

DEEP LEARNING APPROACHES FOR ANIMAL RE-IDENTIFICATION

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Animal Re-Identification



○ Population Estimates

- Diversity, Shannon-Weinberg Index
- Larger overarching ecological interpretations of trophic interactions and population dynamics
- Necessary for our understanding of sustainable practices and the protection of endangered species and ecosystems
- Mark & Recapture

○ Ethology & Community Ecology



Methods for Animal Re-ID

- Tagging and Scarring
 - Advantages
 - Moderate-High reliability
 - Disadvantages
 - Expensive
 - Labourious
 - Invasive to the animal



Methods for Animal Re-ID

- Camera Trap / Video

- Advantages
 - Lower Costs
 - Less Invasive

- Disadvantages
 - Low-Moderate Reliability
 - Labourious to Analyze
 - Human Judgment Bias

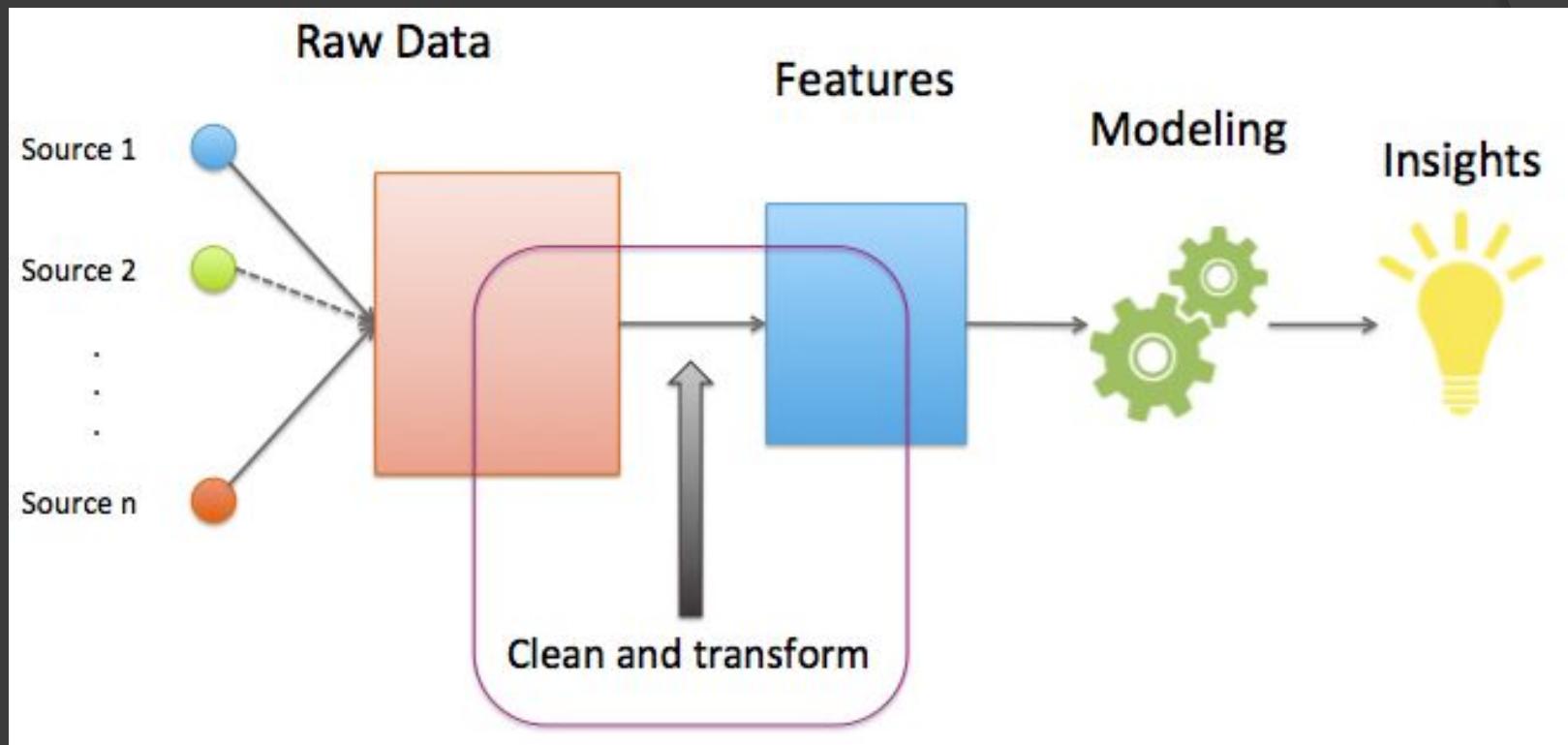


Camera Trap Literature

- Karanth, 1995
 - First study using camera traps combine with a formal mark and recapture model
- 50% annual growth in publications using camera traps 1998-> 2015
 - Rowcliffe and Carbone, 2008; Burton et al., 2015
- Trolle, 2003 identified recognized a biased selection of study species
 - Spotted and striped felids
- Foster and Harmsen, 2011 criticized 47 studies for:
 - Leniencies for individual re-ID
 - Small sample sizes
 - Human judgement bias



Feature Engineering



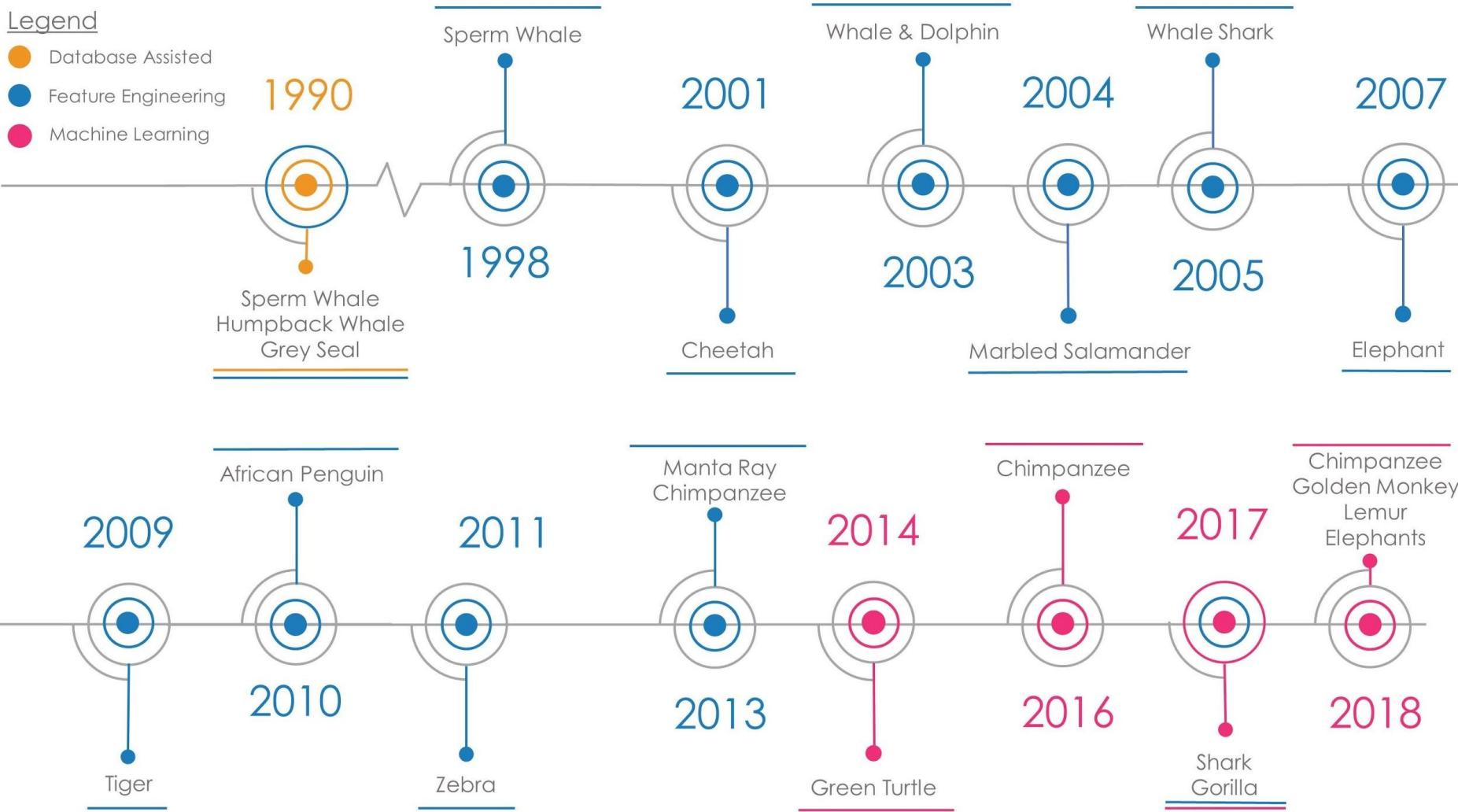
- Robust History of all kinds of species
- Whale Sharks (Arzoumanian, 2005)
- Past, Present, and Future of Computer Vision for Animal Re-ID (Schneider et al., 2018)



History of Computer Vision for Animal Re-ID

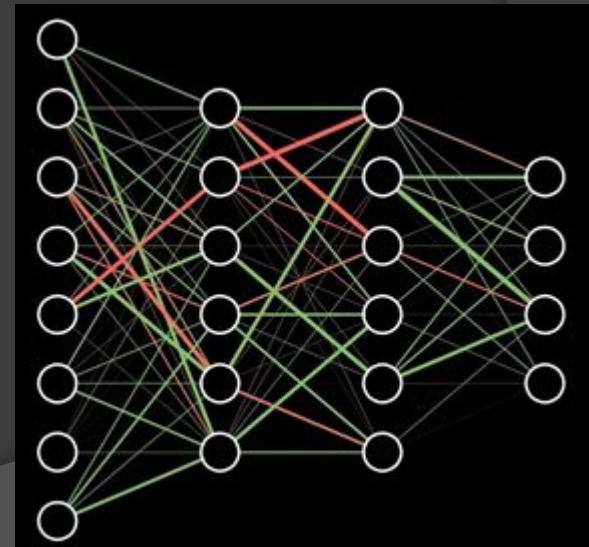
Legend

- Database Assisted
- Feature Engineering
- Machine Learning



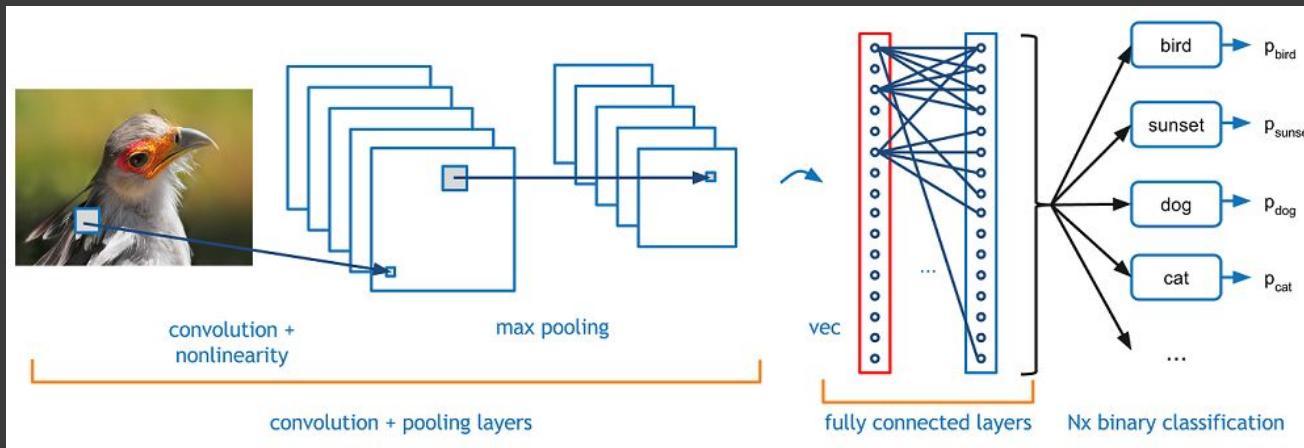
Deep Neural Networks

- Computational framework where a system's parameters are not hard-coded but optimized through training from large amounts of data
- Multilayered function with modifiable weights capable of capturing logical relationships within data
- With enough data and computation, the underlying relationship between the data and output can be mapped



Convolutional Neural Network

- ◎ Introduce learnable filter maps which are capable of learning to capture meaningful spatial information within an image
 - Lines
 - Edges
 - Colours
- ◎ A simple CNN will have:
 - Two or three convolution layers passed through non-linearity functions
 - Two or three pooling layers
 - Ending with fully-connected layers to return a classification output

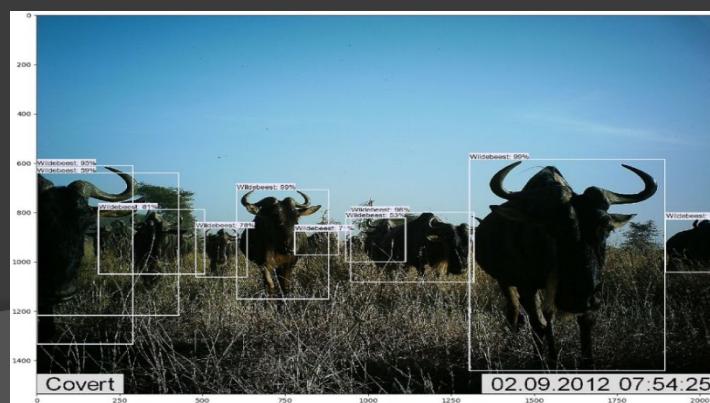


Advances in Computer Vision

- Krizhevsky et al., 2012
 - ImageNet
 - 7% increase in accuracy over previous best
 - Great success using CNNs for image classification
 - Conditioned returning only one classification for a given image
- Object Detection methods allow for objects within an image to be localized
 - Object Classification and position regression
 - YOLO – Redmond et al., 2015
 - SSD – Liu et al., 2016
 - Faster R-CNN – Ren et al., 2016

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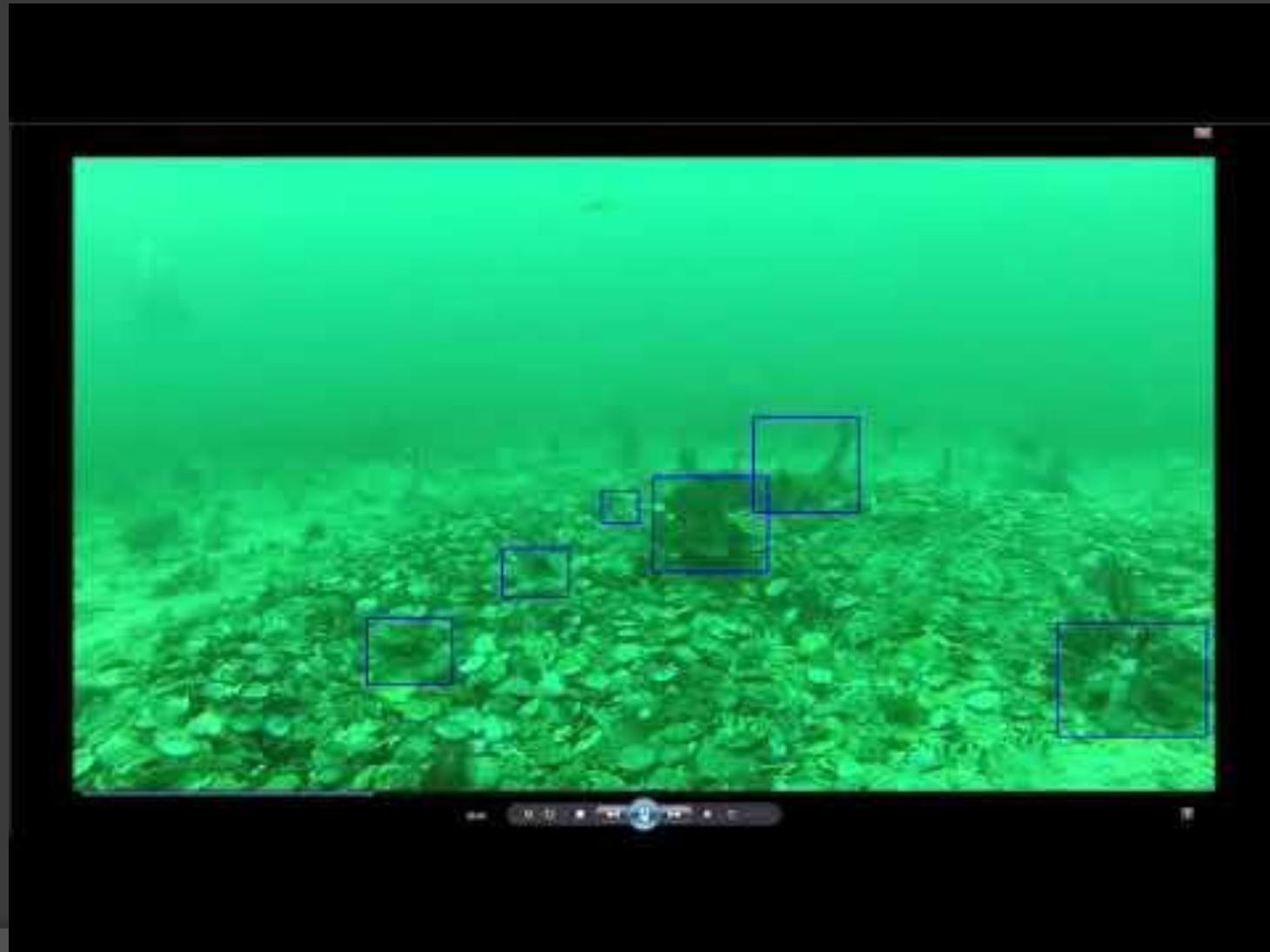
- Schneider et al., 2018
 - Reconyx Camera Trap Dataset & Gold Standard Snapshot Serengeti
 - Faster RCNN vs VOLOv2
 - 4450 Images with Bounding Box coordinates
 - Semi-Supervised Learning -> Learning from unlabelled data



Ecological Applications

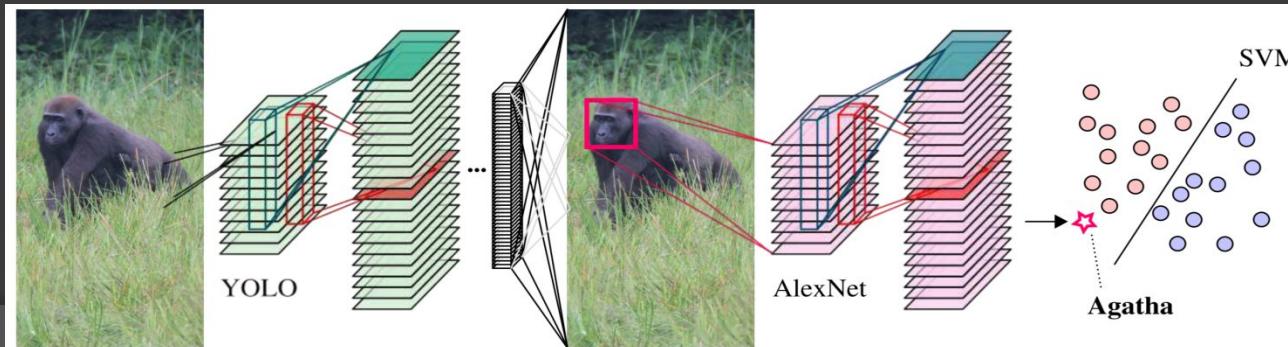
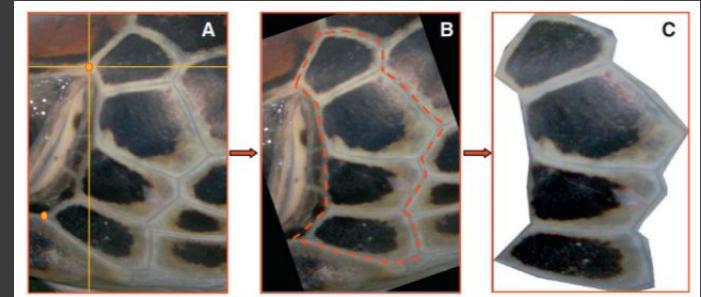
- Object detection allows for the possible autonomous data collection of:
 - Numbers of individuals of *each species*
 - Sex
 - Age
 - Stance
- Which can be extrapolated to autonomously collect data related to:
 - Interspecies cohabitation
 - Species family dynamics
 - Travel direction
 - How these values change seasonally/annually

Object Detector - Octopus



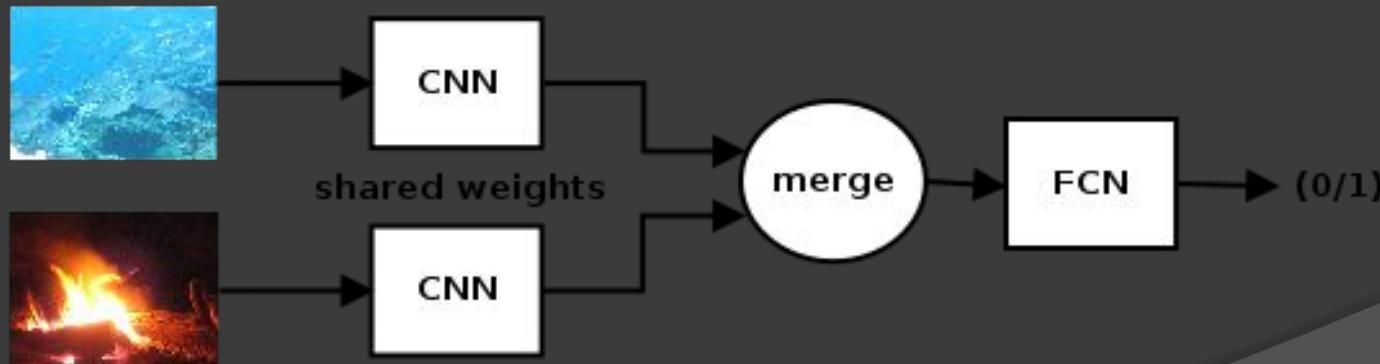
Deep Learning for Animal Re-ID

- ⦿ Carter et al., 2014
 - Ensemble of networks to re-ID green turtles in Australia
- ⦿ Freytag et al., 2016
 - AlexNet on Chimpanzee faces
- ⦿ Brust et al., 2017
 - YOLO to extract Gorilla faces followed by AlexNet for re-ID



Similarity Comparison Networks

- Limitation of traditional networks for re-ID
 - Requires catalog of images of each individual in the population
 - Unrealistic for animal populations
- One-shot Learning
- Siamese Networks



- Bromley et al., 1993

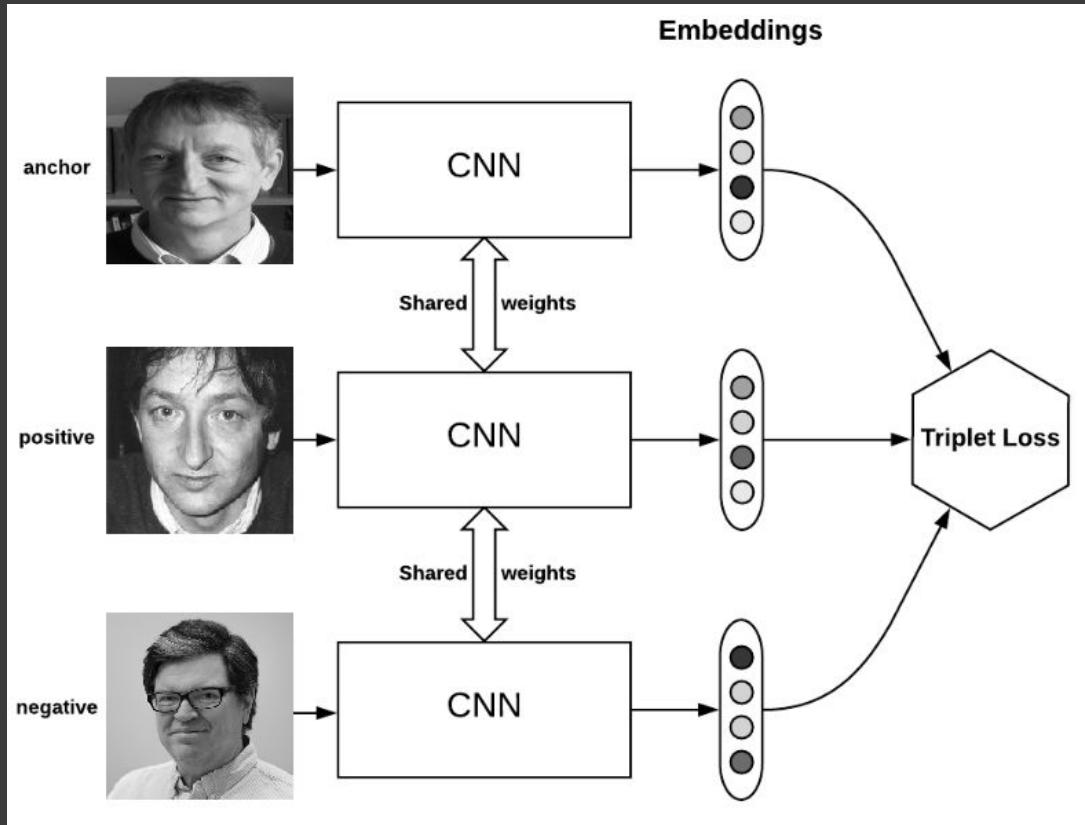
Siamese Nets for Animal Re-ID

- Deb et al., 2018

- Siamese Network (PrimNet) for Chimpanzee, Lemur and Golden Monkey re-ID
 - Verification
 - Closed set-identification
 - Open set-identification



Triplet Loss Networks



- Euclidean distance of embeddings
 - Minimize positive distance while maximizing negative considering a margin (1)
- FaceNet – Schroff et al., 2016 95% top-1 YTF 1,595 people

Data for Similarity Networks

- ◎ Human Actors
 - FaceScrub - 106,863 images of 530 male/females
- ◎ Chimpanzee
 - Chimpface - 5,599 images of 90 chimpanzees
- ◎ Humpback Whale Fluke
 - Humpback Whale Identification Challenge - 9,046 images of 4,251 humpback whales
- ◎ Fruit Fly
 - Jon Schneider & Graham Taylor - 244,760 images of 20 fruit flies
- ◎ Siberian Tigers
 - Amur Tiger Re-Identification in the Wild - 4,500 images of 96 tigers
- ◎ Octopus
 - Stefan Linquist - Octopolis - 5,192 images taken from video

Image Data

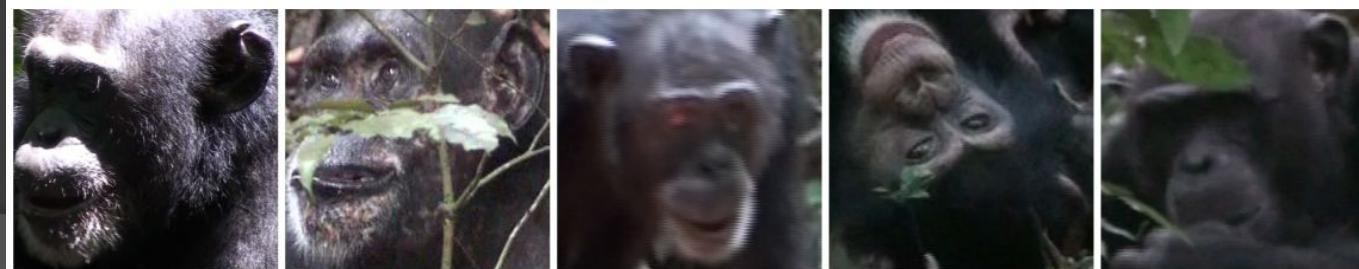
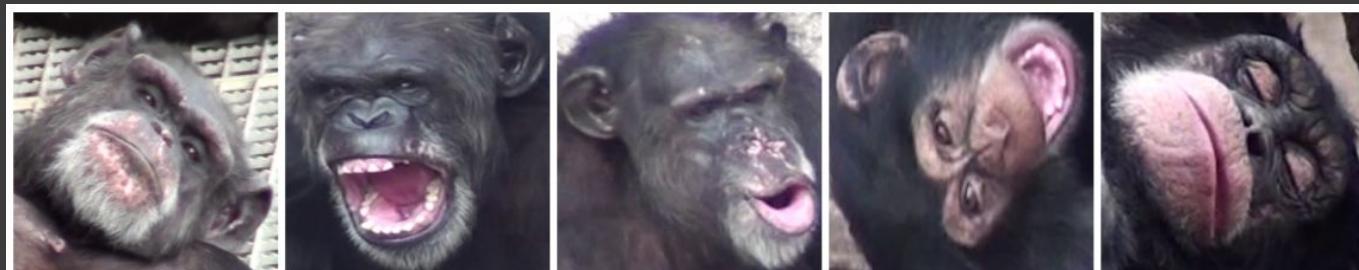
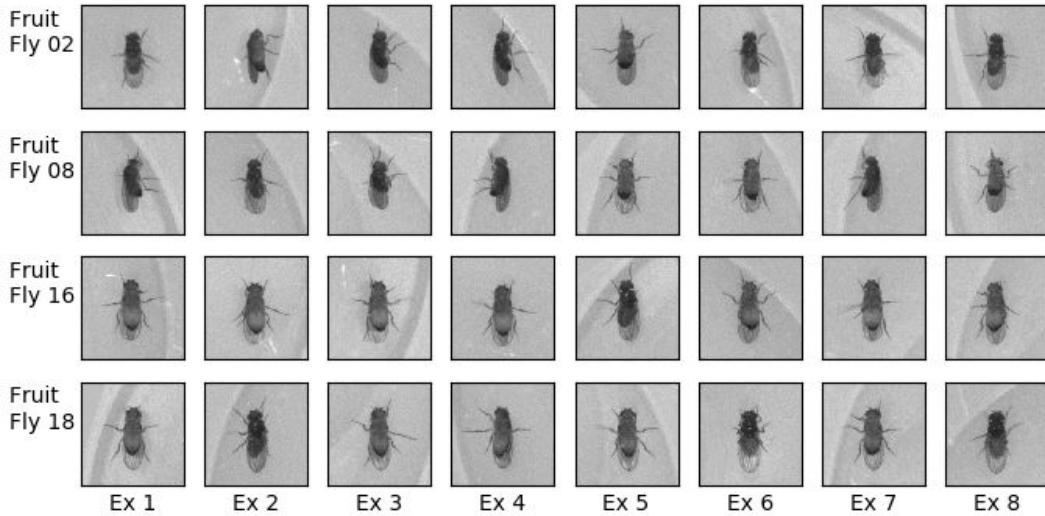


Image Data



Siamese Vs Triplet-Loss

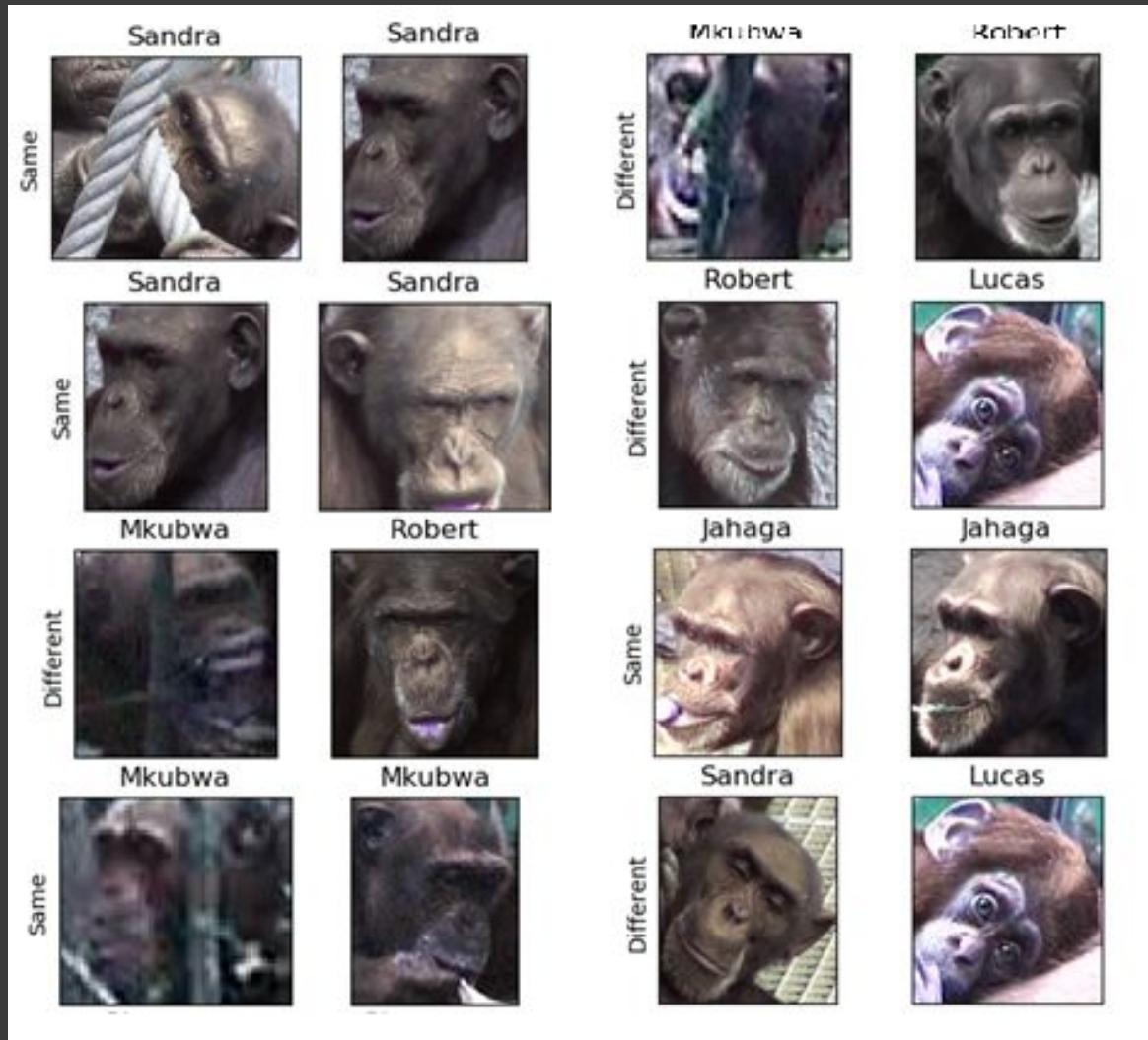
Table 2: Summary of Performance Metrics for Siamese Similarity Learning Models by Species & Data Set

Species	Model	mAP@1	mAP@5
Human	AlexNet	0.699 ± 0.342	0.721 ± 0.332
	VGG19	0.680 ± 0.288	0.703 ± 0.251
	DenseNet201	0.734 ± 0.277	0.835 ± 0.875
	ResNet152	0.756 ± 0.282	0.856 ± 0.123
	InceptionV3	0.713 ± 0.227	0.854 ± 0.126
Chimpanzee	AlexNet	0.639 ± 0.221	0.863 ± 0.121
	VGG19	0.645 ± 0.168	0.884 ± 0.094
	DenseNet201	0.725 ± 0.134	0.871 ± 0.064
	ResNet152	0.775 ± 0.134	0.901 ± 0.097
	InceptionV3	0.743 ± 0.106	0.869 ± 0.125
Whale	AlexNet	0.509 ± 0.385	0.682 ± 0.334
	VGG19	0.543 ± 0.397	0.689 ± 0.410
	DenseNet201	0.521 ± 0.445	0.711 ± 0.312
	ResNet152	0.563 ± 0.202	0.757 ± 0.298
	InceptionV3	0.576 ± 0.203	0.742 ± 0.390
Fruit Fly	AlexNet	0.621 ± 0.078	0.875 ± 0.064
	VGG19	0.590 ± 0.081	0.838 ± 0.090
	DenseNet201	0.638 ± 0.153	0.843 ± 0.180
	ResNet152	0.693 ± 0.098	0.896 ± 0.109
	InceptionV3	0.522 ± 0.021	0.873 ± 0.143
Tiger	AlexNet	0.794 ± 0.396	0.858 ± 0.289
	VGG19	0.735 ± 0.245	0.821 ± 0.243
	DenseNet201	0.803 ± 0.398	0.8756 ± 0.148
	ResNet152	0.789 ± 0.320	0.877 ± 0.172
	InceptionV3	0.701 ± 0.307	0.843 ± 0.231

Table 3: Summary of Performance Metrics for Triplet Loss Similarity Learning Models by Species & Data Set

Species	Model	mAP@1	mAP@5
Human	AlexNet	0.739 ± 0.284	0.804 ± 0.345
	VGG19	0.811 ± 0.325	0.843 ± 0.251
	DenseNet201	0.914 ± 0.299	0.947 ± 0.187
	ResNet152	0.886 ± 0.301	0.952 ± 0.093
	InceptionV3	0.903 ± 0.235	0.940 ± 0.124
Chimpanzee	AlexNet	0.739 ± 0.241	0.886 ± 0.166
	VGG19	0.734 ± 0.188	0.890 ± 0.085
	DenseNet201	0.792 ± 0.164	0.932 ± 0.049
	ResNet152	0.811 ± 0.155	0.961 ± 0.097
	InceptionV3	0.756 ± 0.136	0.940 ± 0.075
Whale	AlexNet	0.709 ± 0.374	0.782 ± 0.274
	VGG19	0.743 ± 0.349	0.831 ± 0.287
	DenseNet201	0.721 ± 0.304	0.801 ± 0.253
	ResNet152	0.763 ± 0.252	0.860 ± 0.275
	InceptionV3	0.776 ± 0.243	0.834 ± 0.290
Fruit Fly	AlexNet	0.671 ± 0.158	0.935 ± 0.041
	VGG19	0.608 ± 0.161	0.954 ± 0.120
	DenseNet201	0.660 ± 0.194	0.978 ± 0.084
	ResNet152	0.743 ± 0.163	0.986 ± 0.089
	InceptionV3	0.561 ± 0.125	0.967 ± 0.131
Tiger	AlexNet	0.830 ± 0.296	0.978 ± 0.217
	VGG19	0.770 ± 0.205	0.940 ± 0.145
	DenseNet201	0.863 ± 0.193	0.974 ± 0.148
	ResNet152	0.811 ± 0.124	0.996 ± 0.072
	InceptionV3	0.731 ± 0.117	0.933 ± 0.121

Results



Notes on Training

- ⦿ $L = \max(d(a, p) - d(a, n) + \text{margin}, 0)$
- ⦿ Semi-Hard Selection
 - Triplets where the anc/pos loss is less than anc/neg loss
 - However loss still positive as a result of the margin
- ⦿ Initialization was important
- ⦿ Image Augmentation Extremely Important
 - Shift/rotation, colour channel, pixel dropout, blurring, etc.
 - Octopus

Real World Applications - Parks Canada

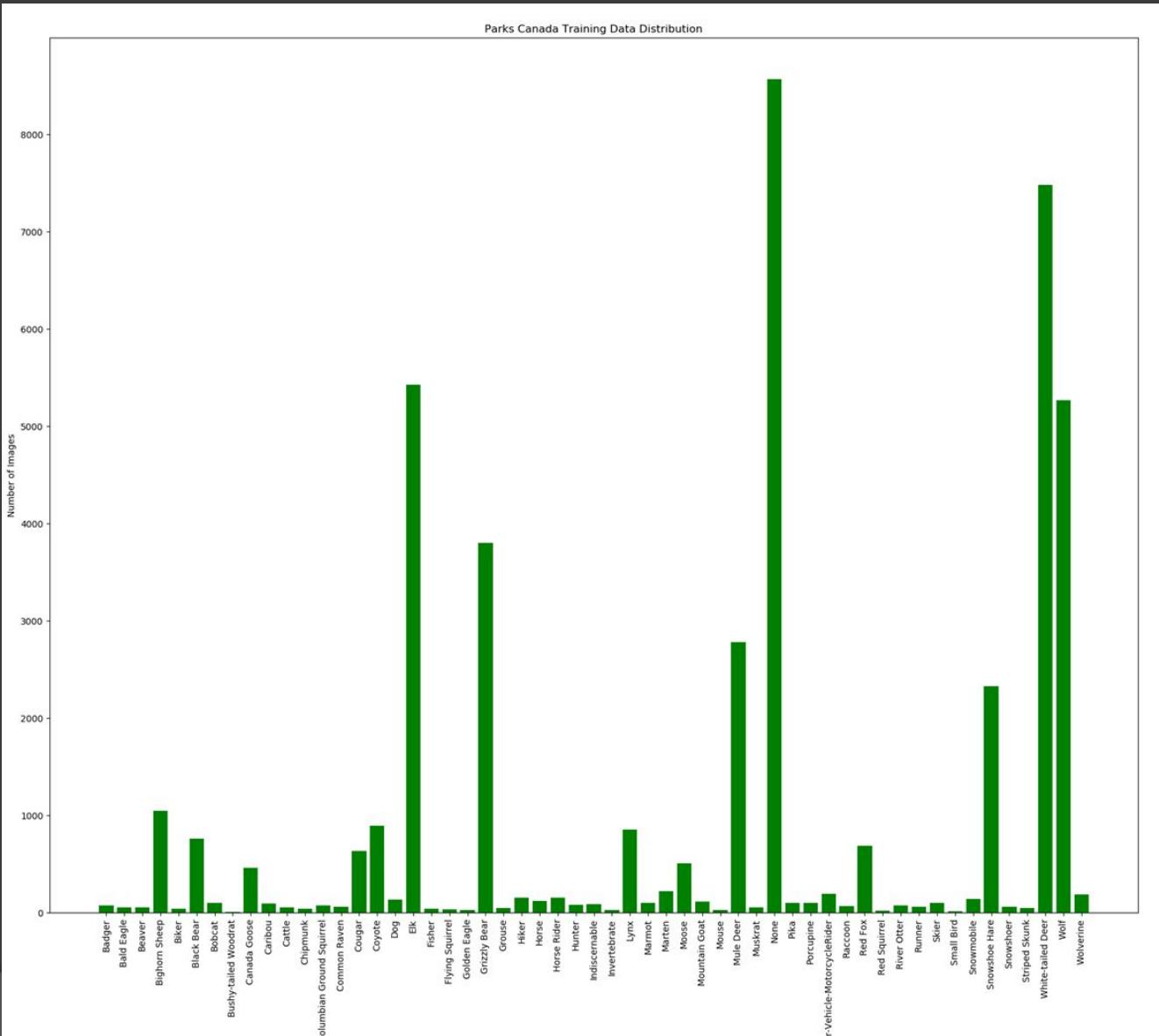
- Parks Canada
 - University of Calgary - Saul Greenberg
 - Timelapse
 - AI systems prior to Microsoft AI
- 89,600 images of 55 Classifications from 36 locations
- Opportunity to practice training advanced networks



Parks Canada - Data



Classification Imbalance



Problem...

Parks Canada - Results

TABLE I

SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE METRICS FOR PARKS CANADA SPECIES ID WITH TRAINED LOCATIONS

Model	Accuracy	F1 Score
DenseNet201	0.956	0.794
Inception ResNetV2	0.929	0.724
InceptionV3	0.940	0.756
NASNetMobile	0.910	0.714
MobileNetV2	0.931	0.754
Xception	0.954	0.786
Ensemble	0.959	0.812

TABLE II

SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE METRICS FOR PARKS CANADA SPECIES ID WITH UNTRAINED LOCATIONS

Model	Accuracy	F1 Score
DenseNet201	0.687 ± 0.057	0.698 ± 0.031
Inception ResNetV2	0.635 ± 0.049	0.654 ± 0.036
InceptionV3	0.651 ± 0.057	0.655 ± 0.029
NASNetMobile	0.637 ± 0.068	0.678 ± 0.034
MobileNetV2	0.643 ± 0.050	0.653 ± 0.030
Xception	0.685 ± 0.062	0.646 ± 0.034
Ensemble	0.712	0.708

- Ratio Selection Technique
 - Image Augmentation
- Background Locations
- Recommendations
 - ~500 Images
 - 75% Accuracy
 - ~750 Images
 - 87% Accuracy
 - ~1000 Images
 - 97% Accuracy



Operation Wallacea



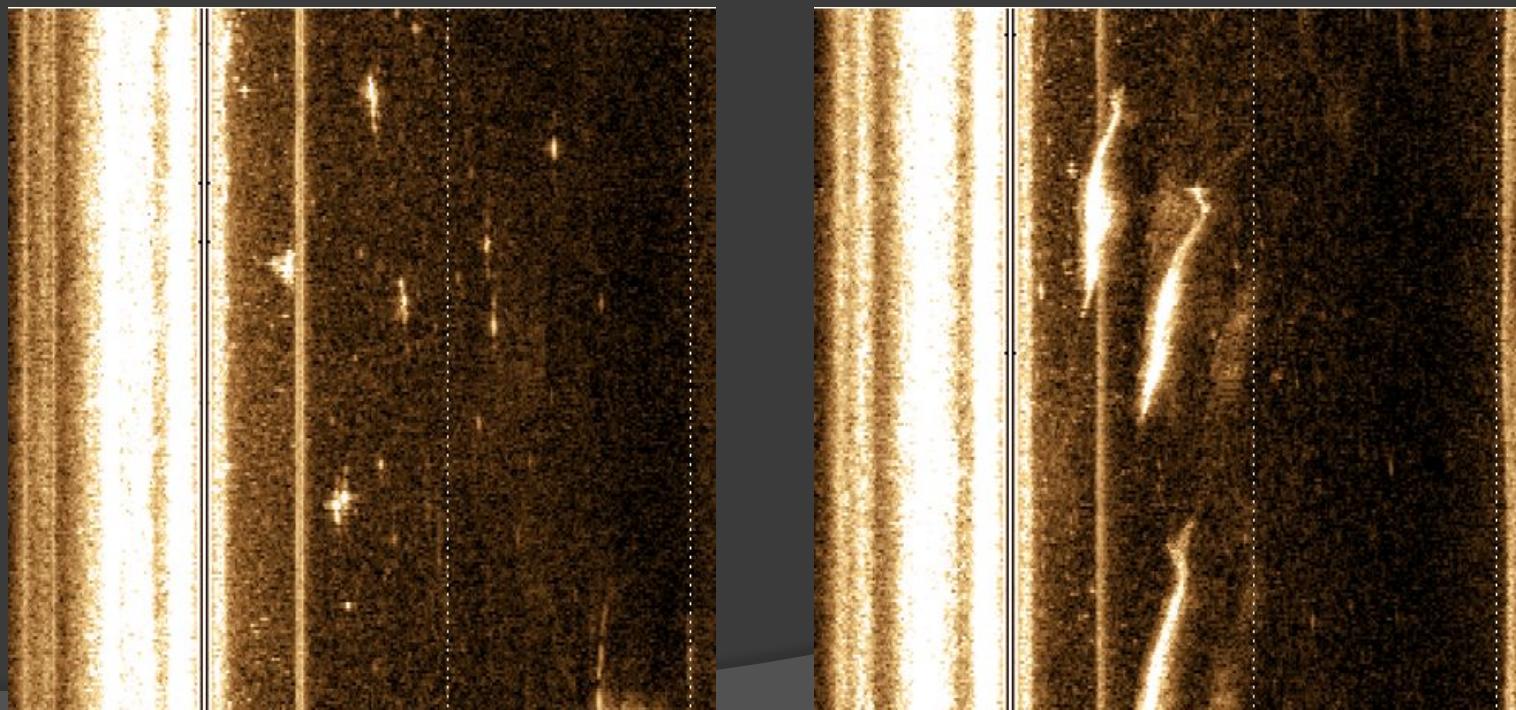
- ◎ “*Operation Wallacea is a network of academics from European and North American universities, who design and implement biodiversity and conservation management research expeditions.*”
- ◎ Trained a Faster R-CNN network using TensorFlow API and ResNet-50

- ◎ Data
 - Built a video annotation tool that's public
 - 87% Accuracy
 - IOU ~0.5



Amazon River

- Fish & Dolphin Abundance Relative to Areas of Deforestation
- Sonar Images from the back of a trolling boat
 - +/- 2.1 Fish and +/- 0.1 Dolphin
 - Dr. Bodmer



Questions!



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Literature Review Results

Table 1: Summary of Feature Engineered and Deep Learning Approaches for Animal Re-ID.
Computer Vision Animal Re-Identification Techniques

Animal	Year	Methodology	Test Size	Num.	Top-1
				Classes	Accuracy (%)
Sperm Whale	1990	Database similarity	56	1,015	59
Humpback Whale	1990	Database similarity	30	790	41.4
Grey Seal	1990	3-D Pattern Cell similarity	58	58	98.0
Sperm Whale	1998	Wavelet transformations	56	8	92.0
Cheetah	2001	3-D Pattern Cell similarity	1,000	NA	97.5
Whale/Dolphin	2003	XY Pair Euclidean Distance	52	36	50.0
Marbled Salamander	2004	Pixel histogram and local colours	69	NA	72.0
Whale Shark	2005	Star pattern recognition	27	NA	90.0
Elephant	2007	Polynomial multi-curve matching	332	268	75.0
African penguin	2009	Per feature AdaBoost classifier	N/A	NA	92-97.0
Tiger	2009	3-D Pattern Cell similarity	298	298	95.0
Manta Ray	2013	SIFT	720	265	51.0
Chimpanzee (C-Zoo)	2013	Support Vector Machine	478	120	84.0
Chimpanzee (C-Tai)	2013	Support Vector Machine	1146	286	68.8
Green Turtle	2014	Feedforward Network	180	72	95.0
Chimpanzee (C-Zoo)	2016	Convolutional Network	478	120	92.0
Chimpanzee (C-Tai)	2016	Convolutional Network	1146	286	75.7
Shark	2017	Naive Bayes Nearest Neighbour	2456	85	82.0
Gorilla	2017	Convolutional Network	500	482	90.8
Elephant	2018	Support Vector Machine	2,078	276	59.0
Chimpanzee	2018	Siamese Network	5,599	90	59.9
Lemur	2018	Siamese Network	3,000	129	83.1
Golden Monkey	2018	Siamese Network	241 videos	49	78.7