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Enabling Ultra-low Power Machine Learning at the Edge

# "Creating individualized solutions for industrial-grade and environmental problems with TinyML"

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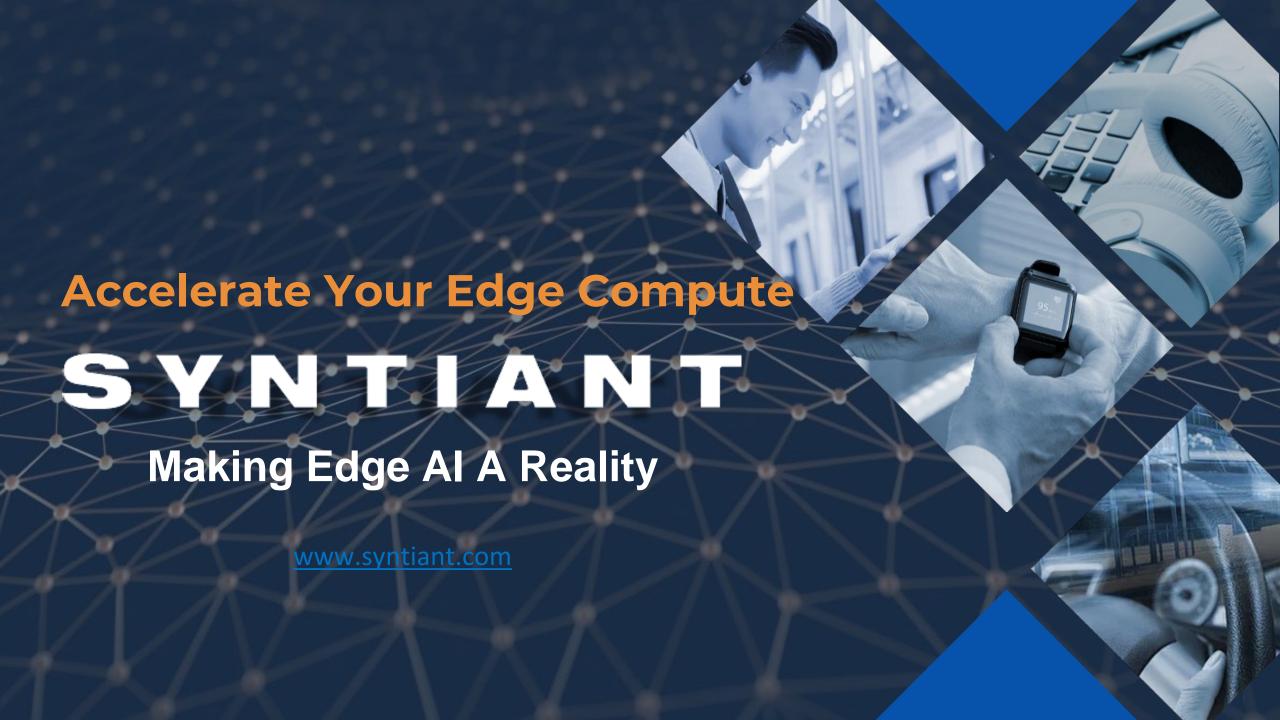




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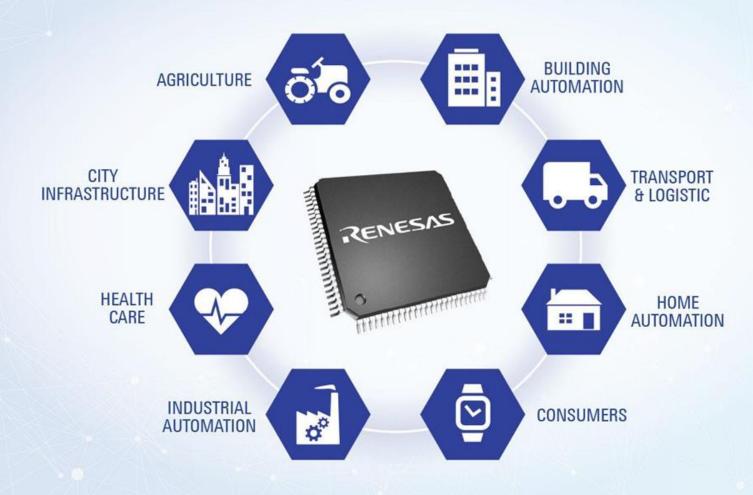






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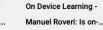
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#### Kutluhan Aktar



I am a self-taught developer and maker who enjoys contemplating proof-of-concept AloT projects in various fields. I was an aspiring physics major, but I decided to drop out of university in order to follow my vocation to be an independent researcher and build original projects from scratch. With the help of lots of innovative companies, I have been able to keep devising inspiring projects and realize my ideas in recent years as an occupation.





# Creating individualized solutions for industrial-grade and environmental problems with TinyML

#### **Kutluhan Aktar**

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Maker
Independent Researcher



Challenges with machine learning and largescale problems

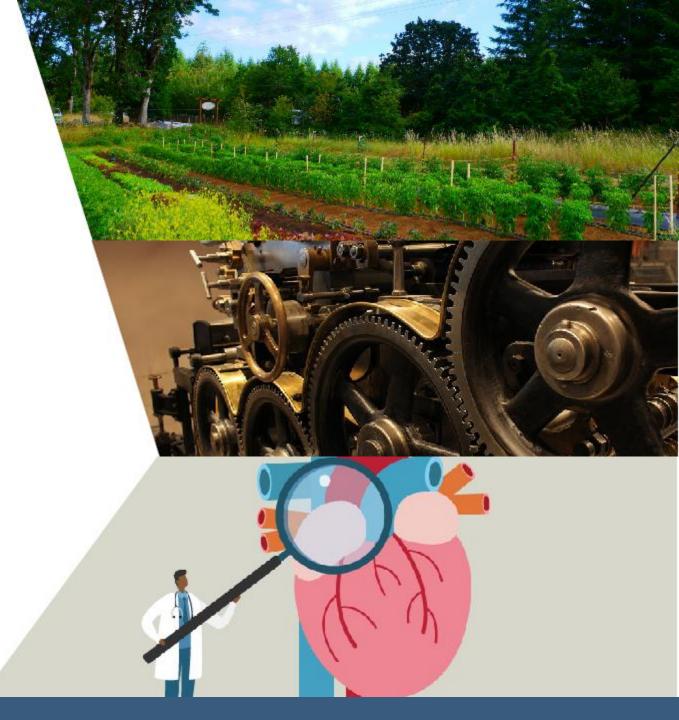
- Defining all possible use case scenarios
- Grasping the extent of the targeted problem
- Interminable workloads due to the lack of talent
- Exorbitant costs due to hardware requirements
- Constructing miscellaneous data sets
- Inaccessible and inaccurate data
- Adapting to sporadic conditions
- Building complex algorithms
- Cloud computing and storage space
- Meagre funds and limited market opportunity





# Advantages of creating individualized solutions for large-scale problems with TinyML

- Focusing on a single use case scenario of a large-scale problem
- Pinpointing and refining solution methods
- Manageable objectives
- Considerably low budgets and affordable hardware
- Constricted data sets
- Efficient data collection
- Consistent and stable instances
- Optimized algorithms for simple tasks
- Minimum latency and power consumption
- No need for profit from continuing operations





## Assets for tailoring solutions with TinyML

- Specialized development boards for edge AI
- Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and LoRaWAN-enabled edge devices
- Pre-configured sensors and cameras with supported libraries
- Single-board computers (SBCs)
- Edge AI platforms
- Cloud computing services
- Optimized algorithms and model architectures
- HTTP and REST APIs
- SDKs and development tools
- Open-source projects and tutorials

























# My approach to creating individualized solutions for large-scale problems

Perusing research papers to fathom the targeted industrial-grade, environmental, or healthrelated problem

Choosing the most suitable transmission method

Devising a budgetfriendly and accessible device capable of collecting data and running inferences

Finding a local area or designing a controlled environment for data collection

Creating a distinctive data set with notable validity

Building and training a neural network model with Edge Impulse

Conducting experiments with the deployed model in the field

Developing an application or interface to inform the user of the model detection results



#### Issue

Due to climate change and excessive deforestation, trees and plants are becoming more susceptible to contagious diseases.

Most tree diseases are fungal and instigated mainly by drought, high carbon dioxide levels, overcrowding, and damage to stem or roots.

Since trees are crucial for pollination, spreading tree diseases can cause crop yield loss, animal deaths, widespread infectious epidemics, and even land degradation due to soil erosion.

Various environmental factors can cause trees to be stressed and catch a highly contagious disease.

Tree diseases can engender unrecoverable damage to forests, farms, and arable lands.

# Solution

Detect tree diseases before permeating forests to avoid their detrimental effects.

Provide prescient warnings regarding potential tree diseases and environmental factors to avoid hazardous outcomes related to forest degradation and crop yield loss.

Collect data from trees infected with different diseases in order to train an object detection model with notable validity.

Inform the user of the detection results via MMS remotely after running the object detection model.

Design a 3D printable case to make the device as robust and sturdy as possible while operating outdoors.



IoT AI-driven Tree Disease Identifier





# Collecting environmental factors w/ Wio Terminal

- Configured Wio Terminal on Arduino IDE
- Assembled the forest-themed case
- Programmed Wio Terminal to save the collected environmental factors to a CSV file on the SD card
- Displayed the collected environmental factors as a histogram
- Utilized Wio Terminal to send commands to LattePanda 3 Delta via serial communication







#### Date

CO2

Temperature

Humidity

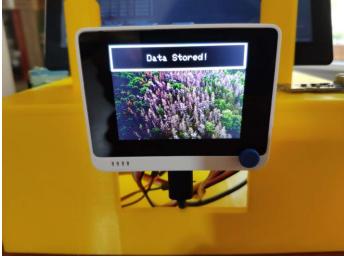
Moisture

tVOC (total volatile organic compounds)

CO2eq (carbon dioxide equivalent)





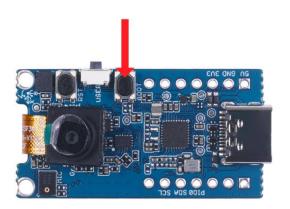




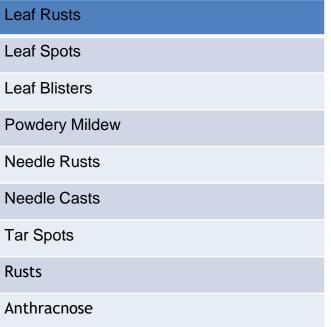


## Capturing images of infected trees w/ Grove Vision AI module

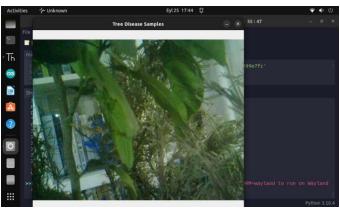
- Updated the Vision AI module firmware to capture images in Python
- Utilized LattePanda 3 Delta (Ubuntu) to store the captured images
- Programmed LattePanda 3 Delta to show a real-time video stream generated by the Vision AI module
- Collected various infected tree images with different foliar and bark tree diseases in a forest near my hometown
- Obtained my data set after capturing images nearly two weeks



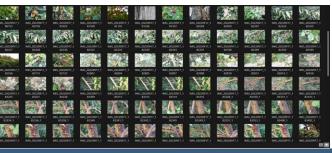
















## Building an object detection (FOMO) model with Edge Impulse

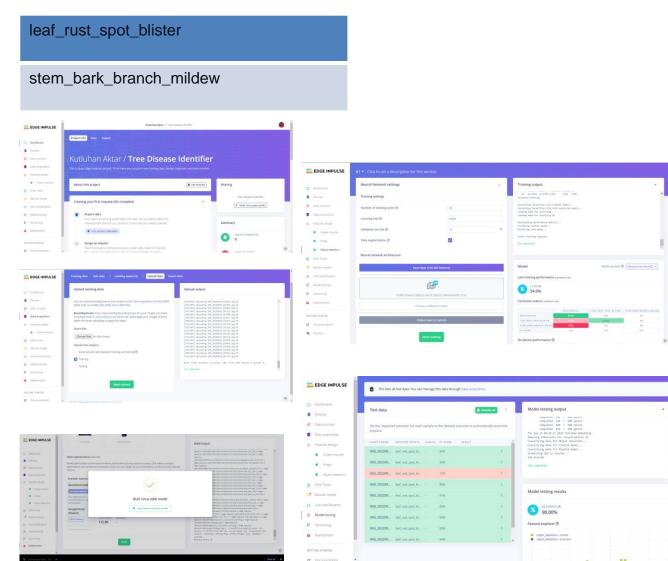
- Uploaded the collected images (samples)
- Labeled targeted objects on the samples
- Trained the FOMO model on contagious tree diseases
- Evaluated the model accuracy
- Deployed the trained model as a Linux x86\_64 application
- Set up the deployed model on LattePanda 3 Delta











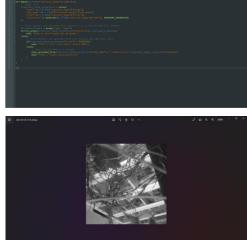




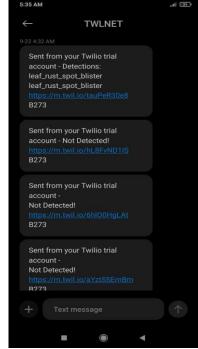
## Informing the user of the model detection results via MMS

- Employed LattePanda 3 Delta to run an inference, modify the captured image by adding bounding boxes, and send the modified image via an HTTP POST request
- Created a Twilio account to send MMS
- Developed a web application in PHP to save the modified image transferred by LattePanda 3 Delta
- Then, utilized the application to send an MMS, including the detected classes and the modified image, to the verified phone number via Twilio's API

















## **Further Discussions**

By applying object detection models trained on captured infected tree images in detecting potential tree diseases, we can achieve to:

avoid crop yield loss, animal deaths, widespread infectious epidemics

prevent land degradation due to soil erosion

mitigate deforestation

protect wildlife







### Issue

Yogurt is produced by bacterial fermentation of milk, which can be of cow, goat, ewe, sheep, etc.

Even though yogurt production and manufacturing look like a simple task, achieving precise yogurt texture (consistency) can be arduous and strenuous since various factors affect the fermentation process.

Most companies employ food (chemical) additives while mass-producing yogurt to maintain its freshness, taste, texture, and appearance, including diluents, water, artificial flavorings, rehashed starch, sugar, and gelatine.

Due to the surge in food awareness and health regulations, companies were coerced into changing their yogurt production methods.

Yogurt production without any additives can be expensive and demanding for small businesses trying to gain a foothold in the dairy industry.

## Solution

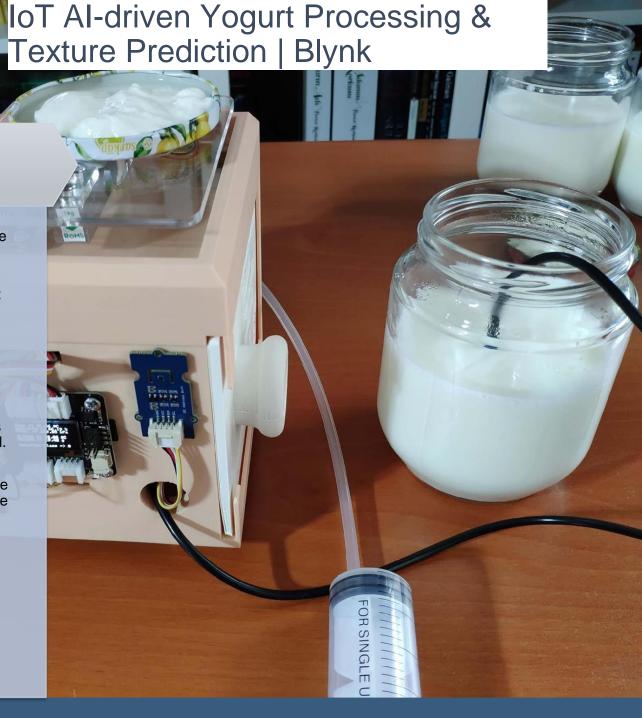
Detect yogurt consistency levels before fermentation.

Assist dairies in reducing the total cost and improving product quality.

Collect data while producing yogurt in different conditions to train a neural network model with notable validity.

Inform the user of the detection results after running the neural network model.

Design a 3D printable case to make the device as sturdy and robust as possible while operating in a dairy.

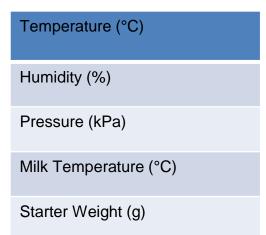


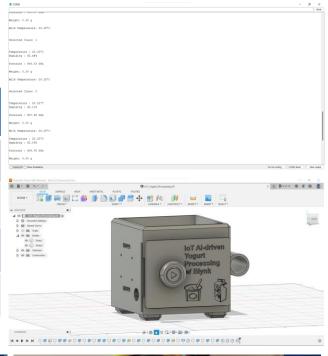


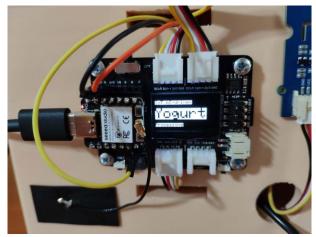


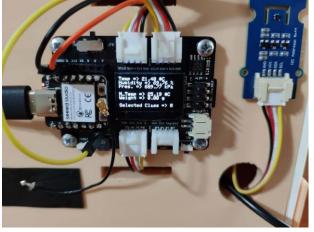
#### Collecting yogurt processing data w/ XIAO ESP32C3

- Configured XIAO ESP32C3 on Arduino IDE
- Assembled the dairy-themed case
- Programmed XIAO ESP32C3 to save the collected environmental factor measurements and the culture (starter) amount to a CSV file on the SD card
- Utilized the built-in button on the XIAO expansion board in two different modes (long press and short press) to select a class and save data records
- Displayed the collected yogurt processing data and the selected class number

















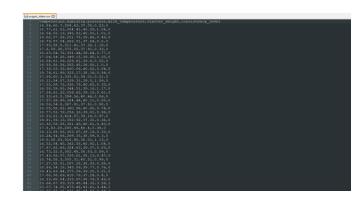
#### Constructing a data set with notable validity

- Collected yogurt processing data from nearly 30 different batches
- Always used cow milk but changed the milk temperature, yogurt culture amount, and environmental factors while conducting my experiments
- Obtained my data set as a CSV file on the SD card, including labels for each data record

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Optimum [1]

Curdling [2]







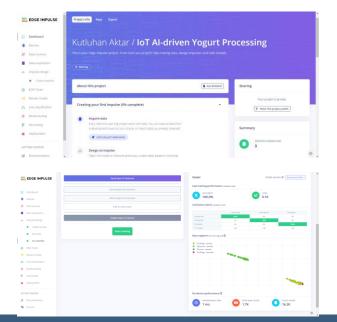


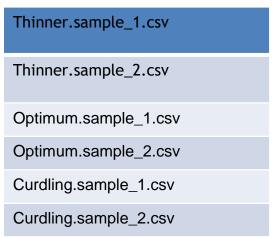


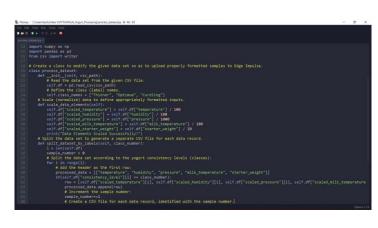


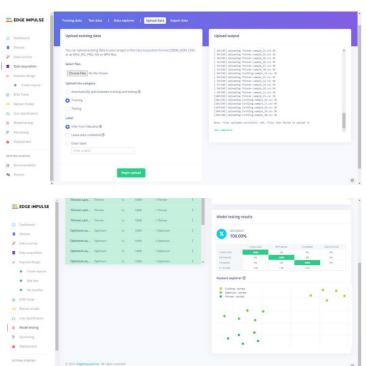
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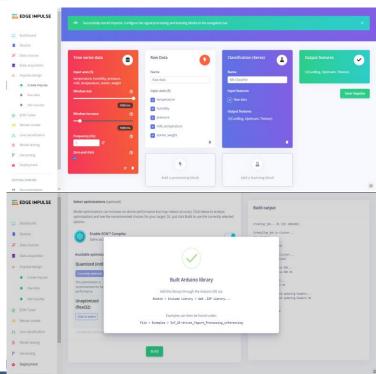
- Developed a Python application to scale and preprocess my data set to create individual CSV files for each data record
- Uploaded the formatted samples
- Trained the model on yogurt consistency levels
- Evaluated the model accuracy
- Deployed the trained model as an Arduino library
- Set up the deployed model on XIAO ESP32C3









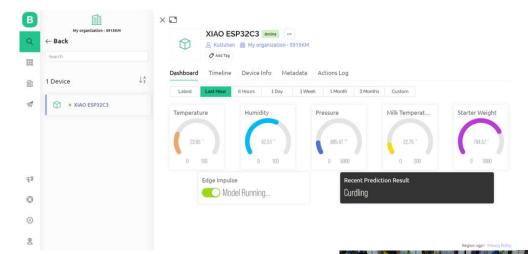


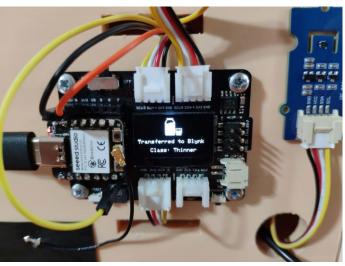


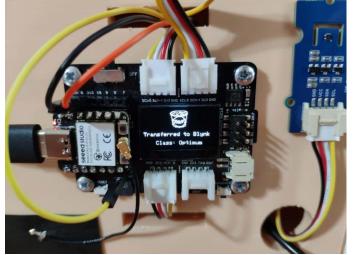


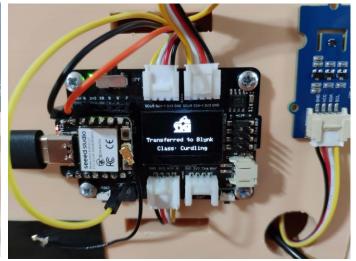
#### Informing the user of the model detection results via Blynk

- Created a Blynk application and user interface
- Employed XIAO ESP32C3 to send the collected data to the Blynk application
- Utilized the switch (button) widget on the Blynk dashboard to run an inference with XIAO ESP32C3
- Then, displayed the model detection results on the Blynk dashboard















#### **Further Discussions**

By applying object detection models trained on captured infected tree images in detecting potential tree diseases, we can achieve to:

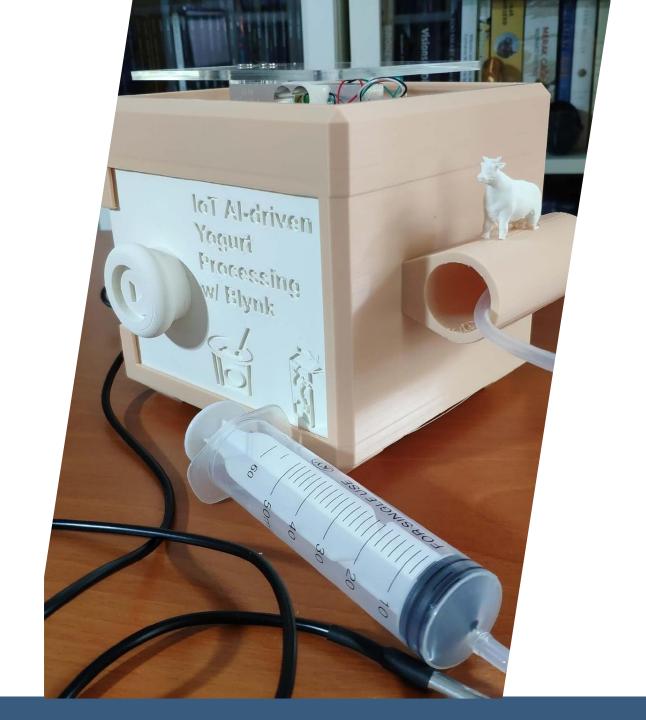
avoid crop yield loss, animal deaths, widespread infectious epidemics

prevent land degradation due to soil erosion

mitigate deforestation

protect wildlife





T I N Y

#### Issue

Pipeline system maintenance has been crucial to keeping machine operations sustainable, profitable, and stable even though all machine parts and control units evolved from occupying rooms to fitting in our packets.

A faulty pipeline system can engender various manufacturing problems while running machine operations, especially for small businesses with limited budgets not enough to cover expensive overhauling costs.

During machine operations, mechanical and thermal stress cause minute defects in pipelines due to fatigue.

When small defects accumulate, the outcome mostly results in a varying turbulent pressure, which leads to slight form disfigurations, resulting in gradual deficiency over time due to tension.

Although there are different external pipeline inspection methods, they cannot be applied interchangeably to different pipeline systems.

## Al-assisted Pipeline Diagnostics and Inspection w/ mmWave

#### Solution

Establish an efficient and accurate pipeline diagnostics mechanism conforming to general maintenance regulations.

Assist technicians in keeping machines durable and prevent companies from squandering their resources on replacing machine components due to pipeline defects.

Since pipeline system failures can be detected by inspecting fluctuating vibrations as a non-destructive method, collect accurate vibration measurements from a pipeline system to train a neural network model with notable validity.

Inform the user of the detection results with images of the deformed pipes after running the neural network model.

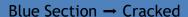
Considering harsh operating conditions, design a unique PCB and a 3D printable case to make the device as sturdy and compact as possible.



#### Collecting mmWave data parameters w/ Arduino Nano

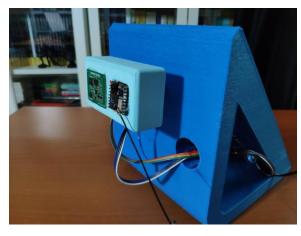


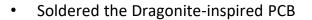




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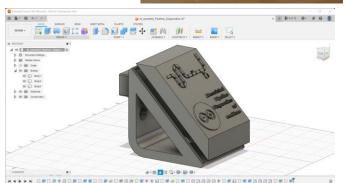
Green Section → Leakage





- Assembled the liquid-themed case
- Developed a full-fledged web application in PHP to provide an outstanding user interface
- Hosted the web application on LattePanda 3 Delta
- Built a basic pipeline system demonstrating different defects



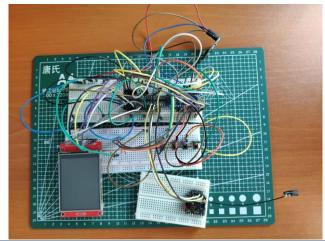












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#### Constructing a data set with notable validity



- Programmed Arduino Nano to extract data parameters from a 60GHz mmWave radar module and transmit the collected data parameters to Nicla Vision via serial communication
- Utilized the control buttons connected to Arduino Nano to select a class
- Employed Nicla Vision to transfer the received mmWave data parameters and selected classes to the web application via HTTP GET requests
- Used the web application to store the received information in a particular MySQL database table, display the saved data records, and let the user generate a CSV file, including all stored data records as samples

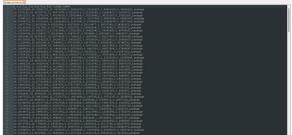


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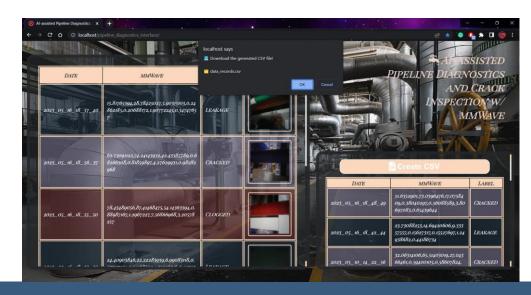
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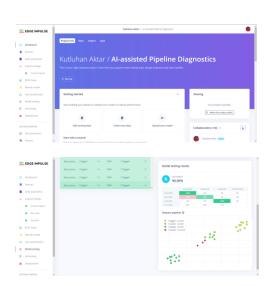


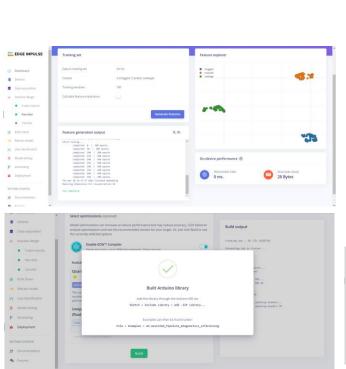




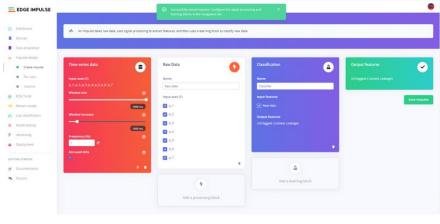
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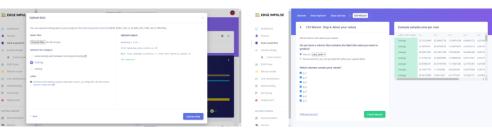
- Utilized the web application to generate a CSV file from all data records stored in the MySQL database table
- Uploaded the generated CSV file via the CSV Wizard
- Trained the model on various pipeline defects
- Evaluated the trained model accuracy
- Deployed the trained model as an Arduino library
- Set up the deployed model on Nicla Vision













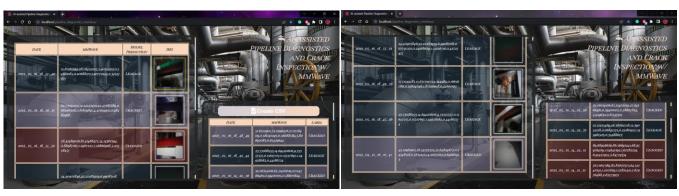


## Informing the user of the detection results and deformed pipe images via the web application

- Programmed Nicla Vision to run an inference and capture a picture of the deformed pipe for further examination
- Also, employed Nicla Vision to transfer the received data parameters, the detection results, and the captured image of the deformed pipe (raw image buffer) to the web application via an HTTP POST request
- Then, utilized the web application to convert the received raw image buffer to a JPG file, save all obtained information to a particular MySQL database table, and show stored information and images on the application interface

















#### **Further Discussions**

By applying neural network models trained on pipeline diagnostic classes in detecting pipeline system defects, we can achieve to:

keep machine operations sustainable, profitable, and stable prevent
faulty
pipeline
systems
from
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assist small businesses with limited budgets in establishing an efficient and accurate pipeline diagnostics mechanism

reduce repair costs of highvalue machine components

nondestructive
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T I N Y

#### Issue

Due to the evergrowing human population and declining fertile lands, farmers started to utilize organic fertilizers in conjunction with chemical fertilizers to improve crop yield, even to the extent of causing soil contamination.

Organic fertilizers behave differently depending on their manufacturing conditions and change the degree of soil permeability of different soil types, such as loamy, peaty, silty, chalky, etc.

Applying chemical fertilizers to the soil structurally altered by organic fertilizers without painstaking attention to soil test reports can be noxious.

Chemical fertilizers directly affect soil integrity, permeate through water bodies, and contaminate the groundwater and the environment.

When chemical fertilizers disperse throughout water bodies, they increase macronutrients in the environment, such as nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus, resulting in contamination and eutrophication.

## Al-driven LoRaWAN Fertilizer Pollution Detector w/ WhatsApp

#### Solution

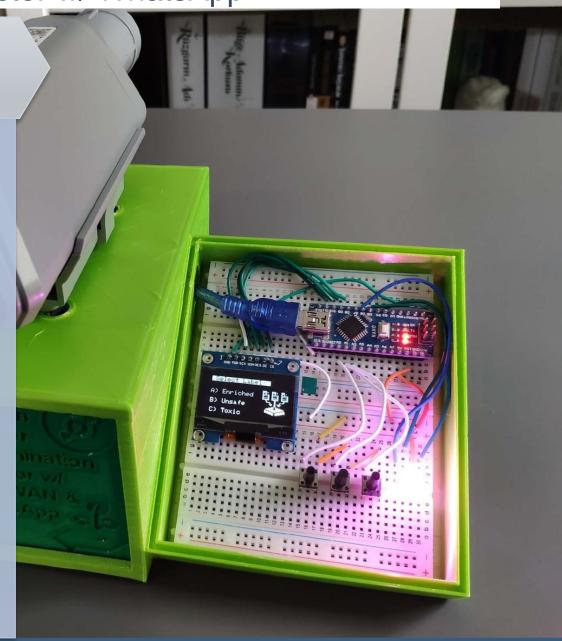
Detect the excessive use of chemical fertilizers in the presence of organic fertilizers and provide real-time detection results for further inspection.

Prewarn farmers to avert the detrimental effects of synthetic fertilizer overuse in relation to the applied organic fertilizers.

Collect data from a controlled environment manifesting different soil conditions to train an object detection model with notable validity.

Inform the user of the detection results after running the object detection model.

Design a 3D printable case to make the device as robust and sturdy as possible while operating outdoors.



## T I N Y



#### Capturing fertilizer-exerted soil images w/ SenseCAP A1101

- Assembled the plant-themed case
- Produced organic fertilizers from quail manure in different decomposition stages
- Added chemical fertilizers and sowed tomato seedlings in three separate flowerpots
- Set up SenseCAP A1101 on LattePanda 3 Delta

 Programmed SenseCAP A1101 via LattePanda 3 Delta to obtain the commands transferred by Arduino Nano via serial communication and capture pictures of fertilizer-exerted soils



Active (3 months)

Old (6 months)



Magnesium Sulphate

Ammonium Sulphate

**Ammonium Phosphate** 



















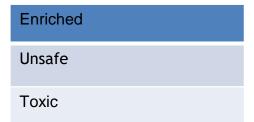


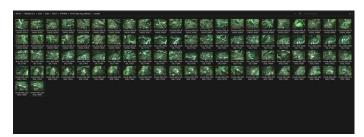




#### Constructing a data set with notable validity

- Programmed Arduino Nano as a remote control to transfer commands to LattePanda 3 Delta via serial communication
- Utilized three control buttons connected to Arduino Nano to select classes
- Obtained my data set after capturing images of fertilizer-exerted soils in three separate flowerpots for nearly two months



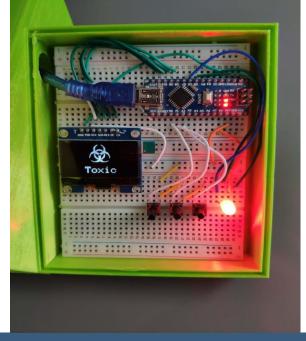










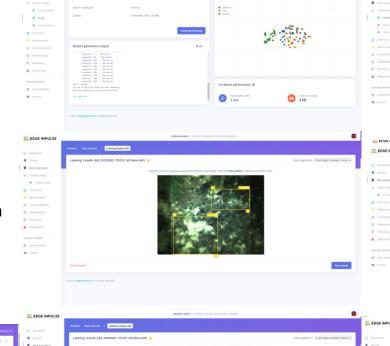


# Building an object detection (FOMO) model with Edge Impulse TALKS webcast

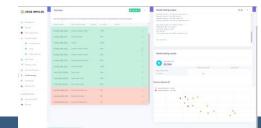
- Uploaded the collected images (samples)
- Labeled targeted objects on the samples
- Trained the FOMO model on the fertilizer-exerted soil images
- Applied a metadata key to prevent leaking data between my train and validation sets due to some faulty samples
- Evaluated the model accuracy

Deployed the trained model as a fully optimized SenseCAP A1101 firmware (UF2)

















#### Informing the user of the detection results over WhatsApp via the LoRaWAN network

your sensor via

Step 3.



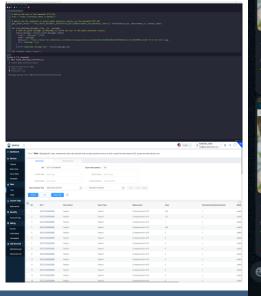


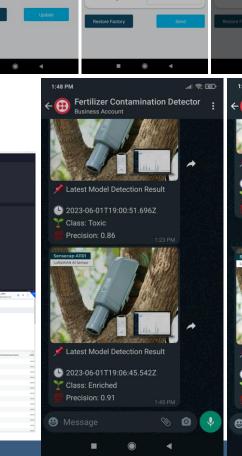
- Connected SenseCAP A1101 to SenseCAP Mate App
- Configured the Edge Impulse FOMO model on SenseCAP A1101
- Utilized SenseCAP A1101 to transfer the detection results to the SenseCAP Portal via the Helium LongFi Network
- Created a Twilio account to utilize Twilio's WhatsApp API
- Developed a Python application to obtain the model detection results from the SenseCAP Portal by making HTTP GET requests to the SenseCAP HTTP API

 Then, utilized the application to transfer the retrieved model detection results to the verified phone number

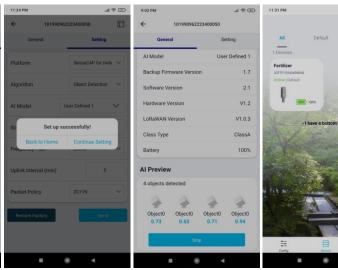


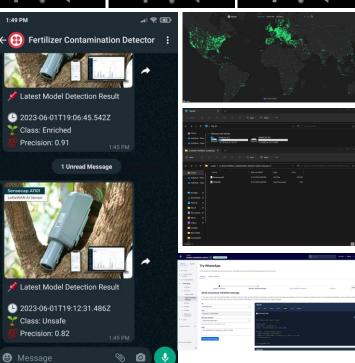






Uplink Interval (min)









#### **Further Discussions**

By applying object detection models trained on numerous fertilizer-exerted soil images in detecting the excessive use of chemical fertilizers, we can achieve to:

prevent
chemical
fertilizers from
contaminating
the
groundwater
and the
environment

avoid chemical fertilizers from dispersing throughout water bodies and increasing macronutrients in the environment

mitigate the risk of severe health issues due to nitrite-contaminated water, such as DNA damage, lipid peroxidation, and oxidative stress

protect wildlife from the execrable effects of excessive chemical fertilizer use







# For Further Questions



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