

Phase 1 Data

EuroSAT

27,000 images ■ 10 classes
64 × 64 px ■ Sentinel-2 (10 m)

UC Merced

2,100 images ■ 21 classes
256 × 256 px ■ USGS Aerial (0.3 m)

Phase 2 Preprocess

Data Preprocessing

Resize to 224 × 224 ■ Stratified 80/20 split (seed=42) ■ RGB channels only

Data Augmentation

Random H/V flip ■ Rotation ($\pm 15^\circ$) ■ Color jitter ■ ImageNet normalization

8 Model Architectures (3 Families) — All ImageNet Pretrained

Phase 3 Modeling

Classical CNN

ResNet-50 (23.5M)
ResNet-101 (42.5M)
DenseNet-121 (7.0M)
EfficientNet-B0 (4.0M)
EfficientNet-B3 (10.7M)

Vision Transformer

ViT-B/16 (85.8M)
Swin-T (27.5M)

Modern CNN

ConvNeXt-Tiny (27.8M)

Uniform Training Protocol

AdamW ($\text{lr}=10^{-4}$) ■ ReduceLROnPlateau ■ Early stopping (patience=10) ■ 30 epochs ■ Batch 32

Phase 4 Evaluation

Performance Evaluation

Overall Accuracy ■ F1-Macro ■ F1-Weighted ■ Cohen's κ ■ Per-class Precision/Recall/F1

Statistical Testing

McNemar's test
(pairwise significance)

Error Analysis

Confusion matrices
Misclassified samples

Efficiency Analysis

Parameters vs. accuracy
Training time

Key Findings

- Architecture matters less than training recipe with transfer learning
- ConvNeXt-T best on EuroSAT (99.06%) ■ EfficientNet-B3 best on UC Merced (99.76%)
- Most pairwise differences not statistically significant (McNemar's $p > 0.05$)
- EfficientNet-B0 (4.0M params) within 1% of all models — best efficiency

Phase 5 Findings