

Explainable AI for Understanding Plankton Communities

The case of plankton image identification

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Project OcéanIA: General goals

OcéanIA

AI, ML, and modeling: understand processes and propose policies
Cut the vicious cycle!

Main climate change mitigator



Vicious cycle:
salinity,
heatwaves,
ecosystem
destruction, low
carbon capture,
etc.



Destruction of Ocean healing capacity

Three big questions

How the ocean
mitigates climate
change?

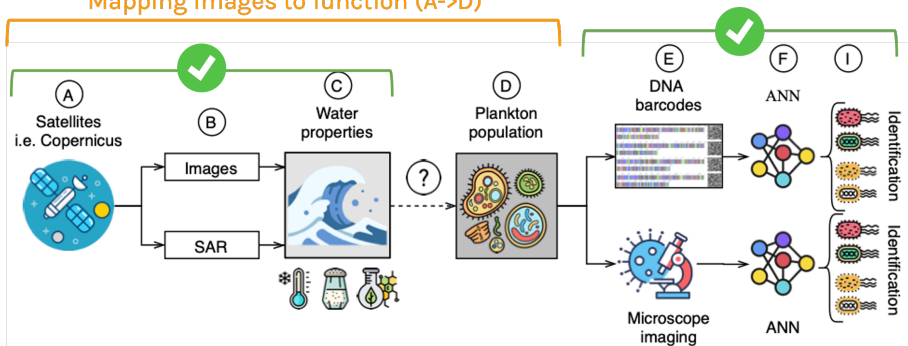
How the ocean is
changing because
climate change?

What to do to protect
this mitigation effect?

Towards remote identification of ocean ecosystems

Mapping images to individuals (A->I)

Mapping images to function (A->D)

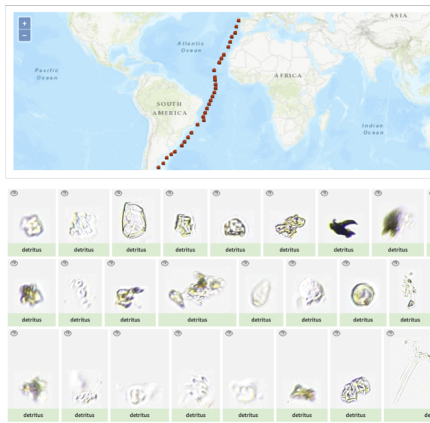


Identifying plankton species

- Plankton images are easier and cheaper to obtain than genetic sequences (DNA, RNA, etc.),
- but harder to annotate -> require experts.
- different cameras, expeditions, processing, etc.

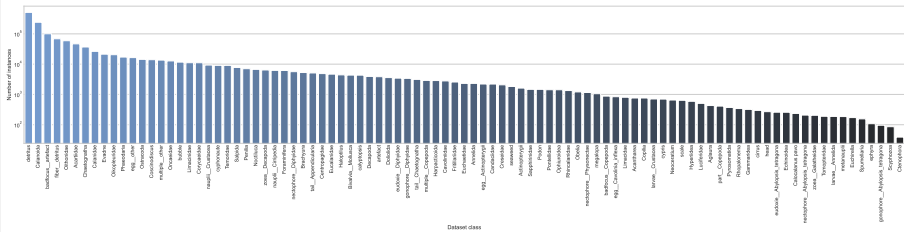
For instance, EcoTaxa:¹

- **+320 million images**
- \approx 4 million tagged as 'living'
- \approx 8 million as 'non-living'

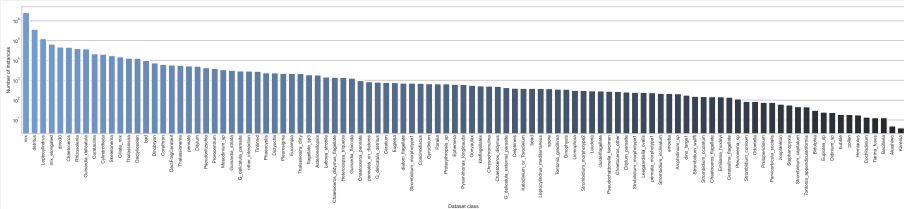


¹Picheral, M., Colin, S., & J.-O., I. (2017). EcoTaxa, a tool for the taxonomic classification of images

Zooscan dataset ($\approx 1.4\text{M}$ EcoTaxa subset, high quality)²



Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst. (WHOI) ($\approx 3.6\text{M}$, B&W/low quality)³



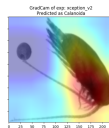
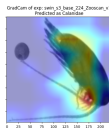
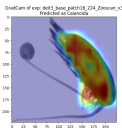
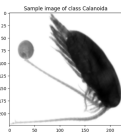
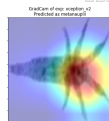
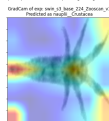
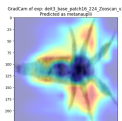
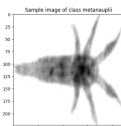
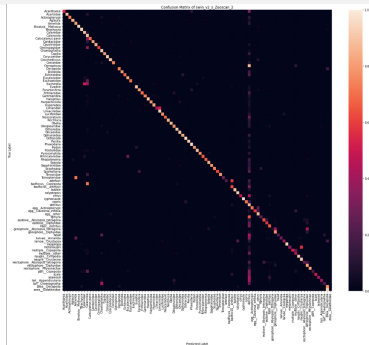
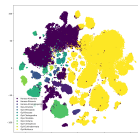
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³Orenstein, E. C., Beijbom, O., Peacock, E. E., & Sosik, H. M. (2015). Whoi-plankton- A large scale fine grained visual recognition benchmark dataset for plankton classification. *CoRR*, abs/1510.00745

First step: the supervised way

Xception,⁴ Efficientnet v2,⁵ ConvNeXt⁶, Inception,⁷ SWIN s3,⁸ and DeiT⁹.

Data augment, adapt weighted resampling, focal loss, etc.



⁴Chollet, F. (2016). Xception: Deep learning with depthwise separable convolutions. *CoRR*, abs/1610.02378

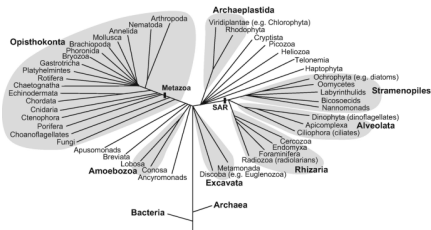
⁵Tan, M. & Le, Q. V. (2021). Efficientnetv2: Smaller models and faster training. *CoRR*, abs/2104.00298

⁶Liu, Z., Mao, H., Wu, C., Feichtenhofer, C., Darrell, T., & Xie, S. (2022). A convnet for the 2020s. *CoRR*, abs/2201.03545

⁷Szegedy, C., Liu, W., Jia, Y., Sermanet, P., Reed, S. E., Anguelov, D., Erhan, D., Vanhoucke, V., & Rabinovich, A. (2014). Going deeper with convolutions. *CoRR*, abs/1409.4842

⁸Liu, Z., Lin, Y., Cao, Y., Hu, H., Wei, Y., Zhang, Z., Lin, S., & Guo, B. (2021). Swin transformer: Hierarchical vision transformer using shifted windows. *CoRR*, abs/2103.14030

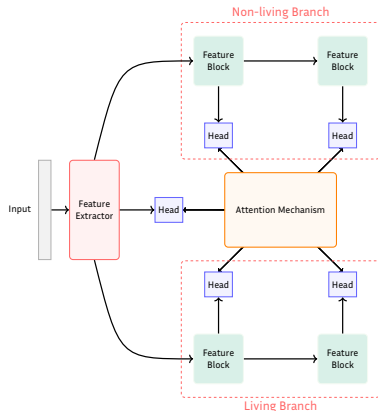
Step 2: Hierarchical classification



Intuitively, it makes sense to exploit the taxonomy information.

- Branch CNN¹⁰
- Hierarchical bilinear CNN¹¹
- Branch-attention CNN¹²

Segregated BA-CNN model:
branches for living and non-living.



¹⁰ Zhu, X. & Bain, M. (2017). B-CNN: branch convolutional neural network for hierarchical classification. *CoRR*, abs/1709.09890

¹¹ Zhang, X., Tang, L., Luo, H., Zhong, S., Guan, Z., Chen, L., Zhao, C., Peng, J., & Fan, J. (2021). Hierarchical bilinear convolutional neural network for image classification. *IET Computer Vision*, 15

¹² Pizarro, I., Nanculef, R., & Valle, C. (2023). An attention-based architecture for hierarchical classification with cnns. *IEEE Access*, 11, 32972–32995

Hierarchical classification results

Hierarchical Experiments												
Experiment Names	First Level				Second Level				Third Level			
	Acc	F1	Pre	Rec	Acc	F1	Pre	Rec	Acc	F1	Pre	Rec
Flat Baseline	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	88.5	89.6	91.2	88.5
B-CNN	97.1	97.1	97.1	97.1	95.8	95.8	95.1	94.7	92.3	92.3	92.6	90.6
HB-CNN	97.2	97.2	97.2	97.2	95.6	95.5	94.8	94.0	92.0	91.9	91.8	89.0
BA-CNN	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	95.9	95.8	95.5	94.9	92.2	92.1	92.3	89.5
SBA-CNN	97.2	97.2	97.2	97.2	90.2	90.8	89.1	90.2	83.7	88.4	89.7	83.7

Hierarchical results for individual branches											
Experiment Names	Specific Branch		Second Level				Third Level				
	Relevant	Irrelevant	Acc	F1	Pre	Rec	Acc	F1	Pre	Rec	
B-CNN	X		98.9	99.6	94.3	98.9	94.5	96.5	95.3	94.5	
HB-CNN	X		98.9	99.5	94.0	98.9	93.2	96.4	95.0	93.1	
BA-CNN	X		99.2	99.7	96.8	99.2	93.1	96.5	95.3	93.1	
SBA-CNN	X		99.2	99.7	99.2	99.2	93.1	96.2	91.4	93.1	
B-CNN		X	91.9	94.2	87.7	91.9	83.8	90.1	87.0	83.1	
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BA-CNN		X	92.0	94.4	91.7	92.0	83.1	90.1	88.0	83.1	
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Step 3: What about the masses of unlabeled data?

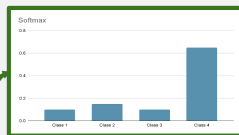
- Out-of-distribution detection methods analyze the output of a classifier to determine if the input is OOD or 'unknown'.
- The definition of OOD-ness -as outliers- is somewhat intuitive and based on context.
- Use existing annotated datasets to evaluate the quality of anomaly detection.

OOD patterns in classifiers

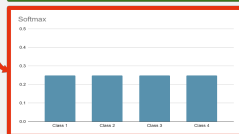
Regular sample
(in distribution)

Unseen image
(out of distribution)

CLASSIFIER
SOTA: Deit, Swin, Beit, etc.

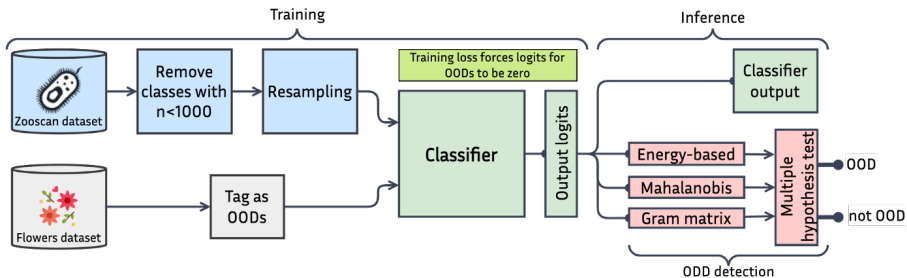


Usual activation pattern where one class has a higher activation value.



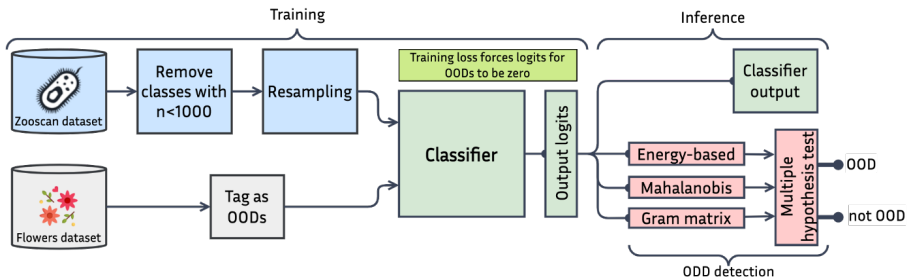
'Flat' activation pattern denotes that classifier is unable to provide a valid output.

Using adversarial examples for OOD detection



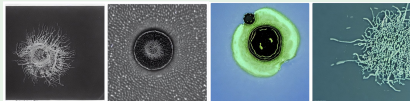
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- Leave one class out and use it for OOD evaluation (for all classes).
- OOD detection bumped from 58% to 93% retaining classifier performance!

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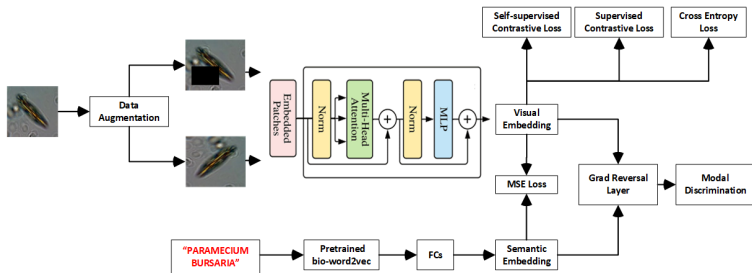


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Current: Hey, AI, generate some (fake/adversarial) plankton examples to use as OODs!



Multi-modal/multi-task approach



- **Classification:** known plankton species in training dataset.
- **Zero-shot classification:** known plankton species not in dataset.
- **Anomaly detection:** beyond OOD with contrastive learning.



Figure 1: Examples from Lendsea dataset.



Figure 2: Examples from the newly added chimeras images.



Figure 3: Examples from the newly added coco images.

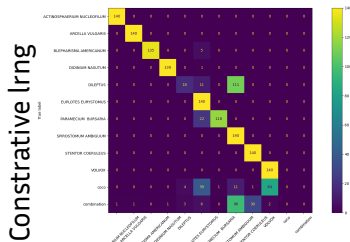
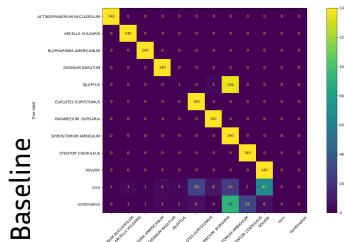
Multi-modal/multi-task learning: zero-shot results

- We then report the results of zero-shot learning for novel plankton species detection of different methods.
- We use the Top-k accuracy to evaluate the zero-shot learning.

$$\text{top-k acc}(y, f) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{1}(f_{i,j} == y_i) \quad (5)$$

where $f_{i,j}$ is the predicted class for the i -th sample corresponding to the j -th largest predicted score. y_i is the corresponding true label. N is the number of samples, k is the number of guesses, and $\mathbf{1}$ is the indicator function.

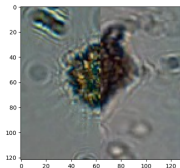
Methods	Top-1	Top-2	Top-5	Top-10
Proto-net + Constrasive	0.71	96.43	100.0	100.0
w/o Supervised Contrastive	1.43	96.43	100.0	100.0
Full model	12.86	100.0	100.0	100.0



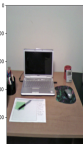
Multi-modal/multi-task learning: Anomaly detection results

Considering “Chimera” and “COCO” as the anomalies:

Methods	AUC (Overall)
w/o Supervised Contrastive	71.64
w/o Gromov-Wasserstein	78.77
Full model	96.25

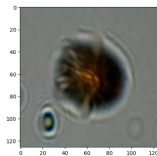


Anomaly score:
0.9574

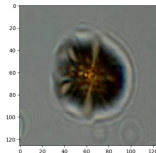


Anomaly score:
0.9757

True Positives



Anomaly score:
0.9523



Anomaly score:
0.9515

False Positives

What's next?

- Publish papers, papers, papers,
- (Re)using pretrained multi-modal models like CLIP¹³: human-readable explanations and more,
- imbalance learning by mixing augmentation and resampling,
- domain adaptation respecting domain constraints (causality),
- invariant representation learning,¹⁴ and
- aggregation of images: What can we deduce relying on geographical distance and time between images?

- OcéanIA deep-plankton.
- plankton datasets, +700 models, all bells and whistles, scalable multi-host/multi-gpus, sharing models, etc.! [Demo link](#).
- Best partner: Ecotaxa (model distillation, scalable inference).

¹³Radford, A., Kim, J. W., Hallacy, C., Ramesh, A., Goh, G., Agarwal, S., Sastry, G., Askell, A., Mishkin, P., Clark, J., Krueger, G., & Sutskever, I. (2021). Learning Transferable Visual Models From Natural Language Supervision

¹⁴Kwon, S., Choi, J. Y., & Ryu, E. K. (2023). Rotation and Translation Invariant Representation Learning with Implicit Neural Representations

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Questions?