

# Neural Network Syntax Analyzer for Embedded Standardized Deep Learning

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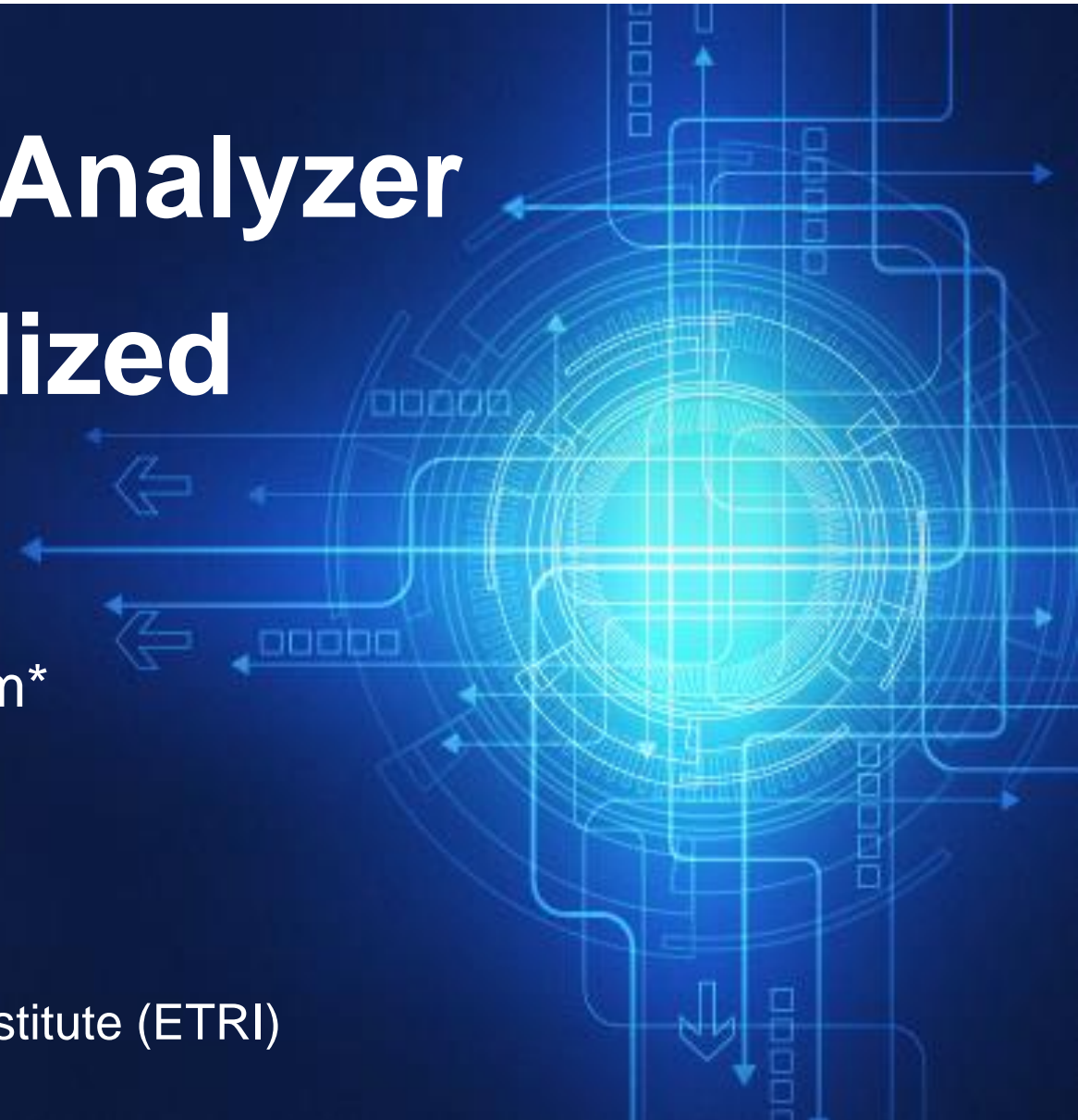
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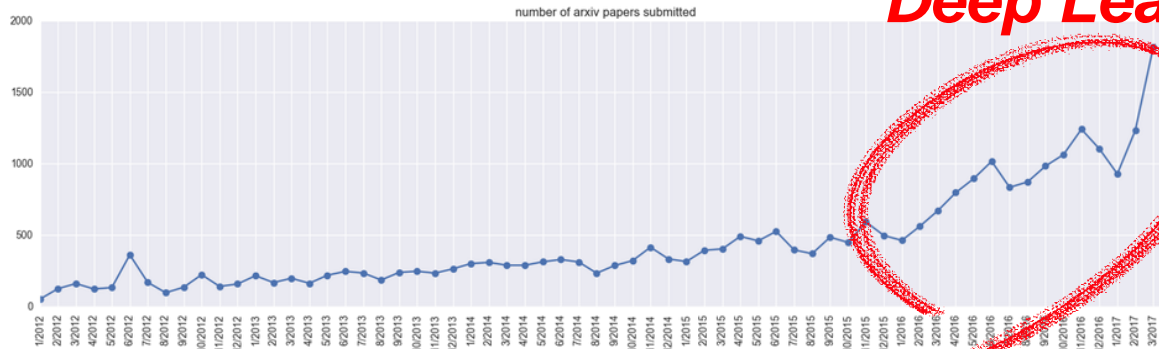
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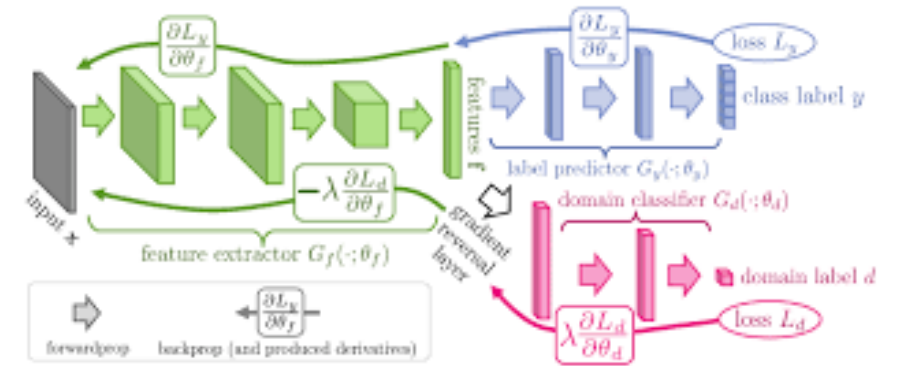
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# Background



**Deep Learning**



**Neural Network**

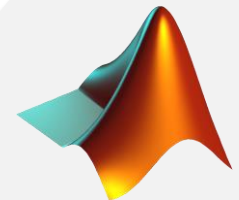
TensorFlow™

PYTORCH

Caffe2

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scikit  
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# Background

- Neural network development platforms is diversified.
- Each platform forms a neural network in a different way.
- The different strength and weakness.

*Which is best???*



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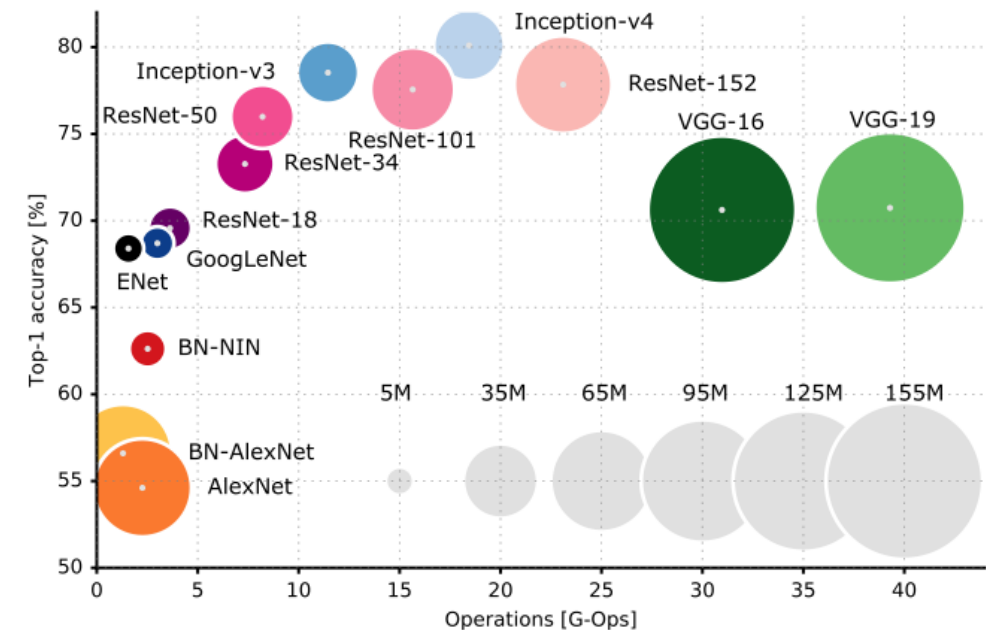
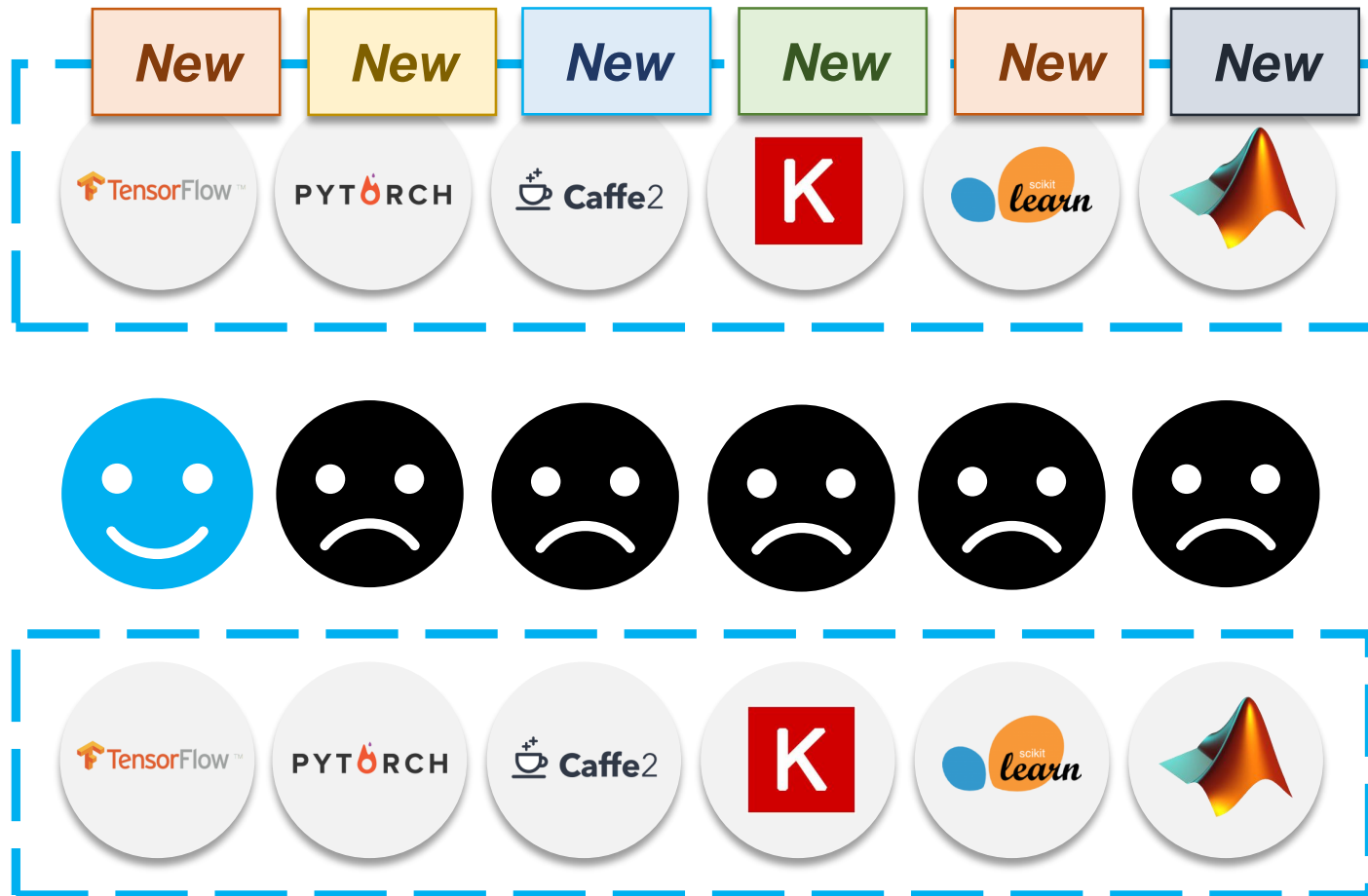


```
x = tf.placeholder( tf.float32 )
y = tf.placeholder( tf.float32 )
z = tf.placeholder( tf.float32 )
a = x * y
b = a + z
c = tf.reduce_sum(b)
with tf.Session as sess:
    values = {
        x: np.random.randn(3, 4)
        y: np.random.randn(3, 4)
        z: np.random.randn(3, 4)
    }
```

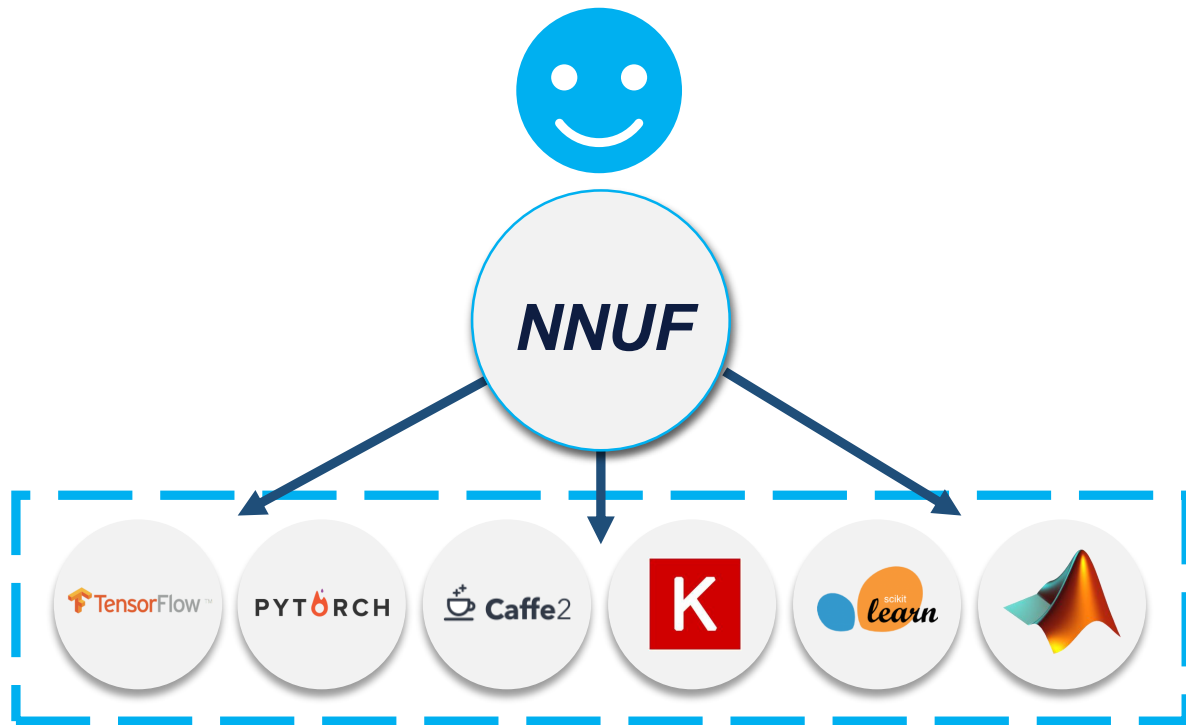


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x = Variable( torch.randn(3,4).cuda(), requires_grad = True )
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# MOTIVATION

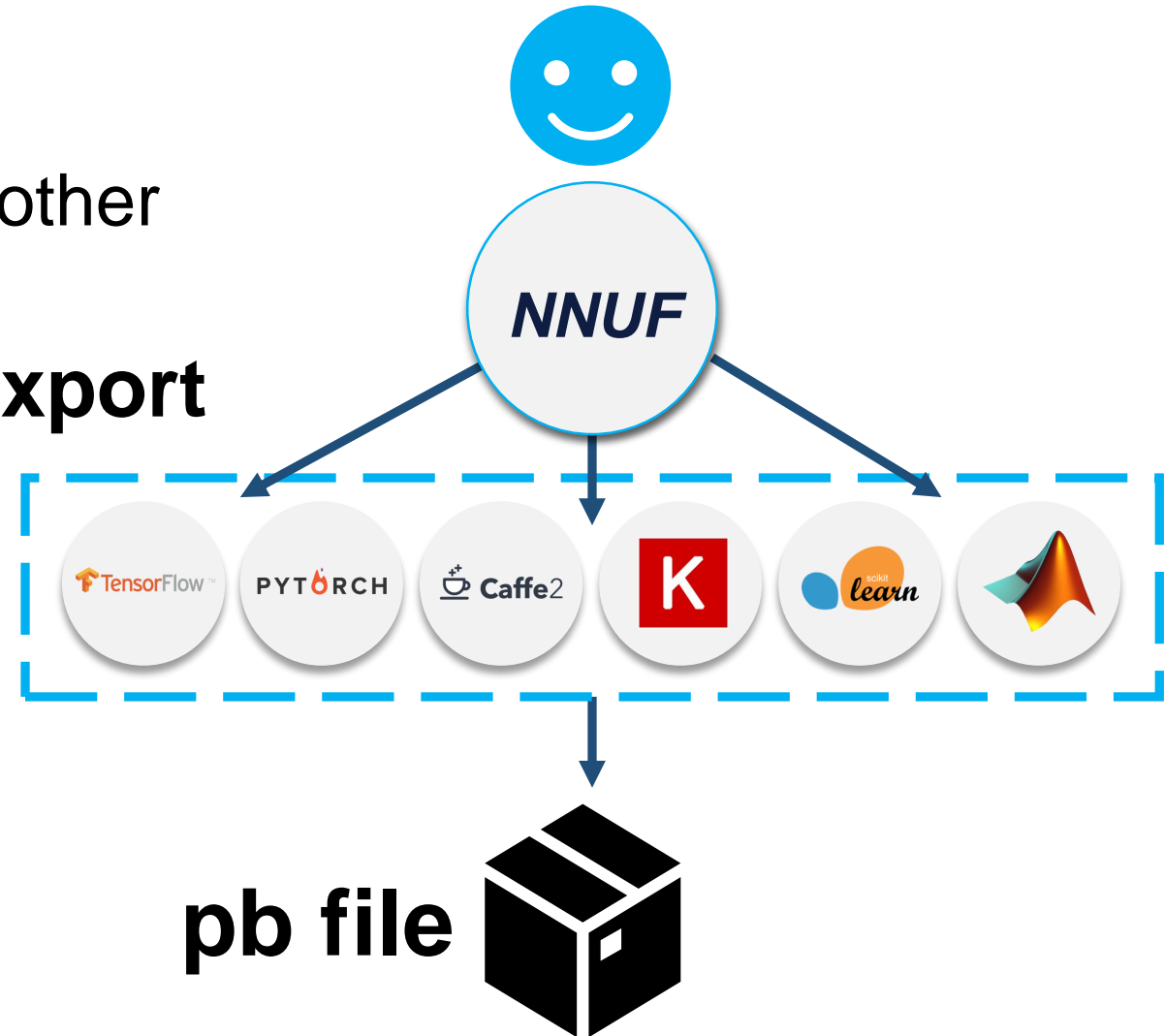


- **Standardized** deep learning computation
- **Platform independent** model configuration

# NNEF OVERVIEW

The graph can be easily shared with other platform-dependent description

→ **Protocol Buffer (Protobuf) export**



# NNEF COMPONENT

## Component 1

Define a NNUF term

```
// Neural network definition
graph CustomNet(inputVar) -> (output Var) {
  // Variables definition
  Input = reshape(inputVar, [-1, 28, 28, 1] );
  Kernel = variable(shape=[3, 3, 1, 64],
    label="conv1/kernel");
  Bias1 = variable(shape=[64], label="conv1/bias");
  // Operations definition
  conv1 = conv(input, filter=kernel1, strides=[1, 1,
    1, 1], padding="SAME");
  add1 = add(conv1, bias1);
  outputVar = relu(add1);
}
```

## Component 2

Design a parser

```
String argument():
{String arg, exp, name, res; Token id;}
{
  (
    ((id=<IDENTIFIER>)<ASSIGN>(exp=expression())){
      name = id.toString();
      switch(name) {
        case "label": res="name";arg+=res+"="+exp; break;
        case "filter": arg+=exp; break;
        case "size": res="shape="+exp; arg+=res; break;
        case "type": res="dtype=tf."+exp;arg+=res; break;
        default: arg+=name+"="+exp; break;
      }
    } | (exp = expression()){ arg += exp; }
  ) {return arg;}
}
```



# NNUF PATTERN

## Text based human-readable format

- Intuitive description
- A collection of often used operations from which networks can be built.
- Independent of the implementation details of neural network platforms.

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# How to exchange framework?

## Part 1

Configuration



***NNUF***

***Data***

***Neural Network Graph***

## Part 2

Graph exchange

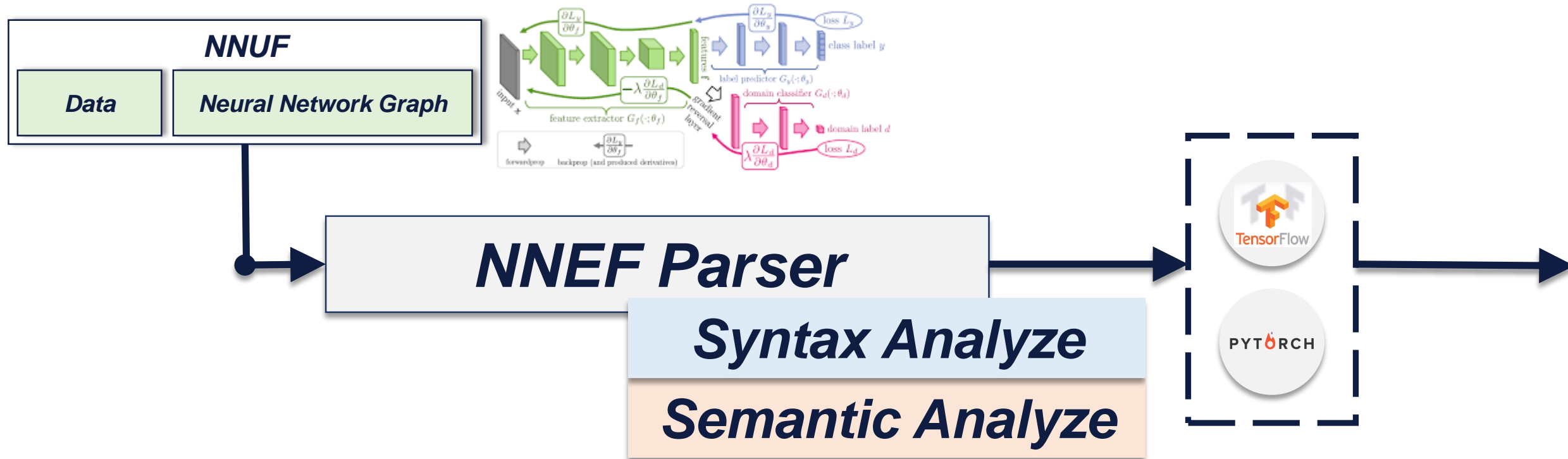


***Neural Network Exchange Framework***

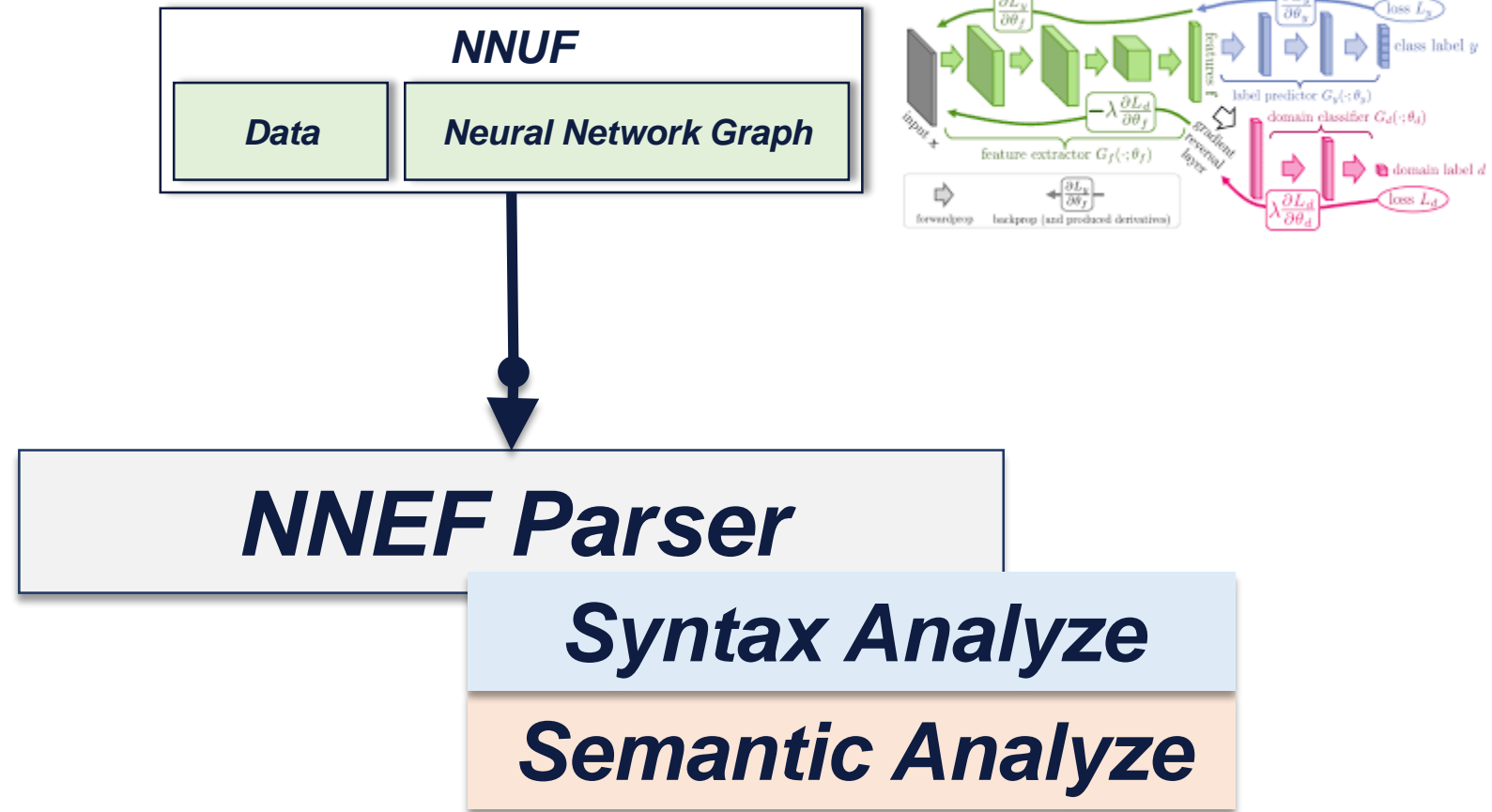


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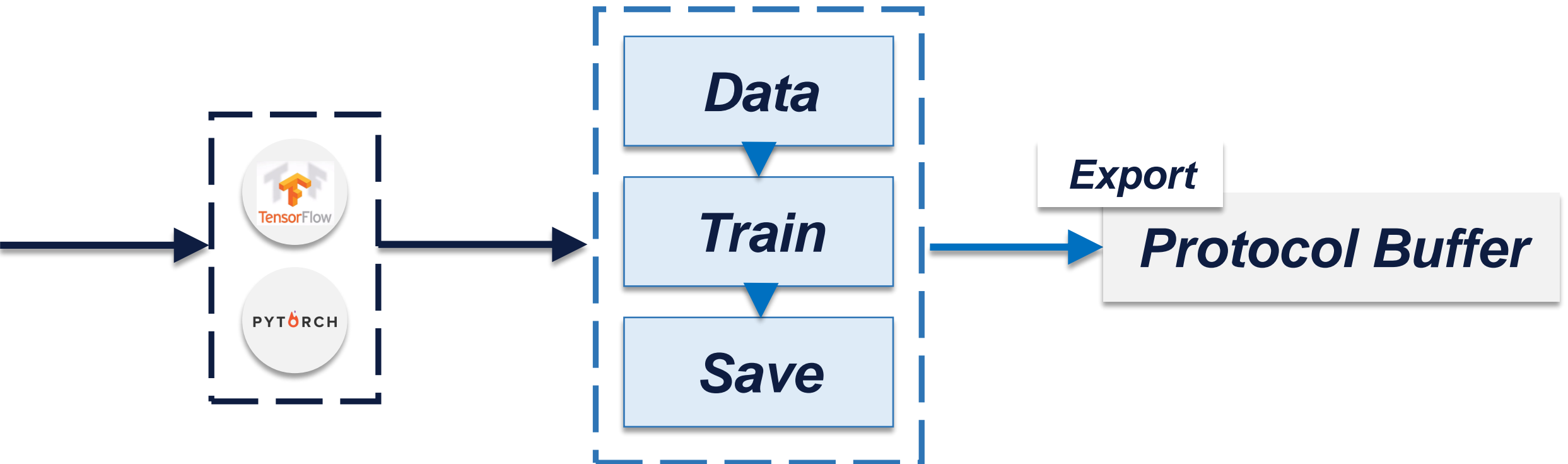
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# Protocol Buffer



- Google's language-neutral, platform-neutral and extensible mechanism
- Serializing structured data
- Smaller, faster, and simpler
- Define how data to be serialized, then user can use special generated source code to easily
- Write and read your structured data to and from a variety of data streams and using a variety of languages

# Parser

## JavaCC



The Java Parser Generator

- Java Compiler Compiler™ (JavaCC™) is the most popular parser generator for use with Java™ applications.
- A parser generator is a tool that reads a grammar specification and converts it to a Java program that can recognize matches to the grammar.
- In addition to the parser generator itself, JavaCC provides other standard capabilities related to parser generation such as tree building

# Parser

## Top-Down Parser

- Start at the root of the parse tree and grow toward leaves.
  - The root node is labeled with the goal symbol of the grammar.
  - Graph definition by NNUF is the root node.
- Pick a production & try to match the input.
- Bad “pick”  $\Rightarrow$  **Backtrack**.
- Some grammars are backtrack-free.

```

SKIP: { " " | "\r" | "\t" | "\n" }
TOKEN: {
  <IDENTIFIER: ([ "a"-"z", "A"-"Z" ]
    + ([ "a"-"z", "A"-"Z", "0"-"9", "_" ])*>
  | <METHOD: ( <IDENTIFIER> "." <IDENTIFIER> "("
    ")" | "[" ([ "0"-"9" ])* "]" )*>
  | <NUMERIC_LITERAL: ([ "+" , "-" ]? ([ "0"-"9" ])+ ( "."
    ([ "0"-"9" ])+ )? ([ "E", "e" ] ([ "+" , "-" ])?
    ([ "0"-"9" ])+ )? )>
  | <STRING_LITERAL: ("'" | "\"") ([ "a"-"z", "A"-"Z",
    "/" , "_" , "0"-"9" ])* ("'" | "\"")>
  ...
  | <SEMI_COLON: ";">
  | <QUESTION: "?">
  | <ARROW: "->">
}

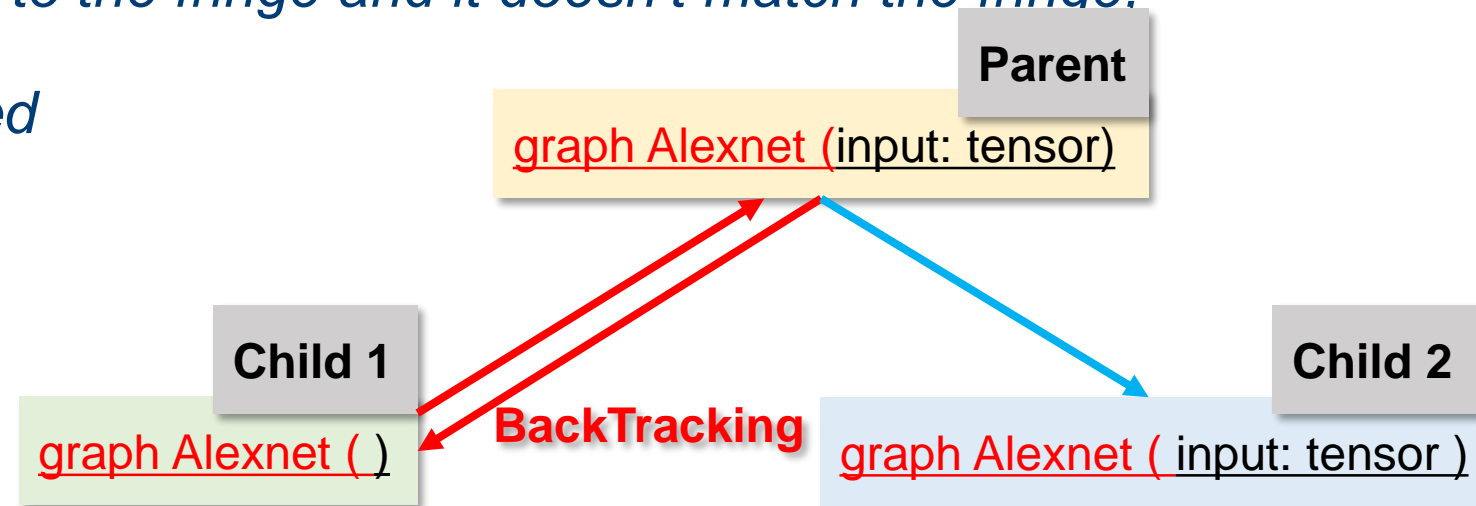
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# Parser Example

## Top-down parsing algorithm:

- **Construct** the root node of the parse tree.
  - **Root node is graph definition of NNUF.**
- Repeat until lower fringe of the parse tree matches the input
  - At a node labeled *A*, select a production with *A* on its lhs and, for each symbol on its rhs, construct the appropriate child
  - When a terminal symbol is added to the fringe and it doesn't match the fringe, backtrack
  - Find the next node to be expanded



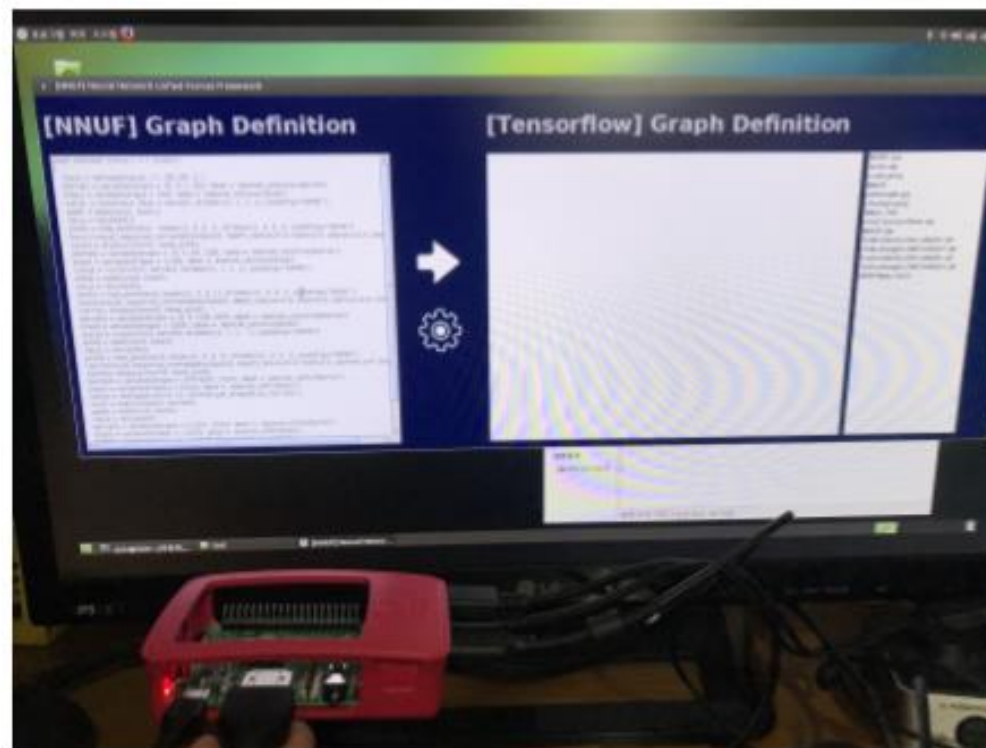
# Parser

- The NNEF can be easily revised according to the change of target version.
  - Convert the structure of the ".jj" file in JavaCC
  - Available in Java syntax and compatible with Android Java application.

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# Contribution

- Makes the neural network configuration and platform independent.
- Build a framework for platform-independent-language working in embedded device.
- A very fast transform rate in Raspberry Pie system.



# Conclusion

- Currently, NNEF can be used to configure **complex convolutional neural network** such as **Alexnet**.
- In **Raspberry Pi** system, NNUF parser transform the model to target format within about **0.86** seconds on average.
- Detail information of NNEF tool to be publically accessible soon at ETRI.
- [https://youtu.be/l\\_iEq6yyALI](https://youtu.be/l_iEq6yyALI)

# Future Work

- Another exchange target framework ( Caffe2 etc )
- More detail data manipulating system

# Contact

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