

# Support for multiple micro- architectures

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# Problem Statement

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- ❖ Need to build **separate** software stacks for specific micro-architectures, in particular supporting **specific instructions sets** (fma, avx, avx2, sse4,...), using appropriate flags
  - ❖ e.g. `-mavx2`
- ❖ Need to make available all these stacks on a shared file system
  - ❖ e.g. CVMFS
- ❖ High performance applications should **select the appropriate software stack** performing run-time CPU detection
  - ❖ e.g. `cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep flags`
- ❖ Not all the packages does make use of the sophisticated instruction sets
  - ❖ e.g. they do not deal with floating point operations

# Recap LCGCMake

- ❖ The LCGCMake is based on the CMake standard module *ExternalProject* that creates custom targets to drive download, update / patch, configure, build, install and test steps of an external package
- ❖ A single file lists all the packages and their required versions for a given configuration of the software stack

```
#---agile-----
LCGPackage_Add(
  agile
  URL http://www.hepforge.org/archive/agile/AGILE-${agile_native_version}.tar.bz2
  CONFIGURE_COMMAND ./configure --prefix=<INSTALL_DIR>
                        --with-hepmc=${HepMC_home}
                        --with-boost-incpath=${Boost_home_include}
                        --with-lcgtag=${LCG_platform}
                        PYTHON=${Python_home}/bin/python
                        LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${Python_home}/lib:$ENV{LD_LIBRARY_PATH}
                        SWIG=${swig_home}/bin/swig
  BUILD_COMMAND make all LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${Python_home}/lib:$ENV{LD_LIBRARY_PATH}
  INSTALL_COMMAND make install
                        LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${Python_home}/lib:$ENV{LD_LIBRARY_PATH}
  BUILD_IN_SOURCE 1
  DEPENDS HepMC Boost Python swig
)
```

```
# Application Area Projects
LCG_AA_project(COOL COOL_2_8_17)
LCG_AA_project(CORAL CORAL_2_3_26)
LCG_AA_project(RELAX RELAX_1_3_0k)
LCG_AA_project(ROOT 5.34.05)
LCG_AA_project(LCGCMT LCGCMT_${heptools_version})

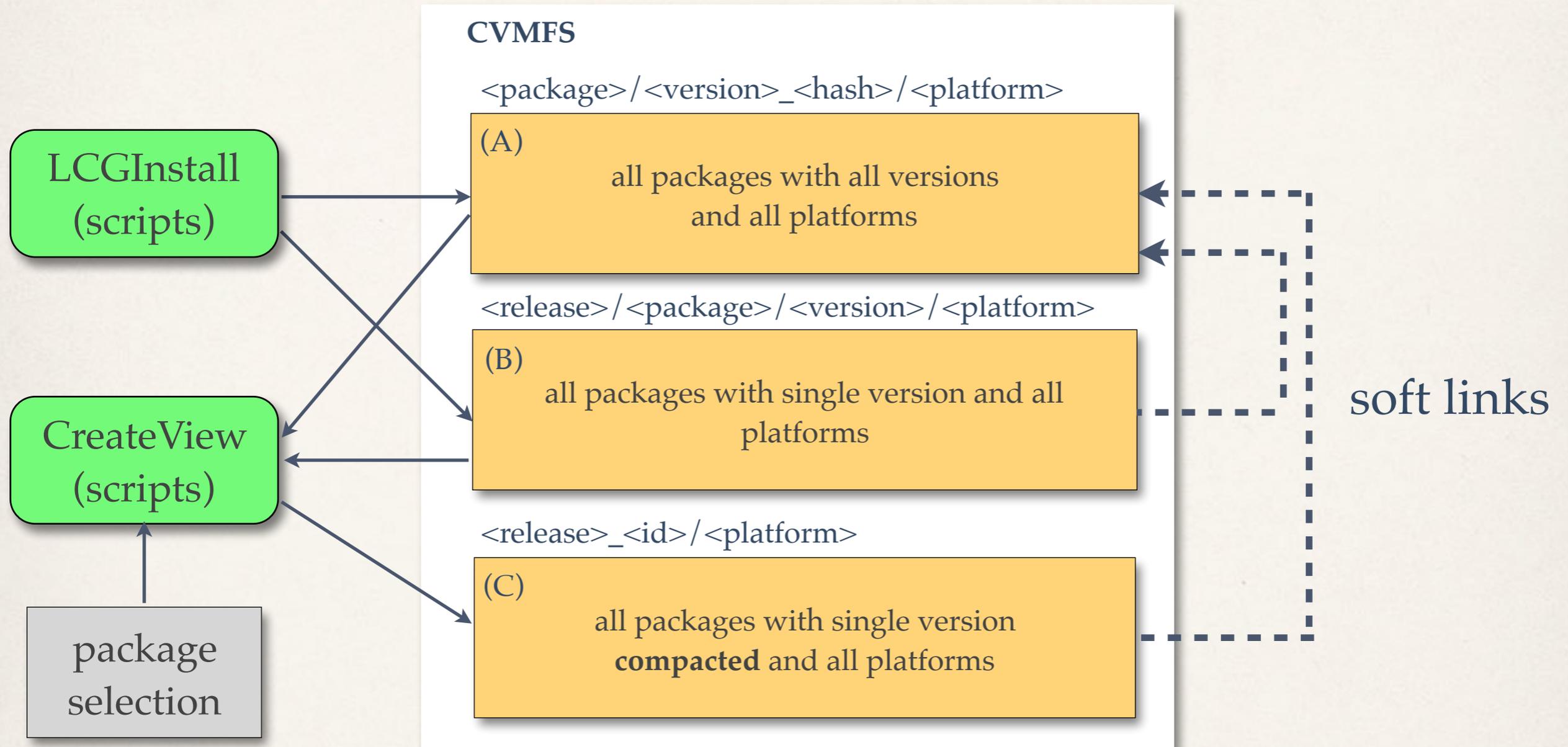
# Externals
LCG_external_package(4suite          1.0.2p1      )
LCG_external_package(AIDA            3.2.1      )
LCG_external_package(blas            20110419   )
LCG_external_package(Boost           1.50.0     )

...

# Generators
LCG_external_package(starlight       r43        MGenerators/starlight )
LCG_external_package(herwig          6.520      MGenerators/herwig    )
LCG_external_package(herwig          6.520.2    MGenerators/herwig    )
LCG_external_package(crmc            v3400      MGenerators/crmc      )
LCG_external_package(cython          0.19       MGenerators/cython    )
LCG_external_package(yaml_cpp        0.3.0      MGenerators/yaml_cpp  )
LCG_external_package(yoda            1.0.0      MGenerators/yoda      )
```

<https://gitlab.cern.ch/sft/lcgcmake>

# Recap LCG Views



```
/cvmfs/sft.cern.ch/lcg/views/<release>/<platform>/bin  
lib  
include  
...
```

# Environment Setup

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```
source /cvmfs/sft.cern.ch/lcg/views/<release>/<platform>/setup.[c]sh
```

- ❖ Sourcing a single and simple file sets the full environment for the complete view. It defines trivially:
  - ❖ PATH, LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH
  - ❖ PYTHONPATH
  - ❖ CMAKE\_PREFIX\_PATH
  - ❖ ROOTSYS, ROOT\_INCLUDE\_PATH
- ❖ Other variables have been added as needed...

# Naming the Platform

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- ❖ With LCGCMake package binaries are installed in:
  - ❖ `<prefix>/<package>/<version>_<hash>/<platform_tag>/...`
    - ❖ The `<platform_tag>` is a combination of processor architecture, os version, compiler version and build type (e.g. `x86_64-slc6-gcc48-dbg`, `aarch64-ubuntu14-gcc49-opt` )
    - ❖ The `<hash>` value is calculated taking into account the full list of package dependencies and their versions
- ❖ The `platform_tag` has been extended to include the ‘enabled’ instruction sets
  - ❖ See HSF Note in preparation
  - ❖ The `architecture` should be replaced by **`architecture+instructionset1[+instructionset2]`**
  - ❖ e.g. `x86_64+avx2+fma-centos7-gcc7-opt`

# Selecting HP Packages

- ❖ Extended LCGCMake with a new flag for the package recipe
  - ❖ BUILD\_WITH\_INSTRUCTION\_SET
- ❖ These selected packages will be in general build the the required flags (via a compiler wrapper\*) to ensure that these are applied
  - ❖ The rest of the packages will be built as usual and placed under the 'naked' platform tag
  - ❖ Packages with static libraries 'contaminate' dependent packages and they need to be build for specific instruction set

```
#---Vc-----  
LCGPackage_Add(  
  Vc  
  URL ${GenURL}/Vc-<Vc_native_version>.tar.gz  
  CMAKE_ARGS -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=<INSTALL_DIR>  
             -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=${CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE}  
             -DCMAKE_CXX_STANDARD=${CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD}  
             -DCMAKE_C_COMPILER=${CMAKE_C_WRAPPER}  
             -DCMAKE_C_FLAGS=${CMAKE_C_FLAGS}  
             -DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=${CMAKE_CXX_WRAPPER}  
             -DCMAKE_CXX_FLAGS=${CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS}  
             ${Vc_options}  
  BUILD_WITH_INSTRUCTION_SET 1  
  REVISION 1  
)
```

(\*) development done by Patricia, Javier, Rafal

# Building

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- ❖ To build a software stack (full or incremental) for a specific instruction set there is a specific option

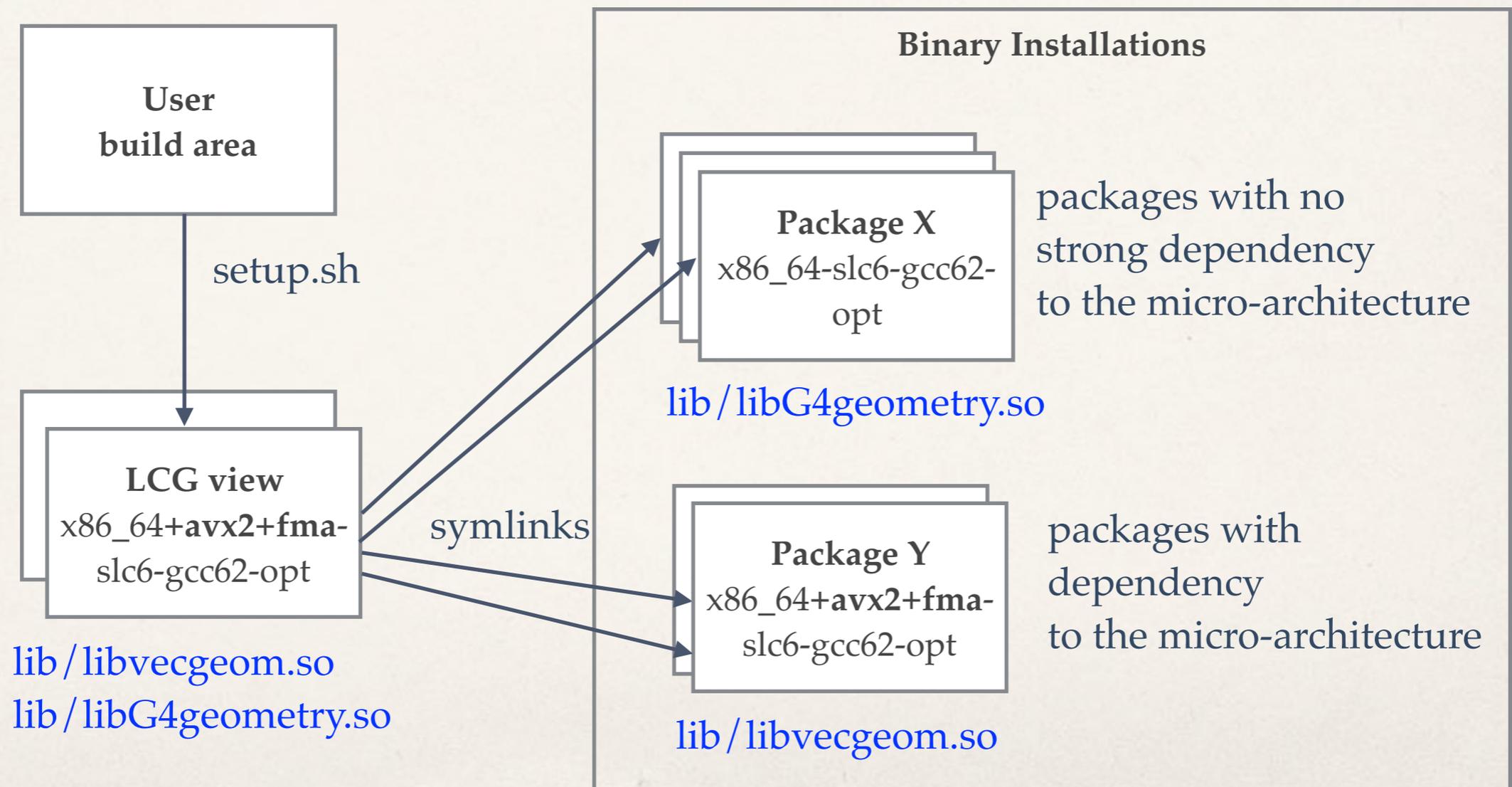
```
$ cmake -DLCG_INSTALL_PREFIX=<prefix>  
        -DLCG_VERSION=<version>  
        -DLCG_INSTRUCTIONSET=avx2+fma  
        ...  
        <lcgcmake>  
  
$ make -j<N>
```

- ❖ Binaries will be installed in <prefix> with a mix of 'full platform' tags and 'naked' ones
- ❖ To generate the view

```
$ make view
```

# Setting the Environment

- ❖ The proper runtime environment is set using the `setup.sh` of the view
  - ❖ a complete 'view' is made using a mix of packages from different platform tags



# Conclusions

- ❖ The current solution is minimalistic and builds only a sub-set of packages
  - ❖ requires knowledge of the packages themselves: how to build them, what happen with the dependent packages, etc.
- ❖ The system is working and being used for the GeantV nightlies to test against different micro-architectures
- ❖ Up to us to define what instructions sets are included in the 'naked' architecture
- ❖ Need still to develop a tool for runtime discovery and selection of the 'best' match

## Project GeantV-nightly

Configuration Matrix			gcc52			gcc62			gcc7		
			NONE	NUMA	TBB	NONE	NUMA	TBB	NONE	NUMA	TBB
centos7	Debug	sse3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
		avx2+fma	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Release	sse3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
		avx2+fma	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
slc6	Debug	sse3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
		avx2+fma	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Release	sse3	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
		avx2+fma	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●