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In Search of Cosmic Topology with AI

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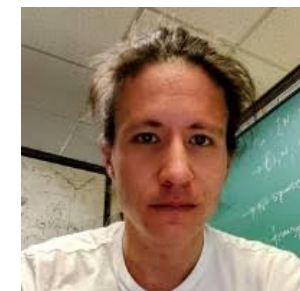
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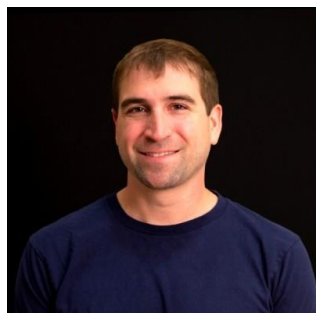
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Cosmic Topology

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- A key goal of cosmic topology: to measure the **shape** of the Universe.
- I.e. is the Universe:
 - ❖ Finite or infinite?
 - ❖ Open or closed?
 - ❖ Simply or multiply-connected?
 - ❖ Orientable or not?
- If we model space-time as a **manifold**, what is the topology of that manifold?
- If the Universe is **flat**: 17 allowed non-trivial topologies (E_1 - E_{17})([Riazuelo et al. 2004](#)).

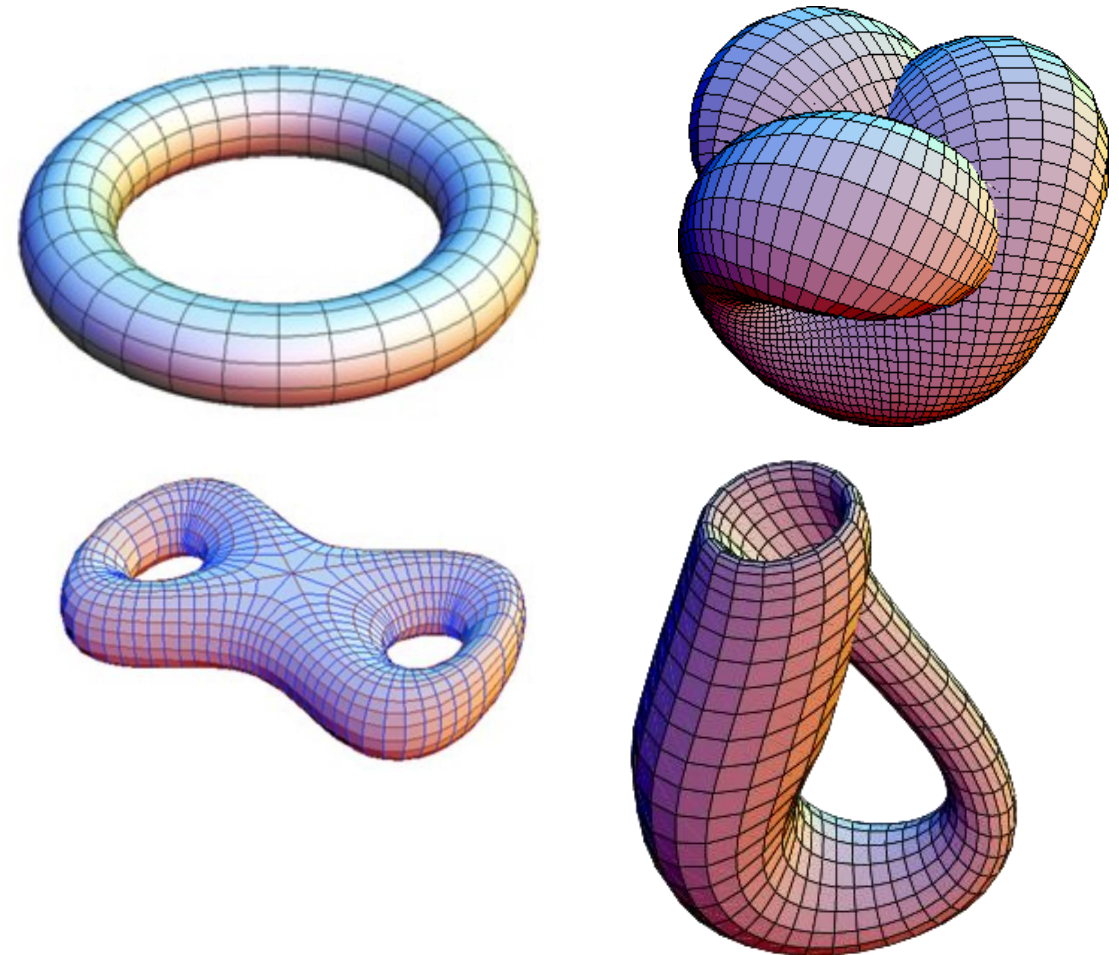
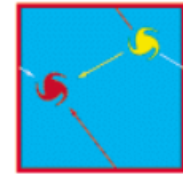


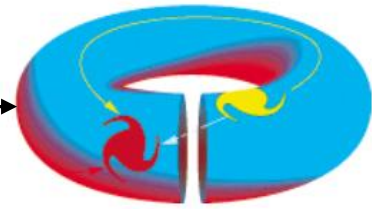
Figure 1: examples of manifolds with different topological properties.

Observational Signatures

Fundamental domain



Flat torus (2D)



- Non-trivial topology leads to multiple observational effects:
 - ❖ **Clone images** of astronomical sources;
 - ❖ Observational signatures in the CMB (***circles in the sky***);
 - ❖ **Non-diagonal** correlations in harmonic space;
 - ❖ Others? E.g. observables in **polarization** data.

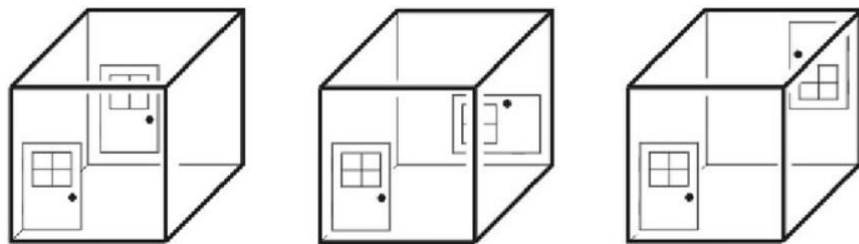
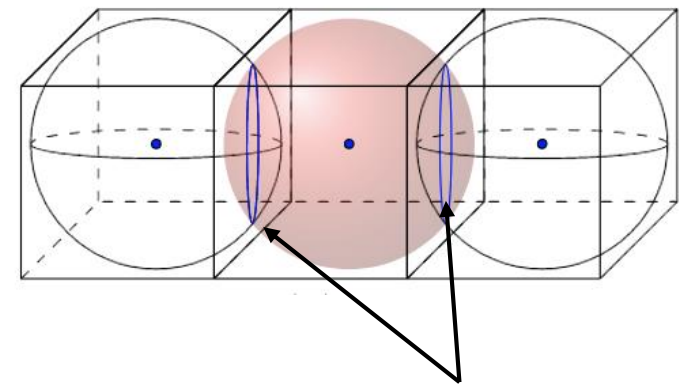


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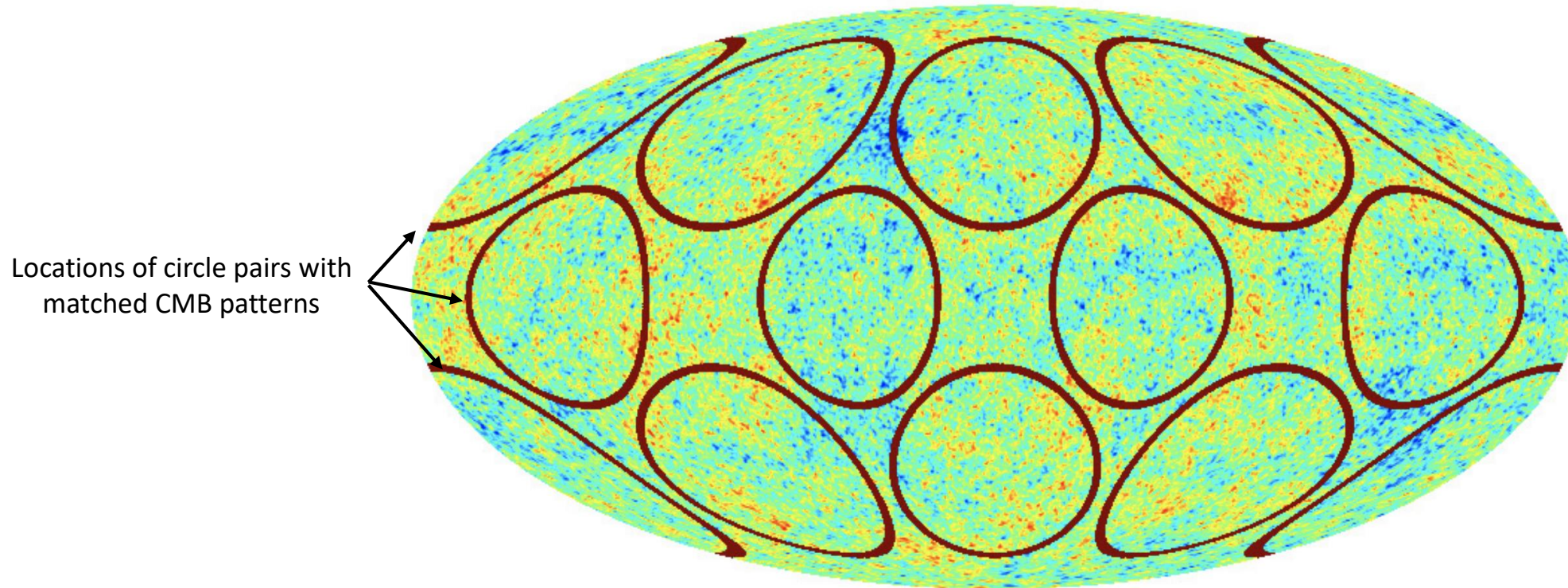


Figure 2: the mirror hall effect
(image: [Rebecca Dale](#)).

Circles in The Sky



Intersection of the last scattering surface and the fundamental domain



Locations of circle pairs with matched CMB patterns

Other features encoded in the

$a_{\ell m}$'s:

$$T(x) = \sum_{\ell, m} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(x)$$

$$\langle a_{\ell m} a_{\ell' m'}^* \rangle = C_{\ell} \delta_{\ell \ell'} \delta_{m m'}$$

Figure 3: Last scattering surface intersecting itself in a 3-torus Universe (**top right**). The dark circles show the locations of the matched-circle pairs in the CMB (**center**) (**Planck Collaboration 2013**).

Detectability of Cosmic Topology

- **Non-diagonal elements** in the covariance matrix encode information about topology.
- **KL divergence** measures the detectability of these features:

$$D_{\text{KL}}(p||q) = \int d\{a_{\ell m}\} p(\{a_{\ell m}\}) \ln \left[\frac{p(\{a_{\ell m}\})}{q(\{a_{\ell m}\})} \right]$$

$p(\{a_{\ell m}\})$ - probability of non-trivial topology

$q(\{a_{\ell m}\})$ - probability of trivial topology

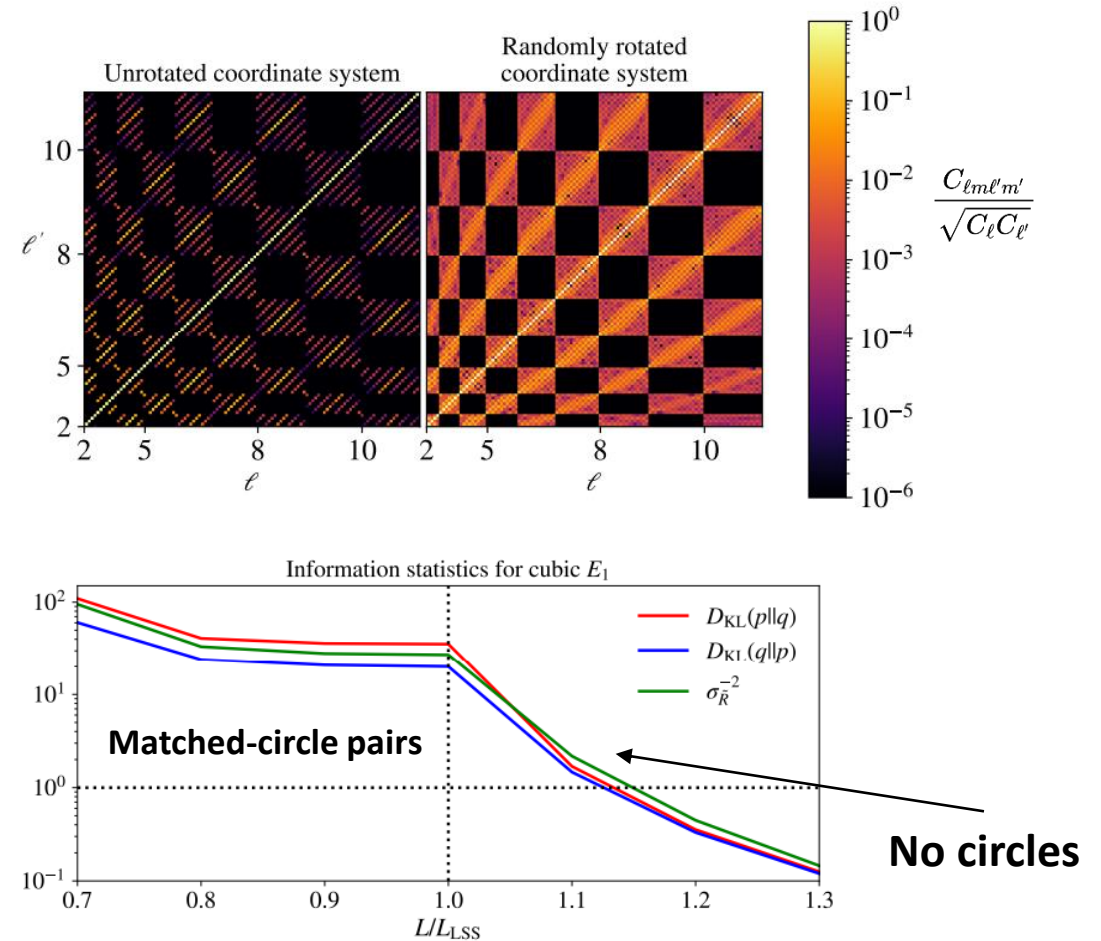
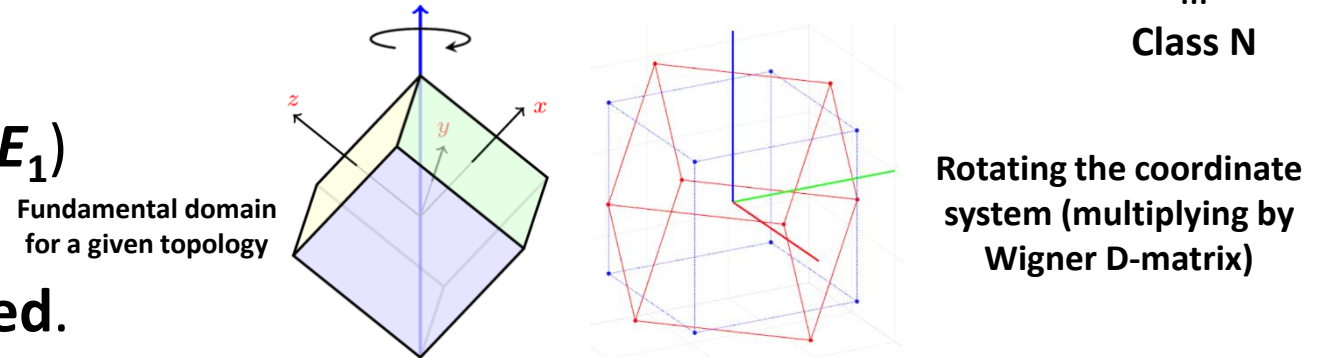
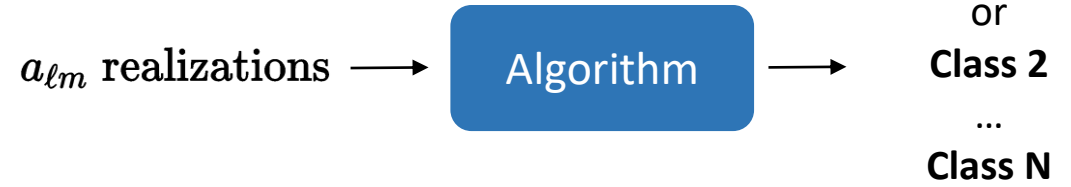


Figure 4: temperature covariance matrix (top).
KL divergence in E_1 topology (bottom).

Detecting Topology with AI

- The goal: an algorithm to classify **harmonic space** realizations from different topologies.
- Start with a single topology: 3-torus (E_1) of different sizes.
- Two datasets: **rotated and non-rotated**.
- Algorithms to try:
 - ❖ Random forests and XGBoost;
 - ❖ 1D convolutional neural networks;
 - ❖ 2D convolutional neural networks;
 - ❖ Complex neural networks.



4 classes:
40,000
realizations

- E1 with $L_x = L_y = L_z = 0.05 \times L_{LSS}$
- E1 with $L_x = L_y = L_z = 0.1 \times L_{LSS}$
- E1 with $L_x = L_y = L_z = 0.5 \times L_{LSS}$
- Trivial topology $L_x = L_y = L_z = L_\infty$

$$a_{\ell m}^{E1} = \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{V_{E1}}} i^l \sum_{\vec{n}} \delta_{\vec{k}_{\vec{n}}} e^{-i\vec{k}_{\vec{n}} \cdot \vec{x}_0} Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{k}) \Delta_\ell(k)$$

The Dataset

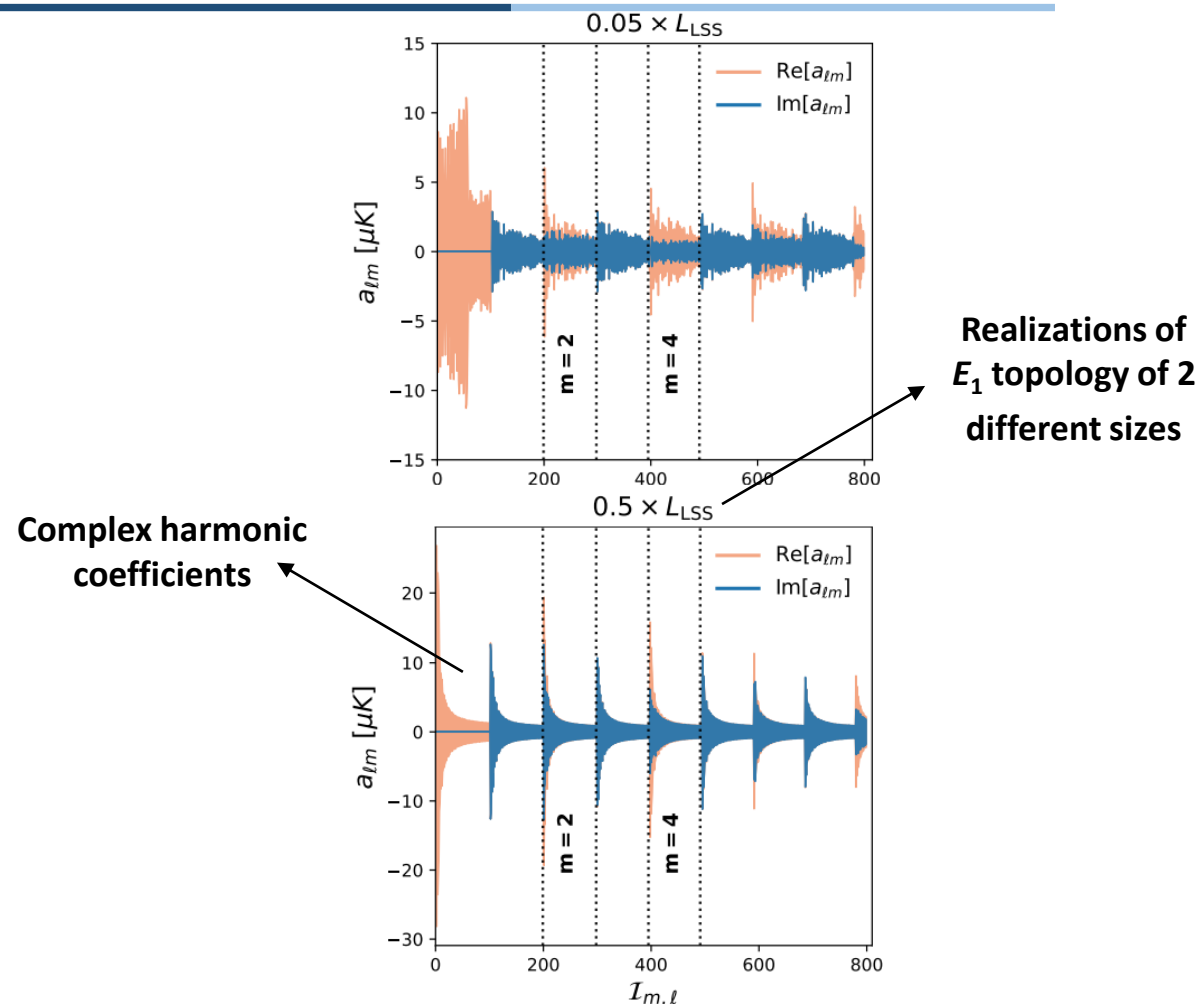


Figure 5: Real vs imaginary components of the $a_{\ell m}$ realizations.

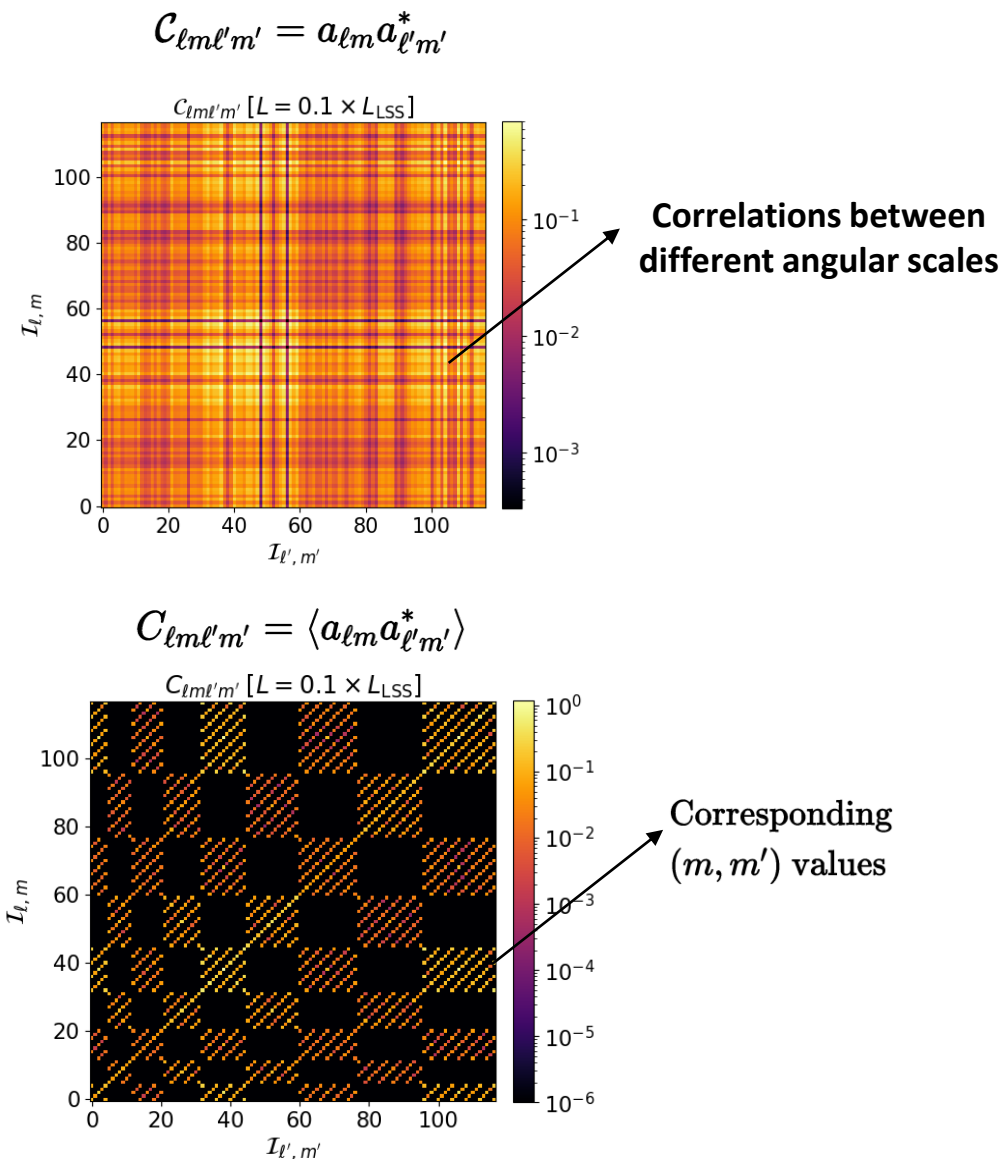


Figure 6: Harmonic space covariance matrices in E_1 topology.

The Algorithms: Extreme Gradient Boosting

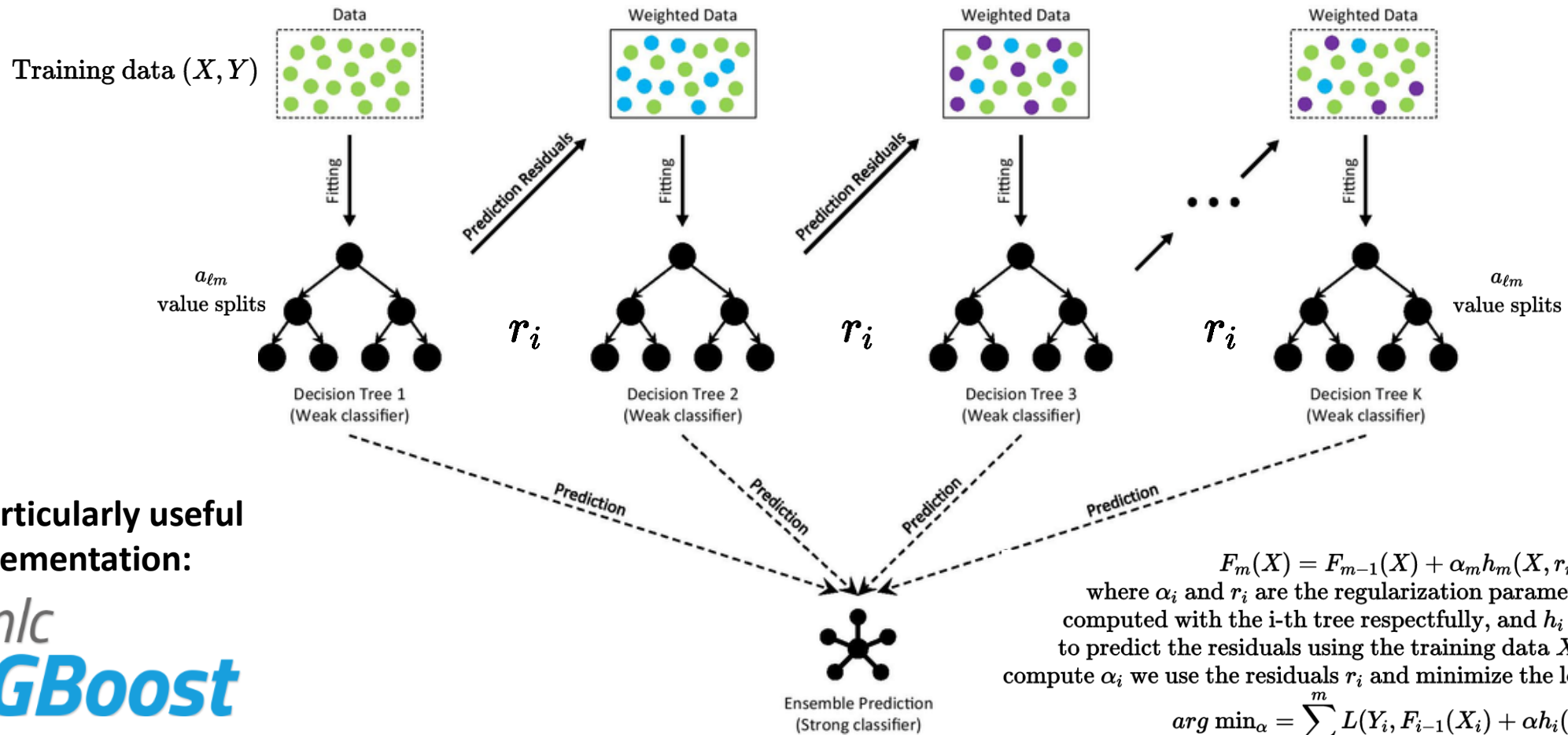


Figure 7: The gradient boosting classification algorithm (Deng et al. 2021).

The Algorithms: NN Architectures

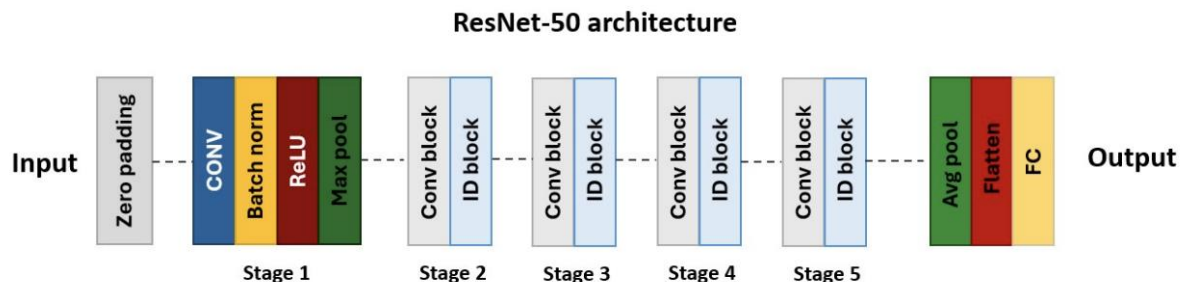


Figure 8: ResNet-50 architecture.

	Activation	Output shape	Parameters
Input map	-	(None, 2652, 32)	128
Conv1D	LReLU	(None, 2652, 64)	10304
Conv1D	LReLU	(None, 2652, 128)	57472
Conv1D	LReLU	(None, 2652, 256)	295 K
Max Pooling 1D	-	(None, 1326, 256)	-
Dropout	-	(None, 1326, 256)	-
Flatten	-	(None, 339456)	-
Dense	LReLU	(None, 512)	173 M
Dense	LReLU	(None, 256)	131 K
Dense	LReLU	(None, 128)	32 K
Output layer	Softmax	4	516
Total trainable parameters:			174 M

Table 1: The architecture of the 1D CNN used in this work.

	Activation	Output shape	Parameters
Input map	-	(207,207,1,32)	-
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 205, 205, 32)	640
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 203, 203, 32)	18 K
ComplexAvgPooling2D	-	(None, 101, 101, 32)	-
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 99, 99, 64)	37 K
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 98, 98, 64)	33 K
ComplexAvgPooling2D	-	(None, 49, 49, 64)	-
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 47, 47, 128)	148 K
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 47, 47, 64)	17 K
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 45, 45, 128)	148K
ComplexAvgPooling2D	-	(None, 22, 22, 128)	-
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 20, 20, 256)	590 K
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 20, 20, 128)	66 K
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 18, 18, 256)	590K
ComplexAvgPooling2D	-	(None, 9, 9, 256)	-
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 7, 7, 512)	2.4 M
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 7, 7, 256)	263 K
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 5, 5, 512)	2.4 M
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 5, 5, 256)	263 K
ComplexConv2D	cart_relu	(None, 3, 3, 512)	2.4 M
ComplexAvgPooling2D	-	(None, 1, 1, 512)	-
ComplexFlatten	-	(None, 512)	-
ComplexDense	cart_relu	(None, 64)	66 K
ComplexDense	softmax_real_with_abs	4	520
Total trainable parameters:			590 K

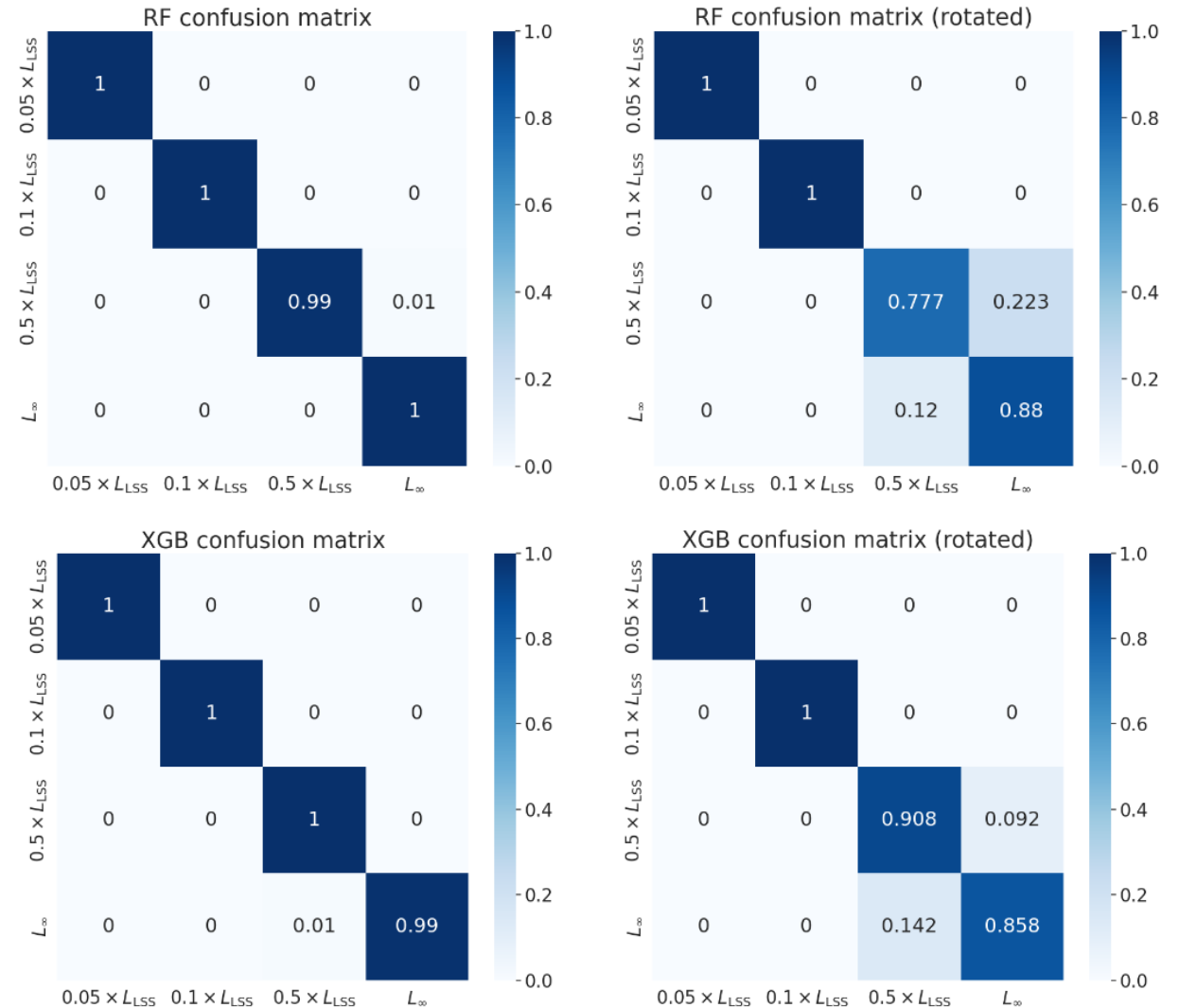
Table 2: 2D complex CVNN architecture.

Results: Random Forests + XGBoost

- Initial test: RF + XGBoost algorithms trained on the $a_{\ell m}$'s.
- Results depend on the coordinate system **orientation**/rotations.

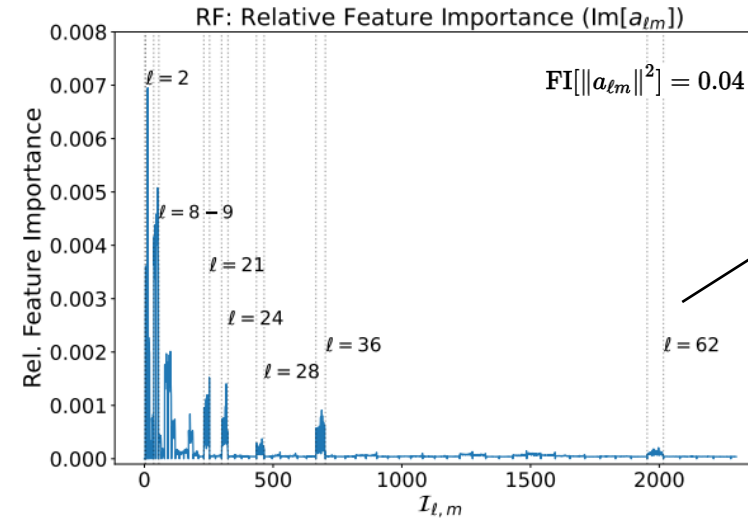
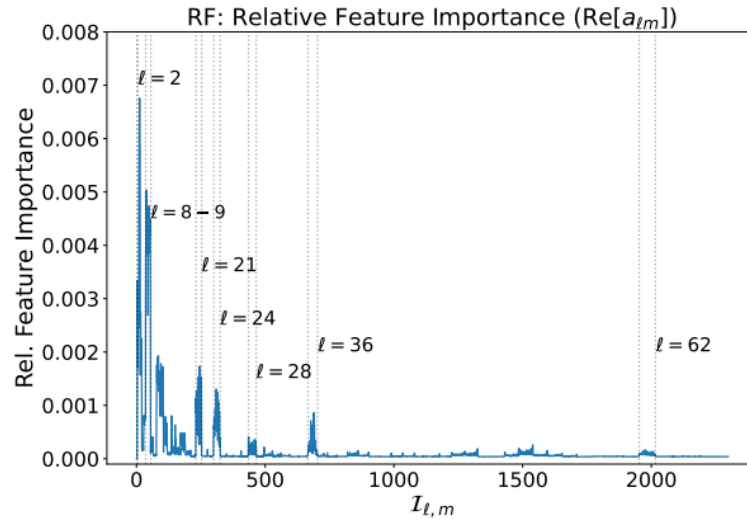
Algorithm:	Random forests	XGBoost
Training (unrotated):	100	100
Training (rotated):	100	100
Test (unrotated):	99.8	99.8
Test (rotated):	91.4	94.2

Table 3: summary of the decision tree-based algorithm classification results.



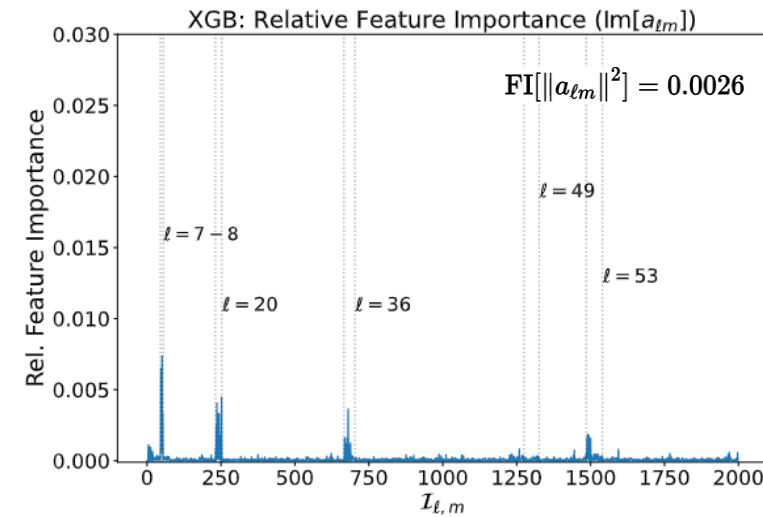
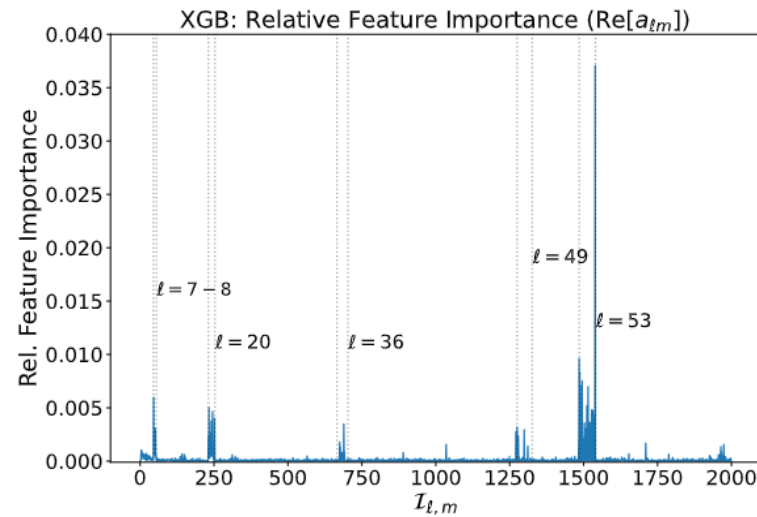
Results: Feature Importance Analysis

Random forests:



most important $a_{\ell m}$'s
→ important angular scales
in the CMB

XGBoost classifier:



Results: NN Classification

- Neural network results show a similar trend.
- Results depend on the coordinate system orientation/Wigner **rotations**.
- The 2D Results are slightly worse (for the randomly-rotated data).
- Complex NNs do not perform better.

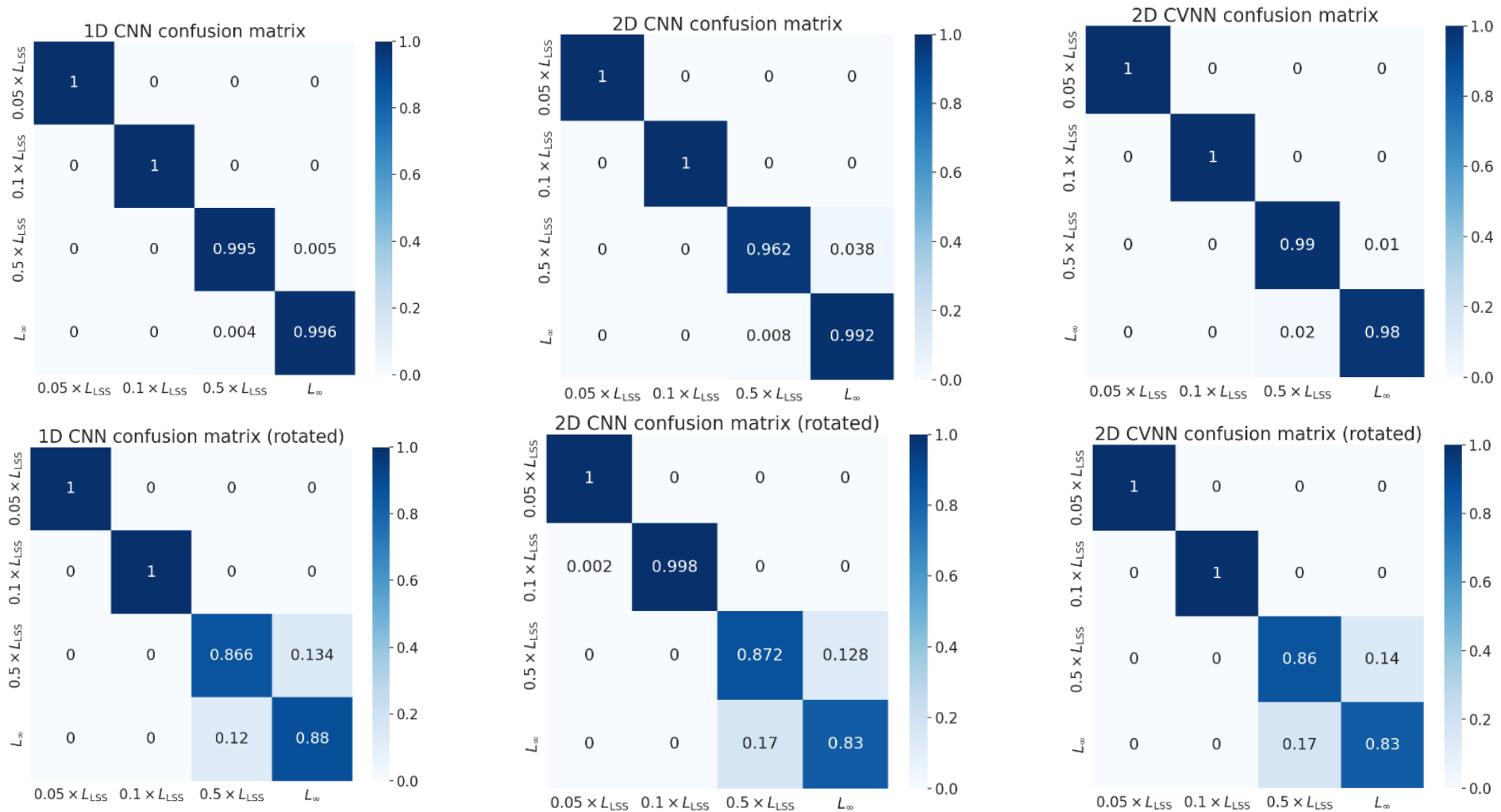
Algorithm:	1D CNN	2D CNN (ResNet)	2D Complex CNN (CVNN)
Training (unrotated):	100	99.9	100
Training (rotated):	98.8	98.4	100
Test (unrotated):	99.8	99.4	99.3
Test (rotated):	93.7	92.5	92.2

High accuracies for all non-rotated topology classes

Table 4: summary of the neural network algorithm classification results.

Significant reduction in accuracy when trained on rotated data

Results: NN Classification



Results: $L \approx L_{LSS}$

- Next challenge: classify realizations with $L > L_{LSS}$.
- We expect this to be more challenging (smaller KL divergence, no circles).
- Our techniques work well on non-rotated data.
- Key challenge: **classifying randomly rotated data.**

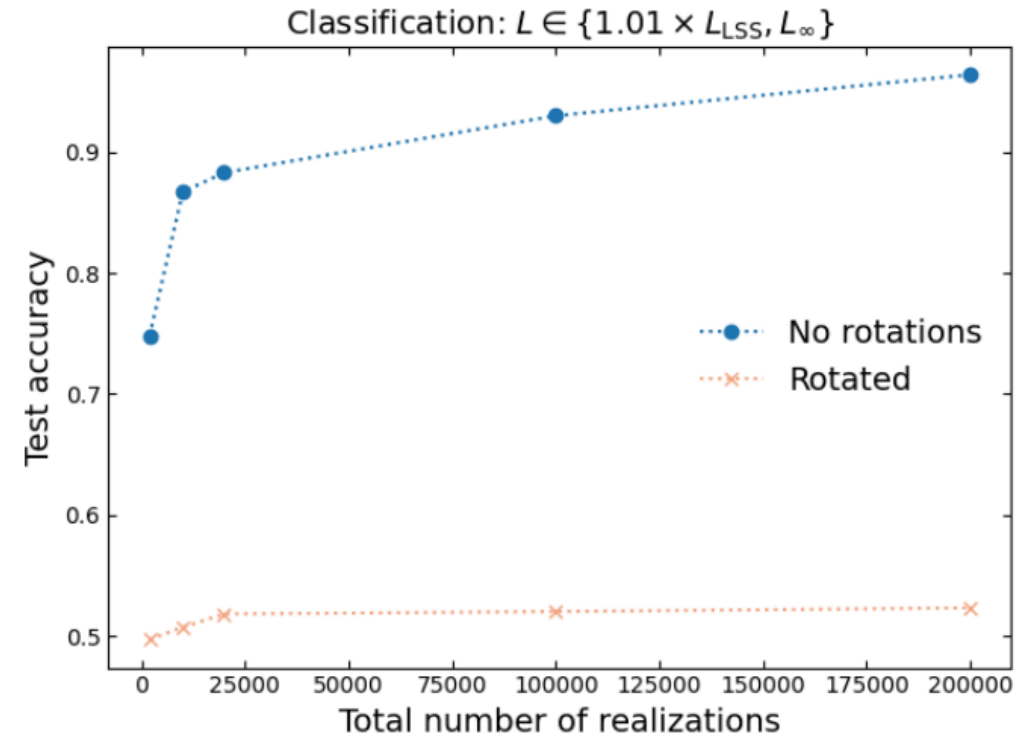


Figure 9: Classification results for realizations with $L \approx L_{LSS}$.

Rotation Problem: The Multipole Vector Formalism

CMB in spherical and harmonic space

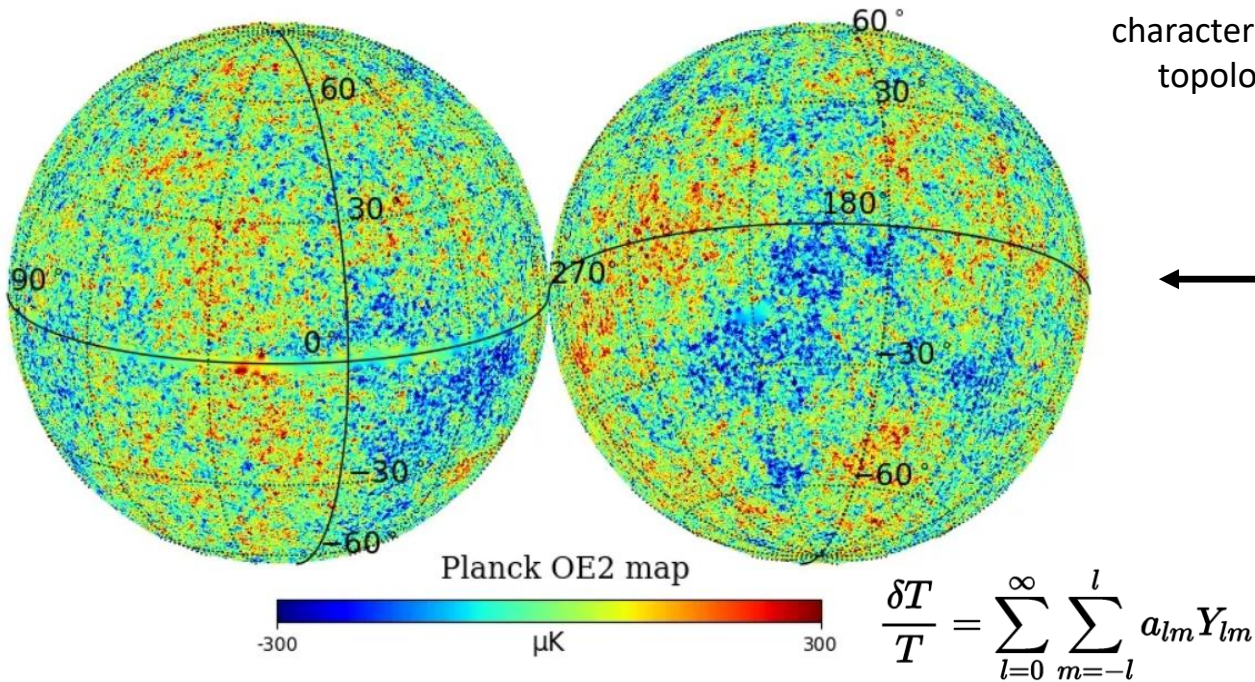


Figure 10: CMB temperature anisotropies as a field on a sphere (Planck data).

Harmonic space rotations: $C_{lml'm'}^{lE_i} = \sum_{\bar{m}=-l}^l \sum_{\bar{m}'=-l'}^{l'} D_{m\bar{m}}^l(\theta_0, \phi_0) D_{m'\bar{m}'}^{*l'}(\theta_0, \phi_0) C_{l\bar{m}l'\bar{m}'}^{E_i}$

Features in the MV data characteristic to non-trivial topology realizations



CMB in multipole vector formalism

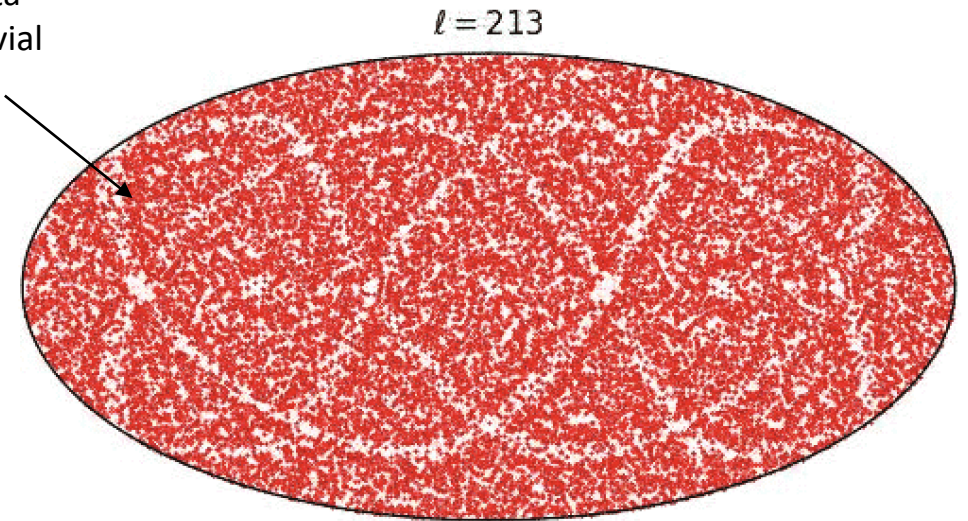


Figure 11: CMB temperature data represented as ℓ unit vectors on a sphere (i.e., multipole vectors).

MV rotations: rigid rotations (by 3 Euler angles)

Rotation Problem: MVs + E-mode Polarization Data

- The *signal* of non-trivial topology is stronger in **E-mode polarization data**.
- In E_1 topology, multipole vectors align along the **coordinate axes**.
- This characteristic feature can be used to orient randomly rotated multipole vectors.
- Approach:
 - ❖ Find the cross product of $\ell = 2$ MVs (Frechet vector). Find the rotation that orients it along the **z-axis**;
 - ❖ Use the obtained rotation to orient all the MVs;
 - ❖ Find the rotation that orients the $\ell = 2$ MVs along the **x-axis**;
 - ❖ Further rotate all the MVs using the obtained rotation.

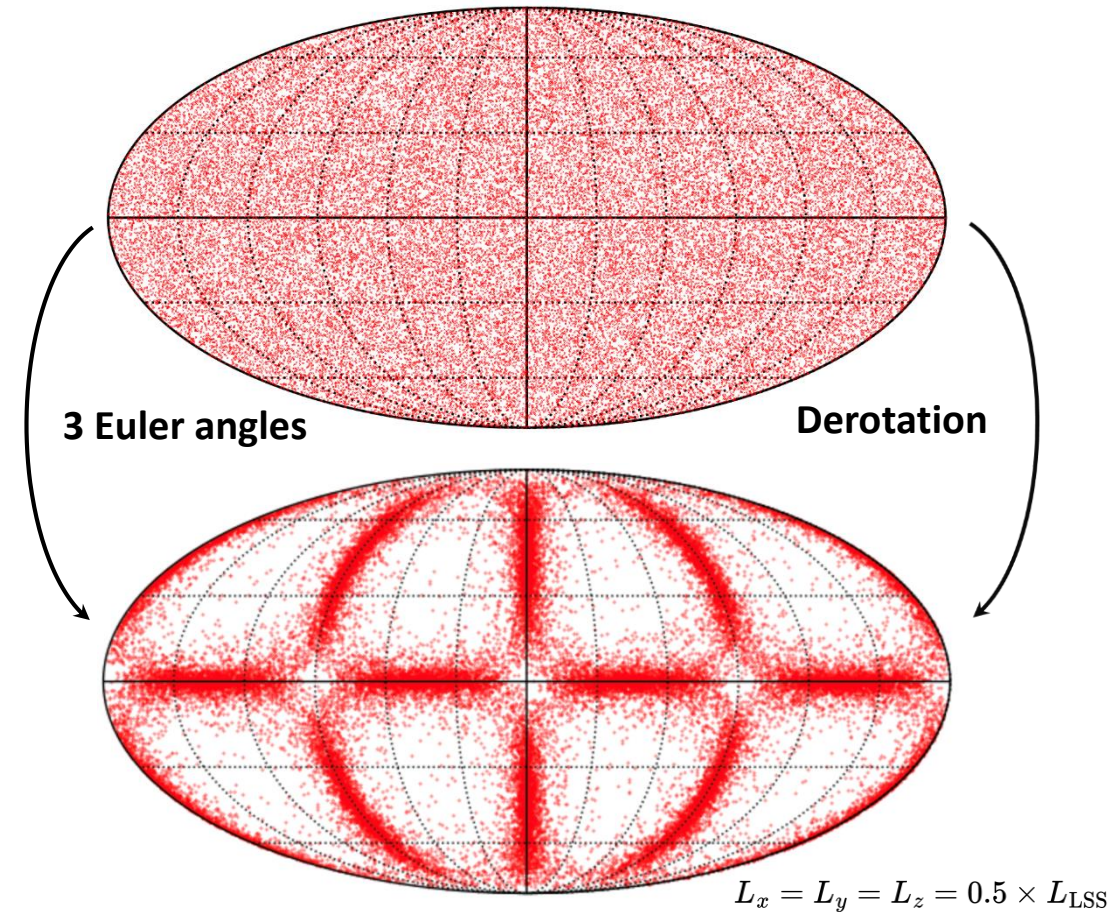


Figure 12: plotting multiple MV realizations for E-mode polarization data ($\ell = 2$). **Top:** randomly rotated realizations. **Bottom:** non-rotated realizations.

Rotation Problem: Current Results

- Cubic E_1 with $L \approx 0.5 \times L_{LSS}$: derotation procedure works well.
- Larger E_1 realizations: the accuracy **drops quickly**.
- The procedure does not work as effectively for non-cubic realizations.
- Need to test the procedure for other topology classes (E_3 , E_4 , etc.).

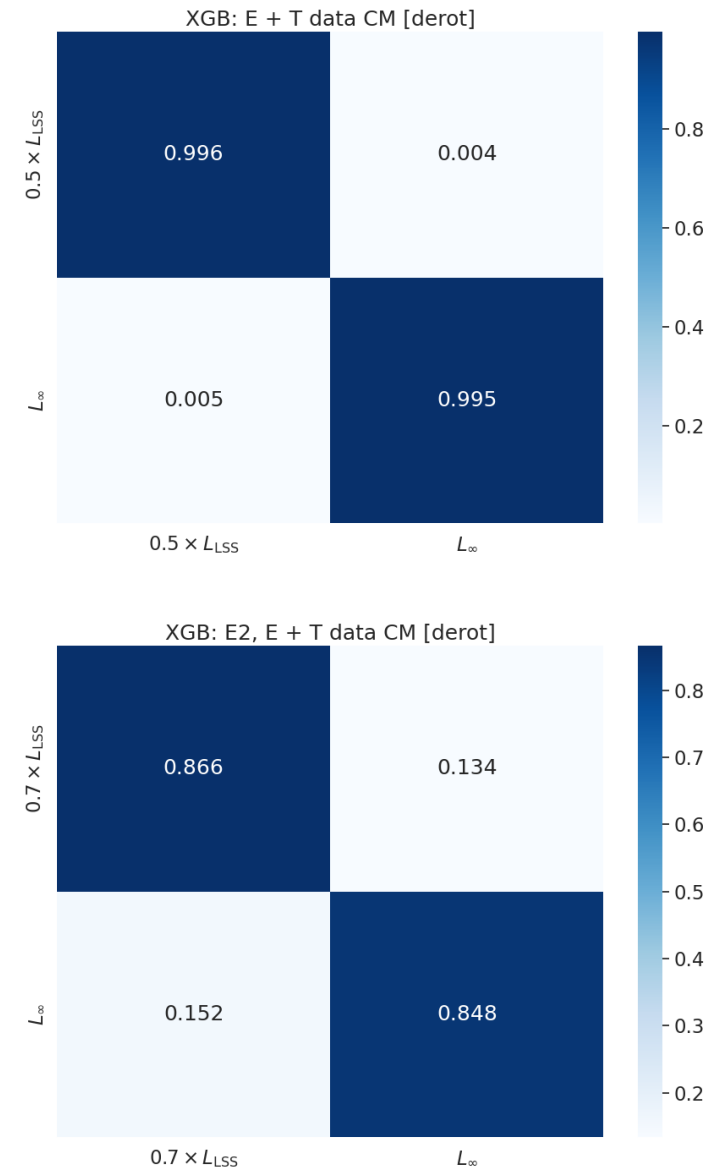


Figure 13: Results for XGBoost trained on the *derotated* dataset. **Top:** $L = 0.5 \times L_{LSS}$ vs. covering space. **Bottom:** $L = 0.7 \times L_{LSS}$ vs. covering space.

Using Map Data Directly

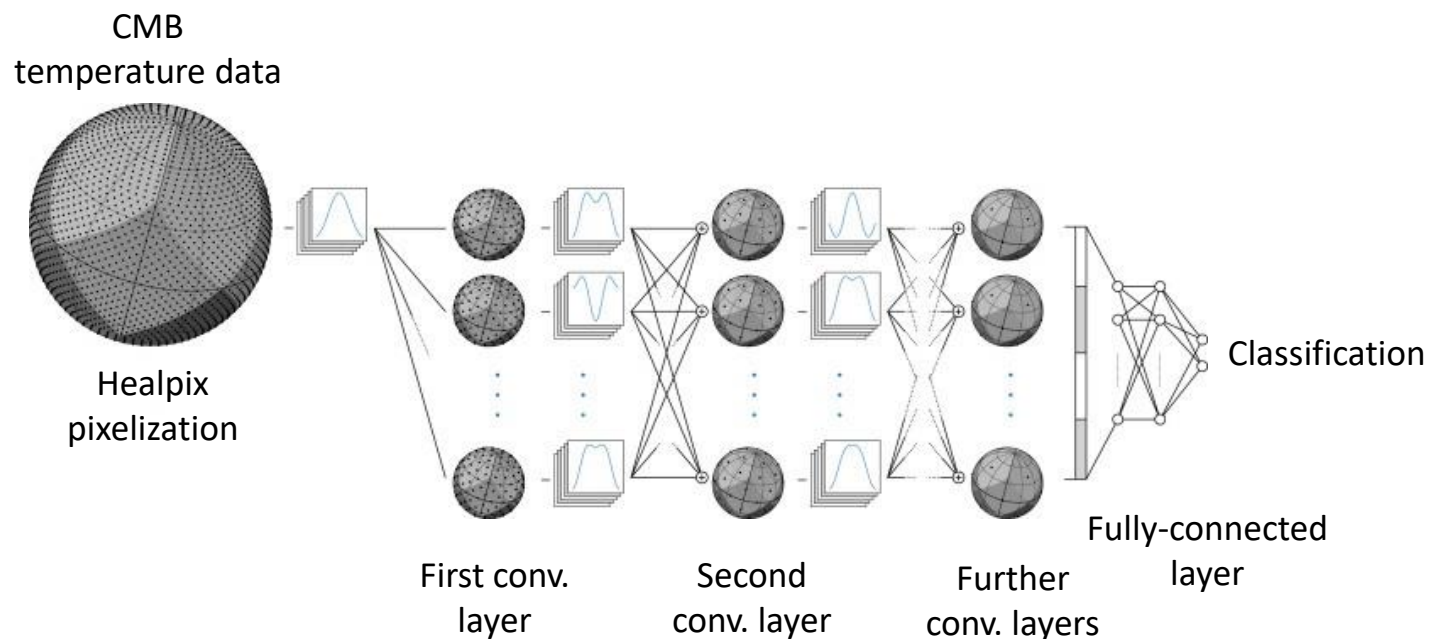


Figure 14: training a convolutional neural network on spherical data directly using DeepSphere (Perraudin et al. 2019).

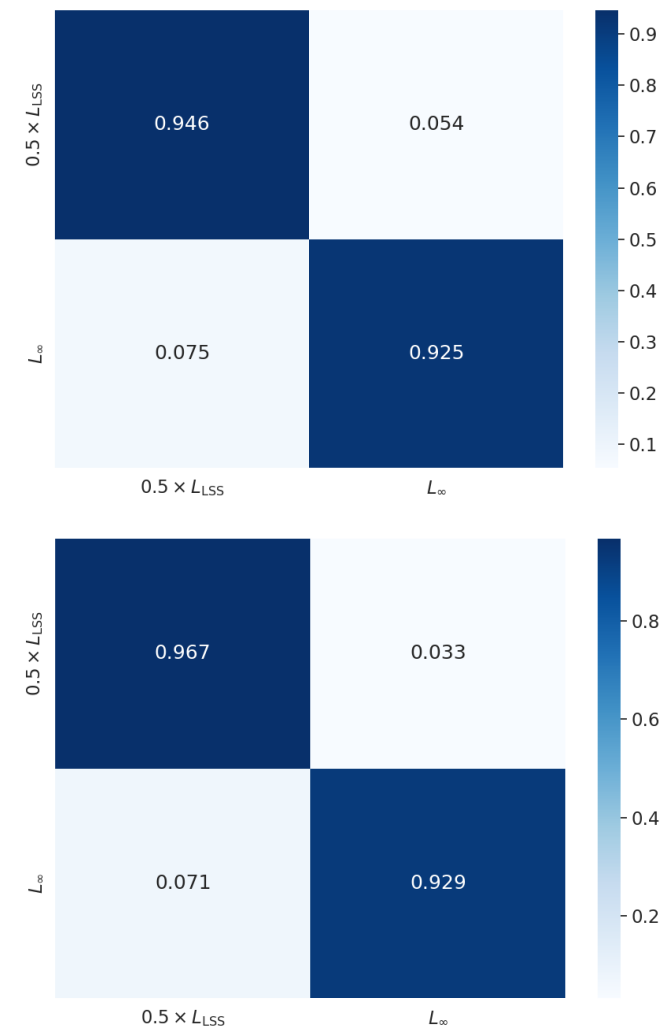


Figure 15: DeepSphere results (E_1 vs. covering space classification) using E-mode polarization data. **Top:** results for the non-rotated dataset. **Bottom:** results for the rotated dataset.

Conclusions and Future Work

- ML approaches are effective for classifying **small** E_1 realizations;
- For larger realizations, results depend on the orientation of the coordinate system;
- Dealing with rotations: **a key challenge**;
- Possible future approaches:
 - ❖ Rotation-equivariant neural networks;
 - ❖ Lorentz-equivariant neural networks + MV data;
 - ❖ Point cloud neural network approaches.

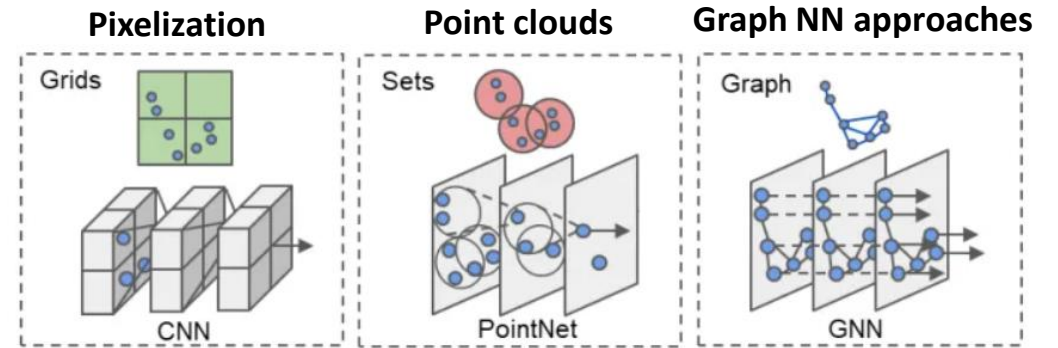


Figure 16: Different ML approaches that work with multipole vector data ([Shi and Rajkumar, 2020](#)).



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