

Enhanced Object Detection,  
Tracking, and Re-Identification for  
High-Altitude Aerial Surveillance  
applications

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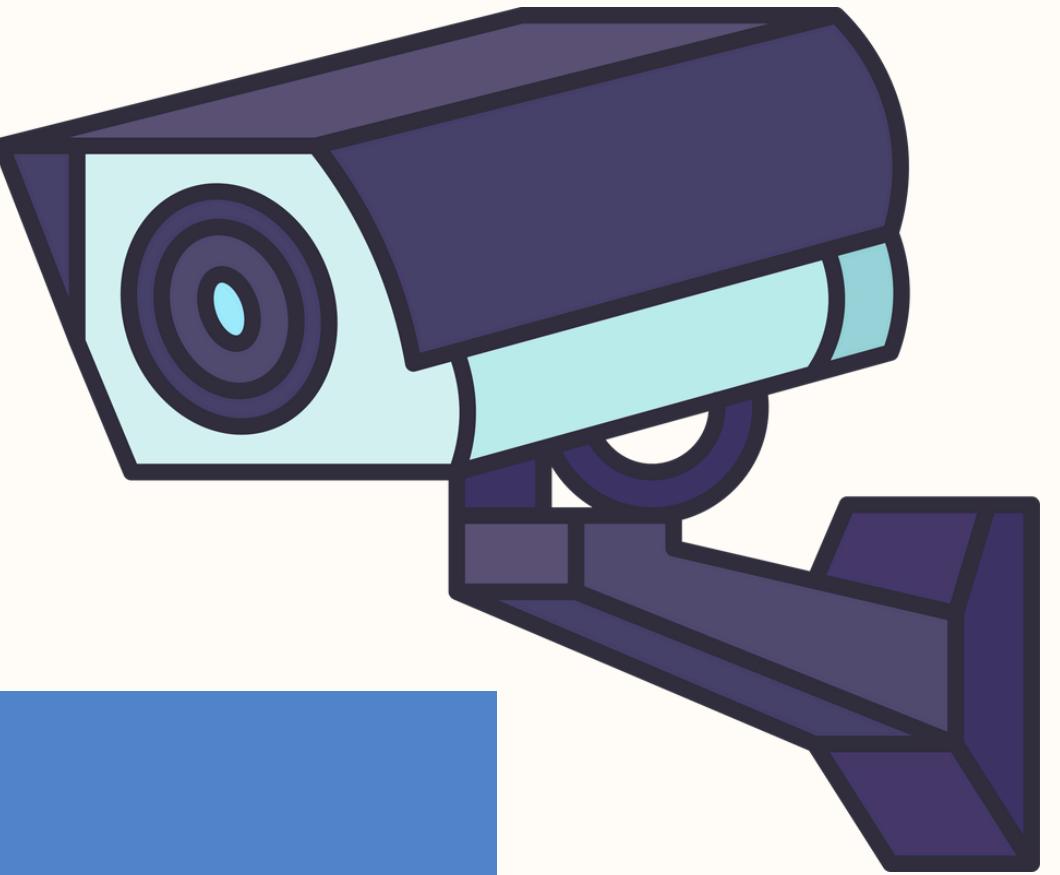
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# MOTIVATION

- Passion for AI & Surveillance
- Innovative Solutions
- Real-World Impact





# PROBLEM STATEMENT

**Core Problem:** The difficulty of accurately detecting, identifying, and re-identifying small objects in aerial imagery due to variations in appearance and environmental conditions.

# LITERATURE REVIEW

Study	Objectives	Methodology	Results	Limitations	Strengths
Suo et al. (2023)	Present HIT-UAV dataset for UAV-based object detection	Dataset creation from UAV videos, bounding box annotation	Improved detection, YOLOv4 mAP 84.75%	Limited to infrared images	First high-altitude infrared dataset
Ural & Turker (2023)	Assess UAVs for land monitoring	UAV image capture, image processing	Detailed land use analysis, flexible	Limited flight time, weather-sensitive	Practical urban monitoring assessment
Zhang et al. (2023)	Develop object detection algorithm for UAVs	Deep learning algorithm development	Outperformed existing models	High computational needs	Strong performance, algorithm innovation
Khashabi et al. (2022)	Apply ML to UAV-captured images	Real-time object detection and classification	High accuracy, effective real-time	Training data bias, sensor limits	ML integration, real-time processing

# CHALLENGES

## Small Object Detection

The difficulty of detecting small-sized objects and ensuring accuracy in your detection system

## Re-Identification Complexity

Challenges in consistently re-identifying objects across varying scenarios.

## Processing on live streamed data

Poses the difficulty of choosing the most accurate models while maintaining FPS

# RESEARCH GAP



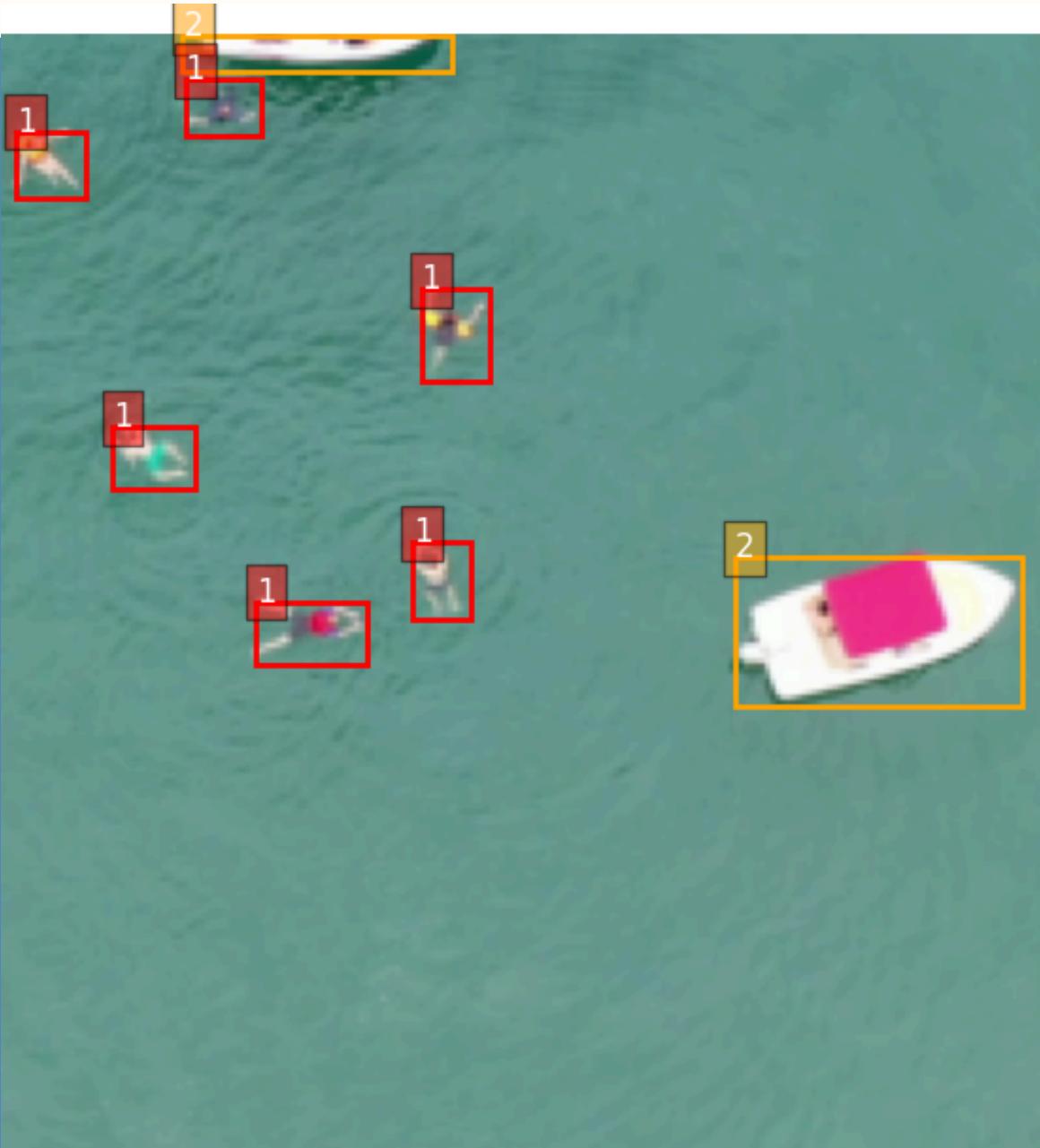
- Lack of focus on High-Altitude Aerial Imagery
- The need for Integrated Systems that combine Detection

Tracking, & Re-Identification

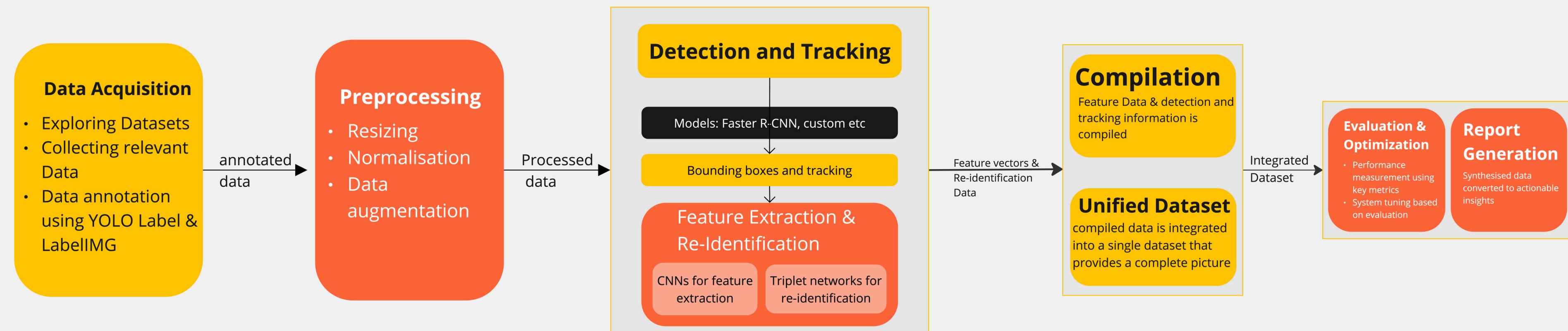
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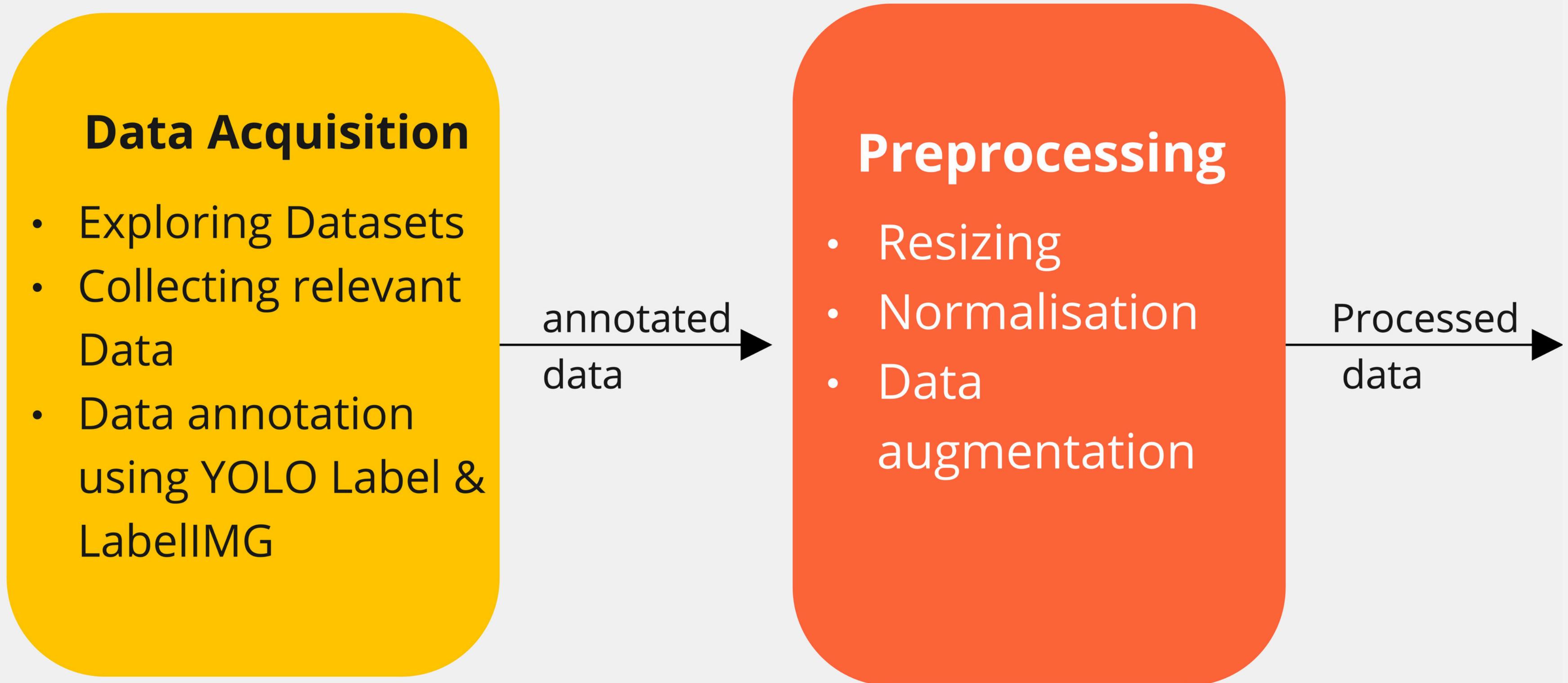
- AI and Computer Vision Techniques
- Deep Learning Models
- Feature Extraction
- Tracking Algorithms



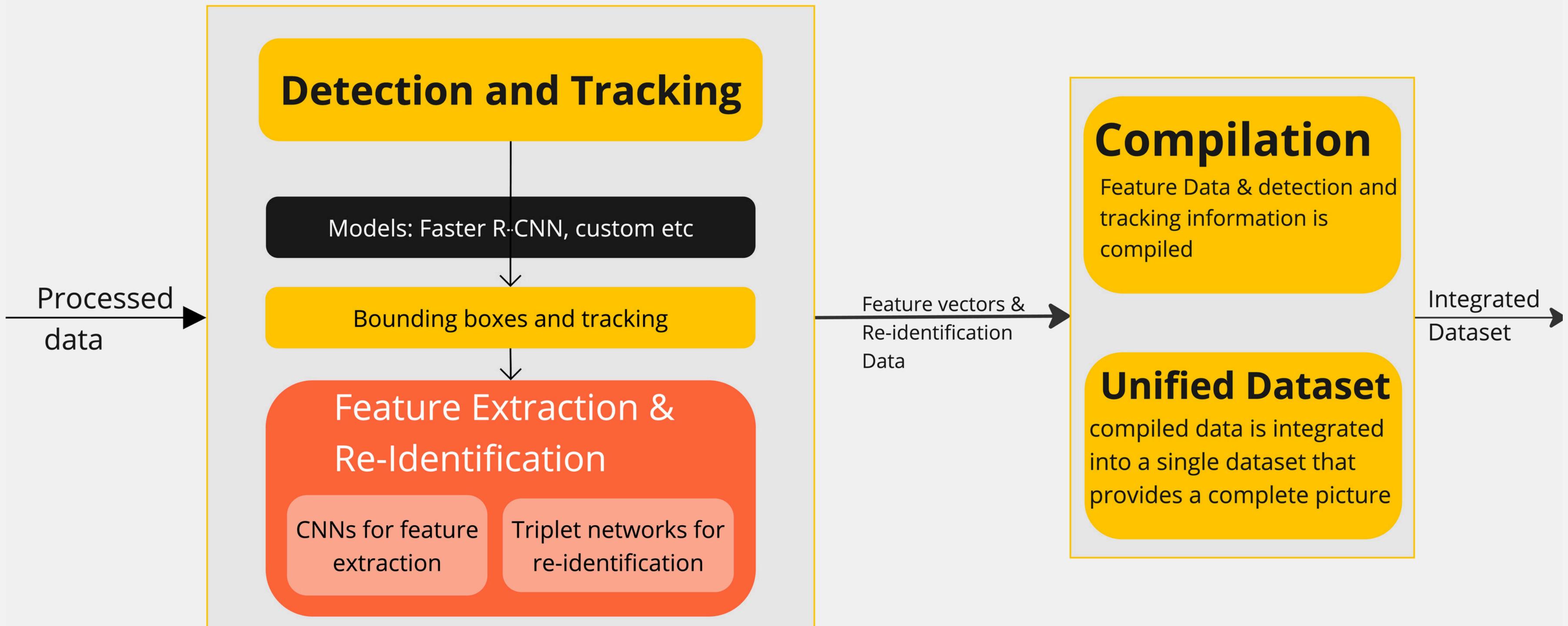
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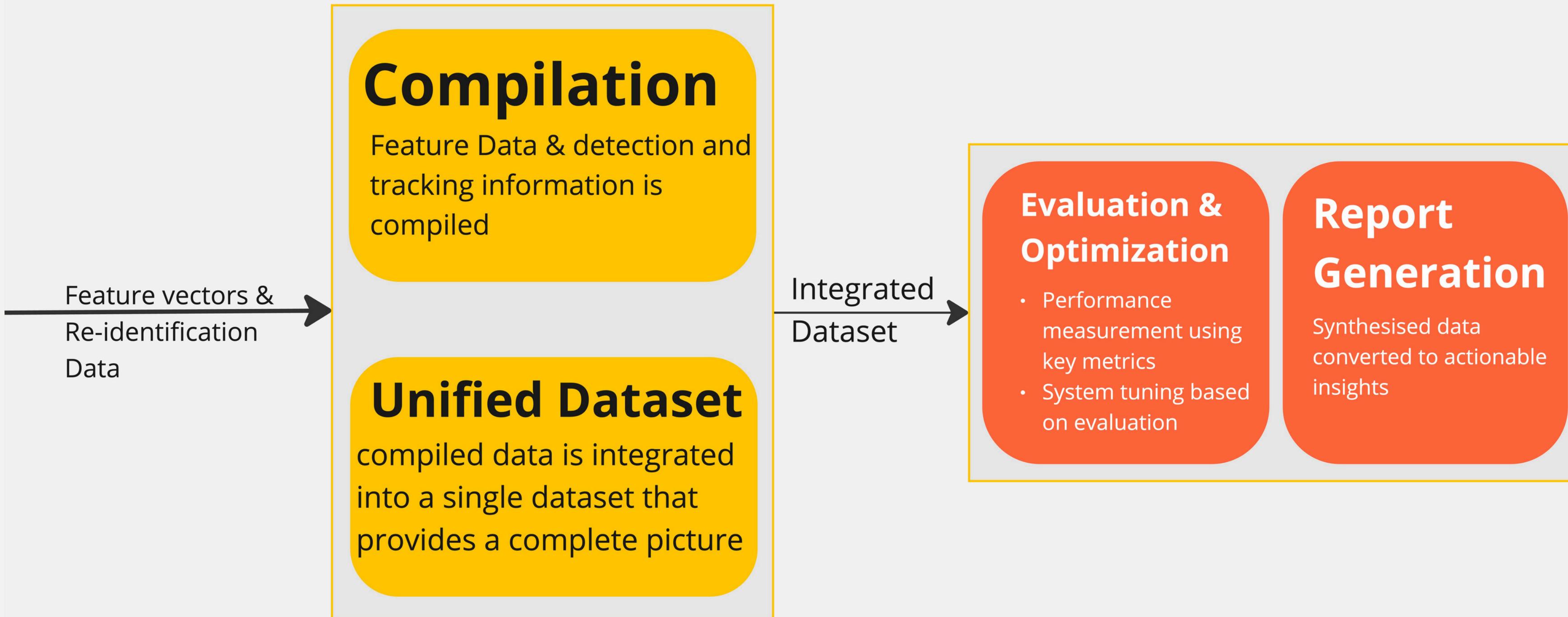
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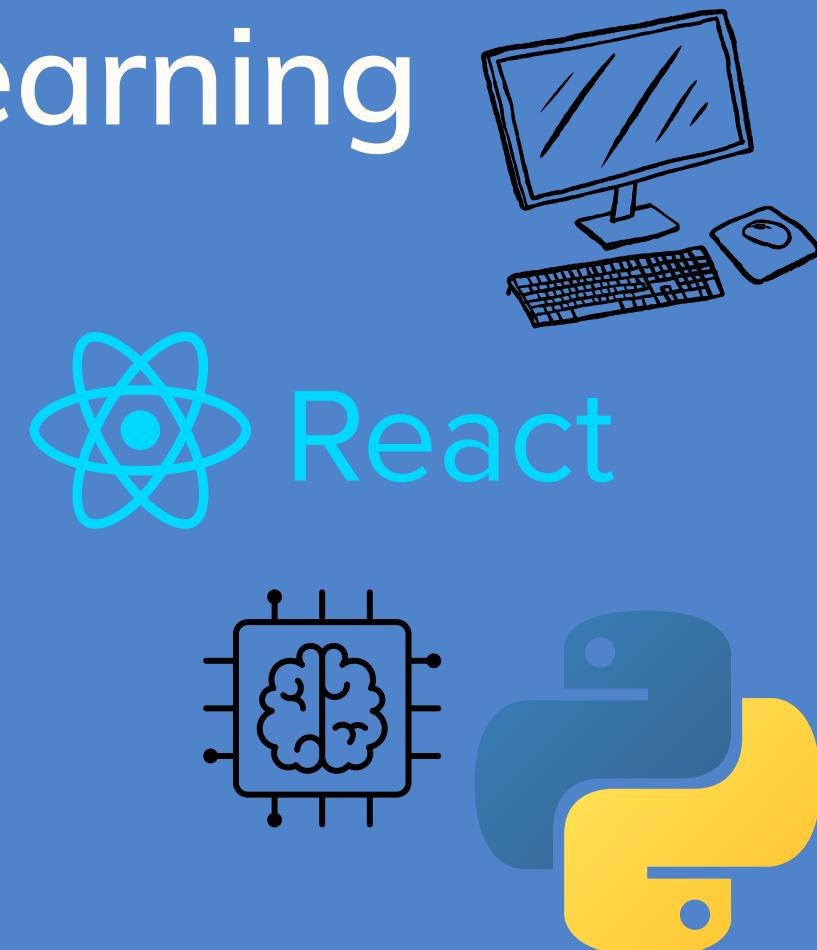
# INDUSTRIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Identification of IR Images
- Re-Identification of IR Images
- Run-Time/Live Stream Data
- Serial Link Communication



# TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY

- Python, PyTorch.
- Front end development using MEAN/MERN.
- ML algorithms, neural networks, and deep learning architectures.
- Advance detection models.
- Computer Vision Libraries: OpenCV, DLIB.
- Github for version control & Documentation



# DATASETS

- **Camel Dataset**

Classes: Person, Vehicle. 30 sequences

- **HIT-UAV Dataset**

Classes: Person, Bicycle, Car, Other Vehicle.

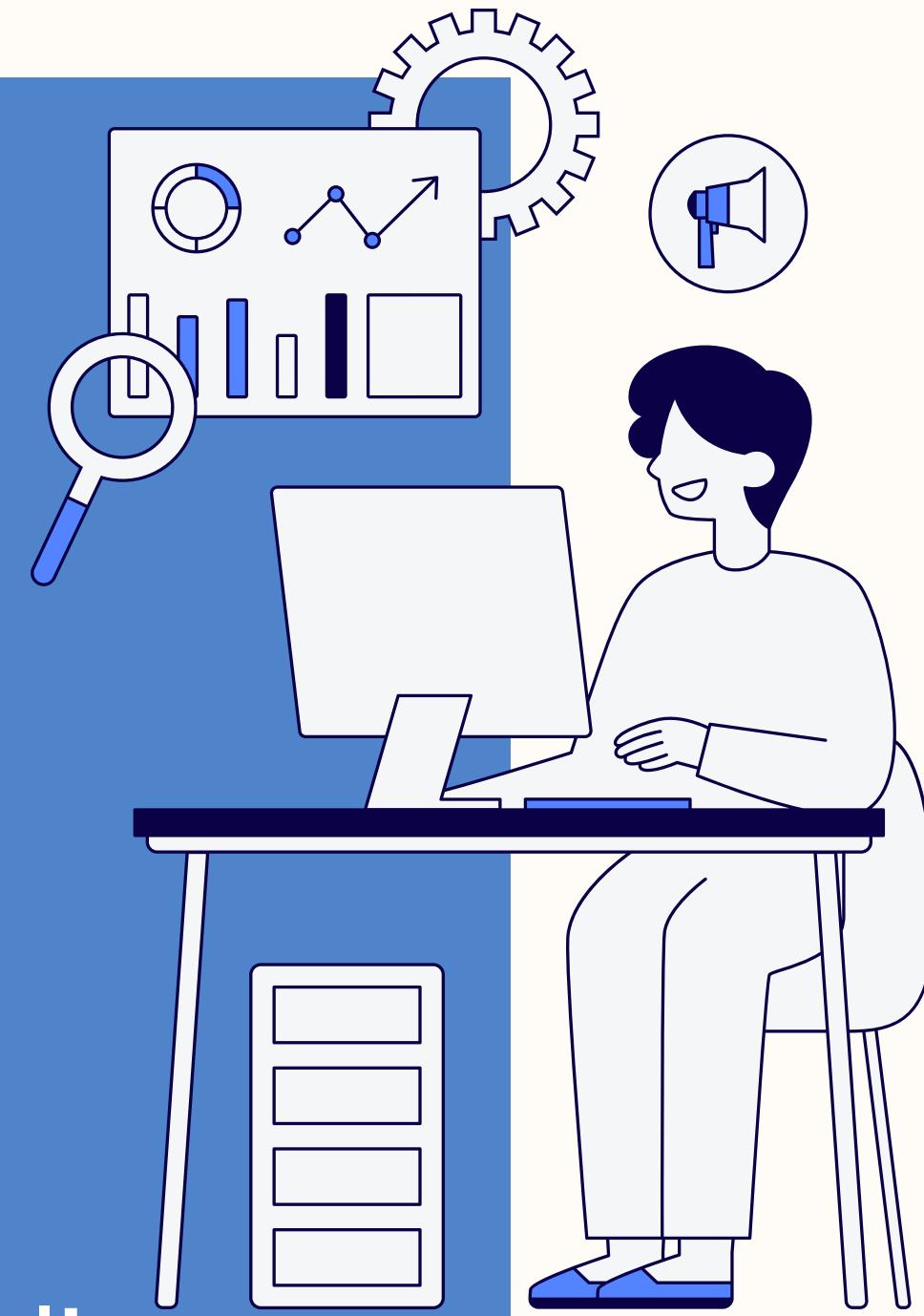
2,898 images

- **SeaDroneSee Dataset**

Classes: Swimmer, Boat, Jetski, Life-saving appliances.

Train: 8,930 images, Val: 1,547 images,

Test: 3,750 images



# PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Detection Accuracy: % of correct Identifications using Precision and Recall
- Re-ID Accuracy: Success Rate in consistent Object Tracking across frames.
- Processing Speed: Benchmark FPS during live feed processing using performance profiling tools.

# PROJECT SCOPE

- **Objective:** Elevate drone surveillance with cutting-edge AI.
- **Deliverables:** Working AI model & performance reports across varied datasets
- **Target Users:** Security agencies requiring enhanced high-altitude day-night surveillance.

# TIMELINE & WORK DISTRIBUTION

Iteration 4

All Members

Iteration 3

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Iteration 2

Ahmed Hammad

Iteration 1

Hiba Imran

## Task Categories

- Data Acquisition, Annotation, Model Selection
- Model Training, Validation, and Optimization
- System Integration (PC), Initial Testing
- Final Testing, Evaluation, Documentation, and Report Preparation

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# QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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