

SYNOPSYS® 2023 Synopsys ARC AloT Design Contest

Project Proposal

Project Topic-WOLO

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According to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, the casualties of motorcycle riders are **twenty times more** than that of car drivers and others in 2022 in Taiwan.



18,001



391,223

WOLO A smart monitor for scooter and bicycle riders

WOLO - We Only Live Once - is aiming to analyze the road condition by deep learning. It can detect the vehicles and their distance in the camera to alarm the users in real time.



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Innovation

Current similar system like TESLA are...

Expensive

TESLA FSD cost more than 10,000 US dollars.



Require compound sensors

Waymo uses lidar ,radar, and cameras on their self-driving cars.



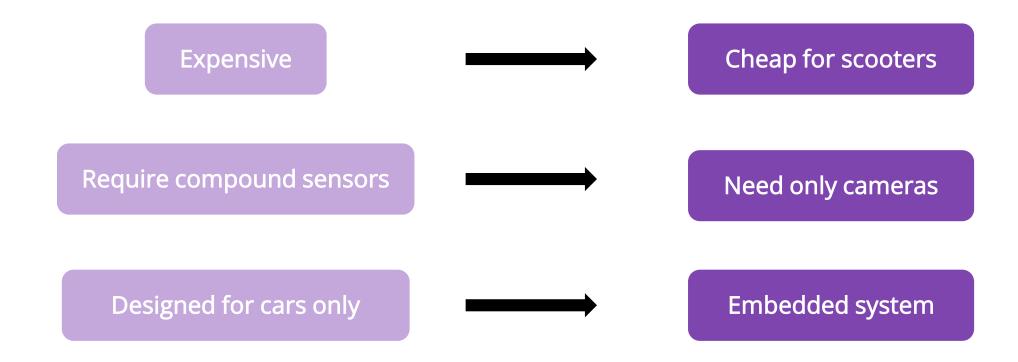
Designed for cars only

Driver aiding system like Tesla and Waymo are designed for cars only.



Innovation

The innovation of WOLO



Challenges

Memory Size

Available memory size < 1MB

Computation and Parameters both need memory space



Image Quality

- Transfering images from external camera is too slow

- Only 640x480 grayscale images by internal camera are available



Model Complexity

- YOLOv7-tiny has 3M parameters

The model has too many OP to be placed on ARC EM9D



Result transmission

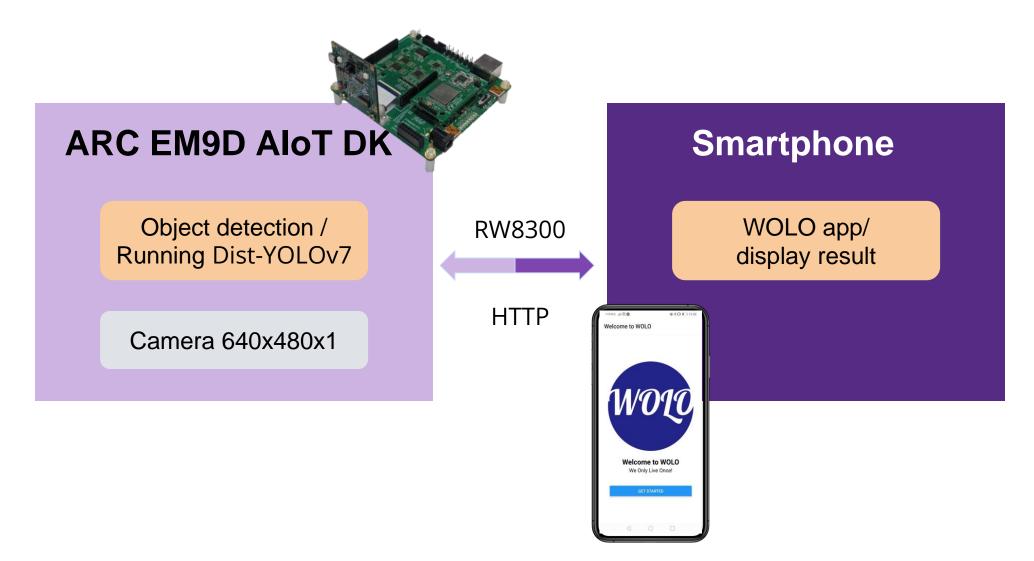
The elapsed time of Wi-Fi module is 1 second



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Hardware Architecture



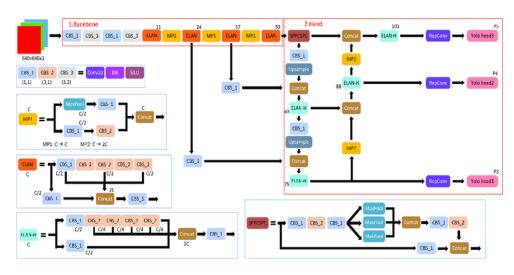
Model Prototype

YOLOv7

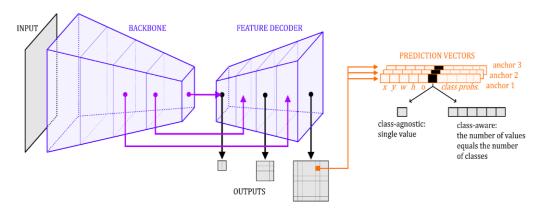
- A convolutional based model for object detection
- An model with simplicity and high accuracy
- Provide a tinier architecture for real time jobs

Dist-yolo

- Adapted from YOLOv3
- Predict distance by adding a distance channel at last layer



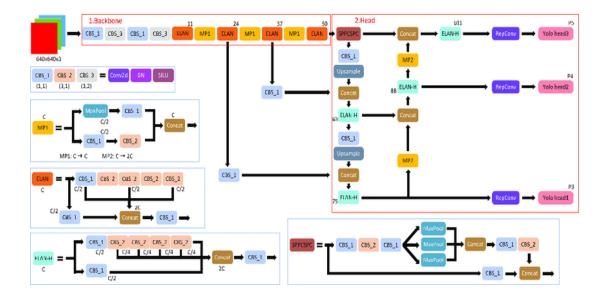
Network of YOLOv7 link



Network of Dist-yolo(based on YOLOv3) link

Model Modification

- Adding distance prediction
- Modified loss for distance



Yolo head



x, y, w, h, conf. + class conf.



Yolo head



x, y, w, h, conf. + class conf. + dist

Add extra channel for distance estimation

$$l_5(i,j) = \omega(\hat{d}_{i,j} - d_{i,j})^2$$



$$l_5(i,j) = \omega rac{|\hat{d}_{i,j} - d_{i,j}| + \sigma}{d_{i,j} + \sigma}$$

Change L2 loss to L1 loss, and scale with ground truth

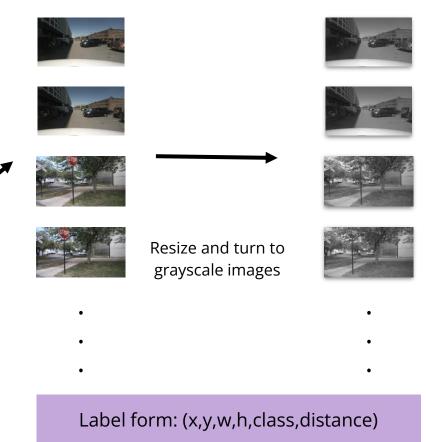
Data Process

NuScenes Dataset

- Extract key frames
- Resize to 640x640 and turn to grayscale
- merge and reduce the number of classes



For each 10 second clip, extract 3 detailedly labeled key frames from 6 different cameras

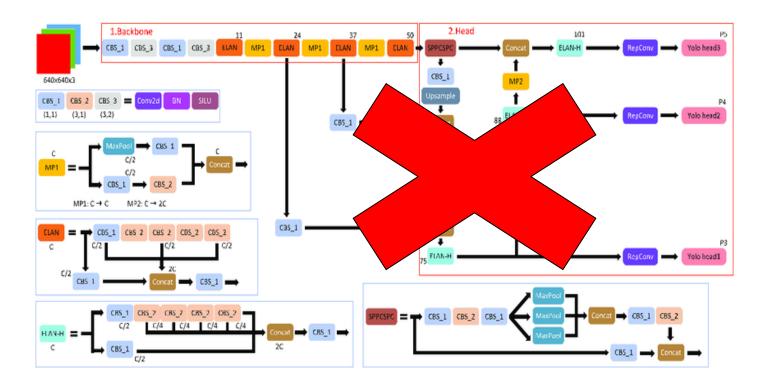


Review: Challenges

Image Quality Memory Size Model Complexity Result transmission

Solutions I: Memory Size and Model Complexity

- Truncate the feedback loop of Dist-YOLOv7
- Scale down channel numbers of each layer by 0.25





Solutions II: Memory Size and Model Complexity

Convert operation to C code, compute on cpu.

```
static tflite::MicroMutableOpResolver<20> micro_op_resolver;
micro op resolver.AddConv2D();
micro op resolver.AddMaxPool2D();
micro op resolver.AddFullyConnected();
micro op resolver.AddReshape();
micro op resolver.AddSoftmax();
micro op resolver.AddConcatenation();
micro op resolver.AddLogistic();
micro_op_resolver.AddAdd();
micro op resolver.AddArgMax();
micro_op_resolver.AddStridedSlice();
micro op resolver.AddDequantize();
micro op resolver.AddReshape();
micro_op_resolver.AddMul();
micro op resolver.AddPadV2();
micro op resolver.AddReduceMax();
micro op resolver.AddQuantize();
micro op resolver.AddSub();
micro op resolver.AddPad();
micro op resolver.AddResizeNearestNeighbor();
micro_op_resolver.AddLess();
```



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static tflite::MicroMutableOpResolver<8> micro_op_resolver;
micro_op_resolver.AddConv2D();
micro_op_resolver.AddRelu6();
micro_op_resolver.AddPad();
micro_op_resolver.AddConcatenation();
micro_op_resolver.AddResizeNearestNeighbor();
micro_op_resolver.AddDequantize();
micro_op_resolver.AddQuantize();
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- Reduce from 20 to 8.
- Remove not supported operation

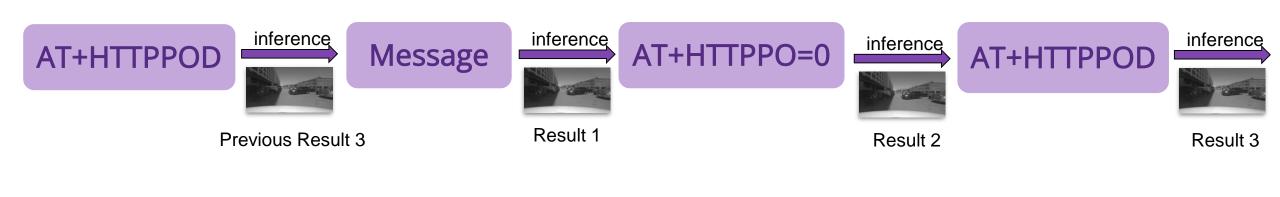
Problem: Result Transmission

- Send by AT command.
- 3 command for sending single message.
- Every command need 300ms delay.



Solution: Result Transmission

- Do inference between commands.
- Use NMS to remove overlapped bounding boxes.





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ARC Model Result

- INT8 Quantized, reduced model size.
- High memory usage (96.81%), make good use of ARC resource.

Memory region	Used Size	Region Size	%age Used
ICCM0:	0 GB	64 KB	0.00%
ICCM1:	268624 B	320 KB	81.98%
SYSTEM0:	926632 B	957168 B	96.81%
DCCM:	104 KB	256 KB	40.62%
XCCM:	32 KB	32 KB	100.00%
YCCM:	32 KB	32 KB	100.00%

```
unsigned int my_model_tflite_len = 359760;
```

Total image size= 794 KB(0xc69a0)

	Original Dist- YOLOv7	Dist-YOLOv7 (Modified)	Quantized (INT8)	Quantized (INT8)
Processing Platform	PC	PC	PC	ARC EM9D
Number of Parameters	6,025,236	304,436	304,436	304,436
Recall (%)	52.71%	47.07%	40.33%	51.82%
Precision (%)	91.73%	85.71%	90.81%	96.24%
Distance MSE(m)	2.35m	4.77m	3.59m	3.34m
Inference time	7.2ms	4.0ms	202.3ms	337ms

ARC inference result using camera



Image from ARC EM9D



Inference using TFLM on ARC EM9D

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Summary

- Combine YOLOv7 and dist-yolo
 - Modified YOLOv7 architecture, make it can estimate distance of objects.
- Simplify the model
 - Truncated and scale the channels size of model to reduce model size and increase inference speed.
- Quantize model to INT8 and deploy on ARC EM9D AloT DK
- Use React Native to create User APP

Appendix: Detection Ability

- Transfer learning YOLOv7 on NuScenes dataset.
- Compare result with Dist-YOLOv7

	Number of Parameters	Recall (%)	Precision (%)	Inference time
YOLOv7	6,025,236	54.11%	95.70%	6.9ms
Dist-YOLOv7	6,052,872	52.71%	91.73%	7.0ms



Appendix: Fisheye Effect

- Simulate fisheye effect on NuScenes validation set.



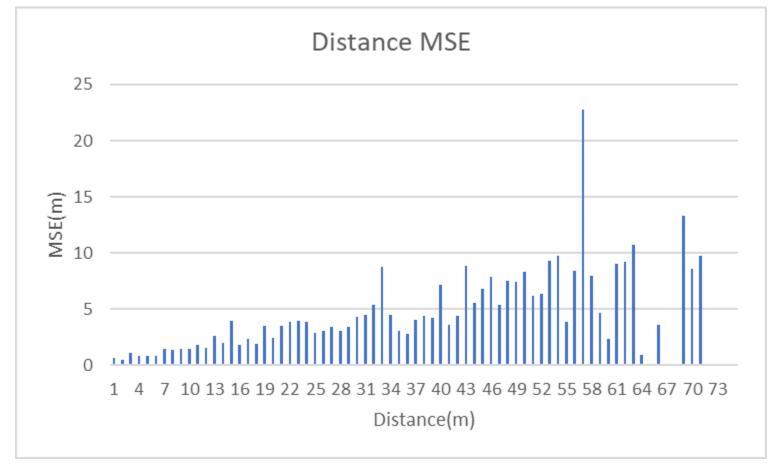


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	Number of Parameters	Recall (%)	Precision (%)	Inference time	Distance MSE(m)
Dist-YOLOv7 (Modified)	304,436	47.07%	85.71%	4.0ms	4.77m
Dist-YOLOv7 (Modified) Fisheye	304,436	46.16%	83.66%	4.0ms	5.08m

Appendix : Distance MSE

Distance MSE for different distance objects



Appendix : Placement

- Place ARC EM9D AloT DK in the rear of motorcycle.

- Place Smartphone in front of rider.



Appendix: Post Training Quantization

Post Training Quantization, convert model to INT8.

- Quantize step
 - Convert model to onnx (PyTorch -> ONNX)
 - 2. Convert model to tflite and Quantize to INT8 (onnx -> tflite) (https://github.com/PINTO0309/onnx2tf)
 - 3. Convert model to C header file (tflite -> C)





Appendix: ARC inference result on validation set



Inference using pytorch on PC (fp32)



Inference using TFLM on ARC EM9D (INT8)

Appendix : Source Code

- React Native app code : https://github.com/coherent17/WOLO-app
- ARC EM9D AIoT DK firmware : https://github.com/c119cheng/WOLO-ARC-EM9D
- Model Training : https://github.com/c119cheng/distyolo_v7

Appendix: Demo Video explanation

Demo Video : https://youtu.be/egK0S4pPOws

- How it is done
 - The video of road is taken using smartphone, because is hard to record a video using ARC EM9D. The inference of video is using the same model that is on the ARC EM9D (model quantized in INT8), we first read a single frame of video, convert it to gray level and resize to 320x256, as the image take by ARC EM9D's camera, then use the model to get the result, finally plot the result back to the RGB image, and make these images as a video.



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