

# Deep Learning Object Detection

for Counting Fish

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Acknowledgements and information sources are listed at the end of the presentation.

# Background



# Pacific Northwest Salmon

Salmon hatch in freshwater streams

Migrate to the saltwater ocean

Return upstream to their natal streams

Spawn and die

Salmon hatch in freshwater streams

Migrate to the saltwater ocean



# Background

# Pacific Northwest Hydroelectric Power



## Columbia & Snake River Dams



# Background



# Power *and* Salmon

Built fish ladders

Adjust dam outflow

Fishing guidelines (daily limits, season duration)

Monitor fish migrating upstream through the ladders



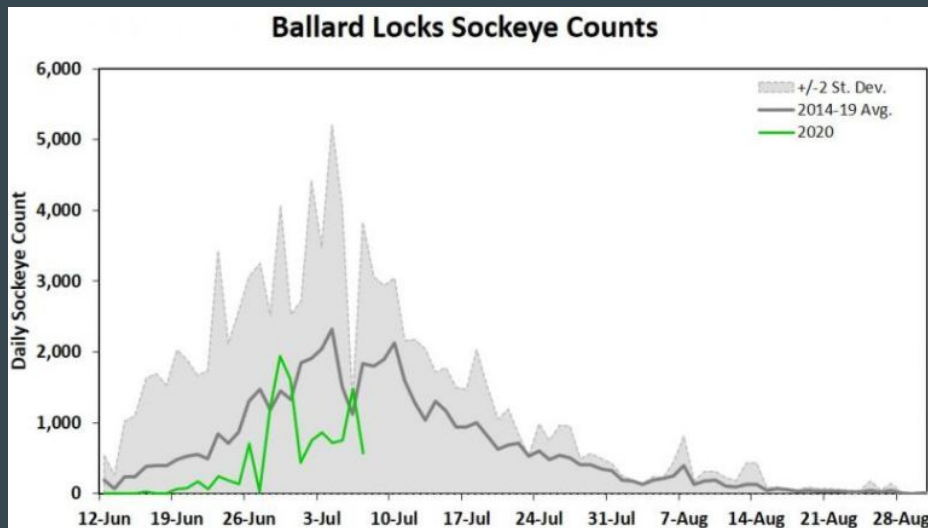
# Challenge

# Accurate & Timely Fish Counts

1. Estimate from a daily sample (Ballard Locks)
2. Real-time count (Bonneville Dam)
3. Video count (Rock Island Dam)

## Challenges:

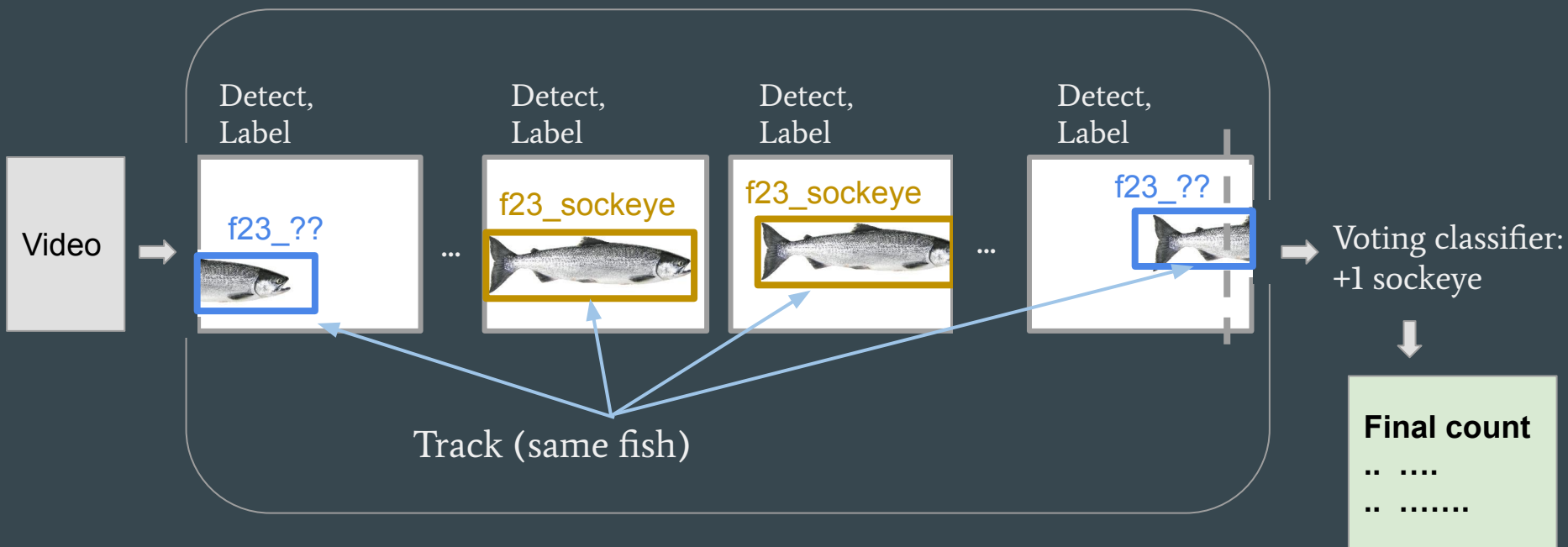
- Sampling error
- Human expertise
- Fish counts affect
  - Policy decisions
  - Recreational fishing
  - Commerce



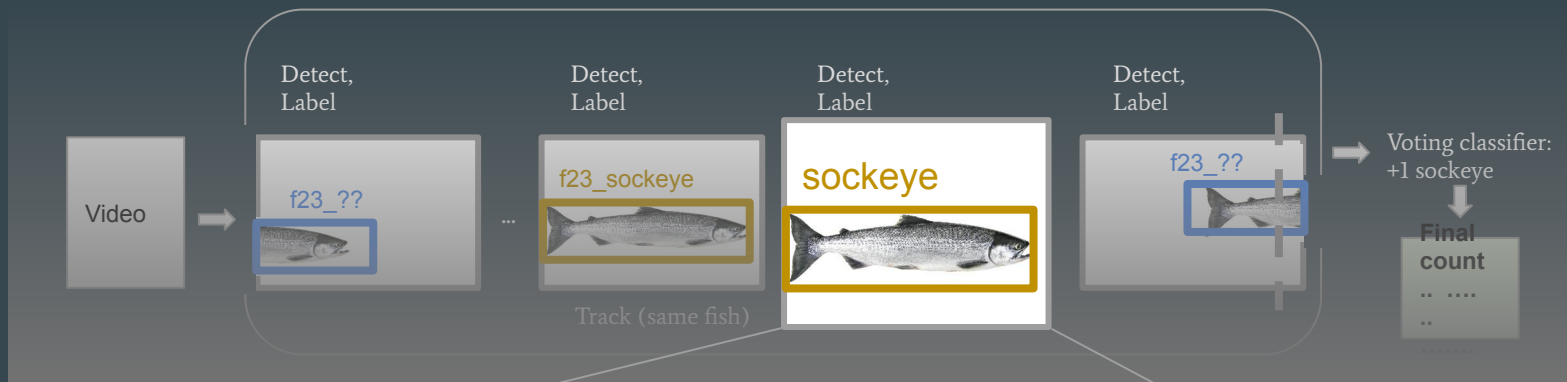
Is machine learning for object detection ready to assist in this challenge?

# Concept

Detect & Label → Track → Record Count



# Concept



Collect & Prepare Data  
(Images)

Select & Train Model

Test & Evaluate



# Data

## Public Viewing Windows



- Lighting
- Depth of tank
- Obstructions

Detect:

- Fish or no fish (count)
- Fish details  
(count species)

Web scraped images

## Fish Count Window



Snapshots from video

# Data

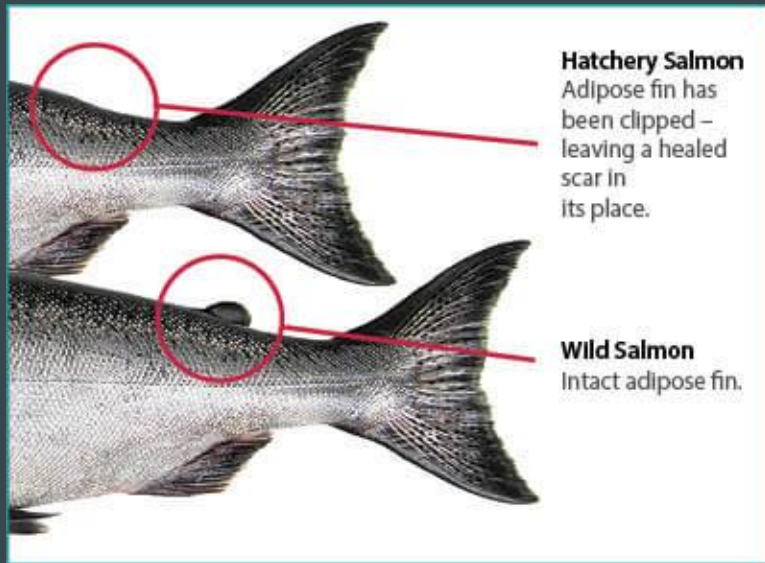
3 classes:

- adipose
- no\_adipose
- unknown (out of view)

Final:

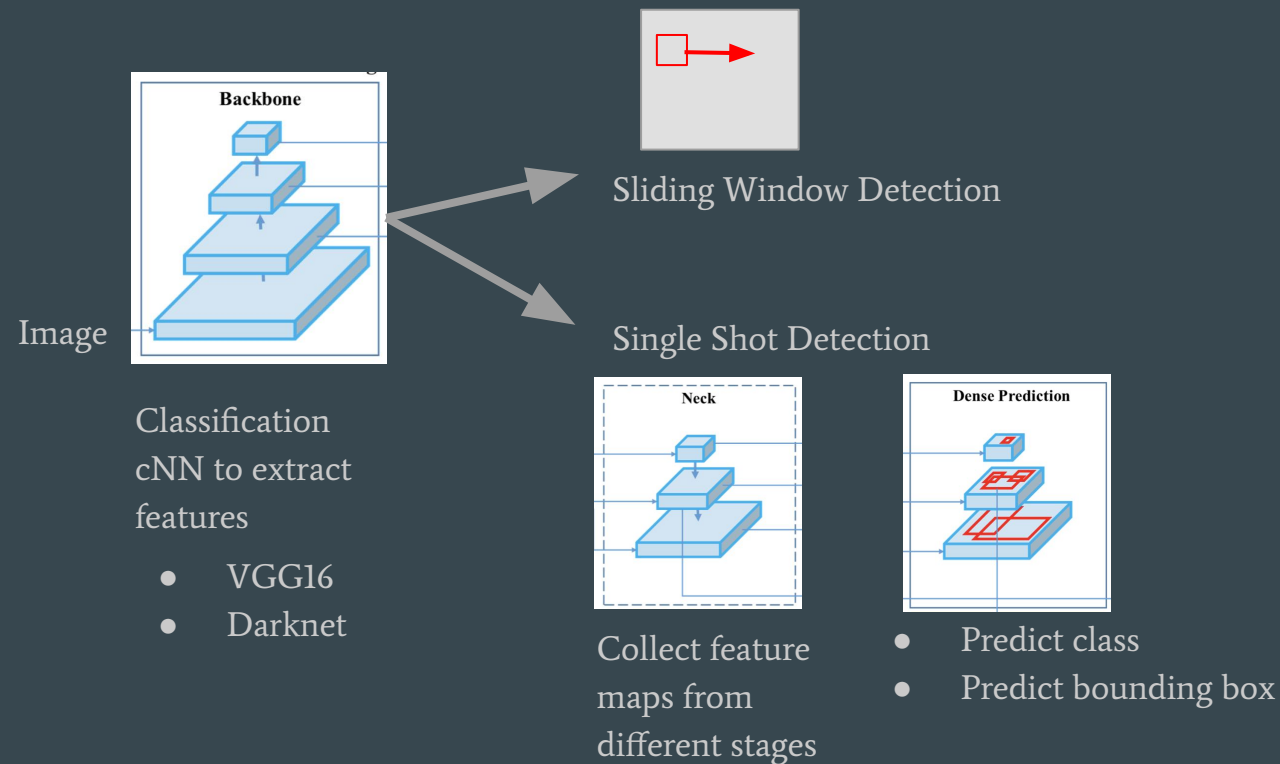
- **317** snapshots from video
- 1025 annotations (~3.2 per image)
  - Bounding box + Label
- 15 null examples (no fish)
- Augmented by flip, blur, brightness (roboflow.ai) → **951 images**

## Label & Prepare Images



# Model

# Classification + Object Detection



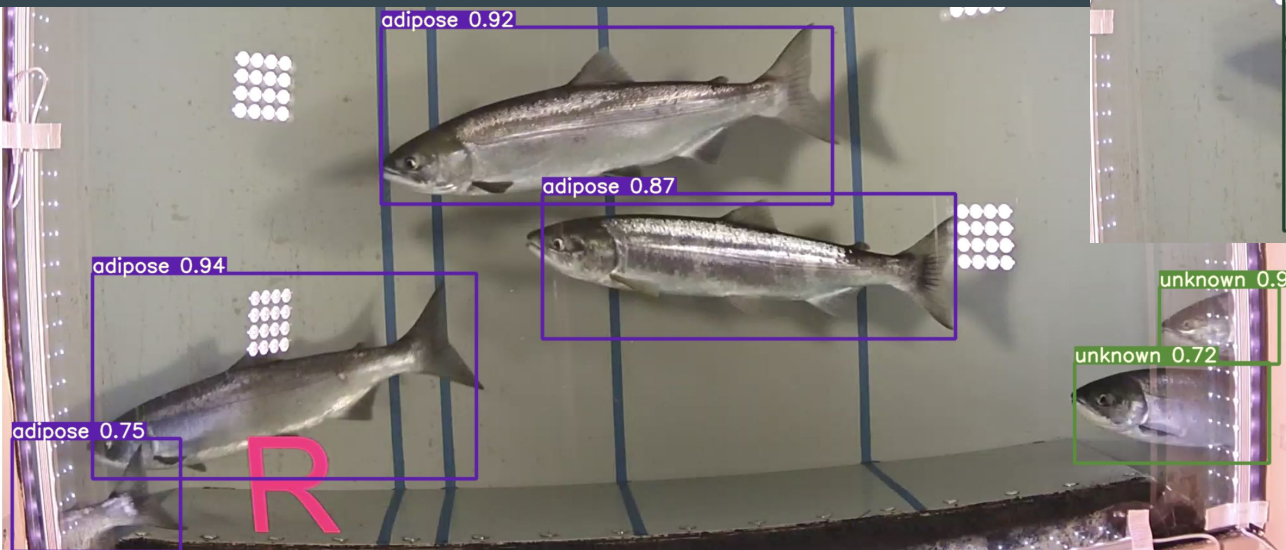
Model selected: **YOLOv5**

- **Train quickly**
- **Predict quickly**
- **Smaller, easier to deploy**
- **Google Colab + GPU**

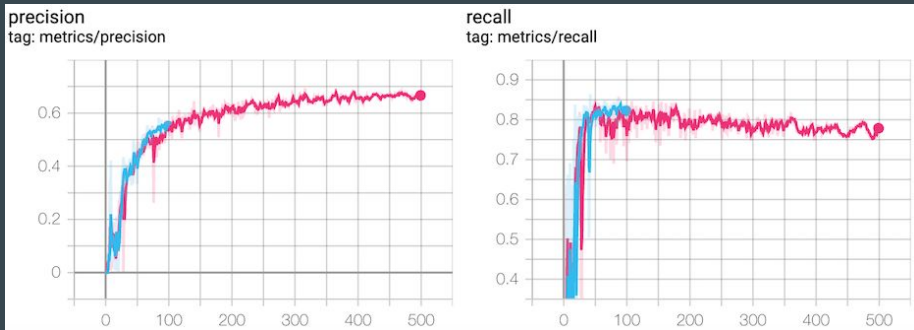
# Evaluation

~ 1.25 hours to train the model

~ 12 msec to predict on each image

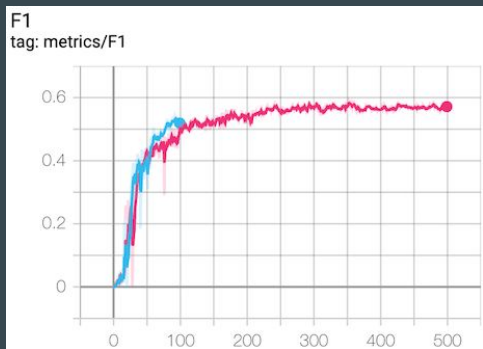


# Evaluation



**Precision:** "If you say it's a fish, what percentage of the time is it really a fish?" ~70%

**Recall:** "If there's a fish in there, what percentage of the time do you find it?" ~80%



**F1 score:** ~60%

$$2 * \text{Precision} * \text{Recall} / (\text{Precision} + \text{Recall})$$



# Evaluation

mAP@0.5

mAP

Average Precision for 1 class:

- Calculate the BEST Precision at each level of Recall, then AVERAGE these

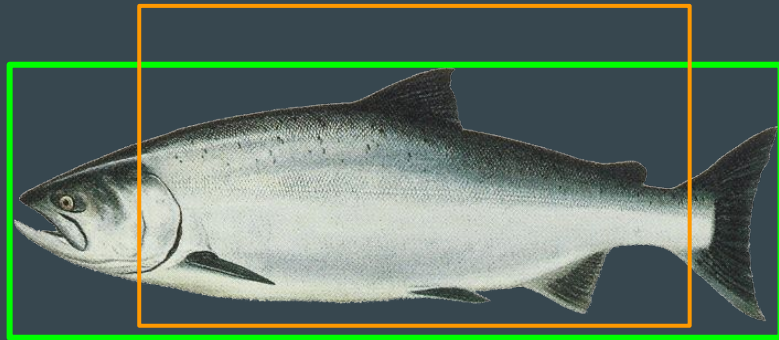
$$\frac{\#TP(c)}{\#TP(c) + \#FP(c)}$$

mean Average Precision for 3 classes:

- Find the Average Precision for each class, take the mean of those

@0.5

IoU = intersection over union



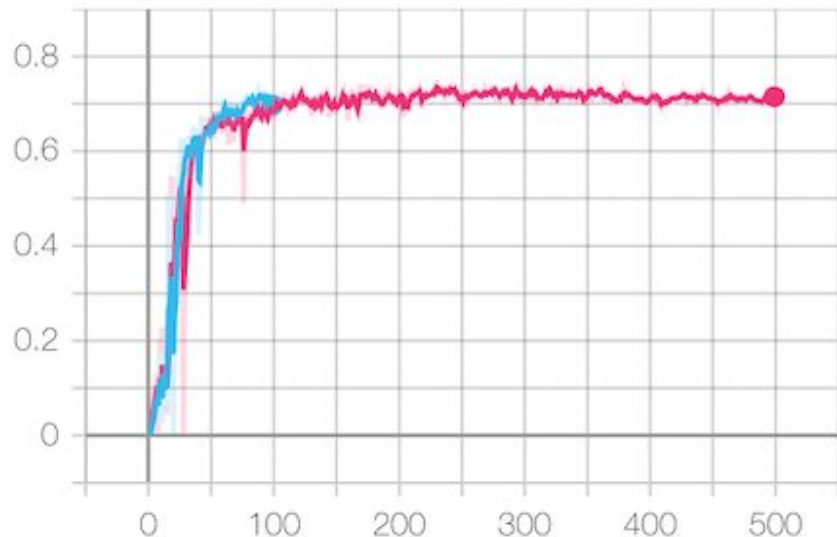
Common definition of “@0.5”:

IoU > 0.5, it's a valid detection.

# Evaluation

mAP\_0.5

tag: metrics/mAP\_0.5



mAP@0.5 ~ 70%

- Average precision (correct label)
- over all classes,
- if we set the valid detection threshold to 50% bounding box overlap

# Summary & Next Steps:

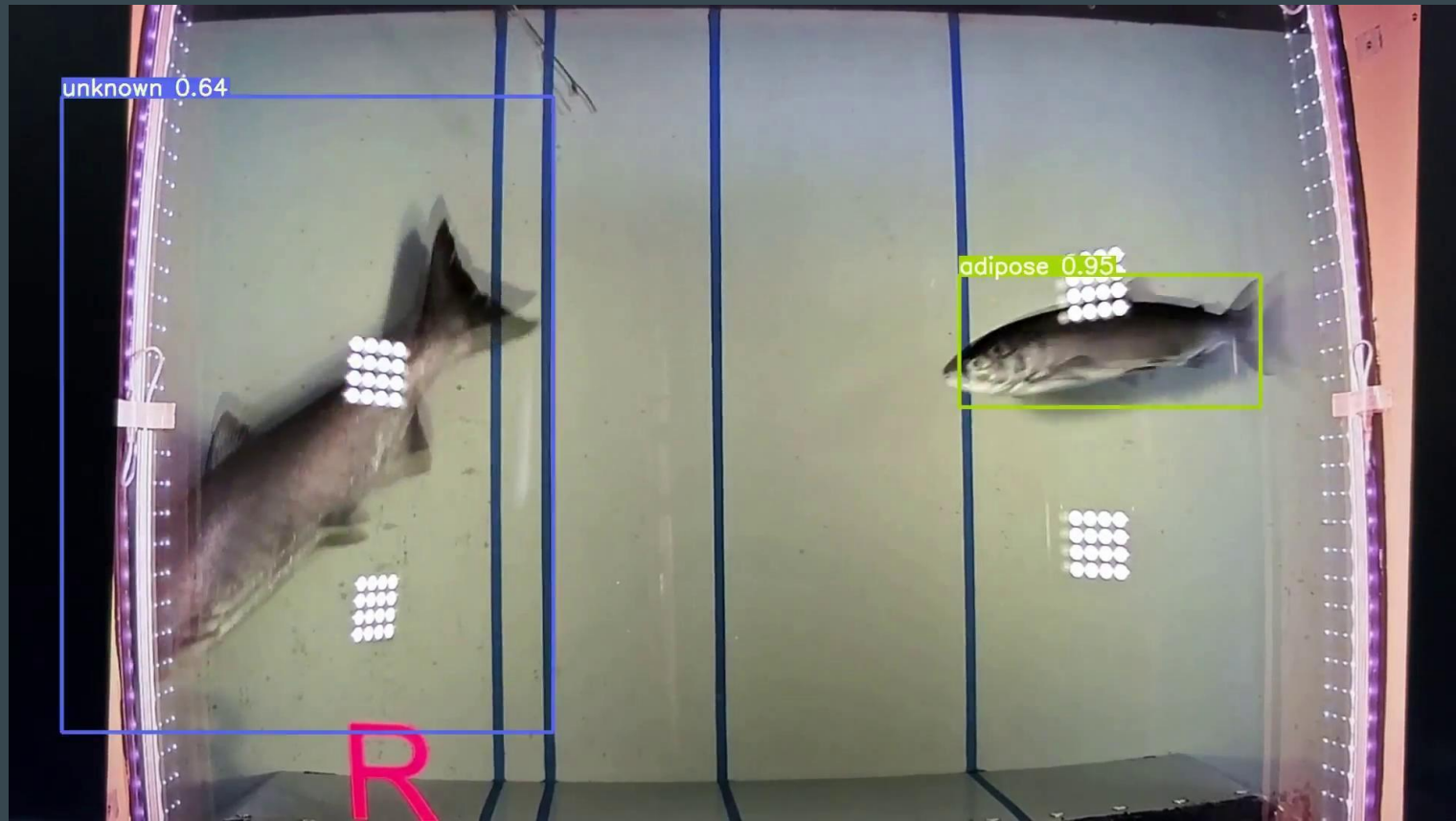
Single Shot Detection and Classification tools have matured; building a system for this application is within reach.

Next steps - model:

- Expert labeled images
- More images (+chinook +coho)

Next steps - full solution:

- Object counting
- Handling of difficult cases



Questions?

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Image augmentation tools & template notebooks for YOLO models

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Fish identification and counting challenges and pilot programs.

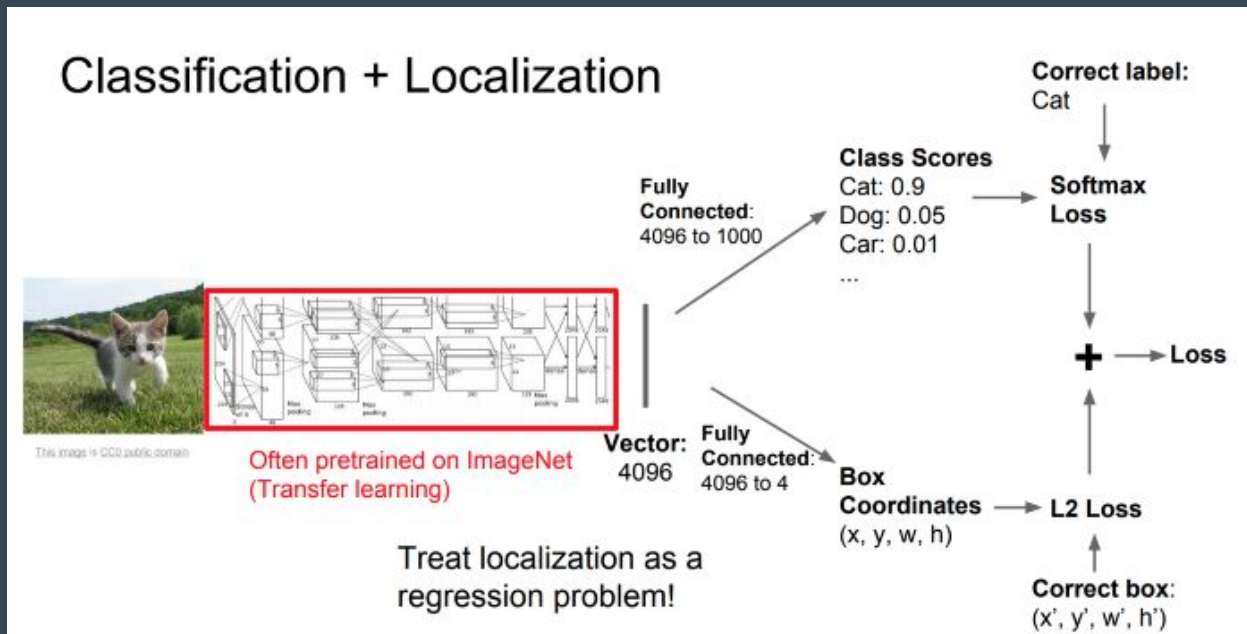


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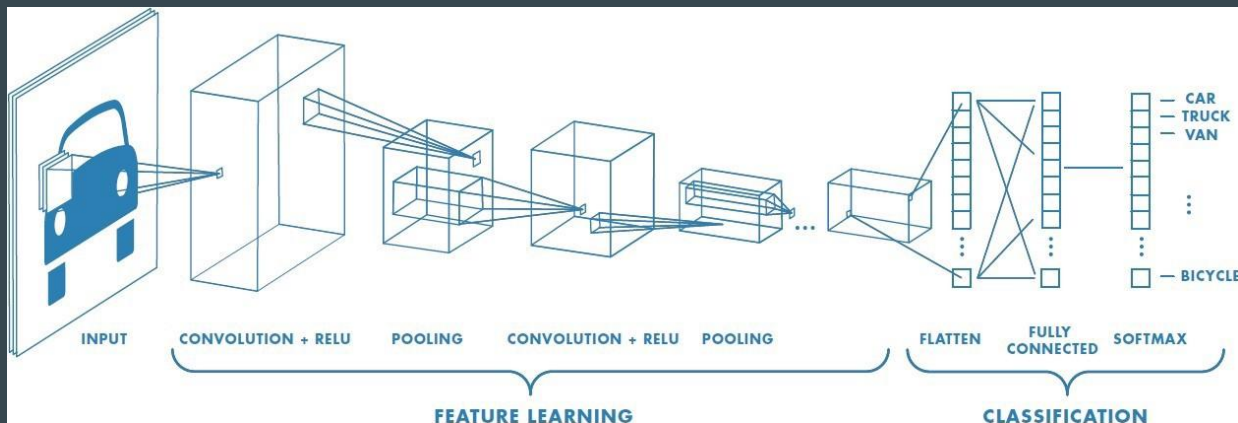
# Addendum

# Model: Classification + Localization



# Model: Step 1: Object Classification

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), also called “Deep Learning”

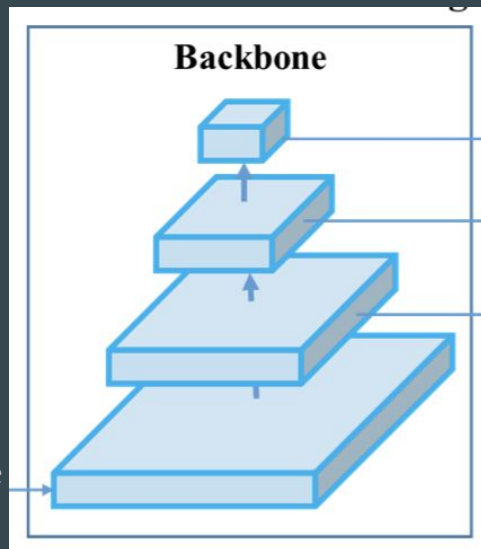


- Break down an image into pieces
- Predict what it is based on pieces

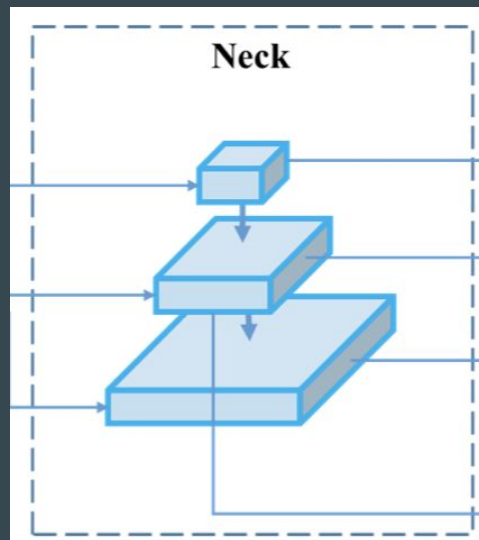
‘Guitar and Violin’, Picasso, c. 1912 →



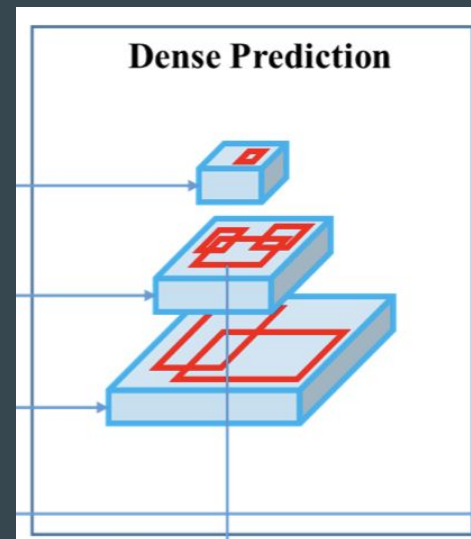
# Model: Step 2: Object Detection



- Classification CNN:
- VGG16
- Darknet



- Collect feature maps from different stages
- More 'pieces' for the final layer to use



- One shot final step:
- Predict class
- Predict bounding box

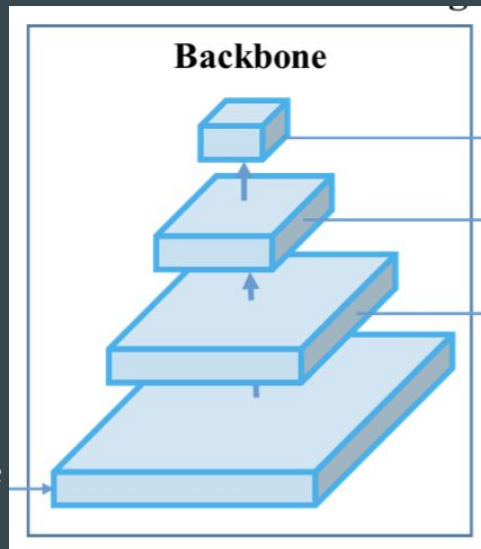


# Model

# Classification + Object Detection

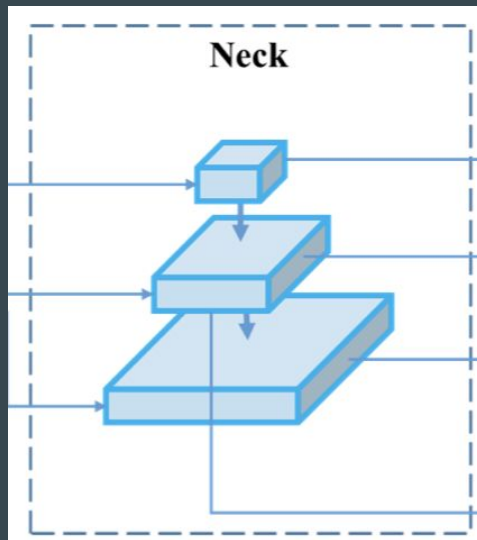


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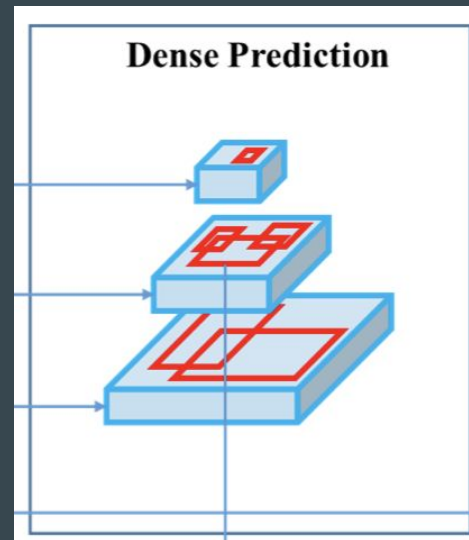


Classification cNN to extract features

- VGG16
- Darknet



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Model selected: **YOLOv5**

# Evaluation: Training and Inference

**1 hour 12 mins (fast!) - Training time** for 500 sessions with all 951 images (epochs)

13 MB (small!) - Size of model weight file

**12 msec (fast!) - Time required for inference (object detection) on a simple image**

*This translates to a nearly 1 - 1 ratio for video processing -- a 1 minute video can be run through the model in about 1 minute.*

\*Times are from Google Colab with GPU enabled.

# Gallery of Difficult Images

Difficult images are great for providing to clues to poor predictions!

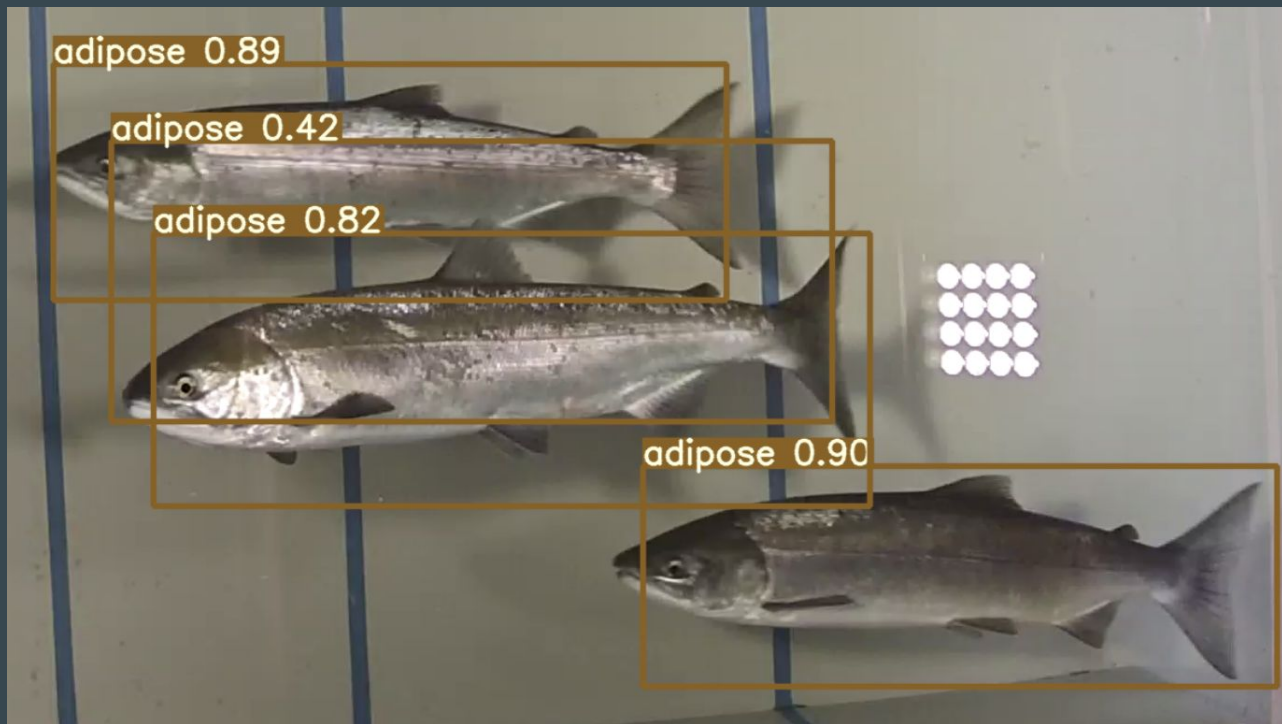
# Difficult Images

Shadows

Object overlap

Crowded conditions

-- there's an extra box  
in this image @0.42



# Difficult Images

Crowded  
conditions

2 or 3 fish were  
not found





# Difficult Images

0.4 threshold

Model may be linking  
large fish with  
no\_adipose



# Difficult Images

Obstructed view

Phantom floor fish --  
reminiscent of the Viola-Jones  
algorithm, suggesting that the  
model may be using lighting  
rather than other features

Image credit: Rudy Owens

