Automatic Discovery of Implementation Rules for Fast GPU + MPI Operations

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- Fast libraries for heterogeneous architectures
  - Mapping computation onto processors
  - Choosing communication strategy
  - Unpredictable performance interaction
- Prototype automatic tooling for discovering important design decisions
  - Reduced developer effort for performance on new systems
  - Maintain human provenance of library design
  - e.g. Modernize Tpetra MPI+GPU distributed linear algebra operations

Key Challenge	How it's Done
Large Design Space	• Express operation as a directed acyclic graph (DAG) of operations • Monte-Carlo Tree Search (MCTS) to identify and explore regions of interest
Extract performance insight	• Empirical benchmarking • Feature vector for each implementation • Decision tree training for design rules

Initial results pass "sniff test," working on broader experiments and quantitative evaluation

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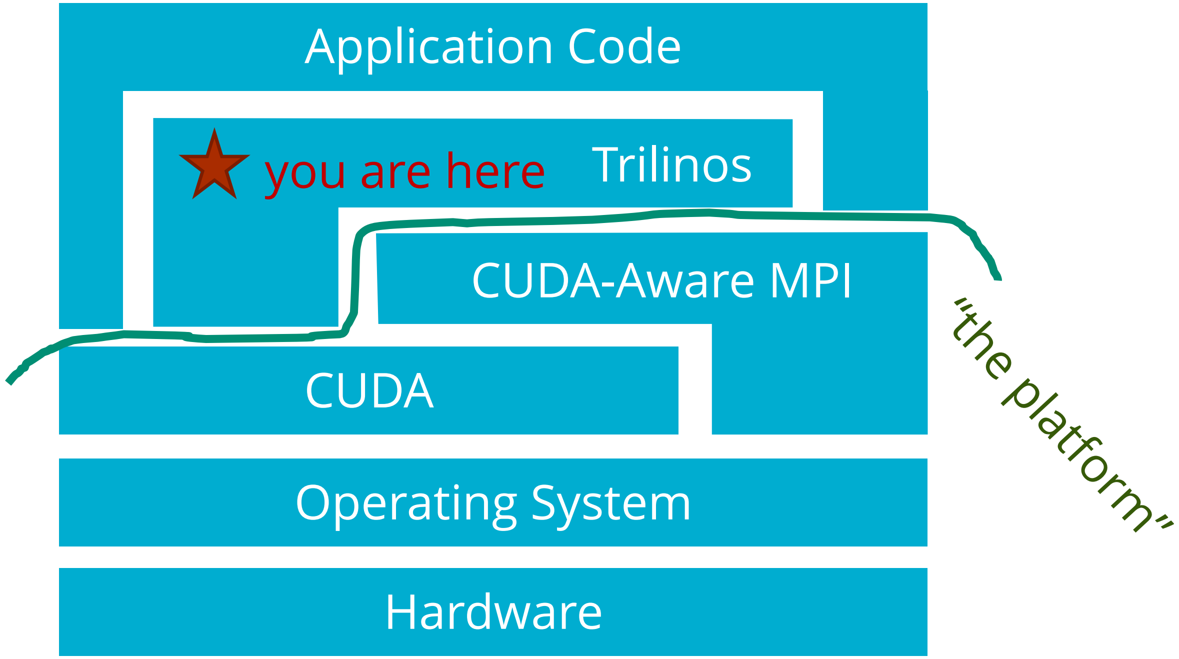

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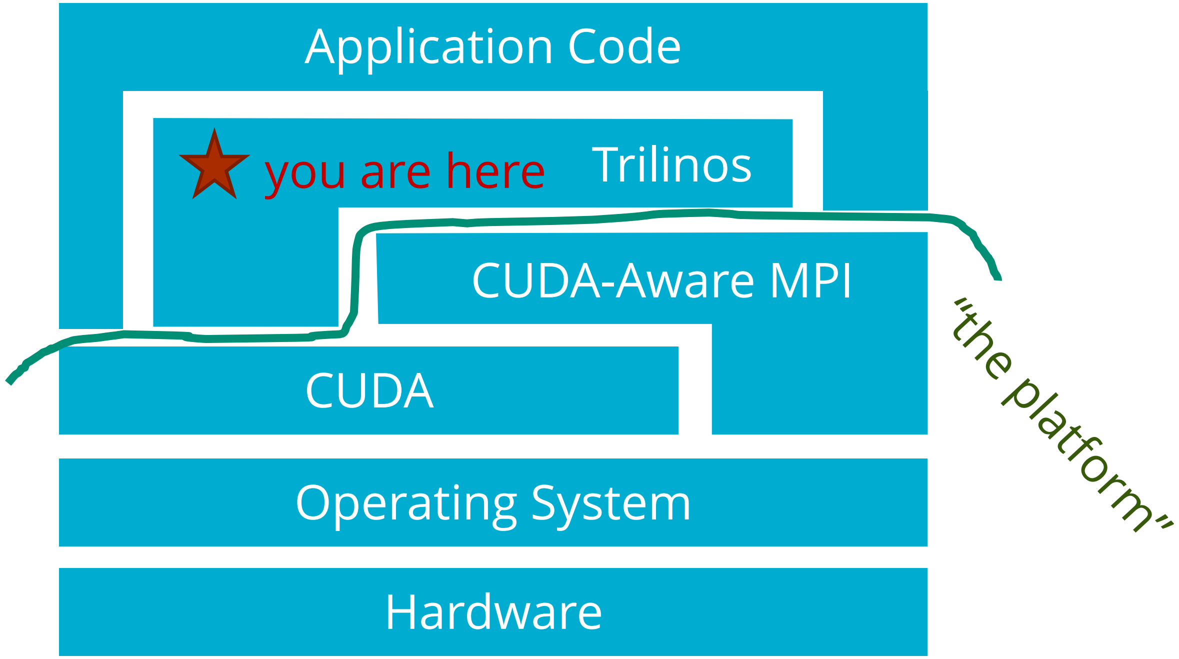
  - new hardware,
  - new CUDA version,
  - new OS version,
  - etc.



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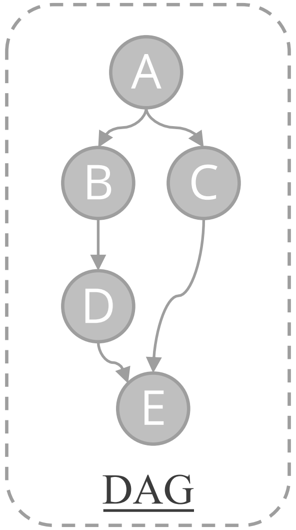

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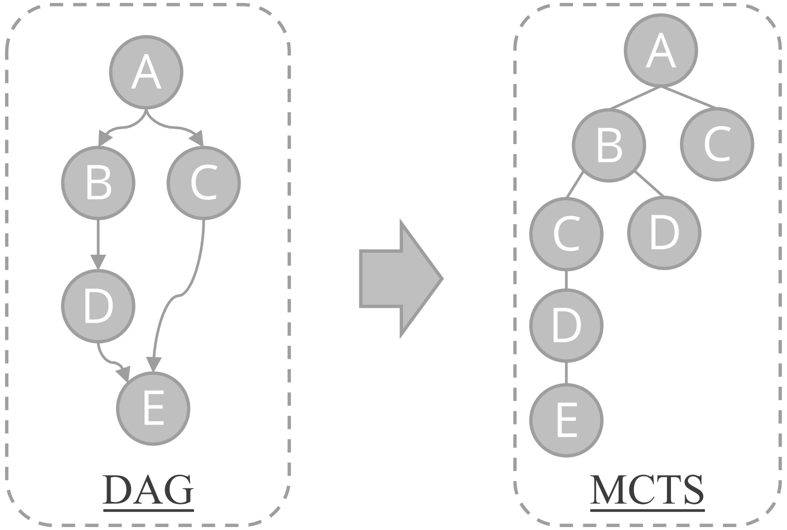

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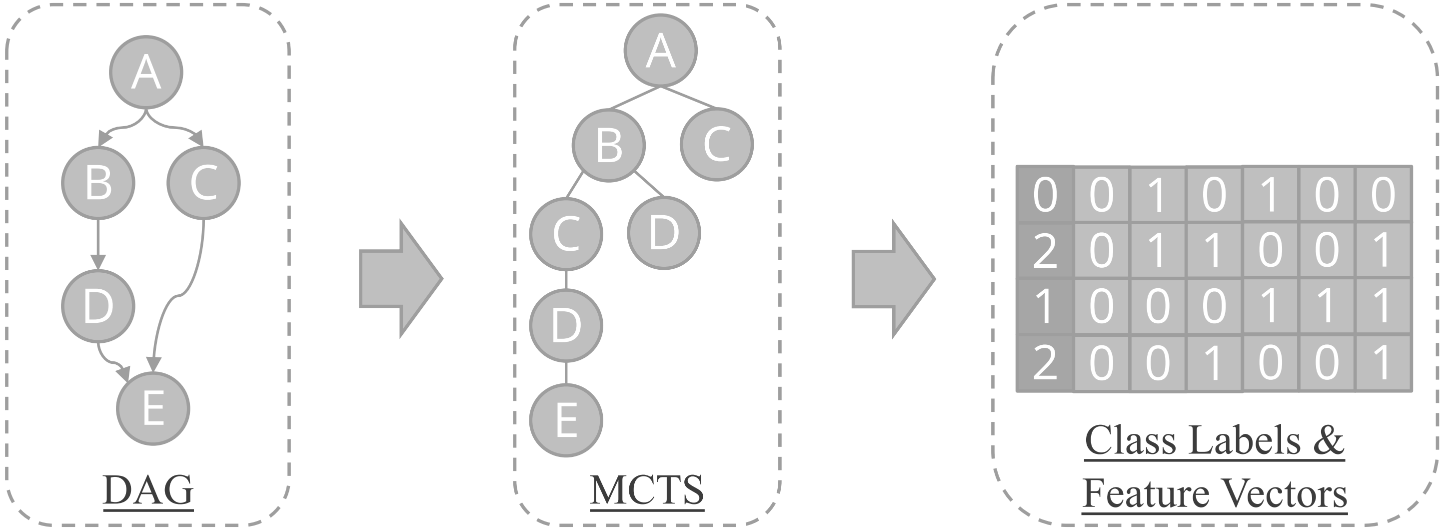

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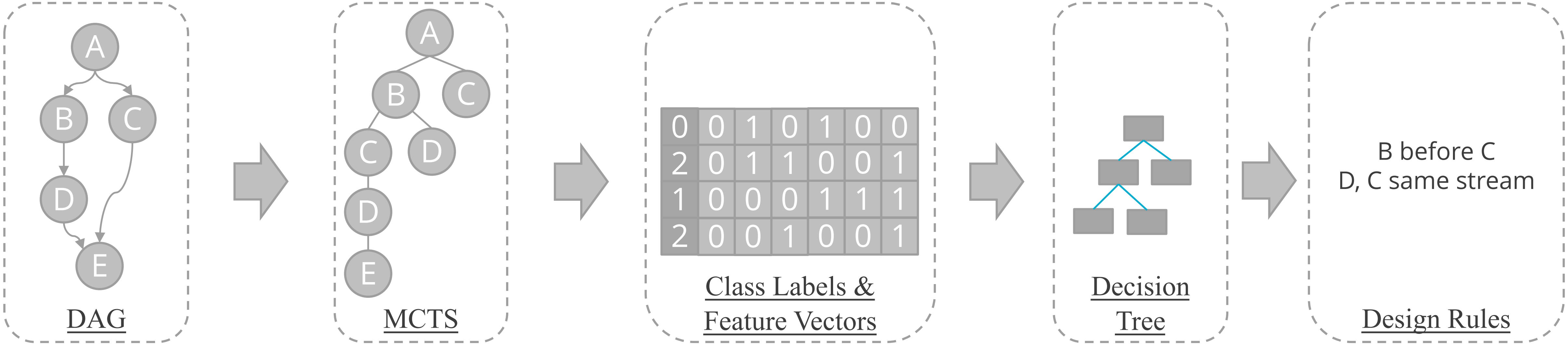

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Decision tree training to identify discriminating design space features

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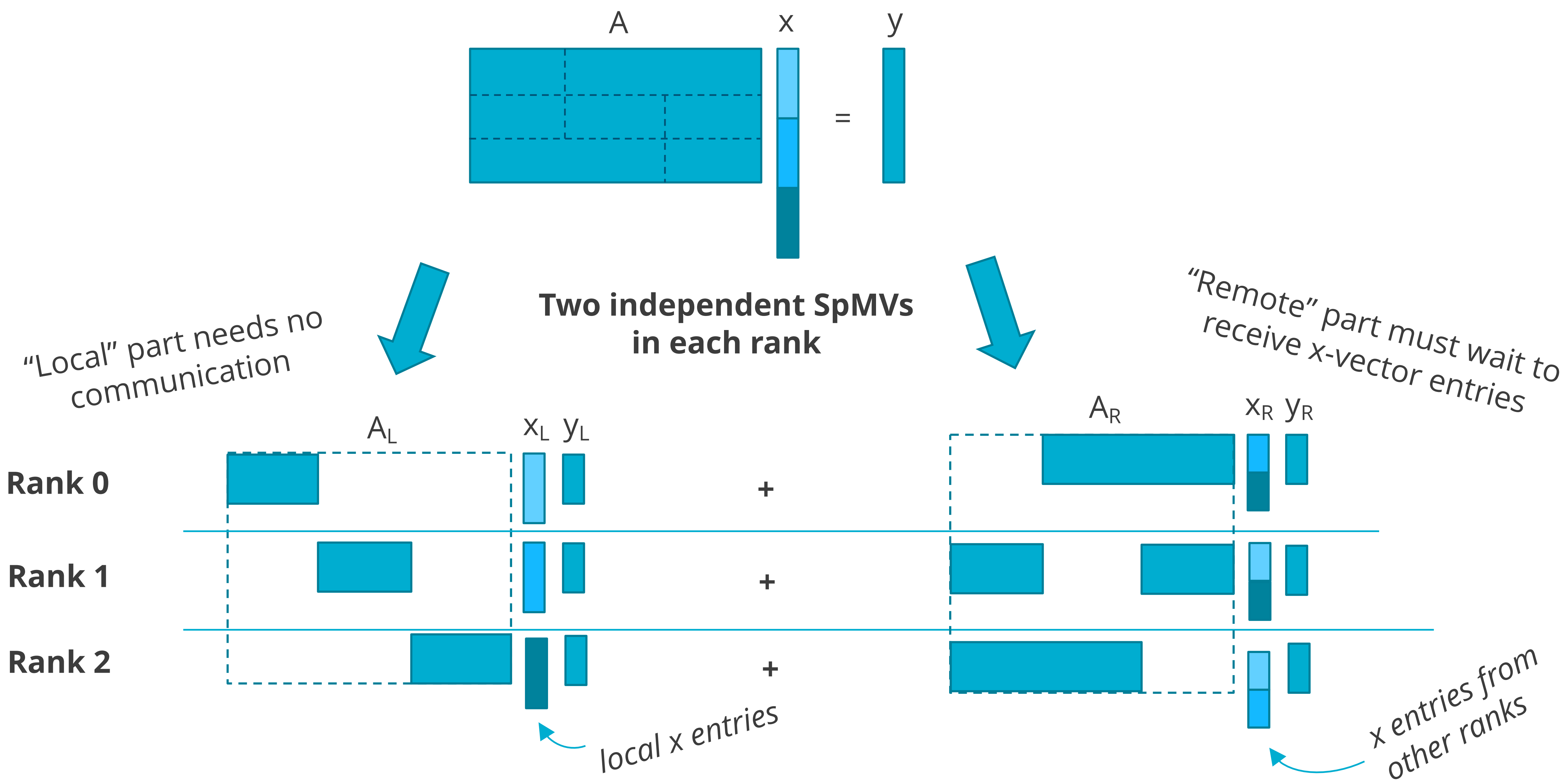
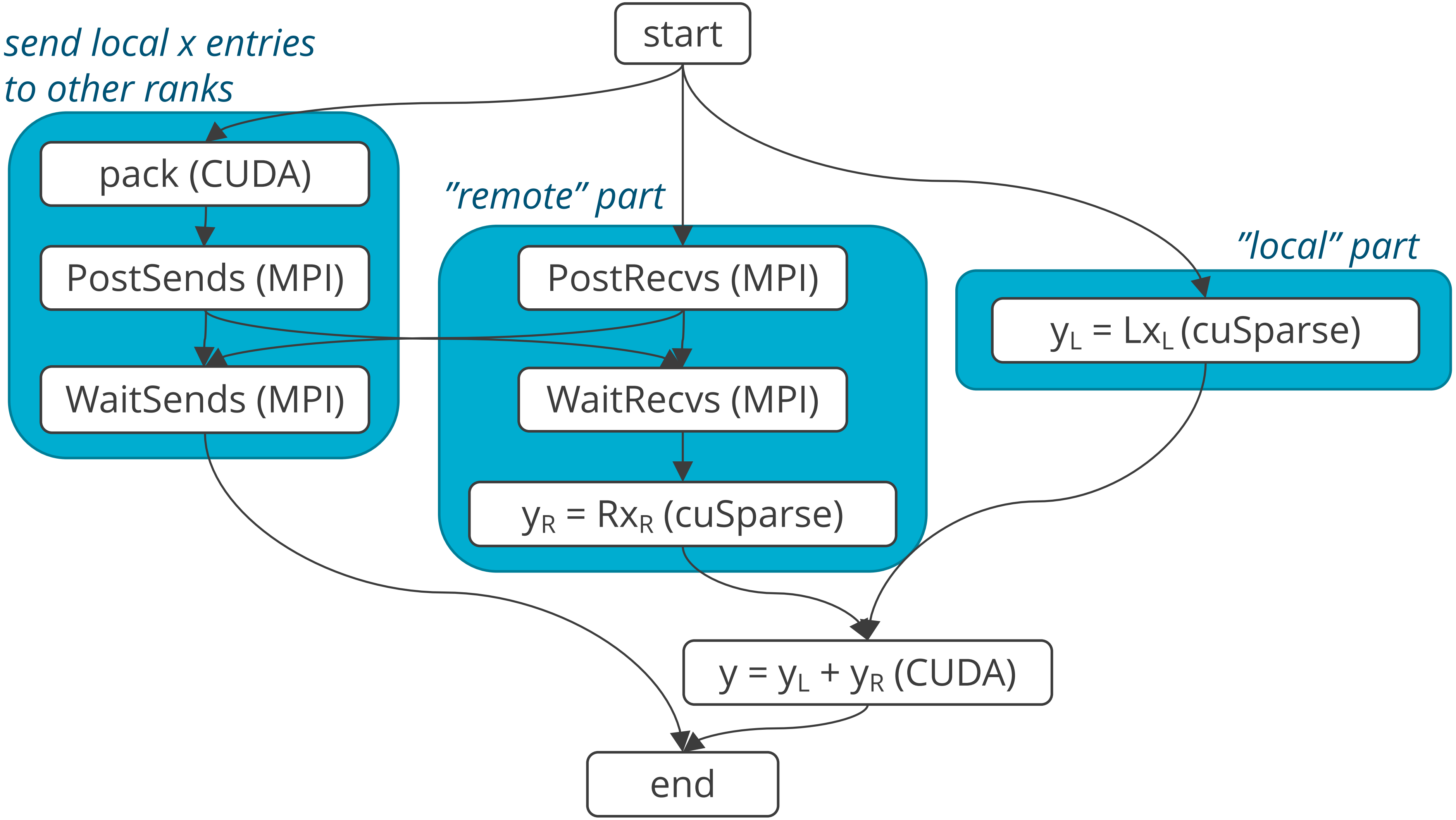
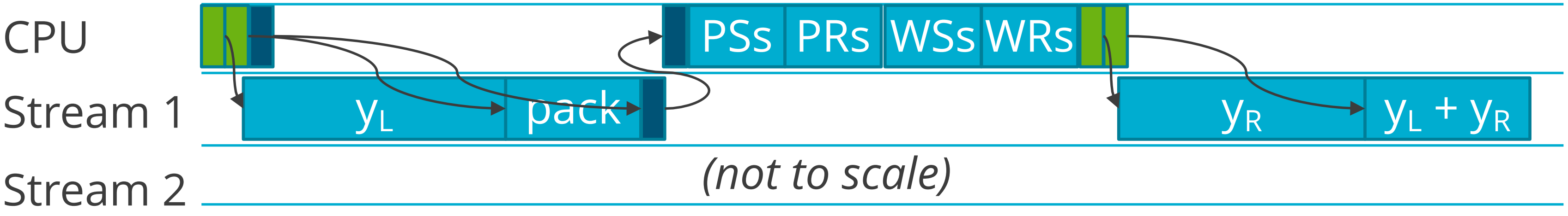
Example: Distributed SpMV



DAG represents primitive operations and their dependences

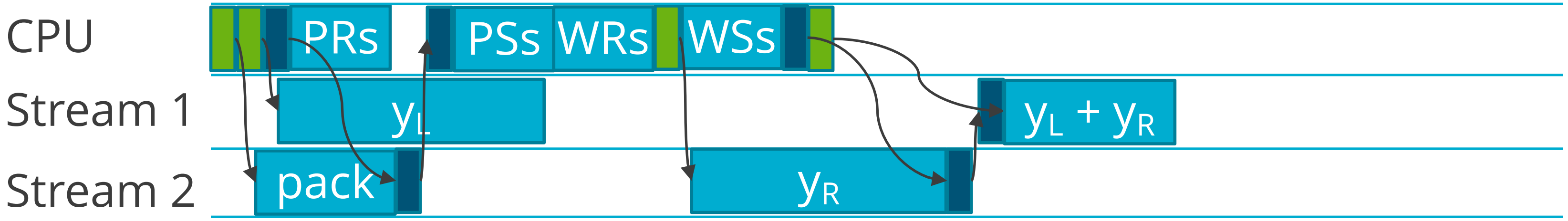


Design Space: Order of Operations, Resource Assignment, and Synchronization



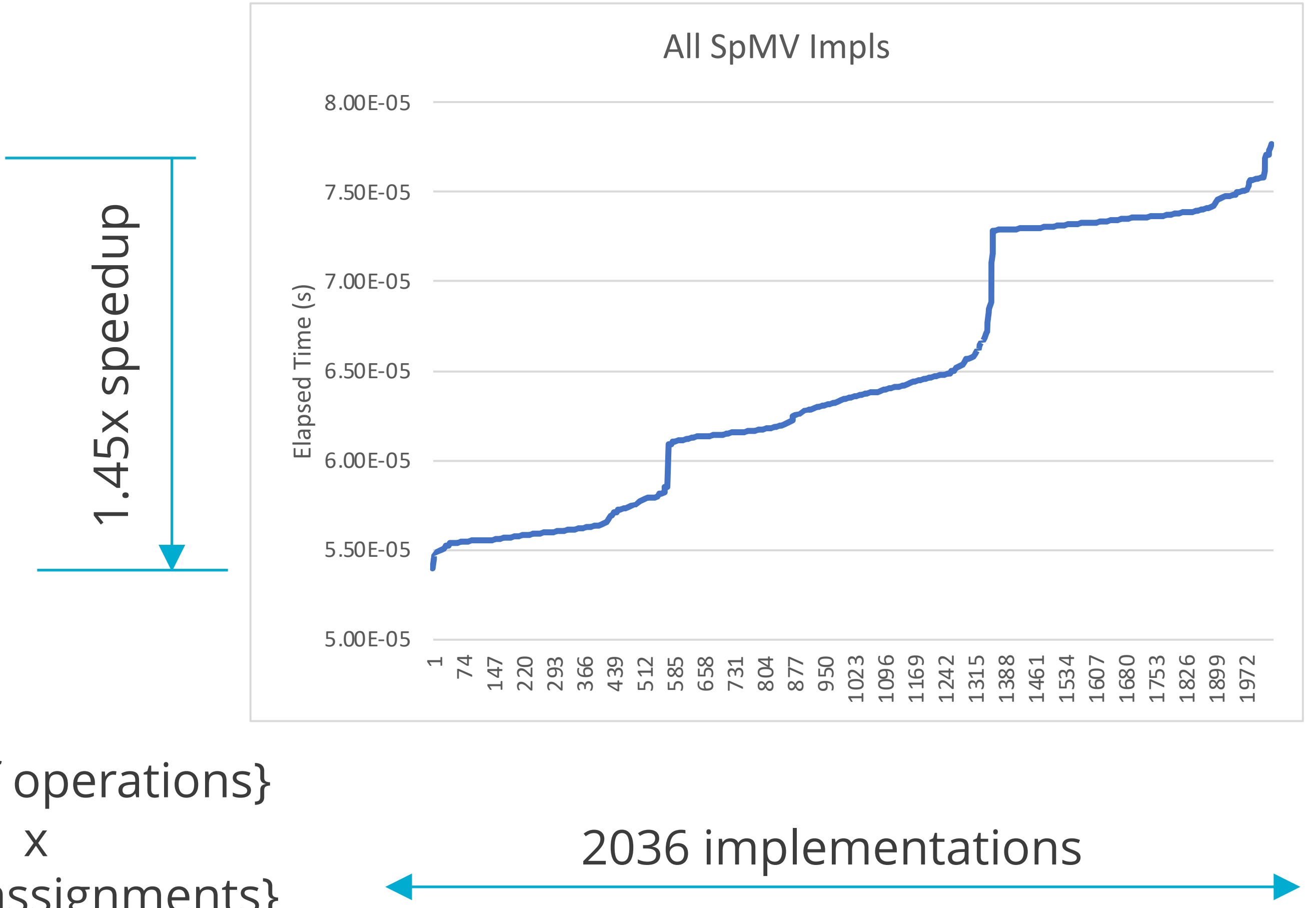
- Different resource assignments require different synchronization
- May improve GPU utilization or communication/computation overlap, but increases required operations

kernel launch
sync ops
application operations



Need to Discover Important Design Decisions

- Some choices matter a lot
- Many choices do not matter at all
- input- and system-dependent
- Large design space: lots of expert time to evaluate and implement for each target platform
- Monte-Carlo Tree Search to focus on valuable decisions



{order of operations}
x
{stream assignments}
x
{synchronizations}

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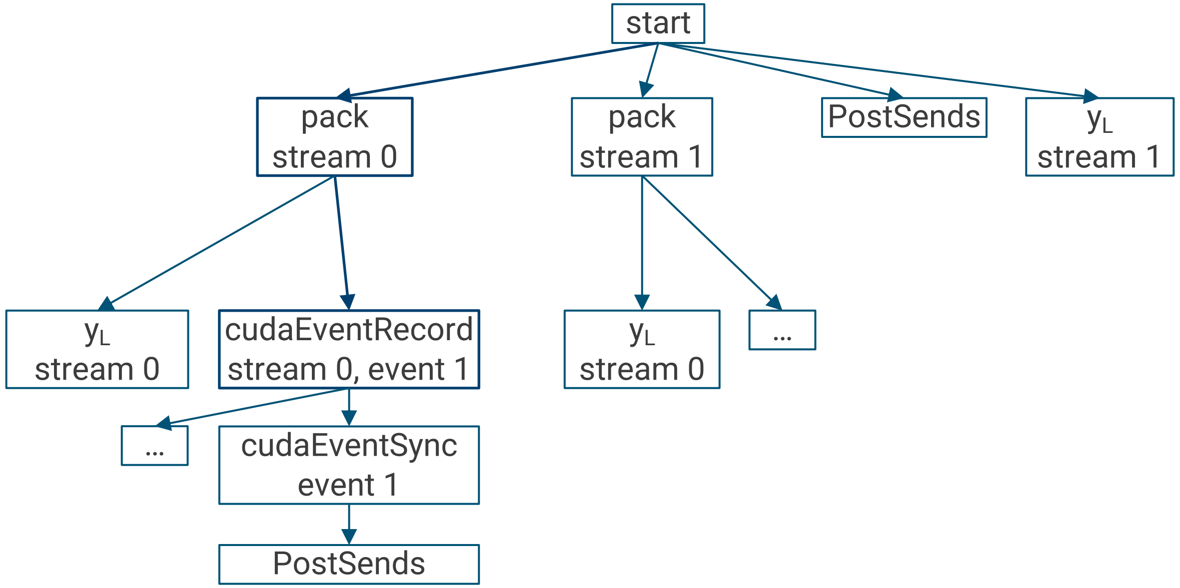
State space search is stored in a tree



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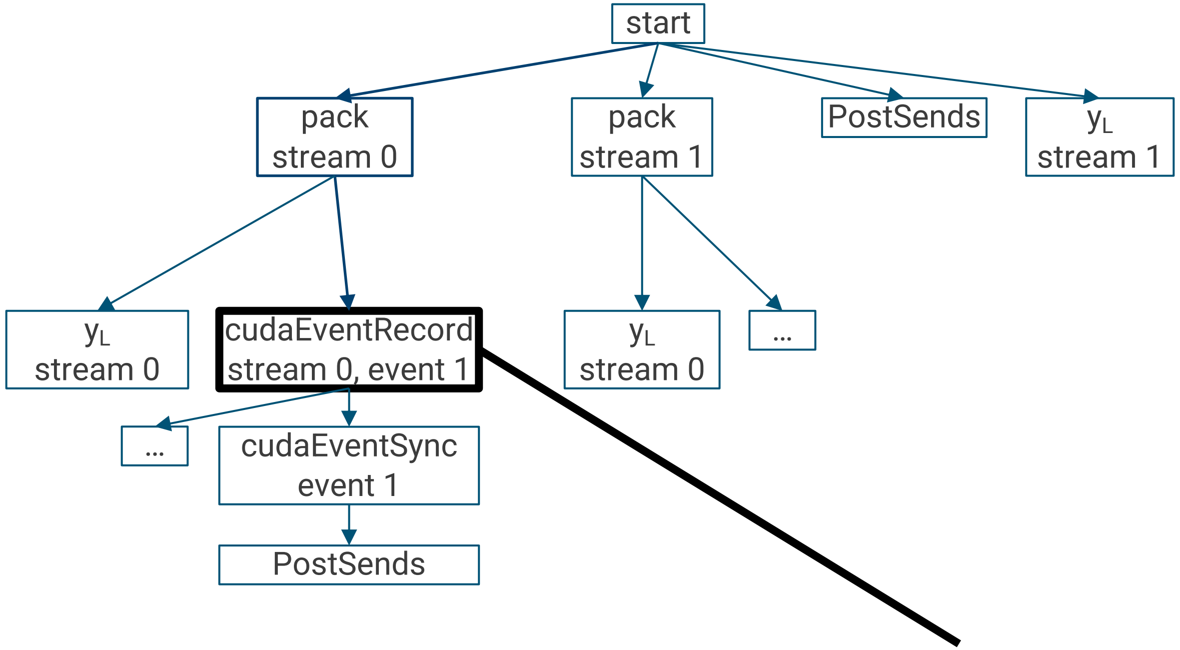

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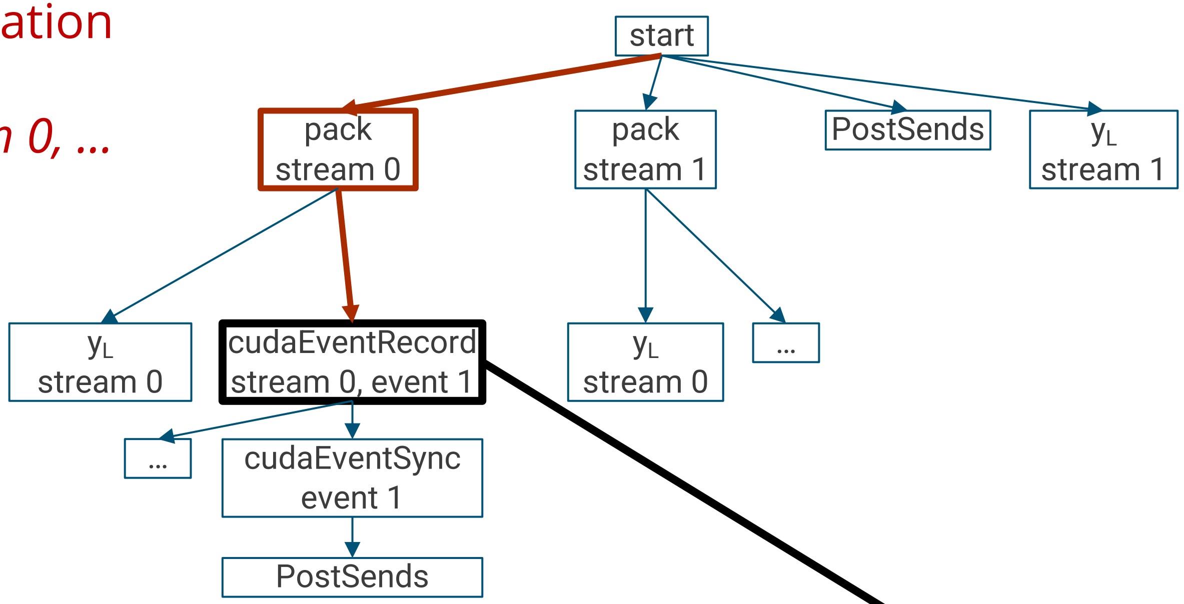

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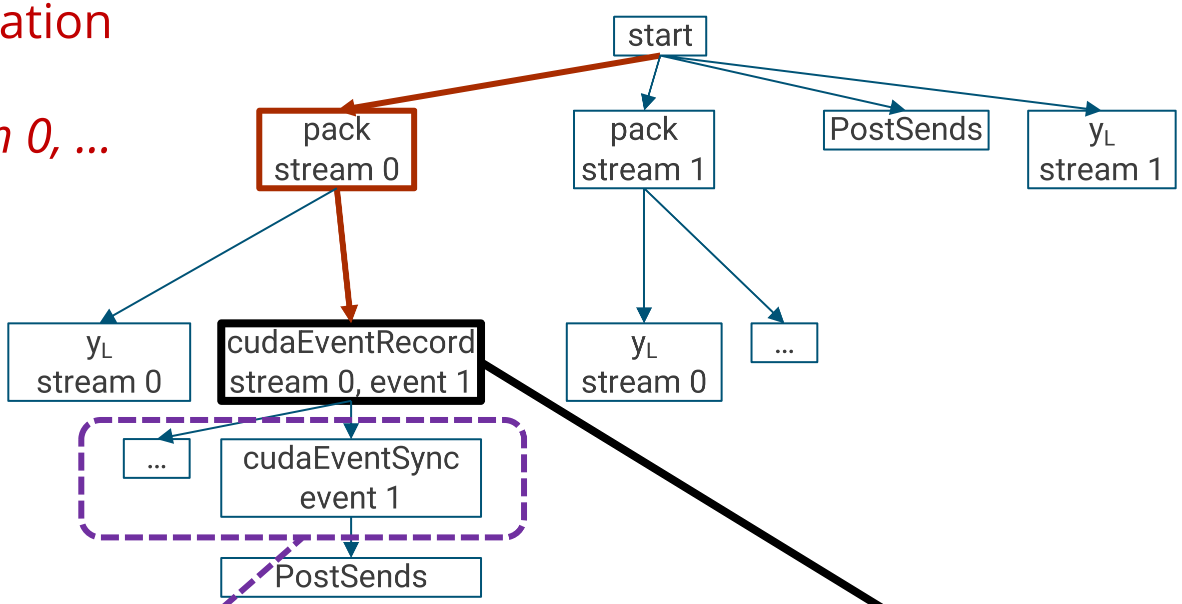

Children are all possible subsequent operation / resource combinations

All DAG predecessors complete and synchronized

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MCTS Iteratively Grows Tree to Focus on Valuable Regions

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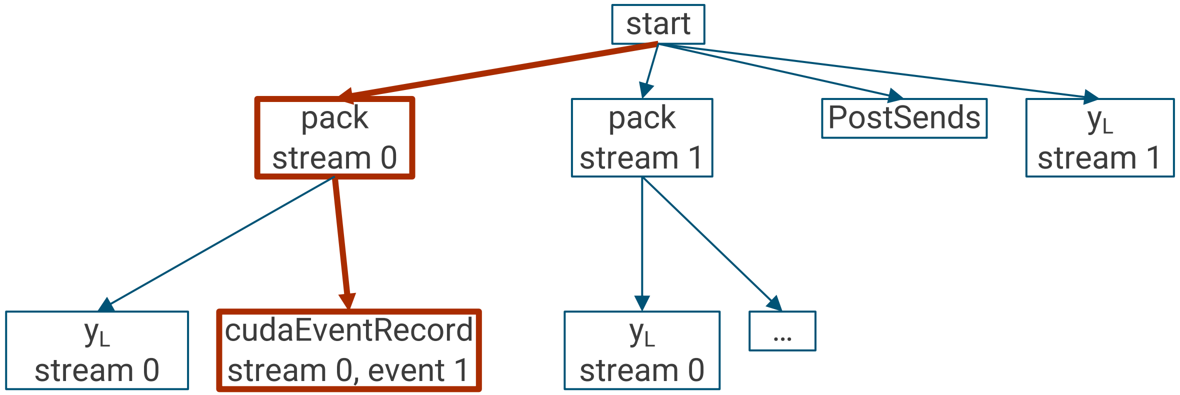

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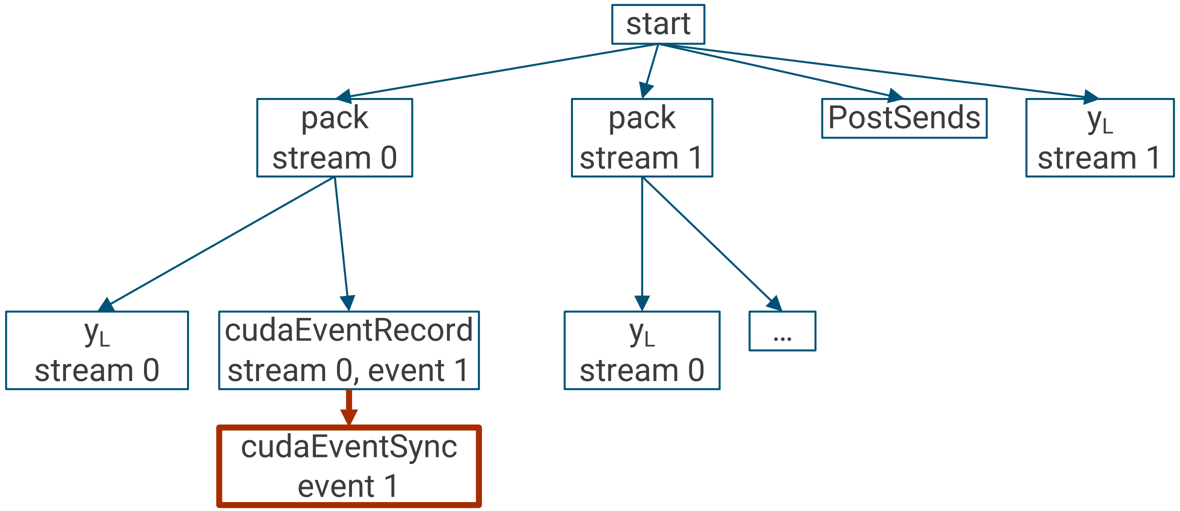

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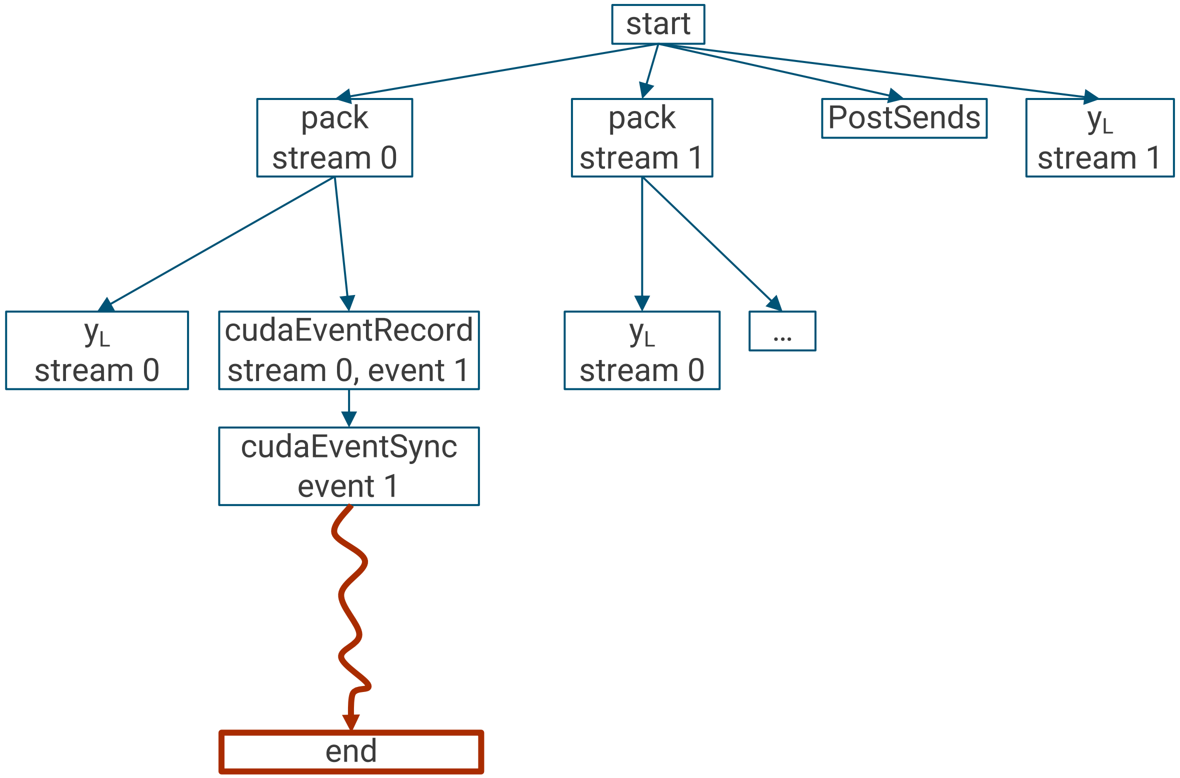

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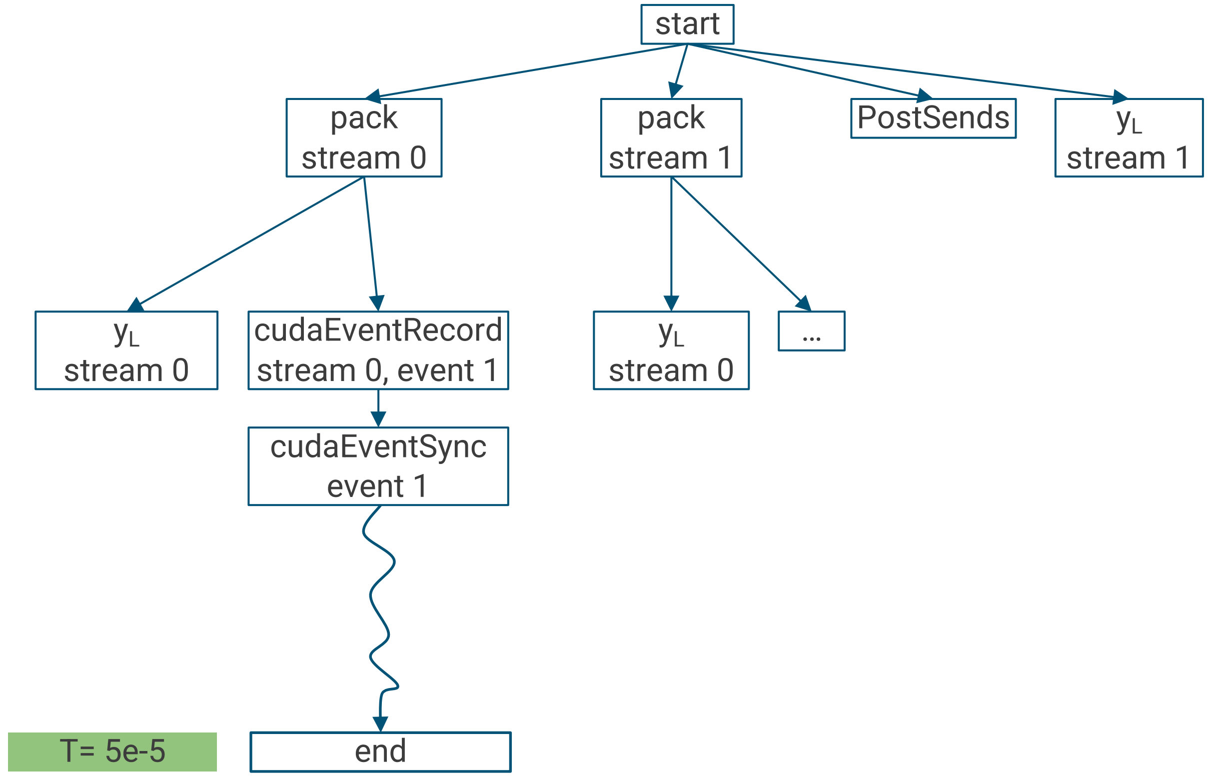

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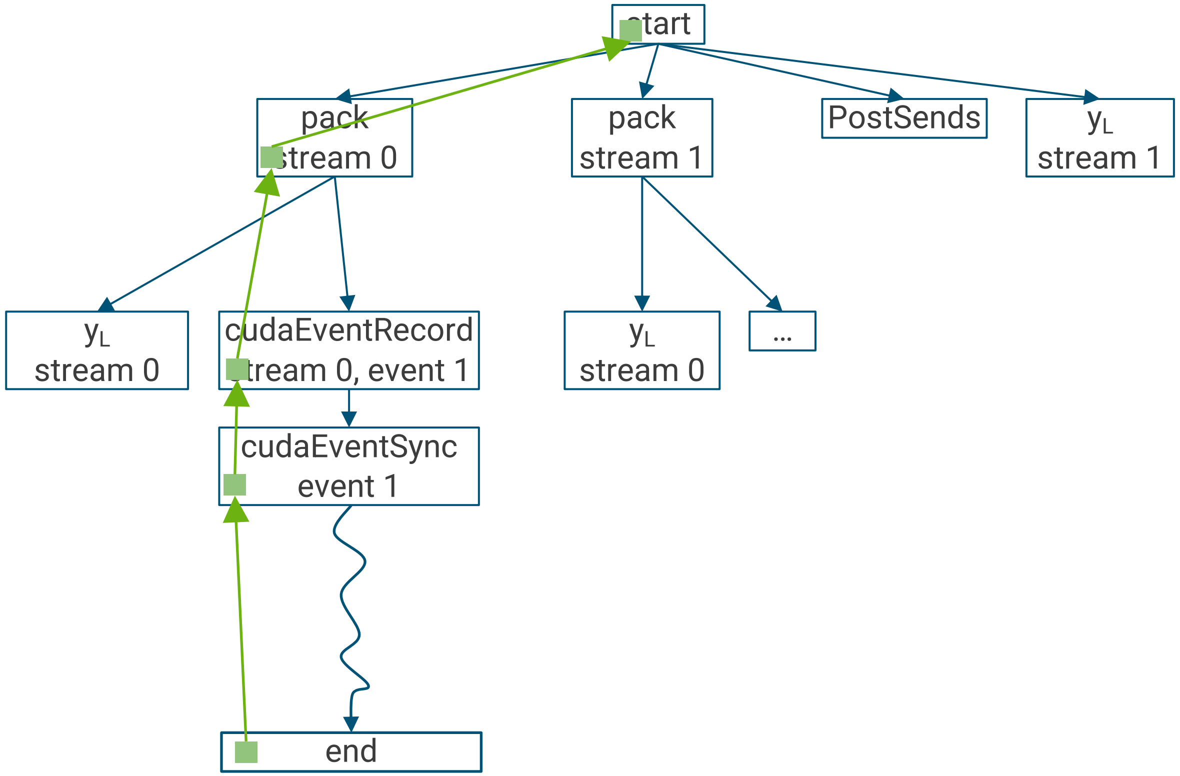
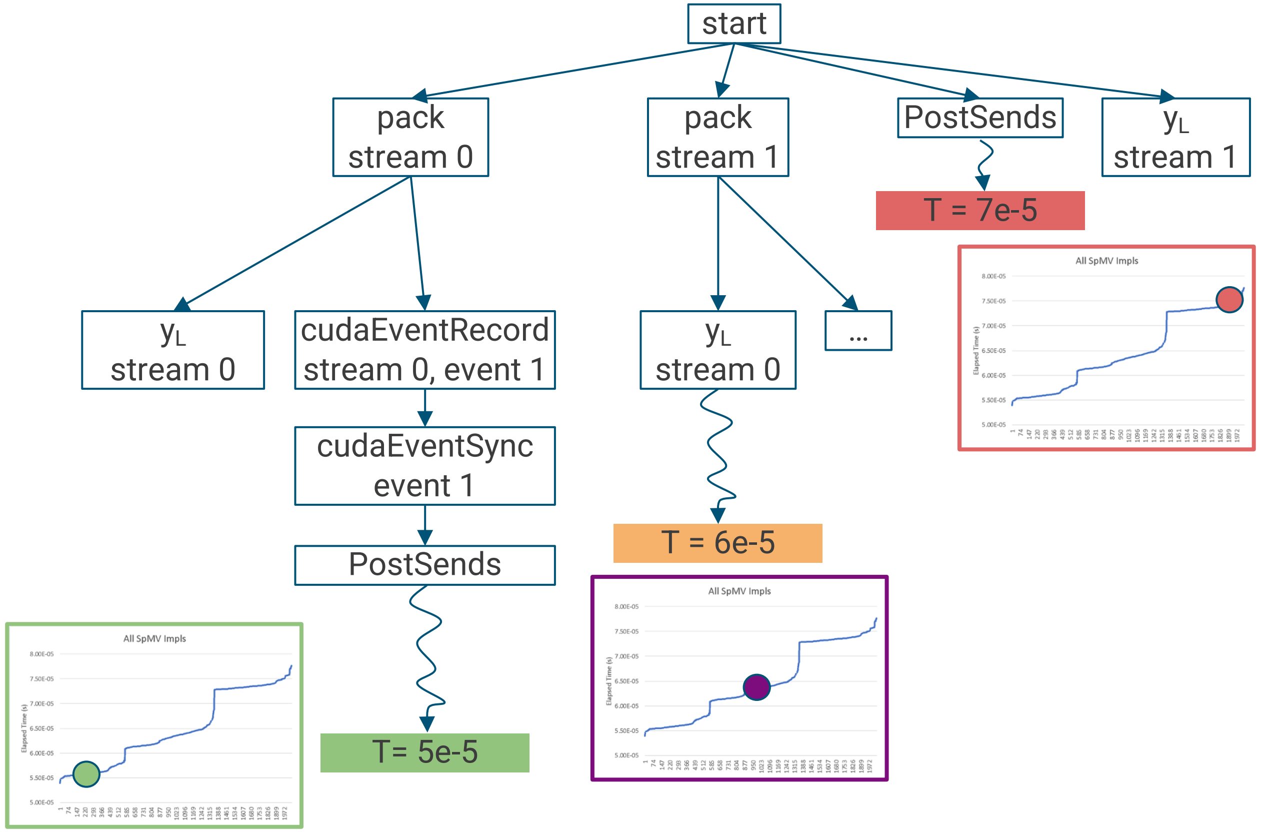
Backpropagation: Store result along path



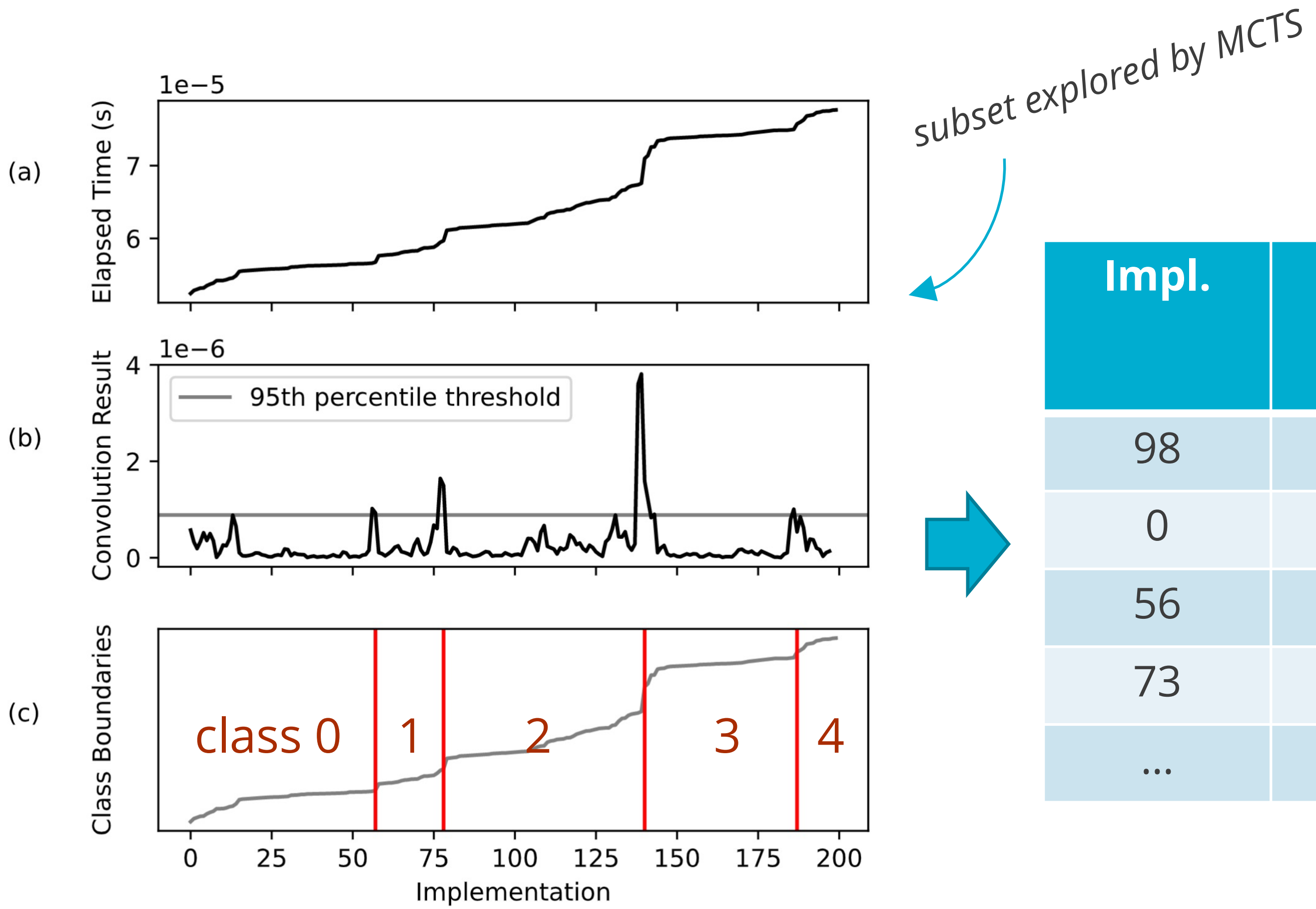
Tree is Deeper and Larger in Valuable Regions

As iterations proceed, tree preferentially explores high-reward regions of the design space

Store all complete implementations and performance results in a table as we go



Transform Empirical Results into Performance Classes and Feature Vectors



ordering rules *resource assignment rules*

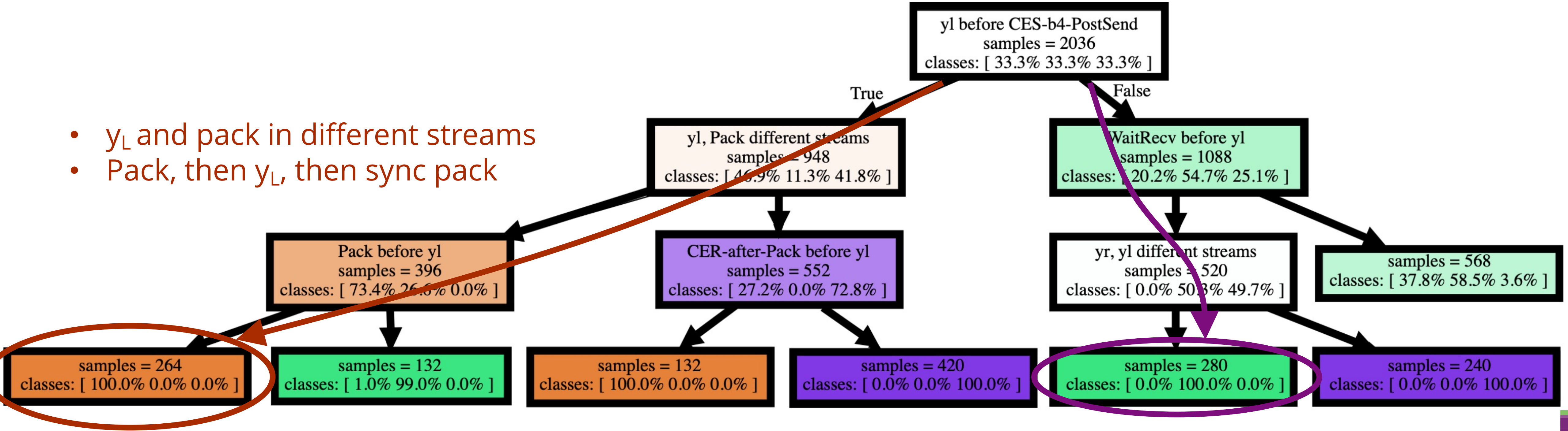
Impl.	Class Label	A then B	…	A same stream B	…
98	2	0	1	1	0
0	0	1	0	1	0
56	1	0	0	1	1
73	1	0	0	1	1
…					…

automatic class labeling to identify performance classes (convolution & peak detection)

feature vectors encode which rules an implementation follows (sequence-to-vector transformation)

Decision Tree Training to Determine which Rules Discriminate between Classes

- y_L and pack in different streams
- Pack, then y_L, then sync pack

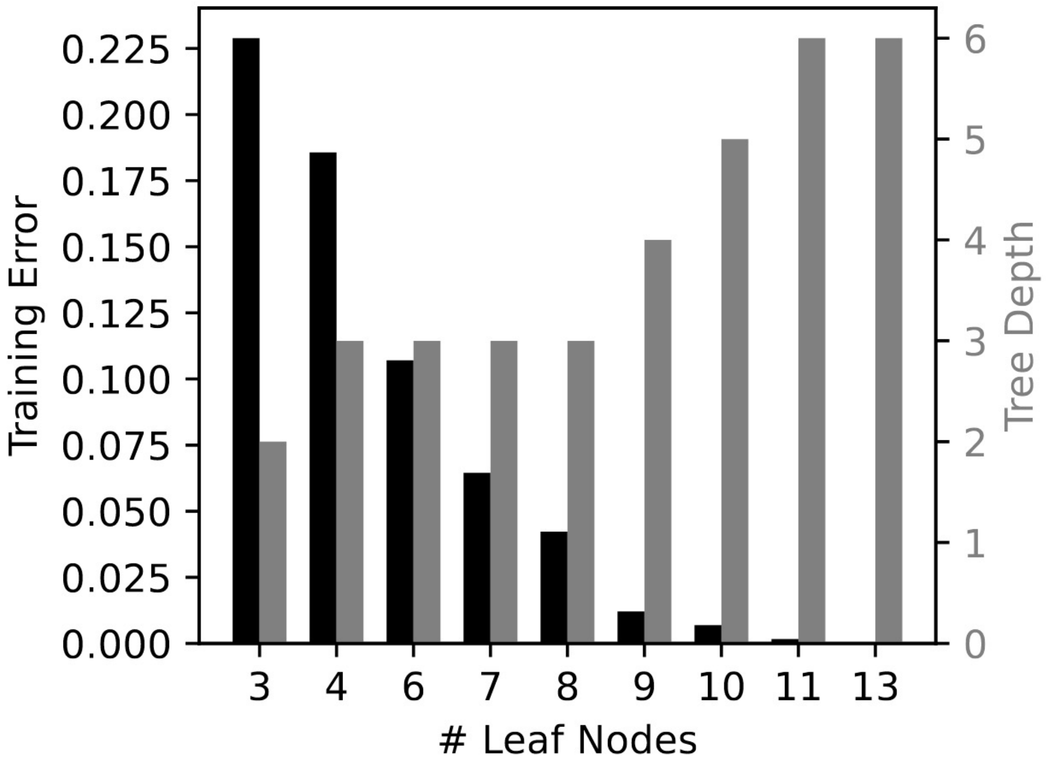


- sync pack before y_L
- WaitRecv before y_L
- y_L, y_R in same stream

Each path through the tree is a set of design rules that define a performance class

Train an Accurate Decision Tree

- Training process is for isolating discriminating features
  - **not** for classifying unseen inputs
- Incrementally increase tree size until 100% accuracy achieved
- Accuracy-complexity tradeoff in generated rules



Does MCTS Find Relevant Design Space Regions?

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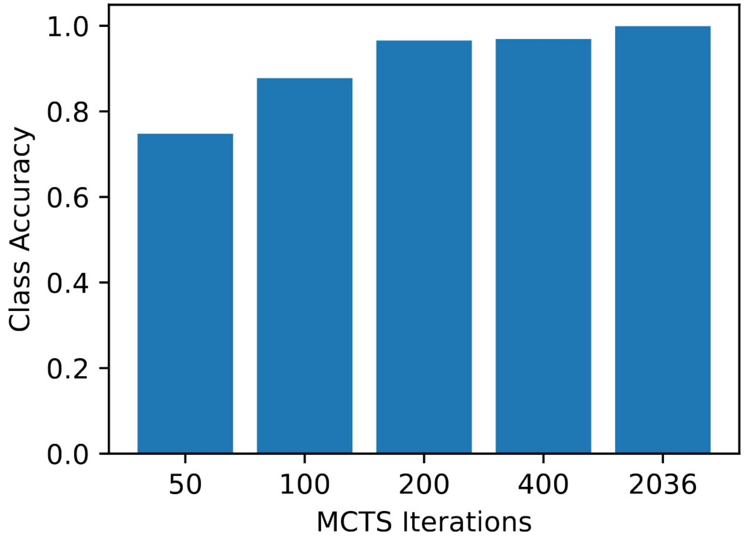
- Rule quality with reduced iterations?
  - For a given # of iterations, how accurate are the rules?
  - For a given # of iterations, qualitative look at the rules?



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A → B: A, then B

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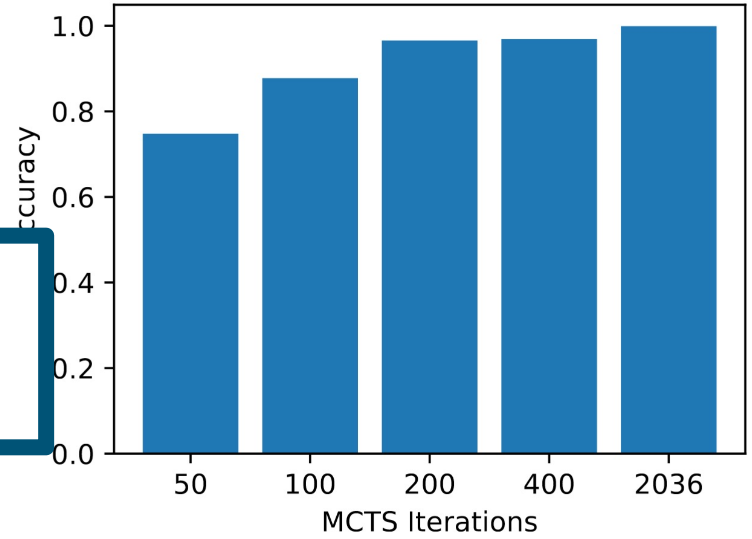
Few iterations → approx. random sample
Sample distribution = exhaustive search



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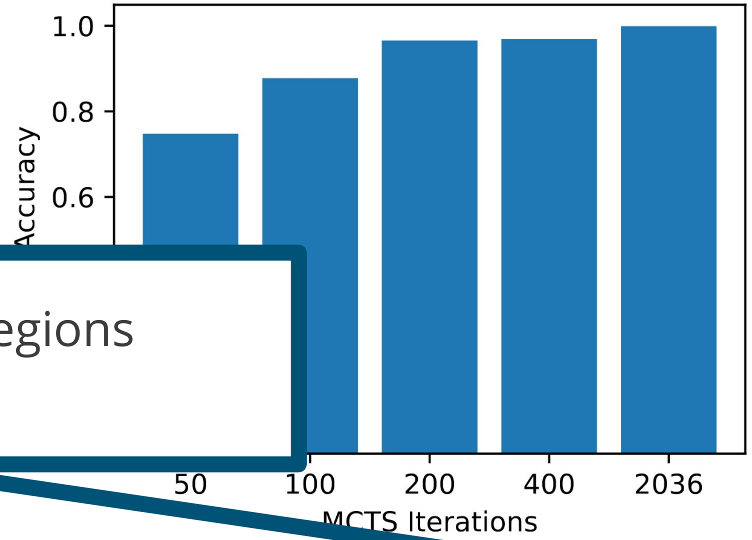

More iterations → samples drawn from valuable regions
More samples fall into different rules

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Vision for this work

- Current
  - C++ MCTS implementation for MPI/CUDA codes with multiple streams
  - Prototype feature-vector and decision tree training using SciKit in Python
  - Available by 3/15 on github.com/sandialabs/tenzing-core
- Upcoming
  - Apply to key Tpetra distributed linear algebra operations
  - Better rollout techniques
- Future Explorations
  - Identify unexpected performance effects on target platforms ("performance bugs")
  - What to do as communication / computation are more tightly integrated
- Summary
  - Represent CUDA+MPI operation as DAG
  - Automatically generate human-interpretable rules for library design
  - Maintain human provenance of implementation (no "black boxes")

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