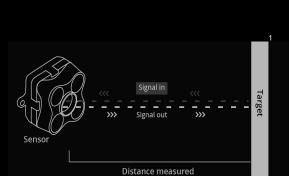
# Unsupervised Single Image Underwater Depth Estimation

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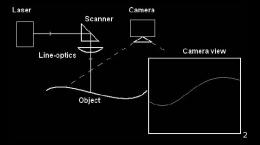
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## Underwater 3D imaging Active depth sensing techniques

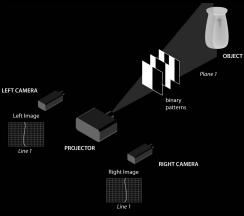
Lidar



Time-of-flight







[Maccarone et al. 2015]

[McLeod et al. 2013]

[Bruno et al. 2011]

### Underwater 3D imaging Passive depth sensing techniques

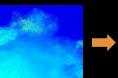




Single image



Input image



 $t(p) = e^{-\eta d(p)}$ 

Enhanced image



Transmission map

Depth map

[Wu et al. (2013), Ferreira et al. (2016)]

[Drews et al. (2016), Peng et al. (2015), Emberton et al. (2018), Berman et al. (2018)]

Image courtesy: <sup>1</sup> Experimentation of structured light and stereo vision for underwater 3D reconstruction <sup>2</sup> Berman et al. (2018)

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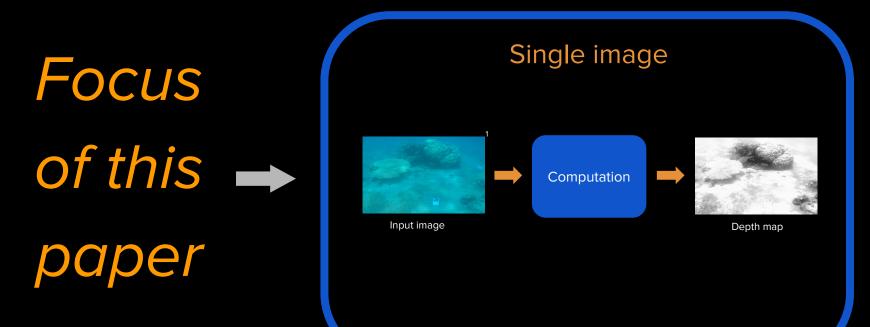


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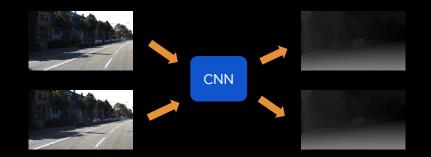
#### Single image depth estimation

#### Supervised methods



[Eigen et al. (2014), Kendall et al. (2017), Li et al. (2018)]

Unsupervised methods



[Garg et al. (2016), Godard et al. (2017), Zhan et al. (2018)]

Image courtesy: KITTI stereo dataset (2015)

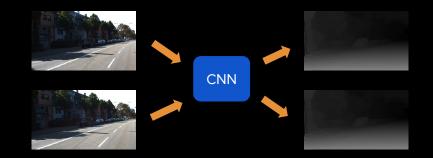
Image courtesy: NYU Depth Dataset V2 (2012)

#### Single image depth estimation

#### Supervised methods



#### Unsupervised methods



#### Needs ground truth depth maps

#### Needs a large stereo dataset

# Challenges





#### Attenuation / haze

#### Color distortion

Source: Berman et al. (2018)

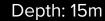
# Challenges

- And the effect of these factors vary with
  - scene depth
  - illumination
  - turbidity



Reference

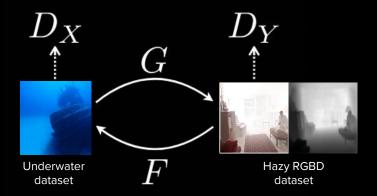
Depth: 5m



# How to build a robust model without supervision?

#### • We propose to use unsupervised style-transfer

- learn mappings between underwater and above-water images
- propose a network inspired from CycleGAN [Zhu et al. 2017]
- Exploit the haze information in underwater images
  - use haze as a cue for depth



## Motivation for our method

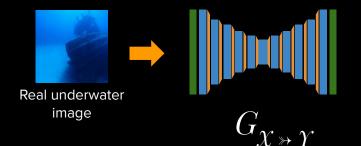




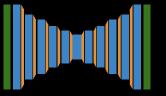
 $I(p) = J(p)t(p) + B_{\infty}(1 - t(p)) \qquad I(p) = J(p)t(p) + A(1 - t(p))$  $t(p) = e^{-\eta d(p)}$ 

Similar image formation models = similar depth-dependent attenuation









 $G_{\mathcal{X} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{Y}}$ 

Fake above-water RGB-D image

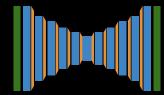


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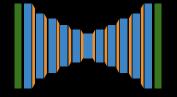
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# Underwater - cycle





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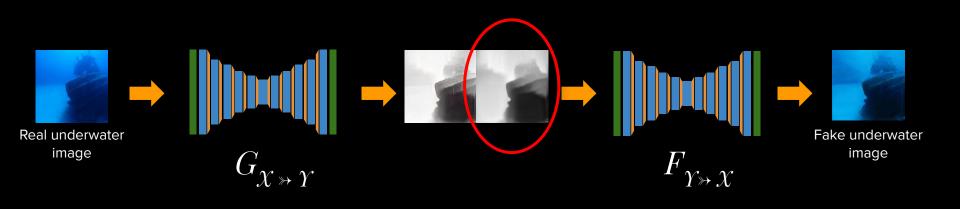
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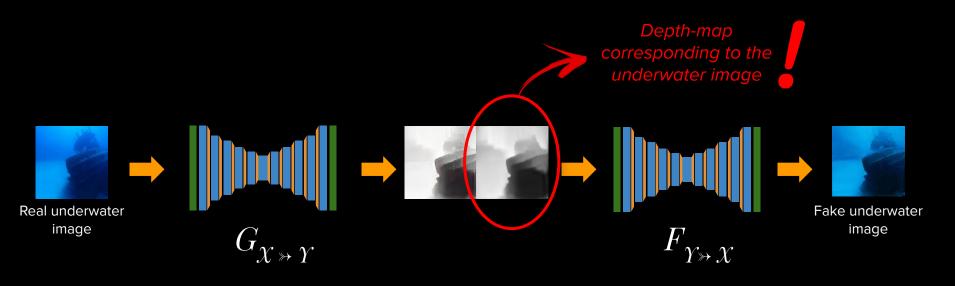


Fake underwater image

# Underwater - cycle



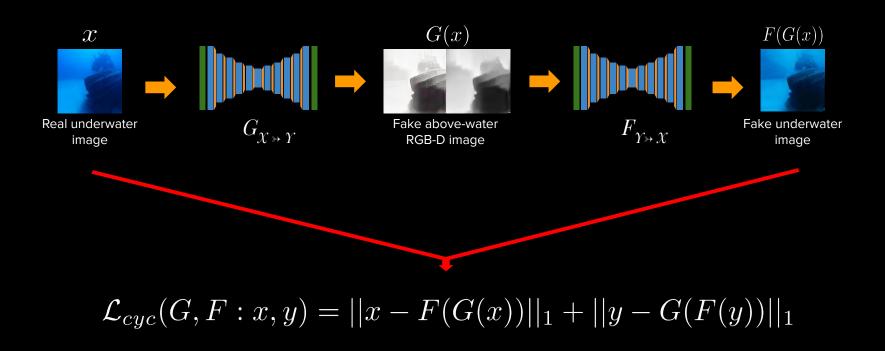
# Underwater - cycle



# RGBD - cycle



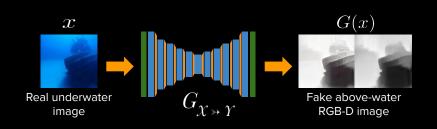
### **Reconstruction** loss

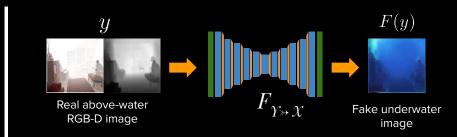




#### How to avoid learning identity mapping?

## Adversarial loss

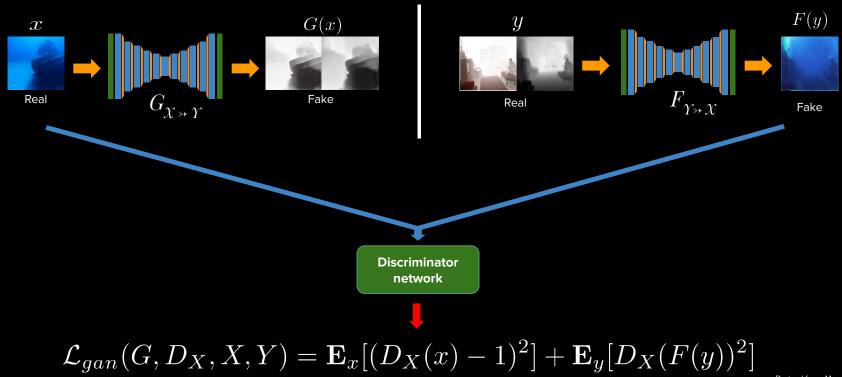




#### Underwater half-cycle

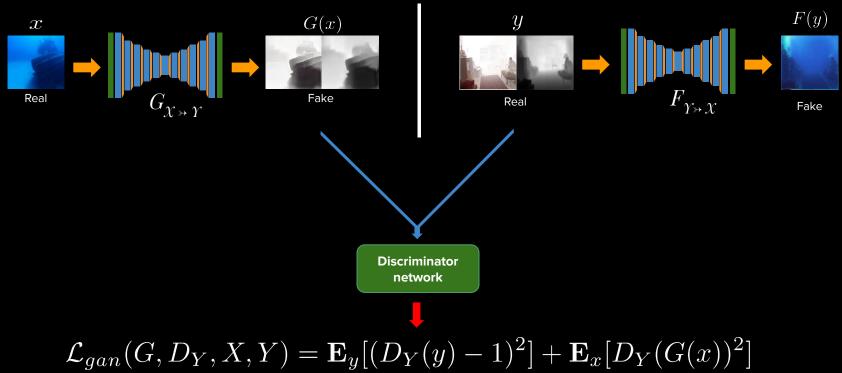
#### Above-water half-cycle

## Adversarial loss



Derived from: Mao et al. (2016)

## Adversarial loss

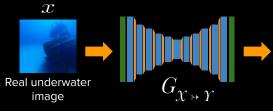


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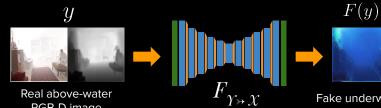
#### But is the adversarial loss good enough?

## Structural loss





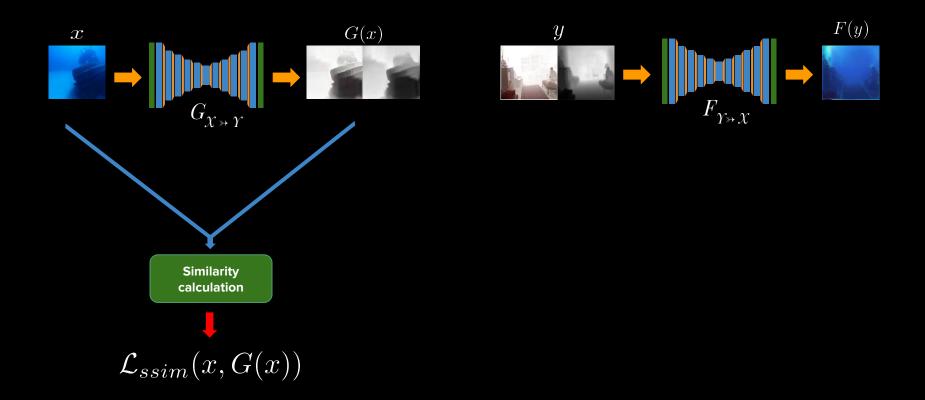
Fake above-water **RGB-D** image



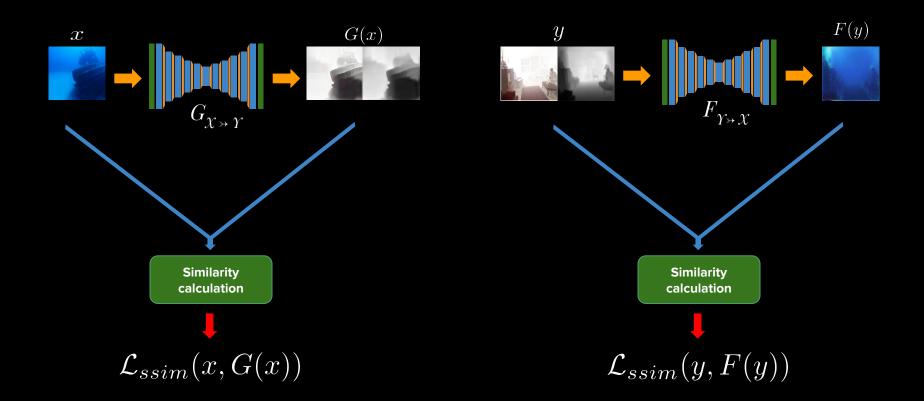
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Fake underwater image

## Structural loss



## Structural loss



# **Overall training loss**

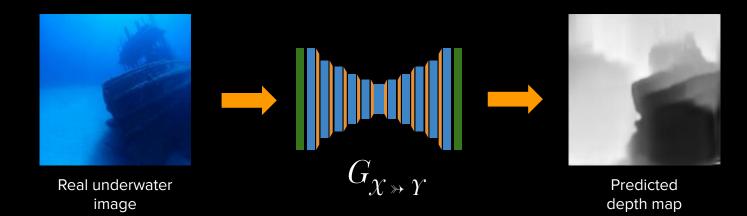
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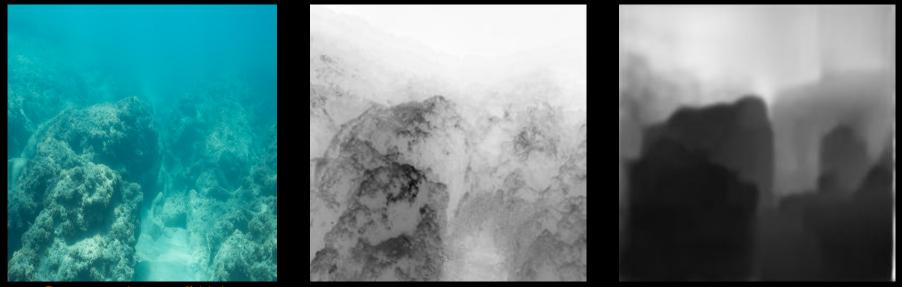
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Gradient sparsity prior for depth-map

# Testing



#### Comparison with traditional methods



Pearson correlation coeff. (ρ) / Scale Invariant - MSE Input underwater image

0.786 / 0.545 Peng et al. (2015)

#### Comparison with traditional methods



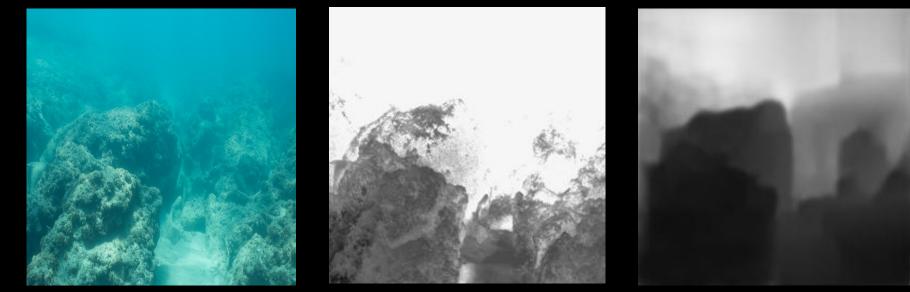
#### $\rho$ / SI-MSE

Input underwater image

0.782 / 0.411

Drews et al. (2016)

#### Comparison with traditional methods



#### $\rho$ / SI-MSE

Input underwater image

Berman et al. (2018)

0.753 / 0.543

### Comparison with deep-learning based method



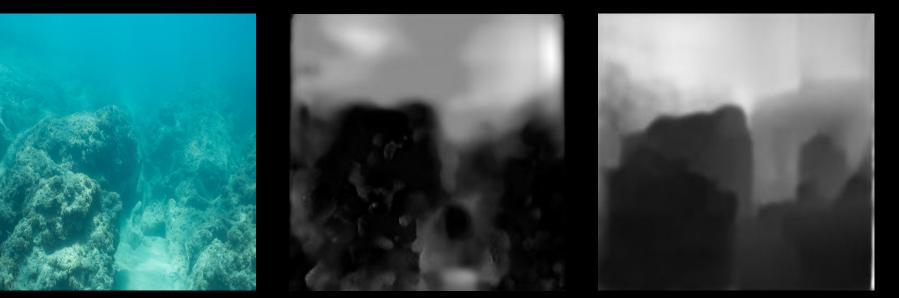
#### $\rho$ / SI-MSE

Input underwater image

Godard et al. (2017) (pre-trained)

0.809 / 0.419

### Comparison with deep-learning based method



#### $\rho$ / SI-MSE

Input underwater image

Godard et al. (2017) (fine-tuned on underwater dataset)

0.834 / 0.617

#### Comparison with ground-truth



#### ρ / SI-MSE

Input underwater image

0.903 / 0.145 UW-Net (Ours)

Ground-truth

## Comparison



 $\rho$  / SI-MSE

0.559 / 0.344

0.737/0.326

0.759/0.206

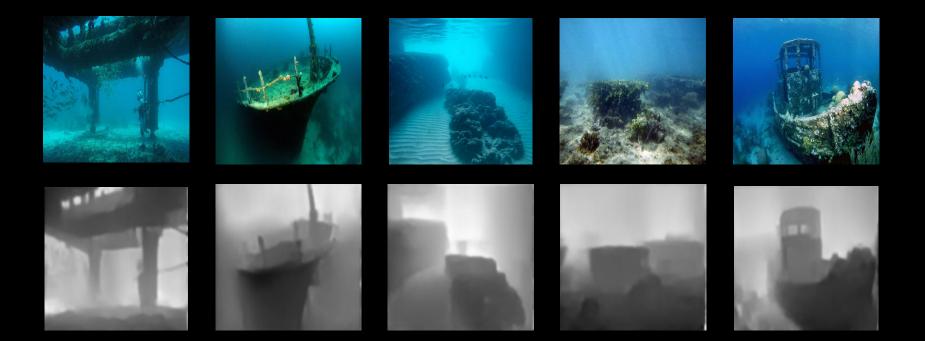
0.594/0.552

0.805/0.188

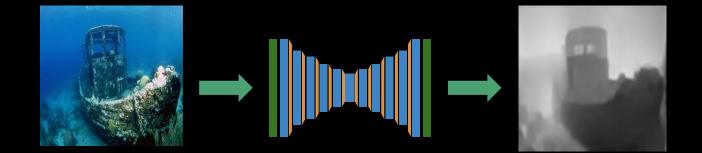
#### UW-Net on some underwater images



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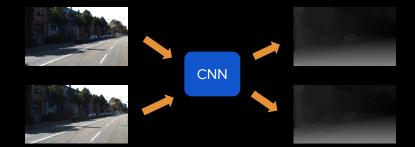


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Single image supervised methods

Single image unsupervised methods

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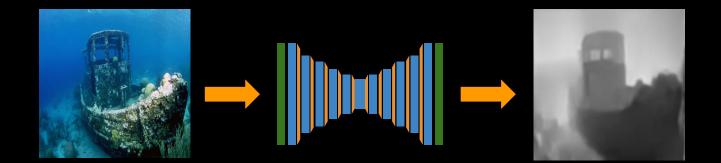


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Future directions:

The indirect learning method proposed can be used to solve a variety of ill-posed problems

- where obtaining ground-truth is very expensive
- capturing a large dataset is difficult
- Similarity between two image domains can be exploited



#### Project web-page http://www.ee.iitm.ac.in/comp\_photolab/project-underwater.html

Code available at https://github.com/honeygupta/UW-Net

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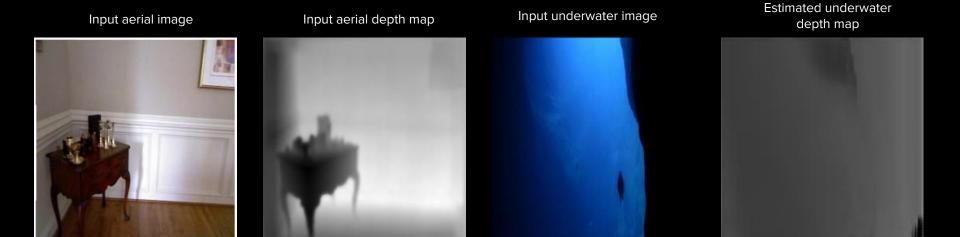
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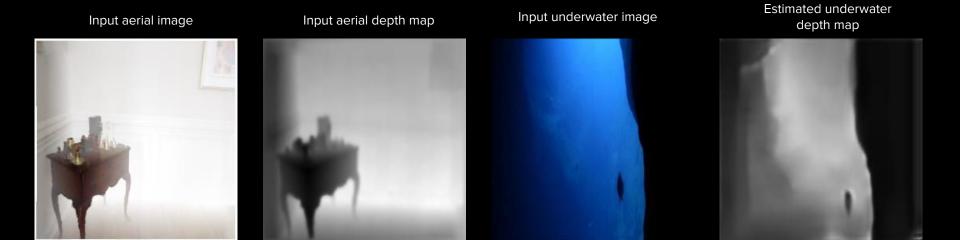
#### Haze as a cue for Depth

Depth-map obtained with normal color image as aerial input



#### Haze as a cue for Depth

Depth-map obtained with hazy color image as aerial input



# Training details

- Above-water dataset:
  - D-Hazy dataset
  - 1449 synthetic hazy images created from NYU Depth Dataset
  - Performed bilateral filtering on the depth maps for training.
- Underwater dataset
  - 1343 images collected from internet

Downsampled to 256x256 and randomly cropped 128x128 for training

- Comparison with:
  - Non data-driven: Dark channel prior[6], UDCP [7]
  - Data-driven: Pretrained Unsupervised monocular depth estimation with left-right consistency [12], fine-tuned[12] on underwater stereo dataset (CADDY)