

Deep Learning Neural Network Acceleration at the Edge

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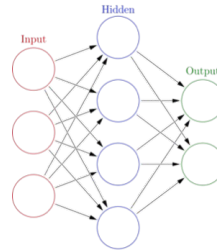
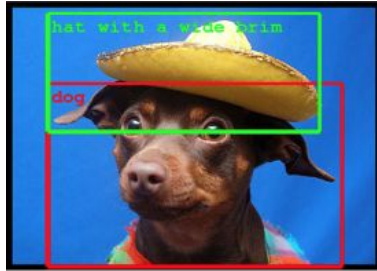
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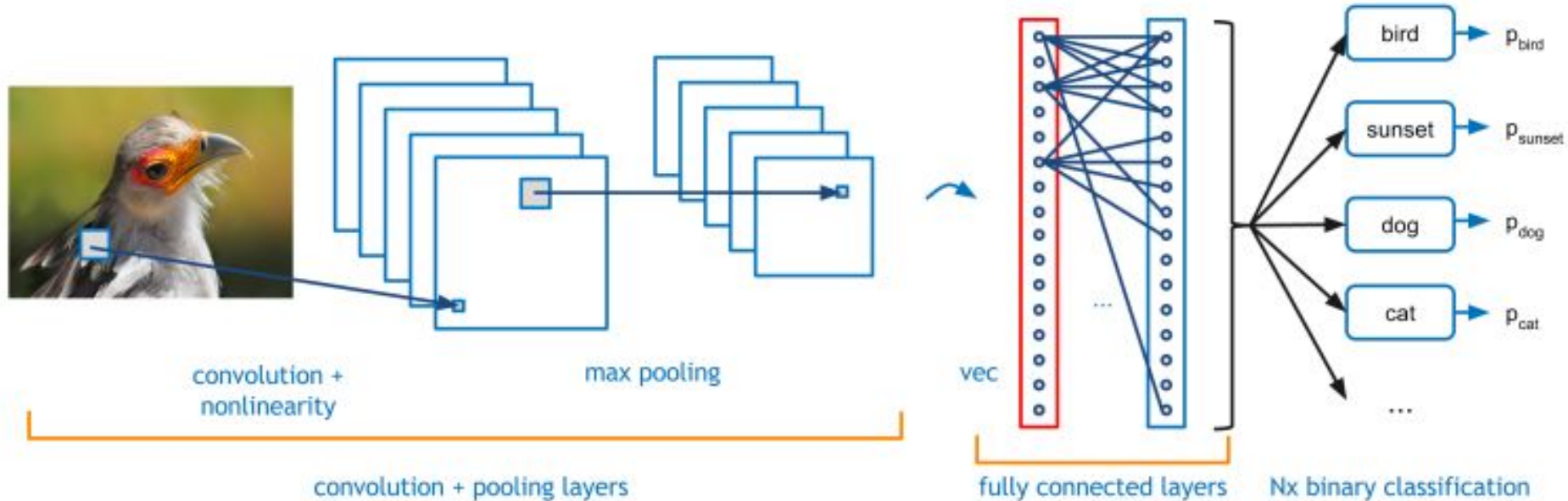
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Why Deep Learning?

End-to-End Learning for Many Tasks



It's complex!!!



From cloud to edge devices



From cloud to edge devices

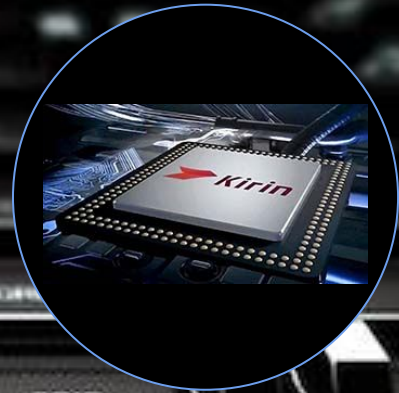
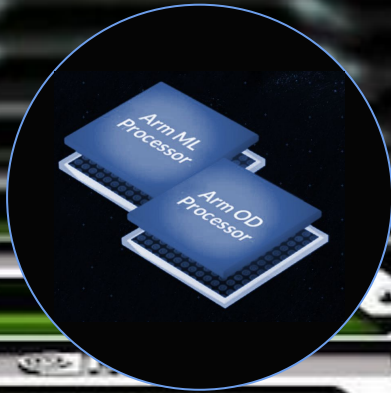
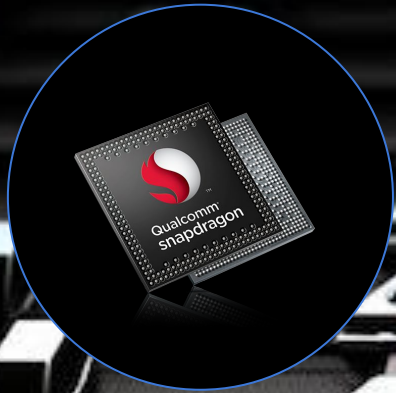
Always online

Uplink bandwidth and traffic

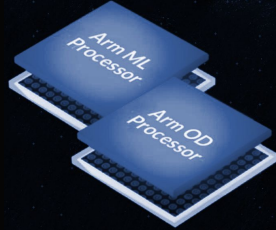
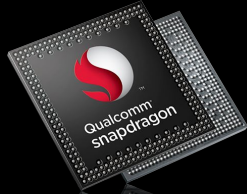
Latency vs real time constraints

Privacy concerns

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AI/ML Frameworks

TensorFlow and TensorFlow Lite

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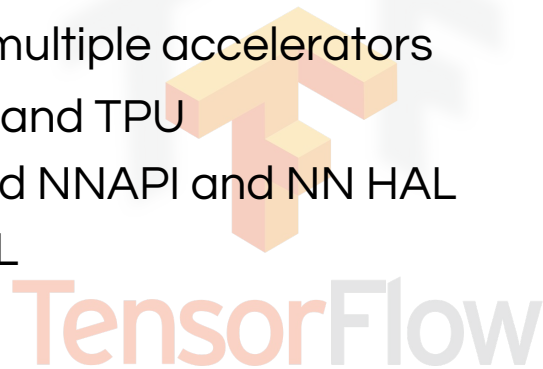
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- CUDA and TPU
- Android NNAPI and NN HAL
- WebGL



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31,713 commits

1,624 contributors

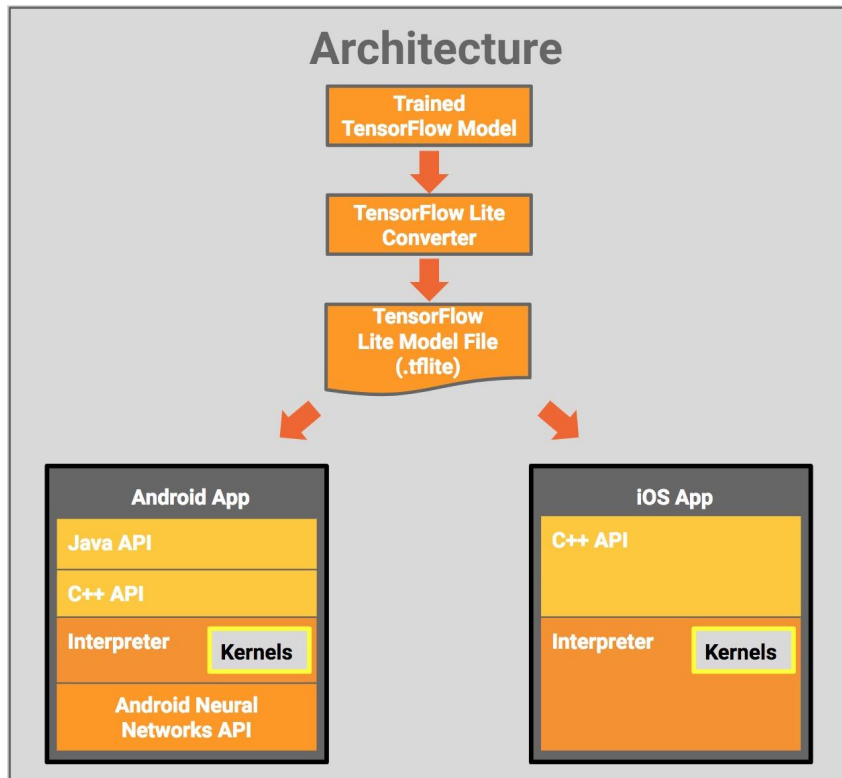
1,610,734 lines of code

456 years of effort

1st Commit Nov '15

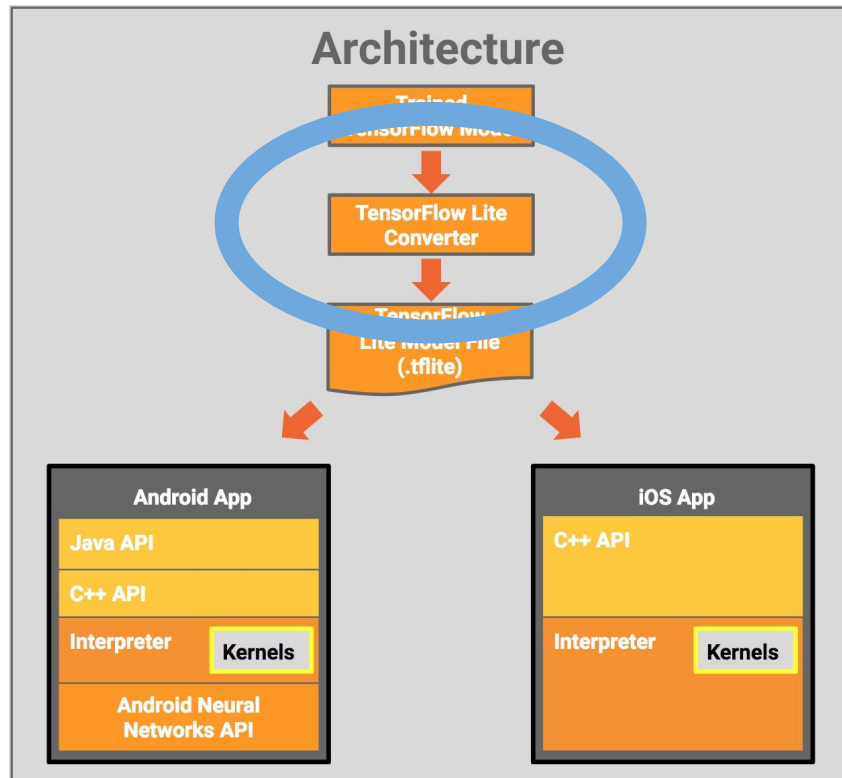
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From TensorFlow to TensorFlow Lite



TensorFlow Lite uses [FlatBuffers](#)

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TensorFlow 1st Commit in November 2015

Commits : Individual Commit

Commit ID f41959ccb2d9d4c722fe8fc3351401d53bcf4900



Contributor: [Manjunath Kudlur](#)

Date: 07-November-2015 at 00:27

Repository: [git://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow.git](https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow.git)
master

Commit Comment: TensorFlow: Initial commit of TensorFlow library. TensorFlow is an open source software library for numerical computation using data flow graphs.
Base CL: 107276108

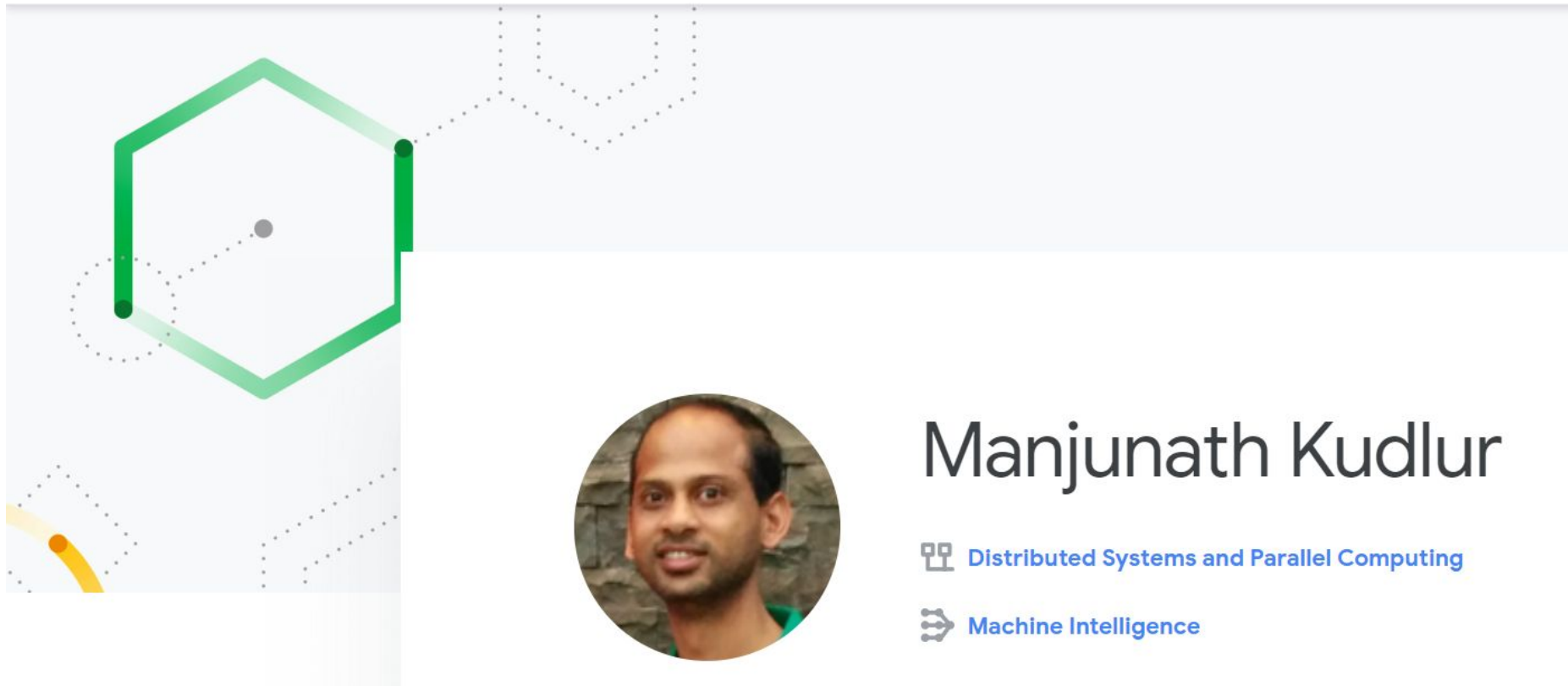
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Lines Removed: 0

Changes by Language

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Python	38122	0	15251	0	11904	0
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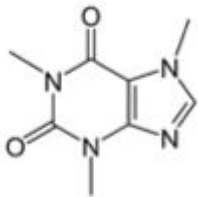
Manjunath Kudlur

 [Distributed Systems and Parallel Computing](#)

 [Machine Intelligence](#)

Caffe

- Made with expression, speed, and modularity in mind
- Developed by Berkeley AI Research (BAIR) and by community contributors
 - **Yangqing Jia** created the project during his PhD at UC Berkeley
 - Caffe is released under the BSD 2-Clause license
- Focus has been vision, but also handles sequences, reinforcement learning, speech + text
- Tools, reference models, demos, and recipes → [Caffe Zoo](#)
- Seamless switch between CPU and GPU



caffe.berkeleyvision.org



github.com/BVLC/caffe



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4,137 commits

314 contributors

76,076 lines of code

19 years of effort

1st commit in Sept'13

15,000+ forks

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Caffe2



Facebook Open Source



Caffe2 improves Caffe 1.0 in a series of directions

- First-class support for large-scale distributed training
- Mobile deployment
- New hardware support (in addition to CPU and CUDA)
- Flexibility for future directions such as quantized computation
- Stress tested by the vast scale of Facebook applications
- Examples and pre-trained models available from the [Caffe2 Zoo](#)
- Running on mobile devices with Android and iOS
 - Step-by-step [tutorial](#) with camera demo
- Caffe1 models do not run with Caffe2
 - Converter tool [available](#)

3,678 commits

332 contributors

275,560 lines of code

73 years of effort

1st commit in June '15

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Caffe2 1st commit in June 2015



Facebook Open Source

Commits : Individual Commit

Commit ID ac3e6a4d4103706864b336705bd59518f14a5186



Contributor: Yangqing Jia

Date: 25-June-2015 at 23:26

Repository: [git://github.com/caffe2/caffe2.git](https://github.com/caffe2/caffe2.git) master

Commit Comment: A clean init for Caffe2, removing my earlier hacky commits.

Files Modified: 224

Lines Added: 50938

Lines Removed: 0



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Python	5071	0	2903	0	1243	0
CUDA	1616	0	127	0	166	0
C	498	0	58	0	44	0
HTML	117	0	11	0	6	0
CSS	96	0	7	0	22	0
Make	14	0	1	0	6	0
shell script	1	0	6	0	2	0

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Yangqing Jia • 2nd

Director, Facebook AI Infrastructure

San Francisco Bay Area

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MXNet is a multi-language machine learning (ML) library to ease the development of ML algorithms, especially for deep neural networks. MXNet is computation and memory efficient and runs on various heterogeneous systems, ranging from mobile devices to distributed GPU clusters.

Currently, MXNet is supported by Intel, Dato, Baidu, Microsoft, Wolfram Research, and research institutions such as Carnegie Mellon, MIT, the University of Washington, and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Gluon API, examples, tutorials and pre-trained models from the [Gluon model zoo](#)



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mxnet 1st Commit in April 2015



MXNet

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Commits : Individual Commit

Commit ID ab64fe792f874dddb193c9828fd2cc3898f6bee3



Contributor: [Mu Li](#)
Date: 30-April-2015 at 16:21
Repository: [git://github.com/dmlc/mxnet.git](https://github.com/dmlc/mxnet.git) master
Commit Comment: Initial commit

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mxnet 1st Commit in April 2015



MXNet

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Contributors : Mu Li

Activity on MXNet by Mu Li



All-time Commits: 393

12-Month Commits: 93

30-Day Commits: 3

Names in SCM: Mu Li

Commit history:



Overall Kudo Rank:



First Commit: 30-Apr-2015

Last Commit: 16-Aug-2017

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Mu Li • 3rd

Principal Scientist at Amazon

Palo Alto, California

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Amazon



Carnegie Mellon University



See contact info



25 connections

Deep Learning framework comparison

General

 MXNet

 Clear

 caffe2

 Clear

 TensorFlow

 Clear

Project Activity

 Activity Not Available

 High Activity

 Activity Not Available

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Updated 12 months ago

Updated about 12 hours ago

Updated 4 months ago

Homepage

mxnet.rtf.d.org

caffe2.ai

tensorflow.org

Estimated Cost

\$4,859,026

\$3,988,567

\$25,066,443

All Time Statistics

Contributors (All Time)
[View as graph](#)

498 developers

332 developers

1624 developers

Commits (All Time)
[View as graph](#)

10686 commits

3678 commits

31713 commits

Initial Commit

over 3 years ago

about 3 years ago

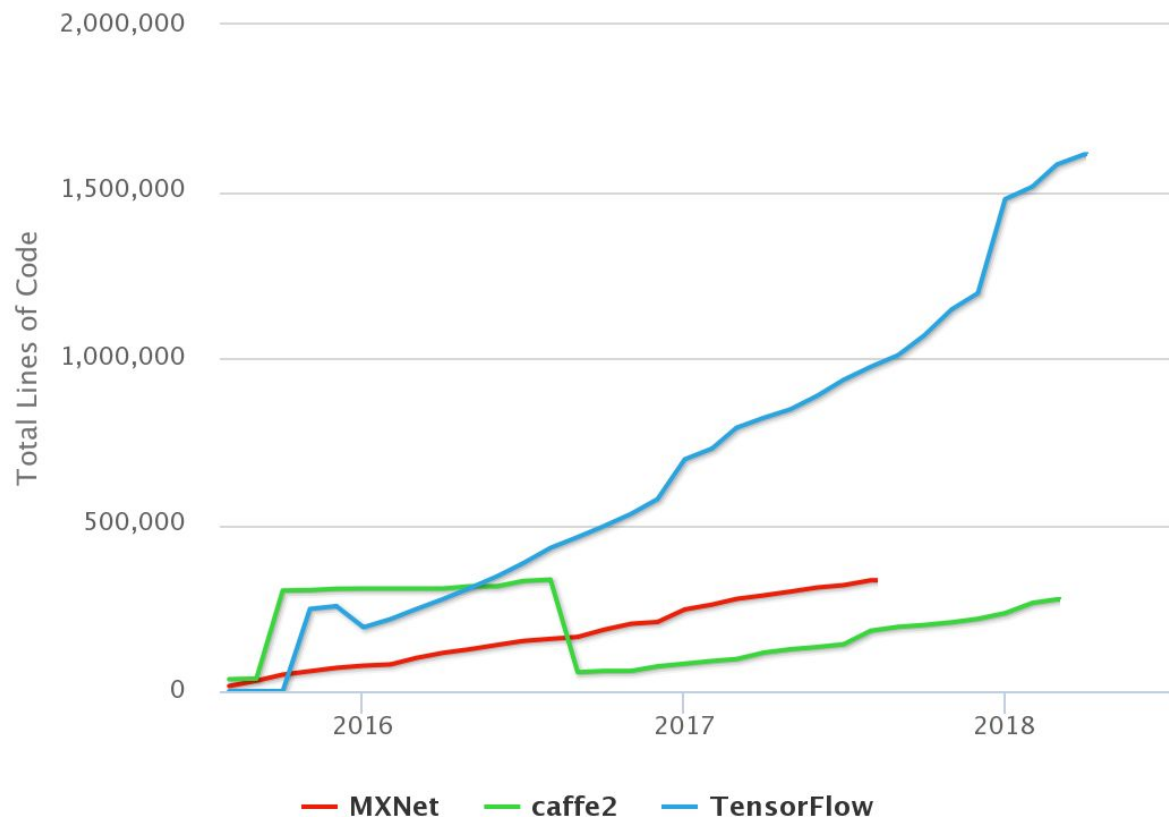
almost 3 years ago

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Total lines of project source code, excluding comments and blank lines.



Highcharts.com

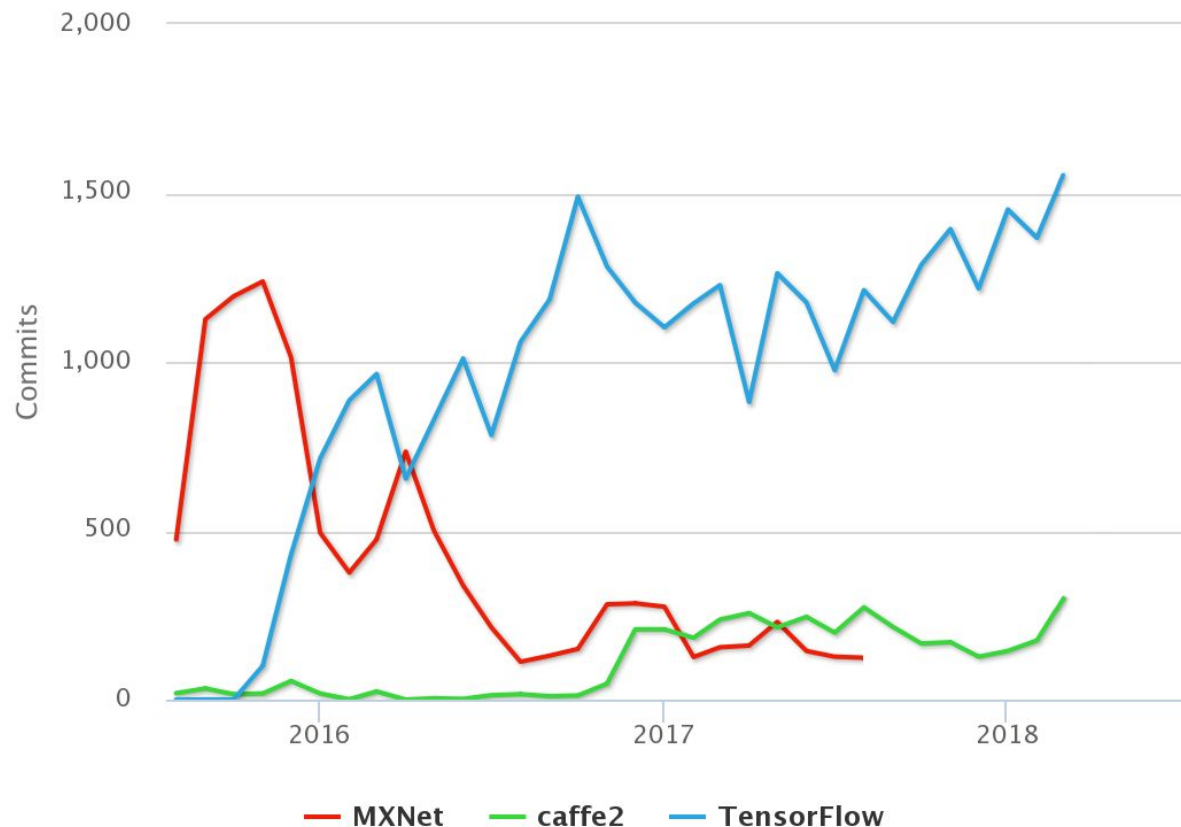


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Number of Commits who made changes to the project source code each month



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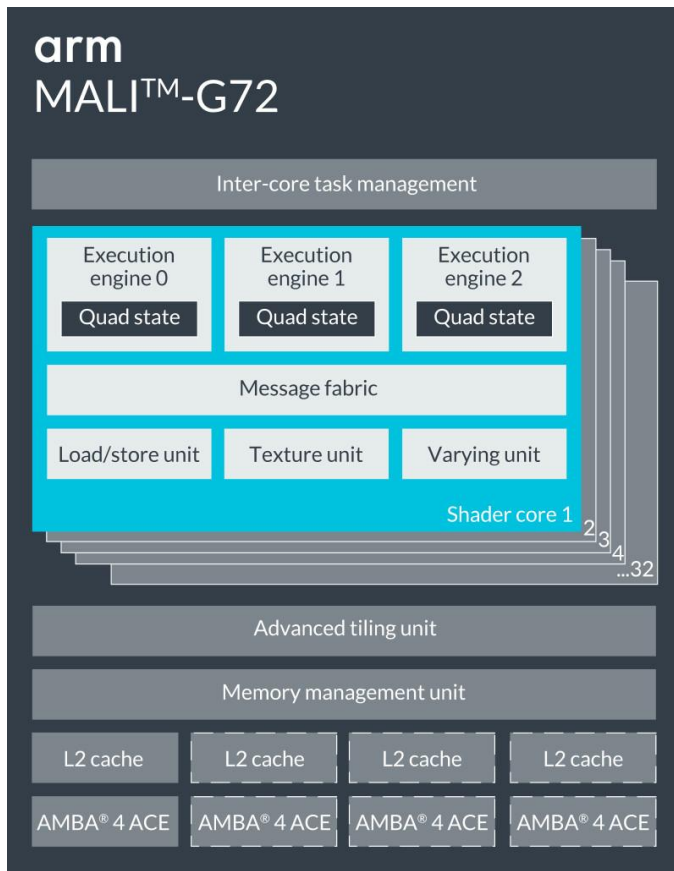
Observations

- Each cloud player has its own deep learning framework
- Each AI framework has its own entire ecosystem of formats, tools, model store
- Each AI framework represents a significant investment
- Scaling and acceleration are fundamental to performance

NN accelerators and software solutions

Arm Mali-G72

Arm Mali-G72 is the second generation Bifrost-based GPU for High Performance products. Benefitting from advanced technologies such as clausal shaders and full system coherency, Mali-G72 adds increased tile buffer memory supporting up to 16 x Multi-Sample Anti-Aliasing at minimal performance cost. Arithmetic optimizations tailored to complex Machine Learning and High Fidelity Mobile Gaming use cases provide 25% higher energy efficiency, 20% better performance density and 40% greater overall performance than devices based on previous generation Bifrost GPU.



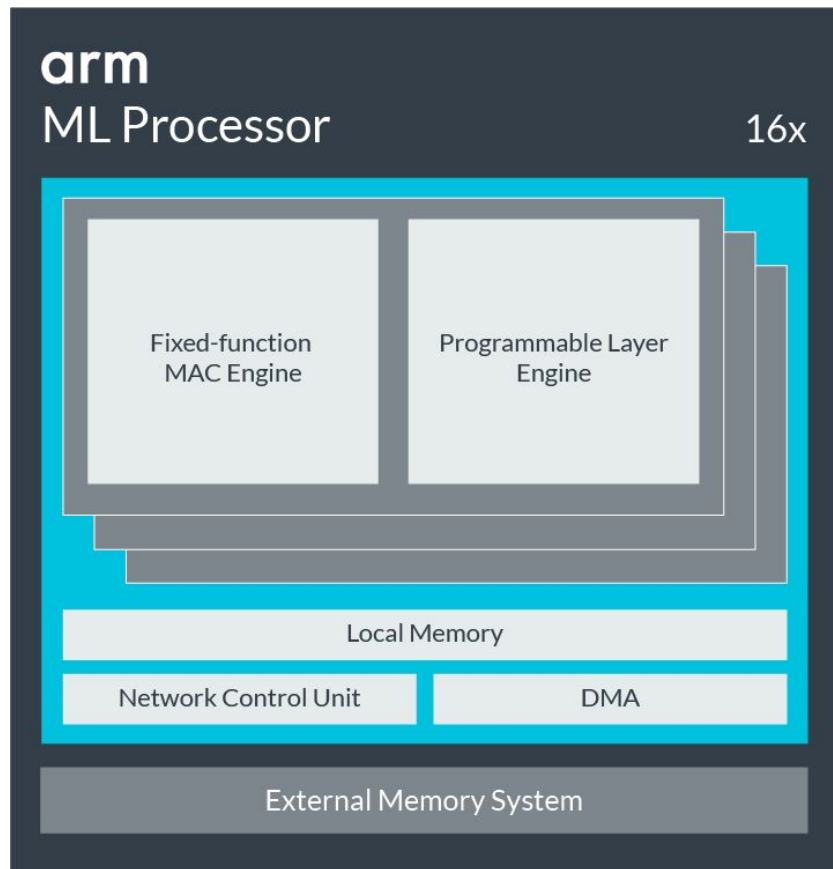
Arm ML processor

The Arm Machine Learning processor is an optimized, ground-up design for machine learning acceleration, targeting mobile and adjacent markets:

- optimized fixed-function engines for best-in-class performance
- additional programmable layer engines support the execution of non-convolution layers, and the implementation of selected primitives and operators

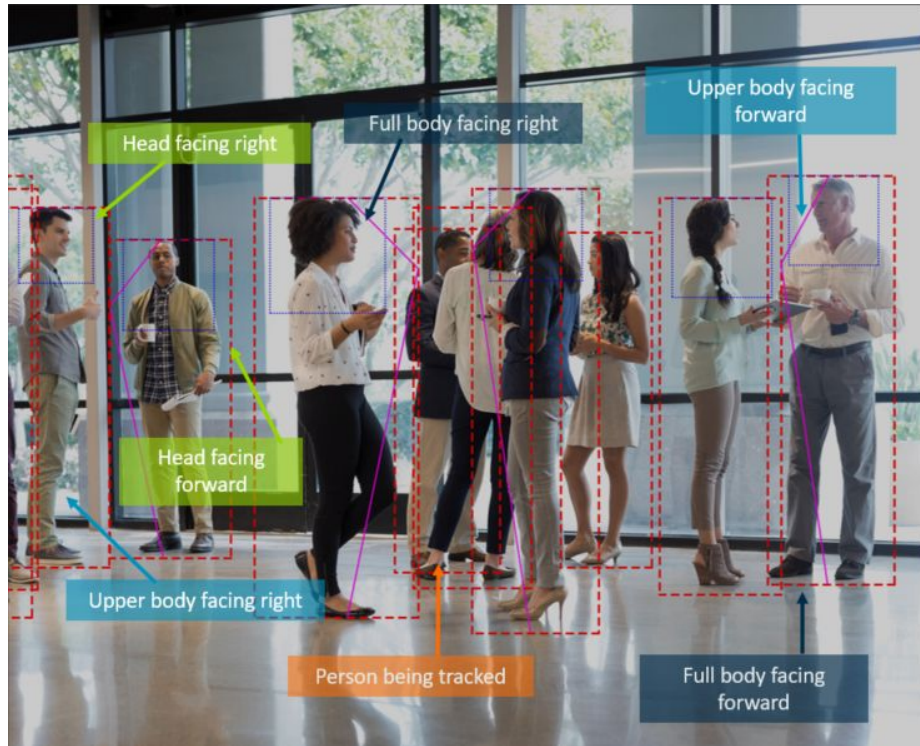
The network control unit manages the overall execution and traversal of the network and the DMA moves data in and out of the main memory.

Onboard memory allows central storage for weights and feature maps



Arm OD processor

- Detects object in real time with Full HD at 60fps.
- Object sizes from 50x60 pixels to full screen.
- Virtually unlimited objects detected per frame.
- Detailed people model provides rich metadata and allows detection of direction, trajectory, pose and gesture.
- Advanced software running on accompanying application processor allows for higher-level behaviour to be determined, including sophisticated inter-frame tracking.
- Additional software libraries enable higher-level, on-device features, such as face recognition.

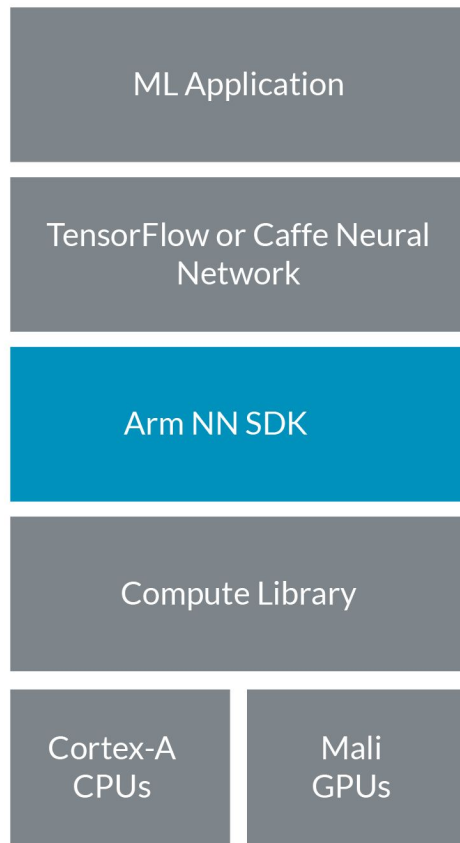


Arm NN

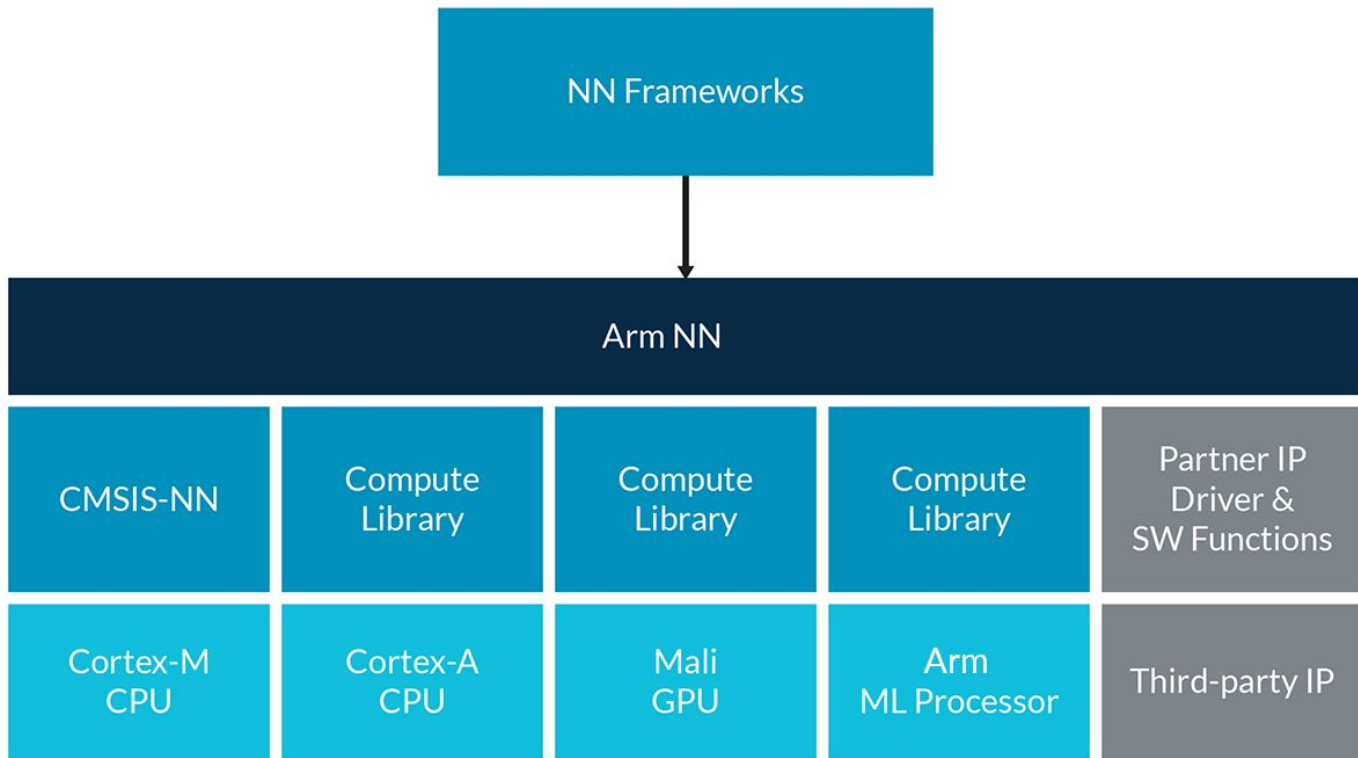
Arm NN SDK is a set of open-source Linux software and tools that enables machine learning workloads on power-efficient devices. It provides a bridge between existing neural network frameworks and power-efficient Arm Cortex CPUs, Arm Mali GPUs or the Arm Machine Learning processor.

Arm NN SDK utilizes the Compute Library to target programmable cores, such as Cortex-A CPUs and Mali GPUs, as efficiently as possible. It includes support for the Arm Machine Learning processor and, via CMSIS-NN, support for Cortex-M CPUs.

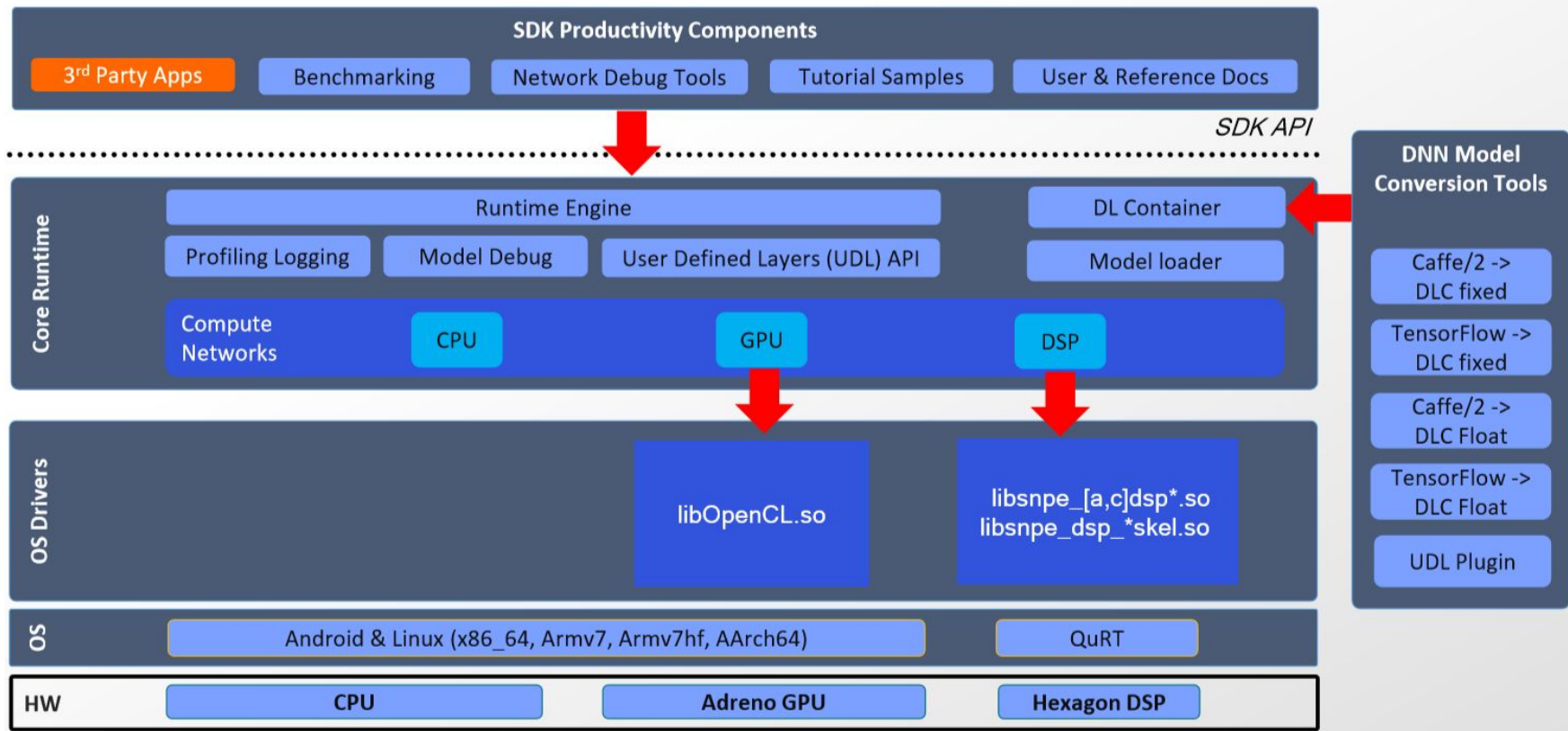
<https://developer.arm.com/products/processors/machine-learning/arm-nn>



Arm NN



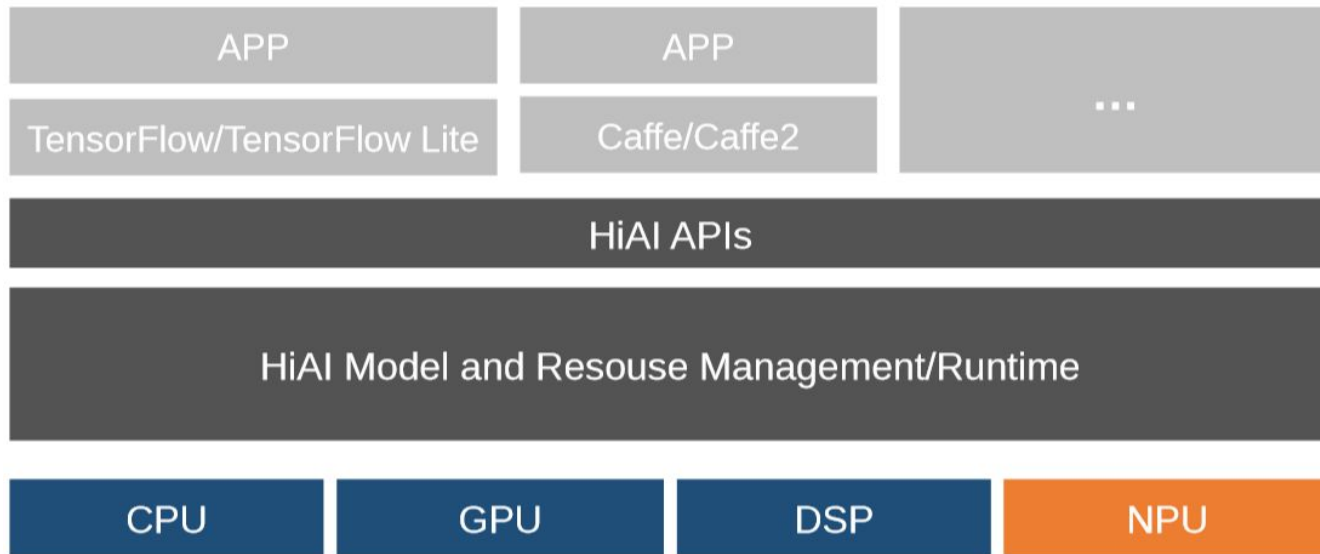
Snapdragon NPE SW Diagram



<https://connect.linaro.org/resources/hkg18/hkg18-306/>



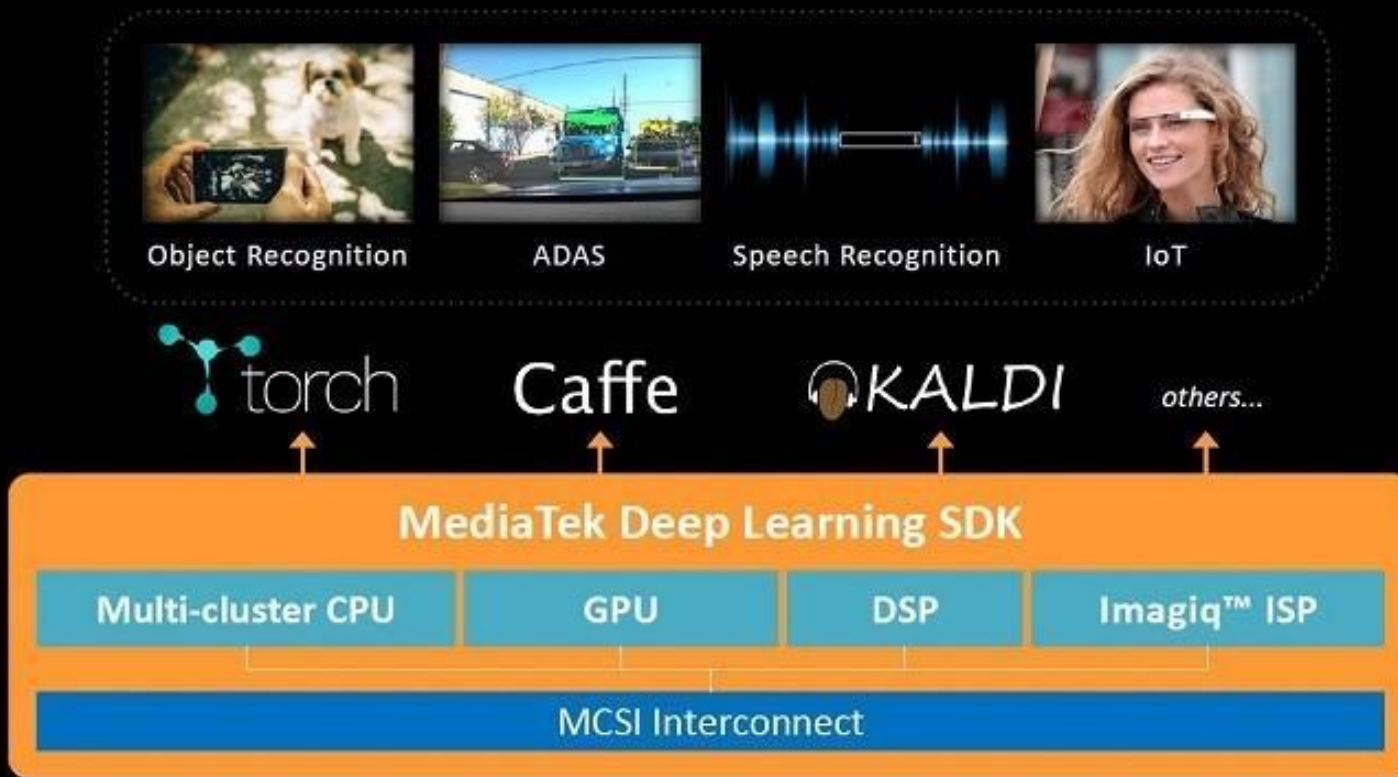
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- 99 operators
- Caffe, TensorFlow, TensorFlow Lite, Huawei HiAI SDK, Android NN
- Converter tools from AI models to serialized offline model

<https://connect.linaro.org/resources/hkg18/hkg18-302/>

MediaTek Deep Learning Platform



MEDIATEK



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An ecosystem of 3rd parties providing NN IP and tools

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SYNOPSYS®


Imagination

 gyrfalcon
technology

CEVA

cādence

VeriSilicon

brainchip*


videantis

Cambricon

BITMAIN

 cerebras

GREEN WAVES
TECHNOLOGIES 

 KALRAY

 KORTIQ

 Wave Computing™

skymizer



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Observations

- Complete offload vs heterogenous computing
 - Shared memory vs sub-system memories and DMA
 - Fixed operators and software fallback
 - Graph split vs cost of context switch
 - Serialized models and converter tools
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- Forked and accelerated inference engine for each NN IP and each framework
 - high total cost of ownership
 - delayed rebases and updates
 - delayed security fixes



Call to Action

Linaro Collaboration

Members fund Linaro and drive work through engineering steering committees

Member and Linaro engineers collaborate to develop work once, for all

Linaro delivers output to members, into open source projects, and into the community

Now ~25 members, up from 6 in 2010

Over 300 OSS engineers globally, including 140 Linaro staff

Core Members



Club Members



Group Members



Community Members



Linaro works Upstream

Delivering high value collaboration

Top 5 company contributor to Linux and Zephyr kernels

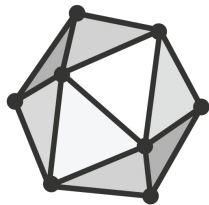
Contributor to >70 open source projects;
many maintained by Linaro engineers

	Company	4.8-4.13 Changesets	%
1	Intel	10,833	13.1%
2	Red Hat	5,965	7.2%
3	Linaro	4,636	5.6%

Source: 2017 Linux Kernel Development Report, Linux Foundation

Selected projects Linaro contributes to





ONNX

Open Neural Network Exchange (ONNX) provides an open source format for AI models. It defines an extensible computation graph model, as well as definitions of built-in operators and standard data types. Initial focus on inference.



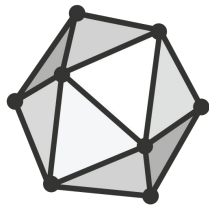
Apache



CNTK



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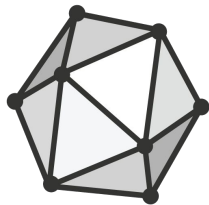
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ONNX

[ONNX Interface for Framework Integration](#) (ONNXIFI)

Standardized interface for neural network inference on special-purpose accelerators, CPUs, GPUs, DSPs, and FPGAs

Dynamic discovery of available backends and supported ONNX operators

Initialize and deinitialize backends

Specify memory locations and metadata

Run an ONNX graph



Apache

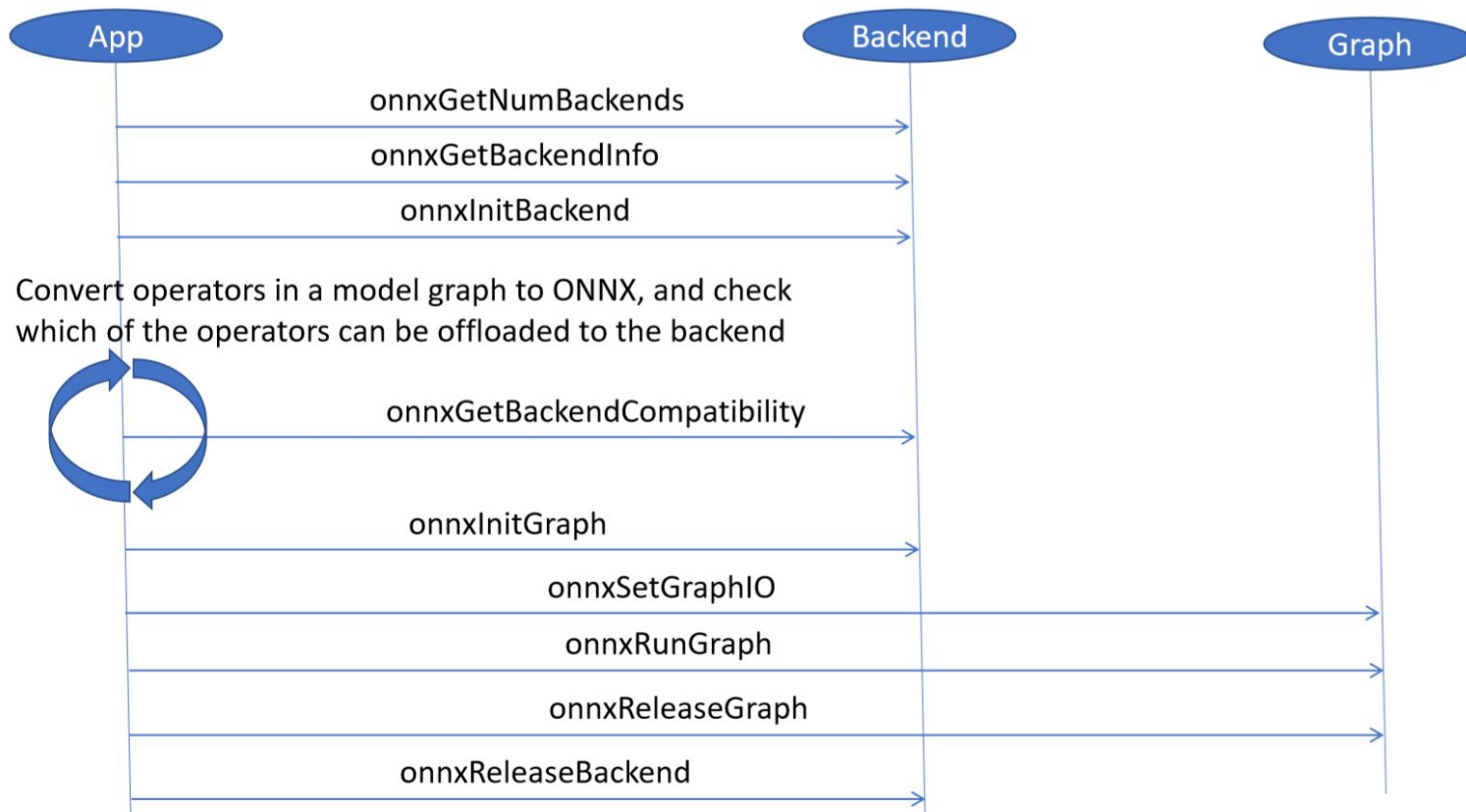


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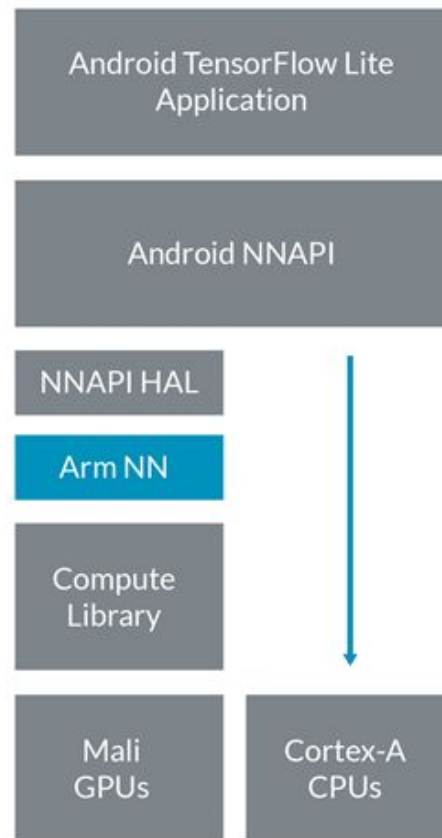
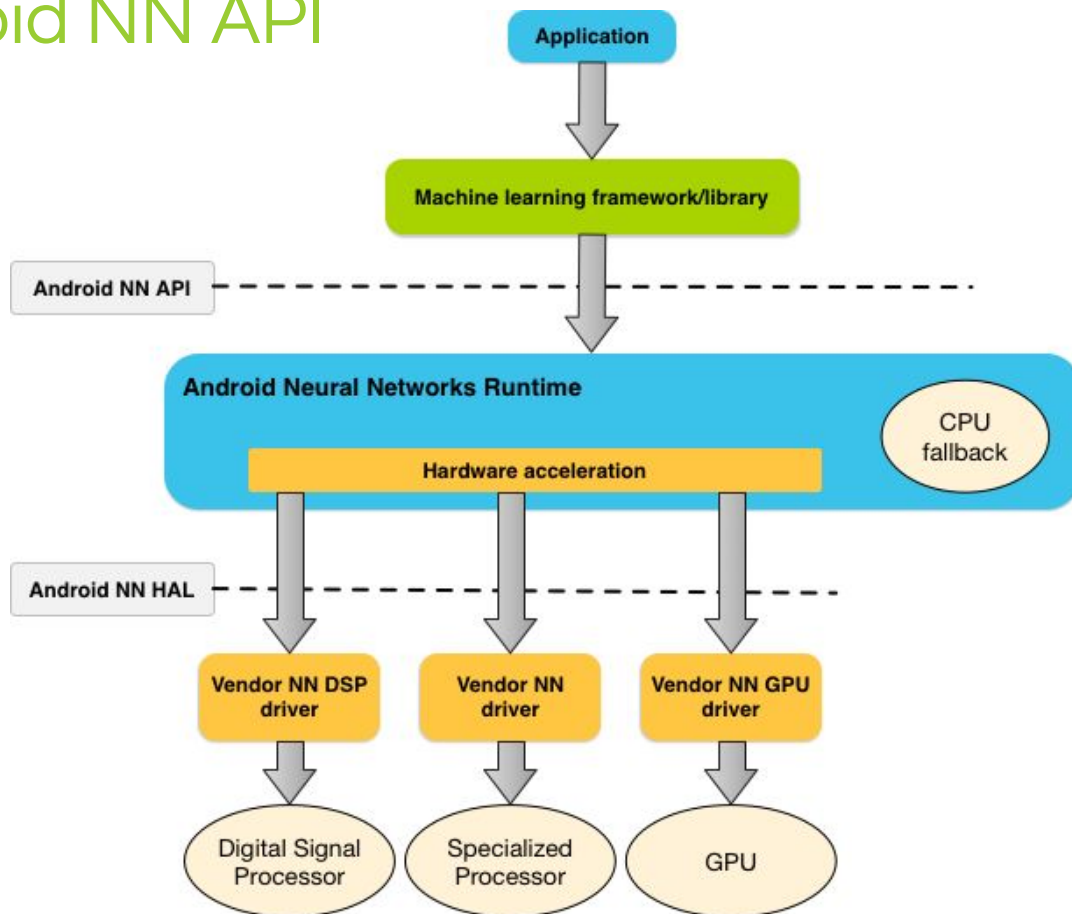


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ONNXIFI API Call Flow



Android NN API



<https://developer.android.com/ndk/guides/neuralnetworks/>

Ecosystem



Caffe



Android NNAPI

Software Products

Software Libraries Optimized for Arm Hardware

CMSIS-NN

Arm NN

Compute Library

Object Detection Libraries

Hardware Products

Arm Hardware IP for AI/ML

CPU

arm CORTEX-A arm NEON
arm CORTEX-M Armv8 SVE
arm DynamIQ

GPU

arm MALI

ML and OD Processors

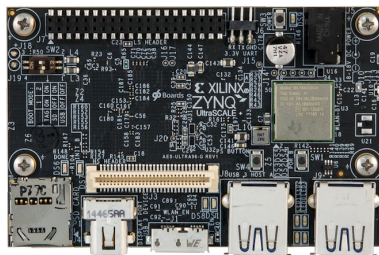
Machine Learning
Object Detection

Partner IP

DSPs, FPGAs,
Accelerators

Areas of Collaboration

- Common model description format and APIs to the back end
- Common optimized runtime inference engine for Arm-based SoC
- Dynamic plug-in framework to support multiple 3rd party NPU, CPU, GPU, DSP
- CI loops on reference development boards to measure accuracy, performance speed up and regression testing



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Discussions started last March

AI/ML Resources from HKG18

[HKG18-417 - OpenCL support by NNVM & TVM](#)

[HKG18-413 - AI and Machine Learning BoF](#)

[HKG18-405 - Accelerating Neural Networks with...](#)

[HKG18-312 - CMSIS-NN](#)

[HKG18-306 - Overview of Qualcomm SNPE](#)

[HKG18-304 - Scalable AI server](#)

[HKG18-302 - Huawei HiAI : Unlock The Future](#)

[HKG18-200K2 - Keynote: Accelerating AI from Cloud to Edge](#)



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