

Software Challenges of Heterogeneity

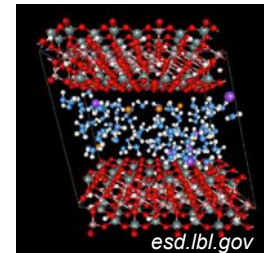
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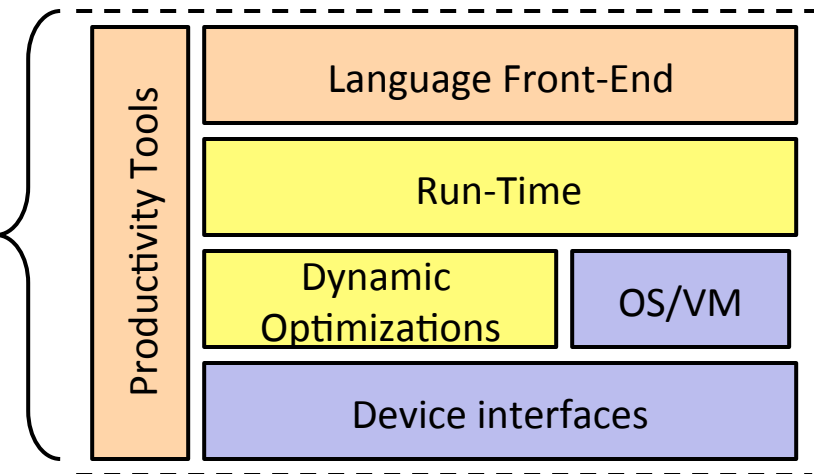
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System Software Challenges of Heterogeneity

- Execution Portability
 - Systems evolve over time
 - New systems
- Performance Portability
 - New algorithms
- Introspection
 - Productivity tools
- Application Migration
 - Protect investments in existing code bases



Emerging Software Stacks



Need for Execution Model Translation

C/C++

CUDA

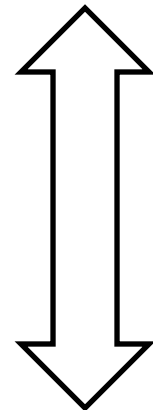
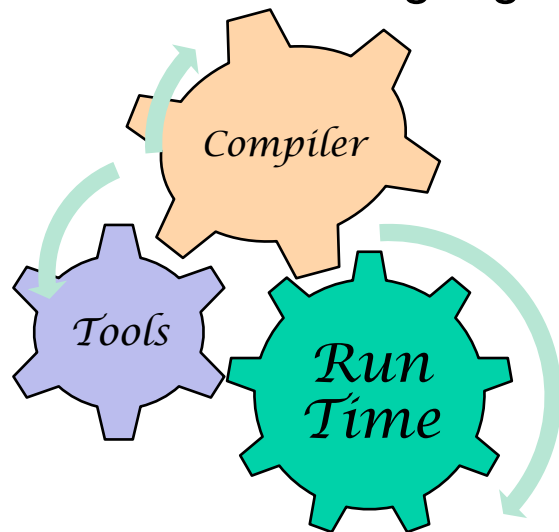
Datalog

Haskell

OpenCL

C++AMP

Languages: Designed for Productivity



Execution Models (EM):
*Dynamic Translation of
EMs to bridge this gap*

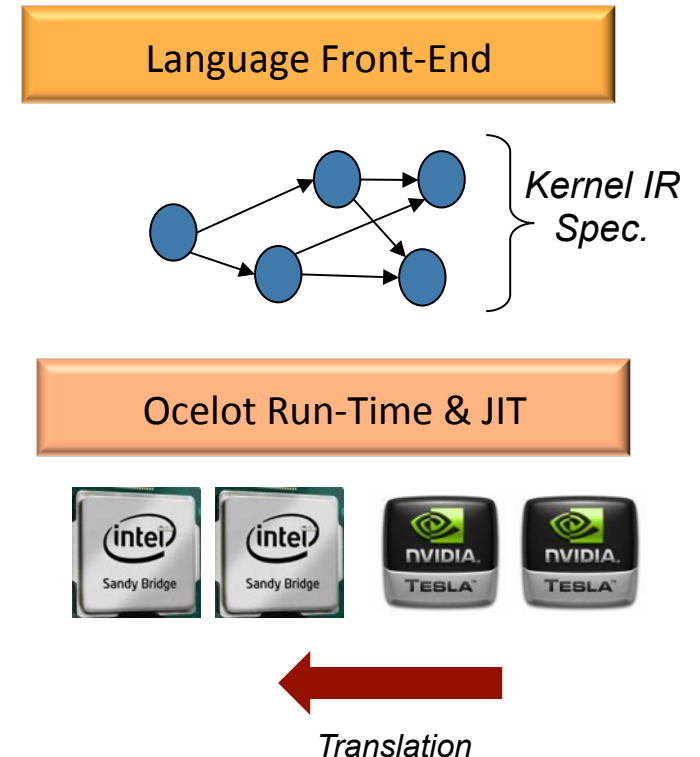
Hardware Architectures – Design under speed, cost, and energy constraints



Execution Portability: Raise the Level of Abstraction

G. Damos, A. Kerr

- Application portability as the system evolves
 - **On-line customization** to meet application & architecture diversity
- Refactoring and re-tuning of applications is expensive and impractical for many applications
 - Need to protect software investments
- Side effect free kernels
 - Analogy with assembly instructions



Kernels execute anywhere → Key to portability!

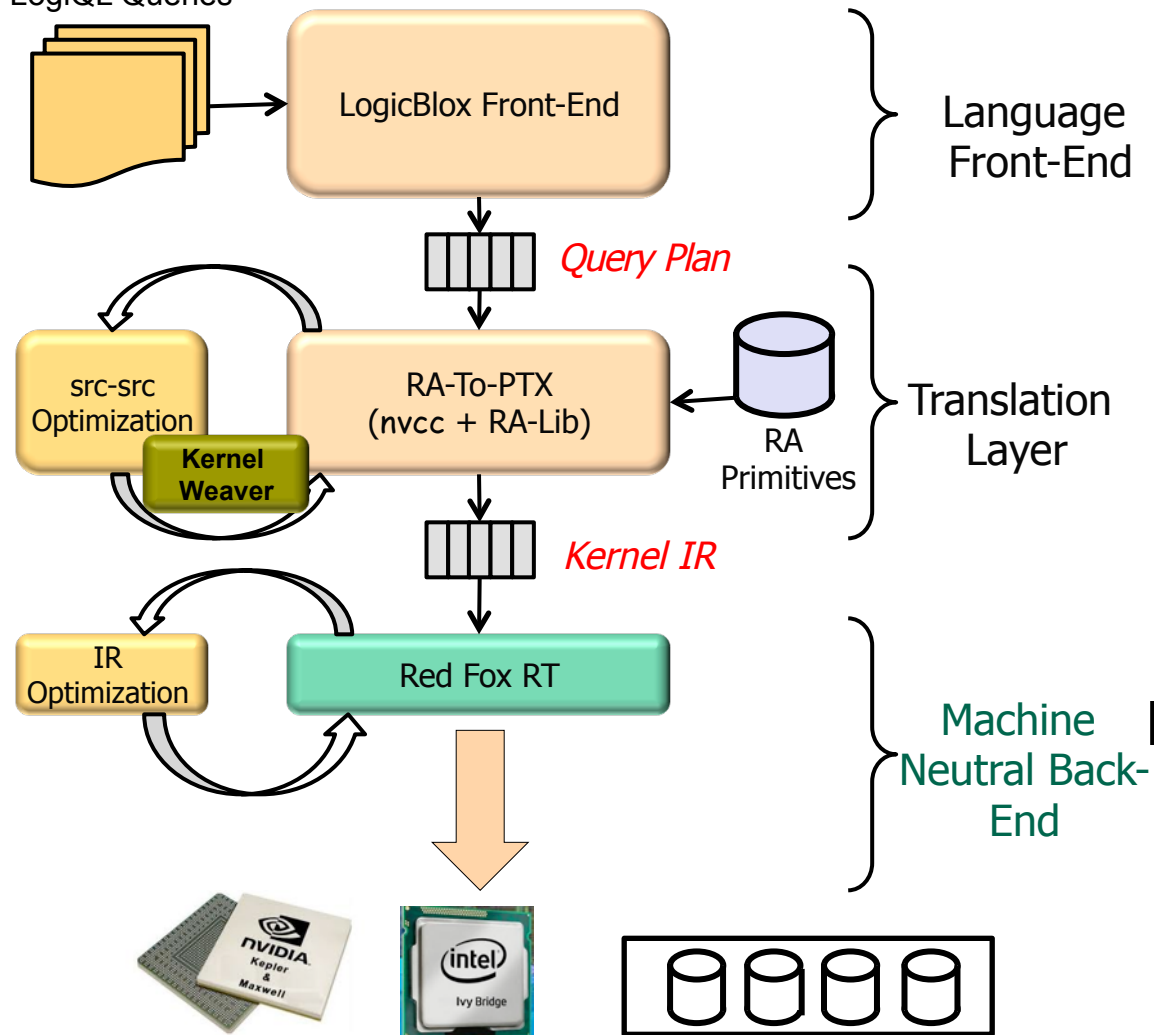
Domain Specific Compilation: Red Fox

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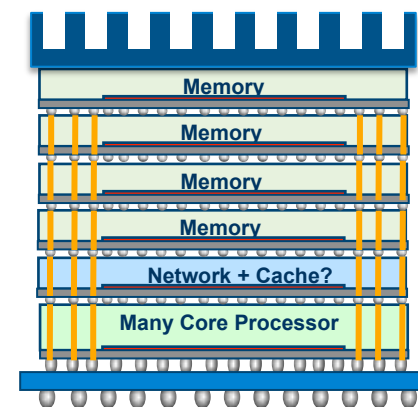
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$tr(x, y, z) \leftarrow E(x, y), E(y, z), E(x, z), x < y < z.$

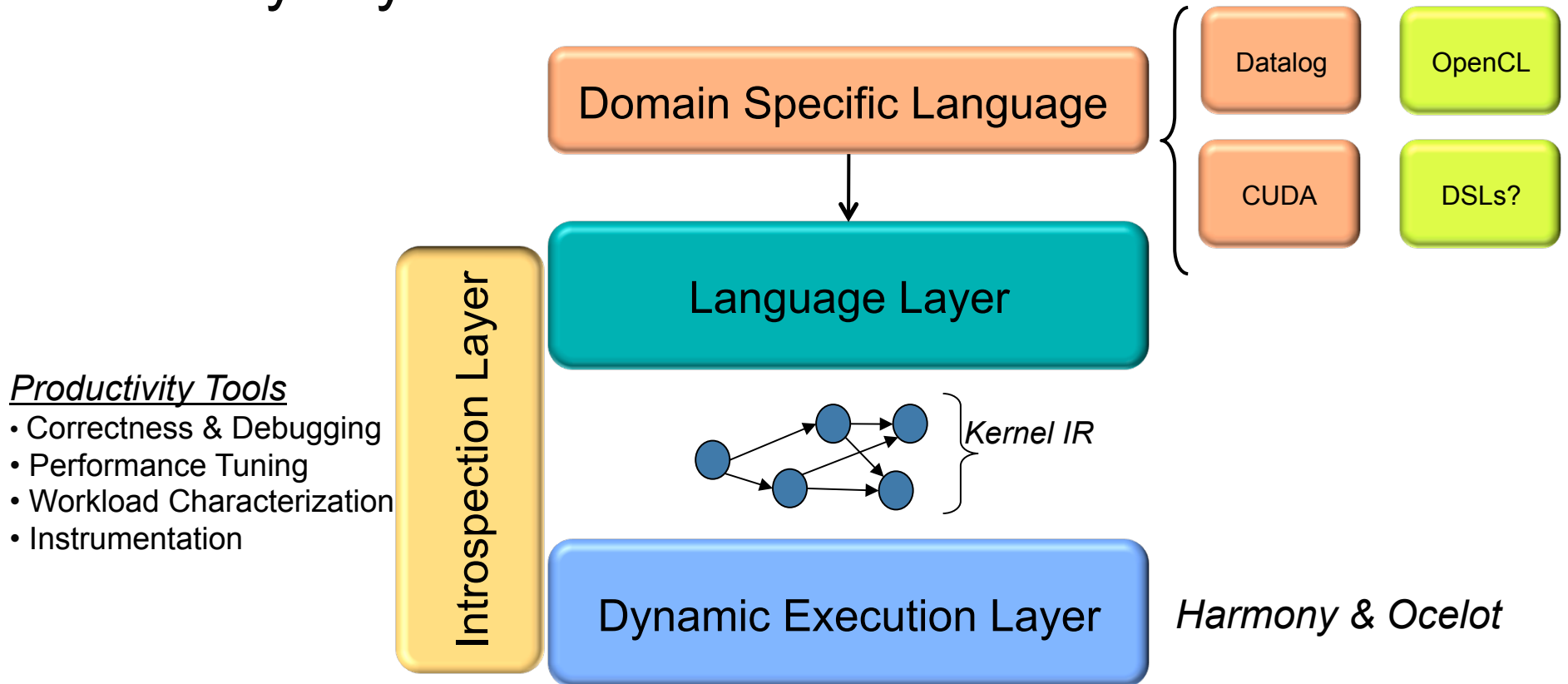
LogiQL Queries



- Targeting Accelerator Clouds for meeting the demands of data warehousing applications
- In-core databases



Summary: Dynamic Execution Environments

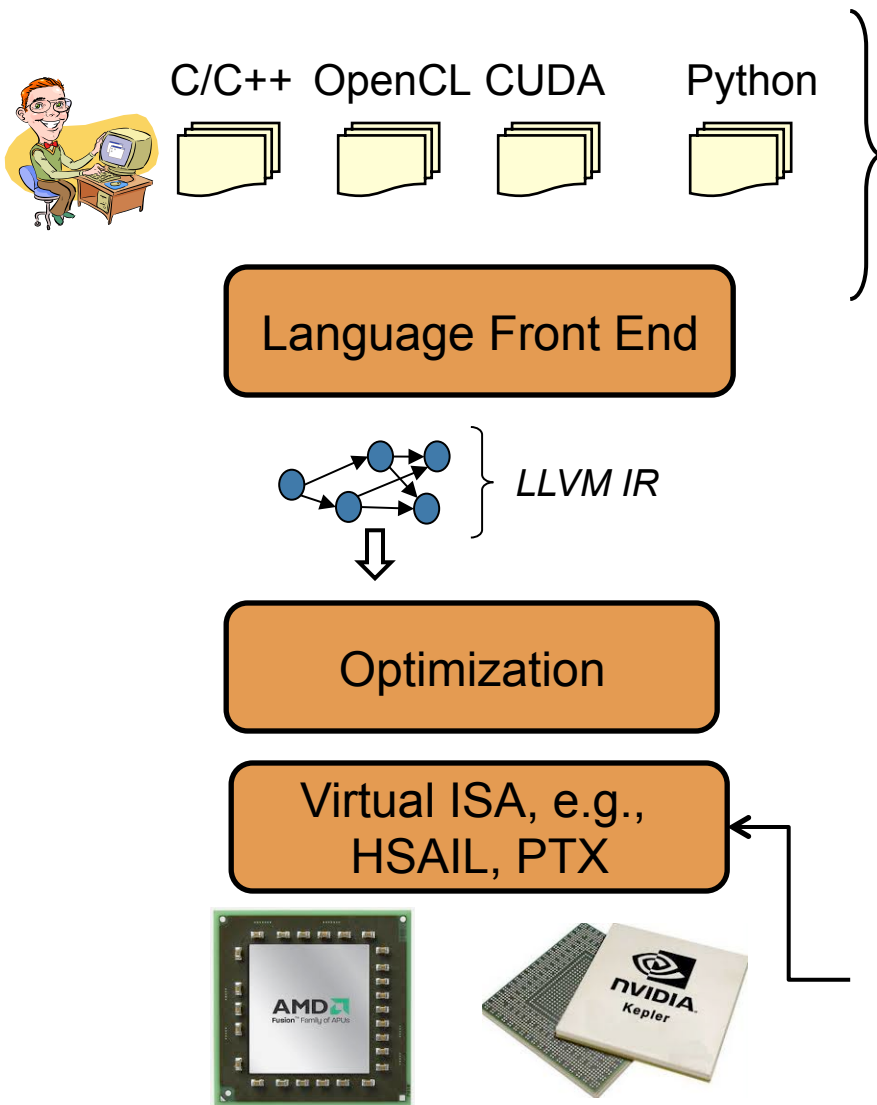


Productivity Tools

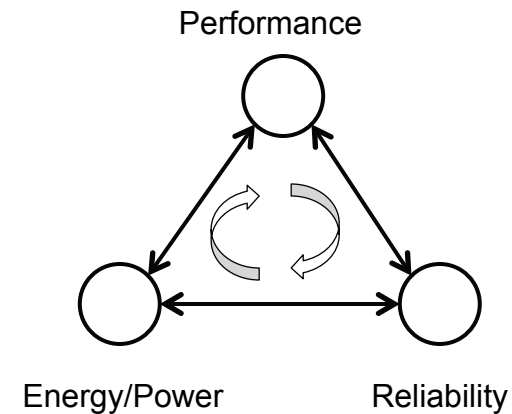
- Correctness & Debugging
- Performance Tuning
- Workload Characterization
- Instrumentation

- Core dynamic compiler and run-time system
- Standardized IR for compilation from domain specific languages
- **Dynamic translation** as a key technology

Motivation



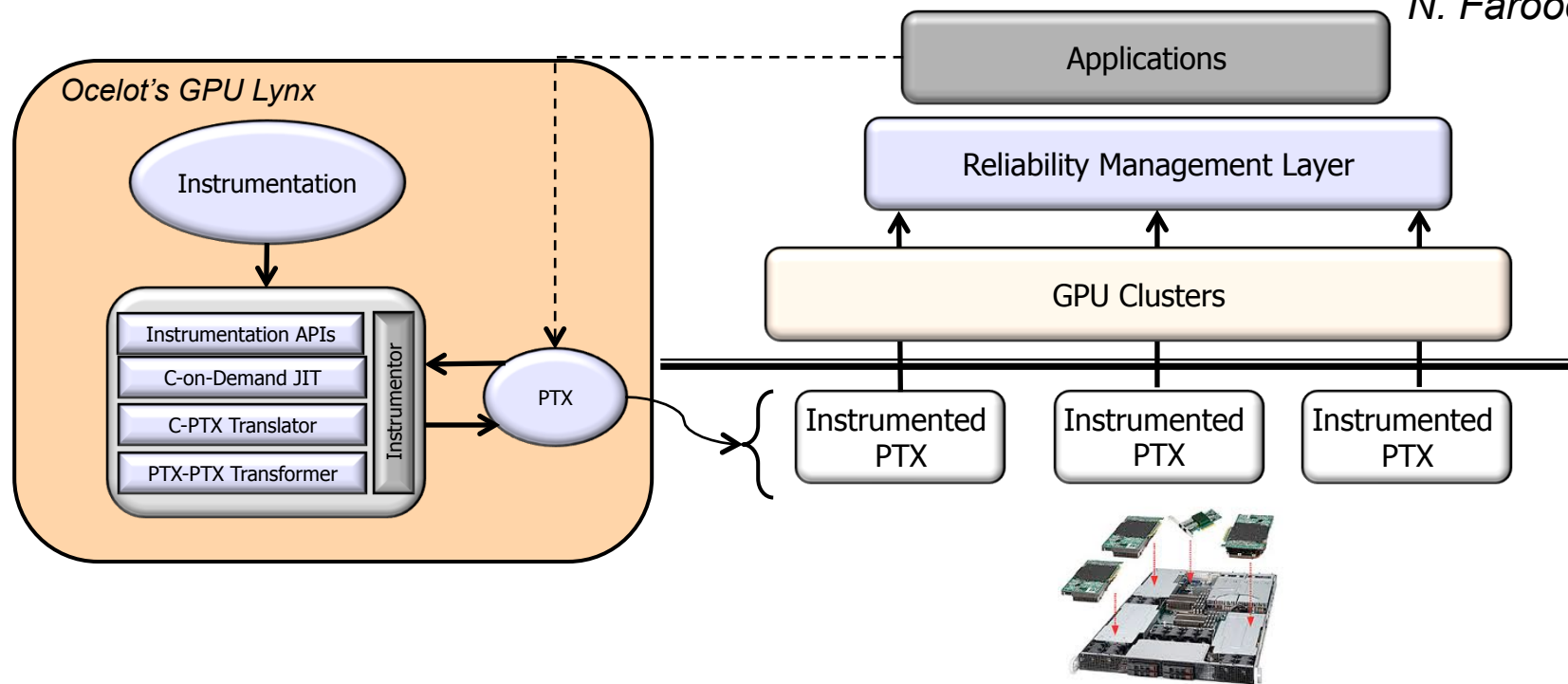
- *Application Validation*
- *Maintenance and Update*
- *Phase Behavior*
- *Impact of Deployment Environment*



Key Idea: Code injection and JIT Compilation

Software Reliability Enhancement Framework

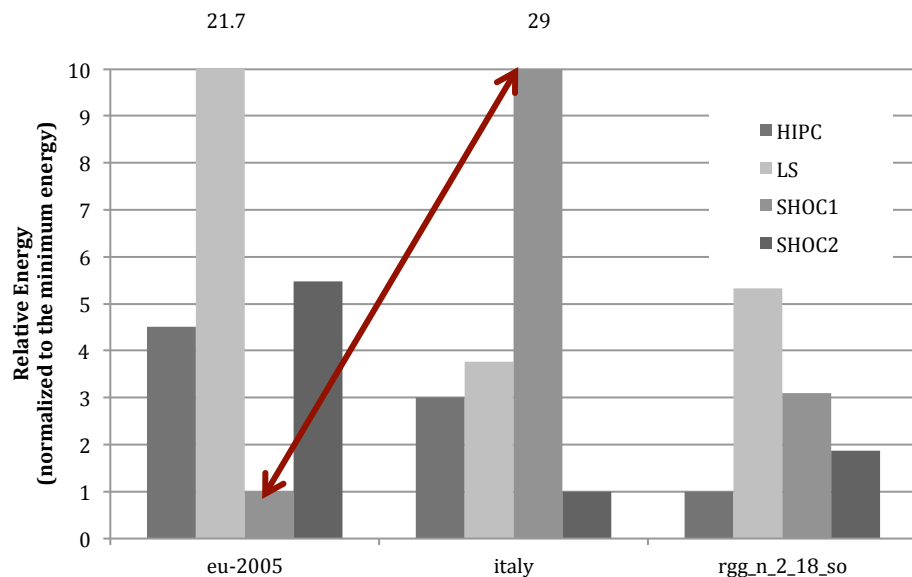
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- Real time **customized** information available about GPU usage
- Use this information to drive SRE decisions

Framework: On demand, customizable, transparent, and extensible, software reliability enhancement (SRE)

Challenge of Application-Level Energy Modeling



Different implementations of BFS
on different input data sets

Courtesy H. Kim

- Note the variance of energy dissipation across different implementations of the same function
- **Challenge:** How do we understand the energy implications of our decisions? Algorithms, data structures, etc.

Thank You

Questions?