



TinyML @

IT UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

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IT UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

**IT only! 3 Institutes: CS, Digital Design, Business IT
800 staff, 1200 MSc students, 1100 BSc students**



Data Intensive Systems and Applications

**Specializations: Data Systems, IoT
DASYALab: IoT, Networks & Hardware Lab**

<https://dasya.itu.dk>

DASYA Lab



IoT, Networks* & Hardware Lab

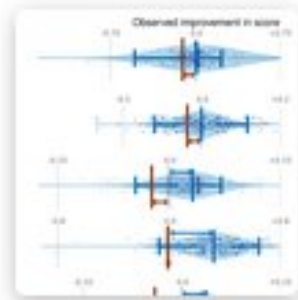
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* a lot of low power LPWAN, LoRa, etc →



ML at the IT University:

A lot of NLP, LLM, some ML in **medical imaging**,
robotics, gaming ...



Machine learning for medical imaging: methodological failures and recommendations for the future

Gaël Varoquaux, and [Veronika Cheplygina](#)

NPJ Digital Medicine 2022

Altmetric 294



A cat is a small, carnivorous mammal that is often kept as a domestic pet. It belongs to the Felidae family and is known scientifically as *Felis catus*. Cats are characterized by their slender bodies, sharp retractable claws, and highly flexible movements. They have a variety of coat colors and patterns.



TinyML @ IT University: Still in its early phase.

**But growing interest in sustainable power aware computing
... e.g. MOTH (ML on Tiny Hardware)**



CCIT researcher Pinar Tözün secures grant to develop the computing power of small devices

Associate Professor at the Department of Computer Science Pinar Tözün has secured 2.7 million kroner from the [Novo Nordisk Foundation](#) to develop novel mechanisms to get more value out of data using the computing power of small devices. The research project is entitled *Machine Learning on Tiny Hardware (MOTH)* and is slated to run for three years, beginning August 2023. Read more about the project and Tözün's research vision [here](#).

... but mostly still in the 10 ... 100 Watt region.

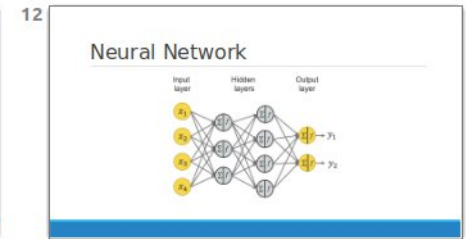
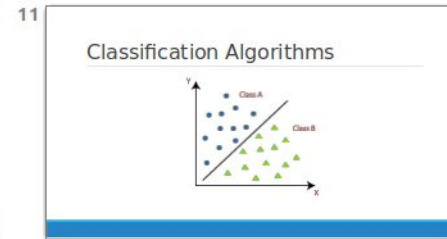
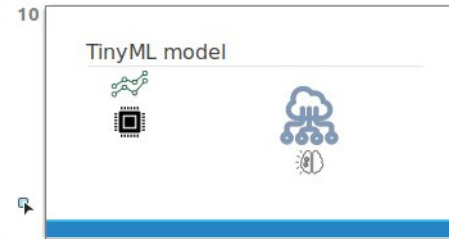
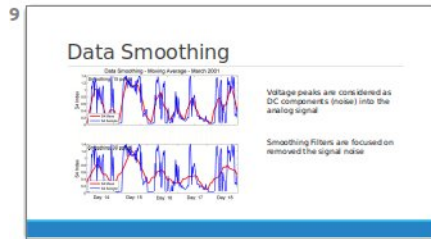
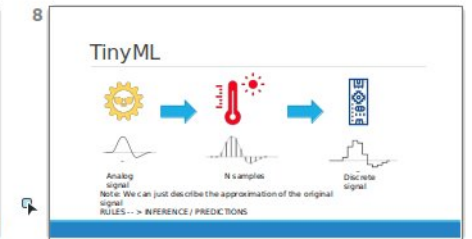
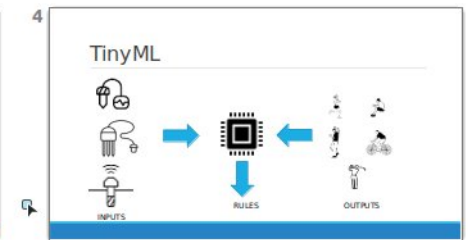
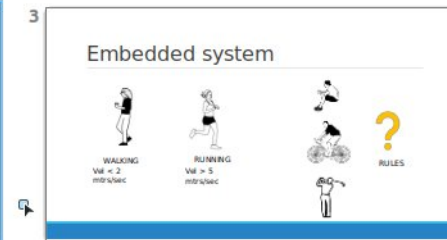
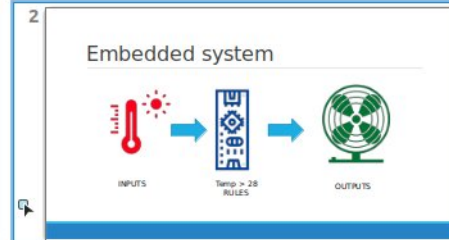


Mindset: power and connectivity are never a problem.

IoT course: MSc elective - hybrid - as part of this,

One to two lectures on Edge Comp & TinyML

- IoT2021_09_Security
- IoT2021_08_Energy_all
- IoT2021_05_Networking_f01_Wireless_Networking_for_the_IoT
- IoT2021_05_Networking_f02_LPWAN
- IoT2021_05_Networking_f03_MQTT
- IoT2021_06_DataStacks_all
- IoT2021_04_EmbeddedSystems_p2_e1
- IoT2021_04_EmbeddedSystems_p1_e1



TinyML mostly in Bachelor & Master projects.

Software & Hardware: the usual suspects -

**Tensorflow (lite, micro), Jupyter Labs, Colab, Edge
Impulse, Arduino, ...**



colab

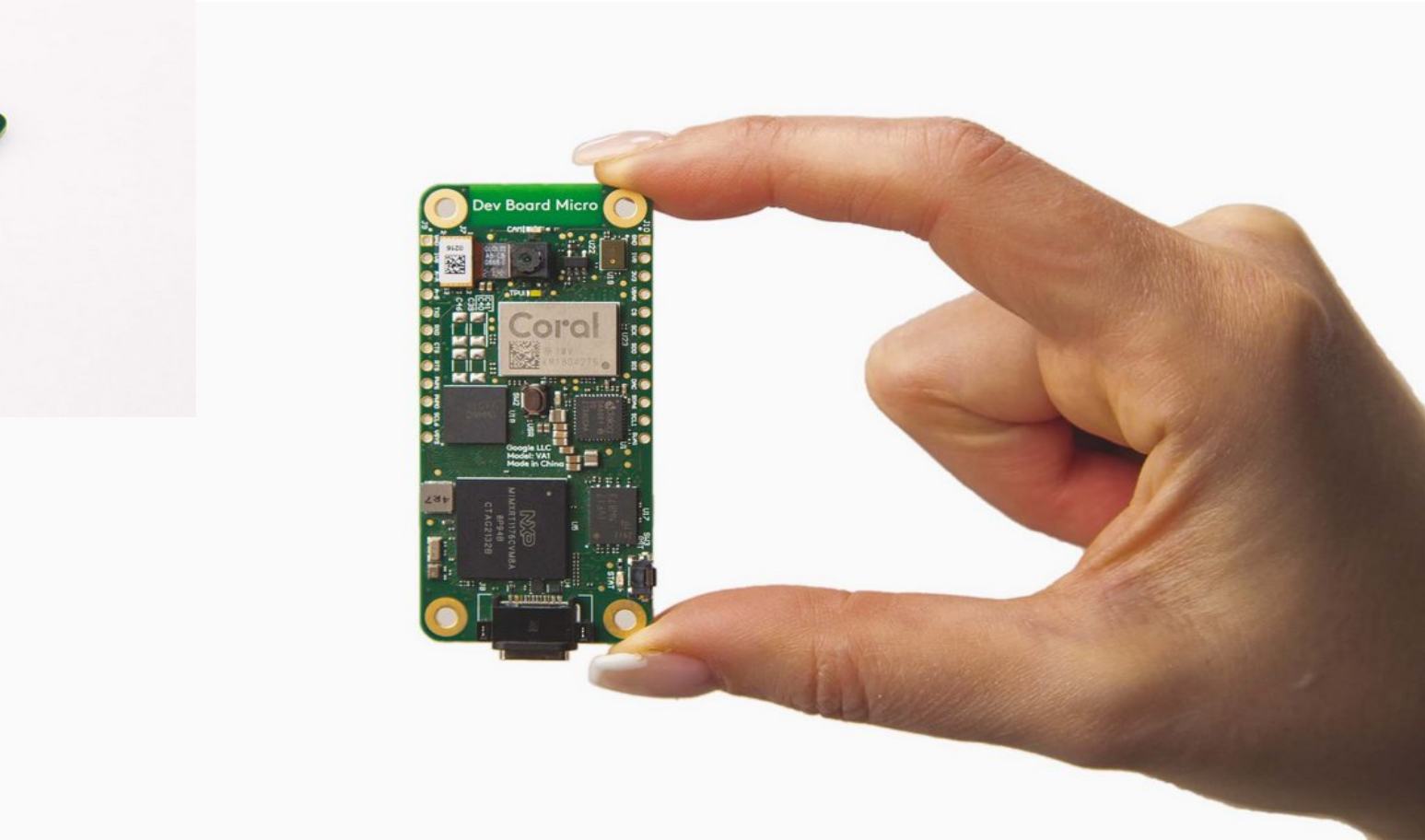
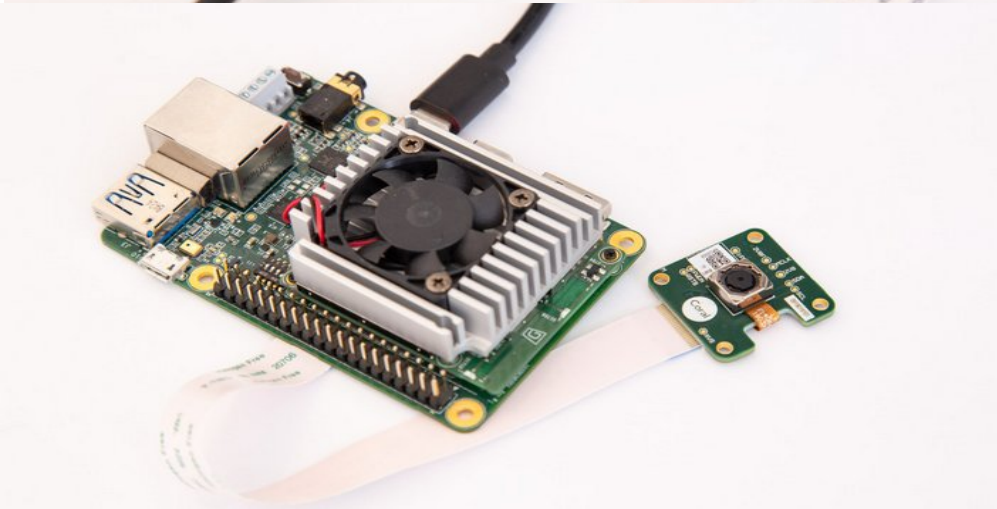
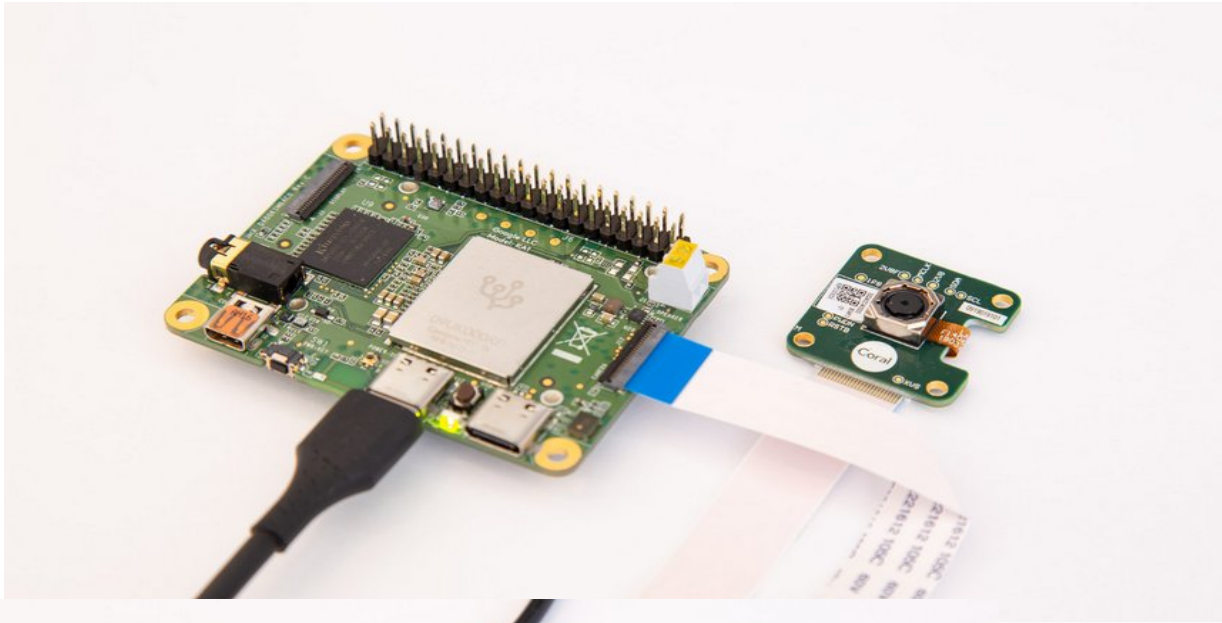


ESP32 (Pycom class kits, others), TTGOs, CubeCell

Arduinos (TinyML class kit), Portenta, Nicla,

Nvidia Jetson (all sizes), Google Coral TPUs, ...

Hardware for TinyML: Google Coral TPU



Started with **fun** projects ... (what lab manager thinks is fun)



📷 Inferencing...

gibson

Time per inference: 6 ms.

GIBSON

0.94

FENDER

0.06



📷 Inferencing...

fender

Time per inference: 6 ms.

FENDER

0.85

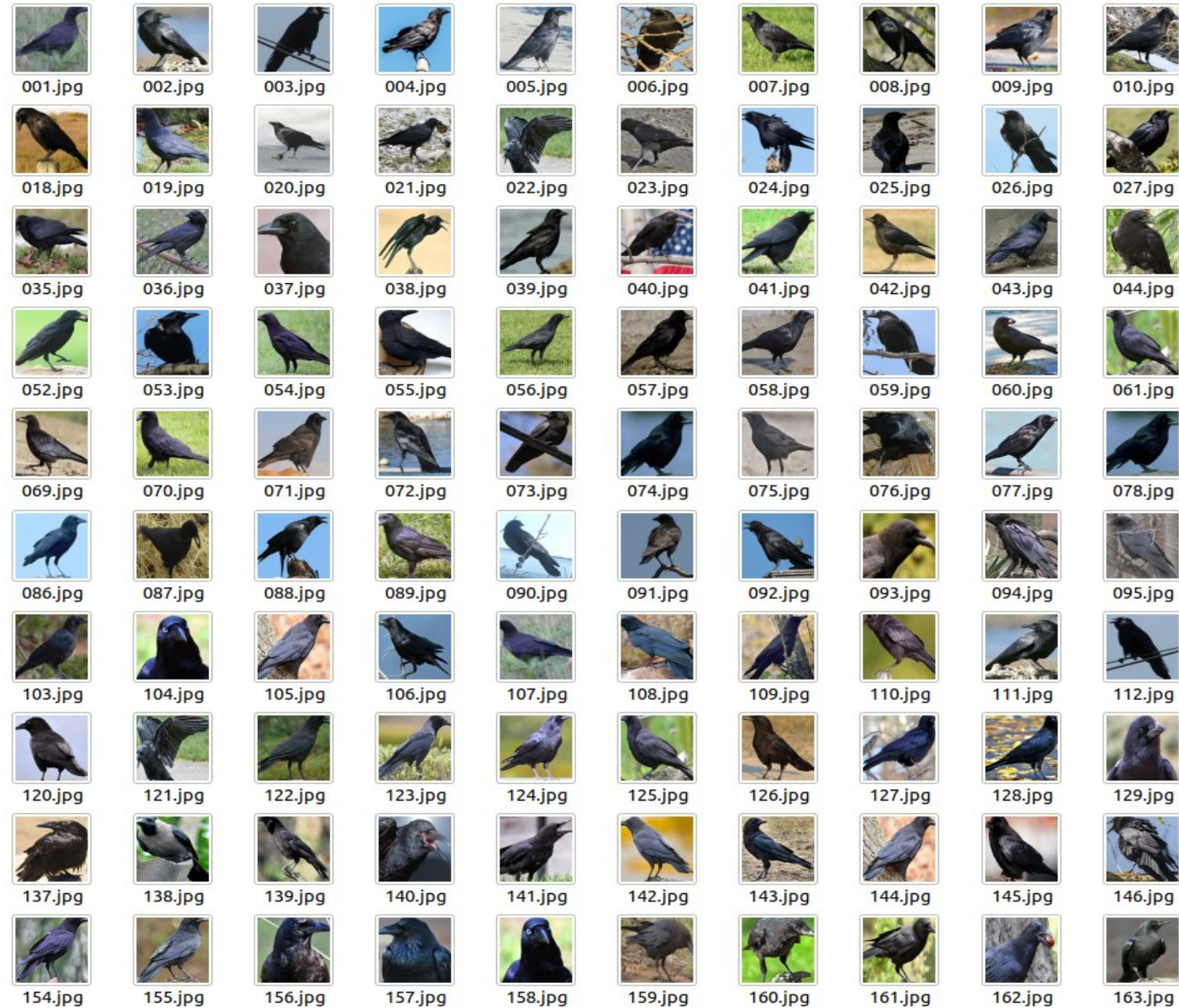


TinyML @ ITU: Birdcams & Scarecrows

Data science is easy –

when your data comes
from Kaggle.

Else, not so much ...



TinyML @ ITU: Birdcams & Scarecrows

 **Data is hard!**

Also, remember twigs ...

(warning:  ML creates black boxes)





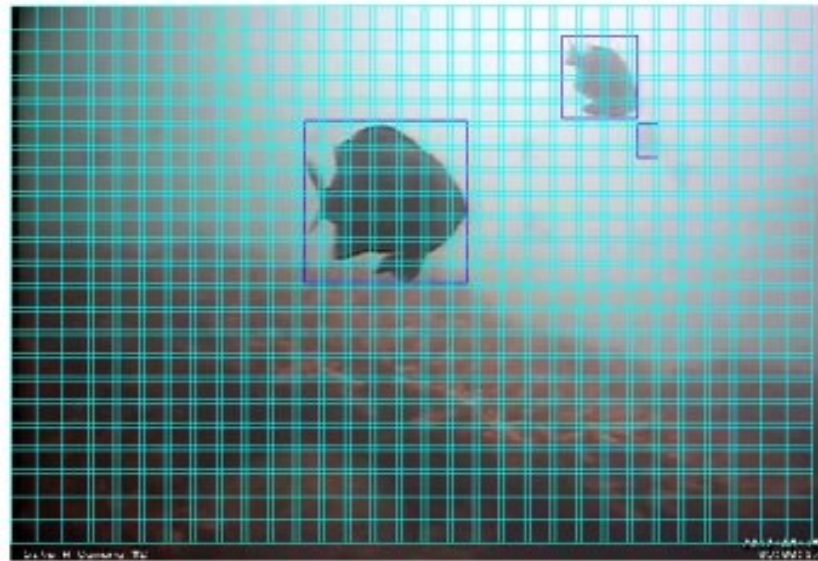
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Project – **looking for collaborators!**

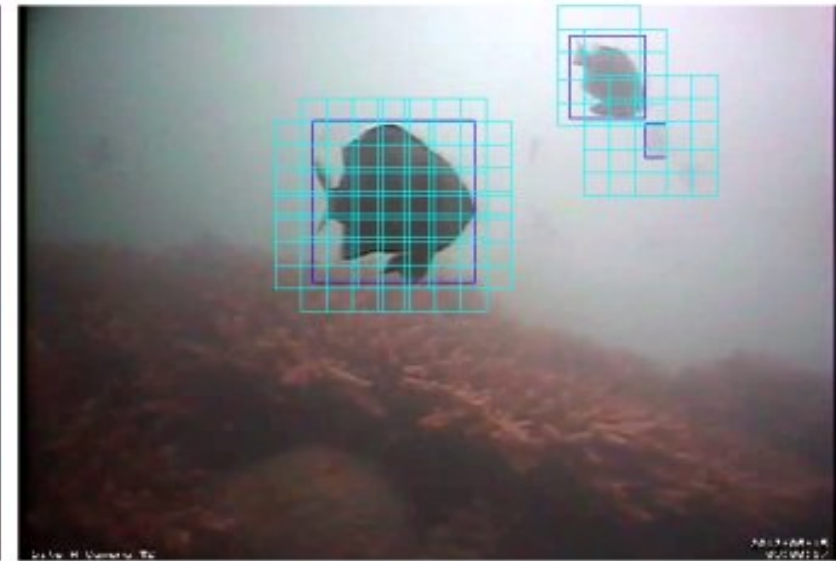
with Copenhagen Aquarium, Partners in Zanzibar, Kenya, California (MBARI), others ...



(a) Bounding box



(b) All windows



(c) Windows labeled "fish"

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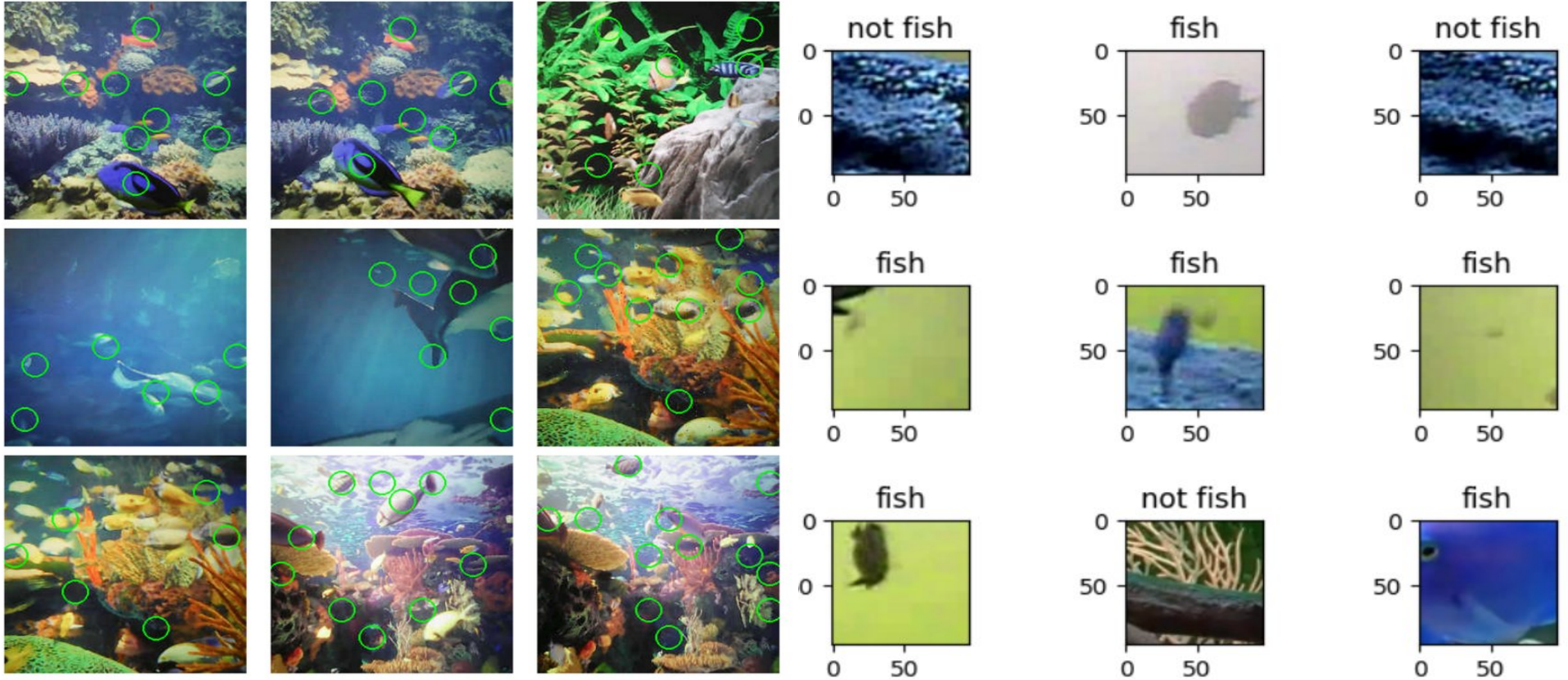


Figure 24: Examples of images with marked fish

source: DASYS, Jens Joergensen

Figure 15: Sample of the training data for the classifier

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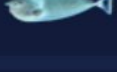







(a) Input image

(b) Bounding box result

Figure 16: Bounding box object detection result

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	Yellowtail tang	>
	Palette surgeonfish	>
	Azure damselfish	>
	Powderblue surgeonfish	>
	Spotted unicornfish	>
	Cloudy dascyllus	>
	Southseas devil	>
	Sapphire devil	>
	Blue tang surgeonfish	>
	Goldtail angelfish	>



(a) Single class FOMO



(b) Multi class FOMO

Figure 25: Comparison of single class vs multiclass FOMO

TinyML @ ITU: DISCOSAT (satellite based ML)



The ultimate constrained system is a small satellite: Nanosats, Cubesats.

Once it is out there, it is on its own :)

It has only the power available to its solar cells,

and once you are out of power, you can't even talk to it anymore.

A Cubesat is 10 x 10 x 10 cm, the solar constant is about 1.361 kW/m².

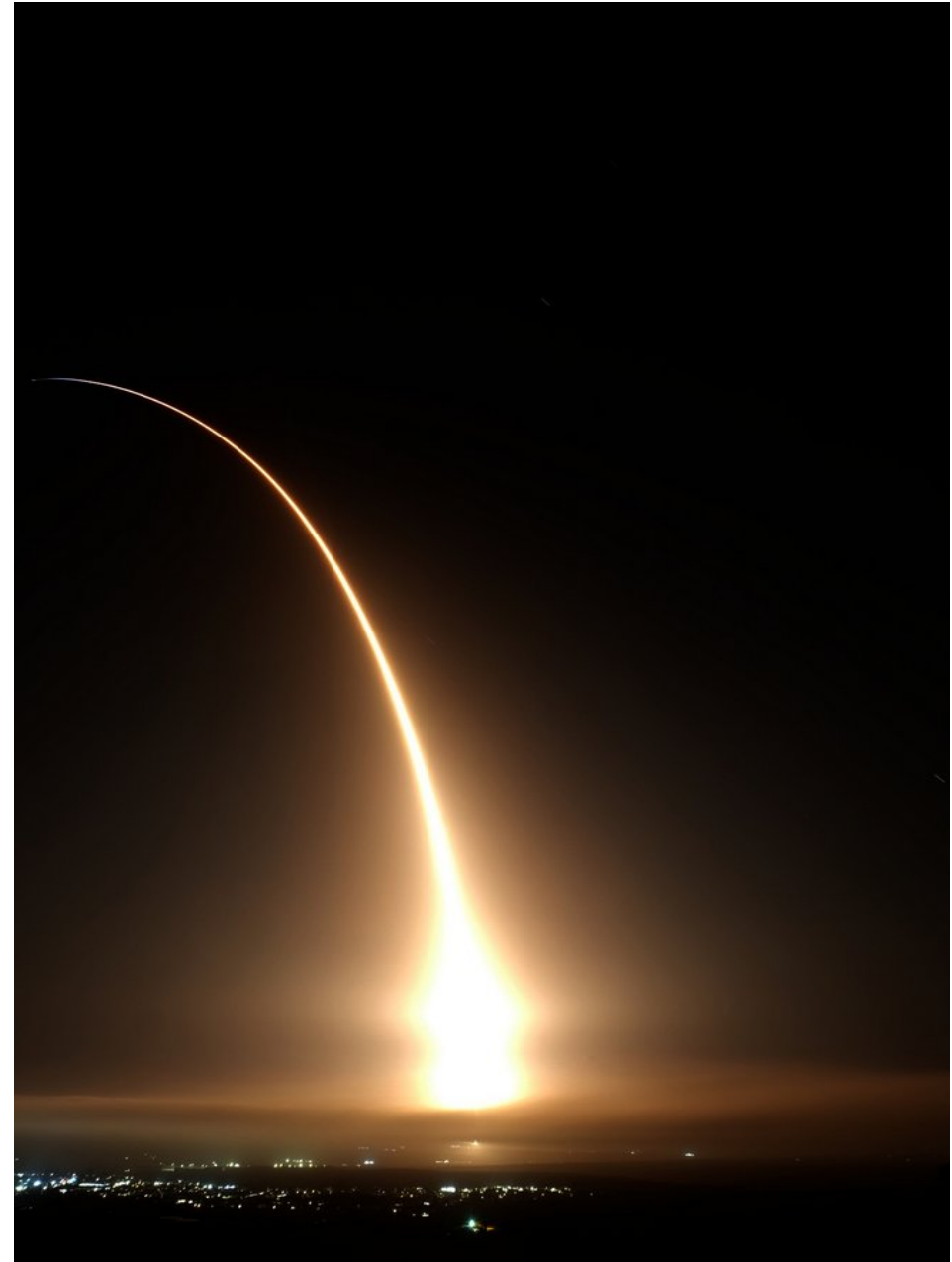
So you have around 10 W to work with.

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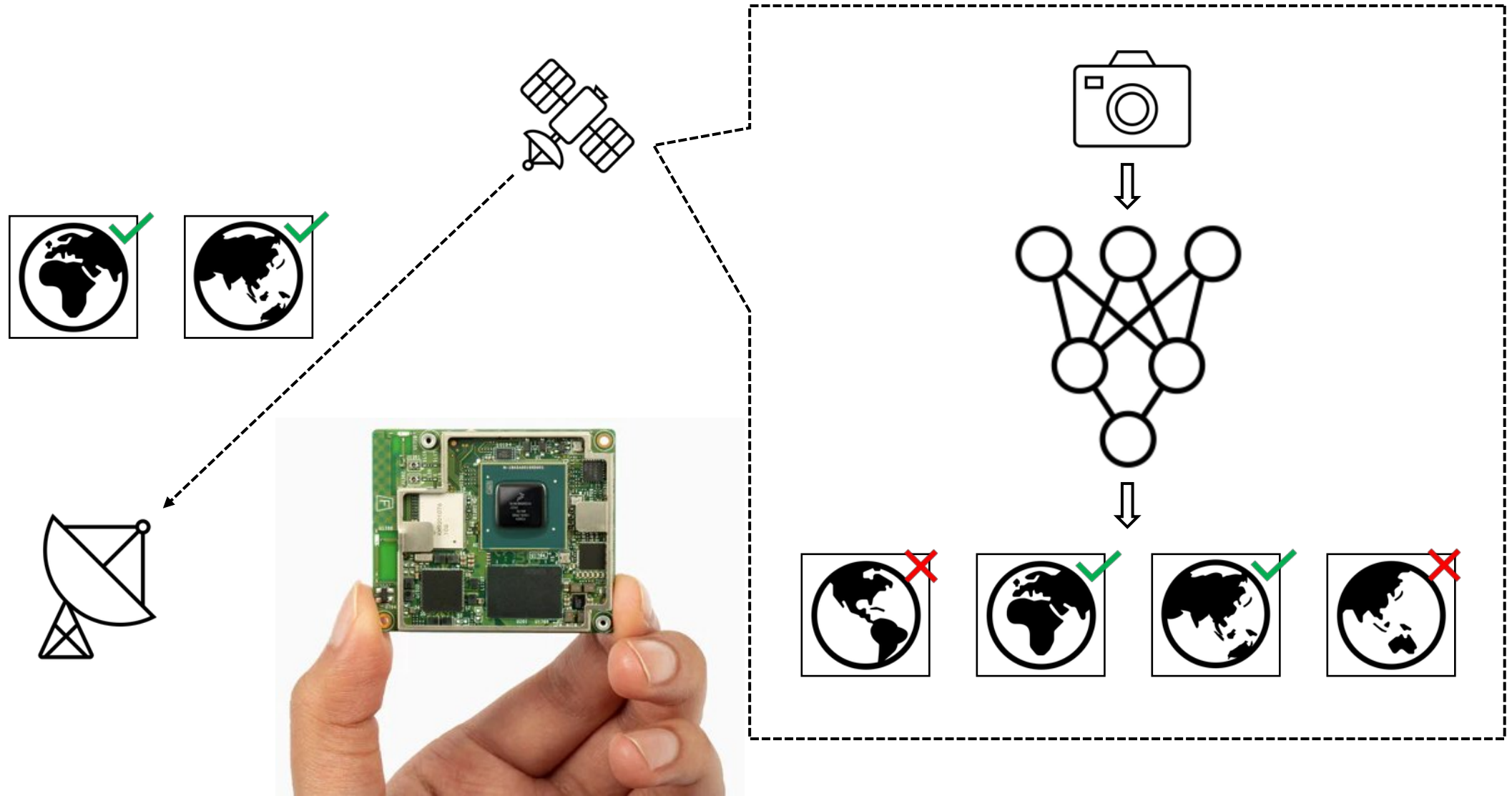


Mission patches are difficult ... ;)
Launching satellites is not a very sustainable activity ..

source: discosat.dk, picture: Julian Priest



Machine Learning on Satellites

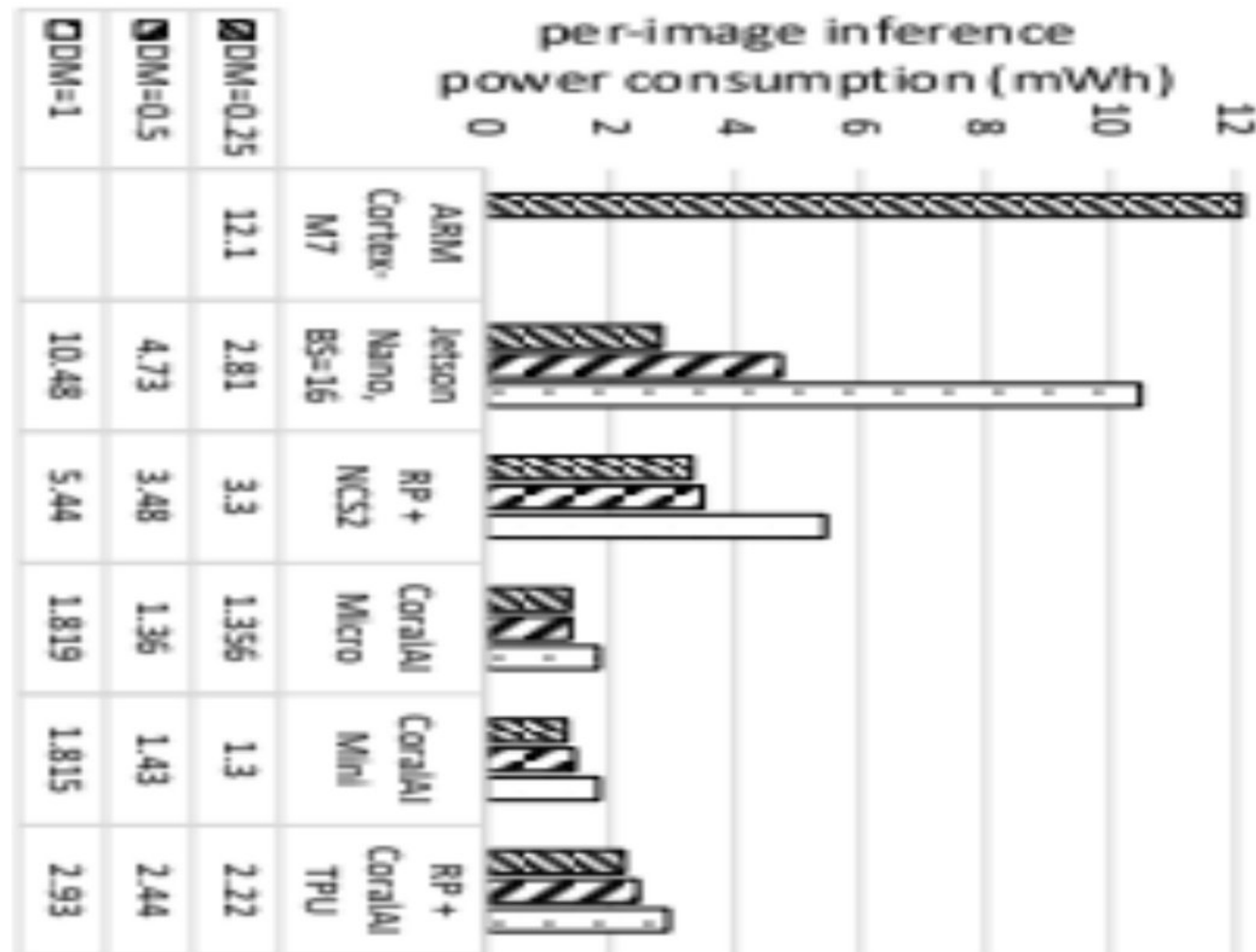


On satellite, power consumption is key

- **Coral AI TPUs most efficient**
- Jetson Nano too high, though nice low latency
- ARM's low power draw can't compensate for its latency

* Using MobileNetV1 of varying sizes

source: Thesis, Rober Mayer



Ministry for Research and Education

National Partnership for Space Education 2023-25

now has an item (owner: IT University)

Machine Learning in Space (on **Tiny** Satellites)

... hence, **TinyML**

We are planning a series of
DIY Satellite Building for Schools and Universities.

Kick-off meeting at ...



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