

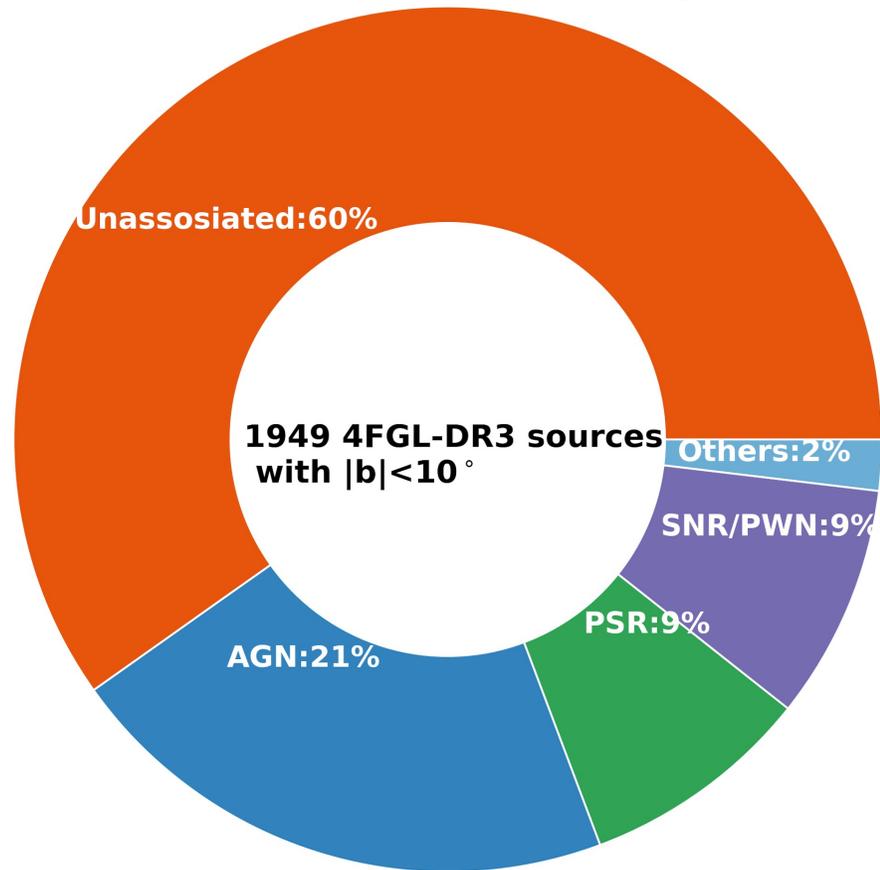


Classification of 4FGL sources with CSCv2 and multi-wavelength surveys

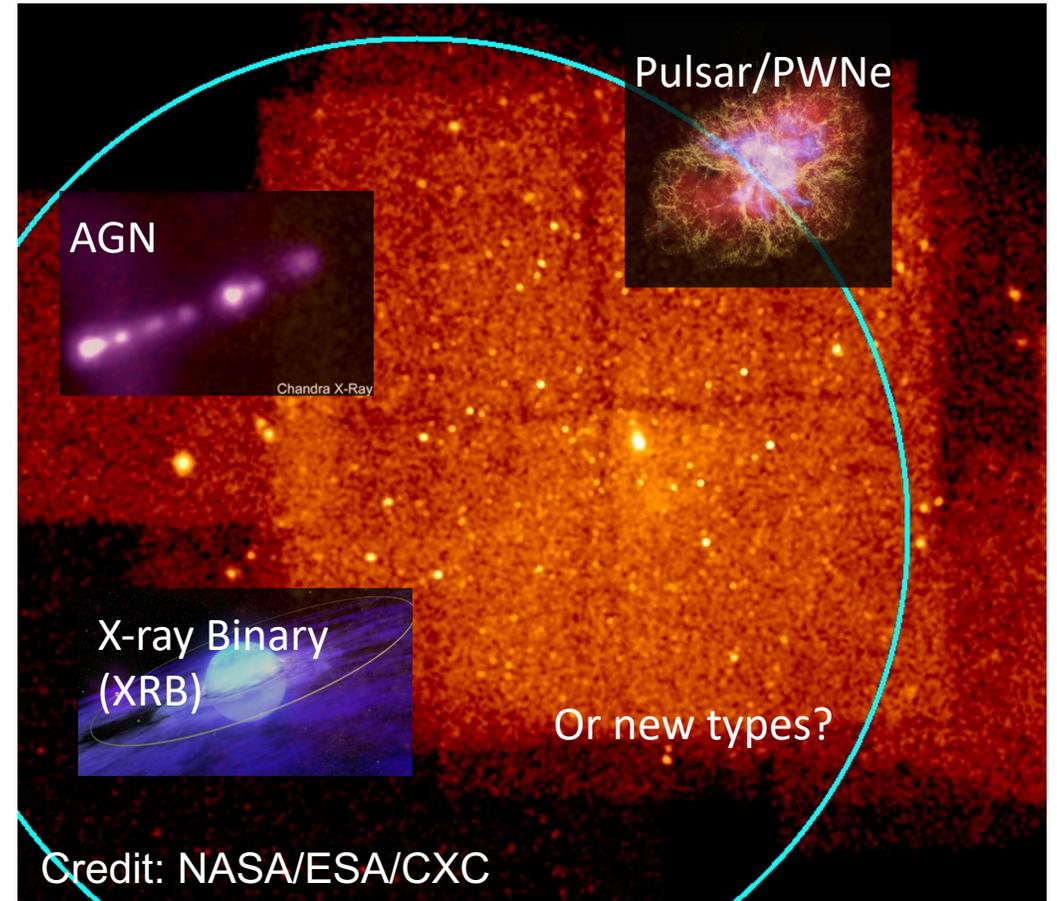
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Unassociated Galactic 4FGL-DR3 sources - identifying X-ray sources of γ -ray emitters



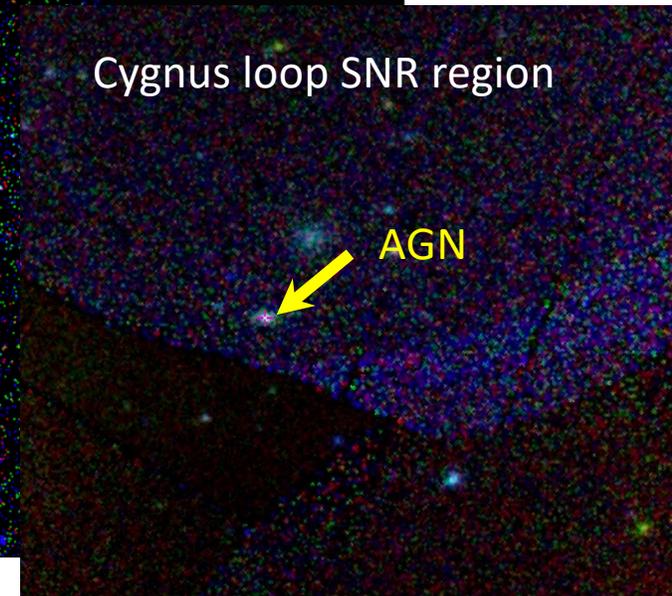
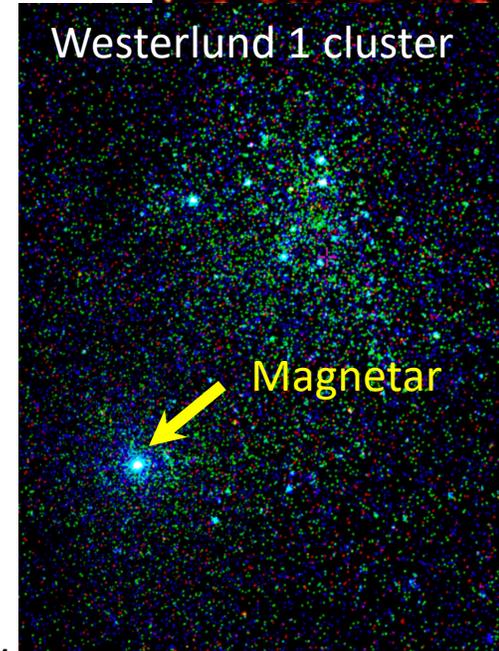
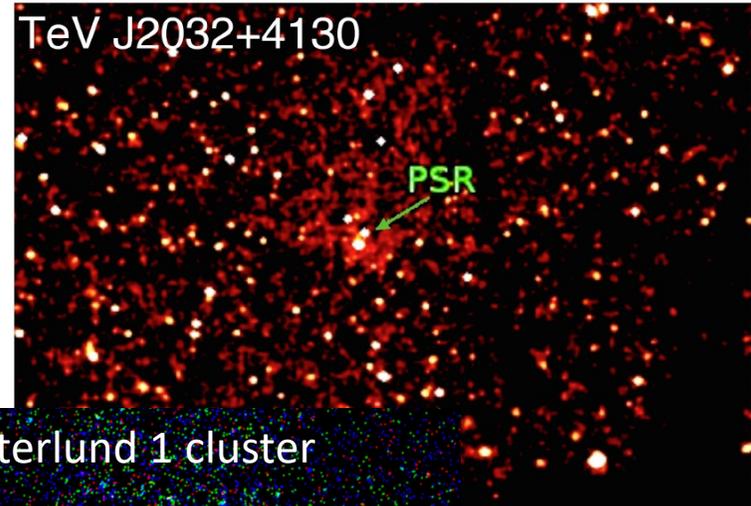
Right: Breakdown of 4FGL-DR3 classifications for Galactic plane sources within $|b| < 10$



Chandra image of γ -ray sources HESS J1809-1917 overlaid with different types of γ -ray emitters

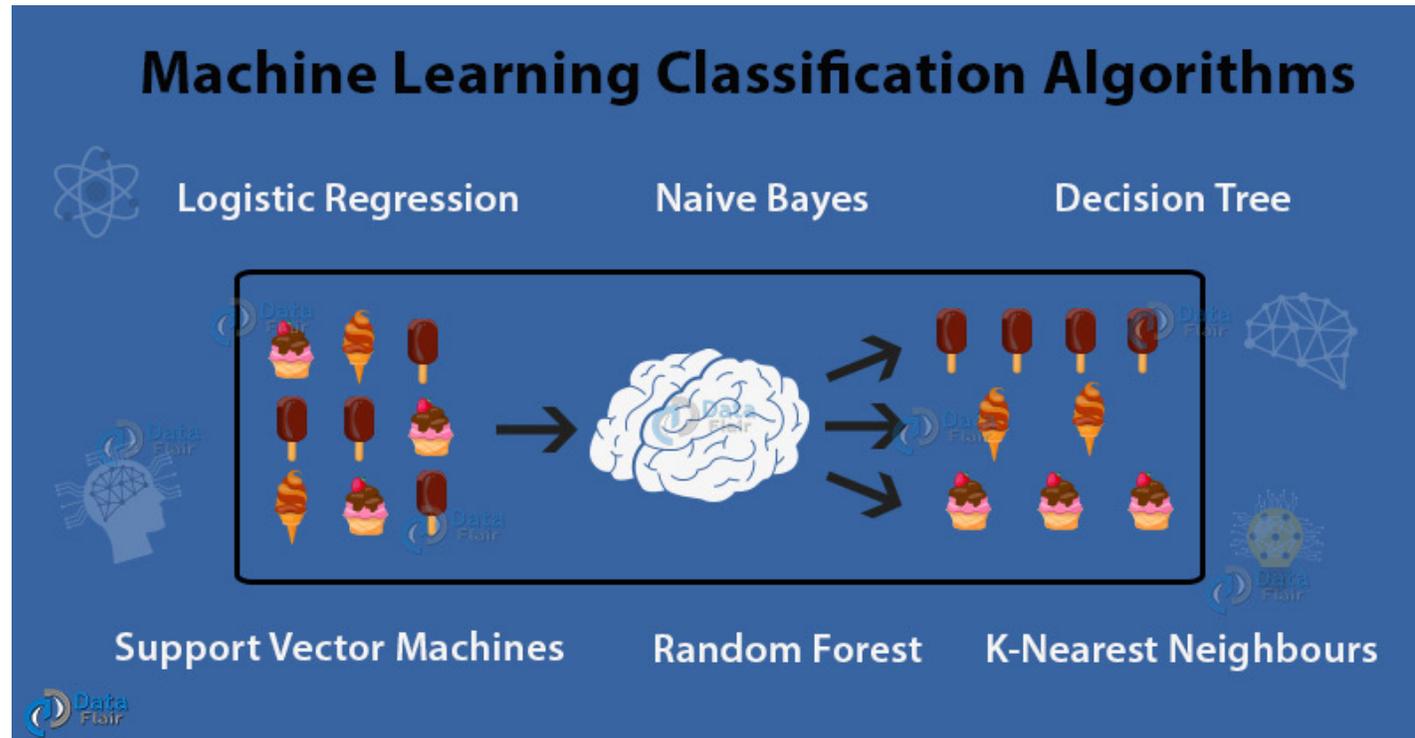
Many PSR, AGN, XRBs may look similar

Majority of X-ray sources are faint, and difficult to distinguish from each other.



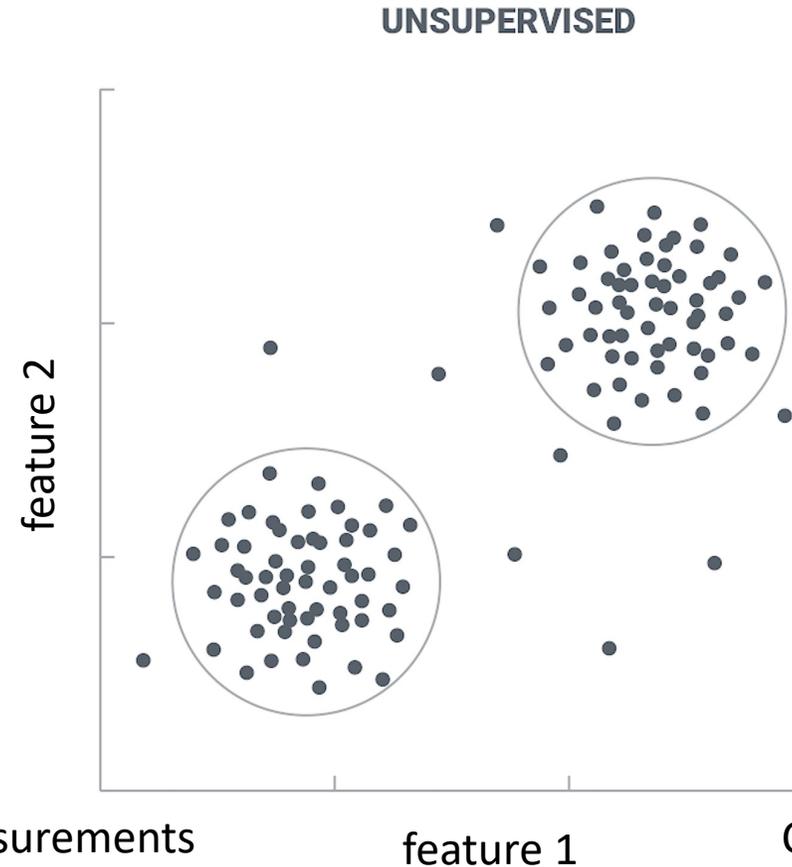
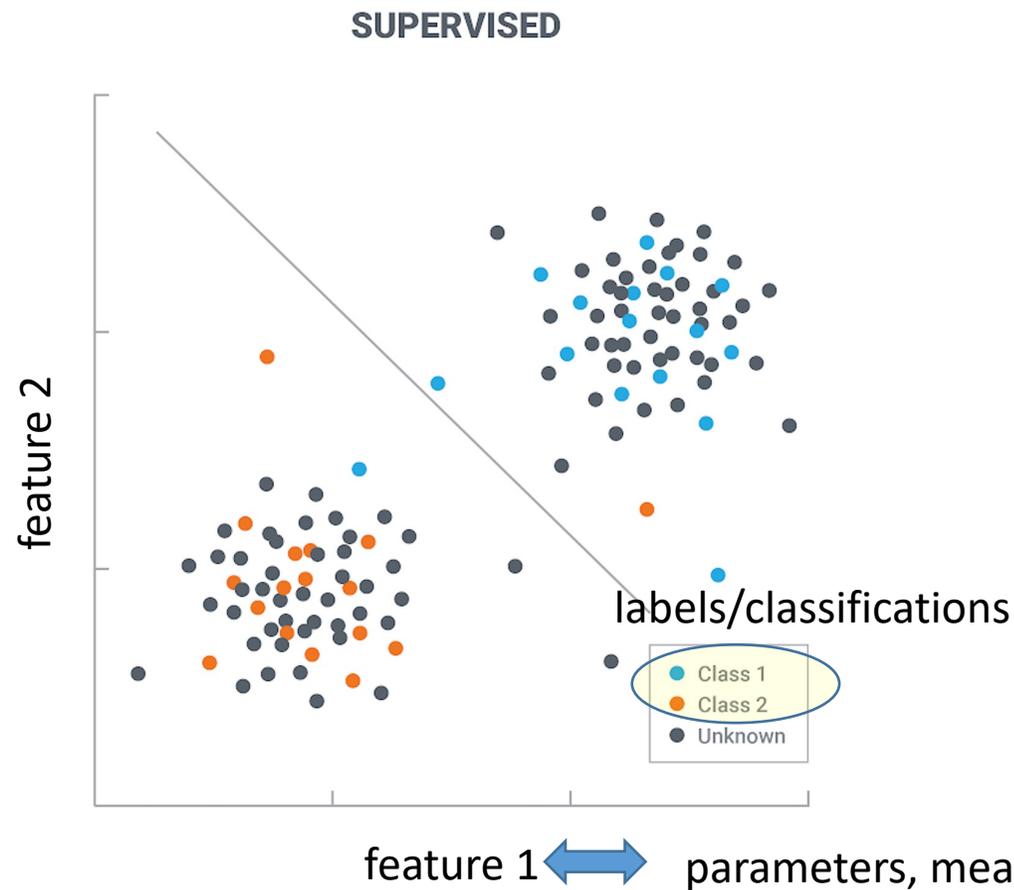
Solution: Machine Learning

ML is needed to enable efficient classification and to reveal dependencies in large datasets **with high dimensionality**.



Machine Learning Basics

- Supervised Learning vs. Unsupervised Learning (Clustering)





Classifying Unidentified X-Ray Sources in the Chandra Source Catalog Using a Multiwavelength Machine-learning Approach

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Abstract

The rapid increase in serendipitous X-ray source detections requires the development of novel approaches to efficiently explore the nature of X-ray sources. If even a fraction of these sources could be reliably classified, it would enable population studies for various astrophysical source types on a much larger scale than currently possible. Classification of large numbers of sources from multiple classes characterized by multiple properties (features) must be done automatically and supervised machine learning (ML) seems to provide the only feasible approach. We perform classification of Chandra Source Catalog version 2.0 (CSCv2) sources to explore the potential of the ML approach and identify various biases, limitations, and bottlenecks that present themselves in these kinds of studies. We establish the framework and present a flexible and expandable Python pipeline, which can be used and improved by others. We also release the training data set of 2941 X-ray sources with confidently established classes. In addition to providing probabilistic classifications of 66,369 CSCv2 sources (21% of the entire CSCv2 catalog), we perform several narrower-focused case studies (high-mass X-ray binary candidates and X-ray sources within the extent of the H.E.S.S. TeV sources) to demonstrate some possible applications of our ML approach. We also discuss future possible modifications of the presented pipeline, which are expected to lead to substantial improvements in classification confidences.

Unified Astronomy Thesaurus concepts: [Catalogs \(205\)](#); [X-ray sources \(1822\)](#); [Classification \(1907\)](#); [Random Forests \(1935\)](#); [X-ray binary stars \(1811\)](#); [Active galactic nuclei \(16\)](#); [X-ray stars \(1823\)](#); [Young stellar objects \(1834\)](#); [Cataclysmic variable stars \(203\)](#); [Astrostatistics tools \(1887\)](#); [X-ray surveys \(1824\)](#); [Compact objects \(288\)](#)

Supporting material: machine-readable tables

Yang, H., Hare, J., Kargaltsev, O., et al. 2022, ApJ, 941, 104

The MUWCLASS Pipeline (MUWCLASS): Training Dataset (TD)

Supervised Machine Learning (ML) approach requires training dataset (TD)

Source Type	Number of CSCv2 sources
Active galactic nucleus (AGN)	1390
Cataclysmic variable (CV)	44
High-mass star (HM-STAR)	118
High-mass X-ray binary (HMXB)	26
Low-mass star (LM-STAR)	207
Low-mass X-ray binary (LMXB)*	65
Pulsar and isolated neutron star (NS)	87
Young stellar object (YSO)	1004
Total 8 source classes	2941

*LMXB also includes non-accreting X-ray binaries (e.g., red-back and black widow systems)

MUWCLASS: (29) Features/Properties

Various Colors

Mid-Infrared from WISE

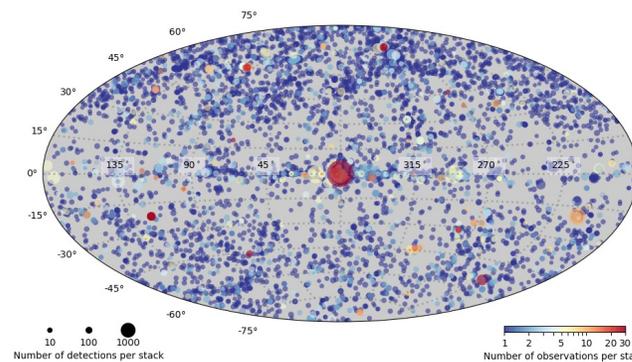
Near-Infrared from 2MASS

Optical from Gaia

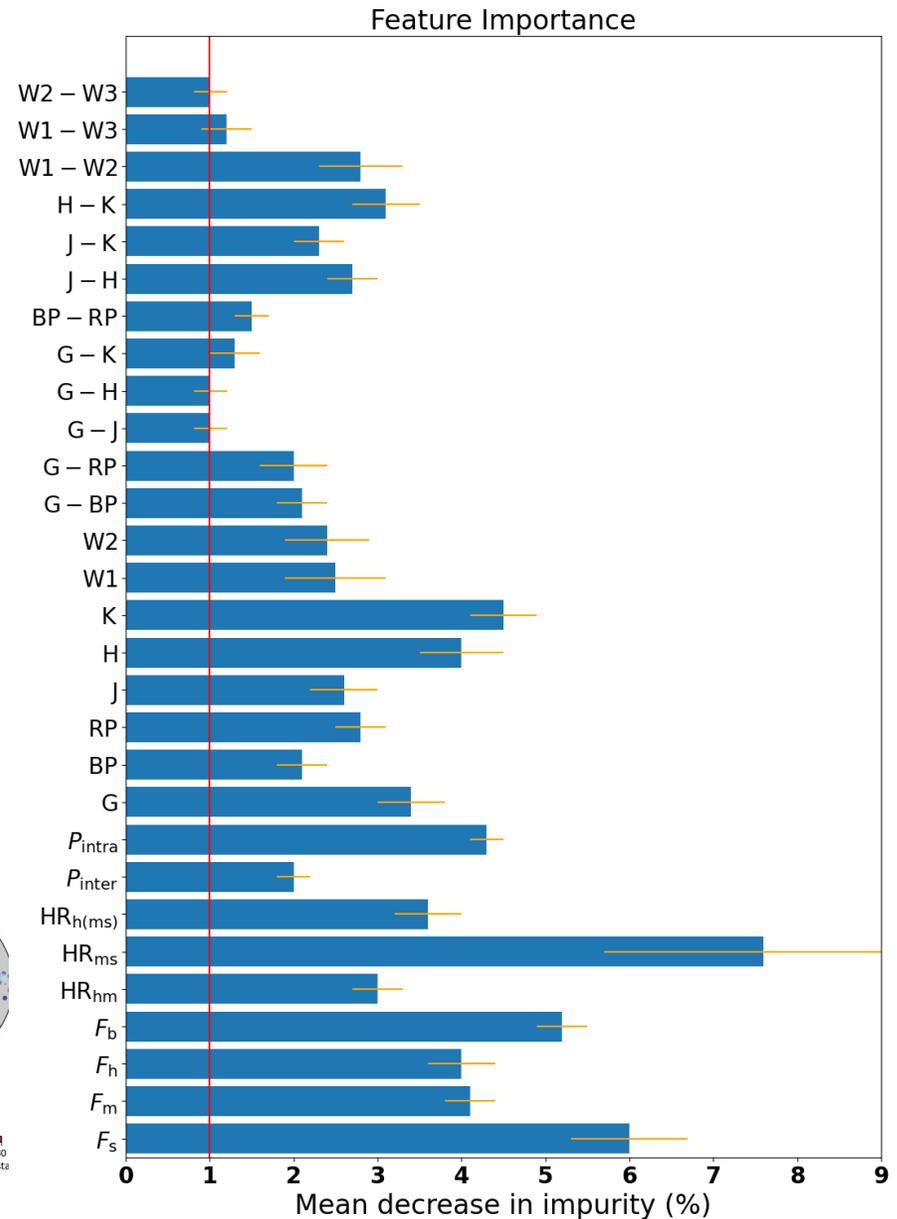
X-ray variability

Hardness ratios

Chandra X-ray fluxes



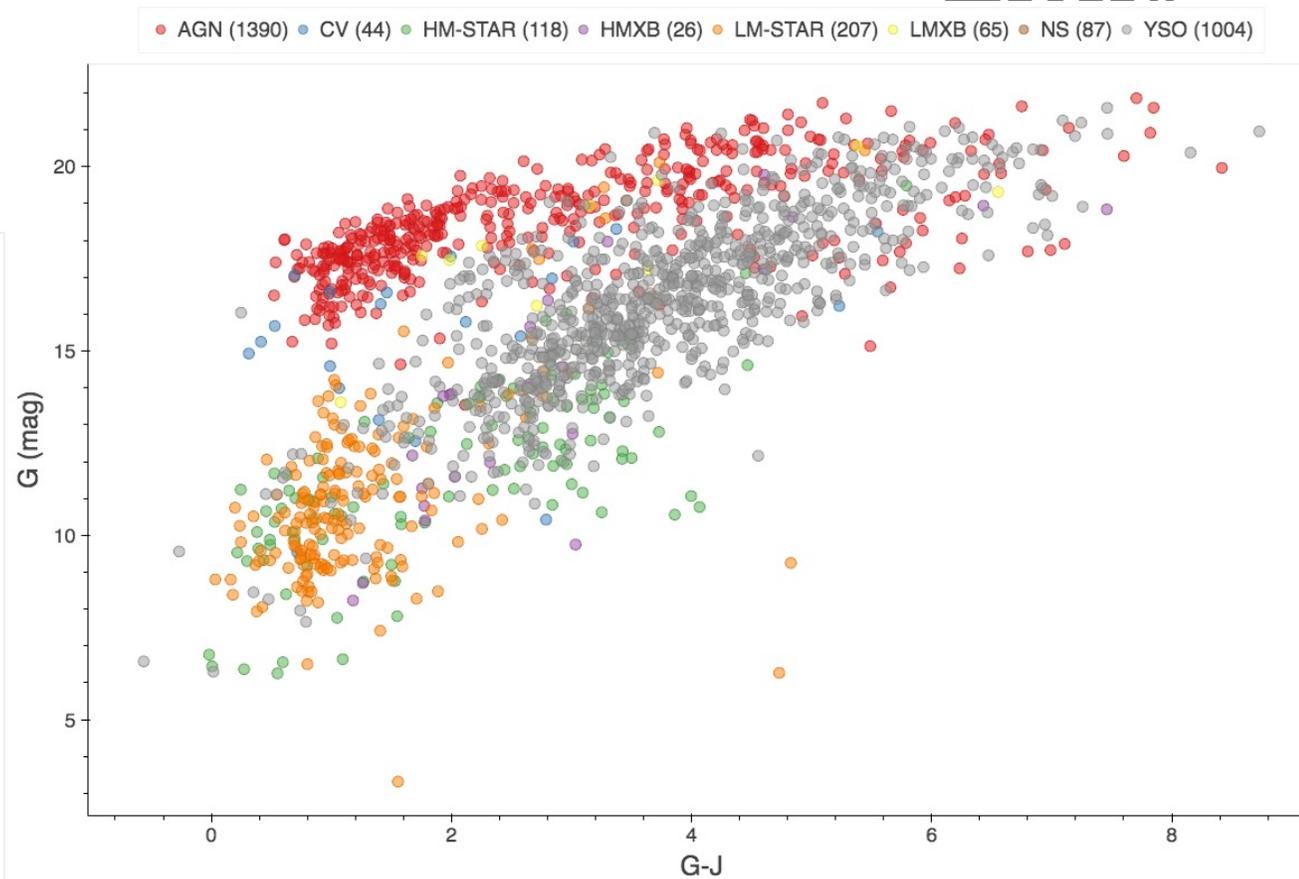
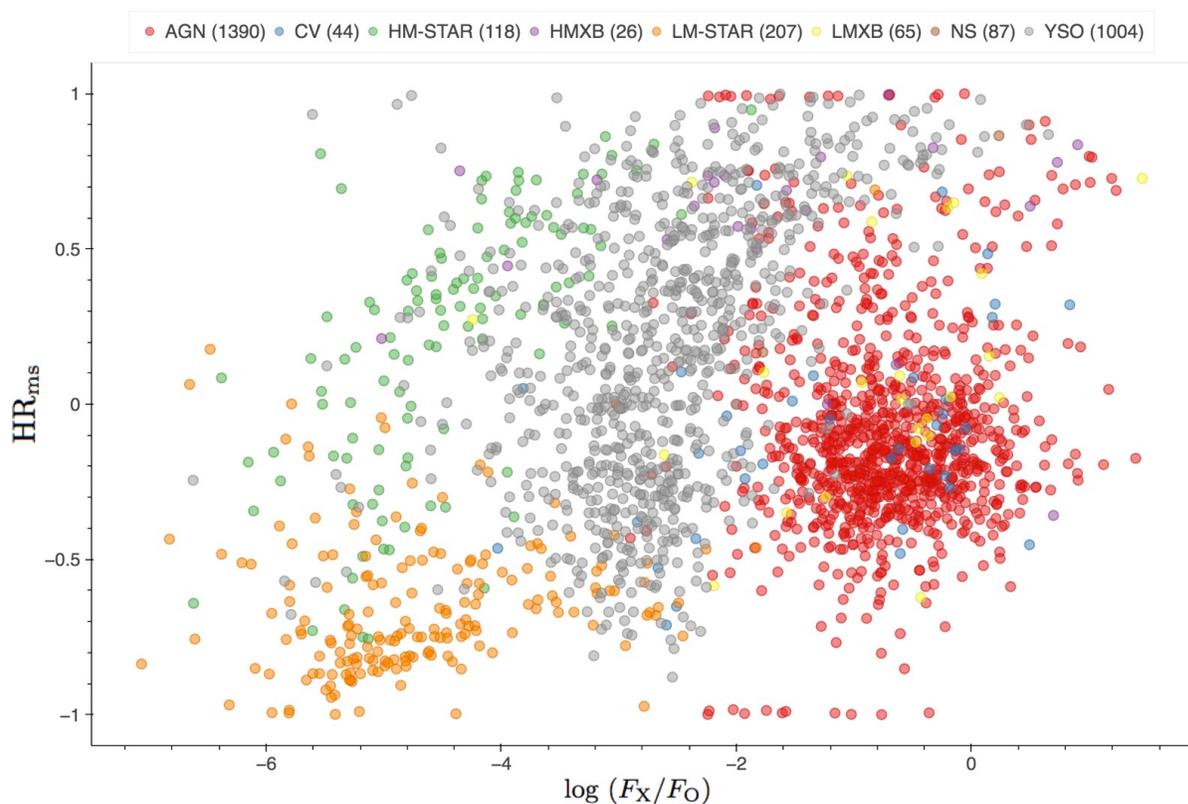
CSC v2.0 Detection Map from CXO



2D representations of our TD



Typically traditional classification consists of using multi-wavelength parameter plots to separate source classes



Explore the TD yourself using the visualization GUI at <https://home.gwu.edu/~kargaltsev/XCLASS/> (Yang et al. 2021)

Hard to comprehend more than 2 or 3 dimensions for human

MUWCLASS pipeline flow chart

scikit-learn

Machine Learning in Python

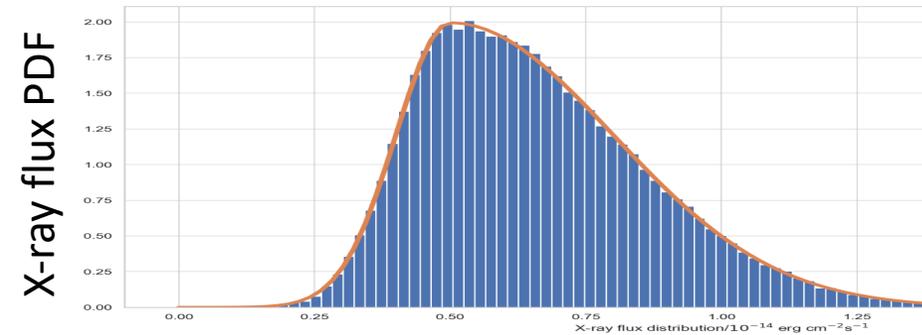
Getting Started

Release Highlights for 0.23

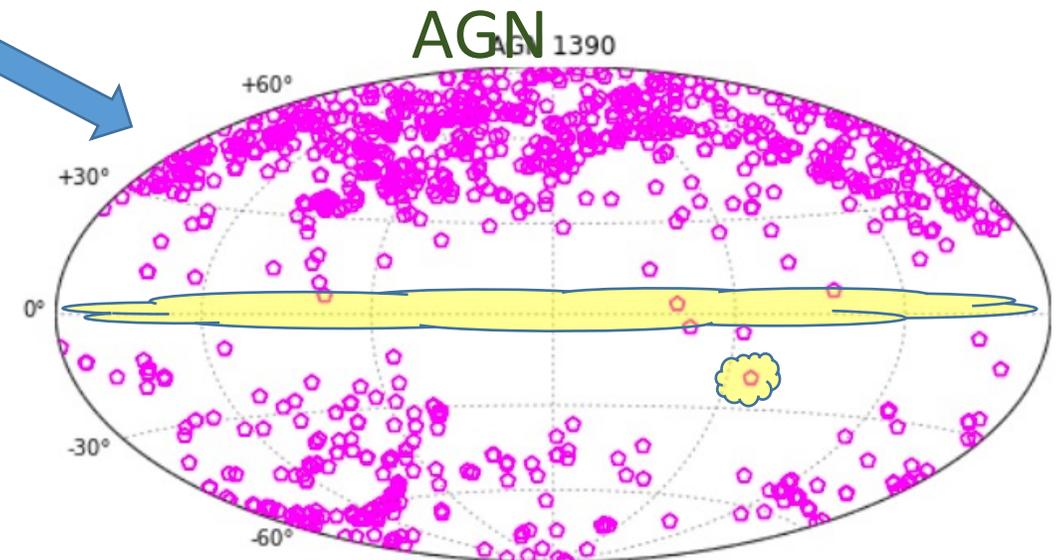
GitHub

- Simple and efficient tools for predictive data analysis
- Accessible to everybody, and reusable in various contexts
- Built on NumPy, SciPy, and matplotlib
- Open source, commercially usable - BSD license

<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/>

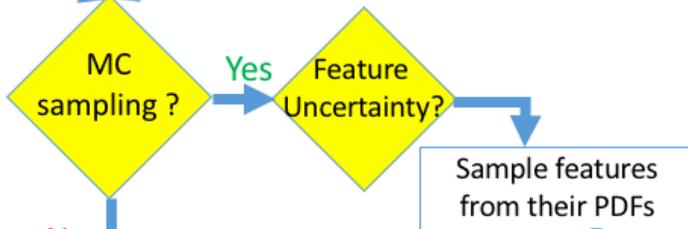


Feature measurement uncertainties are taken into account by sampling from feature PDFs via Monte-Carlo.



Unclassified sources

Training Data



No

Yes

Feature
Uncertainty?

Sample features
from their PDFs

Apply extinction/absorption on AGNs in TD

Standardize the data

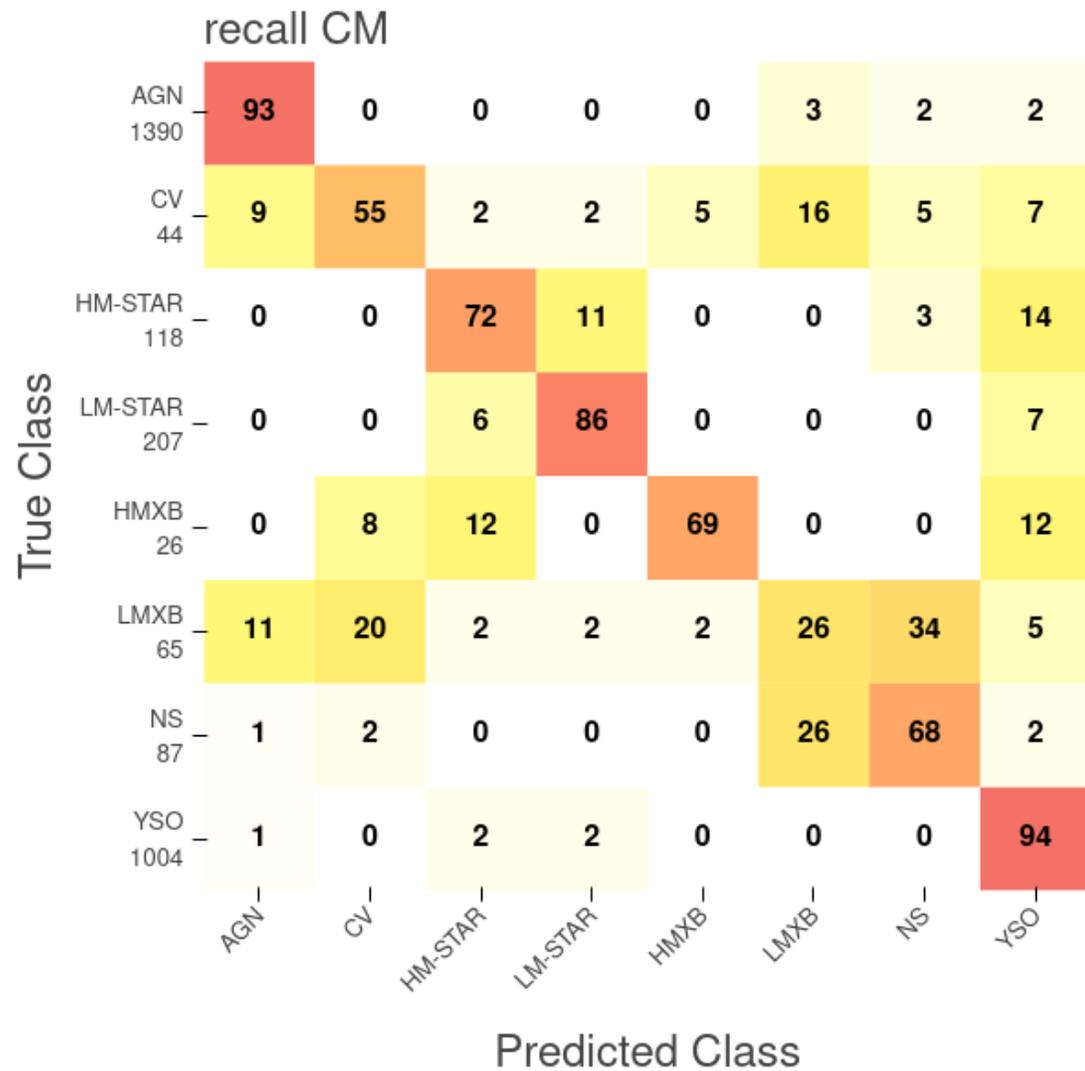
Oversample TD with SMOTE

Replace missing data with -100

Train the **Random Forest** classifier

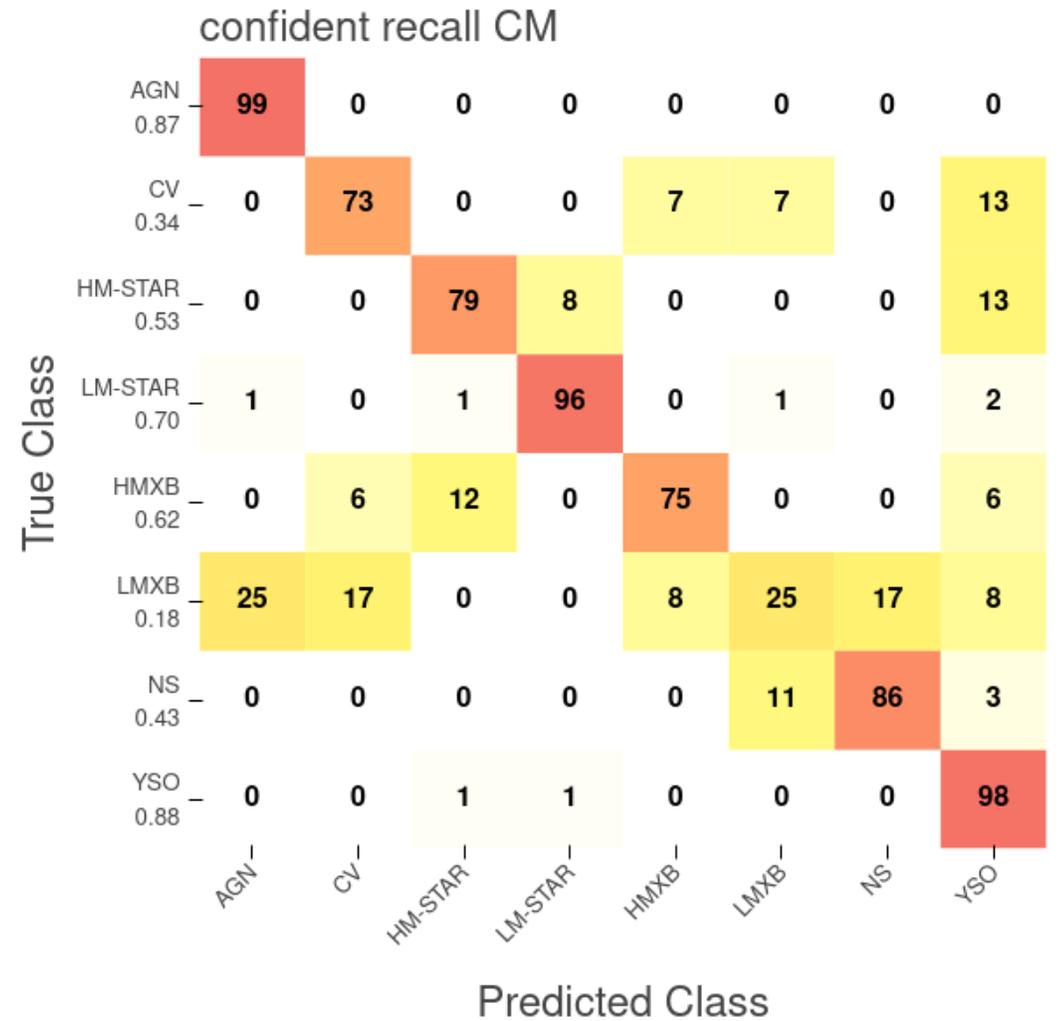
Apply classifier on unclassified sources to obtain probabilities belonging to any of 8 classes

Confusion Matrix (true vs. predicted class)



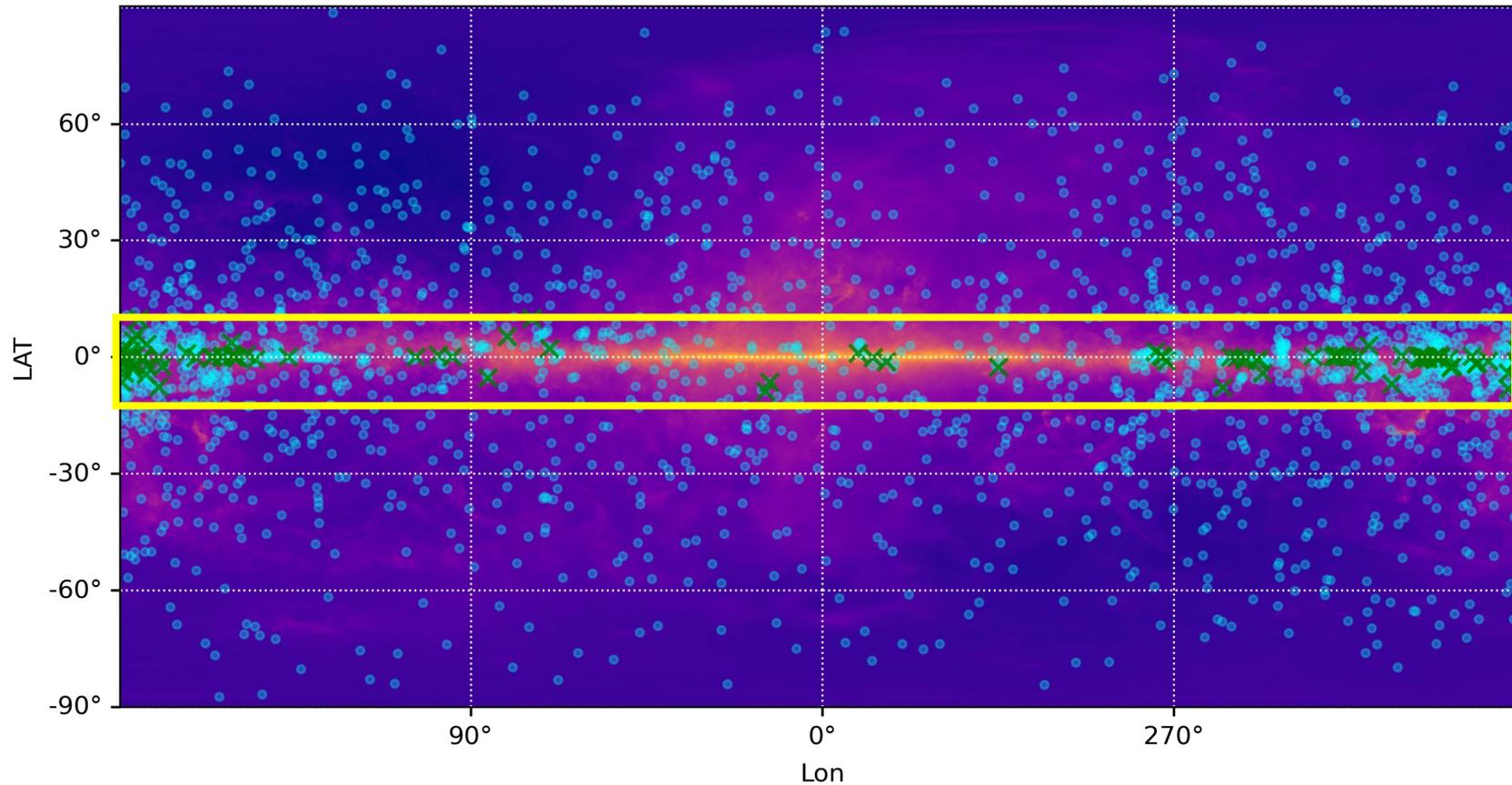
Average Accuracy: 88.6%

Confusion Matrix of Confident Classifications



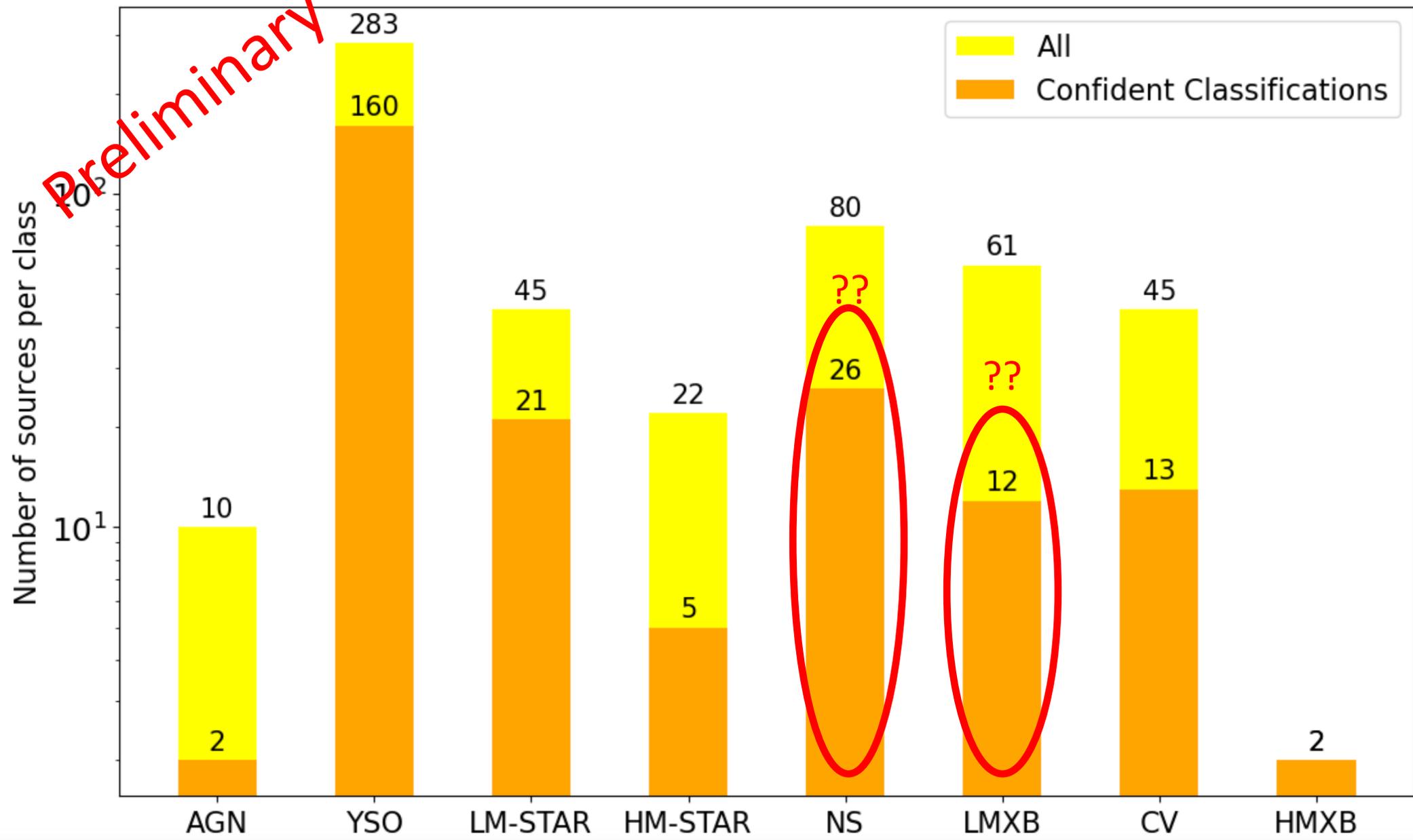
Average Accuracy: 97%

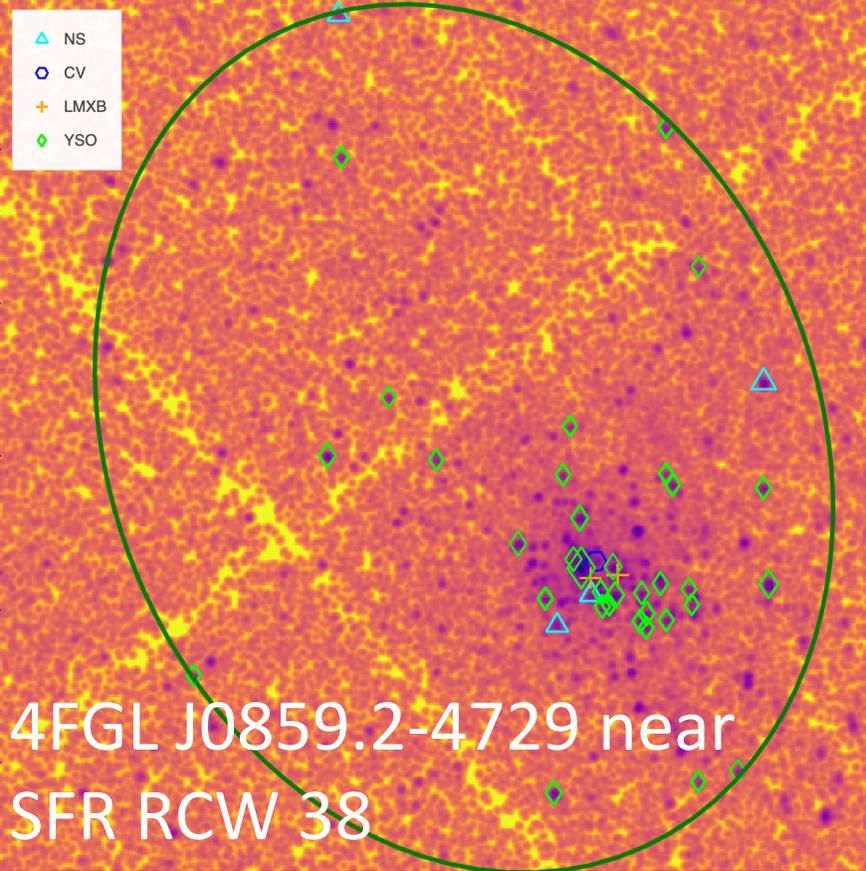
Classification of CSCv2 Sources within unassociated 4FGL-DR3 fields



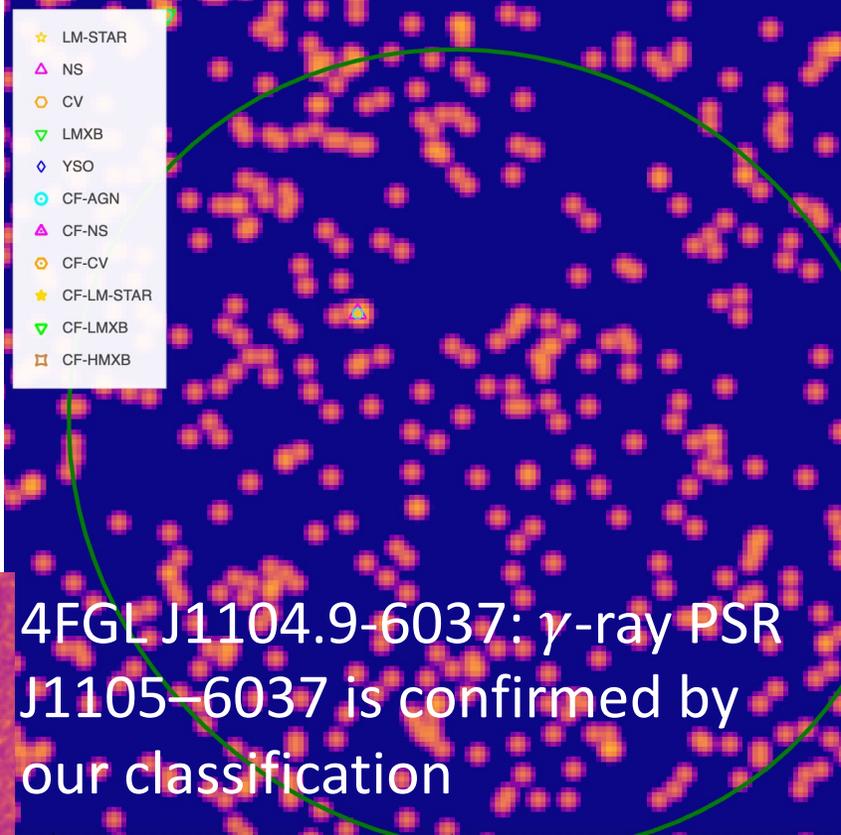
- 37 unassociated 4FGL-DR3 sources within $|b| < 10^\circ$ with ≥ 5 CSCv2 sources within their error ellipses;
- 548 significant (X-ray $S/N > 5$) CSCv2 sources within these 37 FGL sources.

Preliminary

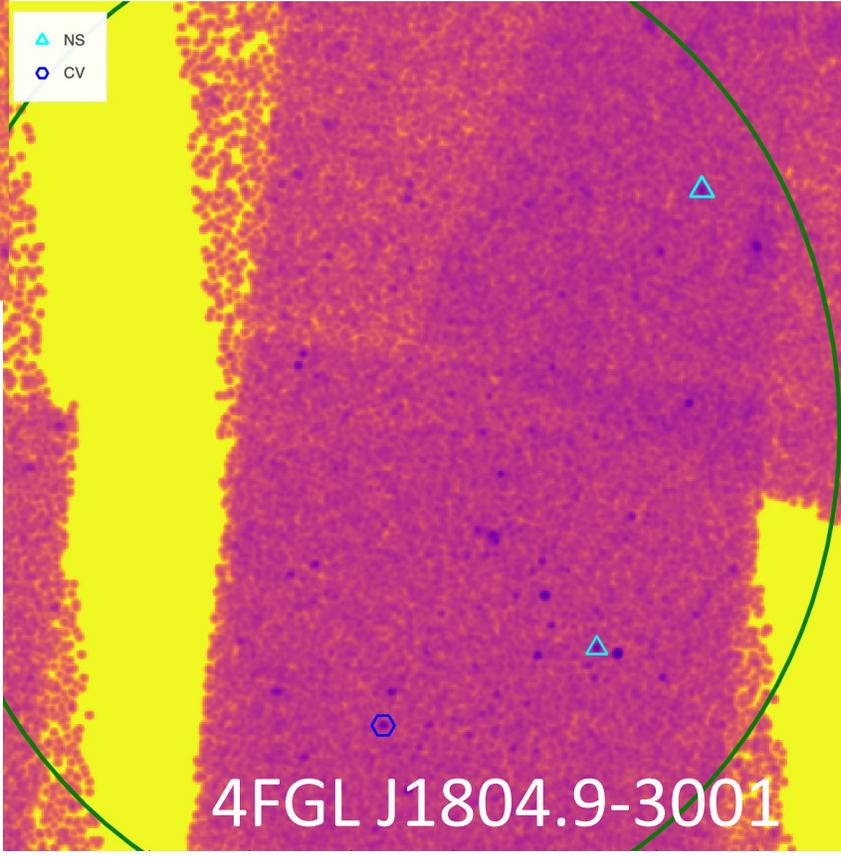




- △ NS
- CV
- + LMXB
- ◇ YSO



- ☆ LM-STAR
- △ NS
- CV
- ▽ LMXB
- ◇ YSO
- CF-AGN
- △ CF-NS
- CF-CV
- ☆ CF-LM-STAR
- ▽ CF-LMXB
- CF-HMXB



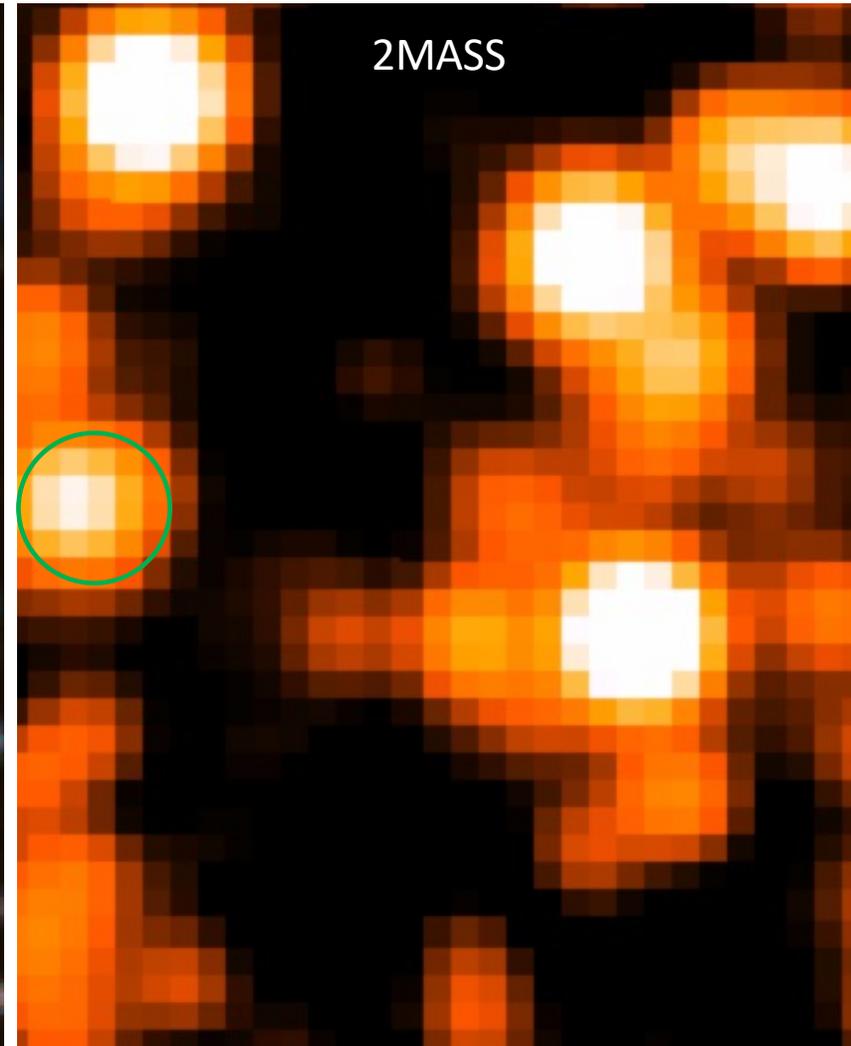
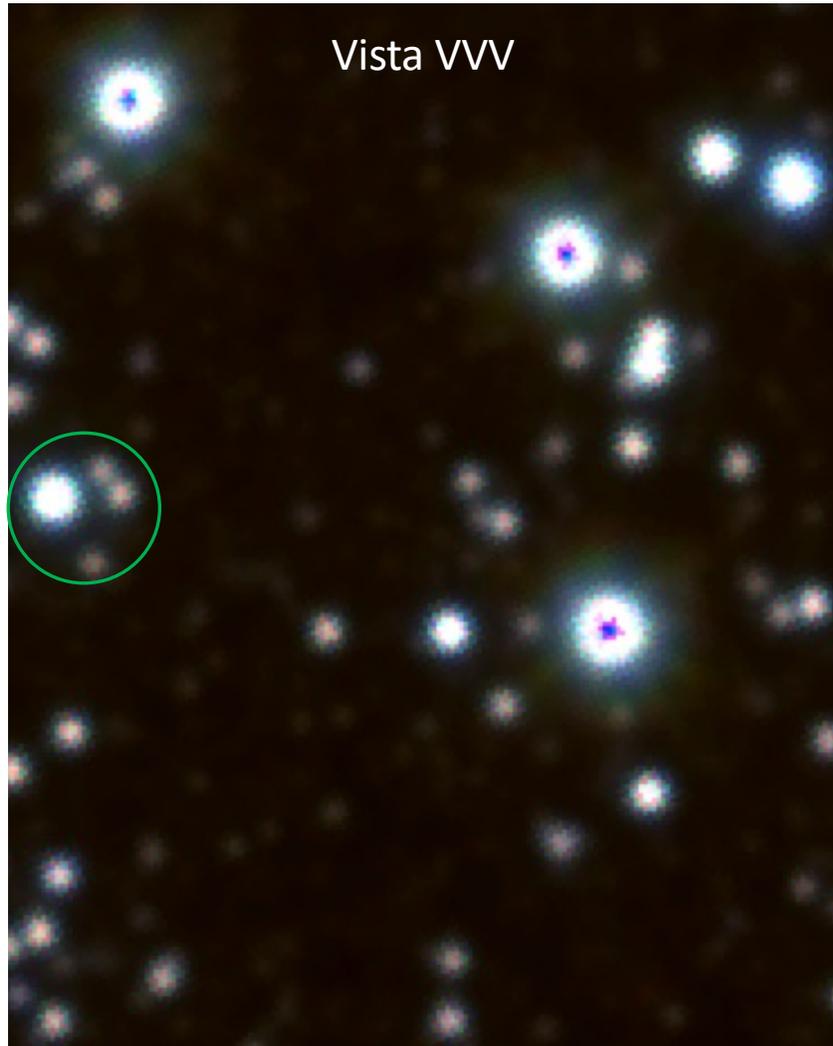
- △ NS
- CV

Issues and Biases

- NS virtually all too faint to be detected by multi-wavelength surveys used in training dataset
- Many LMXBs also have counterparts too faint to be detected by multi-wavelength surveys used in training dataset, hence they become confused with the NS class
- Sources too faint to be detected by these MW surveys (e.g., M-dwarfs, absorbed AGN) will be preferentially classified as NS/LMXBs

Future Improvements: deeper surveys

- Update to more sensitive surveys (e.g., Pan-STARRs, DECaPS, Vista VVV)



Future Improvements: New Multi-wavelength Features

ASKAP

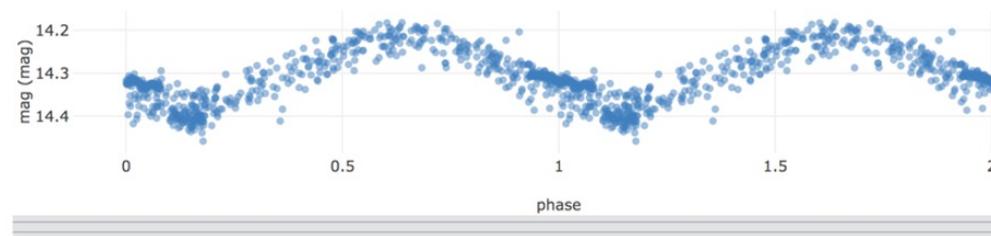


- Inclusion of new radio surveys:
- Australian SKA Pathfinder Telescope (ASKAP)
- VLA All-sky Survey (VLASS)
- MeerKAT source catalog

Gaia



- Distances and proper motions from Gaia DR3



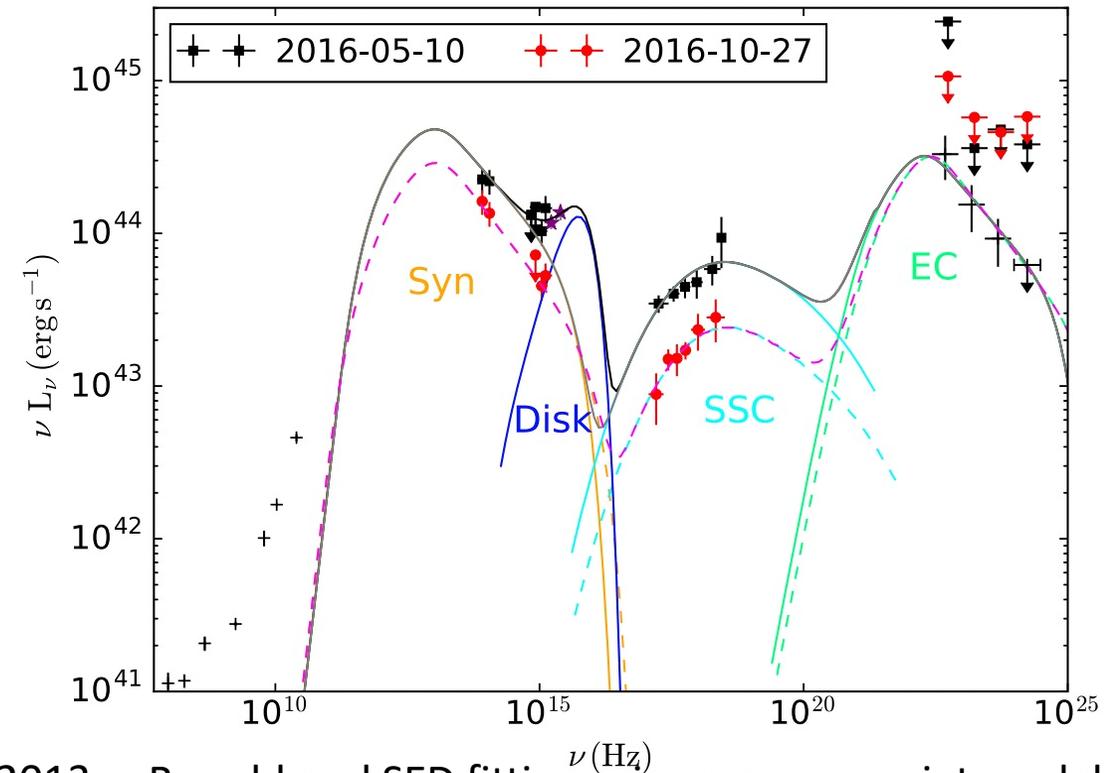
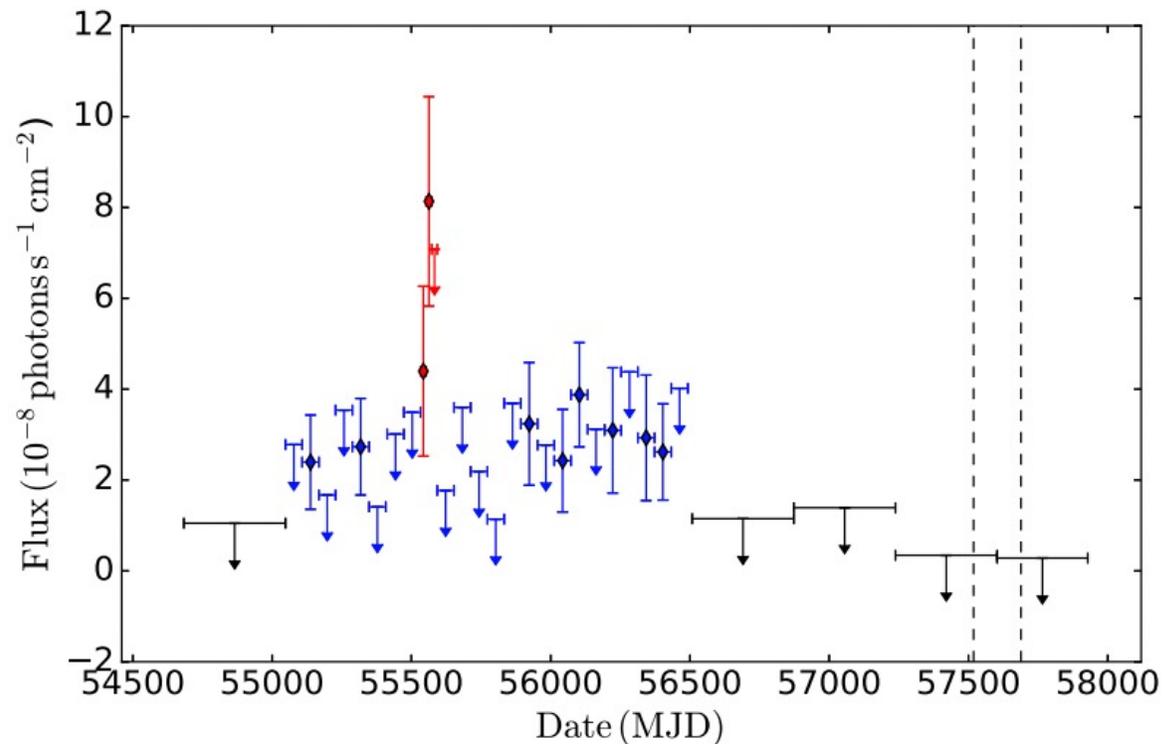
ZTF



- Large field of view optical time domain surveys:
- ZTF
- TESS
- VCRO

SDSS J211852.96–073227.5: a new γ -ray flaring narrow-line Seyfert 1 galaxy

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Fermi-LAT light curve shows monthly γ -ray flaring activities during 2009-2013. Broad-band SED fitting using a one-zone jet model.