

# Co-dfns Report

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**Why Co-defns?**

Make APL more  
scalable/accessible

Parallelism

**Domains**

How to APL

+

Where to APL

**How?**

Use APL  
everywhere



Data-parallel  
tree processing

# Data-parallel Parser + Code-generation

Much faster ( $\geq 62\times$ )

Error handling

Ambiguous APL

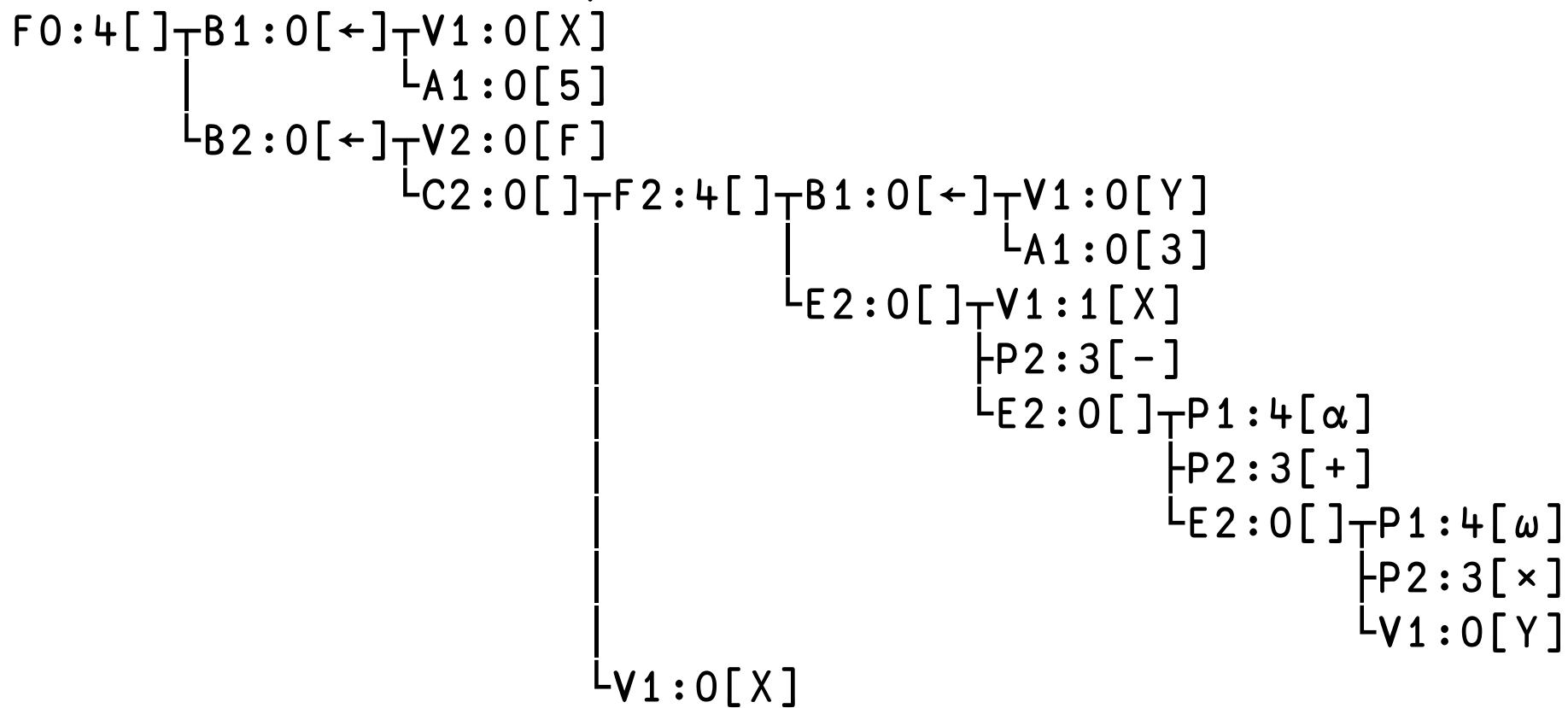
Type inference

Language features

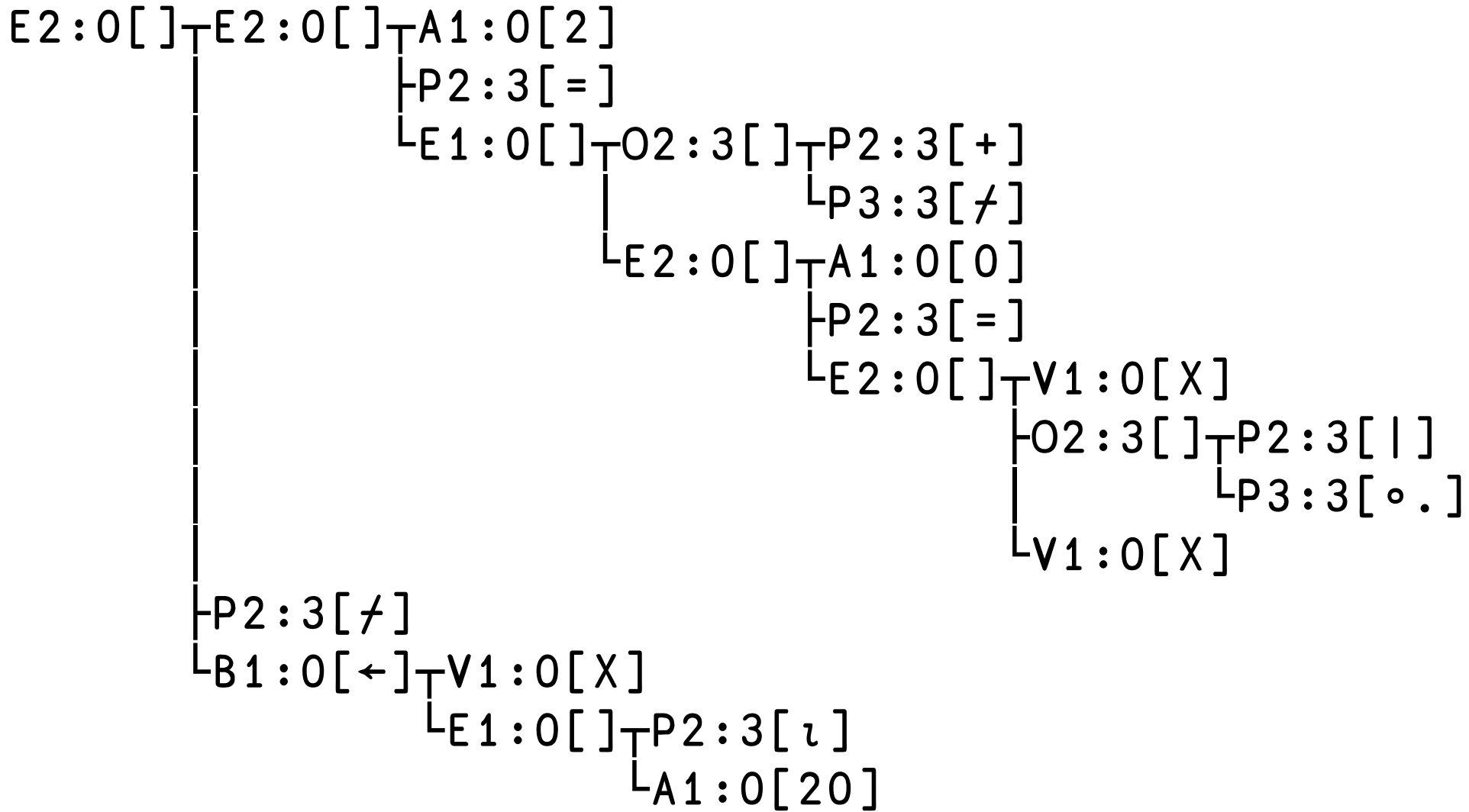
Input types

# Public Parser API

codfns.PS':Namespace' 'X←5' 'F←{Y←3 ◊ X-α+ω×Y}' ':EndNamespace'



codfns.PS '(2=+≠0=X◦.|X)≠X←ι20'



L B L ( d w h p p 3 ) p

L B L ( d w v p p 3 ) p

(d t k n l x pos end)(xn xt)sym IN



```
codfns.PS ':Namespace' 'F←{(α+ω)}' ':EndNamespace'
```

SYNTAX ERROR: MISMATCHED PARENS/BRACKETS

```
[2] F←{(α+ω)}
```

```
codfns.PS ':Namespace' 'F←{(αα ω)[ ]}]' ':EndNamespa'
```

SYNTAX ERROR: UNRECOGNIZED KEYWORD(S)

```
[3] :EndNamespa
```

```
codfns.PS ':Namespace' 'F←{[αα ω]}' ':EndNamespace'
```

SYNTAX ERROR: BRACKET SYNTAX REQUIRES FUNCTION OR ARRAY TO ITS LEFT

```
[2] F←{[αα ω]}
```

# Static Analysis

“Text Processing in APL”

Data-parallel  
code gen?

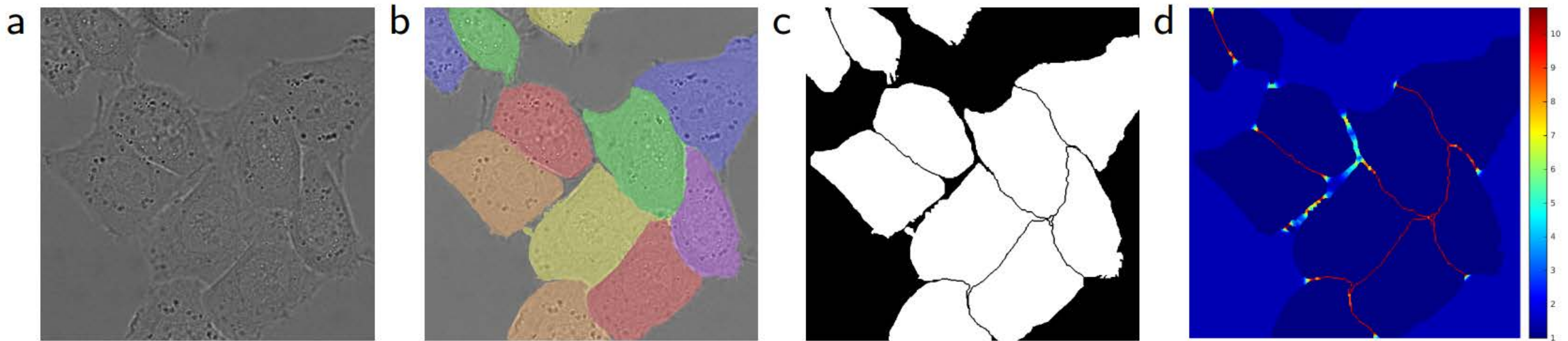
Where?

**GPUs**

**ML + HPC**

# U-net Neural Network

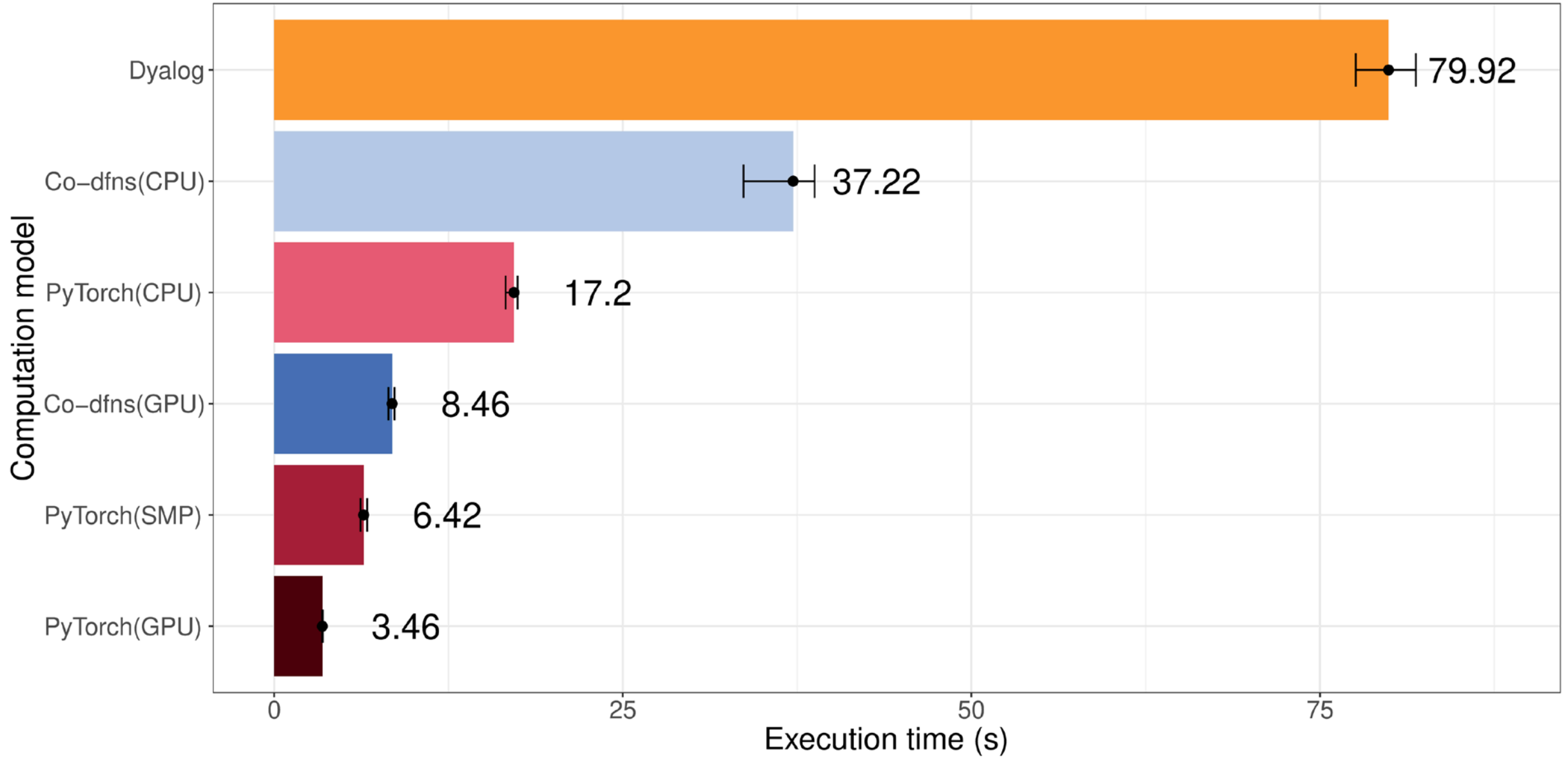




(Ronneberger, Fischer, and Brox 2015)

0 2 1 3 4 ~~φ~~ ω + . × α

Execution time of a forward and backward pass in several computational models.



**New platforms**

**=**

**New applications**

# Portable Code Generation

Separate runtime  
distributable

Runtime  
implemented in  
APL

Retargeting  
code gen + kernel  
retargets the runtime



**Flexibility**

**Extensibility**

# Low-overhead foreign function interface

‘foreign’ I

First-class  
namespace  
objects

Integrate with other  
software environments

JavaScript/WASM  
Python  
Java/C#  
Scheme/Lisp  
Custom Hardware

# Native Interface + DWA



```
int  
my_func(ARR **, ARR *, ARR *);
```

```
int  
my_func_dwa(DWA *, DWA *, DWA*);
```

# Optimized Runtimes

CPU vectors  
Energy efficiency  
Space efficiency  
Scalar-optimized

CPU + GPU  
Data buffers

What to  
expect...

New runtime may  
run slower initially

Fuller coverage of  
APL primitives

Characters  
Mixed Arrays  
Complex Numbers  
Noble Arrays+  
Nesting



Add the big  
“missing language  
features”

Trad-fns  
Dynamic Scope  
Control Structures  
Branching  
Error trapping/guards  
Selective assignment  
Execute/ambiguous values  
Exporting user-defined operators  
Namespaces

Lexical/Dynamic  
Scoping  
“done right”

# Closures

# Tracing and Debugging

Begin retargeting to  
new platforms

**Publish/document new  
innovations and  
techniques**

New work is driven by  
project interest,  
especially code.



Please send  
code!

Broken or working

Thank you.