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# Deep Learning Neural Network Acceleration at the Edge

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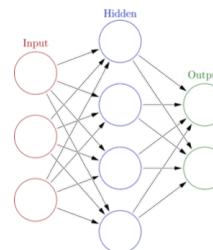
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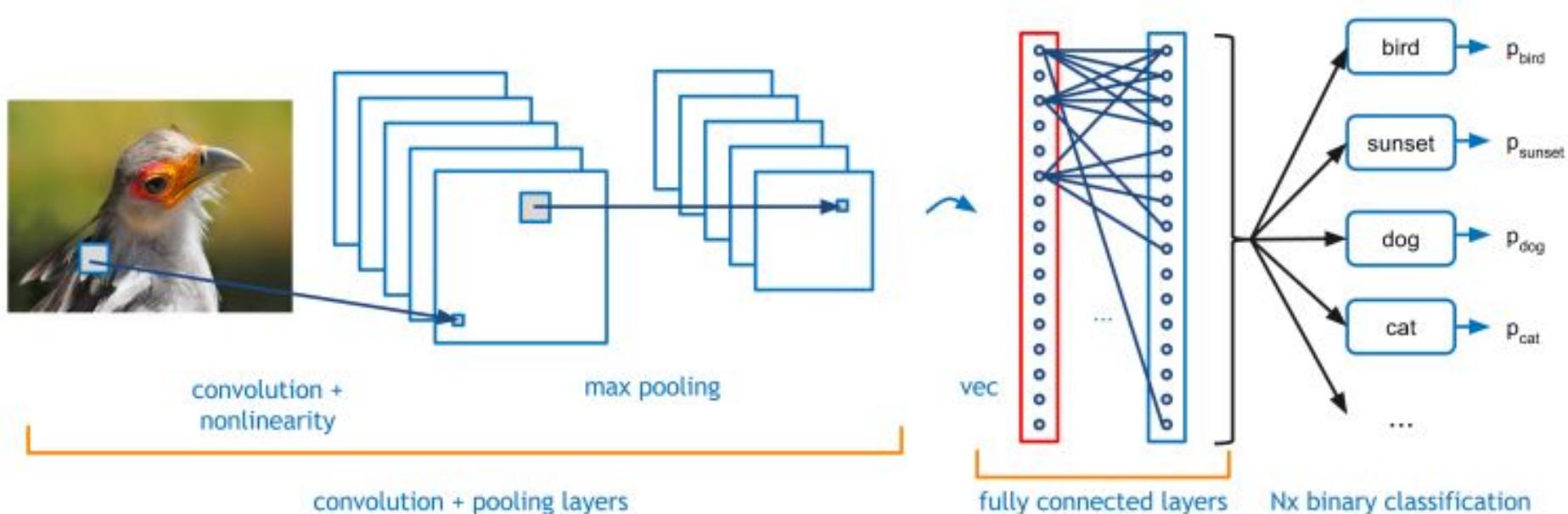
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# Why Deep Learning?

## End-to-End Learning for Many Tasks



# It's complex!!!



# From cloud to edge devices



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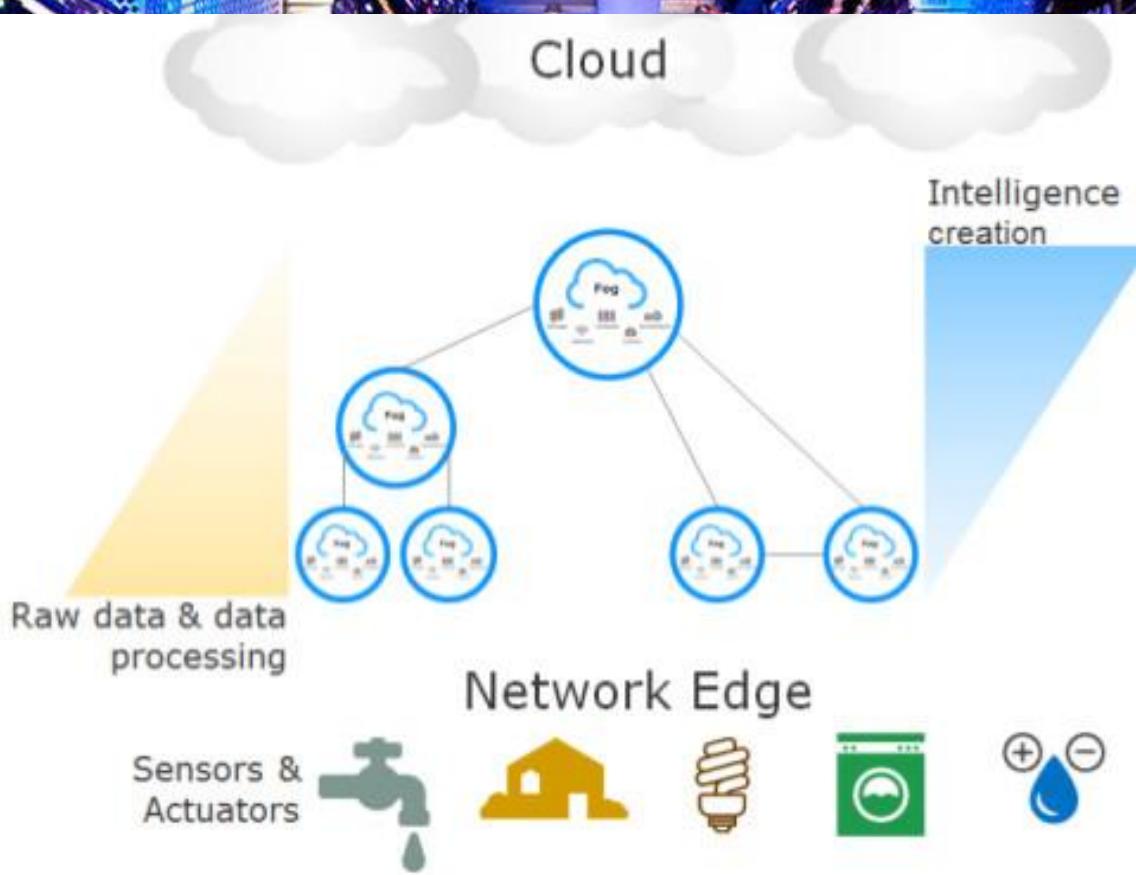
**Always online**

**Uplink bandwidth and traffic**

**Latency vs real time constraints**

**Privacy concerns**

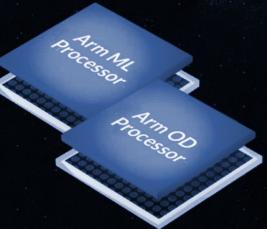
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# **AI/ML Frameworks**

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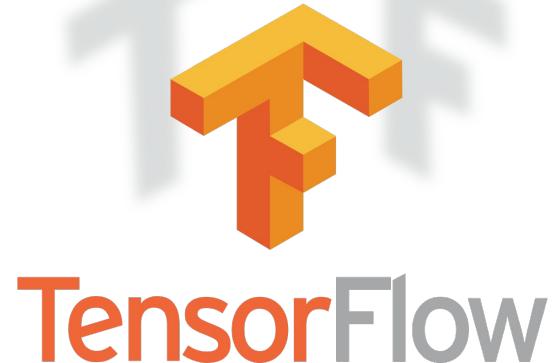
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→ Android NNAPI and NN HAL

→ WebGL



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31,713 commits

1,624 contributors

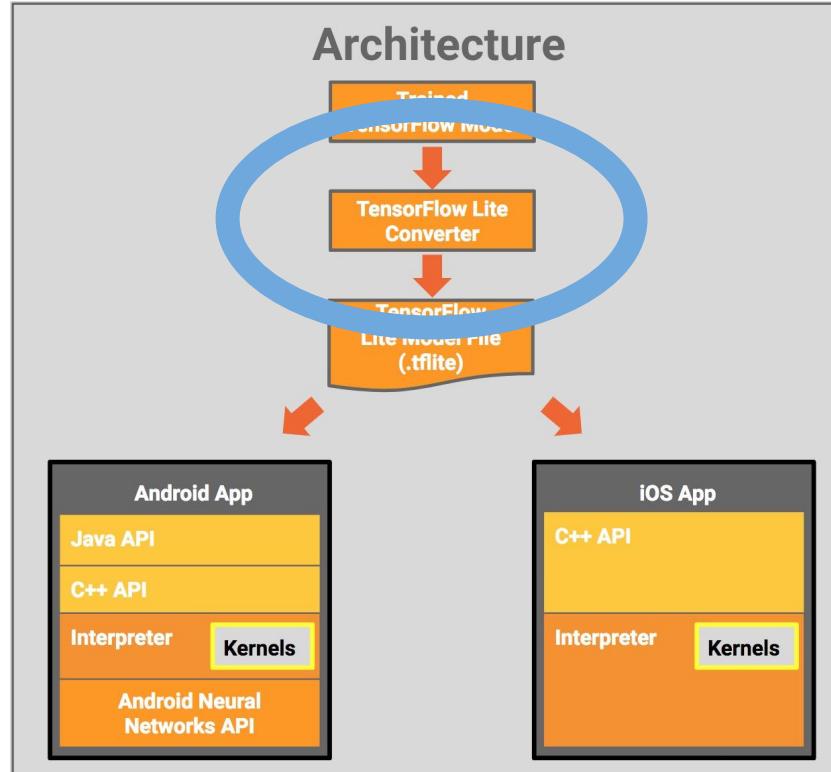
1,610,734 lines of code

456 years of effort

1st Commit Nov '15



# From TensorFlow to TensorFlow Lite



TensorFlow Lite uses [FlatBuffers](#)



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# TensorFlow 1st Commit in November 2015

## Commits : Individual Commit

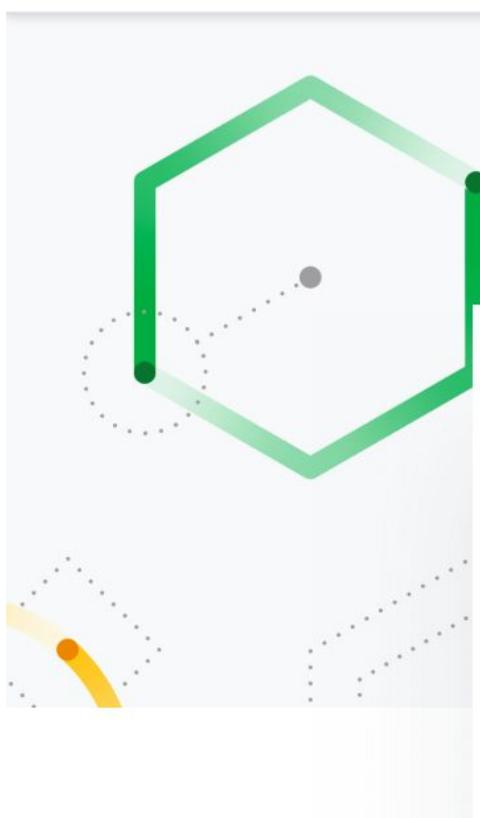
Commit ID f41959ccb2d9d4c722fe8fc3351401d53bcf4900



Contributor: Manjunath Kudlur  
Date: 07-November-2015 at 00:27  
Repository: git://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow.git  
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  
Files Modified: 1899  
Lines Added: 343903  
Lines Removed: 0

## Changes by Language

Language	Code Added	Code Removed	Comments Added	Comments Removed	Blanks Added	Blanks Removed
C++	180966	0	40104	0	33693	0
Python	38122	0	15251	0	11904	0
HTML	16068	0	338	0	706	0





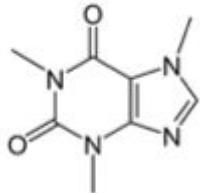
# Manjunath Kudlur

 [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, speech, text
- Tools, reference models, demos, and recipes → [Caffe Zoo](#)
- Seamless switch between CPU and GPU



[caffe.berkeleyvision.org](http://caffe.berkeleyvision.org)



[github.com/BVLC/caffe](https://github.com/BVLC/caffe)



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 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	Files Modified: 224
	Repository: git://github.com/caffe2/caffe2.git master	Lines Added: 50938	Lines Removed: 0
	Commit Comment: A clean init for Caffe2, removing my earlier hacky commits.		



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C++	26581	0	7938	0	4404	0
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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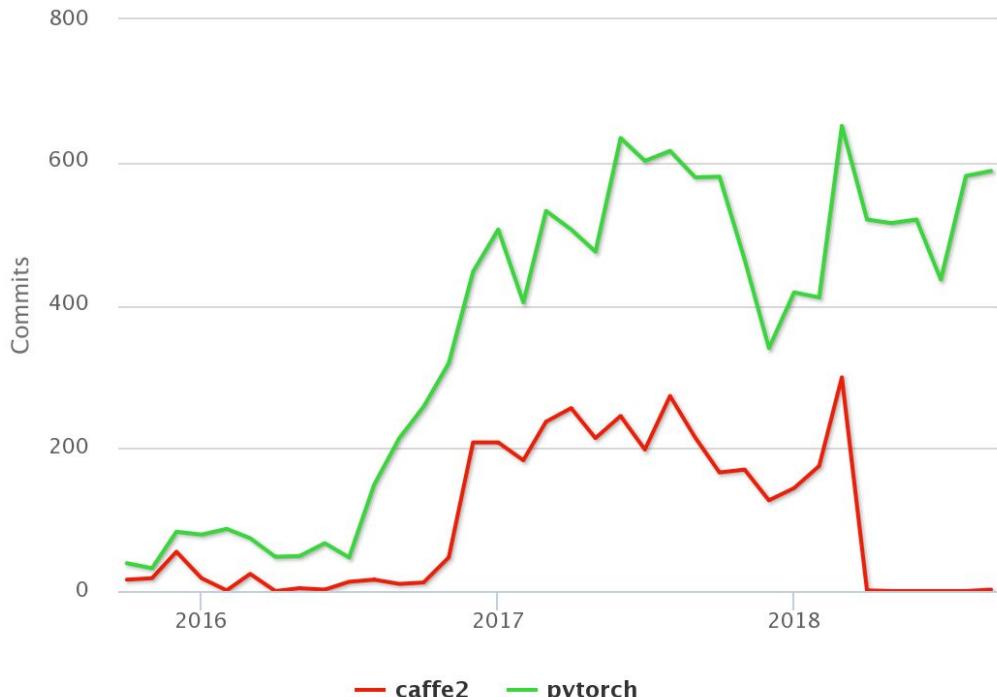
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# Caffe2 and PyTorch join forces<sup>(\*)</sup>



Facebook Open Source

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



[https://www.openhub.net/p/\\_compare?project\\_0=caffe2&project\\_1=pytorch](https://www.openhub.net/p/_compare?project_0=caffe2&project_1=pytorch)



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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: <a href="#">Mu Li</a>	Files Modified: 3
	Date: 30-April-2015 at 16:21	Lines Added: 0
	Repository: <a href="git://github.com/dmlc/mxnet.git">git://github.com/dmlc/mxnet.git</a> master	Lines Removed: 0
	Commit Comment: Initial commit	



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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:



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25 connections

# Deep Learning framework comparison

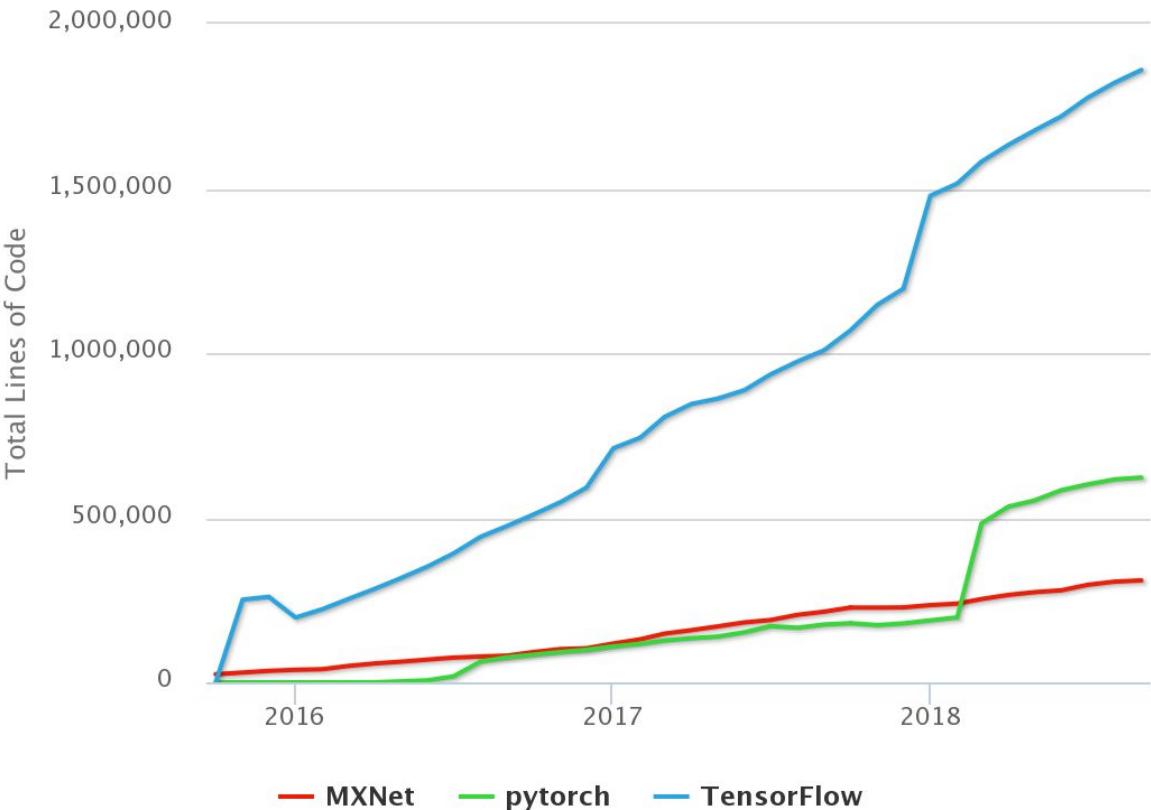
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Project Activity	 Very High Activity	 Very High Activity	 Very High Activity
Open Hub Data Quality	Updated 6 days ago	Updated 6 days ago	Updated 6 days ago
Homepage	<a href="http://mxnet.io">mxnet.io</a>	<a href="http://pytorch.org">pytorch.org</a>	<a href="http://tensorflow.org">tensorflow.org</a>
Project License	Apache-2.0	BSD-3-Clause	Apache-2.0
Estimated Cost	\$4,622,328	\$9,352,186	\$29,702,271
All Time Statistics			
Contributors (All Time) <a href="#">View as graph</a>	732 developers	1062 developers	1929 developers
Commits (All Time) <a href="#">View as graph</a>	8686 commits	13864 commits	41676 commits
Initial Commit	over 3 years ago	over 2 years ago	

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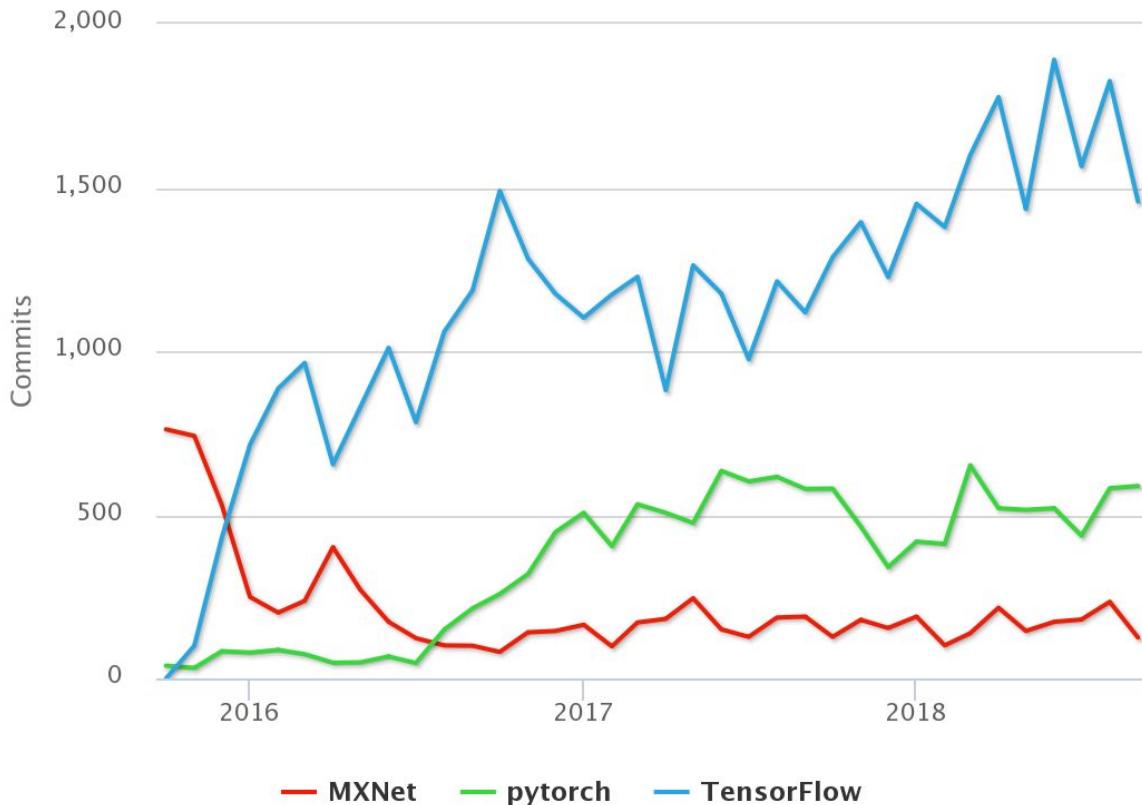
## Total lines of project source code, excluding comments and blank lines.



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



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If you want a really cool job like Manjunath, Yangqing or Mu Li....

**INVENT A GREAT NEW AI/ML FRAMEWORK**



# NN accelerators and software solutions

# Google Edge TPU

The Edge TPU is Google's purpose-built ASIC chip designed to run TensorFlow Lite ML inference at the edge

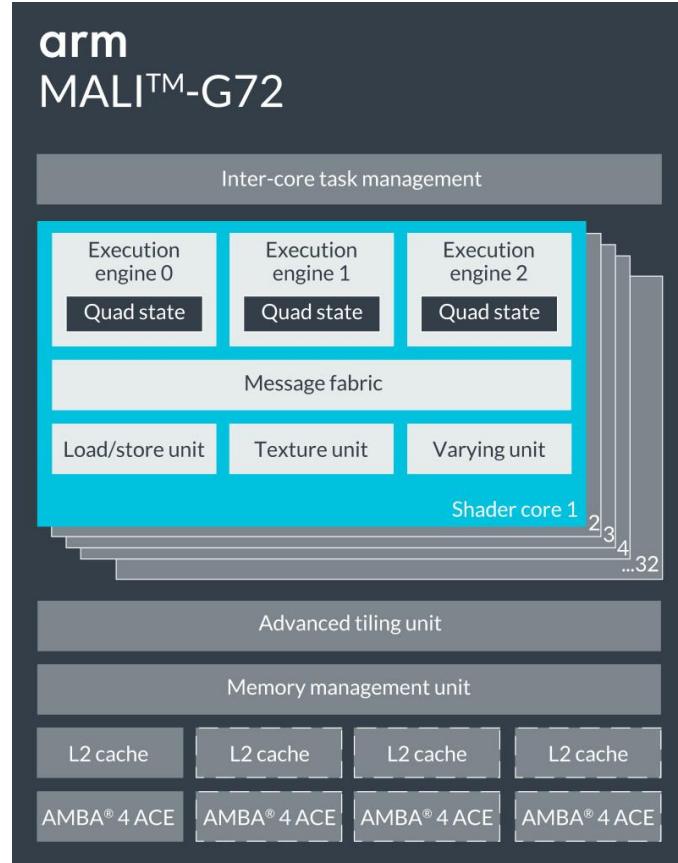
- AIY Edge TPU Dev Board
- AIY Edge TPU Accelerator



<https://aiyprojects.withgoogle.com/edge-tpu/>

# Arm Mali-G72

Arm Mali-G72 is the second generation Bifrost-based GPU for High Performance products. Benefiting from advanced technologies such as claused 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.



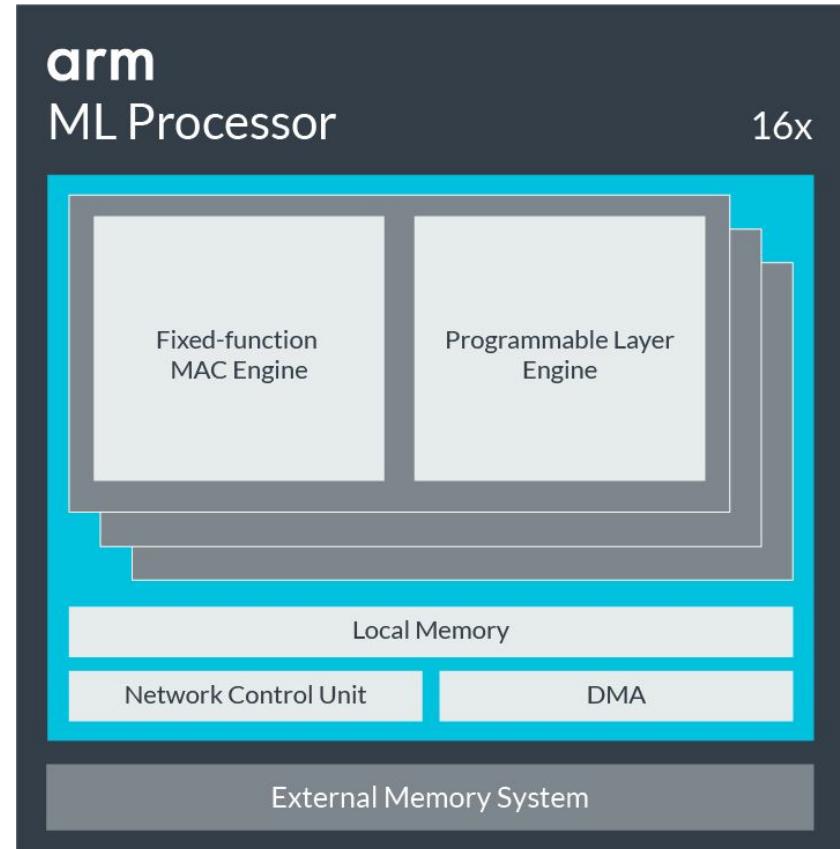
# Arm ML processor

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

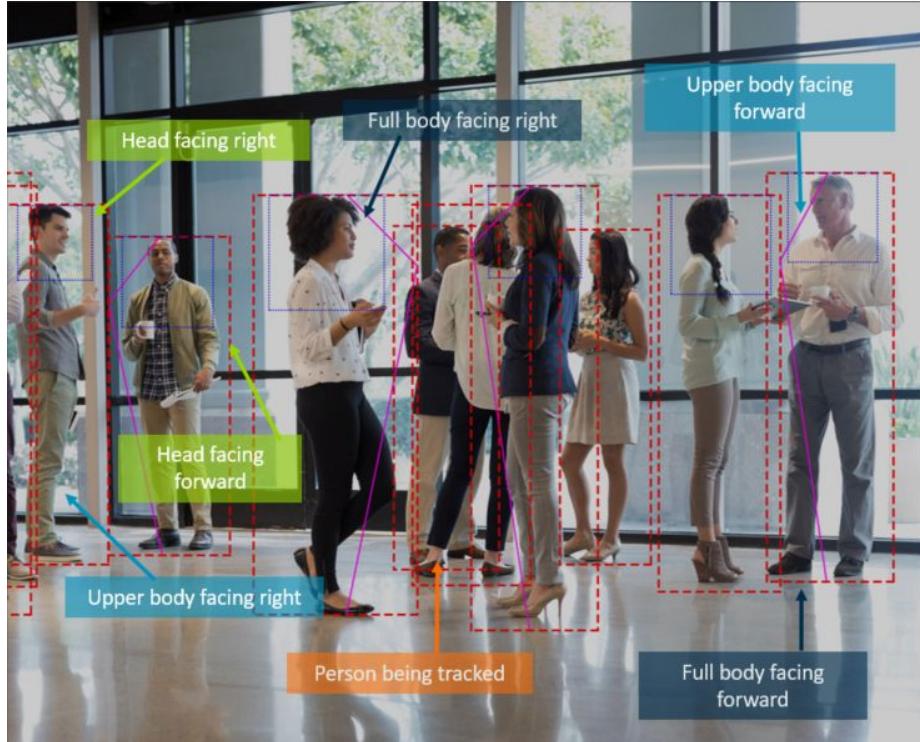
The network control unit manages the overall execution and traversal of the network and the DMA moves data in and out of the main memory.

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.

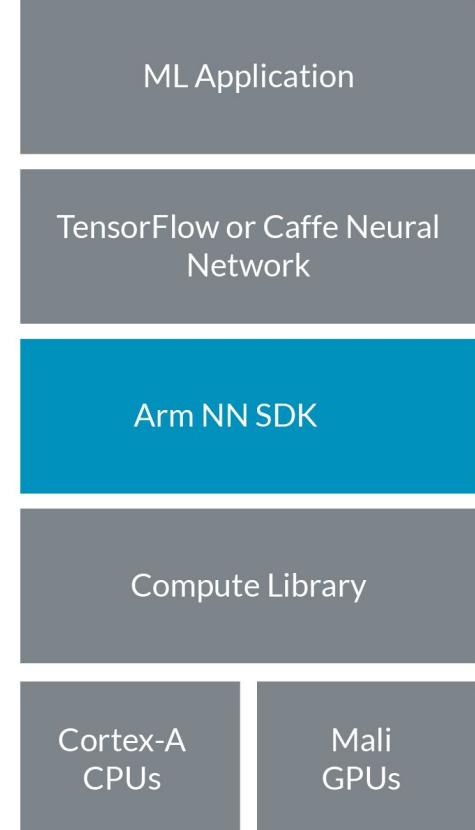


# Arm NN

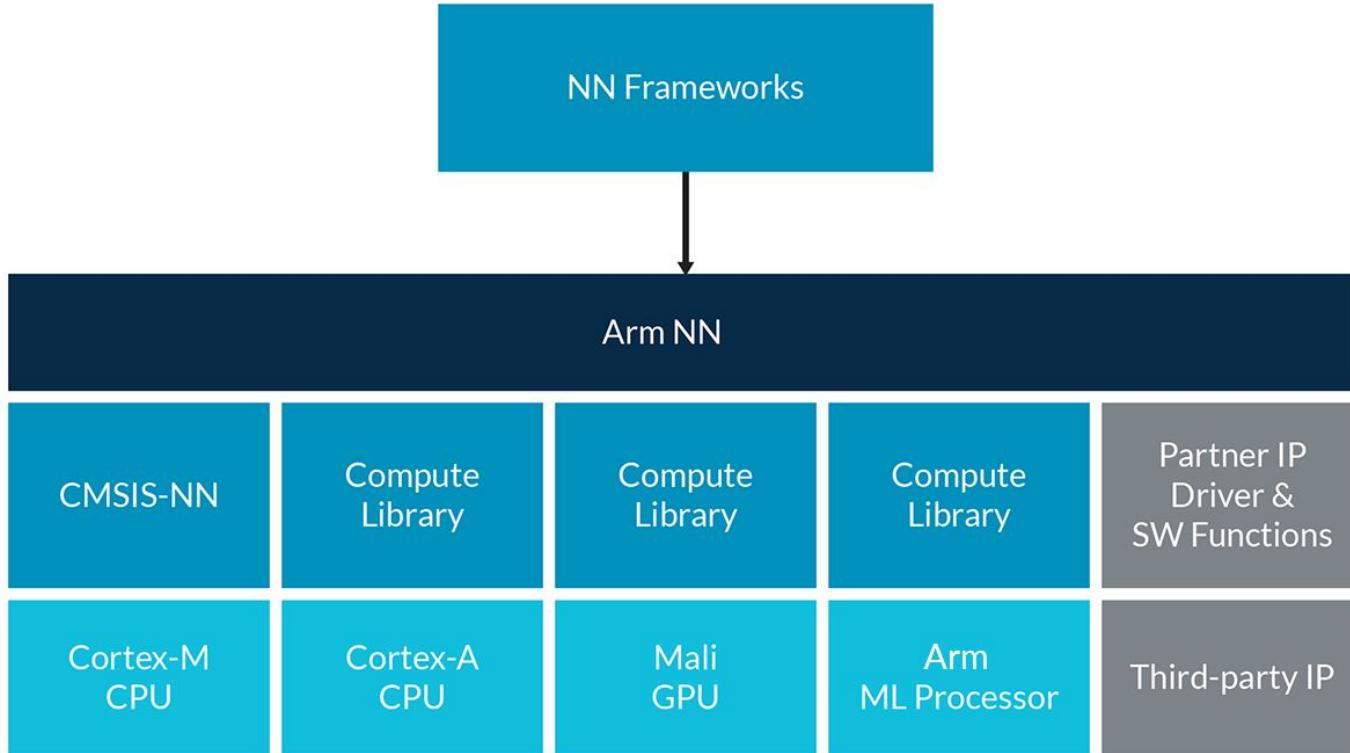
Arm NN SDK is a set of open-source Linux software and tools that enables machine learning workloads on power-efficient devices. It provides a bridge between existing neural network frameworks and power-efficient Arm Cortex CPUs, Arm Mali GPUs or the Arm Machine Learning processor.

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.

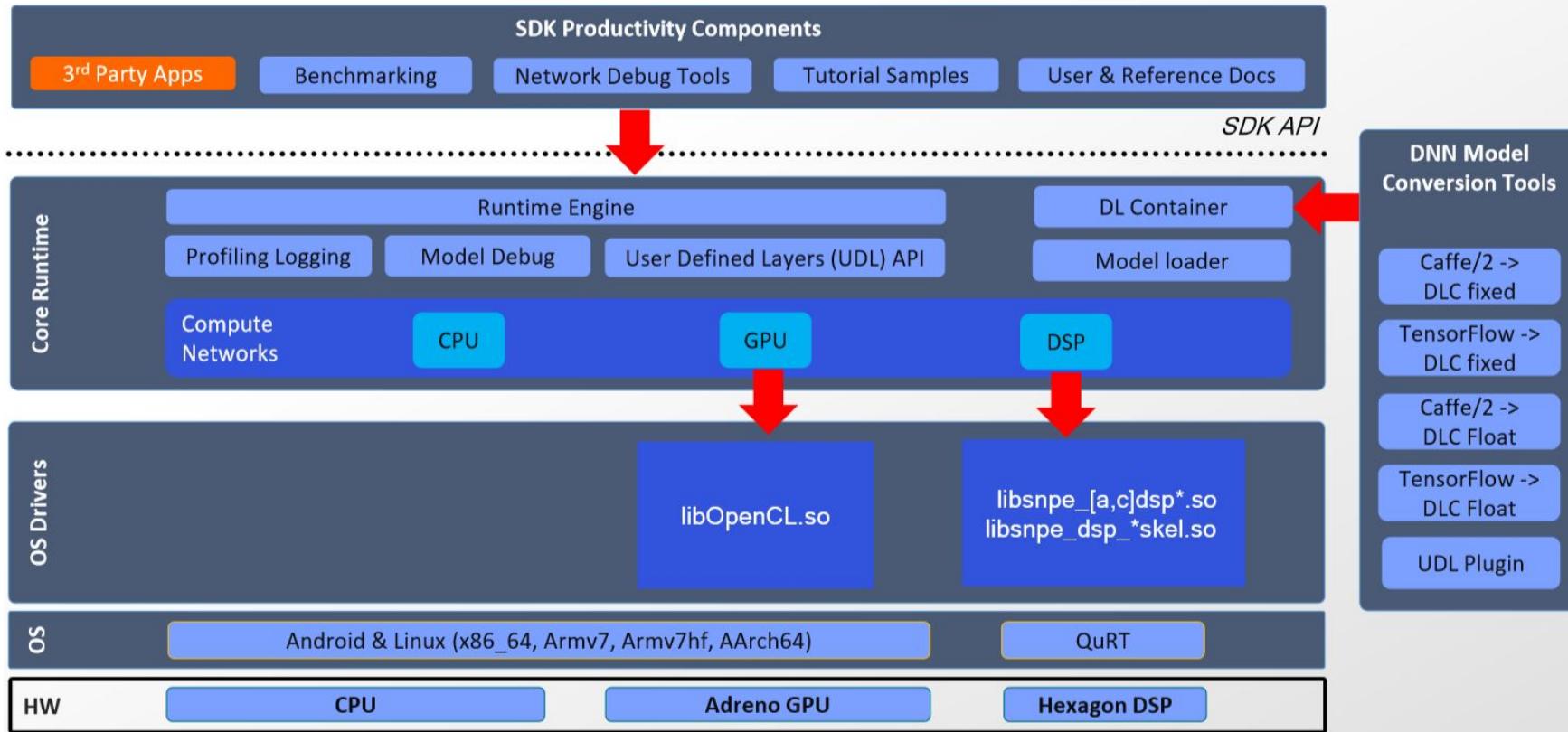
<https://developer.arm.com/products/processors/machine-learning/arm-nn>

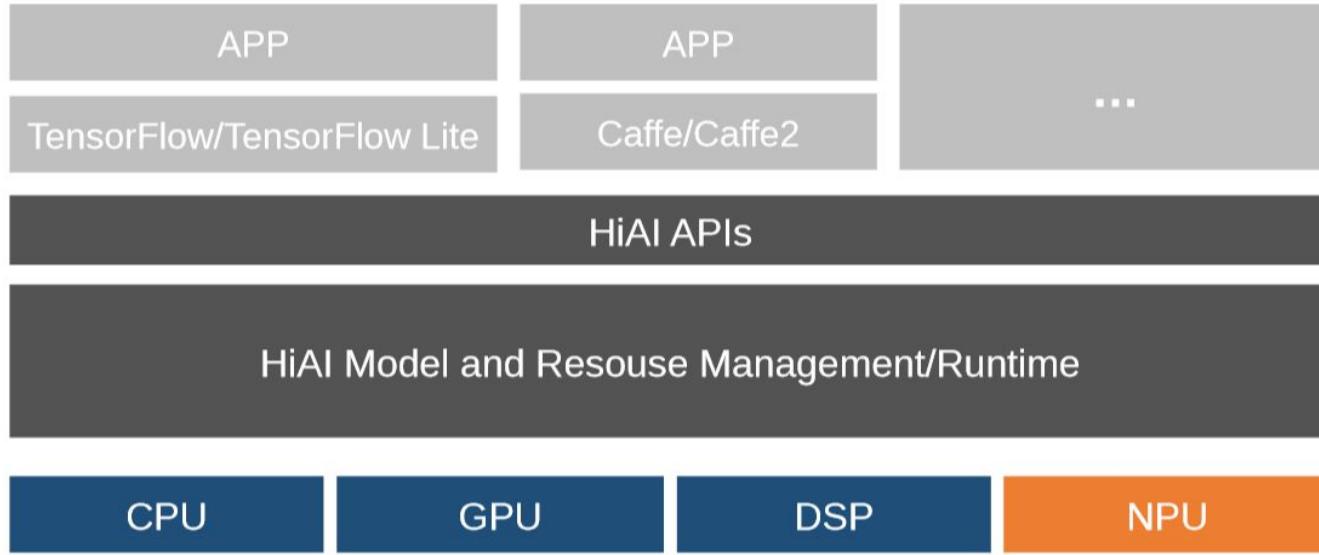


# Arm NN



# Snapdragon NPE SW Diagram





- 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/>

An ecosystem of 3rd parties providing NN IP and tools

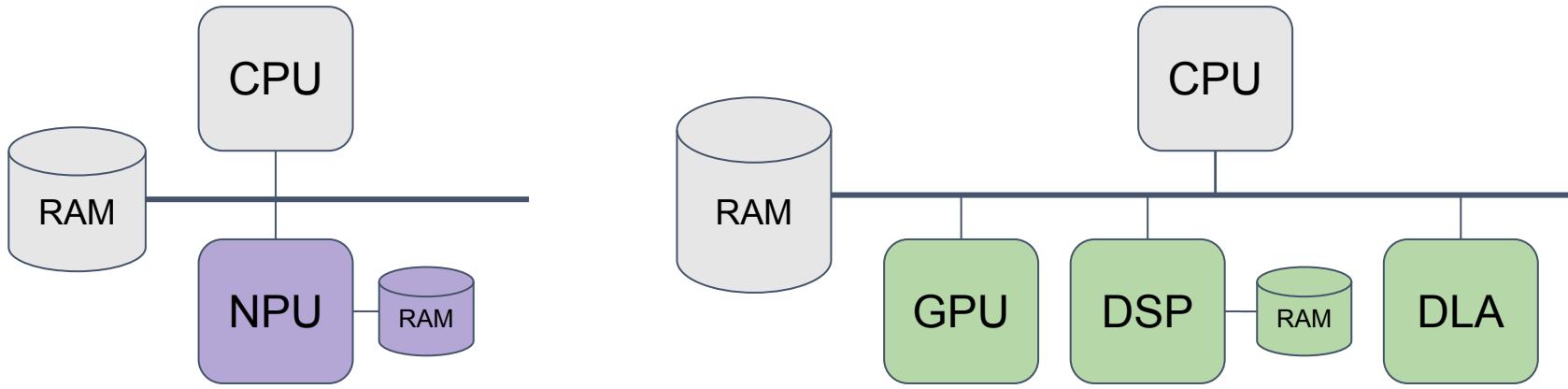


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- Forked and accelerated inference engine for each NN IP and each framework
  - high total cost of ownership
  - delayed rebases and updates
  - delayed security fixes



# 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%

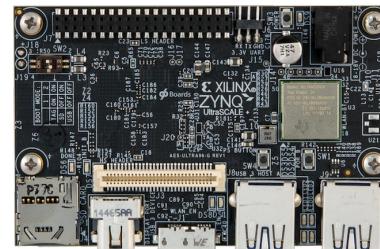
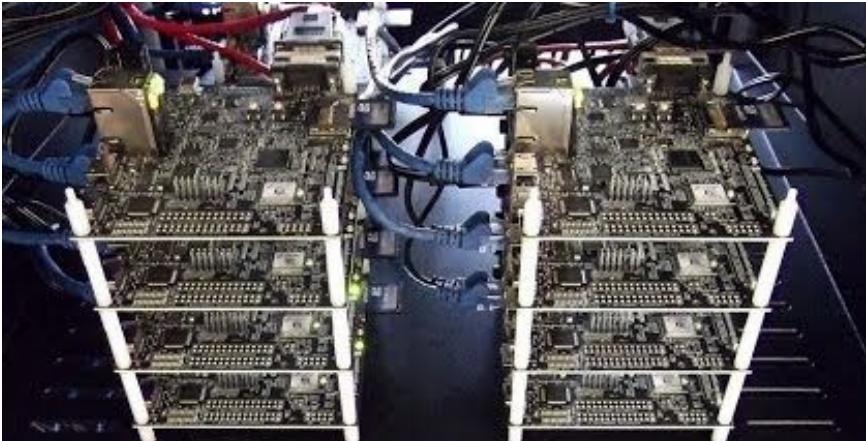
Source: 2017 Linux Kernel Development Report, Linux Foundation

Selected projects Linaro contributes to



# Linaro Machine Intelligence Initiative

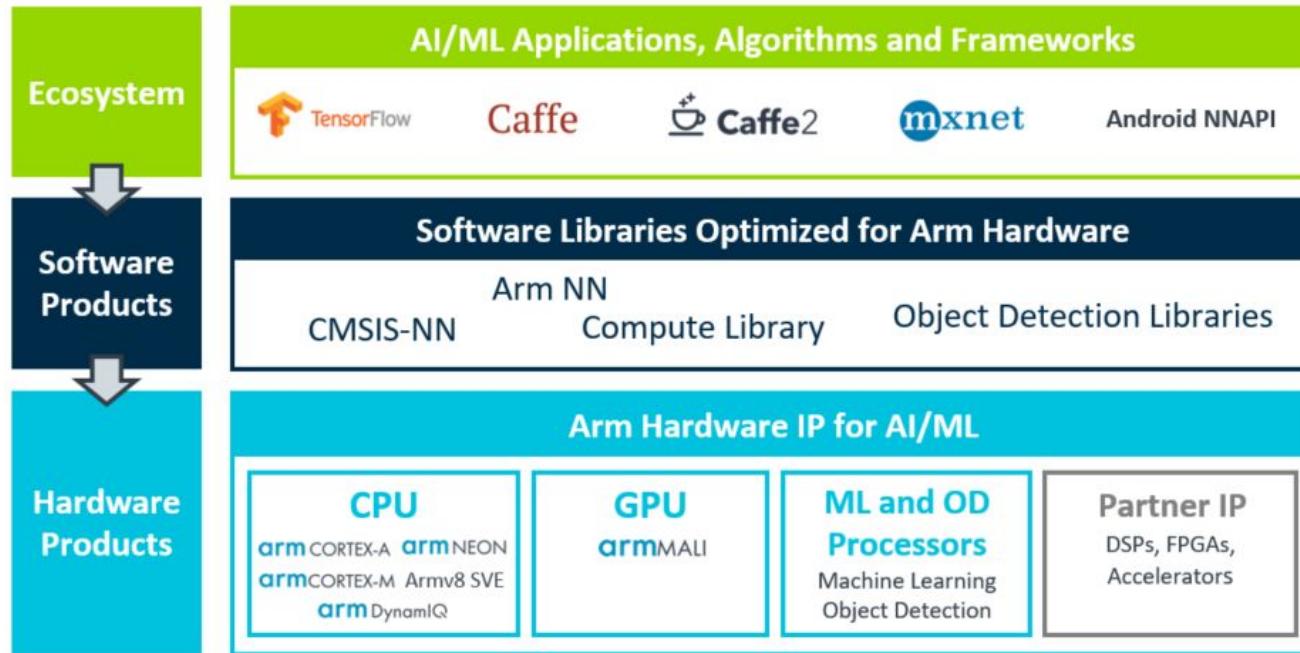
- Common model description format and APIs to the runtime
- Common optimized runtime inference engine for Arm-based SoC
- Plug-in framework to support multiple 3rd party NPU, CPU, GPU, DSP
- CI loops on reference development boards to measure accuracy, performance speed up and regression testing

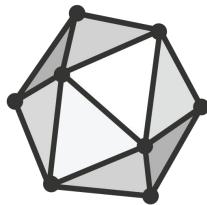


# Arm NN becomes an open source project

[Arm: Accelerating ML Collaboration with Arm NN and Linaro](#)

[Arm and Linaro announce launch of Machine Intelligence Initiative](#)





# ONNX

## Open Neural Network Exchange (ONNX)

An open source format for AI models

An extensible computation graph model

Definitions of built-in operators and standard data types

Initial focus on inference

## ONNX Interface for Framework Integration (ONNXIFI)

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



CNTK

mxnet

Caffe2

PYTORCH

Microsoft

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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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At **Linaro Connect Vancouver 2018**

**Wednesday 19 September** - Hyatt Regency Vancouver,  
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**\$45 to attend the summit only**

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<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>Title</b>
Chris Benson	AI Strategist	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-300K2</u></a>	Keynote: Artificial Intelligence Strategy: Digital Transformation Through Deep Learning
Jem Davies	Arm	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-300K1</u></a>	Keynote: Enabling Machine Learning to Explode with Open Standards and Collaboration
Robert Elliott	Arm	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-329</u></a>	Arm NN intro
Pete Warden	Google Tensorflow	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-338</u></a>	Tensorflow for Arm devices
Mark Charlebois	Qualcomm	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-330</u></a>	Qualcomm Snapdragon AI Software
Thom Lane	Amazon AWS AI	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-331</u></a>	ONNX and Edge Deployments
Jammy Zhou	Linaro	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-332</u></a>	TVM compiler stack and ONNX support
Luba Tang	Skymizer	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-333</u></a>	ONNC (Open Neural Network Compiler) for ARM Cortex-M
Shouyong Liu	Thundersoft	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-334</u></a>	AI Alive: On Device and In-App
Ralph Wittig	Xilinx	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-335</u></a>	Xilinx: AI on FPGA and ACAP Roadmap
Andrea Gallo and others	Linaro, Arm, Qualcomm, Skymizer, Xilinx	<a href="#"><u>YVR18-337</u></a>	BoF: JIT vs offline compilers vs deploying at the Edge

# Jem Davies, Arm Fellow and GM of the ML Group





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