



# interTwin

## Generative models for transient noise studies in Gravitational Waves detectors

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# Why

Gravitational interferometers (GI) are important because they allow scientists to detect and study **Gravitational Waves (GWs)**, which help us **understand** the **Universe**

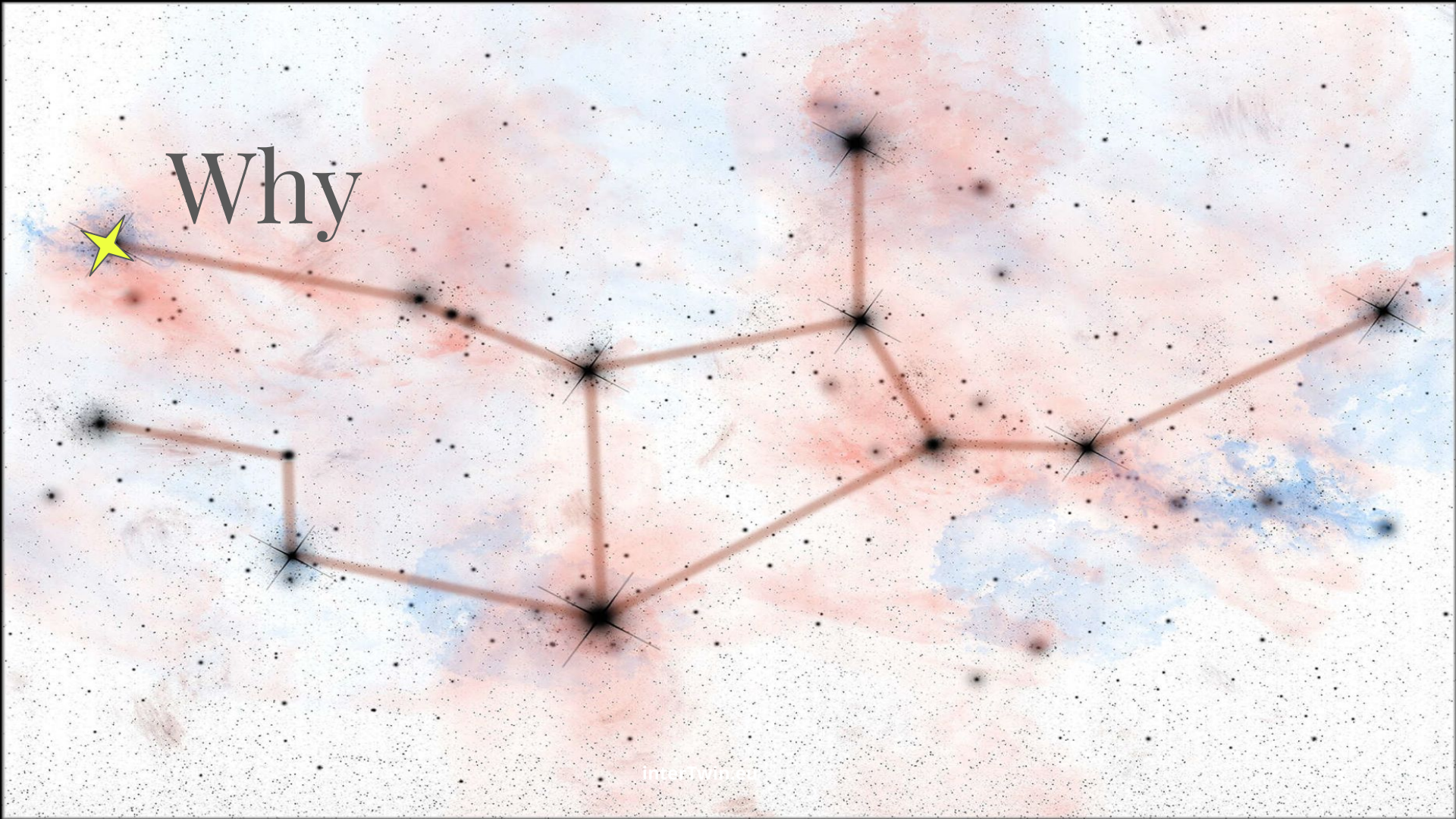
# What

GI sensitivity is limited by **noise**. We want to **separate physical information from transient noise** in GI data.

# How

Making use of **Generative Models** leveraging on deep NN's ability to understand **non linear structure in data**.

Why



# Gravitational Waves and Interferometers

- **Gravitational interferometers** are important because they allow scientists to detect and study **Gravitational Waves (GWs)**.
- **GWs** are ripples in spacetime caused by the acceleration of massive objects, such as **black holes** or **neutron stars**.
- GWs were predicted by **Albert Einstein's** theory of **General Relativity** but were not directly observed until 2015 with the first detection by the **LIGO – Virgo** Collaboration.

(<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.116.061102>)

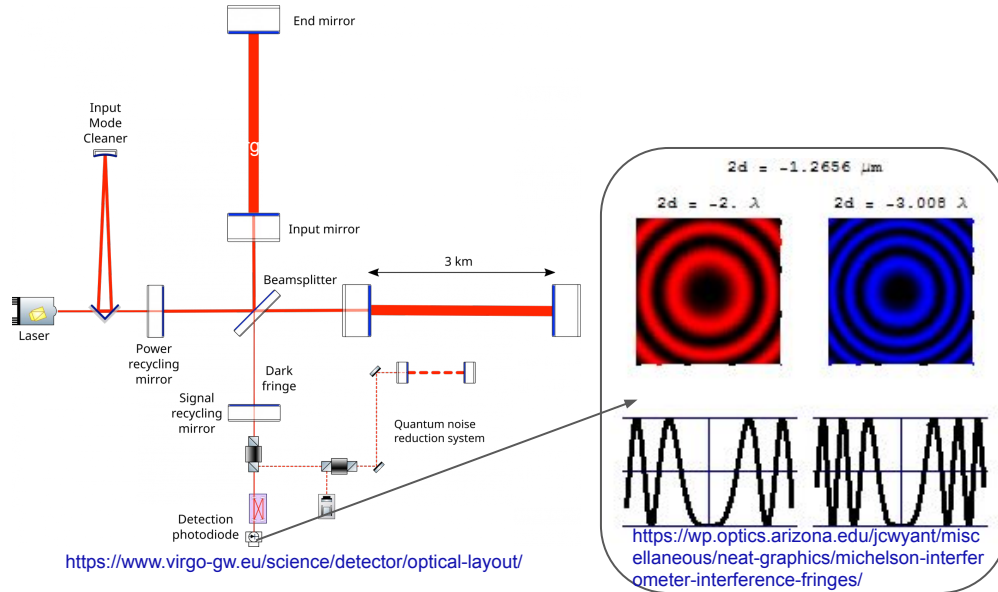
**GWs** are important for:

- **Cosmology and the Early Universe**
- **Fundamental Physics**
- **Multi-Messenger Astronomy**

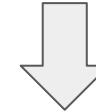


# Gravitational Interferometers: very complex machines!

- The **Main Channel** measures the **interference pattern produced by laser light as it travels along the GI's arms**
- When a **GW** passes by, it slightly **changes the length of the arms**, causing the **interference pattern to change**



- **Extreme Precision ( $\sim 10^{-21}$ ) & Large Scale ( $\sim 3$  Km)**
- **Isolation from Noise, both transient and stationary from:**
  - **Environment** (wind, seismic, weather, sea,..)
  - **Instrumentation** (power, resonating frequencies,..)
  - **Physics** (vacuum, thermal noise, quantum effects,..)
  - **Crazy sources** (planes in the sky, you sneezing,..)
- ...



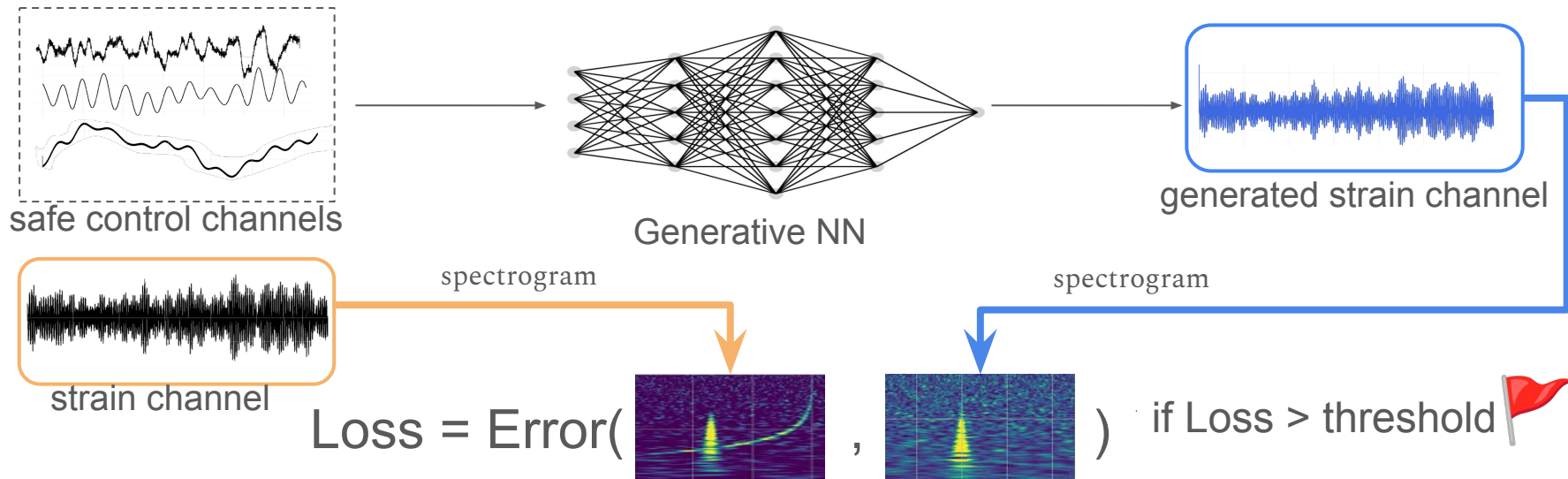
**$\sim 100K$  Control Channels to account for noise.**  
Despite such corrections, **data is still buried under it!**



★ What

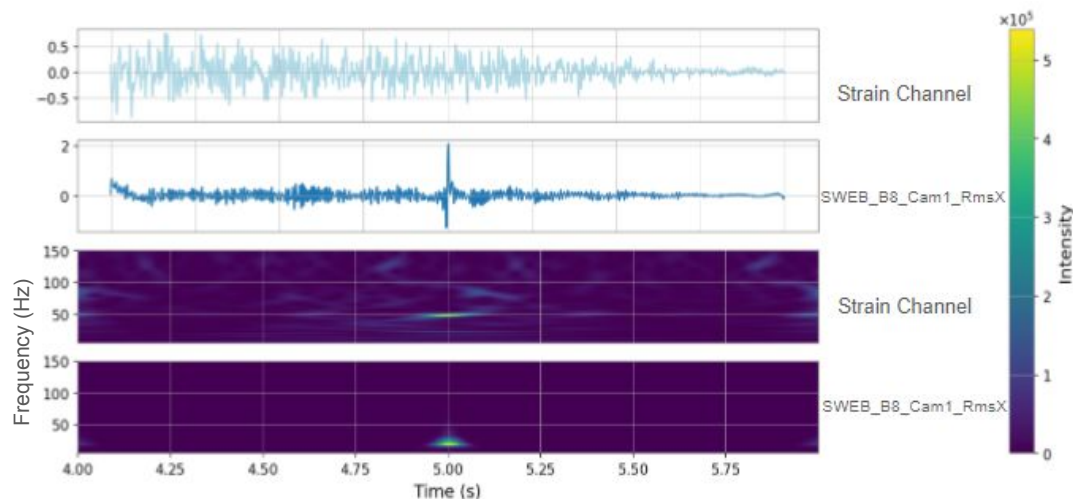
# Outline and goal

- Non-Gaussian transient noise artifacts (aka **glitches**) are one of the most **challenging limitations** in the study of gravitational-wave interferometer
- We **map glitches from control channels** (uncorrelated with the physical signals) **to the main channel**, in order to **subtract the generated noise from the physically interesting data**
- We use **deep generative models** for the mapping in order to capture **non-linear structure in the data**



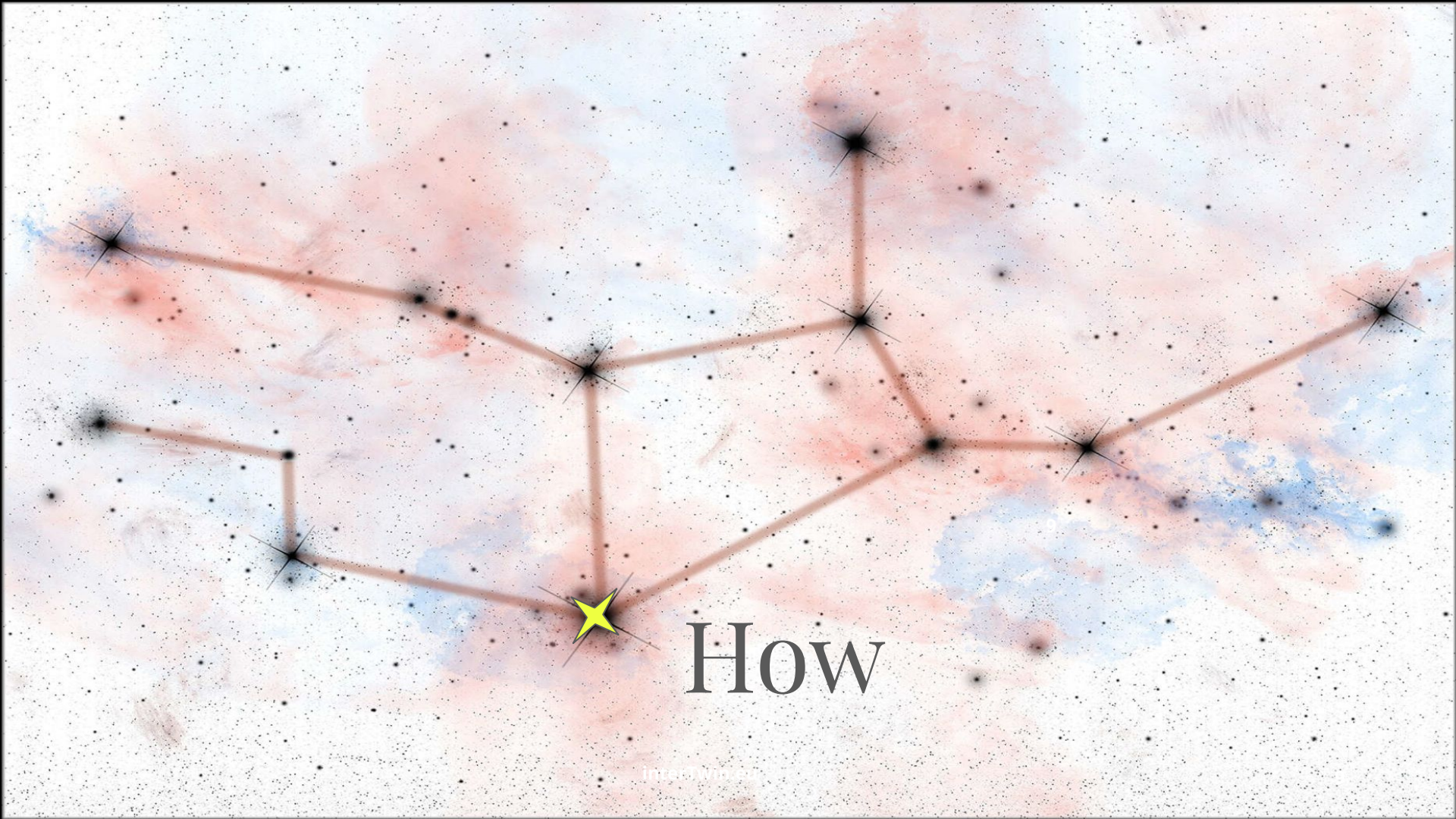
# Gravitational Interferometers' data

- Single type of glitch: **Scattered Light** (unwanted light that is reflected or scattered off surfaces within the interferometer's optical components).
- **Physical motivation in channel selection** (Out of the 100K+ auxiliary channels, we select those whose units of measurement are position, velocity and acceleration)
- Consider only **safe channels** (i.e. channels that are not witness of any gravitational signal)
- Choose only **correlated channels** (i.e. control channels that show excess in energy at the same time as the main channel).
- Use **Qplots** (a particular type of spectrograms, that show the energy content of signals in both time and frequency domain )
- **Correlation among channels can be non-linear** (Synchronous excess in energy can occur at different frequencies)



Time series (top) and Qplots (bottom) for main channel and one channel monitoring movements of the optical benches





How

# Dataset

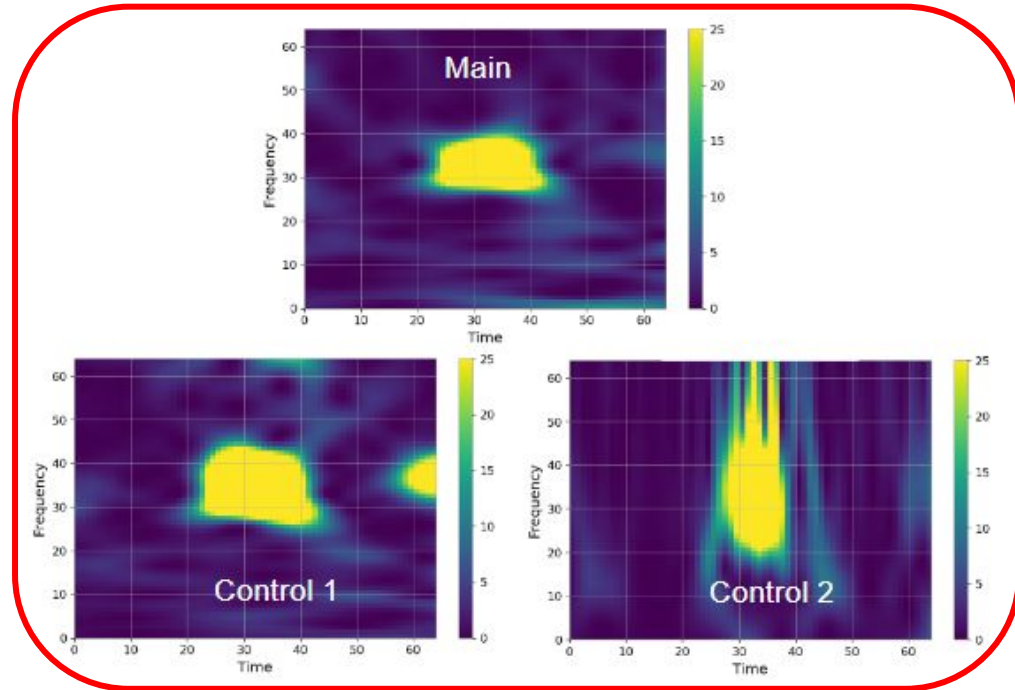
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2.  $\pm 8$ s around glitch
3. Resampling to 500Hz
4. Whitening
5. Normalization to  $[0,1]$  range

## Qplots

6. Qplot and cropping around highest peak frequency.
7. Select spectrograms with SNR of at least 15
8. Normalization to  $[0,1]$  range

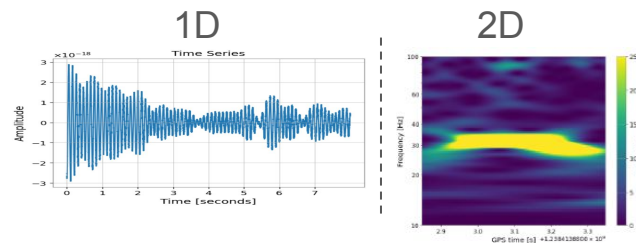
64x64 = (1s)x(64Hz)



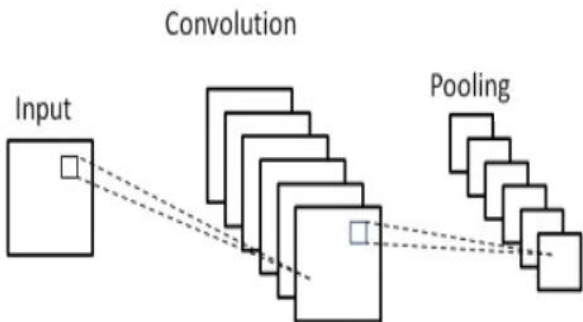
# Neural Network architectures

- Code in Pytorch
- L1-Loss =  $\sum | \text{Generated Output} - \text{Target Output} |$

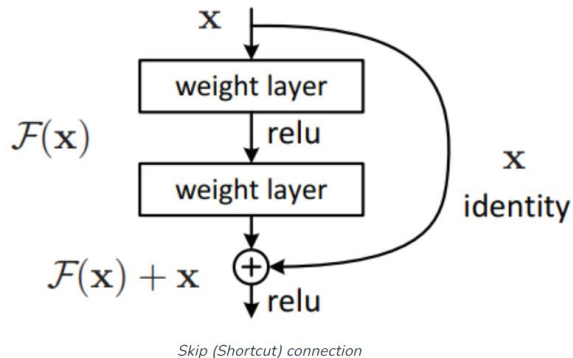
- Input



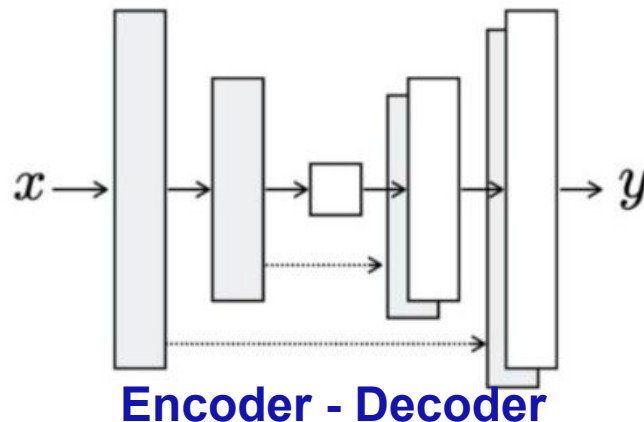
## CNN



## ResNet (residual block)

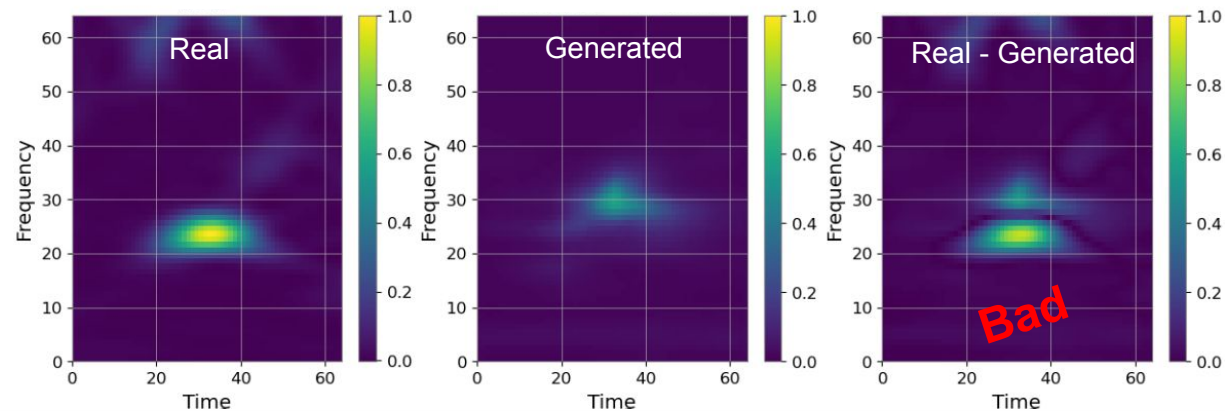
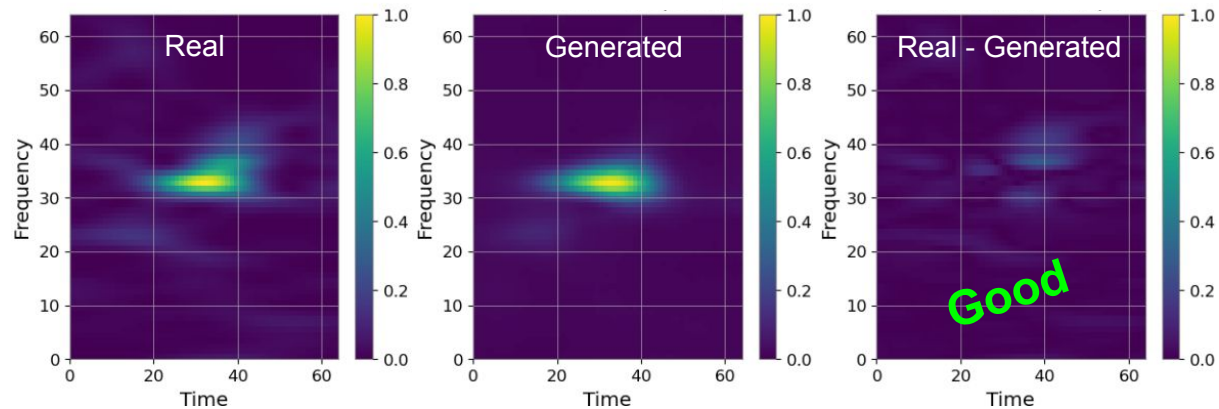
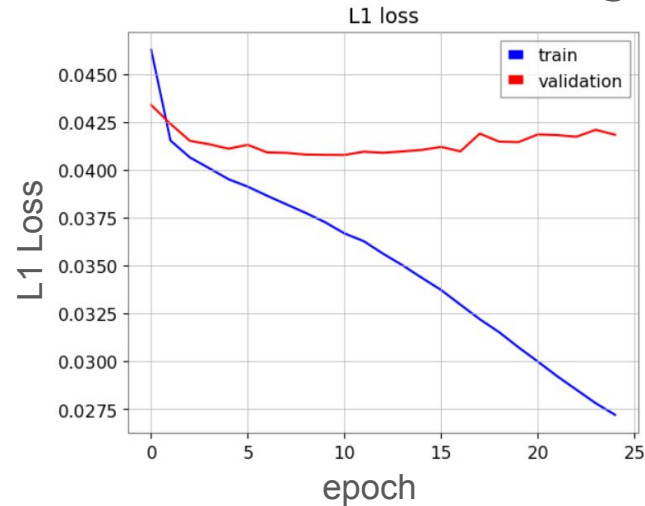


## U-Net



Encoder - Decoder

# QPlots: Resnet (12 blocks)



- **Mostly very good results**, but some bad ones as well in presence of messy or odd looking input
- Network seems to stop learning after very few epochs. **High Bias after very few epochs**

# Performance Tests: Vetoing



- **Glitch definition:** Cluster of at least **10 pixels** with **SNR above threshold (15,10,8)**. This choice mimics actual alert mechanisms in use at Virgo (Omicron)
- Use **Clustering** mechanism as **Classifier** on **generated data**
- **Test set:** 1083 Glitches, 536 empty background

## Glitch generation Accuracy

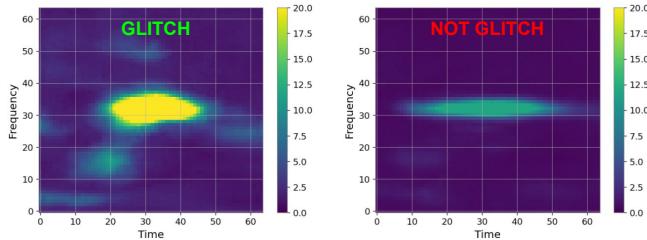
Model is able to correctly generate a glitch given control channels

SNR 8	SNR 10	SNR 15
99.0%	98.7%	97.8%
25.9%	99.0%	99.6%

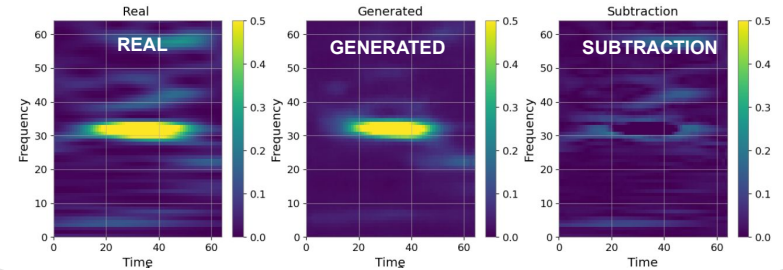
## Glitch position Accuracy

Model generates glitches with right time and frequency. Intensity is saturated at trigger SNR

### Glitch generation



### Glitch position

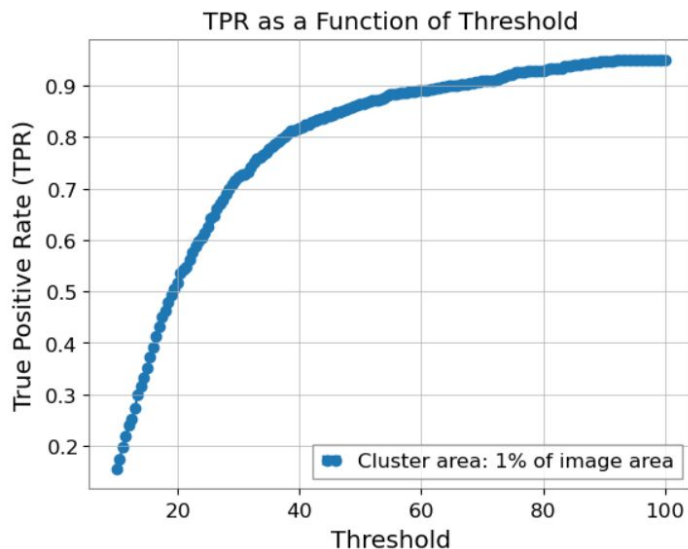


# Performance Tests: Denoising

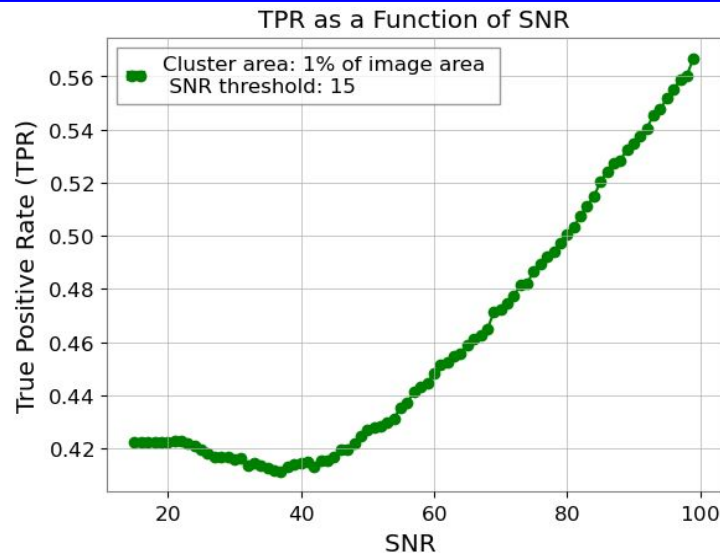


- **Glitch definition:** Cluster of at least **41 pixels** (1% of total Qplot area) with **SNR above threshold**.
- Use **Clustering** mechanism as **Classifier** on **cleaned data** (i.e. real minus generated)
- **Test set:** 1083 Glitches, 536 empty background





Dataset fixed, varying Classifier Threshold



Classifier Threshold fixed, varying SNR in Dataset



# Future Work

- Streamline data acquisition and transfer to DataLake 
- Perform channel analysis on bigger dataset for all channels 
- Refine and implement data analysis protocol into shareable tool 
- Retrain networks with new and more channels 
- Deploy more complex generative models like GANs, Pix2Pix,...
- Generate synthetic GWs signals
- Design denoising pipeline
- Explore ideas from audio processing (like MFCCs, and so on)
- ... **Suggestions?**



# Thank you!

# Questions?



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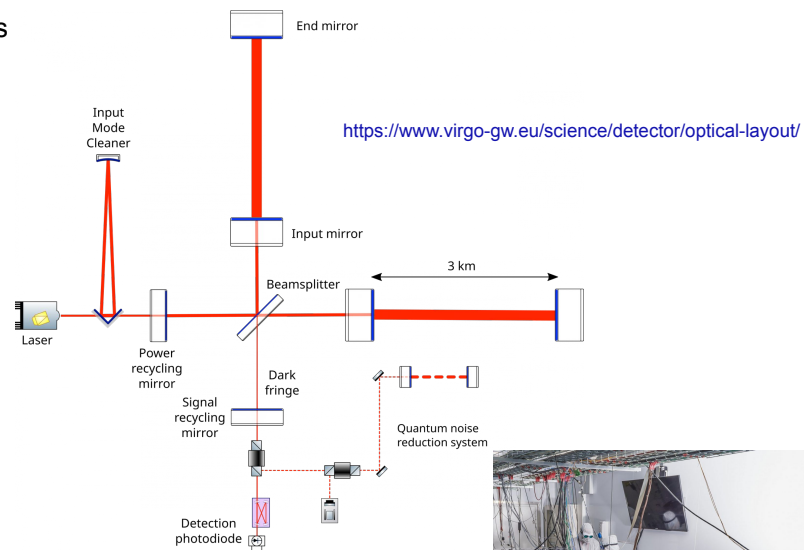


# Backup slides



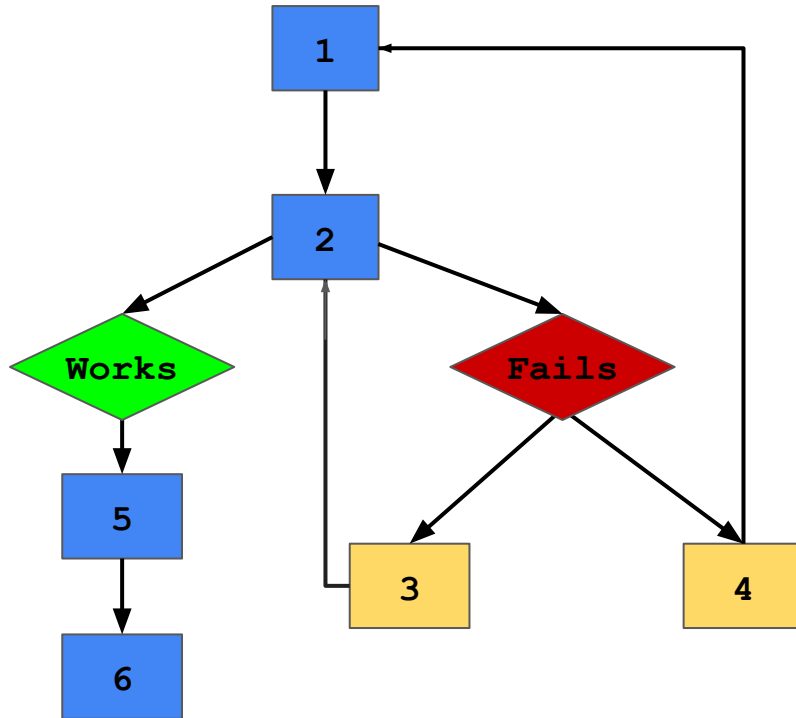
# Gravitational Interferometers: very complex machines!

- **Extreme Precision:** They require incredibly precise measurement capabilities to detect tiny distortions in spacetime caused by gravitational waves.
- **Large Scale:** Interferometers such as LIGO and Virgo consist of multiple components, including long, L-shaped vacuum tubes (several kilometers in length) with mirrors suspended at their ends.
- **Isolation from Noise:** They need to isolate their sensitive instruments from various sources of noise, such as seismic activity, thermal fluctuations, and even quantum mechanical effects.
- **High Vacuum Environment:** To minimize interference from air molecules, interferometers operate in high vacuum environments
- **Advanced Laser Technology:** Interferometers rely on powerful lasers and intricate optical systems to precisely measure changes in the length of their arms.



➔ **Data Processing and Analysis:** To keep track of every potential source of noise, Gravitational Interferometers have a very large [ $O(10^5)$ ] number of control channels. Despite that, GWs signals are buried under a vast amount of noise.

# Workflow



1. Identify *safe* auxiliary channels correlated with glitches in main channel ✓

2. Generate glitches from selected channels with a simple NN as a p.o.c. ✓

3. Increase complexity in NN architecture

4. Improve channel selection & Data preprocessing

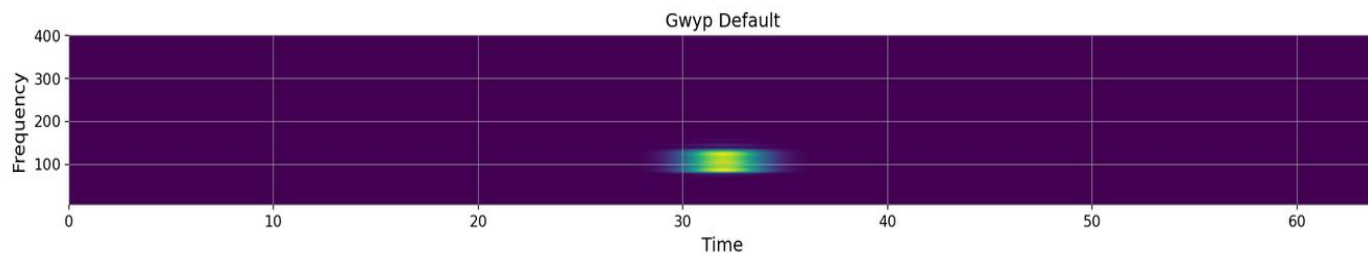
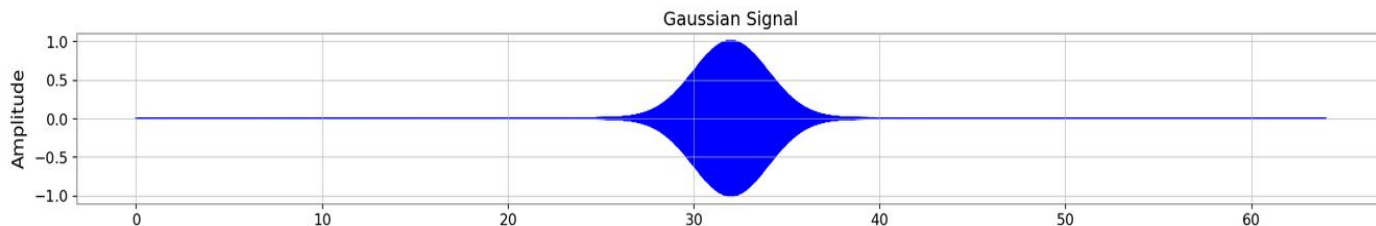
5. Generate synthetic GWs and test the glitch subtraction procedure

6. Test on real GW data

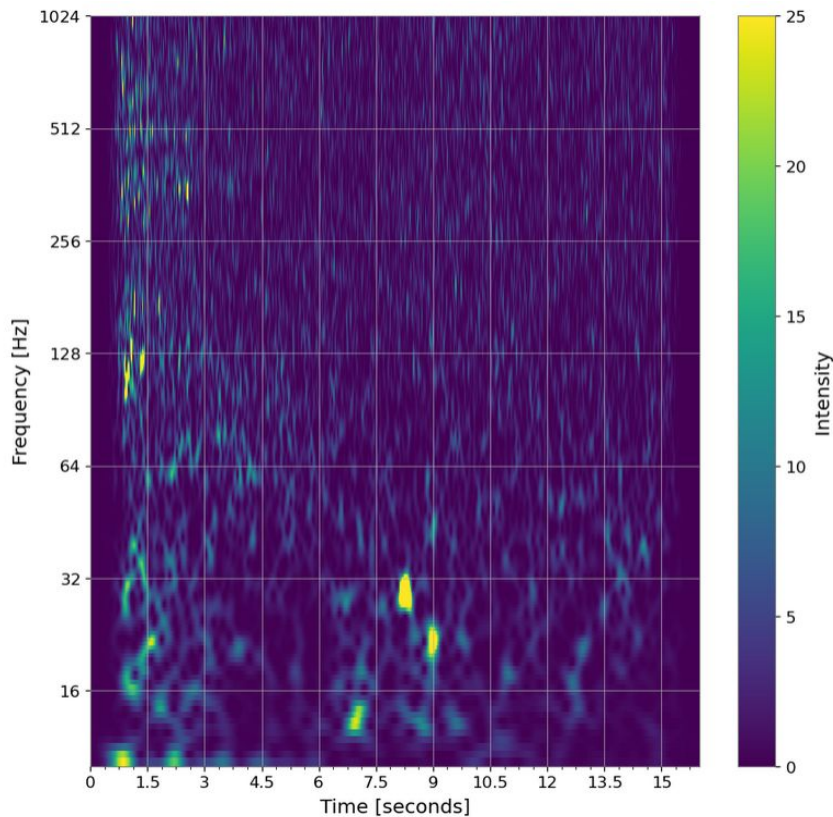


# What are Spectrograms?

**Spectrograms** are visual representations of the spectrum of frequencies of a signal as it varies with time



# Q-Transforms



$$X(\tau, \phi, Q) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t)w(t - \tau, \phi, Q)e^{-i2\pi\phi t} dt$$

$$w(t - \tau, \phi, Q) = \frac{C}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_t(Q, \phi)} \exp\left[-\frac{(t - \tau)^2}{2\sigma_t(Q, \phi)^2}\right]$$

$$\sigma_t(Q, f)^2 = \frac{Q^2}{8\pi^2 f^2}$$

In practice, few lines of code thanks to gwpy!

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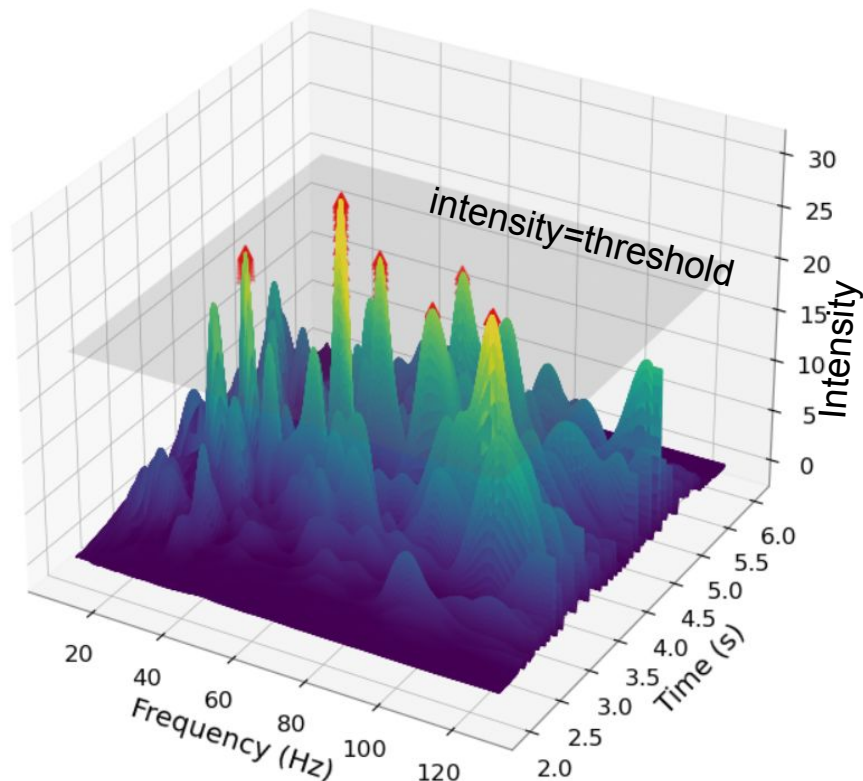
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fout=h5.File(filename)

t_strain=TimeSeries(fout['DdncGnx3ph.h5']['V1:Hrec_hoft_16384Hz'])

t_strain=t_strain.whiten()

hq=t_strain.q_transform(frangle=f_range)
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# Correlations in Q-Plots: Peak frequencies



- **Common peaks:** peaks above intensity threshold within a given tolerance distance ( $\Delta t, \Delta f$ ) in Q-Plot
- Apply analysis to each aux channel paired with strain channel
- Calculate correlation coefficient:

$$\text{Corr\_coeff} = \frac{\text{common peaks}}{\text{strain peaks}}$$

- Average over 1000 different “events” classified as Scattered Light with confidence  $\geq 86\%$ .
- Data source: VIRGO O3a
- Python: gwpy, lalframe, pandas



# Dataset

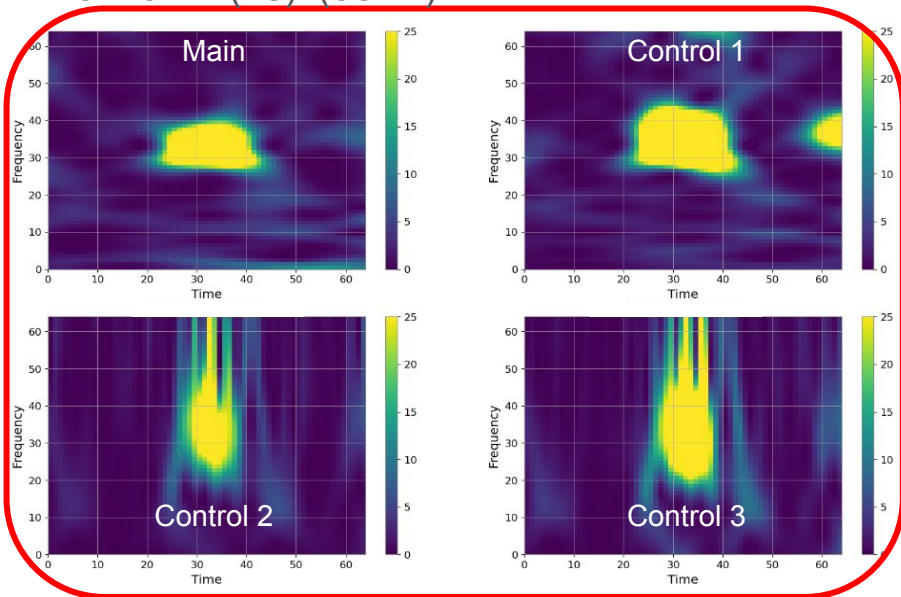
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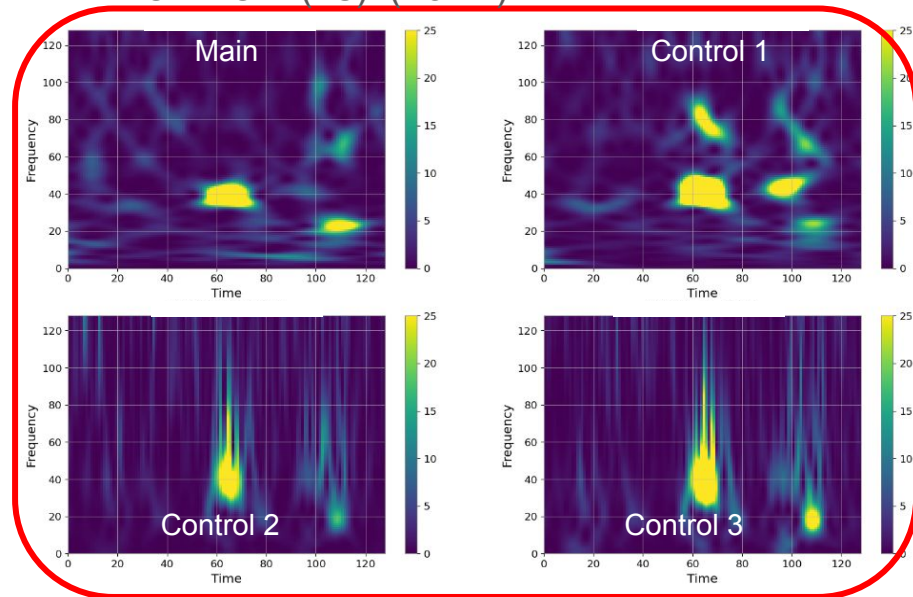
## Qplots

1.  $\longrightarrow$  4.
5. Qplot and cropping around highest peak frequency
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64x64 ~ (1s)x(35Hz)

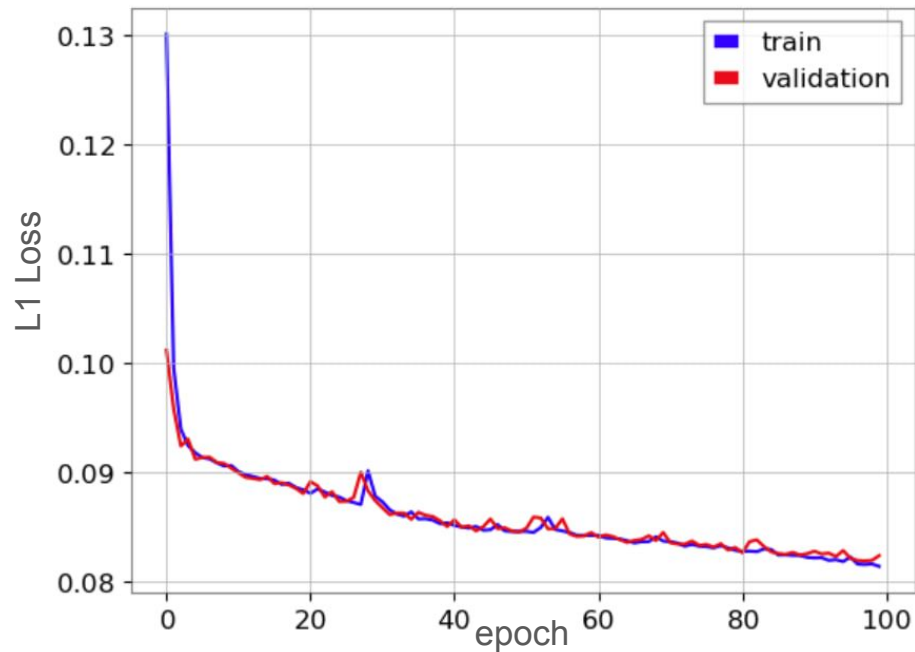


128x128 ~ (2s)x(70Hz)

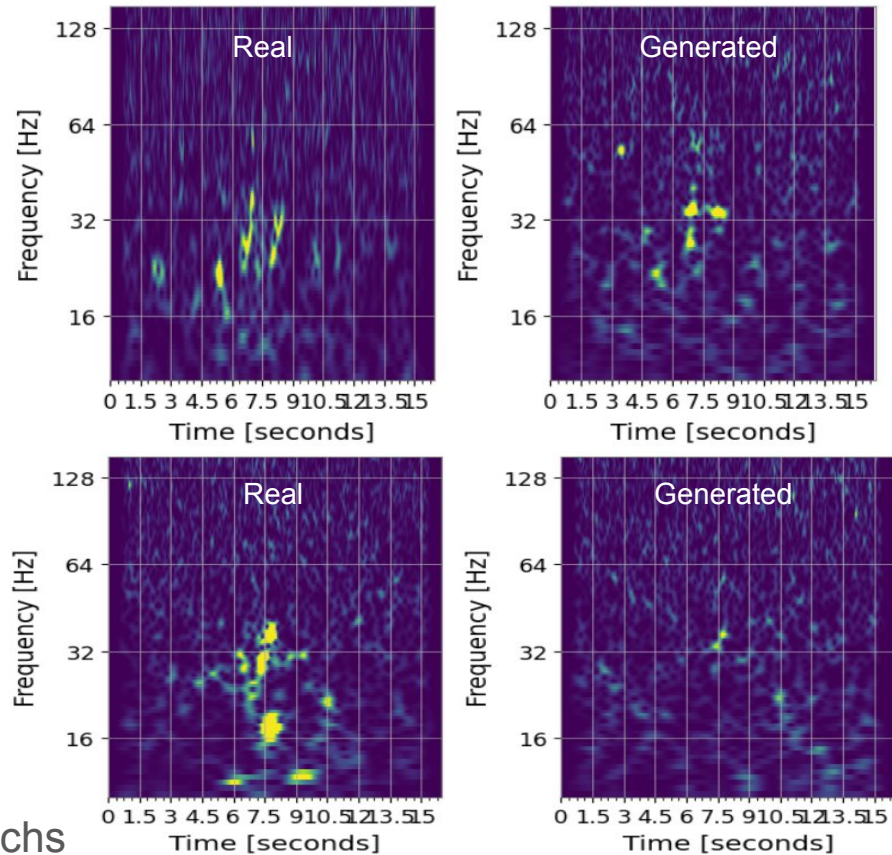




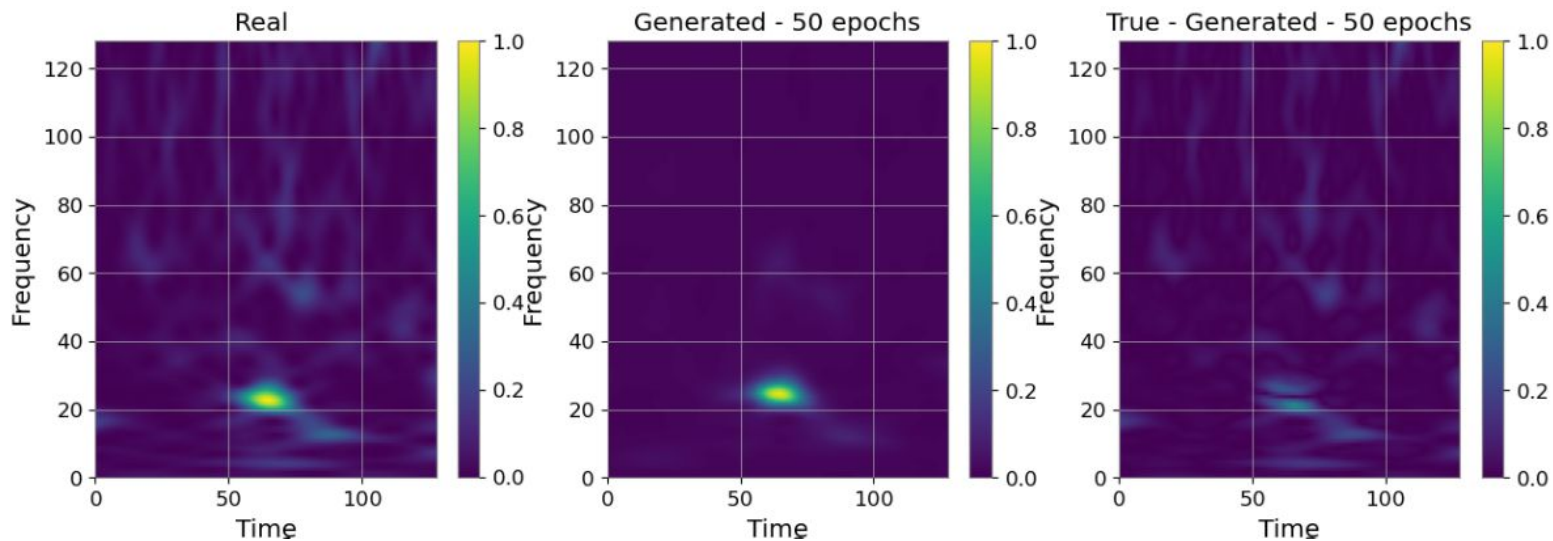
# Time series: U-Net



- Some good results, but a lot of bad ones...
- Network seems to stop learning after few epochs



# QPlots: Decoder CNN+ Resnet



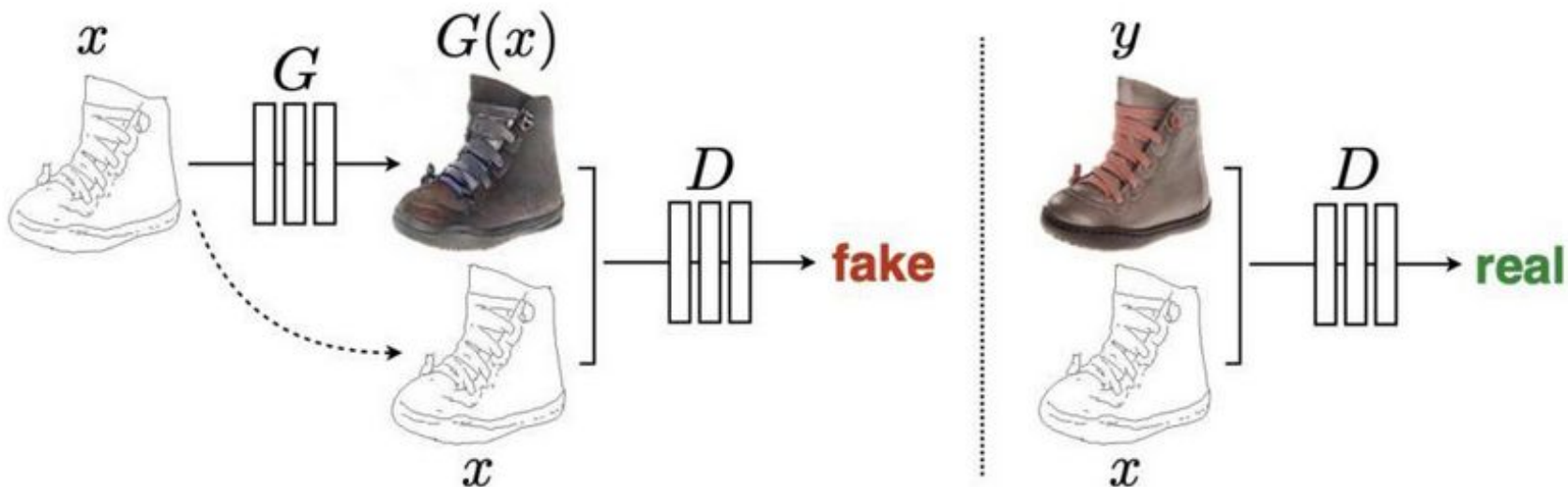
- Using 64x64 model as pre-training, only one epoch of training is required!
- High Bias after very few epochs
- Network does not seem to notice light blue/green background (good for noise stability?)
- Bad results for messy (or odd looking) input
- Very similar loss and results for U-Net



# Pix2Pix GAN

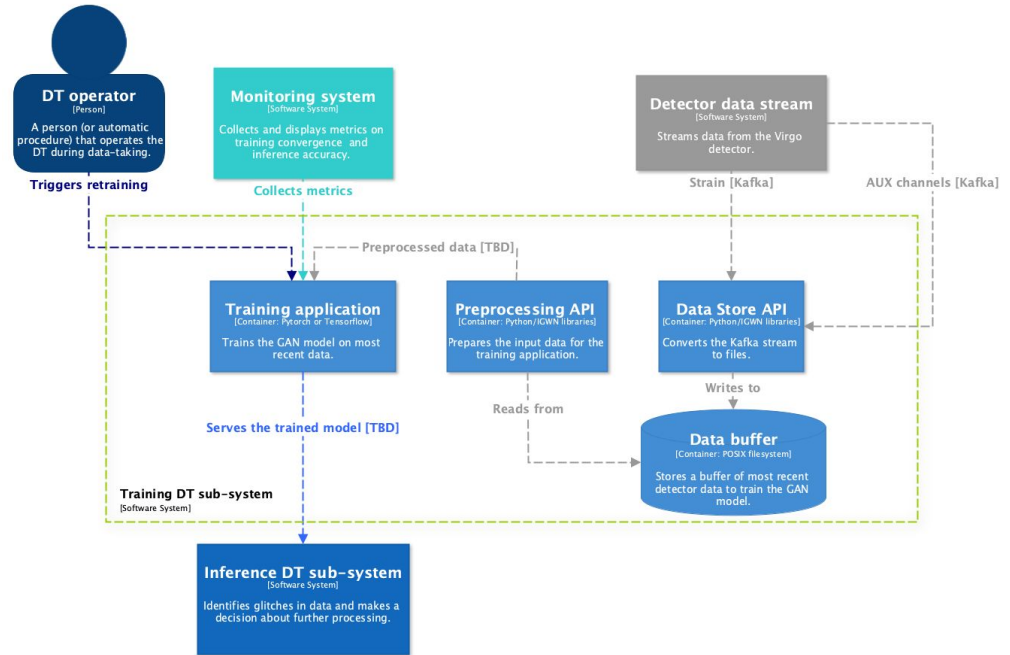
Paired Image-to-Image GAN maps the data from three auxiliary channels to the data in the strain.

This is a conditional adversarial network which learns the mapping from input to output images.



# Status of the WP7 activities

- Internal architecture of the training subsystem defined
- Started first implementation of the training pipeline focusing on:
  - workflow execution (Airflow)
  - interface definition
  - data transfer (Rucio/Kafka)



# Activities on the K8s demo cluster at CNAF (WP5)

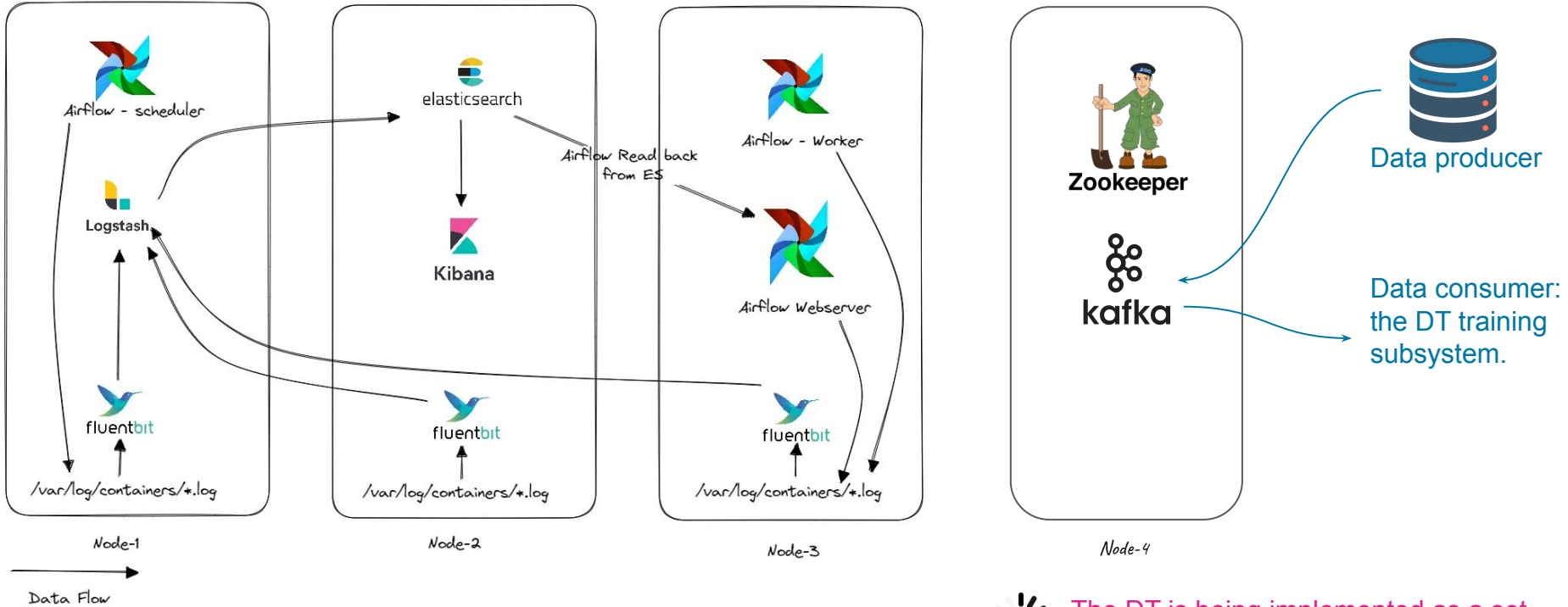


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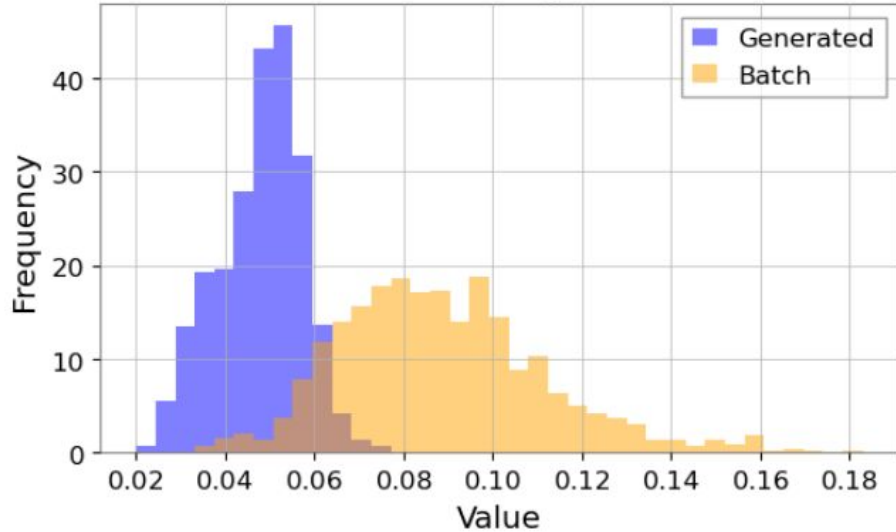


The DT is being implemented as a set of **interdependent Airflow DAGs**.

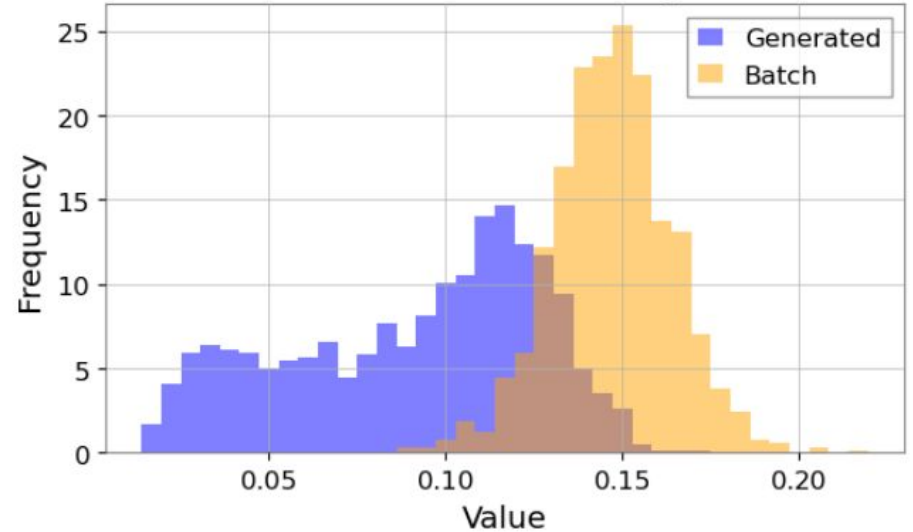


# Generated vs Real glitch distribution

Mean Histogram

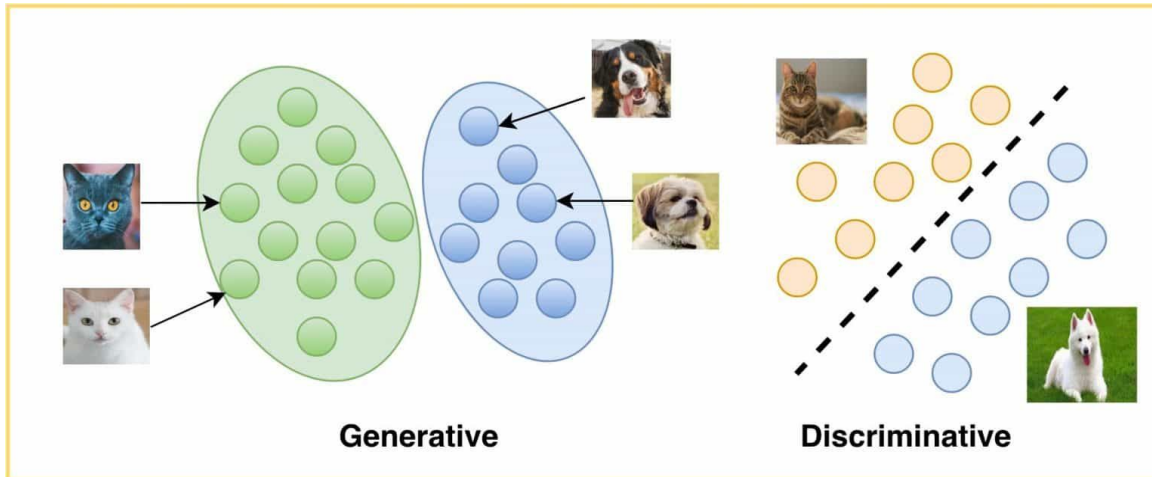


Standard Deviation Histogram



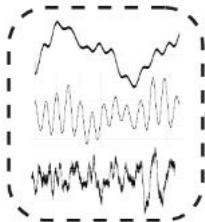
# What are generative models?

- **Generative models** are **algorithms** that learn to **generate new data** that is **similar** to the **data** they were **trained on**
- They learn to **map data** from the **original high-dimensional space** to the **lower-dimensional latent space** and then **generate new data** by **sampling** from this **latent space**.

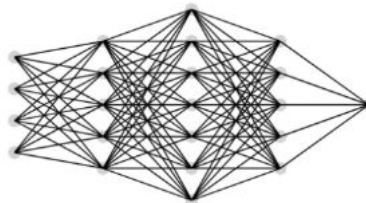


# Glitch Flow Pipeline

Auxiliary channels



Main channel

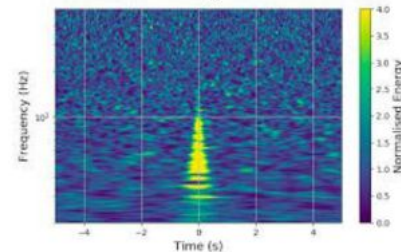


Generative Deep NN

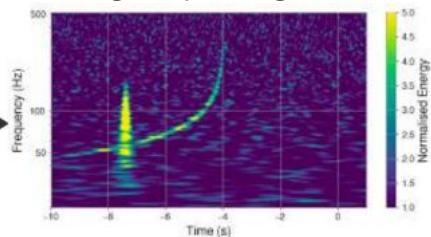
Generated signal



Generated Spectrogram



Target Spectrogram

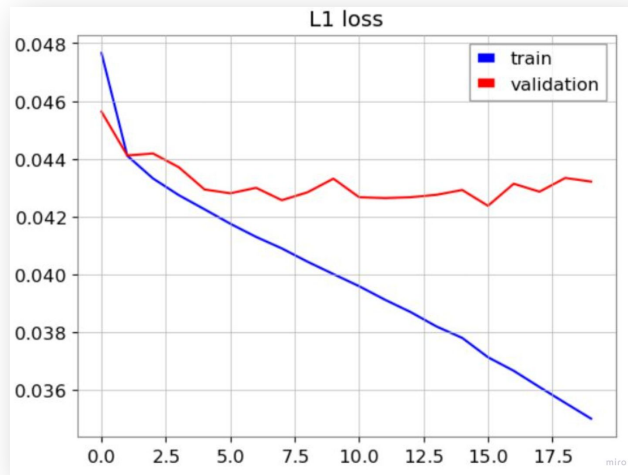
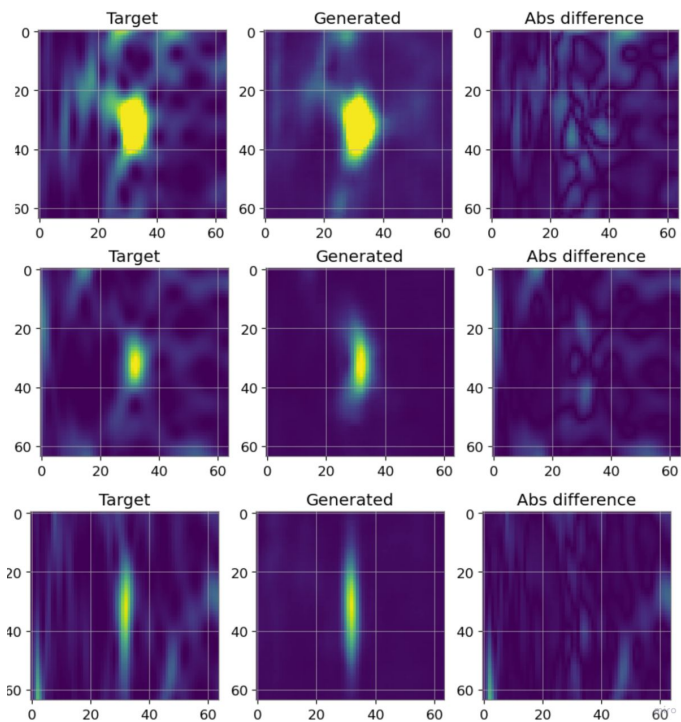


Veto / denoising

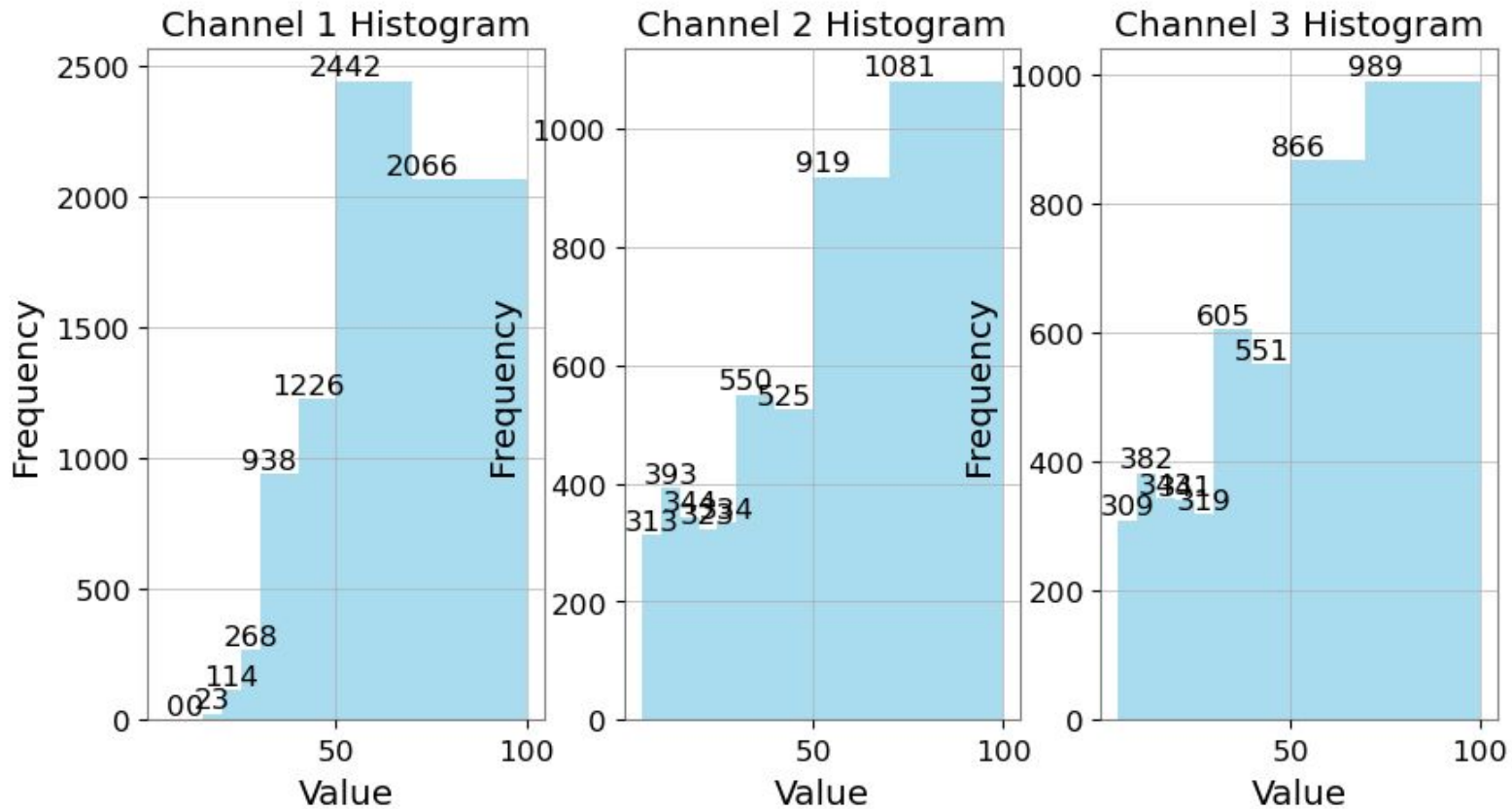




# Glitch Flow Inference



# SNR distribution of data



## Model Performance

- The model **correctly predicts** the **presence of noise** in signal from only looking at **aux channels** in **100%** of cases
- The model **removes the noise from the signal** in **59,7%** of cases

## How to improve

- Use more complex NN architectures
- Data augmentation
- Use more and more appropriate auxiliary channels
- Build more sophisticated tools for channel analysis
- Much more ...

The two auxiliary channels which were used in the analysis are:

### **V1:LSC\_MICH\_ERR**

Deviation in the Michelson interferometer signal (sampling rate:10000 Hz, measured in Ampere).

### **V1:LSC\_PR\_CORR**

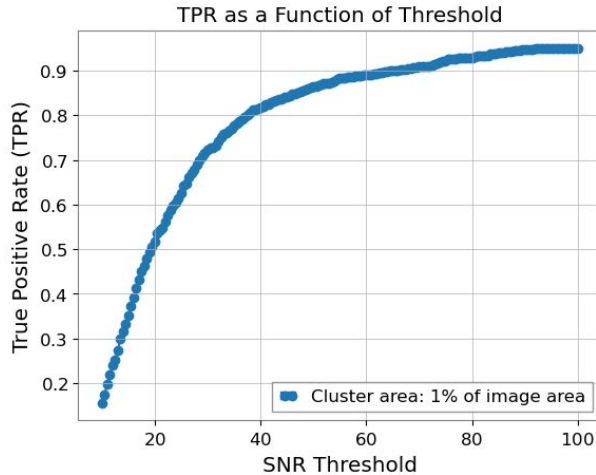
Correction on the voltage in the Power Recycling cavity (sampling rate:10000 Hz, measured in Volts).

These channels are both safe, and they are used in the linear denoising in the strain channel.

# Performance Tests: Denoising

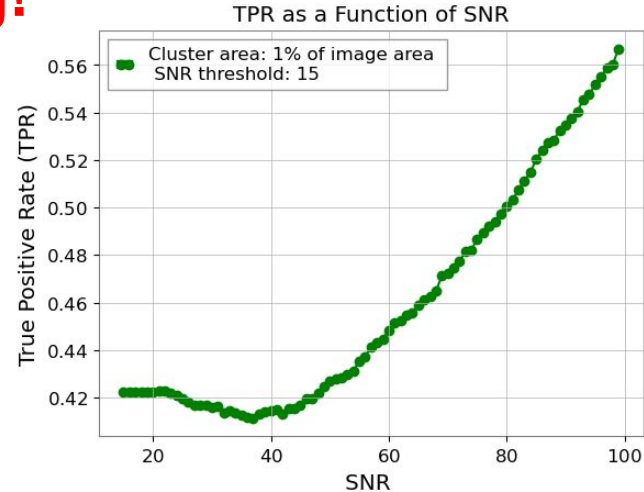
We pass the subtraction of the real signals minus the generated ones to the classifier. For each threshold value of the SNR, we construct a confusion matrix. We plot the True Positive Rate (TPR) for two different studies.

1. Varying the SNR in the classifier for the definition of a glitch



**Needs  
Improving!**

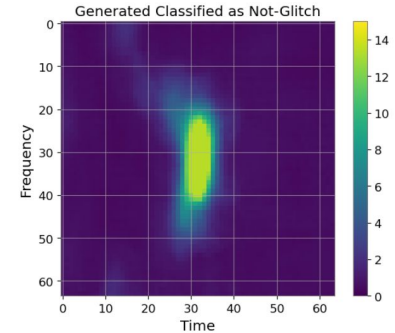
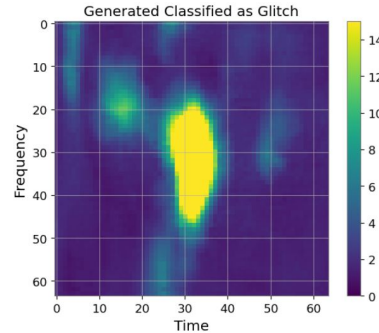
1. Keeping SNR=15 in the classifier but dropping the data below a given threshold



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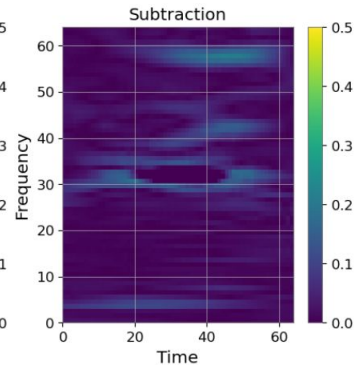
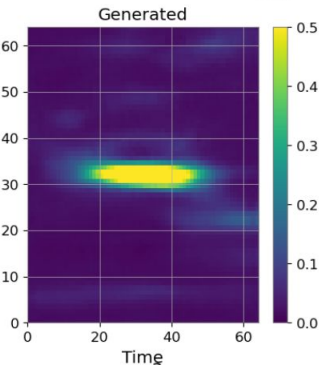
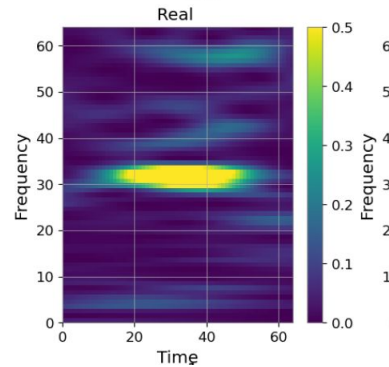
We construct a classifier which labels Qplots as glitches/not-glitches. It is based on a clustering algorithm: a glitch is defined as an area made of at least 10 pixels which have SNR equal or above 15.

1. **Accuracy of glitch generation:** 97.8 % of the generated data is identified as glitches by our classification algorithm (tested on a sample of 1083 generated signals plus 536 injected with background noise)



2. **Accuracy of glitch positions:** the generated glitch has the correct time-frequency coordinates in 99.6% of the cases

**Works Well!**



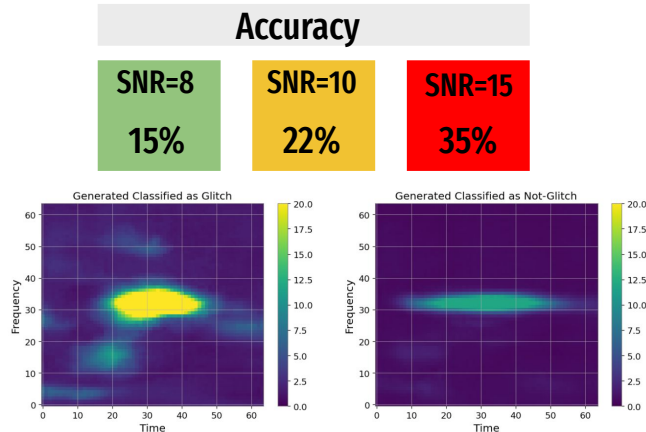
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## Accuracy of glitch generation

Model correctly predicts the presence of a glitch given control channels



## Accuracy of glitch positions

Model correctly predicts time-frequency coordinates of glitch given control channels

