

# A DISTRIBUTED VISION SYSTEM FOR BOAT TRAFFIC MONITORING IN THE VENICE GRAND CANAL

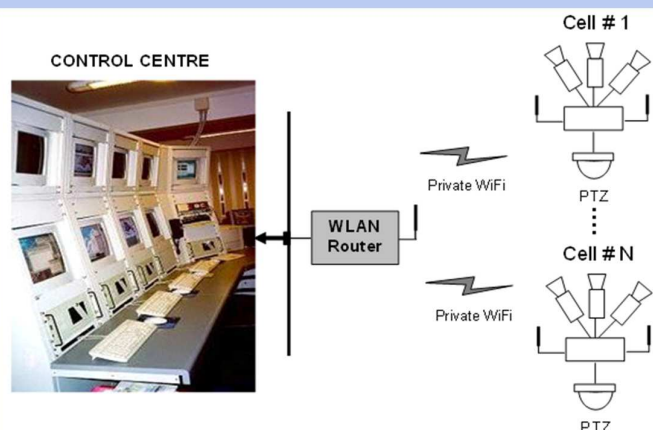
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## ARGOS Project Overview

### Automatic Remote Grand Canal Observation System

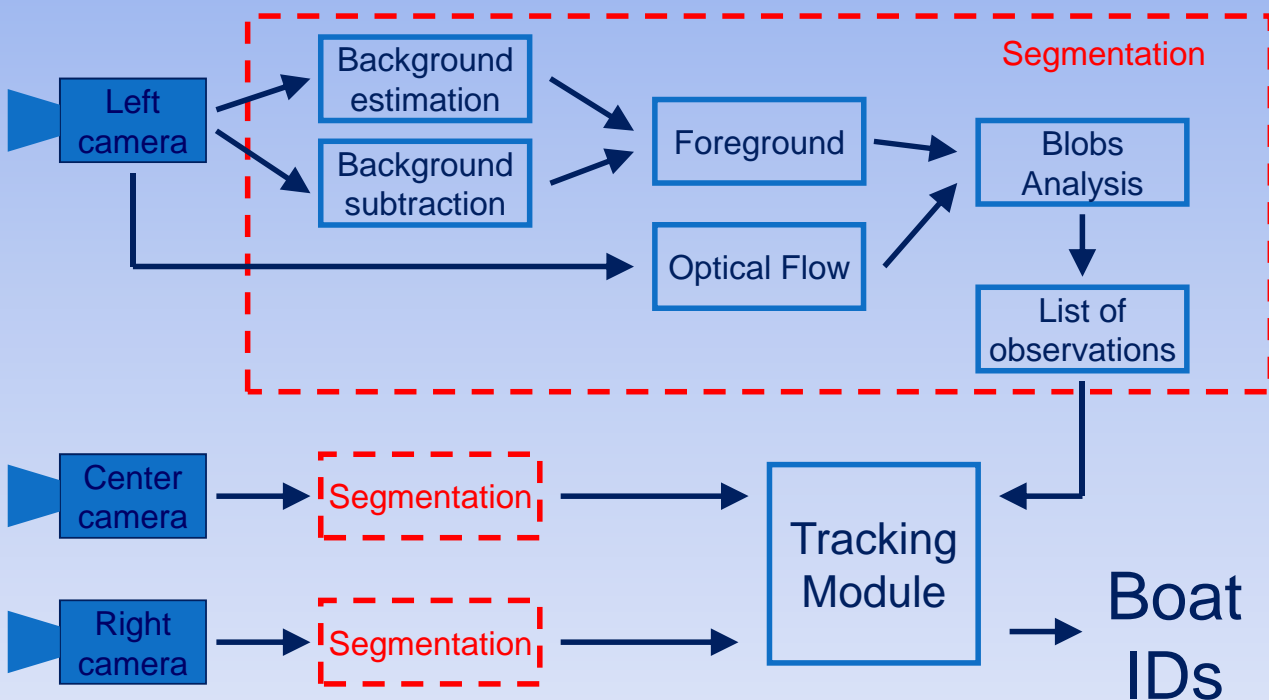
The ARGOS system is going to control a waterway of about 6 km length, 80 to 150 meters width, through 13 observation posts (Survey Cells).



# Survey Cells



## SC Software Architecture



# Background Estimation

## Problems:

- gradual illumination changes and sudden ones (clouds)
- motion changes (camera oscillations)
- high frequency noise (waves in our case)
- changes in the background geometry (parked boats).

## Approach:

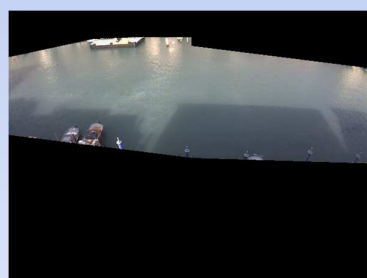
- computation of color distribution of a set of frames
- highest component form the background

## Background Estimation (2)



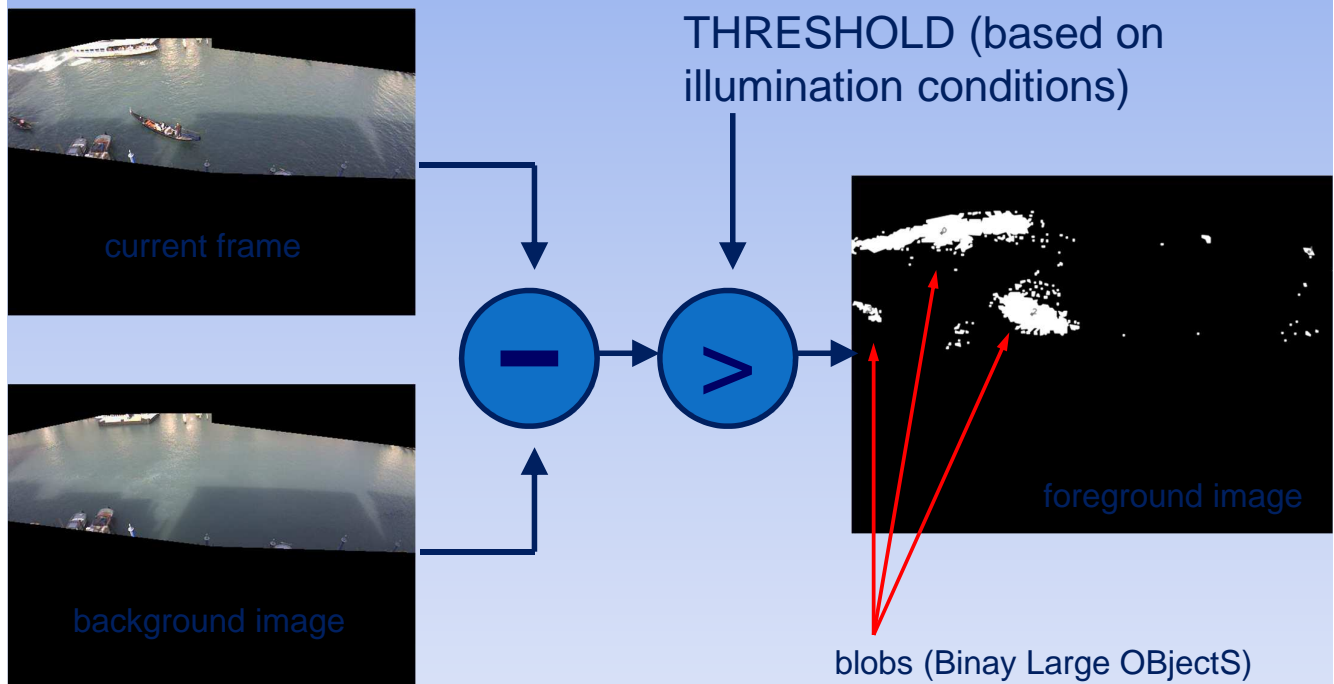
Set S of 20 images from a camera

Mask for cutting off  
buildings from  
computation



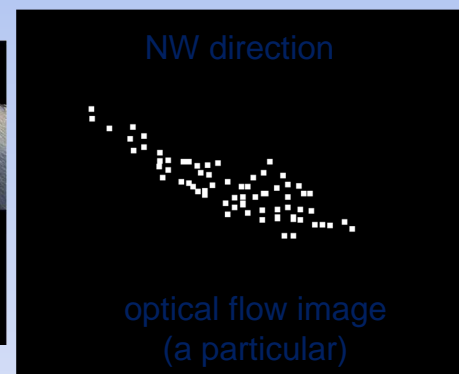
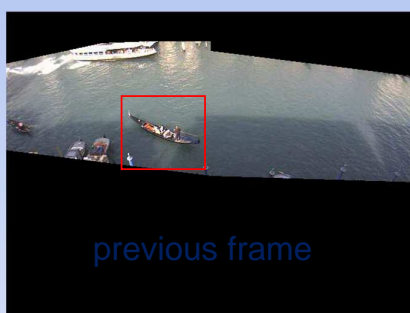
Background Image  
computed from S  
(the image display  
only the higher  
gaussian values)

# Background Subtraction



# Optical Flow Computation

We use a sparse iterative version of Lucas-Kanade optical flow in pyramids ([Bouget00]). It calculates coordinates of the feature points on the current video frame given their coordinates on the previous frame. The function finds the coordinates with sub-pixel accuracy. Every feature point is classified into one of the four principal directions NE, NW, SE, SW.





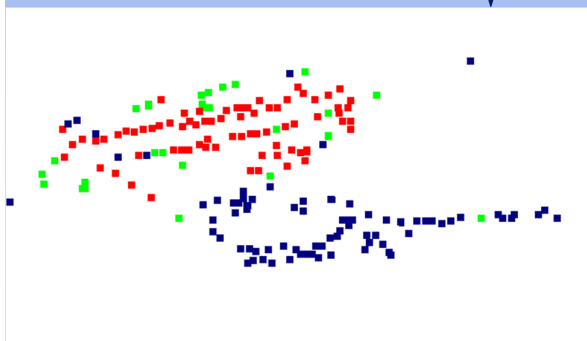
# Segmentation

Exploiting the foreground image and the optical flow image, for every blob we obtain

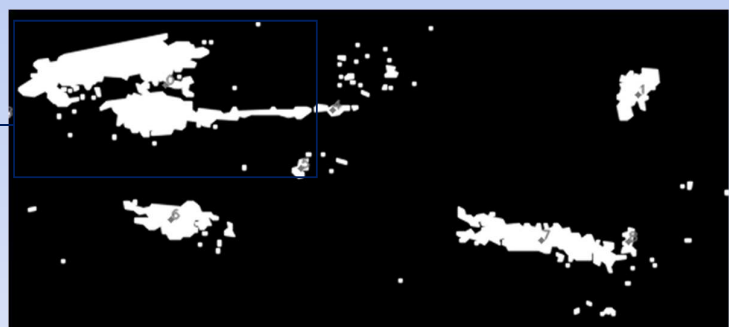
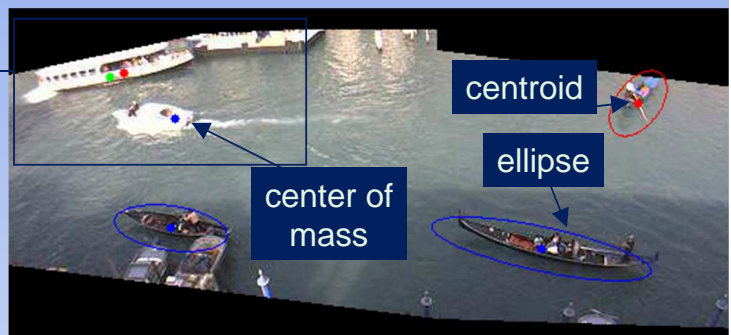
- its centroid (that is  $(x, y)$  position into the current frame)
- its direction (and consequently the probability of under segmentation if the blob is classified into more than one of the principal directions)
- its ellipse approximation (and consequently its dimensions in meters through homography matrices)

- ✓ Blob filtering: If a blob is too small according to the minimal dimension a boat must be in order to navigate the Gran Canal)
- ✓ Under segmentation: If a blob has two or more directions we compute the center of mass and the variance for every of the four predetermined principal direction.

## Segmentation (2)

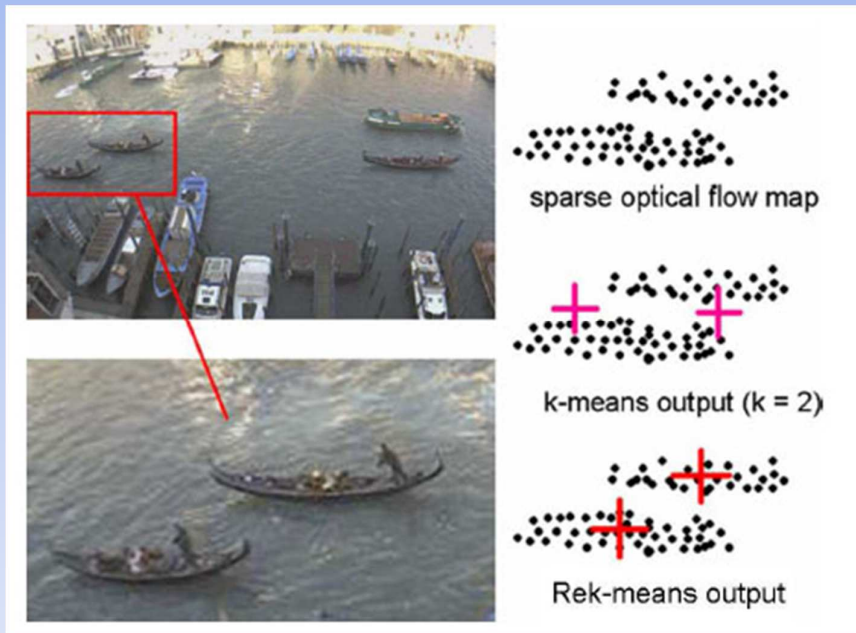


blue → NW direction  
red → NE direction  
green → SE direction

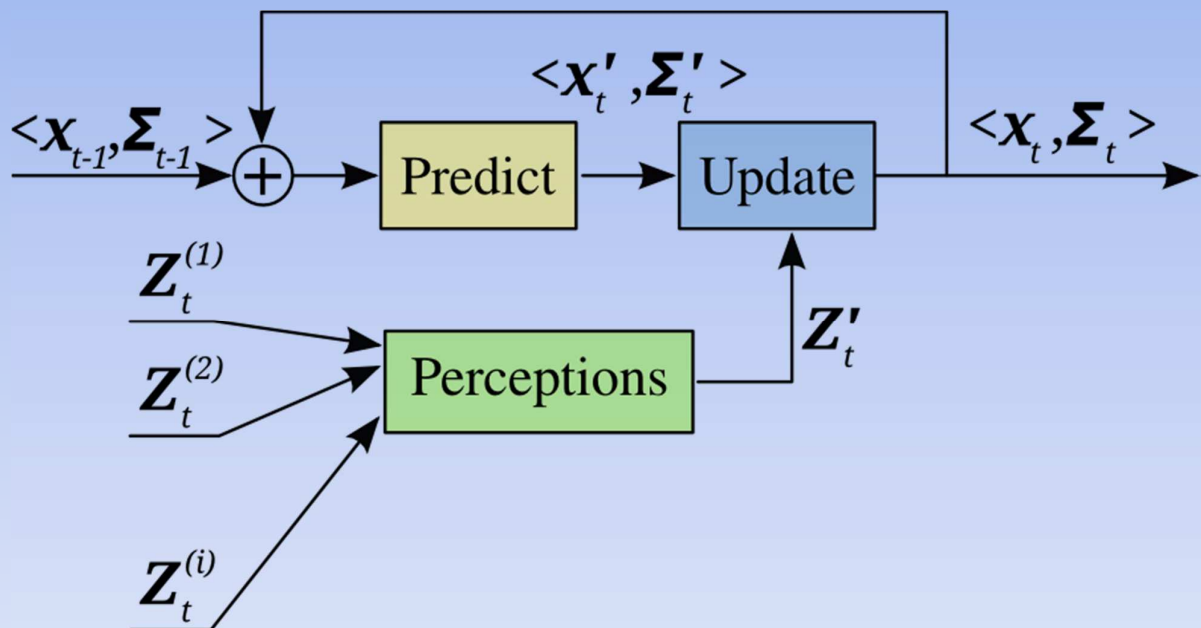


# Segmentation (3)

Unsupervised clustering with Rek-means [Bloisi, Iocchi 2008]



## Tracking module



# Tracking module

## Single-hypothesis Tracking

We use a set of Kalman Filters (one for each tracked boat).

Data Association: Nearest Neighbor rule

Track formation: unassociated observations

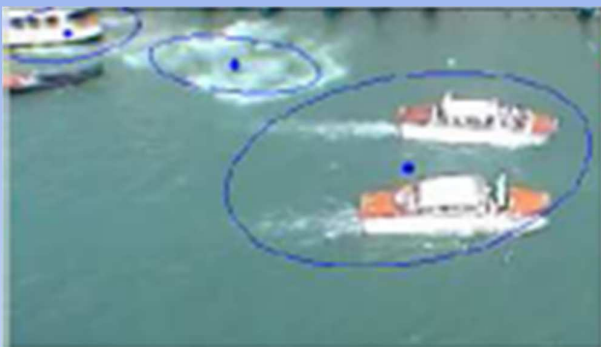
Track deletion: high covariance in the filter

## Multi-hypothesis Tracking

Track splitting: in ambiguous cases (data association has multiple solutions)

Track merging: high correlation between tracks

# Multi hypothesis tracking



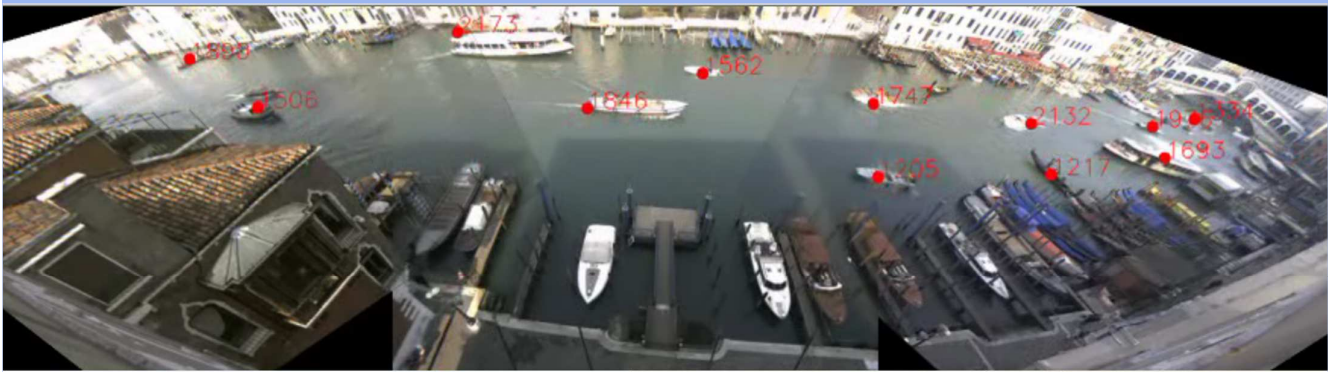
3 tracks (240, 247, 285)  
only 1 actual observation (285)







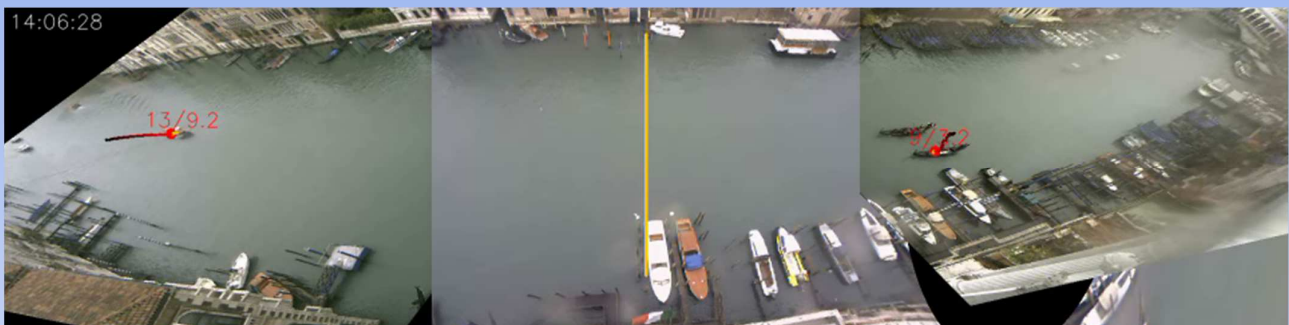
# Panoramic view



## PTZ Camera



# Example



**ARGOS (DualCore 2.4 GHz)**

3 video streams 640x480 -> 6.5 fps

**HYDRA (QuadCore 2.4 GHz)**

4 video streams 640x480 -> 6 fps

# Experimental Results

## TRACKING EVALUATION (avg. error per minute)

	Day	Duration (min.)	Meteo	FN	FP-R	FP-W
1	07/01/2008	130	Cloud/Fog	0.062	0.215	0.531
2	08/01/2008	130	Sun/Cloud	0.038	0.192	0.431
3	15/01/2008	130	Sun/Cloud	0.031	0.154	0.323
4	31/01/2008	120	Cloud	0.075	0.158	0.400
5	01/02/2008	120	Cloud/Fog	0.000	0.150	0.392
6	04/02/2008	120	Cloud/Rain	0.000	0.200	0.342
7	05/02/2008	120	Sun/Cloud	0.000	0.225	0.392
8	06/02/2008	120	Sun/Cloud	0.017	0.200	0.333
9	07/02/2008	120	Sun	0.033	0.167	0.442
10	11/02/2008	120	Sun	0.017	0.292	0.375
11	12/02/2008	120	Sun	0.025	0.158	0.383
12	13/02/2008	120	Sun	0.033	0.267	0.367
13	14/02/2008	120	Sun	0.067	0.108	0.300
14	15/02/2008	120	Sun	0.000	0.150	0.250
Avg.	-	-	-	0.028	0.188	0.375

# Experimental Results

## COUNTING EVALUATION (percentage error)

Video	<i>n</i> boats	FN	FP	count accuracy %
20070928_1335_c09	47	0.11	0.04	93.6
20071030_1015_c07	37	0.05	0.03	97.3
20070928_1335_c10	36	0.11	0.06	94.4
20071031_1000_c03	35	0.17	0.03	85.7
20071030_1035_c04	35	0.06	0.06	100.0
20071030_1025_c05	33	0.03	0.00	97.0
20071214_0939_c08	31	0.10	0.00	90.3
20071030_1355_c12	29	0.03	0.03	100.0
20071210_1300_c06	17	0.12	0.00	88.2
20071213_1130_c03	17	0.00	0.06	94.1
20071030_1335_c10	14	0.07	0.07	100.0
20071210_1145_c01	9	0.11	0.00	88.9
Avg.	28.3	0.08	0.03	94.1

# Boat Classification



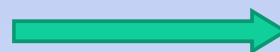
Snapshots are automatically taken when tracked boats pass below the survey cell.

Noisy capture.



# Boat Classification

Manual labeling by Venice experts.

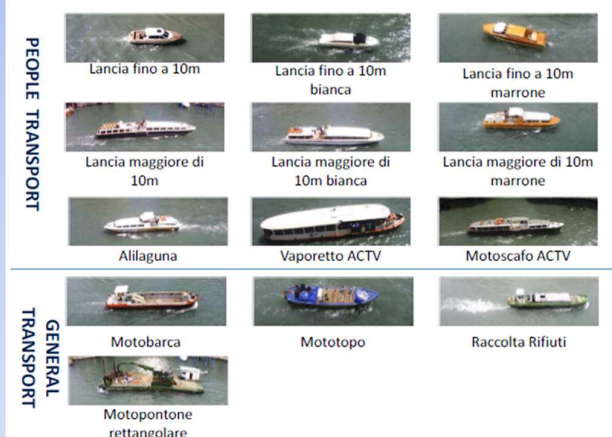
A screenshot of the 'CLASSIFICATORE NATANTI' software interface. The window shows a boat in a canal. Below the image, there are navigation buttons and a status bar indicating 'IMMAGINI CONFERMATE: 1 / 2339'. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'CLASSIFICAZIONE OPERATORE' (Operator Classification) and 'CLASSIFICAZIONE AUTOMATICA' (Automatic Classification). The operator section has dropdown menus for 'CATEGORIA PRINCIPALE' (set to 'Trasporto persone') and 'CATEGORIA SPECIFICA' (set to 'Lanciatino10mBianca'). The automatic section also has similar dropdowns. A 'CONFERMA CATEGORIA' button is visible in the operator section.



# Boat Classification

24 specific classes, 5 general classes

## ARGOS BOAT CLASSIFICATION CATEGORIES



# Boat Classification

Data set sc5

Training set  
4,922 images

Test set  
1,970 images

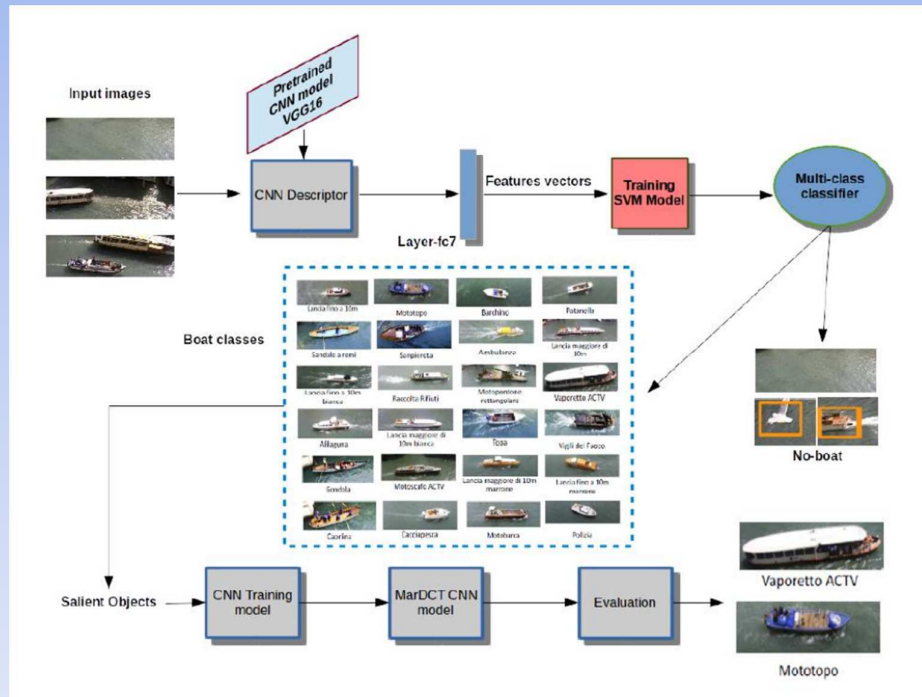
Cell	Alg.	Acc. spec.	Acc. gen.	Count spec.	Count gen.
sc5	KNN	56.79 %	66.25 %	63.45 %	77.47 %
	J48	54.56 %	66.79 %	<b>91.41 %</b>	<b>95.79 %</b>
	RF	<b>66.20 %</b>	<b>75.13 %</b>	70.40 %	81.08 %
sc9	KNN	54.66 %	67.18 %	62.91 %	77.28 %
	J48	52.23 %	65.53 %	<b>88.35 %</b>	<b>93.79 %</b>
	RF	<b>61.41 %</b>	<b>72.86 %</b>	73.69 %	86.41 %
sc12	KNN	38.87 %	56.82 %	64.62 %	77.77 %
	J48	39.97 %	57.98 %	<b>89.39 %</b>	<b>97.34 %</b>
	RF	<b>51.83 %</b>	<b>65.54 %</b>	70.37 %	78.07 %
sc33	KNN	39.93 %	59.16 %	60.69 %	77.19 %
	J48	39.65 %	58.30 %	<b>90.77 %</b>	<b>96.64 %</b>
	RF	<b>49.93 %</b>	<b>65.26 %</b>	69.73 %	86.17 %

Cell	Test	Acc. spec.	Acc. gen.	Count spec.	Count gen.
sc5	20130412	73.14 %	79.08 %	77.50 %	88.11 %
sc33	20130909	36.10 %	51.01 %	47.15 %	69.98 %



# Boat Classification

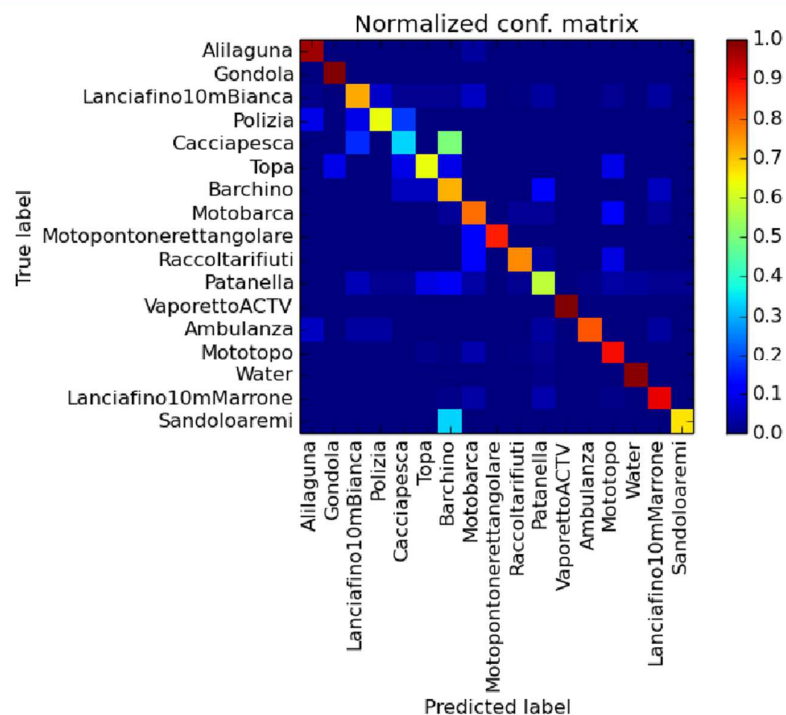
## CNN



# Boat Classification

## Results

## Confusion matrix



# Homework 2

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## MarDCT Boat Classification dataset

Annotations are contained in the file ground\_truth.txt  
in the format  
<image-name>;<category>

Example:

20130412\_044827\_56976.jpg;Vaporetto ACTV

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# Homework 2

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## Realize an image classification system

### Problems:

- Classification of 5 general classes
- Classification of 24 specific classes
- Classification of ( $n < 24$ ) specific classes
- Binary Classification (1 vs. others)
- Counting instances of general/specific classes

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# Homework 2

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**Realize an image classification system**

**Approaches:**

- **Feature extraction + Classifier**
- **Deep features + Classifier**
- **DNN**

**Output:**

- **Report**
- **Code**

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