

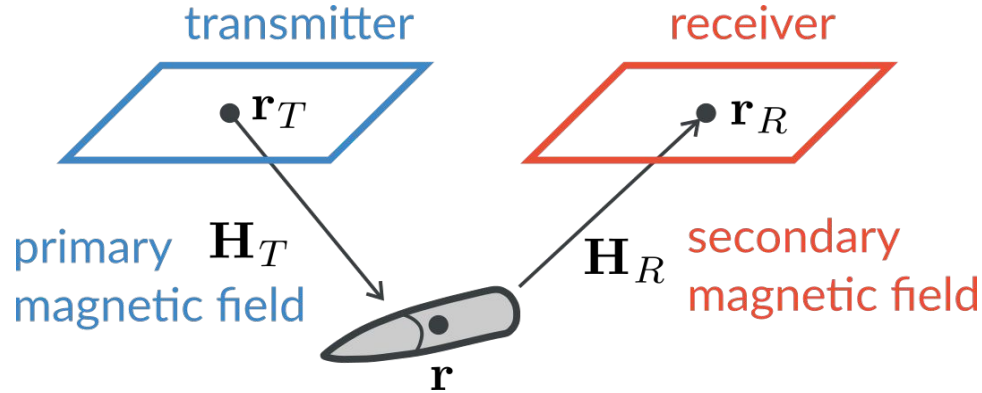
# A convolutional neural network for the classification of UXO in marine settings

Jorge Lopez-Alvis<sup>1</sup>, Lindsey J. Heagy<sup>1</sup>, Douglas W. Oldenburg<sup>1</sup>, Stephen Billings<sup>2</sup>, Lin-Ping Song<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>University of British Columbia, <sup>2</sup>Black Tusk Geophysics

This work is supported by SERDP project MR22-3487

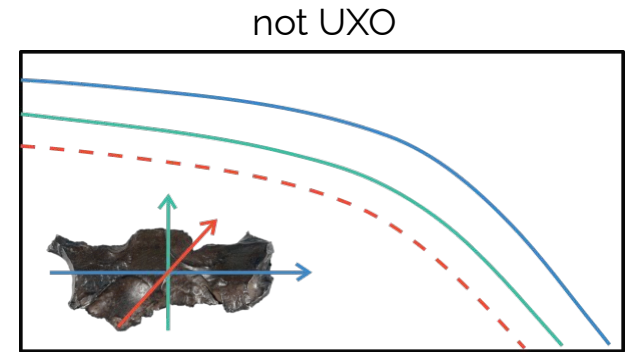
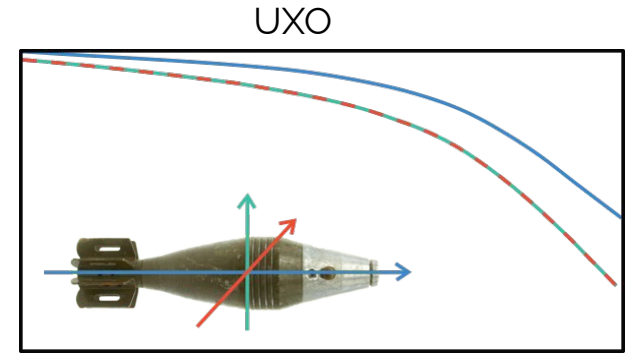
# Time-domain EM response of a UXO



$$d(\mathbf{r}_R, t) = \mathbf{H}_R(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_R) \cdot \mathbf{P}(t) \cdot \mathbf{H}_T(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_T)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{A}(\phi, \theta, \psi) \cdot \mathbf{L}(t) \cdot \mathbf{A}^\top(\phi, \theta, \psi)$$

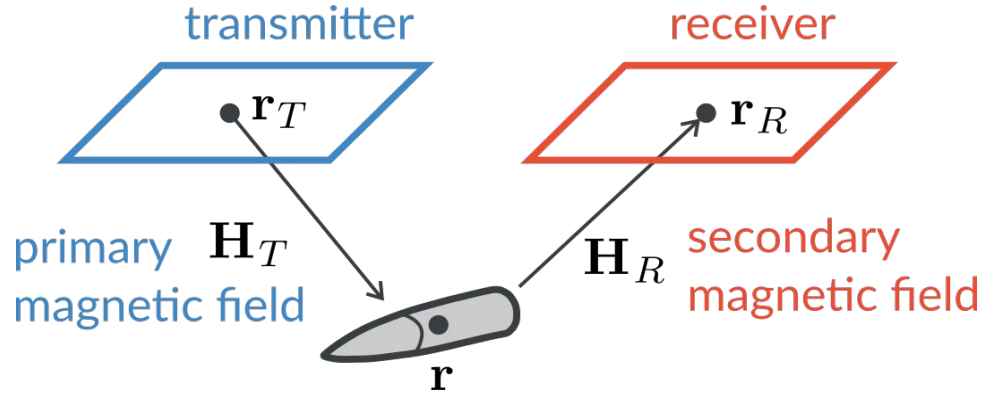
$$\mathbf{L}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} L_1 & & \\ & L_2 & \\ & & L_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



time



# Time-domain EM response of a UXO

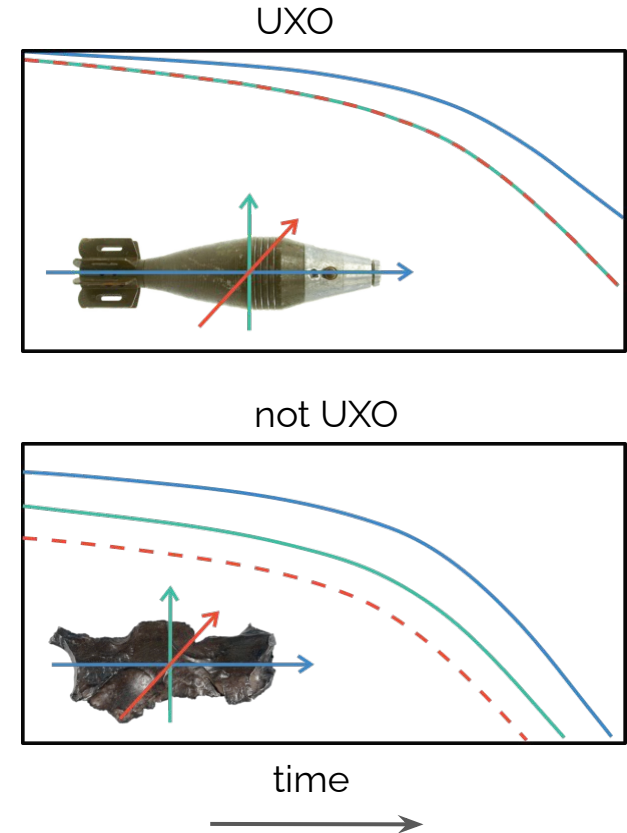


$$d(\mathbf{r}_R, t) = \mathbf{H}_R(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_R) \cdot \mathbf{P}(t) \cdot \mathbf{H}_T(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_T)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{A}(\phi, \theta, \psi) \cdot \mathbf{L}(t) \cdot \mathbf{A}^\top(\phi, \theta, \psi)$$

$$\mathbf{L}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} L_1 & & \\ & L_2 & \\ & & L_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

traditional approach: use inversion to get these and then classify based on  $\mathbf{L}(t)$



# Survey and system



UltraTEMA-4 system:

4 transmitters

12 receivers (3-component)

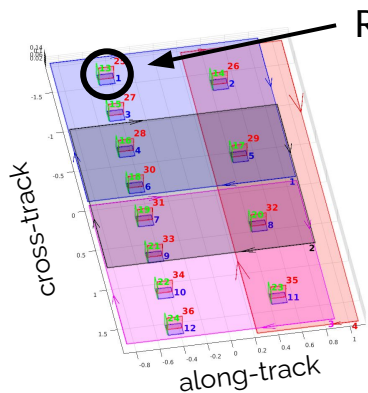
Height above sea-bottom: ~1 m

Challenges:

- Accuracy in location
- EM response of seawater

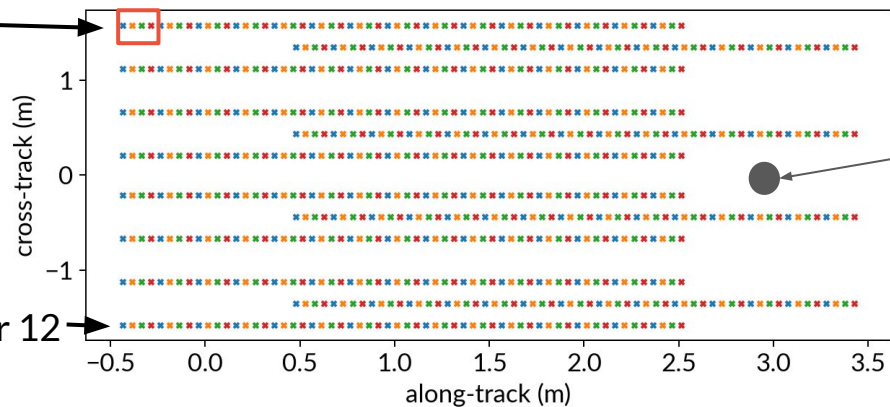
# Data

moving  
direction



Receiver 1

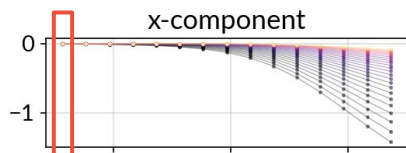
Receiver 12



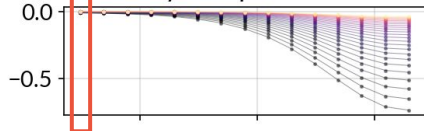
UXO

**Transmitter 1**

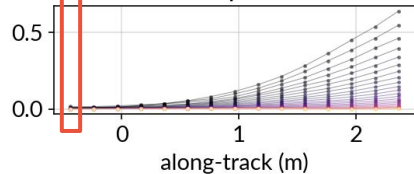
x-component



y-component

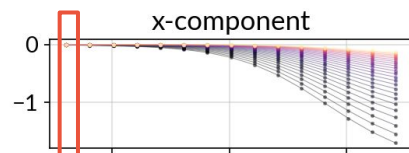


z-component

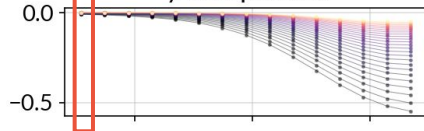


**Transmitter 2**

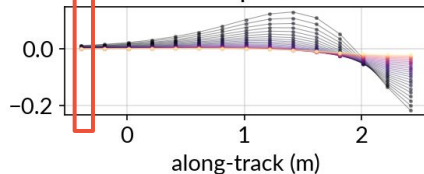
x-component



y-component

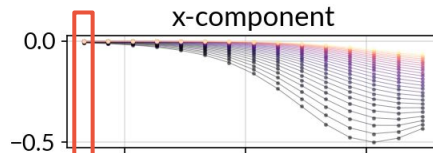


z-component

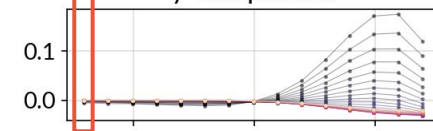


**Transmitter 3**

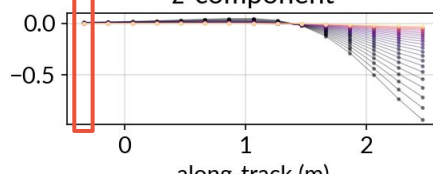
x-component



y-component

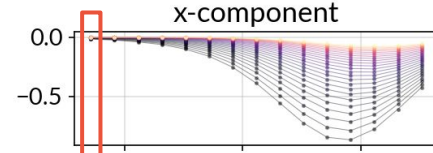


z-component

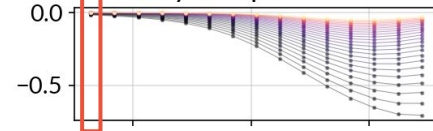


**Transmitter 4**

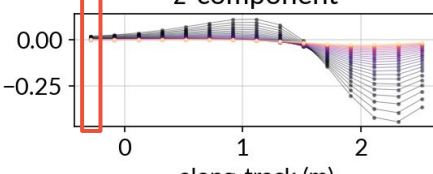
x-component



y-component

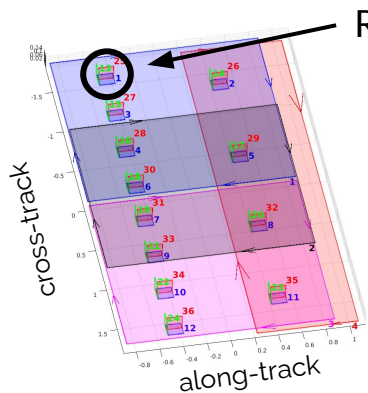


z-component



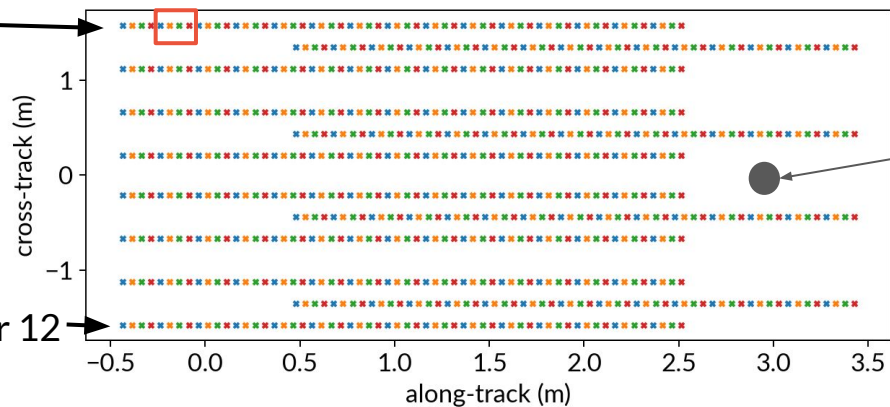
# Data

moving  
direction



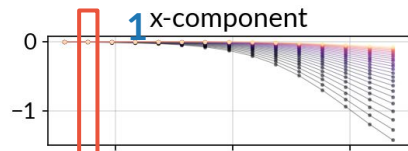
Receiver 1

Receiver 12

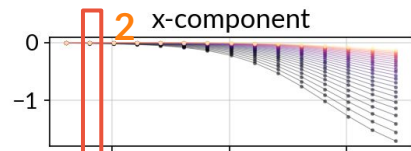


UXO

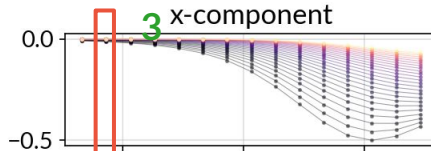
**Transmitter**  
**1** x-component



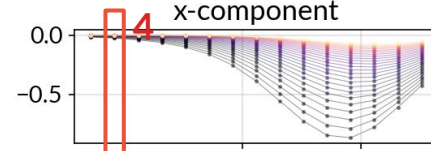
**Transmitter**  
**2** x-component



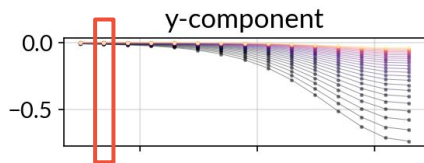
**Transmitter**  
**3** x-component



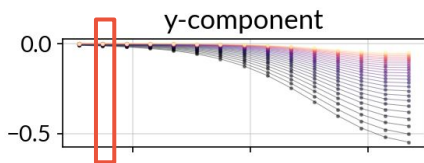
**Transmitter**  
**4** x-component



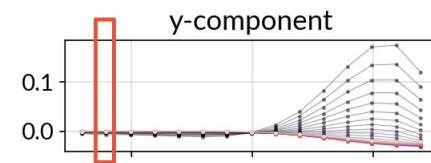
y-component



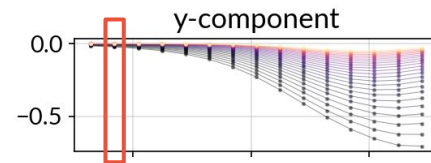
y-component



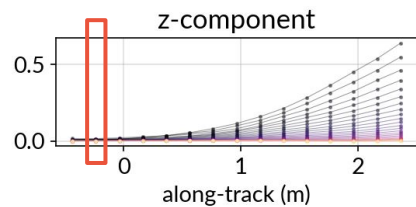
y-component



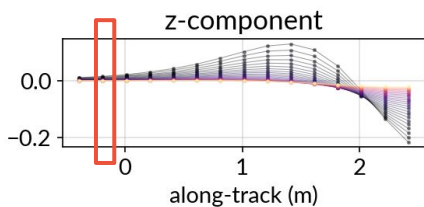
y-component



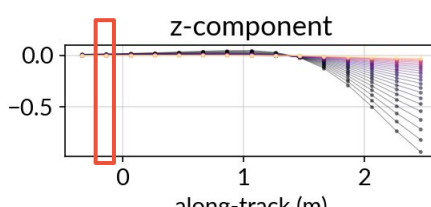
z-component



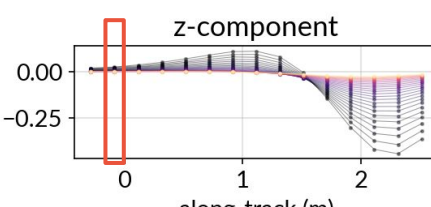
z-component



z-component



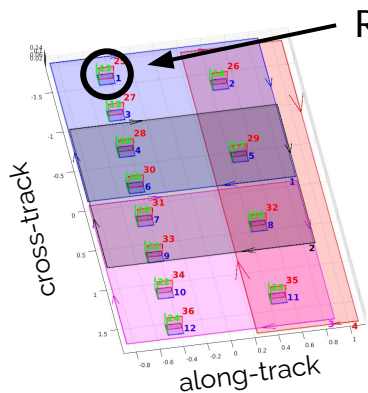
z-component





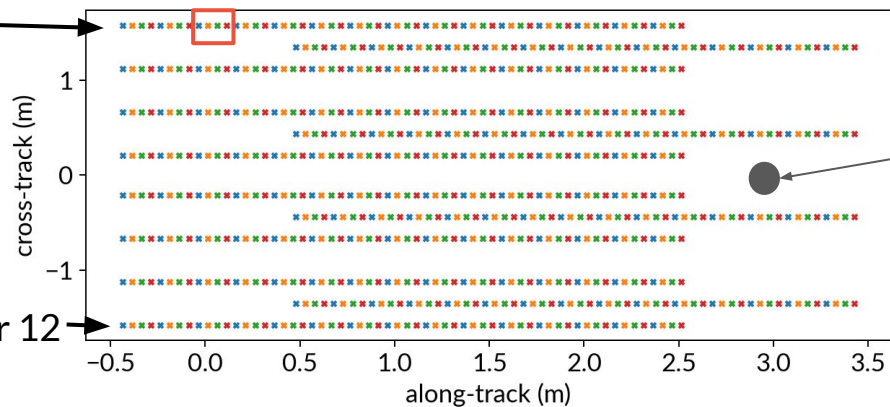
# Data

moving  
direction

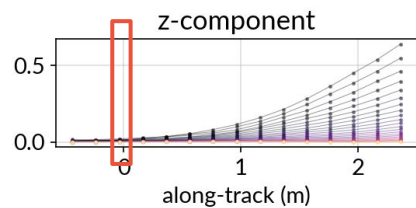
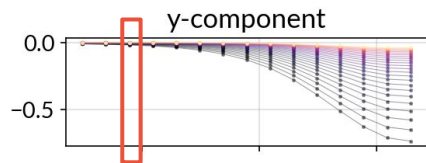
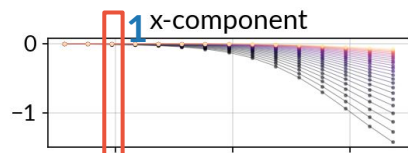


Receiver 1

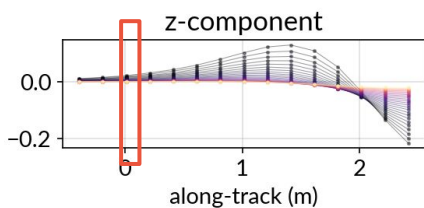
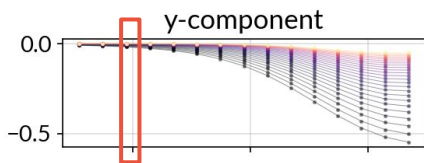
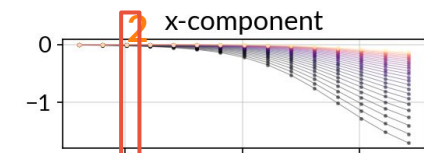
Receiver 12



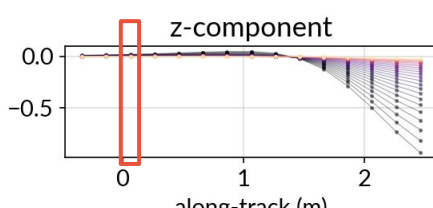
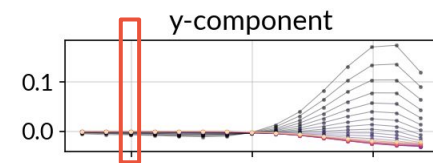
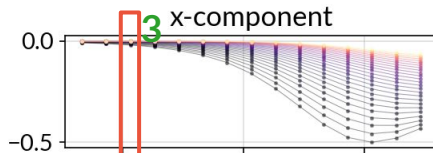
Transmitter



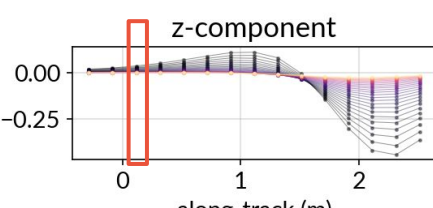
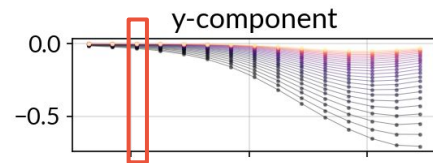
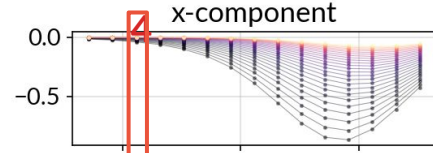
Transmitter



Transmitter

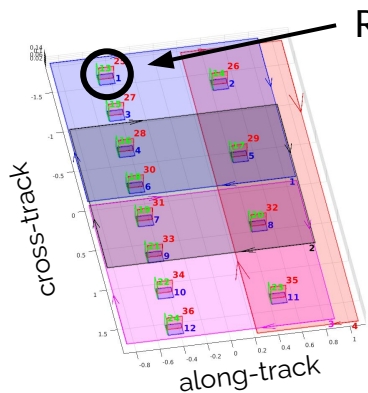


Transmitter



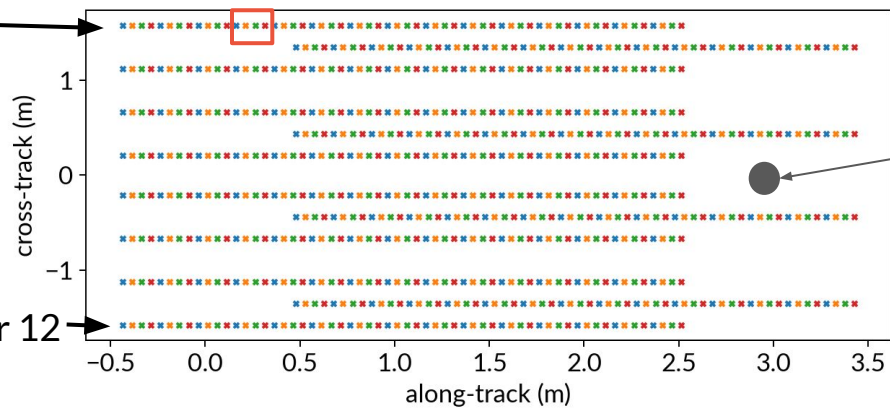
# Data

moving  
direction



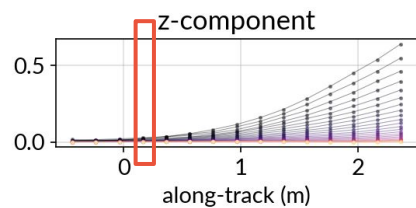
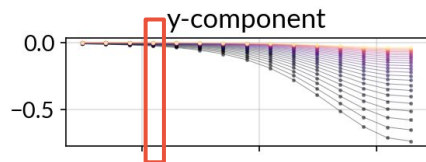
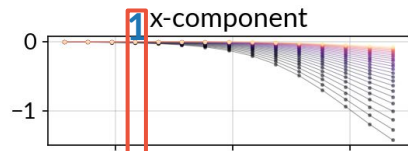
Receiver 1

Receiver 12

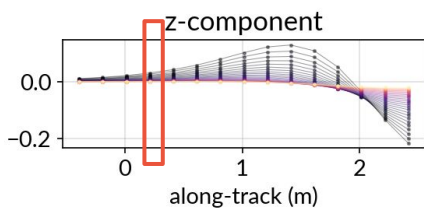
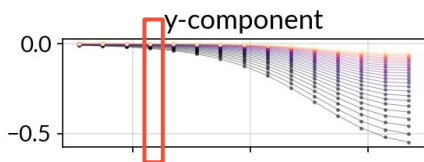
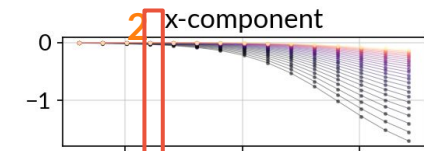


UXO

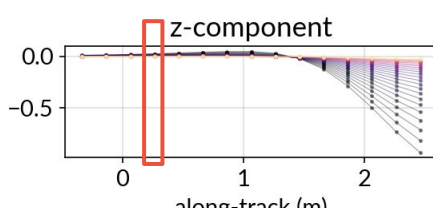
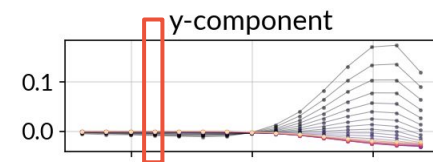
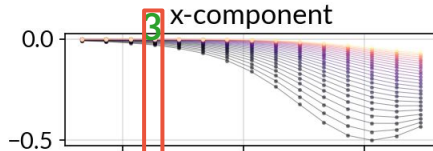
**Transmitter**



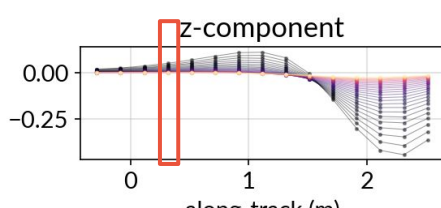
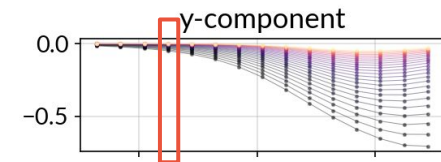
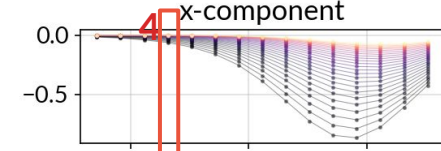
**Transmitter**



**Transmitter**



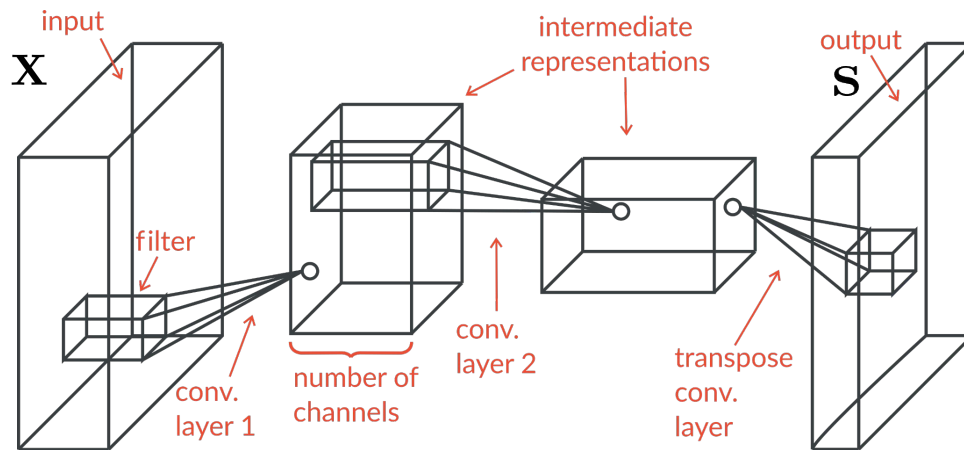
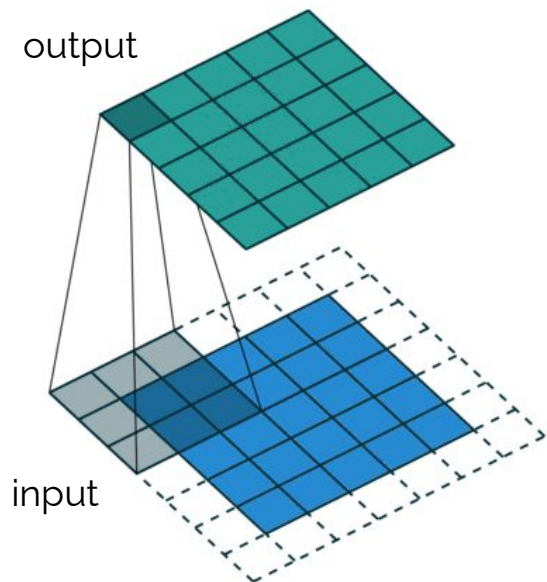
**Transmitter**





# Can we classify directly from data?

Densely sampled data and correlated in space and time: a good candidate for convolutional neural networks.



$$\mathbf{s} = \mathcal{F}_{\theta}(\mathbf{X})$$

# Convolutional Neural Networks

Supervised classification problem

provided data with labels, construct a function (network) that outputs labels given input data

Input

Features

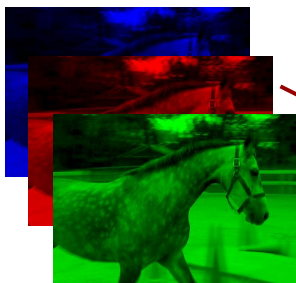
Neural network

Class probabilities

predicted

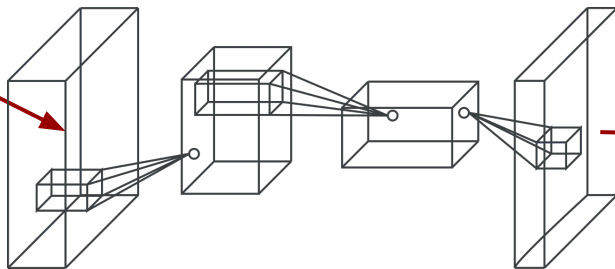
true

Image segmentation



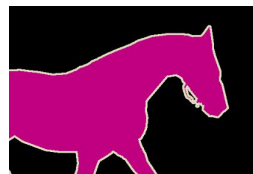
$(n_x \times n_y \times 3)$

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathcal{F}_\theta(\mathbf{X})$$



$\mathbf{S}$

$p(j|\mathbf{s})$



# Convolutional Neural Networks

## Training

define an optimization problem to estimate network parameters

Input

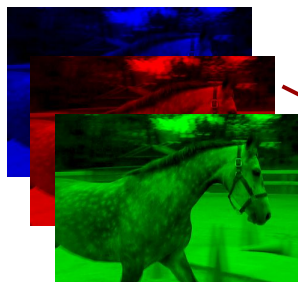
Features

Neural network

Class probabilities

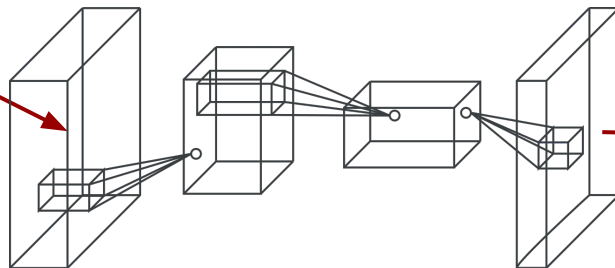
predicted

true



$\mathbf{X}$

$(n_x \times n_y \times 3)$

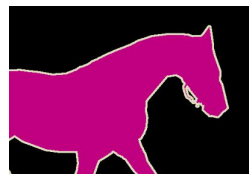


$$\mathbf{s} = \mathcal{F}_{\theta}(\mathbf{X})$$

trainable parameters

$\mathbf{S}$

$$p(j|\mathbf{s})$$

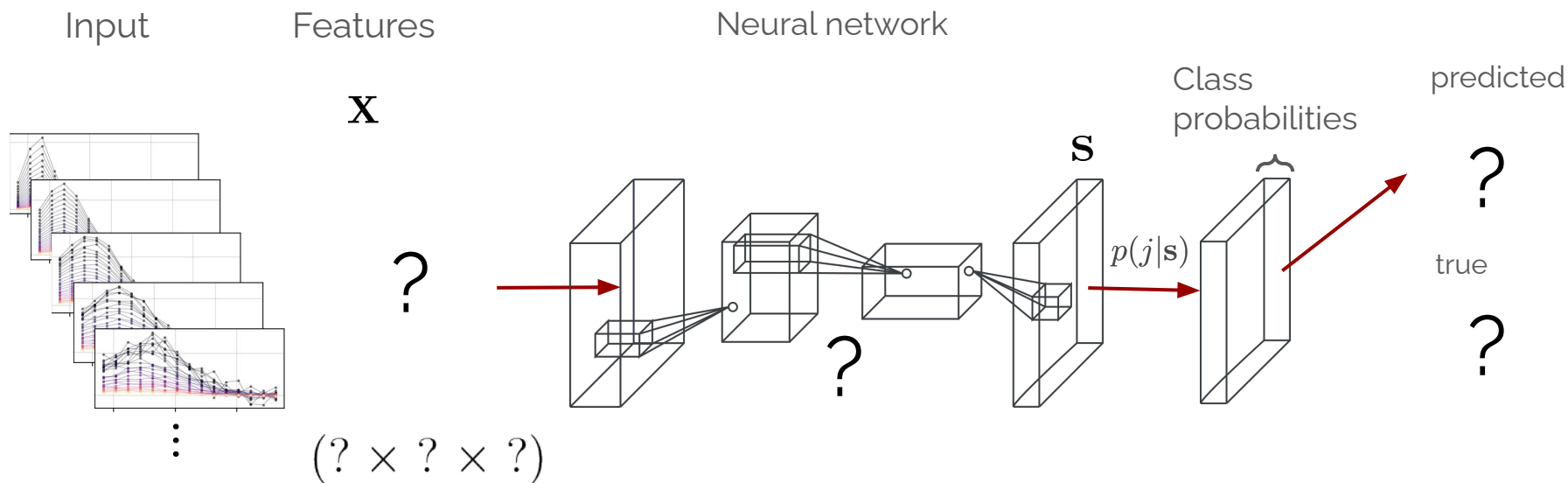


Measure: cross entropy loss

$$\min_{\theta} \phi = - \sum q_j \log(p_j)$$

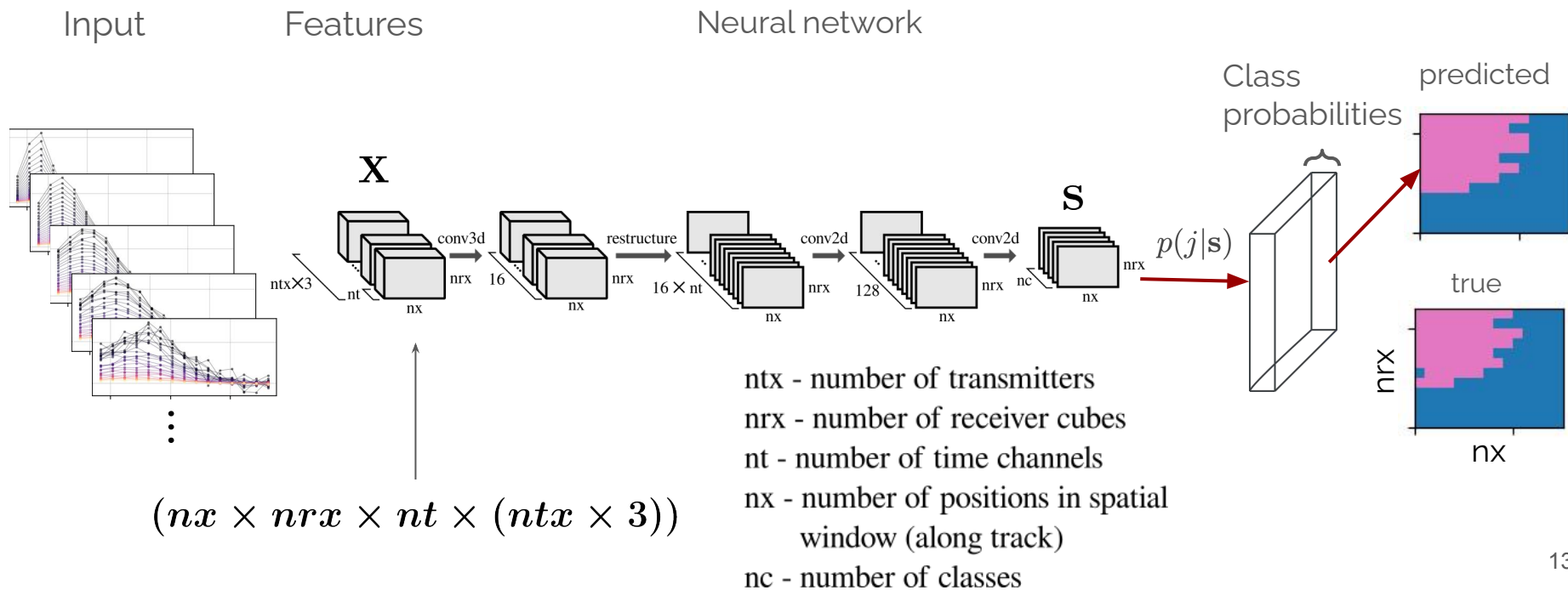
# Convolutional Neural Networks

How do we translate these things to the UXO classification problem?



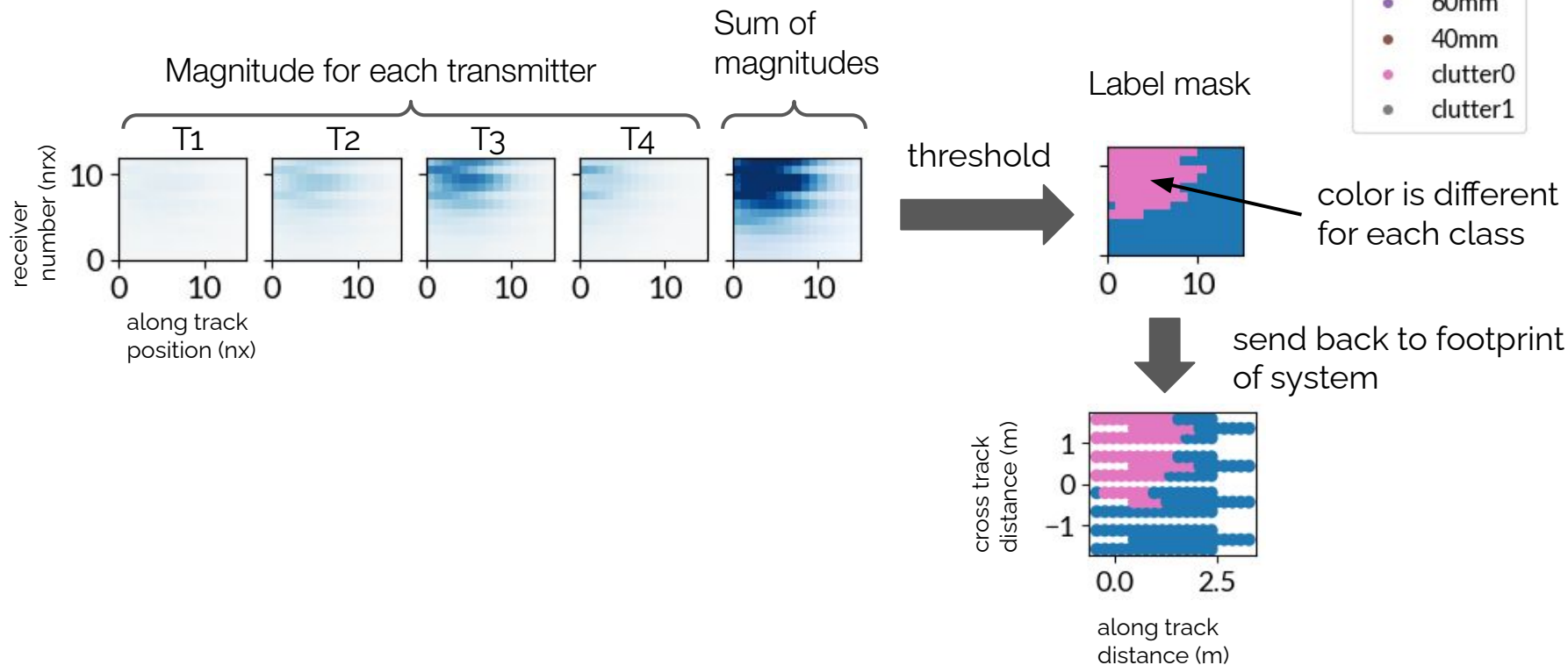
# Convolutional Neural Networks

How do we translate these things to the UXO classification problem?



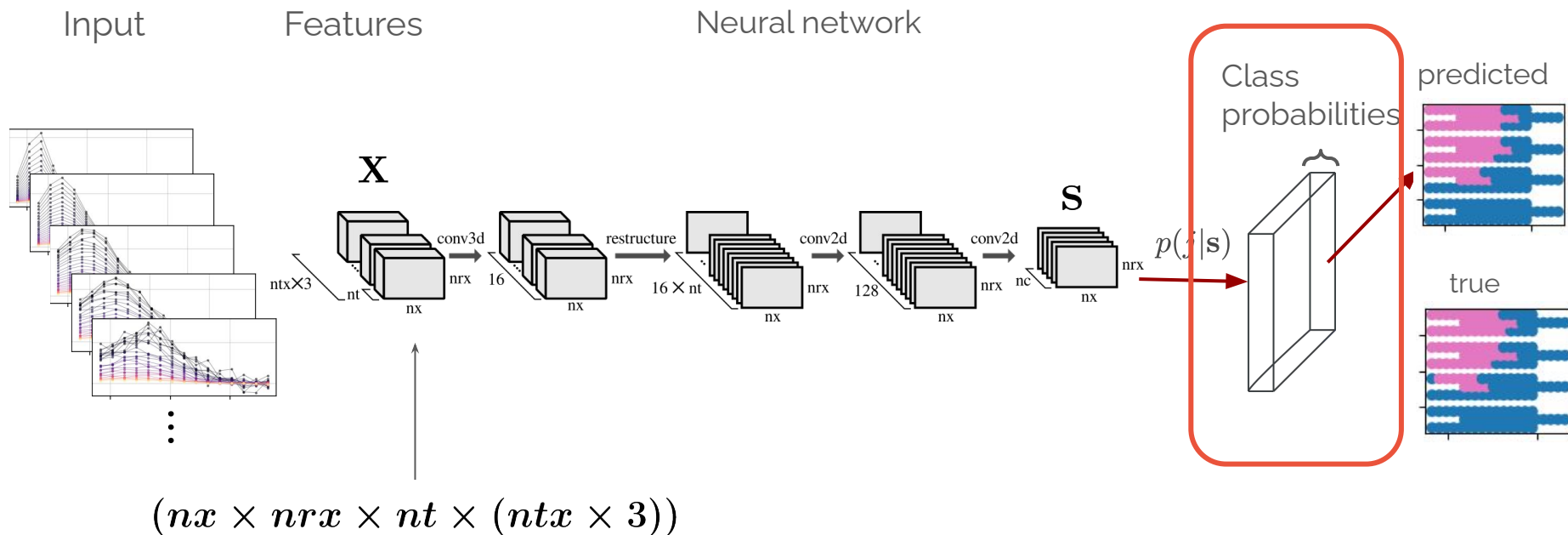


# Defining label masks



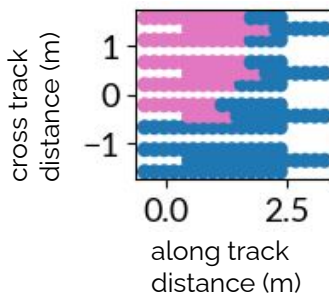
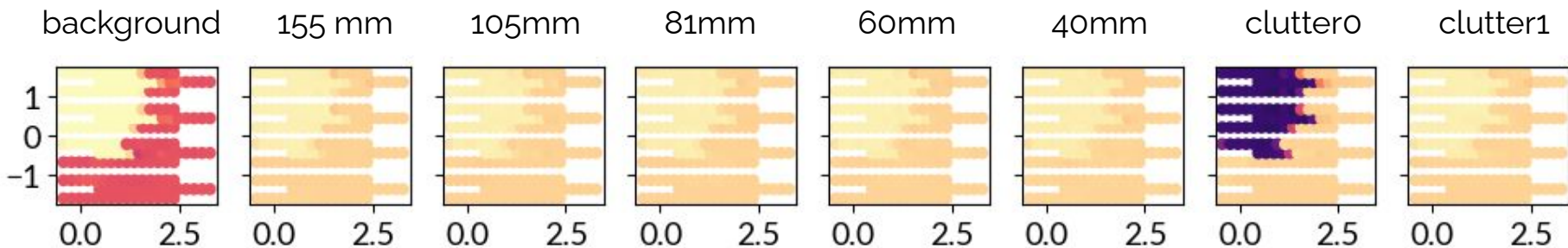
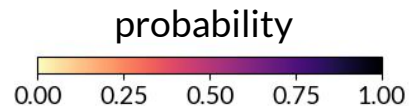
# Convolutional Neural Networks

How do we translate these things to the UXO classification problem?



# Probability layer and classification

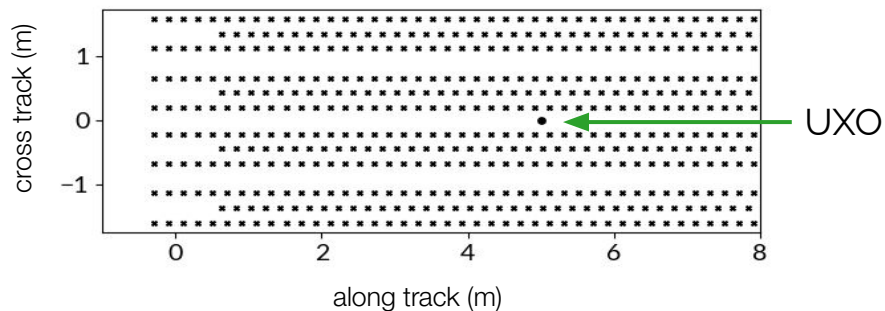
eight different classes:



point-wise classification according to max probability

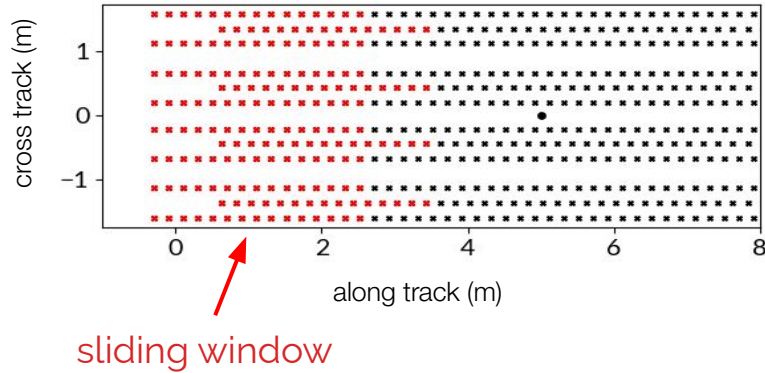
# Application to a line of data

Input features are created by using a sliding window:



# Application to a line of data

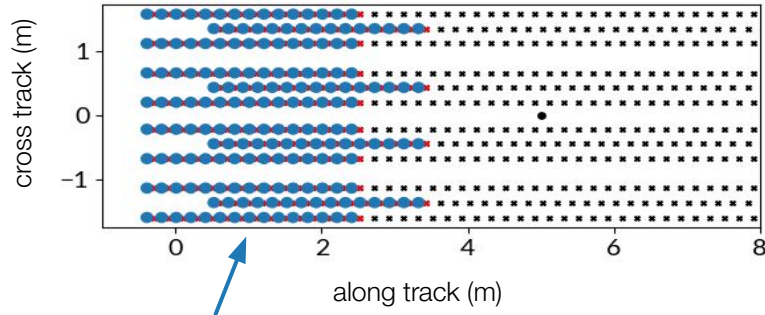
Input features are created by using a sliding window:





# Application to a line of data

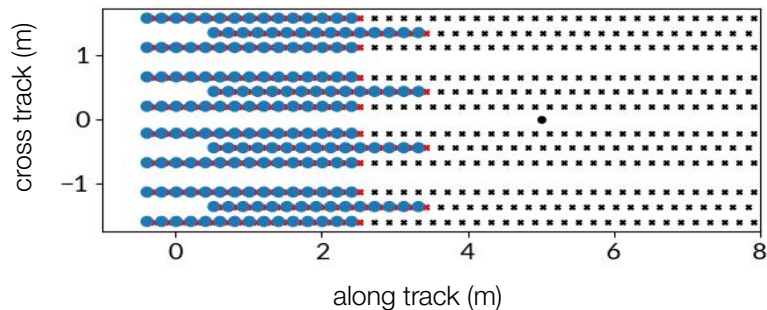
Input features are created by using a sliding window:



Neural network output (class)

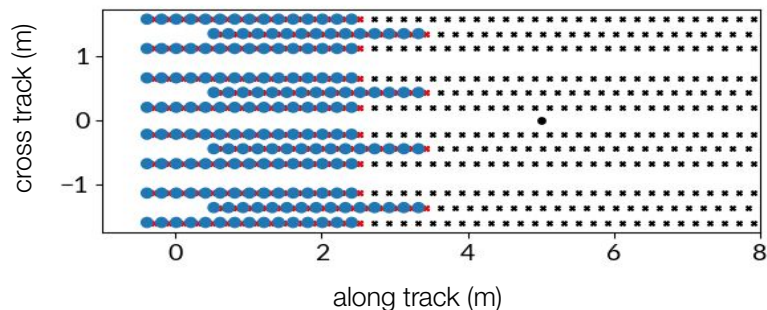
# Application to a line of data

Input features are created by using a sliding window:

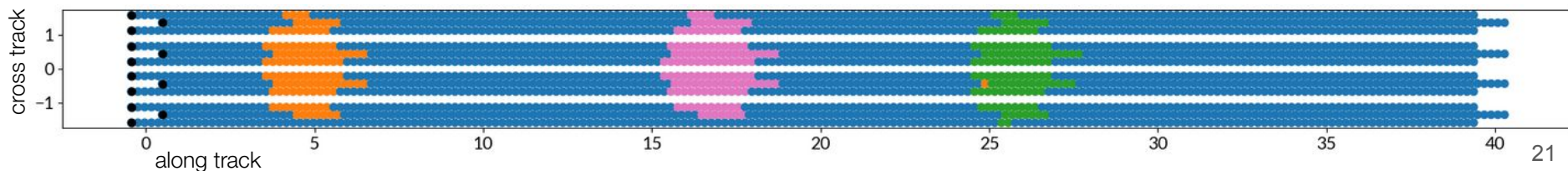


# Application to a line of data

Input features are created by using a sliding window:



Single acquisition line with three objects (classification results)



# Training for marine data

8 classes:

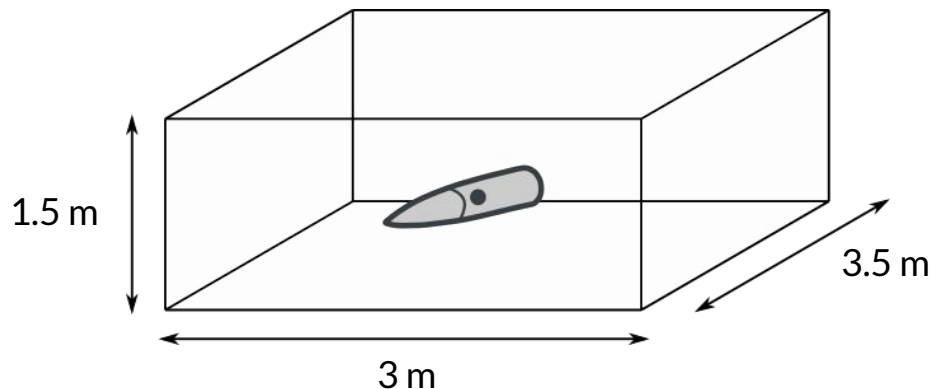
- background
- 155 mm
- 105 mm
- 81 mm
- 60 mm
- 40 mm
- Clutter0 (spheres and disks)
- Clutter1 (rods)

# of realizations:

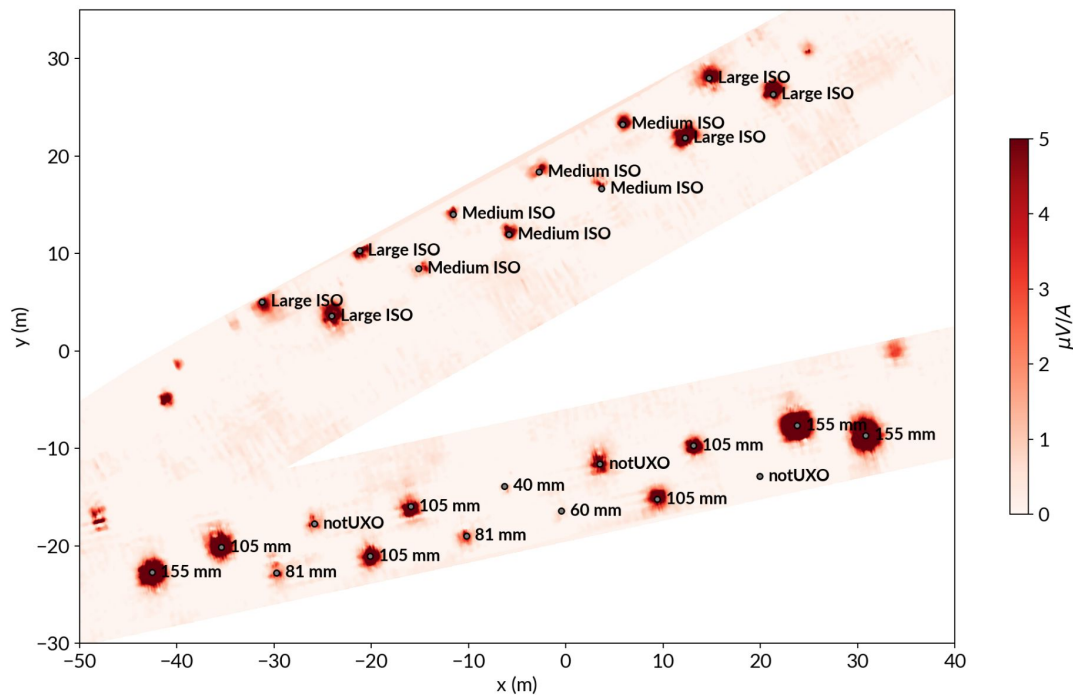
- Training: 8192, 81920
- Test and validation: 1024, 1024

Randomly assign:

- Target class
- Location  $(x, y, z)$
- Orientation  $(\phi, \theta, \psi)$
- Noise level: approximate from background areas in the field data



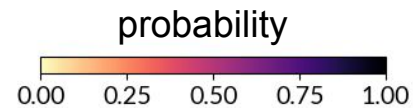
# Calibration line Sequim Bay 2021



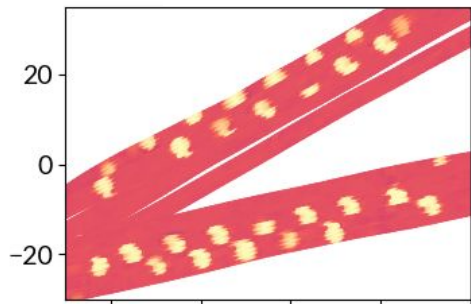
- 12 acquisition lines
- Current CNN requires seawater response removed
- Some ISOs present, we used only UXO objects to train (e.g. medium ISO ~ 61mm)



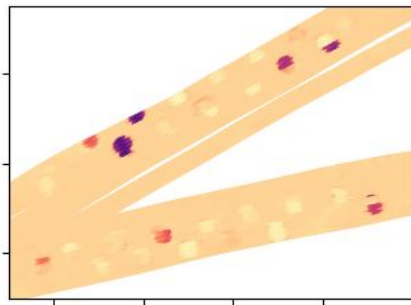
# Probability output of CNN



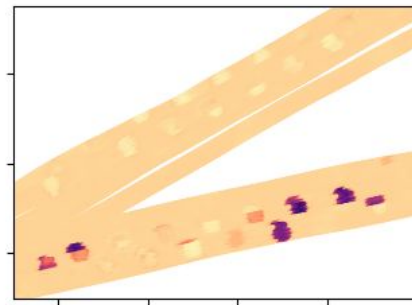
background



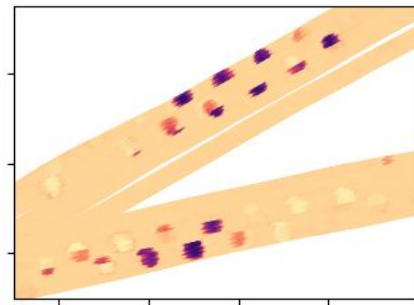
105mm



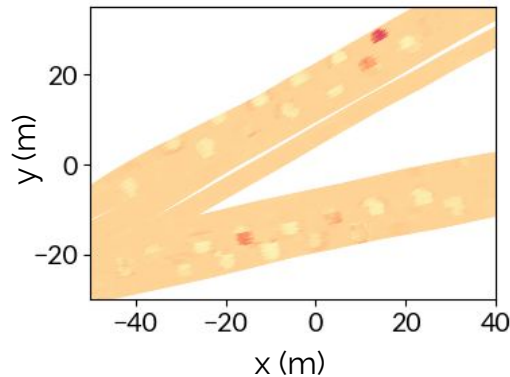
155mm



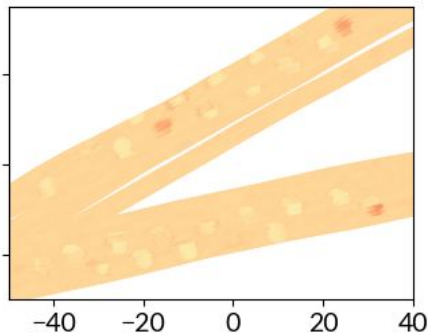
81mm



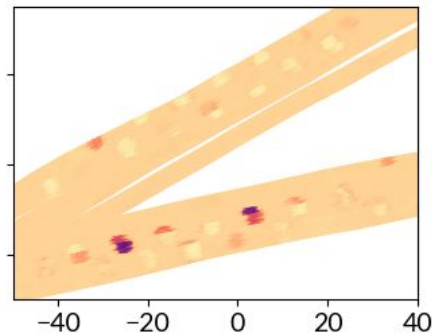
60mm



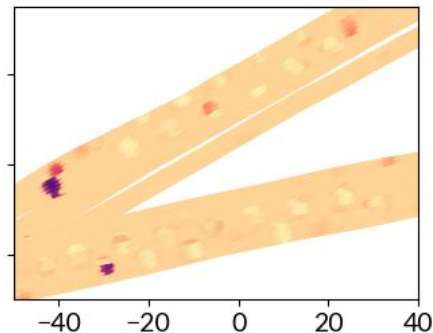
40mm



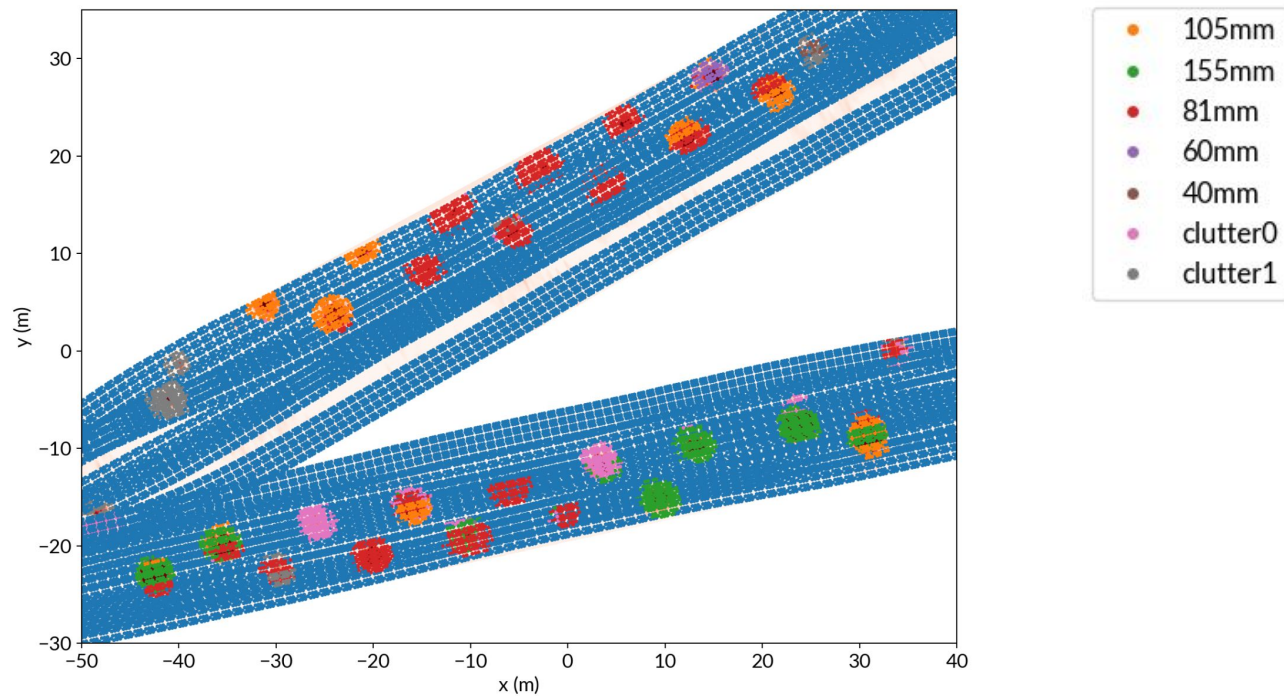
clutter0



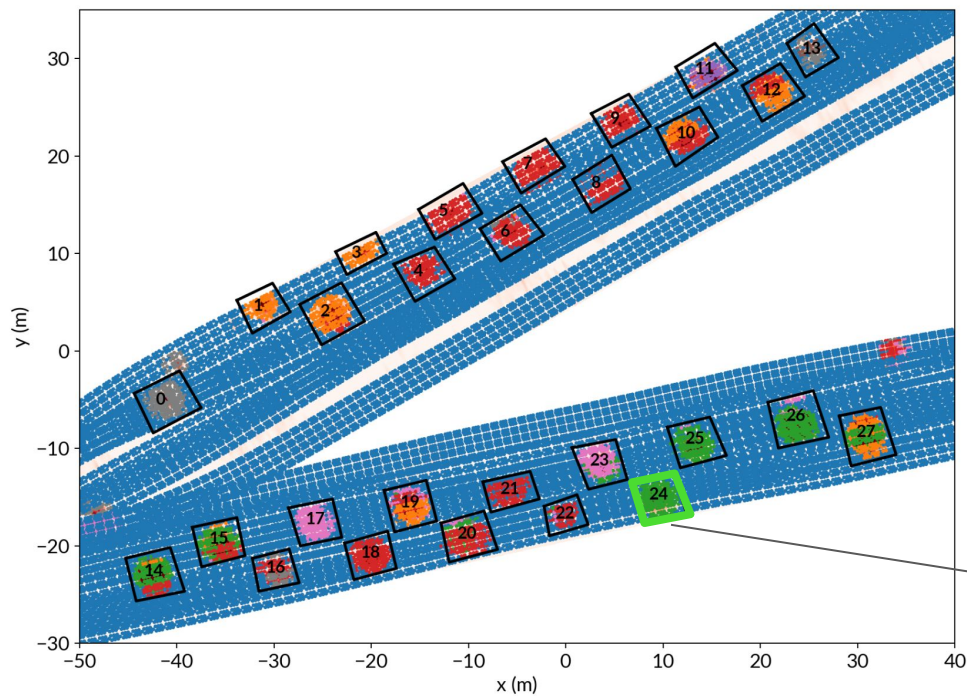
clutter1



# Classification output of CNN - calibration line 2021

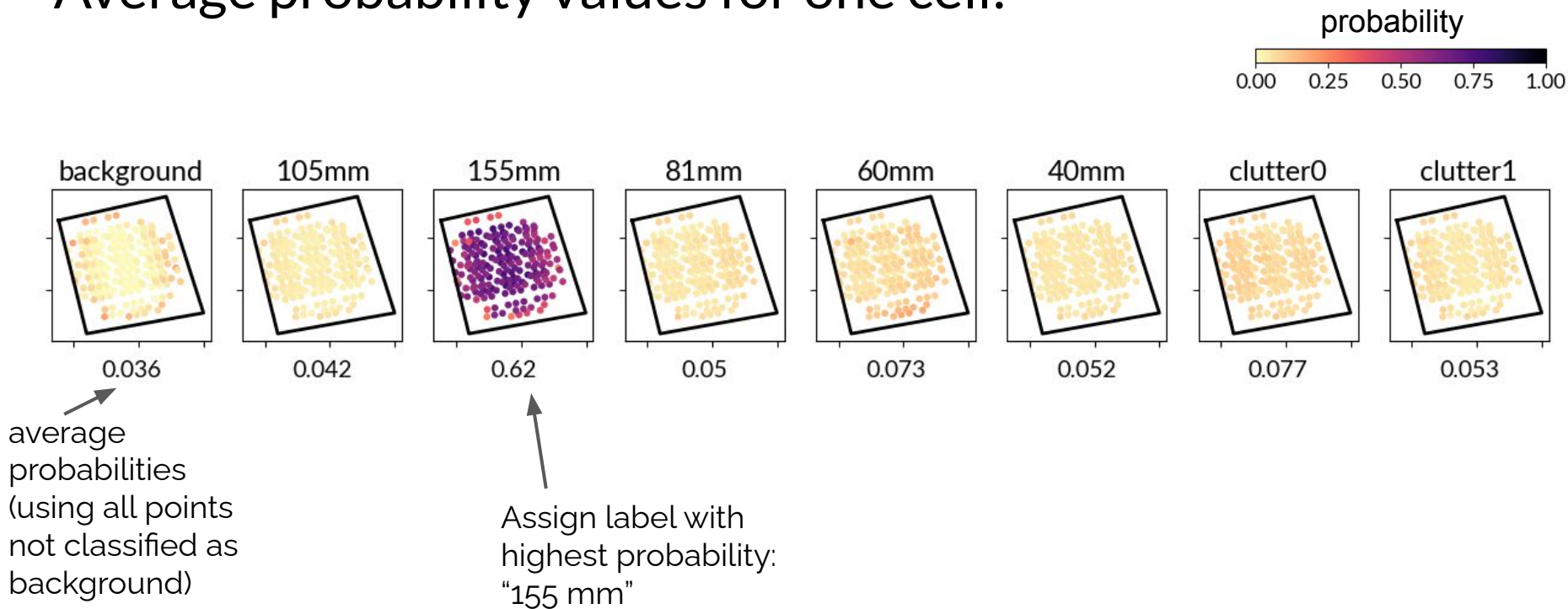


# Divide in cells to get a single probability value per cell:

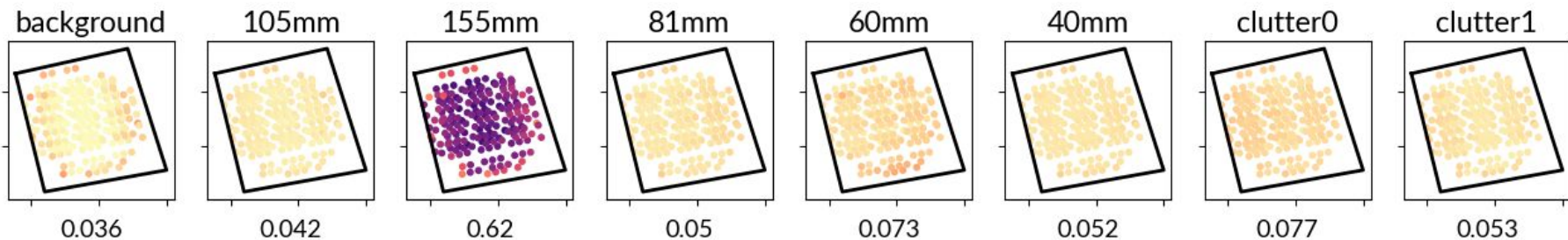
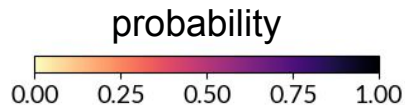


Get average probability for cell and assign final label

# Average probability values for one cell:



# Average probability values for one cell:



average  
probabilities  
(using all points  
not classified as  
background)

Assign label with  
highest probability:  
"155 mm"

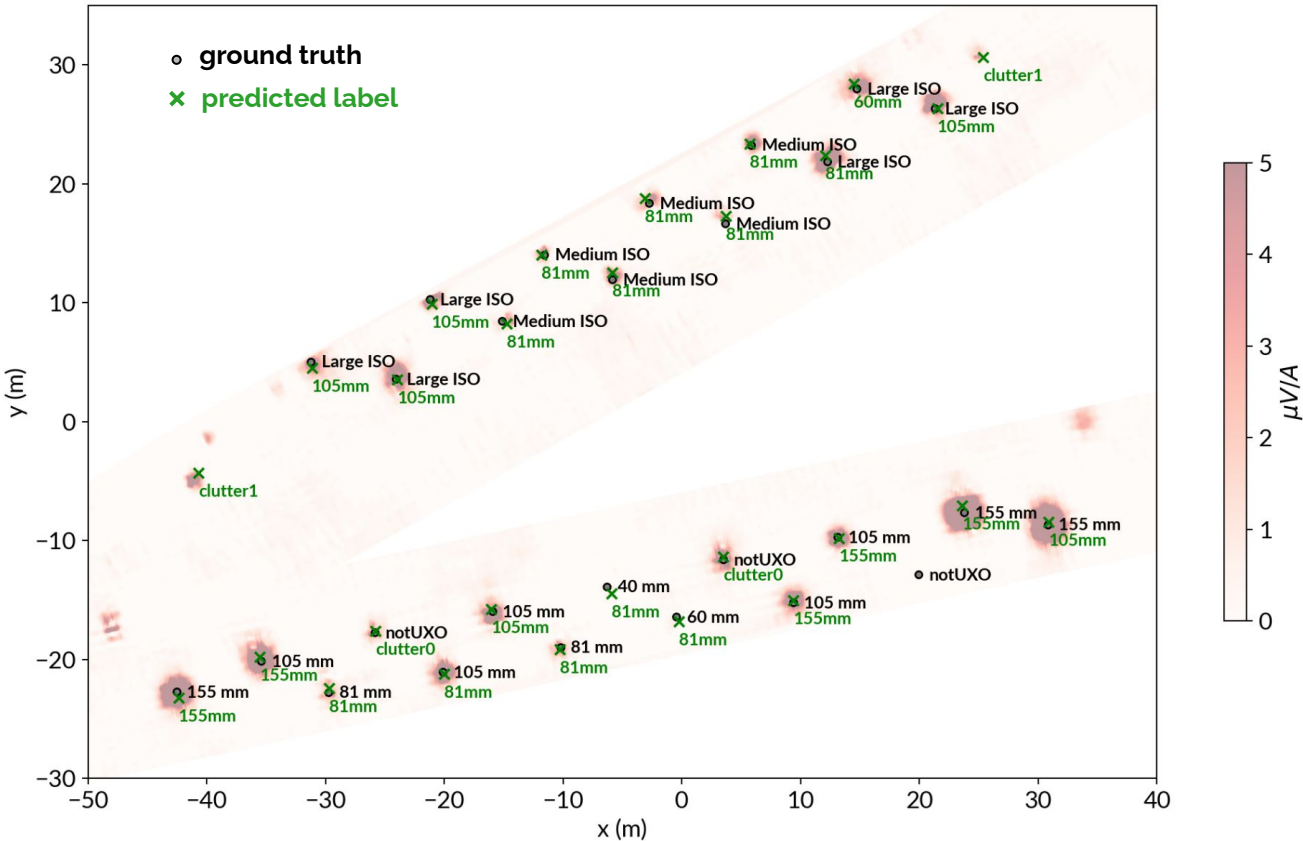
If object is classified as "clutter",  
apply "safety" rule.

## Safety rule:

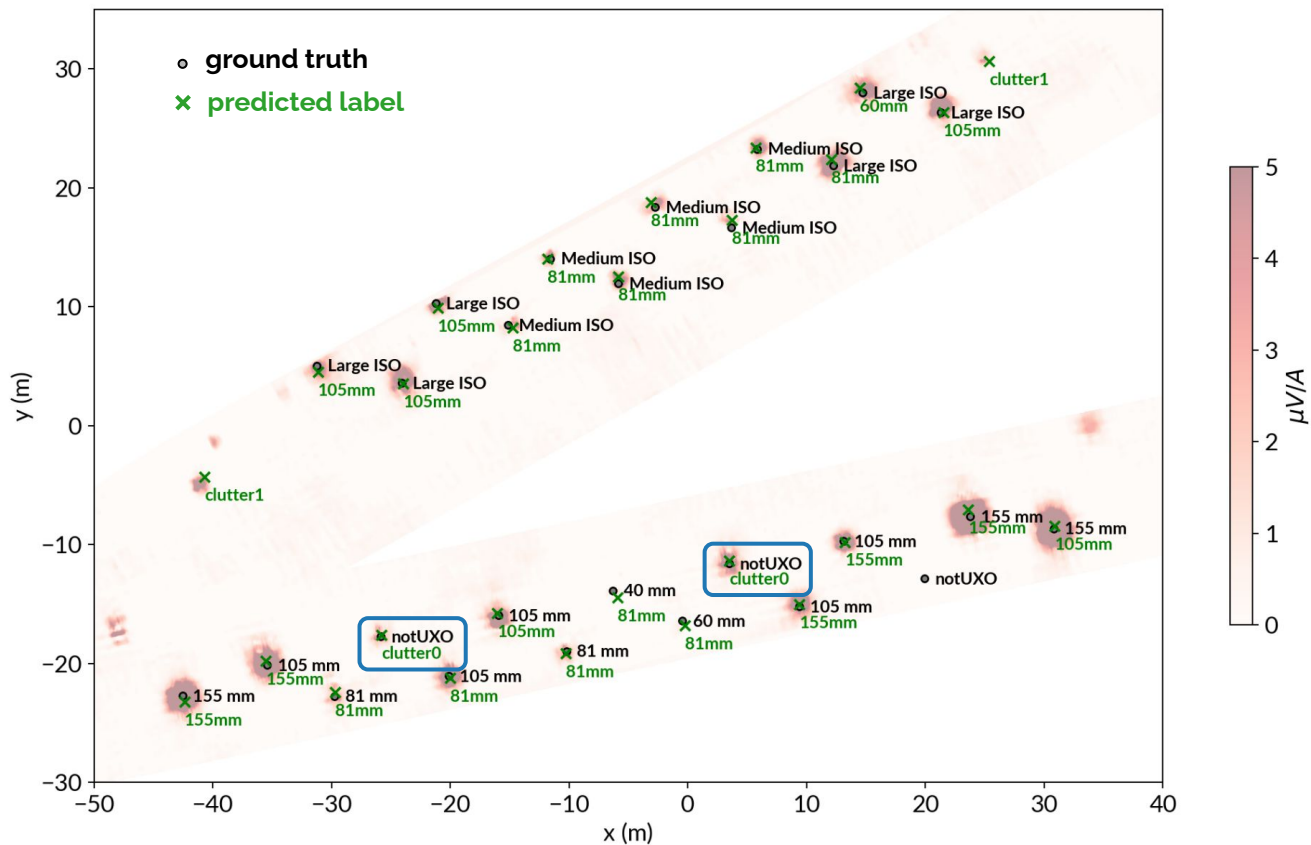
if  $\text{prob}(\text{clutter}) < 0.3$  then change  
label to next likely UXO



## Predicted labels vs truth labels - calibration line 2021



# Predicted labels vs truth labels - calibration line 2021



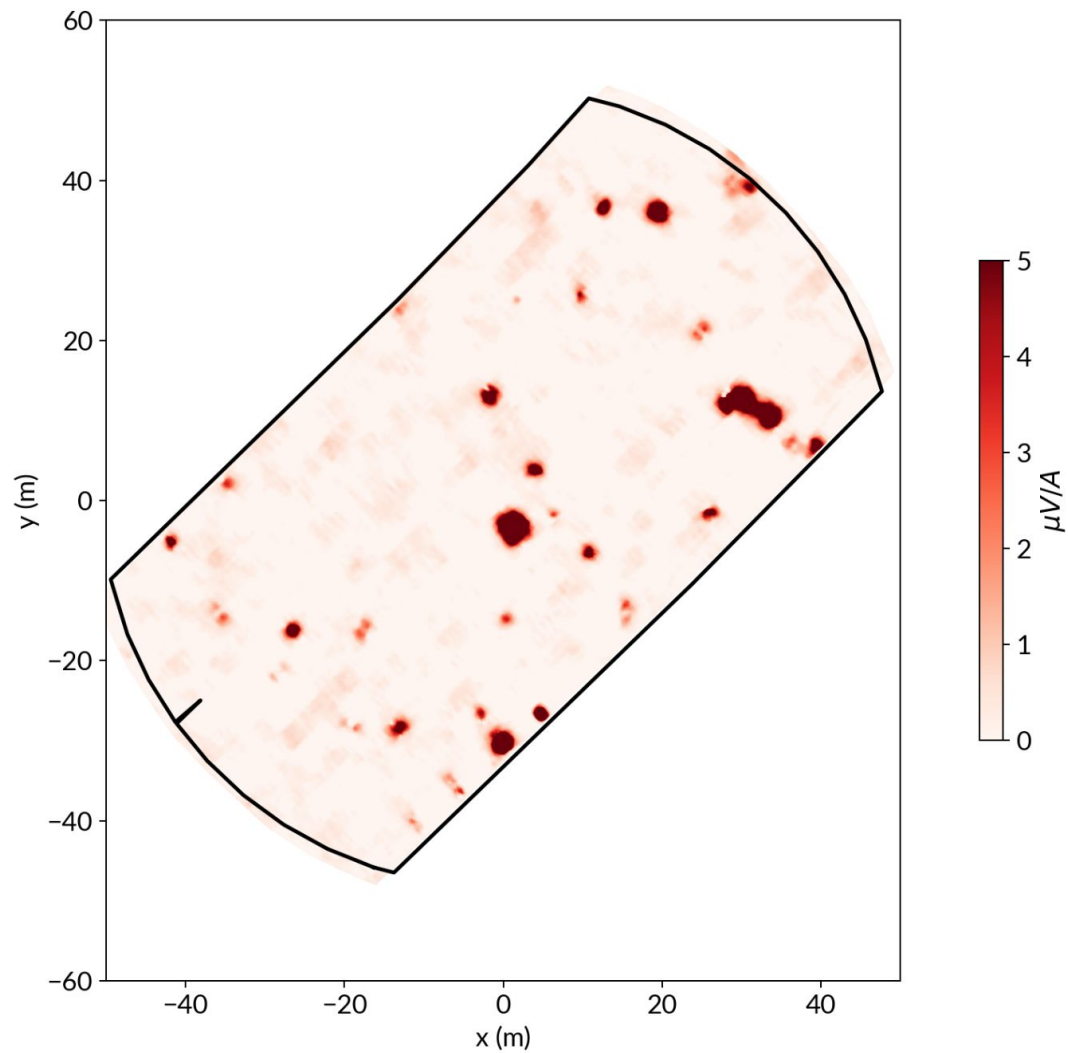
- Correctly predicted clutter





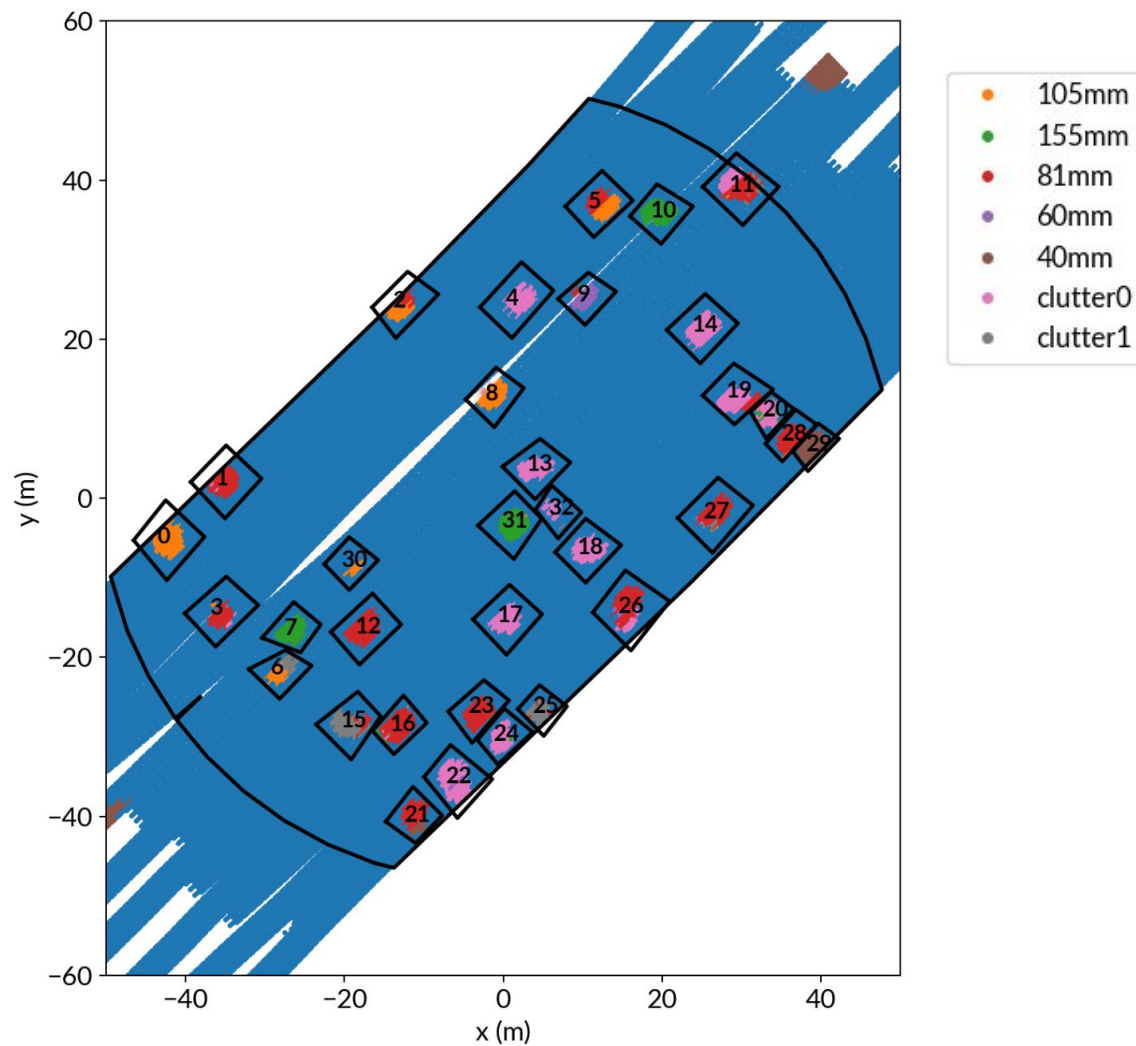
# Blindgrid 2021

## Sequim Bay



# Blindgrid 2021 Sequim Bay

CNN classification output

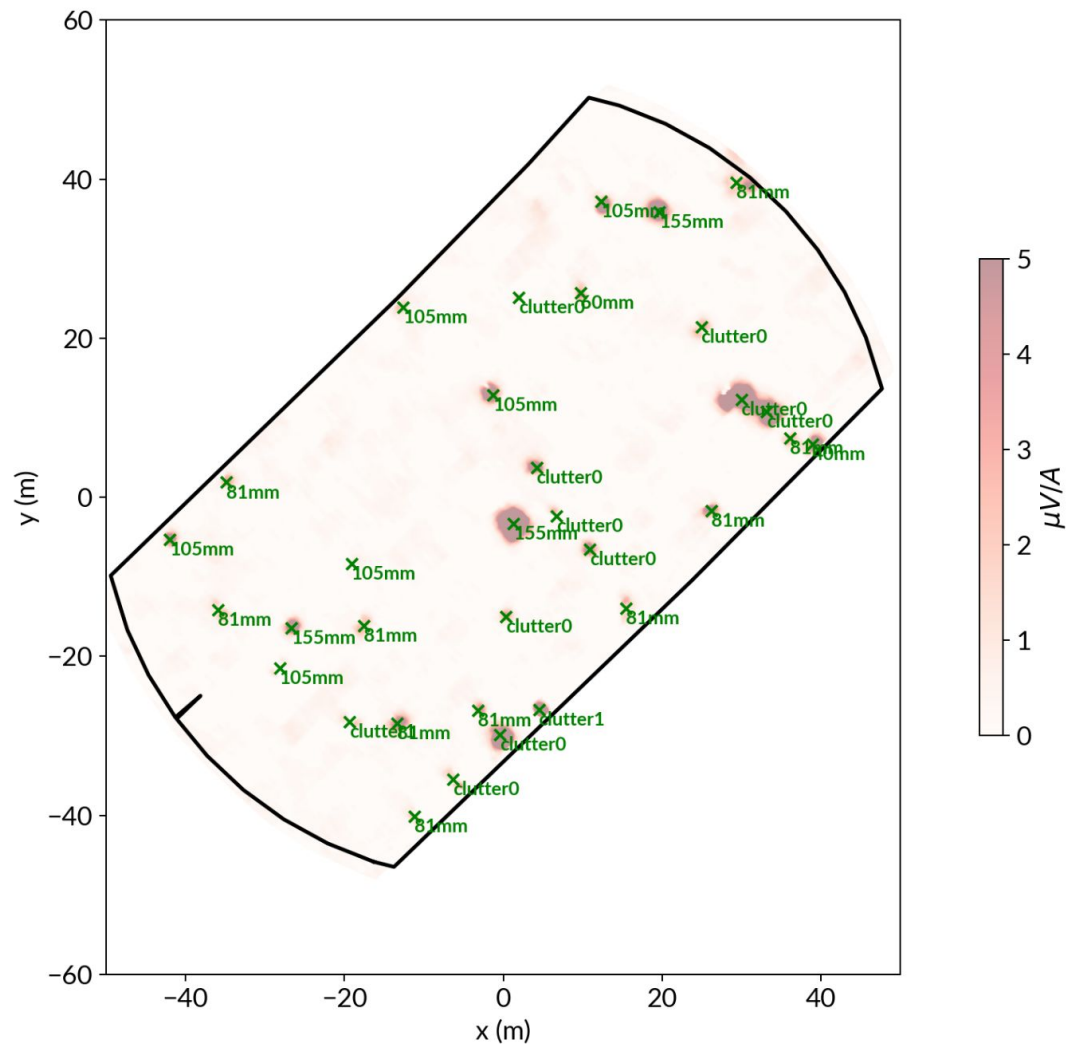


# Blindgrid 2021

## Sequim Bay

Predicted labels

rank	label	prob.	dig
1	40mm	0.74	1
2	105mm	0.66	1
3	81mm	0.60	1
⋮			
32	clutter0	0.55	0
33	clutter0	0.61	0





# Concluding remarks:

- A CNN with image segmentation architecture was successfully used to classify UXOs from marine EM data
- Some limitations:
  - CNN is relatively sensitive to effectiveness of seawater response removal
  - Objects used to generate synthetic data should be close to the objects on the field (CNNs perform poorly when extrapolating)
  - Full inputs needed (if one receiver or transmitter is missing, we skip that window)
- Future work:
  - Try different seawater response removal or training with seawater response
  - Explore ways to share information between different acquisition lines

# Concluding remarks:

- A CNN with image segmentation architecture was successfully used to classify UXOs from marine EM data
- Some limitations:
  - CNN is relatively sensitive to effectiveness of seawater response removal
  - Objects used to generate synthetic data should be close to the objects on the field (CNNs perform poorly when extrapolating)
  - Full inputs needed (if one receiver or transmitter is missing, we skip that window)
- Future work:
  - Try different seawater response removal or training with seawater response
  - Explore ways to share information between different acquisition lines

Thank you!

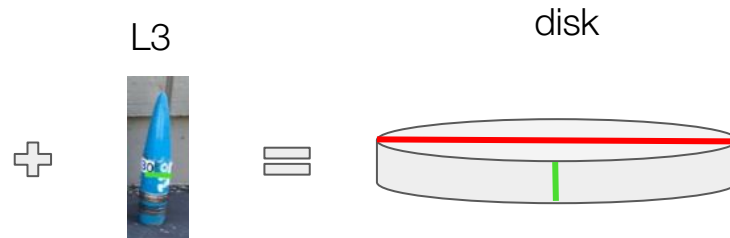


Jorge Lopez-Alvis

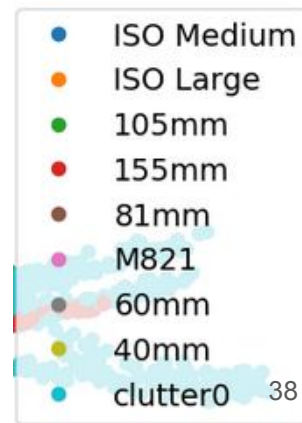
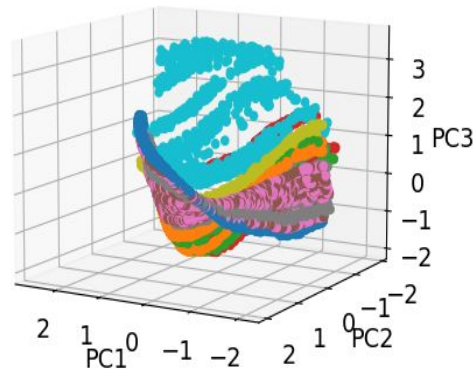
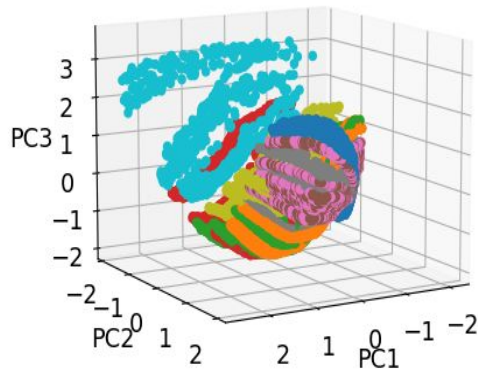
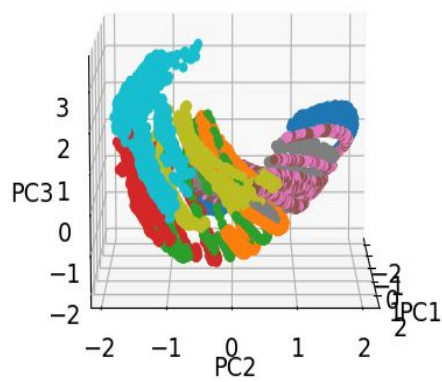
[jlalvis@eoas.ubc.ca](mailto:jlalvis@eoas.ubc.ca)

# Clutter design

L1 and L2

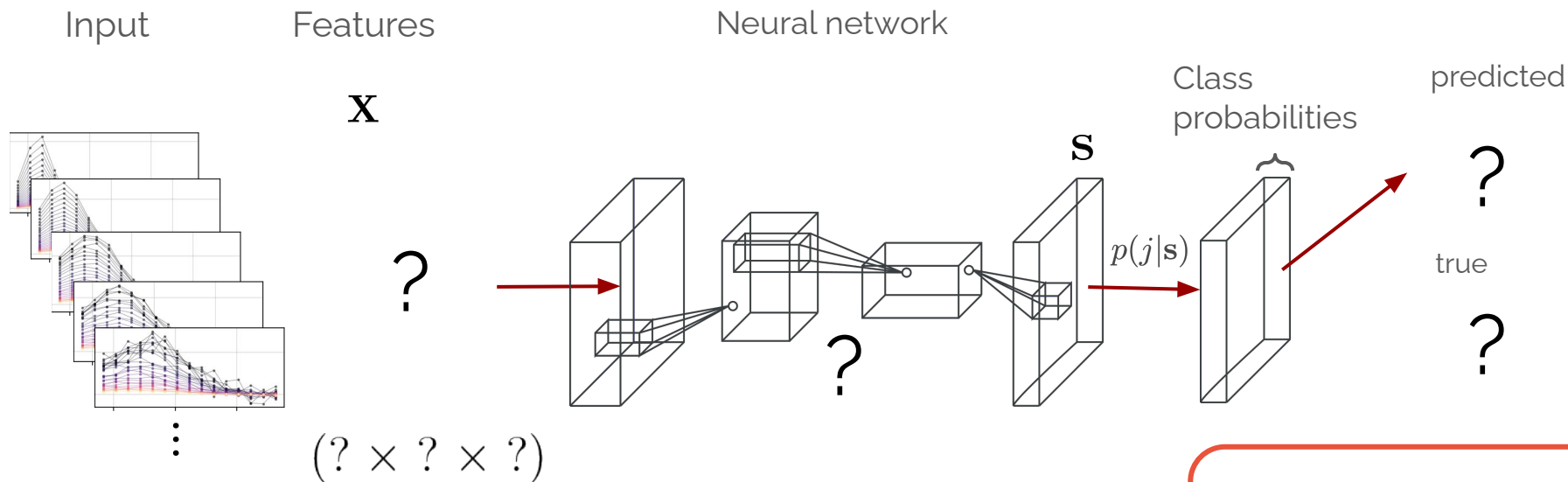


PCA was helpful to decide whether clutter objects are very close to UXOs:



# Convolutional Neural Networks

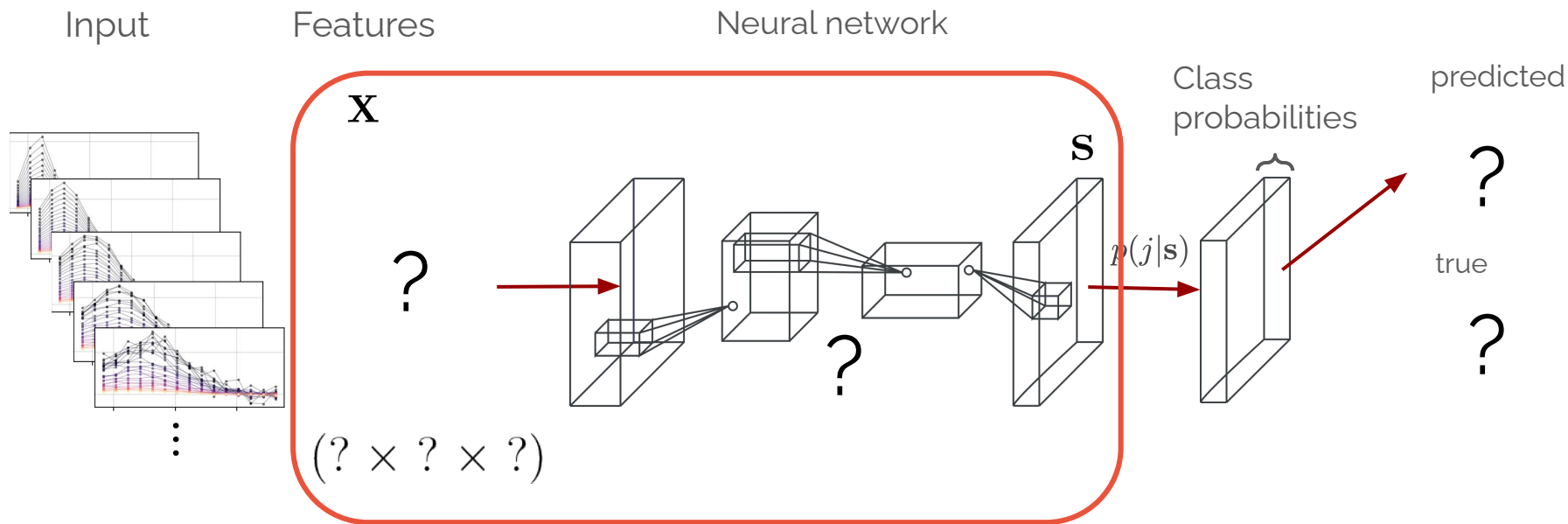
How do we translate these things to the UXO classification problem?



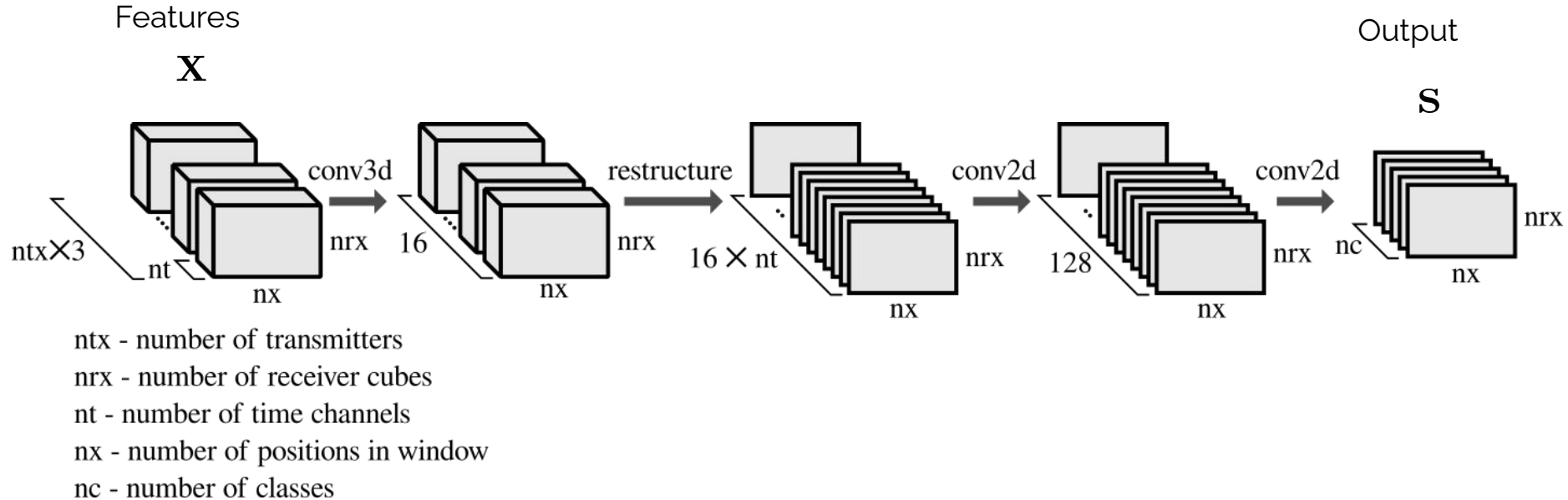
Training with synthetic data  
(using UXO library)

# Convolutional Neural Networks

How do we translate these things to the UXO classification problem?



# CNN - image segmentation architecture



# Convolutional Neural Networks

How do we translate these things to the UXO classification problem?

