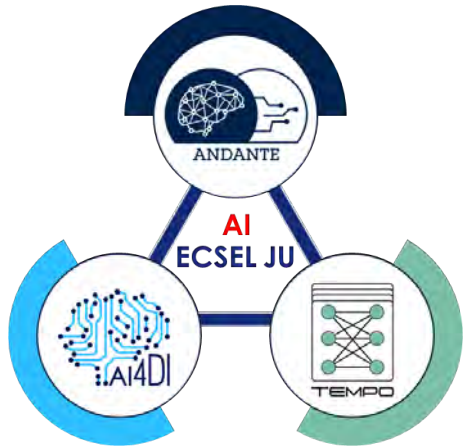


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## Disruptive technology development through SMEs A view from Neuromorphic edge AI

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# SynSense

- ML inference ASICs
- Stateful NNs
- Asynchronous event-driven
- Single-bit sparse communication

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→ Low-hanging fruit,  
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## Non-standard programming model

- Build programming methods
- Work with early adopters



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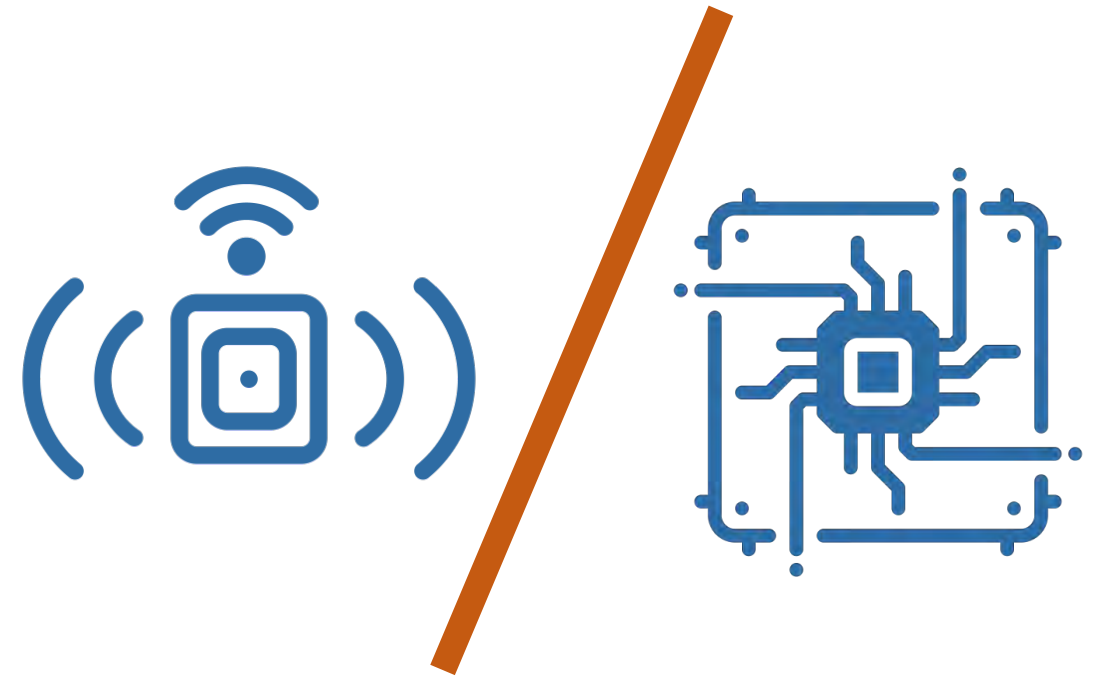
→ Build open SW pipelines to enable 3rd party development





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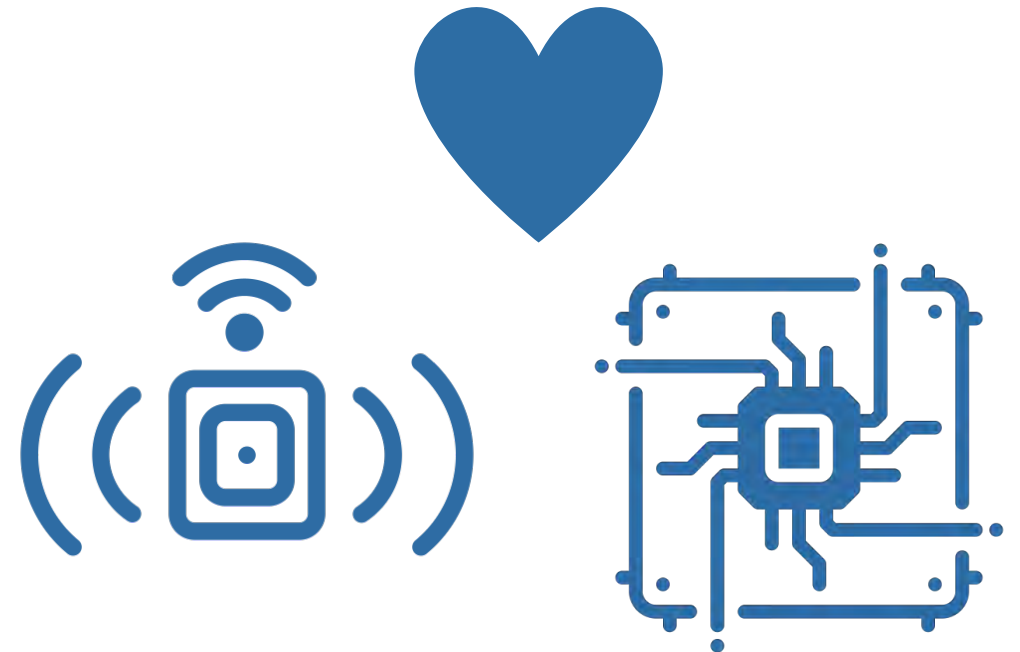
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Traditionally siloed tech development

- Full stack development
- Custom sensor interfaces
- Flexible architectures, specific use cases



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Skepticism from ML community



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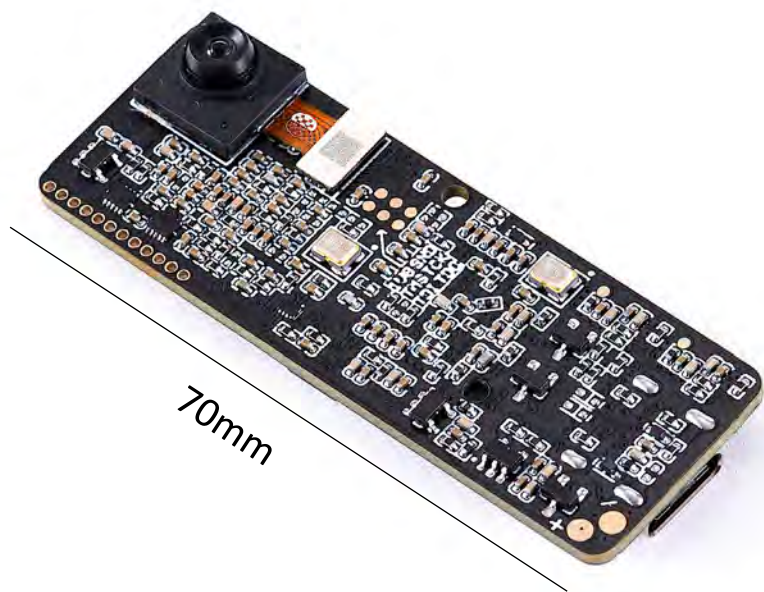
## Skepticism from ML community

- Show we can do it
- Engage with research community
- Engage with TinyML industry



# Speck™ — Low-power integrated vision sensing

- Highly integrated SoC with vision sensor and processor on die
- Very compact module form-factor (10mm<sup>2</sup>)
- CNN-based event-driven vision processing
- Low-power continuous operation (<5mW)



# Design, training and deployment

## Integrated SW toolchain

Import model conversion utils

```
from sinabs.from_torch import from_model
from sinabs.backend.dynapcnn import DynapcnnCompatibleNetwork
```

Convert model to a spiking CNN

```
spiking_model = from_model(cnn, input_shape).spiking_model
```

Map the model to  
DynapCNN processor cores

...

```
dynapcnn_net = DynapcnnCompatibleNetwork(
    spiking_model,
    input_shape,
)
```

Create a hardware configuration

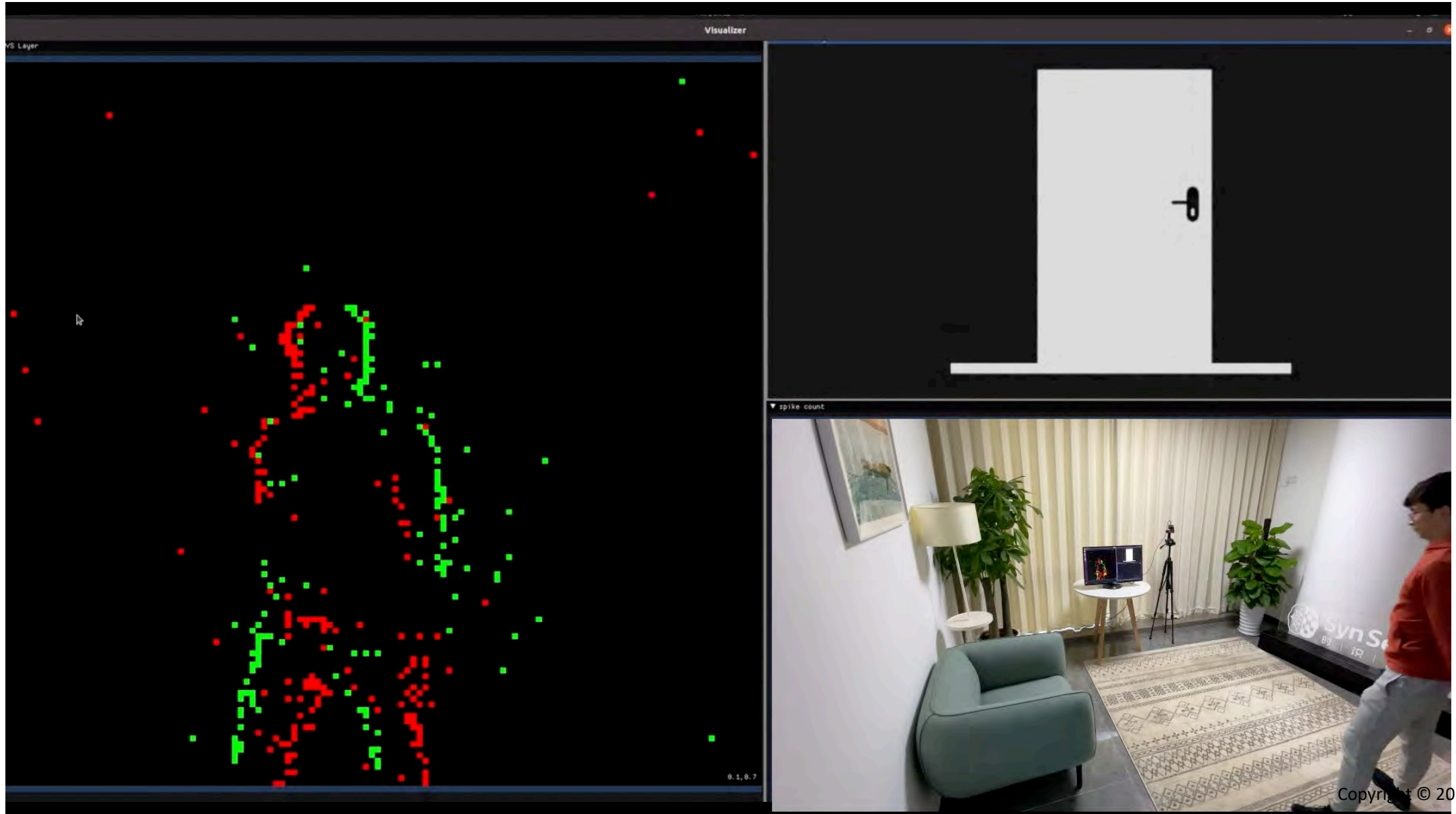
```
config = dynapcnn_net.make_config(device = "speck2b")
```

Send the configuration to the HDK

```
speck_hdk.apply_configuration(config)
```



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# Thank You

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