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Foreword

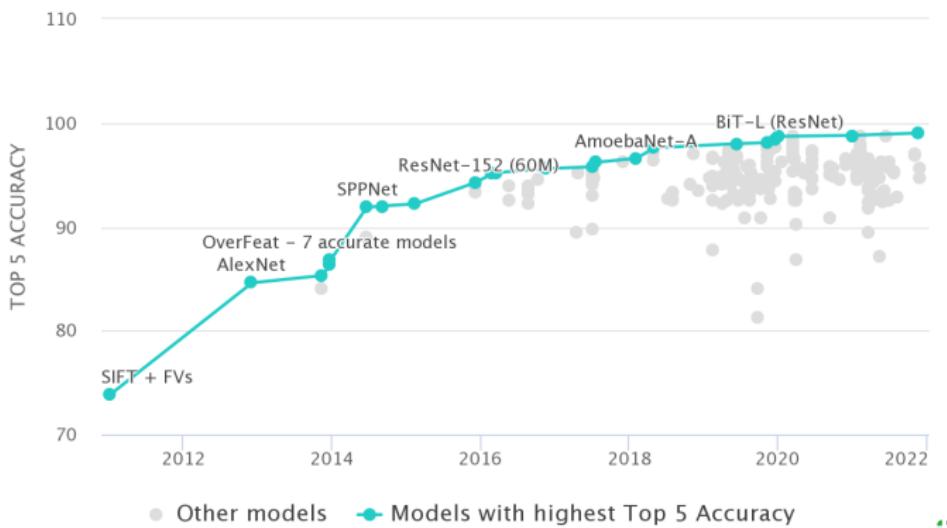
- ▶ There is an increasing concern on the environmental impact of deep learning
- ▶ Hardware concerns will not be addressed here
 - ▶ <https://bouveres.pages.ensimag.fr/jied/ressources/2021-2022/20211109-ImpactNumerique.pdf> (in french)
- ▶ We will focus on energy consumption

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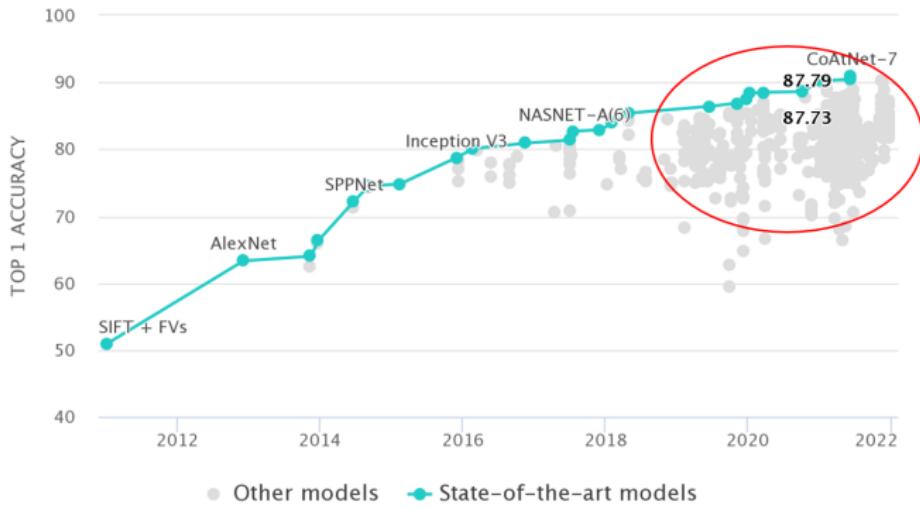
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- ▶ Still a lot of ongoing research



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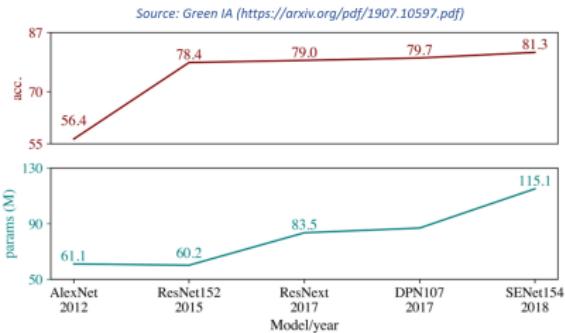
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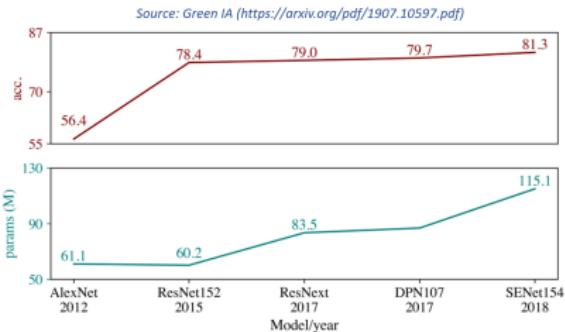
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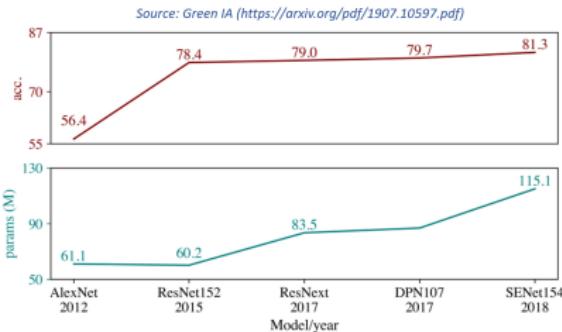
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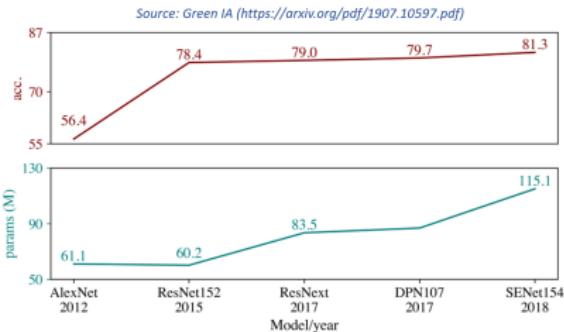
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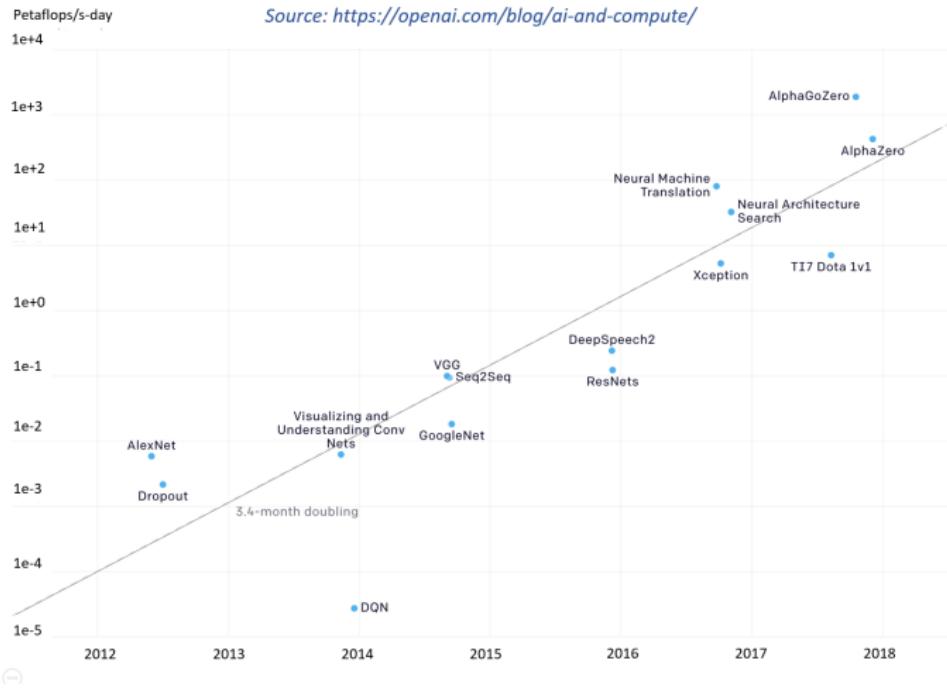
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The computational cost of an improved accuracy

The search for more accurate models has entailed an **exponential growth** in **computational costs**



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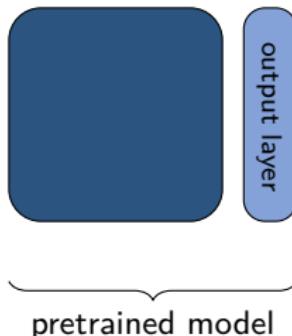
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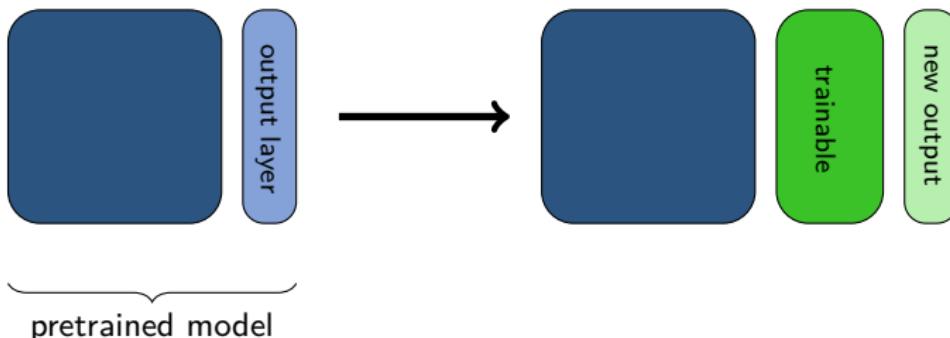
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- ▶ Additional resources
 - ▶ Lecture notes by Anne-Laure Ligozat (in french):
https://ecoinfo.cnrs.fr/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Cours_CentraleSupelec_IA_responsable-1.pdf

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