

# ELE 548: Project Proposal

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# Modern Hardware is Heterogeneous?!



```
int square(int x) {
    int a = x;
    int b = 0;
    b = b + 42;
    int result = a * a;
    return result;
}
```

### Front-End Compilation

ast

lowering

```
define i32 @square(i32 %0) {
    %2 = alloca i32, align 4
    %3 = alloca i32, align 4
    store i32 %0, ptr %2, align 4
    store i32 0, ptr %3, align 4
    %4 = load i32, ptr %3, align 4
    %5 = add i32 %4, 42
    store i32 %5, ptr %3, align 4
    %6 = load i32, ptr %2, align 4
    %7 = load i32, ptr %2, align 4
    %8 = mul nsw i32 %6, %7
    ret i32 %8
}
```

**Optimal pass  
order for every  
architecture???**

**HUGE effort to  
avoid regressions!**

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```

mem2reg

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define i32 @square(i32 %0) {
    %2 = add i32 0, 42
    %3 = mul nsw i32 %0, %0
    ret i32 %3
}
```

### Back-End Compilation

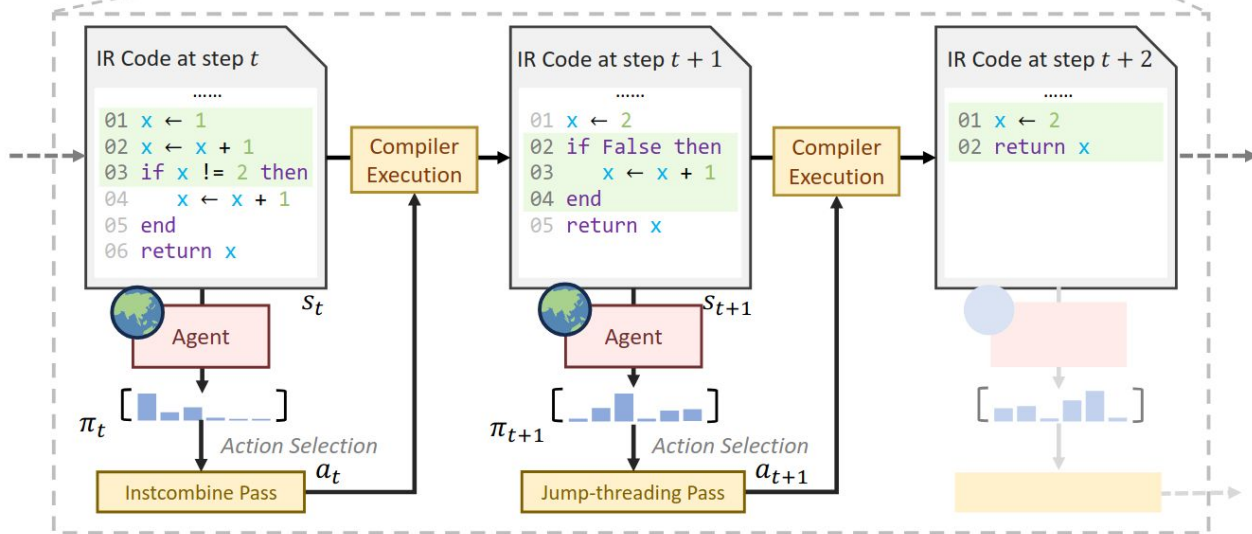
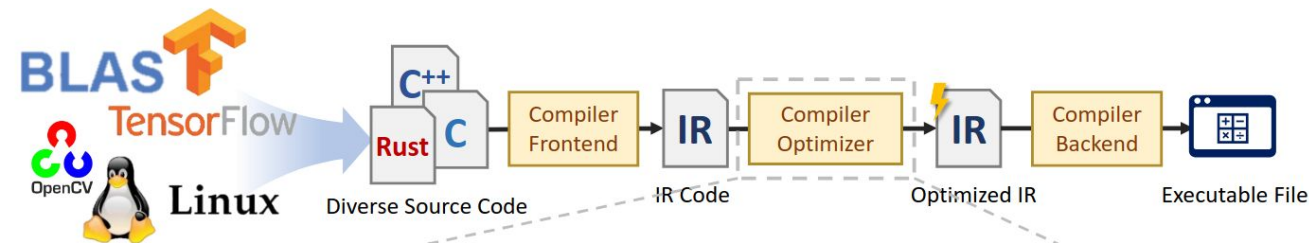
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instcombine

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define i32 @square(i32 %0) {
    %2 = mul nsw i32 %0, %0
    ret i32 %2
}
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# Solution:

Automatically order passes with reinforcement learning!

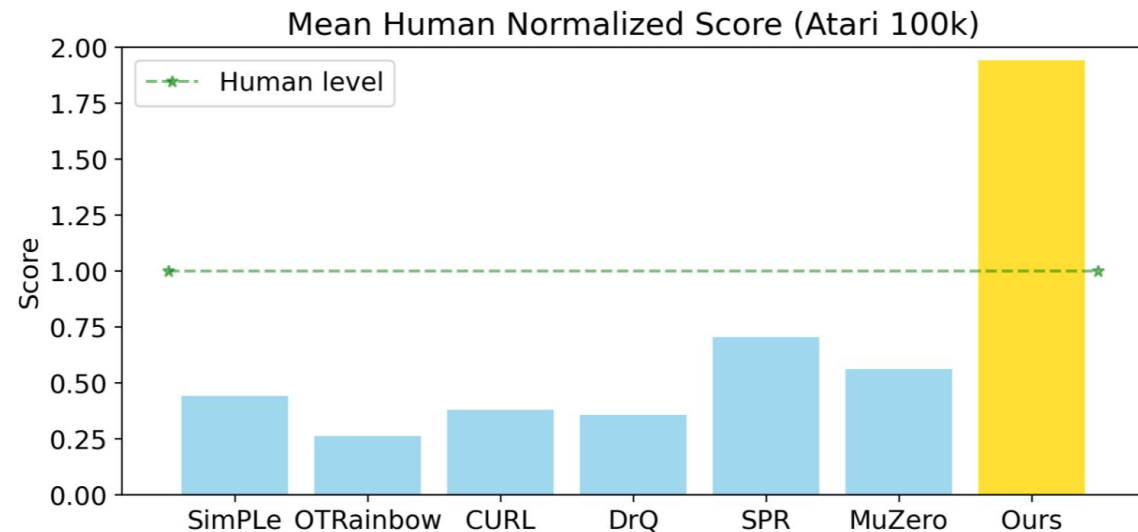


## Challenges:

1. High dimensional action space
2. Rewards are sparse
3. Evaluating reward is expensive

# Solution:

EfficientZero is a powerful, sample-efficient RL method!



**Objective:** Minimize binary size

**Environment:** LLVM pass ordering

**Dataset:** MiBench (embedded systems)

