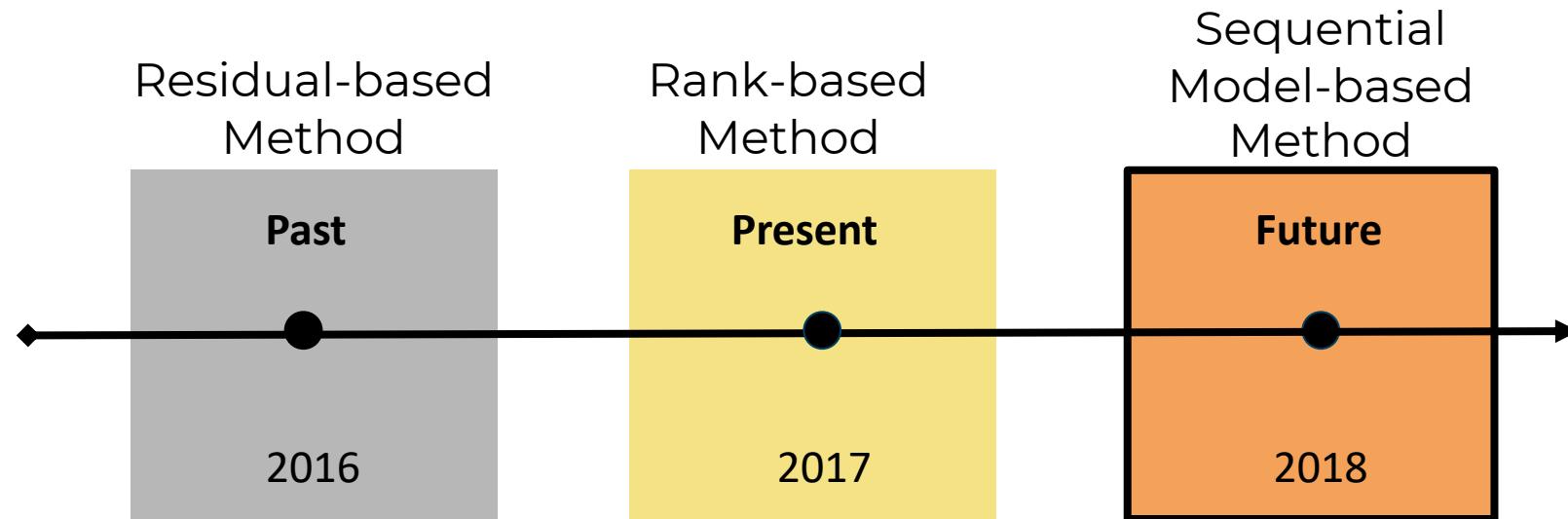


Frugal Ways of Finding “Good” Configurations

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Flashback from last exam



Future Work: When will Flash win?

- Flash can **reduce the cost** of performance optimization.
- Flash can be **adapted** to solve **multi-objective** performance optimization.

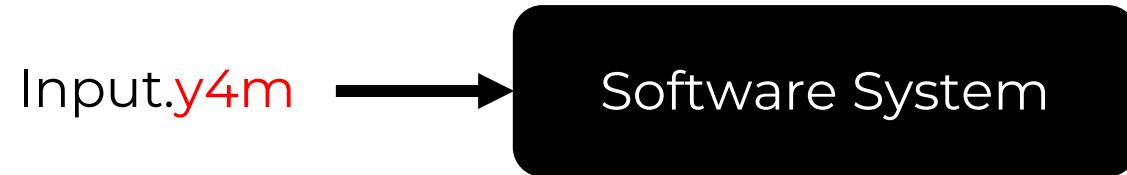
Statement of Thesis

Effective performance optimization of configurable software systems only requires **approximate, cheap** and **easy to build** models.

What?

Software System

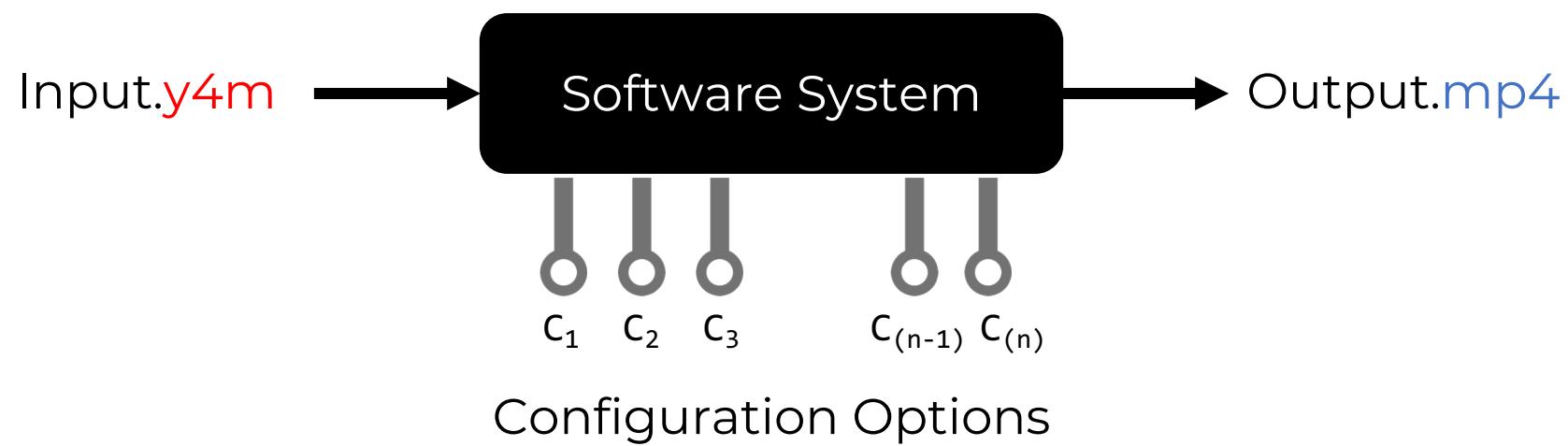
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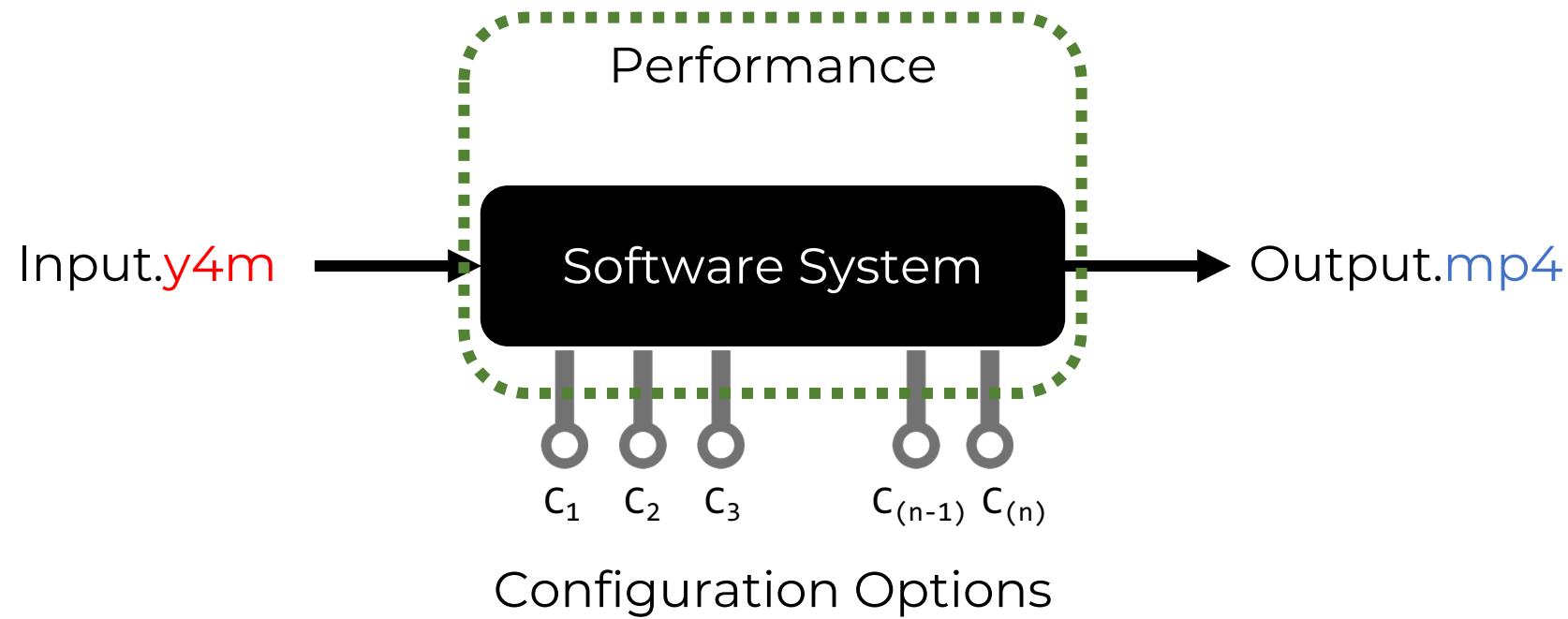
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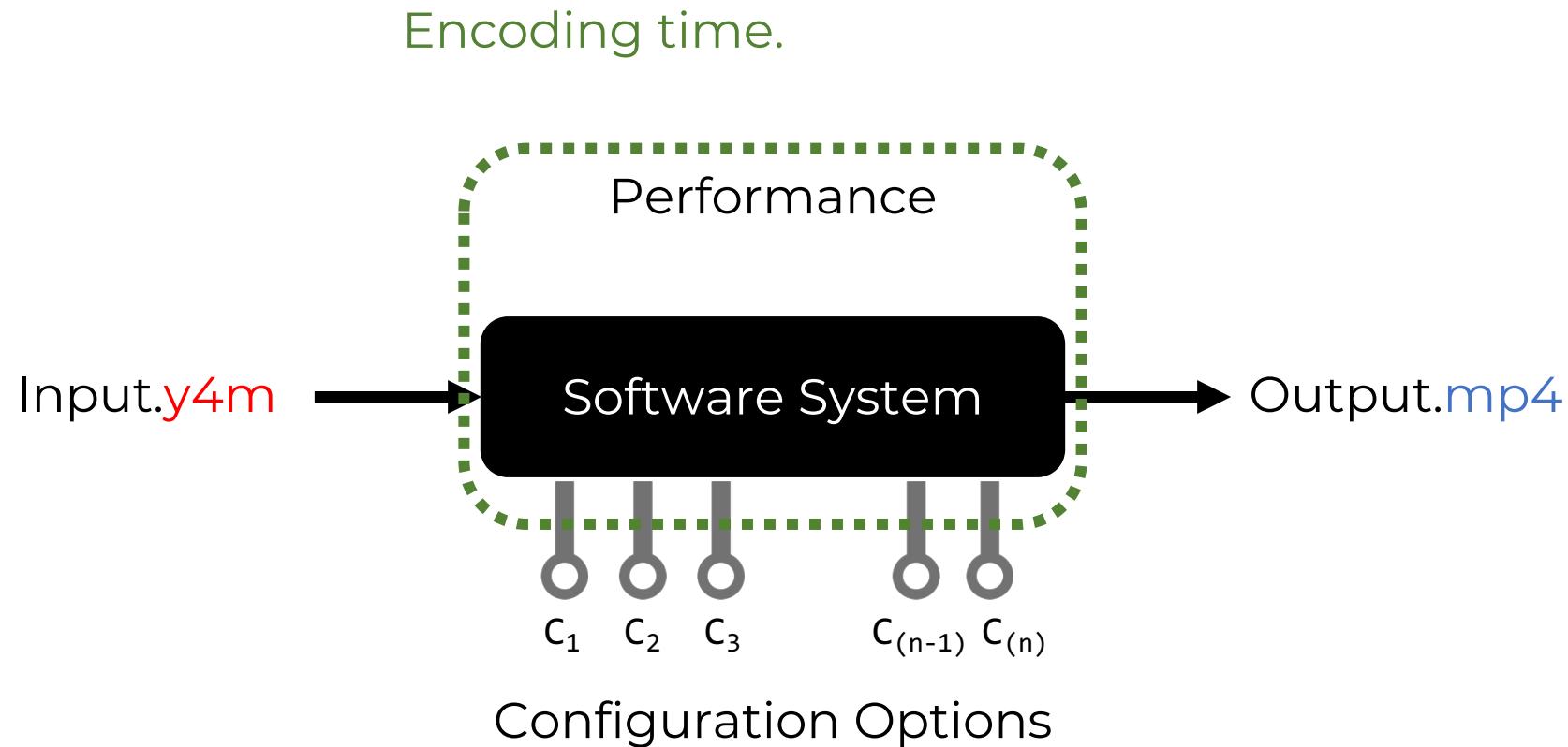
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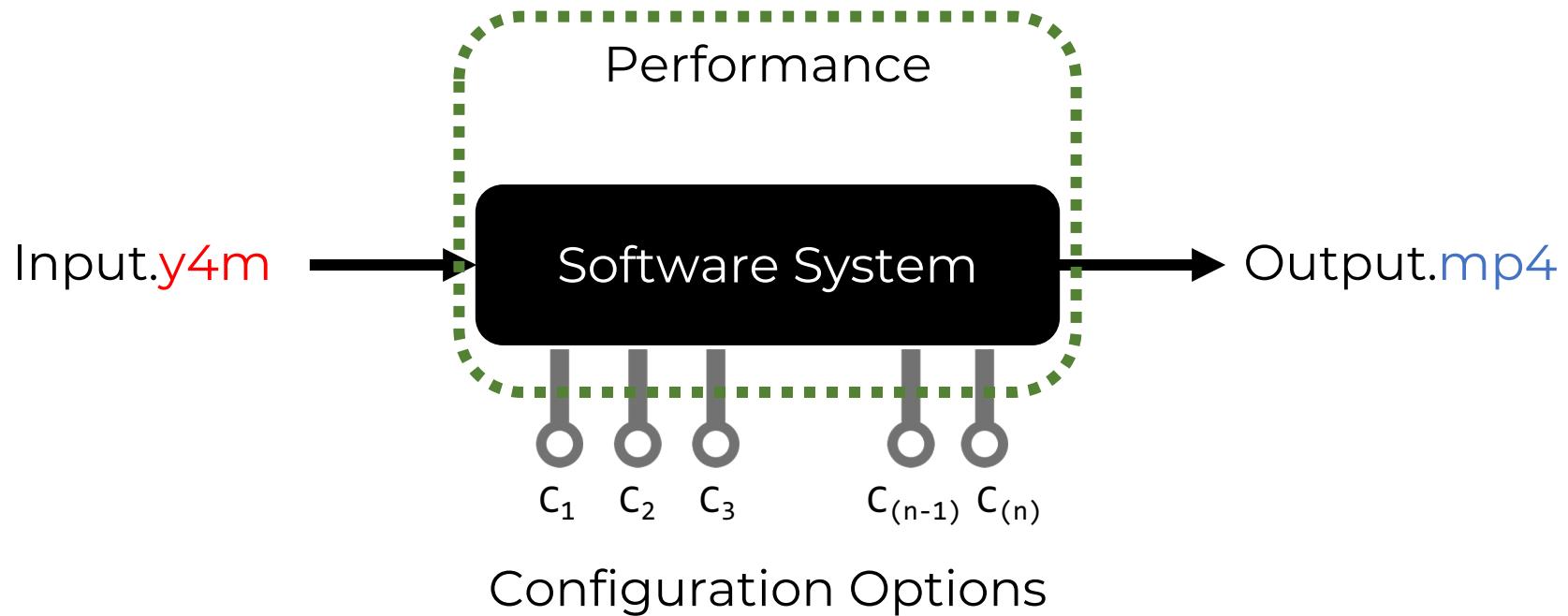
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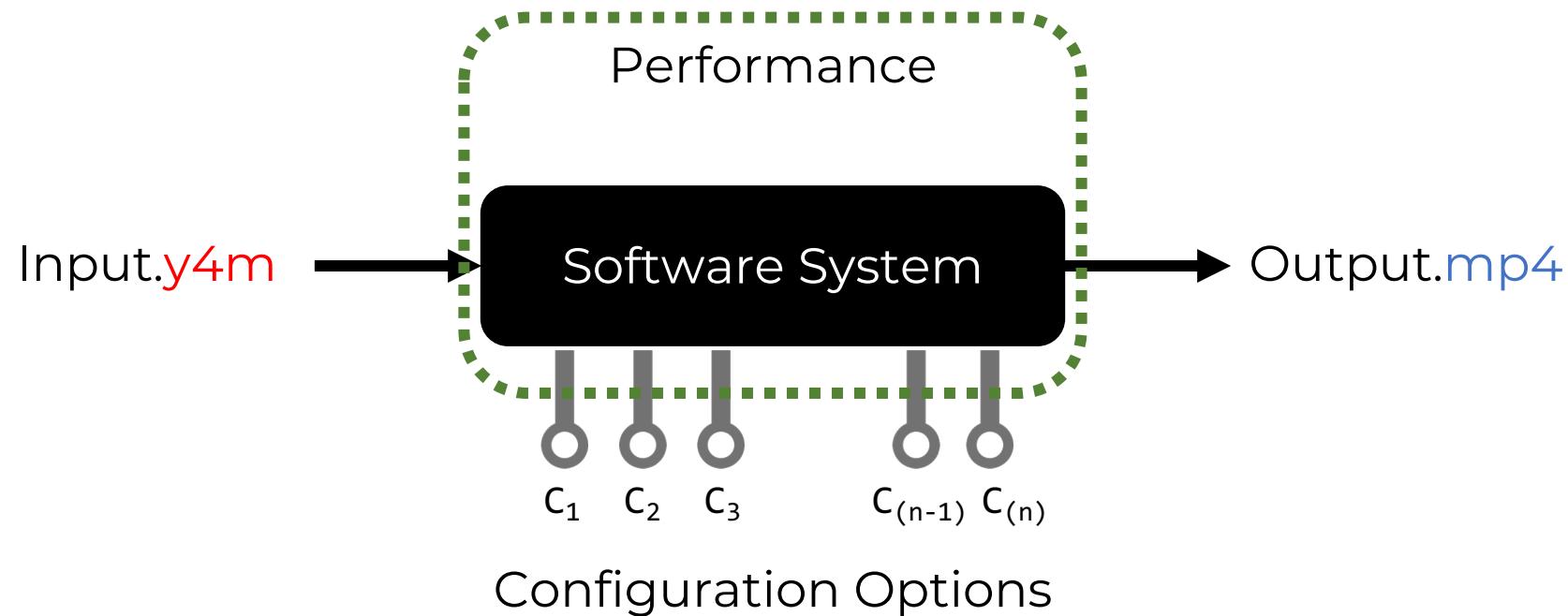


Encoding time. Throughput.



What?

Find (near) **optimal configuration** of a software system
while **minimizing** measurements



What?

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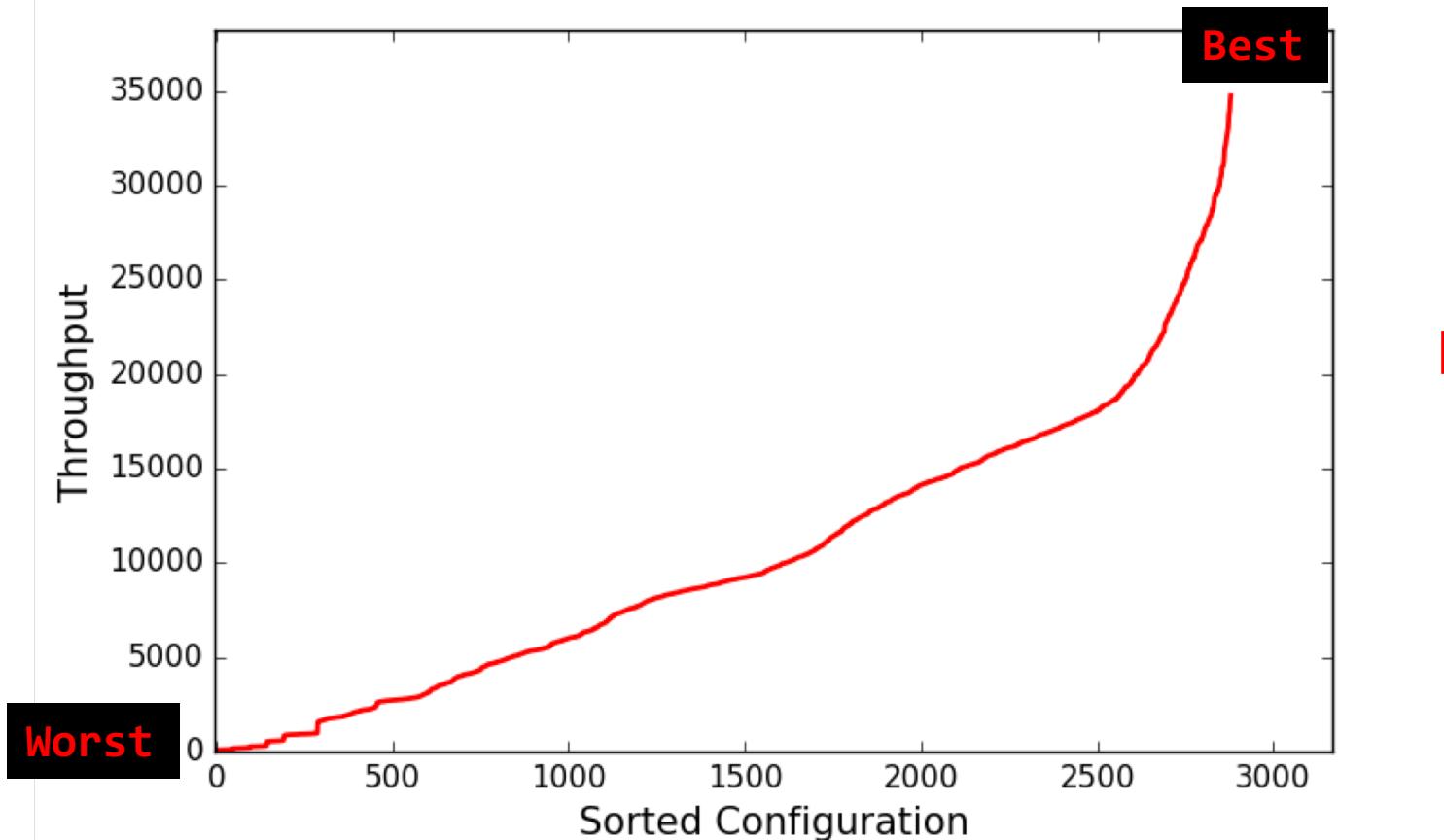
Why is it important?

System: Apache Storm

Workload: Word Count

Performance: Throughput

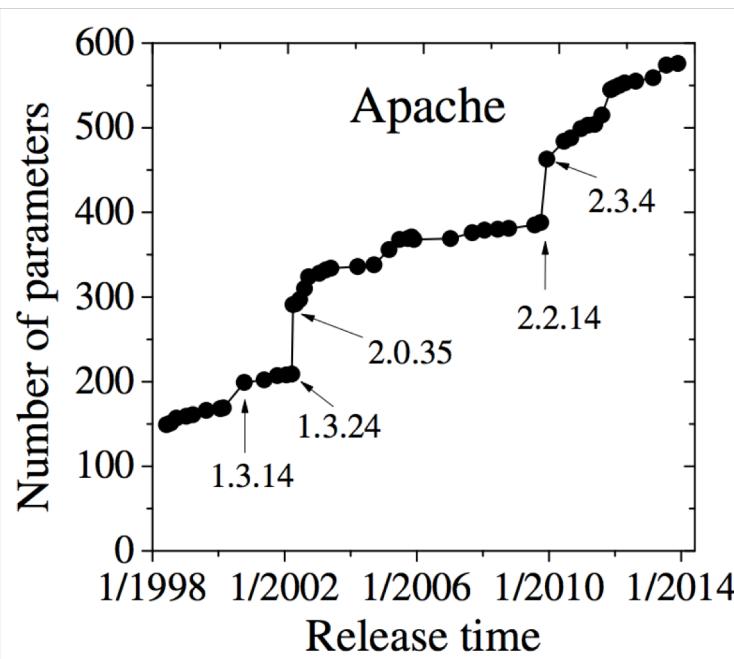
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Necessary

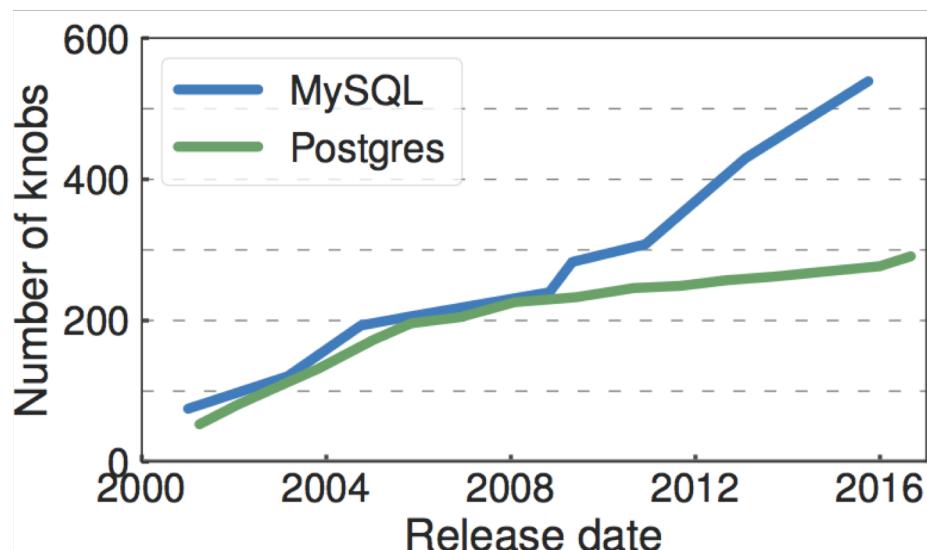
Best configuration is 480 times better than
Worst configuration

Why is it important?



200 new configuration options added to Apache HTTP server between 2010 and 2014^[1]

Necessary
Complex



250 new configuration options added to MySQL between 2012 and 2016^[2]

[1] Xu et. al.; Hey, you have given me too many knobs!: understanding and dealing with over-designed configuration in system software; FSE 2015¹⁹

[2] Van Aken, Dana, et al. "Automatic Database Management System Tuning Through Large-scale Machine Learning." ICMD 2017.

Why is it important?

Default MySQL configuration in 2016 assumes that machine has **only 160 MB of RAM**^[1]

Rule-of-thumb settings for WordCount (in Hadoop) gave one of its **worst execution times**^[2]

Necessary

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Default is not good

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[2] Herodotou, Herodotos, et al. "Starfish: A Self-tuning System for Big Data Analytics." *CIDR*

Why is it important?

- Evaluation of single instance of software/hardware co-design problem can take **weeks**^[1]
- Rolling Sort use-case required **21 days**, within a total experimental time of about **2.5 months**^[2]
- Test suite generation using Evolutionary Algorithm can take **weeks**^[3]

Necessary

Complex

Default is not good

Expensive

[1] Zuluaga, Marcella, et al. "Active learning for multi-objective optimization." *International Conference on Machine Learning*. 2013.

[2] Jamshidi, Pooyan, and Giuliano Casale. "An uncertainty-aware approach to optimal configuration of stream processing systems." *MASCOTS-2016*

[3] Wang, Tiantian, et al. "Searching for better configurations: a rigorous approach to clone evaluation." *FSE-2013*

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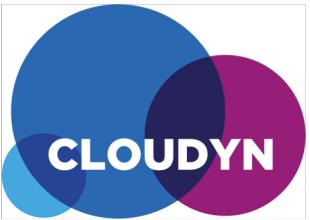
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Performance Optimization

- Necessary
- Complex
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- Optimization is **ubiquitous** and **expensive**
- The **Model-based optimization** is a popular alternative

Claim: Better ways to **build** and **use** Models

Case Study: Configurable Software System Optimization

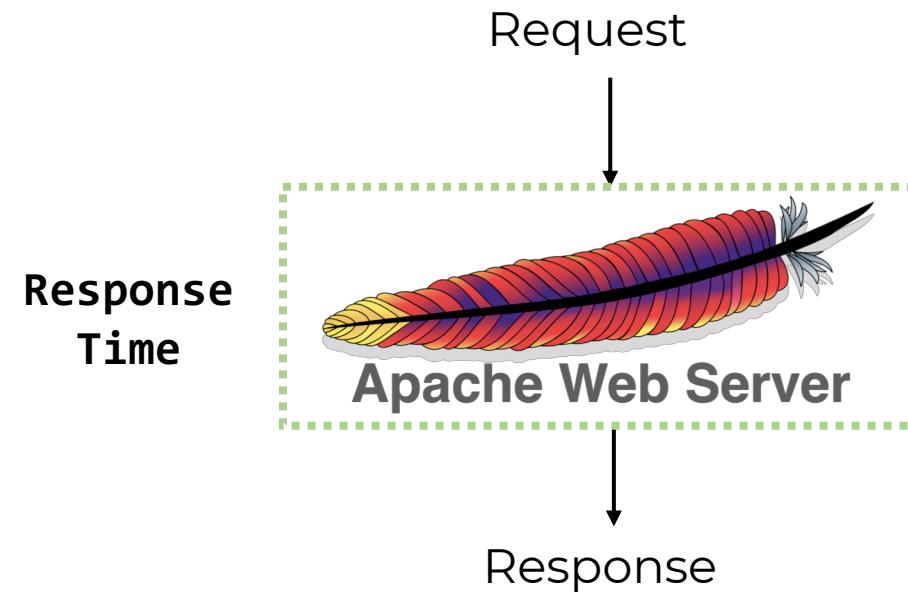
Potential future application: Any optimization problem

Previously on Performance Optimization [1][2]

Residual based Methods

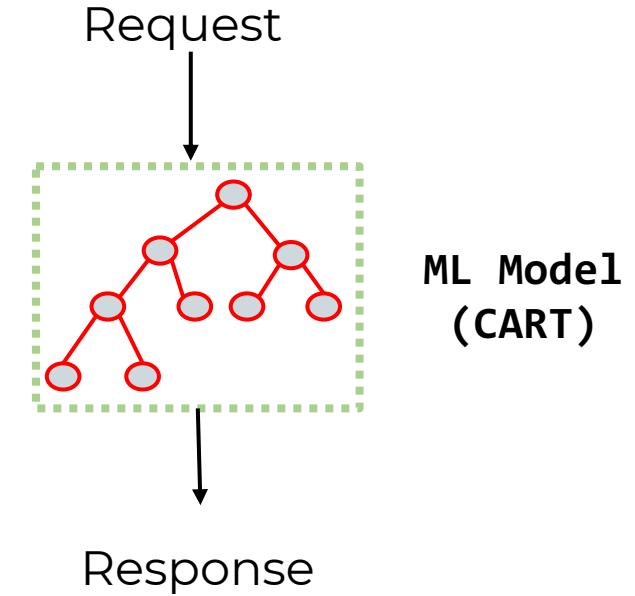
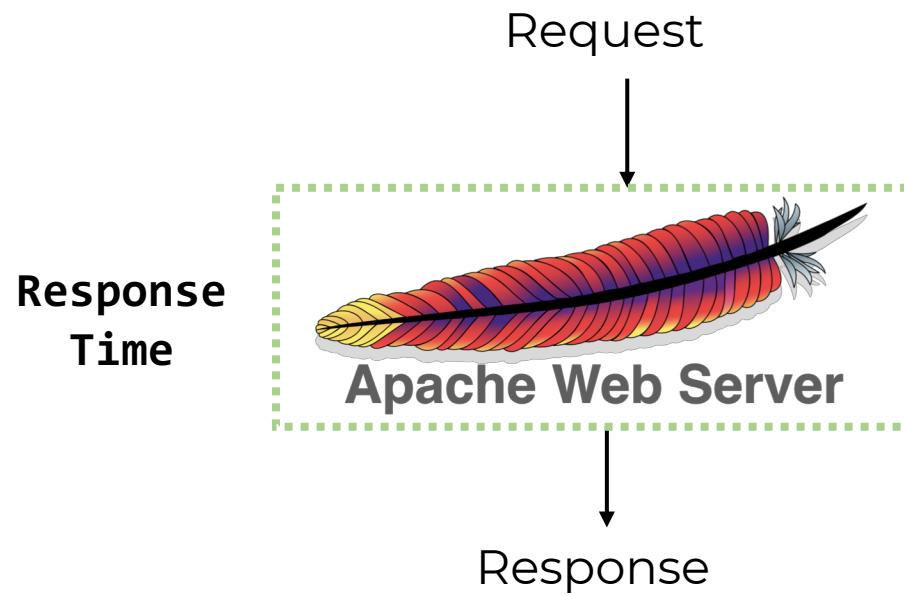
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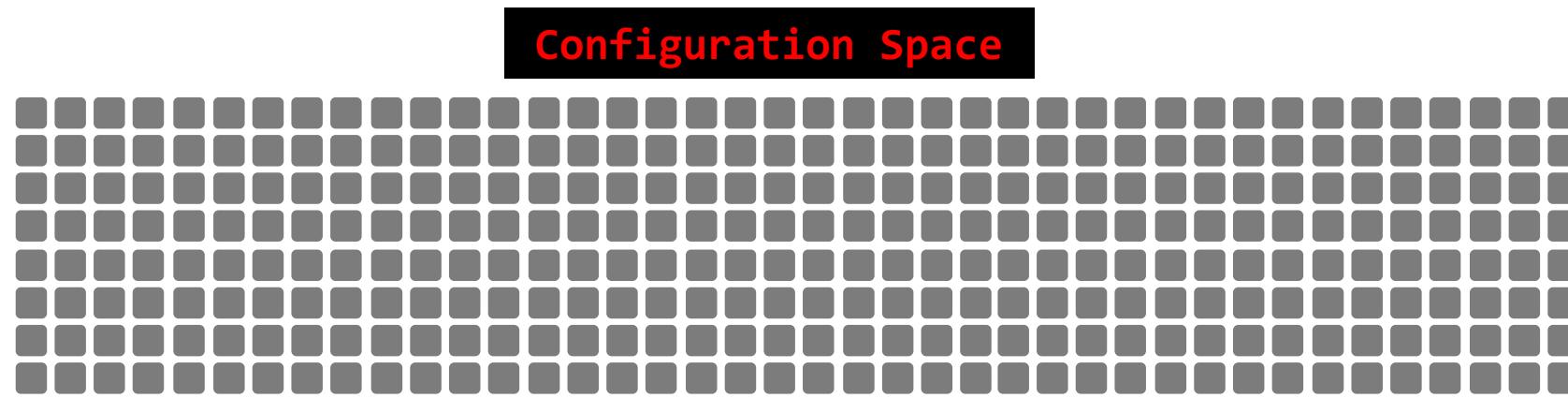
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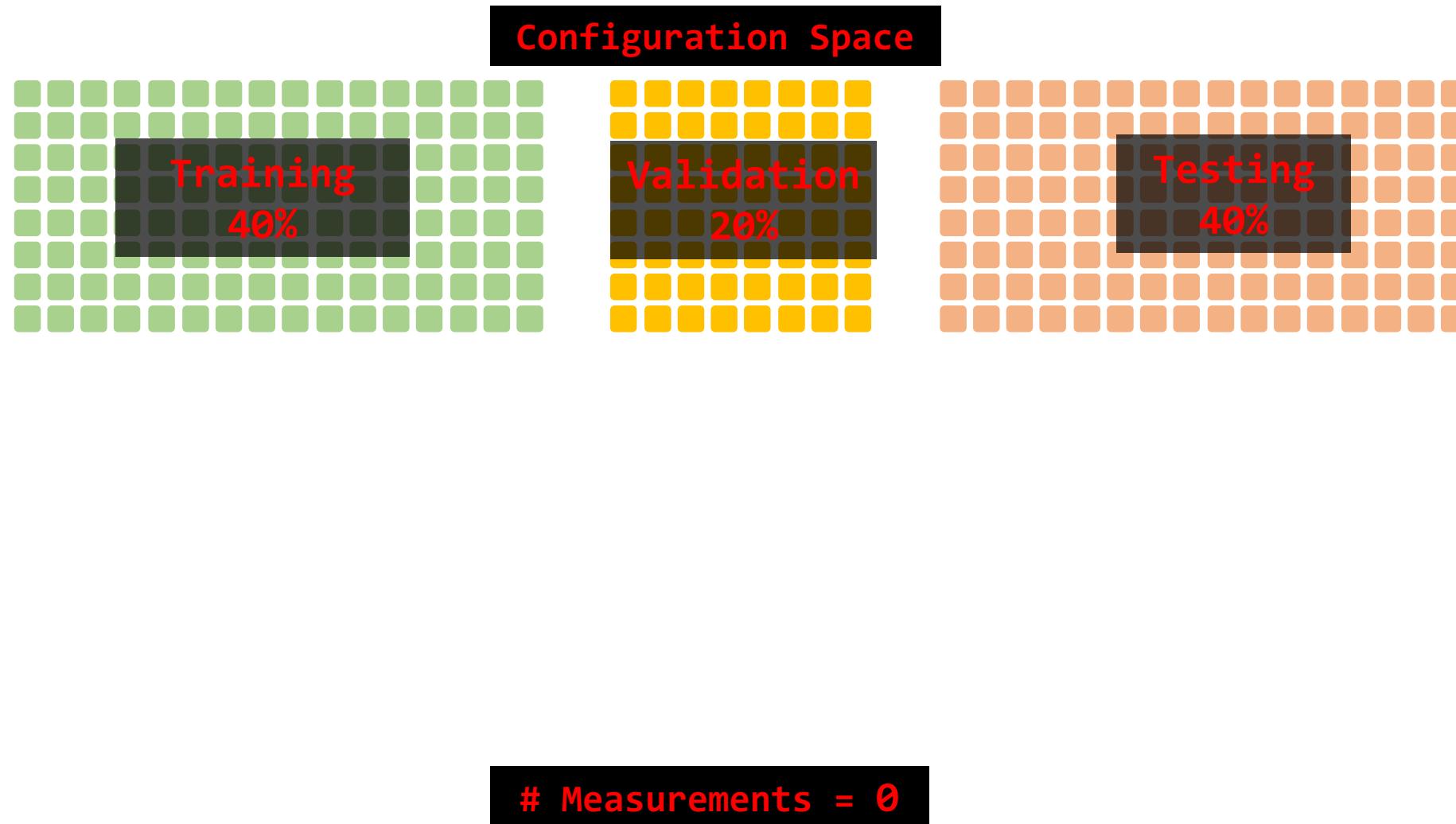
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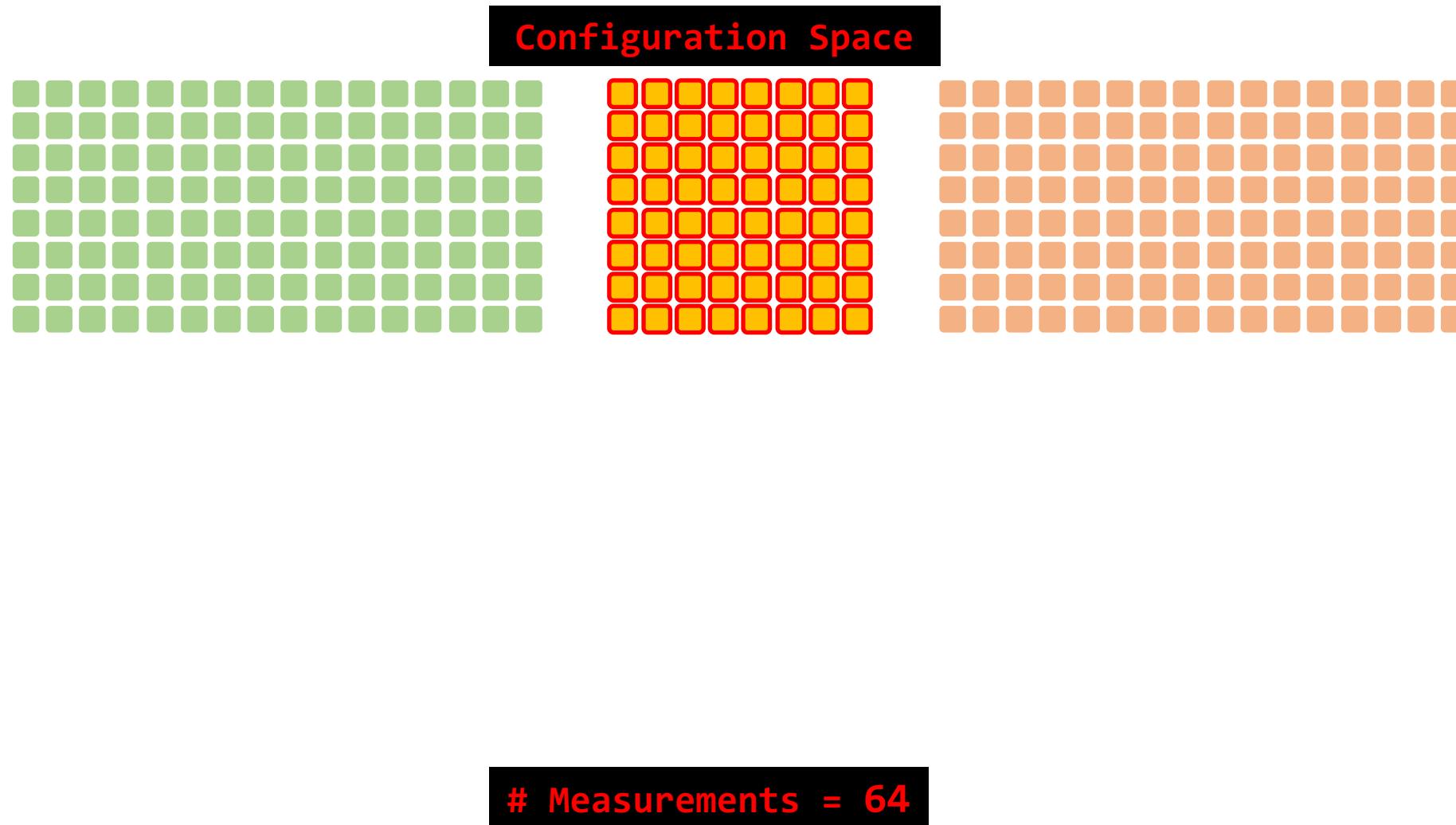
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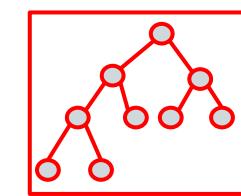
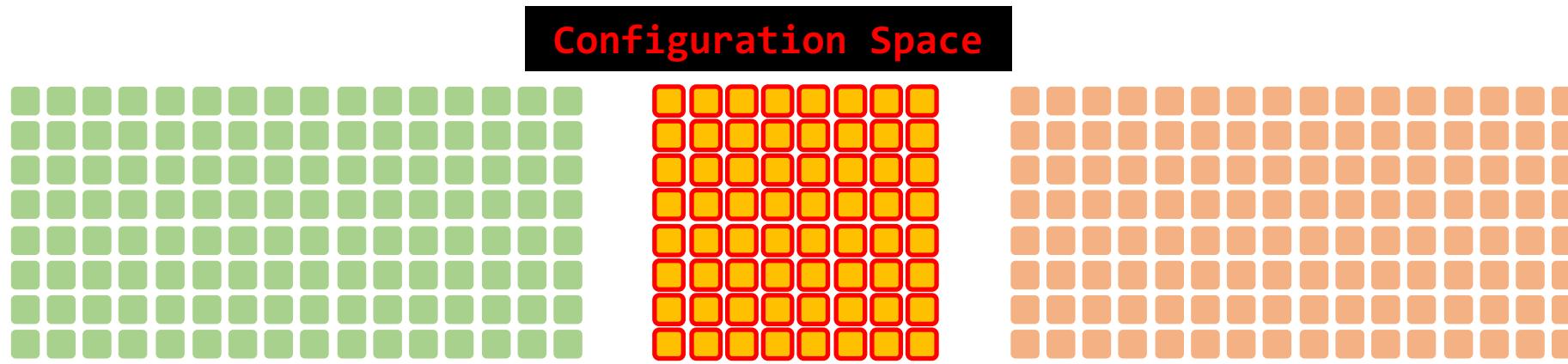




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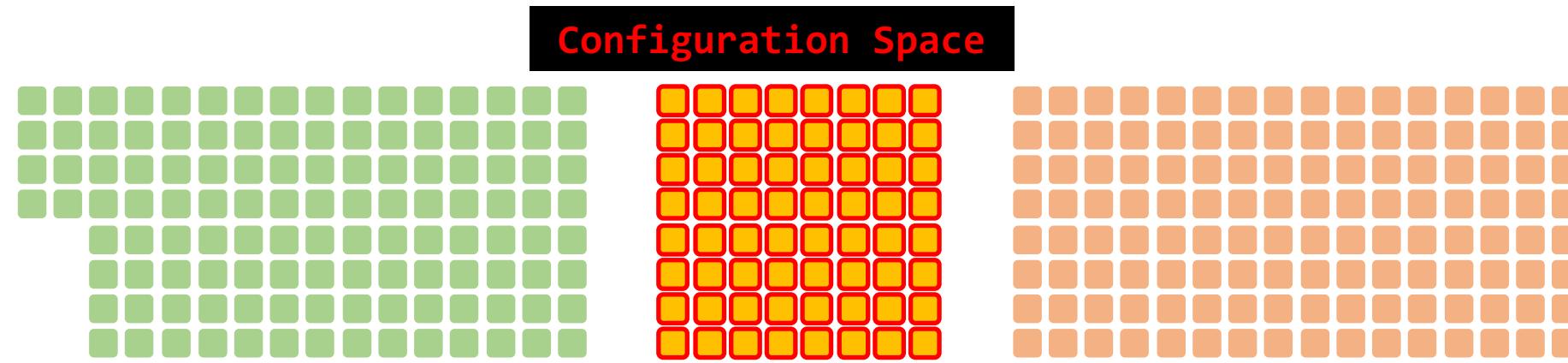




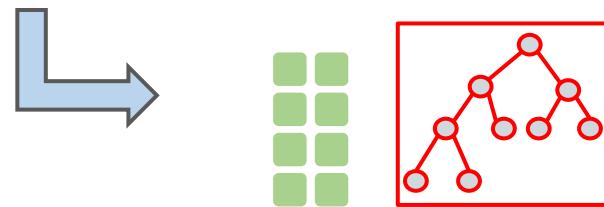


CART

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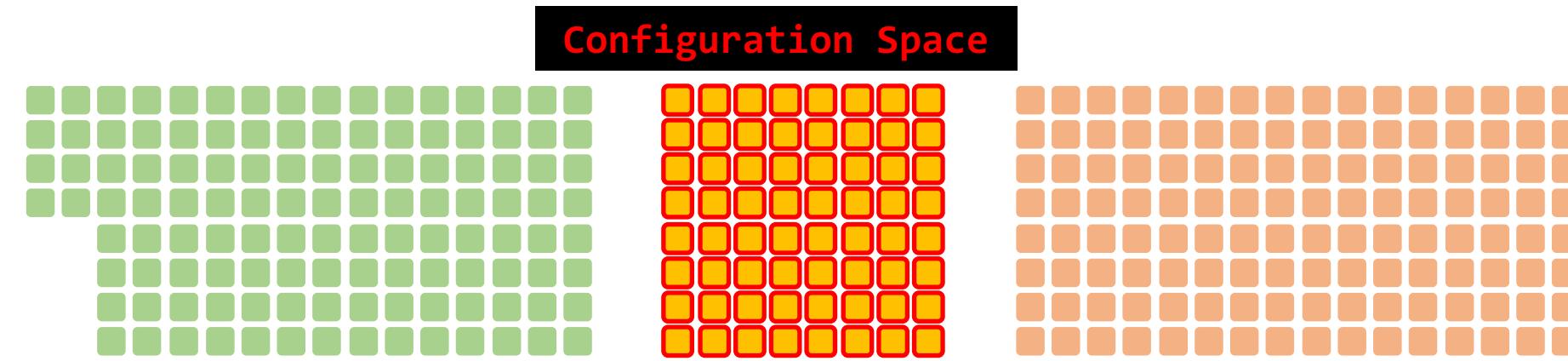


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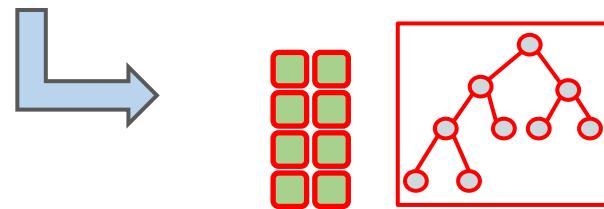
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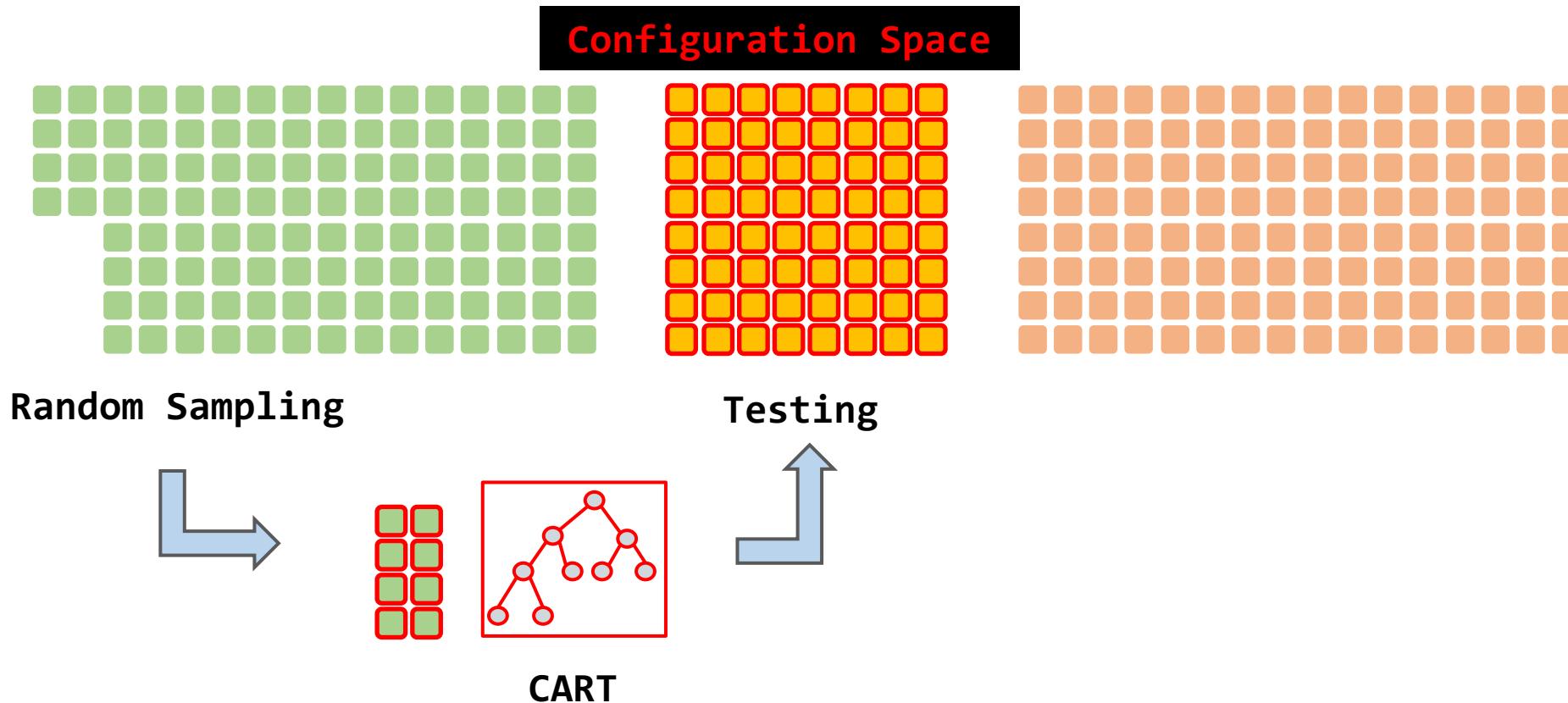


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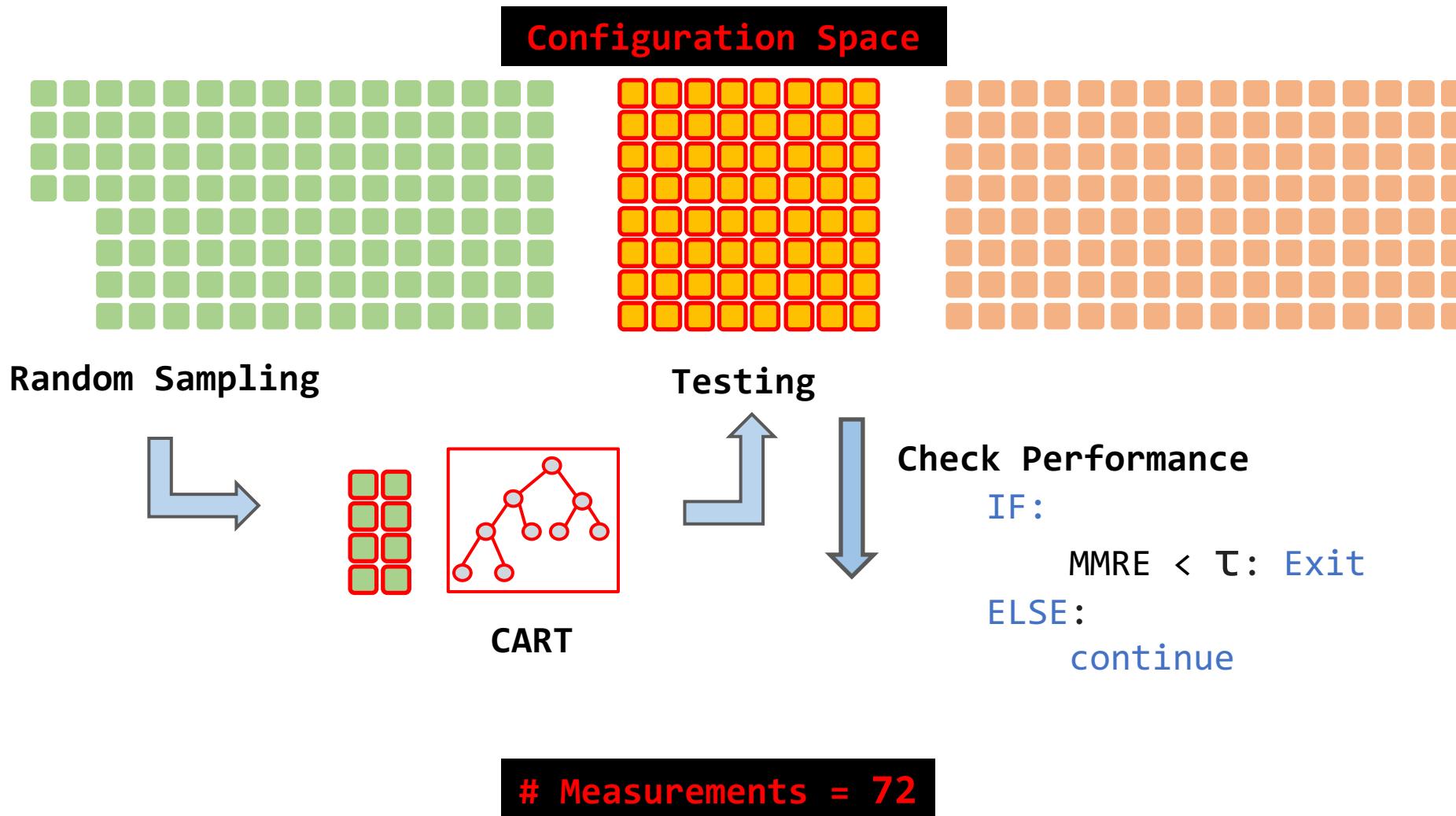


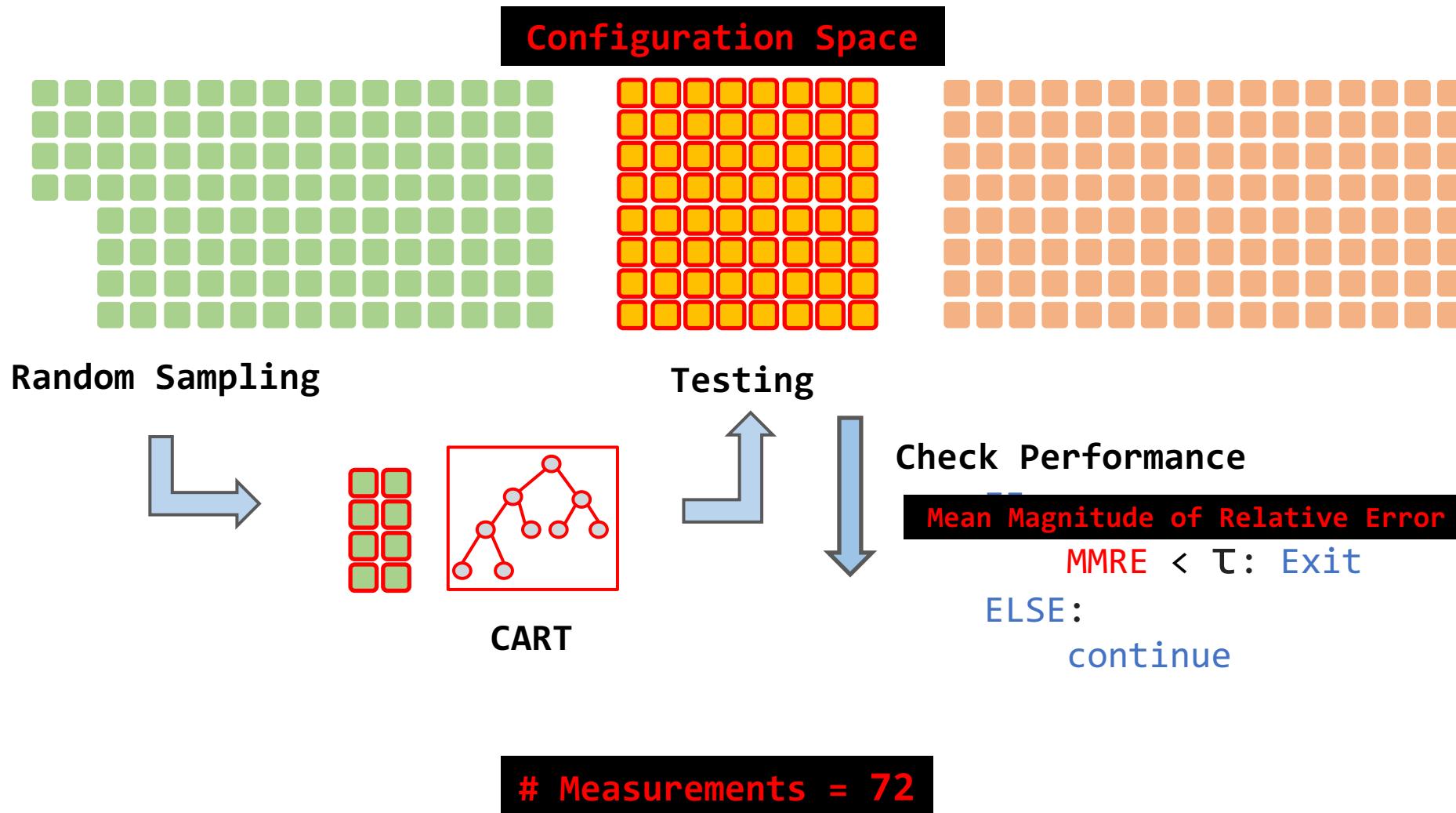
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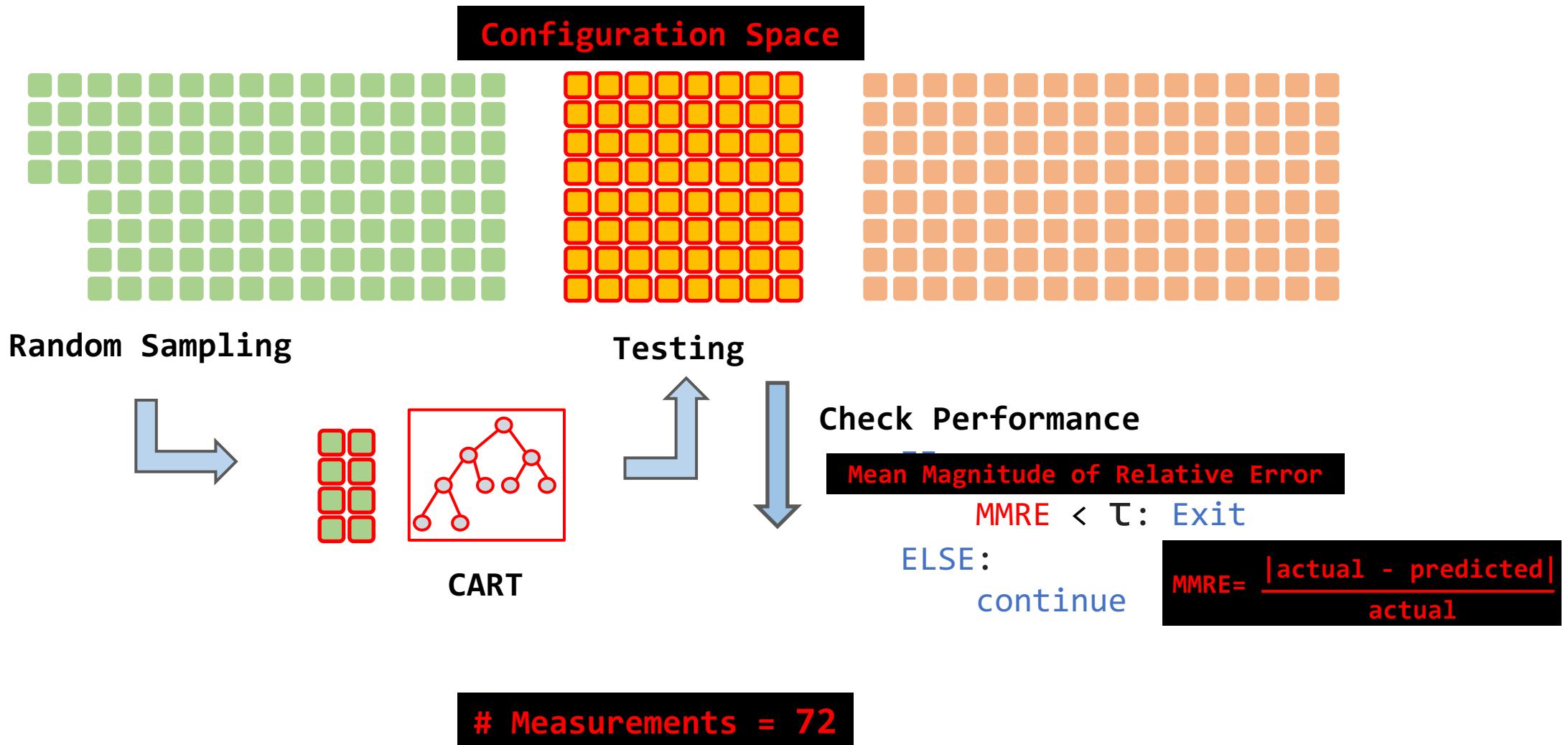
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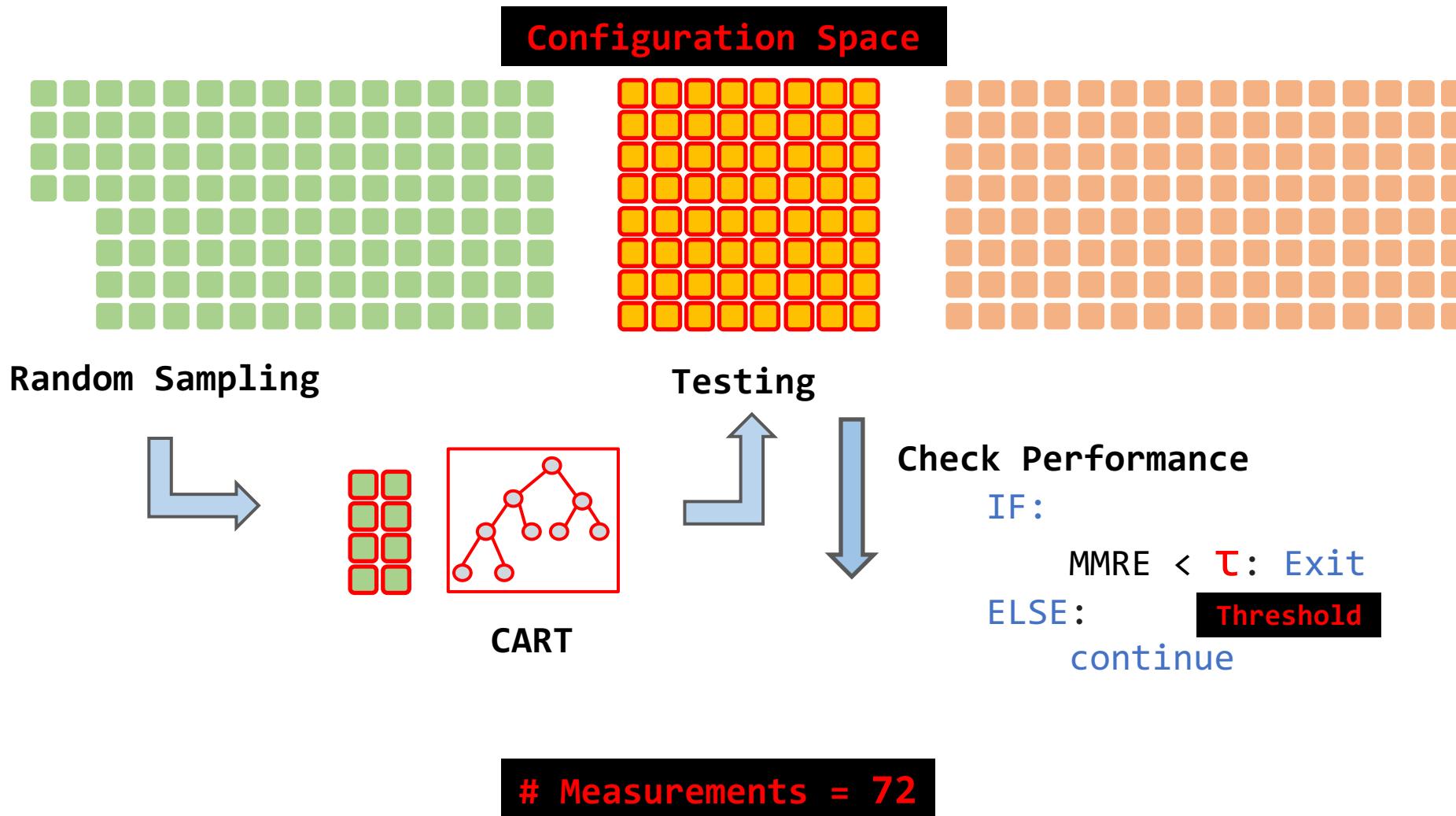


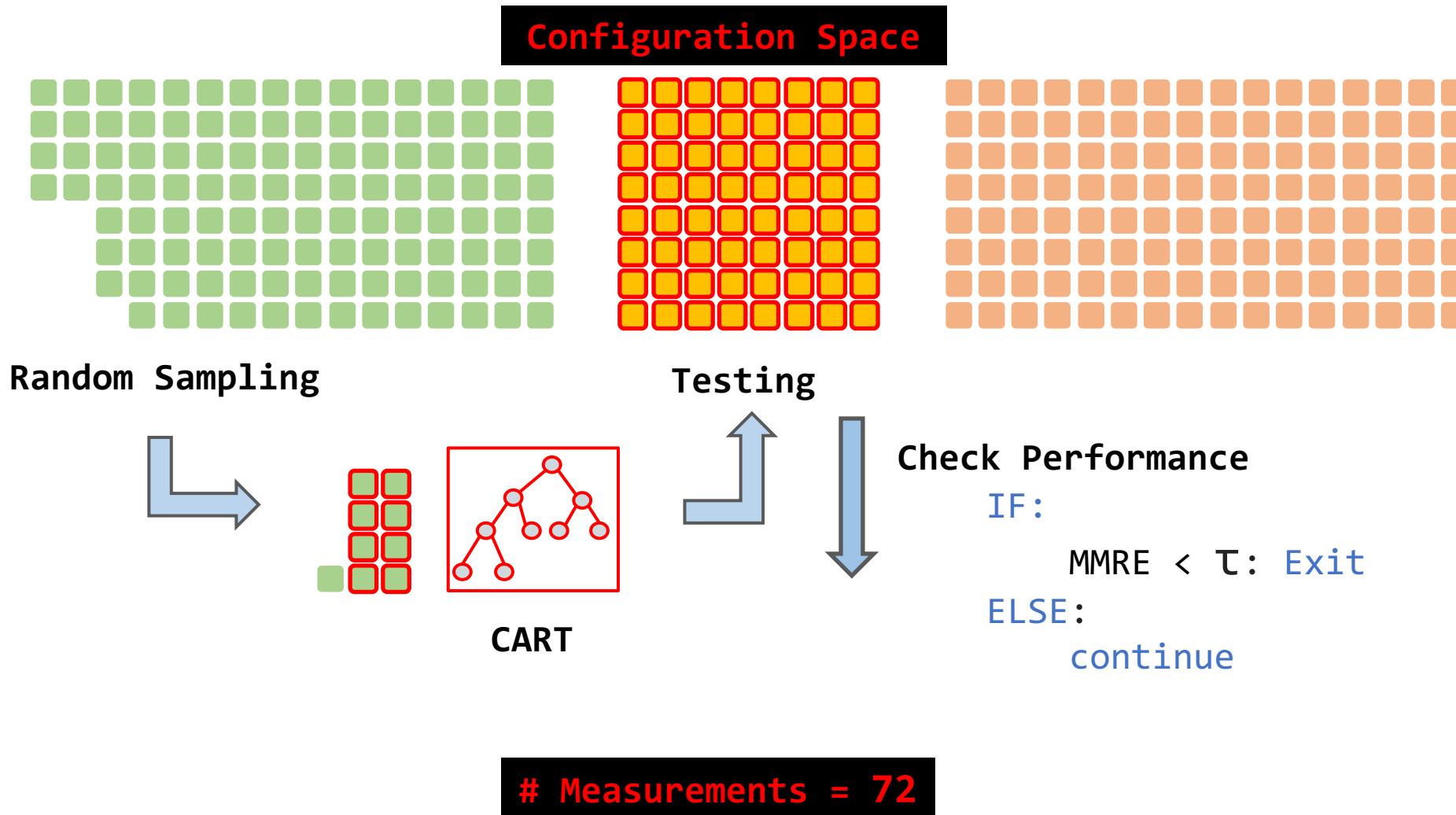


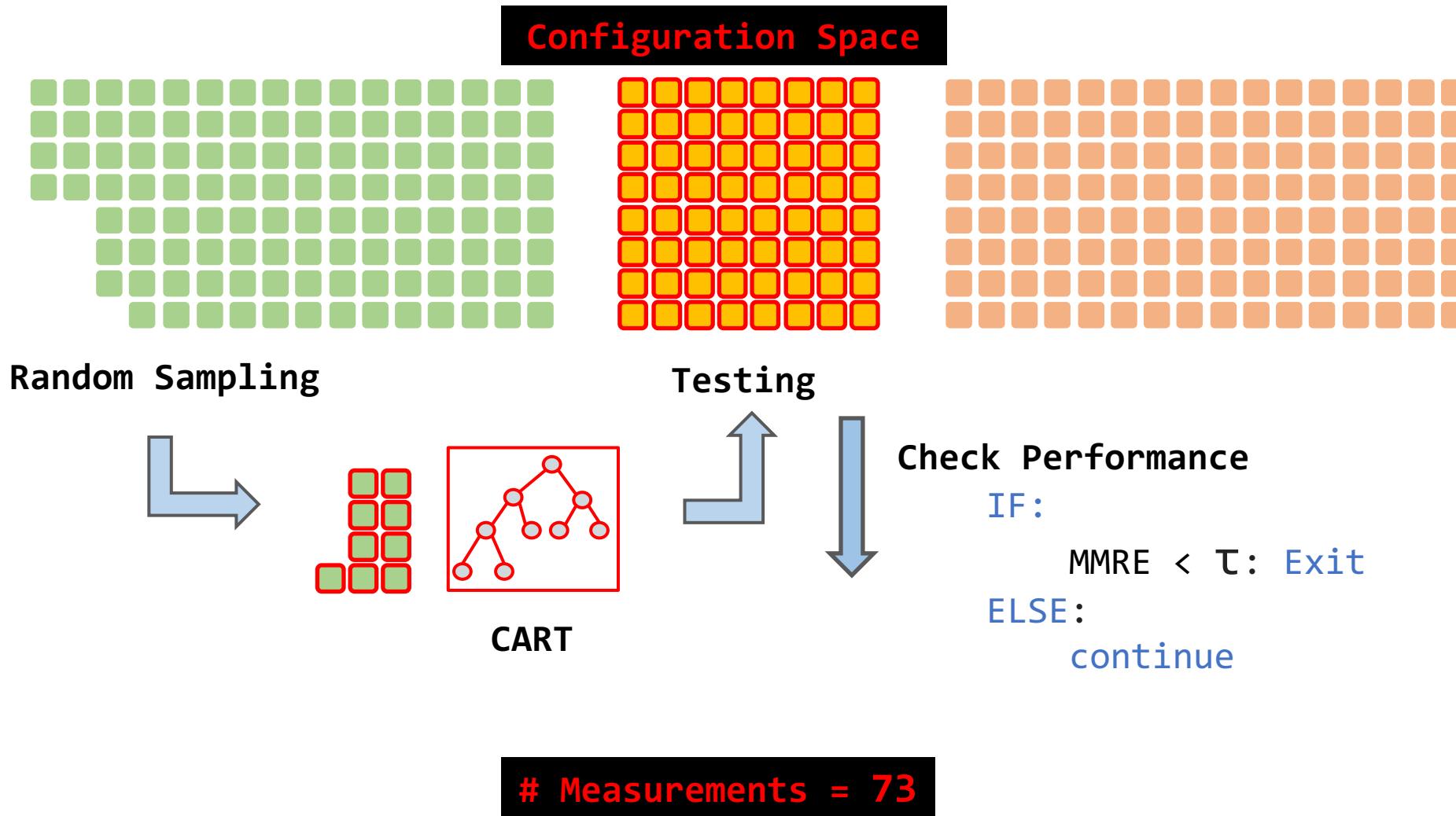
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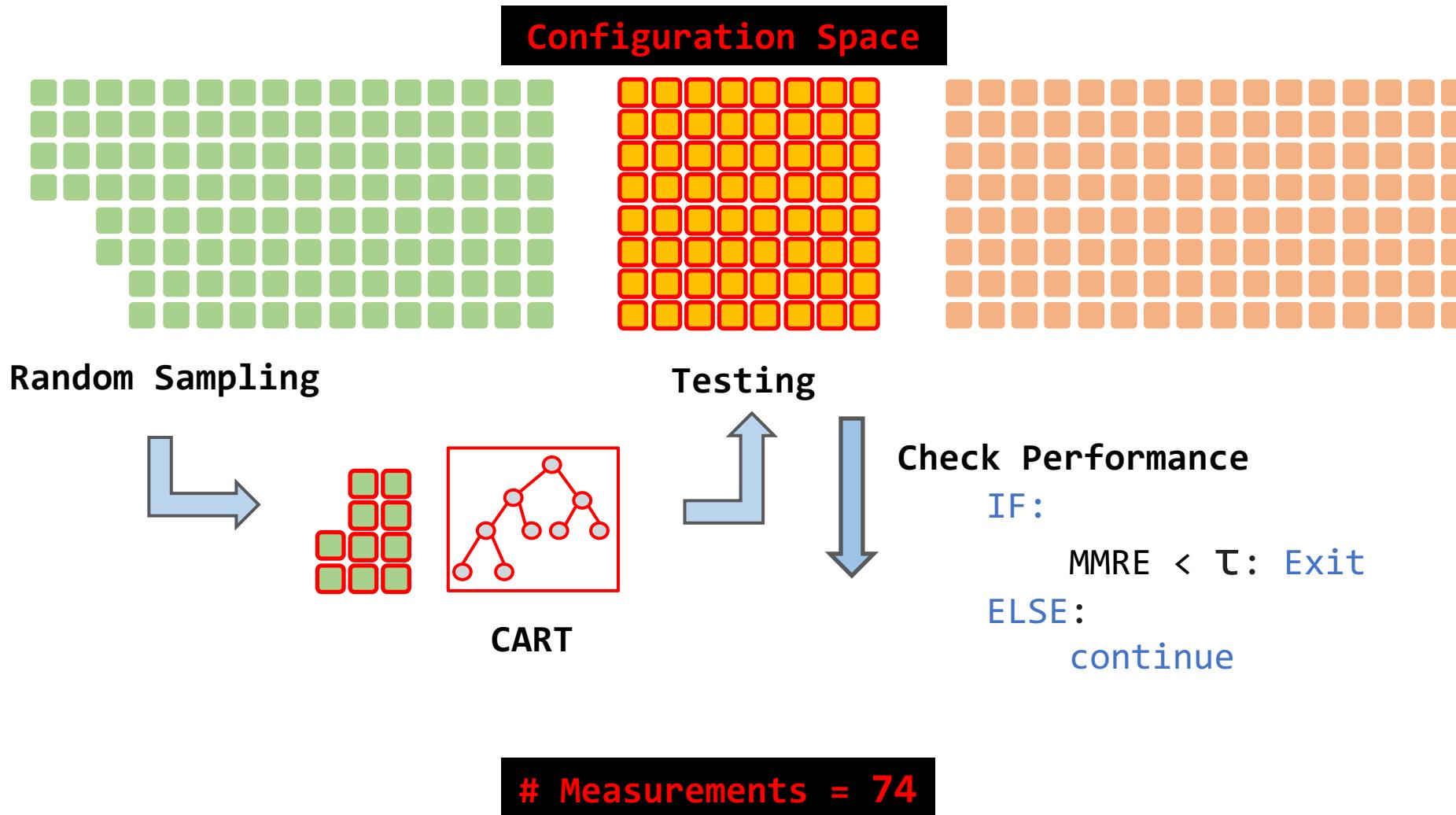
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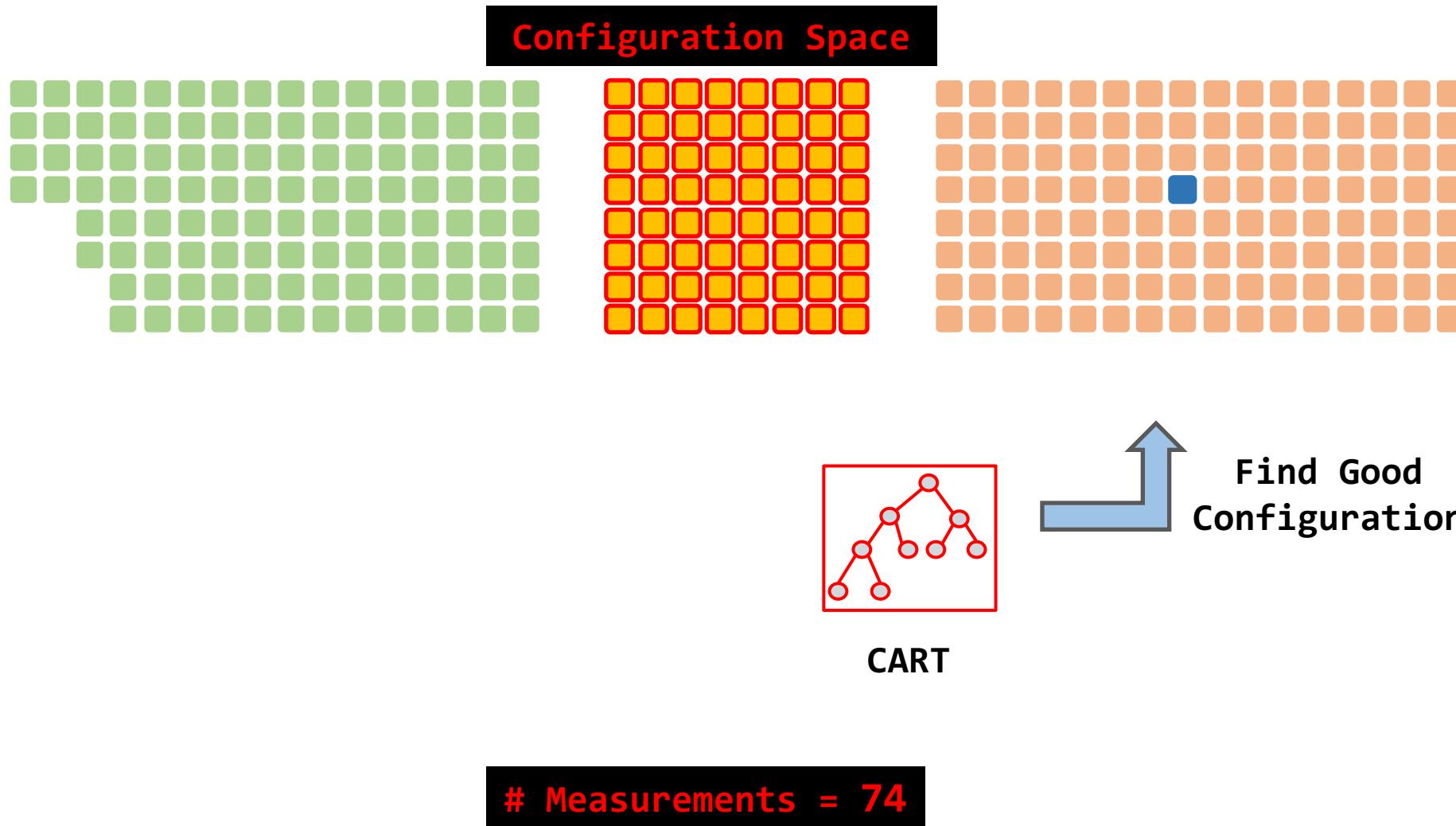


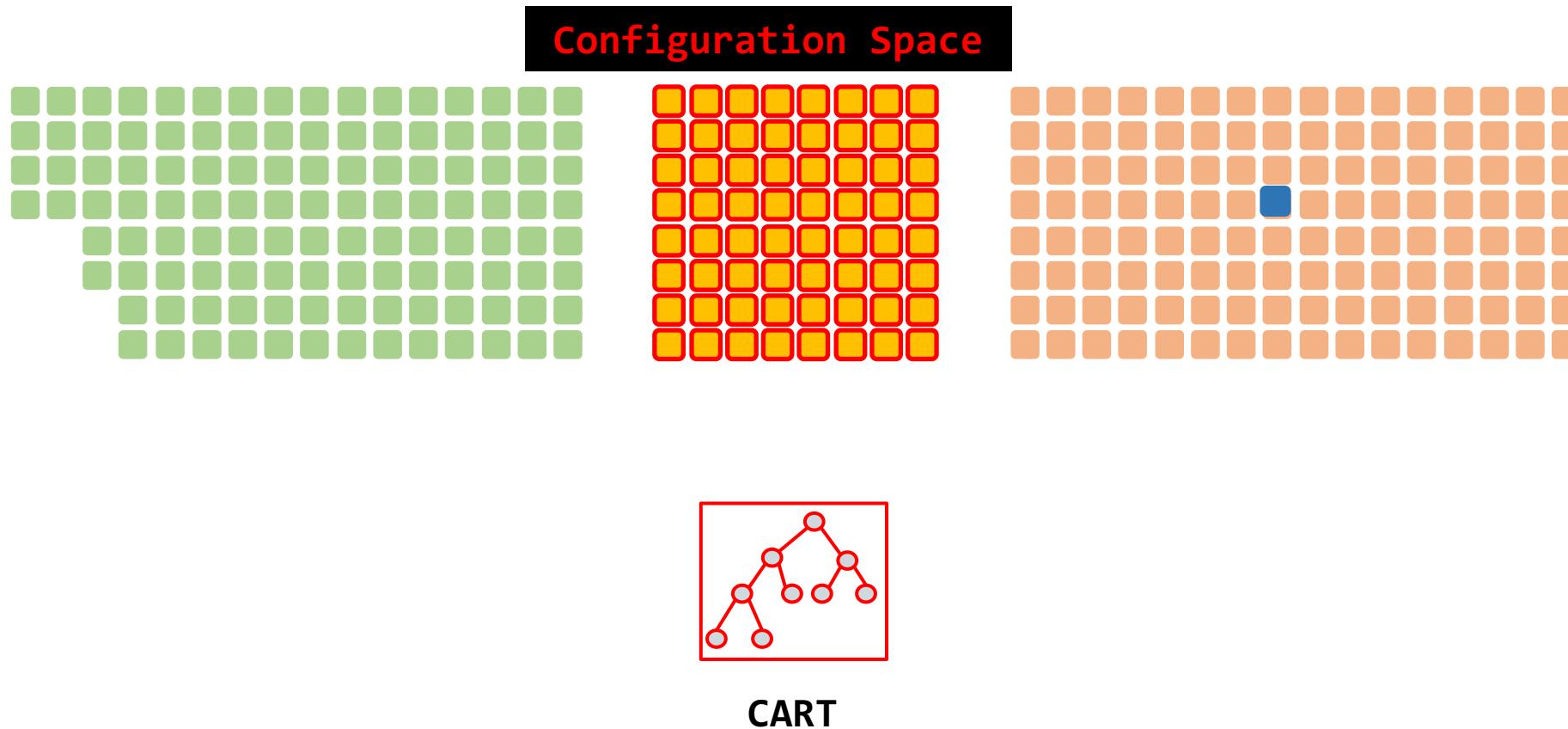


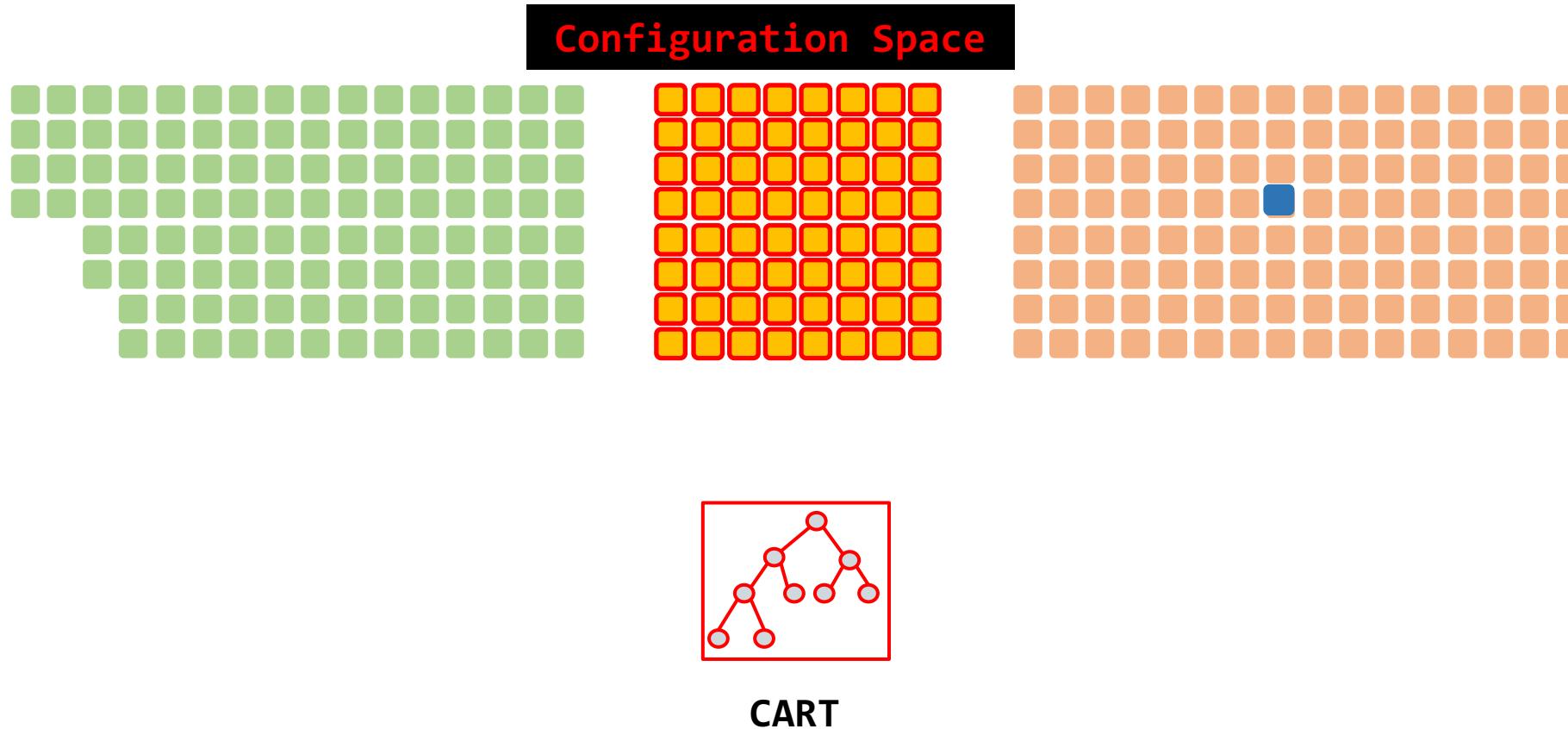


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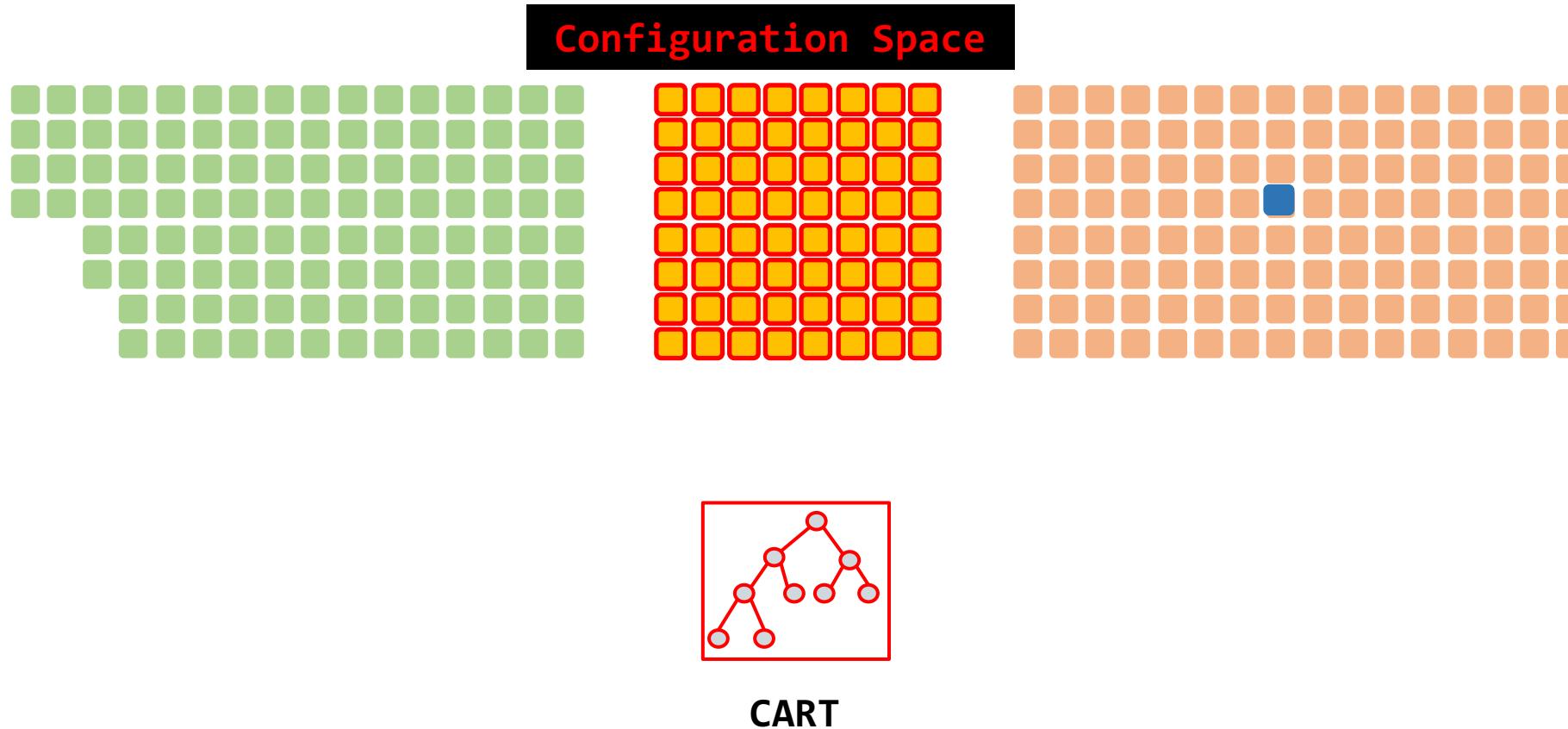
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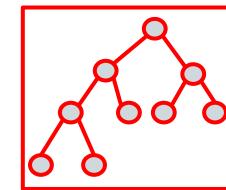
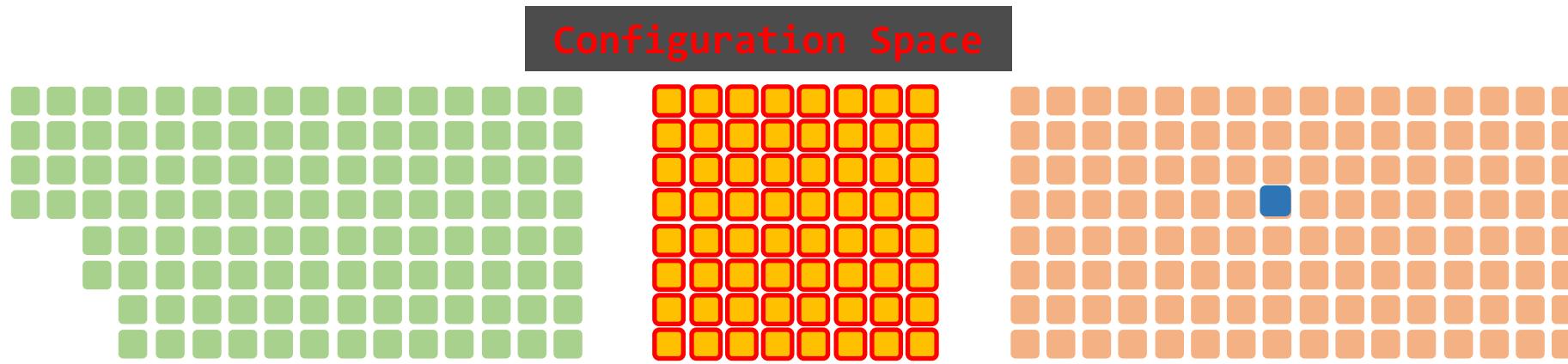


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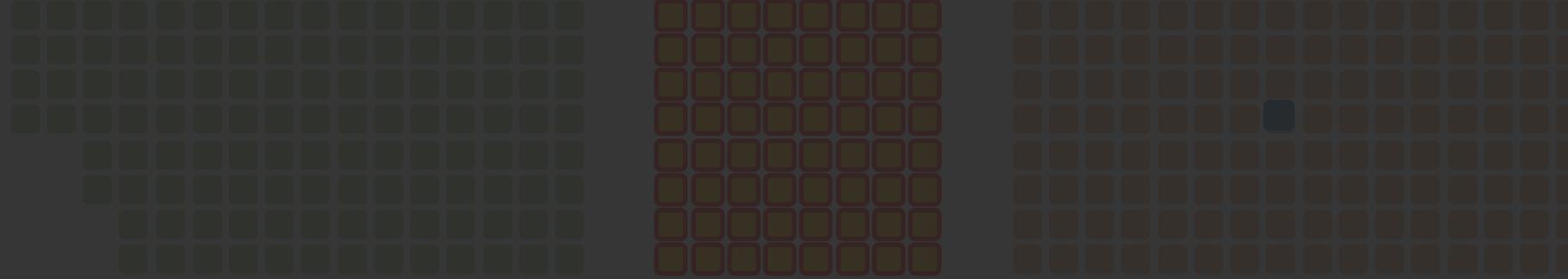
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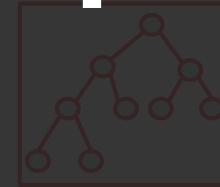
Cost

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Configuration Space



Expensive



Regression Tree

Quality

How close is the predicted optimal from actual optimal?

Cost

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“..in real world scenarios, the cost of acquiring the optimal configuration
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- Gary M Weiss and Ye Tian

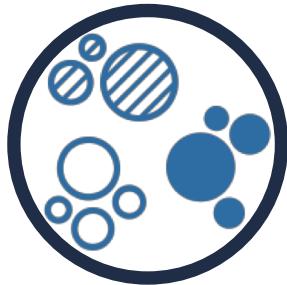
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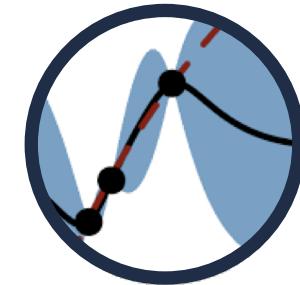
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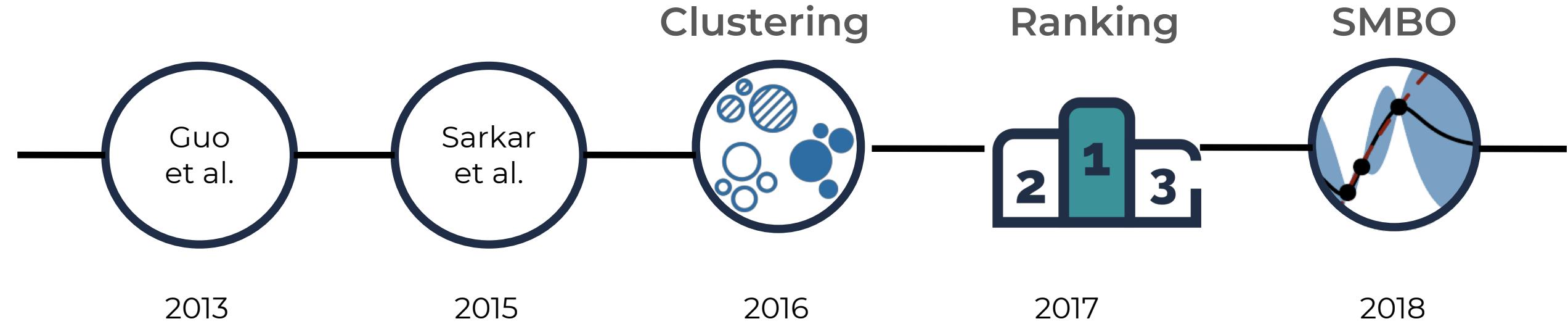
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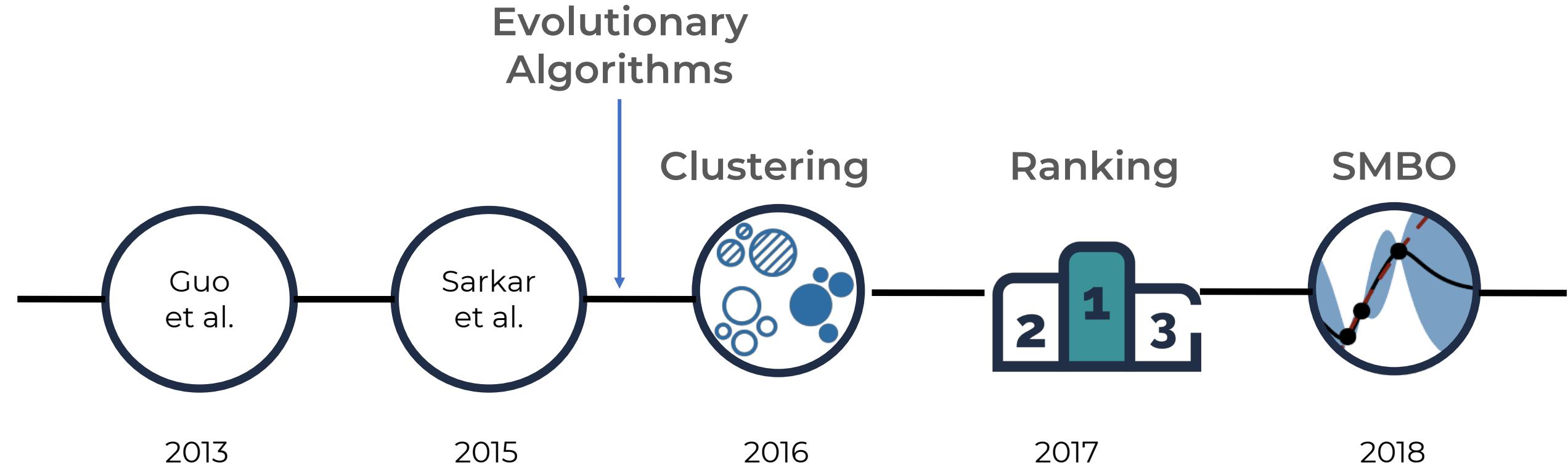
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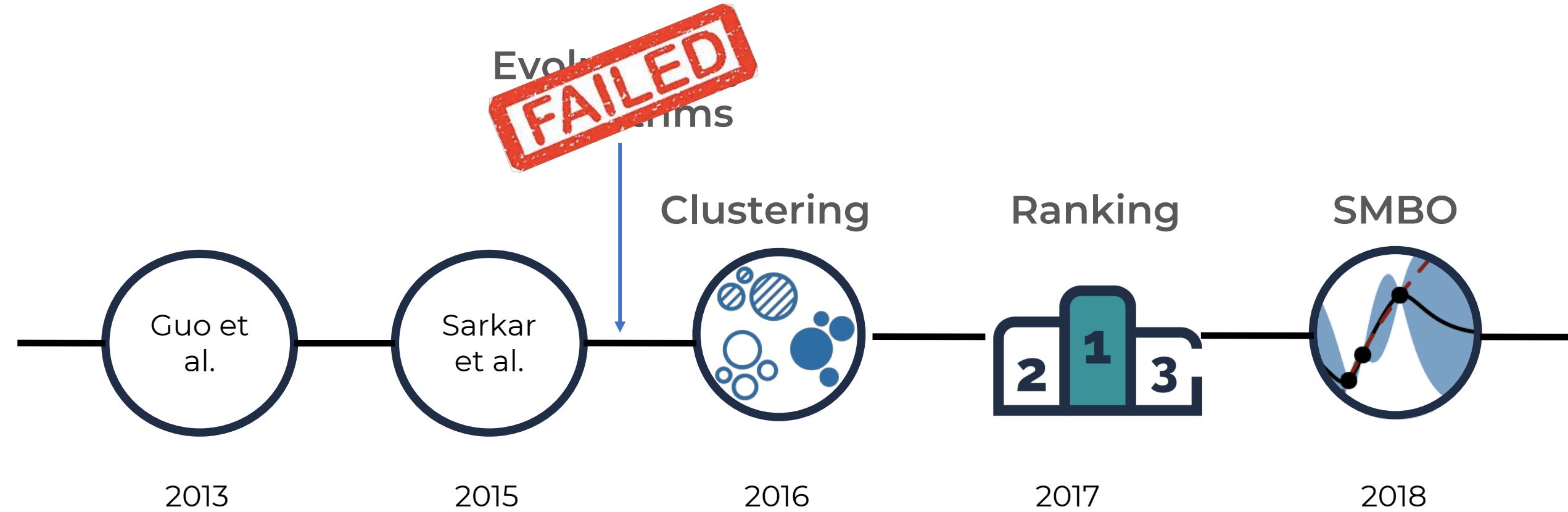
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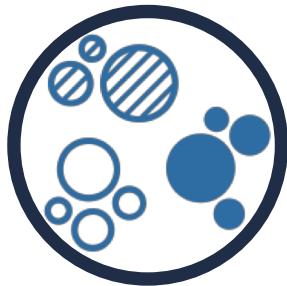


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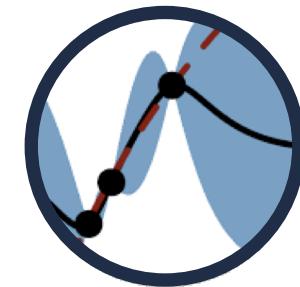
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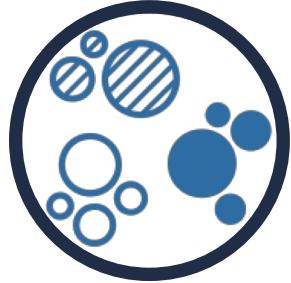


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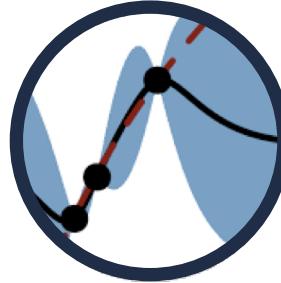
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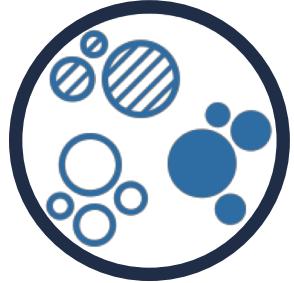
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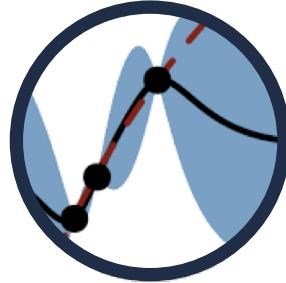
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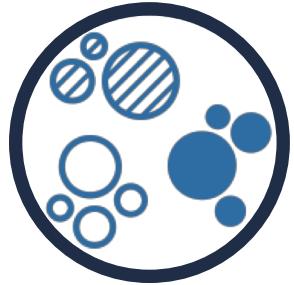


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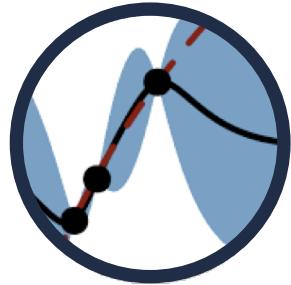
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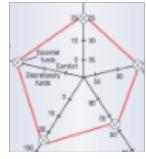
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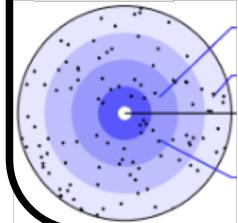
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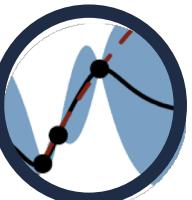
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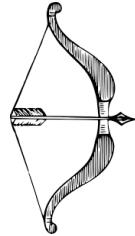
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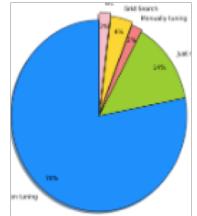
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Software Analytics



JMSE'19 MSR'18

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SWAN'18

Effort Estimation



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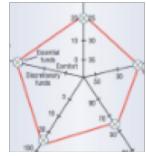
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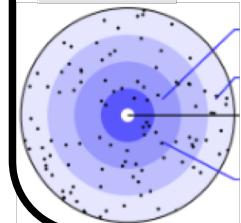
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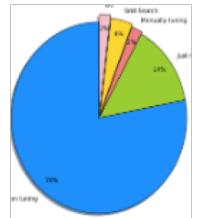


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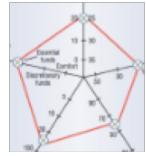
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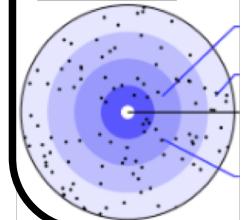
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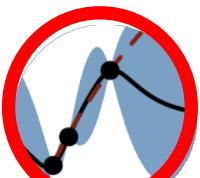
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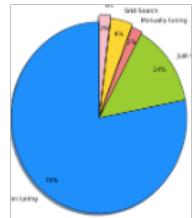


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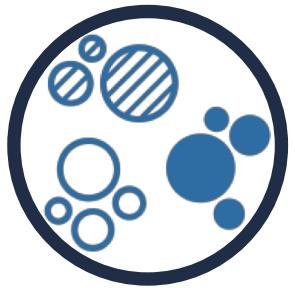
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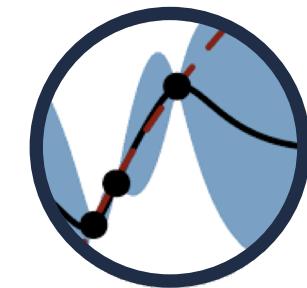
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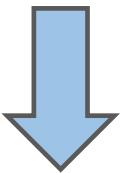
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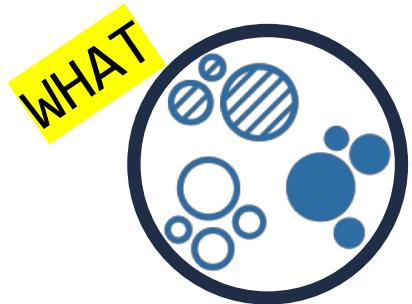
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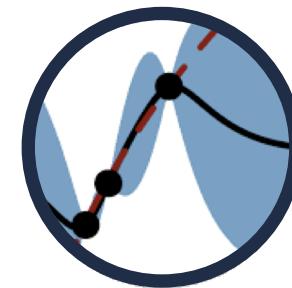


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Nair et al.; Faster discovery of faster system configurations with spectral learning; ASEJ (2016)



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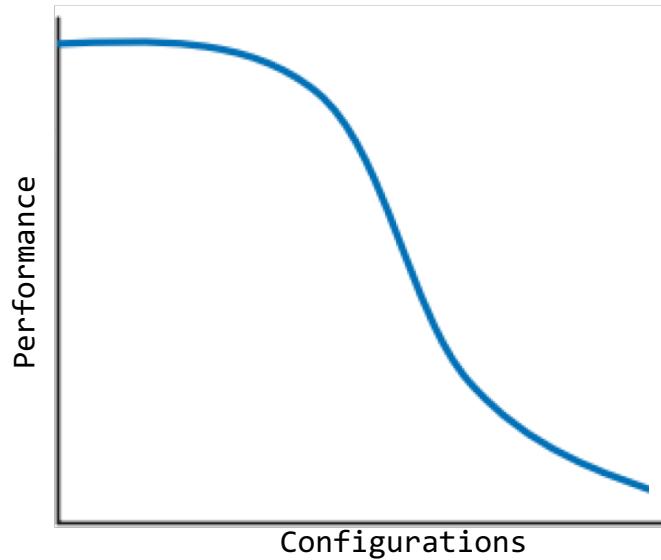
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WHAT (Clustering)

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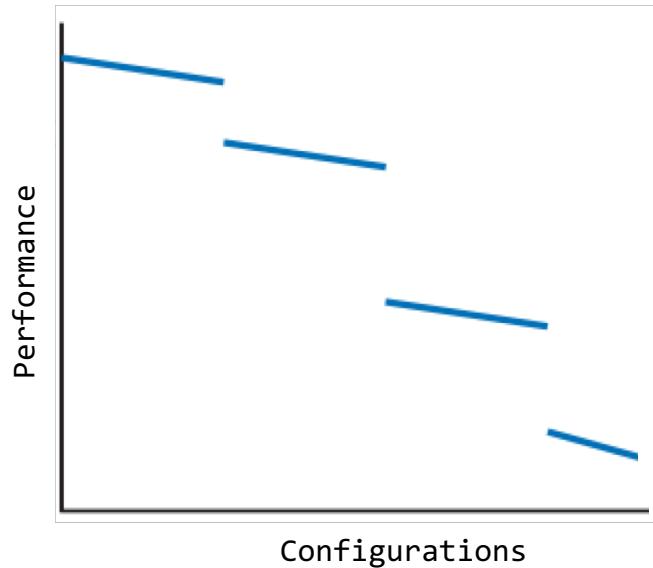




WHAT (Clustering)

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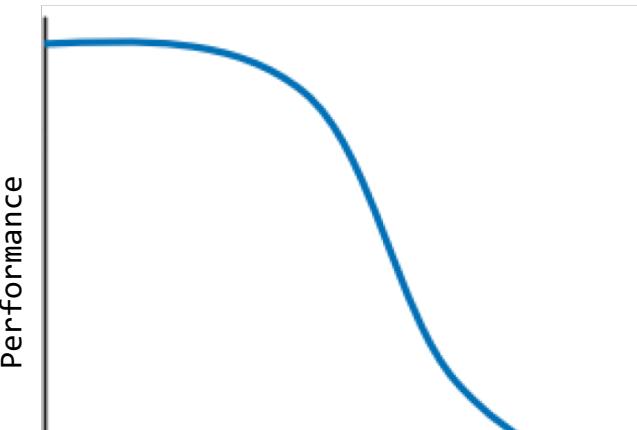




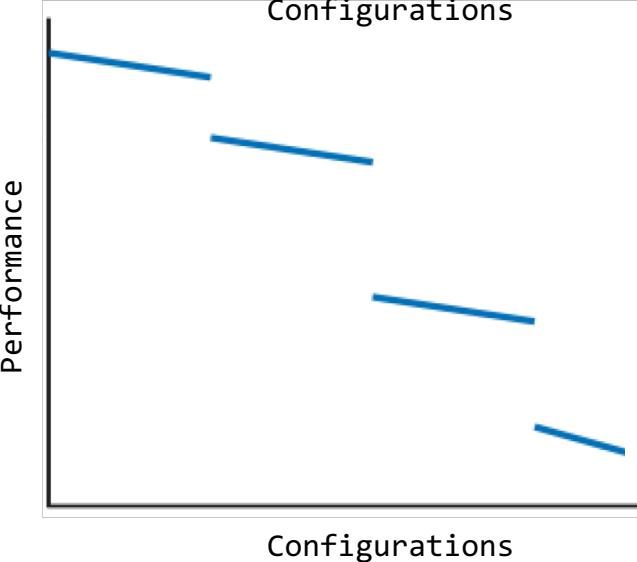
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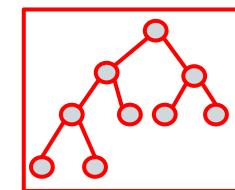
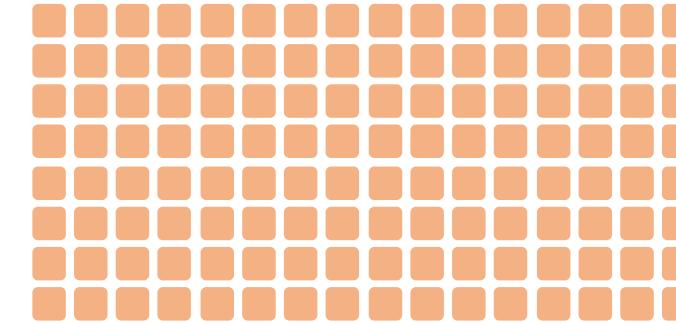
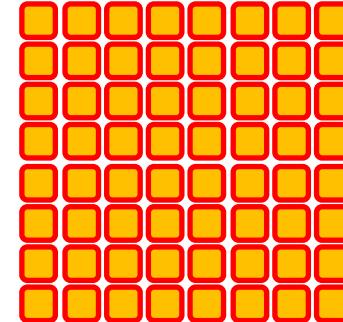
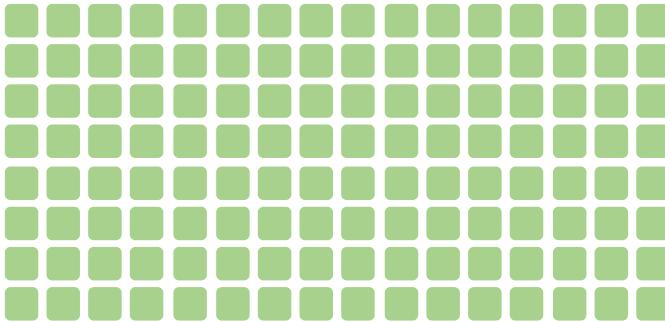
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WHAT (Clustering)

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Configuration Space



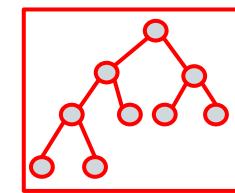
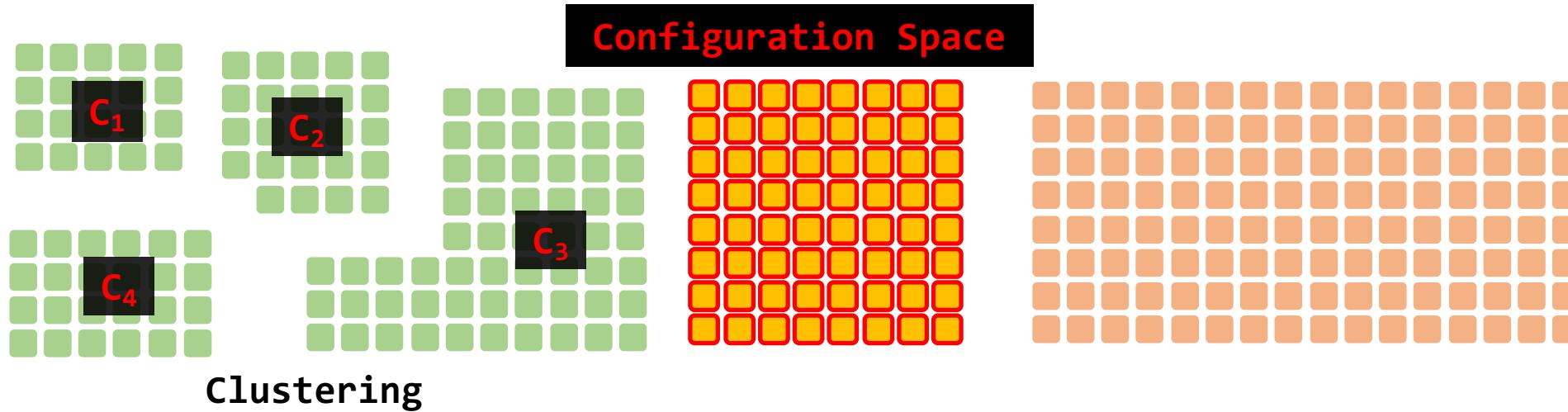
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WHAT (Clustering)

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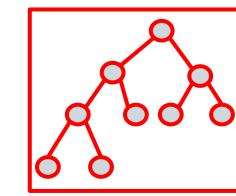
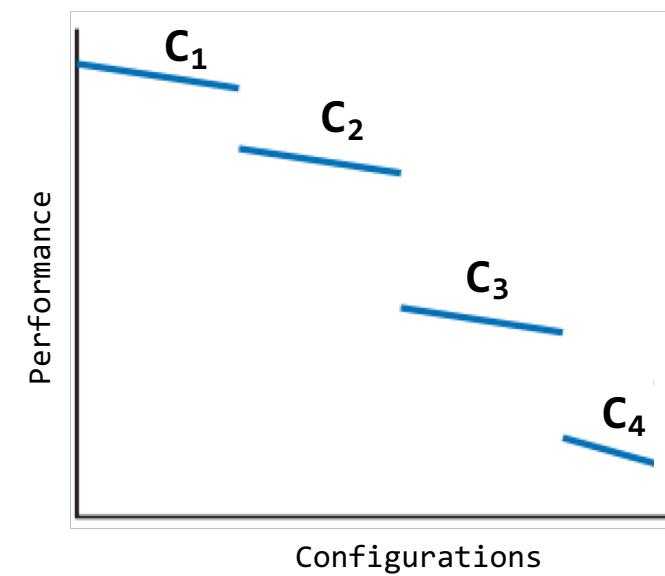
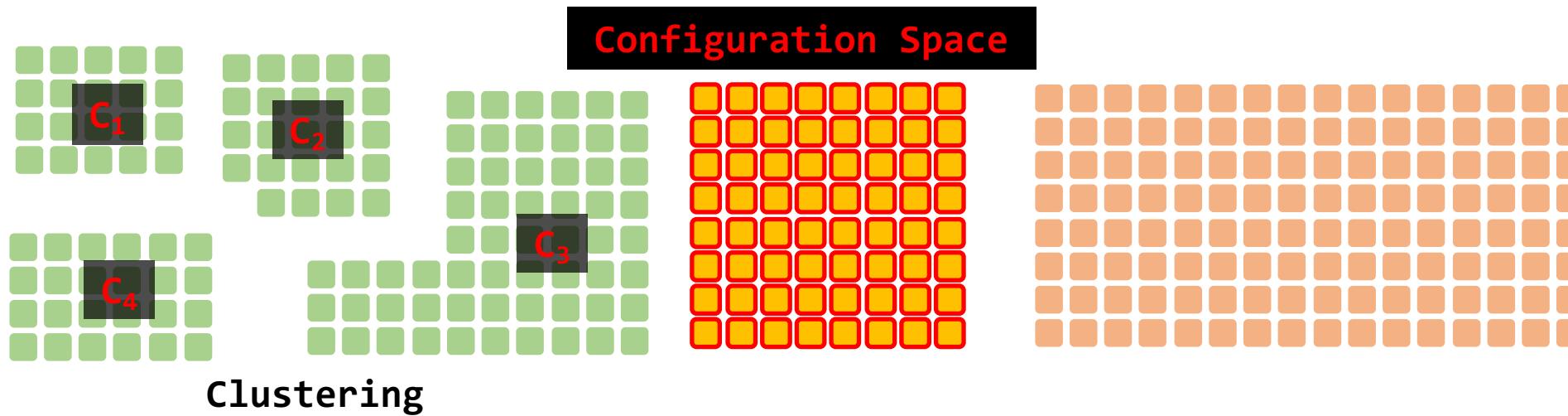
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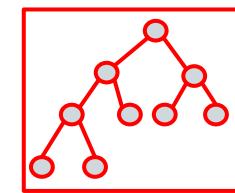
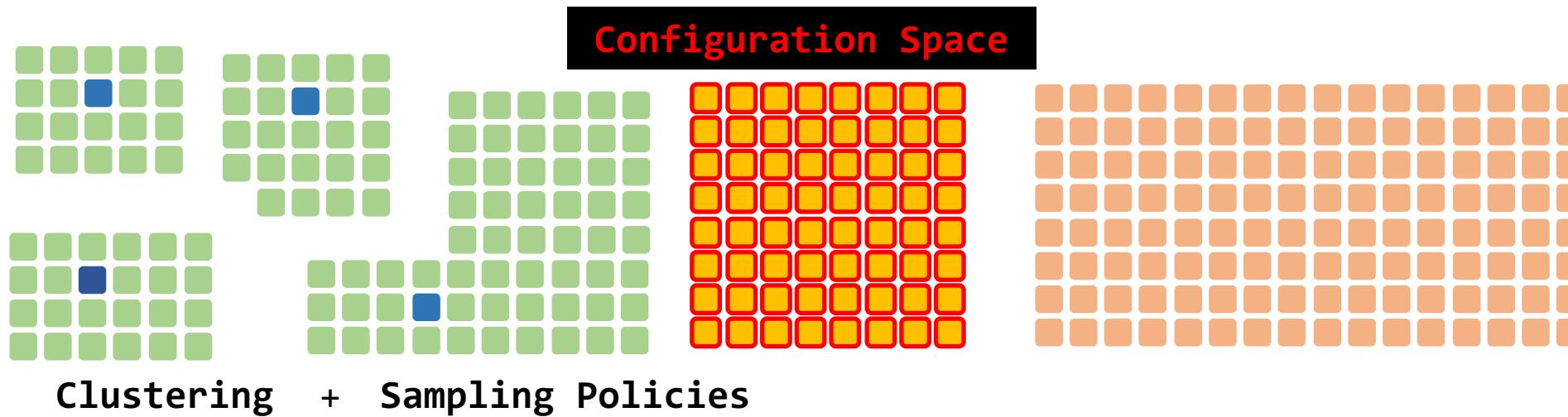
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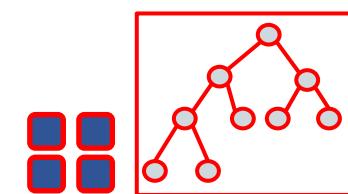
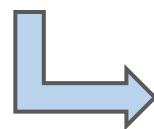
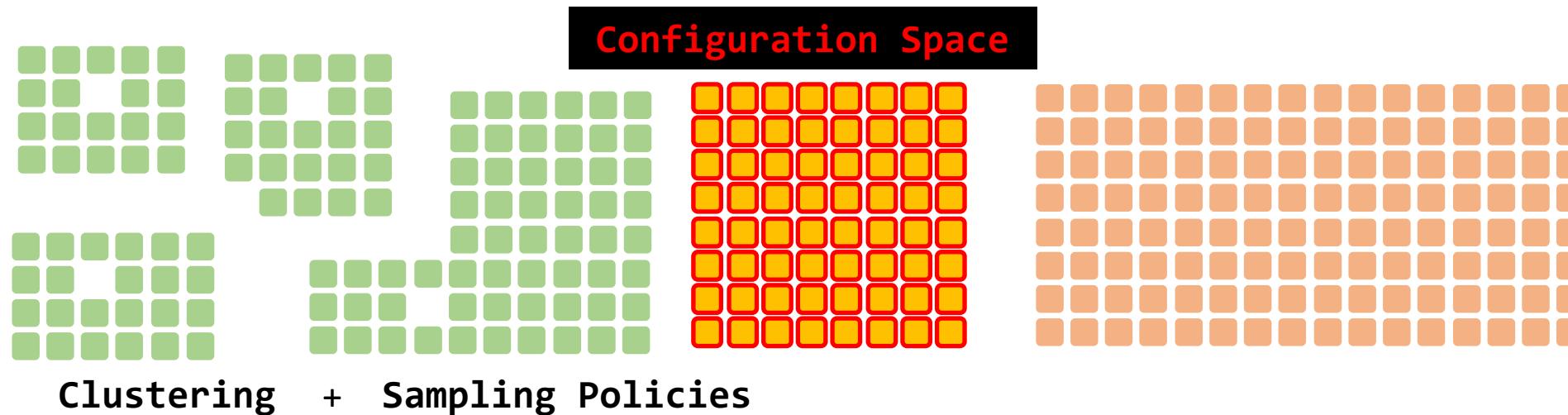
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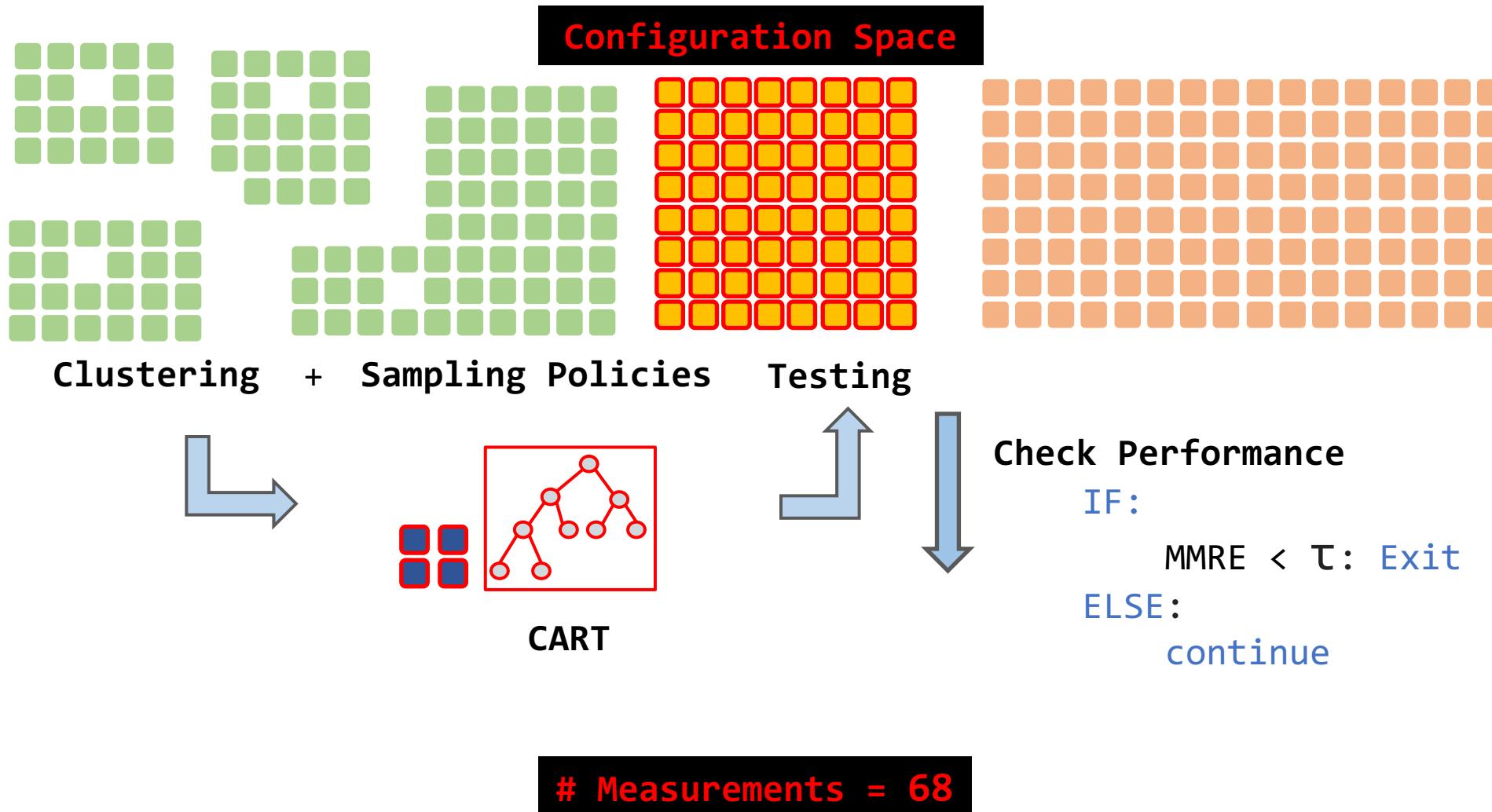


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WHAT (Clustering)

Previously?





WHAT (Clustering)

How to Cluster?

Configuration Space

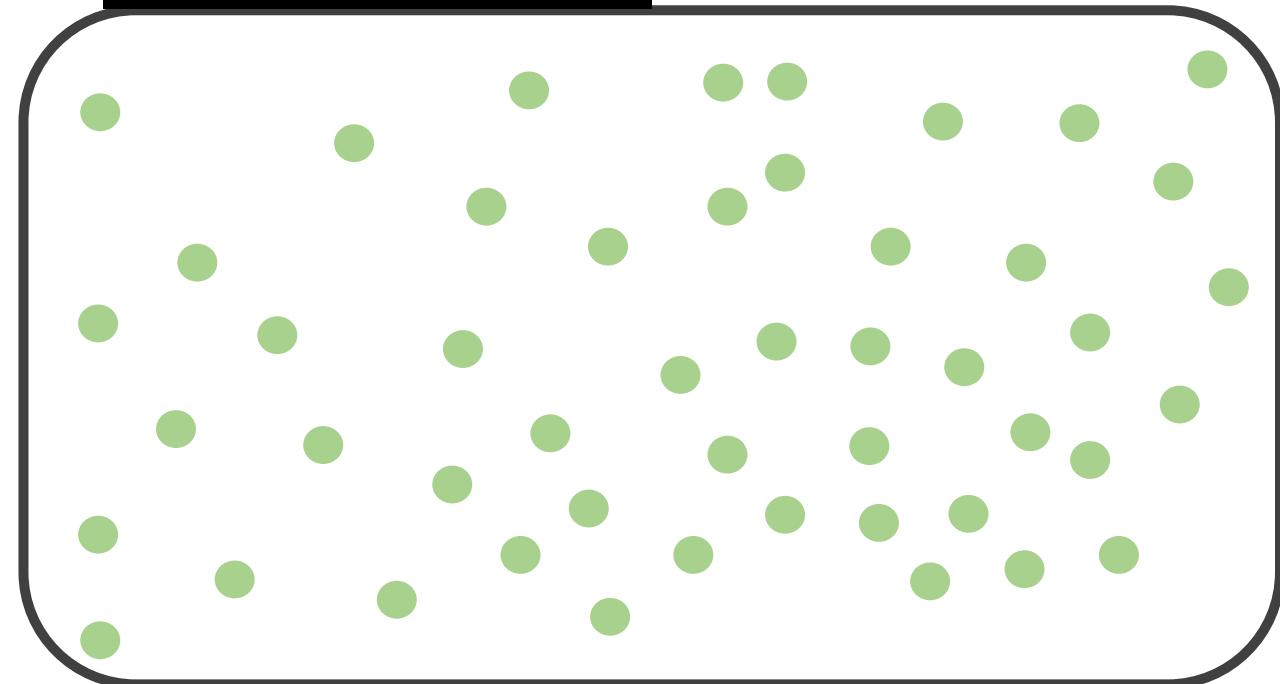




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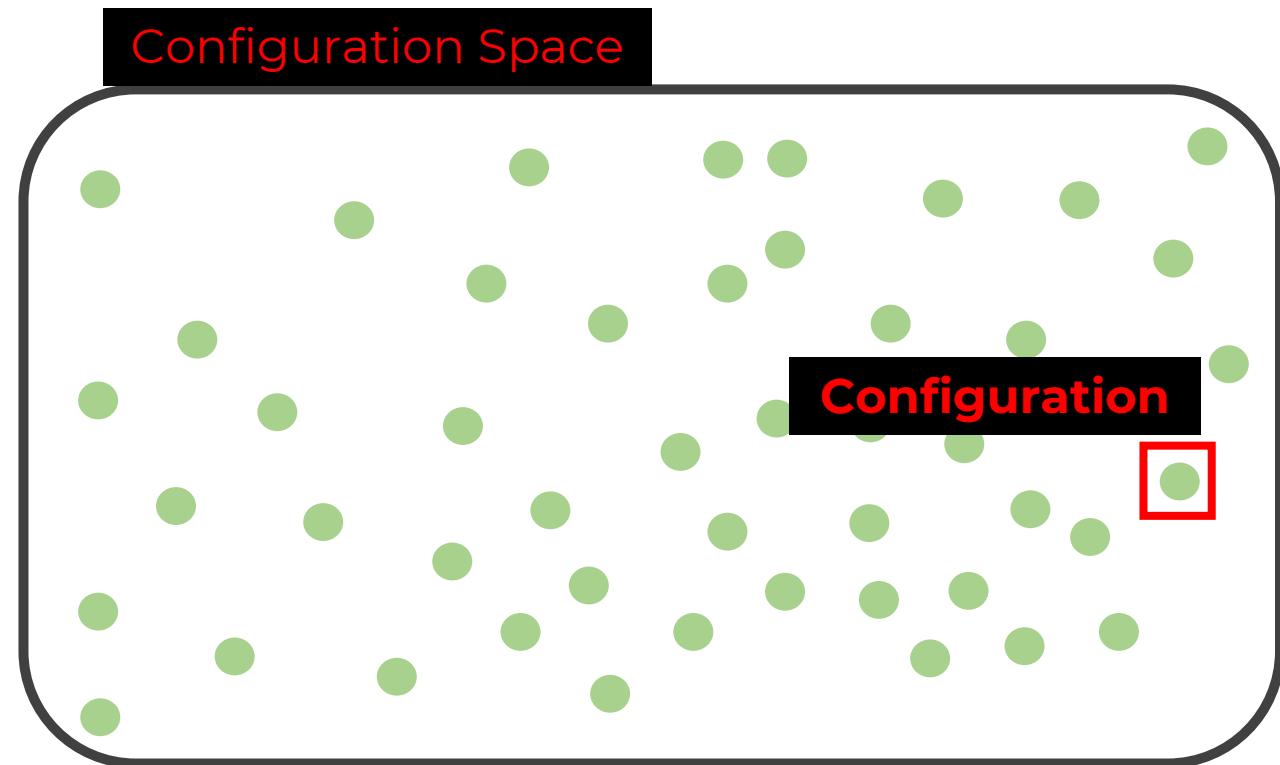
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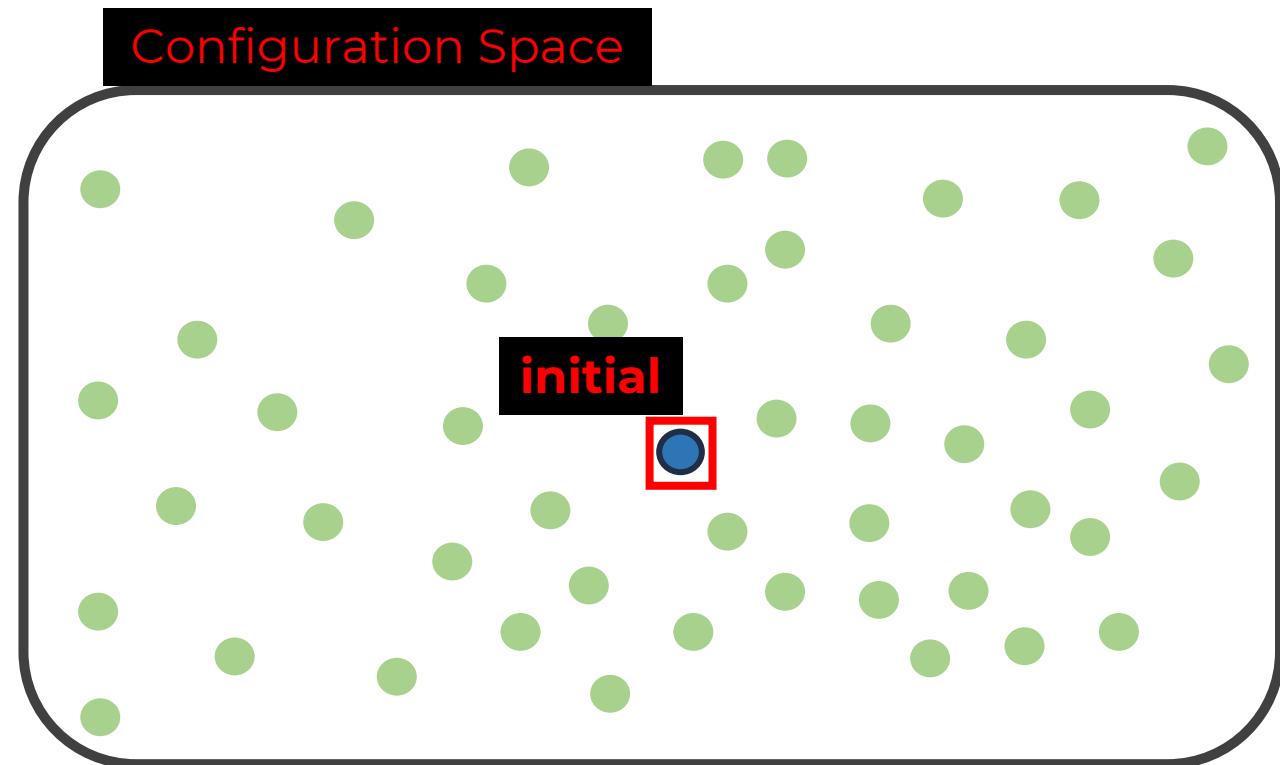




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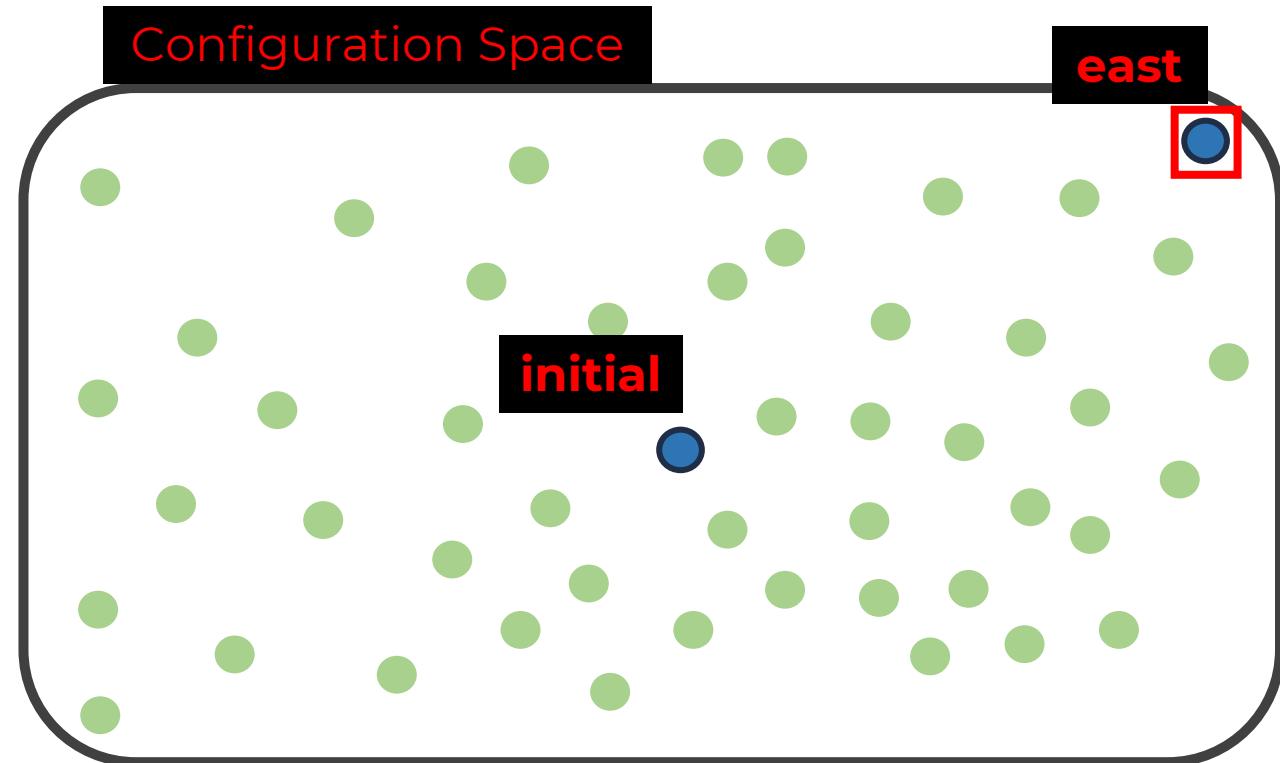




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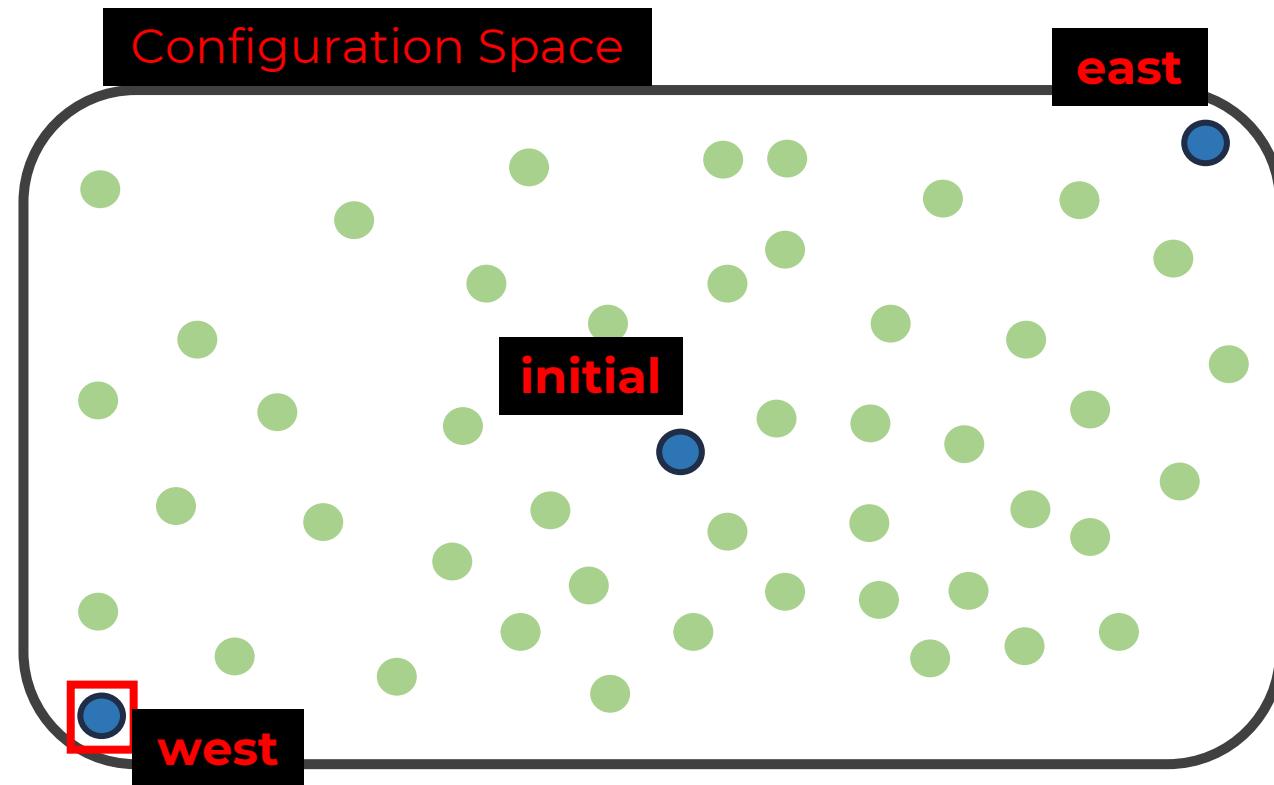




WHAT (Clustering)

How to Cluster?

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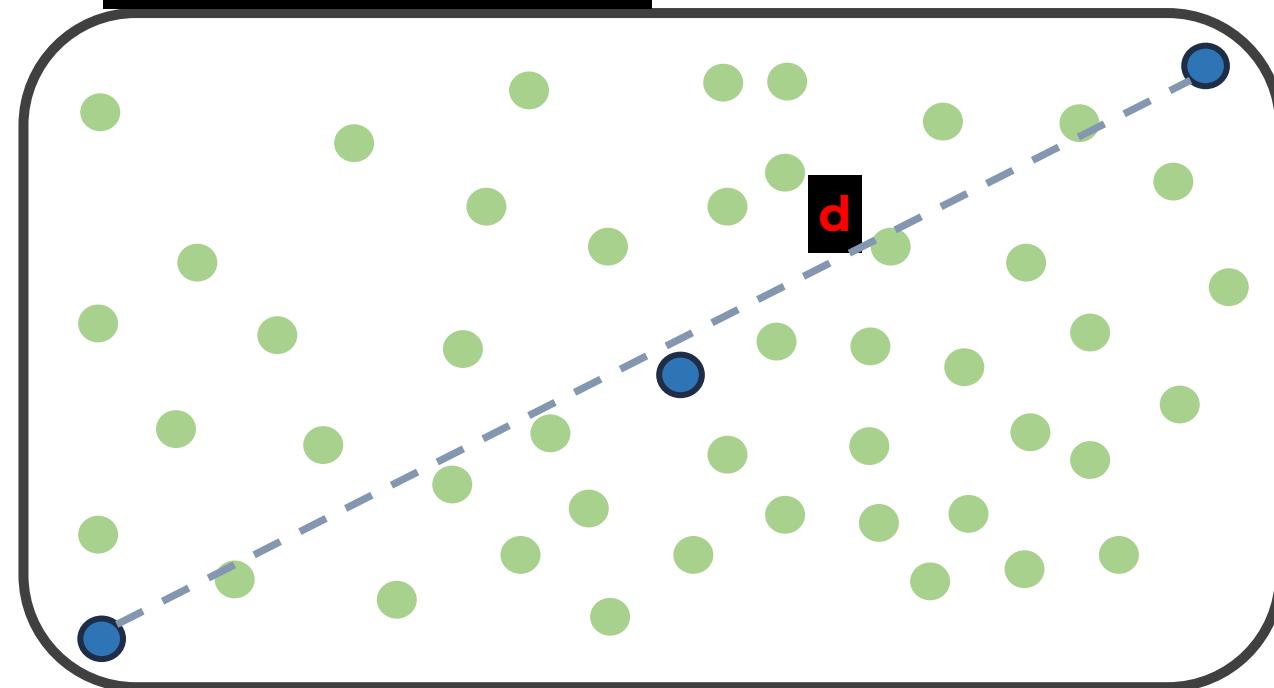


WHAT (Clustering)

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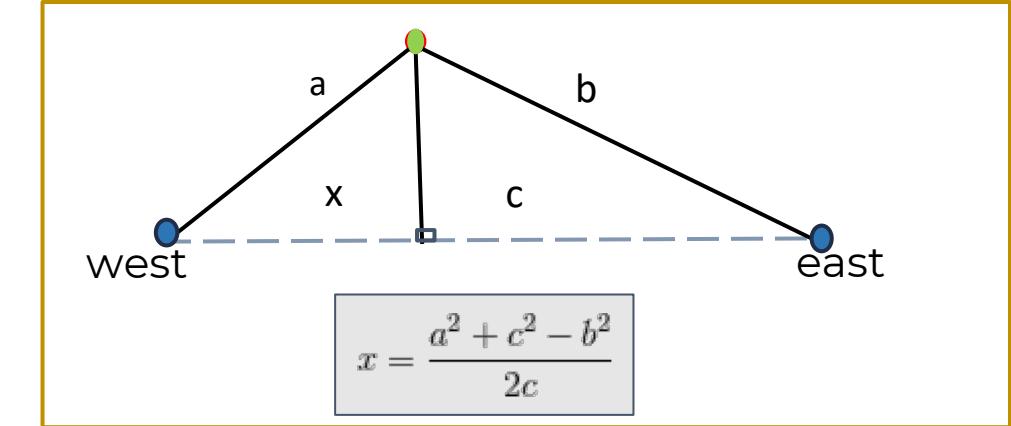
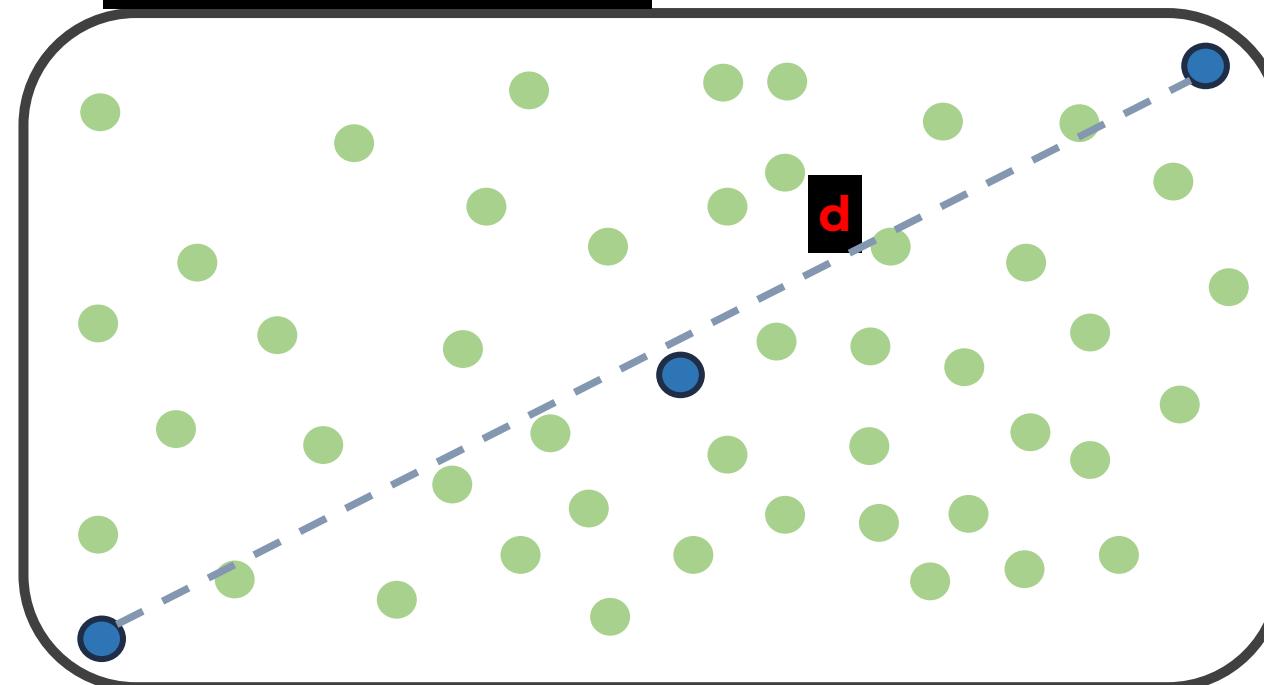


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Configuration Space



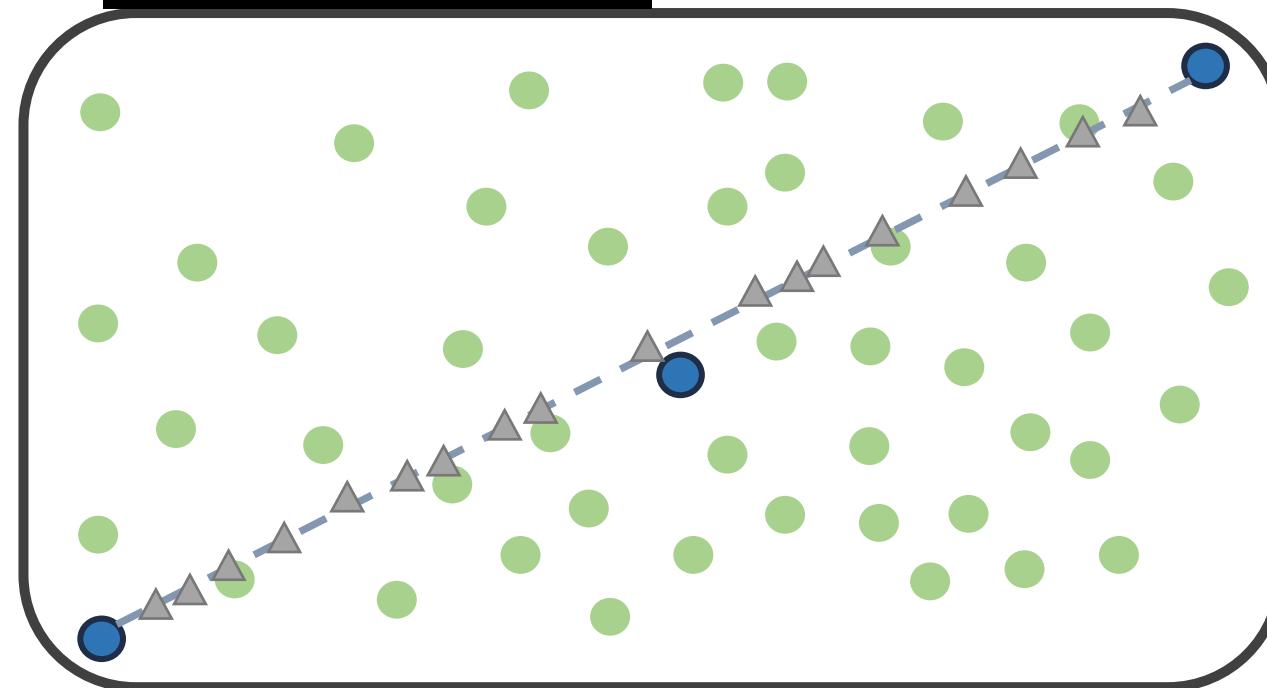


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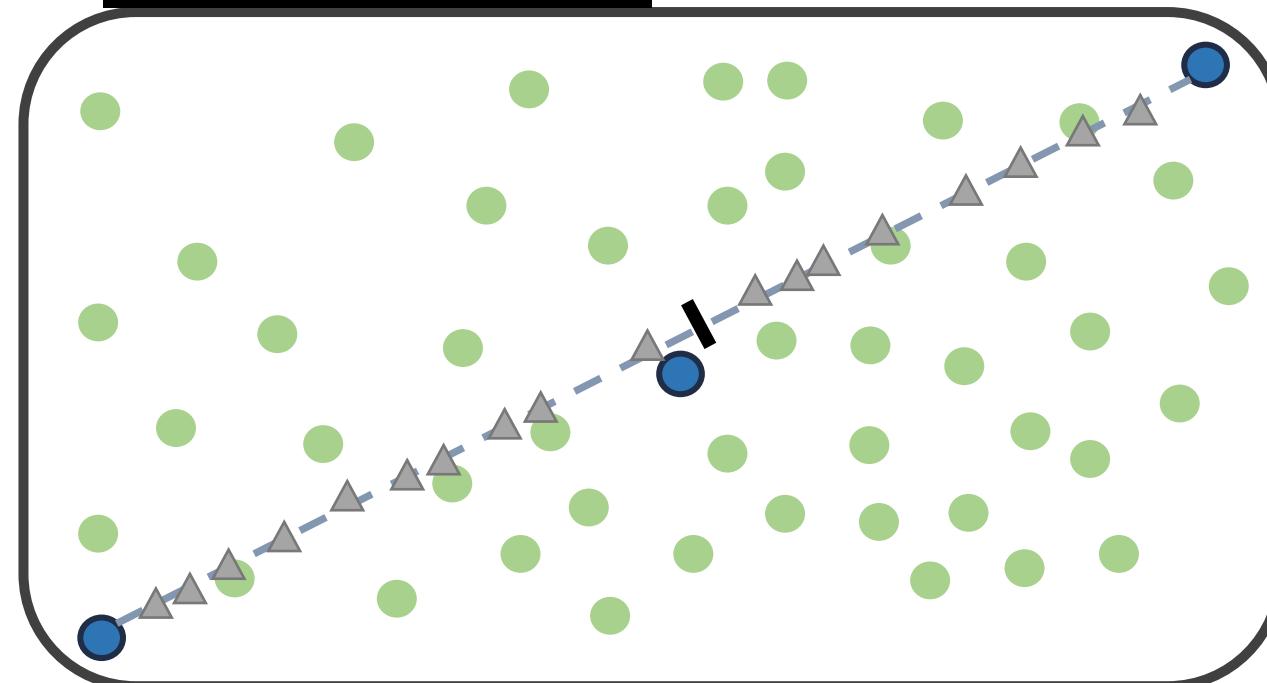


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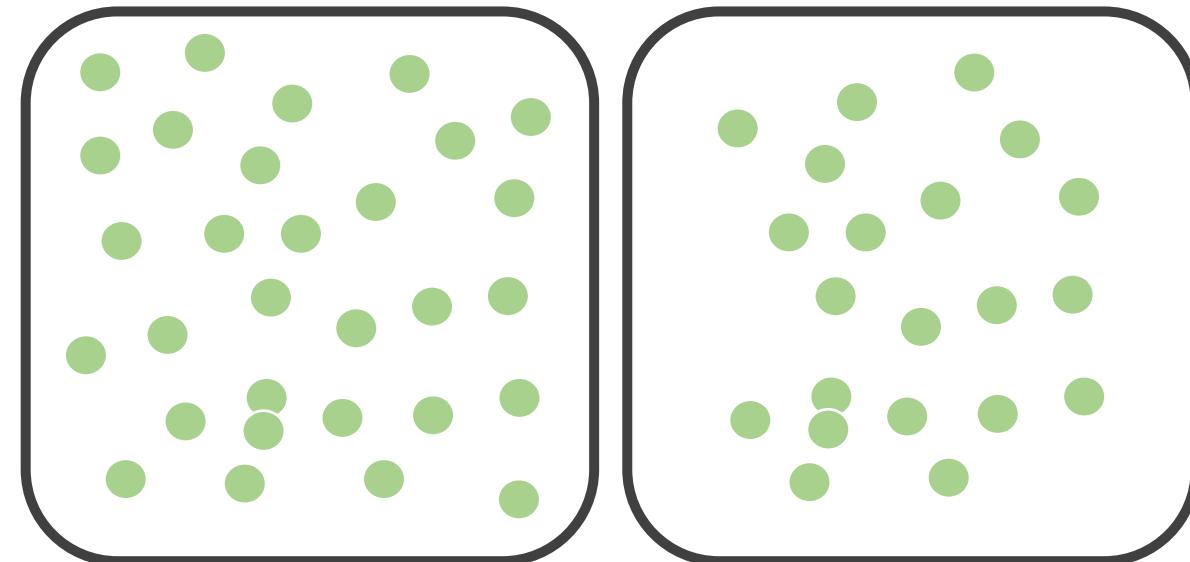


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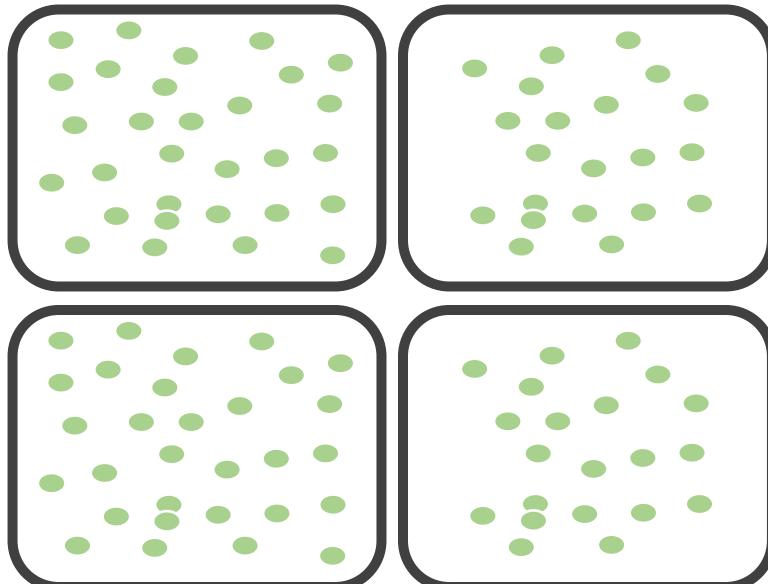
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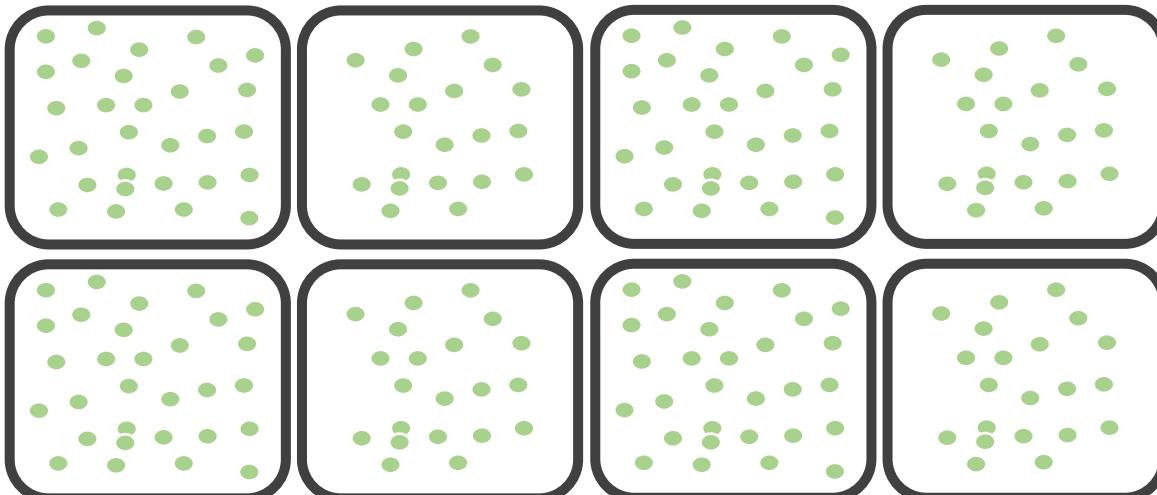
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WHAT (Clustering)

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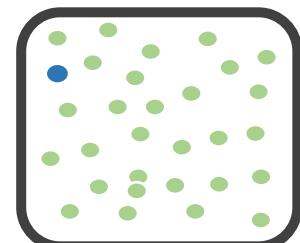
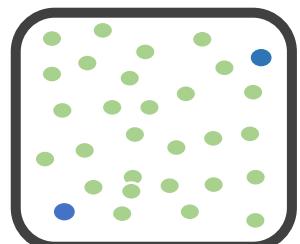
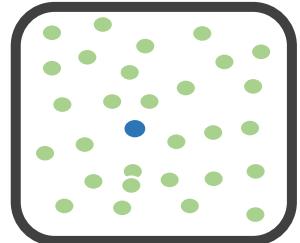
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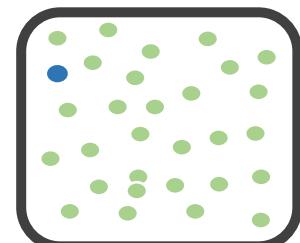
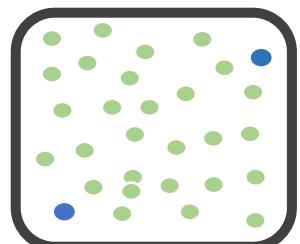
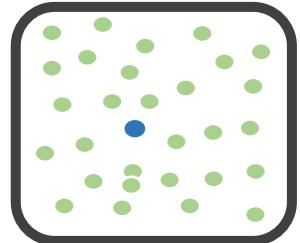
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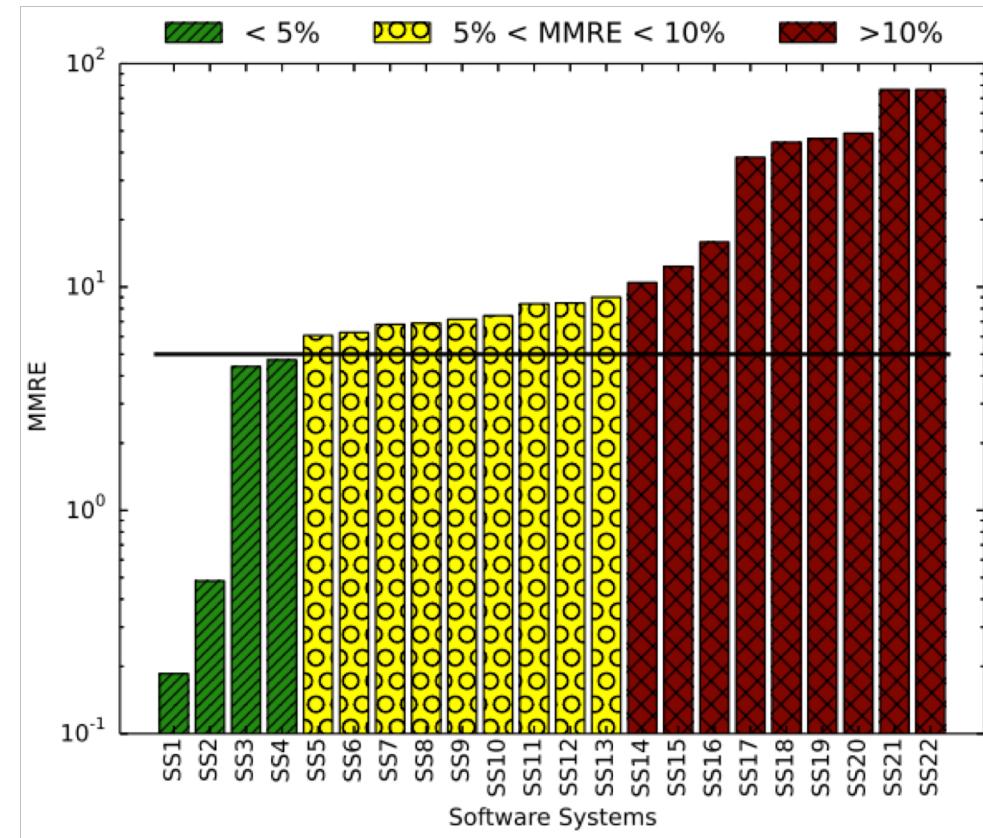
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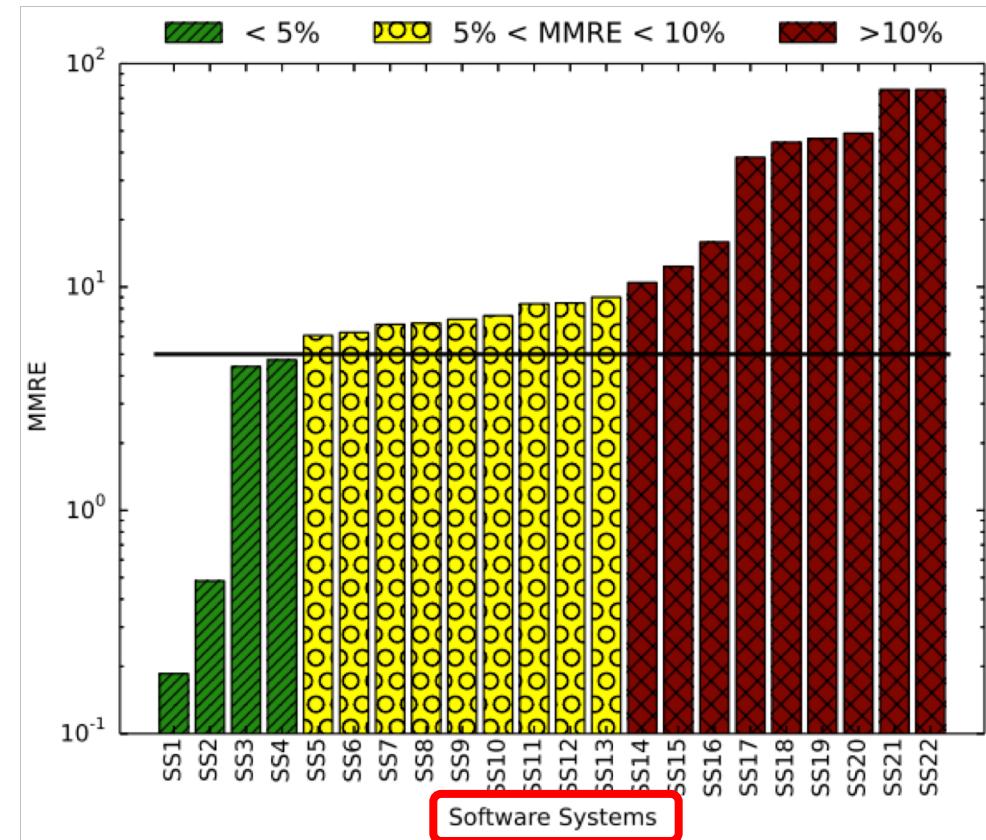
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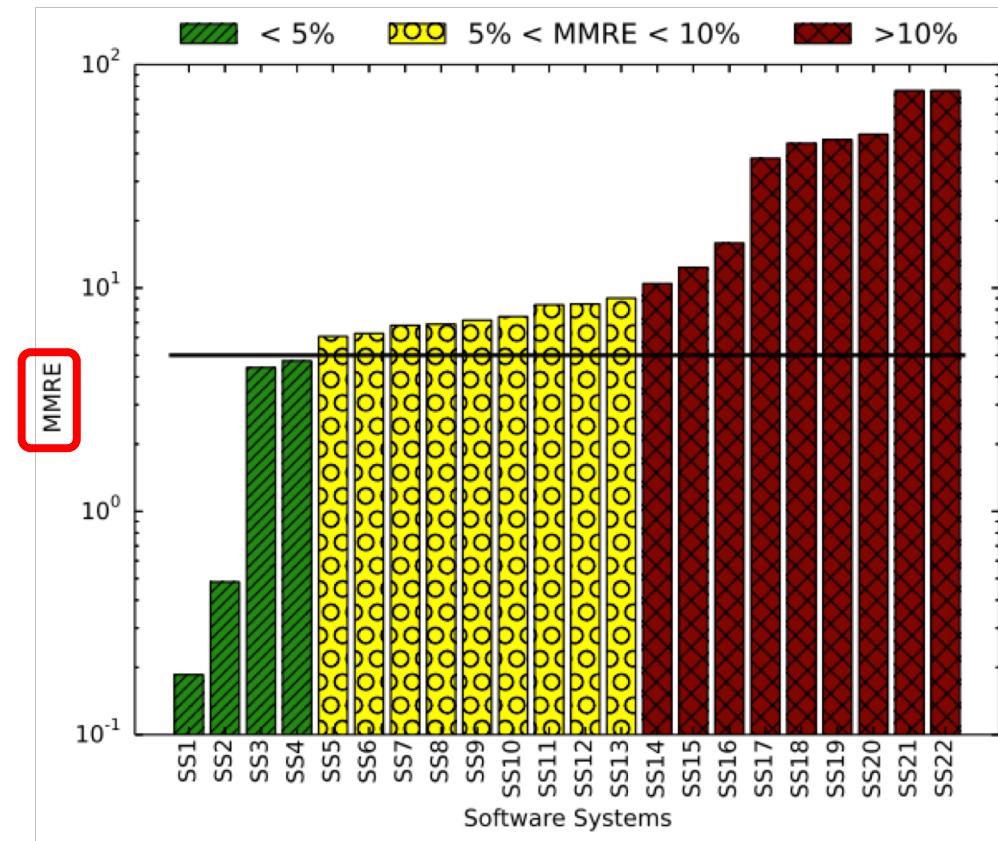
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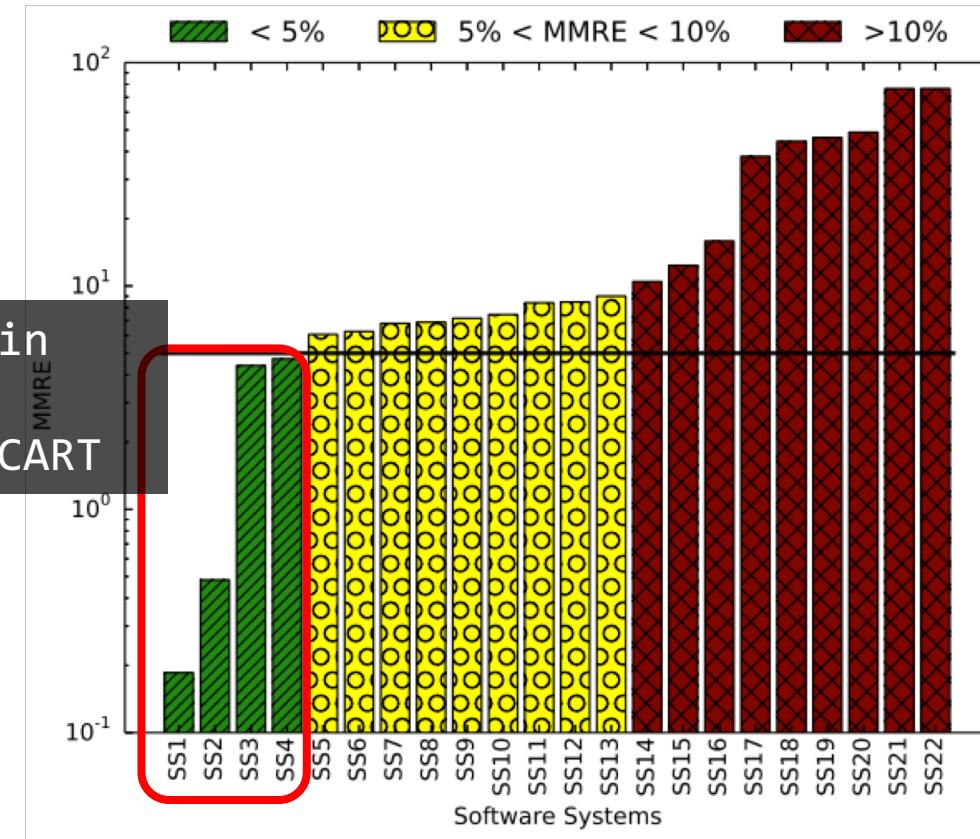
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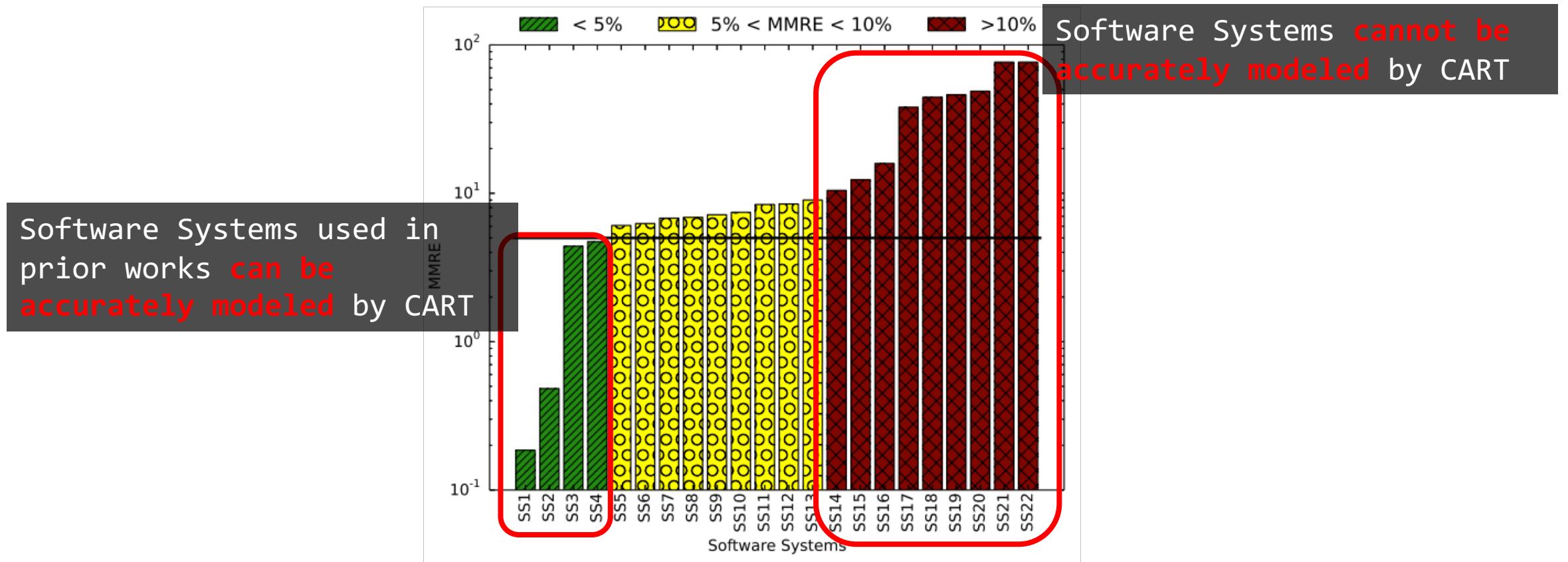
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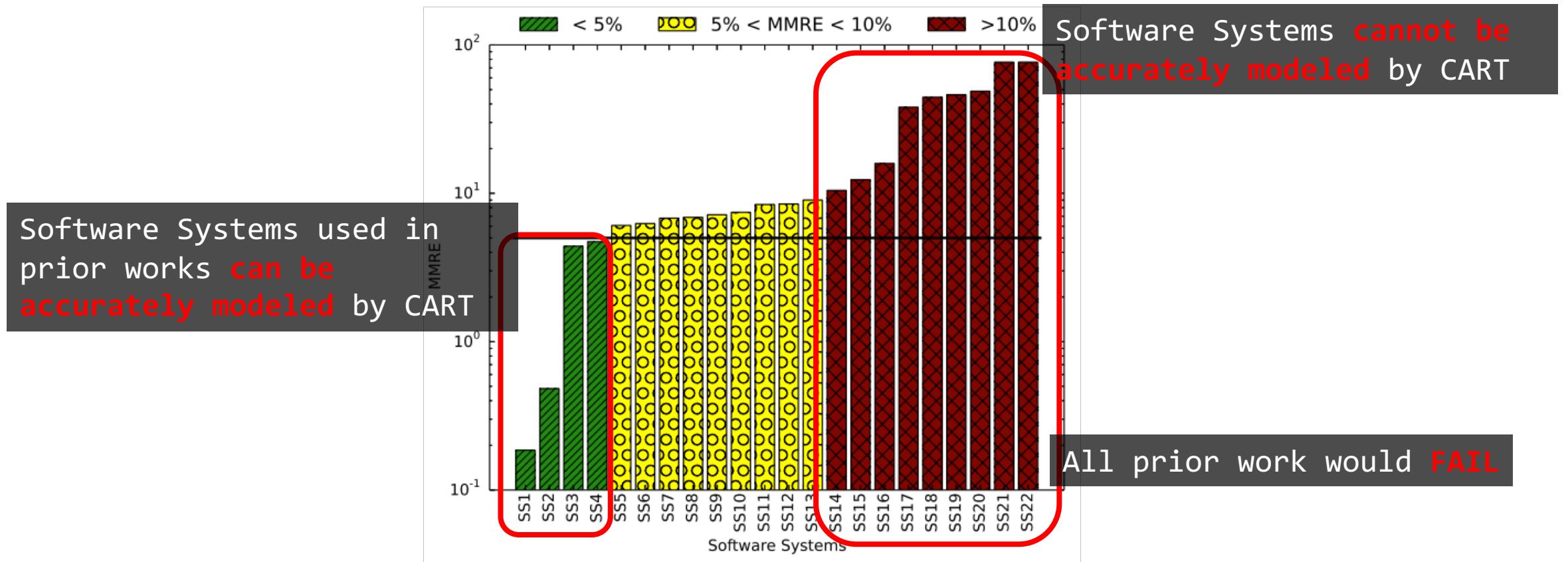
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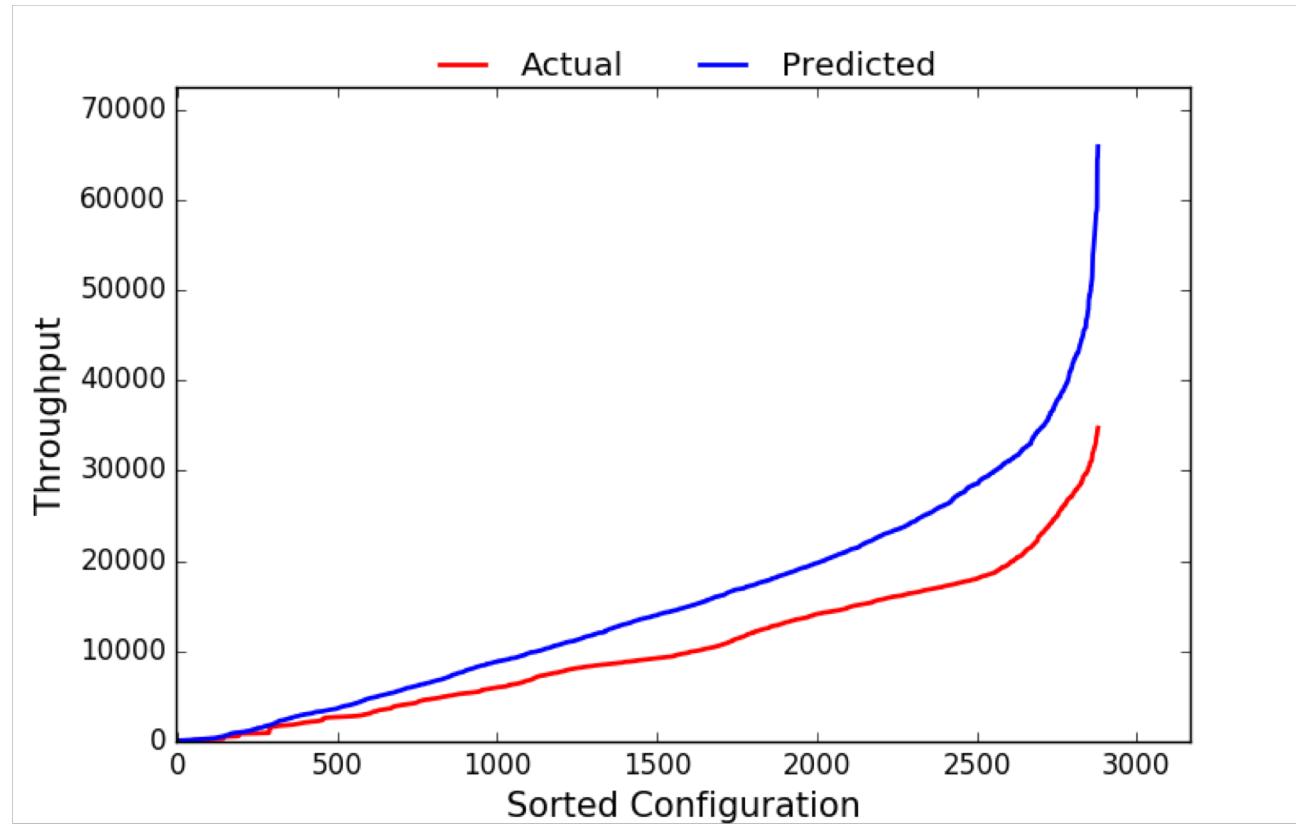
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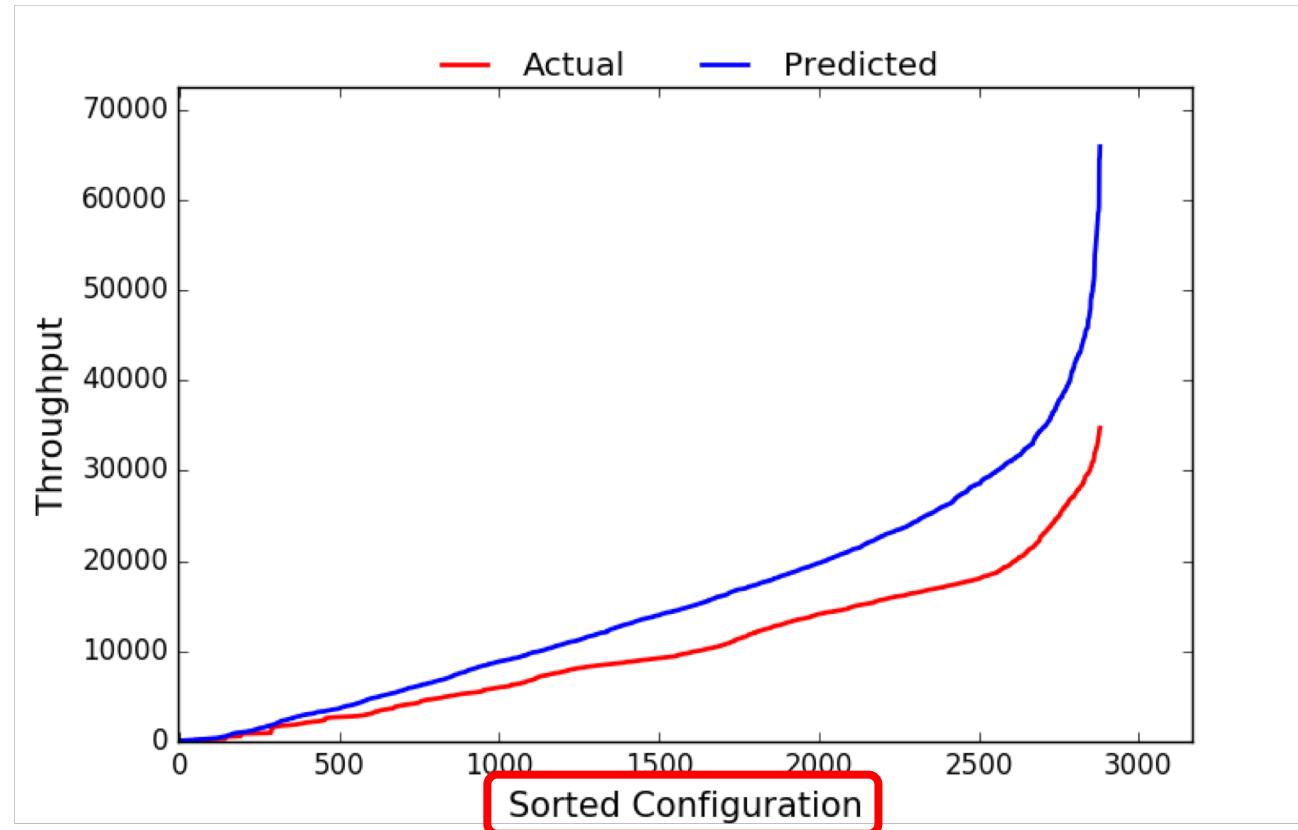
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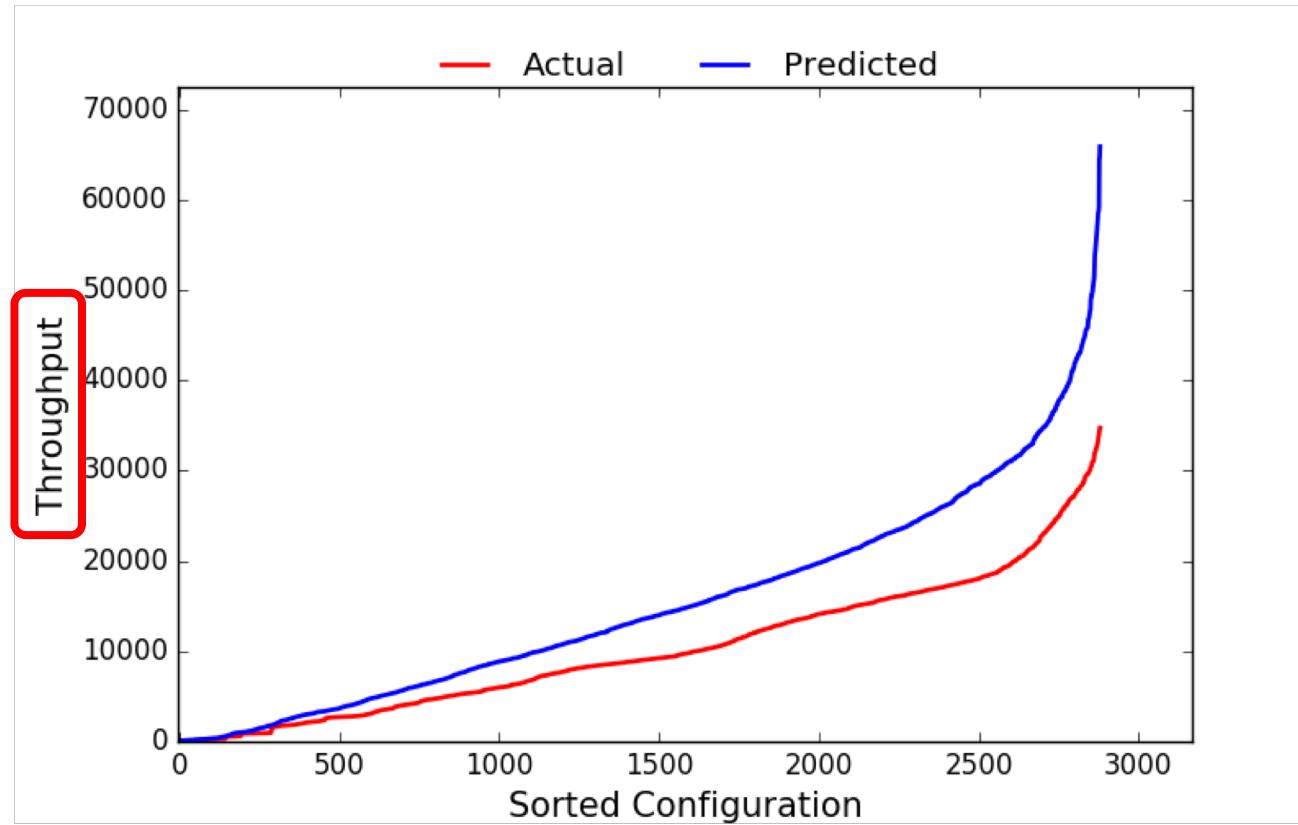
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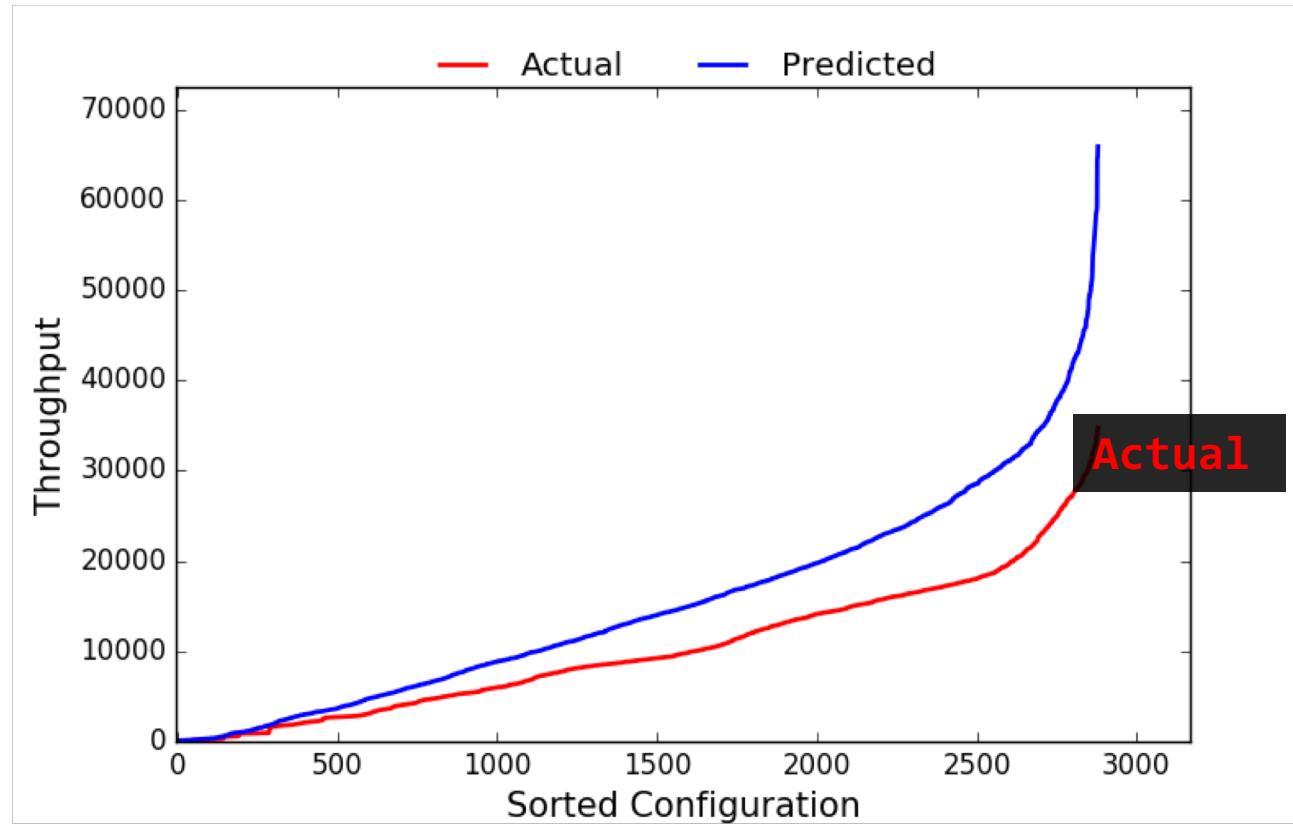
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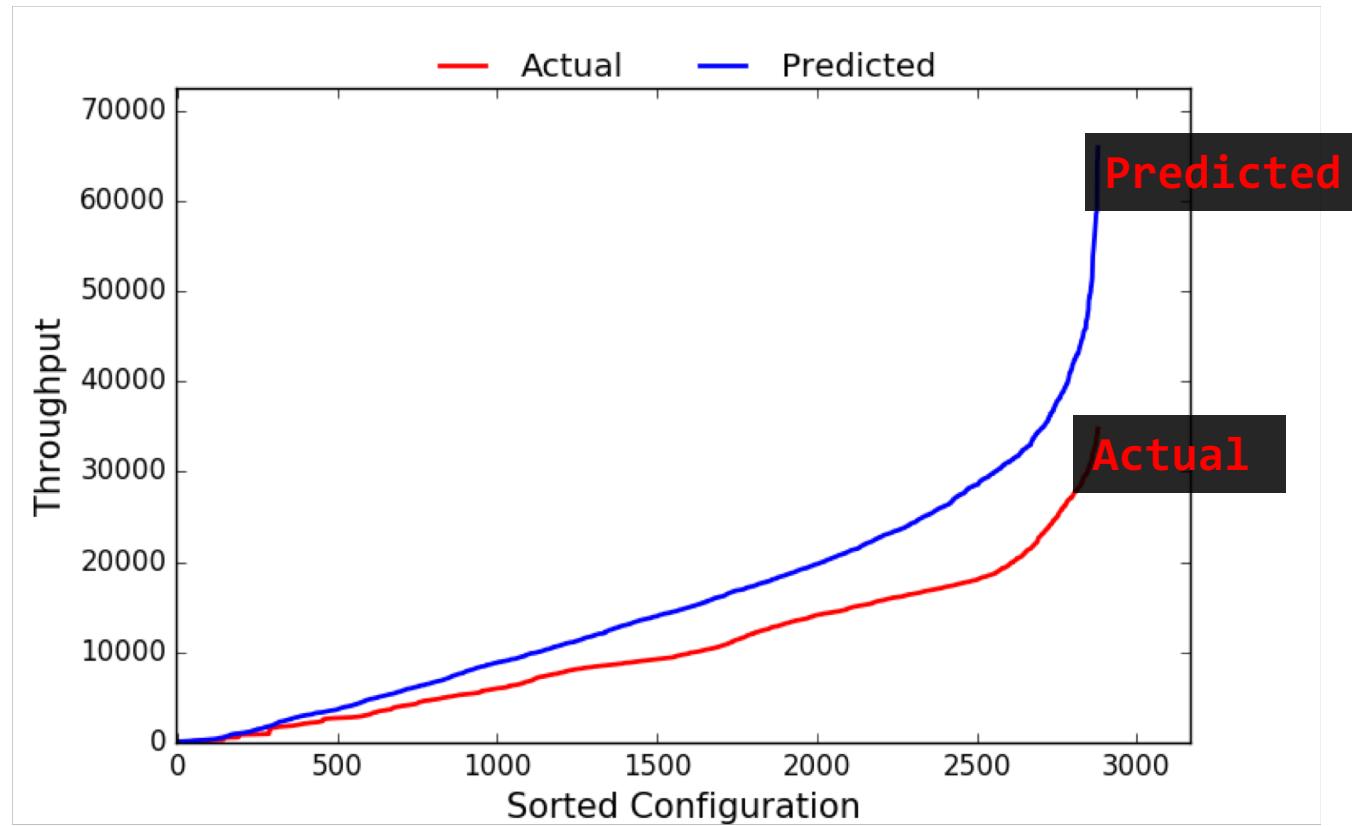
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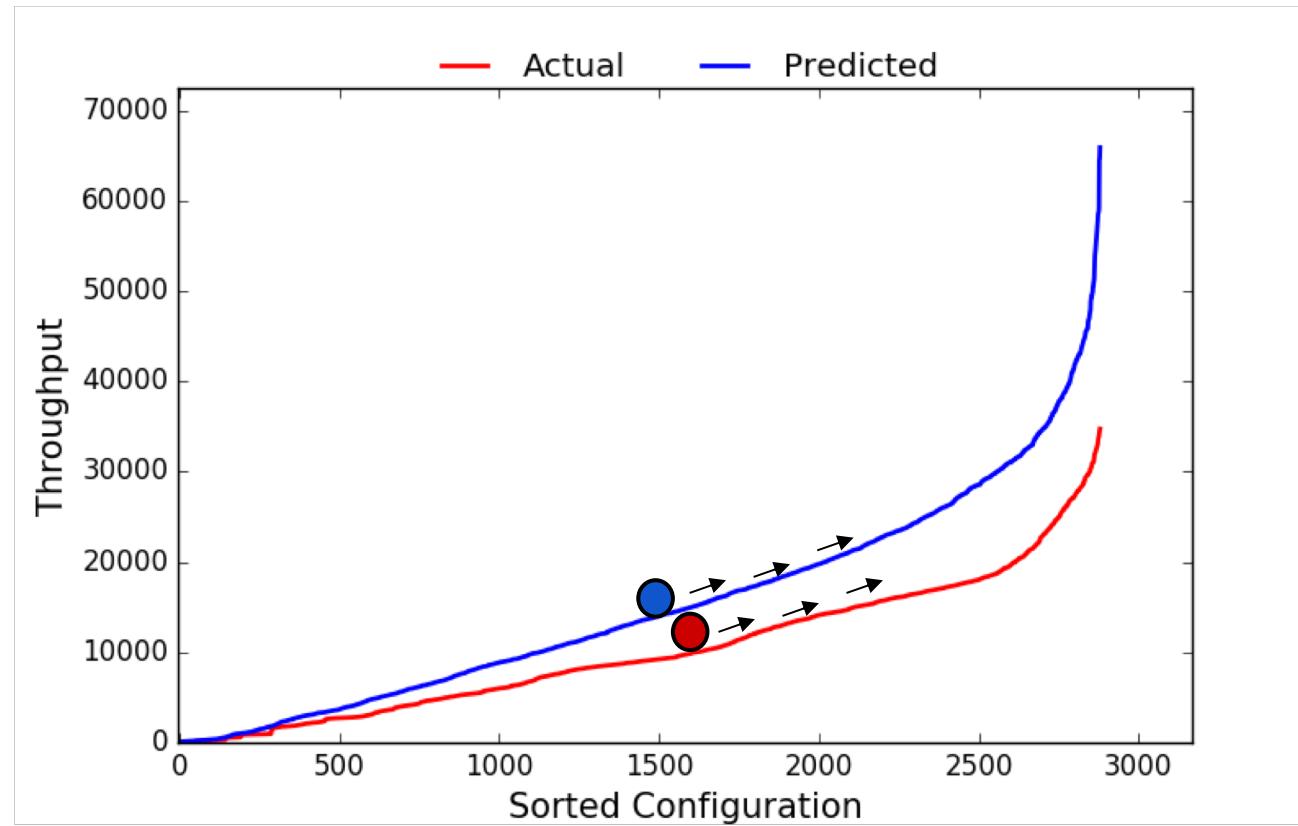
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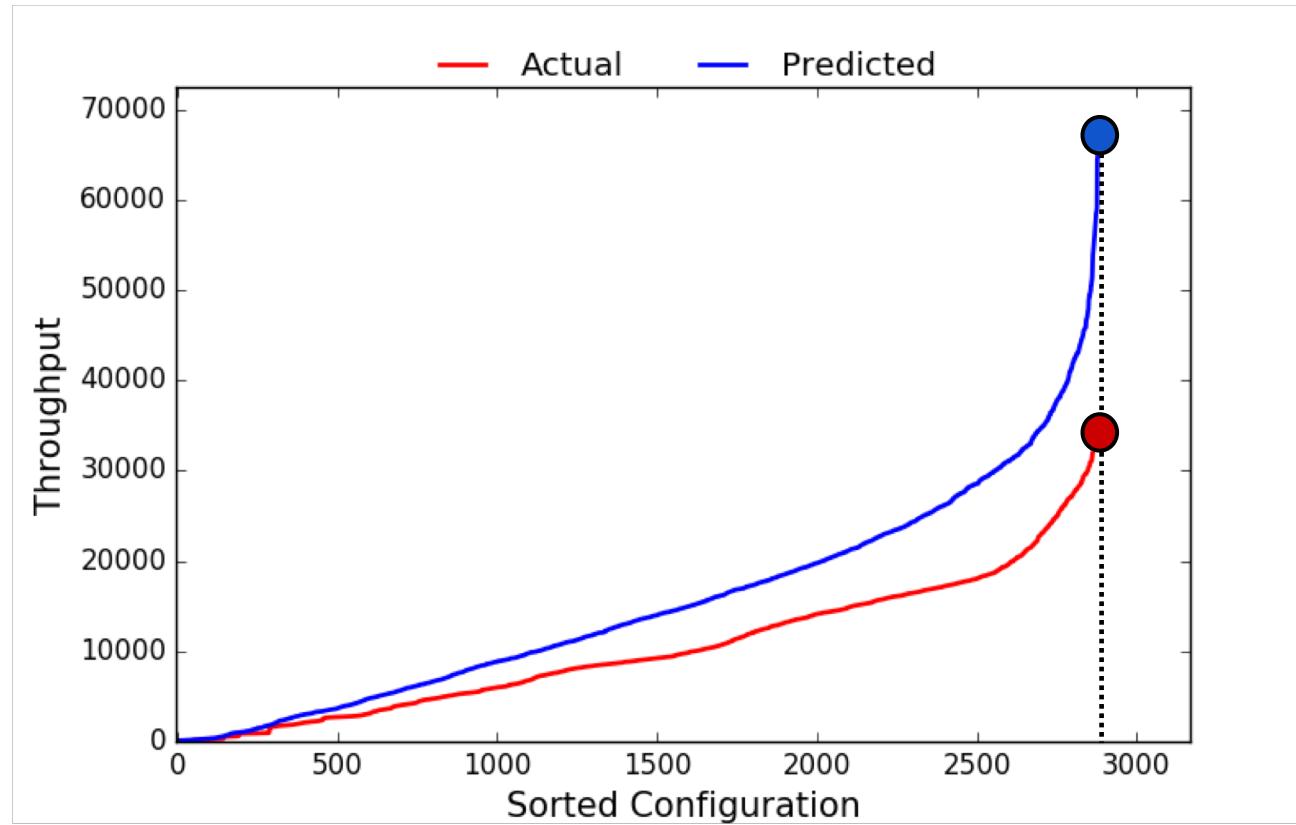
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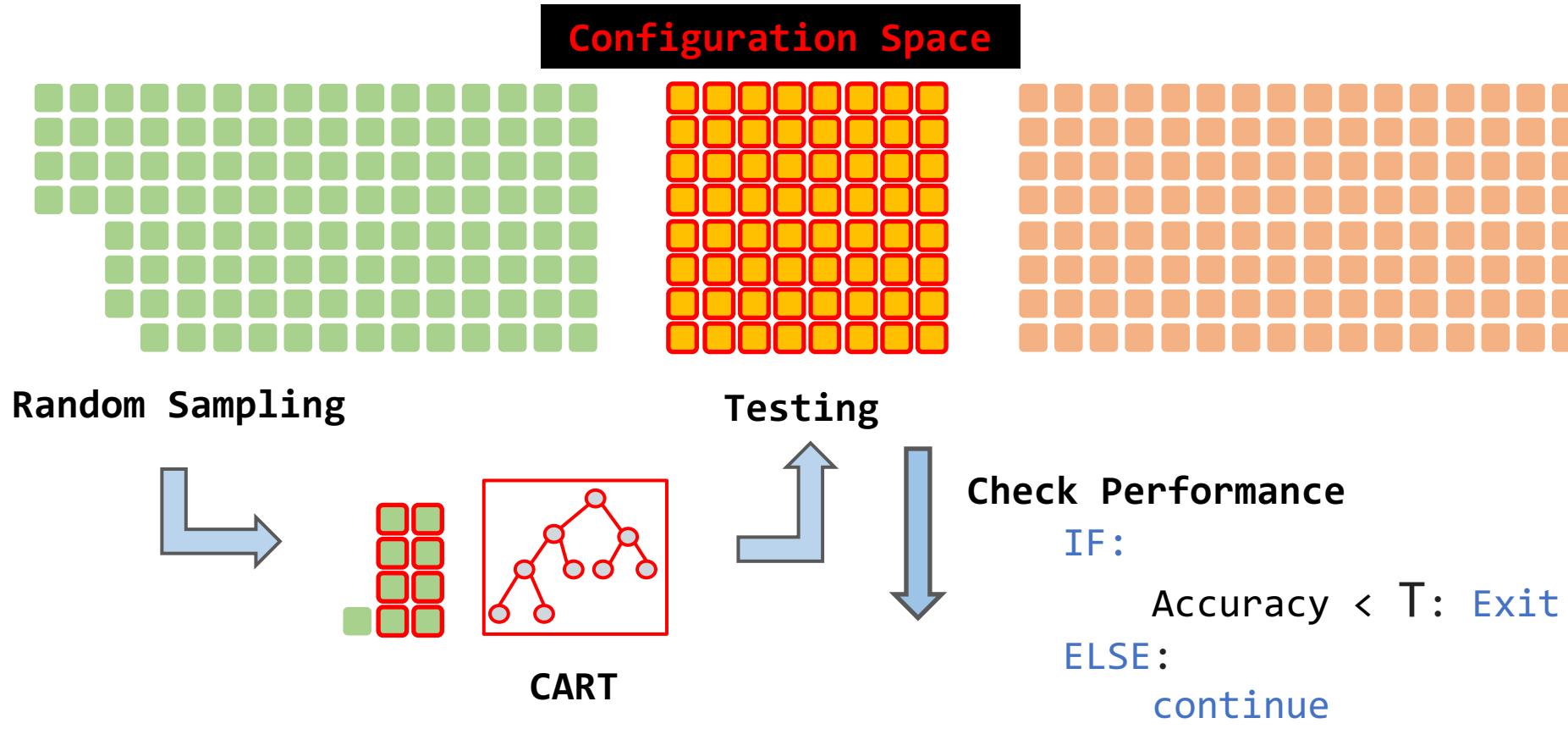
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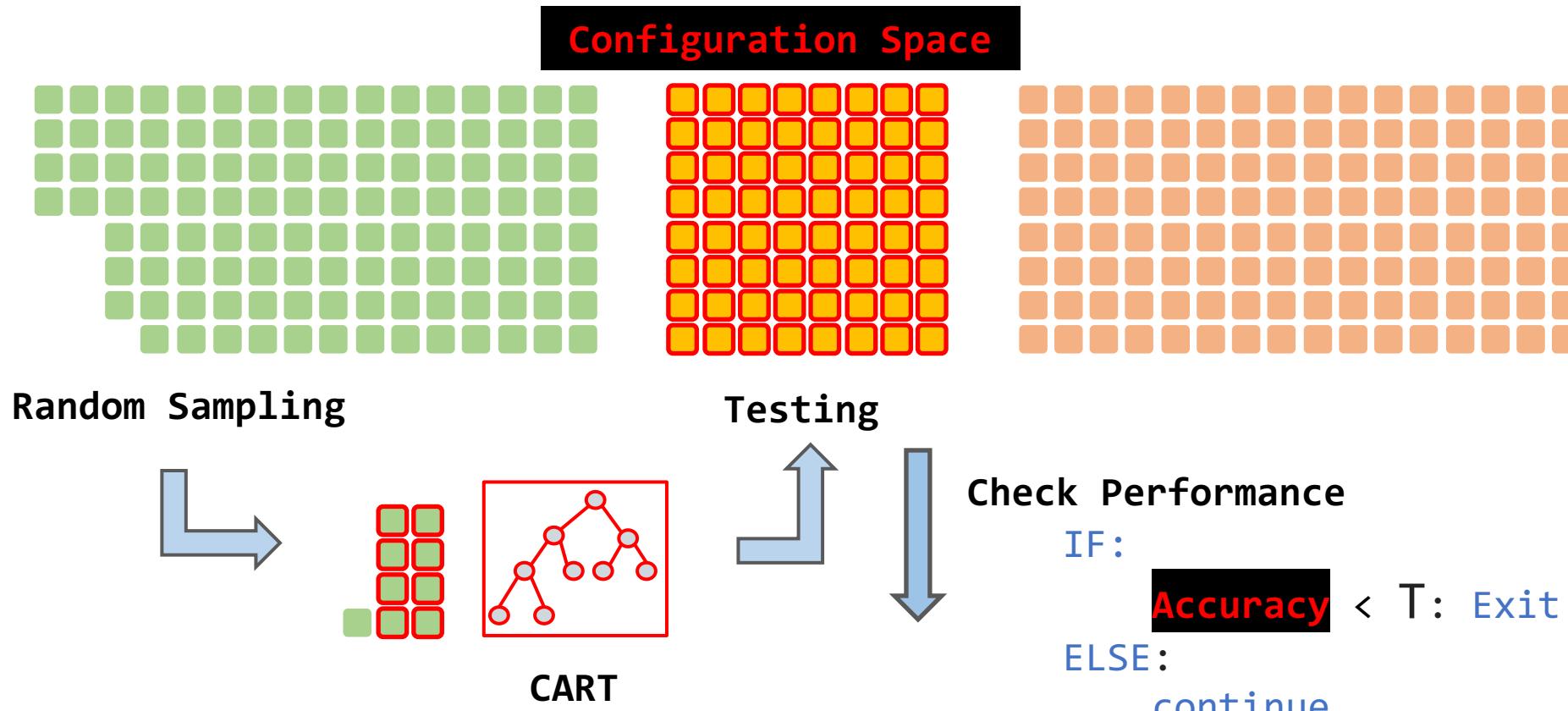


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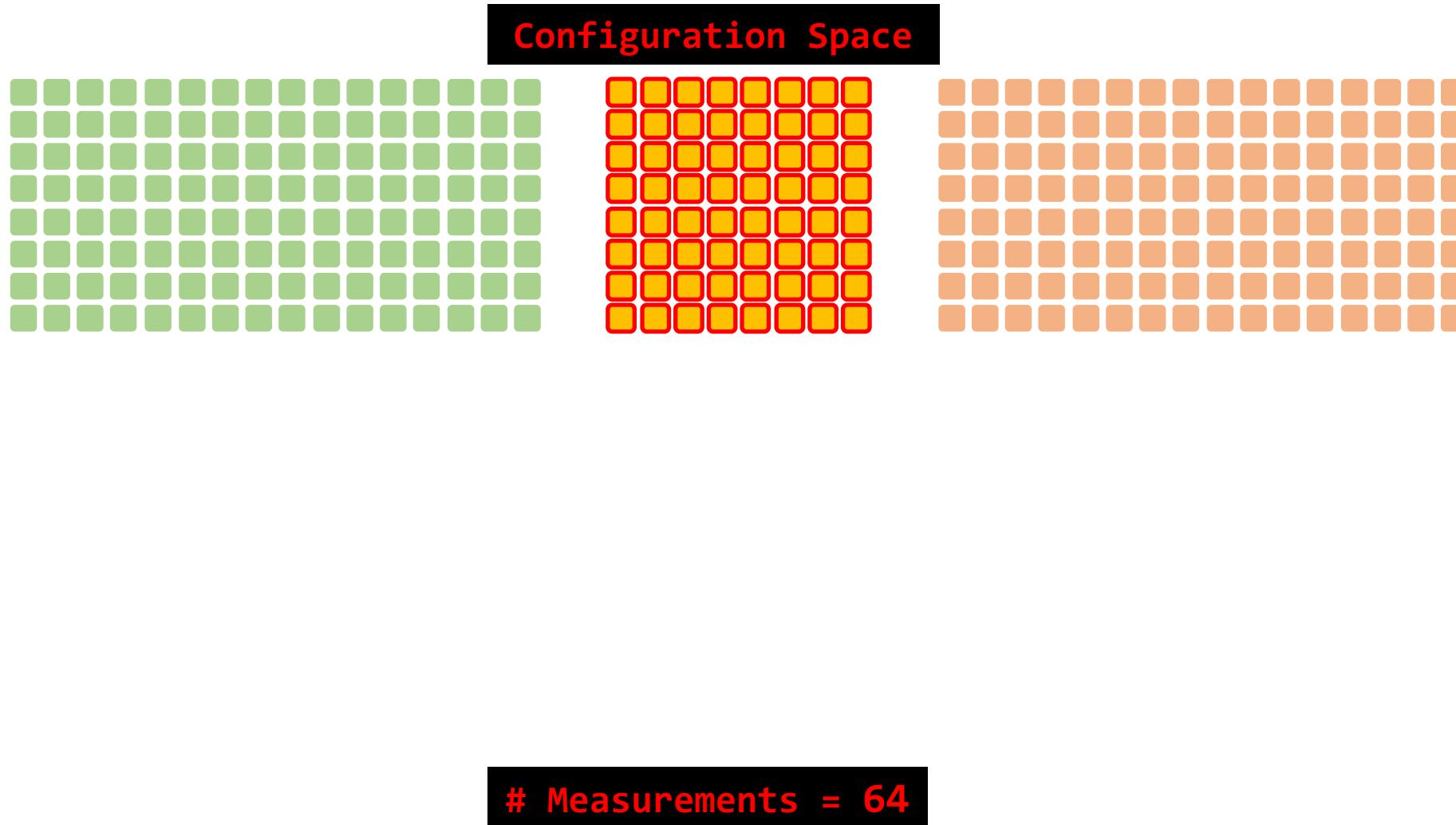
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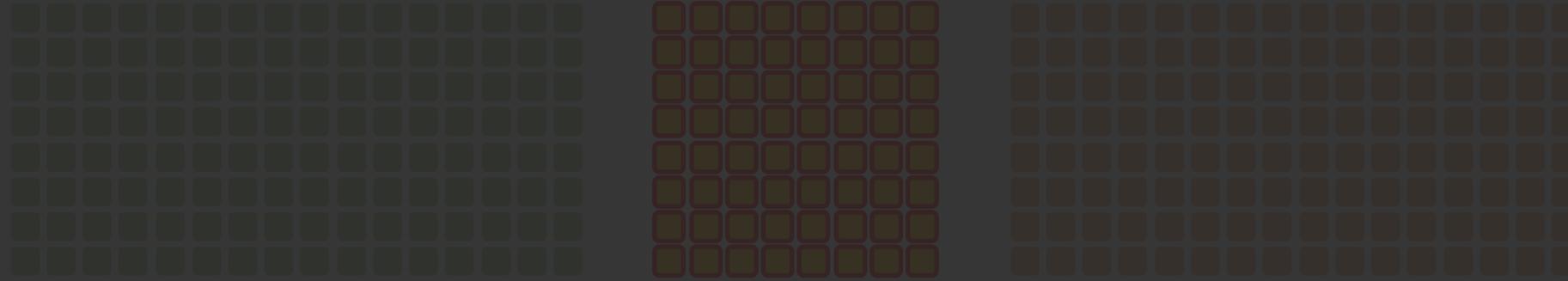
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Previously?

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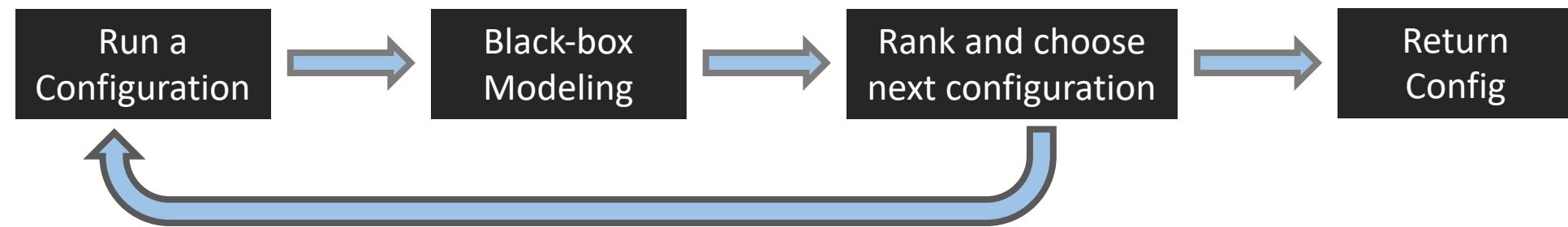


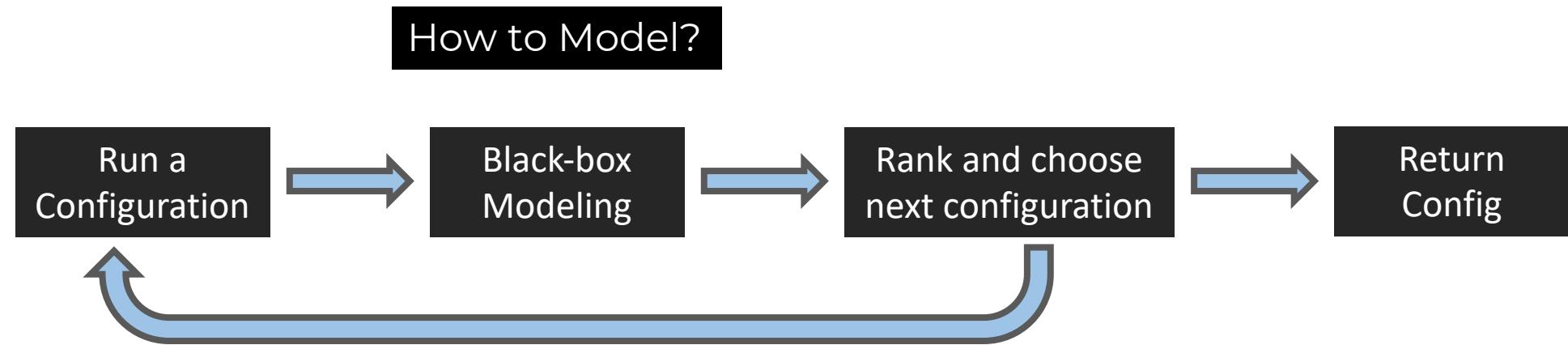
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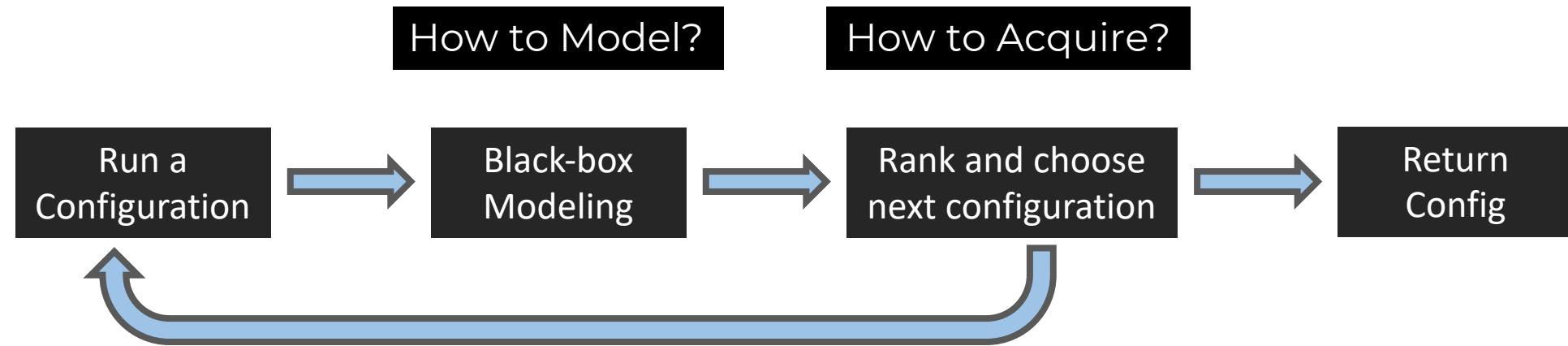
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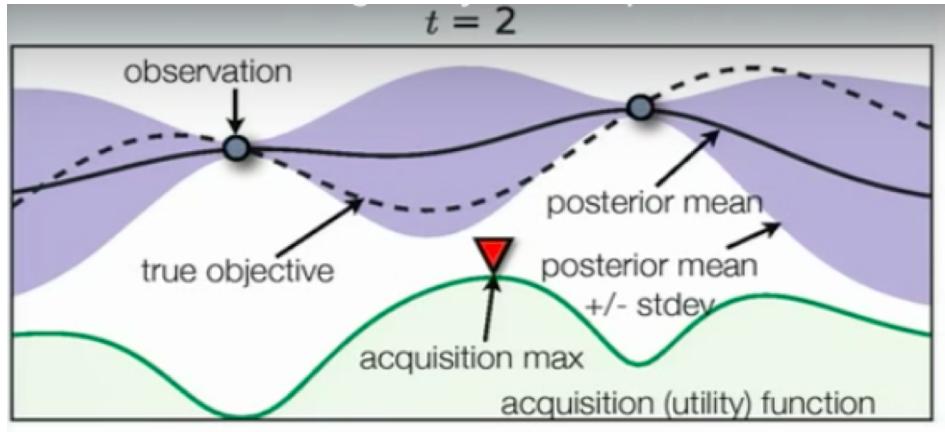


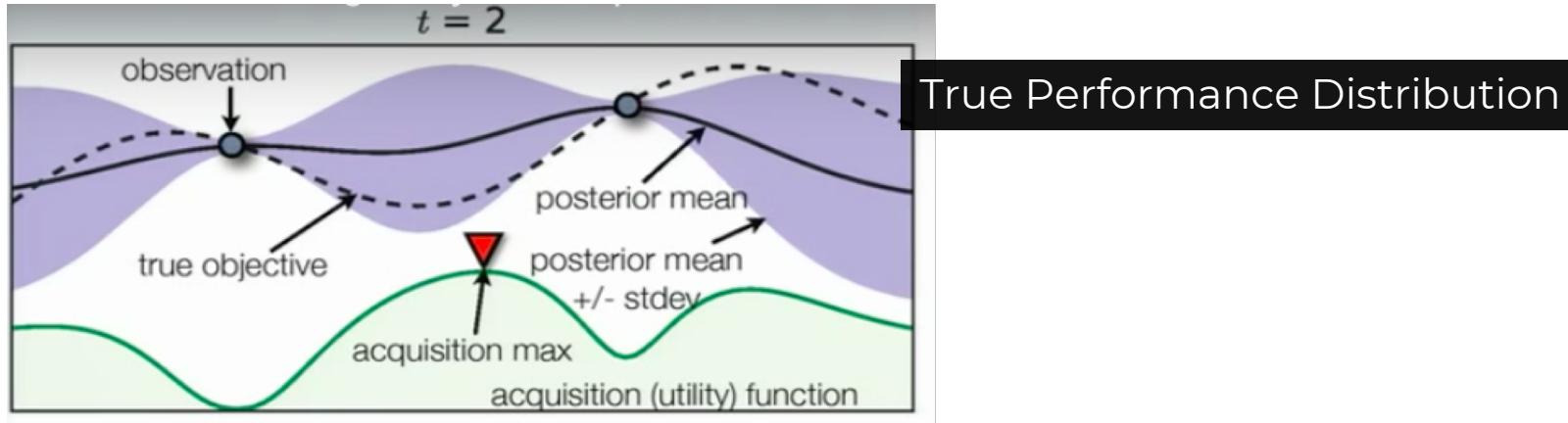
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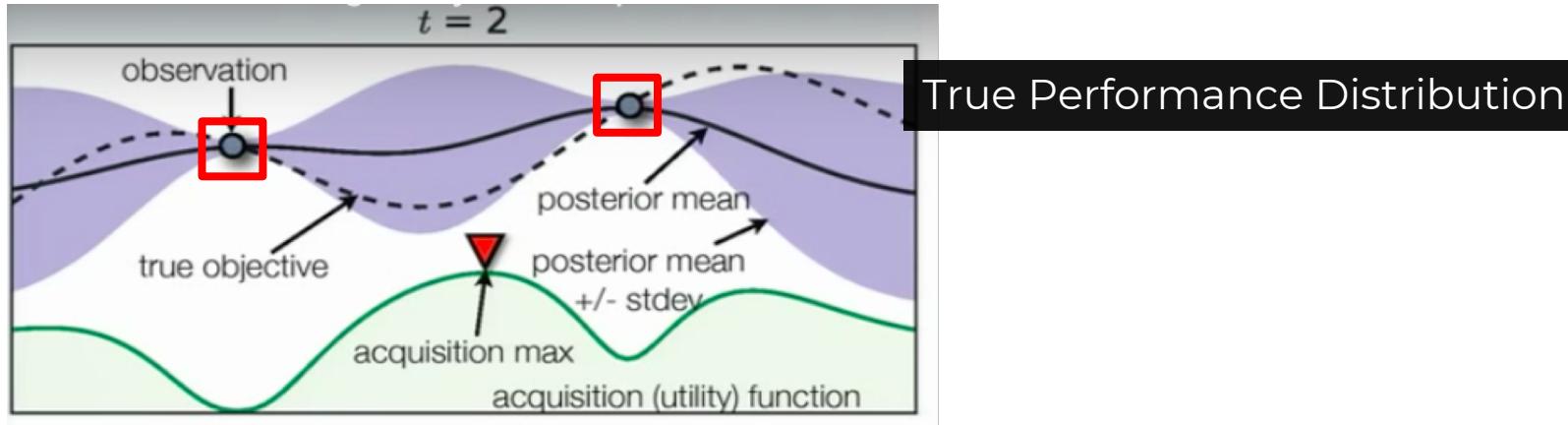


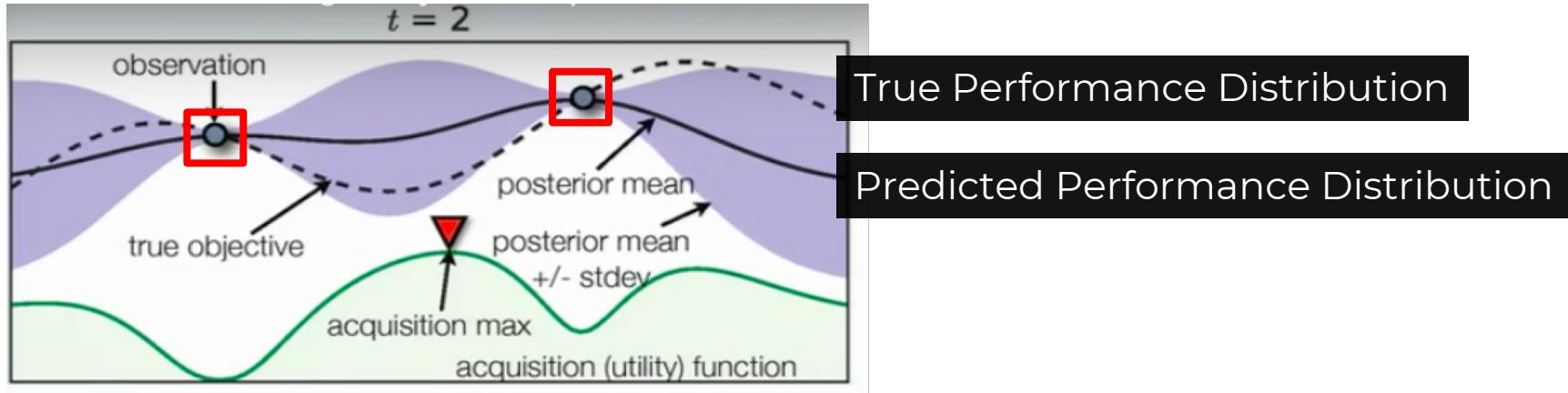


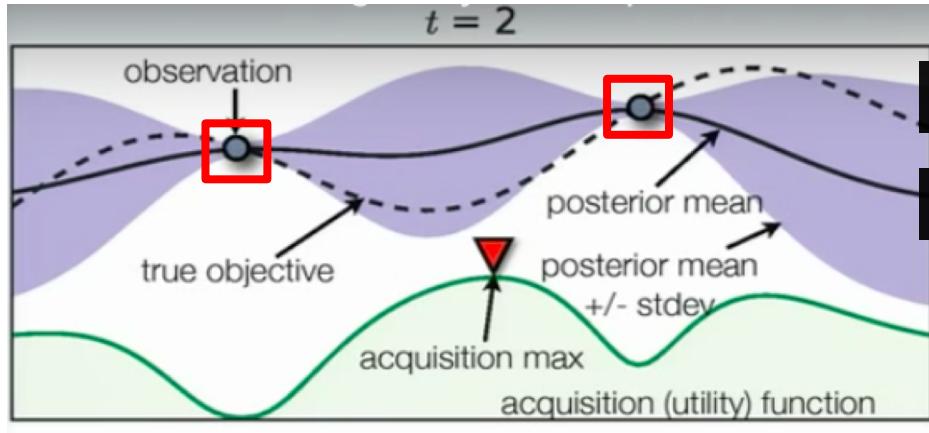








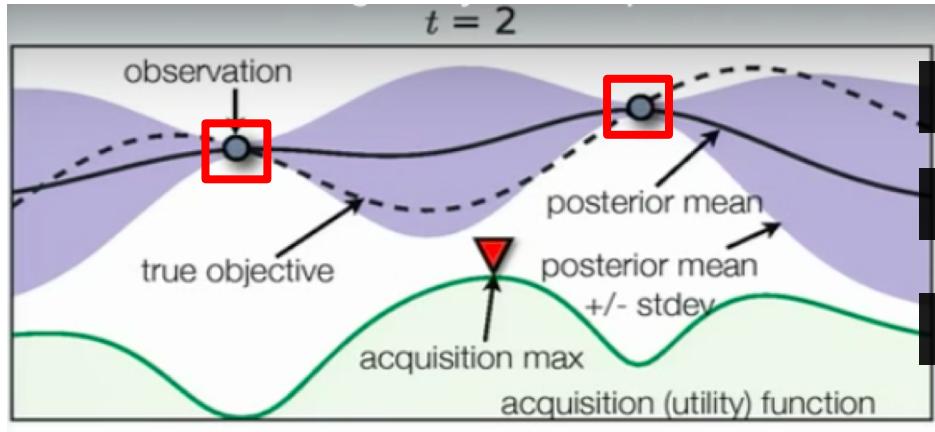




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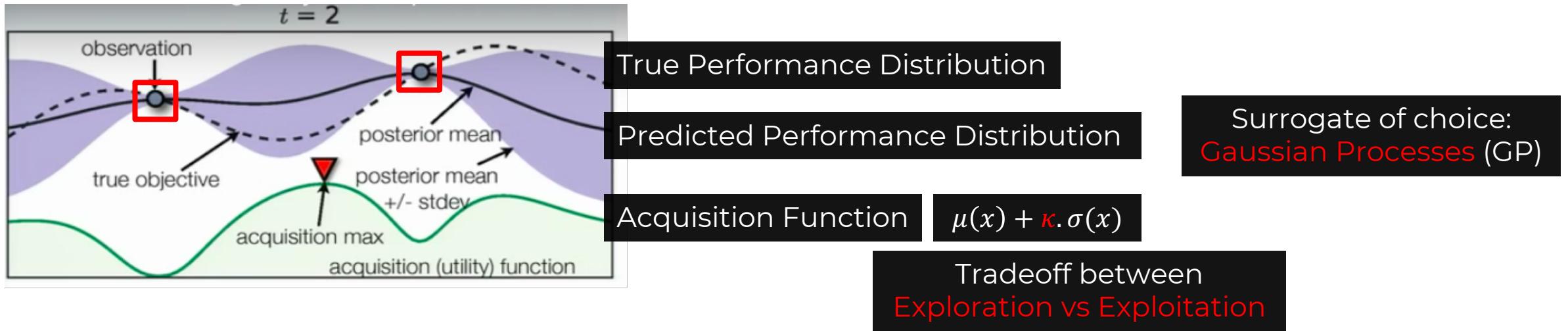


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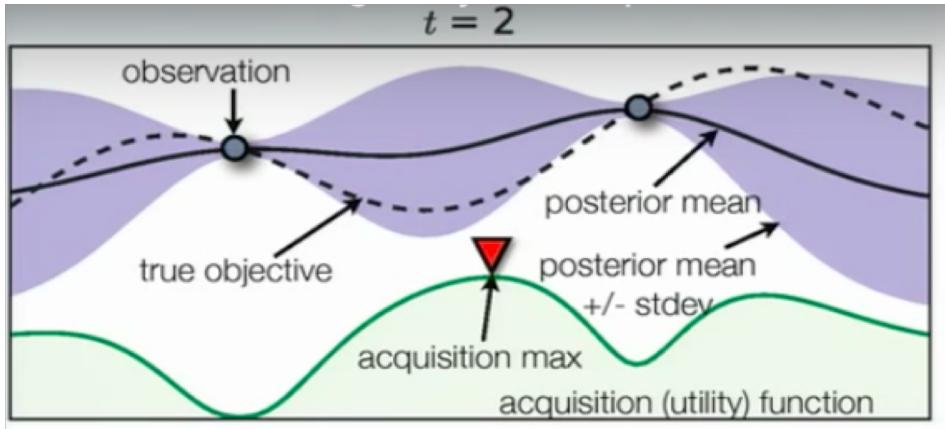
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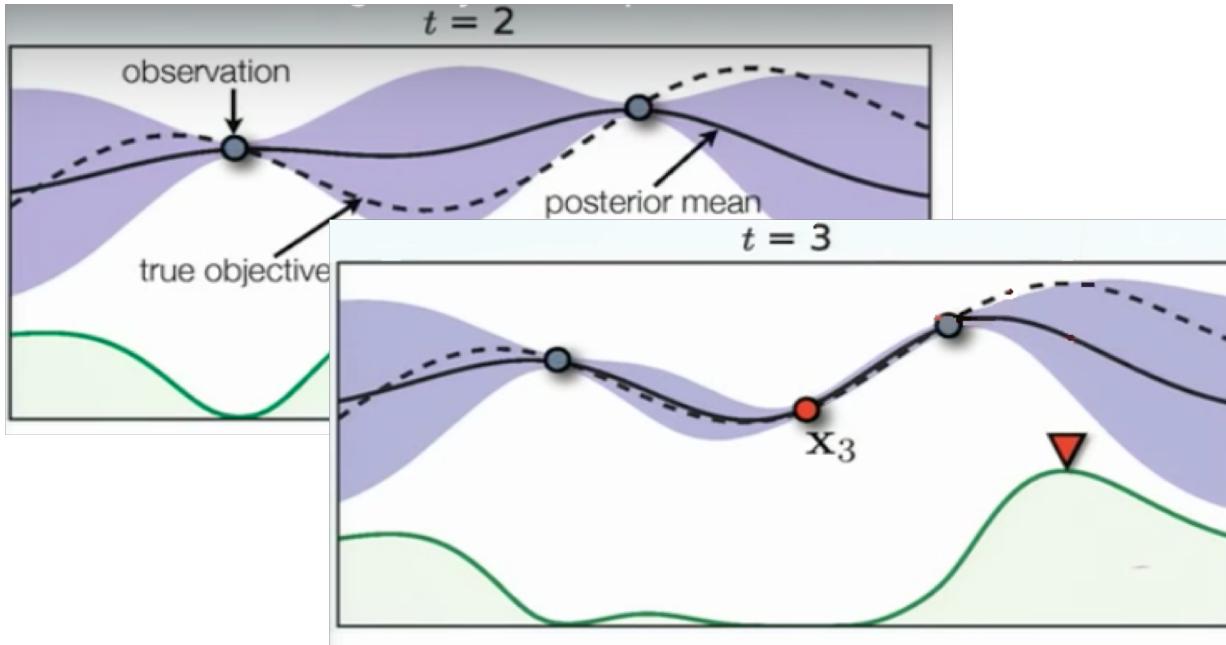


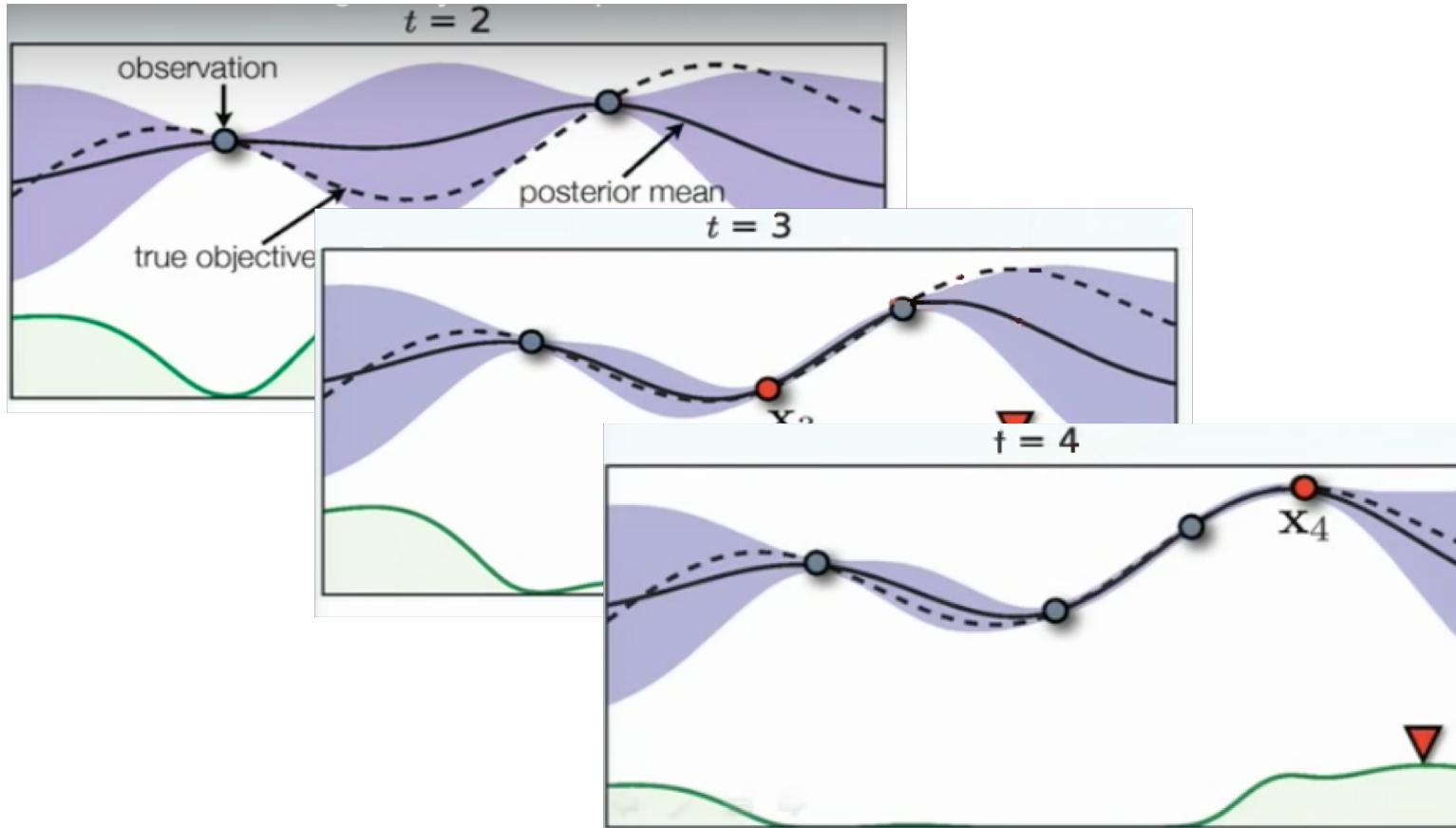


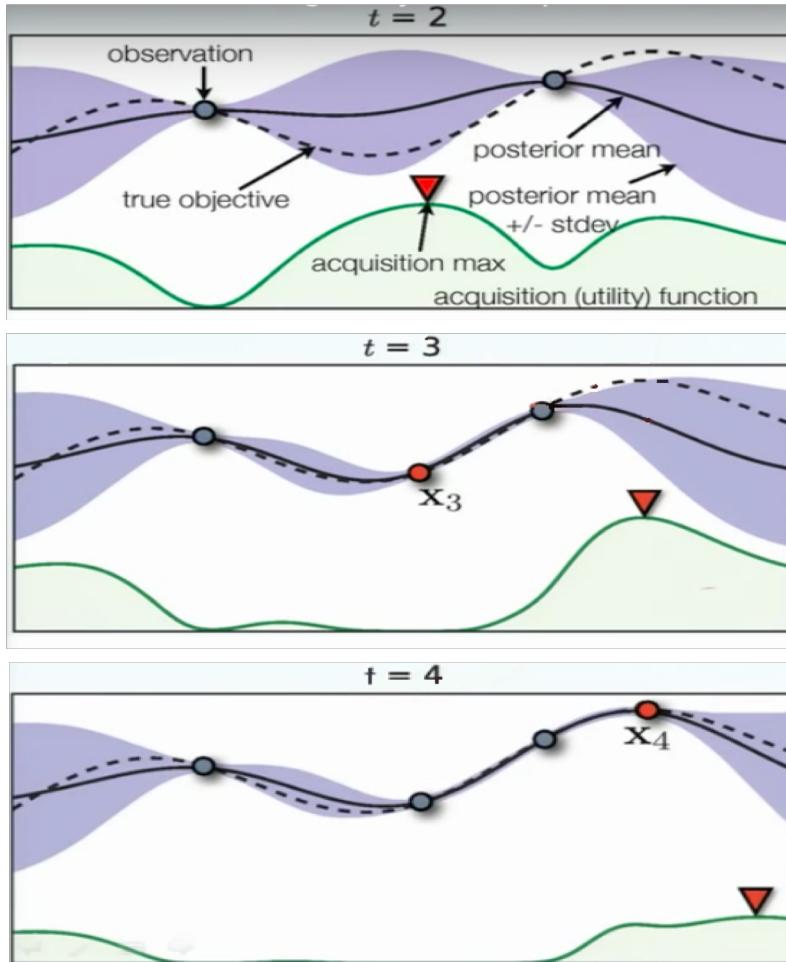
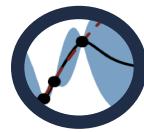
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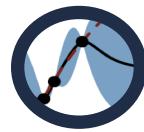






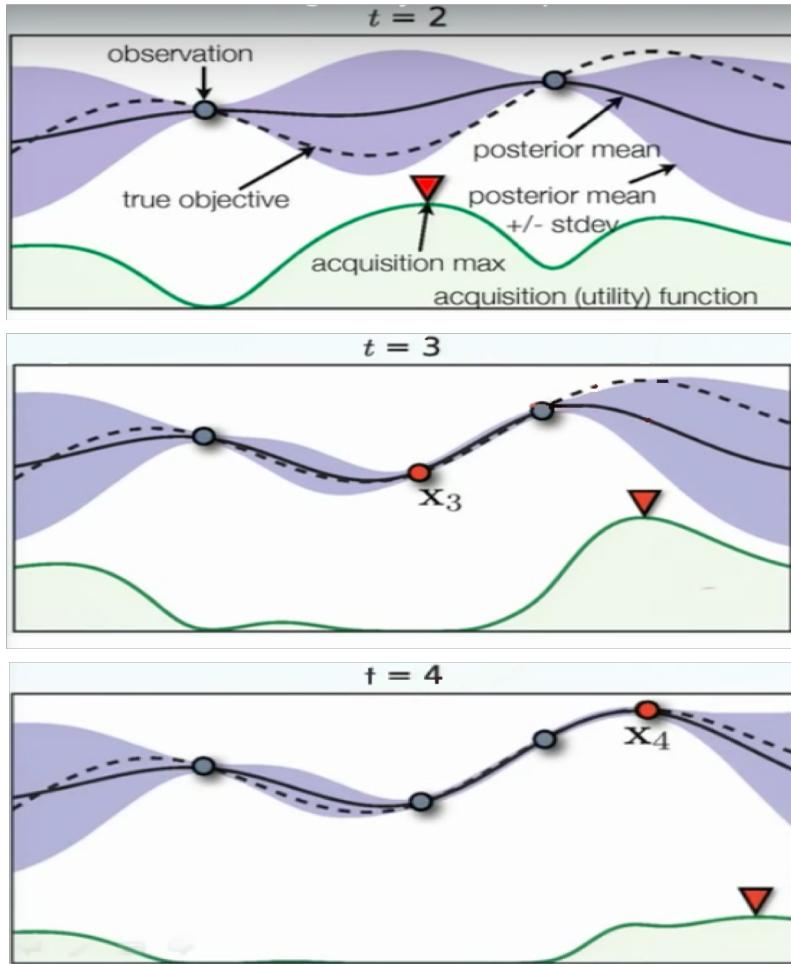


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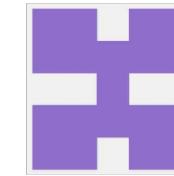
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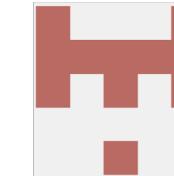
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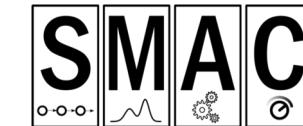
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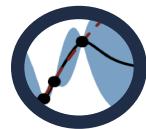
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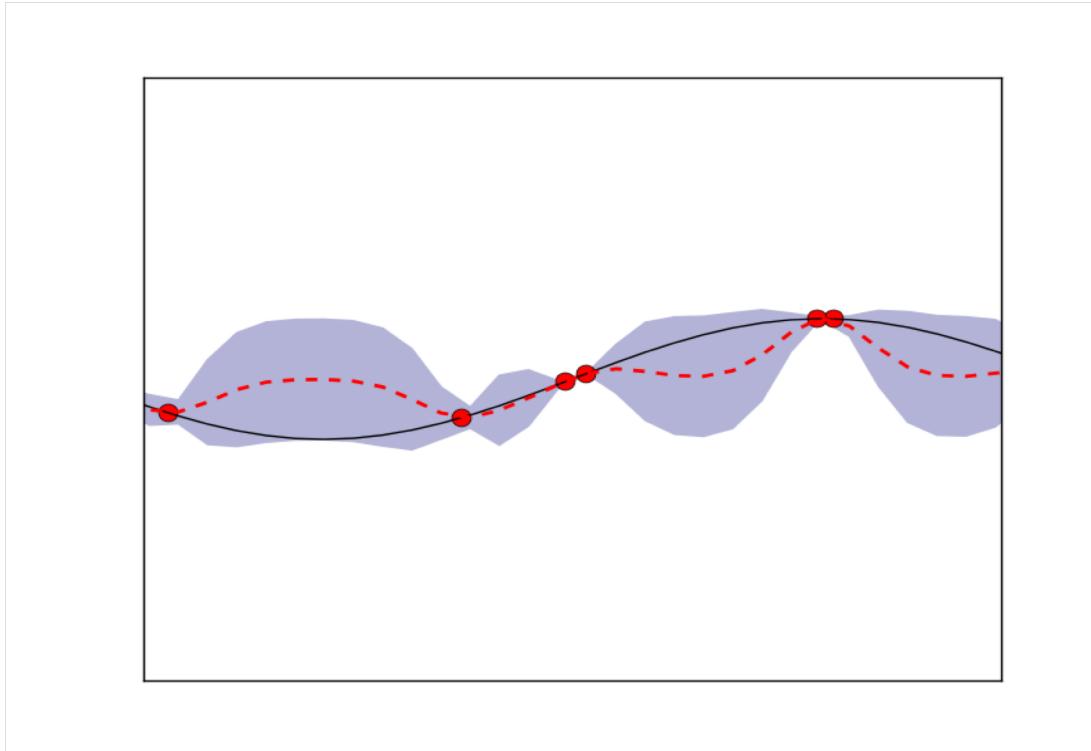
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[1] Brochu et al.; “A tutorial on Bayesian optimization of expensive cost functions, with application to active user modeling and hierarchical reinforcement learning,”; ArXiv, p. 49, 2010.

[2] Shen et al.; Fast gaussian process regression using kd-trees. In Advances in neural information processing systems; 2006.

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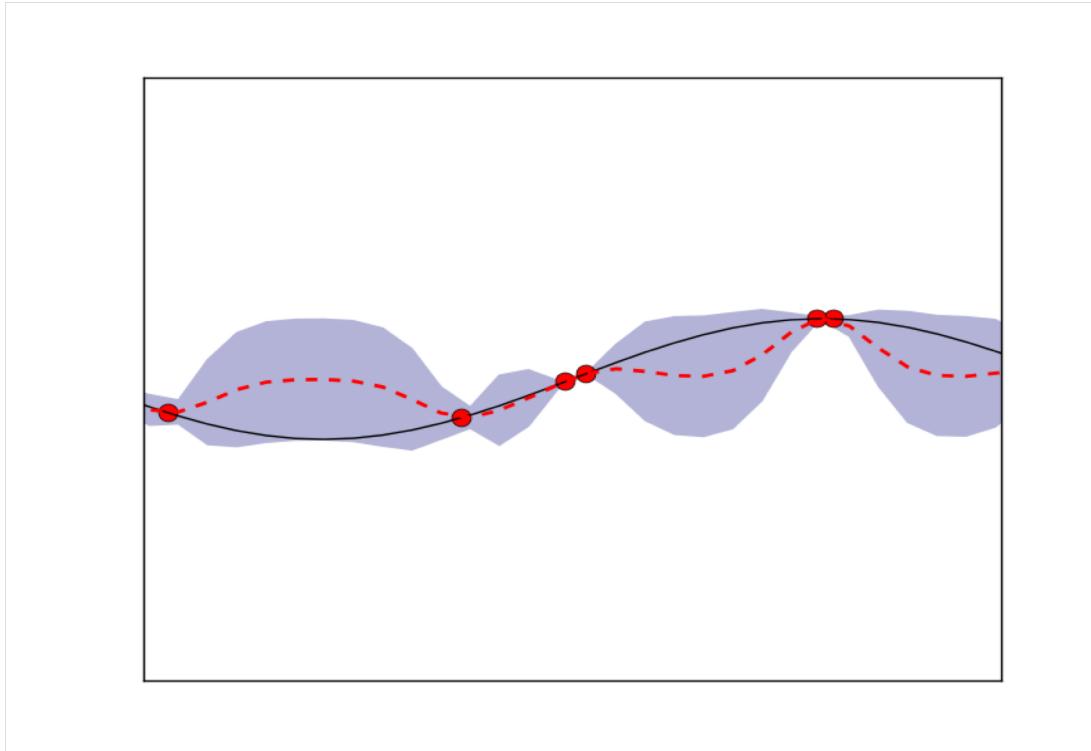
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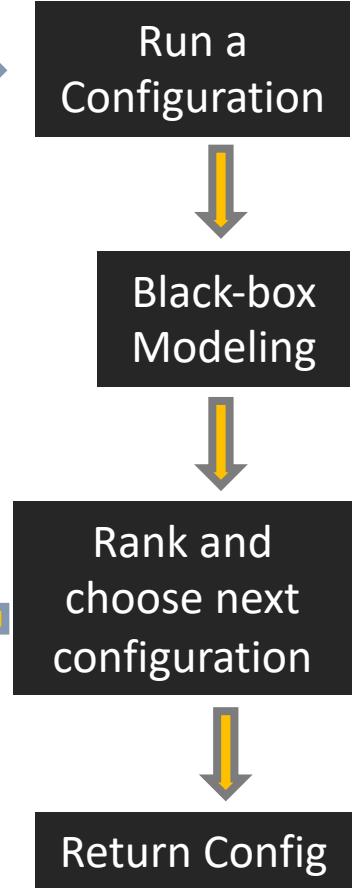
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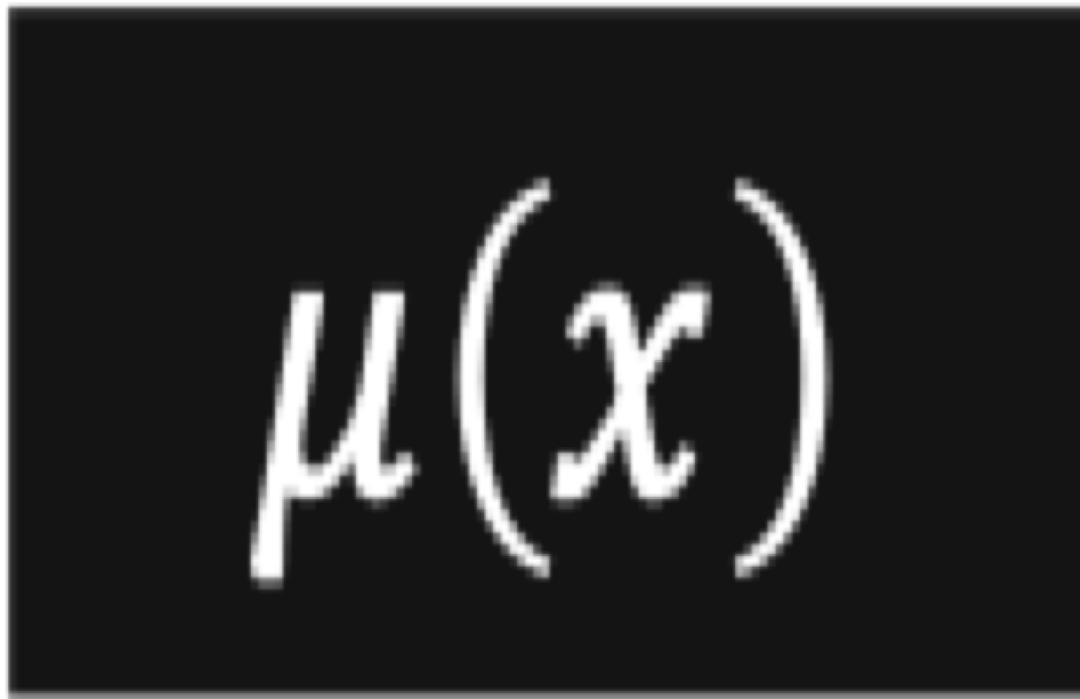
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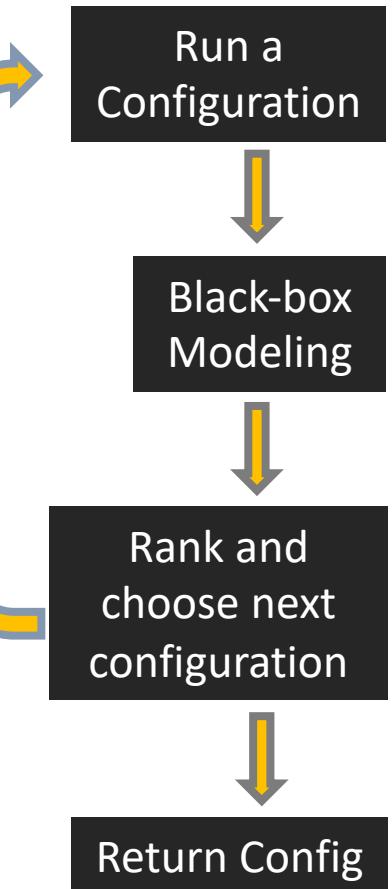
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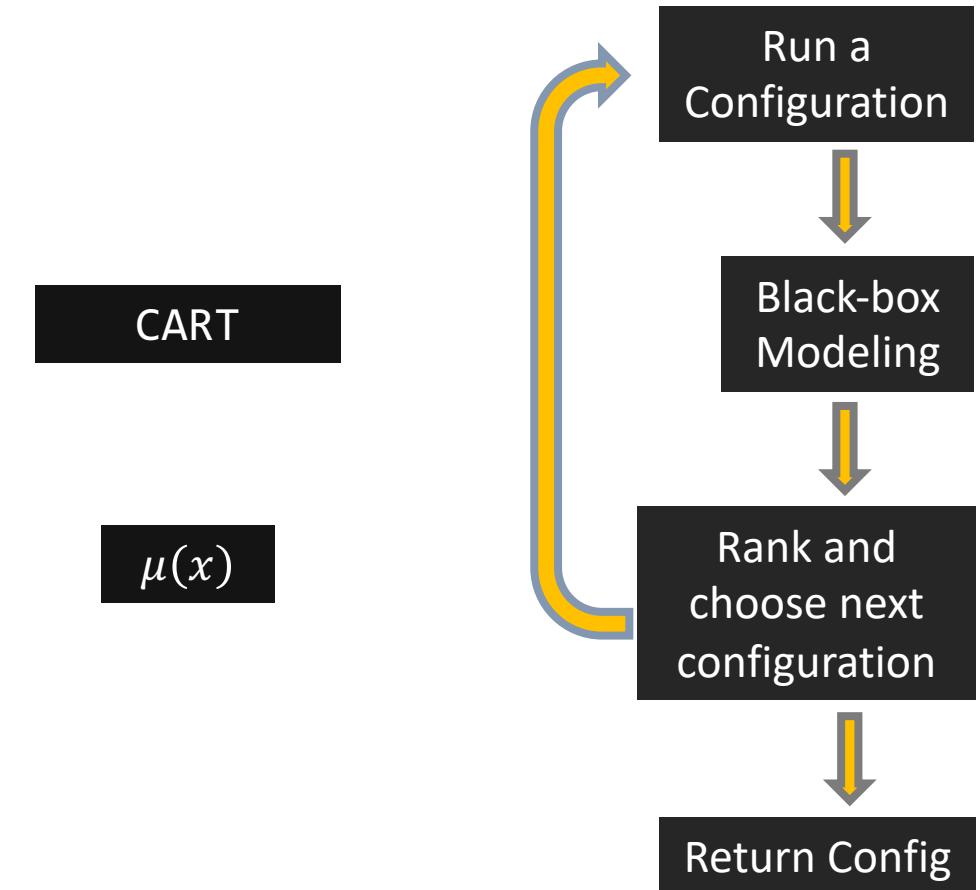
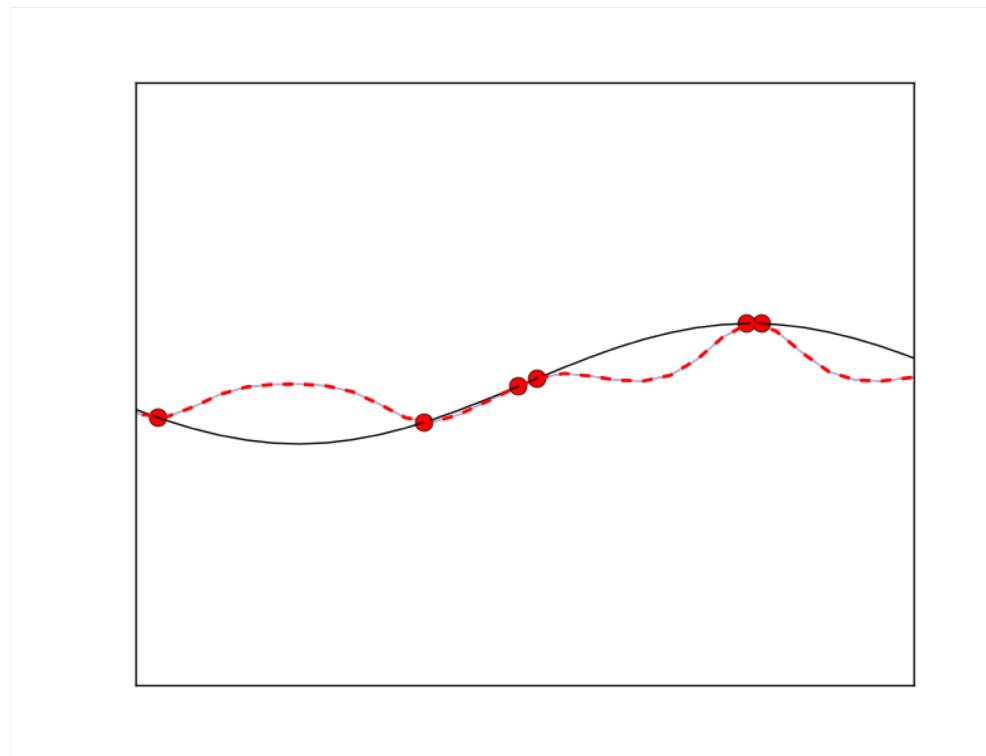




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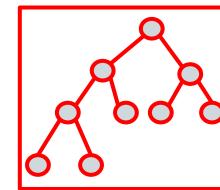
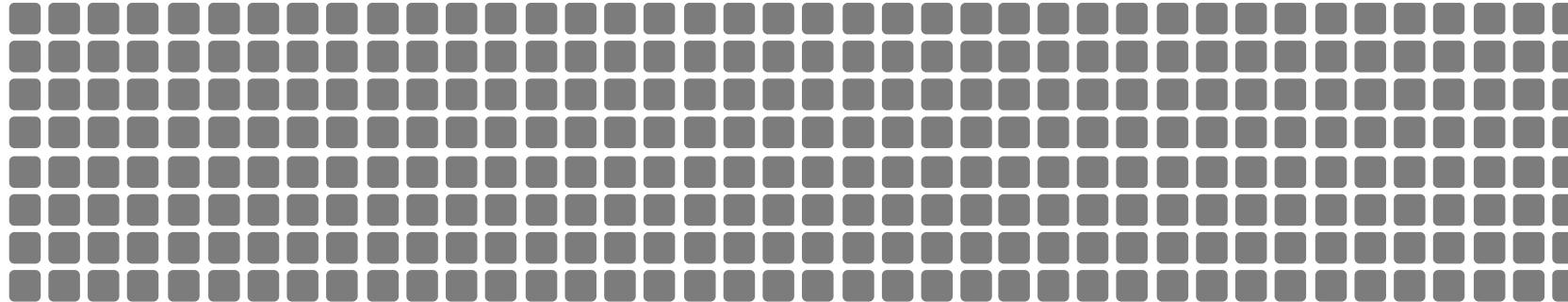
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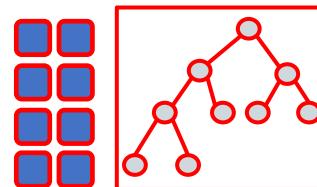
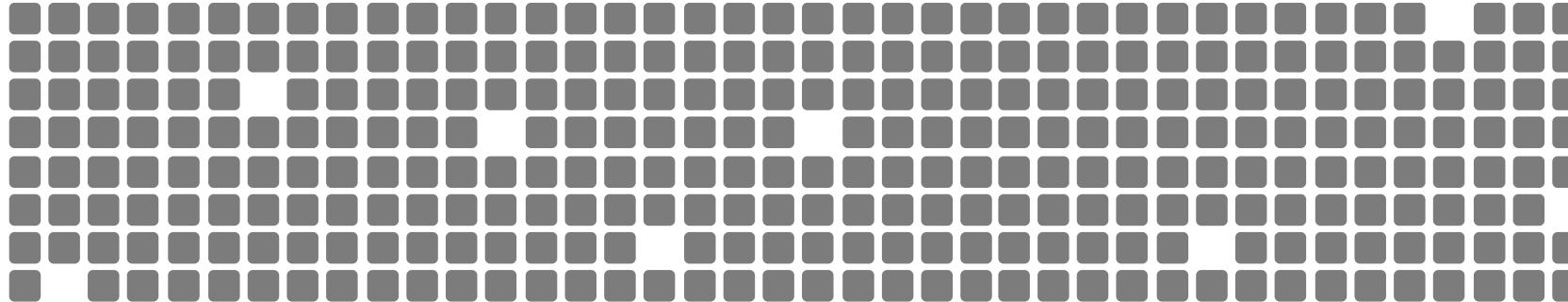


CART

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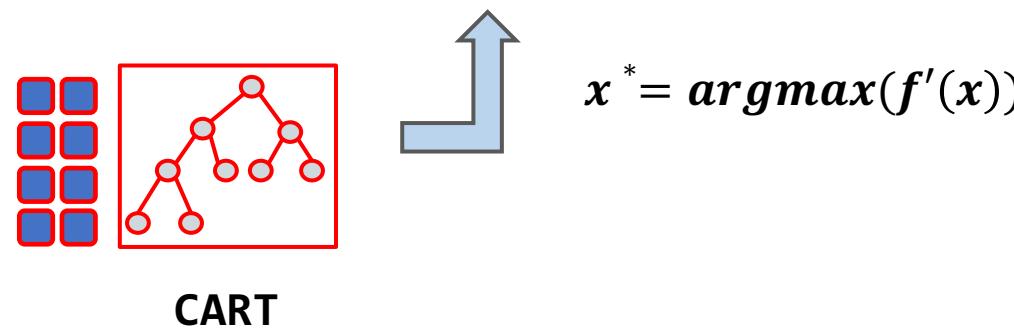
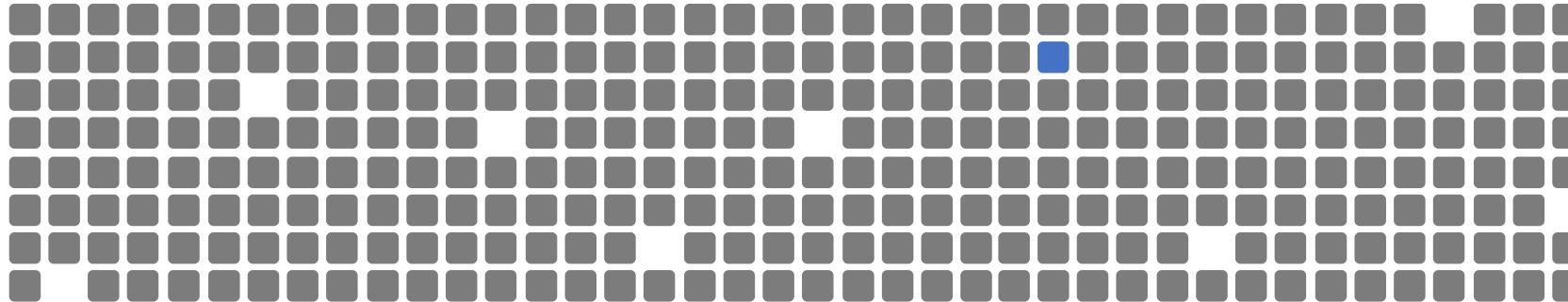


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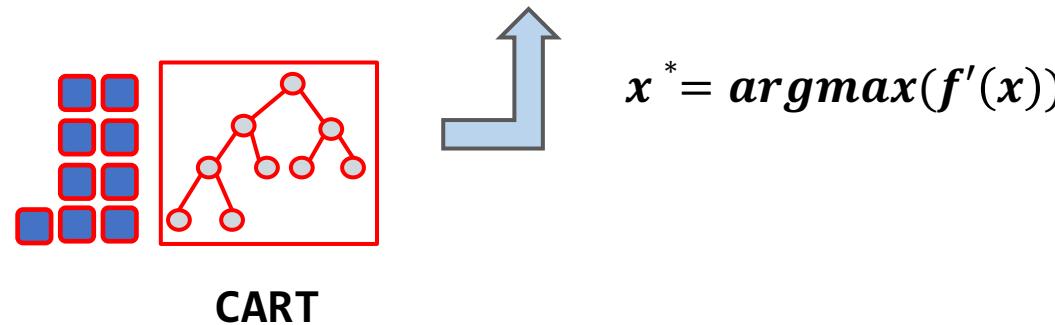
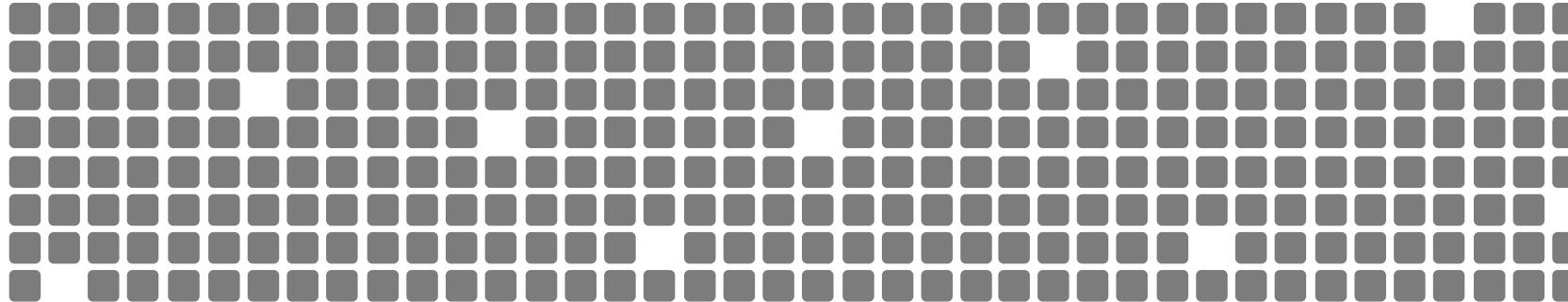
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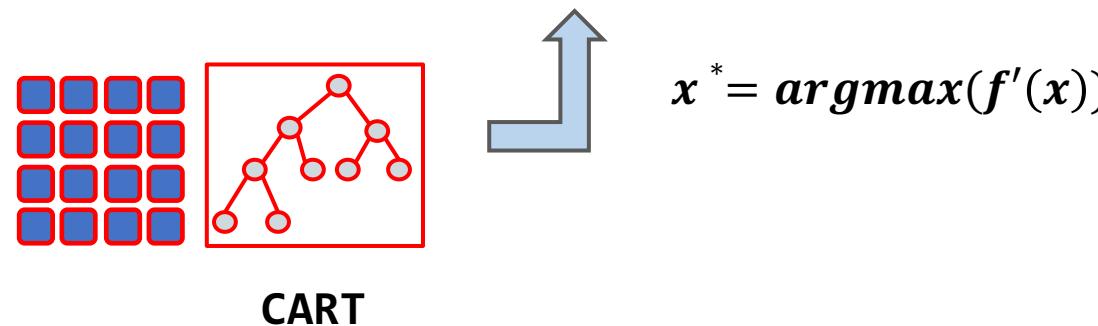
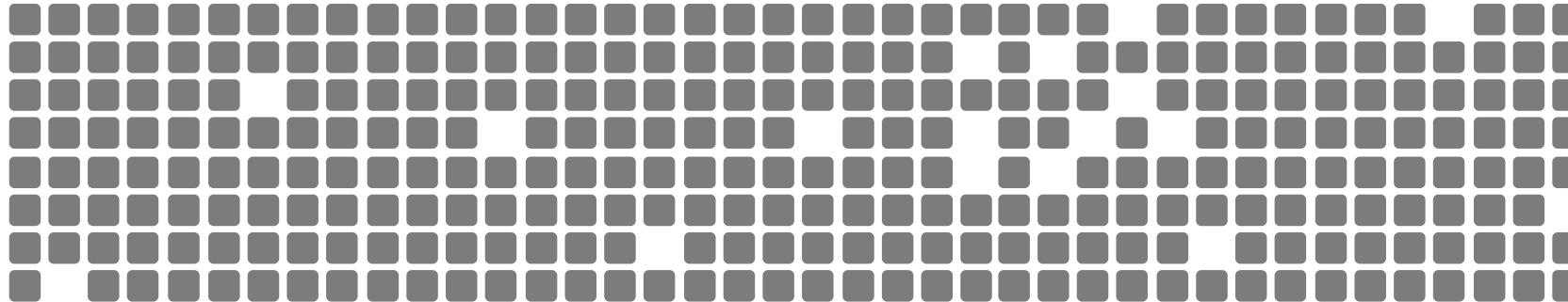
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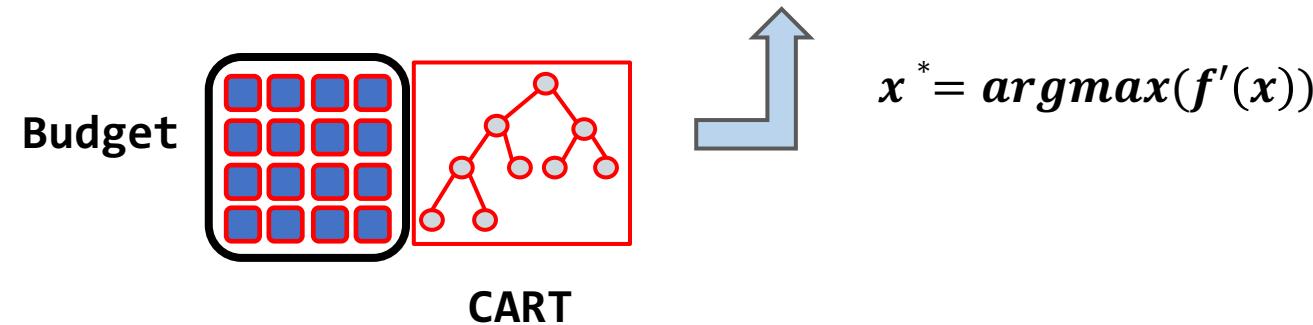
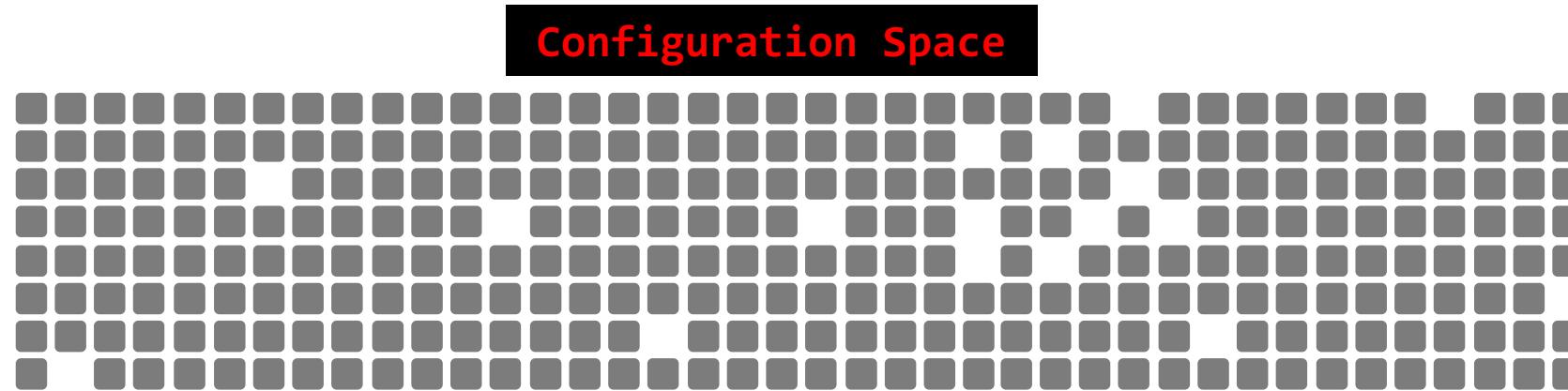
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Subject Systems



Data Processing



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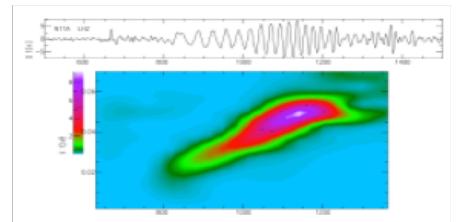


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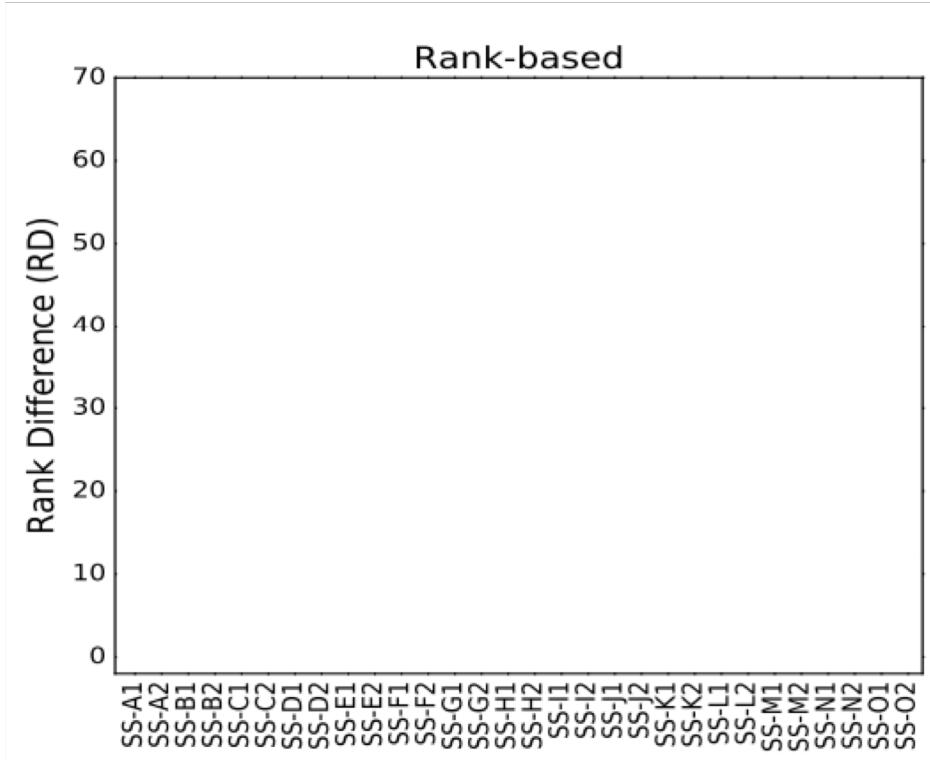


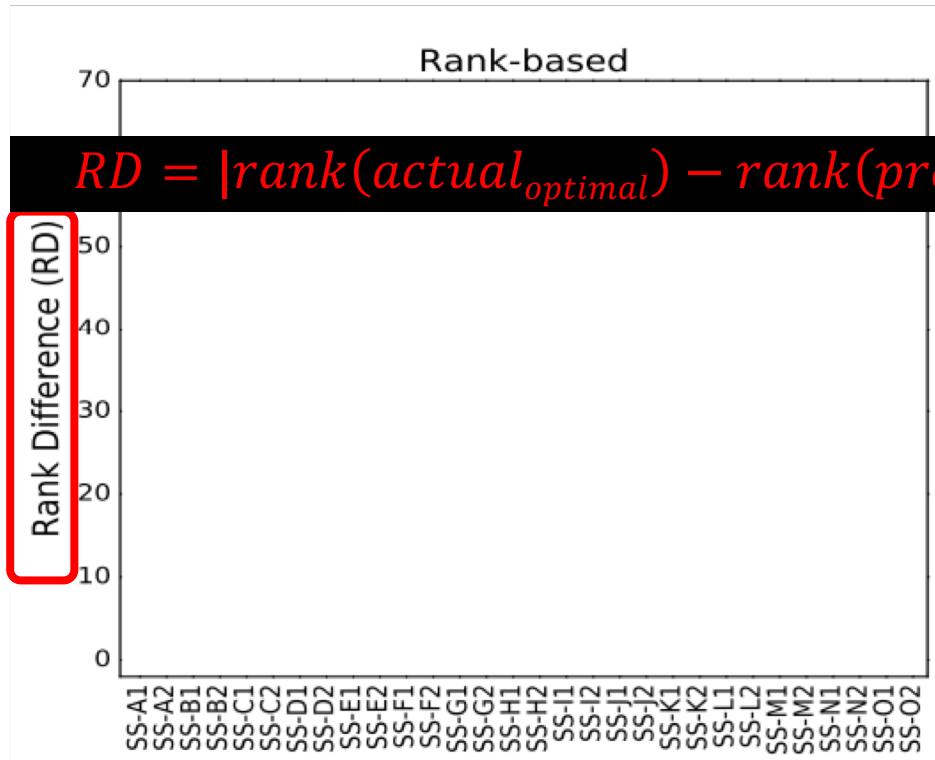
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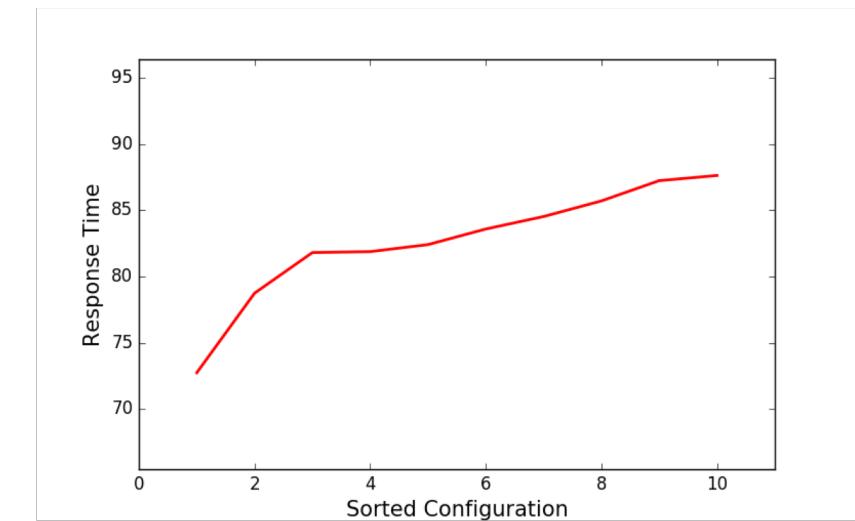
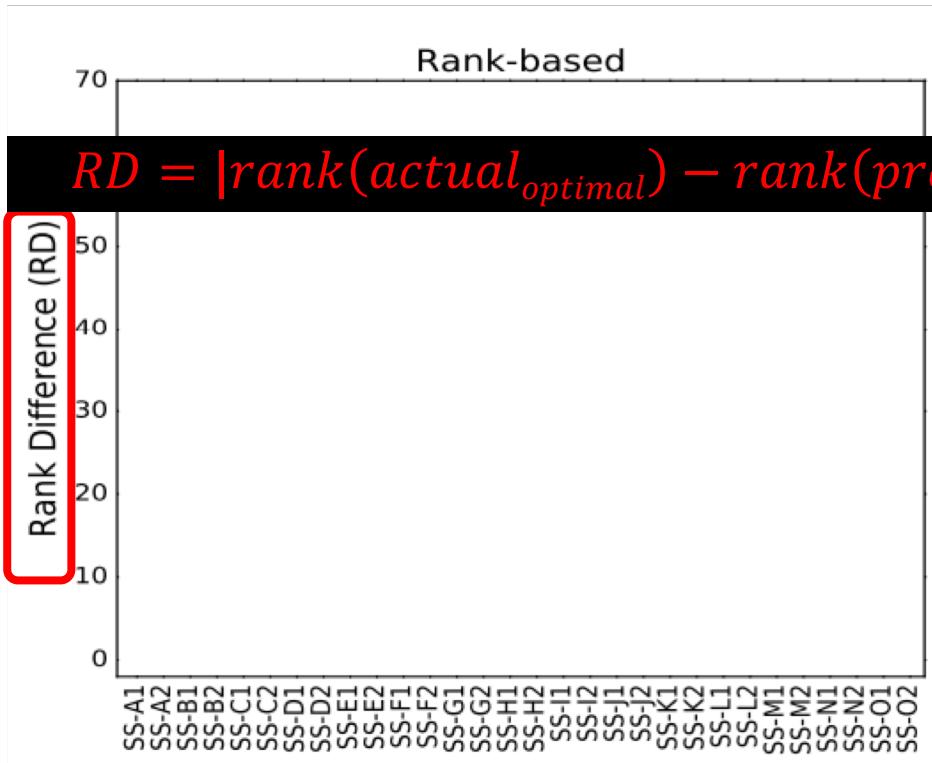


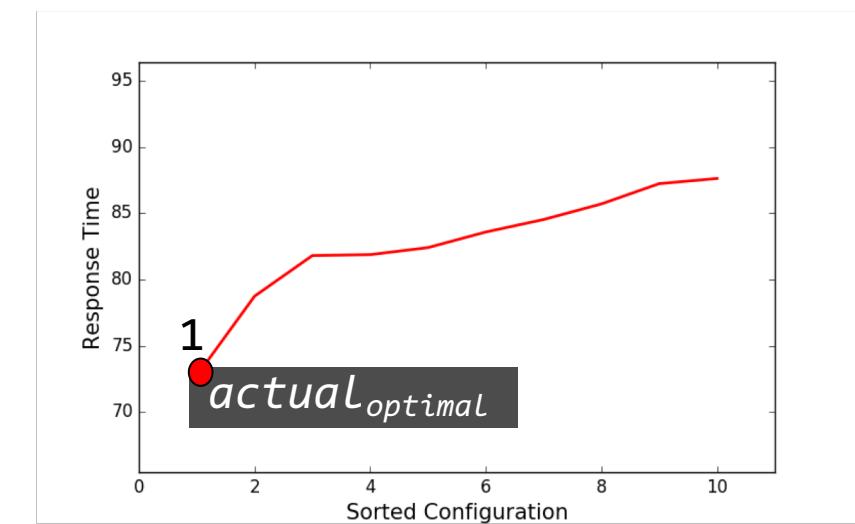
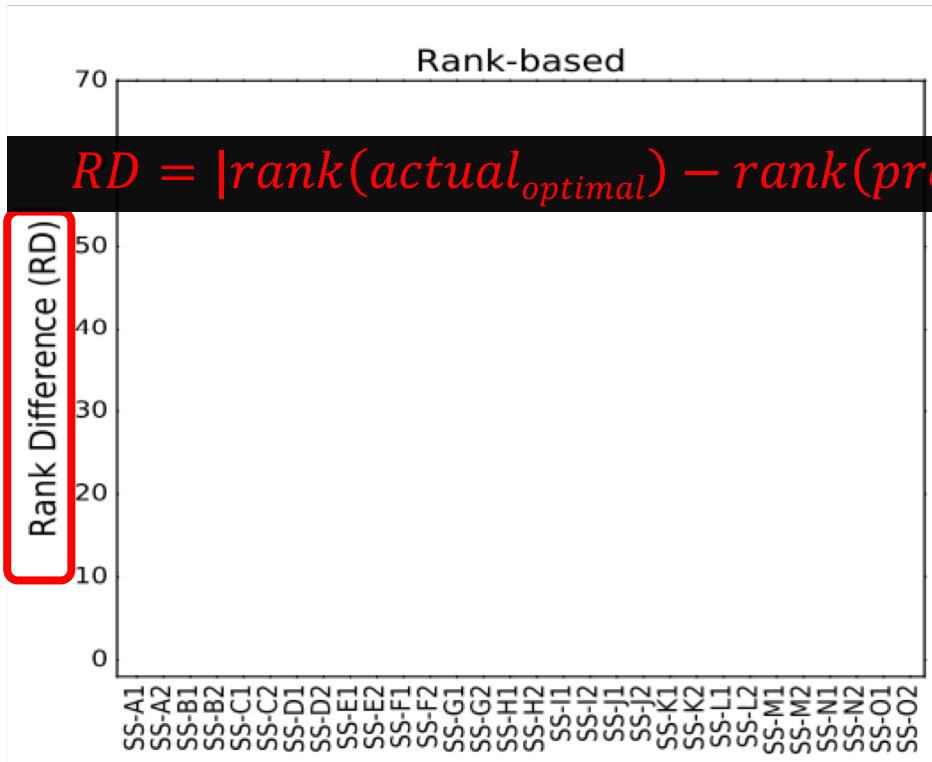
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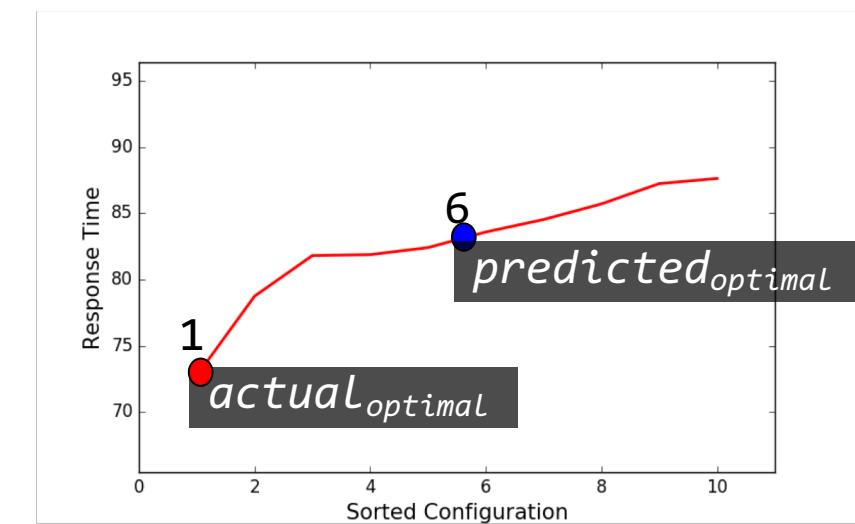
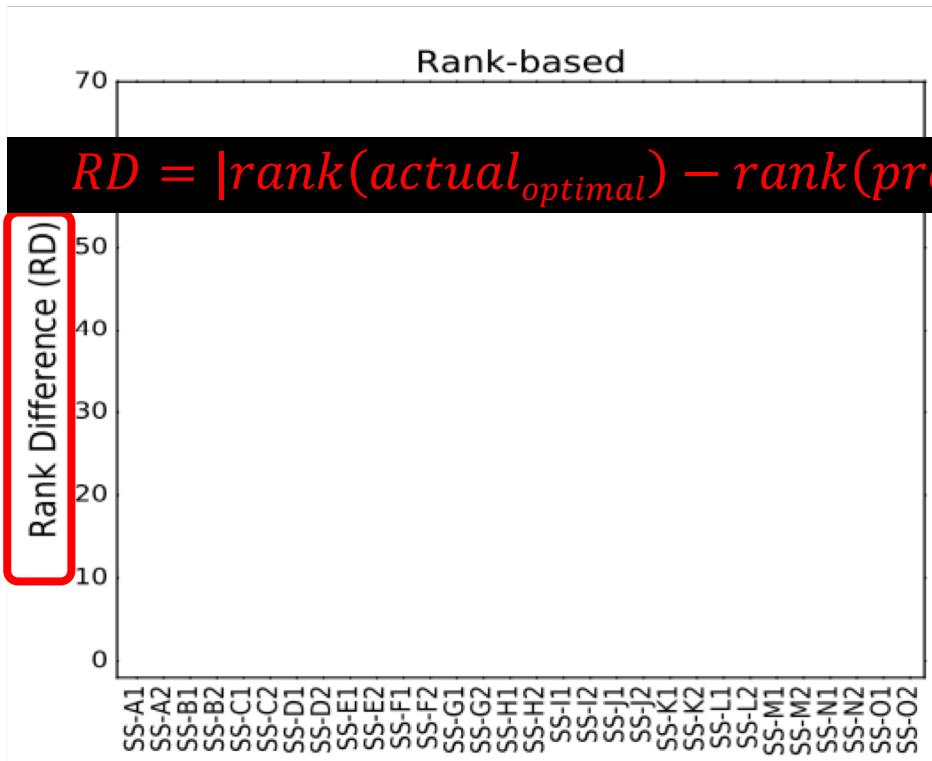
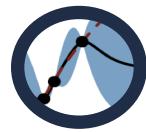


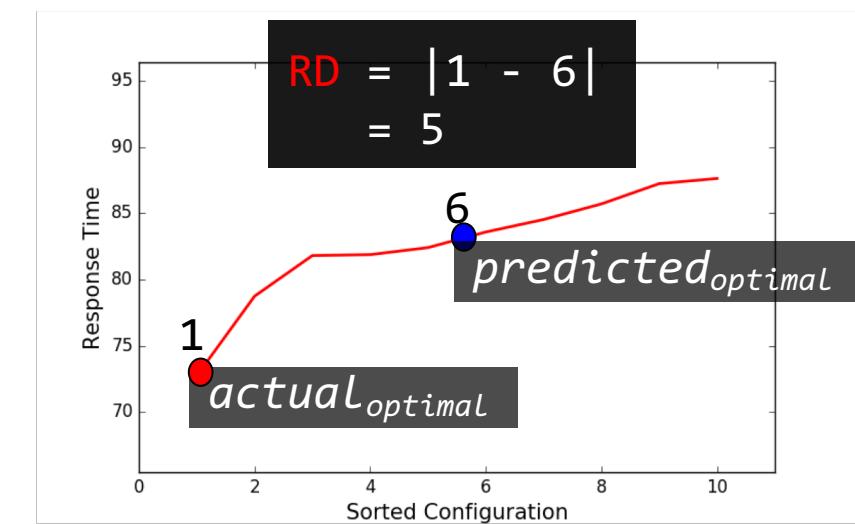
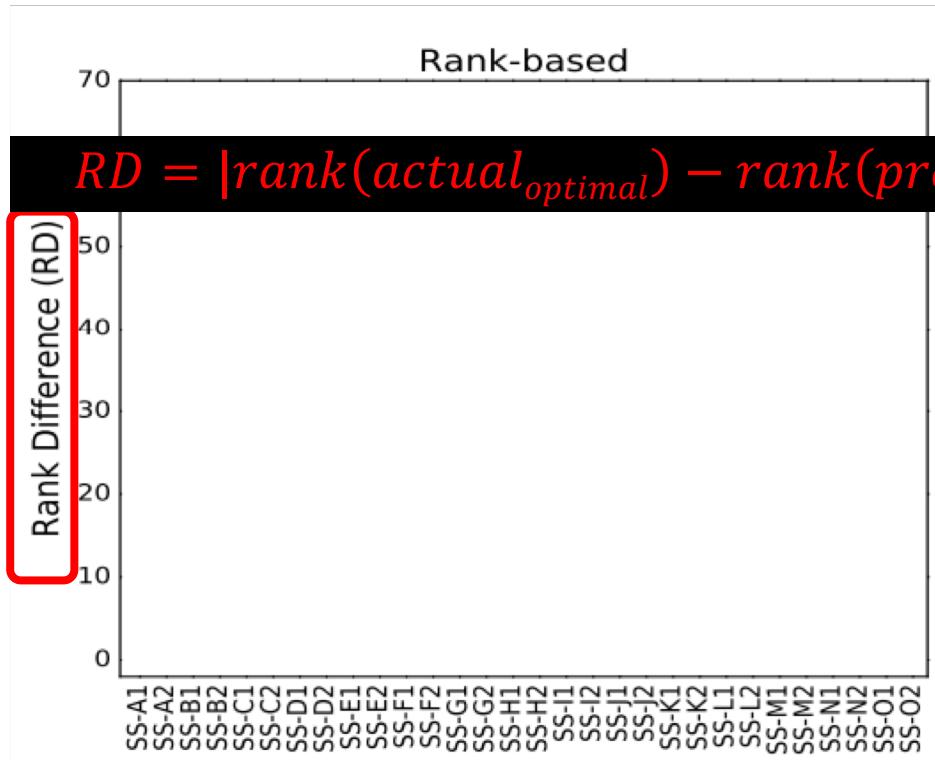


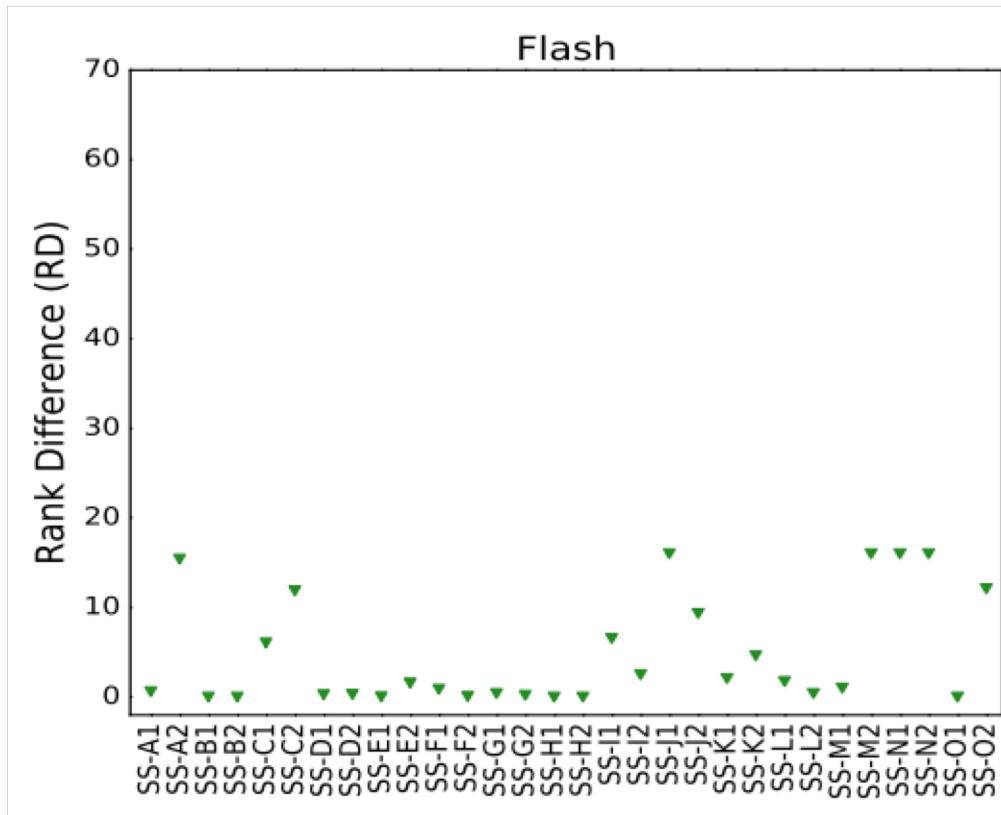


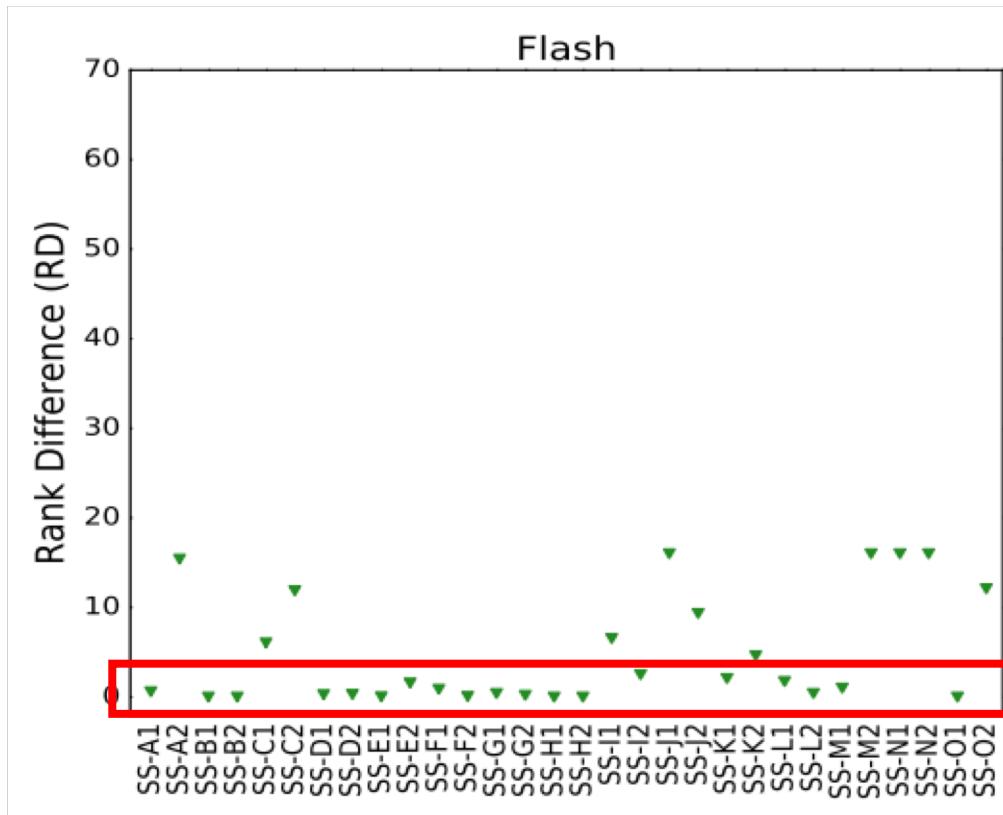


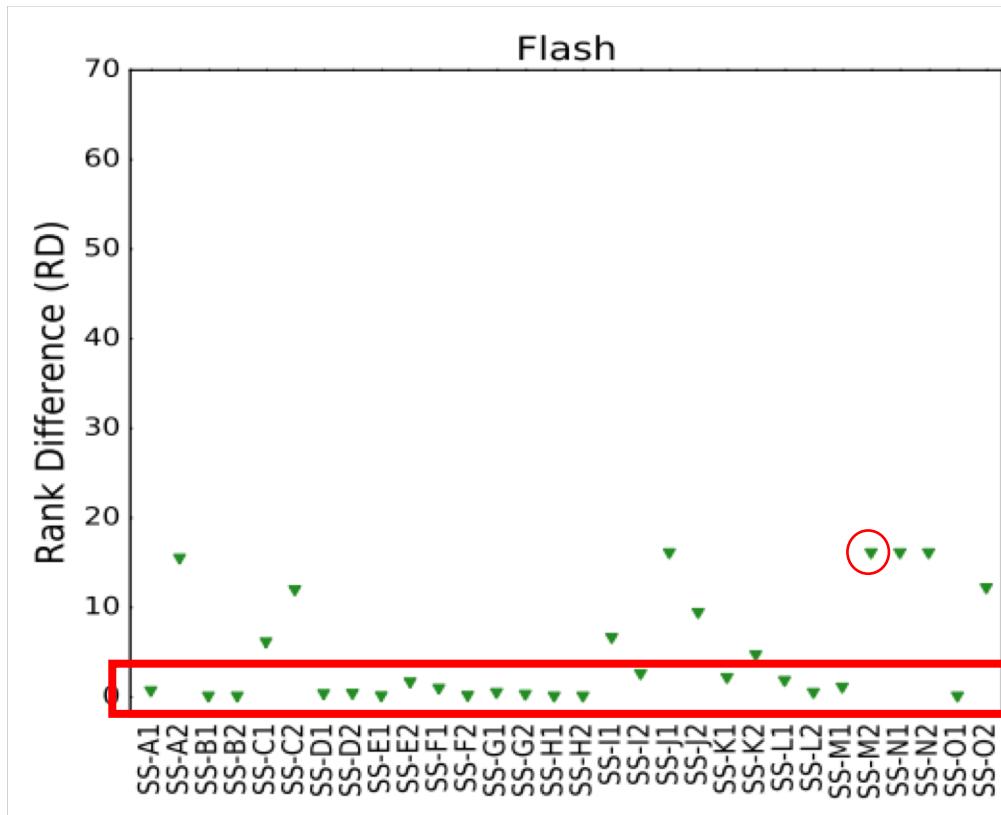


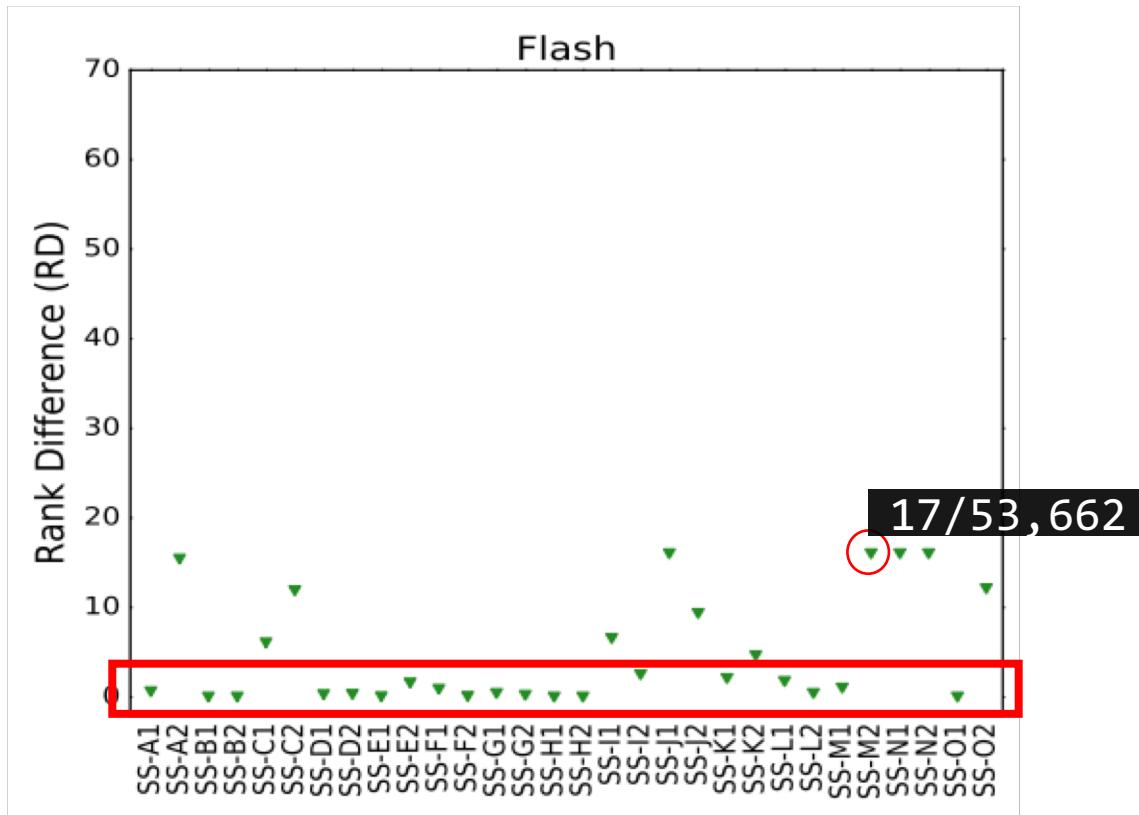


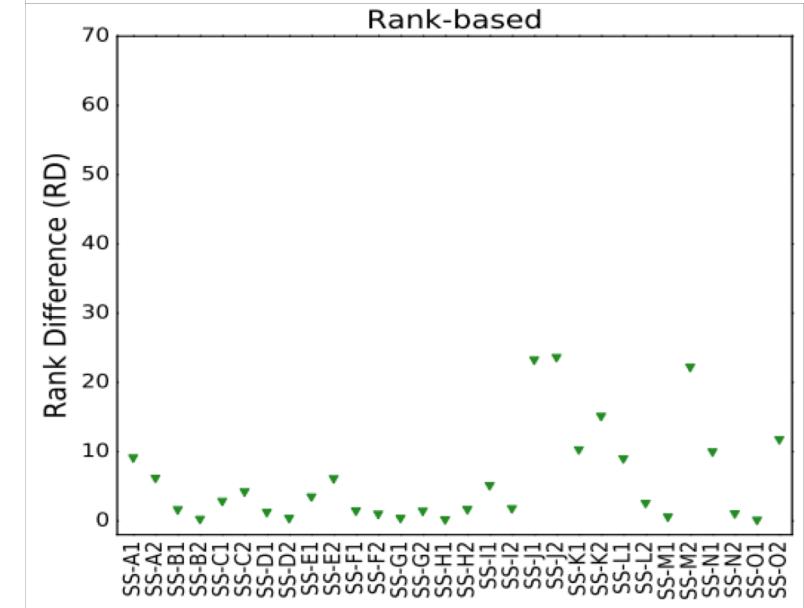
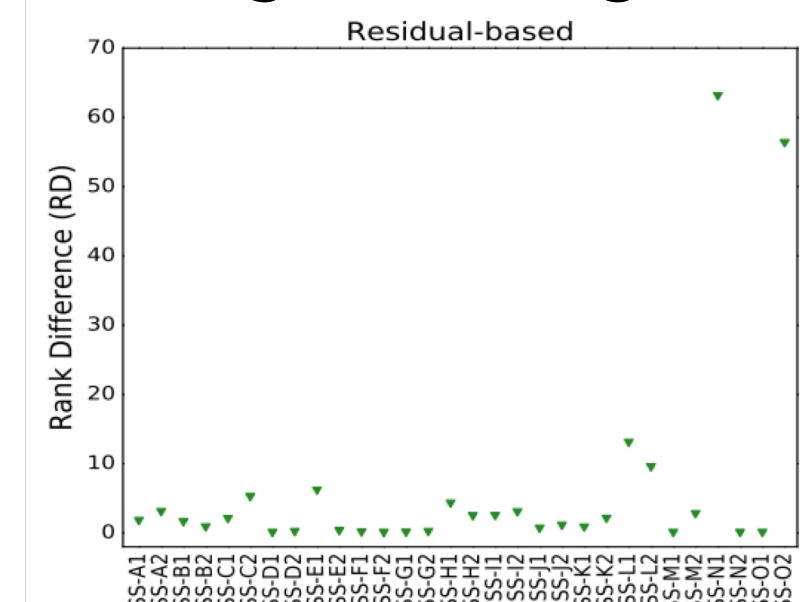
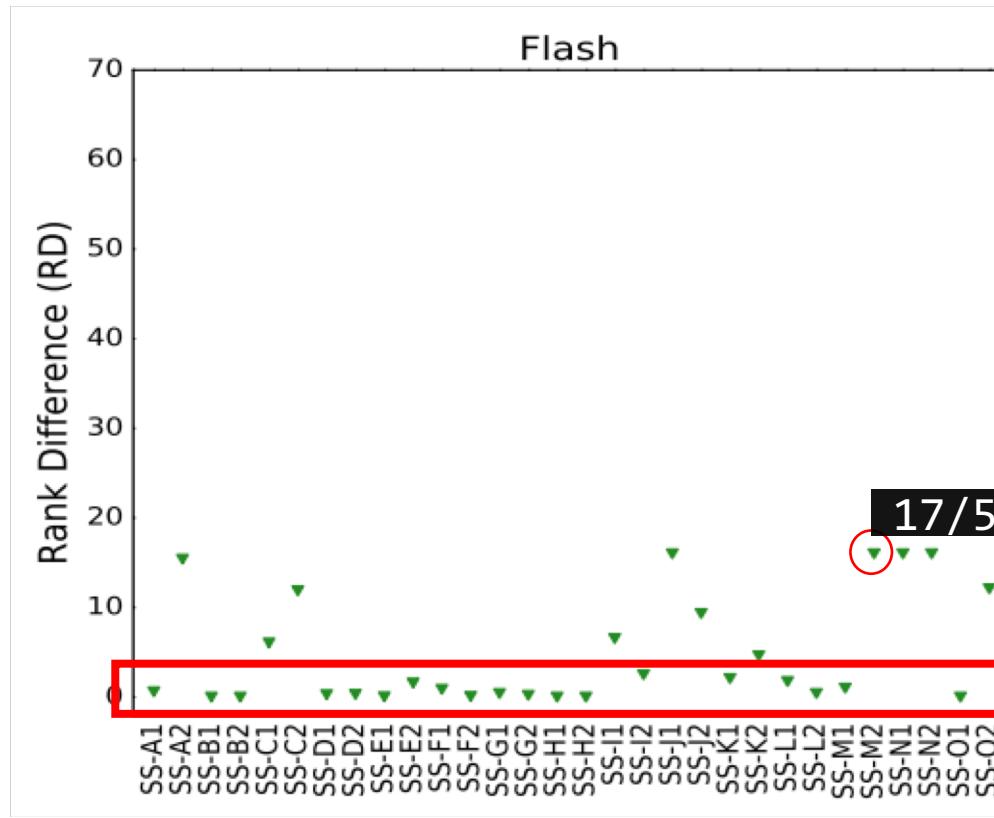




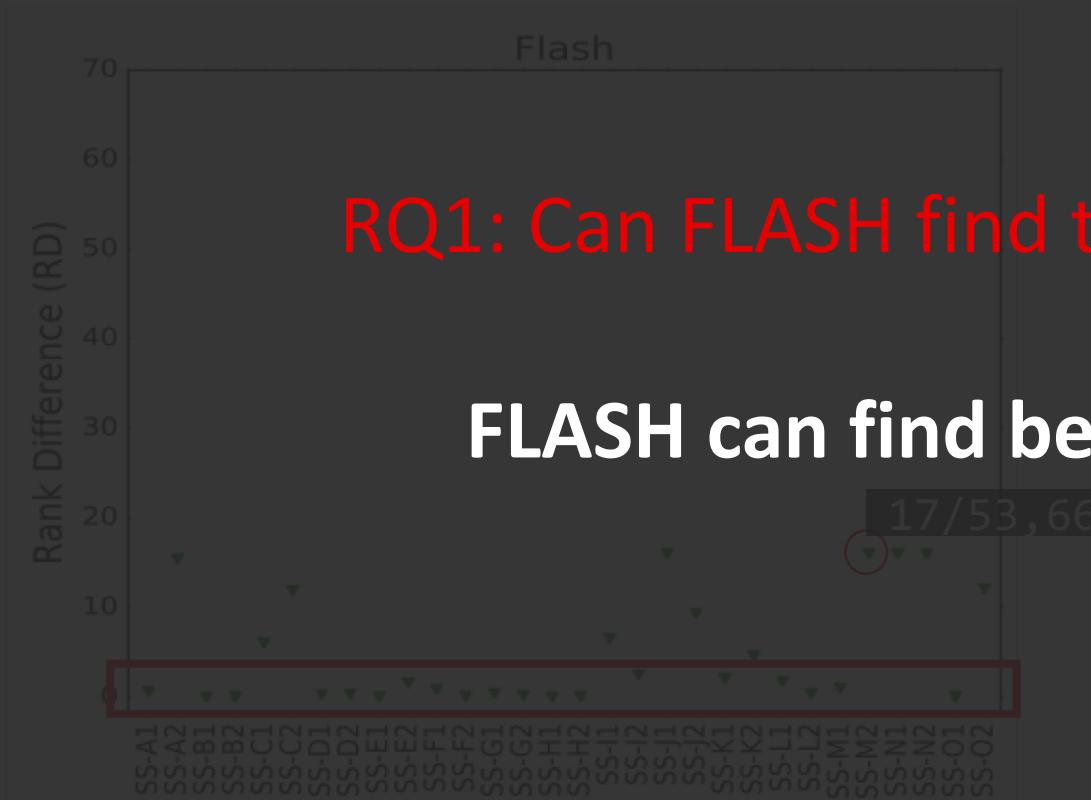




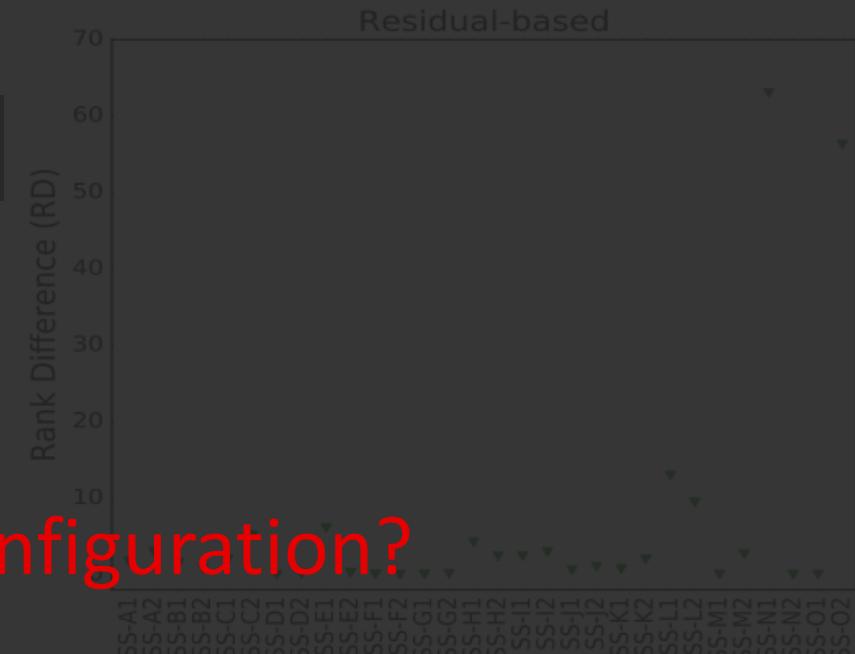


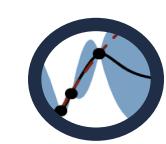


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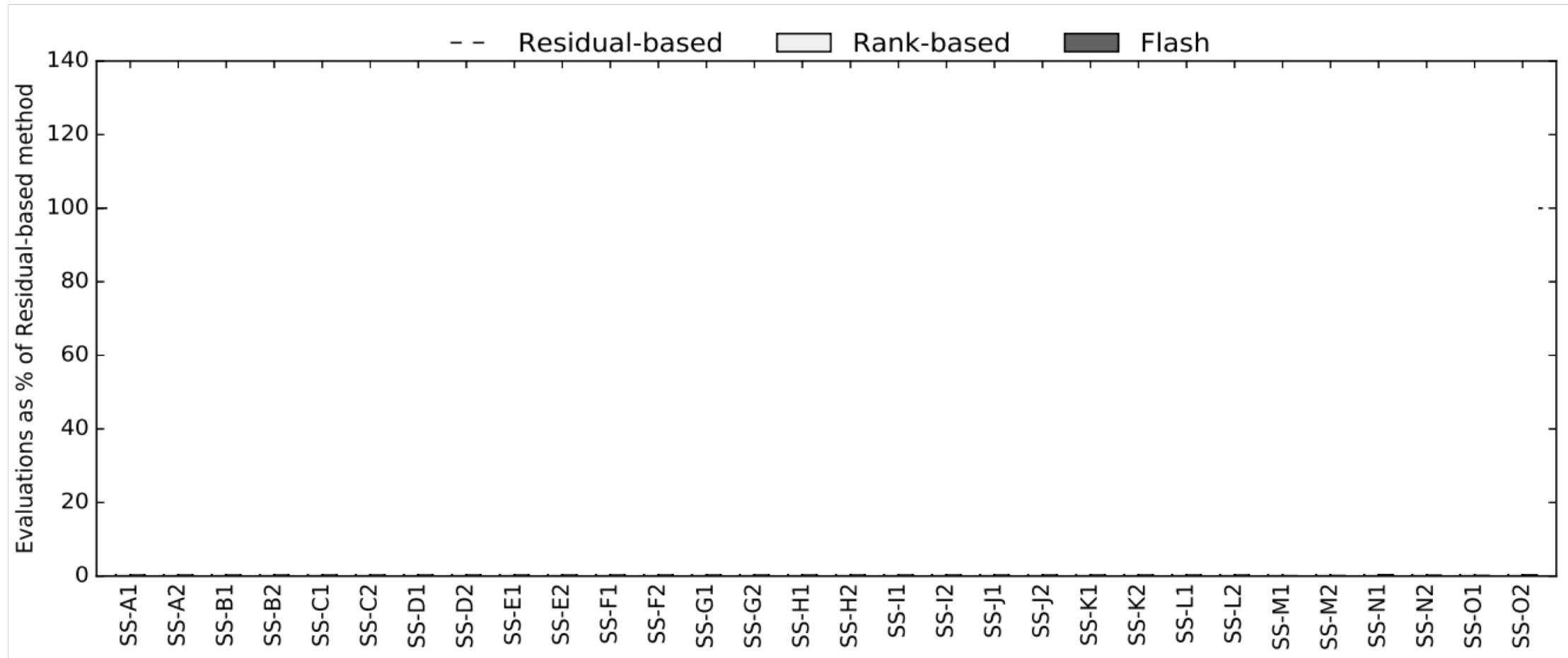
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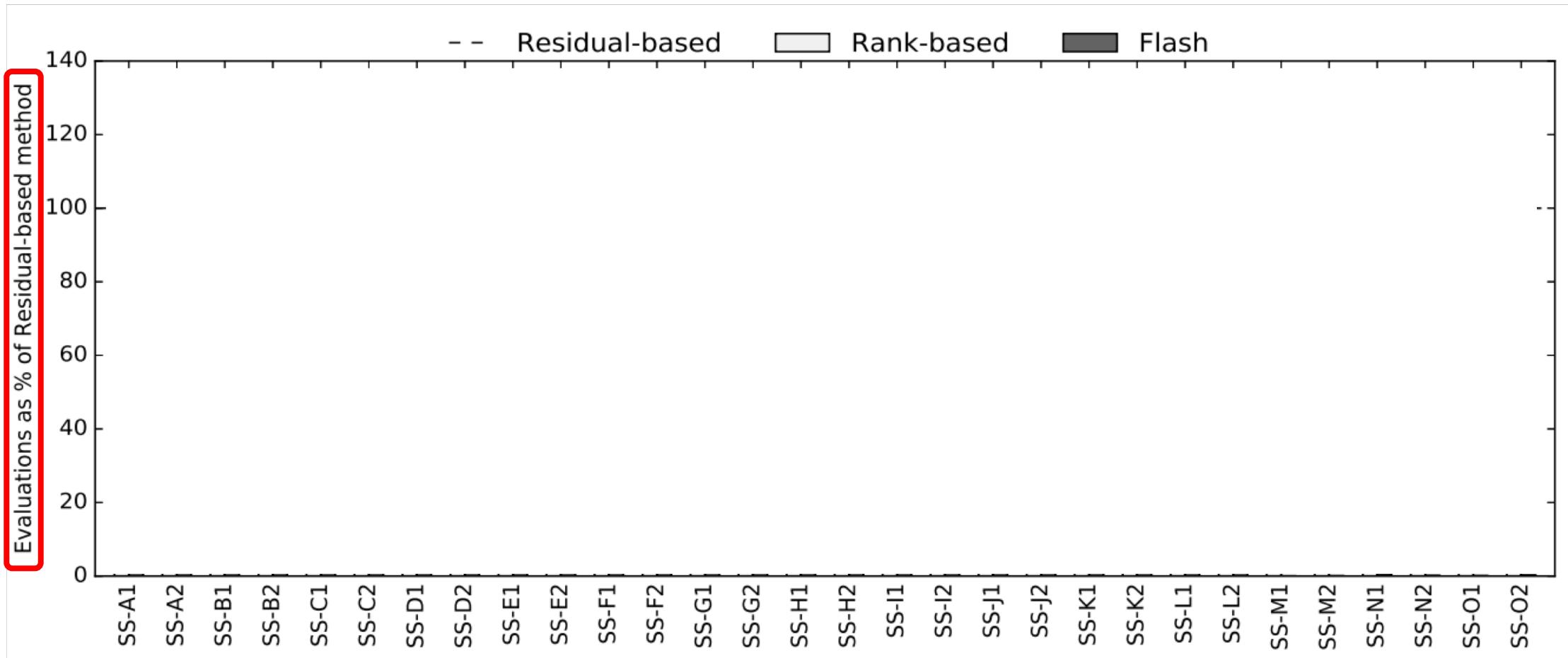


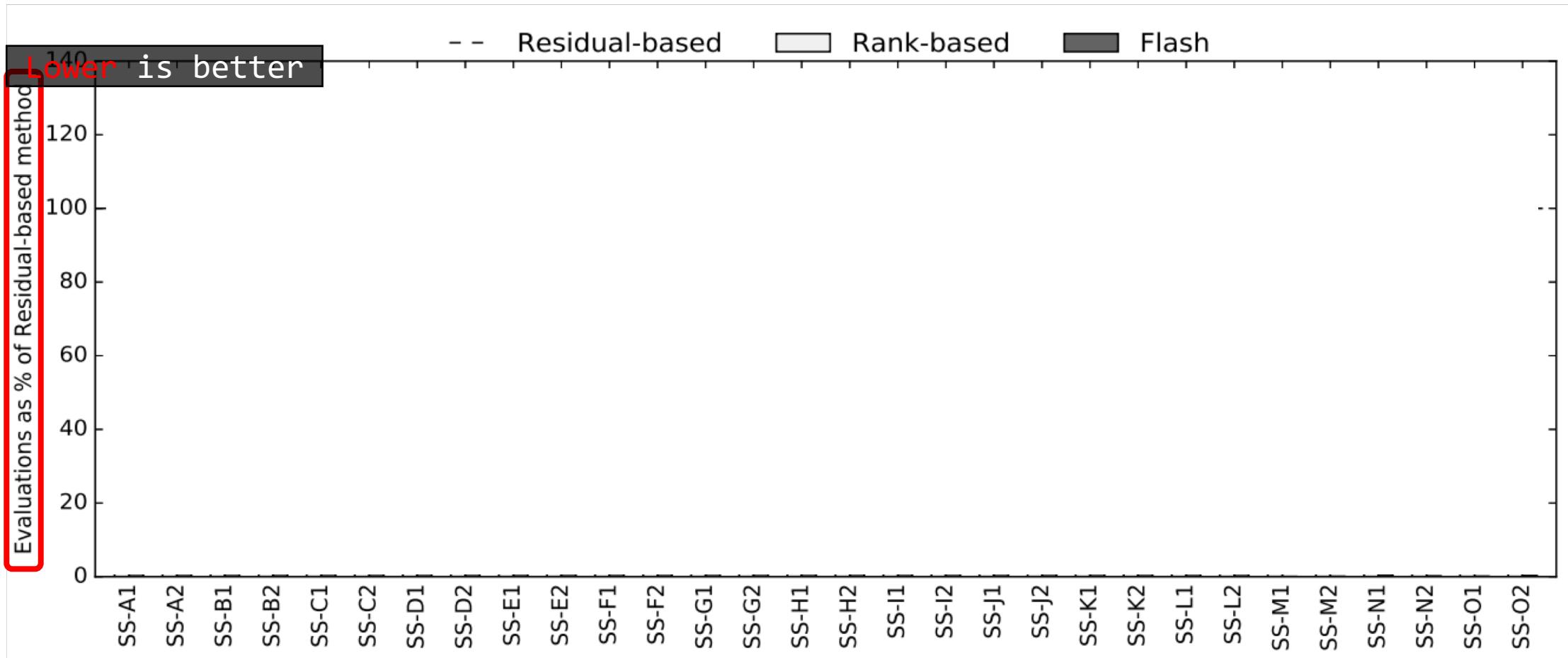


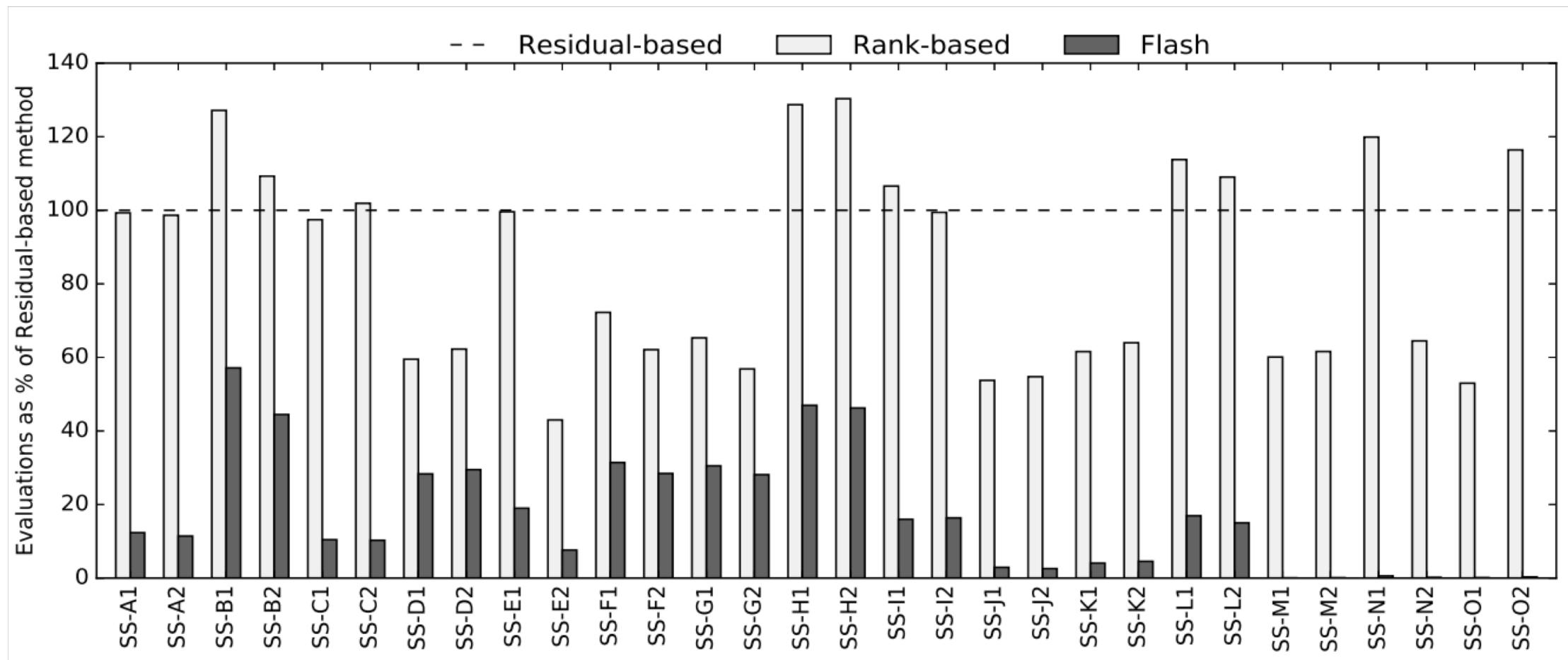
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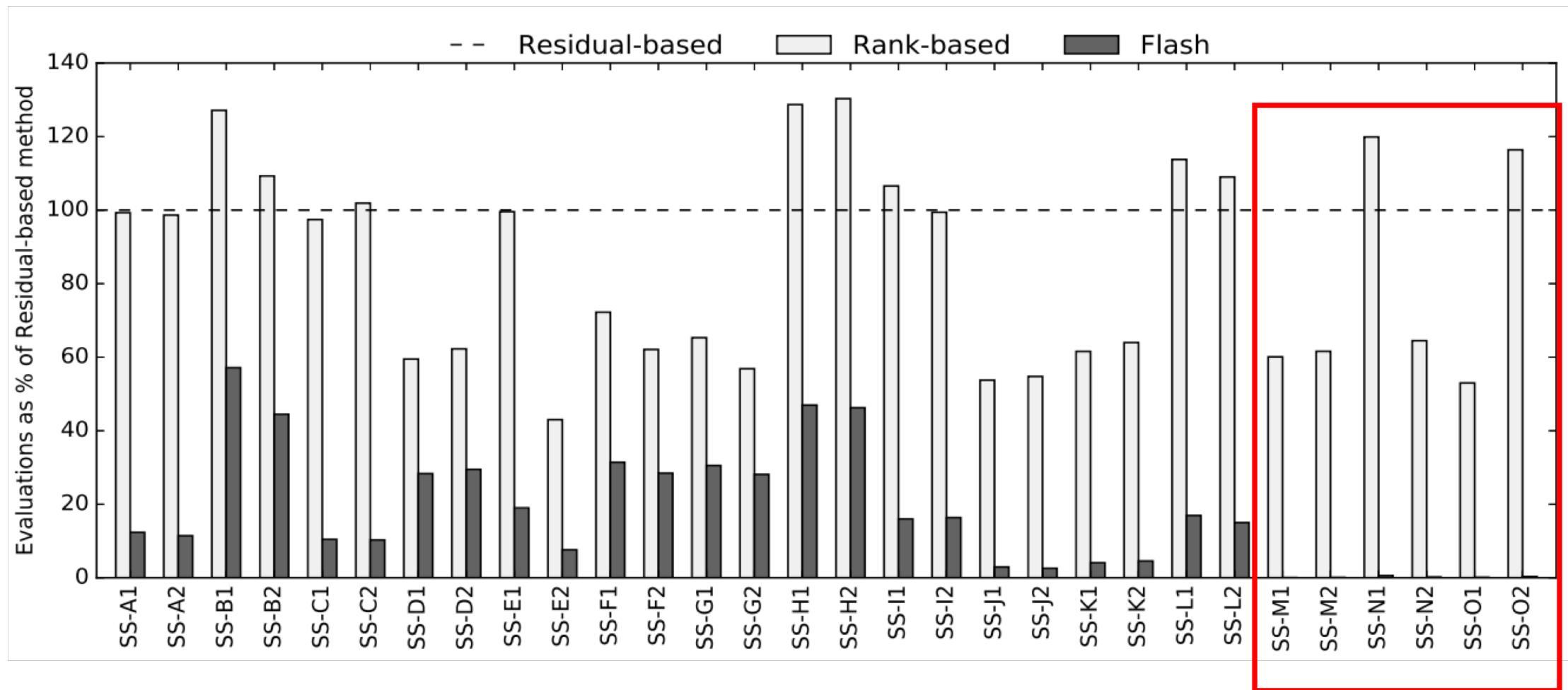
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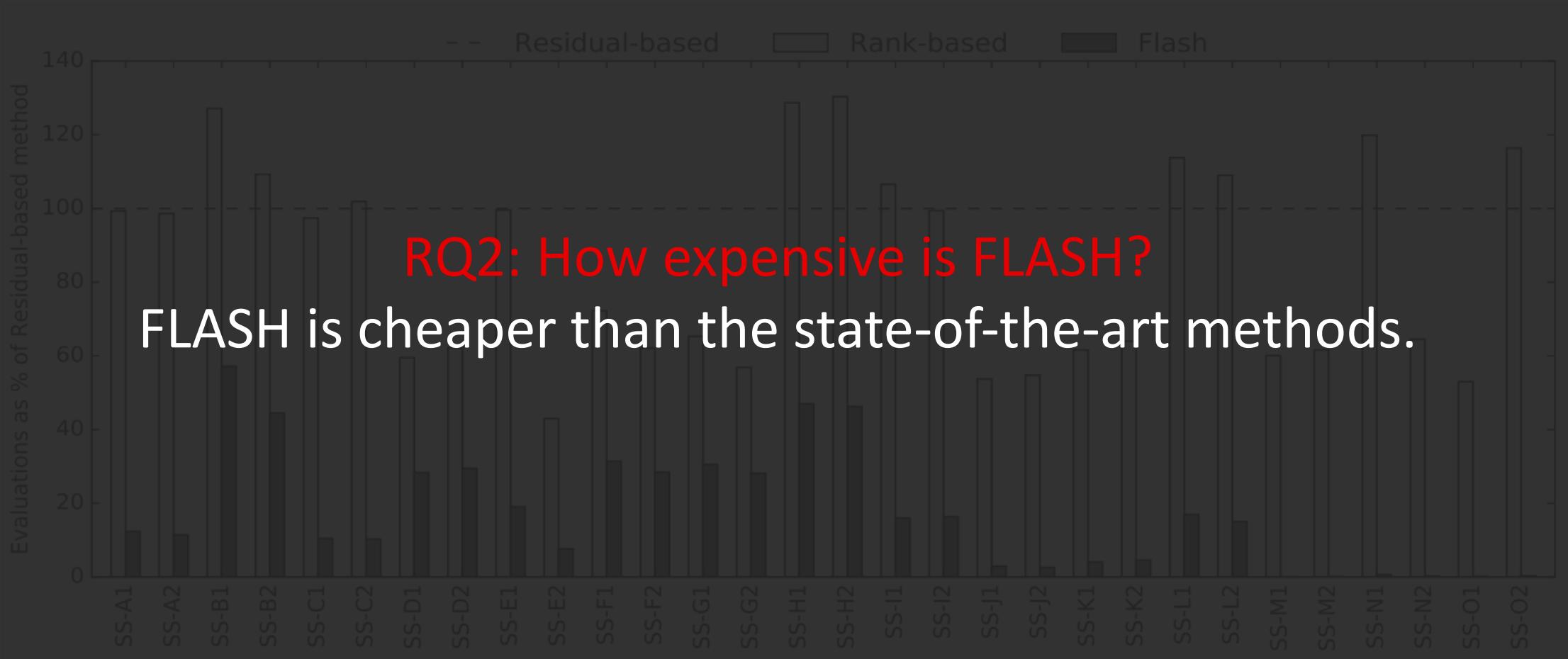






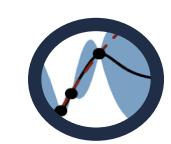


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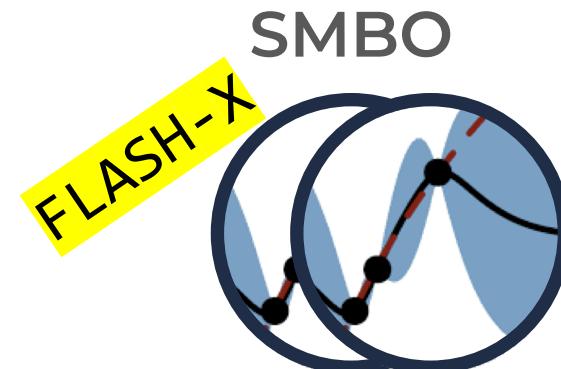
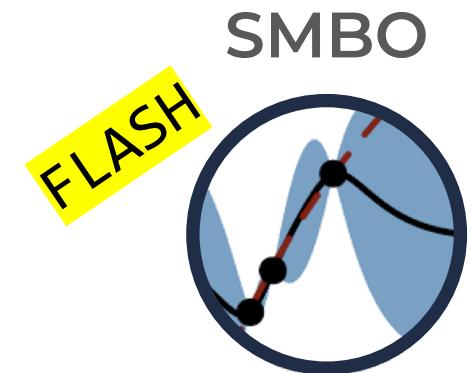
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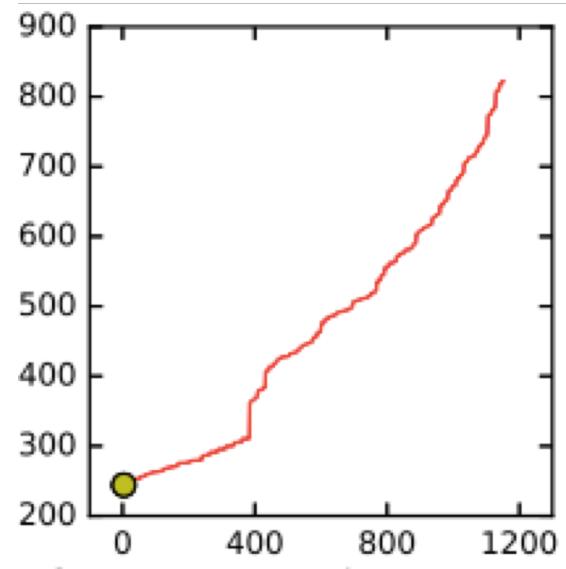
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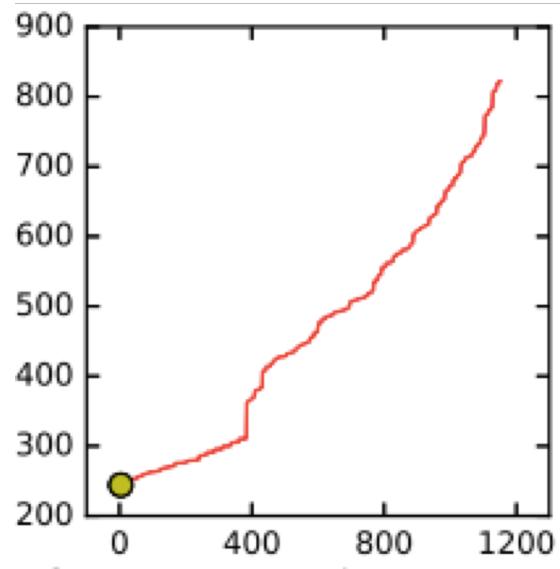
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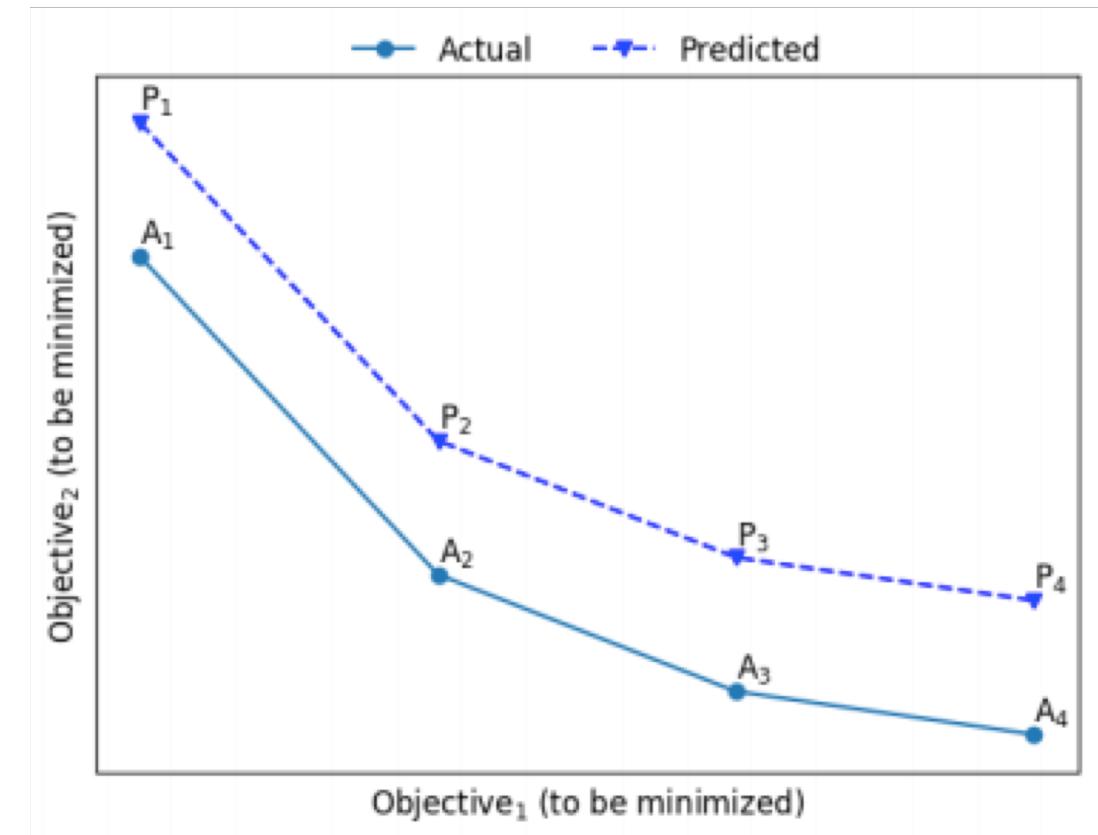
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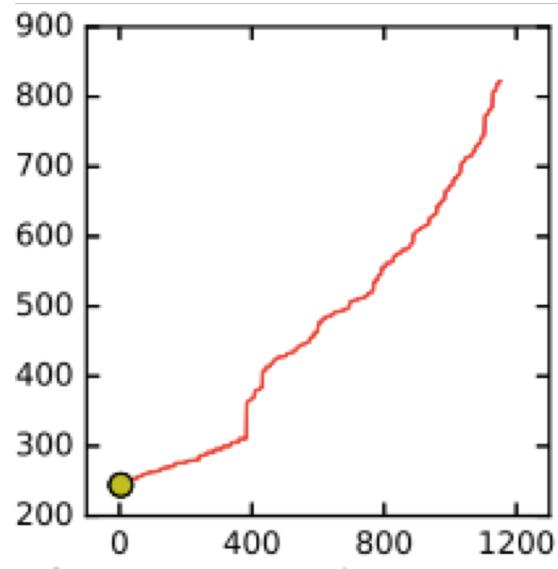
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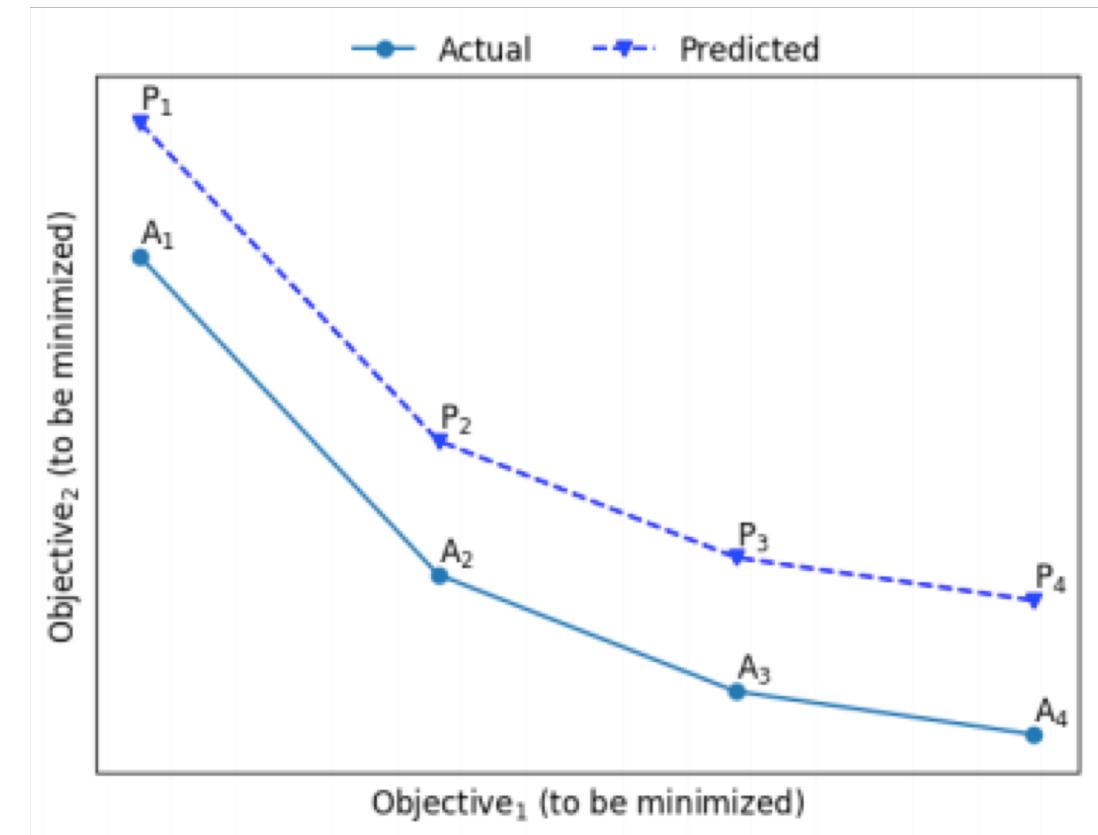
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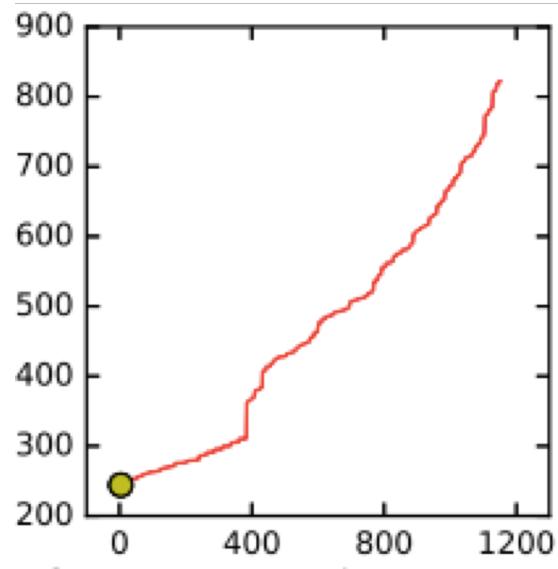


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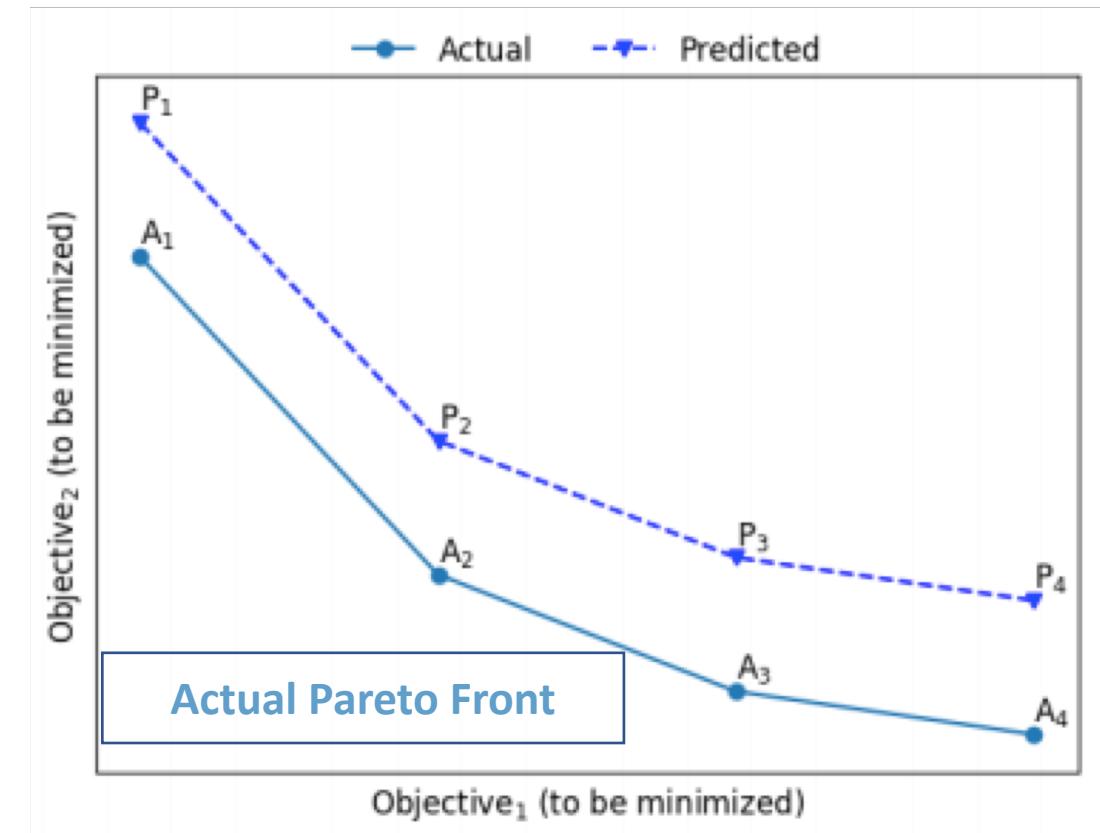
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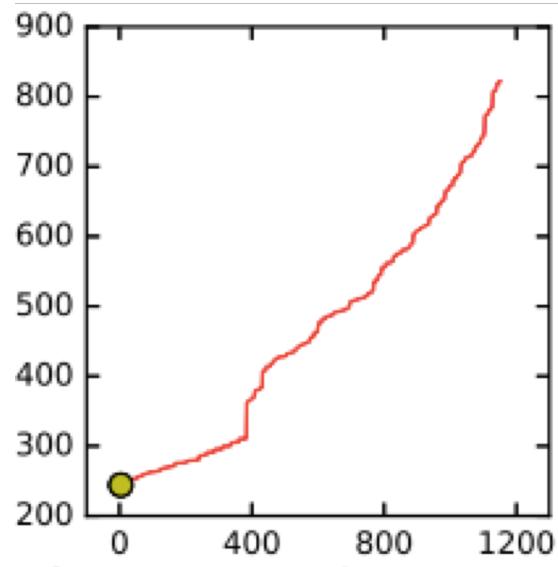


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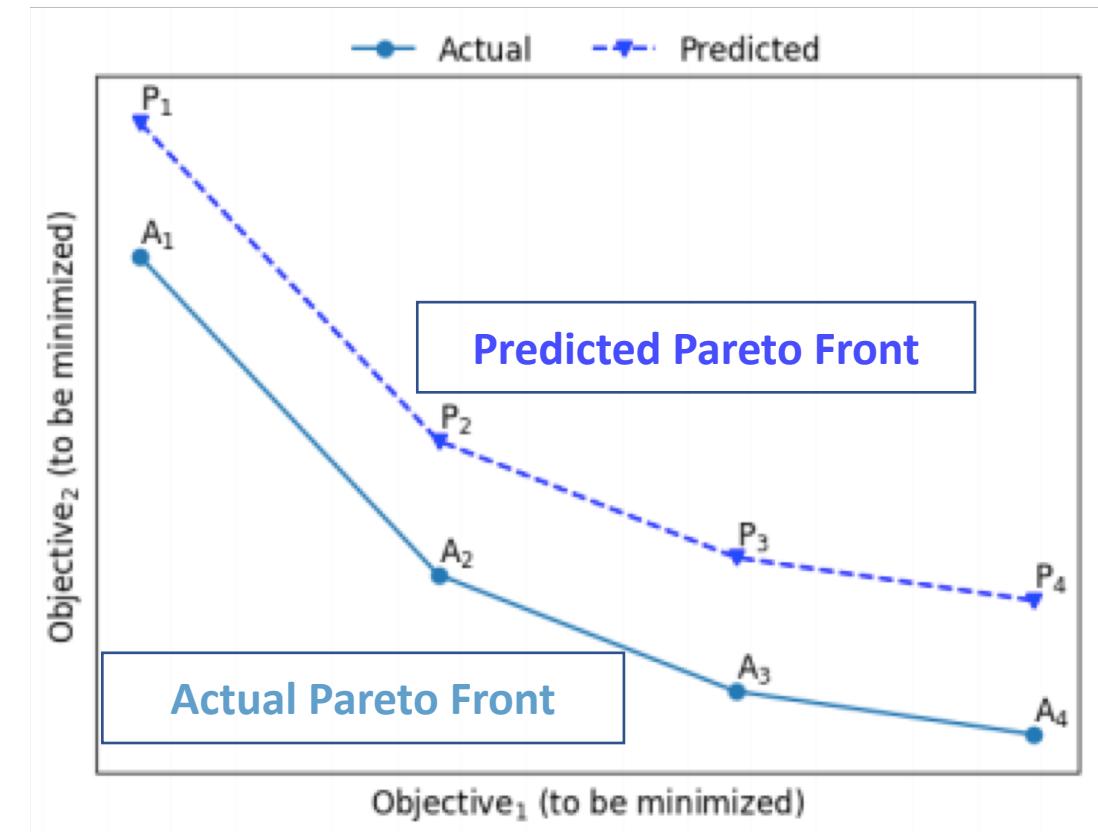
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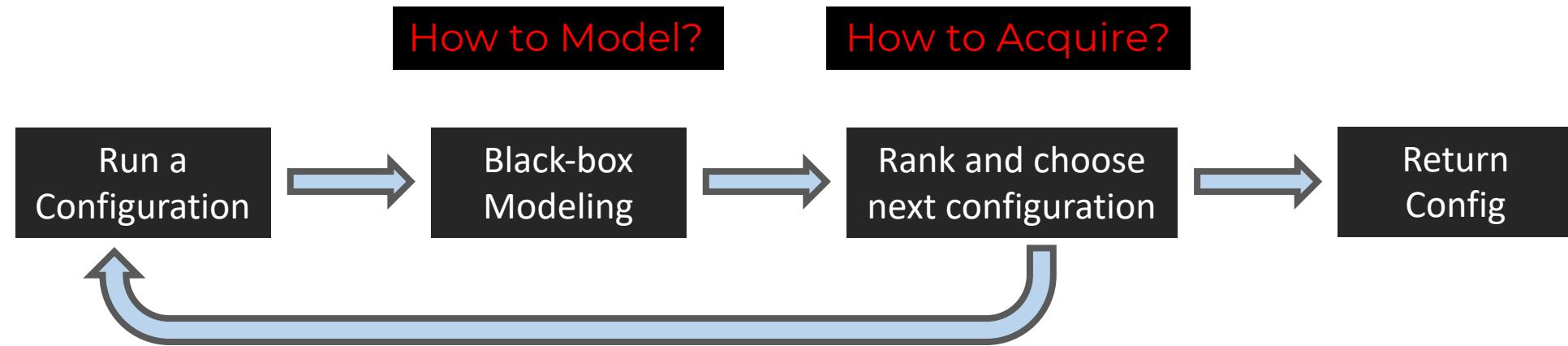
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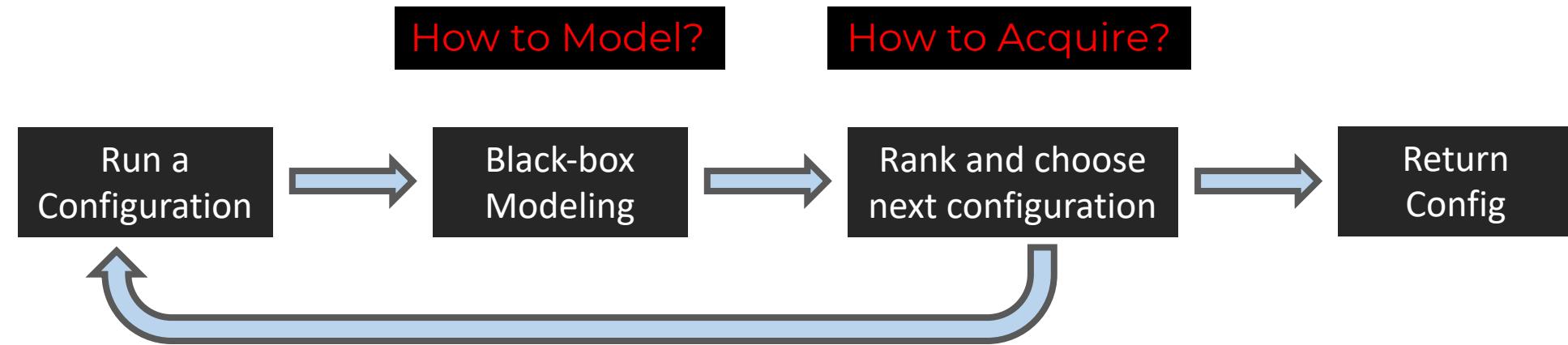
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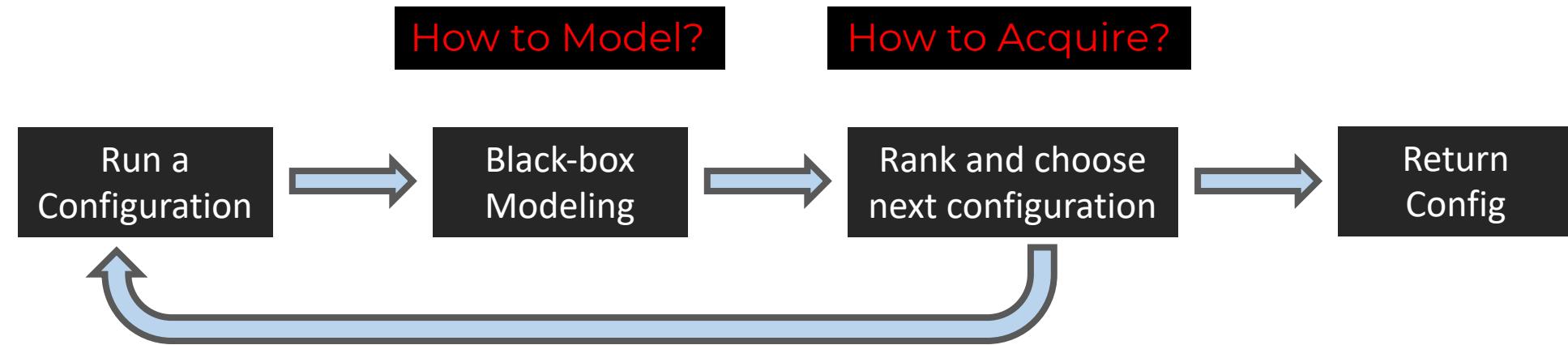
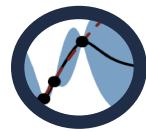
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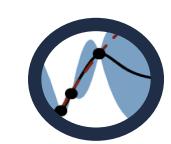
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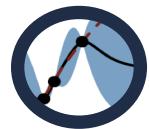
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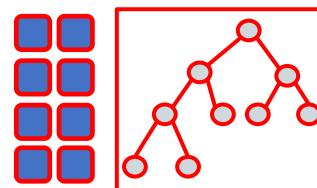
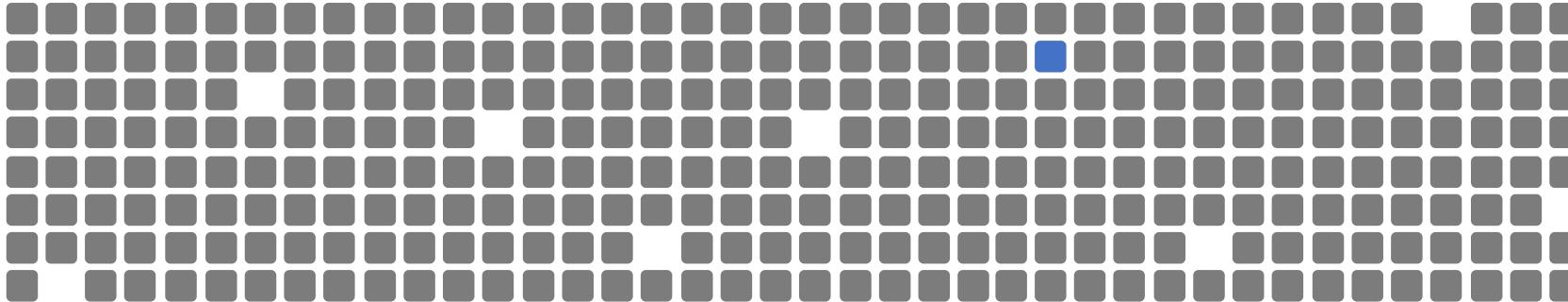
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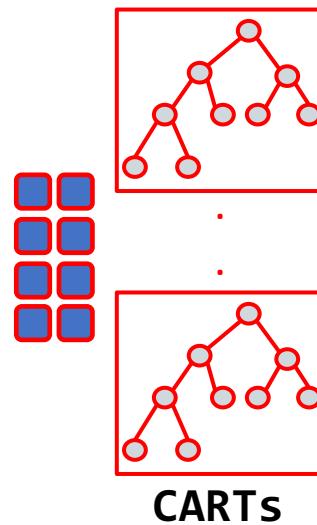
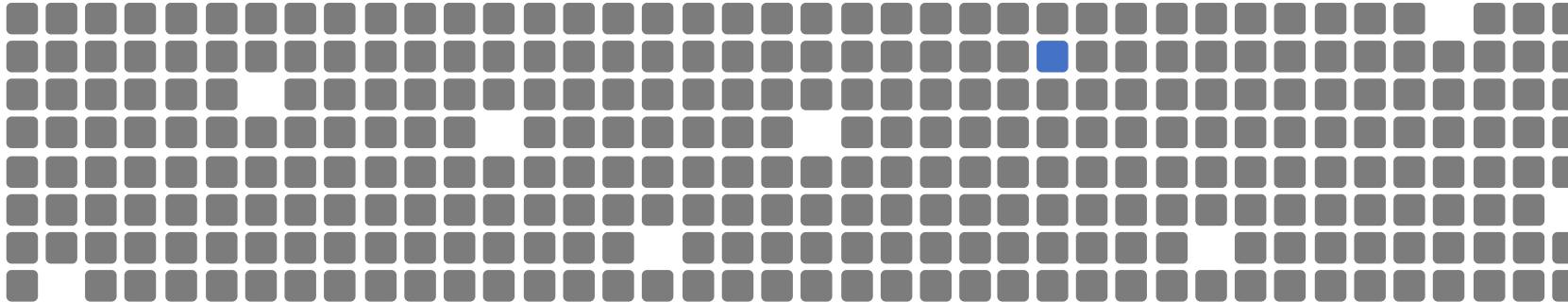
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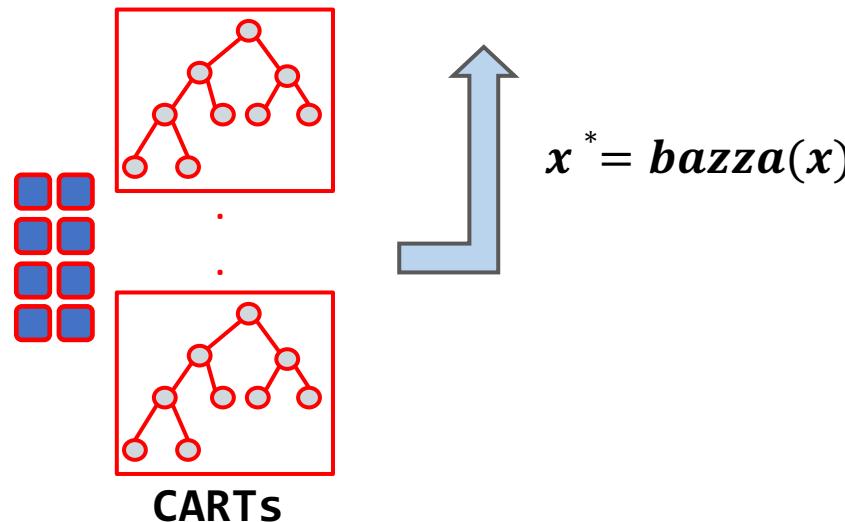
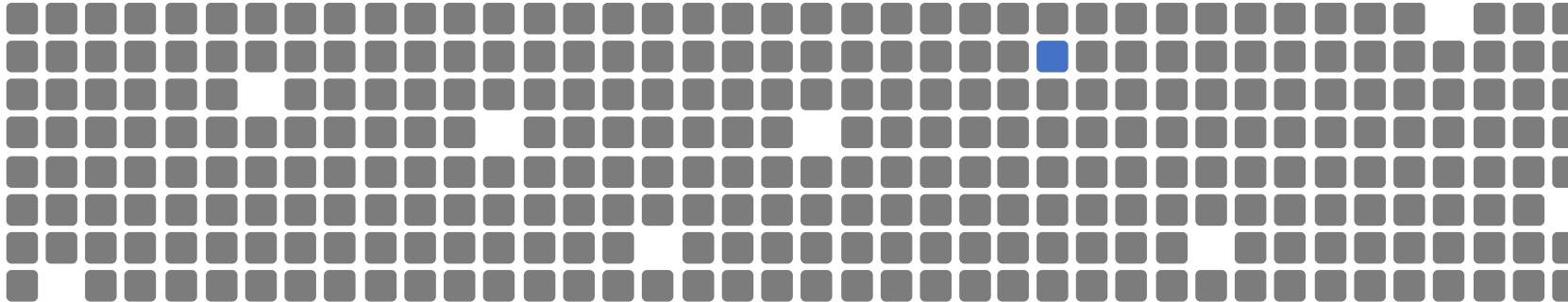


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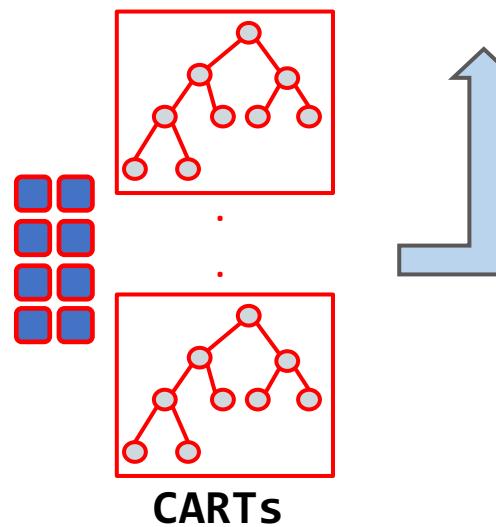
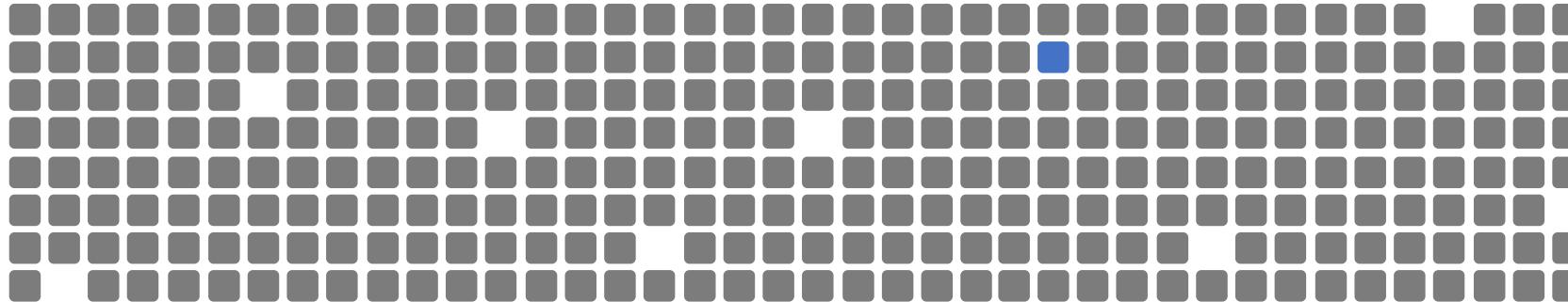


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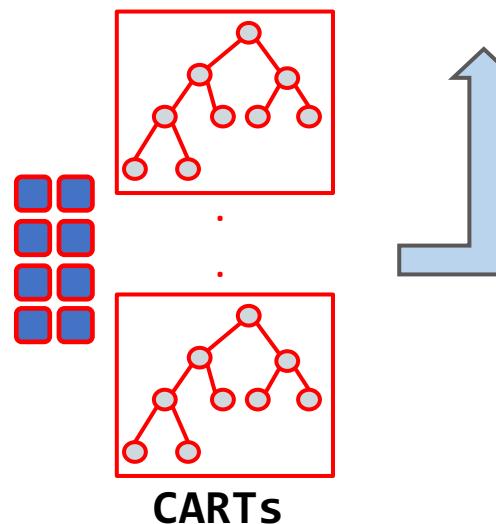
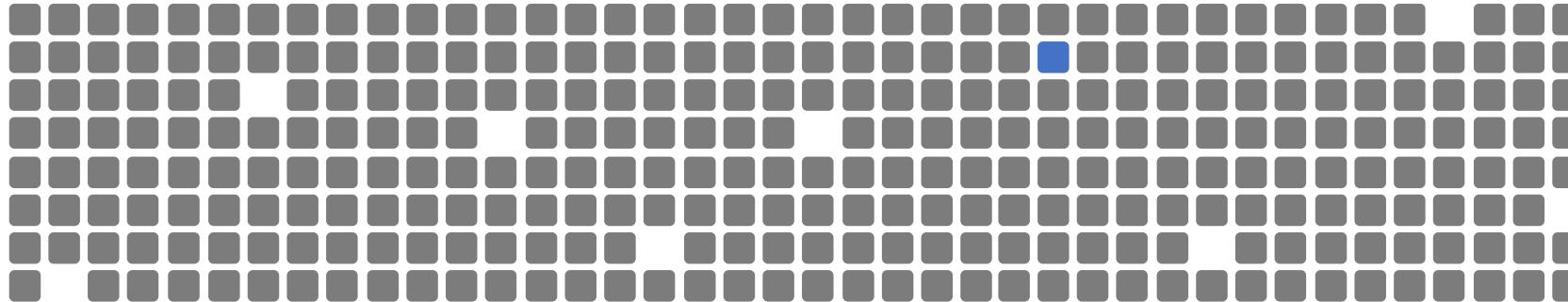


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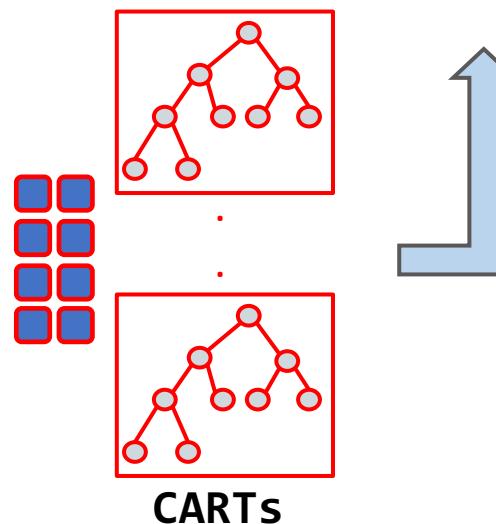
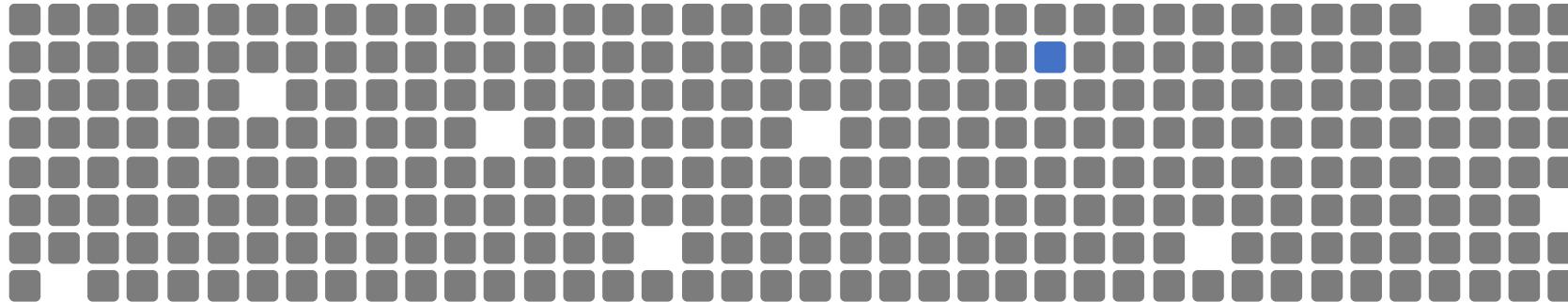


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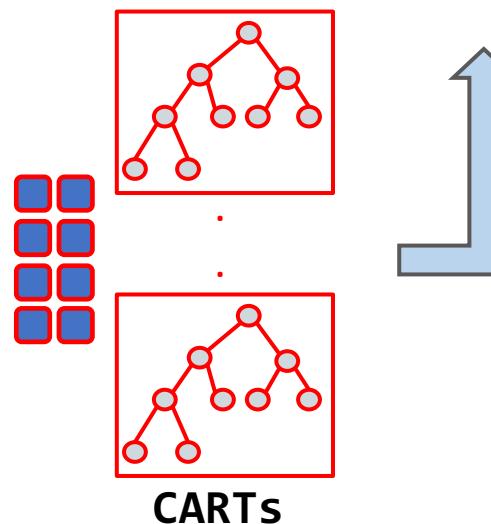
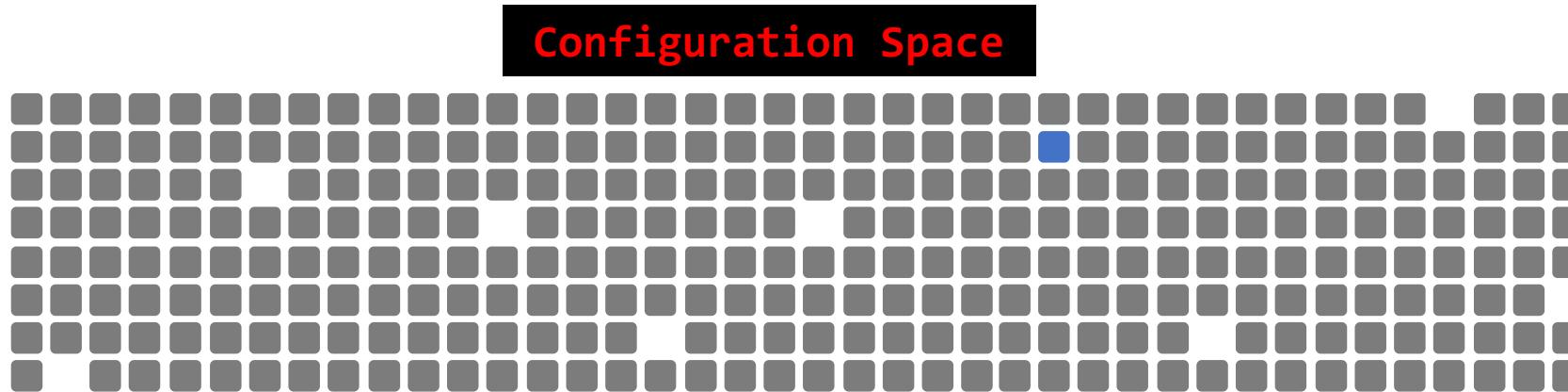


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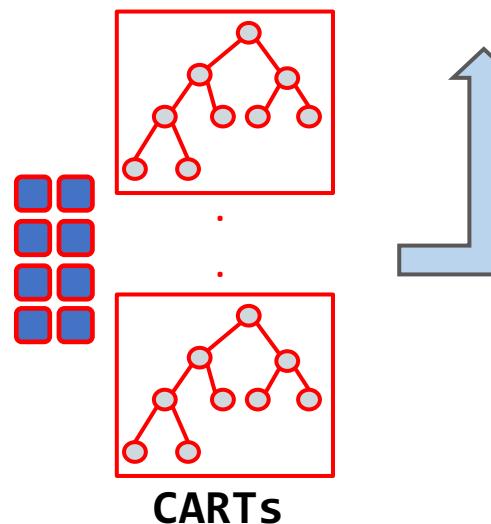
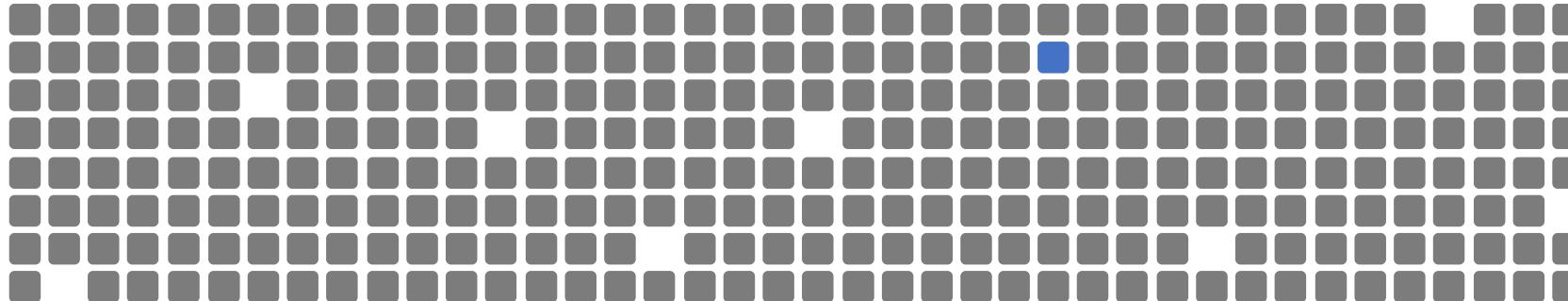


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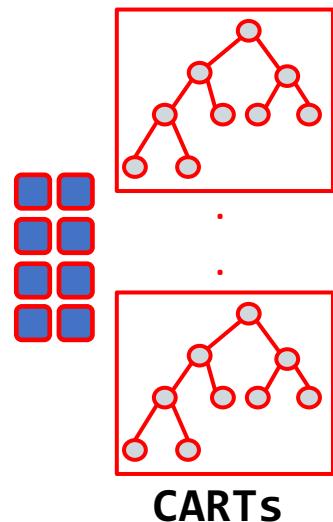
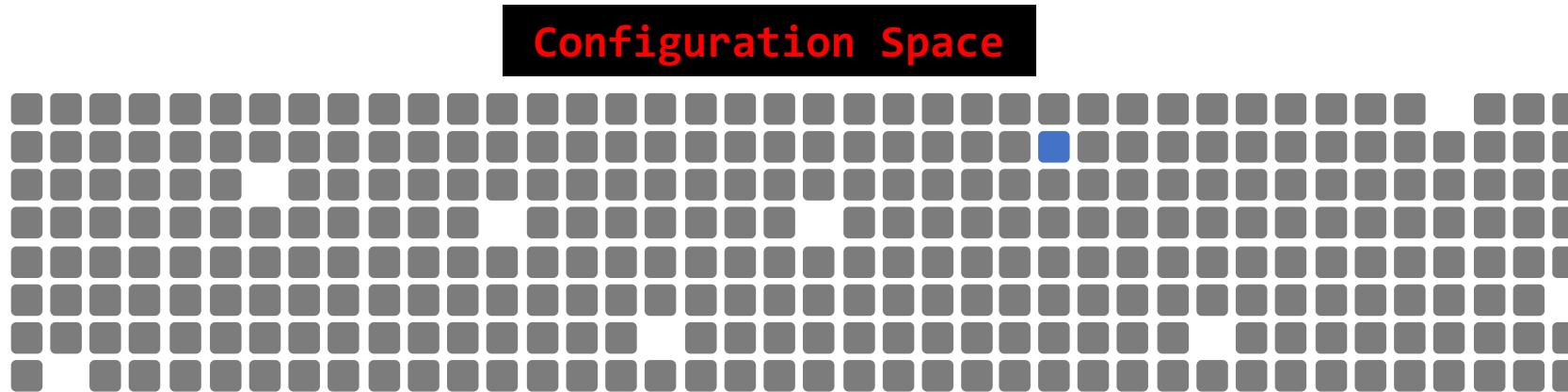


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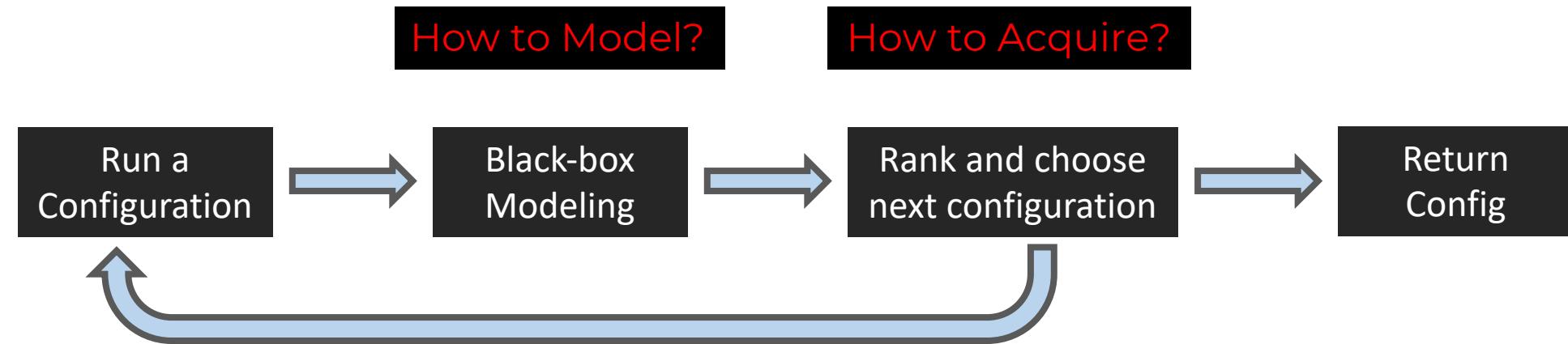


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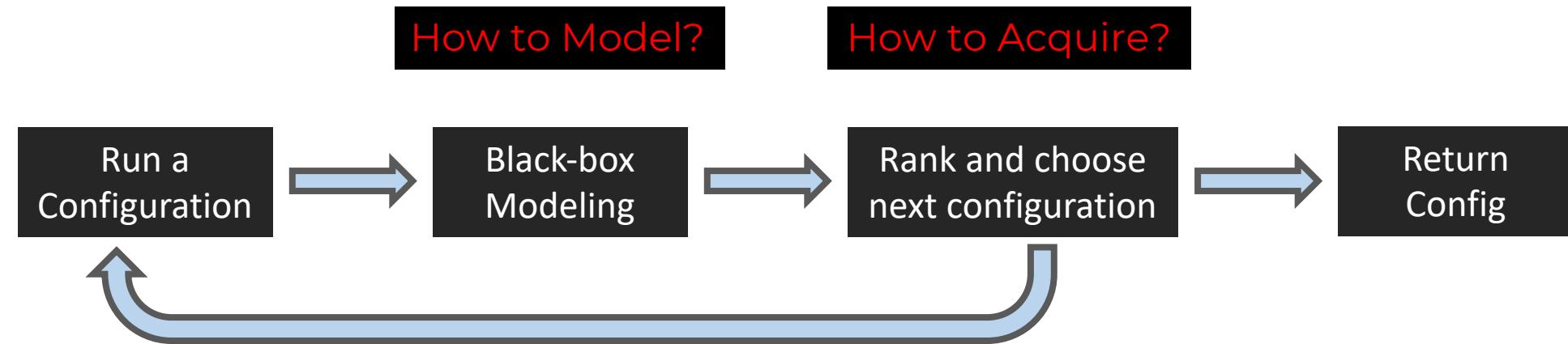
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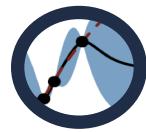
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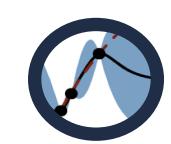


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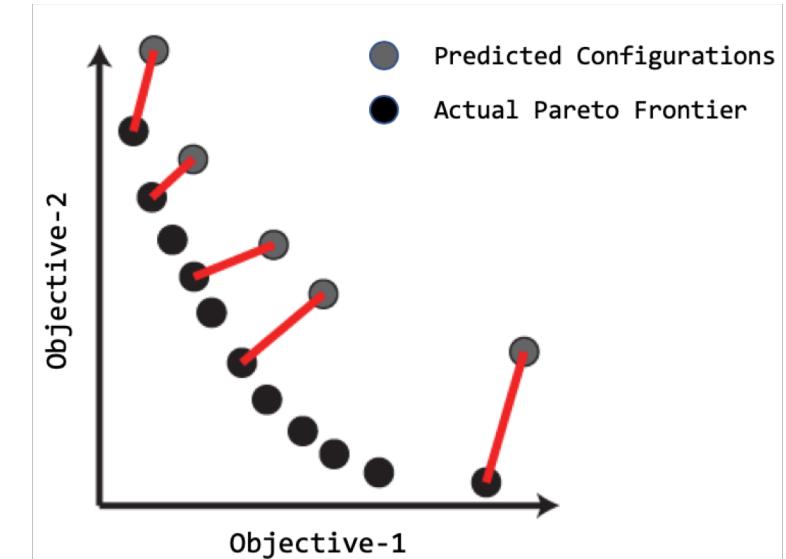


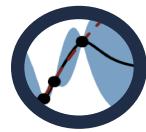
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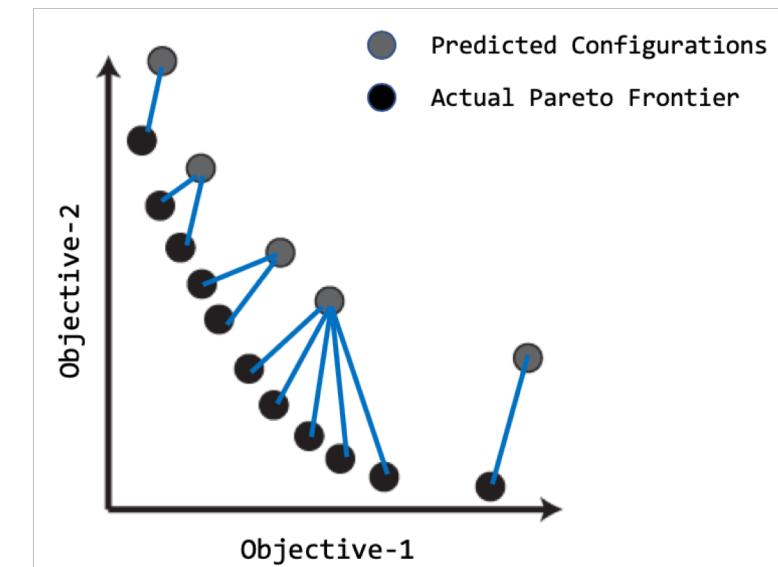
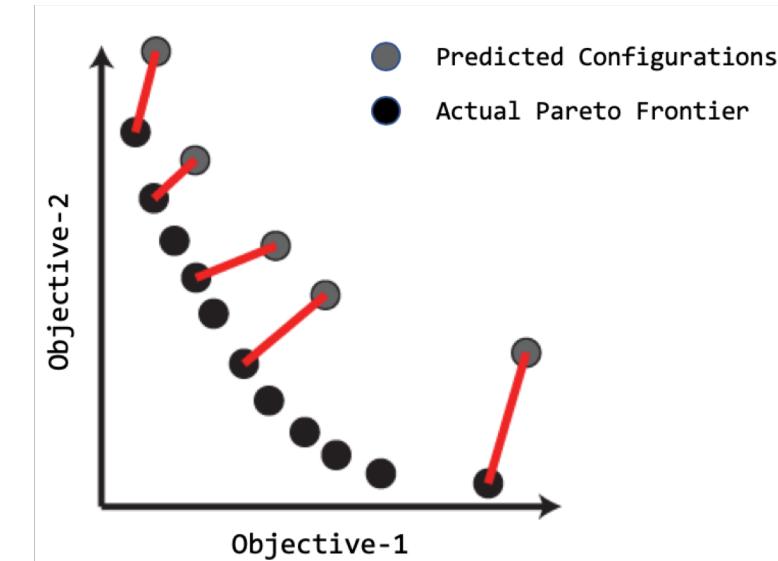
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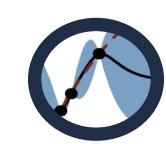
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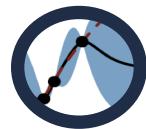
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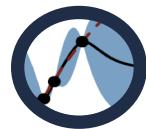


Flash-X (SMBO)

RQ3: How effective is FLASH-X for MO performance optimization?



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SS-E	0.001	0.001	0.012	0.004	0.008	0.002
SS-F	0	0.016	0.008	0	0.006	0.016
SS-G	0	0	0.023	0.003	0.006	0.004
SS-H	0	0	0	0	0	0
SS-I	0.008	0.018	0	0.008	0.018	0
SS-J	0	0	0.002	0.002	0.002	0
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SS-L	0.01	0.028	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.009
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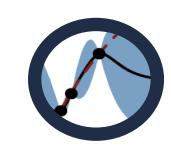
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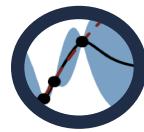
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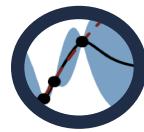
FLASH-X is very effective for MO performance configuration optimization.



RQ4: Can FLASH-X reduce the effort of MO performance optimization?



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SS-E	208	54.5	50
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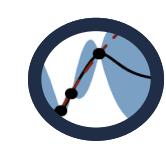


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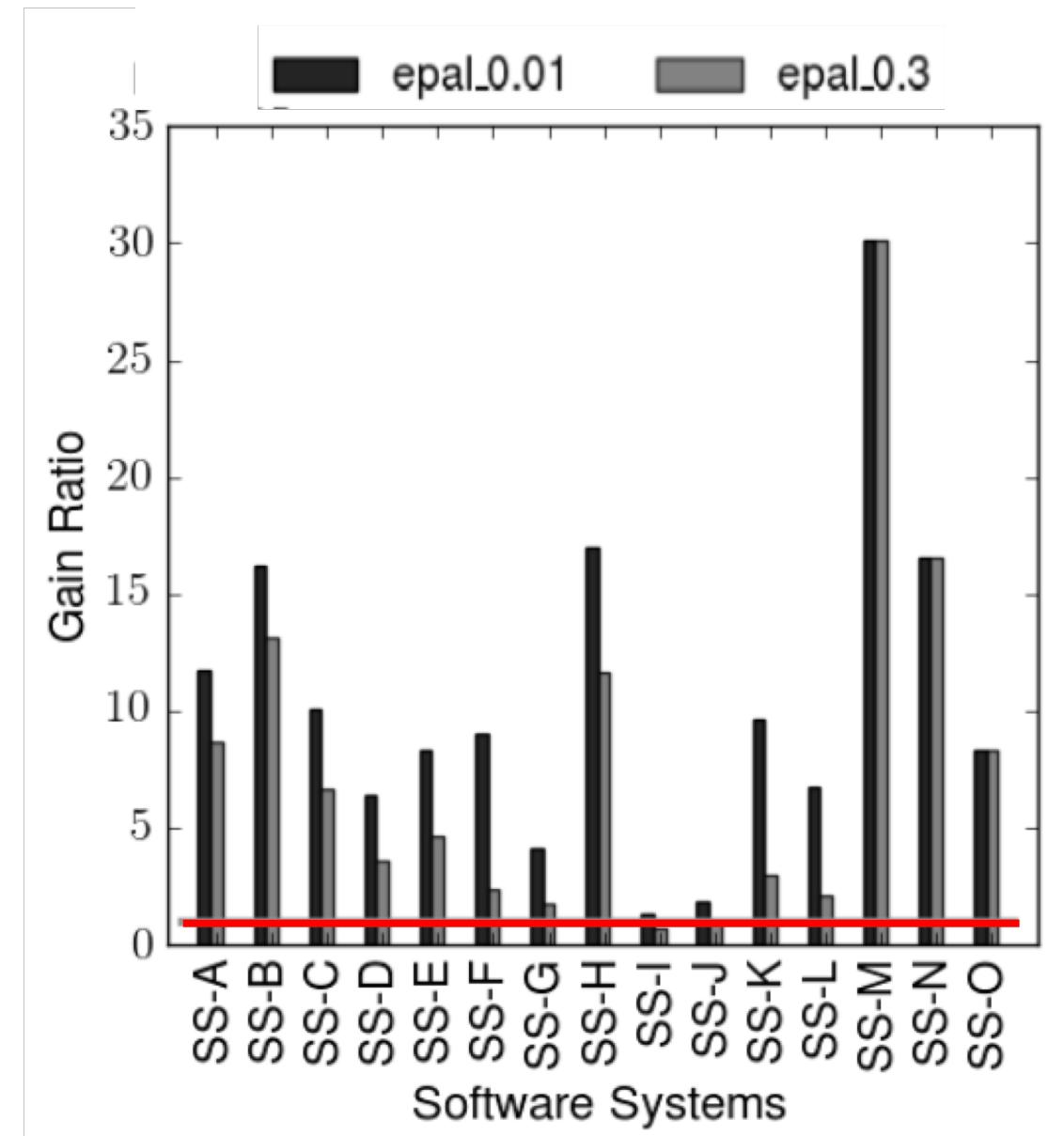
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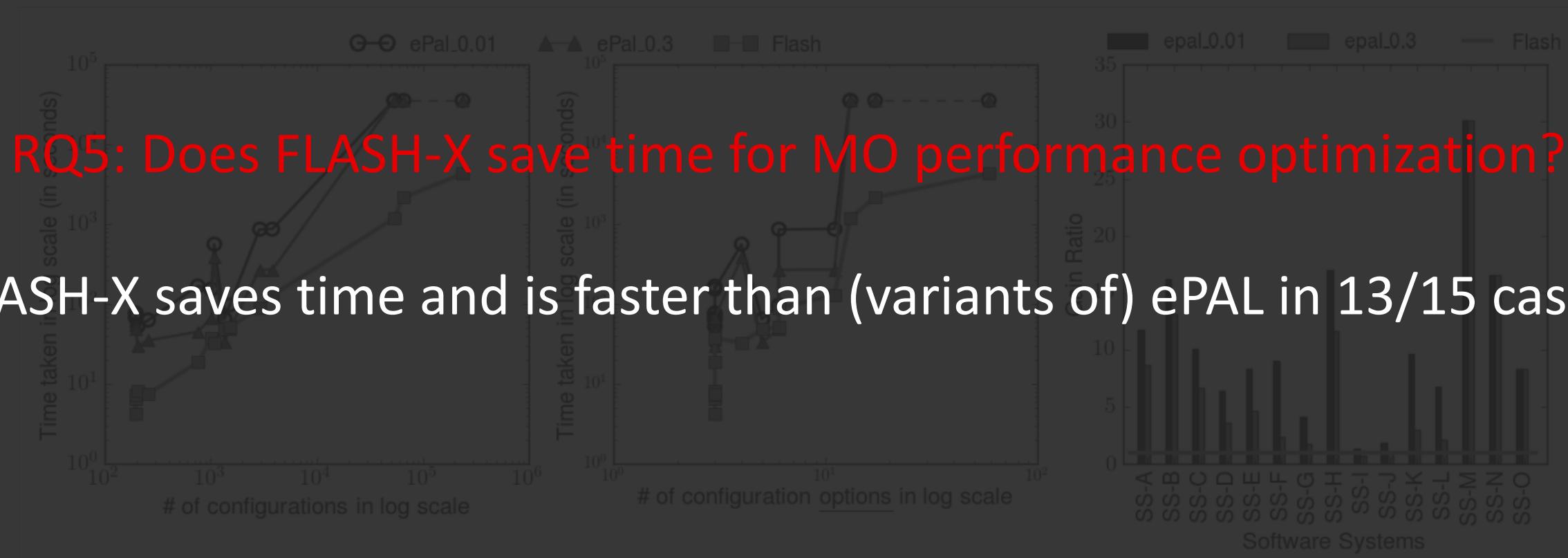


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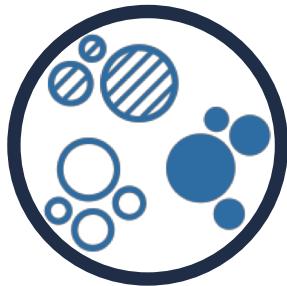


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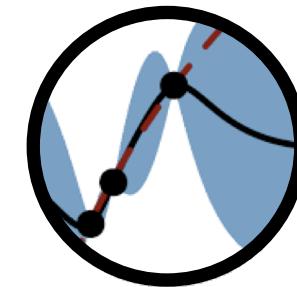
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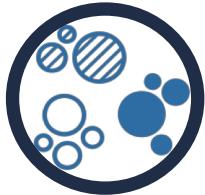
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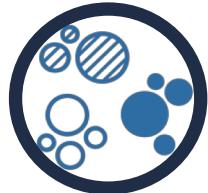
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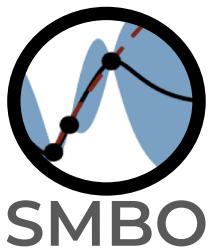


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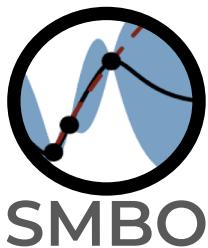


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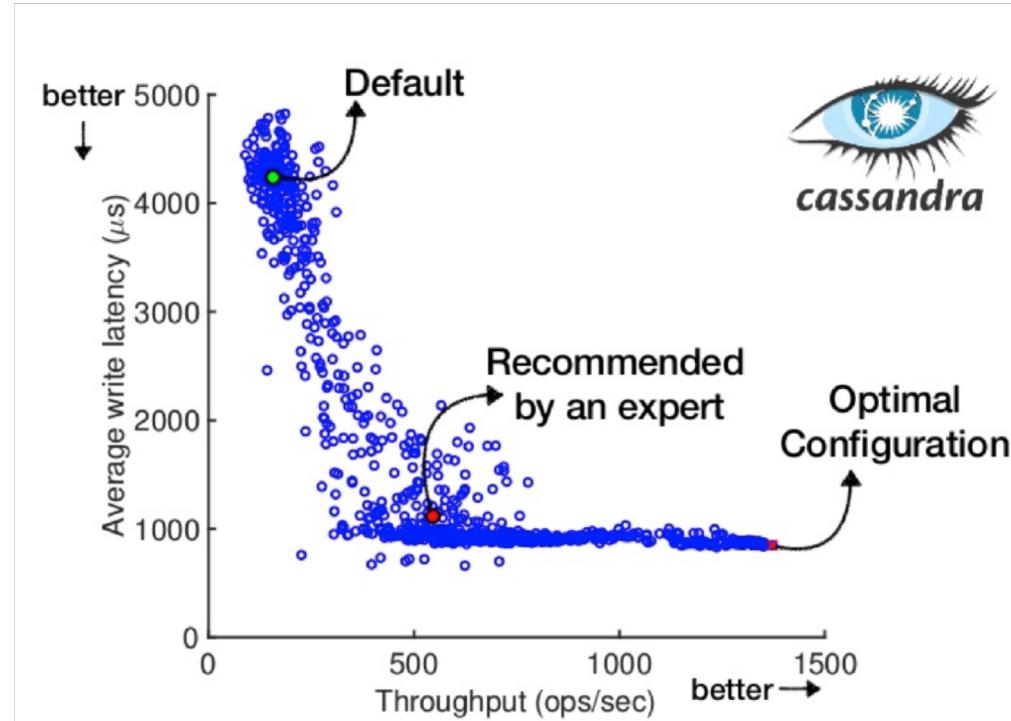
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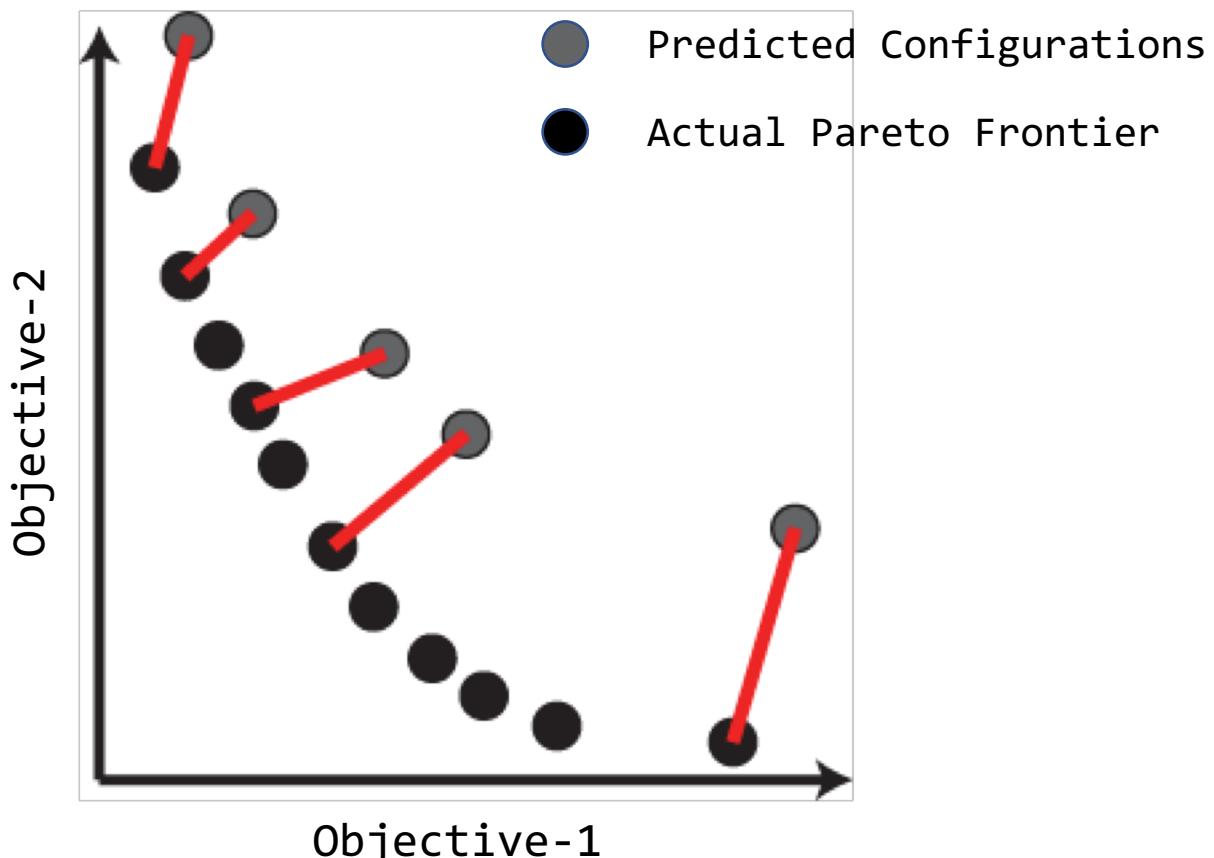
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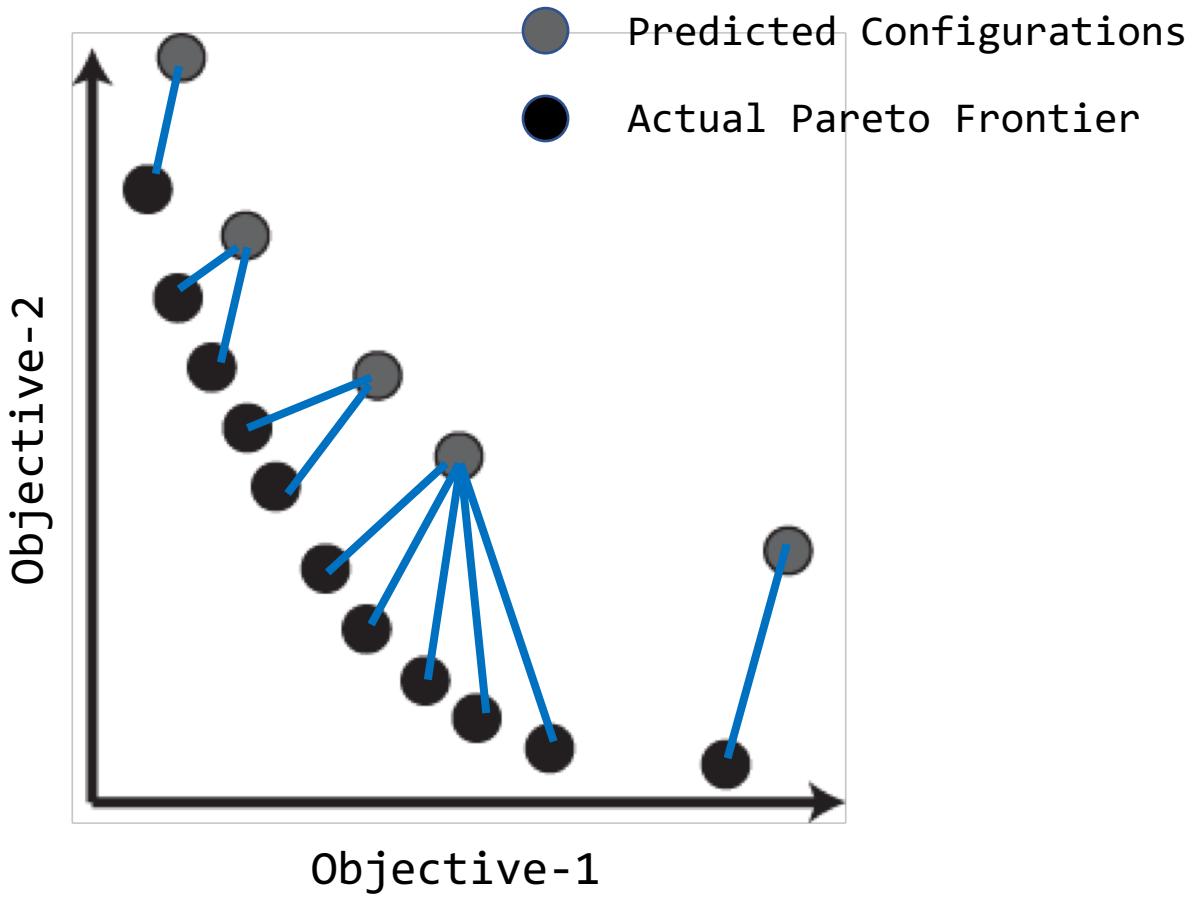
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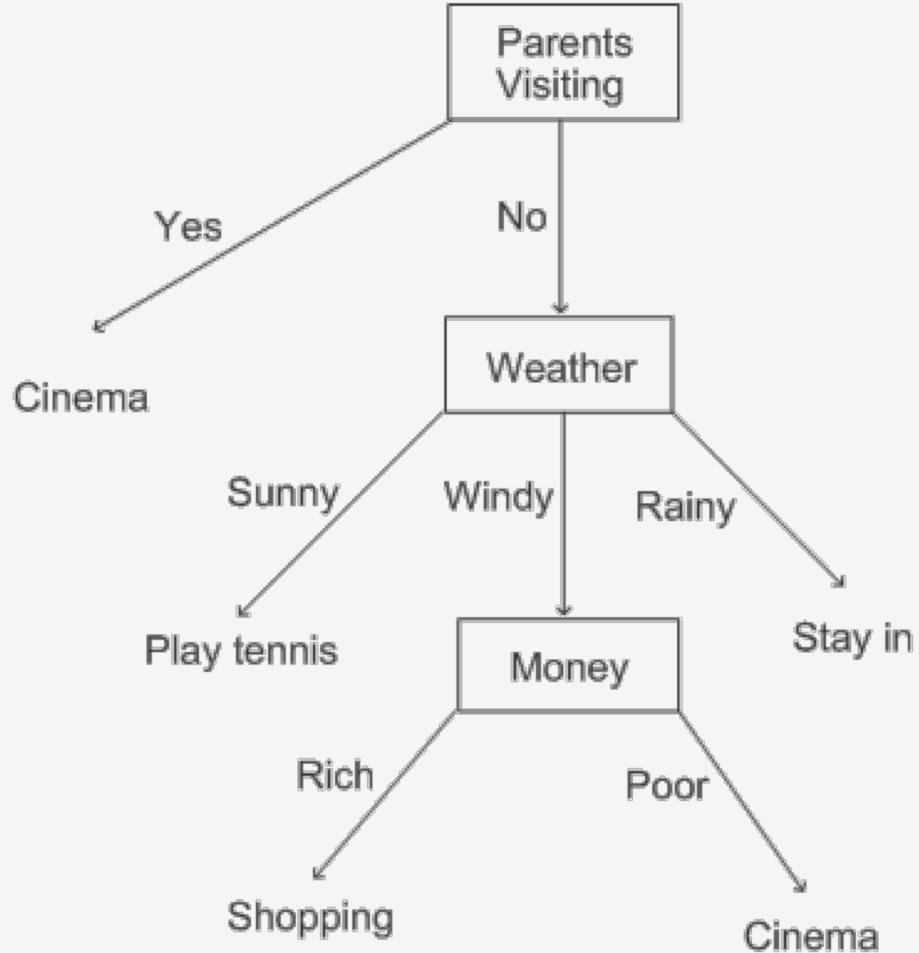
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Decision Tree



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- Prior work* used CART
- Scalable
- More comprehensible

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HYPEROPT	TREE PARZEN EST.	EXP. IMPROV
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