



# UNRAVELING GRAVITATIONAL RIPPLES: NEURAL NETWORK CLASSIFICATION

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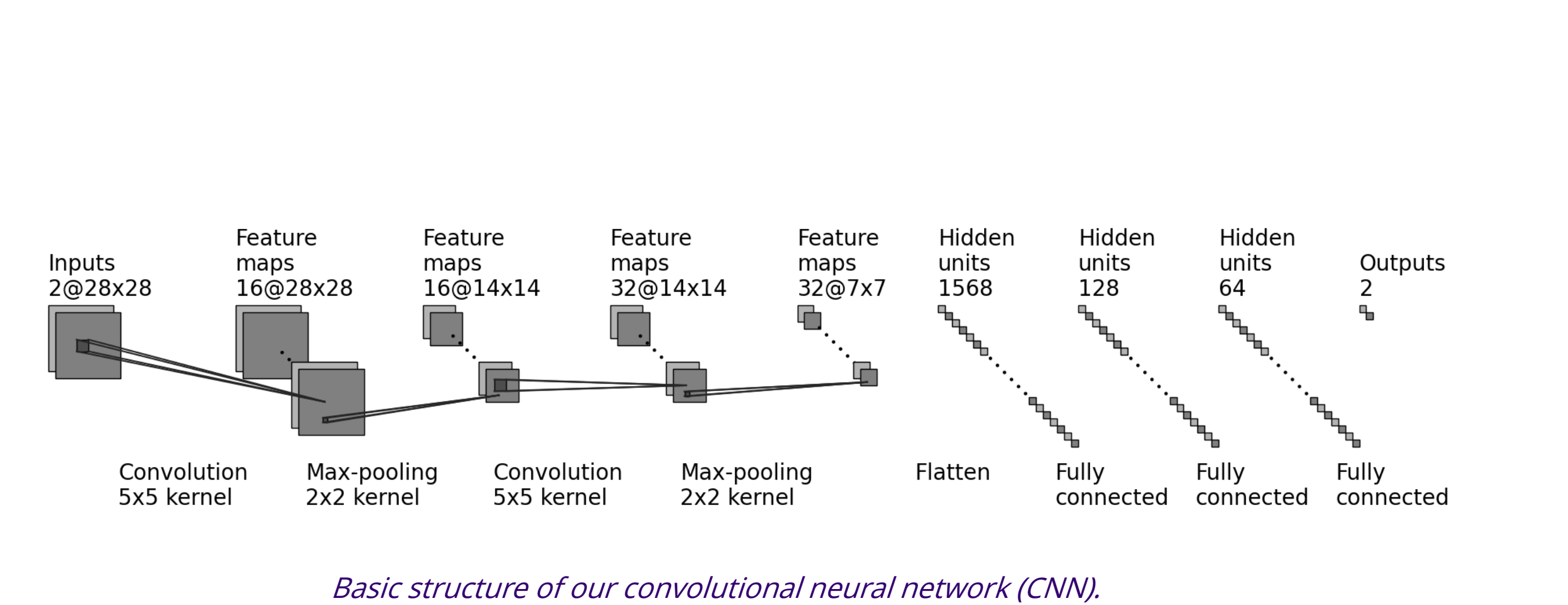
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## INTRODUCTION

- Dataset source:** Glitch dataset originates from the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) in Hanford, WA, and Livingston, LA.
- LIGO observatory:** Designed to identify and understand the sources of gravitational waves using light and space characteristics.
- Dataset categories:** Consists of four distinct data categories - Glitch, Background, Sine-Gaussian (SG), and Binary Black Hole (BBH).
- Objective:** Develop a binary classifier to identify signals as either Glitch/Background or Sine-Gaussian/Binary Black Hole using GASF vs Spectrogram.

## METHODOLOGY

- Image Conversion:** Convert time series data to 2D images using Gramian Angular Summation Fields (GASFs) with the pyts library.
- Image size:** GASF images are 28x28 pixels for a balance between performance and accuracy.
- Data splitting:** Split data into training (70%, 102227 images), testing (15%, 21910 images), and validation (15%, 21908 images) sets.
- CNN architecture:**
  - Two *convolution layers* with *batch normalization* and *max pooling layers* applied after each convolution layer three subsequent *fully connected layers* with dimensions 1568x128, 128x64, and 64x2, respectively.
- Training:** Trained for 16 epochs, learning rate of 5e-6, batch size of 677, L2 regularization with coefficient 0.001.
- Loss function and optimizer:** Cross-entropy loss function and Adam optimizer.



## DATA ANALYSIS

- Scaling:** Utilized the StandardScaler function to ensure data was normalized before conversion to GASF images.
- Model output:** Probability predictions of images for background or signal compared to ground truth targets with Softmax function.
- Testing and accuracy:** Tested trained model against a separate testing dataset, achieved an overall accuracy of 97%.
- Misclassification patterns:** Model tends to misclassify when detectors have conflicting data.
- Possible flaws:** Confusion may arise from contradictory signals between detectors or flaws in observatory data capture.

### Gramian Angular Summation Fields (GASF)

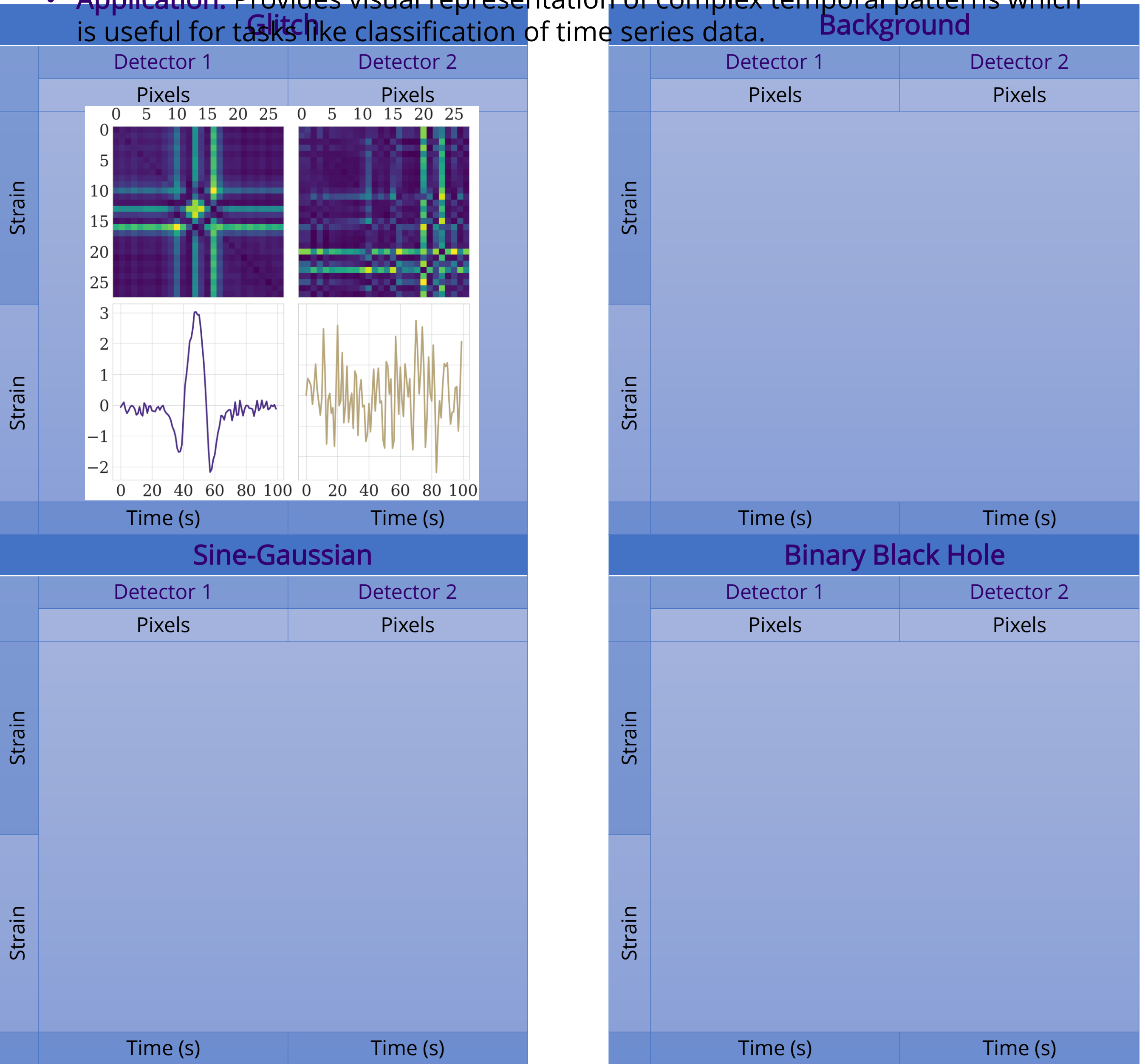
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- Conversion:** Converts time series into a symmetric matrix which represents the pairwise angles between points in the time series.
- Application:** Provides visual representation of complex temporal patterns which is useful for tasks like classification of time series data.

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT OUR CNN

- > ~ 97% testing accuracy
- > Data split of 70% training, 15% validation, and 15% testing
- > Dataset contains a total of 146045 gravitational wave time series data points
- > Applied **Gramian Angular Summation Field (GASF)** algorithms to encode gravitational wave data as 2D images for classification
- > Neural network contains 2 convolutional / max-pooling layers followed by 3 fully connected layers and an output

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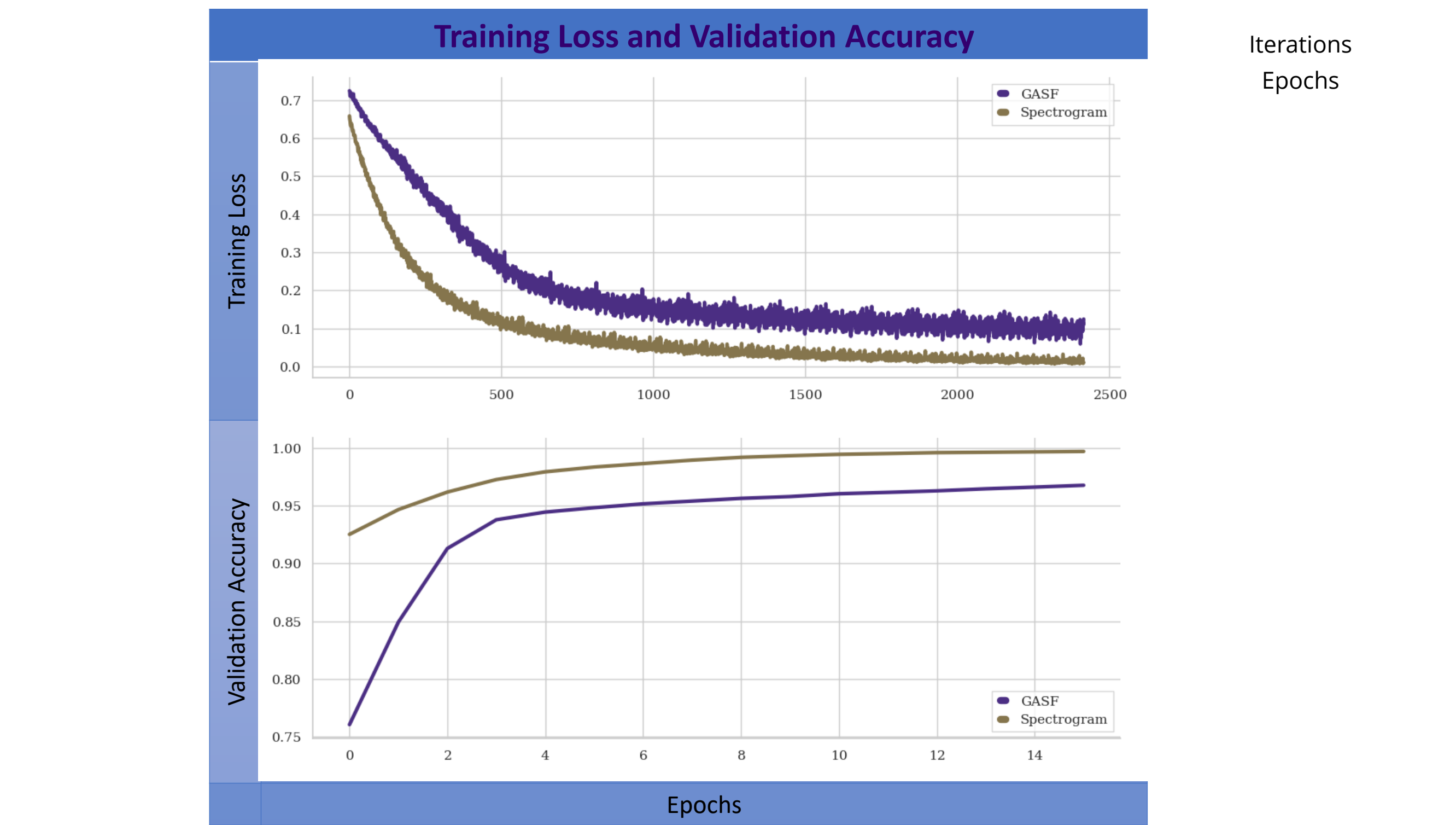
An example of the four signal categories derived from the time series data, along with their corresponding GASF images captured by both Detector 1 and Detector 2.

## RESULTS

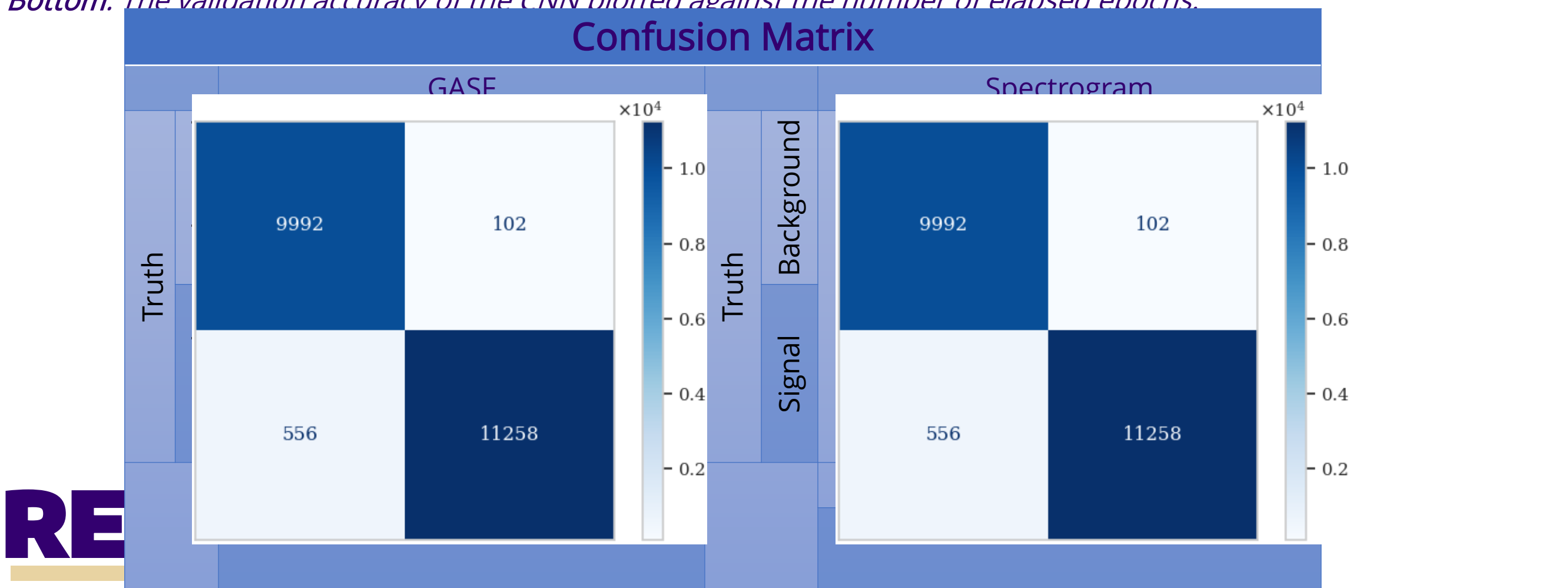
- Model performance:** After 16 epochs and over 2400 iterations, training loss reached 0.1, while the validation accuracy approached 96%.
- Testing accuracy:** CNN model demonstrated an exceptional accuracy of 97% when evaluated on the testing dataset.
- Comparison with literature:** Similar CNN architectures in the literature achieved higher accuracies, such as 99% (Fernandes et al., 2018) and 98.8% (George D. et al., 2023).
- Dataset differences:** Our dataset consisted of separate time series for gravitational wave signal data and noise data, while other works had to apply more complex noise filtering methods.
- Image conversion:** Gramian Angular Summation Fields were effective for image conversion in our case, while others found Fourier transforms more suitable for handling complex noise and background through frequency domain filtering.

## CONCLUSION

- Objective:** Analyzing the potential of CNNs for classifying gravitational waves strain data as background noise/glitches or transient sine-gaussian/binary black hole merger signals.
- Approach:** Utilized a streamlined variation of a CNN based upon versions existing in literature.
- Performance:** Exceeded the anticipated 85% accuracy by attaining an impressive testing accuracy of 97%.
- Comparison:** Achieved accuracy slightly below more complex CNNs documented in literature and slightly lower than the spectrogram method.
- Further exploration:** Examining the efficacy of the GASF technique in transforming time series data into images and feeding them through a basic CNN, by using a dataset of more contaminated gravitational waves for analysis.



Top: The training loss of the CNN plotted against the number of iterations. Bottom: The validation accuracy of the CNN plotted against the number of elapsed epochs.



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