

Sound classification

CASE STUDY FOR IMAGIMOB



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Problem 1

We live in a noisy world. Picking out a specific sound, like a cough, from all that noise is tough. But it's essential, especially when we're using technology to help keep us healthy or make our lives easier.



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Problem 2

Think of an app that's trying to track if you're sick. If it keeps getting it wrong because it mistakes other sounds for a cough, you might miss out on getting the care you need.



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Problem 3

The real task here is teaching our tech to know the difference between sounds. It's not just hearing a noise; it's figuring out what that noise is, like telling apart a cough from a door squeak.

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Solution 1

Use mathematical topology to be future-proof (sound has a shape!)

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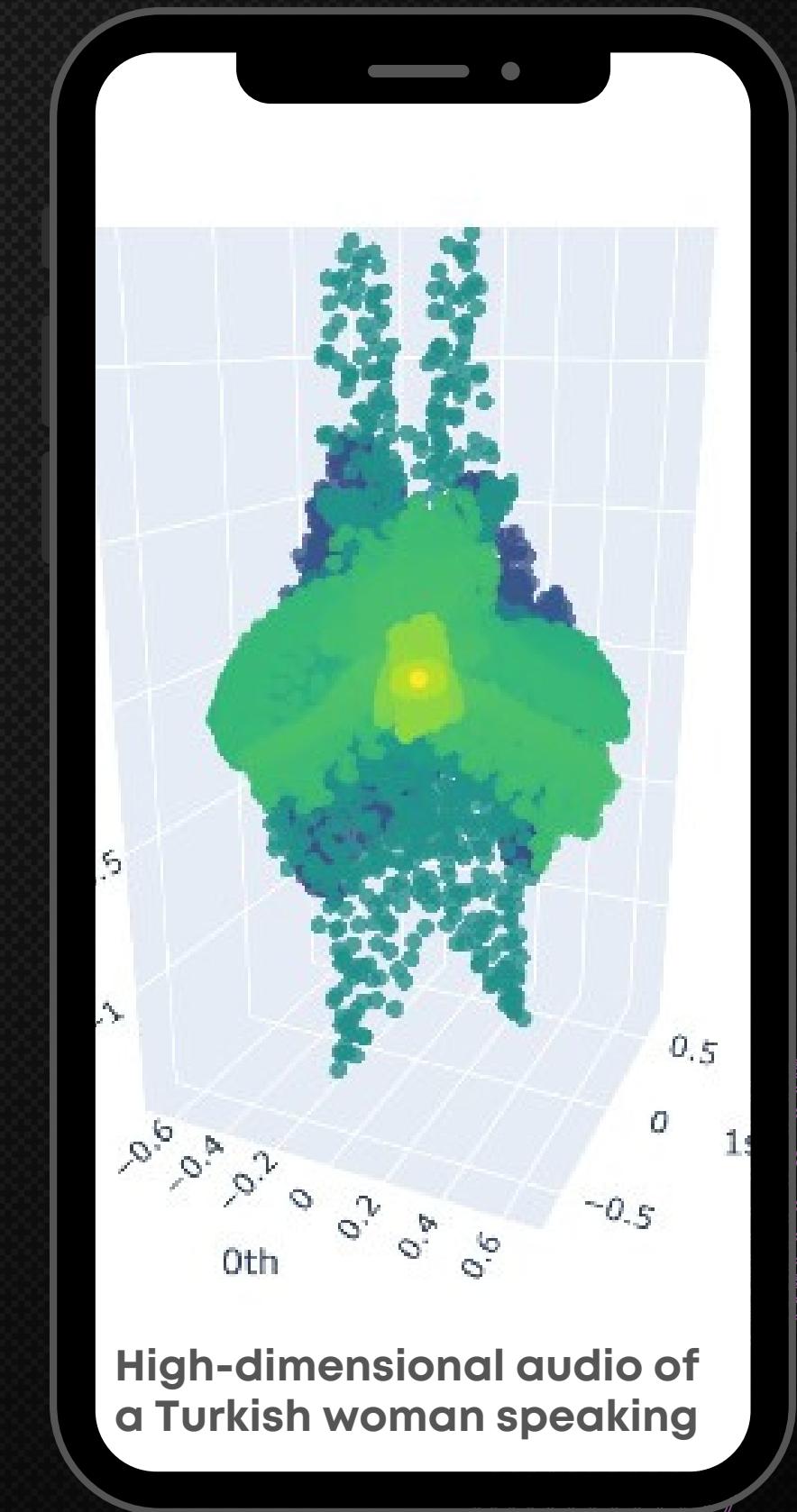
Solution 2

Deliver deep learning models that can distinguish noise from sound

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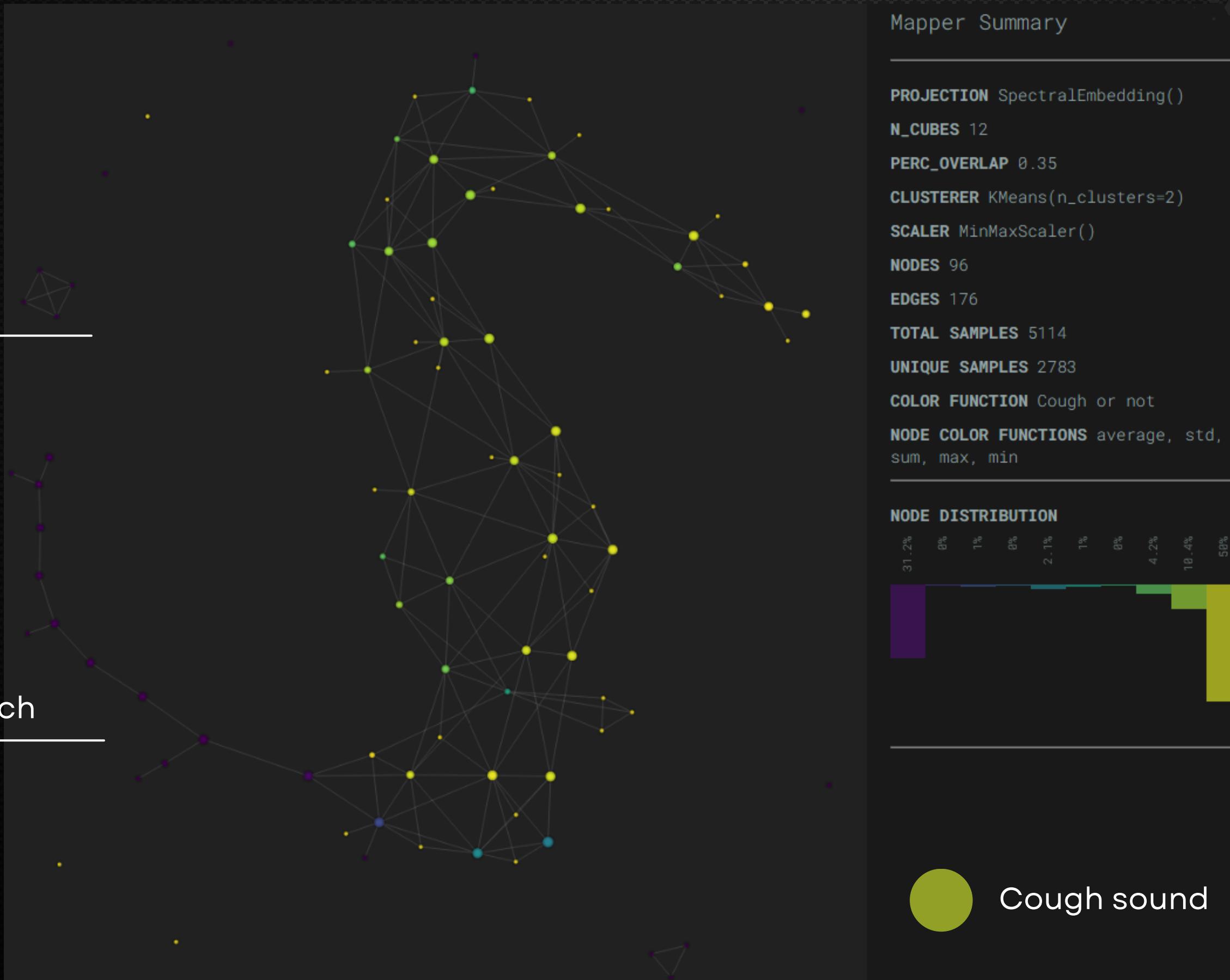
Solution 3

Provide insight into the future with topological signal processing



Topological signal processing

Animal sound



Human-speech

Cough sound has a large variation between humans

Conceivable difference in men, women, and children

Can theoretically see the shape and tell if it is a child or not

Cough sound

Shape of a cough

Edge devices, IoT, and tinyML services have not yet realized the future beyond deep learning and modern A.I solutions. With this solution, we can provide not only classification of a cough sound but also what it looks like!



3D shape of
cough sound



Classifying a cough sound

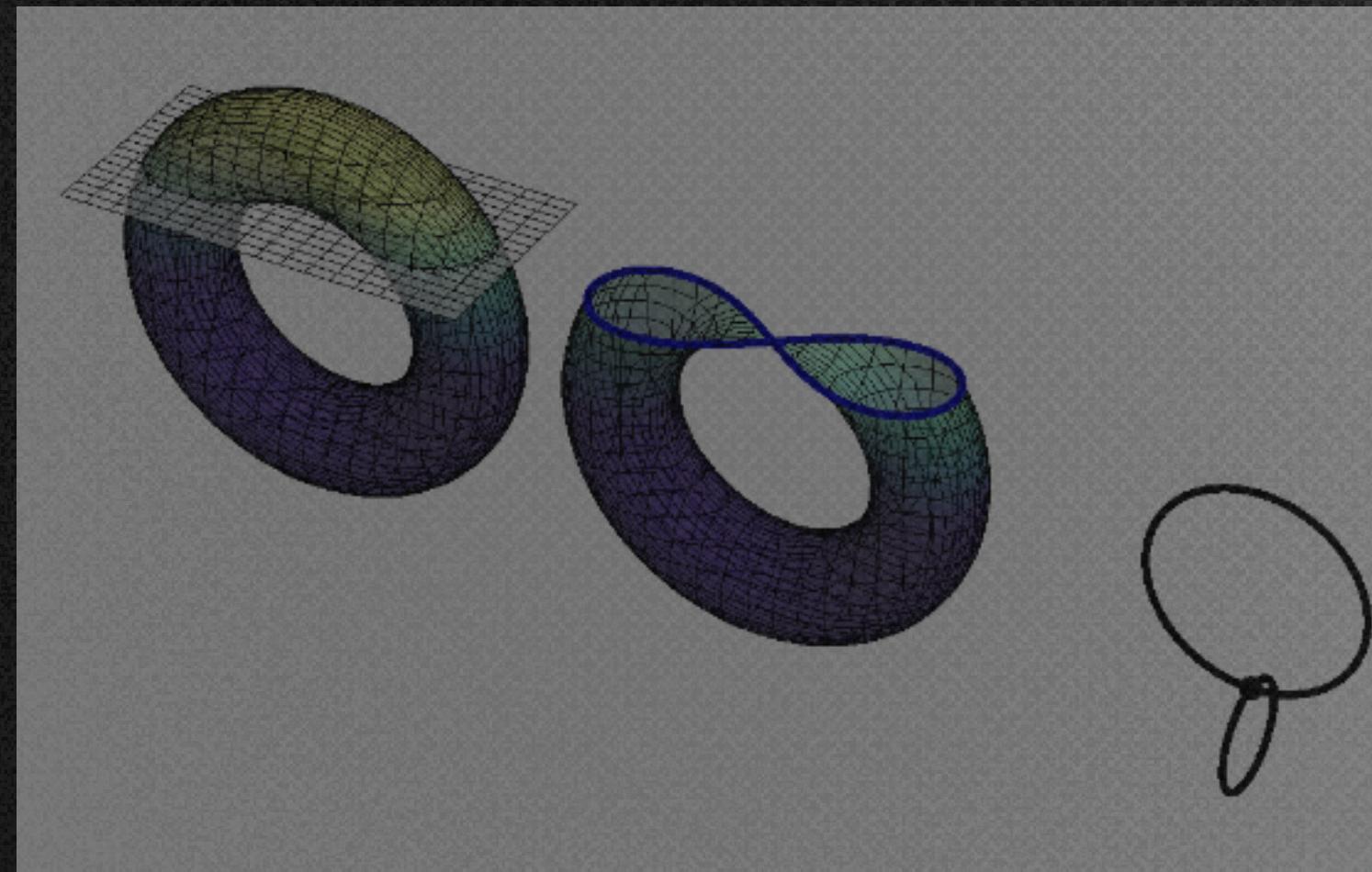
The deep learning models range from 2D-CNN using noisy Mel Spectrograms to hybrid models with 17 million parameters. The noise has been injected to augment the data and make the model robust.



STEP 1
Collect, label, and split data

STEP 2
Preprocess, train, and evaluate

STEP 3
Classify



Traction

What can be done? Seems like topology preprocessing provides a lot of information which can't be found in classical spectrograms.

Hybrid CNN with topology

Advantage 1

Data deformation will not affect the topological features. Bend it, stretch it, topology will still learn from it.

Advantage 2

Finds significant features over a range of scales. Makes it a good tool to find noise in the data.

Advantage 3

Works on raw data - no feature engineering required.

Advantage 4

Robust against noise compared to classical machine learning.

Thank You

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