



ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CLASSIFICATION BASED AUTOMATED MOTION IMAGERY INTERPRETABILITY PREDICTION



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Outline

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**A classification-based
motion imagery
interpretability prediction
estimation accuracy
within 0.5 VNIIRS level.**

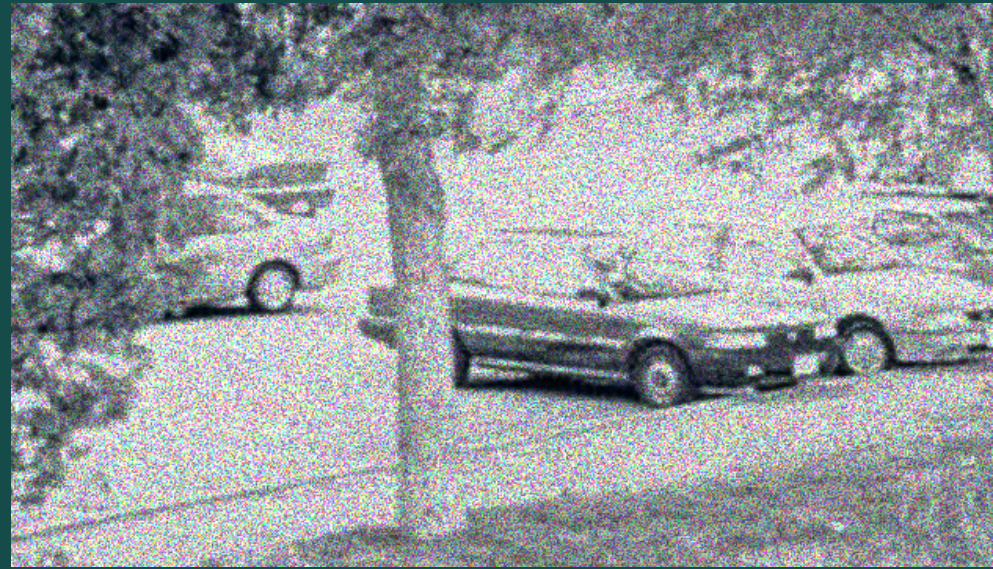
A. Why Imagery Interpretability

- A.1 Imagery quality vs imagery interpretability
 - Quality: overall appearance
 - Interpretability: potential for intelligence task completion



High Quality

Low Interpretability



Low Quality

High Interpretability

A.2 How Do We Quantify Imagery Interpretability?

- Still imagery: National Imagery Interpretability Rating Scale (NIIRS)
- **Motion imagery**: Video-NIIRS or VNIIRS
- Both define a set of different levels of interpretability based on the types of tasks an analyst can perform with imagery of a given rating.
- NIIRS/VNIIRS are subjectively assigned by trained image analysts (IAs)

costly



inefficient

A3. Image/Video Interpretability Estimation Equations

- General Image Quality Equation V4

$$GIQE_4NIIRS = 10.251 - a \cdot \log_{10}(GSD_{GM}) + b \cdot \log_{10}(RER_{GM}) - 0.656 \cdot H_{GM} - 0.344 \cdot \frac{G}{SNR}$$

- Instantaneous interpretability estimation for the k^{th} frame:

$$I_k = 14 - \log_2(GSD_k) - \log_2(1/RER_k) - \exp(0.5 \cdot (PSNR_c - PSNR_k)) \\ - \Delta I_{\text{camera}} - \Delta I_{\text{contrast}} - \Delta I_{\text{movers}} - \Delta I_{\text{artifacts}}$$

Video interpretability equation is **NOT** widely accepted as general image quality equations are.

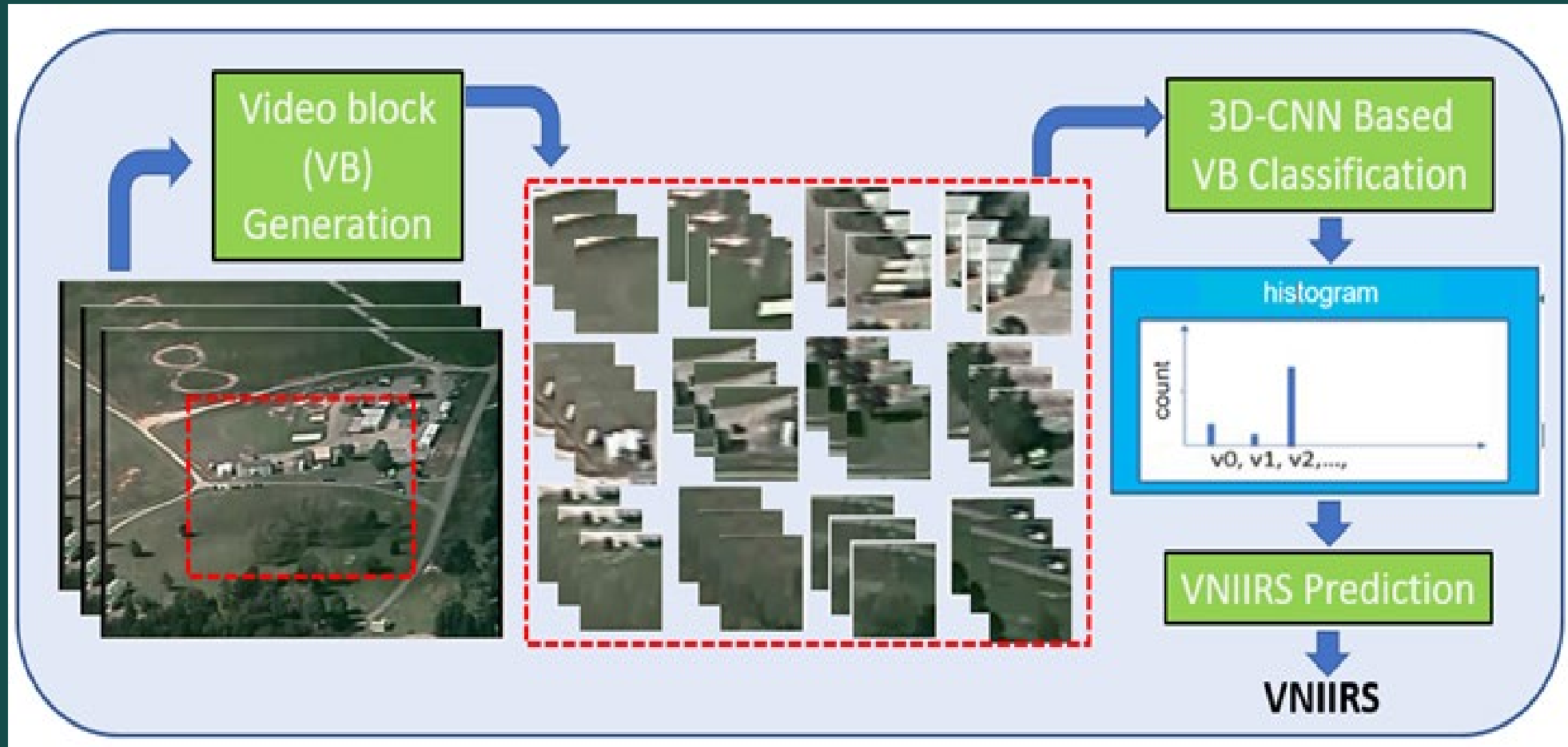
A4. The Need for A Fully Automated Motion Imagery Interpretability Estimation Approach

- Major geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) source.
- Increasing volumes of motion imagery data.
- Lack of trained image analysts.
- Lack of reliable Image Quality Equations (IQE) for VNIIRS estimation

Alternative approaches that do not rely on video interpretability equation are desirable

B. Approach

B.1 Overview



B2. VB Generation

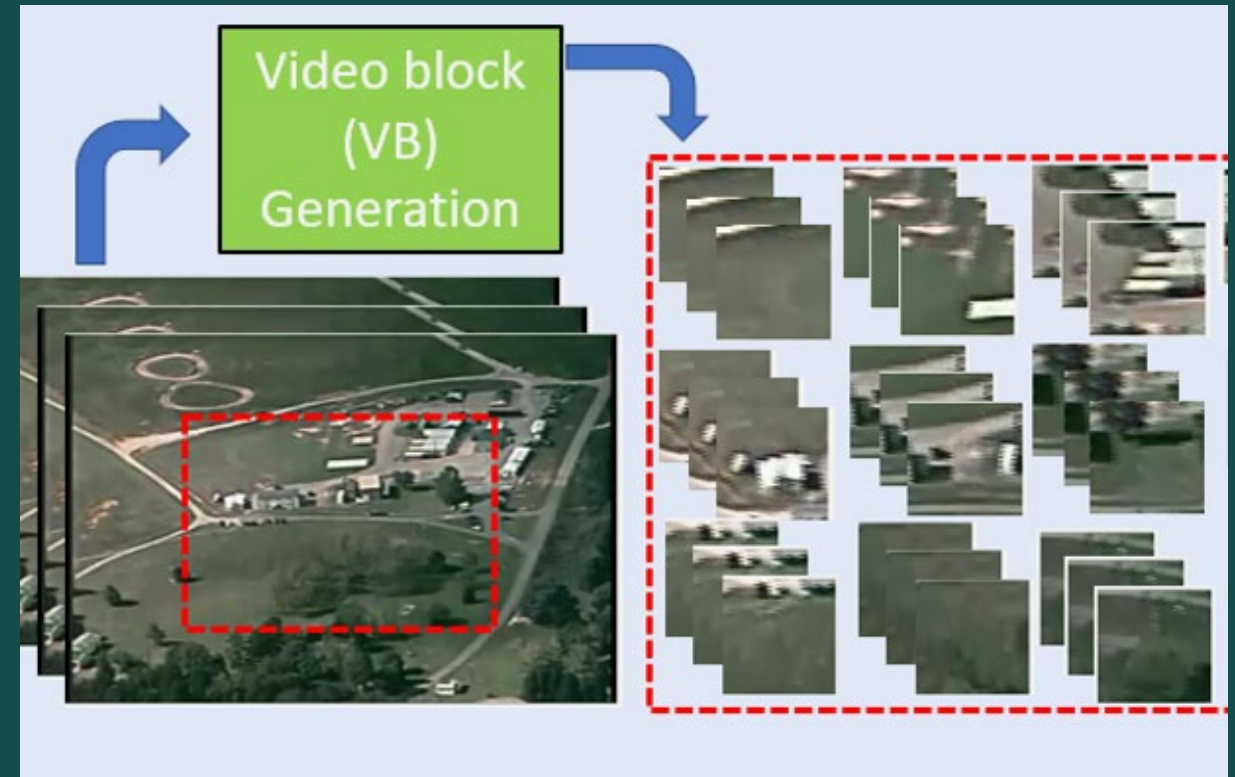
- What is a VB?
- Three tested VB sizes:

$$c \times l \times h \times w = 32 \times 32 \times 16 \times 3,$$

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- Input: video clip, output: large number of VBs
- 3d sliding window method is used



B3. VB Selection

- An informative VB should contain sufficient spatial and temporal variations
- Two VB selection criteria are devised

- Spatial STD test:

$$\delta_{spatial} > Th_{spatial}$$

- Temporal STD test:

$$\delta_{temporal} > Th_{temporal}$$

- Our experiment indicated the improvement due to applying the two criteria was not significant.

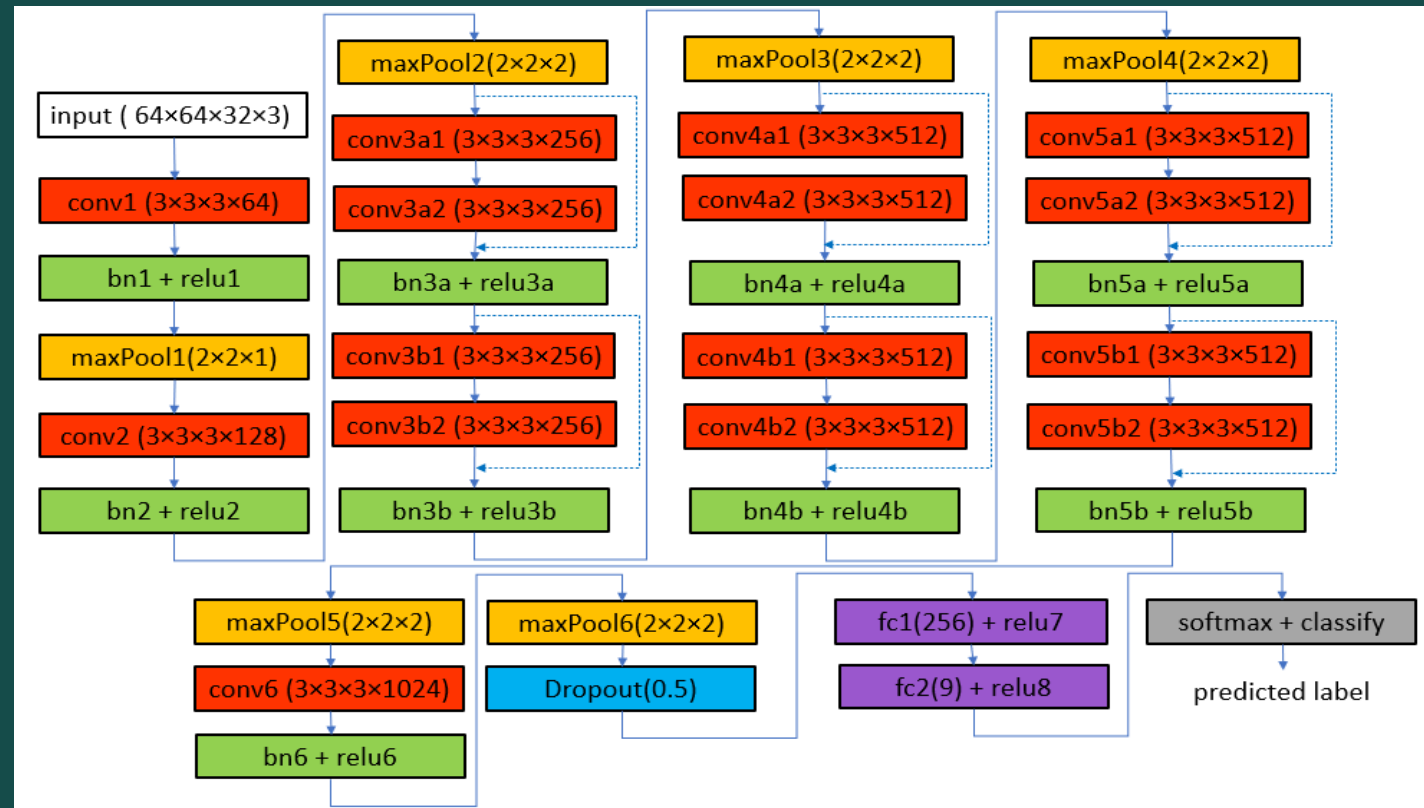
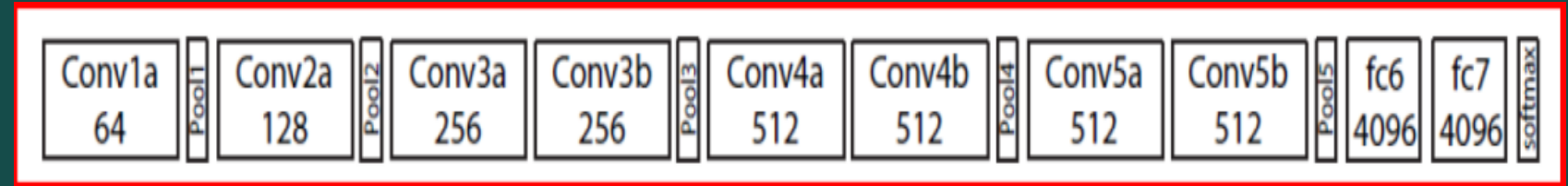
B4. VB Classification

- Based on C3D

input size = $112 \times 112 \times 16 \times 3$

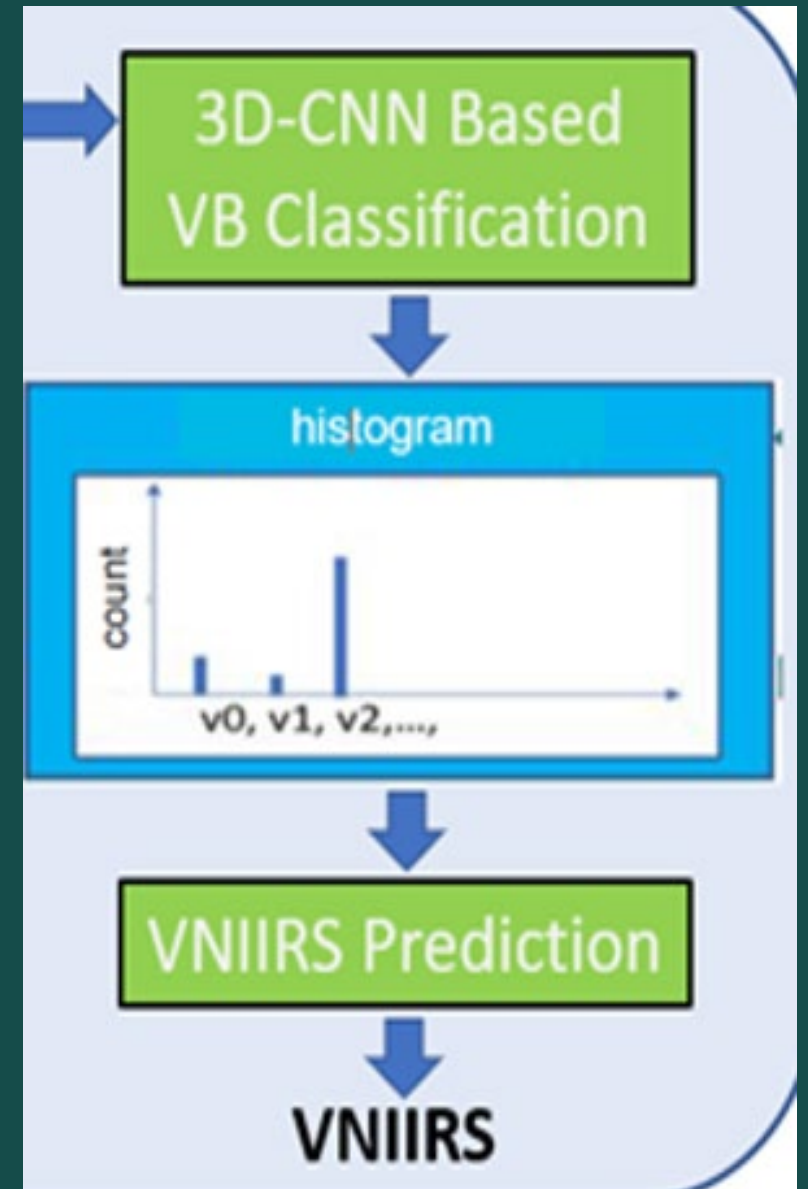
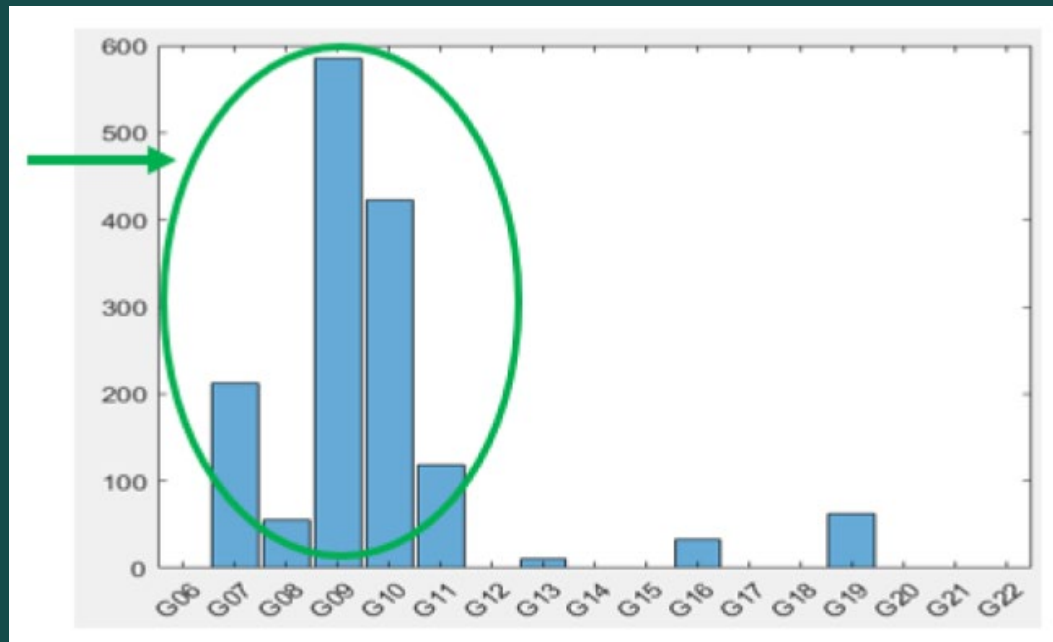
- Our implementation

- Modified the number of convolutional layers to fit specific VB sizes
- Added batch normalization, dropout, and incorporated residual blocks
- Class number = 9, corresponding to VNIIRS 7, 7.5, 8, ..., 11.



B5. VNIIRS Prediction

- For each input video clip, the output of VB classification is a **histogram**
- **Estimated VNIIRS = Weighted average**



C. Experiments

C.1 Data Set

- Training set: sixty-six HD aerial video clips
- Test set: ten HD aerial video clips
- VNIIRS range: 7 to 11

Table 1.Information of Video Clips Used in the Experiments.

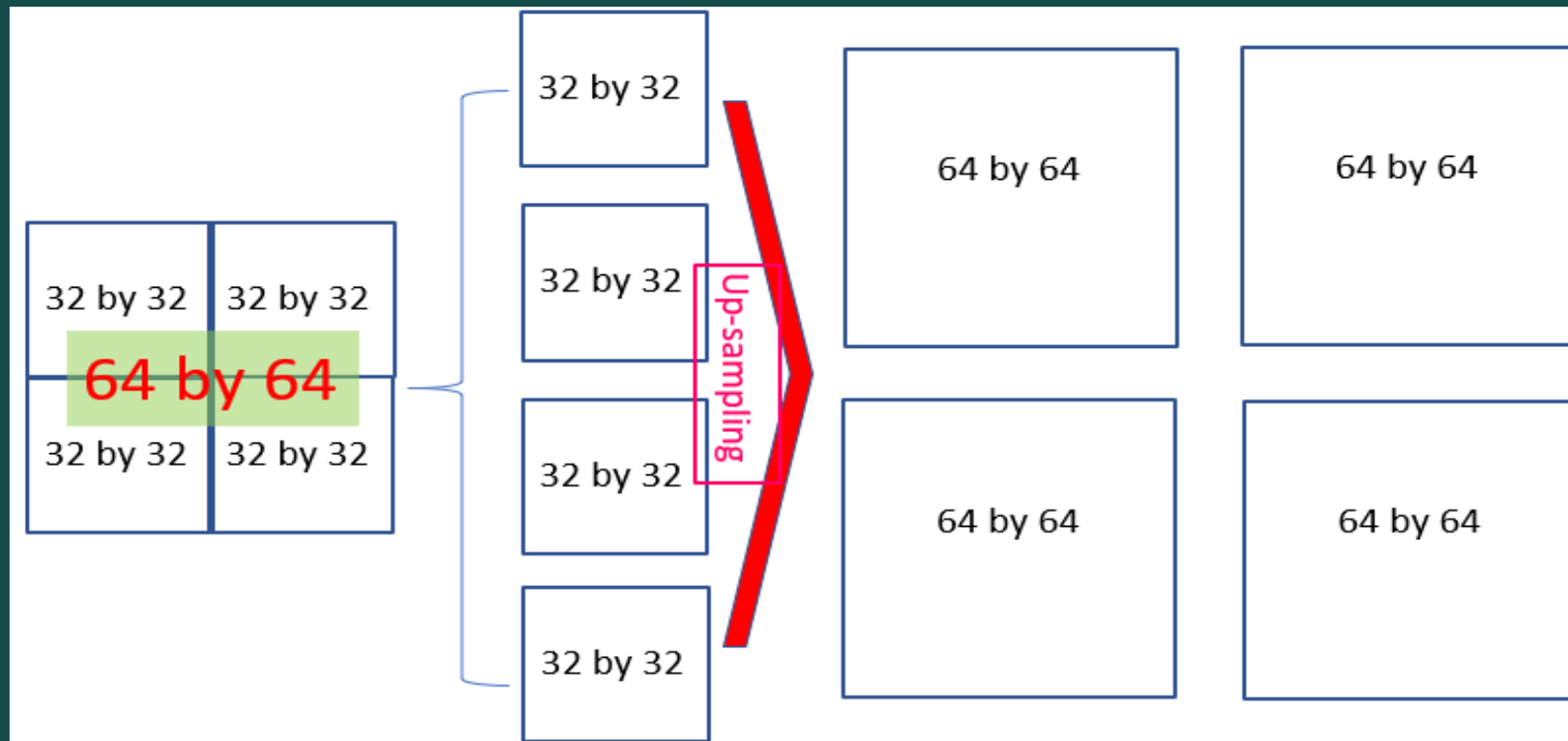
Clip Length	Frame Size (width × height)	Frame Rate (fps)
10 seconds	1920×1080	25

C2. Data Preparation

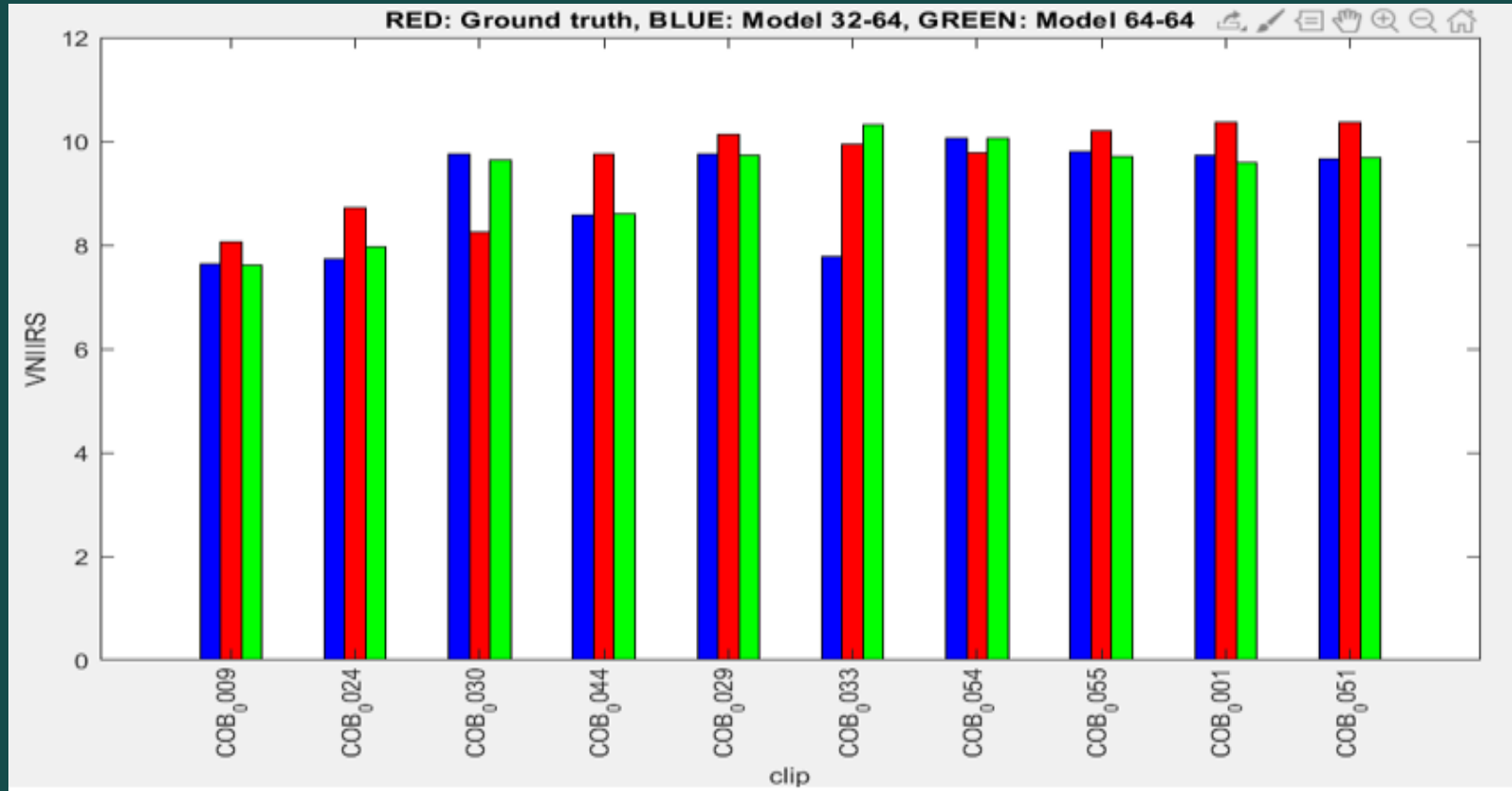
- Each training clip
 - assigned a group label from G14 to G22
 - based on its ground truth VNIIRS level
- Example:
 - VNIIRS = 7.8 → nearest half integer = 8 → label G16
 - VNIIRS in G16 ranges from 7.75 to 8.25

C3. Experiment 1: Performance Comparison of Two Spatial Extents

- Tested two VB sizes: **64**×**64**×16×3 and **32**×**32**×16×3
- Cares are paid to use the same C3D variant and the same training VBs.



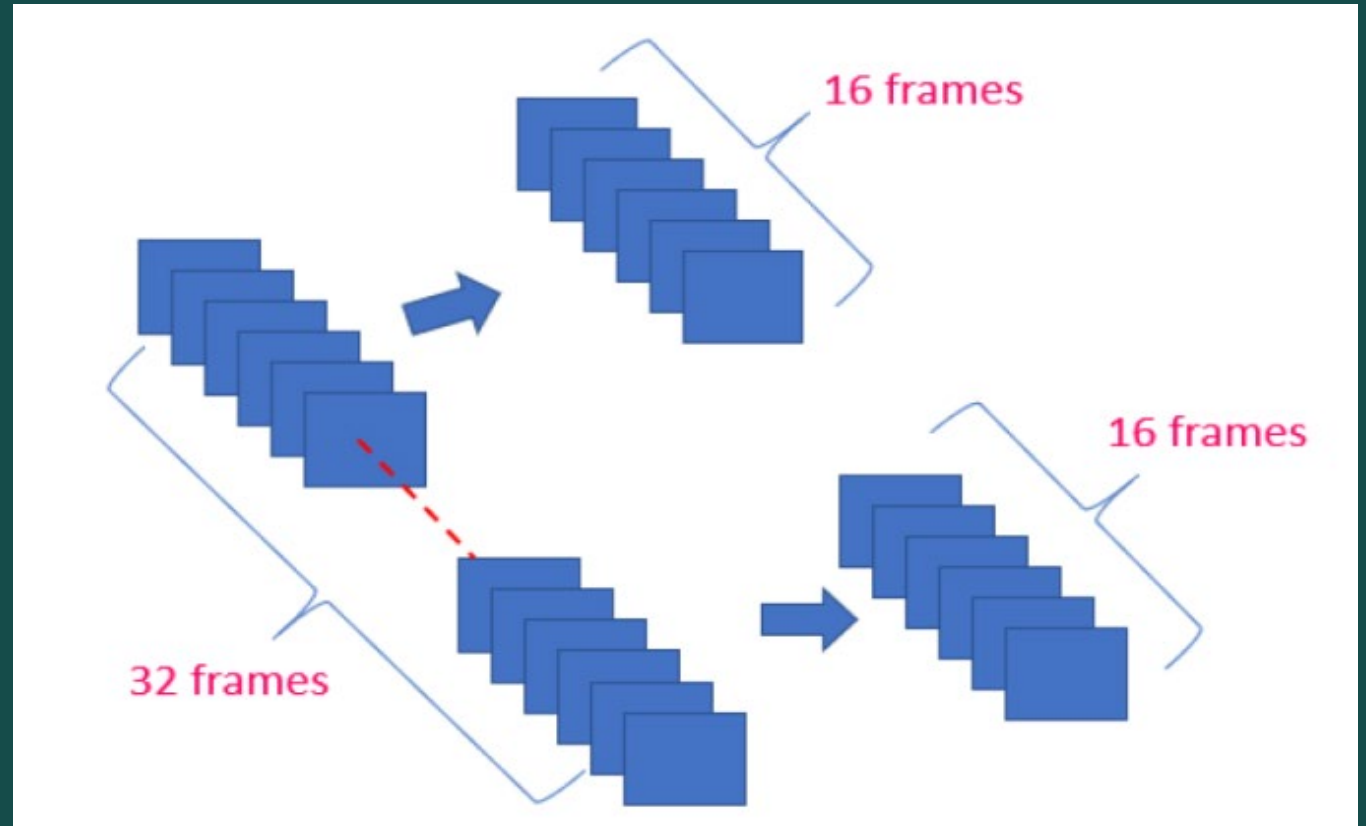
C3. Experiment 1: Result



Video Block	Total # of VBs	Mean Error	STD
64×64×16	22984	0.67	0.35
32×32×16	91936 (22984×4)	0.86	0.34

C4. Experiment 2: Performance Comparison of Two Temporal Extents

- Tested two VB sizes:
 $64 \times 64 \times 16 \times 3$ and $64 \times 64 \times 32 \times 3$
- Use the same VBs.
- **Different C3D variants were developed due to different input data sizes**
- Experiment repeated three times (3 classifiers)
- Also tested different number of VB during testing phase.



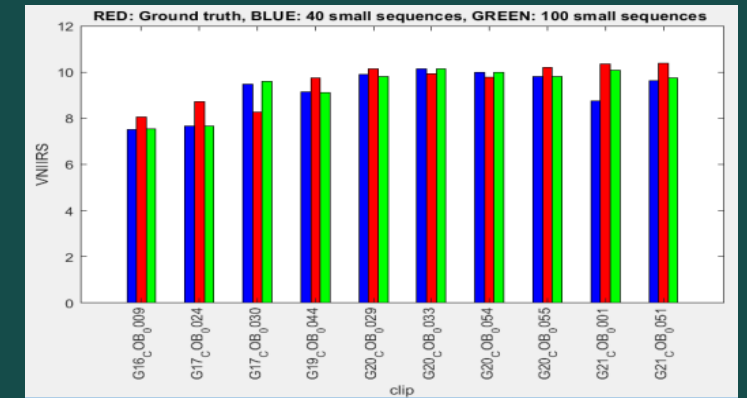
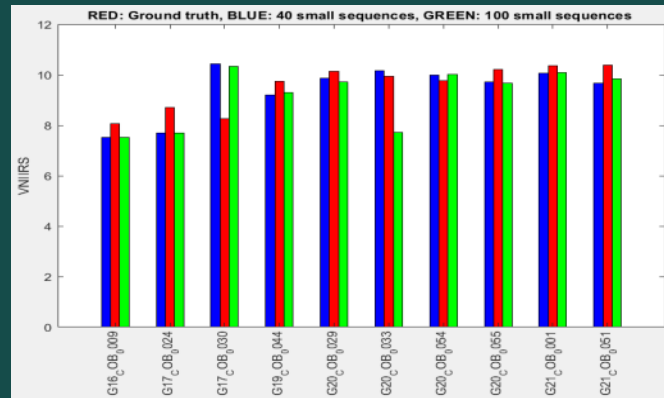
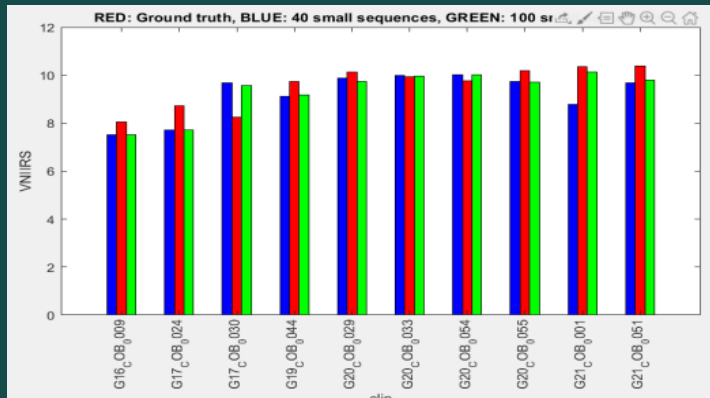
C4. Experiment 2: Graphic Result

BLUE: 40 test VBs

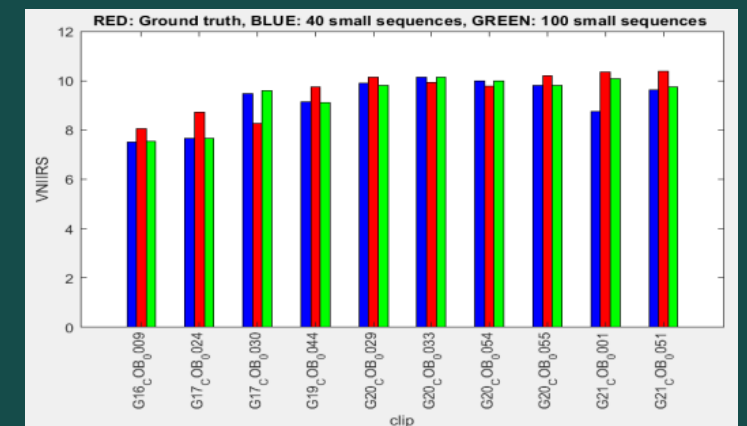
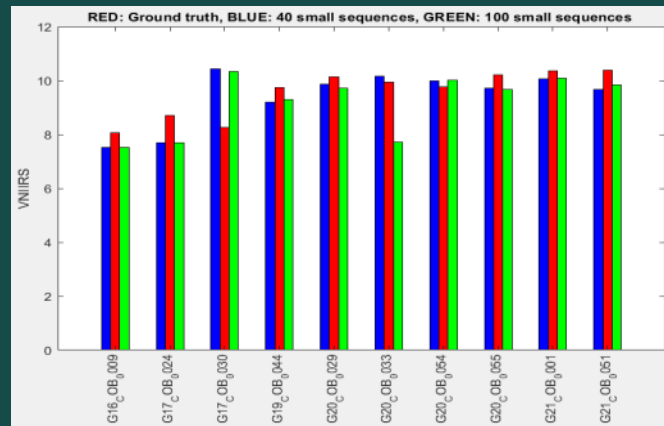
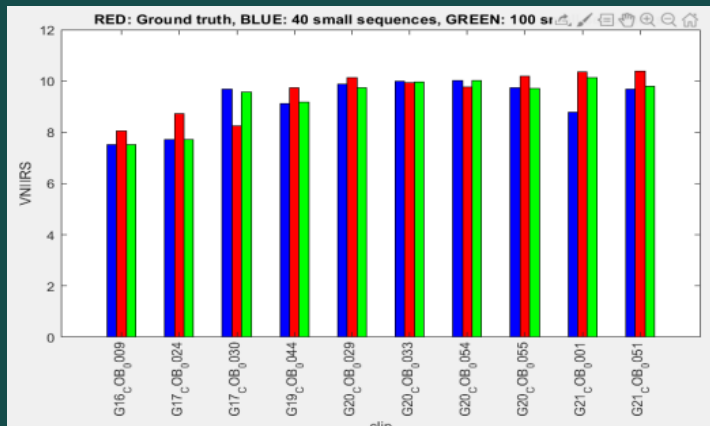
RED: Ground Truth

GREEN: 100 test VBs

Length
16



Length
32



C4. Experiment 2: Numerical Result

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C5. Experiment 3: Test the Effectiveness of Both VB Selection Criteria

- Pass both VB criteria vs Fail both VB criteria

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vs

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- Tested employing more VBs in the test phase
- VB size was $64 \times 64 \times 32 \times 3$

C5. Experiment 3: Numerical Results

VB Selection Tests	# of VBs	Avg. Error (230 VBs)	Avg. STD (230 VBs)	Avg. Error (100 VBs)	Avg. STD (100 VBs)
Pass – 1	23308	n/a	n/a	0.509	0.385
Pass – 2	23308	n/a	n/a	0.410	0.260
Pass – 3	23308	n/a	n/a	0.481	0.371
Fail – 1	18904	0.420	0.340	0.461	0.307
Fail – 2	18904	0.617	0.691	0.897	0.814
Fail – 3	18904	0.423	0.518	0.593	0.561

- No significant difference is observed between using the VBs that **pass both criteria** and those that **fail both criteria**
- Using 230 VBs for testing outperformed using 100 VBs for testing

D. Conclusion

- Motion imagery interpretability is about the potential for intelligence task completion
- VNIIRS is defined to quantify motion imagery interpretability
- Subjectively rating motion imagery interpretability is costly and inefficient
- **A classification-based motion imagery interpretability approach is demonstrated**
- **Estimation accuracy within 0.5 VNIIRS level is achieved**
- More data and experiments are needed to consolidate and verify the findings reported in this work

