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Cloud for Cognitive Computing (AI, Deep Learning ...)

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Who am I : Pioneer of Innovation



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- 15 years in IBM Research
- Leader of System and Cloud Research direction in IBM Research China
- Global Leader of Cognitive System in IBM Research
- Founder of IBM Supervessel Innovation Cloud (超能云)
- Led the build, deployment and operation of Cognitive Services on IBM Bluemix in China
- ~ 50 Technical patents, ~ 10 papers
- Chair of IEEE Women in Engineering Beijing

IBM Cloud – Message from CEO in InterConnect 2017

- IBM Cloud is **Enterprise** Strong
- IBM Cloud is **Data** Frist
- IBM Cloud is **Cognitive** to the core



*“1.4 Trillion dollars for IT, but **2 Trillion** dollars for business to **make better decision.**”*

*“100M cusumers being touched by Waston by end of 2016, and **1B people** being touched by Waston by end of 2017”*

What is the Major Difference for Cognitive Computing on Cloud

- The System for Cognitive Computation – New type of hardware will be required in data center and cloud

Image Classification



For image classification :

- CPU + FPGA vs. CPU : **cost efficiency 2.5x ~ 8x**
- Included all the processing and the whole system cost)

Object Detection

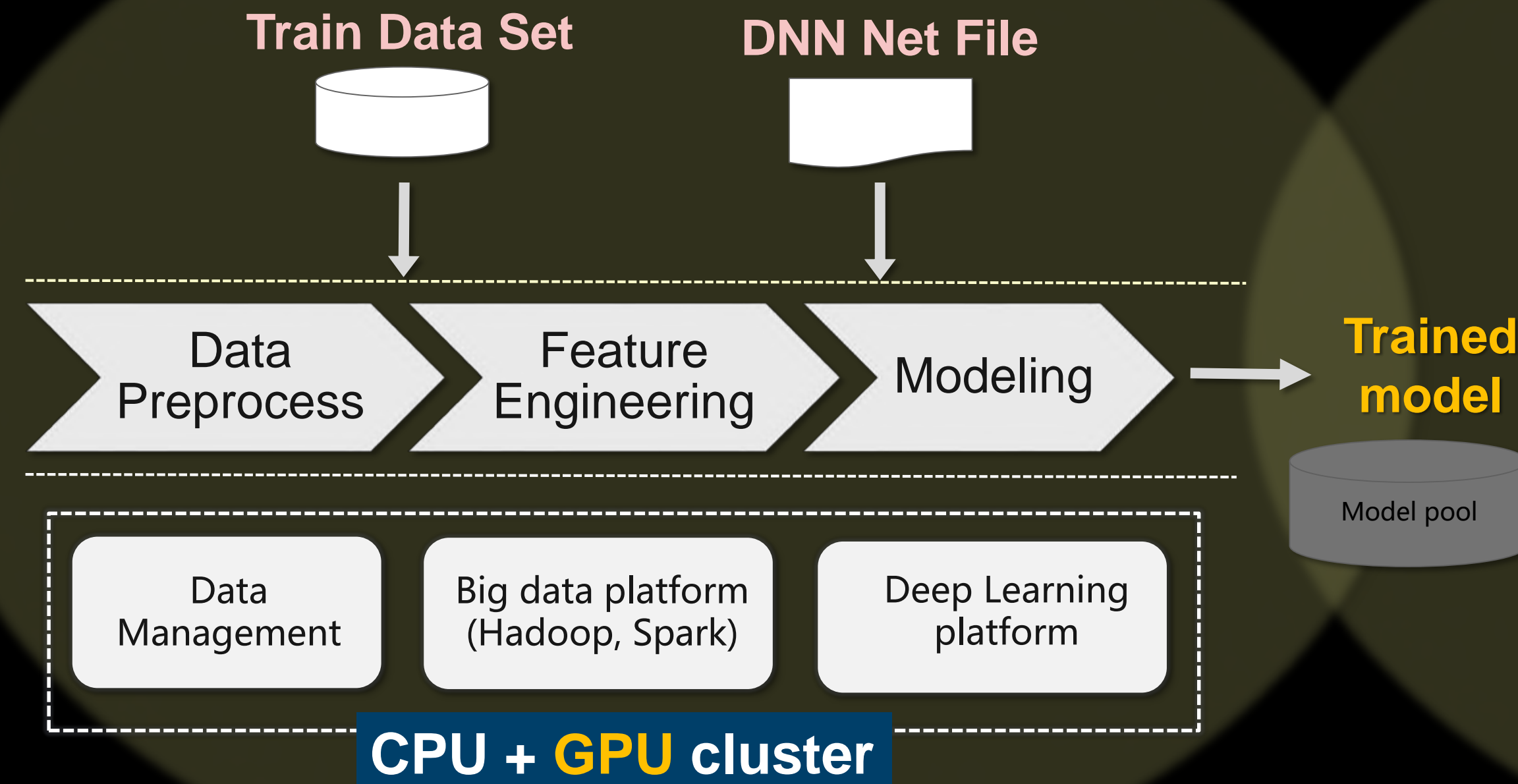


For object detection :

- With VGG16: Processing **latency** on CPU 41.950s VS. latency 0.24s on GPU = **175times**
- With ZF: Processing **latency** on CPU 9.516s VS. latency 0.076s on GPU = **125times**

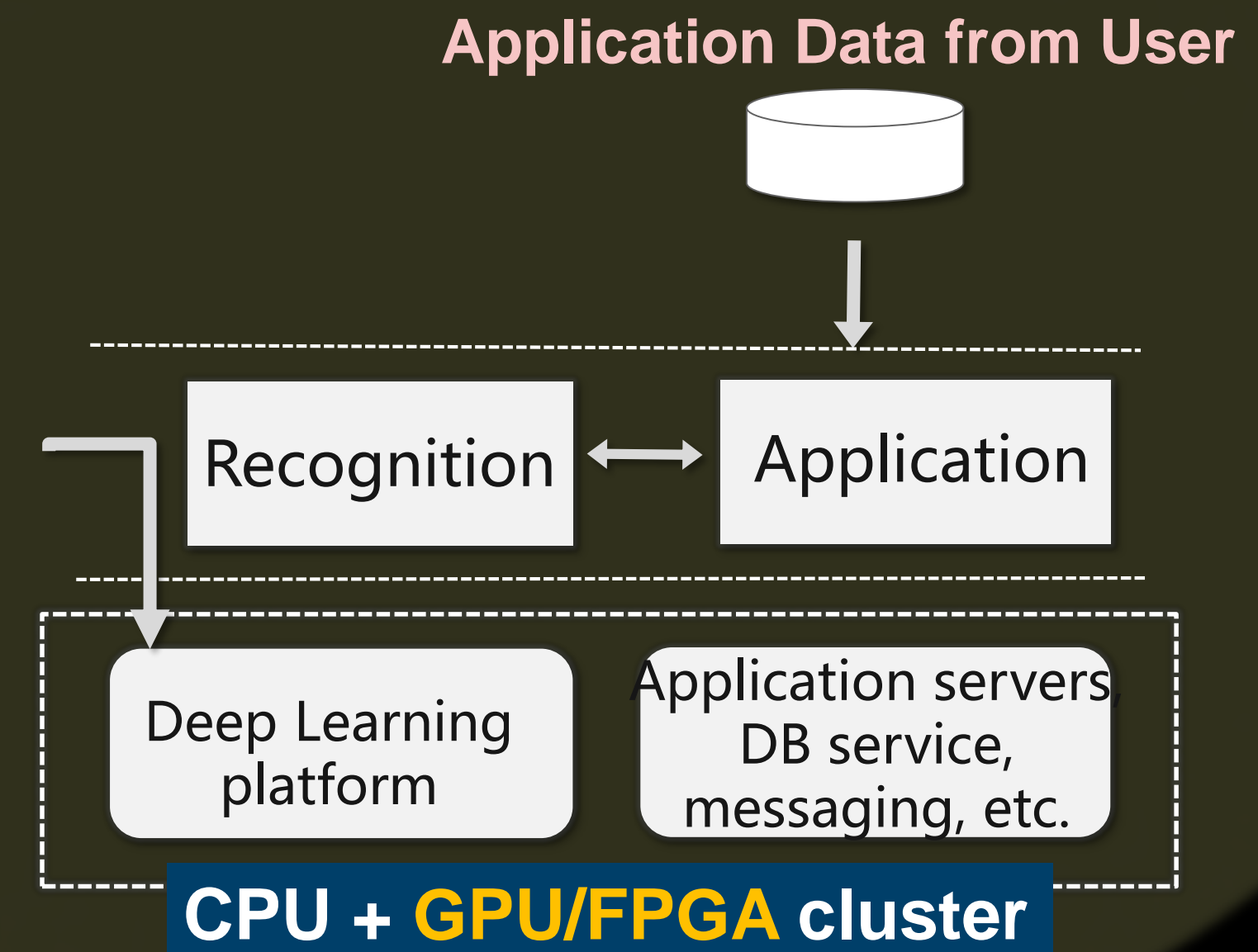
2 Stages Deep Learning for Cognitive Solution Build

Training (development) Stage



Time-to Insight

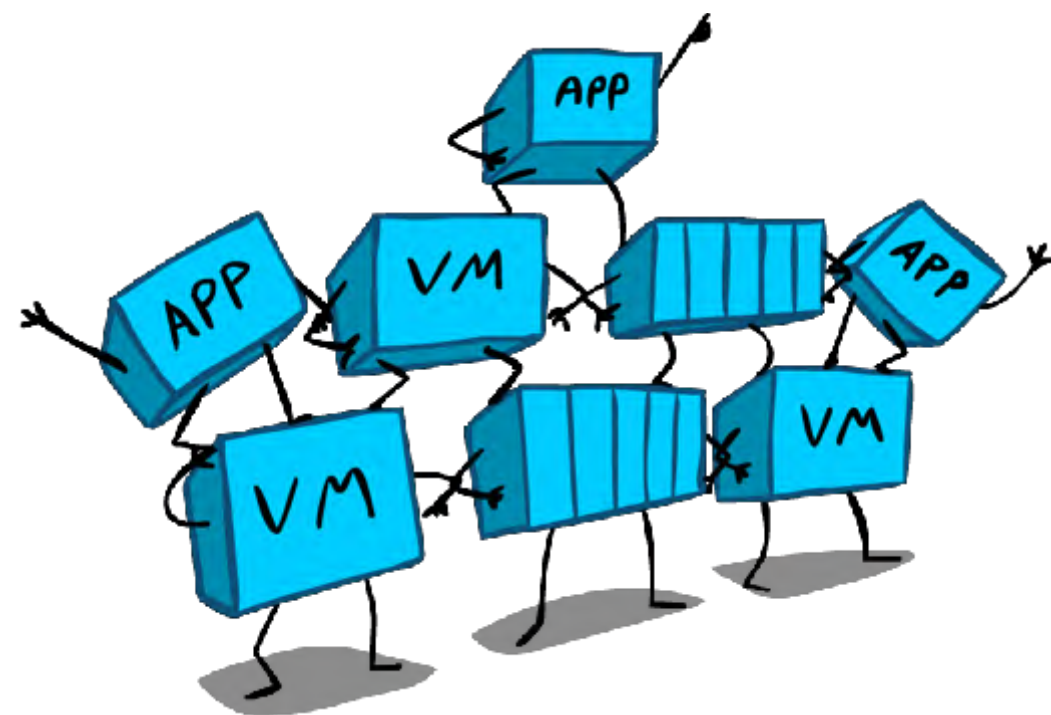
Inference/Recognition (deployment) Stage



Time-to Market

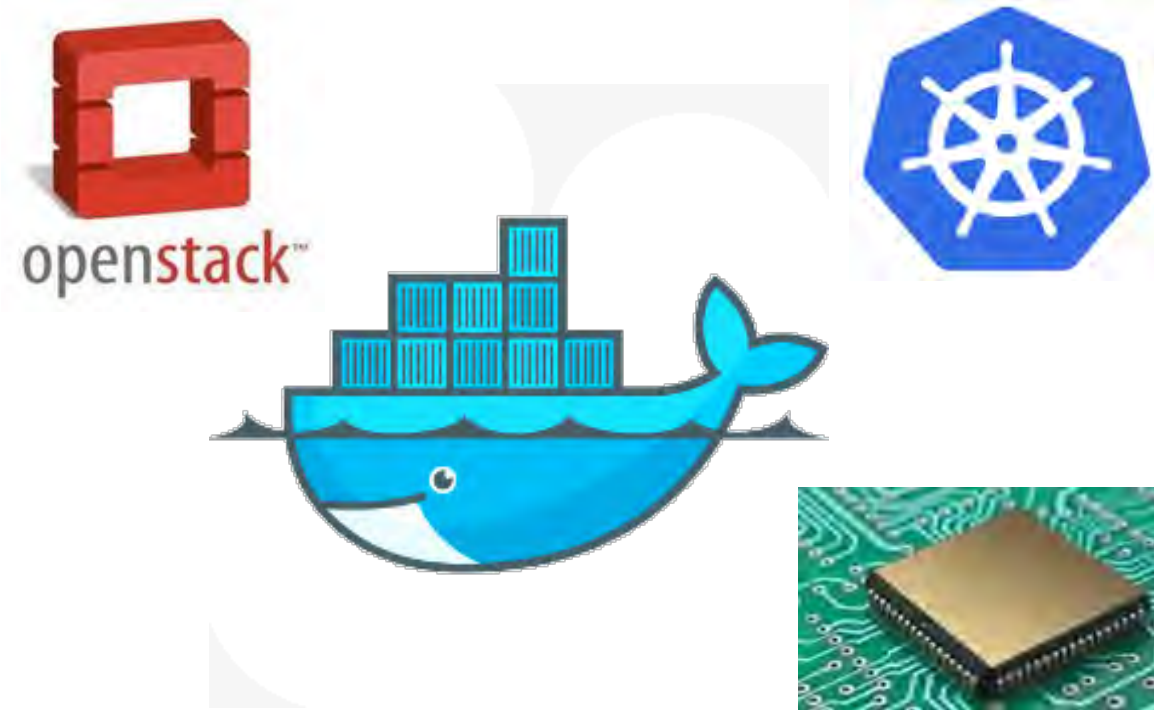
New Design Requirement with Accelerators in Cloud

Accelerator
Sharing/Virtualization



Cost Efficiency

Cloud Stack for Accelerator



Manageability

DevOps for Accelerator
Project



Productivity

Deep Learning Platform :
Coding for Accelerator



Usability

Accelerators in Cloud (GPU, FPGA, etc.)

Why to Share Accelerator Resource?

For Image Object Detection using GPU to accelerate (15000 pics/hour ~ 50000 pics/hour) :

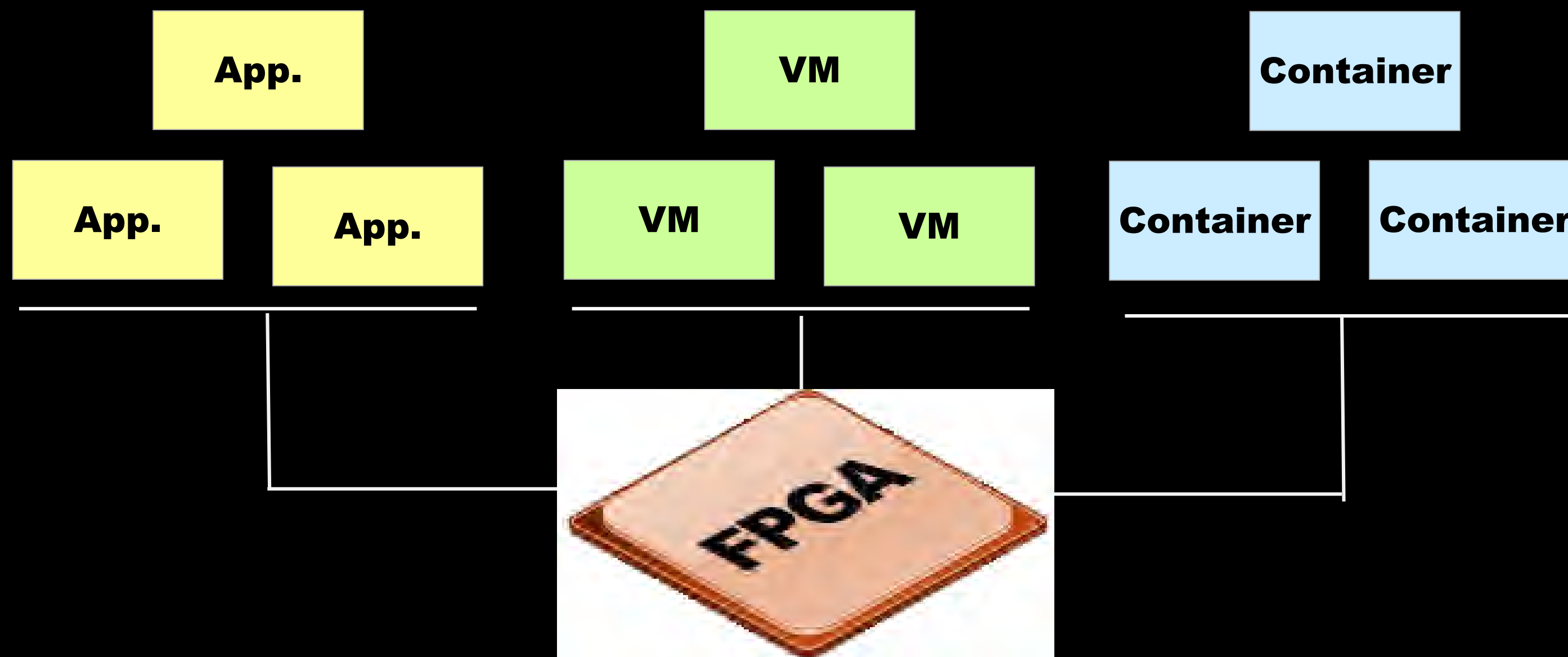
	GPU memory used	% of K80
Object Detection with VGG16	~ 1.7 GB	~7%
Object Detection with ZF	~ 1 GB	~4%

For Image Classification using FPGA to accelerate (300,000 pics/hour) :

	FPGA resource used	% of Xilinx KU115
Classification with AlexNet	DSP: 434, BRAM: 192	8% of DSP, 9% of BRAM

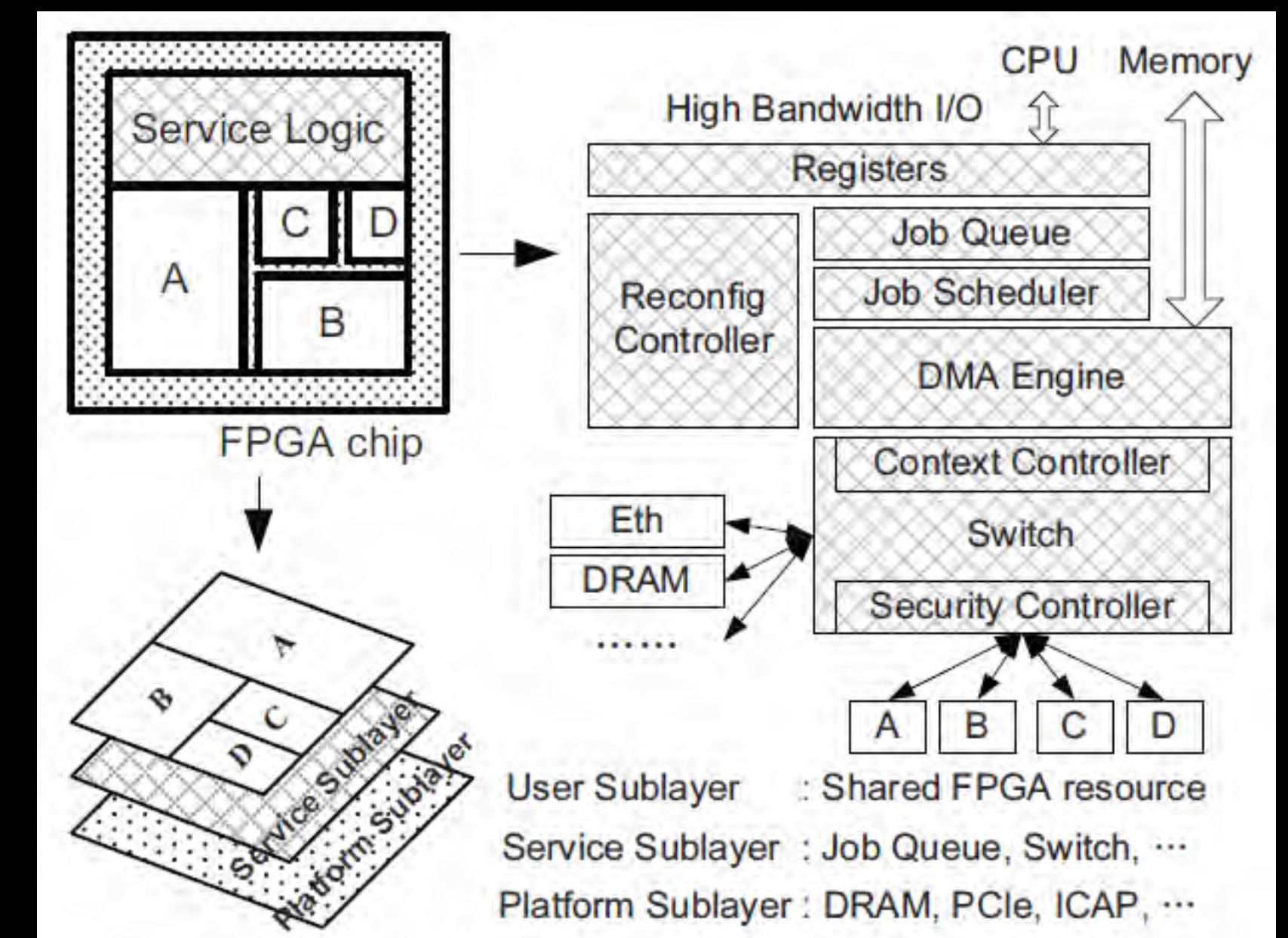
FPGA Virtualization for Multi-Tasks in Cloud

- FPGA resource could be shared by multiple applications, VM or container instances.



“Enabling FPGAs in Cloud”

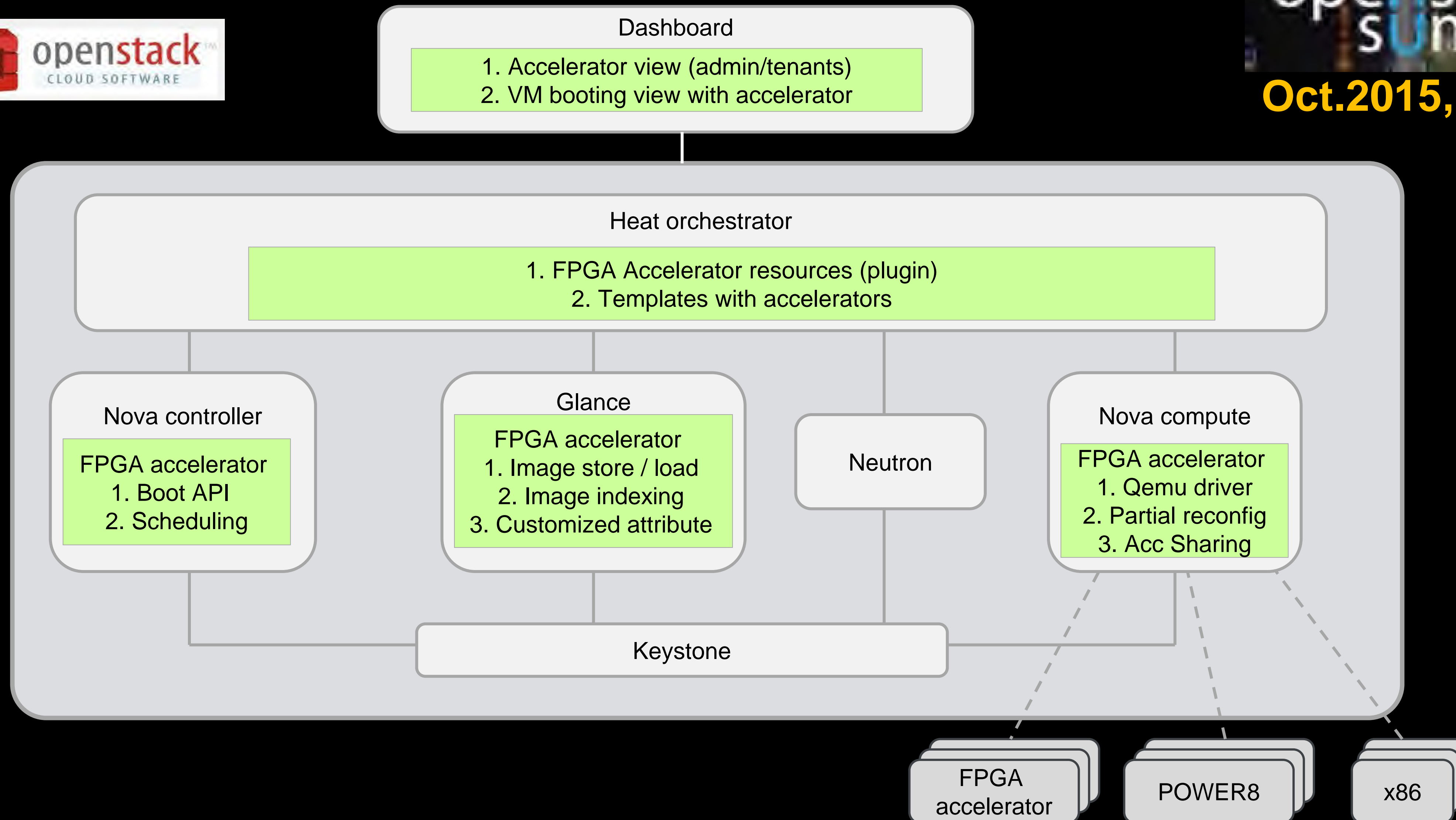
ACM Computing Frontiers 2014, Italy




Extended OpenStack to support accelerator/FPGA as service




Oct.2015, TOKYO



IBM launched the first FPGA service on cloud (in Apr.2015)

Accelerator developers : 
Easily develop and deploy
accelerator on cloud

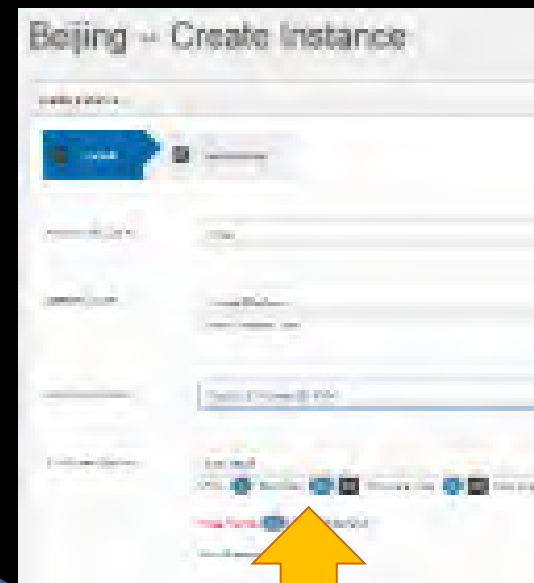
Application developers : 
Easily use accelerator for
application

- Supported FPGA developers: >200
- Supported accelerated application users : > 10000 (DB acceleration)
- Accelerated workloads

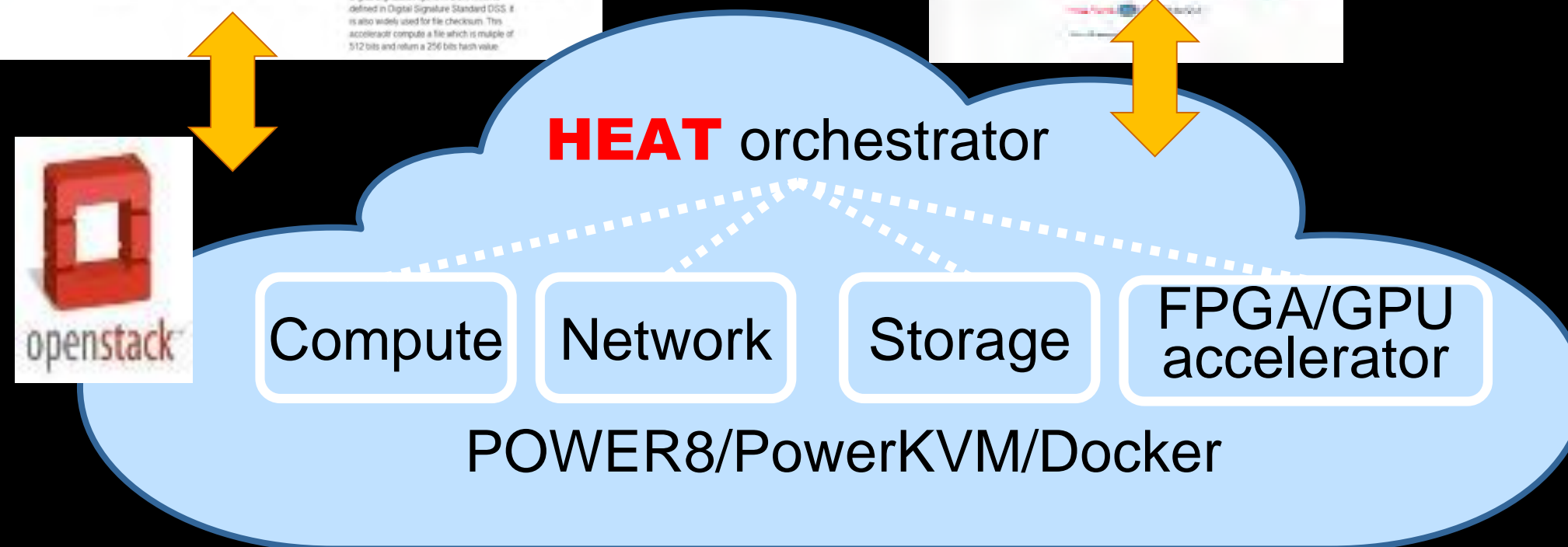
Accelerator Maker Zone

Accelerator Service in Cloud

- Upload accelerator
- Cloudify



- Apply VM with accelerator



Acceleration Hardware



FPGA



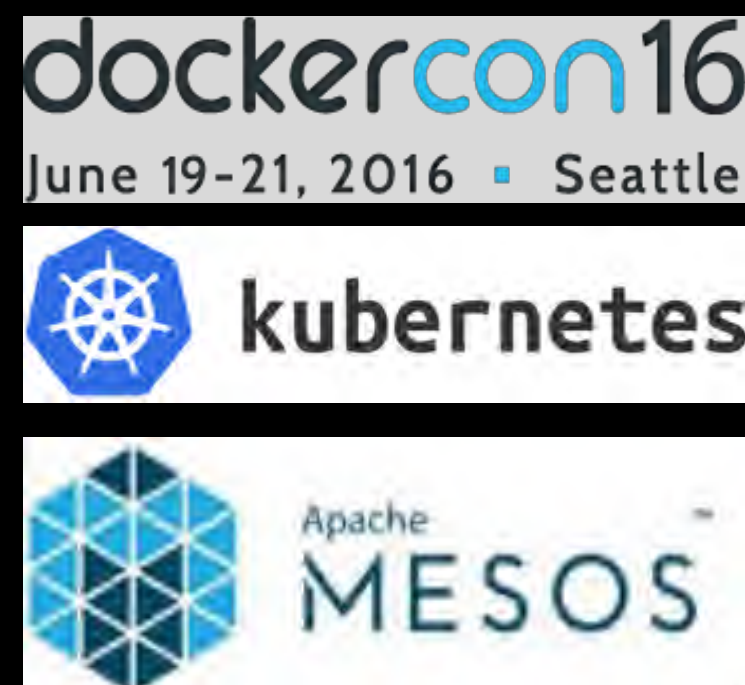
Enabled GPU in both OpenStack and Container Cloud

Support and Contribution for major open source cloud stack

- Enabled GPU sharing service on OpenStack Cloud
- Enabled GPU on Mesos, Marathon and Kubernetes – Contributing to communities
- Supported latest Kuberntes release (v1.6.1 now) with 3000+ lines of code extension

Enabled easy management for cloud:

- GPU resource discovery and management
- GPU topology aware scheduling
- GPU resource sharing



IBM internal users

- Deep Learning as a Service (Deep Learning platform for Watson)
- VisionBrain (Deep Learning platform for Computer Vision)
- IBM Container Cloud for Bluemix
- Spectrum Conductor for Containers (IBM Container platform product)

GPU Technical Conference 2017 (May.8~11 @ Silicon Valley)

- 50 min. Talk: Speed Up Deep Learning Service -- When GPU meets Container Cloud

DevOps Service for FPGA Accelerator

- IBM and Xilinx launched the first Accelerator DevOps Service on cloud for FPGA developers in Apr.2016.

Online Accelerator **project management**

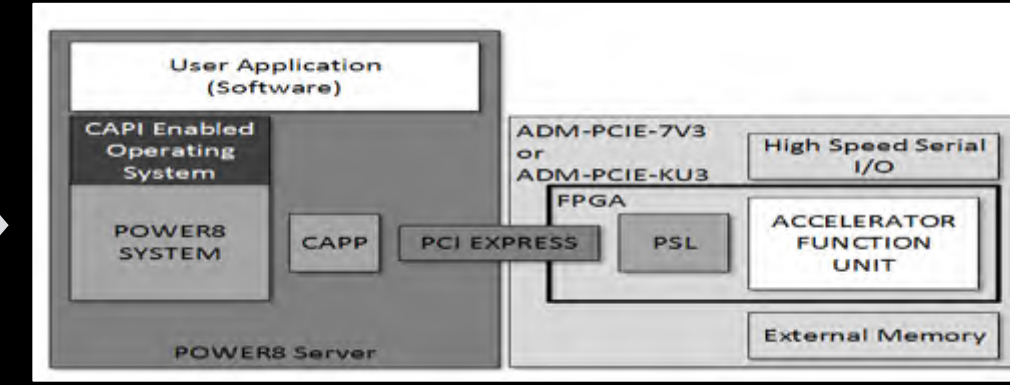


Online **development** service with Cloud-based IDE

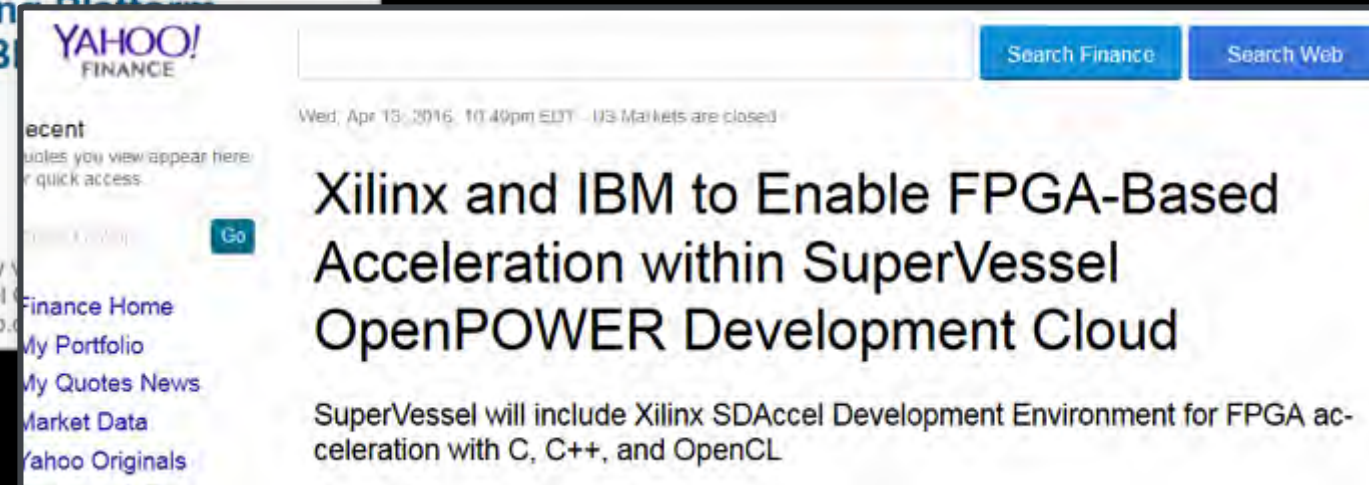


(Collaboration with Xilinx)

Test in VM/Docker equipped with FPGA (for POWER8 & CAPI)



Publish to Accelerator App. Store and **deployment** for application on cloud



Allow FPGA Developers easily develop and build a new accelerator on Cloud

AccDNN : Tool to auto-generate accelerator for DNN

- To solve programmability problem in deep learning
 - A tool to generate DNN accelerator without FPGA programming and keep RTL level performance

DNN Application Design and Deployment Steps with AccDNN:

1. Design the specific deep neural network.
2. Training the network using GPU accelerator.
3. Use AccDNN to generate FPGA implementation
4. Deploy the recognition application using FPGA accelerator

Do it Automatically!

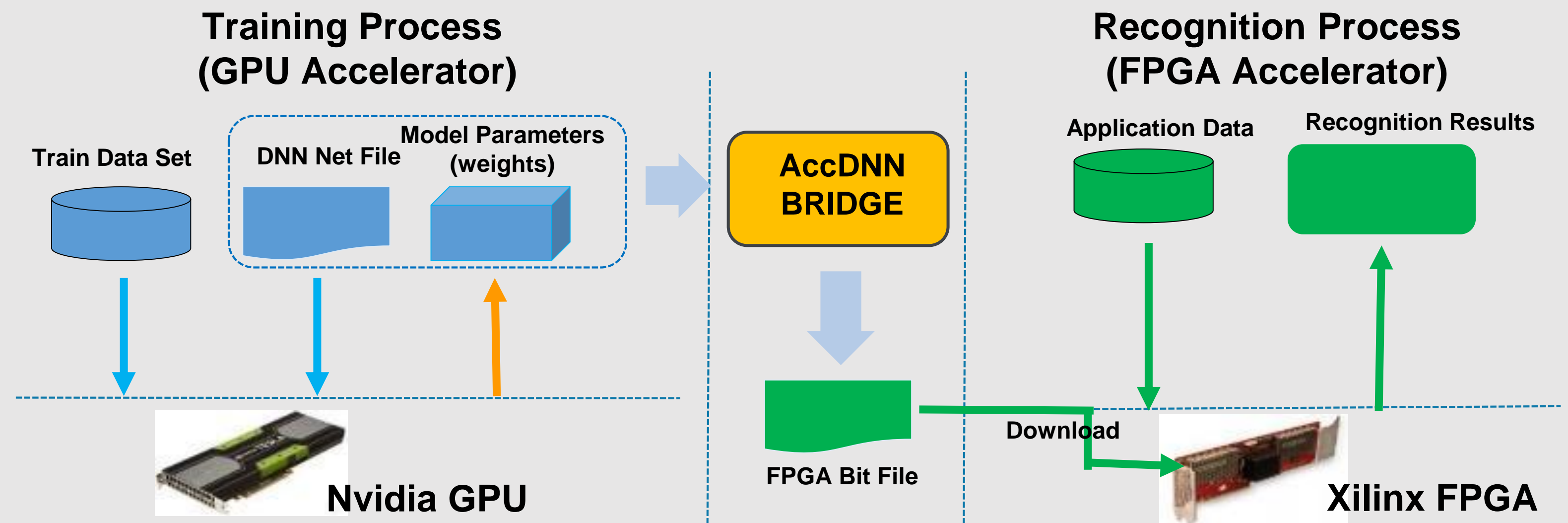
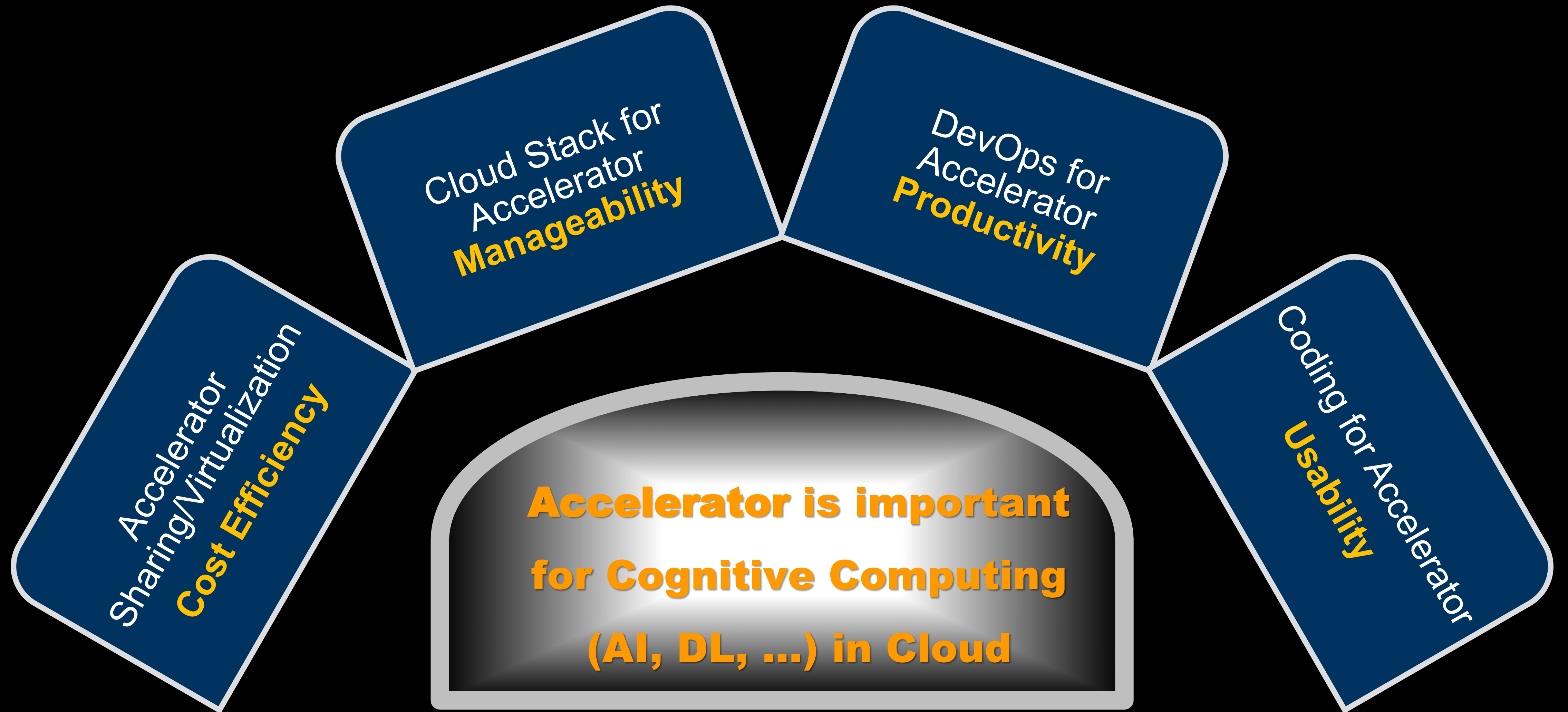


Illustration of training and recognition under Caffe framework

- AccDNN 0.1 was launched as **cloud service** to support OpenPOWER Global Challenge 2016





System and Cloud Innovation is driving a new wave for Cloud opportunities in AI era.