# Automated Analysis of Planktonic Image Data

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- i. Studying plankton
- ii. Scripps Plankton Camera system overview
- iii. Transfer learning and deep feature extraction for planktonic image data sets
  - Orenstein and Beijbom, *Applications of Computer Vision* (WACV), 2017 IEEE Winter Conference on.
- iv. High-temporal resolution *in situ* imaging reveals dynamics of copepod-parasite interaction





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- Influence biogeochemical cycles

- What organisms live in the ocean?
- How many of them are there?
- What are they doing?
  - Changes over time?
  - Interactions?
- Difficult to answer due to technological limitations

## **Scripps Plankton Camera**





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Imaged Volume





## **SPC - Specifications**

Property	Specification	X
Field of View	25 mm x 20 mm	1.0
Resolution	7.4 μm pixels 35 lp/mm @ 40 % contrast	
Depth of Field	400 µm @ 35 lp/mm @ 20 % contrast	Cala Cope Acar
Hi-Resolution Volume	0.2 mL per Frame	60
Blob-Detection Volume	10 mL Frame	alue 50
Data Rate	Up to 8 fps with ROI processing	85 40 30



## SPC – Data Logging



# SPC - Deployment



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# Fragile objects



Background – SPC

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0.1 mm



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- Boost human annotation efforts with machine learning
- Test a variety of ML approaches
  - Random Forests (Blaschko et al., 2005)
  - Support Vector Machines (Sosik et al., 2007)
  - Convolutional Neural Networks (Orenstein et al., 2015)
- Goal: Test the effectiveness of out-ofdomain data for plankton classification







In Situ Ichthyoplankton Imaging System (ISIIS) Imaging FlowCytobot (IFCB) Scripps Plankton Camera (SPC)



5 mm

0.5 m

#### ISIIS

- Images organisms in *mm* size range
- 100s of millions unlabeled images
- 37000 labeled images, 37 classes

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## Machine learning

- Random forests
  - Ensemble classifier
  - Operates on 'hand-engineered' features
- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)
  - Representation learning
  - Operates directly on raw data
- Both types require labeled data for training and evaluation









 $= [x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n]$ 





















### • Fine tuning

- Cut off top layers of a network and retrain
- Decreases training time, increases accuracy with small training set (Yosinski et al., 2014)
- Deep features
  - CNN weights used for margin or ensemble classifiers (Donahue et al., 2013)

### Fine-tuning and feature extraction

- Deep nets based on AlexNet:
  - -2 from scratch with ISIIS and IFCB
  - 2 fine-tuned from ImageNet with ISIIS and IFCB
  - 2 double fine-tuned with both plankton datasets
  - ImageNet weights with no plankton data

### Fine-tuning and feature extraction

- Random Forests:
  - Hand-engineered features
  - Deep features
  - Deep + hand-engineered features

## Results

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	IFCB	0.78	0.86	0.86	-	-	-	-
	ISIIS	-	-	-	0.71	0.83	0.83	_

- Double fine-tuning had a slight positive effect on classifier accuracy
- Suggests that a machine classifier treats IFCB and ISIIS data sets as very similar

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Deep feat	IFCB	-	-	-	0.65	0.77	-	0.81
	ISIIS	0.56	0.65	-	-	-	-	0.63
	SPC	0.57	0.69	0.67	0.52	0.65	0.65	0.71
Deep + Hand	IFCB	-	-	-	0.68	0.78	-	0.81
	ISIIS	0.65	0.70	-	-	-	-	0.66
	SPC	0.67	0.76	0.74	0.69	0.74	0.74	0.77

 Addition of hand-engineered features had slight positive effect

## Results

- Demonstrated value of out-of-domain data
  - Weights from standard object detectors useful
  - Potential to combine ocean image data for more powerful models
- Further development needed for deployment on real data
  - Data—set shift: prior probability of classes changing with time (Moreno-Torres et al., 2012)

# Thank you

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