




AI-Powered Insect Detection and Identification

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Clinical Infectious Diseases

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Machine Learning for Healthcare: On the Verge of a Major Shift in Healthcare Epidemiology

Jenna Wiens¹ and Erica S. Shenoy^{2,3,4}



remote sensing



Perspective

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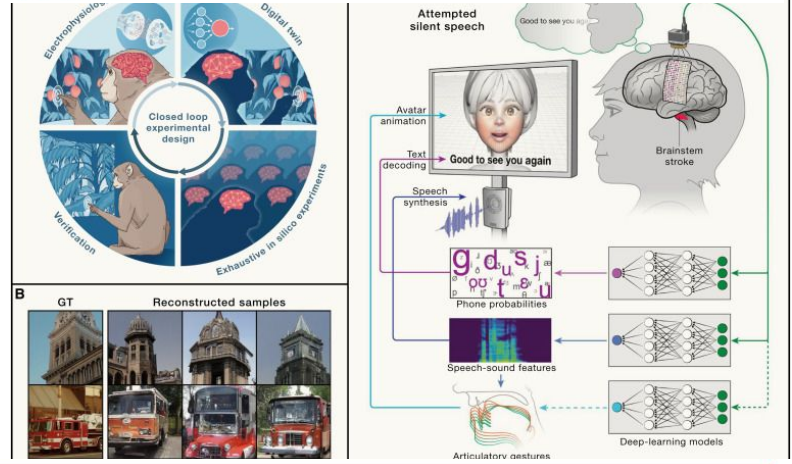
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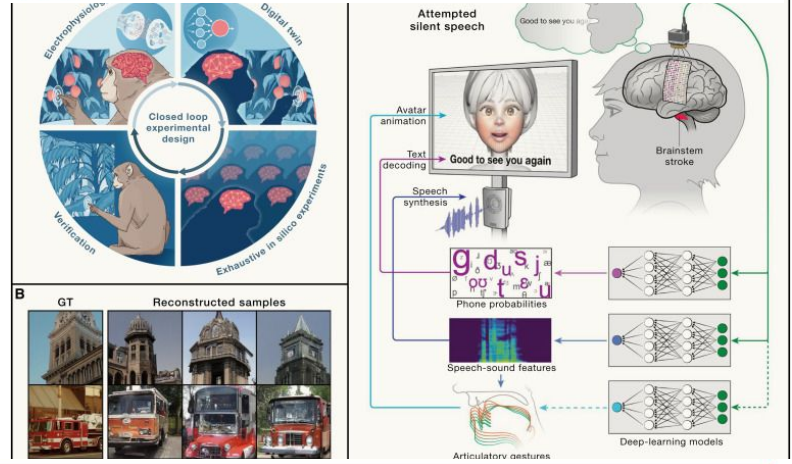
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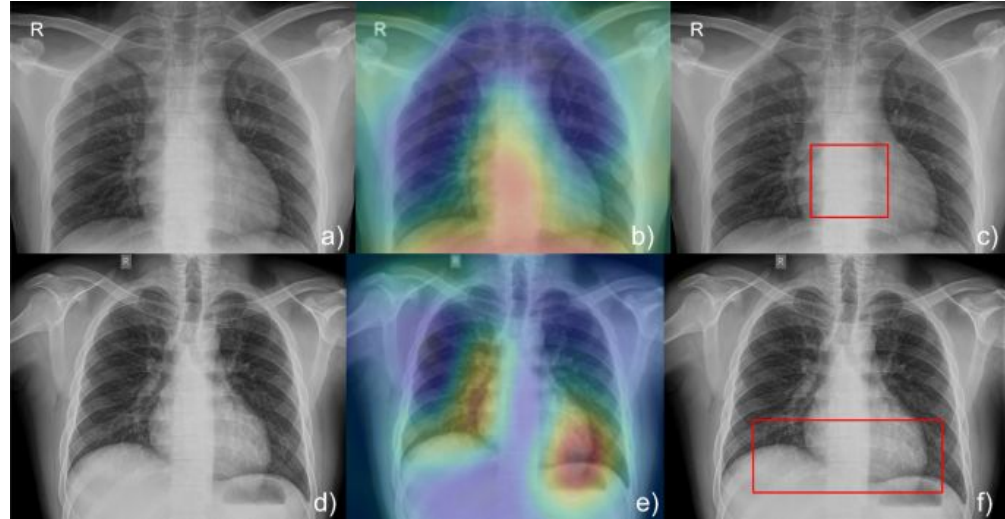
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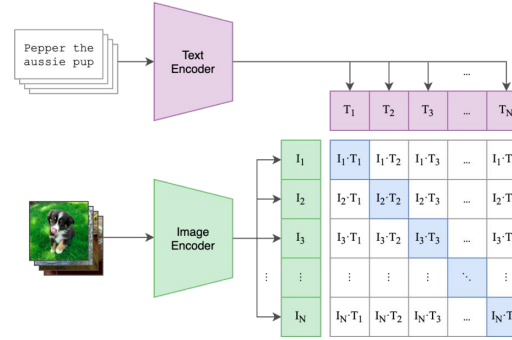


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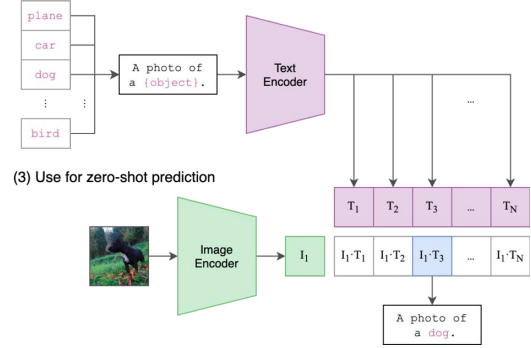
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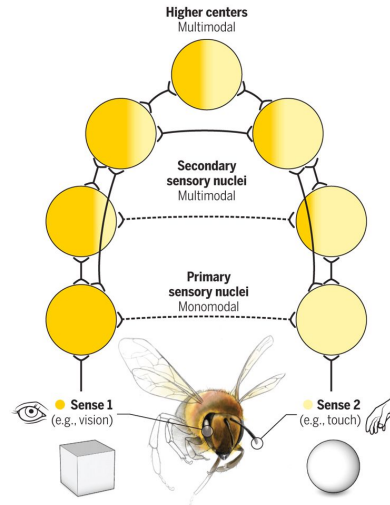


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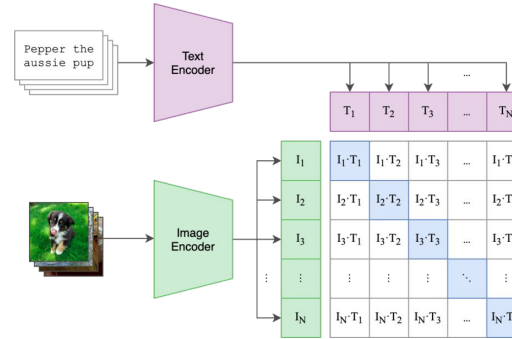


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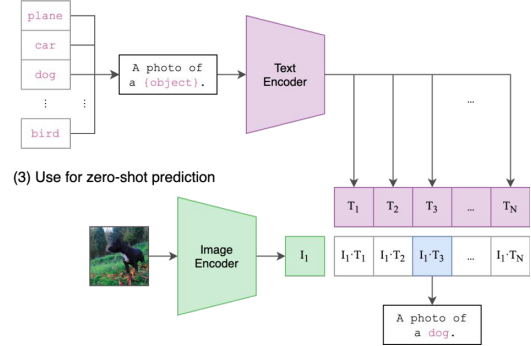
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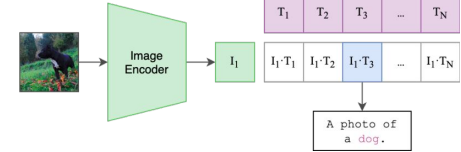
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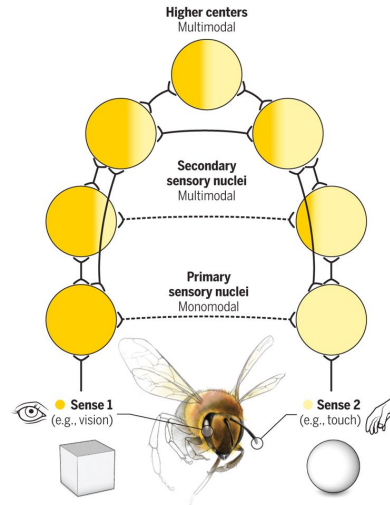
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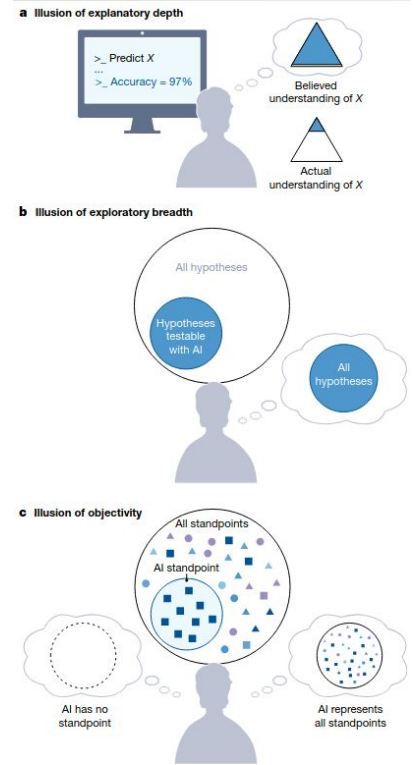


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- Fears
 - Black box, "data leakage" & biases
 - Societal and environmental issues

“The proliferation of AI tools in science risks introducing a phase of scientific enquiry in which we produce more but understand less”



Artificial intelligence and illusions of understanding in scientific research

Lisa Messeri^{1,4} & M. J. Crockett^{2,3,4}

The expectations of AI for entomology

- High expectations /optimism
 - Eng. vs traditional entomology
 - Can we make the most of AI?
- Phenomics
- The robotic entomologist
- The smart insect trap

Deep learning and computer vision will transform entomology

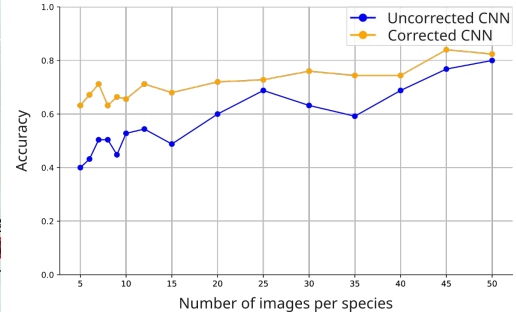
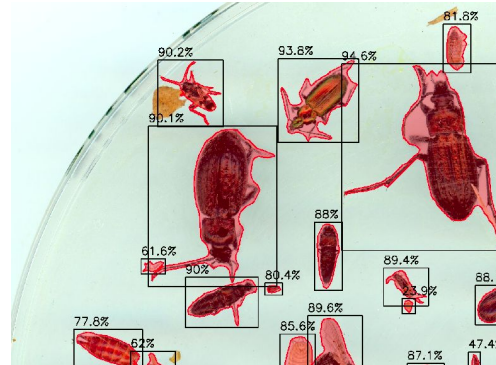
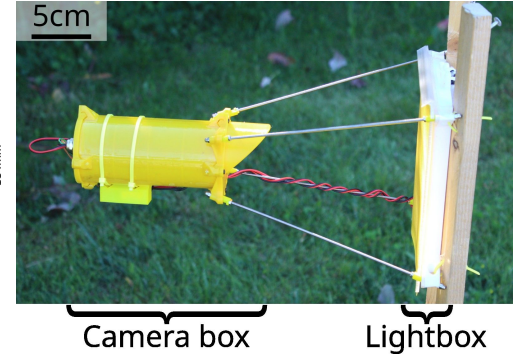
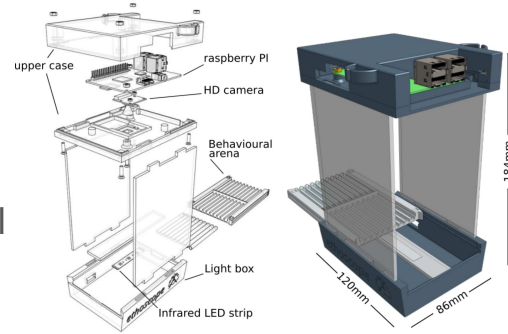
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A few examples from my group

- Ethoscope: Insect behaviour in the lab
- Sticky Pi: Monitoring insects captures on sticky cards
- Flat Bug: "Universal" insect detection tool
- Size-aware insect classification
- miniMon: Ultra-low-cost camera



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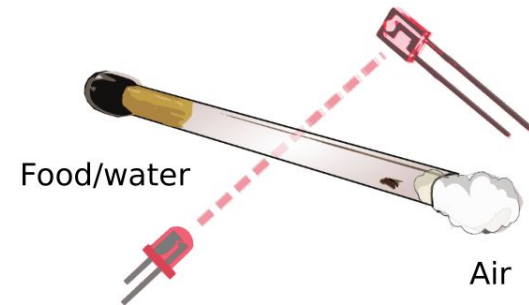
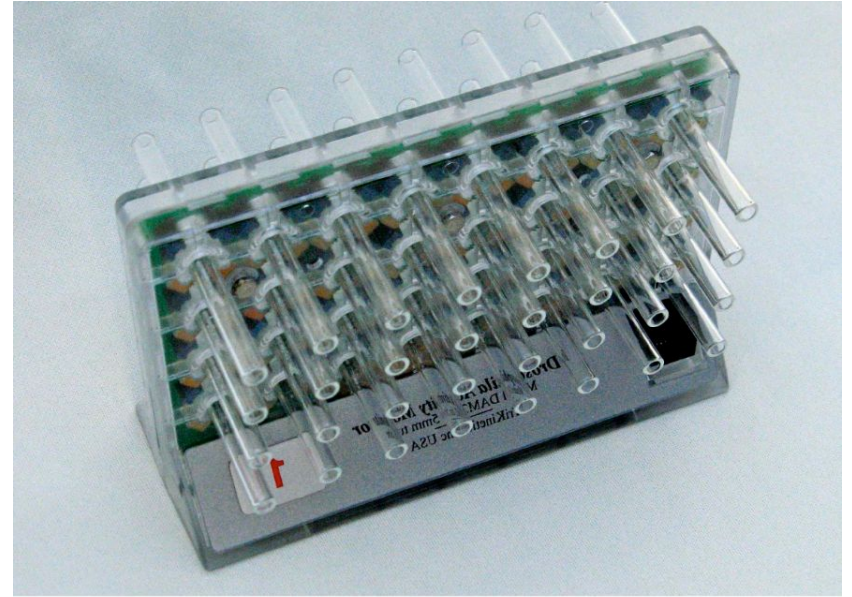
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Nobel 2017 to Jeffrey Hall (left), Michael Young (centre) and Michael Rosbash (right) for their work on circadian clocks.

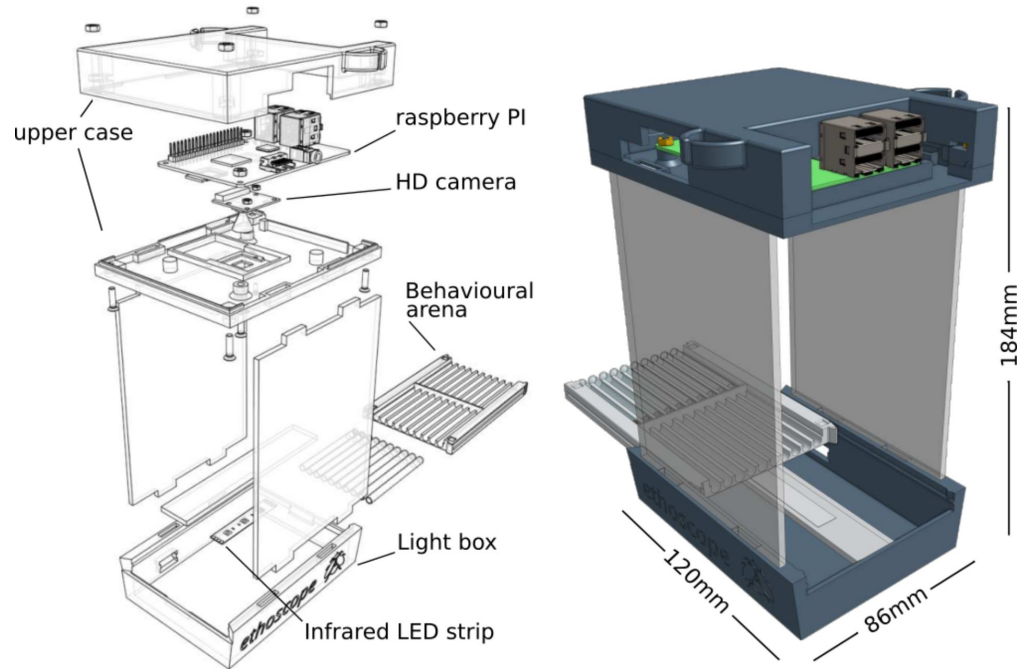
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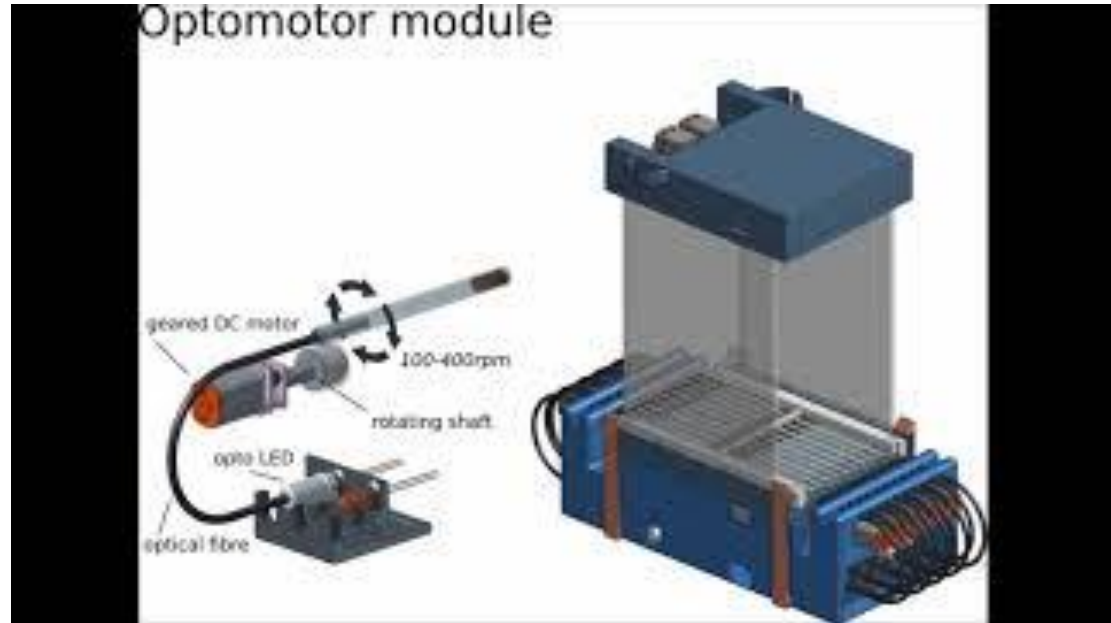
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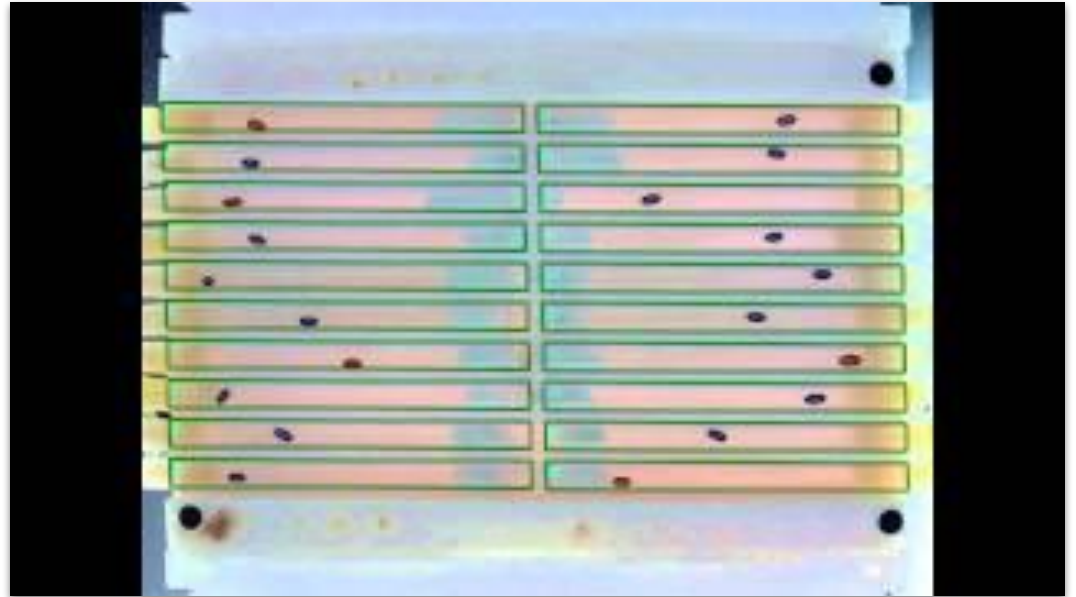
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- Robotics and closed-loop system
- All open-source and free
- Many follow ups:
 - R packages
 - Mating-sleep interactions
 - Effect of chronic sleep dep.
 - Olfaction during sleep

Regulation of sleep homeostasis by sexual arousal

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COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE

Most sleep does not serve a vital function: Evidence from *Drosophila melanogaster*

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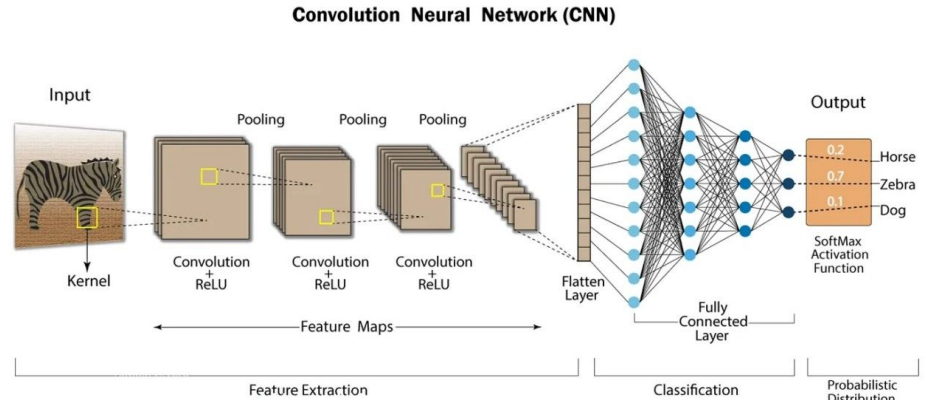
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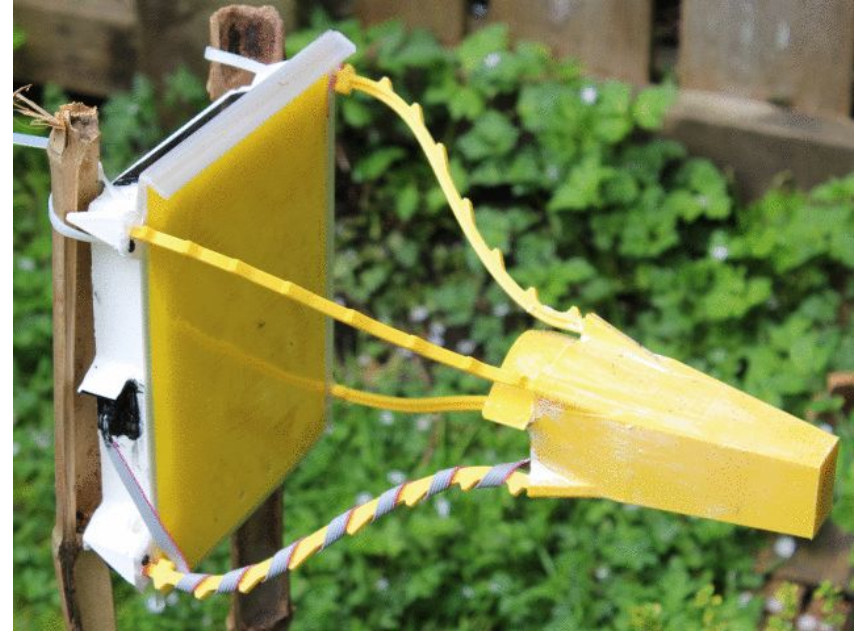
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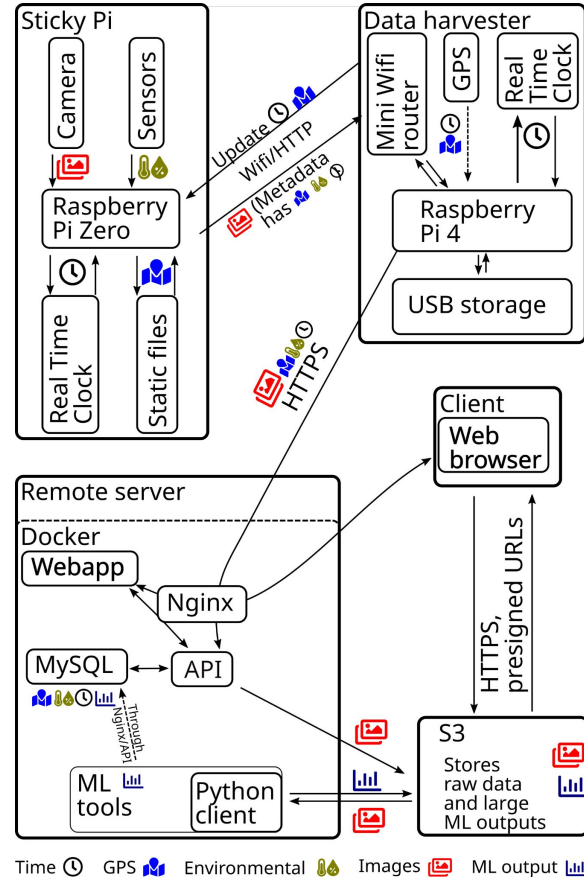
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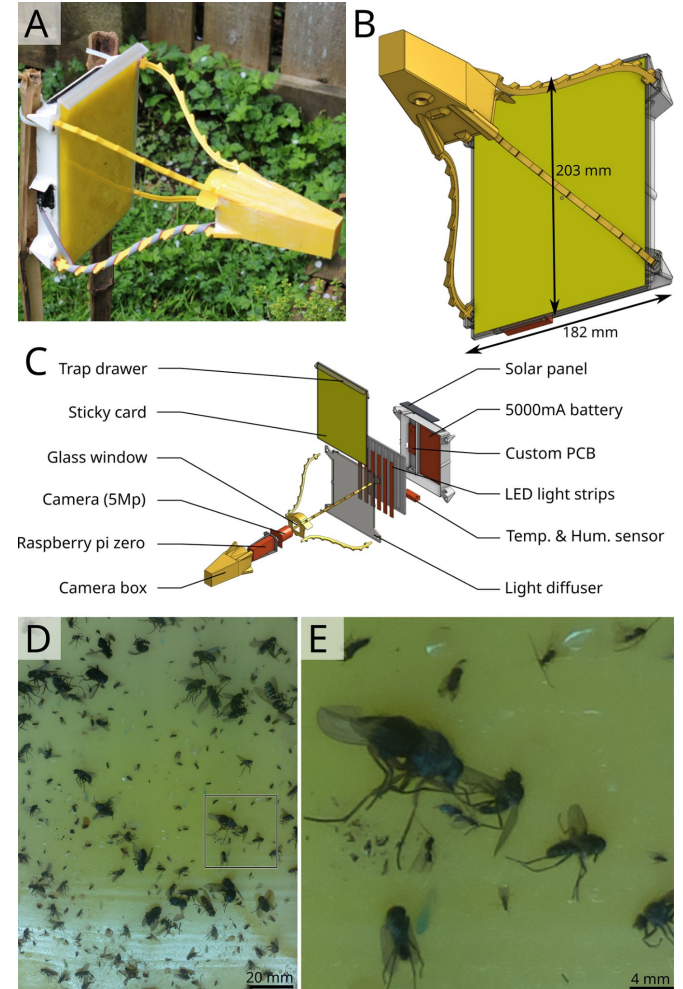
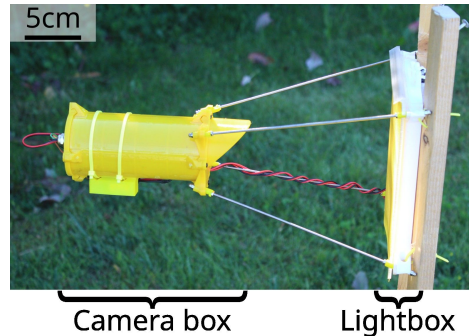
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 - Software
 - App/Cloud
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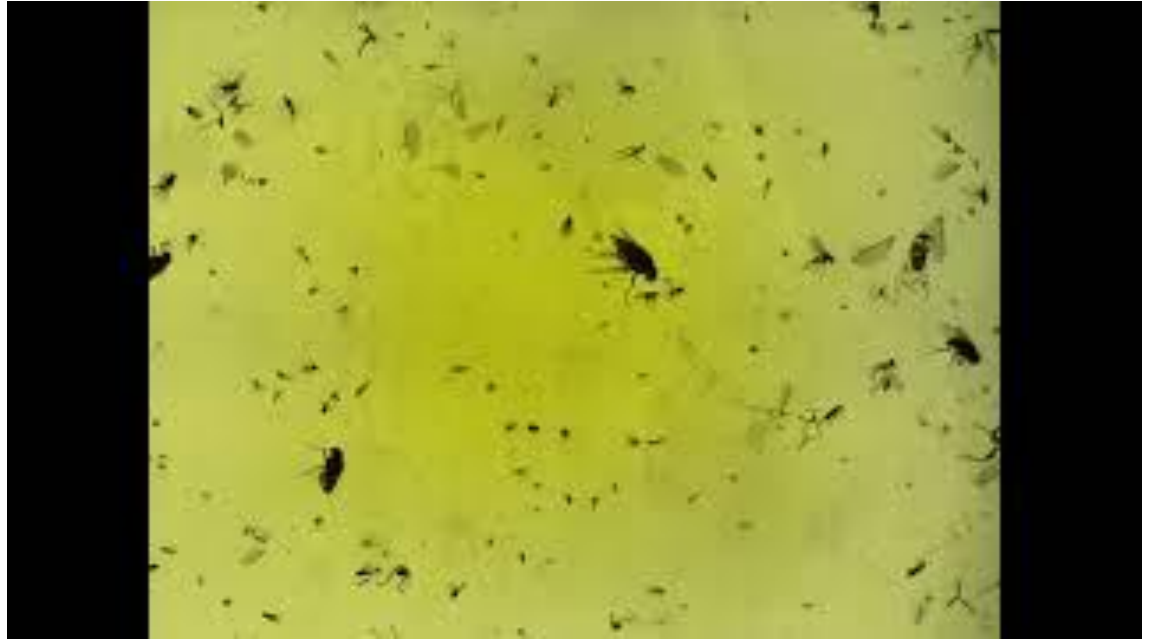
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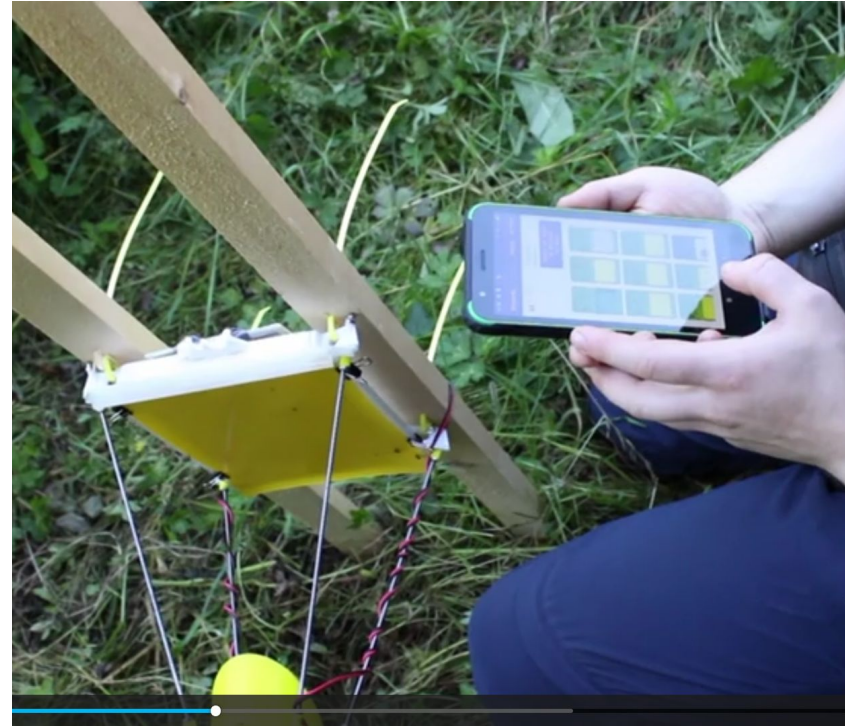
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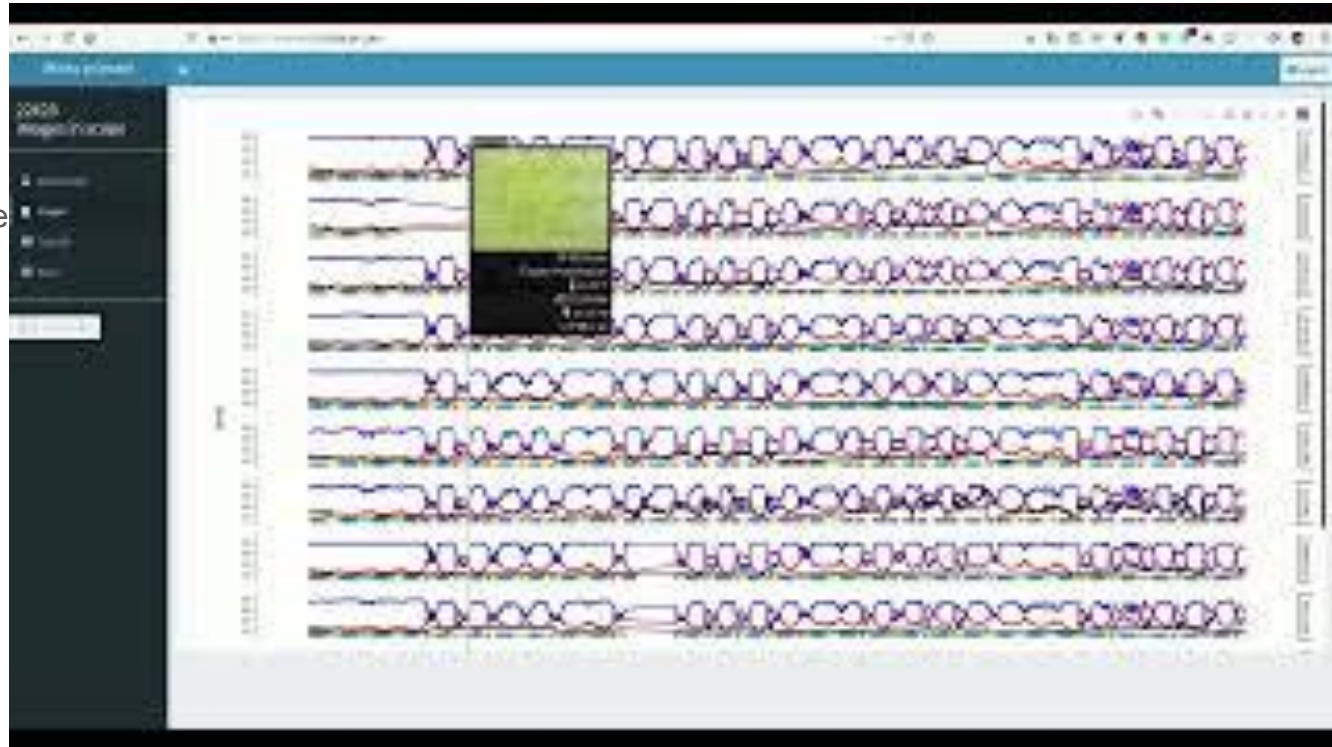
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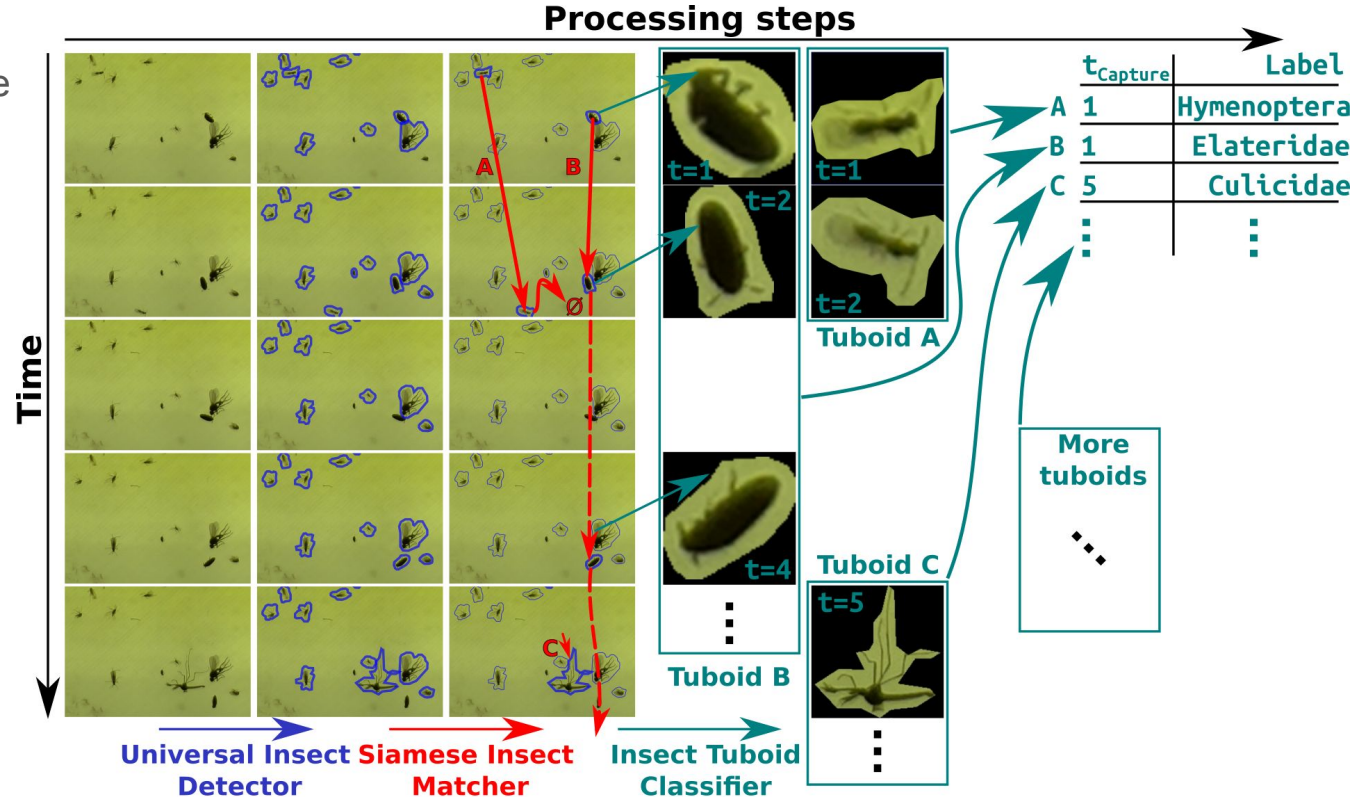
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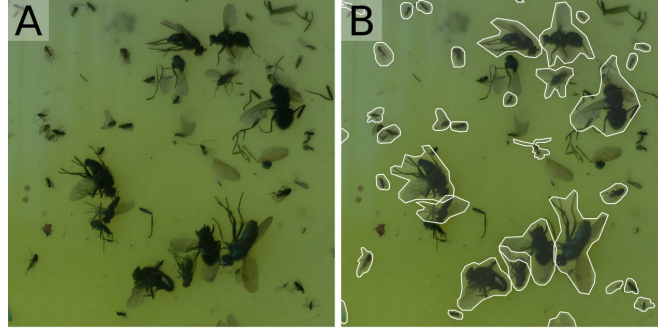
Sticky Pi – Data processing

- 500 imgs/week/device
- Why we cannot “just classify”
- Instead:
 - Detect
 - Track
 - Classify



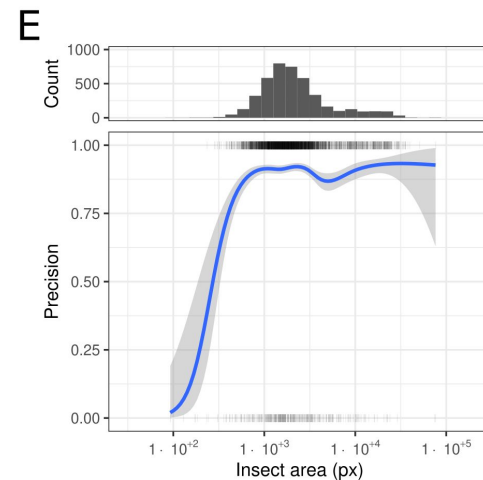
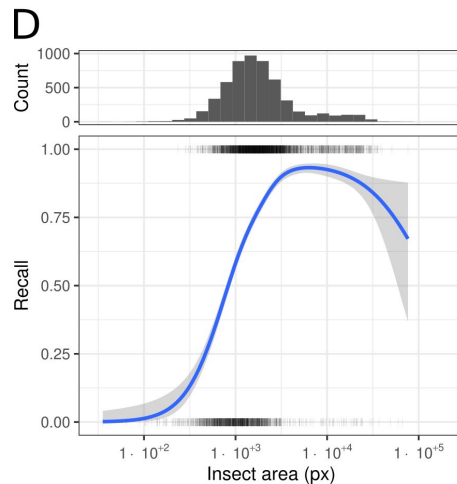
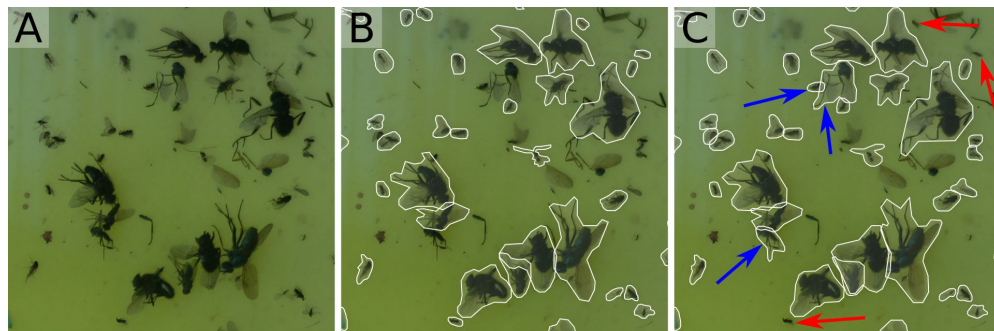
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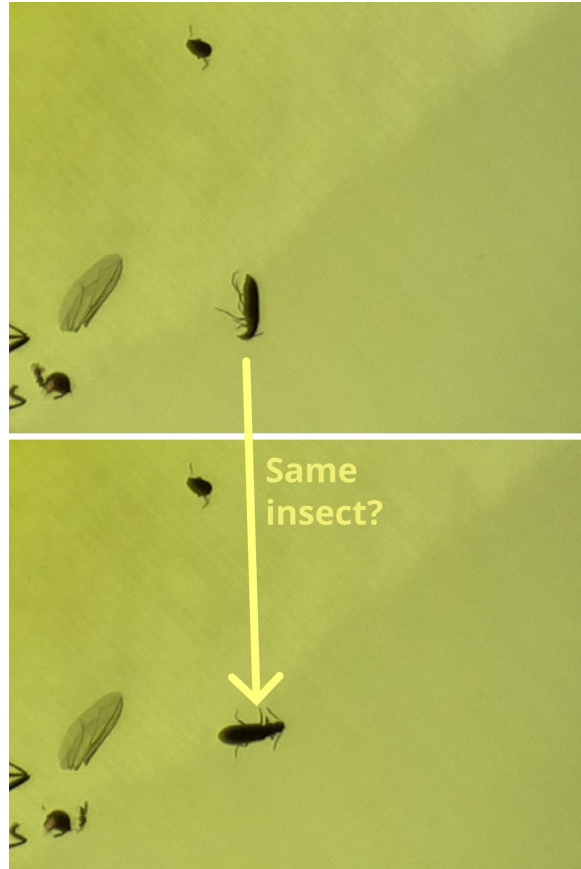
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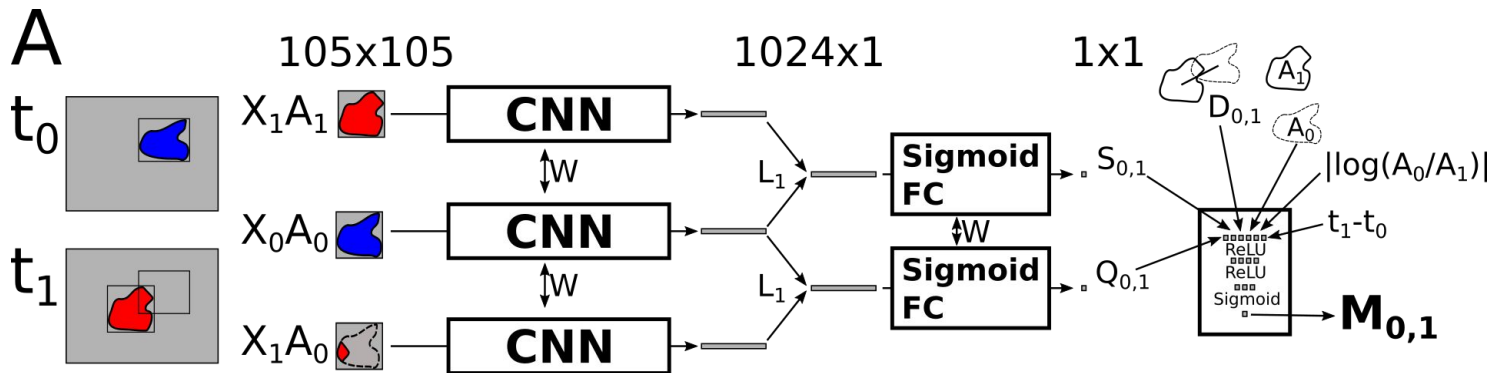
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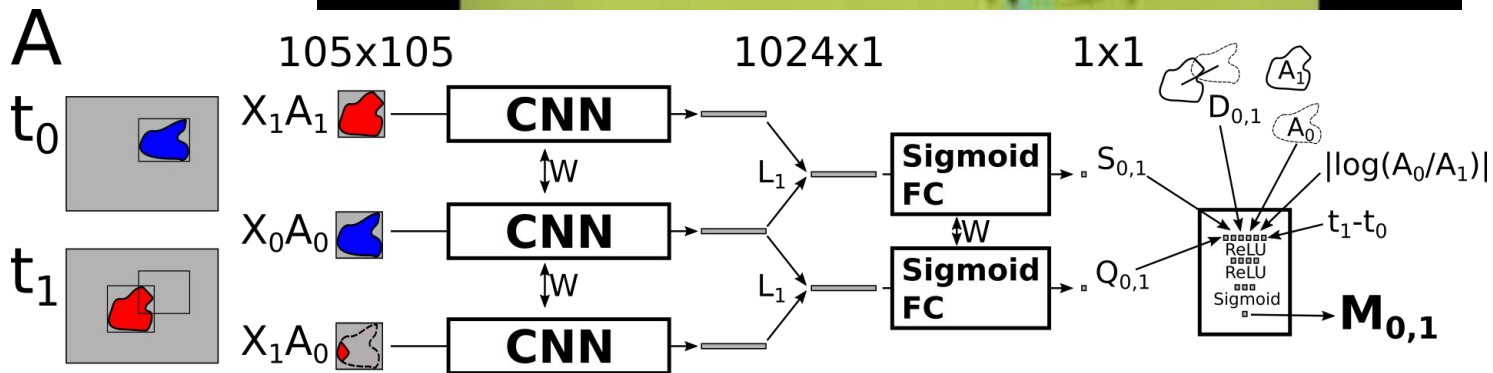
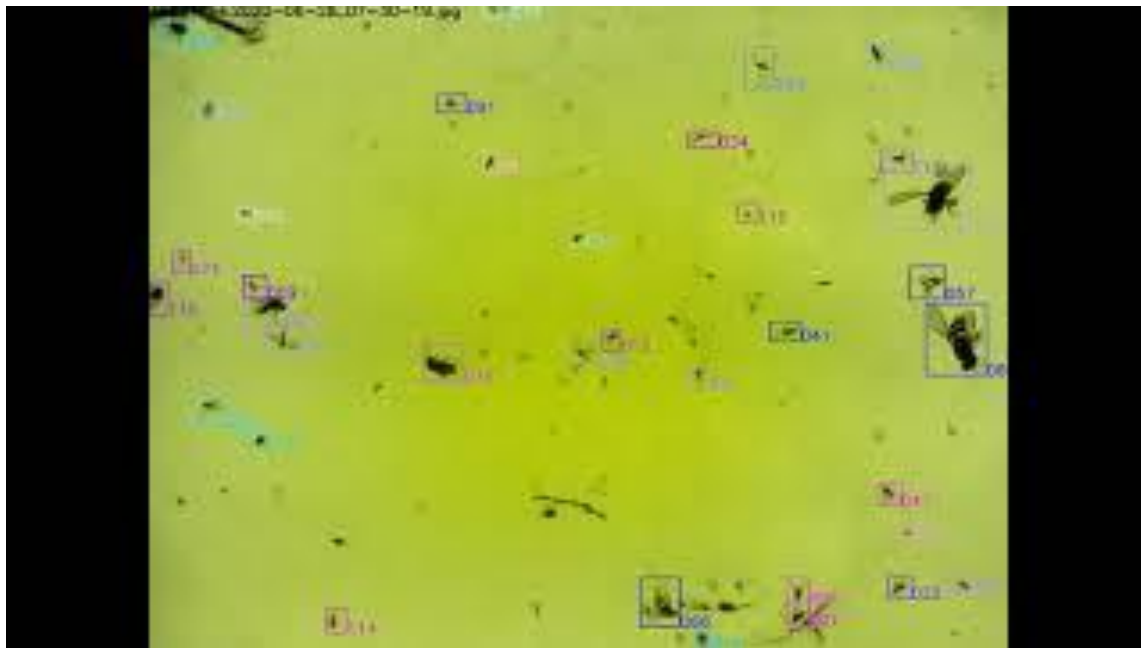
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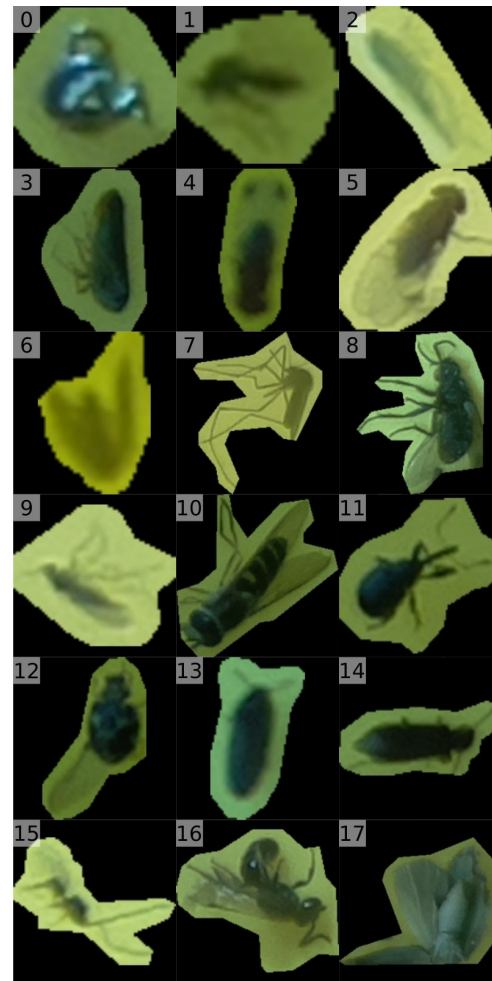
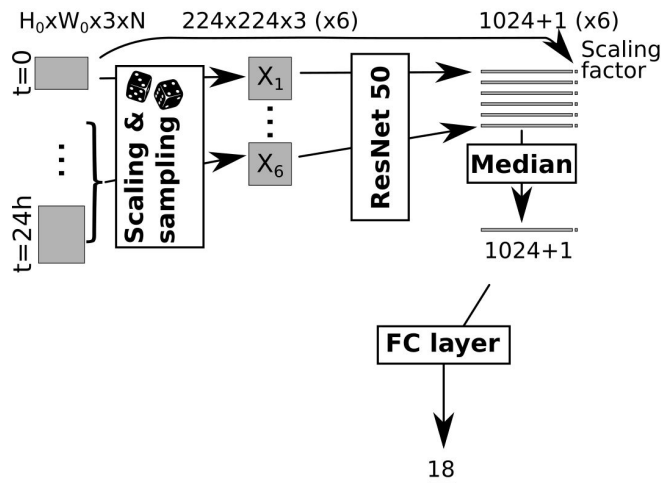
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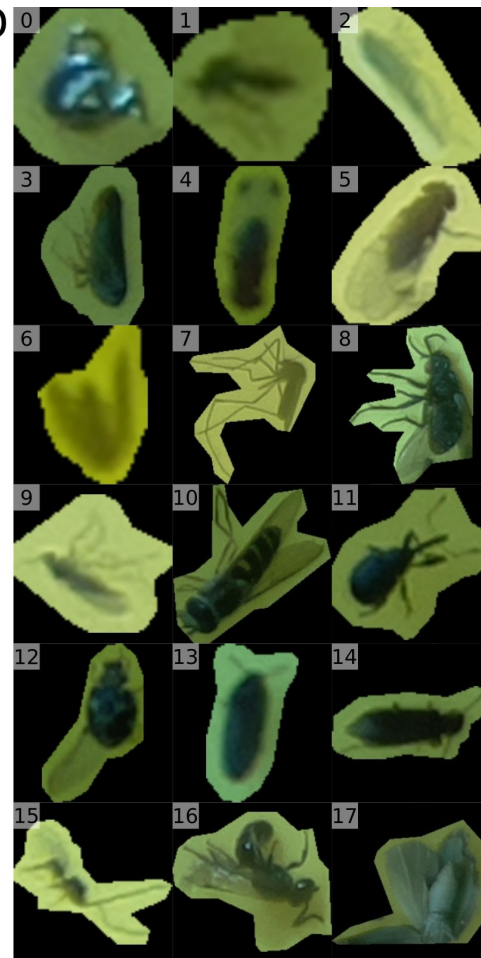
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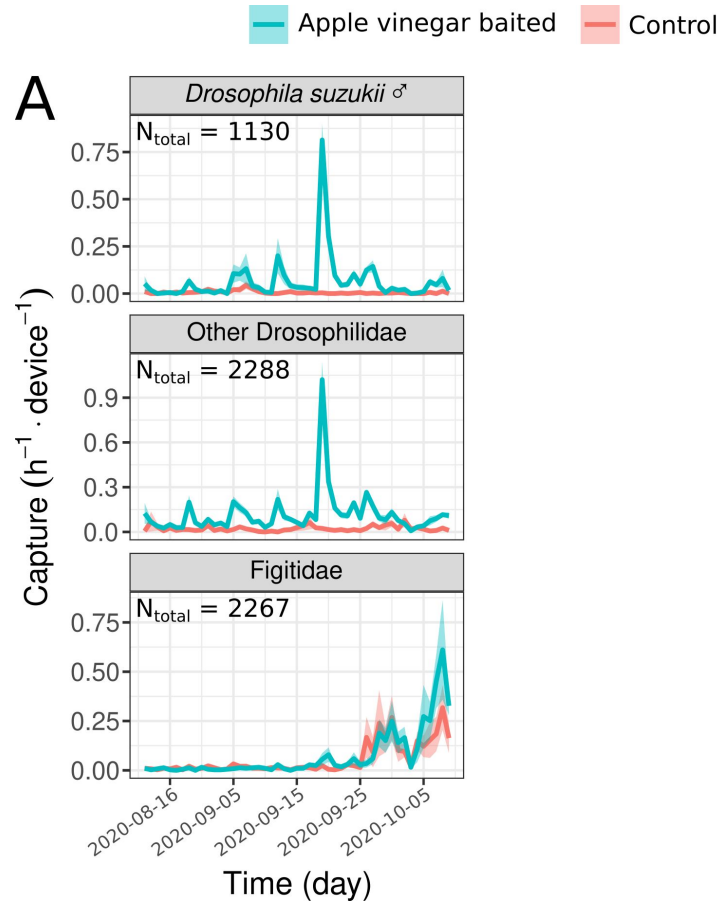
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| Cicadellidae | 1.00 | 0.89 | 0.94 | 9 |
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| Culicidae | 0.65 | 0.85 | 0.73 | 13 |
| Muscidoidea | 0.96 | 0.87 | 0.91 | 86 |
| Sciaridae | 0.73 | 0.84 | 0.78 | 49 |
| Syrphidae | 0.67 | 0.75 | 0.71 | 8 |
| Curculionidae | 1.00 | 0.60 | 0.75 | 5 |
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| Elateridae | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 13 |
| Other Coleoptera | 0.46 | 0.55 | 0.50 | 11 |
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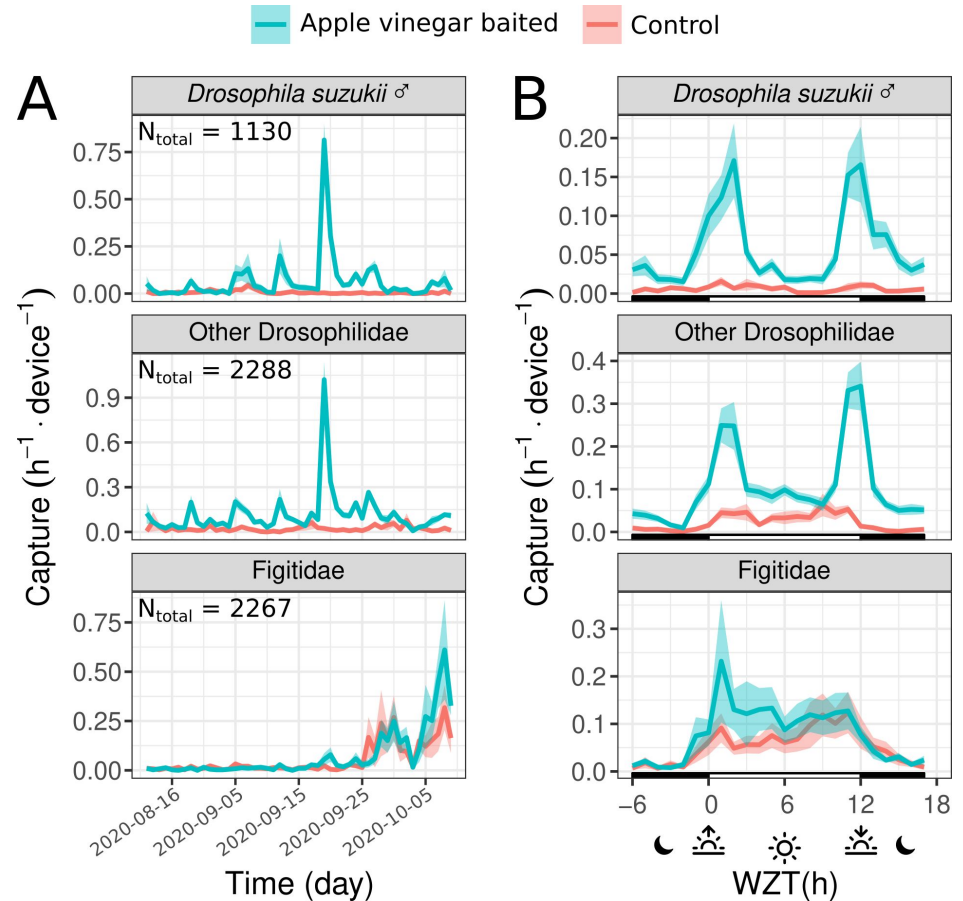
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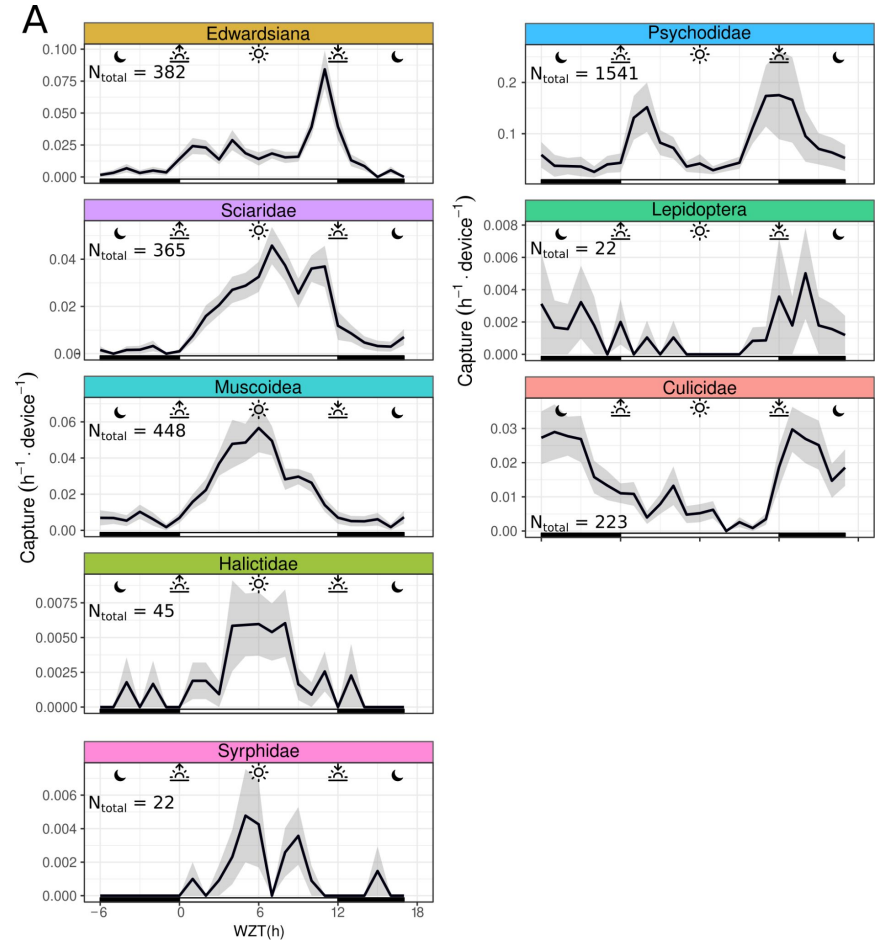
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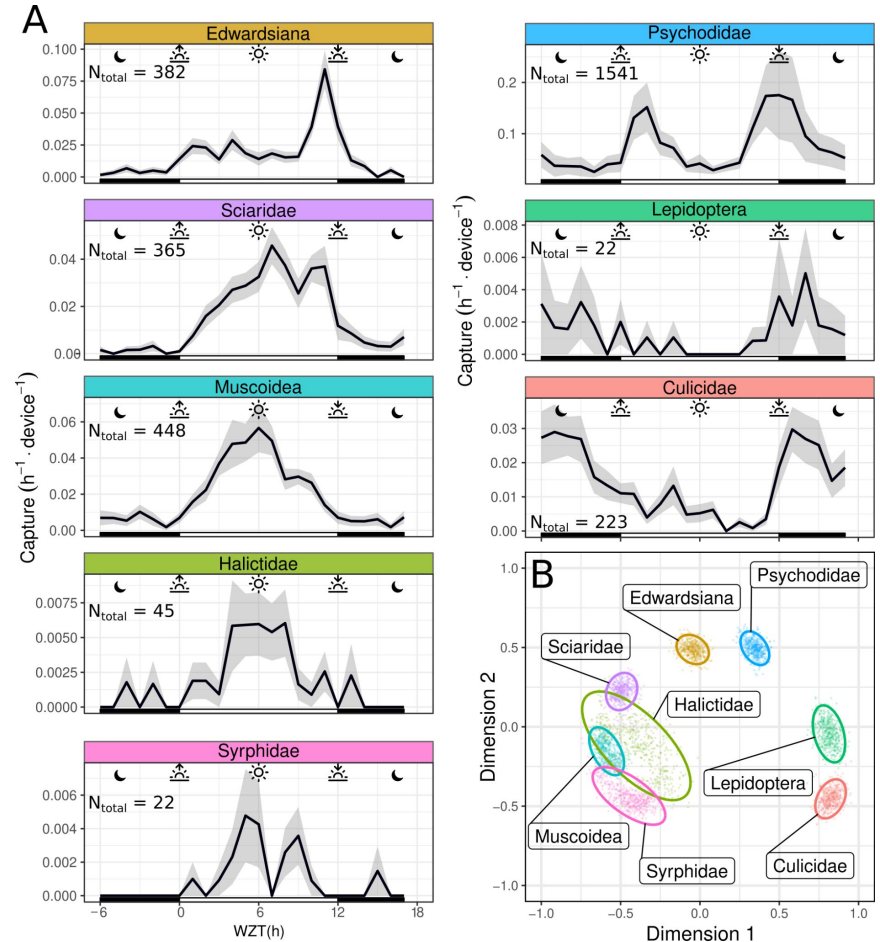
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Collaborators at UBC (2018-2022)

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Flat Bug

- Dozens of studies create a new Detection tool from scratch, on their one data
- This task is general, so we all reinvent the wheel
- Can we create a larger scope detector?
 - >20 diverse datasets
 - New algorithm (YOLO based)
 - Focus on multiscale (large or small images)
- High performance due to generalisation
- In preparation, preprint in december?

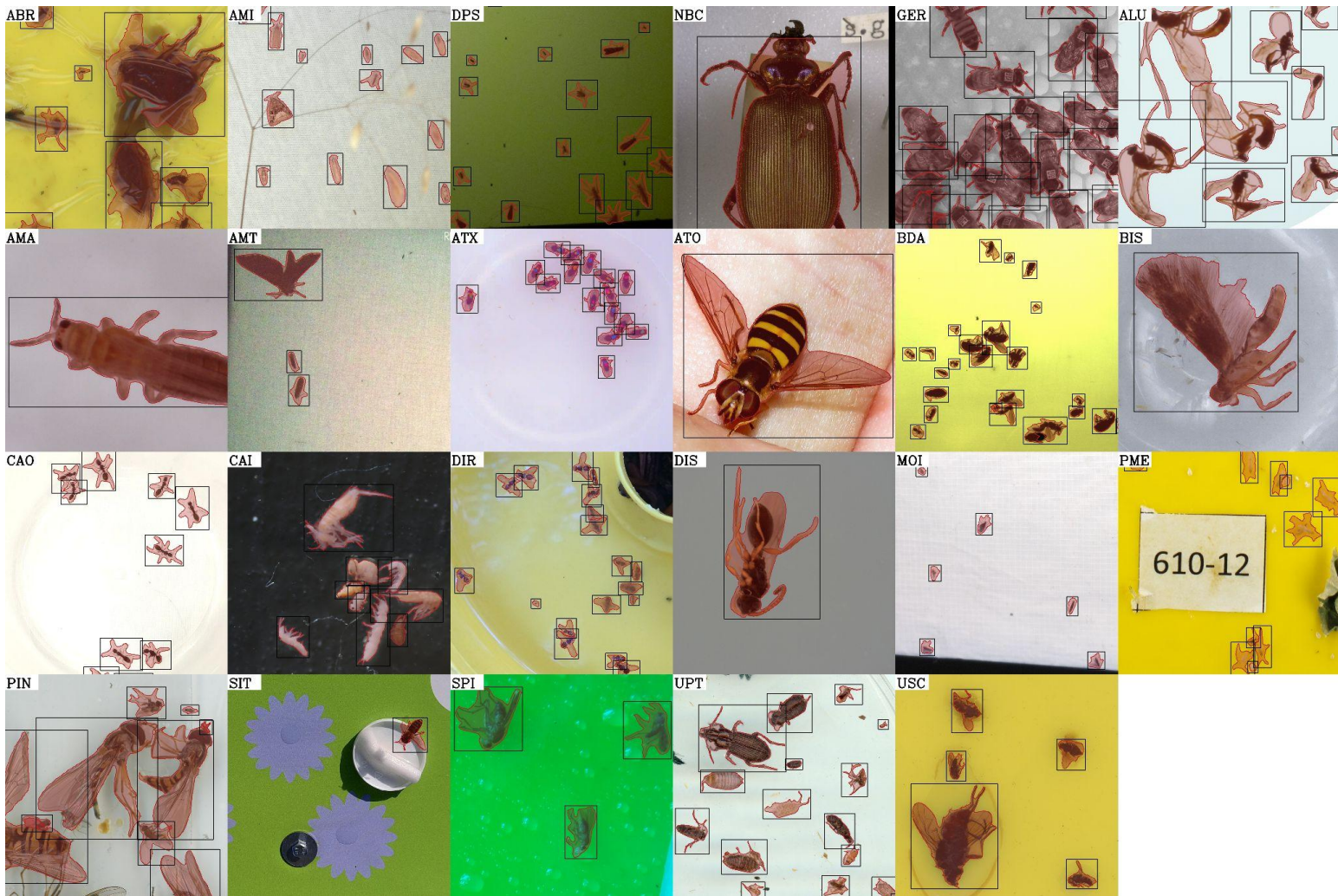


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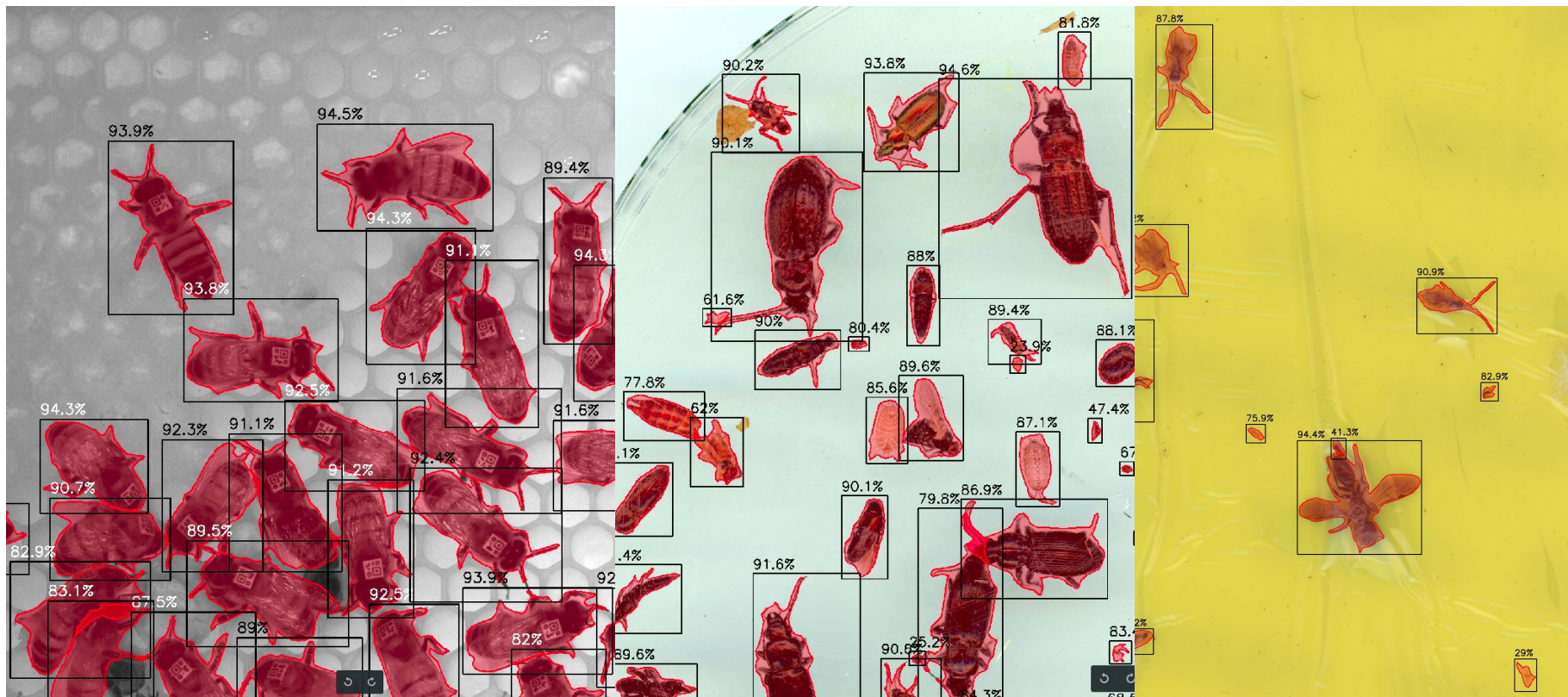
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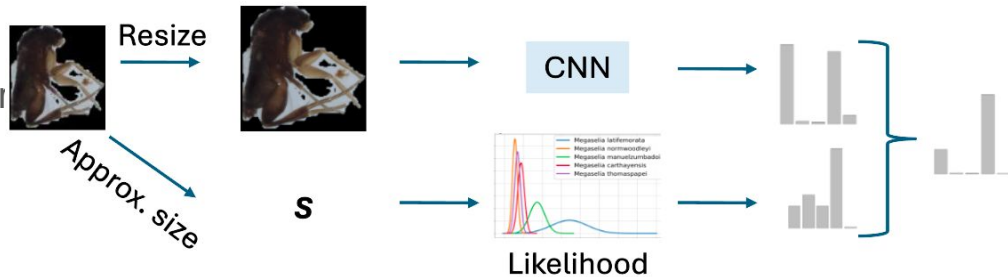
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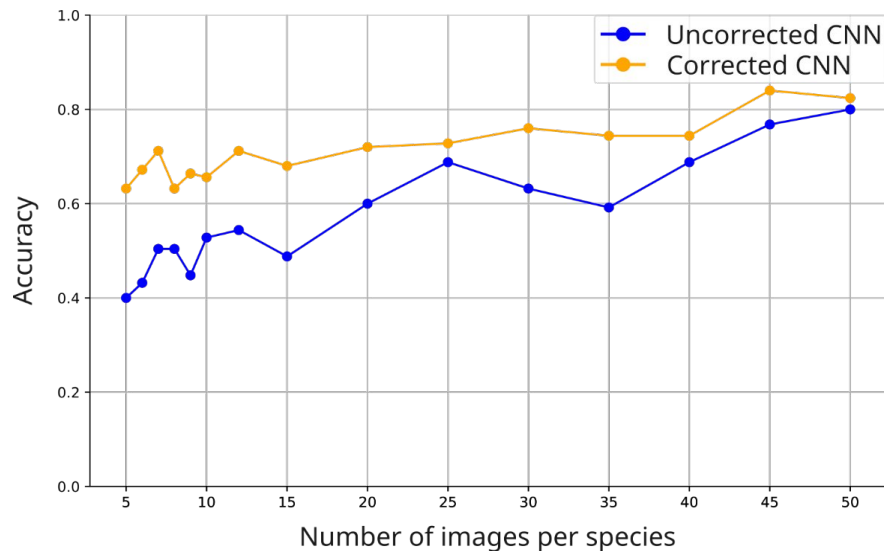
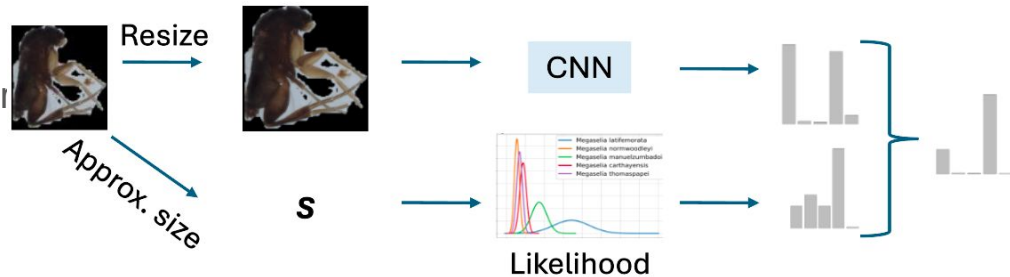
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miniMon

- Devices are not getting cheaper
- More features:
 - Edge detection
 - Storage
 - Better camera
 - IoT / real time network upload

Eyes on nature: Embedded vision cameras for terrestrial biodiversity monitoring

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EcoEye: OpenMV H7+ Camera with Sensor Integration for Environmental Monitoring

\$450.00 USD
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- 1 + CN Warehouse ▾

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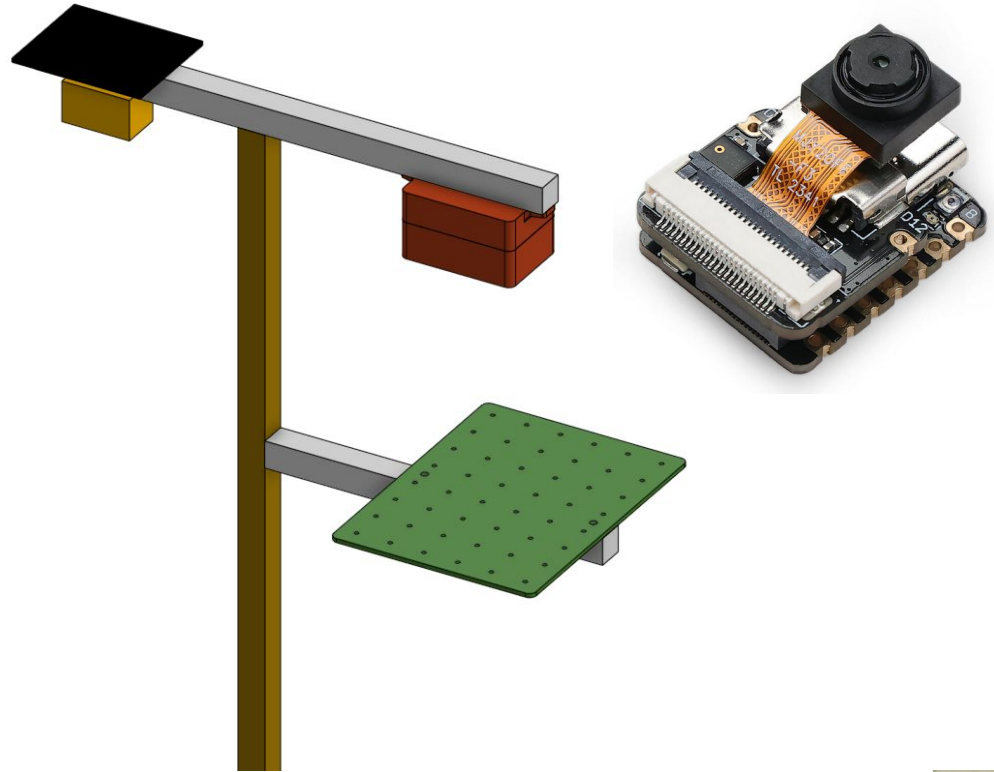
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Buy Now

Also Add: **\$0.00**

miniMon

- Devices are not getting cheaper
- More features:
 - Edge detection
 - Storage
 - Better camera
 - IoT / real time network upload
- Instead, we need replication!
 - 10 x \$500 vs 100 x 50\$?
- Target a \$50 customisable timelapse
- Immediate applications
 - Pollinator monitoring
 - Earthworm foraging
 - Citizen science



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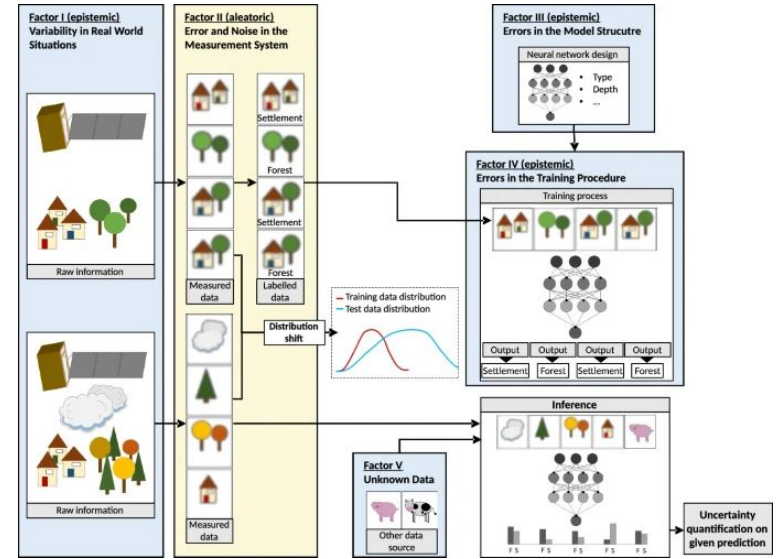
What can computational entomology do today

- Automate imaging at a **high cost**
- **In-domain** task automation:
 - Detection
 - Classification
 - Tracking
- “If it seems intuitive and you can teach a kid to do it in 10min”
- Semi-supervised:
 - Discover similarities
 - Soft labels

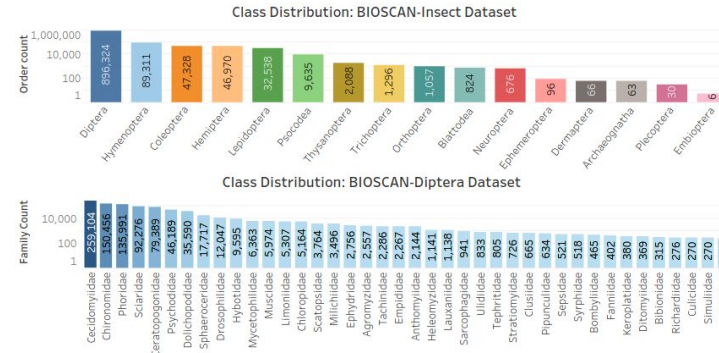


What computational entomology CANNOT do (yet)

- Difficult with domain shift
 - New camera
 - New field season
 - New background
- Classify “out of domain”
 - New taxa
- Assess how confident it is (often overconfident)
- Heavy class imbalance (1:1000)
- See more than available in the data
- Classify everything to species level
 - The black-box arrogance
 - Many species are very cryptic
 - Optimistic to infer species from single small image



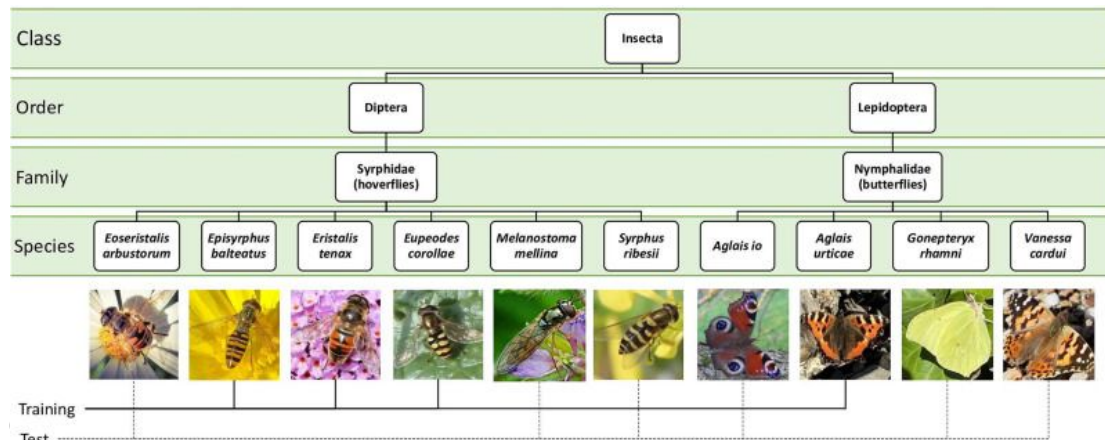
Gawlikowski et al., 2024




Gharaee et al., 2023

Where the is field going

- Edge detection
 - Why: real time / save storage
 - Detection (OK)
 - Classification (no please)
 - Hybrid
- Multimodal
 - Mix sound, images, etc
- Active perception
- Context dependent
 - Include time, space, abundance,
 - Be careful with priors
- Explainability and novelty detection
- Hierarchical classification
 - Insect are “nested classes”
 - Should leverage taxonomy
- Integrate DL output into statistical models
- How to put humans (or dogs?) in the loop



Hierarchical classification of insects with multitask learning and anomaly detection

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The Computational entomology community

- Training school: Aarhus Computational Entomology Summer School (ACCESS)
- Webinars (wild labs)
- InsectAI COST Action (large EU network grant)



<https://groups.google.com/g/computational-entomology-events>






Thanks!

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