# Searches for Mass-Asymmetric Compact Binary Coalescence Events using Neural Networks in the LIGO/Virgo O3 Period

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# Introduction/motivation









We extend previous studies using CNNs and spectrograms towards very asymmetric mass configurations motivated by the search for sub solar mass objects (pBHs) in binary systems

#### Results are based on O3 LVK data set

## **Data Preparation**

We apply the standard Quality requirements (following the work for the GWTC – 3 paper)

Removing data segments around identified GWTC-3 events

We consider the LIGO/Virgo sample for which the three interferometer are online in physics mode **(this reduces the O3 sample to 155 days)** 

2D images (spectrograms) of frequency vs time are constructed in the data (5 s duration each)
→ Data whitened and Q-transformed
→ 45 Hz lower limit to control signal duration

- Background only (50%)
- Background + injected signals (50%)

A total of 143.000 images

- 80% for training
- 10% for validation
- 10% for CNN testing

Example of injection with  $m_1 = 2.6$  Msun,  $m_2 = 0.35$  Msun,  $D_L = 3.4$  Mpcs



### **CNN** architecture



Layer name	Output size	Layer structure			
conv1	$112 \times 112$	$7 \times 7, 64, $ stride 2			
	56×56	$3 \times 3$ max pool, stride 2			
$conv2_{-x}$		[ 1×1, 64 ]			
		3×3, 64	×3		
		$1 \times 1, 256$			
		[ 1×1, 128 ]			
$conv3_x$	$28 \times 28$	$3 \times 3, 128$	$\times 4$		
		$1 \times 1, 512$			
$conv4_x$	14×14	1×1, 256	]		
		$3 \times 3, 256$	$\times 6$		
		1×1, 1024			
$conv5_x$	7×7	1×1, 512			
		$3 \times 3, 512$	×3		
		$1 \times 1, 2048$			
	1×1	Global average pool, 1-d fc, sigmoid			
Hyper paran	neters				
Learning rate		0.01			
Batch size		32			
Number of epochs		10			
Optimizer		Adam			
Loss function		Binary-cross entropy			

 $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$ We initially trained 7 different CNNs using as input data from single interferometers, pairs of

The activation function of the last laver is chosen to be a sigmoid:

interferometers and all interferometers together

→ The simultaneous use of multiple interferometers help in figuring out correlations across IFTs

## ightarrow We discarded the CNNs using single Interferometer inputs for the final O3 scan

## **Training and ROC**



# FARs and combined CNNs

- We compute the False Alarm Rate (FAR) using the same time slide technique as in the case of matched filtering approach
- → testing O(10<sup>9</sup>) images and reaching FAR values of 1/153 years<sup>-1</sup>

 $\mathsf{FAR}\;(\eta) = N(\eta > \eta_0\;) \; / \; T$ 

- We aimed for a CNN operating point ( $\eta_0$ ) with FAR of 1/year but FAR remains large for CNNs as  $\eta_0 \rightarrow 1$
- We further improved the sensitivity by combining the CNNs outputs in a single discriminant
- → a simple average was implemented after considering other more sophisticated combination methods
- ightarrow A FAR below 1/year is reached



CNN	Threshold	TP rate	FP rate	$FAR(\eta_0 = 1) [yrs^{-1}]$
H1 - L1	1.0	0.46	$\leq 2\cdot 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10^2$
L1 - V1	1.0	0.47	$\leq 2\cdot 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10^3$
H1 – V1	1.0	0.44	$\leq 2\cdot 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10^2$
$\mathrm{H1}-\mathrm{L1}-\mathrm{V1}$	1.0	0.58	$\leq 2\cdot 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10^3$
Combined	0.998	0.50	$\leq 2\cdot 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10^{-2}$



Improved separation of signal vs background using the combined discriminant

# **Signal Injections**



For a single interferometer

$$ho^2 = 4 \; \int_{f_{
m min}}^{f_{
m max}} df \; rac{| ilde{h}(f)|^2}{S_n(f)},$$

#### For multiple interferometers

$$ho_{
m net}^2 = \sum_i 
ho_i^2$$

We evaluate the performance of the CNNs and their combination in terms of SNR ( $\rho$ ) using the injection of signals

→ Best results are obtained by the H1-L1-V1
 → The performance of the combination is
 a compromise between H1-L1-V1 and the rest

CNN	$\rho_{\rm net}(80\%)$	$\rho_{\rm net}(90\%)$	$\rho_{\rm net}(95\%)$
H1 - L1	24.4	30.5	42.0
L1 - V1	23.7	29.0	41.2
H1 - V1	26.8	21.1	25.8
$\rm H1-L1-V1$	17.3	21.1	25.8
Combined	22.4	28.0	40.1

# O3 scan

We performed a full scan over the O3 data using images of 5s duration with a slicing window of 2.5s → This implies the testing of more than 8M images

The combined CNN is used and different values between 0 and 1 of the discriminant are explored → In each case the (inversed FAR) is computed

No significant deviation from background only prediction  $\rightarrow$  No claim for detection of asymmetric events



most significant event with FAR of 1.9 years<sup>-1</sup> Combined CNN  $\rightarrow$  0.9635



### The O3 scan fast ightarrow 2000 CPU hours

However, FAR computation required using GPU Minotauro Cluster in the Barcelona's Super computing center (BSC)



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### 90% CL on merger rates

$${\cal R}_{90}=rac{2.3}{\langle VT
angle},\,\,\langle VT
angle=T\,\,\int dzrac{1}{1+z}rac{dV_c}{dz}arepsilon(z)$$



Results are expressed in terms of 90% CL upper limits on CBC merging rates vs mass

→ Not improving existing bounds from matched filtering results (but extended in mass)

→ Partially attributed to the reduced (1/2) in T imposed by using H1-L1-V1 configurations

Using loudest event statistics  $\rightarrow$  depends on surveyed time-volume Detection efficiency  $\varepsilon(z)$  computed using injected signals (z < 0.06)



Other parameters homogeneously distributed in comoving volume



### **Final notes**

We present results on the search for asymmetric binary events using CNNs and O3 data

- No claim for detection is made after full scan and calculating the FAR for each configuration
- Results translated into 90% CL upper limits on merging rates versus chirp mass

Not competitive with existing matched filtering based bounds but extends the mass range

→ Due to the required H1-L1-V1 configurations to control fake rates but reducing ½ the observation time.

#### → Future improvements → implement a nested NN to reduce glitches and fake rates

Results already blessed by LIGO and Virgo and will be submitted for publication once the LVK subsolar mass paper is finally submitted (we are under embargo)

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We present results on the search for the coalescence of compact binary mergers with very asymmetric mass configurations using convolutional neural networks and the LIGO/Virgo data for the O3 observation period. Two-dimensional images in time and frequency are used as input. Masses in the range between 0.01  $M_{\odot}$  and 20  $M_{\odot}$  are considered. We explored neural networks trained with input information from a single interferometer, pairs of interferometers, or all three interferometers together, indicating that the use of the maximum information available leads to improved performance. A scan over the O3 data set using the convolutional neural networks for detection results into no significant excess from an only-noise hypothesis. The results are translated into 90% confidence level upper limits on the merger rates as a function of the mass parameters of the binary system.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Since the discovery of Gravitational Waves (GW) in 2015 [1], generated by a compact binary coalescence (CBC) of black holes (BH), the LIGO and Virgo experiments have improved their sensitivity and observed an increasing number of GW signals, including also events attributed to the coalescence of neutron stars (NS), as well as the coalescence of BH-NS binary systems. The latest catalogue of events, from O1, O2 and O3 observation runs, collects a total of 90 events, dominated by BH-BH candidates [2–4]. The data indicate that the masses in the binary systems range between 1.17  $M_{\odot}$ (GW191219-163120) and 105  $M_{\odot}$ (GW190426-190642), with a mass ratio  $q \equiv m_1/m_2$ , where  $m_1$  denotes the heaviest of the two objects, in the range between 1.1 (GW170817) and 26.5

Since there is no well-established astrophysical explanation for the origin of SSM BHs, their discovery would point to the presence of new physics. The presence of SSM BHs are predicted by different models, including primordial black holes (PBHs) from the the collapse of overdensities in the early universe [15–18]; gravitational collapse of dark matter halos [19–22]; the accumulation of dark matter by neutron stars leading to SSM BHs [23]; or SSM boson stars [24–26]. As illustrated in Figure 1, this study complements the phase space in mass considered by previous searches for SSM events using O3 data and matched-filtering based selections [4, 27, 28]. Previous results using other observational periods are included in Refs. [29–32].

II. DATA PREPARATION

# Notes on other combinations

#### TRAINING RESULTS - Combination of outputs

To enhance the detection of events we have explored the combination of the outputs of the CNNs trained with the information coming from different ITFs.



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