# Deep Learning-Powered Insight from Dark Resources

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# Outline

- Motivation
- Why Deep Learning?
- Applications
- Analysis

### **Motivation**

- Earth Science Images
   ~70+ million browse images
   -basic metadata
- Under-exploited
- Can we use browse imagery

   to enable discovery of possible new case studies?
   to perform exploratory analytics?
- Image Analytics
- Component of "Dark Data" NASA AIST Project

# **Image-based Analytics**

- Goal: Earth science image based tasks:
  - Image Retrieval
  - Image Classification
  - Object Recognition
  - Exploration
- Challenge: "semantic gap"
   Low-level image pixels and high-level semantic concepts perceived by human

# **Traditional Image Recognition Approach**

- Image features: Color, Texture, Edge histogram, ...
- "Shallow" architecture
- User defines the feature
- Preliminary study



# "Deep" Architecture

- Features are key to recognition
- What about learning the features?
- Deep Learning
  - Hierarchical Learning
  - Mimics the human brain that is organized in a deep architecture
  - Processes information through multiple stages of transformation and representation



# **Convolutional Neural Network**

- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
  - Deep Learning for supervised image feature learning
    - Nearby pixel values are correlated
  - Supervised
    - Ideal for Image Recognition
  - Feed forward
  - Convolution
    - Weighted moving sum (window)
    - Multiple convolutions (Different Filters)
    - Detects multiple motifs at each location
    - Results in a 3D array each slice: a feature map
- Translation Invariant
- Local correlation
- Global representation
- Little pre-processing
- No/little expert feedback for feature extraction
- Avoids overfitting
- Highly scalable



# **CNN** Features

- Local receptive fields •
  - Learns particular local part of the input
- Sparse connectivity
  - Local representation (lower layers)
  - Larger overview and abstract (higher layers)
  - Maintains spatial local correlations
- Shared weights
  - Detect exactly same feature at different location
  - Reduce the number of parameters to be learned
- Pre-processing •
  - Input with very little pre-processing









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# Layers

- Convolutional Layer
- Pooling Layer
- Normalization Layer
- ReLU Layer
- Fully Connected Layer
- Loss Layer

# **Convolutional layer**

Convolution



# **Convolutional Layer**

#### 3D Representation



# **Convolutional Layer**

- Depth (d)
  - Number of filters
  - Different depth slices activates different features
  - Stacked feature maps from all filters gives 3D output volume



Convolutional input volume (red) and output volume (green)

# **Pooling Layer**

- Reduces number of parameter through down sampling
- Max-pooling
  - Selects maximum activated pixel in pooling region
  - Simple
  - Computationally Efficient
  - Preserves translation invariance



# Fully Connected Layer

- Similar to regular neural network
- Transition from series of convolutional and pooling layers
- Produces single output vector (w=h=1 output volume)

# Hyperparameters

- Number of convolutional filters
- Size of convolutional filters
- Size of pooling filters
- Stride
- Padding
- Local size for normalization
- Dropout ratio
- Weight decay
- Learning rate
- Momentum

# **Applications**

- Improving Forecast Operations
- Searching for Events
- Image signature identification for Transverse bands
- Enabling New Science
  - Dust Climatology

# Application: Improving Forecast Operations

Collaboration with Dan Cecil, NASA/MSFC

# **Tropical Cyclone Intensity Estimation**

- Hurricane Intensity: based on Maximum Sustained Wind (MSW).
- Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale (SSHWS)

Category	Symbol	Wind speeds	Description
Five	H5	$\geq 137$ knots, $\geq 157$ mph,	Catastrophic damage will
		$\geq 252 \; { m km/h}$	occur
Four	H4	113–136 knots, 130–156	Catastrophic damage will
		mph, $209-251 \text{ km/h}$	occur
Three	H3	96-112 knots, $111-129$	Devastating damage will
		mph, $178-208 \text{ km/h}$	occur
Two	H2	83-95 knots, $96-110$	Extremely dangerous
		mph, $154-177 \text{ km/h}$	winds will cause extensive
			damage
One	H1	64–82 knots, 74–95 mph,	Very dangerous winds
		$119{-}153 \mathrm{~km/h}$	will produce some
			damage
Tropical storm	TS	34-63 knots	Can produce significant
			damage
Tropical depression	TD	20-33 knots	Gale force or stronger
			winds
No Category	NC	$\leq 20 \text{ knots}$	-

# **Intensity Estimation Techniques**

- The Dvorak technique
  - Vernon Dvorak (1970s)
  - Satellite-based method
  - Cloud system measurements
  - Development patterns corresponds to T-number
- Deviation-angle variation technique (DAVT)
  - Piñeros et al.
  - Variance for quantification of cyclones
  - Calculates using center (eye) pixel
  - Directional gradient statistical analysis of the brightness of images



Source: Dvorak, V. F., 1973: A technique for the analysis and forecastingof tropical cyclone intensities from satellite pictures. NOAATech. Memo. NESS 45, Washington, DC, 19 pp.



Source: Elizabeth A. Ritchie, Kimberly M. Wood, Oscar G. Rodriguez-Herrera, Miguel F. Pineros, and J. Scott Tyo. Satellite-derived tropical cyclone intensity in the north pacific ocean using the deviation-angle variance technique, 2014.

# Problems

- Lack of generalizability
- Inconsistency
- Subjective
- Complexity
- Significant pre-processing

# Architecture



# Configurations

Layer	Shape	Output Size	Parameter Shape	Learned Parameters
Input	3@232x232			
conv1	64@10x10, s=3, p=0	75x75	(64, 3, 10, 10)	19,264
pool1	3x3, s=2, p=0	37x37		
conv2	256@5x5, s=1, p=0	33x33	(256, 64, 5, 5)	409,856
pool2	3x3, s=2, p=0	16x16		
conv3	288@3x3, s=1, p=1	16x16	(288, 256, 3, 3)	663,840
pool3	2x2, s=1, p=0	15x15		
conv4	272@3x3, s=1, p=1	15x15	(272, 288, 3, 3)	705,296
conv5	256@3x3, s=1, p=0	13x13	(256, 272, 3, 3)	528,984
pool5	3x3, s=2, p=0	6x6		
fc6	3584		(3584, 9216)	27,872,768
fc7	2048		(2048, 3584)	7,342,080
fc8	8		(8, 2048)	16,392
				$37,\!558,\!480$

- 8 layers deep
- 5 convolutional layers
- 3 fully connected layers
- ~37.5 million parameters learned

# Dataset

- Image data
  - US Naval Research Laboratory (http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/tcdat)
  - 1998 to 2014
  - 15 minute interval
  - 98 cyclones (68 Atlantic and 30 Pacific)
- Wind speed data
  - National Hurricane Center (http://www.nhc.noaa.gov) (Best track data: HURDAT and HURDAT2)
  - Hurricane Research Division (http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/hurdat/Data\_Storm.html)
  - 6 hour interval



Region/Basin	Year	Cyclones
	1998	Mitch
	2003	Isabel
	2004	Ivan
	2005	Emily, Katrina, Rita, Wilma
Atlantic	2007	Dean, Felix
	2010	Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Five, Gaston, Igor, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Matthew, Nilcole, Otto, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tomas, Two
	2011	Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harvey, Irene, Jose, Katia, Lee, Maria, Nate, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Ten
	2012	Alberto, Beryl, Chris, Debby, Ernesto, Florence, Gordon, Helene, Isaac, Joyce, Kirk, Leslie, Michael, Nadine, Oscar, Patty, Rafael, Sandy, Tony
	2014	Edouard
	2002	Elida, Fausto, Hernan, Kenna
	2005	Jova, Kenneth
	2006	Bud, Daniel, Ioke, John, Lane
	2007	Flossie
$\operatorname{Pacific}$	2008	Hernan, Norbert
	2009	Felicia, Guillermo, Jimena, Rick
	2010	Celia, Darby
	2011	Adrian, Dora, Eugene, Hilary, Jova, Kenneth
	2012	Bud, Emilia, Miriam, Paul

# **Data Augmentation**

- Interpolate to increase even more
- NRL images for every 2 hour wind speed interpolation
- Image transformation
  - Original
  - 90 degree rotation
  - 180 degree rotation
  - 270 degree rotation
  - Other..



atl\_ISABEL-A\_2003-09-11:14\_138.33-AND-B\_2003-09-11:16\_141.67k (138.33 kt) (b) 2003-09-11:16 (141.67 kt)





RMSE: 0.06, SSIM:0.78

Example image difference: 2hr interval, wind speed interpolation

# Training/Test/Validation split

- (Training + Validation) 70% 30% (Test)
- (Training) 75% 25% (Validation)

Hurricane Category	Train	Validation	$\mathbf{Test}$	Total
H1	3314	1104	1816	6234
H2	1860	620	994	3474
H3	1848	616	992	3456
H4	1886	628	1032	3546
H5	603	201	306	1110
NC	126	42	54	222
TD	6363	2121	3576	12060
TS	9863	3288	5575	18726
Total	25863	8620	14345	48828

# Training

- Preprocessing
  - Resize to 232 x 232 for input
  - Subtract image mean from training images
- GRID K520 4GB GPU
- Stopped at 90% validation accuracy
- 65 epochs in 8 hours
- Caffe framework



# Visualization

#### feature map 113



Feature maps from second convolution

# Performance

- Model with around 90% of validation accuracy
- 14,345 test images (Atlantic + Pacific)
- Measures
  - Confusion Matrix
  - Classification Report
  - Accuracy
  - RMS Intensity Error

# **Confusion Matrix**

				Prec	dicted	$\mathbf{Categ}$	ory			]
		NC	$\mathbf{TD}$	$\mathbf{TS}$	H1	<b>H2</b>	H3	$\mathbf{H4}$	H5	Total
y	NC	32	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	54
or	$\mathbf{TD}$	9	3174	393	0	0	0	0	0	3576
feg	$\mathbf{TS}$	1	488	4838	208	25	10	3	2	5575
Cat	H1	0	16	423	1235	115	20	7	0	1816
ק (	H2	0	0	70	193	614	98	19	0	994
SUG	H3	0	0	35	37	156	657	106	1	992
Act	$\mathbf{H4}$	0	0	14	4	24	117	816	57	1032
ł	$\mathbf{H5}$	0	0	0	0	1	14	86	205	306
	Total	42	3698	5775	1677	935	916	1037	<b>265</b>	14345





(b)

# **Classification Report**

Category	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Support
NC	0.76	0.59	0.67	54
TD	0.86	0.89	0.87	3576
TS	0.84	0.87	0.85	5575
H1	0.74	0.68	0.71	1816
H2	0.66	0.62	0.64	994
H3	0.72	0.66	0.69	992
H4	0.79	0.79	0.79	1032
H5	0.77	0.67	0.72	306
avg/total	0.80	0.81	0.80	14345

# **RMS Intensity Errors**

- Our model
  - Across Atlantic and Pacific
  - Achieved RMSE of 9.19kt
- North Atlantic
  - Piñeros et al. (2011): 14.7kt
  - Ritchie et al. (2012): 12.9kt
- North Pacific
  - Ritchie et al. (2014): 14.3kt

Category	RMSE	MAE
NC	10.14	6.19
TD	6.59	2.18
TS	7.68	2.71
H1	12.17	6.59
H2	12.43	6.82
H3	12.44	6.31
H4	10.50	4.09
H5	10.08	5.32
Total Average	9.19	3.77

# **Correct Predictions**



(a) NC: ['NC': 99.4]

(b) TD: ['TD': 87.46]



(c) TS: [TS: 100]



(d) H1: [H1: 56.8]



(e) H2: [H2: 78.54]



(f) H3: [H3: 95.73]



(g) H4: [H4: 86.04]



(h) H5: [H5: 58.26]

**True Positives** 

#### **Incorrect Predictions**

**False Negatives** 



[H1 --> 97.93] [H2 --> 1.33]

[TS --> 96.7] [H1 --> 3.03]

[TD --> 99.98] [TS --> 0.01]



(h) H5: [H4 --> 99.71] [H2 --> 54.0] [H3 --> 36.79] [H3 --> 0.13]

[H2 --> 23.06]

[H4 --> 97.32] [H5 --> 2.22]

[TS --> 100.0] [H1 --> 0.0]

# Application: Searching for Events

# Searching for Events

- Labeled Data
  - MODIS Rapid Response
    - Experts manually labeled ~850 images
    - 4 classes:
      - Hurricane, Dust, Smoke/Haze, Other
    - Final Dataset
      - images transformation
        - » (flip, transpose, rotate, random patch)
      - Total ~5000 images
      - 70% for training and validation
- Test Data
  - 30% of Labeled data
  - Unseen by CNN trained model
  - Global Browse Image Service (GIBS)
    - MODIS\_Aqua\_CorrectedReflectance\_TrueColor tiles for 2012 classified against trained model

#### Searching for Events - Results

True/Pred	Dust	Hurricane	Smoke	Other
Dust	287	8	32	33
Hurricane	0	379	1	10
Smoke	12	12	443	9
Other	33	9	23	211

Confusion Matrix

Overall Accuracy = 87.88%



Hurricane - True Positive



Dust – True Positive



Smoke- True Positive

# Searching for Events - Results



Hurricane – True Positive



Dust – True Positive



Smoke- True Positive



Hurricane – False Negative



Dust – False Positive



Smoke- False Positive

# Application: Image signature identification for Transverse bands

# Image signature identification for Transverse bands

- Found in association with multiple types of phenomena.
  - Hurricanes, Jet-Streaks, Mesoscale Convective Systems (MCS)
- Associated with differing levels of aviation turbulence
- Problem:
  - Identify transverse cirrus bands in MODIS True Color imagery.
  - Relatively small scale features (1-10 km wide).

# Methodology

- Data
  - 5440 images (1 km MODIS RGB)
    - 1741 with transverse bands
    - 3699 without transverse bands
  - 20% for validation
  - 600 separate images for testing
- Architecture
  - VGG16 architecture
  - Replaced fully connected layers with global average pooling layer
  - First seven layers frozen (not trained)
  - Keras (Python)
  - NVIDIA GTX 960 GPU
- Classify 2013 GIBS tiles
- Geolocate transverse cirrus bands

# **Training Results**

- Model trained for 52 epochs (6 hrs)
- Highest validation accuracy occurred at epoch 41 (0.937)
- Testing on the test set:
  Accuracy: 94.67%
- Class activation maps show that the network is able to identify the regions of the image that contain transverse bands.



		Predictions			
		Bands Not Band			
ruth	Bands	107	22		
	Not Bands	10	461		

# Classifying 2013 GIBS tiles

- Some interesting areas stand out
  - Eastern coast of India
  - Western coast of Mexico/California
  - Southeastern coast of South America
- Jet stream appears to play a large role
- Eastern and Central US more than likely due to MCSs



Number of days with transverse bands

Transverse bands during 2013.

### Application: Enabling New Science Dust Climatology Collaboration with Sundar Christopher, UAH

# **Enabling new science**

- Dust Climatology
- Dataset
  - -Manually created truthset
- Dust/No Dust classification on GIBS tiles

# **Enabling new science**

Confus				
True\Predicted	Dust	Other	Total	
Dust	1379	379	1758	
Other	260	4932	5192	
	1639	5311	6950	

Validation Accuracy = **91**%



# Analysis

Accuracy outperformed traditional approaches

• Training data

• Automatic validation of images

• Hyperparameters

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