

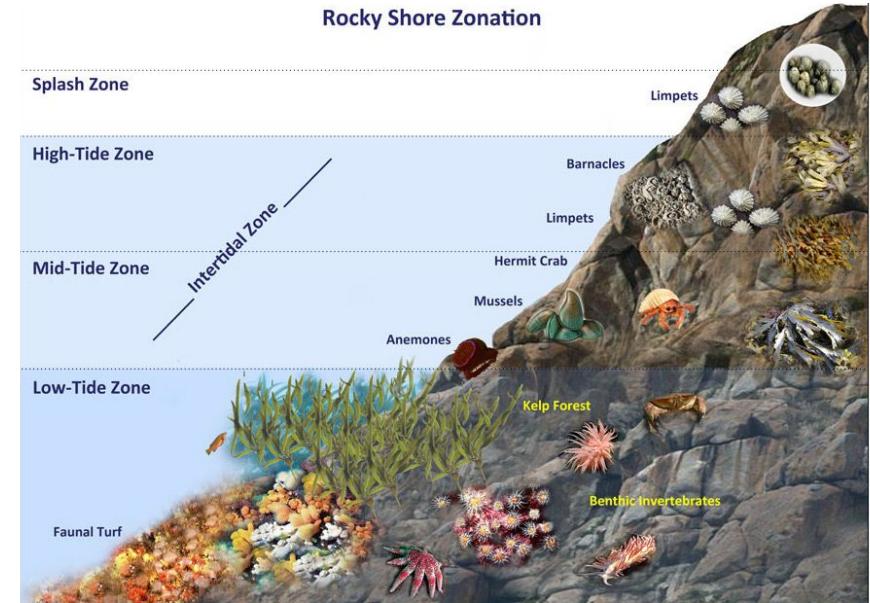


Identifying Intertidal Inverts

Noah Jaffe
Ridge Cohort

Intertidal zone

- Area where ocean meets land
- During low tide, aquatic habitats are uncovered



My master's research



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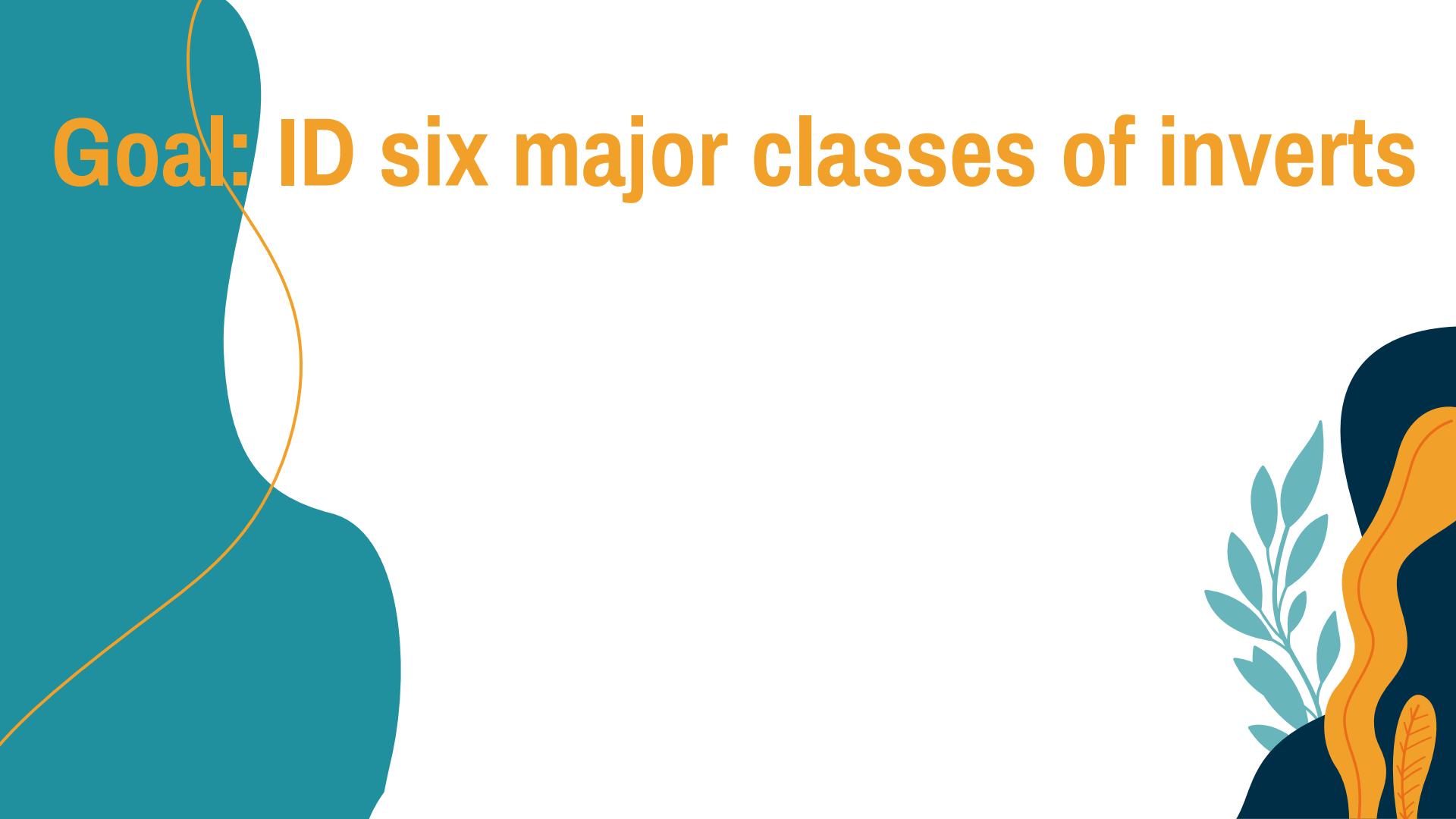


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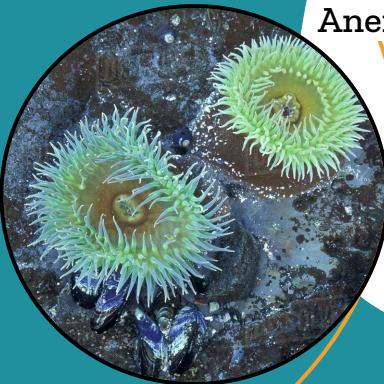
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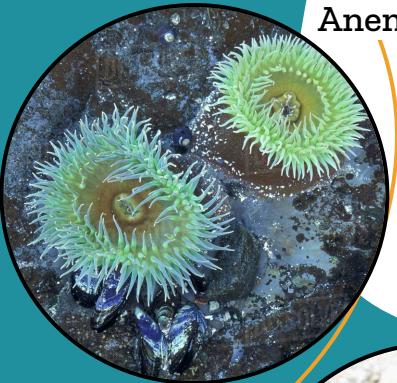


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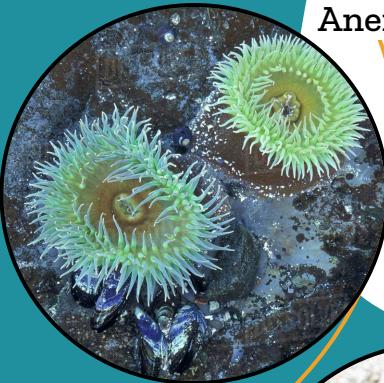


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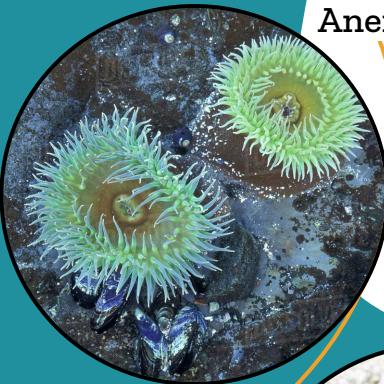


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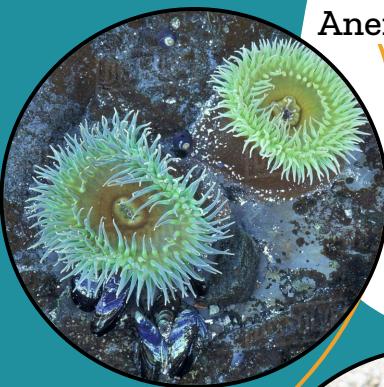


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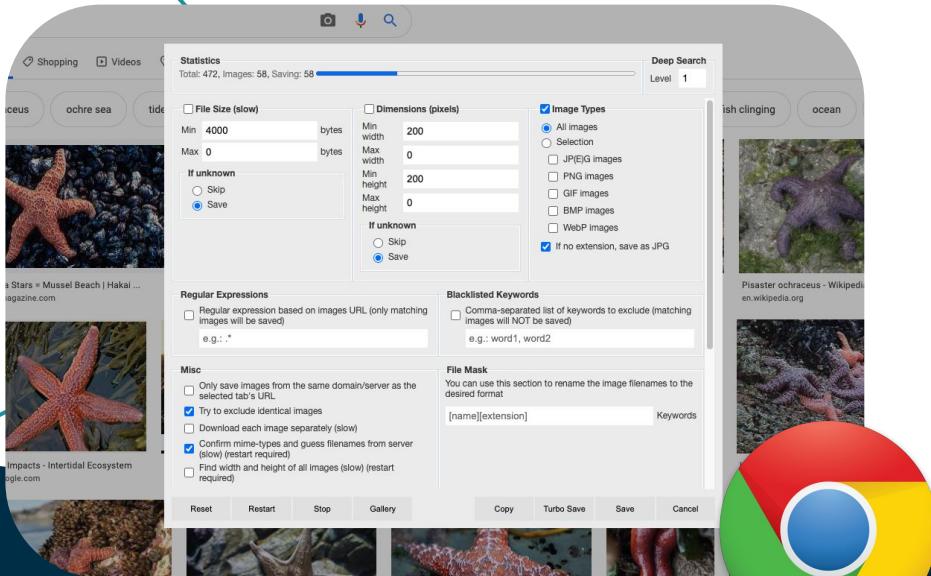
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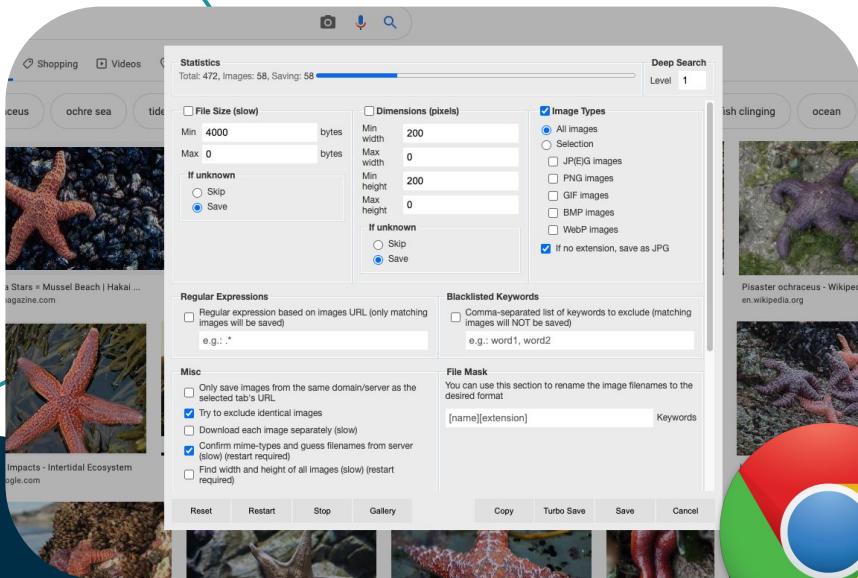


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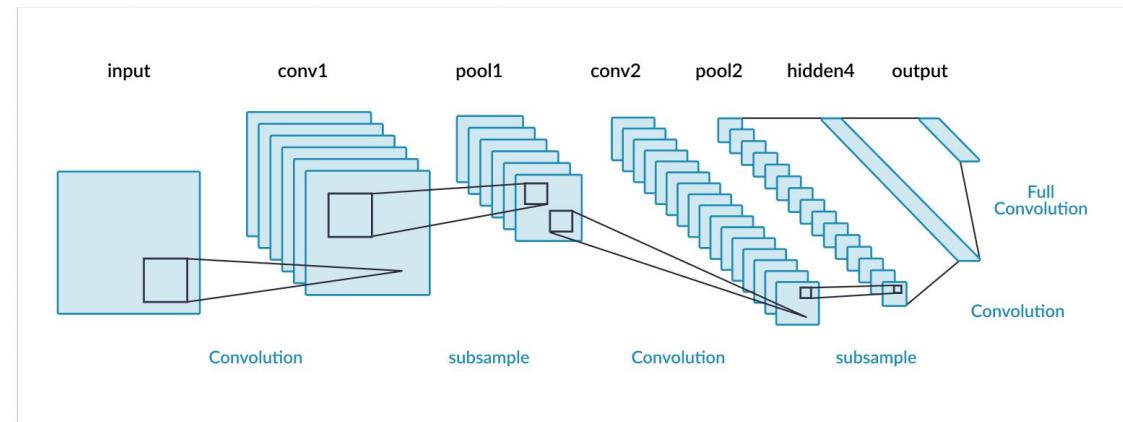


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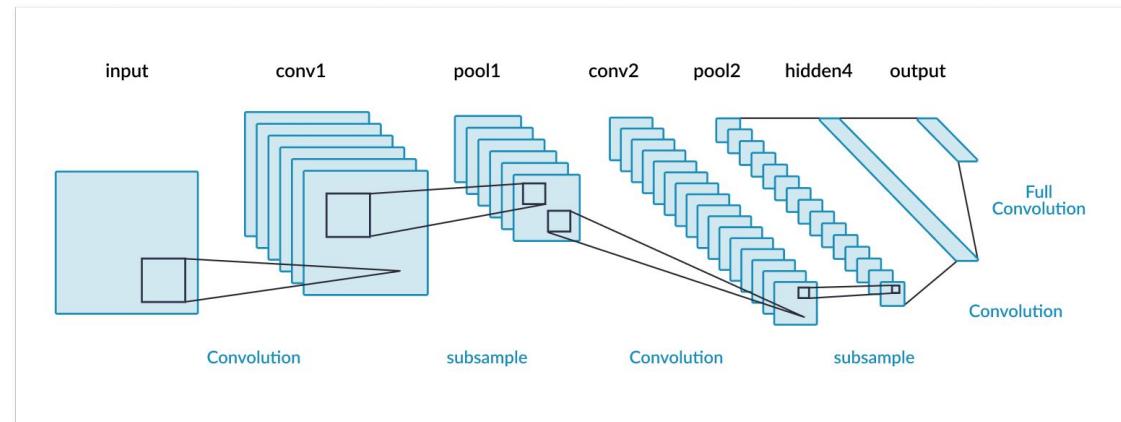


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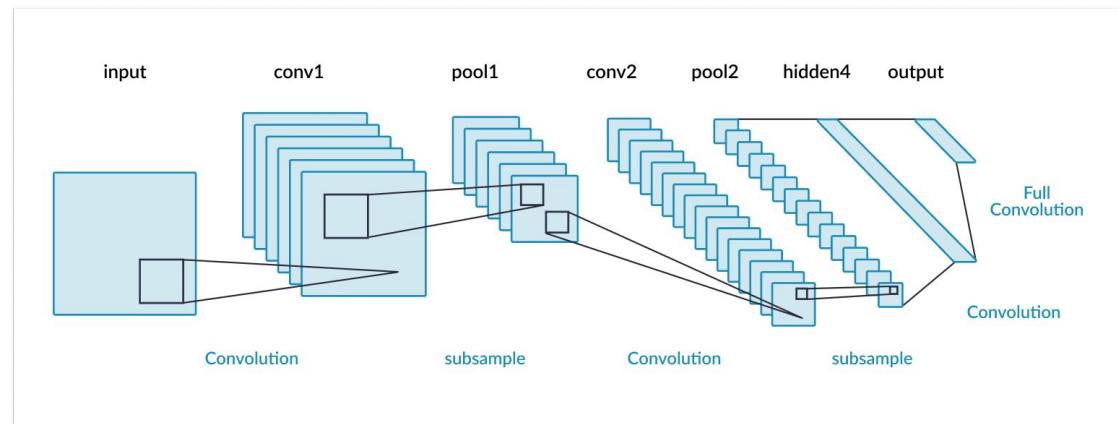
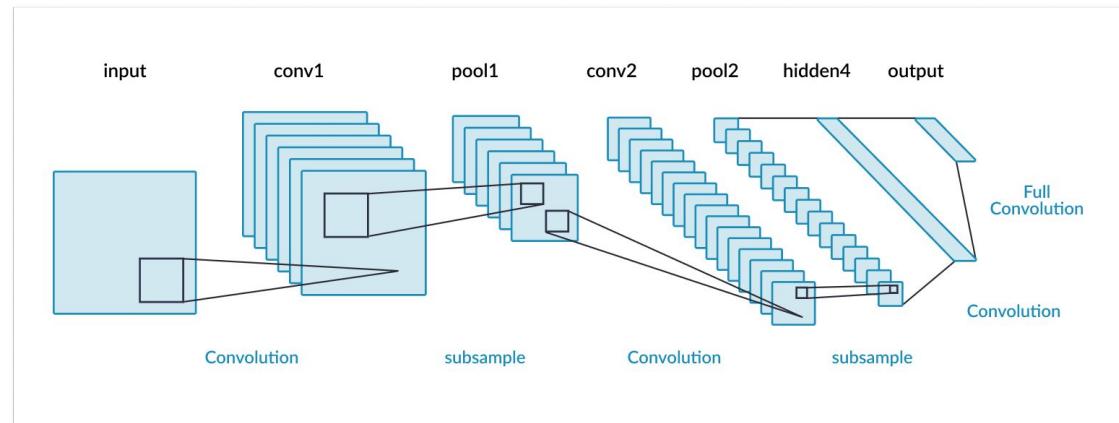


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Crab 1.000



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WOW!



...but still some work to be done

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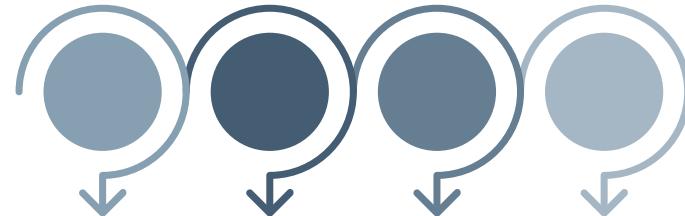
Pycnopodia helianthoides

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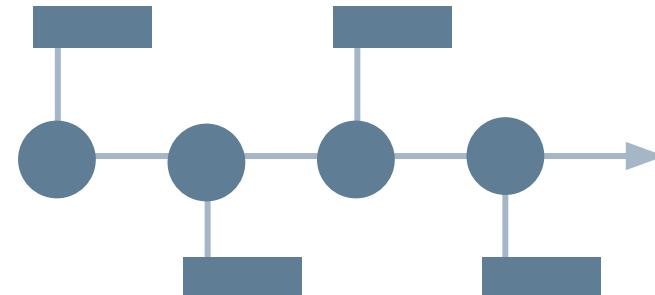
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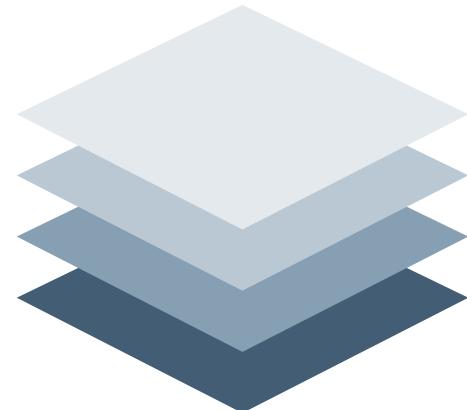
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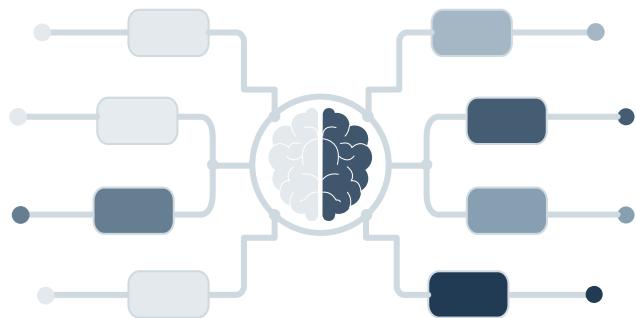
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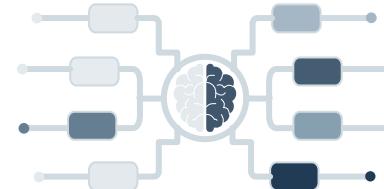
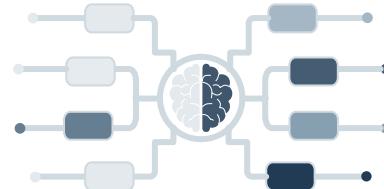
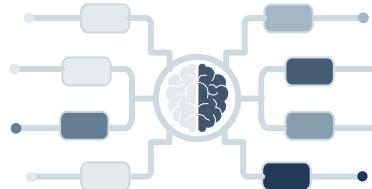


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- Or, different model for each phylum and the user would have to determine phylum before using



Thanks for watching!

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Any questions?



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