# Supplementary Material: Fusion or Confusion? A Look at Dataset Pooling for Infrared Object Detection

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## Abstract

In this paper, we provide supplementary material to the submitted main paper.

# 1. Experimental Setup

A more detailed description of the experimental setup can be found in the main paper.

#### **1.1. Detection Model**

For object detection, we exemplarily build on a recent variant of the *You Only Look Once* (YOLO) object detection family, in particular on the YOLOv9<sup>1</sup> [11].

### 1.2. Dataset Pool

In our experiments, the data pool includes seven publicly available infrared datasets with 'vehicle labels.

As a reminder, from the category of *domain-specific* datasets, we use the following three *ground-level* datasets: the FLIR (v2) dataset [2], the M3FD dataset [6], and the MCNet dataset. [12]. A data pool consisting only of datasets from this category is referred to as the *Ground* pool. As representative datasets from the *mid-altitude* category, the DroneVehicle dataset [9], the WIT-UAS dataset [5], the TrafficNight dataset [13], and the HIT-UAV dataset [10] are selected. A data pool only considering datasets from this category is referred to as the *Aerial* pool and we will use this term to describe this category. The full training dataset pool is referred to as the *All* pool.

The key characteristics of the selected datasets are summarized in Table 1. This includes the considered vehicle sub-categories that are mapped to the super-category 'vehicle'. We sub-sample sequences with a fixed camera position to avoid over-sampling from redundant backgrounds and to balance the datasets. However, while the datasets are not perfectly balanced in terms of individual samples, both single-dataset models and pooled-dataset models utilize the same amount of data from each individual dataset.

Figure 1 shows example images from the used datasets in our experiments.

#### 1.3. Pre-Processing

The following three methods are used in the experiments. The methods are applied to the entire dataset.

- *Histogram equalization* (HE)
- Contrast limited adaptive histogram equalization (CLAHE) [7]
- FieldScale [3]

## **1.4. Design Adaptations**

Furthermore, we explore variations in training by fully finetuning or freezing the model's backbone. Lastly, we compared standard 'vehicle' detectors with models adapted to predict dataset affinity scores. Unlike [1], where a second classifier head is integrated, our approach employs the default classification head to infer the dataset origin.

# 2. Evaluation

This section includes more results from our experiments. Varying factors are the used training data pool, preprocessing methods, fully-finetuned vs. frozen backbone, and DAS vs. default 'vehicle' detector. Datasets used in the pool are marked with  $\checkmark$  and excluded datasets are marked with  $\checkmark$ . The pre-pocessing method is highlighted with the corresponding abbreviation (HE, CLAHE, Fieldscale) or using the original images is marked with  $\bigstar$ . Fully finetuning or frozen backbone where fully fine-tuned is highlighted with a fire icon  $\diamondsuit$  and a frozen backbone is highlighted with a snowflake icon  $\clubsuit$ . Using DAS is highlighted with an  $\checkmark$  icon in the corresponding column and standard models are marked with  $\bigstar$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://github.com/WongKinYiu/yolov9 (accessed 24.02.2025)

Table 1. Key characteristic of prepared datasets used for the experiments. The MCNet [12] and the WIT-UAS [5] datasets are only used for zero-shot evaluation without being added to any training dataset pool.

Dataset	Reference	Dataset Type	Resolution / Pixel	# In Test	# Images Test Train # Categories		# Vehicle Categories	# Ins	tances
				Test	main		(clific category names)	Test	mann
FLIR	[2]	domain-specific, ground	$640 \times 512$	3493	9824	15	3 ('car', 'bus', 'truck')	30517	73622
M3FD	[6]	domain-specific, ground	$1024\times768$	613	2386	6	3 ('car', 'bus', 'truck')	4154	15407
DroneVehicle	[9]	domain-specific, aerial	$640\times512$	4465	5495	5	5 ('car', 'freight_car', 'truck', 'bus', 'van')	81629	115701
HIT-UAV	[10]	domain-specific, aerial	$640\times512$	272	1013	5	2 ('Car', 'OtherVehicle')	1373	5355
TrafficNight	[13]	domain-specific, aerial	$1280\times 1024$	366	1759	6	6 ('car', 'buses', 'trucks', 'tractor', ' (empty) + semi-trailers')	5762	29852
WIT-UAS	[5]	domain-specific, aerial	$640\times512$	857	x	2	1 ('vehicle')	2396	×
MCNet	[12]	domain-specific, ground	$720\times576$	665	x	10	3 ('car', 'truck', 'bus')	2424	×



Figure 1. Example images from the used datasets in our experiments.

Table 2 includes the results for the FLIR (v2) dataset [2]. Table 3 includes the results for the M3FD dataset [6]. Table 4 includes the results for the DroneVehicle dataset [9]. Table 5 includes the results for the TrafficNight dataset [13]. Table 6 includes the results for the HIT-UAV dataset [10]. Table 7 includes the results for the MCNet [12]. Table 8 includes the results for the WIT-UAS dataset [5].

Figure 2 shows qualitative results on the MCNET and WIT-UAS datasets with using DAS to assign training datasets. The colors of the bounding boxes encode the assigned dataset (color coding: Flir (v2), M3FD,

### DroneVehicle, TrafficNight, HIT-UAV).

To asses the change in domain gaps after applying different pre-processing methods, we extract CLIP-based [8] image features and project them into a lower-dimensional space using t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE) [4]. Figure visualizes the low-dimensional embedding for the original images and after applying HE, CLAHE or Fieldscale. there is no significant change in the pairwise distances between dataset clusters. It should be noted that due to random sampling of dataset images and afterwards utilizing t-SNE, there is always variation and the cluster position in the low dimensional embedding change.



Figure 2. Example results using DAS [1] on the MCNET [12] and WIT-UAS [5] datasets. The color of the bounding boxes encode the assigned origin dataset. (color coding: Flir (v2), M3FD, DroneVehicle, TrafficNight, HIT-UAV)



Figure 3. t-SNE plot of CLIP-based feature embedding for all datasets used for the experiments with applying different pre-processing methods (original images, HE, CLAHE, Fieldscale. For every dataset 100 samples are randomly drown. Due to random sampling and applying t-SNE, there is always variation in cluster positions.

Table 2. Results for the FLIR (v2) dataset [2]. Using a pre-pocessing methods is highlighted with the corresponding abbreviation (HE, CLAHE, Fieldscale) or using the original images is marked with  $\lambda$ . Datasets used in the pool are marked with  $\checkmark$  and excluded datasets are marked with  $\lambda$ . Fully fine-tuned is highlighted with a fire icon  $\diamondsuit$  and a frozen backbone is highlighted with a snowflake icon  $\clubsuit$ . Using DAS is highlighted with an  $\checkmark$  icon in the corresponding column and standard models are marked with  $\lambda$ .

Test	Pre-processing	<b>D</b> 11	D.L.C.			Training Dataset	Pool		n	nAP↑
Dataset	{HE, CLAHE, FieldScale }	Backbone	DAS	FLIR (v2)	M3FD	DroneVehicle	TrafficNight	HIT-UAV	mAP@.5	mAP@.595
FLIR (v2)	×	*	X		X	X	×	X	0.691	0.462
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	Š.	x	1	x	×	×	×	0.753	0.506
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	5	X	1	X	×	×	×	0.763	0.512
FLIR (v2)	HE	5	X	1	X	×	×	×	0.749	0.504
FLIR (v2)	×	5	X	1	X	×	×	×	0.771	0.522
FLIR (v2)	×	*	X	×	1	×	×	×	0.448	0.290
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	5	X	×	1	×	×	×	0.554	0.340
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	5	X	×	1	×	×	×	0.559	0.345
FLIR (v2)	HE	5	X	×	1	×	×	×	0.514	0.317
FLIR (v2)	×	5	X	×	1	×	×	×	0.538	0.334
FLIR (v2)	×	*	X	×	X	1	×	×	0.007	0.003
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	5	X	×	X	1	×	X	0.007	0.003
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	3	X	×	X	1	×	×	0.002	0.001
FLIR (v2)	HE	3	X	×	X	1	×	×	0.008	0.004
FLIR (v2)	×	3	X	×	X	1	×	×	0.009	0.004
FLIR (v2)	×	*	X	×	X	×	1	×	0.000	0.000
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	3	X	×	X	×	1	×	0.001	0.000
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	3	X	×	X	×	1	×	0.001	0.000
FLIR (v2)	HE	3	X	×	X	×	1	×	0.001	0.000
FLIR (v2)	×	5	X	×	X	×	1	×	0.001	0.000
FLIR (v2)	×	*	×	×	X	×	×	<i>✓</i>	0.094	0.049
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	5	X	×	X	×	×	1	0.038	0.021
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	5	X	×	X	×	×	1	0.048	0.026
FLIR (v2)	HE	<u>ن</u>	X	×	X	×	×	$\checkmark$	0.069	0.036
FLIR (v2)	×	<u>ن</u>	X	×	X	×	×	$\checkmark$	0.104	0.057
FLIR (v2)	×	*	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	1	<i>✓</i>	0.707	0.465
FLIR (v2)	×	*	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	1	<i>✓</i>	0.698	0.461
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	<u>ن</u>	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	1	<i>✓</i>	0.742	0.495
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	<u>ن</u>	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.760	0.507
FLIR (v2)	HE	<u>ن</u>	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.738	0.494
FLIR (v2)	×	<u>ن</u>	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.768	0.515
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	<b>Š</b>	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.742	0.496
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	<b>ა</b>	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.759	0.505
FLIR (v2)	HE	3	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.742	0.497
FLIR (v2)	×	3	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.759	0.513
FLIR (v2)	×	*	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.004	0.001
FLIR (v2)	×	*	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.009	0.003
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	<b>\$</b>	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	<i>✓</i>	$\checkmark$	0.013	0.005
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	<b>\$</b>	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	<i>✓</i>	$\checkmark$	0.013	0.010
FLIR (v2)	HE	<b>\$</b>	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	<i>✓</i>	$\checkmark$	0.012	0.004
FLIR (v2)	×	<b>\$</b>	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	<i>✓</i>	$\checkmark$	0.007	0.002
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	<u> </u>	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	<i>✓</i>	$\checkmark$	0.009	0.003
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	<u> </u>	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	<i>✓</i>	$\checkmark$	0.017	0.006
FLIR (v2)	HE	<u> </u>	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	<i>✓</i>	$\checkmark$	0.014	0.010
FLIR (v2)	×	3	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	<i>✓</i>	$\checkmark$	0.014	0.008
FLIR (v2)	×	*	1	<b>1</b>	<b>√</b>	×	×	×	0.708	0.464
FLIR (v2)	×	*	×	<b>1</b>	1	×	×	×	0.709	0.464
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	<b>)</b>	1	<b>1</b>	1	×	×	×	0.762	0.507
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	<b>)</b>	1	<b>V</b>	1	×	×	×	0.769	0.515
FLIR (v2)	HE	<b>)</b>	1	<b>V</b>	1	×	×	×	0.759	0.504
FLIR (v2)	×	<b>)</b>	1	<b>V</b>	1	×	×	×	0.778	0.523
FLIR (v2)	CLAHE	<b>)</b>	×	<b>V</b>	1	×	×	×	0.765	0.513
FLIR (v2)	FieldScale	<b>)</b>	×	<b>1</b>	1	×	×	×	0.773	0.517
FLIR (v2)	HE	<b>)</b>	×	<b>V</b>	1	×	×	×	0.753	0.506
FLIR (v2)	× ×	<b>)</b>	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	0.783	0.529

Table 3. Results for the M3FD dataset [6]. Using a pre-pocessing methods is highlighted with the corresponding abbreviation (HE, CLAHE, Fieldscale) or using the original images is marked with  $\lambda$ . Datasets used in the pool are marked with  $\checkmark$  and excluded datasets are marked with  $\lambda$ . Fully fine-tuned is highlighted with a fire icon  $\diamondsuit$  and a frozen backbone is highlighted with a snowflake icon  $\clubsuit$ . Using DAS is highlighted with an  $\checkmark$  icon in the corresponding column and standard models are marked with  $\lambda$ .

Dataset{HE, CLAHE, FieldScale }BackooneDASFLIR (v2)M3FDDroneVehicleTrafficNightHIT-UAVmAP@.5mAP@.5M3FDXXXXXXXXX0.6760.445M3FDCLAHESXXXXXX0.7040.450M3FDFieldScaleSXVXXX0.7040.450M3FDHESXVXXX0.7050.449M3FDKSXVXXX0.7060.453M3FDXSXVXXX0.7060.453M3FDCLAHESXVXXX0.8630.632M3FDFieldScaleSXXVXX0.8630.632M3FDHESXXVXX0.8630.628M3FDKXXXVXX0.0320.011M3FDKXXXXVX0.0330.010M3FDCLAHESXXXVXX0.0330.010M3FDKXXXXVX0.0330.011M3FDCLAHESXXXVX0.0020.001M3FDKXXXXX <th>mAP↑</th> <th>Pool</th> <th>Training Dataset</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>DAG</th> <th>D 1-1</th> <th>Pre-processing</th> <th>Test</th>	mAP↑	Pool	Training Dataset			DAG	D 1-1	Pre-processing	Test
M3FD       X	T-UAV mAP@.5 mAP@.595	TrafficNight HIT-UAV	DroneVehicle	M3FD	FLIR (v2)	DAS	Backbone	{HE, CLAHE, FieldScale }	Dataset
M3FD       CLAHE       S       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.704       0.450         M3FD       HE       S       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.704       0.450         M3FD       HE       S       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.706       0.449         M3FD       X       S       X       X       X       X       X       0.706       0.433         M3FD       X       S       X       X       X       X       0.817       0.586         M3FD       CLAHE       S       X       X       X       X       0.863       0.632         M3FD       HE       S       X       X       X       X       0.862       0.631         M3FD       HE       S       X       X       X       X       0.863       0.622         M3FD       X       S       X       X       X       X       0.863       0.628         M3FD       X       S       X       X       X       X       0.032       0.011      <	<b>X</b> 0.676 0.445	X X	×	X	1	X	*	×	M3FD
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M3FD       X	<b>✗</b> 0.863 0.628	х х	×	1	×	X	<u>ن</u>	×	M3FD
M3FD       CLAHE       X<	× 0.032 0.011	х х	1	×	X	X	*	×	M3FD
M3FD       FieldScale       Image: Constraint of the system of th	× 0.038 0.012	х х	1	×	X	X	<u>ن</u>	CLAHE	M3FD
M3FD       HE       M3FD       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.044       0.015         M3FD       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.039       0.014         M3FD       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.002       0.001         M3FD       CLAHE       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.002       0.001         M3FD       FieldScale       X       X       X       X       X       0.002       0.001         M3FD       HE       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.002       0.001         M3FD       HE       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.002       0.001         M3FD       K       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.002       0.001         M3FD       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       0.002       0.001         M3FD       X       X       X       X       X       X       X	× 0.033 0.010	X X	1	×	X	X	<u>ن</u>	FieldScale	M3FD
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M3FD FieldScale	0.850 0.614						•	FieldScale	M3FD
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Table 4. Results for the Drone Vehicle dataset [9]. Using a pre-pocessing methods is highlighted with the corresponding abbreviation (HE, CLAHE, Fieldscale) or using the original images is marked with  $\lambda$ . Datasets used in the pool are marked with  $\checkmark$  and excluded datasets are marked with  $\lambda$ . Fully fine-tuned is highlighted with a fire icon  $\diamondsuit$  and a frozen backbone is highlighted with a snowflake icon  $responding column and standard models are marked with <math>\lambda$ .

Test	Pre-processing	D 11	DIG			Training Dataset	Pool		n	nAP↑
Dataset	{HE, CLAHE, FieldScale }	Backbone	DAS	FLIR (v2)	M3FD	DroneVehicle	TrafficNight	HIT-UAV	mAP@.5	mAP@.595
DroneVehicle	×	*	X		X	×	×	×	0.003	0.002
DroneVehicle	CLAHE	š	x		x	×	x	x	0.003	0.001
DroneVehicle	FieldScale	5	x	1	x	x	x	x	0.010	0.009
DroneVehicle	HE	5	x	1	x	x	x	x	0.006	0.004
DroneVehicle	×	3	x		x	x	x	x	0.010	0.008
DroneVehicle	x	*	x	×	1	x	×	×	0.003	0.001
Drone Vehicle	CLAHE	3	x	×		×	×	x	0.009	0.007
Drone Vehicle	FieldScale	3	x	×		×	×	x	0.009	0.009
Drone Vehicle	HE		x	×		x	×	x	0.010	0.001
Drone Vehicle	Y IIL	X	Ŷ	x		x	Ŷ	Ŷ	0.002	0.001
Drone Vehicle	×	**	Ŷ	x	×		Ŷ	Ŷ	0.007	0.596
Drone Vehicle	CLAHE	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Ŷ		Ŷ		Ŷ	Ŷ	0.911	0.590
Drone Vehicle	FieldScale	, X	Ŷ	Ŷ	Ŷ		Ŷ	Ŷ	0.913	0.601
Drone Vehicle	HE	X	Ŷ	x	Ŷ		Ŷ	Ŷ	0.913	0.604
Drone Vehicle	THE Y	, X	Ŷ.	Ŷ	Ŷ.	*	Ŷ	Ŷ	0.913	0.004
Drone Vehicle	×		Ŷ	Ŷ	Ŷ	×	~	Ŷ	0.912	0.001
Drone Vehicle		**	Ŷ.	Ŷ	Ŷ.	Ŷ	~	Ŷ	0.339	0.179
Drone venicle	CLAHE EistdSasts	, s	÷.	<b>^</b>	÷.	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	0.250	0.141
Drone venicle	FieldScale	, s	- Ĉ	<b>^</b>	÷.	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	0.239	0.130
Drone venicle	HE	, s	<u></u>	Ŷ	<u>,</u>	<u>^</u>		<u> </u>	0.265	0.148
Drone venicle	×		×,	×	×.	×	~	~	0.271	0.147
Drone venicle	× CLAUE		×,	×.	×.	×	×,		0.727	0.443
Drone venicle	CLAHE		×	×.	Ň	×	×.		0.678	0.404
DroneVehicle	FieldScale	, e	X	X	X	×	X		0.678	0.403
DroneVehicle	HE	, e	X	X	X	×	X		0.678	0.402
DroneVehicle	X		X	X	X	X	X		0.699	0.421
DroneVehicle	X	*	~						0.900	0.590
DroneVehicle	X	*	X						0.911	0.594
DroneVehicle	CLAHE				<b>_</b>				0.911	0.598
DroneVehicle	FieldScale	9							0.910	0.598
DroneVehicle	HE	9	~						0.911	0.597
DroneVehicle	×	9	1						0.912	0.598
DroneVehicle	CLAHE	<u> </u>	X						0.912	0.601
DroneVehicle	FieldScale	9	X				<i>✓</i>		0.912	0.602
DroneVehicle	HE	<u> </u>	X		1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		0.912	0.601
DroneVehicle	×	<u> </u>	X						0.912	0.601
DroneVehicle	×	*	-	×	×		<i>✓</i>		0.901	0.592
DroneVehicle	×	*	X	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		0.902	0.593
DroneVehicle	CLAHE	<b>.</b>	1	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		0.912	0.599
DroneVehicle	FieldScale	3	1	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		0.913	0.601
DroneVehicle	HE	<u> </u>	1	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.910	0.595
DroneVehicle	×	<u> </u>	1	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.911	0.599
DroneVehicle	CLAHE	<u>ې</u>	X	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.913	0.602
DroneVehicle	FieldScale	<u>s</u>	X	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.913	0.602
DroneVehicle	HE	3	X	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.914	0.600
DroneVehicle	×	3	X	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.913	0.602
DroneVehicle	×	*	1	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.005
DroneVehicle	×	*	×	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.006
DroneVehicle	CLAHE	۵	1	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	1	×	×	×	0.005	0.002
DroneVehicle	FieldScale	3	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.007
DroneVehicle	HE	త	1	✓	1	×	×	×	0.004	0.002
DroneVehicle	×	۵	1	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	1	×	×	×	0.004	0.002
DroneVehicle	CLAHE	3	×	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	1	×	×	×	0.005	0.002
DroneVehicle	FieldScale	3	X	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.009
DroneVehicle	HE	3	×	1	1	×	×	×	0.005	0.003
DroneVehicle	X	3	X	$\checkmark$	1	×	×	×	0.004	0.002

Table 5. Results for the TrafficNight dataset [13]. Using a pre-pocessing methods is highlighted with the corresponding abbreviation (HE, CLAHE, Fieldscale) or using the original images is marked with  $\lambda$ . Datasets used in the pool are marked with  $\checkmark$  and excluded datasets are marked with  $\lambda$ . Fully fine-tuned is highlighted with a fire icon  $\diamondsuit$  and a frozen backbone is highlighted with a snowflake icon  $\clubsuit$ . Using DAS is highlighted with an  $\checkmark$  icon in the corresponding column and standard models are marked with  $\lambda$ .

Test	Pre-processing					Training Dataset	Pool		m	AP↑
Dataset	{HE, CLAHE, FieldScale }	Backbone	DAS	FLIR (v2)	M3FD	DroneVehicle	TrafficNight	HIT-UAV	mAP@.5	mAP@.595
TrafficNight	×	*	X	<u> </u>	X	X	X	X	0.016	0.010
TrafficNight	CLAHE	š	x		x	x	x	×	0.008	0.004
TrafficNight	FieldScale	3	x		x	x	x	×	0.010	0.005
TrafficNight	HE	3	x		x	X	x	x	0.002	0.001
TrafficNight	×	3	x		x	x	x	x	0.001	0.001
TrafficNight	×	*	x	x	1	x	x	x	0.017	0.011
TrafficNight	CLAHE	\$	x	x	1	x	x	x	0.010	0.006
TrafficNight	FieldScale	3	x	x	1	x	x	x	0.003	0.002
TrafficNight	HE	3	x	x	1	x	x	x	0.000	0.000
TrafficNight	x	3	x	x		×	x.	×	0.010	0.007
TrafficNight	×	*	x	x	x	, . ,	x	x	0.614	0.299
TrafficNight	CLAHE	3	x	x	x	1	x	x	0.501	0.259
TrafficNight	FieldScale	3	x	x	x	1	x	x	0.550	0.287
TrafficNight	HE	3	x	x	x	1	x	x	0.674	0.345
TrafficNight	×	3	x	x	x	1	x	x	0.526	0.282
TrafficNight	×	*	x	x	x	x		x	0.865	0 549
TrafficNight	CLAHE	\$	x	x	x	x	1	x	0.859	0.528
TrafficNight	FieldScale	3	x	x	x	x	1	x	0.861	0.550
TrafficNight	HE	3	x	x	x	x	1	x	0.897	0.545
TrafficNight	×	3	x	x	x	x	1	x	0.897	0.564
TrafficNight	×	*	x	x	x	x	x	1	0 494	0.276
TrafficNight	CLAHE	3	x	x	x	x	x	1	0.519	0.290
TrafficNight	FieldScale	3	x	x	x	x	x	1	0.455	0.254
TrafficNight	HE	3	x	x	x	x	x	1	0.494	0.275
TrafficNight	×	3	x	x	x	x	x	1	0.479	0.275
TrafficNight	×	*	1		1	1	1	1	0.816	0.518
TrafficNight	×	*	x		1		1	1	0.843	0.517
TrafficNight	CLAHE	à	1		1	1	1	1	0.869	0.533
TrafficNight	FieldScale	3	1		1	1	1	1	0.885	0.550
TrafficNight	HE	3	1		1	1	1	1	0.883	0.542
TrafficNight	×	3	1		1	1	1	1	0.890	0.557
TrafficNight	CLAHE	3	x	1	1	1	1	1	0.885	0.556
TrafficNight	FieldScale	3	X	1	1	1	1	1	0.874	0.531
TrafficNight	HE	5	X	1	1	1	1	1	0.876	0.545
TrafficNight	×	5	X	1	1	1	1	1	0.903	0.563
TrafficNight	×	*	1	×	×		1	1	0.881	0.530
TrafficNight	×	*	X	×	×		1	1	0.895	0.534
TrafficNight	CLAHE	5	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.865	0.546
TrafficNight	FieldScale	3	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.872	0.554
TrafficNight	HE	۵	1	X	×	1	1	1	0.853	0.532
TrafficNight	×	3	1	X	×	1	1	$\checkmark$	0.873	0.544
TrafficNight	CLAHE	3	X	X	×	1	1	$\checkmark$	0.860	0.548
TrafficNight	FieldScale	5	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.883	0.552
TrafficNight	HE	ى 🔰	X	×	×	1	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	1	0.874	0.540
TrafficNight	×	<u>ن</u>	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.886	0.566
TrafficNight	×	*	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.005
TrafficNight	×	*	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.005
TrafficNight	CLAHE	5	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.004
TrafficNight	FieldScale	5	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.003	0.002
TrafficNight	HE	۵	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.002	0.001
TrafficNight	×	5	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.002	0.001
TrafficNight	CLAHE	۵	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.008	0.004
TrafficNight	FieldScale	۵	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.027	0.011
TrafficNight	HE	۵	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.026	0.013
TrafficNight	×	5	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.007	0.004

Table 6. Results for the HIT-UAV dataset [10]. Using a pre-pocessing methods is highlighted with the corresponding abbreviation (HE, CLAHE, Fieldscale) or using the original images is marked with  $\lambda$ . Datasets used in the pool are marked with  $\checkmark$  and excluded datasets are marked with  $\lambda$ . Fully fine-tuned is highlighted with a fire icon  $\diamondsuit$  and a frozen backbone is highlighted with a snowflake icon  $\clubsuit$ . Using DAS is highlighted with an  $\checkmark$  icon in the corresponding column and standard models are marked with  $\lambda$ .

Test	Pre-processing					Training Dataset	Pool		n	nAP↑
Dataset	{HE, CLAHE, FieldScale }	Backbone	DAS	FLIR (v2)	M3FD	DroneVehicle	TrafficNight	HIT-UAV	mAP@.5	mAP@.595
HIT-UAV	×	*	X		X	X	X	×	0.134	0.044
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	à	x		x	x	x	x	0.013	0.010
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	5	x	1	x	x	x	x	0.007	0.005
HIT-UAV	HE	5	x		x	x	x	x	0.019	0.010
HIT-UAV	×	5	x		x	x	x	x	0.018	0.009
HIT-UAV	x	*	x	x	1	x	x	x	0.032	0.016
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	3	x	x	1	x	x	x	0.026	0.012
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	3	x	x	1	x	x	x	0.014	0.007
HIT-UAV	HE	3	x	x	1	x	x	x	0.017	0.012
HIT-UAV	x	3	x	x	1	x	x	x	0.027	0.012
HIT-UAV	x	*	x	x	x	x	1	x	0.096	0.048
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	3	x	x	x	x	1	x	0.217	0.128
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	5	x	x	x	x	1	x	0.201	0.125
HIT-UAV	HE	5	x	x	x	x	1	x	0.246	0.149
HIT-UAV	×	5	x	x	x	x	1	x	0.241	0.144
HIT-UAV	×	*	x	x	x		x	×	0.783	0.486
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	3	x	x	x		x	x	0.850	0.534
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	5	x	x	x		x	x	0.840	0.542
HIT-UAV	HE	5	x	x	x		x	x	0.836	0.545
HIT-UAV	×	5	x	x	x		x	x	0.850	0.554
HIT-UAV	×	*	x	x	x	x	x	1	0.953	0.649
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	3	x	x	x	X	x	1	0.934	0.680
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	5	x	x	x	x	x	1	0.925	0.679
HIT-UAV	HE	5	x	x	x	×	×	1	0.944	0.678
HIT-UAV	×	5	X	×	x	×	×	1	0.924	0.669
HIT-UAV	×	*	1	<i>.</i>	1		1	1	0.952	0.683
HIT-UAV	×	*	X	1	1	1	1	1	0.953	0.682
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.963	0.700
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.963	0.702
HIT-UAV	HE	3	1	1	1	$\checkmark$	1	1	0.951	0.699
HIT-UAV	×	3	1	1	1	1	1	✓	0.953	0.699
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	3	X	1	1	✓	1	1	0.962	0.694
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	ى 🔰	X	1	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	1	$\checkmark$	0.963	0.699
HIT-UAV	HE	ى 🔰	×	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	1	0.963	0.699
HIT-UAV	×	త	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	$\checkmark$	1	1	0.962	0.703
HIT-UAV	×	*	1	X	X	$\checkmark$	1	1	0.952	0.691
HIT-UAV	×	*	X	X	X	$\checkmark$	1	1	0.954	0.687
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	ى 🔰	1	X	X	$\checkmark$	1	1	0.964	0.703
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	3	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	1	$\checkmark$	0.961	0.705
HIT-UAV	HE	۵	1	X	X	$\checkmark$	1	$\checkmark$	0.963	0.702
HIT-UAV	×	3	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	1	$\checkmark$	0.953	0.699
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	5	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	1	$\checkmark$	0.964	0.695
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	5	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	1	$\checkmark$	0.964	0.698
HIT-UAV	HE	3	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	1	$\checkmark$	0.963	0.702
HIT-UAV	×	3	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	1	<i>✓</i>	0.963	0.696
HIT-UAV	×	*	1	<i>✓</i>	1	×	×	×	0.027	0.011
HIT-UAV	×	*	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.029	0.010
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	<b>Š</b>	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.018	0.009
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	<b>Š</b>	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.005
HIT-UAV	HE	<b>)</b>	1	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	1	×	×	×	0.020	0.007
HIT-UAV	×	<b>Š</b>	1	<b>v</b>	1	×	×	×	0.027	0.013
HIT-UAV	CLAHE	<b>Š</b>	×	<b>v</b>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.008
HIT-UAV	FieldScale	<b>Š</b>	×	<b>v</b>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.008
HIT-UAV	HE	<b>o</b>	×		<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	×	×	×	0.005	0.003
HIT-UAV	× ×	3	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.011	0.004

Table 7. Results for the MSNet dataset [12]. Using a pre-pocessing methods is highlighted with the corresponding abbreviation (HE, CLAHE, Fieldscale) or using the original images is marked with  $\lambda$ . Datasets used in the pool are marked with  $\checkmark$  and excluded datasets are marked with  $\lambda$ . Fully fine-tuned is highlighted with a fire icon  $\diamondsuit$  and a frozen backbone is highlighted with a snowflake icon  $responding column and standard models are marked with <math>\lambda$ .

Test	Pre-processing					Training Dataset	Pool		n n	nAP↑
Dataset	{HE, CLAHE, FieldScale }	Backbone	DAS	FLIR (v2)	M3FD	DroneVehicle	TrafficNight	HIT-UAV	mAP@.5	mAP@.595
MCNet	CLAHE	3	X	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	X	×	×	X	0.786	0.649
MCNet	FieldScale	5	x	1	X	×	×	X	0.792	0.654
MCNet	HE	3	X	1	X	×	×	×	0.785	0.645
MCNet	×	5	x	1	X	×	×	X	0.786	0.656
MCNet	×	*	X	1	X	×	×	×	0.732	0.599
MCNet	CLAHE	3	X	×	1	×	×	×	0.856	0.639
MCNet	FieldScale	3	X	×	1	×	×	X	0.858	0.648
MCNet	HE	5	x	×	1	×	×	X	0.844	0.621
MCNet	×	3	X	×	1	×	×	×	0.845	0.626
MCNet	×	*	X	×	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	0.693	0.497
MCNet	CLAHE	ى 🔰	X	×	X	×	1	×	0.017	0.006
MCNet	FieldScale	3	X	×	X	×	1	×	0.018	0.007
MCNet	HE	3	X	×	X	×	1	×	0.008	0.003
MCNet	×	ى 🔰	X	×	X	×	1	×	0.012	0.005
MCNet	×	*	X	×	X	×	$\checkmark$	X	0.011	0.004
MCNet	CLAHE	ى 🔰	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	×	×	0.039	0.011
MCNet	FieldScale	ى 🔰	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	×	×	0.056	0.015
MCNet	HE	ى 🔰	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	×	×	0.033	0.011
MCNet	×	ى 🔰	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	×	×	0.030	0.011
MCNet	×	*	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	×	X	0.002	0.001
MCNet	CLAHE	ى 🔰	X	×	X	×	×	1	0.149	0.077
MCNet	FieldScale	ى 🔰	X	×	X	×	×	1	0.150	0.079
MCNet	HE	ى 🔰	X	×	X	×	×	✓	0.149	0.081
MCNet	×	ى 🔰	X	×	X	×	×	1	0.180	0.112
MCNet	CLAHE	ى 🔰	1	1	$\checkmark$	1	1	1	0.851	0.663
MCNet	FieldScale	ى 🔰	1	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	1	0.835	0.664
MCNet	HE	ى 🔰	1	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	0.815	0.640
MCNet	×	3	1	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.838	0.663
MCNet	CLAHE	5	X	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.830	0.666
MCNet	FieldScale	5	X	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.828	0.675
MCNet	HE	5	X	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.813	0.657
MCNet	X	3	X	<i>✓</i>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.831	0.681
MCNet	X	*	1	<i>✓</i>	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.763	0.615
MCNet	X	*	X	<i>✓</i>	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.747	0.605
MCNet	CLAHE	<u> </u>	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.018	0.008
MCNet	FieldScale	<b>.</b>	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.019	0.008
MCNet	HE	<b>.</b>	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.014	0.006
MCNet	×	3	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.017	0.007
MCNet	CLAHE	<b>.</b>	X	×	X	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>		$\checkmark$	0.036	0.012
MCNet	FieldScale	<b>.</b>	X	×	X	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>		$\checkmark$	0.029	0.011
MCNet	HE	<b>.</b>	X	×	X	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>		$\checkmark$	0.022	0.007
MCNet	×	3	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.046	0.020
MCNet	×	*	1	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	0.003	0.001
MCNet	×	*	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		0.002	0.001
MCNet	CLAHE	•			<b>~</b>	×	×	×	0.847	0.649
MCNet	FieldScale	<b>Š</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>V</b>	×	×	×	0.844	0.658
MCNet	HE	<b>Š</b>		<b>v</b>	<b>V</b>	×	×	×	0.816	0.644
MCNet	×	<b>)</b>	1		<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	×	×	×	0.841	0.673
MCNet	CLAHE	<b>9</b>	X		<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	×	×	×	0.822	0.662
MCNet	FieldScale	, v	X		<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>	×	×	X	0.829	0.668
MCNet	HE	<b>o</b>	×			×	×	×	0.810	0.649
MCNet	×	<u> </u>	X	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	×	×	×	0.830	0.672
MCNet	×	*	1	<b>√</b>	1	×	×	×	0.744	0.604
MCNet	×	*	X	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>		×	×	×	0.760	0.616

Table 8. Results for the WIT-UAS dataset [5]. Using a pre-pocessing methods is highlighted with the corresponding abbreviation (HE, CLAHE, Fieldscale) or using the original images is marked with  $\lambda$ . Datasets used in the pool are marked with  $\checkmark$  and excluded datasets are marked with  $\lambda$ . Fully fine-tuned is highlighted with a fire icon  $\diamondsuit$  and a frozen backbone is highlighted with a snowflake icon  $\clubsuit$ . Using DAS is highlighted with an  $\checkmark$  icon in the corresponding column and standard models are marked with  $\lambda$ .

Test	Pre-processing					Training Dataset	Pool		n	hAP↑
Dataset	{HE CLAHE FieldScale }	Backbone	DAS	$FLIR(v^2)$	M3FD	DroneVehicle	TrafficNight	HIT-HAV	mAP@ 5	mAP@ 5-95
WITLIAS	CLAHE		×		¥	y Dione veniere	v	<u>v</u>	0.016	0.010
WIT-UAS	FieldScele	l X	Ŷ		Ŷ	Ŷ	Ŷ	Ŷ	0.010	0.010
WIT-UAS	FieldScale	, X	<u></u>		<u> </u>	Ŷ	<sup>^</sup>	Ŷ	0.029	0.017
WIT-UAS	HE	, s	Ŷ		÷.	Ŷ	Ŷ.	Ŷ	0.041	0.013
WIT-UAS	×		×		×	×	×	~	0.005	0.002
WII-UAS	X	*	X	<b>v</b>	X	X	×	X	0.002	0.001
WIT-UAS	CLAHE		X	X	<b>V</b>	X	X	X	0.002	0.001
WIT-UAS	FieldScale	•	X	X	<b>v</b>	X	X	X	0.005	0.002
WIT-UAS	HE	•	X	×	1	×	×	×	0.000	0.000
WIT-UAS	×	•	×	X	1	×	×	×	0.000	0.000
WIT-UAS	×	*	X	×	1	×	×	×	0.000	0.000
WIT-UAS	CLAHE	<b></b>	X	×	X	×	$\checkmark$	×	0.368	0.133
WIT-UAS	FieldScale	•	X	X	×	×	$\checkmark$	×	0.392	0.150
WIT-UAS	HE	<b>Š</b>	X	×	×	×	1	×	0.388	0.140
WIT-UAS	×	<b>Š</b>	X	×	×	×	1	×	0.388	0.143
WIT-UAS	×	*	X	X	X	×	$\checkmark$	×	0.375	0.114
WIT-UAS	CLAHE	<u>ن</u>	X	×	X	$\checkmark$	×	×	0.509	0.250
WIT-UAS	FieldScale	<u>ن</u>	X	×	X	1	×	×	0.527	0.252
WIT-UAS	HE	3	X	×	X	1	×	×	0.534	0.231
WIT-UAS	×	5	X	×	X	1	×	×	0.445	0.219
WIT-UAS	×	*	x	×	X	1	x	×	0.448	0.191
WIT-UAS	CLAHE	5	X	×	X	x	×	1	0.383	0.175
WIT-UAS	FieldScale	5	X	×	X	X	x	1	0.411	0.170
WIT-UAS	HE	3	x	x	x	x	x	1	0.448	0.187
WIT-UAS	×	5	x	x	x	x	x	1	0.461	0.202
WIT-UAS	CLAHE	5	1		1	1	1		0.470	0.199
WIT-UAS	FieldScale	5	1		1		1		0 393	0.168
WIT-UAS	HE								0.503	0.196
WIT-UAS	¥								0.303	0.175
WIT UAS		l X	×		· /		•		0.408	0.202
WIT UAS	FieldScale	X X	Ŷ		×,				0.498	0.202
WIT UAS	LE	X X	Ŷ		· /		•		0.535	0.212
WIT-UAS	THE V	, X	Ŷ		×,	~	· · ·		0.535	0.223
WIT-UAS	r and a second s	**			× /	~	~		0.347	0.217
WIT-UAS	l ^	**	~		× ,	~		~	0.440	0.100
WIT-UAS		*	<b>^</b>		<b>*</b>	~		~	0.302	0.188
WIT-UAS	CLAHE		· ·		×				0.501	0.205
WII-UAS	FieldScale	, é		X	X				0.464	0.193
WIT-UAS	HE	, é		X	X				0.528	0.205
WIT-UAS	×	, é	<b>v</b>	X	X				0.467	0.173
WIT-UAS	CLAHE		X	X	X			<b>_</b>	0.576	0.227
WIT-UAS	FieldScale	•	X	X	X		<b>_</b>	~	0.529	0.226
WIT-UAS	HE	•	X	×	×				0.580	0.236
WIT-UAS	×	0	X	×	×		<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>	0.526	0.214
WIT-UAS	×	*	1	×	×		$\checkmark$	<i>✓</i>	0.445	0.155
WIT-UAS	×	*	X	X	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.503	0.179
WIT-UAS	CLAHE	<b>)</b>	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.006
WIT-UAS	FieldScale	্র	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	X	0.010	0.007
WIT-UAS	HE	<u>ه</u>	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	×	0.010	0.007
WIT-UAS	× ×	<u>ه</u>	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	X	0.013	0.005
WIT-UAS	CLAHE	<u>ن</u>	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	X	0.010	0.005
WIT-UAS	FieldScale	<u>ه</u>	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	X	0.010	0.007
WIT-UAS	HE	<u>ن</u>	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	X	0.007	0.002
WIT-UAS	×	3	X	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	X	0.001	0.001
WIT-UAS	×	*	1	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	1	×	×	X	0.002	0.002
WIT-UAS	×	*	X	<ul> <li>Image: A set of the set of the</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Image: A start of the start of</li></ul>	×	×	X	0.003	0.001

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