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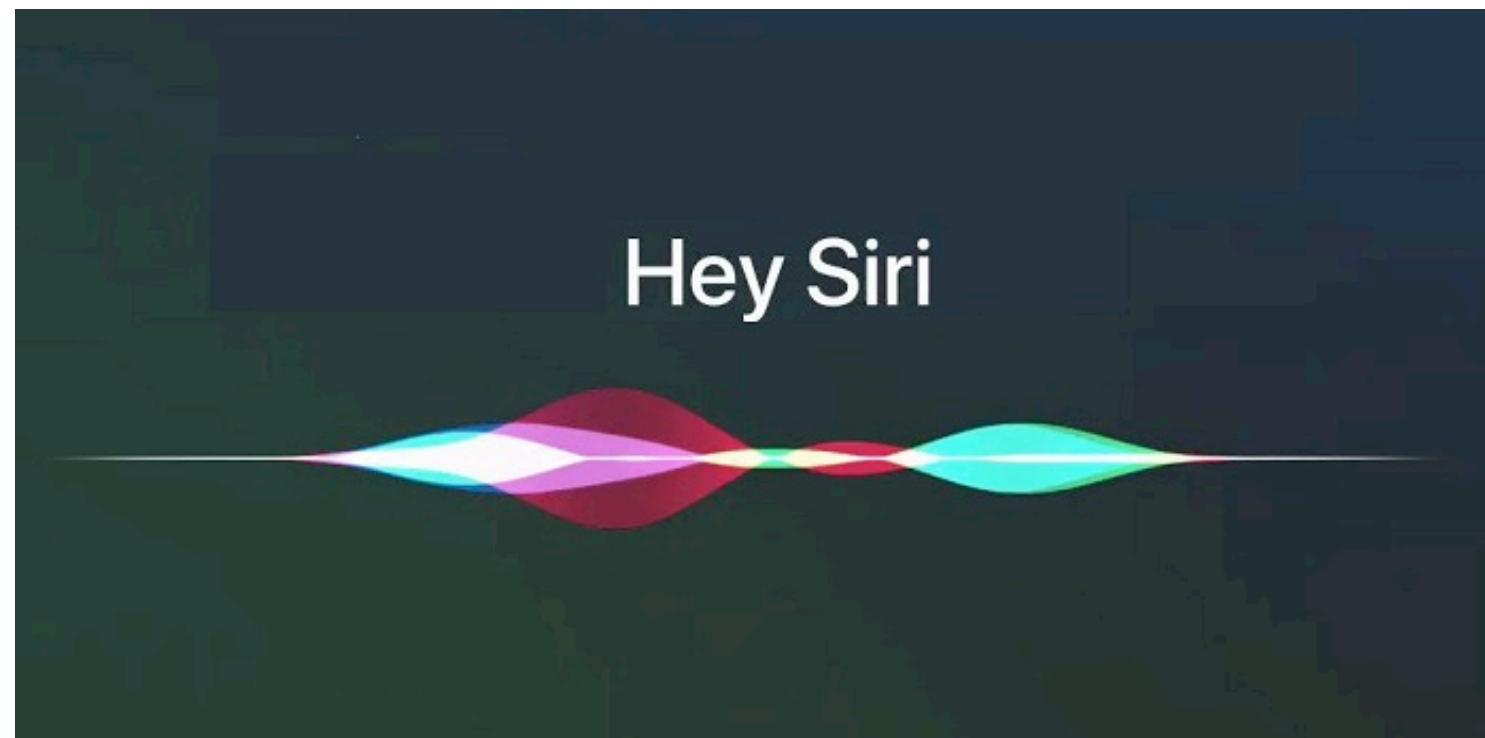
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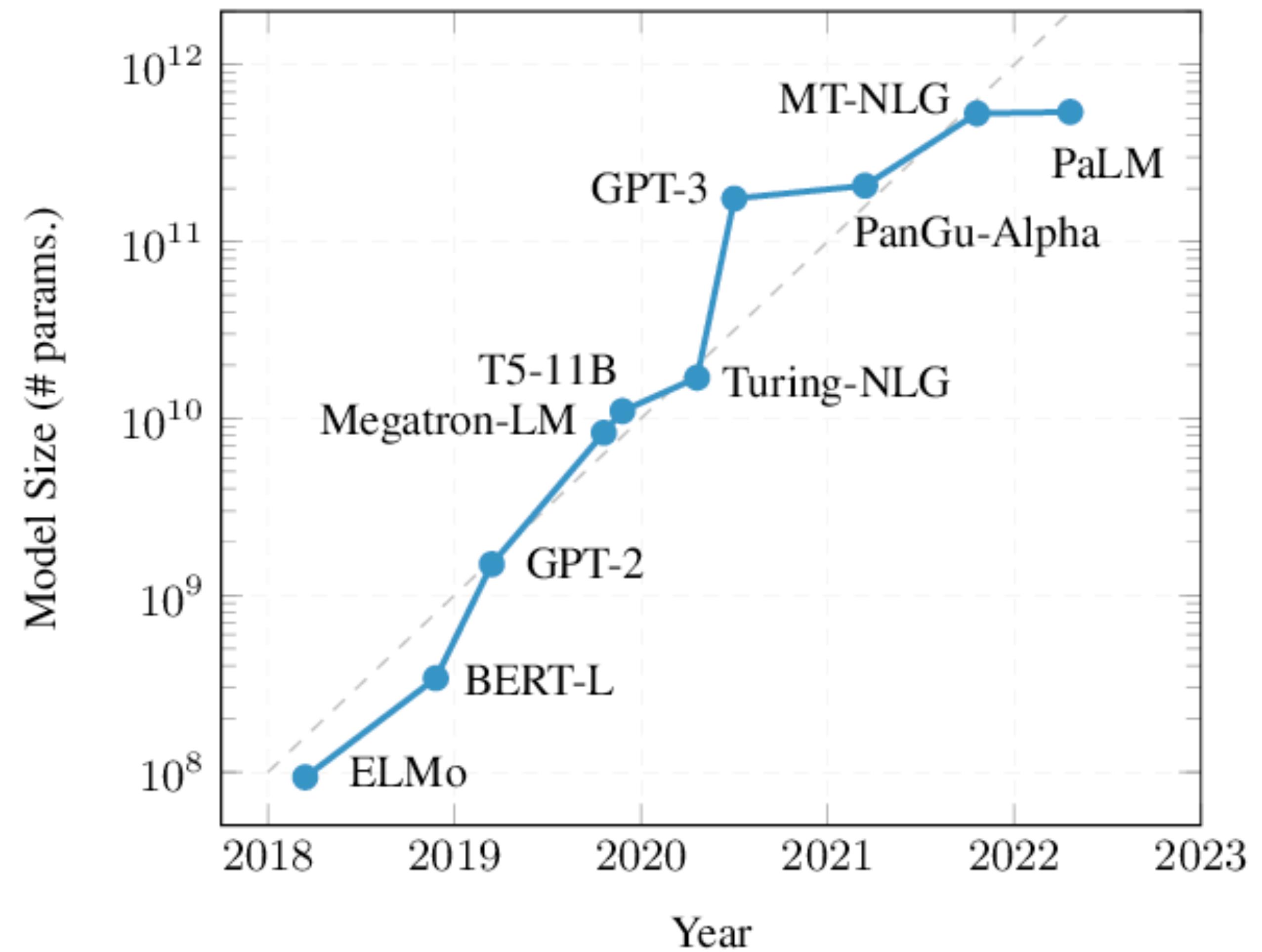


ChatGPT		
Examples	Capabilities	Limitations
"Explain quantum computing in simple terms"	Remembers what user said earlier in the conversation	May occasionally generate incorrect information
"Got any creative ideas for a 10 year old's birthday?"	Allows user to provide follow-up corrections	May occasionally produce harmful instructions or biased content
"How do I make an HTTP request in Javascript?"	Trained to decline inappropriate requests	Limited knowledge of world and events after 2021



Scaling

5,000X in 4 Years



Taken from Lakim et al. (2022)



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Problems with Scaling Inclusiveness

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The Staggering Cost of Training SOTA AI Models

While it is exhilarating to see AI researchers pushing the performance of cutting-edge models to new heights, the costs of such processes are also rising at a dizzying rate.

<https://syncedreview.com/2019/06/27/the-staggering-cost-of-training-sota-ai-models/>

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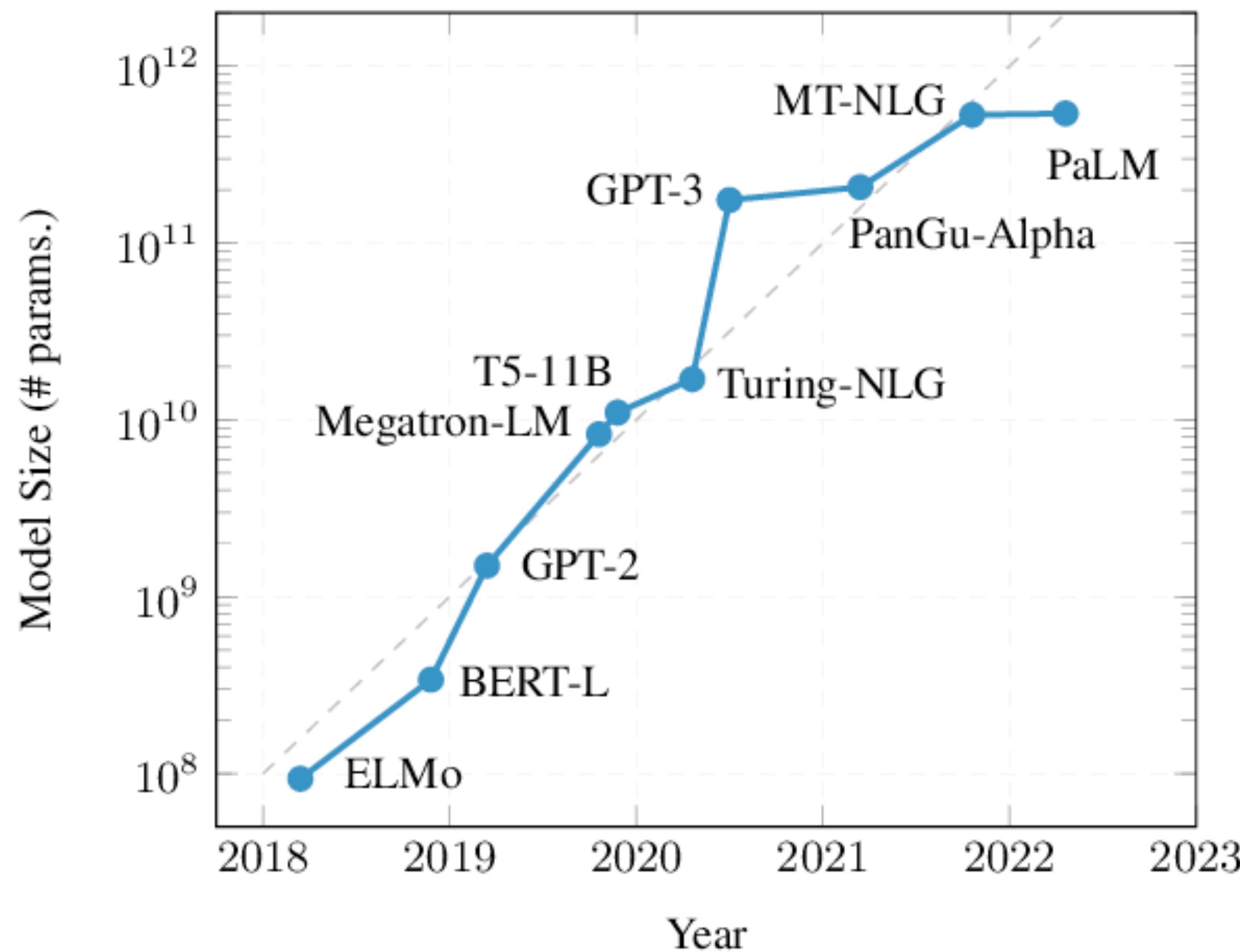
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PaLM: Scaling Language Modeling with Pathways

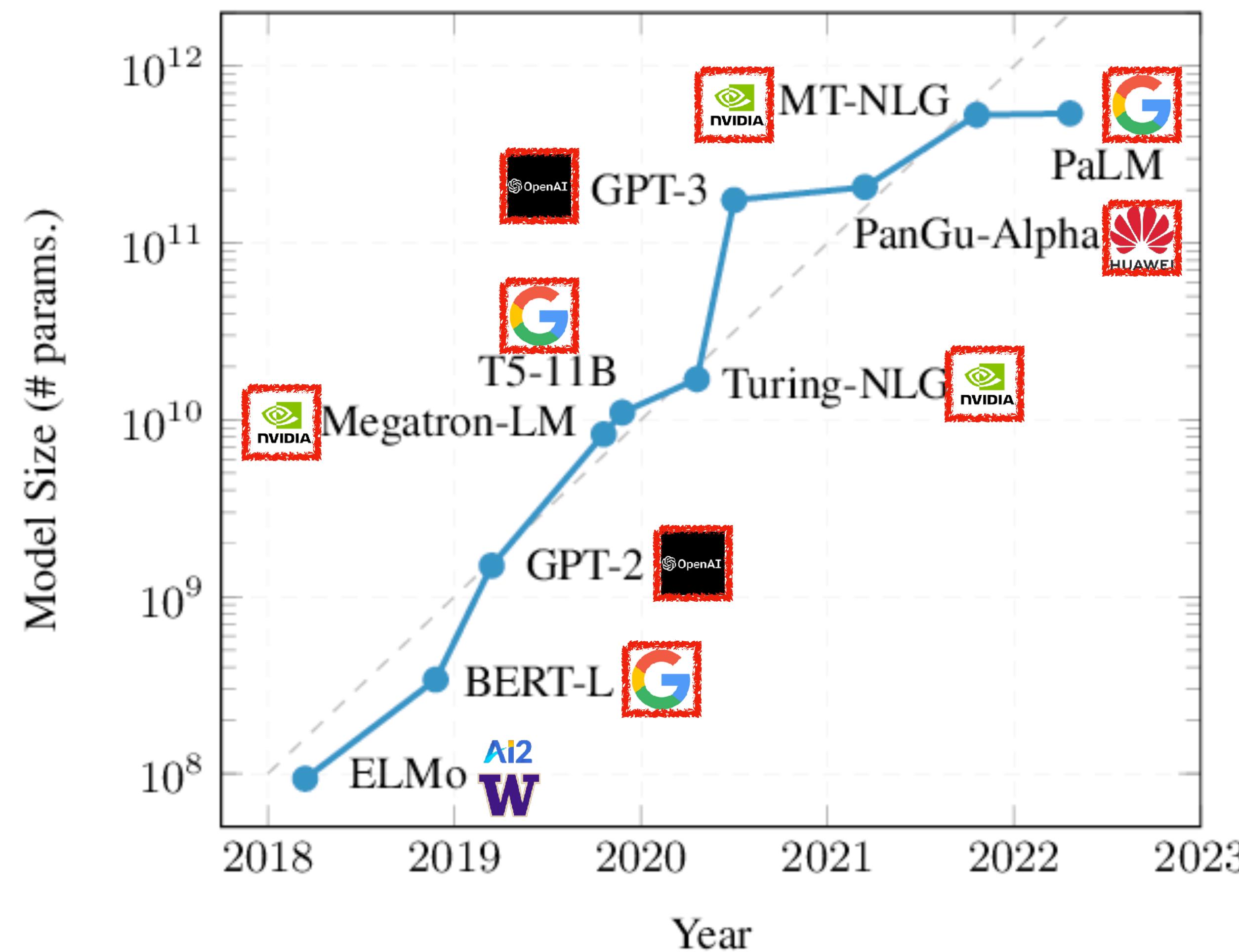
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*Is AI really creating an
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Google's Answer: No!

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Our Answer: Maybe?

Measuring the Carbon Intensity of AI in Cloud Instances

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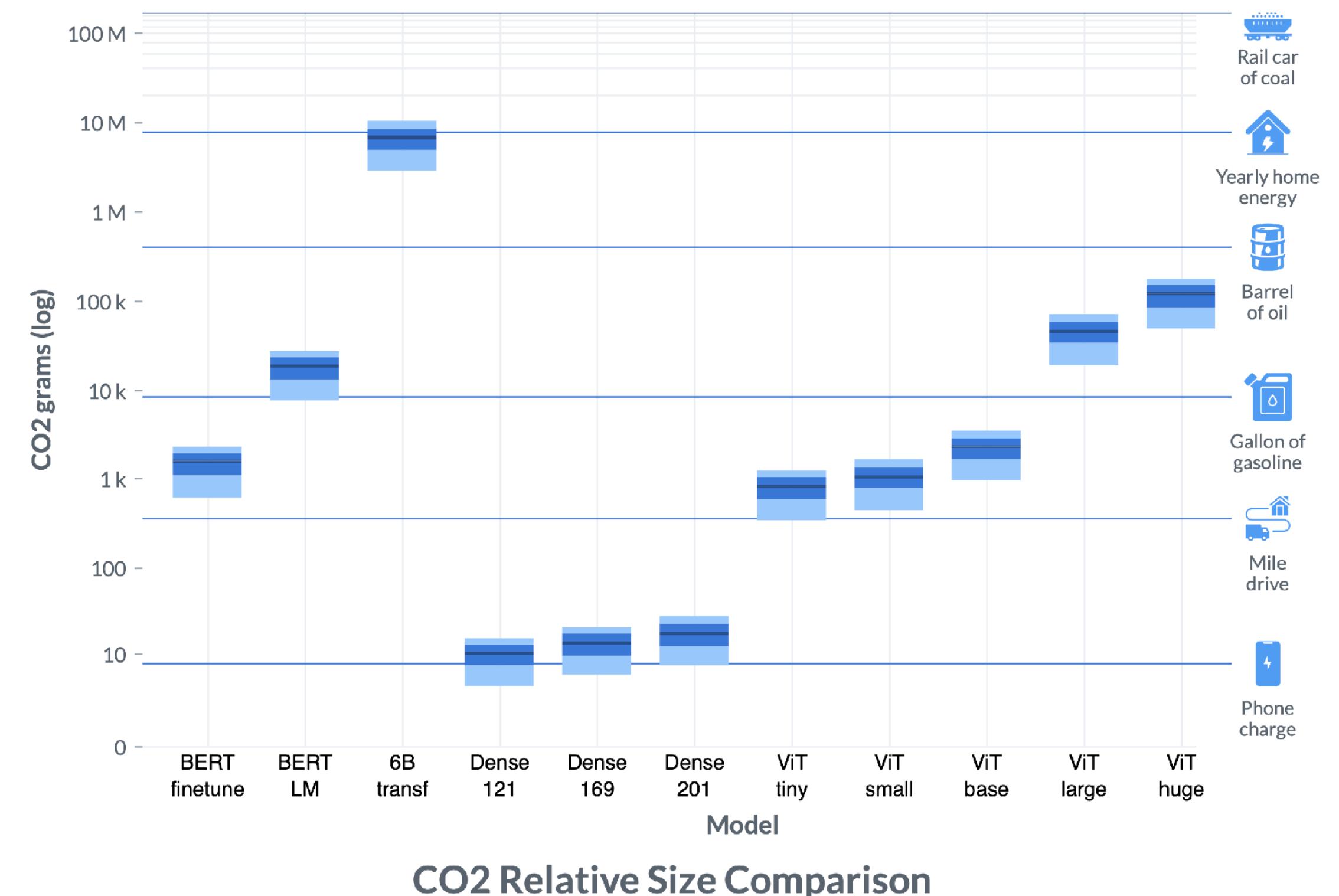
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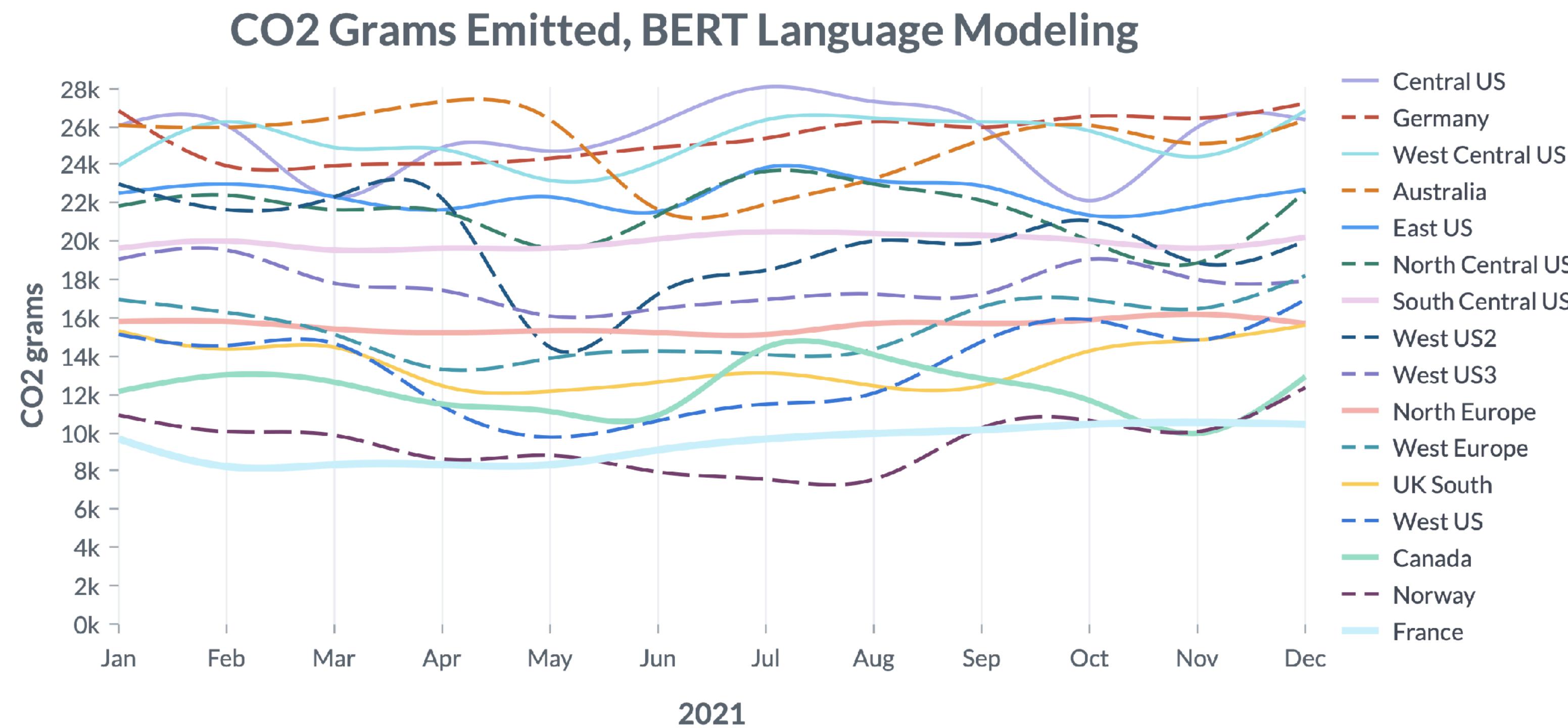
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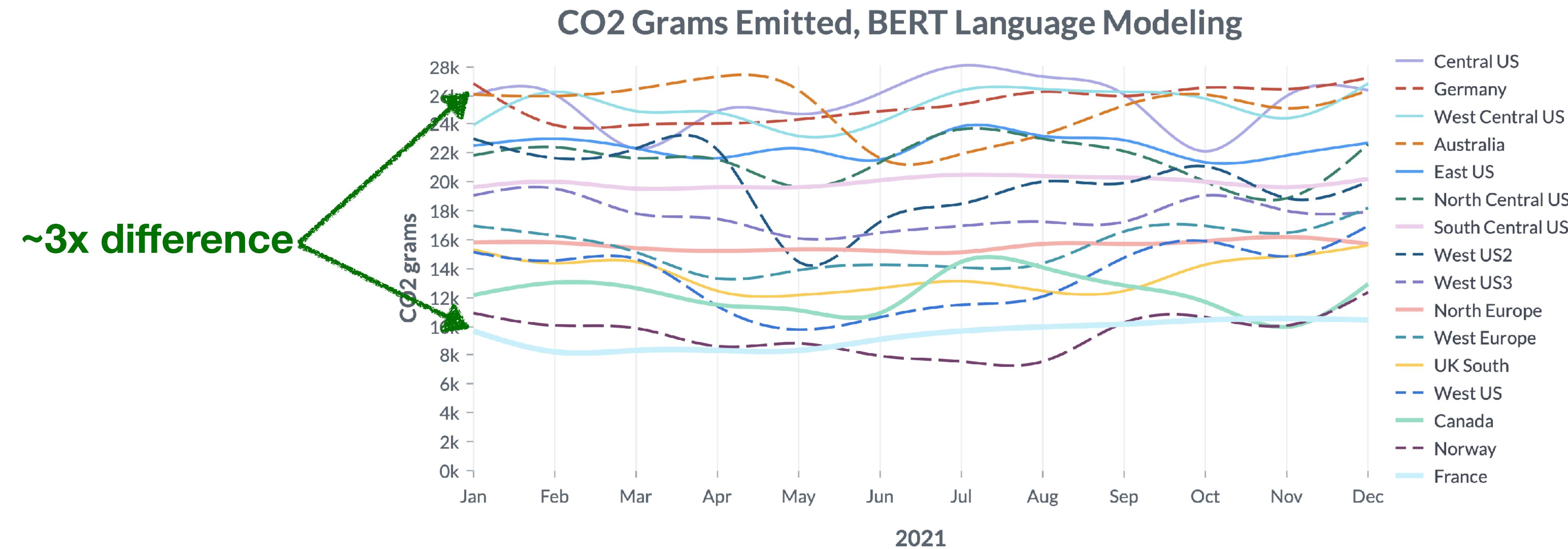
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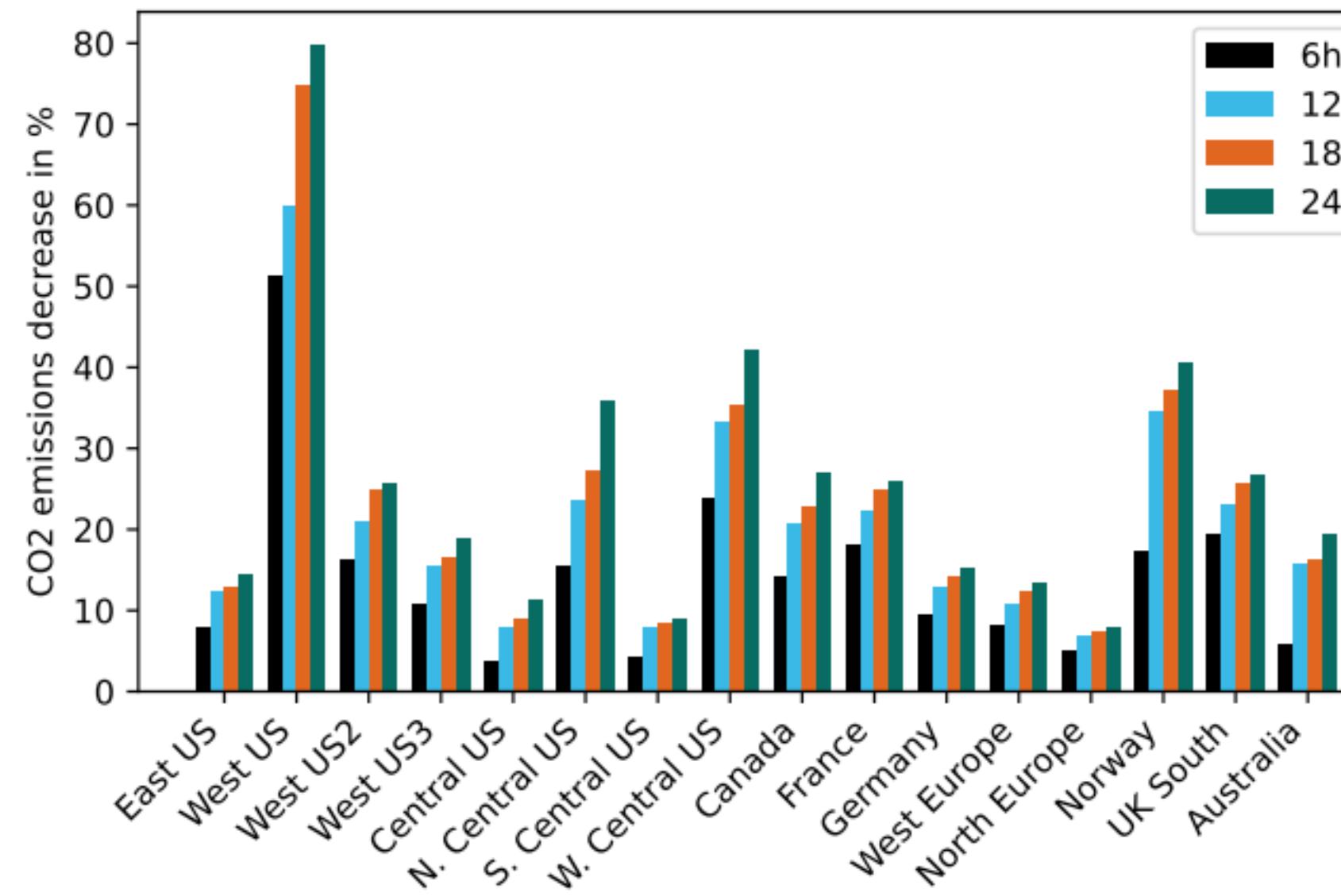


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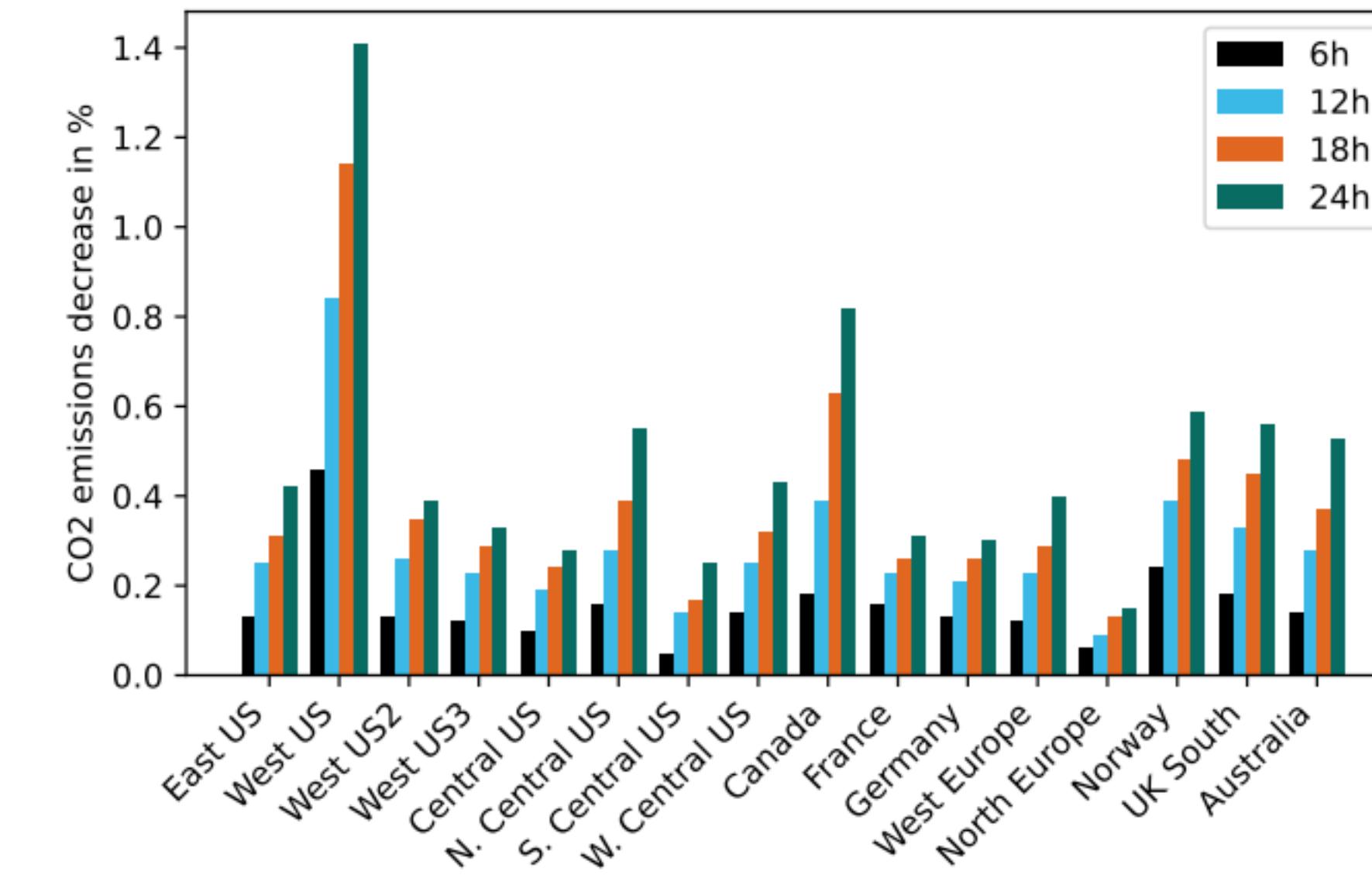


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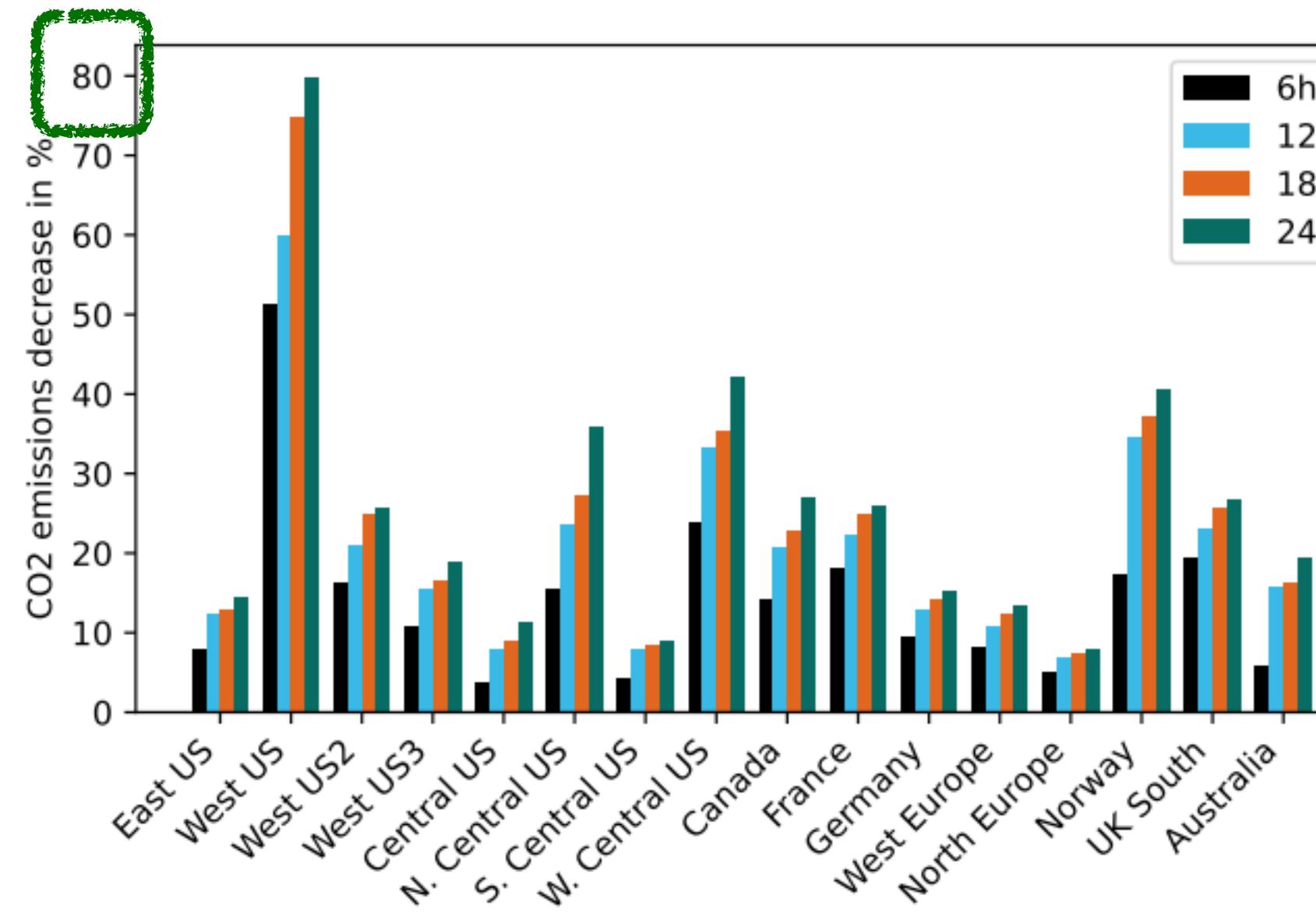
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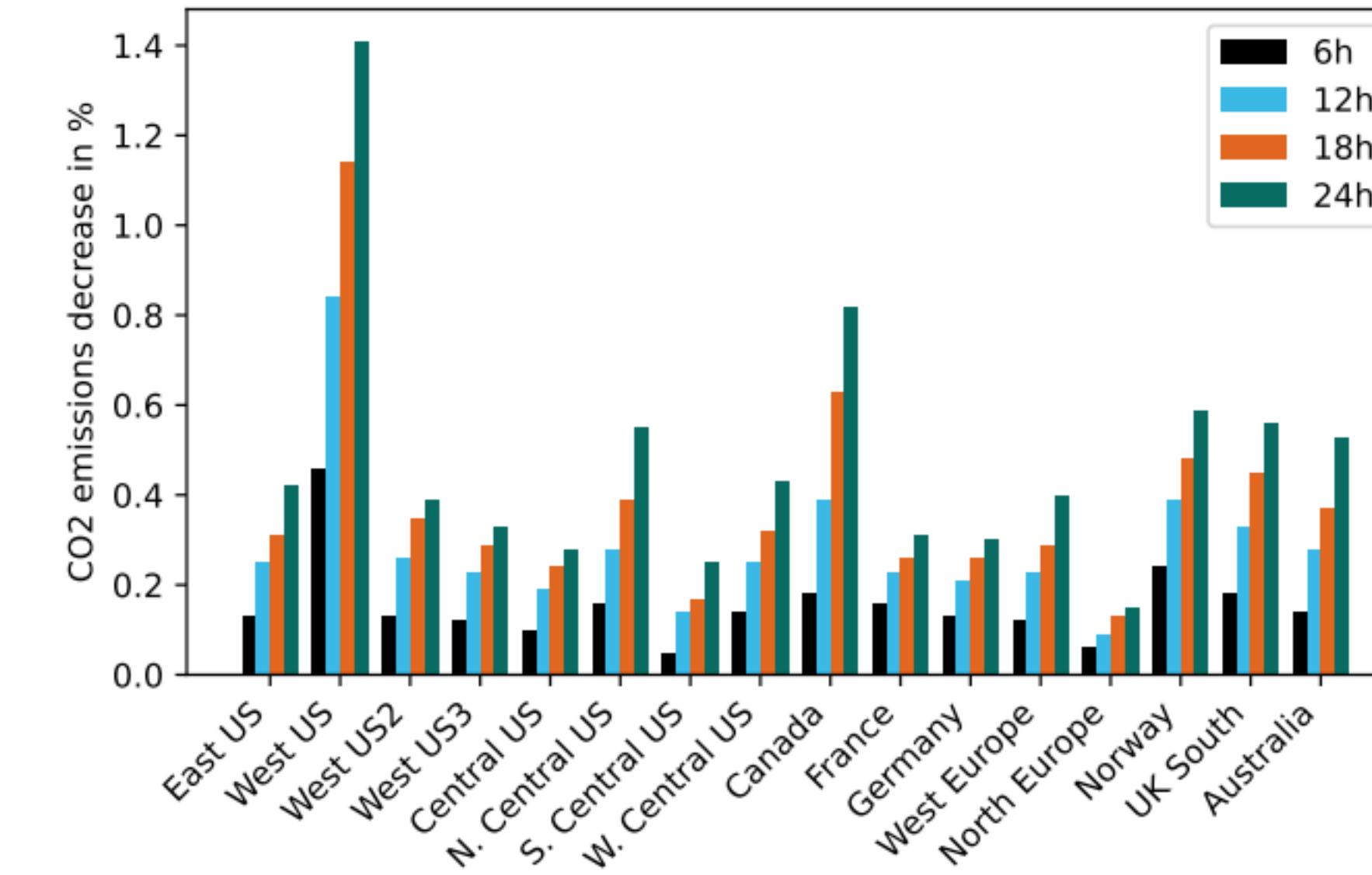
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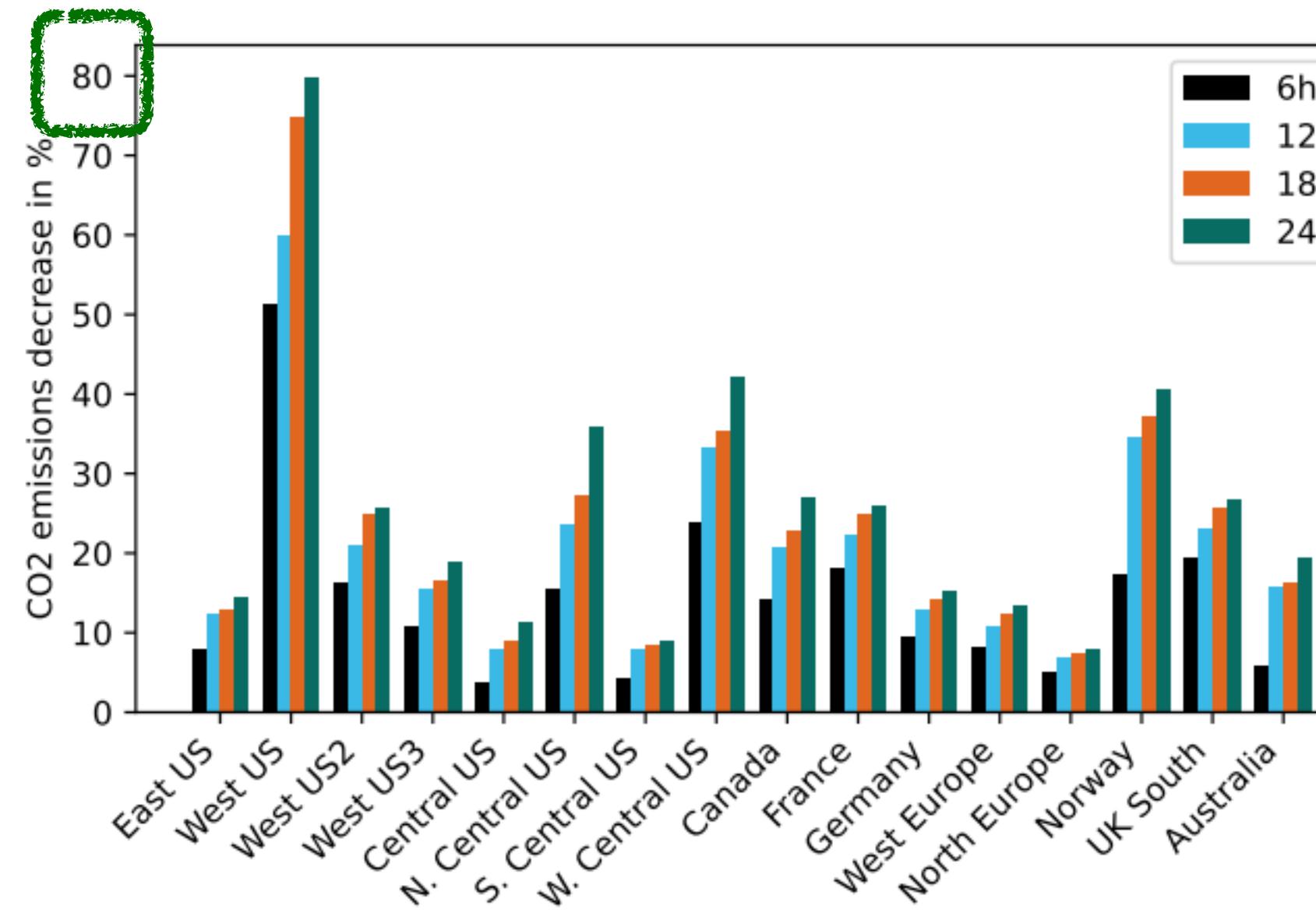
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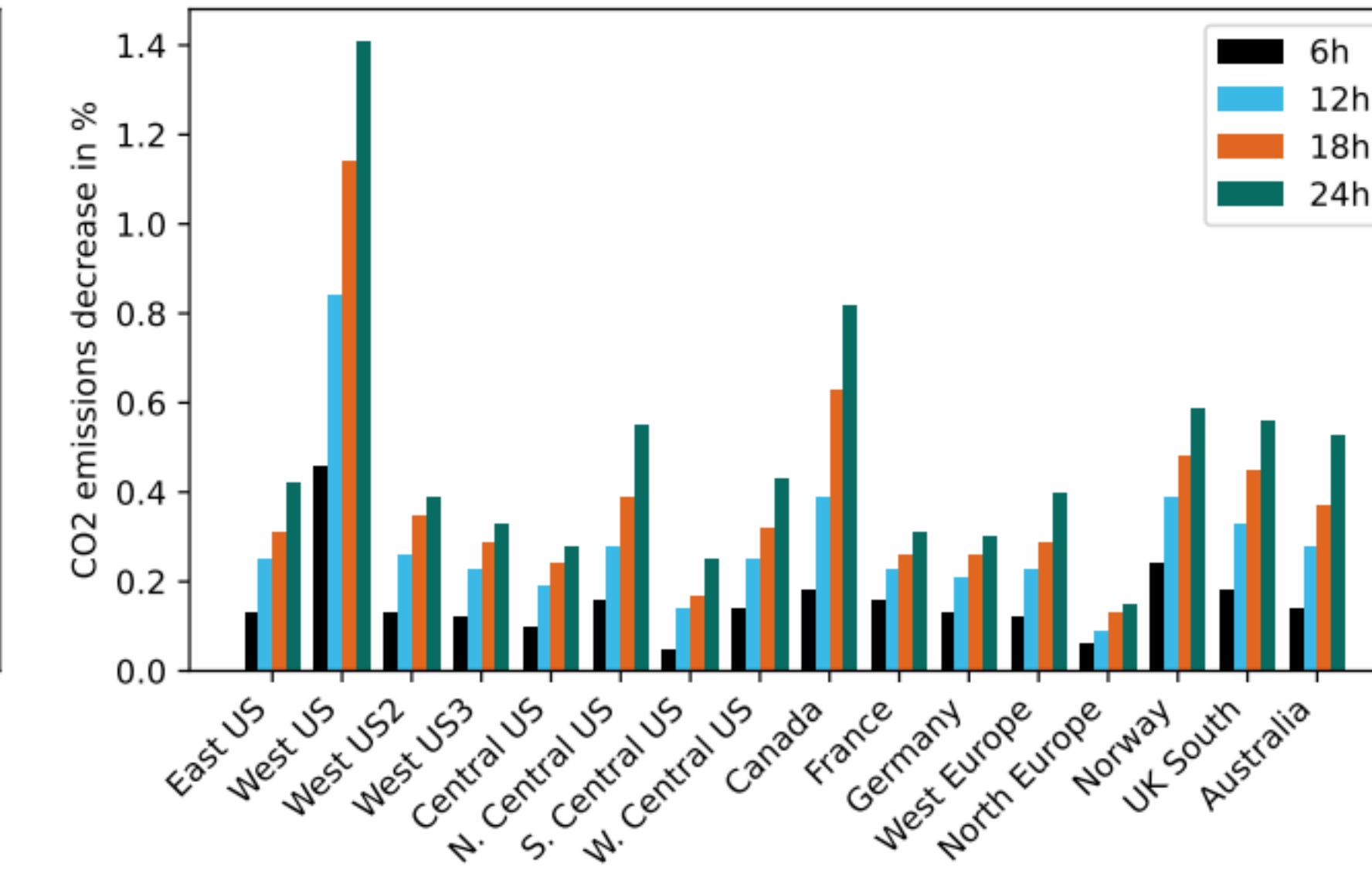
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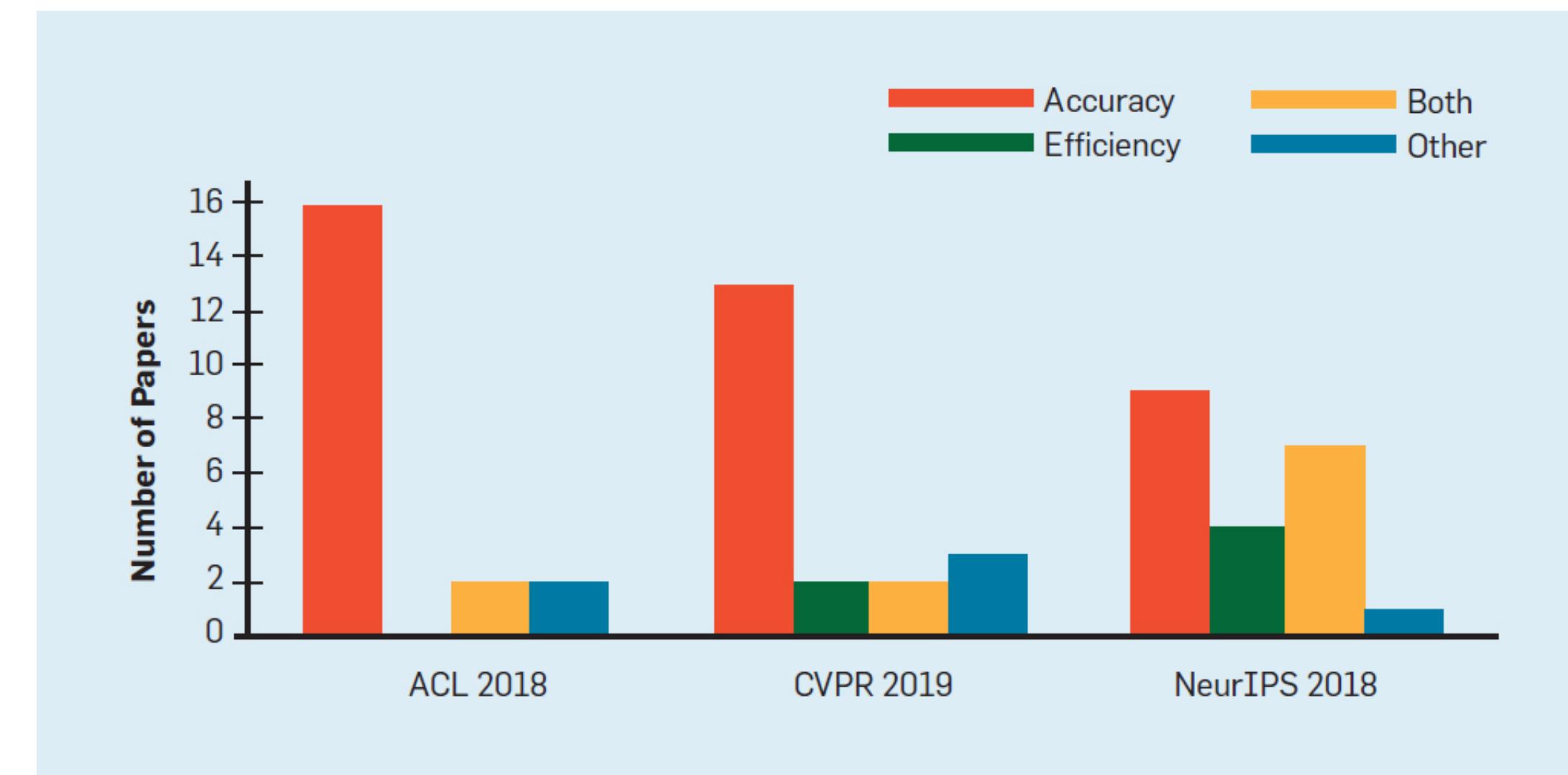
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- Encouraging the release of trained models

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Efficient and Equitable Natural Language Processing in the Age of Deep Learning

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Efficient Methods for Natural Language Processing: A Survey

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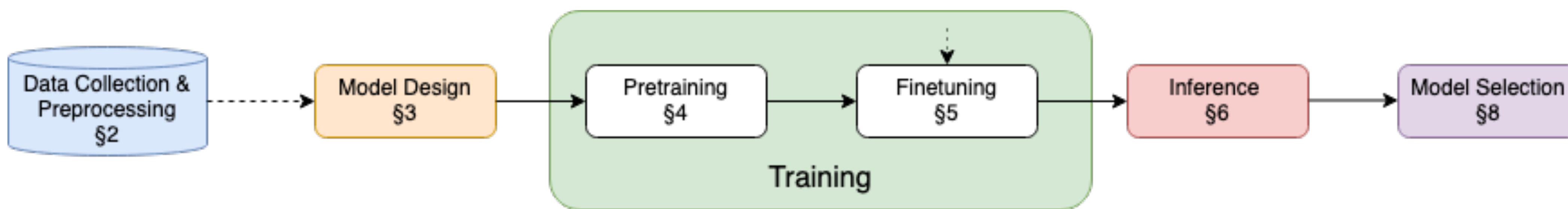
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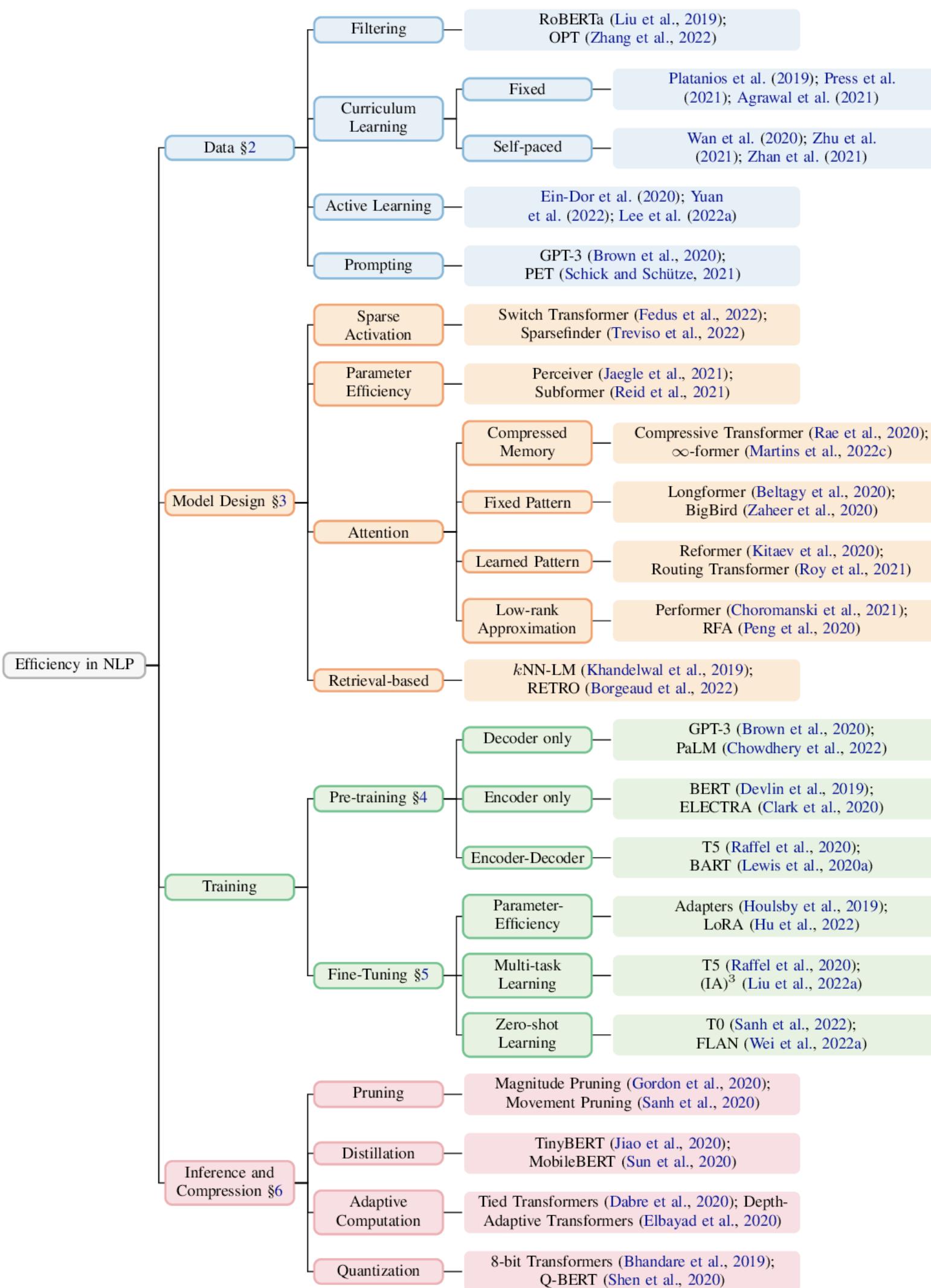
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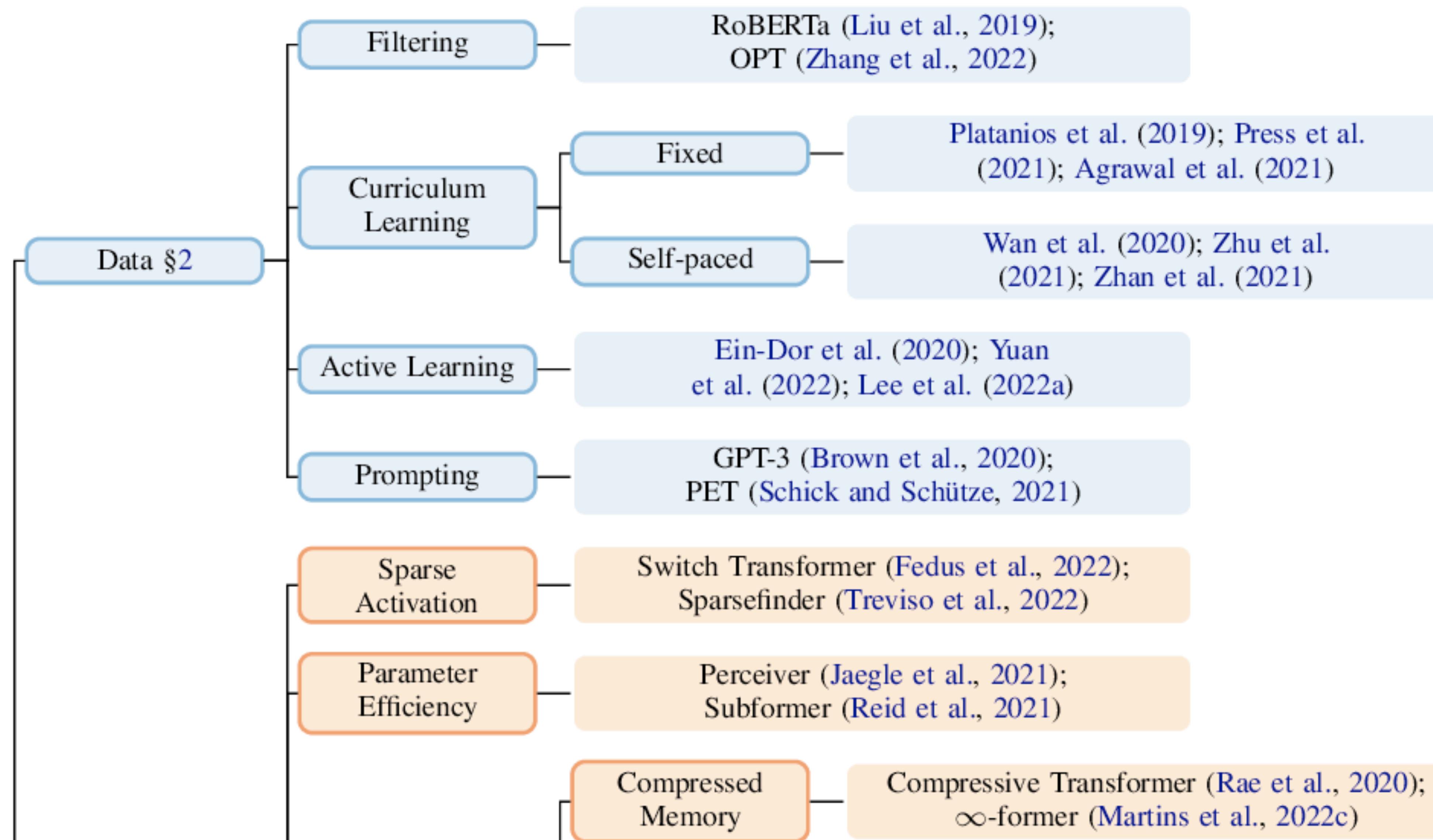
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Filtering

- Non-text
 - Gibrish, HTML
- Text in other languages
- Foul text
- Typically done via simple, rule-based heuristics
 - Noisy process

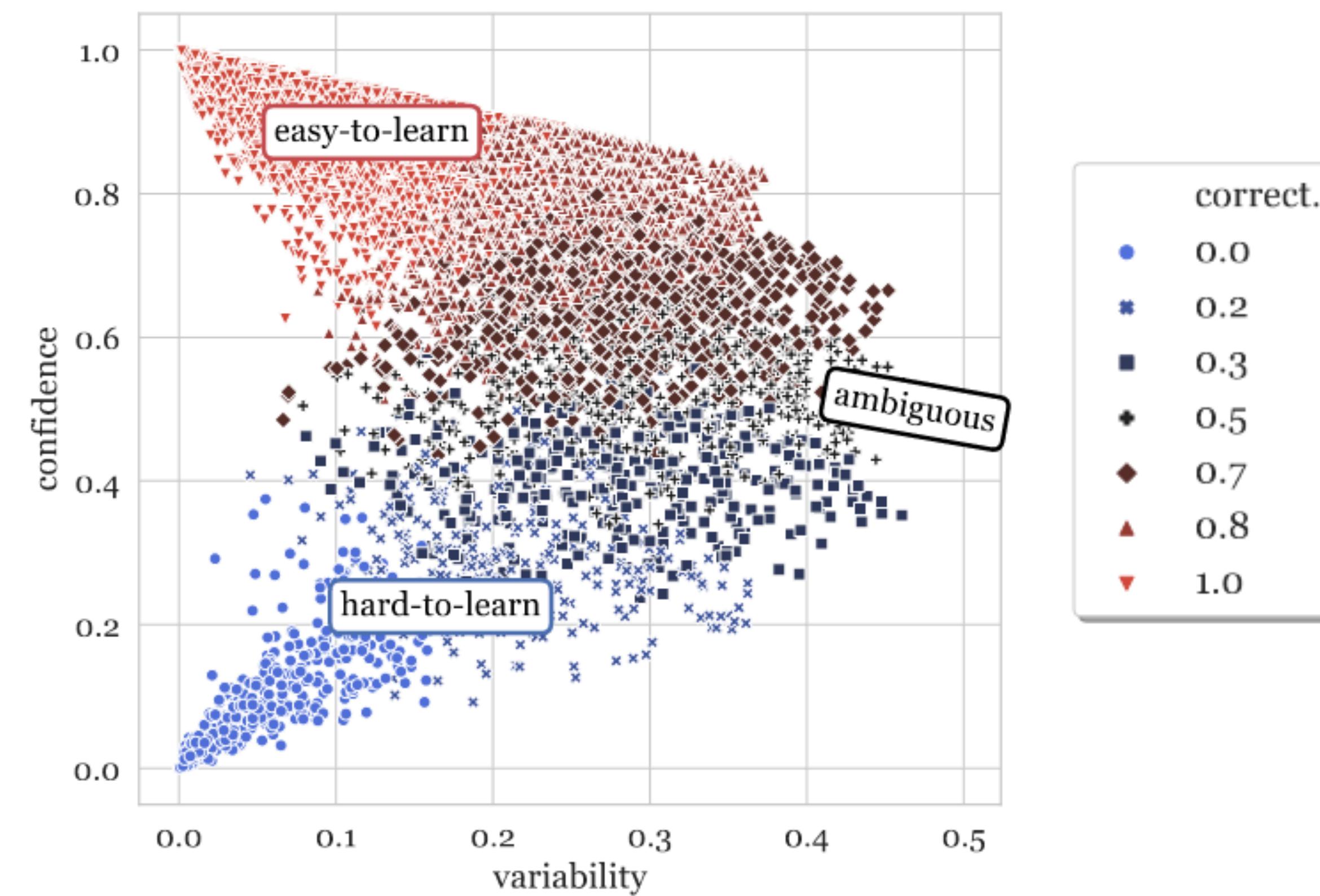
Smart Filtering

Swayamdipta, S. et al., EMNLP 2020

- Not all training instances contribute the same to learning
 - Some are “easy-to-learn”, others are more challenging



Dataset Map



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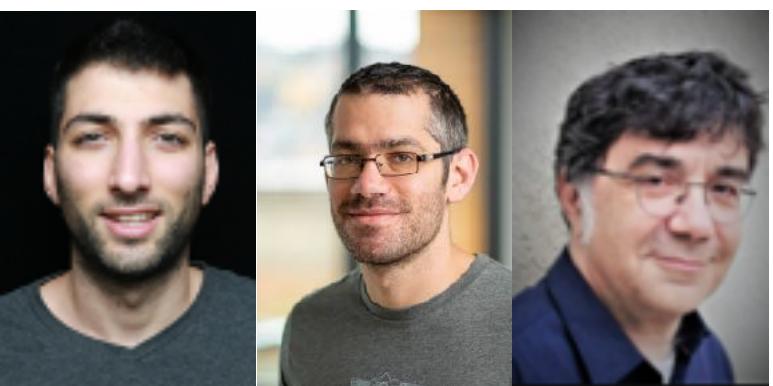
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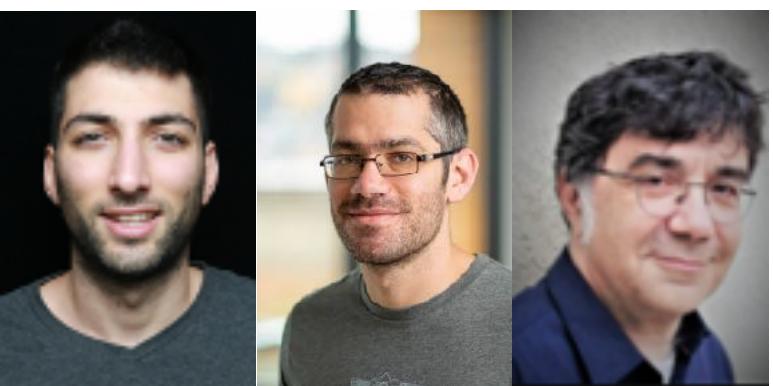
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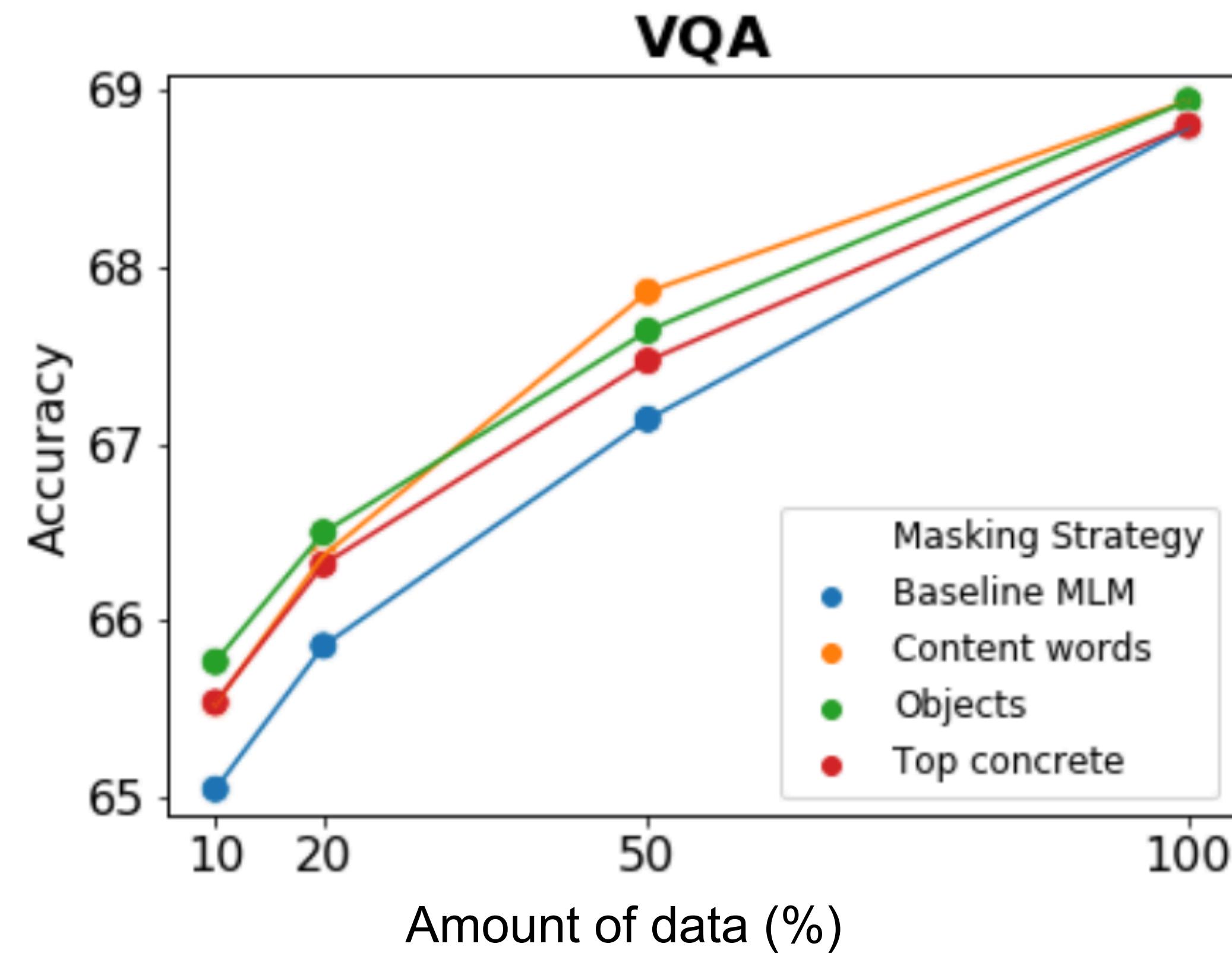


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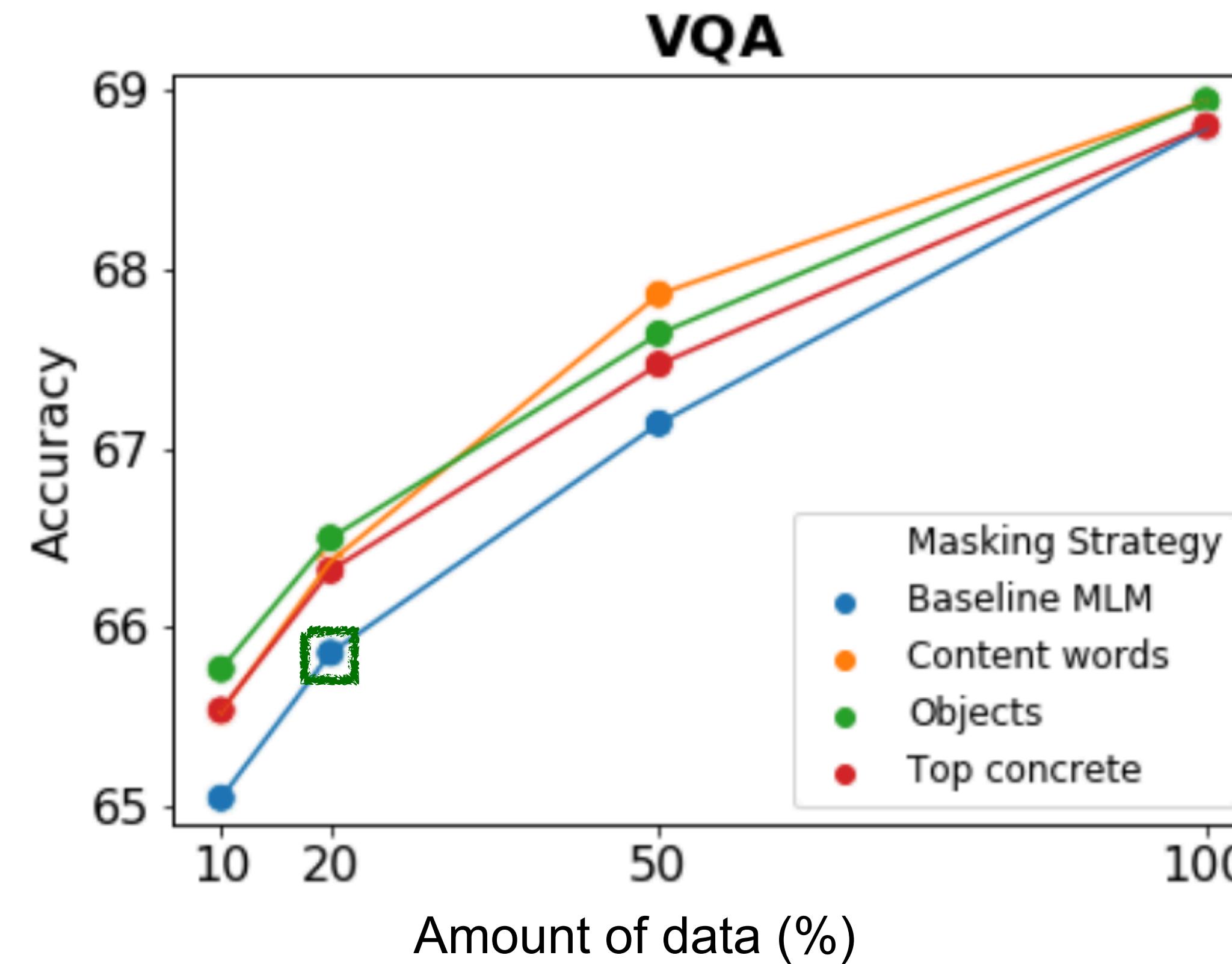
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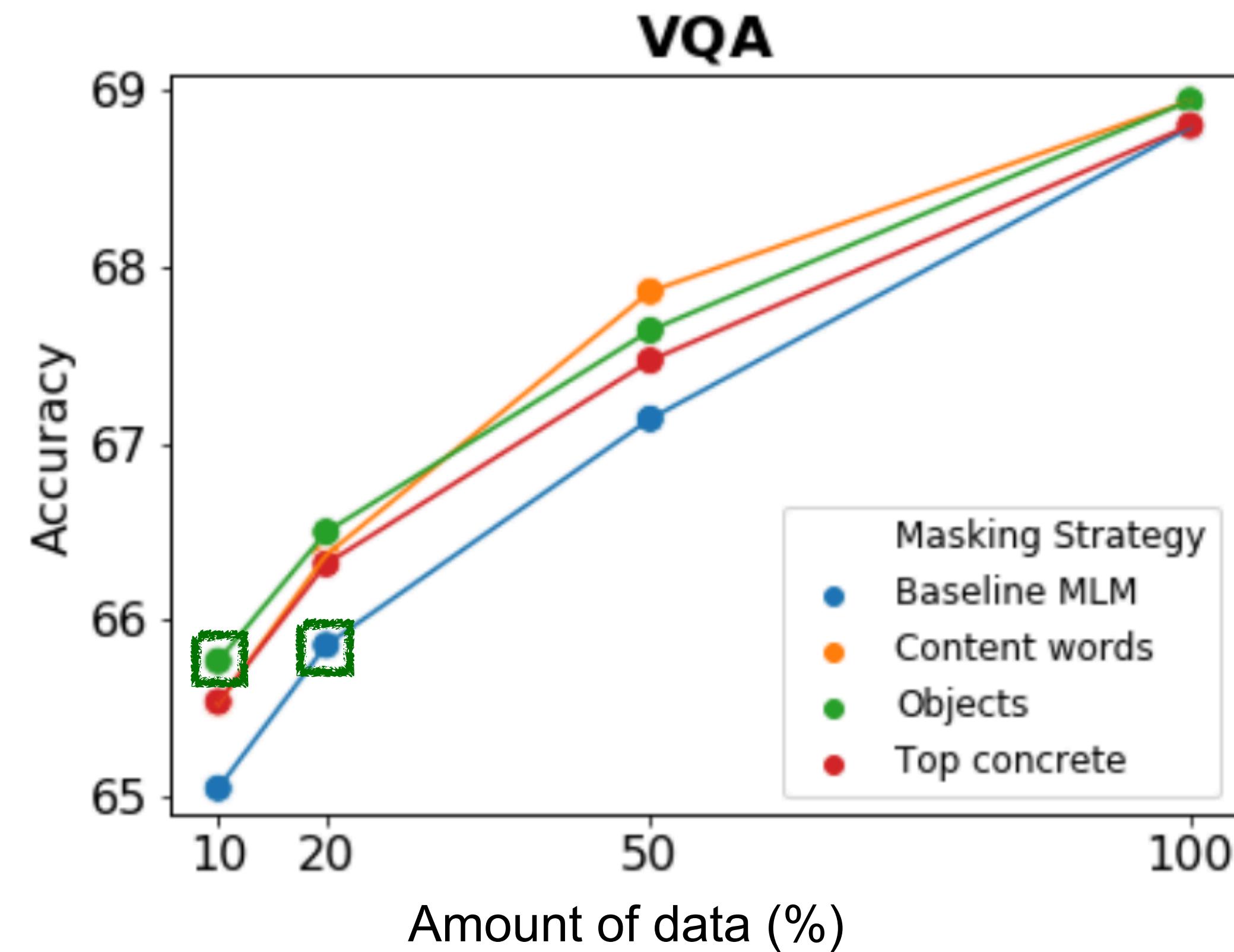
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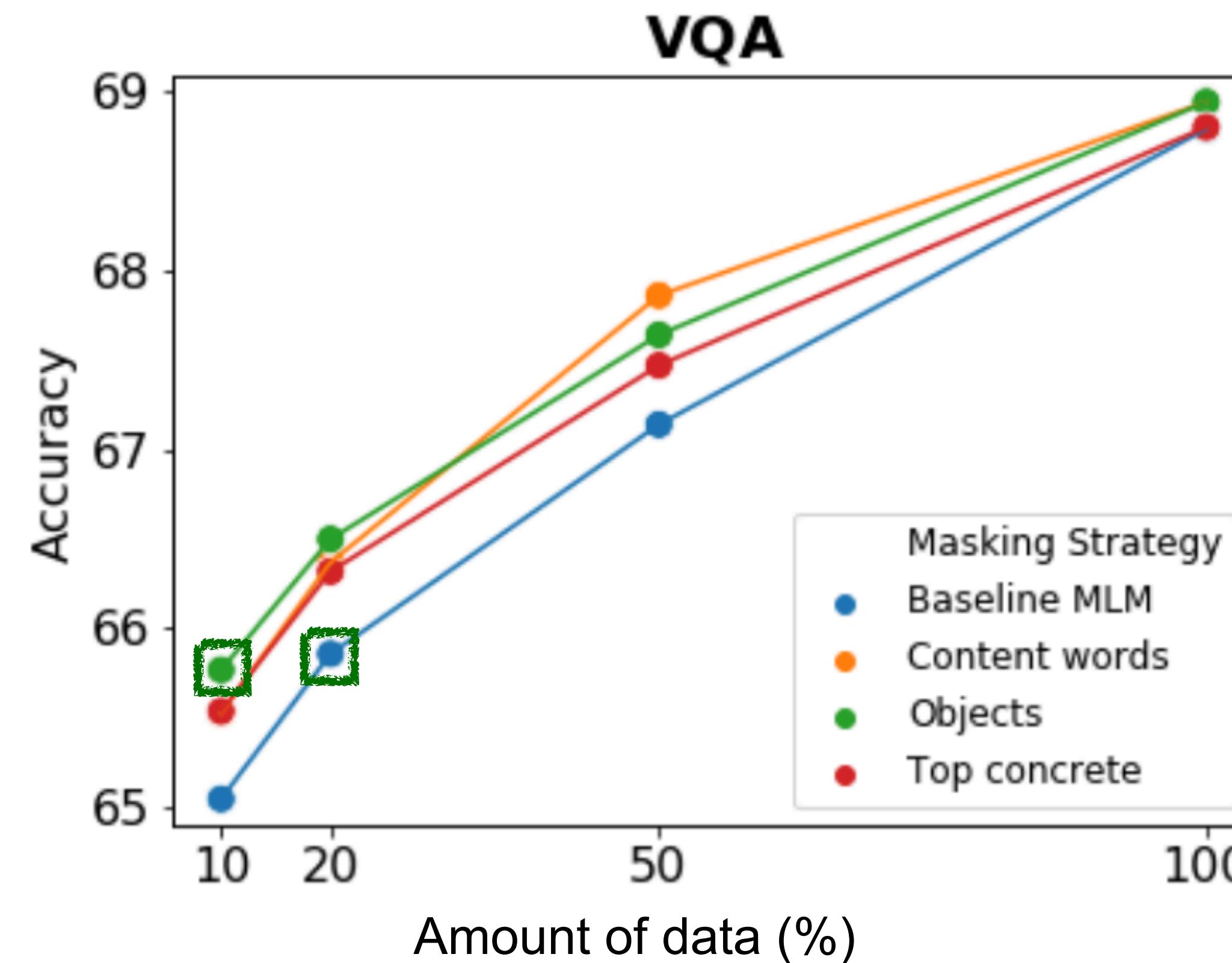
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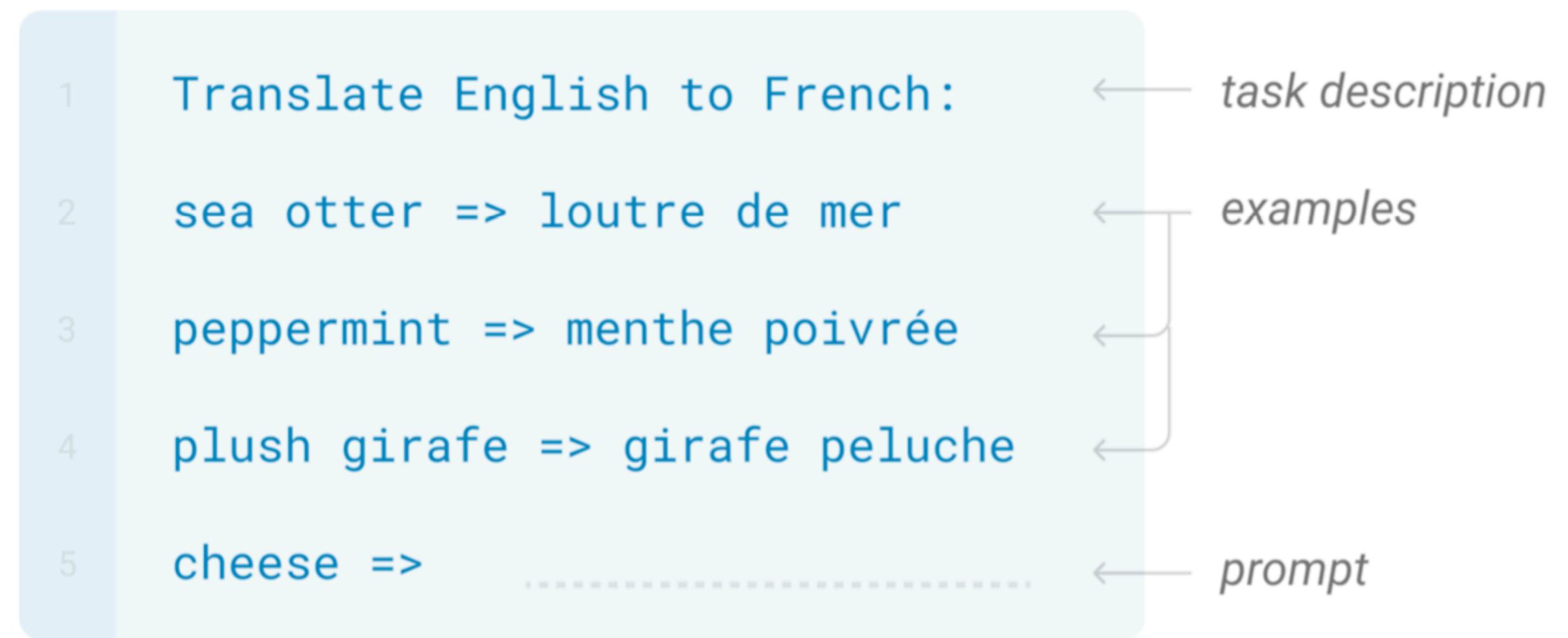
Similar accuracy, twice as fast

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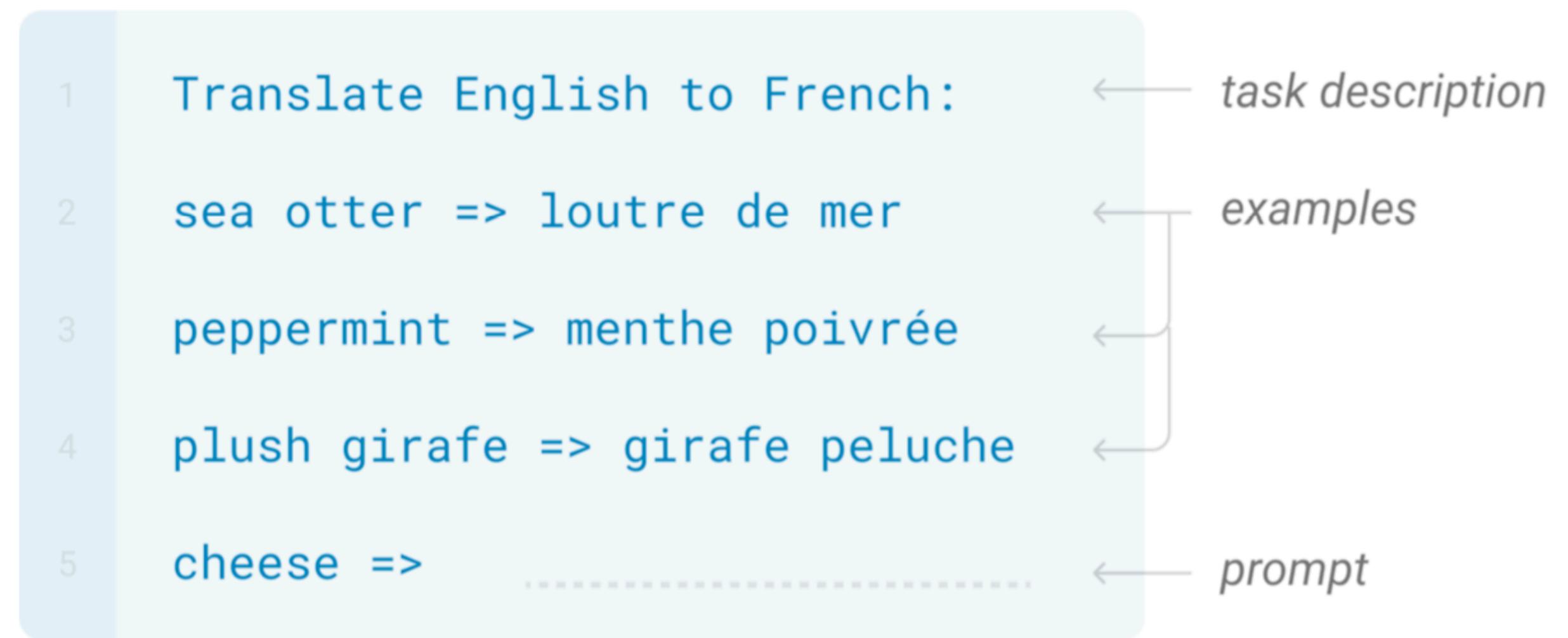
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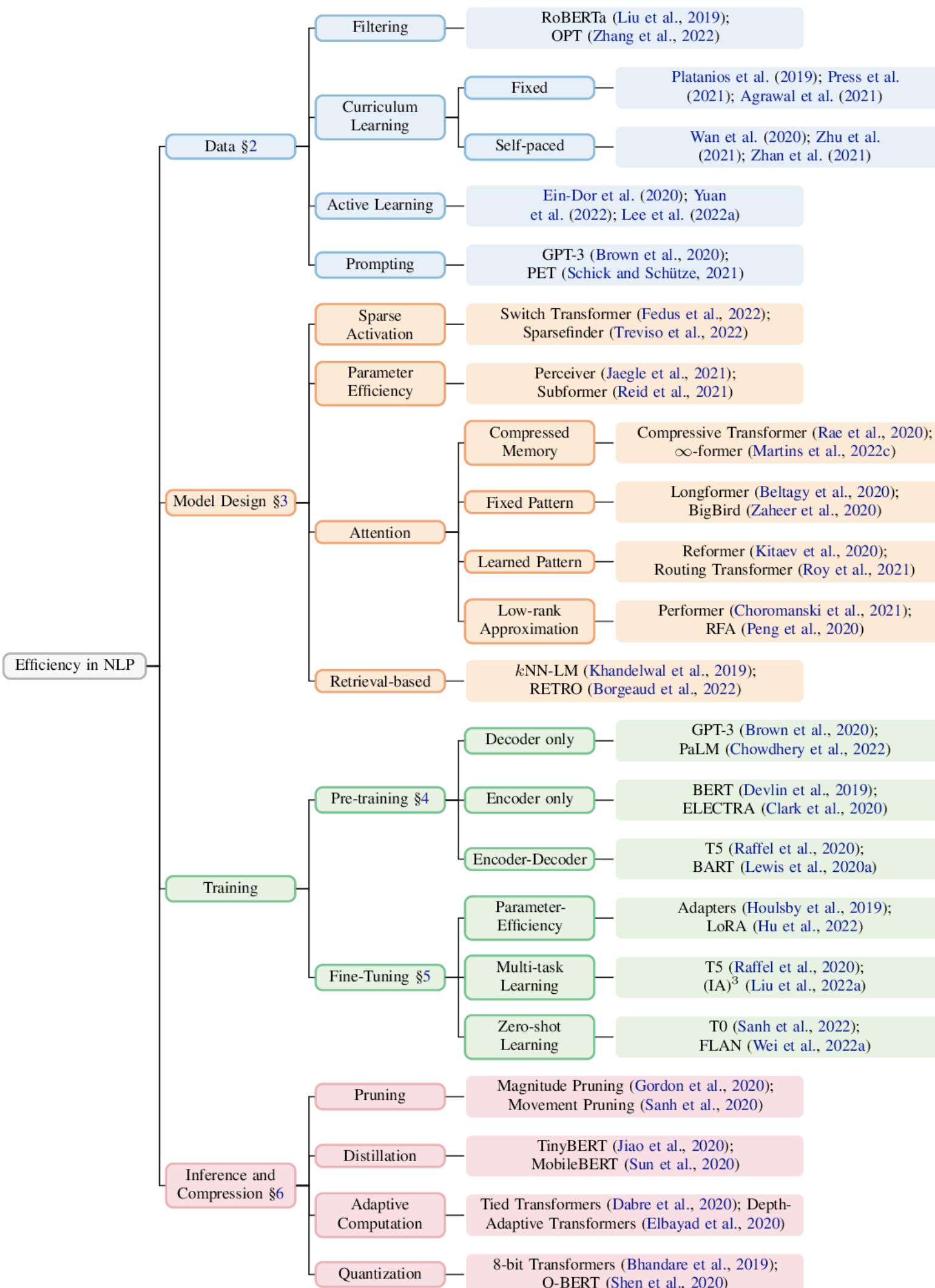
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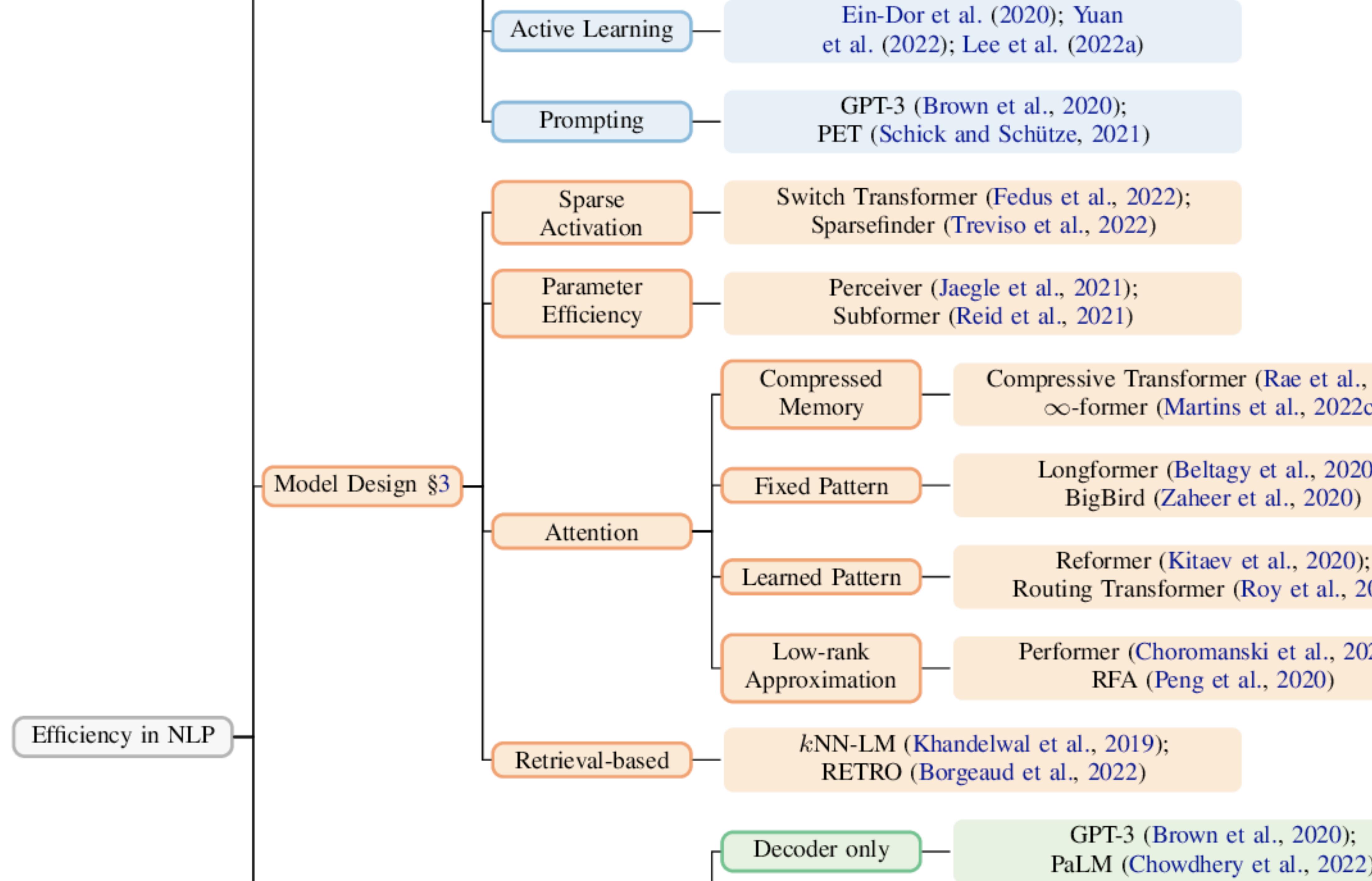
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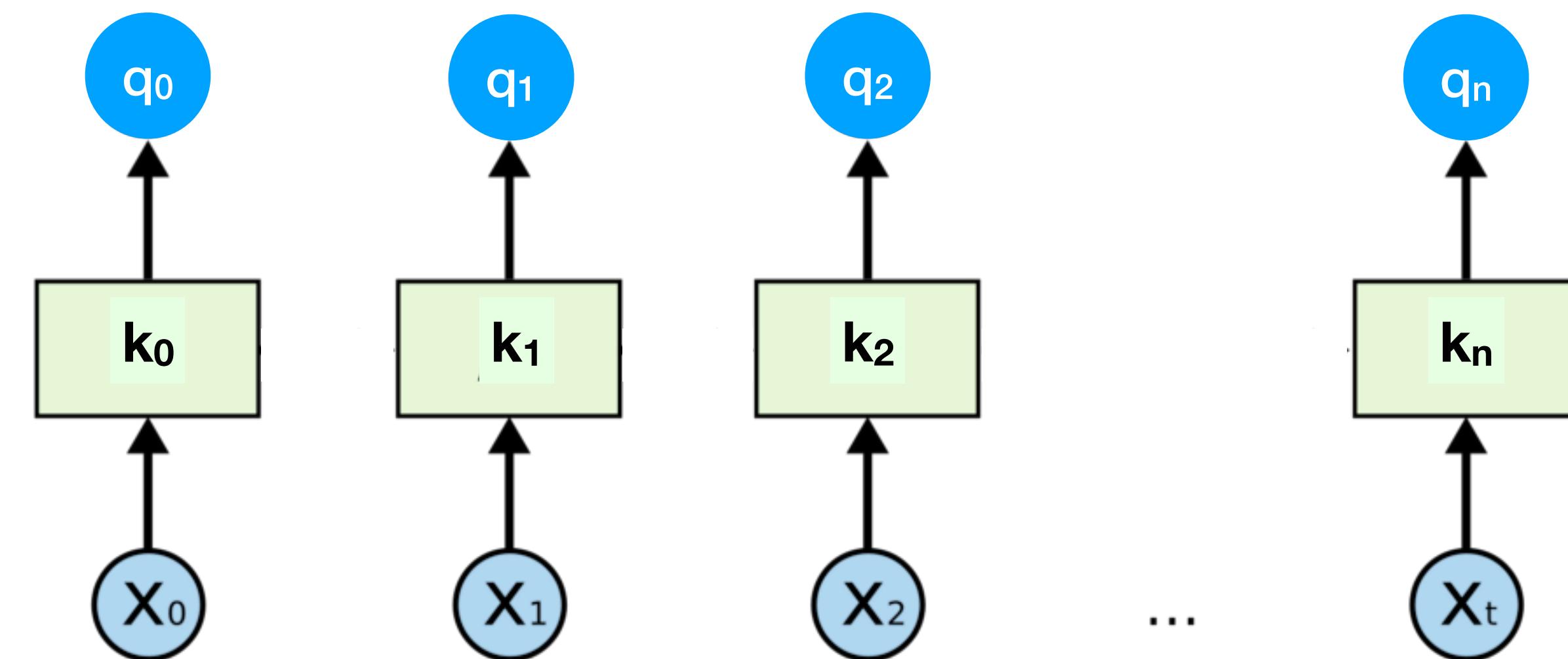




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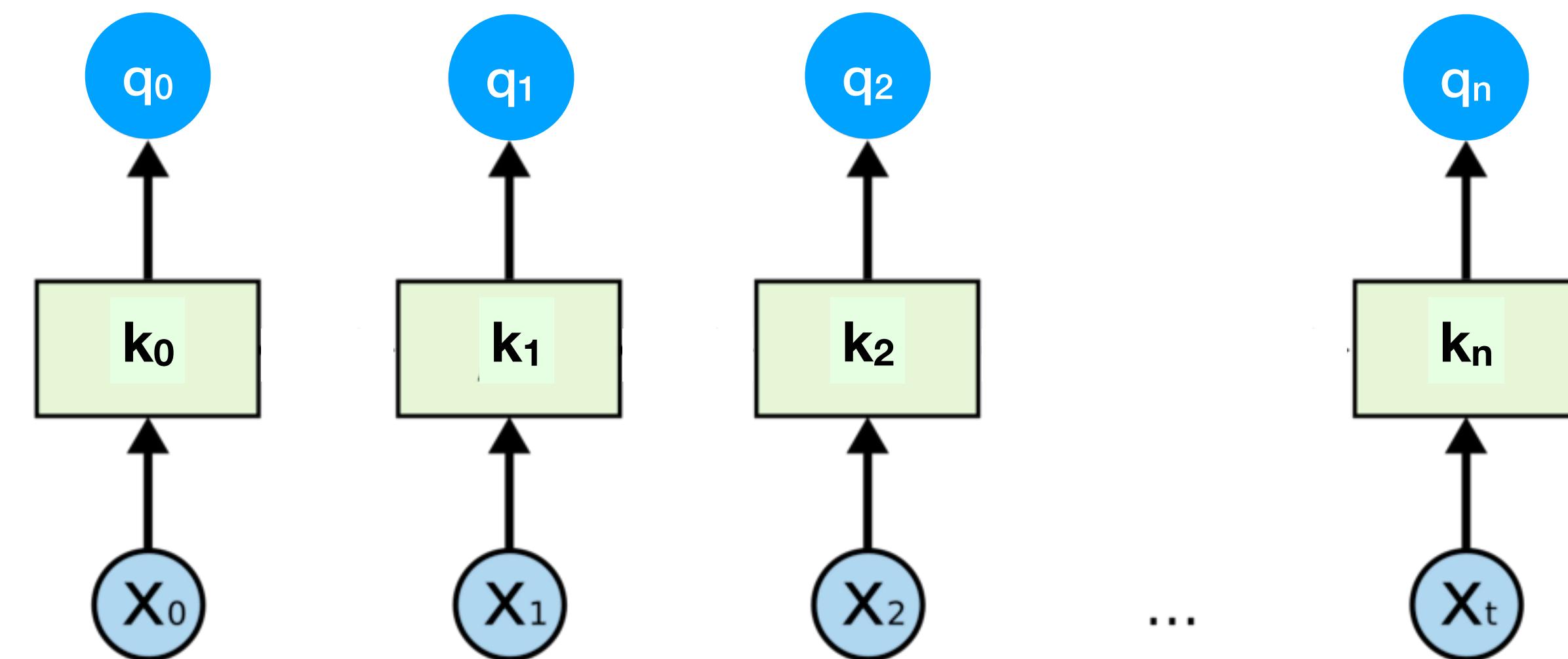




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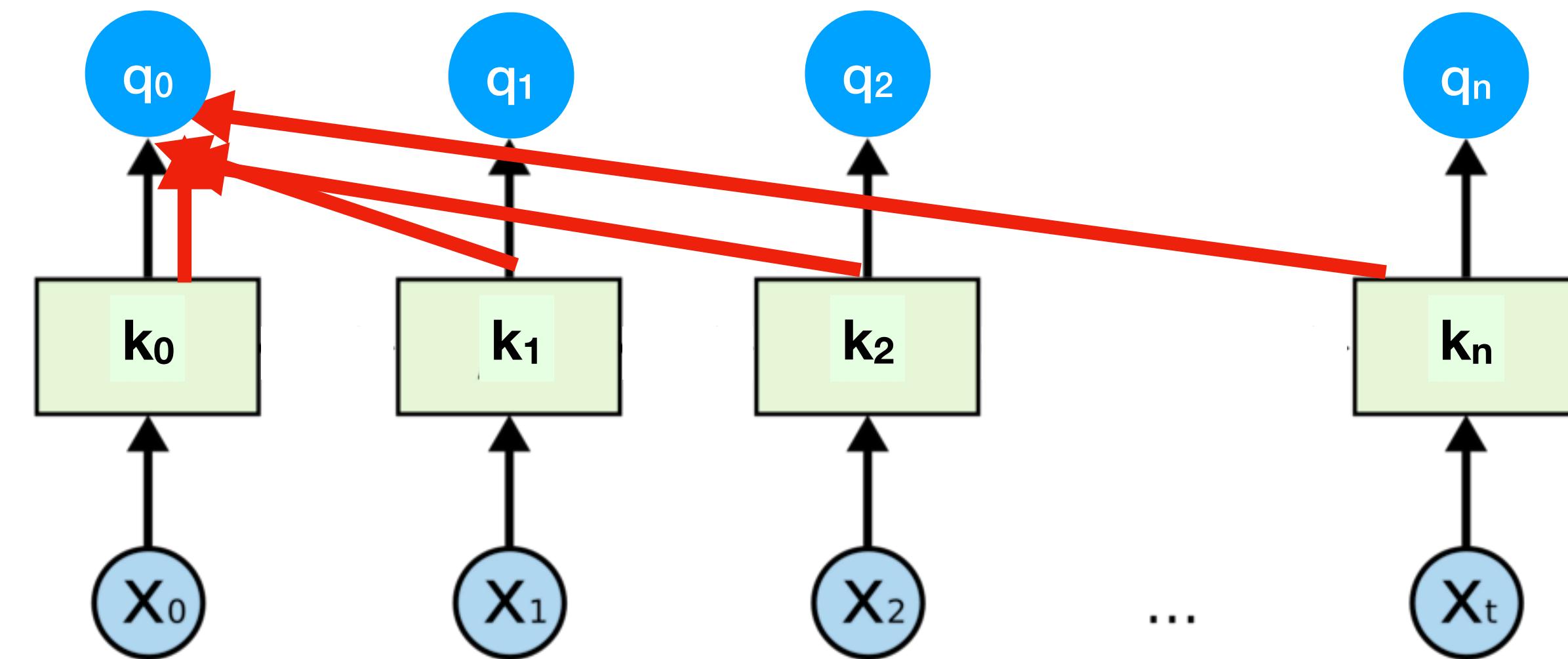




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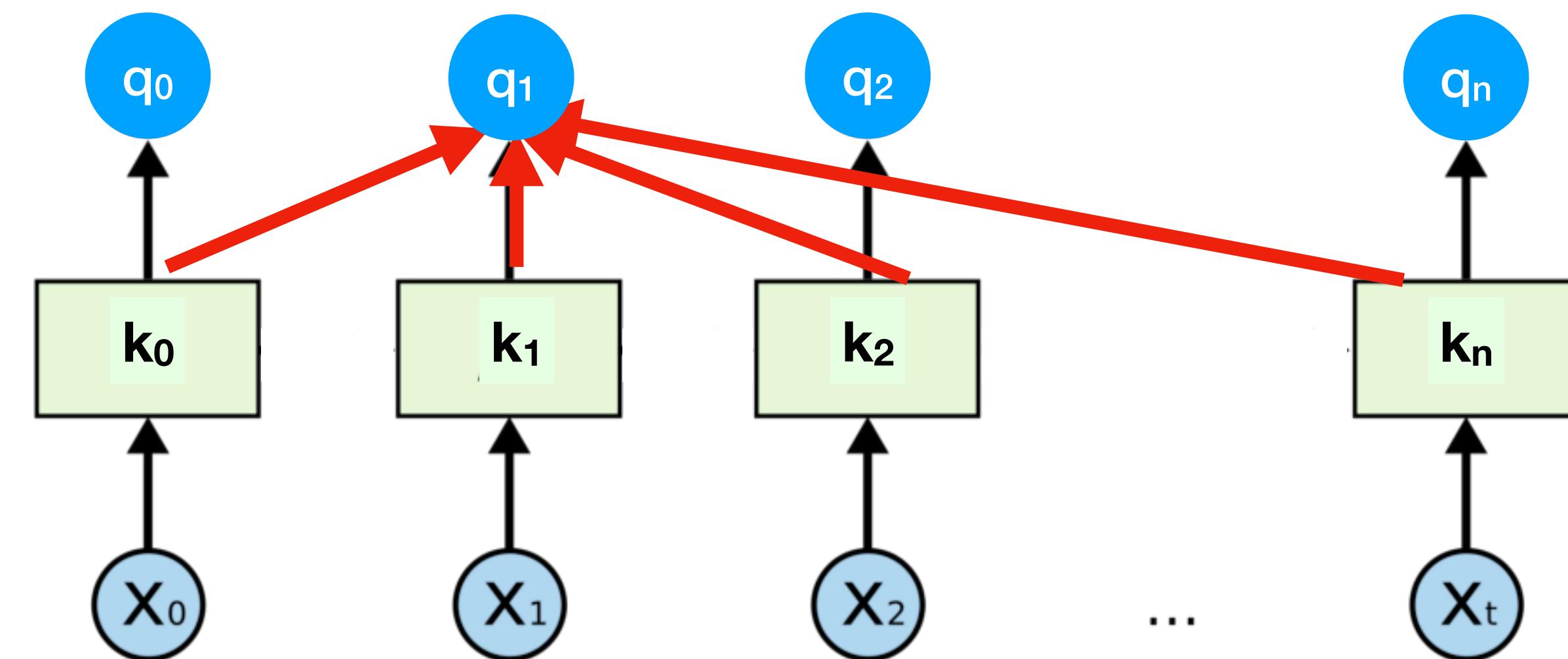




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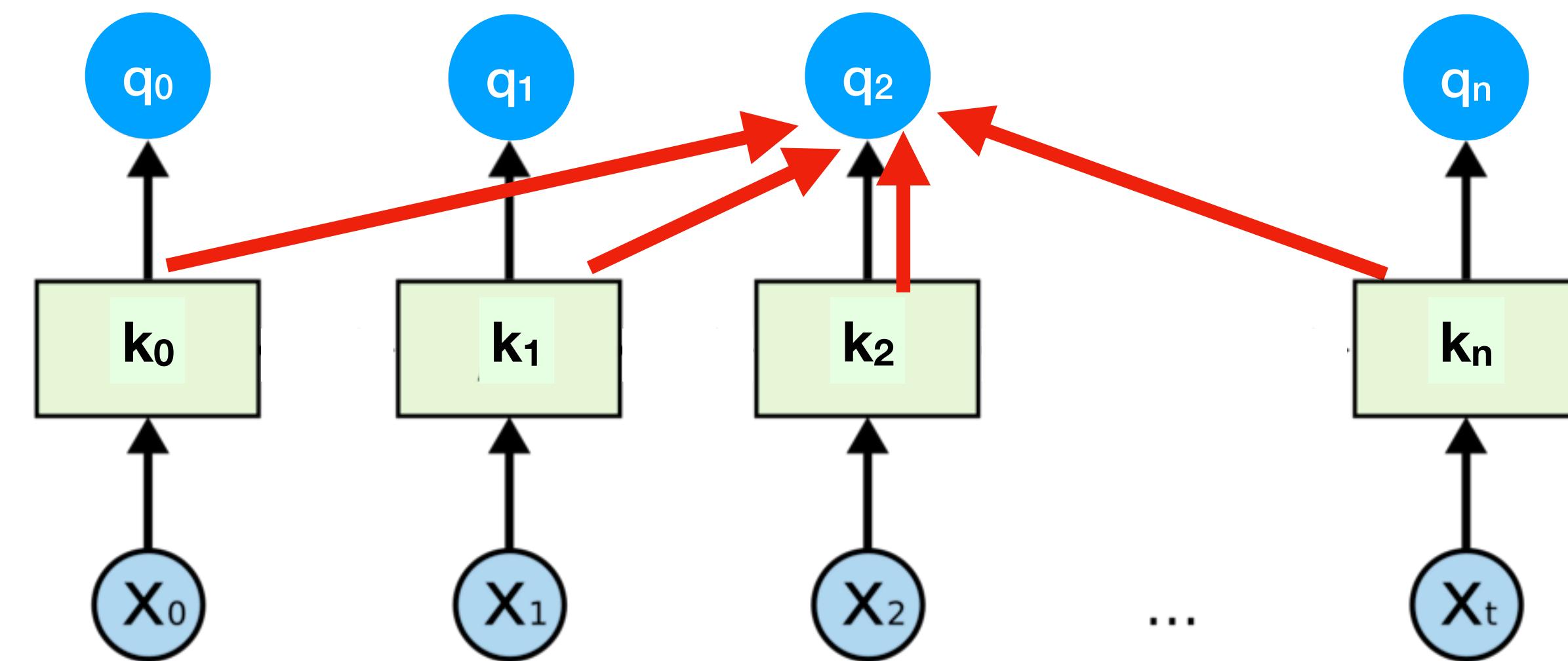




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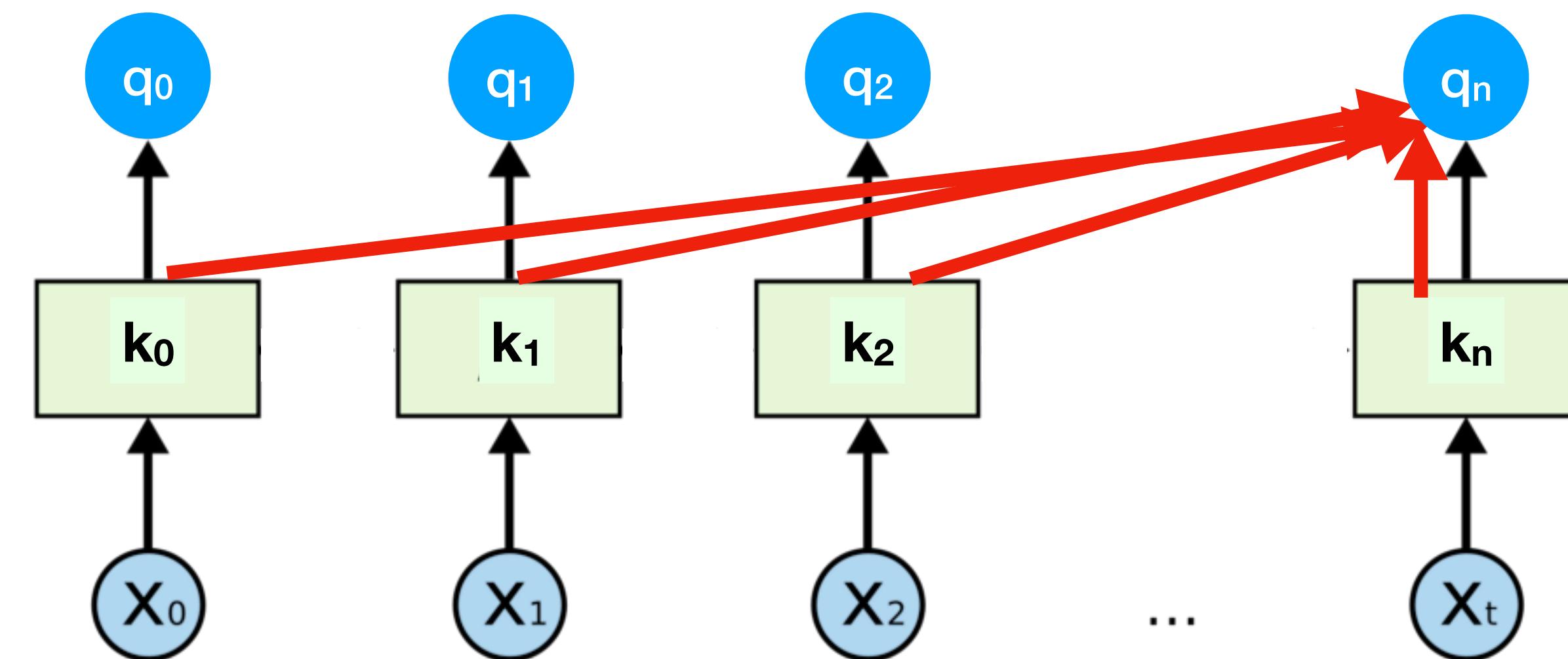




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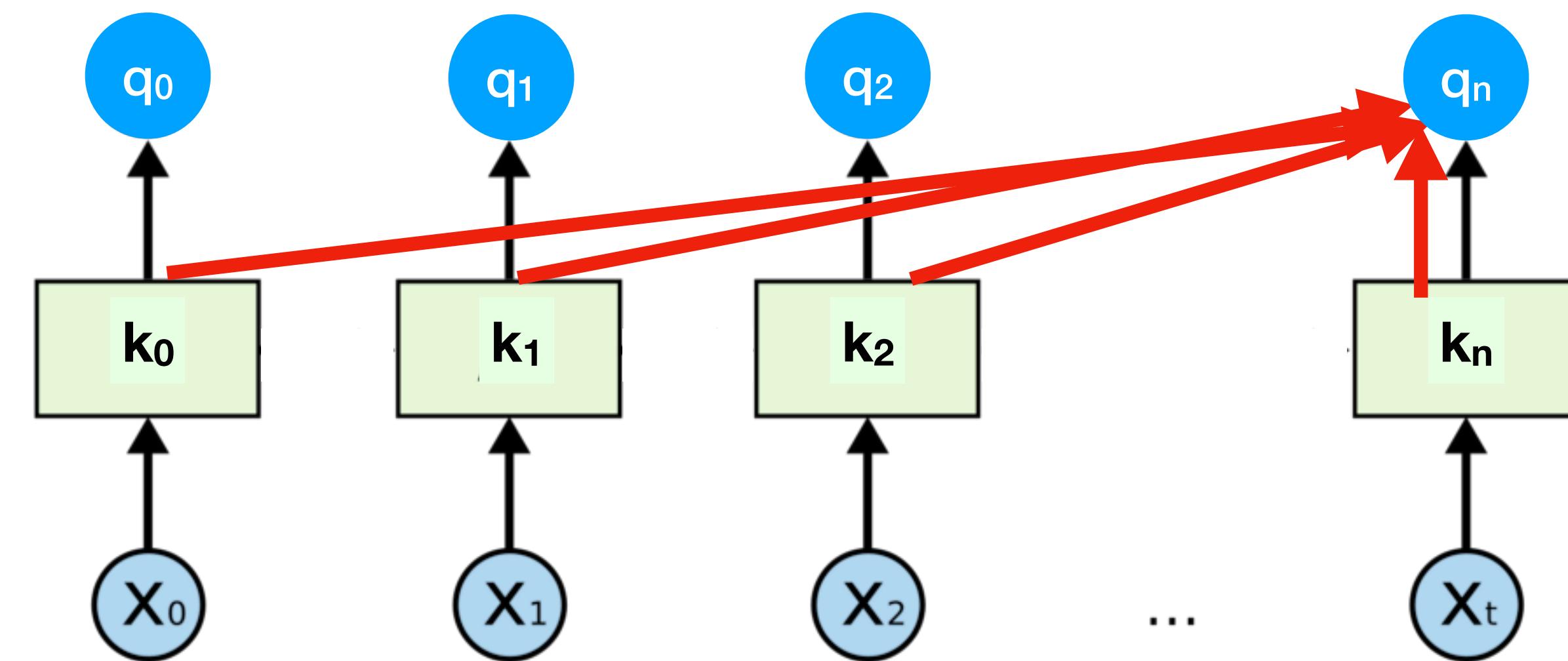




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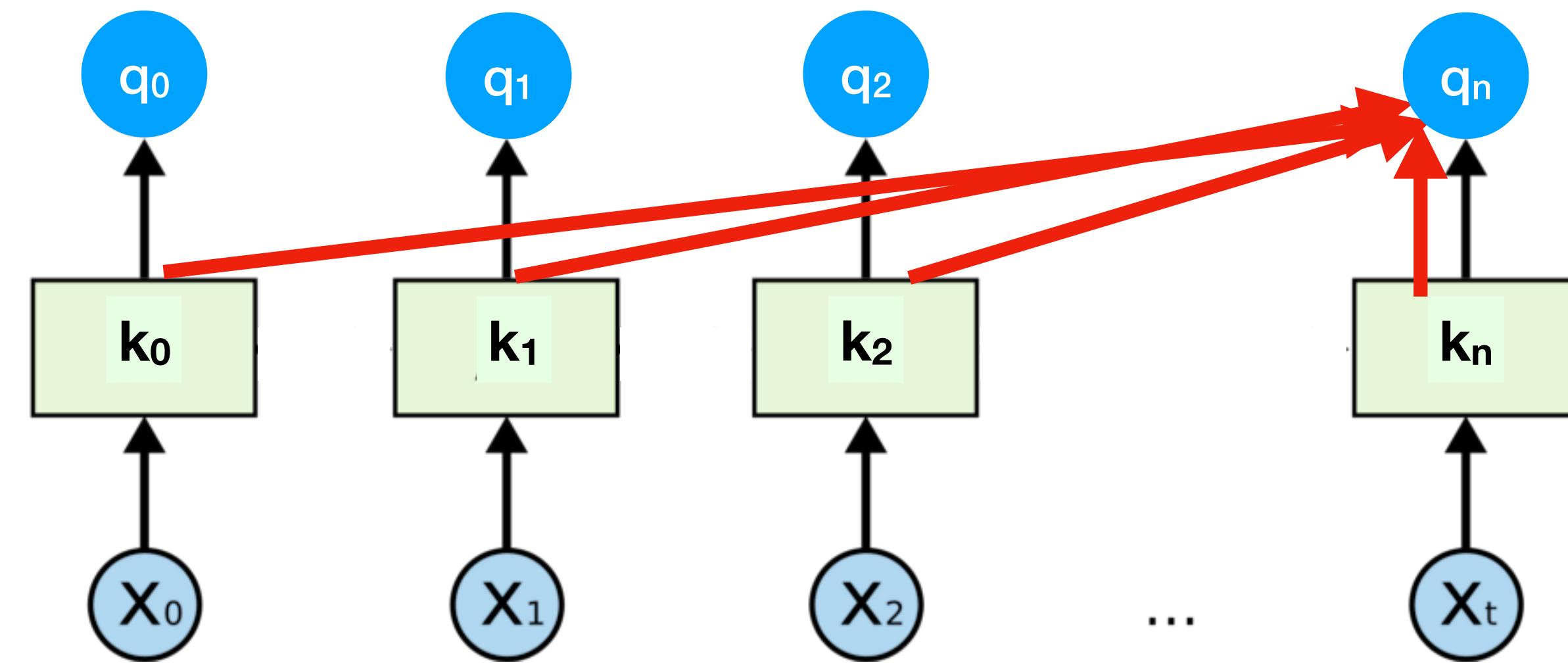




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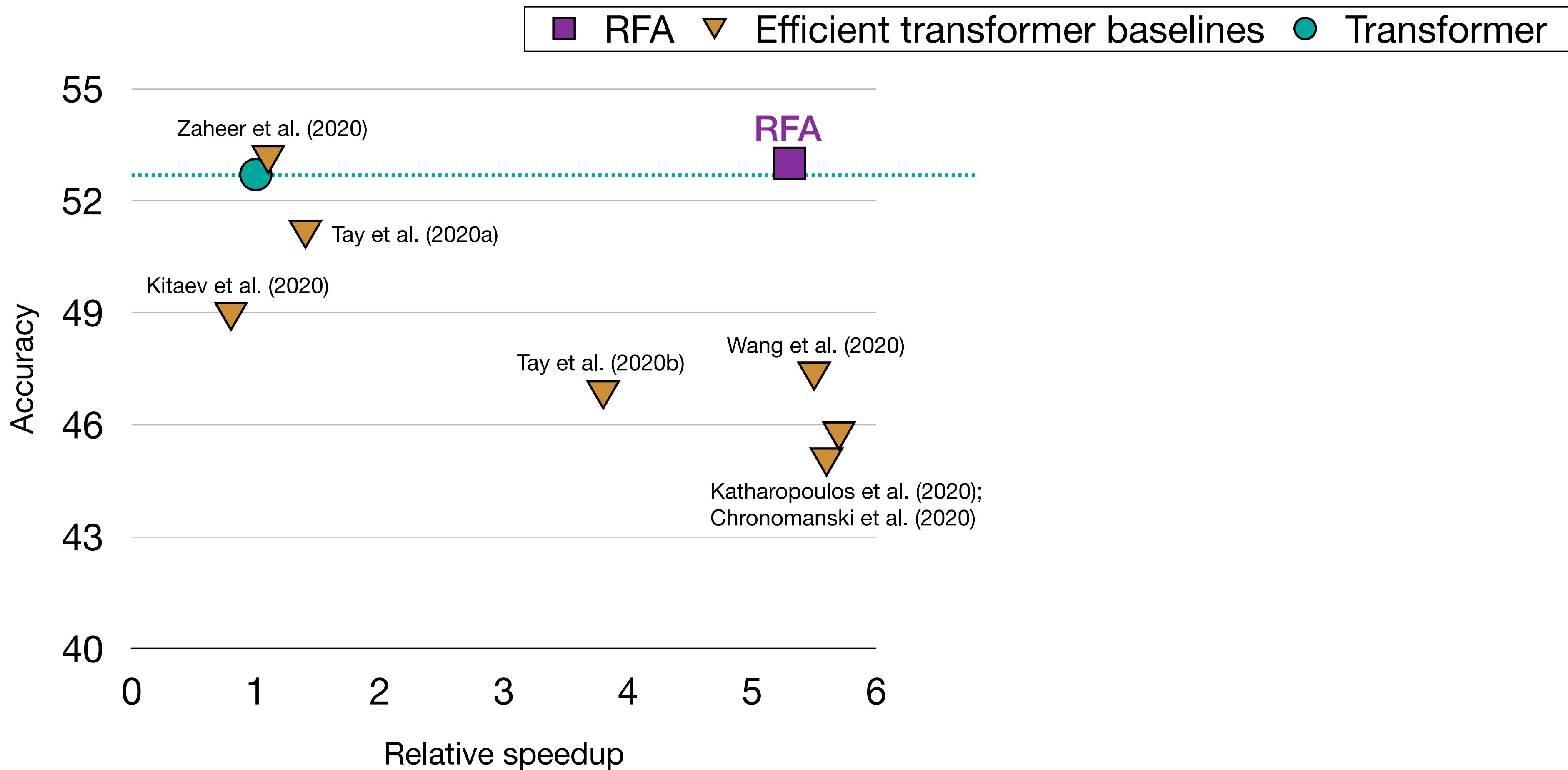
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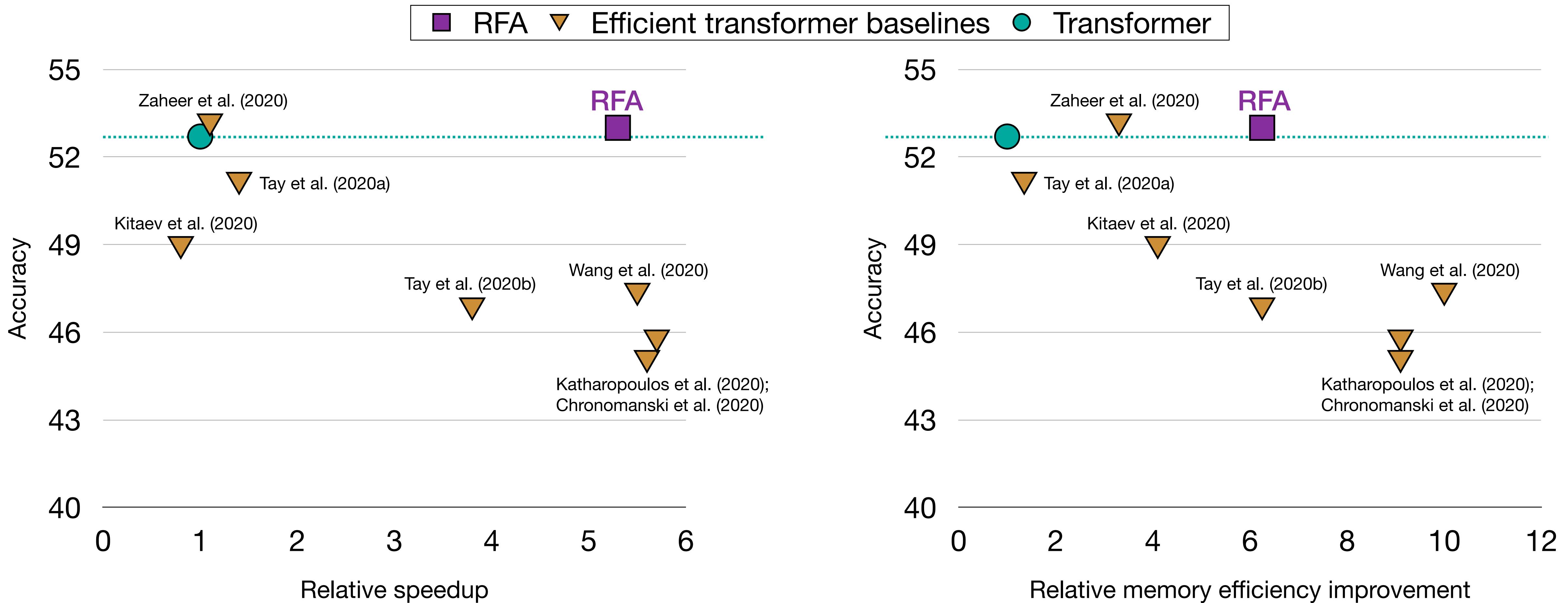
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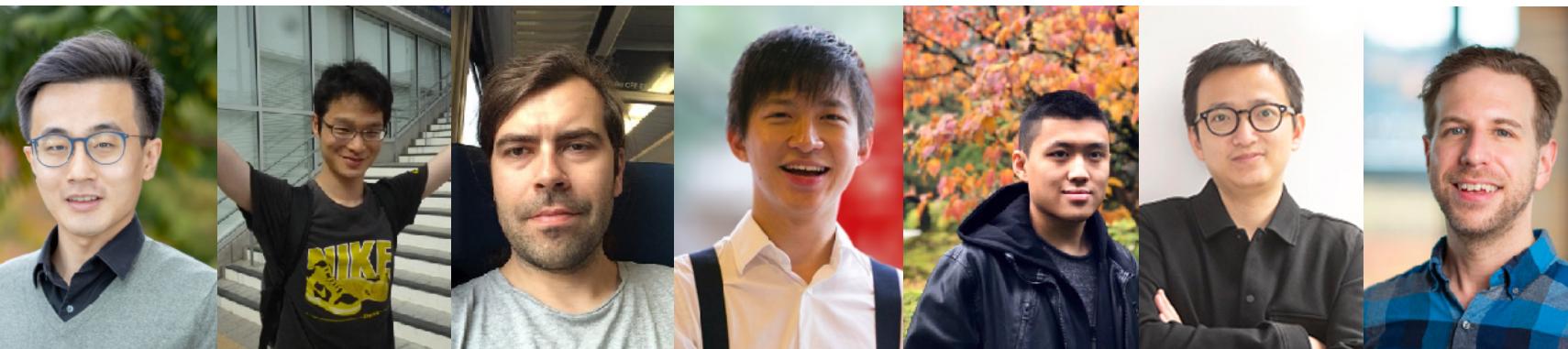
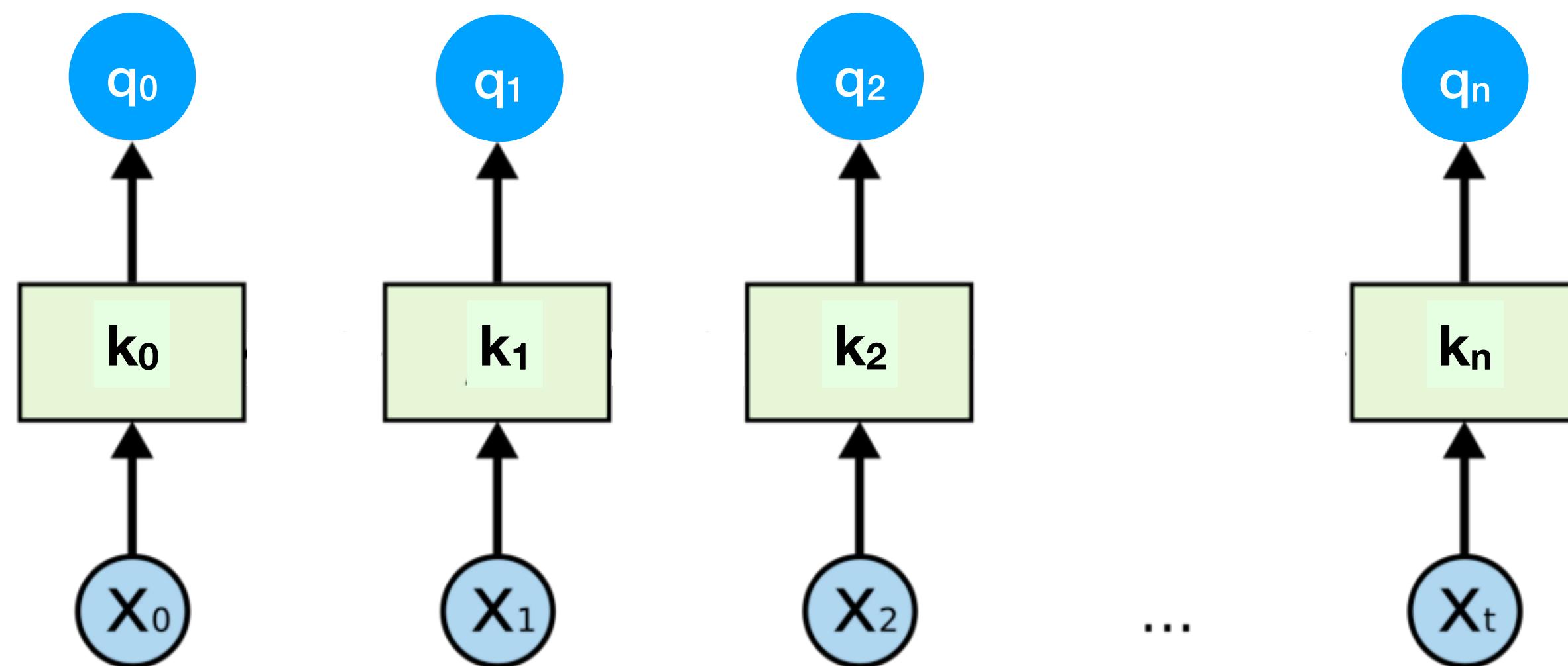
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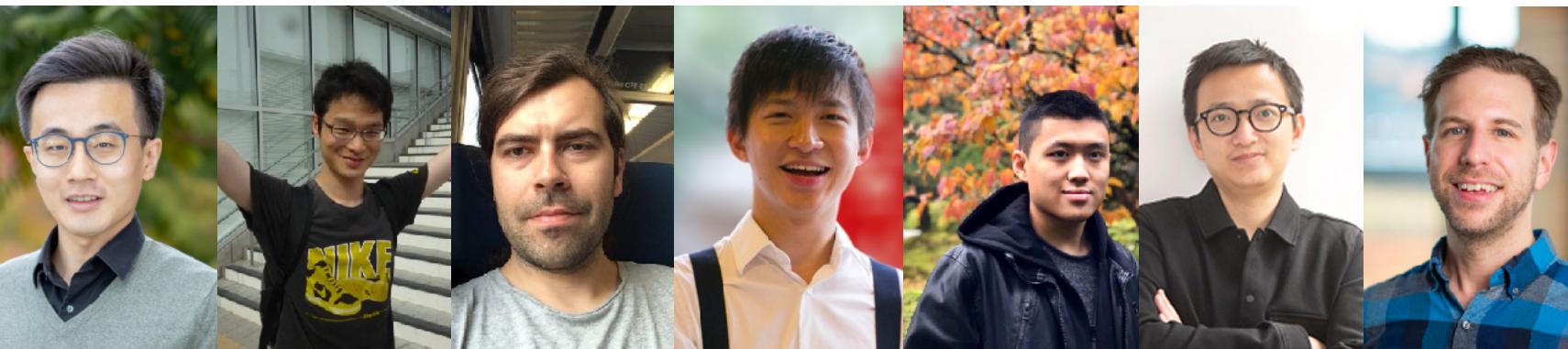
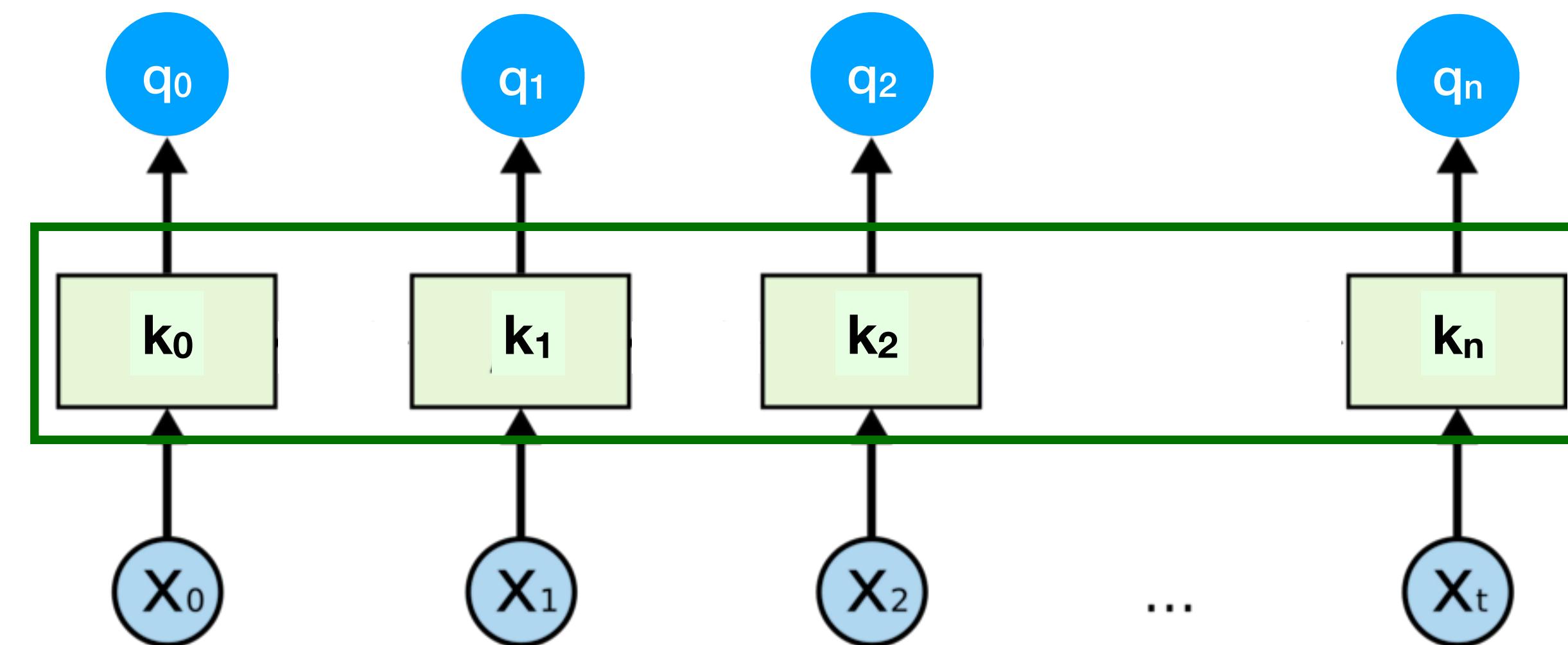
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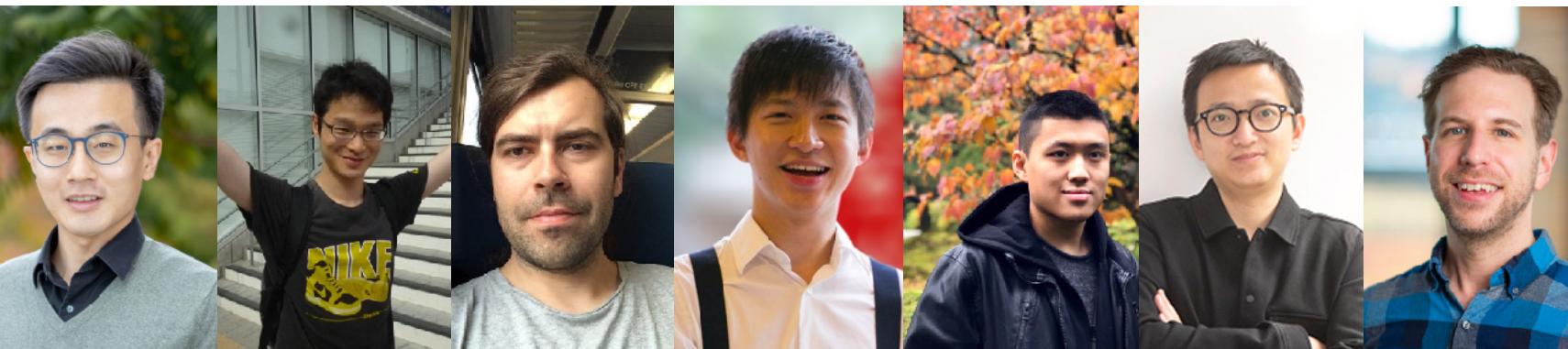
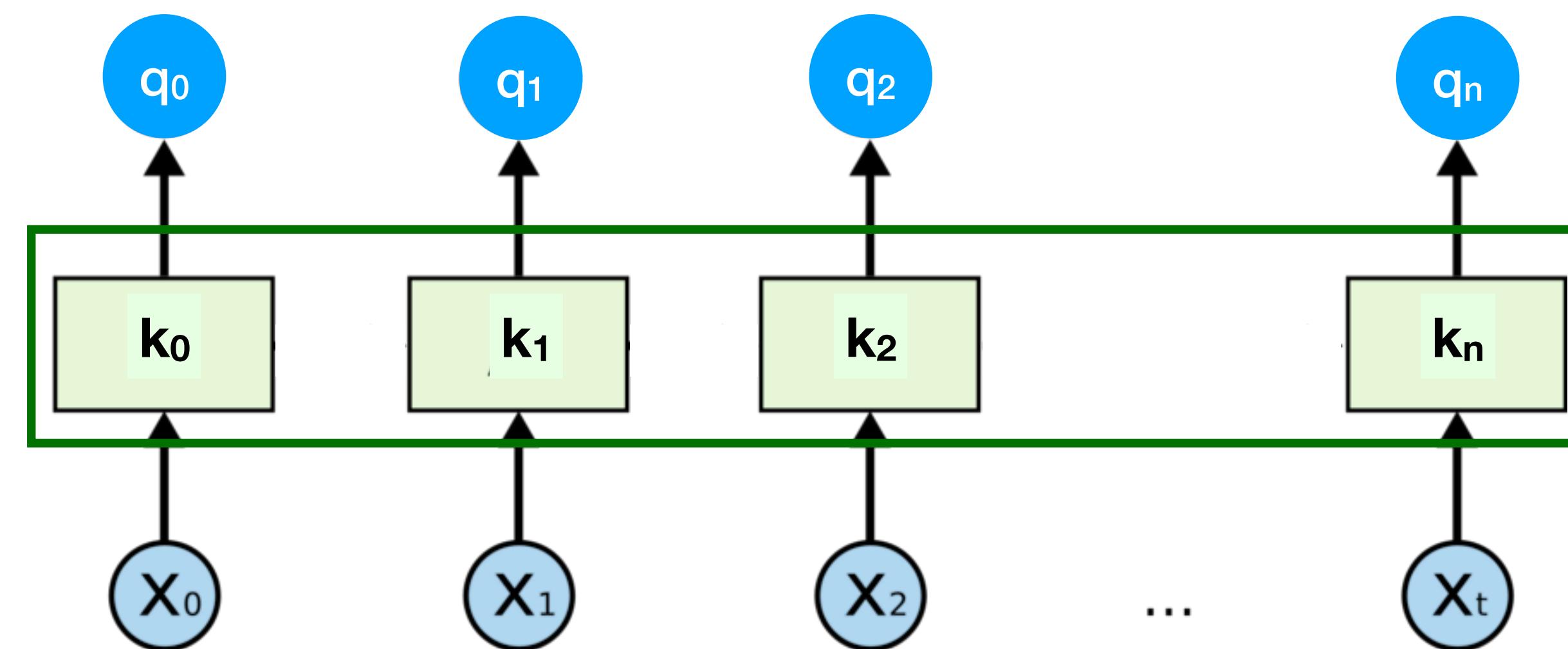
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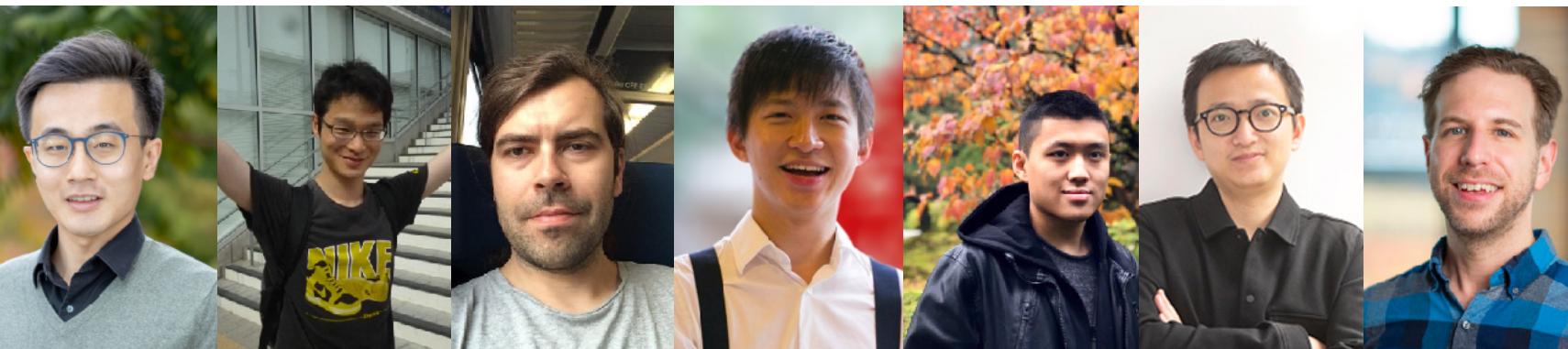
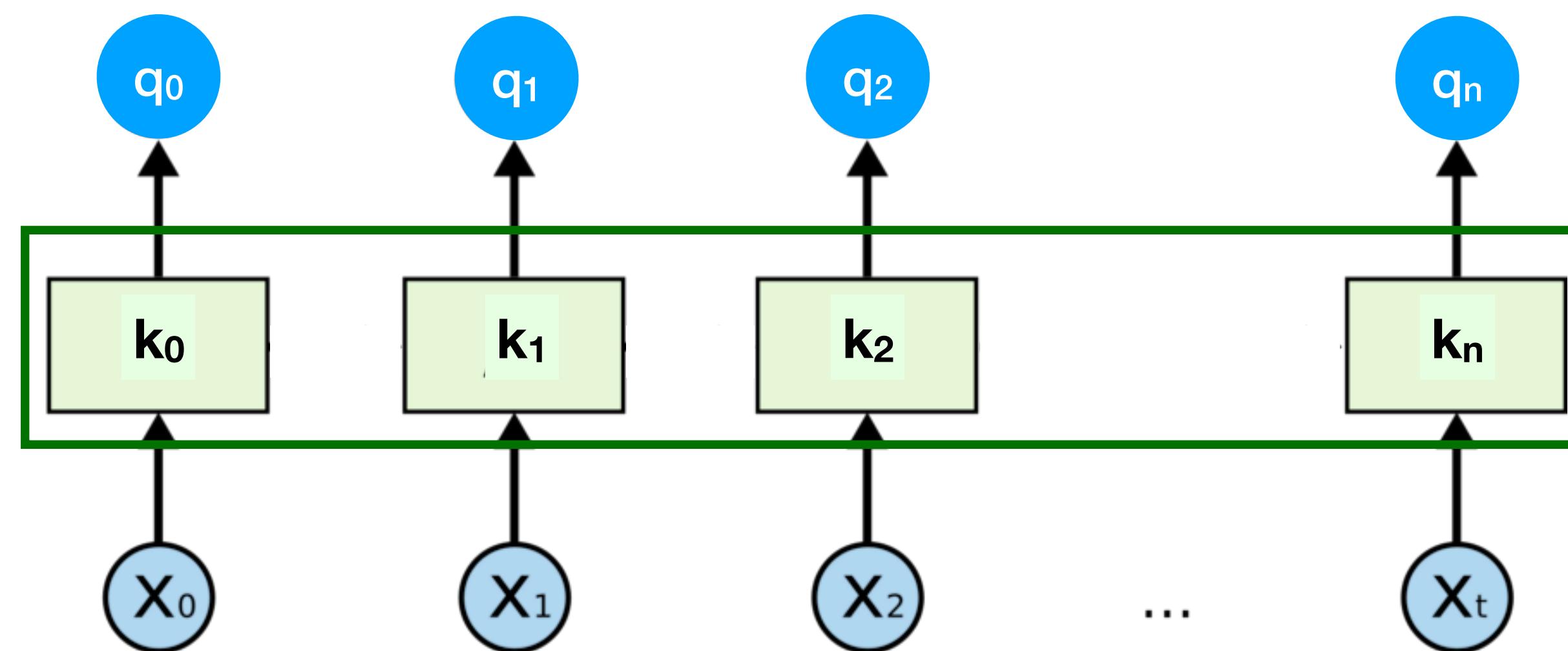
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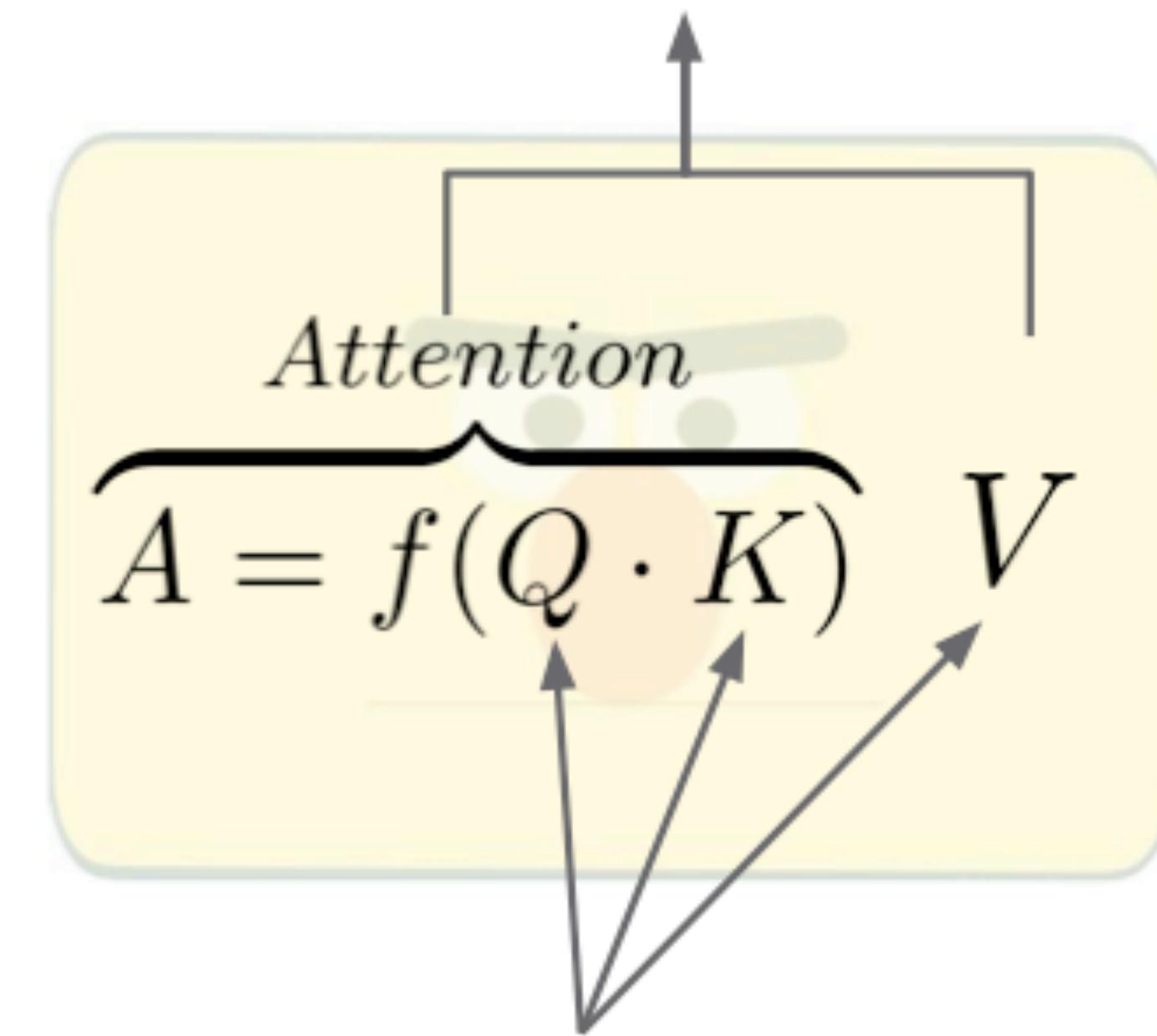
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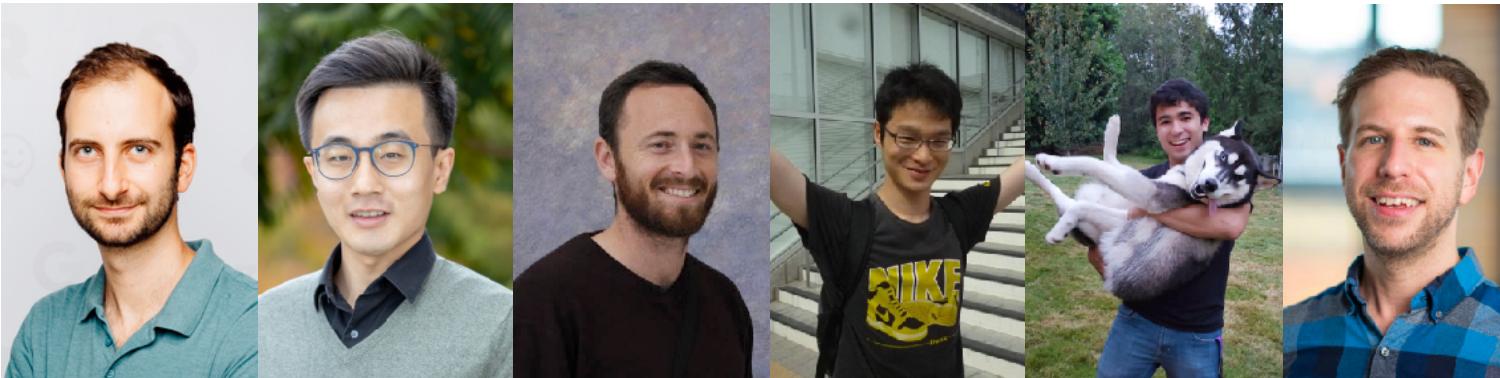
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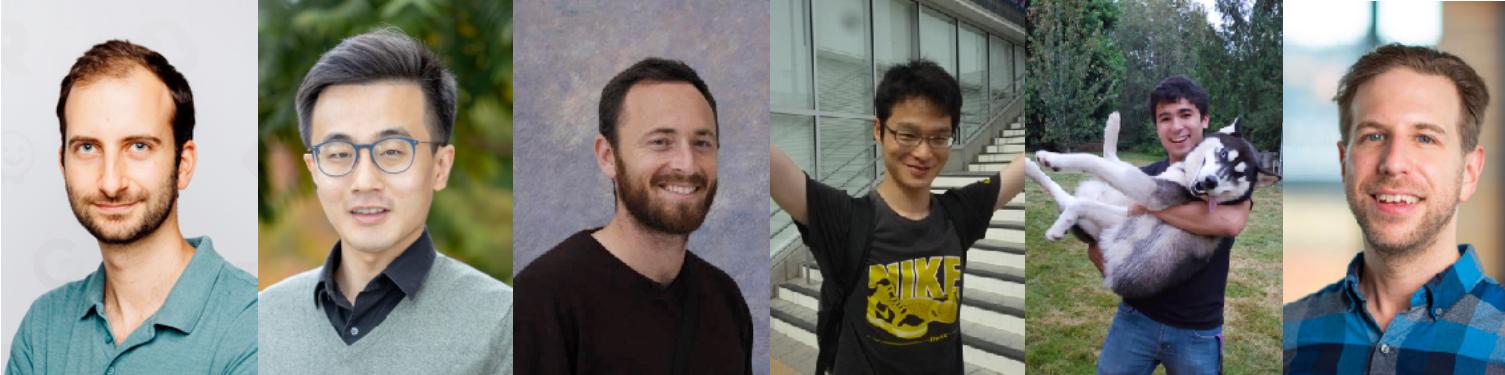
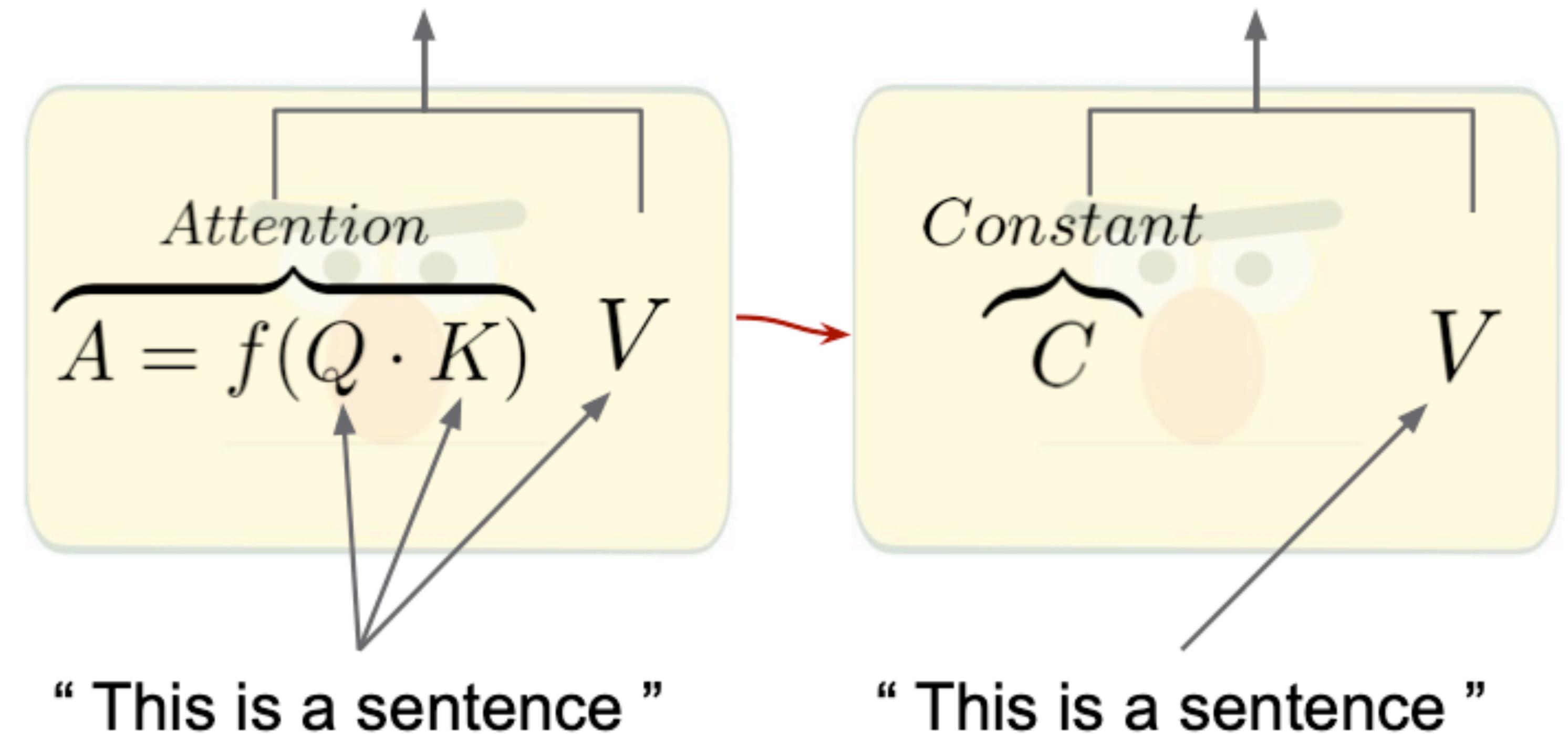


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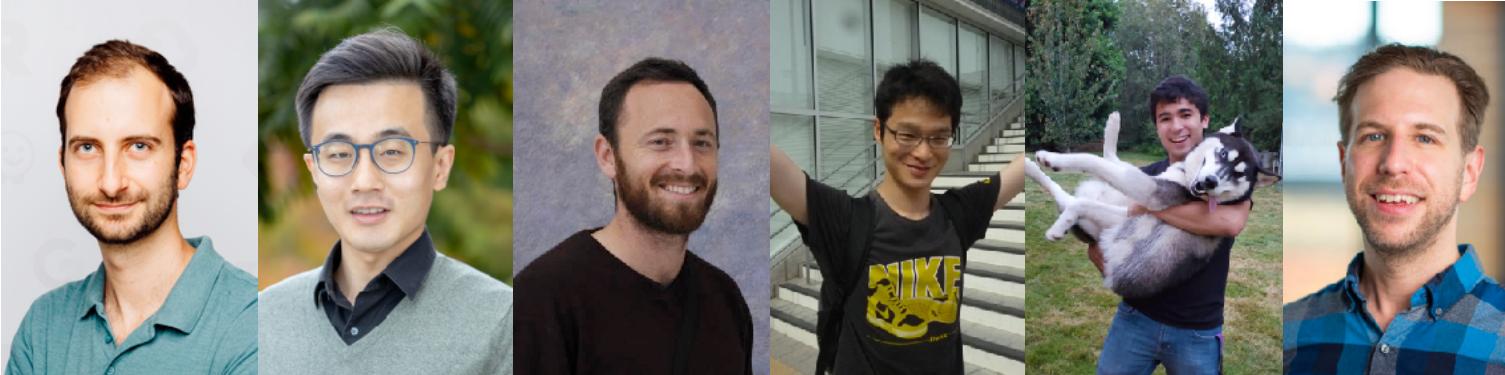
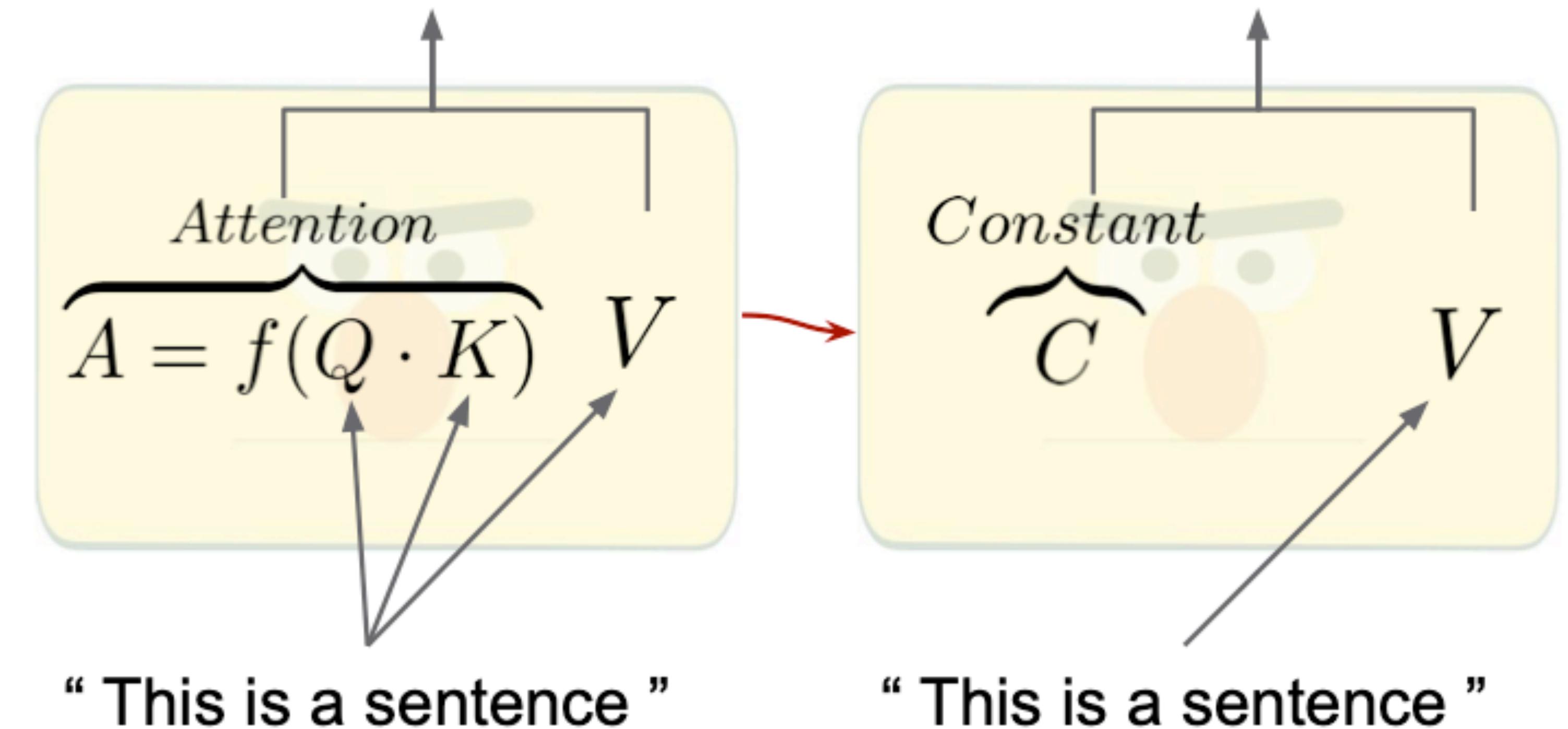
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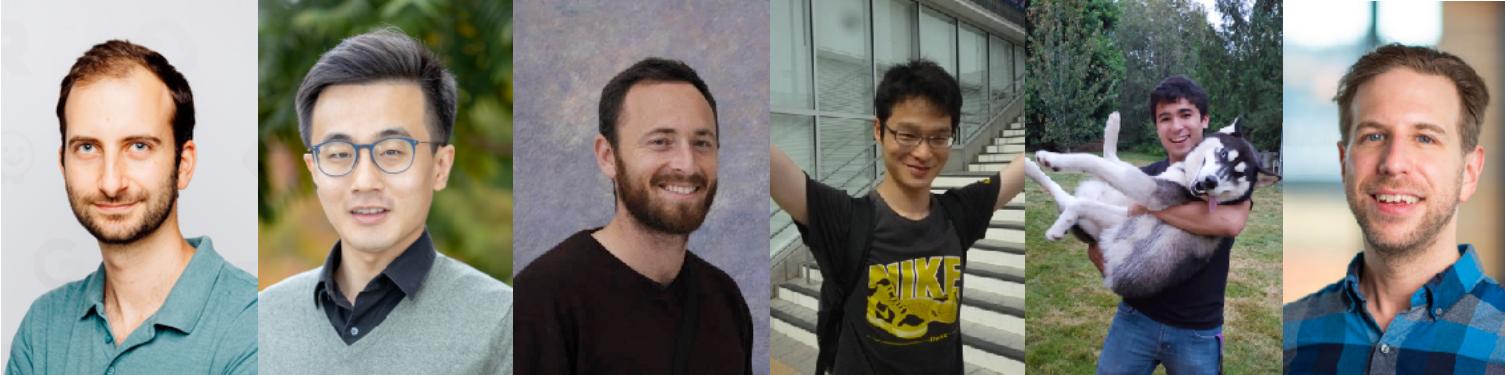
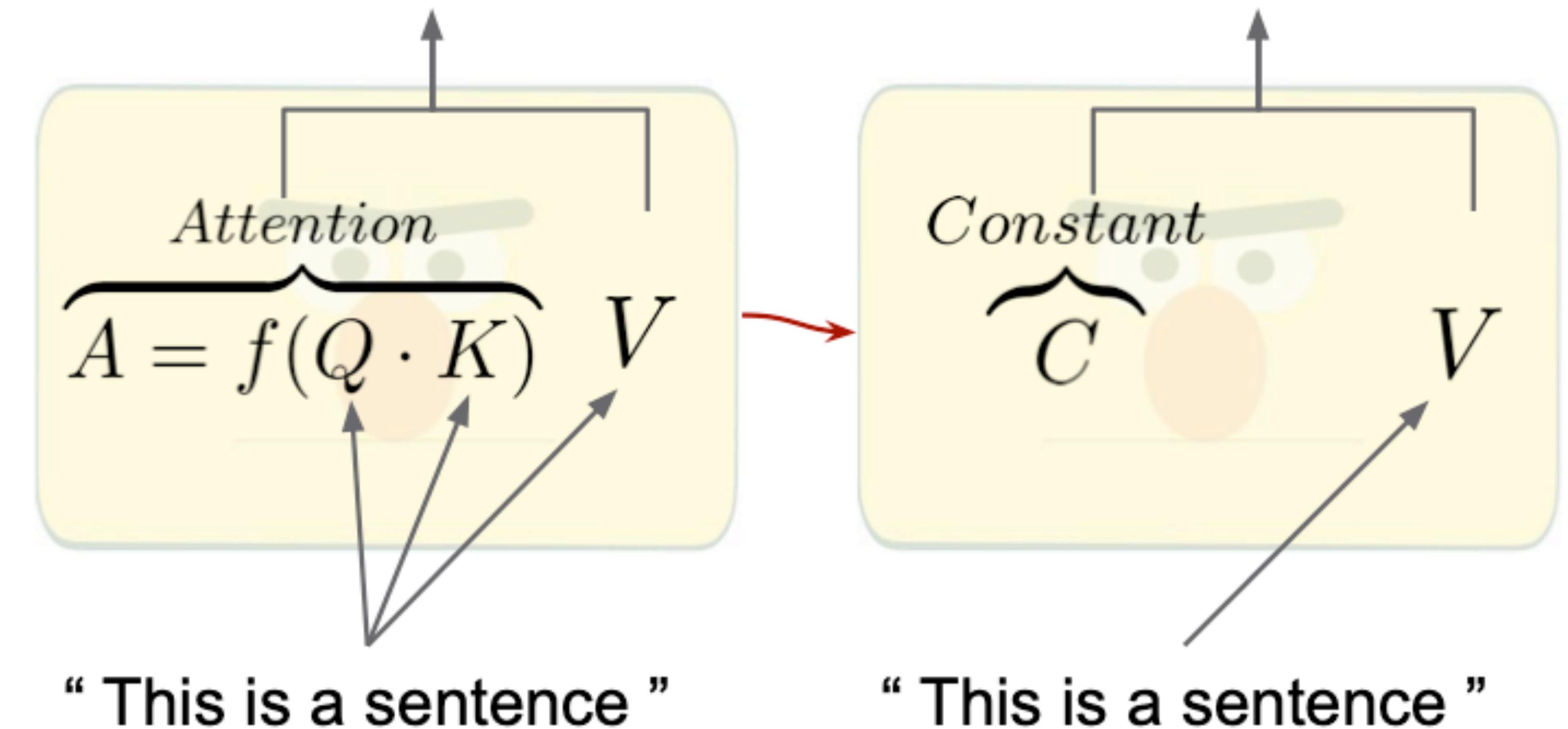
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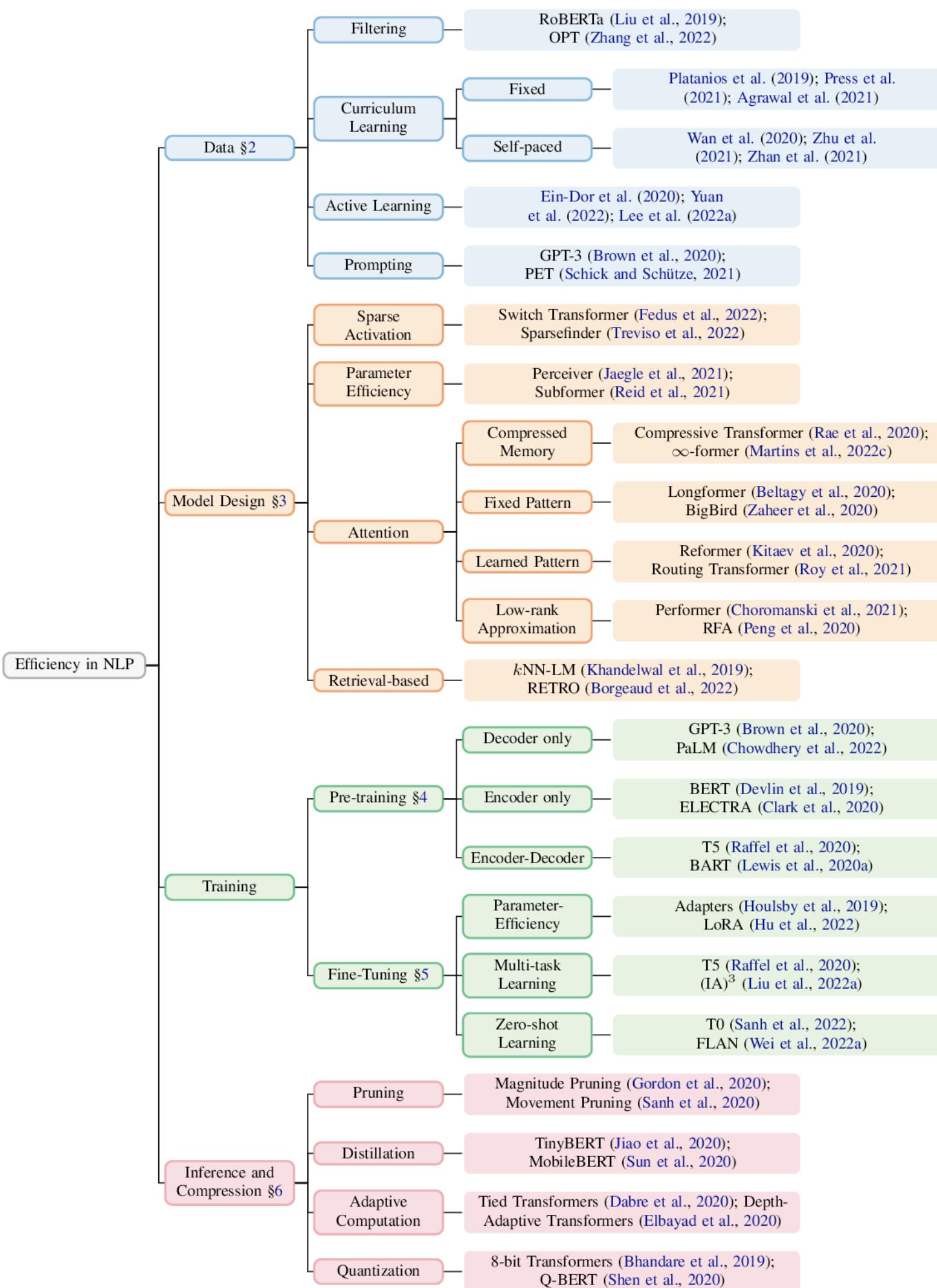
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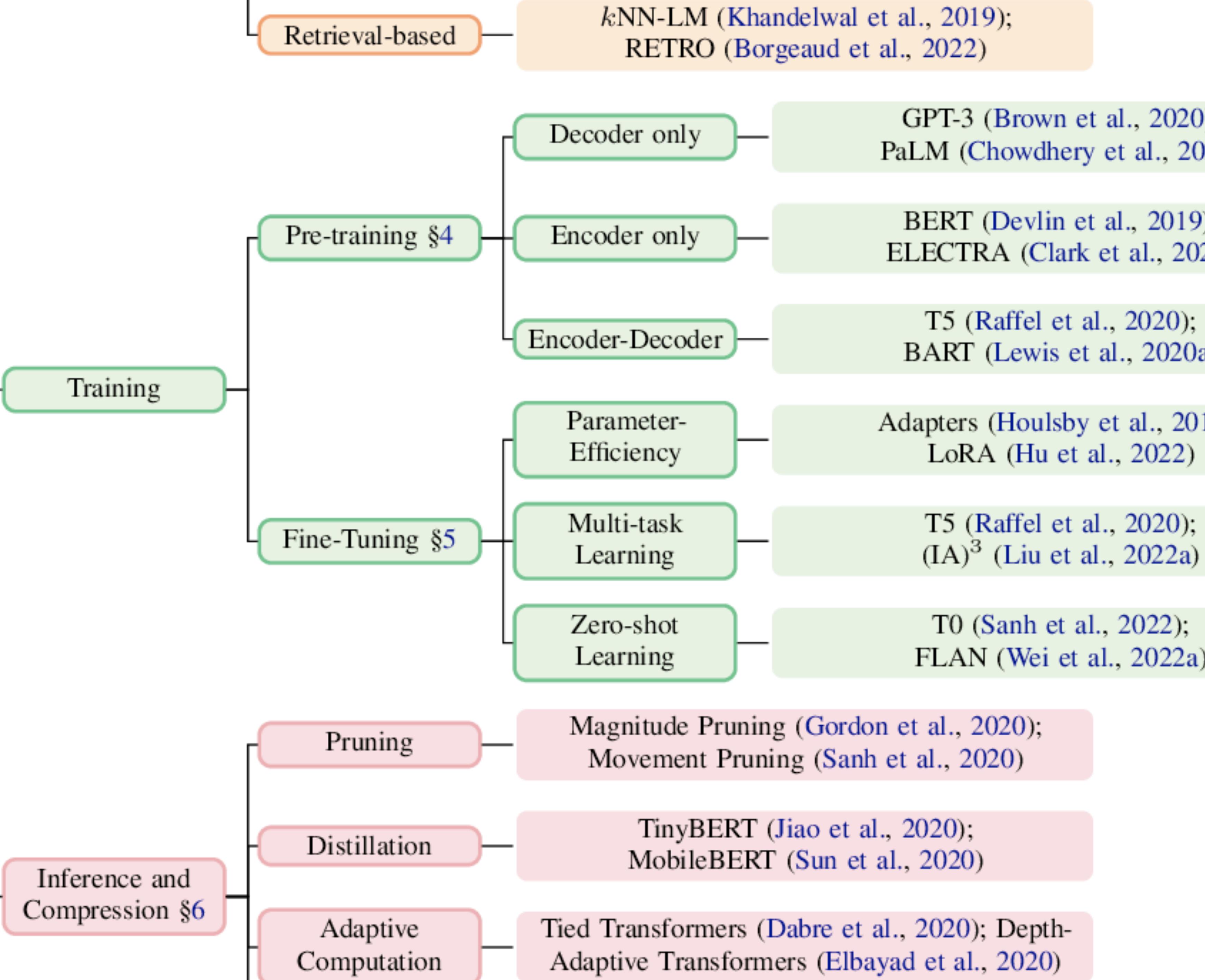
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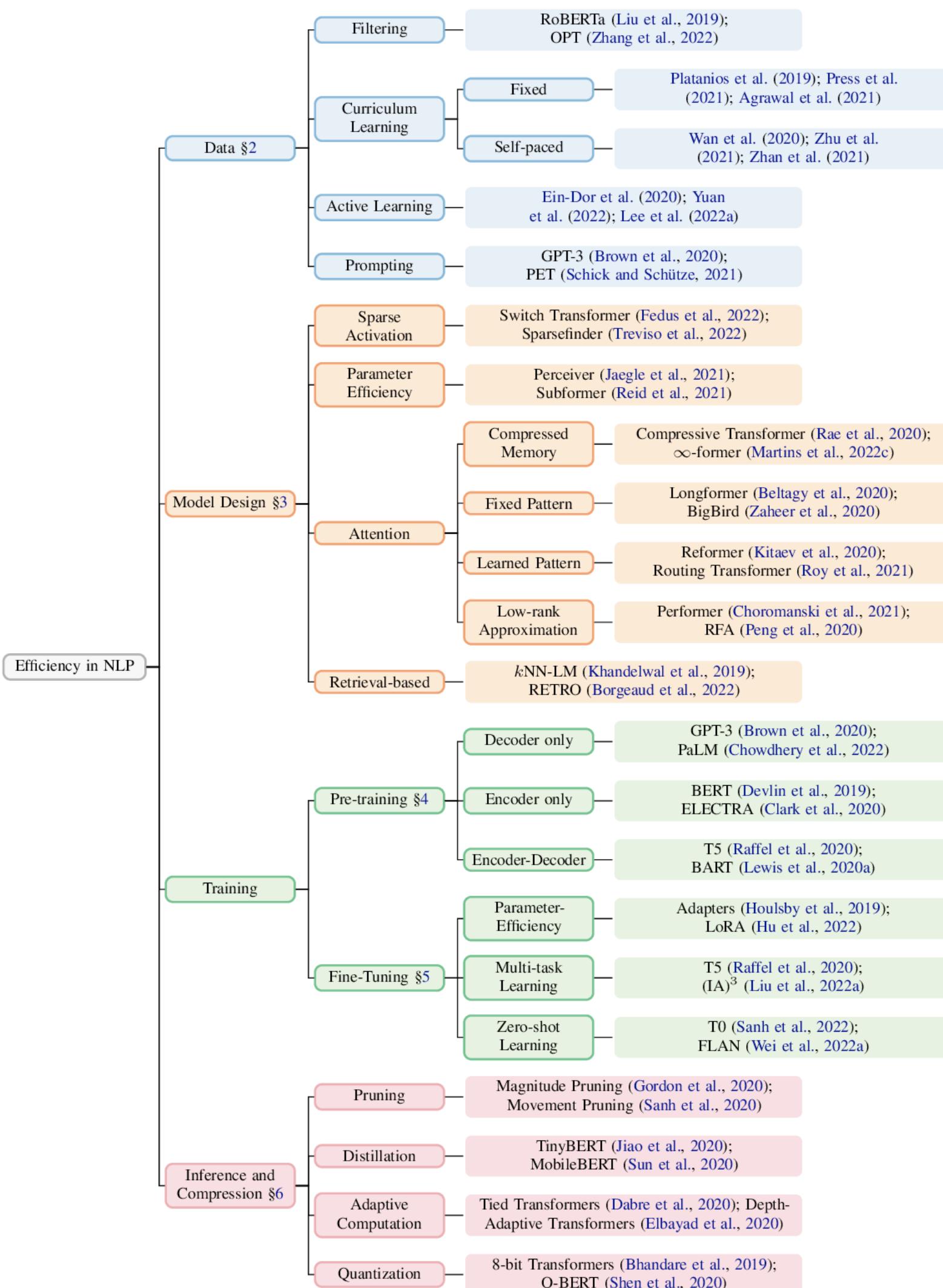
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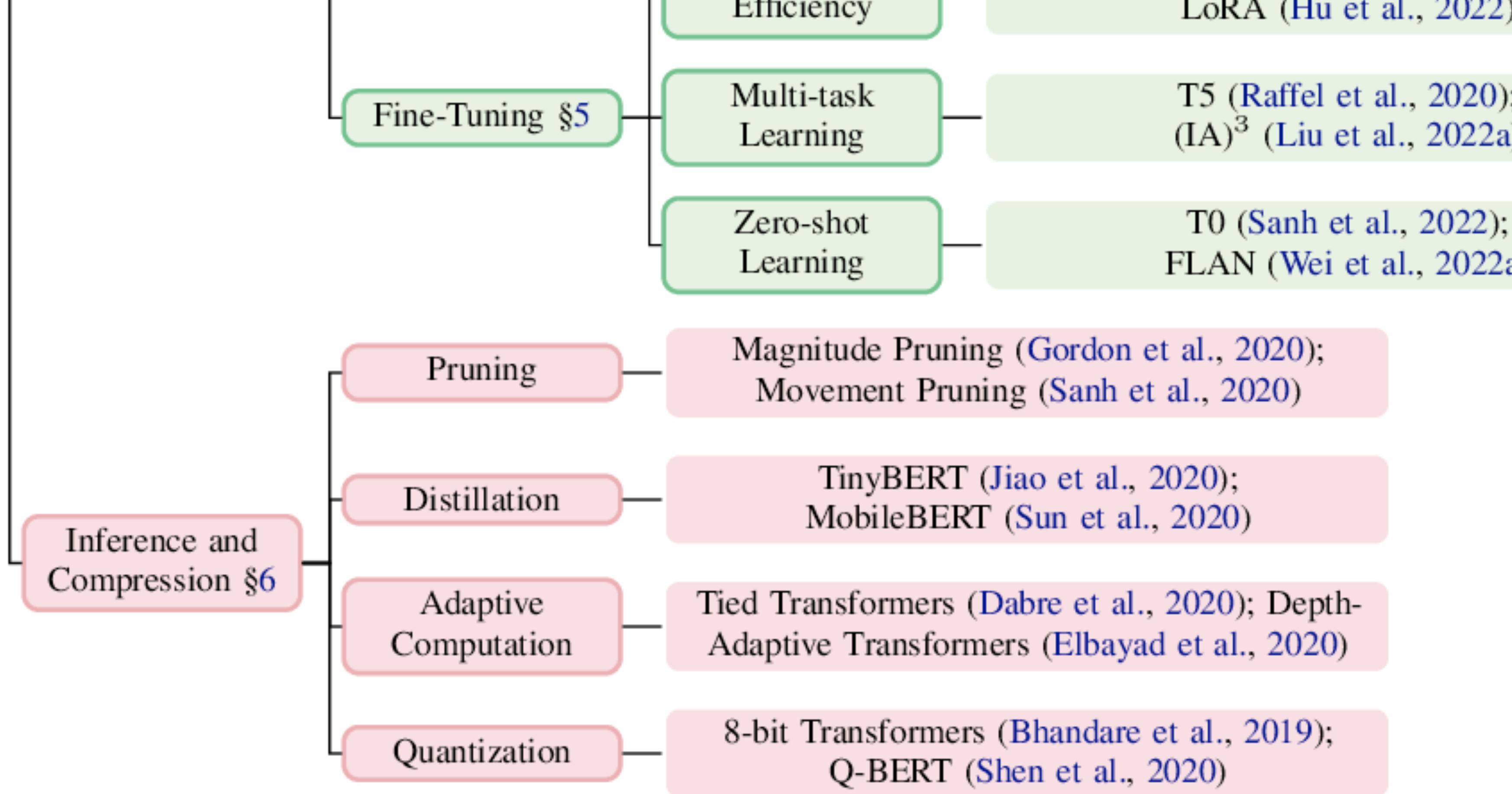
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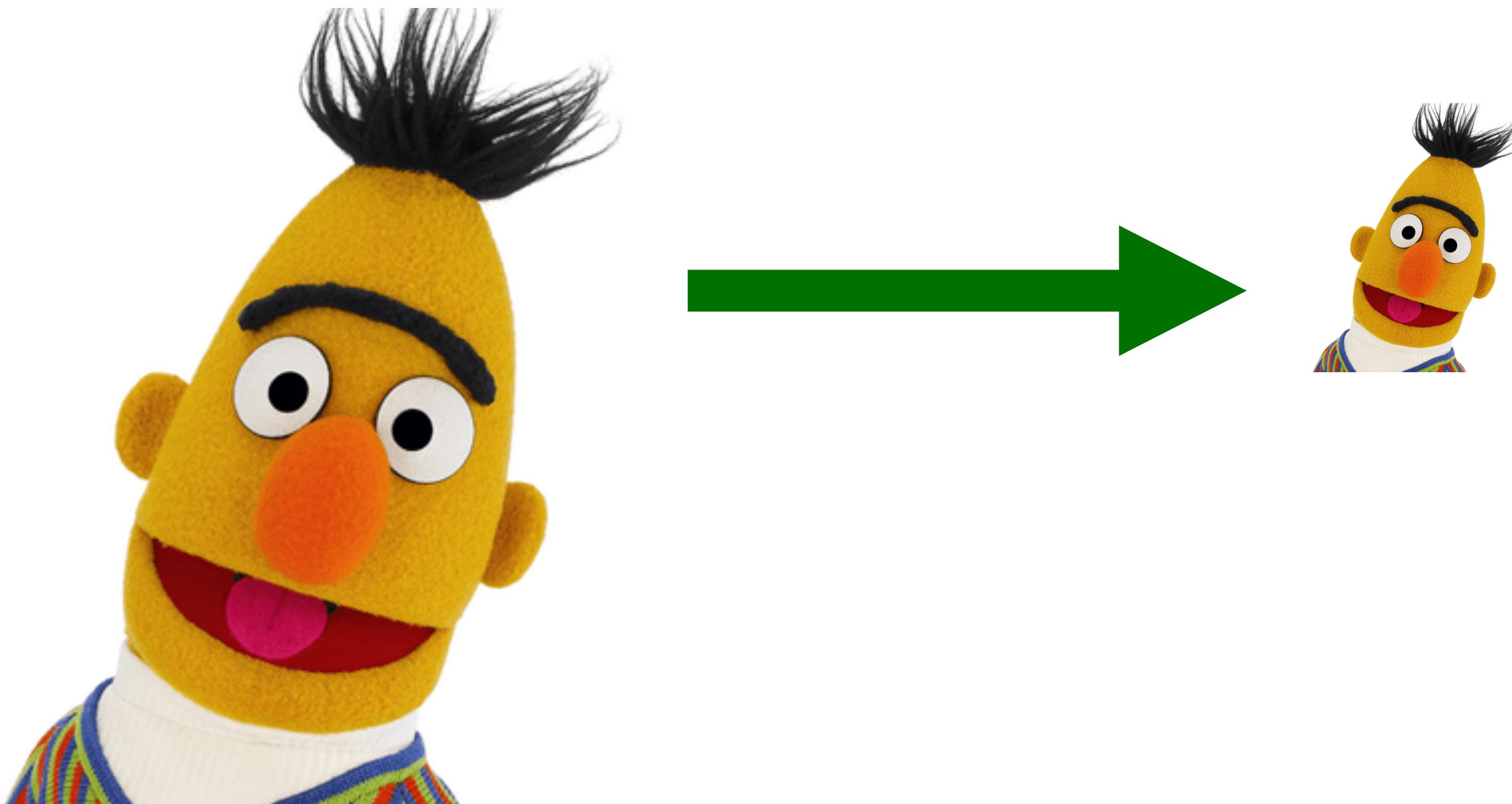


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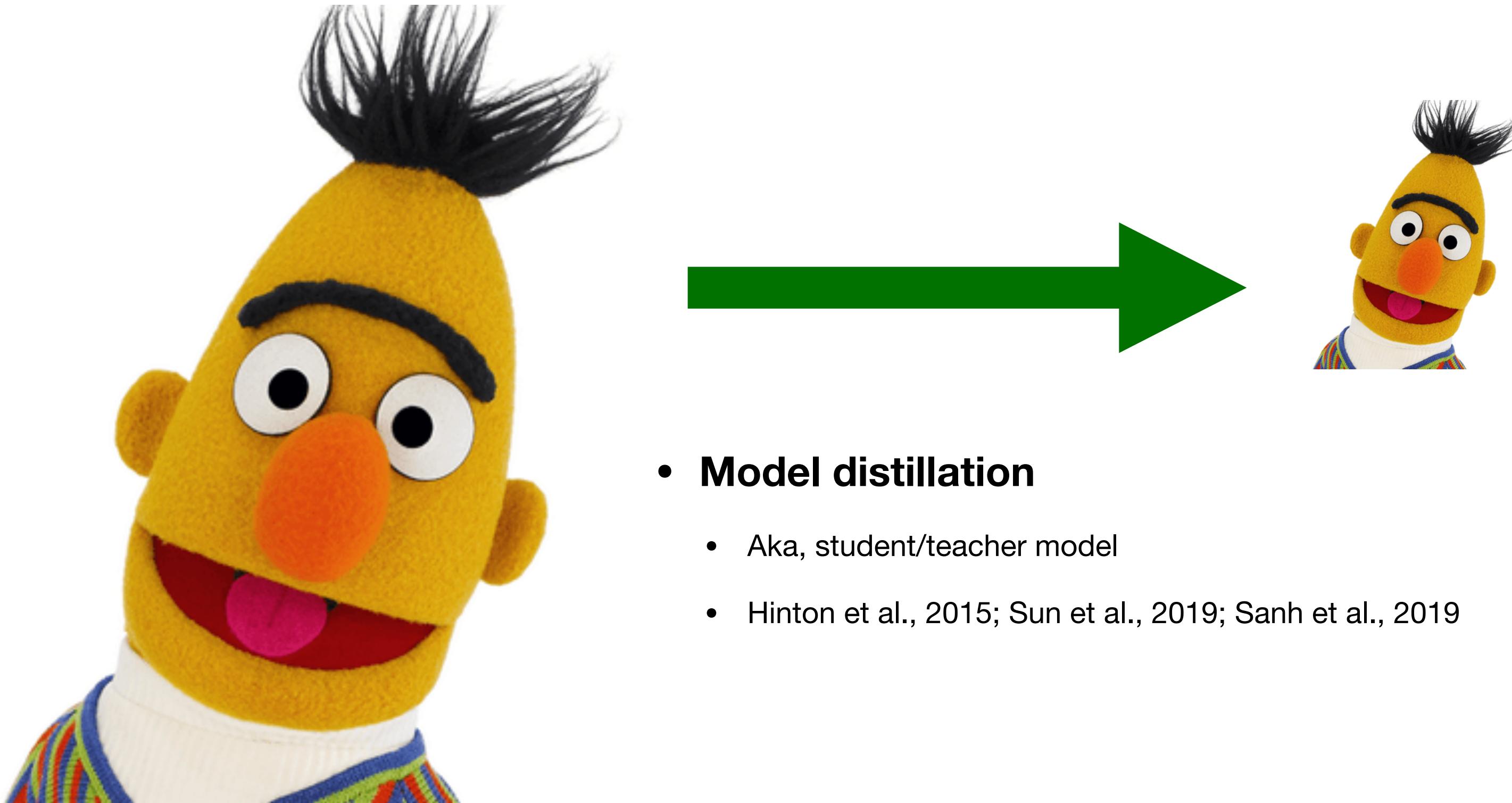




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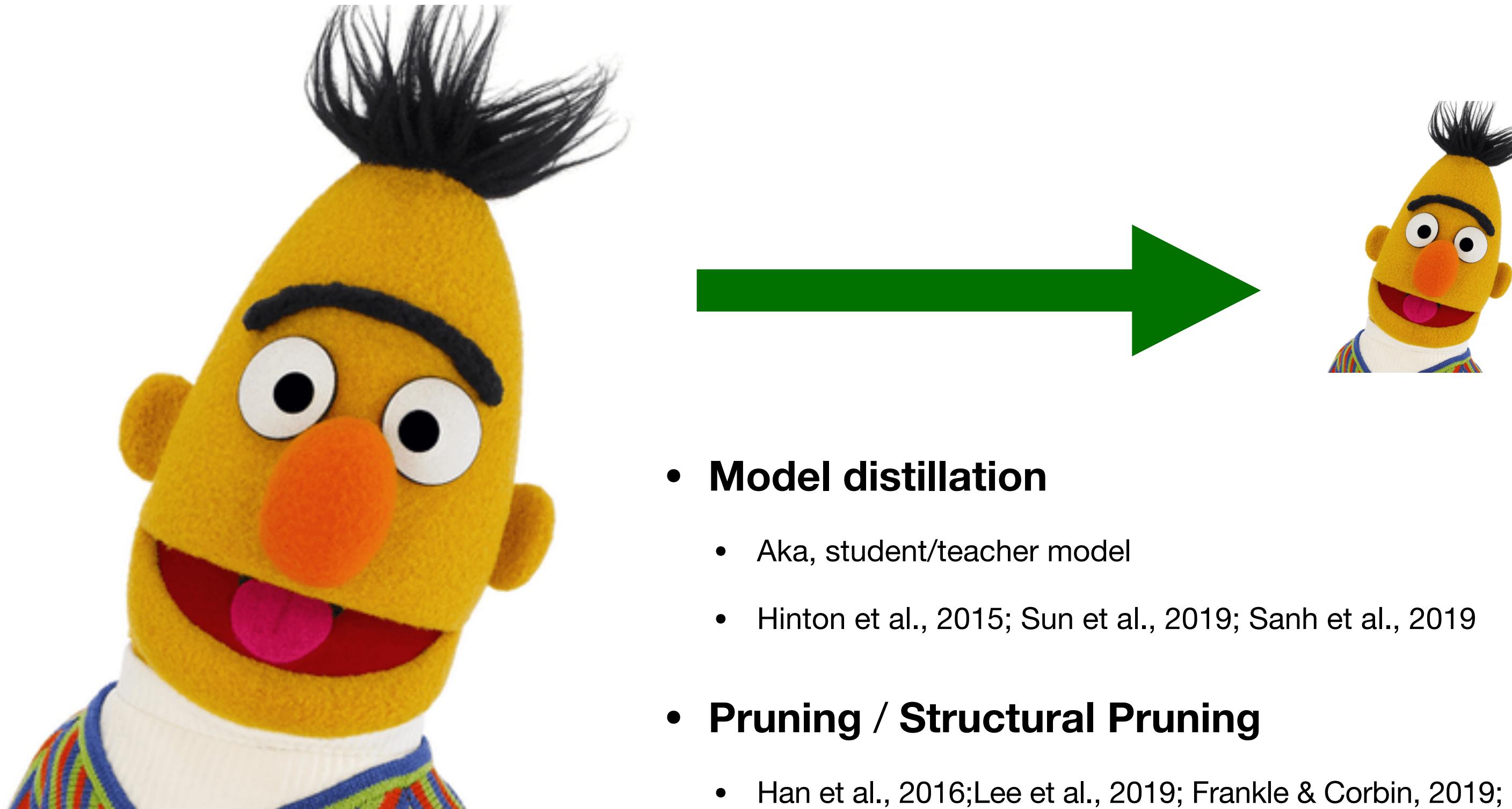


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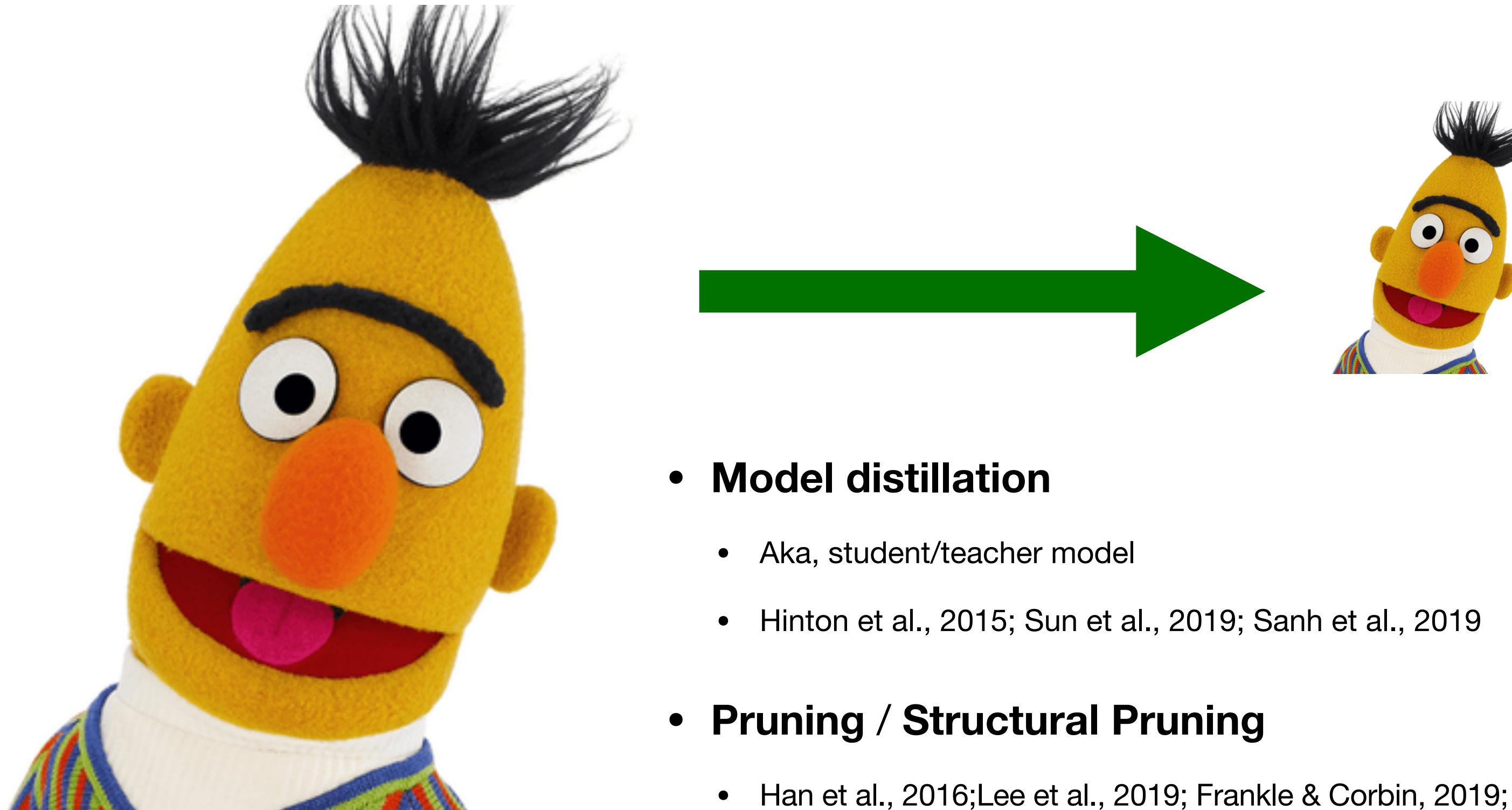


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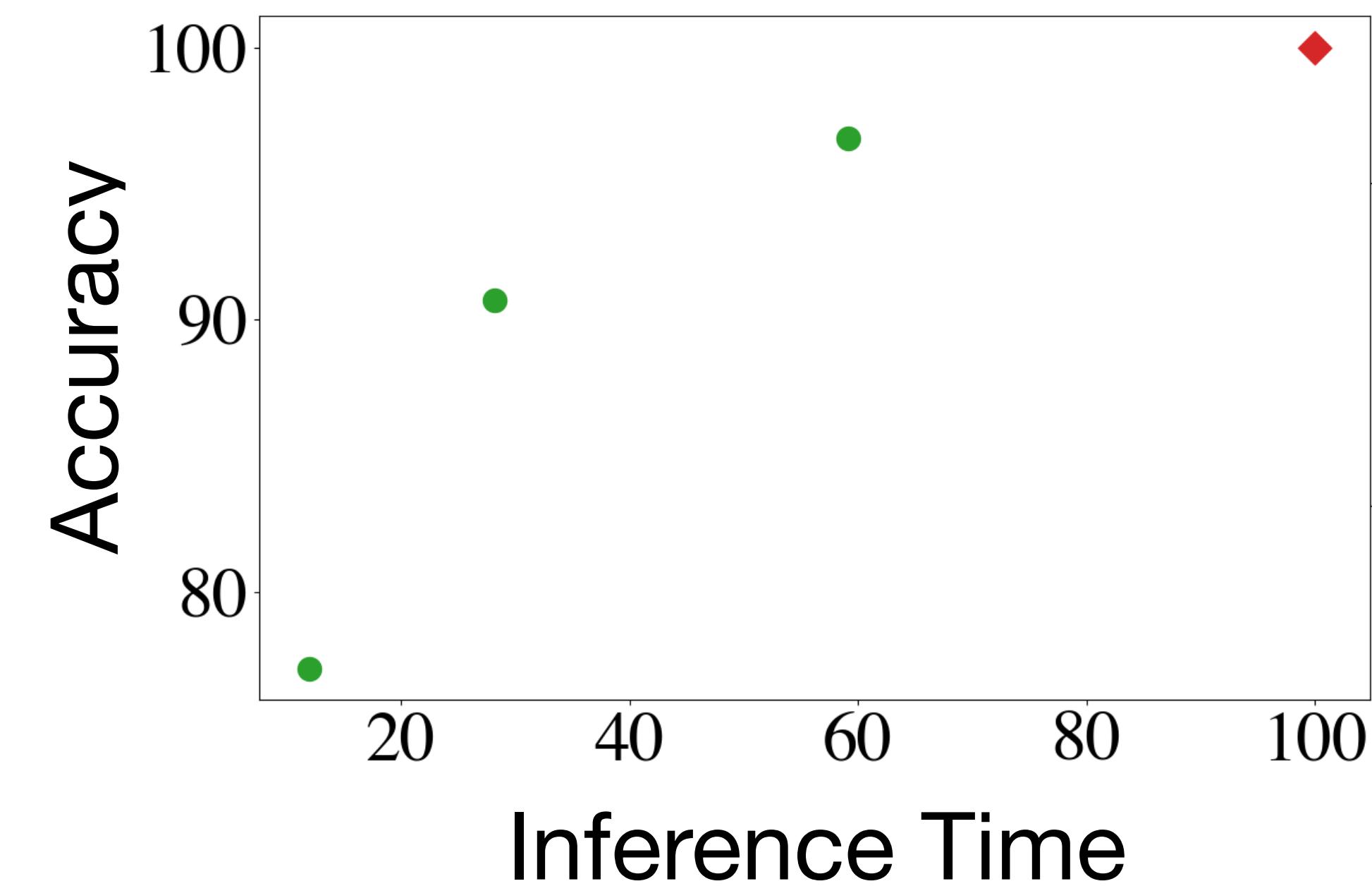


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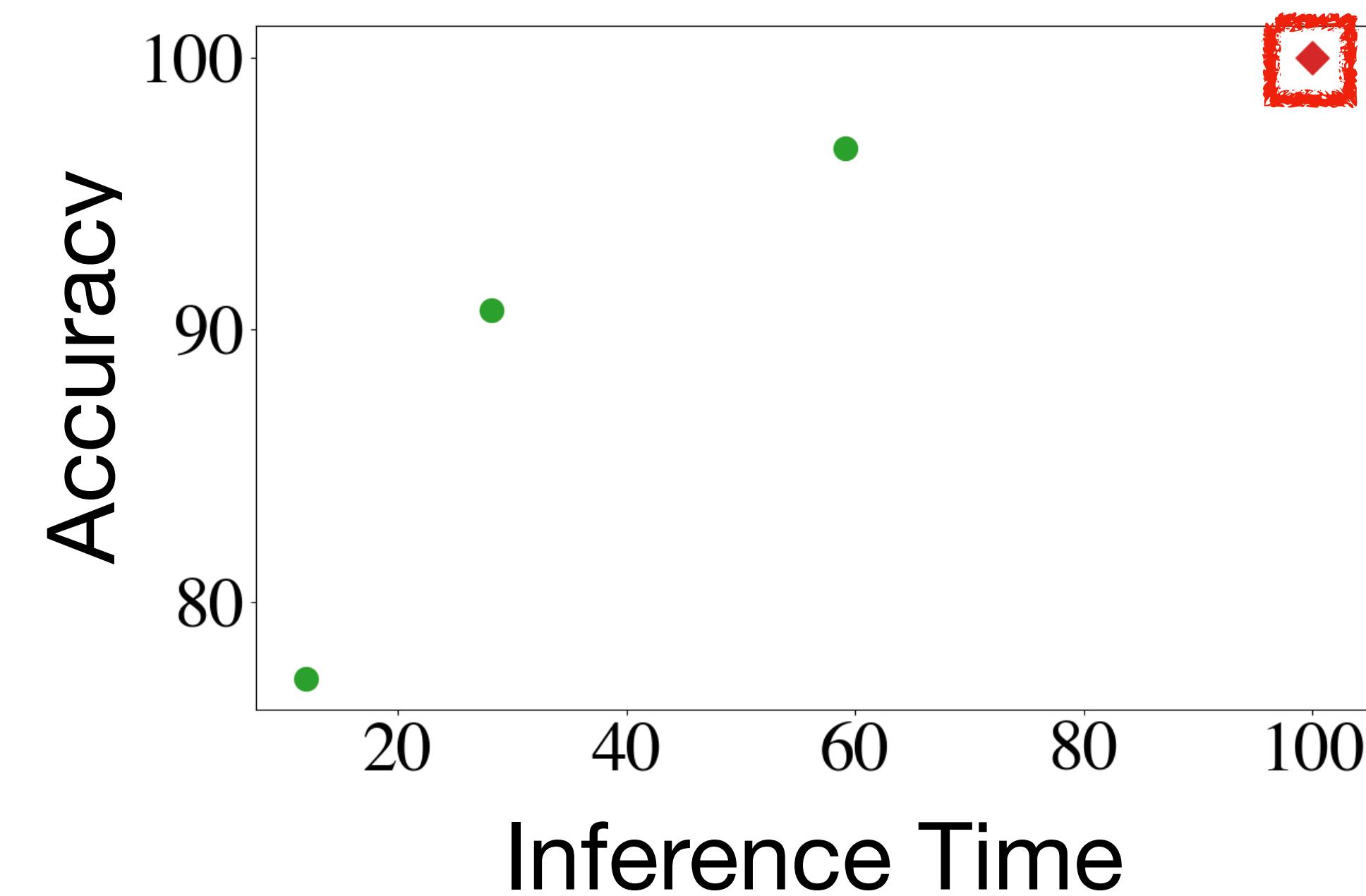
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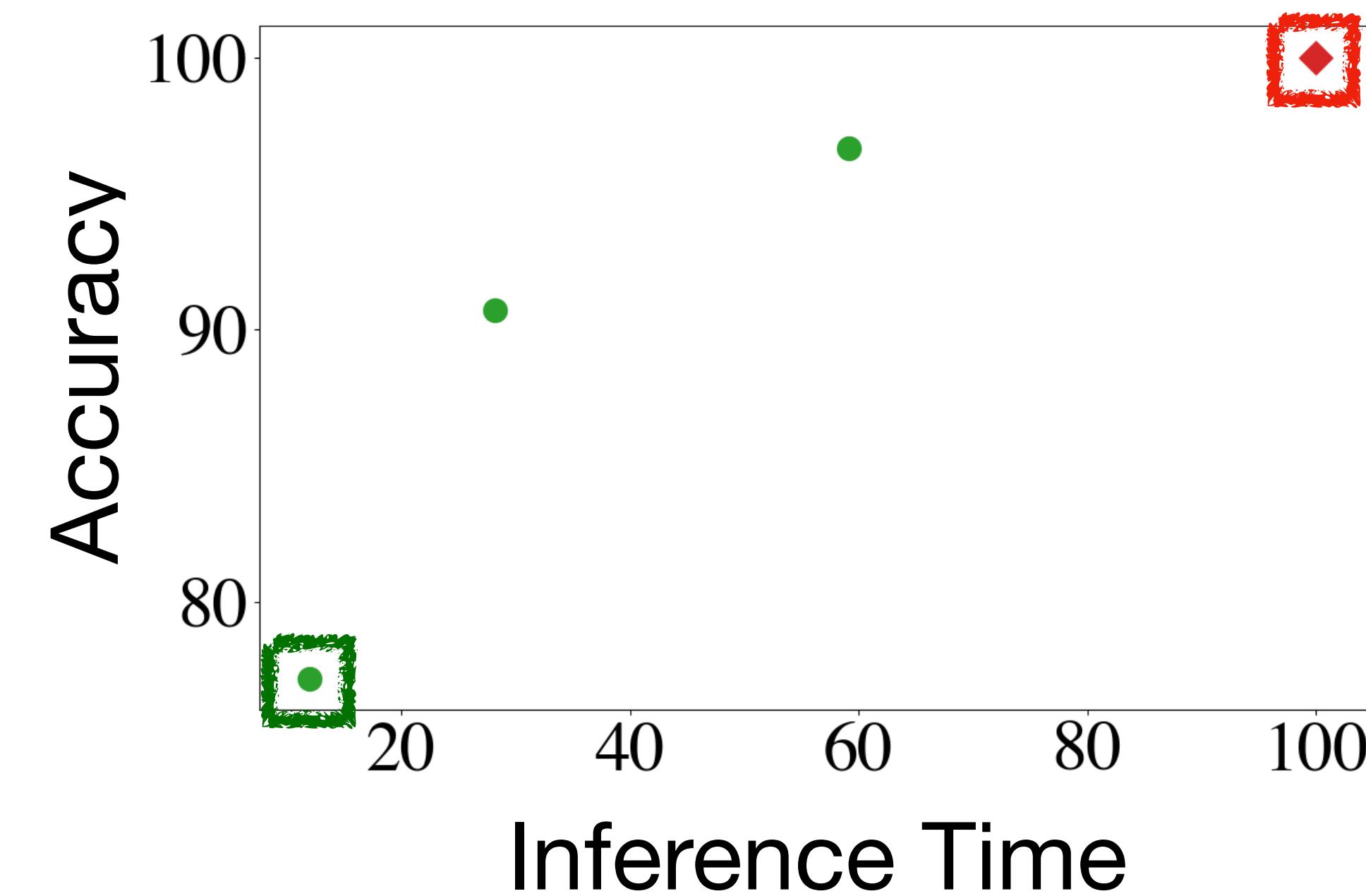
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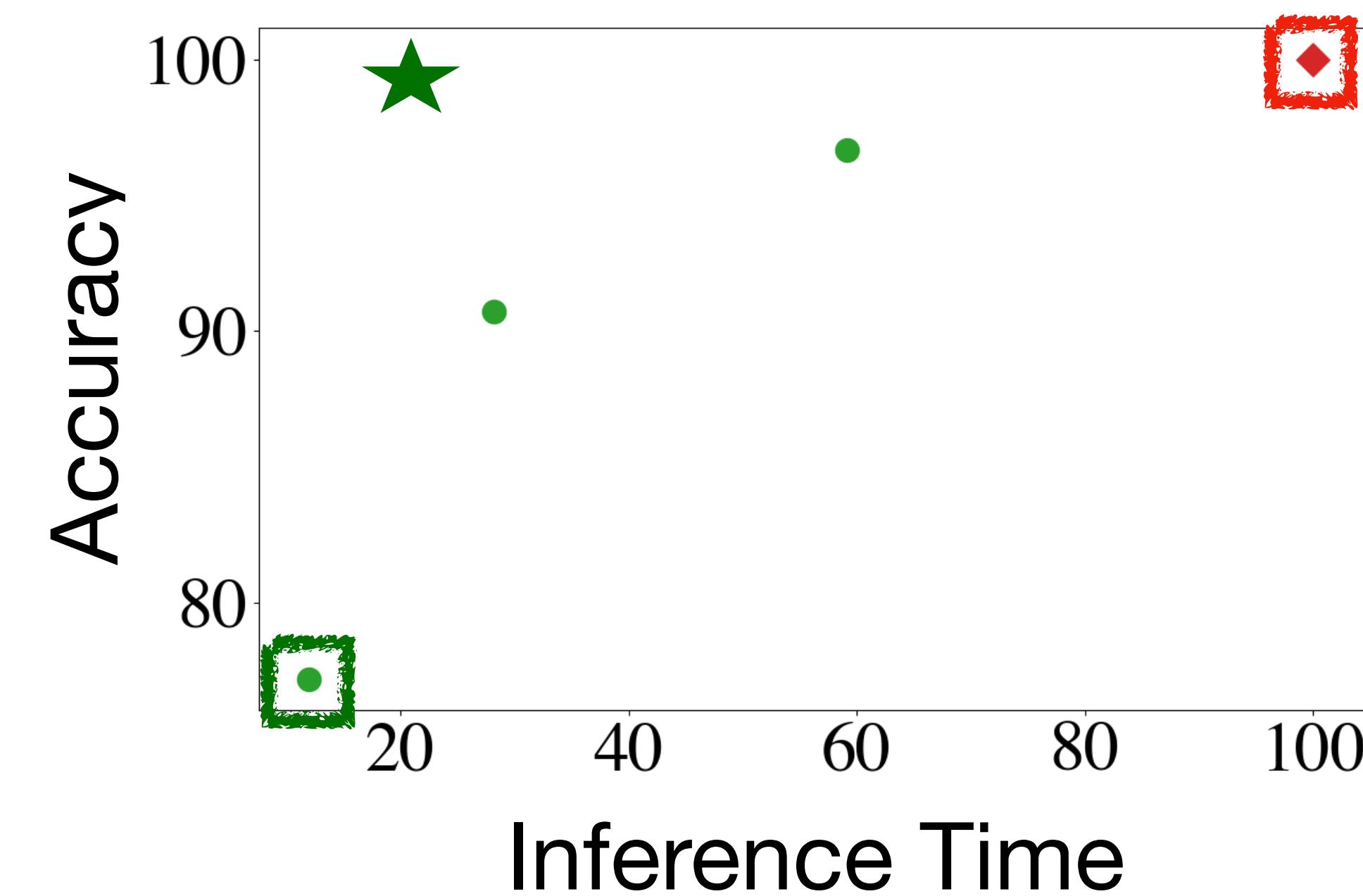
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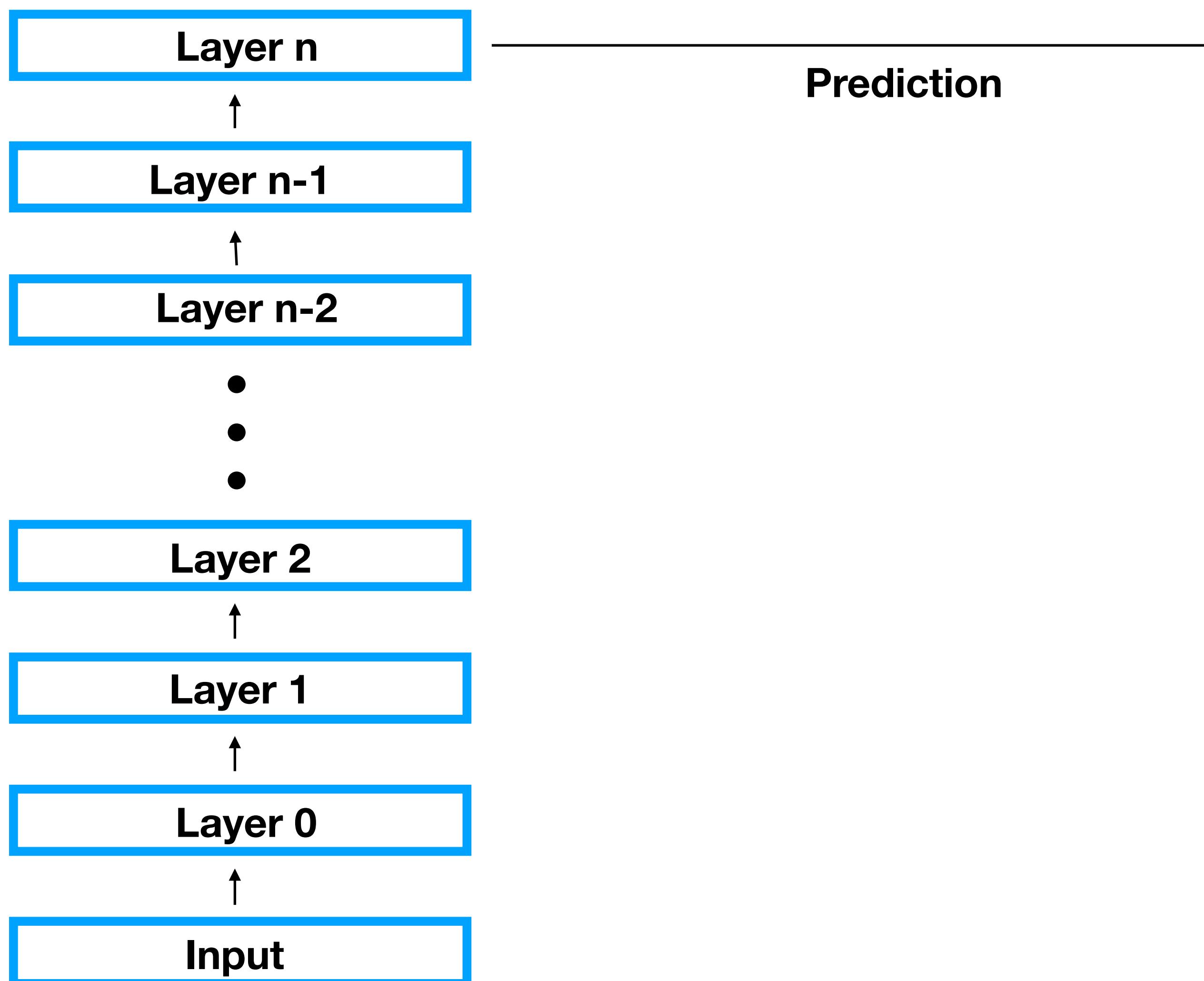
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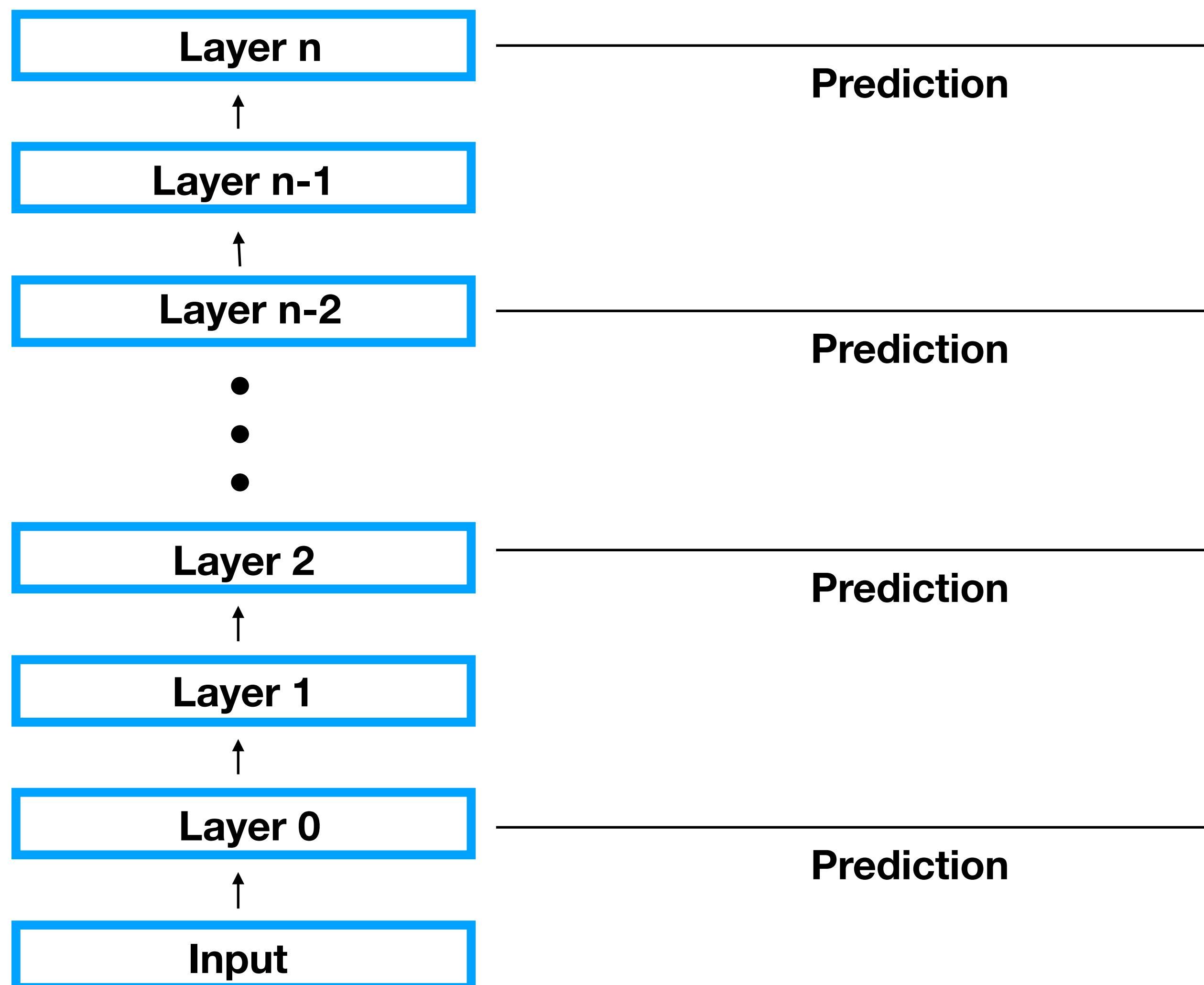
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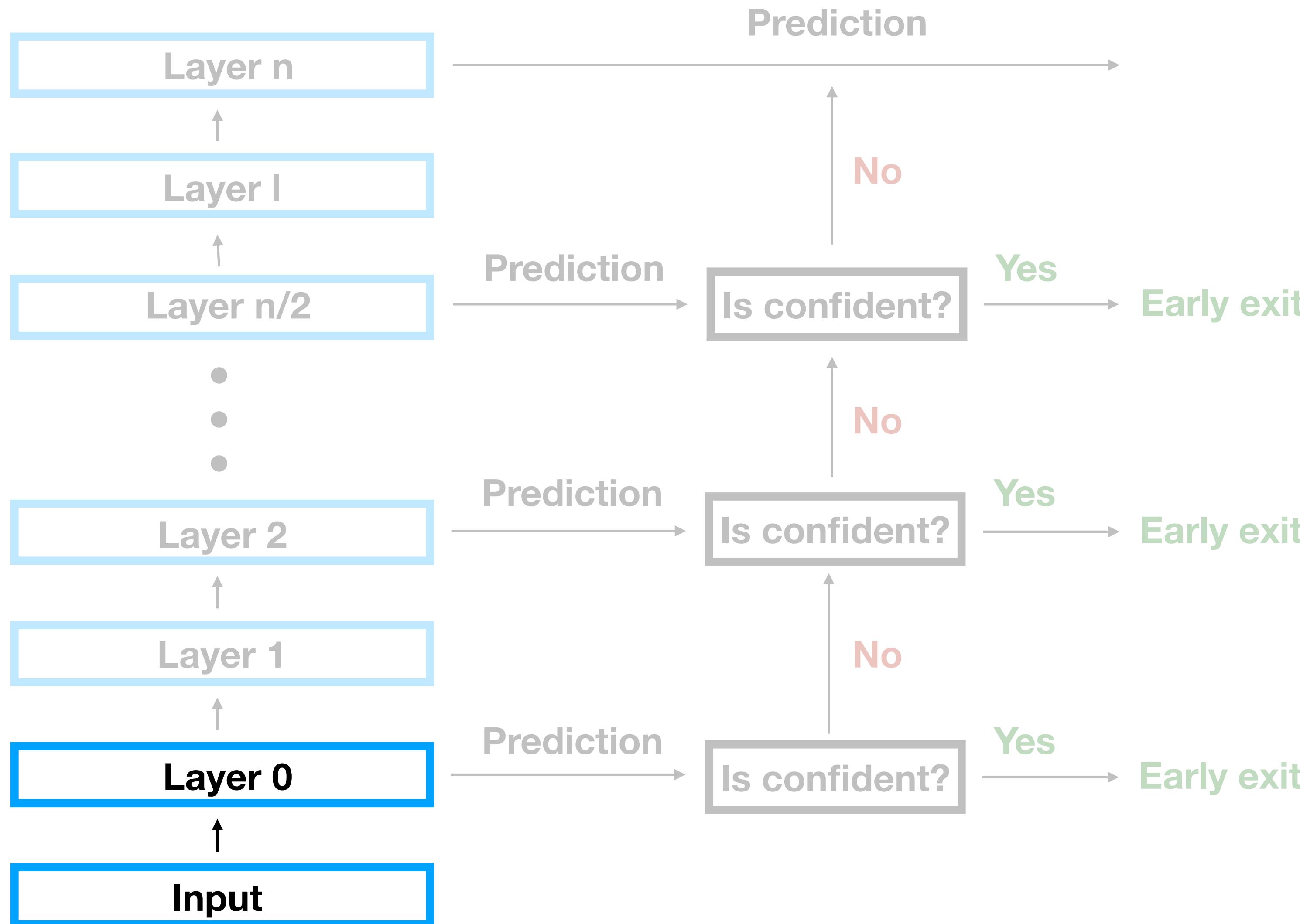
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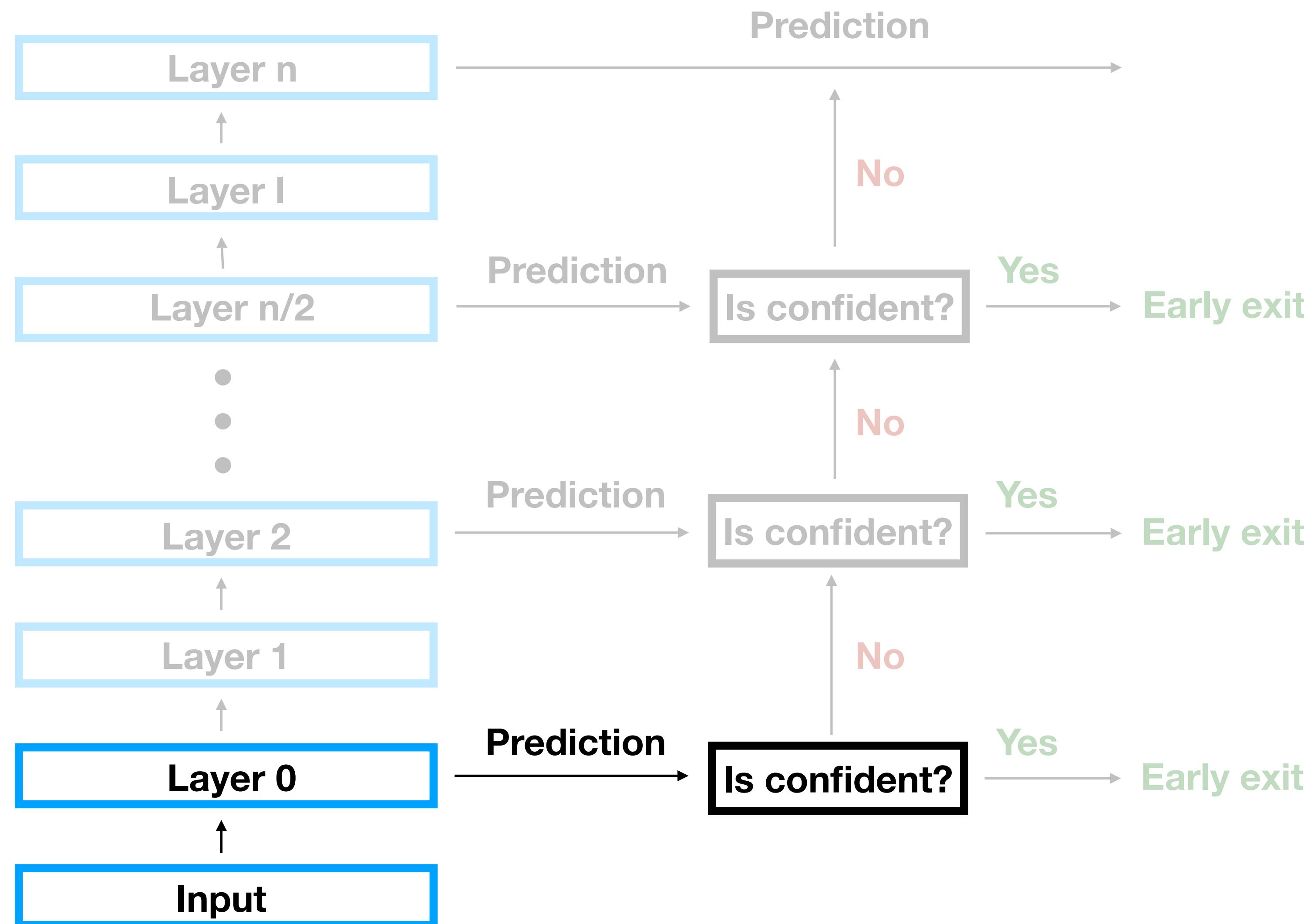
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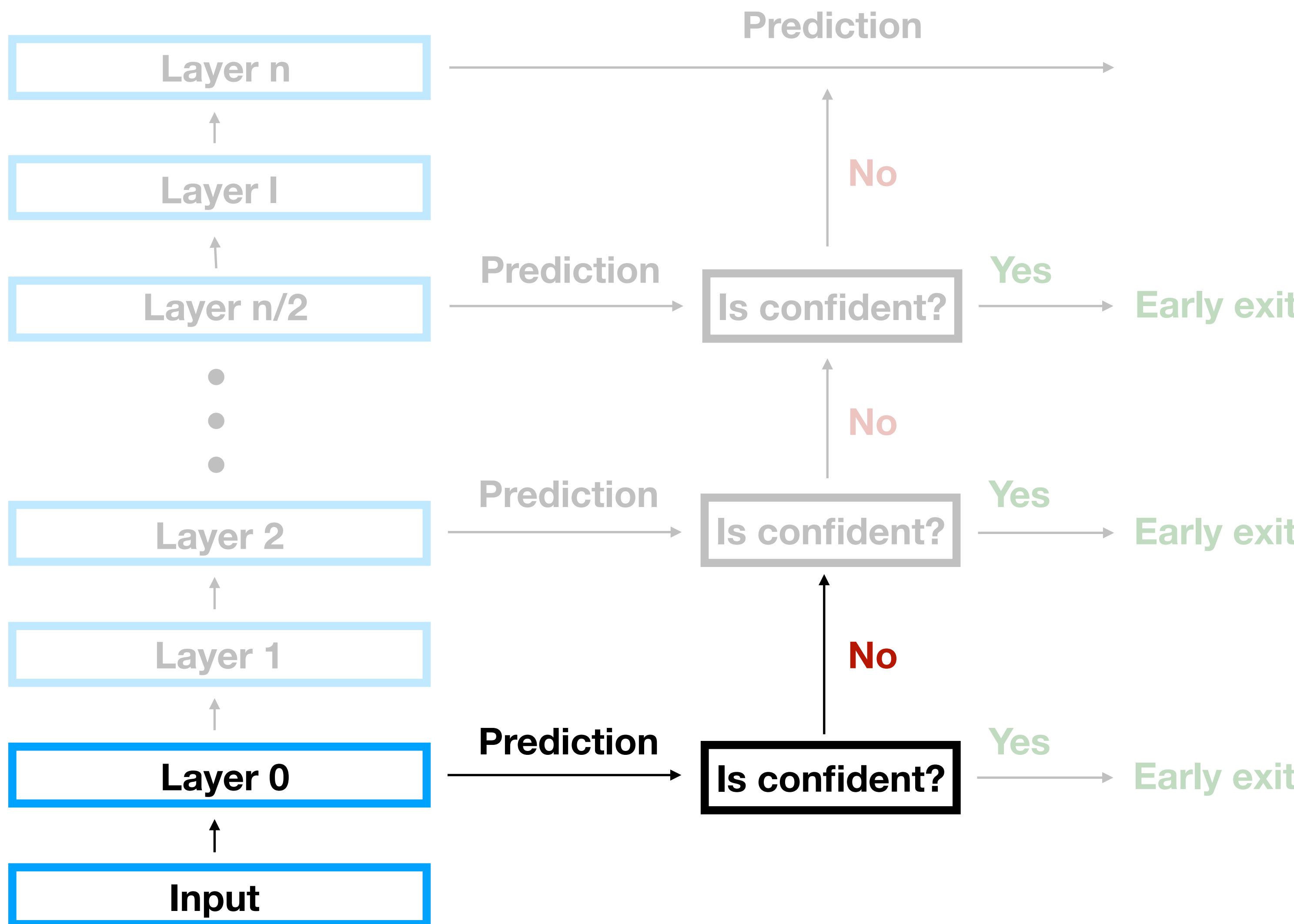
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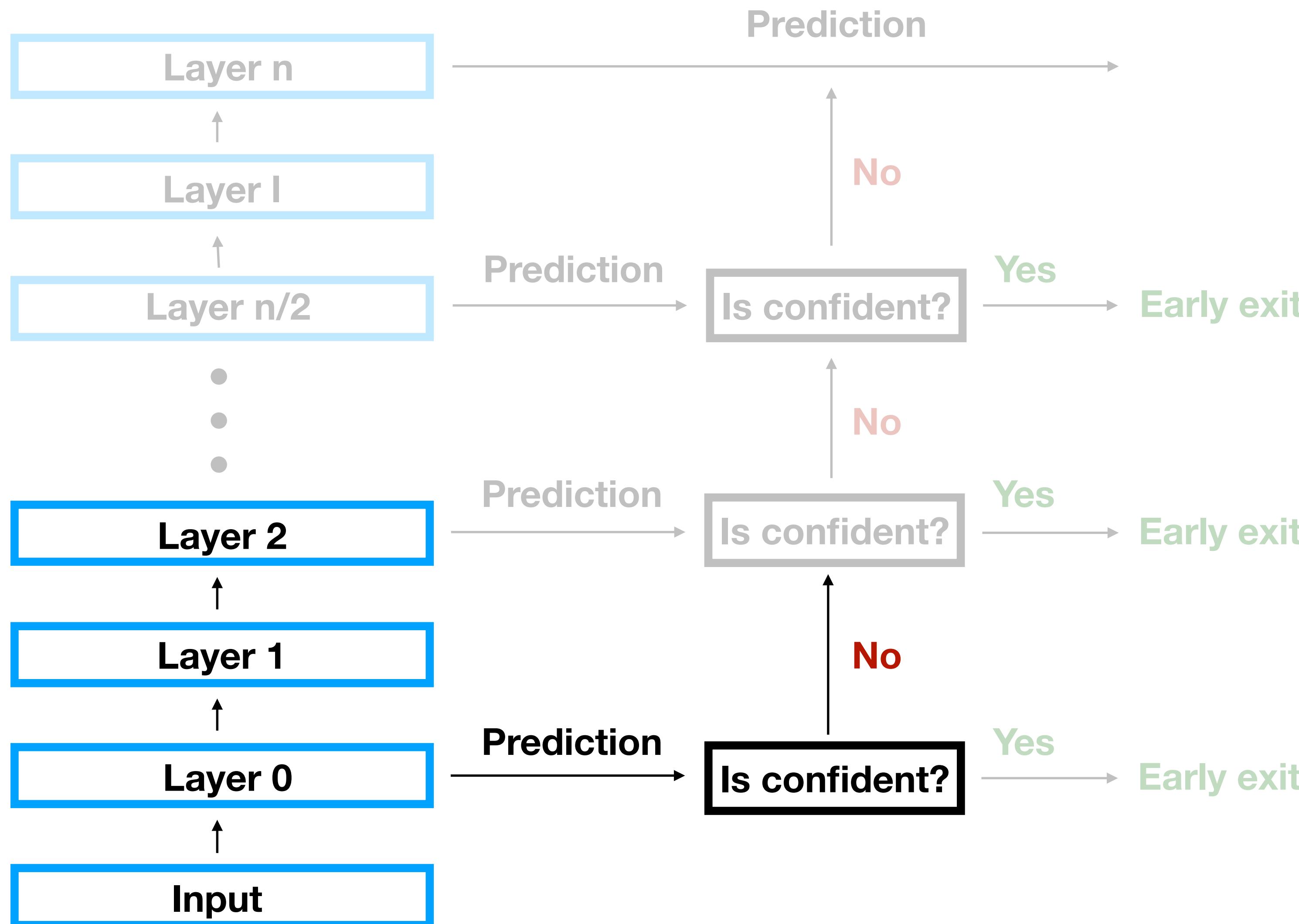
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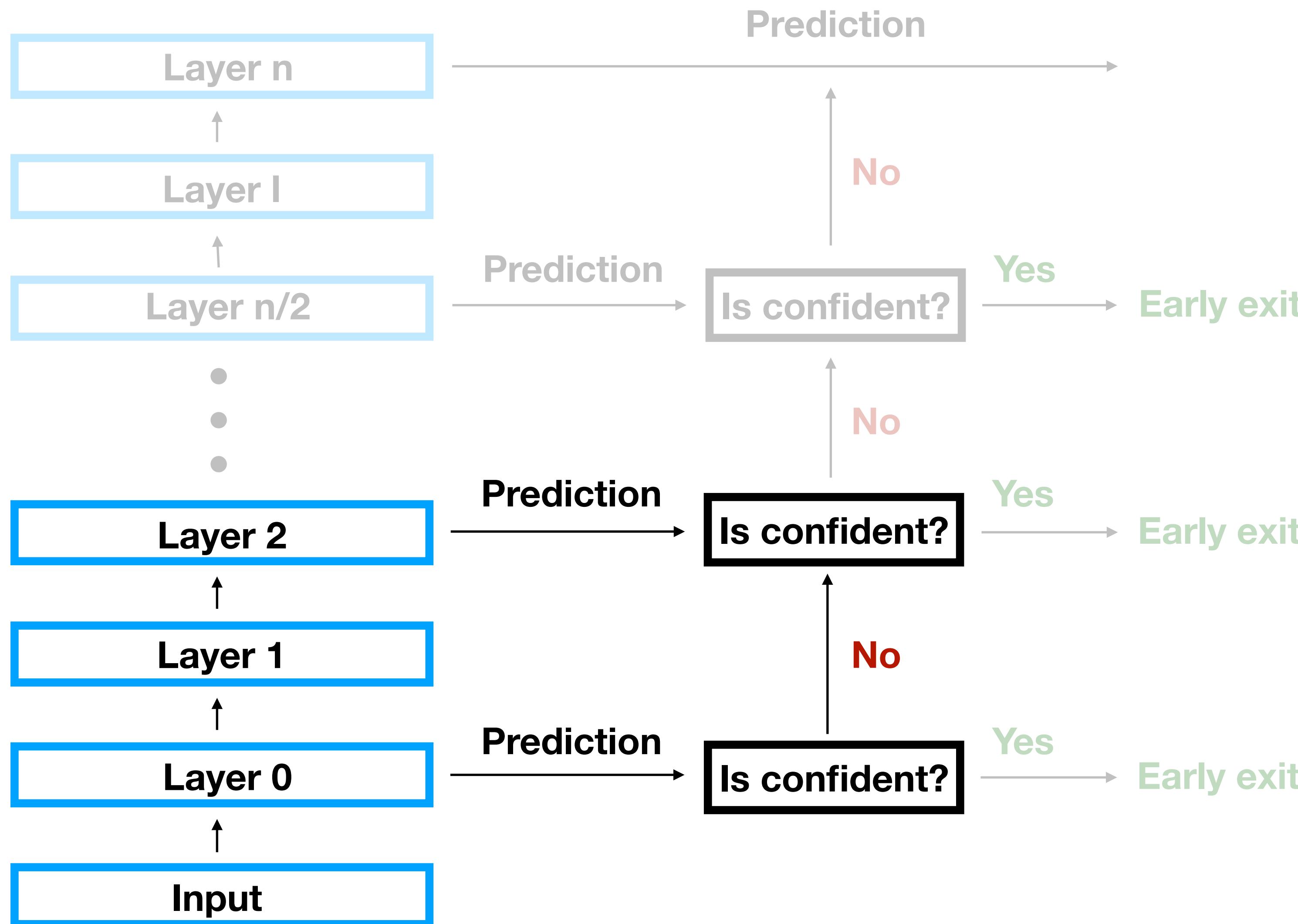
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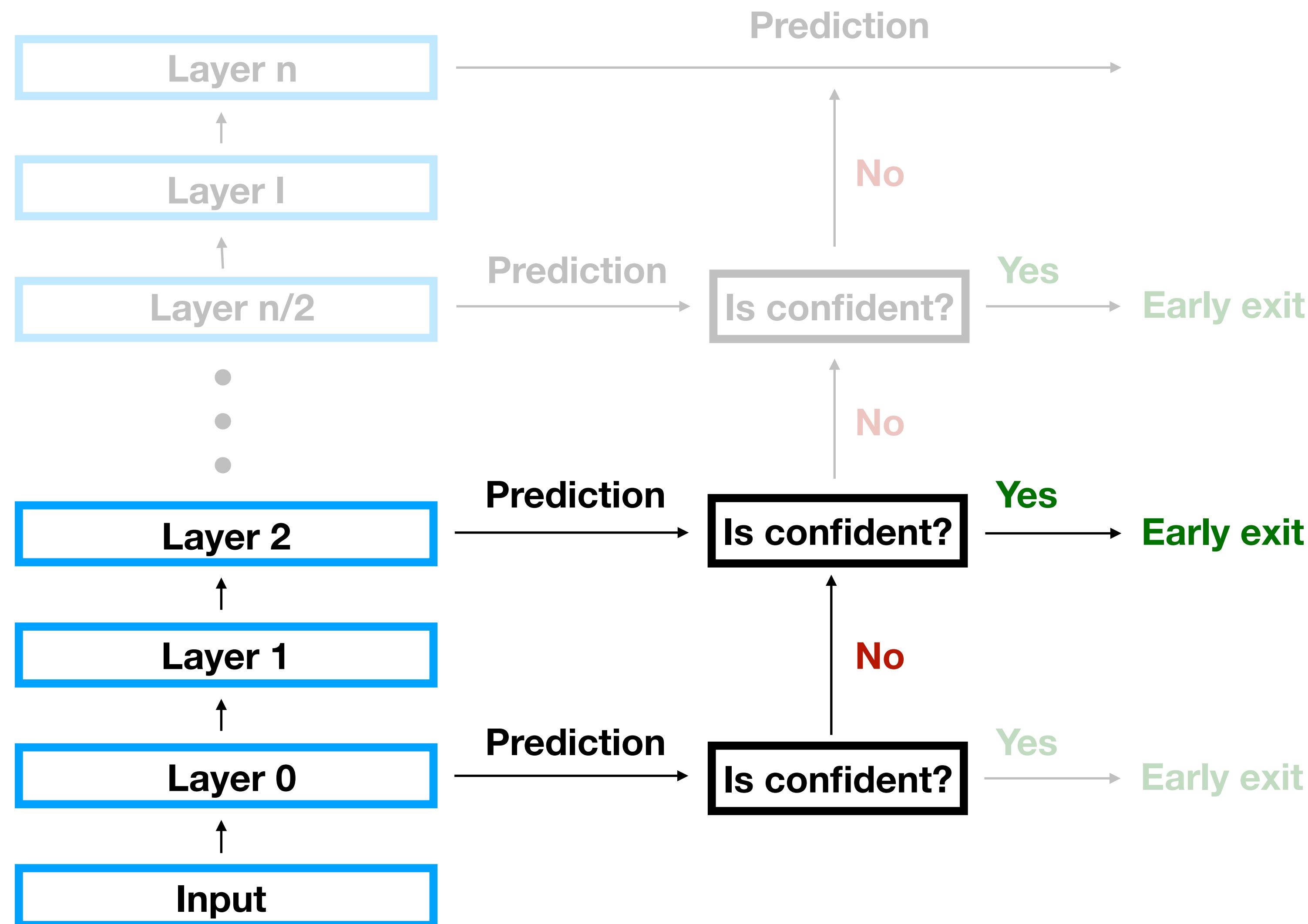
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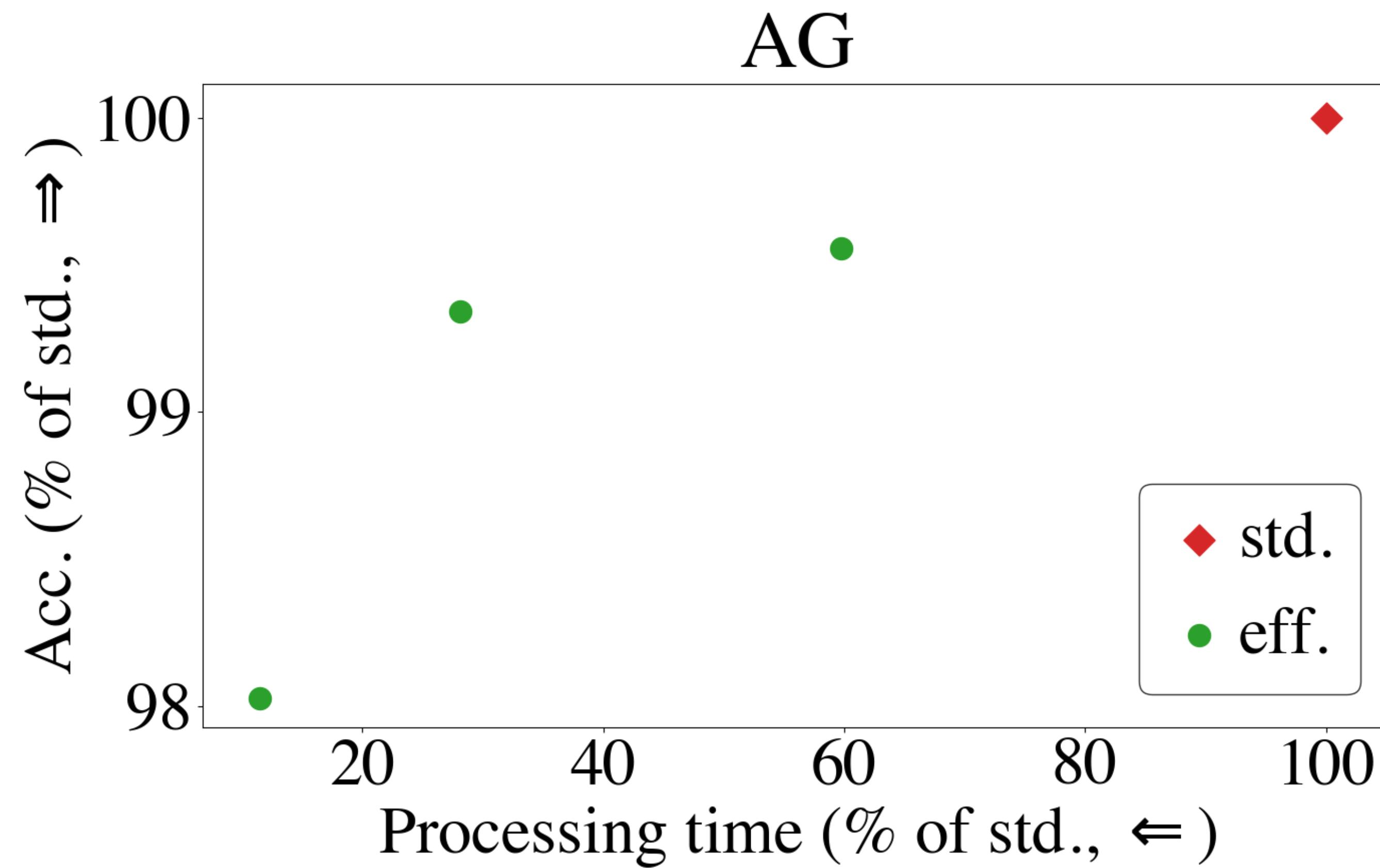
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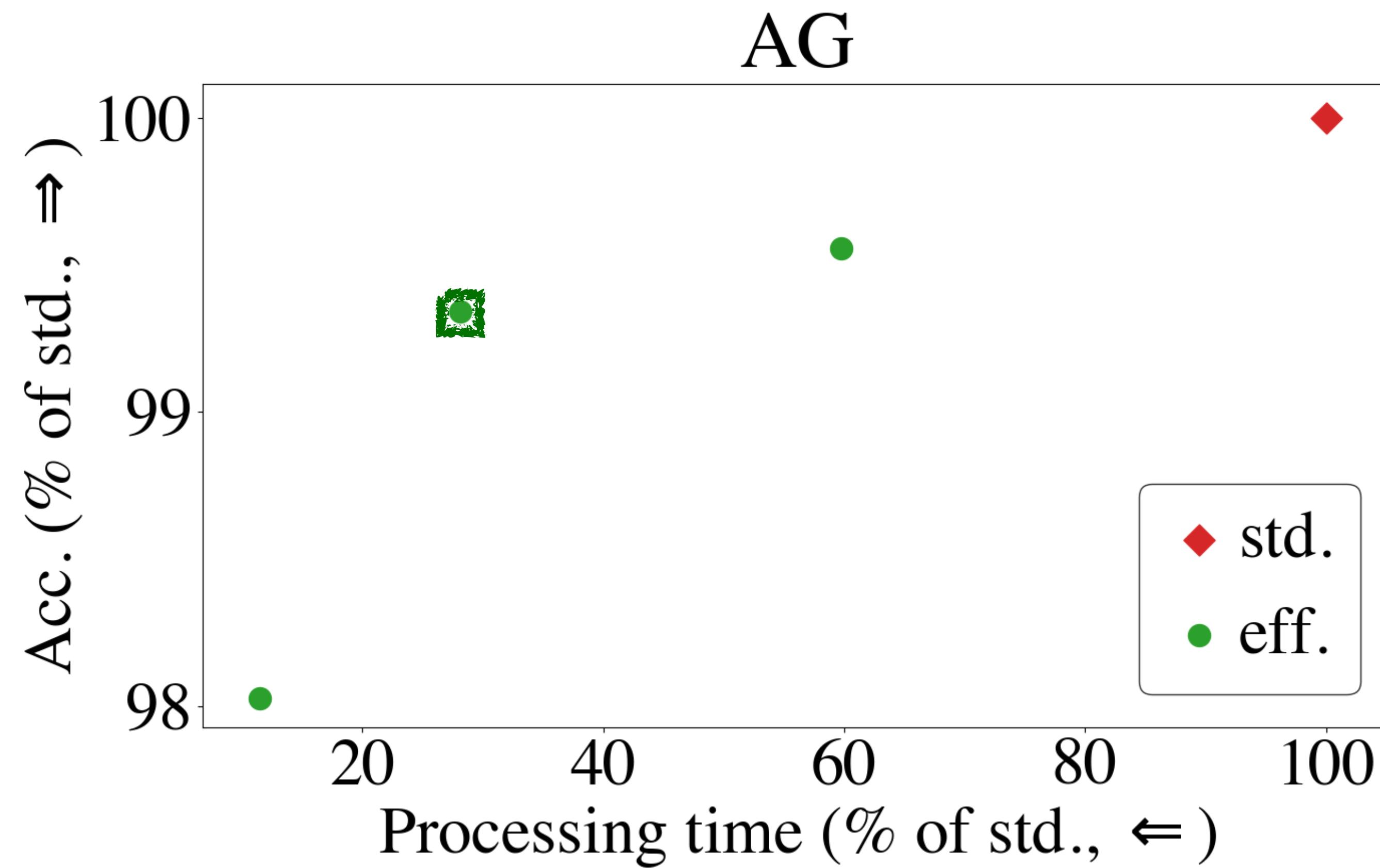
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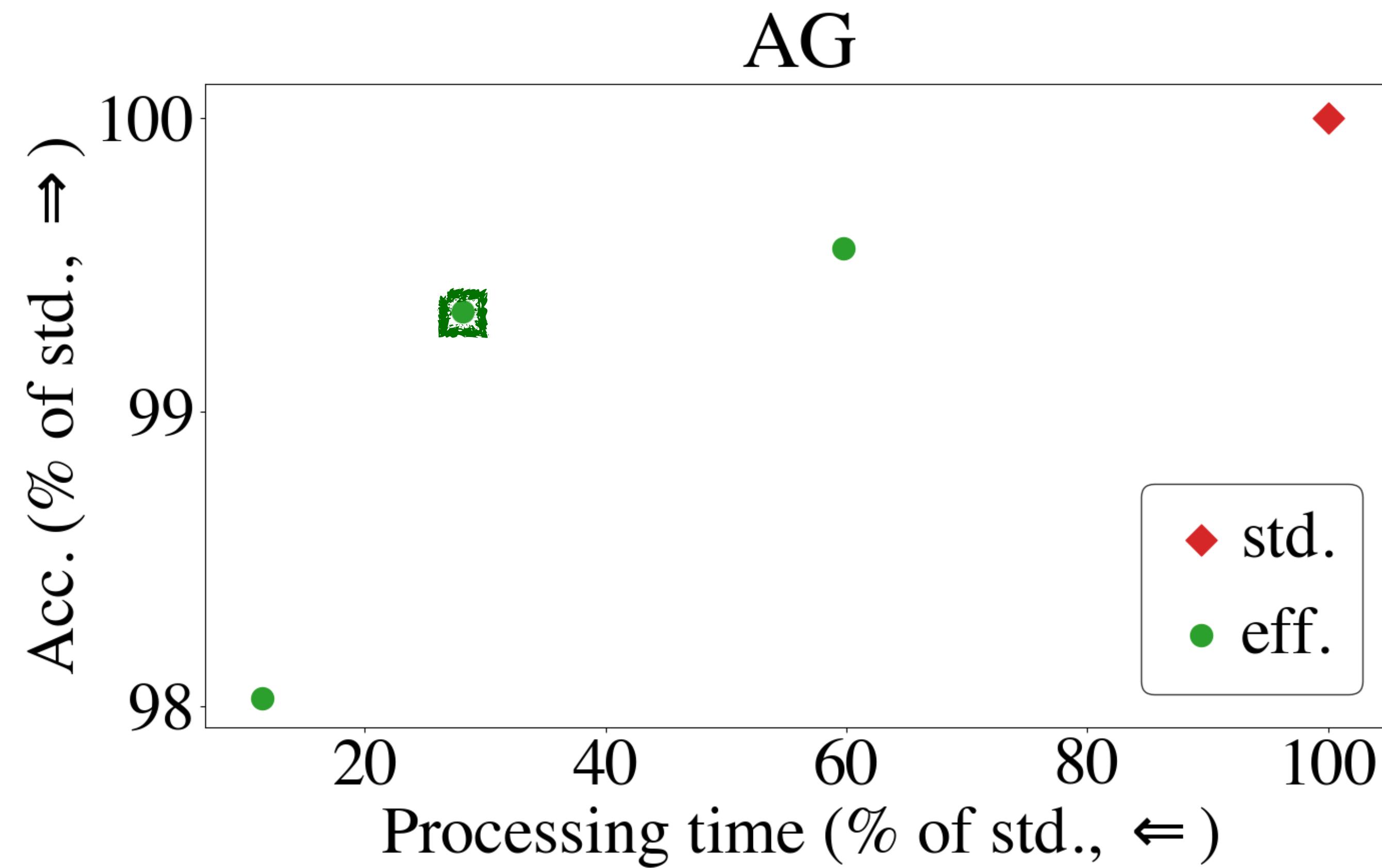
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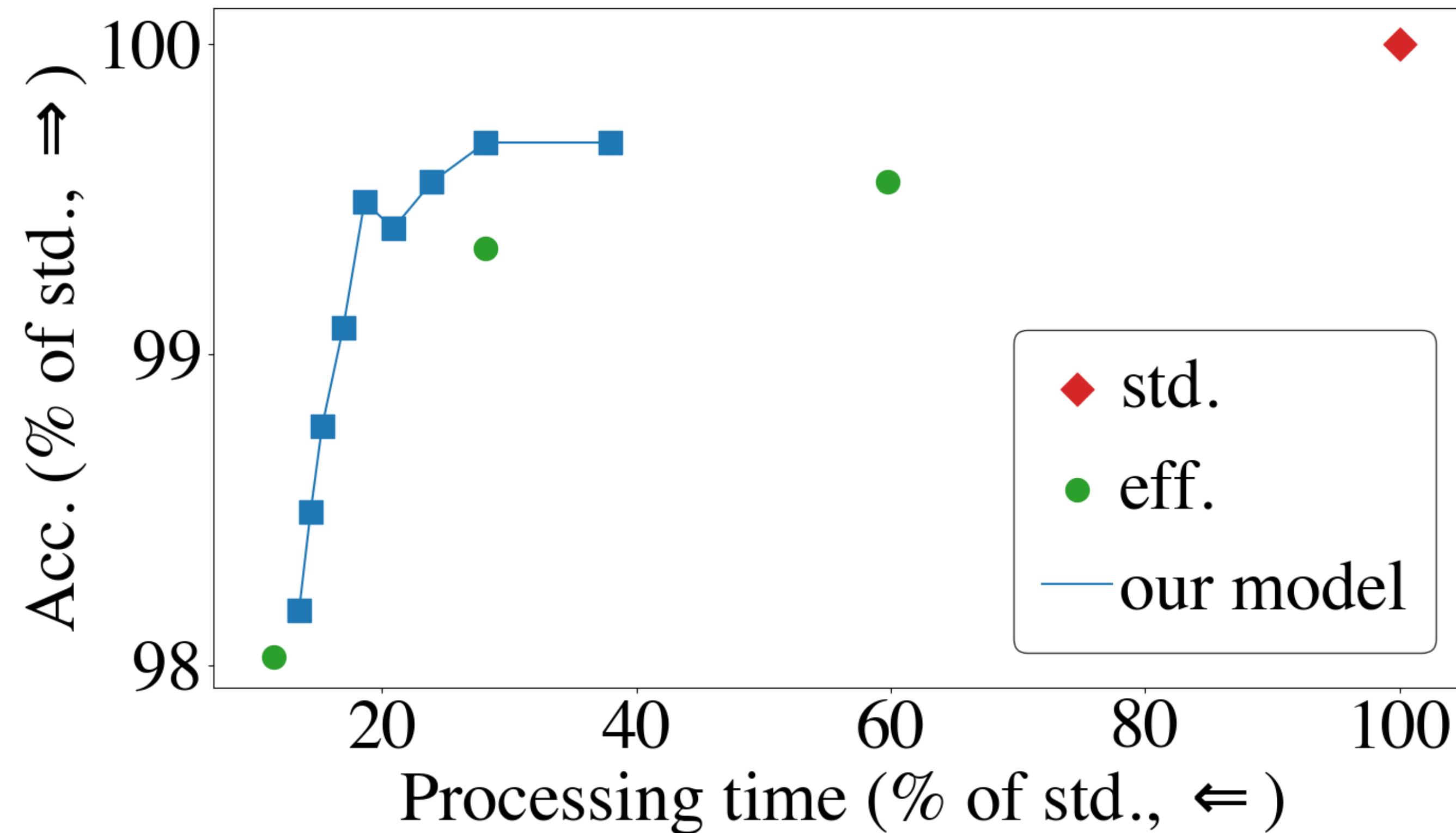
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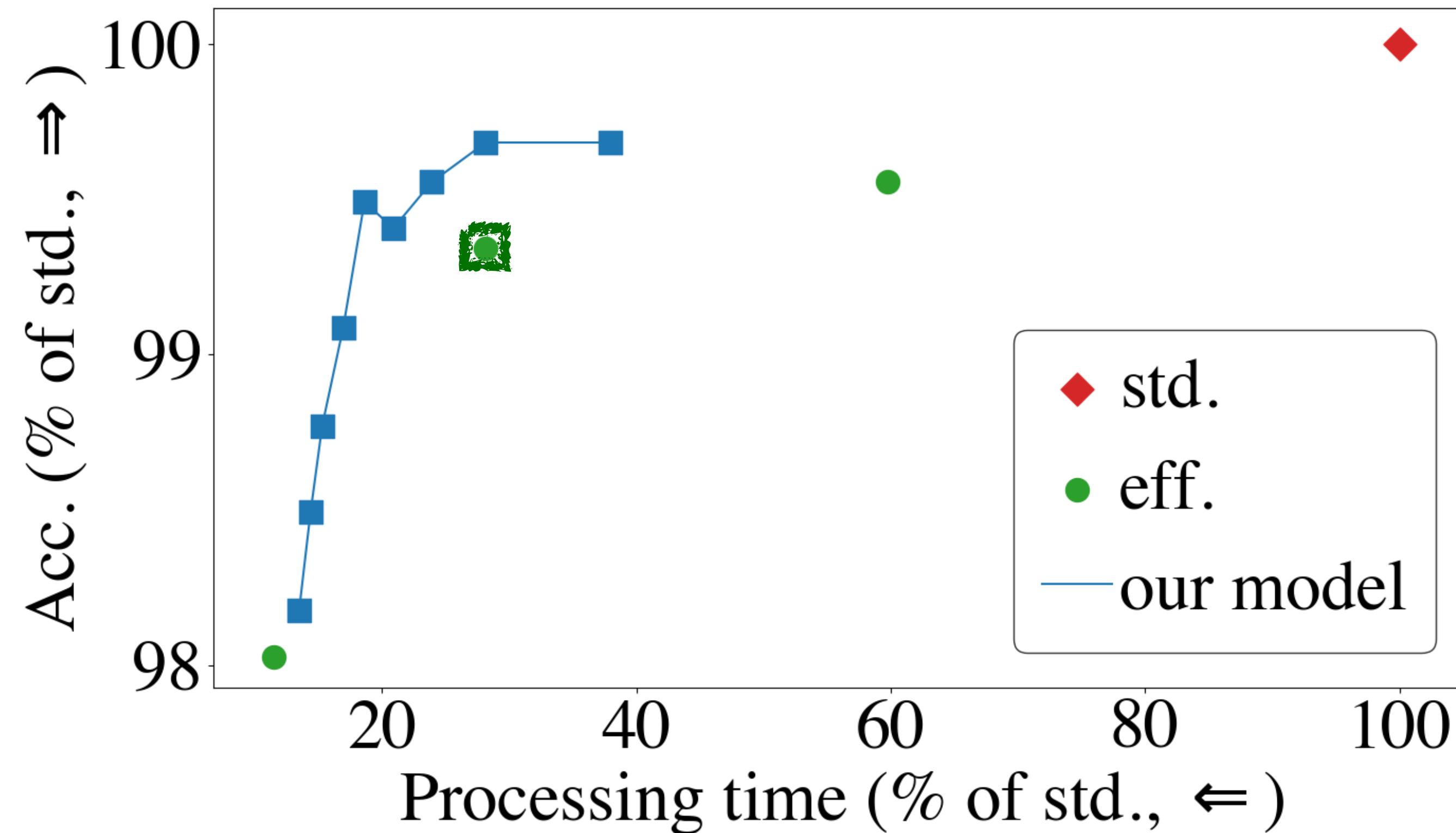
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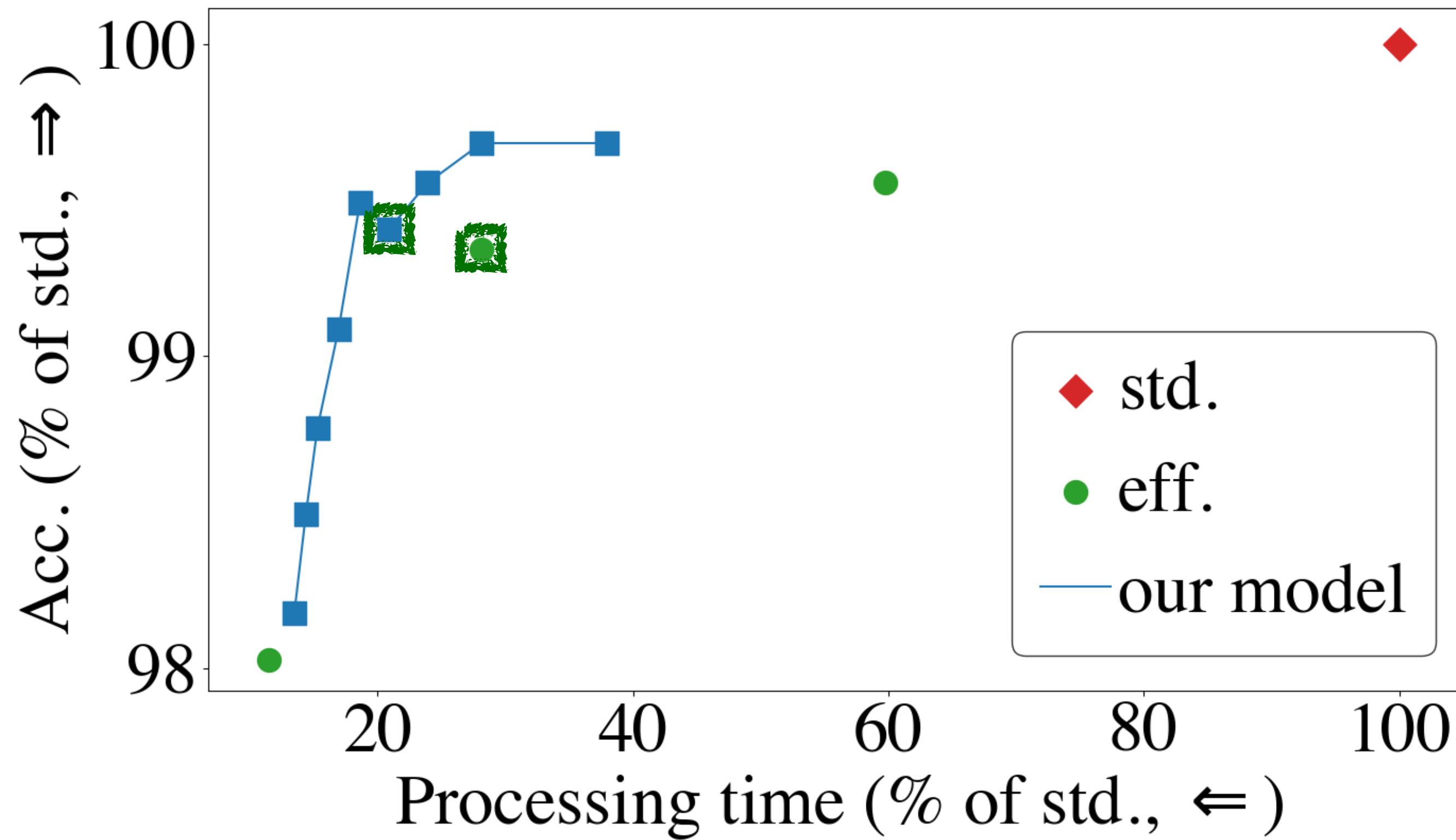
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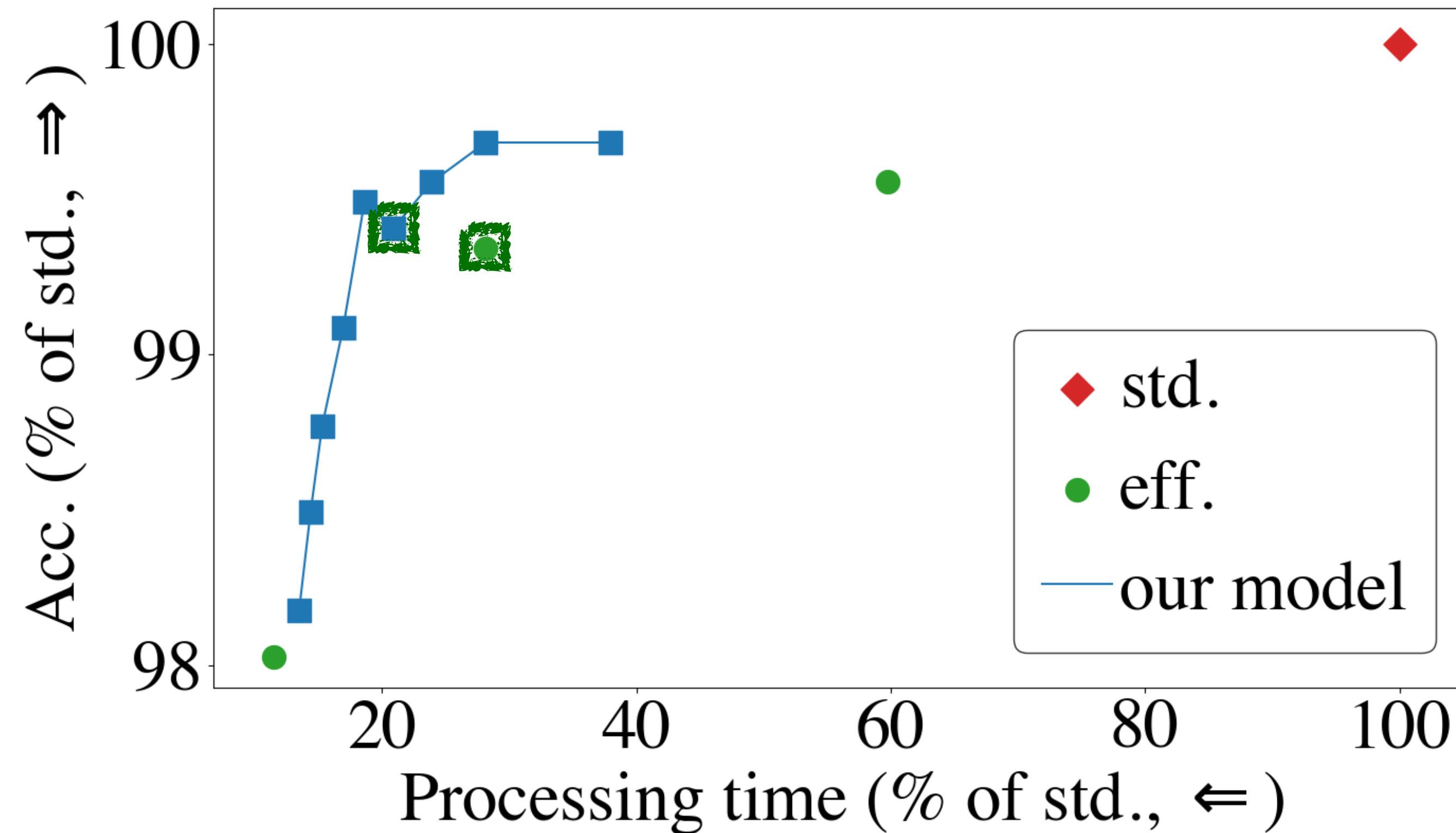
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