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Enabling Ultra-low Power Machine Learning at the Edge

"tinyML: Enabling Ultra-low Power Always-On Computer Vision at Qualcomm"

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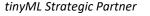
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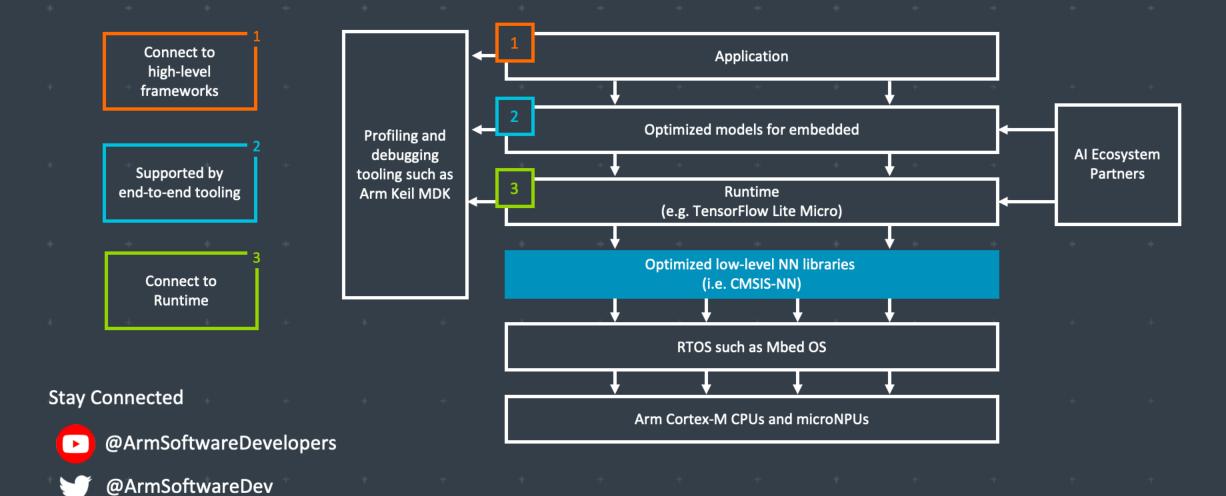


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Arm: The Software and Hardware Foundation for tinyML



Resources: developer.arm.com/solutions/machine-learning-on-arm





WE USE AI TO MAKE OTHER AI FASTER, SMALLER AND MORE POWER EFFICIENT



Automatically compress SOTA models like MobileNet to <200KB with **little to no drop in accuracy** for inference on resource-limited MCUs



Reduce model optimization trial & error from weeks to days using Deeplite's **design space exploration**



Deploy more models to your device without sacrificing performance or battery life with our **easy-to-use software**

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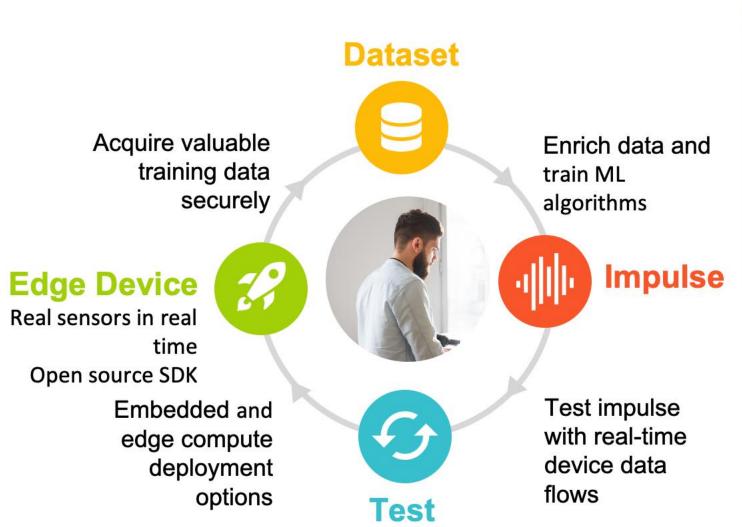


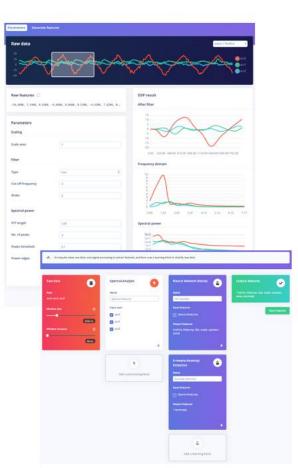
TinyML for all developers











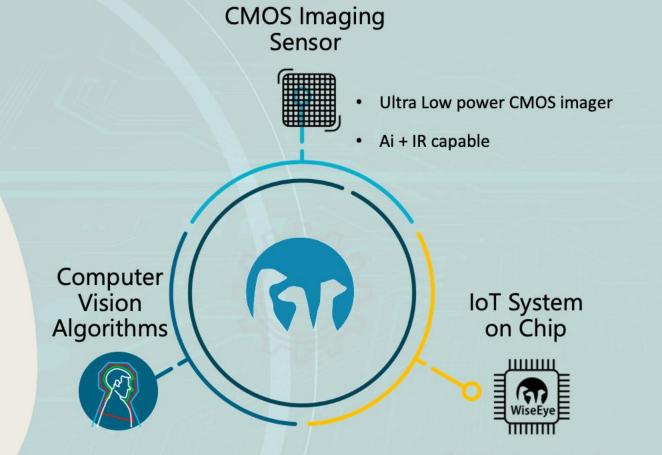


The Eye in IoT

Edge Al Visual Sensors

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- · Machine Learning algorithm
- <1MB memory footprint</p>
- Microcontrollers computing power
- · Trained algorithm
- Processing of low-res images
- · Human detection and other classifiers

- Machine Learning edge computing silicon
- <1mW always-on power consumption
- Computer Vision hardware accelerators

Enabling the next generation of Sensor and Hearable products to process rich data with energy efficiency

Visible Image



Sound



IR Image



Radar

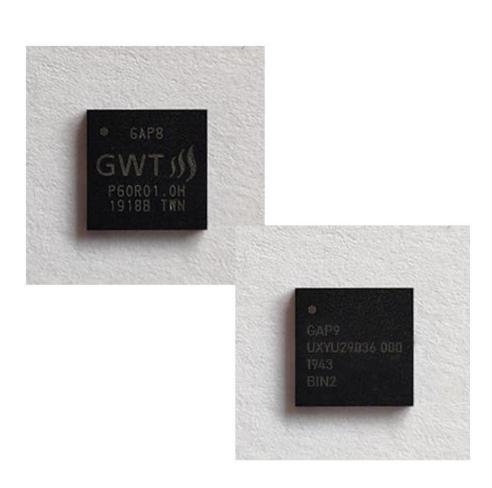


Bio-sensor



Gyro/Accel





Wearables / Hearables





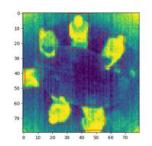
Battery-powered consumer electronics







IoT Sensors



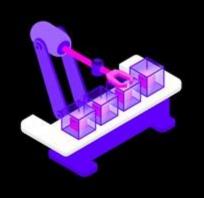


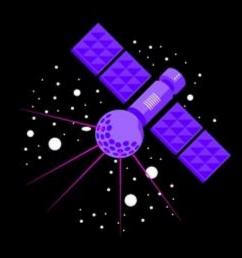


Distributed infrastructure for TinyML apps









Develop at warp speed

Automate deployments

Device orchestration

HOTG is building the distributed infrastructure to pave the way for AI enabled edge applications



Adaptive AI for the Intelligent Edge



Maxim Integrated: Enabling Edge Intelligence

Advanced AI Acceleration IC



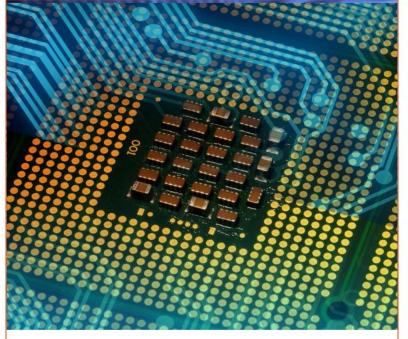




The new MAX78000 implements AI inferences at low energy levels, enabling complex audio and video inferencing to run on small batteries. Now the edge can see and hear like never before.

www.maximintegrated.com/MAX78000

Low Power Cortex M4 Micros



Large (3MB flash + 1MB SRAM) and small (256KB flash + 96KB SRAM, 1.6mm x 1.6mm) Cortex M4 microcontrollers enable algorithms and neural networks to run at wearable power levels.

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Sensors and Signal Conditioning



Health sensors measure PPG and ECG signals critical to understanding vital signs. Signal chain products enable measuring even the most sensitive signals.

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Qeexo AutoML



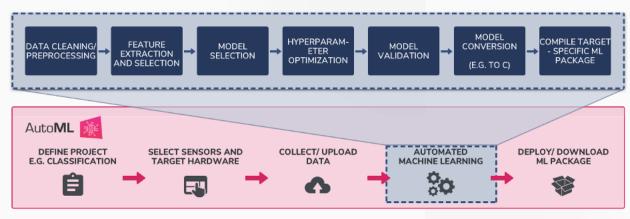


Automated Machine Learning Platform that builds tinyML solutions for the Edge using sensor data

Key Features

- Supports 17 ML methods:
 - Multi-class algorithms: GBM, XGBoost, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, Gaussian Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, Polynomial SVM, RBF SVM, SVM, CNN, RNN, CRNN, ANN
 - Single-class algorithms: Local Outlier Factor, One
 Class SVM, One Class Random Forest, Isolation Forest
- Labels, records, validates, and visualizes time-series sensor data
- On-device inference optimized for low latency, low power consumption, and small memory footprint applications
- Supports Arm® CortexTM- M0 to M4 class MCUs

End-to-End Machine Learning Platform



For more information, visit: www.qeexo.com

Target Markets/Applications

- Industrial Predictive Maintenance
- Smart Home
- Wearables

- Automotive
- Mobile
- IoT

Qualcomm Al research

Advancing Al research to make efficient Al ubiquitous

Power efficiency

Model design, compression, quantization, algorithms, efficient hardware, software tool

Personalization

Continuous learning, contextual, always-on, privacy-preserved, distributed learning

Efficient learning

Robust learning through minimal data, unsupervised learning, on-device learning

A platform to scale Al across the industry



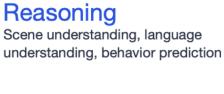
Perception

Object detection, speech recognition, contextual fusion



Edge cloud

















Add Advanced Sensing to your Product with Edge AI / TinyML

https://reality.ai







Pre-built Edge Al sensing modules, plus tools to build your own

Reality AI solutions

Prebuilt sound recognition models for indoor and outdoor use cases

Solution for industrial anomaly detection

Pre-built automotive solution that lets cars "see with sound"

Reality Al Tools® software

Build prototypes, then turn them into real products

Explain ML models and relate the function to the physics

Optimize the hardware, including sensor selection and placement

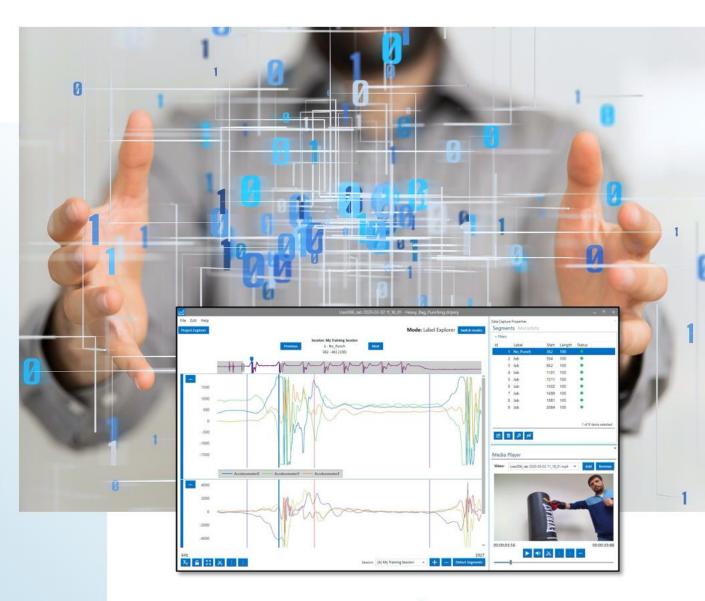


Build Smart IoT Sensor Devices From Data

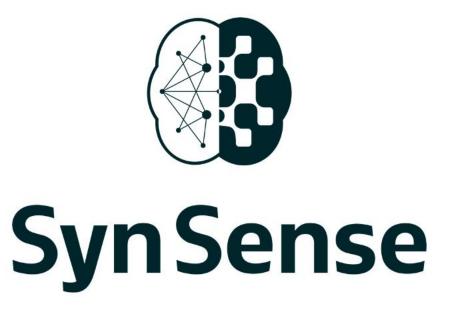
SensiML pioneered TinyML software tools that auto generate AI code for the intelligent edge.

- End-to-end Al workflow
- Multi-user auto-labeling of time-series data
- Code transparency and customization at each step in the pipeline

We enable the creation of productiongrade smart sensor devices.

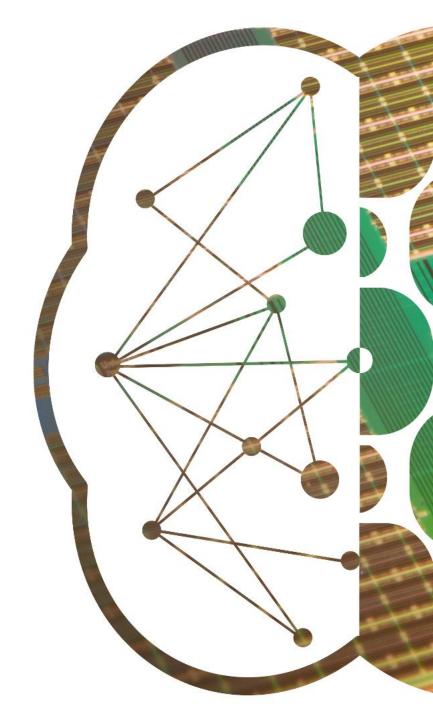


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SynSense builds **sensing and inference** hardware for **ultra-low-power** (sub-mW) **embedded, mobile and edge** devices. We design systems for **real-time always-on smart sensing**, for audio, vision, IMUs, bio-signals and more.

https://SynSense.ai



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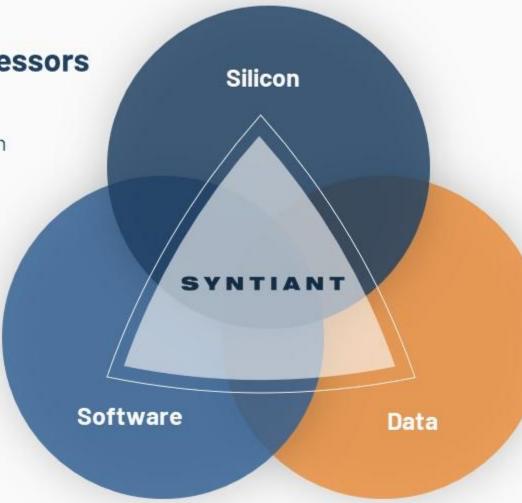
Neural Decision Processors

- At-Memory Compute
- Sustained High MAC Utilization
- Native Neural Network Processing



ML Training Pipeline

Enables Production Quality
 Deep Learning Deployments



End-to-End Deep Learning Solutions

for

TinyML & Edge Al



Data Platform

- Reduces Data Collection
 Time and Cost
- Increases Model Performance



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https://www.tinyml.org/event/asia-2021/

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collaboration with



Focus on:

(i) developing new use cases/apps for tinyML vision; and (ii) promoting tinyML tech & companies in the developer community





Submissions accepted until September 17th, 2021 Winners announced on October 5th, 2021 (\$6k value) Sponsorships available: *sponsorships@tinyML.org*





Next tinyML Talks

Date	Presenter	Topic / Title
Tuesday, October 12	David Schwarz, User Success Engineer, Edge Impulse	AutoML + TinyML with Edge Impulse's EON Tuner

Webcast start time is 8 am Pacific time

Please contact talks@tinyml.org if you are interested in presenting





Reminders

Slides & Videos will be posted tomorrow



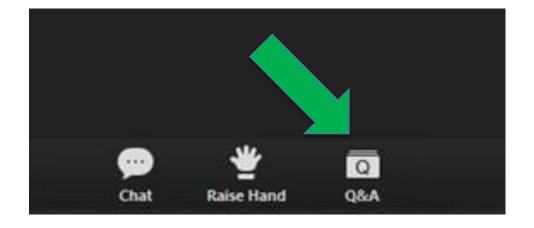


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Please use the Q&A window for your questions







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tinyML - Enabling Ultra-low Power Always-On Computer Vision with Qualcomm® QCC112

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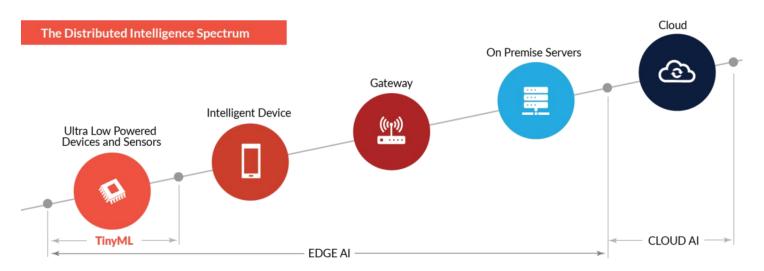


tinyML & "Why the Future of Machine Learning is Tiny""

tinyML is broadly defined as

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- machine learning architectures, techniques, tools and approaches
- capable of performing on-device analytics
- for a variety of sensing modalities (vision, audio, motion, environmental, human health monitoring etc.)
- at "mW" (or below) power range
- targeting predominately battery operated devices (IoT, bioelectronics, ...)





TinyML market - est. 1B tinyML devices shipped in 2024, installed based of 5.4B

tinyML devices in 2026.



^{*} https://petewarden.com/2018/06/11/why-the-future-of-machine-learning-is-tiny/- Pete Warden

tinyML is growing fast

	2019 Summit (March 2019)	2020 Summit (Feb 2020)	2021 Summit (March 2021)
Attendees	160	400+	5000+
Companies	90	172	300+
LinkedIn members	0	798	2258
Meetups members	0	1140	6511
YouTube subscribers	0	0	5120

tinyML Foundation

tinyML.org

300+ videos on youtube.com/tinyML





2019

2018









Meetups





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Eyes on Edge: tinyML Vision Challenge!

with tinyML Foundation

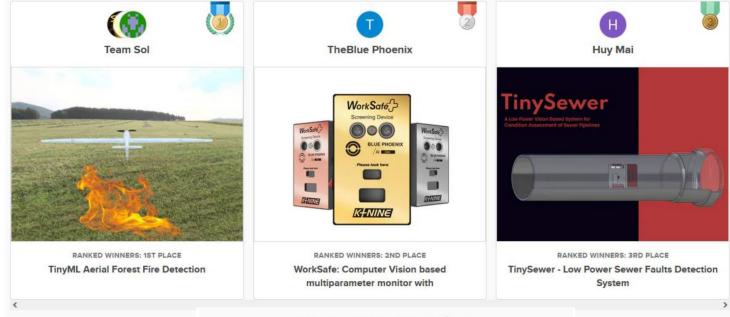
Congratulations to all the winners! Check out the winning projects below.



https://www.hackster.io/contests/tinyml-vision

Hackster Impact Prize The winner was awarded a \$250 Gift card + Video interview + More (\$530 value) Dhruv Sheth Estimating Plant Growth Parameters over time using Regression for High Throughput Phenotyping HACKSTER IMPACT PRIZE Plant Growth Estimation for High Throughput Phenotyping

Vision Challenge-2021 Winners



Honorable Mention

Each runner up was awarded a \$500 Gift Card (\$500 value)



HONORABLE MENTION

Flat Tire Detection Using Machine

Vision



NEW: tinyML Success Stories Series

- Inspiration and educational series
- 1 hour on-line LIVE and interactive interviews with tinyML "movers and shakers"
- Recent M&A stories, VC views, new products, breakthrough research in the academia
- Starting in October 2021
- Hosted by renowned Kurt Keutzer (UC-Berkeley) and Chris Rowen (CISCO)







NEW: tinyML Panel Sessions

• tinyML for Conservation Panel – scheduled for Oct 19th

Moderator: Dan Situnayake, Edge Impulse

Panelists:

Cirra Maina



DeKUT

Sam Kelly



Conservation X Labs

Stephanie O'Donnell



WILDLABS

tinyML Vision Challenge Winners' Panel – late October/early November



SUMMIT

- Venue: Hyatt (near SFO), Burlingame, Silicon
 Valley, CA
- Dates: March 28-30, 2022
 - + Exhibition
 - + 2nd tinyML Research Symposium
- Targeting 500 attendees (to ensure highest quality and networking value)
- Premier Sponsor: Edge Impulse
- Sponsorships@tinyML.org





Chair: Adam Fuks *NXP*



Vice-Chair:
Luca Benini
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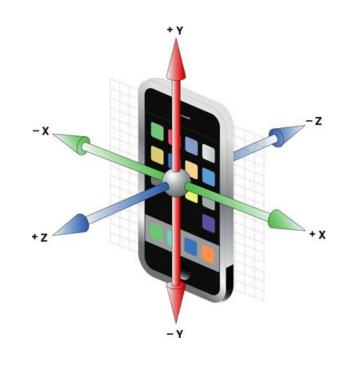
tinyML @ Qualcomm

Always-On UI and Contextual Awareness

Always-On technologies continues to deliver significant value across the whole ecosystem (> 1B units/year)







Always-On Touch

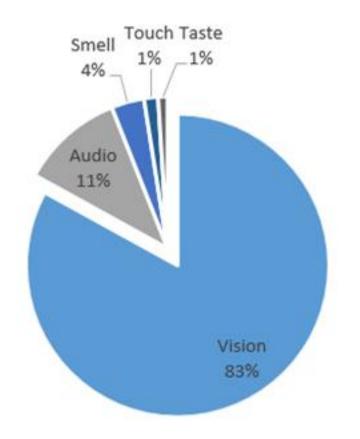
Always-On Voice

Always-On Motion

Human Insight is Dominated by Vision

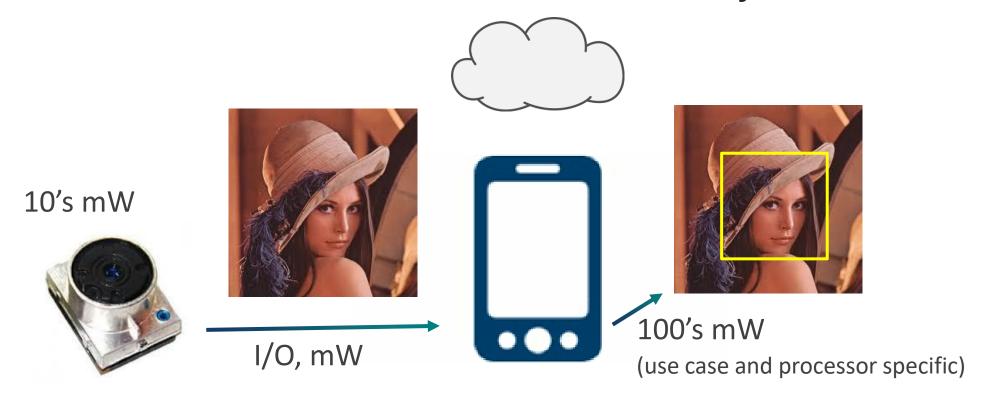
83% of our external world perception is through vision

Yet, Always-On vision technologies have been extremely challenging



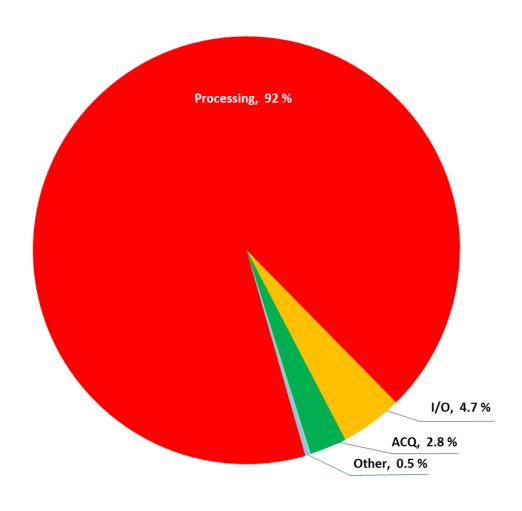
Source: Hatwell, Y. (1994). Traitéde psychologie expérimentale. Paris, P.U.F.)

Machine Vision Today



- Conventional approaches are very power hungry:
 - Processor and algorithms
 - Image sensor

Example: Gesture Algorithm Partitioning



- Vast majority of power is consumed by algorithms running in the processor
- Typically 100's of mW

Vision will enhance many use cases across numerous verticals



Smartphone

- Face-based auto-wake and auto-sleep
- Always-on trigger for other use cases
- Always-on trigger for iris authentication (removes multiple steps and user initiation)



'Intelligent' occupancy trigger

- Distinguish humans from other objects
- Add data layer to trigger: How many? Where?
- Trigger on particular events or objects



Smart watch

- Face-based auto-wake and auto-sleep
- Always-on gestures



Tablets

- Simple gaze tracking for advertising attribution
- Improved landscape/portrait screen orientation



Virtual reality

- Low power gaze tracking (foveated rendering)
- Low power visual odometry for 6 DoF



'Intelligent' interactivity trigger

- Face detection as a trigger for interactivity
- Smart appliance can react when a user approaches to engage it



Standalone intelligent data sensor

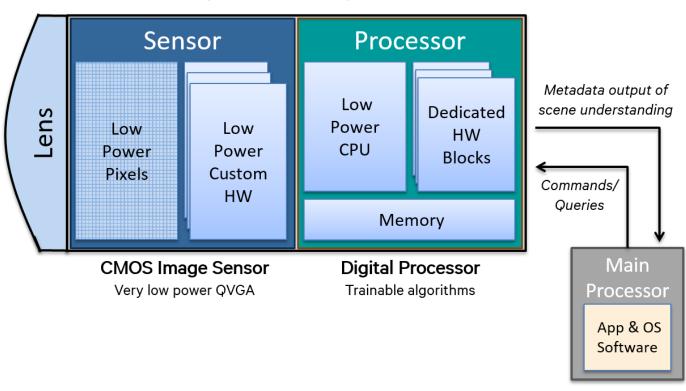
- Heat maps of how a space is occupied
- Privacy advantages data only, no images captured

Qualcomm Innovation

- Highly integrated & holistically optimized System
- Ultra-low power designs
- Always-On vision defined and targeted as < 1 mA, active & end-to-end

Glance Vision Module

Integrated vision sensor & processor, independent of main processor



Key Features

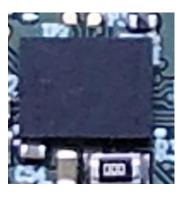
- Ultra-low power, < 1 mA (end-to-end, w/ sensor included)
- Small size
- Low cost
- Privacy (output is metadata)
- Configurable for different use cases
- QVGA sensor
- N-IR compatible





Qualcomm[®] QCC112

- Commercially available
- Supports many uses at ~1mW, including chip, sensor, and power management
- Features:
 - Ultra-low-power MCU
 - Streaming Array Processor (SuP)
 - Programmable
 - Can be power collapsed
 - Data bursted with DMA into TCM
 - Embedded PMU
 - Vision Accelerator
 - Custom memory
 - 2X lower dynamic power and 3X lower retention power vs. standard memory cell





What needs to be done for Always-on Computer Vision

Our Approach	Traditional Approach	
Image itself is secondary to information	Image quality paramount	
Monochrome works in most cases. ≤ 8-bit sufficient	Color & wide bit-depth preferred	
Focus can be good enough in most cases	Focus, autofocus, Bokeh important	
Adequate pixel count for applicable distance	Higher pixel count	
System power optimized including sensor	Sensor & algorithm/model often split	
Images shot in challenging lighting	Camera & subject posed for best image	
Inference is heavily weighted	Balance between training & inference time	
Algorithms redesigned with memory & power in mind	Built upon available technologies	
Metrics may be event-based	Typical metric is frame-based	

Our System Approach for Always-on Computer Vision

- Favor algorithms with adaptive compute
 - Only perform computer vision when image/area has changed
 - Run light weight algorithms first
 - Favor algorithms/models with content adaptive capabilities
 - Stop when there is enough information:
 many applications only need to know the presence of ≥1 object vs. count all objects
- Simplify
 - Often easier to run models at different scales than resizing images
 - Optimize brightness to favor detection

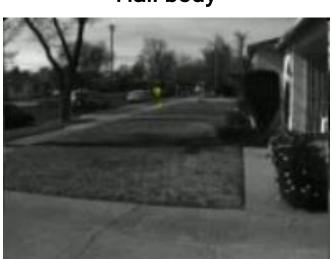
Our System Approach for Always-on Computer Vision

- Optimize the entire system end-to-end
 - Use low power sensor
 - Optimize IO
 - Move algorithms to HW when possible
 - Keep memory close to compute engine

Various Use-Cases with Face and Human Detection



Half body



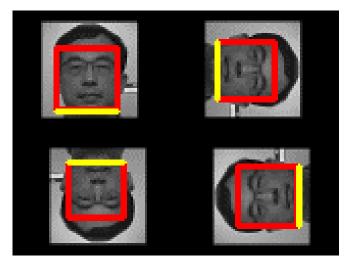
Full body



Change Detection

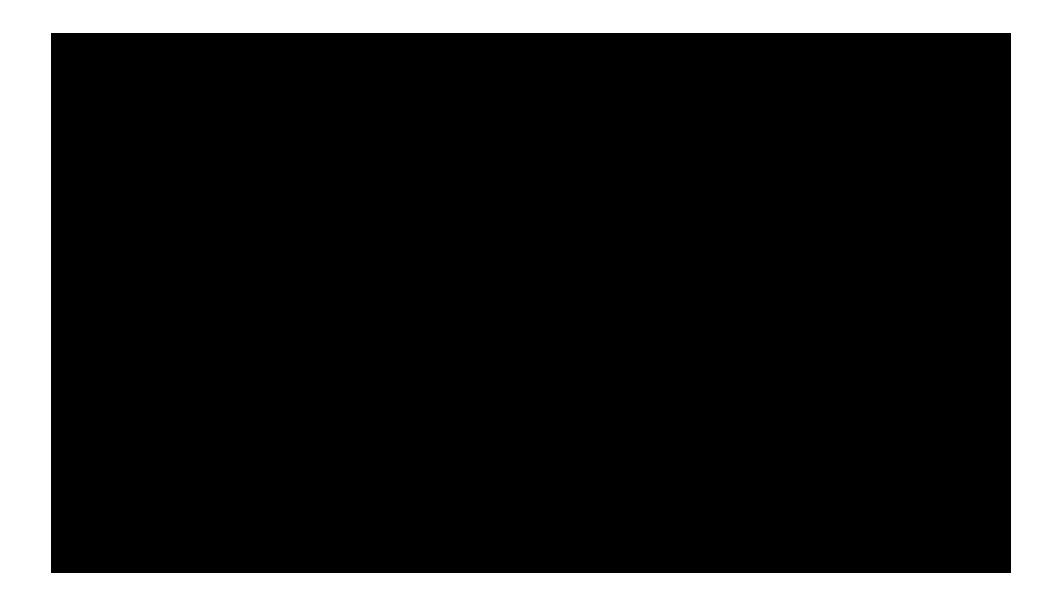


3/4 body

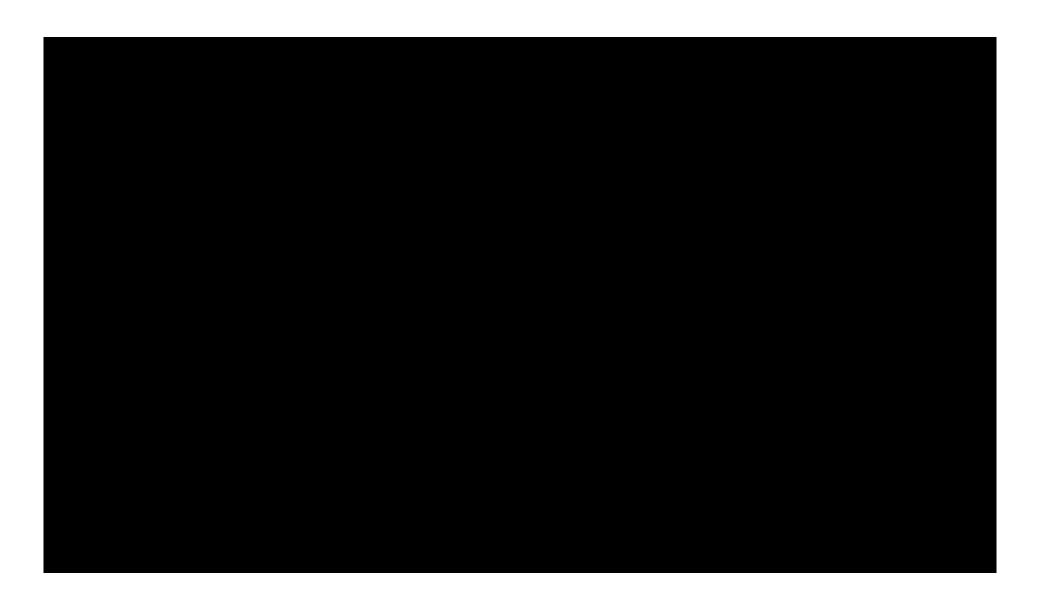


Multiple orientation

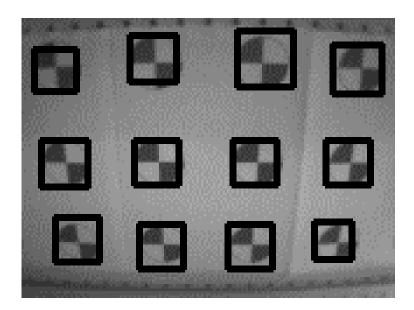
Video: Phone/Tablet Use Cases

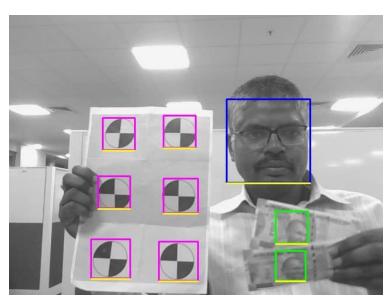


Video: Connected Camera Use Cases



Detect Markers, Logos, Toys, and Many More...









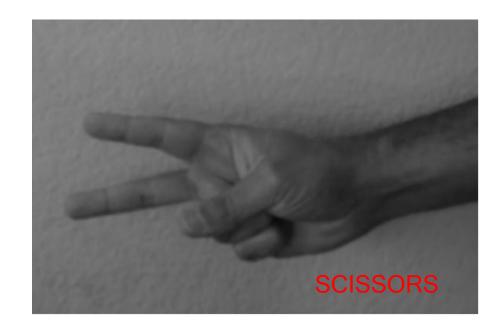


Retail Analytics
(1) Shelf Status
(2) Customer Engagement

Lightweight Gesture Detection

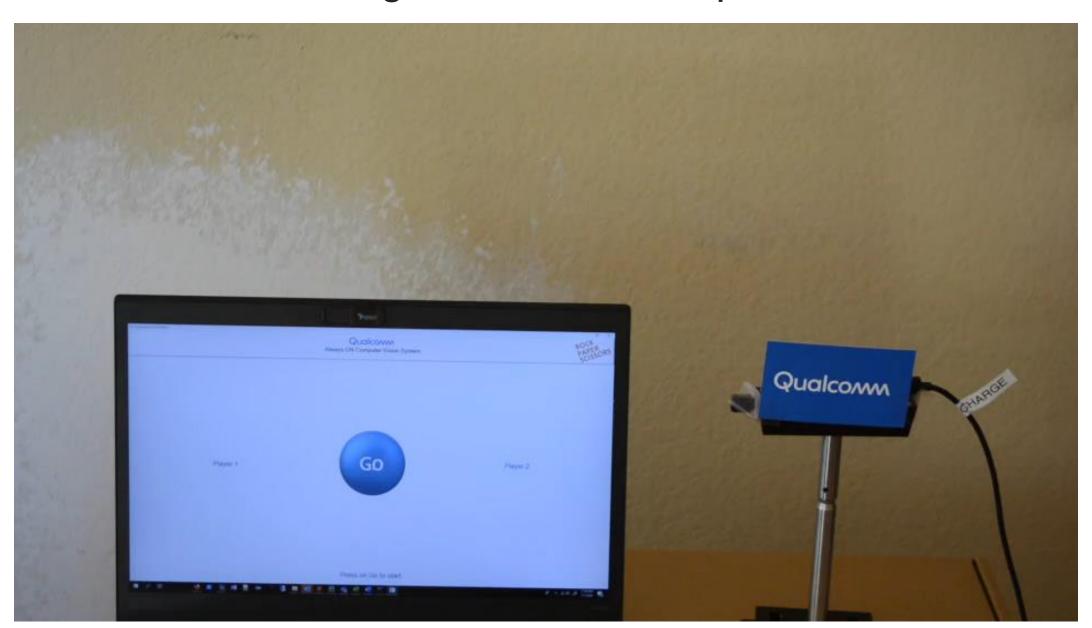


Dynamic Gesture Detection



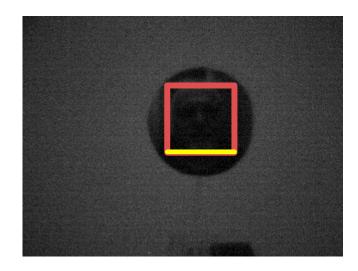
Static Gesture Detection

Gesture Recognition - Rock / Paper / Scissors

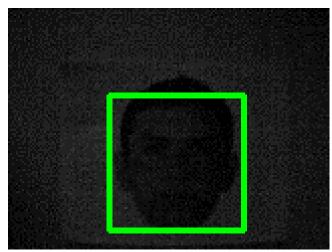


Successful detection in challenging light scenarios

- Detection scenario at distance and low light is challenging
- Model and algorithm must be resilient to these scenarios
- Sensor also sensitive to 850 nm IR



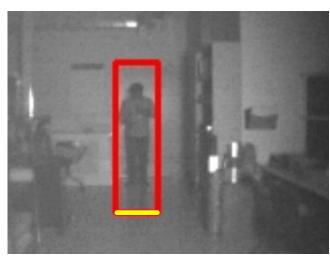
Face at low light (0.1 lux)



Face detection low light indoor at 768us



Full body at 60 ft



Full Body 20 ft 3 lux

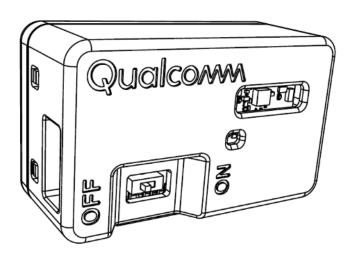


Full Body in direct sunlight

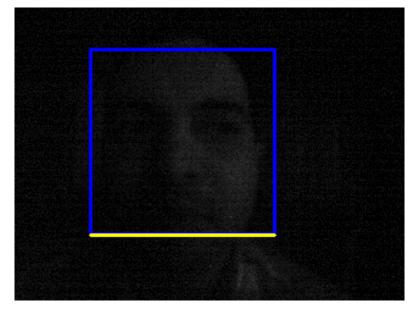
Turbo Mode: 100 FPS Face Detection

End-to-end system optimization allows for enhanced performance at low power

- Tuned exposure control
- Tailored detection models for low light
- Boosted system clock
- Single-digit mW power (1-10 mW)



Battery-powered AOCVS demo



Face Detection @ 10 lux + 4 ms exposure

tinyML for AR/VR Applications

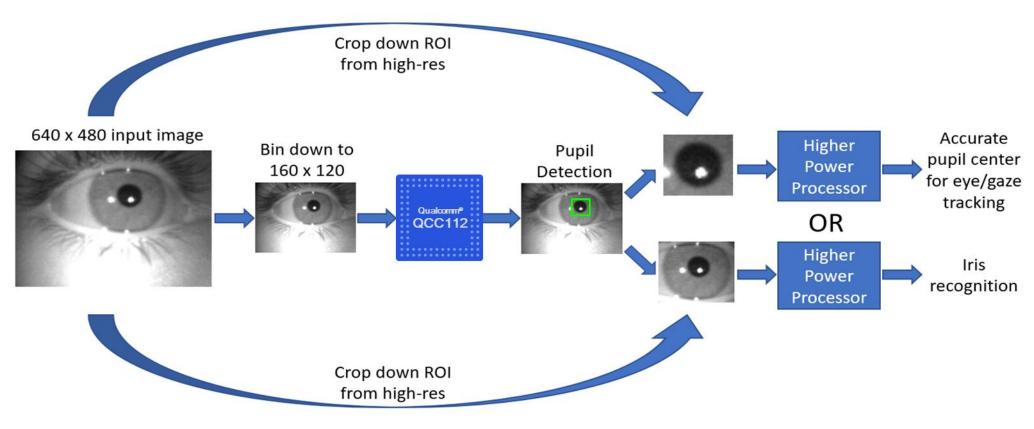


Also watch: tinyML Talk by Hans Reyserhove (Facebook Reality Labs)

Embedded Computer Vision Hardware through the Eyes of AR/VR

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4g2zwFR3ps

Building Robust Lightweight Pupil Detection Models



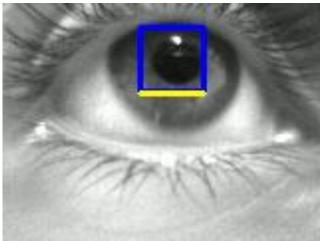


Accurate pupil detection enables downstream AR/VR applications



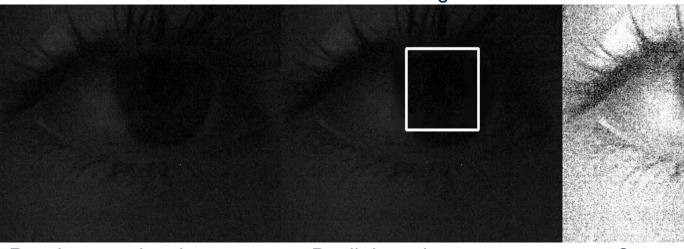
Detections in Visible/Low/IR Lighting

Visible Light



Ambient indoor lighting (~150lux)

Low Light



Raw image taken by sensor at 10 ms exposure time

Pupil detections on raw images

Contrast-stretched (for visualization)

Infra Red Light



~1 ms exposure time

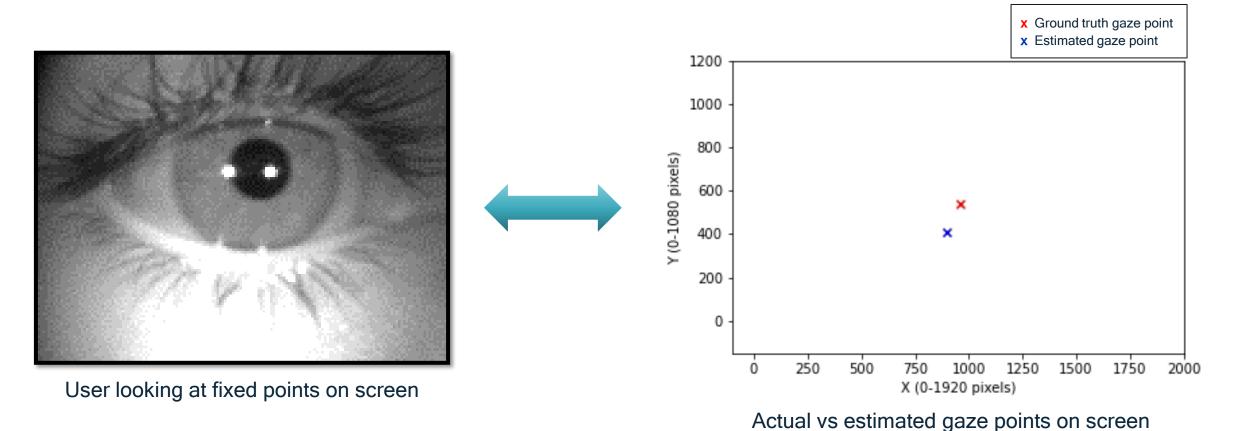
How fast can we go?



FPS	Exposure Time (ms)	Detection Time (ms)
60	< 1	6.5
87	< 1	2.7

- IR illumination allowing extremely small exposure time while maintaining image quality
- Image processed at qqVGA res (160x120 pixels)
- Promising results with frame rates hitting as high as 100 FPS!
- Extremely small model size @ 40 kB
- Results at 40MHz clock can clock higher for higher FPS requirements
- Images not transmitted, only metadata ROI can be transmitted for downstream processing

Eye tracking demo on computer screen

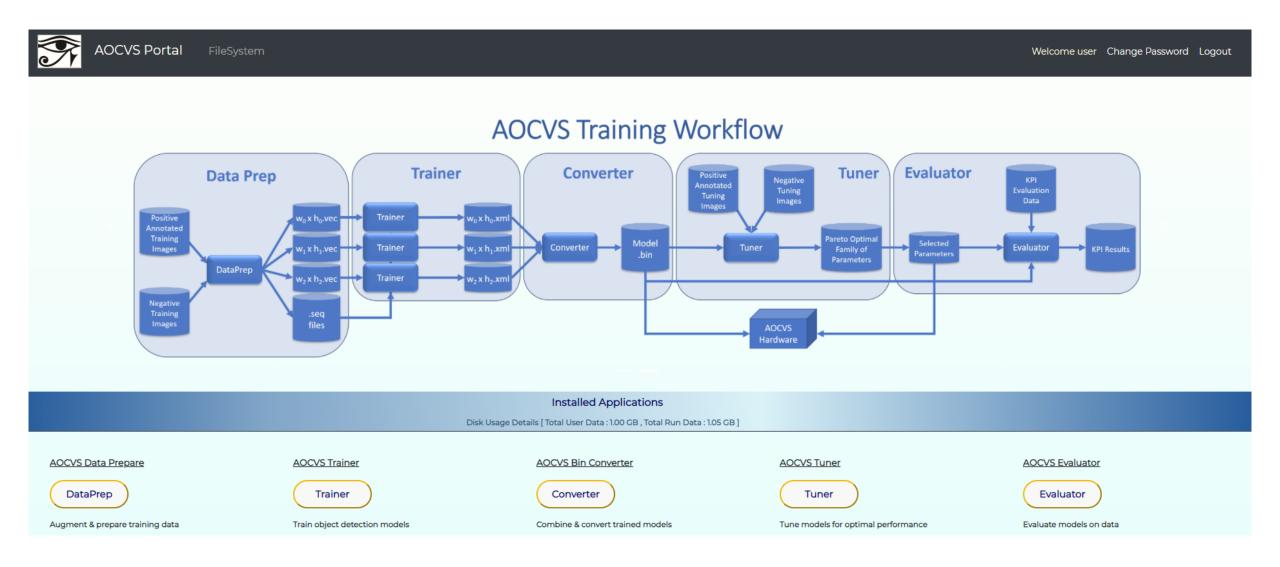


Screen gaze estimation from regression over pupil detection output

Running on commercial silicon Qualcomm® QCC112

Demonstrated detection at up to 60-100 fps on the hardware

Training Tool: AOCVS (Always-on Computer Vision System) Portal



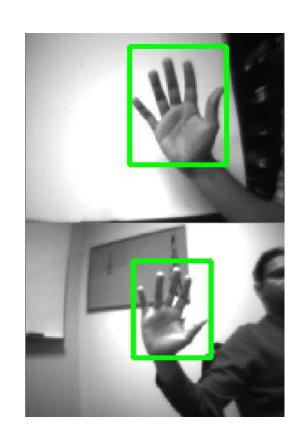
Training Tool: AOCVS (Always-on Computer Vision System) Portal

- Browser-based application front-end
- Backend accessible via command line
- Installation supported on Windows & Linux (Docker)
- Install on remote/cloud machine and launch/monitor jobs from any browser
- Compatible with most modern browsers
- Experiment tracking aids reproducibility

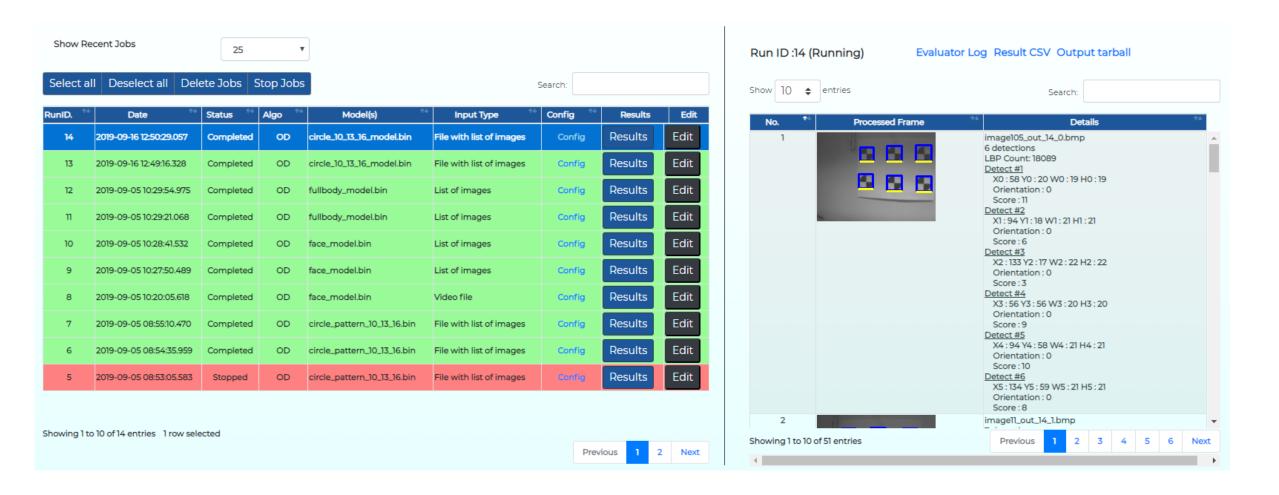
- Synthetic data augmentation enables training with only a few positive images
- Can train models with images from any source, data augmentation matches sensor image quality







Visualization of Results



Visualization of Key Performance Metric and Compute Tradeoffs



Next Generation Ultra-Low Power Al Engine

- Highly efficient neural network inference targeted at vision use cases
- Mobile-friendly backbone models such as MobileNets
- Eye gaze tracking with ~ 70 KB CNN model
- Competitive accuracy: < 5° gaze estimation error
- For power/performance reference: face recognition model (0.91 MB) runs at 25 fps at 5 mW power (250 MHz, 7nm)

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