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**PERSPECTIVES**

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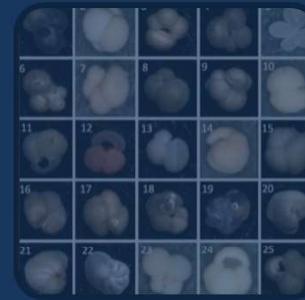
IN ANIMAL BIOMETRICS

**MULTI-SEMANTIC**



Species, Traits,  
Individuals,  
Pose, Context,  
Behaviours

**DATA DRIVEN**



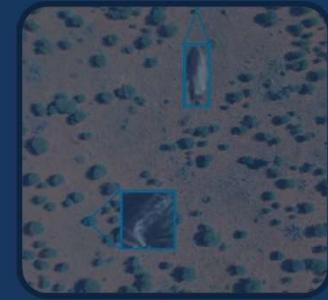
AI Taxonomies,  
Open Set  
Recognition

**ROBOTIC**



Integrated  
Active  
Monitoring  
Concepts

**STANDARDISED**



Large Scale  
Datasets, AI  
Components,  
and Platforms

# Visual Animal Detection in Challenging Settings

with ours



w/o ours



w/t ours



w/o ours

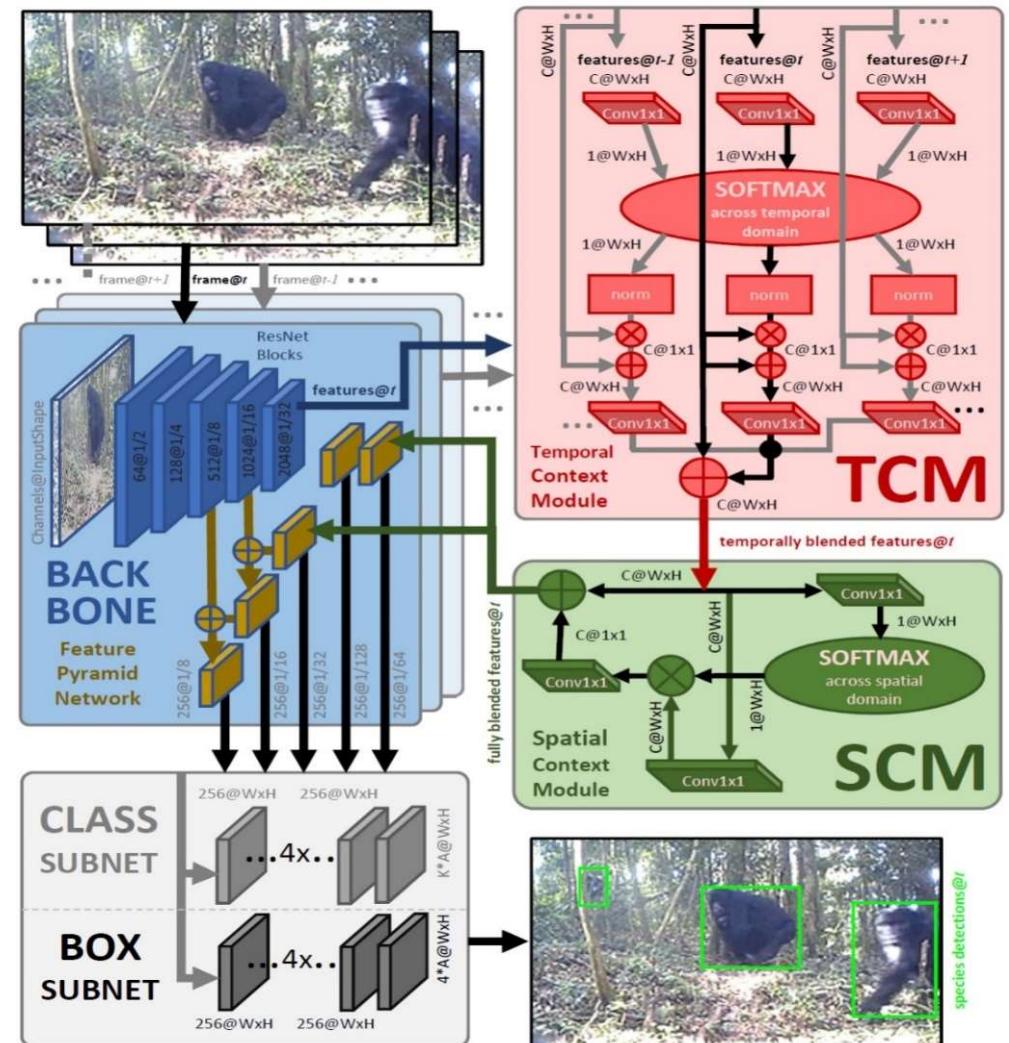


# Spatial+Temporal Attention Components

with ours



w/t ours



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# Attention-highlighted Locations related to Species Signal

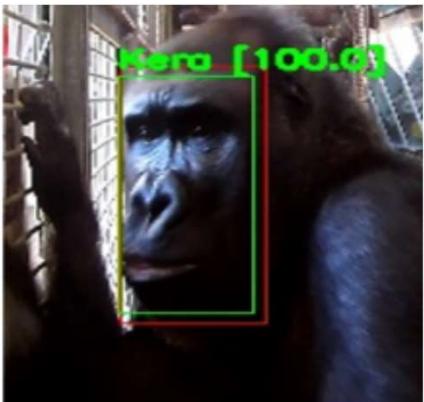


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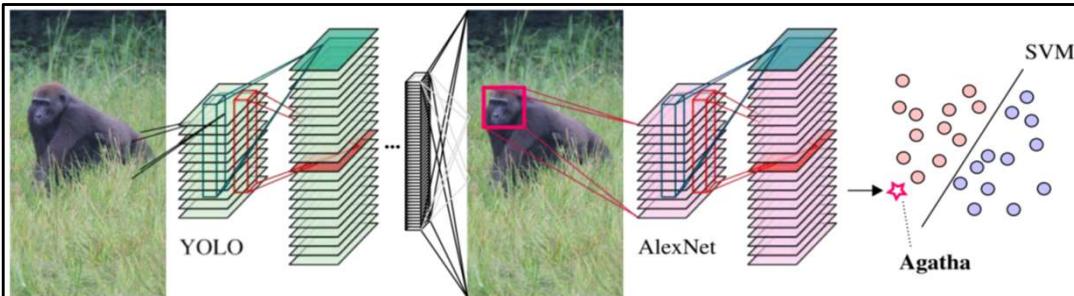


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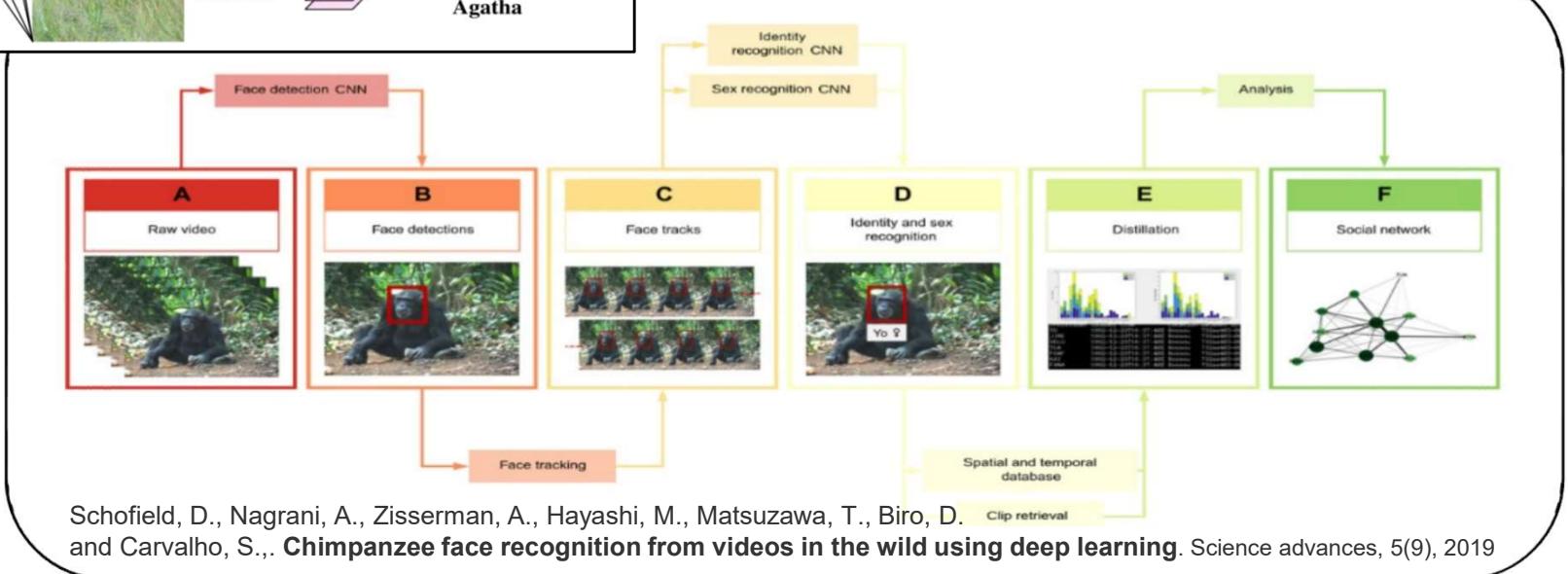
# More Great Ape Examples: Identity, Traits and Body Pose



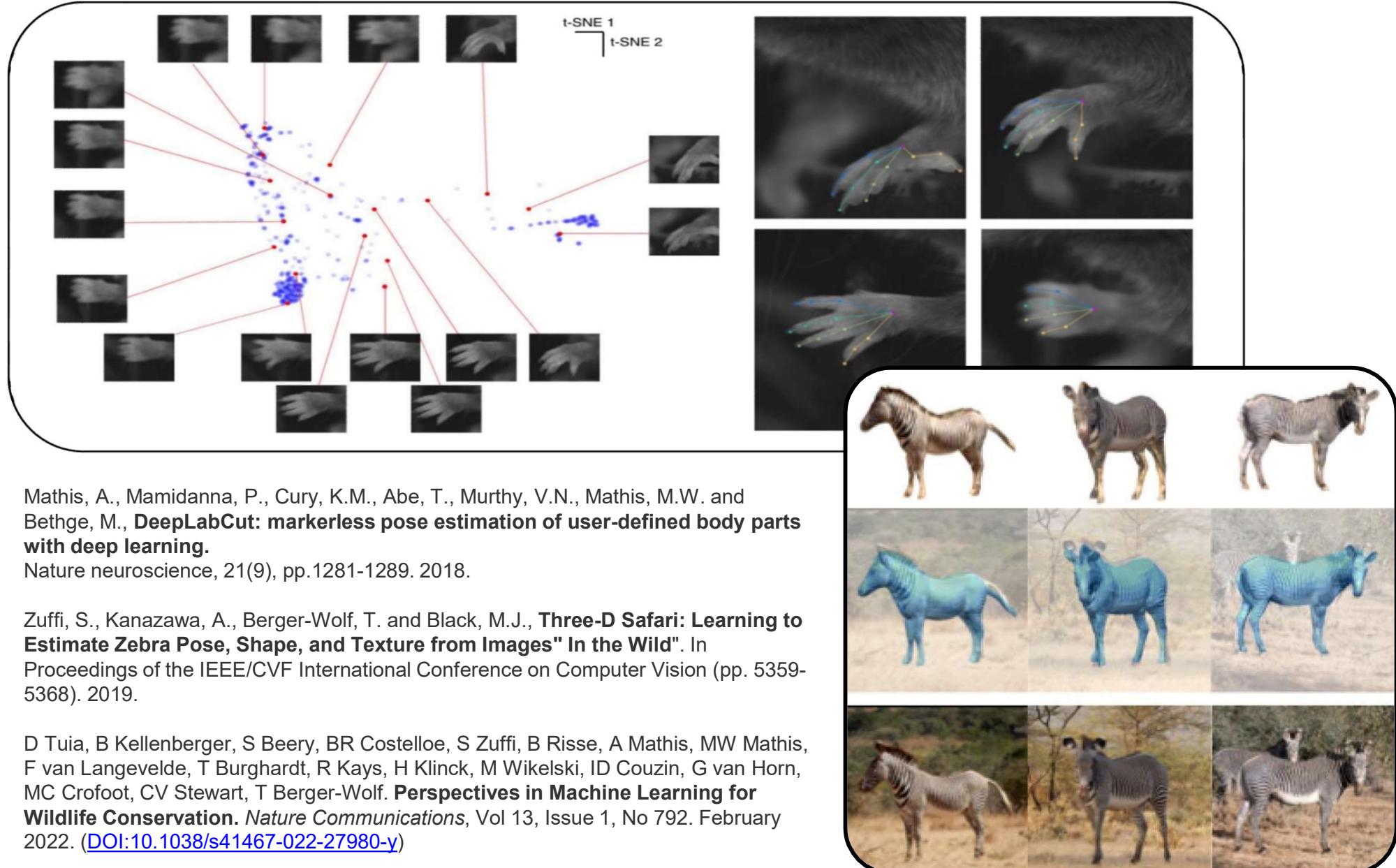
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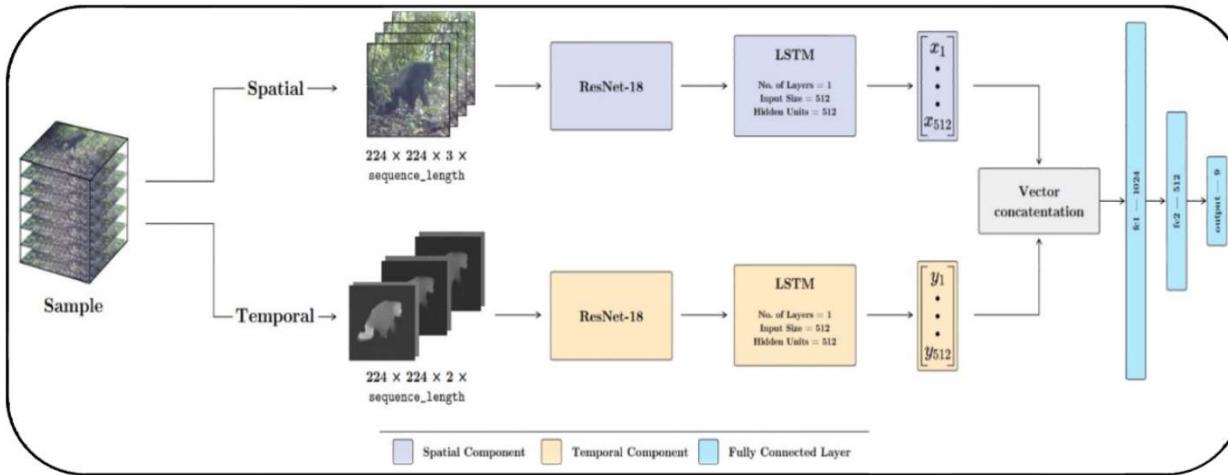
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# Body Configuration and Pose Spaces

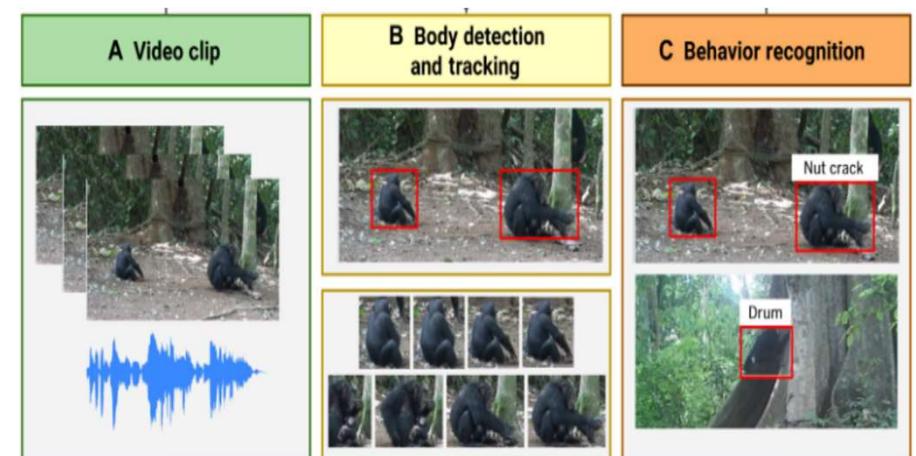
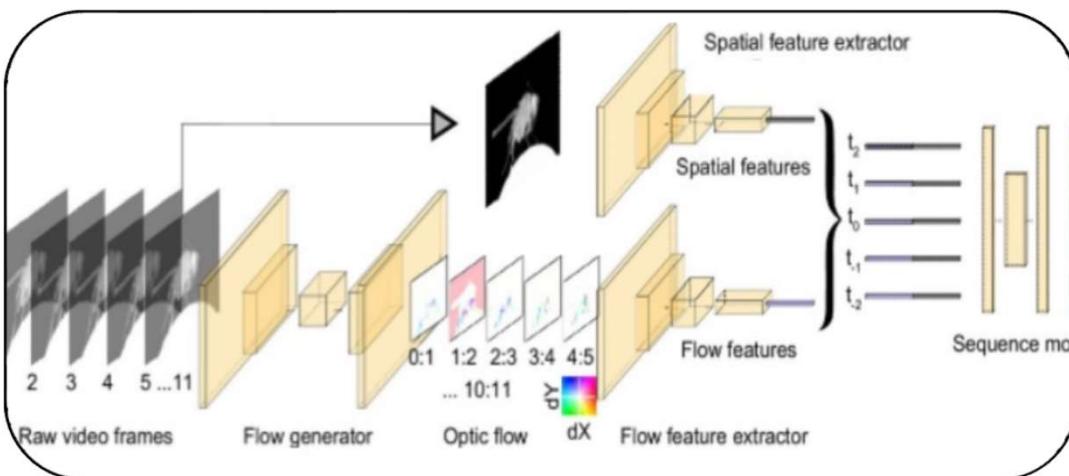


# 'Closed' Behaviour Recognition and Construction



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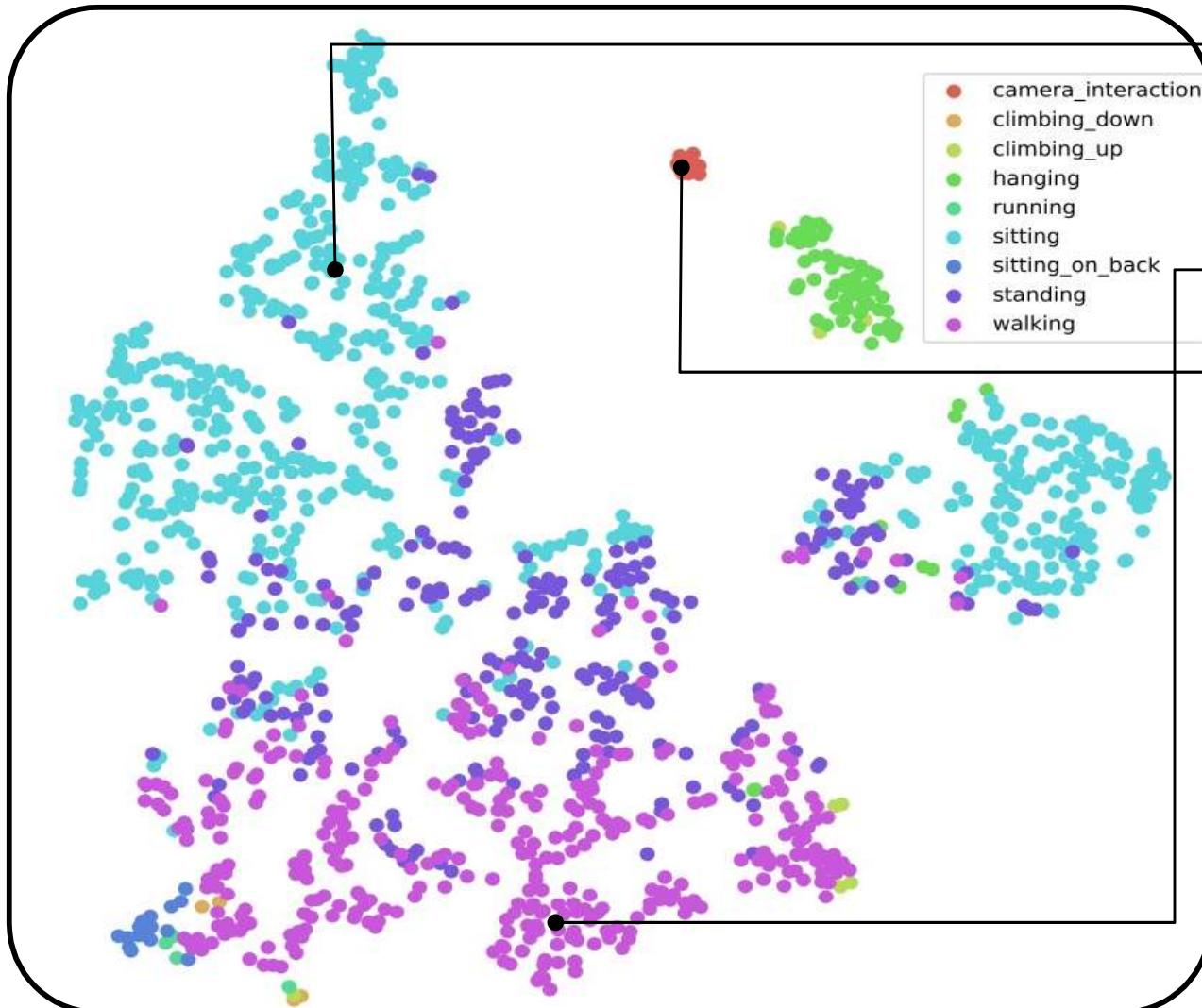


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# 'Open' Data-driven Behaviour Spaces in the Wild

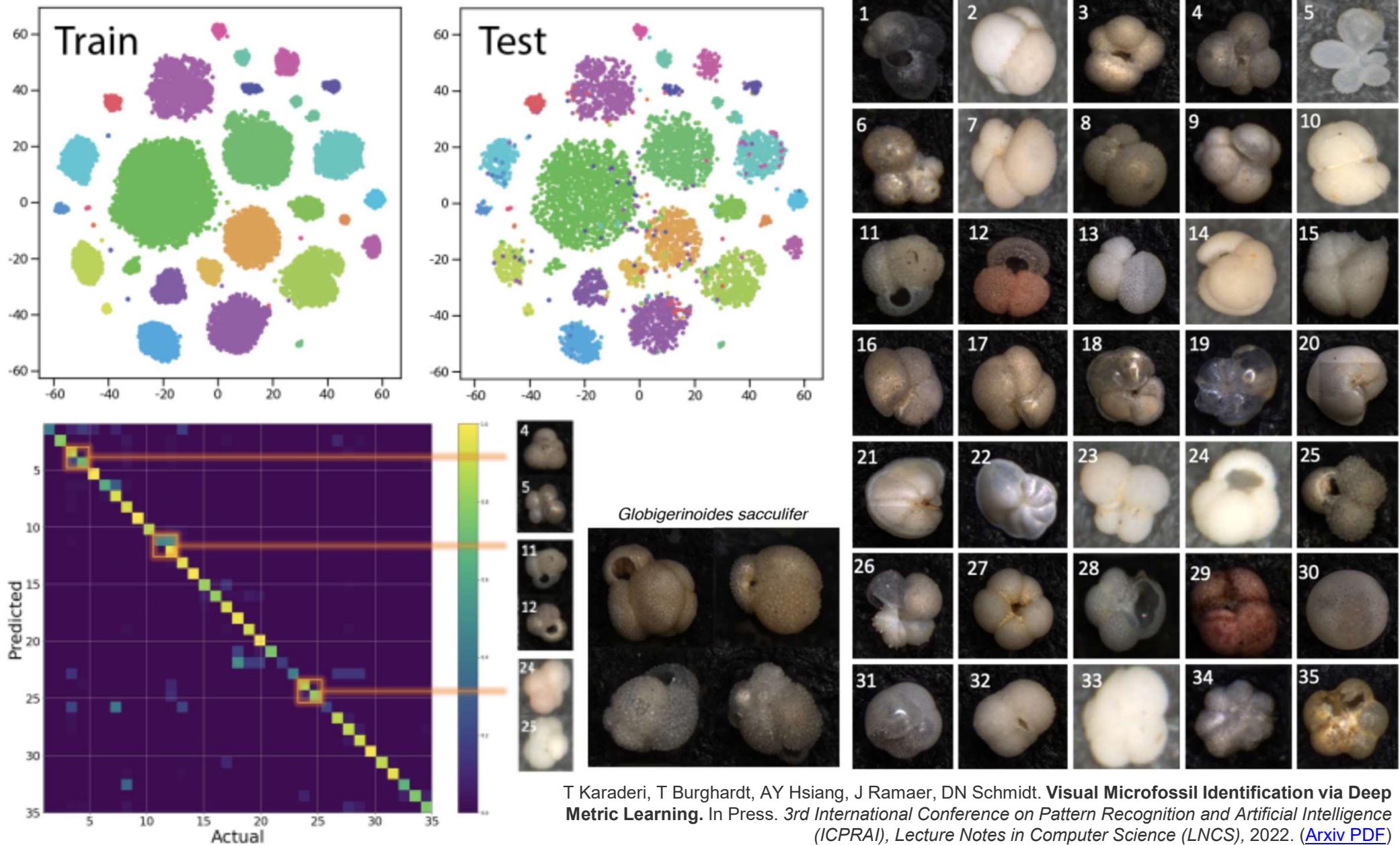
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2D t-SNE plot of projection of unseen sample video snippets in learned behaviour space, unpublished ongoing research: O Brookes, H Kuehl, M Mirmehdi, F Sakib, T Burghardt.

# Example: Data-driven Taxonomic Spaces (Forams)



# Currently Used ‘Passive or Manual’ Sensing

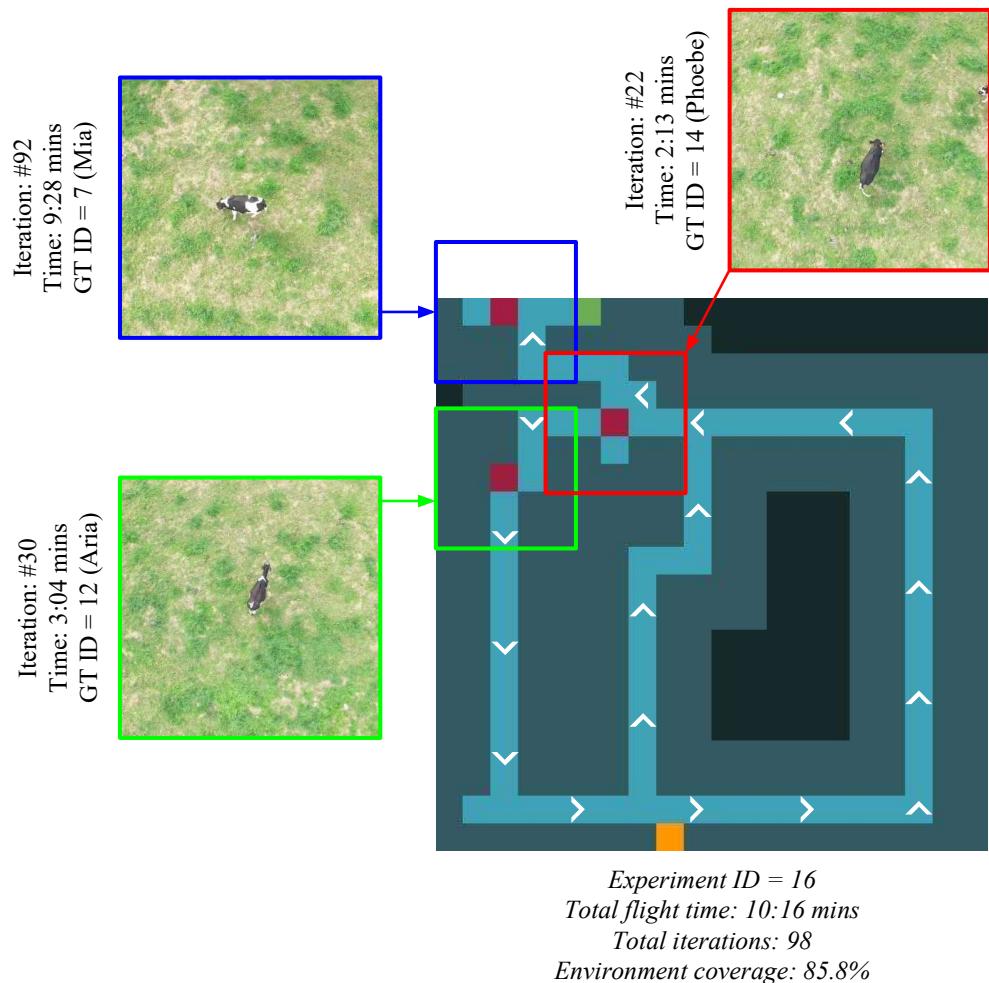


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# Robotic Search + Species Detection + Individual ID

## Example Flight Path



W Andrew, C Greatwood, T Burghardt. **Aerial Animal Biometrics: Individual Friesian Cattle Recovery and Visual Identification via an Autonomous UAV with Onboard Deep Inference.** *32nd IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, pp. 237-243, November 2019. ([DOI:10.1109/IROS40897.2019.8968555](https://doi.org/10.1109/IROS40897.2019.8968555)), ([Arxiv PDF](#)), ([CVF Extended Abstract at WACVW2020](#)), ([Video](#))

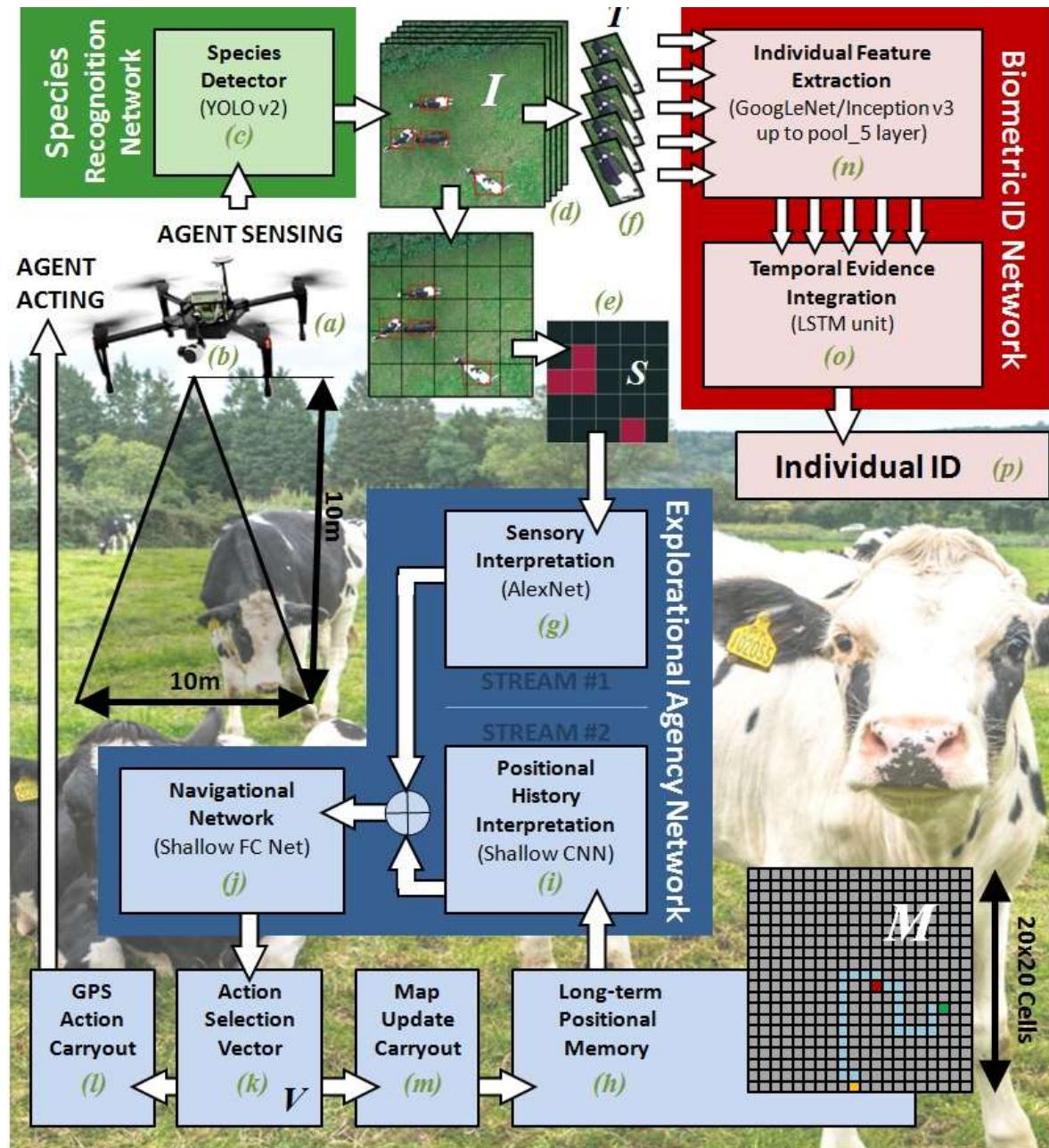
## Physical UAV Setup



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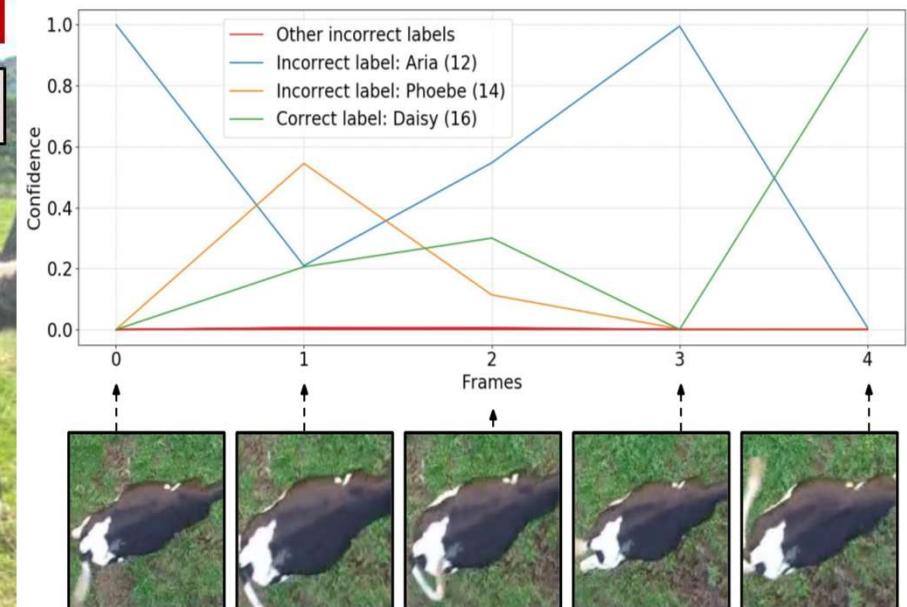
# Robotic Search + Species Detection + Individual ID



*Online Autonomous Multi-Frame*

# Samples	LRCN Identification Accuracy (%)	Single Frame Identification Accuracy (%)
18	100	94.4

*LRCN SoftMax class likelihoods  
vs. frames*



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# International Datasets, Components, Platforms at Scale

The collage consists of four distinct web-based interfaces:

- Top Left:** A GitHub repository page for "microsoft / CameraTraps". It shows a file named "megadetector.md" which is part of the "main" branch. The page includes a list of contributors and statistics: 314 lines (189 sloc) and 23.2 KB.
- Top Right:** A screenshot of the iWildCam 2022 - FGVC9 competition landing page. It features a banner for "Research Prediction Competition" and "Count the number of animals in a sequence of images". Below the banner, it says "FGVC Fine-Grained Visual Categorization · 9 teams · a month to go (21 days to go until merger deadline)". The background shows a blurred image of a forest scene with red dots indicating animal locations.
- Bottom Left:** The iNaturalist homepage. It features a large image of a mantis and a call-to-action button "Connect with Nature". Below the button, it says "Explore and share your observations from the natural world." There are "SIGN UP" and "EXPLORE" buttons. At the bottom, there's a photo credit to "Ashutosh Shinde - Mantid from Thane, India" and logos for the California Academy of Sciences and National Geographic.
- Bottom Right:** The LILA BC (Labeled Information Library of Alexandria: Biology and Conservation) homepage. It has a dark green background with a pattern of fern leaves. The title "LILA BC" is at the top, followed by the subtitle "Labeled Information Library of Alexandria: Biology and Conservation". Below that are links for "Home", "Data Sets", and "FAQ". The main content area is titled "Home" and discusses the purpose of the library for ML researchers and biologists.

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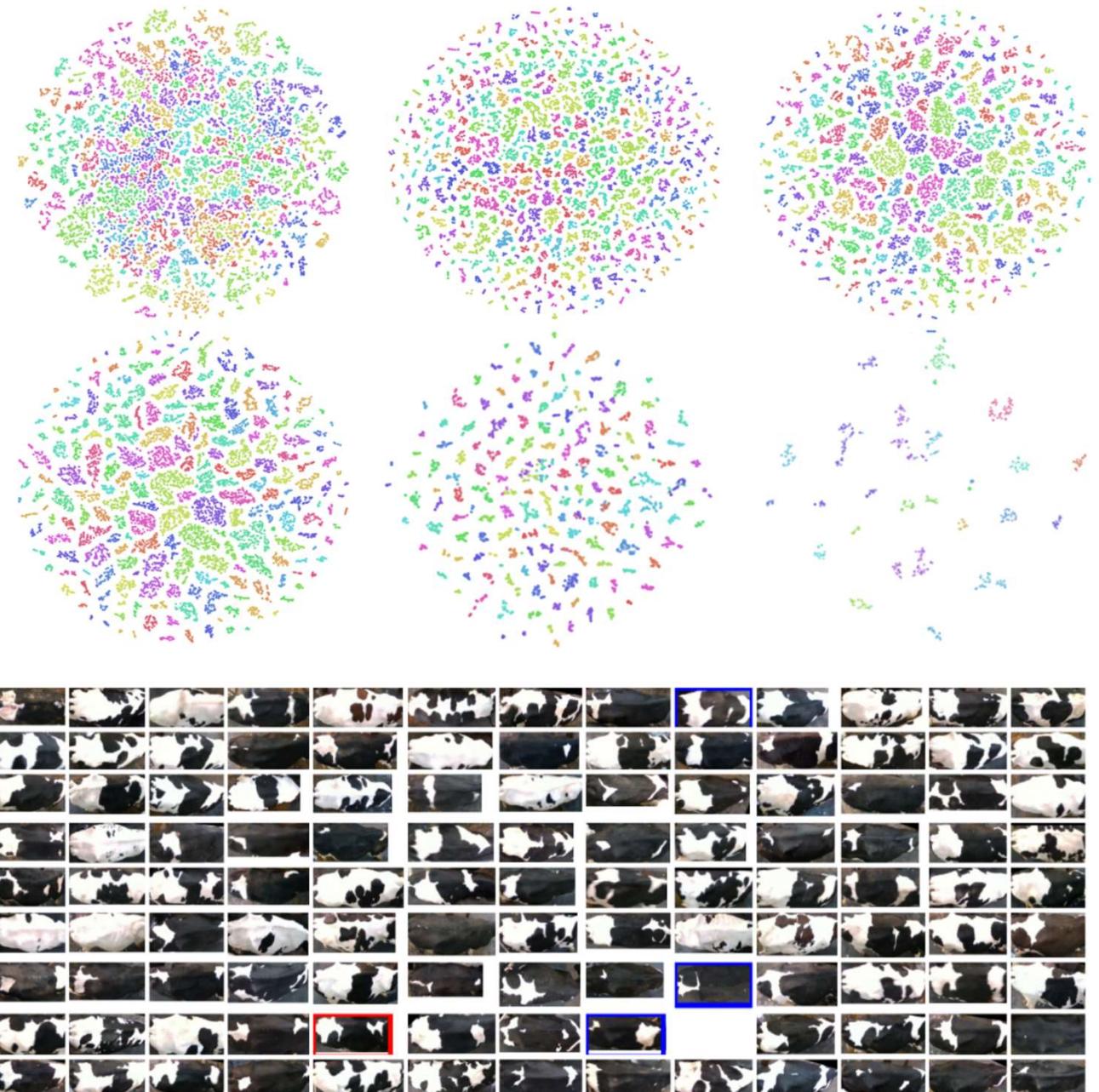
# Our Other Recent Animal Biometrics Research Directions I

## Self-Supervision and Annotation Reduction

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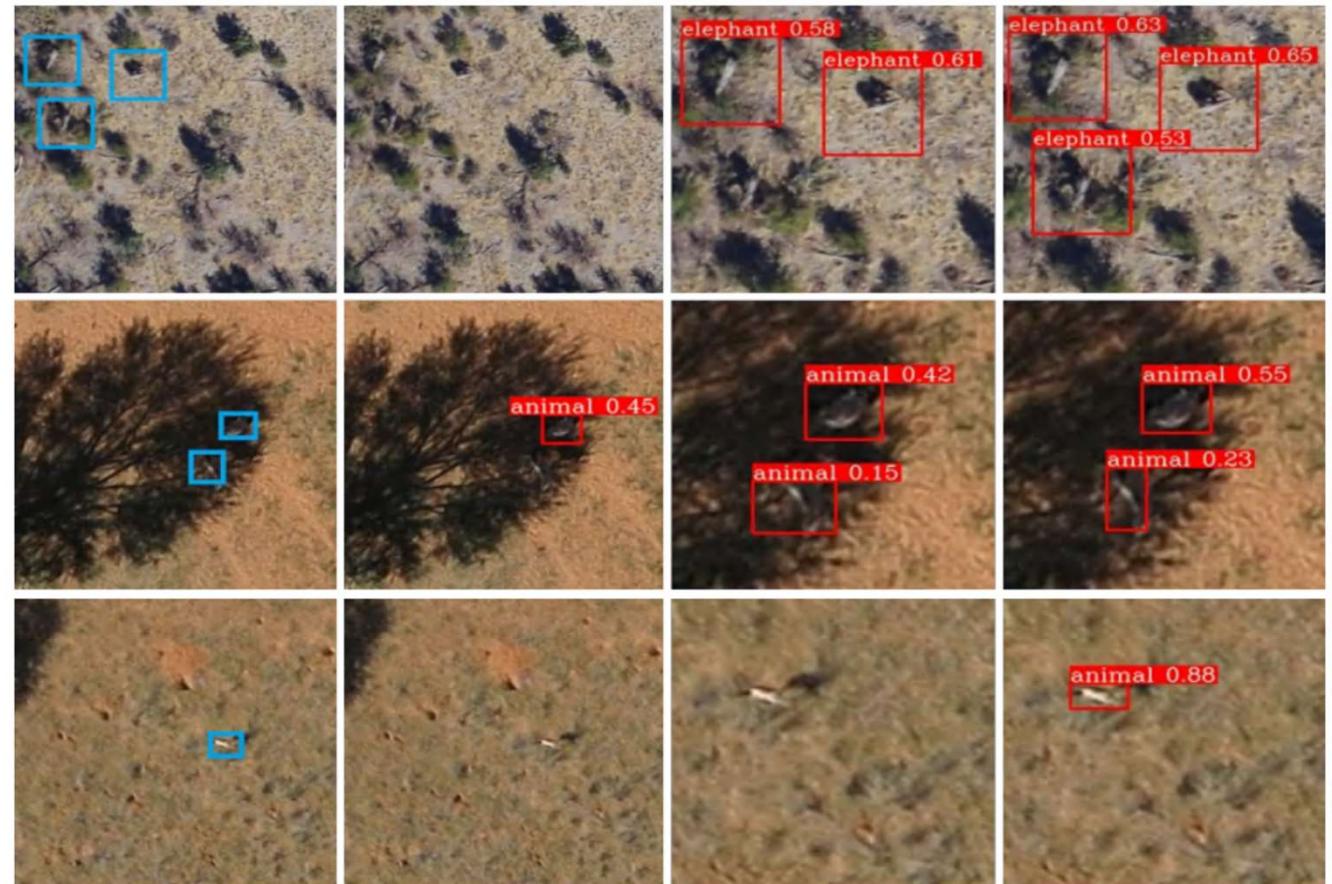
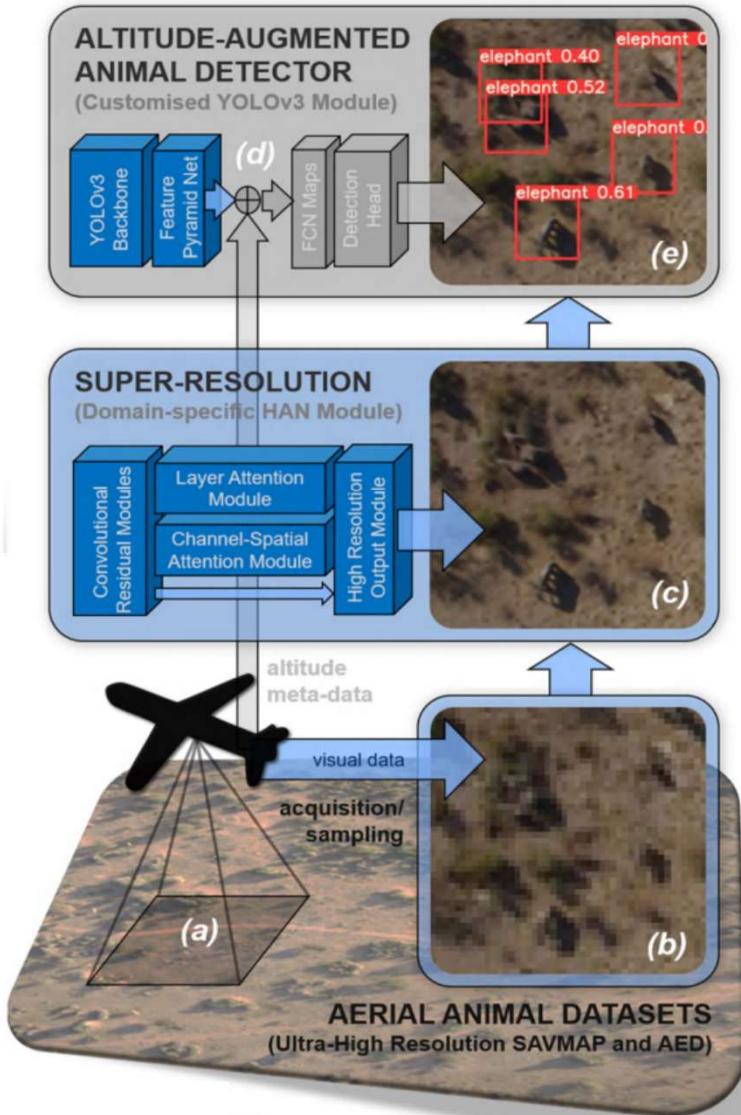
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W Andrew, J Gao, S Mullan, N Campbell, AW Dowsey, T Burghardt. **Visual Identification of Individual Holstein-Friesian Cattle via Deep Metric Learning.** *Computers and Electronics in Agriculture*, Vol 185, June 2021. ([DOI:10.1016/j.compag.2021.106133](#)), ([Arxiv PDF](#)), ([GitHub](#)), ([Dataset OpenCows2020](#))



# Our Other Recent Animal Biometrics Research Directions II

## Super-Resolution for Detection, CT Animal Analysis



M Xue, T Greenslade, M Mirmehdi, T Burghardt. **Small or Far Away? Exploiting Deep Super-Resolution and Altitude Data for Aerial Animal Surveillance.** Real-World Surveillance: Applications and Challenges Workshop (RWS) at IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACVW), pp. 509-519, January 2022. ([CVF Version](#)), ([Arxiv PDF](#)), ([GitHub](#))

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