

# Detection of unmodeled CWs using a Transfer Learning approach

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- Non-axisymmetric neutron stars are expected to emit quasi-monochromatic long-standing continuous waves (CWs).
- Detection of CWs may give valuable insight into open questions about the population of neutron stars and their internal structure.
- Both coherent and semicoherent methods have their limitations.

It would be nice to have a quick look-up tool !

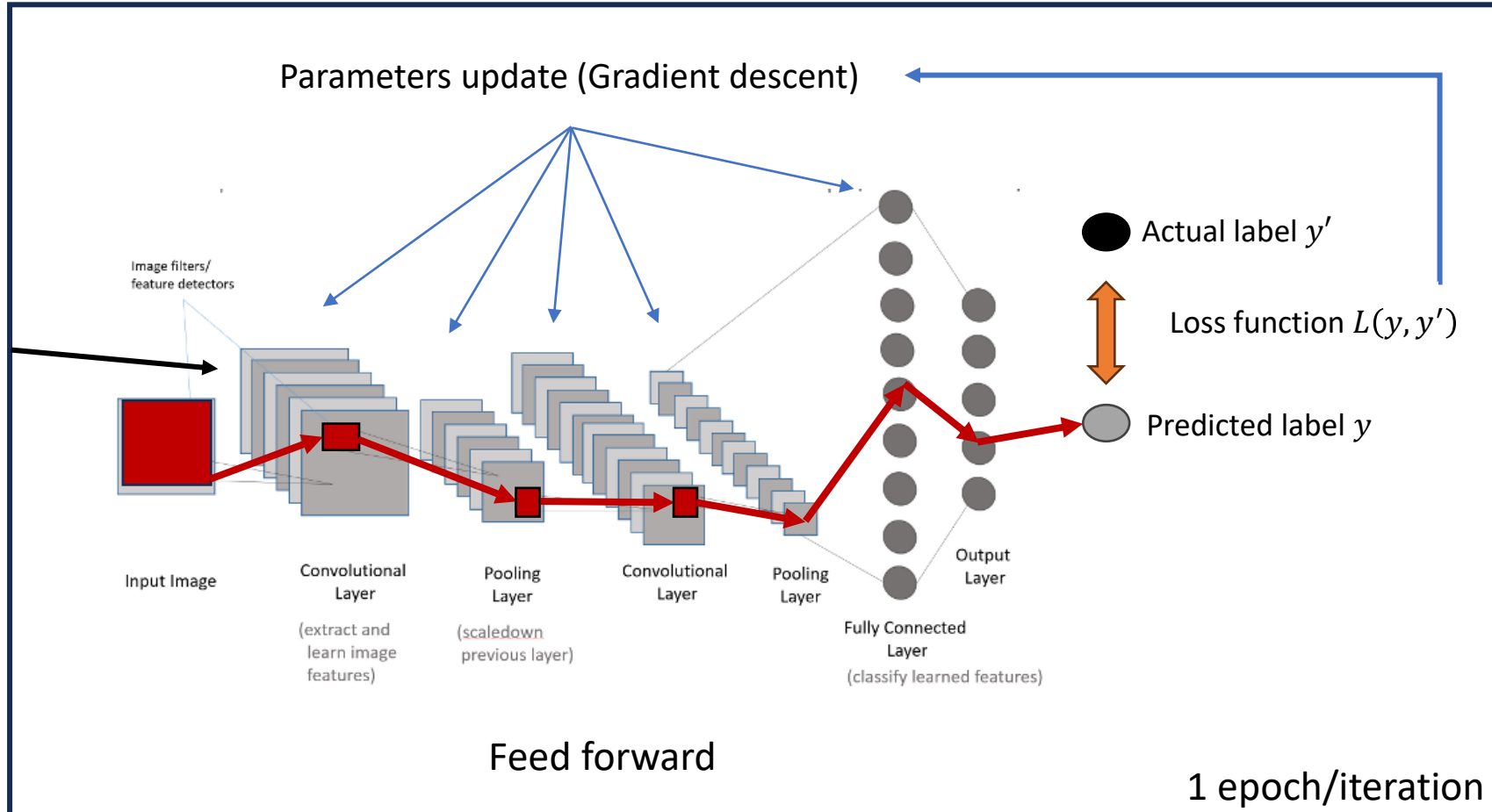
Enter Deep Learning. By using significantly less computational cost, in some applications it has proven to rival matched-filtering sensitivity.



Fig 1. DALL E3's impression of a rotating neutron star

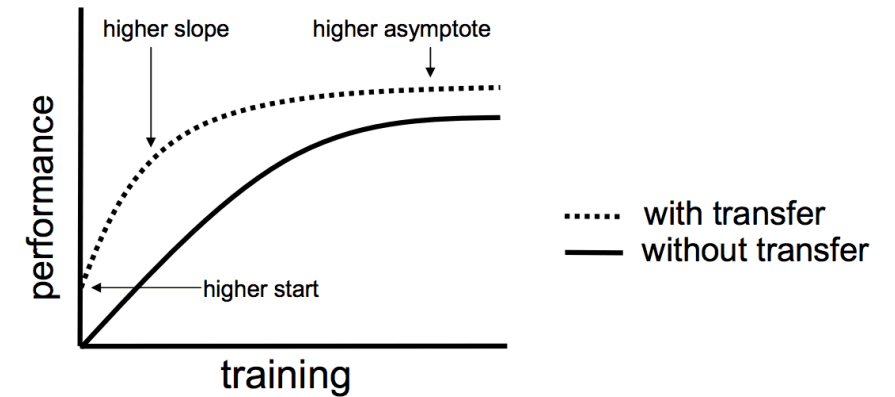
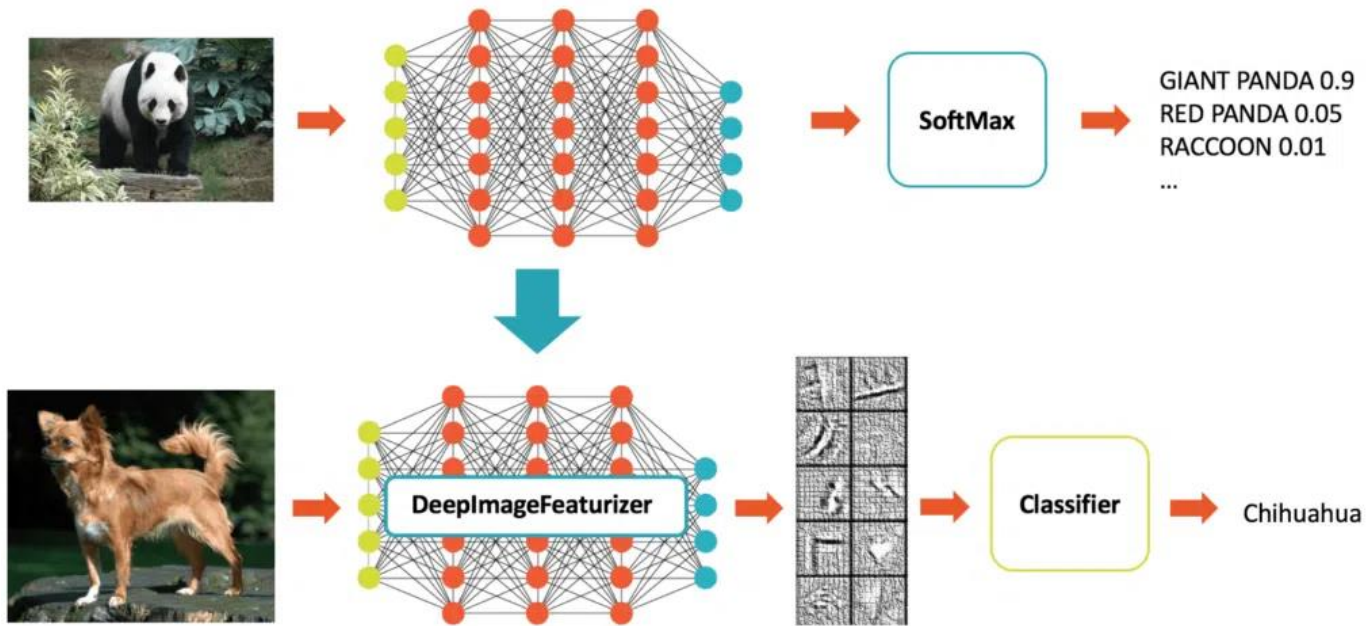


Random initialization of parameters



*We train a base network on a base dataset and task, and then we repurpose the learned features, or transfer them, to a second target network to be trained on a target dataset and task.*

- We don't start with randomly initialized parameters
  - It saves time and achieves higher accuracy from epoch 1

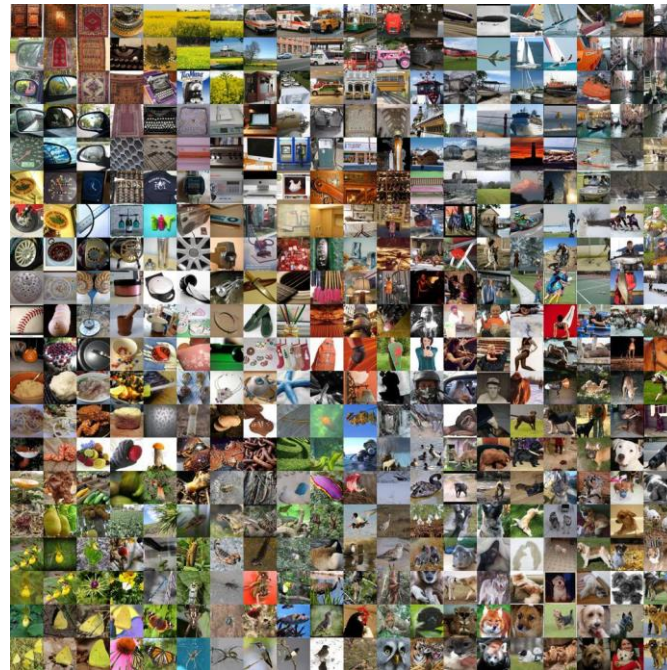


- Why not leverage the knowledge of a massive **pre-trained** state of the art CNN ?  
i.e. Inception, **ResNet**, EfficientNet

We chose ResNeXt50 (updated version of ResNet)

- It has residual blocks that preserve information between layers
- 25 million tunable parameters

ImageNet1K  
Dataset



1000 classes including:

- Goldfish
- Triceratops
- Cats
- Dogs
- Go-karts
- Furniture
- ⋮

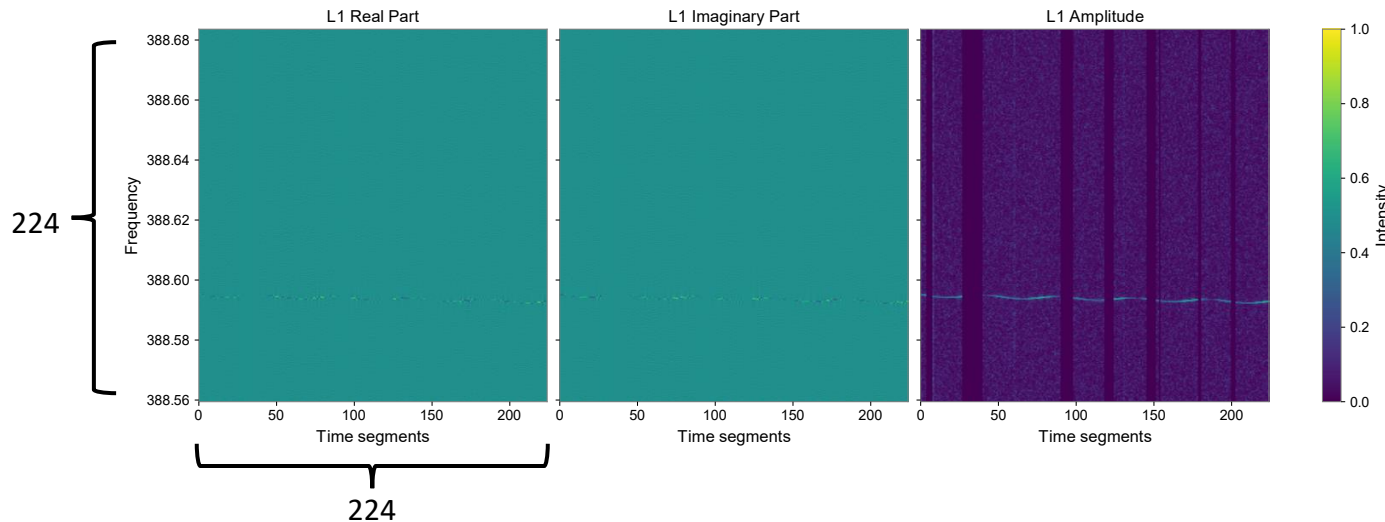
## Time frequency representation (Complex spectrogram) SFT length = 30 min

Standard ResNeXt-50 input:

- 3 channels, each 224 px × 224 px

224 frequency bins  
 $224 \times \frac{1}{1800} \text{ Hz} \sim 124 \text{ mHz}$

224 SFT (each 30 mins)  
 $224 \times 30 \text{ min} \sim 4.66 \text{ days}$



## Gaussian noise data (**Gauss ResNeXt**)

- Two detector simulated gaussian noise with realistic time gaps

## Real detector data (**O3 ResNeXt**)

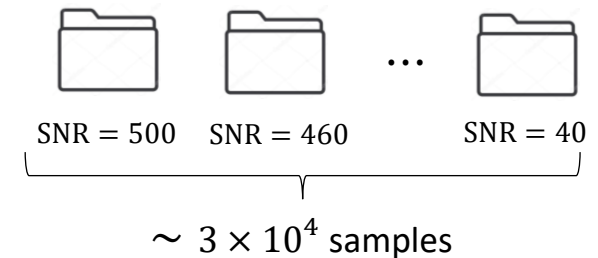
- Observation run O3 data from H1 and L1

Parameters prior distributions

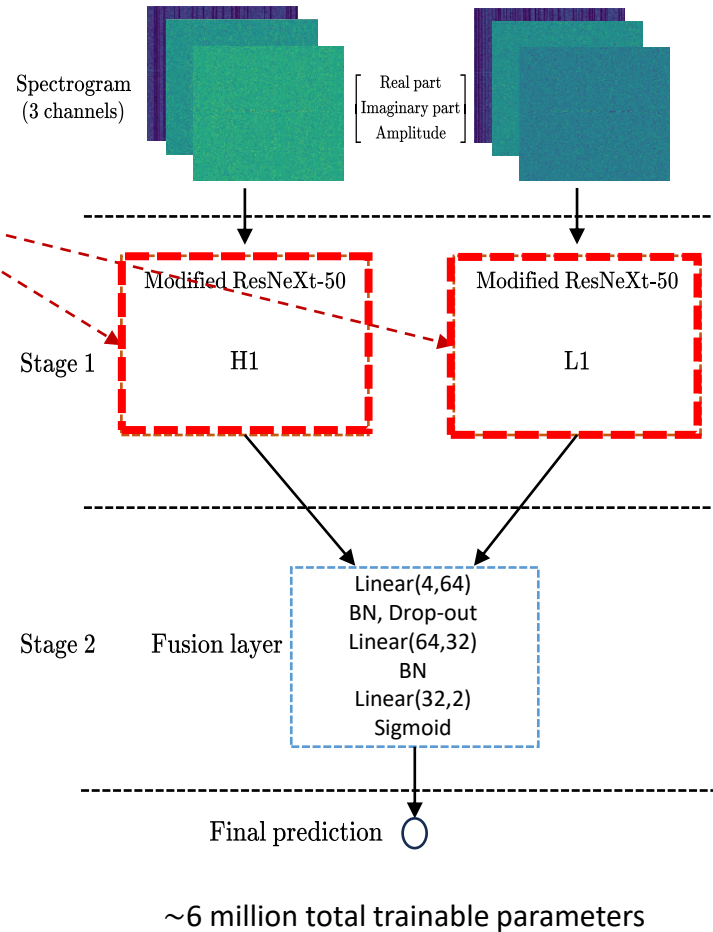
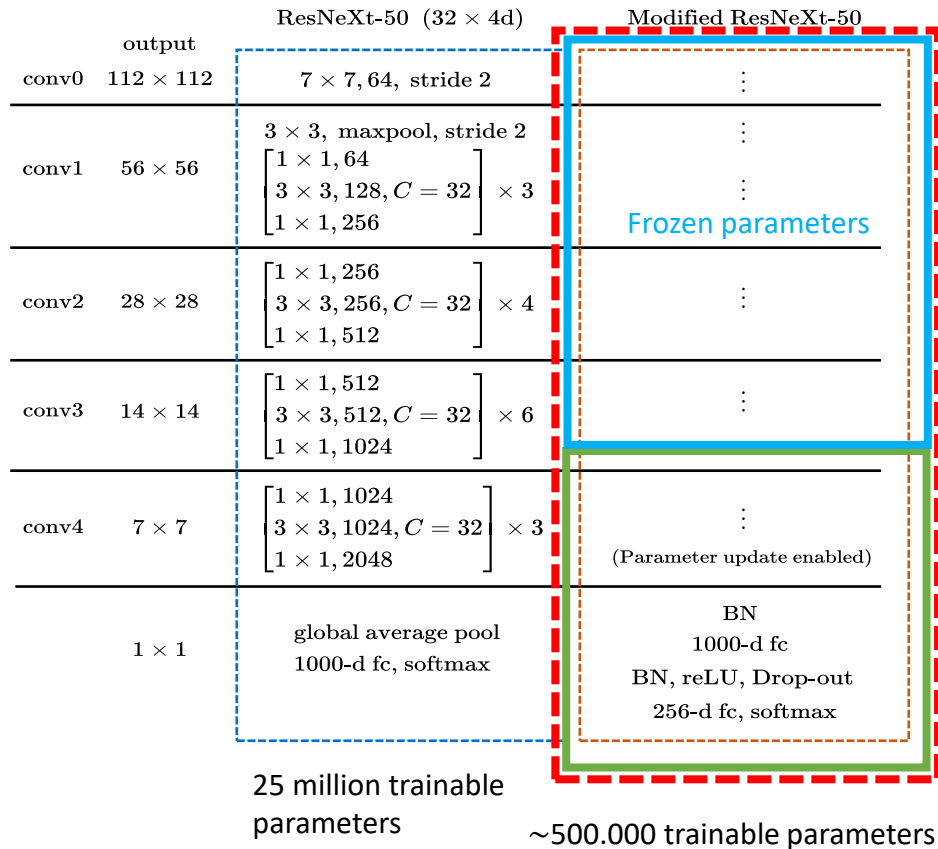
	$\alpha$ [rad]	$\delta$ [rad]	$f$ [Hz]	$\cos \iota$	$\phi$ [rad]	$\psi$ [rad]
Lower limit	0	$-\pi/2$	20	-1	0	0
Upper limit	$2\pi$	$\pi/2$	1000	1	$2\pi$	$\pi/2$
			$\dot{f} = -10^{-9} \text{ [Hz/s]}$	band width = 124 mHz		

We adopted **Curriculum learning**, network's SNR is the difficulty criterion

$$\rho^2 = \sum_X 4\mathcal{R} \int_0^\infty \frac{\tilde{h}^X(f)\tilde{h}^{X*}(f)}{S_n^X(f)} df,$$







Conventional CNN architecture **lose information**

- Down sampling
- Feature transf. across layers

Residual connections prevent this!

Identity mapping of the input to deeper layers.

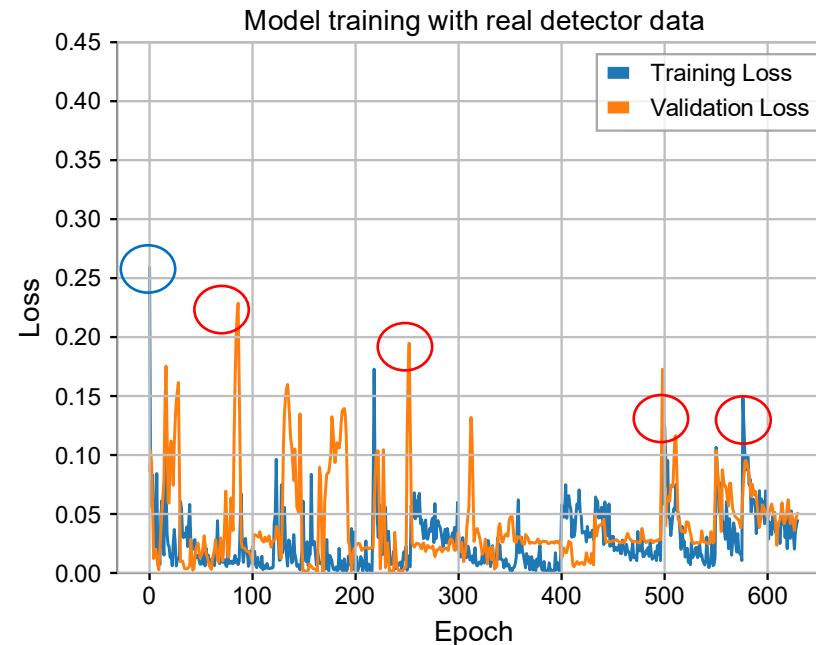
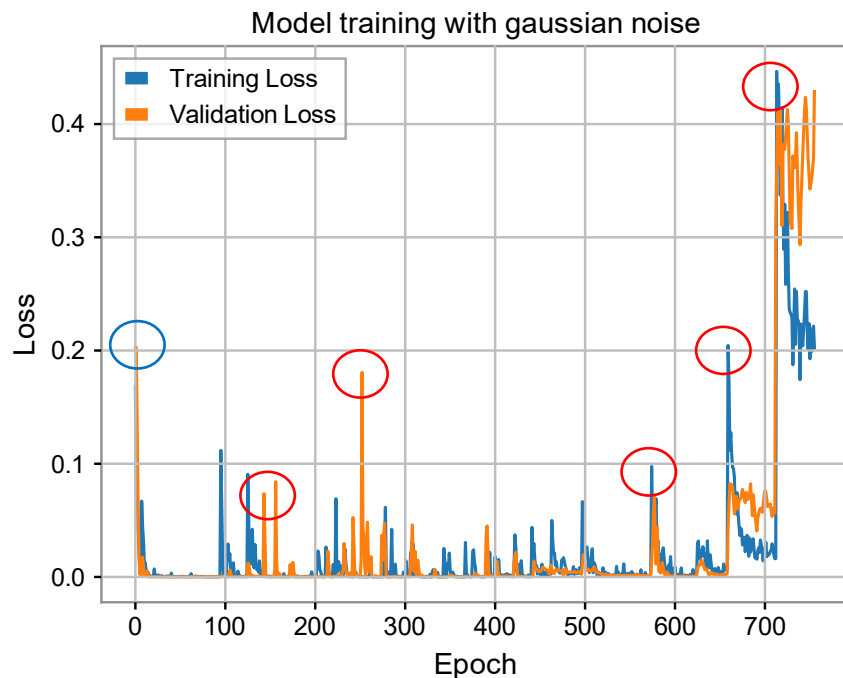
This is a **key feature** of the ResNeXt architecture

To ensure effective training:

- Hyperparameter tuning with Optuna
- L2 regularization with  $\lambda = 10^{-5}$
- Early stopping

Loss function: cross entropy  $L_{CE} = - \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \log(q_i)$

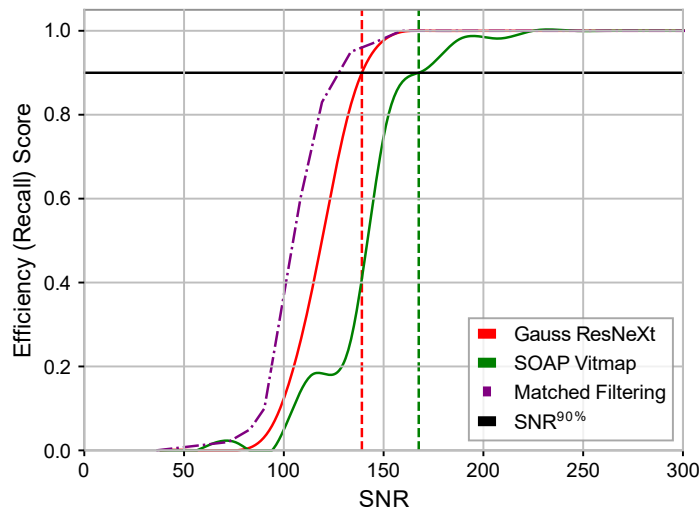
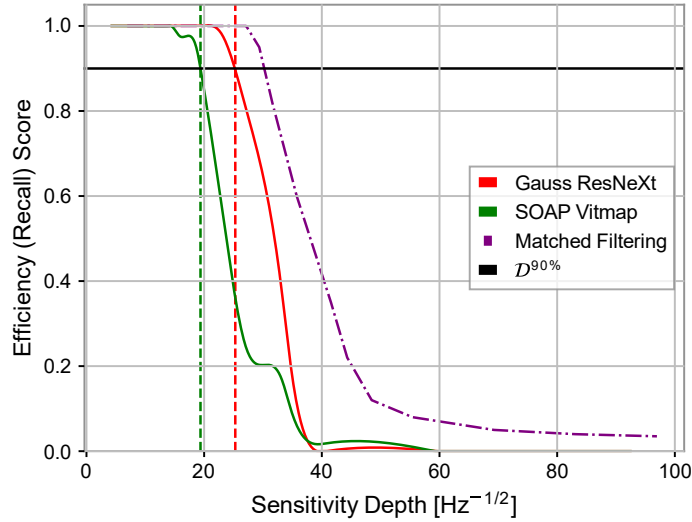
True label  $\nearrow$   
 $\searrow$  Model's prediction



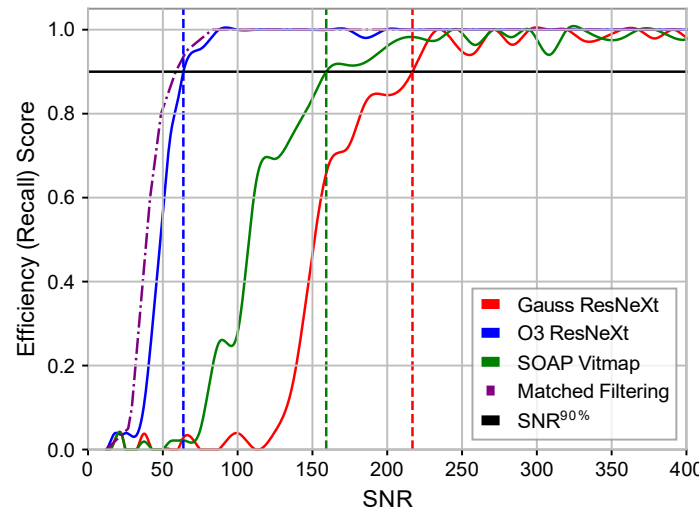
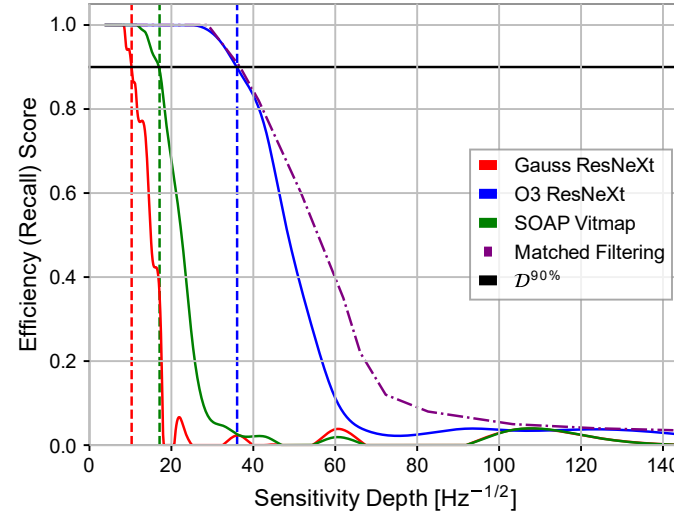
Training time ~ 20.3 hours

Software and Hardware: Pytorch 2.0 implementation / 16 GB NVIDIA TESLA V-100 GPU

Gaussian Noise



Real detector noise



We compared **Gauss ResNeXt** and **O3 ResNeXt** against the **SOAP CW<sup>1</sup>** pipeline (vitmap) and Matched-Filtering (WEAVE)

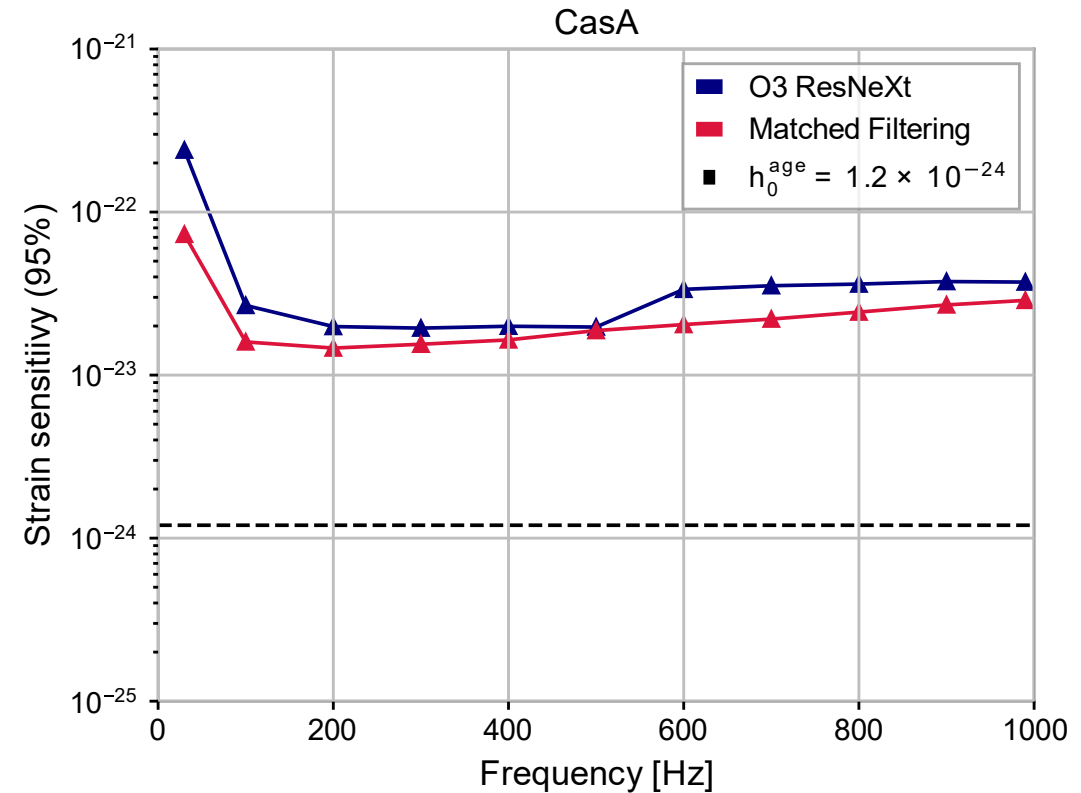
Our two metrics are the **SNR** and **sensitivity depth** (at a  $p_{fa} = 1\%$ ) for which we attain a 90% efficiency of detection

$$\mathcal{D}^{p_{det}} = \frac{\sqrt{S_n}}{h_0^{p_{det}}}$$

	$\mathcal{D}^{90\%}$		$\text{SNR}^{90\%}$	
	Gaussian noise	Real noise	Gaussian noise	Real noise
Matched-Filtering	30.83	36.78	127.54	59.72
Gauss ResNeXt	25.29	9.92	139.09	215.08
O3 ResNeXt	—	36.04	—	63.16
SOAP Vitmap	19.37	17.11	167.57	157.90

[1] J. Bayley et al, Phys. Rev. D. 102 083024 (2020)

- As a test benchmark, we compare O3 ResNeXt performance against matched filtering for the Cas A remnant with a strain age  $h_0 \sim 10^{-24}$
- Results comparable to matched-filtering



- Transfer learning is a good alternative to train deeper models in less time
- We developed binary classifier CNNs, **Gauss ResNeXt** and **O3 ResNeXt**, using transfer learning to detect continuous wave (CW) signals in Gaussian and real detector noise.
- Both models achieved detection sensitivities close to matched-filtering for short observation periods (approximately 4.66 days).
- Gauss ResNeXt and O3 ResNeXt showed strong detection capabilities in their respective noise environments but had poor generalization to other noise types.

**Future Work:** Generalization to longer spectrograms... Bayesian approach or even more DL!