
Using AI to improve AI Development and Deployment

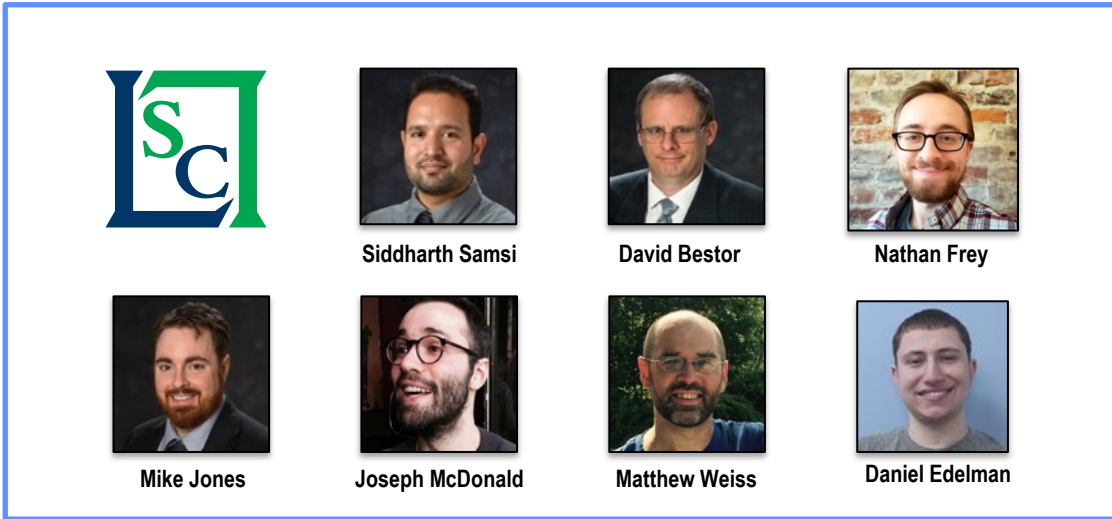
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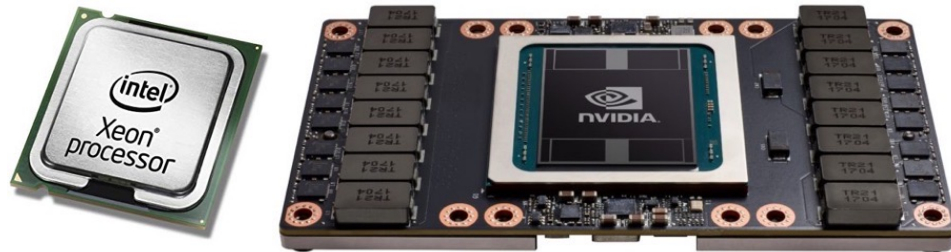


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Low Carbon Emission

- **Significant increase in computing power for simulation, data analysis, and machine learning**
- **Critical computing power for simulation, data analysis, and machine learning**



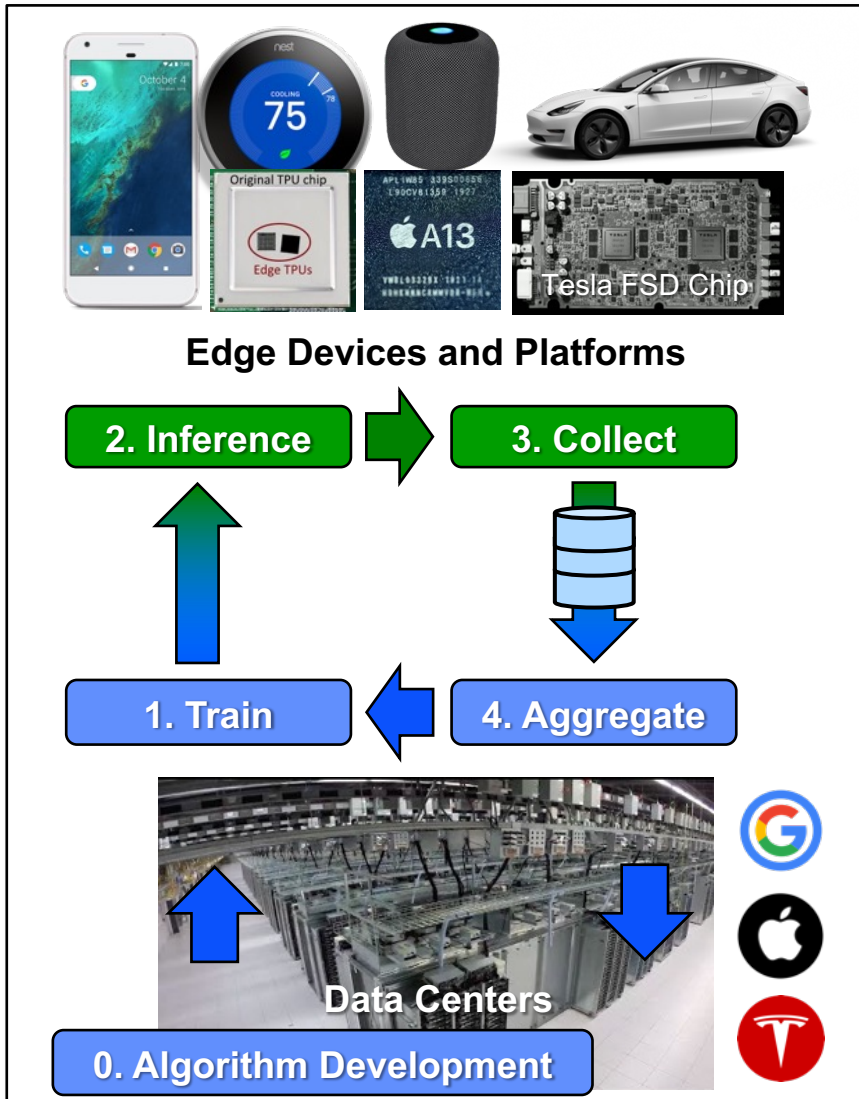
- **Operates on renewable energy**

	Capability
Processor	Intel Xeon & Nvidia Volta
Total Cores	737,000
Peak	7.4 Petaflops
Top500	5.2 Petaflops
Memory	172 Terabytes
Peak AI Flops	100+ Petaflops
Network Link	Intel OmniPath 25 GB/s



AI Development vs Deployment

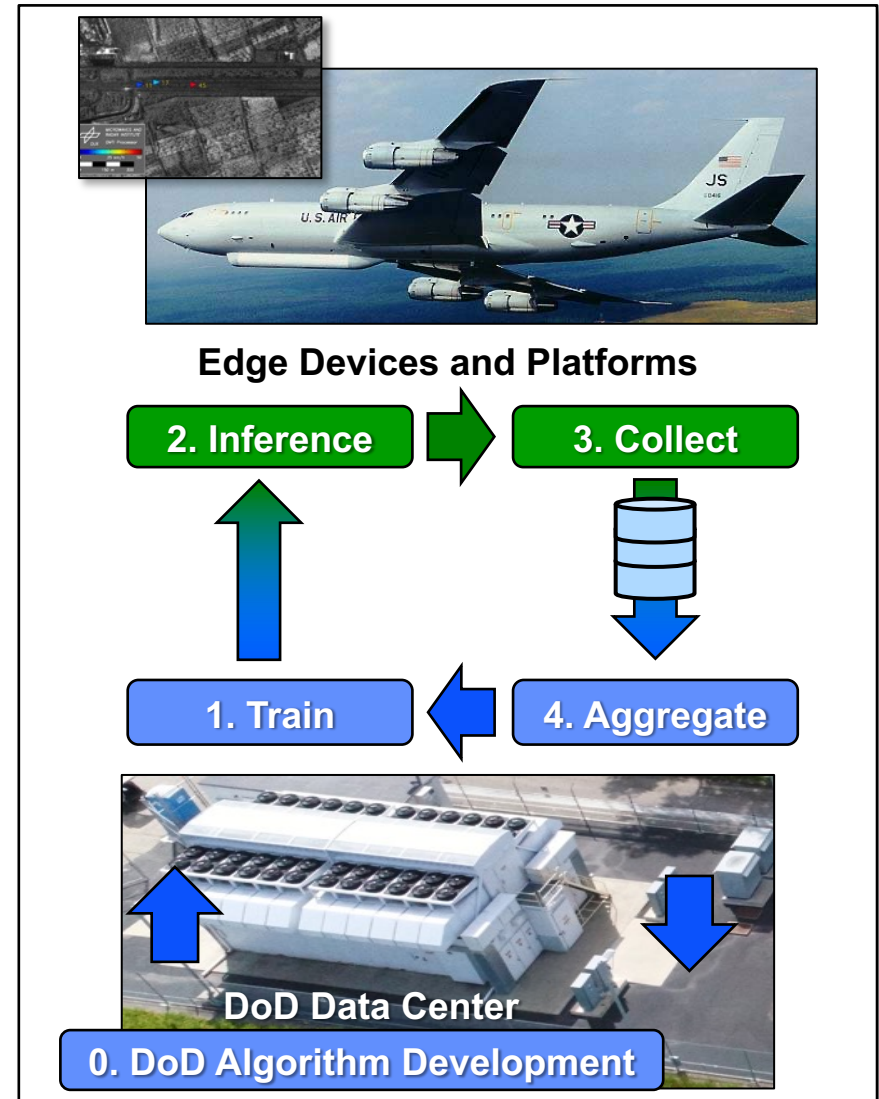
Industry



Edge Computing (Deployment)

Data-Center Computing (Development)

Defense





A Few Trends and Observations



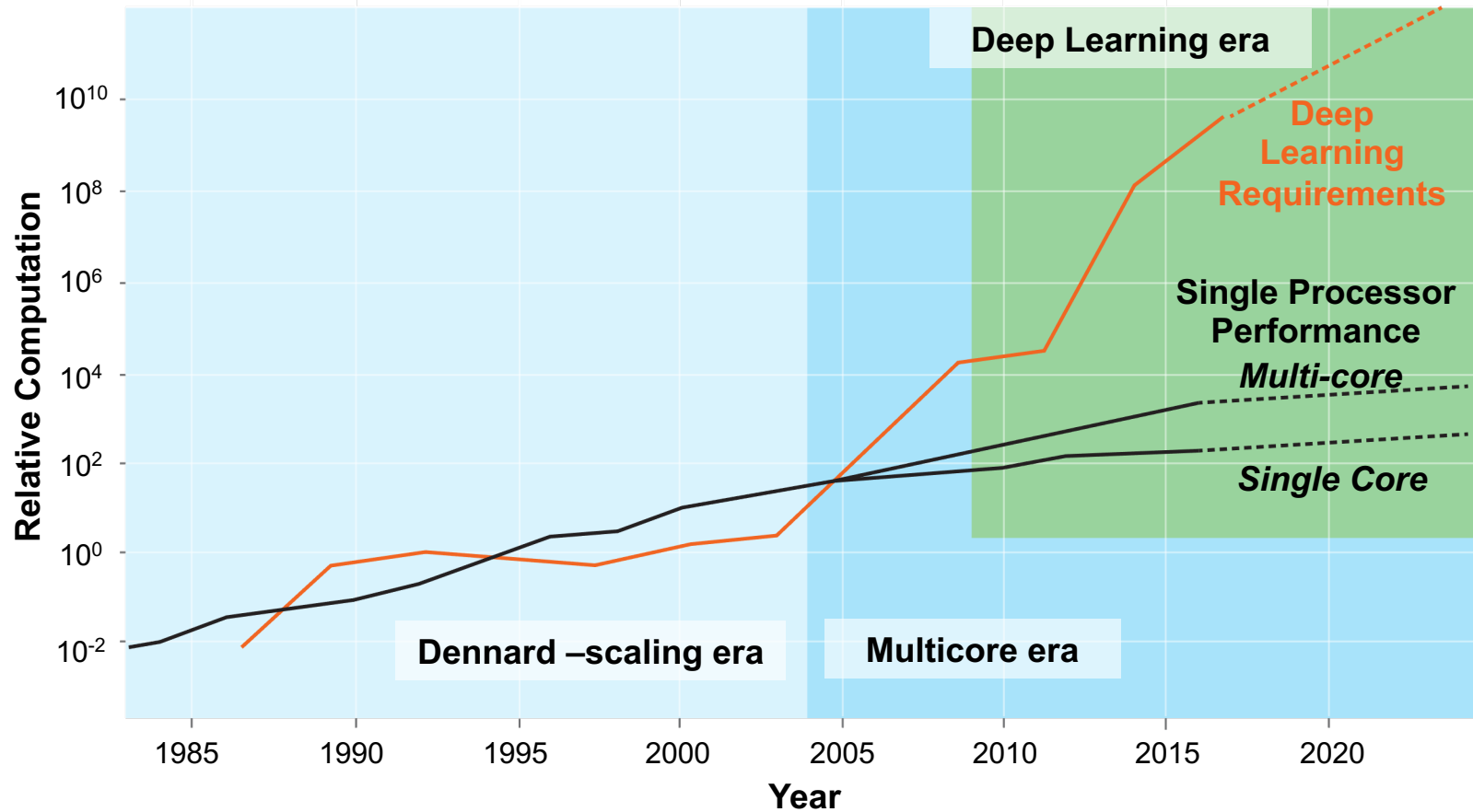
Challenges	Trends and Observations
Computing Performance	Large number of many-cores; concurrency and locality; instruction level parallelism Moore's law dead: Power and memory walls; clock rate limitations
Hardware Platforms	Domain Specific Accelerators: Heterogenous edge computing; legacy hardware solutions
Power and Energy	Unsustainable energy requirements: Power and energy walls; growing environmental impact
New Application Areas	Unknown requirements: new applications face "new" problems (e.g., seamless transition between development and deployment)
Research and Development	Education: Lack of trained computing engineers; Research: difficult to collect and develop solutions based on real data

Top-level trends:

- Renewed resurgence of HPC solutions to power AI and research innovations
- Need for "seamless" transition between HPC and Deployment (Edge) environments



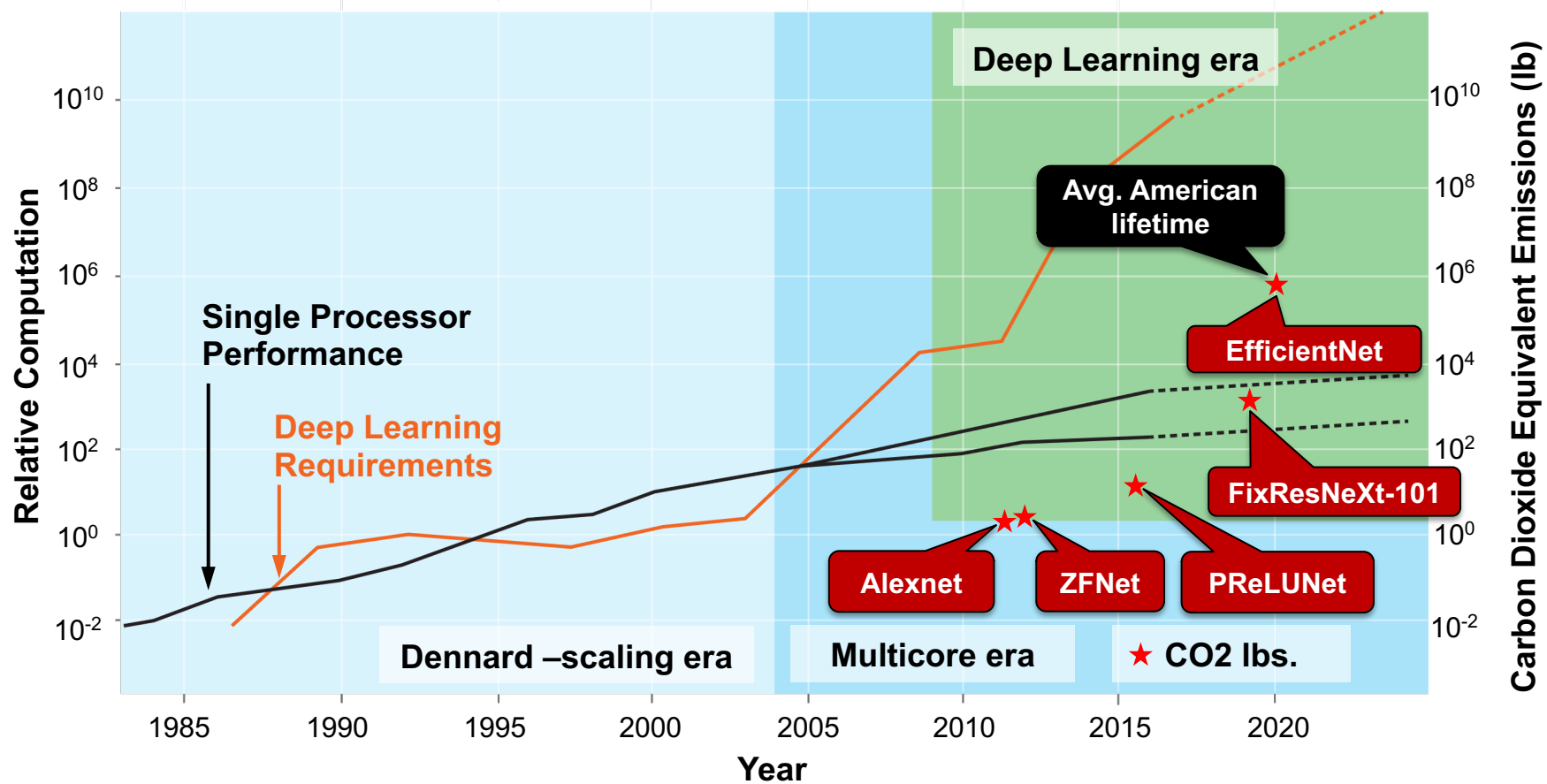
Trend 1: AI Development Computing Requirements Gap



Need for tools that bridge computing gap



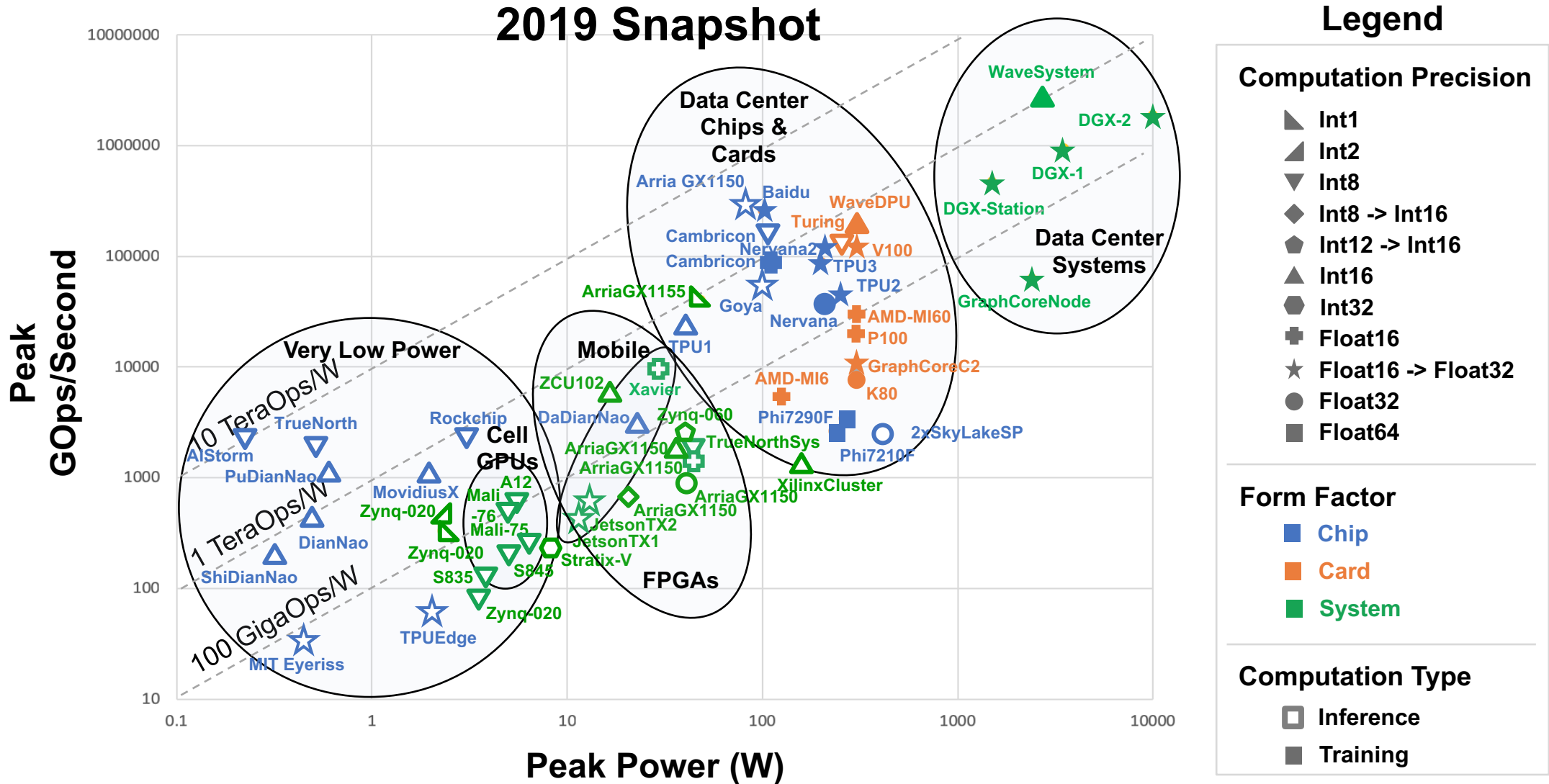
Corollary Trend 1: Major Source of Carbon Emissions



Deep learning energy requirements are growing unsustainably

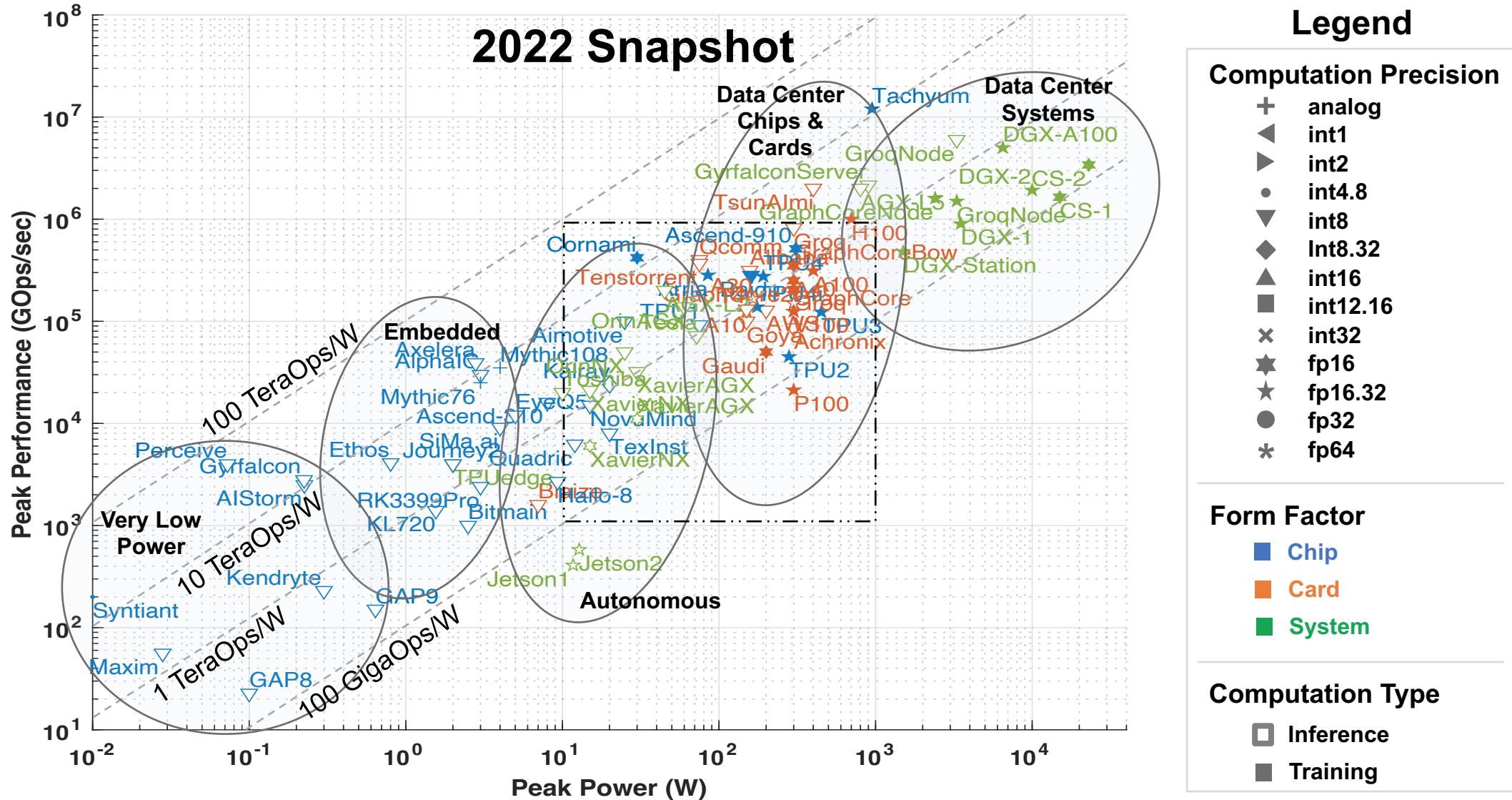


Trend 2: Growing diversity of ML Accelerators





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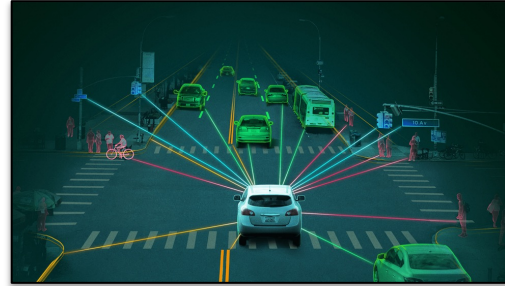
Trend 3: Emerging Application Domains

Health Care



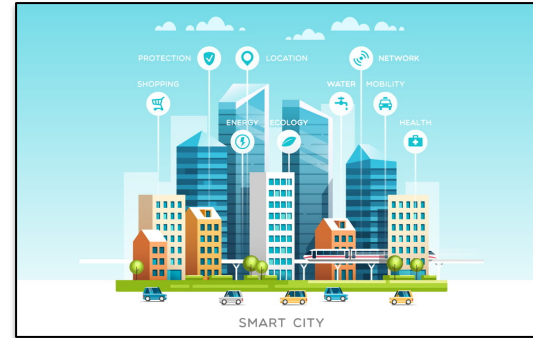
- Correlate data across millions of patients
- Evidence Based Medicine
- Data from different modalities
 - Image
 - Video
 - Signal
 - Text
 - ...

Transportation



- Billions of vehicles
- Need to correlate high rate information from different vehicles
- More sensors -> More problems
- Can be used to improve quality of transportation systems

IoT/Smart XYZ



- Billions of small “edge” connected devices across homes, cities, countries, ...
- Need to identify patterns of living and correlate for improved efficiency and safety

Retail



- Sell you things better, supply chain management, inventory management
- Dozens of existing enterprise systems connected to numerous management systems (credit card processing, FedEx, ...)



Application Example: Autonomous Vehicles



Example Autonomous Vehicle Data Feeds and Speeds

Sensor Type	Frequency	Data rate	Data type
Lidar	10 Hz	8 MBps	Point cloud
Lower-res Lidar (x4)	55 Hz	1 MBps	Point cloud
Lower-res Camera (x4)	20 Hz	4 MBps	JPEG frames
High-res Camera	4 Hz	1 MBps	JPEG frames
CAN bus	900 Hz	50 KBps	Custom struct
IMU	50 Hz	30 KBps	Custom struct
Compass	100 Hz	10 KBps	Custom struct
GPS	6 Hz	< 1 KBps	Custom struct

(40 min trip -> 30 GB Sensor Log)

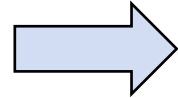
Emerging applications have developing hardware requirements

In-Vehicle data processing

Com = Communication V2V: Vehicle to Vehicle
 GPS = Global Positioning System V2I: Vehicle to Infrastructure
 IMU = Inertial Measurement Unit



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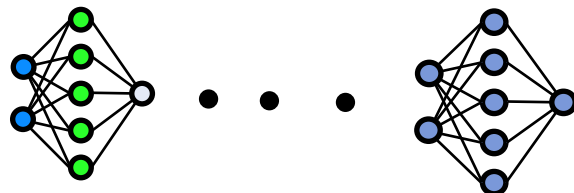
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Reducing Development Environment Computing Demands

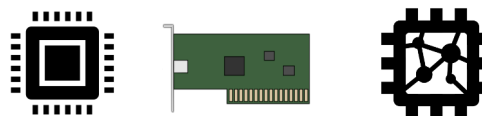
Challenge

Model Development



- Model design, testing, and development
- AI training & inference

Hardware Usage Strategies



- Hardware variety
- Matching workload needs to hardware capabilities

Performance & Energy Tuning



- Hardware power modulation

Proposed Approach

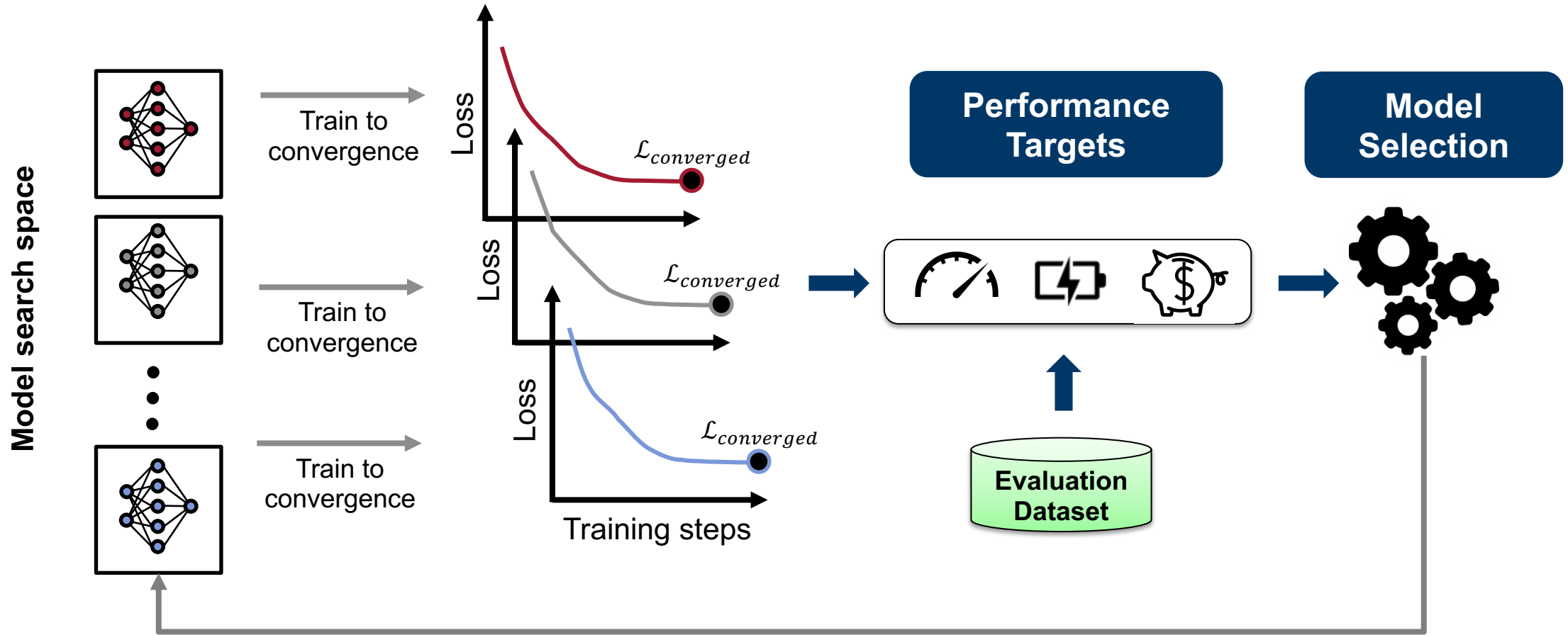
- AI-enabled Model Discovery^[1]
- Knowledge Informed Models

- Hardware-based interventions
- ML-based hardware selection^[2]

- Power limiting^[3]
- Clock frequency scaling^[3]
- Auto-tuning complex applications^[4]



AI-enabled Model Discovery: Neural Architecture Search and Hyperparameter Optimization



Architecture searches and parameter optimization has significant compute requirements



Modeling performance: training speed estimation (TSE)

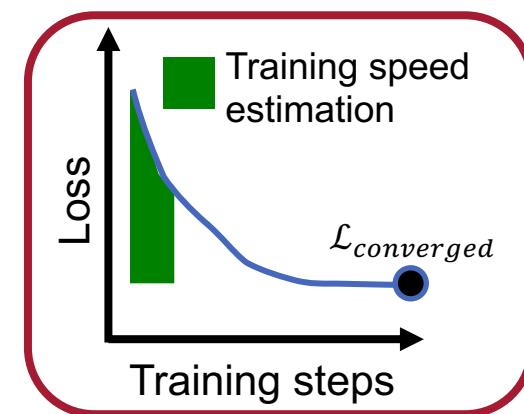
How do we speed up *time to performance* for new models and datasets?

Area under training loss curve

$$\text{TSE} = \sum_{t=1}^T \left[\frac{1}{B} \sum_{i=1}^B \ell \left(f_{\theta_{t,i}}(\mathbf{X}_i), \mathbf{y}_i \right) \right]$$

Annotations for the equation:

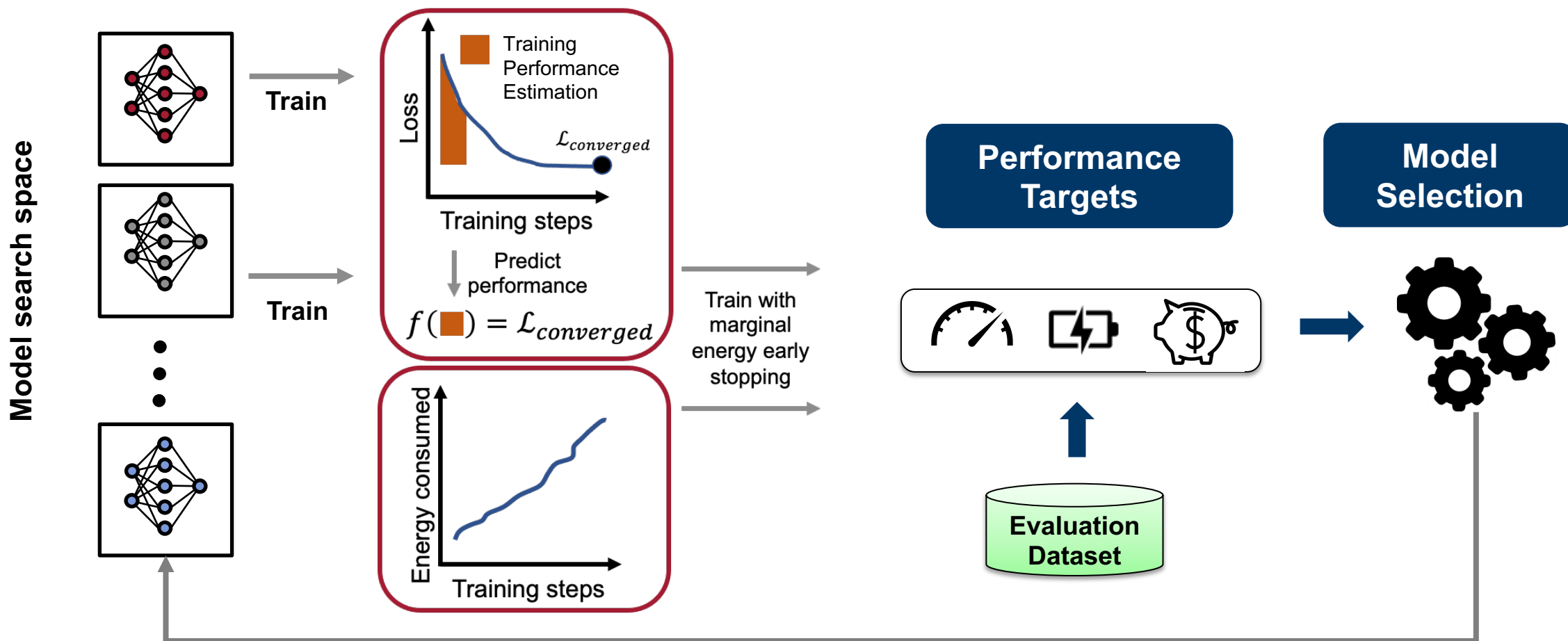
- Number of Completed Epochs (points to T)
- Loss Function (points to ℓ)
- Neural Network (points to $f_{\theta_{t,i}}$)
- Features and Associated Labels (points to $(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)$)



- TSE is a simple, efficient, computationally cheap method for neural architecture search and hyper-parameter optimization



Training Performance Estimator (TPE) for Efficient Neural Architecture Search and Hyperparameter Optimization

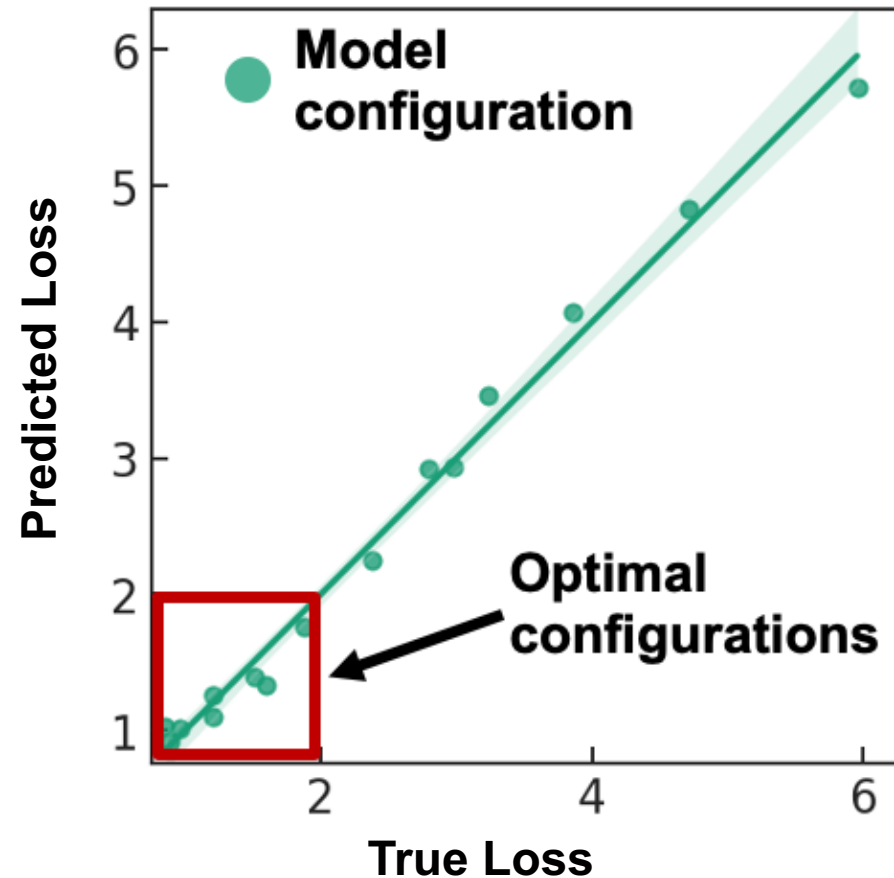


Training performance estimation (TPE) combines training speed estimation and energy consumption tracking to minimize energy expenditure



Neural Architecture Optimization for GNNs

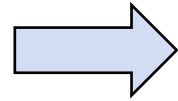
Predicted Model Performance for SchNet^[3]



80% total computing savings with early identification of optimal training configurations



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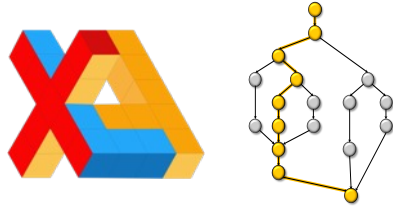
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A Few AI Deployment Challenges...

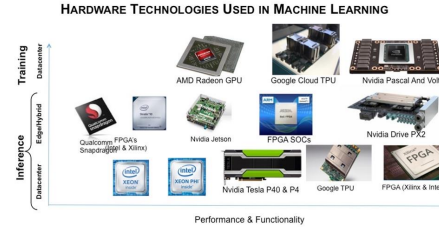
Challenge

Compilers/Middleware



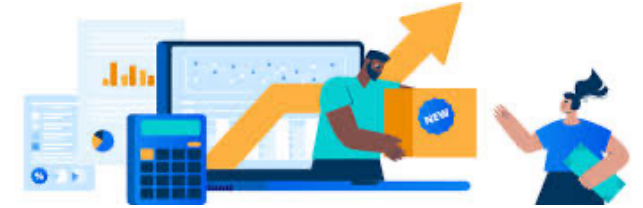
- Inefficient AI middleware
- Particularly with newer hardware platforms

Hardware Capabilities



- Huge spectrum of capabilities
- Changing Mission Needs

Application Demands



- Dynamic Requirements
- Transitioning between “datacenter” and “edge”

Proposed Approach

- TapirXLA^[1] Compiler for Tensorflow

- AI-enabled auto-tuning and workflow scheduling^[2]

- RIBBON^[3]: Leveraging heterogenous computing for dynamic

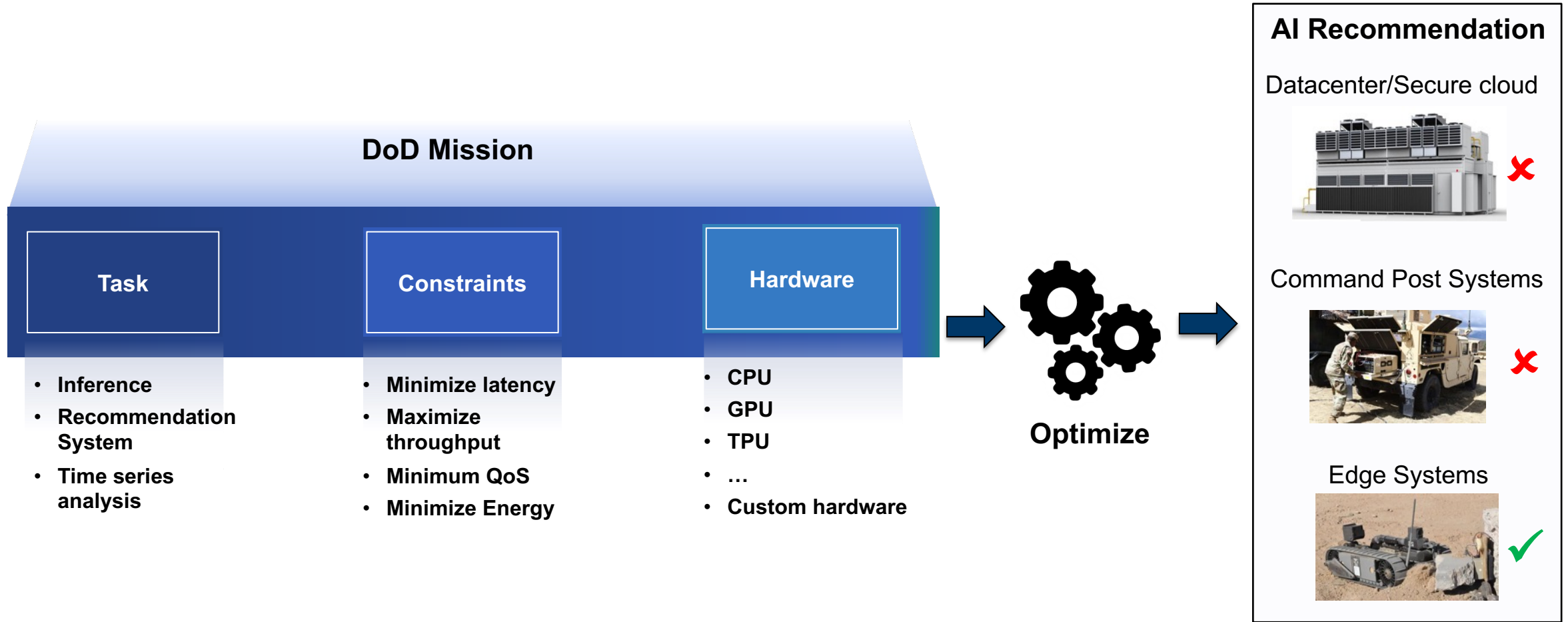
Slide - 19 [1] TapirXLA: Embedding fork-join parallelism into the XLA compiler in Tensorflow using tapir. – Schardl, Samsi, *IEEE HPEC 2019*.

[2] Mashup: making serverless computing useful for HPC workflows via hybrid execution – Roy, et al., *PPoPP 2022*

[3] RIBBON: cost-effective and qos-aware deep learning model inference using a diverse pool of cloud computing instances – Li, et al., *SC 2021*



Serving Inference Queries Under Evolving Requirements

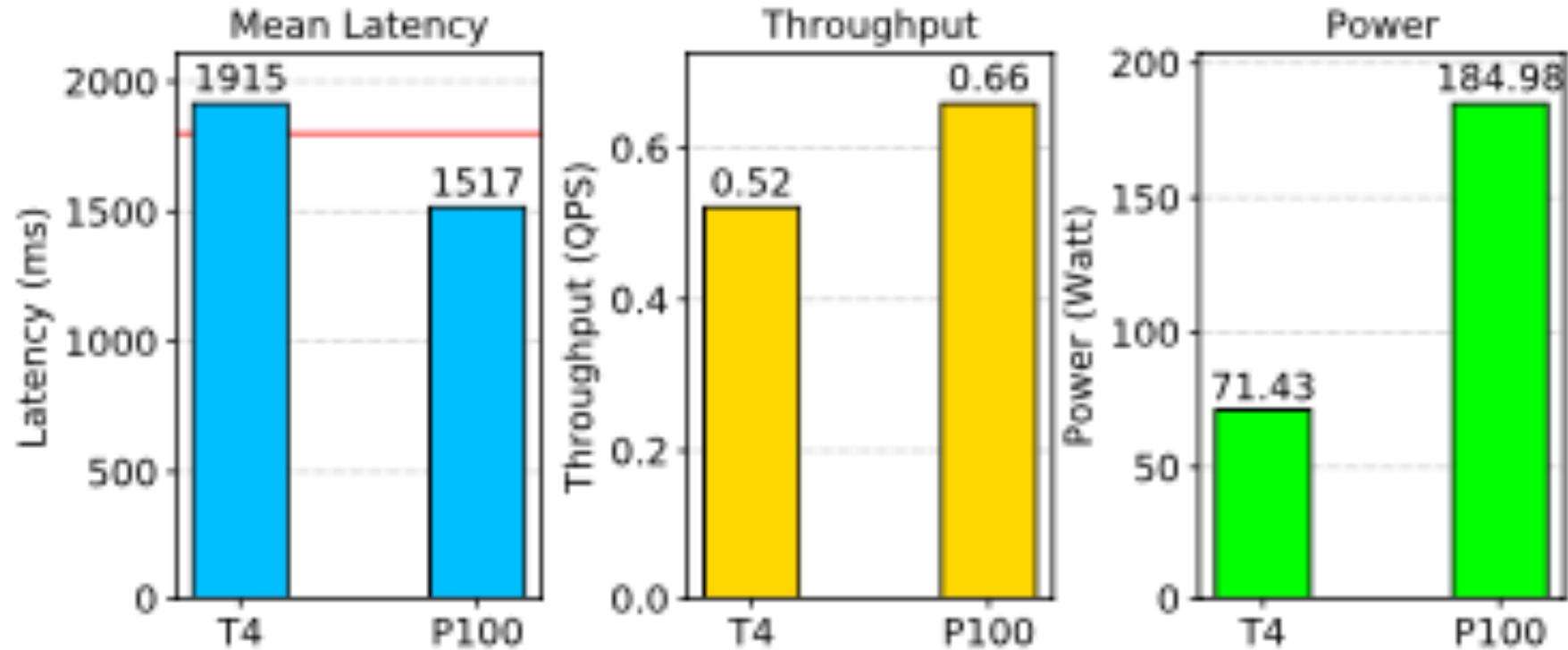


Dynamic mission and hardware constraints need automated hardware selection



Observation: Different hardware platforms provide capabilities at different costs

Application: Weather Forecasting

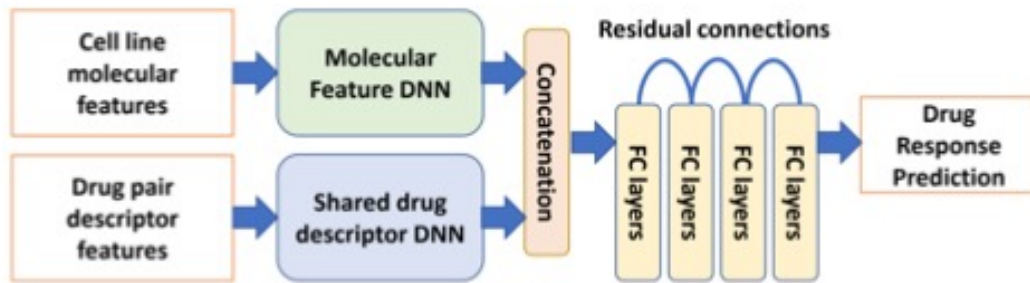


Idea: Mix and Match Hardware that satisfies high-end goals while minimizing other functions



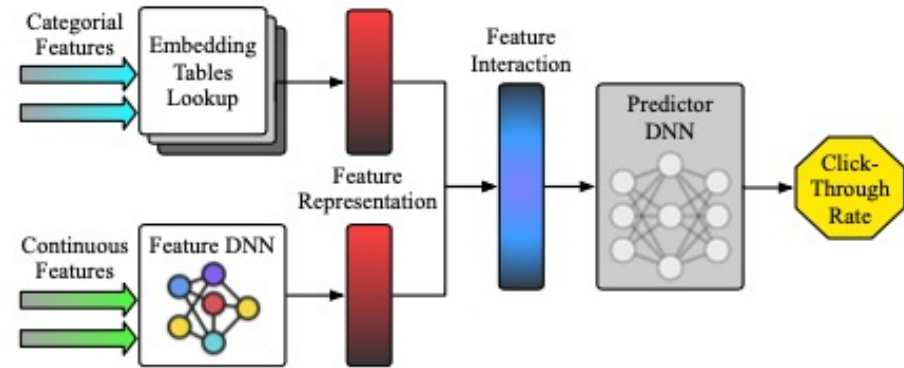
Example (Streaming) Inference Serving Tasks

Cancer Tumor Prediction (CANDLE)



- Large-scale fully-connected DNN model in Cancer Distributed Learning Environment (CANDLE) project
- Predicts tumor cell line response to drug pairs

Deep Learning Recommender Models (MT-WND, DIEN)



- Multi-Task Wide and Deep – model used for YouTube video recommendations
- Deep Interest Evolution Network – model used in e-commerce recommendations (Alibaba)



Inference Serving System Requirements



Meet Quality-of-Service (QoS)

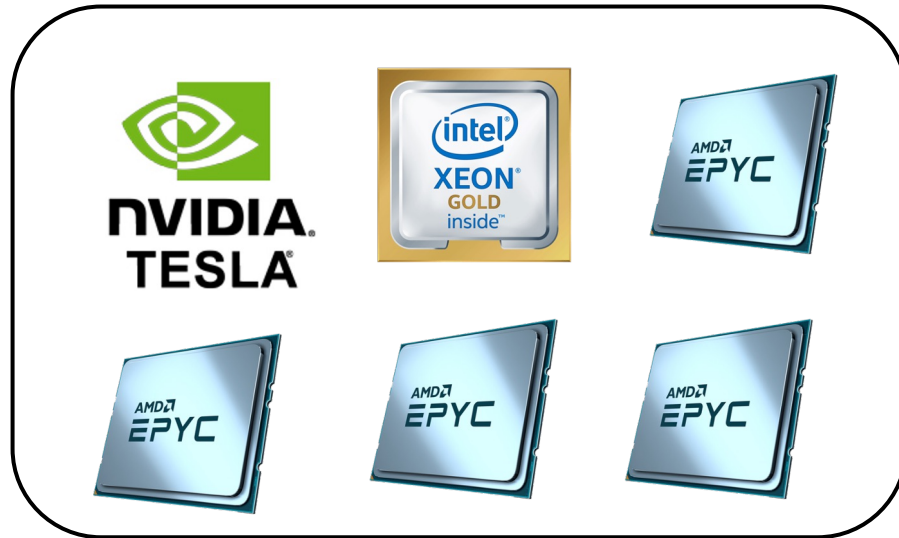
Performance to meet the p99 tail latency



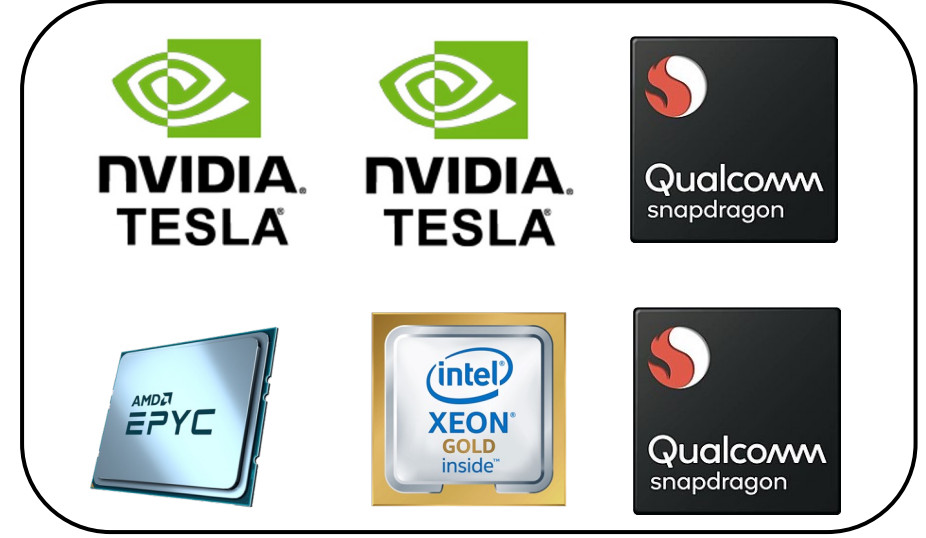
Find cost-effective solution

Minimize TCO, hardware renting fee

Problem Statement



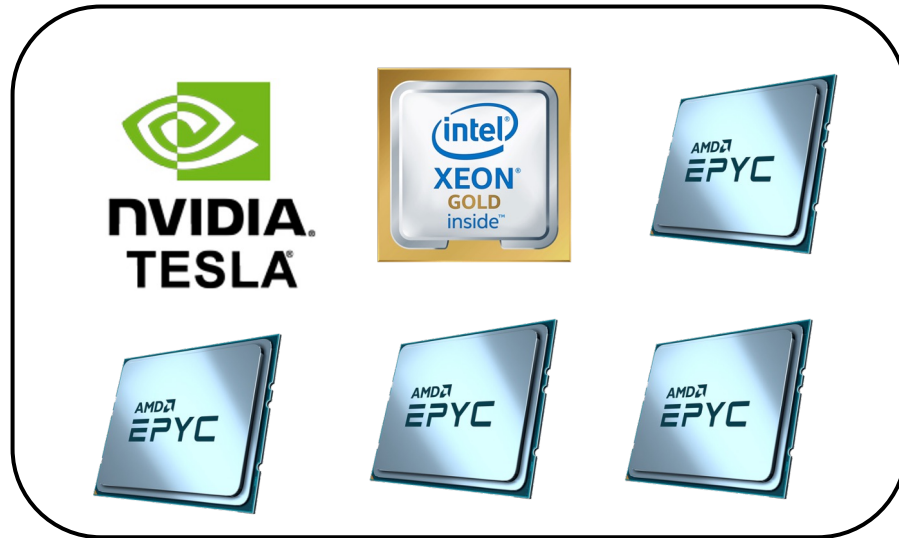
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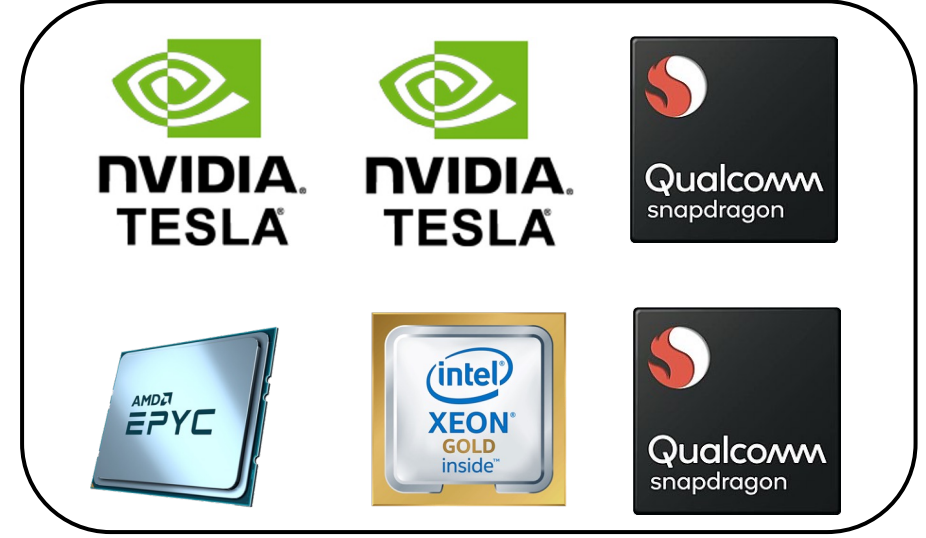
Find the least expensive* optimal diverse configuration pool while meeting the inference query QoS target

*Cost could be \$\$\$, Energy, ...

Problem Statement



Vs.



Given a certain heterogeneous instance types (e.g., X, Y, Z), how to determine the optimal number of each instance type in the heterogeneous pool (i.e., $c_1 \cdot X + c_2 \cdot Y + c_3 \cdot Z$)?

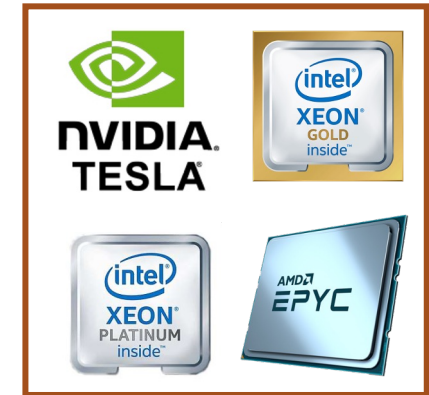
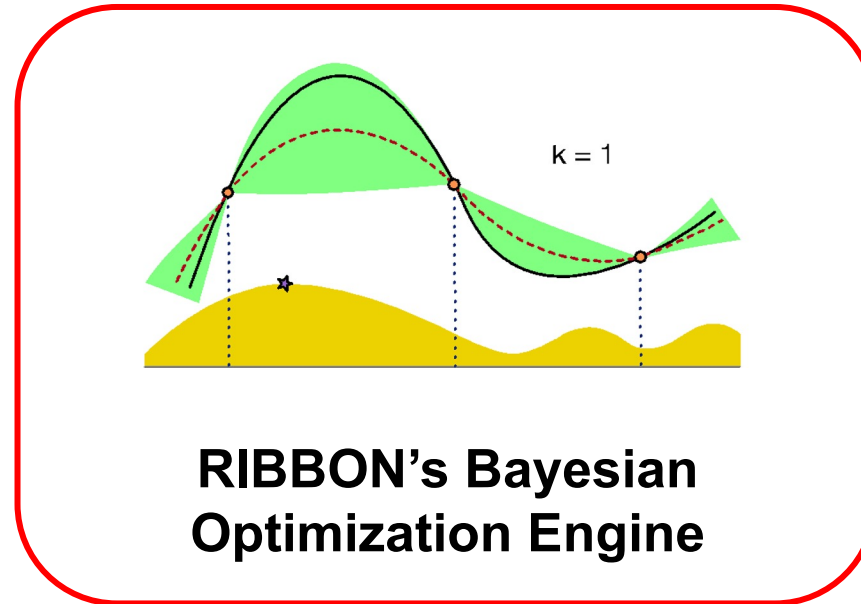


RIBBON Builds Inference Serving System Using Diverse Computing Instances

QoS targets



Objective:
most cost-effective serving systems while meeting QoS targets

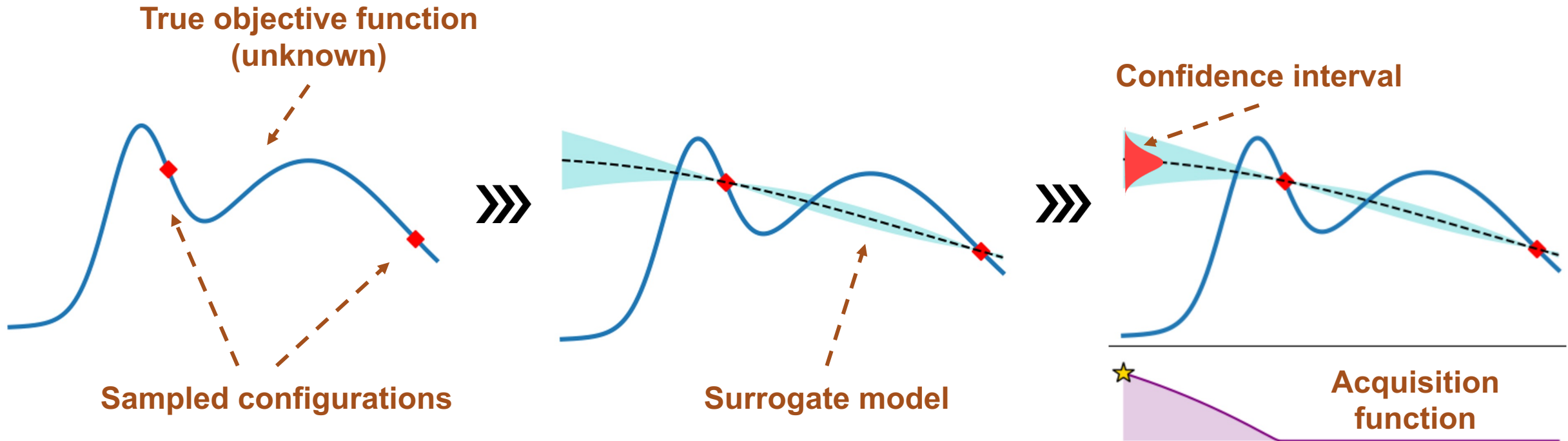


Minimal cost



RIBBON Bayesian Optimization Engine

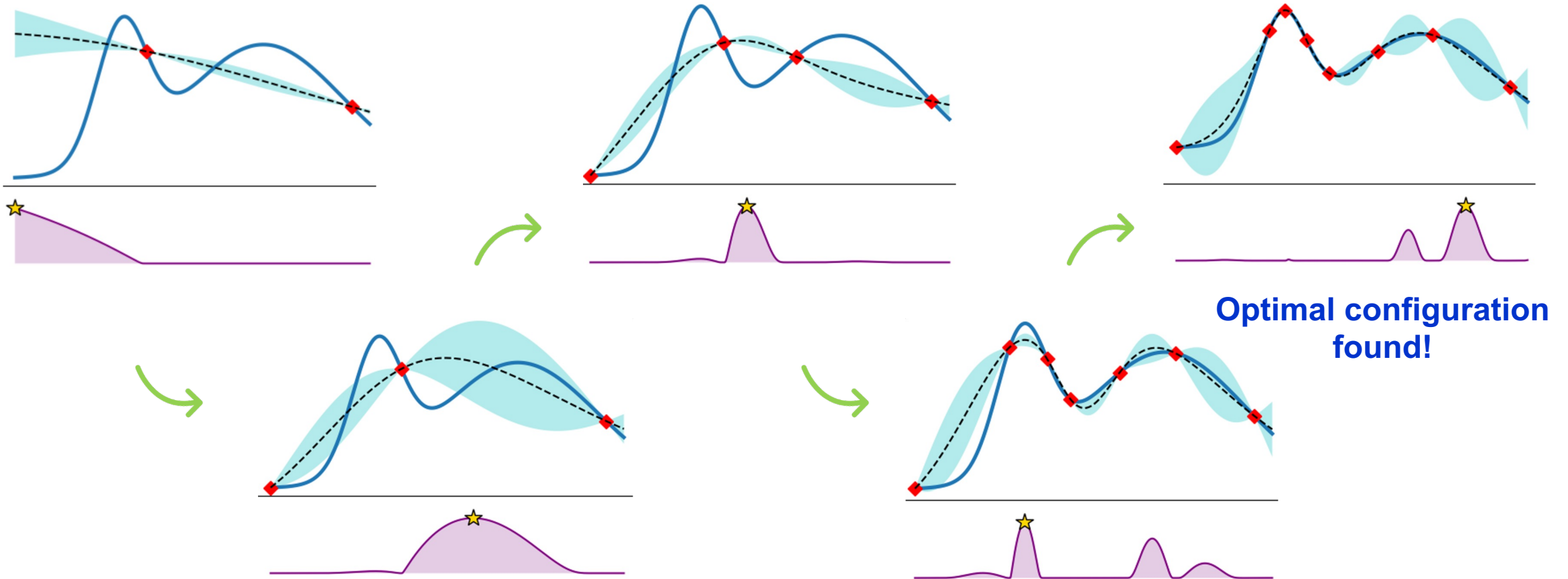
Bayesian Optimization: performs strategic global sampling to optimize unknown objective **with limited total samples**.





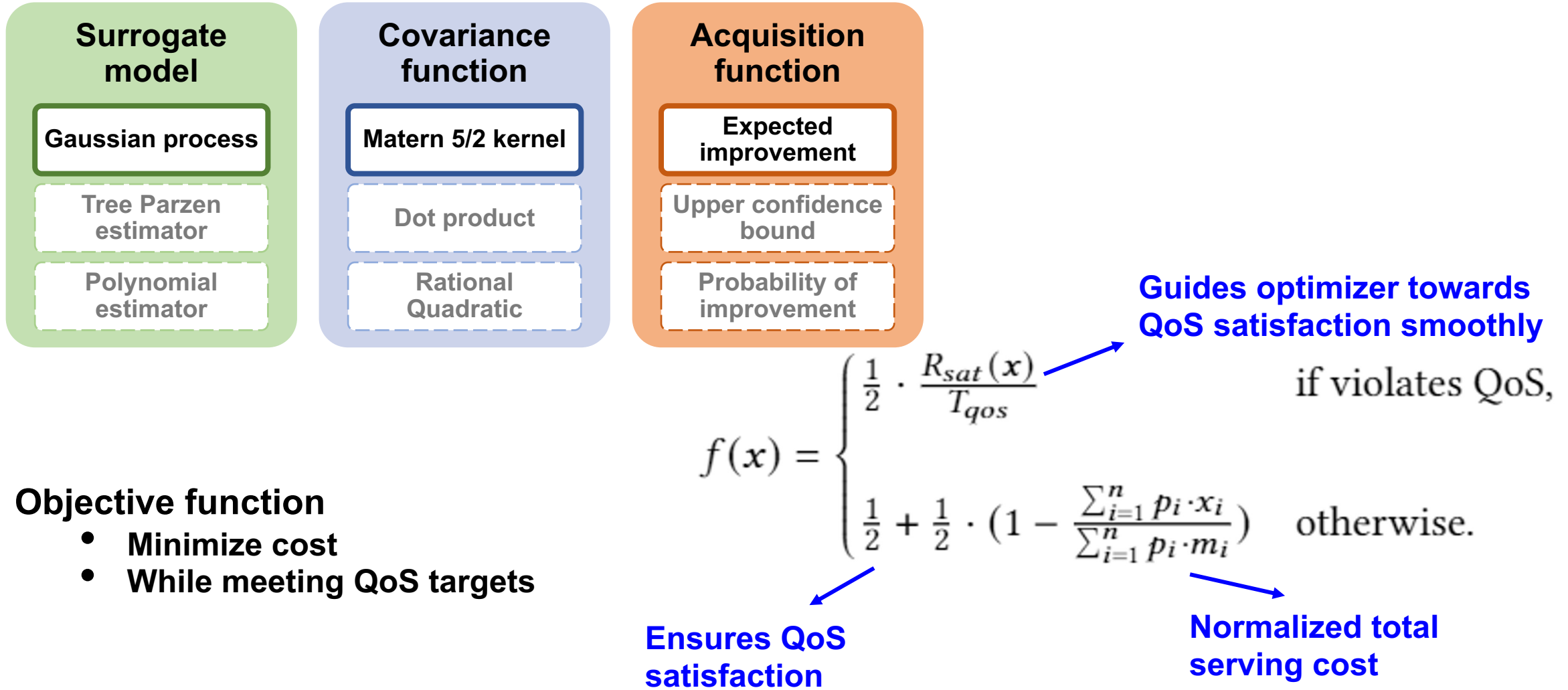
RIBBON Bayesian Optimization Engine

With more sampled configurations, surrogate model becomes closer to true objective function





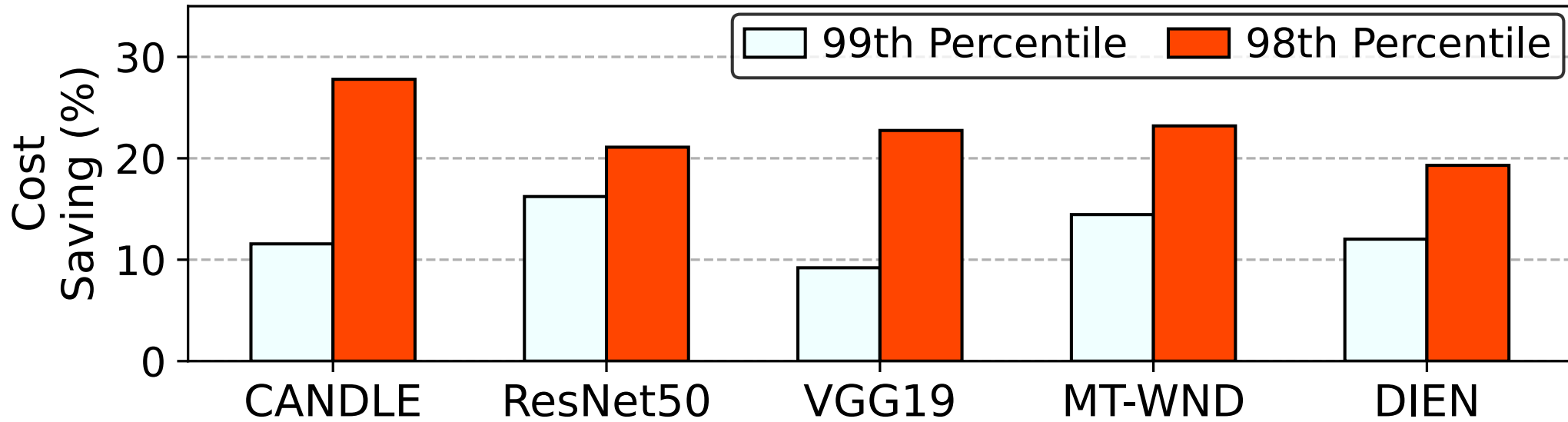
Design Considerations





Significant cost savings across inference tasks while meeting various QoS targets

Cost savings of RIBBON suggested hardware pool vs. best homogenous configuration

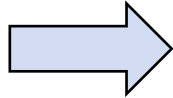


CANDLE	CANcer Distributed Learning Environment drug response model
ResNet50	CNN model with residual operations, applied in image classification
VGG19	Popular computer vision model
MT-WND	Multi-Task Wide-and-Deep, deep learning model for YouTube video recommendation
DIEN	Deep Interest Evolution Network, used for e-commerce recommendation



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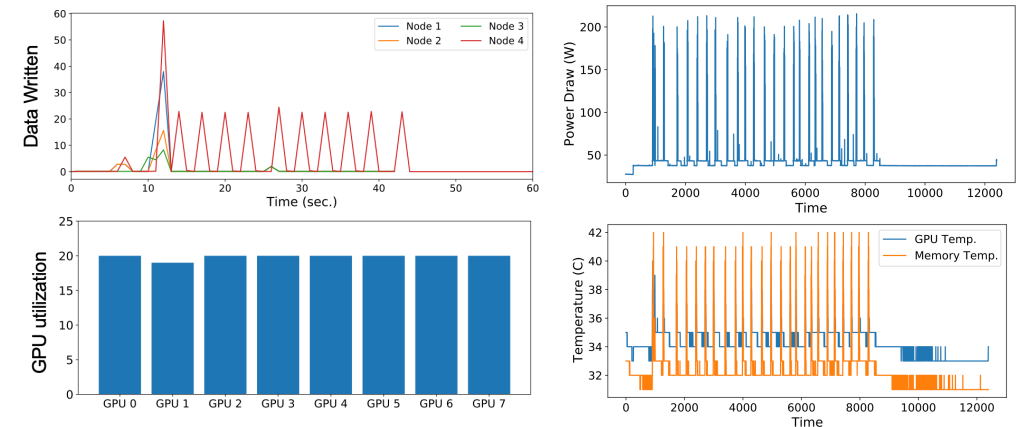
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Datacenter Challenge

- **Challenge to enable datacenters that can:**
 - Predict and identify system failures
 - Optimize system scheduling for improved resource consumption
 - Suggest optimization pathways for users
- **Open-source data to improve operational capabilities on a variety of AI workloads**
- **Contents:**
 - Scheduler Logs
 - CPU/GPU timeseries
 - BMS/Environmental Data
 - Labelled workloads



The Fast AI Datacenter Challenge aims to foster innovation in AI approaches to the analysis of large scale datacenter monitoring logs



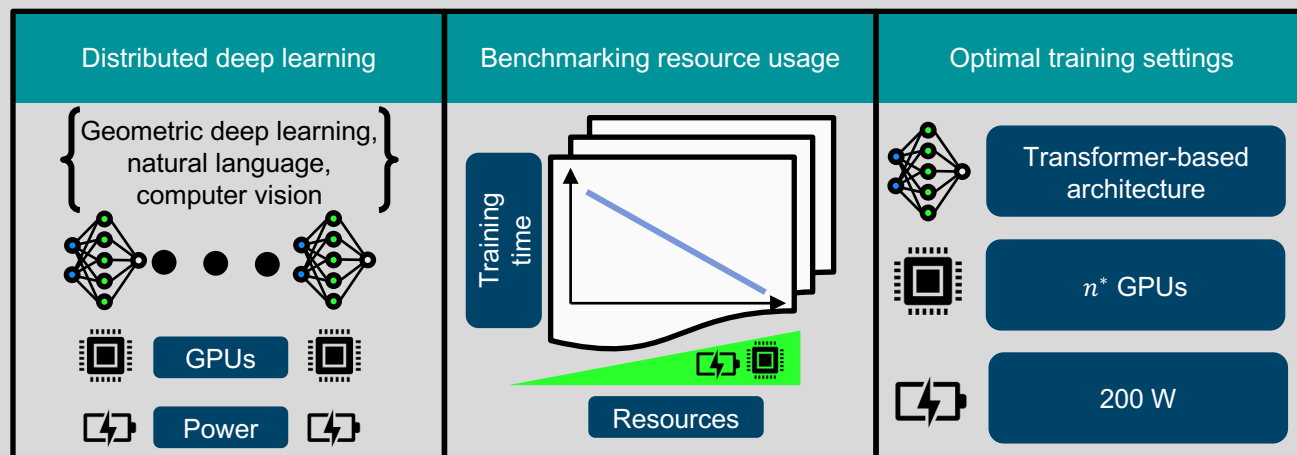
Current Status

- **Over 2+ TB of time series data collected, parsed, anonymized and ready for distribution**
 - Resource utilization from ~500K jobs
 - Includes ~100K GPU workloads
 - Labelled dataset of 3,425 known deep learning workloads from Vision, NLP and GNN
 - Mixture of Tensorflow and pytorch implementations
- **Data dissemination**
 - Available on Amazon AWS Open Data Registry :
`s3://mit-supercloud-dataset/datacenter-challenge`
 - Scripts and data loaders
`https://github.com/MIT-AI-Accelerator`
- **Relevant Publications:**
 - The MIT Supercloud Dataset, IEEE *HPEC'21*
 - AI-Enabling Workloads on Large-Scale GPU-Accelerated System: Characterization, Opportunities, and Implications, *HPCA'22*

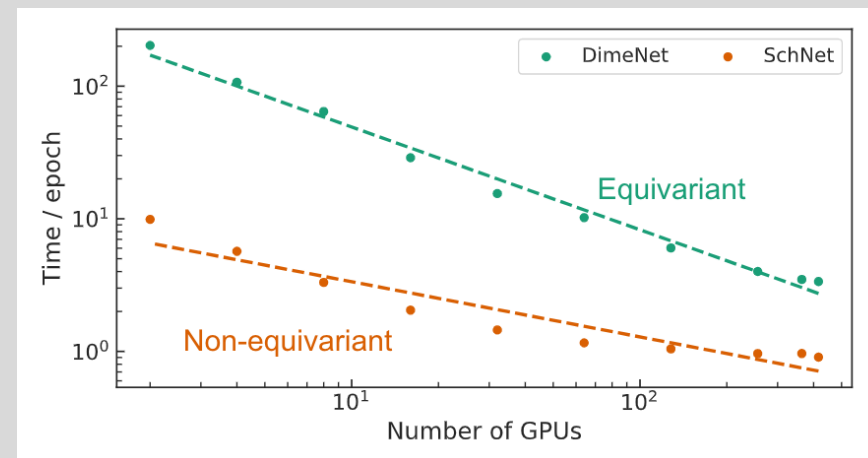


Example Research: Efficient, Scalable AI training on HPC Systems

- Performed over 3,400 deep learning workload experiments on LLSC systems
- Trained 6 state-of-the-art neural networks across vision, natural language processing, chemistry, and materials science domains on up to 424 GPUs



Benchmarking experiments on more than 400 GPUs with controlled hardware settings reveal optimal settings for large-scale deep learning workflows.



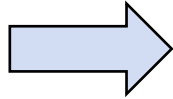
Training time versus number of GPUs is well-described by empirical power laws.

Findings will guide high-performance computing providers in optimizing resource usage



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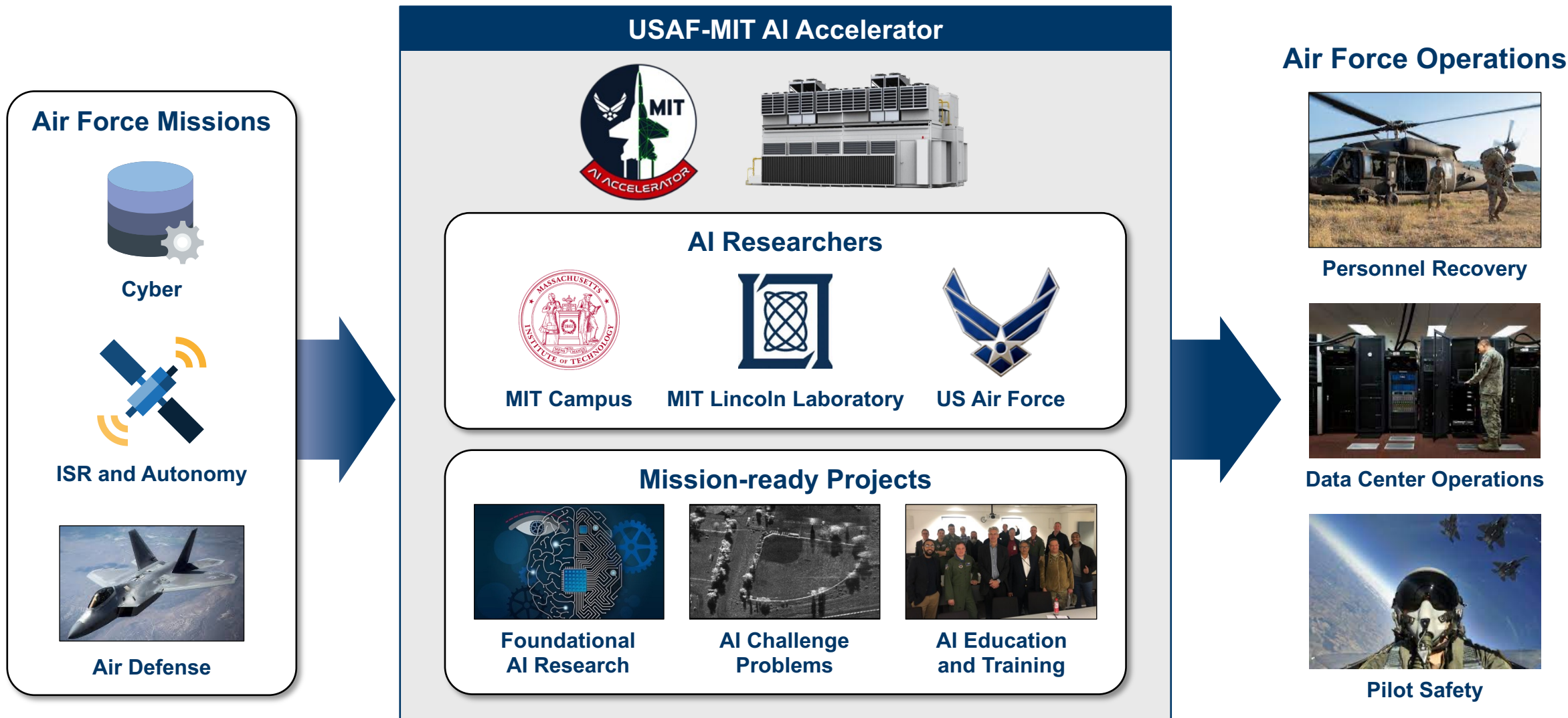
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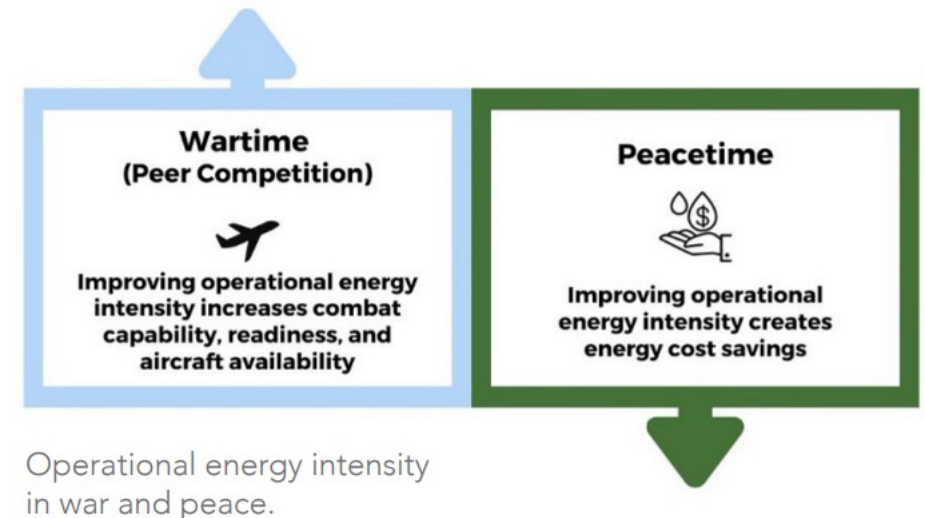
Bringing World-Class Research to USAF Missions





Impact on Department of the Air Force

- **The DAF's mission is to deter conflict and if necessary, defeat adversaries across the air and space domains**
 - **Constraints: time, cost, law/policy, operational environment, weather/climate, energy**
 - **Enablers: AI, capable allies & partners, access to cutting edge research**
- **The research conducted by MIT:**
 - **Advances the goals of the DAF's Climate Action Plan**
 - **Optimize energy use & make climate-informed decisions**
 - **Optimizes performance on DAF's existing hardware, saving costly tech refresh cycles**
 - **Can increase throughput or extend battery life on edge devices**
 - **Is supported by embedded Airmen**
 - **Collaborative R&D with continuous end-user feedback**





Summary

- **Need for tools that bridge gap between development and deployment environments**
- **Challenges:**
 - Increasing computing requirements
 - Energy / cooling limits
 - Hardware diversity
 - Evolving missions/workloads
- **Opportunity to leverage AI to mitigate challenges**
- **LLSC looking for talented postdocs/staff. If interested, email me!**

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