



μ TVM: TVM on Bare-Metal Devices

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Motivation

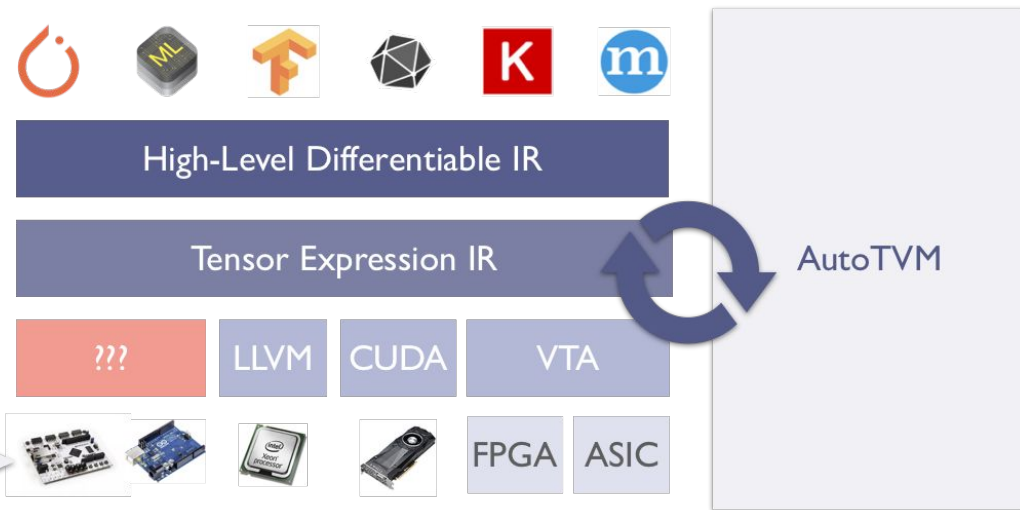
Many hardware targets already enjoy speedups from TVM



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Except for
microcontrollers...

What about us? 😞



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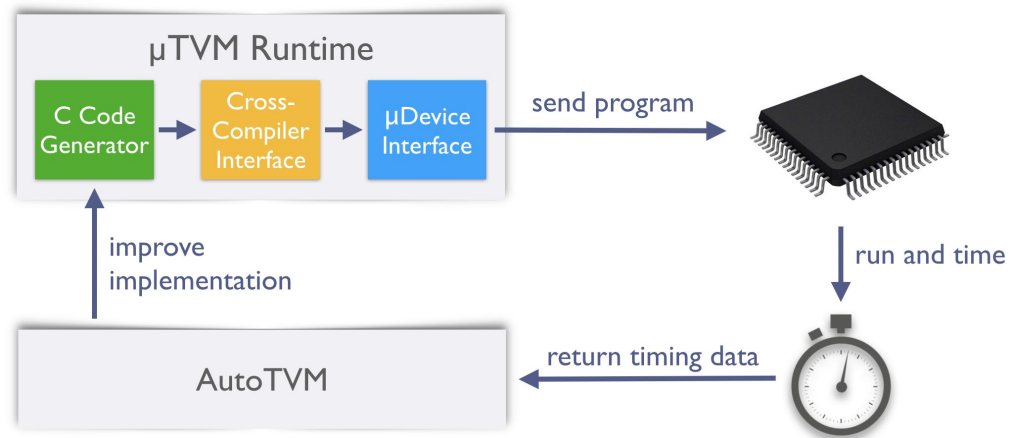
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- Generate C for operators and feed into cross-compiler
- Use JTAG to read/write memory and execute

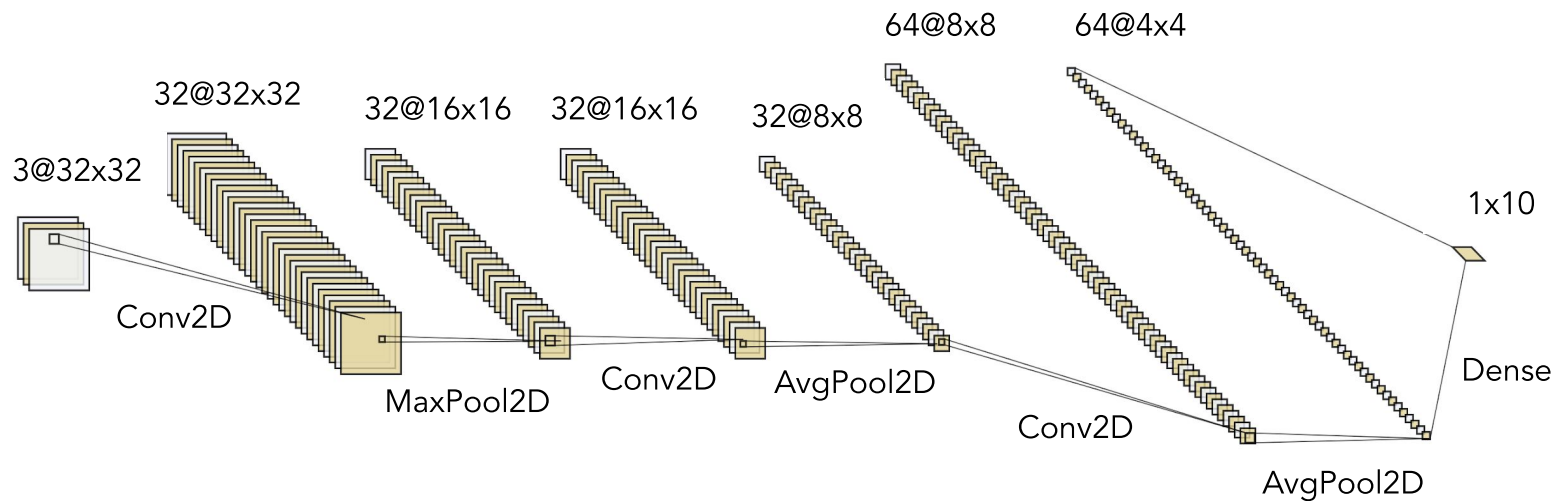


AutoTVM on μ TVM

- Same pipeline as usual
- Load kernels into RAM instead of flash



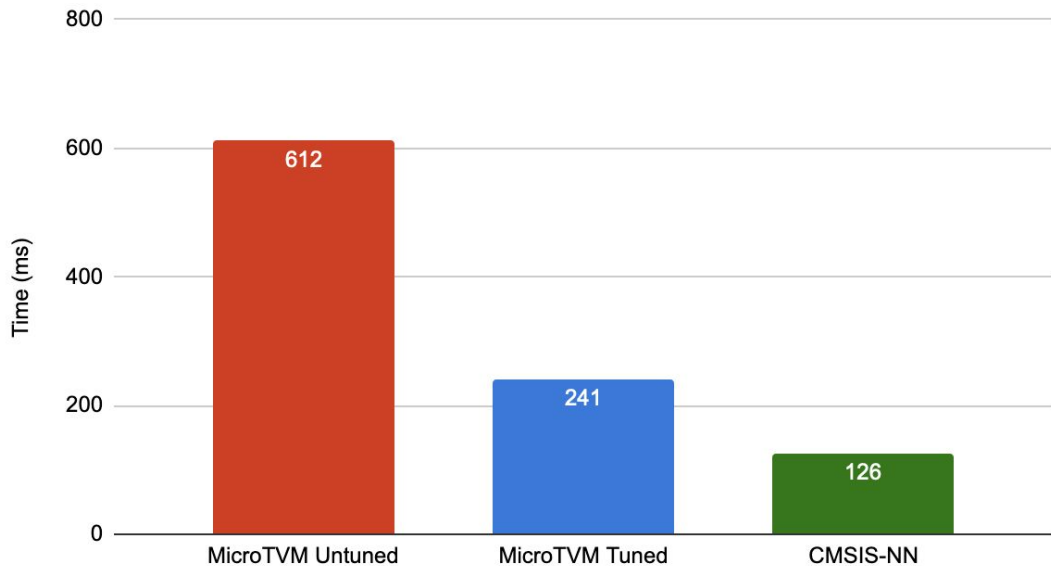
End-to-End CIFAR-10 Evaluation



Replicated an int8-quantized CNN from an ARM Mbed tutorial

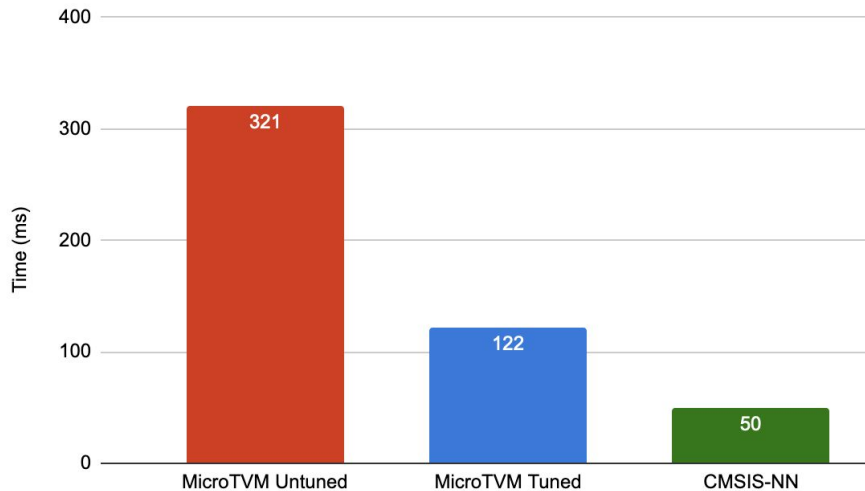
Preliminary CIFAR-10 CNN Results

- Ran on ARM Cortex-M7
- Compared against CMSIS-NN
- Vanilla template
- ~5 hours of tuning
- No vectorization



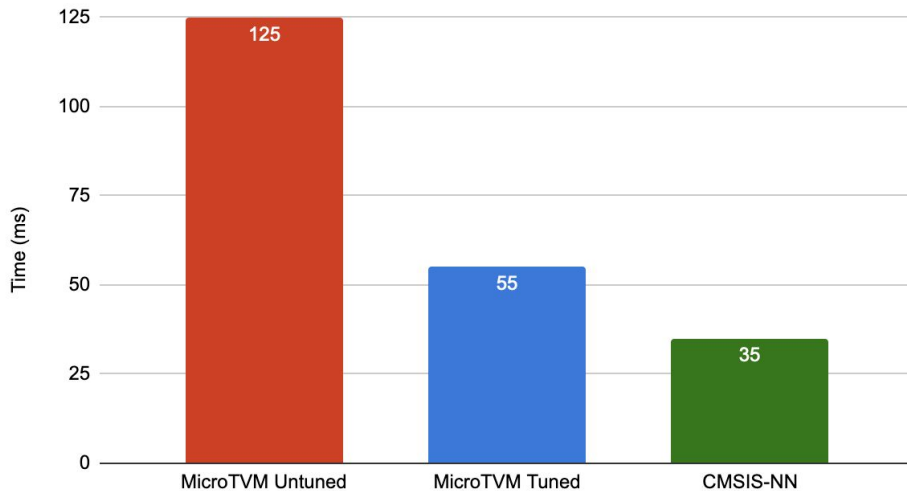
Preliminary Int-8 Conv2D Results

Fast Int-8 Conv2D



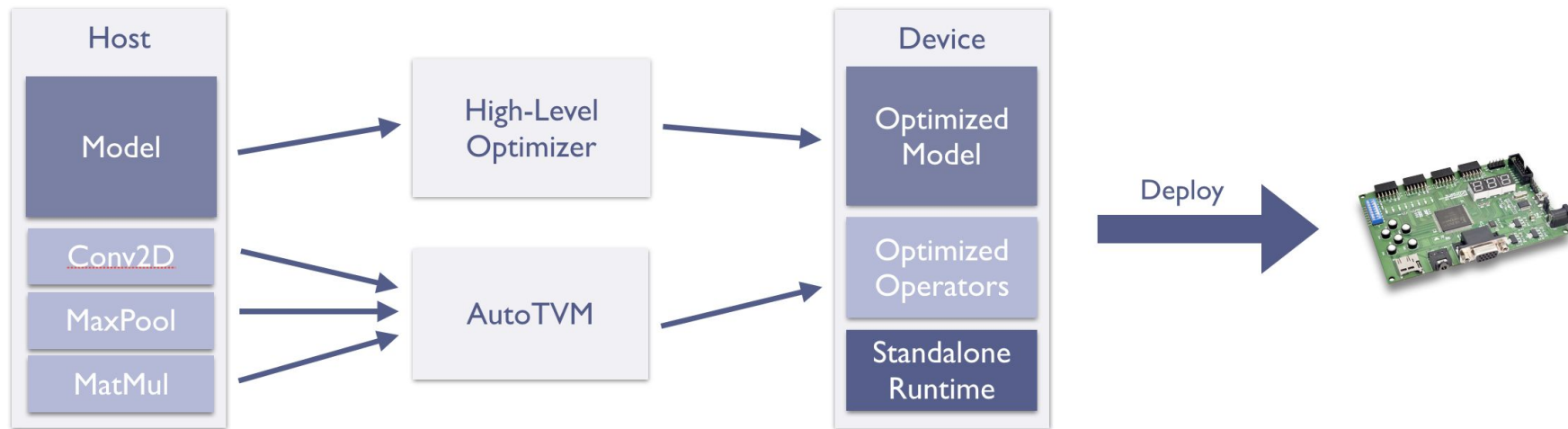
`arm_convolve_HWC_q7_fast` in CMSIS-NN

RGB Int-8 Conv2D



`arm_convolve_HWC_q7_RGB` in CMSIS-NN

Coming Soon to μ TVM (Self-Hosted Models)



Stay Tuned!

- An in-depth writeup will be coming soon to the TVM blog

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Questions?