Seabed Type and Source Parameters Predictions Using Ship Spectrograms in Convolutional Neural Networks

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Ships of Opportunity (SOO)

- Large container and oil tanker merchant ships produce broadband noise
- The noise is due to the highly nonlinear interaction between turbulence from the ship hull and propeller
- This noise propagates the ocean waveguides and thus have information about the seabed
- The received SOO noise can be used to infer the seabed properties, closest point of approach (CPA) range and the ship speed



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Green's Function (A range independent, normal mode model for acousto-elastic ocean environment)

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FIG. 1. (Color online) Example SOO spectrograms. (a) Absolute and (b) normalized spectrograms of the Kalamata measured on channel 8 of the Marine Physical Laboratory of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (MPL) VLA 2 during SBCEX 2017. (c) Absolute and (d) normalized synthetic spectrograms for a ship traveling 20.0 kn with a CPA of 3.3 km—similar to the Kalamata—using the mud-over-sand seabed type. The "normalized" spectrograms use the maximum pressure of the spectrogram as the reference instead of 1 µPa.

Training Dataset

- 4 Seabed types (deep mud, mud-over-sand, sandy-silt and sand) were used
- 50 different sound speeds were used in combination with all seabed types making 200 ocean environments
- 9 ship speeds, 9 CPA ranges and two source depths were selected for each 200 environments.
- 32400 samples for training



FIG. 2. Normalized histograms (shaded gray areas) and kernel density estimates (solid lines) of the random parameters selected for the training dataset. (a) Ocean depths over the 50 SSPs, (b) CPA ranges, (c) ship speeds, and (d) source depths over the 200 environments. The large peaks correspond to values that were selected for each environment. The dashed and dotted lines represent the kernel density estimates of the various parameters for the two validation sets.



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Selkie 3

4.3M learnable parameters



Selkie 5

HalfAlexNet



15.6M learnable parameters

CNN Topology



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Results



FIG. 5. (Color online) Results from ten training instances of each network on validation dataset 1 containing 5400 samples and designed to test the ability of the networks to interpolate

FIG. 6. (Color online) Results from ten training instances of each network on validation dataset 2 containing 8640 samples and designed to test the ability of the networks to extrapolate



FIG. 7. (Color online) Results from ten instances of each network on the measured Kalamata spectrogram. Violin plots (a normalized probability distribution kernel with the median and quartile ranges over the ten training instances) of (a) the CPA range and (b) the speed predictions. (c) Stacked barchart showing the percentage of predictions for each seabed type. The input data type is listed on the horizontal axis. The three networks are distinguished by color in (a) and (b), similar to Figs. 5 and 6, and by numbers on top of the bars in (c) with 1 = Selkie3, 2 = Selkie5, and 3 = HalfAlexNet.

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- This preliminary study can be expanded by introducing more variables and random noise representative of the ambient or wind noise in the synthetic data