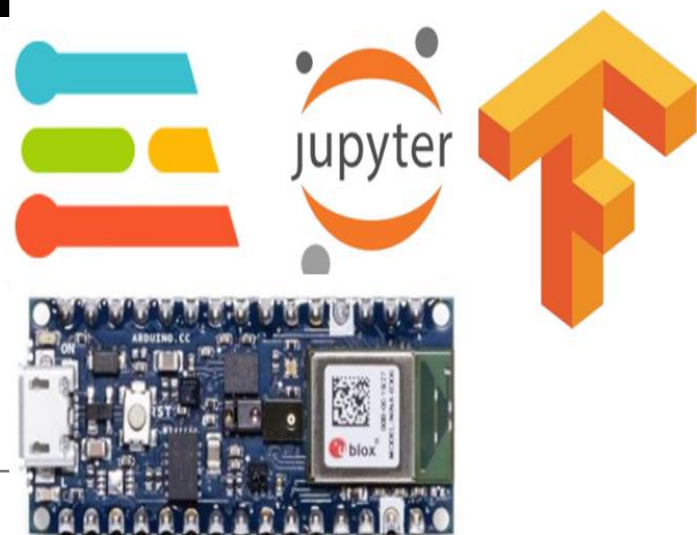




Advanced Microprocessors

TINYML CHALLENGES

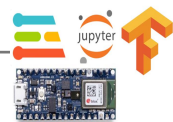
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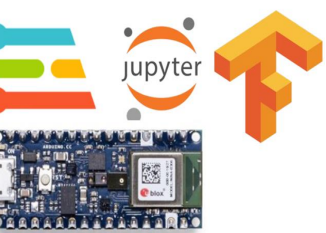




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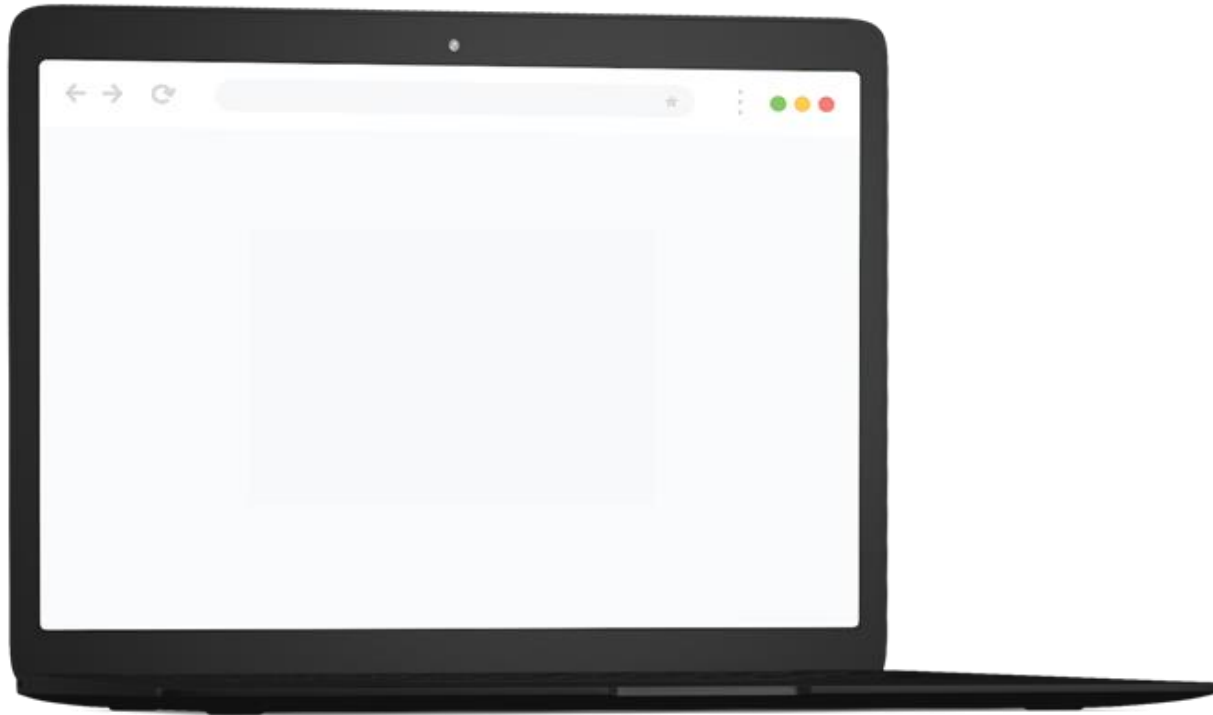
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BUILDING BLOCKS OF COMPUTING HARDWARE

❖ Building Blocks of Computing Hardware





BUILDING BLOCKS OF COMPUTING HARDWARE

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Hardware



Software



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□ Hardware

Compute

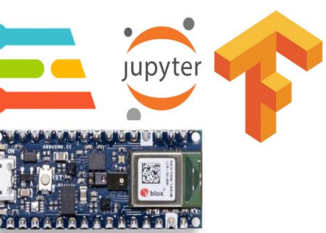


Memory



Storage



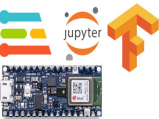


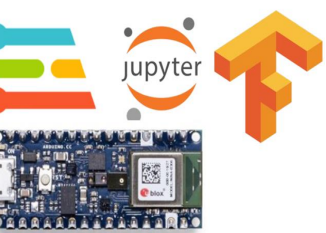
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□ Hardware

Micro**processor**
v.
Micro**controller**



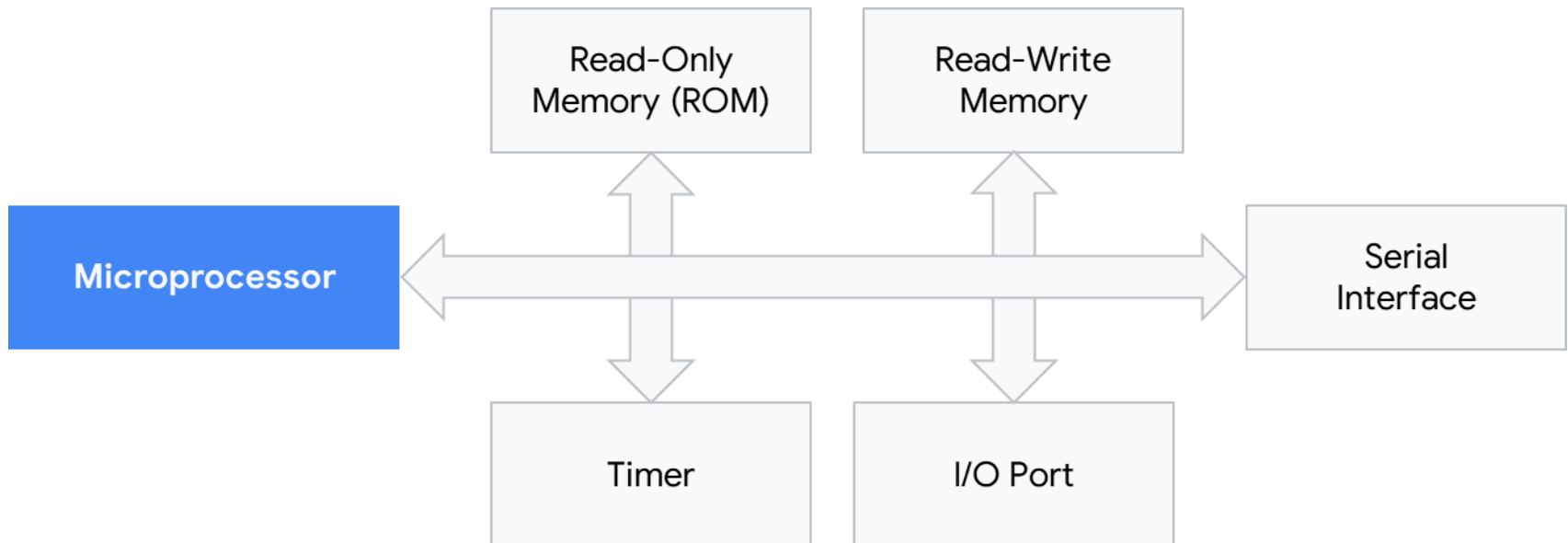


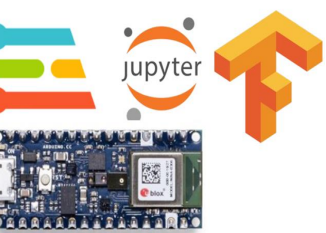
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- Microprocessor: only one part of the puzzle



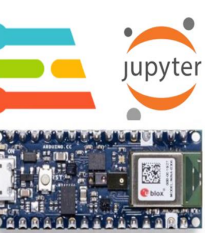


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- Hardware
 - Microcontroller

CPU	Read-Only Memory (ROM)	Read-Write Memory
Timer	I/O Port	Serial Interface

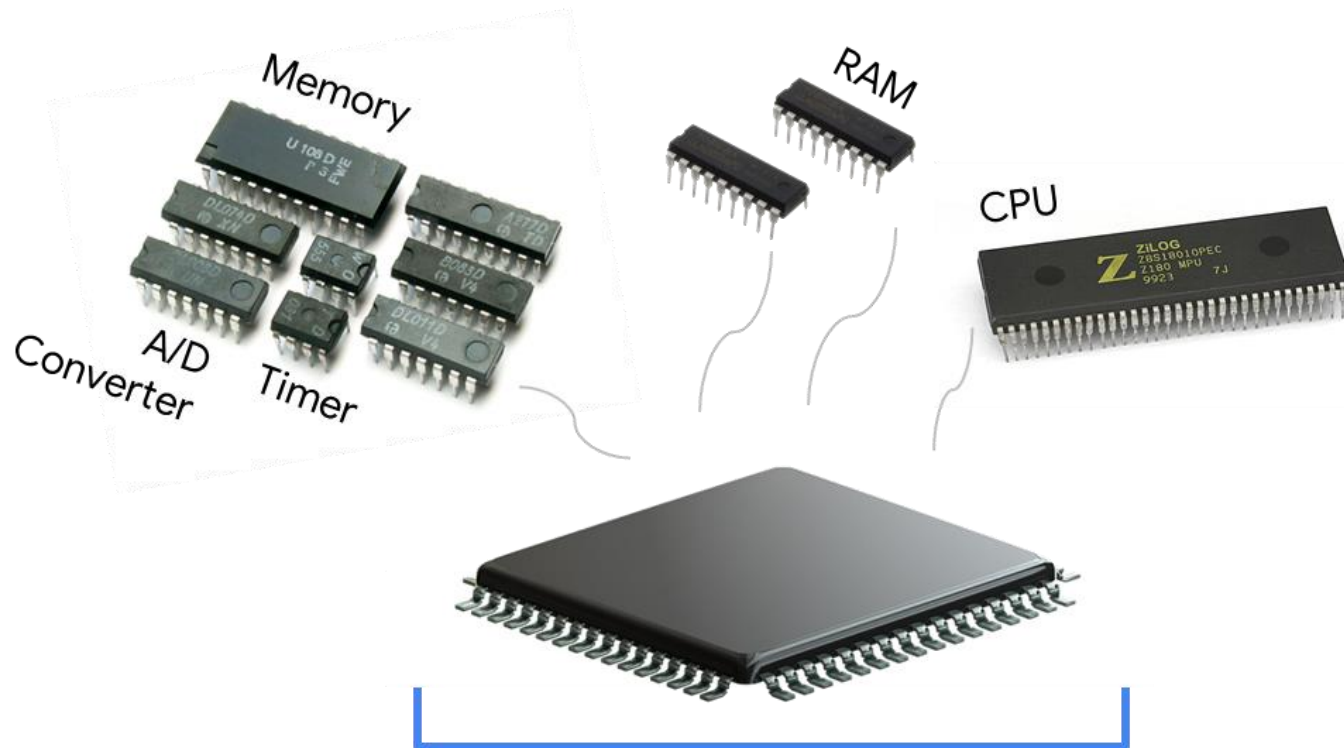


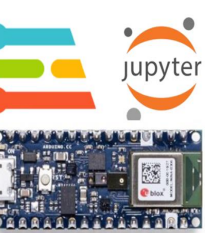
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□ Hardware

- Microcontroller: a complete package





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□ Hardware

- Microcontroller vs Microprocessor

Microprocessor

- Heart of a **computer system**
- Just the processor, memory and storage are **external**
- Mainly used in **general purpose systems** like laptops, desktops and servers
- **Offers flexibility** in design
- System size is **big**

Microcontroller

- Heart of an **embedded system**
- Memory and storage are all **internal** to the system
- Mainly used in **specialized, fixed function systems** like phones, MP3 players, etc.
- **Limited flexibility** in design
- System size is **tiny**




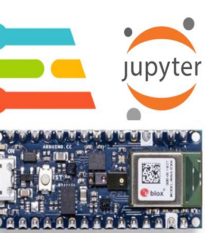
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□ Hardware

- Microcontroller vs Microprocessor

	Microprocessor	>	Microcontroller	
Platform				Nano
Compute	1GHz–4GHz	~10X	1MHz–400MHz	64MHz
Memory	512MB–64GB	~10000X	2KB–512KB	256KB
Storage	64GB–4TB	~100000X	32KB–2MB	1MB
Power	30W–100W	~1000X	150μW–23.5mW	




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- Hardware
 - Microcontroller

Implications

- How complicated is the running task?
- How much memory does it need to have?
- How long does the job have to perform?

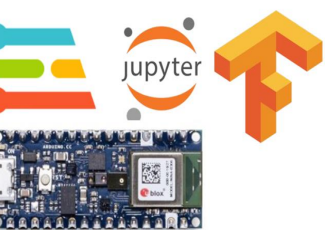
Microcontroller

1MHz-400MHz
2KB - 512KB
32KB - 2MB
150μW-23.5mW



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- ❖ Building Blocks of Computing Hardware
 - Computing hardware





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□ Computing hardware

	Board	MCU / ASIC	Clock	Memory	Sensors	Radio
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	Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense	32-bit nRF52840	64 MHz	1MB flash 256kB RAM	Mic, IMU, Temp, Humidity, Gesture, Pressure, Proximity, Brightness, Color	BLE
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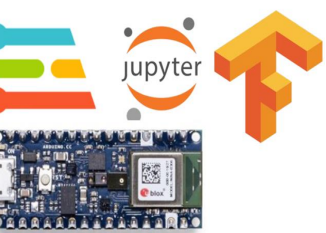
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- Software

Hardware



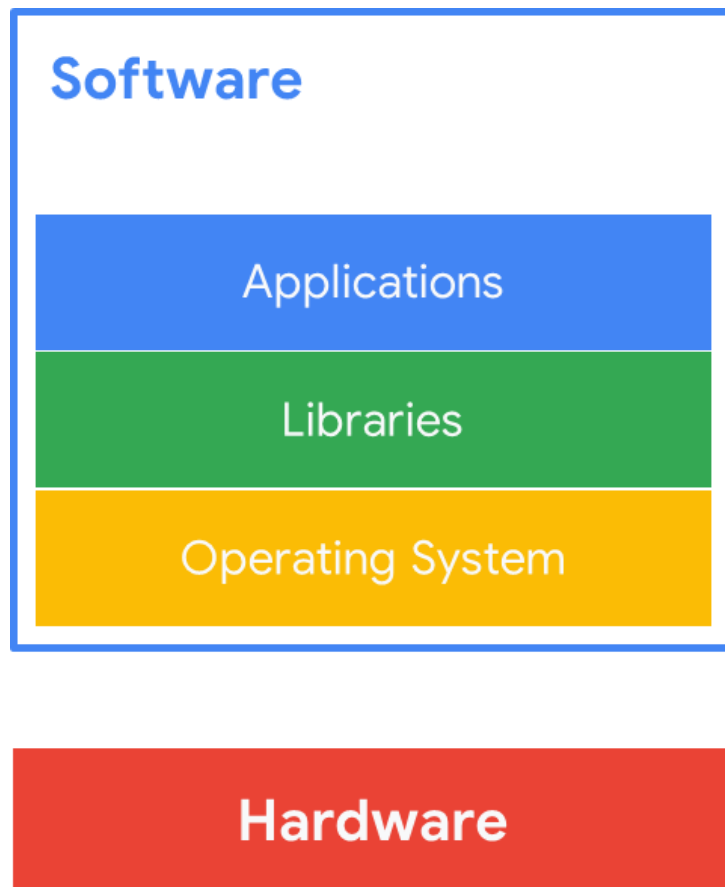
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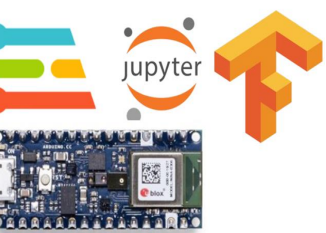


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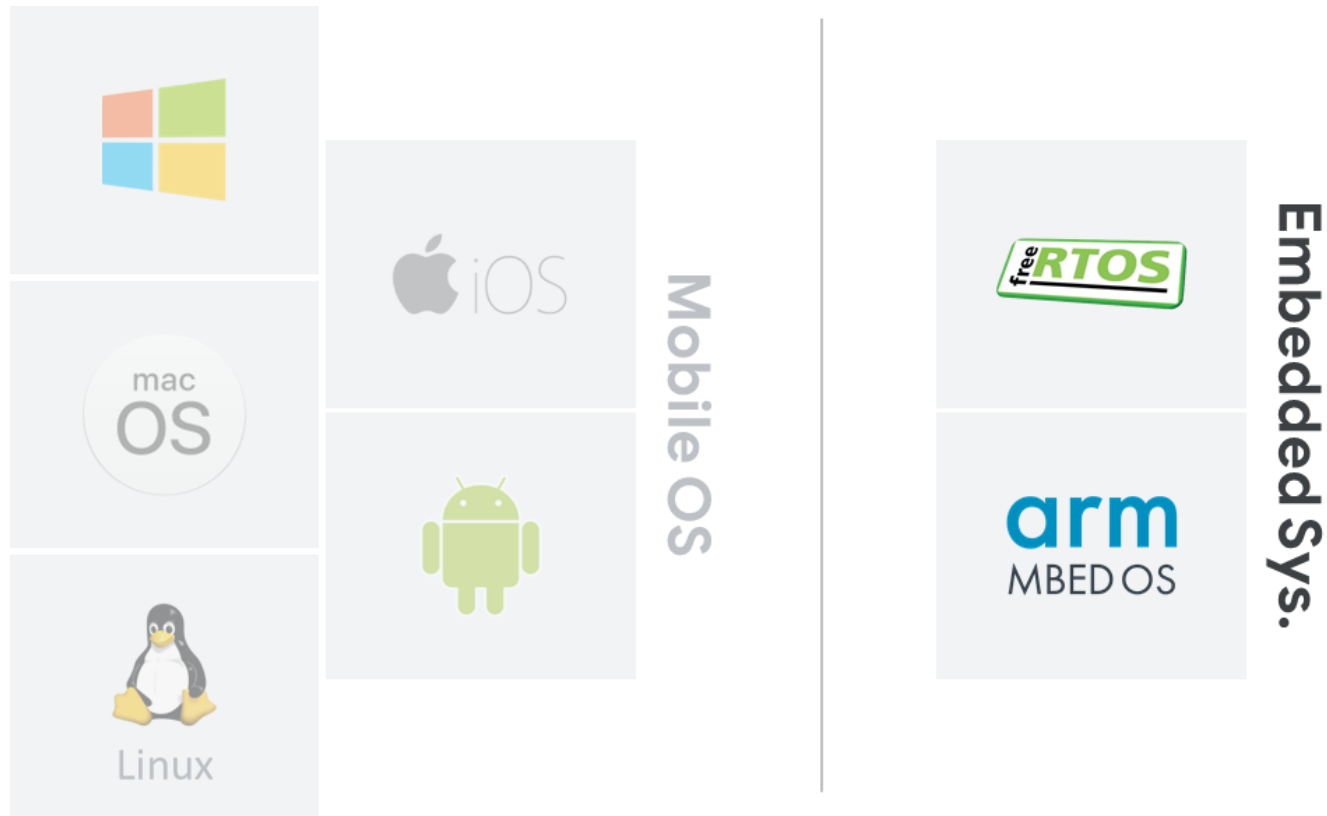




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- Software
 - Widely used operating systems





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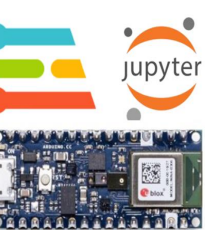
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- Software
 - Libraries



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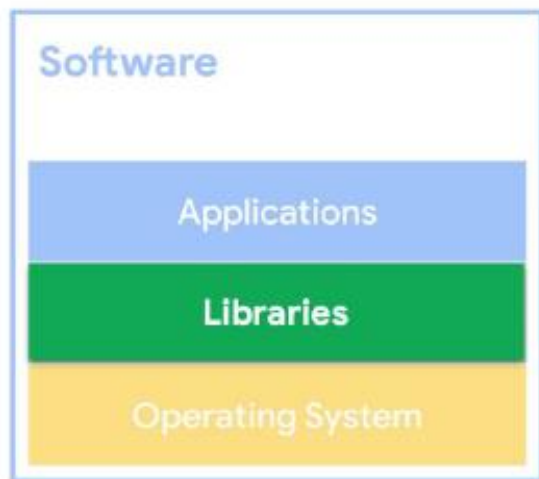
for x in range(10):
    np.SaveTheWorld()
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□ Software



Portability Opportunity

Able to execute the same code on different microprocessor hardware and architectures.



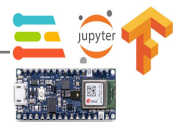


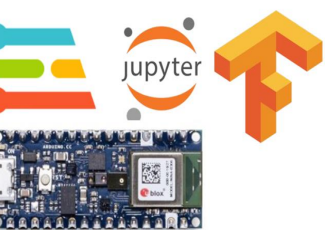
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□ Portability trade-offs

Option 1	Universal Code Portability/Compatibility		✓
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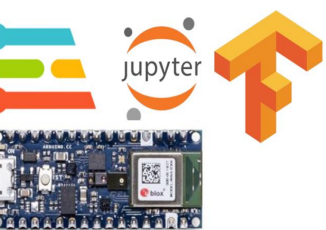


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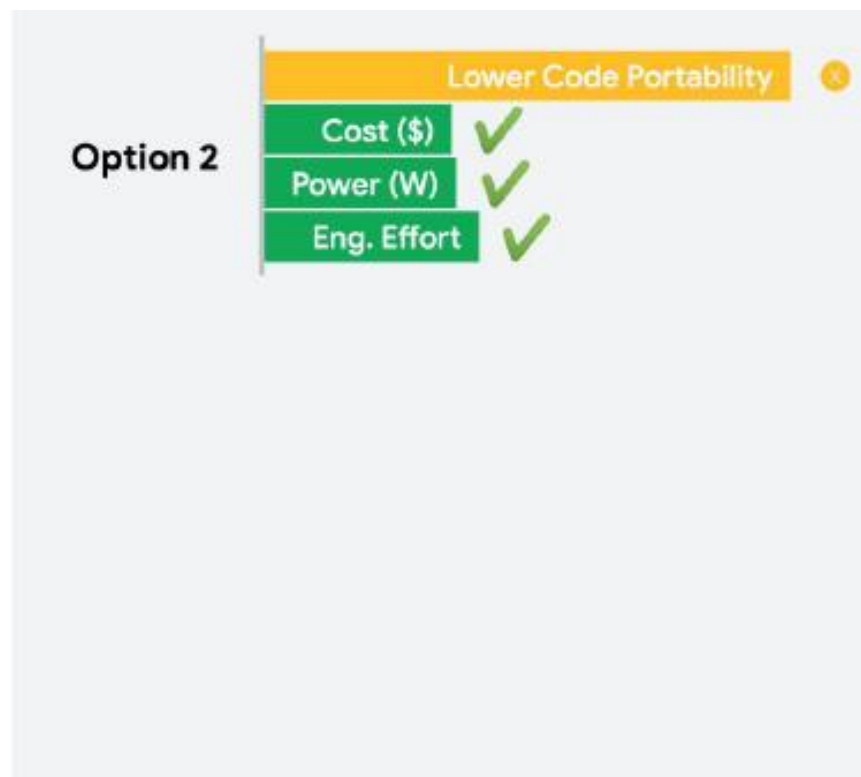


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□ Portability trade-offs

Sacrifice portability across systems for efficiency in system performance and power efficiency





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□ Summary

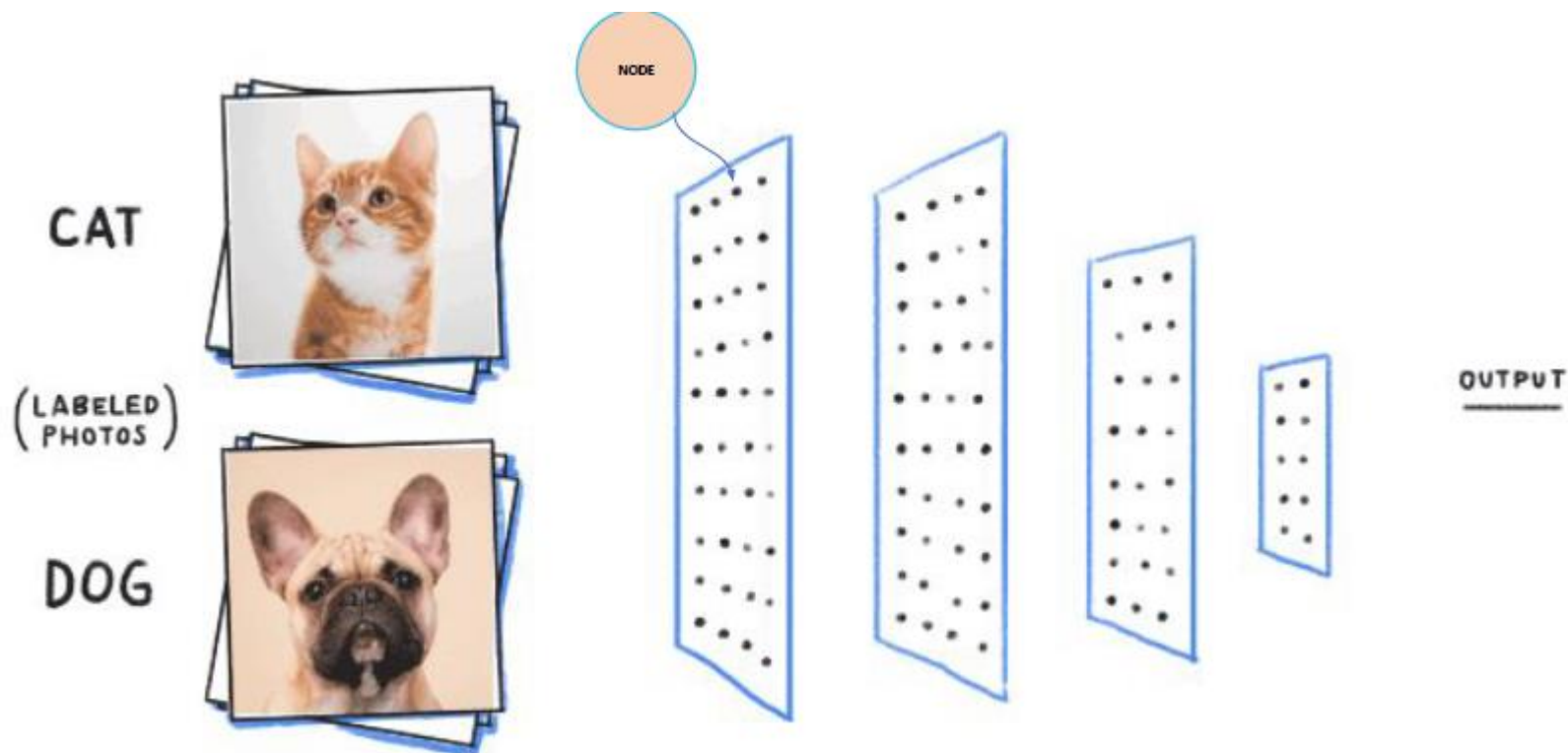
- **Embedded hardware** is extremely limited in performance, power consumption and storage

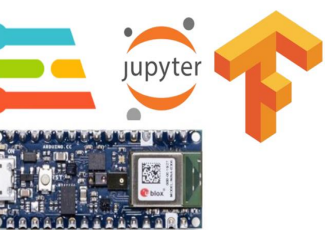
- **Embedded software** is not as portable and flexible as mainstream computing

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❖ Machine Learning

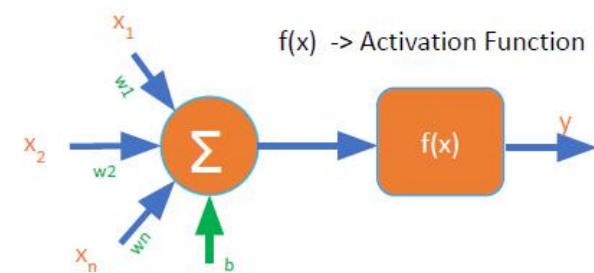
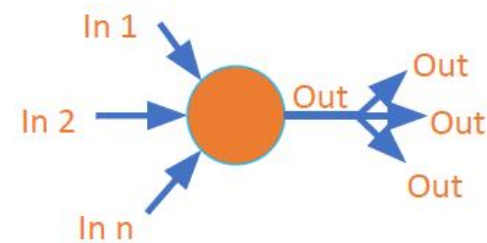
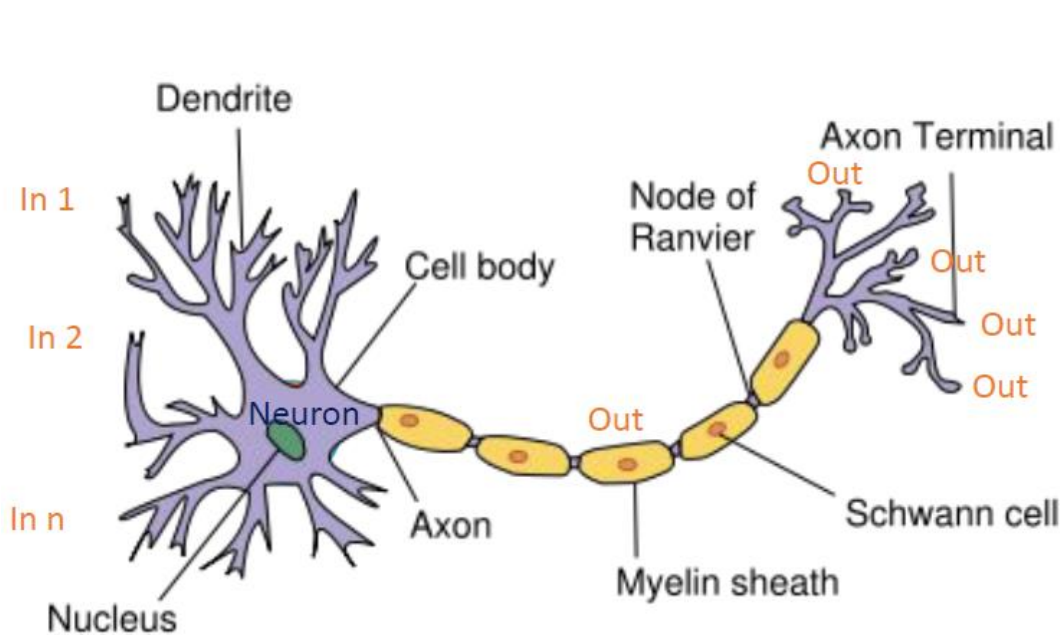
- Deep Learning: Subset of Machine Learning in which multilayered neural networks learn from vast amounts of data





MACHINE LEARNING

- ❖ Machine Learning
 - Neuron (Perceptron)



Parameters

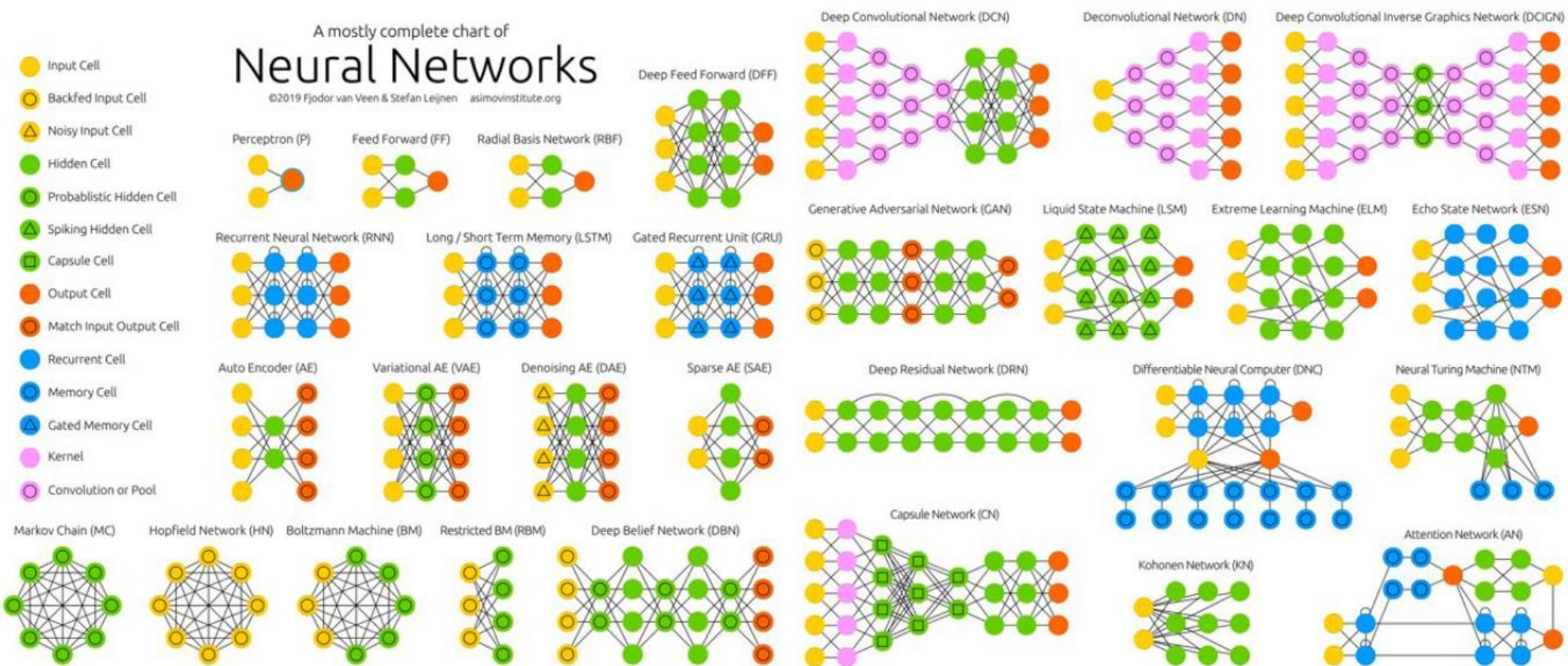
$$y = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i + b\right)$$



MACHINE LEARNING

❖ Machine Learning

□ The Neural Network model architecture

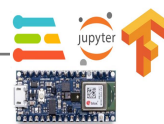
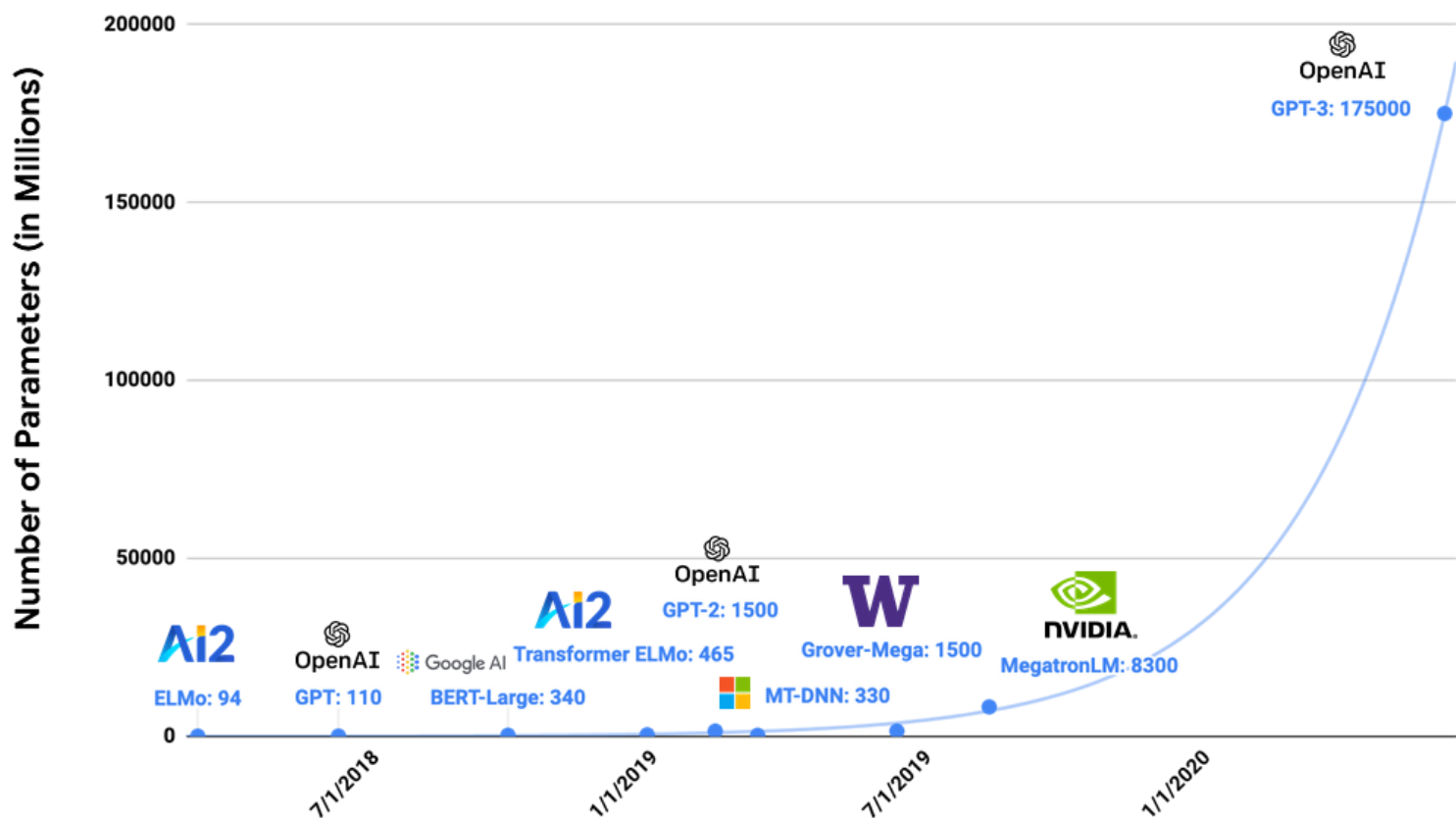




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□ ML model size growth



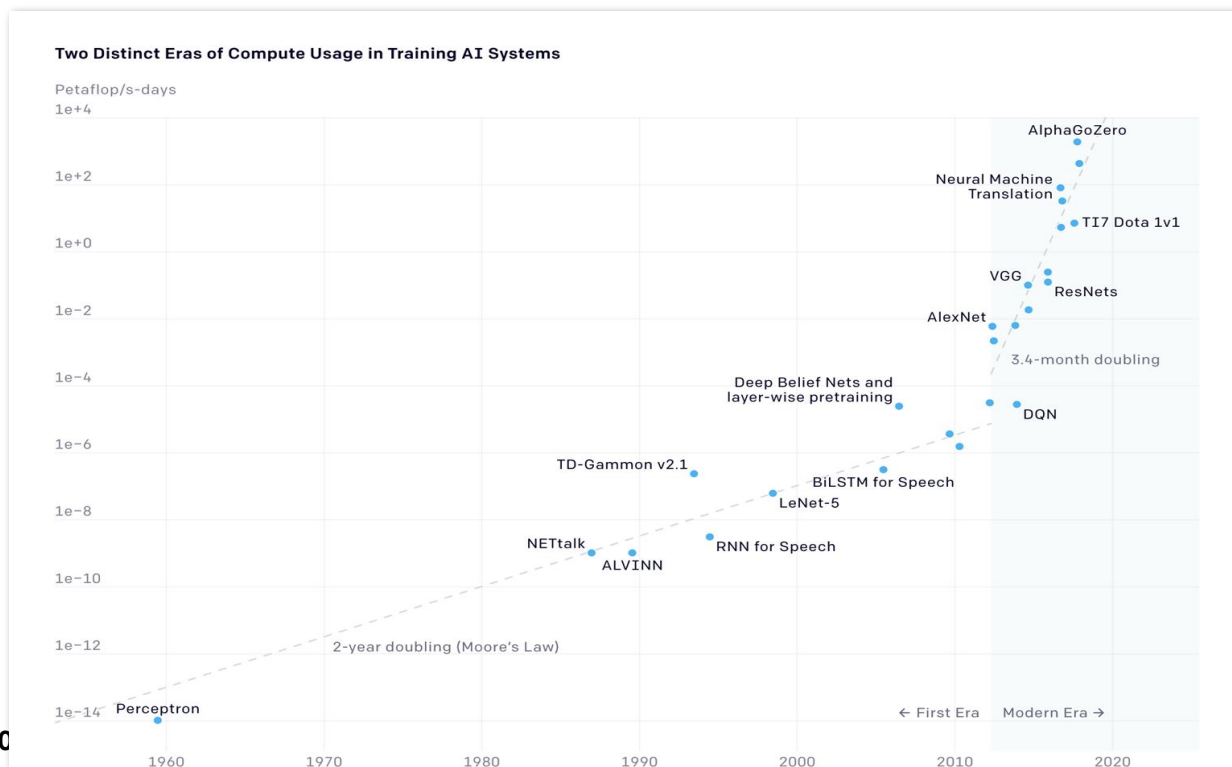


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❖ Machine Learning

□ ML compute needs

- In recent years, the amount of computing needed has grown remarkably fast
- Compute requirements are doubling nearly every 3 to 4 months



ML COMPUTE NEEDS
(FROM THE 1960S)



MACHINE LEARNING

- ❖ Machine Learning
 - ML compute needs

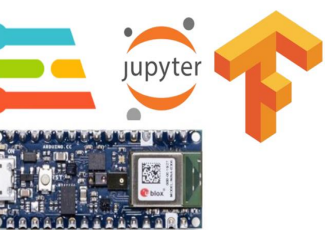


Cloud TPU



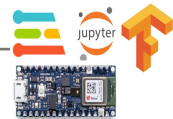
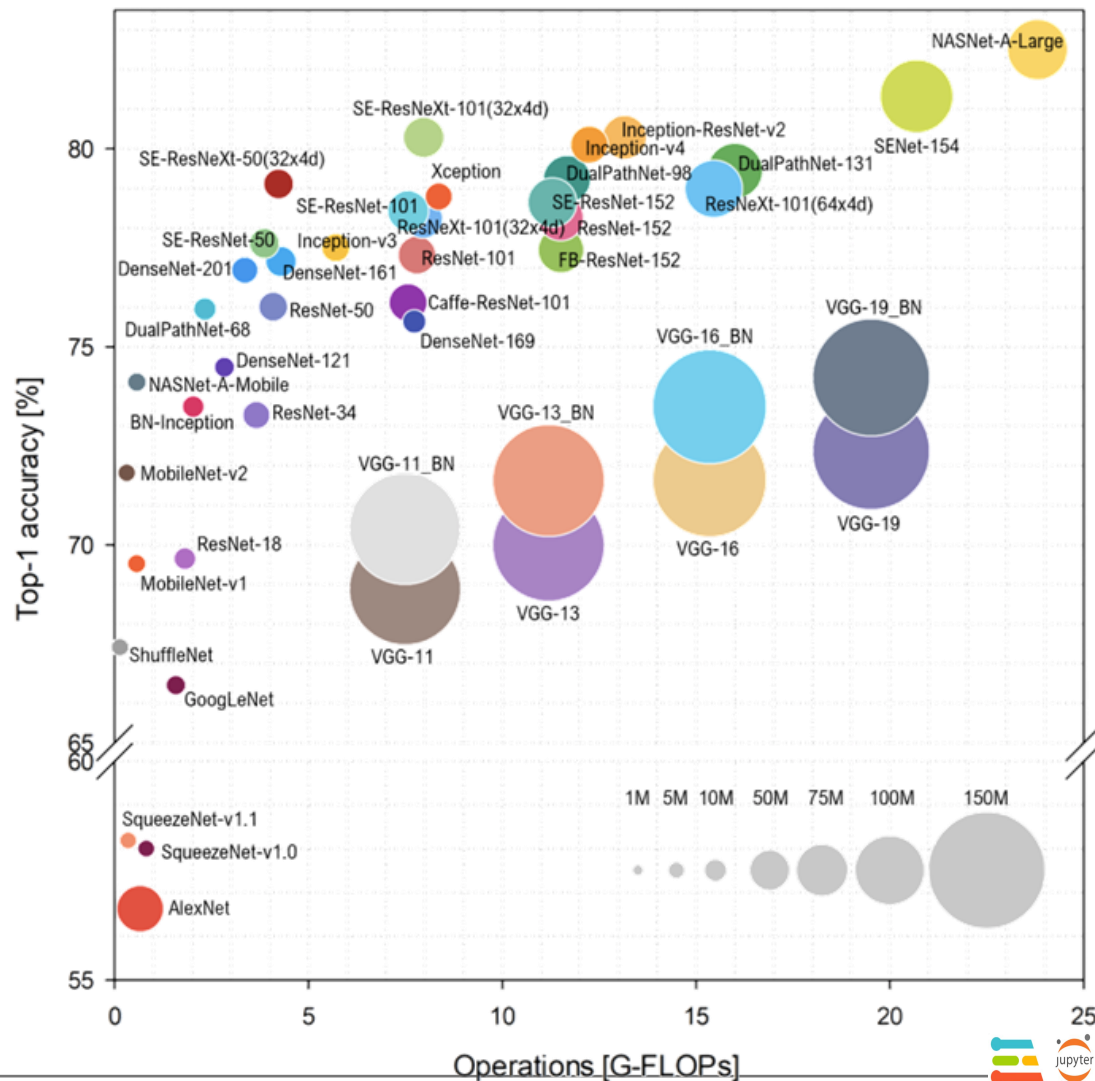
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- ❖ Machine Learning
- ML model evolution

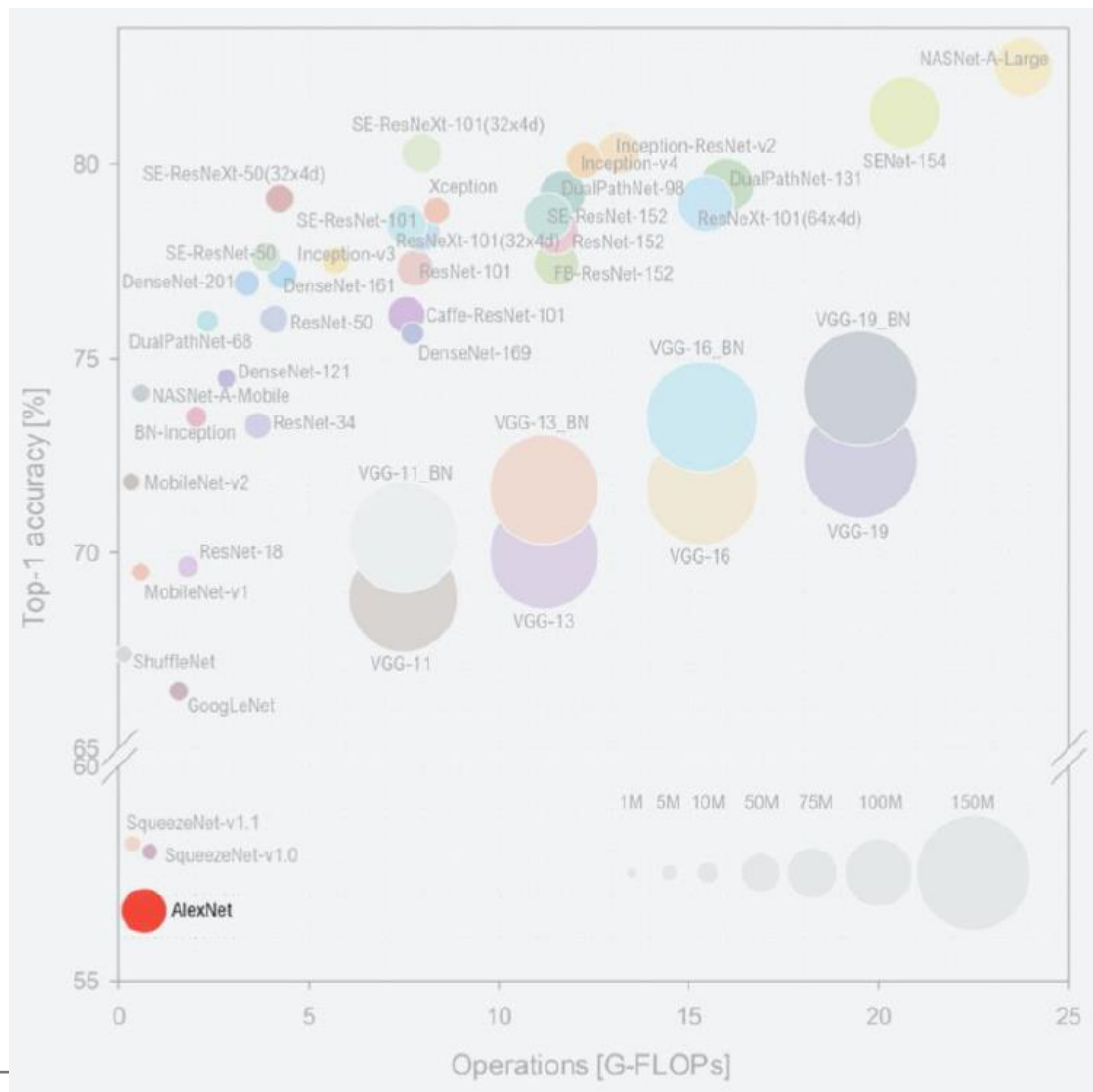




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- **AlexNet (2012)**
 - 57.1% accuracy
 - 61MB in size

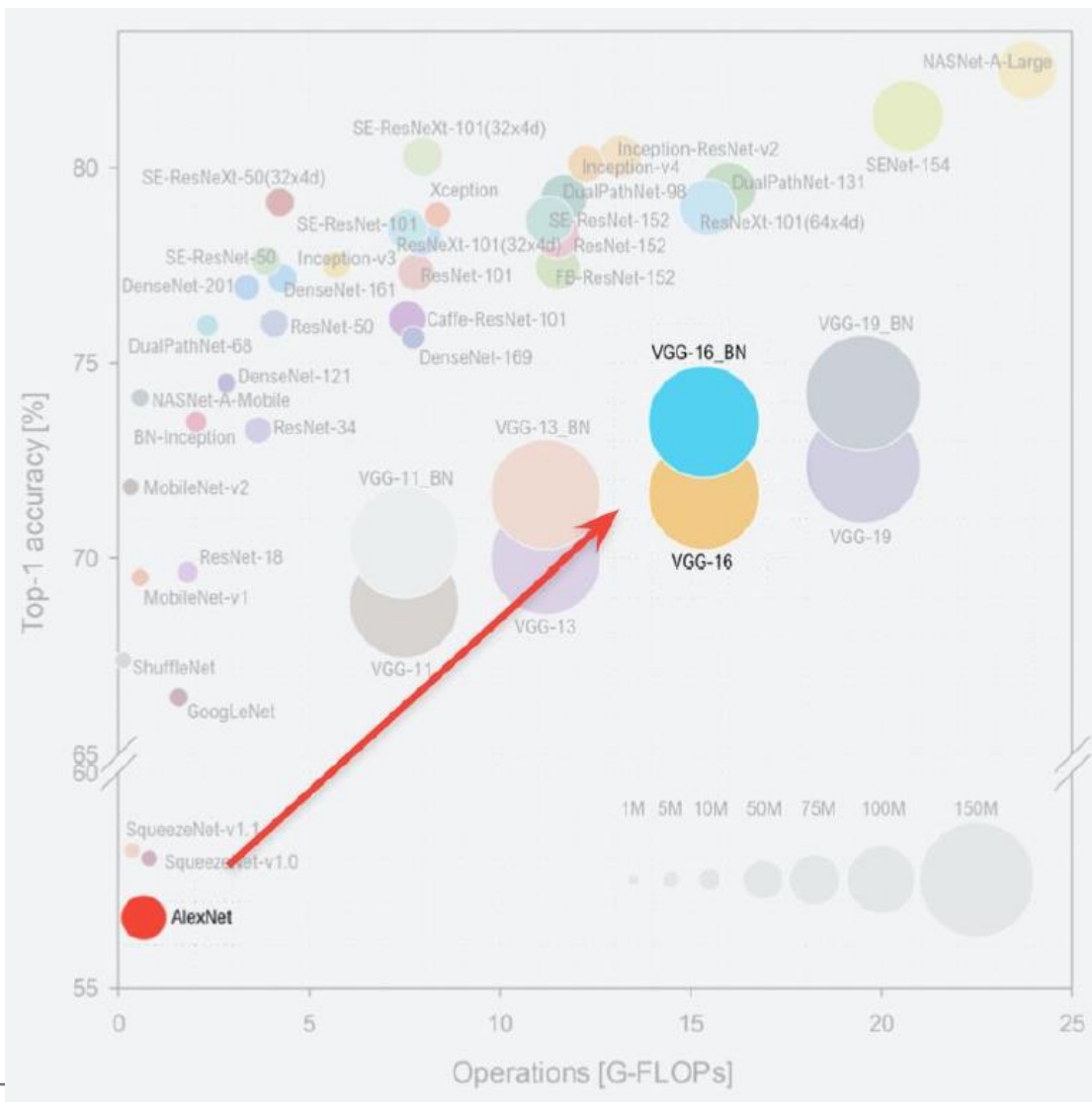


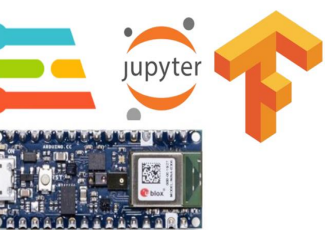


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- **VGGNet** (2014) [VGG-16]
 - **71.5%** accuracy
 - **528MB** in size

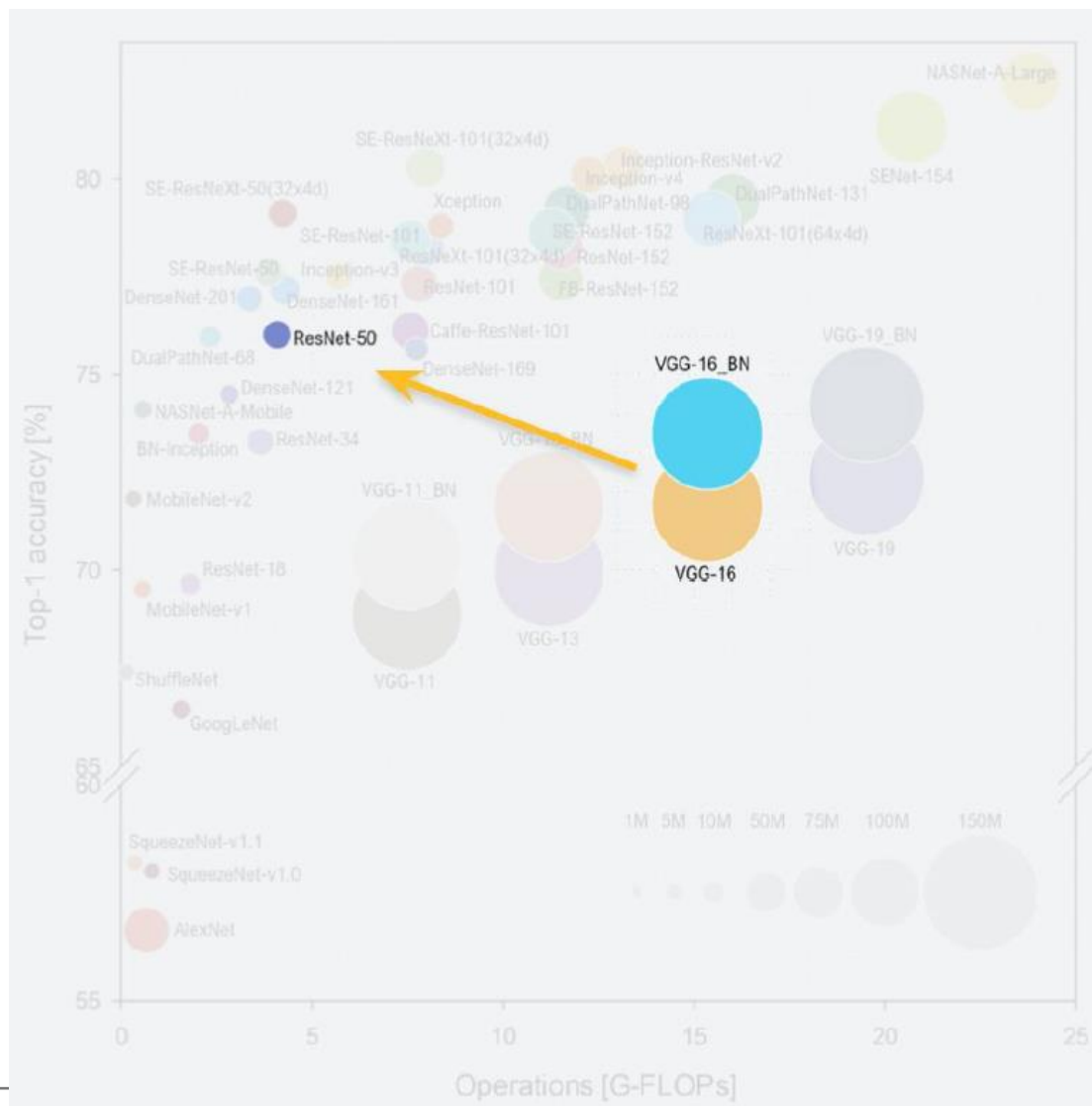




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- **ResNet (2015)**
 - **75.8%** accuracy
 - **22.7MB** in size

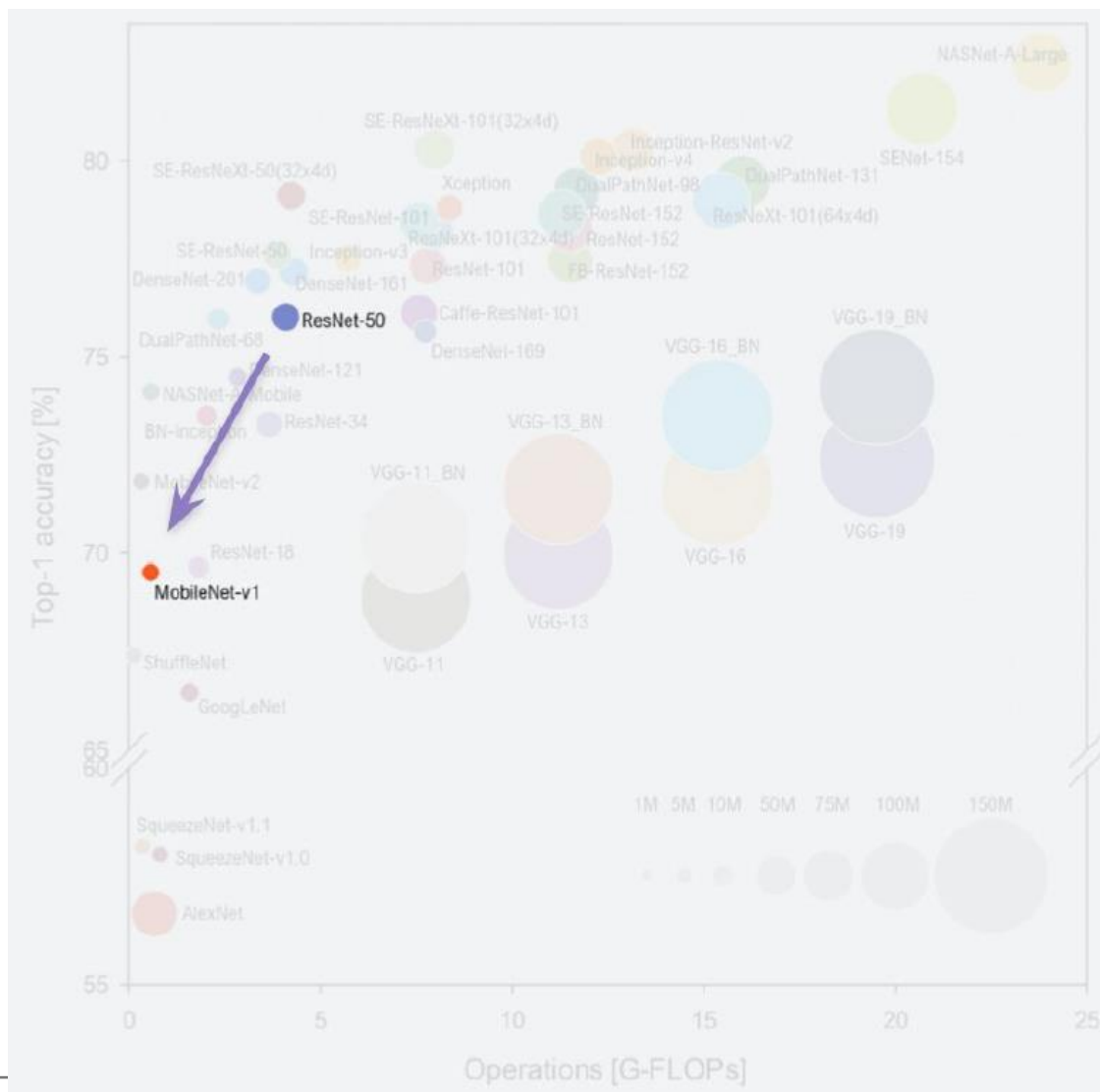




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- ❖ Machine Learning
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- **MobileNet (2015)**
 - **MobileNetv1**
 - **70.6%** accuracy
 - **16.9MB** in size





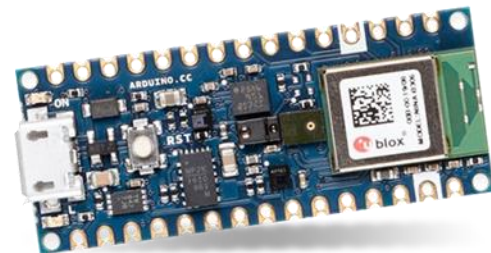
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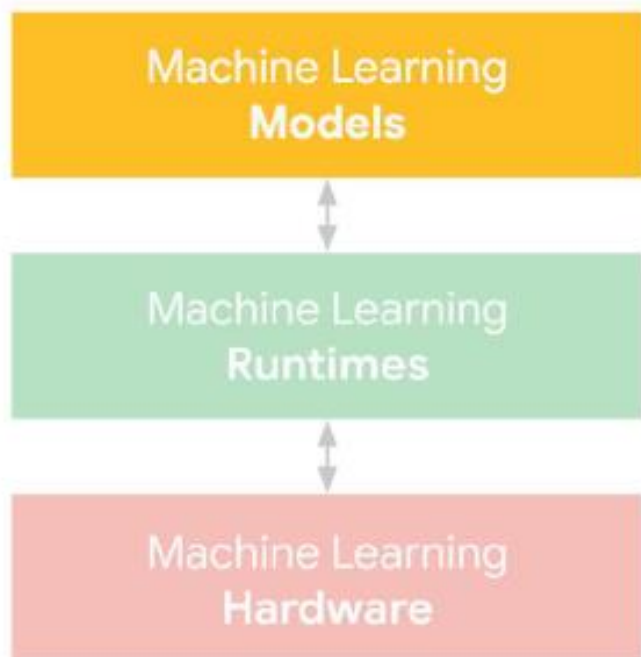
Our board (in your kit for Course 3) only has **256KB** of RAM (memory) yet **MobileNetv1** needs **16.9MB!**





MACHINE LEARNING

- ❖ Machine Learning
 - Model compression techniques



Model Compression Techniques

Pruning

Quantization

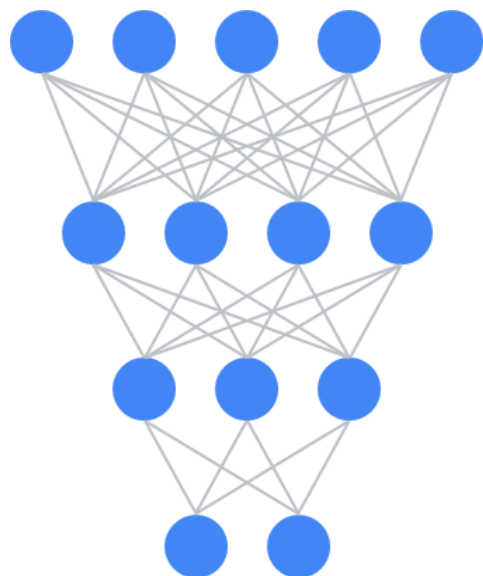
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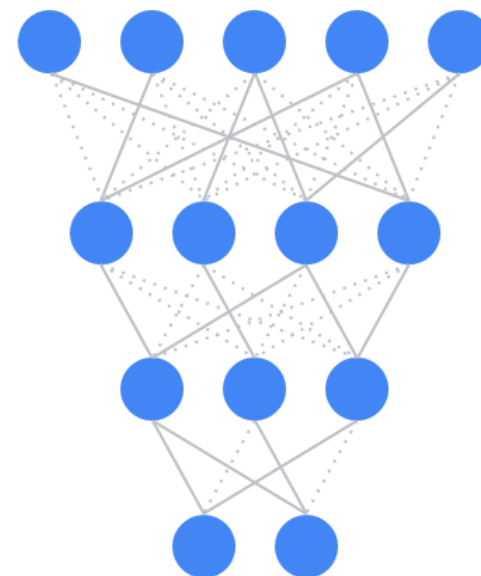
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❖ Machine Learning

□ Pruning



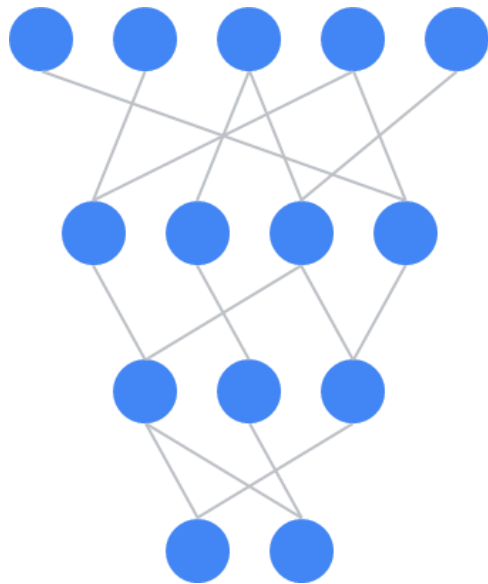
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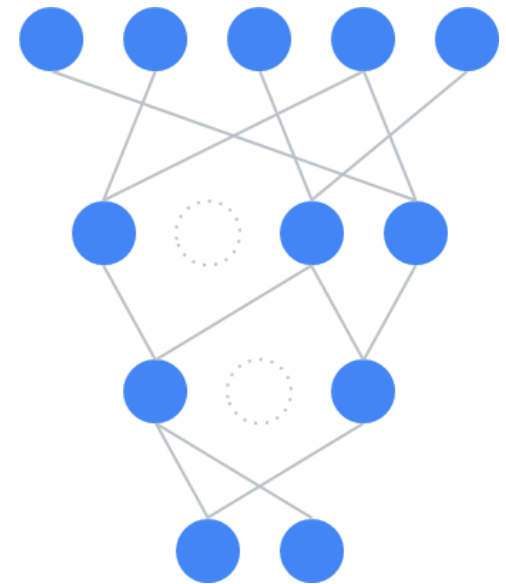
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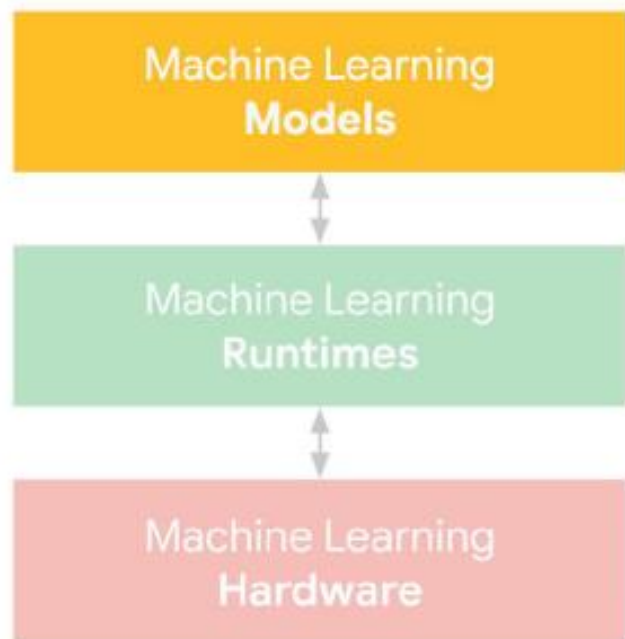
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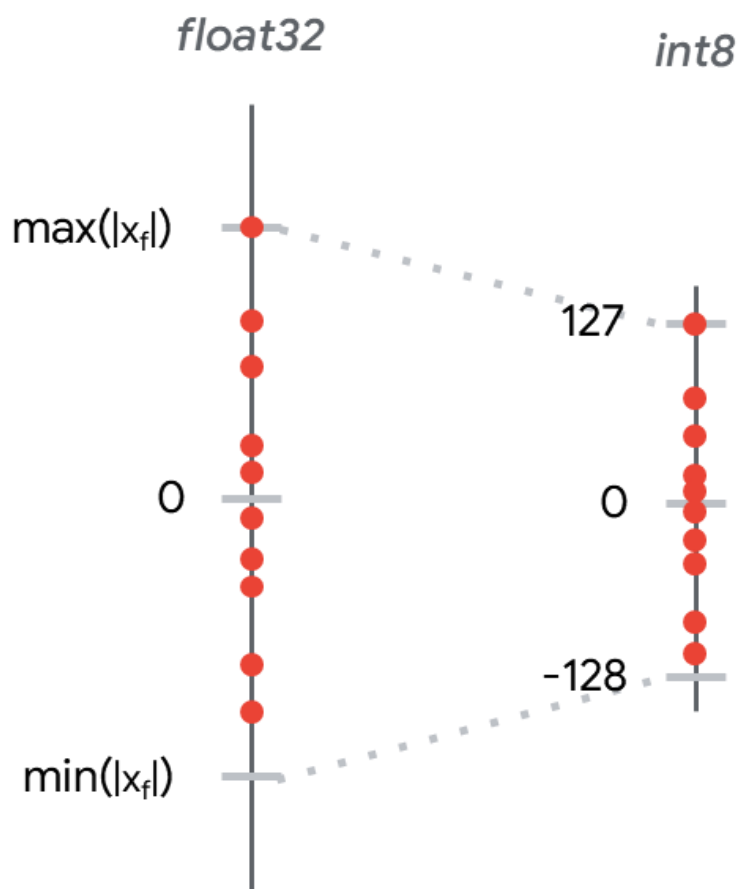
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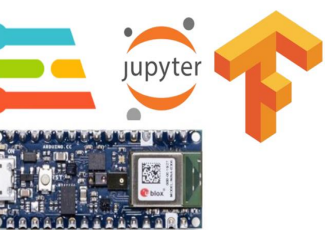


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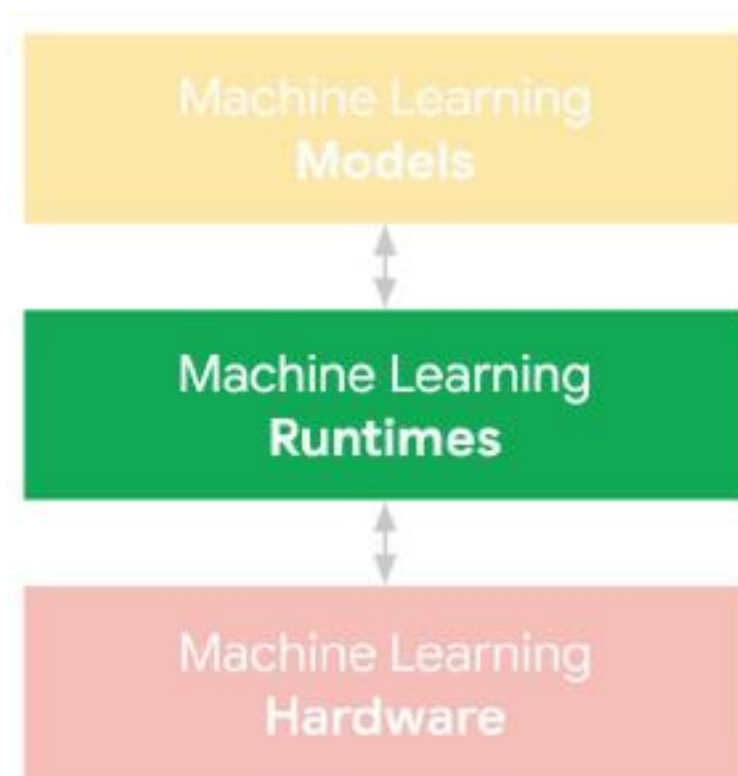




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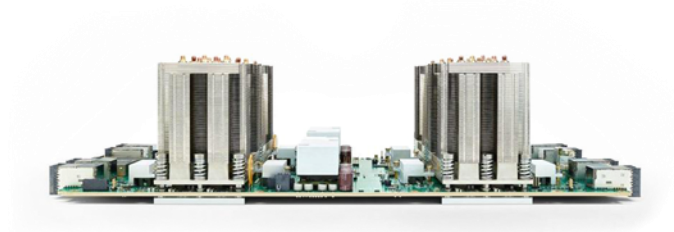




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TensorFlow



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Less memory

Less compute power

Only focused on *inference*



TensorFlow Lite



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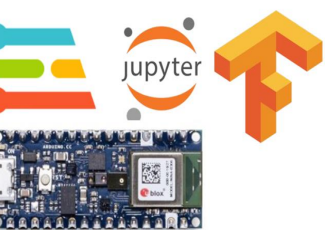
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TensorFlow Lite



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- Key differences

	 TensorFlow	 TensorFlow Lite
Topology	Variable	Fixed
Weights	Variable	Fixed
Binary Size	Unimportant	High Priority
Distributed Compute	Needed	Not Needed
Developer Background	ML Researcher	Application Developer



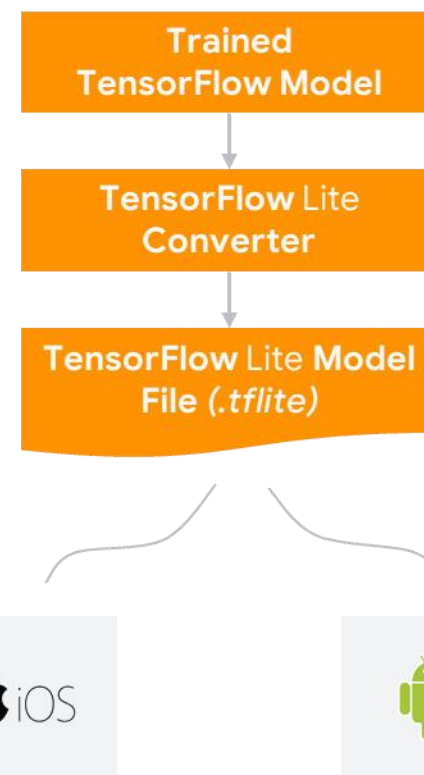
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Architecture



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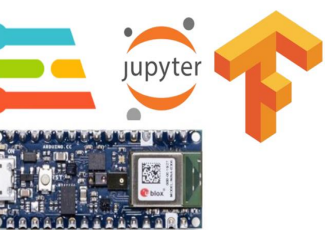
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Even less memory

Even less compute power

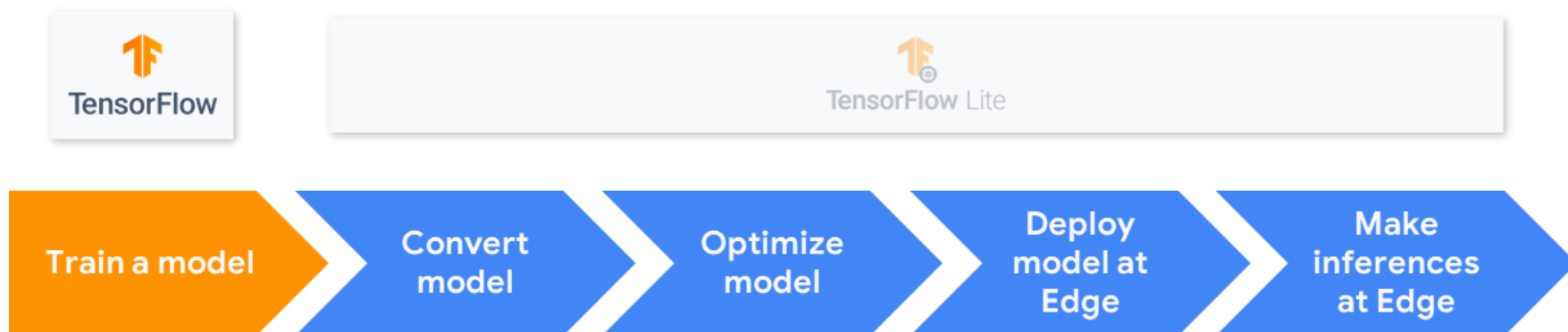
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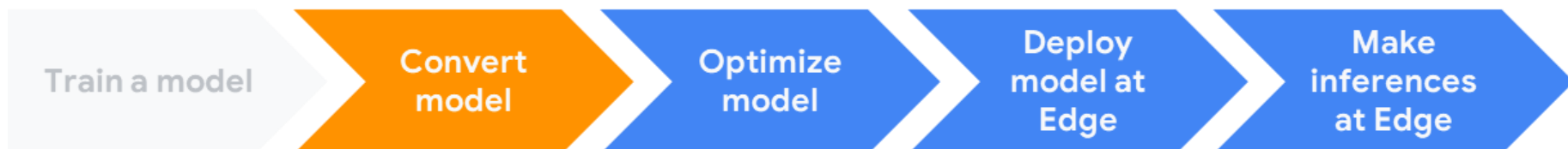
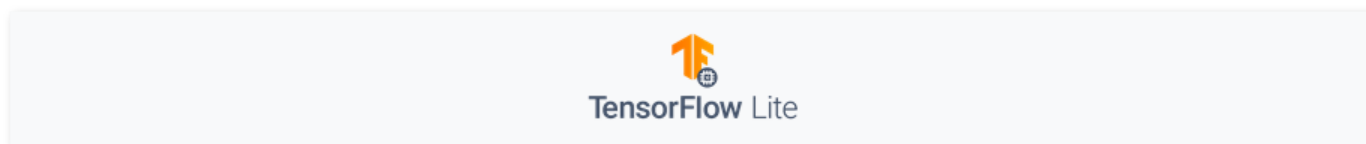
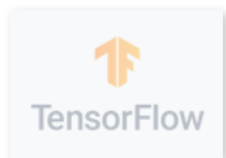




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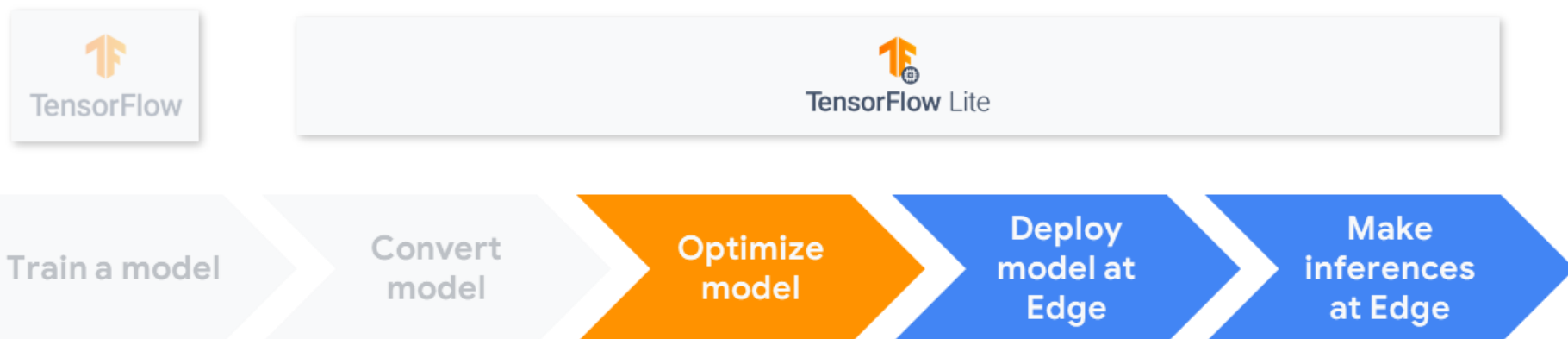




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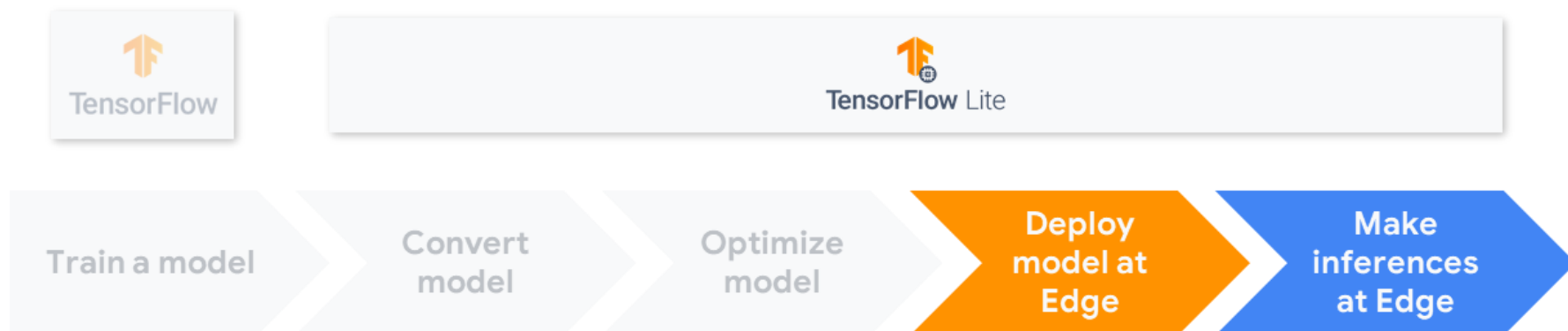


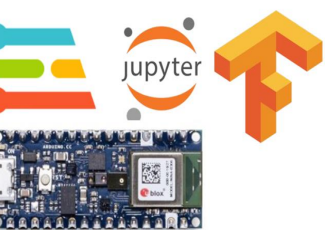


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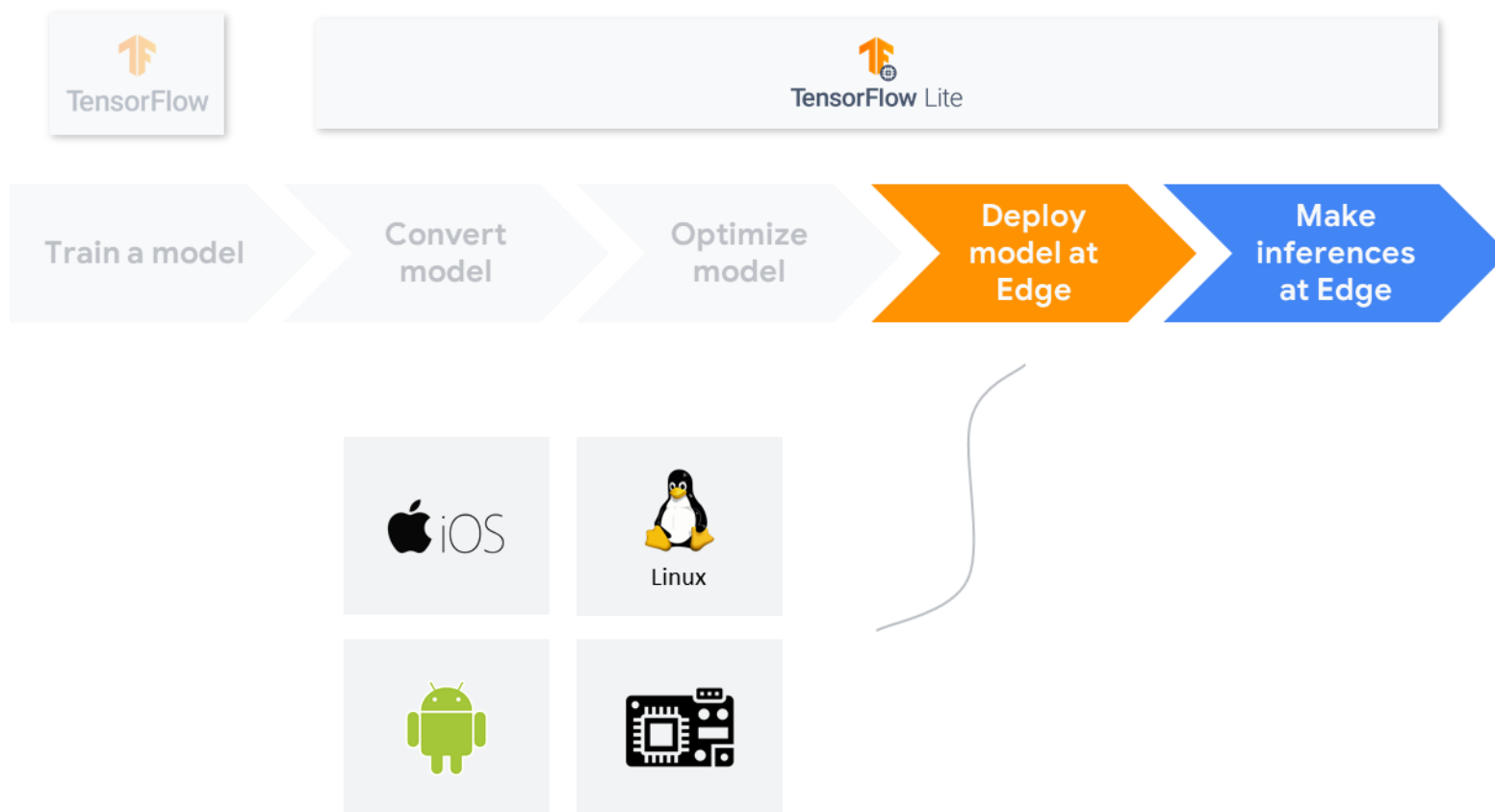




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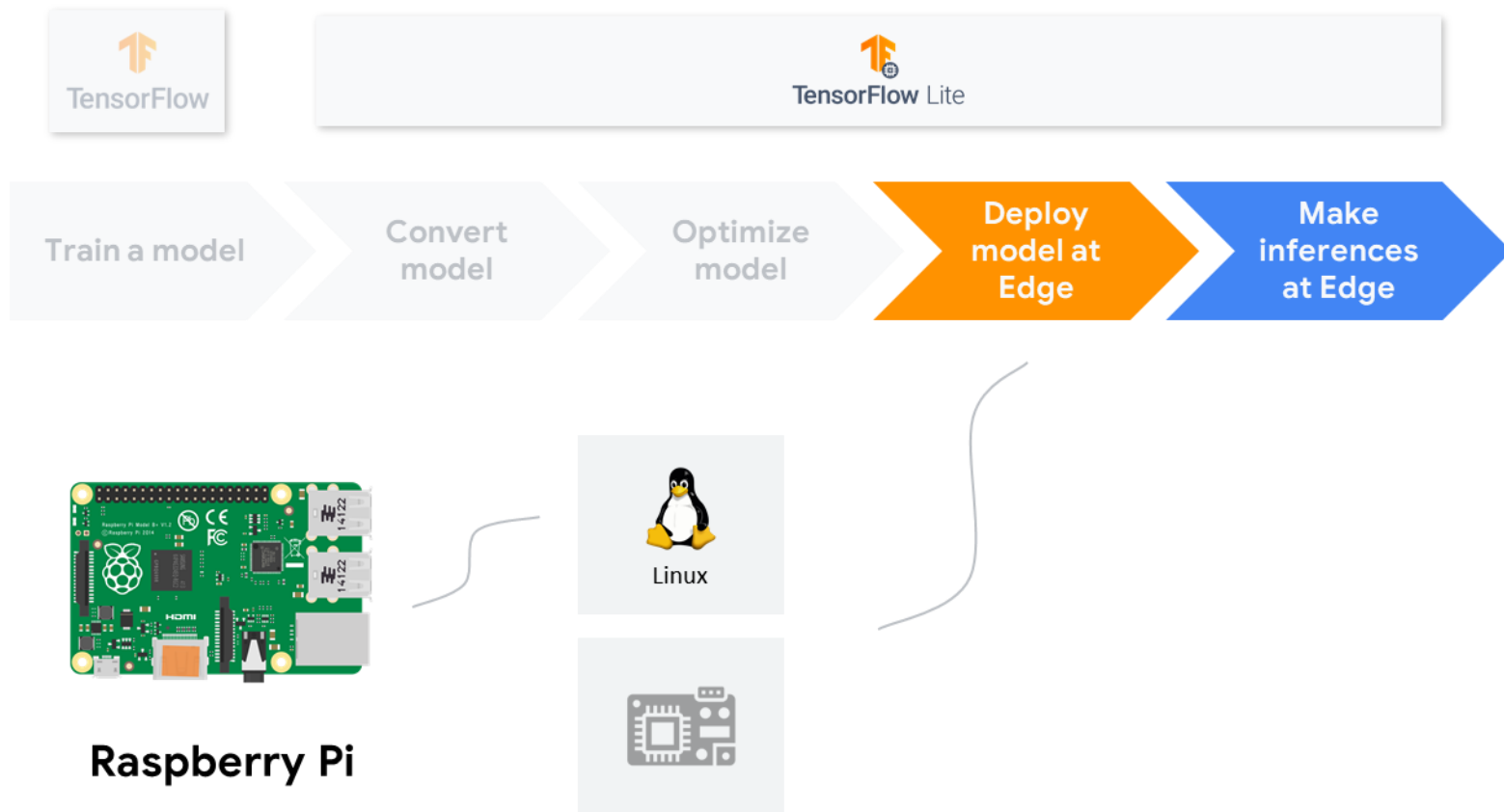




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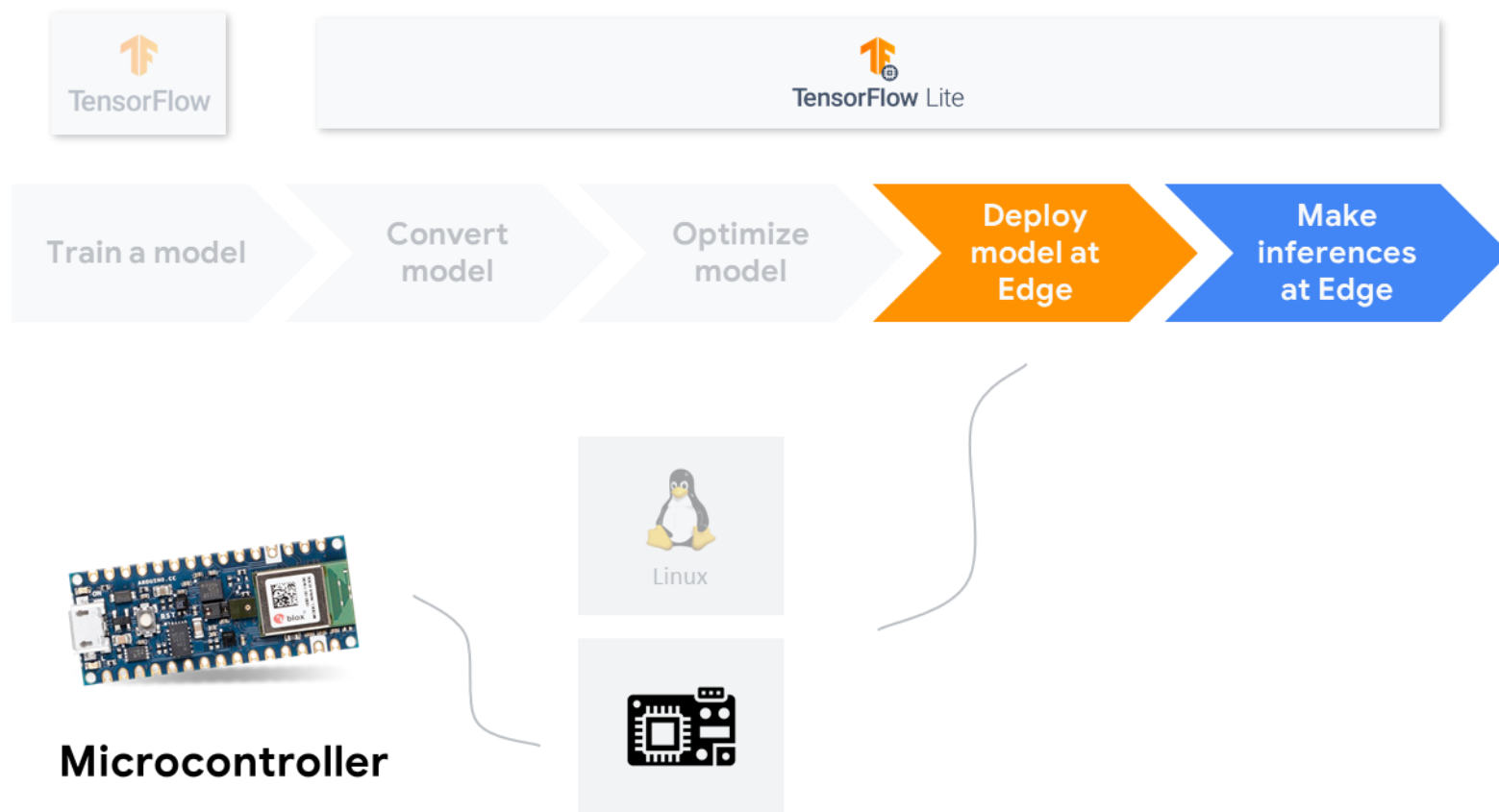


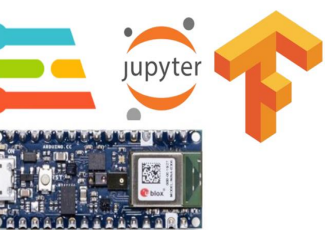


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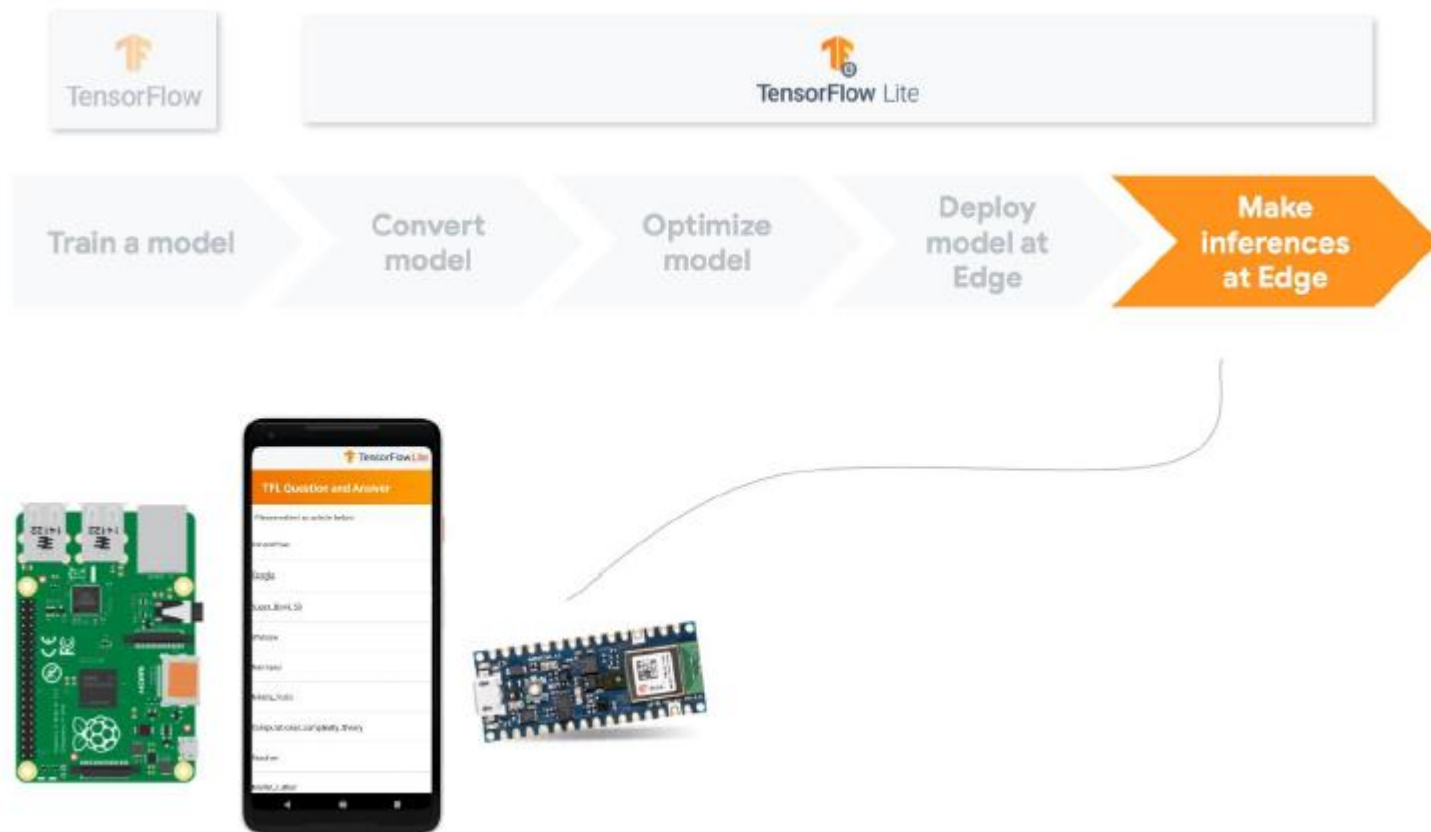




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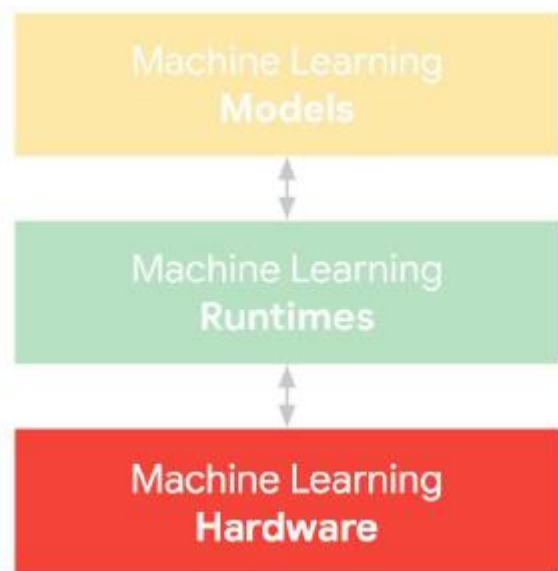




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Broadest Range of ML-optimized Processing Solutions





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Summary



Anomaly Detection
Sensor Classification
20 KB

KeyWord Spotting
Audio Classification
50 KB

Image
Classification
250 KB+

TinyML

EdgeML

Video
Classification
2 MB+

Object
Detection
Complex Voice
Processing
1 MB+



Rpi-Pico
(Cortex-M0+)



Arduino Nano
(Cortex-M4)



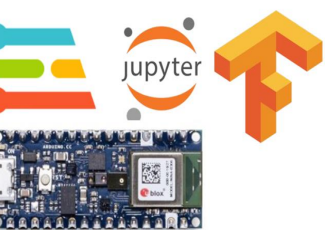
Arduino Pro
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Raspberry Pi
(Cortex-A)



Jetson Nano
(Cortex-A + GPU)

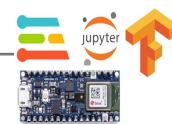
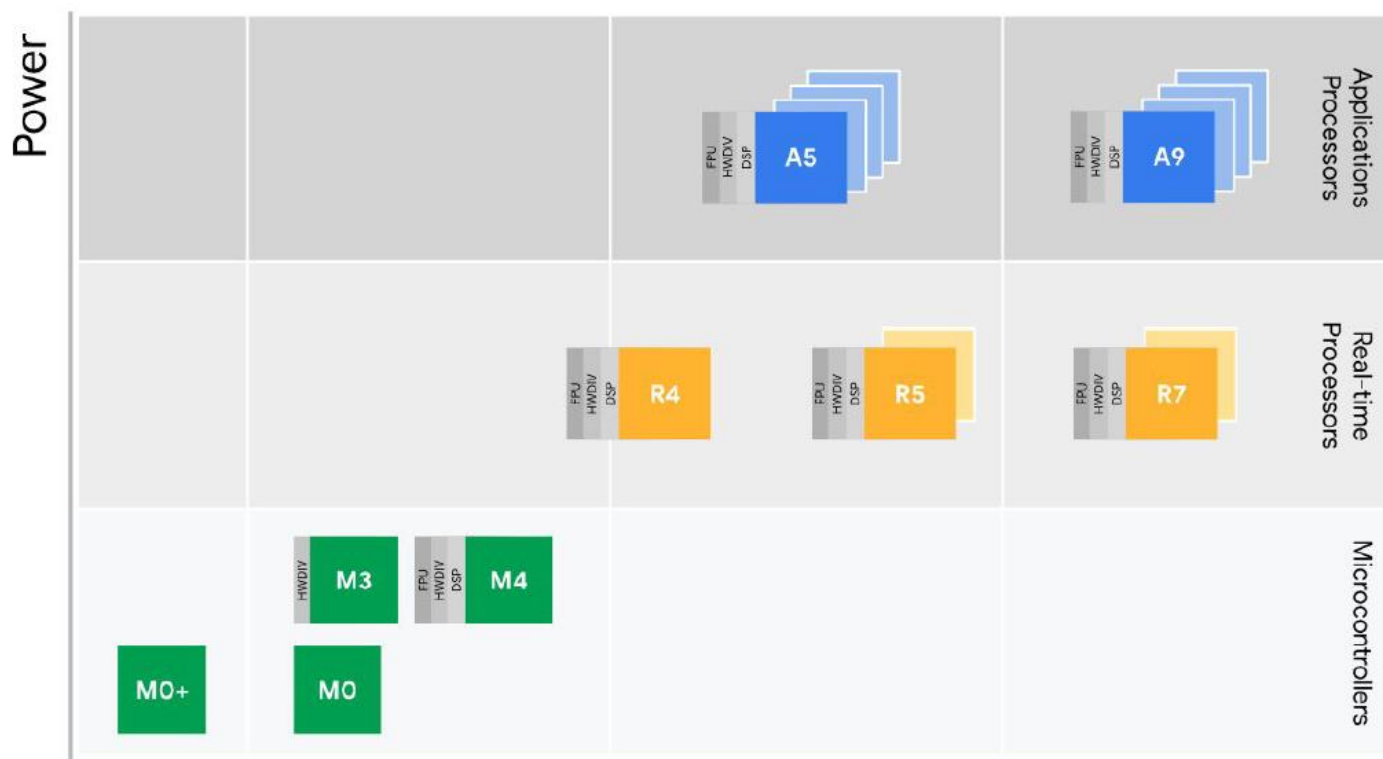


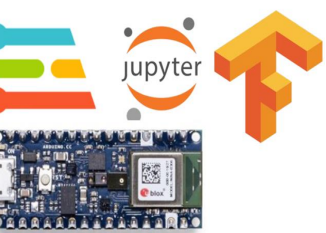
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- ARM Cortex processor profiles



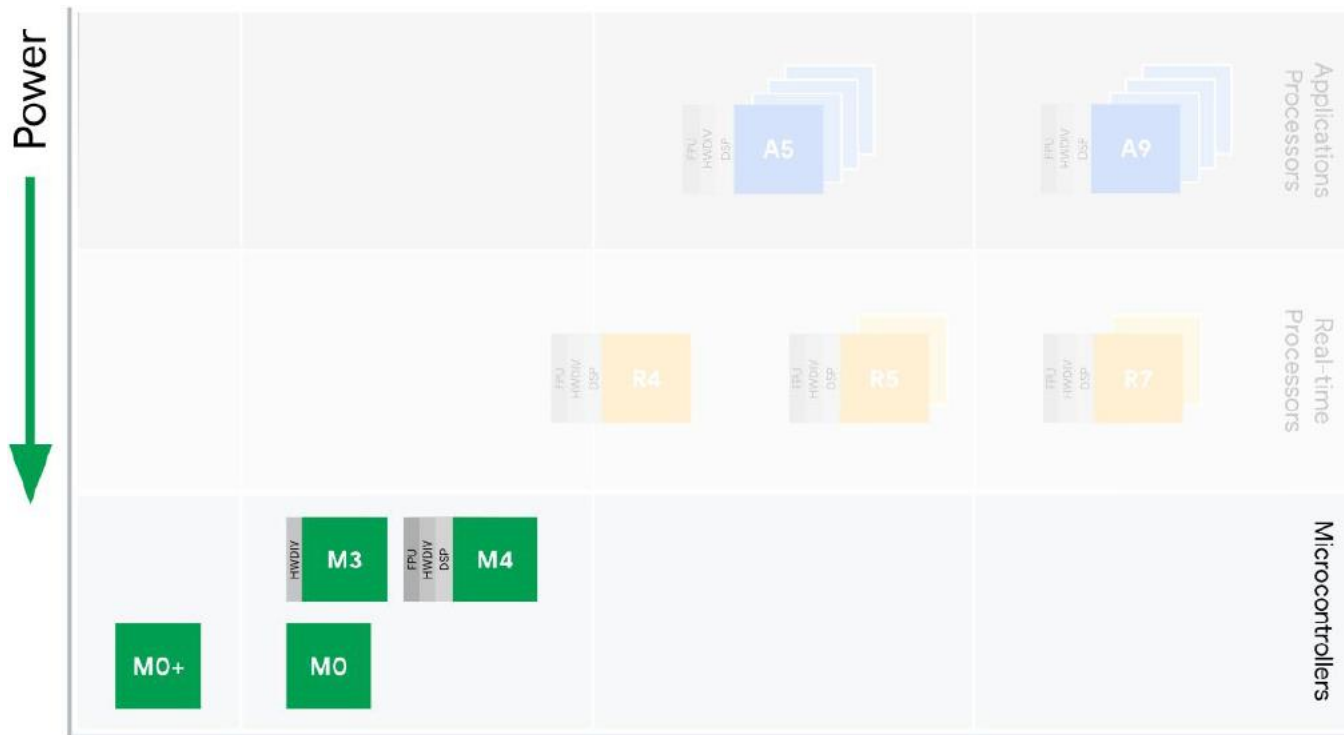


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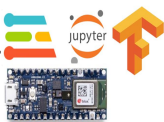
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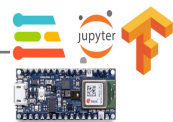
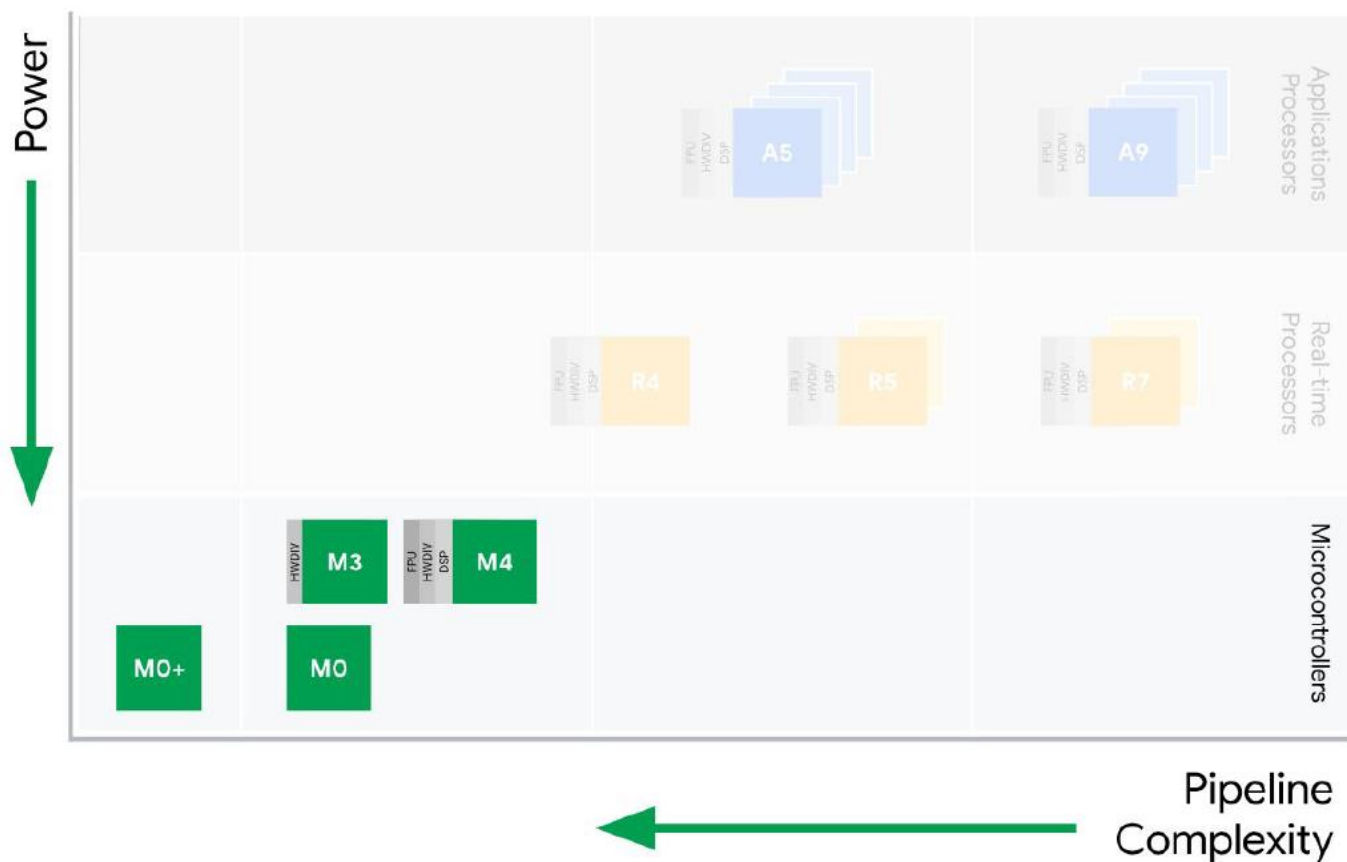


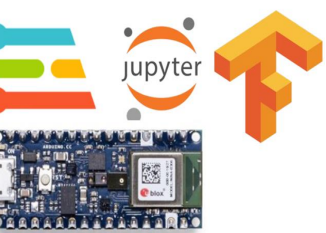
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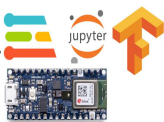
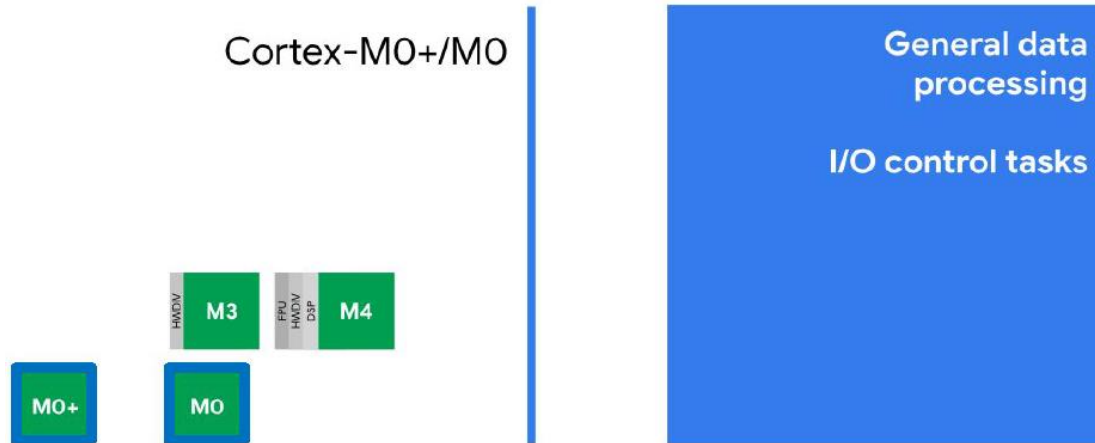


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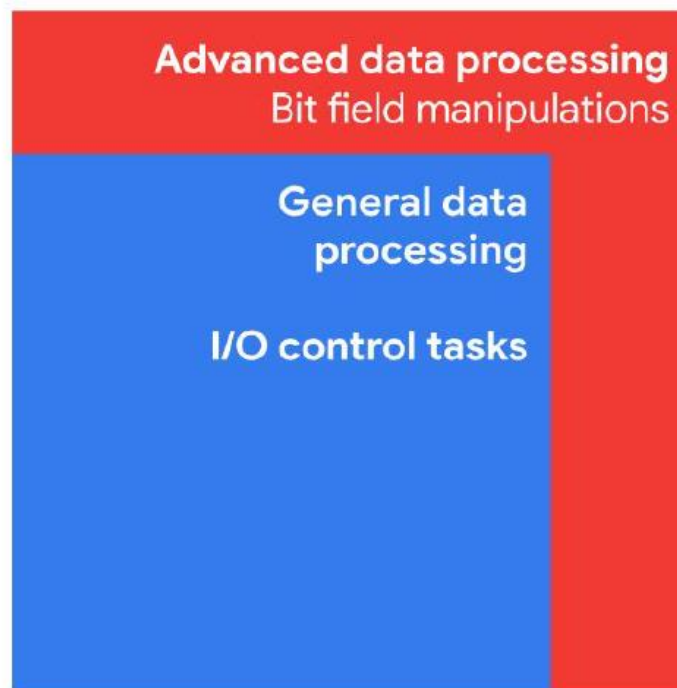
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Cortex-M3

Cortex-M0+/M0



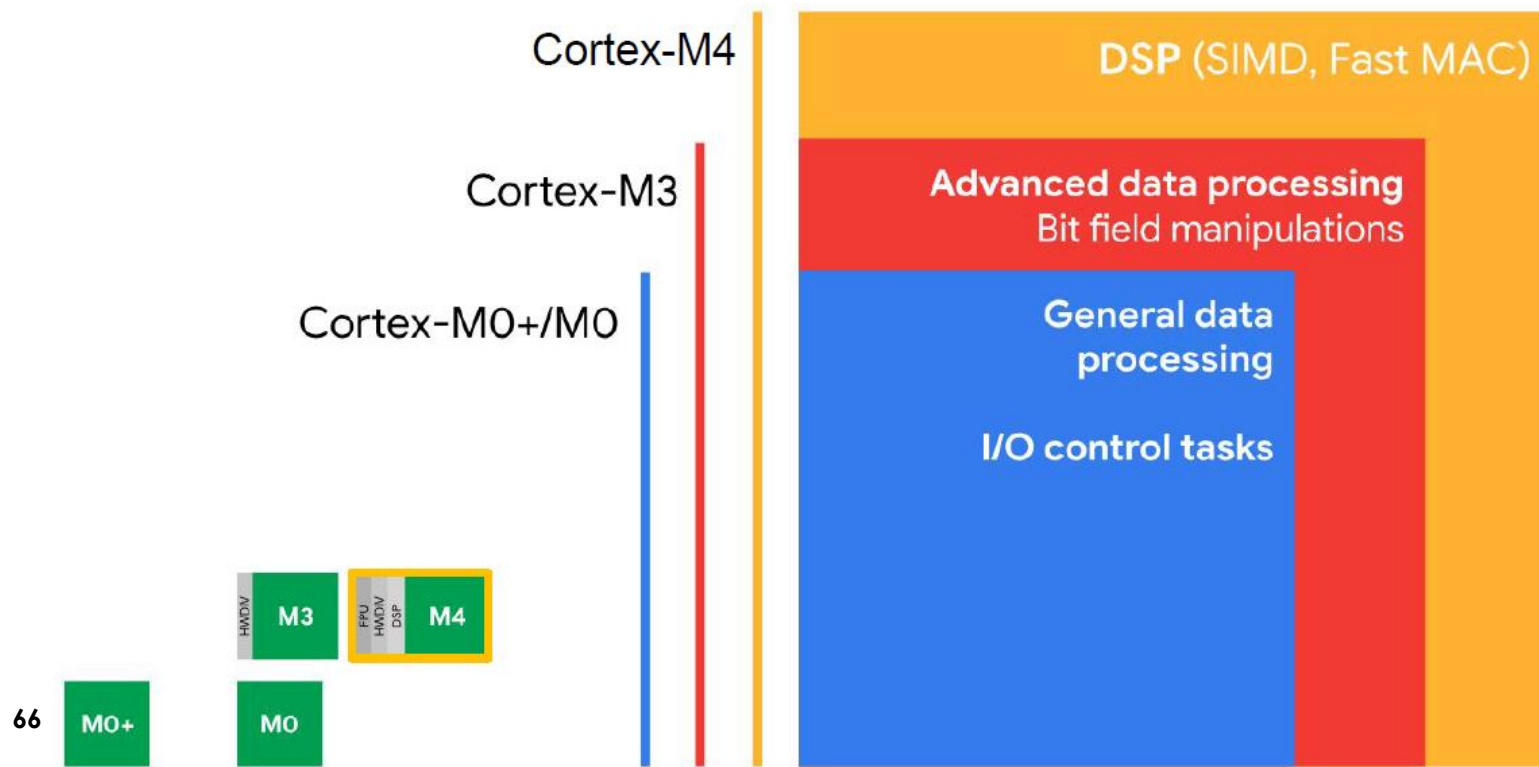


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