

# Anomaly Detection: Hybrid Butterflies

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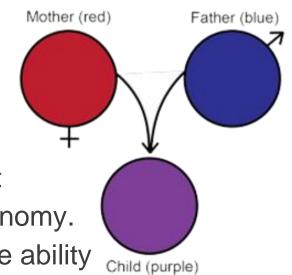
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A brief history

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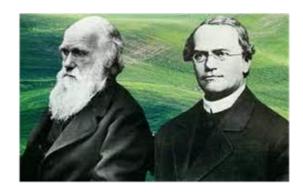
- Researchers have sought a means to detect hybrids since the creation of the field of taxonomy.
- Detecting hybrids would give taxonomists the ability to determine what constitutes a true species or subspecies.
- The question is how?
  - How do we recognize a hybrid?
  - What does a hybrid look like?





## Hybrid Detection: History

- Darwin first posed this question of "What does a hybrid look like?"
- Mendel answered with his pea plant experiment.





## Hybrid Detection: History

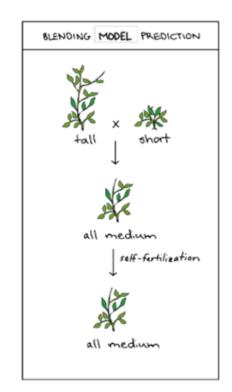
#### Mendel's Hypothesis:

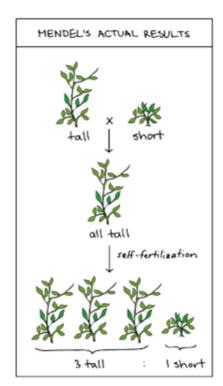
Blending Inheritance

 Inheritance of traits is continuous.

#### Mendel's Results:

Inheritance is often discrete.







#### Hybrid Detection: Butterflies

- Consider these two species:
- Hybridization may lead to a variety of resulting patterns.
- There are several [dominant] genes that control color pattern on wings.
  - Ex: red on hindwings is a dominant trait.
- Dominance: hybrids may look like one parent.
- In practice, identifying hybrids requires knowledge of their parent species/subspecies.







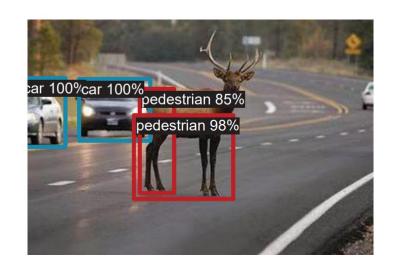


# **Anomaly Detection**

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#### **Anomaly Detection: History**

- Early topics include banking.
  - Detecting fraudulent or irregular spending or requests.
- In Machine Learning (ML), questions on classification:
  - Is the object a new one that the classifier has not seen?
- In Computer Vision (CV), questions for autonomous vehicles:
  - Is that a pedestrian or a deer that just ran into the road?





#### **Anomaly Detection: History**

- In Biology, questions on:
  - Gene function identification [1]
    - What phenotype anomaly resulted from a gene knockout?
- Ecosystem health monitoring [2]
   Tracking plankton population.

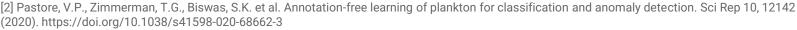
   Expert evaluation

  Yes

  No

  Population Count

[1] Ito, E. et al. (2022). Phenotype Anomaly Detection for Biological Dynamics Data Using a Deep Generative Model. In: Pimenidis, E., Angelov, P., Jayne, C., Papaleonidas, A., Aydin, M. (eds) Artificial Neural Networks and Machine Learning – ICANN 2022. ICANN 2022. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 13530. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-15931-2\_36





# Our Challenge

How you can contribute to answering this important biological question

#### Hybrid







Species A subspecies II



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## Our Challenge: Training Data



- ~2200 images of Species A:
  - Multiple subspecies.
  - Selected signal hybrids of two subspecies.

#### **Signal Hybrid**





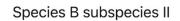
#### Our Challenge: Dev & Test Data

- Includes:
  - All Species A subspecies.
  - Signal hybrids from training data.
- Further introduces:
  - Other Species A hybrids (non-signal).
  - Species B: Mimics of Species A signal hybrid parents (& their hybrids).
- The numbers:
  - Validation Data (Dev): ~1100 images
  - Test Data: ~2200 images



## The Challenge: Find the Hybrids

- - Among Species A & B, can your algorithm find...
    - Species A signal hybrids?
    - Species A non-signal hybrids?
    - Species B hybrids (mimics of Species A signal hybrids)?



Species A subspecies IV



Species A subspecies I



Species A subspecies II



Species B subspecies I

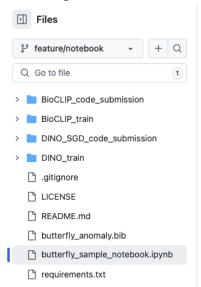


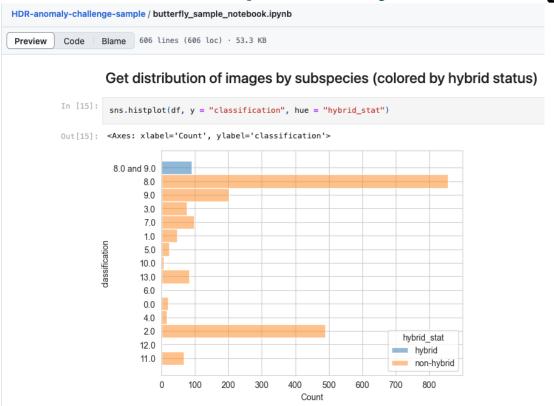


Species A subspecies III



#### Sample Submissions Repository









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# Thank you!

Questions?



