

# TensorFlow Tutorial

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Multi-dimensional array of data



# TensorFlow



Graph of operations



# Agenda

- Motivation
- Overview of Architecture
- Basic Mechanics
- Exercises
- Distributed TensorFlow

# Why TensorFlow?

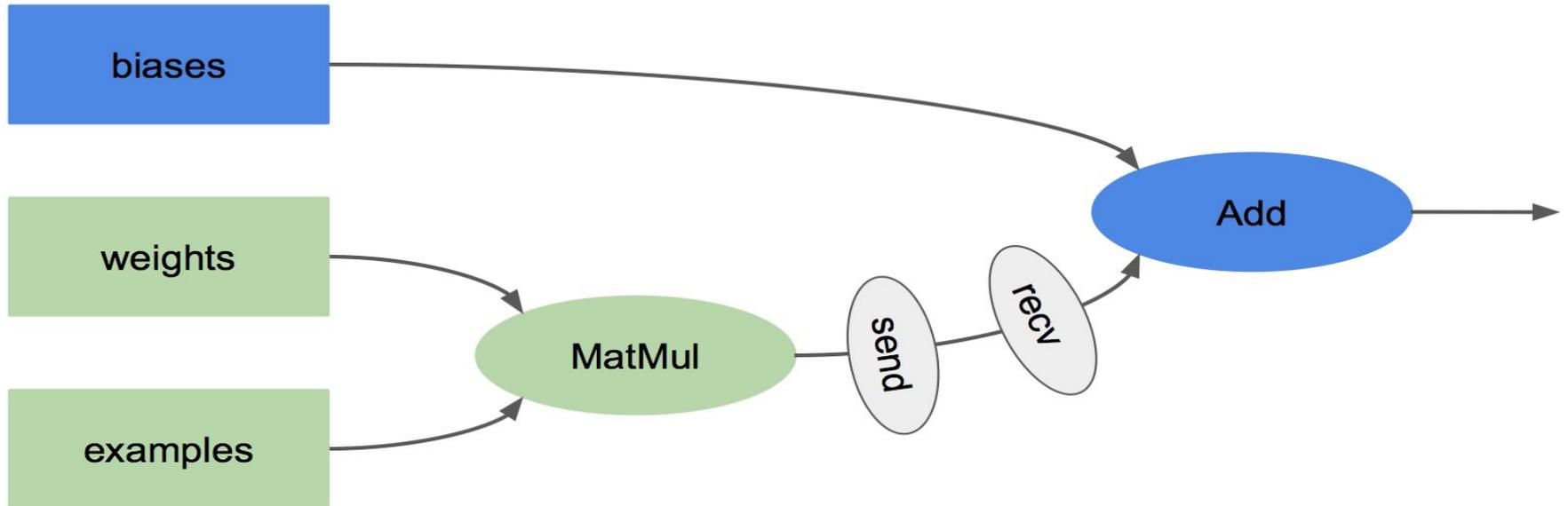
- General computational platform
- GPU optimized and distributed
- Mobile and Embedded
- Research friendly and production ready



# Where is TensorFlow being used?

- Google Photos, Gmail
- Youtube WatchNext
- DeepMind, Stanford

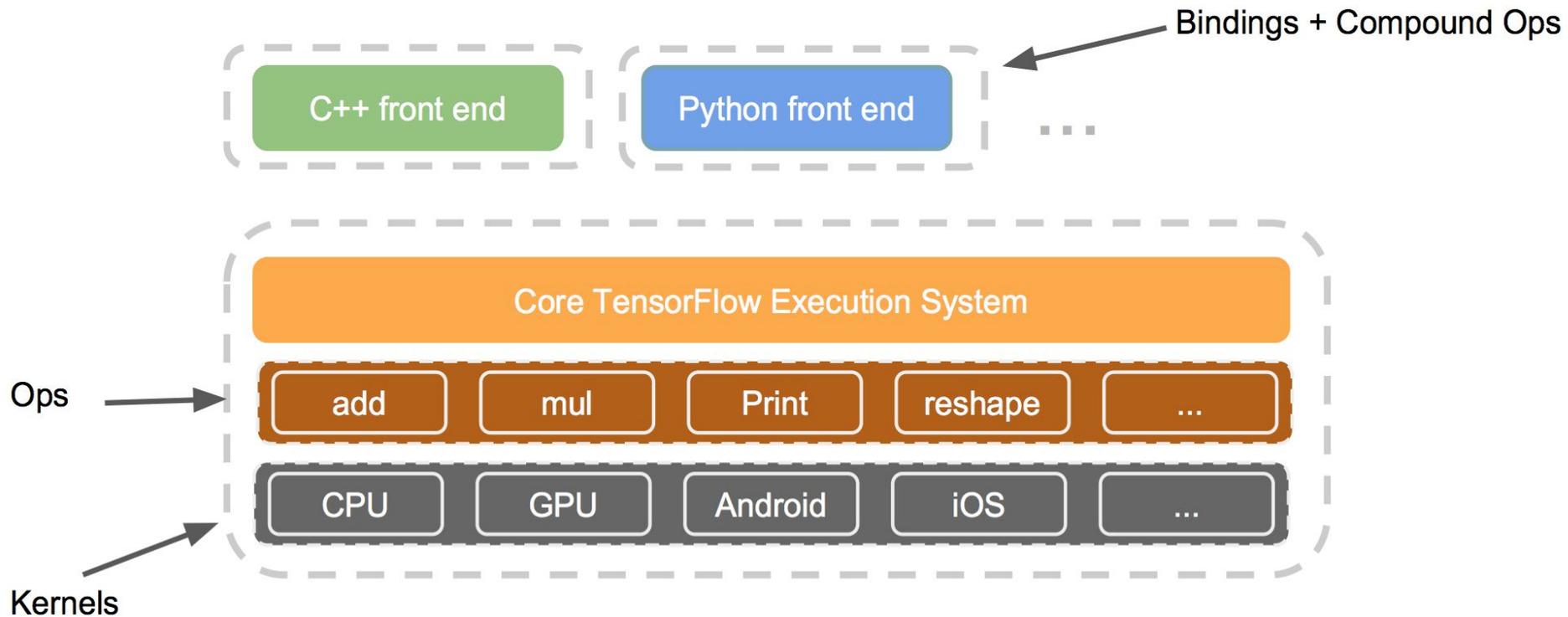
# TensorFlow Components



# TensorFlow Components - Ops

- Element-wise Math Ops - Add, Sub, Exp
- Array Ops - Slice, Shape, Split, Shuffle
- Matrix Ops - MatMul, MatrixDeterminant
- Stateful Ops - Variable, AssignAdd

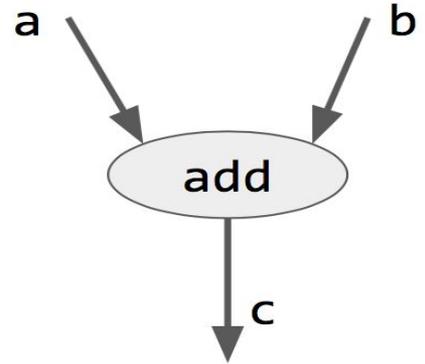
# TensorFlow Architecture



# TensorFlow 101

```
>> sess = tf.Session()
>> a = tf.constant(2)
>> b = tf.constant(8)
>> sess.run(a + b)
10

>> c = tf.add(a, b)
>> c.eval(sess)
10
```



# Shape Inference 101

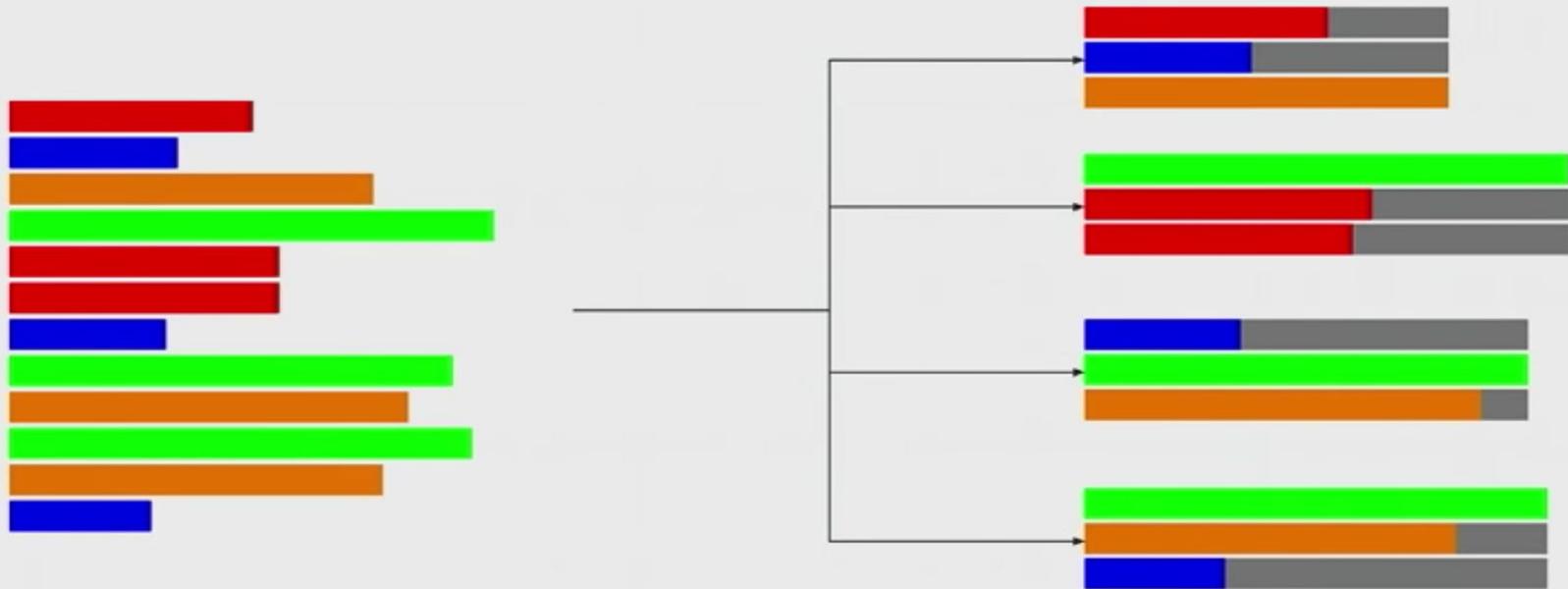
```
>> a = tf.constant([1, 2, 3, 4])
>> a
<tf.Tensor 'Const_1:0' shape=(4,) dtype=int32>

>> b = tf.tile(a, [2])
>> b
<tf.Tensor 'Const_1:0' shape=(8,) dtype=int32>

>> session.run(b)
array([1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4], dtype=int32)
```

# Why is shape inference important?

## Batching Sequence Data: Dynamic Padding



# Writing Extensions - Compound Ops

```
def correct_prediction_op(preds, labels):  
    return tf.equal(tf.argmax(preds, 1), tf.argmax(labels, 1))  
  
def calc_accuracy(correct_predictions):  
    return tf.reduce_mean(tf.cast(correct_predictions, tf.float32))
```

# Linear Regression

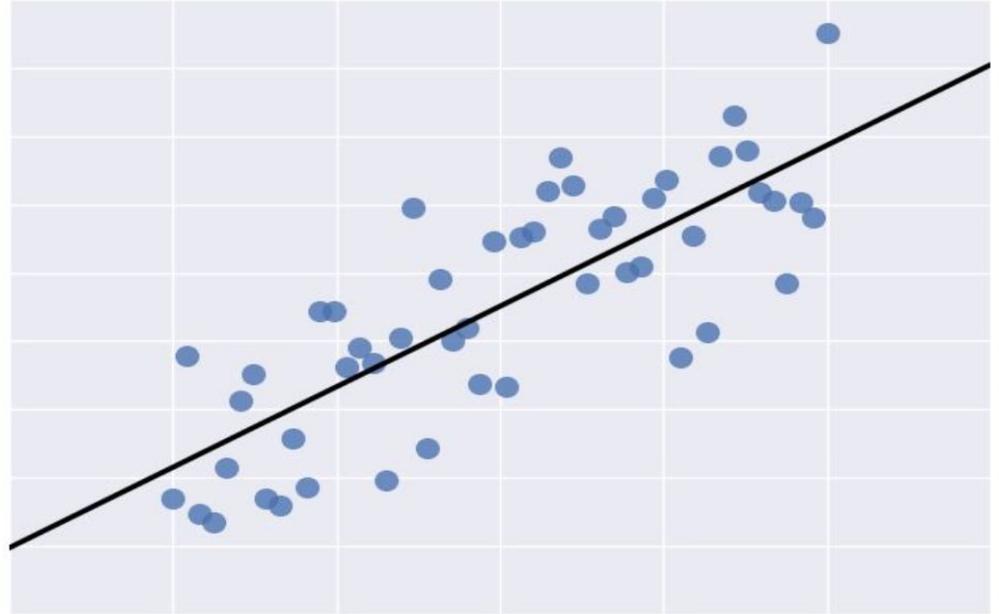
result

input

$$y = Wx + b$$

parameter

The diagram shows the equation  $y = Wx + b$  with three arrows pointing to its components. An arrow labeled 'result' points to the variable  $y$ . An arrow labeled 'input' points to the variable  $x$ . An arrow labeled 'parameter' points to the coefficient  $W$  and the bias term  $b$ .



# Linear Regression

```
import tensorflow as tf
x = tf.placeholder(shape=[2,1], dtype=tf.float32, name="x")
W = tf.get_variable(shape=[1,2], name="W")
b = tf.get_variable(shape=[1], name="b")
y = tf.matmul(W, x) + b
x_in = [[3], [4]]

with tf.Session() as sess:
    sess.run(tf.initialize_all_variables())
    print sess.run(y, feed_dict={x: x_in})
```

# Linear Regression - Loss Function

Given  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $y_{\text{label}}$ , compute a loss, for instance:

$$\mathbf{L} = ( \mathbf{y} - y_{\text{label}} )^2$$

# Linear Regression - Loss Function

```
y_label = tf.placeholder(shape=[1,1],dtype=float32,  
                          name="y_label")  
  
diff = y - y_label  
L = tf.reduce_sum(diff * diff)
```

# Linear Regression - Training

```
train_op = tf.train.GradientDescentOptimizer(learning_rate=0.01)
            .minimize(L)
data = load_csv("training_data.csv", delimiter=",")
for x1, x2, y_in in data:
    sess.run(train_op, feed_dict={x: [[x1],[x2]], y_label: y_in})
```

# Linear Regression - Evaluation

```
eval_data = load_csv("evaluation_data.csv", delimiter=",")
acc = 0.
for x1, x2, y_in in eval_data:
    acc += sess.run(L, feed_dict={x: [[x1],[x2]], y_label: y_in})
print acc/len(eval_data)
```

# Visualization



Write a regex to create a tag group

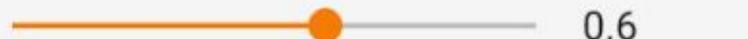


Split on underscores

Data download links

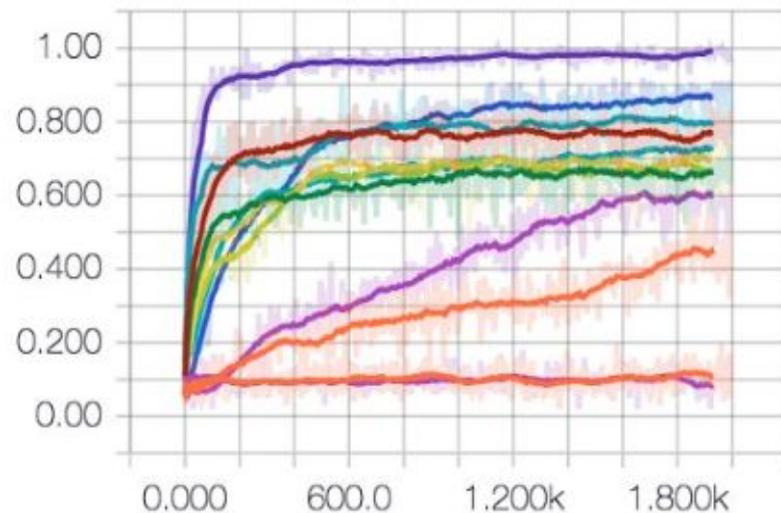
Tooltip sorting method: default

Smoothing



accuracy

accuracy/accuracy



Fit to screen

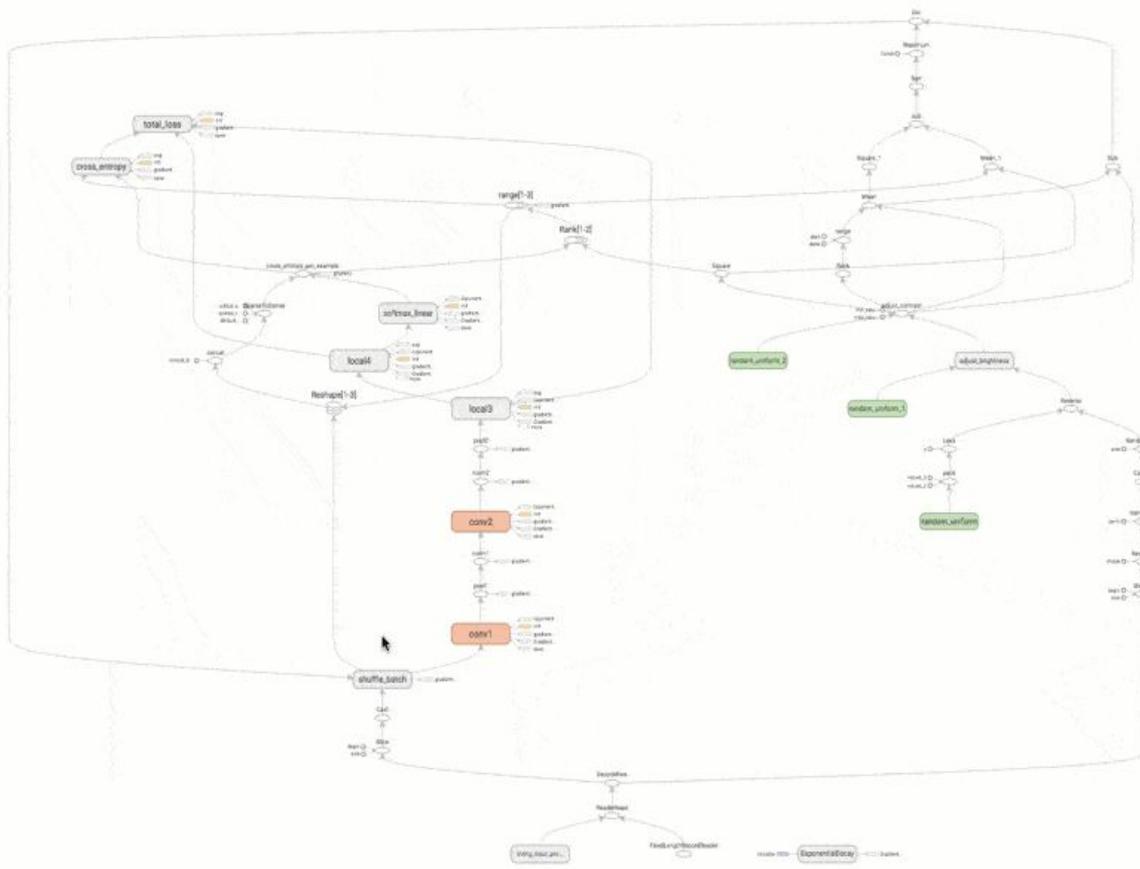
Run

Upload

Color Structure

color: same substructure  
gray: unique substructure

### Main Graph



### Auxiliary nodes

Variable

- Constant
- OpNode
- Namespace
- Unconnected series
- Connected series
- Constant
- Summary
- Dataflow edge
- Control dependency edge
- Reference edge

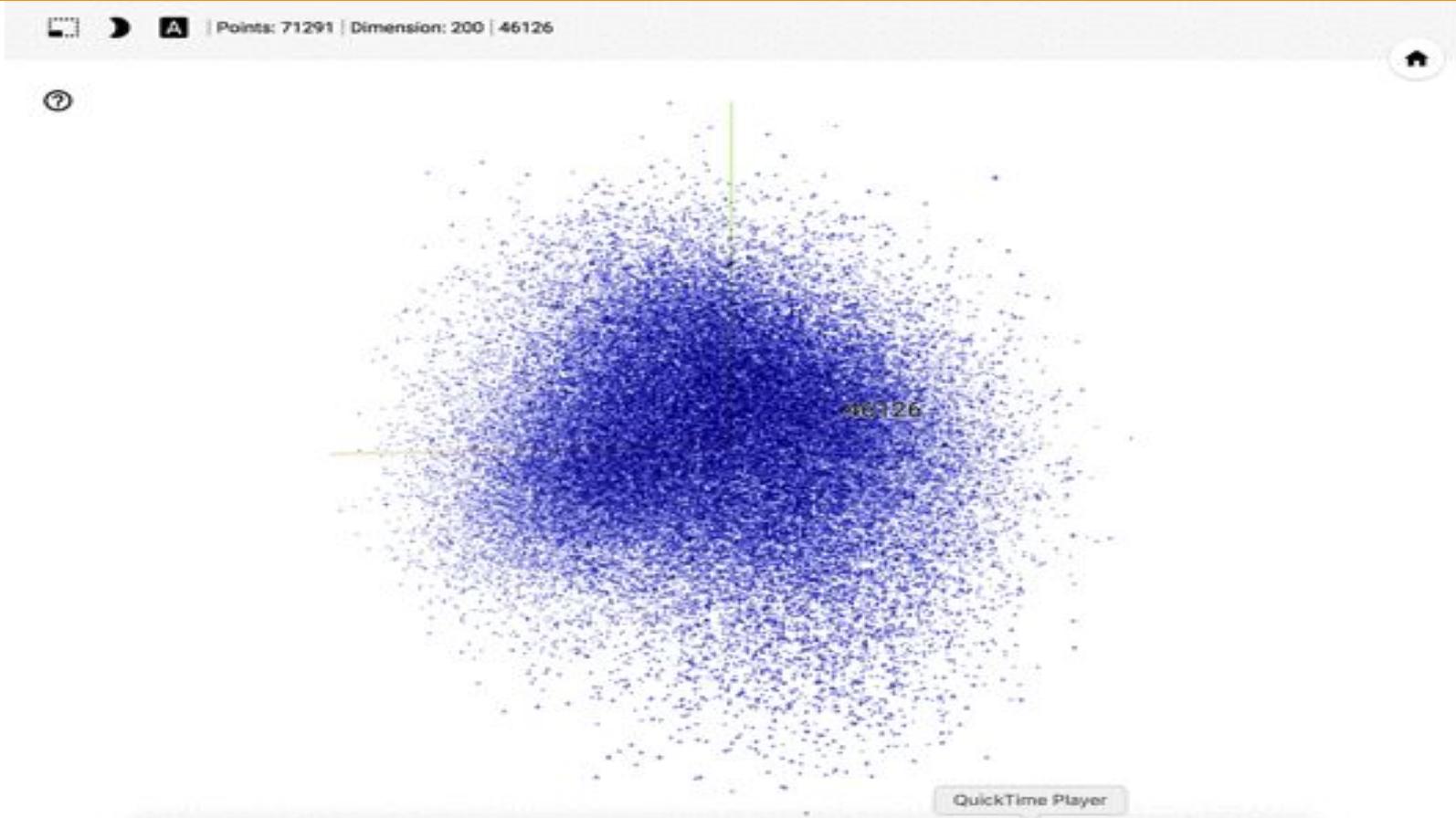
Custom

- ops
- GradientDescent
- avg
- gradients
- ExponentialDecay

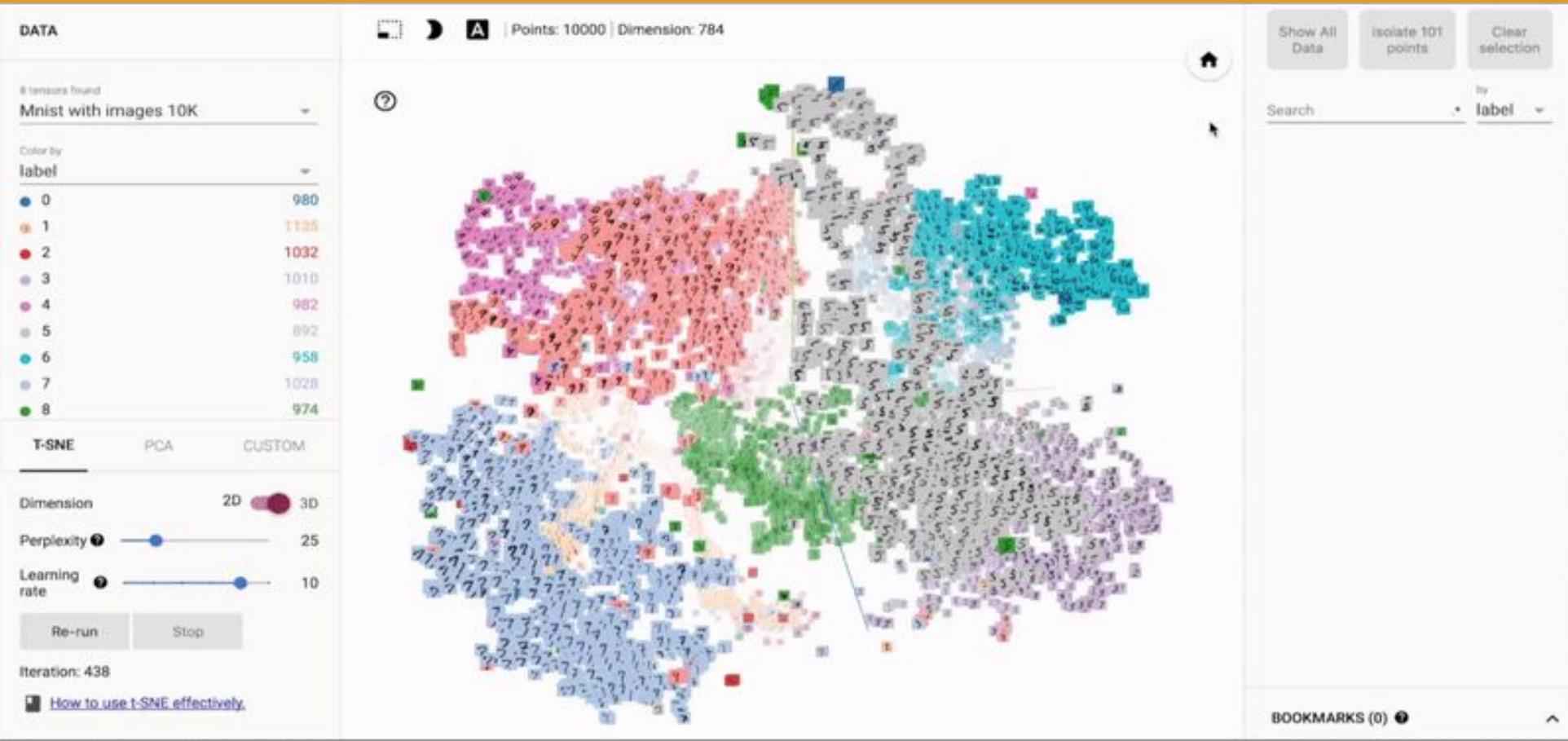
Graph (\* = expandable)

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# Visualization - Embedding Projector ([link](#))

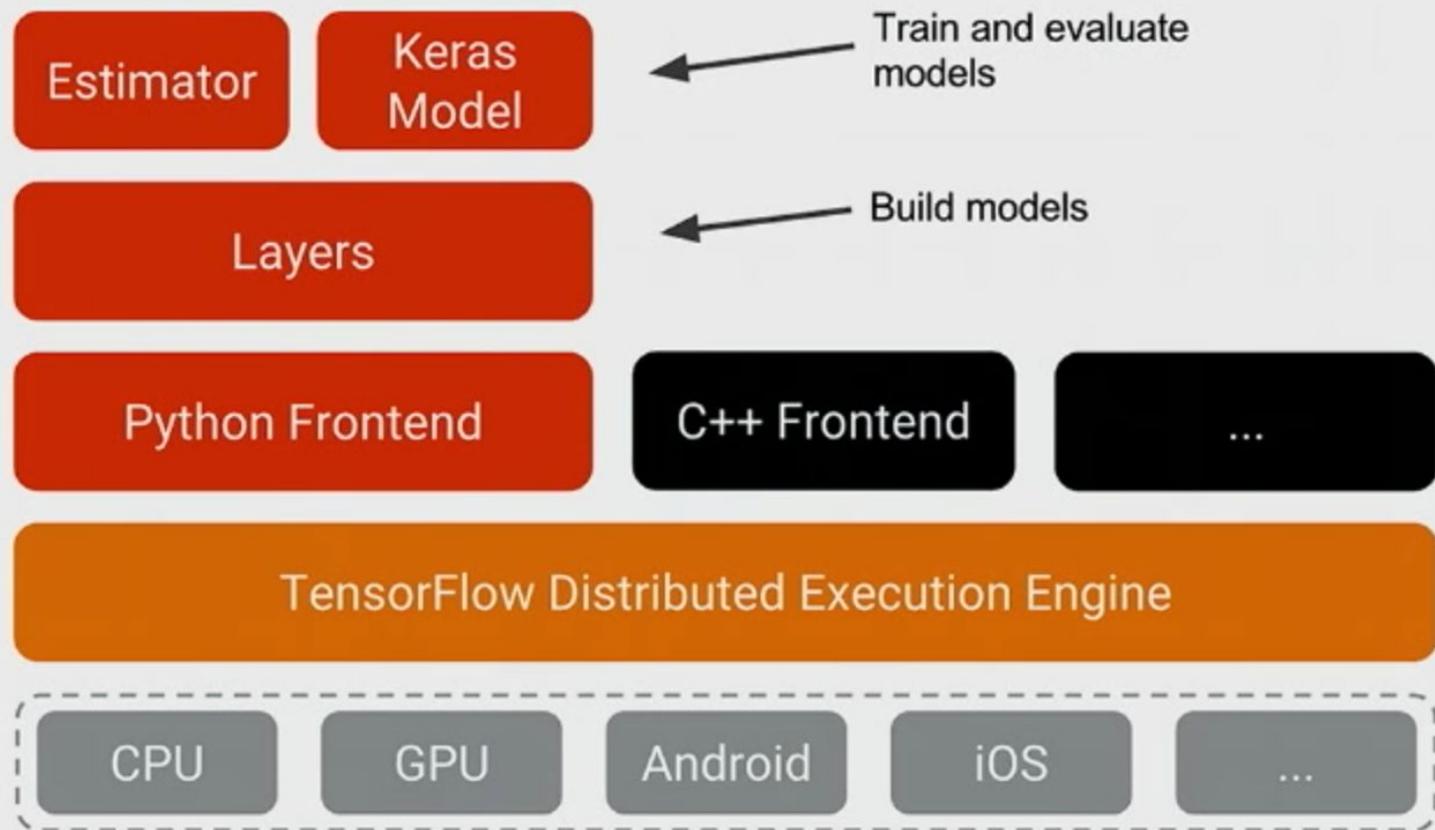


# Visualization - Embedding Projector ([link](#))



# High-level APIs





# Keras

- Support two backends
  - Theano
  - TensorFlow
- Focus on fast prototyping
- Used heavily in Kaggle and research

# Keras

```
1 from keras.layers import Dense, Activation
2
3 model.add(Dense(output_dim=64, input_dim=100))
4 model.add(Activation('relu'))
5 model.add(Dense(output_dim=10))
6 model.add(Activation('softmax'))
7 model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', optimizer='sgd', metrics=['accuracy'])
8
9 model.fit(X_train, Y_train, nb_epoch=5, batch_size=32)
10 classes = model.predict_classes(X_test, batch_size=32)
11 probs = model.predict_proba(X_test, batch_size=32)
```

# Estimator (originally skflow)

- Easy transition for Scikit-learn users
- Hides all “grundy” parts of TensorFlow
- Avoids [boilerplate code](#)
- Transitions into learning TensorFlow low-level APIs

# Deep Neural Networks

```
1 feature_columns = learn.infer_real_valued_columns_from_input(x_train)
2 regressor = learn.DNNRegressor(
3     feature_columns=feature_columns, hidden_units=[10, 10])
4
5 regressor.fit(x_train, y_train, steps=5000, batch_size=1)
6
7 y_predicted = list(regressor.predict(scaler.transform(x_test), as_iterable=True))
8 score = metrics.mean_squared_error(y_predicted, y_test)
```

# Custom Model

```
1 def my_model(features, target):
2     """DNN with three hidden layers, and dropout of 0.1 probability."""
3     target = tf.one_hot(target, 3, 1, 0)
4
5     features = layers.stack(features, layers.fully_connected, [10, 20, 10],
6                             normalizer_fn=layers.dropout,
7                             normalizer_params={'keep_prob': 0.9})
8
9     logits = layers.fully_connected(features, 3, activation_fn=None)
10    loss = tf.contrib.losses.softmax_cross_entropy(logits, target)
11
12    train_op = tf.contrib.layers.optimize_loss(
13        loss, tf.contrib.framework.get_global_step(), optimizer='Adagrad',
14        learning_rate=0.1)
15
16    return ({
17        'class': tf.argmax(logits, 1),
18        'prob': tf.nn.softmax(logits)}, loss, train_op)
```

# Custom Model

```
1 x = tf.contrib.layers.conv2d(x, kernel_size=[5,5], ...)
2 x = tf.contrib.layers.max_pool2d(x, kernel_size=[2,2], ...)
3 x = tf.contrib.layers.conv2d(x, kernel_size=[5,5], ...)
4 x = tf.contrib.layers.max_pool2d(x, kernel_size=[2,2], ...)
5 x = tf.contrib.layers.relu(x)
6 x = tf.contrib.layers.dropout(x, 0.5)
```

# Monitors

```
1 x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
2     iris.data, iris.target, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
3
4 x_train, x_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(
5     x_train, y_train, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
6
7 val_monitor = learn.monitors.ValidationMonitor(
8     x_val, y_val, early_stopping_rounds=200)
9
10 classifier = learn.DNNClassifier(
11     feature_columns=learn.infer_real_valued_columns_from_input(x_train),
12     hidden_units=[10, 20, 10], n_classes=3, model_dir=model_dir,
13     config=tf.contrib.learn.RunConfig(save_checkpoints_secs=1))
14 classifier.fit(x=x_train, y=y_train, steps=2000, monitors=[val_monitor])
```

# FeatureColumn API

```
1 # Categorical base columns.
2 gender = sparse_column_with_keys(
3     column_name="gender",
4     keys=["Female", "Male"])
5 education = sparse_column_with_hash_bucket(
6     "education",
7     hash_bucket_size=1000)
8
9 # Continuous base columns.
10 age = real_valued_column("age")
11 age_buckets = bucketized_column(
12     age,
13     boundaries=[18, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65])
```



# Flexible Automatic Input Handling

- Numpy matrix
- Pandas dataframe/series
- Iterators
- HDF5
- TFRecords, TFExamples

# Building Blocks

- [Estimator](#) (Linear, KMeans, SVM, RandomForest, etc)
- [DataFrame](#)
- [Layers, Optimizers](#)
- [FeatureColumn](#)
- [Losses/Metrics](#)
- [Monitors/SessionRunHook](#)
- [Experiment](#)

# Modelling Techniques

- Early Stopping
- Custom Learning Rate Decay
- Custom Class Weights
- Dropout
- Batch Normalization
- Clip Gradients

# Ready for exercises?

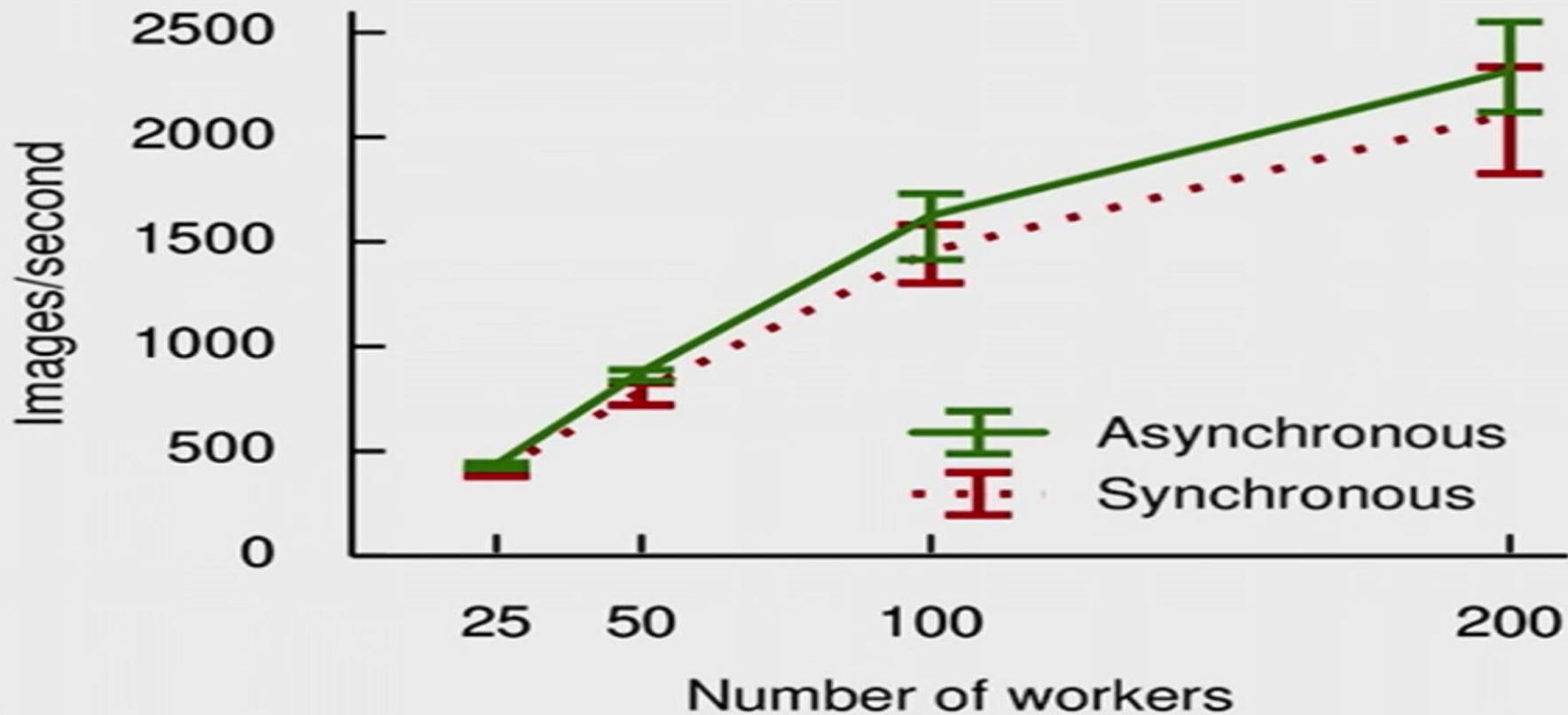
- Link to exercises:

<https://github.com/terrytangyuan/exercise-ccasa-2017.git>

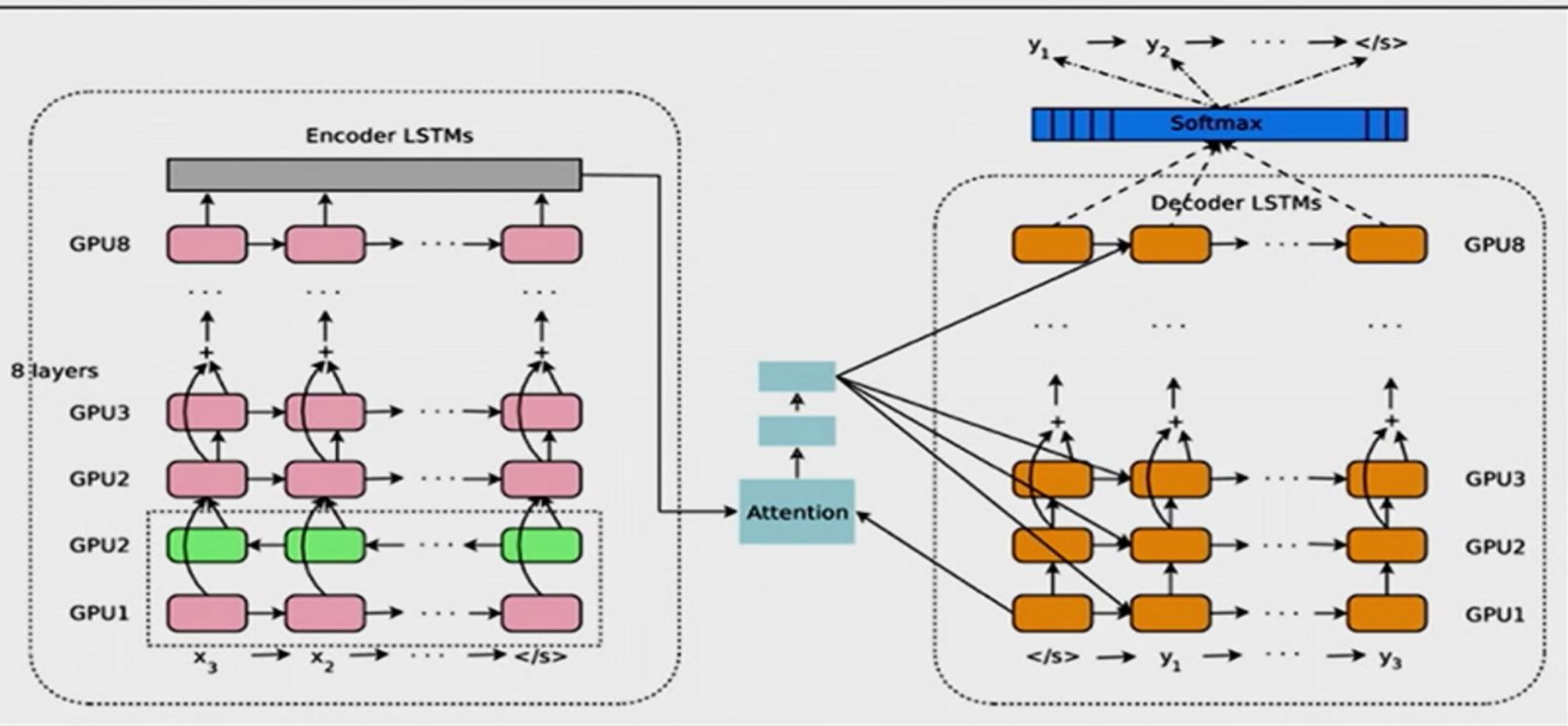
# Distributed TensorFlow



# Data Parallelism



# Model Parallelism



# Types of Tasks

- Parameter server tasks
  - Variables
  - Update Ops
- Worker tasks
  - Pre-processing
  - Loss calculation
  - Backpropogation

# Device Replacement

```
cluster = tf.train.ClusterSpec({"ps": ps_hosts, "worker": worker_hosts})
server = tf.train.Server(cluster,
                          job_name=FLAGS.job_name,
                          task_index=FLAGS.task_index)

if FLAGS.job_name == "ps":
    server.join() # listens requests
elif FLAGS.job_name == "worker":
    with tf.device(tf.train.replica_device_setter(
        worker_device="/job:worker/task:%d" % FLAGS.task_index,
        cluster=cluster)):
        # Build the model...
```

# In-graph Replication (single tf.Graph)

```
with tf.device("/job:ps/task:0/cpu:0"):  
    W = tf.Variable(...)  
    b = tf.Variable(...)  
inputs = tf.split(0, num_workers, input)  
result = []  
for i in range(num_workers):  
    with tf.device("/job/worker/task:%d/gpu:0" % i):  
        result.append(tf.matmul(inputs[i], W) + b)  
loss = fn(result)
```

# Between-graph Replication (multiple clients)

```
with tf.device("/job:ps/task:0/cpu:0"):  
    W = tf.Variable(...)  
    b = tf.Variable(...)  
with tf.device("/job:worker/task:0/gpu:0"):  
    result = tf.matmul(input, W) + b  
    loss = fn(result)
```

```
with tf.device("/job:ps/task:0/cpu:0"):  
    W = tf.Variable(...)  
    b = tf.Variable(...)  
with tf.device("/job:worker/task:1/gpu:0"):  
    result = tf.matmul(input, W) + b  
    loss = fn(result)
```

# Variable Placement - Partitioned Variables

```
greedy = tf.contrib.training.GreedyLoadBalancingStrategy(...)
with tf.device(tf.train.replica_device_setter(
    ps.tasks=3, ps_strategy=greedy)):
    embedding = tf.get_variable(
        "embedding", [100000000, 20],
        partitioner=tf.fixed_size_partitioner(3))
```

# Fault Tolerance

```
with tf.device(tf.train.replica_device_setter(ps_tasks=3)):
    weights = tf.get_variable("weights", [784, 100])
    biases = tf.get_variable("biases", [100])
    ...

saver = tf.train.Saver(sharded=True) # avoids memory issue
with tf.Session(server.target) as sess:
    while True:
        ...
        if is_chief and step % 1000 == 0:
            saver.save(sess, "hdfs://...")
```

# Fault Tolerance

```
server = tf.train.Server(...)
is_chief = FLAGS.task_index == 0

with tf.train.MonitoredTrainingSession(server.target, is_chief) as sess:
    while not sess.should_stop():
        sess.run(train_op)
```

# Experiment and Estimator

```
def experiment_fn(config, params):
    features = [tf.layers.embedding_column(...),
                tf.layers.bucketized_column(...)]
    return Experiment(
        train_input_fn=..., eval_input_fn=...,
        estimator=DNNClassifier(
            hidden_units=[10, 20], feature_columns=features,
            config, params))

learn_runner.run(experiment_fn, config, ...)
```

Q & A



Thanks!

