

# AI @ IoT

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# Quick reminder about ML on DL

## Supervised

Training on labelled dataset

Linear models, Tree-based models, ((Very) Deep) Neural Networks

## Unsupervised

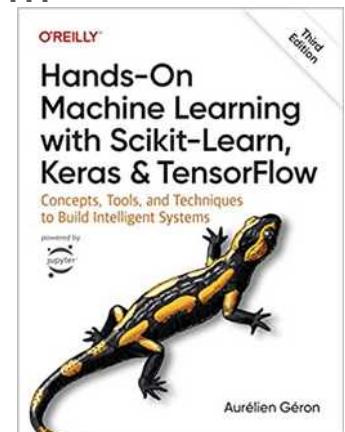
Clustering, Association (Apriori), Matrix Profile (for time-series) ...

## Frameworks

Keras,  TensorFlow, PyTorch, MindSpore ...

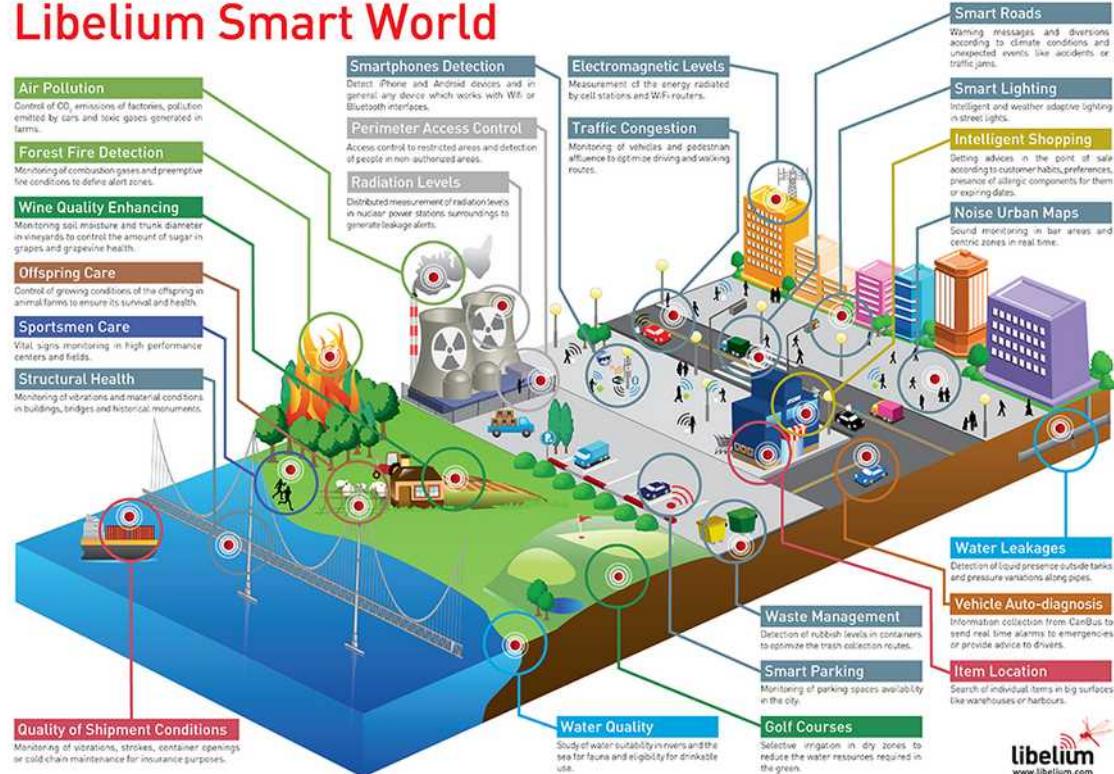
## Studios and MLOps

Jupyter, Google Colab, Edge Impulse ...

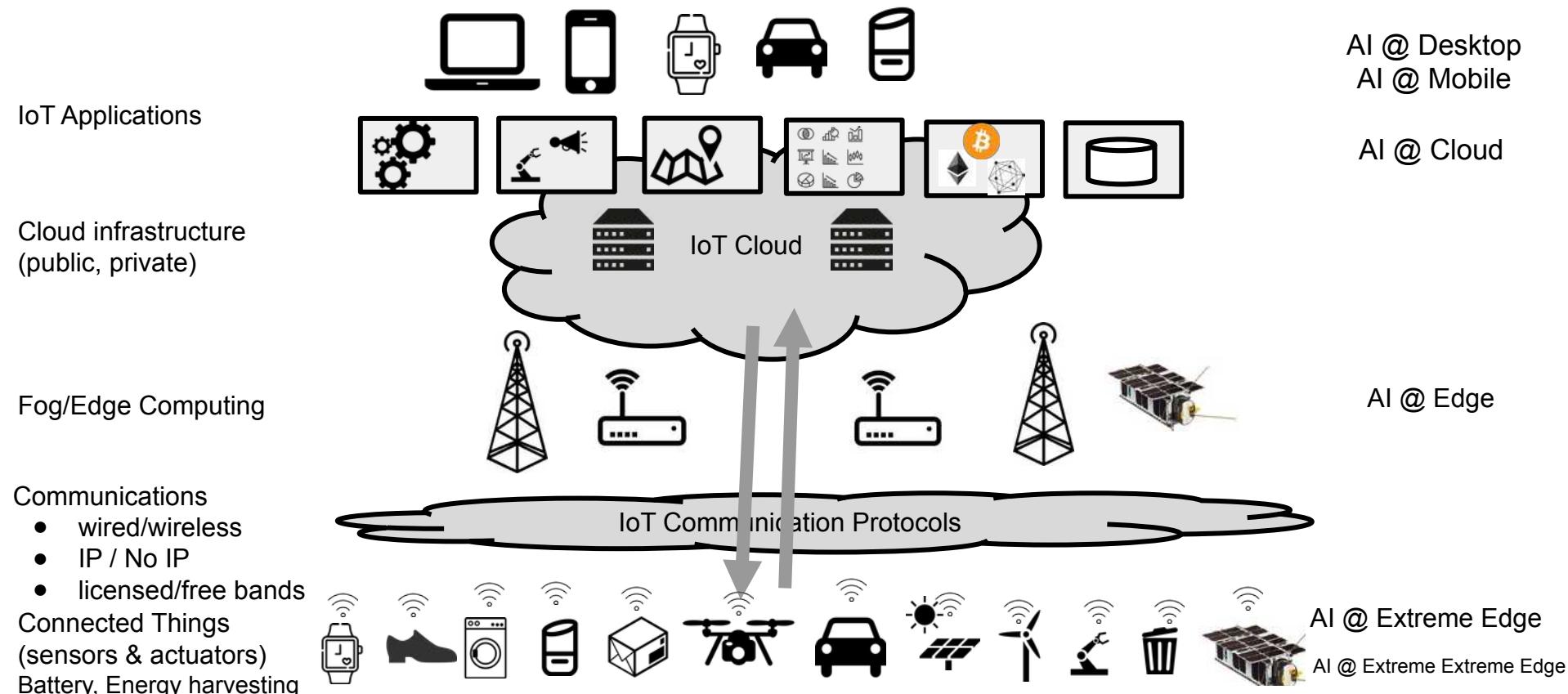


# Des objets connectés omniprésents (IoT)

## Libelium Smart World



# IoT Infrastructure and AI



# IoT Data movement

Energy consumption

Privacy, confidentiality, sovereignty

Availability, Resilience

# IoT and energie(s)



3.6V 2600mAh

Sample time      Sensor type      Number of batteries

600      EMS       1  2  
Seconds      Select Elys sensor      Capacity: 2700 mAh

Spreading factor

SF7  SF8  SF9  SF10  SF11  SF12

The battery will last for **1.6** years with an average current of **158 uA\***.



Name	Time	Per hour	Current	Battery use
Transmit	1 650 ms	6	50 000 uA	87%
Receive 1	244 ms	6	12 000 uA	3%
Receive 2	200 ms	6	12 000 uA	3%
Temperature	5 ms	6	1 500 uA	0%
Humidity	5 ms	6	1 500 uA	0%
Battery		continuously	4 uA	3%
Sleep		continuously	4 uA	3%
Reed switch		continuously	3 uA	2%
Waterleak	100 ms	6	400 uA	0%

# Les précurseurs : Thinking Machines Connection Machines CM1 (1986) and CM2 (1987)

- 65,536 1-bit processors
- 512 MB (CM-2)
- Up to 80 GB with eight dataVaults
- Programming language: [Lisp](#)

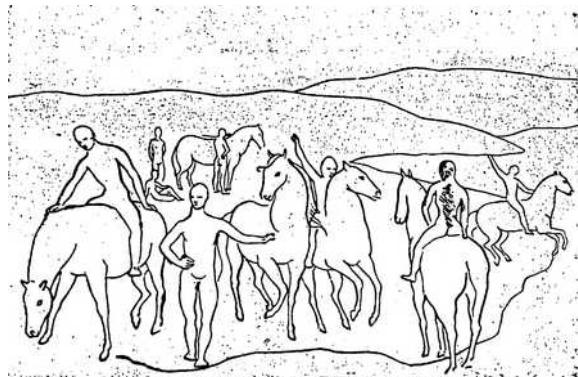


Figure 1.1: *The Watering Place*, Pablo Picasso, 1905

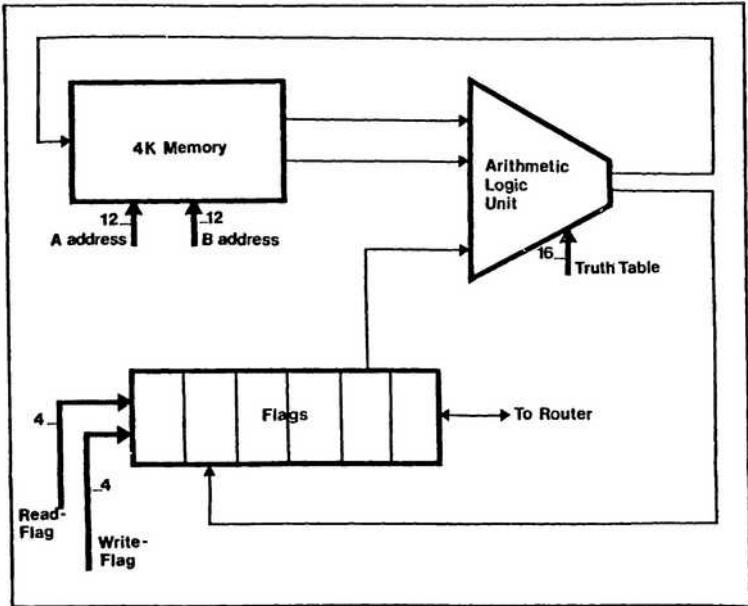
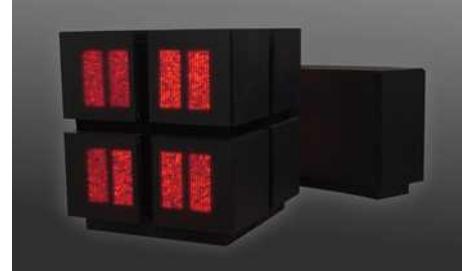


Figure 4.1: Block diagram of a single Connection Machine processing element

[The connection machine : Hillis, W. Daniel](#), PhD MIT 1985

<https://dspace.mit.edu/bitstream/handle/1721.1/14719/18524280-MIT.pdf>

# Hiperf ML & DL

## GPU Processors

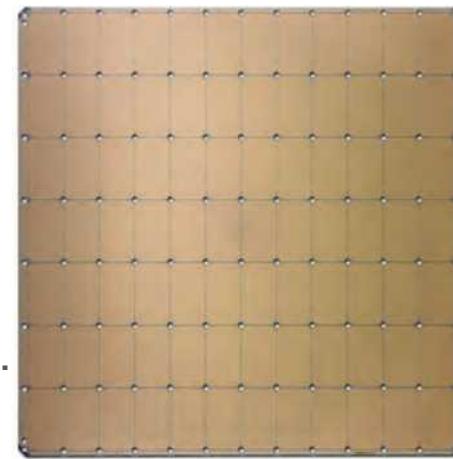
- NVidia GPU A100 (@ 250-400W), H100/H200 ...
- ...

## AI Processors & Accelerators

- Google TPU v4 (275 TFLOPS FP16 @ 170 W)
- Huawei IA Ascend 910 (320 TFLOPS FP16, 640 TOPS INT8 @ 310 W)
- Amazon Trainium (380 INT8 TOPS, 190 FP16/BF16/cFP8/TF32 TFLOPS, and 47.5 FP32 TFLOP.)
- ...
- Celebras Wafer Scale Engine (@ 20kW) for ~1Meuros

## Others

- Processing-in-Memory (UpMem) → DRAM + DPU



Cerebras WSE-2

2.6 Trillion Transistors  
46,225 mm<sup>2</sup> Silicon



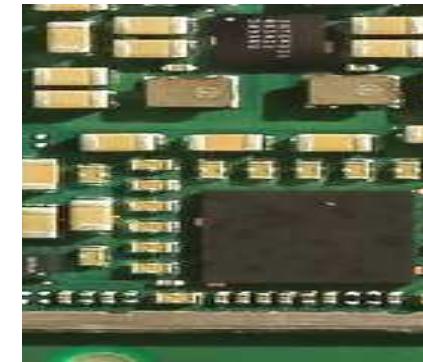
Largest GPU  
54.2 Billion Transistors  
826 mm<sup>2</sup> Silicon



# Edge ML & DL

## GPU Processors

- Jetson Orin Nano : 40 TOPS @ 5-10W
- ARM Mali GPU in Cortex-A53 (ARM NN)



## AI Processors

- Google Coral Edge TPU : 4 TOPS @ 2 W
  - MobileNet V2 model : 400 images per second
  - [Asus AI Accelerator PCIe Card](#) (8 Google Coral Edge TPU for 36-52 watts)
- Intel Movidius Myriad X VPU : 4 TOPS @ 1.5 W
- Qualcomm Networking Pro A7 Elite (NPU) : 40 TOPS @ ??



[https://ai-benchmark.com/ranking\\_processors.html](https://ai-benchmark.com/ranking_processors.html)

[https://ai-benchmark.com/ranking\\_4\\_0\\_3.html](https://ai-benchmark.com/ranking_4_0_3.html)

[https://ai-benchmark.com/ranking\\_IoT.html](https://ai-benchmark.com/ranking_IoT.html)

# Extreme extreme edge : l'IA dans les MEMS

## ST IMU ISM330BX

accelerometer, gyroscope

sensor fusion low-power (SFLP) algorithm



## Sony IMX500

Input tensor size : 64(H)×48(V) to 640(H)×480(V)

int8 or uint8, TensorFlow Lite

8388480 bytes for firmware network weight file, and working memory



Image classification



Object detection



Pose detection



Semantic image  
segmentation

# Hardware accelerators

Vector processors with ALU for quantized datatypes

## Floating point

- 32 and 16-bit Floating Point (FP32 / FP16)
- Tension Float-32 (TF32)
- Brain Floating Point (BFloat16)
- 8-bit Floating point with configurable range and precision
  - cFP8, FP8, ms-FP11, ms-FP8
- 4-bit Floating point (FP4)

## Integer

- INT8, INT16, INT32
- Unsigned 8-bit integer (UINT8)

## ARM CMSIS-NN

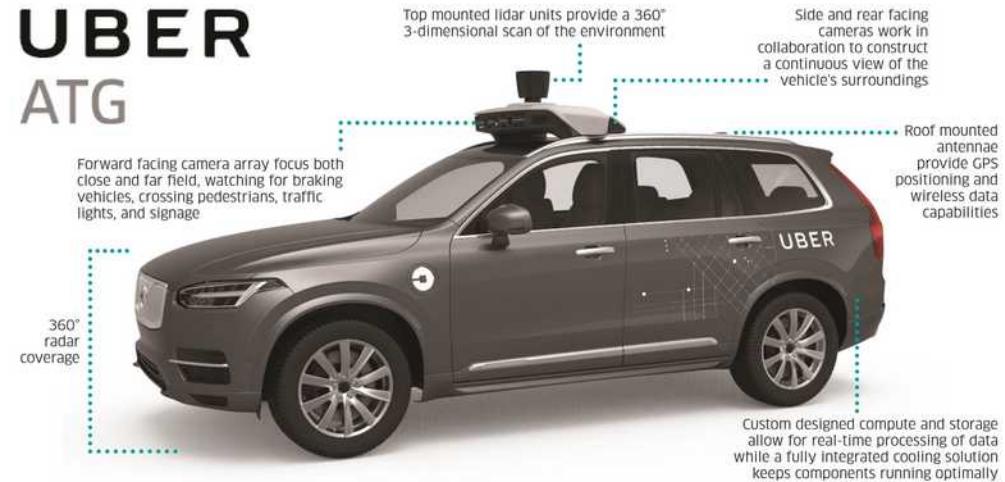
DSP extension, M-profile Vector Extension (MVE)

Operator	C int8	C int16	DSP int8	DSP int16	MVE int8	MVE int16
Conv2D	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DepthwiseConv2D	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fully Connected	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Add	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mul	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MaxPooling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
AvgPooling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Softmax	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
LSTM	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	NA

# Application : Self Driving Car/Drone

## Sensor data fusion

- GNSS (RTK)
- Radar (24 GHz Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuit (MMIC))
- LiDar
- Thermal cam
- Visible cam



# Application : Robotique

Des bergers pour des troupeaux de robots ...



DJI + Movidius VPU



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# Réussir Vigne

la passion de la vigne et du vin

Nouvelle formule

**produire**  
Les nouvelles menaces qui planent sur le vignoble **120**

**gérer**  
L'apprentissage, une solution flexible et riche d'échanges **70**

A yellow and green tracked robot, labeled 'VITIROVER', is shown in a vineyard. It has a solar panel on top and various sensors and equipment on its body.

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## Le high-tech investit la viticulture

**making of** Une cuvée concentrée grâce à un tri minutieux **28**

VITIROVER <https://www.vitirover.fr/>  
vignes, vergers, voies ferrées,  
fermes photovoltaïques

# Application : Sécurité des travailleurs (IIoT)

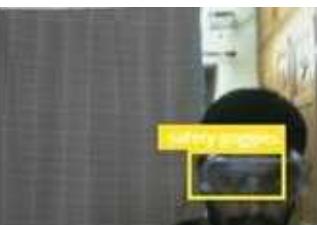
- Detect motions like helmet wear on / take off, falling down, man-down, head impact, etc



Robert Bosch's IoT Module GCY 500-1



Helmet



Safety Goggles



Safety reflective jacket



Multiple labels

<https://docs.edgeimpulse.com/experts/worker-safety-monitoring>

<https://dati-plus.com/>

# Application : Sport, Santé, Personne fragile



Amazon Halo Band

<https://foundation.mozilla.org/fr/privacynotincluded/amazon-halo-band/>



Roche glucometer and insulin pump  
4 millions de diabétiques en France



Semtech LR1110 tracker  
(pet, cattle, wild animals ...)



Arduino Nicla Sense  
<https://sites.arduino.cc/k-way-project>

# Application : Maintenance Préventive (IIoT)

## ● Surveillance

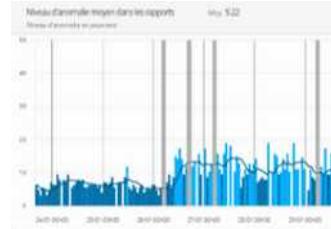
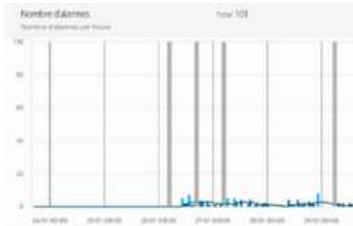
- Convoyeurs, Moteurs, Canalisations, Ventilations ...
- Vibration, ultrasons, température, pression, niveau ...



nKe Bob sur un convoyeur

## ● Prévention de pannes

- Remplacement des pièces avant interruption de service de l'équipement



vibrations enregistrées sur 2 moteurs d'agitation dans une station d'épuration d'eau



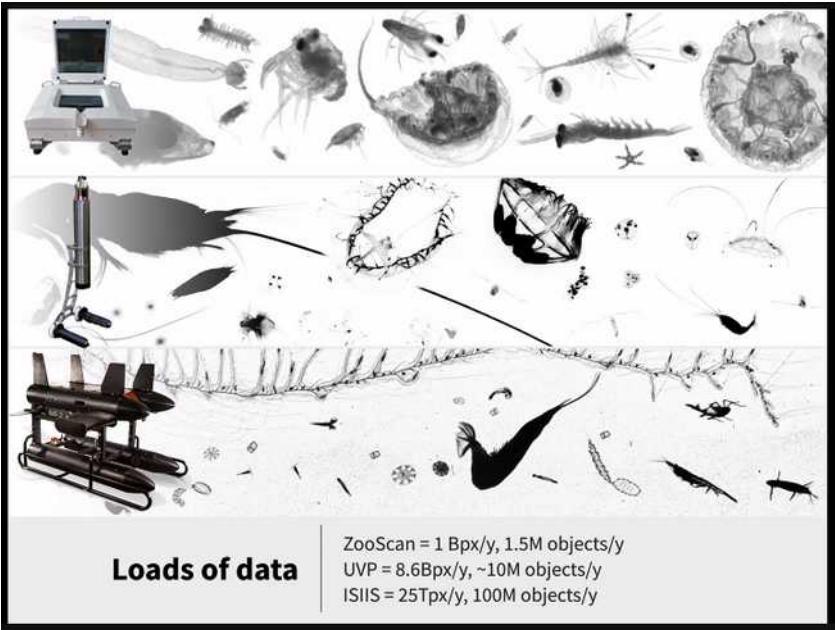
32000 convoyeurs @ CDG



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# Application : Ecologie

Bio loggers (video, photo, audio, motion ...)



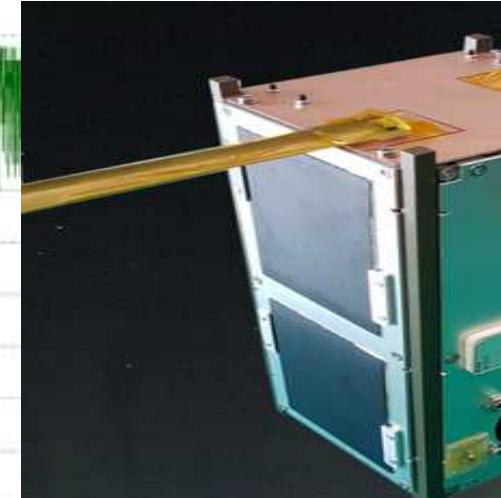
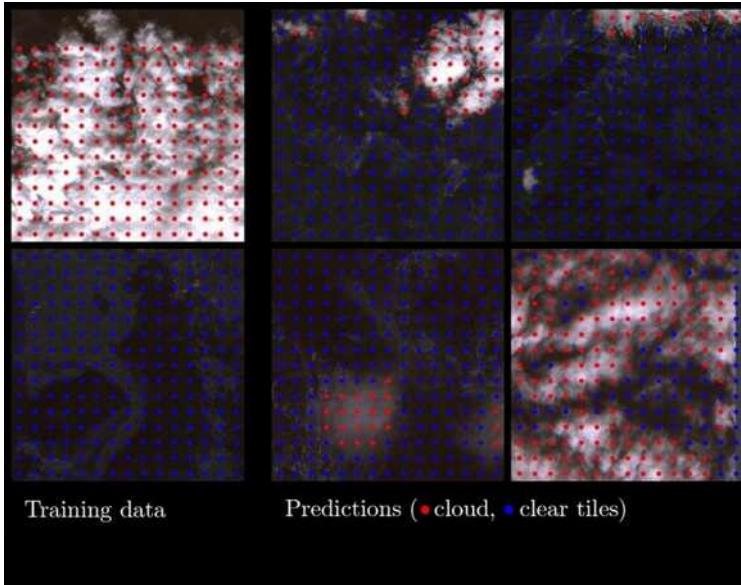
Semtech LR1110 tracker  
(pet, cattle, wild animals ...)



# Application : Domaine Spatial

Space imaging (Visible, IR, X-Ray ...), Satellite Outlier detection, ...

Exemple: CSUG's QlverSat, [ION SCV004](#), [ITU.dk Discosat](#) , CNES AeroSat ...





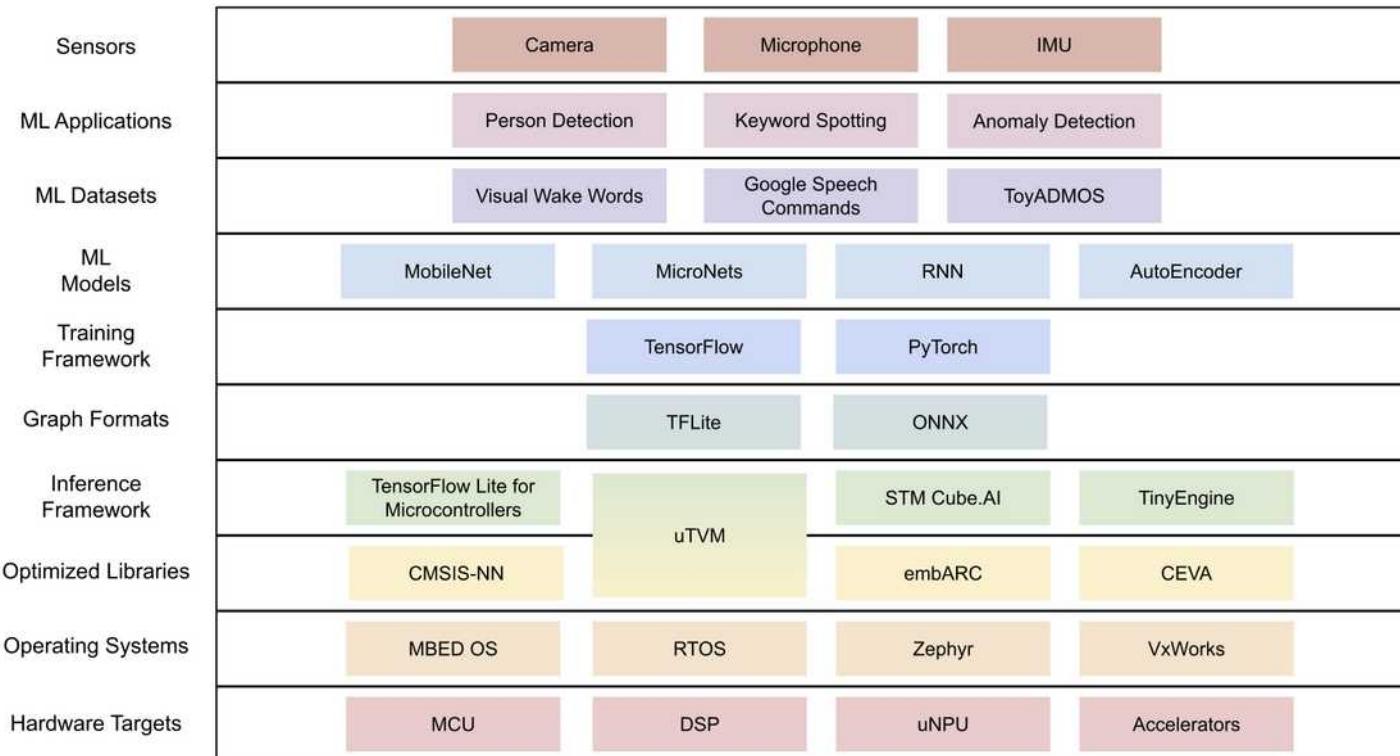
# TinyML

ML and DL on low-power (~1 mW) MCUs, DSP, FPGA, AI accelerators

Challenges for inference and for On Device Learning (ODL).

- Fragmented MCU market (heterogeneity)
  - ISAs (ARM Cortex M, RISC-V, ESP32, x86 ...)
  - w/o extensions (DSP, ARM CMSIS-NN, ESP-NN, RISC-V NN ...)■ required specific optimizations
- SRAM (64KB to 1.5MB), FlashRAM (128KB to 8MB), w/o FPU, w/o File System
- Cost by unit (< 10 USD)
- standard tools and frameworks for portability
- benchmarks for comparison
- ...

# Tiny ML stack





# TinyML Applications

- Predictive maintenance (outlier detection ...)
- Wake word (Hey Google ! Alexa !)
- Activity detection (parkinson, alzemer, cattle, pet ...)
- Privacy-friendly security camera
- Traffic counting (vehicle, pedestrian, animals ...)
- Person/Worker Safety (Medical mask/Hardhat detection)
- Bilogger (video, photo, audio, motion ...)
- ...



# Tensorflow Lite Micro (aka TF Micro)



Tensorflow DNN for tiny MCU and DSP

*low power CPU, w/o FPU, few RAM ...*

Design

130 operations instead of 1400 for TF

default implementations

platform-optimized operator implementations (ie CMSIS-NN)

operator implementations can exploit multiple cores

list of TFL operations (no DAG)

operations are interpreted at runtime

optimization for memory and latency

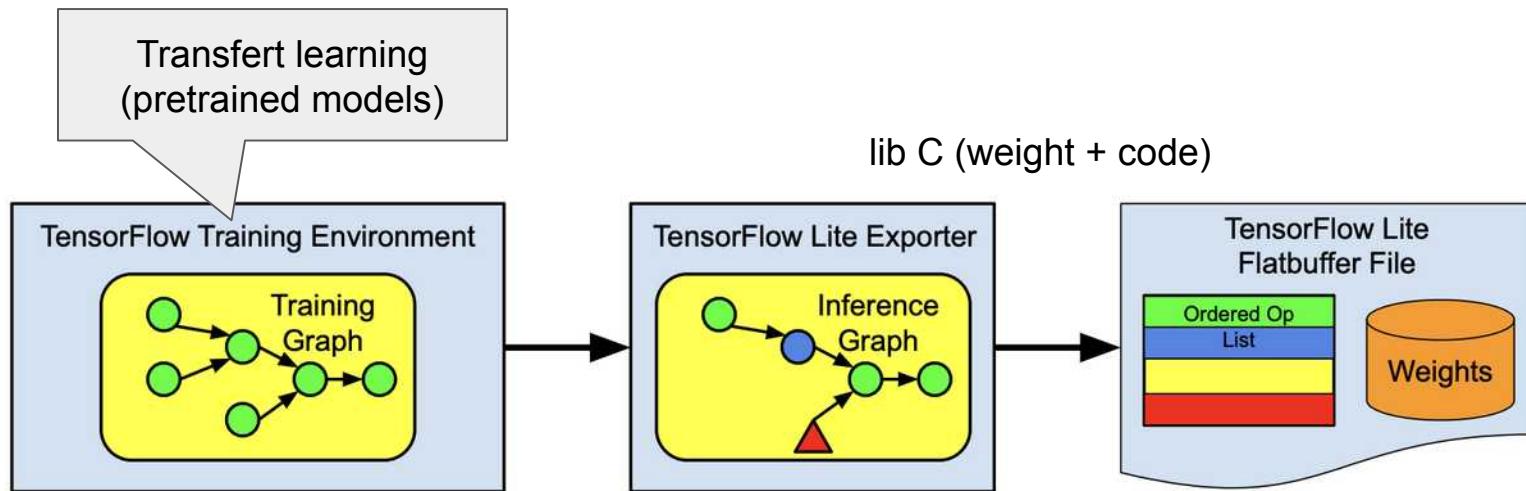
quantization (float32 → int8)

memory management (bin-packed arena)

multi-tenancy (*multiple models*)

thread-safe

# TF Micro workflow



ie jupyter notebook on  
GPUs, collab, edge  
impulse ...

optimization  
f32->i8 quantization,  
pruning, dag → list ...

runtime: list interpretation

AOT  
compilation

# Optimization : Quantization and Pruning

Goal : reduce the number of parameters and the memory size, as well as the computational complexity of the network

## Quantization

- float32 → bool, int8, int16, int32, fp16, bfp16, fp8, fp4 ...
- logarithmic, half-wave gaussian, Power-of-Two (PoT for FPGA)

## Pruning

- zeroes very small weights

Compression techniques available out-of-the-box in Edge Impulse include quantization and activations (Jacob et al., 2017) and operator fusion (Goo, 2022)

# Quantization in practice

## Post-training Quantization (PTQ)

- train the model using float32 weights and inputs, then quantize the weights. Its main advantage that it is simple to apply.
- Downside is, it can result in accuracy loss.
- transfert learning from float32 trained model

## Quantization-aware training (QAT)

- quantize the weights during training. Here, even the gradients are calculated for the quantized weights.
- When applying int8 quantization, this has the best result, but it is more involved than the other option.
- No transfert learning from float32 trained model ?

# Quantization in TF Lite

Model	Top-1 Accuracy (Original)	Top-1 Accuracy (Post Training Quantized)	Top-1 Accuracy (Quantization Aware Training)	Latency (Original) (ms)	Latency (Post Training Quantized) (ms)	Latency (Quantization Aware Training) (ms)	Size (Original) (MB)	Size (Optimized) (MB)
Mobilenet-v1-1-224	0.709	0.657	0.70	124	112	64	16.9	4.3
Mobilenet-v2-1-224	0.719	0.637	0.709	89	98	54	14	3.6
Inception_v3	0.78	0.772	0.775	1130	845	543	95.7	23.9
Resnet_v2_101	0.770	0.768	N/A	3973	2868	N/A	178.3	44.9

Comparison of quantization methods in TensorFlow Lite for several convolutional network architectures. Source: [TensorFlow Lite documentation](#)

# Quantization in TF Lite

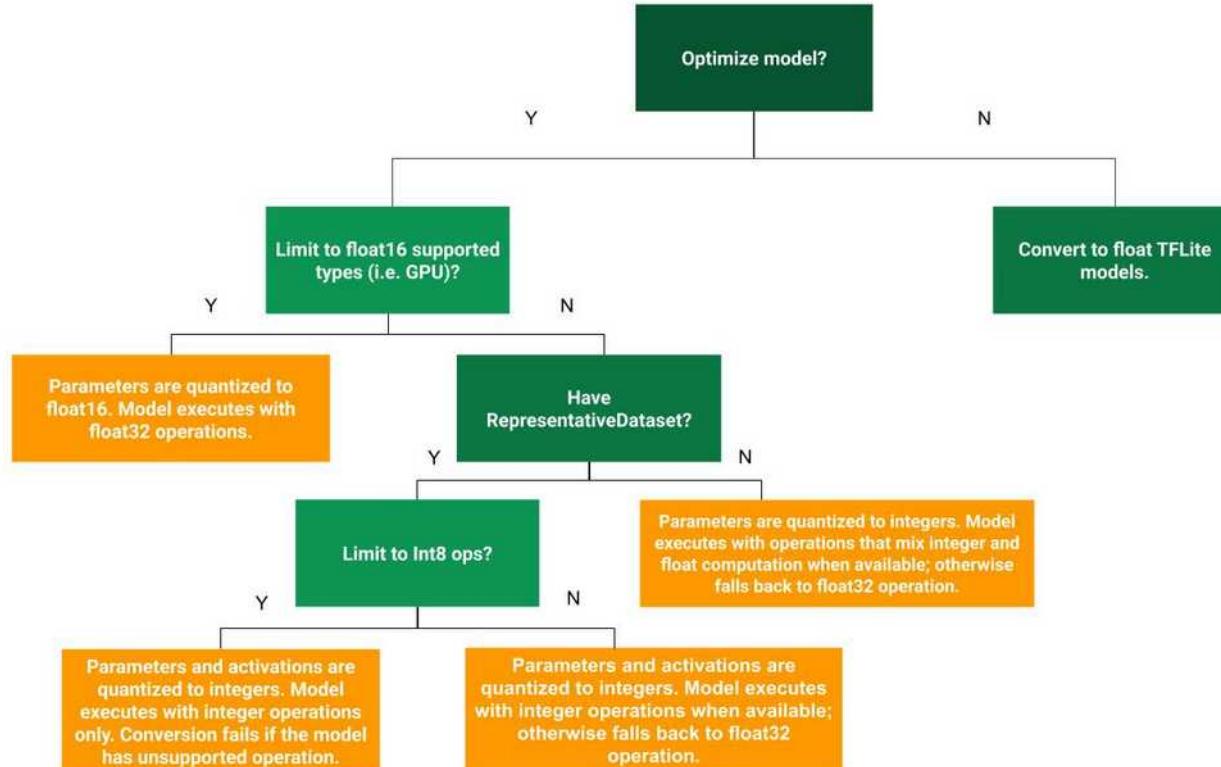
Technique	Benefits	Hardware
Dynamic range quantization	4x smaller, 2x-3x speedup	CPU
Full integer quantization	4x smaller, 3x+ speedup	CPU, Edge TPU, Microcontrollers
Float16 quantization	2x smaller, GPU acceleration	CPU, GPU

Image classification with tools

Model	Non-quantized Top-1 Accuracy	8-bit Quantized Accuracy
MobilenetV1 224	71.03%	71.06%
Resnet v1 50	76.3%	76.1%
MobilenetV2 224	70.77%	70.01%

[https://www.tensorflow.org/lite/performance/post\\_training\\_quantization](https://www.tensorflow.org/lite/performance/post_training_quantization)

# Quantization decision tree



# RAM and ROM Optimizations

Operator implementations pruning (`#define`, `#ifdef`, `#endif`)

Remove (with macro) the operators implementations  
unused during the interpretation of the model(s)

Interpreter-less Code Generation (Ahead-of-Time compilation)

- [Edge Impulse's EON compiler](#)
- [cpetig/tflite\\_micro\\_compiler](#)



TFLite model (secure) update over the air/space → [U-TOE](#)



# EDGE IMPULSE

<https://docs.edgeimpulse.com/docs/>

Online (**Tiny**)MLOps platform for (re)training and tuning models fitting TinyML constraints (Low power/low RAM MCU or DSP)

Generate (C/C++/WASM) TF Micro libs (AOT) for most common MCU/DSP and eval boards (STM32, Sony, ESP32, Jetson ...)

C++ library	Arduino library	CubeMX CMSIS-PACK
WebAssembly	TensorRT library	Ethos-U library
Synaptics Tensai Flow library	brainchip MetaTF Model <small>BETA</small>	Simplicity Studio Component
OpenMV library		

Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense	Arduino Nidia Vision	Espressif ESP-EYE (ESP32)
Arduino Portenta H7	Silabs xG24 Dev Kit	Himax WE-i Plus
OpenMV Firmware	Sony's SpreSense <span style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px;">(highlighted)</span>	Synaptics KA10000
Raspberry Pi Pico W	Ubuntu Core	NVIDIA Jetson Nano

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2212.03332.pdf>

# Platforms/DevKits for TinyML

Brand new MCUs/DSP for Embedded (Very Low Power) AI

M5 Stack / ESP32 v3 Cam, Maix Speed

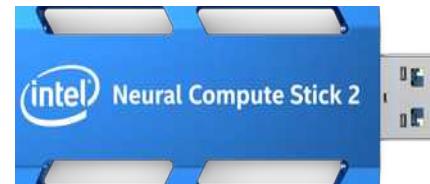
STM32 (such as Arduino Nicla Sense/Vision (H7))

RPI Pico, Sony SPresense, Greenwaves

Brainchip, DSP

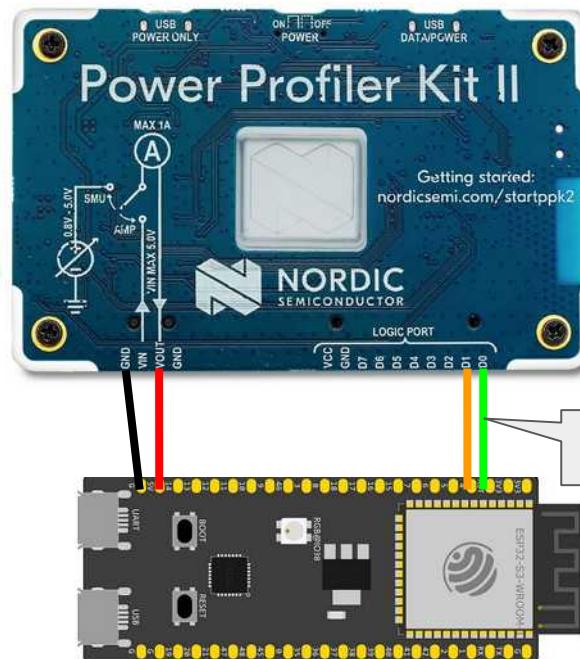
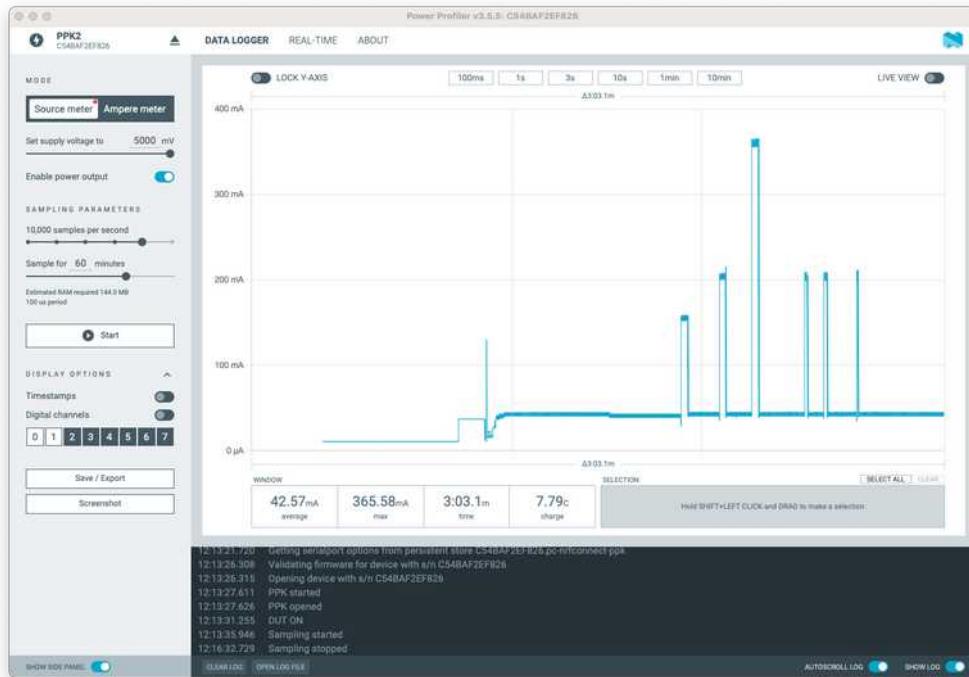
ISA Extensions

ARM CMSIS-NN, ESP NN ...



SenseCAP-A1101

# Setup for monitoring energy consumption @ OD training / inference



<https://github.com/CampusIoT/tutorial/tree/master/nrf-ppk2#readme>

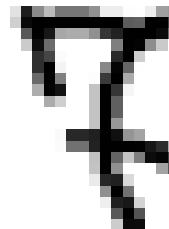
[https://github.com/christophe-cerin/OnlineML\\_ESP32](https://github.com/christophe-cerin/OnlineML_ESP32)

# Demo TFLite ([MINST](#)) / [RIOT OS](#) / Nucleo F446RE

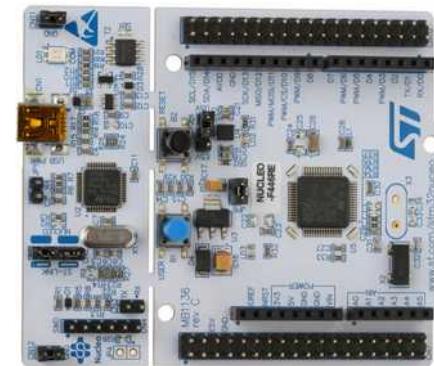
```
cd ~/github/RIOT-OS/RIOT  
cd tests/pkg/tflite-micro  
qmake BOARD=nucleo-f446re
```

```
ls -l external_modules/mnist/digit  
784 external_modules/mnist/digit  
ls -l external_modules/mnist/*.tflite  
52920 model.tflite  
ls -l bin/nucleo-f446re/*.bin  
113292 tests_tflite-micro.bin  
qmake BOARD=nucleo-f446re flash-only term
```

```
Help: Press s to start test, r to print it is ready
main(): This is RIOT! (Version: 2025.01-devel-8-g00e25)
Digit prediction: 7 (duration: 7008 usec - 1.755 DMIP)
```



180 MHz, 225 DMIPS (Dhrystone 2.1)  
128 KB SRAM 512 KB Flash



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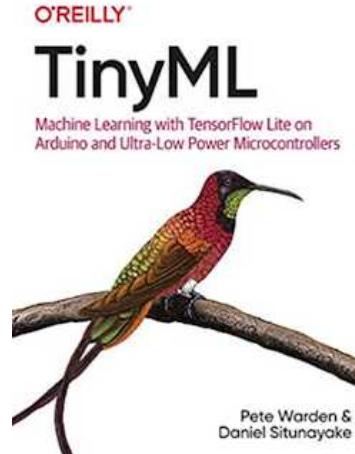
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- <https://github.com/tensorflow/tflite-micro-arduino-examples>
- <https://github.com/mlcommons/tiny>

TinyML book <https://tinymlbook.com/>

TF Micro design <https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.08678>

A. Géron, Hands-On ML ...

<https://mastering-tinyml.github.io/>



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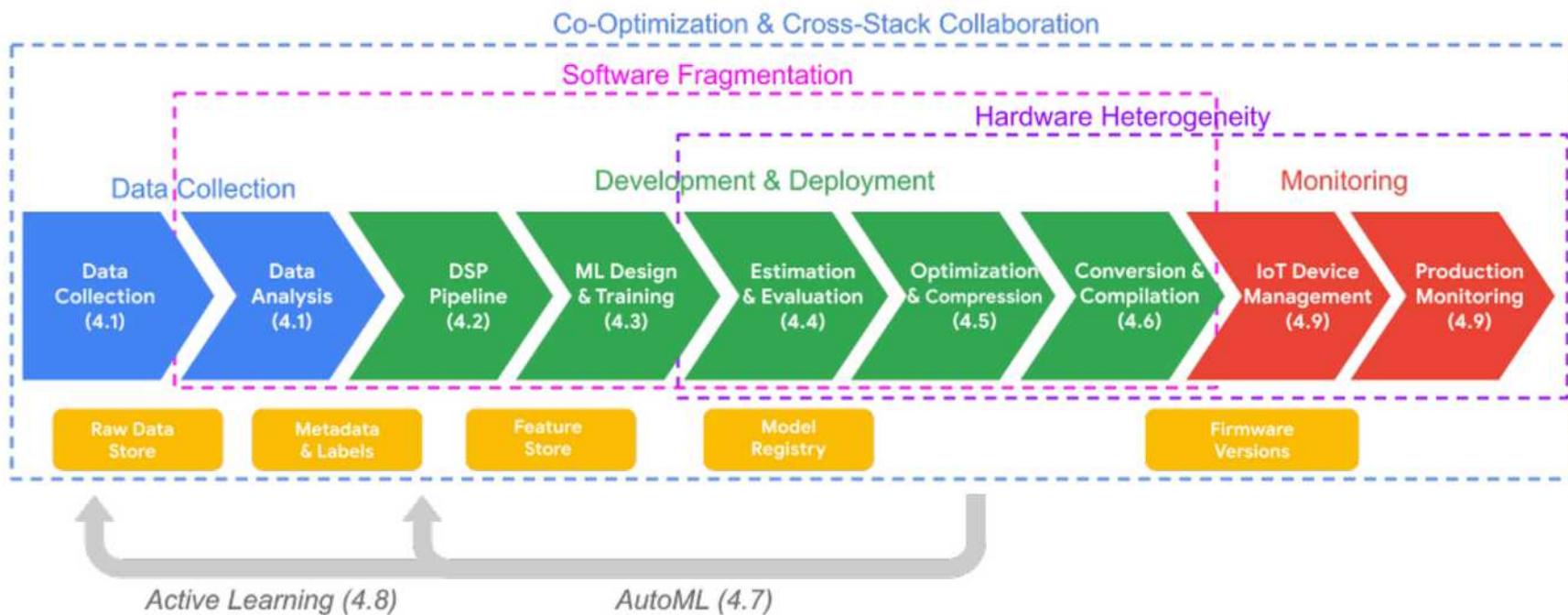
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<https://github.com/Seeed-Studio/CodeCraft>

<https://github.com/mlcommons/tiny>

# TinyMLOps

Edge Impulse Workflow



# ST X-CUBE-AI



## TF Micro + STM32Cube.AI for STM32 MCU

	Model Stats.	TFLite Micro Runtime	STM32Cube.AI Runtime
NN Model	MACs: 81.8M Param: 0.74M Act: 333KB	RAM: 498KB Flash: 994KB	RAM: 321KB Flash: 738KB
Hardware Deployment	STM32L4R9I RAM: 640KB Flash: 2MB	Latency: 7255ms	Latency: 3309ms

# Quantization

TABLE I: Accuracy [%] and Recall [%] comparison of the baseline not-quantized model against models quantized with different quantization parameters. Quantization operations were inserted on inputs to ops of type Conv2D and Add; and on outputs of activation operations.

Accuracy	Recall	Quantized	Quant. op	Rounding mode	Bitwidth	Input preprocessing	Output signedness	Locations of quantization op	Range given	Quantize delay [% steps]	Theoretical Inference Model Size
91.14	99.42	✗	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89.6 MB
52.90	94.51	✓	QDQv2	half_to_even	4	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation	✗	80%	11.42 MB
86.27	99.22	✓	FakeQuant	half_to_even	8	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation	✗	80%	22.95 MB
86.60	99.29	✓	QDQv2	half_to_even	8	inception	signed	Conv, Activation	✗	80%	22.95 MB
88.06	98.99	✓	QDQv2	half_to_even	8	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation	✓	80%	22.95 MB
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88.86	99.01	✓	QDQv2	half_up	8	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation	✗	80%	22.95 MB
88.87	99.28	✓	QDQv2	half_to_even	8	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation, Add	✗	80%	22.95 MB
89.06	99.64	✓	QDQv2	half_to_even	8	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation	✗	70%	22.95 MB
89.37	99.65	✓	QDQv2	half_to_even	8	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation	✗	50%	22.95 MB
89.69	99.66	✓	QDQv2	half_to_even	8	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation	✗	80%	22.95 MB
90.04	99.67	✓	QDQv2	half_to_even	8	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation	✗	40%	22.95 MB
90.71	99.25	✓	QDQv2	half_to_even	32	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation	✗	80%	89.6 MB
91.26	99.34	✓	QDQv2	half_to_even	16	vgg	signed	Conv, Activation	✗	80%	45.90 MB