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Bayesian parameter estimation of continuous gravitational waves from known pulsars

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Continuous gravitational wave (CW) searches targeted at known pulsars utilize electromagnetic observations of the sources to infer the phase-evolution parameters of the gravitational wave signal. We present a new method to perform Bayesian estimation of the amplitude parameters of a CW signal. The method leverages the well-established CW detection statistic, the F-statistic, and modern stochastic samplers to build Bayesian posteriors of the unknown signal parameters. After testing the method, we apply it on putative gravitational wave signals from PSR J1526-2744, a recently-discovered milli-second pulsar.

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