

# Data Management Research @ UW Seattle



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The screenshot shows the UW Database Group homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for People, Projects, Courses, NWDS, Affiliates, News, and Events. Below the navigation is a large image of Mount Rainier. To the right of the mountain is the UW Database Group logo, which consists of three cubes stacked vertically, with 'UW' on the top cube and 'DB' on the bottom two. The main title 'UW Database Group' is prominently displayed in white text. Below the title, a subtitle reads: 'Data management systems, cloud services, probabilistic databases, and data pricing in Computer Science & Engineering at the University of Washington in Seattle.'

### Current Projects



MYRIA



QURO



LARA

A Key-Value Algebra underlying  
Arrays and Relations



VISUALCLOUD

A DBMS for Virtual Reality



PIPEGEN

Data Pipe Generation for Hybrid  
Analytics



UW BRANCH OF  
SCIDB

Parallel distributed array  
database engine



ENTROPYDB

EntropyDB for Data Exploration



COSETTE

An Automated SQL Solver



SQLSHARE

Database-as-a-Service for  
High-Variety Data



ZALIQL

A Declarative Framework for  
Drawing Causal Inference from  
Big Data



DATA ECO\$Y\$TEM

Data management and pricing  
in the cloud



ASTRODB

An inter-disciplinary  
collaboration for new methods  
and tools for Big Data  
Astronomy

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**Research in database systems,  
theory, and programming languages**

~15 students + postdocs

# Research Areas

## Big data processing in the cloud

- **Theory:** optimal query processing
- **Systems:** Myria, efficient & complex processing at scale, image analytics, DBMS+NN, data summarization
- **Usability:** Cloud SLAs, performance tuning, viz analytics



Walter Cai

The screenshot shows the Myria web interface. On the left, there's a query editor with some Myria code. Below it is a "Developer Options" section with two radio button choices: "Profile Query" (selected) and "Compile to MySQL". To the right is a "Relational algebra converted and optimized into a MySQL Physical Plan" section with a diagram of the execution plan. At the bottom, there are tabs for "Available SLAs" and two tables for "Tier #1" and "Tier #2". Each tier has a "Purchase" button.

## New Types of DBMSs

- Open World DBMS
- Image & video DBMS
- LightDB: VR/AR/MR DBMS



Brandon Haynes

## Scientific data management

- Collaborations with scientists & deep involvement with eScience Institute

This screenshot shows the SODA-HALS interface. It features a search bar at the top and a main area divided into sections like "Tagged Datasets", "Recent Updates", and "Popular Tags". A detailed view of a dataset is shown on the right, listing various merged data items with their timestamps.

This screenshot shows a different part of the SODA-HALS system. It includes a "Dashboard" section with a "SODA Co-Add" panel showing a star field and a "Time Series" panel with a graph of data over time. Below these are "Data Sets" and "Timeline" sections.

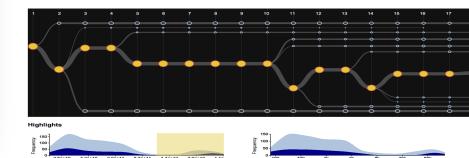
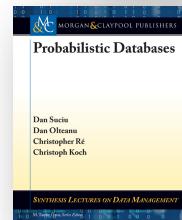
## Databases and programming languages

- DBMS & app co-optimization



Laurel Orr

## Causality

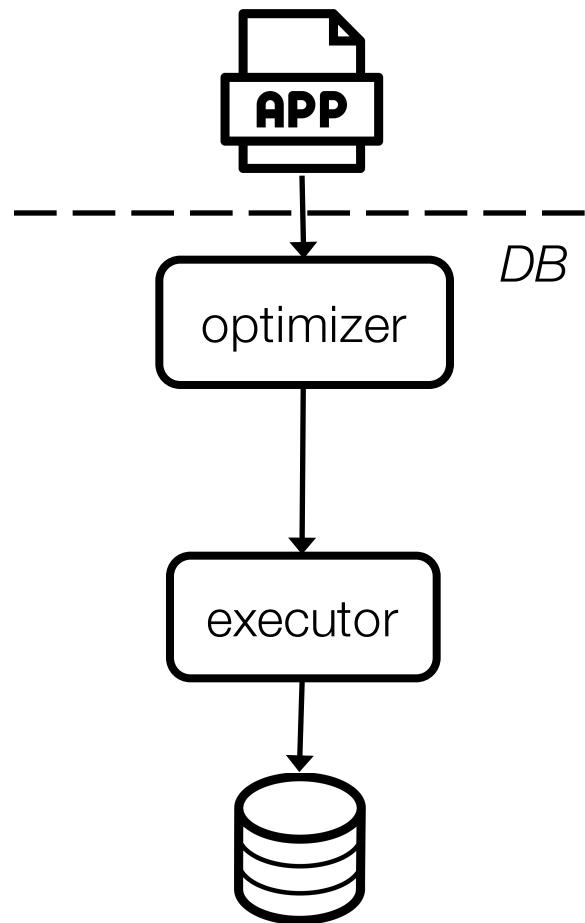


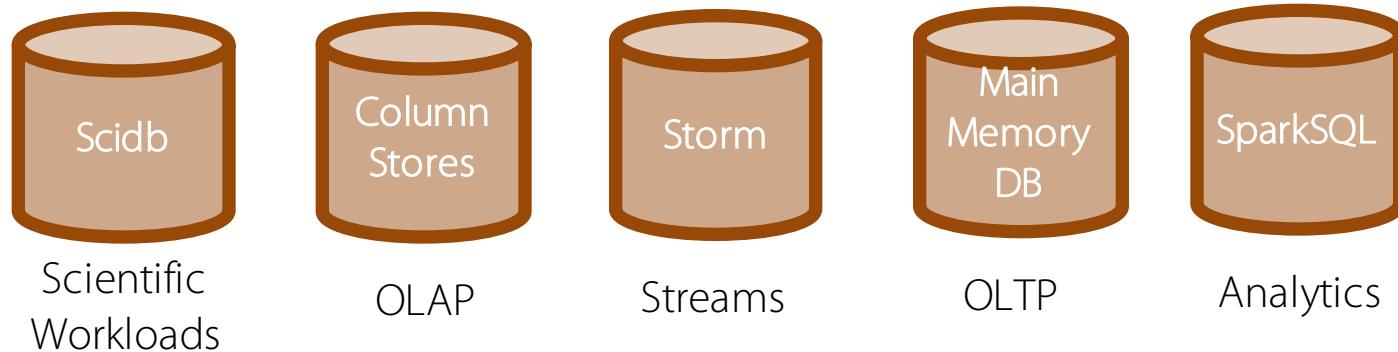
# Towards Application-Specific Databases



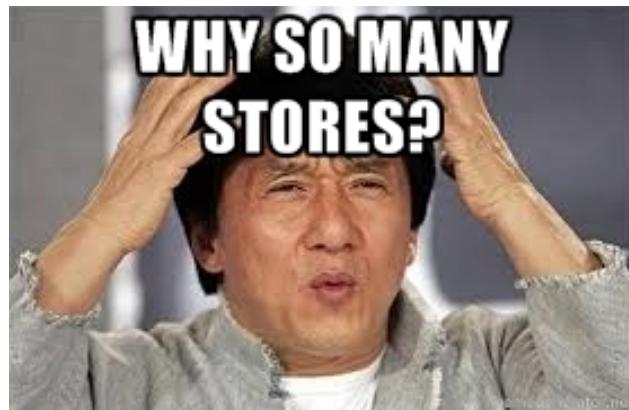
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## Specialization



Can we generate  
customized data stores  
from application code?



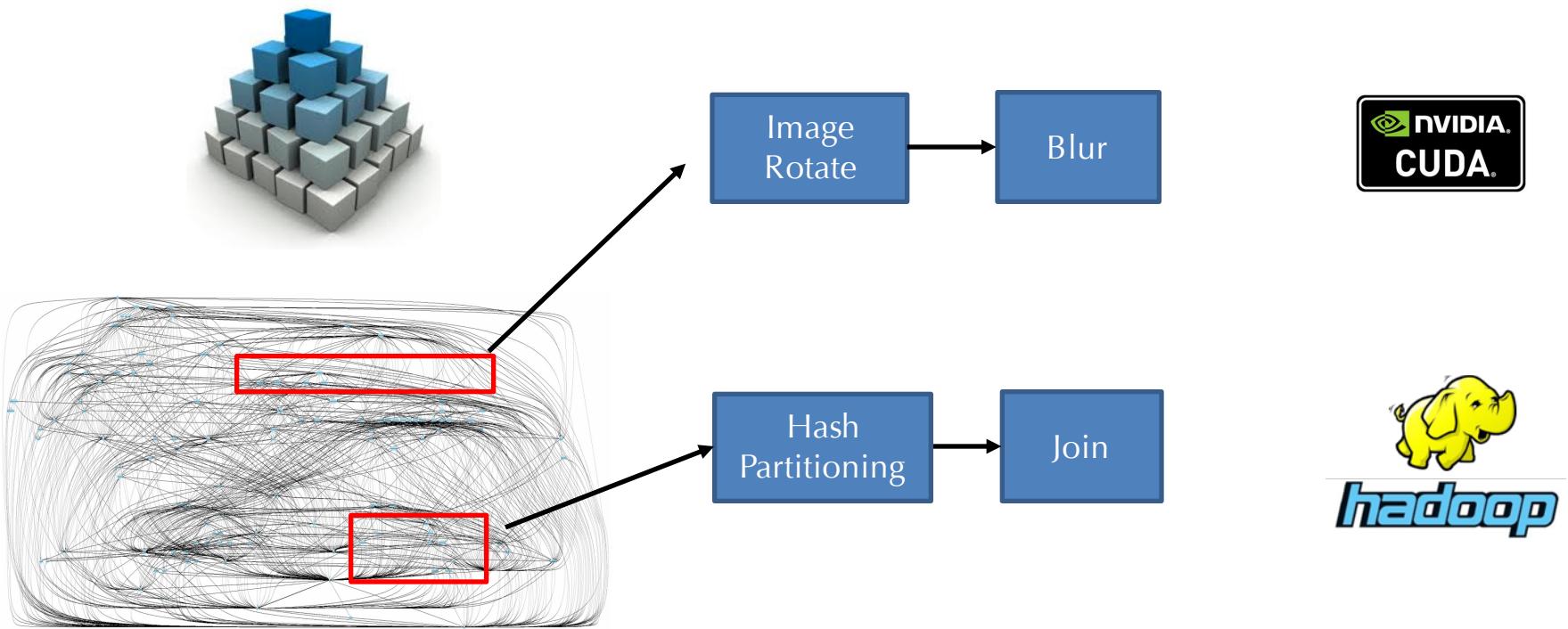
Cong Yan

## Application Inefficiencies

- Code translated to inefficient queries
- Misplaced computation
- Redundant data loads
- Issuing queries with known results
- Loading unused data
- Missing indexes

78% of fixes took fewer than 5 lines  
Max app speedup: 39x

# stars	Application	# issues
22k	Discourse (forum)	85
1k	Lobster (forum)	45
49k	Gitlab (collaboration)	23
13k	Redmine (collaboration)	59
17k	Spree (E-commerce)	20
1.7k	ROR Ecommerce	11
697	Fulcrum (task mgmt)	2
3.5k	Tracks (task mgmt)	30
18k	Diaspora (social network)	57
1.2k	Onebody (social network)	76
8k	Openstreetmap (map)	4
1.1k	Fallingfruit (map)	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>428</b>



# **SEARCH**

Target code

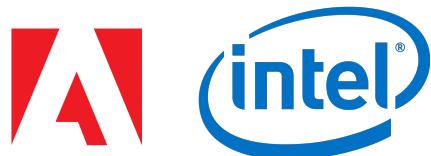
Proof of translation

# **SEARCH**

# **PROGRAM SYNTHESIS**

Target code

Proof of translation



# Verified Lifting: Casper



Maaz Ahmad

1. Define semantics of map and reduce

```
SumXY = reduce(map(points, fm),  
fr)  
fm(x,y) = x * y  
fr(v1,v2) = v1 + v2
```

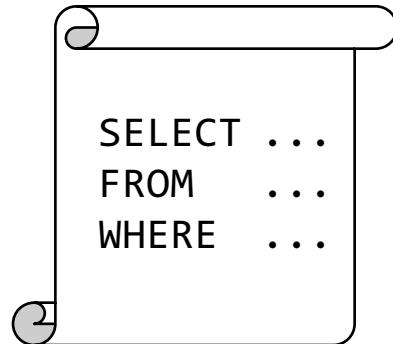
2. Synthesizer infers spec from source

```
// sequential implementation  
void regress(Point [] points)  
{  
    int SumXY = 0;  
    for(Point p : points){  
        SumXY += p.x * p.y;  
    }  
    return SumXY;  
}
```

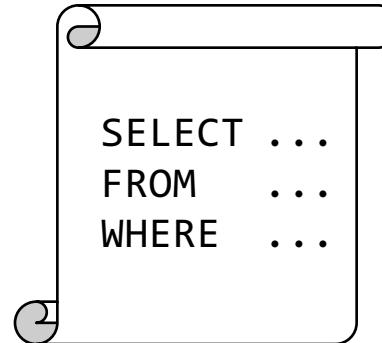
3. Retarget spec to Hadoop codegen

```
void map(Object key, Point [] value)  
{  for(Point p : points)  
    emit("sumxy", SumXY); }  
void reduce(Text key, int [] vs)  
{  int SumXY = 0;  
  for (Integer val : vs)  
      SumXY = SumXY + val;  
  emit(key, SumXY); }
```

Lifted code can be optimized by Hadoop  
max 32x speedup



Q1

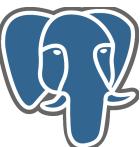


Q2

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall D . Q1(D) = Q2(D) \\ \exists D . Q1(D) \neq Q2(D) \end{array} \quad ?$$



Query Optimizers



Autograders



MEMCACHED



Application Caches



Deciding the equality of two arbitrary relational queries is undecidable.

Boris Trakhtenbrot

Full decision procedure exists for conjunctive queries

Simple heuristics can already prove many common cases



**Coq**

Proof Assistant

Check validity of proofs

$Q1 == Q2$

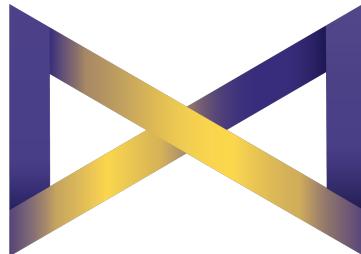


**Rosette**

Constraint Solver

Finding counterexamples

$Q1 \neq Q2$

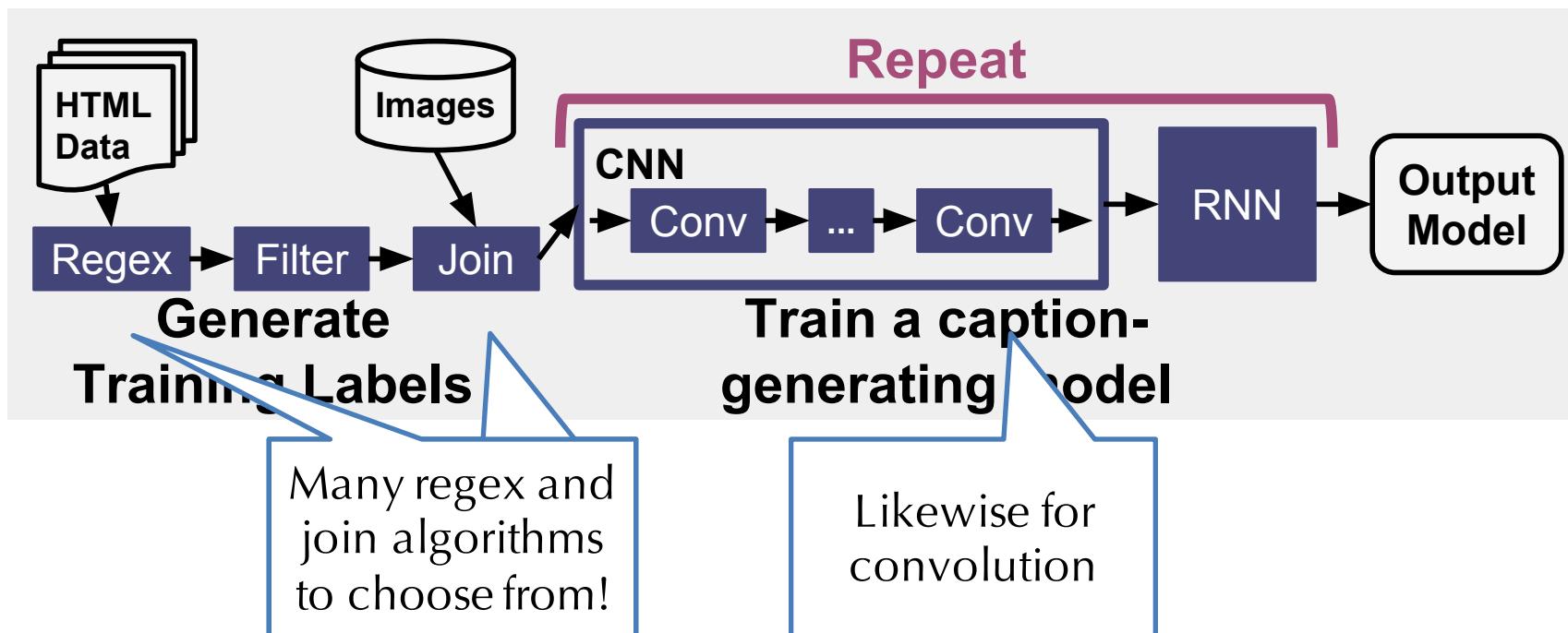


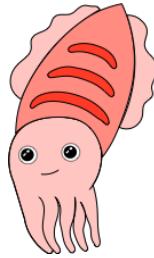
**Cosette**

$Q1 =? Q2$



Shumo Chu  
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Nick Anderson





# Cuttlefish: A Lightweight Primitive for Online Tuning



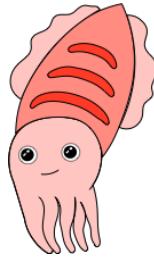
Tomer Kaftan

```
def loopConvolve(image, filters): ...
def fftConvolve(image, filters): ...
def mmConvolve(image, filters): ...
```

```
for image, filters in convolutions:
```

```
    start = now()
    result = convolve(image, filters)
    elapsedTime = now() - start

    output result, elapsedTime
```



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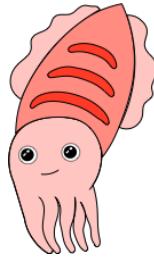
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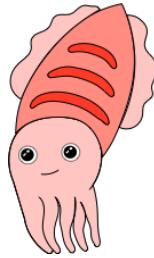


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for image, filters in convolutions:
    convolve, token = tuner.choose()
    start = now()
    result = convolve(image, filters)
    elapsedTime = now() - start

    output result, elapsedTime
```



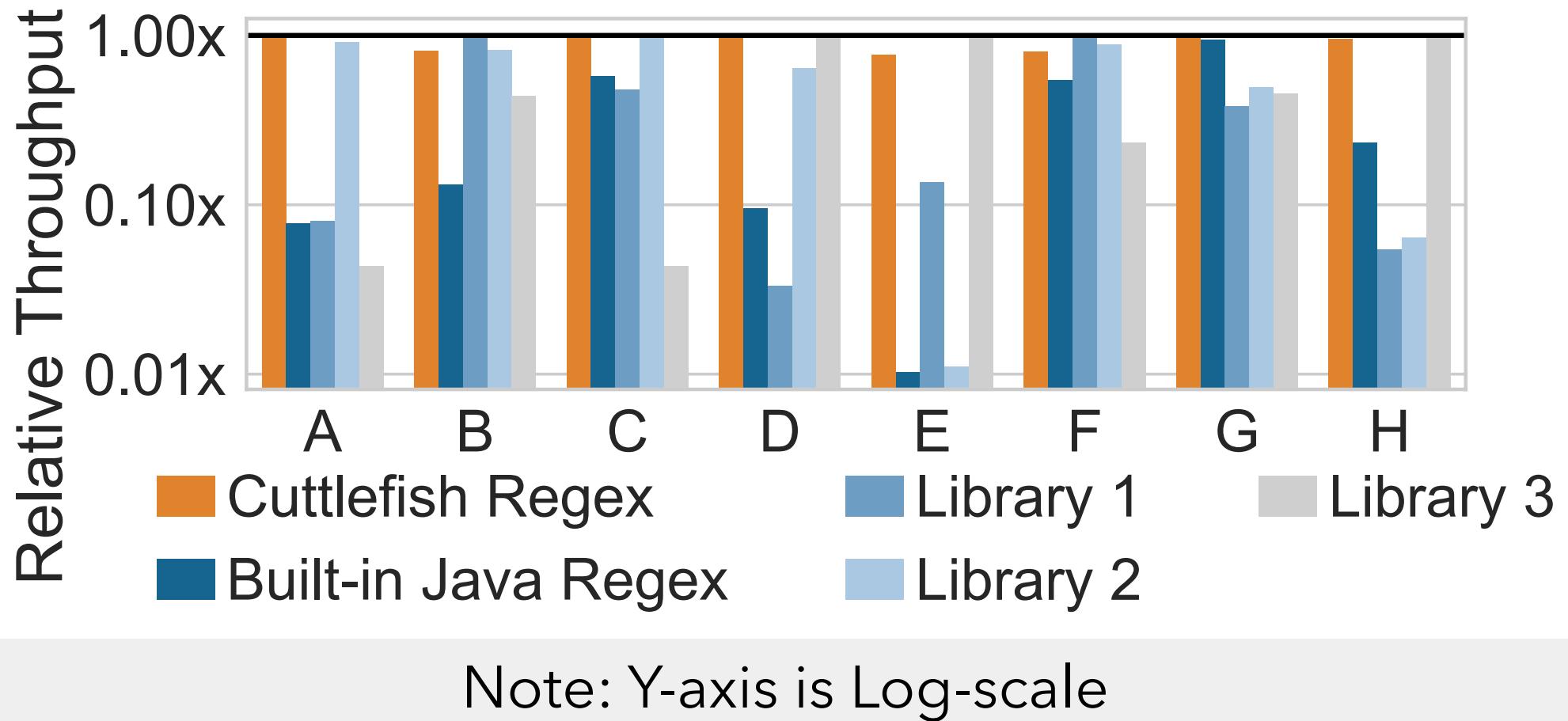
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    convolve, token = tuner.choose()
    start = now()
    result = convolve(image, filters)
    elapsed_time = now() - start
    tuner.observe(token, elapsed_time)
    output result, elapsed_time
```



Select the id for user "Tom"



stack**overflow**

```
Select id  
From table  
Where name = "Tom"
```

Select rows with maximum value for each user.



```
Select x.id, x.customer, x.total  
From PURCHASES x  
Join (Select p.customer,  
      Max(total)  
   From PURCHASES p  
   Group By p.customer) y  
On y.customer = x.customer  
And y.max_total = x.total
```

Calculate running average over id.



```
Select a.ord, a.val, Avg(b.val)  
From t As a Join t As b  
Where b.ord <= a.ord  
Group By a.ord,a.val  
Order By a.ord
```

# Scythe



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Input tables

id	date
1	12/25
2	11/21
4	12/24
...	...

Output tables

id	date	max
1	12/25	30
2	11/21	10
4	12/24	20
...	...	...

Search for abstract queries

```

S S
P P
P P
P P
Select * From (Select * From T1 Where □)
Join (Select id, Max(val) From T2 Where □ Group By oid Having □) T3
On □
  
```

Stored using specialized data structures

Prune query skeletons

Instantiate abstract queries

```

S S
R R
R R
R R
Select * From (Select * From T1 Where True)
Join (Select id, Max(val) From T2 Where val < 50 Group By oid Having True) T3
On T3.oid = T1.uid
  
```

Rank results based on simplicity

# Scythe



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## Supported features

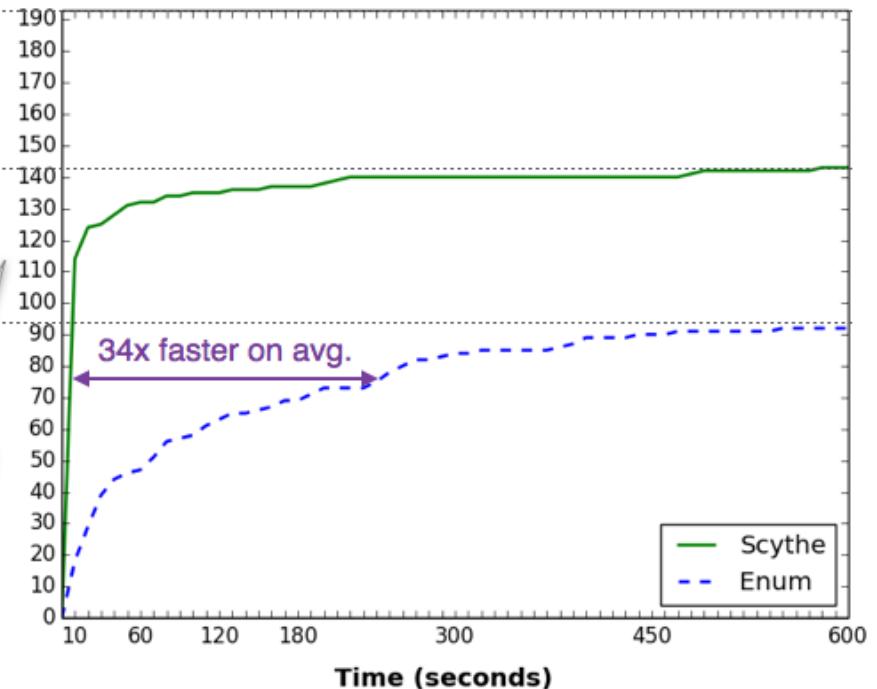
- SPJ
- Grouping
- Aggregation
- Subqueries
- Outer join
- Exists
- Union

Benchmark: 193

Scythe: 143

Enum: 92

59% can be answered  
within 20 seconds



## Is there something equivalent to argmax in SQL?



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In a more general sense: is there a function that will allow me to find the entire row where a value in Column X is the max value of the column?



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sql

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If I'm reading your question correctly, the following query should do it (assuming that our column names are a,b, and c and that a is the column that we're maximizing):

```
select a,b,c  
from table  
where a=(select max(a) from table);
```

Of course, if you have more than one row where the column a attains its maximum, then you'll get more than one row back from the query. If you want a unique row back, you can add something like "order by b,c limit 1", or use some other way to rank the rows in which a attains its max.

Titles summarize post 80% of the time

### Stackoverflow dataset

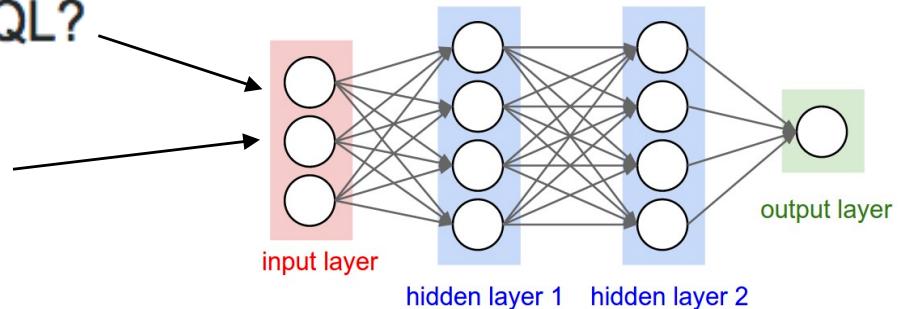
- Posts tagged with #sql, #oracle, #database (430k)
- Posts containing an accepted answer in SQL
- Results: 41k (title, query) pairs

### Filtered away titles

- My query doesn't work!
- Why is my query slow?
- I hate SQL!

Is there something equivalent to argmax in SQL?

```
select a,b,c  
from table  
where a=(select max(a) from table);
```



Model	Naturalness	Informativeness
Code-NN (Ours)	2.6	1.55
Nearest neighbor	1.9	1.55
MOSES	1.76	1.36
ATTEN	2.82	0.93



# UWDB Collaborators

## UW

- Bill Howe (iSchool)
- Andrew Connolly (Astronomy)
- Aaron Lee (Ophthalmology)
- Ariel Rokem (eScience)
- Emilio Zaghini (Sociology)
- Prog Lang & SW Eng group

## Industry

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- Huawei
- Intel
- Microsoft
- Teradata