

# Deploying AI and Machine Learning on Layerscape

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# Agenda

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- What is AI?
- Examples of AI usage in Industrial
- Breakdown of an Edge AI Application
- Layerscape support for AI
- Mapping AI use-cases to Layerscape
- Deploying AI with EdgeScale

# Defining Common Terms

- **Artificial intelligence (AI)**
  - A computer performs tasks considered heretofore to require human intelligence
- **Machine learning (ML)**
  - Key term is learning: input data teaches the model how to function
  - Learning is typically supervised (the model is trained using input and the correct output)
    - Application of the trained model is called inferencing
  - But learning may be unsupervised (e.g., cluster analysis)
- **Neural network (NN)**
  - A class of ML algorithms
- **Deep learning**
  - ML using a big neural net

# Similar AI Tasks Have Important Differences

- **ADAS**

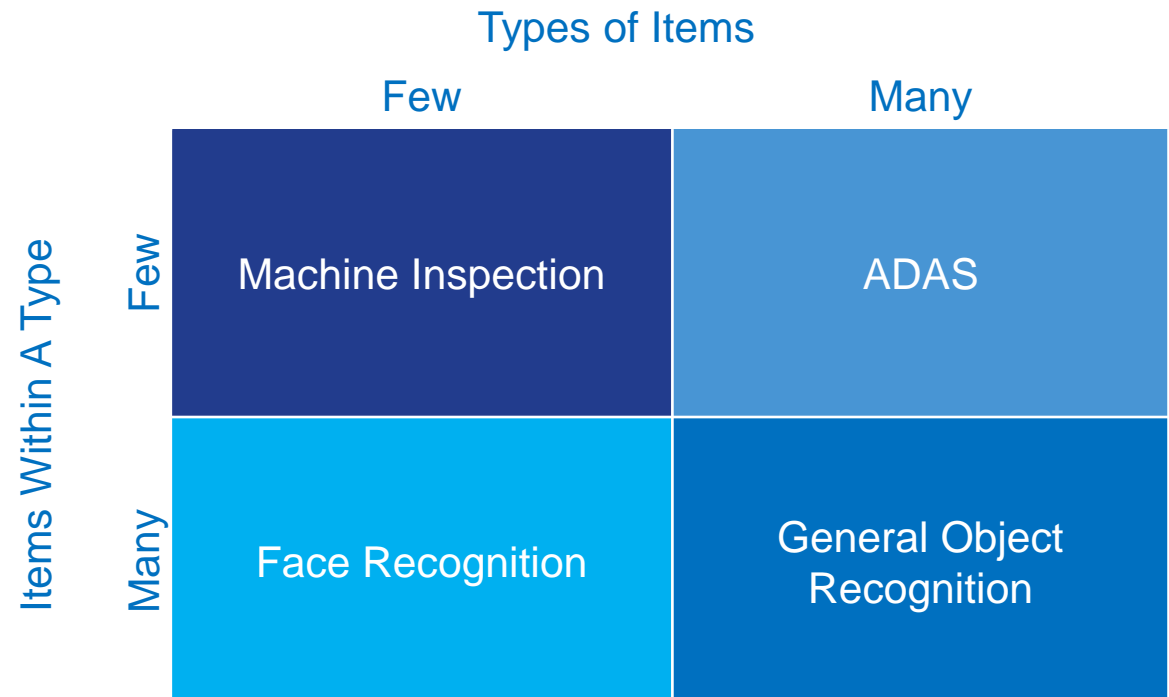
- Identifies pedestrians, cars, signs, lane markings, obstacles, etc.
- Regardless of who a pedestrian is, it won't run him over

- **Face recognition**

- Only identifies faces
- Differentiates many people

- **Machine inspection**

- Only knows widgets
- Only classifies as good or bad



# Many Types of AI/ML Algorithms Out There...



Source: <https://machinelearningmastery.com/>

# Why AI?



**ARTIFICIAL**  
INTELLIGENCE

**Faster** than human analysis

**Cooler** under pressure

**Analyzes more** data than humanly possible

**Better insights** than man-made models

Reduces **cost**, increases **revenue**

Increases **safety**



## AI Improves Quality

- Quality management reduces manufacturing cost
- High-quality products improve customer satisfaction
- Object-detection techniques can be adapted to visual quality inspection
- Other sensors (e.g., acoustic) can inspect in ways people cannot
- Technology for smart maintenance can be adapted to process monitoring (Quality 4.0)



## Security and Surveillance

- Fire, theft, trespassing cost businesses
- AI is more attentive than human agents
- AI frees people to focus on addressing issues
- AI-based security can be lower cost and less discriminatory
- Typical approach is to identify and track people
- AI systems can learn on their own to identify anomalous behavior



# Industrial Safety Examples



Virtual-fencing of safety zones

Recognize faces to enforce authorization policies

Detect objects to enforce PPE policies

Monitor operator attention with gaze detection

Track and monitor equipment and vehicles



## AI in Warehousing

- Physical inventory using object detection
- Pick & place robots (see recent Boston Dynamics robot)
- Received-goods inspection (crate damage)
- Security and surveillance
- HVAC control (e.g., DeepMind and data centers)



## Robotics

- Example uses: pick and place, assembly, packaging, AGV
- AI learns optimal paths vs following a set route
- AI/CV can identify objects for robot to interact with
- AI coordinates robot interaction with people (collaborative robots)

# Issues with AI

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Not provably correct



Sometimes fatally wrong



Biases possibly trained in



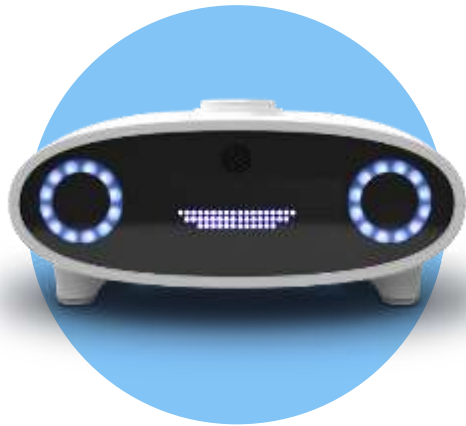
# 5 steps to AI/ML on Layerscape

- **Application**
  - Learning vs. inferencing, model creation.
- **Breakdown**
  - Mapping I/O processing and CNN
- **Optimization**
  - Accelerators or cores ?
- **System**
  - Peripherals, communication, security
- **Deployment**
  - Deploying AI applications and models to Edge nodes

# AI @ the Edge vs. Cloud

## Smart Endpoints

Integrated ML Optimization

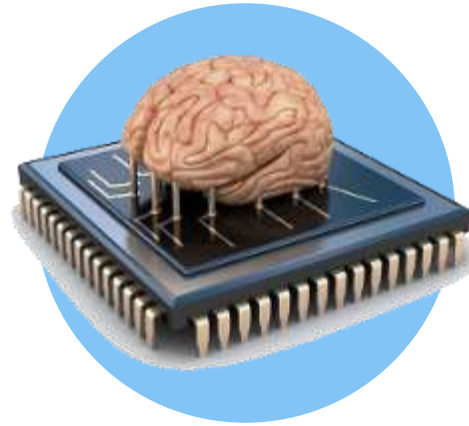


- Optimizing ML operations running locally
- Dedicated AI/ML accelerator is optional
- Inferencing only

ARM

## Edge Gateway

Integrated ML Optimization & Acceleration

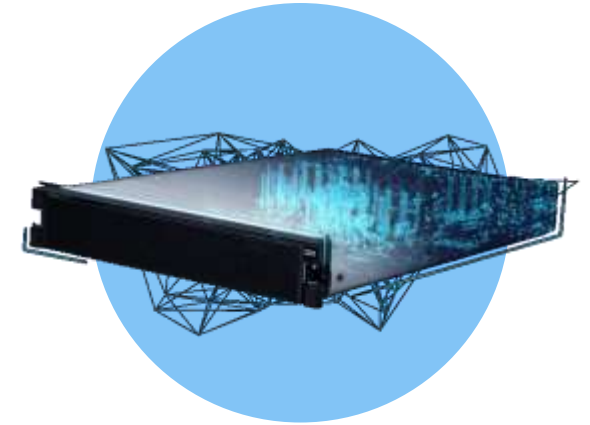


- Enabling ML operations for connected devices
- Dedicated AI/ML accelerator is required
- Training may be turned off

VSPA

## Cloud & Data Center

ML App Acceleration & Offloading



- Leveraging GPU and TPU
- iNIC or smart offloading line cards
- Support both training and inferencing

TPU

GPU

# AI @ the Edge vs. Cloud – Performance vs. Practicality

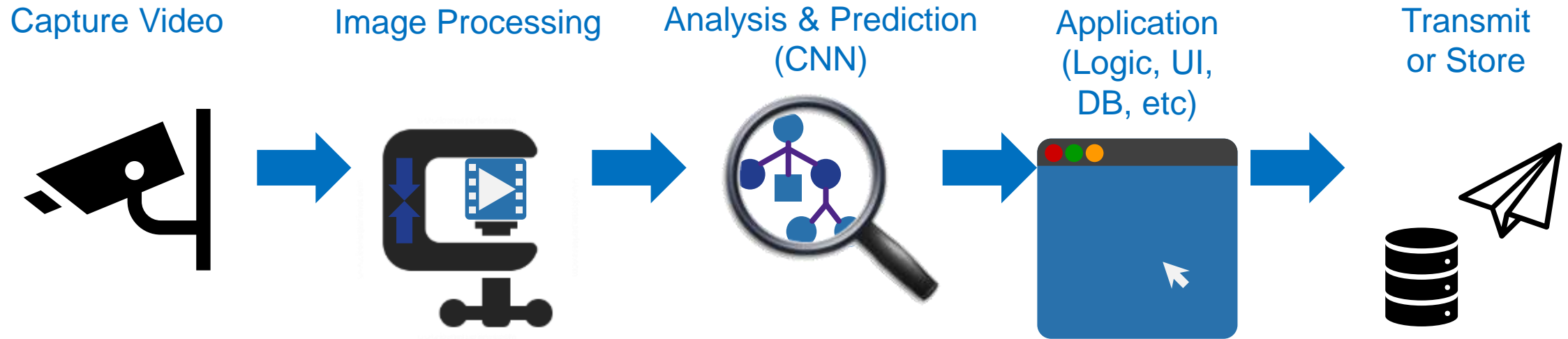
	Cloud server + GPU	Edge appliance
Compute	AMD Ryzen 2600 + nVidia GTX 1080Ti (12 TOPs)	Layerscape LS1046
Power	~250W	~10W
Input video	MI 6 trailer – 1080p	MI 6 trailer – 720p
Algorithm	YOLOv3	YOLOv3
Object Detection – fps	25 fps	3 fps
CPU Utilization	100% 2 cores @ 3.4 Ghz + 85% GPU	100% 4 cores @ 1.8 Ghz

Great for Formula 1 close finishes.

Efficient at counting cars and people in a parking lot.

[Watch LS1046 object detection sample @ https://youtu.be/EEc5-oiccuM](https://youtu.be/EEc5-oiccuM)

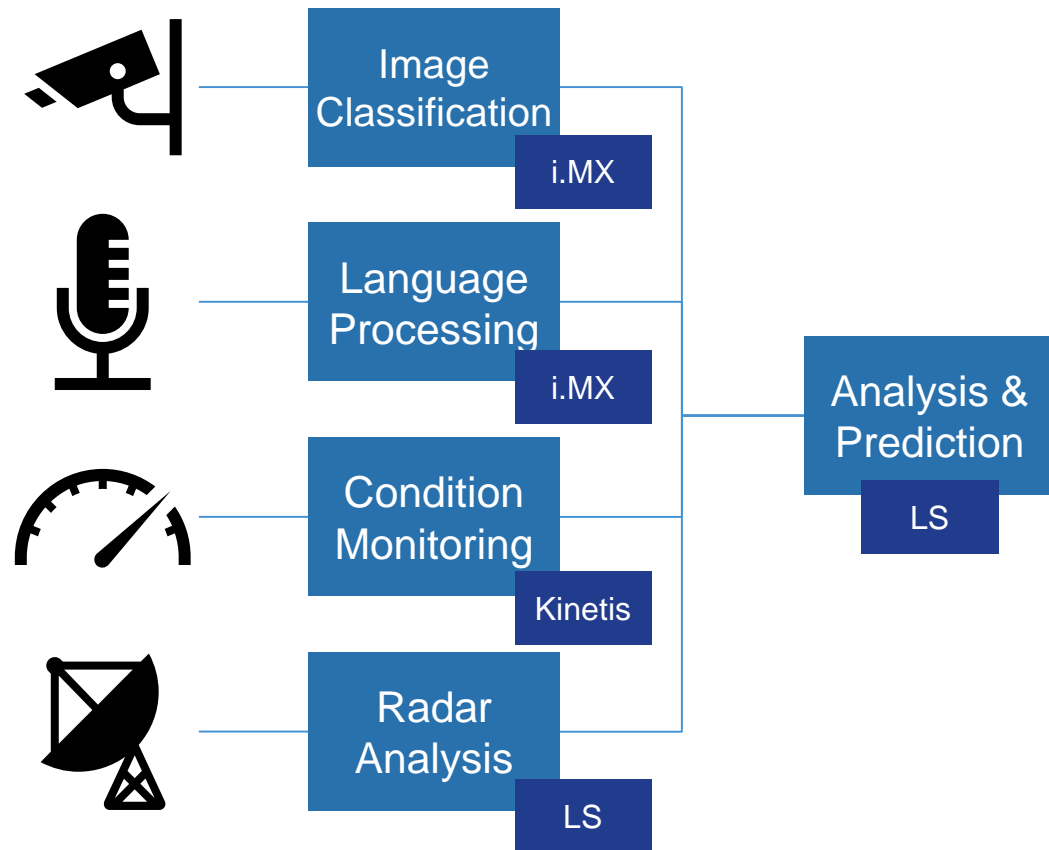
# Breakdown of an Edge Application Using AI



Hardware	USB Ethernet/IP MIPI to ISP (pref)	CPU, GPU (preferred)	CPU, NN Accel (GPU, TPU, VSPA)	CPU GPIO, USB, PCIE	USB Ethernet/IP SATA NVMe
Software	Drivers, V4L	V4L, G-streamer, video codecs	Frameworks (e.g., TensorFlow) Turnkey Models Training	Custom	Linux Network stack, File-system

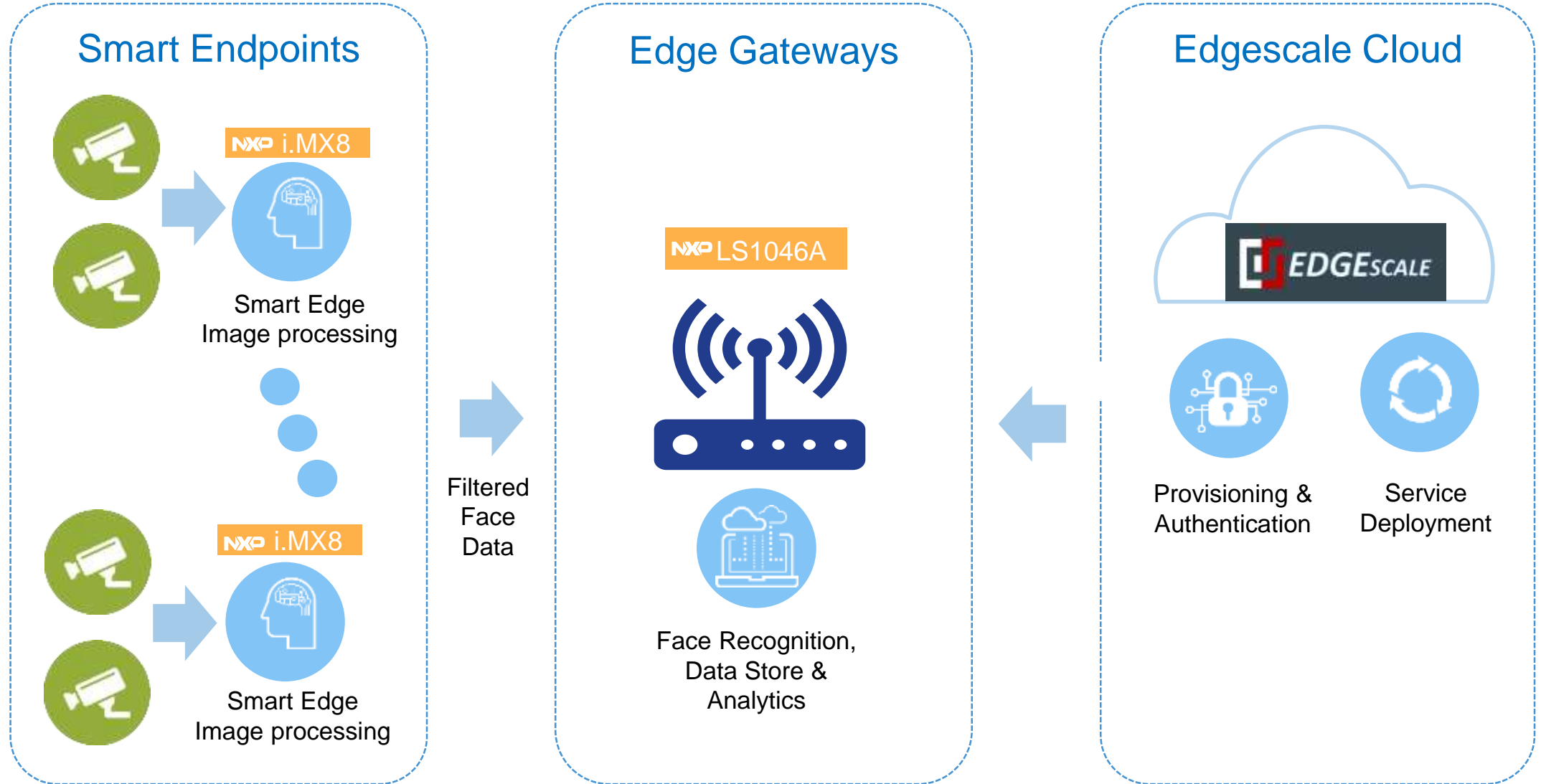


# Cascade Layerscape and i.MX Processors for Complex Designs

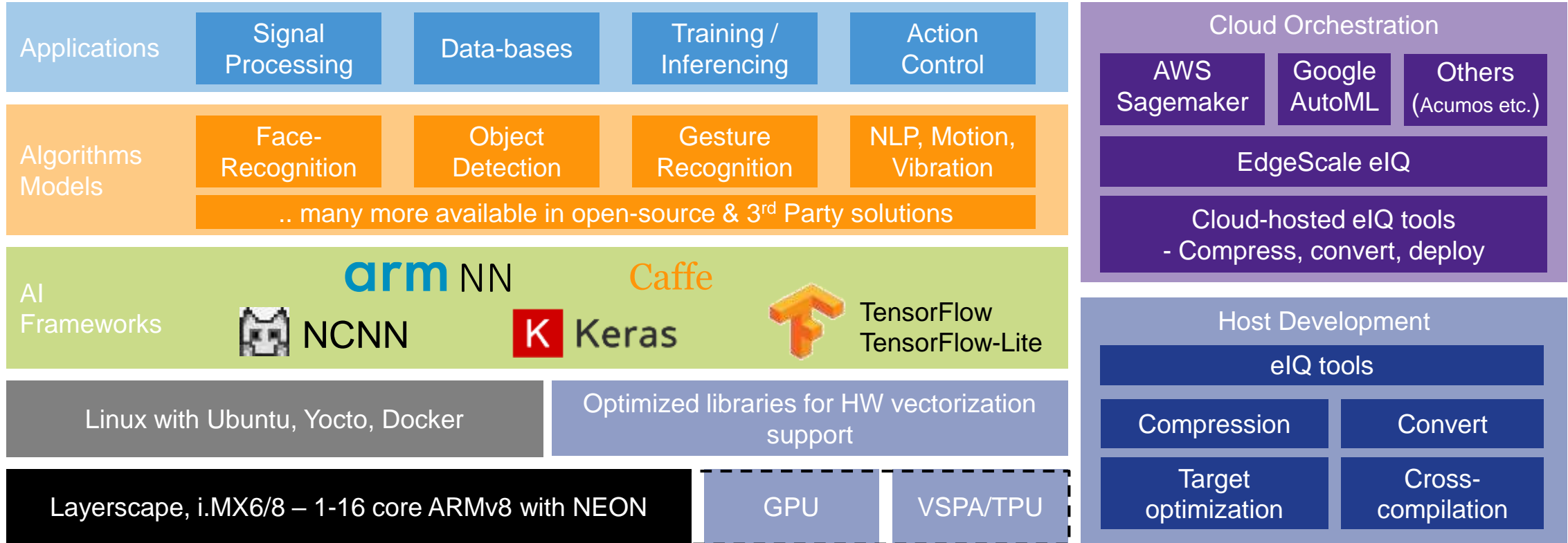


- **First-level functions (i.MX, LS, MCU)**
  - Classify/perceive
  - Recognize/model
  - Preprocess
- **Second-level functions (Layerscape)**
  - Fuse first-level inputs
  - Interpret data and model behavior
  - Predict and plan responses
  - Log data
  - Communicate

# Scalable Video Analytics Solution



# Edgescale and eIQ for AI on Layerscape & i.MX



- NXP provides the right enablement for cloud-connected AI/ML applications @ Edge.
- Host-based eIQ tools for model conversion, optimization and target optimization.
- Edgescale leverages eIQ tools for cloud-based orchestration and integration with Sagemaker, AutoML etc.
- Helps customer leverage open-source frameworks, models and communities.

# AI Frameworks Running on Layerscape

- Layerscape SDK supports popular AI/ML frameworks
  - Documentation available
  - Customer support available
- Other supported software
  - Video codecs
  - Camera drivers



NCNN

armNN

Caffe



Keras



TensorFlow  
TensorFlow-Lite

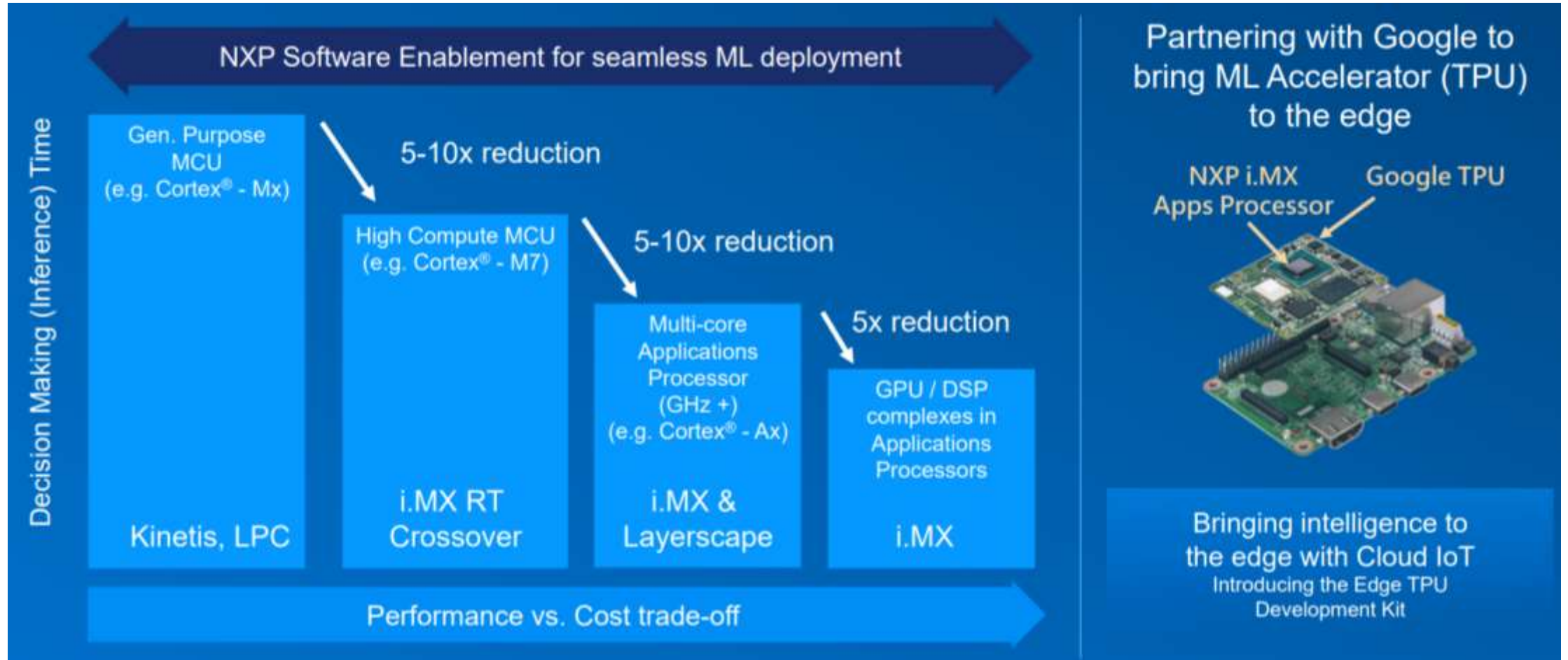
# Choosing the Right Algorithm Matters

	Option 1	Option 2
Algorithm	FaceNet	MobileFaceNet
Inference Framework	Tensorflow	NCNN
Implementation	Tensorflow (Python)	C++ (no lib dependency)
Performance (LS1046 – 4x A72@1.8GHz)	<b>4 core: ~200 msec</b>	<b>4 core: ~10ms</b> <b>1 core: ~50ms</b>
Accuracy (improvable with training)	<b>99.6%</b>	<b>99.5%</b>
Model Complexity (#weights)	<b>19.5M</b>	<b>1M</b>
Model File Size (MB @Float32)	<b>93</b>	<b>4</b>
OS	Linux	Linux, Android, Portable to RTOS

- AI Algorithms and Frameworks are rapidly evolving.
- What works well on servers may not be optimized for the embedded Edge.
- General purpose cores may perform as well as accelerators for certain workloads.

# Edge Compute Enabler – Scalable Inference

Balancing Cost vs. End-user Experience



# Google Edge TPU SOM w/ NXP SoC

## Edge TPU Module (SOM) Specifications

CPU	NXP i.MX 8M SOC (quad Cortex-A53, Cortex-M4F)
GPU	Integrated GC7000 Lite Graphics
ML accelerator	Google Edge TPU coprocessor
RAM	1 GB LPDDR4
Flash memory	8 GB eMMC
Wireless	Wi-Fi 2x2 MIMO (802.11b/g/n/ac 2.4/5GHz) Bluetooth 4.1
Dimensions	40 mm x 48 mm

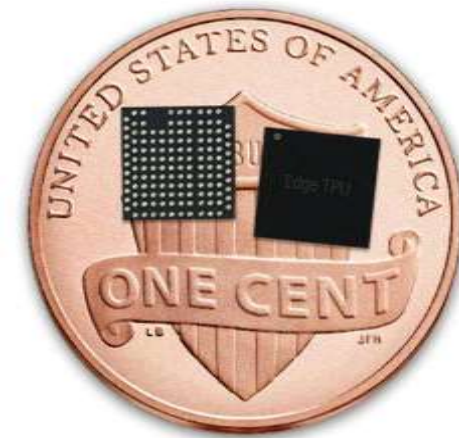
## Board Features

Flash memory	MicroSD slot
USB	Type-C OTG Type-C power Type-A 3.0 host
LAN	Micro-B serial console Gigabit Ethernet port
Audio	3.5mm audio jack (CTIA compliant) Digital PDM microphone (x2) 2.54mm 4-pin terminal for stereo speakers
Video	HDMI 2.0a (full size) 39-pin FFC connector for MIPI-DSI display (4-lane) 24-pin FFC connector for MIPI-CSI2 camera (4-lane)
GPIO	40-pin expansion header
Power	5V DC (USB Type-C)
Dimensions	85 mm x 56 mm



# Google Edge TPU Performance on Common Vision Models

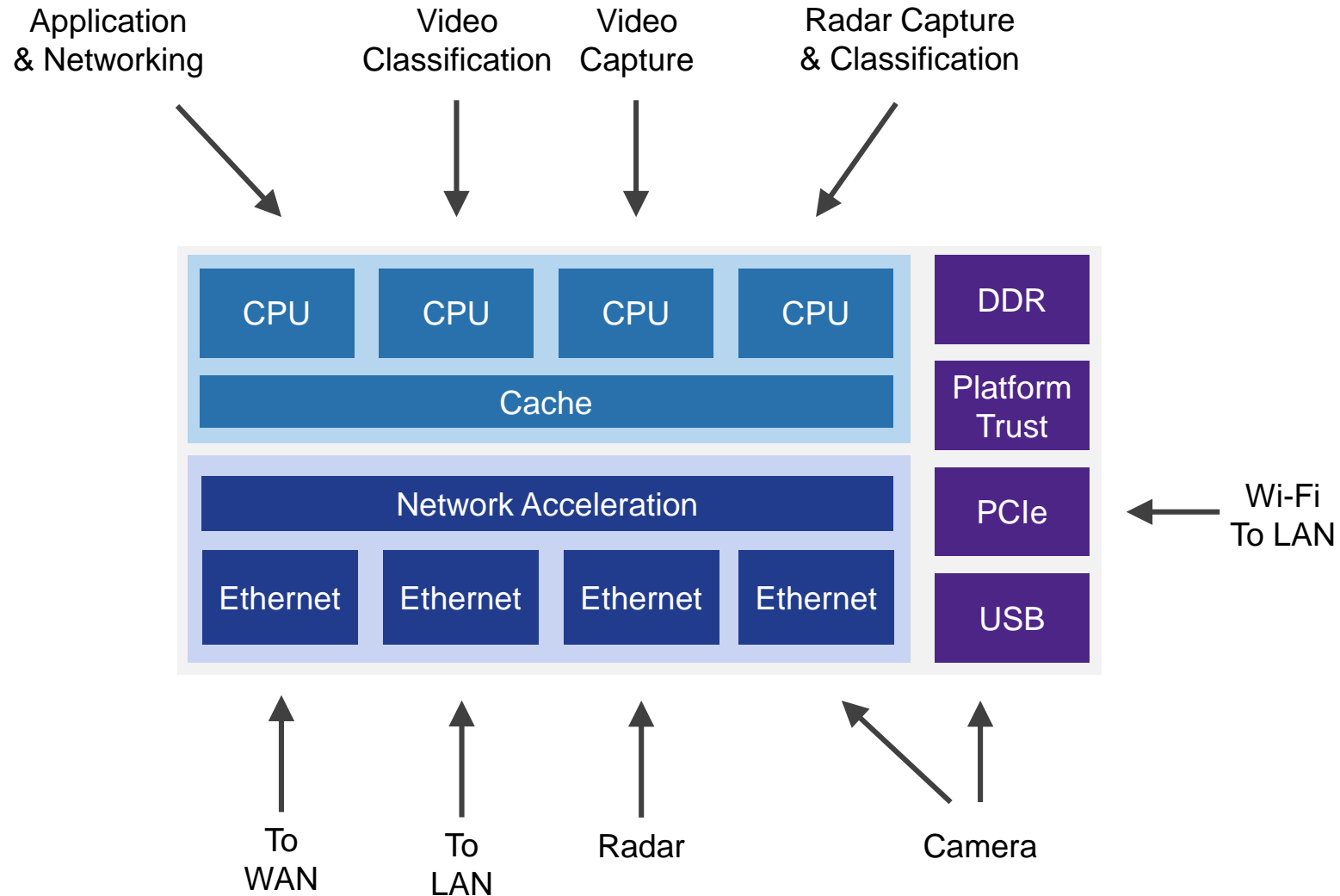
Model	Performance (connected through USB or PCIe)
GoogleNet:	600 fps
Inception v2:	400 fps
MobileNet:	700 fps



NXP is working with Google to explore Edge TPU usage in professional/industrial markets.

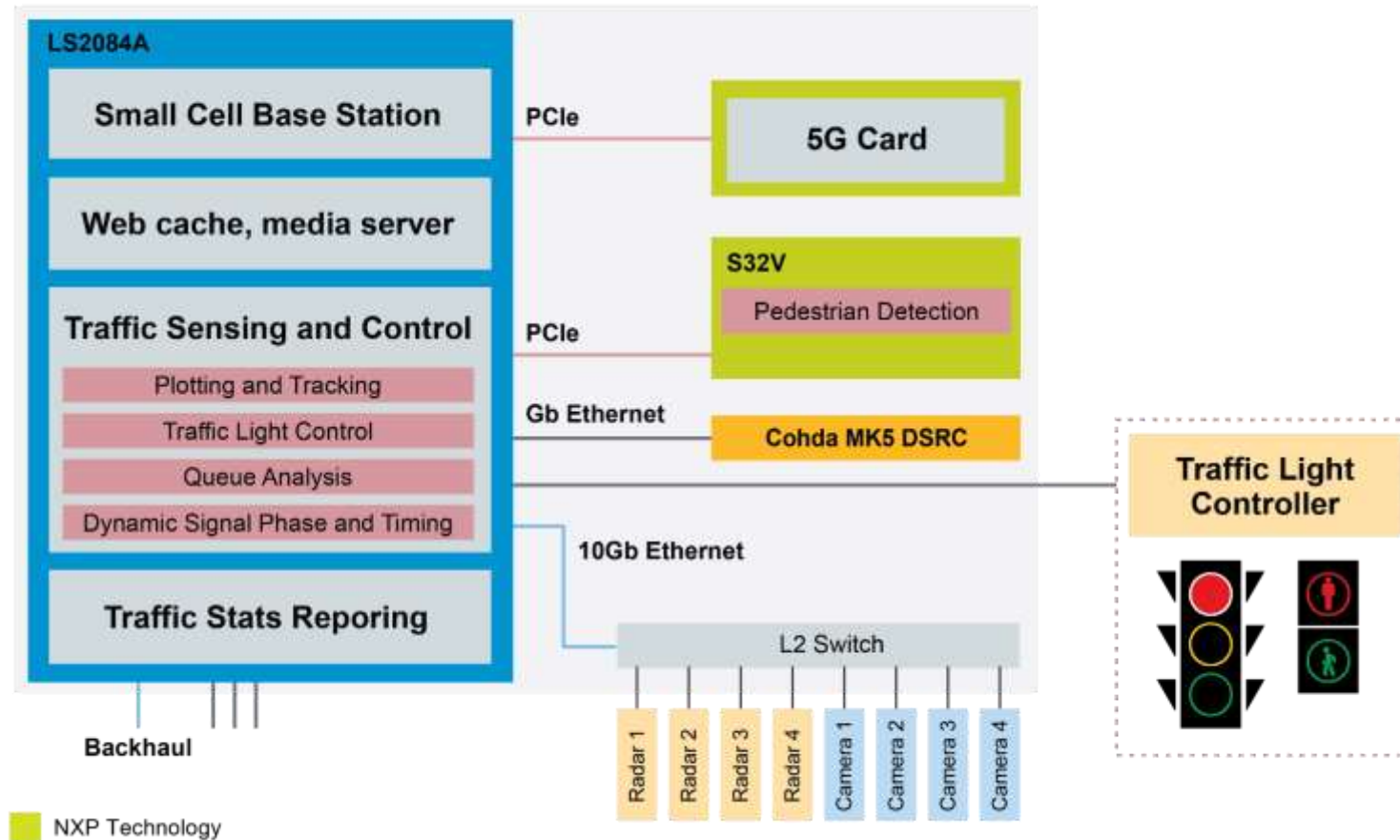


# Mapping Home Automation & Safety to Layerscape LS1046

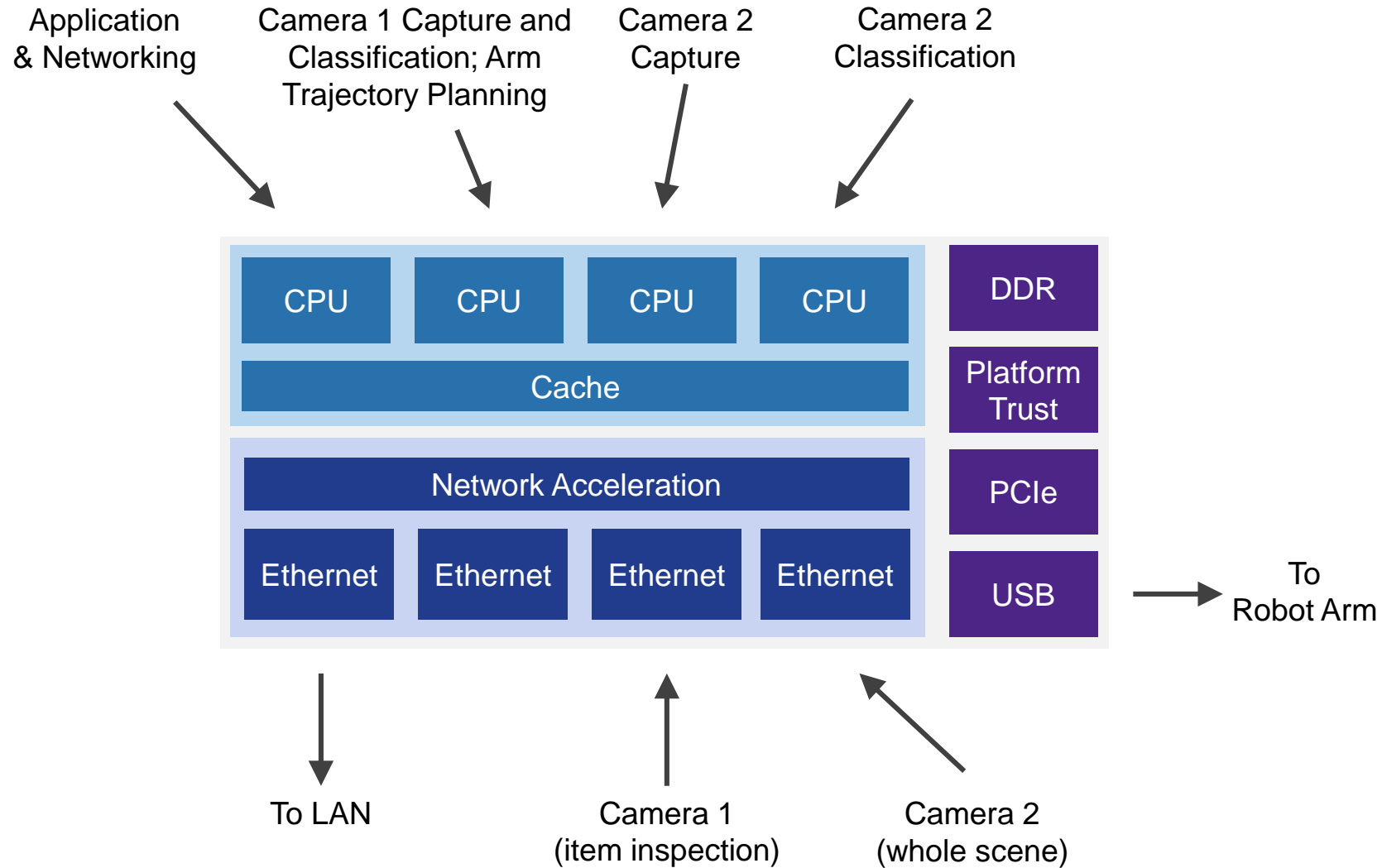


# Mapping Layerscape LS2084 to Roadside Unit

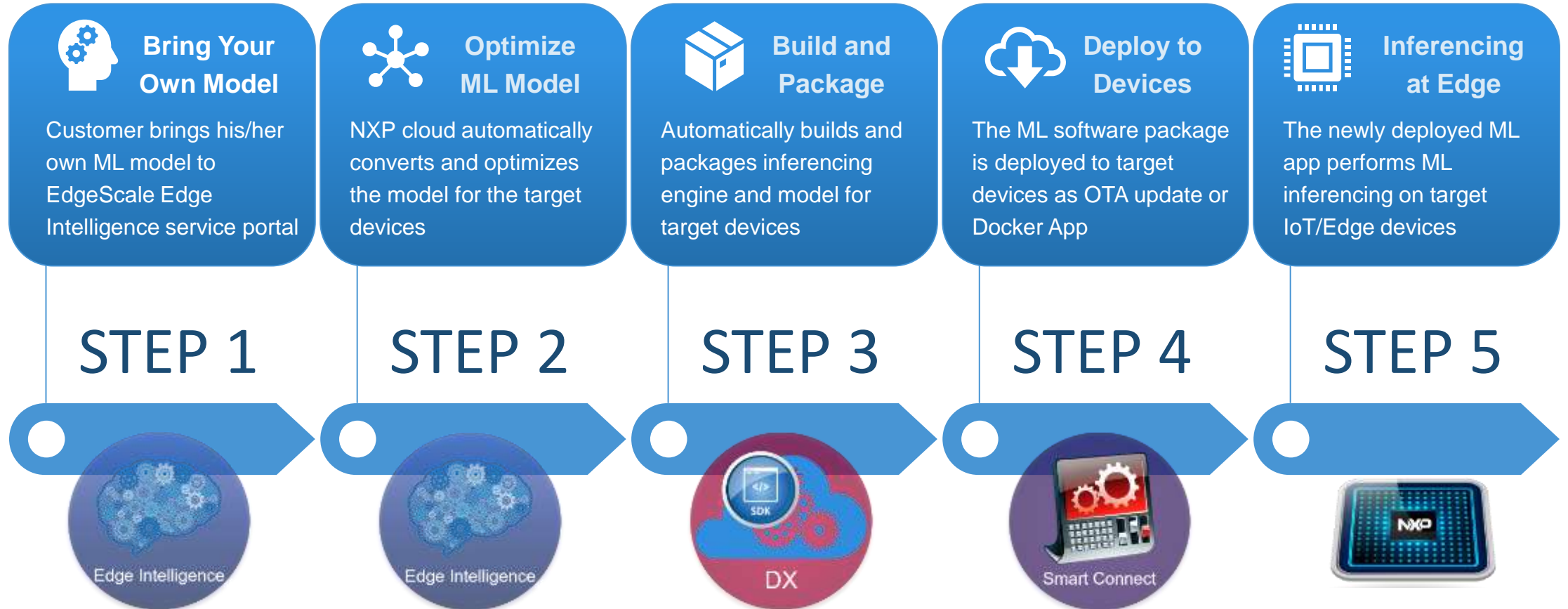
## INTELLIGENT TRAFFIC CONTROLLER BLOCK DIAGRAM



# Mapping Robot Arm Picker to Layerscape LS1046



# AI/ML DX Example – Bring Your Own Model



# AI/ML DX Example – Pick Your Own Engine



## Pick Your Own Engine

EdgeScale Edge Intelligence service offers options for customer to pick his/her own inference engine framework



Edge Intelligence



## Build and Package

EdgeScale DX service automatically builds and packages inferencing engine and model for target devices



DX

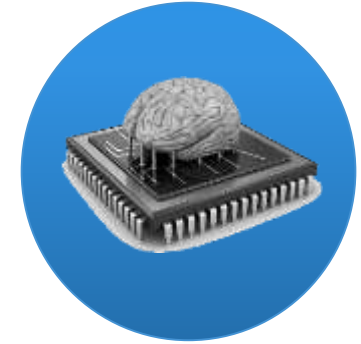


## Deploy to Devices

EdgeScale Smart Connect service deploys the ML software package to target devices as OTA update or Docker App



Smart Connect

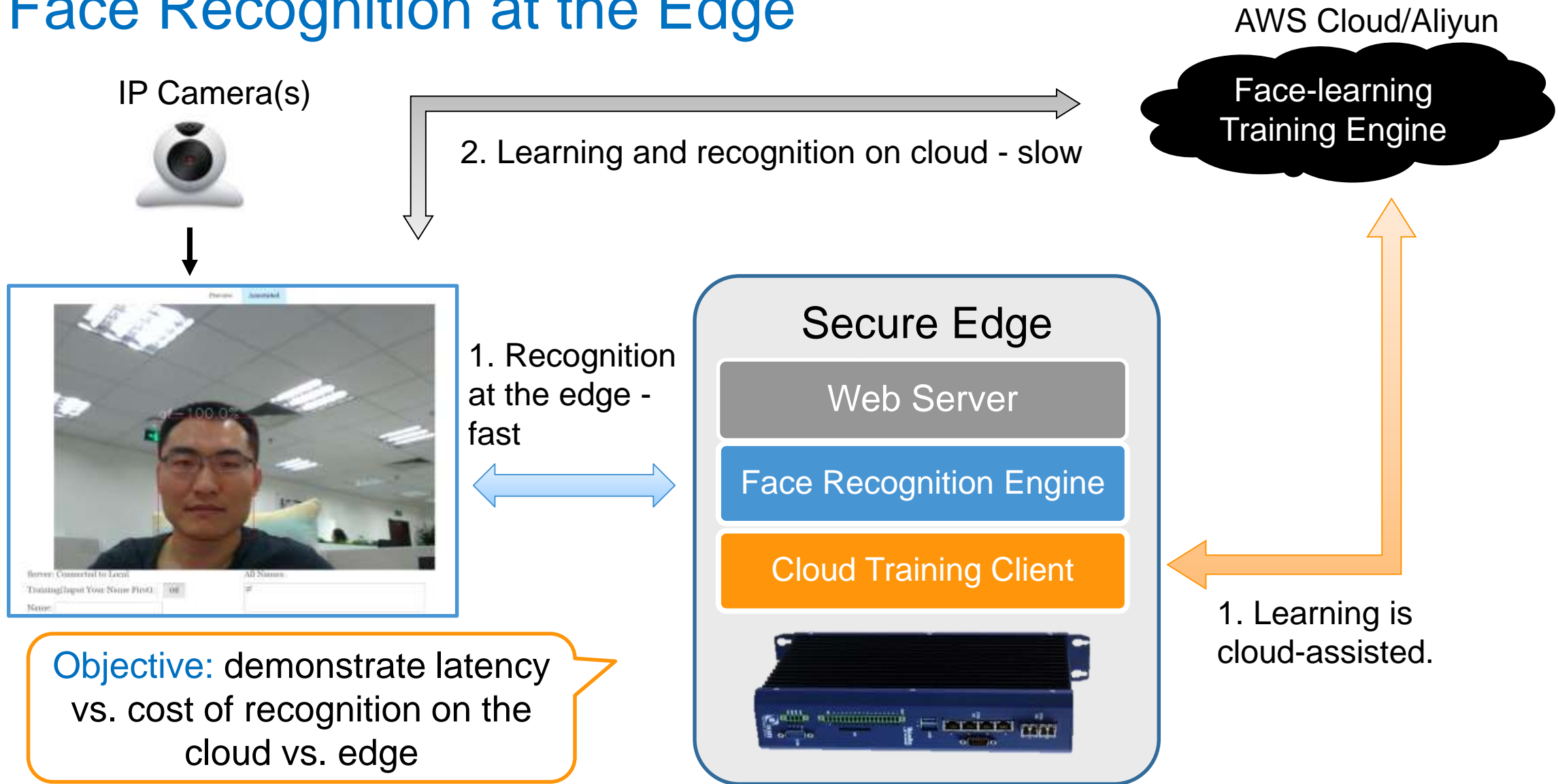


## Inferencing at Edge

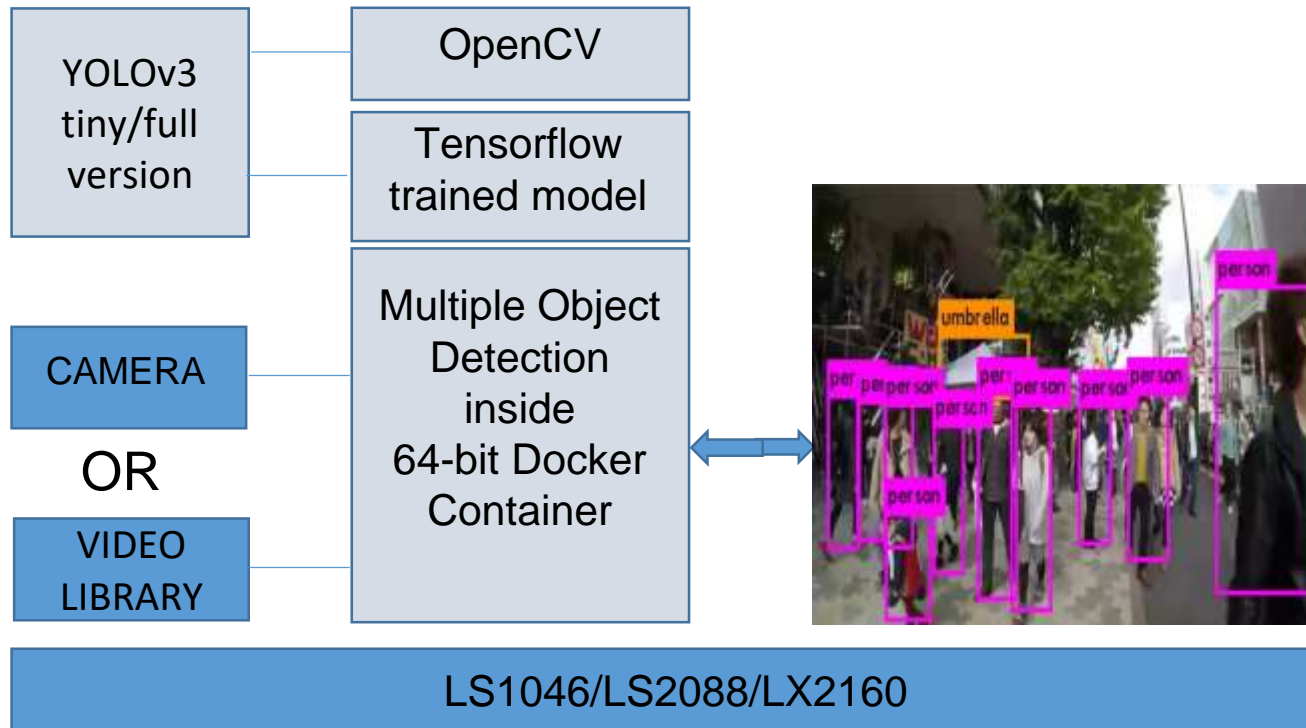
The newly deployed ML app performs ML inferencing on target IoT/Edge devices



# Face Recognition at the Edge



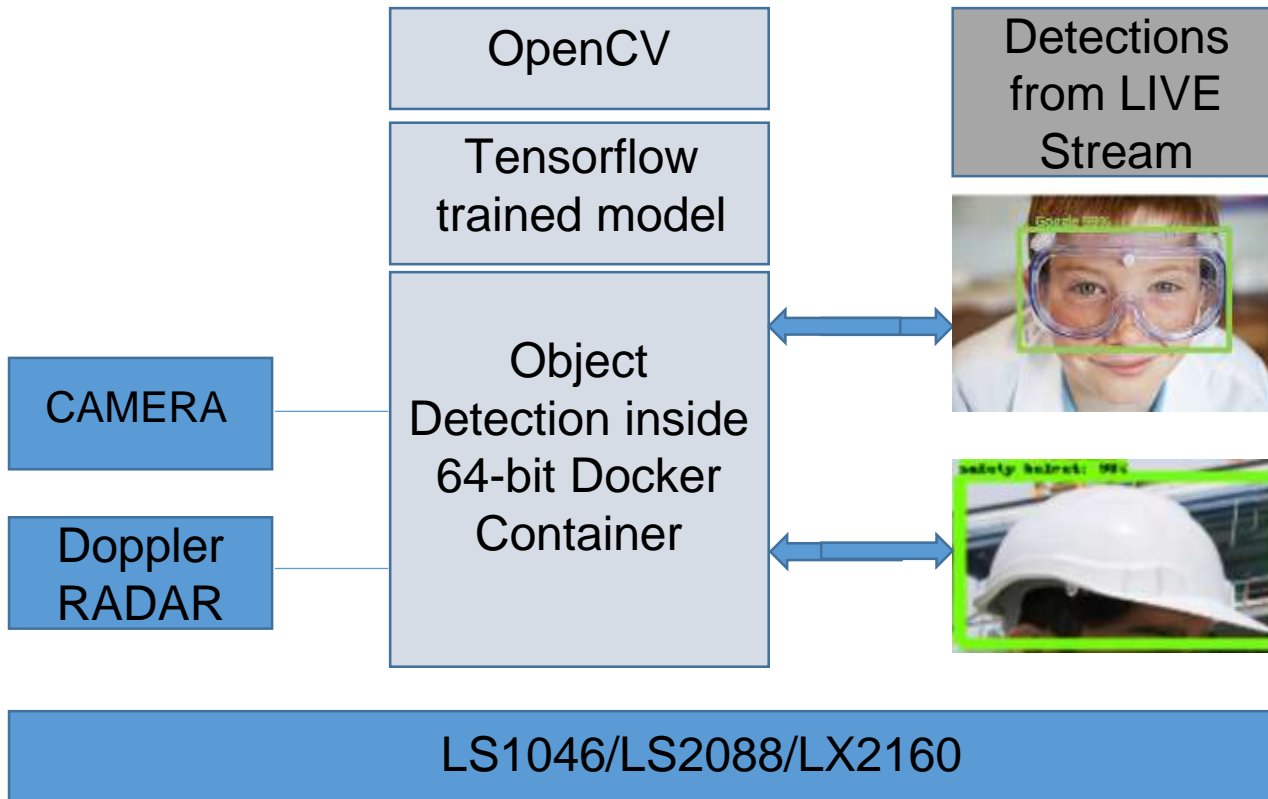
# People/Object Counting Using Machine Learning on Layerscape



## What does it show/solve?

- Demonstrates Machine learning for People/Object counting in a given area of interest.
- **Secure Surveillance:** Can be used to count people/objects from Video database or real time Video stream
- **Advanced Machine Learning:** Detection of multiple persons and objects using tensorflow, OpenCV and YOLOv3 algorithm. Scalable FPS across 4/8/16-core ARM platforms.

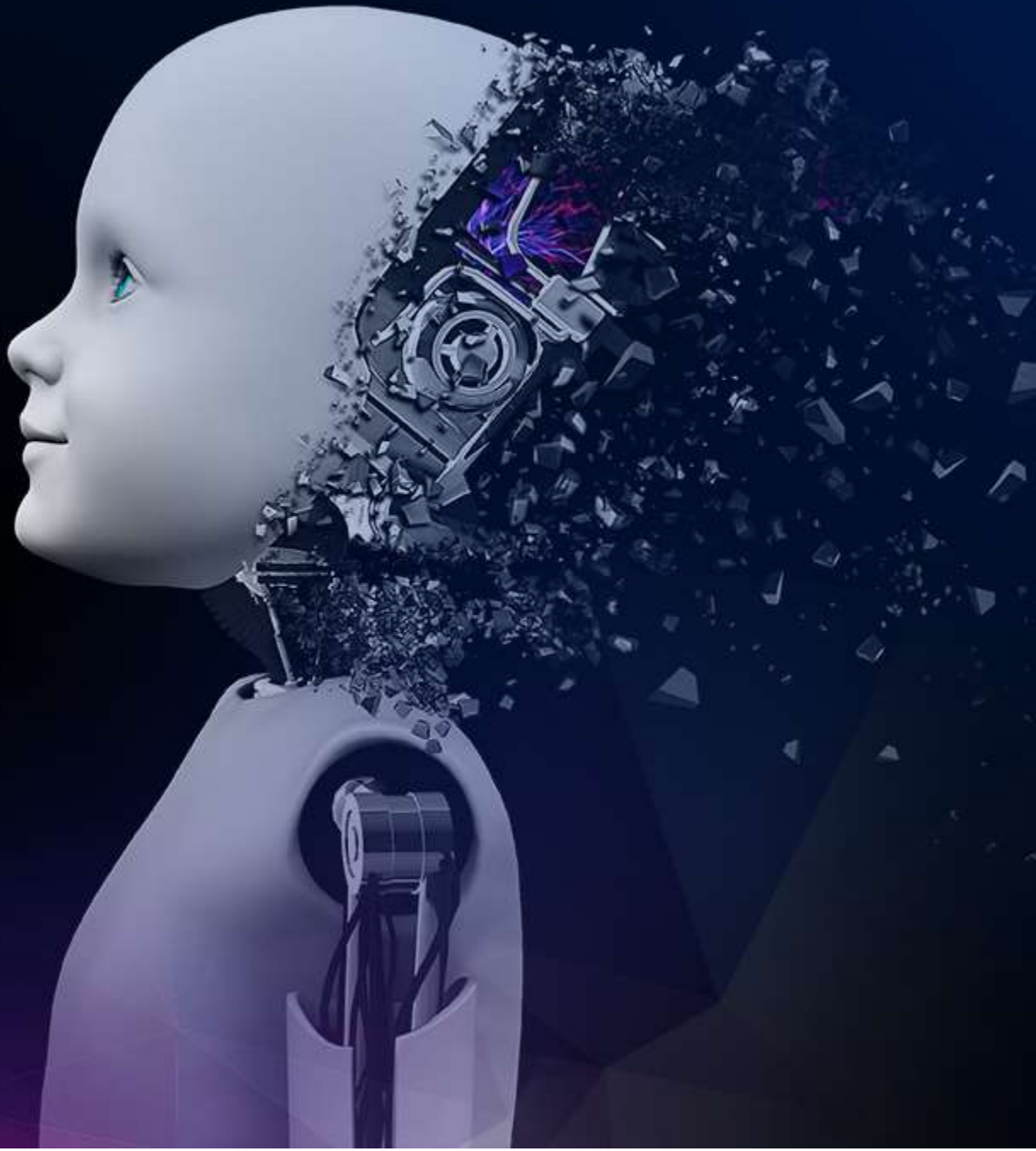
# Industrial Safety Using Machine Learning on Layerscape



## What does it show/solve?

- Demonstrates Machine learning for object detection of Safety goggles and safety helmet with highest accuracy
- **Security:** Factory Operators flagged at factory entrance without the presence of safety gears.
- **Safety:** Doppler Radar is used to set digital safety zone flagging operator to wear goggles
- **Machine Learning:** Detection of goggles and helmet using tensorflow, OpenCV and a customized dataset.





## Key Takeaways

AI has numerous industrial uses

NXP has the hardware, software, and ecosystem to enable you to get started today

The power of AI will only improve



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