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Stable URIs for specimens in (mass) digitization approaches and workflows

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CETAF ISTC

- aims for implementing a consistent identifier system in CETAF institutions
- based on http-URIs
- create endpoints for querying lists / catalogues of all URIs
- More details: http://cetaf.org/cetaf-stable-identifiers

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CETAF stable identifiers for specimens

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GET object
http://herbarium.bgbm.org/object/B100457427

See webpage
http://herbarium.bgbm.org/data/page/B100457427

PHYSICAL COLLECTION OBJECTS

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See RDF metadata
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WEB PAGES

METADATA

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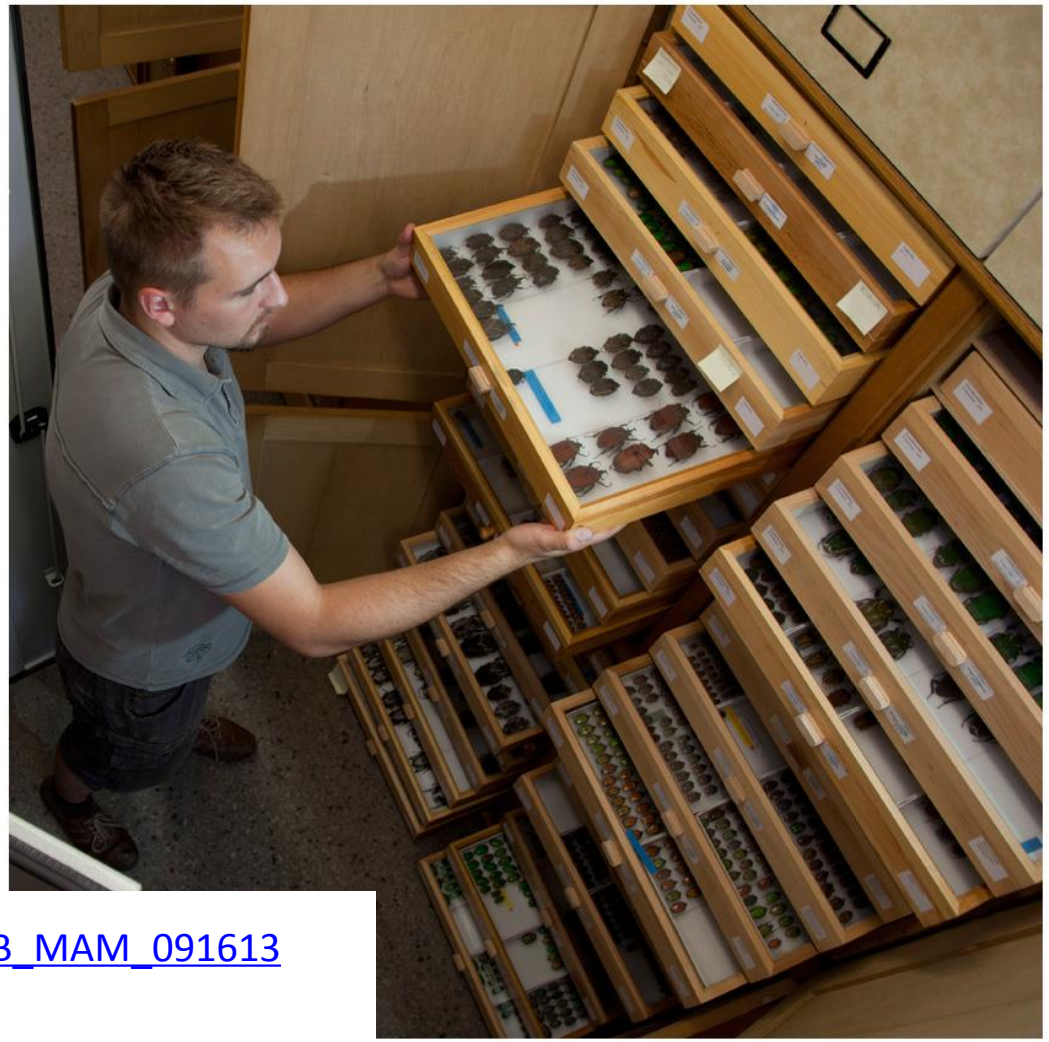
Workflows and use cases

Entering URIs in daily work?



e.g.http://coll.mfn-berlin.de/u/ZMB_MAM_091613

Entering URIs in daily work?

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Quick Response (QR)

http://coll.mfn-berlin.de/u/ZMB_Phasm_D038 or

http://coll.mfn-berlin.de/u/ZMB_MAM_091613 or ….

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Quick Response (QR)

- QR codes => binary information

- Machine readable
  - easy to include in digitization workflows
  - save time / avoid typos in IDs etc.

Quick Response (QR)

- Binary „interface“ between physical object and digital representation

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Use cases for mass digitization

Level 1 Containers

Level 2 Species

Level 3 Specimen

i.e. Type specimens

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  - URI redirects to edit form in the intranet

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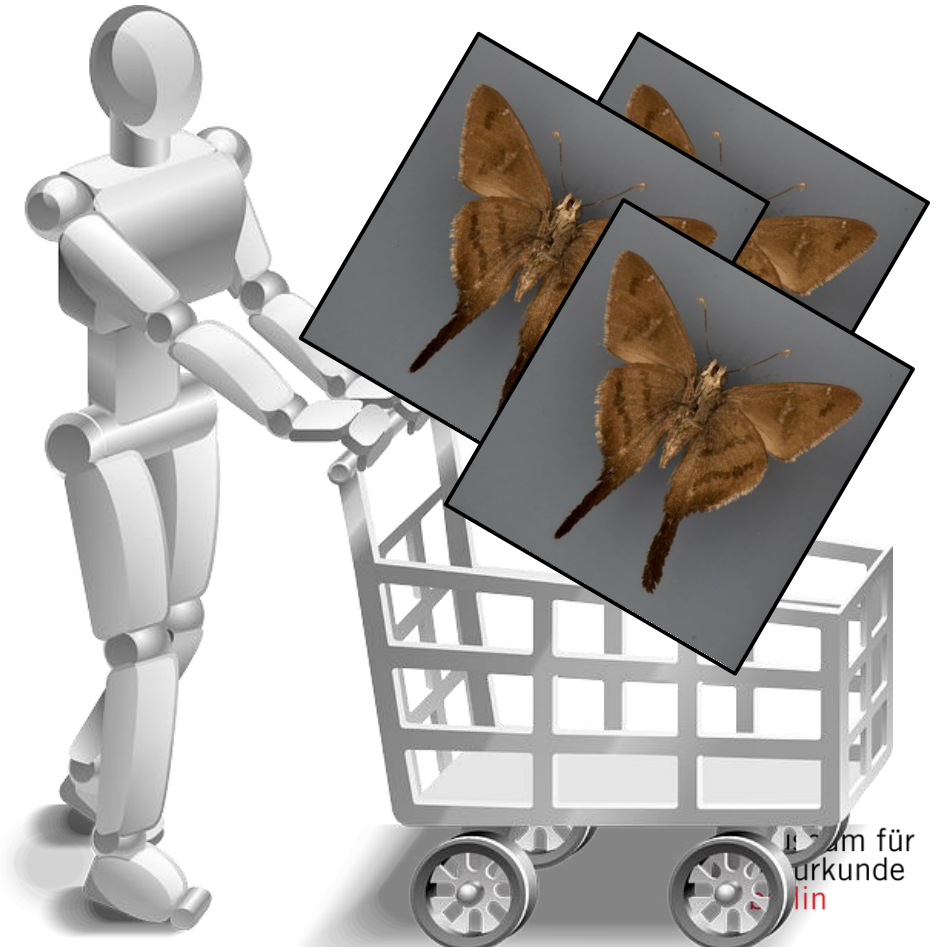
- Shopping carts for collection objects for batch workflows



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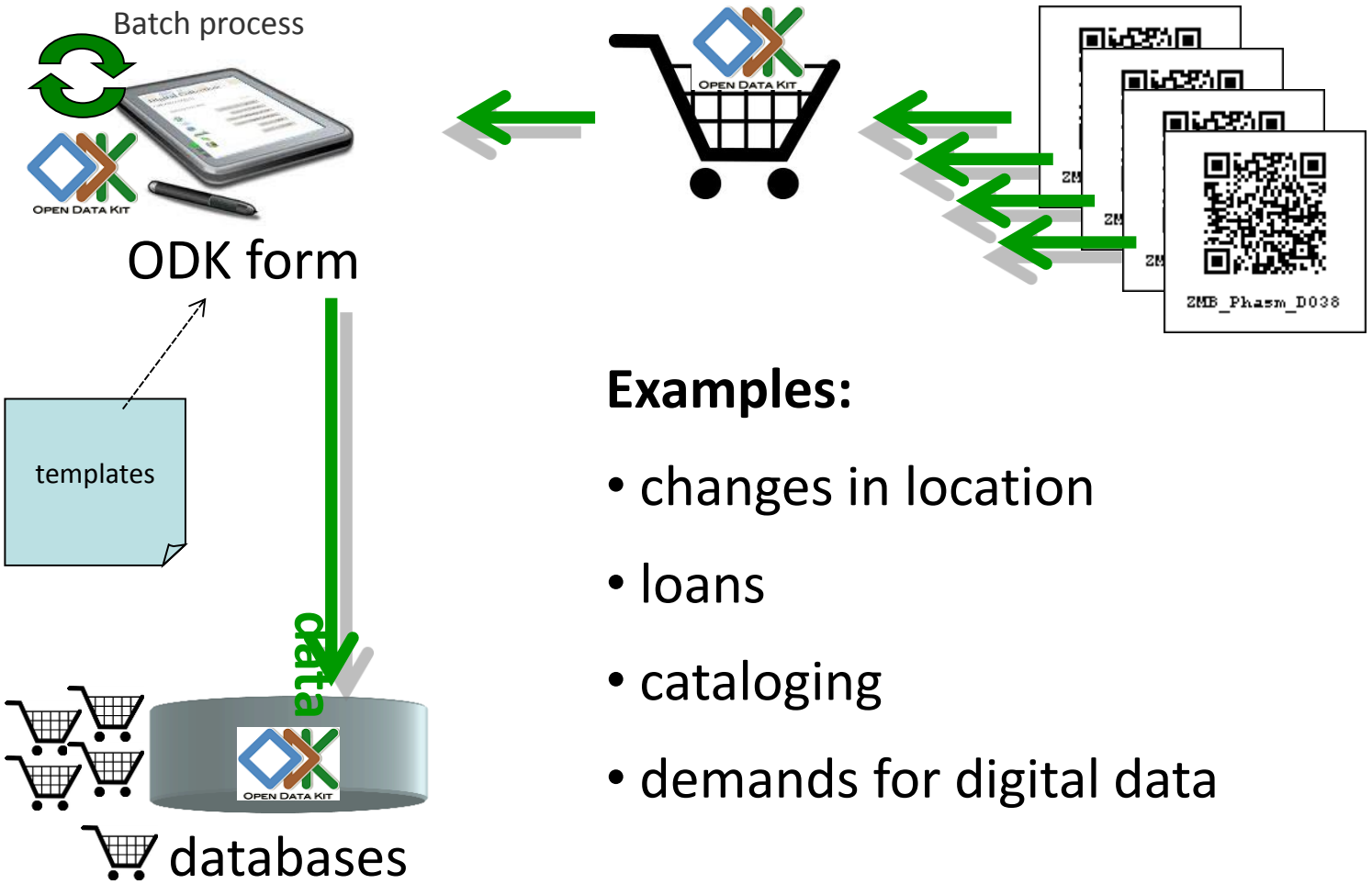
Generic tool for forms

- Using customized forms in the free mobile application *ODK Collect*
- (www.opendatakit.org)

- Trying to enhance
  - data capture
  - connection between physical objects and digital representations in workflows



Examples:

- changes in location
- loans
- cataloging
- demands for digital data

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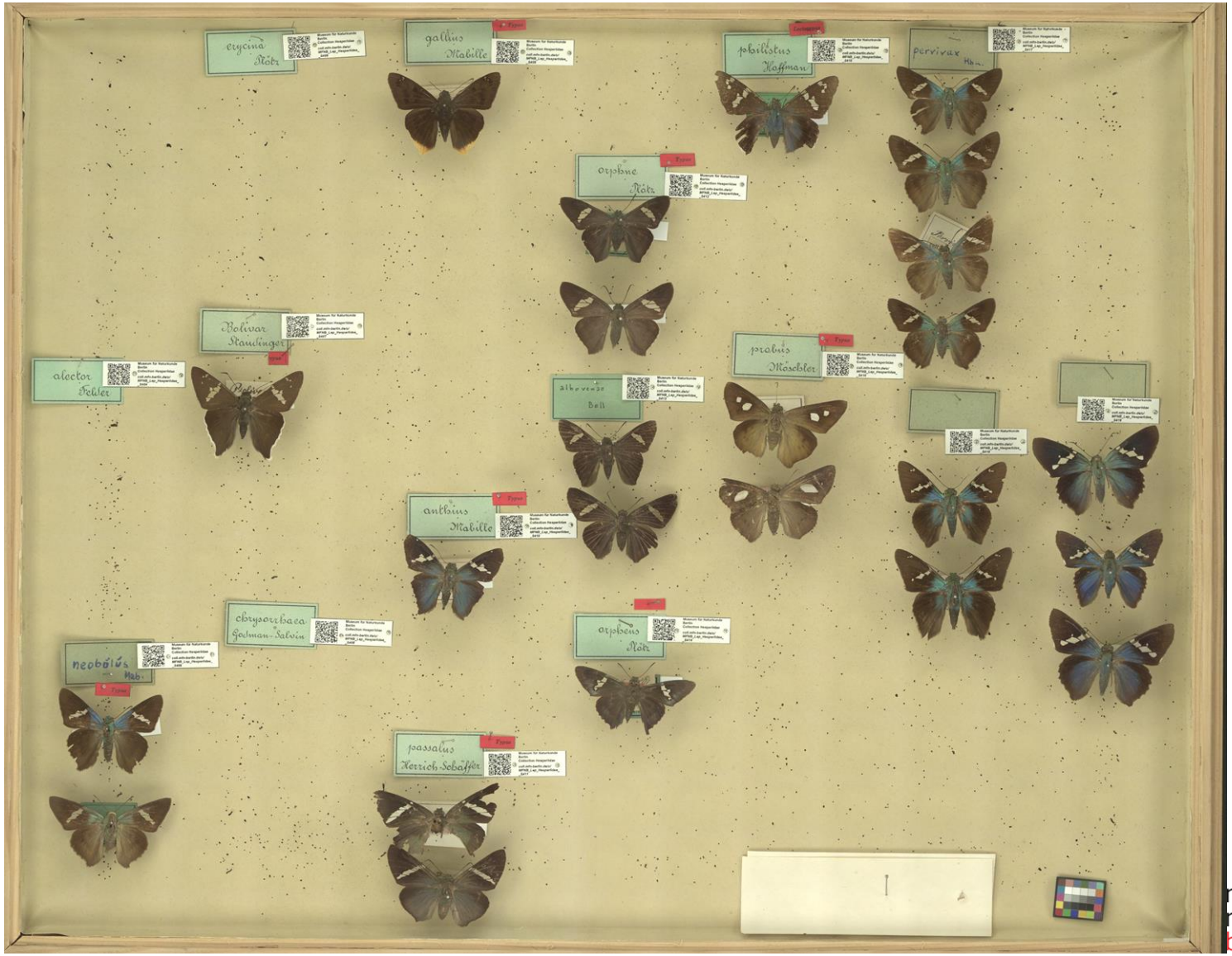
(3) Image analyses



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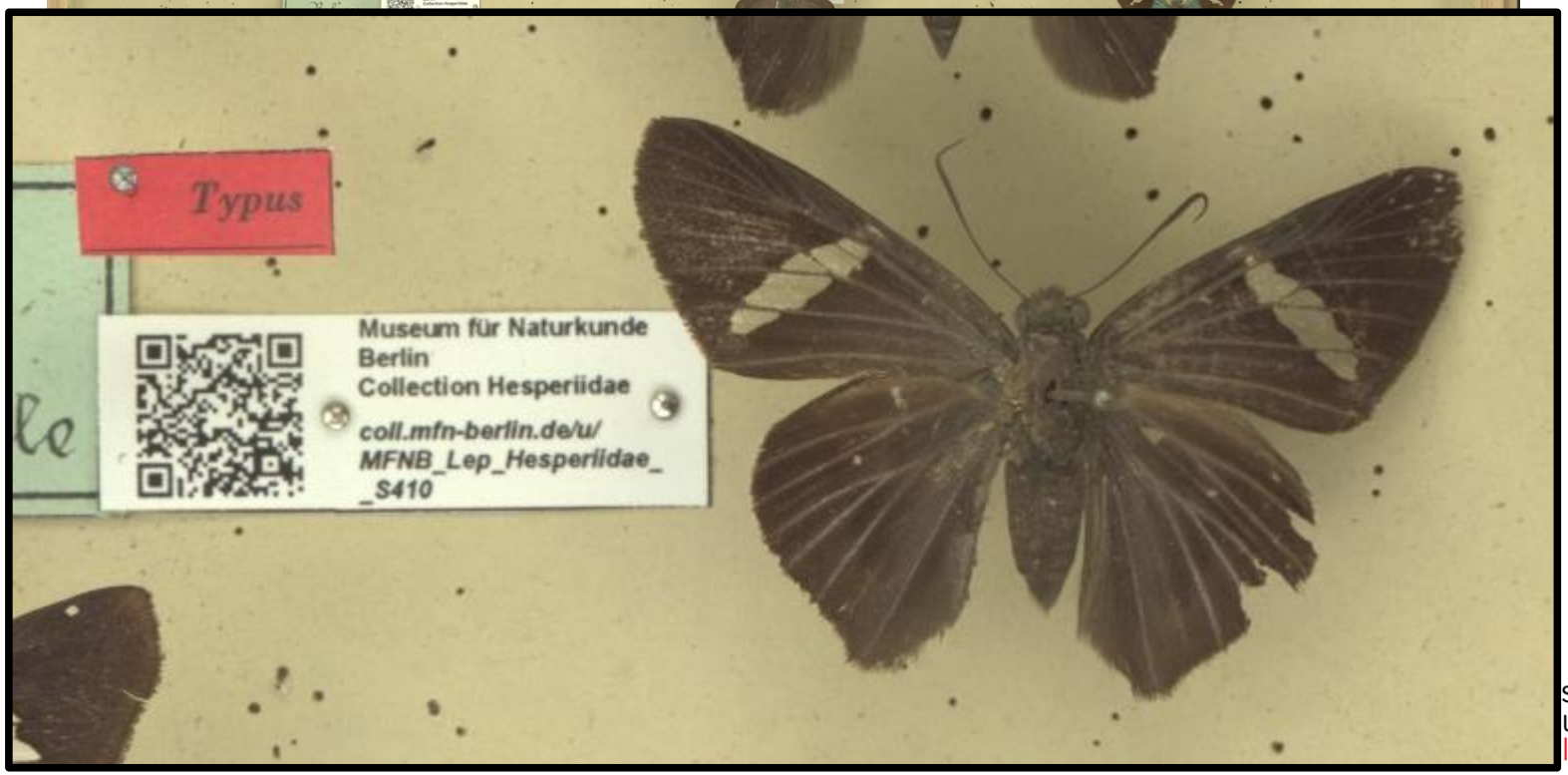

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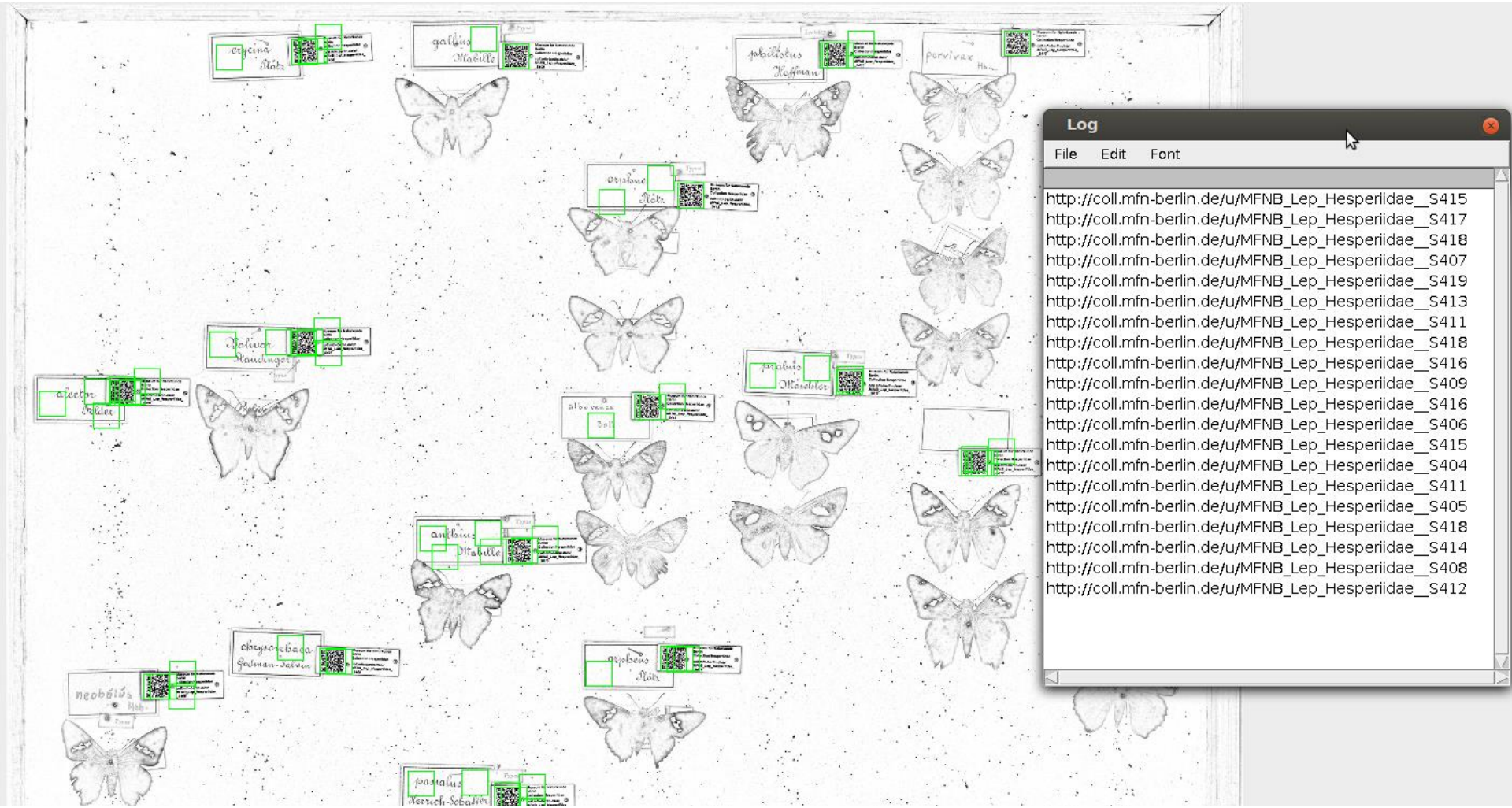

Detection of multiple QR codes in digital assets of natural history collections
Glöckler et al. (in prep.)

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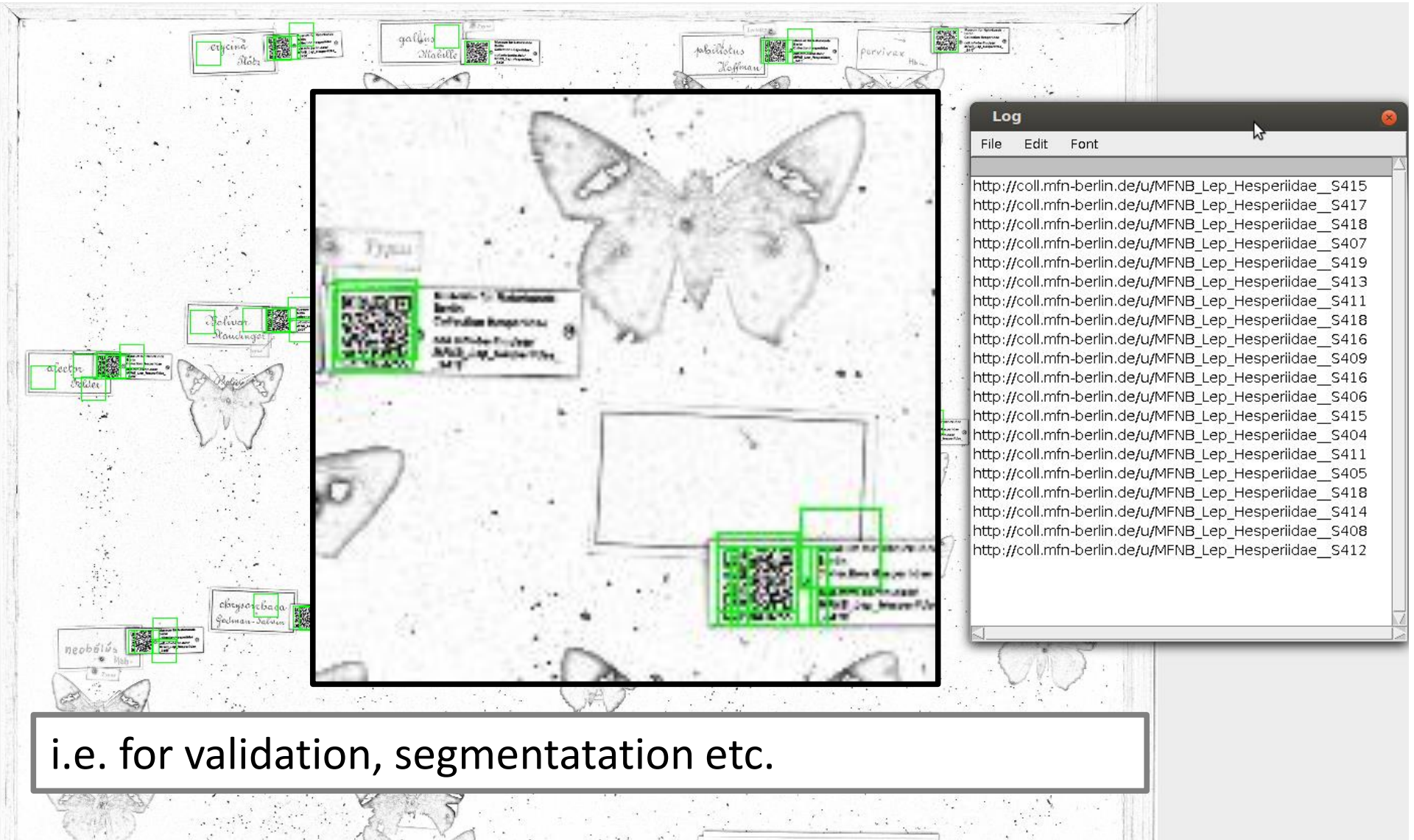

i.e. for validation, segmentatation etc.

Summary

- web-based systems (even if not public)
- URIs:
  - easy & intuitive
  - resolvable
- low efforts, but many benefits for mass digitization & management workflows

Thanks for your attention!

What are your use cases?
Please describe them here:

http://cetafdigitization.biowikifarm.net/cdig/Use_cases_for_stable_URIs_in_collection_worksflows

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