# Hummingbird: A Tensor Compiler for Unified Machine Learning Prediction Serving

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50%-95% of all ML applications in an organization are based on Traditional ML source: "The Total Cost of Ownership of Amazon SageMaker"







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- Depending on the level of redundancy introduced there can be more than one potential compilation approach.
- Hummingbird picks the one that works best for the target setting.





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A

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1	0	0
0	0	1
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5.5

2.4

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This technique can be easily adopted for tree-ensembles by batching individual tensors for each tree.



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## **Experimental Workload**

Scikit-Learn pipelines for OpenML-CC18 benchmark which has 72 datasets.

Hummingbird can translate 2328 pipelines (88%).

Perform inference on 20% of the dataset.

TorchScript as the backend for Hummingbird.





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### Main reasons for slowdowns:

Sparse input data, small inference datasets.



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