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## Automated classification techniques targeted to improve the precision of biomass estimates

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## Automatic sampling and classification techniques



## Abundance per taxonomic group



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#### Biomass per taxonomic or functional group



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Abundance oriented method vs biomass oriented method

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To know automatically the particle shape we need to classify taxonomically in morphologically homogeneous classes.



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**Biomass estimates** 



Biomass oriented SVM

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3 5

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0.97

0.82

0.77

0.33

0.68

0.93

0.87

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0.98



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Biomass oriented



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 1000	1011	1012	1012	100

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## Conclusions

• Size spectra calculated with projected area-based volume or shape-based volume can be different depending on the morphological composition of the sample.

• To improve the biomass estimates the SVM can be designed considering the error a function of biomass.