

# AI for Detection and Classification of Wildlife from UAS Imagery

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# Agenda

1. Motivating Questions
2. UAS image understanding
  1. Data Fusion
  2. Segmentation
  3. Classification
3. Further Questions & Extensions

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Detecting animals in African Savanna with UAVs and the crowds 

Nicolas Rey<sup>a</sup>, Michele Volpi<sup>b</sup>, Stéphane Joost<sup>a,c</sup>, Devis Tuia<sup>b,d,\*</sup>

 **sensors**

Article

**A Study on the Detection of Cattle in UAV Images Using Deep Learning**

Jayme Garcia Arnal Barbedo<sup>1,\*</sup> , Luciano Vieira Koenigkan<sup>1</sup>, Thiago Teixeira Santos<sup>1</sup>  and Patrícia Menezes Santos<sup>2</sup>

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**Machine learning to detect marine animals in UAV imagery: effect of morphology, spacing, behaviour and habitat**

Antoine M. Dujon<sup>1</sup> , Daniel Ierodiaconou<sup>2</sup>, Johanna J. Geeson<sup>3</sup>, John P. Y. Arnould<sup>3</sup>, Blake M. Allan<sup>2</sup>, Kostas A. Katselidis<sup>4</sup> & Gail Schofield<sup>1,5</sup> 

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... computational resources than the **animal detection** step. We ... previously applied to **classify** small **images** from a benchmark ... of **images** of common **animals** and transportation **machines**. ...

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... or pixels for the **deep learning classification**) of **imagery** is still time-... All tools we used for **detecting** cattle and **animal** counting ... **detection** of cattle in satellite, aerial and **UAV imagery** are ...

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... **image** data with many objects to make meaningful **image** analysis [21]. To collect **image** data in agriculture sectors, **UAVs** or **drones** ... , weed **classification**, harvesting, **livestock** counting ...

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# Motivating Questions

Environment/  
Background

Occlusions

NO Distinguishing  
features

Small Object Size

Small Annotated  
Dataset



# Motivating Questions

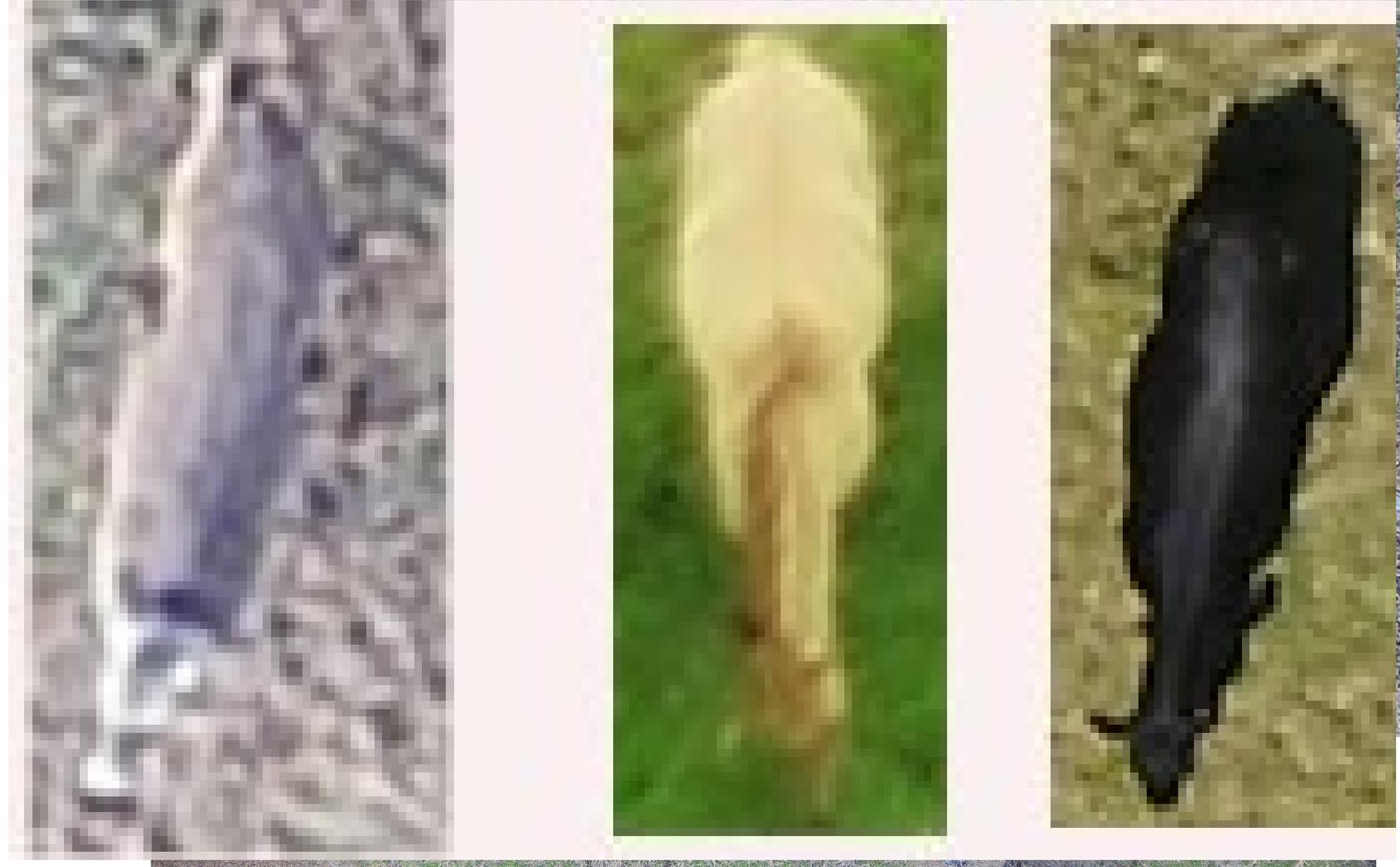
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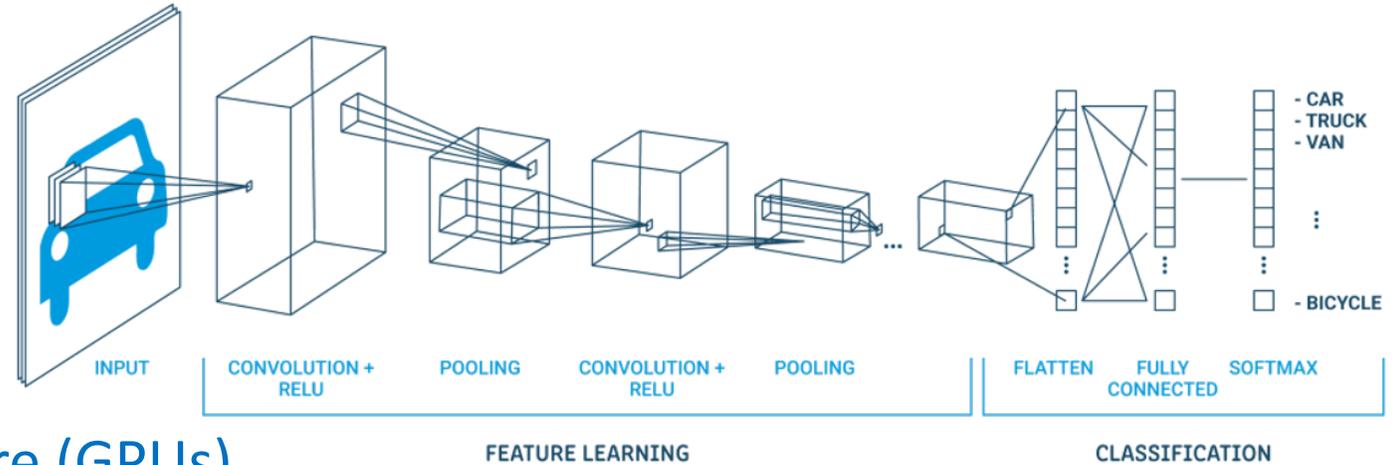
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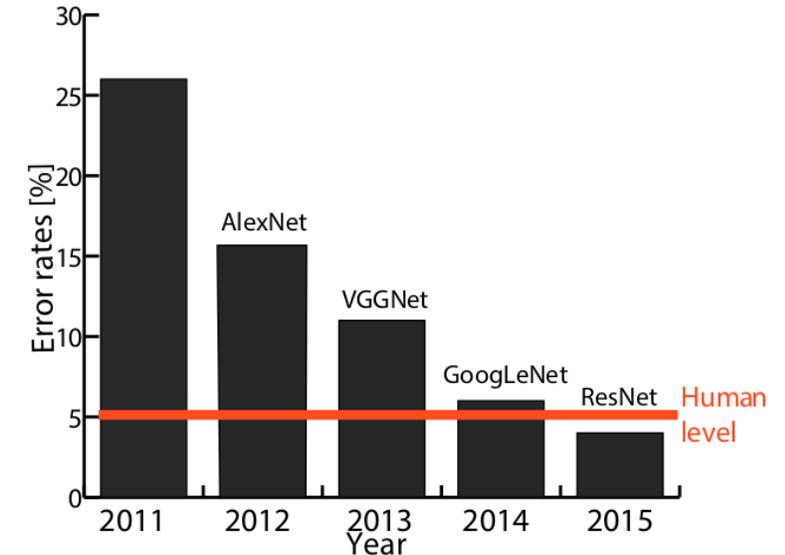


# UAS Image Understanding --- Some Experiments

# Why is ML successful in classification?



1. faster & powerful computer hardware (GPUs)
2. algorithms tailor-made for these architectures
3. almost unlimited amounts of training data
  1. Images (ImageNet 14,197,122 images ~ ILSVRC '10-'17)
  2. Documents (270 GB of all arXiv research papers, )
  3. Social media posts (Sentiment 140 -160,000 tweets each with 6 data, query, text, polarity, ID, and user)



Y. Bengio, A. Courville, P. Vincent, *Representation learning: A review and new perspectives*. IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 2013

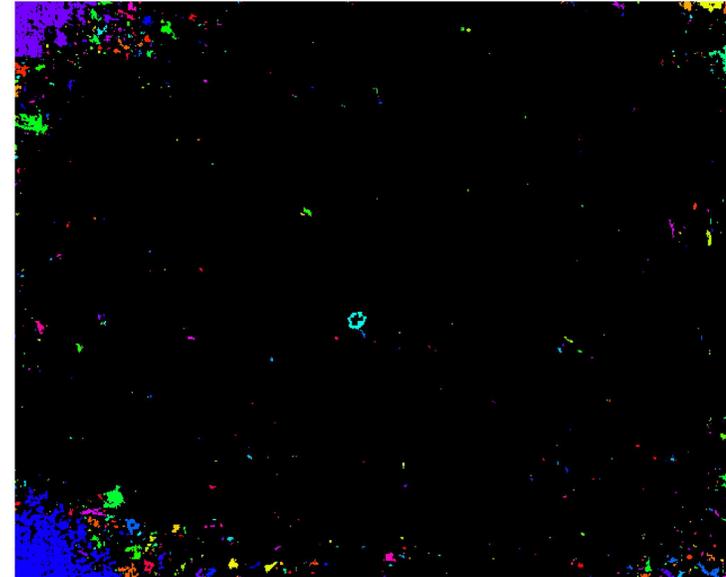
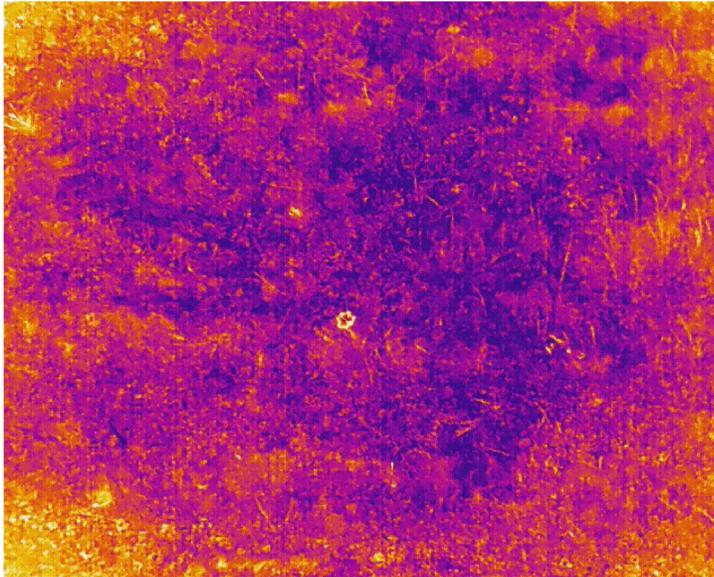
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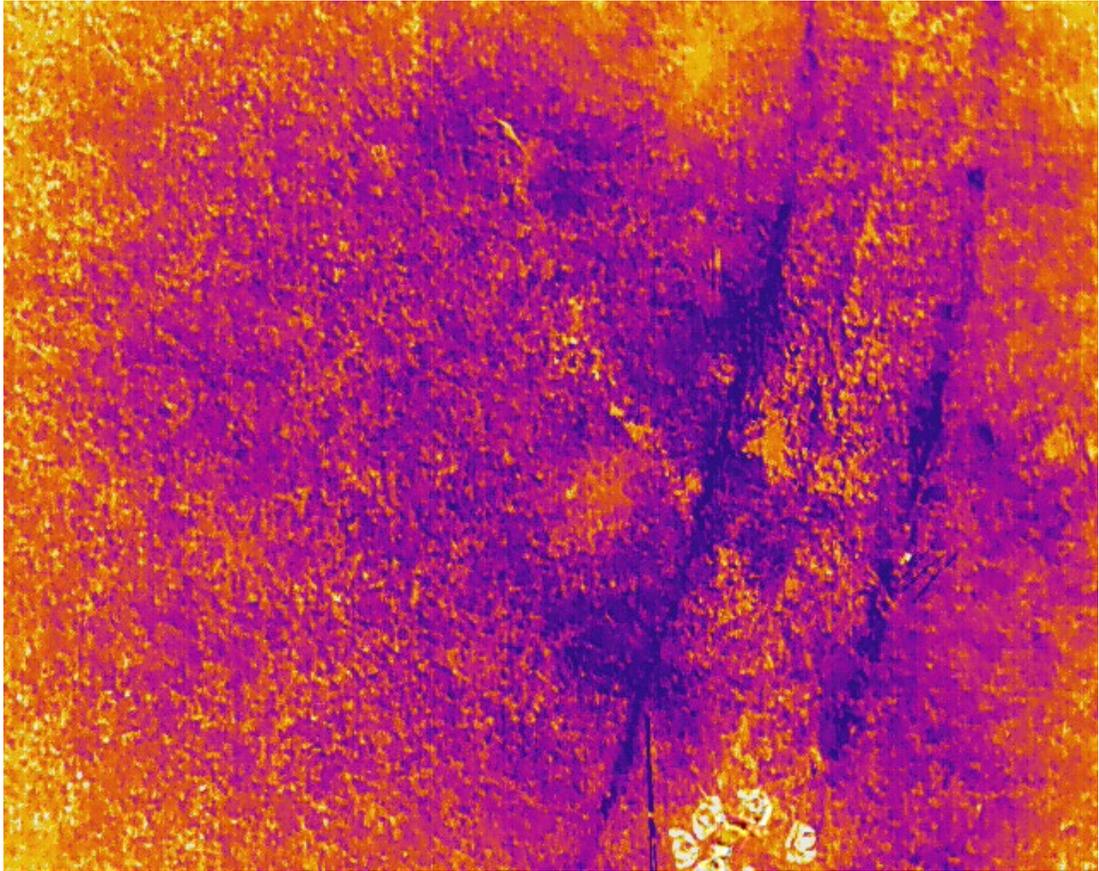
# Quail Covey @Night --- Fusion for Localization

Domain adaptation for RGB object detection by translating the low-level features adopted from source domain (thermal) to target domain (RGB)

**652 - Blobs are detected**



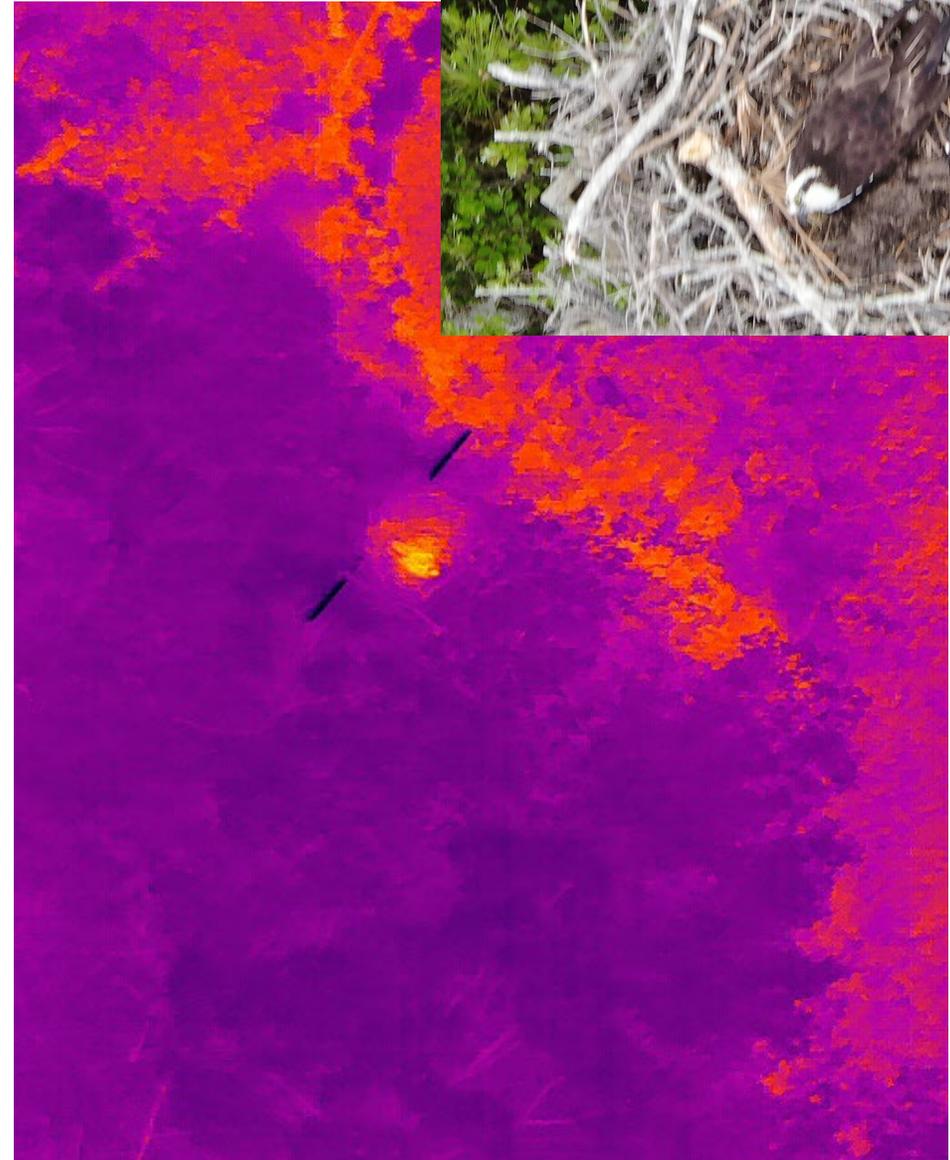
# Another night capture attempt of a covey



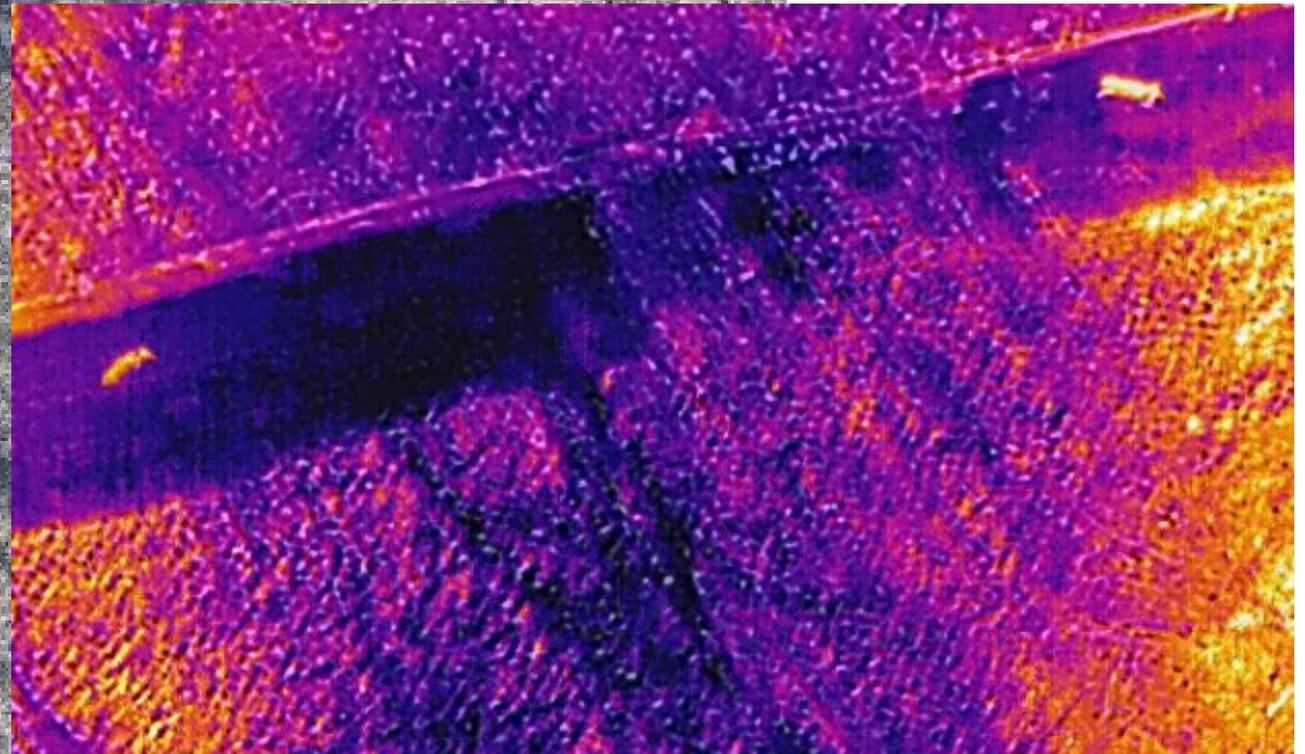
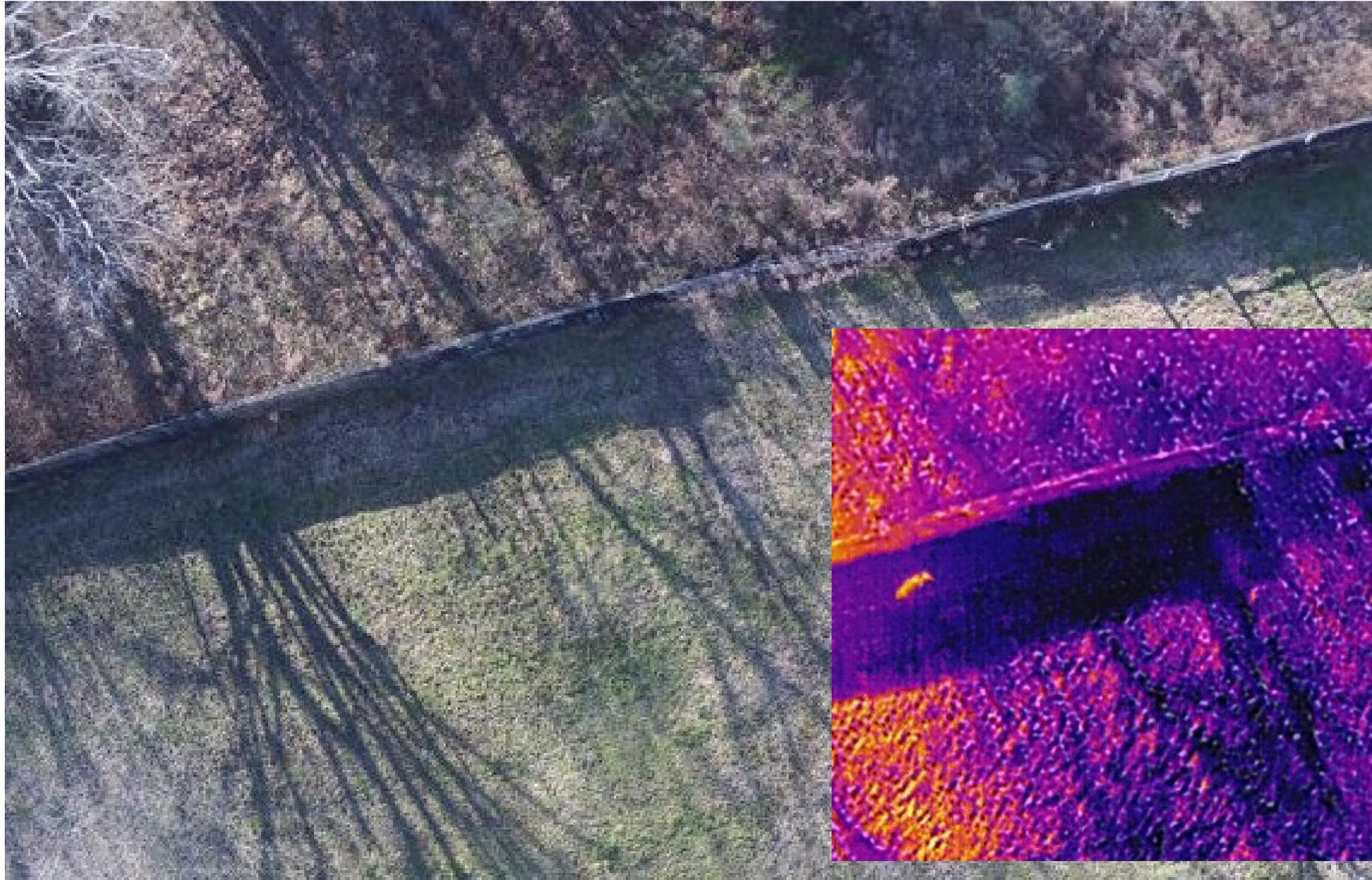
# Background clutter removal



Captured on a Zenmuse H20T @GulfShores in Apr 22

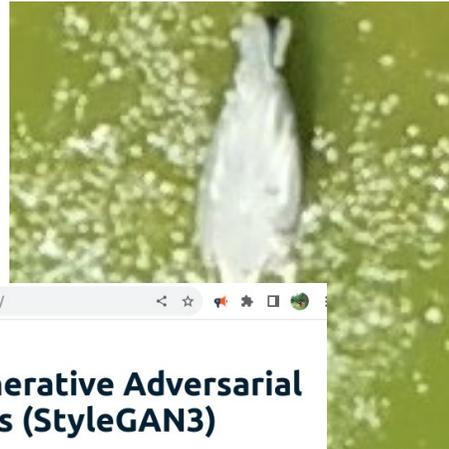


# UAS Image Understanding --- Shadow Correction



# UAS Image Understanding --- Shadow Contd.

Aerial view -> Background separation & Shadow extraction

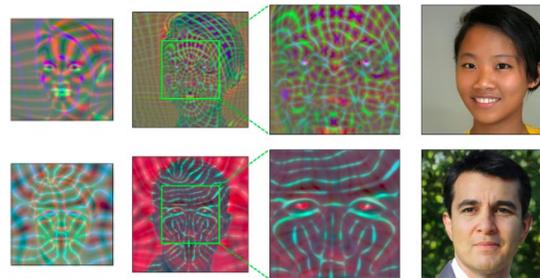


nvlabsgithub.io/stylegan3/

## Alias-Free Generative Adversarial Networks (StyleGAN3)

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### Abstract

We observe that despite their hierarchical convolutional nature, the synthesis process of typical generative adversarial networks depends on absolute pixel coordinates in an unhealthy manner. This manifests itself as, e.g., detail appearing to be glued to image coordinates instead of the surfaces of depicted objects. We



### Smooth Shells: Multi-Scale Shape Registration with Functional Maps

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### Abstract

We propose a novel 3D shape correspondence method based on the iterative alignment of so-called smooth shells. Smooth shells define a series of coarse-to-fine shape approximations designed to work well with multiscale algorithms. The main idea is to first align rough approximations of the geometry and then add more and more details to refine the correspondence. We fuse classical shape registration with Functional Maps by embedding the input shapes into an intrinsic-extrinsic product space. Moreover, we disambiguate intrinsic symmetries by applying a surrogate based Markov chain Monte Carlo initialization. Our method naturally handles various types of noise that commonly occur in real scans, like non-isometry or incompatible meshing. Finally, we demonstrate state-of-the-art quantitative results on several datasets and show that our pipeline produces smoother, more realistic results than other automatic matching methods in real world applications.



Figure 1: Given a source (left) and target (right) shape we propose a hierarchical smoothing procedure to iteratively align the inputs. First, we align very coarse approximations and then refine until we get correspondences for the original inputs. Among other things, we can handle challenging interclass pairs like matching a dog to a horse and our method is fully automatic, i.e. we do not use any additional information like hand-selected landmarks.

the shapes. While intrinsic methods are invariant to large scale, near-isometric deformations, extrinsic alignment is often more suitable for pairs with topological changes or other non-isometric deformations. A natural step would be to combine both to get the best of both worlds but only few previous approaches venture in this direction [9, 11].

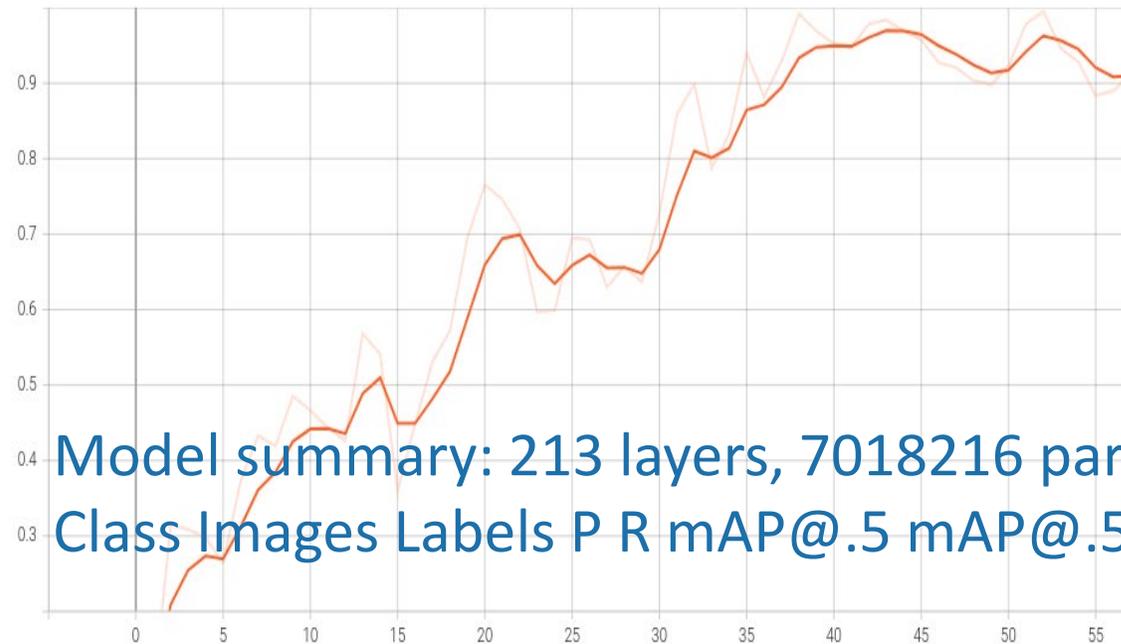
# Classification & Segmentation

# UAS Image Understanding

Classification Networks: Outputs of classification

Classes: Cow, Deer, Horses. 60 epochs, batch

metrics/mAP\_0.5  
tag: metrics/mAP\_0.5



Model summary: 213 layers, 7018216 par

Class Images Labels P R mAP@.5 mAP@.5

all 23 23 0.749 0.886 0.995 0.967

cow 23 10 0.644 1 0.995 0.995

deer 23 9 0.604 1 0.995 0.995

horse 23 4 1 0.658 0.995 0.91



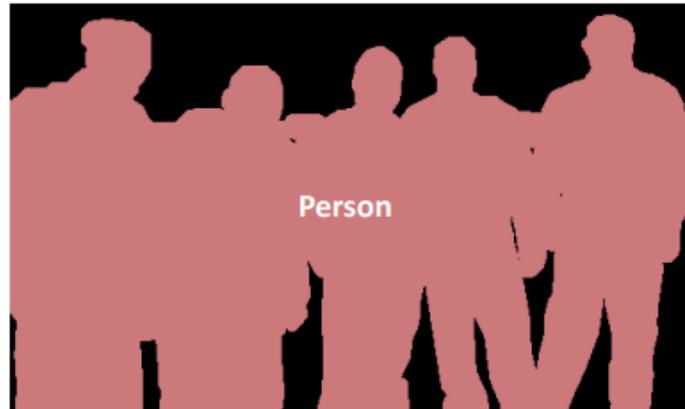
# UAS Image Understanding --- Classifier outputs



# Segmentation



Object Detection



Semantic Segmentation



Instance Segmentation

[http://kaiminghe.com/iccv17tutorial/maskrcnn\\_iccv2017\\_tutorial\\_kaiminghe.pdf](http://kaiminghe.com/iccv17tutorial/maskrcnn_iccv2017_tutorial_kaiminghe.pdf) ---K He, Mask RCNN Tutorial from ICCV'17

# UNet Outputs (Decoy – vs - Real)



# UAS Image Understanding --- Summary

Environment/  
Background

Study of the model's parameters to provide intuitions about the trade-offs between acquisition settings, image resolution and the complexity of the appearance descriptors involved ([Landon's & Jared's talk](#))

Occlusions

Choices for future annotations: crowd sourcing ([Sathish's AWIR poster](#))

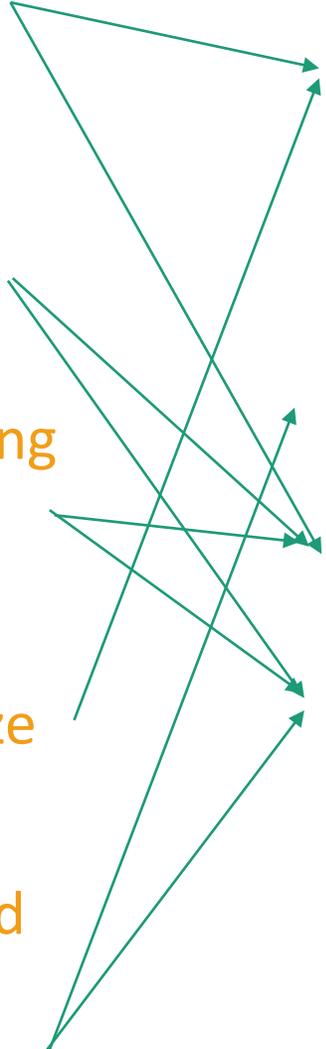
NO Distinguishing  
features

Data Fusion (Thermal + RGB)

Small Object Size

Generate more Data / more Segmentation

Small Annotated  
Dataset





- Questions?
- Thank you for your time!

# Extensions

## Counting animals

- semi-automatically localize and count animals
- Bias estimation

## Tracking in Dynamic Environment

- Advantage from using a sequence of images rather than a single image
- how are we using the classification algorithms for this purpose?

## More Data Augmentation - Multiple views of one object

- Difference in classification accuracy between single view classifier and multi-view classifier?

# UAS Image Understanding --- Augmentation

Why bother?

Option & Result

What Next?

1. GAN
2. Meta-Learning problem --- Few-Shot learning
  1. N-way-K-Shot-classification [ $N \sim \#$  classes,  $K \sim \#$  training samples for each class]
  2. Meta Learning: we learn how to learn to classify given a set of training data instead of learning the training data to classify