



Computer Vision for Resident-Intruder Monitoring using KNIME

Who are we?

Scientific Computing – Drug Discovery – Idorsia Pharmaceuticals

Idorsia Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

- Based in Switzerland
- ~1200 employees
- QUVIVIQ & Clazosentan Approved
- Positive PIII for Aprocitentan



Who are we?

Part deux

Me (Aaron):

- Background in flow cytometry data analysis
- Former KNIME AG support engineer
- Cloud computing advocate

My team (Automation):

- Genomics preprocessing pipelines
- *omics data integration
- Ultra large-scale virtual screening
- Self service infrastructure platform
- Many one-off data analysis projects

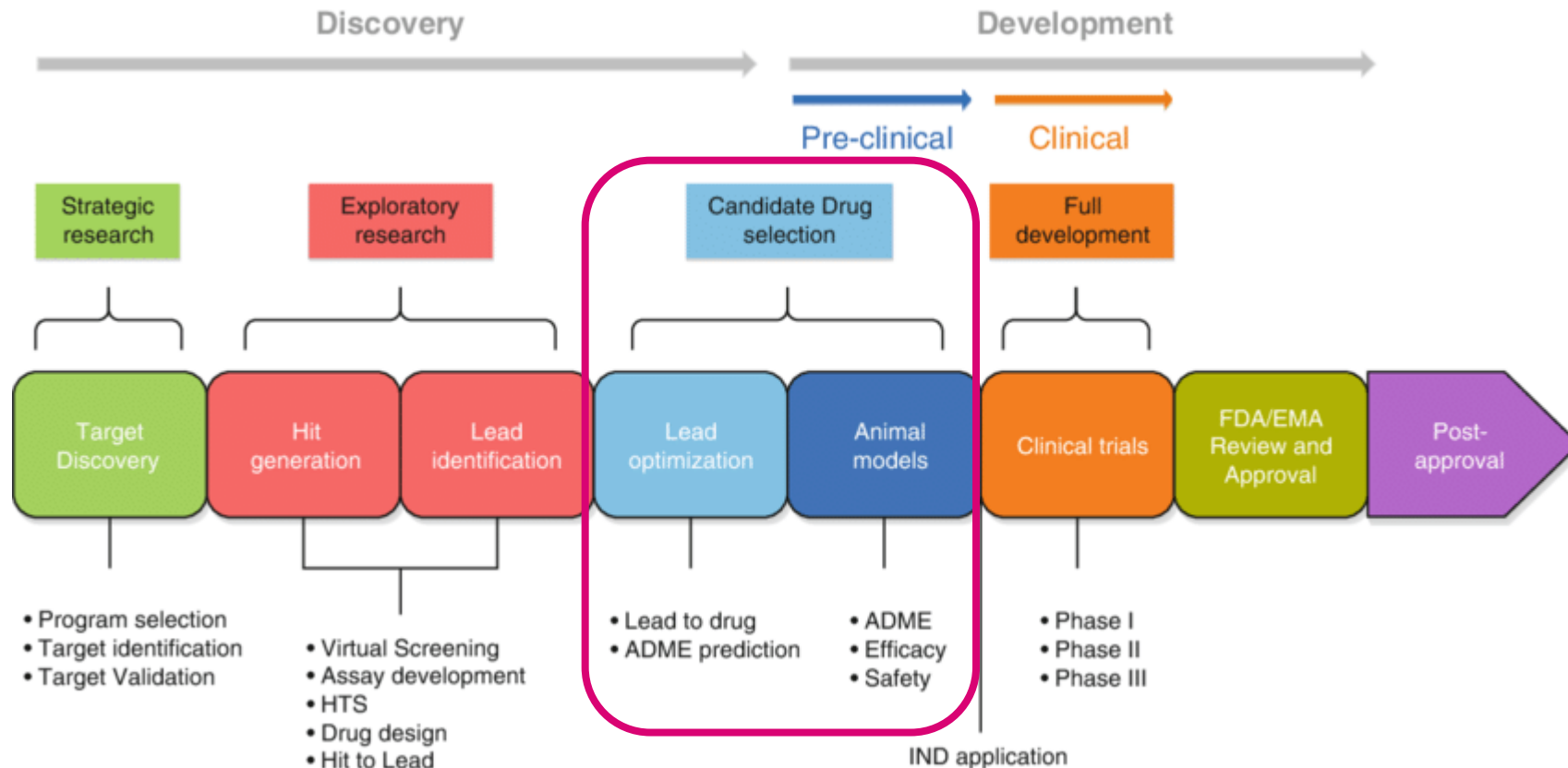
My Group (Scientific Computing):

- Supports Drug Discovery
- Biology, Chemistry & Pharmacology
- FAIR Data



Drug Discovery Process

Today, we are here



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Searching for an animal model for dementia

- Old people who suffer from dementia often present with a broad range of behavioral disturbances, namely neuropsychiatric symptoms (NPS).
- NPS represent a large burden to the patients and current treatment options are unsatisfactory.
- We are searching for novel treatment modalities in this area and need a good animal model with comparable symptoms to be used for drug screening.
- The Senescence Accelerated Mouse-Prone 8 (SAMP8) strain of mice shows an accelerated aging phenotype that includes the development of brain atrophy and cognitive decline.
- Agitation is one of the most prevalent and debilitating NPS occurring in people with dementia. Reactive aggressive behavior in male mice can be studied as a behavior with translational relevance for agitation.

Scientific Background II

Resident Intruder Paradigm

- Established model for monitoring aggression
- Intruder mouse is introduced into the enclosure of the resident
- Aggressive encounters are tabulated over a period of 10 minutes
- Manual scoring of videos is cumbersome
- Existing CV methods using pose detection have so far been impractical to implement reliably

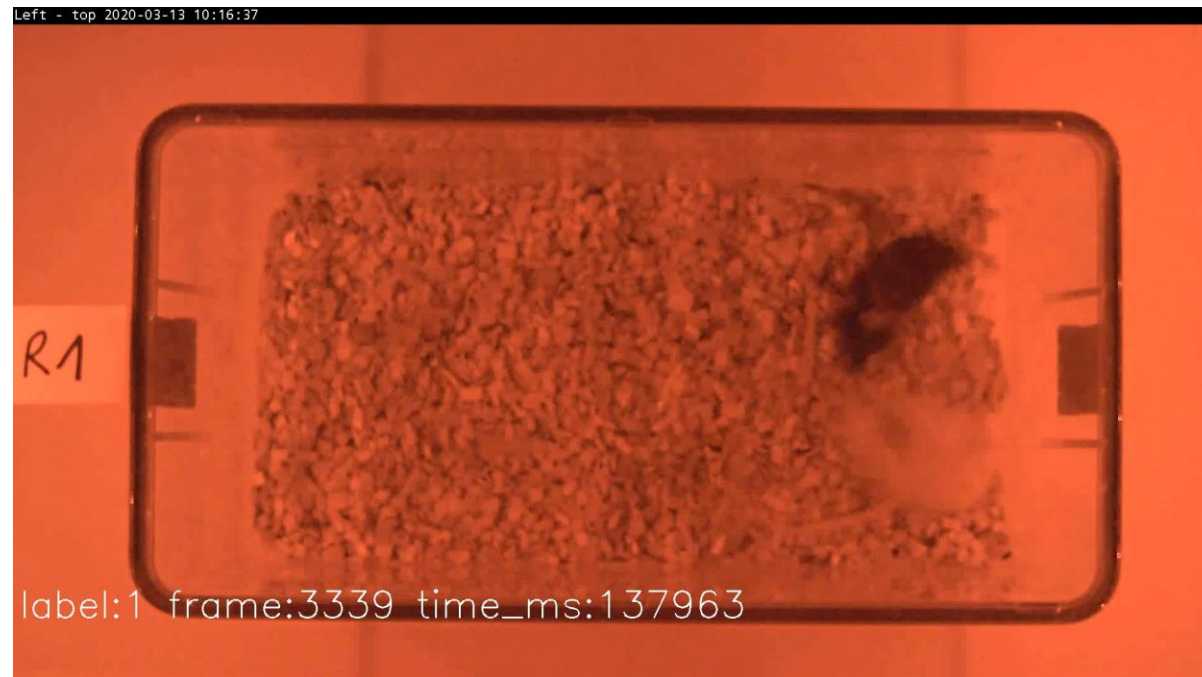


Pose Free Aggression Monitoring

Relatively difficult from an ML point of view.

Challenges

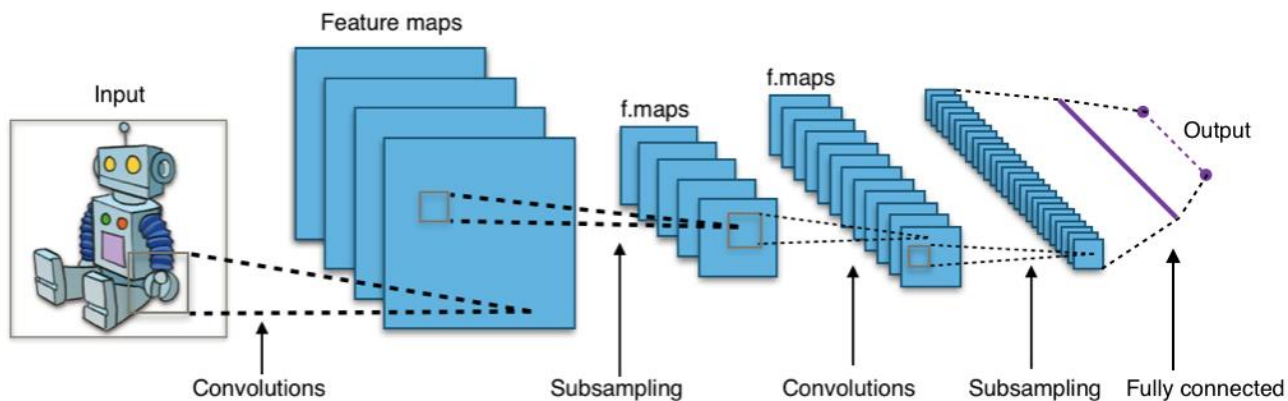
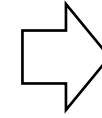
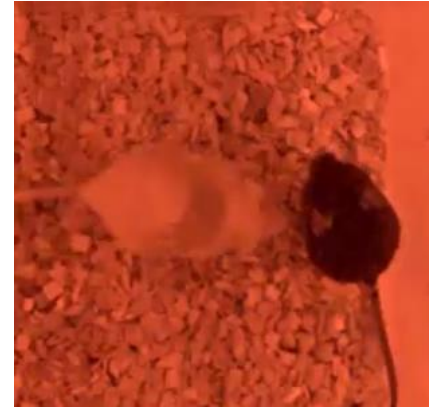
- Aggressive events are rare and usually short lived (<1% of the data)
- Training data is relatively hard to come by (lots of manual work per positive example)
- Behavior is in the time domain, so single frame classification is insufficient.



Pose Free Aggression Monitoring

Our algorithm

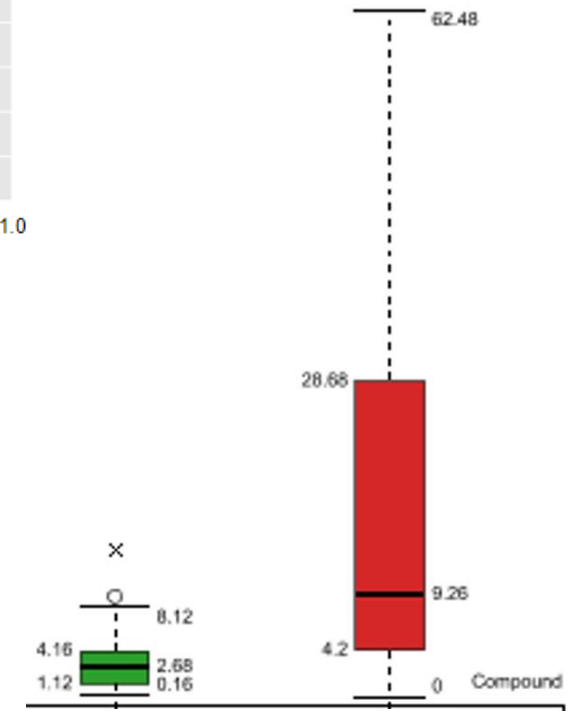
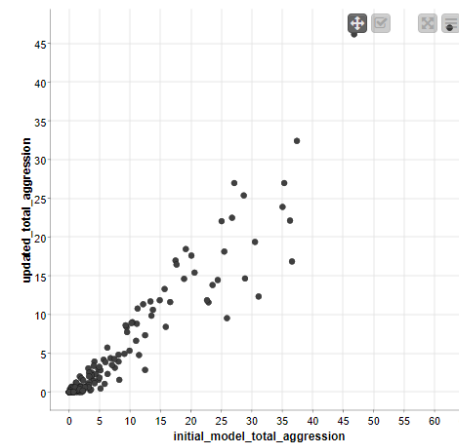
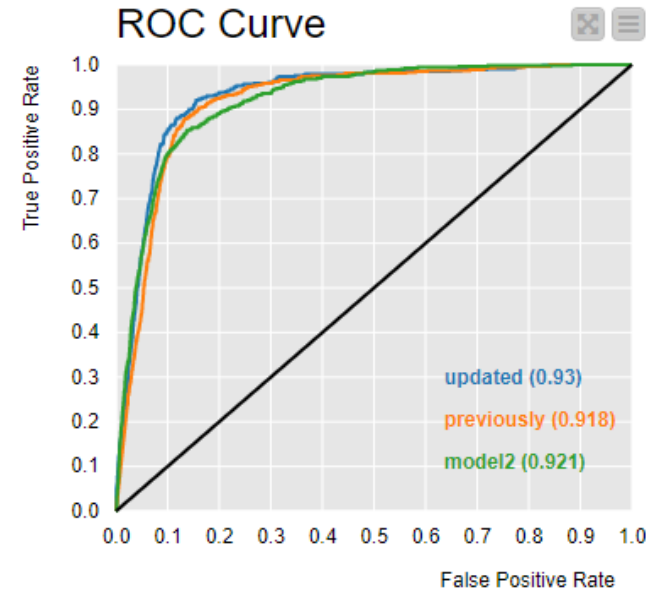
- Learn behavior from differences between consecutive frames.
- Standard CNN architecture with minor tweaks in weight initialization
- Significantly outperforms more typical CV approaches with very few parameters (~10k).



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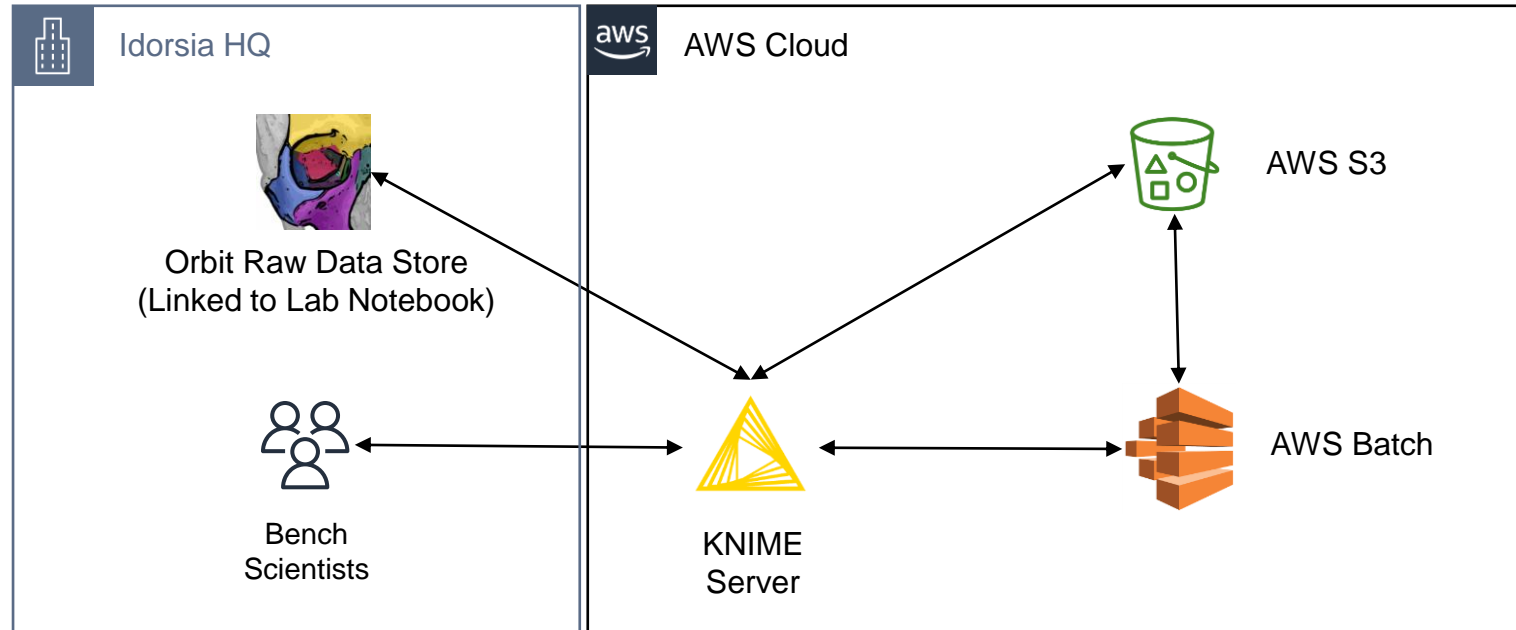
Results

- AUC in the low-mid nineties.
- Results for total aggression per period correlate well with manual analysis.
- Measurable differences between treatment groups.



Internal Reference Architecture

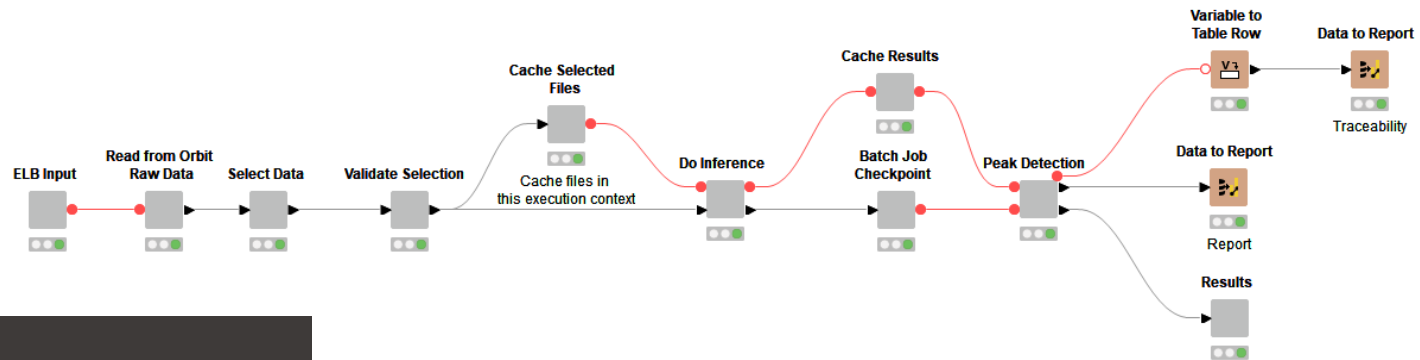
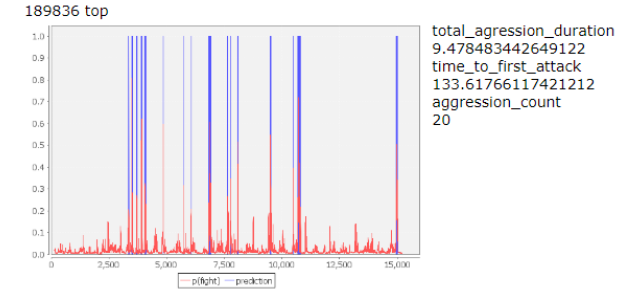
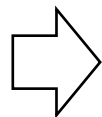
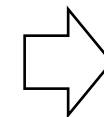
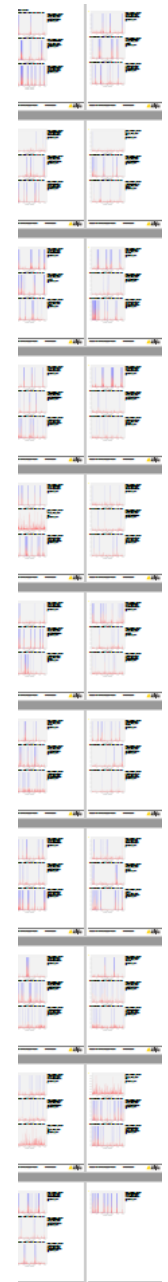
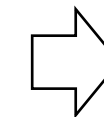
Self-service cloud scale workflows.



Assisted R-I analysis

An RI-CV Tool

- Model deployed from a KNIME Workflow
- Actual Inference performed using AWS Batch with SPOT instances.
- Score 10 hours of video in 30 minutes of real time (~CHF5 for 8 hours of compute time)
- Available on-demand 24/7/365 with zero idle costs



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