Image-based plankton sampling

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Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment

Design Trade-offs



Plankter size-density relationship



In Situ Ichthyoplankton Imaging System (ISIIS)





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ISIIS-3 design



- New compact design (Crab trap shedding)
- Dual camera setup
- Enhanced sensor integration (e.g., pH, LISST-200X)



Image processing & classification





Automated classification of 150+ plankton classes

(a) Primary producers & protists(b-c) crustaceans

(d) cnidarians, ctenophores, & echinoderms

(e) heteropods & pteropods

- (f) chaetognaths & polychaetes
- (g) pelagic tunicates
- (h) fish larvae

Pipeline segments, classifies, and populates database

• Pipeline open-sourced (https://zenodo.org/record/4641158)







Software Open Access

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A Convolutional Neural Network based highthroughput image classification pipeline - code and documentation to process plankton underwater imagery using local HPC infrastructure and NSF's XSEDE

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Recent – near-real time (at-sea) analysis enabling adaptive sampling (e.g., low O2)



Western Digital - Ultrastar edge server 40 TB redundant NVME SSD storage, CPUs & GPUs



Database webserver



Example taxon selection



Example applications

ISIIS around the world





Euphausiids – an example of DVM



Straits of Florida – Plankton patchiness along fixed depth transects



How can plankton patch structure be quantitatively described?

Robinson et al. 2021

Central Oregon – coastal sampling



- Engraulid accumulations in near-hypoxic waters
- \rightarrow Feeding on copepods or possible refuge from predation



Next steps

- More cross calibration among sampling systems
- Standardize training sets for AI Image Analysis
- Get beyond demonstration stage to application stage

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Straits of Florida - Eddy



- Larval fish and *Oithona* sp. copepods co-occurred at inside eddy edge
- -> Biology or physics driven?
- Random Forests models point towards physics driven.
 Removing Oithona as predictor in larval fish model reduced variance explained by 0.3-2% (at ~80% total var explained), and Oithona model itself physics driven.



Schmid et al. 2020

Example vertical selection



NCC – Fine-scale larval fish prey availability & predation pressure near a tidally modulated river plume





Biomass and taxonomy from ISIIS

LISST particle data

Imaging size overlap between 200 and 500 um for size spectra spanning 9 orders of biomass magnitude



Combining ISIIS and LISST particle imager for spectra ranging from 1 micron to 55,000 micron+



Size spectra spanning 6 orders of magnitude

Imaging size overlap between 200 and 500 um for intercalibration

Size spectra work by combining ISIIS and LISST 200X

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Northern California Current size spectra work - combining ISIIS and LISST particle imager



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