

Cerebras SDK technical overview

- Programming model
 - CS-2 system already supports frameworks like PyTorch and Tensorflow
 - Cerebras SDK allows programmers to write lower-level code to target WSE's microarchs
 - Host CPU (python) targets groups of cores on the WSE, specified by the programmer
 - programmer to specify the communication paths through the on-wafer network for data communication within each group and between the groups
 - **Data movement:** in 32-bit packets called wavelets
 - Each wavelet is tagged with a 5bit virtual channel (color)
 - **Syntax:** similar to C/C++
 - Types, Functions and control structures
 - Modules: allows to import other CSL files
 - Tasks: Implements dataflow programs (mapped to colors)
 - Two ways to trigger a task
 - On incoming wavelet color
 - Programmatic activation and unblock
 - Instructions work on tensors whose operands are specified in data structure descriptors (DSDs)
 - Data structure registers (DSRs) are used to hold DSDs
- Simulator
 - Apparently cycle-accurate
 - Allows for debugging