

# “ Ships From Space?

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# Problem Motivation



**Security:** Maritime Surveillance, Search and Rescue Operations



**Environment:** Environmental Monitoring, Humanitarian Efforts



**Global Trade:** Commerce and Supply Chain Analysis

San Pedro Bay



San Francisco Bay



# Dataset

- San Francisco Bay or San Pedro Bay
- 4000 80x80 RGB images
- Labels
  - 1: Ship
  - 2: No-Ship

# Dataset

1: Ship

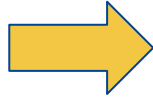


0: No Ship



# Solution and Approach

Noise



Median Blur

Cloud  
Cover, Time  
of Day,  
Rotation



Image  
Augmentation

Edge  
Detection,  
Scale  
Invariance



CNN instead of  
Random Forest

Original

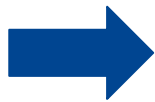


Median Blur  
(Window Size = 3)



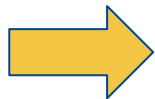
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Noise



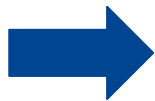
Median Blur

**Cloud  
Cover, Time  
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**Image  
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Edge  
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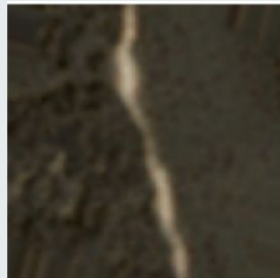


CNN instead of  
Random Forest

**Original**

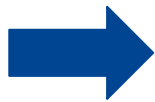


**Augmented**



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Noise



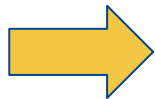
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Rotation



Image  
Augmentation

**Scale  
invariance  
and edge  
detection**

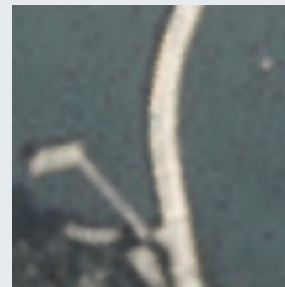


**CNN instead of  
Random Forest**

**Class 1**



**Class 0**



# Experiments

Baseline: Random Forest



CNN for Edge Detection

CNN Architecture V1



Major Shift in Architecture

CNN Architecture V2



Hyperparameter Tuning

Final CNN

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 80, 80, 32)	2,432
pool_1 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 40, 40, 32)	0
conv_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 40, 40, 64)	18,496
pool_2 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 20, 20, 64)	0
flatten_3 (Flatten)	(None, 25600)	0
fc_1 (Dense)	(None, 512)	13,107,712
dropout_3 (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
fc_2 (Dense)	(None, 1)	513

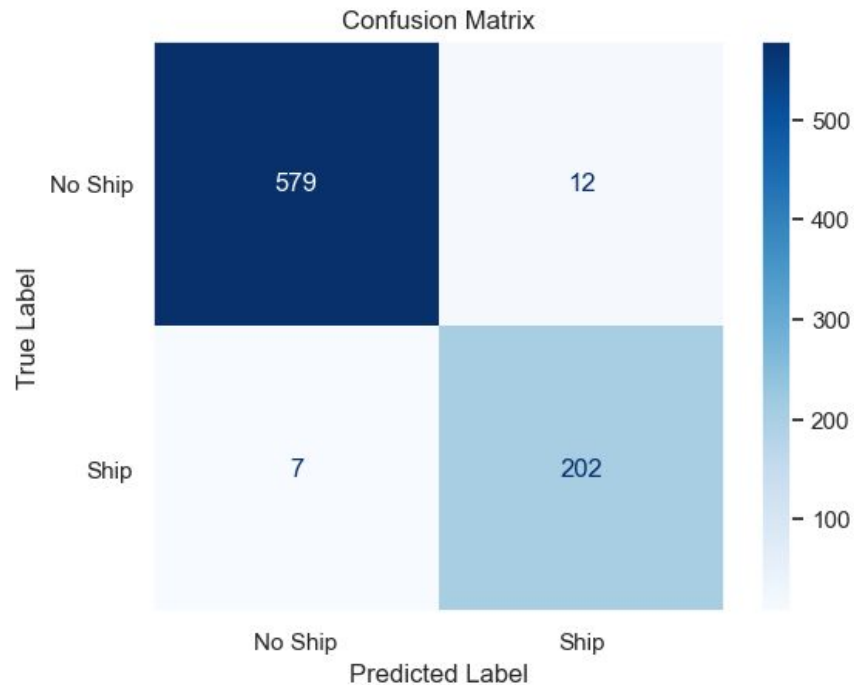
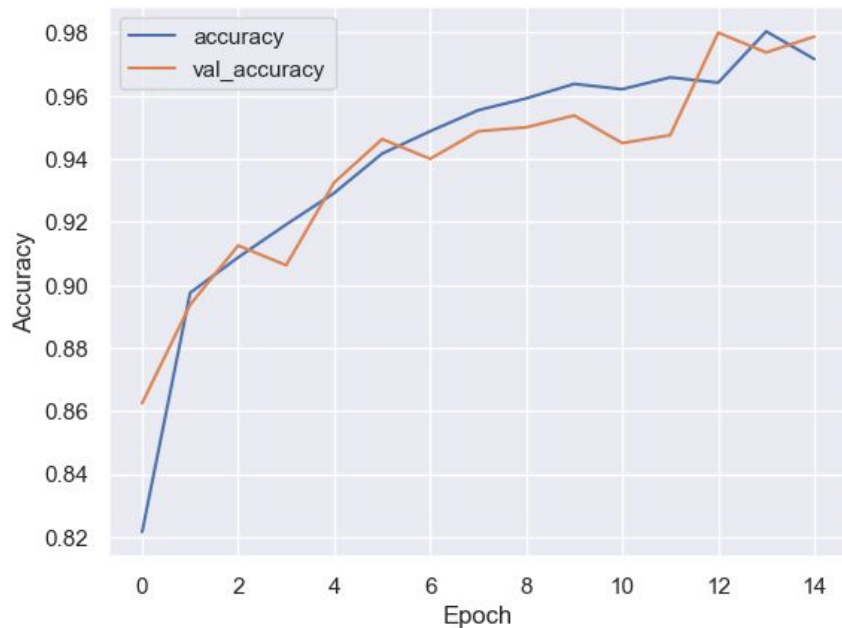
Total params: 13,129,153 (50.08 MB)

Trainable params: 13,129,153 (50.08 MB)

Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)



# Results and Conclusion



# Ethical, Legal, and Personal Concerns



**Privacy:** Surveillance, Data Security



**Algorithmic Bias:** Biased Data Leads to Biased Results



**Limitations:** Geospatial Generalizability

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# Contributions

**Alice:** Problem Motivation, Ethical/Legal/Personal Concerns, NeurIPS Checklist, Reviewing Code, Initial Powerpoint Draft, Initial Report Draft of All Sections

**Eliot:** Trained a random forest baseline model and CNN. Experimented with three different learning rates (0.001, 0.0001, 0.00001) and the Adam optimization function. Trained the final model using 10 epochs

**Eric:** Dataset, Results & Conclusion, Model Architecture, Model Evaluation

**Kenneth:** EDA, Identified Experiments to Test, Implemented Experiments Image Preprocessing & Augmentation Experiments, Evaluated Model Performance

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