

# On Deep Learning for Computational Ethology

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Computational Ethology

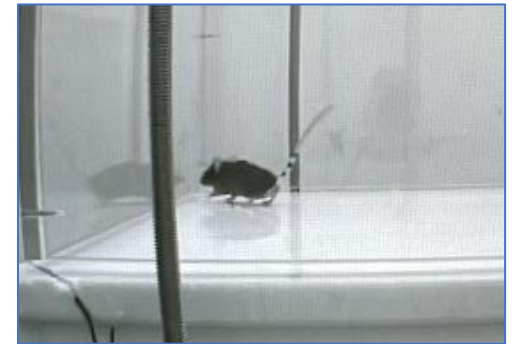
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Behavior: The set of muscular responses of a living being because of an external stimulus and internal motivation.

### Computational Ethology (CE):

- Discipline that studies the animal behavior
- Using the advances in Computer Vision and Artificial Intelligence.
- Focused on the natural behavior to perform real-world tasks
- In unrestricted environments
- Quantitative behavior characterization.



Pharmacological point of view: CE is useful to test new medicines comparing the effect on different subjects, obtained by genetic modifications.

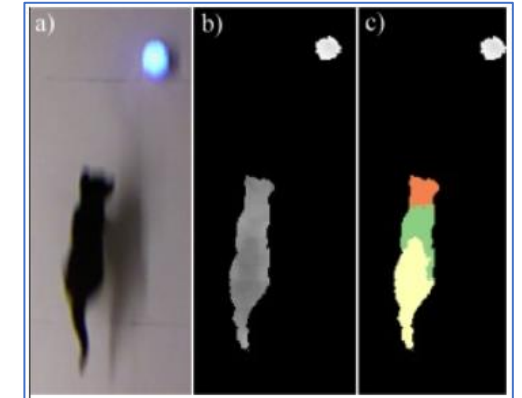
# 1. Introduction

## 1.2 State of the art in Computational Ethology



### Sensors:

- RGB / depth / infrared cameras
- Pressure sensors
- Inertial sensors
- Microphones



### Applications based on Artificial Intelligence:

- Tracking applications: DeepLabCut, Bonsai, SLEAP, ...
- Behavior classification: JAABA, DeepEthogram, VAME, ...
- Strain classification: SVM, k-NN



Bonsai

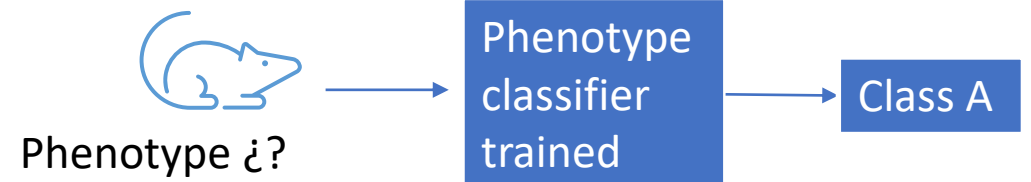
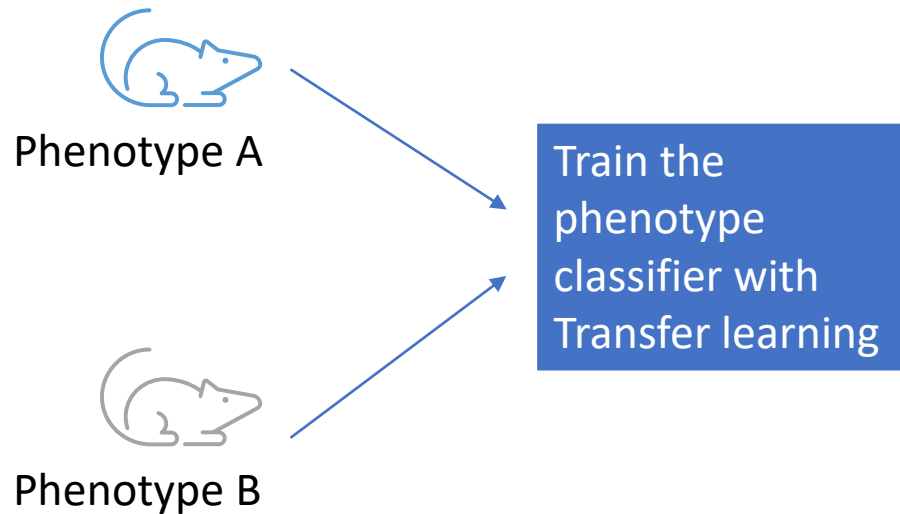


## 2. Research Question



Is it possible to implement a **strain classifier** from **pressure signal** and images by applying **pre-trained models** and **transfer learning**?

We focus on comparing spectrogram images from piezoelectric sensor during **locomotion periods**.



# 3. Materials and Methods

## 3.1 Animals and Experimentation

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12 mice with 2 different strains:

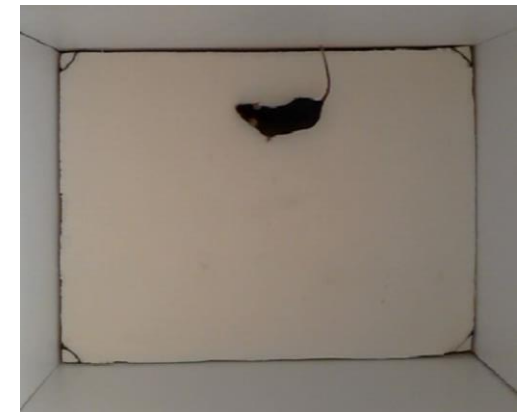
- 7 wild-type (WT): non-mutated gene
- 5 transgenic Fmr1-knockout (Fmr1-KO): animal model to study Fragile X Syndrome

Recording system:

- Opaque-walled cage
- Base: piezoelectric platform with 3 sensors (20 kHz)
- Top video camera (25 fps)
- Computer with the Spike software to record piezoelectric signal

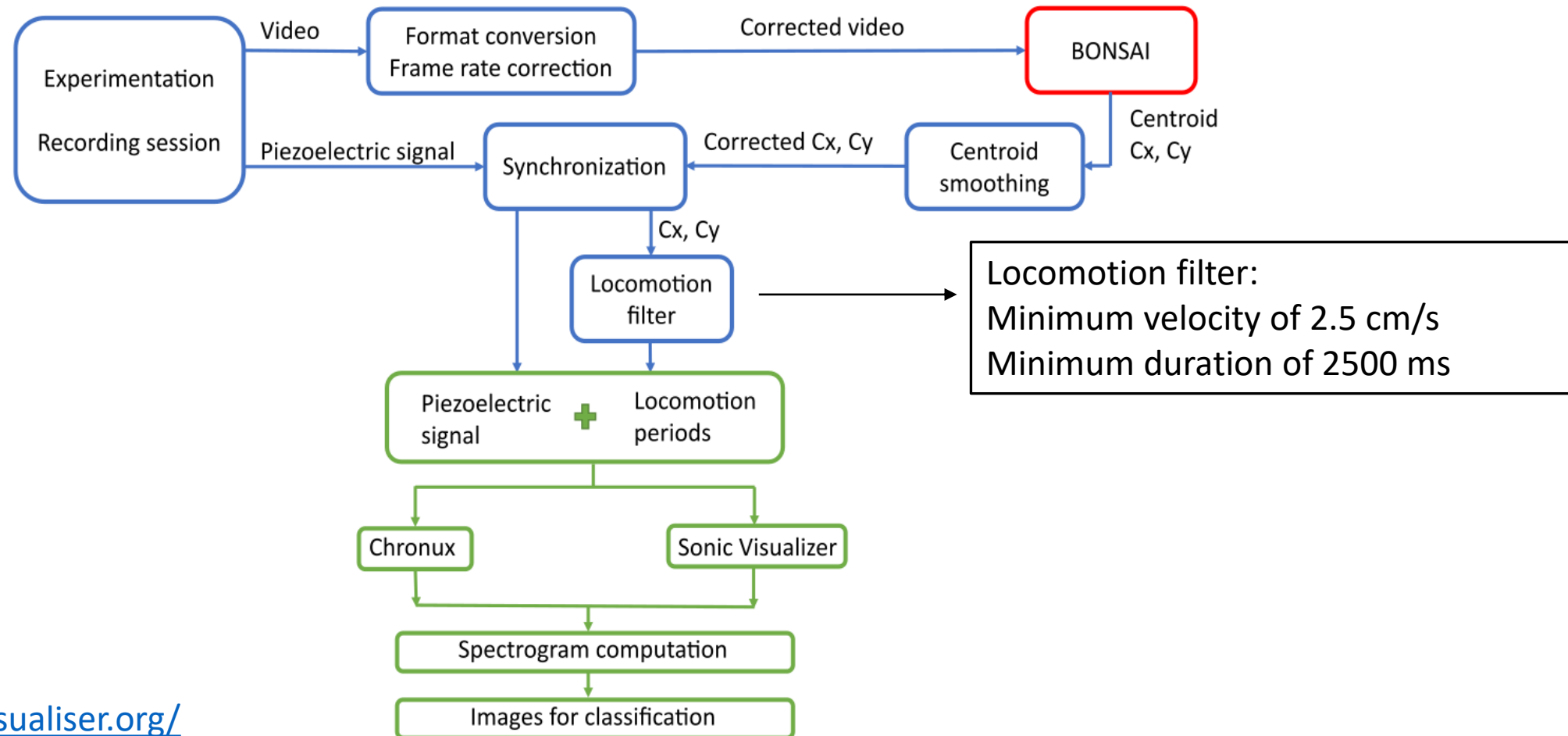
Animals introduced individually.

Procedure in accordance with EU directives for animal protection.



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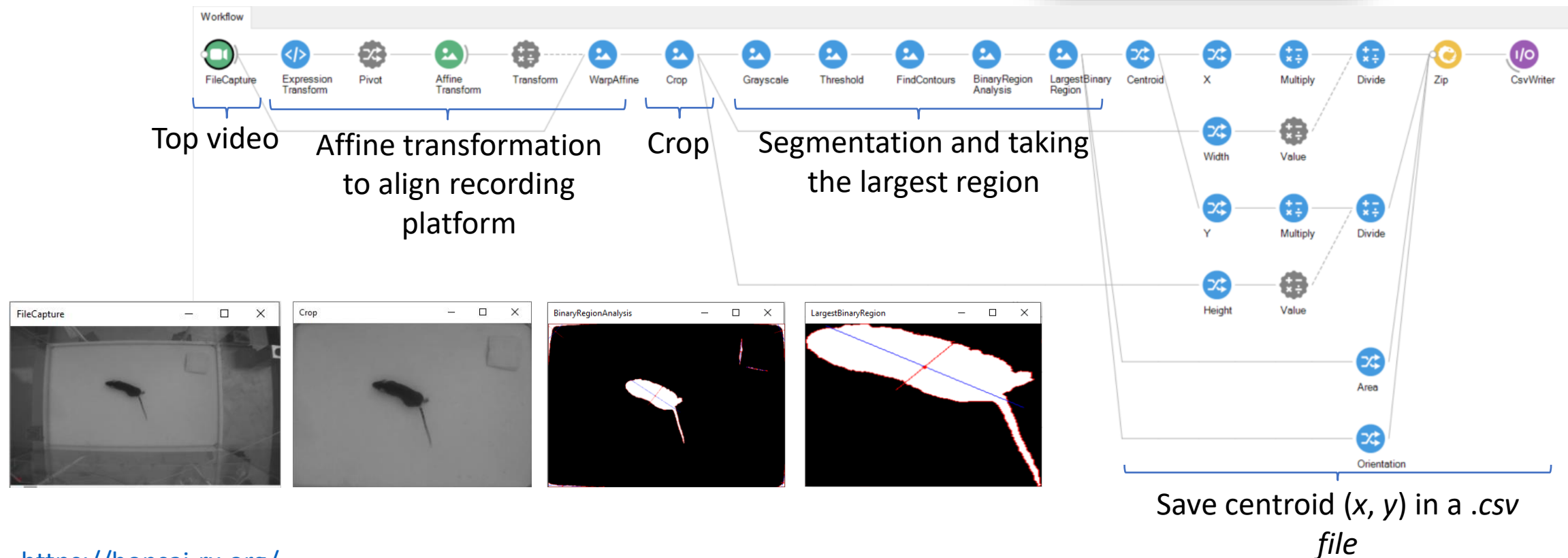
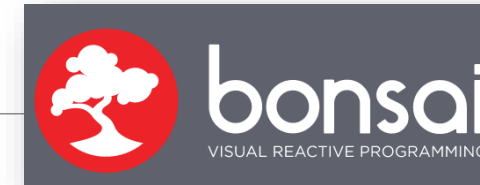
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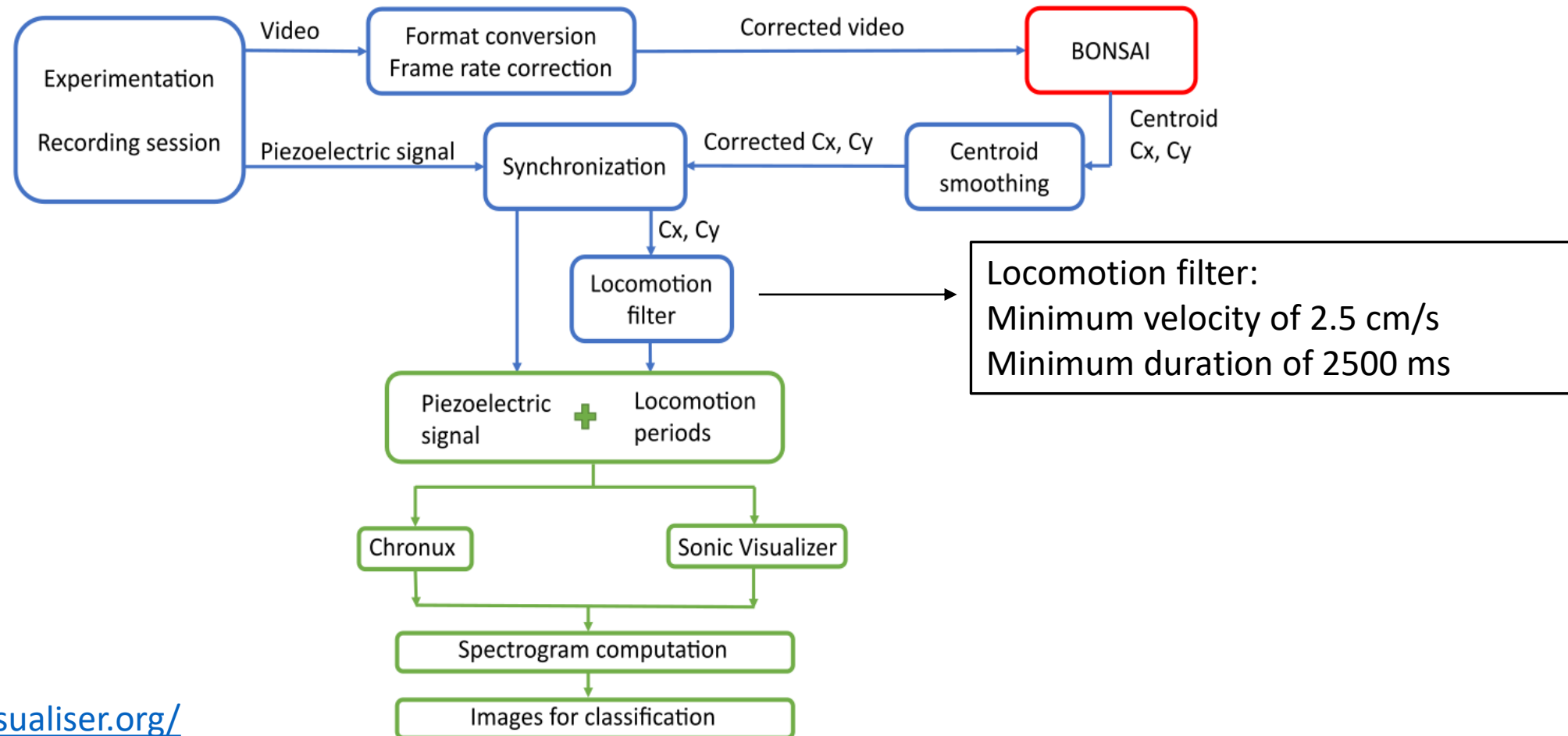


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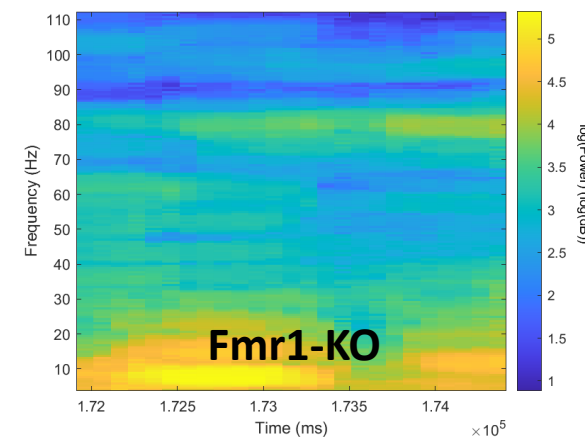
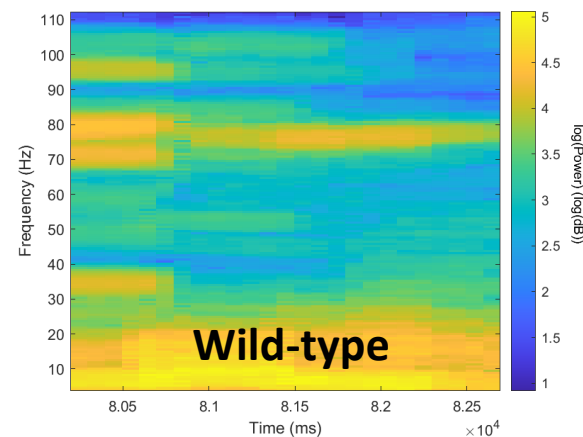
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**Table 1.** Parameters for spectrogram computation with Chronux library.

Parameters	Value 1	Value 2	Default values
Window size (s)	1	2	-
Windows step (s)	0.1	0.2	-
Tapers	[4, 2]	[3, 5]	[3, 5]: A numeric vector [TW K] where TW is the time-bandwidth product and K is the number of tapers, less than or equal to $2TW-1$
Frequency of interest (Hz)	[1.5 - 40]	[4 - 112]	[0 - $F_s/2$ ] ( $F_s$ : sampling frequency)



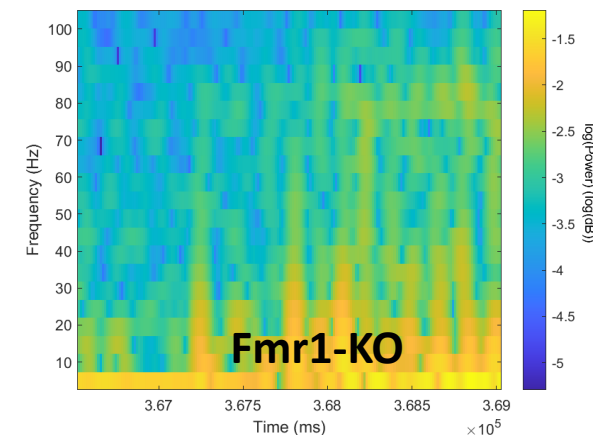
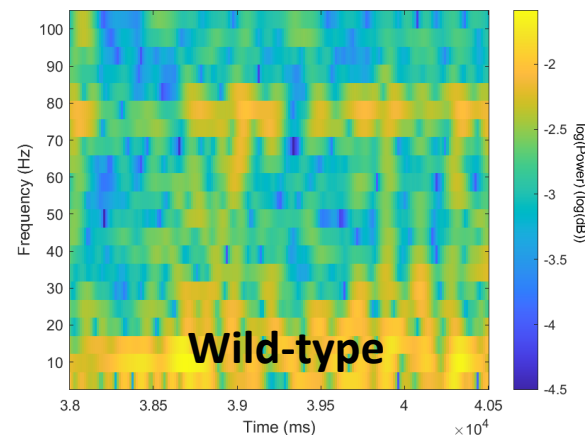
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**Table 2.** Parameter for spectrogram computation with Sonic Visualizer.

Parameter	Value	Range of values
Colour	Green	[Green, Sunset, ... , Wasp, Ice, ...]
Scale	dB	[Linear, Meter, dB^2, dB, Phase]
Window size	256	[32, 64, 128, 256, 512, ... , 16384, 32768]
Overlap	93.75%	[none, 25%, 50%, 75%, 87.5%, 93.75%]
Show	All bins	[All Bins, Peak Bins, Frequencies]
Scale	Linear	[Linear, Log]



# 3. Materials and Methods

## 3.3 Model Training and Evaluation



Binary classification problem to discriminate two phenotypes: WT (class 0) and Fmr1-KO (class 1)

Transfer learning to spectrogram images during locomotion with:

- Alexnet
- GoogLeNet
- ResNet50

Dataset divided into two parts:

- 80% train set
- 20% test set

5-fold cross-validation

Accuracy, Recall, Precision, F1 score.

Parameter	Value
Solver	Adam
Learning rate	0.0001
Mini batch size	52
L2 Regularization	0.0001
Folds for Cross-validation	5

Algorithm	Execution time	Layers	Total learnables
AlexNet	$\approx$ 35min	25 (depth 8)	56 876 418
ResNet50	$\approx$ 4h	177 (depth 50)	23 538 690
GoogLeNet	$\approx$ 2h	144 (depth 22)	5 975 602

## 4. Results

### 4.1 Results for Spectrogram computed with Chronux library



1 second window size and 0.1 seconds window step

Tapers	3 - 5				4 - 2			
	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score
AlexNet	98.40%	1.00	0.97	0.98	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>
GoogLeNet	<b>99.47%</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.99</b>	99.47%	1.00	0.99	0.99
ResNet50	<b>99.47%</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.99</b>	99.47%	0.99	1.00	0.99

2 seconds window size and 0.5 seconds window step

Tapers	3 - 5				4 - 2			
	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score
AlexNet	98.93%	0.98	1.00	0.99	96.79%	0.93	1.00	0.97
GoogLeNet	97.86%	0.97	0.99	0.98	97.33%	0.97	0.98	0.97
ResNet50	<b>99.47%</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>97.86%</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>0.98</b>

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Window size - overlap	256 - 93.75%			
	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 score
AlexNet	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>
GoogLeNet	96.26%	0.93	0.99	0.96
ResNet50	96.79%	0.95	0.98	0.97

# 5. Conclusion and Future Work

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Introduction of Computational Ethology and its state of the art.

Research question: Is it possible to discriminate phenotypes with pressure signals and images using transfer learning?

Binary classification problem with 2 different animal models:

- Wild-type
- Fmr1-KO

Spectrogram images from the piezoelectric pressure signal during locomotion periods.

Yes, we can differentiate phenotypes with high accuracy, precision, recall and F1 score.

Future work: apply this approach to an experimental study about healthy ageing in elderly to detect gait anomalies with recordings from an electroencephalogram (EEG) and a walking platform.

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