

# Application Software Pack: ML-based State Monitor for FXOS8700CQ

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# 1 Lab Overview

This lab will cover how to use the ML-based fan state monitor application code in conjunction with the **Building and benchmarking Deep Learning models for Smart Sensing Appliances on MCUs** application note (AN13562). This document will cover how to gather the data that the model will be trained on, how to run the Jupyter notebook scripts that will train the model, and how to deploy the trained model to the board.

This lab was written for the i.MX RT1170 but can also be ran on the following boards:

- LPCXpresso55S69
- FRDM-K66F
- i.MX RT1170-EVK

This lab document is only for the FXOS8700CQ accelerometer that are on some EVK boards or if using the FRDM-STBC-AGM01 sensor board. If using the FXLS8974CF accelerometer which can be found on the ACCEL\_4\_CLICK board or on the FRDM-STBI-A8974 board please refer to the other lab document.

# 2 Software and Hardware Installation

This section will cover the steps needed to install the eIQ software and TensorFlow on your computer.

# 2.1 Hardware Requirements

- i.MX RT1170 EVK board (or other supported board like LPC55S69 or FRDM-K66F)
  - Some new i.MX RT1170 EVK boards do not have the accelerometer populated on U34. If this is the case, a <u>FRDM-STBC-AGM01</u> board will need to be placed on the board to provide the accelerometer data required for this lab.
- microSD card (formatted for FAT32)
- microSD card reader to transfer data to a PC
- A fan, motor, or other vibration source to train the model on that can provide vibrations that will be gathered by the sensor. This <u>fan</u> for example.

#### 2.2 TensorFlow Installation

- Download and install Python 3.10. \*\*The 64-bit edition is required and it is highly recommended to use Python 64-bit 3.10.x to ensure compatibility with this lab\*\*: <a href="https://www.python.org/downloads/">https://www.python.org/downloads/</a>
- 2. Open a Windows command prompt and verify that the python command corresponds to Python 3.10.x.

python -V

3. Update the python installer tools:

python -m pip install -U pip python -m pip install -U setuptools



4. Install the Tensorflow libraries and support for python. To ensure software compatibility, it should be these version numbers:

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python -m pip install tensorflow==2.8
python -m pip install keras==2.8
python -m pip install protobuf==3.20
python -m pip install pandas==1.5.3
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5. Install other useful python packages. Not all of these will be used for this lab but will be useful for other elQ demos and scripts.

python -m pip install numpy scipy matplotlib ipython jupyter sympy nose imageio python -m pip install netron seaborn west pyserial scikit-learn opency-python pillow

#### 2.3 Download Enablement Software

- 1. Install the latest version of MCUXpresso IDE
- 2. Install a terminal program like <u>TeraTerm</u>.
- 3. Install Git

#### 2.4 eIQ Tool Installation

The model inference can be done with TensorFlow Lite for Microcontrollers, Glow, or DeepView RT. If using Glow or DeepViewRT, some additional PC software needs to be installed to convert the model to the necessary formats for those two inference engines.

- Install the latest <u>Glow package</u>. This will put the Glow compiler and helper programs into
   C:\NXP\Glow and add it to your executable path.
- 2. Install the latest <u>elQ Toolkit</u> which will provide a tool to convert a .tflite model to the .rtm format needed for the DeepViewRT inference engine. Note that the DeepViewRT inference engine is only available for i.MX RT Cortex-M7 devices at this time.

# 3 Import the App Software Pack into MCUXpresso IDE

There are two methods to get the application software pack. This section will cover both options, but only one needs to be done. It is recommended to use the first option as it is more straight forward.

# 3.1 Option #1: Get the App Software Pack with MCUXpresso IDE

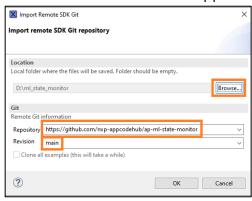
- 1. Open MCUXpresso IDE and select a workspace location in an empty directory.
- 2. Right click in the blank area of the **Installed SDKs** panel at the bottom and select **Import** remote SDK Git repository...



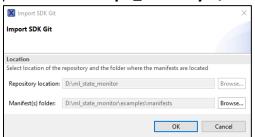


- 3. In the dialog box that comes up:
  - a) In the **Location** field, click on the Browse button and select or create an empty directory for the application software pack to be downloaded to. Make note of this location as it'll be used throughout this lab.
  - b) In the Repository field put: https://github.com/nxp-appcodehub/ap-ml-state-monitor
  - c) In the **Revision** field put: **main**

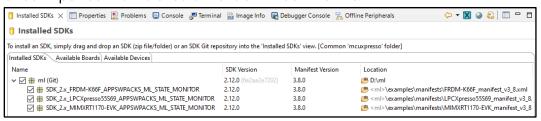
Then hit OK to download the application software pack



4. A dialog box will then come up asking for the location of the Manifests folder. Make sure to point it to the **<repo\_directory>\examples\manifests** folder if it is not already.



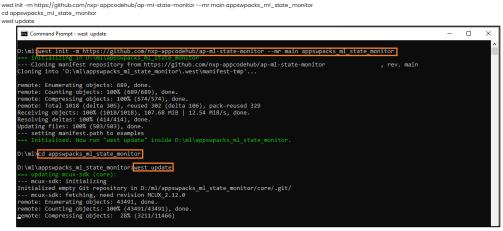
5. Once imported the Installed SDKs tab will look like this:



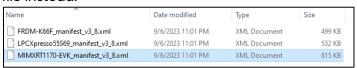


# 3.2 Option #2: Use the Command Line

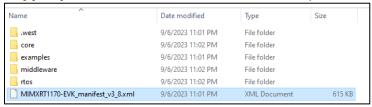
1. Open up a Windows command line and execute the following lines:



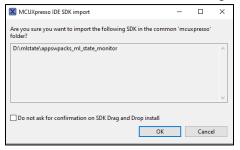
2. Go to the **\appswpacks\_ml\_state\_monitor\examples\manifests** folder and find the **MIMXRT1170-EVK\_manifest\_v3\_8.xml** file. If using a different board copy that board's .xml file instead.



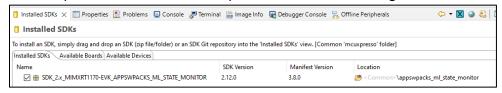
3. Copy that MIMXRT1170-EVK\_manifest\_v3\_8.xml file into the root \appswpacks\_ml\_state\_monitor \ directory. It should look like the following when done:



- 6. Next open MCUXpresso IDE and select a workspace location in an empty directory.
- 7. Drag-and-drop the **\appswpacks\_ml\_state\_monitor** directory that was created in the previous step into the **Installed SDKs** window, located on a tab at the bottom of the screen named "Installed SDKs". You will get the following pop-up, so hit OK.



8. Once imported, the Installed SDK panel will look something like this





# 4 Gather the Data

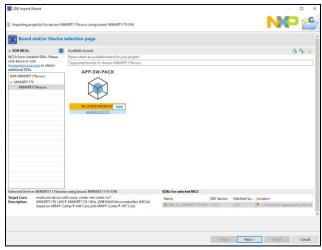
To train a model, sensor data must be collected. For this lab the on-board accelerometer will be used and the data that is collected will be stored on a microSD card.

#### 4.1 Import the ML-based System State Monitor project

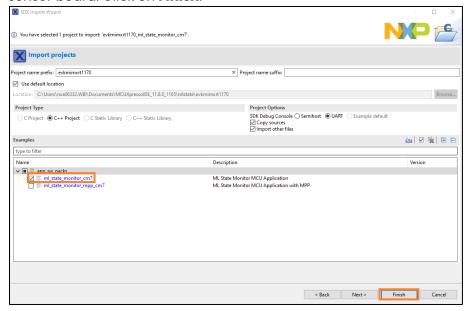
1. In the Quickstart Panel in the lower left corner, click on Import SDK examples(s)...



2. Select the APP-SW-PACK ML-State-Monitor for evkmimxrt1170 and click on Next

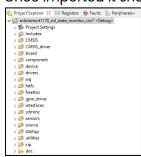


3. Expand the **app\_sw\_packs** category and select the **ml\_state\_monitor\_cm7** example which is compatible with the accelerometer on the i.MX RT1170 EVK or the FRDM-STBC-AGM01 sensor board. Click on **Finish**.





4. Once imported it should look like the following:



#### 4.2 Collect data

The project will need to be modified to collect accelerometer data and store it on an SD card.

- 1. Put in a microSD card into the board and set the fan on top of the board. Also make sure nothing is in the M.2 slot in the board as it shares data lines with the SD card.
- 2. In MCUXpresso IDE, open the **sensor\_collect.h** file and on line 49 change the #define for **SENSOR\_COLLECT\_ACTION** to **SENSOR\_COLLECT\_LOG\_EXT** as shown in the image below.

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3. If using the FRDM-STBC-AGM01 add-on board, open up the **frdm\_stbc\_agm01\_shield.h** file in the board directory, and change the **#define SENSOR\_SHIELD\_ENABLE** to **1** 

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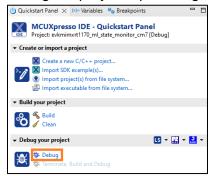
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4. Next build the project by clicking on "Build" in the Quickstart Panel and make sure there are no errors.





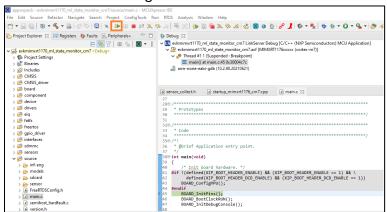
- 4. Plug the micro-B USB cable into the board at J11 on the i.MXRT1170 board.
- 5. Open TeraTerm or other terminal program, and connect to the COM port that the board enumerated as. Use 115200 baud, 1 stop bit, no parity.
- 6. Debug the project by clicking on "Debug" in the Quickstart Panel.



7. It will ask what interface to use. Select CMSIS-DAP.



8. The debugger will download the firmware and open up the debug view. Click on the Resume button to start running.



9. The following text should appear in the terminal program:





- 10. For this demo there are four fan states that are going to be detected:
  - FAN-OFF
  - FAN-ON (normal operation)
  - FAN-CLOG (something covering the fan so it does not get the normal airflow)
  - FAN-FRICTION (something creating drag on the blades like a piece of tape or cardboard)
- 11. Physically put the fan in the desired state. For this first run, lets put the fan into the normal ON state
- 12. In the terminal, type of the number of the fan state that corresponds with what the physical fan state is. So for this example, type '3' for FAN-ON.
- 13. The next selection is how many minutes to gather data. There is no hard and fast rule on how much data needs to be collected, but at a minimum several minutes worth will be required. For this simple example we'll select 5 minutes, but for more complex examples it could be significantly longer to ensure good training results. The ML-based System State Monitor Dataset Creation Guide provides a much deeper exploration into the optimal data collection techniques, but the key goal is to cover every corner case as much as possible and to not use the same data for training and validation.

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Provide the required configuration to start the recording
Class to record (provide only the numeric index):
(6:FRN-CLOG::FRN-FRICTION 2:FRN-OFF 3:FRN-ON)

>>> 3

Do you want to continue? [y/n] y

Duration in pinutes:
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14. Next give a filename where this data will be stored in CSV (Comma Separated Value) format. It can be any name but should be descriptive and cannot be more than 12 characters in length. For this example lets use fanon.csv

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File Edit Setup Control Window Help

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SDCard initialization

(Please insert a SD card into the socket)

Mount File system succeeded

Mount File system succeeded

Please to record (provide fully the numeric index):

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3>> 3

Do you want to continue? [y/n] y

Duration in minutes:

2>> 5

Do you want to continue? [y/n] y

SD card filename:

>>> 2>> 3

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Do you want to continue? [y/n] |
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15. Finally, it will display your selections. Type 'y' to then start the data collection:

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File Edit Setup Control Window Help

Mount file system succeeded

Provide the sequirad configuration to start the recording

Class to record (provide only the numeric index):

(8:PAM-CLOG 1:PAM-PRICTION 2:PAM-OFF 3:PAM-ON)

3) 3

Do you want to continue? [y/n] y

Duration in ninutes:

>>> Do you want to continue? [y/n] y

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>>> Anon.csv
Do you want to continue? [y/n] y

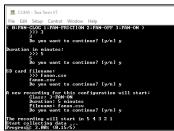
A new recording for this configuration will start:

Class: 3-FAM-ON
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Do you want to continue? [y/n] f
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16. You will see the status as it collects the data.



17. Once completed, then you can either remove the SD card to look at the data on your computer or hit the Reset button on the board to start the process again to collect validation data for FAN-ON or to collect the other fan states. You'll want to collect data for all 4 conditions and collect both Training data and Validation data so there should be at least 8 runs. The same amount of data collection time should be used for all data sets.

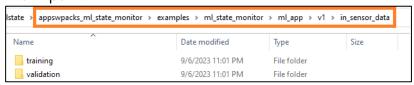


# 5 Train Data and create a model

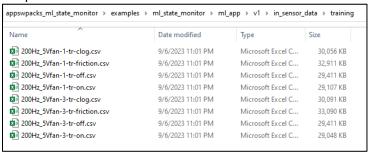
# 5.1 Copy Training Data to PC

Once all the data required has been saved to the microSD card, remove it from the RT1170 EVK and put it into a card reader for your PC so the data can be copied to the hard drive.

Inside the project folder there is a folder named
 \appswpacks\_ml\_state\_monitor\examples
 \ml\_state\_monitor\ml\_app\v1\in\_sensor\_data. Locate that directory. Make sure to use the v1 path.

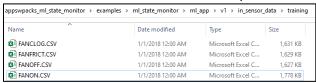


2. Inside that folder there are two subfolders, one named training and the other validation. By default each folder contains pre-created data stored in .csv files that were gathered from a simple 5V fan.



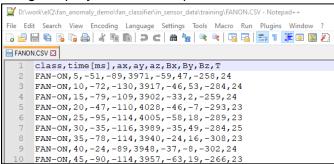


3. These files should be deleted, and the newly collected data placed inside these folders in order to create a new custom model. The file name does not matter but should end in .csv. The files should cover all the possible classes and should be updated for both the **training** and **validation** folders with their respective training and validation data.



If you did not collect new data, you can use the pre-existing .csv files as that has data collected with a simple 5V brushless DC motor.

4. The Python scripts that will be used in the next section will assume the files will be in the following Comma Separated Value format, which is how the data was written to the files by using the projects from the previous section, so no modifications should be needed.



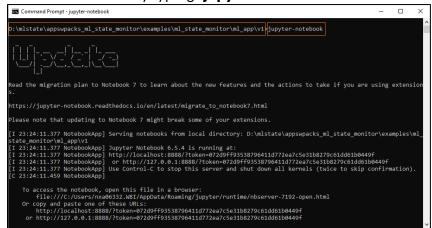
#### **5.2 Train The Model**

With the data ready, now use the Jupytr notebook to train the model.

- 1. Open a Windows command prompt
- 2. Navigate to the

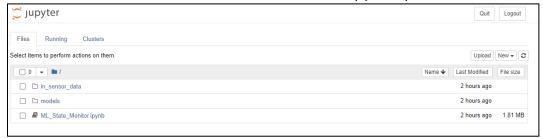
\appswpacks\_ml\_state\_monitor\examples\ml\_state\_monitor\ml\_app\v1\directory

3. Start the notebook by typing "jupyter-notebook" into the command prompt





4. A web browser window should automatically open up and look like the following. If it does not, there are links in the terminal window that can be copy and pasted into a browser.



- 5. Click on ML\_State\_Monitor.ipynb to open the notebook
- 6. It will look like the following. Press the **Run** button to execute each section of the script. While executing an asterisk (\*) will appear and the dot in the upper right will be dark. Don't press Run again until the previous section has finished executing.

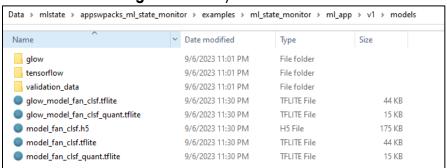


- 7. You may see some warning messages when executing certain blocks of the script but you should not get any error/failure messages.
- 8. It is in cell 18 that the model will actually be trained. This step may take a while. You should see a high (>90%) accuracy by the end of the training.

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In [18]: history = model train_vd(model, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test, 32, 100, 1)
# history = model_train_model, X_train, y_train, 32, 100, 1)
# history = model_train_model, X_train_y in train_y in train_
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9. In cell 29 it will export the trained model to generate two .tflite files in \appswpacks\_ml\_state\_monitor\examples\ml\_state\_monitor\ml\_app\v1\models that are named model\_fan\_clsf.tflite and model\_fan\_clsf\_quant.tflite. There will also be C array versions of those two models in the tensorflow directory and Glow compiled versions of those models in the glow directory. Those files will be used in the next section.



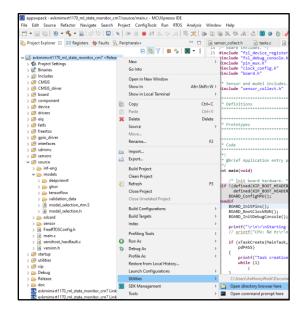
10. For informational purposes: The last section of the Jupyter notebook allows you to run the model using accelerometer data sent over a UART in real-time. It is not required for this lab, but if you want to use that to verify your model, you can modify the COM port to match the number that the board enumerated as, and then set the #define SENSOR\_COLLECT\_LOG\_EXT in sensor\_collect.h to 0 so the data is sent out over the UART instead of written to an SD card. Start the project and then once the accelerometer data starts printing to the UART, close the serial terminal on your PC and then run that section of the Jupyter notebook. But again this step is not needed for this lab and can be skipped.

# 6 Update Model for Inference Engines

It is now possible to use all 3 eIQ inference engine options for microcontrollers (TFLM, Glow, and DeepViewRT) to run this newly created model on the i.MX RT1170 EVK.

First find the location on your PC where the ML-based system state monitor application
resides after it was imported into MCUXpresso IDE in the previous section. So inside
MCUXpresso IDE, right click on the evkmimxrt1170\_ml\_state\_monitor\_cm7 project name
and go down to Utilities and select Open directory browser here to open a Windows Explorer
window at the location.

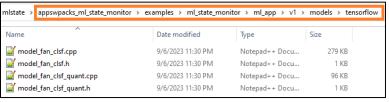




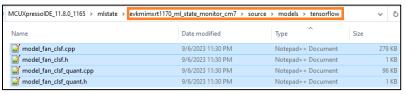
#### **6.1 TensorFlow Lite for Microcontrollers**

- The Jupyter notebook already has created the C files needed by the TFLM inference engine, so those newly generated files just need to replace the default files in the project
- 2. Navigate to the <MCUXpresso IDE Workspace>/source/models/tensorflow directory.
- 3. Copy the generated .h and .cpp files from the previous section that were placed in the **\examples\ml\_state\_monitor\ml\_app\v1\models\tensorflow\** folder and paste them into this directory.

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#### Paste into:



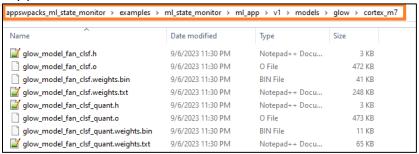
#### **6.2 Glow**

- The Jupyter notebook already has created the Glow bundled needed by the Glow inference engine, so those newly generated files just need to replace the default files in the project. For details on the exact commands used to generate the Glow bundle see cell 29 in that Jupyter notebook.
- 2. Navigate to the <MCUXpresso IDE Workspace>/source/models/glow directory.

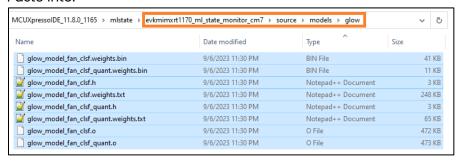


3. Copy the Glow bundle files from the previous section that were placed in the **\examples** \ml\_state\_monitor\ml\_app\v1\models\glow\cortex\_m7 folder and paste them into this directory. Note that you should select the directory in that folder that corresponds with the core architecture in the device that will be used.

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#### **6.3 DeepViewRT**

To generate an RTM file that the DeepViewRT inference engine uses, make sure that you have already <u>installed the latest version of eIQ Toolkit.</u>

# Note that using the DeepViewRT inference engine is only supported on i.MX RT1170 and other i.MX RT devices.

- 1. Open up elQ Portal
- 2. Select the Model Tool option





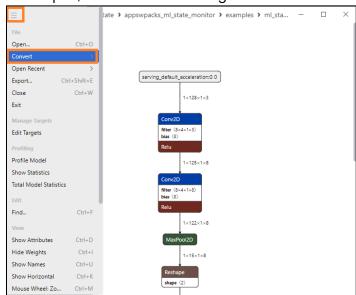
3. Click Open Model...



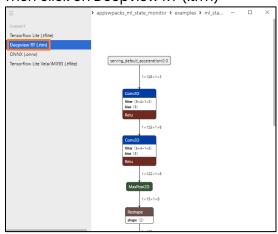
4. Navigate to the

\appswpacks\_ml\_state\_monitor\examples\ml\_state\_monitor\ml\_app\v1\models folder to select the model\_fan\_clsf.tflite file

5. Once open, click on the Hamburger menu icon in the top left and then click on Convert

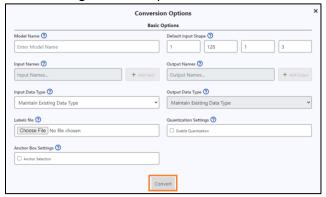


6. Then click on Deepview RT (.trm)

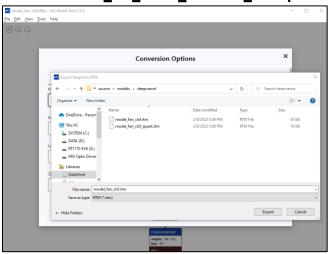




7. In the dialog box that opens, leave all the fields as default and then click on Convert



8. Save the generated file into the folder, overwriting the default original .rtm file, at <MCUXpresso IDE Workspace>\ evkmimxrt1170\_ml\_state\_monitor\_cm7\source\ models\ deepviewrt



9. You can do the same for the pre-quantized version of the .tflite file as well by opening up **model\_fan\_clsf\_quant.tflite** and performing the same conversion steps.

# 7 Deploy Model To Board

Now the models can be executed on the i.MX RT1170 EVK.

 In MCUXpresso IDE, the evkmimxrt1170\_ml\_state\_monitor\_cm7 project should already be imported into your workspace from the previous data collection section.



2. Open the sensor\_collect.h file under source \ sensor folder by double clicking on it



3. Modify line 49 to change the #define SENSOR\_COLLECT\_ACTION to SENSOR\_COLLECT\_RUN\_INFERENCE to tell the project to now run the inference of the model

4. Then modify line 57 change the #define **SENSOR\_FEED\_VALIDATION\_DATA** to **0** in order to use the accelerometer data collected on the board to feed to the inference engine

5. Optionally modify line 56 if desired to change the #define for

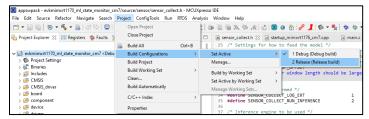
**SENSOR\_COLLECT\_RUN\_INFENG** to the desired inference engine to use. By default the project will use TensorFlow Lite for Microcontrollers but you can see the other inference options as well. For this lab we'll keep it with TFLM.

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5. If using TensorFlow Lite for Microcontrollers, make sure to set the Build Configuration to the "Release" target which does a high compiler optimization. This setting has a minor effect when using Glow or DeepViewRT but significantly reduces inference time when using TFLM. Click on the project name and then go to **Project->Build Configurations->Set Active-**

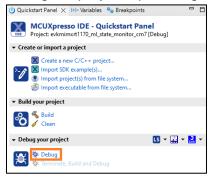
#### >Release



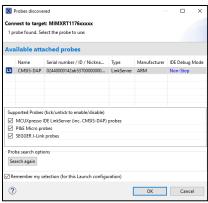
6. Next build the project by clicking on "Build" in the Quickstart Panel and make sure there are no errors.



- 5. Plug the micro-B USB cable into the board at J11 on the i.MXRT1170 board.
- 6. Open TeraTerm or other terminal program, and connect to the COM port that the board enumerated as. Use 115200 baud, 1 stop bit, no parity.
- 7. Debug the project by clicking on "Debug" in the Quickstart Panel.

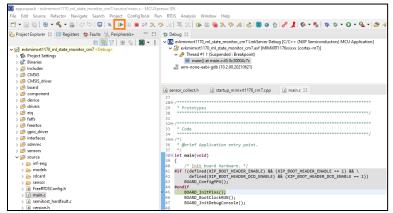


8. It will ask what interface to use. Select CMSIS-DAP.





9. The debugger will download the firmware and open up the debug view. Click on the Resume button to start running.



10. The following text should appear in the terminal program:

```
COM12-Tera Term VT

File Edit Setup Control Window Help

Starting Application...
MainTask started
Model Evaluation:
Class to evaluate (provide only the numeric index):
( 0:FAN-CLOG 1:FAN-FRICTION 2:FAN-OFF 3:FAN-ON )

>>>
```

- 11. Input a target class
- 12. Then input the pool size (how many samples to take). Put in a large number (like 1000) to get a continuously updating status in the terminal.
- 13. It will then respond with its predictions based on the state of the fan. Try turning off the fan, adding friction, and clogging it and you should see the state change:

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MCOM12-Tera Term VT

File Edit Setup Control Window Help

Starting Application...
MainTask started
SENSOR Collect_Task started
Model Loaded to SDMAH...

Model Evaluation:
Class to evaluate (provide only the numeric index):
C#SHAM-CLOG 1:FAN-FRICTION 2:FAN-OFF 3:FAN-ON)

>>> 3

Pool size (total number of predictions to compute):
>>> 18980

Inference 371 : t 747 us : count: 8/115/1000 : FAN-FRICTION
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# 8 Conclusion

This lab demonstrated how to gather and train sensor data to a classification model and deploy it on an i.MX RT device.

This same lab can be used for other types of sensor data models that detect vibrations. By enabling machine learning in embedded systems, there's a wide world of opportunity for new smarter applications.