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The background of the slide features a wide-angle aerial photograph of a city skyline during sunset. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, yellow, and purple clouds. Overlaid on the image is a network of thin white lines forming a globe-like structure, suggesting connectivity or data flow across the city.

# Accelerating Software 2.0

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# Three Computing Trends



Multi-core processing utility is at end of life



Convergence of training and inference

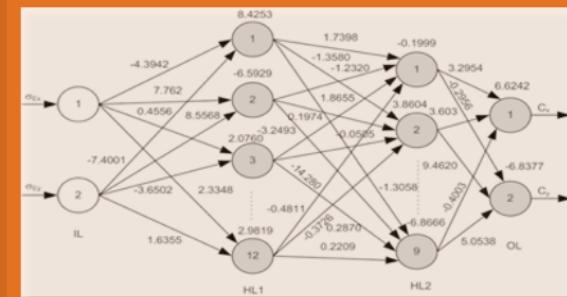


General applicability of next-gen compute beyond ML



# Software 1.0 vs Software 2.0

```
37 // #include <iostream>
38 using namespace std;
39
40 int _tmain (int argc, _TCHAR* argv[])
41 {
42
43     int iVal1 = 0, iVal2 = 0, iVal3 = 0;
44
45     printf("Enter three numbers:");
46     scanf("%d %d", &iVal1, &iVal2, &iVal3);
47
48     if (iVal1 >= iVal2)
49     {
50         if(iVal1 >= iVal3)
51             printf("Largest number = %.2d", iVal1);
52         else
53             printf("Largest number = %.2d", iVal3);
54     }
55     else
56     {
57         if(iVal2 >= iVal3)
58             printf("Largest number = %.2d", iVal2);
59         else
60             printf("Largest number = %.2d", iVal3);
61     }
62
63     getchar ();
64     return 0;
65 }
```

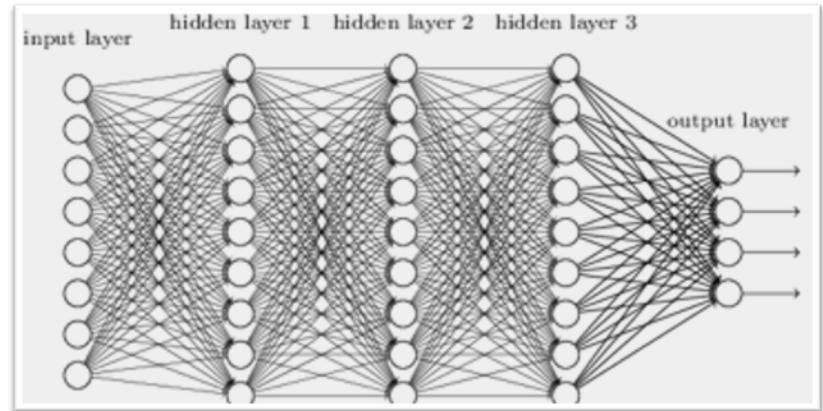


- Written in code (C++, ...)
- Requires domain expertise
  - Decompose the problem
  - Design algorithms
  - Compose into a system

- Programmer input: training data
- Written in the weights of a neural network model by optimization
- Reduced lines of code

Andrej Karpathy. Scaled ML 2018 talk

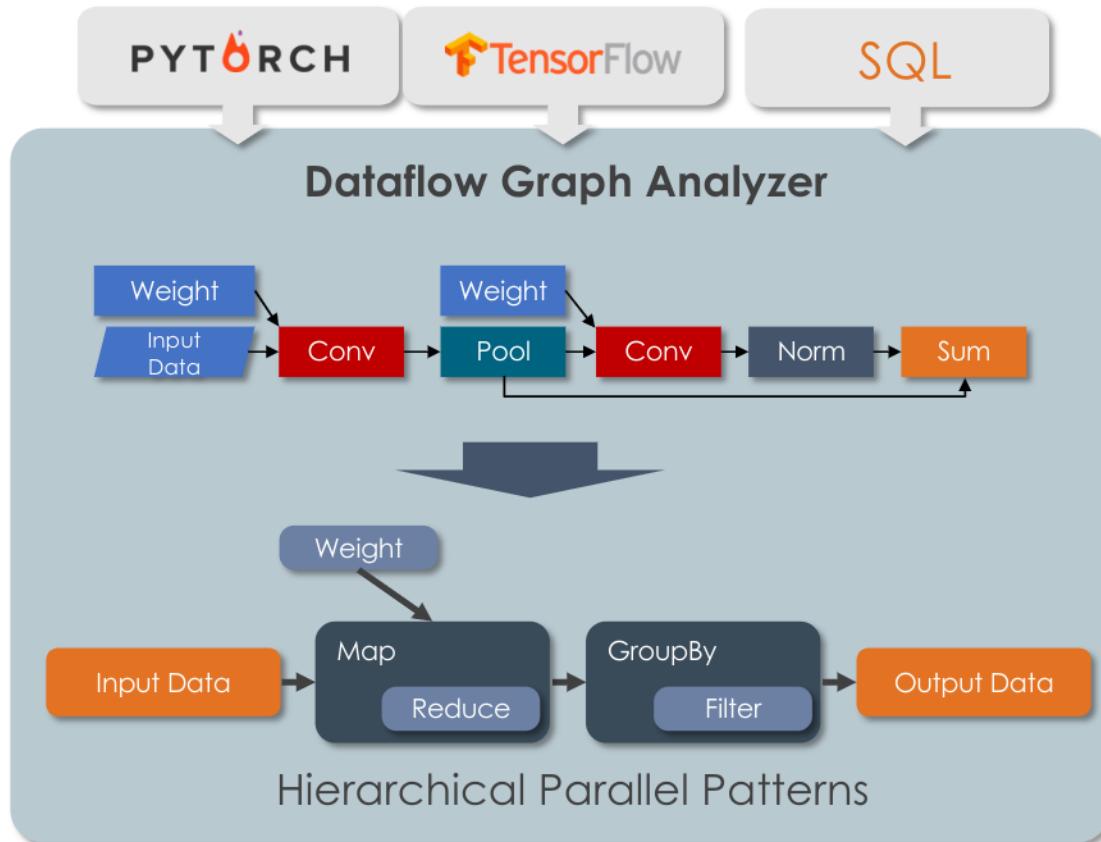
## Software 2.0 is Dataflow



### 1000x Productivity

Google shrinks language translation code  
from 500k imperative LoC to **500 lines of dataflow (TensorFlow)**

# Dataflow Graphs



Next gen  
Software 2.0  
systems need  
support for



### Hierarchical parallel pattern Dataflow

Natural ML execution model



### Terabyte sized models

Higher accuracy



### Sparsity

Graph based neural networks



### Flexible mapping

Model and data parallelism

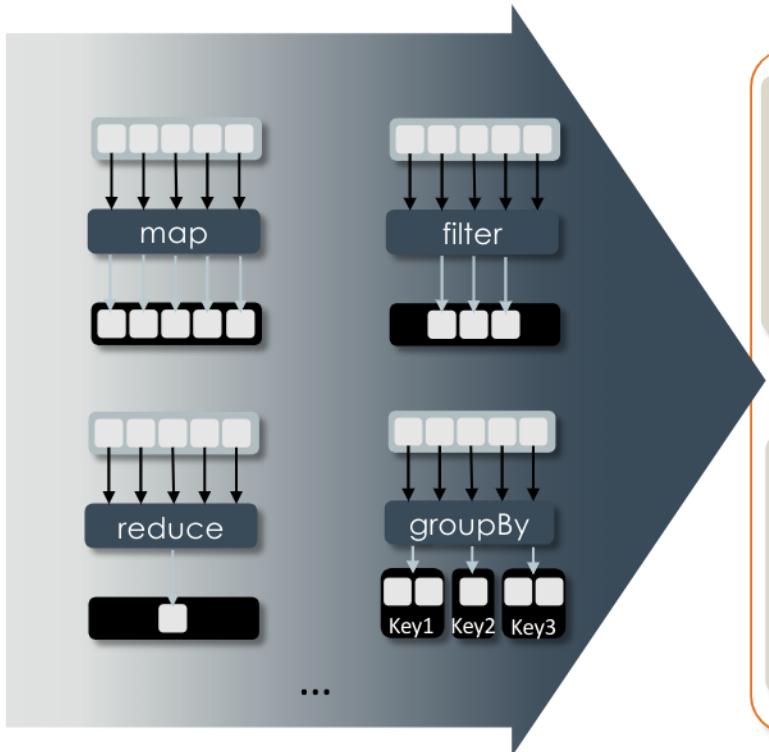


### Data processing

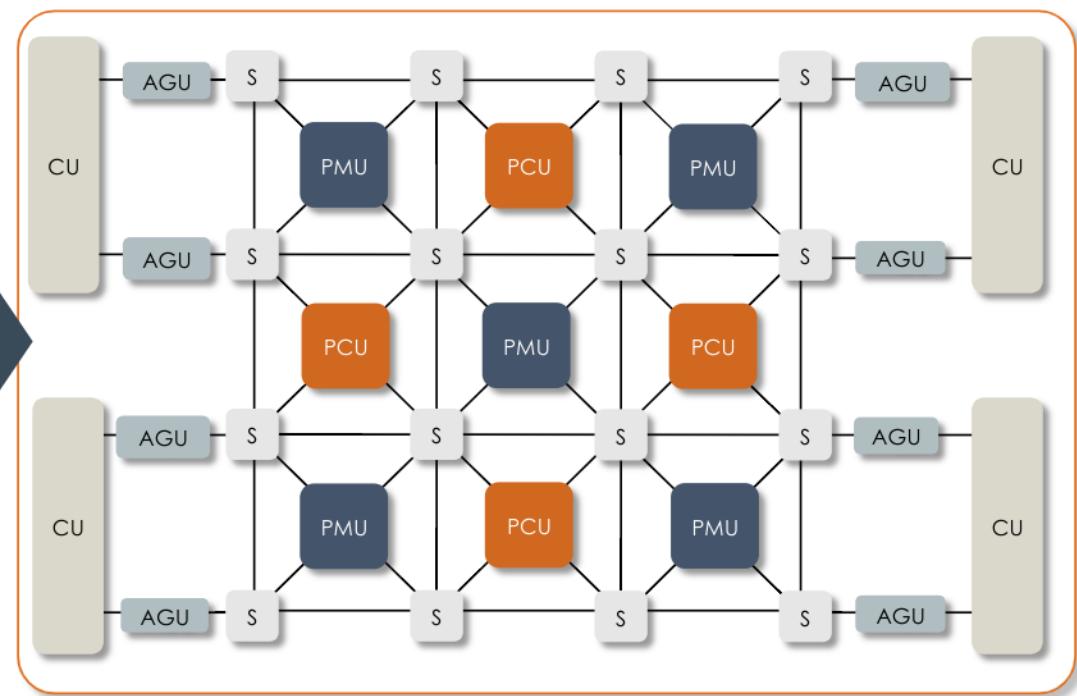
SQL in inner loop of ML training

# Reconfigurable Dataflow Architecture (RDA)

Parallel Patterns



Array of reconfigurable compute, memory and communication



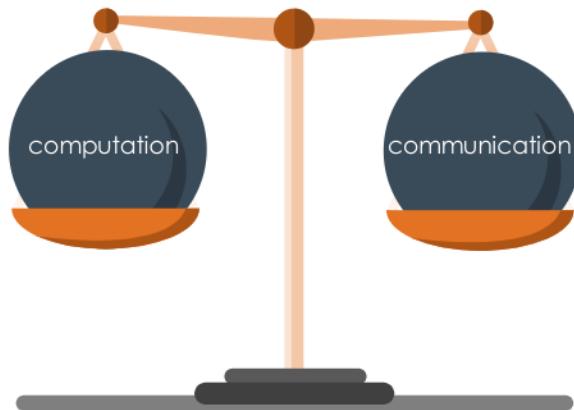
# SambaNova Systems Cardinal SN10 RDU



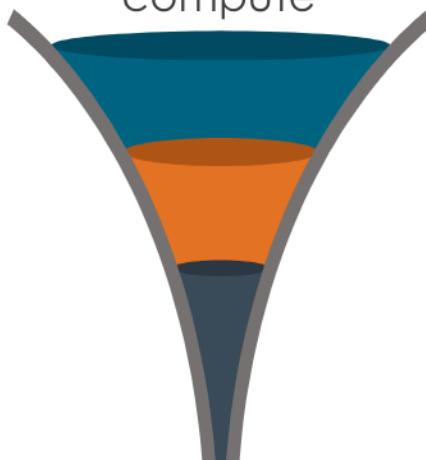
- First Reconfigurable Dataflow Unit (RDU)
- TSMC 7nm
- 40B transistors
- 50 Km of wire
- 100s of TFLOPS
- 100s MB on chip
- Direct interfaces to TBs off chip

# Reconfigurable Dataflow for Unprecedented Flexibility

Performance  
balances  
computation &  
communication



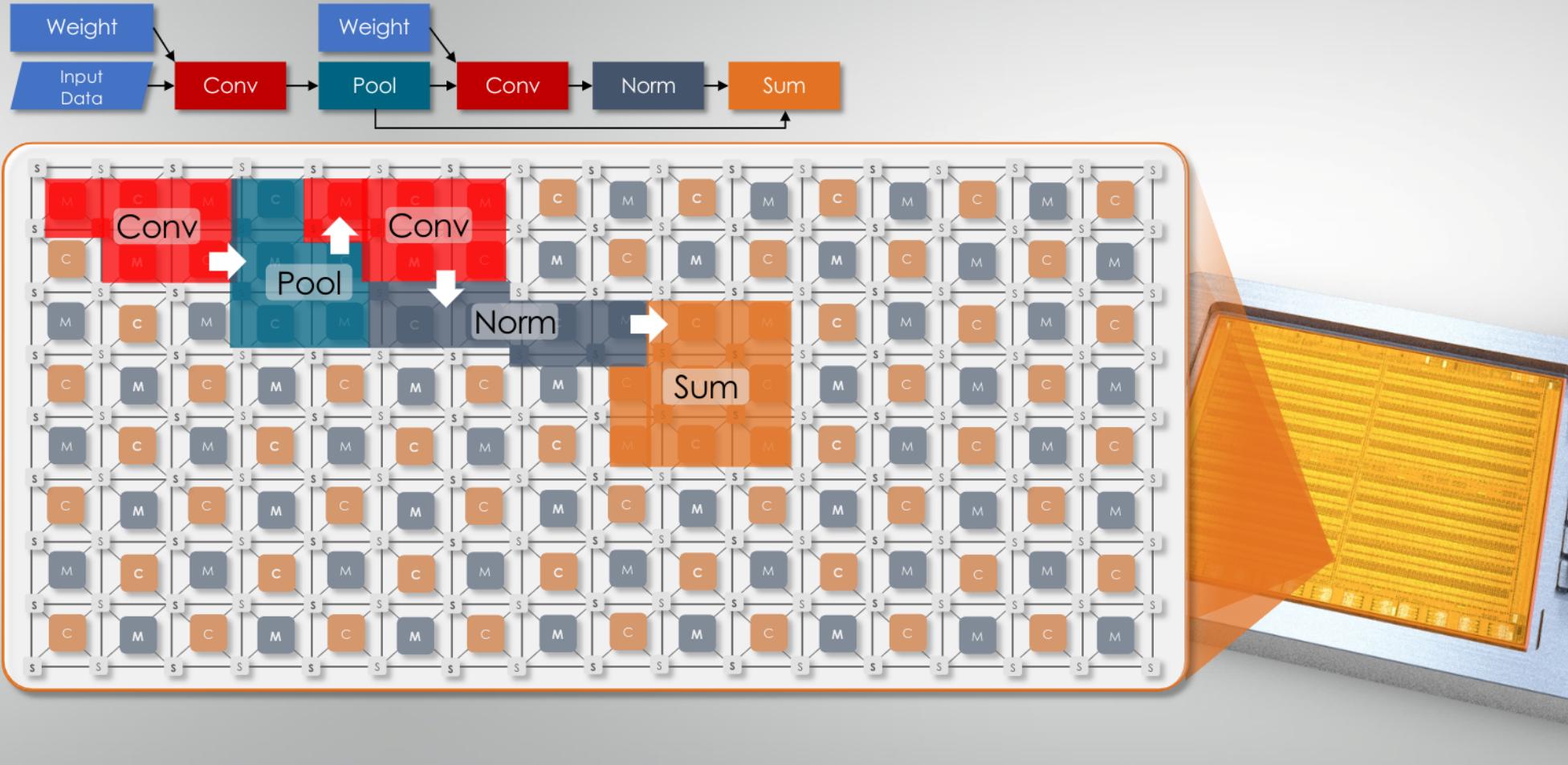
**Bottleneck:**  
Yesterday's platforms  
only program  
compute



Flexibility unlocks:  
• 10x **performance**  
• 0-to-1 **applications**



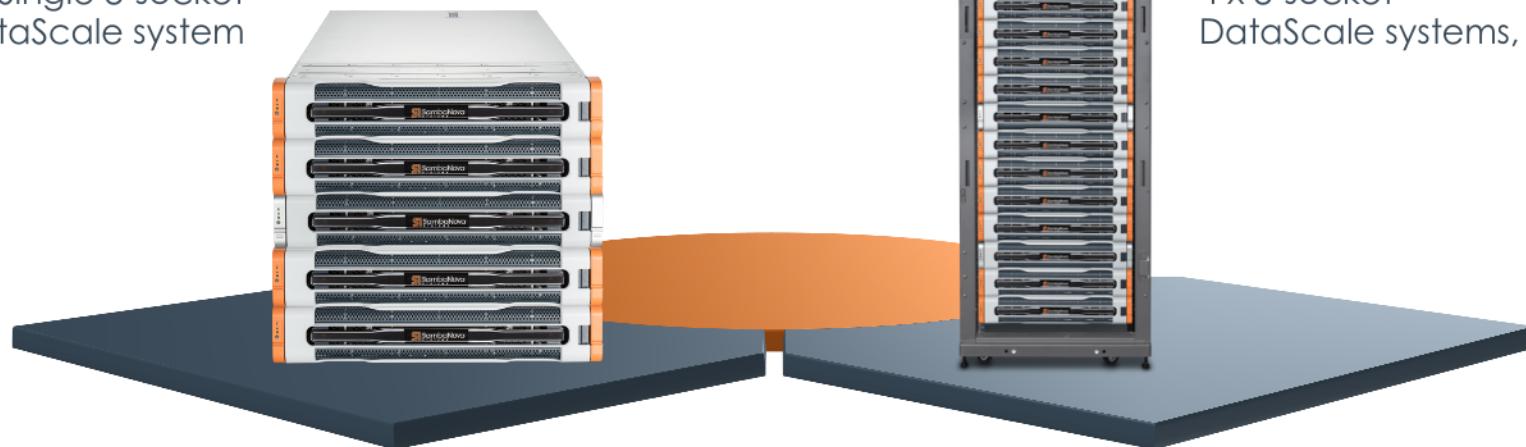
# Rapid Dataflow Compilation to RDA



# World's First DataScale Systems Family

**DataScale SN10-8**

Single 8-socket  
DataScale system



**DataScale SN10-8R Full Rack**

4 x 8-socket  
DataScale systems,



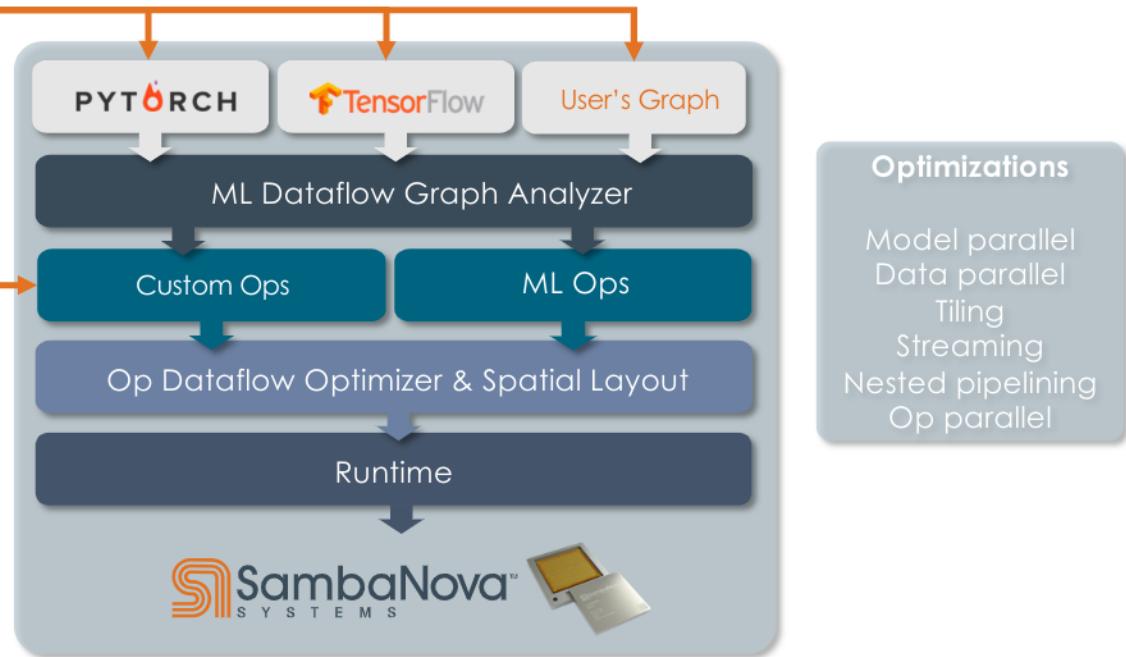
# SambaFlow Open Software for DataScale Systems

## Graph Entry Points

- Write to OSS ML frameworks or user's graph
- Push-button automation path

## API Entry Point

- User programs to DSL
- Mix of manual and automatic



# Open Standards, Disruptive Technology, Easy to Deploy

Designed to integrate into existing environments for faster time to results

Open standard rack,  
Open standard form factor,  
Open standard power,  
Open standard cooling,  
Open standard operations ...



Open Standards Connectivity



Ethernet  
**PCI EXPRESS**

Open Source Frameworks



Open Source OS



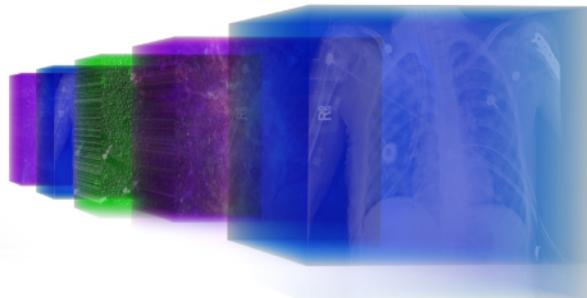
# Enabling New Capabilities ( $0 \Rightarrow 1$ )

Satya Nadella  
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The new language model our teams built is the largest and most powerful one ever created – a milestone with the promise to transform how technology understands and assists us.

Turing-NLG: A 17-billion-parameter language model by Mic...  
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[microsoft.com](https://microsoft.com)

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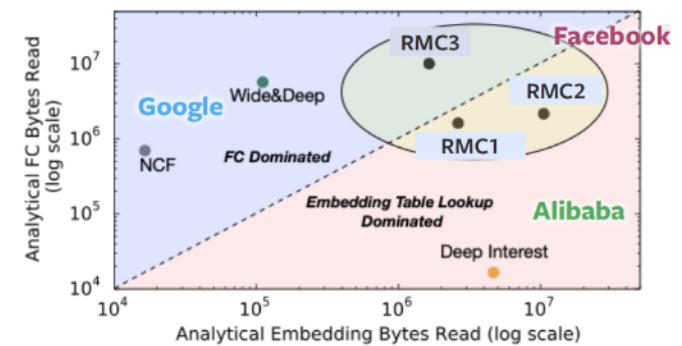
## Trillion parameter NLP models

Key to knowledge understanding

## High Resolution Deep Learning

**50k x 50k**

Astronomy, medical imaging, X-ray imaging, ...

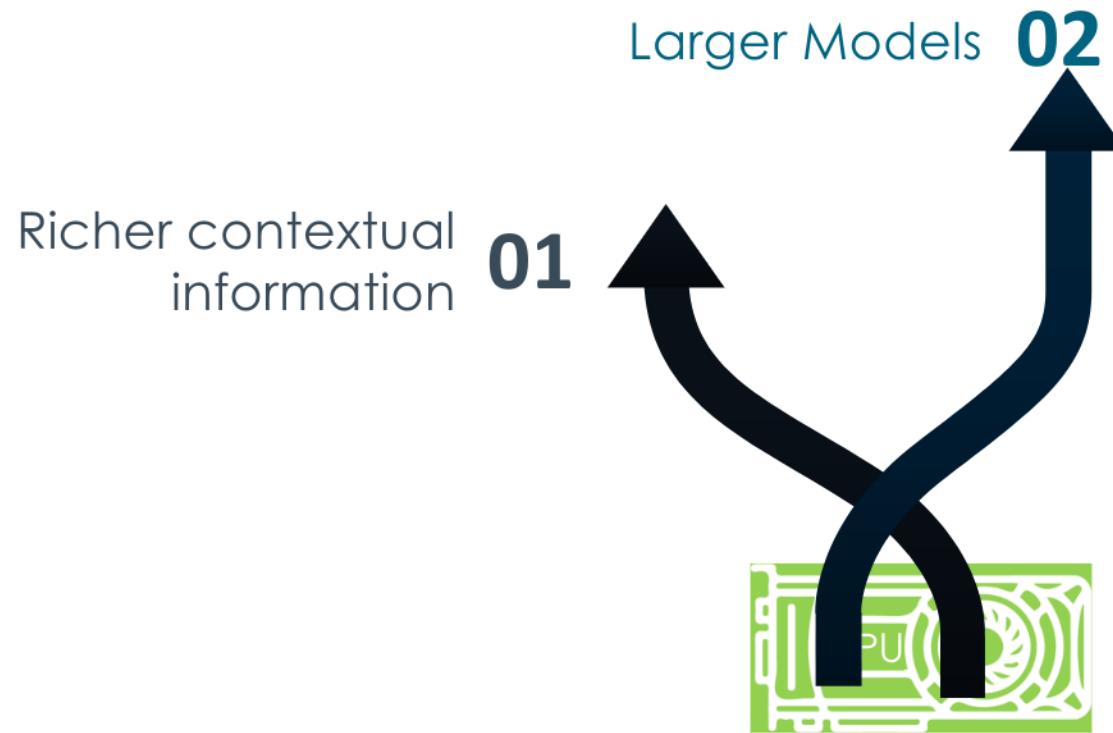


## Recommendation models with huge 100GB embedding tables

Recommendation is the backbone of internet services

# Trends in NLP

Today's platforms constrain NLP



## Richer, Contextual Information



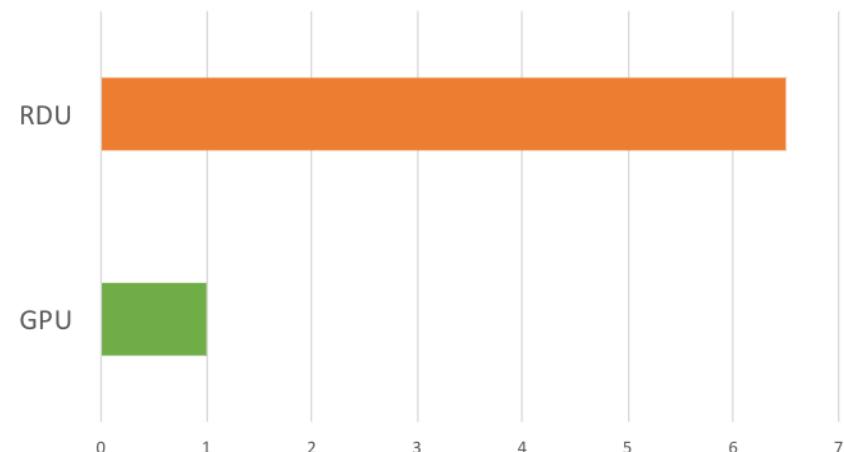
A **three-layer** BERT model in production at Bing.  
Richer context, same space.

vs



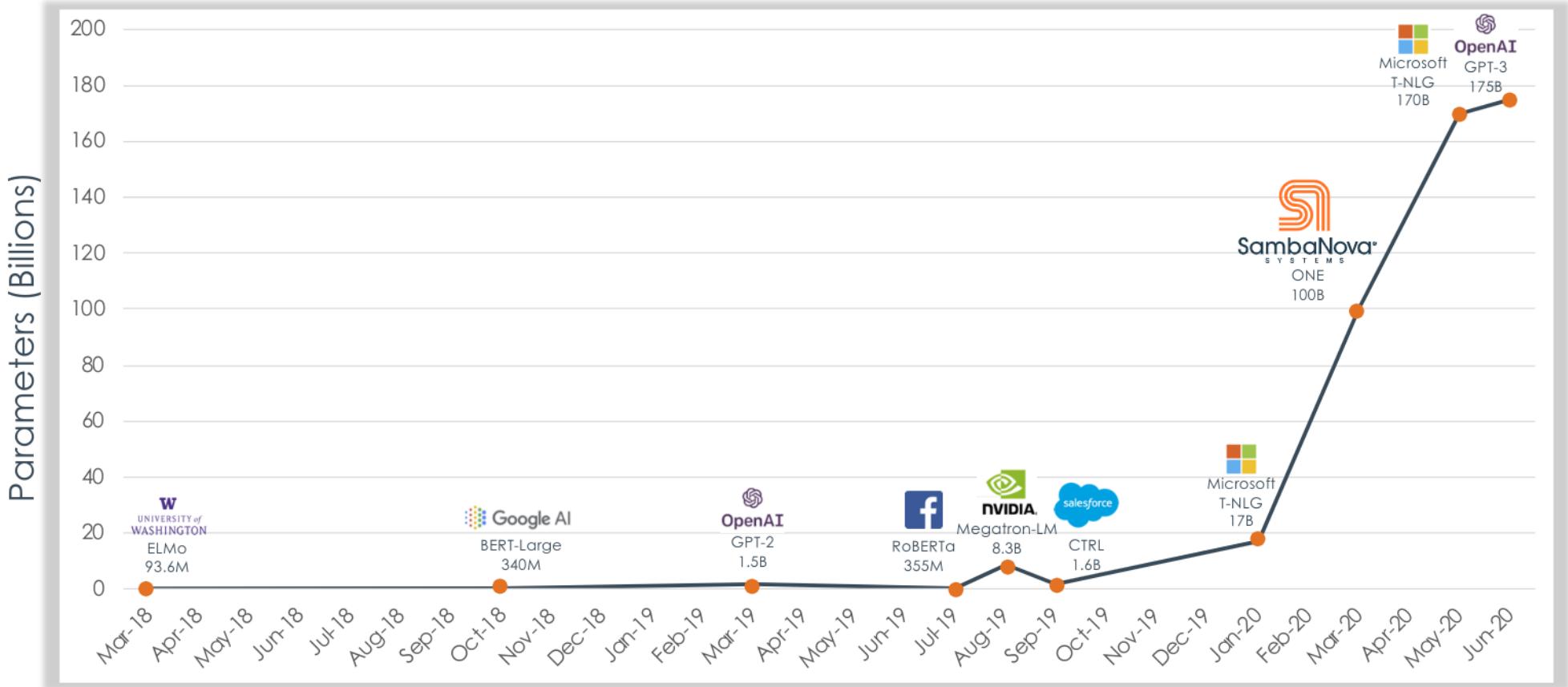
Fewer Parameters,  
Better Quality on  
**Natural Language Inference**  
QNLI : 3-layer 78.7 vs.  
Deeper 79

More than 6x faster on Deeper BERT



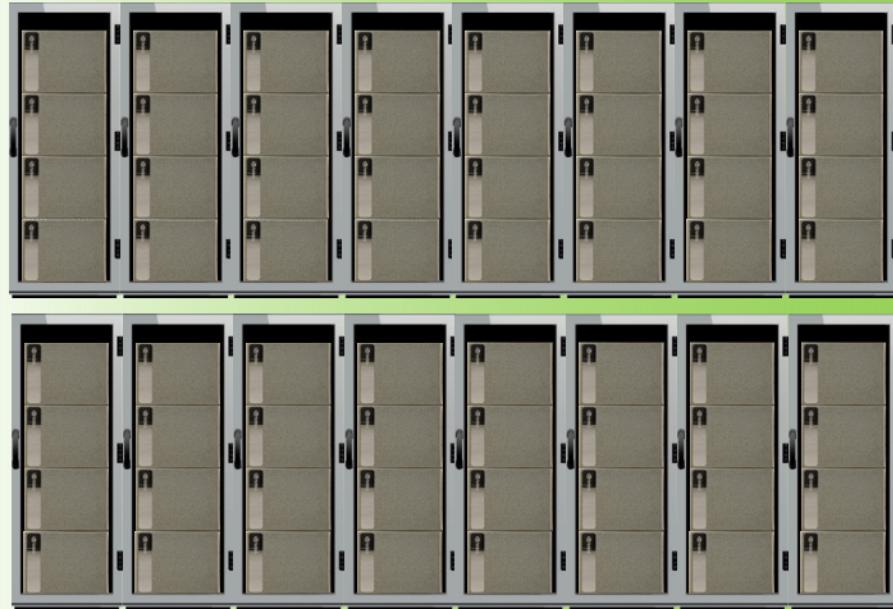
SambaNova enables Deeper Design Points

# 100 Billion Parameters on a Single DataScale System



# Enabling Large Model Architectures With a Single System

*Order of magnitude performance improvement, an order of magnitude fewer systems*



64 DGX-2  
1,024 V100s  
32 TB HBM  
16 racks  
6,200 kW



1 DataScale system

8 RDU,  
12 TB DRAM,  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  rack  
2,000x Less Power

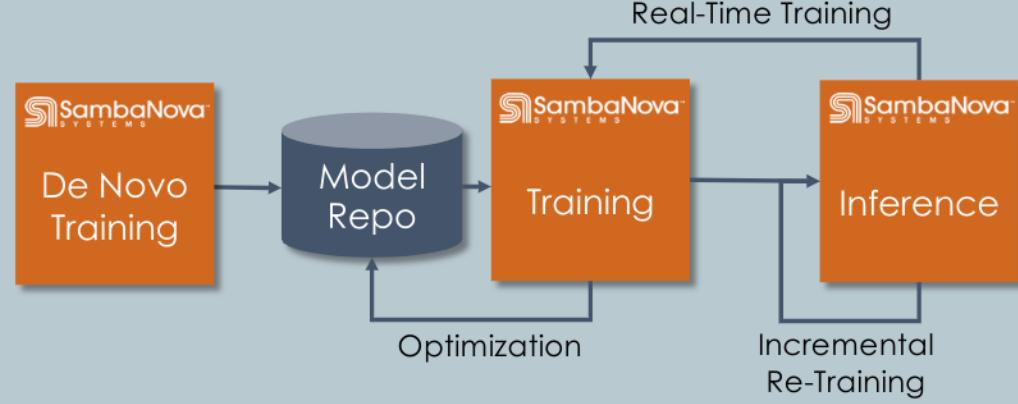
“ONE Model” 1Trillion Params in a Single System: **Same** Programming Model

# Convergence of Training and Inference

Current ML pipeline consists of multiple incompatible HW and SW components



One HW/SW Dataflow platform for training and inference



# Low-Latency, High-Throughput Inference

Microsoft open sources breakthrough optimizations for transformer inference on GPU and CPU

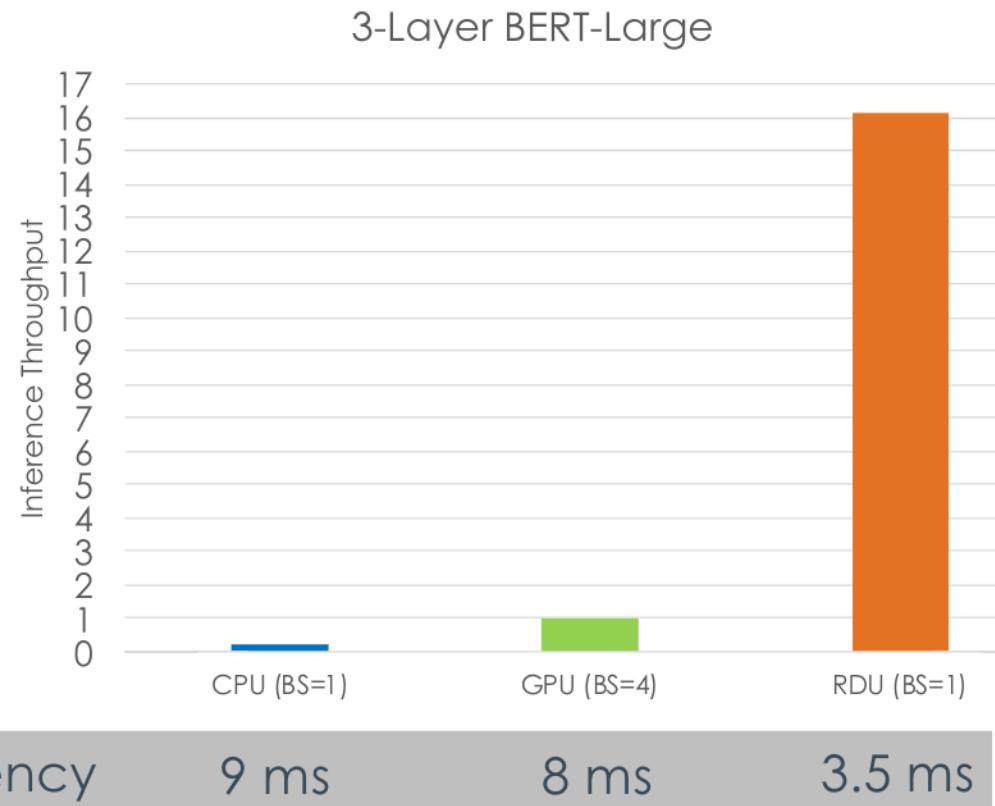
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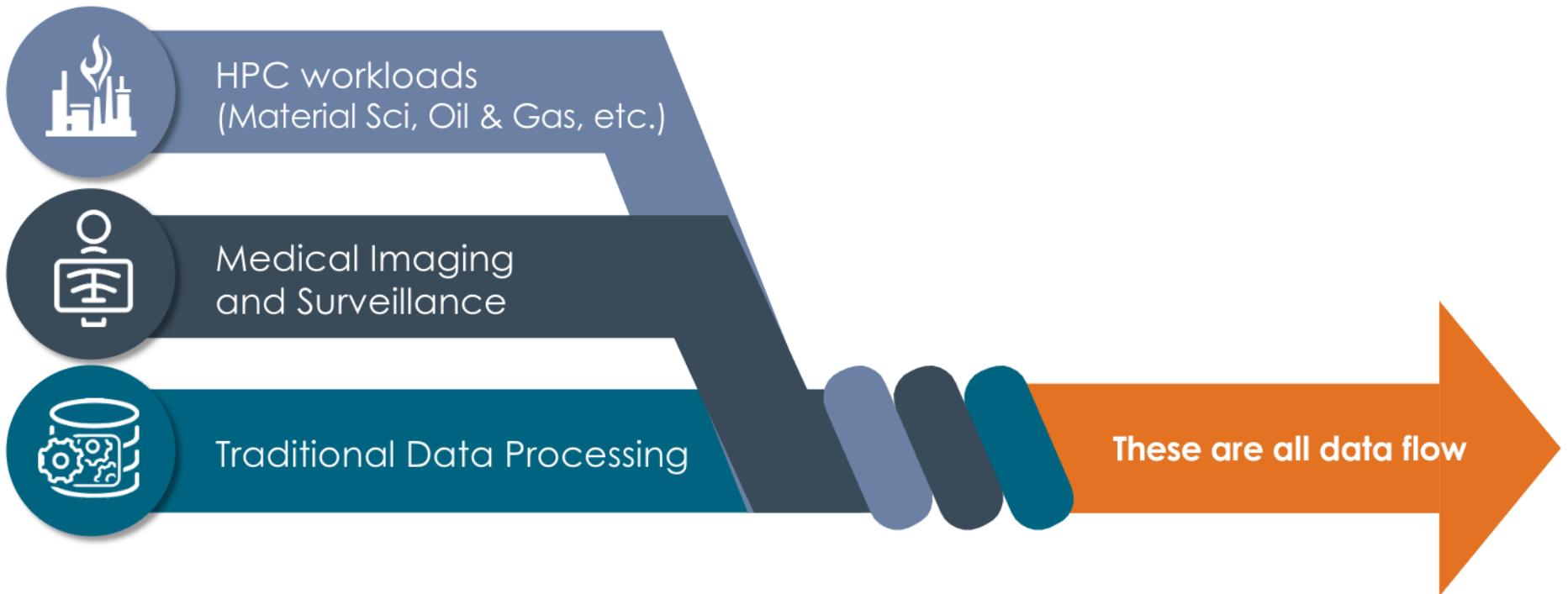
EMMA NING

Senior Program Manager, Azure Machine Learning

16x Throughput  
<1/2x Latency  
Batch size 1 (unlike GPU)

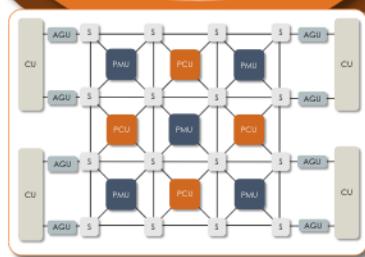


## More Capabilities to Come



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Convergence  
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SYSTEMS

Training  
Inference

General  
applicability of  
next-gen compute  
beyond ML

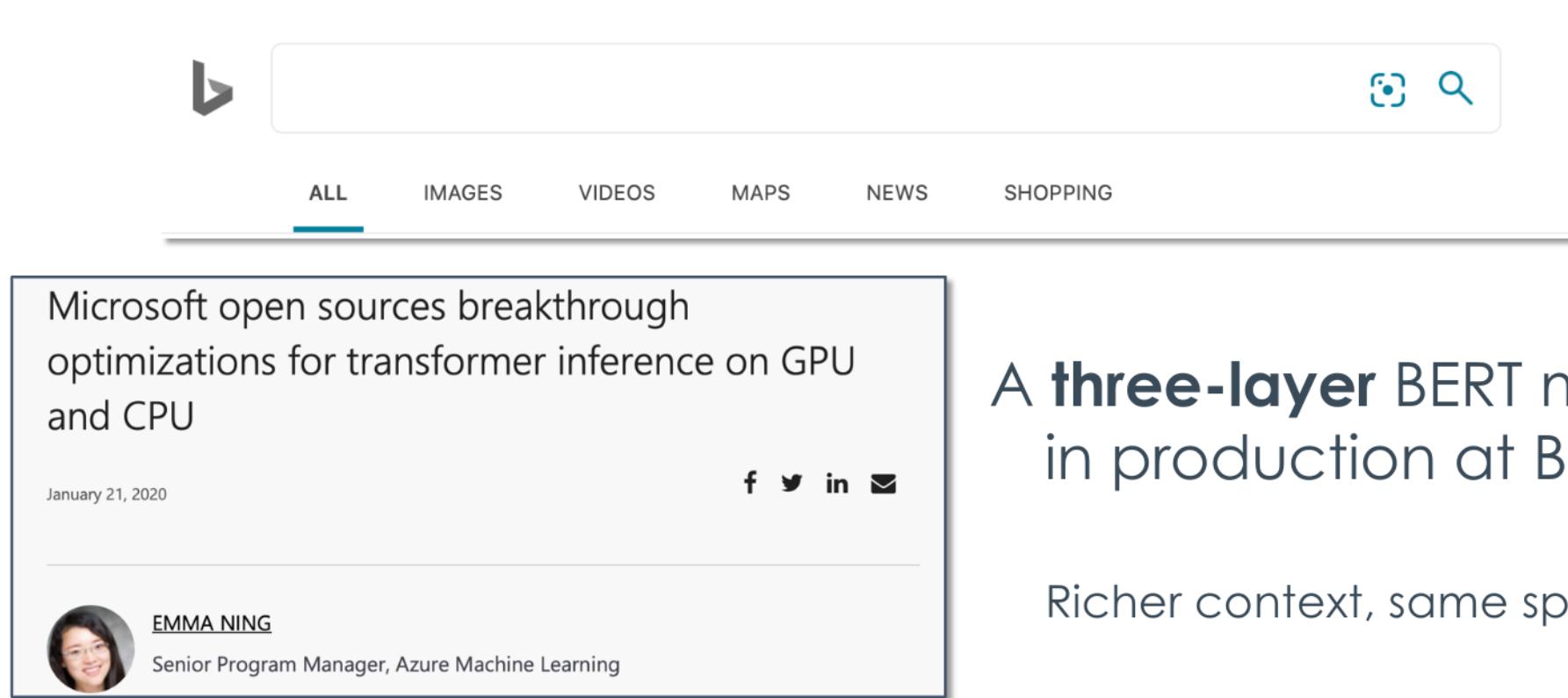


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Data Prep  
Mod/Sim



# Richer Context, In a Small Amount of Space



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# Extending the Data Science Pipeline

In the data center or at the edge

