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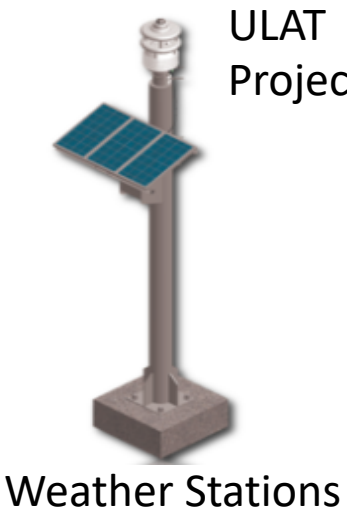
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Background :

Various research and development efforts of the DOST-ASTI are focused in addressing societal needs. Priority areas include - **disaster risk reduction and management, agriculture, addressing information poverty, and connectivity for unserved and underserved areas.**

DOST-ASTI is collaborating with different government, academic, and research institutions in the implementation of the different research and development projects.



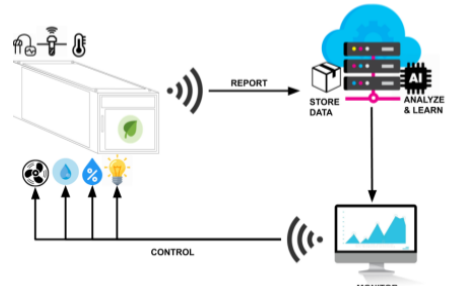
ULAT Project



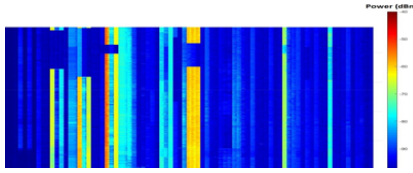
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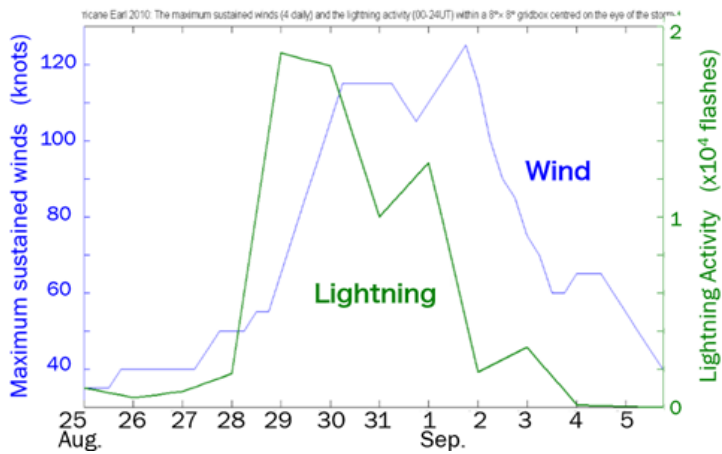


Spectrum Sensing



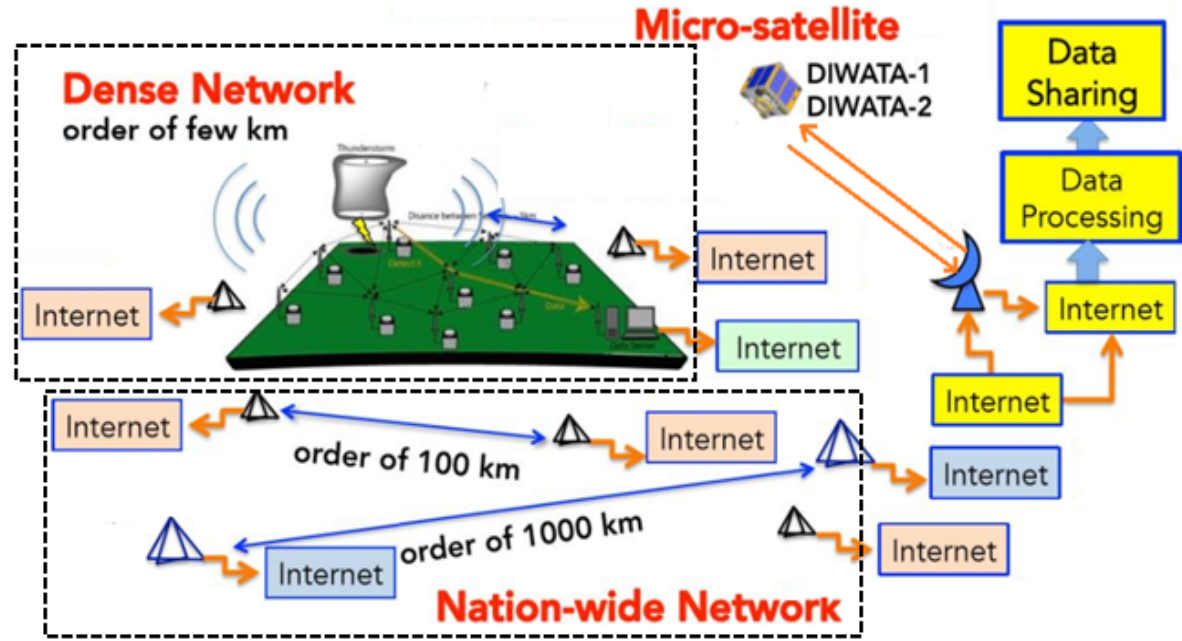
Communication Relay Buoy

PROJECT ULAT (UNDERSTANDING LIGHTNING AND THUNDERSTORM)



According to Price et al. (2007), there is a high correlation between typhoon and lightning

Prediction of **typhoon intensity** by lightning with a lead time of **1-2 day(s)**



- Aid concerned stakeholders in generating localized weather forecasts and accurate thunderstorm advisories
- Public access to real-time monitoring of weather parameters
- Help LGUs and DRRMOs in monitoring/responding to weather disasters and emergencies

DOST-ASTI DEVELOPED WEATHER STATIONS



83 Automated Weather Station (AWS)



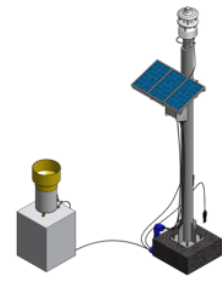
443 Water Level Monitoring Station



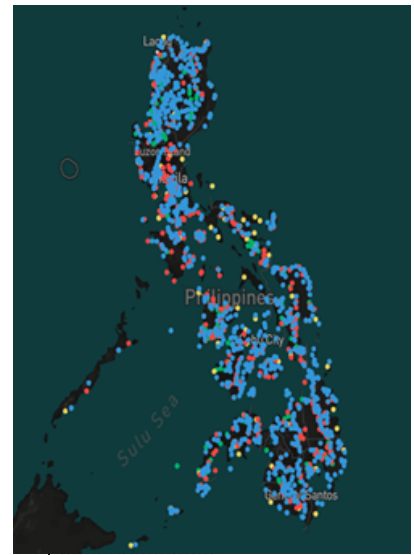
949 Automated Rain Gauges (ARGs) Station













172 Tandem Station



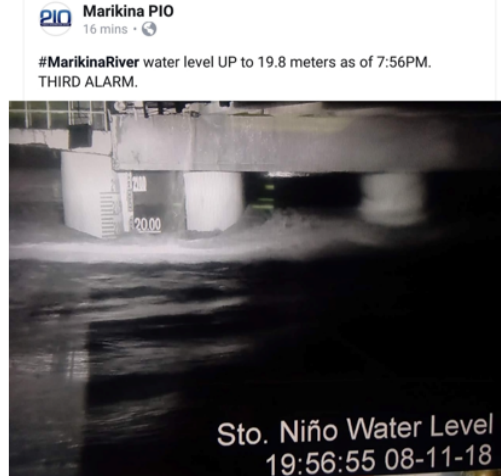
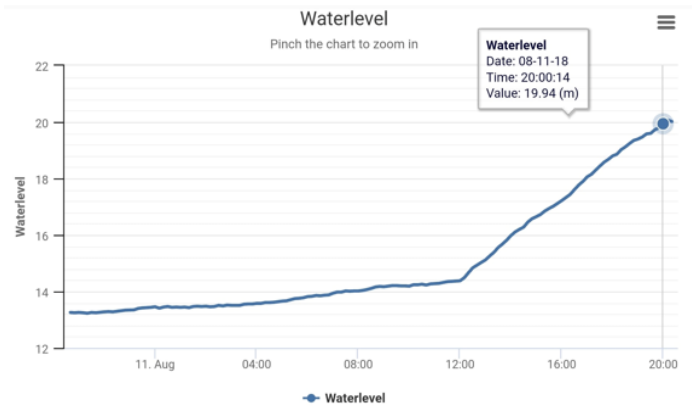
153 AgroMet Station



Over **2000 Stations** deployed throughout the Philippines providing a **wealth of meteorological and agricultural data** primarily for the **mitigation of weather-related disaster casualties**.

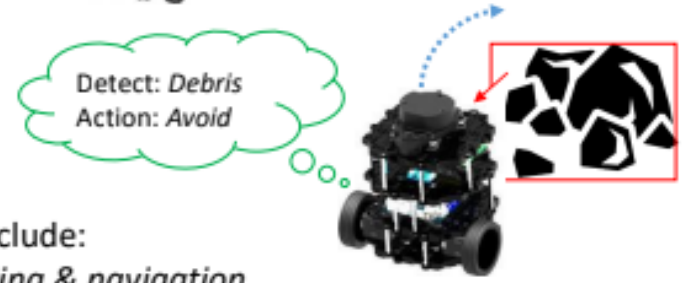
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 Measures rain amount, duration and intensity
- 
 Measures air pressure
- 
 Measures air temperature
- 
 Measures air humidity
- 
 Measures wind speed & direction
- 
 Measures rate of water inundation
- 
 Sunshine Duration and Solar Radiation
- 
 Soil Temperature, Humidity and Conductivity
- 
 Wave height and period
- 
 Sea Surface Temperature

Local Government Units and Researchers are able to monitor weather phenomenon for both **proactive** and **reactive measures** to extreme weather conditions



Application Idea

There is a need for a safe and intelligent first response mechanism to optimize search and rescue operations during disasters.



Swarm of autonomous explorers for Rescue & Recovery



Desirable features include:

- Autonomous mapping & navigation,*
- Detection of people or body parts,*
- Robot communication (direct or indirect),*
- Disposability (as compared to humans)*

Objective:

- To develop intelligent mobile robots that will aid human personnel in decision making during disasters

Methodology:

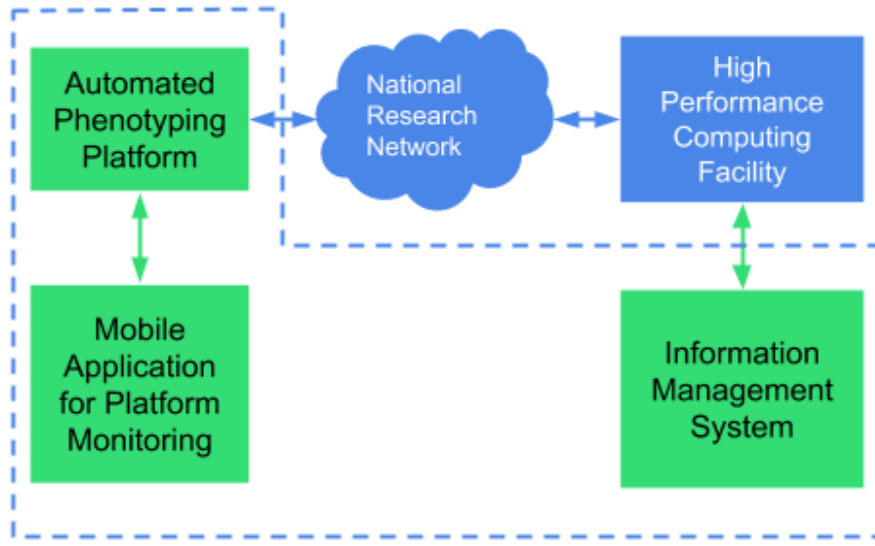
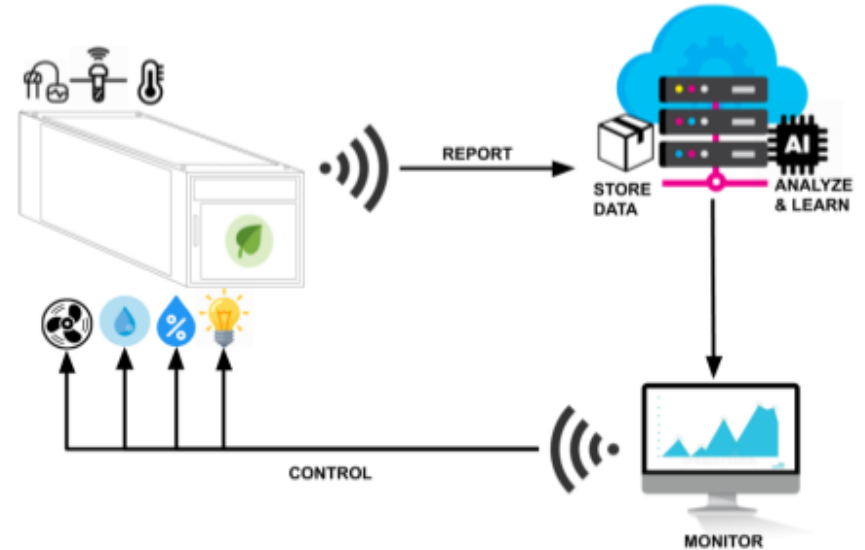
- Design and build of mobile robot with real-time object and human detection using deep learning and edge computing

Output:

- Functional robot unit to be transferred to disaster response teams of local government units

Gul.ai: AI & IoT-assisted Phenotyping Platform

- A small form-factor platform for growing plants for the purpose of phenotyping
- Plant-growing component can either be a soil-based growing module or a hydroponics-based growing module
- Internal sensors measure environmental parameters: temperature, water pH level, luminosity, rel. humidity, etc.
- Platform can be managed using mobile application



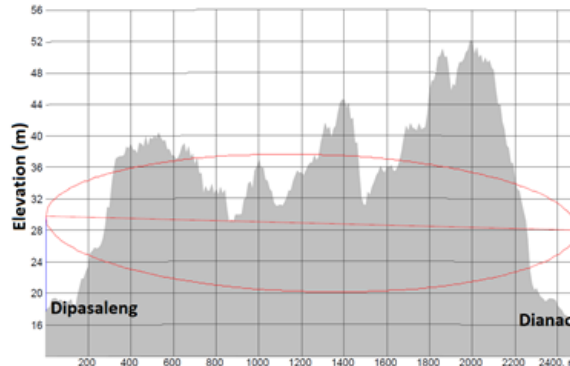
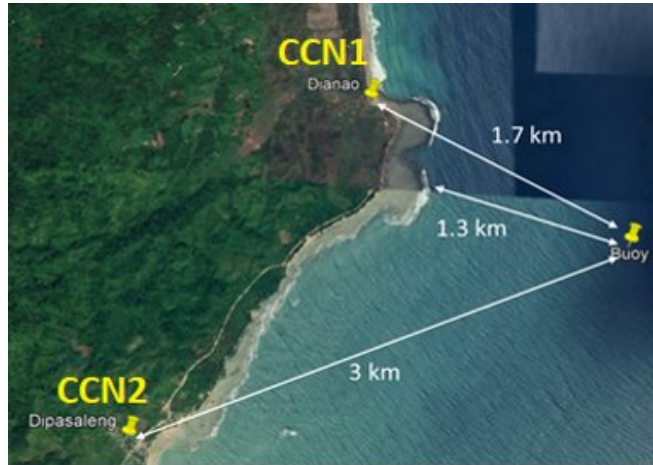
Features

- Experiments can be managed through mobile app
- Status of experiments are logged periodically and sent to a computing facility (COARE) through a national research network (PREGINET)
- Results of experiment can be analyzed using a web application (multivariate analysis)
- Plant growth models can be developed using results of experiments

ALTERNATIVE BACKHAUL SOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY CELLULAR NETWORK USING COMMUNICATION RELAY BUOY



Community Cellular Network (CCN) deployed in Dilasag, Aurora



Terrestrial wireless link not feasible – no line-of-sight between two CCNs



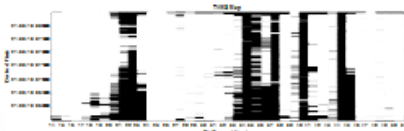
DOST-ASTI developed Communication Relay Buoy

- Low power, low cost GSM base stations – community-owned model
 - Provides connectivity for unserved and underserved far-flung areas
- Study alternative technologies to address high backhaul costs (CAPEX and OPEX) – **use of ocean buoys as backhaul relay**

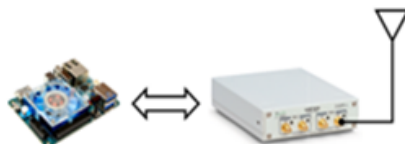
Mobile Measurements



Whitespace Detection



National Instruments - PXI

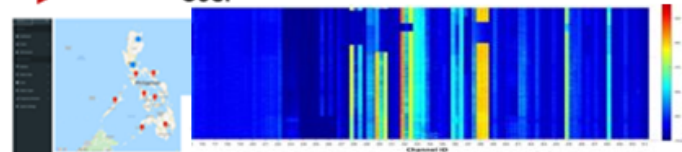


USRP B200 + Single Board Computer



User

RF Spectrum Visualization



Database COARE



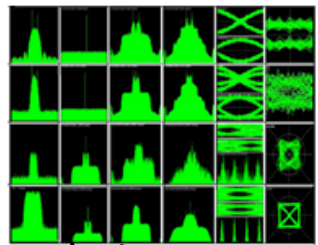
DOST - ASTI Computing and Archiving Research Environment

- High performance computing
- Storage
- Cloud Service



Low cost spectrum sensing devices

Fixed Measurements



Signal Analysis

- Motivate a shift from a rigid, restrictive spectrum regulation to a more flexible spectrum management model for the Philippines
 - Evidence based policies and recommendations
- Contribute to the crafting of a dynamic spectrum access strategy and policy for shared access of licensed spectrum for various applications – rural and maritime connectivity