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Data-driven Manufacturing (DDM) at NMIS

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What is the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland?

The National Manufacturing Institute Scotland is a group of industry-led manufacturing research and development facilities where research, industry and the public sector **work together to transform skills, productivity and innovation** to attract investment and make Scotland **a global leader in advanced manufacturing.**



NMIS: One Scotland Team

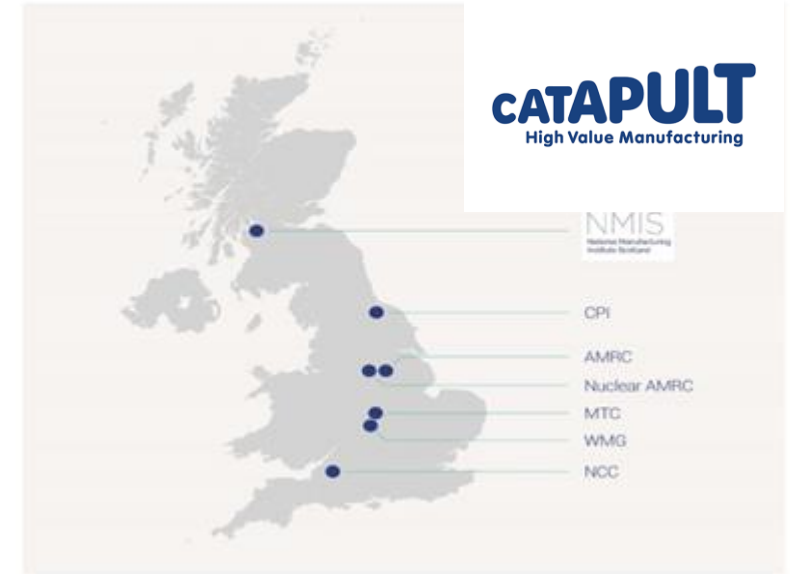
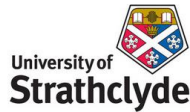
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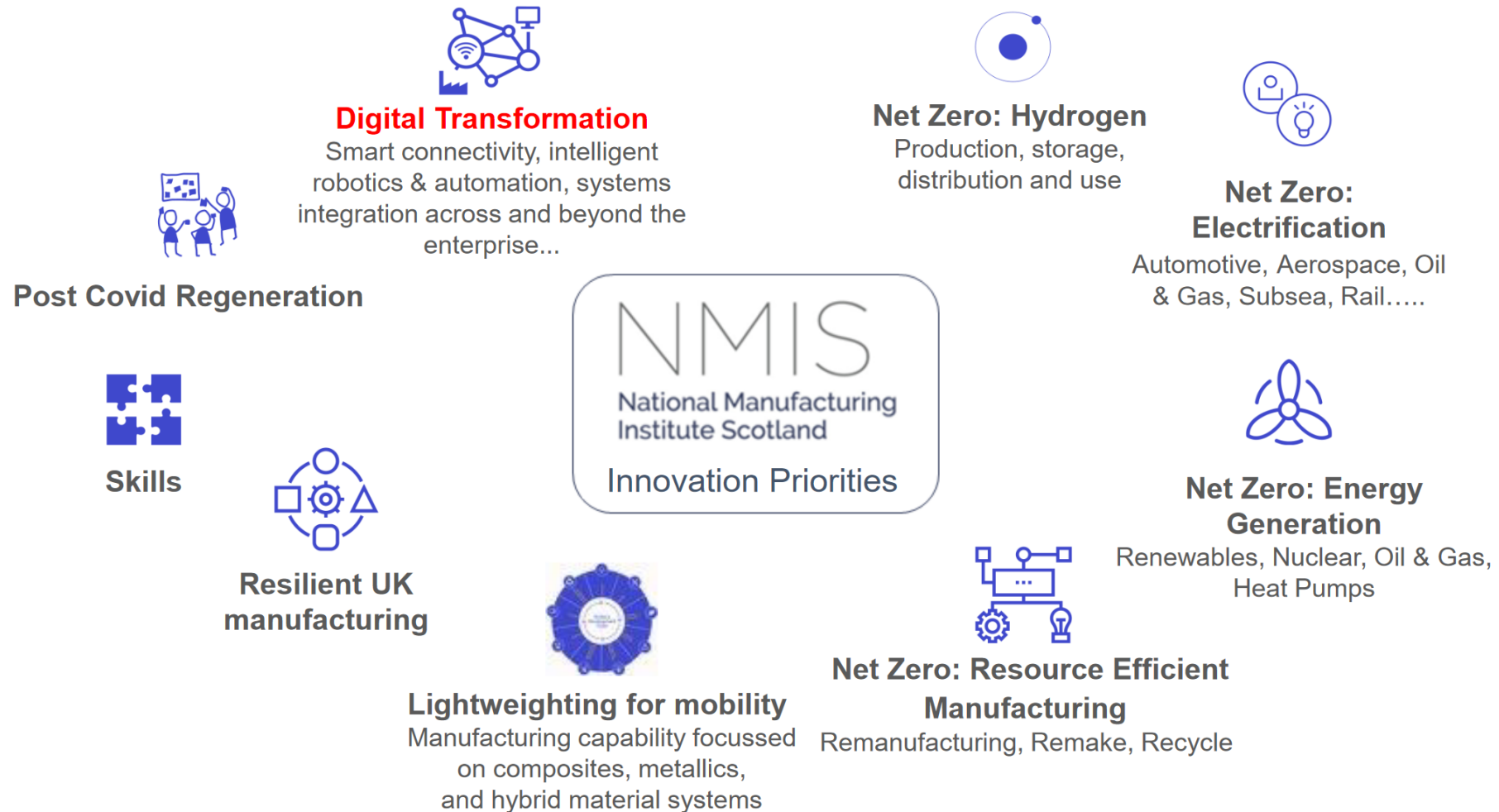
NMIS: Innovation Ecosystem



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NMIS: Strategic Innovation Priorities



NMIS: Current Facilities

Advanced Manufacturing District Scotland

NMIS HQ

Digital
Factory

Manufacturing
Skills Academy
(MSA)

Metallics
Research Centre
(MRC)

In partnership
with Boeing

Medicines
Manufacturing
Innovation Centre
(MMIC)

Part of AMIDS
only

Advanced
Forming
Research Centre
(AFRC)

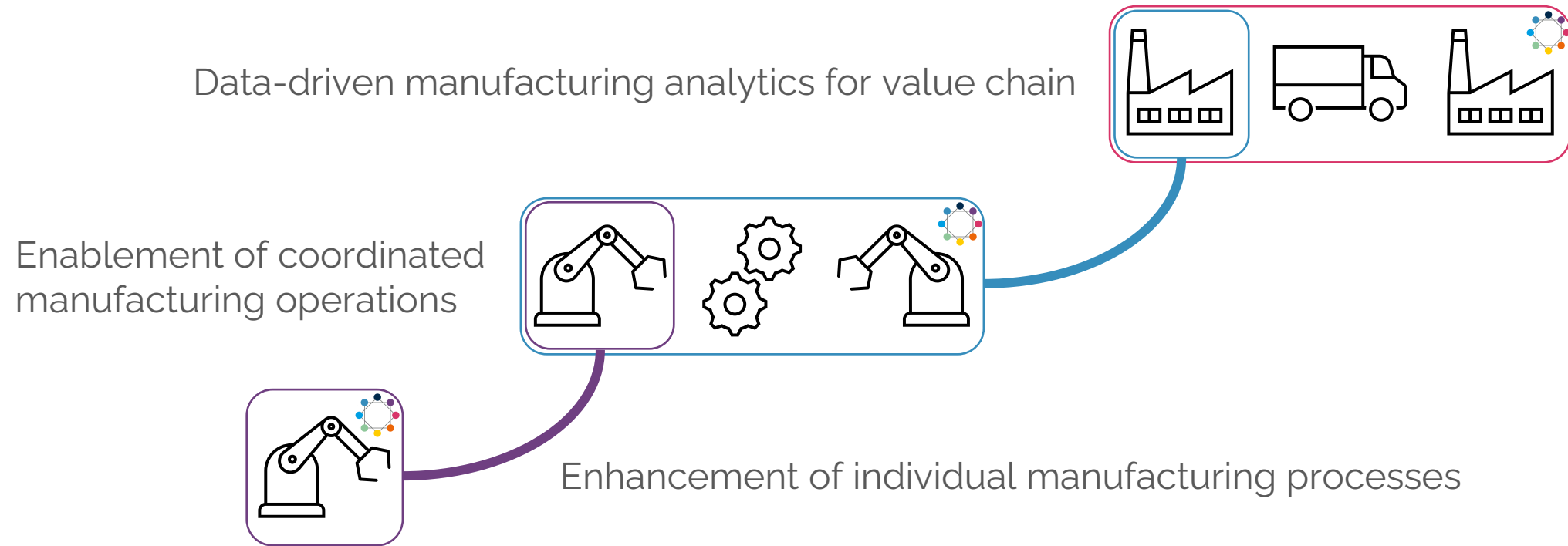
Digital Process
Manufacturing
Centre
(DPMC)

In partnership
with CPI

Lightweight
Manufacturing
Centre
(LMC)



DDM@NMIS: Manufacturing Stack



DDM@NMIS: Manufacturing Data Problems

Volume

- Machines with dozens of sensors with 10kHz sampling operating continuously over months
- Multiple machines or process monitoring systems within single factory zone

Implementing data-driven solutions for manufacturing data is challenging

Manufacturing Data



Diversity & Domain Knowledge

- Temperature data, pressure data, imaging data, localisation data
- Sensors connected via PROFINET, Modbus TCP, ad hoc networks, etc.

Specificity

- Comparison between similar processes is not immediately transferrable
- Analysis needs the ability for domain knowledge to be incorporated



DDM@NMIS: Manufacturing Data Science

- ▶ **Data science** will be **transformational** to Scottish **manufacturing productivity** and attainment of **net-zero** targets
- ▶ Scottish manufacturers are responding to this opportunity by **upskilling** engineers and **recruiting** data scientists
- ▶ Even large OEMs tell us they **struggle to recruit, retain** and **effectively support** data science teams with sufficient critical mass required to maintain world class capabilities when competing with other sectors
- ▶ The situation for **SMEs** is even more difficult

*NMIS is uniquely positioned with its **Data-driven Manufacturing (DDM) Team** which supports ...*

*... **DDM_colab**, an open approach to industrial engagement, augmenting and upskilling Scottish manufacturers' in-house data science capability*



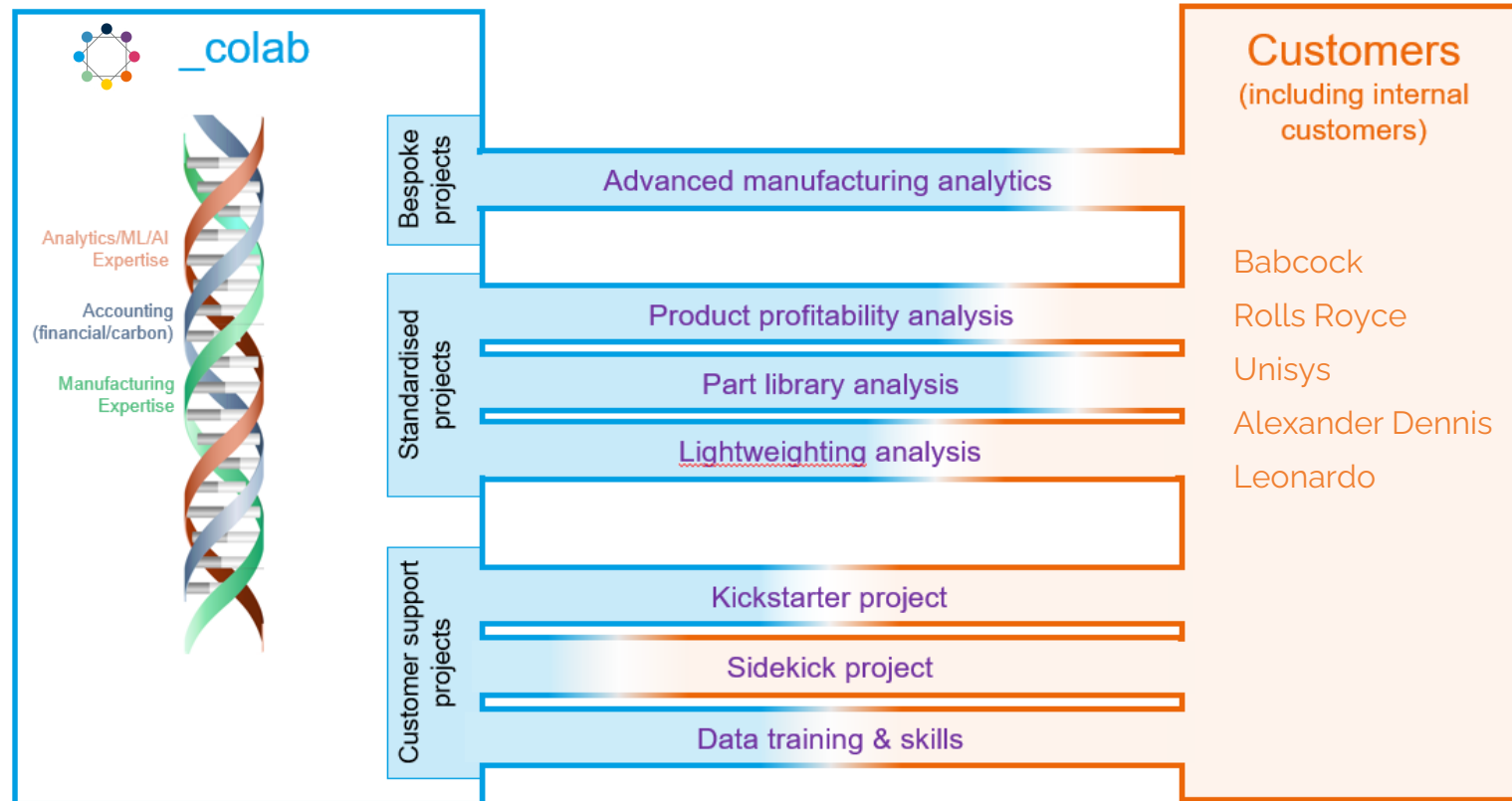
DDM@NMIS: Overview

Combining the best practices of **data science**, **data infrastructure** and **manufacturing domain expertise** to support translational manufacturing research:

- ▶ **DDM _colab** for internal/external data-driven engagement
- ▶ **Data-driven Manufacturing Team** to support and drive DDM _colab
- ▶ **Data science infrastructure** for internal/external projects
- ▶ **Software engineering** processes and best practices
- ▶ **Manufacturing sandboxes** for de-risking digital transformation



DDM@NMIS: DDM _colab



DDM@NMIS: Data Science Infrastructure

Deep Learning Cluster

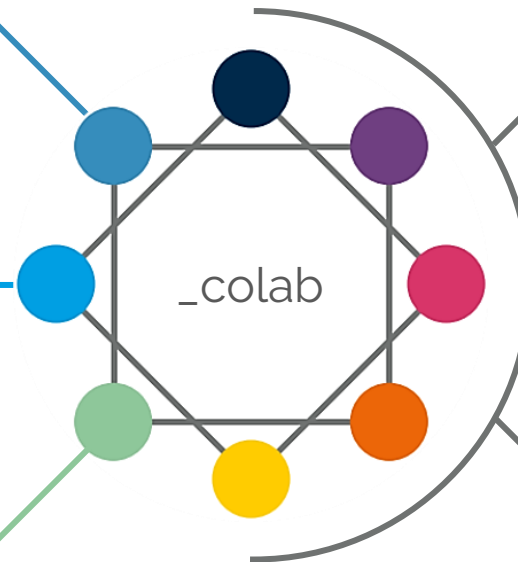
+120GB combined GPU and high-end CPU's
Run.ai AI scheduler functional
On premise k8s cluster

IBM Power 9 ML/AI

Accelerated labelling of images/video
Standard model library and can import others
Counterpart installation at AMRC

Standalone Linux servers

Various GPU/CPU/storage nodes for projects
Can be used for IP sensitive work and external _colab
Edge devices for data engineering/low-latency analytics



Edinburgh International Data Facility

Alan Turing Institute
HVMC Data Groups

Scotland's
AI Strategy

NMIS Partner tech providers
(Run.ai, AWS and GCP)

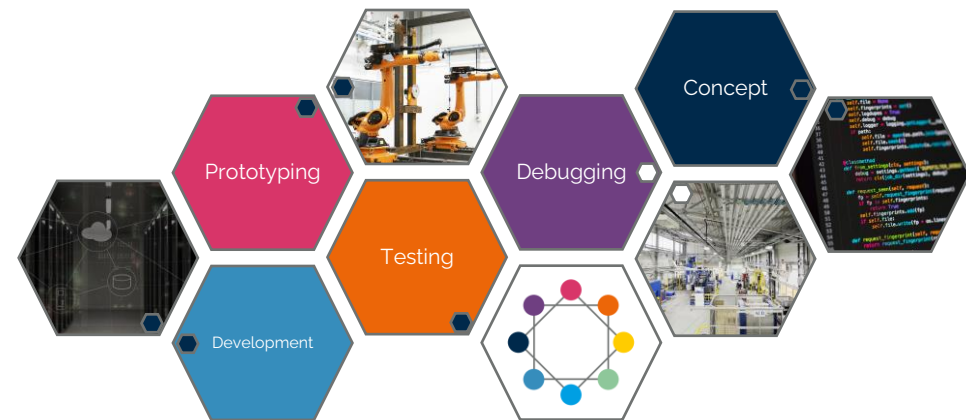


DDM@NMIS: Software Engineering

Ability to develop high-quality production-ready code – tested, documented, reusable.

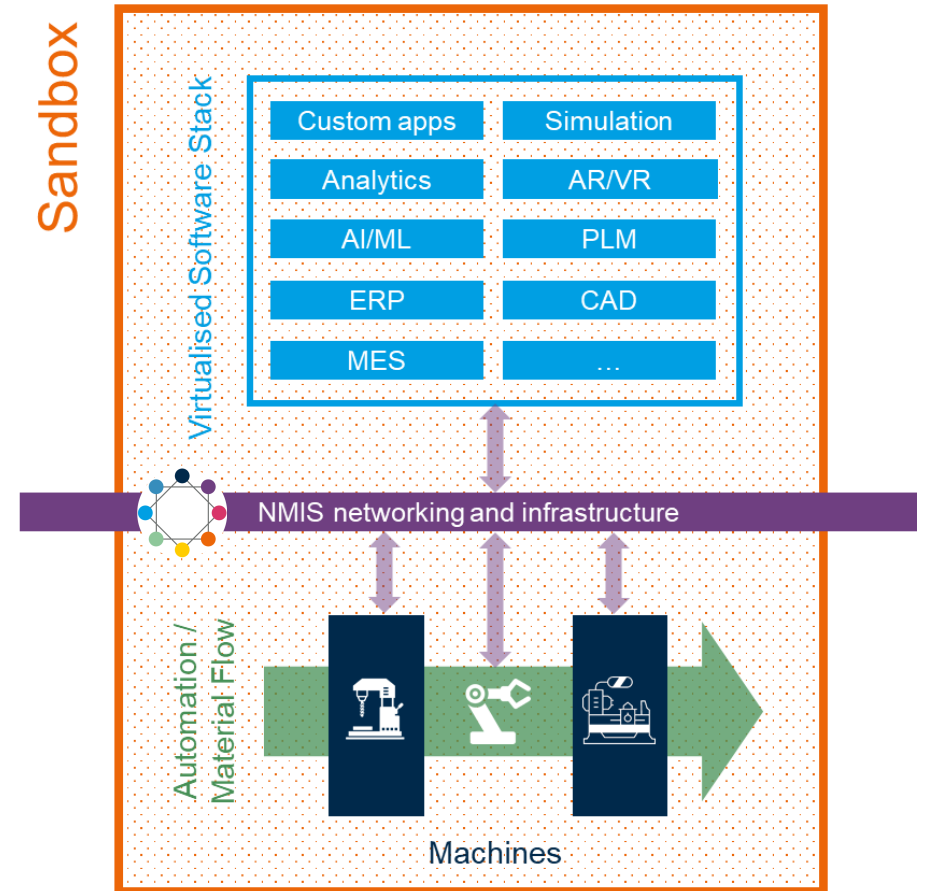
Adopt design and operating principles as found in software development environments:

- ▶ Coding standards and common programming languages/frameworks (Python, Torch, etc)
- ▶ Dev Op tools and frameworks
- ▶ Version control
- ▶ Continuous Integration and Deployment
- ▶ Agile software development
- ▶ **Licensable IP**



DDM@NMIS: Manufacturing Sandboxes

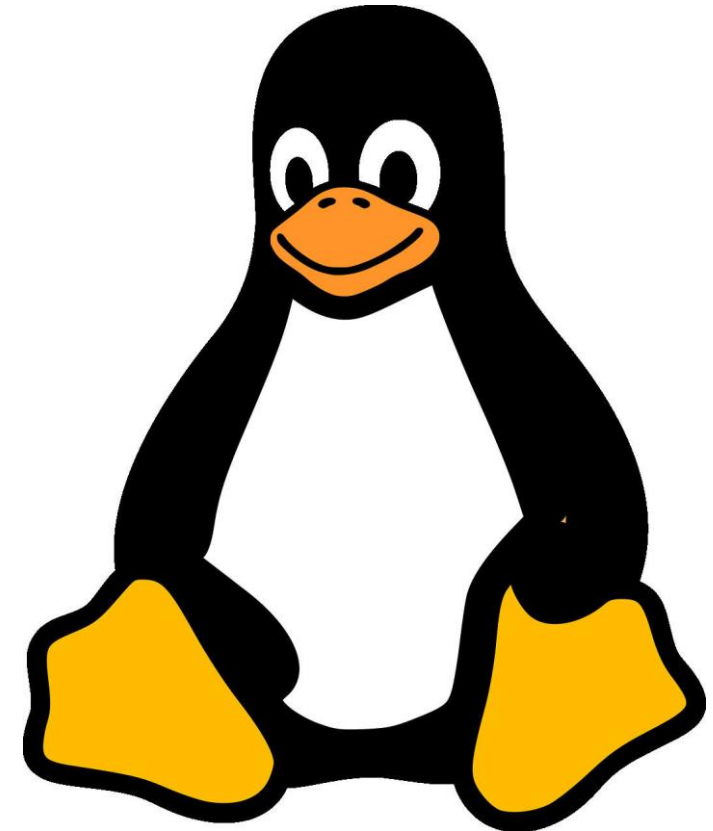
- ▶ The sandbox is a working facsimile of a manufacturing system - securely replicating the appropriate parts of a customer's equipment, software and data stacks.
- ▶ Allows new technologies, physical and digital, to be safely developed and/or deployed.
- ▶ Can be a clone of customer's own system or be a representative system for a typical client group.
- ▶ Allows customer, machine tool company, software partners and NMIS to work together.
- ▶ NMIS can host multiple sandboxes simultaneously.



DDM@NMIS: FOSS

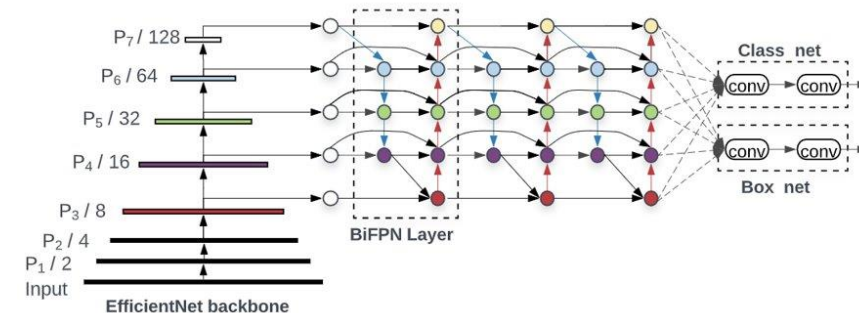
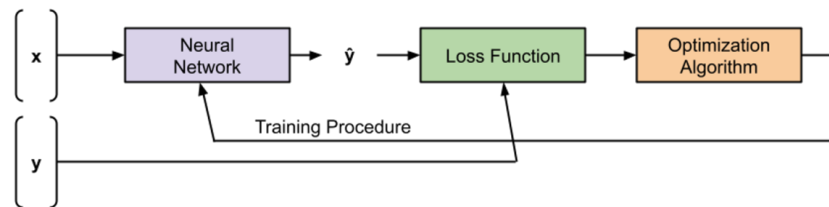
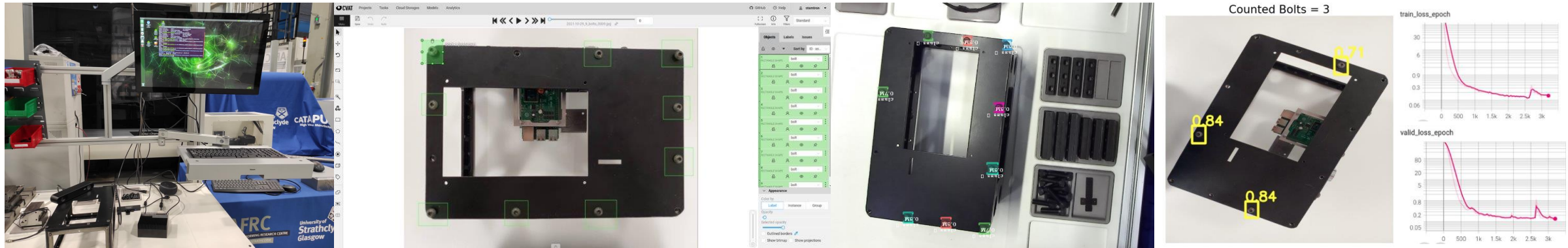
Free & Open Source Software (FOSS)

- ▶ Engineers use data analytics frameworks all the time
- ▶ Proprietary (i.e. paid) frameworks dominate for many reasons
- ▶ Open-source frameworks can have advantages for data science
- ▶ Many 'proprietary' systems are built entirely on open-source frameworks but hidden behind

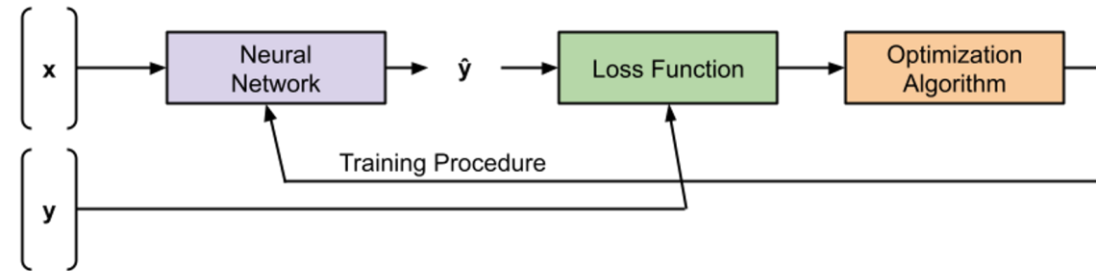


Case Study: Augmented Manual Assembly

- ▶ Outline - Innovate UK project with industrial partner with DDM tasked to provide data science support
- ▶ Objective – develop technologies to assist manual assembly of low-volume, high mix defence components
- ▶ Outcome - created a computer vision system to validate the correct assembly of a component in real time using recurrent convolutional neural networks



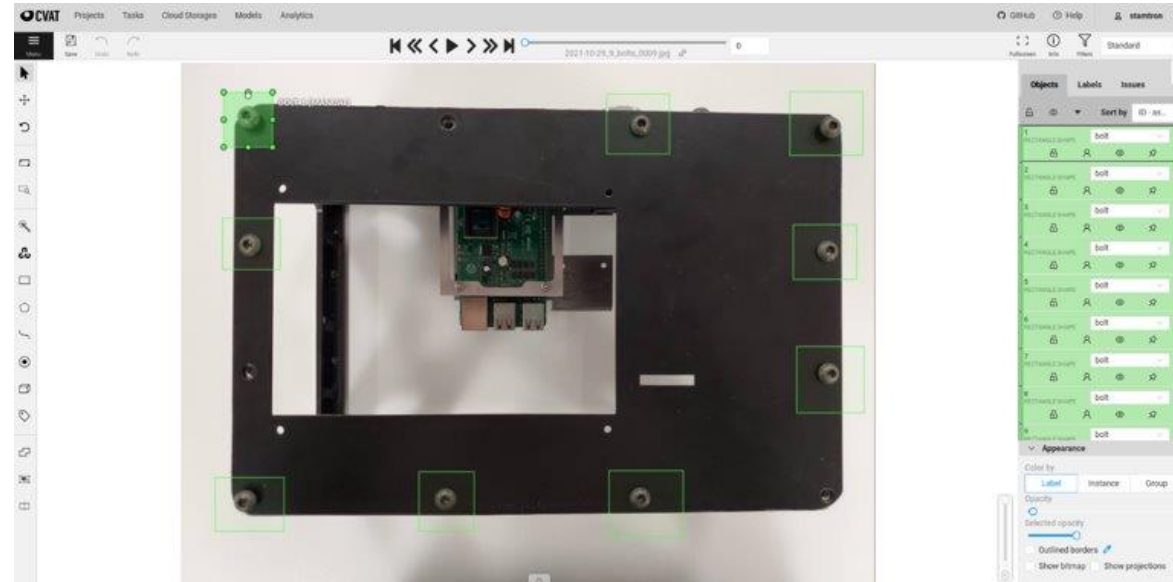
Case Study: Model Outline



- ▶ X = images
- ▶ Y = labels (bolt, background) + bounding boxes (coordinates of the boxes imposed on the images)
- ▶ labels -- classification problem
- ▶ Bounding boxes -- regression problem



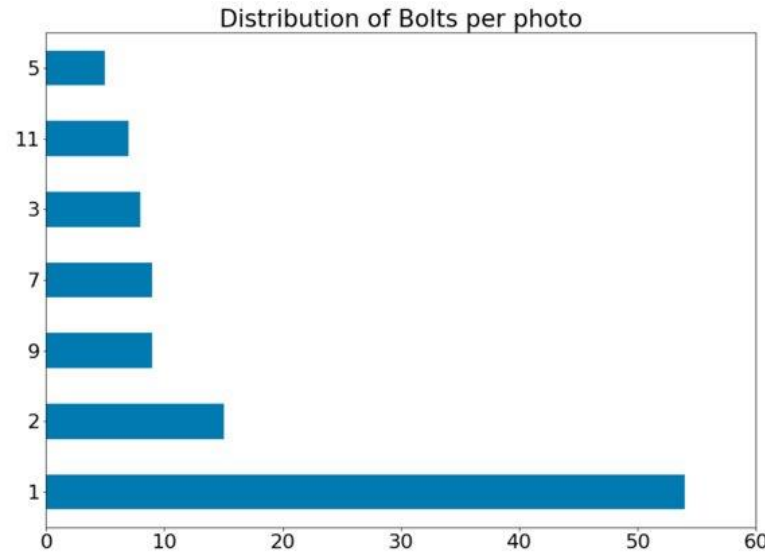
Case Study: Data Collection



- ▶ Images captured using depth camera (ZED) powered by edge device (Jetson Nano)
- ▶ Images labelled using CVAT (<https://github.com/openvinotoolkit/cvat>)



Case Study: Data Train/Valid/Test

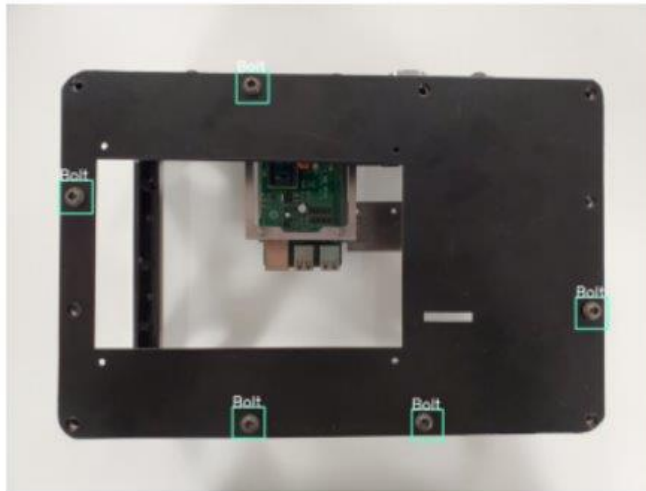


- ▶ 60% 'train' for training model
- ▶ 20% 'valid' for checking model according to validation loss
- ▶ 20% 'test' for testing on data completely unseen by model developed during train/valid stages
- ▶ Datasets were stratified to ensure model was not affected by more numerous single bolt image instances

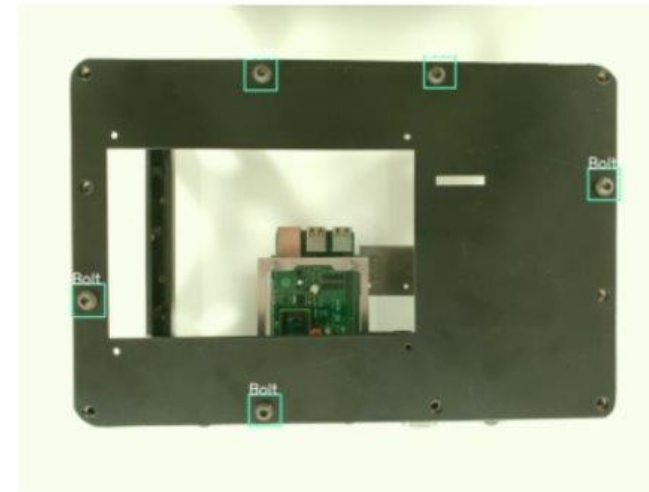


Case Study: Dataset Augmentations

Original Sample



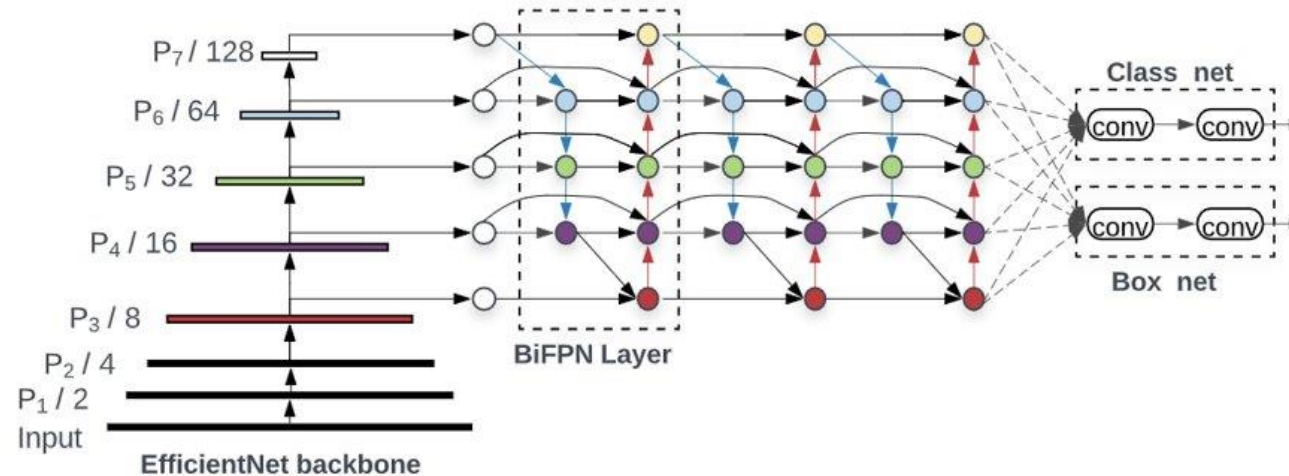
Augmented Sample



- ▶ Technique to improve the models ability to generalize and reduce chance of over fitting
- ▶ Can be used (in some cases) to increase dataset if sparsity is an issue



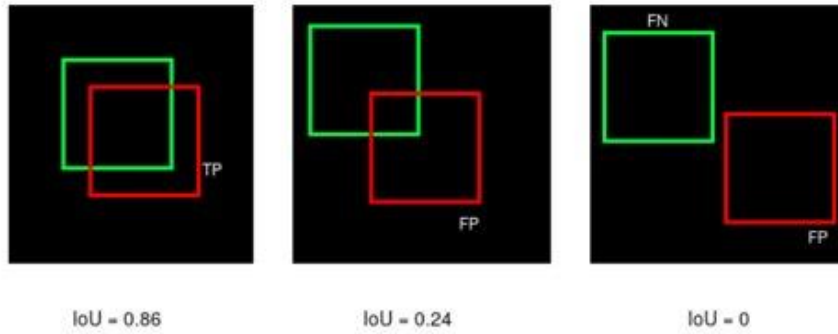
Case Study: SOTA Model -- EfficientDet



- ▶ State-of-the-art (SOTA) model used was EfficientDet (<https://github.com/xuannianz/EfficientDet>)
- ▶ Model is over-powered for application – but good to gain understanding as the intention is to apply to more complex tasks



Case Study: Metrics



$$\text{IoU} = \frac{\text{Area of Overlap}}{\text{Area of Union}}$$

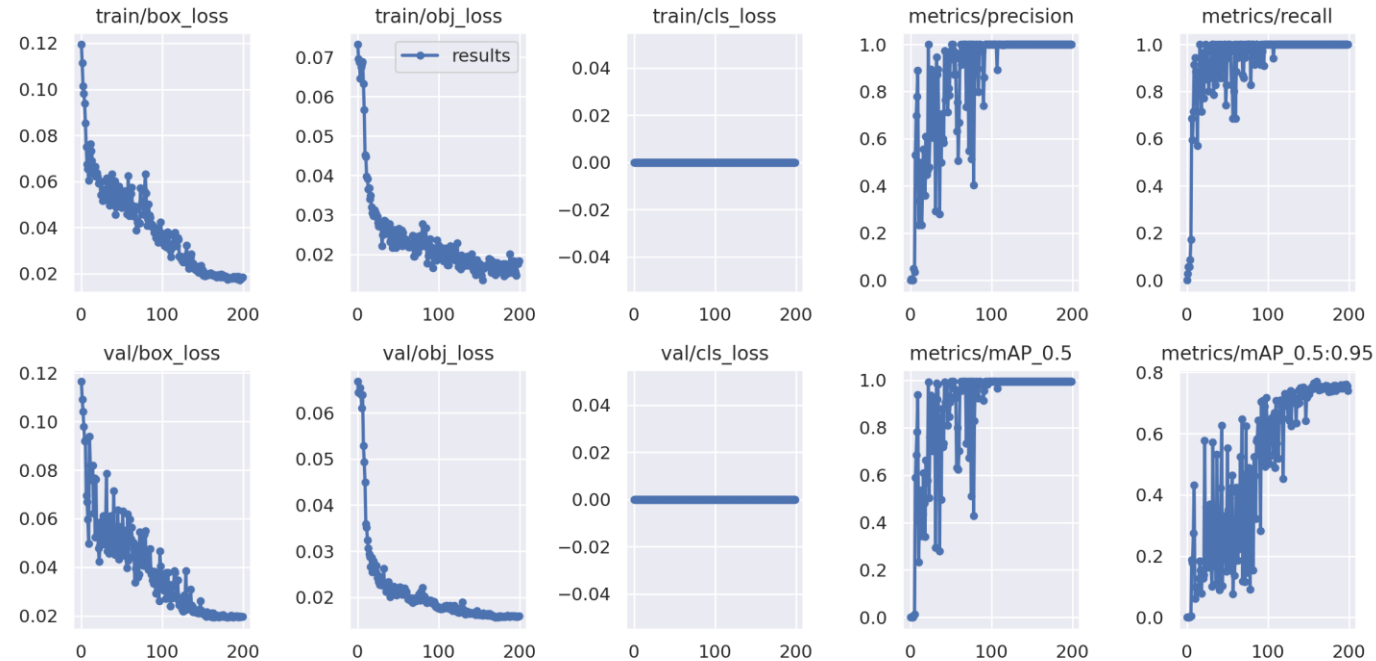
The diagram shows two overlapping blue squares. The top square is outlined in white, and the bottom square is solid blue. The formula for IoU is shown to the left of the squares.

- ▶ Average Precision (AP) and mean Average Precision (mAP) are the most popular metrics used to evaluate object detection models (<https://towardsdatascience.com/on-object-detection-metrics-with-worked-example-216f173ed31e>)
- ▶ Validation Set Average Precision (AP) = 0.766
- ▶ Test Set Average Precision (AP) = 0.720
- ▶ The reason for the relatively large error was due to target of matching bounding boxes – bolt detection had F1 score of 0.98



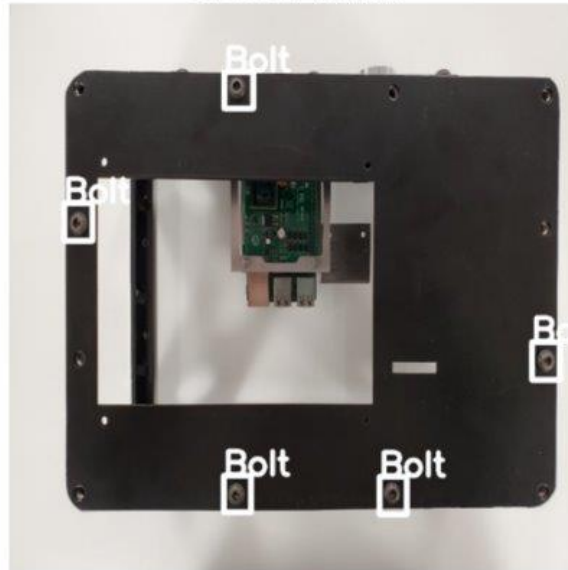
Case Study: Model Training

- 200 epochs,
- learning rate of 0.01
- SGD optimizer
- Images resized to 1024x1024
- The model that provides the lowest validation loss is kept at the end of the training

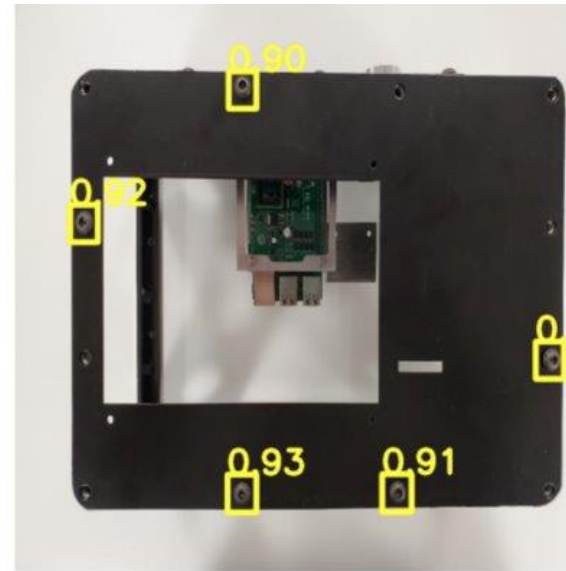


Case Study: Inferencing on Test Data

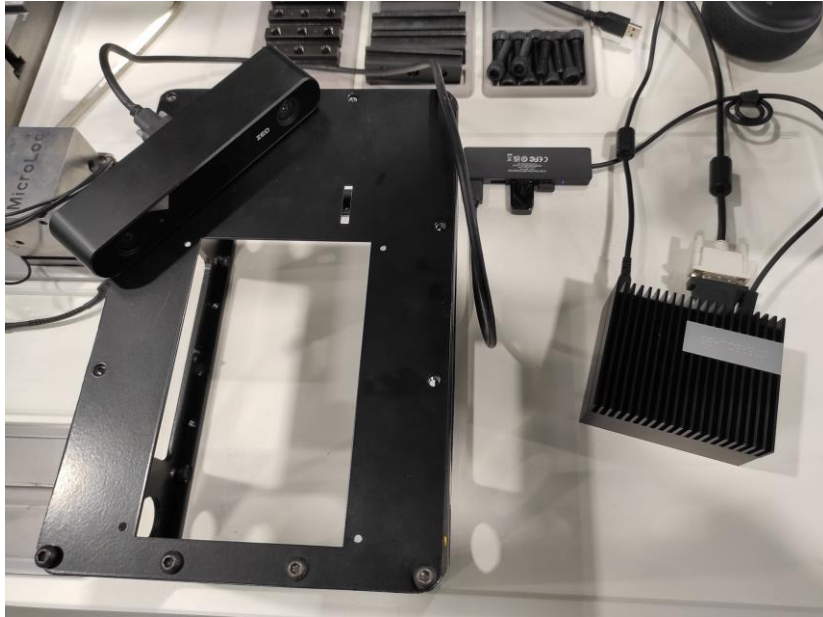
Ground Truth



Prediction: Counted Bolts = 5



Case Study: Implementation into Production

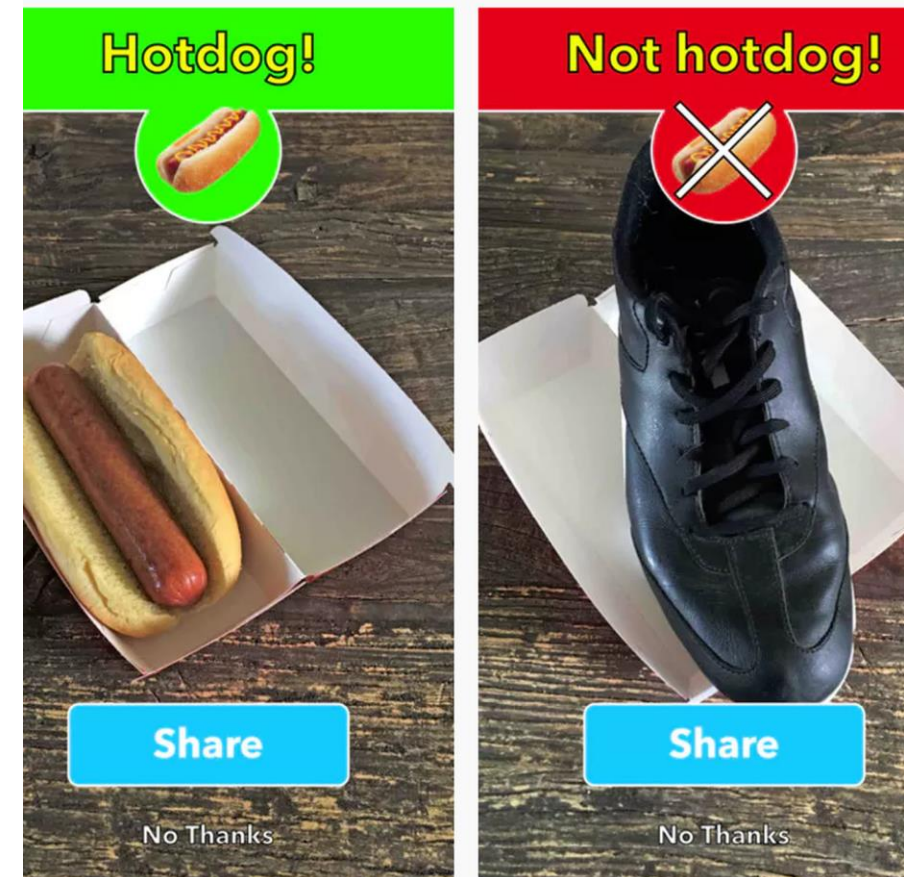


- ▶ ZED camera provides live video feed that can reach 100 FPS and
- ▶ Edge AI Gateway is a compact gateway powered by NVIDIA Jetson that allow model deployment
- ▶ Edge AI Gateway device works as an Ubuntu machine



Case Study: Potential Issues

- ▶ Mix of regression (identifying coordinates of bounding box) and classification for purely binary problem – easy to identify objects with bounding boxes but this can introduce errors
- ▶ Model is trained for one PCB assembly – changes to design may cause model to be invalid without re-training
- ▶ Artifacts not fully tested (hand in frames, extraneous objects -- typical production system issues)
- ▶ Can tell if bolt is in place, but not screwed in



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