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Modular Robotic Beehive
## As a Service

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Founding engineer

Problem statement - Food security

- World population to reach 10 Billion, limited resources, need of advanced food production
- Farmers can increase crop yields by +37% with precise pollination
- **Beekeepers** providing services to **farmers** earn 9x more than from selling honey
- Demand of pollination grows 2x faster than growth of honeybee colonies
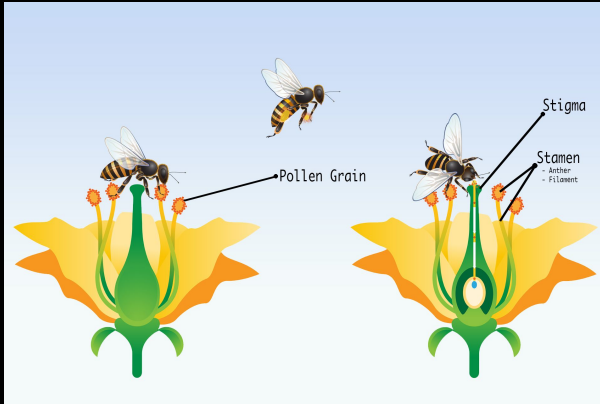
Problem statement - Efficiency

- Bees swarm, get infested with mites or can be aggressive
- Beekeepers need to perform weekly inspections
- Beekeepers lose 20-50% of colonies every year, one colony loss impact > 350 EUR
- Common beehives are 150 years old and heavy to inspect
- Physical labour is hard to scale, it is a seasonal activity
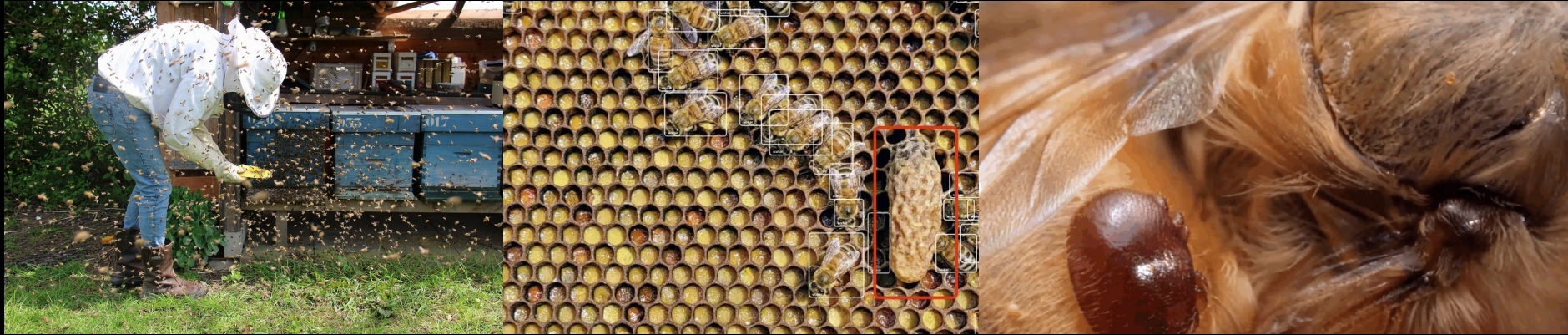
Vision app

Data analytics app for beekeepers

Manages state of the apiary
Performs AI detections and provides advices
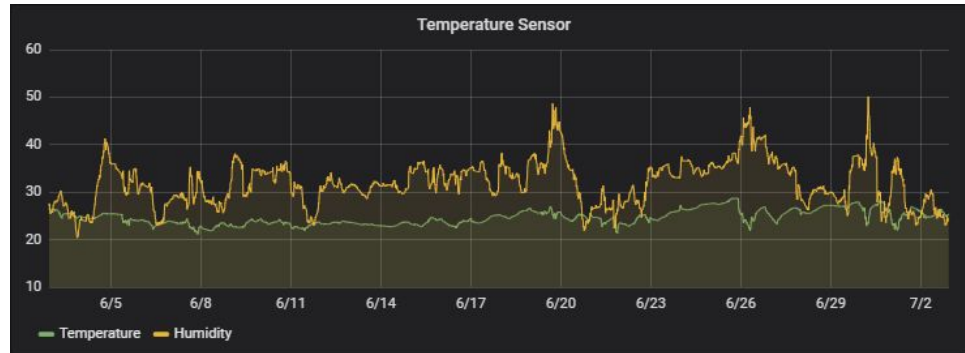Controls modular beehive hardware

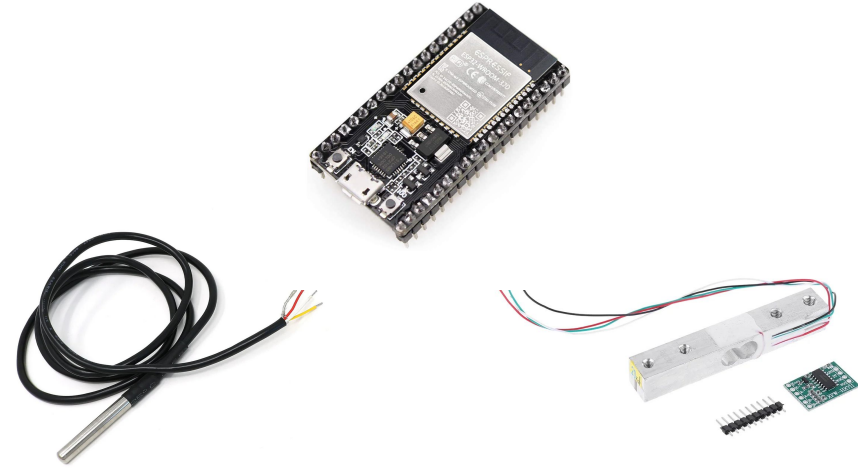State: openly accessible, in development

⊙ Vision

Affordable set of sensors as beehive base

Sends hive internal temperature, weight, humidity
AI to detect anomalies
Sends alerts in case of swarming, storms, bear attack

Price ~200 EUR

Temperature Sensor

— Temperature   — Humidity

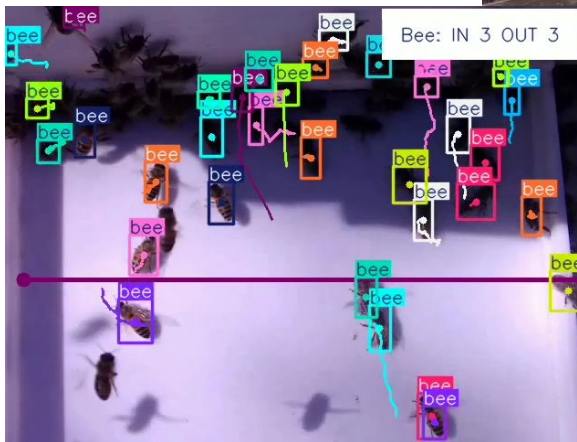# ◎ Vision

Hive entrance video monitoring device

Incoming/Outgoing bee count to estimate colony strength
Varroa mite detection to estimate infestation level
Alerts on hornet attack or stealing state
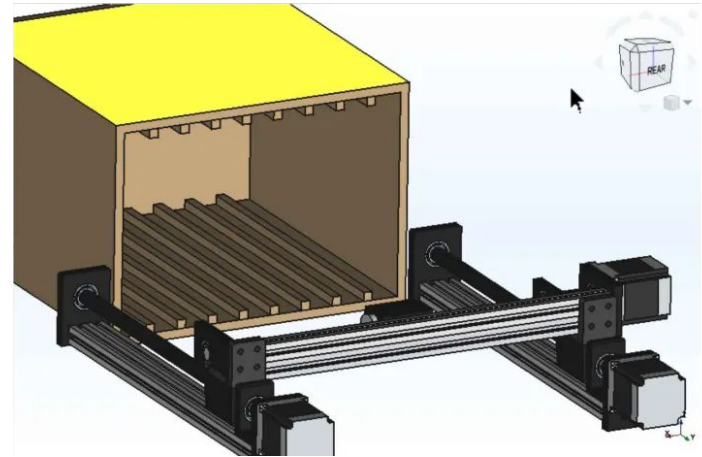Video streaming & playback

Price ~ 600 EUR

Vision

Frame extraction mechanism to autonomously inspect colony internal state

Alerts in case of swarming, starvation or missing queen

Colony development over time

Multi-hive robot for cost-effectiveness

👨‍🚀 Customer

Addressable market - **370 thousand semi-professional beekeepers in Europe**

Europe in total has 620k beekeepers, 19-25M colonies
~ 60% beekeepers have > 25 bee colonies
> 50% have legal company (thus B2B)

Additional users - hobby beekeepers
Early adopters - young, tech-savvy beekeepers

Table 1 – Number of beekeepers in selected EU countries

| EU countries with more than 20 000 beekeepers	Total number of beekeepers	Beekeepers with >150 hives	
		Number	Average No of hives
Germany	116 000	81	587
Poland	62 575	324	272
Italy	50 000	2 000	413
Czech Republic	49 486	107	260
France	41 560	1 717	366
United Kingdom	37 888	50	443
Austria	25 277	380	233
Greece	24 582	7 288	165
Spain	23 816	5 361	406
Romania	22 930	1 545	194
Hungary	21 565	1 546	218

percentage of customers registered as company, depending on amount of hives, (based on estonian market research)
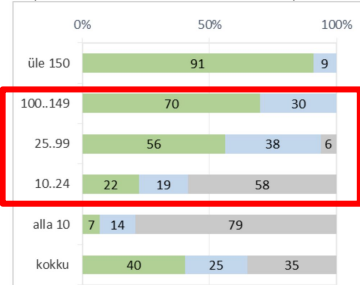
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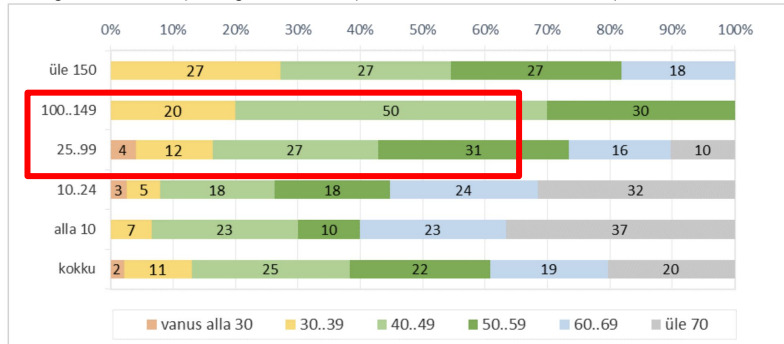
number of beehives in EU over the years (in thousands)
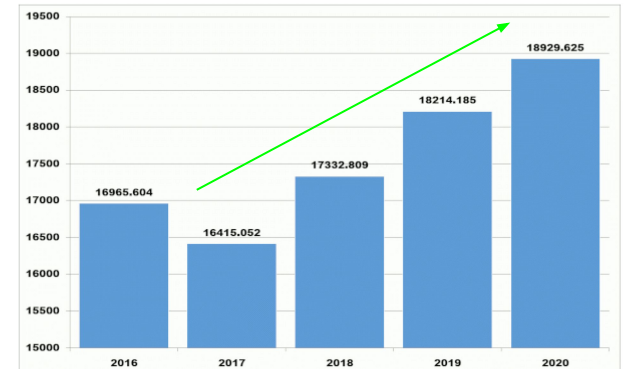
💶 **Business model**

Subscription model for data management and analytics, usage dependent

Low-margin hardware with open hardware and software to ease adoption and trust

Moat - hardware-to-software integration, Hard to migrate (telemetry) data out

	Community tier	Essential tier	Professional tier
	free	**15** EUR / month 2 weeks trial, annual billing	**5** EUR per beehive per month + **10** EUR per user per month
	5 hives max	20 hives max	

	🌡️ Beehive IoT sensors	🔍 Entrance Observer	⦿ Robotic Beehive	🖐️ Robotic Apiary
Web-app subscription	5 EUR / month	20 EUR / month	50 EUR / month	200 EUR / month
Purchase retail price (estimated)	200 EUR	~ 600 EUR	~ 3000 EUR	~ 10 beehives ~ 6000 EUR
Rent (annual billing)	20 EUR / month	50 EUR / month	250 EUR / month	500 EUR / month

Market estimate for IoT sensor product

Estimated EU market penetration = 70%
Essential tier monthly price = 15 EUR/month
Essential tier estimated beekeeper ratio = 80%

620k × 0.7 × 0.8 × 15 = **62.5M EUR ARR**
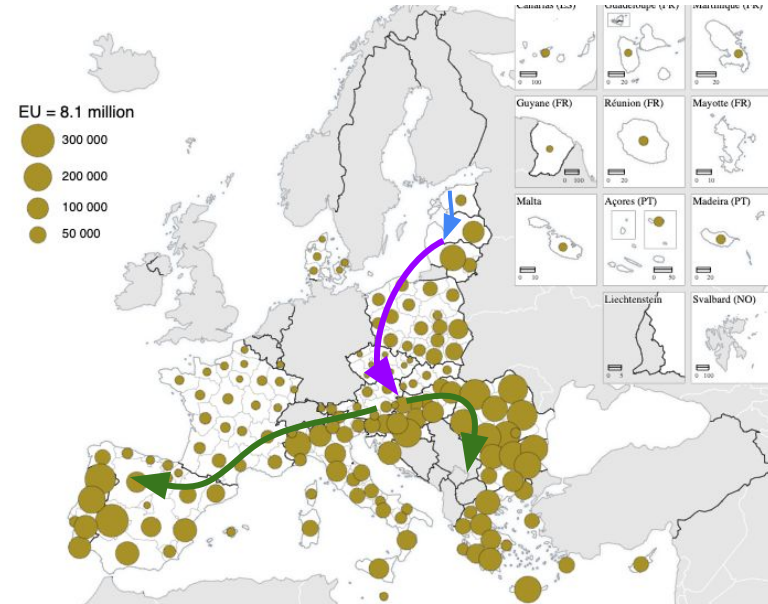
Pro tier monthly price = 5 EUR/month/hive + 10 EUR/user
Pro tier estimated beekeeper ratio = 20%
Estimated average hive count = 32
Estimated IoT sensors coverage = 50%

620k × 0.7 × 0.2 × (10 + 5 × 32 × 0.5) = **93.7M ARR**

Go to market strategy by region

EU = 8.1 million

300 000
200 000
100 000
50 000

Canarias (ES), Guadeloupe (FR), Martinique (FR), Guyane (FR), Réunion (FR), Mayotte (FR), Malta, Açores (PT), Madeira (PT), Liechtenstein, Svalbard (NO)

🐝 Team

Research and engineering heavy team
with unique [company values](#)

Artjom Kurapov
Founding fullstack engineer,
beekeeper
(ex-Pipedrive, Clarifai)

Aleksei Prokopov
Robotics, backend engineer
(ex-Fits.me, ex-Coop)

Equity CAP table. Equity is separate from voting

	angel phase 🥚	pre-seed 🌱	seed 🌿	series A 🍯
Founder (%)	50	40	31,25	25
Co-founder (%)	10	8	6,25	5
Team option pool (%)	35	28	21,875	17,5
Total Investor shares (%)	2	21,6	38,75	51
Advisors shares (%)	3	2,4	1,875	1,5
New investors shares issued in millions	0	25	35	40
Shares total (in millions)	100	125	160	200

Research advisors, Estonia

Vjatšeslav Kekšin
Researcher, PHD student
TalTech

Research advisors, Czech Republic

Šimon Bilík
Researcher, PHD
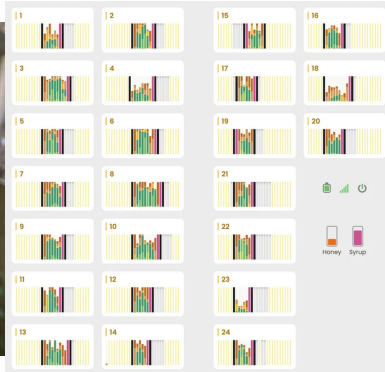System engineer / Beekeeper

Adam Ligocki
ML engineer, PHD

🏇 [Competition](#) in AI vision and robotics

- beewise.ag - robotic multi-colony container hive, total raised 120M $
- beehero.io - IoT, total raised 64M $
- nectar.buzz - SaaS, raised 820k $
- beemate.buzz - counts bees
- apic.ai
- bestbees.com

Traction

- 100 registered users (0 paying)
    - 10 mobile app installs
- Community and volunteer building
    - 5+ contributors
    - 70+ discord members
    - Reached out from local research institutions
      (Kood Jõhvi, Vidrik.TalTech, University of Tartu)
- Publicity
    - 2 interviews to local newspapers
    - 200+ followers on linkedin
- Marketing channels
    - Facebook ad for beekeeping communities
    - Telegram channels for beekeepers
    - Local beekeeping group meetups

🍯 Invest

Raising 1M pre-seed round for 24 months runway

- Min. 2 summers are needed for field testing
- **Team of 4** + external contractors & beekeepers
- IoT sensors product development and release to the market
- Field testing with local beekeepers
- Entrance observer product development
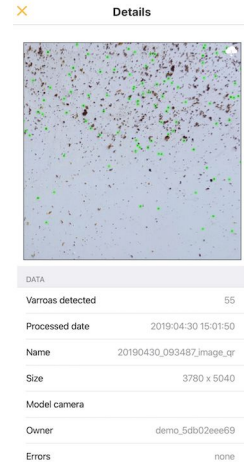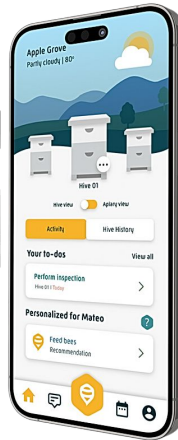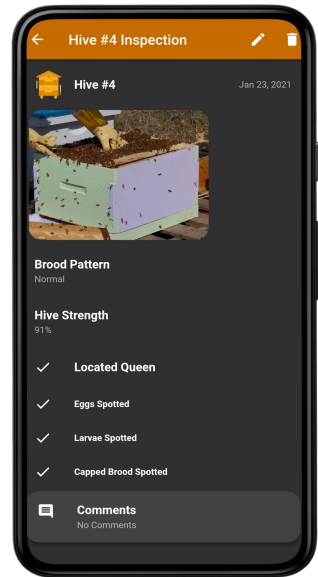- Robot prototype development

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🏇 Competition – Data organizer apps

- BeeScanning
- ApiZoom
- HiveTracks
- HiveBloom
- BeeQueenDetector
- apimanager
- apiary book

🏇 Competition – IoT (audio, humidity, temperature)

- 3bee.com
- beep.nl - opensource
- broodminder.com
- beelab.se
- intelligenthives.eu
- beehivemonitoring.com
- solutionbee.com
- beehivemonitoringusa.com
- osbeehives.com
- beesage.co

Variable brood temperature in range 70F - 86F indicates presence of clustering bees

Brood temperature rises and stabilizes around 91F indicating laying queen and presence of brood

Fig. 2: Using Brood temperature to detect onset of laying queen in late winter/early spring