Connecting Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Internet of Things (IoT)

OVERVIEW
Nowadays, every organization needs to understand the opportunities and challenges offered by smart machine learning devices and IoT connected technologies. High-tech advances in miniaturized, ultra-low power embedded systems, in communication protocols and in AI techniques are leading to disruptive innovations. Established industries are deeply modified. Smart cities, eHealth or Industry 4.0 are part of the new revolution created by Internet of Things (IoT), which now includes smart intelligent sensors.

This 3-day course will cover three main themes: Smart machine learning devices that enable edge AI in cloud-based IoT, Communication for IoT and complete examples of Industry 4.0, smart homes resources sustainability and wearable IoT devices.

OBJECTIVES
• Get a comprehensive overview of latest IoT terminology, machine learning aspects and Cloud computing platforms
• Learn about the most up-to-date developments in edge AI systems including latest commercial solutions, embedded AI and energy management
• Understand main challenges related to communication in different IoT setups for different industrial applications
• Discover examples and case studies of application-oriented IoT designs (in medical, wellness, smart homes, logistics and Industry 4.0 sustainability applications)

TARGET AUDIENCE
Top and middle managers wanting to learn the fundamentals and understand the latest trends of IoT technologies - including edge AI computing - and their industrial applications.

The course will be given in English.

ORGANIZATION
Embedded Systems Laboratory (ESL), Institute of Electrical Engineering, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

TEACHING APPROACH
• Optimum balance between theory and practice
• Afternoon demonstrations and sessions in the laboratory with experts on edge AI and Cloud computing using different IoT setups for industrial applications
PROGRAM

DAY 1: IoT AND EDGE AI COMPUTING - INTRODUCTION
• IoT and edge AI computing terminology and concepts: IoT trends, edge AI, basics of machine learning, etc. / Case studies: Wearables (Shimmer, Apple Watch) and Industry 4.0 (AWS Zero Touch Kit, TI Sensor Tag, etc.)
• Edge AI systems optimization: Techniques to optimize IoT systems with edge AI / Case studies: TI Sensor Tag; Shimmer WBSN; Apple Watch; ST Jennic
• IoT Cloud platforms: Cloud computing and Big Data AI solutions, overview of commercial platforms for deep learning / Case studies: AWS IoT, Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud IoT

DAY 2: COMMUNICATION FOR IoT & EDGE AI COMPUTING
• Basics: Latest trends in IoT communication protocols and standards / Case studies: IEEE 802.15.4 (ULP IoT), 802.15.6 (Body Area Netw.), LoRA, SigFox and 5G
• Wireless communication stack: Overview of different types of communication / Case studies: IEEE Zigbee and BT Low-Energy; ST NFC for IoT; Emerging M2M: NB-LTE, EC-GSM, NB-CIoT, LoRa, Sigfox, 5G
• IoT networks design: Case studies: Energy, performance and power comparisons between WiFi, WiFi LP, Bluetooth/LE, Zigbee, Z-Wave & En-Ocean, 5G

DAY 3: APPLICATION-ORIENTED IoT DESIGNS
• User interfaces vs. user experience in IoT products: Exploration of edge AI devices and IoT to match market needs / Case studies: Smart Home Appliances, Connected Water Metering and Wearable devices
• Blockchain and secure IoT setups: IoT networks for safe industrial systems with Blockchain and Cloud AI services / Case studies: Encrypted IoT devices in smart homes, wearables, Industry 4.0 and environmental sustainability
• Interaction of edge AI devices and IoT Cloud services: Google Cloud Platform, Microsoft Azure and AWS / Case studies: AWS, Azure and Google Cloud secure data transmission and analysis

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