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CENTER FOR THE
CO-DESIGN OF COGNITIVE SYSTEMS

CoCoSys Center Overview : Year 2 Annual SAB Meeting

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Why CoCoSys?

Future Collaborative AI Systems

Current AI Systems

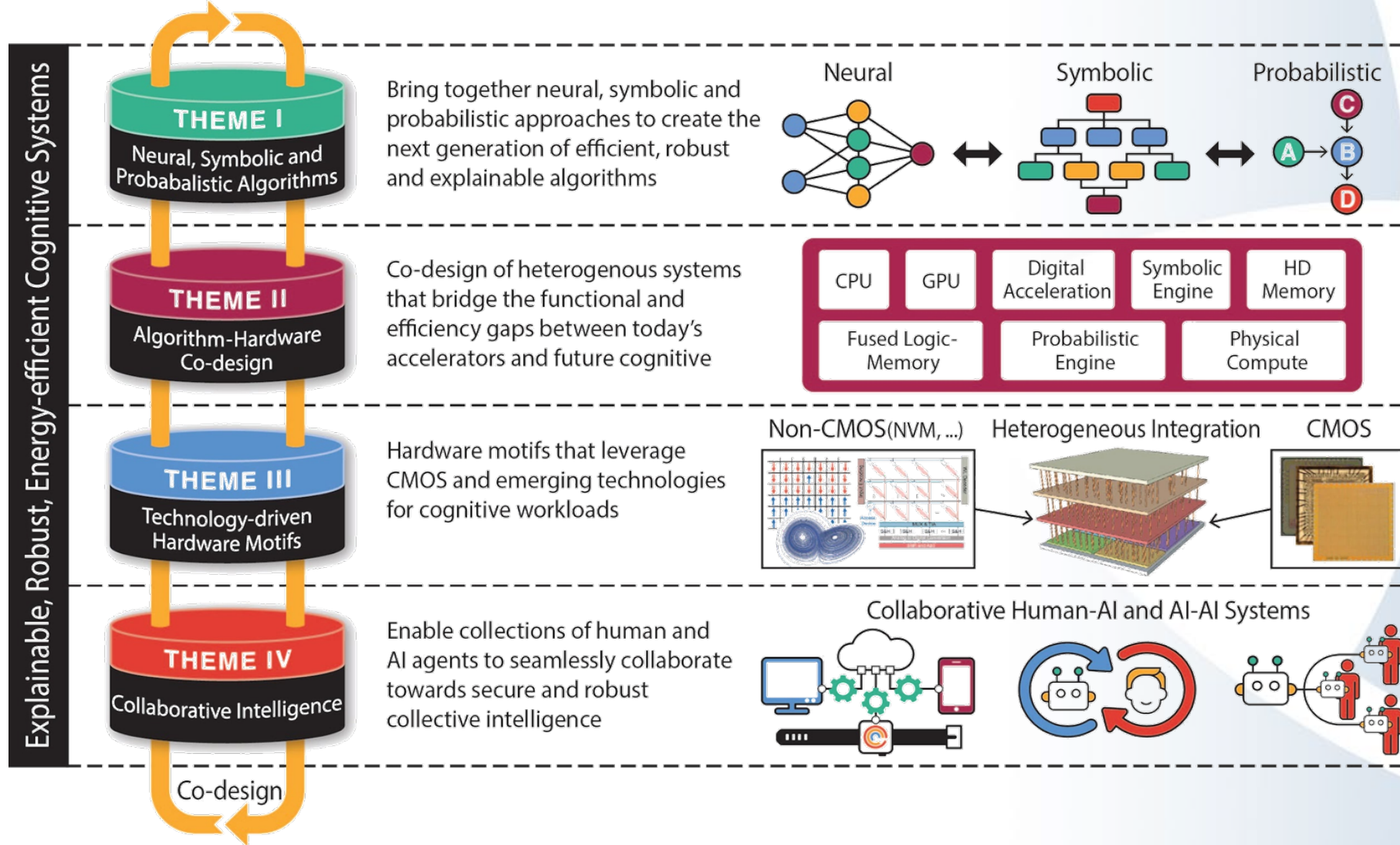
- Black-box (not explainable or interpretable)
- Reliant on large datasets, networks and compute
- Mostly monolithic CMOS technology

GRAND CHALLENGES

- Can we stem the unsustainable trends in compute requirements for AI?
- Can a fusion of neural, symbolic and probabilistic methods lead to more scalable, robust and explainable AI?
- Can cognitive algorithms perform the entire gamut of tasks involved in collaborative AI systems (perception, reasoning and decision making)?
- Can cross-layer design of cognitive algorithms and hardware improve energy efficiency by over 100X?


- Seamless human-AI and AI-AI collaboration
- Explainable, robust and secure
- Hardware and algorithms co-designed to optimize energy efficiency, latency and throughput
- Leverage future logic, memory and integration technologies

Center Overview and Themes




Neural + Vector Symbolic Architectures

Computational Models




Neural Network
Scalable, Flexible,
Handle inconsistency

+



Symbolic
Interpretable, Explainable,
Data-efficient

+



Probabilistic
Robust to
uncertainty

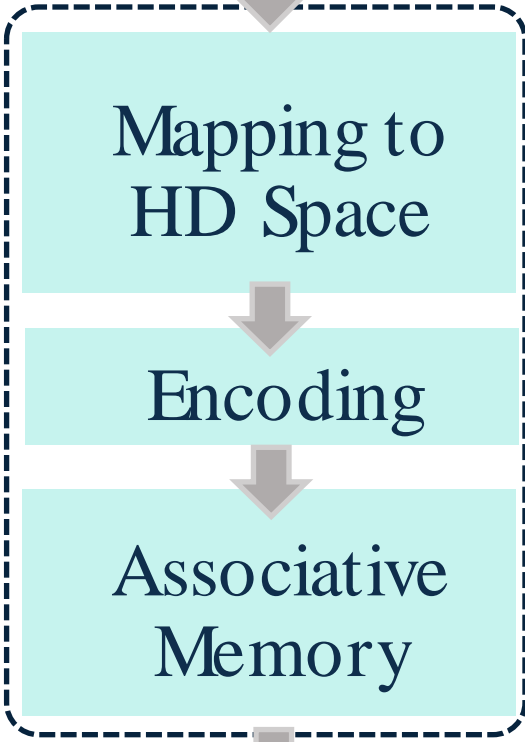
- 3D scene perception
- LMMs
- Digital Assistants
- Conversational AI
- AI-AI and AI-Human Collaboration

Theory

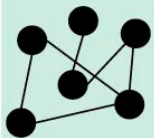
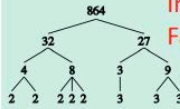
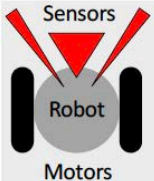




Algorithms



Signals



Labels

Problem Solving & Reasoning	 Shortest Path Discovery  Integer Factoring
Planning & Control	 Sensors Robot Motors Reactive Control Predictive Planning
Multi-Modal Perception	 EMG Gesture Recognition  Voice Recognition  Language Recognition  Genome Analysis



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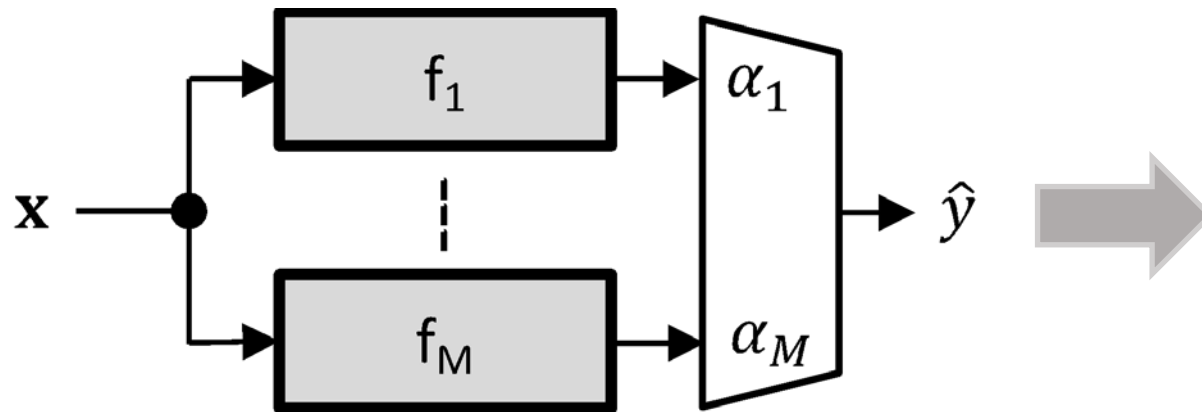
The Theory of Robustness and Beyond

Computational Models

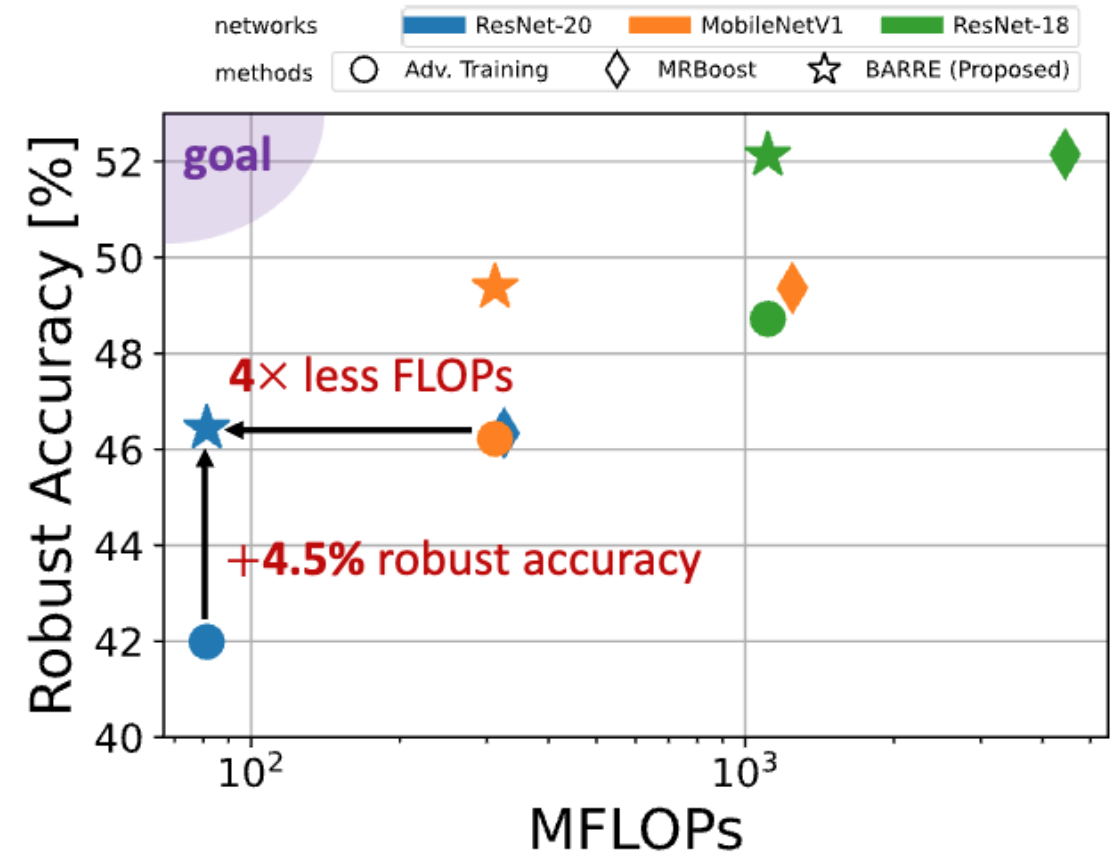
Theory

Algorithms

Fundamental limits on accuracy-robustness-efficiency (ARE) trade-offs



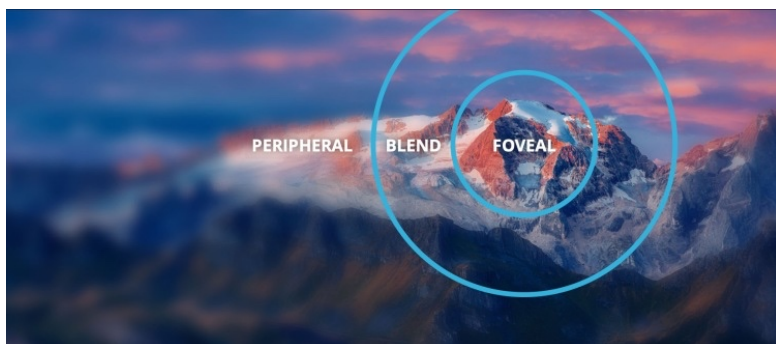
Randomized Ensemble of Classifiers (RECs)



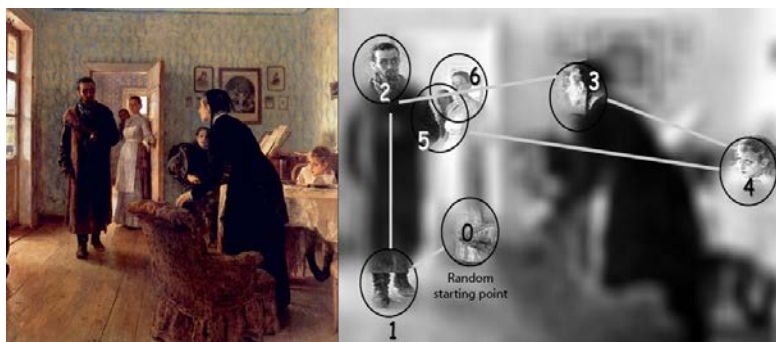
Improving Vision Systems through Foveation and Saccades

Computational Models

Foveation (variable resolution)

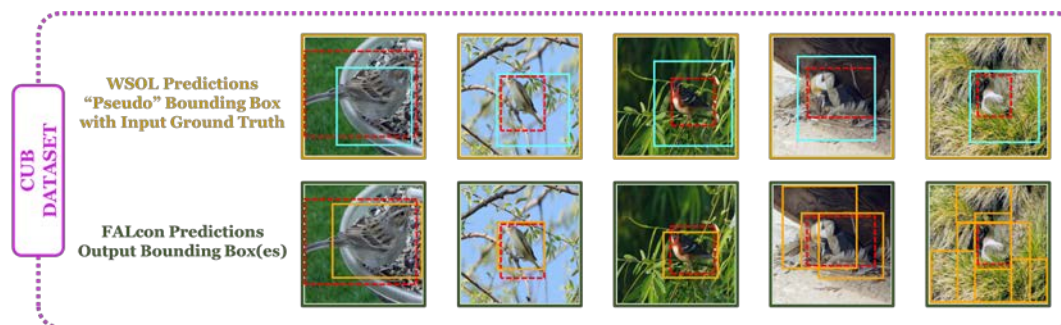


Saccade (quick eye movement)

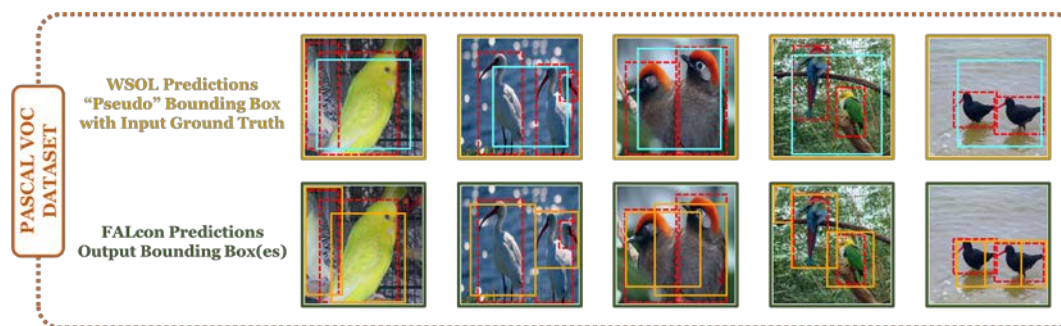


Theory

- **Advantage 1:** more accurate bounding boxes:



- **Advantage 2:** more resilient localization pipeline,



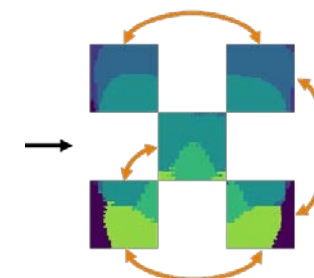
Algorithms

- **Advantage 3:** Can define Image grammar (semantics & syntax)

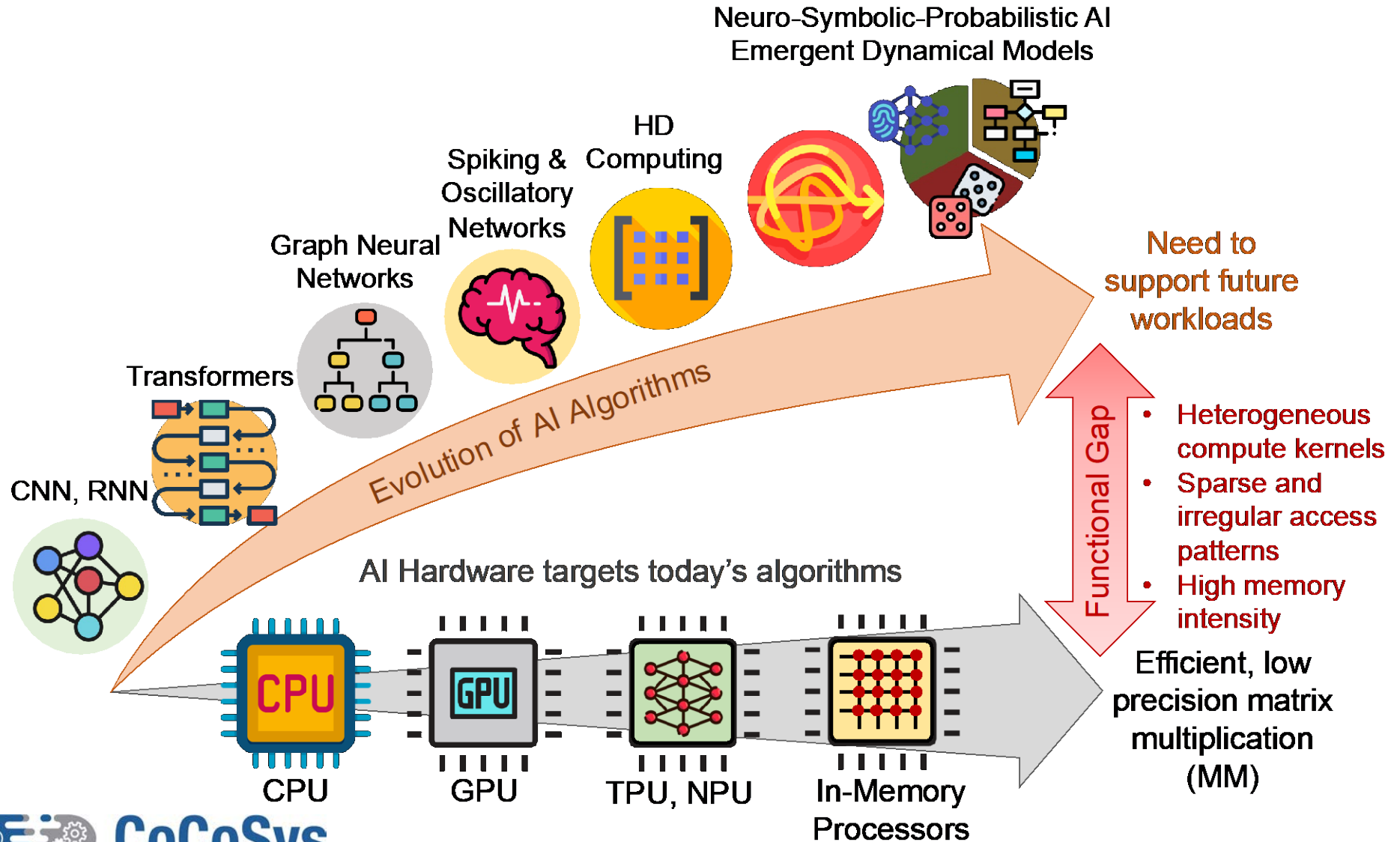
Correct image Patches



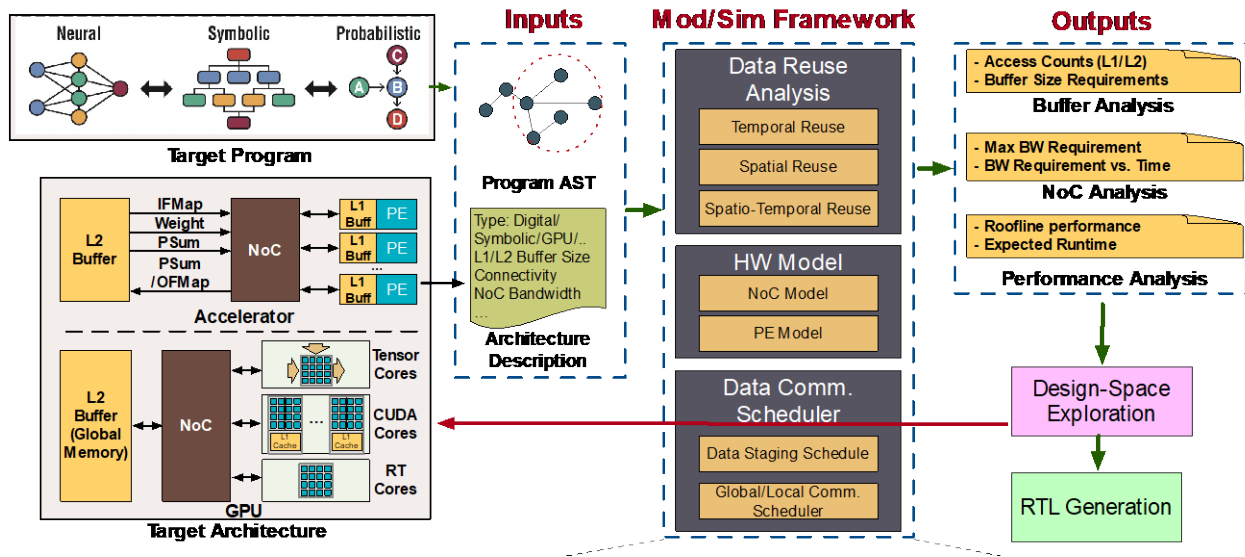
Semantic Patch Traversal



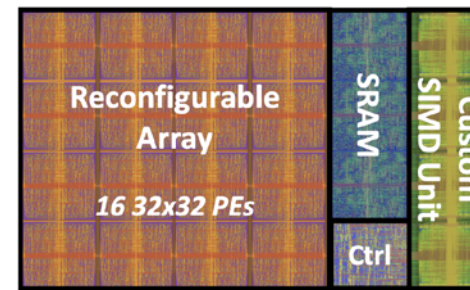
Needs of Future Neuro-Symbolic-Probabilistic Workloads



Algorithm-Hardware Co-design



Layout of Proposed CogSys Accelerator



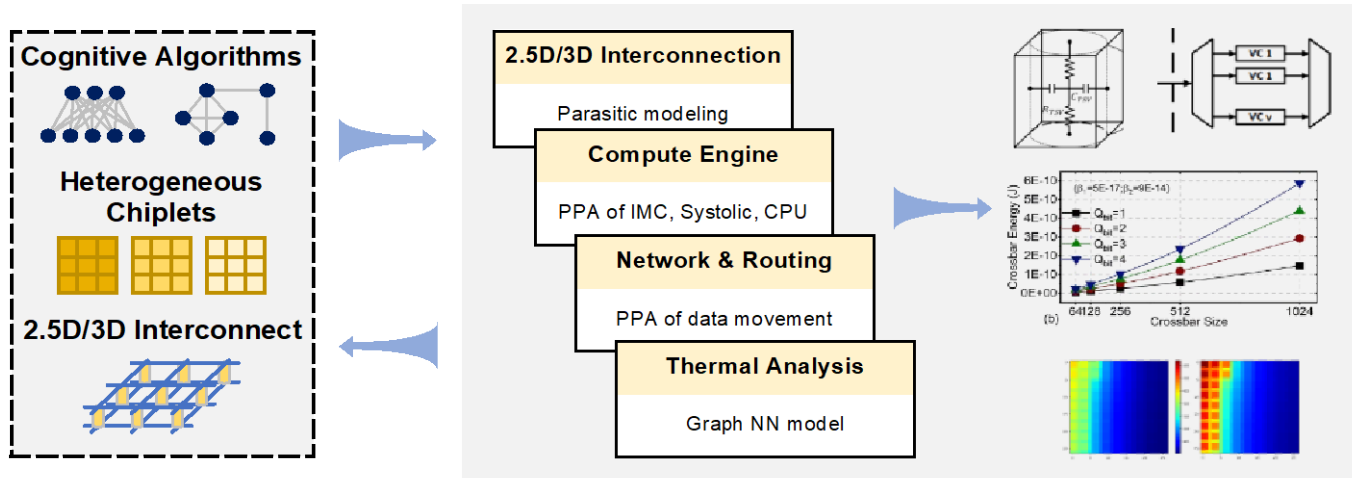
Accelerator Specs

Technology	28 nm	Frequency	800 MHz
#Reconfigurable PEs	16384	Voltage	1 V
#SIMD PEs	512	Power	1.18 W
SRAM	4.5 MB	Area	4.0 mm ²

- Open-source tools and tool-chains for system exploration within CoCoSys
- Industry collaborations (joint papers, joint conference sessions)
- Hardware artifacts to quantify system benefits

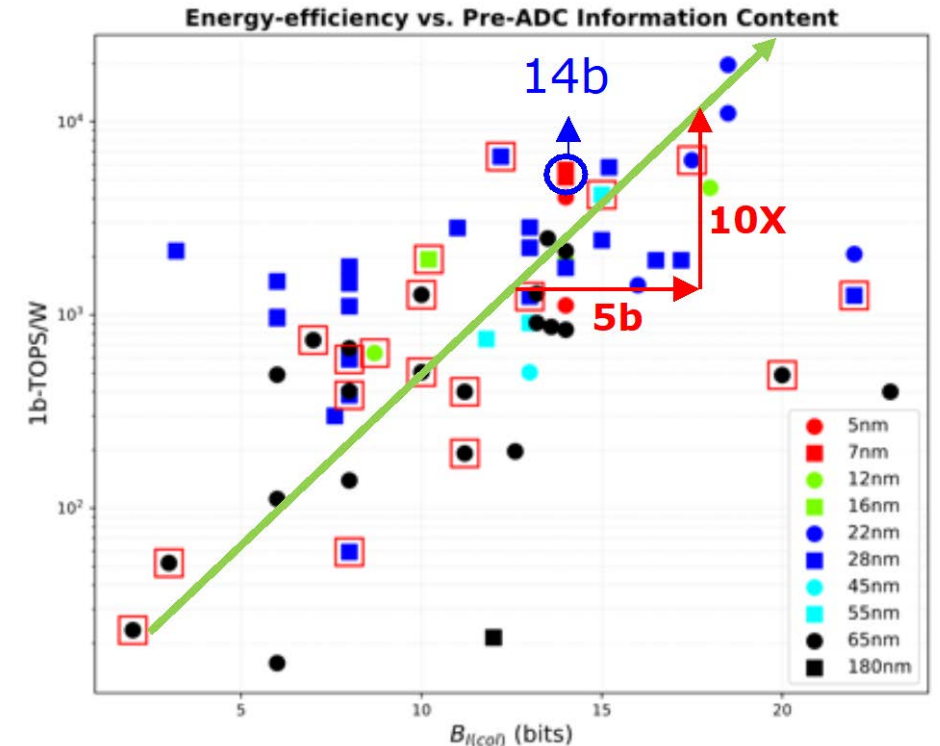
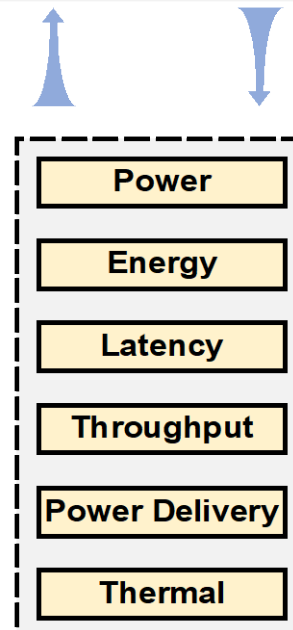
- **Innovation:** First effort towards algorithms-to-hardware co-design of Neuro-symbolic-probabilistic AI systems
- **Key Result:** 2-3 orders of magnitude faster & more energy efficient than CPUs and GPUs

System Design with Advanced and Emerging Technologies



Heterogeneous Integration Simulator with Interconnect Modeling (**HISIM**)

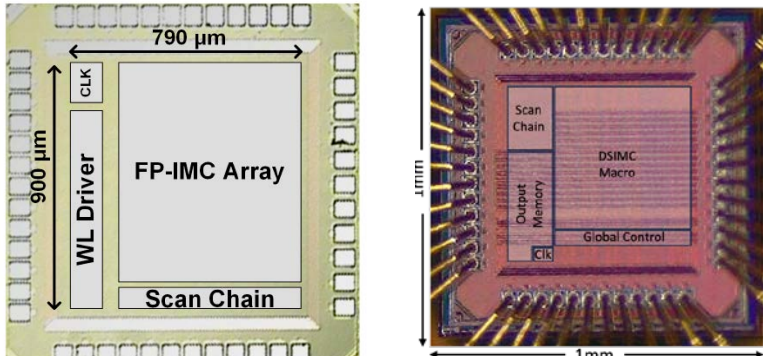
- 2.5D/3D interconnection, in-memory computing chiplets, network-on-packaging, thermal
- Analytical performance models that are **10^4x-10^6x faster** than NeuroSim and other SOTAs



IMC benchmarking tool

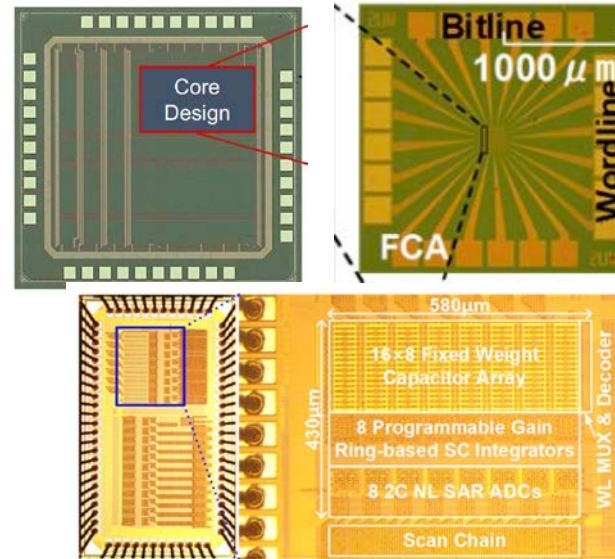
Reducing Data-movement through In-X Computing

SRAM



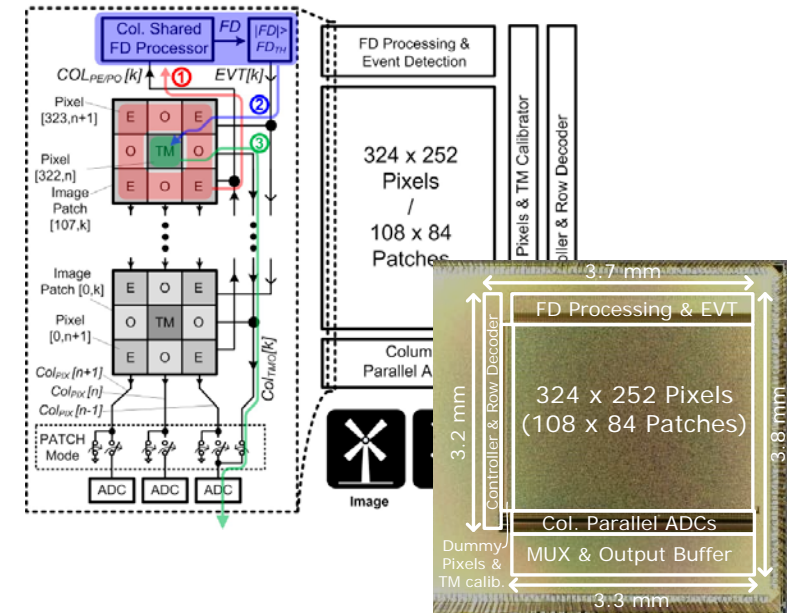
- FP-IMC: TSMC 28nm digital floating-point IMC macro chip (ESSCIRC'23)
- SP-IMC: TSMC 28nm digital sparsity-integrated IMC macro w/ compressed computing (CICC'24)
- IMC w/ delta-sigma modulator for variable input precision (CICC'23, SSCL'23) Multi-step cap.-coupling IMC SRAM Macro in 28nm (JSSC'24)
- Accurate/ Approximate CAM (TBP)

NVM



- 65nm RRAM for genome sequencing
- 180nm IMC macro chip for NVM ferroelectric capacitor array with PoT ADC (SSCL'23)
- 40nm RRAM VLIW processor for edge inference and robot manipulation

Sensor

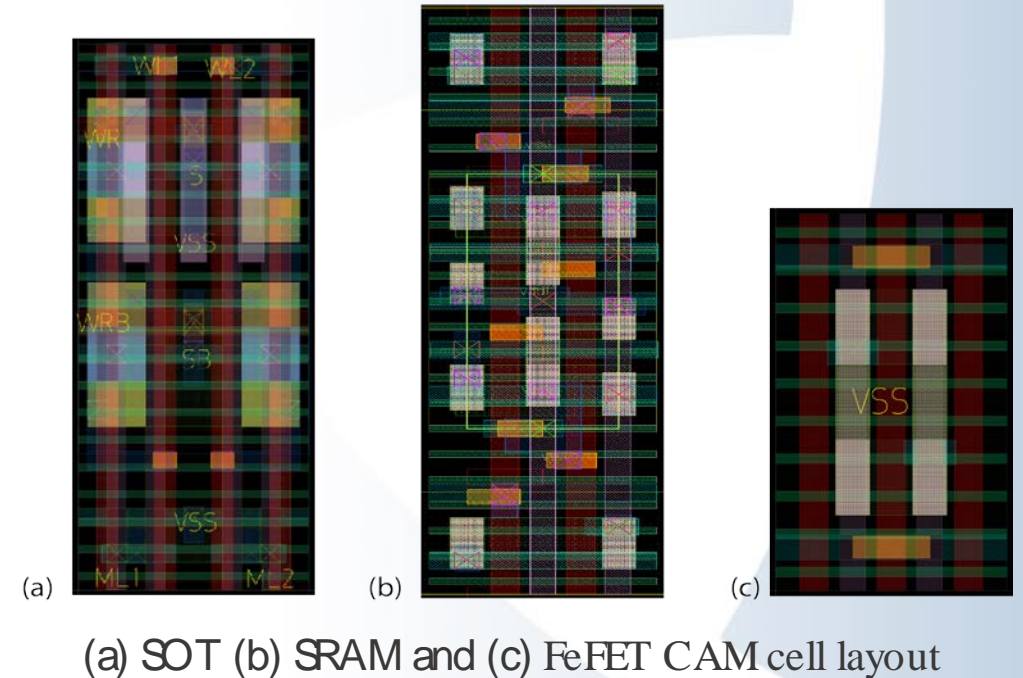


- Time-memory-based CMOS vision sensor w/ in-pixel temporal derivative comp. (ESSCIRC'23)
- Multi-mode: image sensor, event, temporal deriv.

Tool-chain for DTCO in the Context of AI Workloads

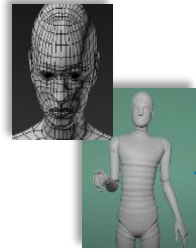
Cross-layer Modeling and Design of 7nm PDK for DTCO

- Circuit parasitics extracted from SOT, SRAM, and FeFET-CAM layouts based on ASAP7 PDK using state of the art EDA tools
- Parasitics used in SPICE simulations to extract ML discharge delays
- Interconnect parasitics – IR drop and RC delay degrade similarity search performance for larger array sizes
- Two solutions explored – using wider search lines (S2x) and matching clk delay (Clk match)



Human-AI Interactions: Conversational Agents

Conversational Expression



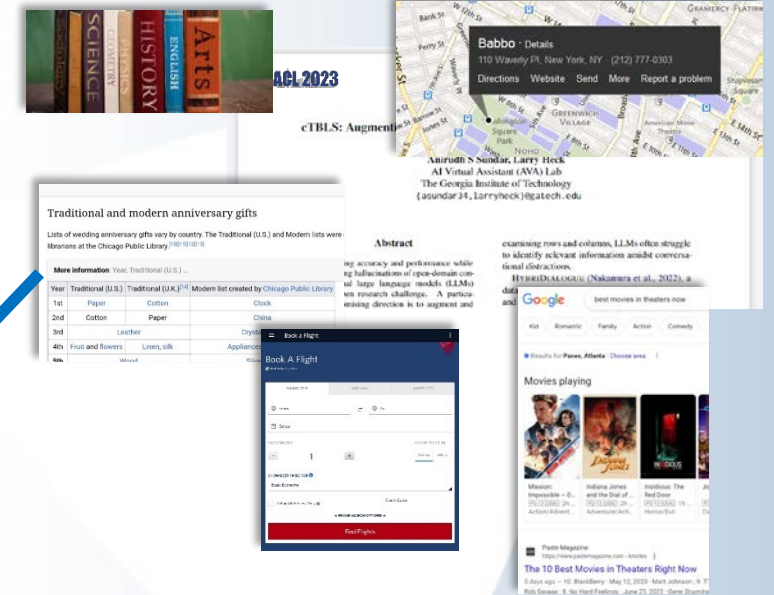
- Neural rendering
- Large Body Language Models (LBLM)
- Large Face Language Models (LFLM)

Conversational Vision

- Visual Dialogue
- Visual QA (VQA)
- AR/VR



Conversational Content

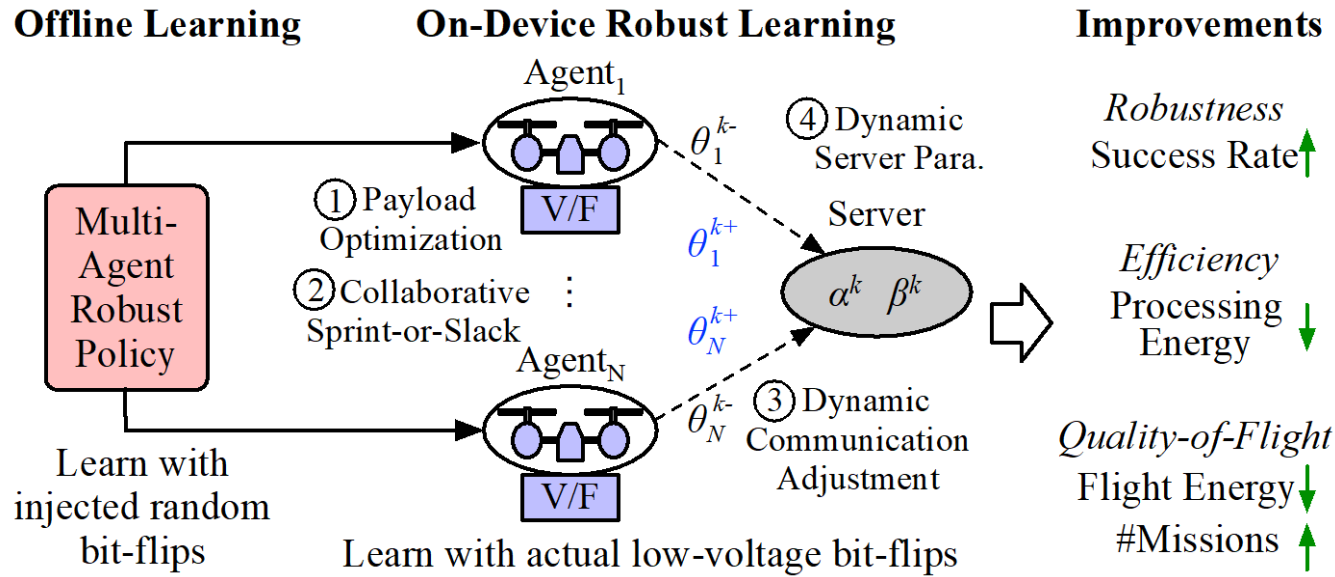


Conversational Model

$$\arg \max_r p(r|m, u, c, s, d, \dots)$$

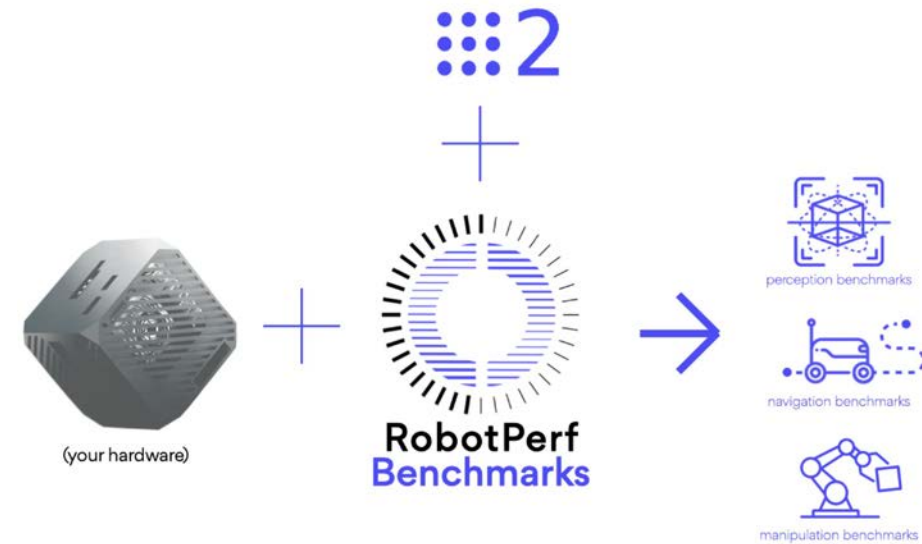
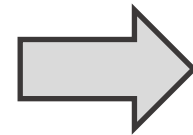
- GUI links
- Fields
- Lists
- Forms
- Tables
- Equations
- Plots
- Figures
- Maps
- Text (web, books, papers)
- etc...

AI-AI Interactions: Autonomous UAV Swarms



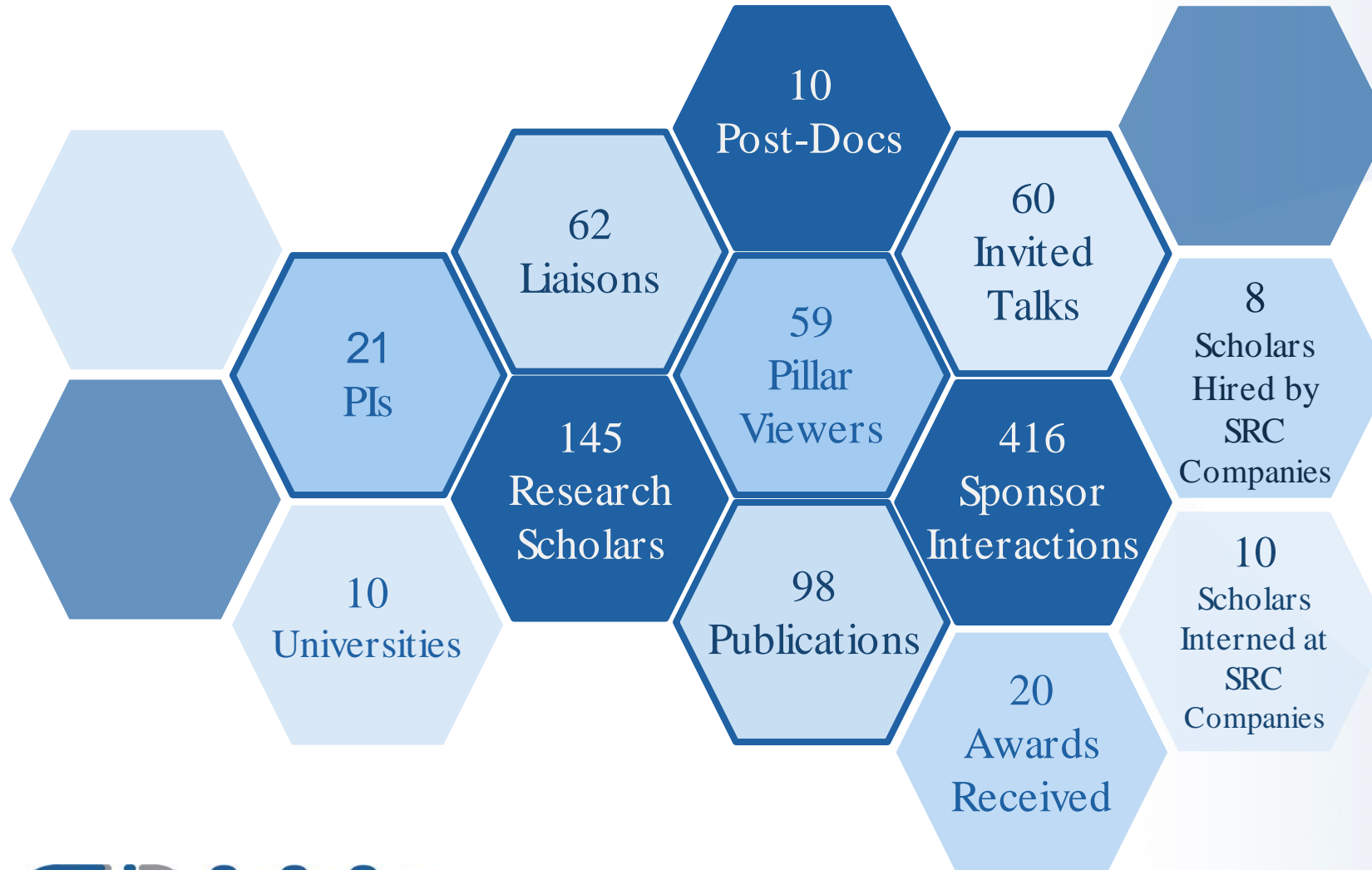
Joint work with IBM

- 18.9% reduction in UAV flight energy
- 22.1% increase in number of successful missions
- 4.07x reduction in processing energy
- Generalize across chips, voltages, UAV numbers, and autonomy policies

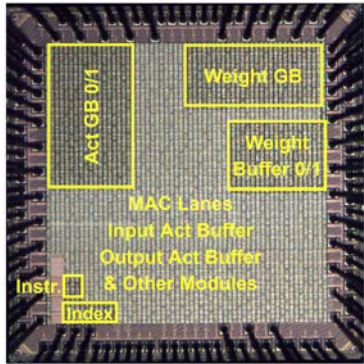


- First benchmark suite for evaluating robotic computing system performance.
- Usage across academia (Harvard, GT, CMU, Boston Univ, Columbia Univ, etc) and industry (Intel, Ford, AMD, etc). 123 GitHub stars.

CoCoSys at a Glance



CoCoSys Hardware Gallery



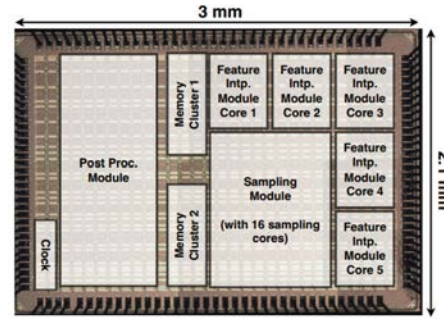
28nm eye tracking

PI: Celine Lin (ISCA'22)



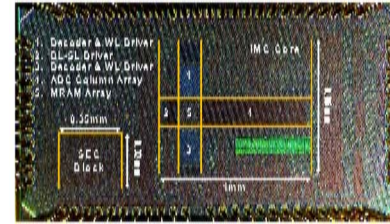
28nm 3D reconstruction

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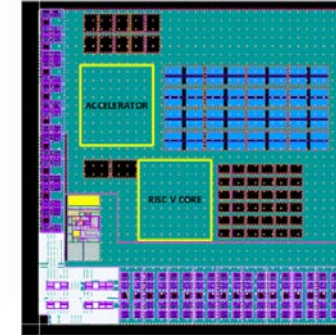
28nm NeRF acc.

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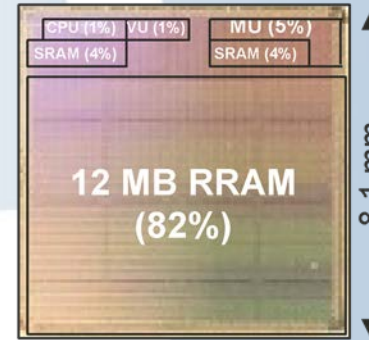
28nm MRAM IMC

PI: N. Shanbhag w/ Raytheon



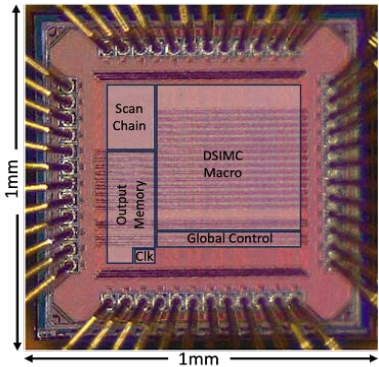
16nm adaptive GNN

PI: Yu Cao



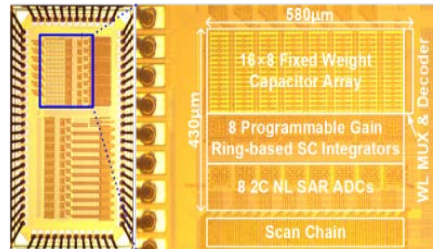
40nm Transformer

PI: Priyanka Raina



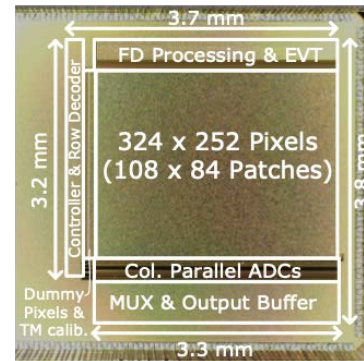
28nm sparsity IMC

PI: Jae-sun Seo (CICC'24)



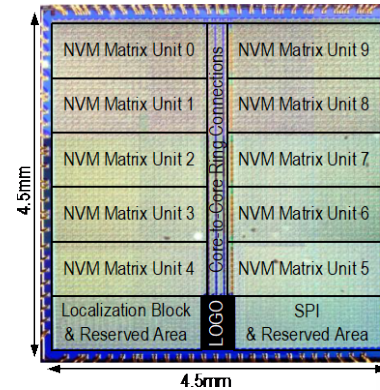
180nm Ferro-Cap IMC

PI: Jae-sun Seo (SSCL'24)
w/ CHIMES center



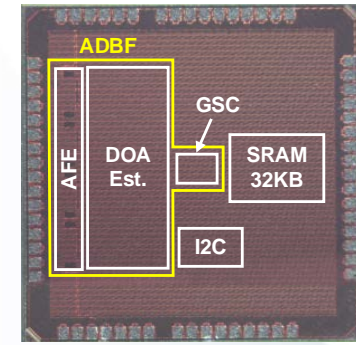
180nm vision sensor

PI: Jae-sun Seo & Yu Cao
(ESSCIRC'23)



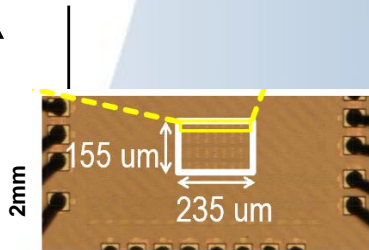
40nm VLIW SoC

PI: Raychowdhury
w/ TSMC (ISSCC'24)



65nm beamformer

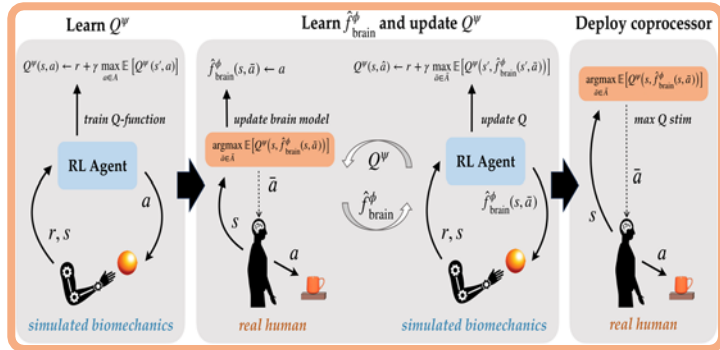
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(VLSI'23)



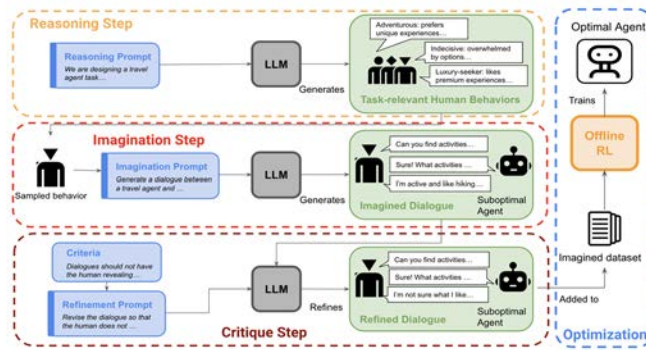
28nm SRAM
Complex CIM

PI: Raychowdhury
(Submitted)

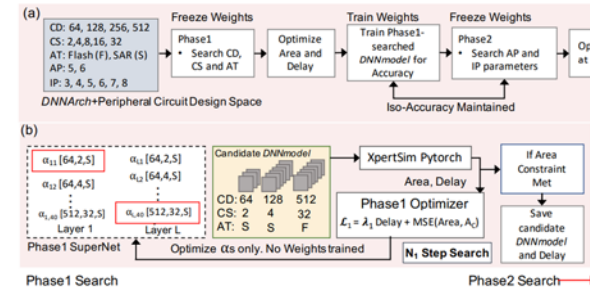
CoCoSys Software Artifact Gallery



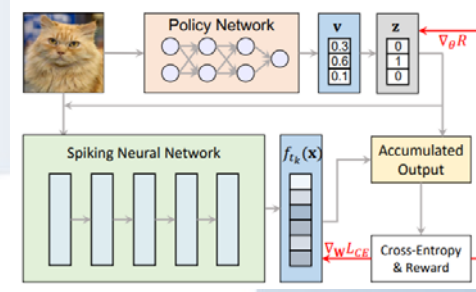
Model-based RL for brain simulation
PI: Anca Dragan



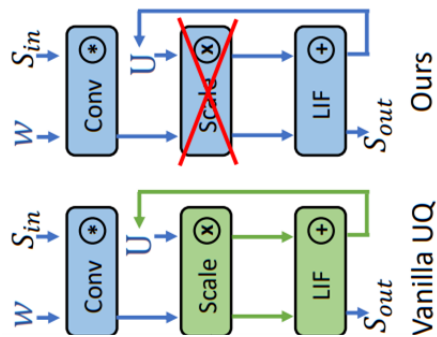
Offline RL for dialogue agent
PI: Anca Dragan



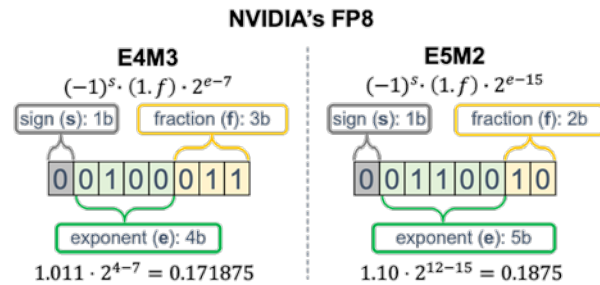
Xpert – network circuit co-search
PI: Priya Panda (DAC'23)



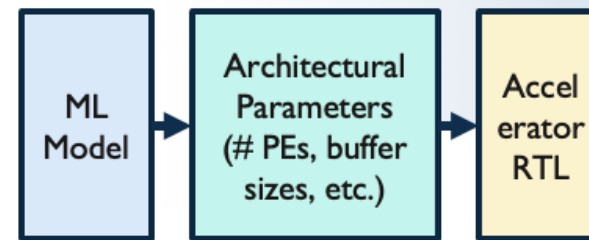
Dynamic timestep SNN
PI: Priya Panda (DAC'23, NeurIPS'23)



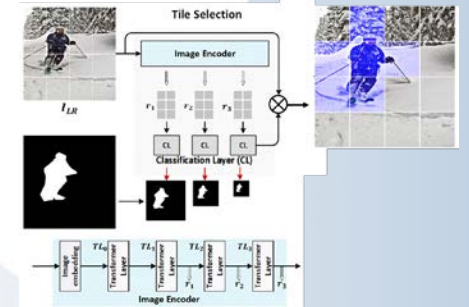
MINT – SNN quantization
PI: Priya Panda (ASP-DAC'24)



Transformer quantization
PI: Priyanka Raina

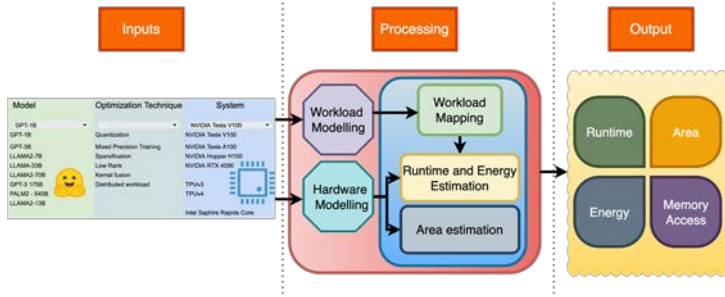


NN accelerator generator
PI: Priyanka Raina

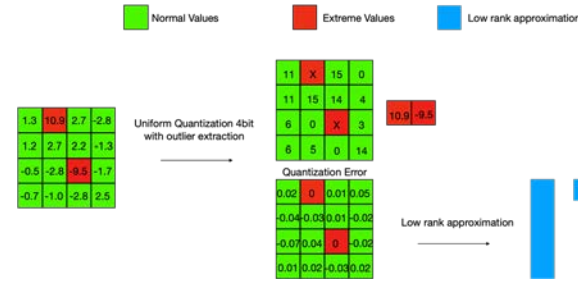


3D in-sensor computing
PI: Yu Cao (WACV'24, AAI'24)

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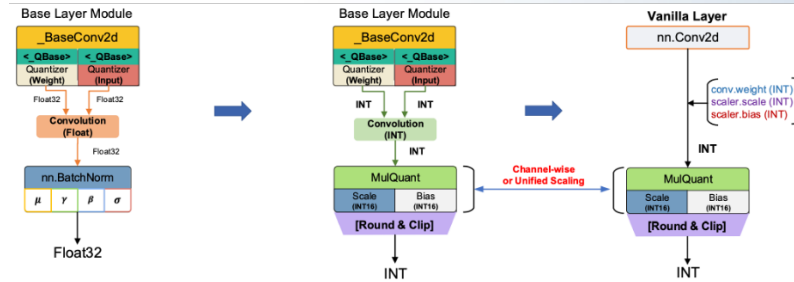


Rapid DSE for LLM
PI: Tushar Krishna

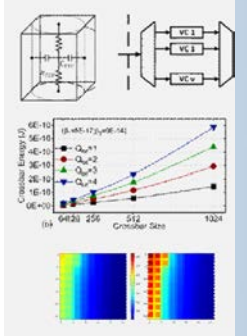


LLM KV Cache compression
PI: Tushar Krishna (w/ Intel)

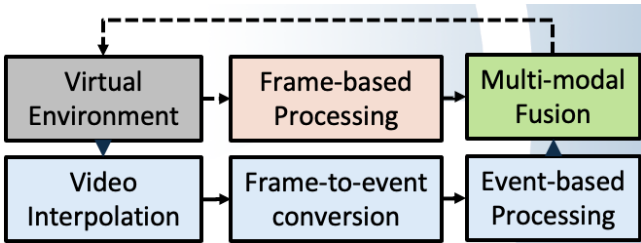
Automated and customized CNN/viT compression and model conversion



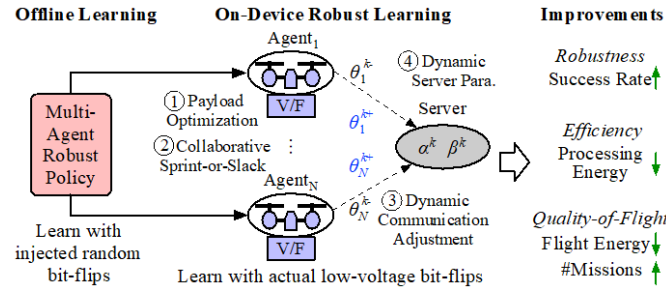
Automated CNN/viT compression
PI: Jae-sun Seo



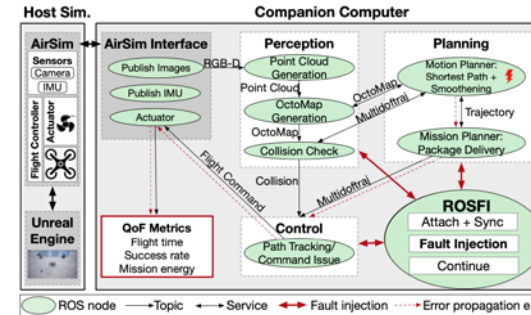
2.5D/3D benchmark
PI: Yu Cao
(ASP-DAC'24)



Event-based drone simulation
PI: Arijit Raychowdhury
(Frontiers in NeuroSci'24)



Swarm drone optimization
PI: Arijit Raychowdhury (w/ IBM)
(DAC'23, ASPLOS'24)



AutoSys reliability analysis
PI: Arijit Raychowdhury
(TCAD'23, Comm of ACM'24)



Robotic benchmarking
PI: Arijit Raychowdhury
(ICRA'24)

Software and Hardware Artifacts



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Software Artifacts



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Hardware Artifacts



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