

# Accelerating Model Development by Reducing Operational Barriers

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Accelerate and amplify the  
impact of modelers everywhere





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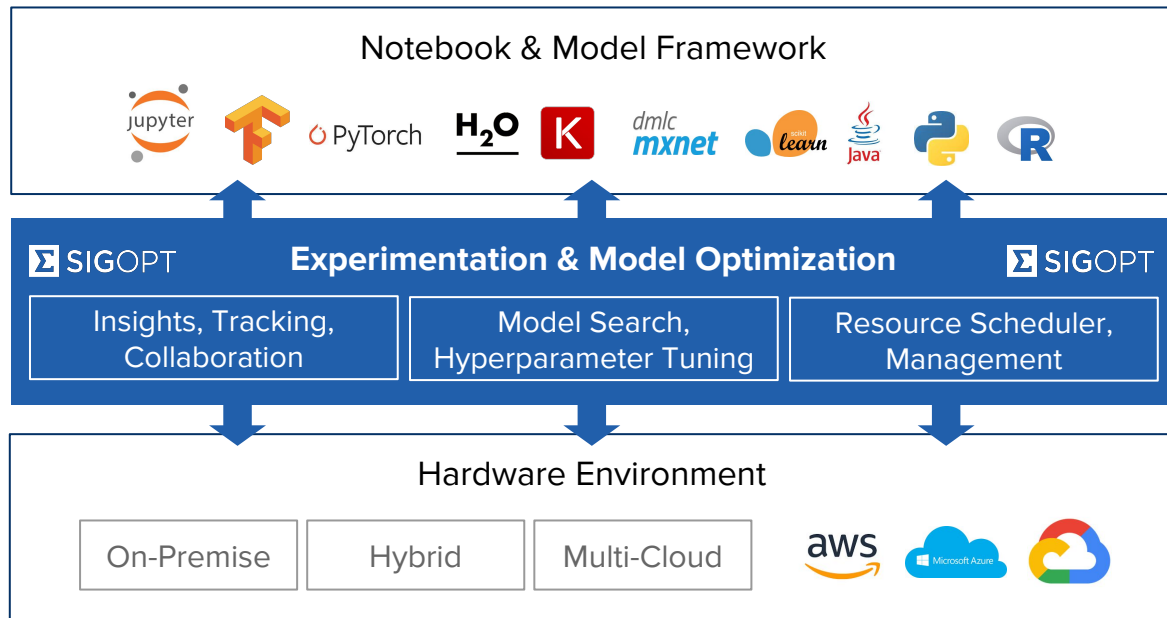


# SigOpt automates experimentation and optimization

## Data Preparation

Transformation  
Labeling  
Pre-Processing  
Pipeline Dev.  
Feature Eng.  
Feature Stores

## Experimentation, Training, Evaluation



## Model Deployment

Validation  
Serving  
Deploying  
Monitoring  
Managing  
Inference  
Online Testing



Model Tuning

Deep Learning Architecture Search

Training & Tuning

Hyperparameter Search

# Hyperparameter Optimization

Evolutionary Algorithms

Grid Search

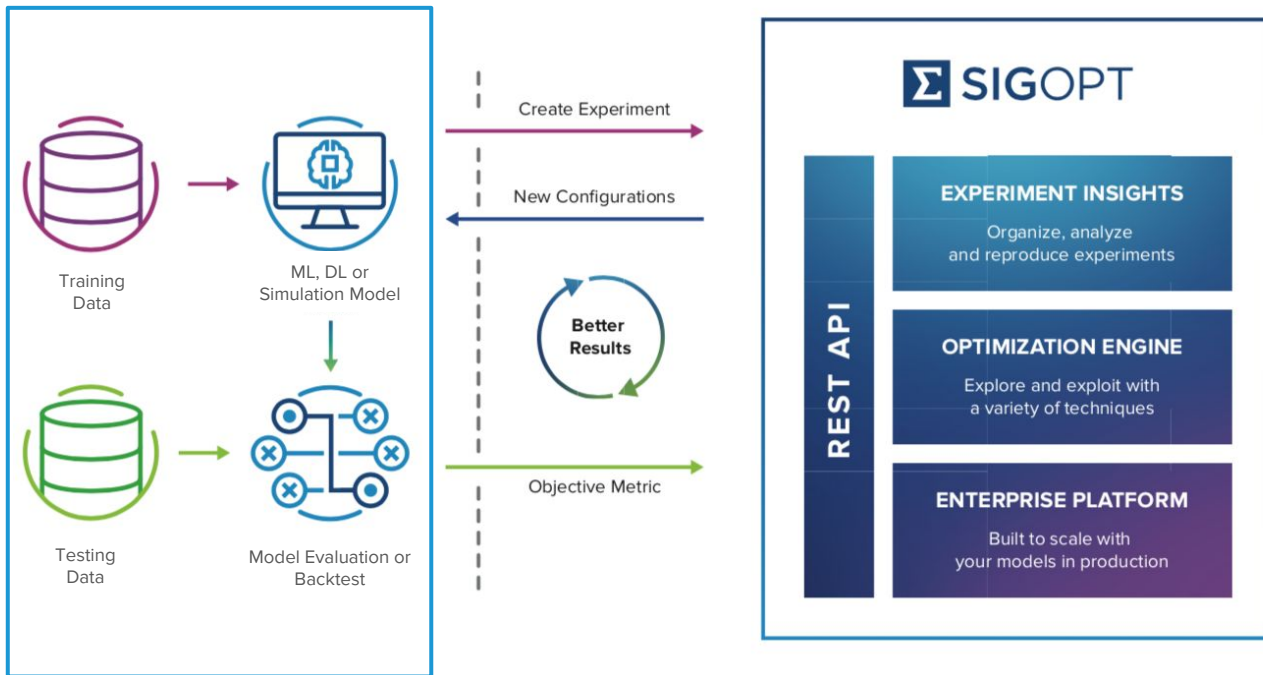
Random Search

Bayesian Optimization



# How it works: Seamlessly tune any model

Never  
accesses your  
data or models





# How it Works: Seamless implementation for any stack

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Analyze experiments



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Step 1, part a: Installing sigopt

```
[ ] pip install sigopt
```

Step 1, part b: initializing sigopt connection

```
[ ] from sigopt import Connection  
conn = Connection(client_token="")
```



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Step 2

```
experiment = conn.experiments().create(  
    name="Multi-Layer Perceptron",  
    parameters=[  
        dict(  
            name="log_learning_rate",  
            bounds=dict(min=-7, max=0),  
            type="double"  
        ),  
        dict(  
            name="activation",  
            categorical_values=[  
                dict(name="relu"),  
                dict(name="sigmoid"),  
                dict(name="tanh")  
            ],  
            type="categorical"  
        ),  
        dict(name="num_hidden_1", bounds=dict(min=1, max=6), type="int"),  
        dict(name="num_hidden_2", bounds=dict(min=1, max=6), type="int"),  
        dict(name="num_hidden_3", bounds=dict(min=1, max=6), type="int"),  
        dict(name="batch_size", bounds=dict(min=5, max=20), type="int")  
    ],  
    parallel_bandwidth=4,  
    observation_budget=100  
)
```



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Step 3

```
def create_model(assignments):  
    model = Sequential()  
    model.add(Dense(assignments['num_hidden_1'],  
                    input_dim=784,  
                    activation=assignments['activation']))  
    model.add(Dense(assignments['num_hidden_2'],  
                    input_dim=assignments['num_hidden_1'],  
                    activation=assignments['activation']))  
    model.add(Dense(assignments['num_hidden_3'],  
                    input_dim=assignments['num_hidden_2'],  
                    activation=assignments['activation']))  
    model.add(Dense(10, activation='softmax'))  
    model.compile(  
        optimizer=optimizers.RMSprop(  
            lr=10**assignments['log_learning_rate']  
        ),  
        loss='categorical_crossentropy',  
        metrics=['accuracy'],  
    )  
  
    model.fit(x_train, y_train, epochs=24,  
            batch_size=assignments['batch_size'])  
    return model  
  
def evaluate_model(assignments):  
    model = create_model(assignments)  
    return model.evaluate(x_test, y_test)[1]
```



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Step 4

```
▶ while experiment.progress.observation_count < experiment.observation_budget:  
    suggestion = conn.experiments(experiment.id).suggestions().create()  
    assignments = suggestion.assignments  
    value = evaluate_model(assignments)  
  
    conn.experiments(experiment.id).observations().create(  
        suggestion=suggestion.id,  
        value=value,  
    )  
  
    experiment = conn.experiments(experiment.id).fetch()  
  
best_assignments = conn.experiments(experiment.id)  
    .best_assignments().fetch().data[0].assignments  
  
# This is a SigOpt-tuned model  
classifier = create_model(best_assignments)
```



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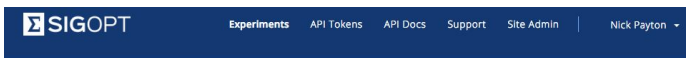
1 Install SigOpt

2 Create experiment

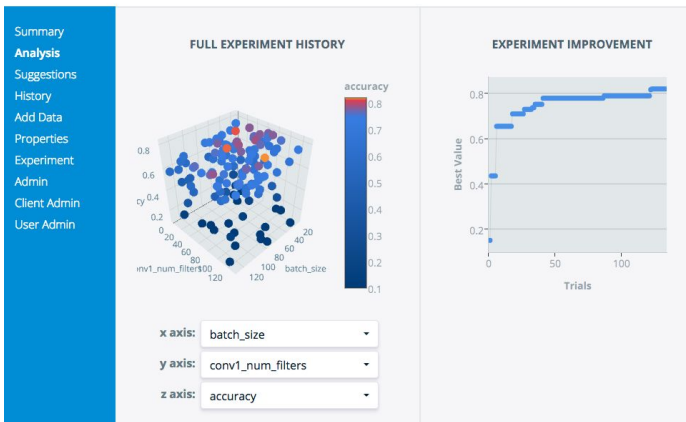
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cifar multitask 9 epochs=24 scheme\_index=2



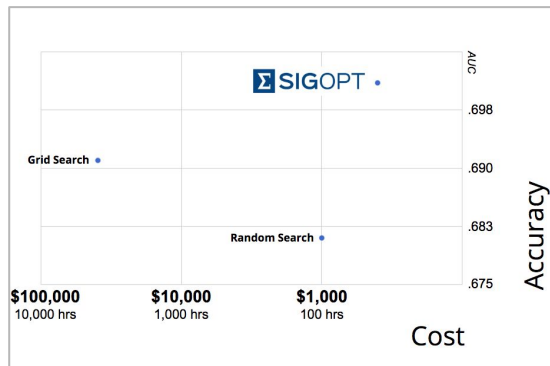


# Benefits: Better, Cheaper, Faster Model Development

## 90% Cost Savings

Maximize utilization of compute

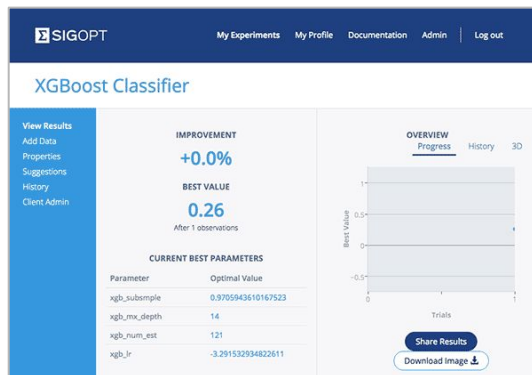
<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/machine-learning/fast-cnn-tuning-with-aws-gpu-instances-and-sigopt/>



## 10x Faster Time to Tune

Less expert time per model

<https://devblogs.nvidia.com/sigopt-deep-learning-hyperparameter-optimization/>



## Better Performance

No free lunch, but optimize any model

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1603.09441.pdf>





# Overview of Features Behind SigOpt

Experiment Insights	Intuitive web dashboards	Advanced experiment visualizations	Parameter importance analysis
	Reproducibility	Cross-team permissions and collaboration	Organizational experiment analysis
Optimization Engine	Continuous, categorical, or integer parameters	Up to 10k observations, 100 parameters	Conditional parameters
	Multimetric optimization	Constraints and failure regions	Multitask optimization and high parallelism
Enterprise Platform	REST API	Black-box interface	Libraries for Python, Java, R, and MATLAB
	Infrastructure agnostic	Model agnostic	Doesn't touch data

Key:

Only HPO solution with this capability



Applied deep learning introduces  
unique challenges



Failed observations

Constraints

Uncertainty

Competing objectives

Lengthy training cycles

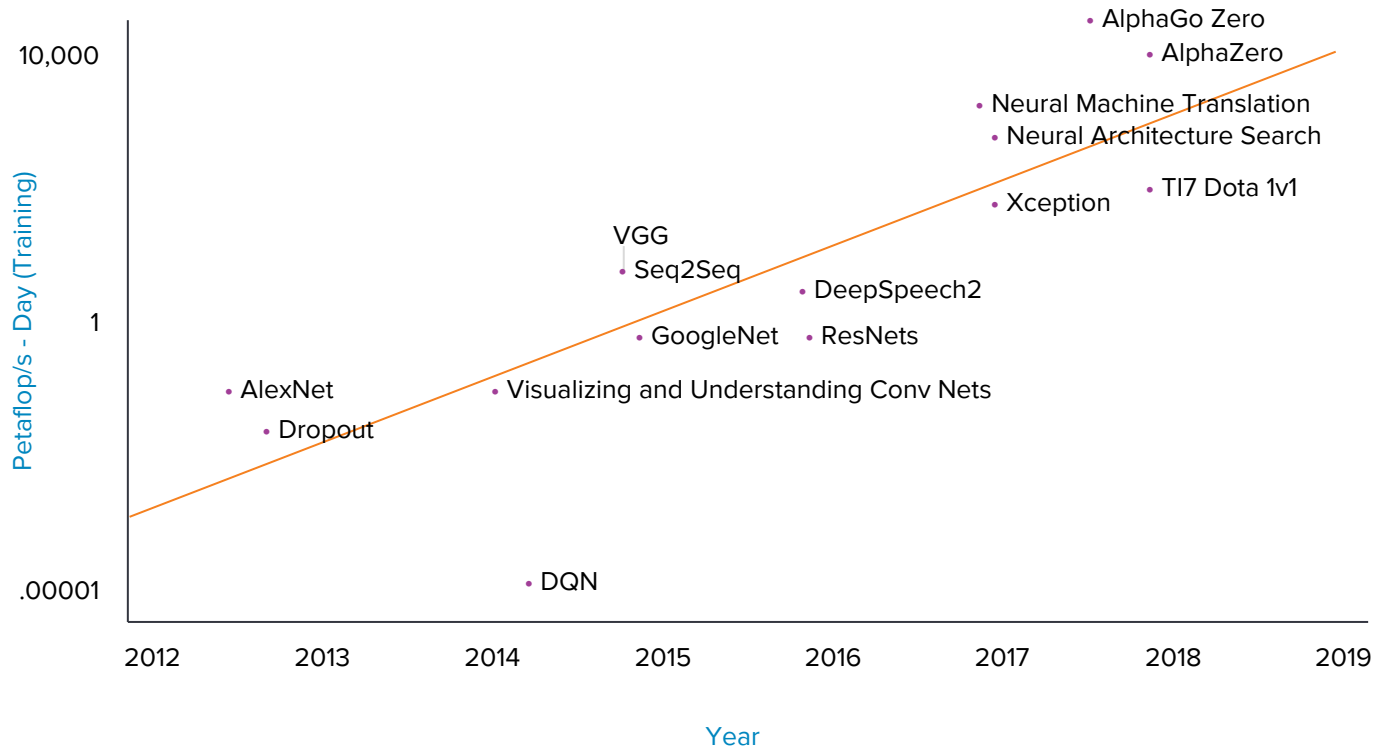
Cluster orchestration



How do you more efficiently tune models  
that take days (or weeks) to train?

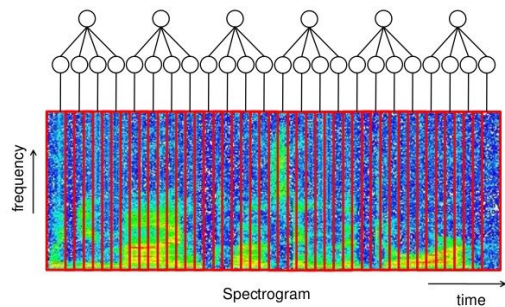


# AlexNex to AlphaGo Zero: 300,000x Increase in Compute

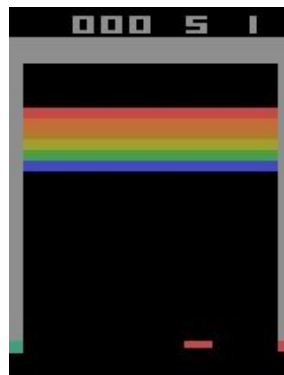




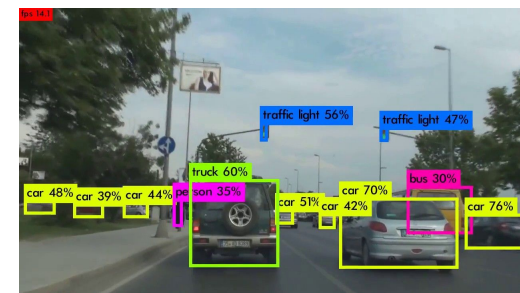
## Speech Recognition



## Deep Reinforcement Learning



## Computer Vision





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Tuning 12 parameters requires at least 120 distinct models  
That equals **1,200 hours, or 50 days, of training time**



Running optimization tasks in parallel is critical to tuning expensive deep learning models



# Complexity of Deep Learning DevOps

Basic Case



**Training One Model, No Optimization**

Advanced Case



**Multiple Users**

**Concurrent Optimization Experiments**

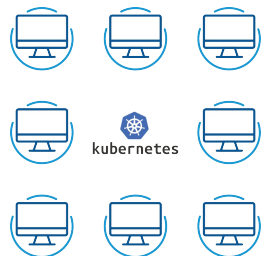
**Concurrent Model Configuration Evaluations**

**Multiple GPUs per Model**



# Cluster Orchestration

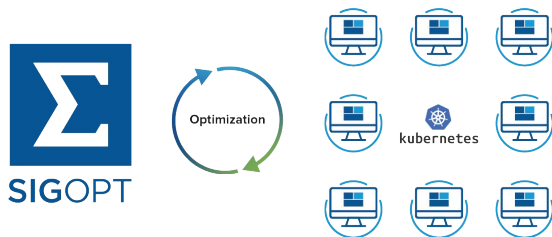
## 1 Spin up and share training clusters



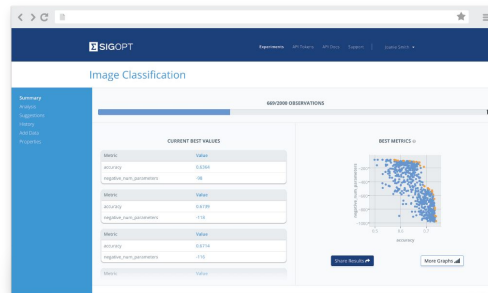
## 2 Schedule optimization experiments



## 3 Integrate with the optimization API



## 4 Monitor experiment and infrastructure





## **Problems:**

Infrastructure, scheduling,  
dependencies, code, monitoring

## **Solution:**

SigOpt Orchestrate is a CLI for  
managing training infrastructure and  
running optimization experiments



# How it Works



```
12
13 def evaluate_model(X, y):
14     classifier = RandomForestClassifier(
15         n_estimators=orchestrate.io.assignment('n_estimators', default=3),
16         max_features=orchestrate.io.assignment('max_features', default=3),
17         min_samples_leaf=orchestrate.io.assignment('min_samples_leaf', default=80)
18     )
19     cv accuracies = cross_val_score(classifier, X, y, cv=5)
20     return (numpy.mean(cv accuracies), numpy.std(cv accuracies))
21
22 if __name__ == "__main__":
23     (X, y) = load_data()
24     (mean, std) = evaluate_model(X, y)
25     orchestrate.io.log_metric('accuracy', mean, std)
26
```

Seamless Integration into Your Model Code



```
1 language: python3.6
2 name: Orchestrate Random Forest (python)
3 install:
4   - pip install -r requirements.txt
5 run:
6   - python model.py
7 optimization:
8   metrics:
9     - name: accuracy
10  parameters: # Fill in parameters to optimize
11    - name: max_features
12      type: int
13      bounds:
14        min: 1
15        max: 4
16    - name: n_estimators
17      type: int
18      bounds:
19        min: 1
20        max: 100
21    - name: min_samples_leaf
22      type: int
23      bounds:
24        min: 1
25        max: 10
26  parallel_bandwidth: 2
27  observation_budget: 200
```

**Easily Define Optimization Experiments**



```
(venv) → random_forest git:(master) ✗ sigopt run -f orchestrate.yml
/Users/benhsu/Developer/sigopt-examples/orchestrate/venv/lib/python3.7/site-packages/requests/__i
.4) doesn't match a supported version!
RequestsDependencyWarning)
Containerizing your model and starting your experiment, this may take a few minutes...
Step 1/5 : FROM orchestrate/python-3.6:0.2.2
---> 623143becd6e
Step 2/5 : LABEL orchestrate-user-created=true
---> Using cache
---> 4ccb928a7baf
Step 3/5 : ADD "." "/"
---> Using cache
---> 88871a43efa4
Step 4/5 : WORKDIR /orchestrate
---> Using cache
---> aa76b5f6c620
Step 5/5 : RUN pip install -r requirements.txt
---> Using cache
---> 5185e635022d
Successfully built 5185e635022d
Successfully tagged orchestrate/random-forest:latest
Uploading the model environment to Amazon ECR, this may be limited by your connection speed...
■
```

**Easily Kick Off Optimization Experiment Jobs**



```
(venv) → random_forest git:(master) ✖ sigopt status 55471
```

Job Name: orchestrate-55471

Job Status: Not Complete

Experiment Name: Orchestrate Random Forest (python)

8 / 200 Observations

0 Observation(s) failed

Pod status:



Pod Name	Status	Success	Failed
orchestrate-55471-cd5f2	Running	4	0
orchestrate-55471-pv4hs	Running	5	0

View more at: <https://app.sigopt.com/experiment/55471>

**Check the Status of Active and Completed Experiments**



```

[orchestrate-55471-cd5f2] /usr/local/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklearn/ensemble/weight_boosting.py:29: DeprecationWarnir
y module and should not be imported. It will be removed in a future NumPy release.
[orchestrate-55471-cd5f2] from numpy.core.umath_tests import inner1d
[orchestrate-55471-cd5f2] Observation data: {"suggestion": "21807868", "values": [{"name": "accuracy", "value": 0.95333333}, {"name": "failed": false, "metadata": {"pod_name": "orchestrate-55471-cd5f2"}}}]
[orchestrate-55471-pv4hs] /usr/local/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklearn/ensemble/weight_boosting.py:29: DeprecationWarnir
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[orchestrate-55471-pv4hs] from numpy.core.umath_tests import inner1d
[orchestrate-55471-pv4hs] Observation data: {"suggestion": "21807869", "values": [{"name": "accuracy", "value": 0.96, "value": 0.96}, {"name": "failed": false, "metadata": {"pod_name": "orchestrate-55471-pv4hs"}}}]
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[orchestrate-55471-pv4hs] Observation data: {"suggestion": "21807871", "values": [{"name": "accuracy", "value": 0.94666666}, {"name": "failed": false, "metadata": {"pod_name": "orchestrate-55471-pv4hs"}}}]
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```

**View Experiment Logs Across Multiple Workers**



## Experiments

Mine

Team

Show Archived

OFF

Show Development

OFF

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	Name	Progress	Best Value	Last Updated	
<input type="checkbox"/>	29092	XGBoost Fraud Detection	120/120	0.948578 F1	3 days ago	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	29113	ImageSegmentation Mask R-CNN	31/160	0.165212 Accuracy	13 days ago	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	29112	DeepSpeech on GPUs	39.4/80	0.774706 Accuracy	13 days ago	⋮
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<input type="checkbox"/>	29108	Object Detection on the Edge	140/140	5 Best Values found	13 days ago	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	29106	Object Detection on the Edge	140/140	3 Best Values found	13 days ago	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	29099	ImageSegmentation Mask R-CNN	160/160	0.871636 Accuracy	13 days ago	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	29068	ImageSegmentation Mask R-CNN	34/160	0.176771 Accuracy	13 days ago	⋮
<input type="checkbox"/>	29067	ImageSegmentation Mask R-CNN	33/160	0.462237 Accuracy	13 days ago	⋮

## Track Metadata and Monitor Your Results



# Automated Cluster Management



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While training on **20 machines**, wall-clock time is ~~50 days~~ 2.5 days



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