

# Efficient Glitch Classification in Gravitational-Wave Detector Data Using Deep Learning and Machine Learning

Deep visual features + lightweight machine learning

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## WHY GLITCHES MATTER

- Short, non-Gaussian detector transients
- Can resemble signal-like structures
- Degrade data quality and event validation

**4,318** Gravity Spy samples

**10** glitch classes

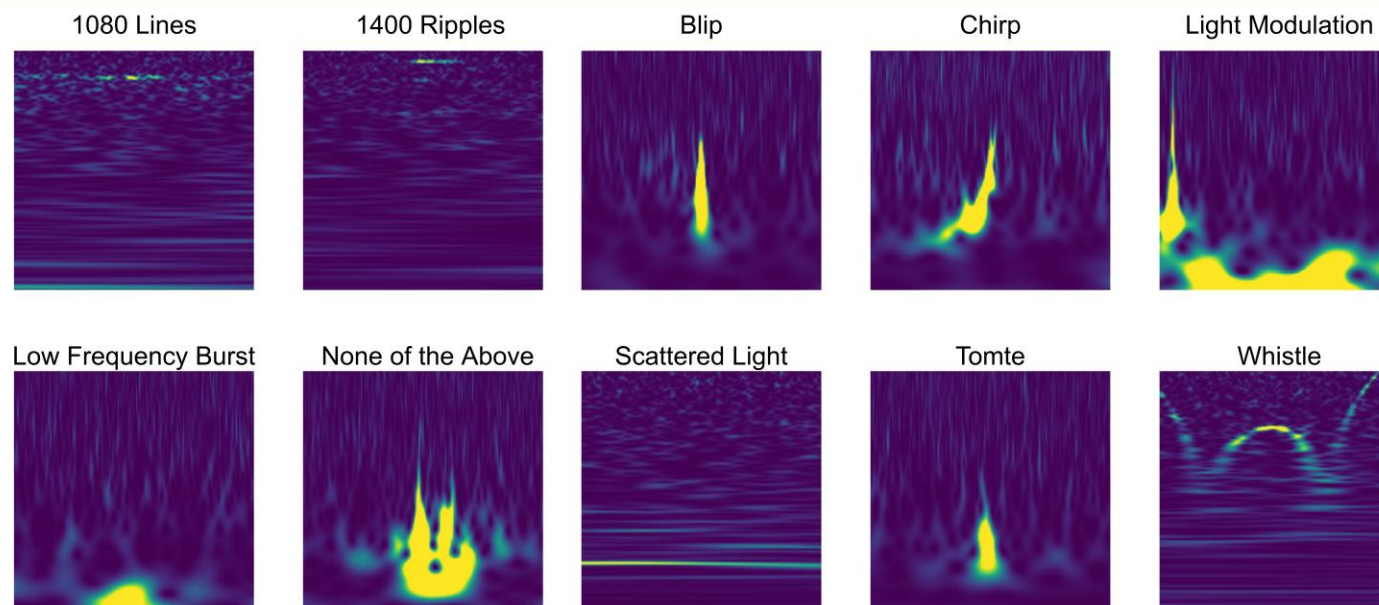
**224x224** RGB Q-transforms

## Research question

Can we retain high accuracy without repeatedly retraining the entire deep network?

## STUDY DESIGN

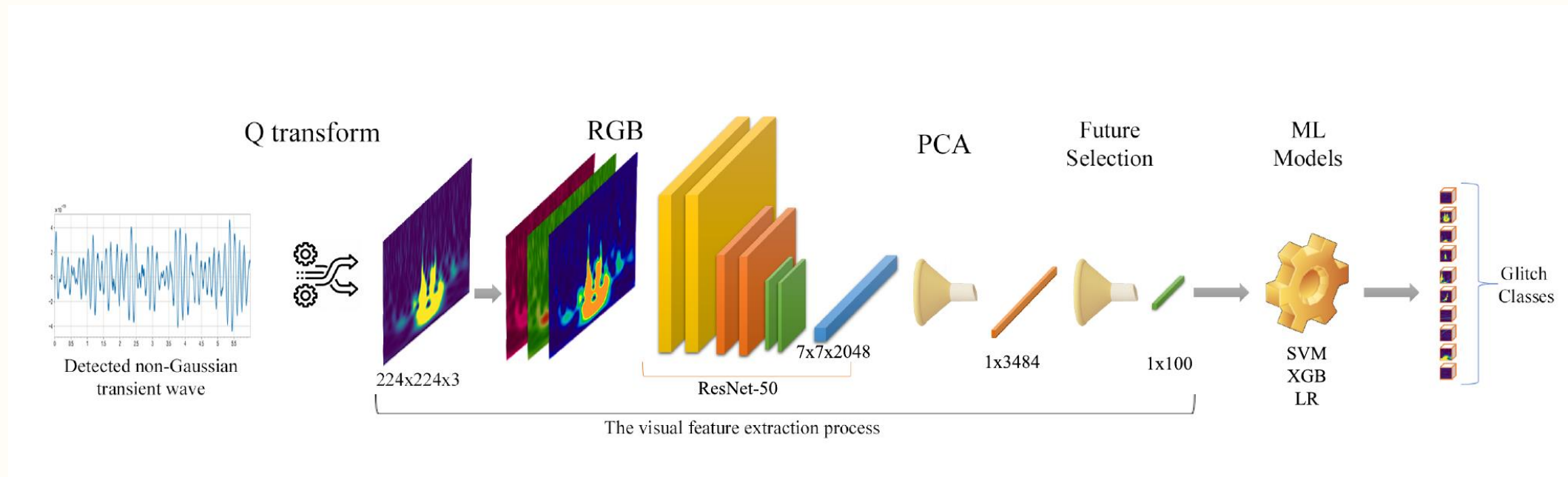
70% train / 10% validation / 20% test  
Five random realizations · no resampling



Representative time–frequency morphologies from the ten-class dataset

Motivation: retrain quickly as detector conditions and glitch populations evolve.

# Freeze the backbone; retrain only the classifier



Fine-tuning baseline: up to 100 epochs · patience 10 · learning rate  $10^{-4}$

## DEEP VISUAL ENCODERS

### Inception-v3

$5 \times 5 \times 2,048 \rightarrow 51,200$  features

### ResNet-50

$7 \times 7 \times 2,048 \rightarrow 100,352$  features

ImageNet pretrained · convolutional weights fixed



## COMPRESSION

51,200 / 100,352



3,454 PCA components



100 selected features



## LIGHTWEIGHT CLASSIFIERS

LR · SVM · XGBoost

Only the downstream classifier is retrained

Optuna optimization  
70% / 10% / 20% split  
Five random realizations · no resampling

# Near-fine-tuned accuracy with 31.7× faster training

**93.98%**

test accuracy

**37.6 s**

measured training time

**F1 = 0.9111**

selected frozen pipeline

**31.7×**

faster than fine-tuning

## INCEPTION-v3: ACCURACY–TIME TRADE-OFF

Frozen features + PCA + FS + LR

**93.98%****37.6 s**

Comparable fine-tuned pipeline

**95.72%****1,191.8 s**

Measured training-time scale

Trade-off: –1.74 percentage points accuracy · 31.7× faster training

## THE TREND HOLDS BEYOND ONE SETTING

**ResNet-50 frozen path****92.13% · 42.3 s · 23.9× faster****20-class scaling test****89.95% accuracy · F1 = 0.7983****Highest class-level F1****Scattered Light 0.9759****Blip 0.9713 · Chirp 0.9630****Hardest: None of the Above · F1 0.7097****Frozen deep features offer a practical accuracy–retraining-time trade-off.****Visit the poster for full class results, PCA sensitivity, and sample-scaling tests.**