

# Acoustic detection and classification of killer whales with deep neural networks



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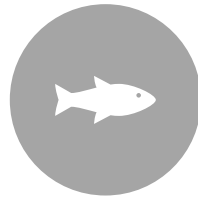
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# Brief outline



**Introduction to  
Machine Learning and  
Deep Neural Networks**



**Deep learning in  
marine bioacoustics**



**The HALLO project**

# Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL)

## Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Any technique that enables machine to mimic human intelligence through programs, logic, statistical methods, neural networks, etc.



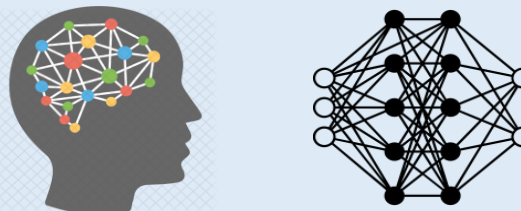
## Machine Learning (ML)

A subset of AI that includes statistical techniques that enables machine to learn without being explicitly programmed.



## Deep Learning (DL)

A subset of ML leverages artificial deep neural networks to learn from vast amounts of data by simulating the structure of human cells.



### Supervised Learning

- > Labeled data
- > Direct feedback
- > Predict outcome/future

### Unsupervised Learning

- > No labels
- > No feedback
- > Find hidden structure in data

### Reinforcement Learning

- > Decision process
- > Reward system
- > Learn series of actions

#### SUPERVISED LEARNING



#### UNSUPERVISED LEARNING



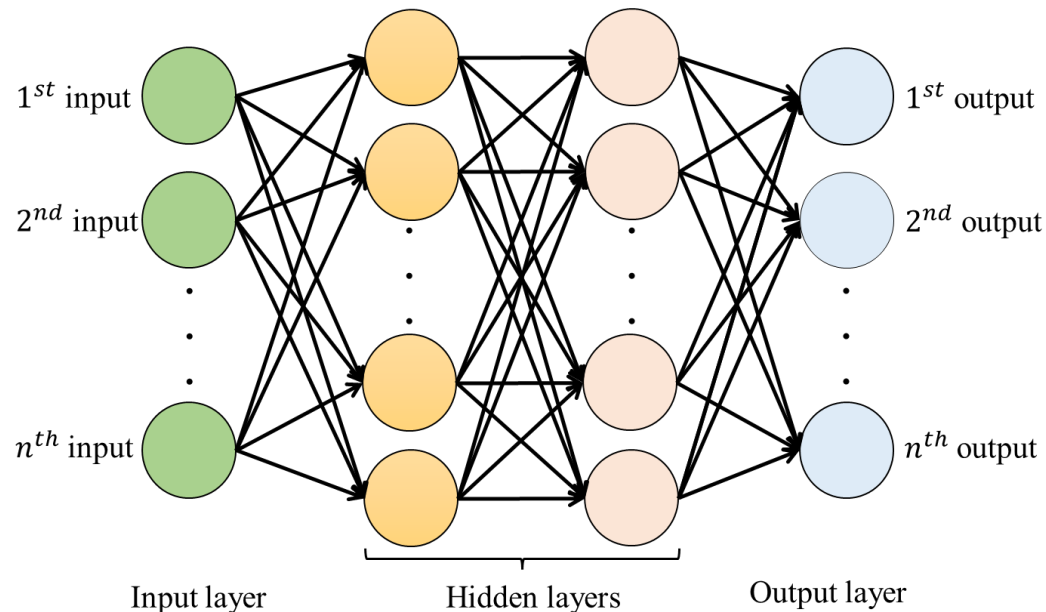
#### REINFORCEMENT LEARNING



# Introduction to Deep Neural Network

- A **deep neural network (DNN)** is an artificial neural network (ANN) with **various layers** between the input and output layers. There are different types of neural networks, but they always consist of the same components: **neurons, synapses, weights, biases, and functions.**
- Deep learning is an approach to **machine learning** that utilizes **deep neural networks**

## Everyday applications:



Speech recognition & audio processing



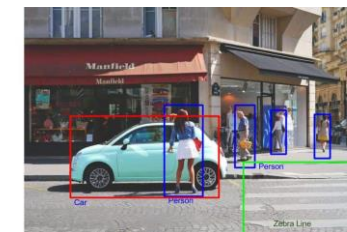
Natural Language Processing



Self driving car



Object detection



Healthcare



Bioinformatics



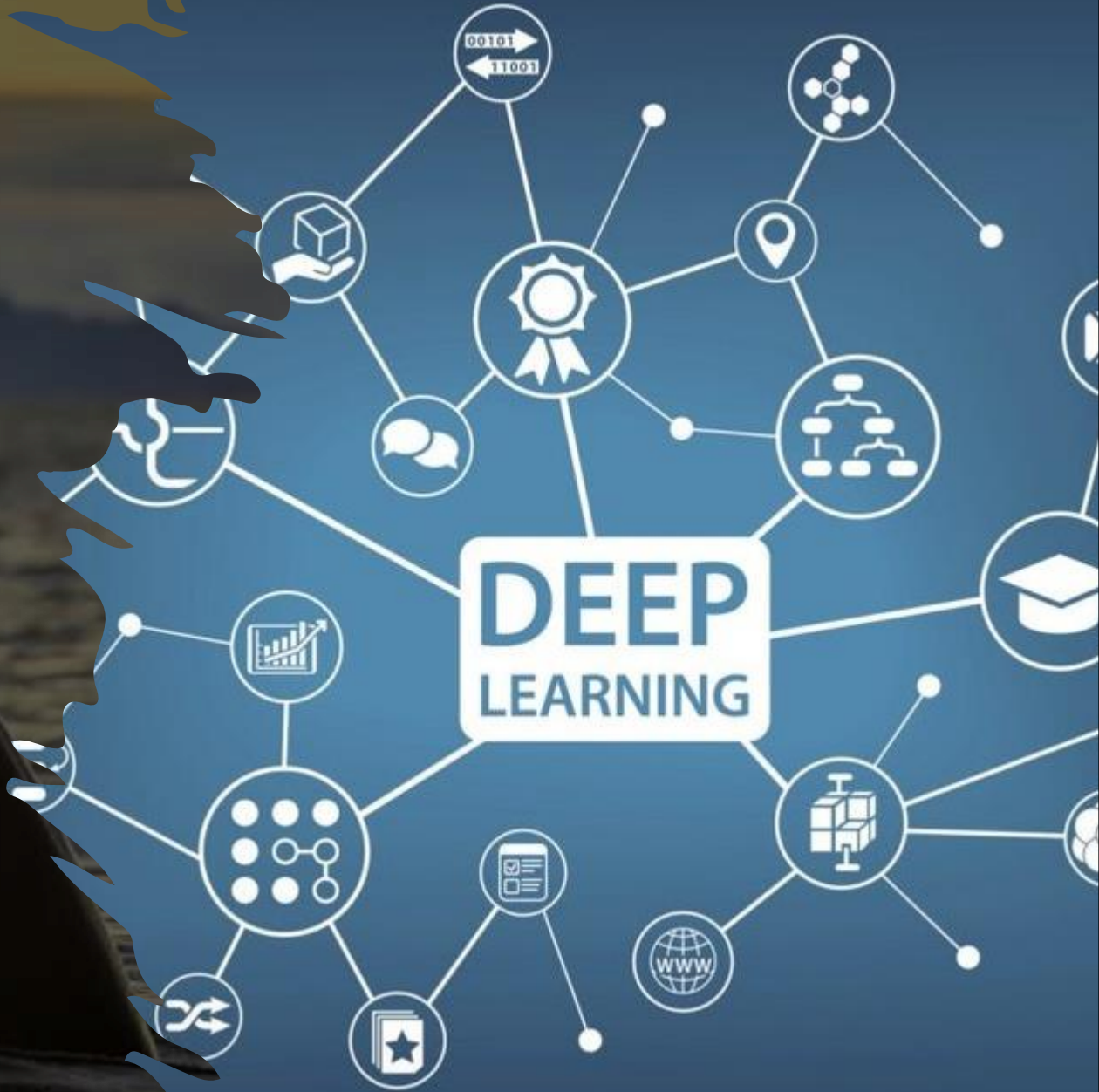


# Deep learning in marine bioacoustics

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# Some existing works

Luo et al.: JASA Express Letters <https://doi.org/10.1121/1.5085647> Published Online 4 January 2019

## Convolutional neural network for detecting odontocete echolocation clicks

Wenyu Luo, Wuyi Yang,<sup>a)</sup> and Yu Zhang

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## Deep neural networks for automated detection of marine mammal species

Yu Shiu<sup>a,\*</sup>, K. J. Palmer<sup>a,\*</sup>, Marie A. Roch<sup>a</sup>, Erica Fleishman<sup>a</sup>, Xiaobai Liu<sup>a</sup>, Eva-Marie Nosal<sup>a</sup>, Tyler Helble<sup>a</sup>, Danielle Cholewiak<sup>a</sup>, Douglas Gillespie<sup>a</sup> & Holger Klinck<sup>a</sup>

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## ORCA-SPOT: An Automatic Killer Whale Sound Detection Toolkit Using Deep Learning

Christian Bergler<sup>1</sup>, Hendrik Schröder<sup>2</sup>, Rachael Xi Cheng<sup>2</sup>, Volker Barth<sup>1</sup>, Michael Weber<sup>1</sup>, Elmar Nöth<sup>1</sup>, Heribert Hofer<sup>2,3,4,5</sup> & Andreas Maier<sup>2</sup>

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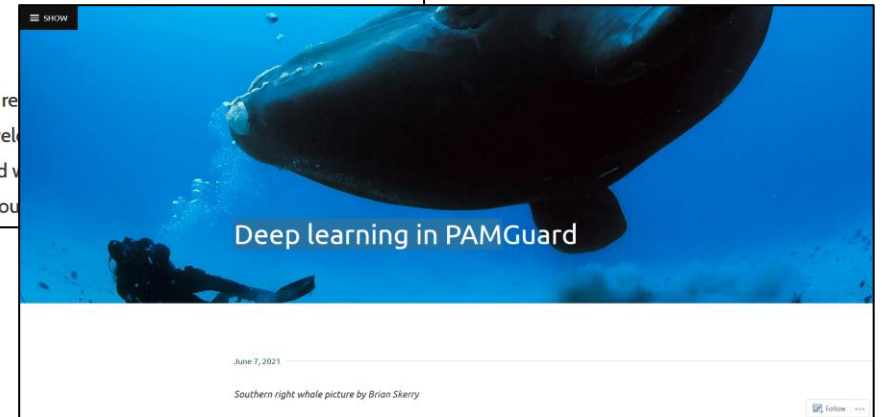
## Deep Machine Learning Techniques for the Detection and Classification of Sperm Whale Bioacoustics

Peter C. Bermant<sup>1</sup>, Michael M. Bronstein<sup>1,2,7</sup>, Robert J. Wood<sup>3,4</sup>, Shane Gero<sup>5</sup> & David F. Gruber<sup>1,6</sup>



## AI for orcas: open bioacoustic data science

The “AI for Orcas” project (#ai4orcas) re- and open-source communities to develop and open-source communities to develop made by killer whales (calls, clicks, and v the endangered orcas known as the Sou



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### Performance of a deep neural network at detecting North Atlantic right whale upcalls<sup>a)</sup>

Oliver S. Kirsebom,<sup>1,b)</sup> Fabio Frazao,<sup>1</sup> Yvan Simard,<sup>2,c)</sup> Nathalie Roy,<sup>3</sup> Stan Matwin,<sup>1,d)</sup> and Samuel Giard<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Maurice Lamontagne Institute, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Mont-Joli, Québec, Canada

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### Beluga whale acoustic signal classification using deep learning neural network models

Ming Zhong,<sup>1</sup> Manuel Castellote,<sup>2,a)</sup> Rahul Dodhia,<sup>1</sup> Juan Lavista Ferres,<sup>1</sup> Mandy Keogh,<sup>3</sup> and Ariel Brewer<sup>2</sup>

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## Deep learning works!

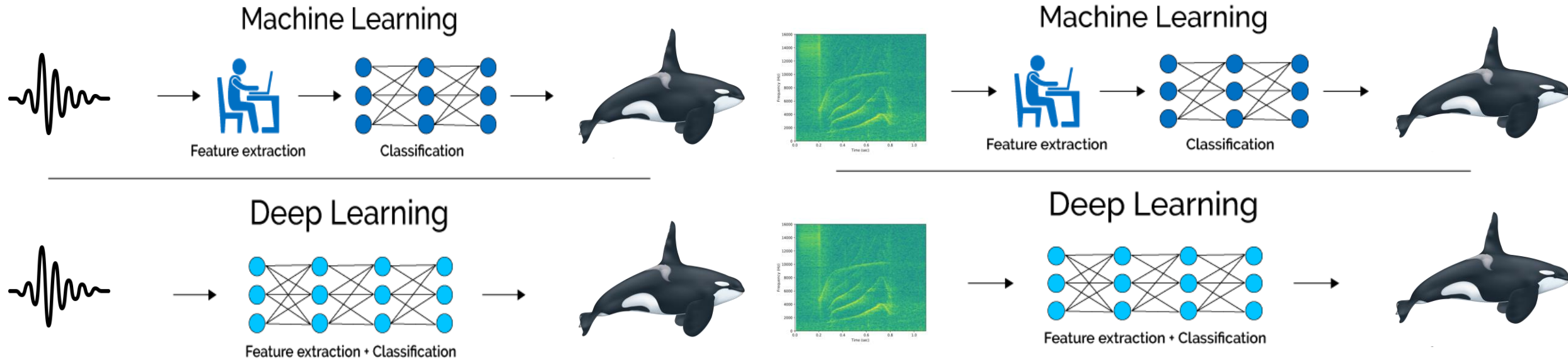
It's time to design more robust DL model and build software tools that makes deep learning accessible to researchers and conservationists.

# Why Deep Learning for Passive Acoustic Monitoring?

- **Real-time or near real-time detection** of killer whales are needed to **protect endangered species**.
- **Manual or semi-manual validation** of data might have been an option but with such vast amount of data, this is **no longer feasible**.
- **Robust automated DL-based monitoring system** is needed to **improve the performance of the software**.
- **Trained deep learning models are easily scalable**. It also **increases in performance with the more training data**, making it viable for Big Data from numerous hydrophones.



# How to utilize Deep Learning for Passive Acoustic Monitoring?



Deep learning techniques **do not require additional feature extraction** from data. Both feature extraction and classification is done within the neural networks of the DL model.



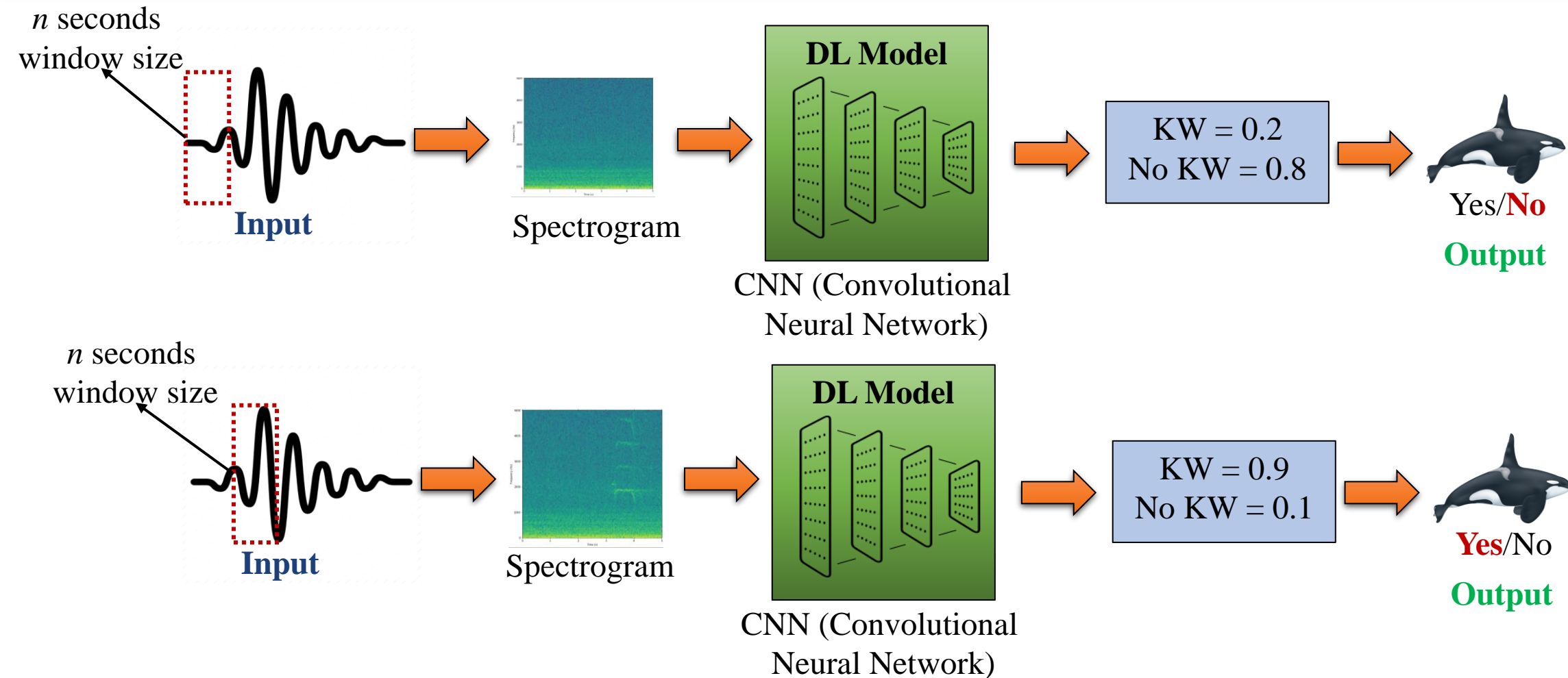
The background image shows a coastal scene. In the foreground, an orca is leaping from the water, its body arched and its tail visible. The water is a deep blue. In the middle ground, there is a shoreline with some buildings and trees. In the background, a large, snow-capped mountain rises against a clear sky. The overall tone is serene and natural.

# The HALLO project

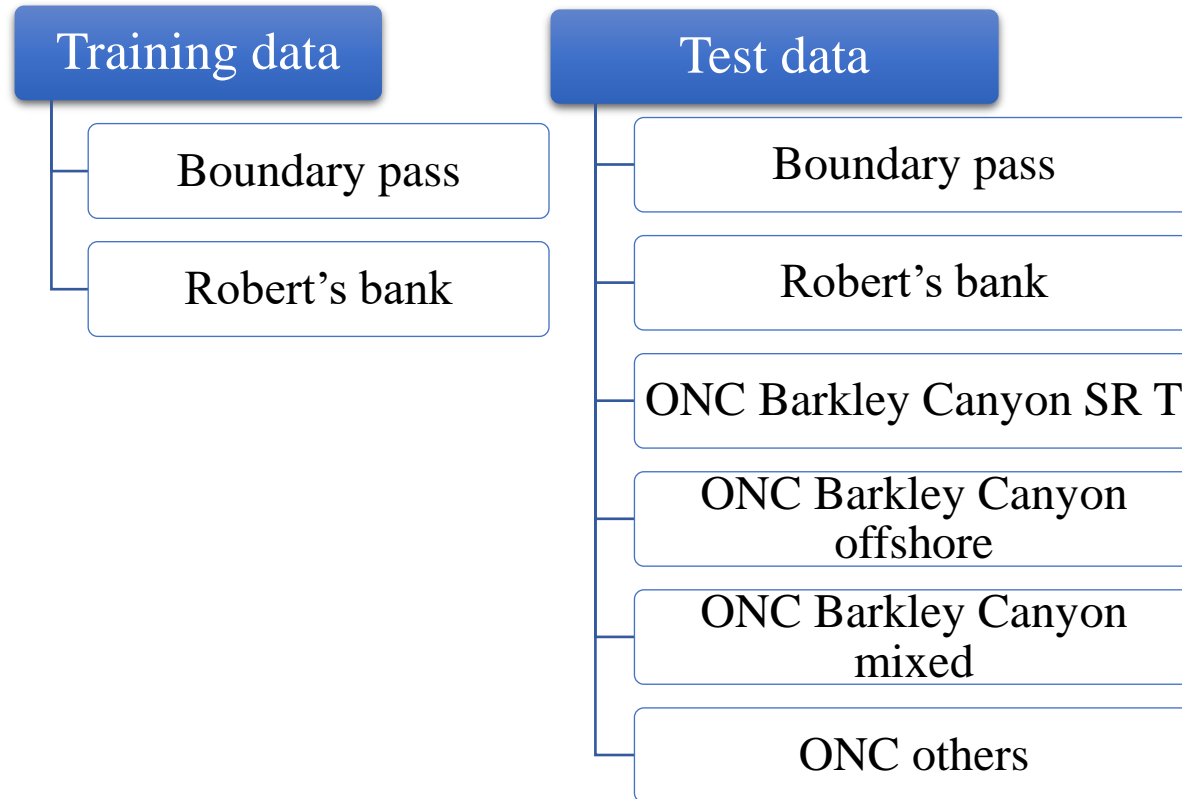
# HALLO goals

- **HALLO = Humans and ALgorithms Listening for Orcas**
- Multi-institutional & multi-disciplinary team
- Goal is to develop **deep learning software for detecting and classifying the vocalizations of Killer Whales** (especially Southern Residents Killer Whales) to support researchers and conservationists.
  - Marine bioacousticians
  - Data scientists
  - Deep learning experts
  - Data managers
  - Software developers
  - System administrators
- Employ standard CNN architectures (i.e., DenseNet) to **achieve high accuracy in classification of KW sounds**, surpassing existing algorithms.
- DL models developed using the [Ketos](#) framework developed by MERIDIAN team

# Use of Deep Learning in the HALLO project



# Data sources

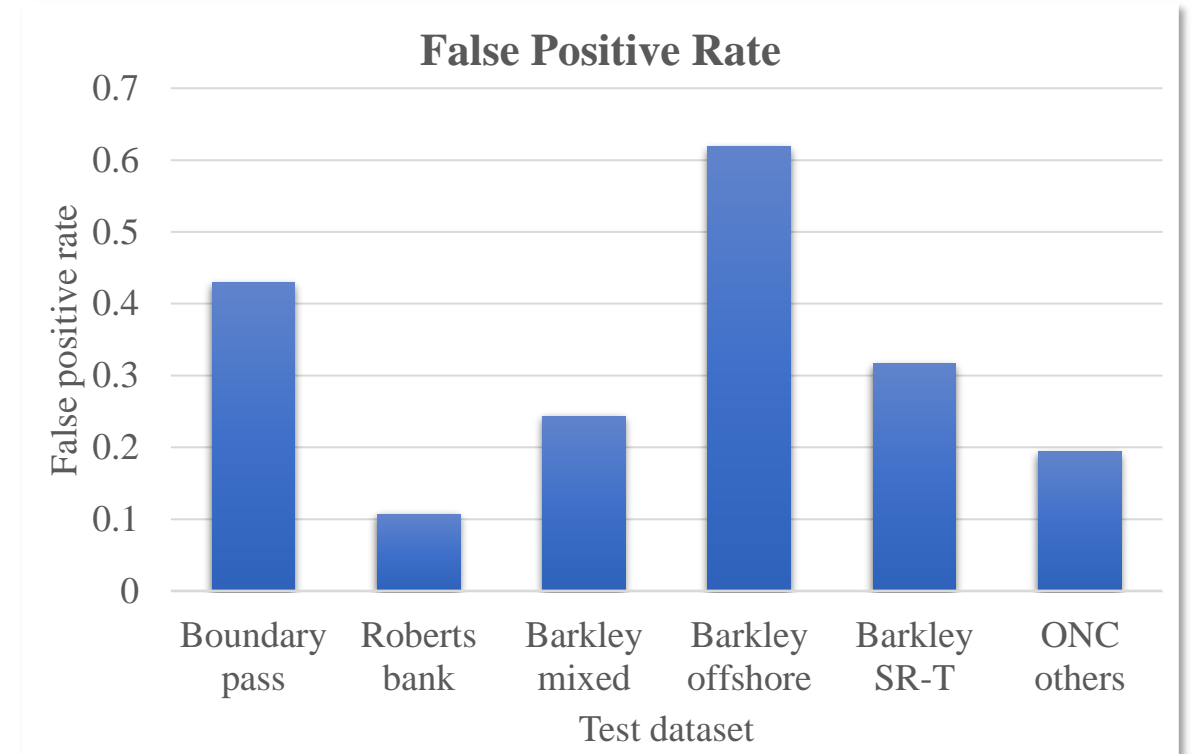
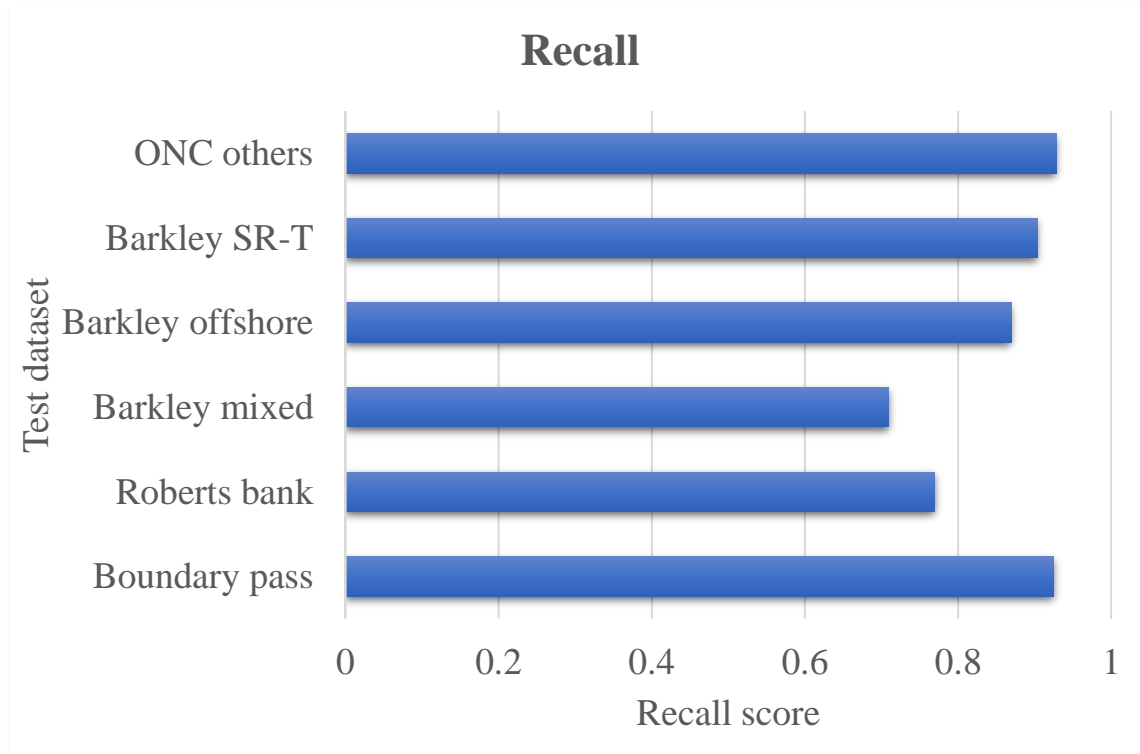


	Dataset	Number of files
Train	Boundary pass	586
	Robert's bank	704
Test	Boundary pass	34
	Robert's bank	4
	ONC Barkley Canyon SR T	40
	ONC Barkley Canyon offshore	26
	ONC Barkley Canyon mixed	57
	ONC others	7

Multiple data sources → large variance in data



# Preliminary results so far (1/2)

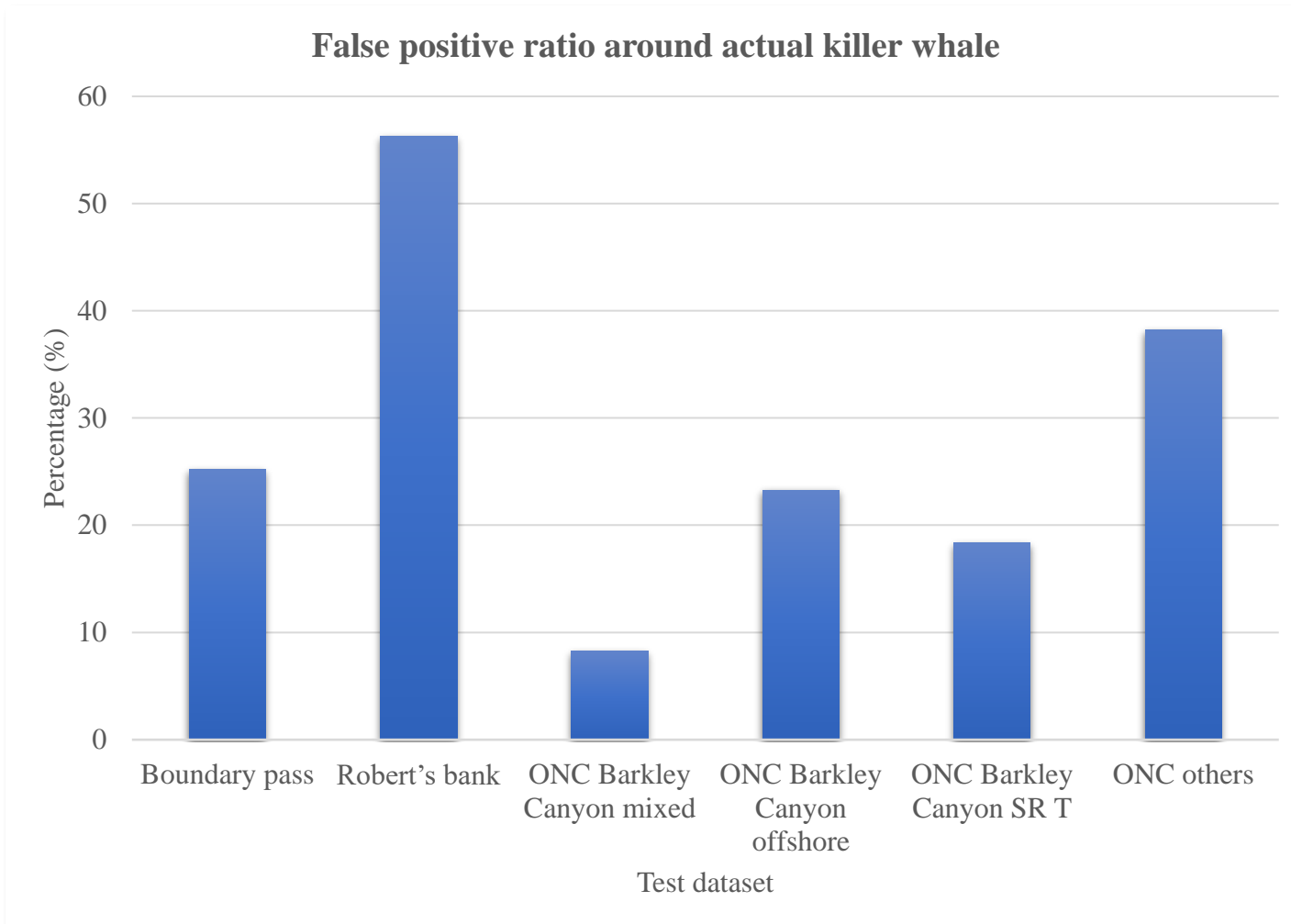


**Recall/True positive rate:** Percentage of total relevant/positive results correctly classified by the model

**False positive rate:** The proportion of negative examples predicted incorrectly as positive

Still room for improvements in unseen environment!

# Preliminary results so far (2/2)



**Current challenge with False positives:** Many of the false positives are occurring around the actual killer whale calls

# Conclusion and Future directions

- **Deep learning can** aid the orca detection if we can find the right sufficient data and tweak the model accordingly
- **Improve** deep learning model **performance**
- **Ecotype and pod-level** classification
- **Adapt the model** for data collected from **different sources and hydrophones.**
- **Ready-to-use software** deployed in a **network of hydrophones** for near real-time detection
- **Open-source software** for the community





**Thank You!**  
**Questions?**