

Computational Strategies for Understanding Underwater Optical Image Datasets

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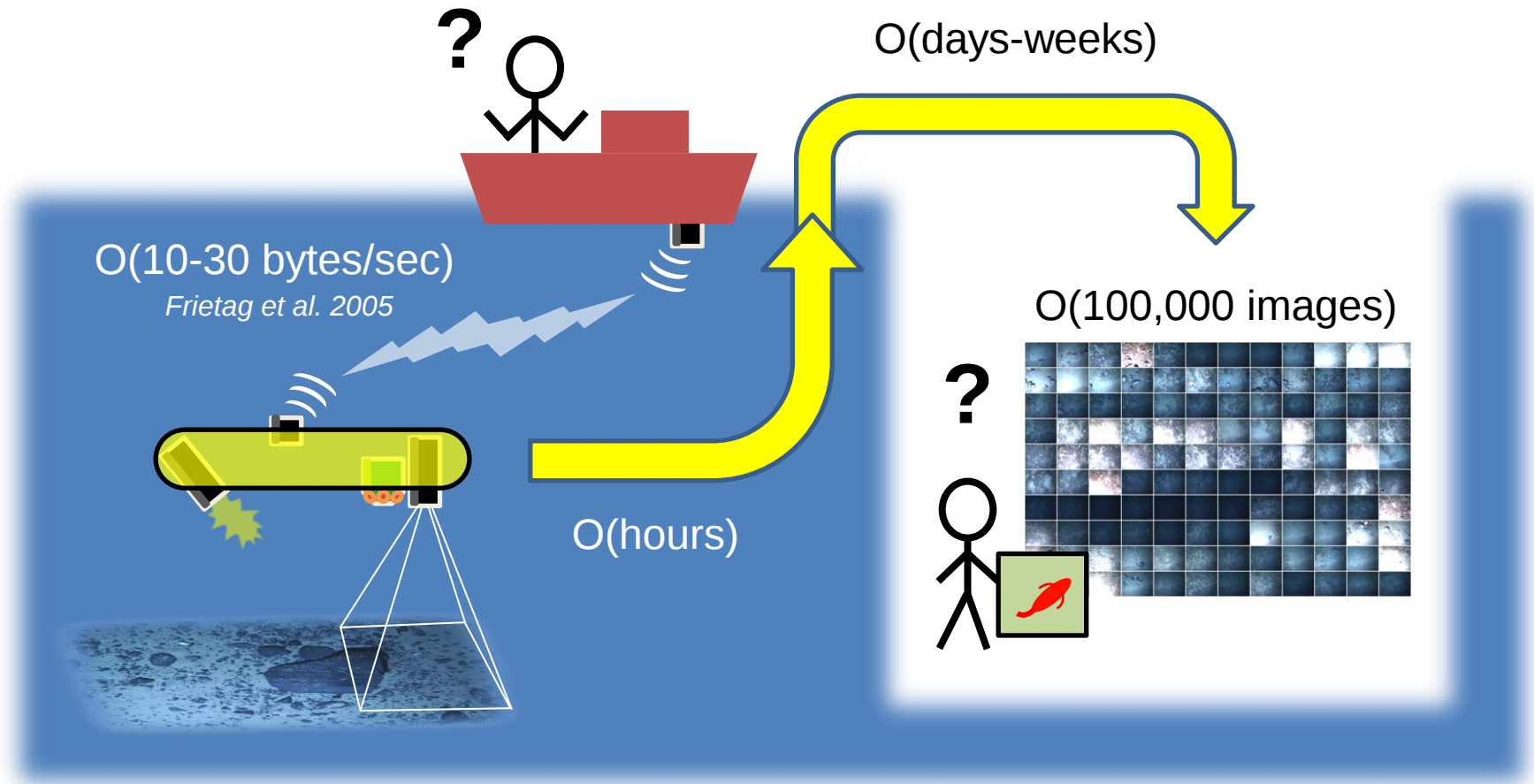
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the “*latency of understanding*” paradigm



motivation from related research

Murphy, 2012 PhD Thesis

- compressed images *can* be transmitted acoustically
which images get sent?
- classification serves as semantic compression
- real-time automated classification algorithms
correct for illumination/attenuation artifacts?



motivation from related research

Loomis, 2011 PhD Thesis

- *“the images were rigorously color corrected...”*
- radically different approaches towards scene classification vs. object detection
- methods are computationally expensive



overview of thesis structure

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- 0. introduction
- 1. underwater image correction
- 2. computational strategies
- 3. understanding underwater image datasets
- 4. conclusions



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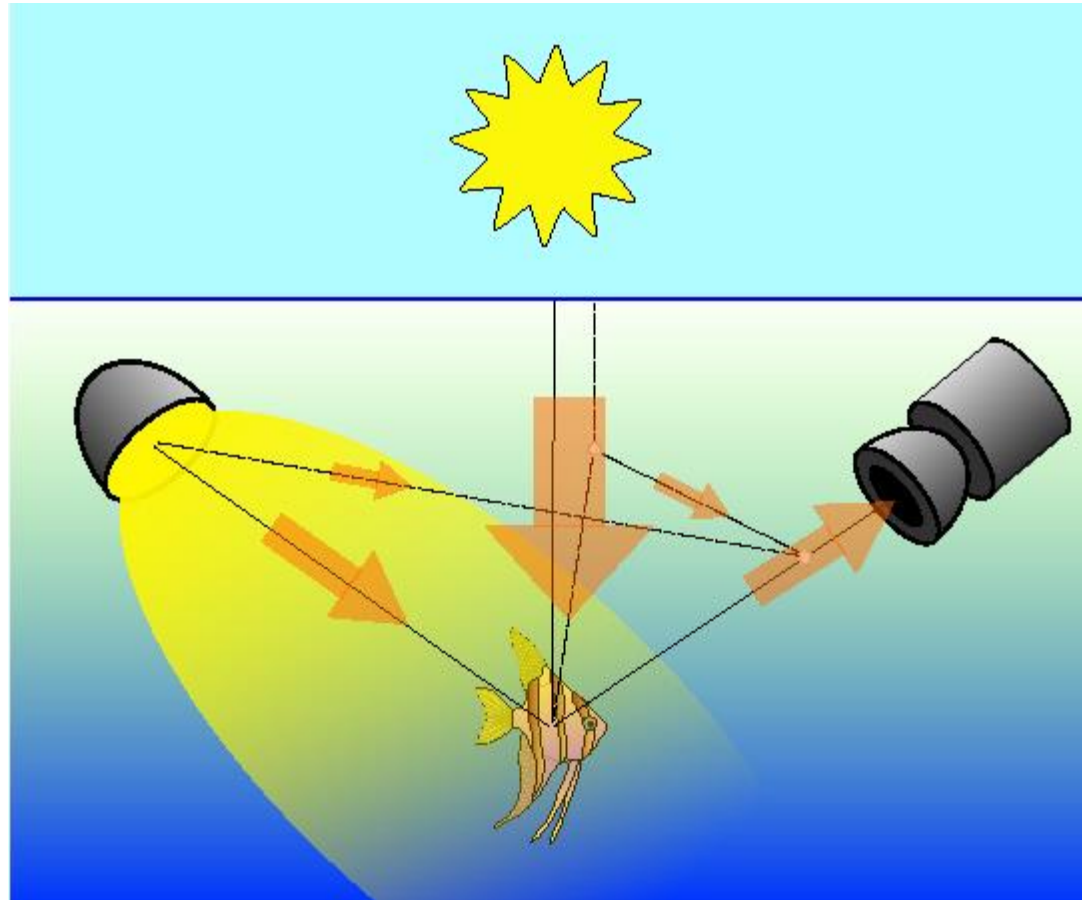
- fast keypoint detection and description
- online navigation summaries [*Girdhar 12*] as basis for unsupervised mission-time low-bandwidth map
- supervised object detection: finding crabs
- building semantic maps

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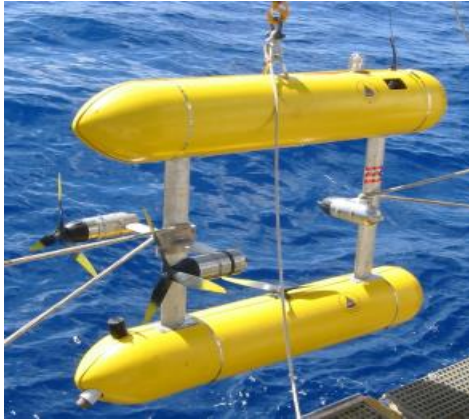
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underwater image formation



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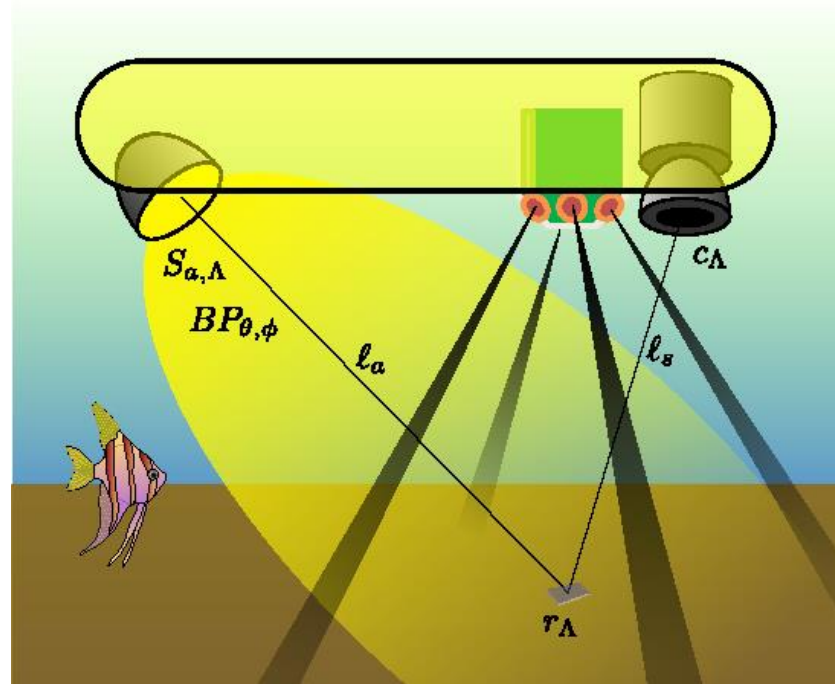
robotic imaging platforms



SeaBed - Autonomous Underwater Vehicle



SeaSled – Towed Camera System

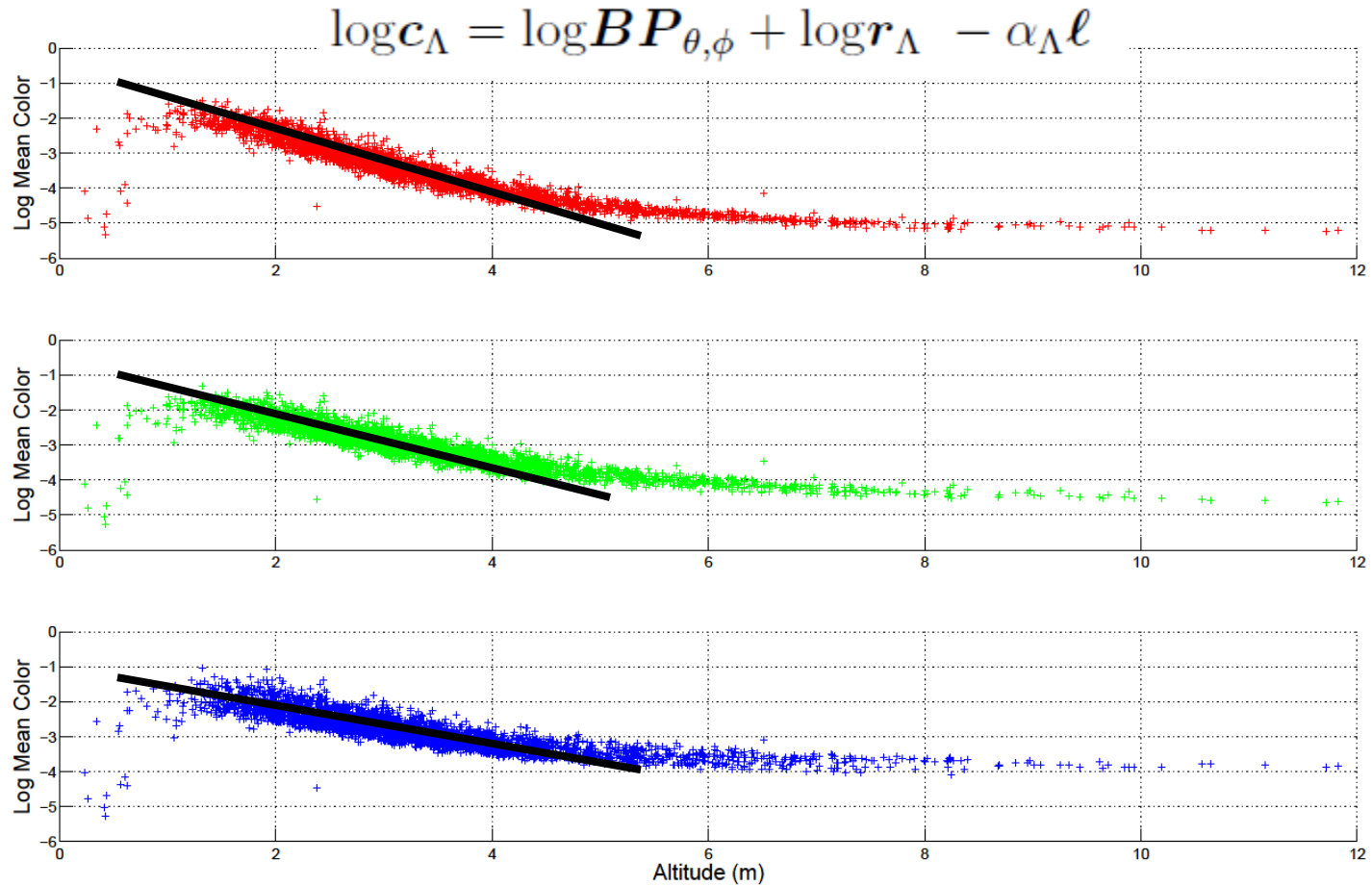


$$c_{\Lambda} = BP_{\theta,\phi} r_{\Lambda} e^{-\alpha_{\Lambda} \ell}$$

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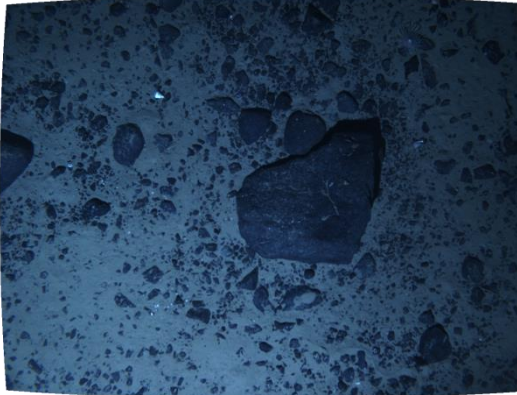
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altitude constraints

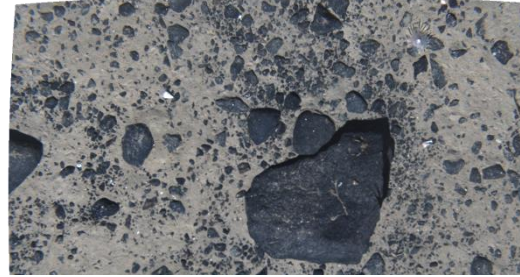


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diversity of approaches to correction

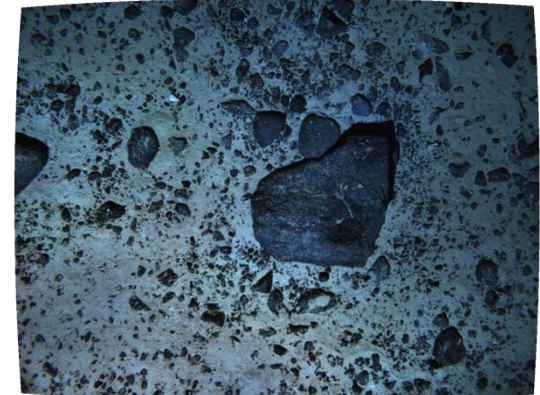


raw image

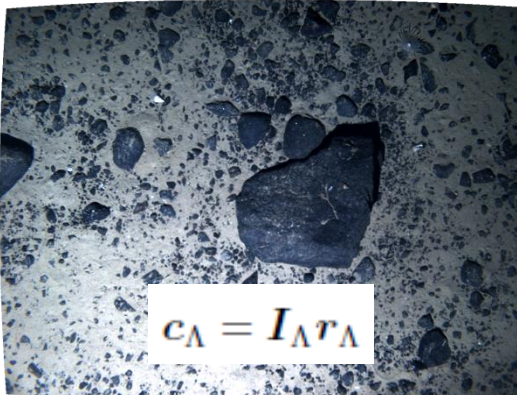


$$\frac{1}{K} \sum_k^K c_{\Lambda,k} \approx I_{\Lambda} \quad \frac{1}{K} \sum_k^K r_{\Lambda,k} = I_{\Lambda} \bar{r}_{\Lambda}$$

frame averaging

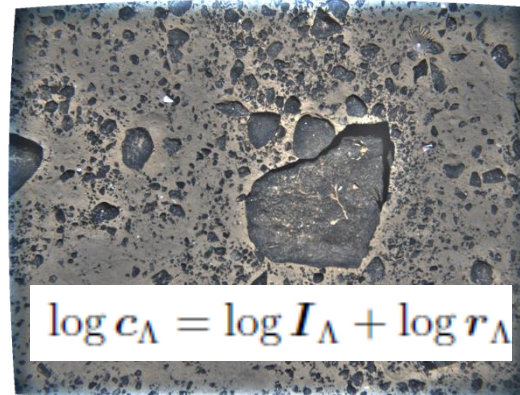


adaptive histogram equalization



$$c_{\Lambda} = I_{\Lambda} r_{\Lambda}$$

white balance



$$\log c_{\Lambda} = \log I_{\Lambda} + \log r_{\Lambda}$$

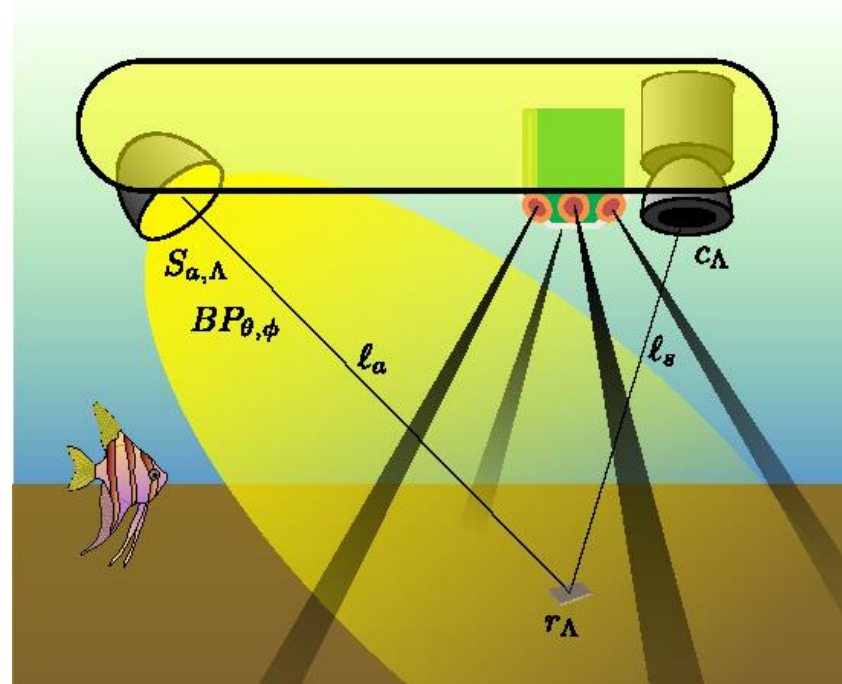
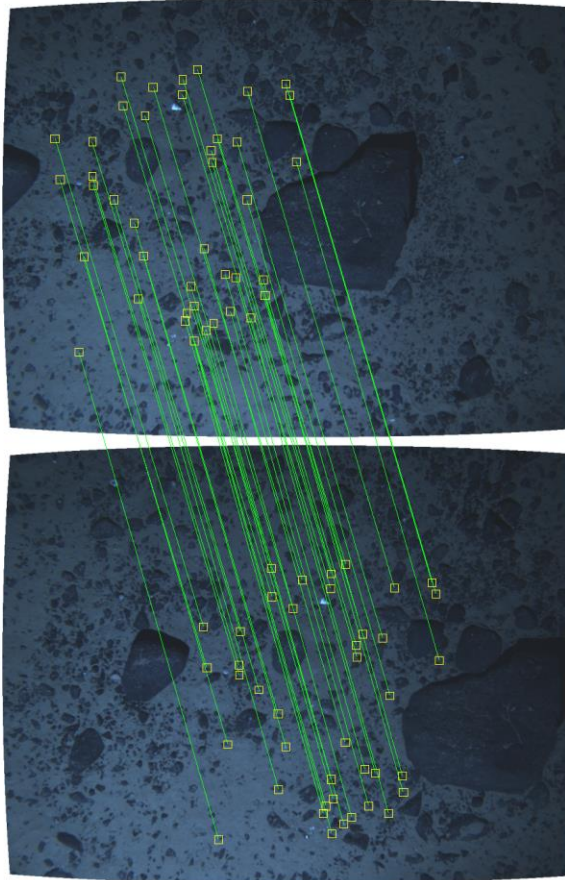
homomorphic filtering



a.h.e. + white balance

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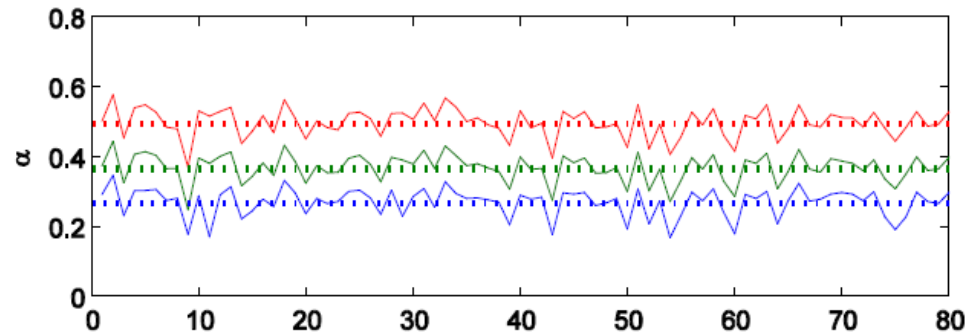
constrain light field equation using keypoints



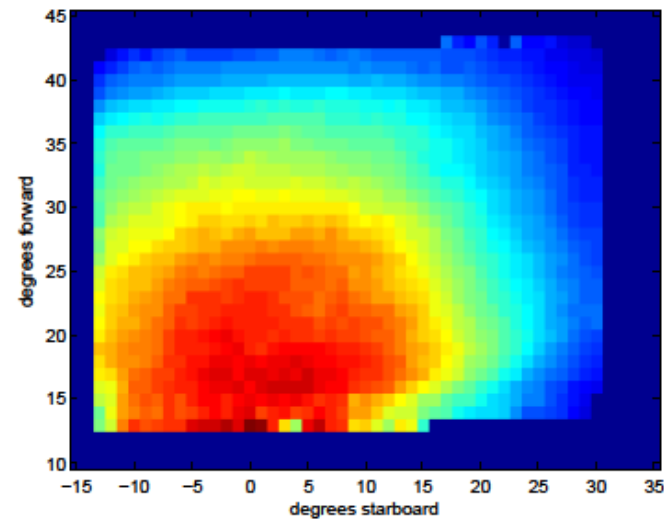
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$$\alpha_{\Lambda} = \frac{\log c_{\Lambda,1} - \log c_{\Lambda,2}}{\ell_2 - \ell_1}$$

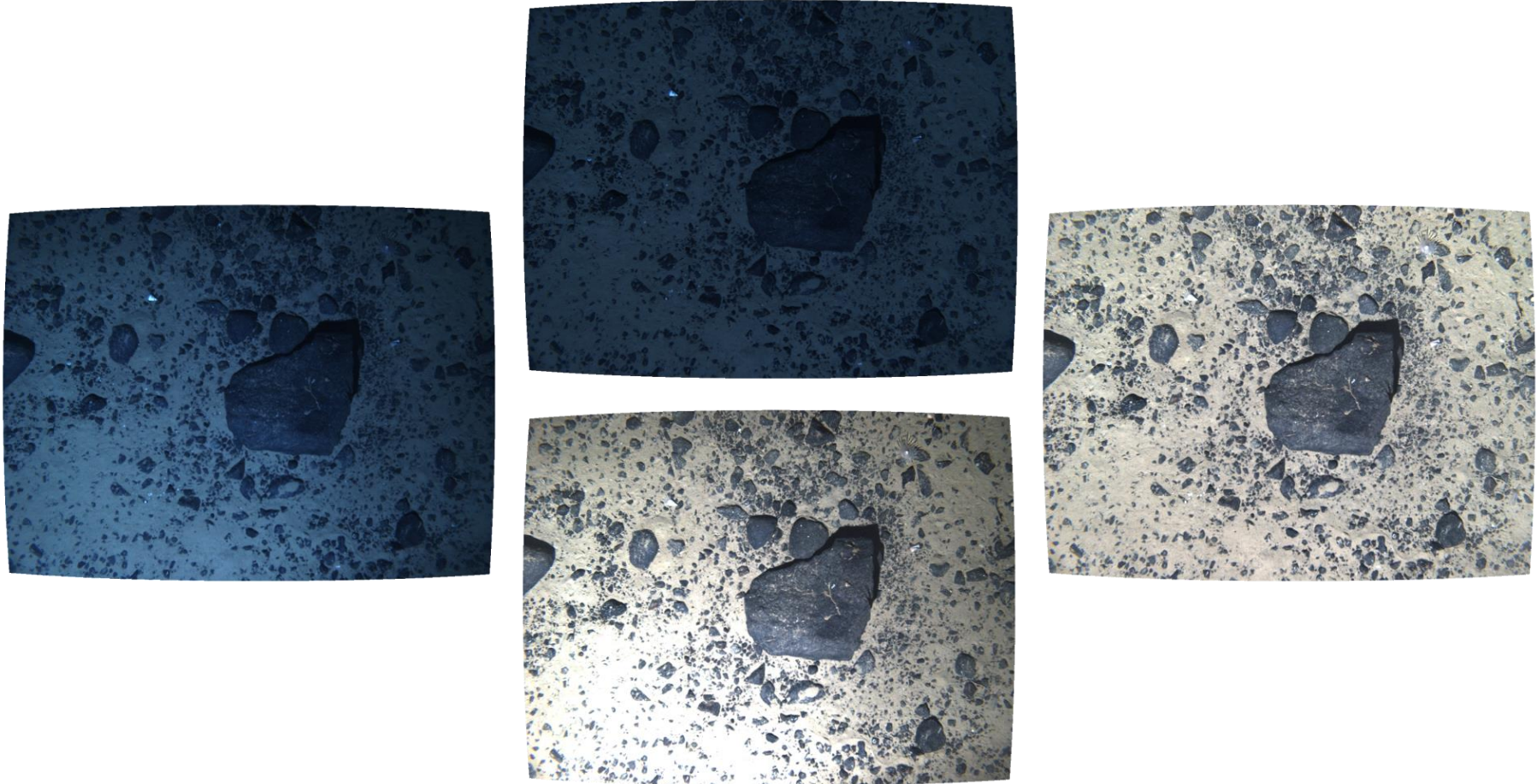


$$\log BP(\theta_i, \phi_j) = \sum_{\Lambda} \frac{1}{|p|} \sum_p \log c_{\Lambda} + \alpha_{\Lambda} \ell$$



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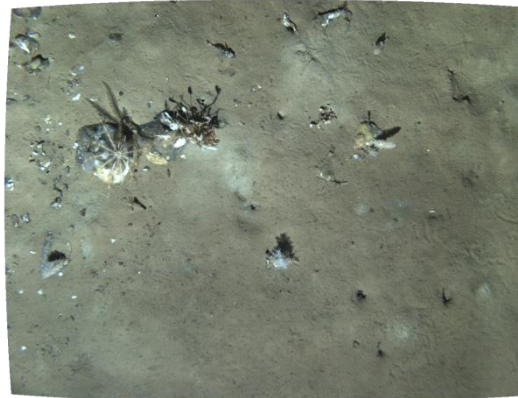
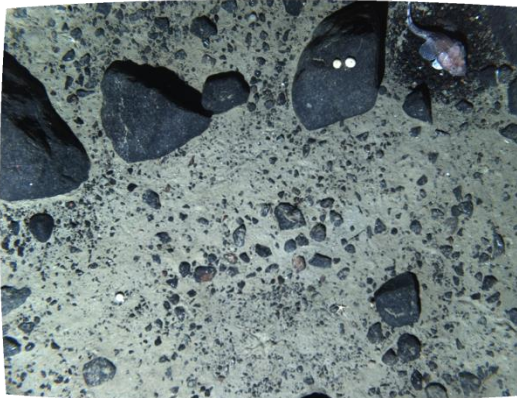
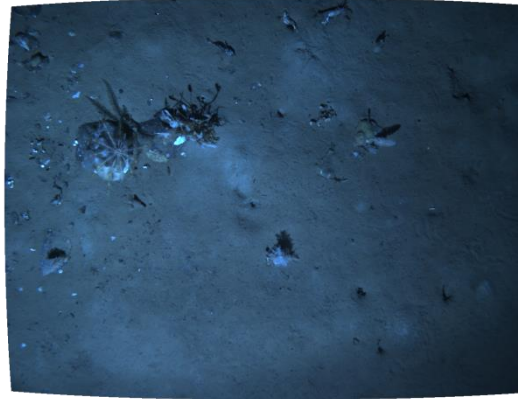
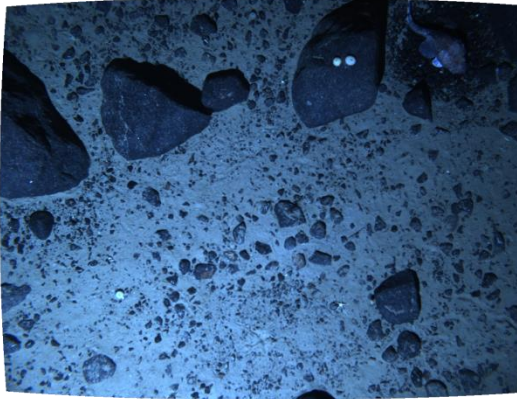
estimate beam pattern and correct





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multi-scale image representations

convolution is still major bottleneck in many multi-scale image processing framework [Van 2011]
even in fast keypoint description [Calonder 2010]

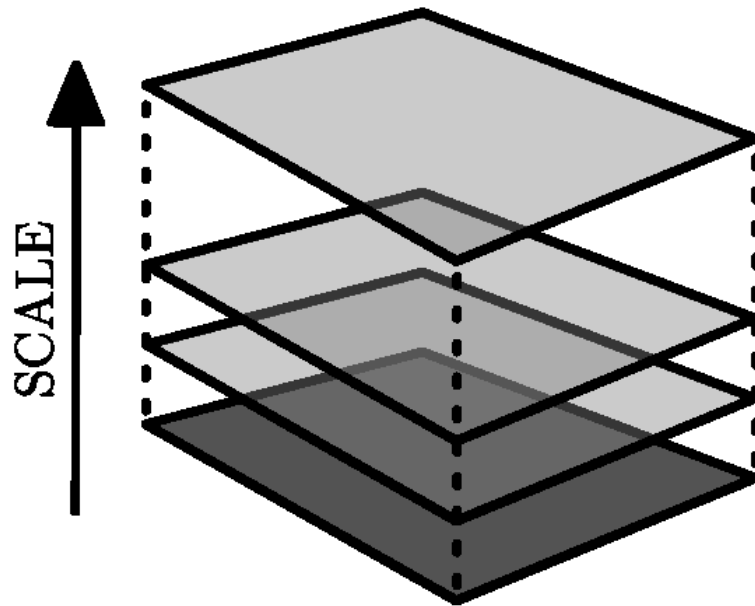
can we exploit pixel grid geometries that allow us to substitute adds and bit shifts for costly convolutions while still approximating a Gaussian? [Viola 2001]

applications on low-power robotic imaging platforms

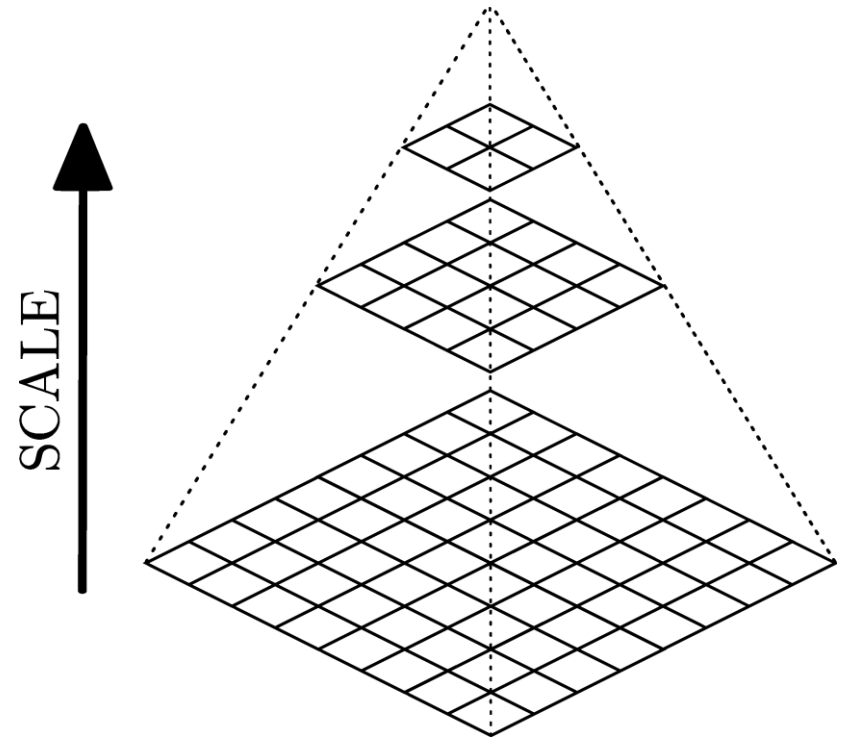


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multi-scale image representations



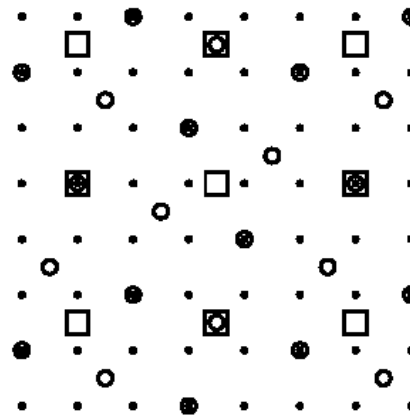
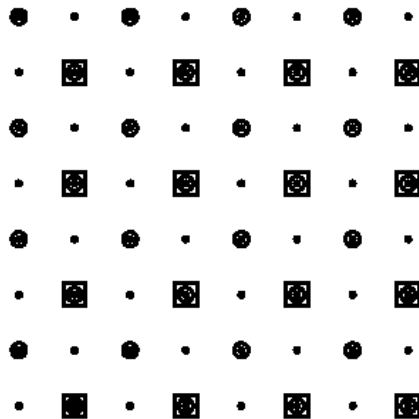
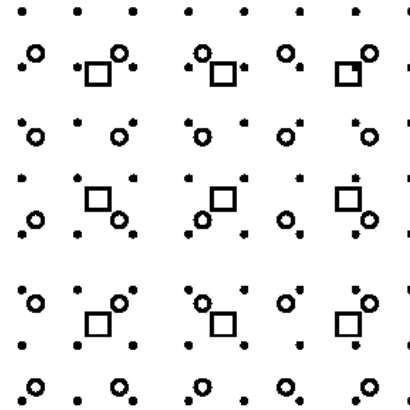
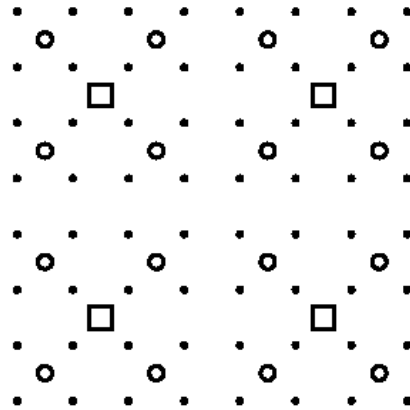
continuous scale-space
[Lindeberg 1994]



discrete scale-space:
pyramids [Burt 1983]

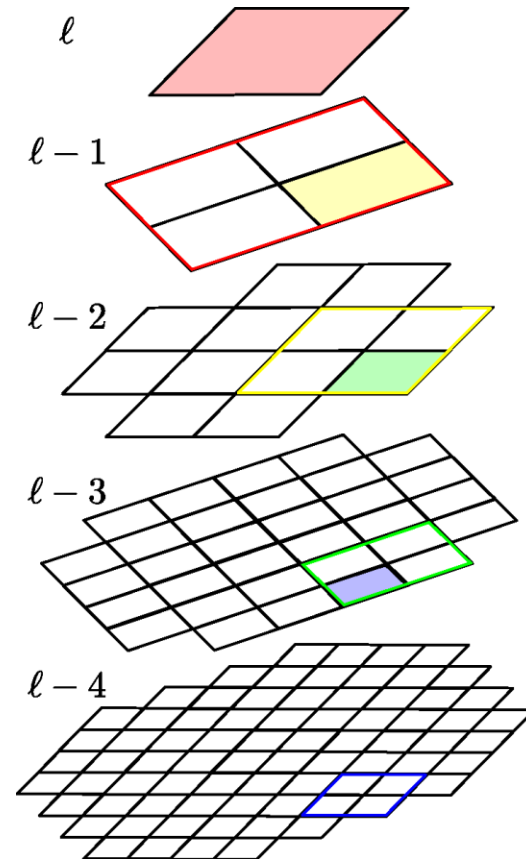
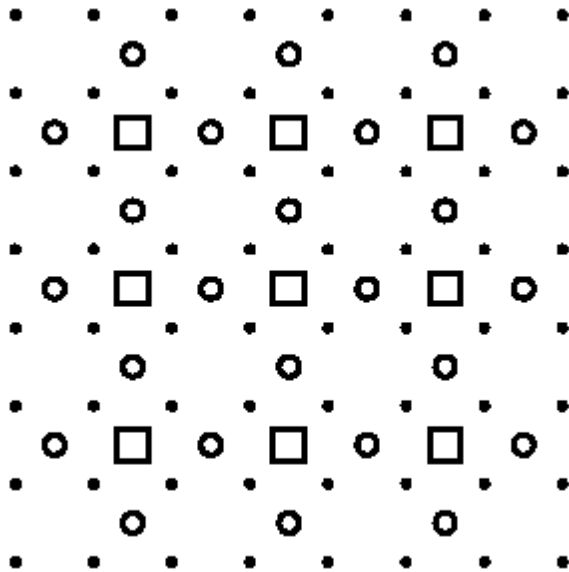
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Hierarchical Discrete Correlation [Burt 1981]



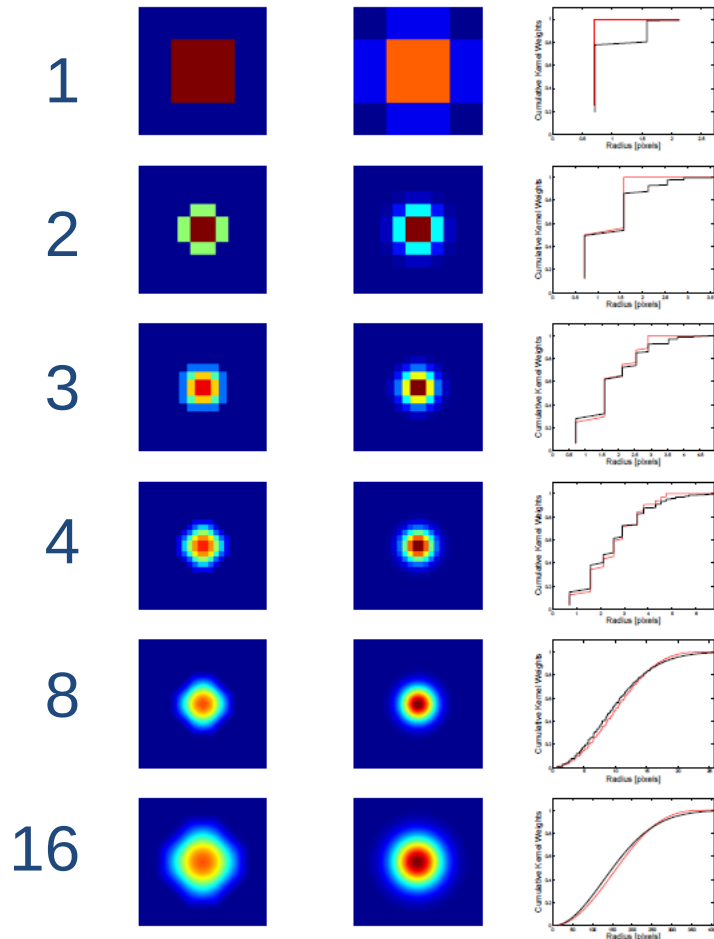
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the octagonal pyramid

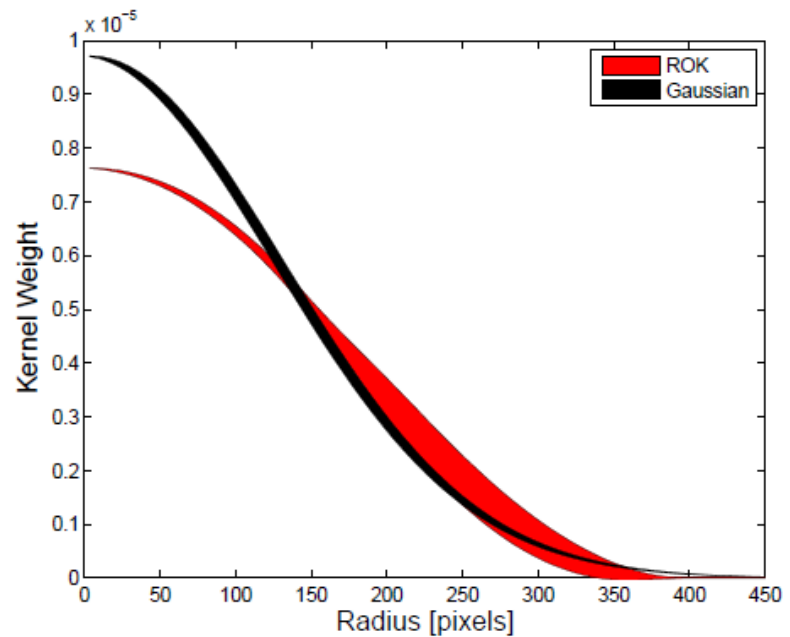


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the recursive octagonal kernel



$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



2. computational strategies

the recursive octagonal kernel



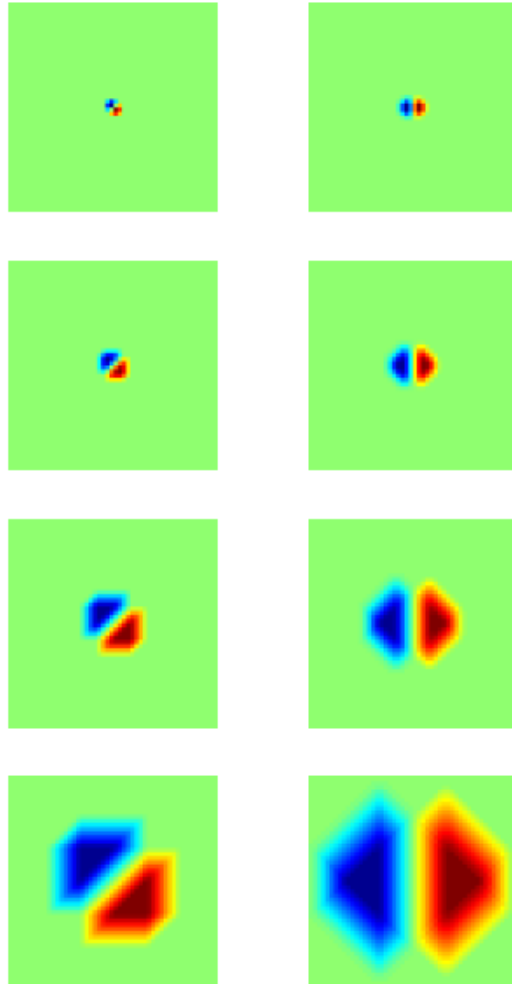
only $3P$ adds + P bit shifts!
(for $\sqrt{2}$ scale resolution)

compare with $\sim 3.3P$
multiplies + ~ 2.7 adds
(for 1 scale resolution)

must be vigilant about
absolute orientation
between levels

2. computational strategies

efficient oriented gradient computation



$$\mathcal{M} = \sqrt{\mathcal{I}_x^2 + \mathcal{I}_y^2}$$

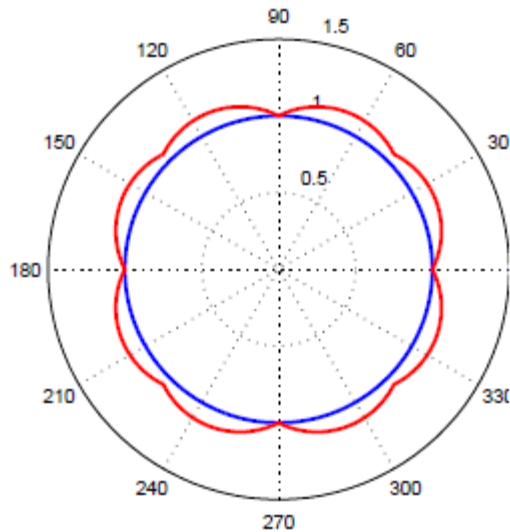
$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\mathcal{I}_y}{\mathcal{I}_x} \right)$$

how fine angular resolution
do we need if we're binning?

$$\mathcal{D}_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{D}_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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efficient oriented gradient computation



9% overestimate
RMS error only +-3%
max bin diff ~6%

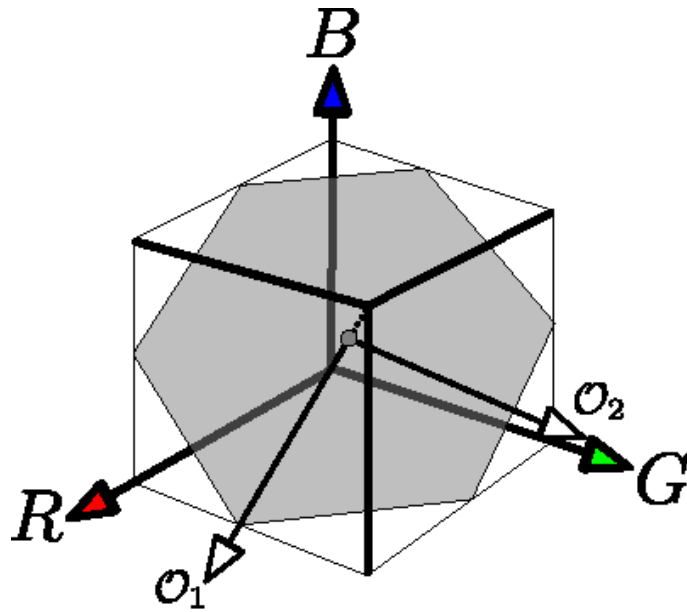
$$\mathcal{M} \approx \max(|\mathcal{I}_x|, |\mathcal{I}_y|) + \frac{1}{2} \min(|\mathcal{I}_x|, |\mathcal{I}_y|)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{I}_x > 0 \\ \mathcal{I}_y > 0 \\ |\mathcal{I}_x| > |\mathcal{I}_y| \\ ||\mathcal{I}_x| - |\mathcal{I}_y|| > \frac{\mathcal{M}}{2} \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\tau_{\Theta}} \Theta$$

inspired by LBP [Ojala 2002]

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opponent color space



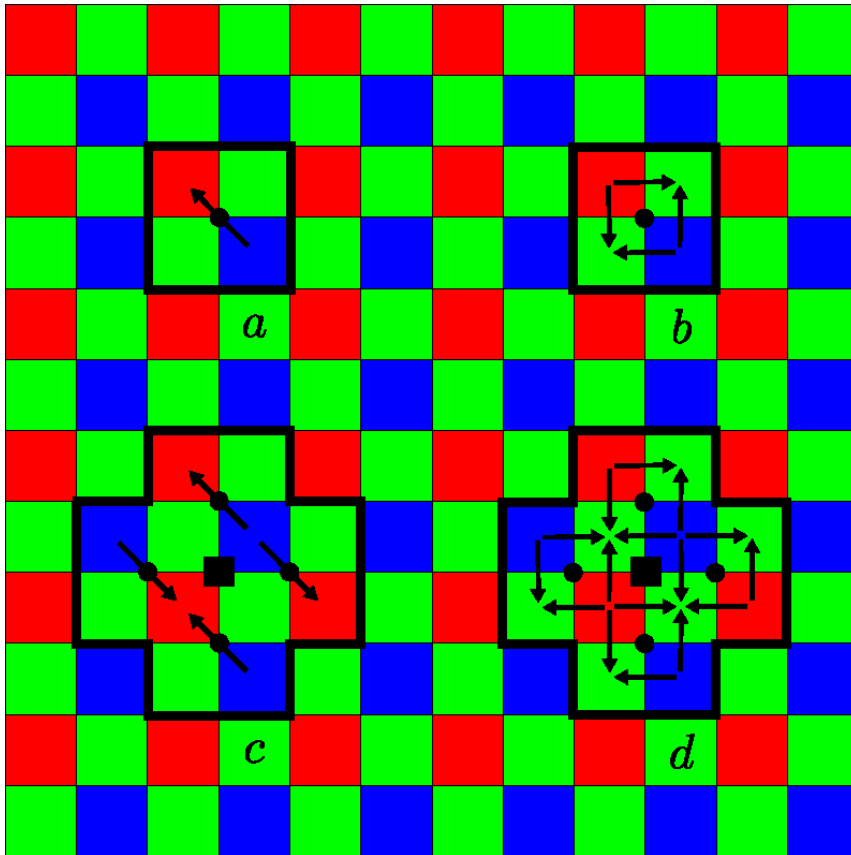
$$\mathcal{O}_0 = \frac{1}{4} (R + 2G + B)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = \sqrt{3} (R - B)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = 2G - R - B$$

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color demosaicing



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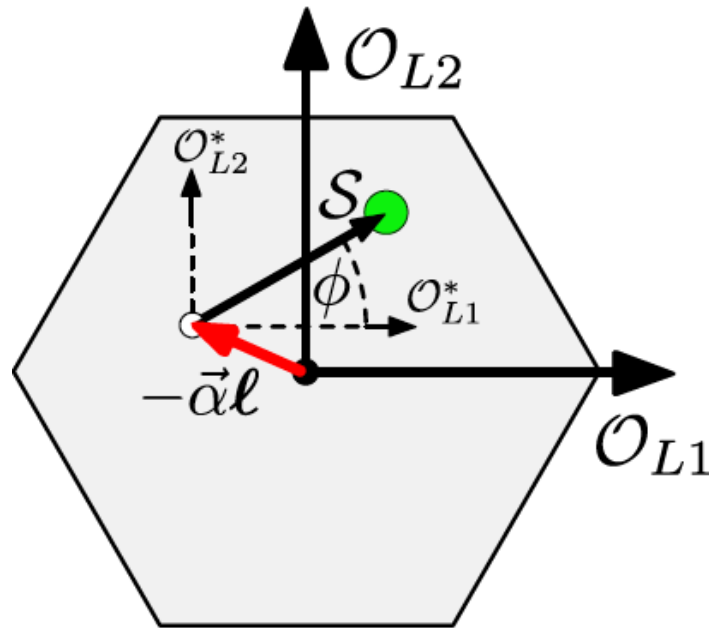
$$\mathcal{O}_2 = 2G - R - B$$

compare O(16P) sums
versus O(30P) multiplies!

[Malvar 04]

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underwater invariance



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$$\nabla \log c_{\Lambda} \approx \nabla \log r_{\Lambda}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{L0} = \frac{1}{4} (\log R + 2\log G + \log B)$$

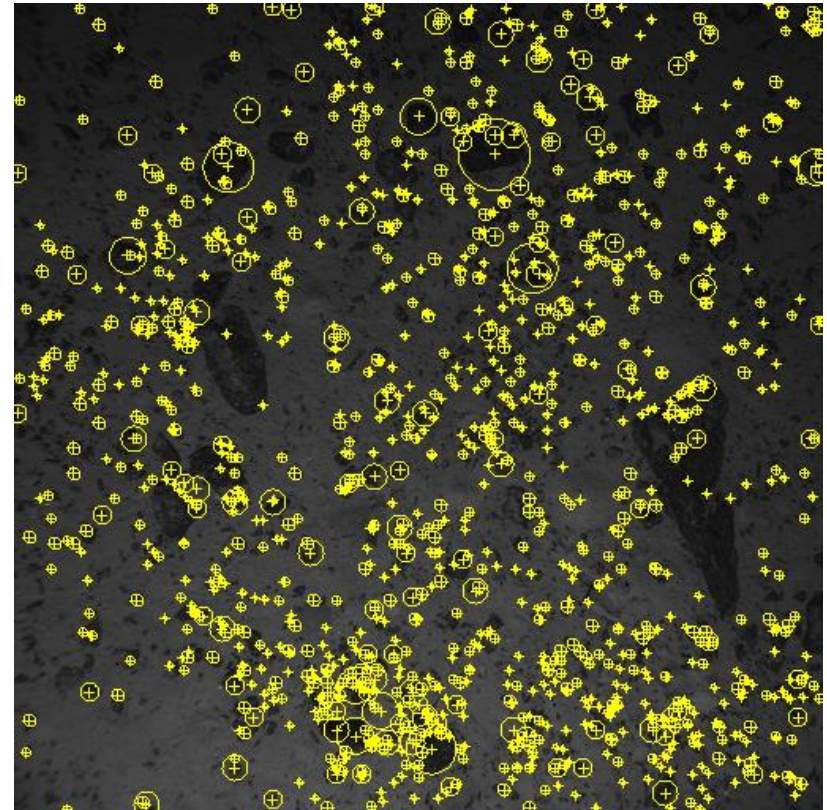
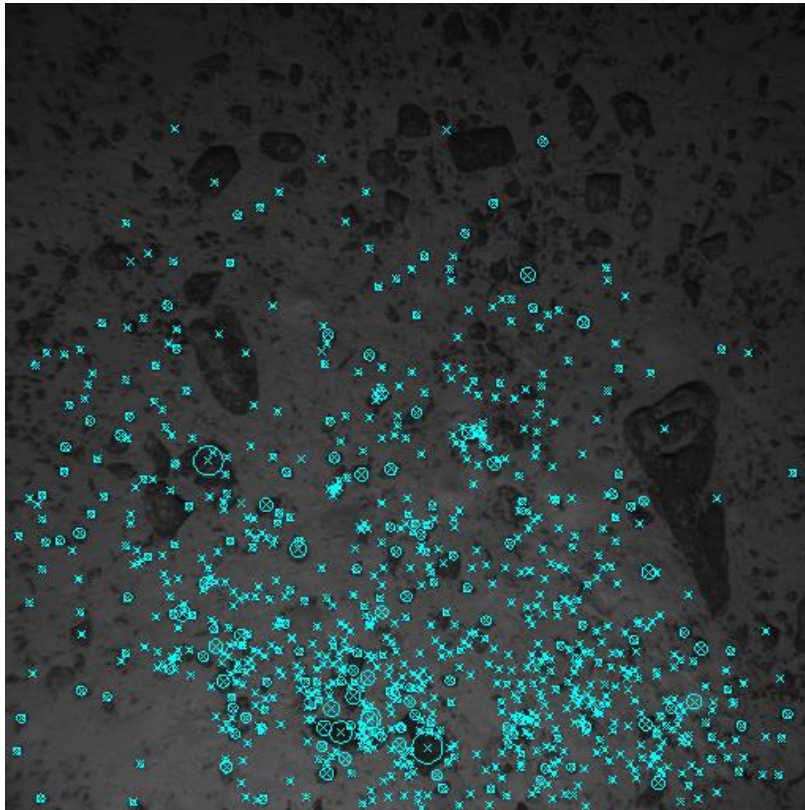
$$\mathcal{O}_{L1} = \sqrt{3} (\log R - \log B)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{L2} = 2\log G - \log R - \log B$$

$$\vec{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{L1} \\ \alpha_{L2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} (\alpha_R - \alpha_B) \\ (2\alpha_G - \alpha_R - \alpha_B) \end{bmatrix}$$

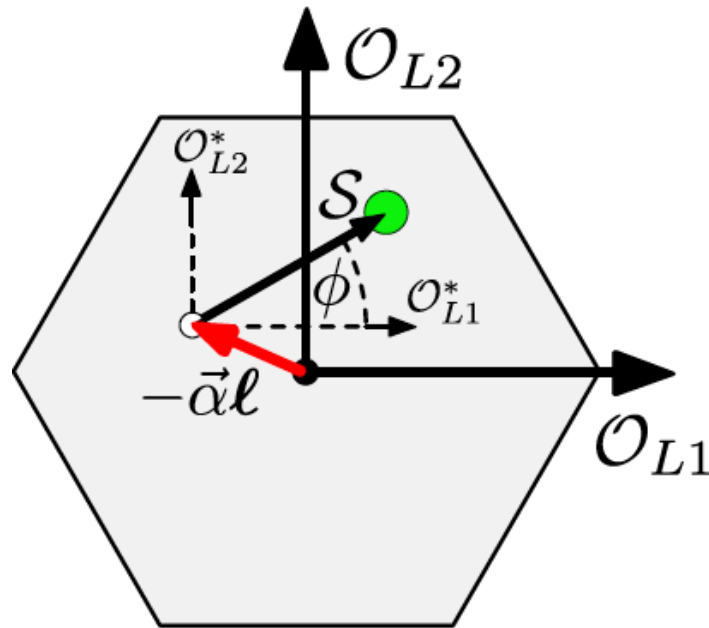
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illumination invariance – keypoint detection



2. computational strategies

attenuation invariance

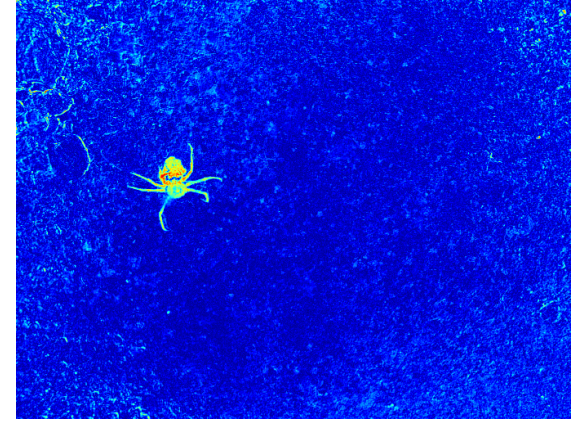
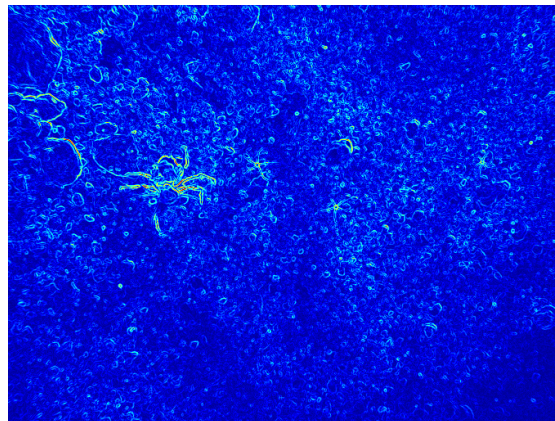
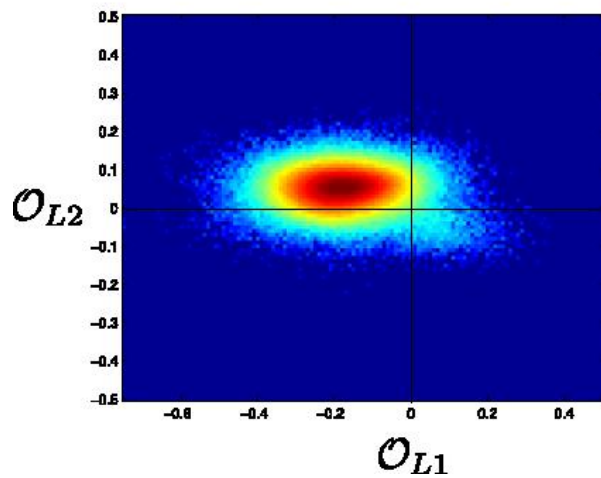
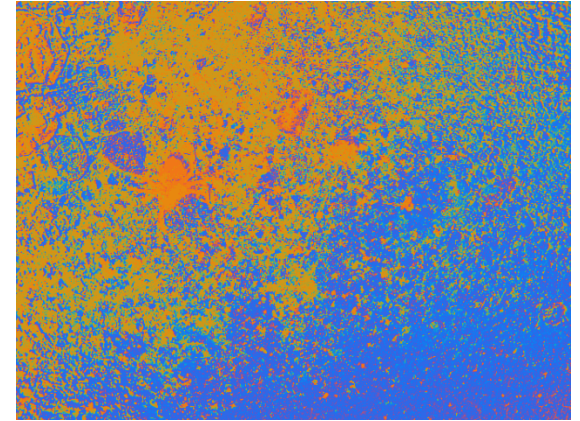
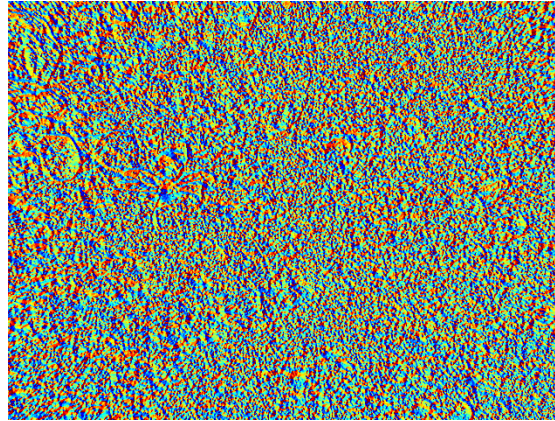


$$S \approx \max(|O_{L1}^*|, |O_{L2}^*|) + \frac{1}{2} \min(|O_{L1}^*|, |O_{L2}^*|)$$

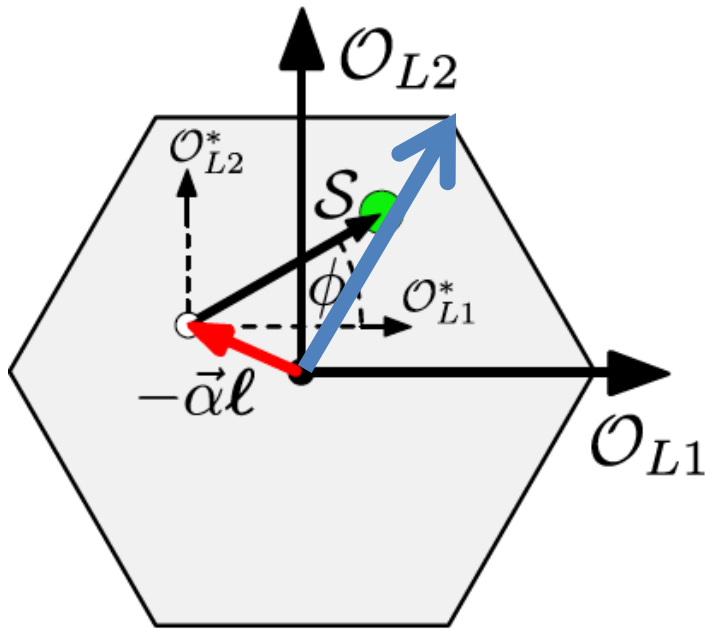
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2. computational strategies *underwater invariance*



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other strategies of invariance:

- single attenuation invariant axis

[Finlayson 01]

- gradients of log color [Funt 95]

- comprehensive color image normalization [Finlayson 98]

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keypoint detection

- extrema in difference-of-Gaussian function across scale space make stable keypoints [Lowe 2004]

$$D(\sigma) = (G(k\sigma) - G(\sigma)) * I = L(k\sigma) - L(\sigma)$$

- however, for “homogeneous” kernels [Lindeberg 93]

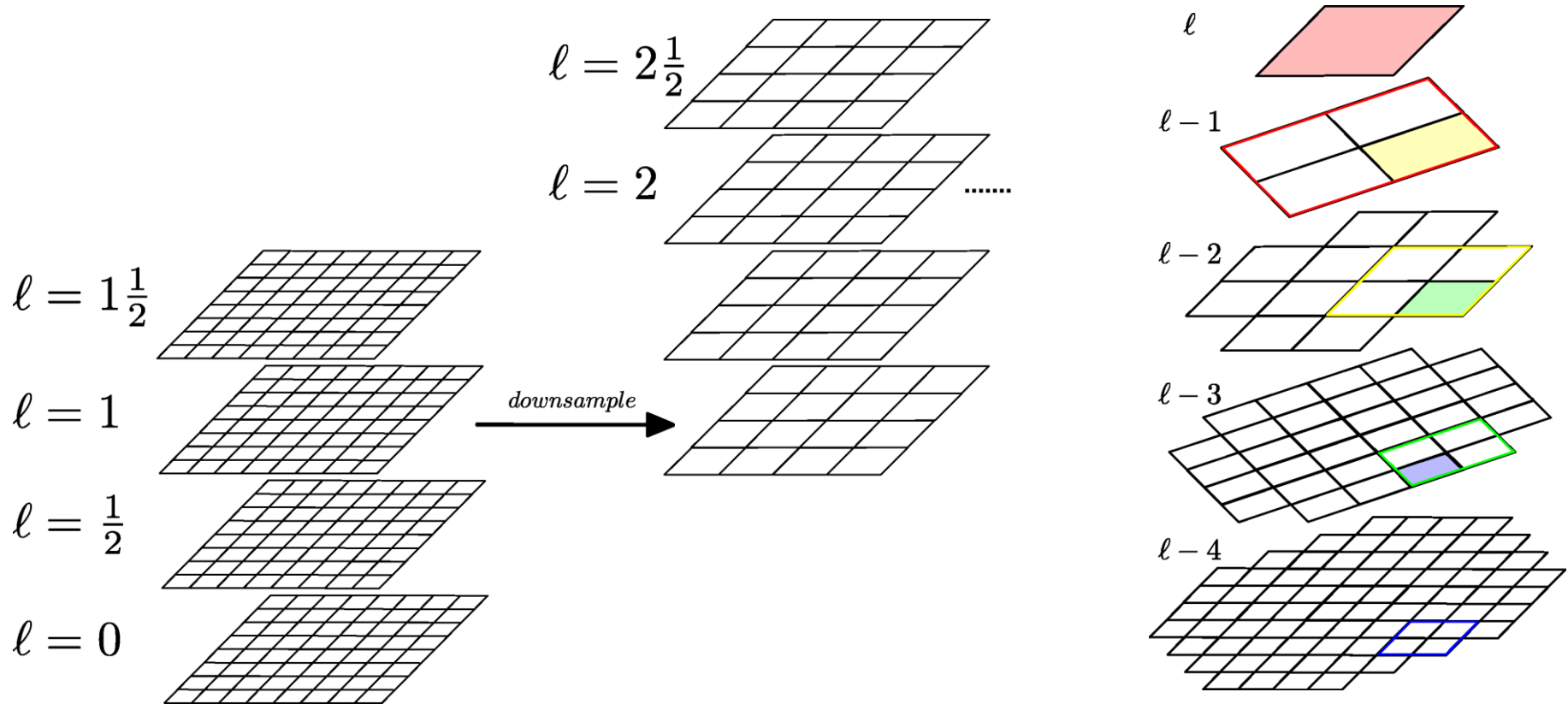
$$G(k\sigma) = G(\sigma) * G(\sigma)$$

$$D(\sigma) = G(\sigma) * (G(\sigma) - 1) * I$$

- D can be accumulated up the scale space!

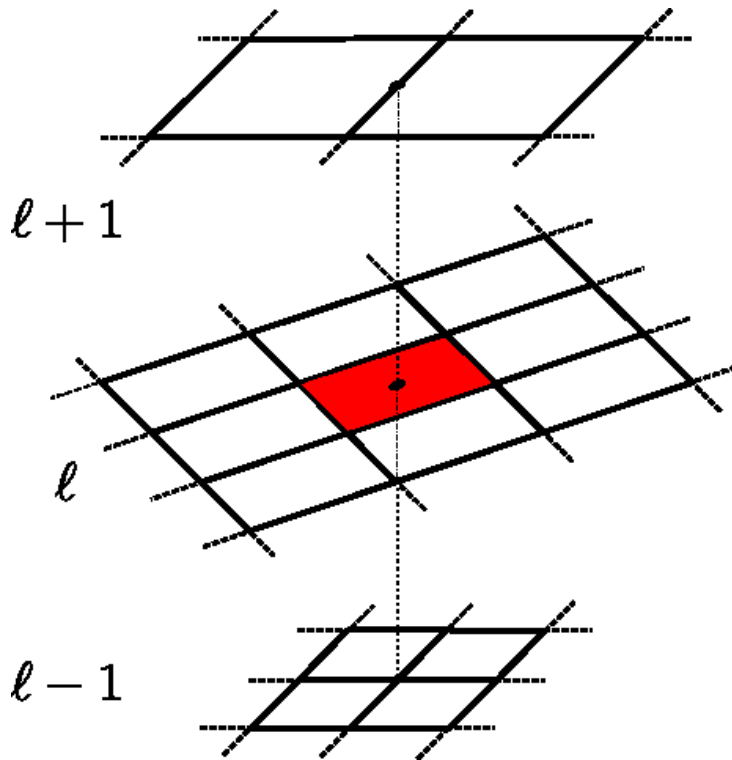
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keypoint detection – compare pyramids



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$\sqrt{2}$ scale resolution ample for
keypoint detection [Lowe 04]

octagonal pyramid

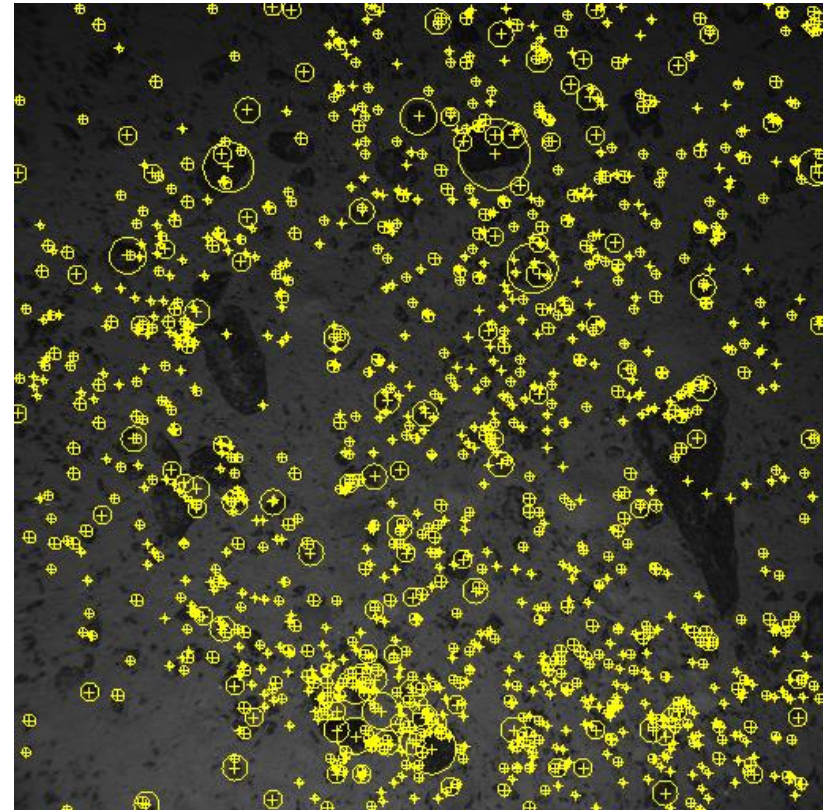
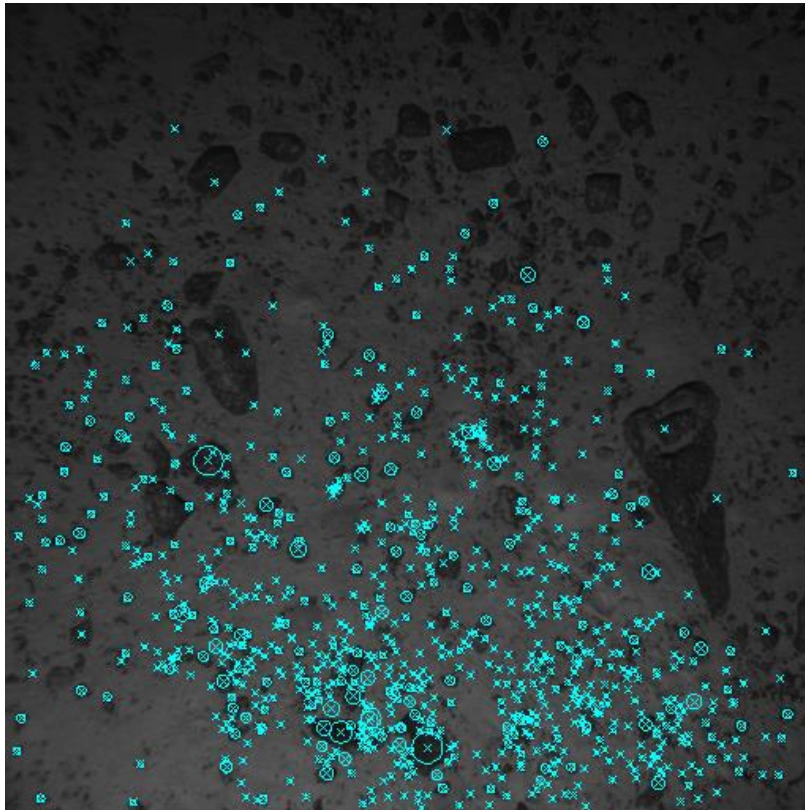
- $O(3)$ adds!
- 14 neighbors

traditional pyramid

- $O(35)$ multiplies & $O(27)$ adds
- 26 neighbors

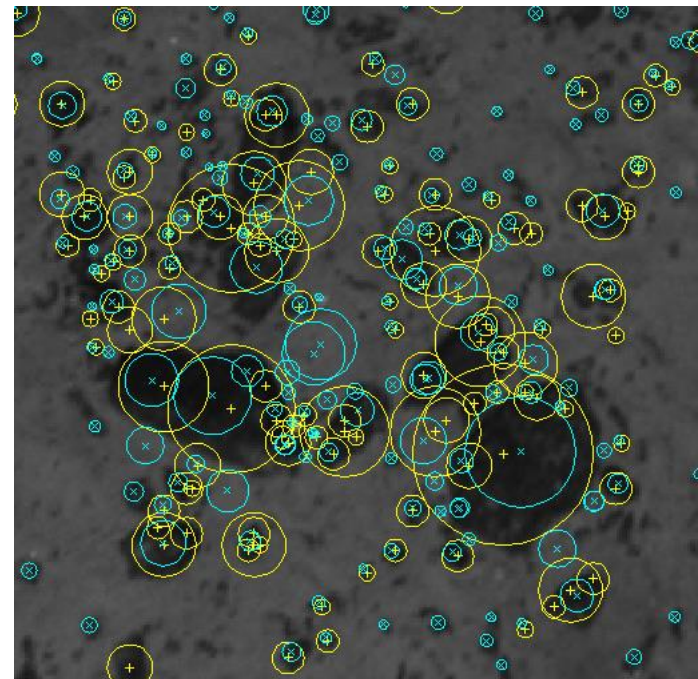
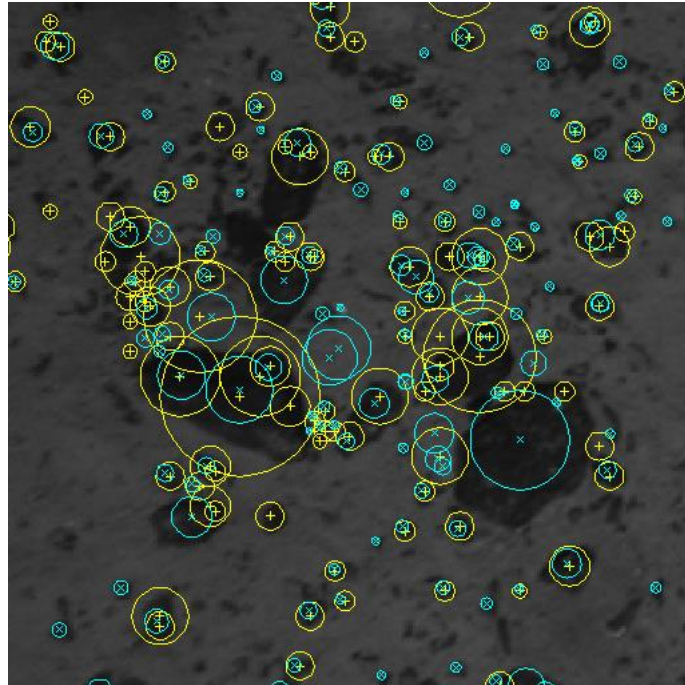
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keypoint detection – log intensity



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keypoint detection – SIFT (blue) OP (yellow)

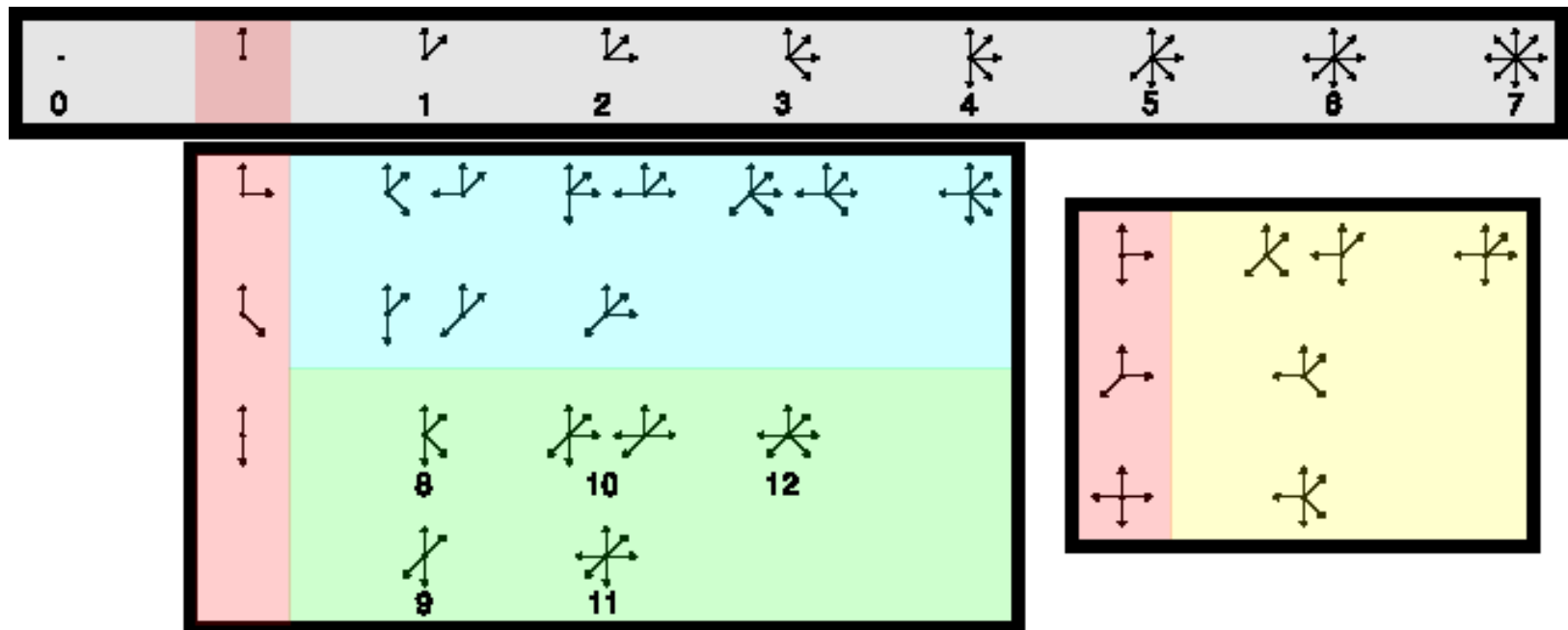


OP detects same *kind* of keypoints in images (if not the same ones), appealing for bag-of-keypoints model

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keypoint description – QuAHOG

extract region, accumulate histogram of gradients
QUantize Accumulated Histogram or Oriented Gradients



analogous to LBP [Ojala 2002]

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underwater imagery is largely redundant, how can we communicate “key” images?

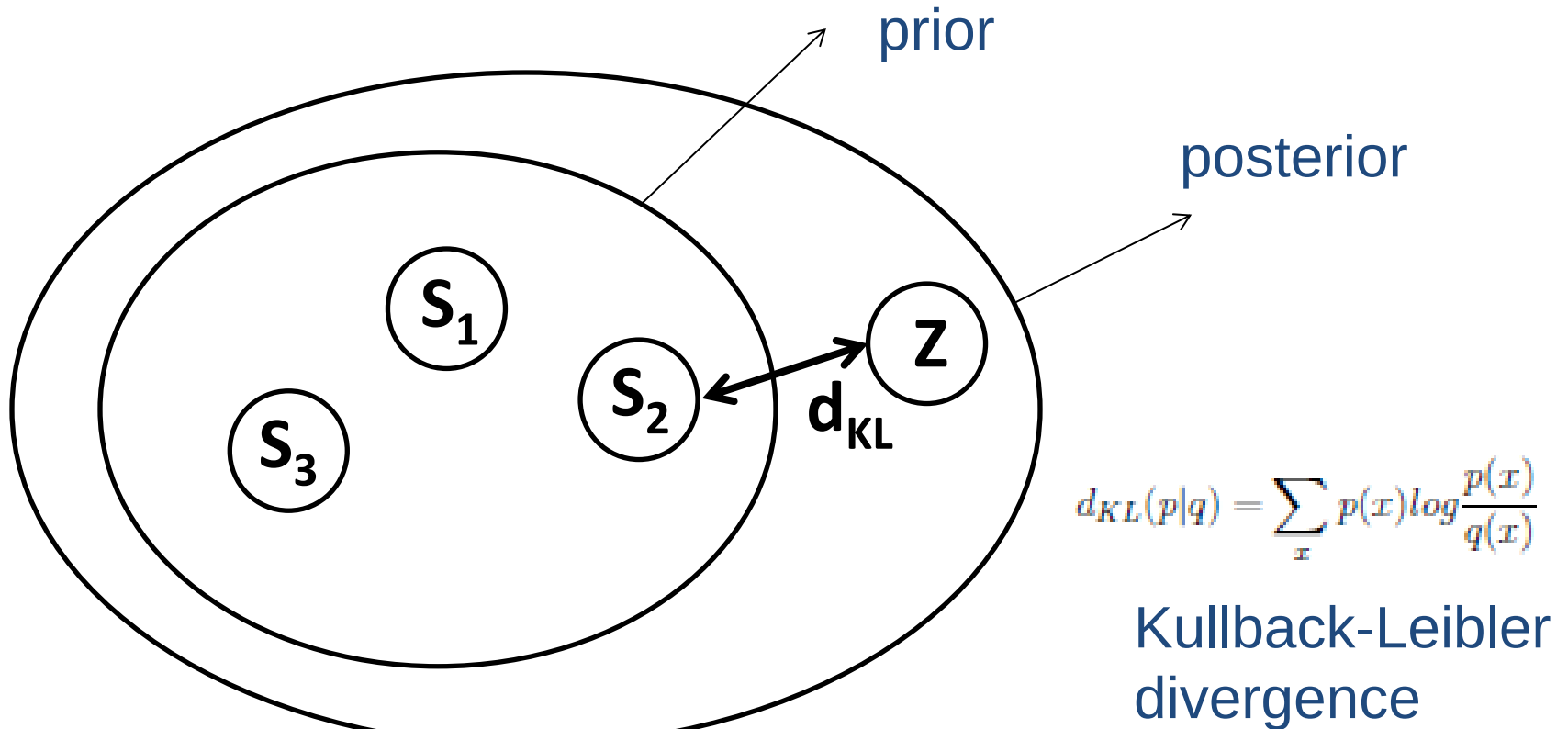
- offline vs online approaches
- minimize our “surprise” at seeing the dataset
- use summary images as basis for semantic maps

[Girdhar & Dudek, 2012]



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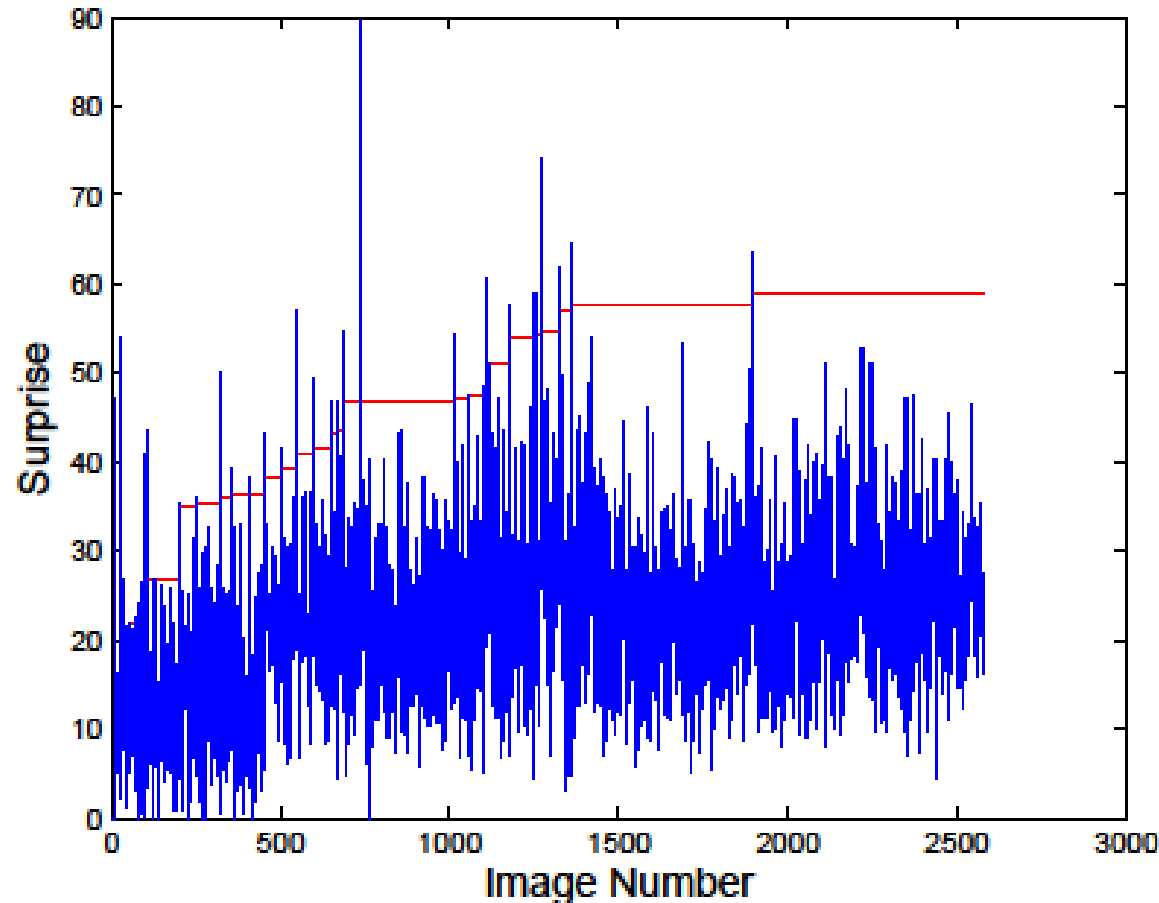
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[Girdhar & Dudek, 2012]

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1 (1897)



2 (101)



3 (9)



4 (35)



5 (531)



6 (5)



7 (2)



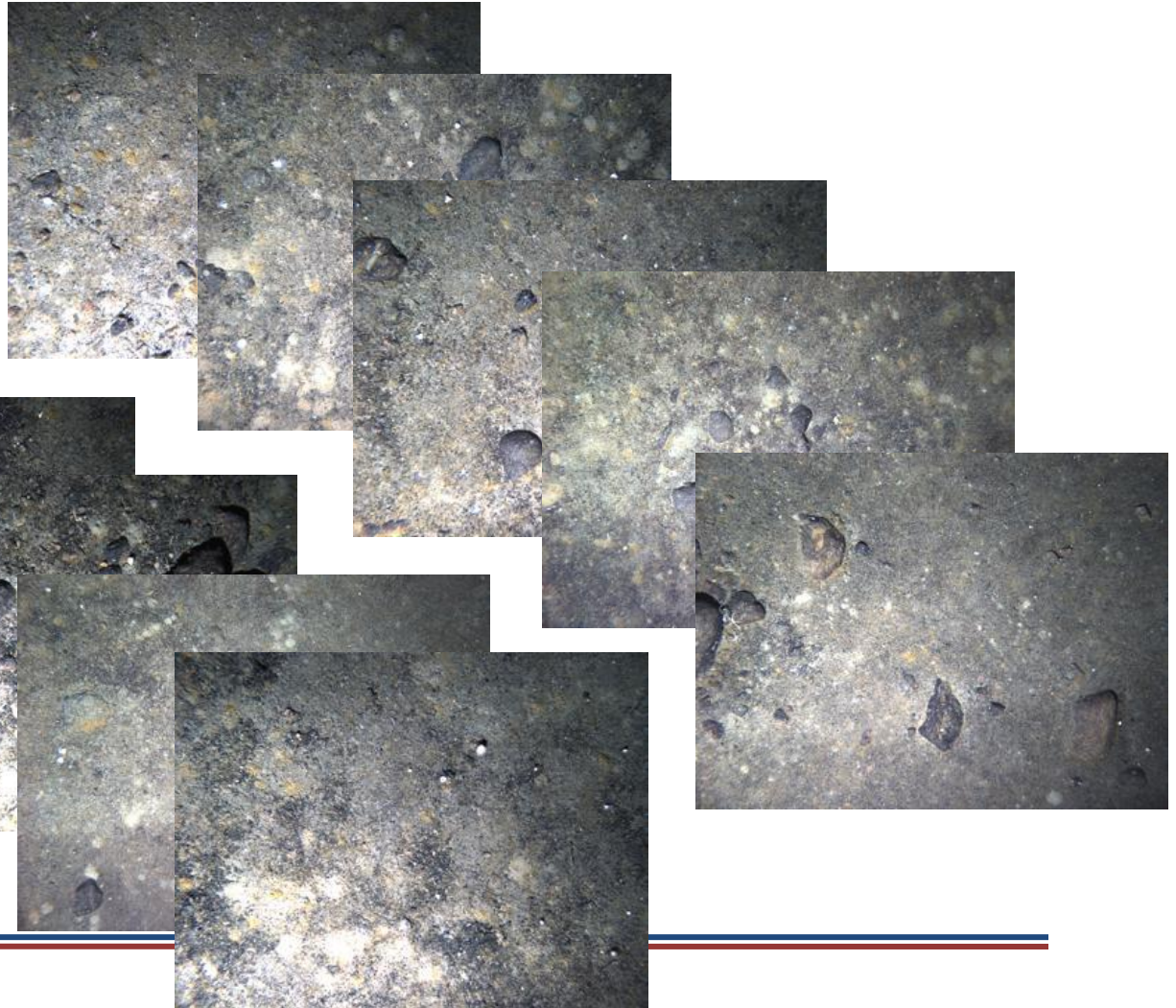
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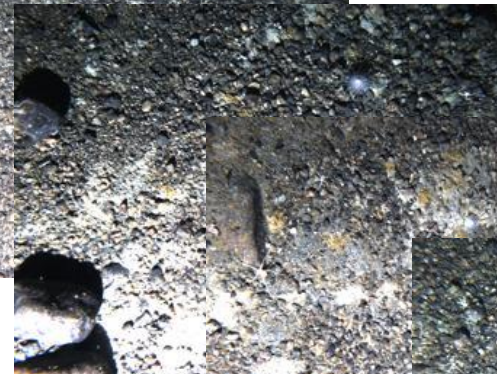
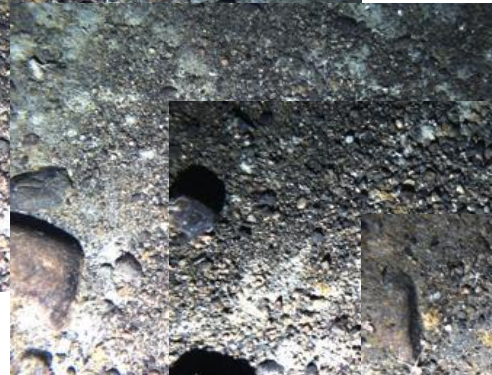
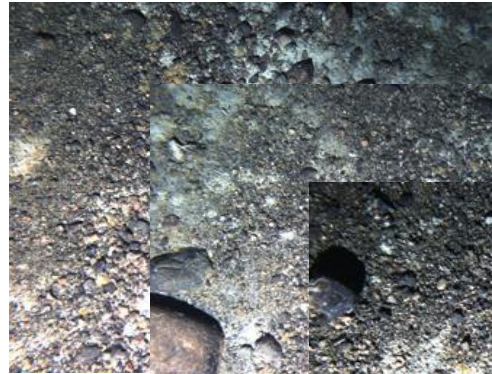


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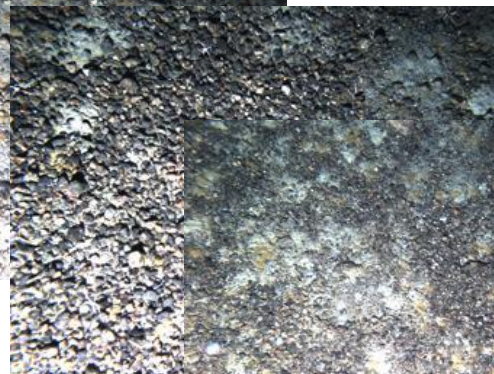
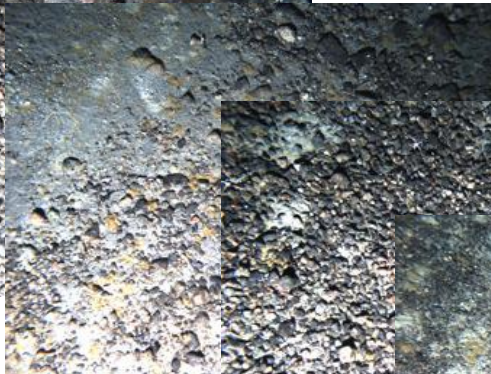
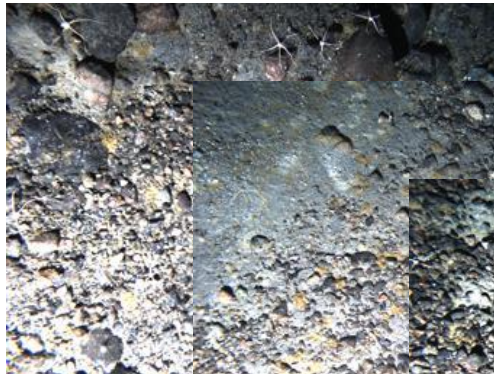


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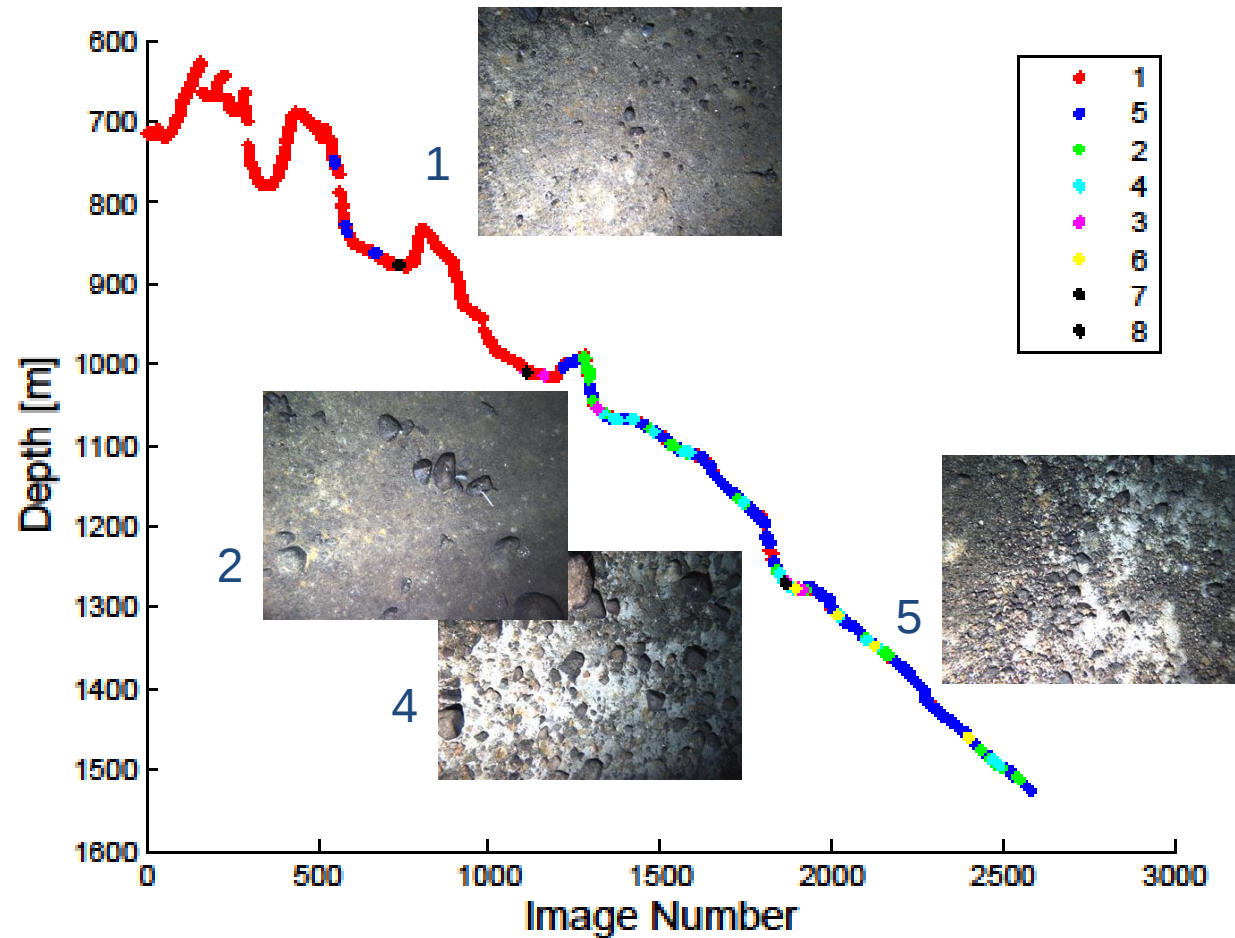


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- Conclusions
 - Decent summary of substrate types
 - Don't need expensive features for bag of words model
- Further work
 - How to make robust to transmitting summary images partway through

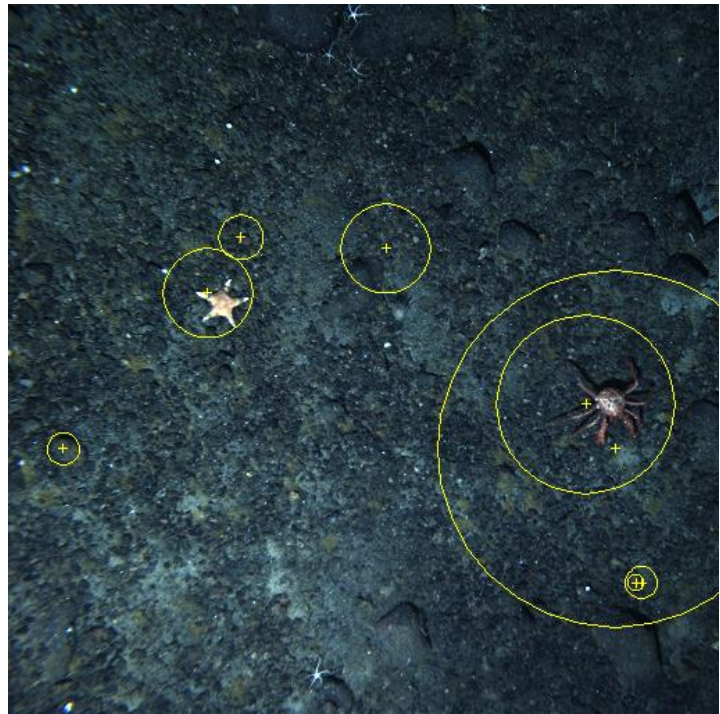
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- intuition from fish detection [*Loomis 2011*]

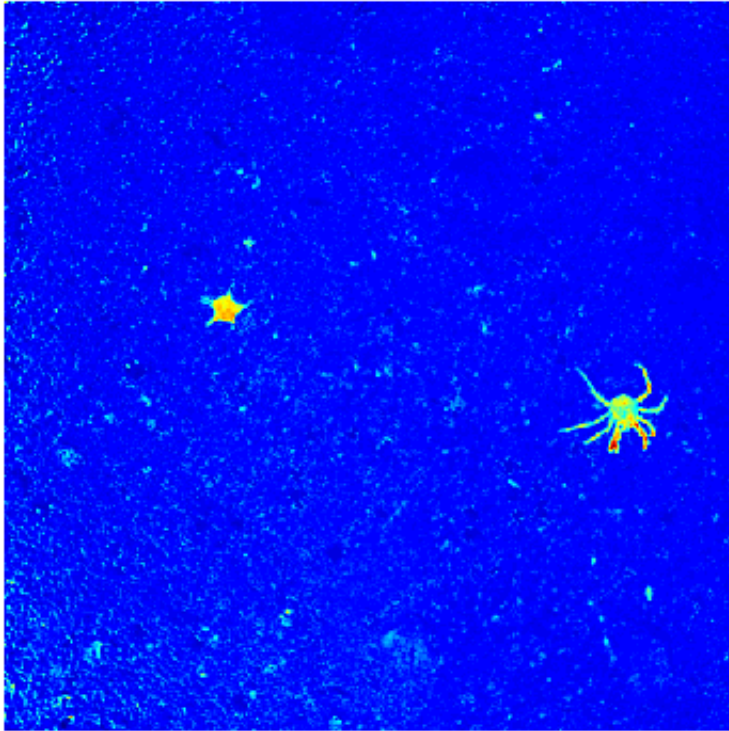
1. color
saturated red

2. shape
long thin legs



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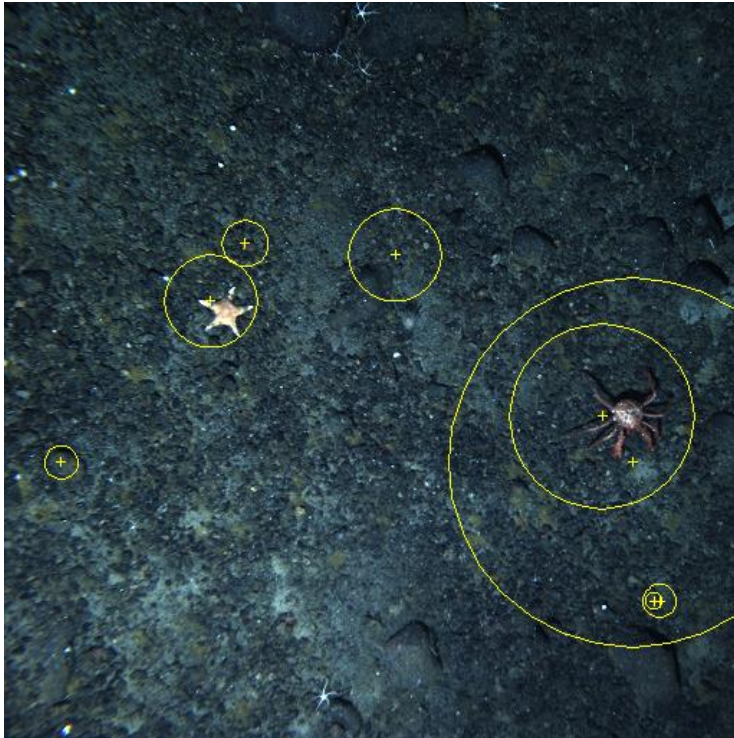
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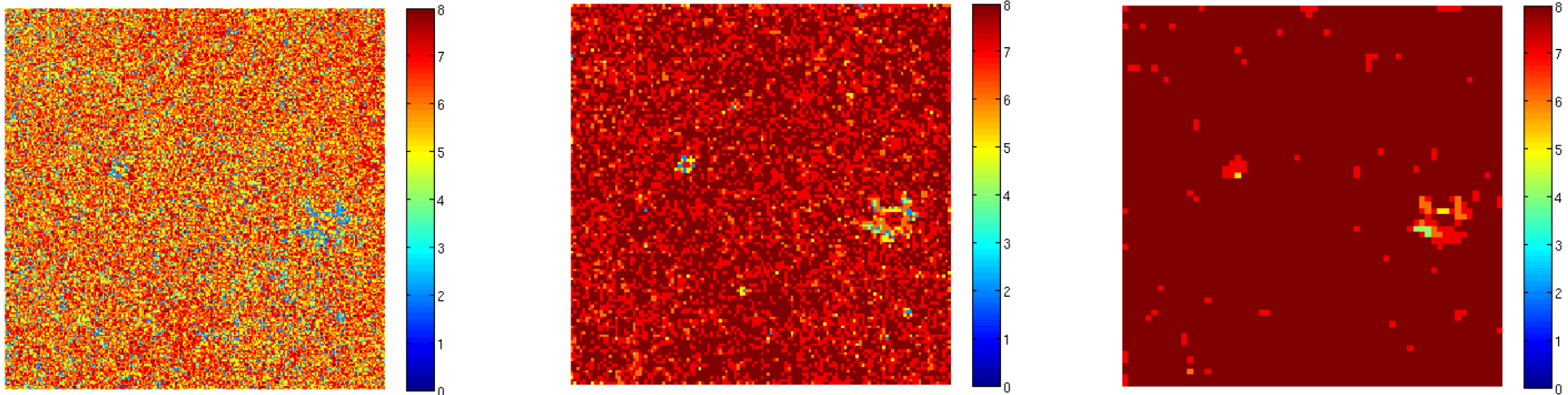


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- accumulate up scale space and find local maxima

[Swain & Ballard, 1991]

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1. flat 2. edge 3. misc. 4. thin bar
5. corner 6. thick bar 7. spit 8. spot

- gradients computed at lowest scale, accumulated, then threshold HOGs half their blurred mean gradient

overview of thesis contributions

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- fast keypoint detection and description
- online navigation summaries [*Girdhar 12*] as basis for unsupervised mission-time low-bandwidth map
- supervised object detection: finding crabs
- building semantic maps

conclusions

Advanced our ability to realistically process underwater images in mission time aboard robotic imaging platforms

Coupled with state-of-the-art image compression and acoustic transmission algorithms, reduce the latency of understanding paradigm for AUVs

