.com/edges-collab/edges_estimate

Dual Band Analysis

- Desire to use multiple antennas' data in simultaneous constraint.
- High-band data could possibly provide better handle on foregrounds.
- Difficulty arises due to differences in absolute calibration between instruments



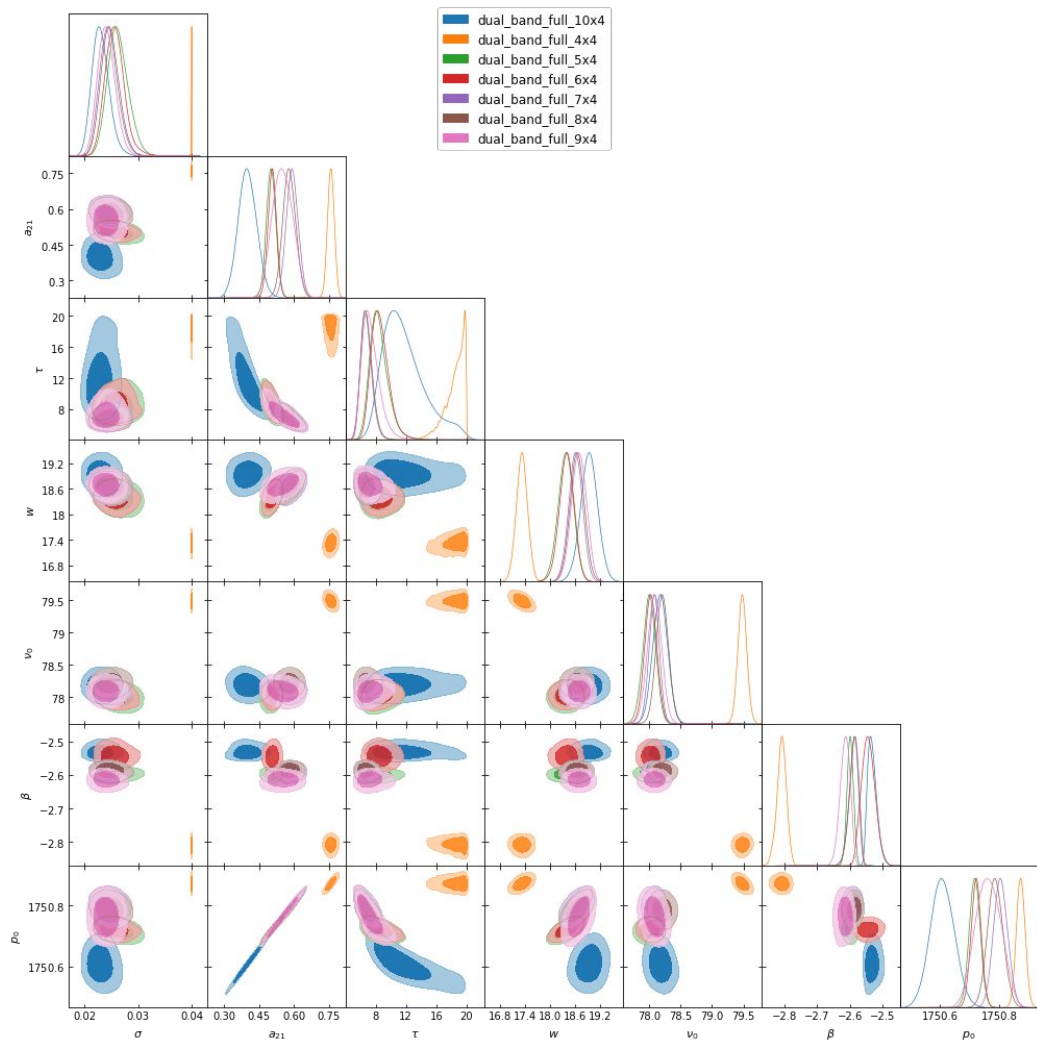
Dual Band Analysis

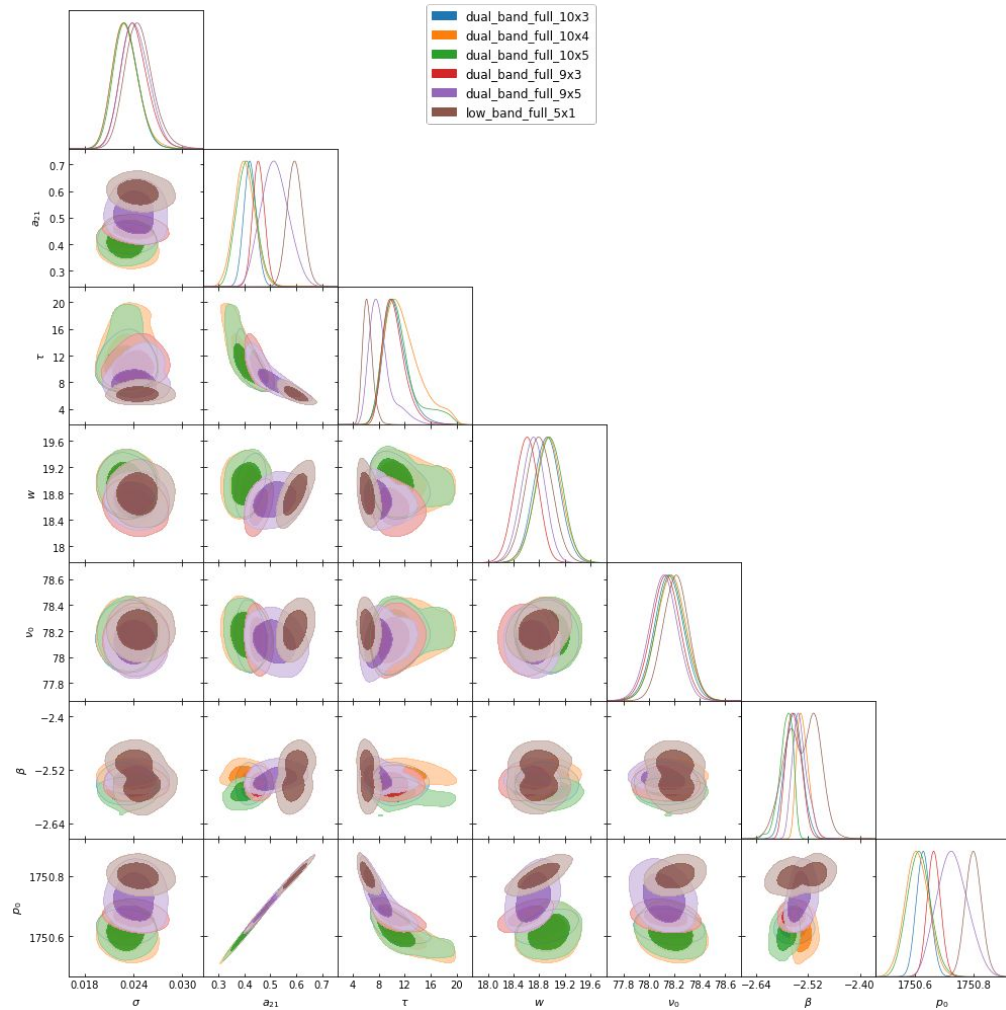
- We use a flexible model to capture the relative miscalibration:

$$T_{\text{high}}(v) = f^{\beta} \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\text{fg}}-1} p_i (\ln f)^i \sum_{j=0}^{N_{\text{bias}}-1} b_j (\ln f)^j$$

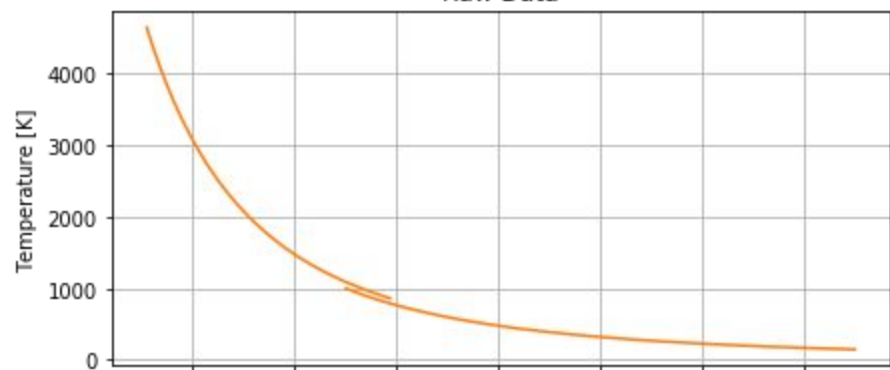
Equivalent to
Low Band

High Band
relative "bias"

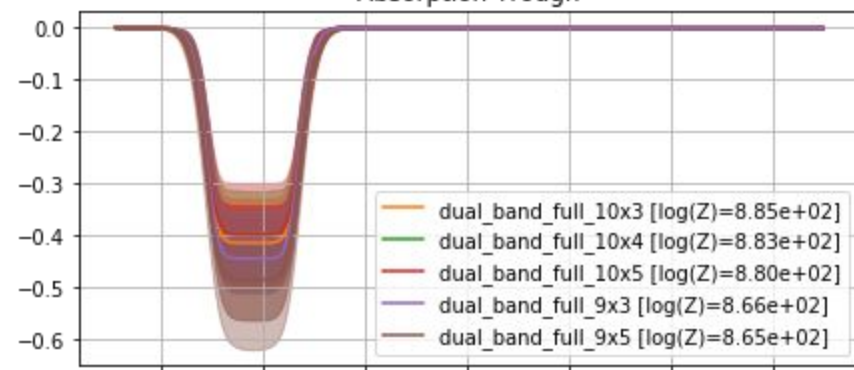




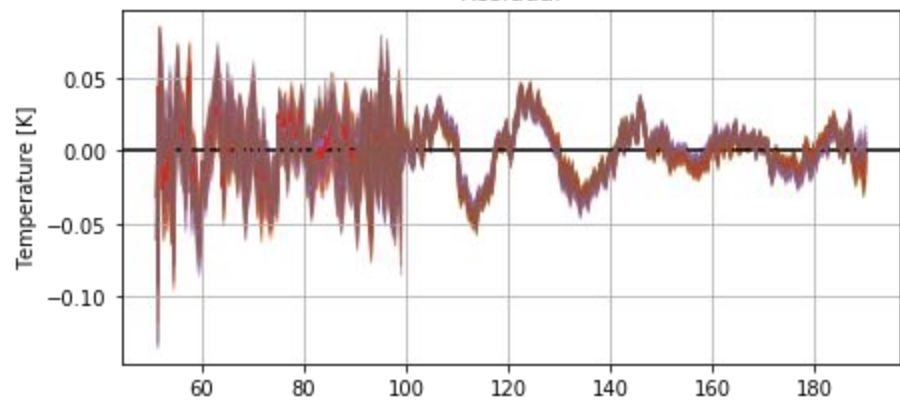
Raw Data



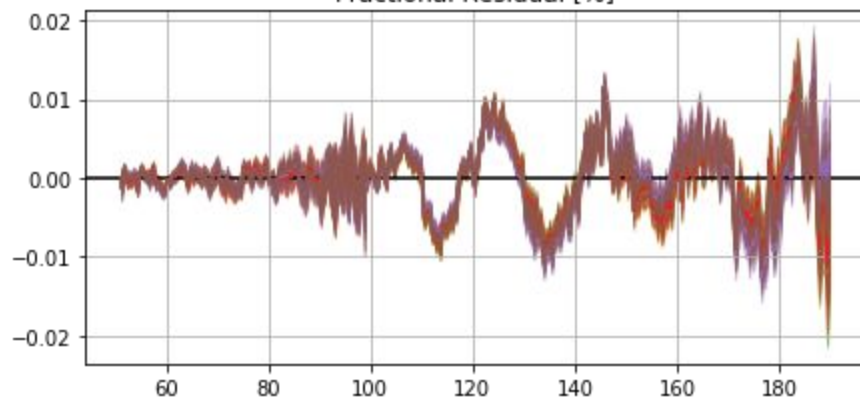
Absorption Trough

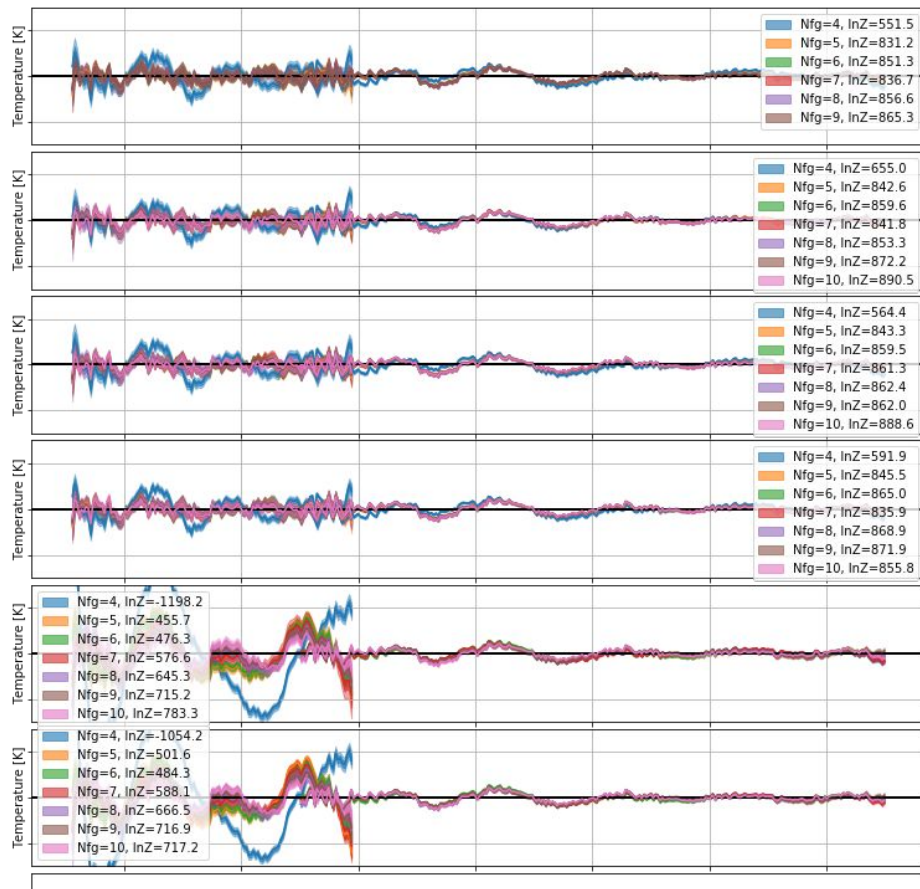
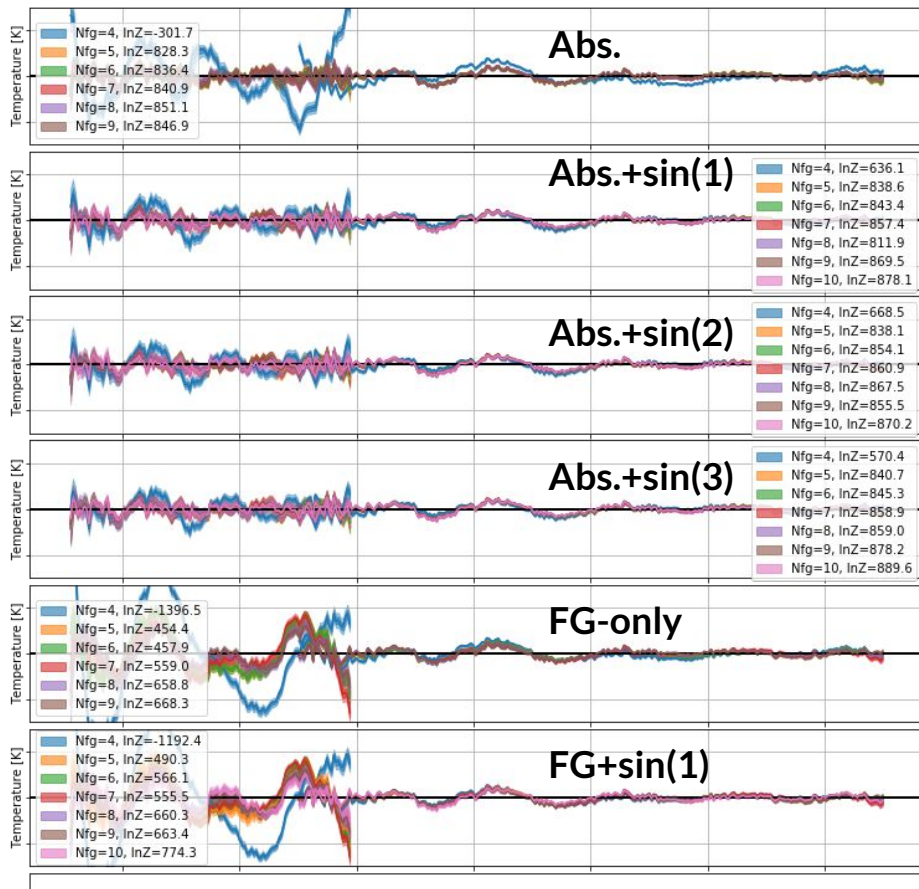


Residual



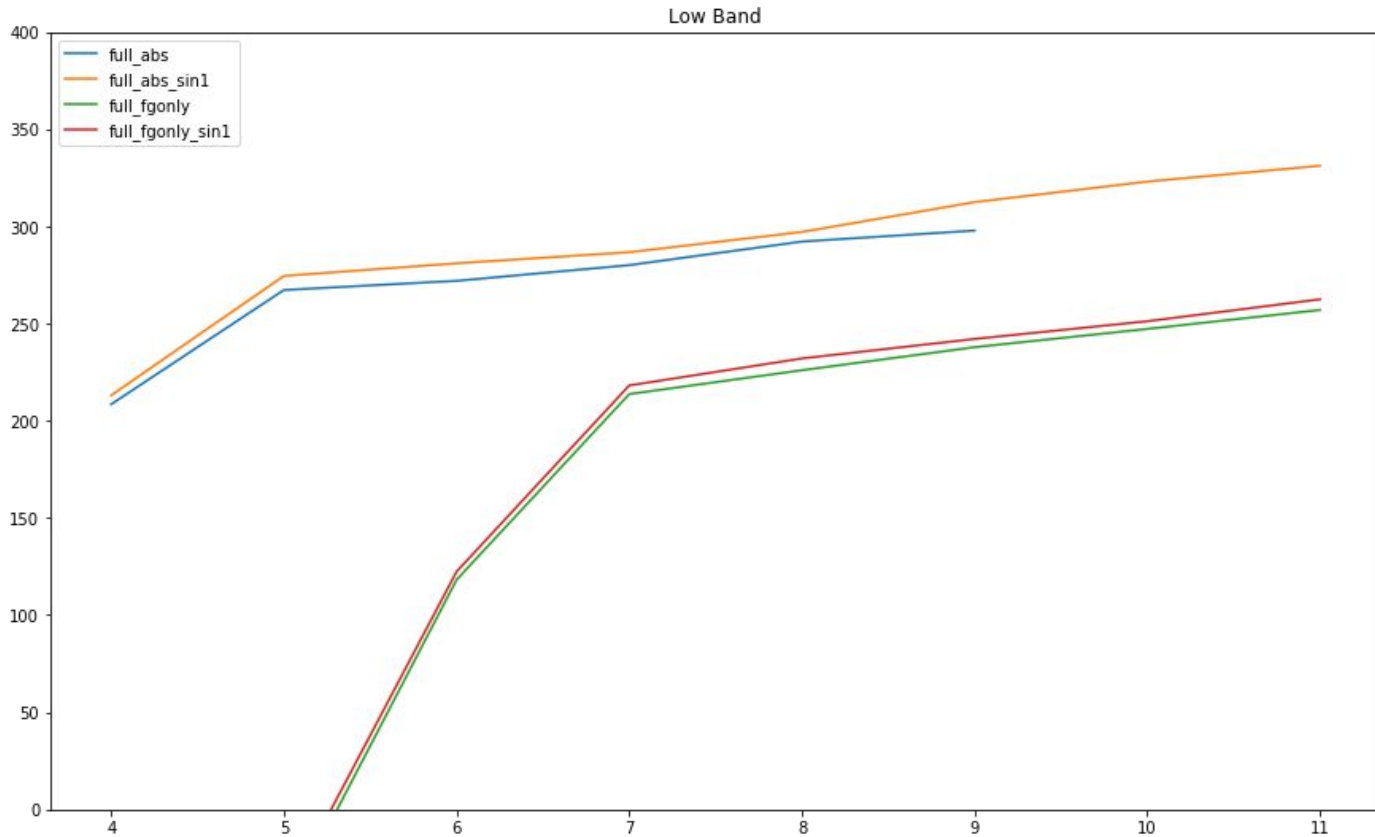
Fractional Residual [%]





High-Band not well-modeled enough to improve constraints!

Low-Band data also shows the same trend





Bayesian Calibration

Motivation:

- Current method uses “best fit” calibration parameters -- no uncertainty.
- Accounts for uncertainties in the calibration, and propagate to final analysis.
- Consistently includes the implicit **covariance** of the calibrated spectrum.
- Can use Bayesian Evidence to compare calibration **and** analysis parameters.



Calibration Framework (Monsalve 2017)

Measured Quantity

Any "source"

$$Q_P \equiv \frac{P_{\text{ant}} - P_L}{P_{L+NS} - P_L}$$

Stored every 39 seconds.

Calibration Framework (Monsalve 2017)

$$Q_P = \frac{1}{C_1 T_{NS} (1 - |\Gamma_{rec}|^2)} \left[\begin{aligned} & T_{ant} (1 - |\Gamma_{ant}|^2) |F|^2 \\ & + T_{unc} |\Gamma_{ant}|^2 |F|^2 \\ & + |\Gamma_{ant}| |F| (T_{\cos} \cos \alpha - T_{\sin} \sin \alpha) \\ & + (C_2 - T_L) \end{aligned} \right],$$

Measured with VNA

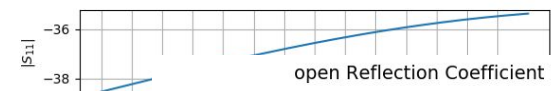
Measured with Receiver

Unknown Calibration Parameters

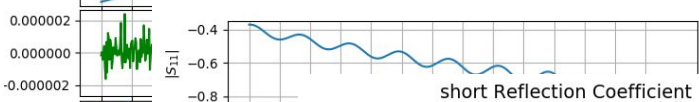
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4 S11 Models

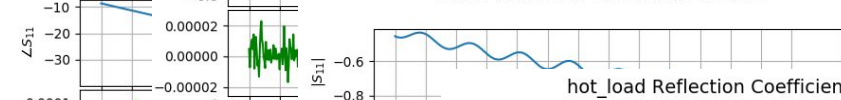
ambient Reflection Coefficient Models



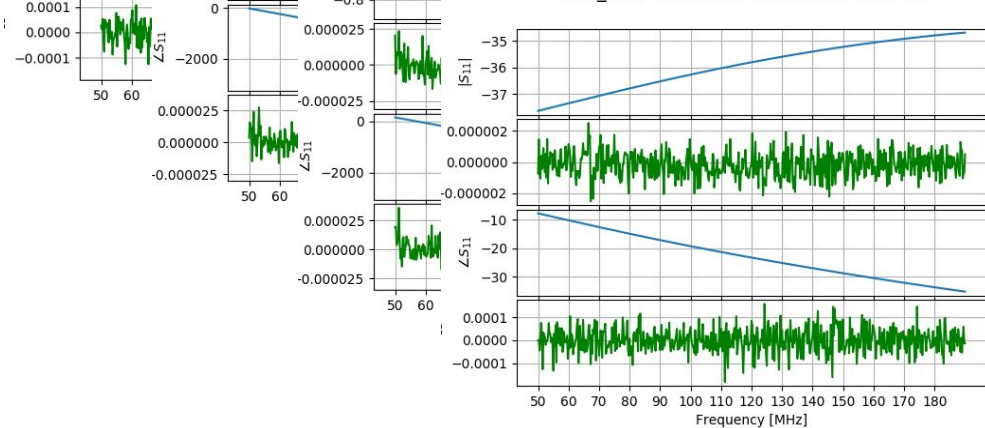
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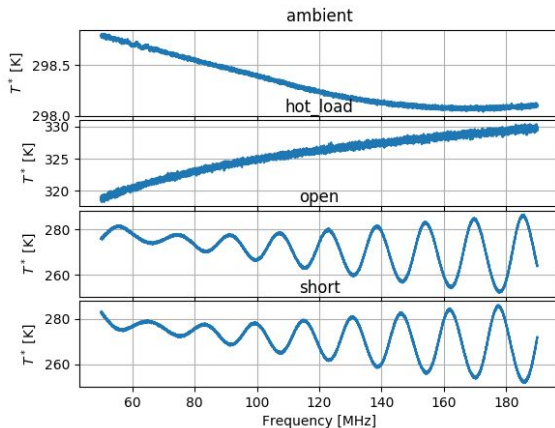
short Reflection Coefficient Models



hot_load Reflection Coefficient Models



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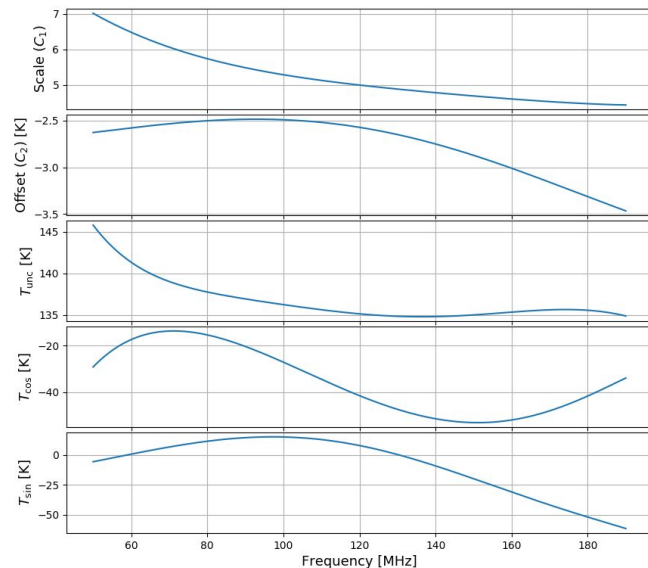


4 Raw Spectra

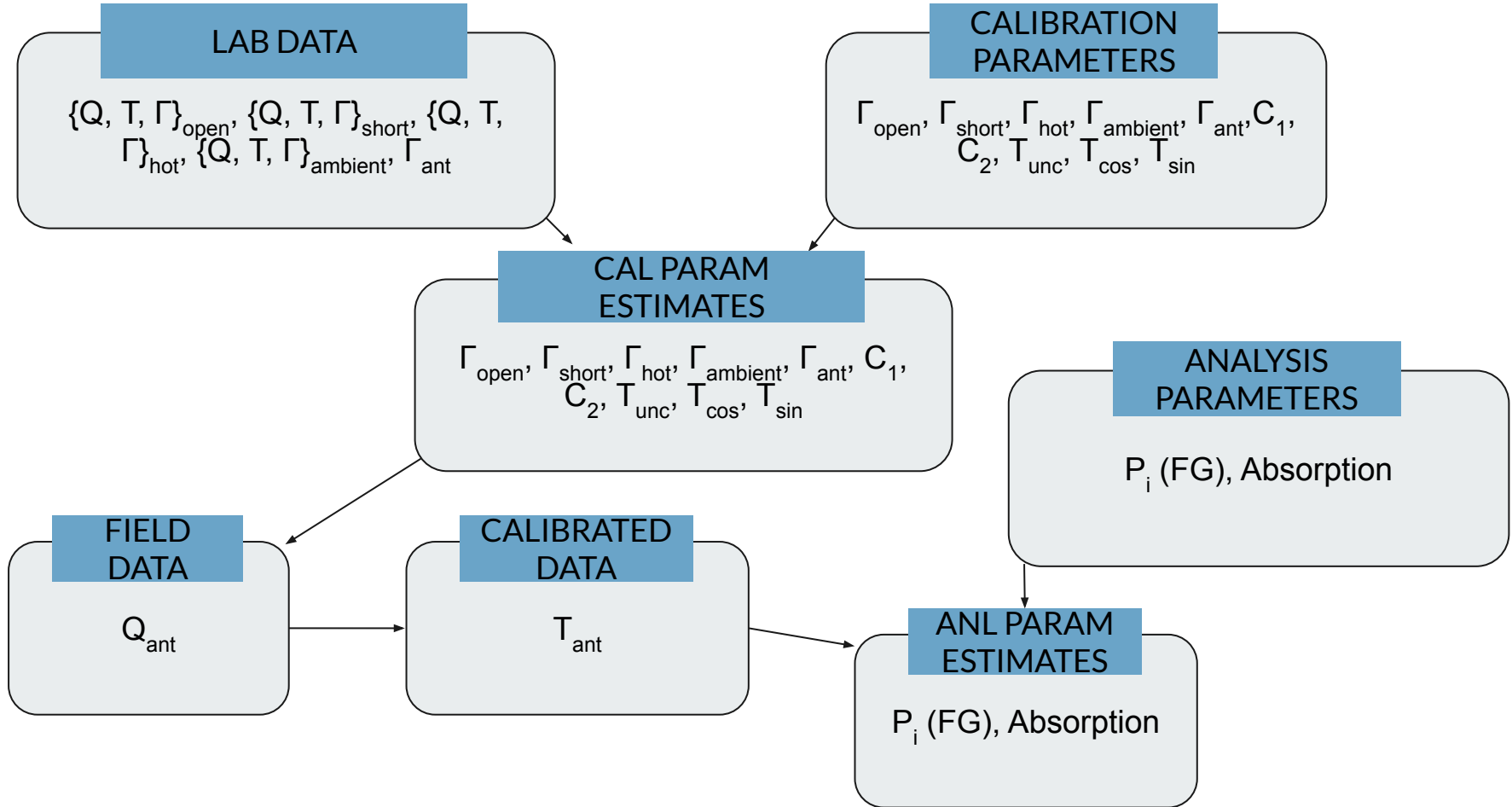
+ Known Temps



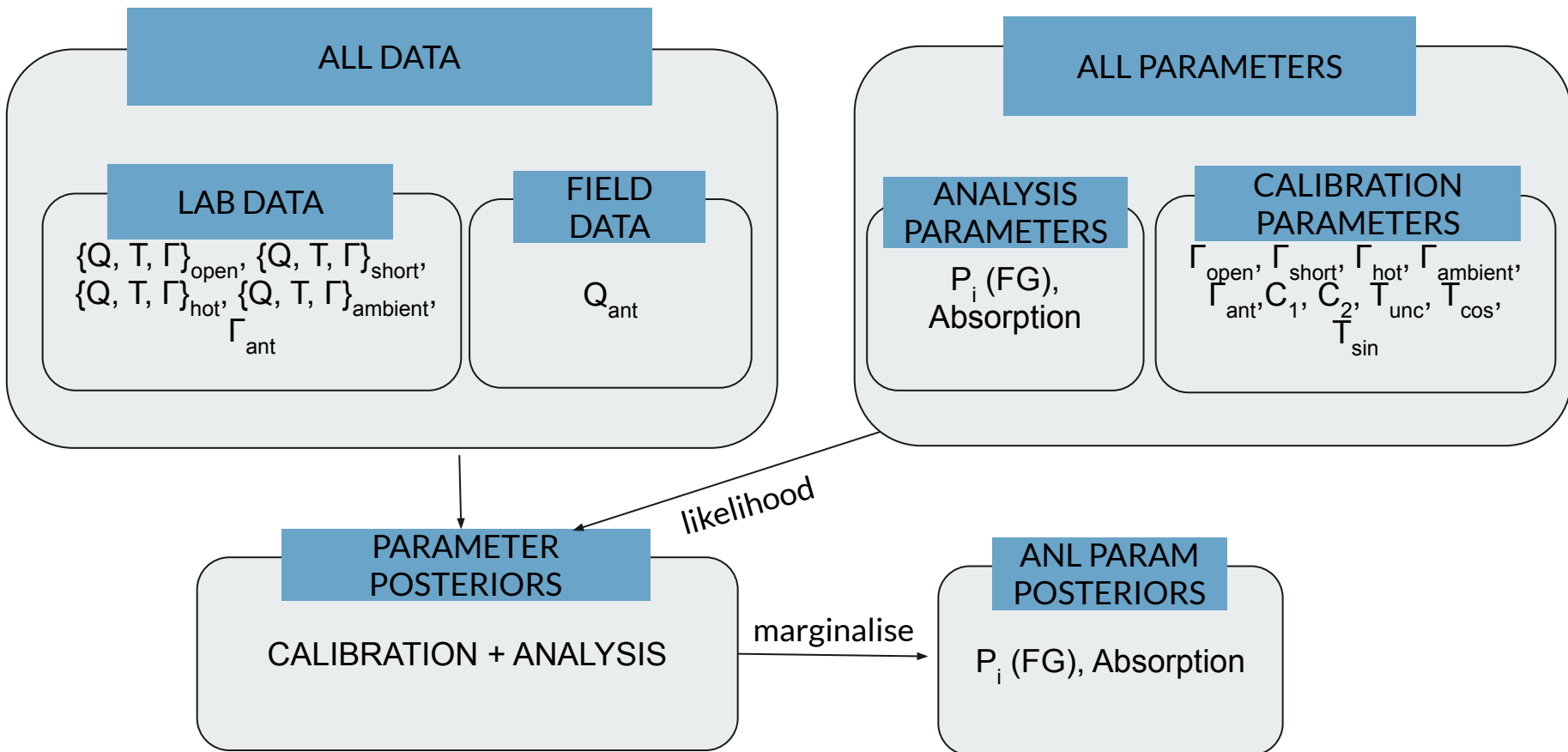
Calibration Solutions



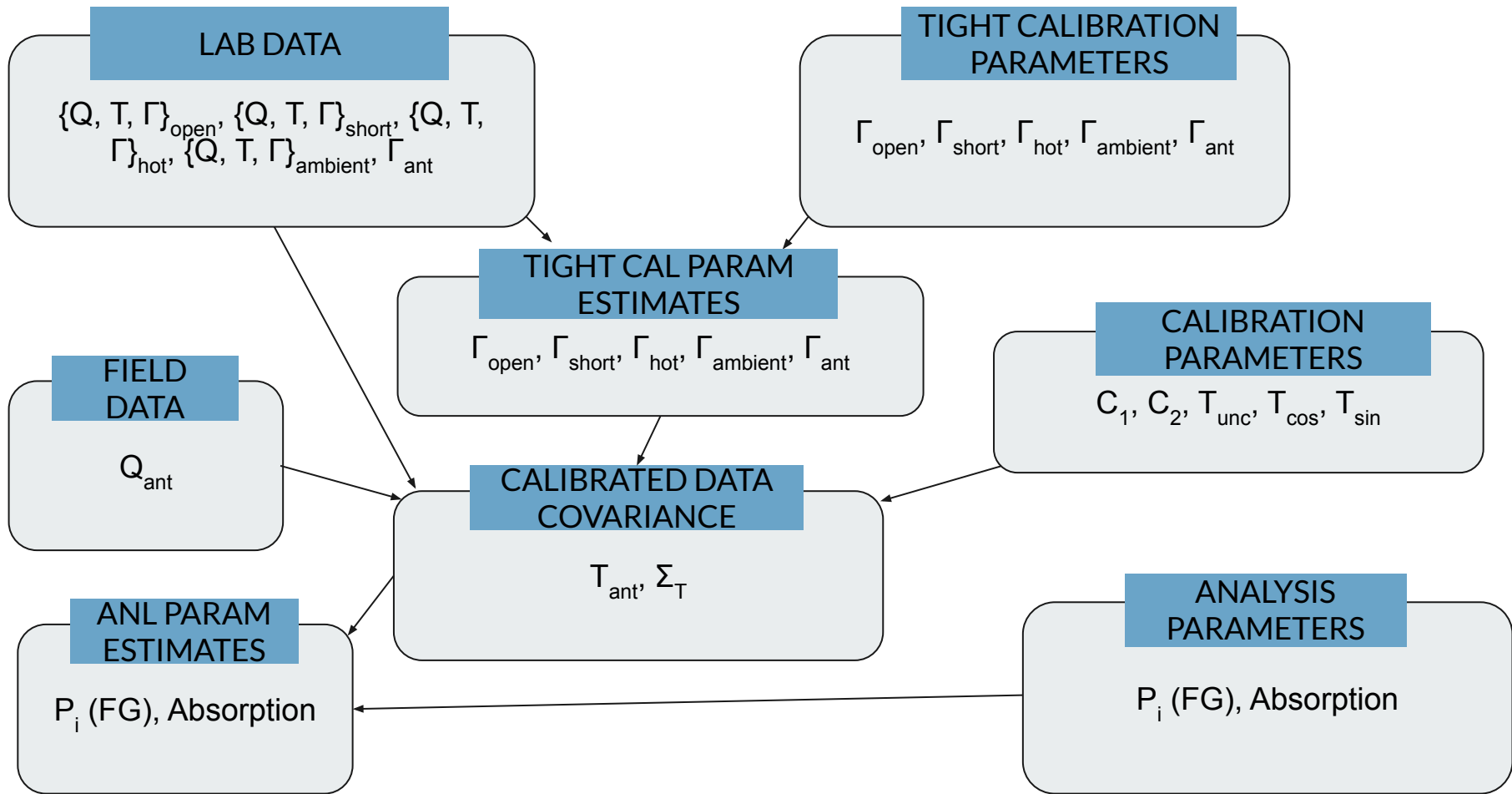
What We Do Now



Fully Bayesian Approach



Conceptually...





Bayesian Calibration Framework

Gaussian likelihood for each “calibrator” relating measured Q_p to model, with extra (optional) simultaneous likelihood for sky data:

$$\ln \mathcal{L} = - \sum_{\nu} \sum_{s=A,H,O,S,sky} \ln \sigma_{s,\nu} + \frac{(Q_P^{s,\nu} - Q_P^{s,\nu})^2}{2\sigma_{s,\nu}^2}$$

Covariance is diagonal in frequency and sources, but model temperatures are *not*.



Uncertainty Model

What is the variance, as a function of parameters?

Assume each term is uncorrelated Gaussian with noise given by radiometer equation, use approximate variance of ratio of independent variables, and assume distribution is Gaussian, to find

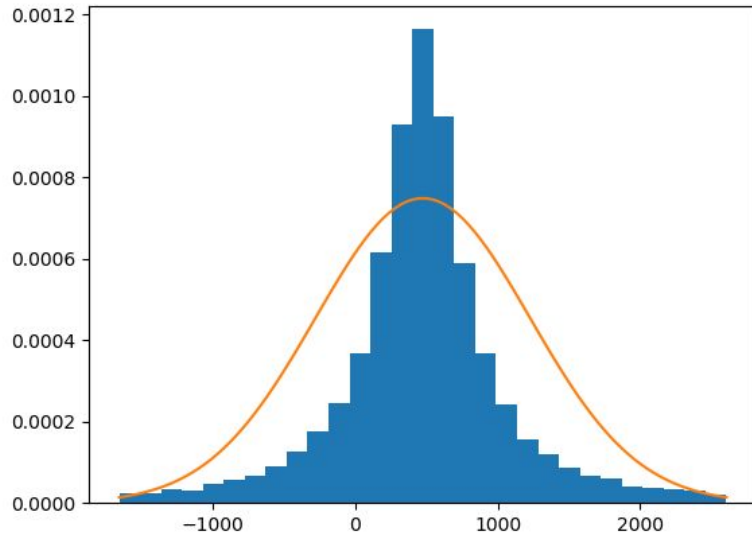
$$\sigma^2 = \frac{Q_P^2}{N_{\text{samp}} \tau \Delta \nu} (1 + Q)$$

→

$Q > 0$
 $Q < 1$ if $(T_{\text{cos}}, T_{\text{sin}})$ small.

Uncertainty Model

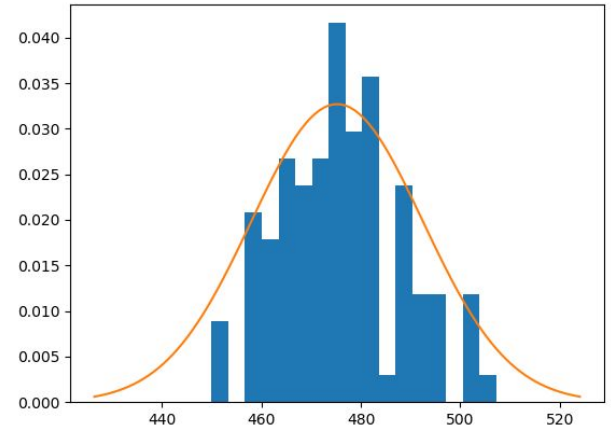
Histogram of Q_p for “ambient” calibrator in one frequency bin.



Non-gaussian distribution means this simple model will be inaccurate.

However...

Histogram of mean Q_p for “ambient” calibrator in 100 channels.



Sky Model

For simplicity, use parameterized sky model:

$$T'_{\text{sky}} = \int d\theta A(\theta) T_{\text{sky}}(\theta)$$

$$\approx \bar{A} (T_{21} + c(\nu, t) T_{\text{FG}})$$

Flattened Gaussian

Chromaticity Correction

Polynomial (eg. LinLog)



Summary

- Progressively moving EDGES analysis to a purely Bayesian framework.
- Simultaneous analysis of multiple bands is not very promising without more robust calibration.
- Work has begun on Bayesian calibration, starting with the most uncertain calibration parameters.
- Future work includes consistent LST-binned analysis.