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Problem:

Multi-Objective Optimization
with Known Constraints
under Uncertainty

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Solutions:

Different Assumptions

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“More than 90% of data center compute for ML workload, is used by inference services”



ML inference services have strict requirements

Highly Responsive!



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Highly Accurate!



ML inference services have strict & conflicting requirements

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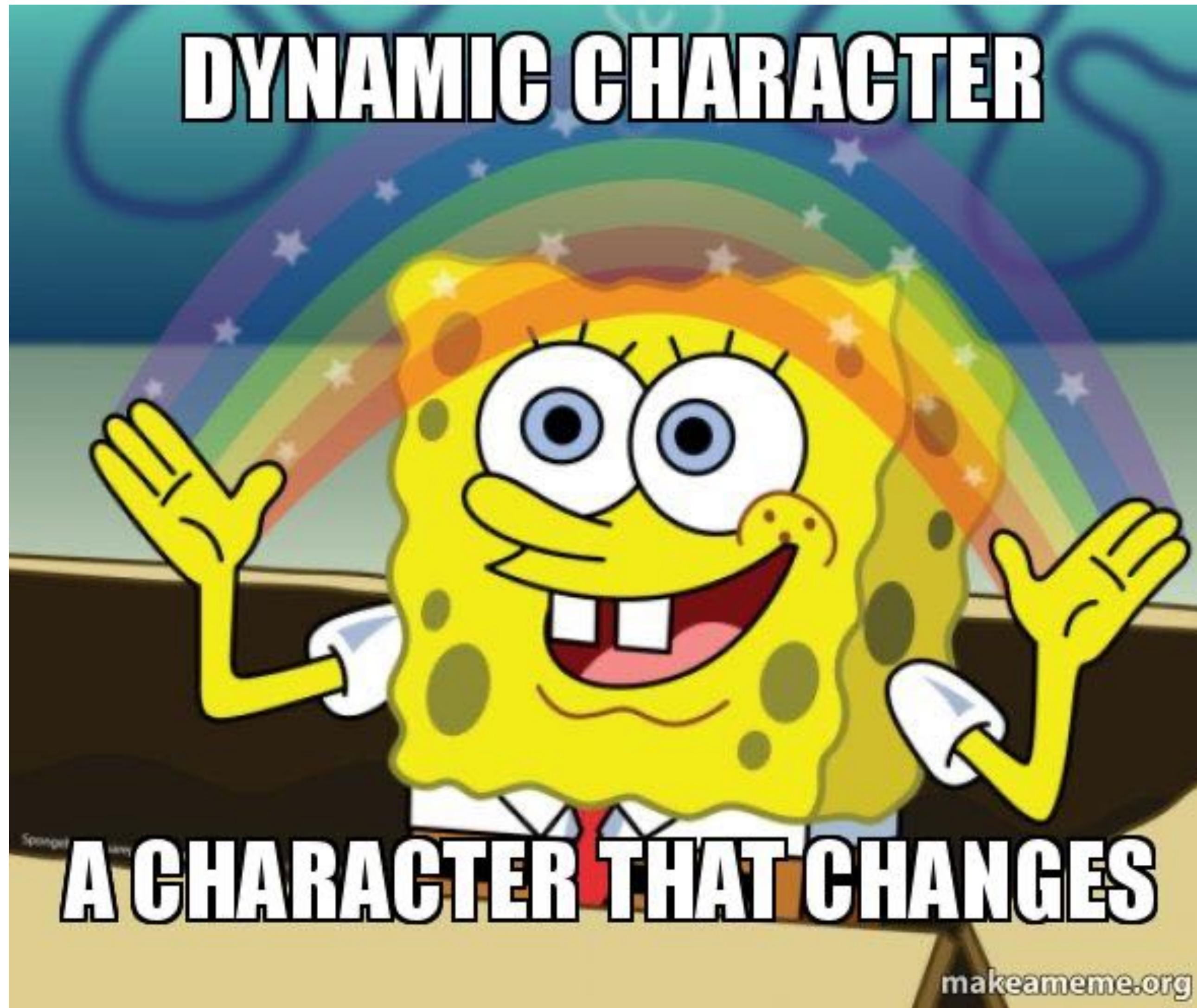
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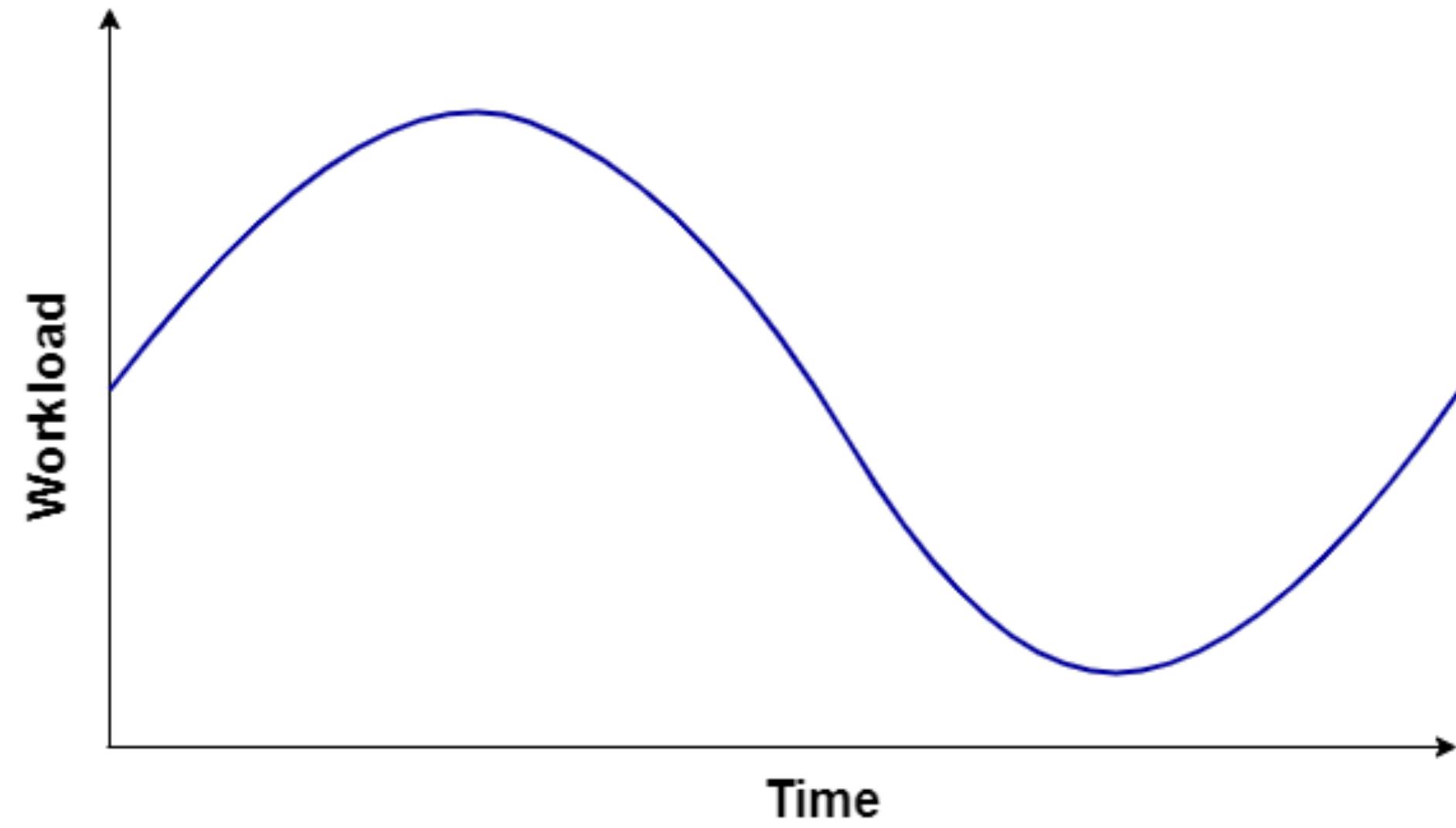
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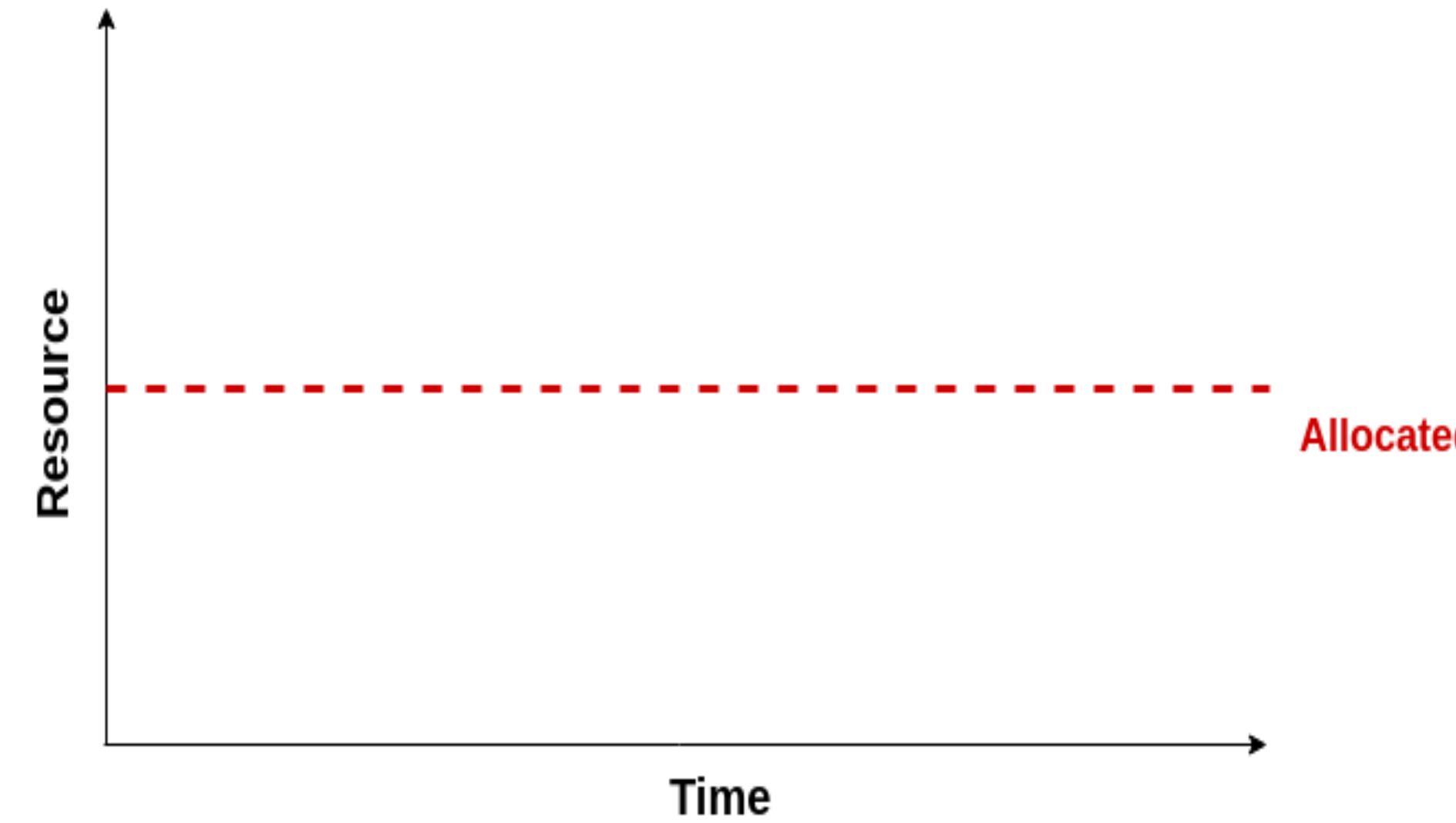
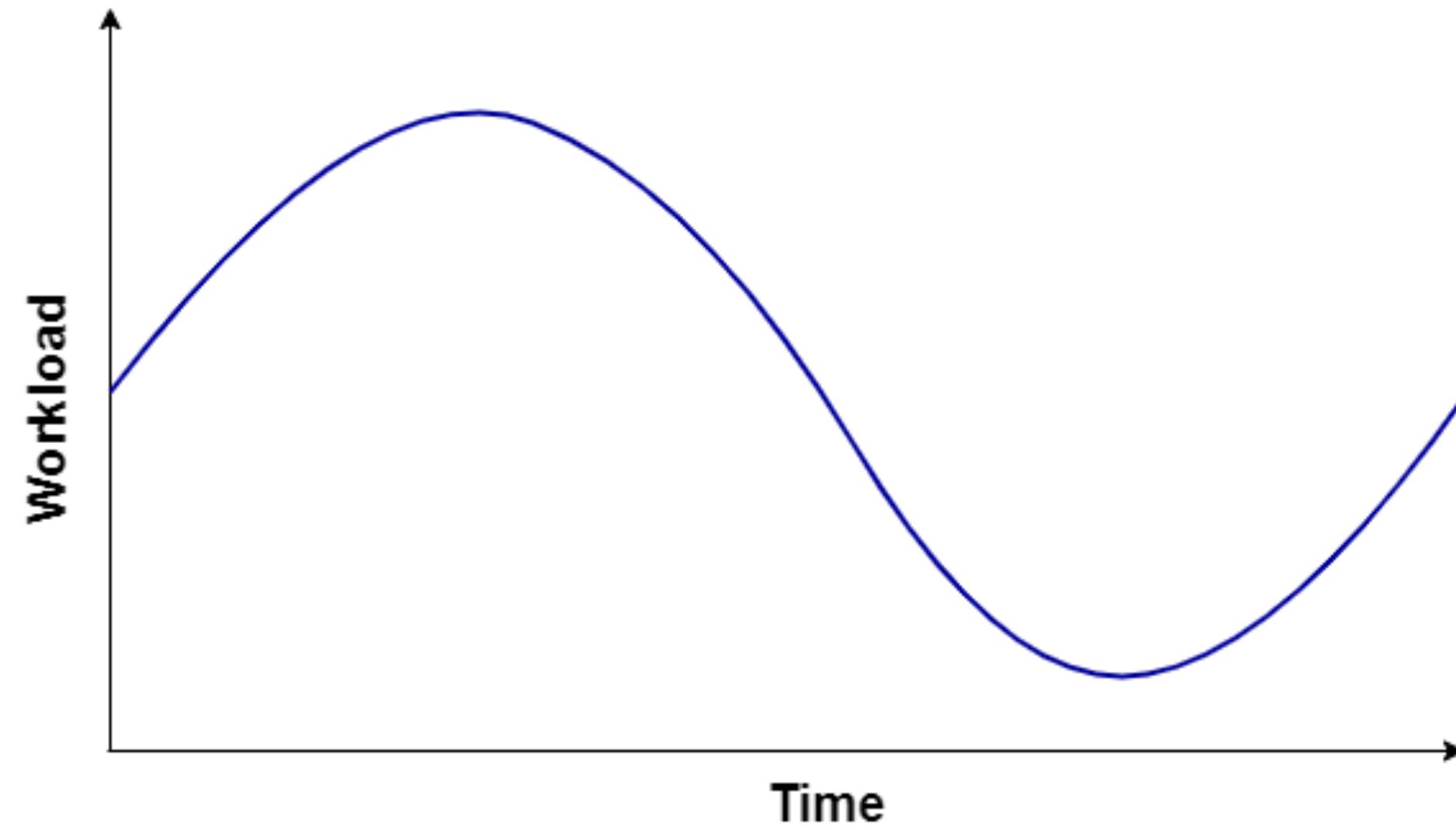
More challenge: Dynamic workload



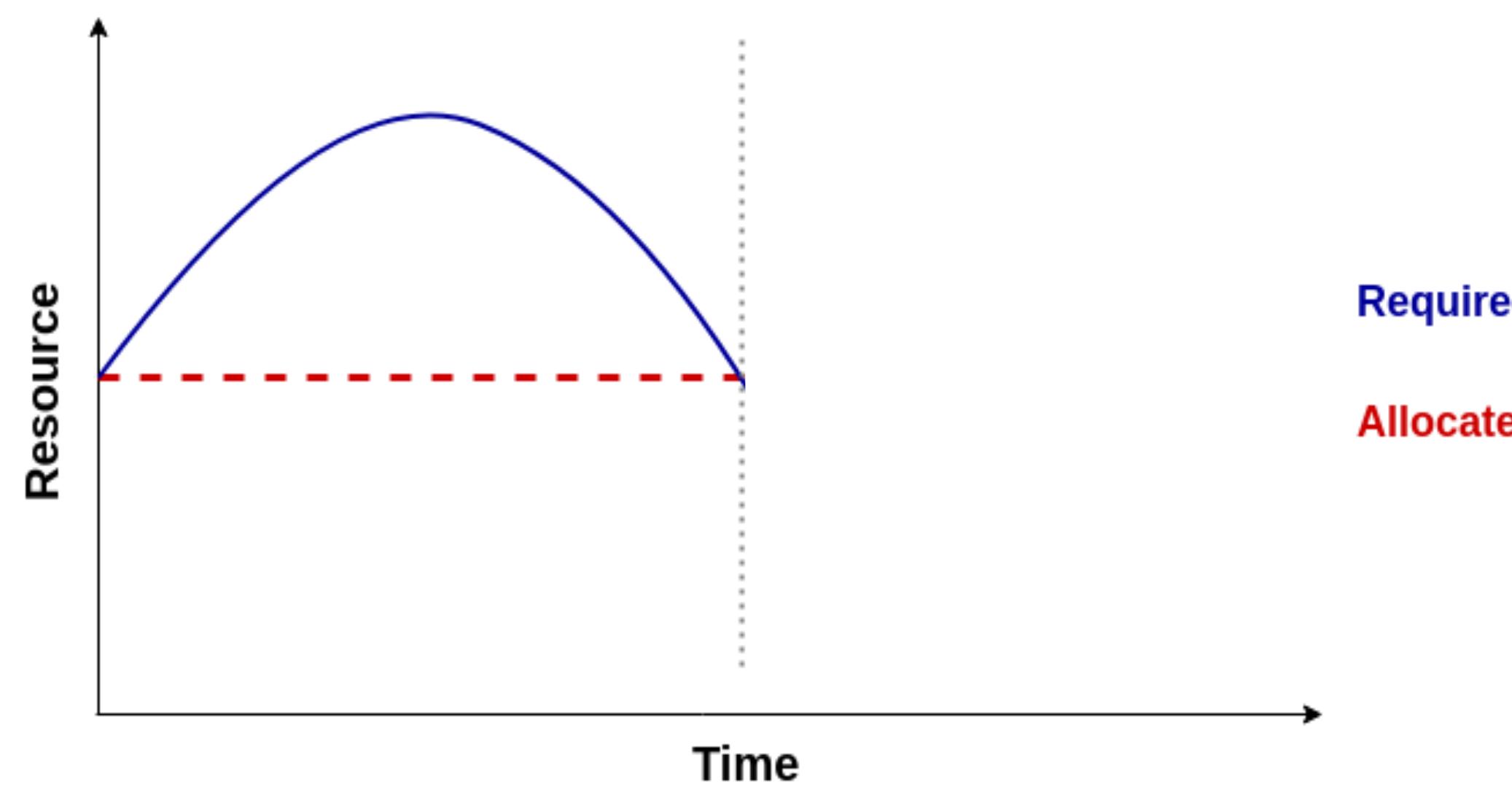
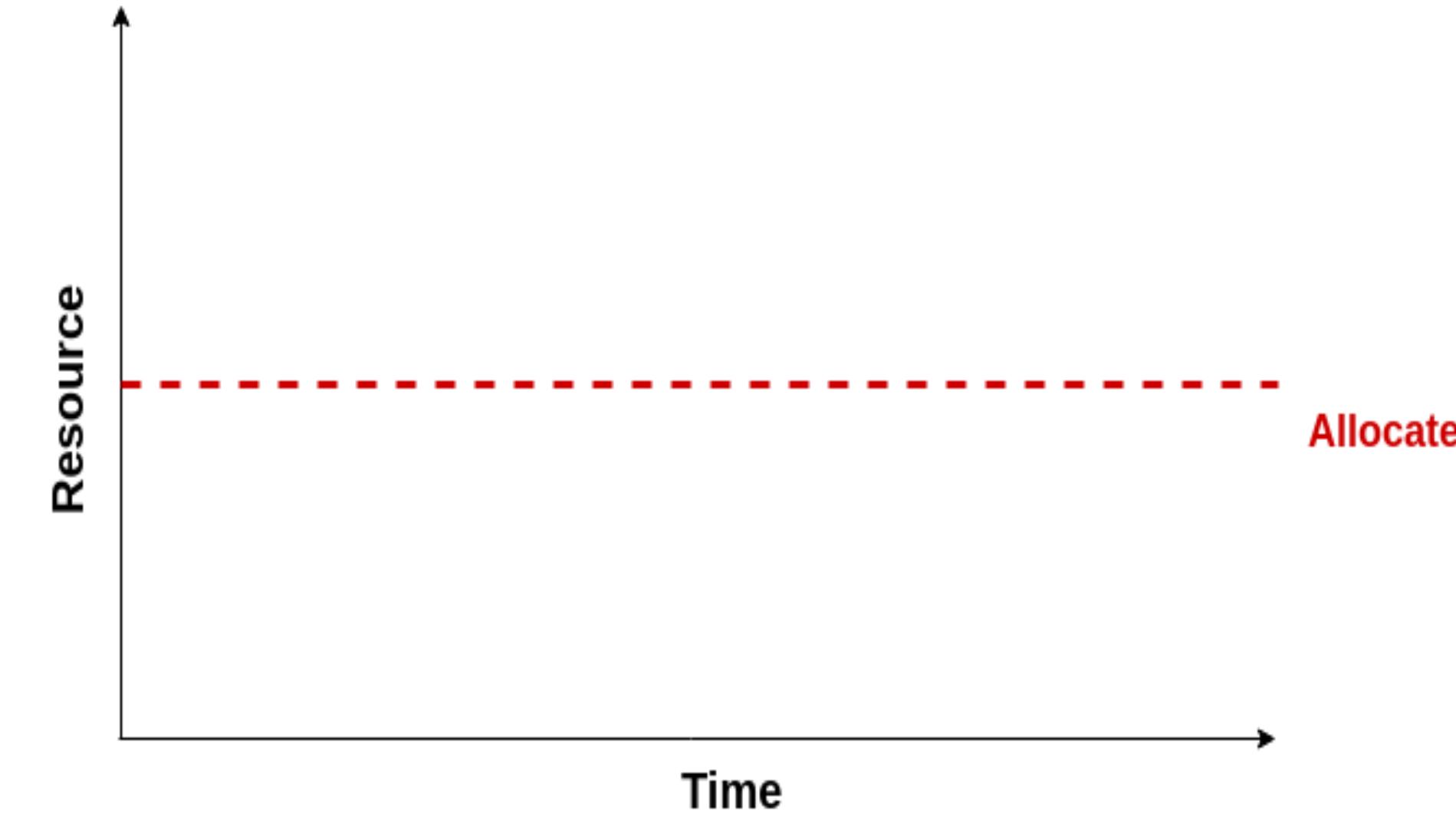
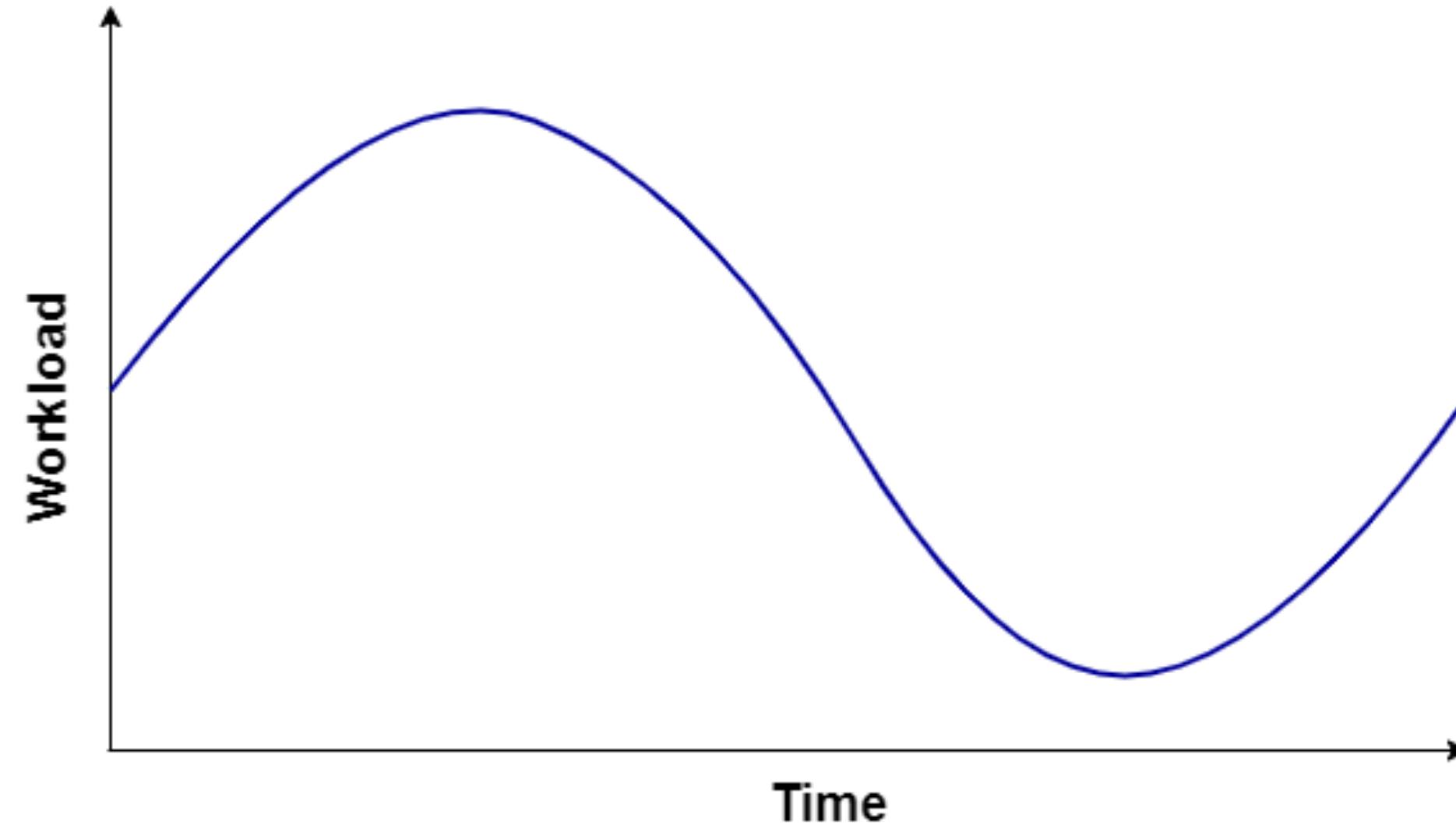
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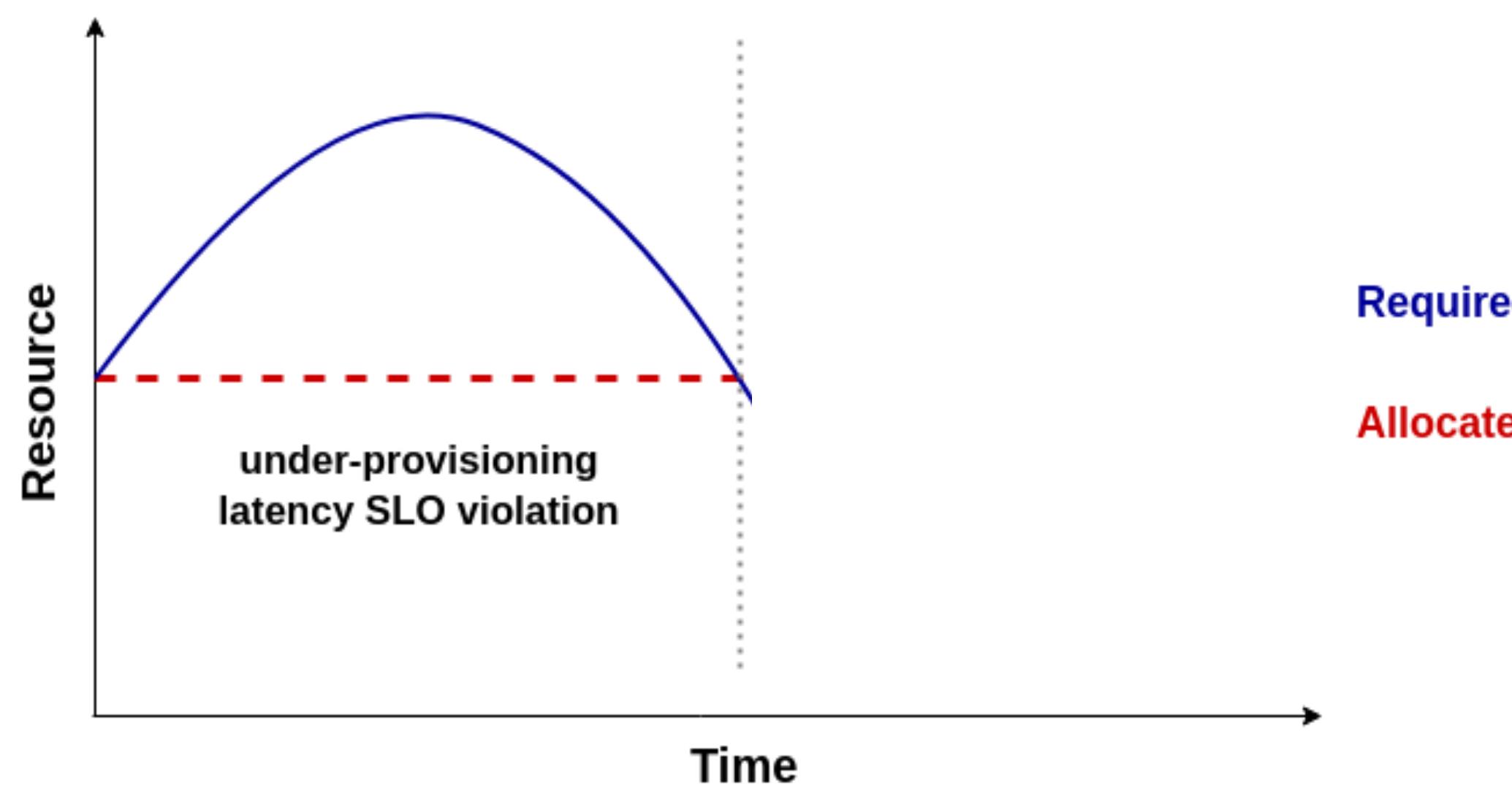
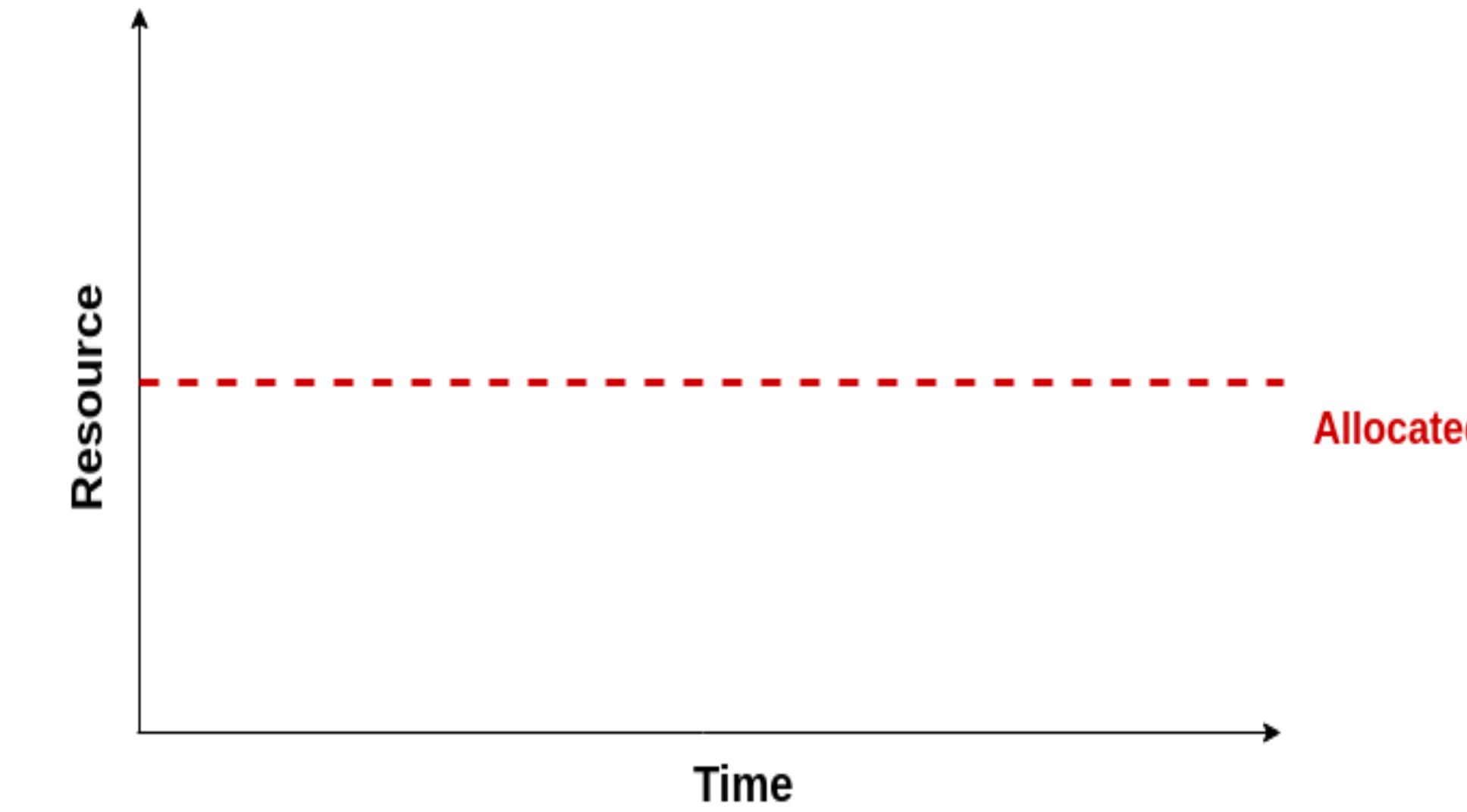
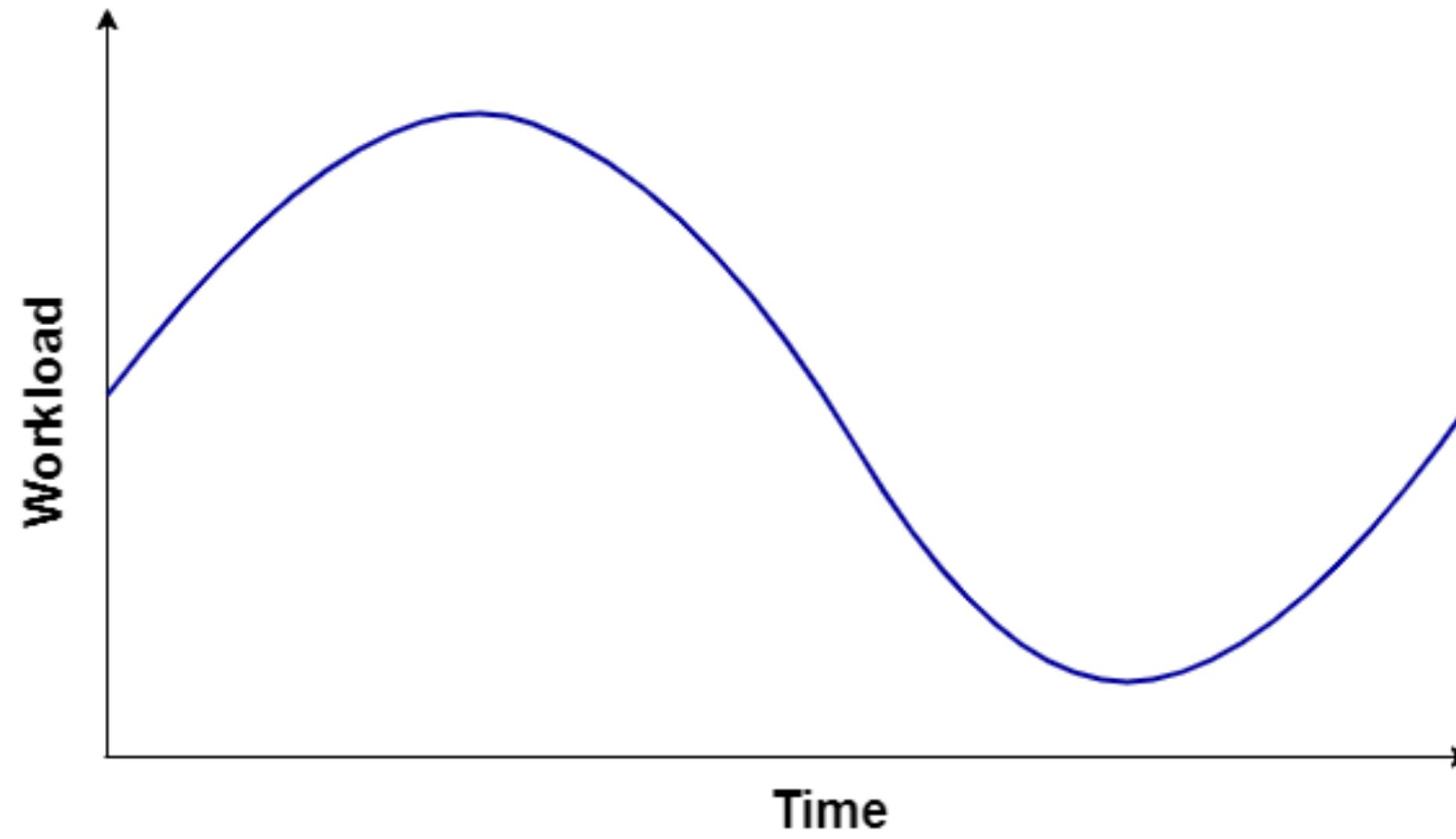
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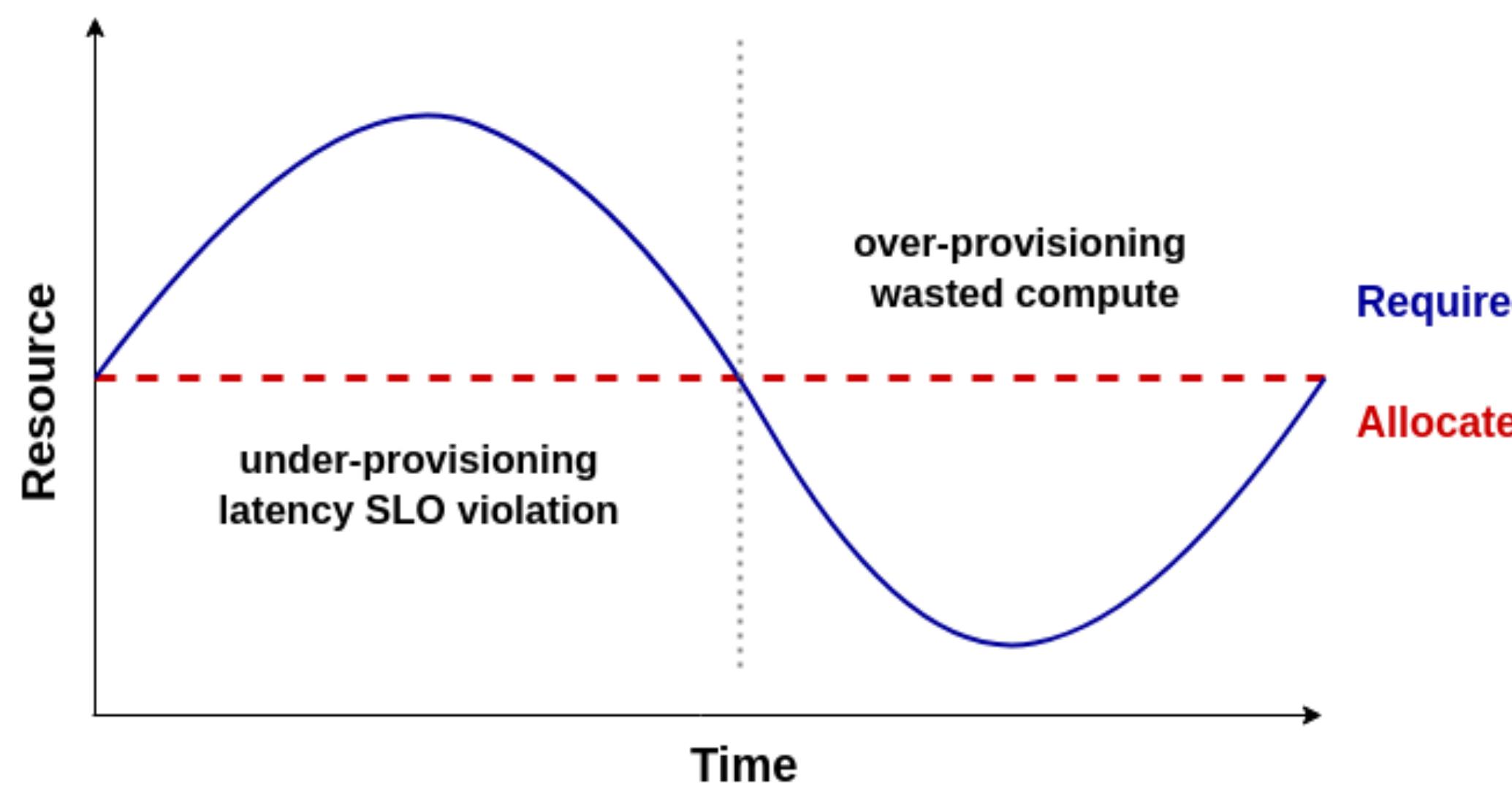
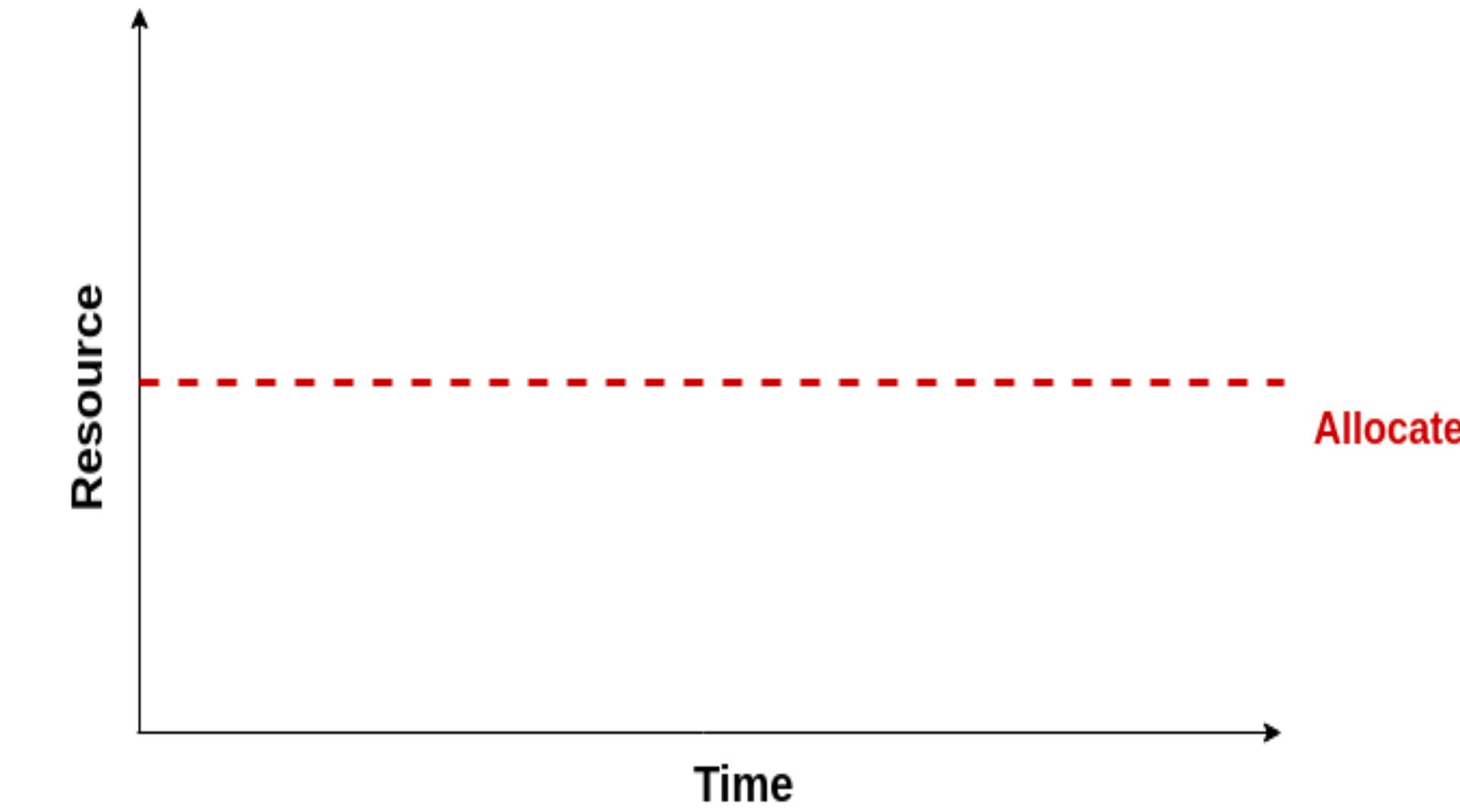
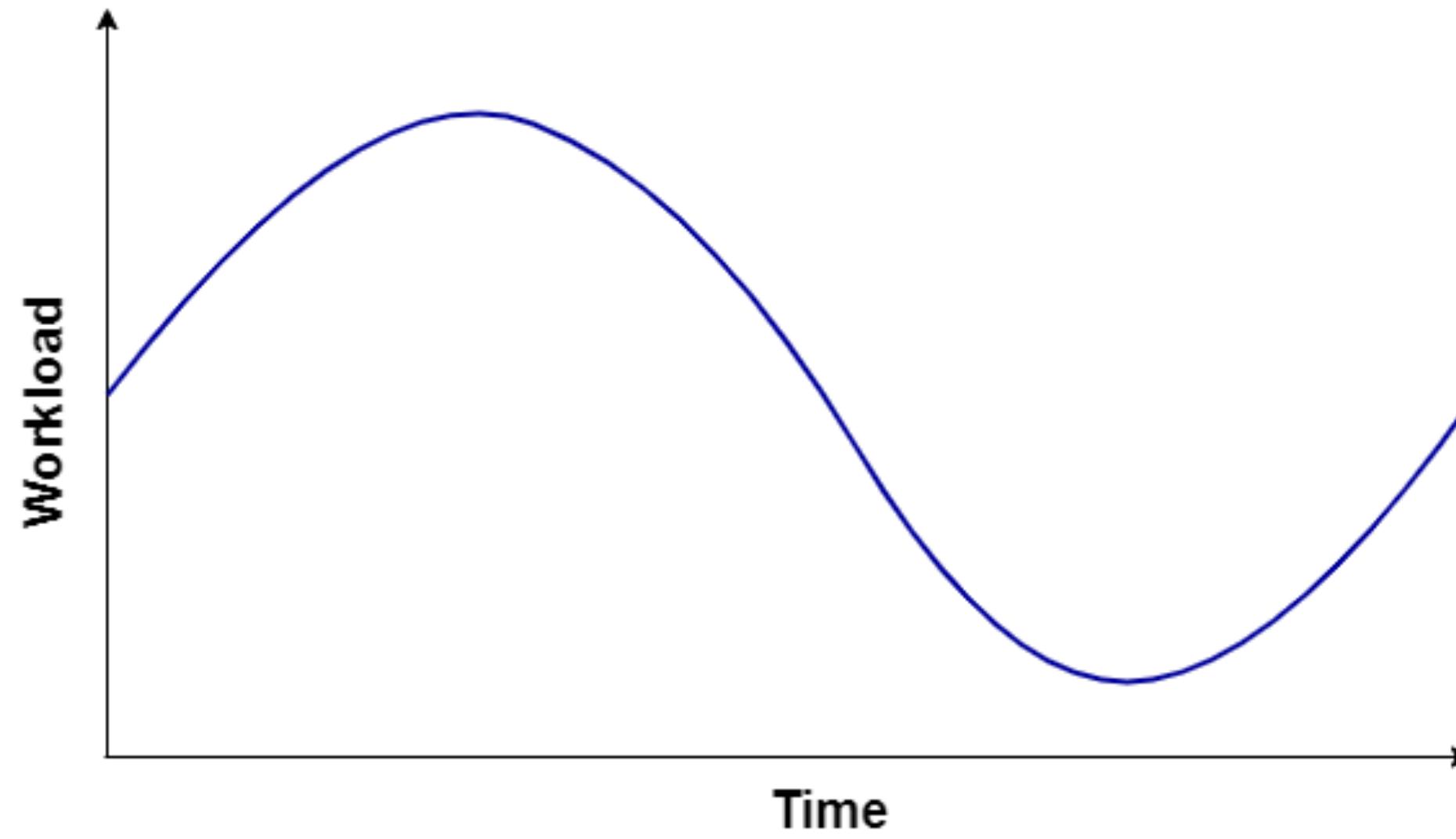
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Under
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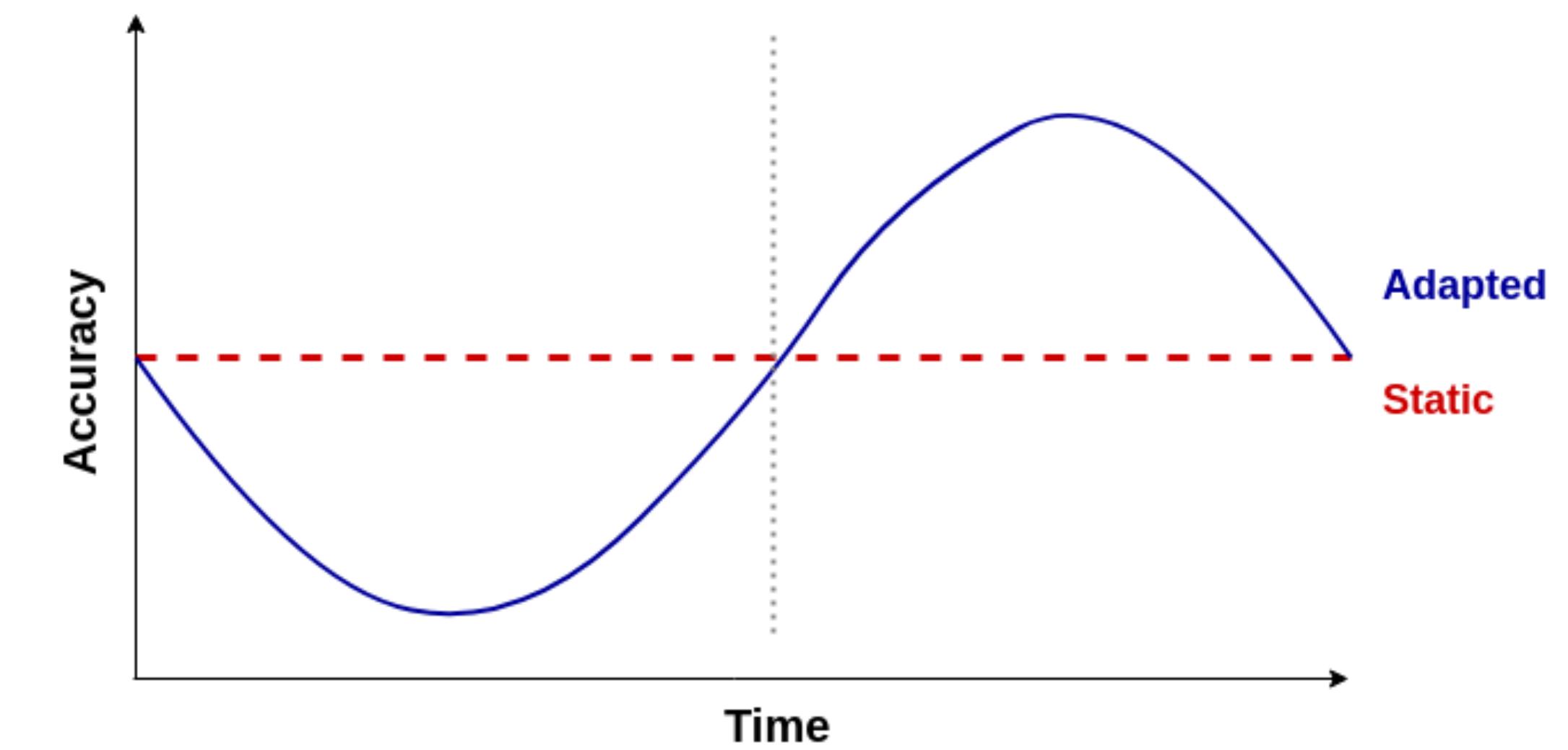
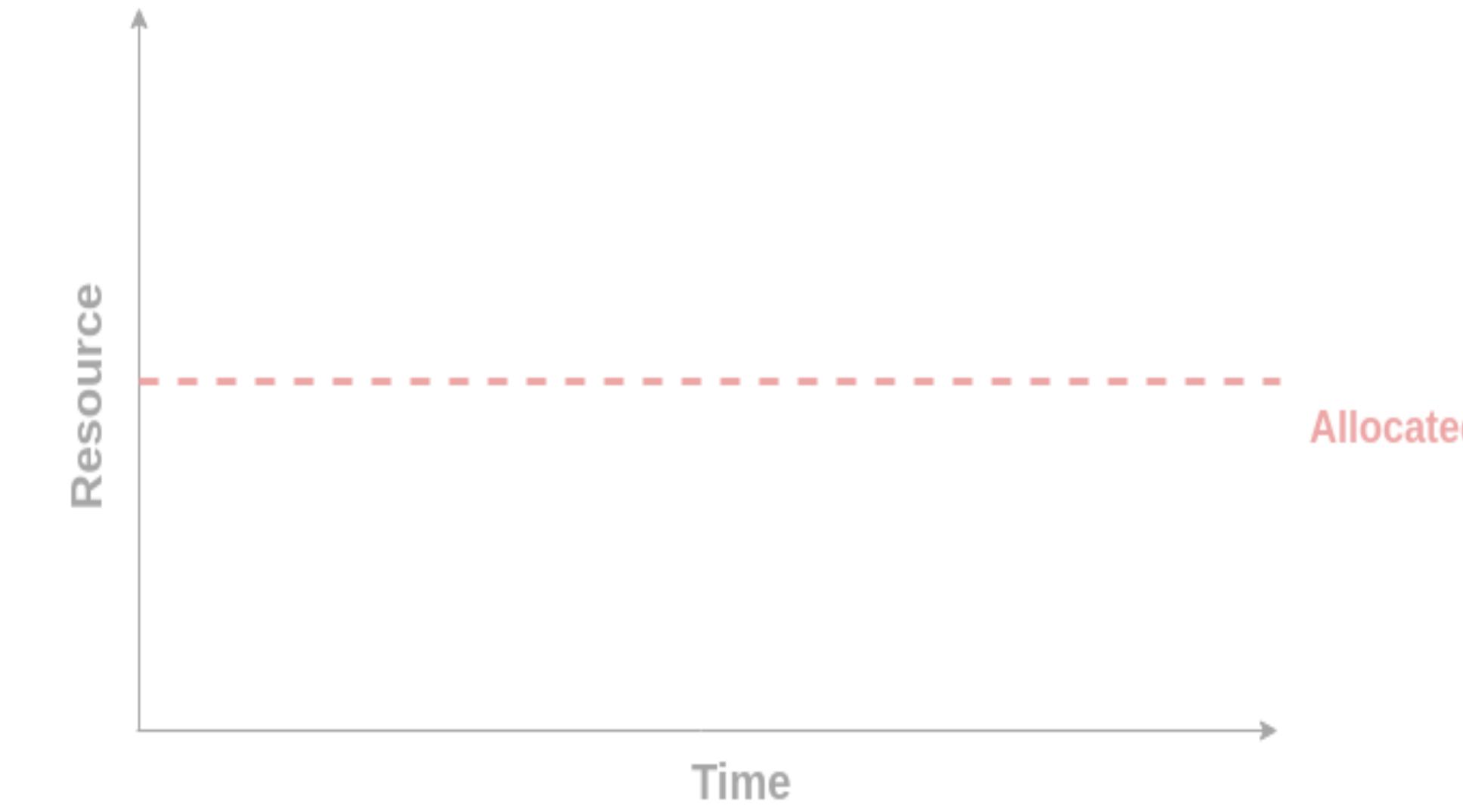
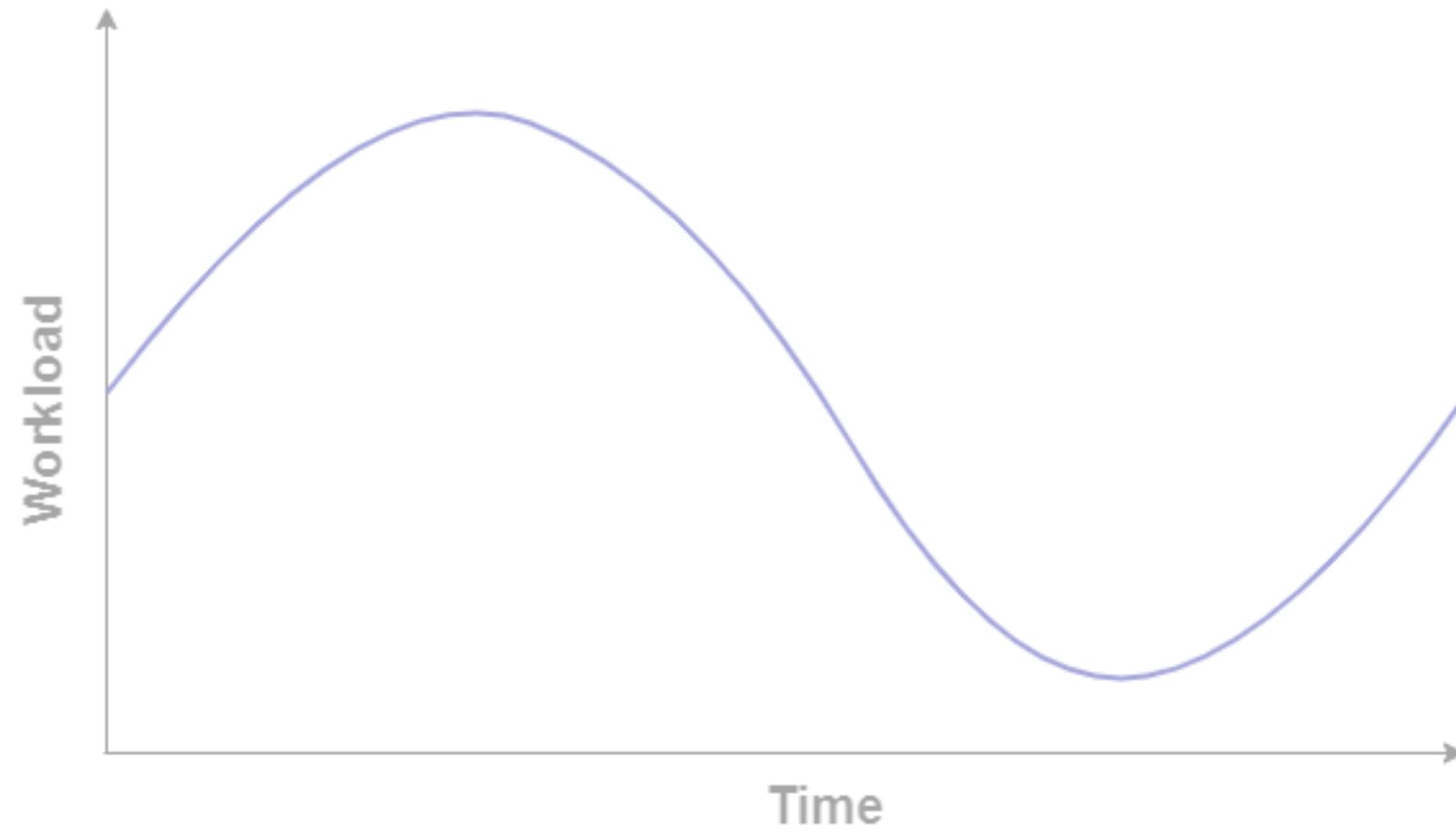
Quality adaptation

ResNet18: Tiger

ResNet152: Dog



Quality adaptation

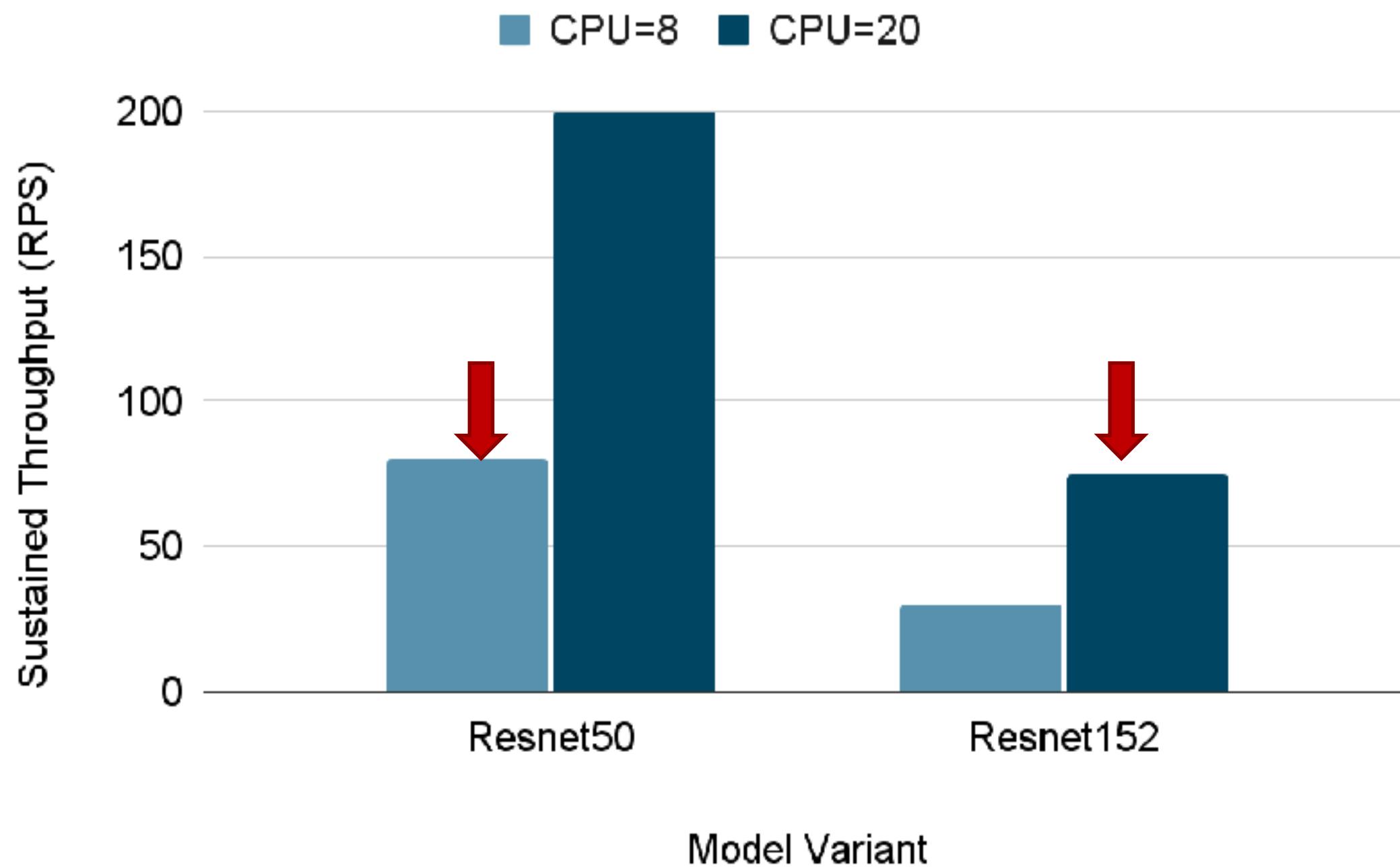


Solution: InfAdapter

InfAdapter is a latency SLO-aware, highly accurate, and cost-efficient inference serving system.

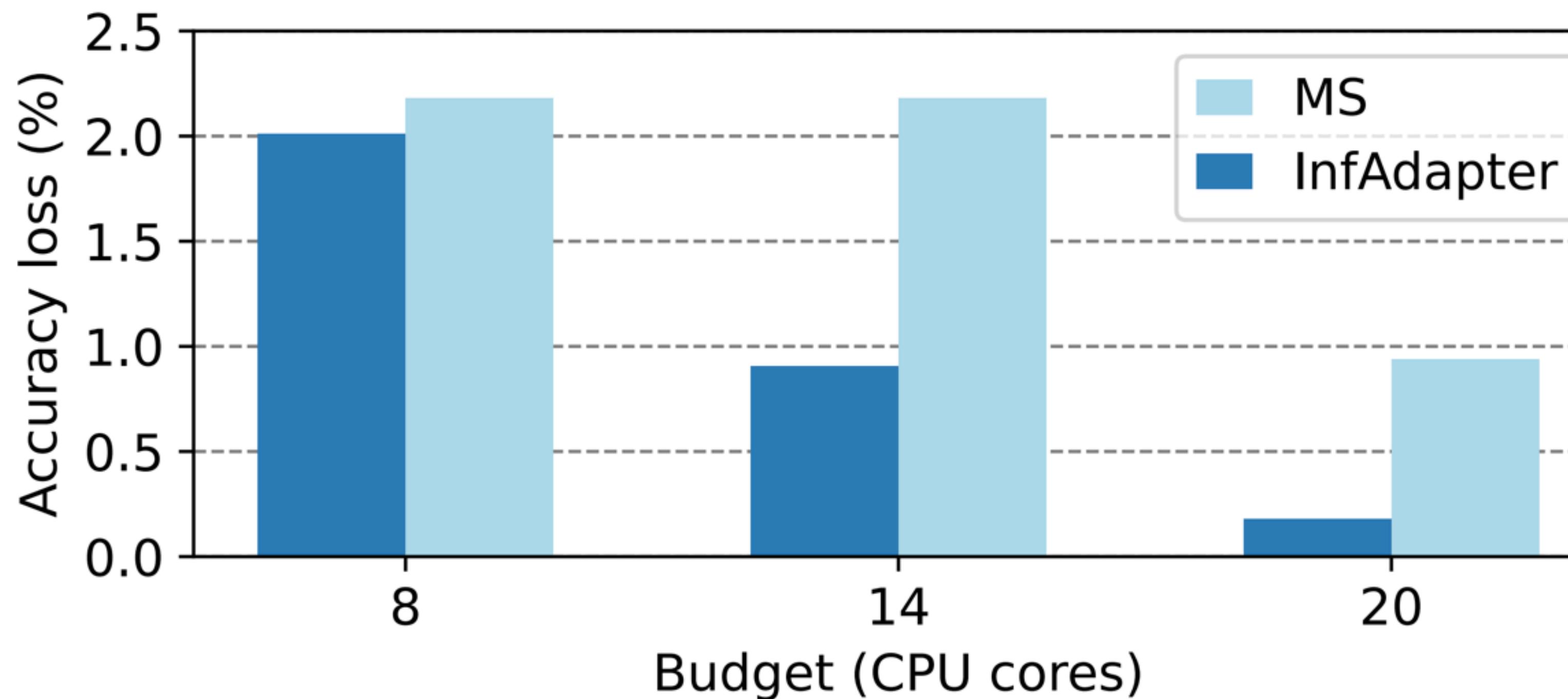
InfAdapter: Why?

Different throughputs with different model variants

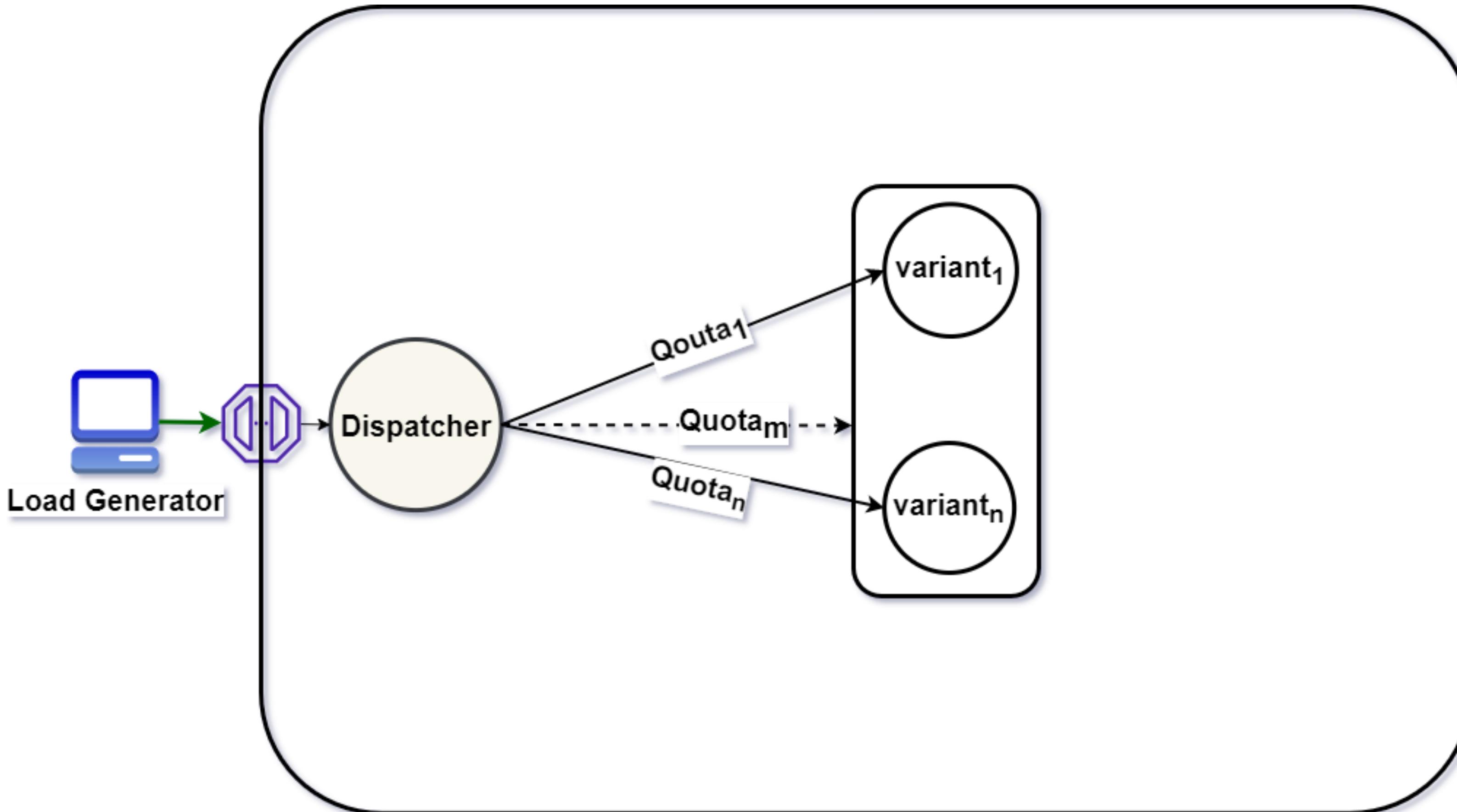


InfAdapter: Why?

Higher average accuracy by using multiple model variants



InfAdapter: How?



Selecting a **subset of model variants**, each having its size meeting latency requirements for the predicted workload while **maximizing accuracy and minimizing resource cost**

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Minimizing Resource and Loading Costs

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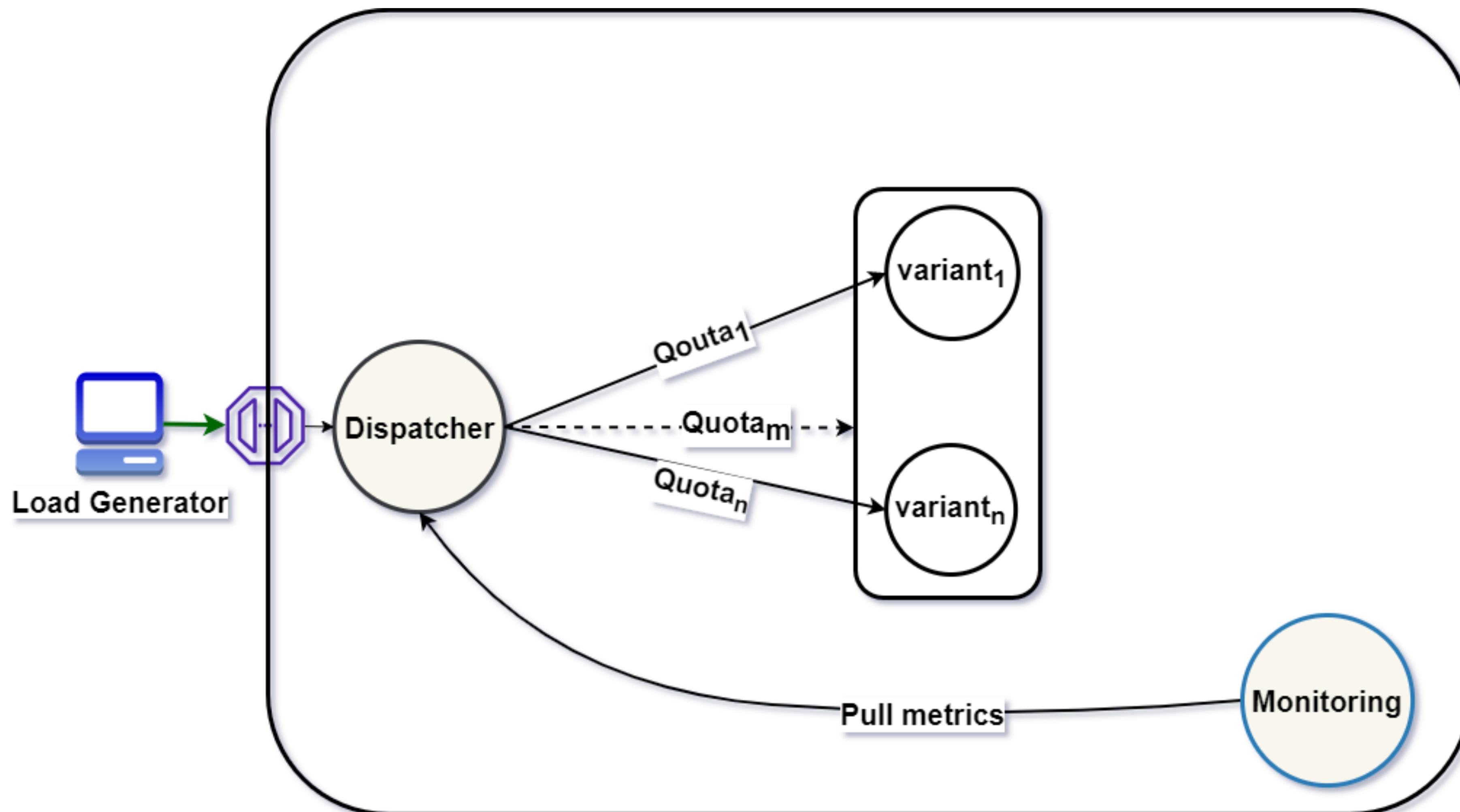
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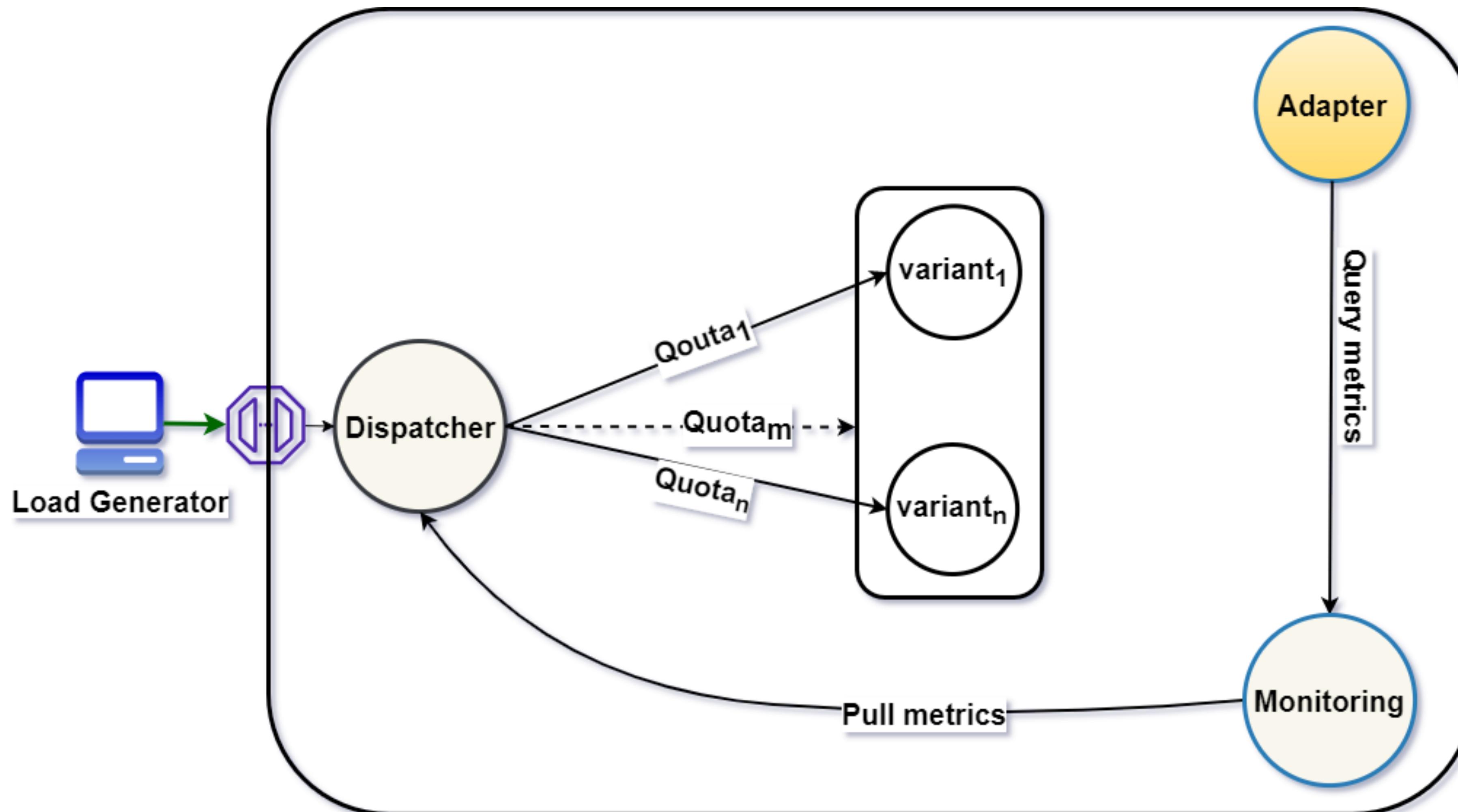
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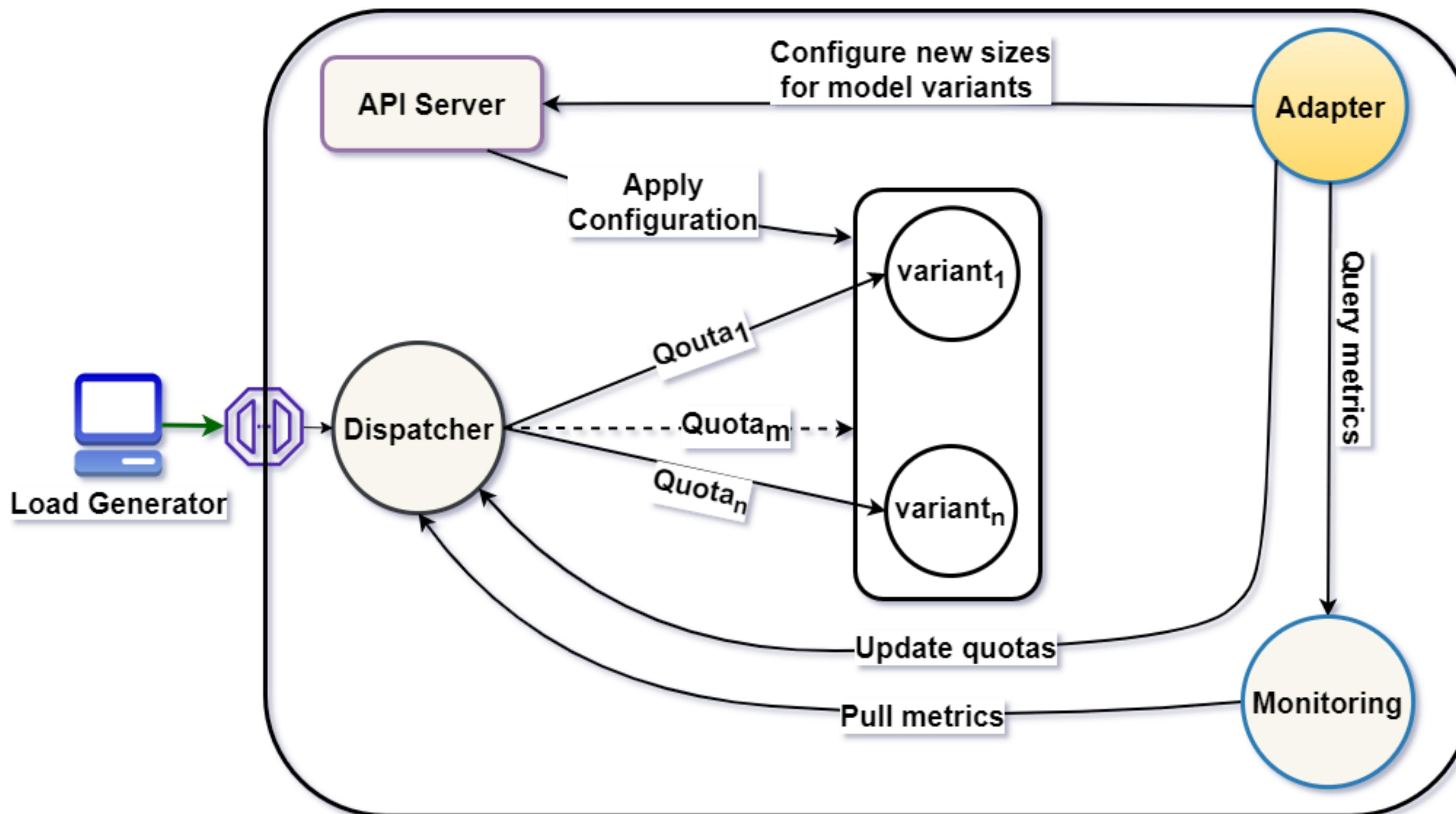
InfAdapter: Design



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InfAdapter: Experimental evaluation setup

Workload: **Twitter-trace** sample (2022-08)

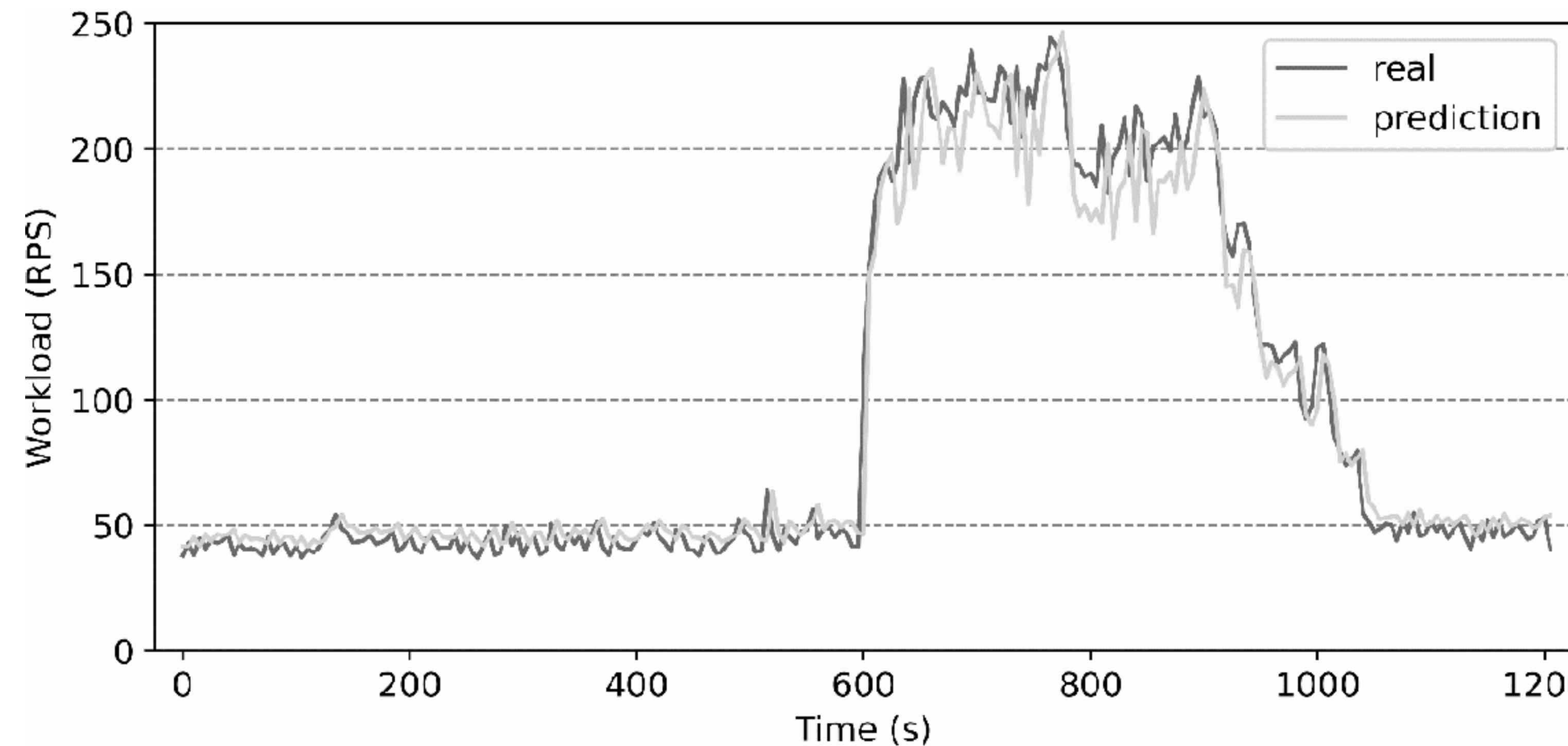
Baselines: **Kubernetes VPA** and **Model-Switching**

Used models: Resnet18, Resnet34, Resnet50, Resnet101, Resnet152

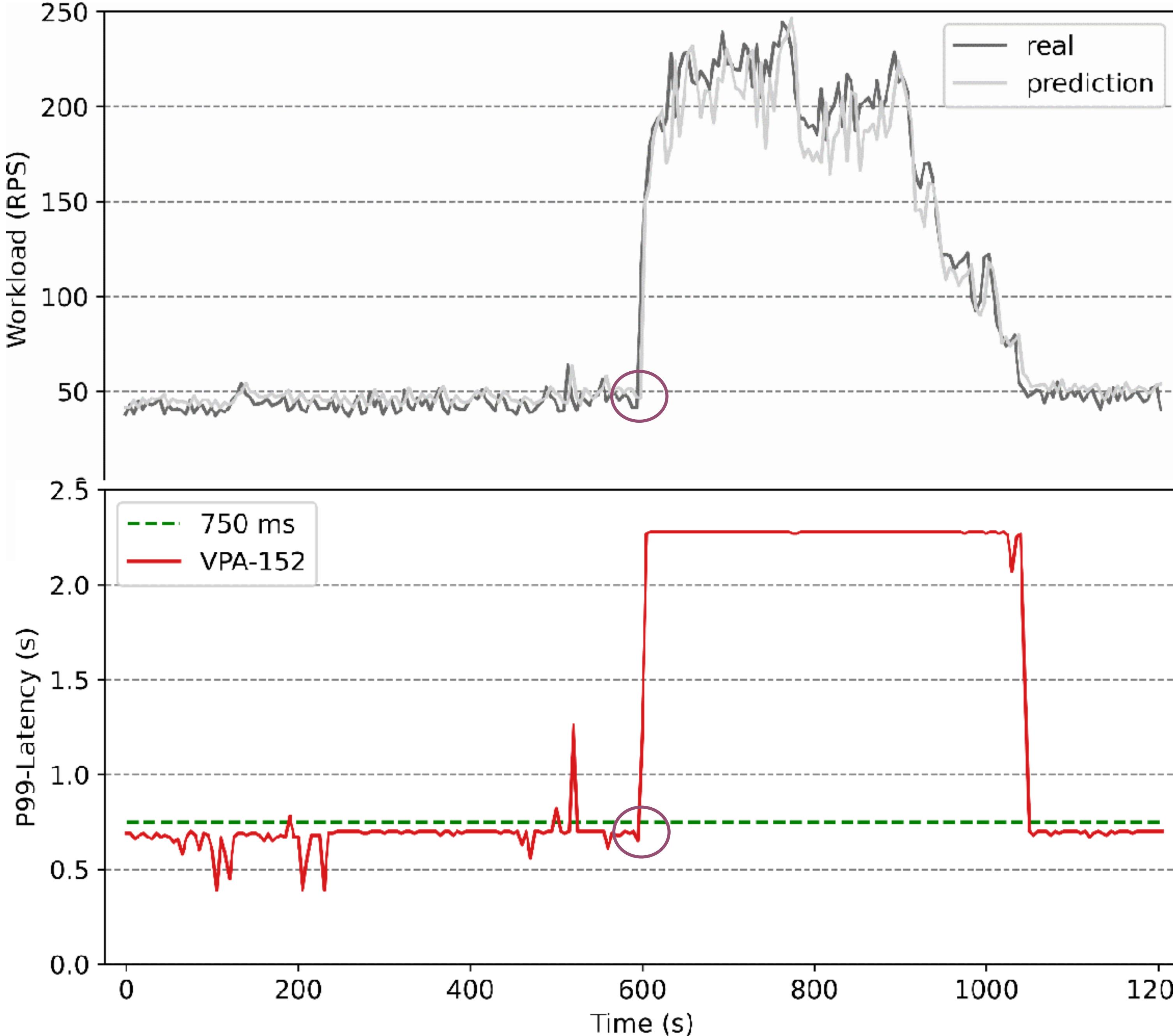
Interval adaptation: 30 seconds

Kubernetes cluster: 48 Cores, 192 GiB RAM

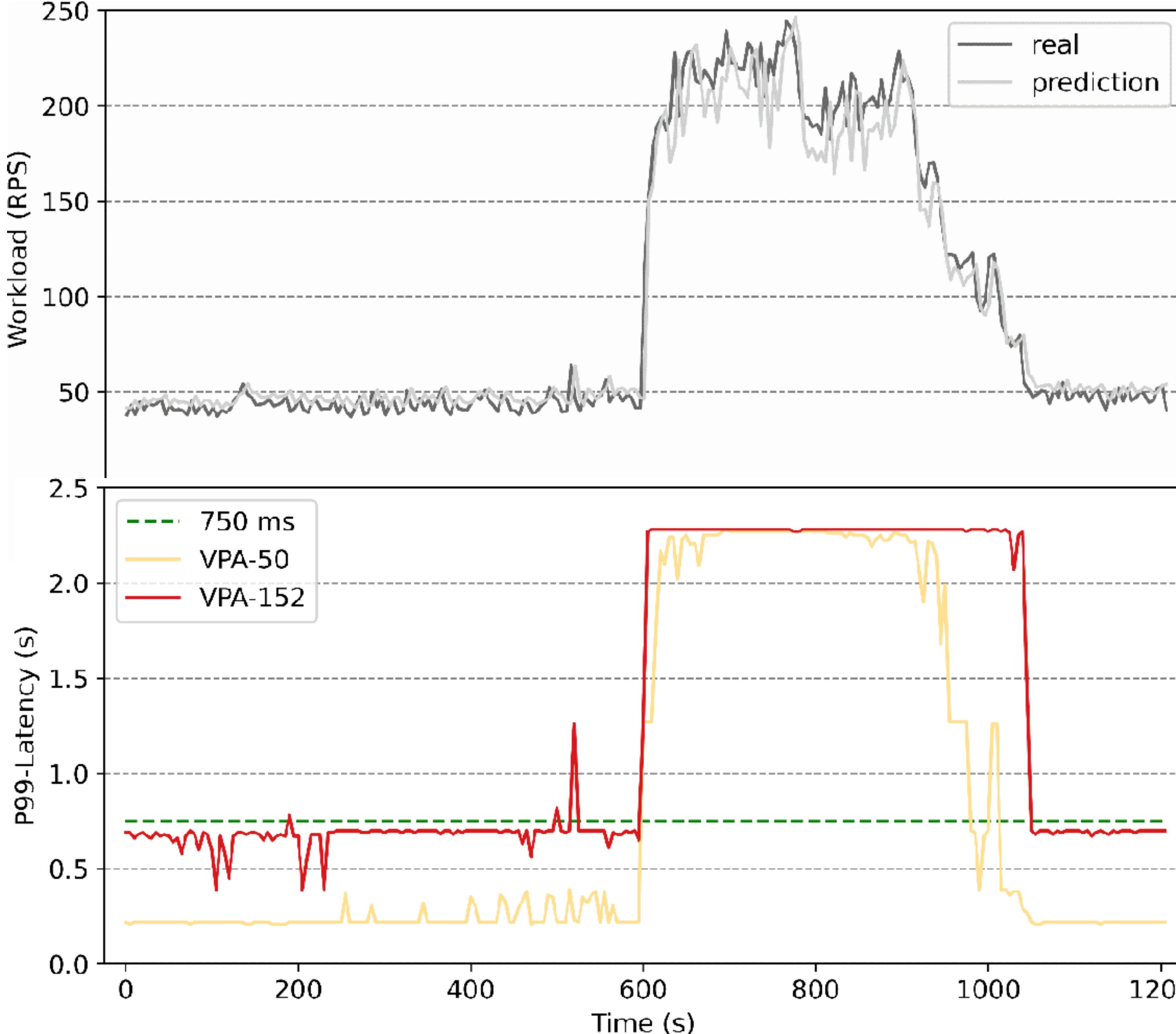
Workload Pattern



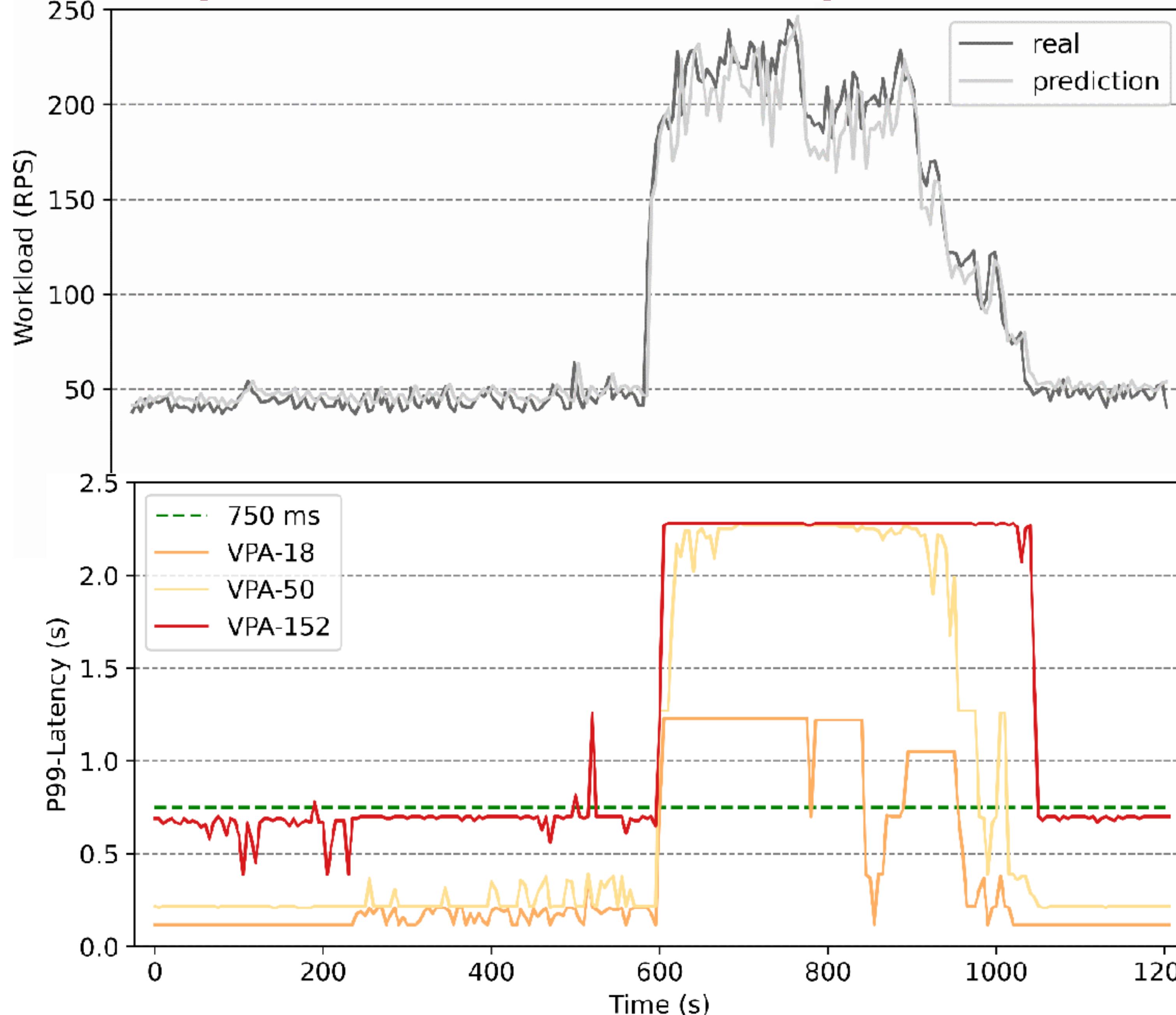
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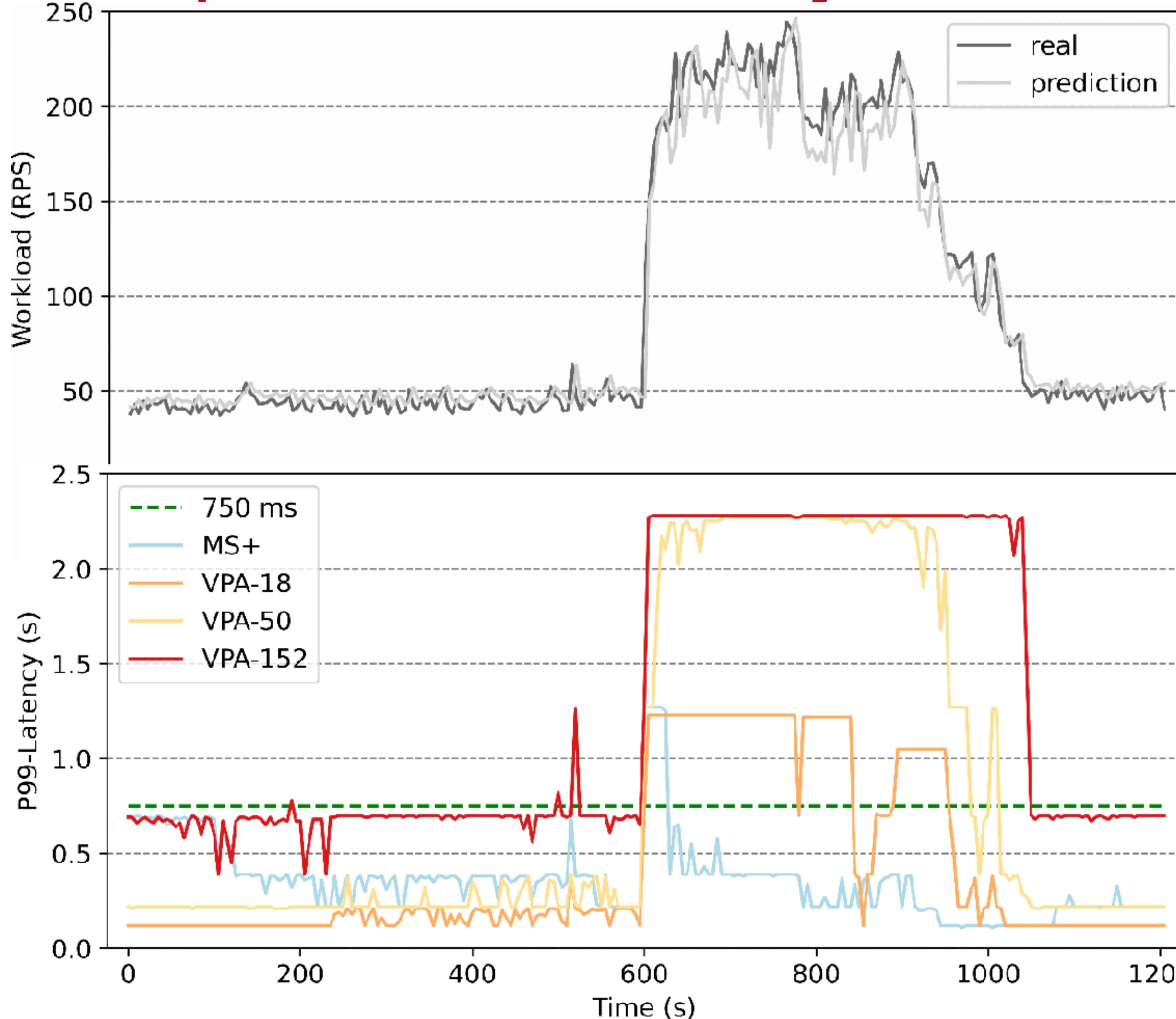
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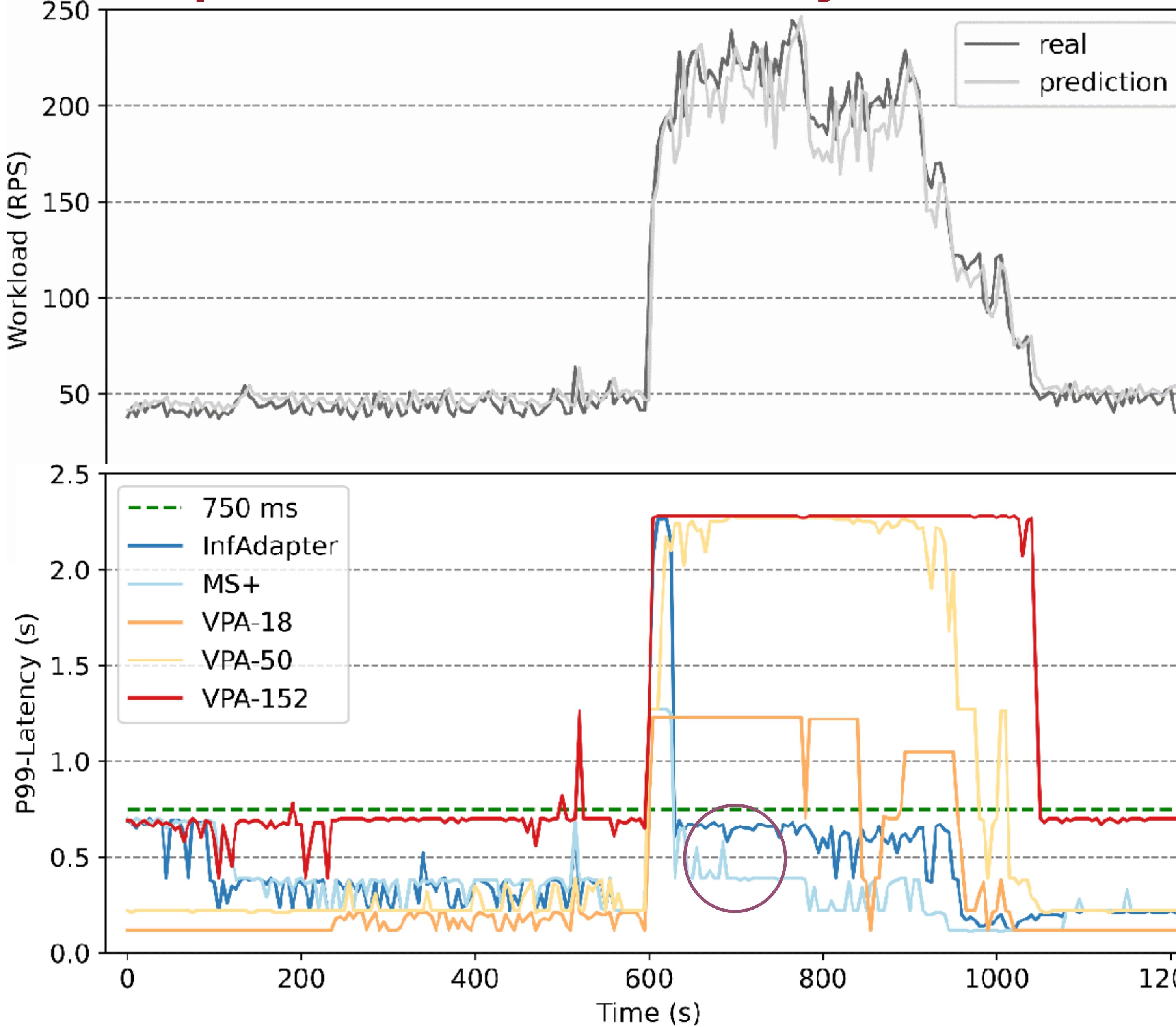
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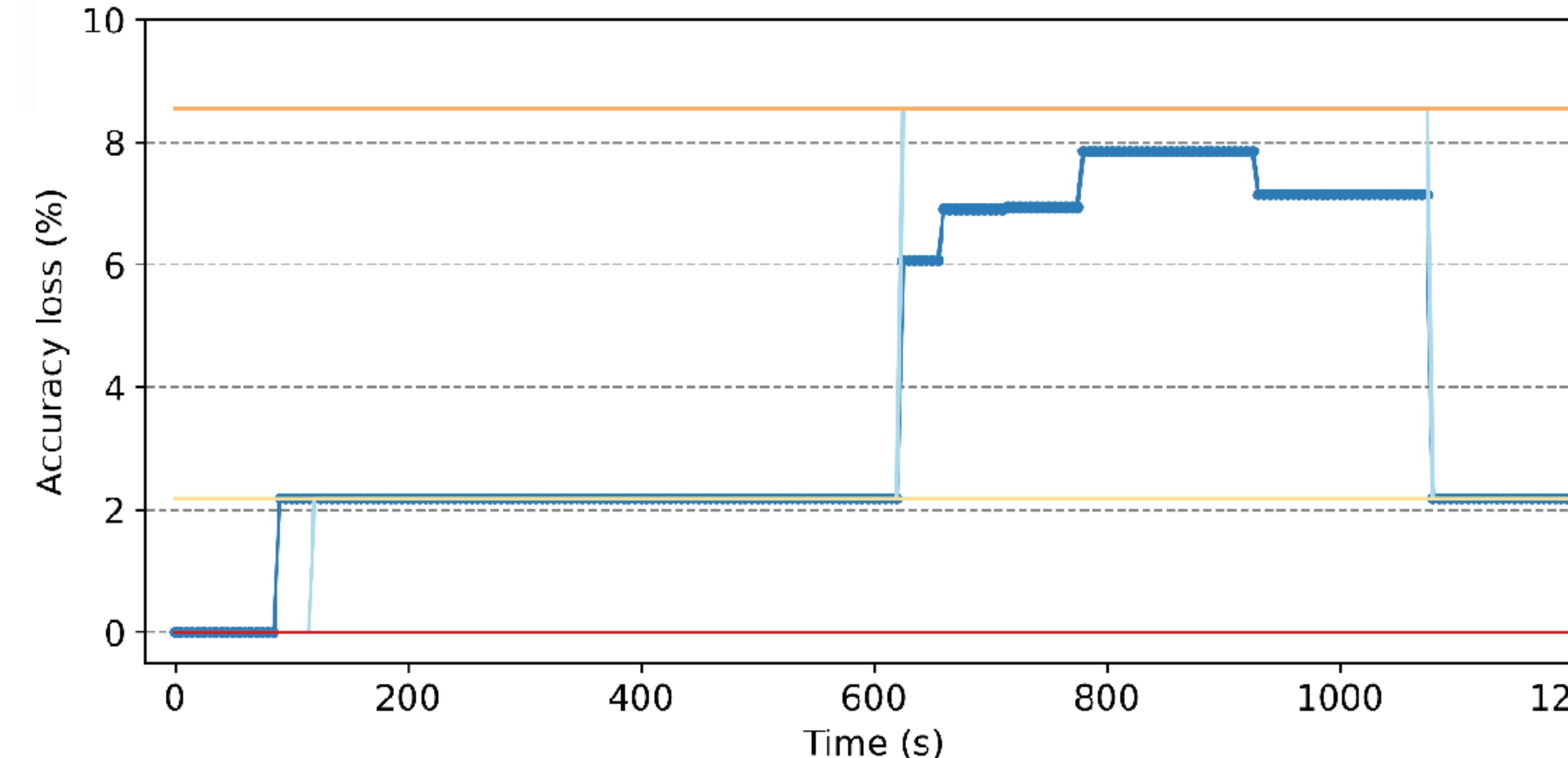
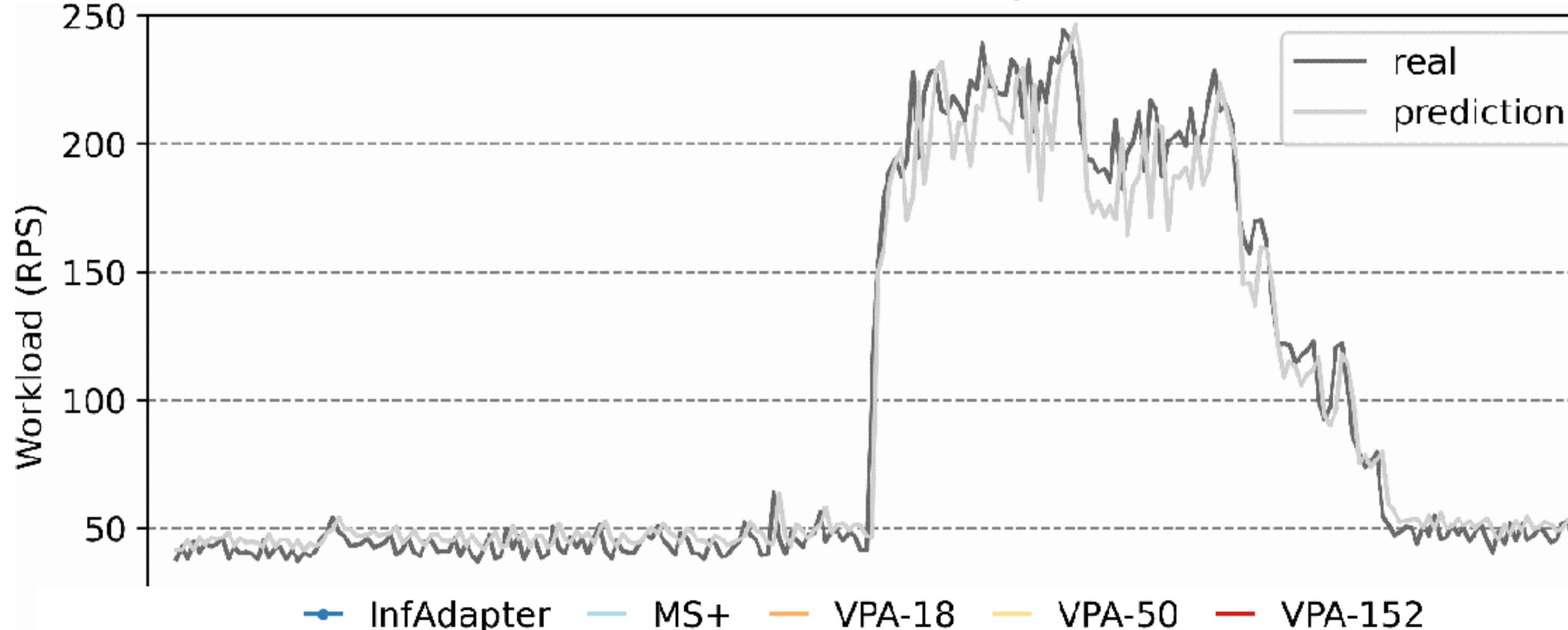
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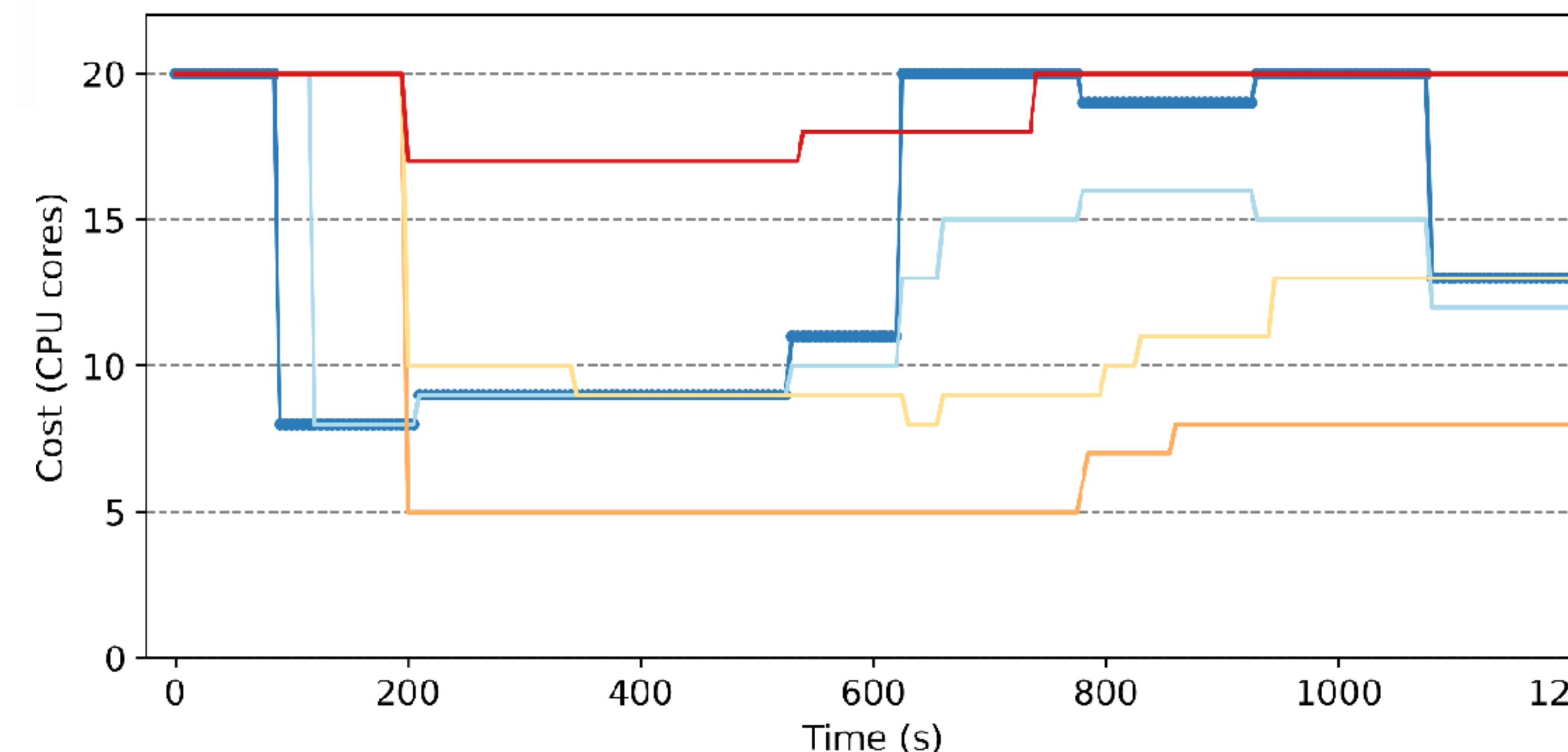
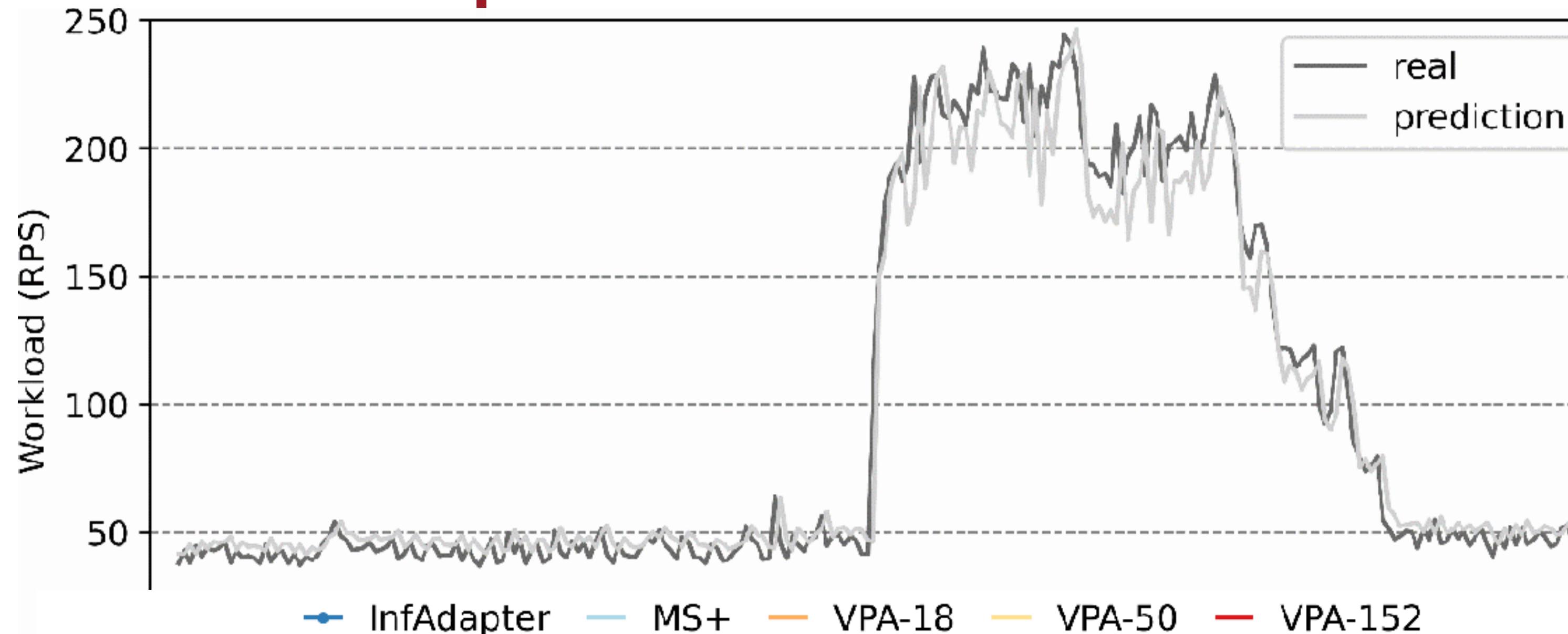
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InfAdapter: Accuracy evaluation

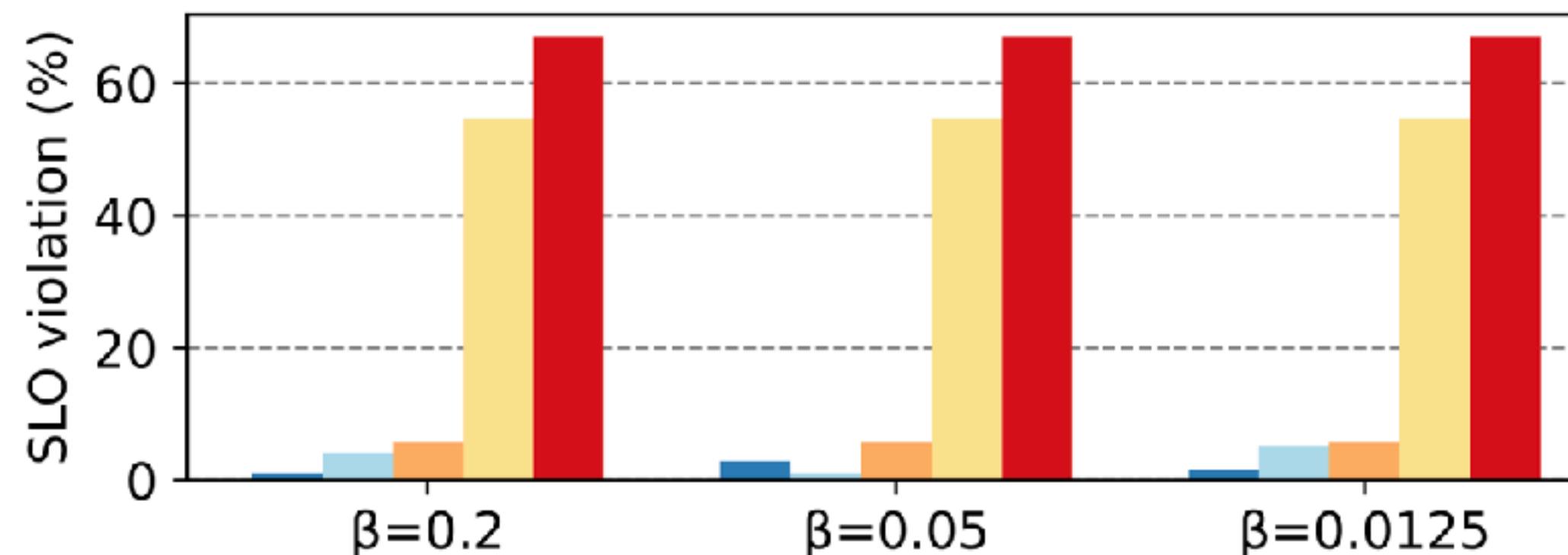
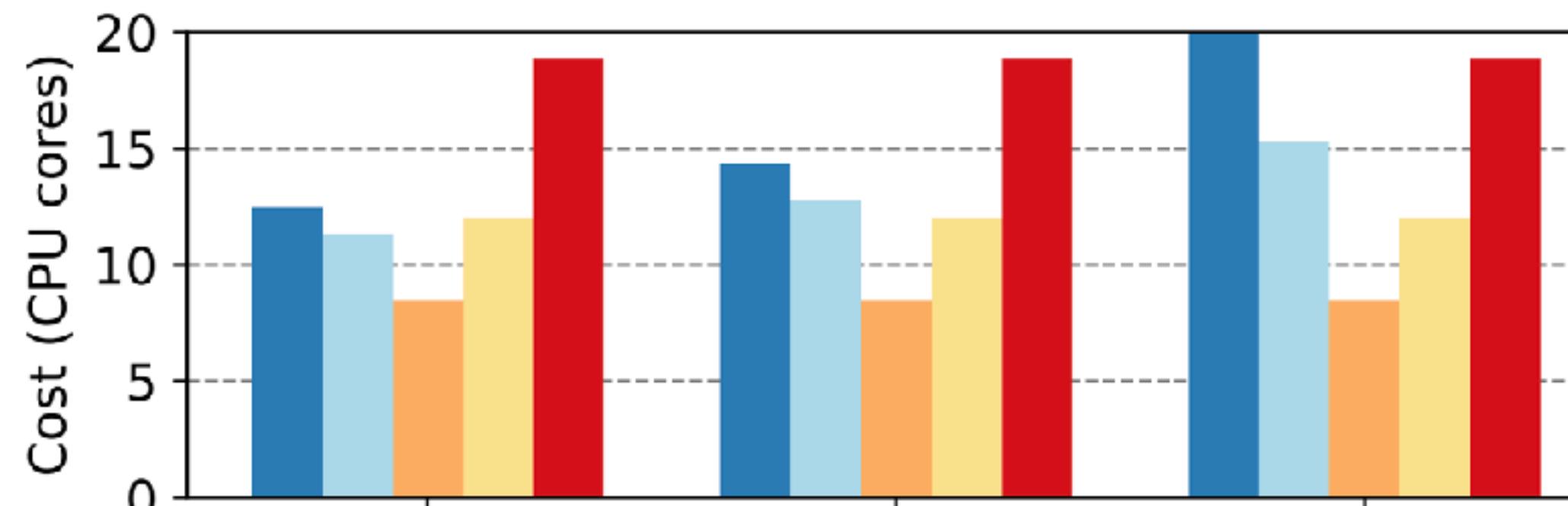
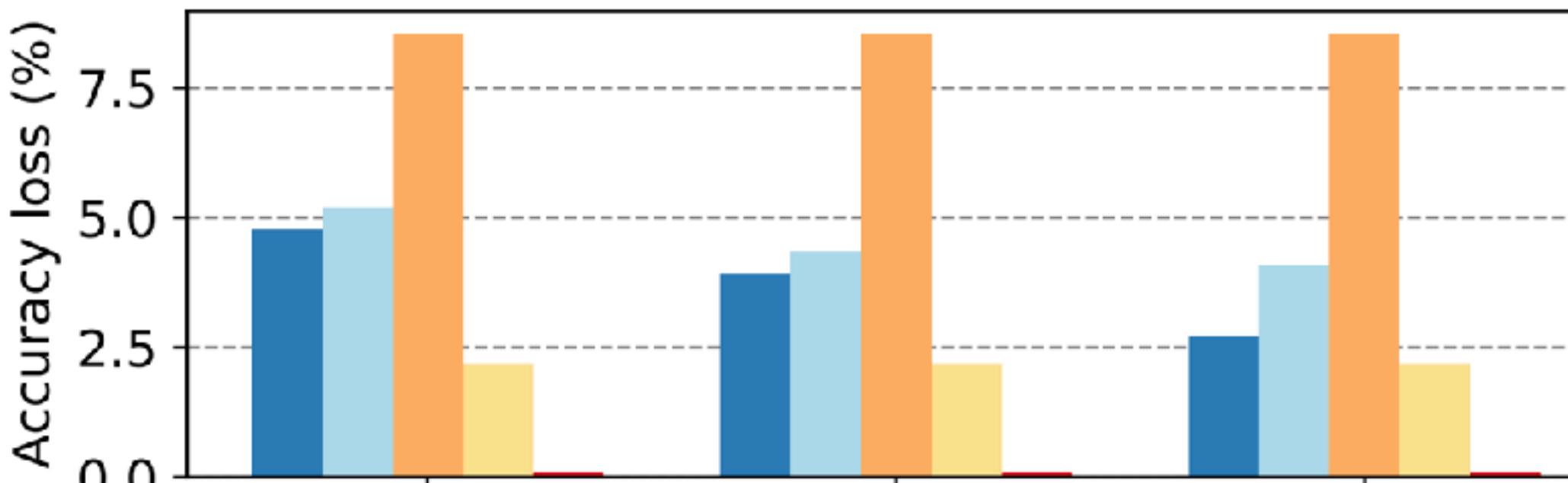


InfAdapter: Cost evaluation



InfAdapter: Tradeoff Space

■ InfAdapter ■ VPA-18 ■ VPA-152
■ MS+ ■ VPA-50



Takeaway

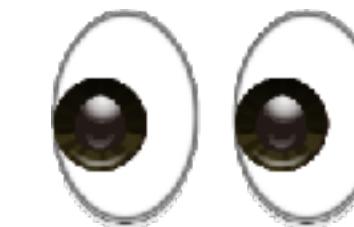


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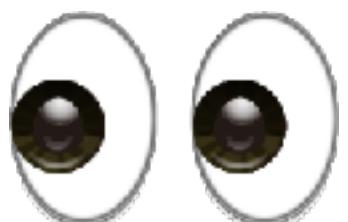
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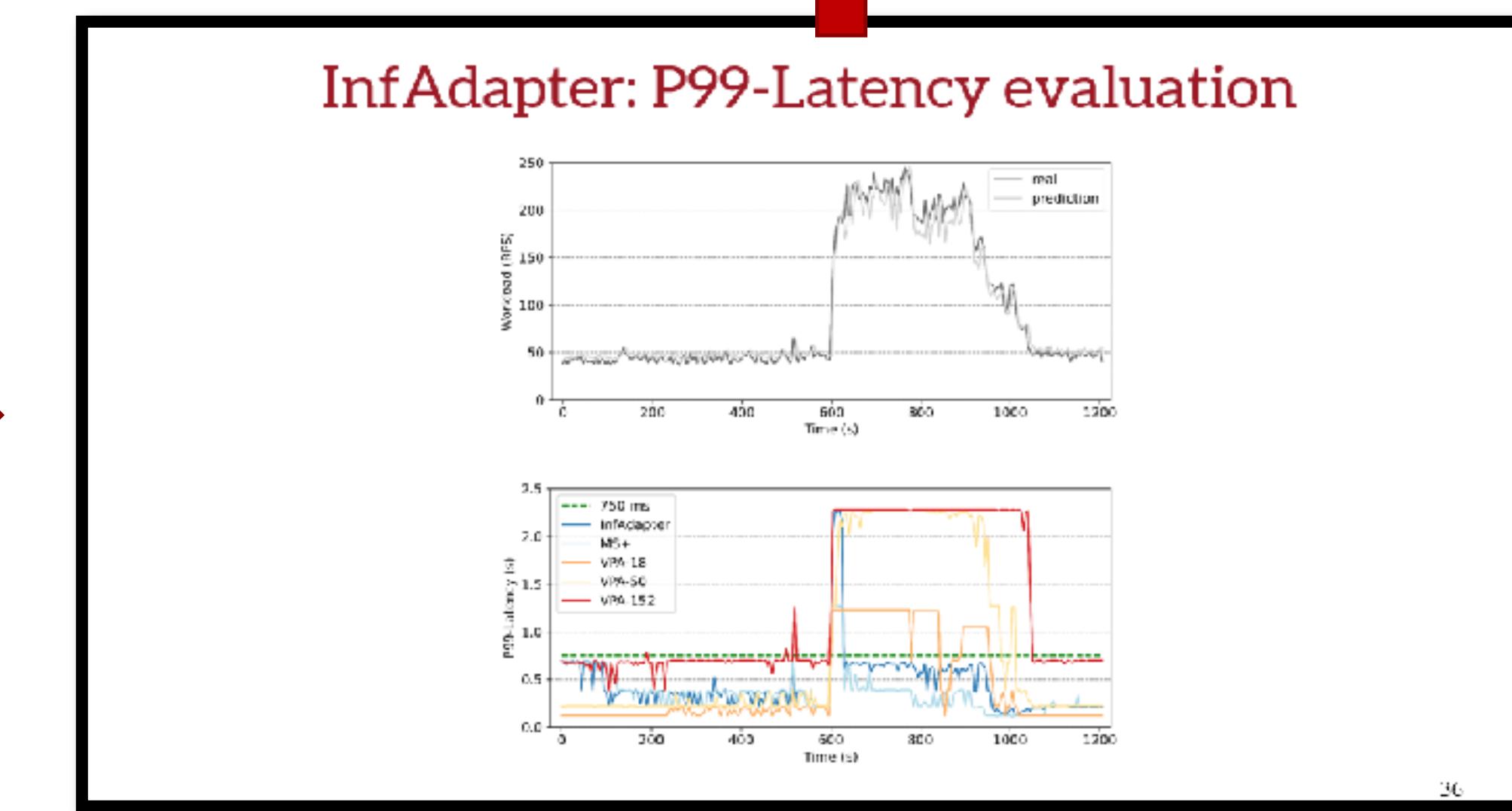
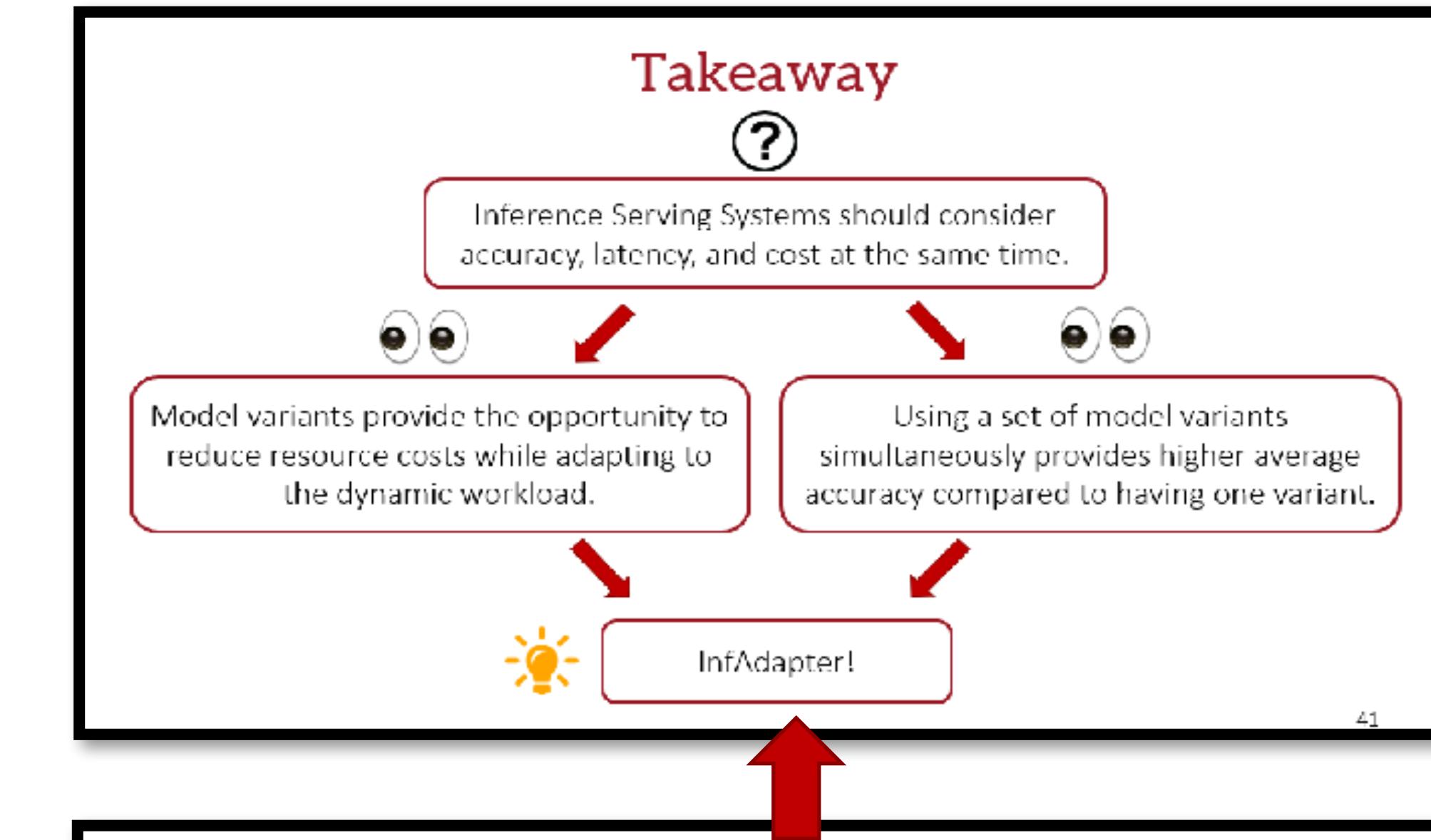
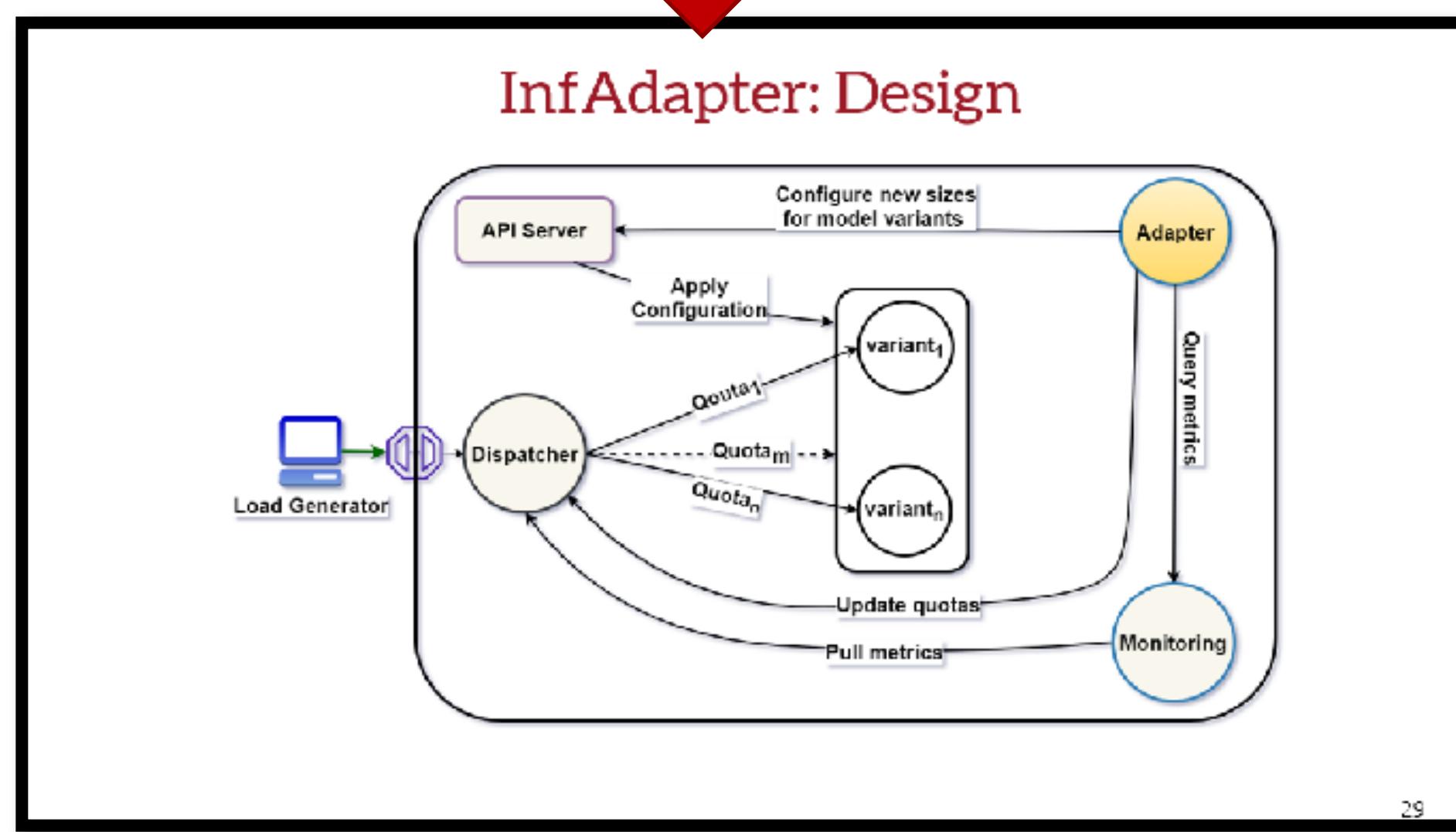
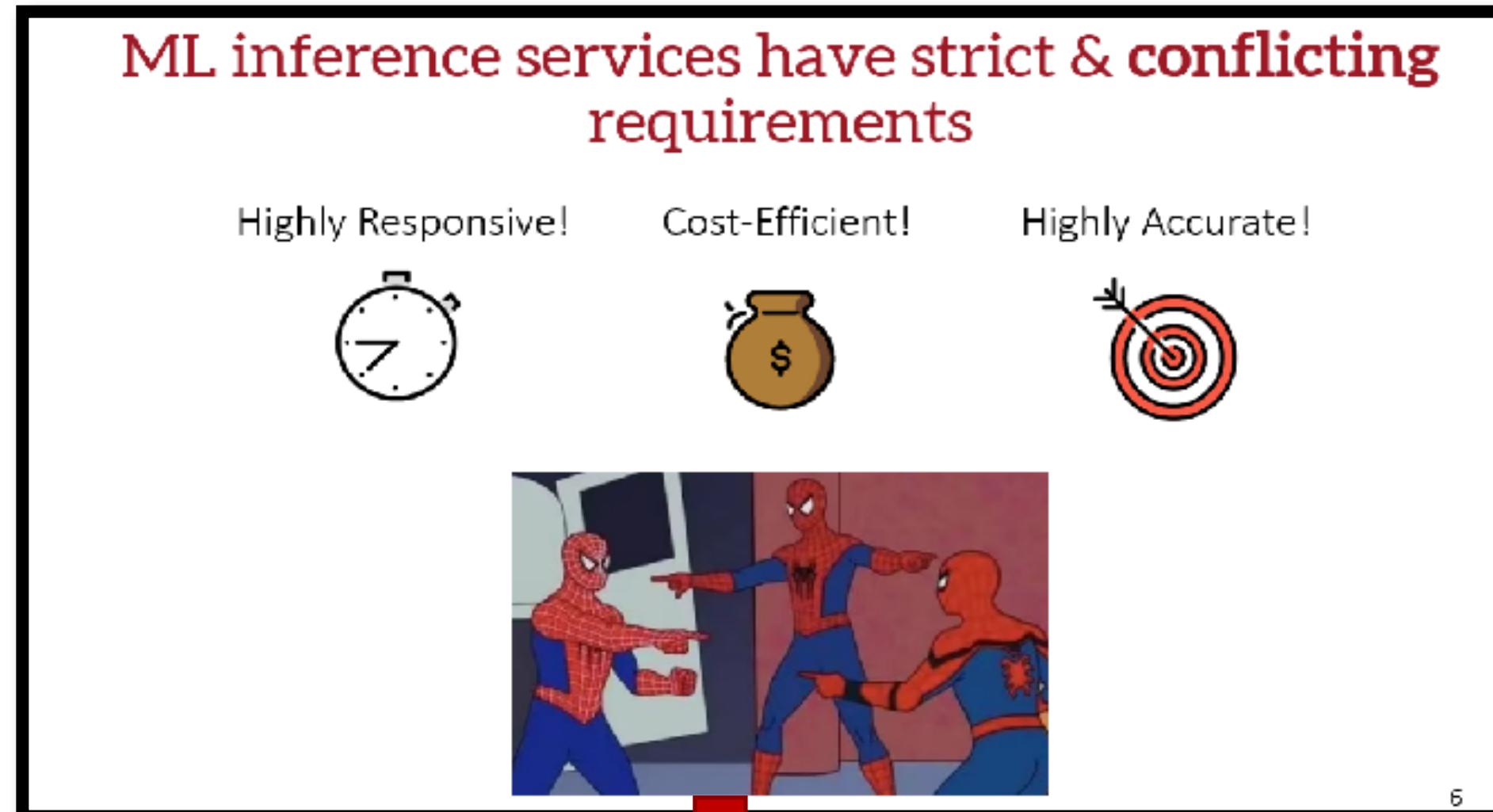
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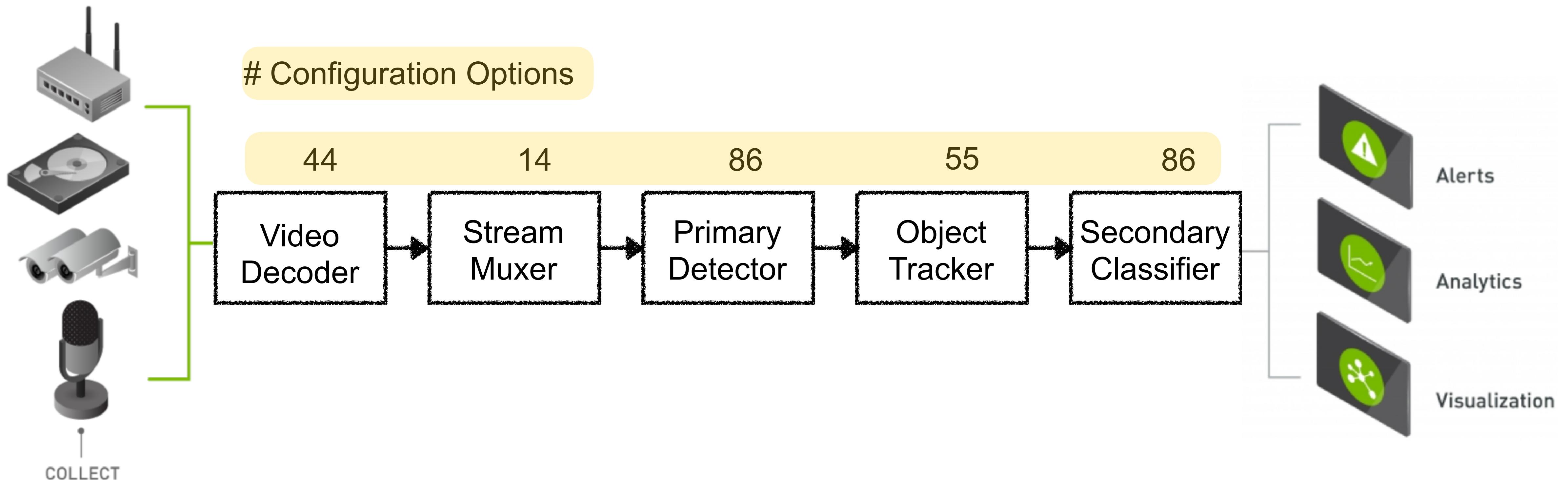
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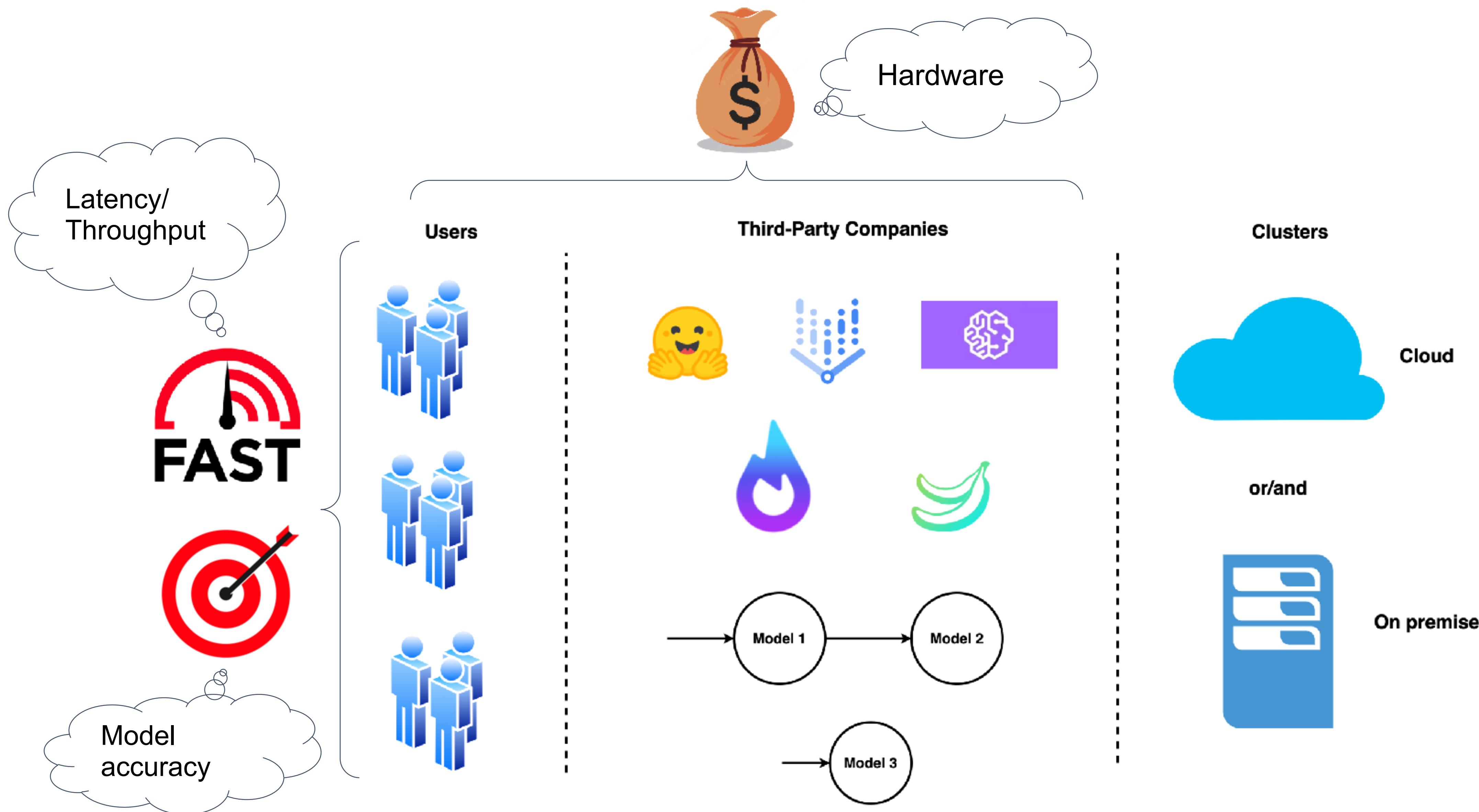
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What should be characteristic of an inference pipeline?



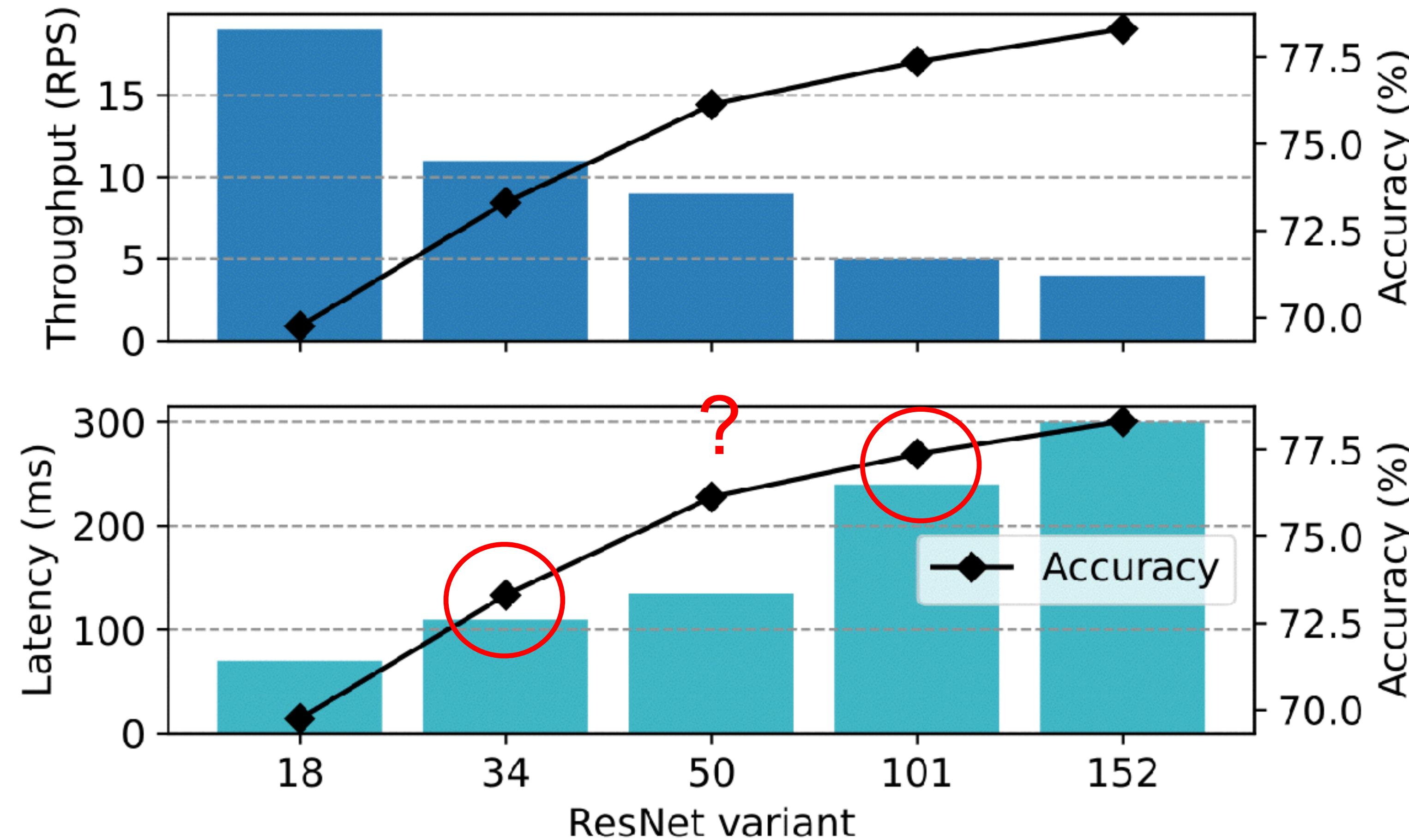
What should be characteristic of an inference pipeline?

- **Scalability:** The pipeline should be able to handle large volumes of data and scale horizontally to accommodate increases in input size or request frequency.
- **Low Latency:** Inference should be fast, especially in real-time or near-real-time applications. The pipeline should minimize processing time to deliver quick predictions.
- **Reproducibility:** The pipeline should consistently produce the same results for the same input, ensuring that predictions are reproducible across different environments.
- **Robustness and Fault Tolerance:** The pipeline should be resilient to failures, with mechanisms to handle errors gracefully, such as retry logic, circuit breakers, or fallback models.

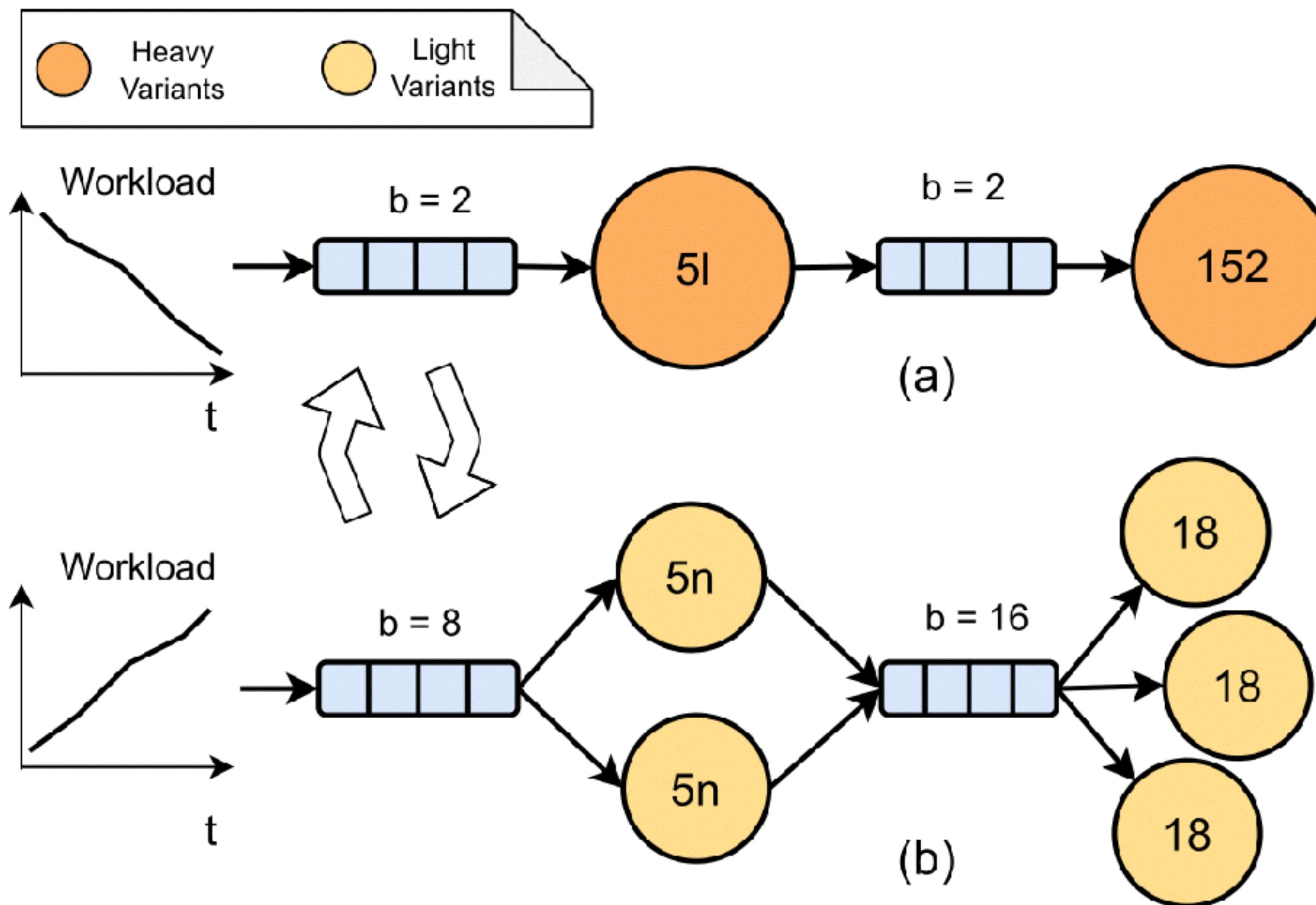
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- **Model Management:** The pipeline should allow for easy integration, updating, and switching of models. This includes versioning, rollback capabilities, and support for different model formats (e.g., TensorFlow, PyTorch, ONNX).
- **Resource Efficiency:** The pipeline should make optimal use of computational resources, balancing the trade-offs between cost, speed, and accuracy. This includes utilizing CPU/GPU resources effectively and managing memory usage.
- **Adaptability:** The pipeline should be flexible enough to adapt to new types of data, different model architectures, or changes in the environment (e.g., hardware upgrades or cloud migration).

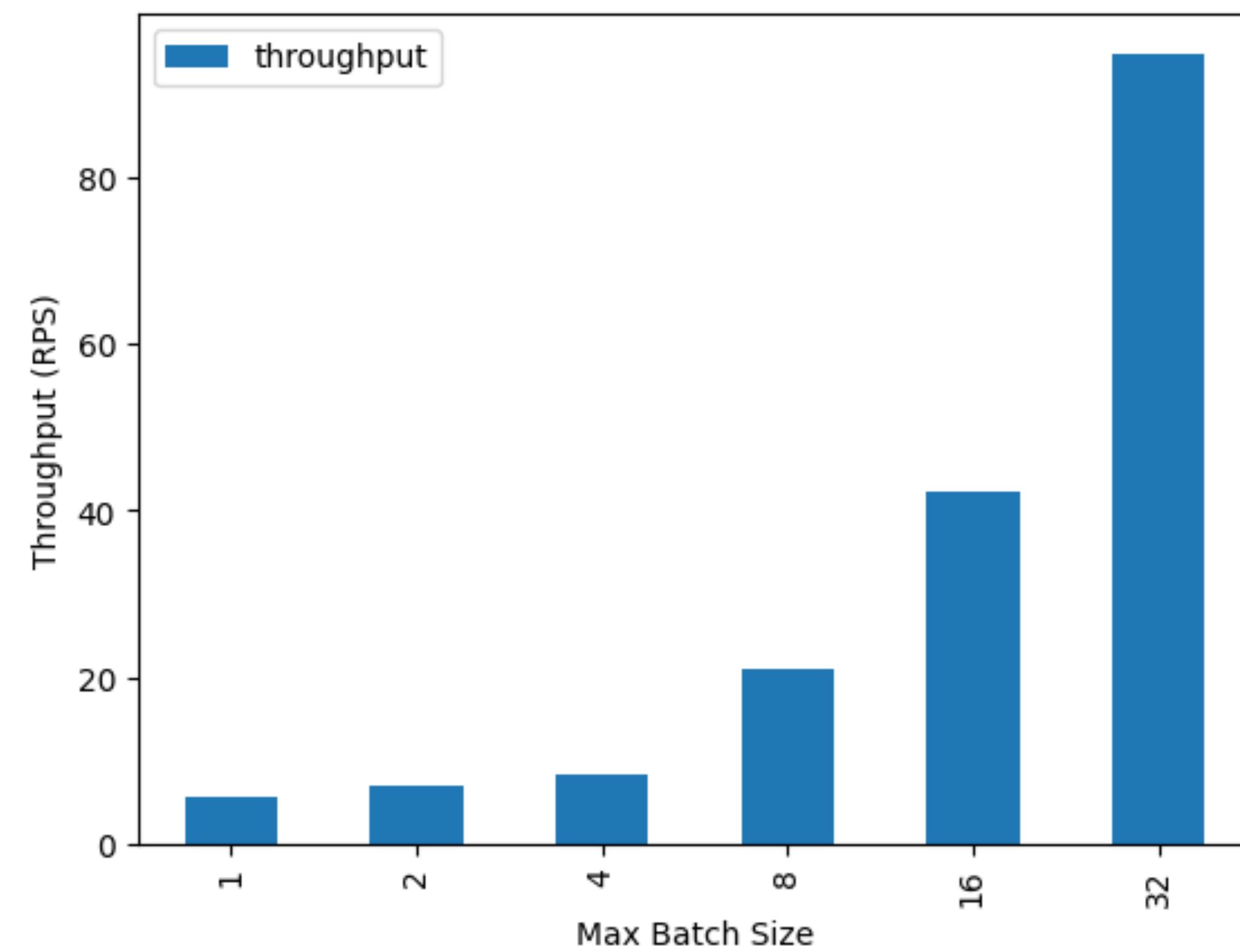
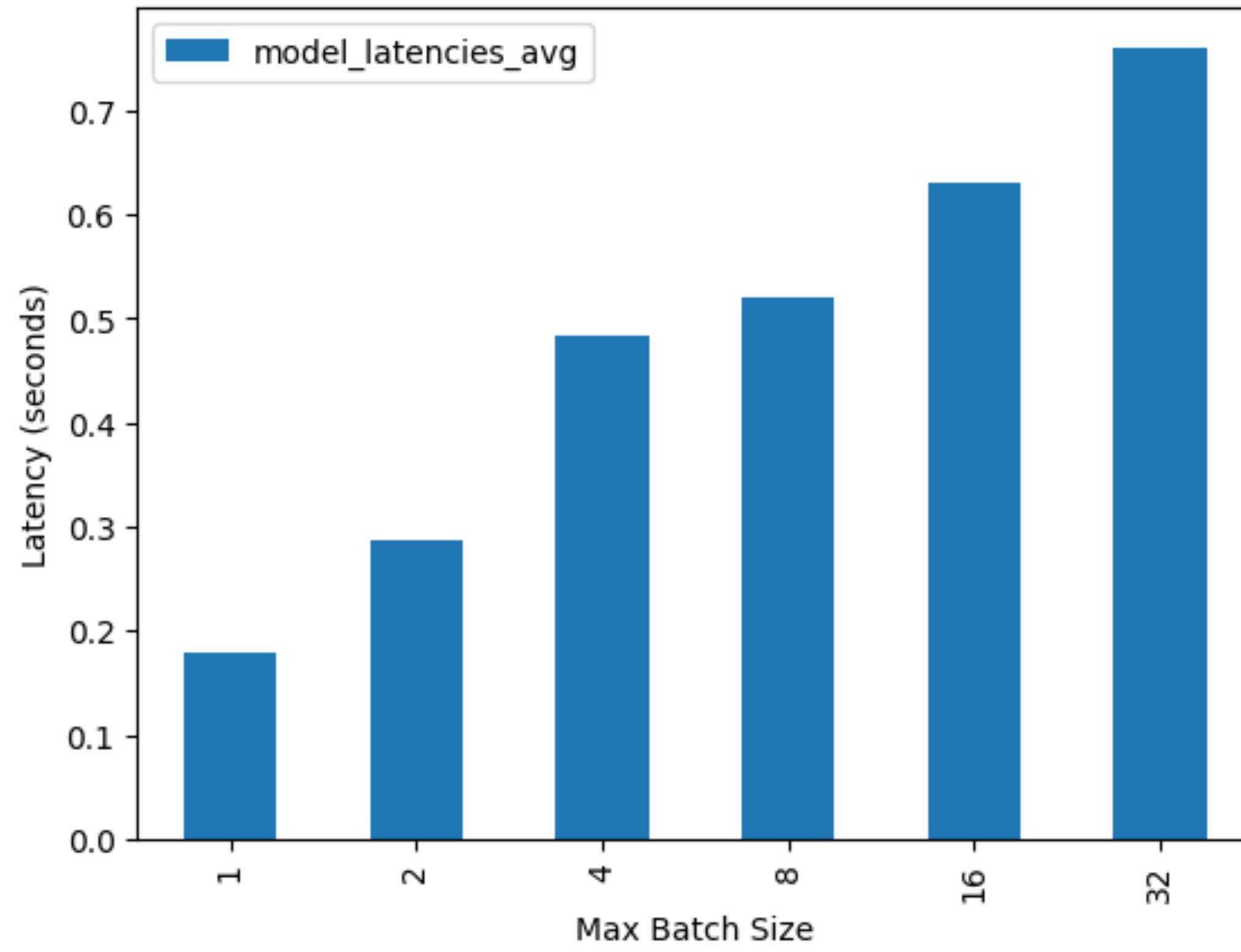
Is only scaling enough?



The Variabilities ML Pipelines

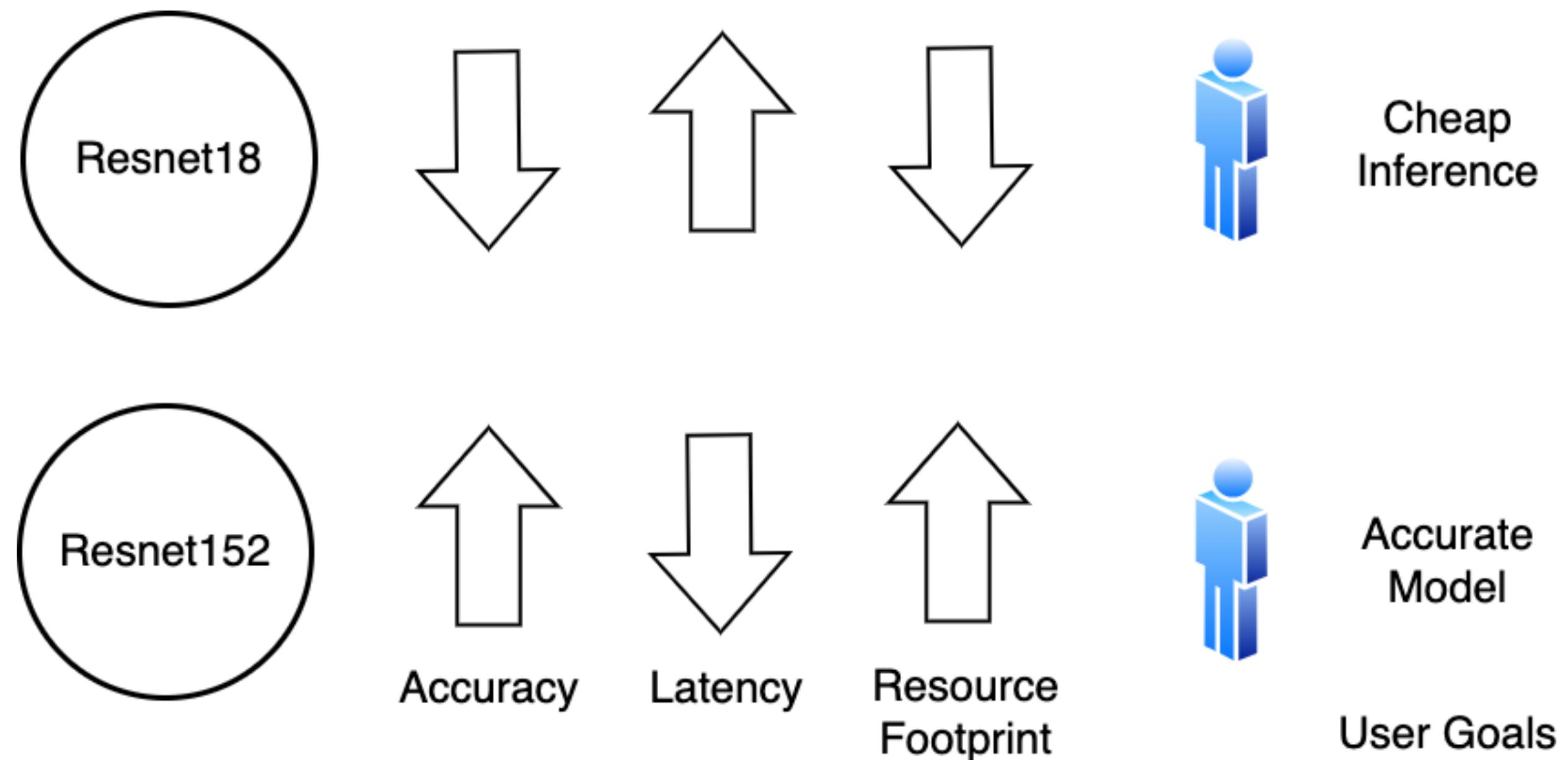


Effect of Batching

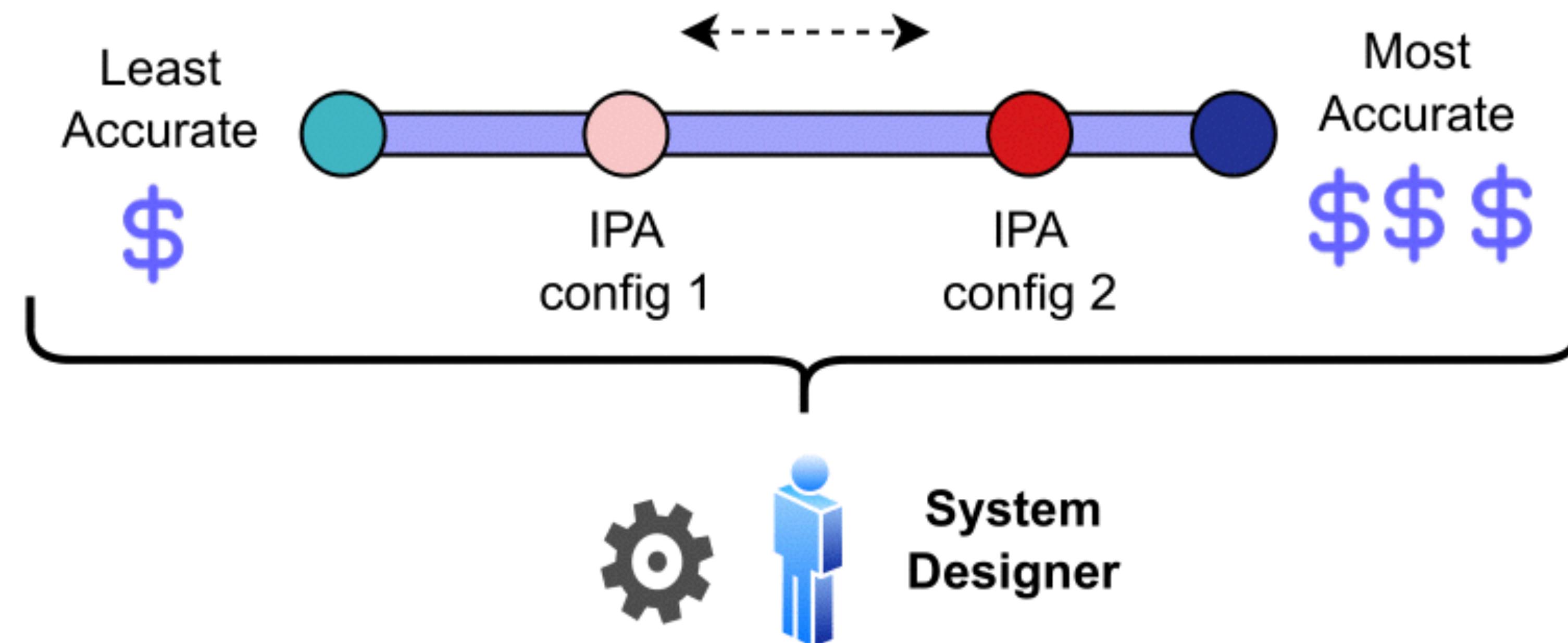


How to navigate the Accuracy/Latency trade-off space?

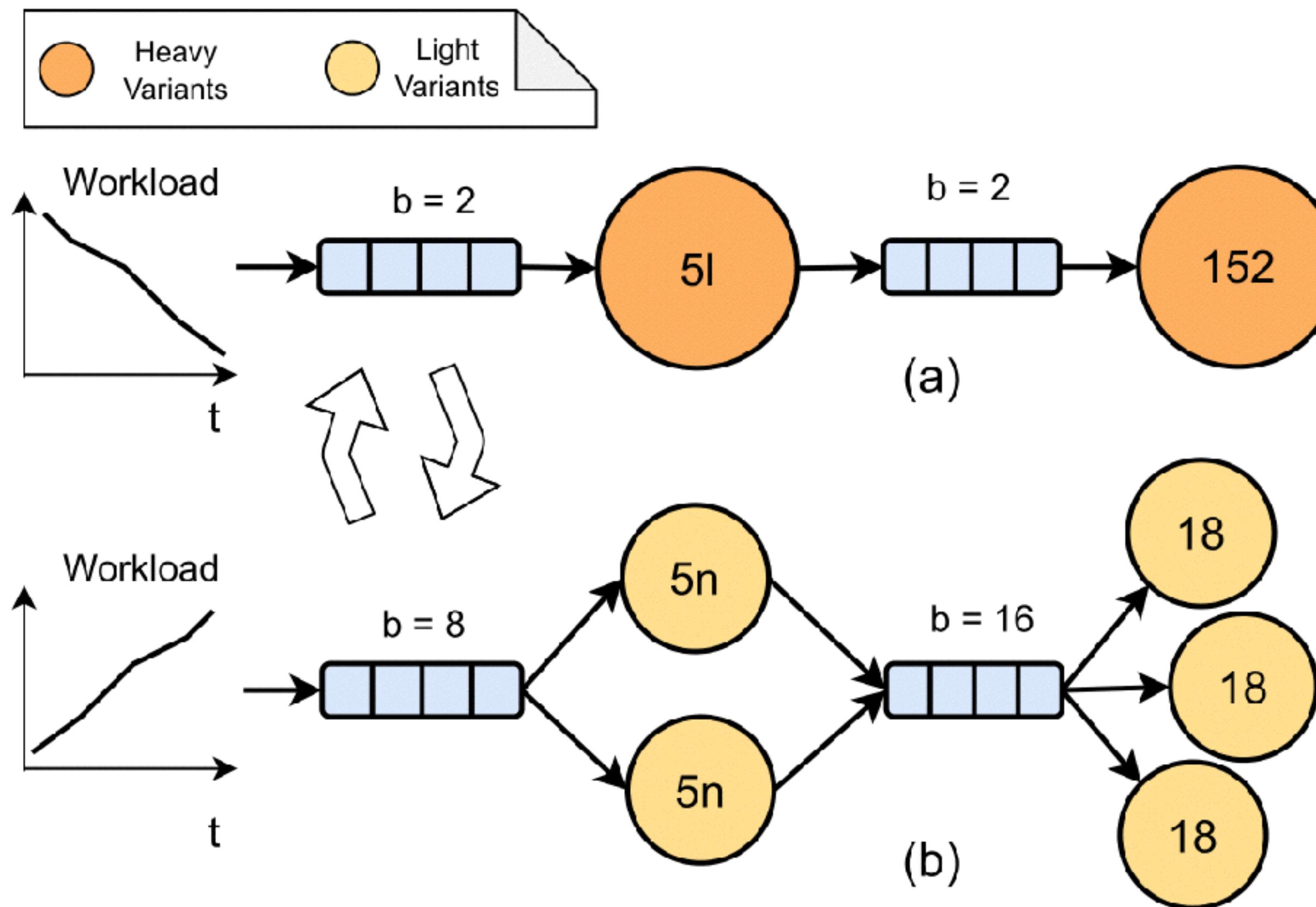
Previous works, **INFaaS** and **Model-Switch**, have proven that there is a big latency-accuracy-resource footprint tradeoff of models trained for the same task.



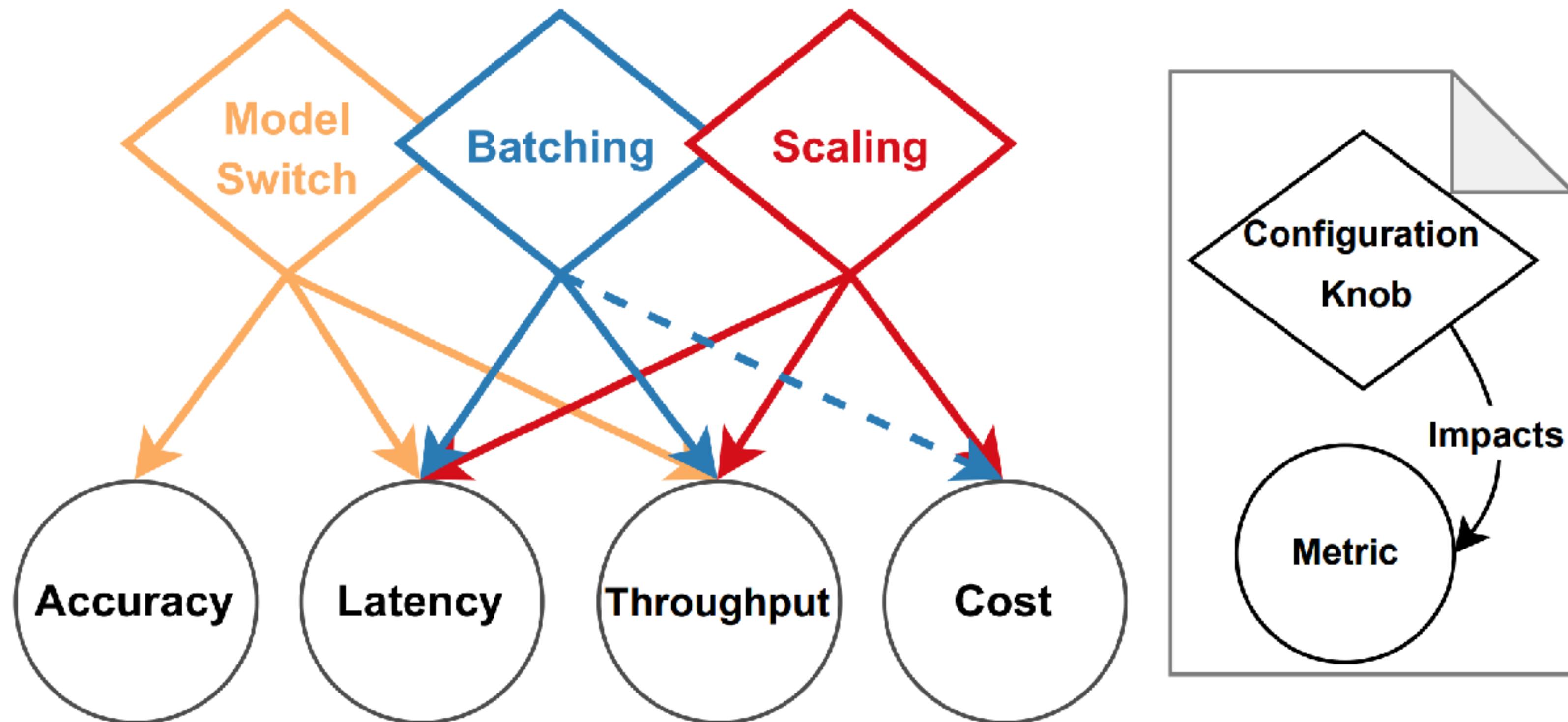
Goal: Providing a flexible inference pipeline



Snapshot of the System



Search Space



Problem Formulation

$$f(n, s, I) = \alpha \sum_{s \in P} \left(\sum_{m \in M_s} a_{s,m} \cdot I_{s,m} \right)$$

$$- \beta \sum_{s \in P} n_s \cdot R_s$$

$$- \delta \sum_{s \in P} b_s$$

Accuracy
Objective

Resource
Objective

Batch
Control

Problem Formulation

$$\max \quad f(n, s, I)$$

subject to $\sum_{s \in P} l_s(b_s) + q_s(b_s) \leq SLA_P,$

if $I_{s,m} = 1$, then

$$n_s \cdot h_s(b_s) \geq \lambda_p, \quad \forall s \in P$$

$$\sum_{m \in M_s} I_{s,m} = 1, \quad \forall s \in P$$

$$n_s, b_s \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \quad I_{s,m} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad \forall s \in S$$

Latency SLA

Throughput
Constraint

One active
model per
node

$$\begin{aligned} f(n, s, I) = & \alpha \sum_{s \in P} \left(\sum_{m \in M_s} a_{s,m} \cdot I_{s,m} \right) \\ & - \beta \sum_{s \in P} n_s \cdot R_s \\ & - \delta \sum_{s \in P} b_s \end{aligned}$$

Implementation and Experimental Setup

How to navigate Model Variants



kubernetes

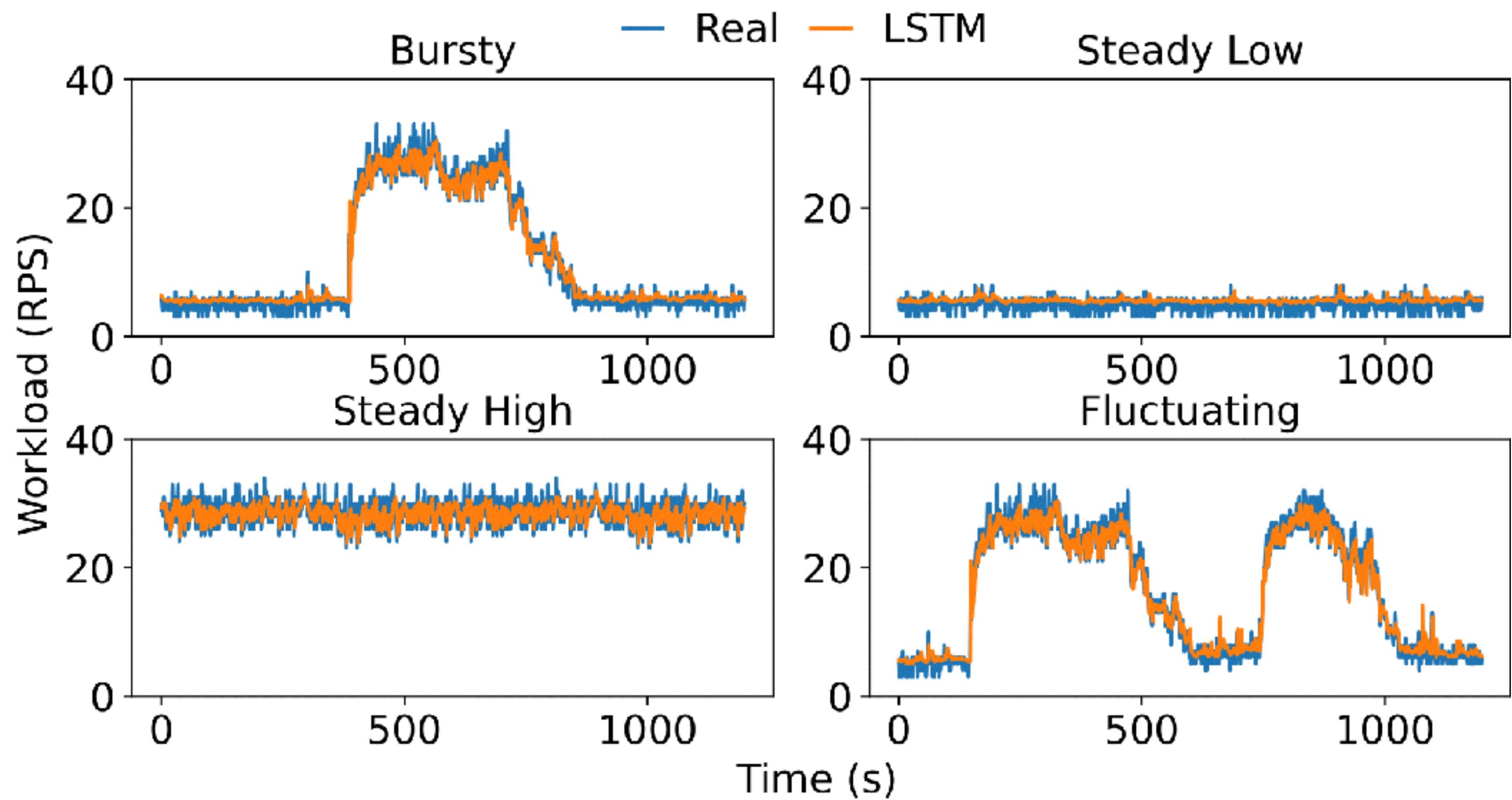
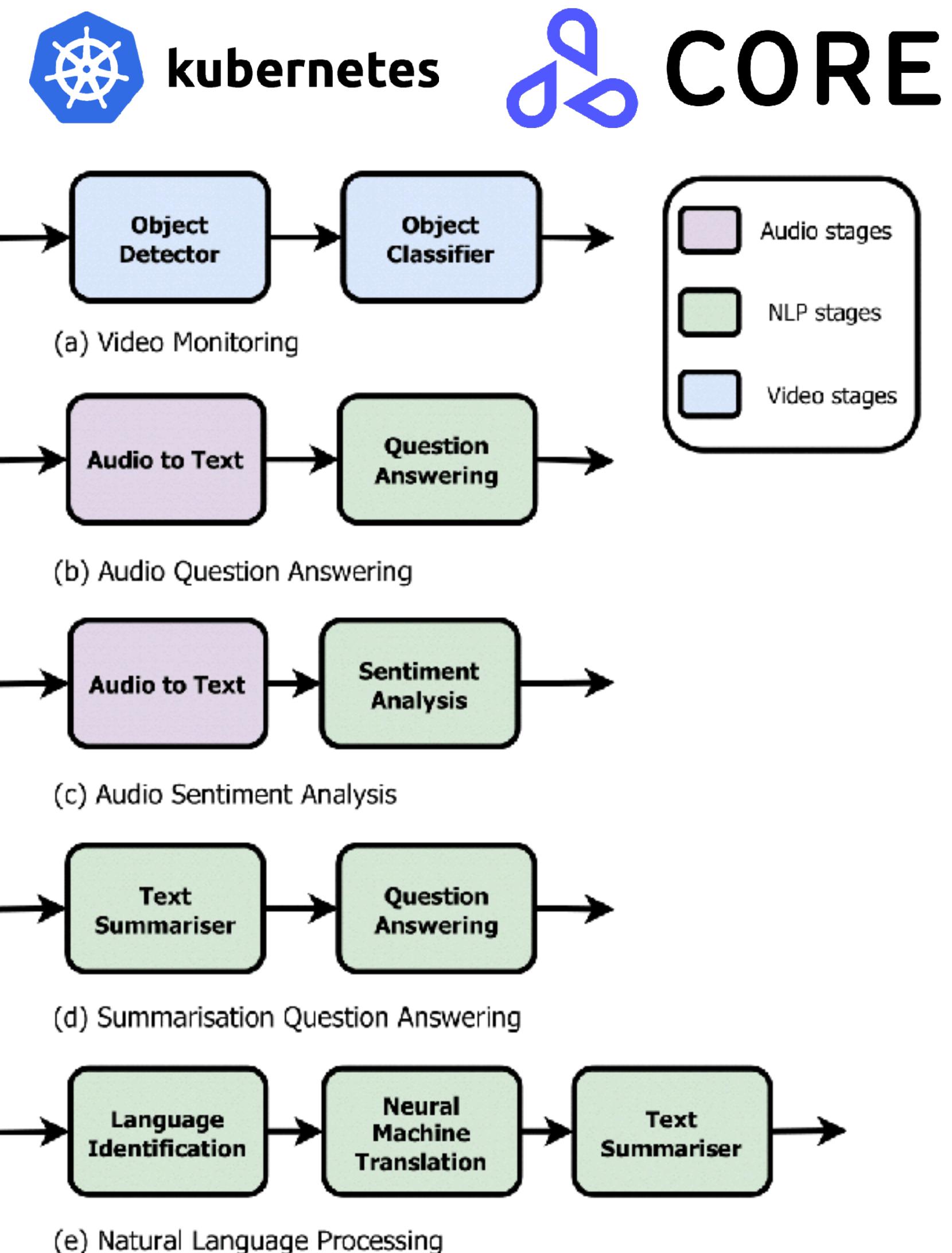
1. Industry standard
2. Used in recent research
3. Complete set of autoscaling, scheduling, observability tools (e.g. CPU usage)
4. APIs for changing the current AutoScaling algorithms



1. Industry standard ML server
2. Have the ability make inference graph
3. Rest and GRPC endpoints
4. Have many of the features we need like monitoring stack out of the box

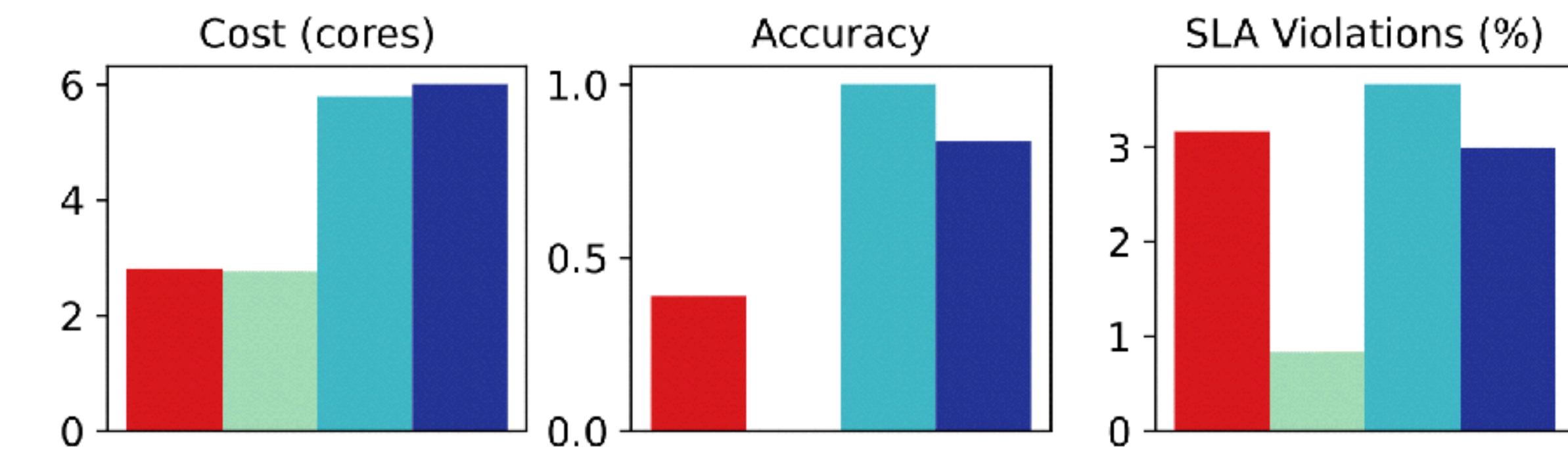
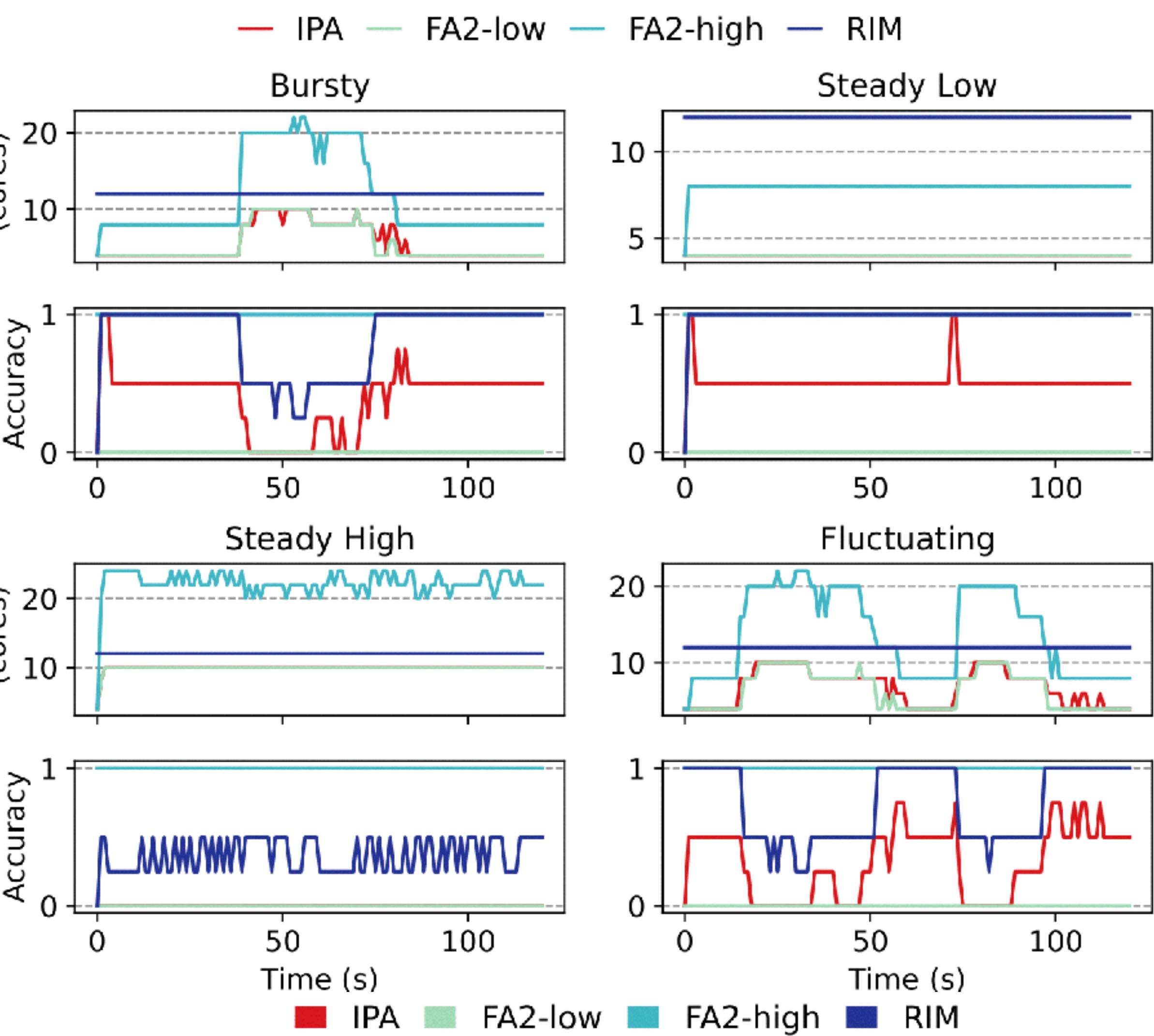
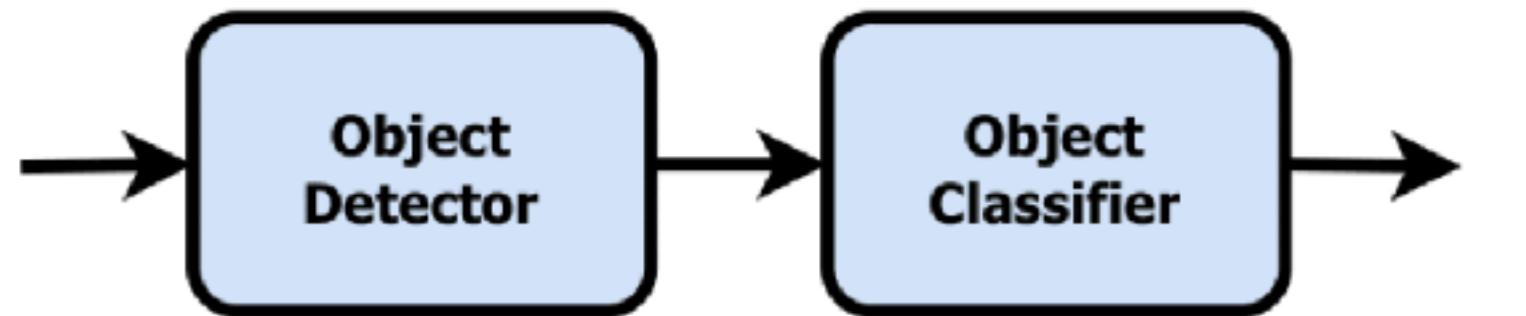
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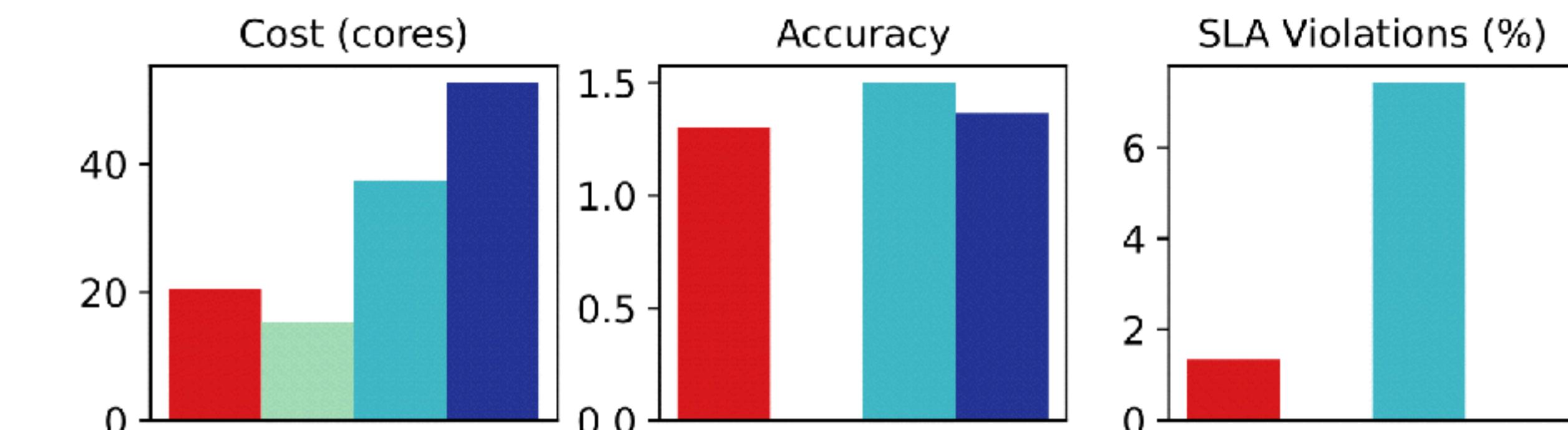
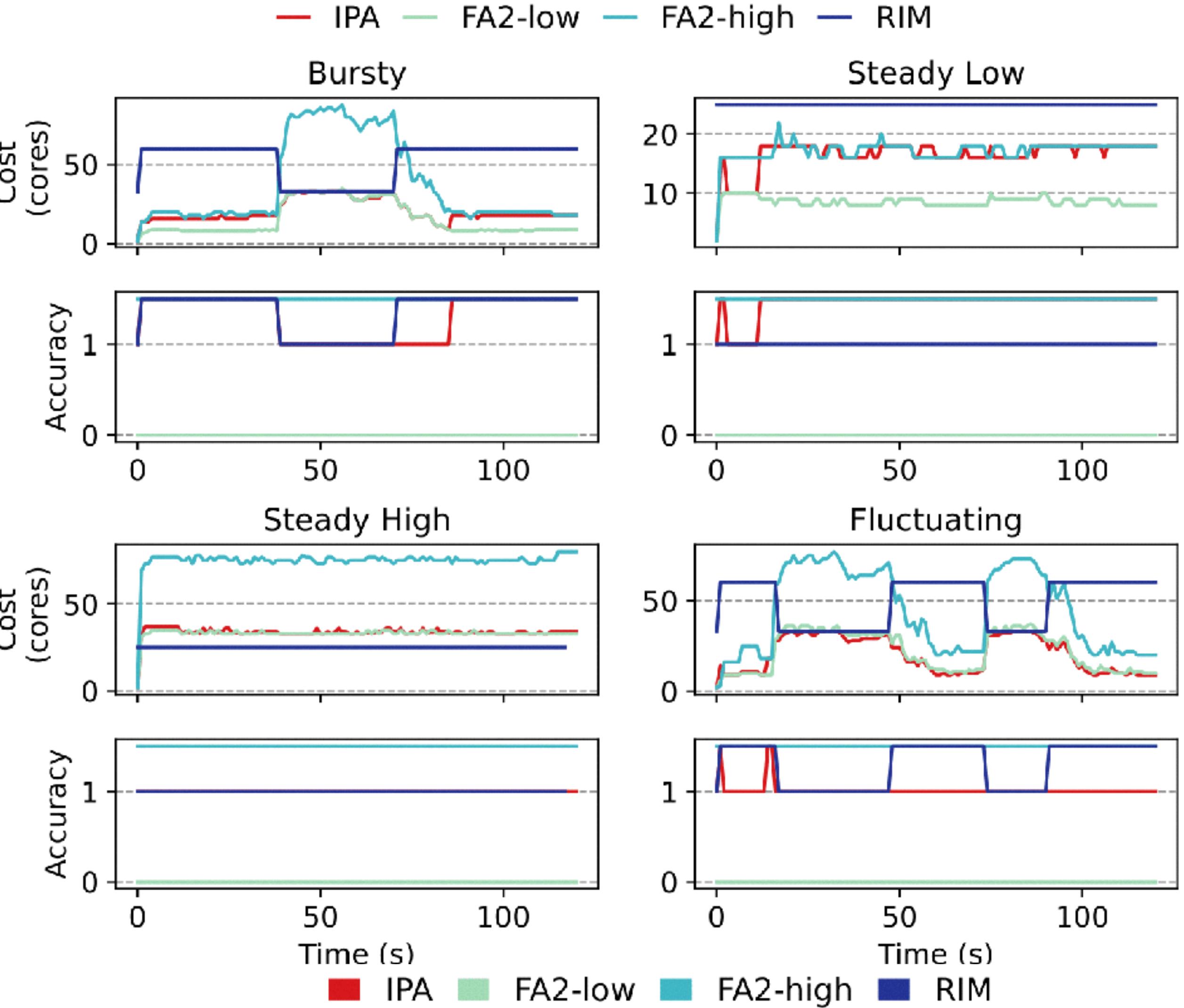
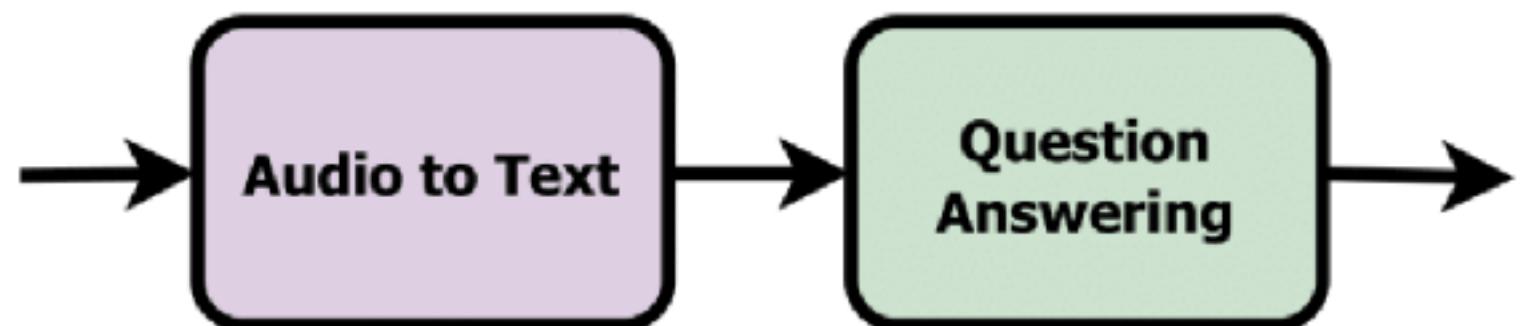


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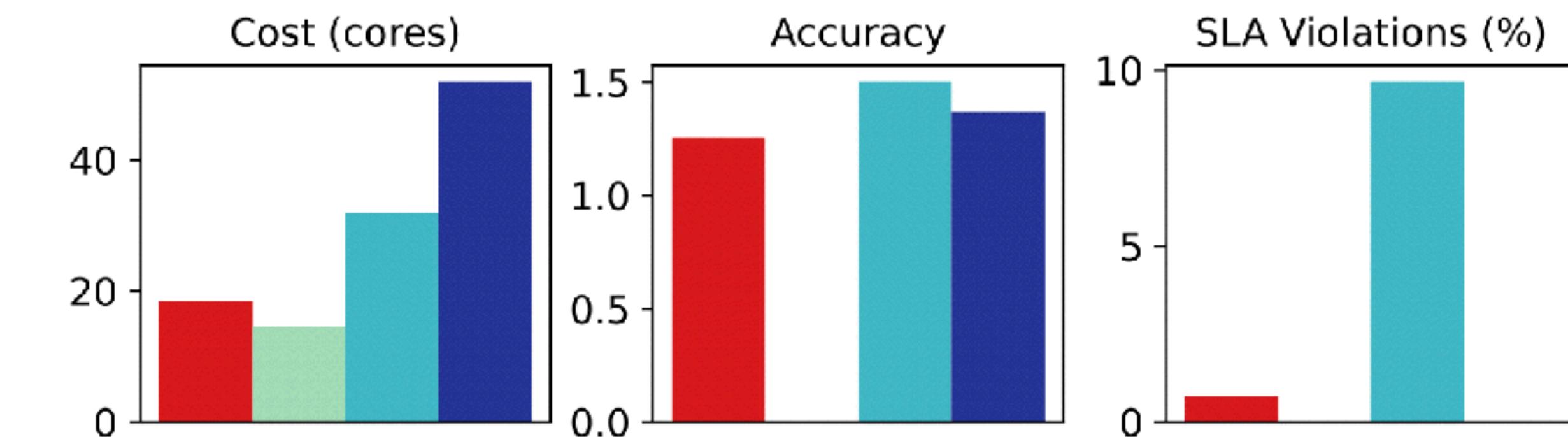
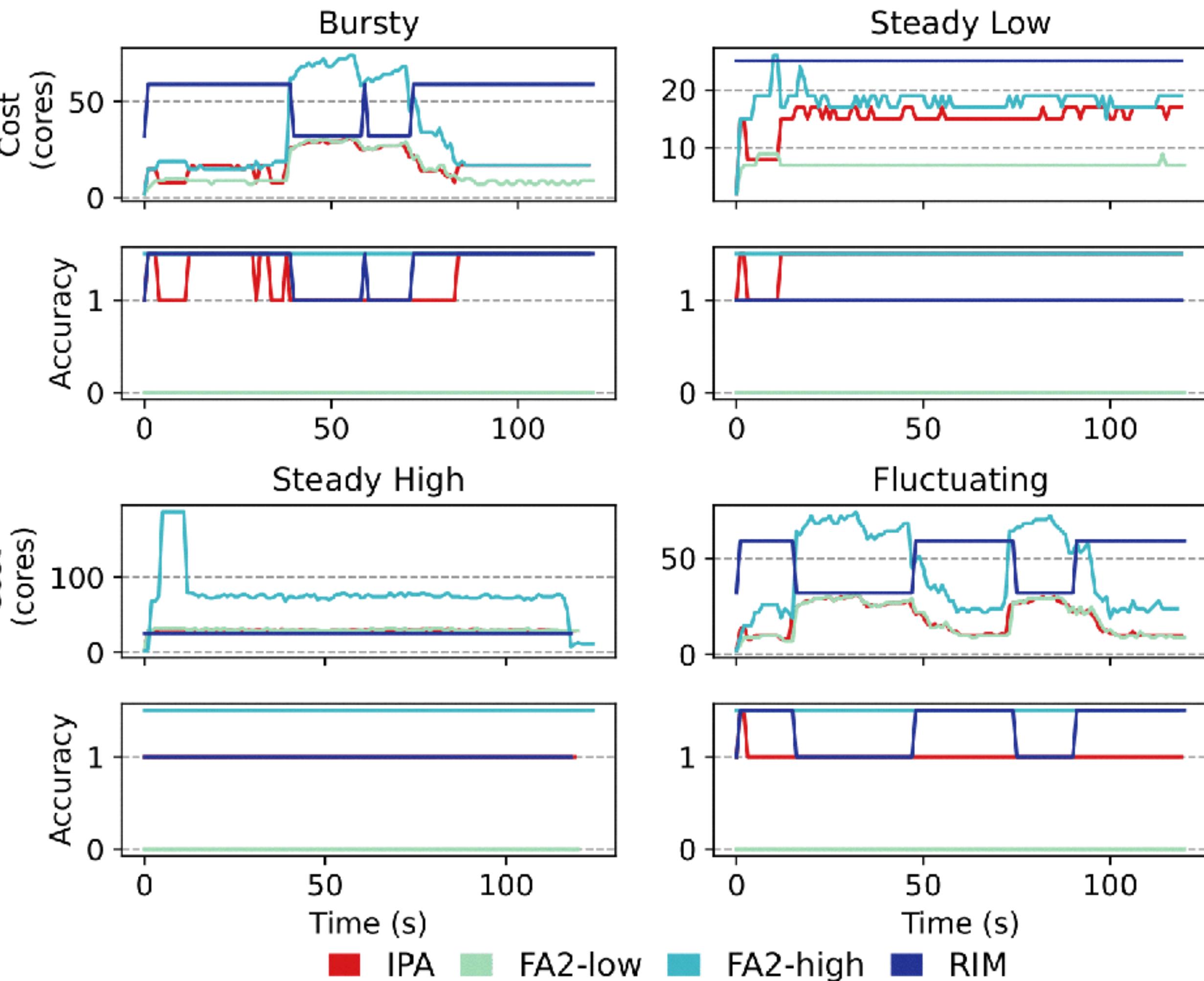
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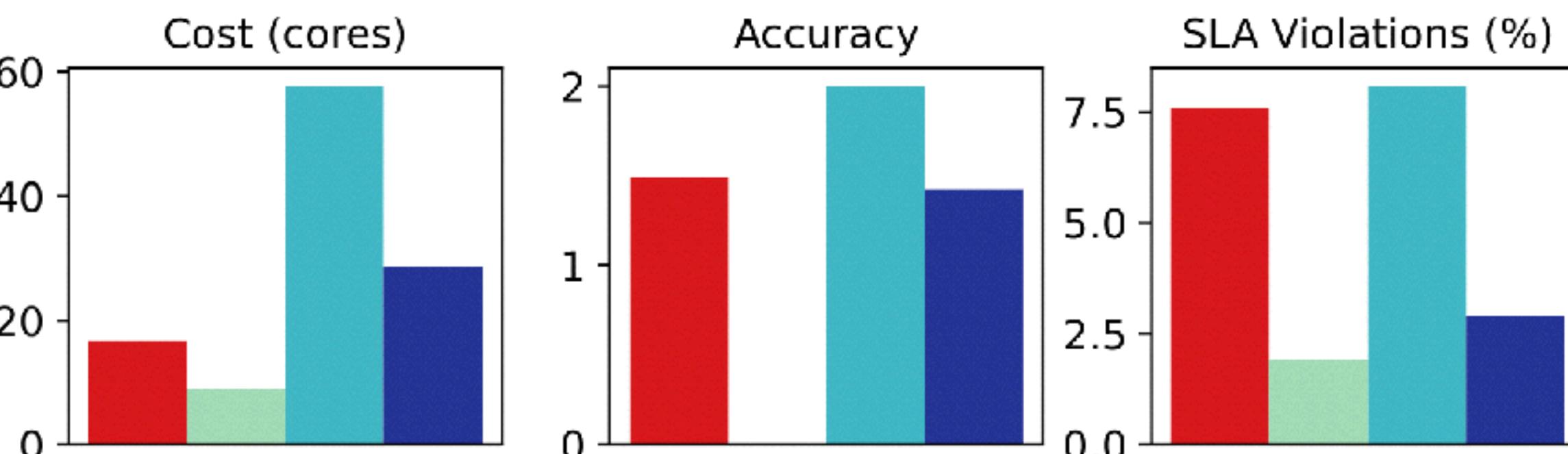
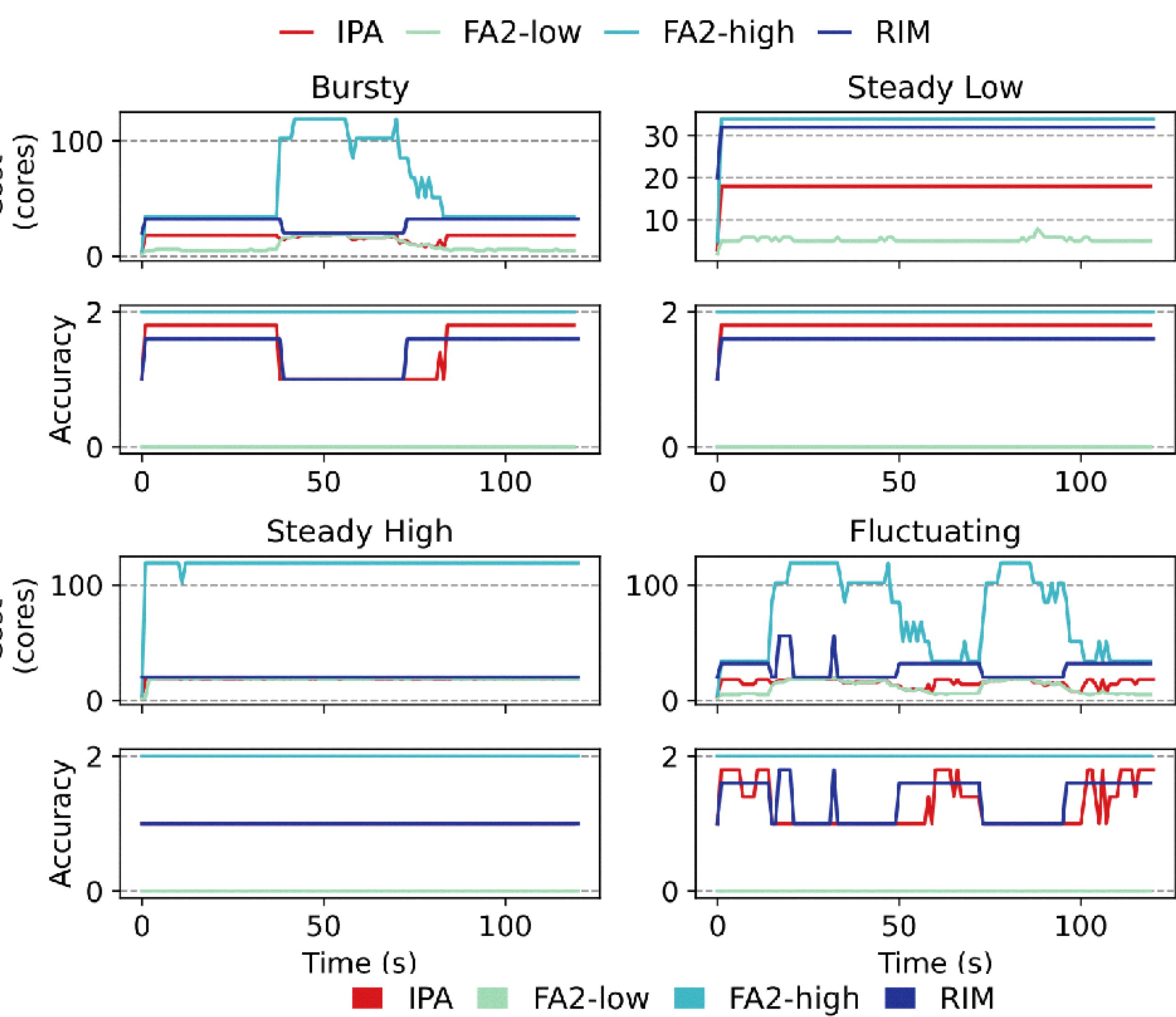
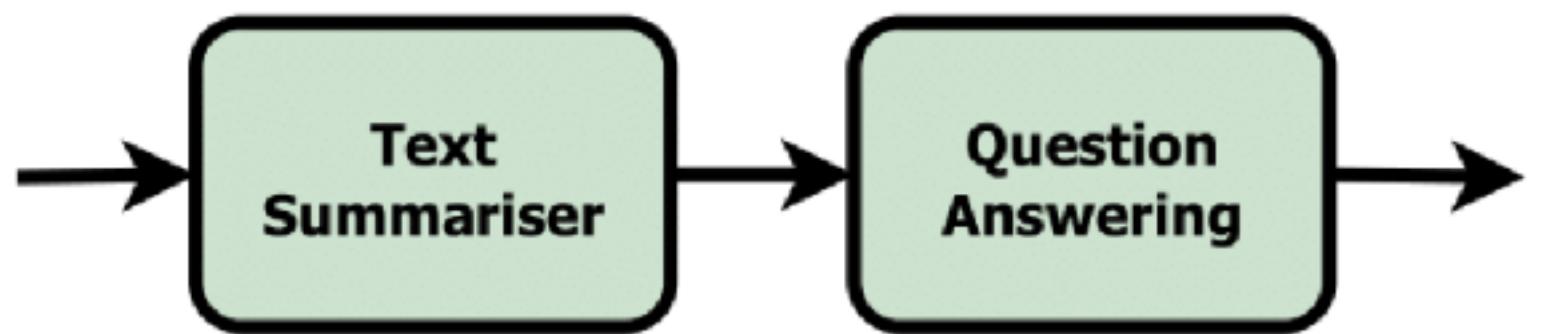
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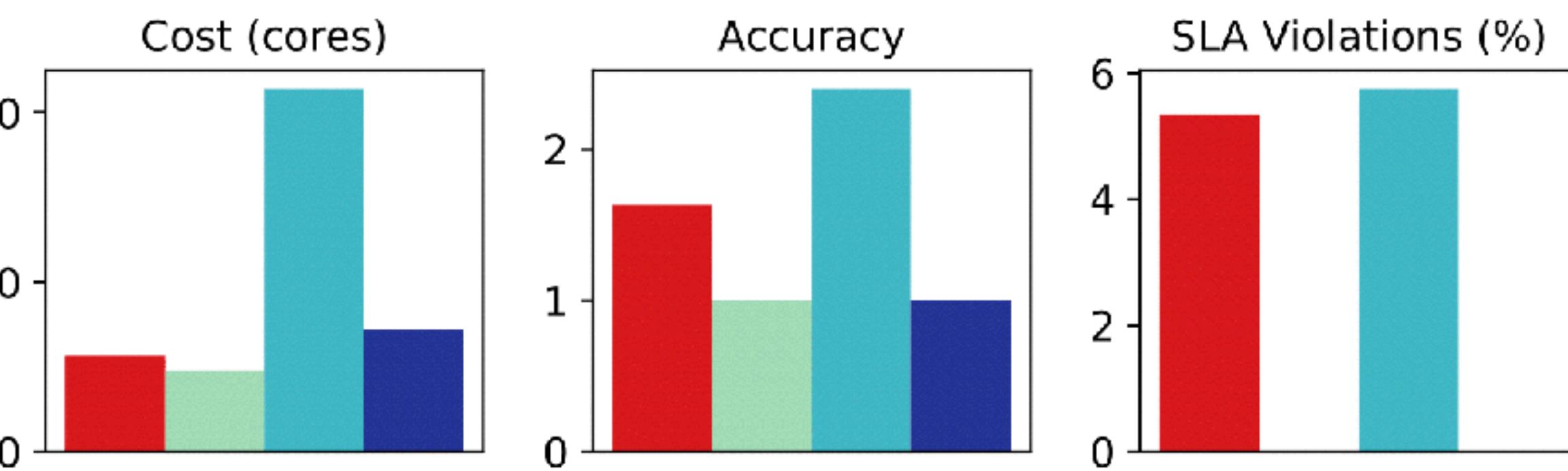
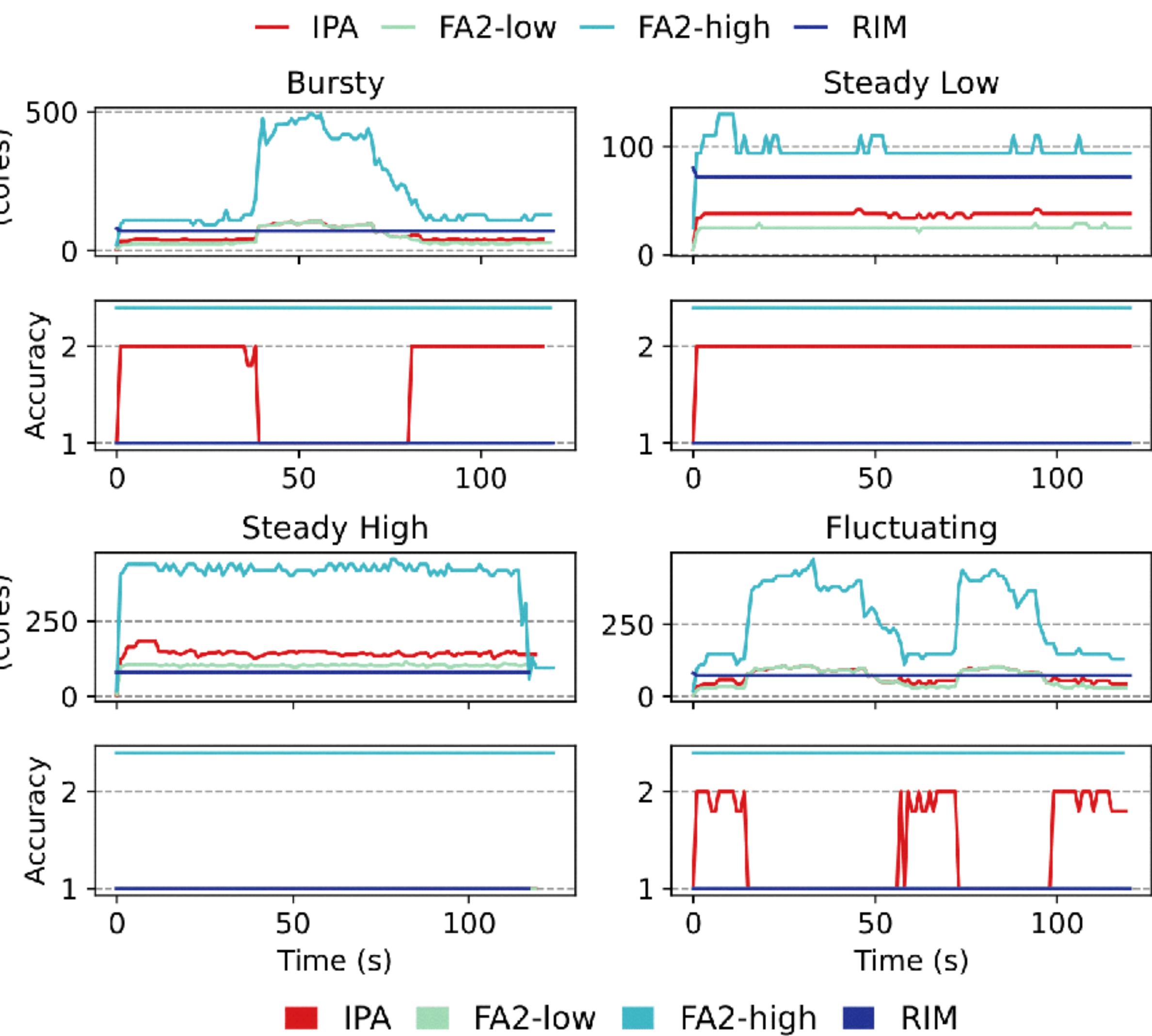
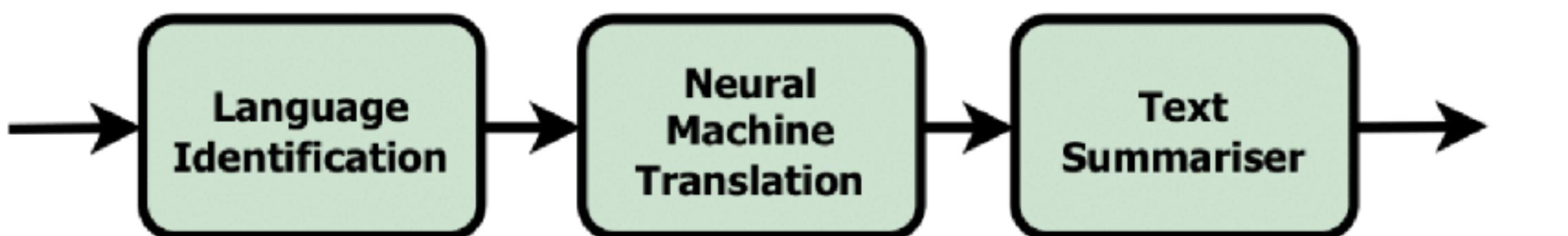
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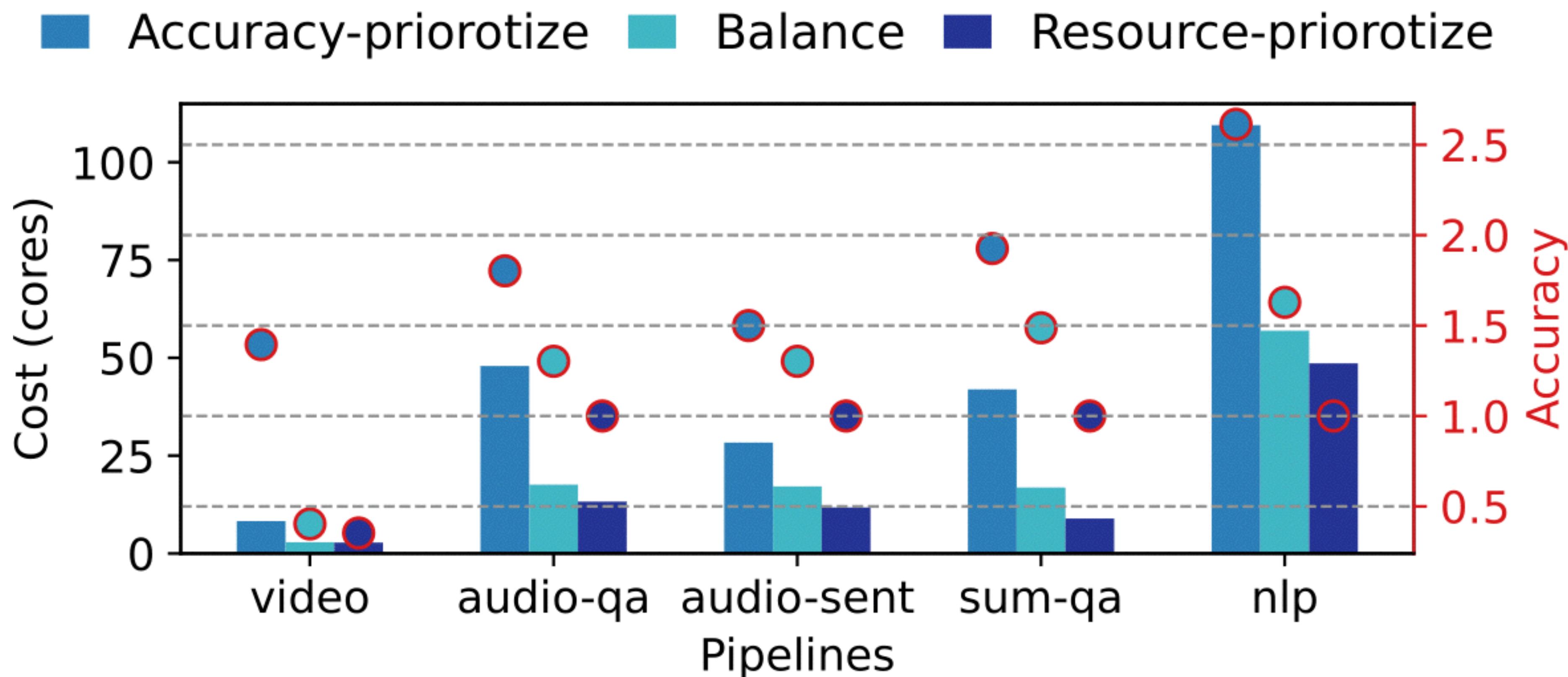
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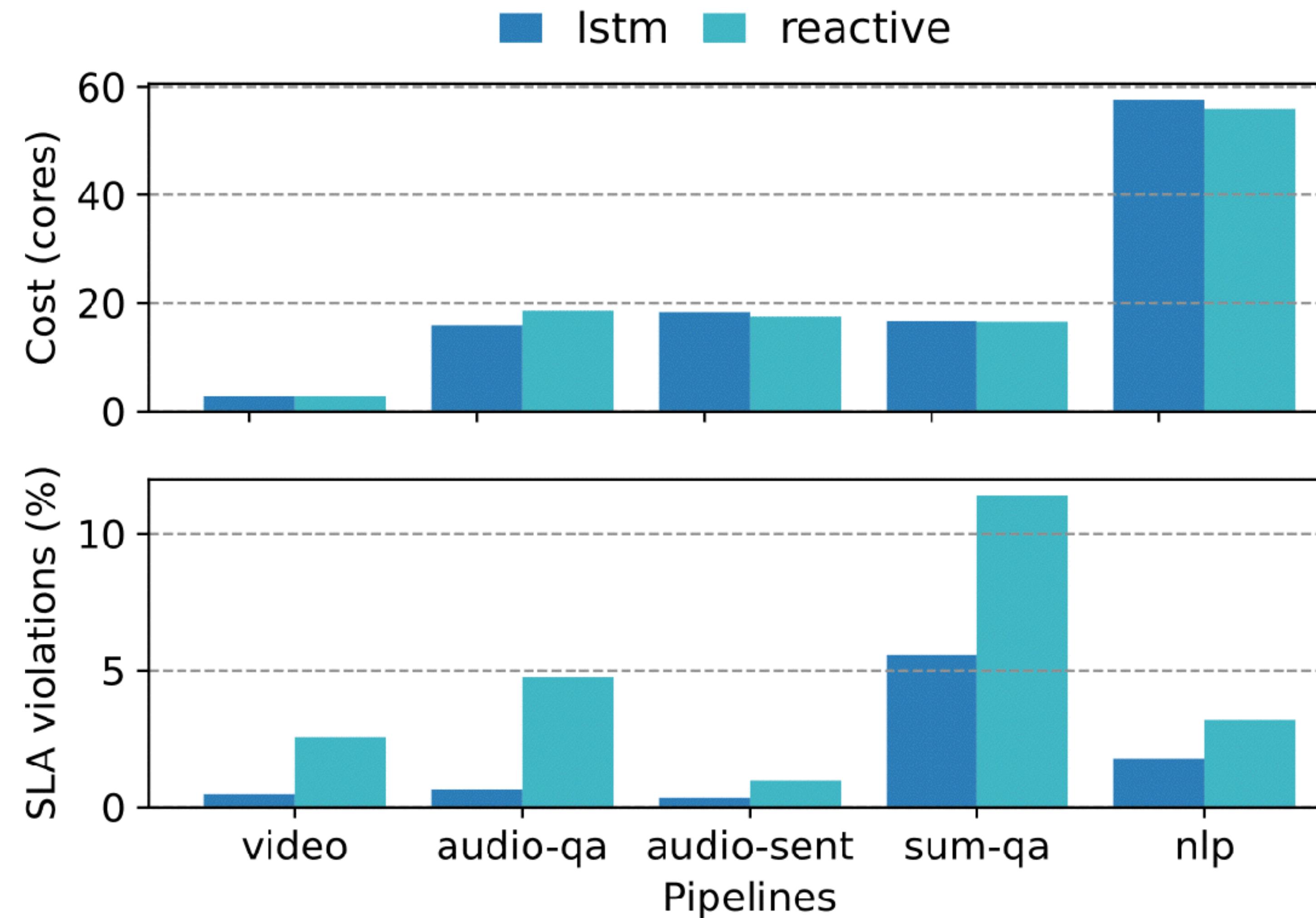
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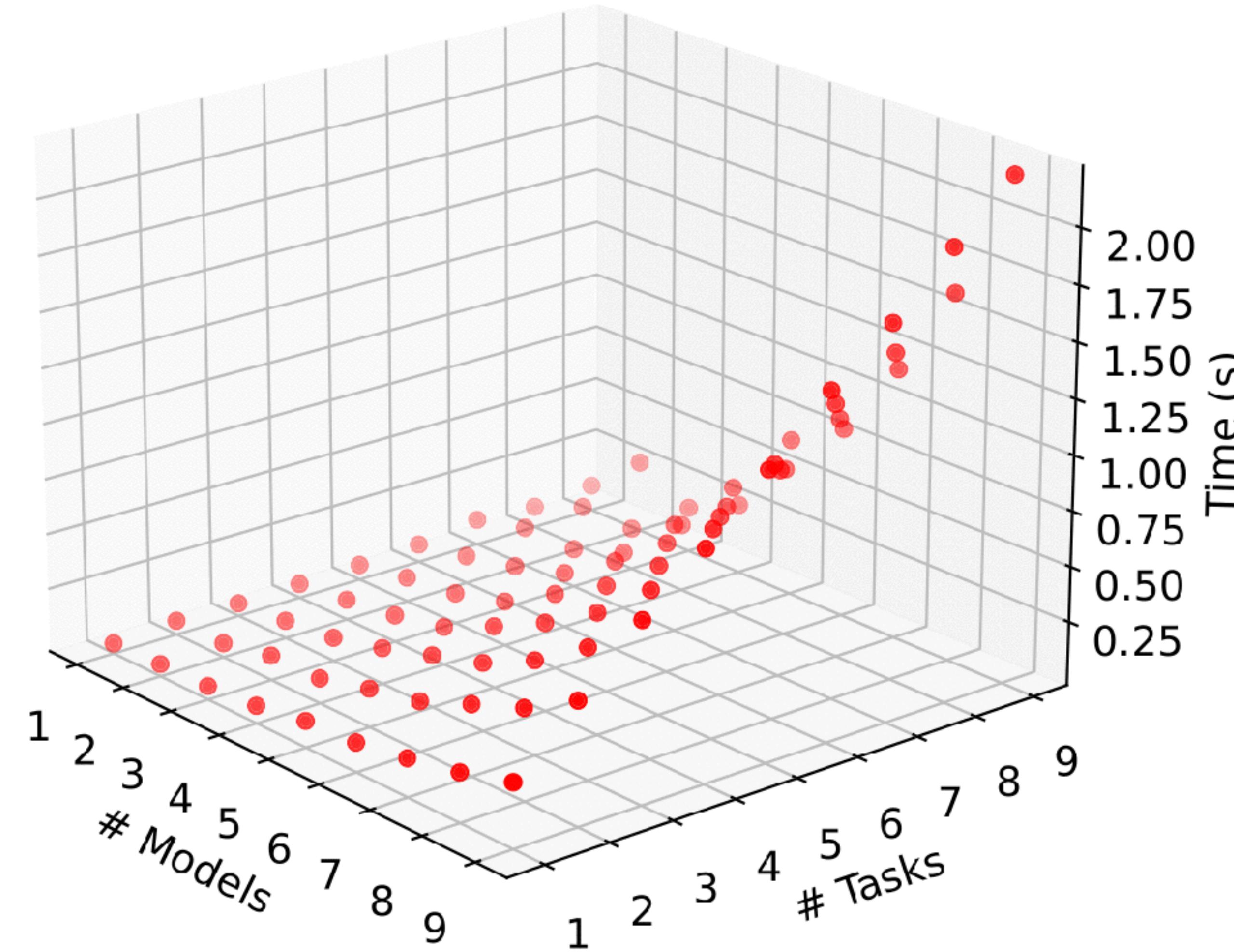
Adaptivity to multiple objectives



Effect of predictor

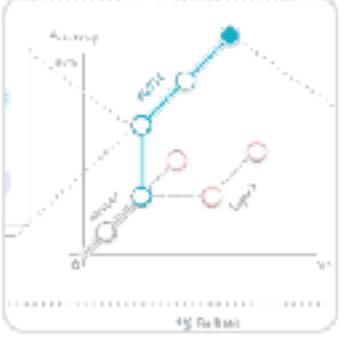


Gurobi solver scalability



Full replication package is available

<https://github.com/reconfigurable-ml-pipeline>

 **AdaptiveFlow**

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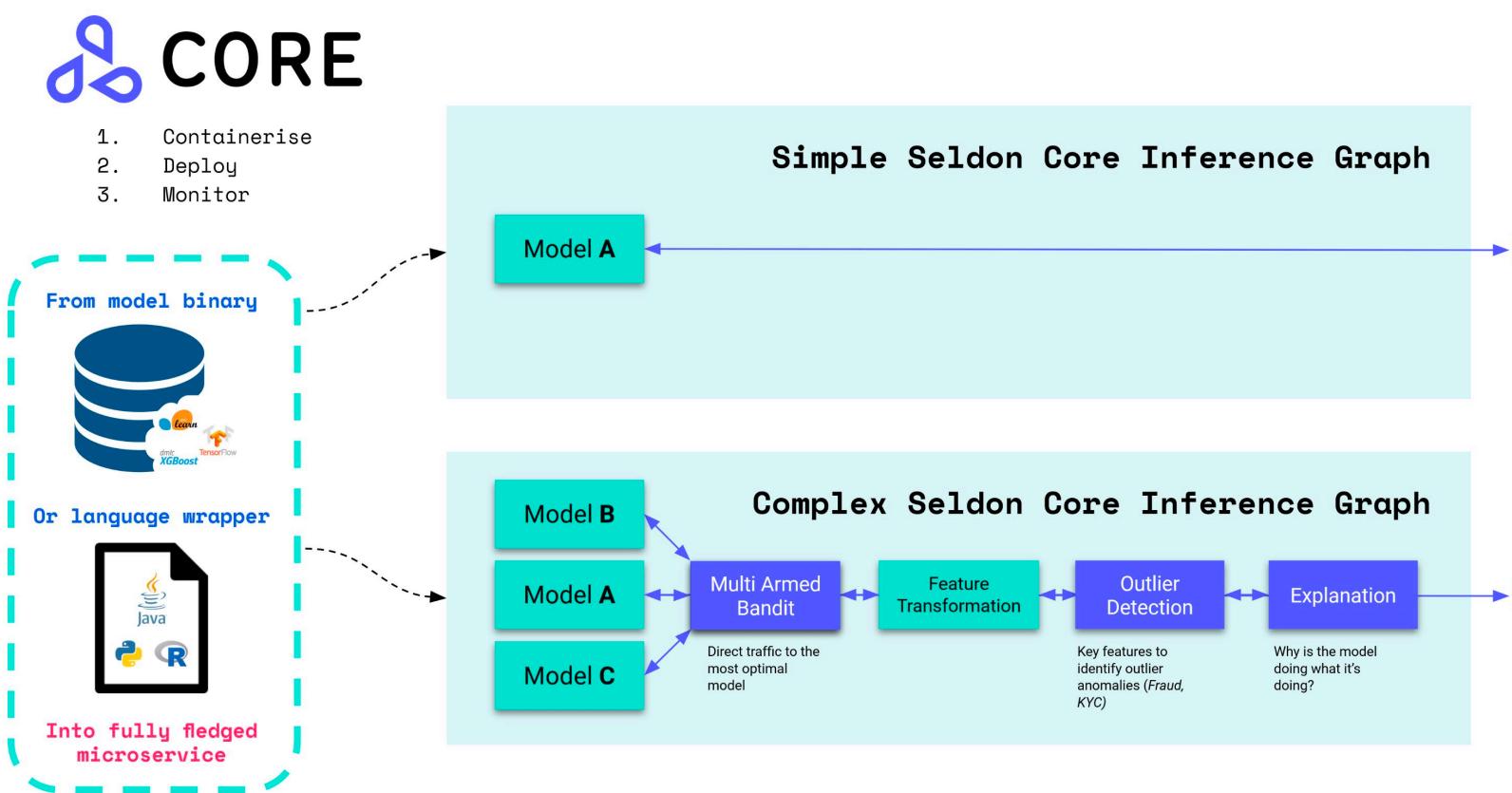
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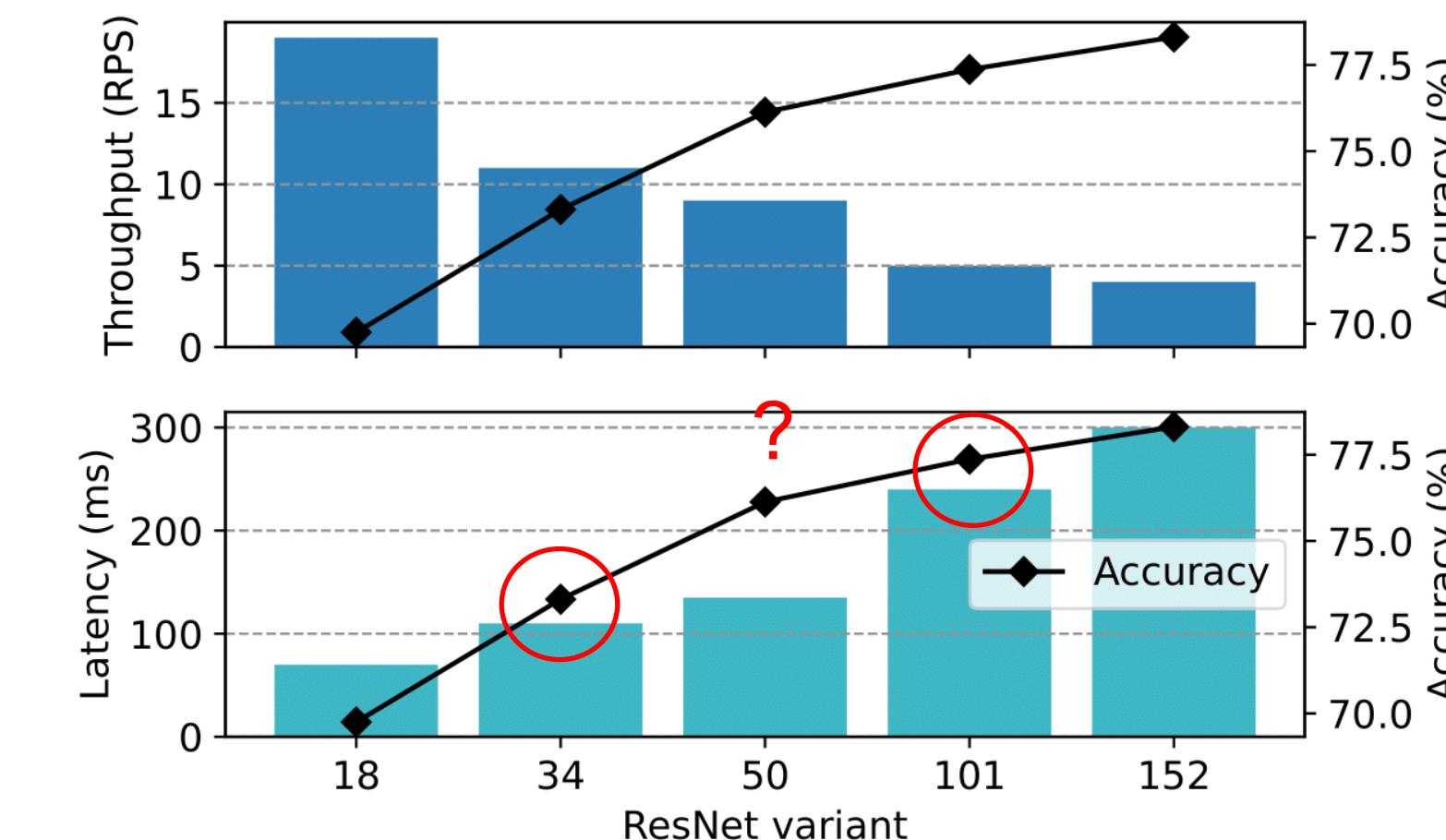
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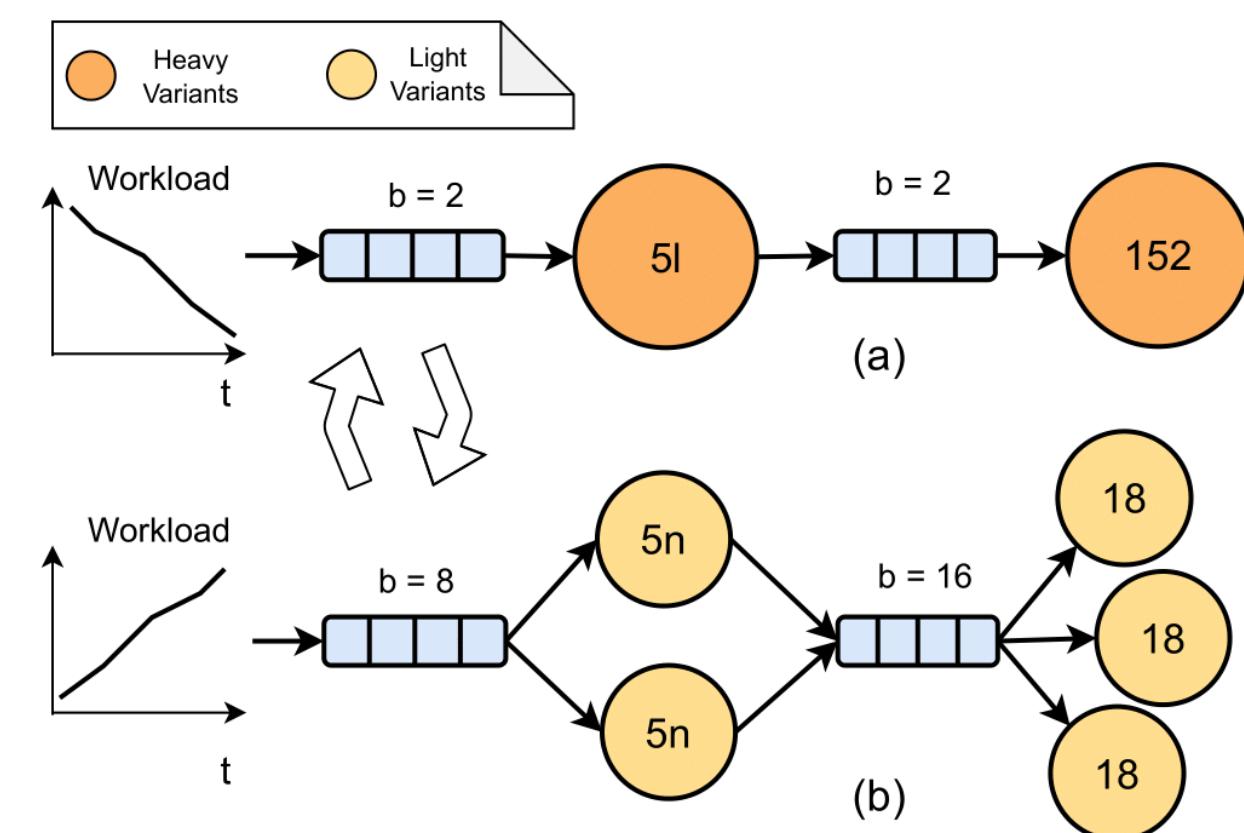
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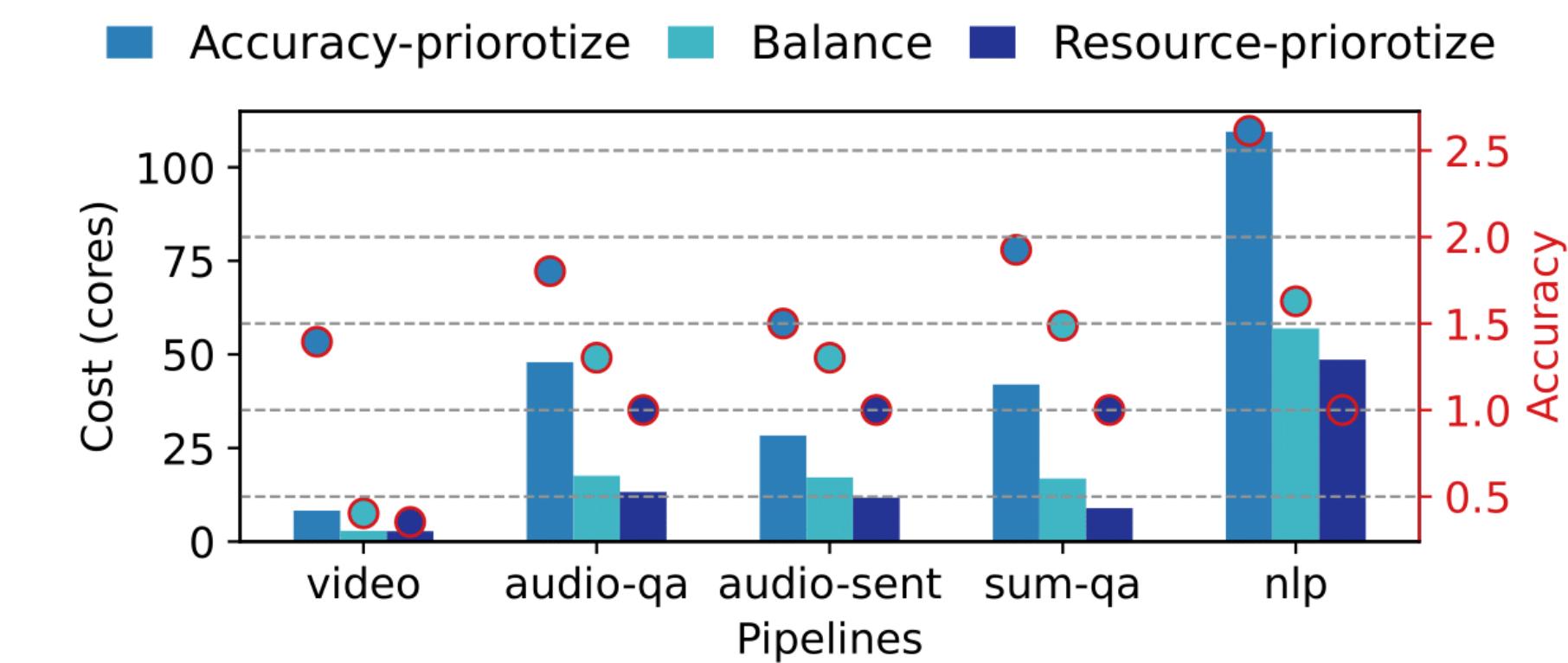
Is only scaling enough?



Snapshot of the System



Adaptivity to multiple objectives



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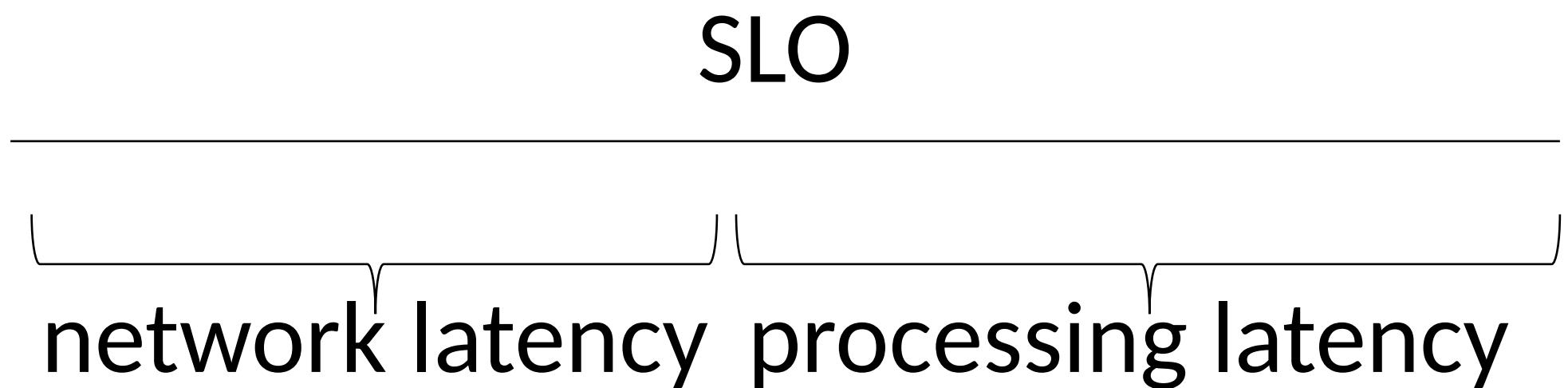
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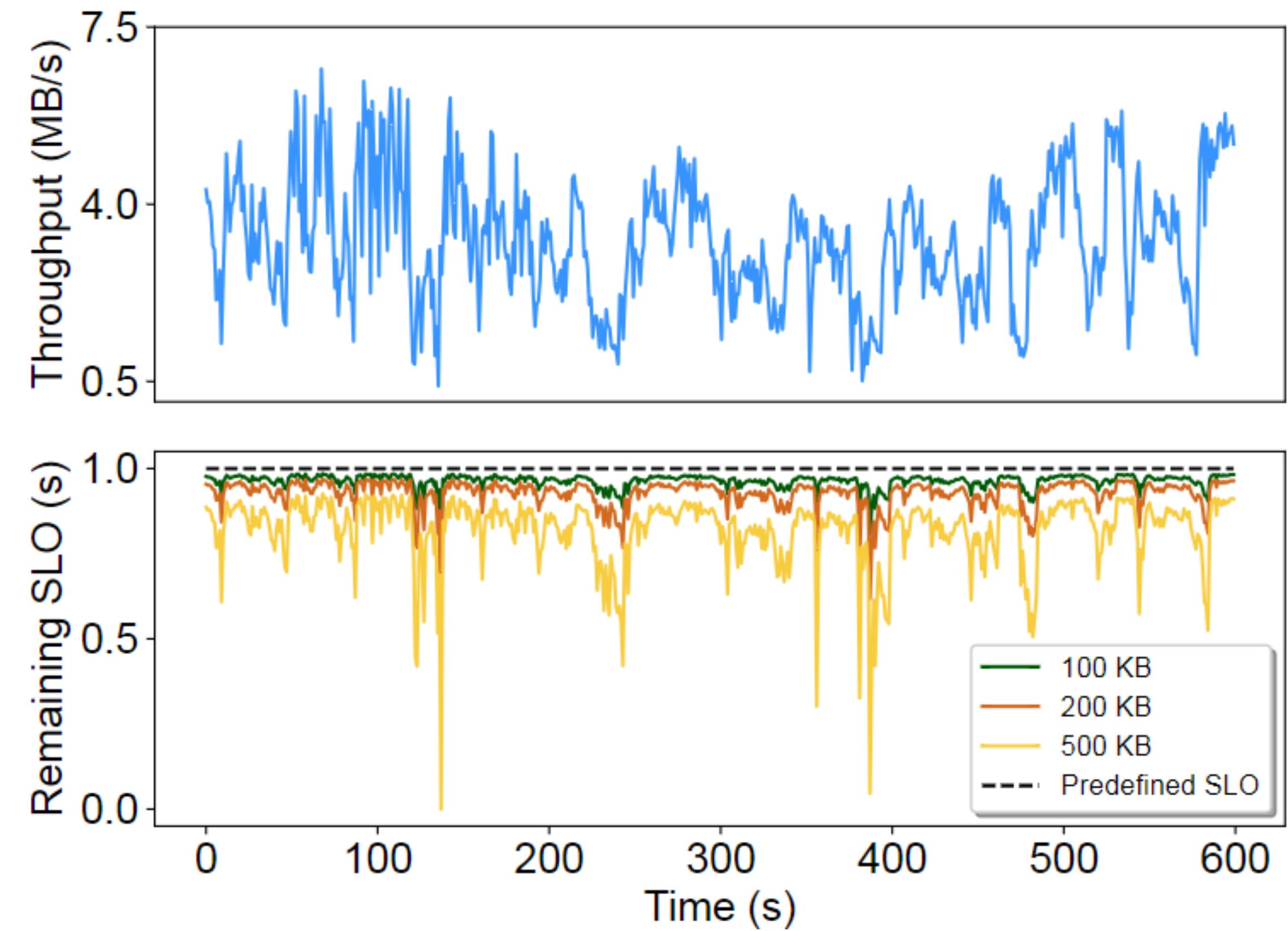
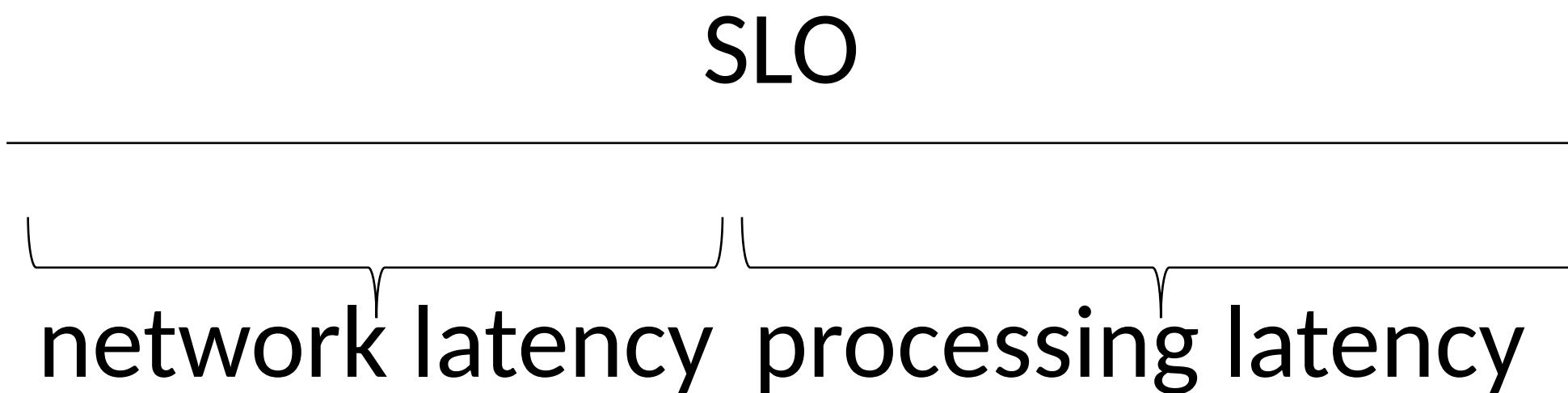
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- „ Users move
 - „ Fluctuations in the network bandwidths
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Inference Serving Requirements

Highly Responsive!
(end-to-end latency guarantee)

Cost-Efficient!
(least resource consumption)



Resource Scaling

Sponge!

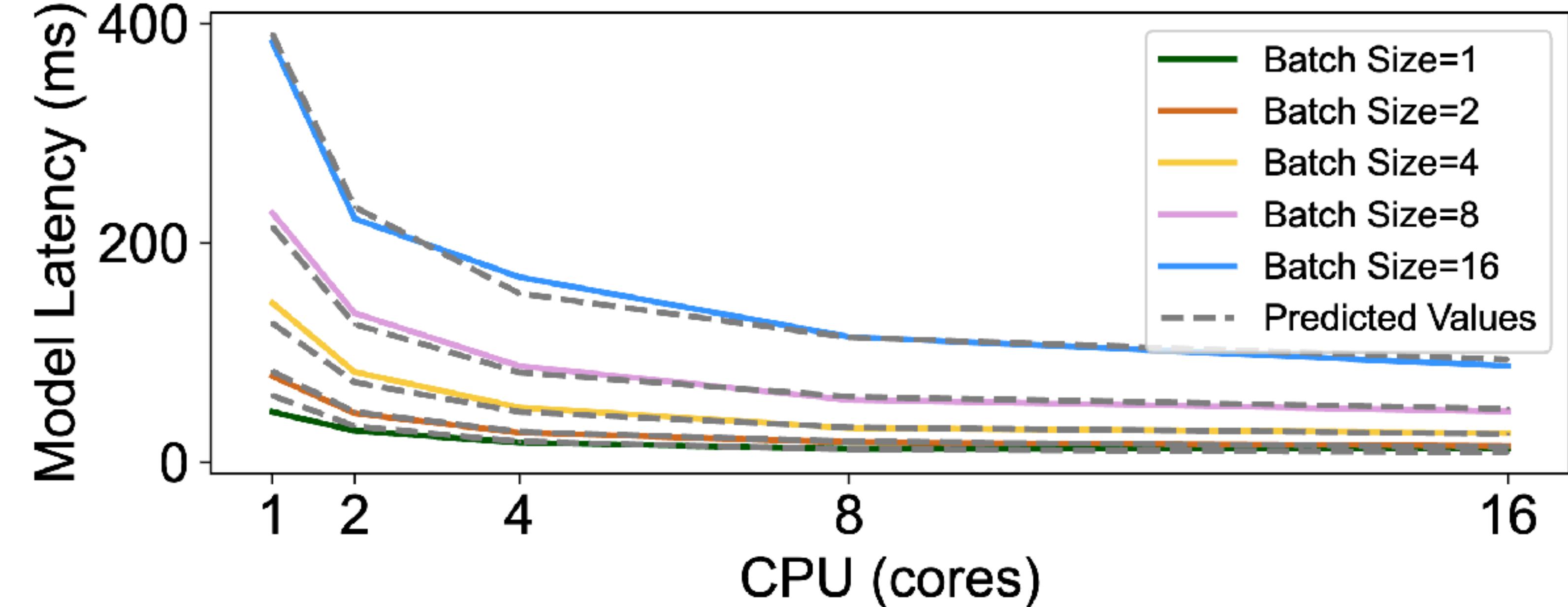
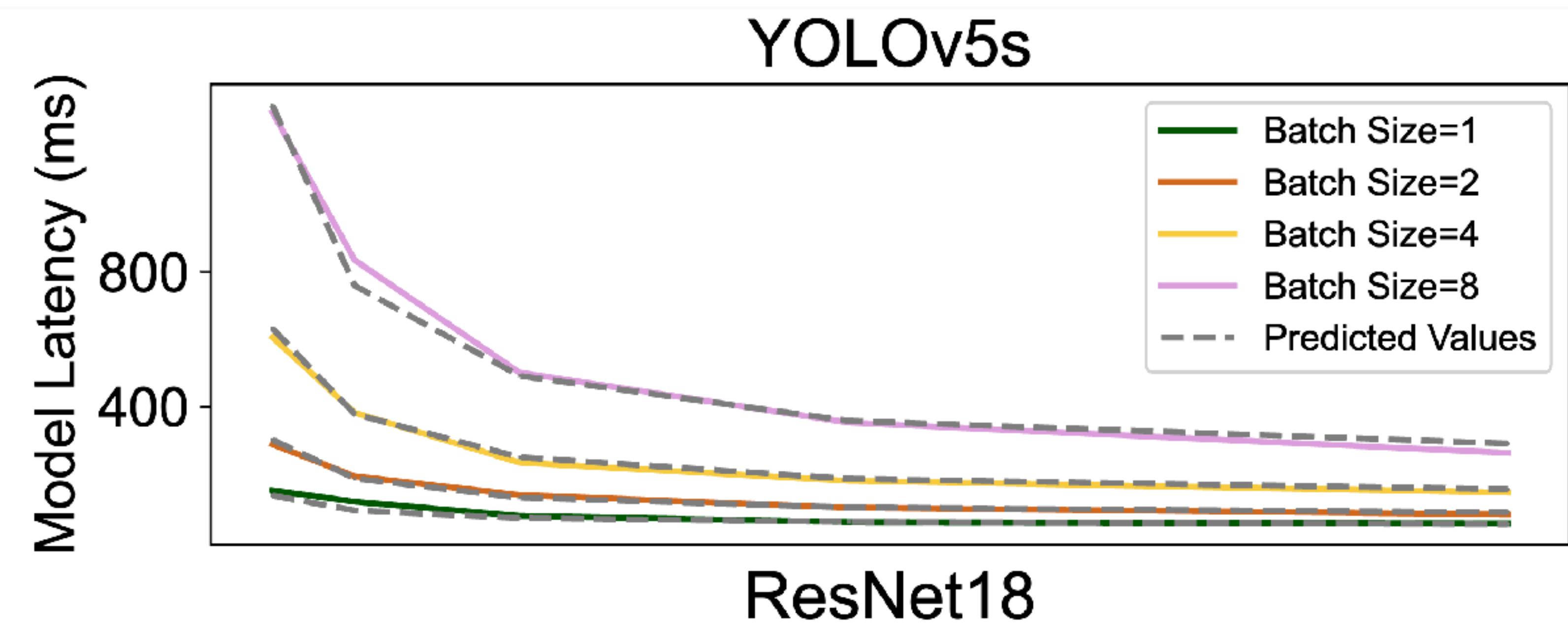
In-place Vertical Scaling
(more responsive)

Horizontal Scaling
(more cost
efficient)



Vertical Scaling DL Model Profiling

- How much resource should be allocated to a DL model?
 - Latency/batch size → linear relationship
 - Latency/CPU allocation → inverse relationship



Problem Formulation

Minimize $c + \delta \times b$

subject to $l(b, c) + q_r(b, c) + \text{cl}_{max} \leq SLO, \quad \forall r \in R$

$h(b, c) \geq \lambda$

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Problem Formulation

Minimize resource costs
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$h(b, c) \geq \lambda$	R	Set of all requests
$b, c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$	b	Model's batch size
	c	Model's CPU allocation
	cl_r	Communication latency associated with $r \in R$
	cl_{max}	Highest cl_r in R
	SLO	Pre-defined SLO for R
	$l(b, c)$	Processing time of a model with allocation core c and batch size b
	$q_r(b, c)$	Queuing time of $r \in R$ with allocation core c and batch size b
	$h(b, c)$	Throughput of a model with allocation core c and batch size b
	λ	Request arrival rate



System Design

3 design choices:

1. In-place vertical scaling

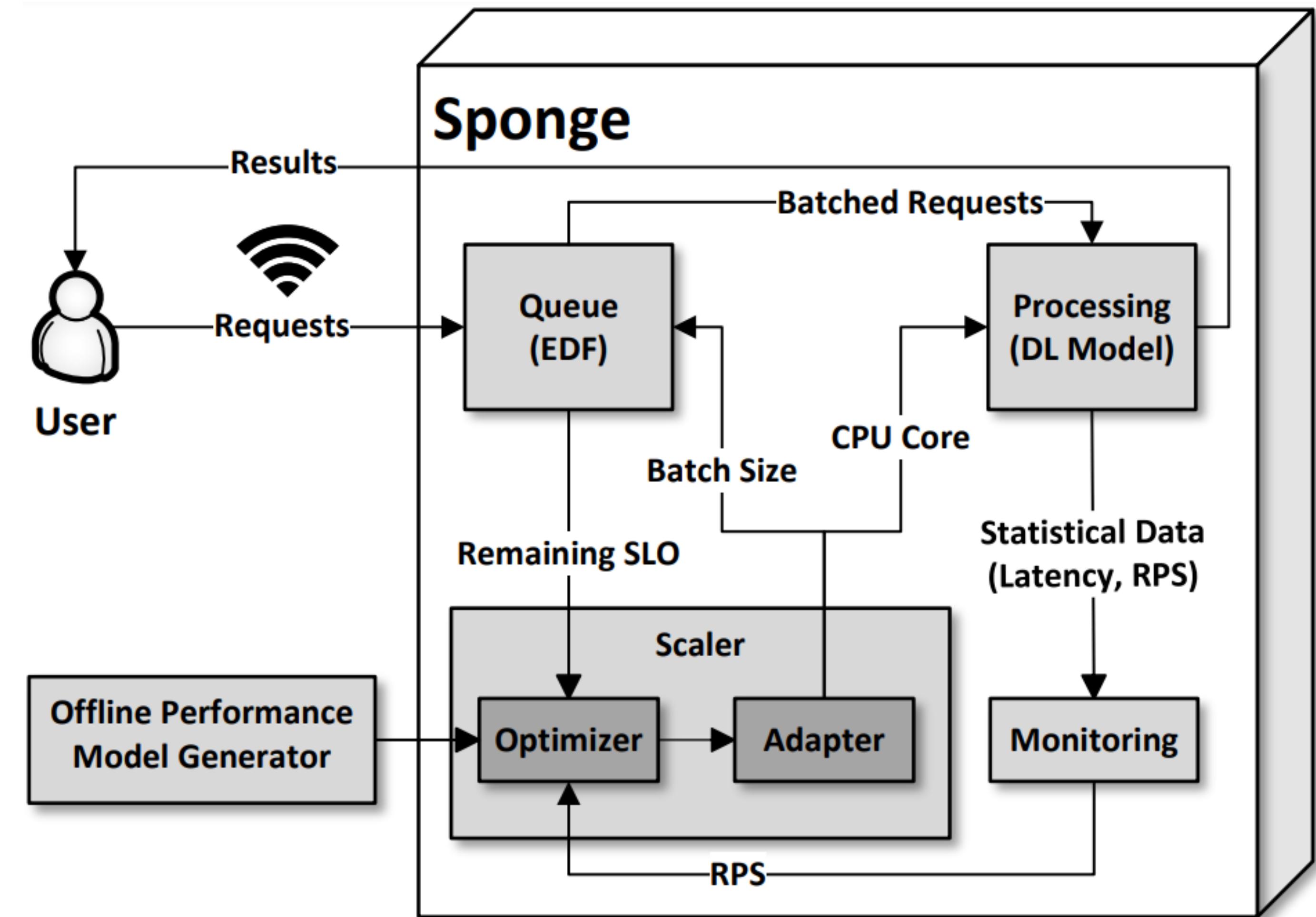
- Fast response time

2. Request reordering

- High priority requests

3. Dynamic batching

- Increase system utilization



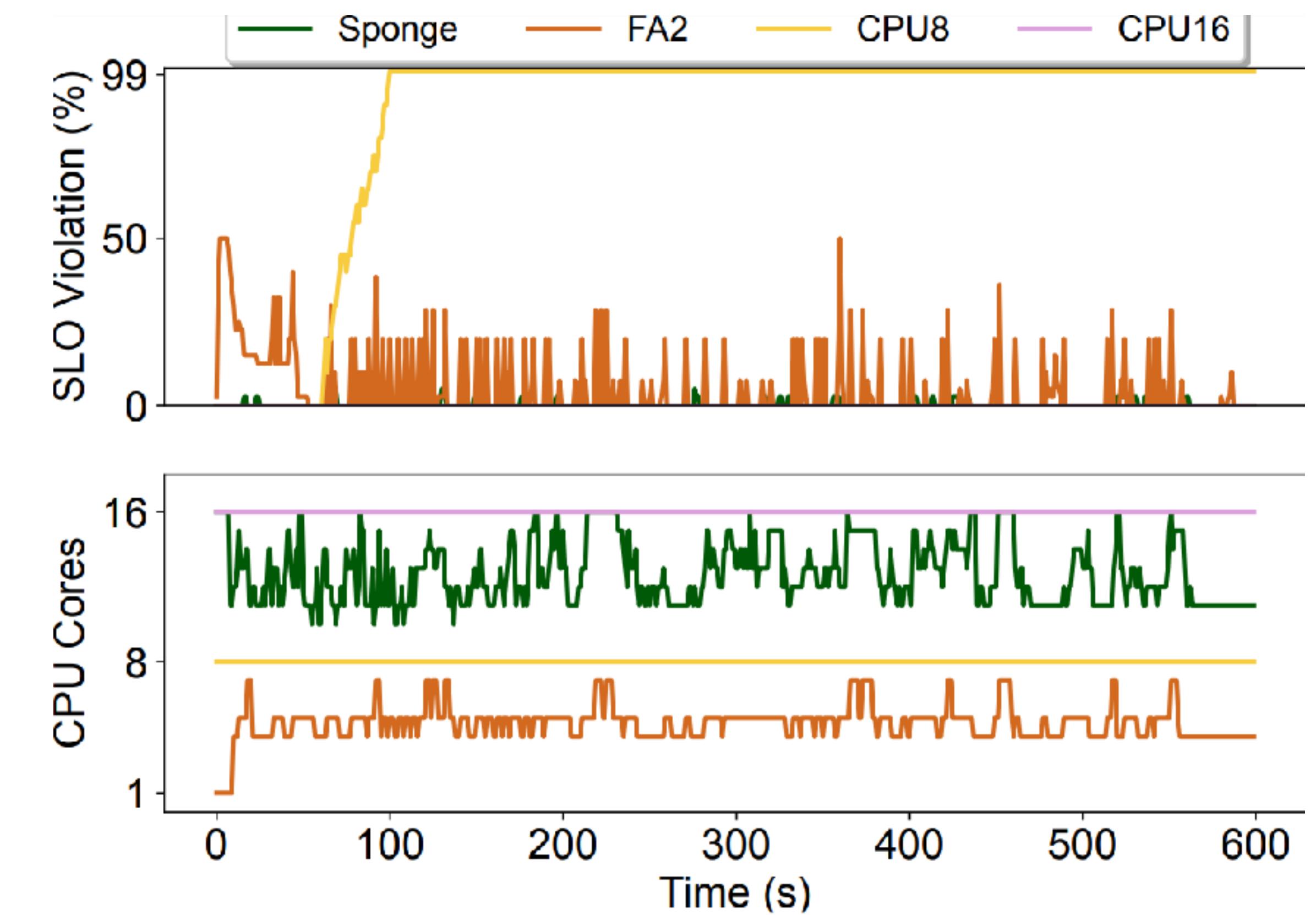
Evaluation

SLO guarantees (99th percentile) with up to 20% resource save up compared to static resource allocation.

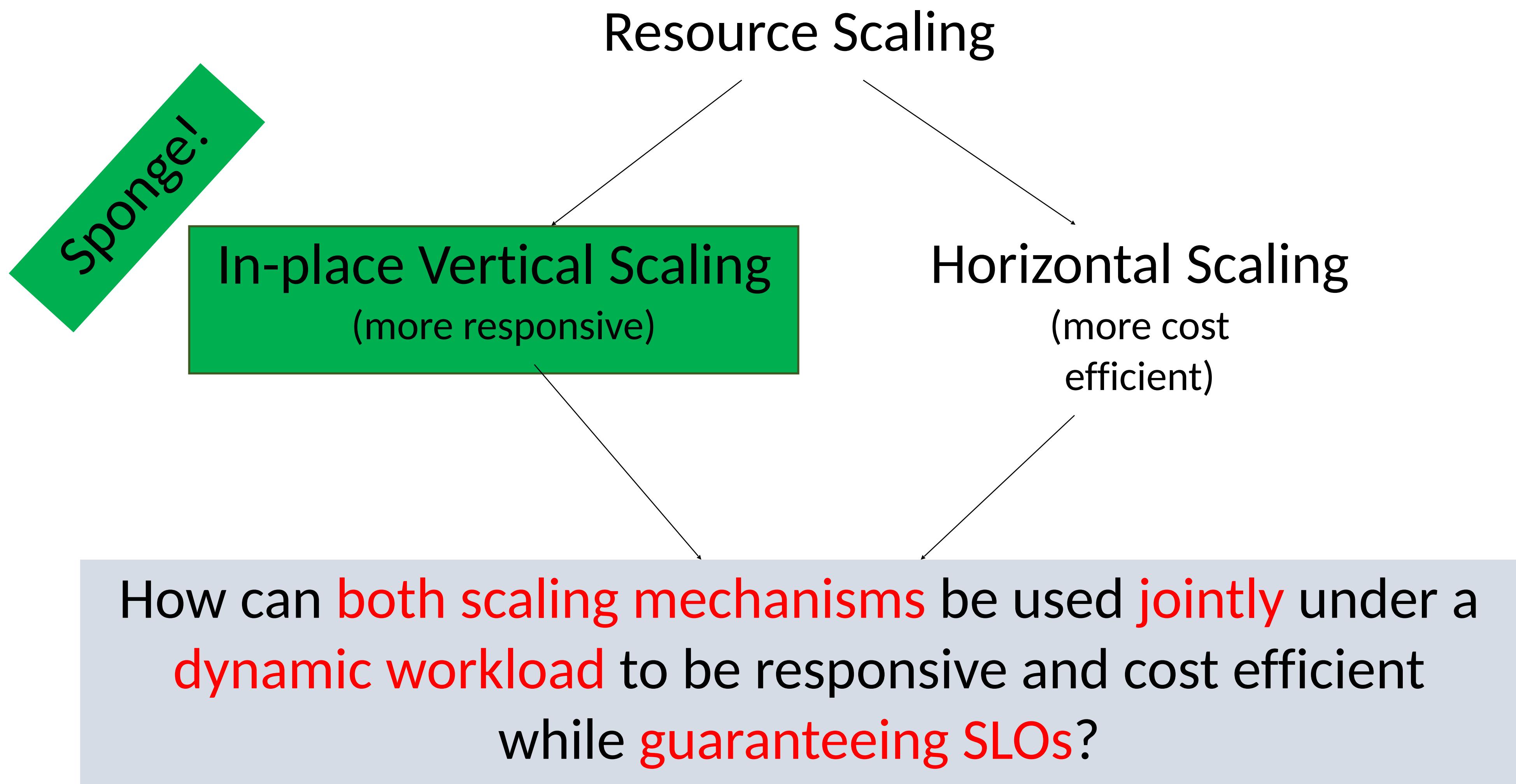
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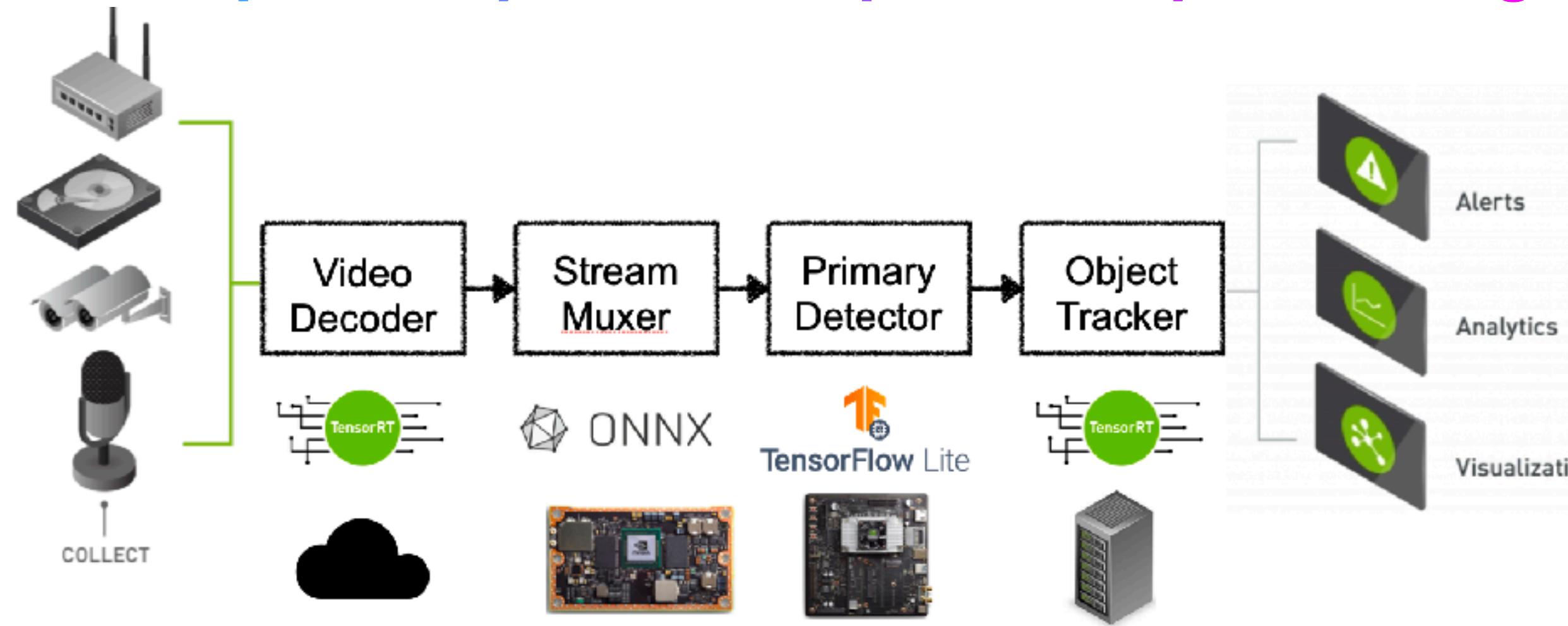
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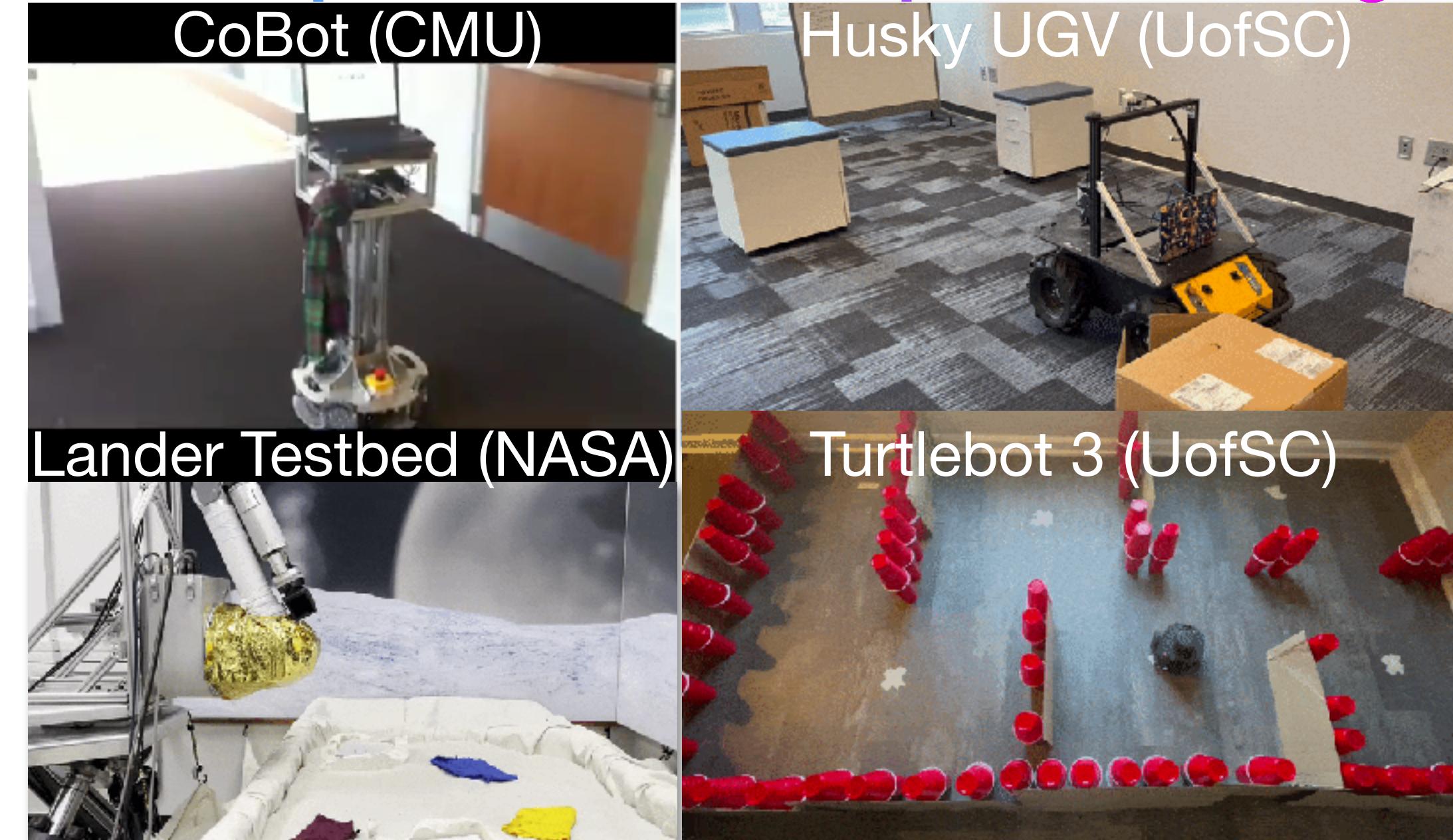
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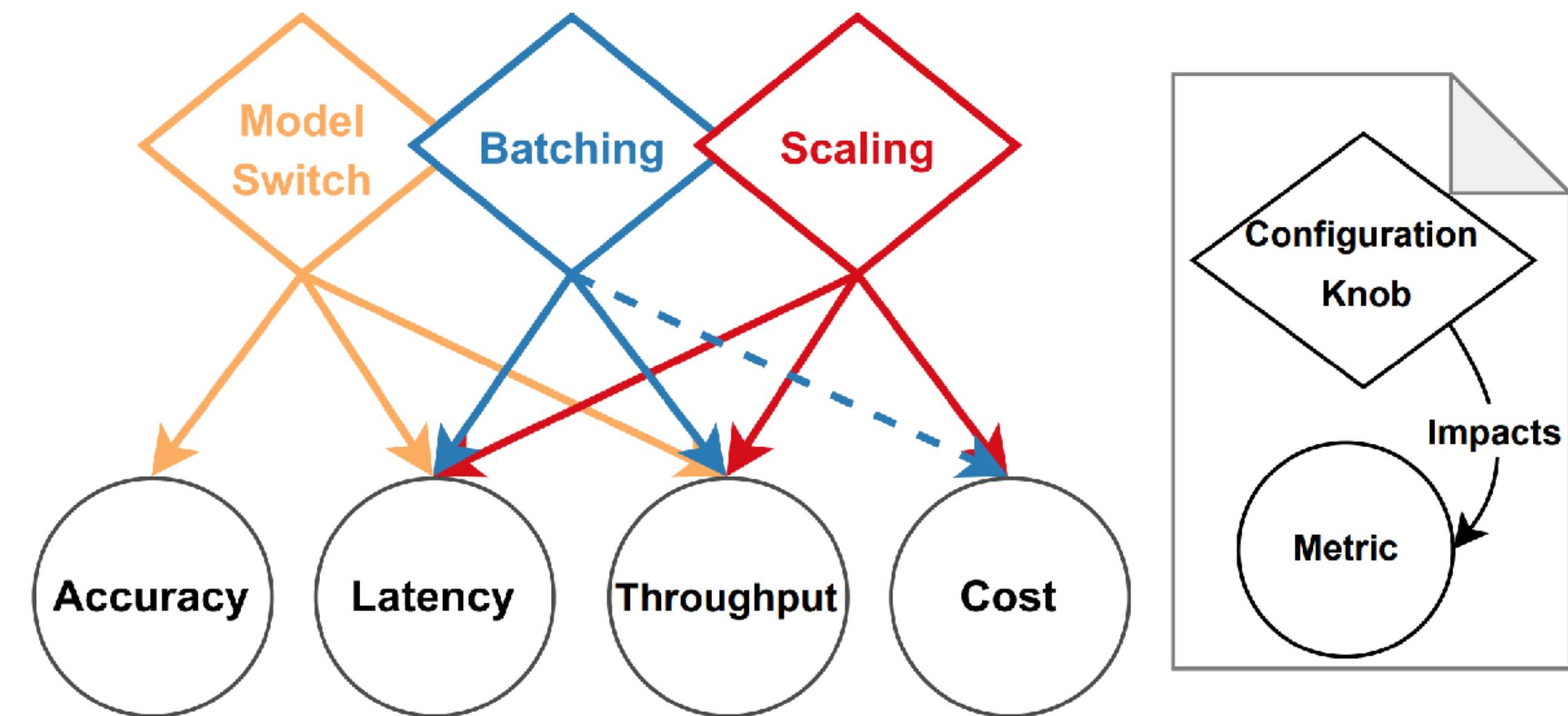
The variability space (design space) of (composed) systems is exponentially increasing



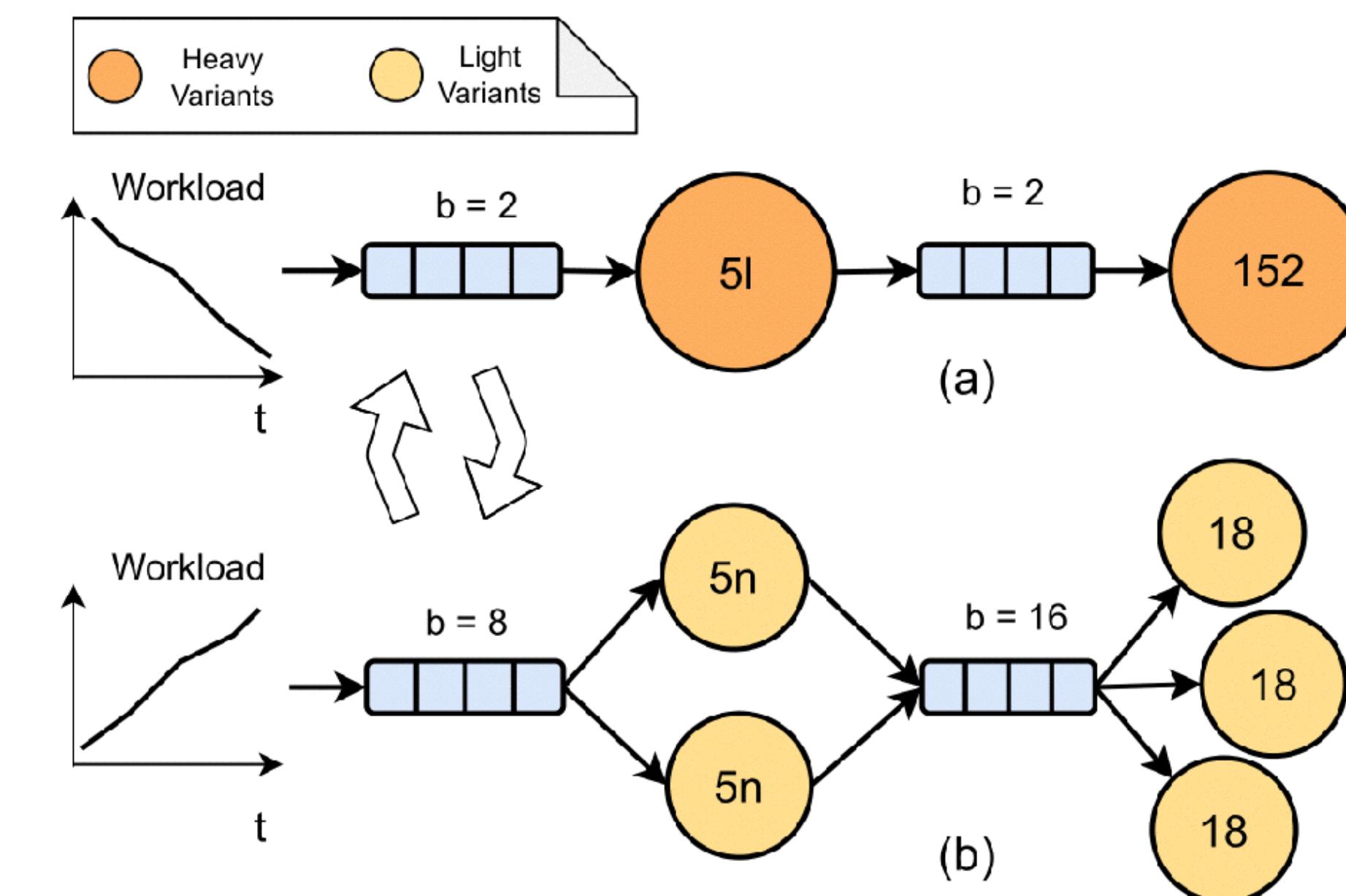
Systems operate in uncertain environments with imperfect and incomplete knowledge



Performance goals are competing and users have preferences over these goals



Goal: Enabling users to find the right quality tradeoff



Thank you, Saeid Ghafouri!



Optimizing Production ML Inference for Accuracy and Cost Efficiency

Pushing the Boundaries of Cost-Effective ML Inference on Chameleon Testbed

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Over the past decade, advancements in machine learning (ML) have paved the way for numerous real-world use cases such as chatbots, self-driving cars, and recommender systems. Traditional ML applications typically use a single deep neural network (DNN) to perform inference tasks, such as object recognition or natural language understanding. In contrast, modern ML systems – those used in sophisticated systems (think digital assistant services such as Amazon Alexa) – are very complex. These systems employ a series of interconnected DNNs, often structured as directed acyclic graphs (DAGs), to handle a variety of inference tasks, including speech recognition, question interpretation, question answering, and text-to-speech conversion, all working together to meet user queries and requirements.

Inference Pipelines

