

# A Joint-Chirp-rate-Time-Frequency Transform for Binary Black Hole Merger Signal Detection using Spectrograms

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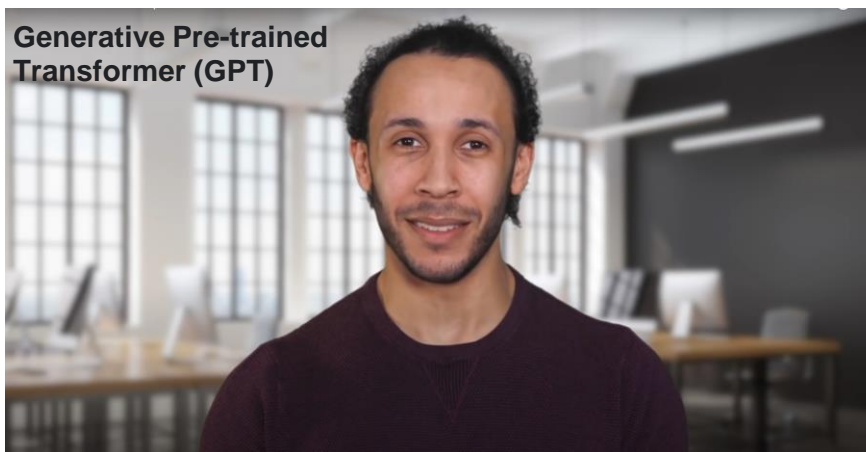
# Motivation

- Machine Learning (ML) algorithms have transformed the methods of data analysis, image pattern recognition, and math modeling.
- Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) are among the most talked about techniques in the ML family with a wide range of applications.
  - Applications of ANNs



Self-driving Cars\*

\*Side-by-side camera view and ANN annotated LIDAR data (Waymo)



Natural Language Processing^

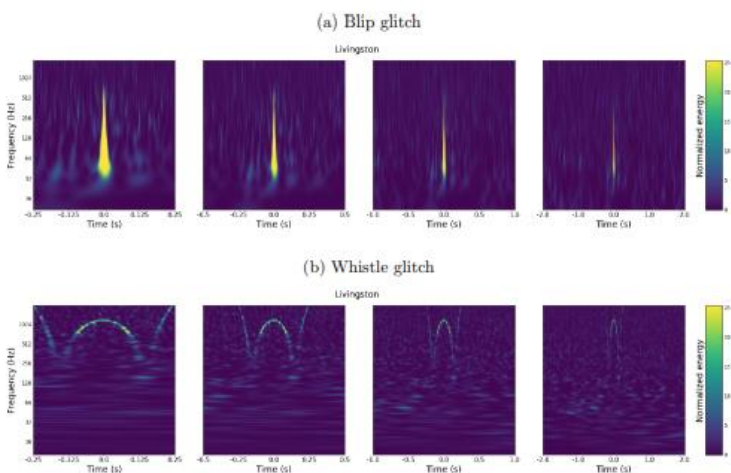
^AI chat robot with facial expressions, movements, and voice generated using GPT-3 (OpenAI)

What can ANNs do to accelerate Gravitational Wave (GW) research?



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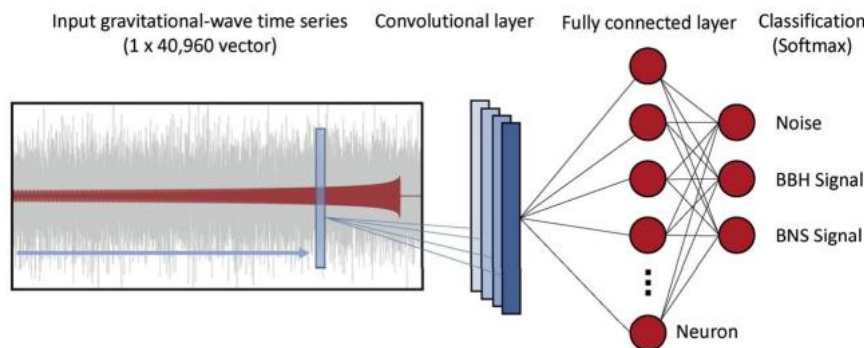
- Active research areas:
  - Detector transient noise (glitch) classification.
  - Real-time Binary Black Hole (BBH) Binary Neutron Star (BNS) merger event detection.
  - BBH/BNS merger event forecasting.



Glitch Classification\*

\*Spectrograms of two types of glitches (Gravity Spy)

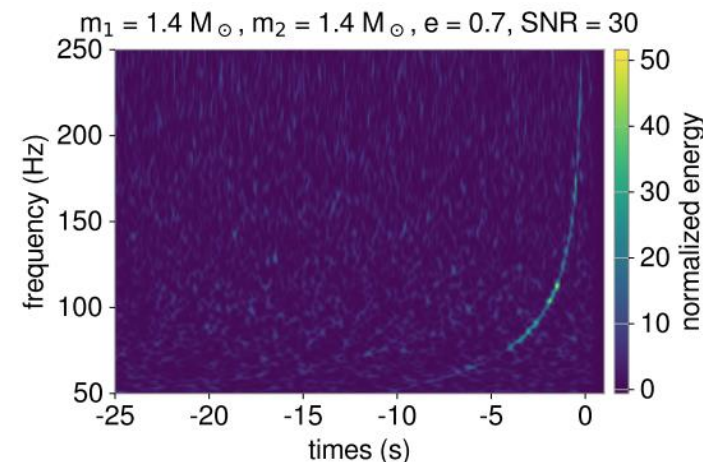
M. Zevin and et al., "Gravity spy: integrating advanced ligo detector characterization, machine learning, and citizen science," *Classical and Quantum Gravity*, vol. 34, no. 6, p. 064003, 2017



BBH/BNS Merger Detection<sup>^</sup>

<sup>^</sup> Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) in merger event detection, classification. (Plamen G. Krastev)

Krastev, P. G. (2020). Real-time detection of gravitational waves from binary neutron stars using Artificial Neural Networks. *Physics Letters B*, 803, 135330.



BBH/BNS Merger Forecasting<sup>o</sup>

<sup>o</sup> Spectrogram of a simulated BNS merger signal (W. Wei and et al.)

W. Wei and et al., "Deep learning with quantized neural networks for gravitational-wave forecasting of eccentric compact binary coalescence," *The Astrophysical Journal*, vol. 919, no. 2, p. 82, 2023

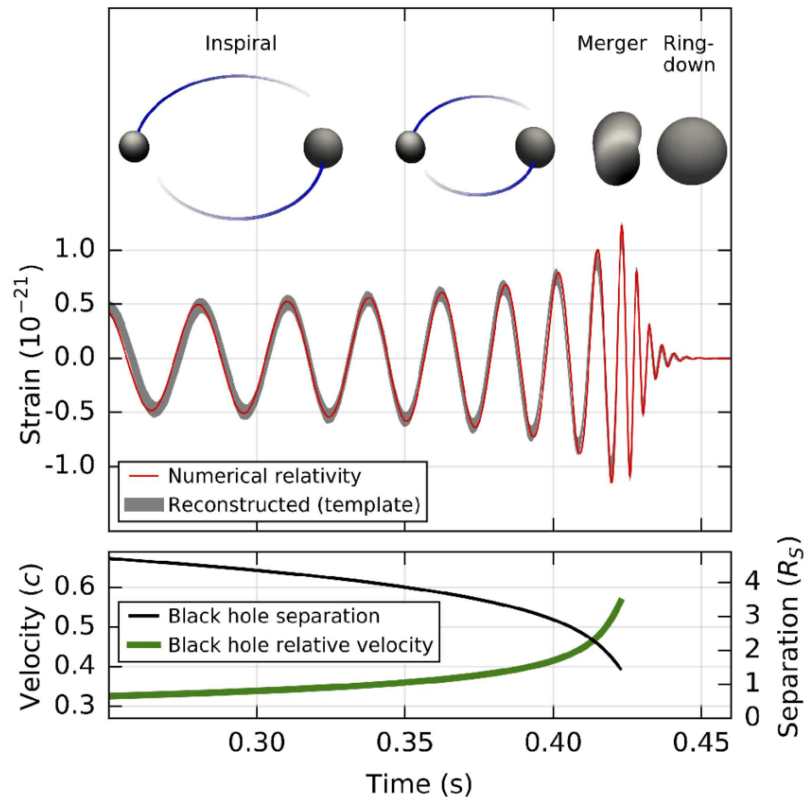
# Objective

- Design a transform method that produces **chirp-rate enhanced spectrograms** to improve spectrogram classification networks' performance in low signal-to-noise ratio BBH, BNS merger signal detection and forecasting.

# Current Detection Techniques

**Chirp signal:** ~ changing frequency

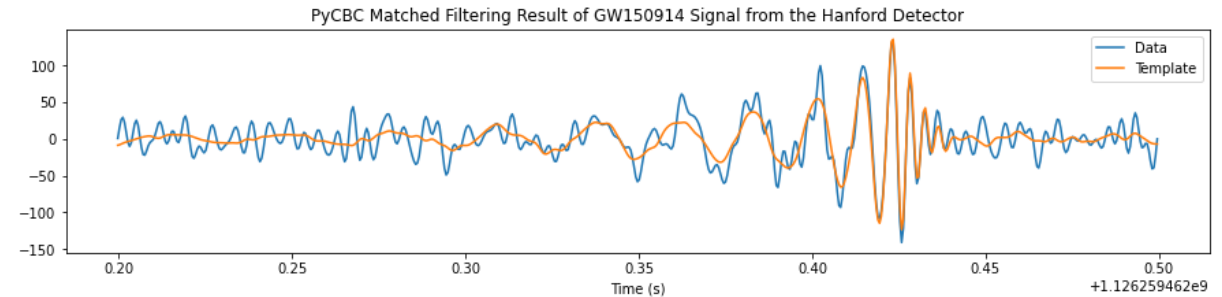
**BBH Merger Process and Waveform**



Francisco R. Villatoro (2018)

## BBH Chirp Signal Detection

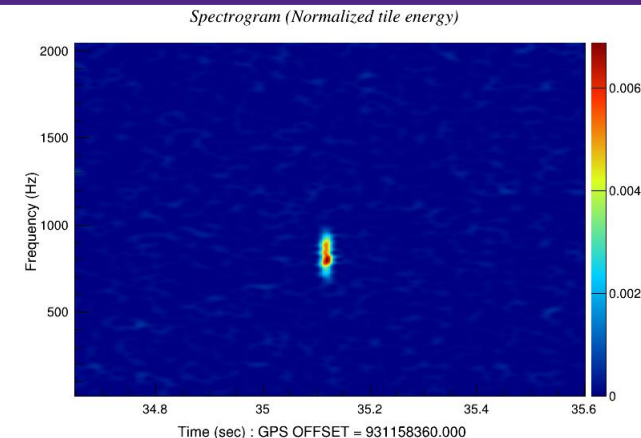
### Technique 1: **Templated Search** – Matched Filtering



Hanford detector signal of BBH merger event GW150914 (September 14 2015, 09:50:45 UTC) plotted against the matched waveform template in PyCBC.

### Technique 2: **Non-templated Search** – Burst Search

**Spectrogram Generation**



The spectrogram of an unknown event recorded by the Livingston detector at GPS time 931158360 (July 8 2009, 07:05:45 UTC), generated by the coherence waveBurst pipeline.



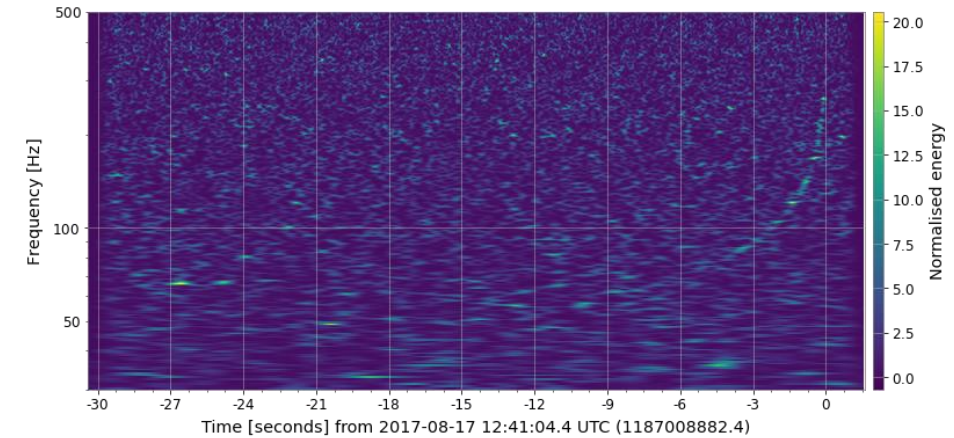
## Existing Spectrogram Generation Methods

- Short-time Fourier Transform (STFT)
- Gabor Transform (GT)
- Constant Q Transform (CQT)
- S (Stockwell) Transform (ST)
- ...

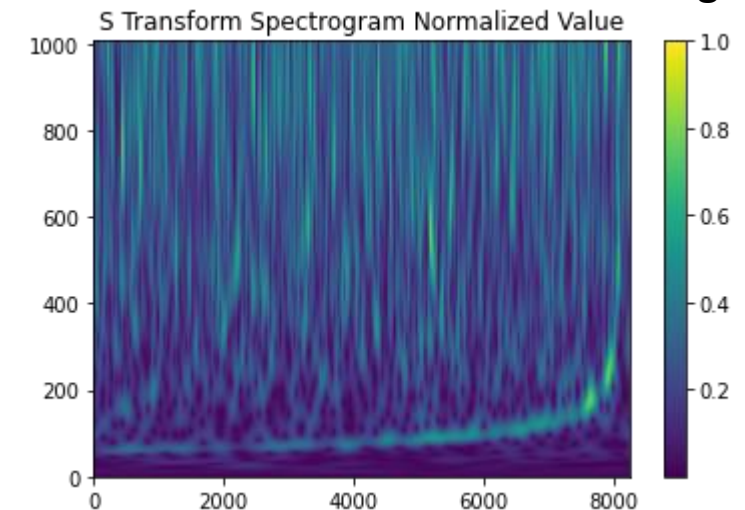


- All use the Fourier transform as the foundation.
- Only decompose the relationship between time and frequency.
- The defining characteristic of a BBH merger signal, **the chirp**, is abandoned.

Constant Q Transform of GW 150914



S Transform of a simulated BBH merger



Simulated merger  $m_1 = m_2 =$ , normalized amplitude 1, injected to Gaussian noise of amplitude 10.

# Obtaining the Chirp-rate Information

Fourier Transform (FT)

$$X(\Omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-i2\pi\Omega t} dt,$$

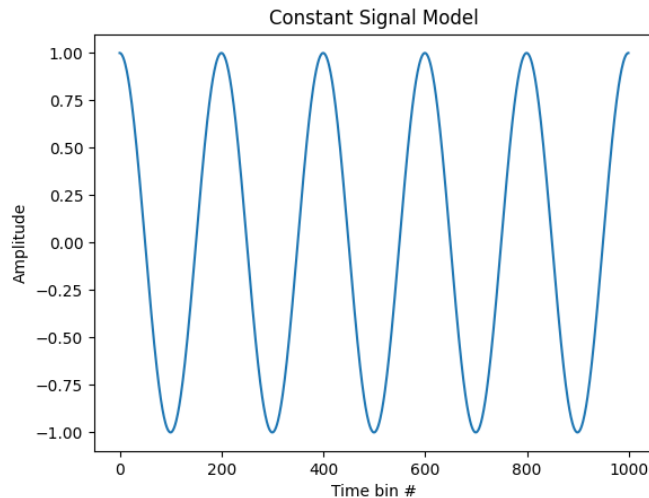


Linear Chirp Transform (LCT)

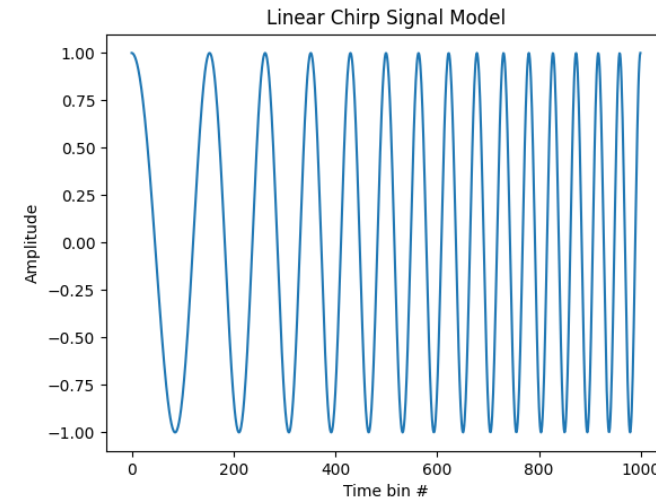
$$X(\Omega, \gamma) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-i2\pi(\Omega t + \gamma t^2)} dt.$$

*O, A, Alkaishriwo & L.F. Chaparro (2012)*

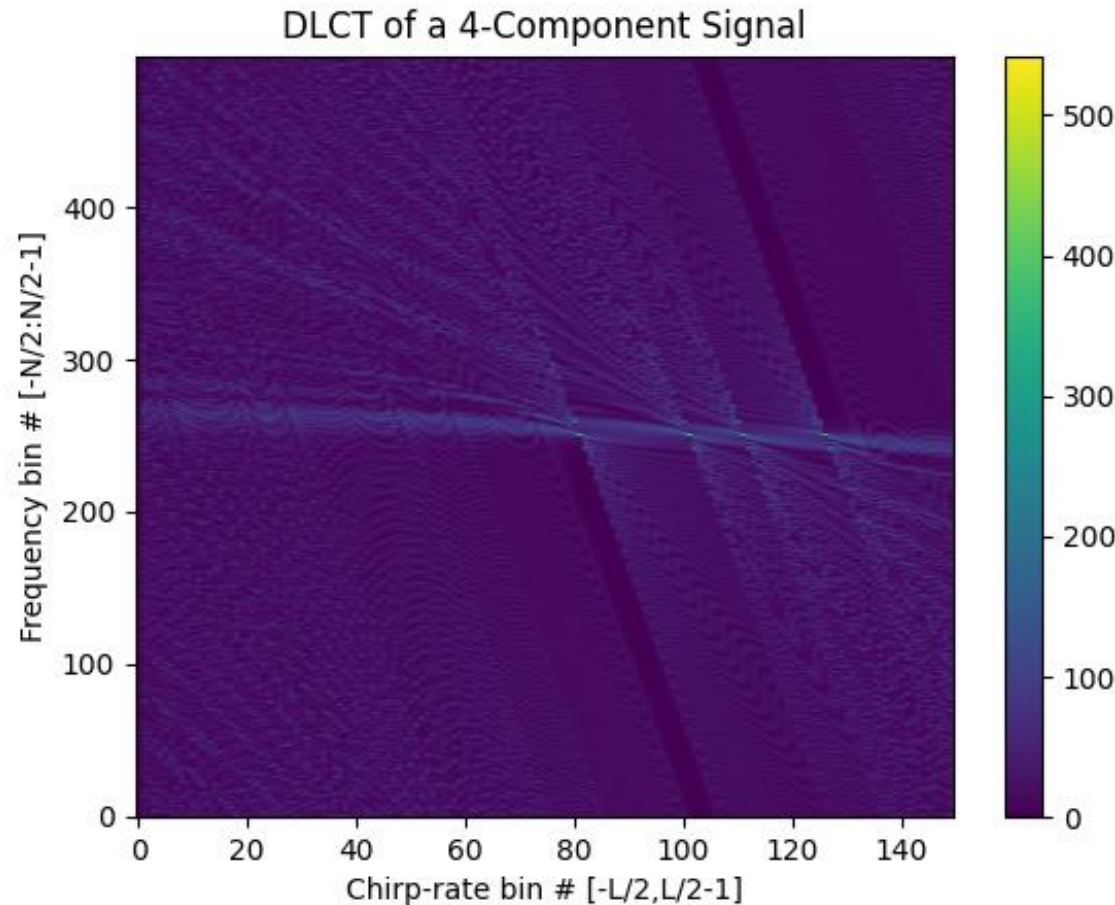
Matching the input signal  $x(t)$  to a **constant frequency** signal model:  $e^{-i2\pi\Omega t}$ .



Matching the input signal  $x(t)$  to a **linear chirp** signal model:  $e^{-i2\pi(\Omega t + \gamma t^2)}$ .



## Obtaining the Chirp-rate Information



Discrete Linear Chirp Transform (DLCT) of a 4-component linear chirp signal.

### Linear Chirp Transform (LCT)

$$X(\Omega, \gamma) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-i2\pi(\Omega t + \gamma t^2)} dt.$$

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$$h_{4\text{-component}}(t) = e^{j2\pi t^2} + e^{j2\pi 5t^2} + e^{j2\pi 7t^2} + e^{j2\pi 10t^2}$$

*One can obtain the chirp rate and starting frequency of each chirp signal by further processing the Linear Chirp Transform frequency-chirp-rate diagram.*

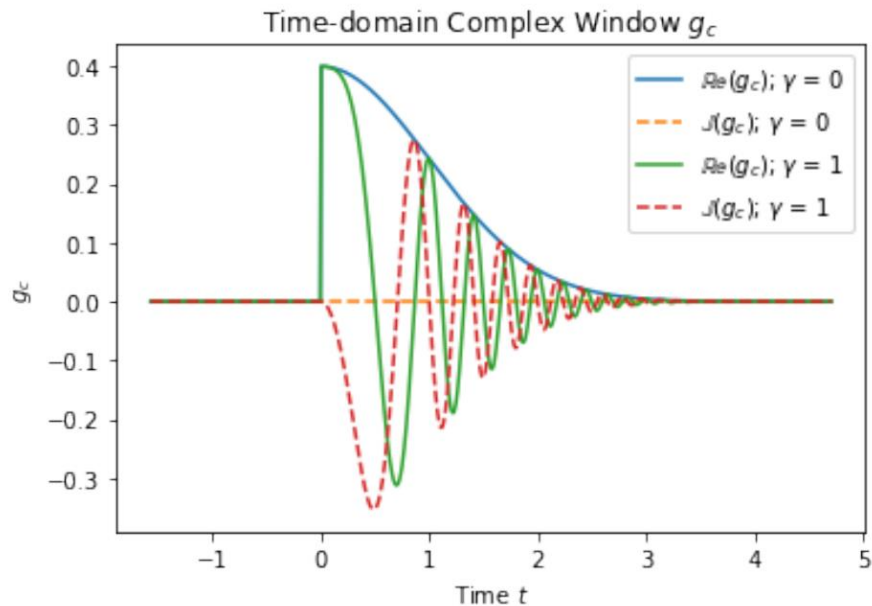


# The Joint-Chirp-Rate-Time-Frequency Transform (JCTFT)

$$H_J(\gamma, \tau, \Omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t)g_c(\gamma, t - \tau, \Omega)e^{-i2\pi\Omega t} dt, \quad \xrightarrow{\gamma = 0} \quad \text{Short-Time Fourier Transform}$$

$$g_c(\gamma, t - \tau, \Omega) = \frac{|\Omega_0 + \mu\Omega|}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1 + \frac{t-\tau}{|t-\tau|}}{2} e^{-(t-\tau)^2 \left[ \frac{(\Omega_0 + \mu\Omega)^2}{2} + i2\pi\gamma \right]},$$

$$\xrightarrow{\gamma = 0} \quad \text{Gaussian Window}$$



A 2D representation by taking an orthogonal projection of JCTFT along the chirp rate axis:

$$S_J(\Omega, \tau) = \int_{-L}^L H_J(\gamma, \tau, \Omega) d\gamma,$$

# An Alternative Definition using the Convolution Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} H_J(\gamma, \tau, \Omega) &= \mathcal{F}\{f(t)g_c(t - \tau, \gamma, \Omega)\} \\ &= \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\} * \mathcal{F}\{g_c(t - \tau, \gamma, \Omega)\} \\ &= \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\} * \mathcal{F}\{g_c(t, \gamma, \Omega)\}e^{-i2\pi\Omega\tau}, \end{aligned}$$

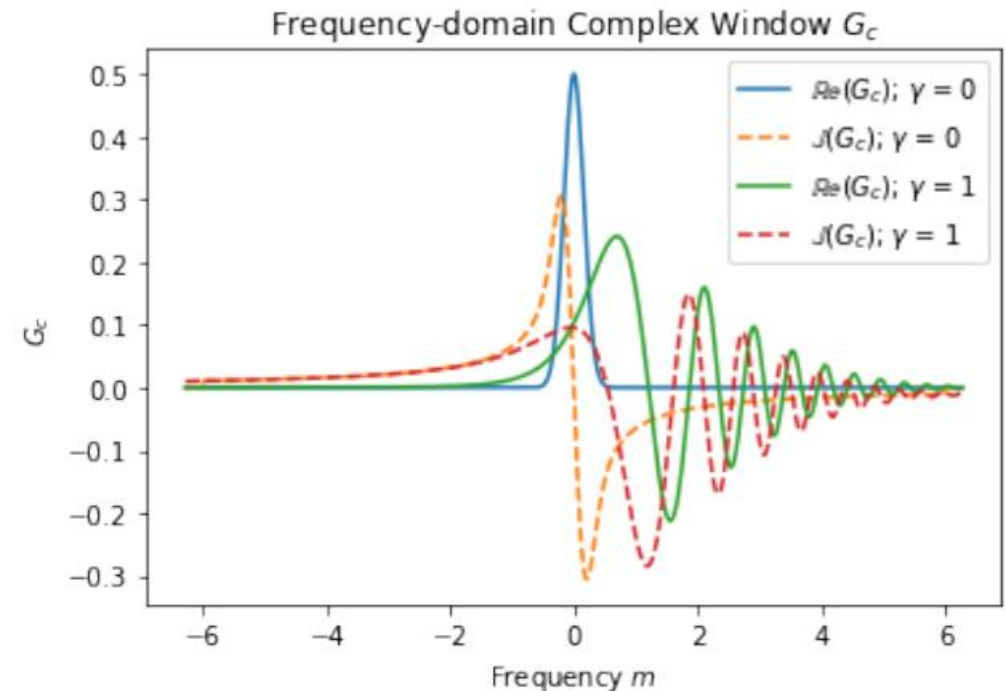
an alternative **frequency domain representation of the JCTFT** is

$$H_J(\gamma, \tau, \Omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(\Omega + \alpha)G_c(\gamma, \Omega, \alpha)e^{i2\pi\alpha\tau} d\alpha,$$

and  $G_c$  is the Fourier transform of the complex linear chirp window function  $g_c(t)$  with a dummy frequency variable  $\alpha$  due to the convolution:

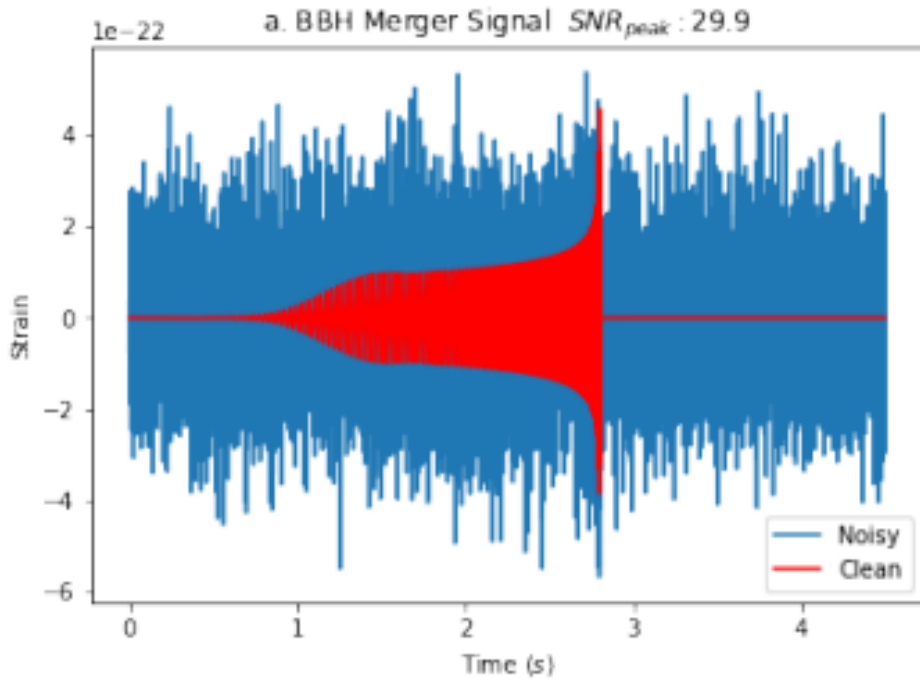
$$G_c(\gamma, \Omega, \alpha) = \frac{|\Omega_0 + \mu\Omega|}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ e^{-\pi^2\alpha^2/z} \left( \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{z}} \left[ 1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{i\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{z}}\right) \right] \right) \right\},$$

where  $z = a + ib$ ,  $a = \frac{(\Omega_0 + \mu\Omega)^2}{2}$ , and  $b = 2\pi\gamma$ .

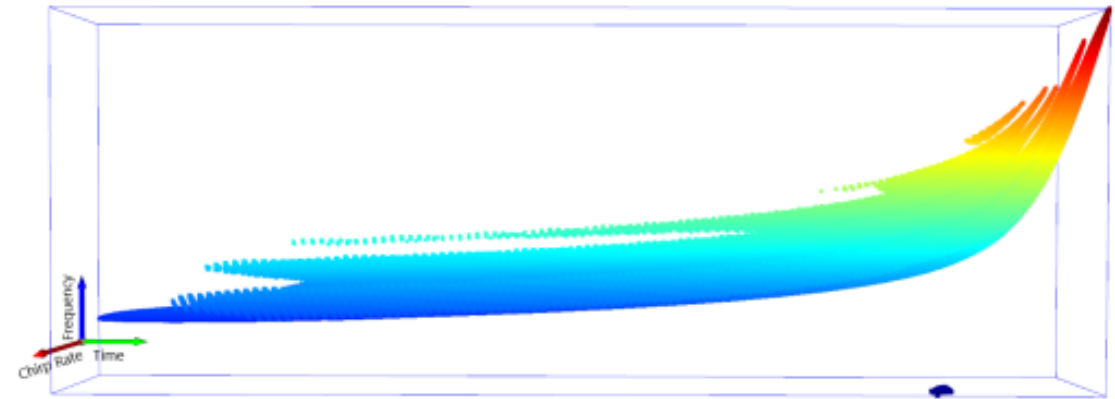


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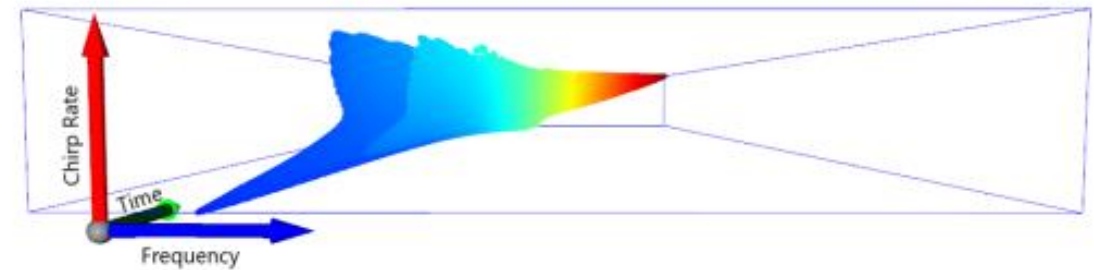
$$H_J(\gamma, \tau, \Omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(\Omega + \alpha) G_c(\gamma, \Omega, \alpha) e^{i2\pi\alpha\tau} d\alpha,$$



Test signal: **Merger**: SEOBNR-Phenom Model  
 Starting Freq: 30 Hz ; Masses: 15 Solar, 10 Solar



- 3D JCTFT *Frequency vs. Time Front*

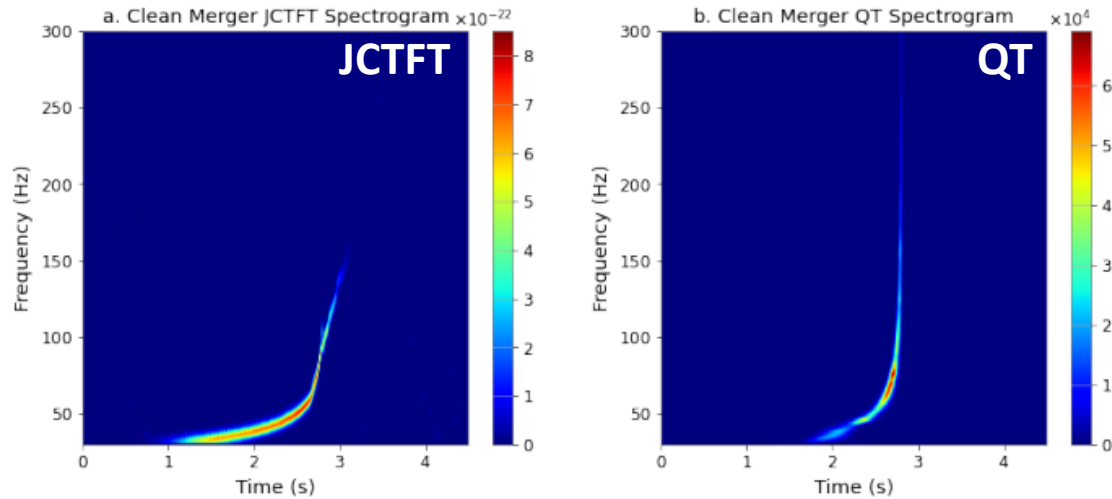


- 3D JCTFT *Chirp-rate vs. Frequency Front*

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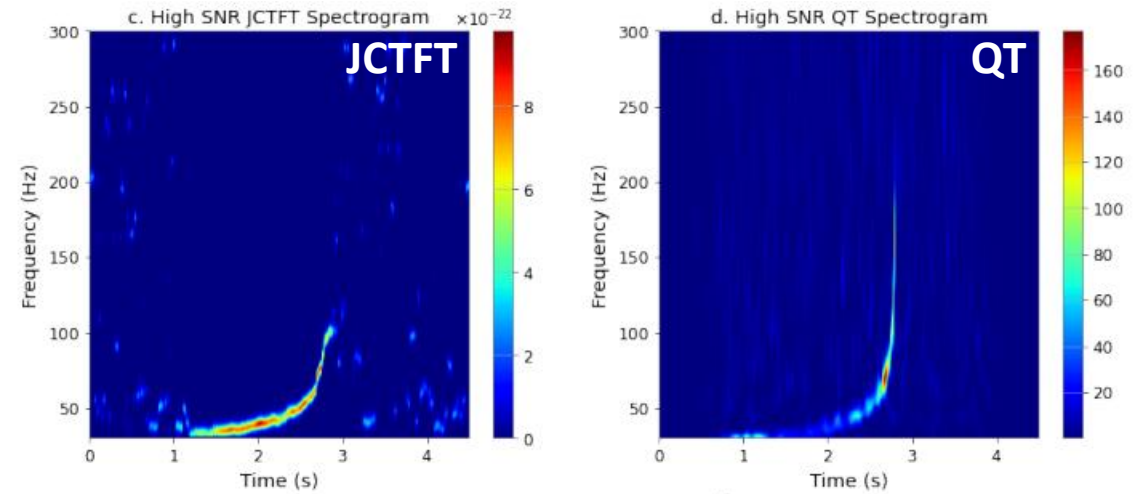
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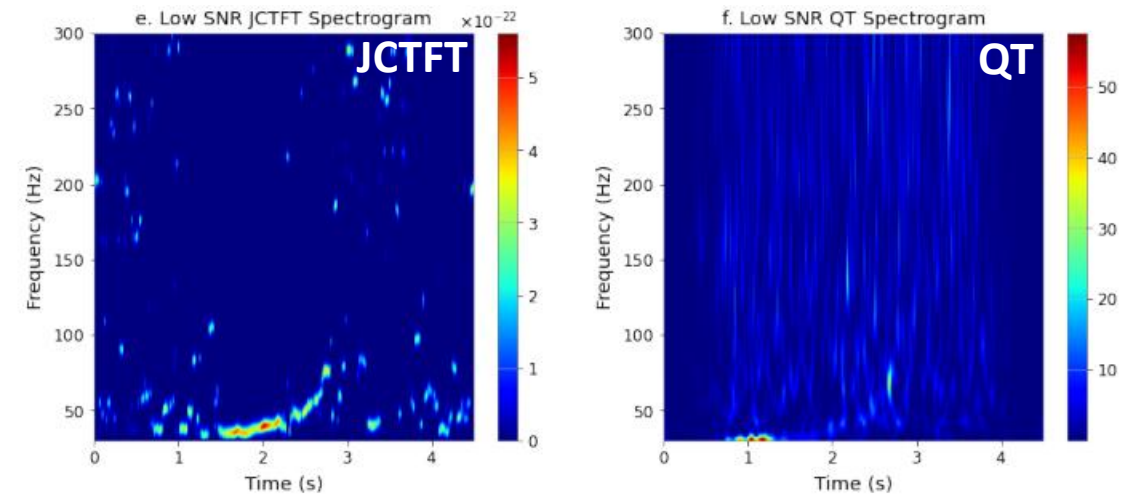


- **Clean Merger**

Test signal: **Merger:** SEOBNR-Phenom Model  
 Starting Freq: 30 Hz ; Masses: 15 Solar, 10 Solar  
**Noise:** aLIGO 0-detuned-Higher-Power

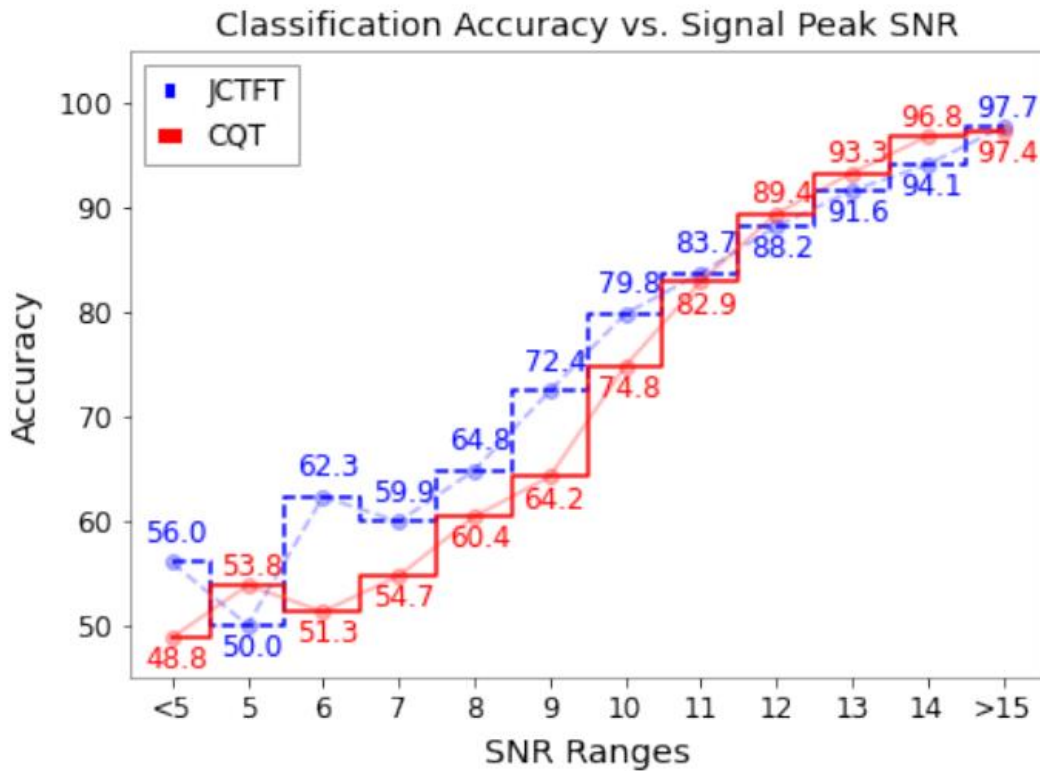


- **Noisy Merger SNR 29.9**

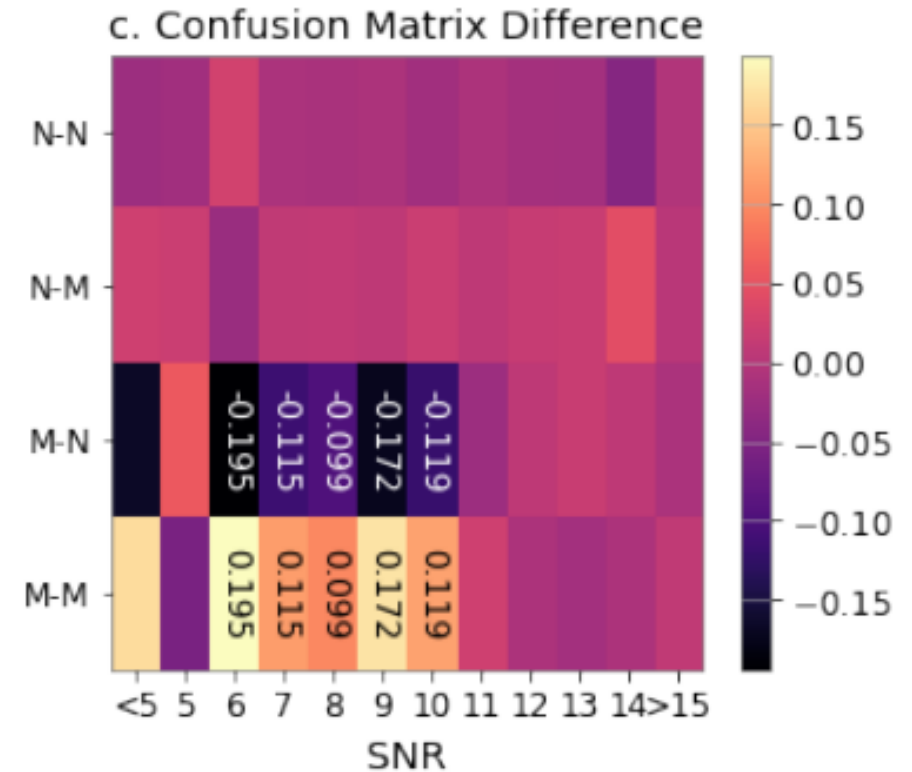
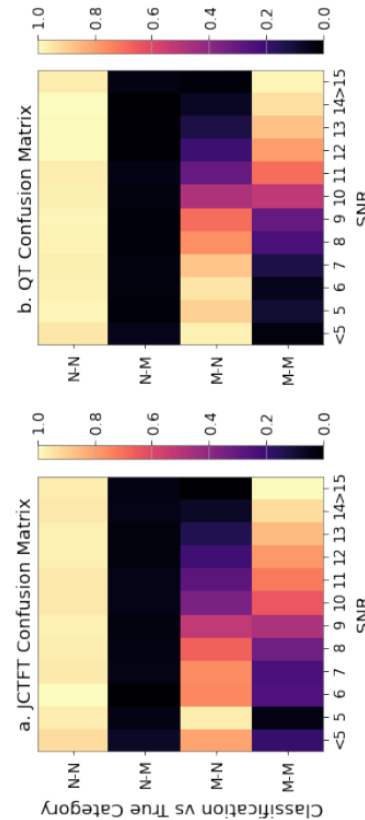


- **Noisy Merger SNR 10.4**

# Classification Accuracy using Inception V3 Network



SNR-categorized **classification accuracy** of the JCTFT and QT-trained Inception merger detection network.



SNR-categorized **confusion matrix** of the JCTFT and QT-trained Inception merger detection network.

\*On average **14% better performance** for simulated BBH merger signals with SNR 6-10.



**Conclusions:**

- The JCTFT decomposes time-series signals into chirp rate, time and frequency, and establishes the relationship between the three quantities.
- Improved neural network classification performance using simulated BBH merger signals with SNR 6-10.
- The JCTFT and methods extended from it pave the way for new three-dimensional chirp signal search and analysis techniques, using either classical methods or machine learning algorithms.

**Next,**

- An improved chirp signal peak detection algorithm for more accurate chirp-rate estimation.
- Probe the potential of detector glitch classification and analysis using the JCTFT.
- Investigate the JCTFT periodicity and signal peak characteristics.
- Investigate the effects of these methods in low-latency ANN BBH merger detection pipelines.

