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Introduction to Intel Movidius C API (V2)

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Intel Movidius Neural Compute Stick

NCS is a USB-thumb-drive-sized deep learning machine that you can use to learn AI programming at the edge

- Based on Myriad 2 processor (28 nm)
- 80-150 GFLOPS performance
- Consumes only 1W of power
- Connectivity: USB 3.0 Type-A
- Operating temperature: 0 40 C





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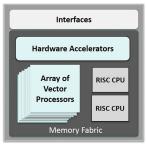
Intel Movidius Neural Compute Stick

- It consumes 1W of power which isl ower than raspberry pie (1.2~W minimum). Throughput of images (data from host) to NCS is limited by USB3 interface. There is operational temperature of 0 - 40 degrees. When temperature is too high frequnce of compute is reduced (throttling)

Intel Movidius Neural Compute Stick

The Intel Movidius Myriad 2 VPU

- An ultra-low power design
- Featuring 12 VLIW programmable SHAVE cores, dedicated vision accelerators and 2 CPUS
- 12 programmable SHAVE cores
- A small-area footprint
- Support for 16/32-bit floating point and 8/16/32-bit integer operations



Myriad 2 Vision Processor Unit (VPU)



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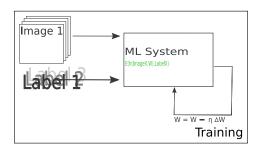
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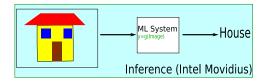
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An ultra-low power design: For mobile and connected devices where battery life is critical, Intel's Myriad 2 VPU provides a way to combine advanced vision applications in a low power profile. This enables new vision applications in small form factors that could not exist before. A small-area footprint To conserve space inside mobile, wearable, and embedded devices, Intel's Myriad 2 VPU was designed with a very small footprint that can easily be integrated into existing products.

Stages of Deep learning







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So there are two stages of deep learning one is process of tunnning of params of our model (Neural Network) which is called training. The other one is stage where we apply our trained model for previously not seen data. This second stage is called Inference. It is absolutly fine to train model on one device like CPU server and then perform inference on other device like Intel Movidius. In fact Intel Movidius does support only Inference of Deep learning models. It does work with Caffe[1] and Tensorflow[2] models.

Prerequisities

- Raspbian is officially supported
- Ubuntu 16.04 Linux is officially supported
 - ► native installation
 - ► Virtual machine
 - docker
- Other Linux flavours are not supported
 - ► Python3 is needed



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What do we need to have NCS running? Currently Intel Movidius does support Ubuntu and Raspberry pie eg. Raspbian. It does not have to be nativly installed supported linux. Virtual machine (host Windows) will work as well. As for not supported configurations. They may work after some tunning. I personally had C API of Movidius working on Fedora 23. But to save some troubles, use supported configurations.

Configuring and Building project that uses C API - Commandline

Example Commandline:

g++ main.cpp -I < dir with mvnc.h > -Imvnc -L < dir with libmvnc.so > -o hello-movidius

Example Commandline from Fedora Linux:

g++ main.cpp - I/usr/local/include - Imvnc - L/usr/local/lib - o hello-movidius



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Configuring and Building project that uses C API -

How can we build our project that is using Intel Movidius C API? For very simple project we can build it from commandline. To have it build we need to give compiler a path to where movidius headers are as well as movidius library and directory where library is installed. Second example shows how it can be done my custom (not supported) Fedora OS.

Configuring and Building of project using C API – cmake

```
cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 2.8)
project (task1)
# --- Find Intel Movidius header
find_path(NCS_INCLUDE_DIR NAMES "mvnc.h"
        HINTS "/usr/local"
        PATHS "/usr/local"
        PATH_SUFFIXES "include" )
# --- Find Intel Movidius library
find_library (NCS_LIBRARY
        NAMES mync
        PATHS /usr/local/lib)
if (NCS_LIBRARY)
  message(STATUS "Found_Movidius_NCS_(include:_${NCS_INCLUDE_DIR},_lib:_${NCS_LIBRARY}")
  include_directories (${NCS_INCLUDE_DIR})
else()
  message(FATAL "_Intel_NCS_not_located_properly")
endif()
add_executable(task2 main.cpp )
target_link_libraries(task1 ${NCS_LIBRARY} )
```

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Configuring and Building project that uses C API

Configuring and Building of project using C

API - cmake

Configuring and Building of project using C API -

Building from commandline is not very convenient for more complex projects. So we can use Cmake as building system. On shown example we try to locate mvnc.h and pass directory where this header is to linker. Then we try to locate where libmvnc.so is located to pass it to linker. After we have detected MVNC headers and library we let know compiler which source files should be compiled to build our target(binary) and then to this target we also pass information on libraries to be used. If no libmvnc.so is found then an error is reported and configuration of project is stopped.

Configuring and Building project that uses C API - task

Example cmake commandline:

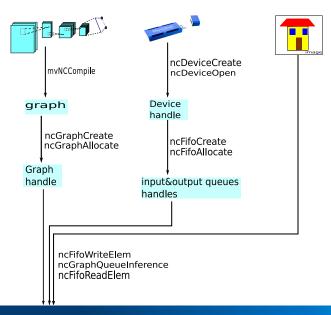
```
mkdir build; cd build; cmake ../
```

Task1:

- 1. Use cmake to build code in directory: task1
- 2. Run created binary without NCS inside
- 3. Run created binary with NCS



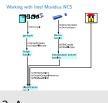
Working with Intel Movidius NCS



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How to work with NCS?

Working with Intel Movidius NCS



So how does the model of cooperation with NCS looks like? As mentioned in introduction only inference is supported in NCS. So we need to have CNN model already trained in Caffe or Tensorflow then with mvNCCompil we process it to the form that can be deployed to NCS. Also we need to locate NCS in our system and initialize it for work eg. create resources for NCS handling and open communication with NCS. This is done with ncDeviceCreate and ncDeviceOpen. After we have NCS initialized as a result we will get Device handle . Then we create input and output queses which are used for sending and recieving data from NCS.

To have actual inference we send an image into input queue (using ncFifoWriteElem) and then start inference with ncGraphQueueInference Result is to be acquired by reading from output queue eg. ncFifoReadElem.

When we want to conclude work we have to free resources eg. queues, graphs.

Locating NCS devices in a system

```
index = 0; // Index of device to query for
ncStatus_t ret = ncDeviceCreate(index,&deviceHandle);
if (ret == NC_OK) {
    std::cout << "Found_NCS_named:_" << index++ << std::endl;
}

// If not devices present the exit
if (index == 0) {
    throw std::string("Error:_No_Intel_Movidius_identified_in_a_system!\n");
}</pre>
```

■ can be called in multiple times (until an error is returned) to create device handles for multiple NCS devices.



So to detect NCS in a system we call ncDeviceCreate. IF function succeed for given NCS name (from 0 onwords) then struct describing given device is allocated. Typical usage is to call this function in a loop until we have error returned. That way we initialize all NCS existing in a system. Corressponding function to release device handle is ncDeviceDestroy (example code is on later slides)

Opening communication with NCS devices

ret = ncDeviceOpen(deviceHandle);

```
if(ret != NC_OK) {
   // If we cannot open communication with device then clean up resources
   destroy();
   throw std::string("Error:_Could_not_open_NCS_device:_") + std::to_string(index-1);
}
```

■ ncDeviceOpen can be called for each initialized NCS



Opening communication with NCS devices

After we detected NCS devices we need to open them for communication. This function can be called for each NCS detected in a system Function that closes communication with the device is ncDeviceClose

Creating and Training model

- caffe or tensorflow are supported
- classification and detection is supported
- No batch processing mode for inference.
- not all corner cases of caffe functionality is supported



Creating and Training model

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NCS supports classification and detection and its purpose is computer vision inference. Model can be created and trained using Caffe or Tensorflow. But not every caffe model is supported as not for all layers full range of functionality is supported. For example InnerProduct layer can accept many inputs in Caffe, but Movidius caffe supports one input. So before engaging into training it could be good to compile created model into NCS graph , just to check if our model is supported by NCS.

Conversion of model for NCS

Example Commandline for converting GoogleNet model prepared with Caffe:

```
mvNCCompile -w bvlc_googlenet.caffemodel deploy.prototxt -s 12 -o myGoogleNet
```

Actions performed by mvNCCompile:

- convert model's data layout from ZYX to YXZ
- convert data format : floating point 16
- merge(fuse) layers eg. Relu+BatchNorm

Supported DNN frameworks:

- Caffe
- Tensorflow



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After we have model trained we need to convert model to the form that can be used by NCS. We used a mvNCCompile program to generate graph to be loaded into NCS. There is a number of actions that mvNCCompile performs. Model is analyzed then conversion from floating point to fp16 is performed. Data and model is rearranged so data layout from ZYX to YXZ. Also model is analyzed and some of layers are fused, for example Relu with Batch Normalization. I'm talking here on Caffe but it same program mvNCCompile is used for conversion of tensorflow model.

Conversion of model for NCS – task

Examples of conversions:

```
\label{local_monotone_monotone} \begin{tabular}{lll} mvNCCompile $-w$ & bvlc_googlenet.caffemodel & deploy.prototxt $-s$ & $1$ & $-o$ & myGoogleNet-shave1 \\ mvNCCompile $-w$ & bvlc_googlenet.caffemodel & deploy.prototxt $-s$ & $1$ & $-o$ & myGoogleNet-shave12 \\ \end{tabular}
```

Task2:

- 1. find and enter task2 directory
- 2. convert trained googlenet model to graph suited for one shave
- 3. convert trained googlenet model to graph suited for 12 shaves



Loading NCS graph

```
// Creation of graph resources
unsigned int graphSize = 0;
loadGraphFromFile(graphFile, graphFileName, &graphSize);
ncStatus_t ret = ncGraphCreate(graphFileName.c_str(),&graphHandlePtr);
if (ret != NC_OK) {
    throw std::string("Error:_Graph_Creation_failed!"):
// Allocate graph on NCS
ret = ncGraphAllocate(deviceHandle,graphHandlePtr,graphFile.get(),graphSize);
if (ret != NC_OK) {
    destroy();
    throw std::string("Error:_Graph_Allocation_failed!");
unsigned int optionSize = sizeof(inputDescriptor):
ret = ncGraphGetOption(graphHandlePtr,
        NC_RO_GRAPH_INPUT_TENSOR_DESCRIPTORS.
       &inputDescriptor.
       &optionSize);
if (ret != NC_OK) {
  destroy():
  throw std::string("Error:_Unable_to_create_input_FIFO!");
```

- Many graphs can be loaded to single NCS
- Each graph can be send to only one NCS.



Loading NCS graph

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After we have NCS graph created from trained model we put it on the NCS. This done by first create handle to graph via ncGraphCreate. Then we allocate graph on NCS using ncGraphAlocate.Allocated graph is ready to ready to perform inferences. Then with ncGraphGetOption we can acquire dimensions of input to be used by graph that later on will be used (those dimensions) when initializing NCS queues.

Loading NCS graph

```
void loadGraphFromFile(std::unique_ptr<char[]>& graphFile, const std::string& graphFileN:
{
    std::ifstream ifs;
    ifs.open(graphFileName, std::ifstream::binary);
    if (ifs.good() = false) {
        throw std::string("Error:_Unable_to_open_graph_file:_") + graphFileName;
    }

// Get size of file
    ifs.seekg(0, ifs.end);
*graphSize = ifs.tellg();
    ifs.seekg(0, ifs.beg);

graphFile.reset(new char[*graphSize]);
    ifs.read(graphFile.get(),*graphSize);
    ifs.close();
```



How to load graph into memory. Well converted graph is stored on harddrive. So we read file into memory and pointer to that memory is given to ncGraphAllocate

Creating Queues (FIFO)

```
// Create input FIFO
ncStatus_t ret = ncFifoCreate("input1", fifotype, &FIFO_);
if (ret != NC_OK) {
   throw std::string("Error:_Unable_to_create_FIFO!");
}
....

ret = ncFifoAllocate(input.FIFO_, deviceHandle, &inputDescriptor, 2);
if (ret != NC_OK) {
   destroy();
   throw std::string("Error:_Unable_to_allocate_input__FIFO!_on_NCS");
}
```

It is nessesery to create at least one input and at least one output queues





Next we need to need to create a queues for communication with NCS device. One for input data and one for output data. This is done with ncFifoCreate. Next created Fifos should be allocated of NCS devices. This is done with ncFifoAllocate.

Starting inference

```
ret = ncFifoWriteElem(input.FIFO_, tensor.get(),&inputLength, nullptr);
if (ret != NC_OK) {
    throw std::string("Error:_Loading_Tensor_into_input_queue_failed!");
}

ret = ncGraphQueueInference(graphHandlePtr,&(input.FIFO_), 1, &(output.FIFO_), 1);
if (ret != NC_OK) {
    throw std::string("Error:__Queing_inference_failed!");
}
```

■ For each written element into input FIFO we need to call ncGraphQueueInference

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Starting interests:

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Having graph loaded into NCS we can send input data (images) to NCS for execution. This is done with writting data to input FIFO ncFifoWriteElem and then enqueuing inference with ncGraphQueueInference. Currently for each element in a input FIFO we need to call ncGraphQueueInference

Preparing tensor – 1

```
void prepareTensor(std::unique_ptr<unsigned char[]>& input, std::string& imageName,unsig
 // load an image using OpenCV
  cv::Mat\ imagefp32 = cv::imread(imageName, -1);
  if (imagefp32.empty())
    throw std::string("Error_reading_image:_") + imageName;
 // Convert to expected format
  cv::Mat samplefp32;
  if (imagefp32.channels() == 4 && net_data_channels == 3)
    cv::cvtColor(imagefp32, samplefp32, cv::COLOR_BGRA2BGR);
  else if (imagefp32.channels() = 1 && net_data_channels = 3)
    cv::cvtColor(imagefp32, samplefp32, cv::COLOR_GRAY2BGR);
  else
    samplefp32 = imagefp32:
  // Resize input image to expected geometry
  cv::Size input_geometry(net_data_width . net_data_height):
  cv::Mat samplefp32_resized;
  if (samplefp32.size() != input_geometry)
   cv::resize(samplefp32, samplefp32_resized, input_geometry);
  else
    samplefp32_resized = samplefp32:
```

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How an example of preparation of tensor looks like. OpenCV is used here but any other library is fine. Movidius ncsdk comes with stb_image which is public domain image loader. Ok. So how typical tensor preparation look like. We load image, then convert image to pixel format matching our graph eg. NN model. So if googlenet is requiring images 224x224 RGB then we perform such operation.

Preparing tensor – 2

```
// Convert to float32
cv::Mat samplefp32_float;
samplefp32_resized.convertTo(samplefp32_float, CV_32FC3);

// Mean subtract
cv::Mat input;
cv::Mat mean = cv::Mat(input_geometry, CV_32FC3, net_mean);
cv::subtract(samplefp32_float, mean, input);

*inputLength = sizeof(short)*net_data_width*net_data_height*net_data_channels;
}
```

■ By default data is accepted in float (32 bit format type), but it is possible to deliver input in 16 bit floating point type



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Preparing tensor - 2

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Next we convert image to float values, subtract mean of images if model require to do so. We may convert on our own image data from float32 to float16. If we do then NCS sdk does not have to do it.

Getting inference results

```
// Get size of outputFIFO element
                                               Example Results:
optionSize = sizeof(unsigned int);
ret = ncFifoGetOption(output.FIFO_,
    NC_RO_FIFO_ELEMENT_DATA_SIZE,
                                                   0.00014782
   &outputFIFOsize.
                                                   0.000174284
   &optionSize):
if (ret != NC_OK) {
  throw std::string("Error: Getting
                                                   0.00274658
___output_FIFO_element_size_failed!"):
                                                   0.00568008
                                                   0.00163364
// Prepare buffer for reading output
                                                   0.234131
result . reset (new
                                                   0.495605
    unsigned char[outputFIFOsize]);
                                                   0.0139542
                                                   0.00143623
ret = ncFifoReadElem(output.FIFO_,
                                                   0 162109
    result.get(),
                                                   0.0288391
   &outputFIFOsize.
    nullptr):
if (ret != NC_OK) {
  throw std::string("Error: Reading
element_failed_!"):
```

ncFifoReadElem blocks till results are available



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Getting inference results

Getting inference results



Getting outcome of execution eg. inference is an element in output FIFO(queue). This element can be read with ncReadElem . This function does block execution eg. wait till something to be read in output queue. To use this function we need to know the size of element in a output queue, which can be acquired using ncFifoGetOption . For classification returned result is a vector of floating point values that are interpreted as probabilities that given input(image) represented given category

Performance evaluation

```
unsigned int optionSize = sizeof(unsigned int);
unsigned int profiling Size = 0;
ncStatus_t ret = ncGraphGetOption(
                                               Performance profiling:
    graphHandlePtr,
                                                       0.005325 ms
    NC_RO_GRAPH_TIME_TAKEN_ARRAY_SIZE.
                                                       5.715929 ms
   &profilingSize.
                                                       1 142653 ms
   &optionSize);
                                                       0.552343 ms
                                                       1.450738 ms
std::unique_ptr<float> profilingData(new
                                                       14 622865 ms
    float [profilingSize/sizeof(float)]);
                                                       1 481223 ms
                                                       0.826488 ms
ret = ncGraphGetOption(graphHandlePtr.
                                                       0.895807 ms
    NC_RO_GRAPH_TIME_TAKEN.
                                                       1 151683 ms
    profiling Data.get(),
                                                       5.986005 ms
   &profilingSize);
                                                       0.492310 ms
                                                       1 383597 ms
std::cout << "Performance_profiling:"
                                                       0 158708 ms
   << std::endl:
float totalTime = 0.0 f:
                                                       0 734407 ms
int num_measuers = profilingSize/sizeof(float);
                                                       0.215032 ms
for (unsigned int i=0; i < num\_measuers; ++i) {
                                                       0.781197 ms
  std::cout << "_"
                                                       0.202845 ms
   << profilingData.get()[i]</pre>
                                               Total time: 116 748215 ms
   << " _ms"<<std :: endl;
  totalTime += profilingData.get()[i];
std::cout << "Total_compute_time:_"
    << std::to_string(totalTime) << "_ms"<< std::endl;</pre>
```

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It is possible from C API to get times of execution of stages. Profiling info is done anyway so it just matter of acquiring it from NCS. This can be done using ncGraphGetOption with argument

NC_RO_GRAPH_TIME_TAKEN . As a result we will get time in ms of stages being executed. To alocate memory for results we need to know size of performance measures to be returned. This size can acquired with ncGraphGetOption with NC_RO_GRAPH_TIME_TAKEN_ARRAY_SIZE parameter. Returned results are of float data type that is a reason we divide size returned of results by size of float data type. More detailed info can be taken using mvncProfile

Finishing work with NCS

```
// Deallocating graph
ncStatus_t ret = ncGraphDestrov(&graphHandlePtr);
if (ret != NC_OK)
  std::cout << "Error:_Graph_destroying_failed!" << std::endl;
// Releasing queue
ncStatus_t ret = ncFifoDestroy(&FIFO_);
if (ret != NC_OK)
  std::cout << "Error:_FIFO_destroying_failed!" << std::endl;
// Closing communication with NCS
ncStatus_t ret = ncDeviceClose(deviceHandle):
if (ret != NC_OK) {
  std::cerr << "Error:_Closing_of_device:_"
   << std::to_string(index -1) <<" failed!" << std::endl;</pre>
// Releasing resources for NCS handling
ncStatus_t ret = ncDeviceDestroy(&deviceHandle):
if (ret != NC_OK) {
  std::cerr << "Error:_Freeing_resources_of_device:_"<< std::to_string(index -1)
   <<" failed!" << std::endl;
```

 Lack of closing device may result in device not been available for some time Introduction to Intel Movidius C API (V2)

Finishing work with NCS

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When we end work we release graph allocated with ncGraphDestroy and then close NCS with ncDeviceClose and ncDeviceDestroy. Lack of closing device and releasing the graph may result in device not been available at least that is my observation that next time we call program using NCS NCS may not be able to be initialized properly

Performance evaluation - Task

Task3:

- 1. find and enter task3 directory
- 2. build main.cpp to use graph compiled for one shave

```
mkdir build; cd build; cmake ../; make
```

execute program task3 using cat.jpg and note top-1 classification result

```
cd ../; ./build/test-ncs-v2 cat.jpg -graph myGoogleNet-shave1
```

4. execute program task3 using cat.jpg with **profiling** and note performance results

```
./build/test-ncs-v2 cat.jpg -graph myGoogleNet-shave1 -profile
```

5. execute program task3 using cat.jpg with **profiling** but with graph compiled for 12 shaves. Note performance results

```
./build/test-ncs-v2 cat.jpg -graph myGoogleNet-shave12 -profile
```



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