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# Deep learning Models for Galaxy Clusters Search in Sky Surveys

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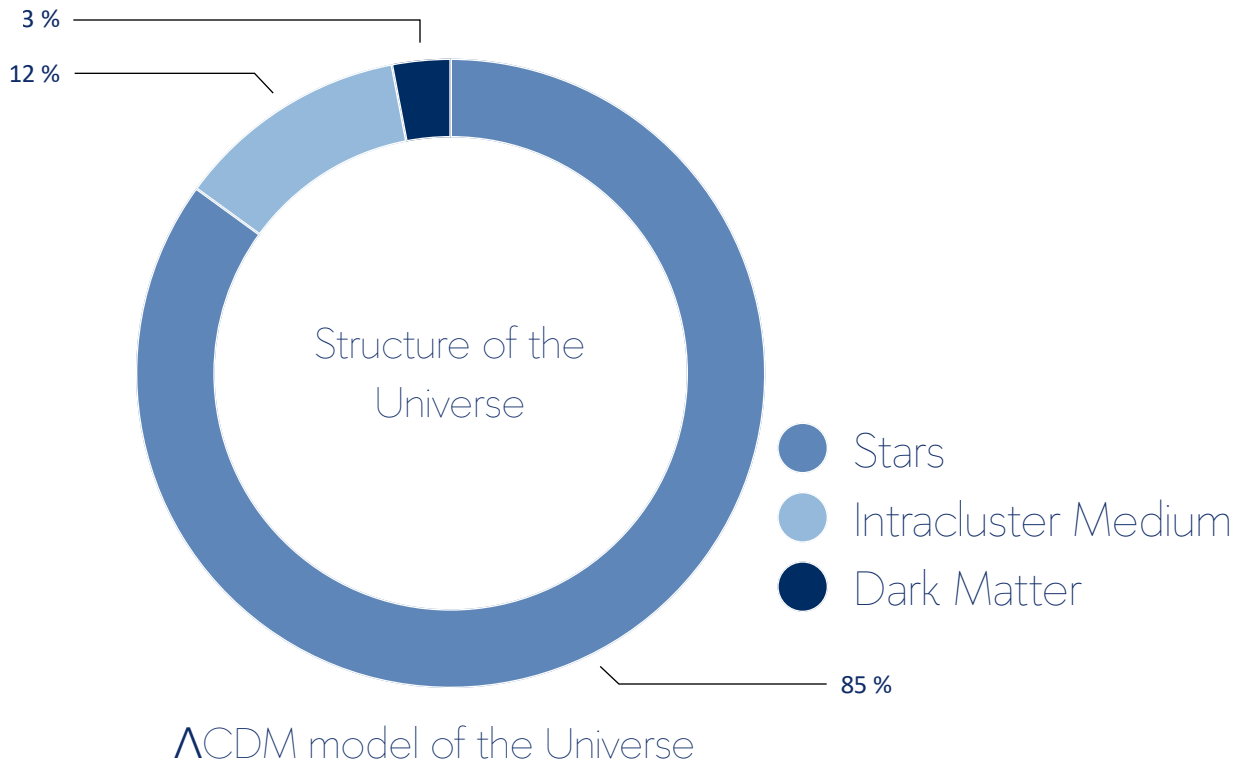
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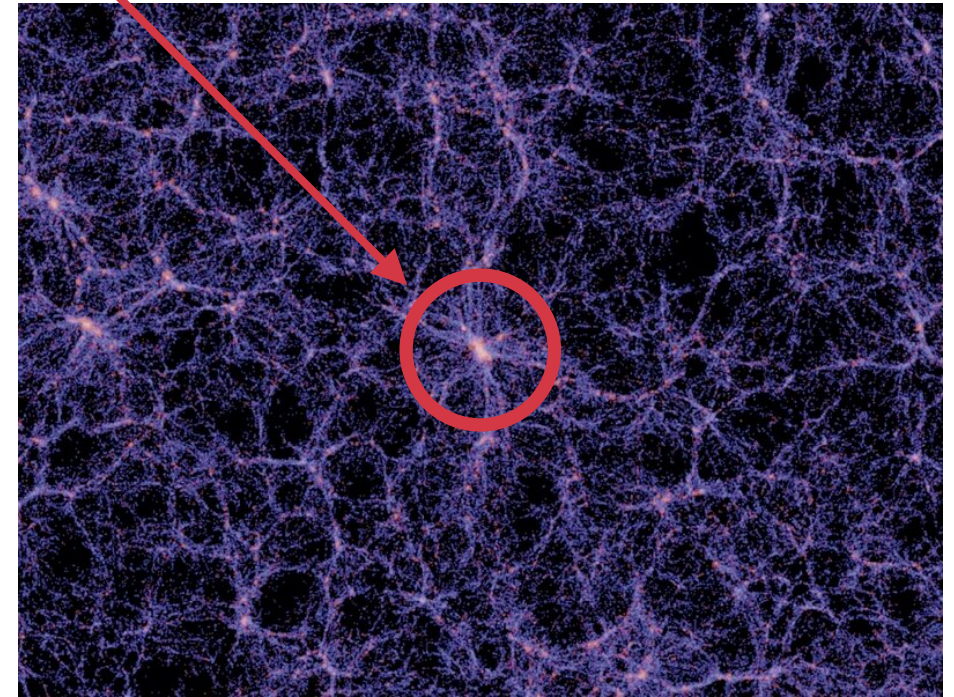
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## Galaxy clusters

Galaxy clusters are the largest gravitationally bound systems in the Universe.



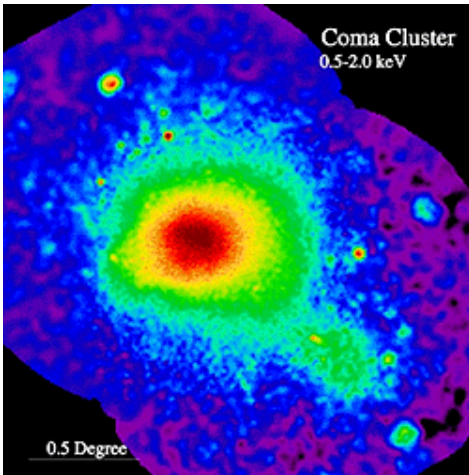
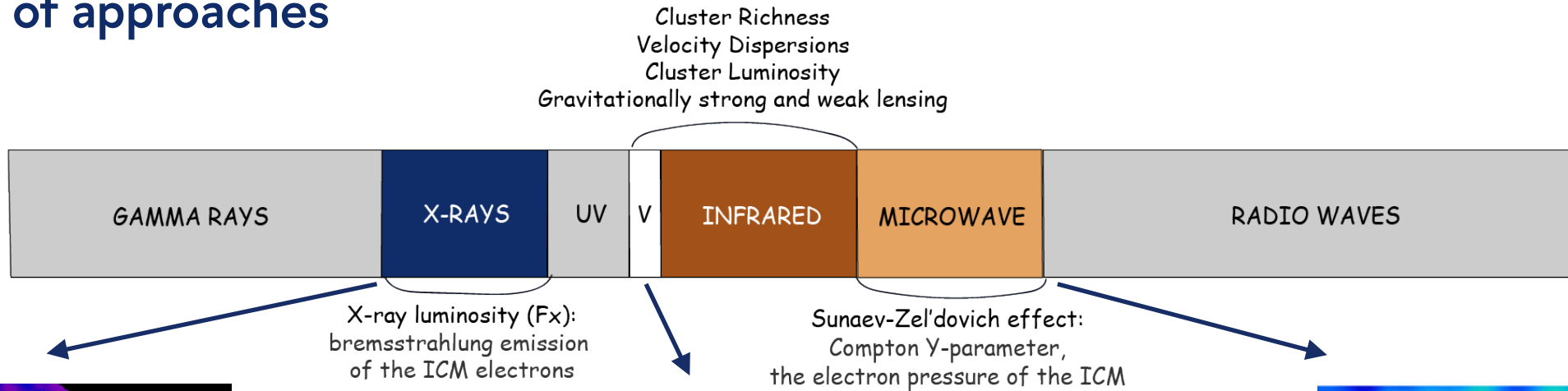
A node of a large-scale structure



Computer simulation of the evolution of the large-scale structure of the Universe of good agreement with observations.

Credit Springel et al. (2005)

## Variety of approaches



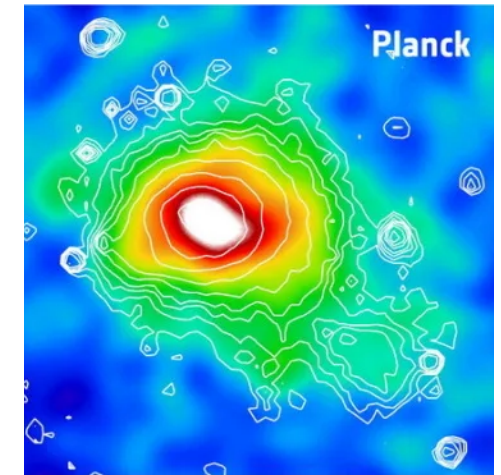
The Coma Cluster in the soft X-Ray

Credit: ROSAT/MPE/S. L. Snowden



The Coma Cluster in the optics

Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/L. Jenkins (GSFC)



The Coma Cluster in the microwave range

Credit: Planck

## Goal

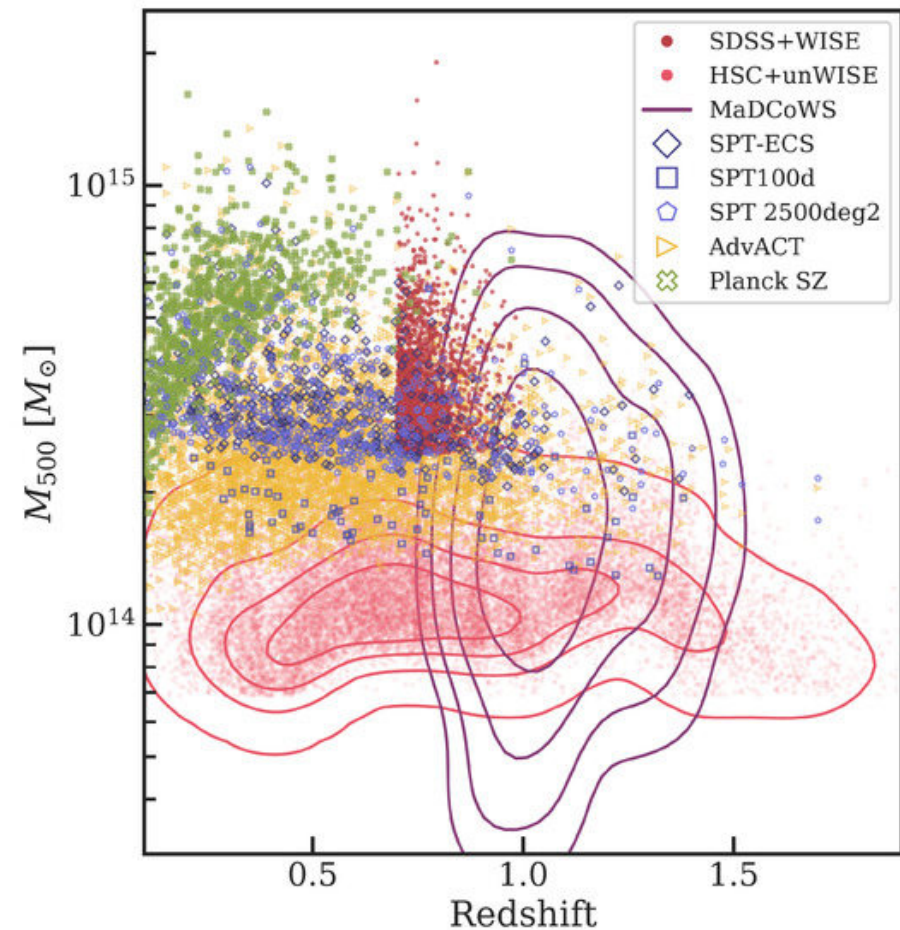
The project aimed to develop a neural network-based algorithm for classifying galaxy clusters in the infrared and microwave lengths to **expand existing cluster catalogues**.

### The infrared:

- allows to detect high redshift clusters with no optical counterparts
- possible false detection in the overdensity regions

### Microwave:

- provides less noisy data, independent of redshift
- intensity of signal depends on the mass an object



Clusters identified via various sky surveys.



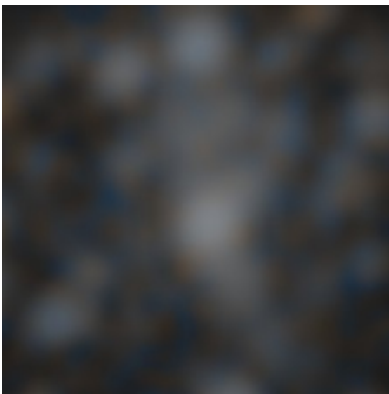


## Dataset 1/2

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### Galaxy clusters

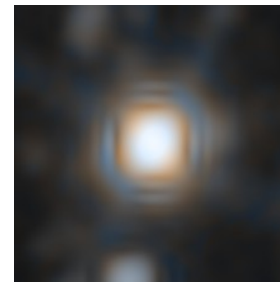
Targeted objects of the survey



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### Sources

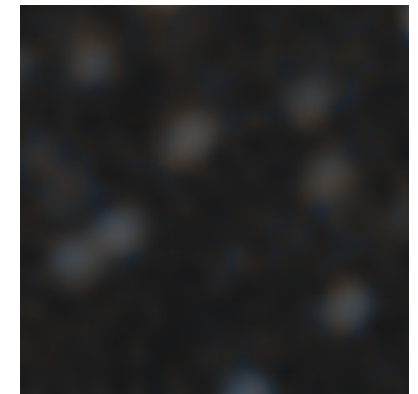
Galaxies, stars, active galactic nuclei



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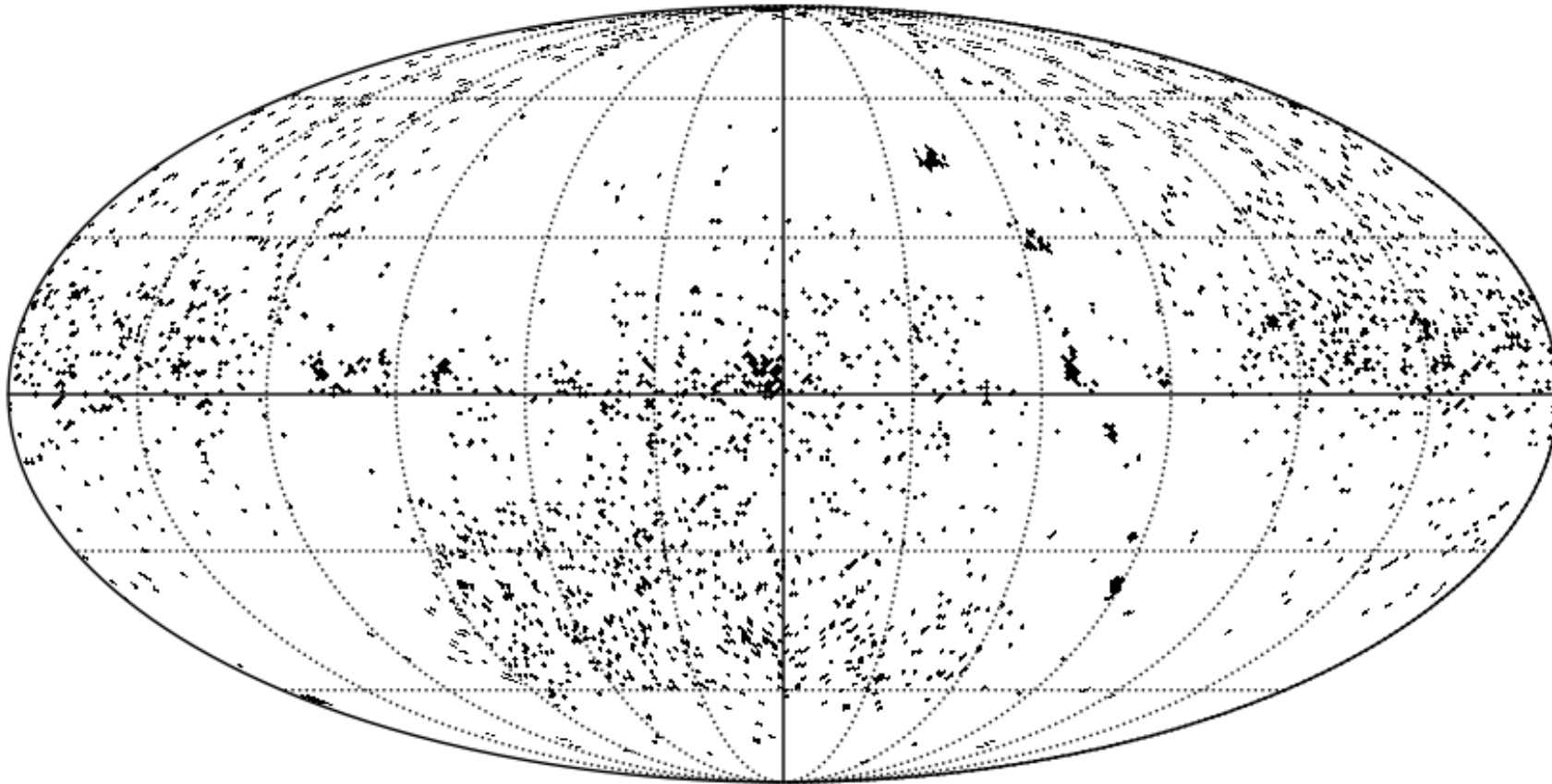
### Random fields

«Background» images





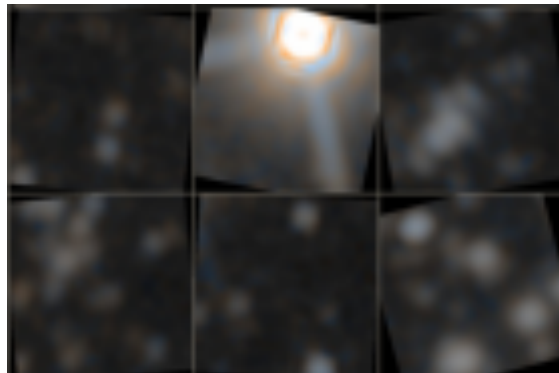
## Dataset 2/2



Sky coverage by objects from the test sample from NEOWISE survey

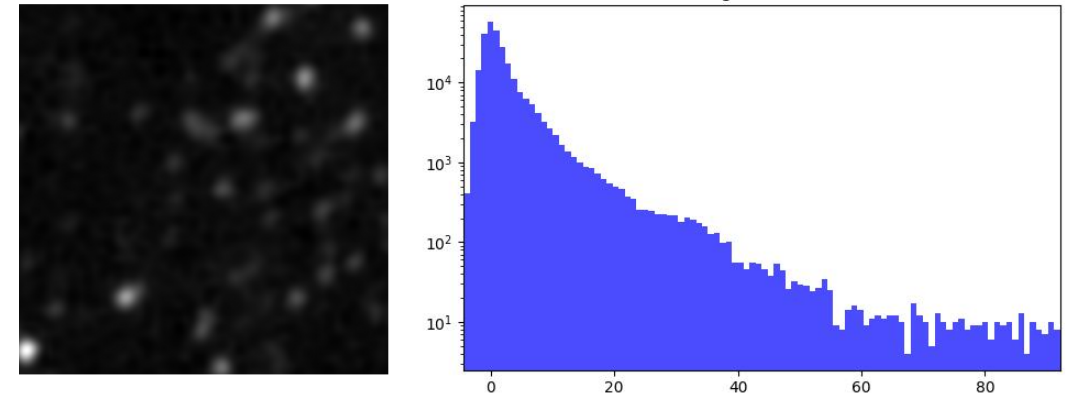
## Data preprocessing

1. **Resizing images** to match input dimensions of the networks
2. **Normalization** of right-skewed data to enhance model performance
3. **Data augmentation** to detect objects with similar features
  - random rotations up to  $15^\circ$
  - horizontal flips
  - random shifts

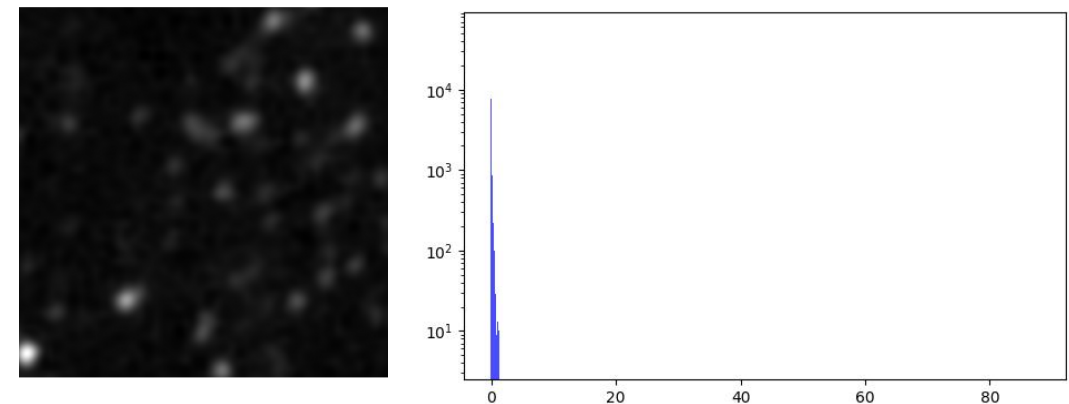


Examples of data augmentation  
applied to RGB images

Normalization of an object in the infrared band W1



(a) the initial image and the distribution of the signal



(b) the image and the distribution of the signal after normalization



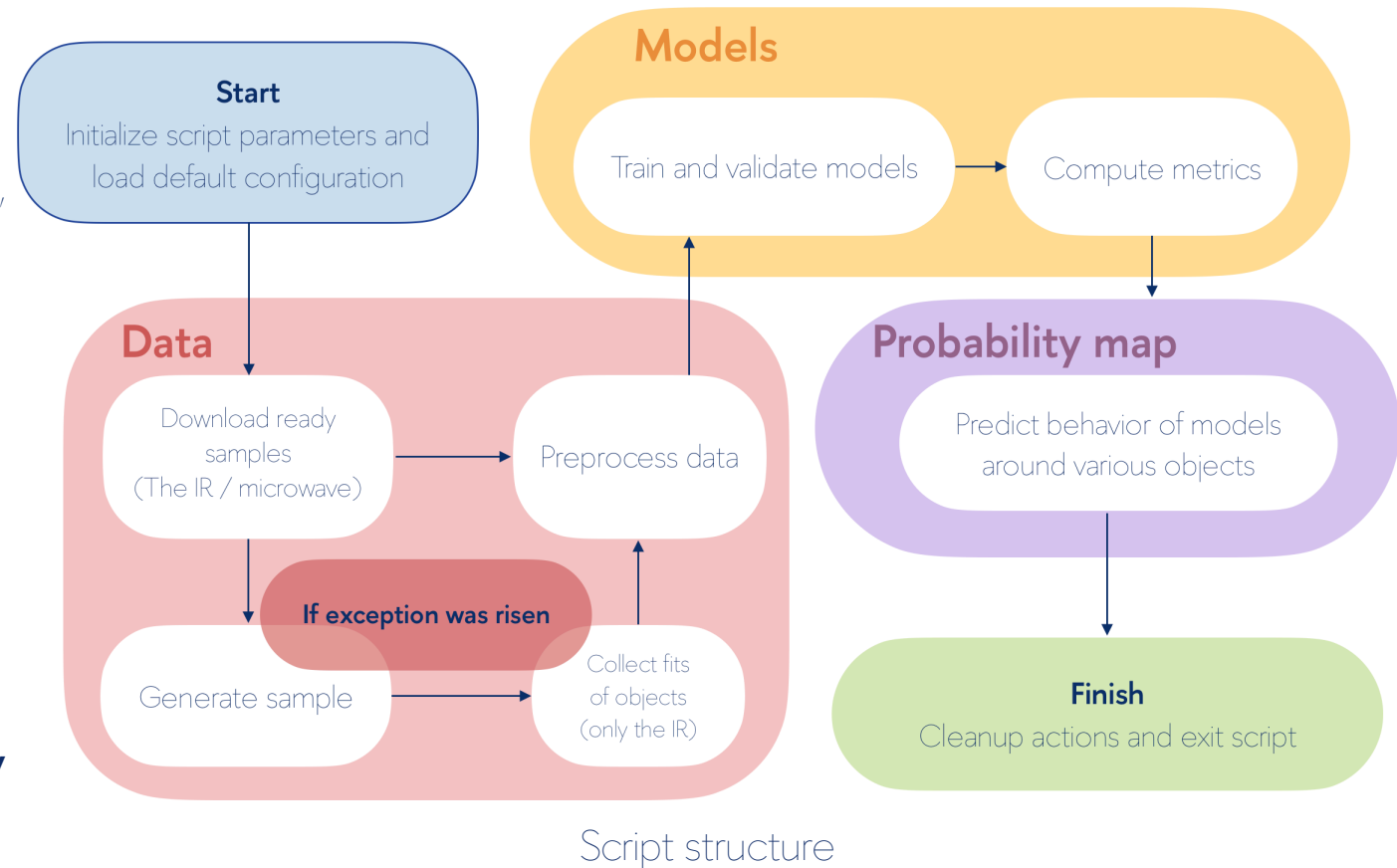
## Plan of experiments

1. **Choose dataset structure** based on the models' performance on the IR data
2. **Apply the networks to the infrared data.**
3. **Apply the networks to the microwave data.**

All networks were tested using **Adam optimizer**.

**Learning rate** for each model was **calculated automatically** via Learning Rate Range Test (LRRT).

**Instruments** used for implementing script: **PyTorch, PyTorch Image Module**.



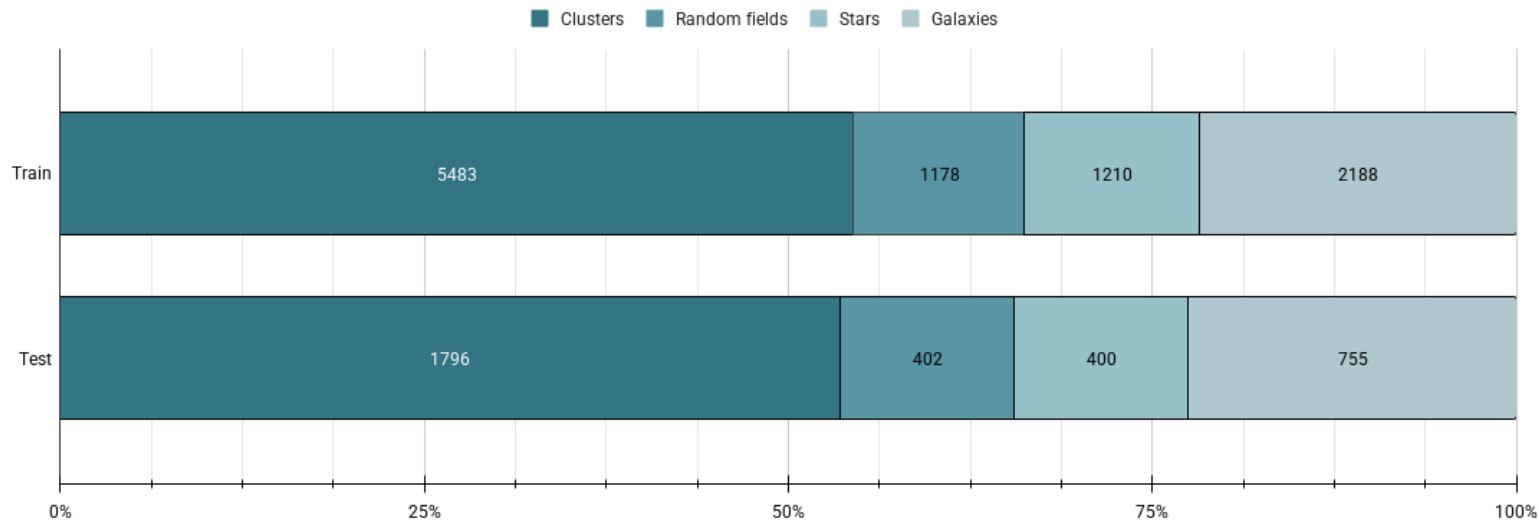
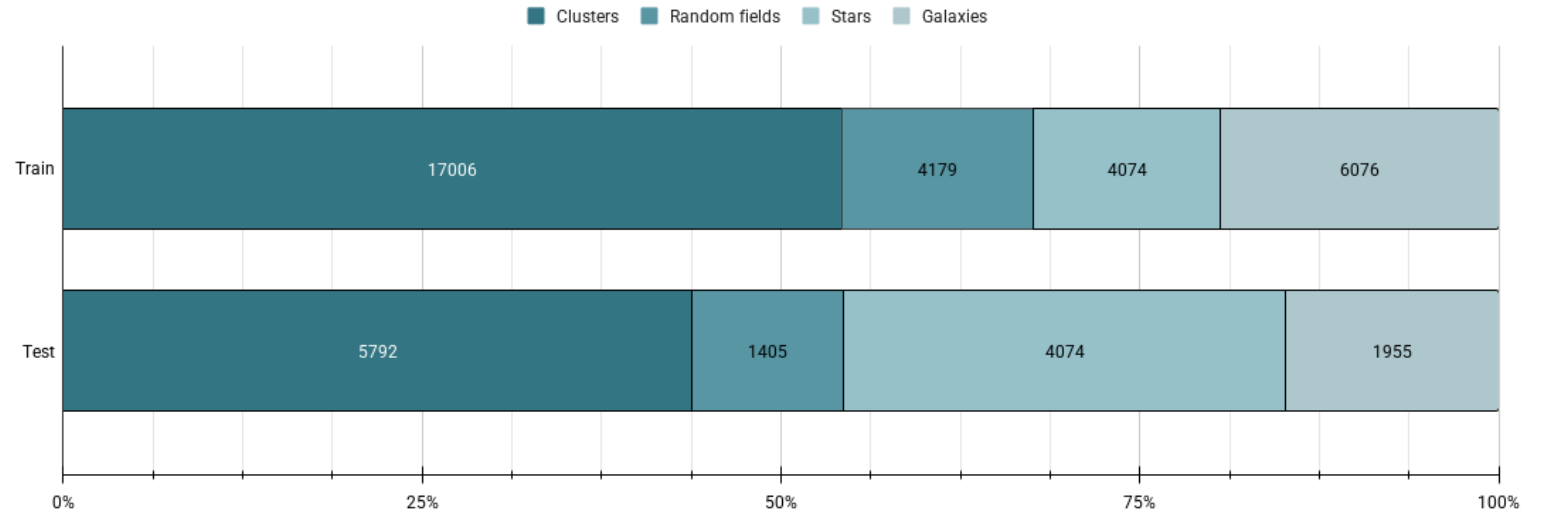
Script structure





## Choosing dataset structure

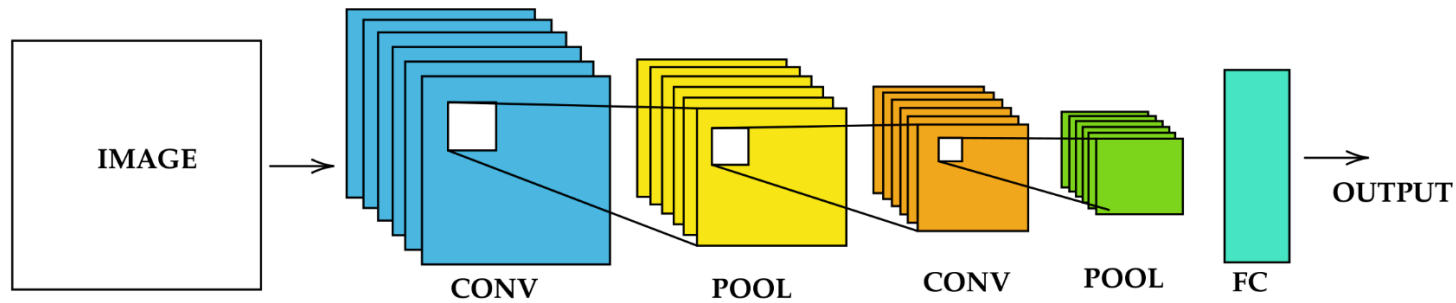
**Initial dataset** structure that resulted  
in the overfitting of the models



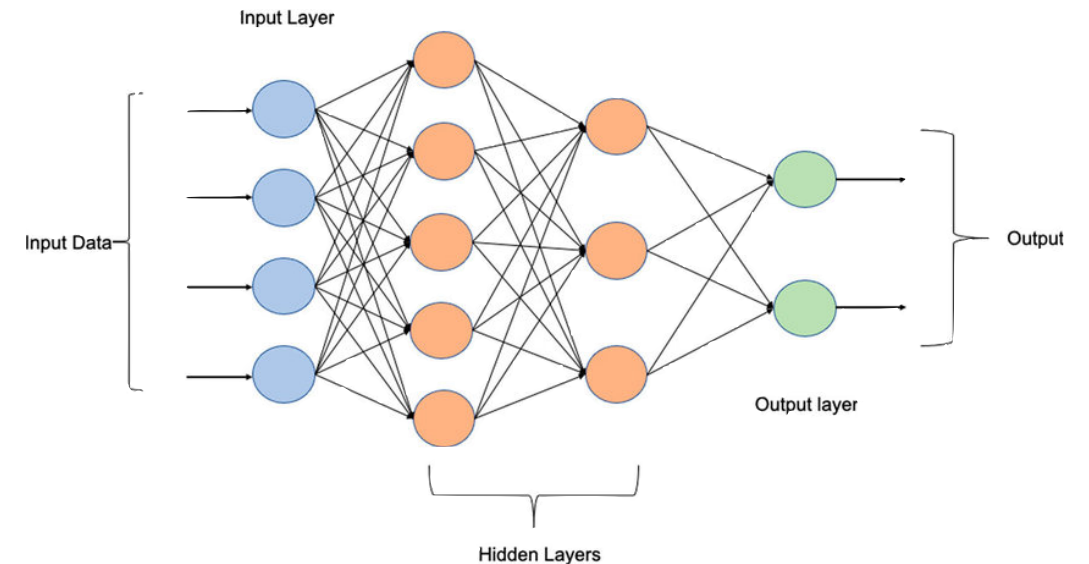
**Final dataset** structure that was used in tests

## Studied networks 1/2

CNN models dominate in image classification tasks.



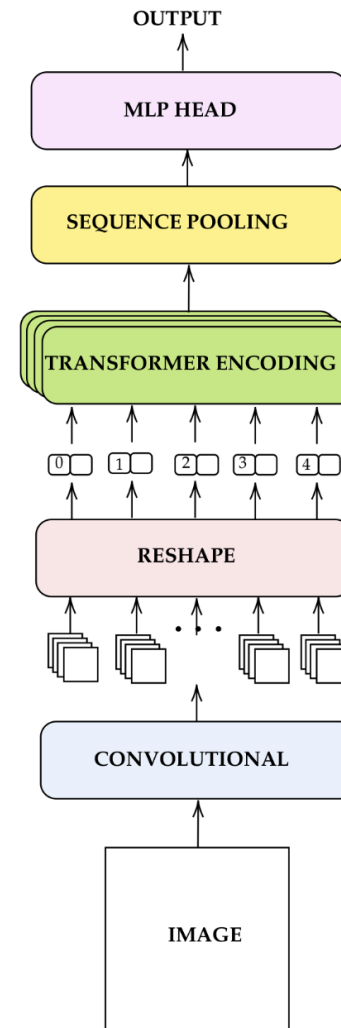
Architecture of a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)  
Credit: Kamilya Smagulova et al.



Architecture of a Multilayer Perceptron (MLP), that was added to one of the CNNs at the end

## Studied networks 2/2

Architecture of SpinalNet  
Credit: Kamilya Smagulova et al.





## Models' performance

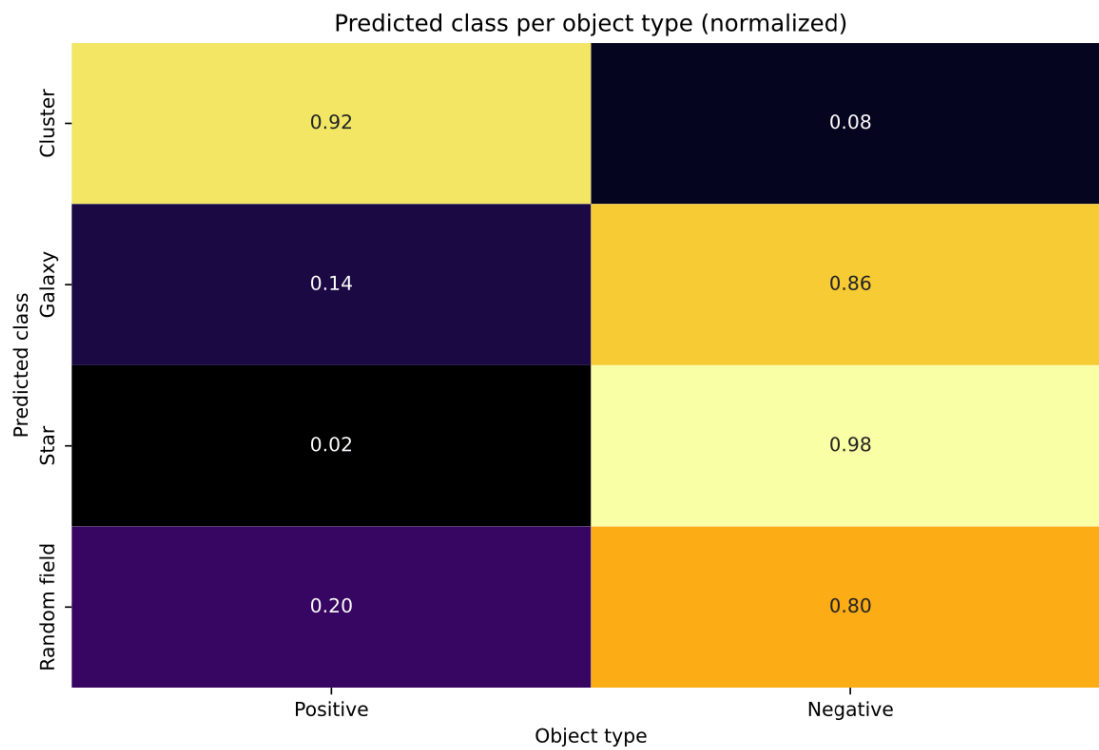
	ViTL16	SpinalNetVGG	SpinalNet+ResNet	ResNet18	EfficientNet	DenseNet
Accuracy (IR data)	0.882	0.857	0.542	0.568	0.398	0.681
Accuracy (microwave data)	0.727	0.915	0.994	0.892	0.765	0.899

	CNN+MLP	AlexNetVGG	Baseline
Accuracy (IR data)	0.807	0.905	0.668
Accuracy (microwave data)	0.836	0.937	0.648

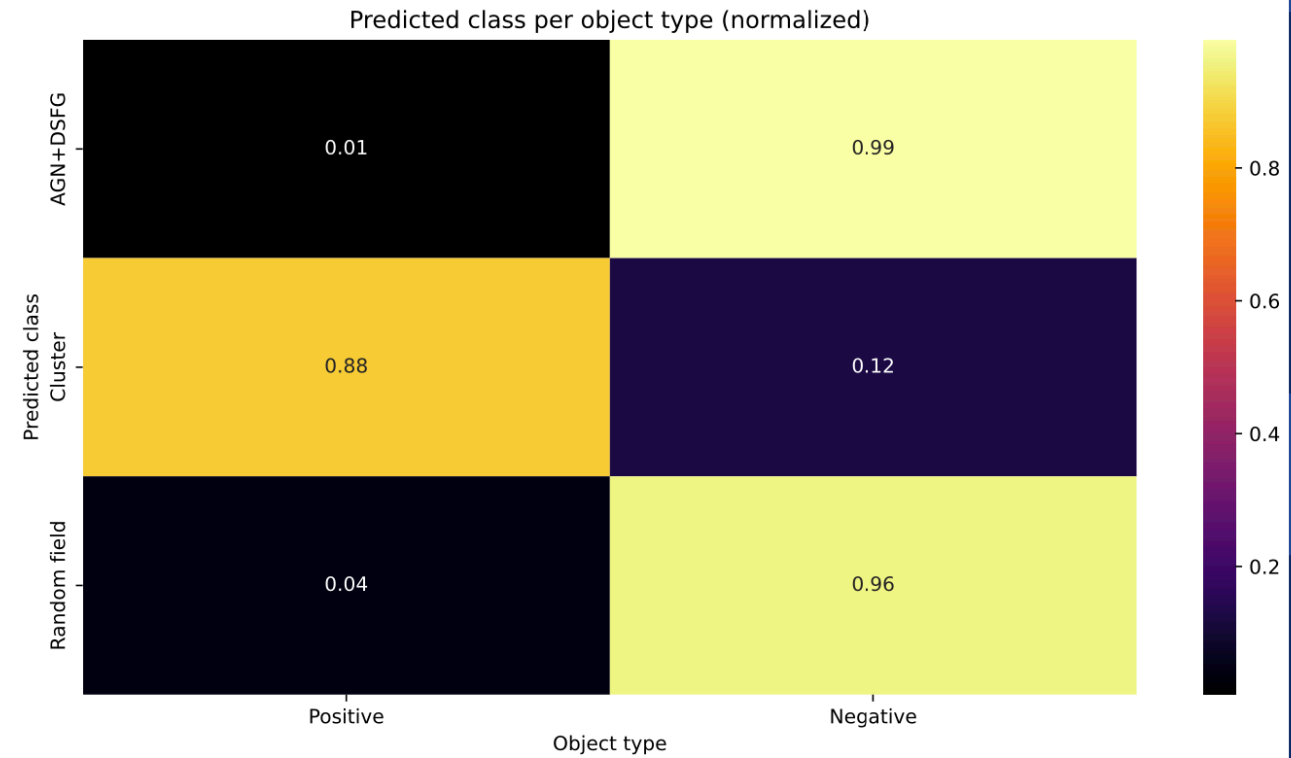




## Best performance: AlexNetVGG



(a) performance on the IR data



(b) performance on the microwave data

## Results 1/2

**Architectures** that showed **the best performance** on the:

- the **IR data**: SpinalNets, Transformer, CNNs
- the **microwave data**: SpinalNets, CNNs

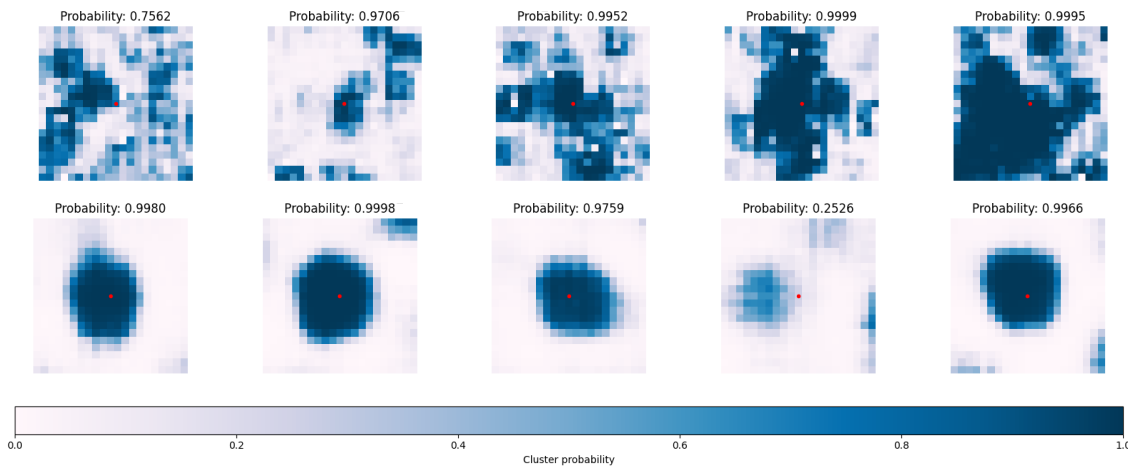
The networks with **good performance** on **both types of data**:

SpinalNetVGG, AlexNetVGG

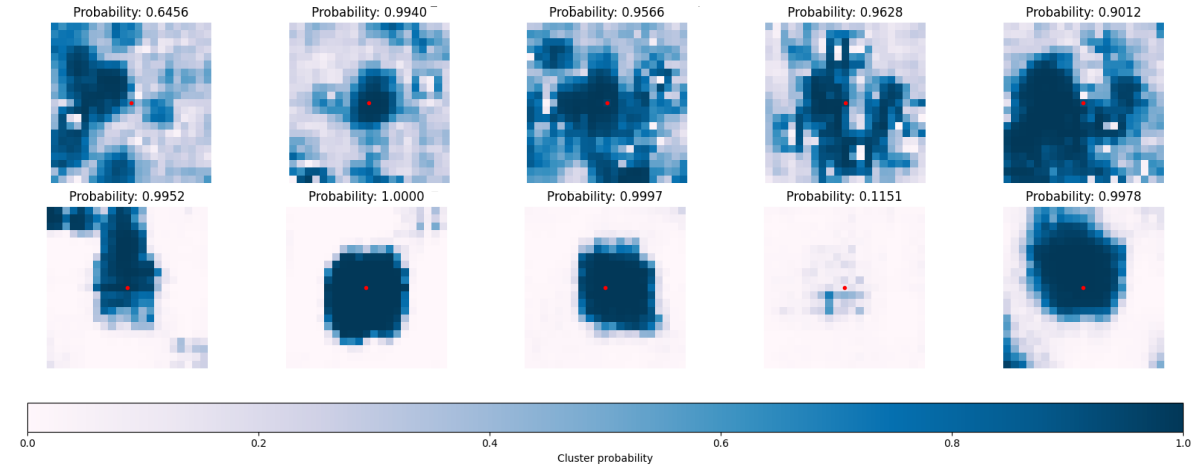
The networks that **show potential**:

DenseNet, CNN+MLP

Probability maps of networks on the IR (top line) and on the microwave (bottom line) data



(a) SpinalNetVGG



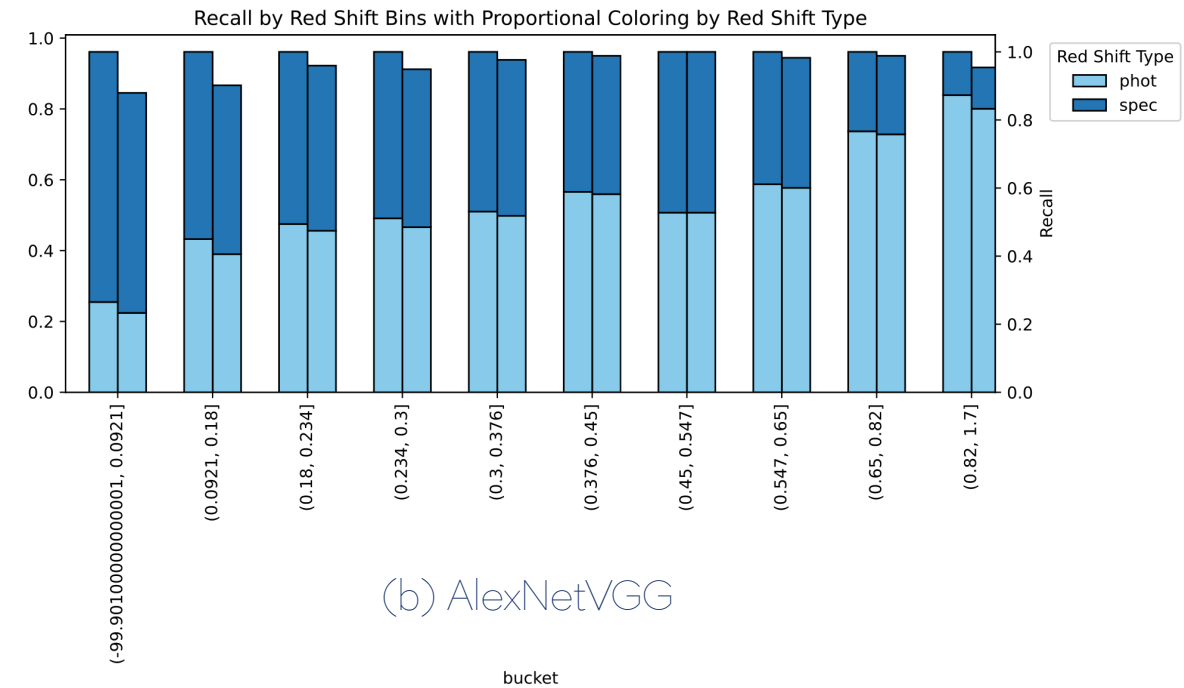
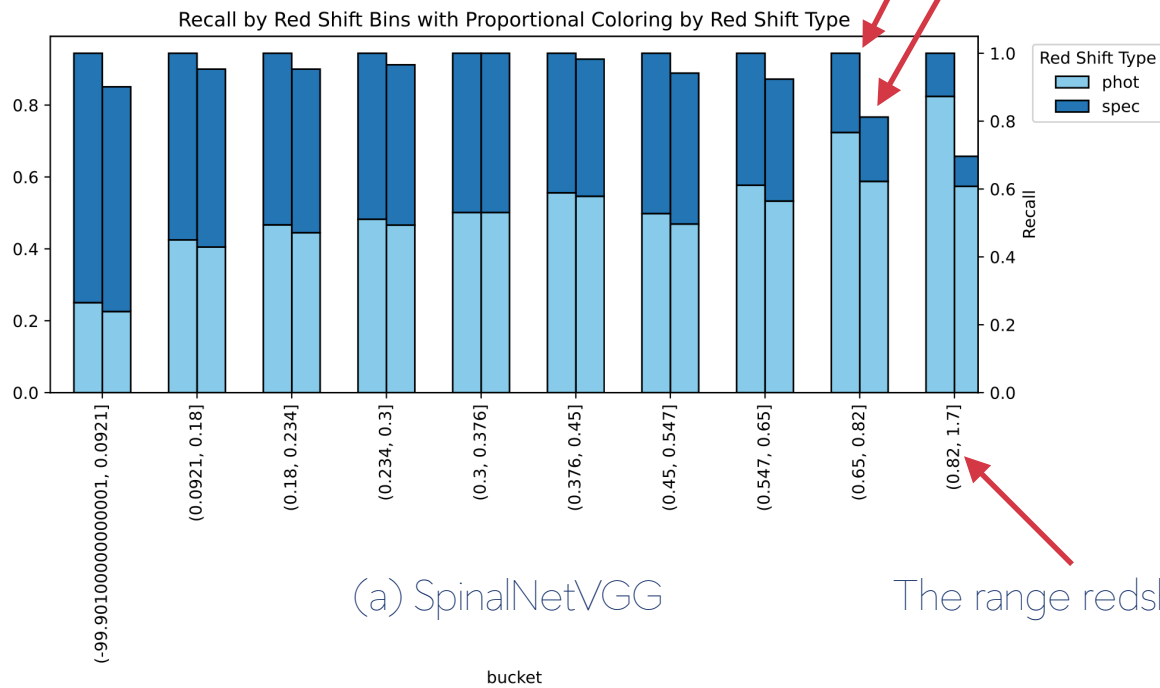
(a) AlexNetVGG

## Results 2/2

### Recall by redshift achieved on the IR data

All clusters of the test sample with photometric and spectroscopic redshifts

Clusters identified by the model



**AlexNetVGG is the most applicable model**  
for classifying clusters **at high redshifts.**



## Future goals

1

**Improve the networks' architectures that show potential** in the task of classifying galaxy clusters.

2

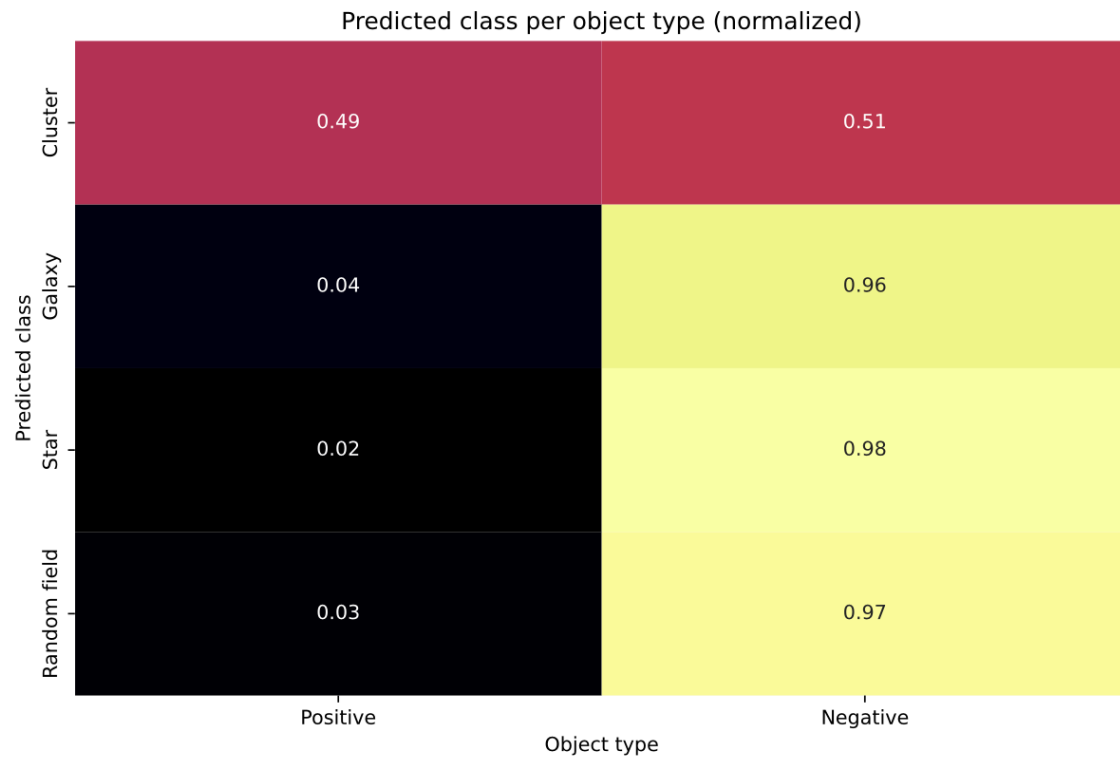
**Improve combination of data** used in training to overcome limitations and enhance models' performance.



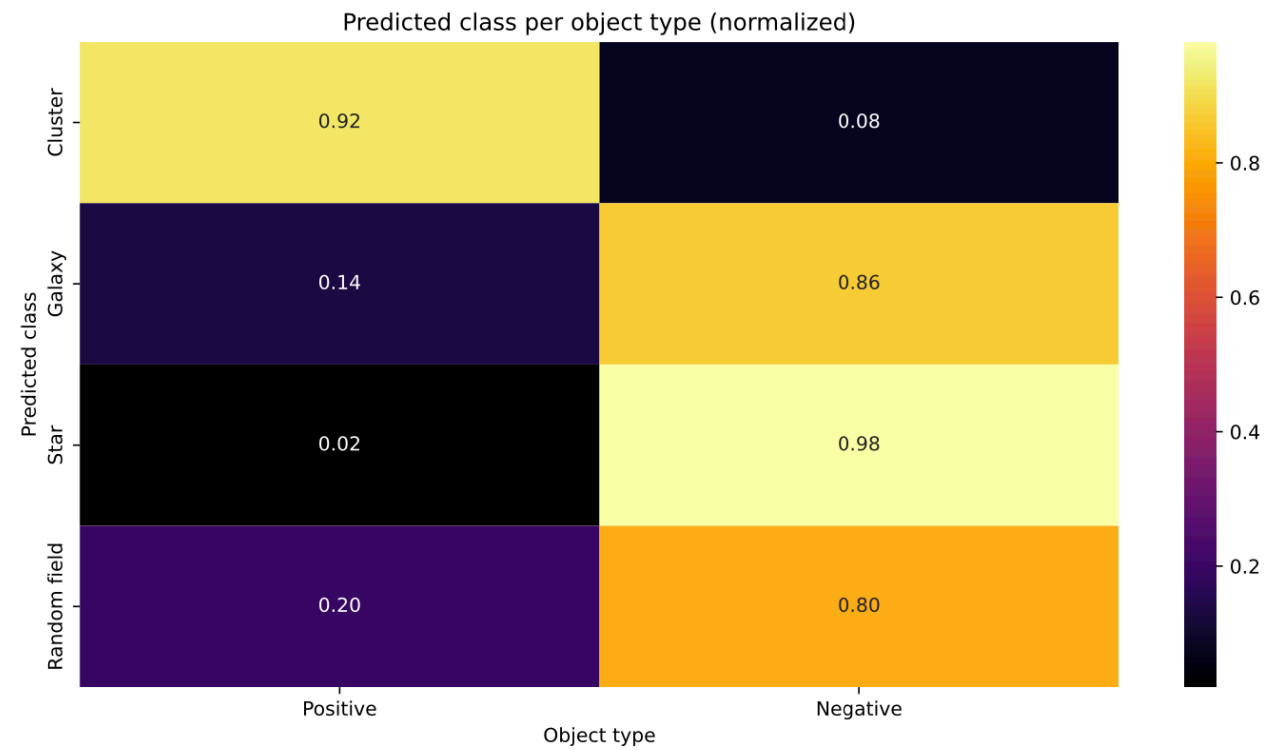




## Could be improved, IR data



DenseNet

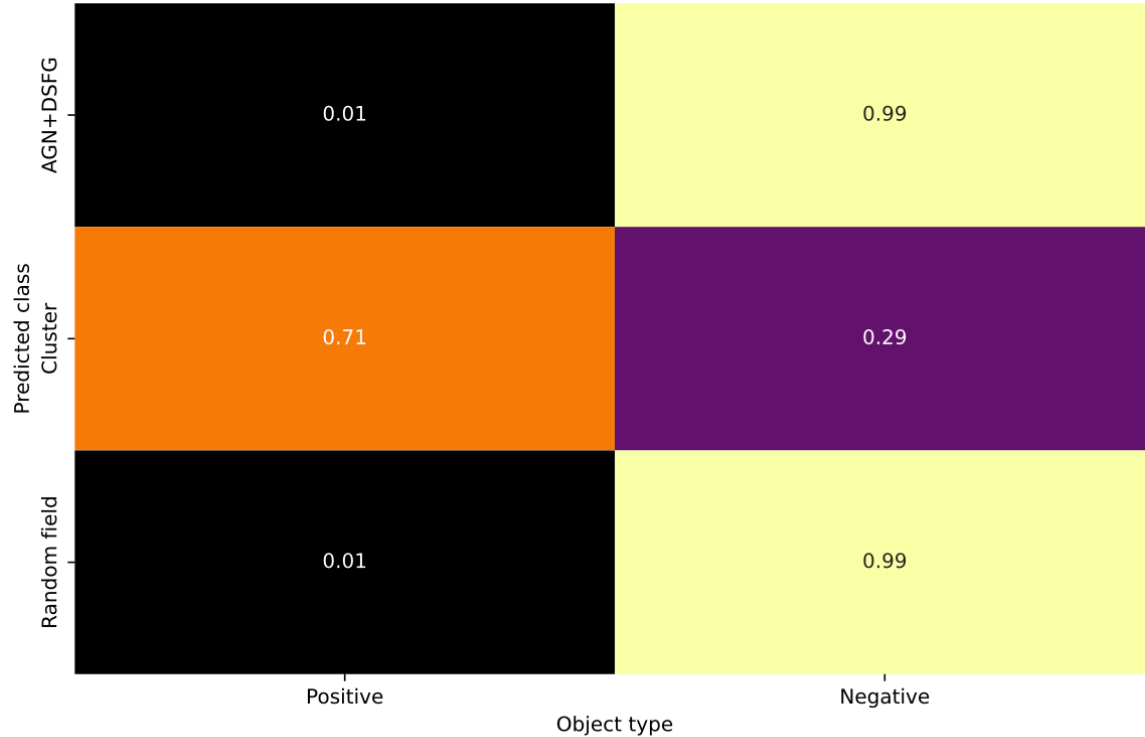


AlexNetVGG



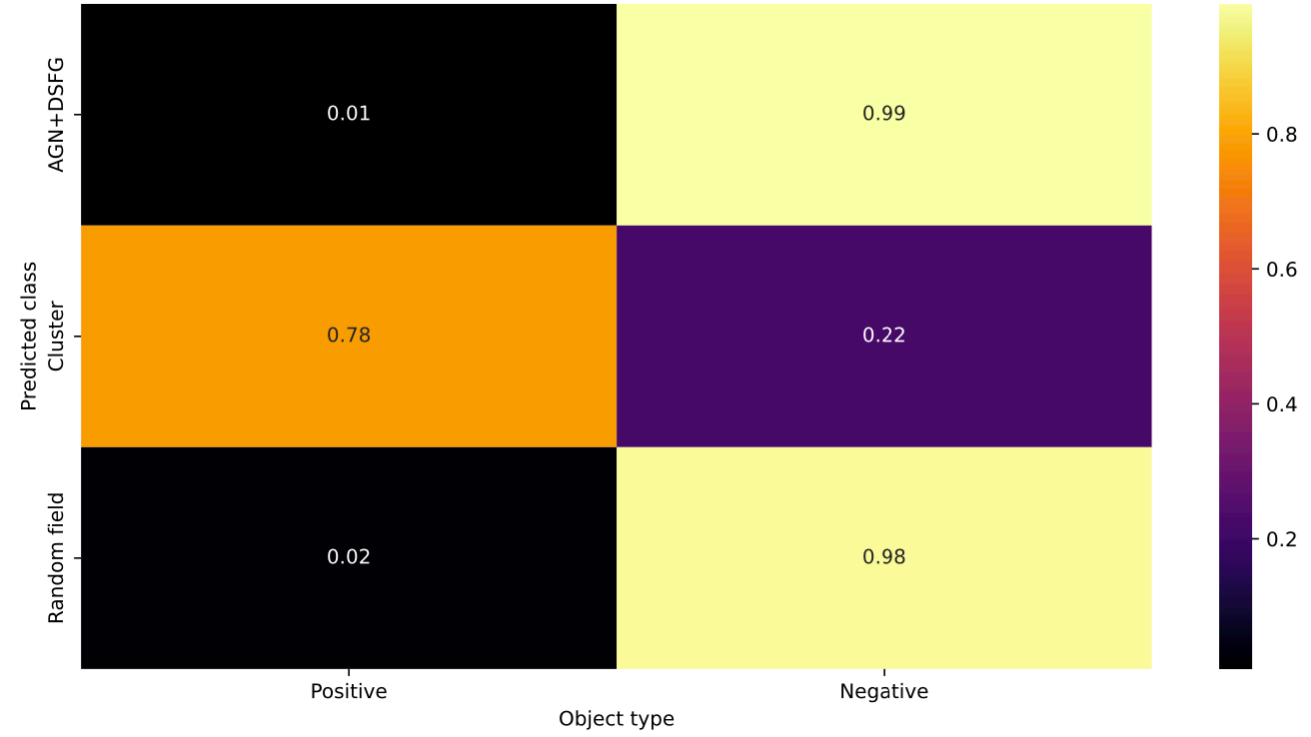
## Could be improved, microwave data

Predicted class per object type (normalized)



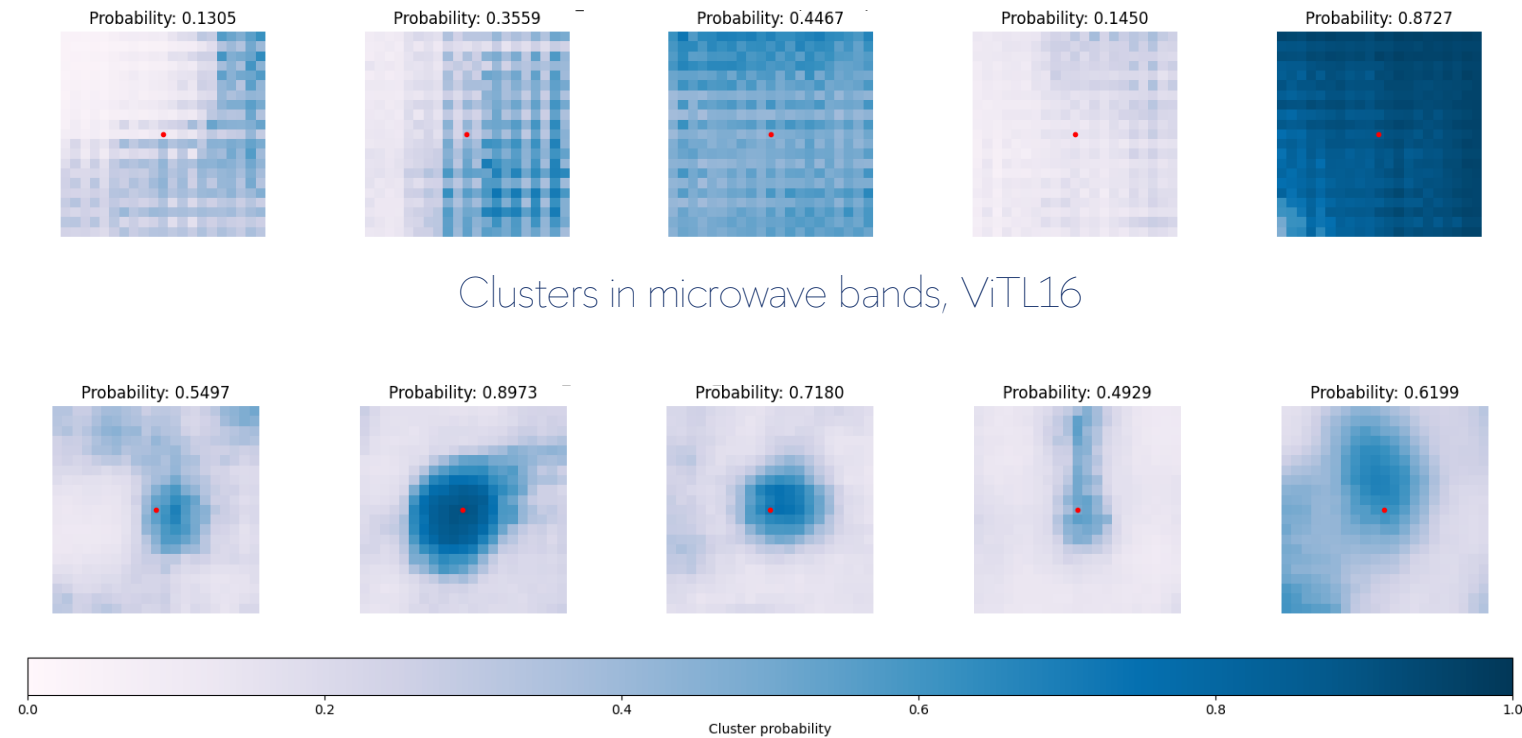
DenseNet

Predicted class per object type (normalized)



SpinalNetVGG

## Examples of poor performance on probability maps



Clusters in microwave bands, CNN+MLP



## Recall by redshift on the IR data for the networks that show potential

