

Many groups are working to co-design efficient SW/HW stacks for emerging workloads

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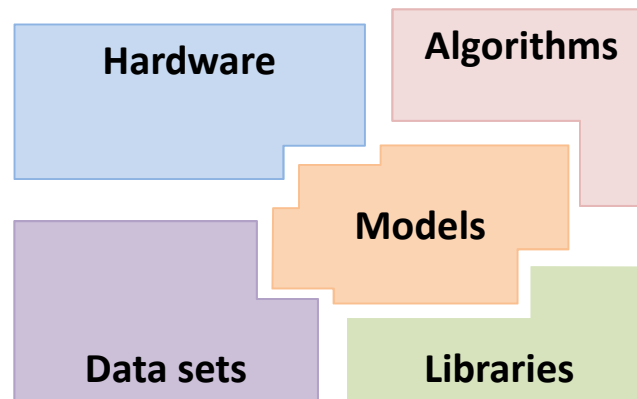
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Successful computer system must be carefully co-designed for real workloads such as AI and ML



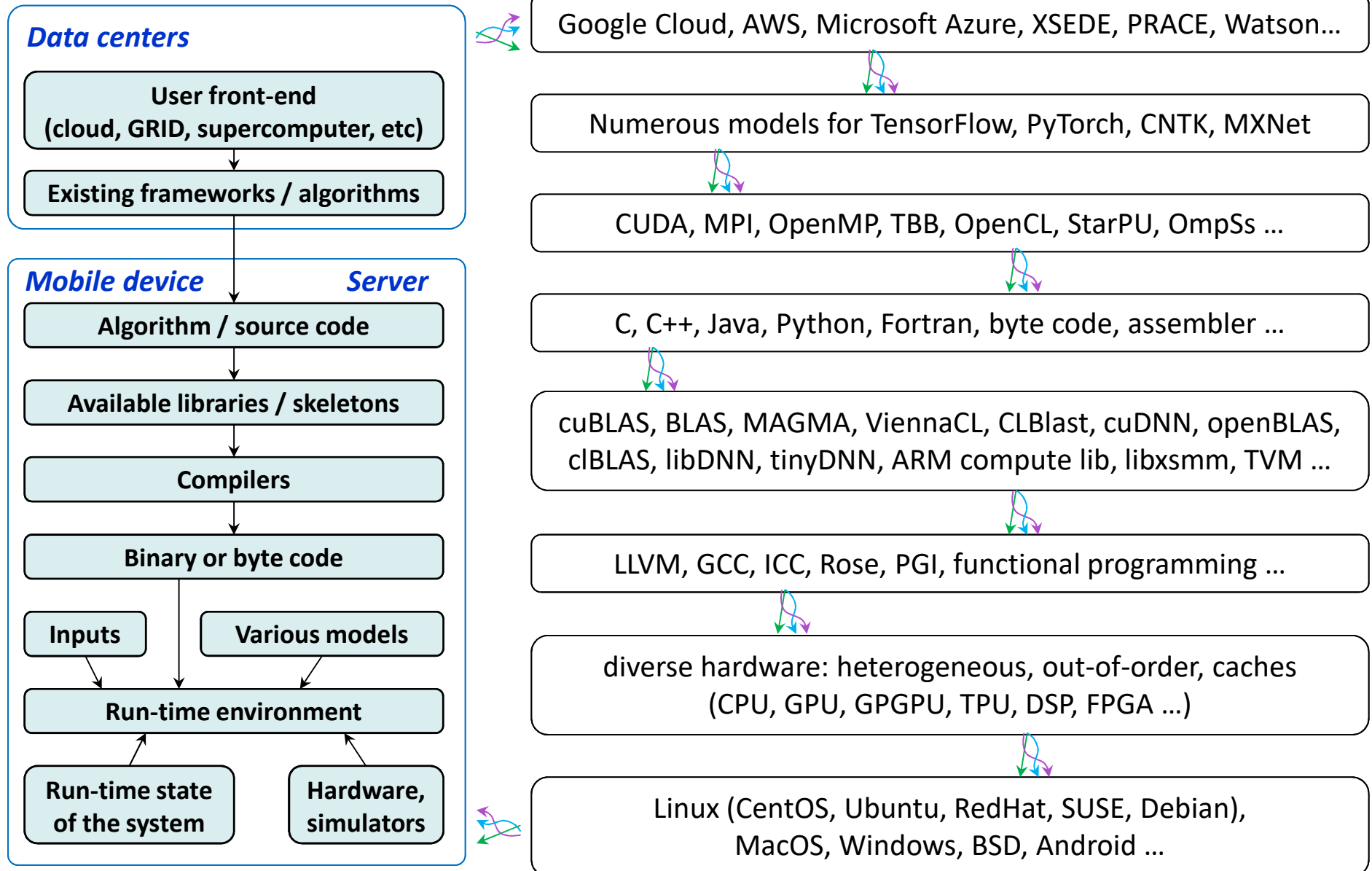
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while trading off multiple constraints
(accuracy, speed, energy, size, costs)

and maximizing ROI
*(faster time to market,
R&D sustainability,
much better than all competitors)*

However, system complexity is growing rapidly



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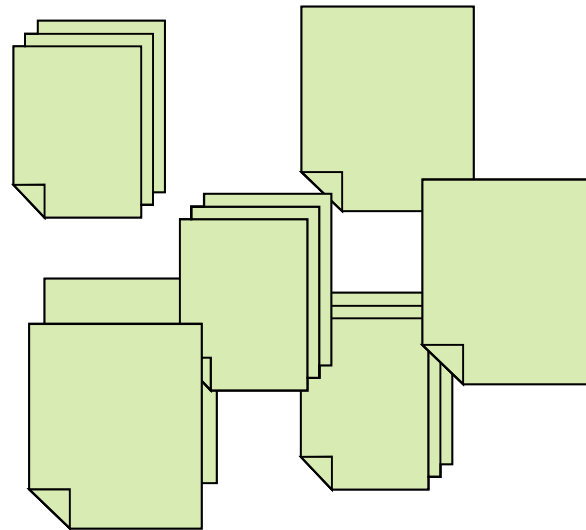
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Very few techniques are adopted by industry. They are often not ready due to:

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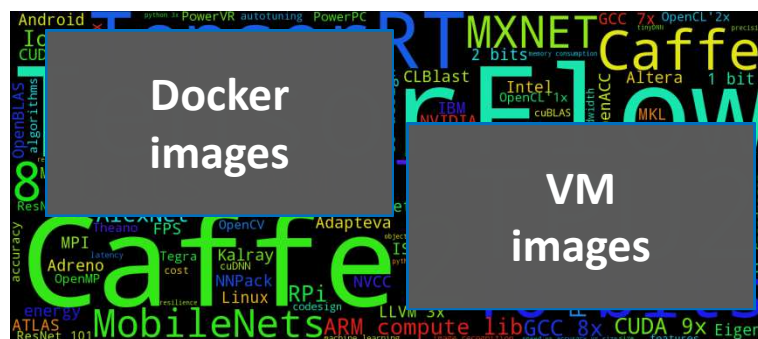
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- Technological chaos: continuously changing algorithm/model/SW/HW stack

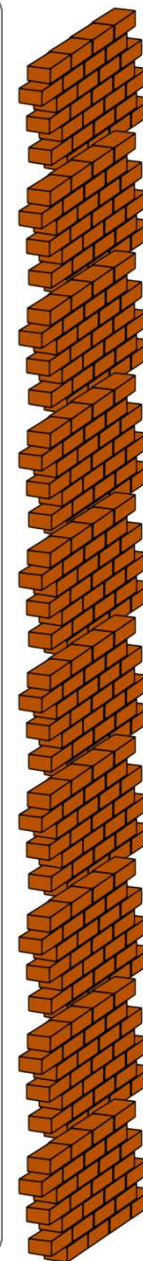


- Non-representative / outdated training sets
- No common experimental frameworks and established methodologies which can adapt to this chaos
- Numerous reproducibility issues
- Very little artifact reuse
- Very little tech. transfer from academia (toy examples and too many papers)
- Docker and VM images hide the mess but do not solve above problems

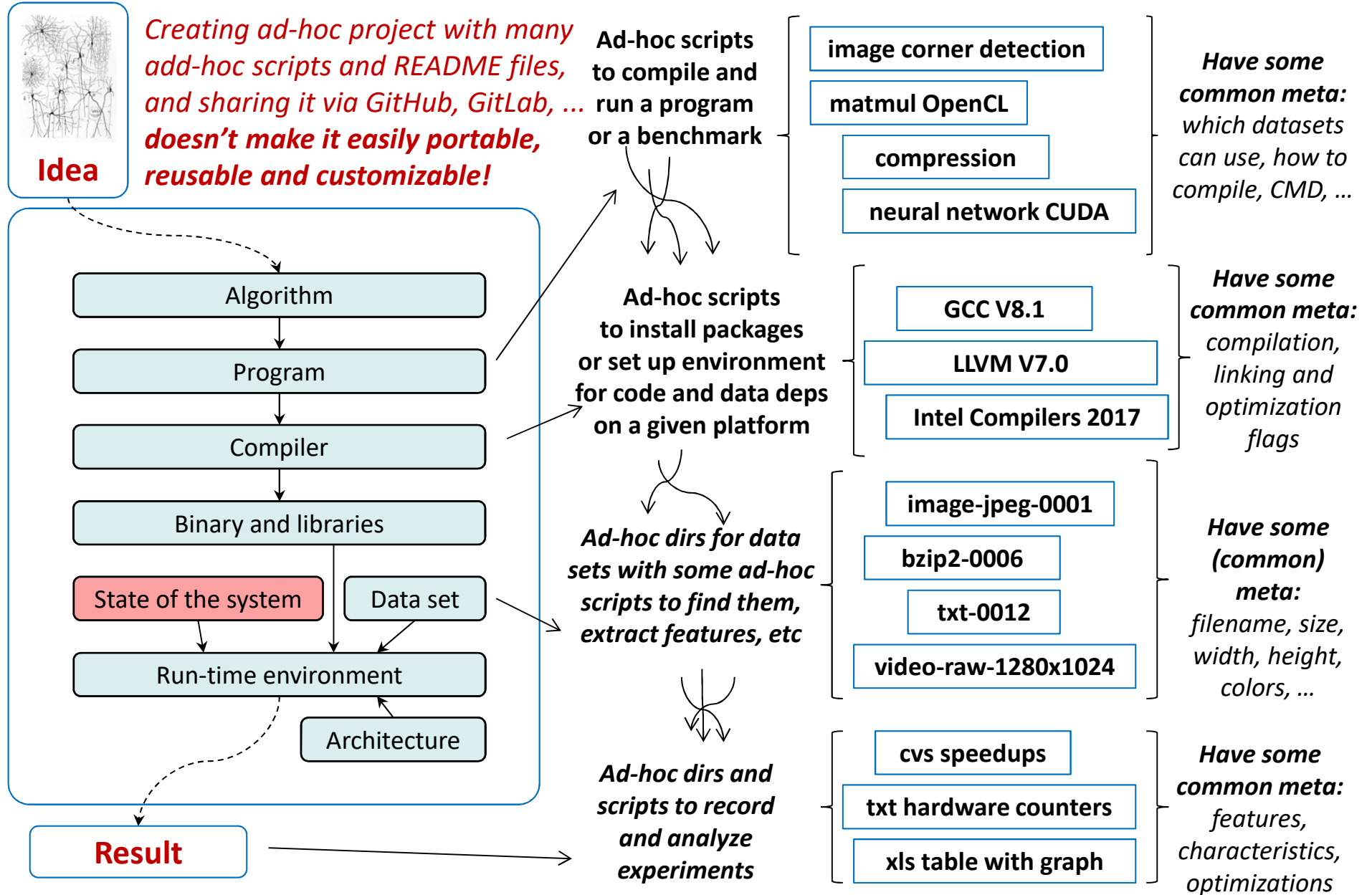
Public outcry in academia and industry about research and education crisis

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Worse: practically all projects develop some soft from scratch to perform similar tasks!



Very often software from published papers die when students leave or projects finish!

Collective Knowledge concept (CK): share code and data as reusable components

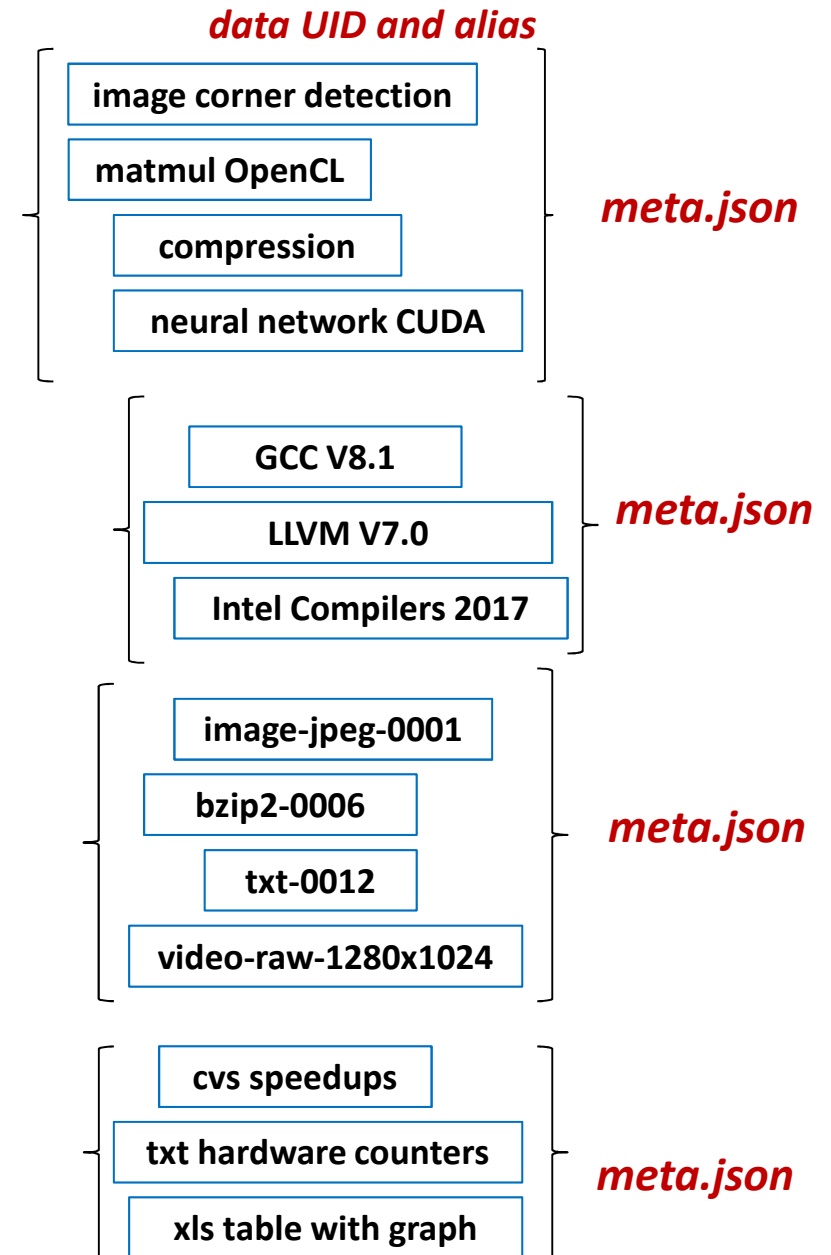
Provide unified Python APIs and JSON meta descriptions for similar code and data objects

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with functions:
compile and run

Python module
“soft”
with function:
setup

Python module
“dataset”
with function:
extract_features

Python module
“experiment”
with function:
add, get, analyze



CK framework: help users handle reusable research components from command line

CK: small python module (~200Kb); no extra dependencies; Linux; Win; MacOS *data UID and alias*

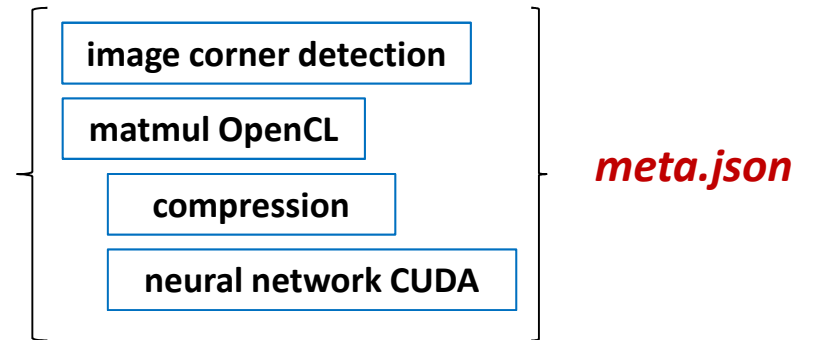
\$ ck {function} {module UID}:{data} @input.json

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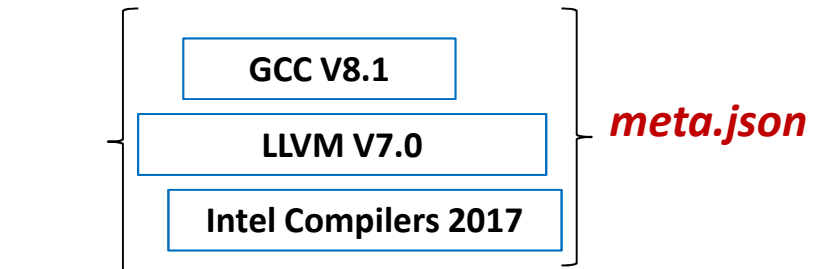


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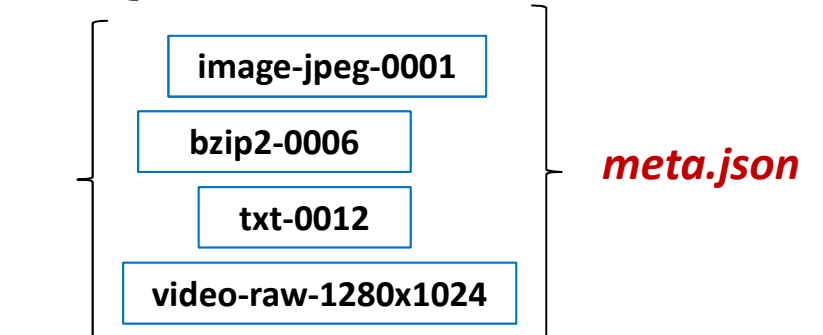


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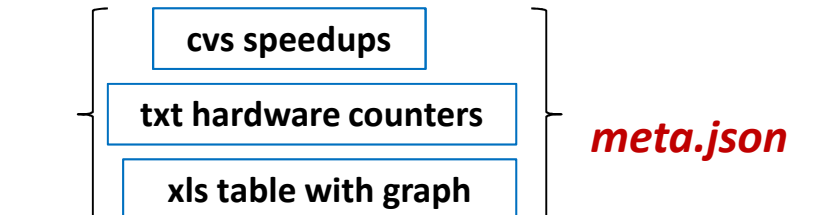


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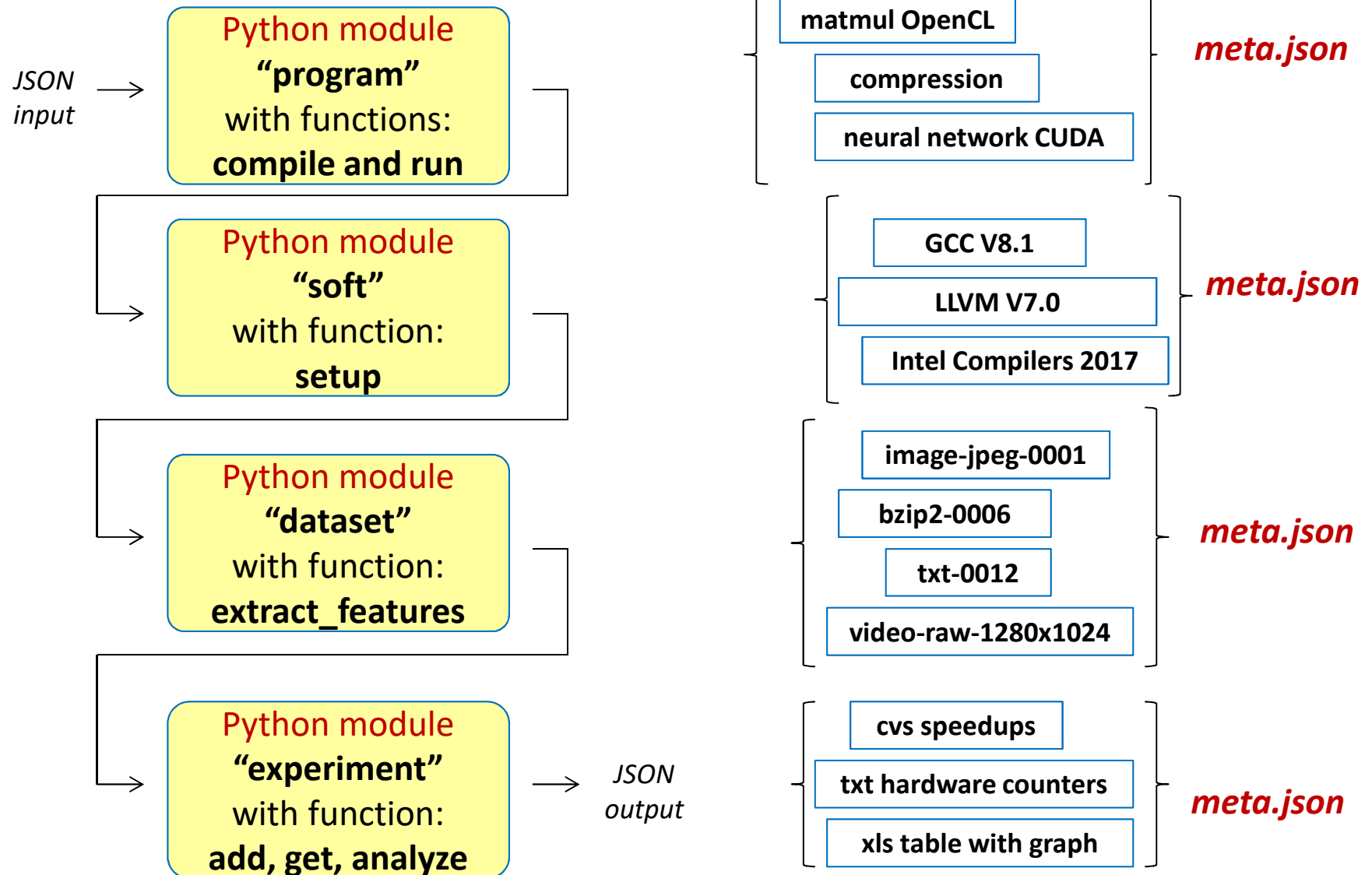


cKnowledge.org/shared-modules.html

CK framework: help users develop research workflows from shared components

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Assemble workflows from shared components



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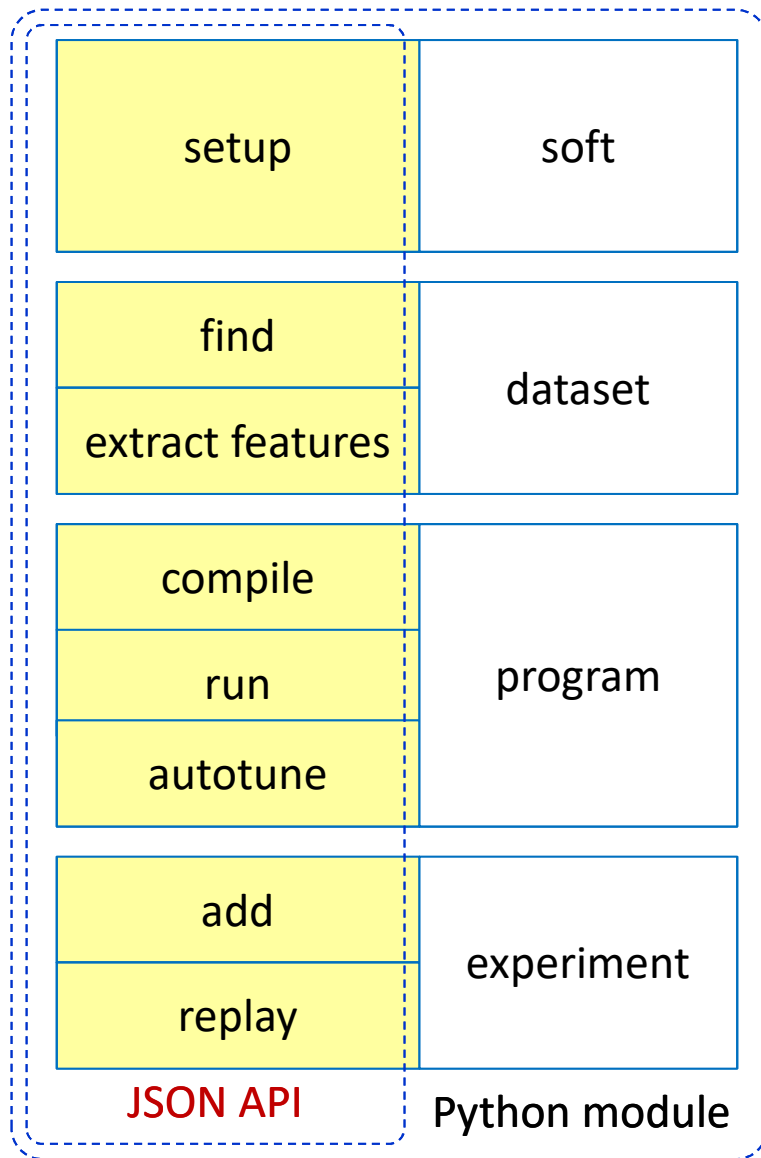
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CK directory structure

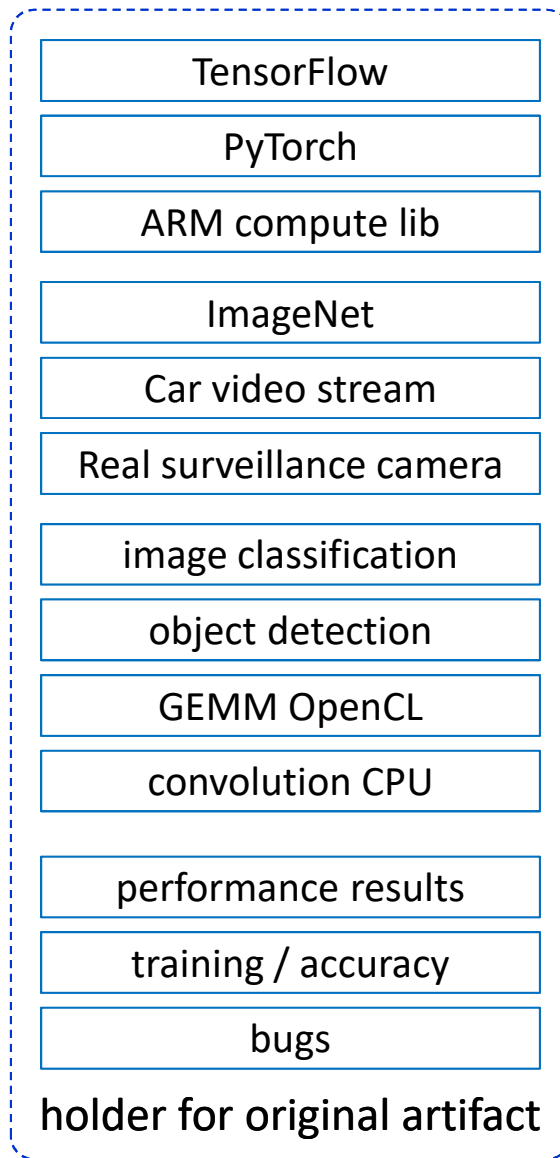
setup	soft	TensorFlow	with some desc.
		PyTorch	with some desc.
		ARM compute lib	with some desc.
<hr/>			
find	dataset	ImageNet	with some desc.
extract features		Car video stream	with some desc.
		Real surveillance camera	with some desc.
<hr/>			
compile	program	image classification	with some desc.
run		object detection	with some desc.
		GEMM OpenCL	with some desc.
autotune		convolution CPU	with some desc.
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add	experiment	performance results	
replay		training / accuracy	
		bugs	

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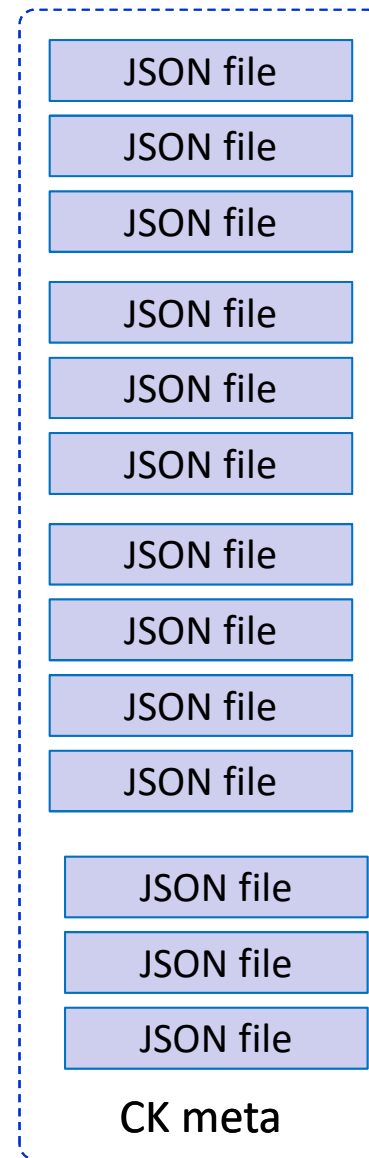
/ 1st level directory – CK modules



/ 2nd level dir - CK entries

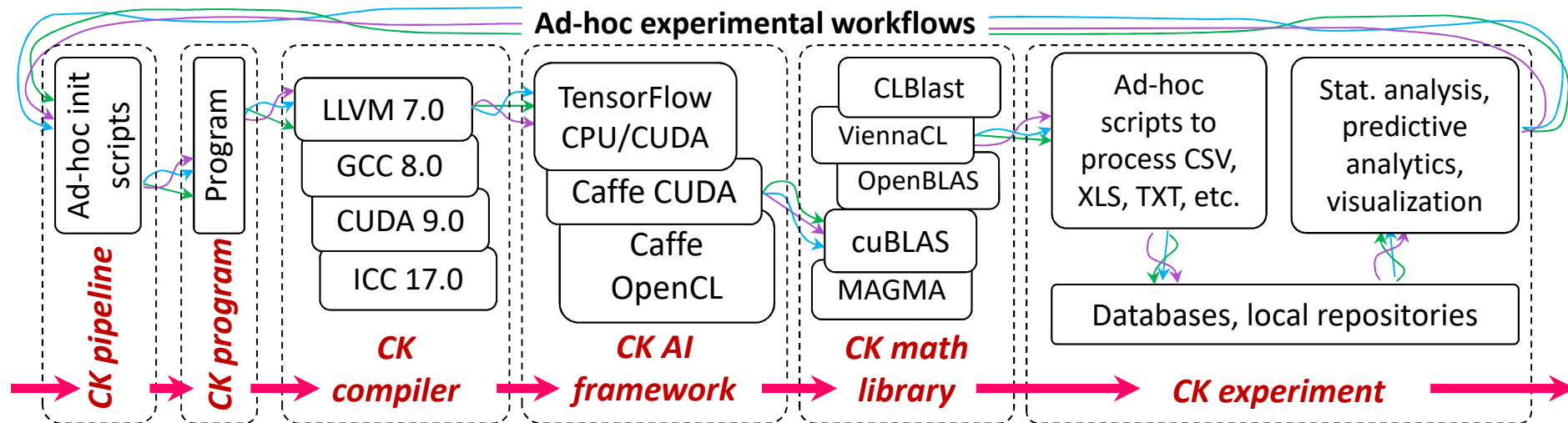


/ CK meta info



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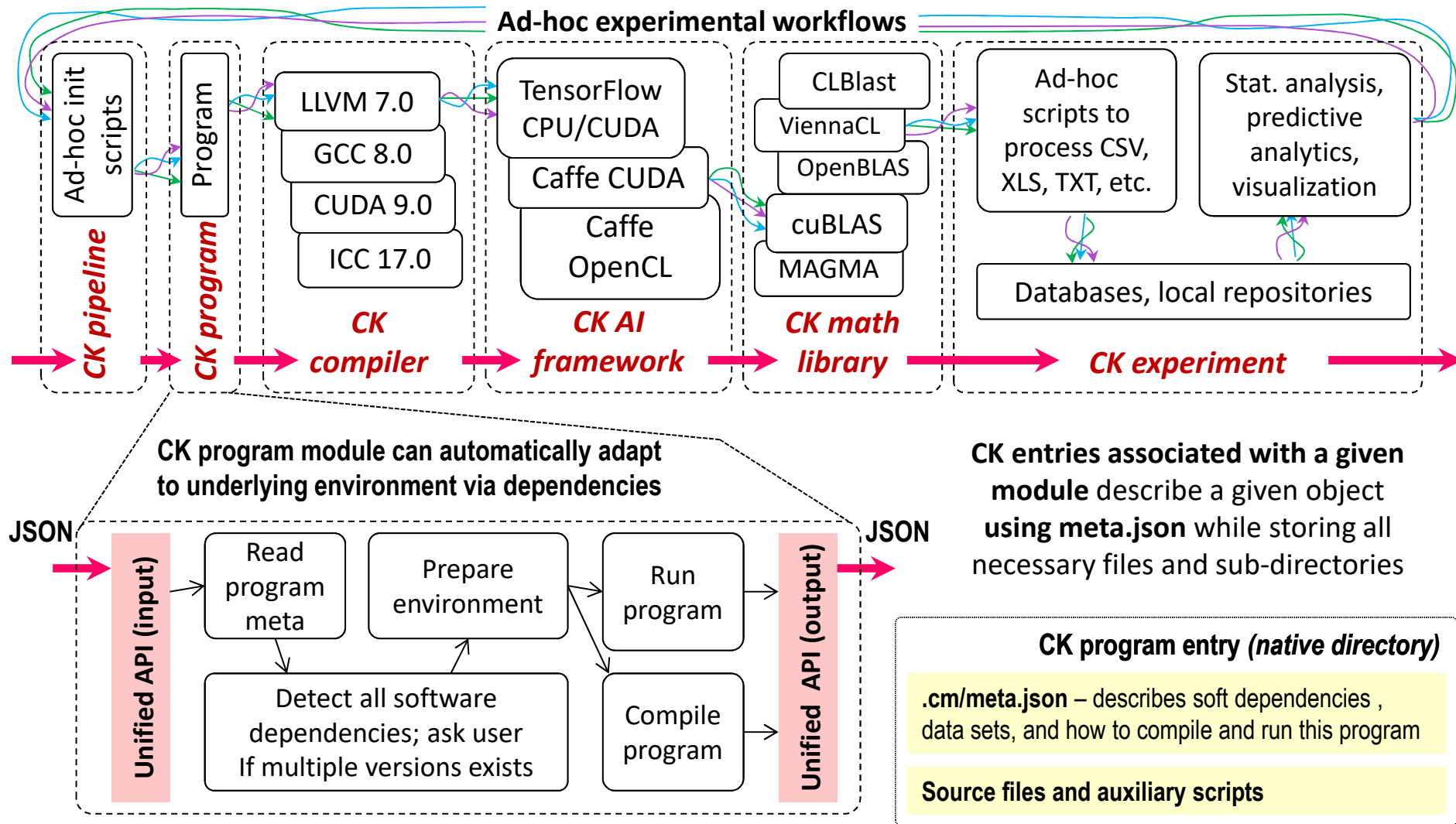
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```
$ ck pull repo:ck-scc18
$ ck run program:seissol-proxy
$ ck show env
```

CK framework: automatically adapt workflows to any complex software and hardware

Missing part in many workflows/package managers: detect and plug in already installed software

Soft entries in CK describe how to detect if a given software is already installed, how to set up all its environment including all paths (to binaries, libraries, include, aux tools, etc), and how to detect its version

```
$ ck list soft:compiler*
```

```
$ ck detect soft:compiler.gcc
```

```
$ ck detect soft --tags=compiler,cuda
```

```
$ ck detect soft:compiler.llvm
```

```
$ ck search soft --tags=blas
```

```
$ ck detect soft:lib.cublas
```

Env entries are created in CK local repo for all found software instances together with their meta and an auto-generated environment script **env.sh** (on Linux) or **env.bat** (on Windows)

```
$ ck show env
```

```
$ ck show env --tags=cublas
```

```
$ ck rm env:* --tags=cublas
```

```
local / env / 03ca0be16962f471 / env.sh
```

Tags: compiler,cuda,v8.0

```
local / env / 0a5ba198d48e3af3 / env.bat
```

Tags: lib,blas,cublas,v8.0

Local CK repo

Package entries describe how to install a given software if it is not already installed (using CK Python plugin together with **install.sh** script on Linux host or **install.bat** on Windows host). Can be connected with **spack**!

```
$ ck list package:*caffemodel*
```

```
$ ck search package --tags=caffe
```

```
$ ck list package:*tensorflow*
```

```
$ ck install package:caffemodel-bvlc-googlenet
```

```
$ ck install package:imagenet-2012-val
```

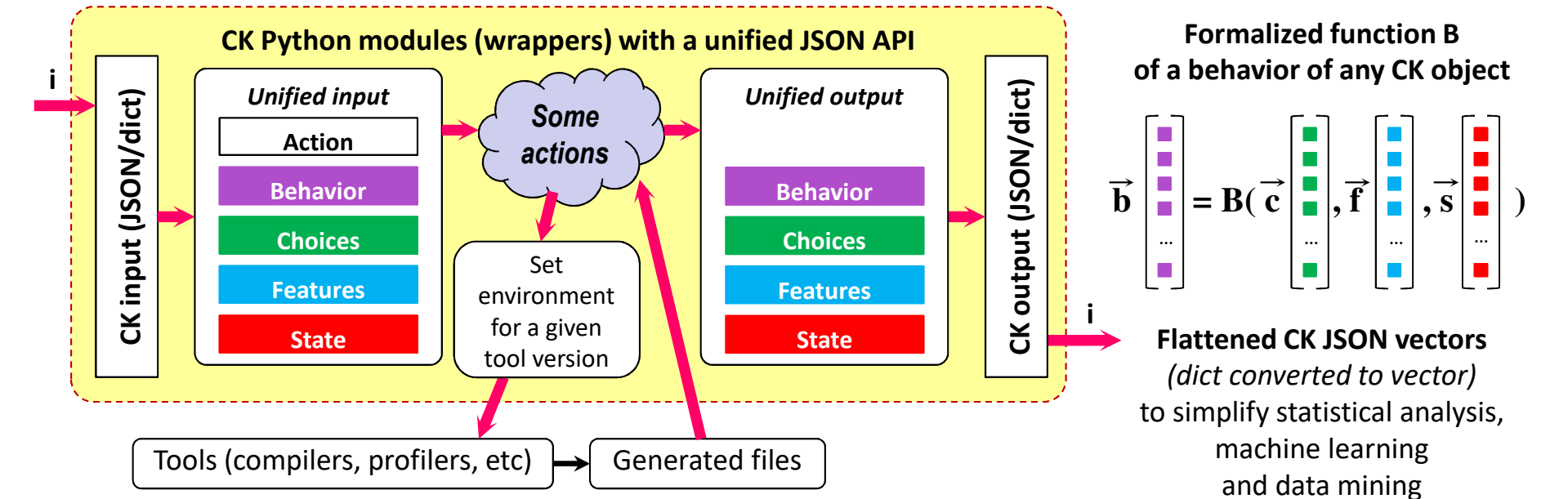
```
$ ck install package:lib-caffe-bvlc-master-cuda-universal
```

```
$ ck install package:lib-tensorflow-cuda
```

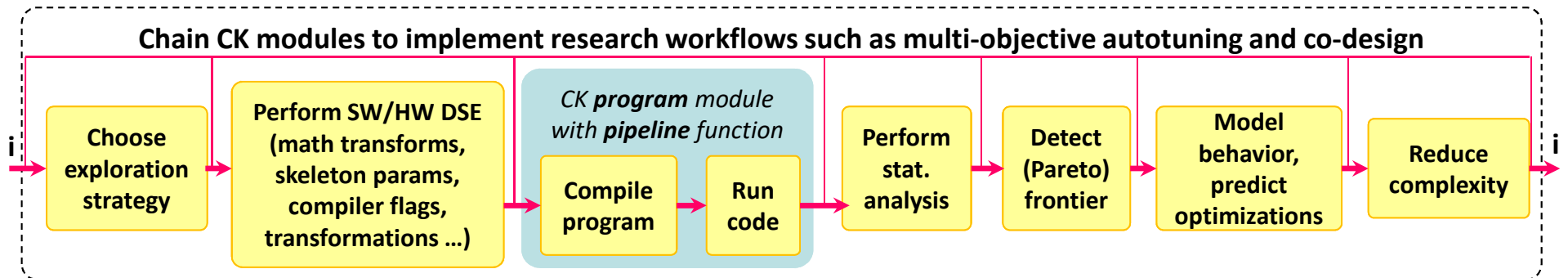
github.com/ctuning/ck/wiki/Portable-workflows

CK workflows: help users autotune the whole AI/ML/SW/HW stack!

First expose coarse grain high-level choices, features, system state and behavior characteristics



Crowdsource benchmarking and random exploration across diverse inputs and devices;



Keep best species (AI/SW/HW choices); model behavior; predict better optimizations and designs

Collaboration with Raspberry Pi foundation: using CK to teach autotuning and ML:

cknowledge.org/rpi-crowd-tuning

Gradually expose more information and provide specification (top-down approach)

Autotuning and machine learning specification:

```
{
  "characteristics":{
    "execution times": ["10.3","10.1","13.3"],
    "code size": "131938", ...},
  "choices":{
    "os":"linux", "os version":"2.6.32-5-amd64",
    "compiler":"gcc", "compiler version":"4.6.3",
    "compiler_flags":"-O3 -fno-if-conversion",
    "platform":{"processor":"intel xeon e5520",
      "l2":"8192", ...}, ...},
  "features":{
    "semantic features": {"number_of_bb": "24", ...},
    "hardware counters": {"cpi": "1.4" ...}, ... }
  "state":{
    "frequency":"2.27", ...}
}
```

CK flattened JSON key

##characteristics#execution_times@1

```
"flattened_json_key":{
  "type": "text"|"integer" | "float" | "dict" | "list"
  | "uid",
  "characteristic": "yes" | "no",
  "feature": "yes" | "no",
  "state": "yes" | "no",
  "has_choice": "yes" | "no",
  "choices": [ list of strings if categorical
choice],
  "explore_start": "start number if numerical
range",
  "explore_stop": "stop number if numerical
range",
  "explore_step": "step if numerical range",
  "can_be_omitted" : "yes" | "no"
  ...
}
```

CK long-term goal and vision: reboot and accelerate open science

Repositories of customizable, portable and reusable research components with CK API

CK JSON API

AI frameworks

TensorFlow
Caffe
Caffe2
CNTK
Torch
MXNet
...

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Models

AlexNet
GoogleNet
VGG
ResNet
SqueezeNet
SqueezeDet
SSD
MobileNets
...

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Libraries

cuDNN
ArmCL
OpenBLAS
ViennaCL
CLBlast
cuBLAS
TVM
gemmlowp
...

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Data sets

KITTI
COCO
VOC
ImageNet
Real life objects from the community
...

CK JSON API

Targets

Linux	Windows
MacOS	Android
...	

CK JSON API

Hardware

CPU	GPU
DSP	NN accelerators
FPGA	Simulators
...	

Share complete workflows along with published papers to automate artifact evaluation and help the community build upon prior work

Crowdsource experiments with the help of volunteers across diverse models, data sets and platforms



Present best results, workflows and components on a live scoreboard for fair comparison and reuse

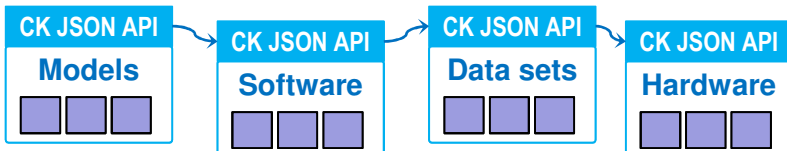
cKnowledge.org/repo

Help students learn multidisciplinary techniques, quickly prototype new ones, validate them in practice with companies, and even contribute back new research components

Help companies select the most appropriate workflows, save R&D costs, accelerate adoption of new techniques!

Customizable CK workflows for real-world user tasks

Assemble scenarios such as image classification as LEGO™



dividiti: connecting researchers and companies to solve real problems using CK

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dividiti.com:

Mission: automate AI/SW/HW co-design, reboot open science and accelerate tech. transfer

Non-profit community service

- Developing an open-source framework for collaborative R&D (Collective Knowledge)
- Exchanging portable and reusable research components (code, data and models)
- Assembling AI/ML workflows for real problems
- Crowdsourcing AI/SW/HW autotuning and co-design; helping mlperf.org
- Helping to [validate/reproduce](#) papers

Business

- Helping companies to select the most efficient AI/ML/SW/HW stack for their products, perform reproducible hackathons and competitions, spot promising techniques, validate them in practice, and speed up R&D of innovative products

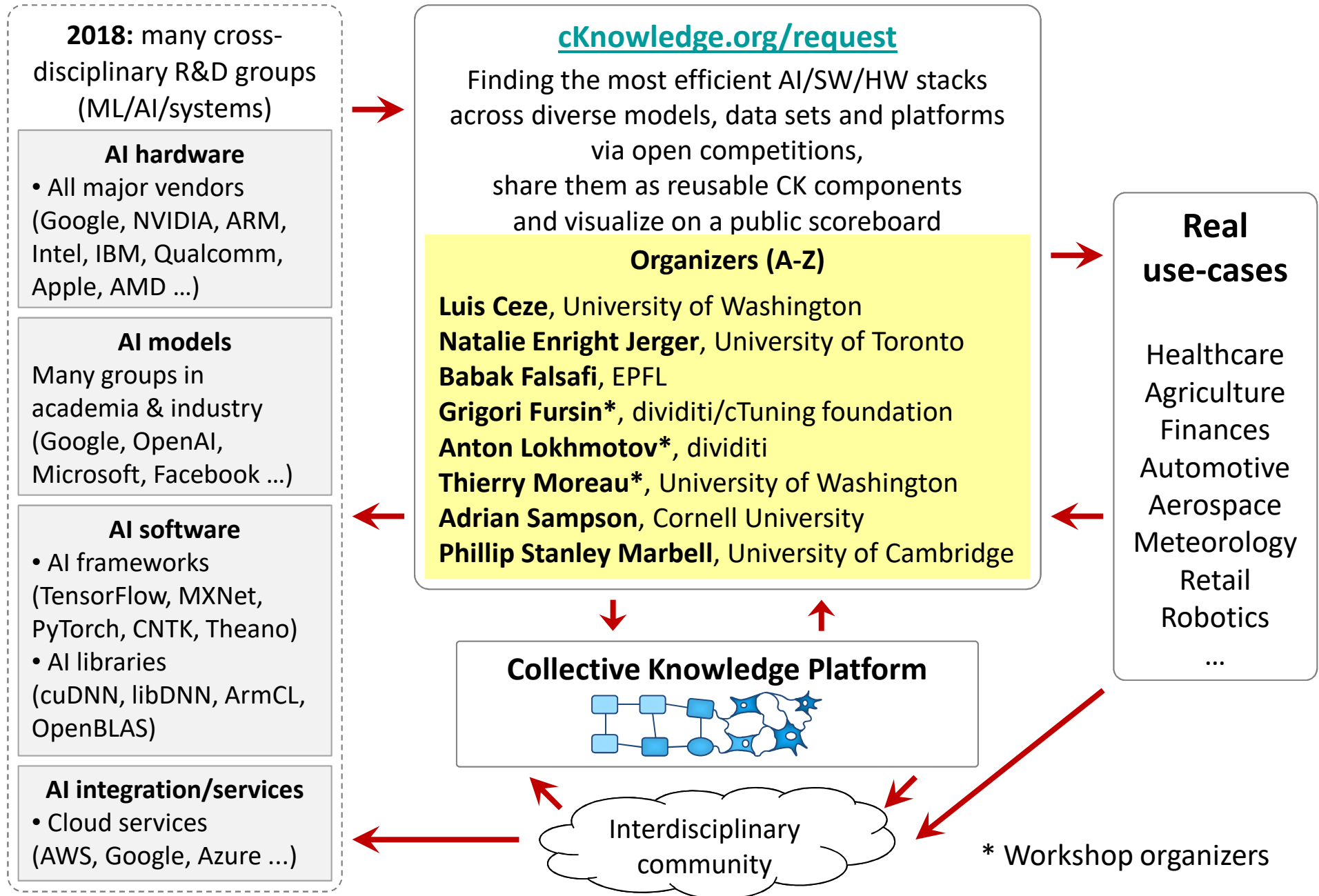
Real use-cases

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Recent practical use cases of CK as a common research platform

cknowledge.org/partners

Organizing reproducible tournaments to solve real problems and share all components



We formed advisory board (very strong interest from industry)

Advisory/industrial board (A-Z)

- **Michaela Blott**, Xilinx
- **Unmesh Bordoloi**, General Motors
- **Ofer Dekel**, Microsoft
- **Maria Girone**, CERN openlab
- **Wayne Graves**, ACM
- **Vinod Grover**, NVIDIA
- **Sumit Gupta**, IBM
- **James Hetherington**, Alan Turing Institute
- **Steve Keckler**, NVIDIA
- **Wei Li**, Intel
- **Colin Osborne**, ARM
- **Andrew Putnam**, Microsoft
- **Boris Shulkin**, Magna
- **Greg Stoner**, AMD
- **Alex Wade**, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative
- **Peng Wu**, Huawei
- **Cliff Young**, Google

Advisory board suggests algorithms, data sets, models and platforms for competitions.

As a 1st proof-of-concept suggested to build a public repository of the most efficient, portable, customizable and reusable **image classification** algorithms in the CK format optimized across diverse models, data sets and devices from IoT to HPC in terms of accuracy, speed, energy, size, complexity and costs.

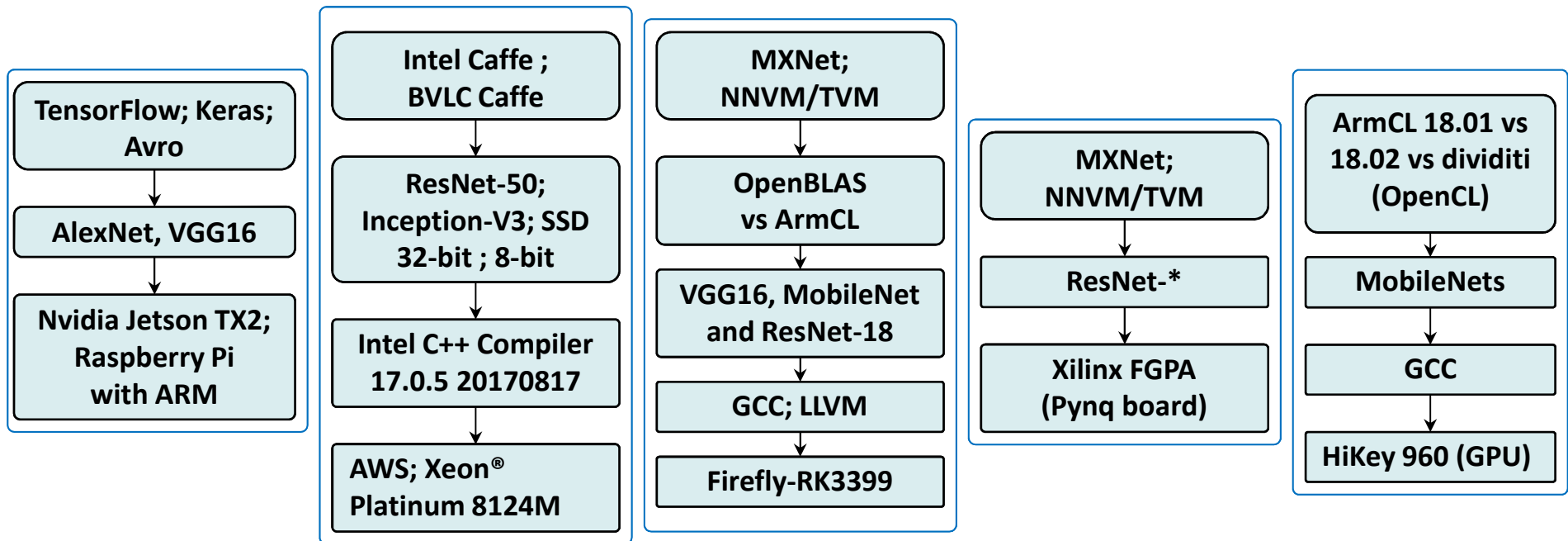
ACM ReQuEST at ASPLOS'18

March 2018

Long term ReQuEST goal: simplify industrial adoption of novel AI/ML/system techniques using common ML/SW/HW co-design framework (CK), realistic workflows and reusable components!

We organized the 1st reproducible tournament at ACM ASPLOS'18

8 intentions to submit and 5 submitted image classification workflows with unified Artifact Appendices



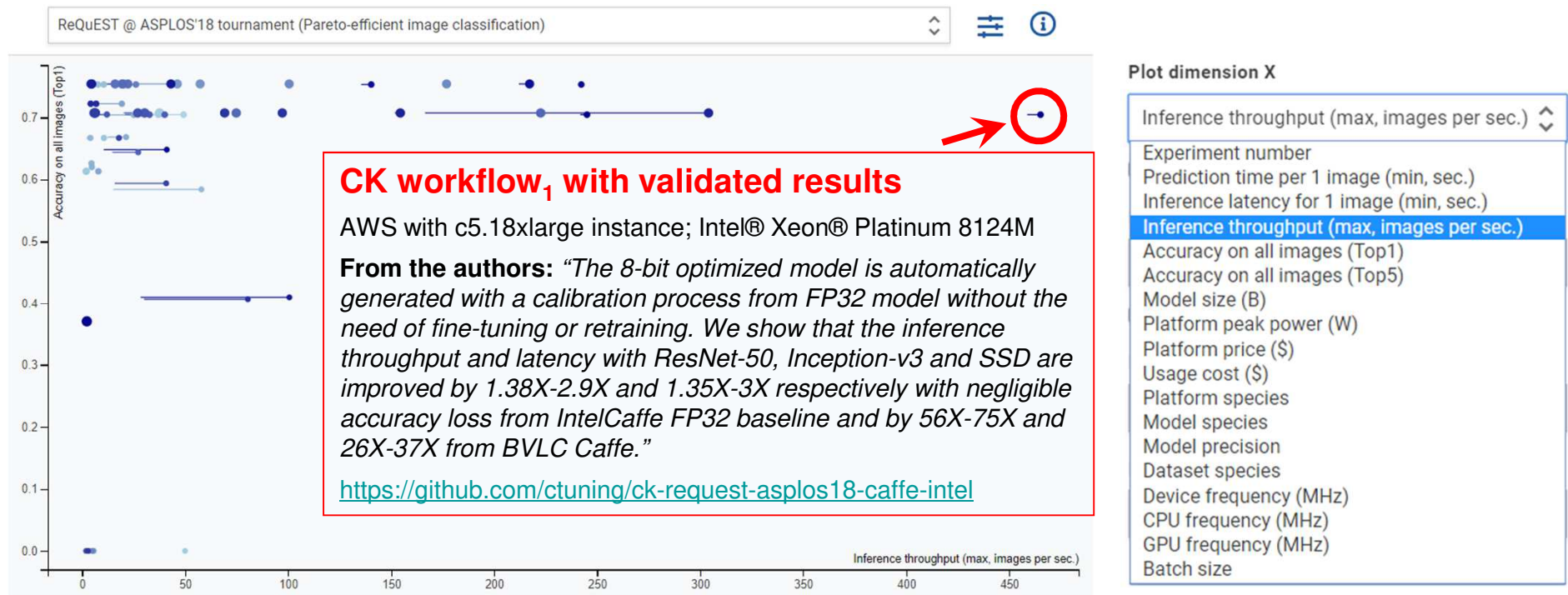
Public validation at github.com/ctuning/ck-request-asplos18-results via GitHub issues.

All validated papers are published in the ACM DL
with all **reusable CK components and workflows!**

See ACM ReQuEST report: portalparts.acm.org/3230000/3229762/fm/frontmatter.pdf

All results and research components are available via a live CK scoreboard

Multi-objective results for all AI/SW/HW stacks are presented on a live scoreboard and become available for public comparison and further customization, optimization and reuse!

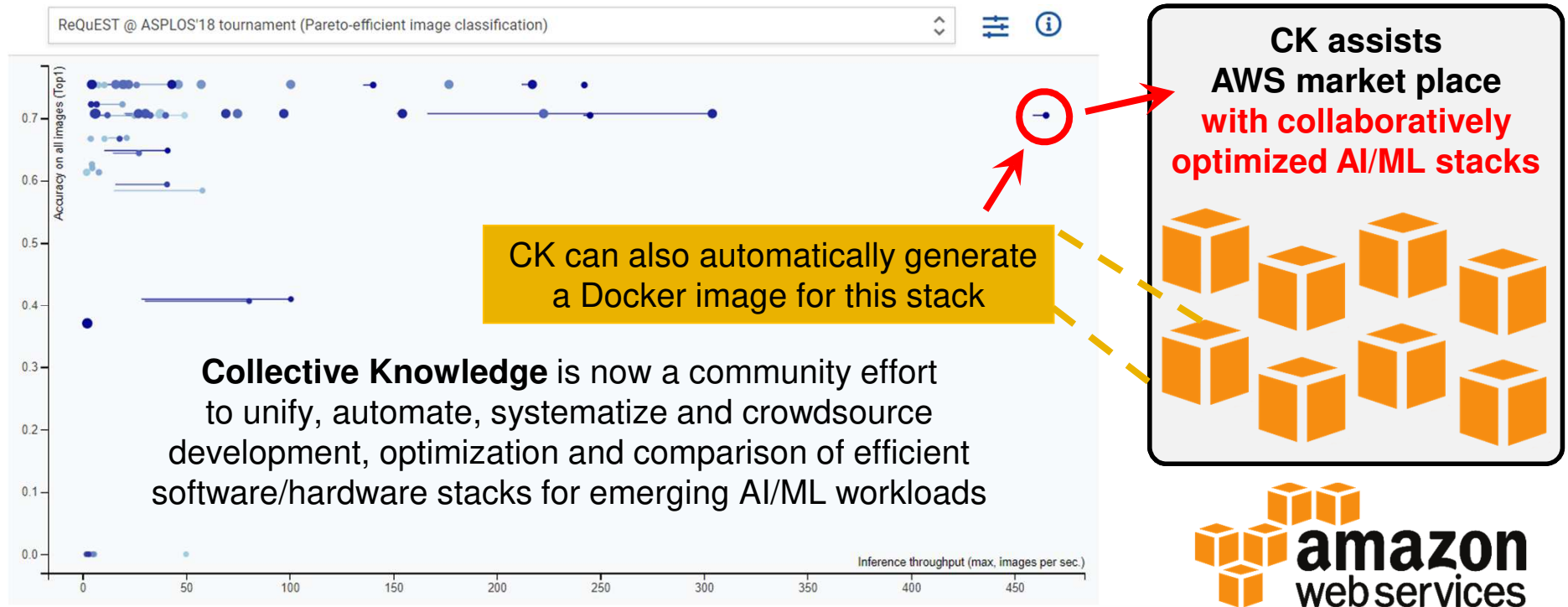


We are not announcing a single winner!

We show all multi-dimensional results at cknowledge.org/repo and let end-users select best ML/SW/HW stacks depending on their multiple constraints!

Other companies managed to quickly reproduce results and started using CK

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Accelerate technology transfer: companies can now quickly validate published techniques in their production environment using shared CK workflows (**days instead of months**)!

See joint Amazon-dividiti presentation at O'Reilly AI conference (October 2018):

conferences.oreilly.com/artificial-intelligence/ai-eu/public/schedule/detail/71549

Dividiti shared CK workflows to autotune MobileNets designs

“MobileNets: Efficient Convolutional Neural Networks for Mobile Vision Applications” (Andrew G. Howard et al., 2017, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.04861>):

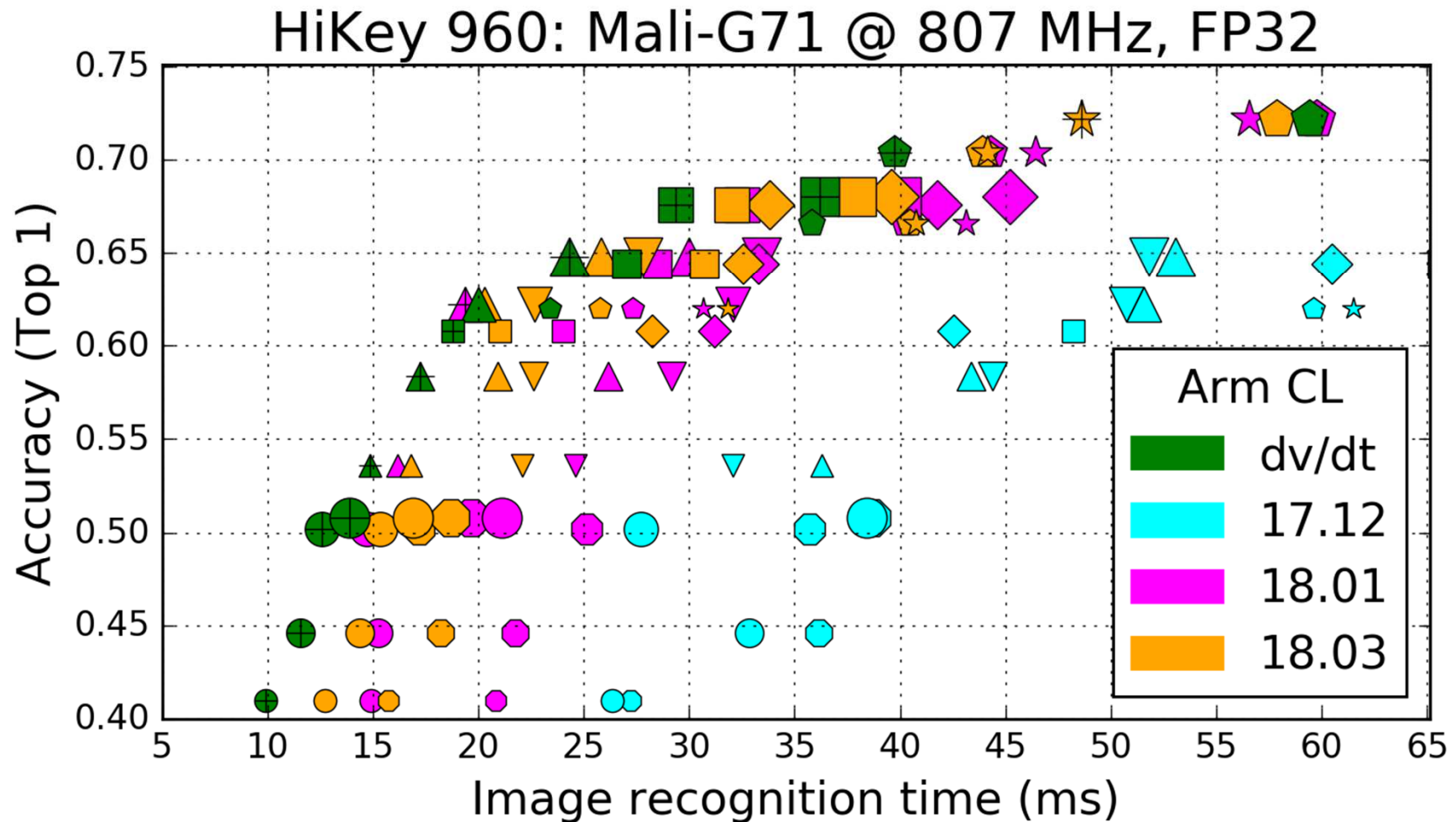
- Parameterised CNN family using depthwise separable convolutions.
- Channel multiplier: 1.00, 0.75, 0.50, 0.25 - marker shape (see below).
- Input image resolution: 224, 192, 160, 128 - marker size.

Arm Compute Library: open-source, optimised for Neon CPUs and Mali GPUs.

- 2 convolution approaches - marker shape depends on channel multiplier:
 - “Direct”: 1.00 - pentagon, 0.75 - square, 0.50 - triangle-up, 0.25 - circle.
 - “Matrix-multiplication” (MM):
 - 1.00 - star, 0.75 - diamond, 0.50 - triangle-down, 0.25 - octagon.
- 4 library versions - marker colour:
 - “17.12”: no opts; “18.01”: dividiti’s direct+MM opts;
 - “18.03”: Arm’s MM opts; “dv/dt”: dividiti’s new direct opts.

<https://github.com/dividiti/ck-request-asplos18-mobilenets-armcl-opencv>

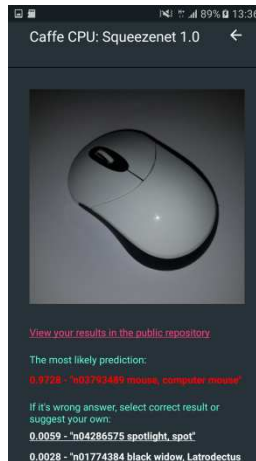
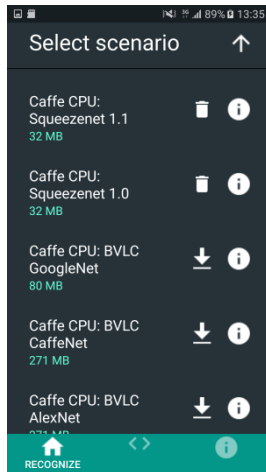
Public results autotuning MobileNets designs using Arm Compute Library



<https://github.com/dividiti/ck-request-aspl08-mobilenets-armcl-opencv>

CK can crowdsource experiments across Android devices provided by volunteers

Continuously collect statistics, bugs and misclassifications at cKnowledge.org/repo



The number of distinct participated platforms: **800+**

The number of distinct CPUs: **260+**

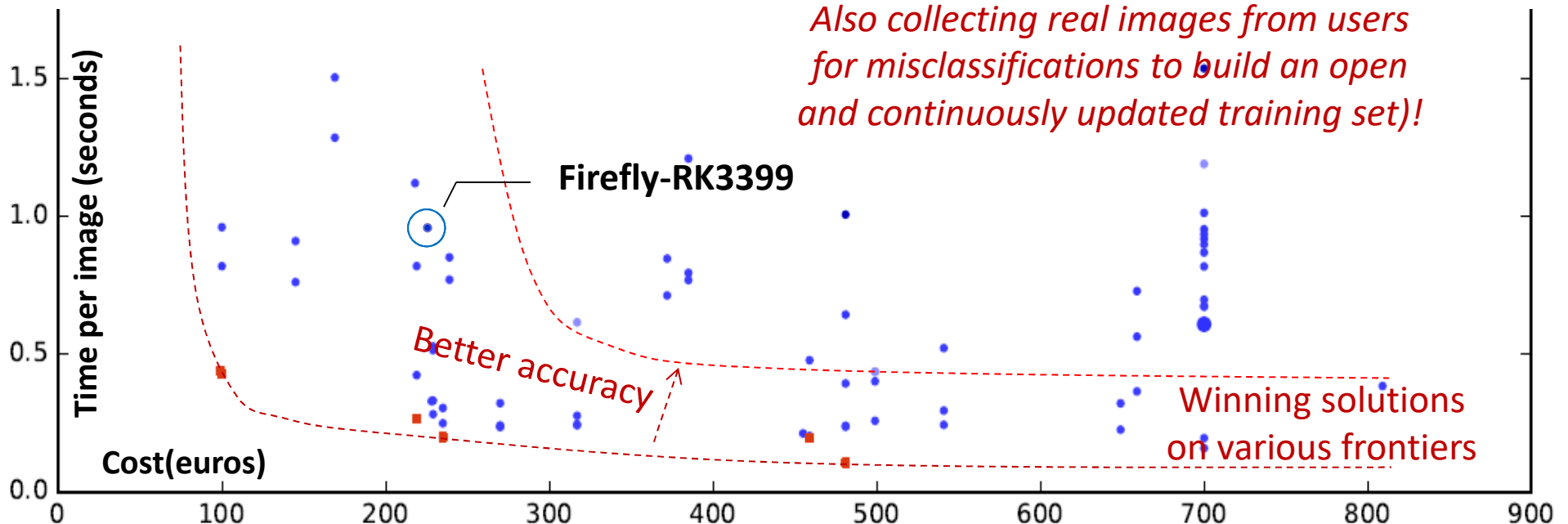
The number of distinct GPUs: **110+**

The number of distinct OS: **280+**

Power range: **1-10W**

No need for a dedicated and expensive cloud –
volunteers help us validate research ideas
similar to SETI@HOME

*Also collecting real images from users
for misclassifications to build an open
and continuously updated training set!)*



cKnowledge.org/dnn-crowd-benchmarking-results

Let's dig further – (crowdsource) BLAS autotuning in Caffe on Firefly-RK3399

Tunable parameters of OpenCL-based BLAS (github.com/CNugteren/CLBlast)

For now only two data sets (small & large)

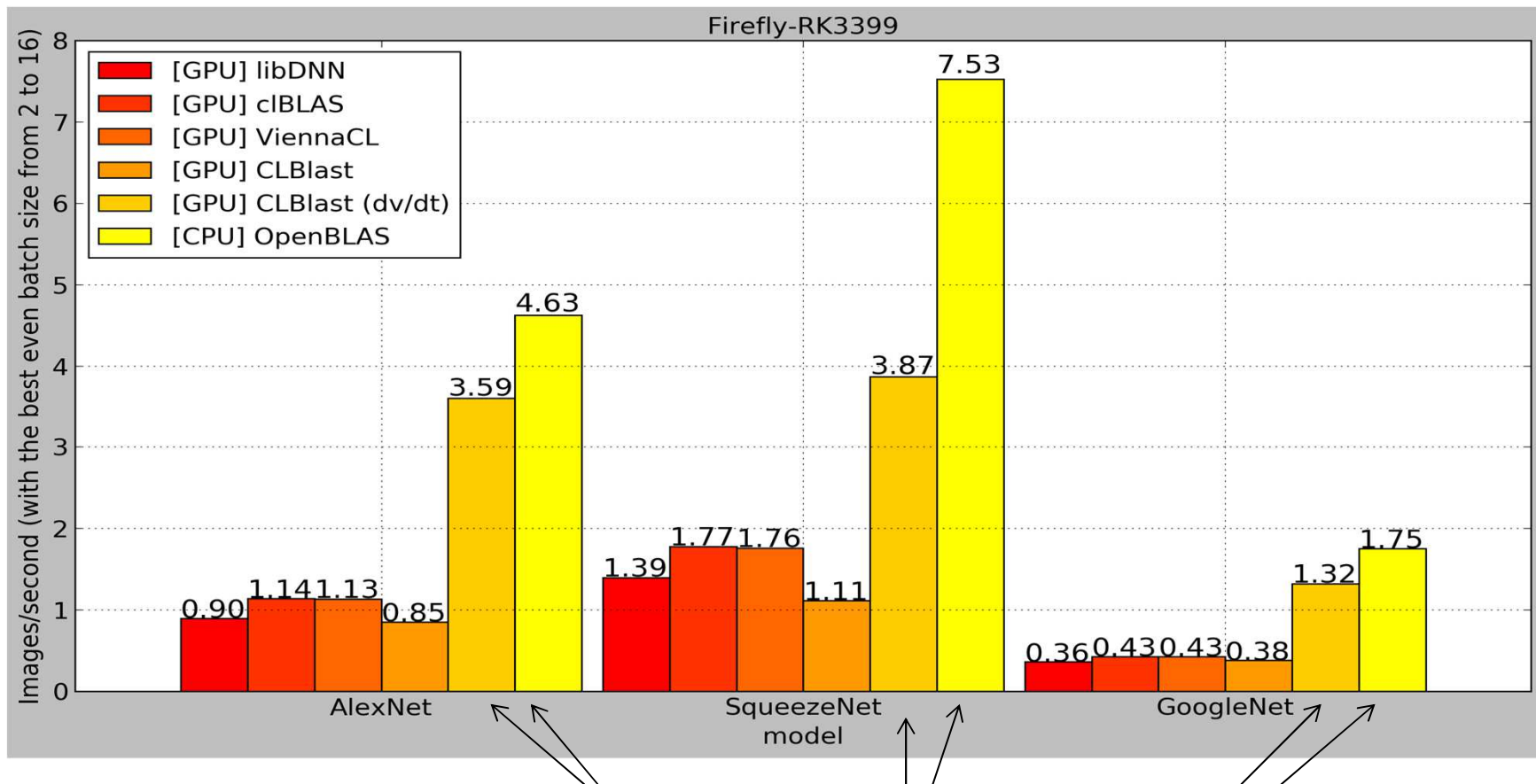
Name	Description	Ranges
KWG	2D tiling at workgroup level	{32,64}
KWI	KWG kernel-loop can be unrolled by a factor KWI	{1}
MDIMA	Local Memory Re-shape	{4,8}
MDIMC	Local Memory Re-shape	{8, 16, 32}
MWG	2D tiling at workgroup level	{32, 64, 128}
NDIMB	Local Memory Re-shape	{8, 16, 32}
NDIMC	Local Memory Re-shape	{8, 16, 32}
NWG	2D tiling at workgroup level	{16, 32}
SA	manual caching using the local memory	{0, 1}
SB	manual caching using the local memory	{0, 1}
STRM	Striding within single thread for matrix A and C	{0,1}
STRN	Striding within single thread for matrix B	{0,1}
VWM	Vector width for loading A and C	{8,16}
VWN	Vector width for loading B	{0,1}

Some extra constraints
to avoid illegal
combinations

Use different autotuners
and ML to speed up
design space exploration
based on probabilistic
focused search,
generic algorithms,
deep learning, SVM, KNN,
MARS, decision trees ...

*Collaboration between Marco Cianfriglia (Roma Tre University), Cedric Nugteren (TomTom),
Flavio Vella, Anton Lokhmotov and Grigori Fursin (dividiti)*

Let's dig further – autotuning BLAS (CLBlast) in Caffe on Firefly-RK3399




- Caffe with autotuned OpenBLAS (threads and batches) is the fastest
- Caffe with autotuned CLBlast is 6.7x faster than default version and competitive with OpenBLAS-based version– now worth making adaptive selection at run-time.

Sharing results in a reproducible way with the community for validation and improvement:

https://nbviewer.jupyter.org/github/dividiti/ck-caffe-firefly-rk3399/blob/master/script/batch_size-libs-models/analysis.20170531.ipynb

General Motors uses CK to select the most efficient platforms

Collaboratively optimizing deep learning via Collective Knowledge



MODE
Object detection




ENGINE
TensorFlow library (prebuilt, cpu)

MODEL
TensorFlow model - SqueezeDet (SqueezeDet)

IMAGE SOURCE
KITTI Drive 0009

IMAGES PER SECOND
1.19

AVERAGE PRECISION
0.67

OBJECT	FOUND	EXPECTED	FALSE POSITIVES	PRECISION	RECALL
	8	0	8	0	0
	0	0	0	1	1
	0	0	0	1	1

$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$ dividiti.com

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Stop

CK workflows to evaluate DNN for live object detection and classification across Nvidia, AMD, ARM and Intel platforms (CUDA, OpenCL, OpenMP ...)

Performance, accuracy, power consumption practically never match official reports!

GM presentation about using CK: www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ldgVZ64hEI

CK is used to collaboratively advance quantum computing (QCK)

cKnowledge.org/quantum

Quantum computers have the potential to solve certain problems dramatically faster than conventional computers, with applications in areas such as machine learning, drug discovery, materials, optimization, finance and cryptography.

We are building Quantum Collective Knowledge (QCK) to help researchers share, compare or optimize different algorithms across conventional and quantum platforms

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$



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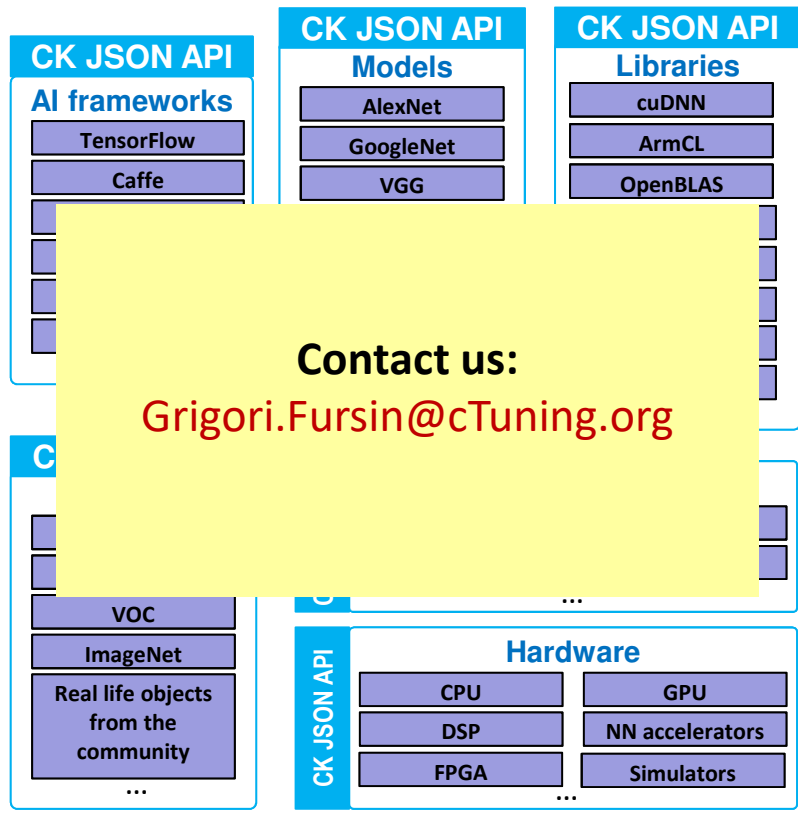
QCK helped us to organize the 1st quantum hackathon in Western Europe with Rigetti and share all results, workflows and components for further reuse

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For example, we improved these workflows to support the 2nd quantum hackathon and compare results on a real 16-bit quantum machine provided by IBM!

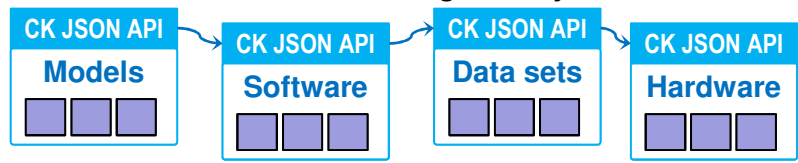
Interested to join/support our community effort to reboot & accelerate open science?

Repositories of customizable, portable and reusable research components



Customizable CK workflows for real-world user tasks

Assemble scenarios such as image classification as LEGO™



Share complete workflows along with published papers to automate artifact evaluation and help the community build upon prior work

Crowdsource experiments with the help of volunteers across diverse models, data sets and platforms



Present best results, workflows and components on a live scoreboard for fair comparison and reuse

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Help students learn multidisciplinary techniques, quickly prototype new ones, validate them in practice with companies, and even contribute back new research components

Help companies select the most appropriate workflows, reduce R&D costs, accelerate adoption of new techniques!