



MAX's JIT Graph Compiler

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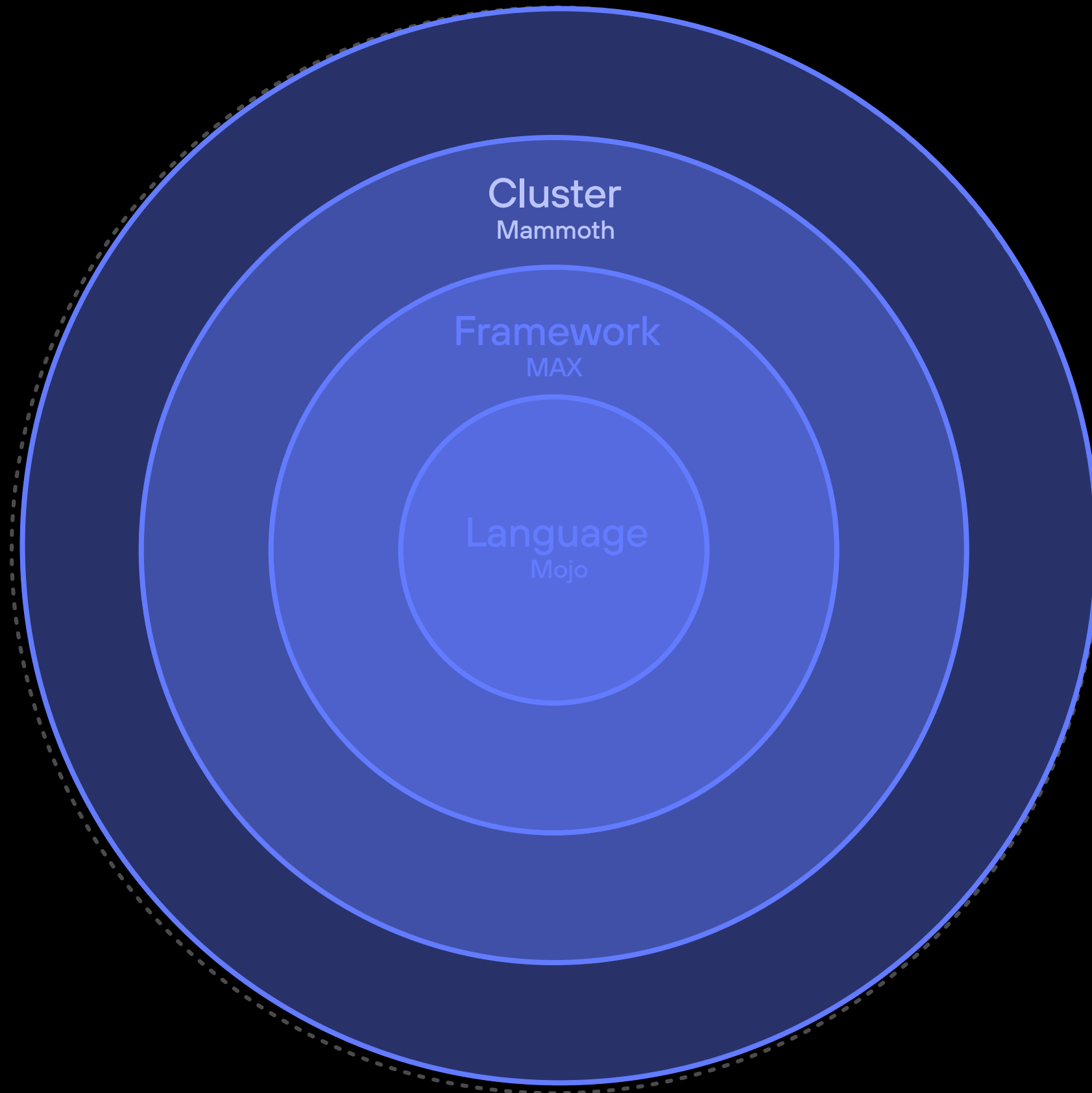
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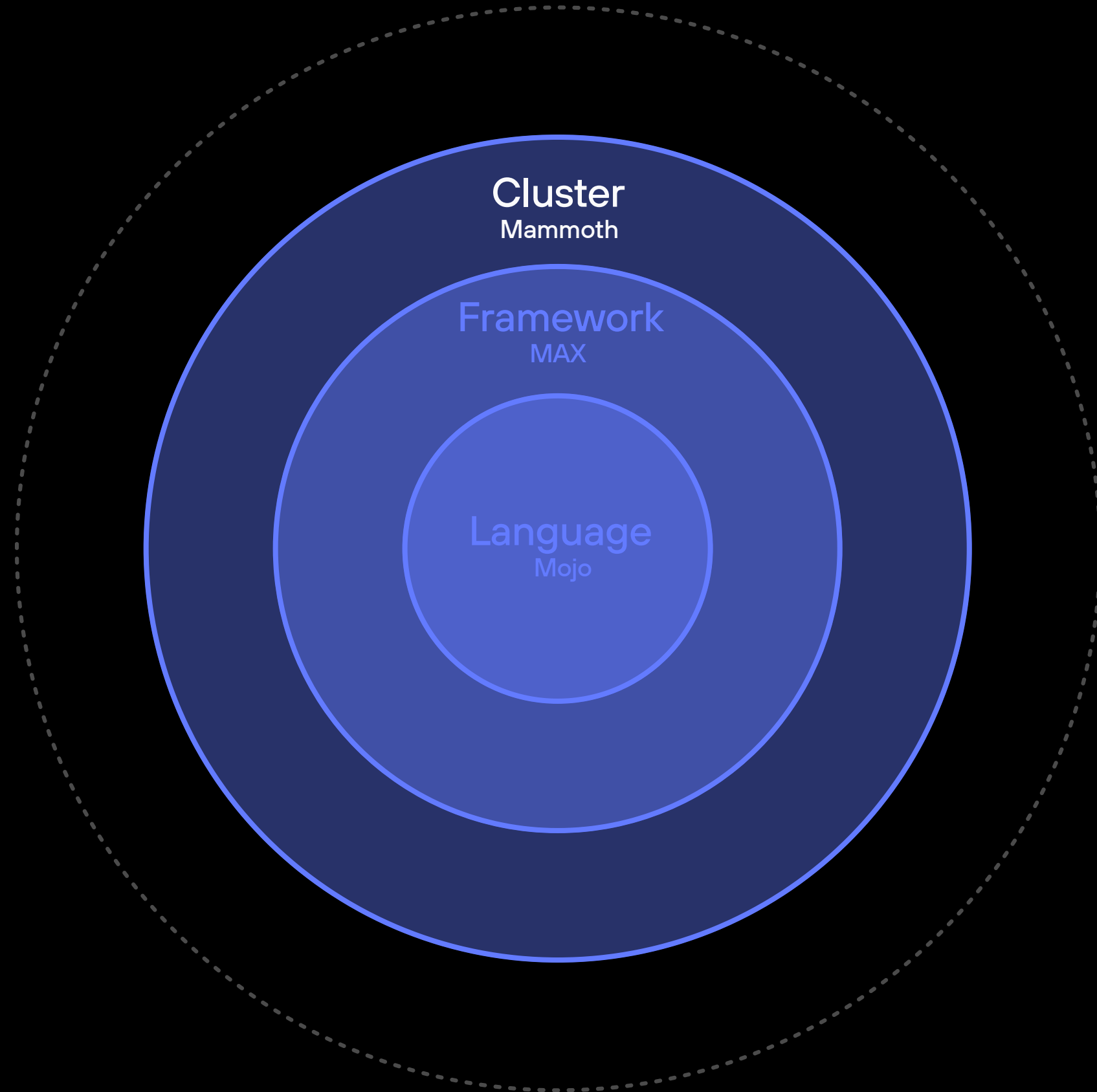
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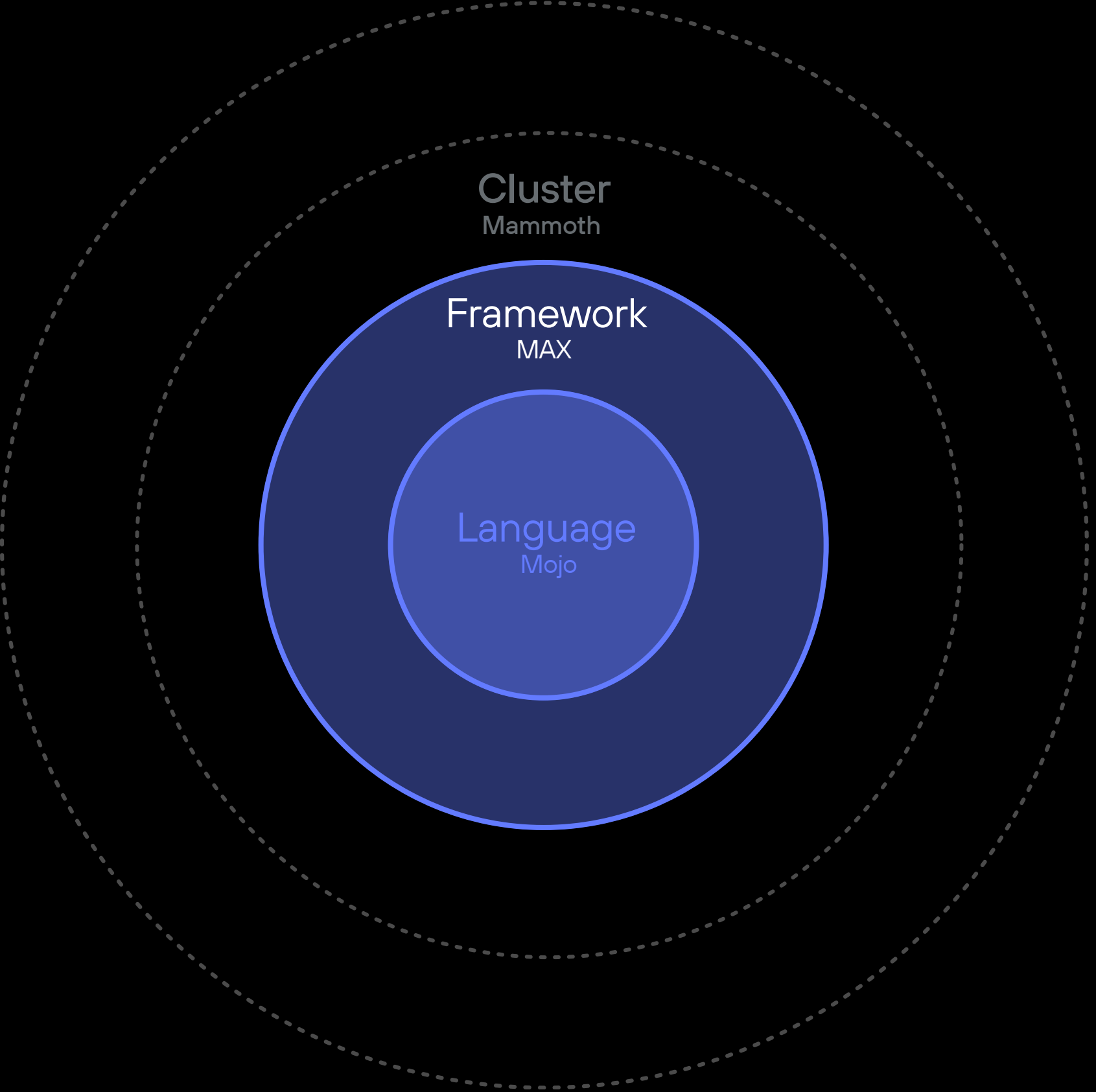
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Deploy large-scale distributed GenAI services with SOTA perf across diverse models & hardware

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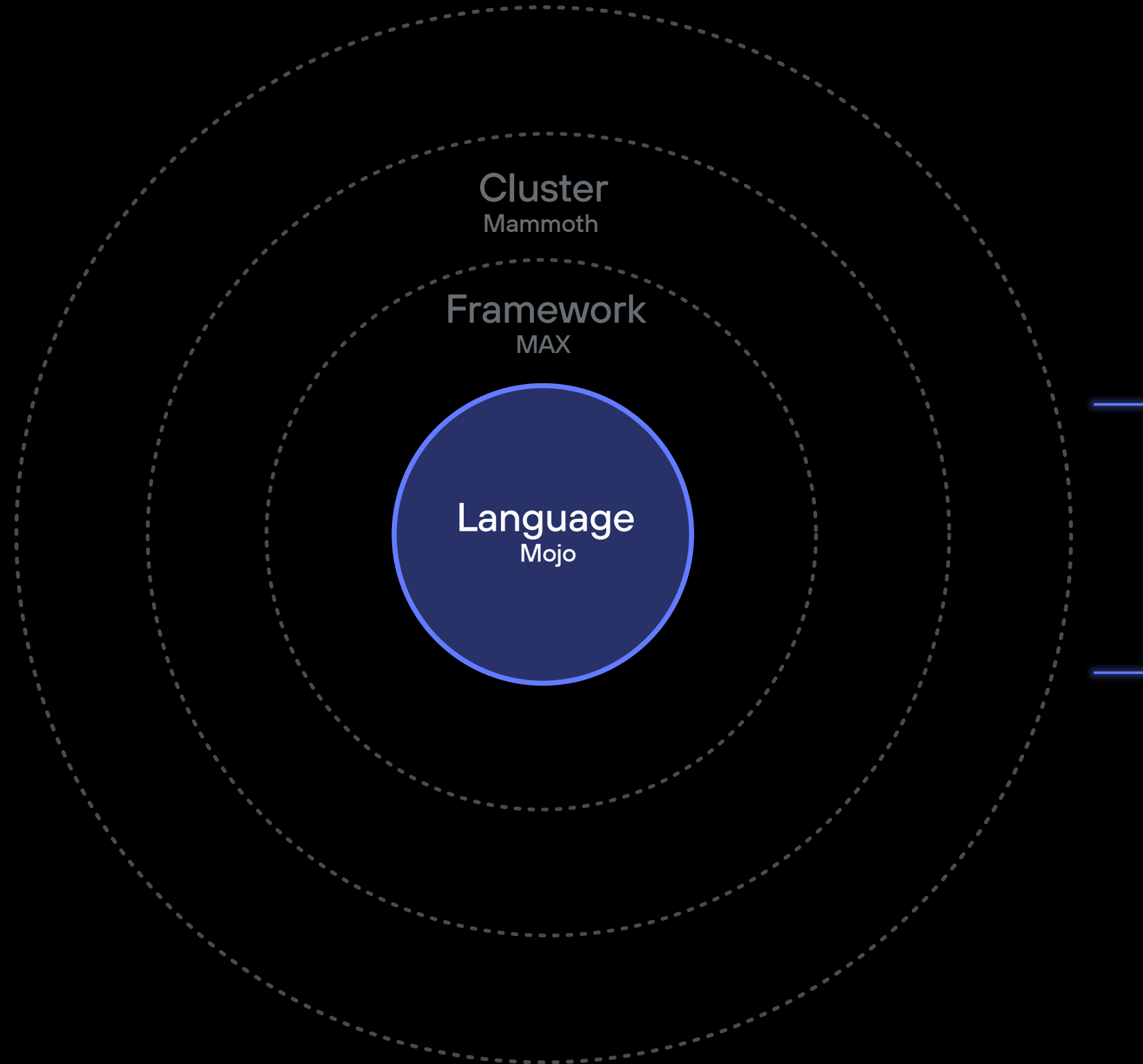
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Serve 500+ models with SOTA Perf
Across GPU (NVIDIA, AMD) & CPU
with one container & OpenAI API

SERVE | ENGINE | KERNELS

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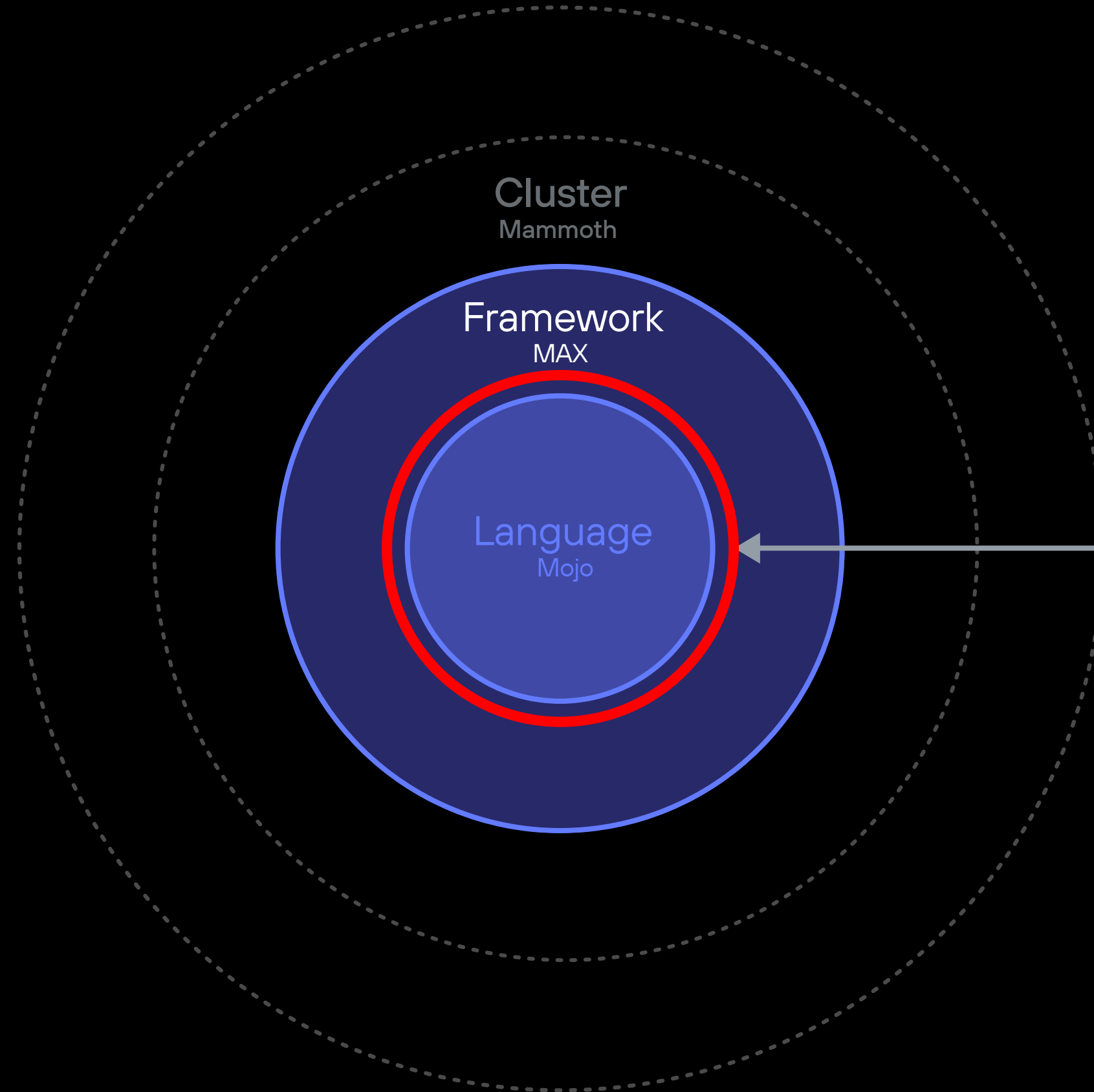
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Invent novel AI algorithms with one, pythonic systems language that runs across any AI hardware with cutting-edge tooling

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Graph Compiler



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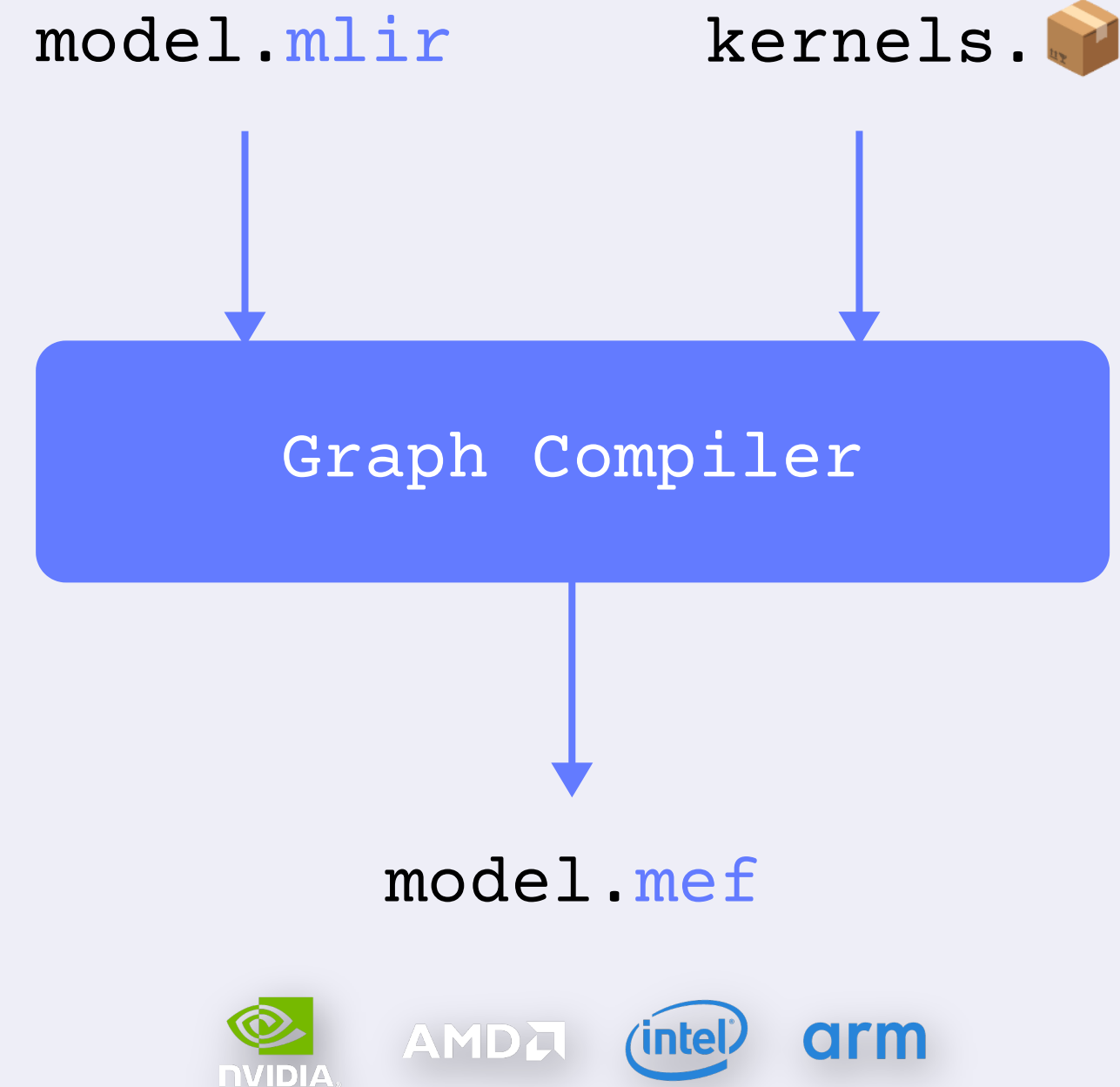
Inputs and outputs

RMO/MO

MOGG

MGP

- Inputs:
 - MLIR DAG of DL ops (built using a Python Graph API)
 - Package kernels
- Output: DAG of executable kernels in the **M**odular **E**xecutable **F**ormat (MEF).



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- **(R)elaxed** **M**odular **O**perators
- RISC-like, only 135 operators
- Vertices = operators, edges = tensors
- Side effects through chains and mutable tensors
- Optimizations:
 - Symbolic folding
 - Shape inference
 - Constant folding

```
mo.graph @model<N, M, K>(
  %A: !mo.tensor<[M, K], f32>,
  %B: !mo.tensor<[K, N], f32, {layout = #mo.layout<KN>}>,
  %bias: !mo.tensor<[], f32>
) -> (!mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>) {

  %C = mo.matmul(%A, %B) : (
    !mo.tensor<[M, K], f32>,
    !mo.tensor<[K, N], f32, {layout = #mo.layout<KN>}>
  ) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>

  %bcast_bias = mo.static.broadcast_to(%bias)
    : !mo.tensor<[], f32> -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>

  %add = mo.add(%C, %bcast_bias) : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>
  %out = mo.relu(%add) : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>

  mo.output %out : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>
}
```

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- **MO**dular **G**raph **G**enerators
- Fusion dialect
- Structured kernels that compose via lambdas
- Destination passing style (bufferized) semantics
- Optimizations:
 - elementwise fusion
 - prologue and epilogue fusion
 - view fusions
 - small constant inlining

```
%0 = mogg.experimental.kernel(
  %arg0: !mo.tensor<[M, K], f32>,
  %arg1: !mo.tensor<[K, N], f32, {layout = #mo.layout<KN>}>
) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32> {

  %4 = mogg.output_placeholders : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>

  %5 = mogg.bind (%4) output_lambda (%arg5: f32, %arg6:
!pop.array<2, index>) {
    mogg.output %arg5, %arg6 : f32, !pop.array<2, index>
  }: (!mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>

  %6 = mogg.device_context_placeholder {device =
#M.device_ref<"cpu", 0>} : !mogg.context

  mogg.call.execute["mo.matmul"]
    inputs(%arg0, %arg1, %6
      : !mo.tensor<[M, K], f32>, !mo.tensor<[K, N], f32,
{layout = #mo.layout<KN>}>, !mogg.context)
    outputs(%5
      : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>) {kernel_param = {packed_b =
false, transpose_b = false}}

  } {allocIndices = [], device = #M.device_ref<"cpu", 0>,
hasReadEffect = false, hasWriteEffect = false,
```

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- **M**odular **G**lue **P**rimitives
- Runtime primitives dialect
- Ends in a JIT compilation (kernels aren't precompiled, only packaged)
- Optimizations:
 - sequence fusion (kernel inlining),
 - memory planning
 - execution invariant code motion ("runtime constant folding")

```

mgp.model @model : mof {argument_device_indices = [0 : ui32,
0 : ui32, 0 : ui32], result_device_indices = [0 : ui32]}
devices [#M.device_ref<"cpu", 0>] init (%arg0:
!mgp.opaque<"weights_registry">, %arg1:
!mgp.device_context<<"cpu", 0>>) {
    %0 = grt.chain.create ()
    %1 = mgp.context.create 1
    %2 = mgp.runtime.create %0, %1[0]
    mef.output %2, %1, %arg0, %arg1 : !mef.chain,
!mgp.context, !mgp.opaque<"weights_registry">,
!mgp.device_context<<"cpu", 0>>
    } execute (%arg0: !mef.chain, %arg1: !mgp.context, %arg2:
!mgp.opaque<"weights_registry">, %arg3:
!mgp.device_context<<"cpu", 0>>, %arg4: !mgp.tensor<?x?xf32>,
%arg5: !mgp.tensor<?x?xf32>, %arg6: !mgp.tensor<f32>) ->
(!mef.chain, !mgp.tensor<?x?xf32>) {
    %idx4 = index.constant 4
    %0 = mgp.tensor.extract.tensor_spec %arg4 : <?x?xf32>
    %1 = mgp.tensor_spec.get_dim[0] %0 : <?x?xf32>
    %2 = mgp.tensor_spec.get_dim[1] %0 : <?x?xf32>
    %3 = index.casts %1 : index to si64
    %4 = index.casts %2 : index to si64
    %5 = mgp.tensor.extract.tensor_spec %arg5 : <?x?xf32>
    %6 = mgp.tensor_spec.get_dim[0] %5 : <?x?xf32>
    %7 = mgp.tensor_spec.get_dim[1] %5 : <?x?xf32>
    %8 = index.casts %6 : index to si64
    %9 = pop.cast_from_builtin %4 : si64 to !pop.scalar<si64>
    . . .

```

Modeling DL optimizing compilers

1D spectrum on this slide, but should really be a hypercube of tradeoffs 



Kernels centric

- Speed of light perf
- Fast to compile
- Predictable behaviour
- Fully extensible
- Fully debuggable
- Low coverage
- Not scalable

Compiler centric

- High coverage
- Productive abstractions
- Subpar performance
- Sometimes slow compile times
- Unpredictable behaviour
- Extensibility restricted by programming model
- Indirect debugging

No finite opset, DSL or programming model can reliably cater to all of the DL infra needs

How do you design the compiler to support current needs and make it resilient to rapid change?

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Kernel writing should be a productive endeavour. Mojo 🔥 makes it easier to write and to compose things into libraries.

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GC acts as kernel infra

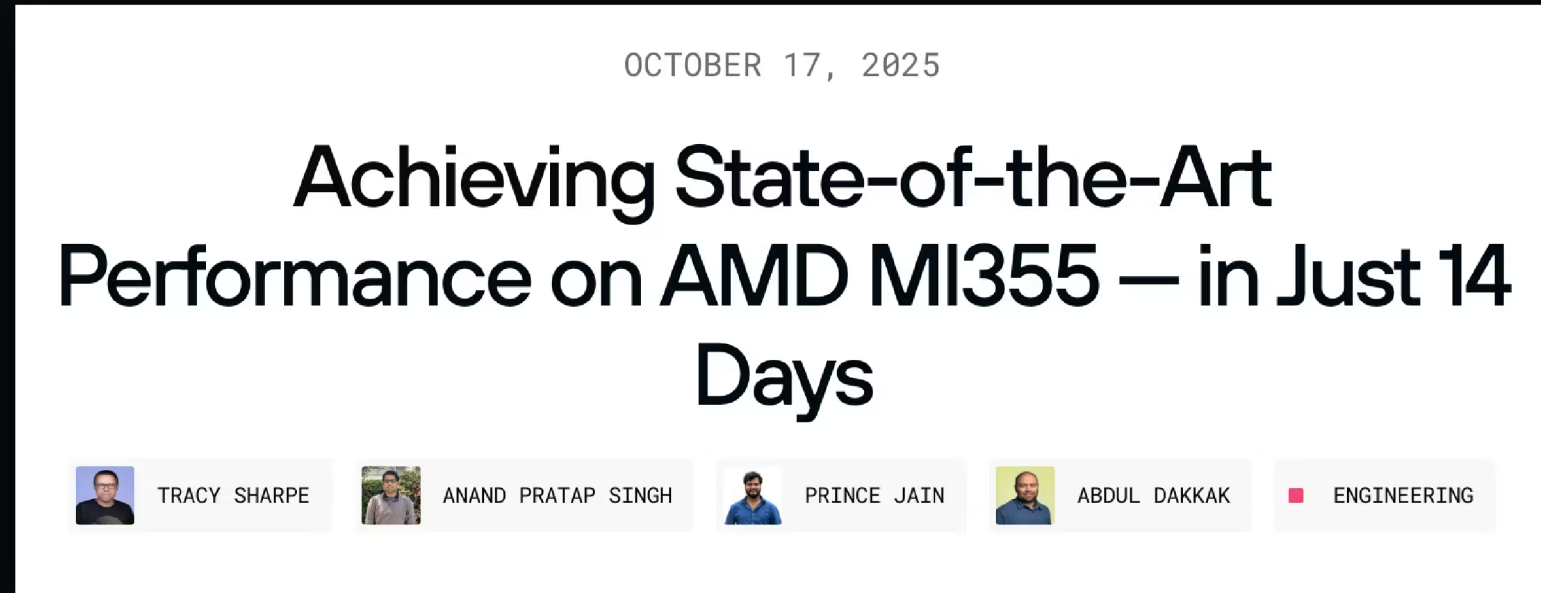
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Validate ideas in Mojo

implement in the graph compiler if needed

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Extensibility

mo.custom

mo.opaque<T>

No rebuilds

- Generic operator for arbitrary custom kernels
- Operation semantics are unknown to the GC
- Side effects handled like every other native operator (chains and buffers)
- Attributes lower to kernel parameters

```
def MO_CustomOp : MO_TensorOp<"custom", [  
  DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MO_DefaultParameterization>,  
  DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MO_MutableOpInterface>,  
  DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MO_ConditionallyInPlaceInterface>,  
  DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,  
  MO_ExplicitDevice,  
  let arguments = (ins Variadic<AnyType>:$operands,  
                    StrAttr:$symbol,  
                    DefaultValuedAttr<M_DeviceRefAttr,  
"\"cpu\", 0">:$device,  
                    DefaultValuedAttr<DictionaryAttr, "  
{ }">:$parameters,  
                    MO_ParamDecls:$outputParamDecls);  
  let results = (outs Variadic<AnyType>:$results);
```



Extensibility

mo.custom

mo.opaque<T>

No rebuilds

- Generic MLIR type
- String attribute represents Mojo type
- Attribute dictionary that reflects Mojo parameters on the type
- Fully opaque from the PoV of the GC (hence the name)

```
def MO_Opaque : MO_Type<"Opaque", "opaque"> {  
  let summary = "Opaque MO type.";  
  let description = [{  
    This is a custom user-defined type.  
    Example:  
    ```mlir  
 !mo.opaque<"my_list">
 !mo.opaque<"my_list", {foo = 42}>
 ...
 }];

 let parameters = (ins
 "StringAttr": $symbol,
 DefaultValuedParameter<"::mlir::DictionaryAttr",
 "::mlir::DictionaryAttr::get($_ctxt)">:$parameters
);
```



# Extensibility

mo.custom

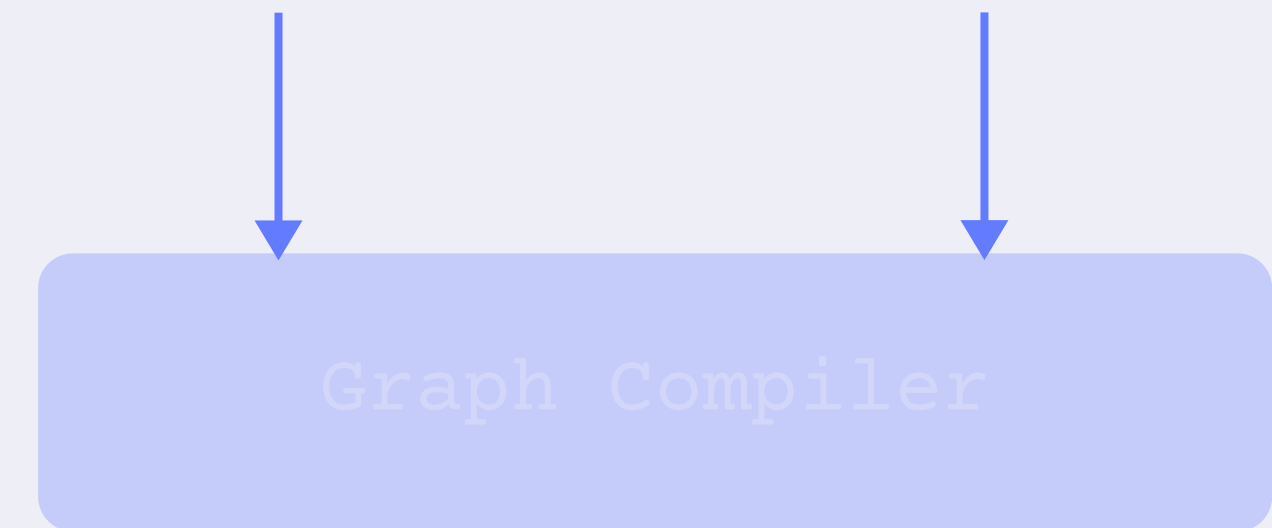
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## No rebuilds

- The GC does not require a rebuild.
- Simply provide the MLIR model graph with custom operations and types and packaged kernels
- **JIT** will take care of the actual compilation
- Compile time is reduced via various levels of caches (model-level, GC IR and Mojo IR levels)

model.mlir

kernels. 



model.mef



AMD



arm

# How do you bridge the gap?

```
@compiler.register("mo.matmul")
struct Matmul:
 @staticmethod
 fn execute[
 transpose_b: Bool,
 packed_b: Bool,
 lambdas_have_fusion: Bool,
 target: StaticString,
 _trace_name: StaticString,
](
 c: _FusedComputeOutputTensor[rank=2],
 a: InputTensor[rank=2],
 b: InputTensor[rank=2],
 ctx: DeviceContextPtr,
) capturing raises:
 ...
```

Mojo

```
%0 = mogg.experimental.kernel(
 %arg0: !mo.tensor<[M, K], f32>,
 %arg1: !mo.tensor<[K, N], f32, {layout =
#mo.layout<KN>}>
) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32> {

 %4 = mogg.output_placeholders : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>

 %5 = mogg.bind (%4) output_lambda (%arg5: f32, %arg6:
!pop.array<2, index>) {
 mogg.output %arg5, %arg6 : f32, !pop.array<2, index>
 } : (!mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>

 %6 = mogg.device_context_placeholder {device =
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 outputs(%5
 : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>) {kernel_param =
{packed_b = false, transpose_b = false}}

 } {allocIndices = [], device = #M.device_ref<"cpu", 0>,
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```

Structured MLIR kernel



# MOGG

## Mojo introspection

Structured kernels

Fusion

- Mojo parses directly to an MLIR dialect: LIT
- LIT fully models the language
- LIT is "pre-elaboration" meaning parameters are not yet bound to a value
- Ideal for introspecting static information (registration name, fusion opt-in, input and output identification, type of kernel like elementwise, view or normal)
- Define primitives in Mojo → Introspect them

```
@compiler.register("mo.add")
```

```
struct Add(ElementwiseBinaryOp):
```

```
 @staticmethod
```

```
 fn elementwise[
```

```
 dtype: DType,
```

```
 width: Int,
```

```
](lhs: SIMD[dtype, width], rhs:
```

```
 SIMD[dtype, width]) -> SIMD[dtype, width]:
```

```
 return lhs + rhs
```

```
lit.struct.decl
```

```
@Add(!AnyType_UnknownDestructibility_ElementwiseBinaryOp)
```

```
attributes {sourceName = #Add_name}
```

```
 decorators <... :string "mo.add">, *?))> {
```

```
 lit.fn @"elementwise[::DType,::Int](::SIMD[$0,
```

```
$1],::SIMD[$0, $1])"<dtype: !DType, width: !Int>(%lhs:
```

```
!lit.struct<#SIMD <::!DType dtype, ::!Int width>>, %rhs:
```

```
!lit.struct<#SIMD <::!DType dtype, ::!Int width>>) ->
```

```
!lit.struct<#SIMD <::!DType dtype, ::!Int width>> attributes
```

```
{isStatic, sourceName = "elementwise", specialFnKind = 0 : i8}
```

```
{
```

```
 %0 = lit.call @stdlib::...::@SIMD::@"__add__..."<::!DType
```

```
dtype, ::!Int width>(%lhs, %rhs) : !lit.generator<("self":
```

```
...)>
```

```
 lit.return %0 : !lit.struct<#SIMD <::!DType dtype, ::!Int
```

```
width>>
```

```
 lit.end_fn
```

```
}
```



# MOGG

Mojo 🔥 introspection

**Structured kernels**

Fusion

- Given statically introspected information, we can construct structured MLIR kernels that mirror the Mojo kernels
- All the GC needs is the signature of the kernel → Kernel internals are currently opaque to the GC

```
%0 = mogg.experimental.kernel(
 %arg0: !mo.tensor<[M, K], f32>,
 %arg1: !mo.tensor<[K, N], f32, {layout = #mo.layout<KN>}}>
) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32> {

 %4 = mogg.output_placeholders : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>

 %5 = mogg.bind (%4) output_lambda (%arg5: f32, %arg6:
!pop.array<2, index>) {
 mogg.output %arg5, %arg6 : f32, !pop.array<2, index>
 }: (!mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>

 %6 = mogg.device_context_placeholder {device =
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 mogg.call.execute["mo.matmul"]
 inputs(%arg0, %arg1, %6
 : !mo.tensor<[M, K], f32>, !mo.tensor<[K, N], f32,
{layout = #mo.layout<KN>}}>, !mogg.context)
 outputs(%5
 : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>) {kernel_param = {packed_b =
false, transpose_b = false}}

 } {allocIndices = [], device = #M.device_ref<"cpu", 0>,
hasReadEffect = false, hasWriteEffect = false,
```

# MOGG

Mojo🔥 introspection

Structured kernels

## Fusion

- Lambda based fusions that make the kernel capture arbitrary elementwise subgraphs:
  - Elementwise
  - Prologue
  - Epilogue
- View fusion based on tensor stride modifications
- Small constant inlining
- In-place mutation optimization

```
%C = mo.matmul(%A, %B) : (
 !mo.tensor<[M, K], f32>,
 !mo.tensor<[K, N], f32, {layout = #mo.layout<KN>}>
) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>
%bcast_bias = mo.static.broadcast_to(%bias)
 : !mo.tensor<[], f32> -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>
%add = mo.add(%C, %bcast_bias) : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>
%out = mo.relu(%add) : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>
```

```

%0 = mogg.experimental.kernel(%arg2: !mo.tensor<[], f32>,
%arg0: !mo.tensor<[M, K], f32>, %arg1: !mo.tensor<[K, N], f32,
{layout = #mo.layout<KN>}>) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32> {
 %1 = mogg.output_placeholders : !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>
 %2 = mogg.tensor.shape<!mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>>
 %3 = mogg.call.view["mo.static.broadcast_to"] (%arg2, %2)
 {kernel_param = {}} : !mo.tensor<[], f32>, !mogg.shape ->
 !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>
 %4 = mogg.bind (%1) output_lambda (%arg6: f32, %arg7:
 !pop.array<2, index>) {
 %6 = "mogg.tensor.load"(%3, %arg7) : (!mo.tensor<[M, N],
 f32>, !pop.array<2, index>) -> f32
 %7 = mogg.call.elementwise["mo.add"] (%arg6, %6) : f32,
 f32 -> f32
 %8 = mogg.call.elementwise["mo.relu"] (%7) : f32 -> f32
 mogg.output %8, %arg7 : f32, !pop.array<2, index>
 } : (!mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>
 %5 = mogg.device_context_placeholder {device =
 #M.device_ref<"cpu", 0>} : !mogg.context
 mogg.call.execute["mo.matmul"] ...
}
```



No difference between MO-native operators  
and custom ops

Fusion enabled via the kernel signature, not  
the op's semantics



# Mojo codegen (WIP)

```
%0 = mogg.experimental.kernel(%arg2: !mo.tensor<[],
f32>, %arg0: !mo.tensor<[M, K], f32>, %arg1:
!mo.tensor<[K, N], f32, {layout = #mo.layout<KN>}>) ->
!mo.tensor<[M, N], f32> {
 %1 = mogg.output_placeholders : !mo.tensor<[M, N],
f32>
 %2 = mogg.tensor.shape<!mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>>
 %3 = mogg.call.view["mo.static.broadcast_to"]
(%arg2, %2) {kernel_param = {}} : !mo.tensor<[], f32>,
!mogg.shape -> !mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>
 %4 = mogg.bind (%1) output_lambda (%arg6: f32,
%arg7: !pop.array<2, index>) {
 %6 = "mogg.tensor.load"(%3, %arg7) :
(!mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>, !pop.array<2, index>) -> f32
 %7 = mogg.call.elementwise["mo.add"] (%arg6, %6)
: f32, f32 -> f32
 %8 = mogg.call.elementwise["mo.relu"] (%7) : f32 -
> f32
 mogg.output %8, %arg7 : f32, !pop.array<2, index>
 } : (!mo.tensor<[M, N], f32>) -> !mo.tensor<[M, N],
f32>
 %5 = mogg.device_context_placeholder {device =
#M.device_ref<"cpu", 0>} : !mogg.context
 mogg.call.execute["mo.matmul"] ...
}
```

Fused MLIR kernel

```
fn stub_0(
 arg_0: ManagedTensorSlice[...],
 arg_1: ManagedTensorSlice[...],
 arg_2: ManagedTensorSlice[...],
 arg_3: ManagedTensorSlice[...],
 arg_4: asyncrt.DeviceContextPtr
) raises:
 var var_5 = rebind[InputTensor[...]](arg_0)
 alias param_6 = DimList.create_unknown[2]()
 var var_7 = StaticBroadcastTo.update_input_view[...](var_5,
arg_3.shape())
 var var_9 = rebind[InputTensor[...]](arg_3)
 @parameter
 @always_inline
 fn output_lambda_10[...](
 indices_12: IndexList[2],
 input_13: SIMD[...]
):
 var var_14 = simd_load_from_managed_tensor_slice[...](var_7,
indices_12)
 var var_15 = Add.elementwise[...](input_13, var_14)
 var var_16 = ReLU.elementwise[...](var_15)
 simd_store_into_managed_tensor_slice[...](var_9, indices_12,
var_16)

 var var_17 = rebind[_FusedComputeOutputTensor[...]](arg_3)
 var var_18 = rebind[InputTensor[...]](arg_1)
 var var_19 = rebind[InputTensor[...]](arg_2)
 Matmul.execute[transpose_b = False, packed_b = False, ...](var_17,
var_18, var_19, arg_4)
 _ = var_9
 _ = var_7
```

Generated Mojo



# Even Runtime boilerplate code is Mojo

```
@export
fn kernel_wrapper_1(arg_27: unsafe_pointer.UnsafePointer[unsafe_pointer.OpaquePointer], arg_28:
unsafe_pointer.OpaquePointer):
 # This is the entry point of the kernel. The first argument is a pointer to a list of inputs and outputs. The
 second is a pointer to a runtime context.
 try:
 var var_29 = MOGGPrimitives.mogg_async_unpack[unsafe_pointer.OpaquePointer](arg_27[1])
 ...
 var var_33 = MOGGPrimitives.mogg_async_unpack[Int](arg_27[5])
 ...
 var var_36 = MOGGPrimitives.mogg_async_unpack[asyncrt.DeviceContextPtr](arg_27[8])
 alias param_37 = dimlist.DimList.create_unknown[1]()
 alias param_38 = dimlist.DimList(1)
 var var_39 = IndexList1
 var var_40 = MOGGPrimitives.mogg_tensor_init[DType.float32, 1, False, io_spec.IO.Input, param_37, param_38, 64]
 (var_29, var_39)
 ...

 stub_0(var_40, var_44, var_48, var_52, var_36)

 MOGGPrimitives.mogg_async_ready(arg_27[9])
 MOGGPrimitives.mogg_async_del(arg_27[0])
 ...
```



# Generated Mojo 🔥 is human friendly

It can be

introspected

debugged

modified



If you can imagine it in  
Mojo, it can be done



# The road ahead

Today



Basic fusions



Partial Mojo codegen (WIP)

Tomorrow

(not in any particular order)



New fusions



Megakernels



Better kernel registration mechanism



Vertical debugging support (not just Mojo)



Improved readability of the generated Mojo

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