

Combining citizen science and machine learning techniques to address the two main issues of user engagement and data validation in citizen science projects

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Introduction

Expert-only data validation:

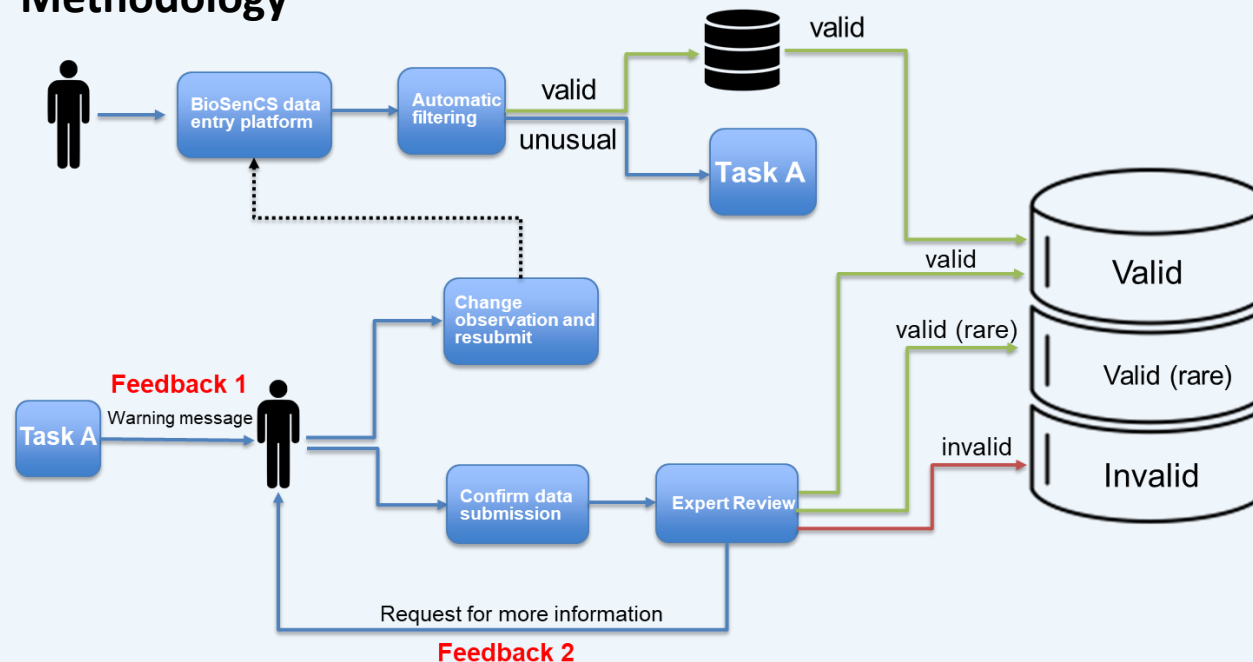
- Time consuming
- Complex
- Not feasible
- No communication with the volunteers (demotivation)



Combining human and machine power:

- Automatic validation
- Real-time feedback to the participants

Methodology



- Filters include : photo, date, and location of observations
- User will receive feedback with information about the species (e.g. period of visibility, habitat characteristics, etc.)

Conclusions

- ✓ *Simplifying data validation*
- ✓ *Speeding validation task*
- ✓ *Sustaining participation*
- ✓ *Learning about species through Informative feedback*



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