

# Space Station Object Detection System: Enhancing Operational Efficiency

Pioneering AI-powered visual tracking for critical assets on the International Space Station and future habitats. Our goal: Improve crew safety and operational efficiency .





# The Challenge: Critical Asset Management in Space



## Time-Consuming Manual Inventories

Crew spends 15-20% of time on manual tracking.



## Misplaced Critical Items

Over 100,000 unique items on ISS, frequently lost.



## Emergency Response Delays

90-second target for fire suppression is hard to meet.



## Microgravity Complications

Searching and securing items is difficult.

# Our AI-Powered Vision System

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## Custom Deep Learning

YOLOv8 architecture trained on specific space assets.

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## Real-time Video Processing

Feeds from internal station cameras (e.g., Node 1, Harmony).

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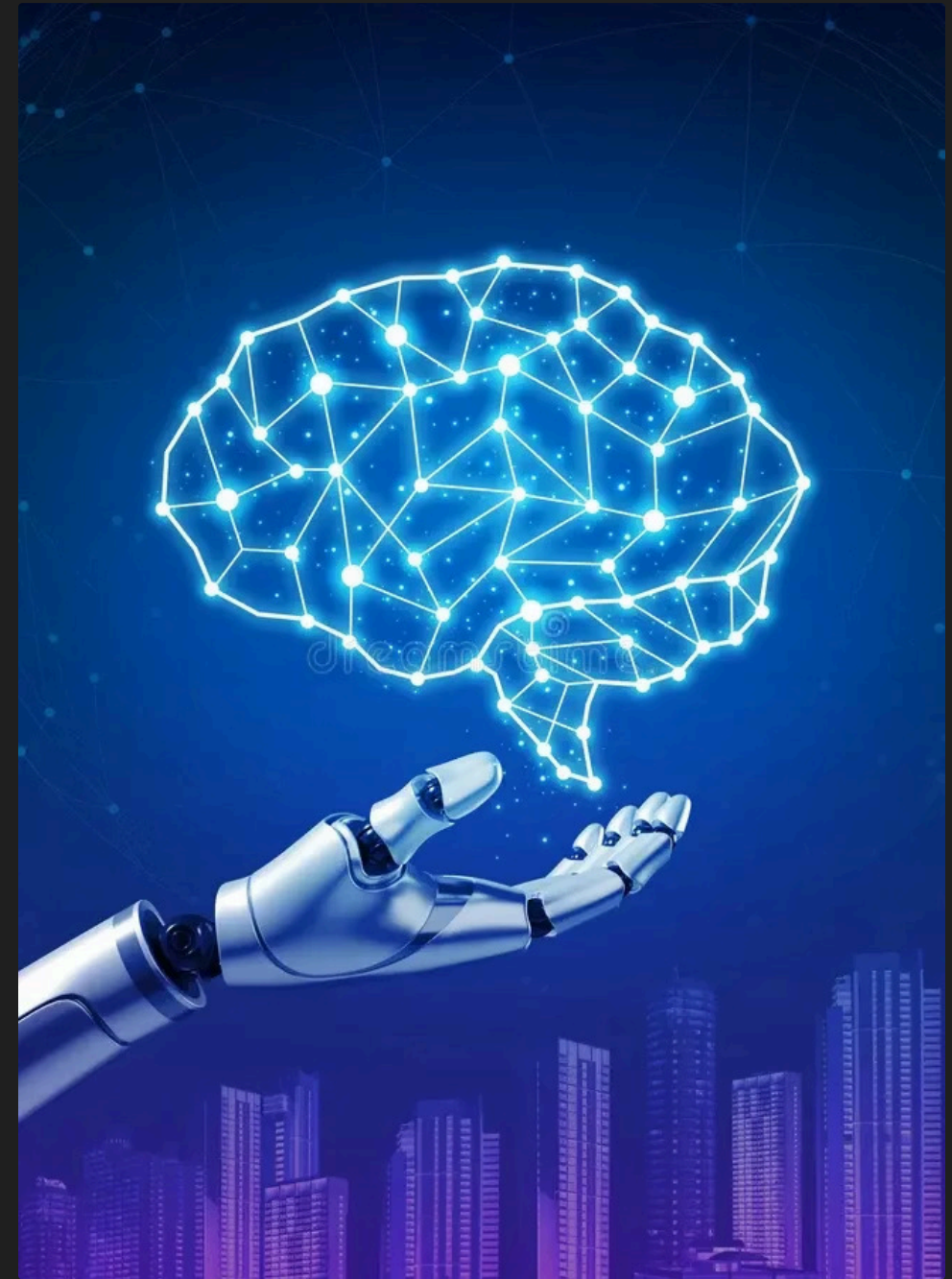
## Instant Identification & Tracking

Pinpoints objects' location and monitors movement.

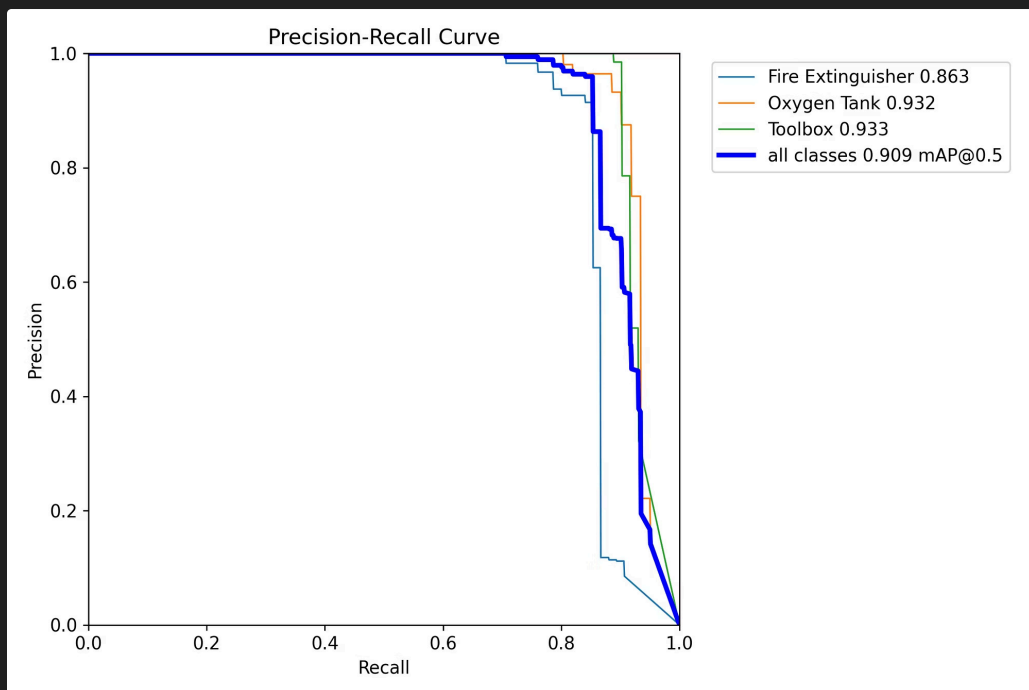
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## Onboard Edge Processing

Runs efficiently on NVIDIA Jetson AGX Xavier.



# Model Performance & Robustness



**0.909**

**Mean Average Precision  
(mAP)**

Achieved on our custom-  
annotated dataset.

**1K+**

**Annotated Images**

Used for training across diverse  
conditions.

**0.863**

**Fire Extinguisher Precision**

Highly accurate detection for  
critical safety items.

**30**

**Frames Per Second (FPS)**

Real-time processing on test  
hardware.





# Key Objects for Detection



## Fire Extinguisher

Critical safety asset; enables 5-second retrieval.



## Oxygen Tank

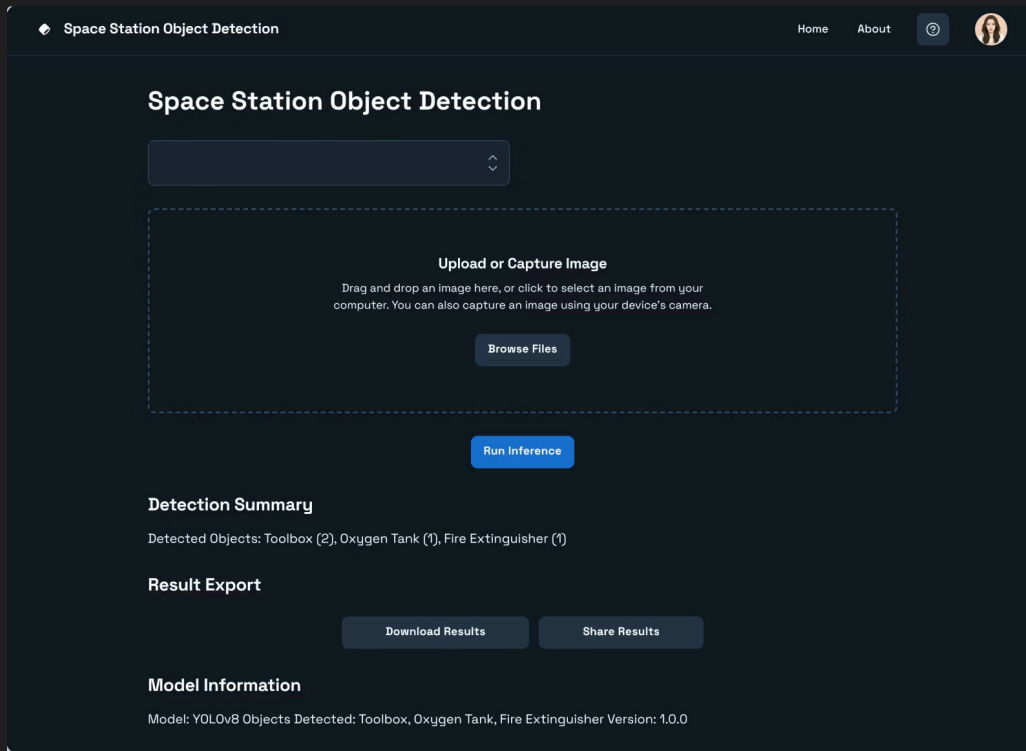
Life support inventory; tracks 20+ units.



## Toolbox

Maintenance efficiency; reduces search time by 70%.

# Web-Based Real-Time Monitoring Interface



## Interactive Dashboard

Accessible via crew tablets and ground control.

## 3D Station Maps

Visual object location on module layouts.

## Real-time Inventory

Instant updates and "last seen" timestamps.

## Quick Search & Alerts

"Find nearest" function and missing object alerts.

# Future Enhancements & Scalability

## **NASA IMS Integration**

Seamless data flow with existing inventory systems.

## **3D Tracking & Pose Estimation**

Advanced spatial awareness of objects.

## **Predictive Maintenance**

Insights from tool usage patterns.

## **Lunar & Mars Deployment**

Scalable to future deep-space habitats.

## **Continuous Retraining**

Ensuring 99%+ accuracy with new data.

# Conclusion: A New Era of Space Operations

