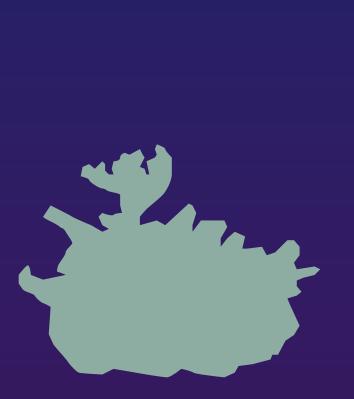
# Active Sampling for Data Efficient Large-Scale Bioacoustic Monitoring



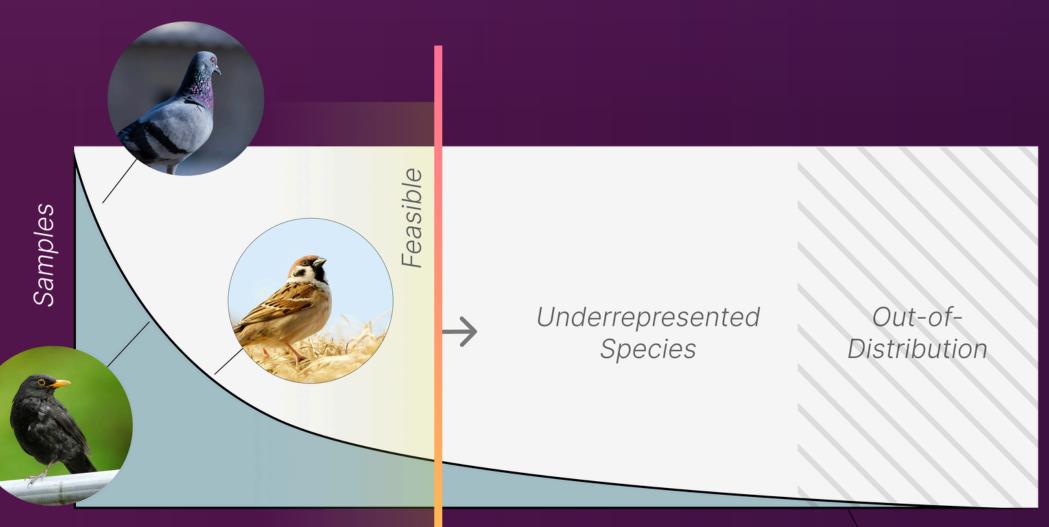


# Introduction

The sounds of nature provide critical biodiversity insights. Recent advances in computational bioacoustics have transformed biodiversity monitoring but reliable model inference at a transnational-scale remains a challenge.

# Challenges

In large-scale deployments, it is typical for a few common species to be overrepresented, while at-risk species are underrepresented (long-tail distribution). Performance of Al classification tends to degrade along this tail, making reliable detection of underrepresented species especially challenging. This challenge is complicated by spatiotemporal variation, scale and limited annotation resources.





Common Species



# Objectives

- Develop scalable data pipeline for transnational biodiversity monitoring
- Investigate data-efficient expert integration with active learning

# DASHBOARD Work in Progress



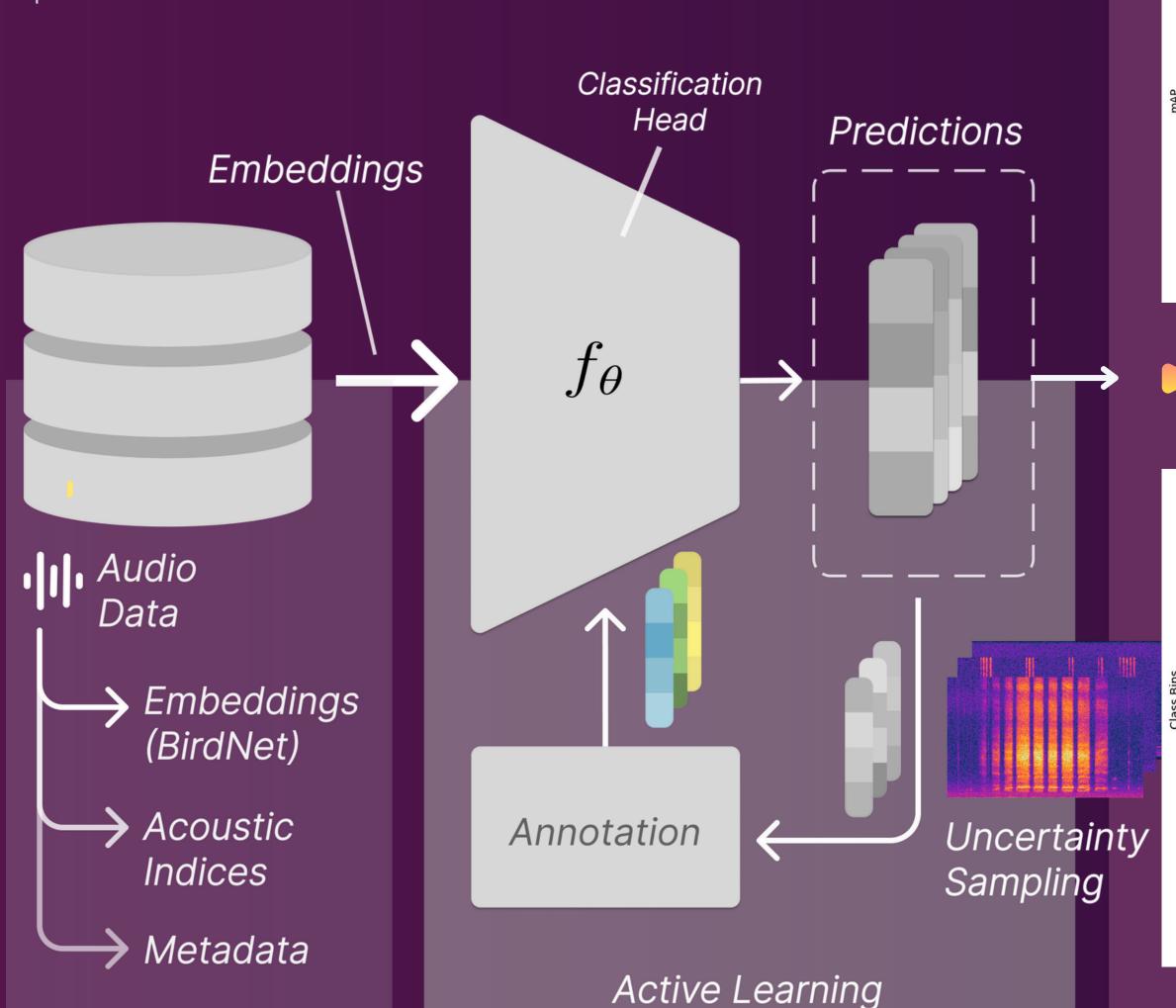
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# Results

Active learning enables more reliable and scalable bioacoustic monitoring by reducing labeling requirements (training efficiency) and improving species detection especially for underrepresented species. Initial results using WABAD dataset.

# Building a Data Pipeline

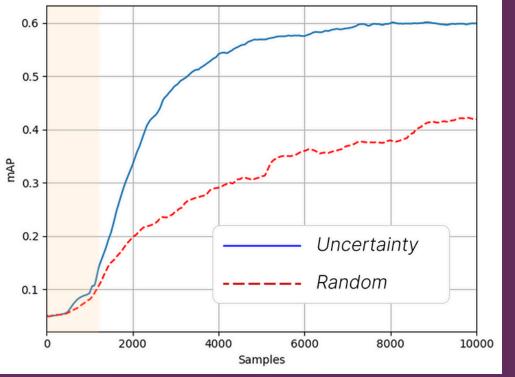
We have built a data pipeline which processes continuous 24/7 acoustic data from up to 150 devices from the top of Norway to Spain.



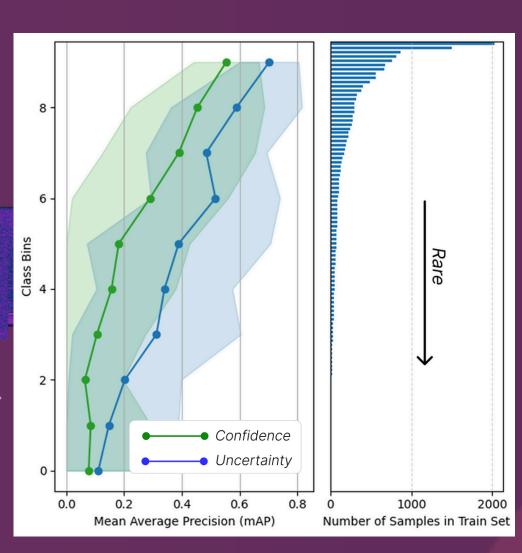


Access to data pipeline

# Improving Training Efficiency



Improving Performance for Underrepresented Species



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