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Motivation

- Demonstrate the deployment of AI algorithms in an edge context
- Show the potential of edge AI for future Smart City applications
- Expose optimization potential from the hard- and software side
- Show potential pitfalls of deploying AI into resource restricted environment
- Present a lightweight open-source software stack modern edge computer vision software can be based upon



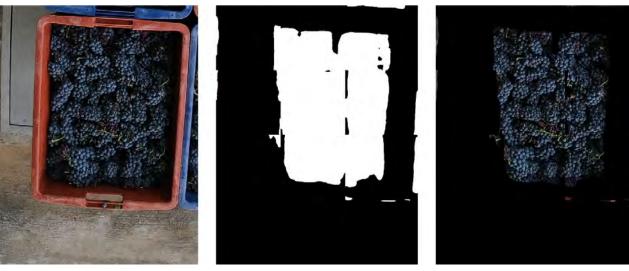
Related Work - Applications

General Application:

- Predictive maintenance [1]
- Intrusion detection [2]

Computer Vision:

- Indoor person-following systems [3]
- Trash and litter detection [4]
- Odometry estimation [5]



Segmentation of grapes [6]

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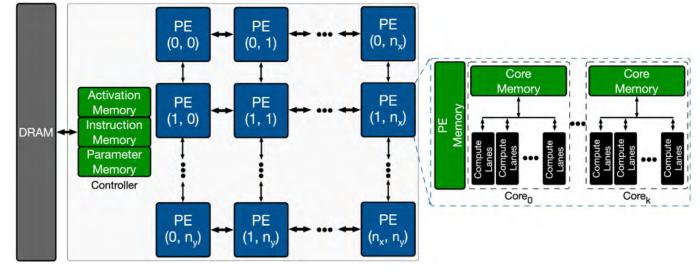
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Related Work – Architecture and Performance

- Empirical performance measurements [7, 8]
- Architecture specific optimizations [9, 10]



Principle TPU matrix architecture [9]

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YOLOv5

- Ultralytics YOLOv5



Yolov5 deployment pipeline

- Google benchmark model tool for performance evaluation [11]
- USB2 and USB3 port speed comparison
- Accuracy evaluation with pycocotools and the Common Objects in Context (COCO) evaluation dataset [12]
- Comparative models from Coral model zoo [13]

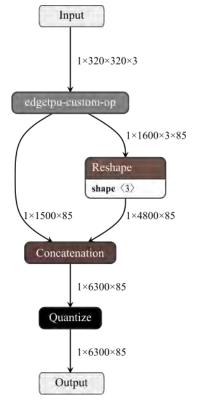


Raspberry Pi 4B with Google Coral edge TPU USB accelerator

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Model Optimizations



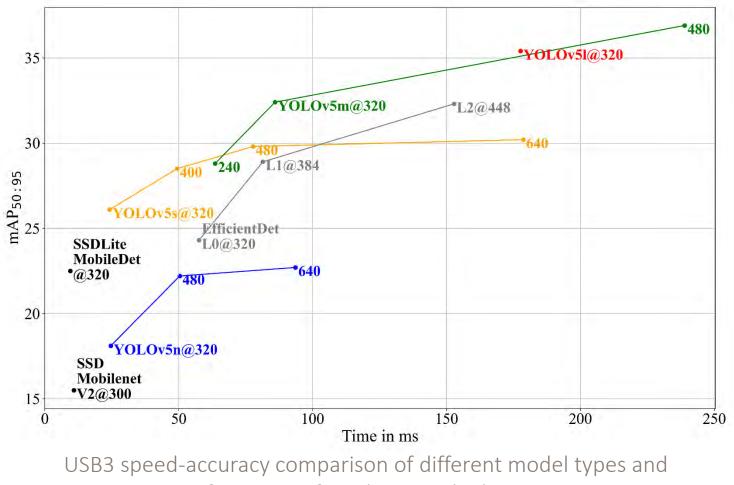
Quantized YOLOv5s edge TPU model

- Edge TPU can only process a reduced set of instructions
- A dedicated compiler is used to compile contiguous TFLite ops into an "edgetpu-custom-op"
- All incompatible operations are performed on CPU
- Reshape and Transpose ops become 'incompatible' if their input tensor exceeds an unspecified threshold

- Reduce input size and number of classes
- Split, process and merge tensors (divide and conquer)
- Move incompatible ops to the bottom of the graph
- Transform data flow to avoid reshaping and transposing
- Perform mathematical transformations offline on the weight tensors

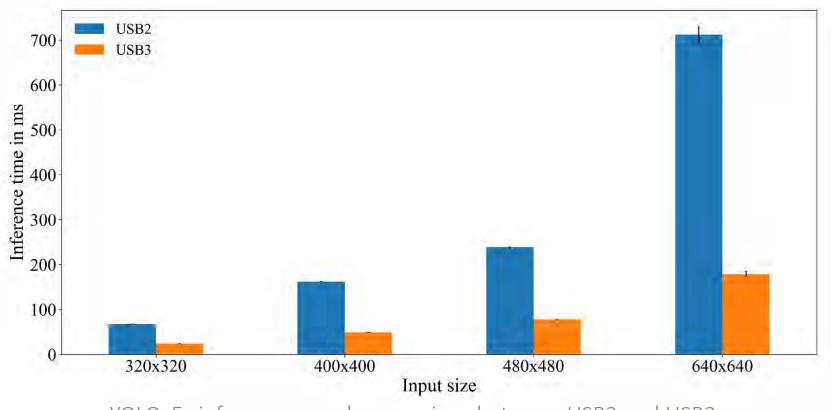
Input Size	YOLOv5s (6.1)		YOLOv5s (6.2dev)		Speedup
	TPU/CPU	USB3 Speed	TPU/CPU	USB3 Speed	
320x320	245/40	30.10ms	253/3	24.27ms	19.37%
640x640	225/59	427.48ms	240/16	178.67ms	58.20%
Comparison of YOLOv5s model before and after					
optimizations					

Speed-Accuracy Comparison

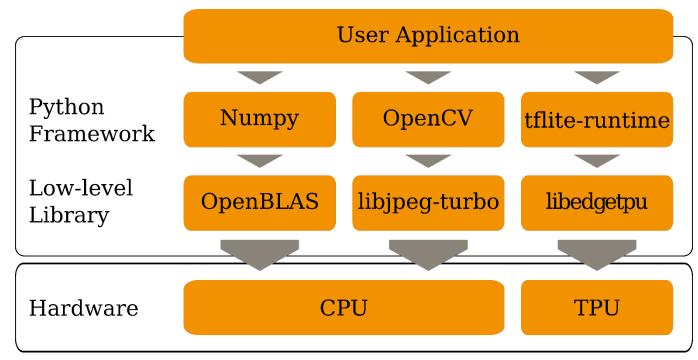


configurations for edge TPU deployment

USB Performance



YOLOv5s inference speed comparison between USB2 and USB3



Software µStack for edge AI applications

- STM32MP1 board with ARM Cortex-A7 dual core at 800Mhz + Coral Edge TPU + Webcam
- YOLOv5s model with 320x256 input
- Microservices for inference and visualization
- Raw inference time: ~300ms
- Overall power consumption: ~3.5W
- 10 times speed up with TPU compared to CPU
- Only USB2 and no SIMD acceleration



Summary and Future Work

Efficient Edge Deployment Demonstrated on YOLOv5 and Coral Edge TPU

- Efficient AI at the edge is feasible utilizing novel specialized hardware
- Inference Accelerators require optimized models to expose their full potential
- Data transfer has a significant impact on Al performance
- Optimized low level libraries are the foundation of edge application

Future Considerations

- Reduction of USB2 bottleneck
- Expand model portfolio (e.g., Image Segmentation)
- Consider new low power ARMv8/9 platforms for future deployment with SIMD support
- Evaluate edge TPU performance for MCU applications

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- Trustworthy, Dependable AI for Digitizing Industry
- Emerging AI Technologies in Industrial Applications



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Related Publication:

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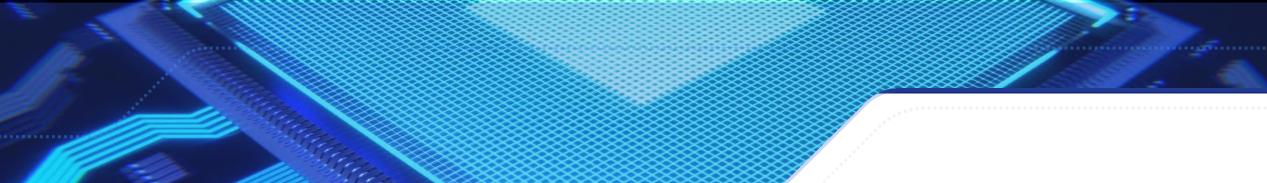


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