



Accelerating the Creation of Custom, Production-Ready AI Models for Edge AI NVIDIA Tools, Part 1

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Building an AI Application Is Hard



Core Elements of an Autonomous Shopping App

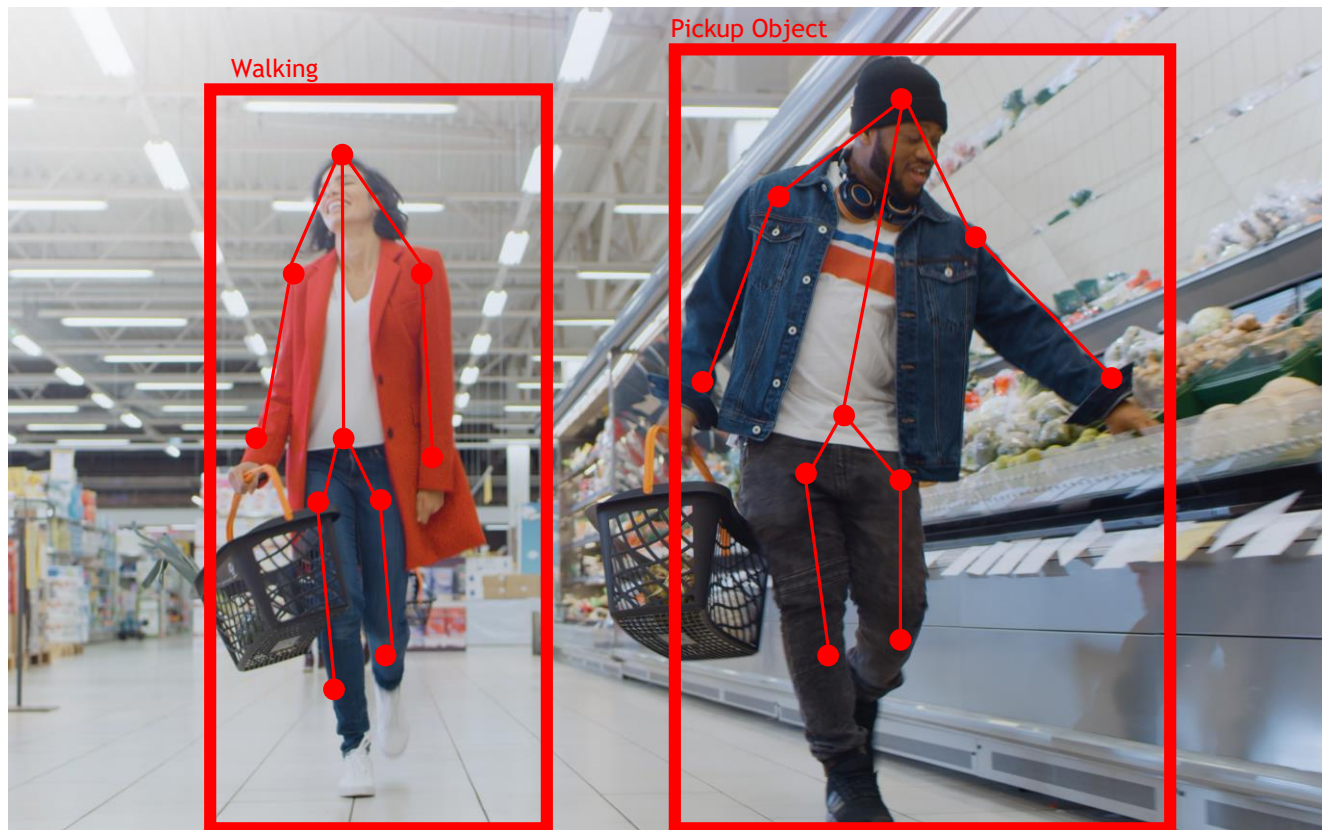


Customer enters the store

Picks up the item(s) of choice

Leaves the store and gets
billed automatically

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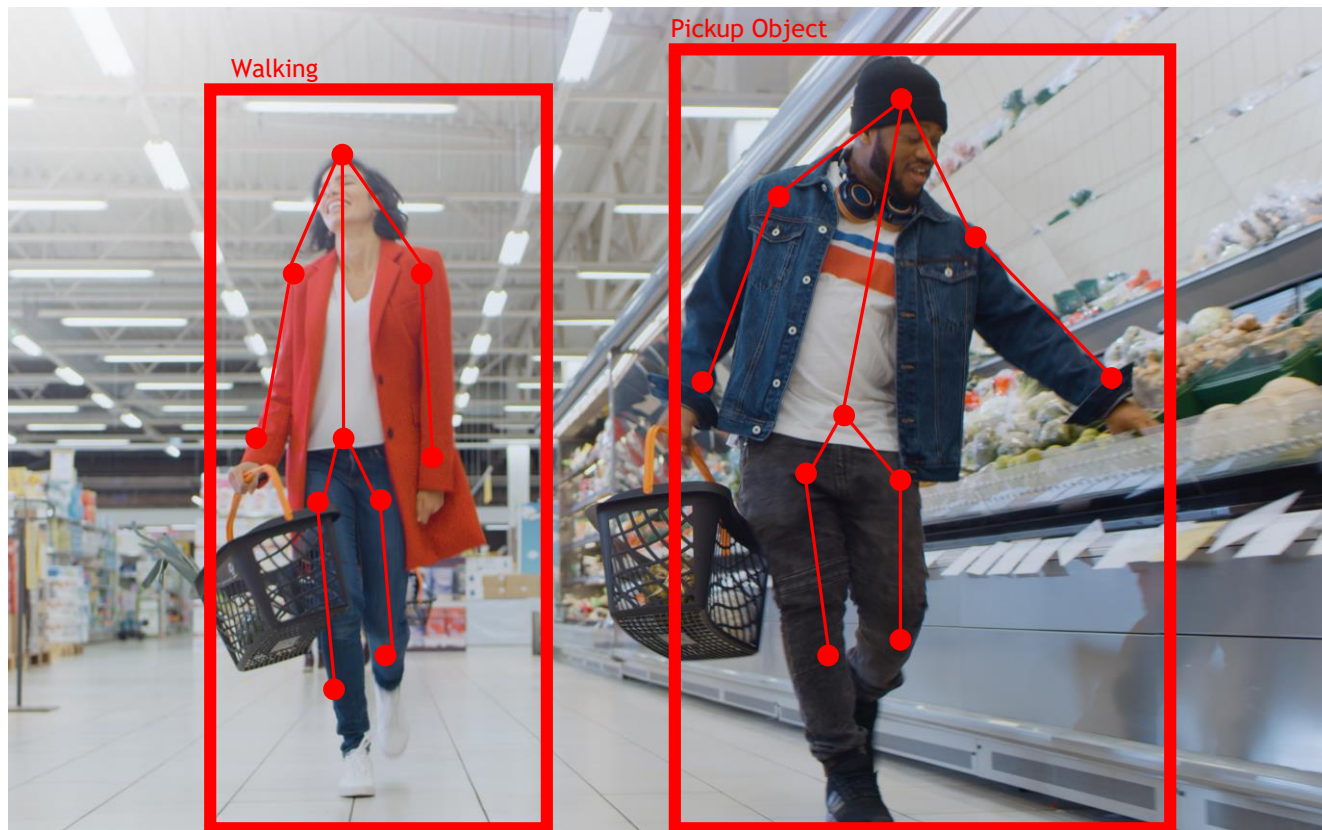
Detect person

Detect pose based on key points

Recognize actions

Identify the item(s) picked

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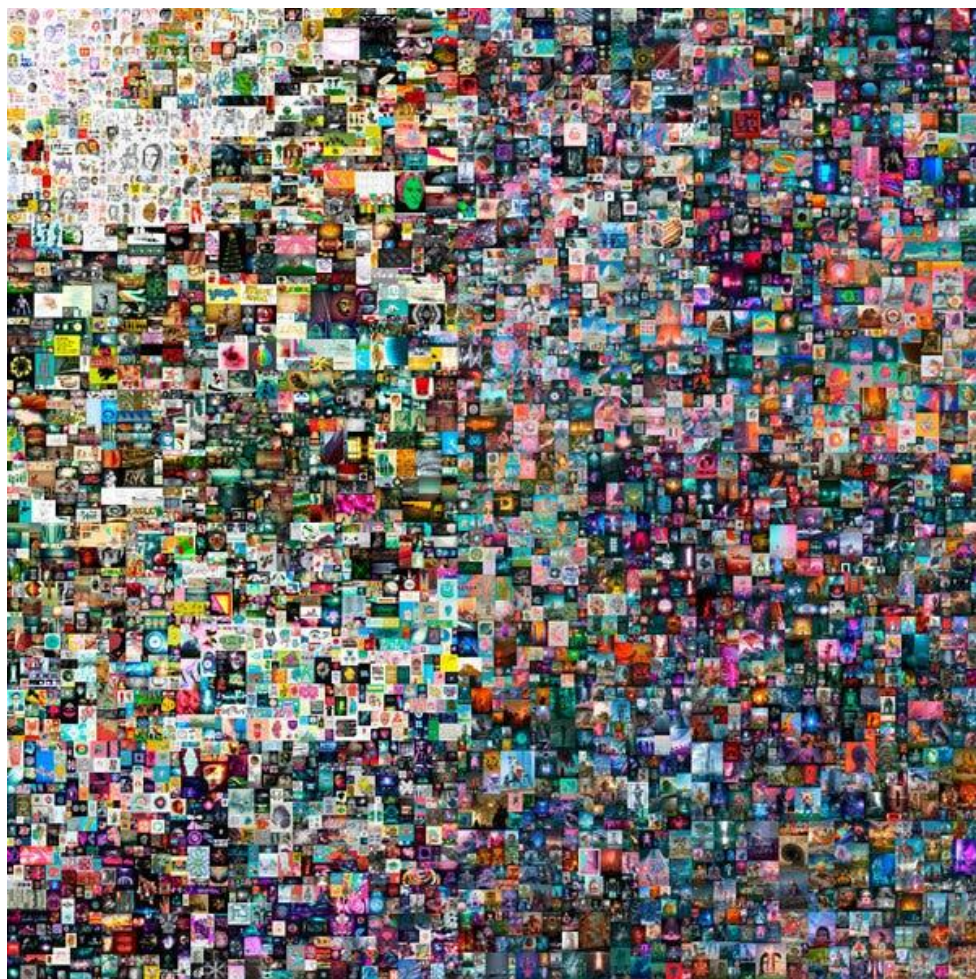
OPTION 1

Build and train a model from scratch

OPTION 2

Customize a model from a model zoo

Option 1: Training from Scratch



First 5000 Days NFT (Image Courtesy: The New York Times)

PeopleNet – An NVIDIA built people detection model

Data

- 3.5M images
- 16M+ people in the images
- 40 people, 5 years to collect, curate and label

Training and Optimizing

- 30 Days A100 8 GPUs
- Several months before reaching production-quality

Option 2: Train from Existing Models

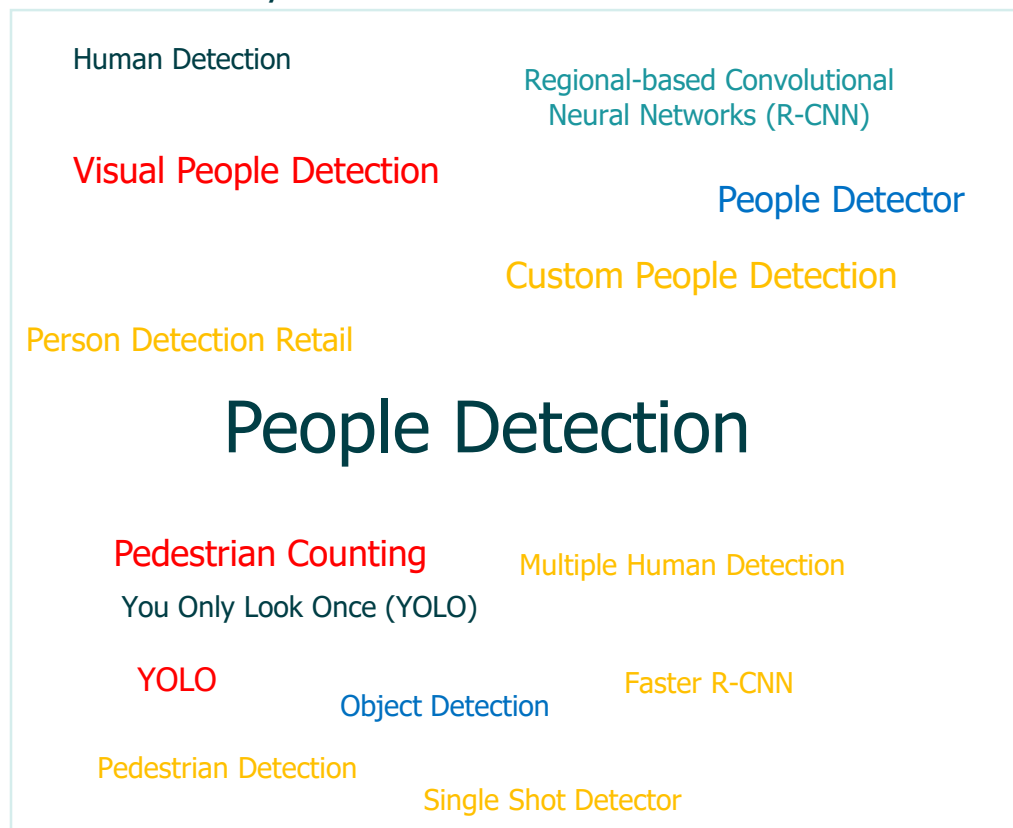


Accuracy?

Dataset?

Performance?

Write Code, Train, Iterate, Customize and Optimize



Still requires lots of expertise and time!

Industry Wide Challenge



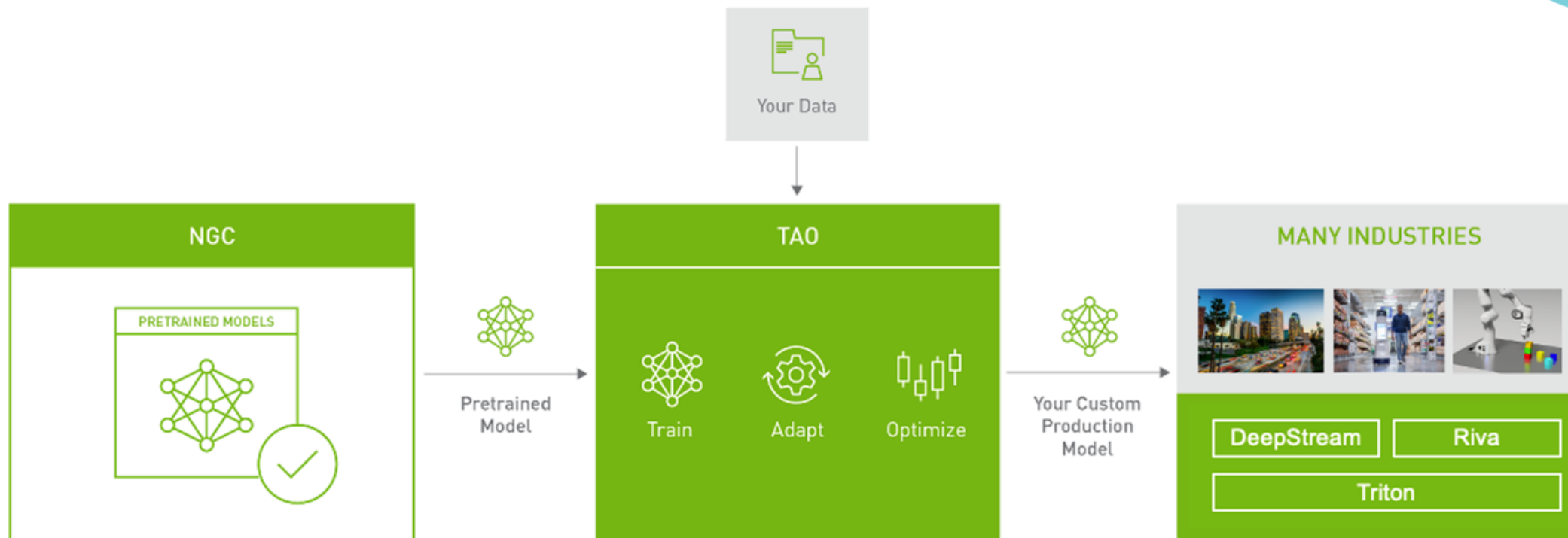
LACK OF DATA



SKILLED PEOPLE

IS THERE AN OPTION 3?

The NVIDIA TAO Framework



TRAIN EASILY

Easy to use solutions that abstract away the AI framework complexity

CUSTOMIZE FASTER

Fine tune NVIDIA pre-trained AI models with fraction of the data as opposed to training from scratch

OPTIMIZE FOR DEPLOYMENT

Optimize for low latency and high-throughput

INTEGRATE AND DEPLOY

Integrate the optimized models from TAO into DeepStream (Vision) and Riva (Speech)

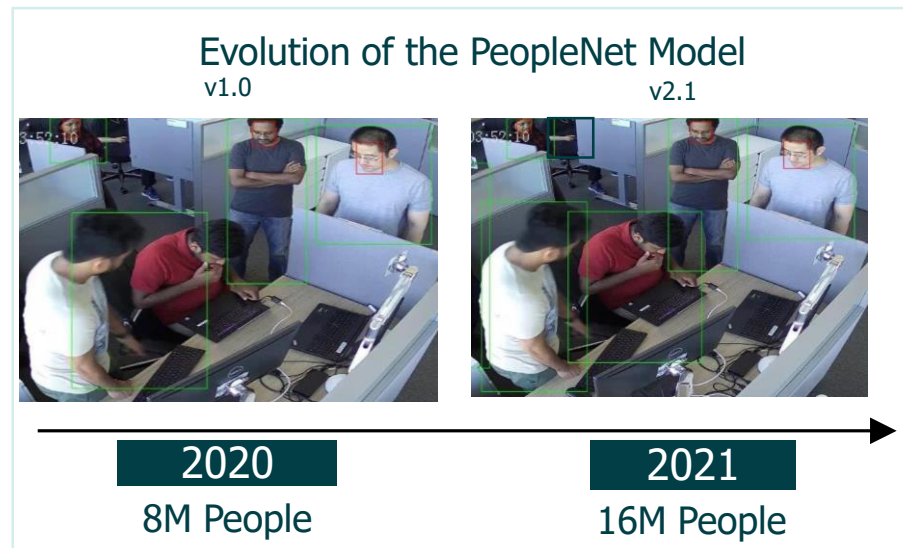
The Power of Pretrained Models



WIDE RANGE OF USE CASES

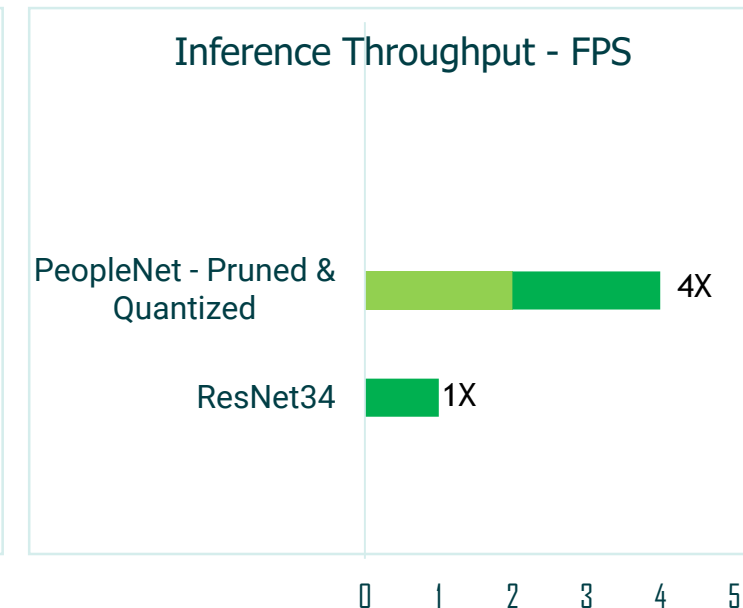
100+ permutations of NVIDIA-optimized model architectures (EfficientDet, YOLOv3/v4)

Task based models - People Detection, Vehicle Detection, Gaze, Speech Recognition and Text to Speech



HIGHLY ACCURATE

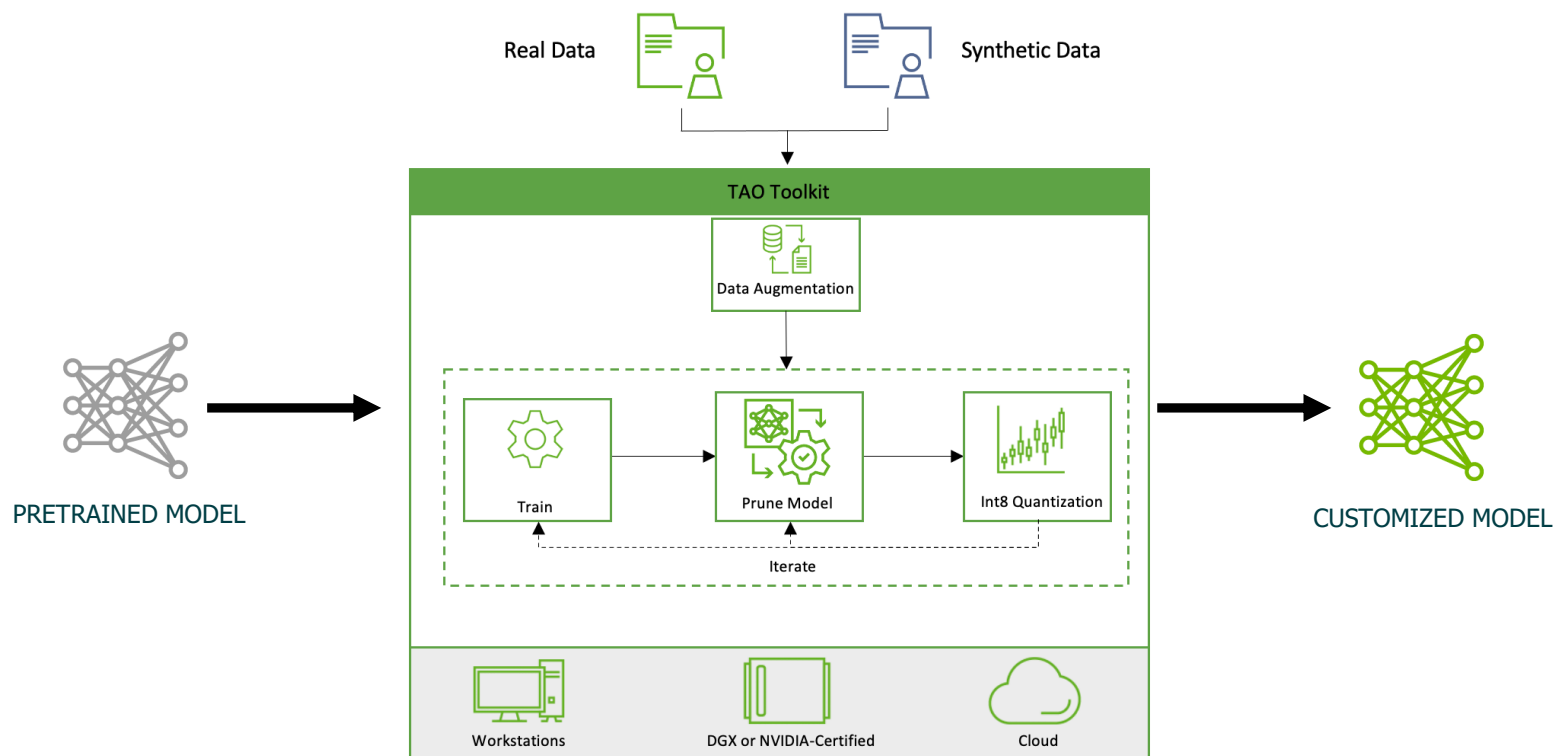
Trained and continuously updated by experts so you can adapt to your domain or deploy as-is



OPTIMIZED FOR INFERENCE

Deploy in the data center or at the edge

A Closer Look at the NVIDIA TAO Toolkit



RUN ANYWHERE

Container based solution

TURNKEY JUPYTER
NOTEBOOKS

Computer Vision, Speech
and NLU

DATA
AUGMENTATION

Spatial and color
transformation

MULTI-GPU AND
MULTI-NODE

Accelerated model training

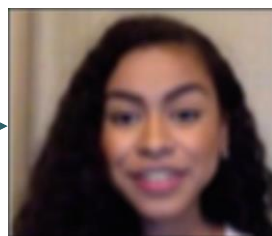
PRUNE AND QUANTIZE
AWARE TRAINING

More than 4X speed up in
inference

Data Augmentation



BLUR



Gaussian Blur

SPATIAL



Vertical Flip



Horizontal Flip



Zoom



Shift



Rotate



Shear

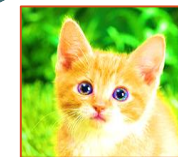
COLOR



Color Shift



Hue Rotation

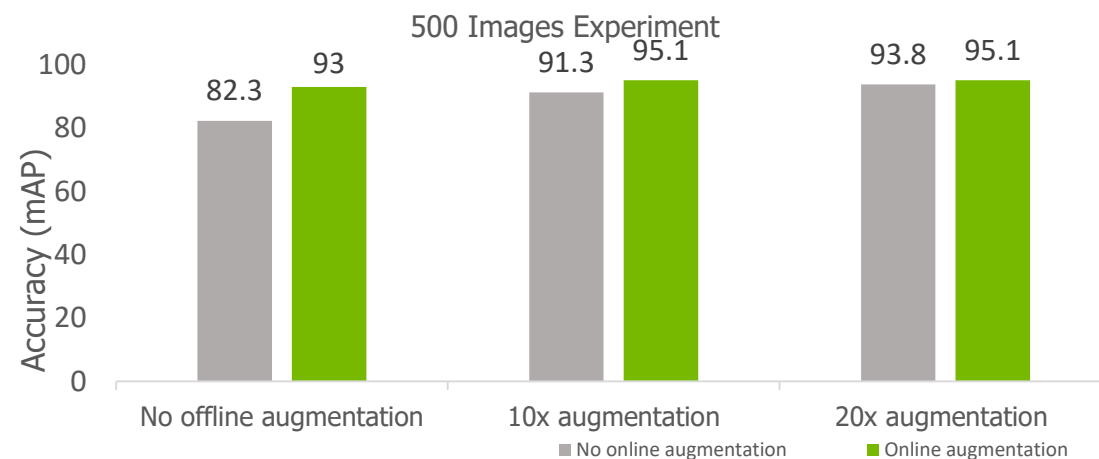
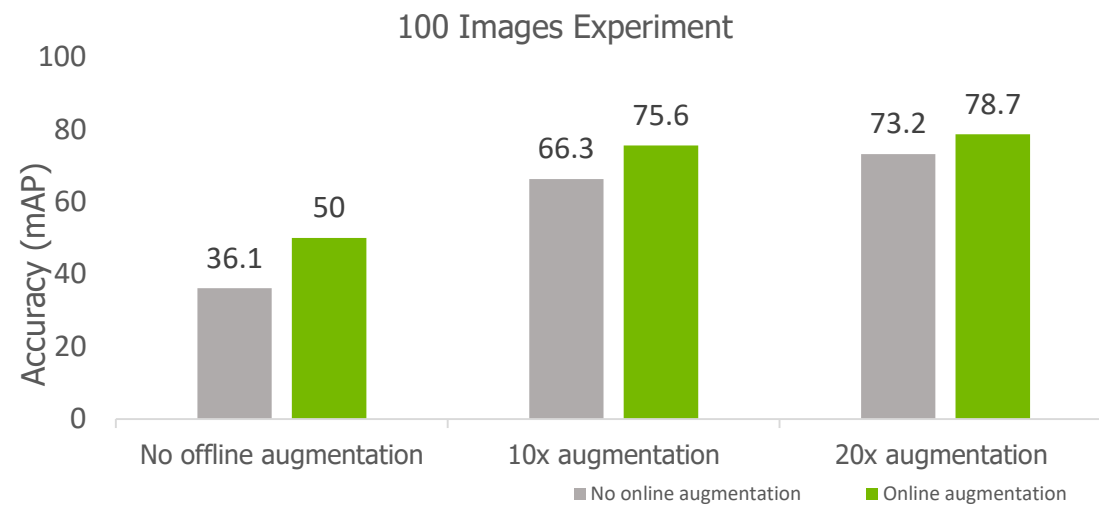
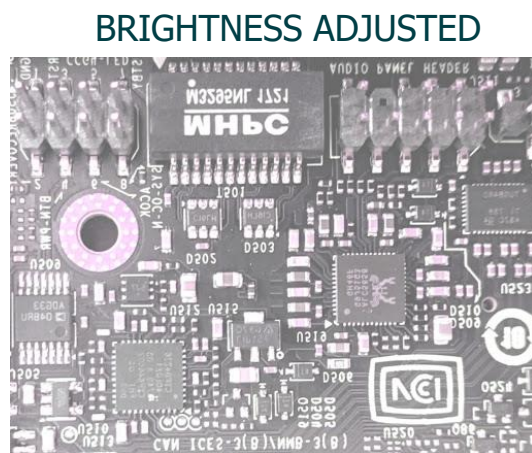
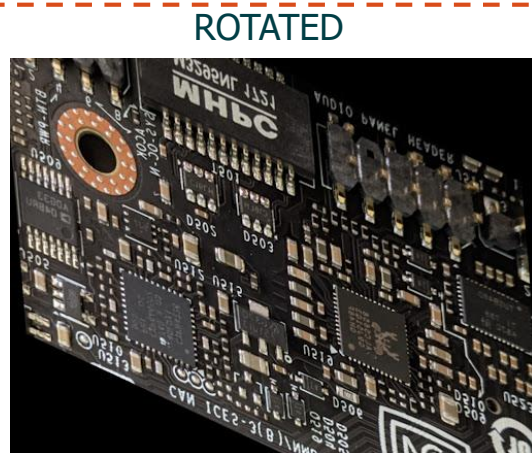
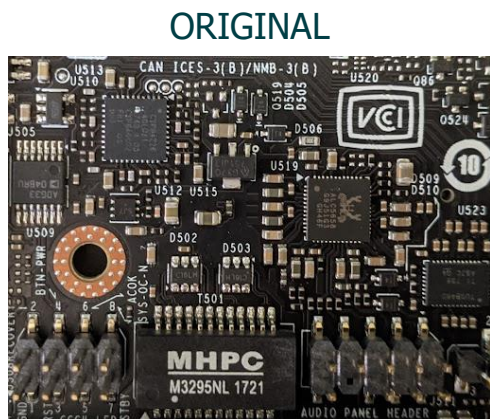


Saturation

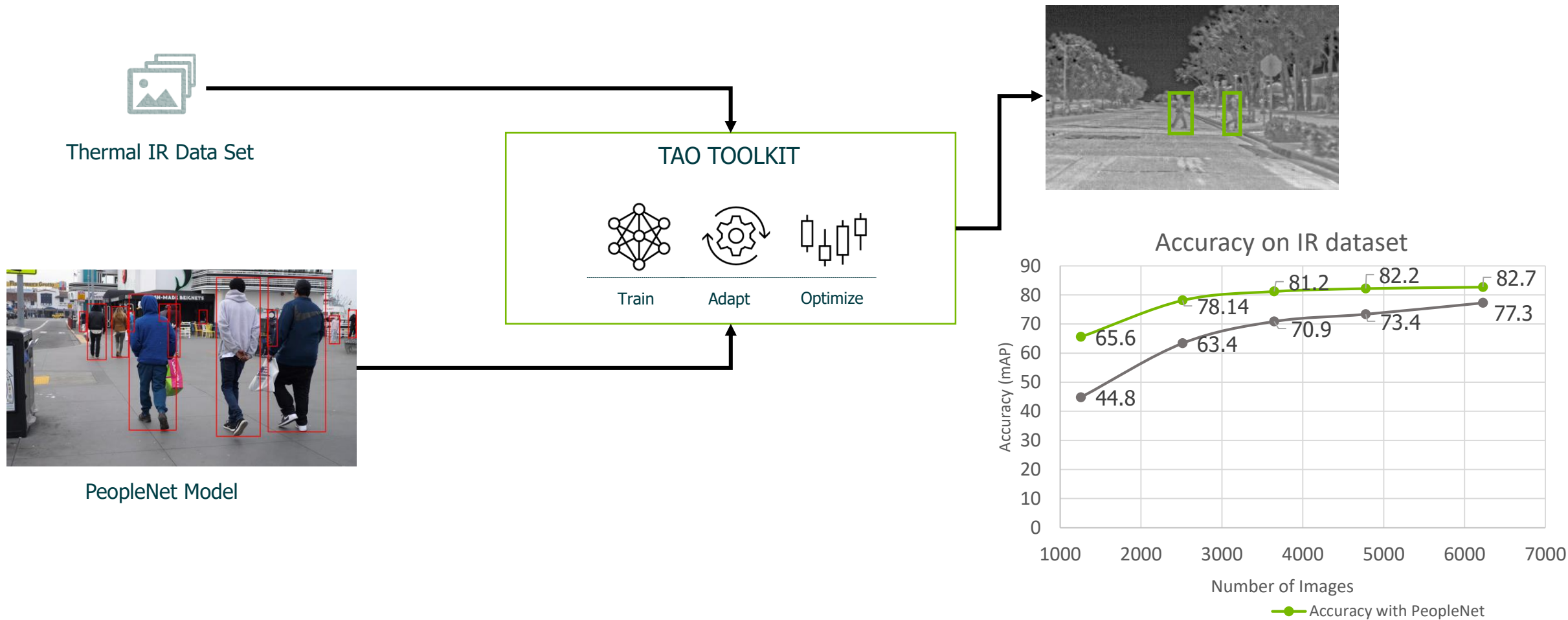


Contrast Adjustment

Data Augmentation



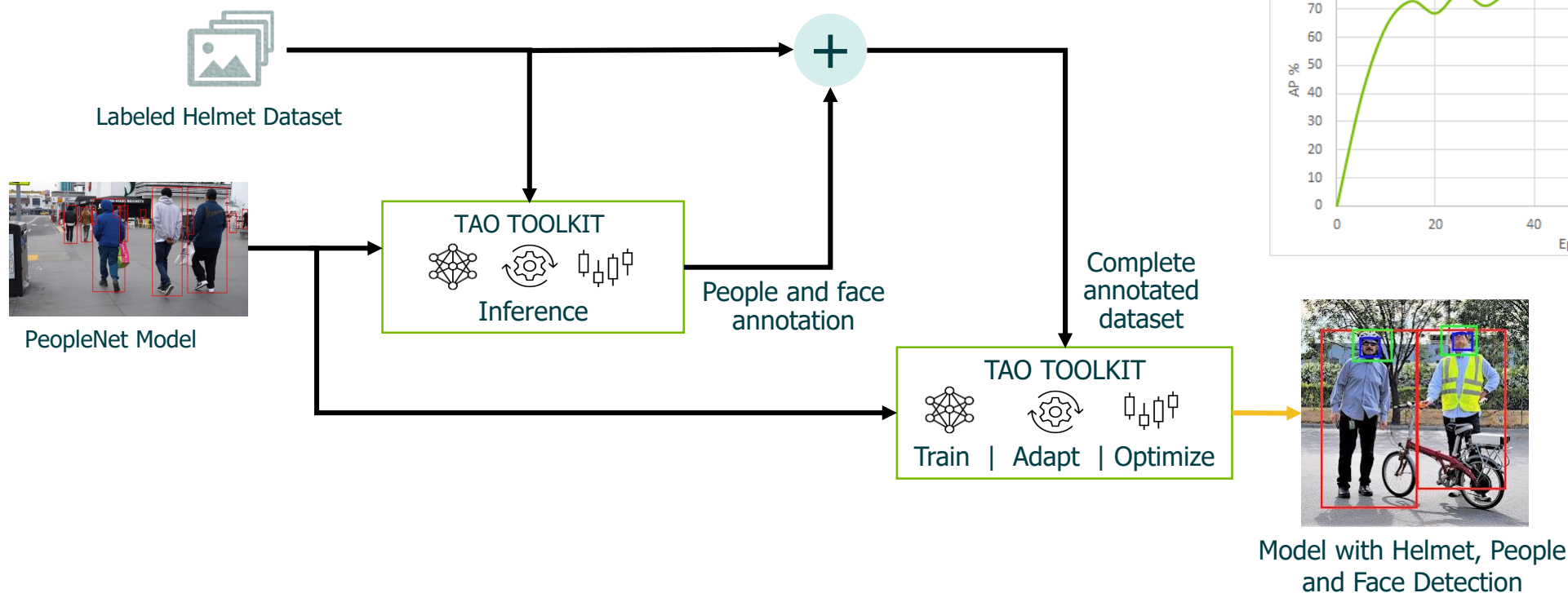
Art of the Possible – Camera Types



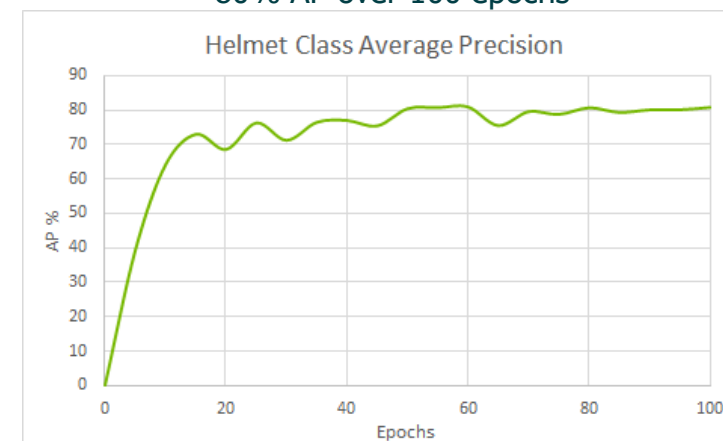
Art of the Possible – Adding New Classes



Goal: Add "Helmet" class to existing People detect model



80% AP over 100 epochs



Model with Helmet, People and Face Detection

[TAO Toolkit White Paper](#)

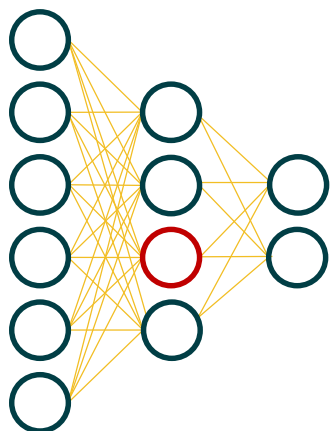
[Git Hub Project Repository](#)

Model Pruning

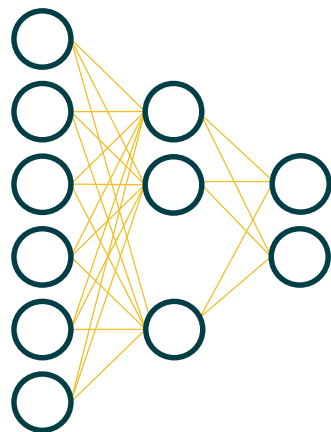


2 STEP PROCESS

- 1 Reduce model size
- 2 Incrementally retrain model after pruning to recover accuracy

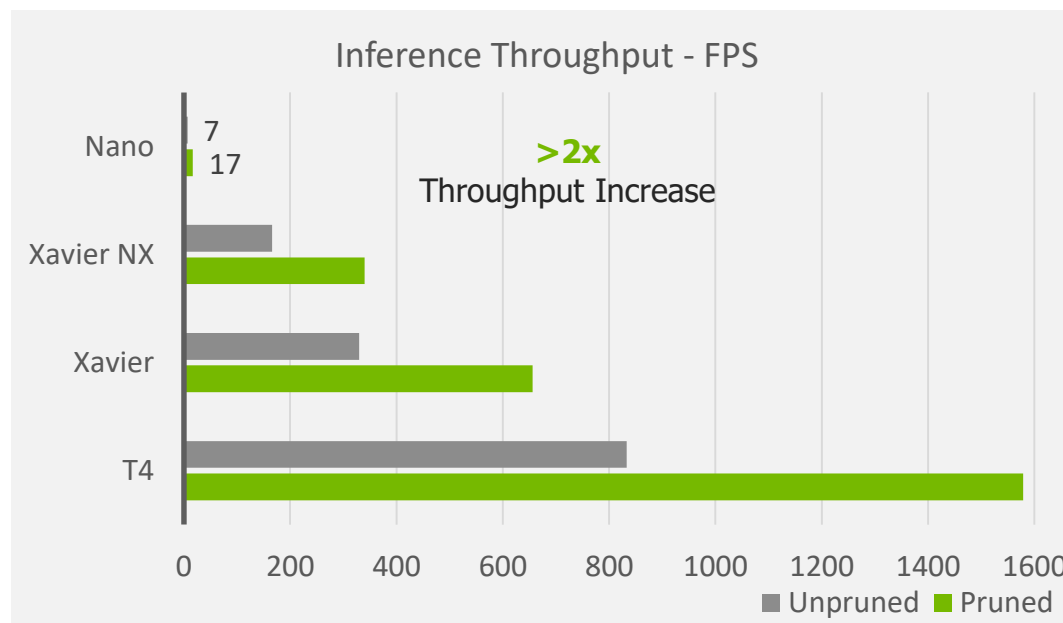
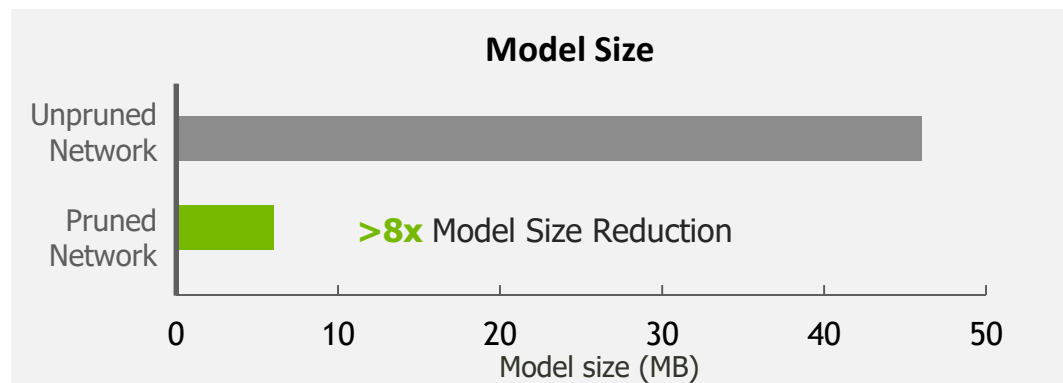


6 inputs, 6 neurons,
32 connections



6 inputs, 5 neurons,
24 connections

TrafficCamNet

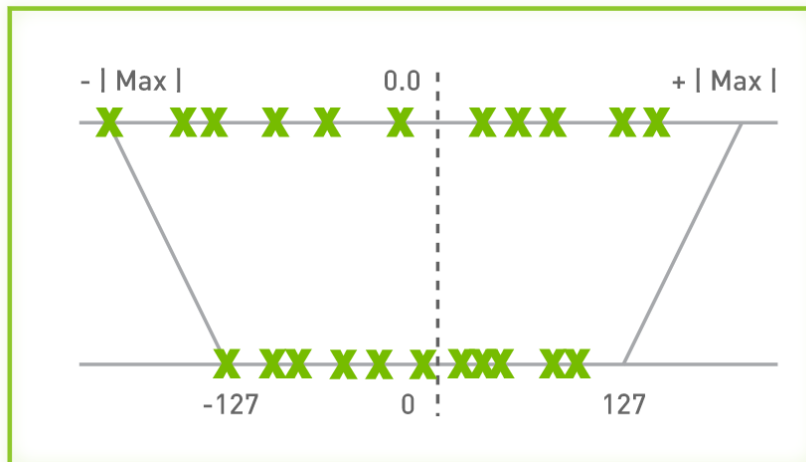


Quantization

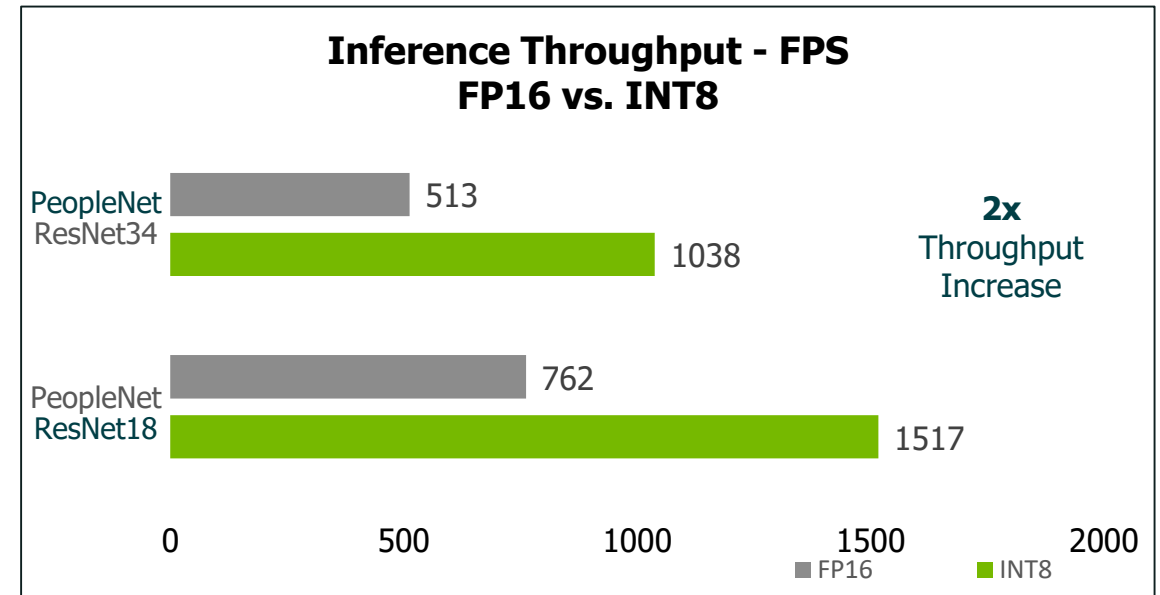


Post Training Quantization (PTQ) for quantization after training is done

Quantization Aware Training (QAT) for quantization error from weights and tensors during training



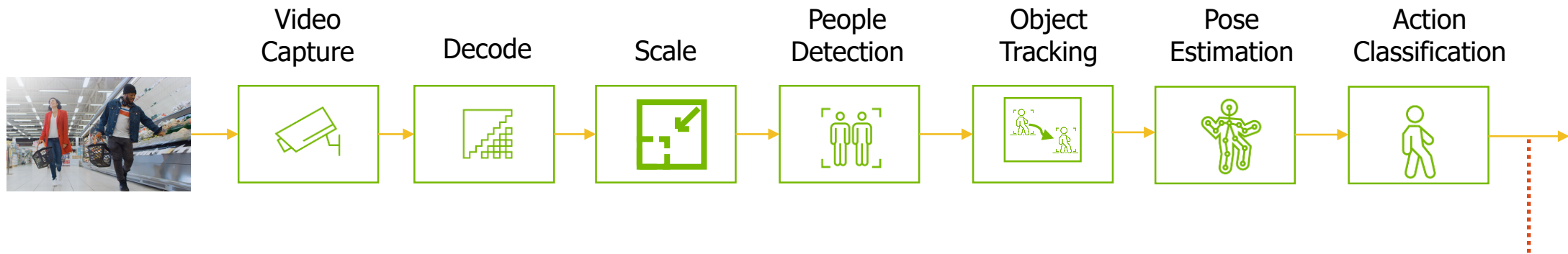
Transformation of floating-point weights to integer



<1% loss in accuracy between FP16 and INT8

<https://developer.nvidia.com/blog/improving-int8-accuracy-using-quantization-aware-training-and-the-tao-toolkit/>

Putting it all Together



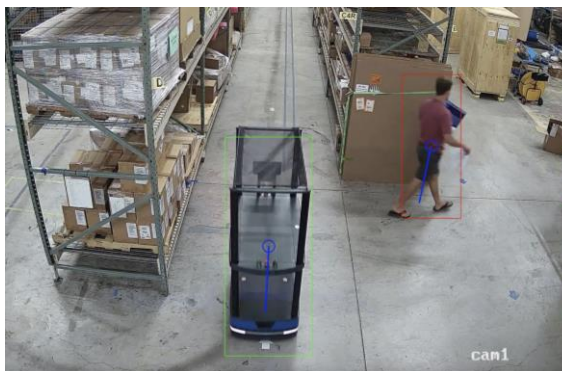
NVIDIA TAO – Accelerating AI Across Industries



One CupAI Vision AI for Precision Agriculture

Remote tracking of animal health, growth and phenotype

Deployed an optimized solution that can run **inference on 1 TB** of data per day, **in just a few weeks**



6River Systems Warehouse Logistics

Track objects in warehouse to optimize robot path planning and increase picking efficiency

Trained and deployed their model in application in just **weeks running with 30 parallel video streams instantaneously**



Mavenir Quality Inspection

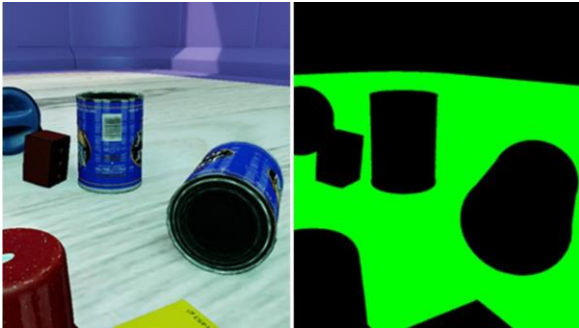
Detect defective bottles, labels before the final packaging step

Scaled across various use cases and **speed up development time by 3x**

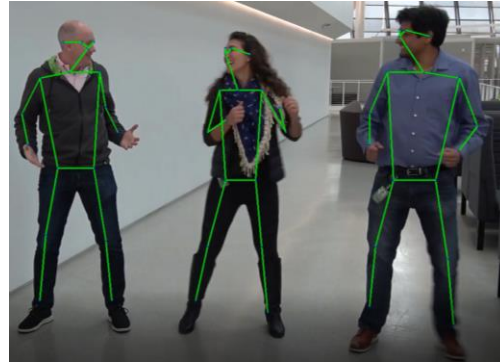
Summary



- The TAO Toolkit makes it easy for you to create custom, production-ready models for your speech and vision applications
 - Built on TensorFlow and PyTorch
- Diverse selection of pre-trained AI models
 - Removes the need for large training datasets
- Turnkey model optimization for inference
- Deploy easily with DeepStream for Vision AI applications at the edge



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