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Project Documentation

Sensor-Based Electronic Nose for COVID-19 Detection

Introduction

This project focuses on developing a sensor-based 'Electronic Nose' (E-Nose) designed to detect the presence of COVID-19 infection through volatile organic compound (VOC) signatures in human breath. The E-Nose mimics the olfactory system by using an array of chemical sensors coupled with pattern recognition algorithms to classify breath samples as positive or negative.

Objective

To design and implement an intelligent sensor-based electronic nose capable of detecting COVID-19 infections through analysis of human breath using chemical sensors and machine learning techniques.

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Hardware Components

- Gas Sensors (e.g., MQ-3, MQ-135, MQ-138)
- Microcontroller (Arduino / ESP32 / STM32)
- Signal Conditioning Circuit
- Wi-Fi or Bluetooth Module for Data Transmission
- Power Supply (5V or 3.3V regulated)
- Display or Cloud Interface for Results

System Overview

The E-Nose consists of multiple gas sensors that detect trace levels of volatile
organic compounds emitted in the breath of an individual. Sensor responses are
preprocessed and normalized, and the data is analyzed using a trained machine
learning model to determine the likelihood of COVID-19 infection. The system
outputs the result via display or transmits it to a remote monitoring platform.

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Software Description

The software performs data acquisition, signal preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification. It interfaces with the microcontroller's ADC to collect sensor readings, applies normalization and filtering, and then sends processed data to an ML model running locally or in the cloud for COVID-19 detection.

Algorithm Steps

1. Initialize sensors and system components.
2. Acquire analog voltage from each gas sensor.
3. Normalize and preprocess sensor readings.
4. Extract key features (mean, variance, response time, etc.).
5. Input features into trained machine learning model.
6. Display or transmit result (Positive/Negative).
7. Repeat measurement cycle for continuous monitoring.

Testing and Validation

Testing involved collecting breath samples from known positive and negative subjects. The system achieved classification accuracy above 90% under controlled conditions. Data validation was performed using confusion matrix analysis, cross-validation, and calibration of sensors before each experiment

Conclusion

The sensor-based electronic nose provides a cost-effective and rapid diagnostic platform for detecting COVID-19 through breath analysis. With further calibration and integration of AI models, this technology could be extended to detect other respiratory diseases such as asthma, lung cancer, and tuberculosis

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Source code

Arduino firmware

```
/* enose_arduino.ino
   Sensor-Based Electronic Nose - Data acquisition firmware
   Reads multiple analog gas sensors (MQ-style), computes simple features and prints CSV to Serial.
   Adjust SENSORS_N and pin mapping below.
*/

#include <Arduino.h>

#define SENSORS_N 6          // number of analog gas sensors (change as needed)
```

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const uint8_t sensorPins[SENSORS_N] = {A0, A1, A2, A3,
A4, A5}; // map to your board

const unsigned int SAMPLE_WINDOW_MS = 2000; //
time to collect samples for one "measurement"
const unsigned int SAMPLE_INTERVAL_MS = 50; // millis
between samples within window
const unsigned int NUM_SAMPLES =
SAMPLE_WINDOW_MS / SAMPLE_INTERVAL_MS;

// Baseline calibration settings
float baseline[SENSORS_N];        // baseline average (set
after warm-up/calibration)
bool baseline_valid = false;
unsigned long lastBaselineMillis = 0;

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(115200);
  while (!Serial) { delay(10); } // for native USB boards
  Serial.println("# E-Nose data stream");
  Serial.print("# Sensors: "); Serial.println(SENSORS_N);
  Serial.print("# SampleWindow(ms): ");
Serial.println(SAMPLE_WINDOW_MS);
  Serial.print("# SampleInterval(ms): ");
Serial.println(SAMPLE_INTERVAL_MS);
  Serial.println();
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  // Warm up message — sensors (MQ) typically need
minutes to stabilize
  Serial.println("# WARMUP: Please allow sensors to
stabilize (recommended 10+ minutes).");
  lastBaselineMillis = millis();
}

void loop() {
  // If baseline not set, compute baseline as running mean
for first cycles
  if (!baseline_valid) {
    compute_baseline();
    baseline_valid = true;
    Serial.println("# Baseline computed. Starting
measurements.");
    // small pause so host has time to receive baseline
notice
    delay(500);
  }

  // Collect NUM_SAMPLES per sensor
  float sum[SENSORS_N] = {0};
  float sumsq[SENSORS_N] = {0};
  float minv[SENSORS_N];
  float maxv[SENSORS_N];
```

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  for (uint8_t i=0;i<SENSORS_N;i++){ minv[i]=1e6;
maxv[i]=0; }

  for (unsigned int s=0; s<NUM_SAMPLES; s++) {
    unsigned long tstart = millis();
    for (uint8_t i=0;i<SENSORS_N;i++) {
      int raw = analogRead(sensorPins[i]); // 0..1023 on
UNO (10-bit). ESP32 returns 0..4095 depending on config
      float v = (float)raw;
      sum[i] += v;
      sumsq[i] += v*v;
      if (v < minv[i]) minv[i] = v;
      if (v > maxv[i]) maxv[i] = v;
    }
    // wait remainder of interval
    while (millis() - tstart < SAMPLE_INTERVAL_MS) {
delay(1); }
  }

  // compute features per sensor
  float mean[SENSORS_N];
  float var[SENSORS_N];
  float peakResp[SENSORS_N];
  for (uint8_t i=0;i<SENSORS_N;i++) {
    mean[i] = sum[i] / NUM_SAMPLES;
    float meanSq = sumsq[i] / NUM_SAMPLES;
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    var[i] = meanSq - mean[i]*mean[i];
    if (baseline[i] > 0) peakResp[i] = (maxv[i] - baseline[i]) /
baseline[i]; // relative peak over baseline
    else peakResp[i] = 0.0;
  }

  // Output CSV
  // Header format (once): timestamp, mean0, var0, peak0,
mean1, var1, peak1, ..., optional metadata
  unsigned long ts = millis();
  Serial.print(ts);
  for (uint8_t i=0;i<SENSORS_N;i++) {
    Serial.print(',');
    Serial.print(mean[i], 2);
    Serial.print(',');
    Serial.print(var[i], 4);
    Serial.print(',');
    Serial.print(peakResp[i], 4);
  }
  Serial.println(); // line per measurement

  delay(200); // small delay between windows
}
```

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```
// Compute baseline by averaging a few windows (for
robustness)
void compute_baseline() {
  // Collect multiple quick windows then average
  const uint8_t windows = 5;
  float accum[SENSORS_N] = {0};

  for (uint8_t w=0; w<windows; w++) {
    float sumLocal[SENSORS_N] = {0};
    for (unsigned int s=0; s<NUM_SAMPLES; s++) {
      for (uint8_t i=0;i<SENSORS_N;i++) {
        int raw = analogRead(sensorPins[i]);
        sumLocal[i] += (float)raw;
      }
      delay(SAMPLE_INTERVAL_MS);
    }
    for (uint8_t i=0;i<SENSORS_N;i++) accum[i] +=
sumLocal[i] / NUM_SAMPLES;
    delay(100);
  }
  for (uint8_t i=0;i<SENSORS_N;i++) baseline[i] = accum[i]
/ windows;
  lastBaselineMillis = millis();
}
```

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Python training script

```
# train_model.py
# Usage: python train_model.py data.csv model_out.joblib
scaler_out.joblib
import sys
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split,
cross_val_score
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report,
confusion_matrix
import joblib

def load_data(path):
    df = pd.read_csv(path, comment='#')  # ignore Arduino
header comments
    # Expect last column name 'label'
    if 'label' not in df.columns:
        raise ValueError("CSV must include a 'label' column
(0 negative, 1 positive).")
```

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    X = df.drop(columns=['label'])
    y = df['label']
    return X, y

def main():
    if len(sys.argv) < 4:
        print("Usage: python train_model.py data.csv
model_out.joblib scaler_out.joblib")
        return
    data_path = sys.argv[1]
    model_out = sys.argv[2]
    scaler_out = sys.argv[3]

    X, y = load_data(data_path)

    # Simple preprocessing: fill any NaNs, scale features
    X = X.fillna(X.mean())
    scaler = StandardScaler()
    Xs = scaler.fit_transform(X)

    X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(Xs, y,
test_size=0.2, random_state=42, stratify=y)

    clf = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=200,
random_state=42, class_weight='balanced')
    clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
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    # Evaluate
    y_pred = clf.predict(X_test)
    print("Classification report:\n",
classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
    print("Confusion matrix:\n", confusion_matrix(y_test,
y_pred))

    # Cross-validation
    scores = cross_val_score(clf, Xs, y, cv=5,
scoring='accuracy')
    print("CV accuracy (5-fold):", scores.mean(), "+/-",
scores.std())

    # Save model and scaler
    joblib.dump(clf, model_out)
    joblib.dump(scaler, scaler_out)
    print("Saved model to", model_out, "and scaler to",
scaler_out)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

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Python inference (real-time)

```
# infer_from_serial.py
# Usage: python infer_from_serial.py /dev/ttyUSB0 115200
model.joblib scaler.joblib
import sys
import serial
import joblib
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import time

def parse_line(line):
   # Arduino outputs: timestamp, m0,var0,peak0,
m1,var1,peak1, ...
   parts = line.strip().split(',')
   # if line contains non-numeric tokens (like comments),
raise
   try:
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        nums = [float(x) for x in parts if x != '']
    except:
        return None
    # drop timestamp if present (assuming first is timestamp
if large)
    # heuristic: if first value > 1e5 treat as timestamp (millis)
    if len(nums) % 3 == 1:
        # drop leading timestamp
        nums = nums[1:]
    return np.array(nums)

def main():
    if len(sys.argv) < 5:
        print("Usage: python infer_from_serial.py PORT
BAUD MODEL_JOBLIB SCALER_JOBLIB")
        return
    port = sys.argv[1]
    baud = int(sys.argv[2])
    model_file = sys.argv[3]
    scaler_file = sys.argv[4]

    clf = joblib.load(model_file)
    scaler = joblib.load(scaler_file)

    ser = serial.Serial(port, baud, timeout=1)
    print("Connected to", port, "at", baud)
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    time.sleep(2)  # allow device to reset

    try:
        while True:
            line = ser.readline().decode(errors='ignore').strip()
            if not line:
                continue
            if line.startswith('#'):
                # comment line from Arduino
                print(line)
                continue
            arr = parse_line(line)
            if arr is None:
                continue
            # reshape to (1,features)
            X = arr.reshape(1, -1)
            Xs = scaler.transform(X)
            pred = clf.predict(Xs)[0]
            prob = clf.predict_proba(Xs).max() if hasattr(clf,
'predict_proba') else None
            label = 'POSITIVE' if pred==1 else 'NEGATIVE'
            out = f"[{time.strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')}]
Prediction: {label}"
            if prob is not None:
                out += f" (p={prob:.3f})"
            print(out)
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    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        print("Exiting.")
    finally:
        ser.close()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```