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USE CASE

MONITORING PALLETIZING PROCESS

CUSTOMER

Tier 1 Automotive Manufacturer

NEED

 Solution to monitor rim palletizing and alert workers in case of pallets with mixed rims.

Solution need to conform with EU privacy standards.

OUTCOMES

- Reduced shipments of incorrect/mixed pallets
- Fewer costly returns of whole pallets
- Reduced work and cost for the customer related to returning mixed pallets ensuring continued good relationships



CHALLENGES

- Due to human error mixed pallets were occasionally shipped to customers which were then returned and created extra cost for both the manufacturer and the customer
- Reliable monitoring in low light situations
- Due to privacy concerns, employees' heads, hands or arms could need to be blocked before the images are analyzed

PROCESS

- Development of four convolutional networks:
 - 1. Detection of location of the pallets on the floor
 - 2. detects rims on the pallets,
 - 3. identifies the rim model
 - 4. detects and blocks out human shapes.

SOLUTION

A high-resolution camera records the pallets. The images are analyzed with four convolutional networks in series to detect incorrect rims and block out human shapes.