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Traffic Analysis Using SAS Computer Vision

Increase efficiency of TMC operations with many cameras (time & money)

Utilizing traffic cameras to reduce dependency on sensors and human labor

- Source data comes from publicly available traffic camera video feed
- Use Cases:BatchVehicle Classification
(image classification)Vehicle Count Tracking
(object detection)Real-TimeTraffic Violations
(geofencing)Speed Estimation
(object tracking)Congestion Alerting
(anomaly detection)



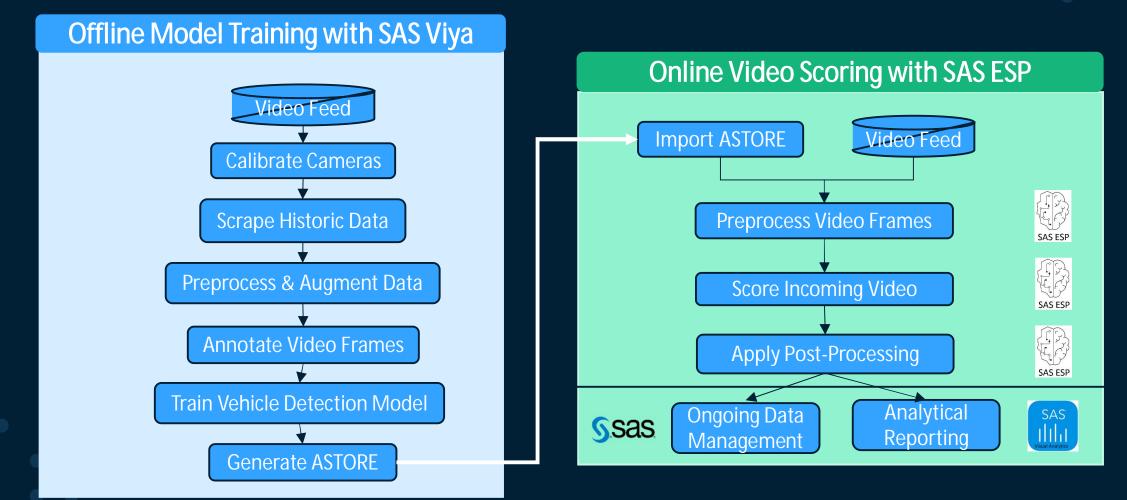
Leveraged combination of SAS Deep Learning and 3rd Party Open Source Software Tools:

Python	Intel CVAT
(image capture pre-processing)	(video annotation labelling)
SAS	Other Opensource
(detection,classifcation,, real-time)	(Model Training, Detection)



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Technical Overview Computer Vision Process Flow





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Vehicle Detection and Tracking





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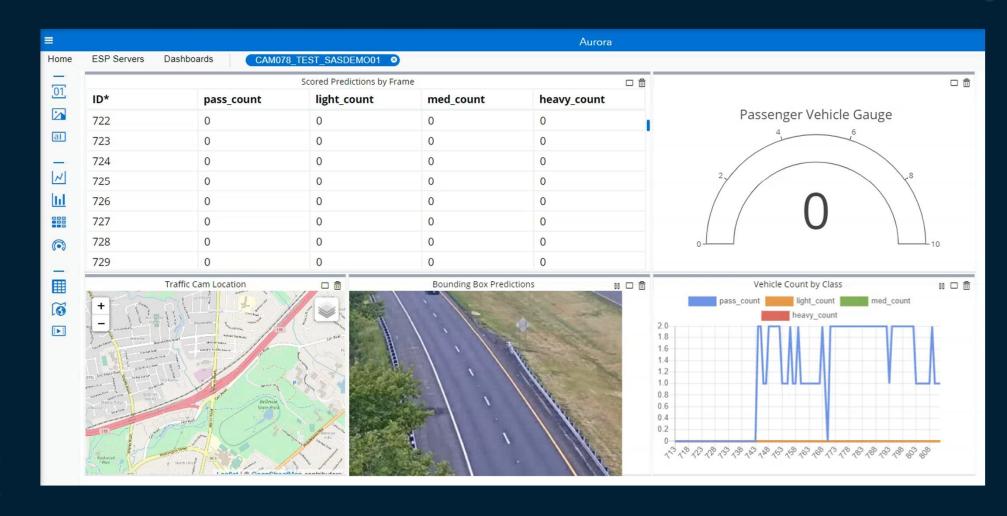
Speed Estimation





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Running Computer Vision Projects in Real-Time



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Challenges

• Traffic Cameras

- Requires fixed and reliable camera view (no panning, zooming, shaking)
- Speed estimates heavily dependent upon reliability and consistency in FPS of incoming video
- Speed estimates require precise point of reference to measure pixel displacement
- Detection at night, foggy, snowy and other weather conditions

Model Training

- Different camera views require customized model training
- Post-processing: Geofencing and filtering the output is required for improved accuracy
- Models require resizing images/frames



Working with Traffic Cameras -Axis firmware Capturing Videos for Batch and Real-Time Processing

- 1) Connecting directly to cameras; no descriptive error on why it failed
- 2) Getting cameras to write their video files into storage; MS Azure
 - IP address match with Azure network security,
 - Camera did not support a version of the SMB protocol that was supported by Azure
- 3) Work-around connecting camera to local drive- Symlink local share to Azure
 - Not able to get any written files, symlink failure or other issue with camera
- VMS: Proprietary video format

