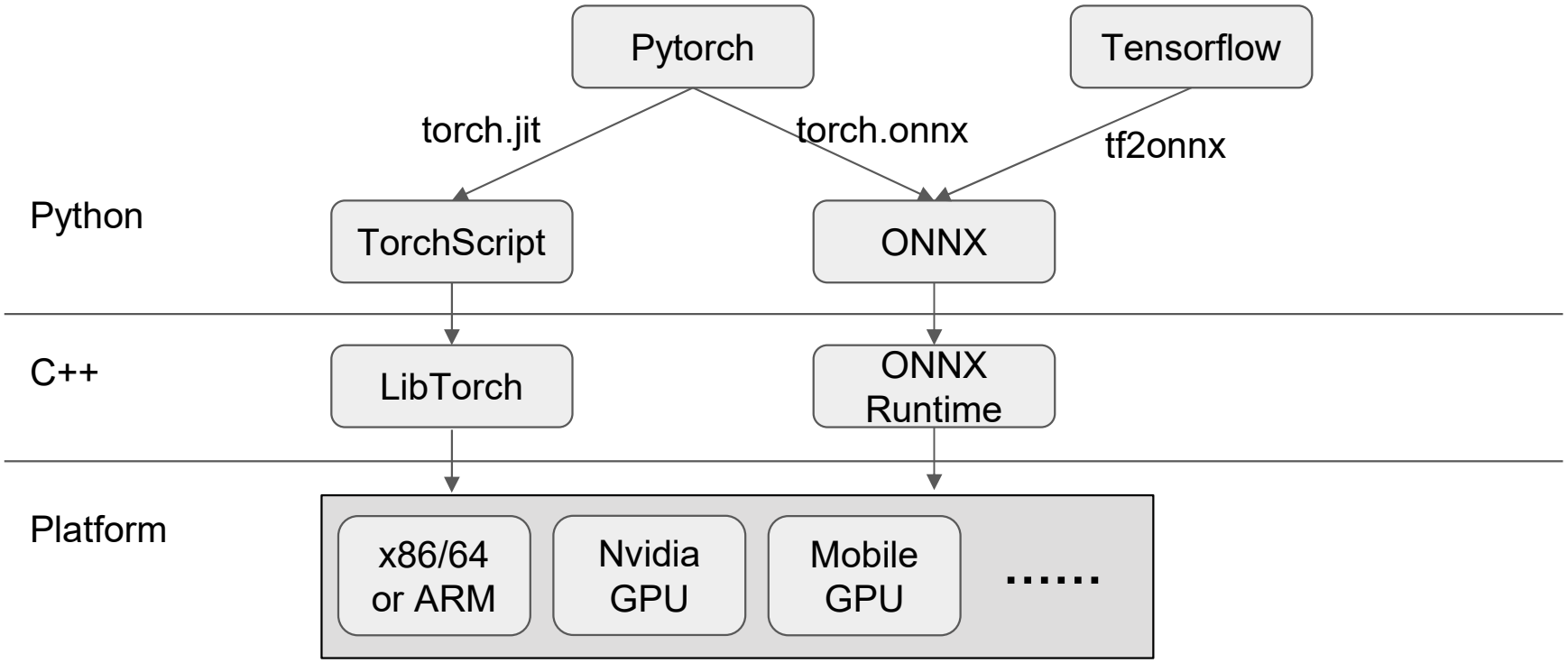
Edge device deployment

Workflow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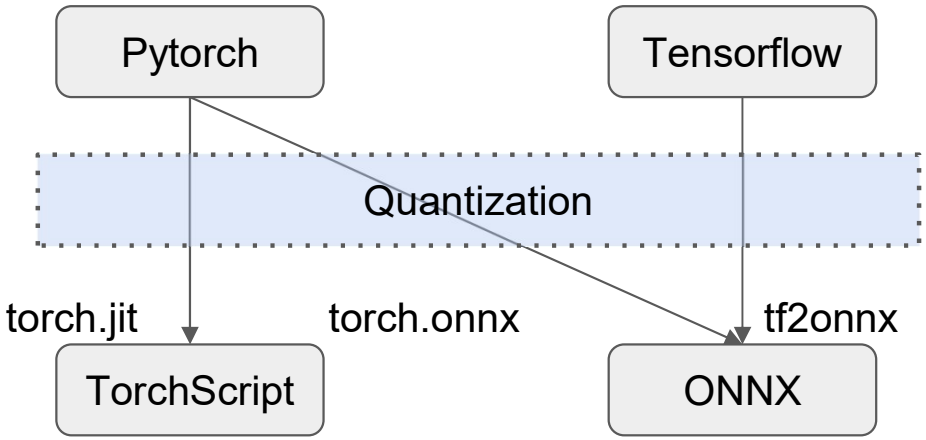
Workflow *quantization*



Quantization methods:

1. Dynamic quantization: directly convert the model to int8
2. Static Quantization: observe batch data's distribution first then convert the model to int8
3. Quantization-aware training: mimic the float32 model as int8 **during training**, then convert the model to int8.

Principle of quantization

Basic principle:

$$r = S(q - Z)$$

Where parameter S∈ℝ is scale, Z is quantized zero-point.

Rewrite to matrix type:

$$r_\alpha^{(i,j)} = S_\alpha(q_\alpha^{(i,j)} - Z_\alpha).$$

The target is to convert the weight matrix $\boldsymbol{q_1}$ and input matrix $\boldsymbol{q_2}$ into quantized values, as here:

$$S_3(q_3^{(i,k)} - Z_3) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} S_1(q_1^{(i,j)} - Z_1)S_2(q_2^{(j,k)} - Z_2),$$

Rewrite to

$$q_3^{(i,k)} = Z_3 + M\sum_{j=1}^{N}(q_1^{(i,j)} - Z_1)(q_2^{(j,k)} - Z_2),\ M := \frac{S_1S_2}{S_3}.$$

Finally rewrite to

$$q_3^{(i,k)} = Z_3 + M\left(NZ_1Z_2 - Z_1a_2^{(k)} - Z_2\bar{a}_1^{(i)} + \sum_{j=1}^{N} q_1^{(i,j)}q_2^{(j,k)}\right)$$

Where

$$a_2^{(k)} := \sum_{j=1}^{N} q_2^{(j,k)},\quad \bar{a}_1^{(i)} := \sum_{j=1}^{N} q_1^{(i,j)}.$$

For more information, please refer the paper *Quantization and Training of Neural Networks for Efficient Integer-Arithmetic-Only Inference, CVPR 2018*

Introduction *ONNX*

ONNX: a **protocol** to **describe** the computational graph of model.

Pytorch model

torch. onnx

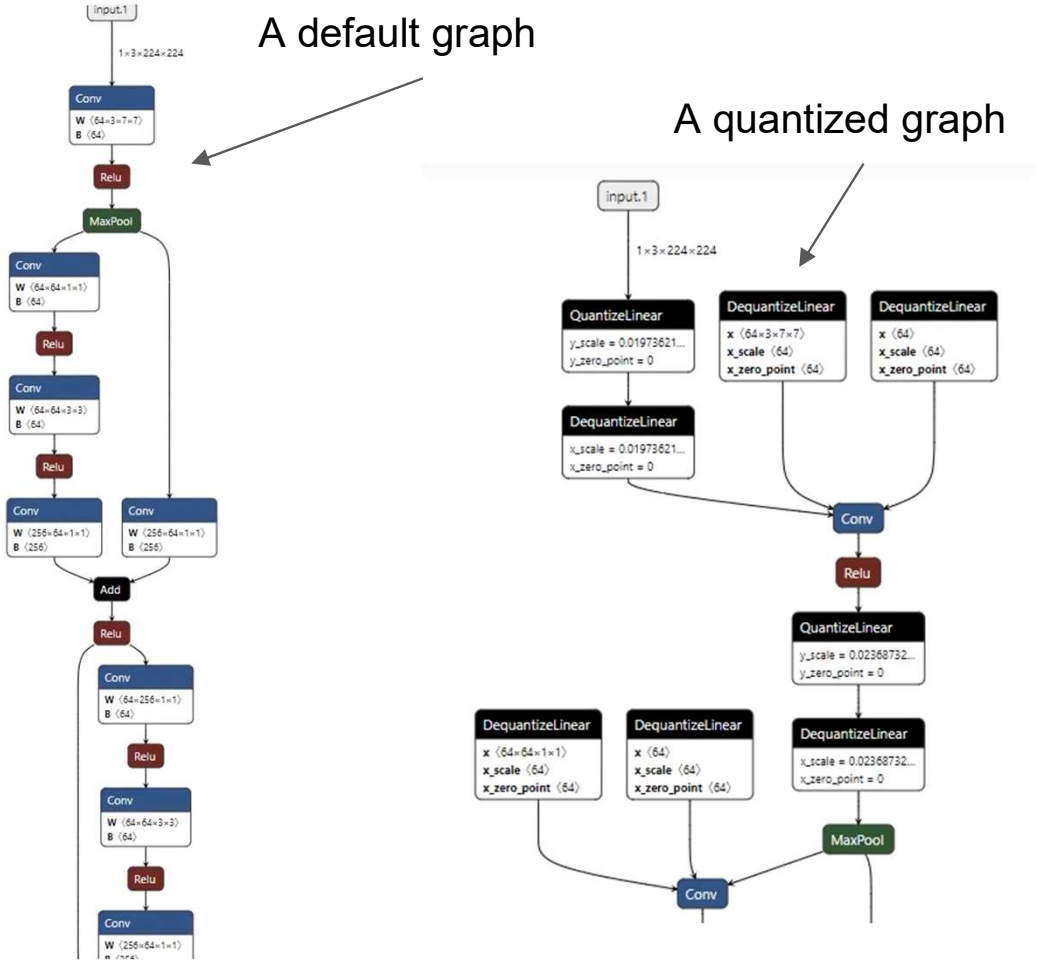
Default ONNX graph (float 32)

Optimize and Quantify

ONNX graph (float 32/uint 8)

A default graph

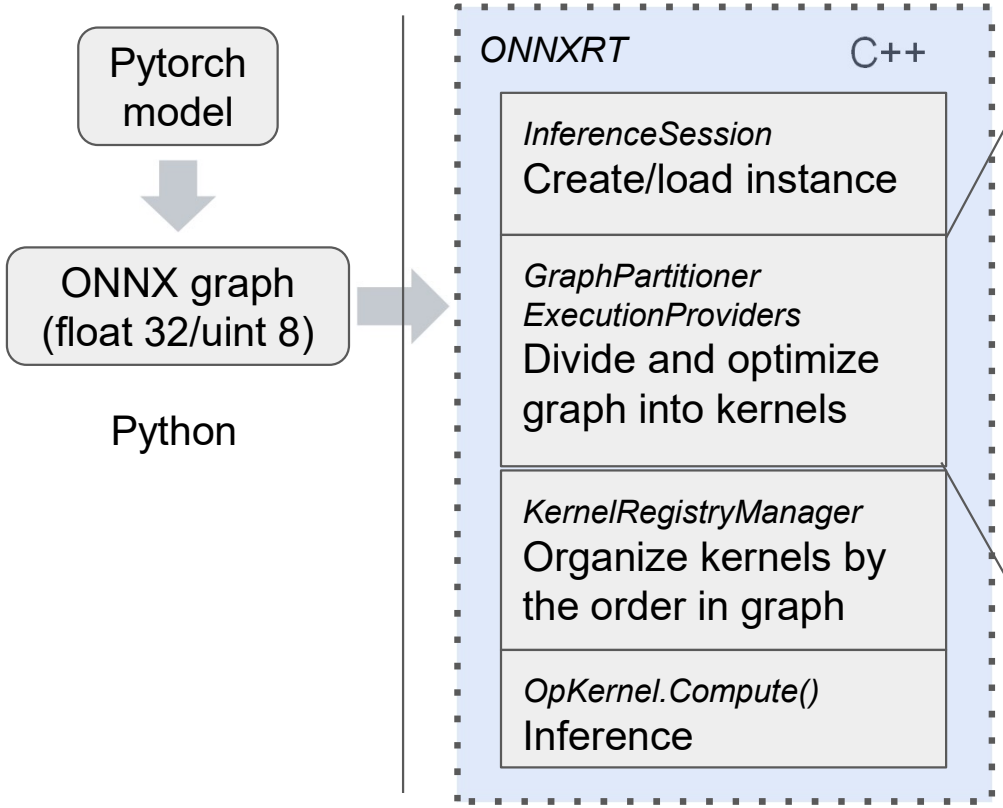
A quantized graph



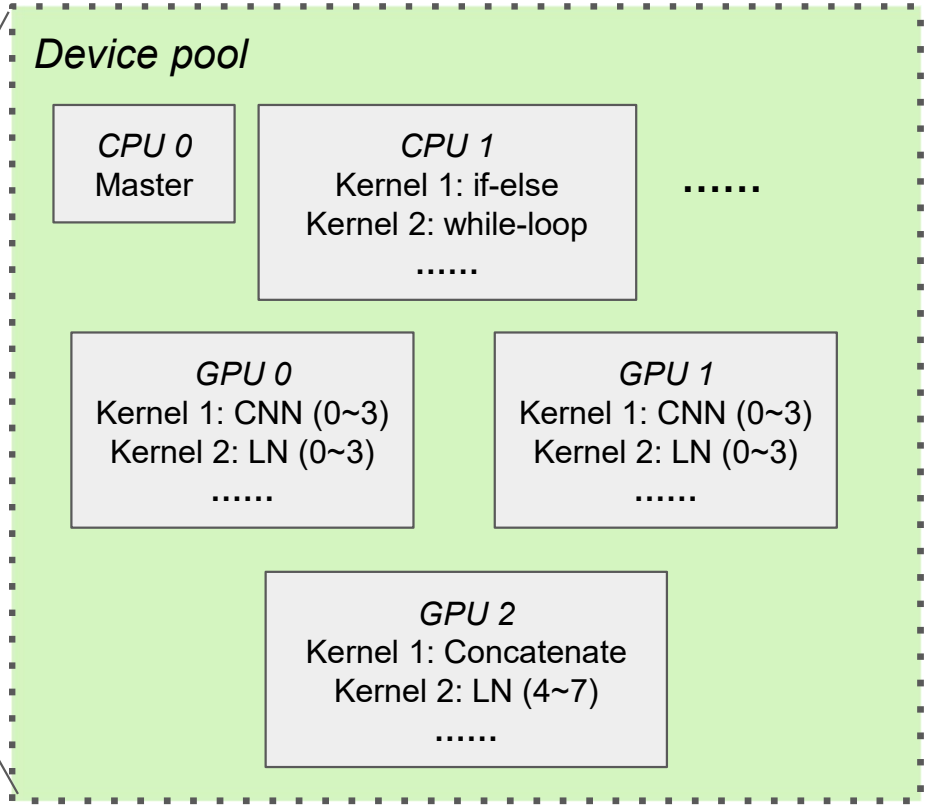
Example: computational graph of Resnet50.

Introduction *ONNX Runtime*

ONNX runtime: a **engine** to **execute** the computational graph.



Example of kernel organization and scheduling. Organization algorithm depends on engine, algorithm, and device pool.



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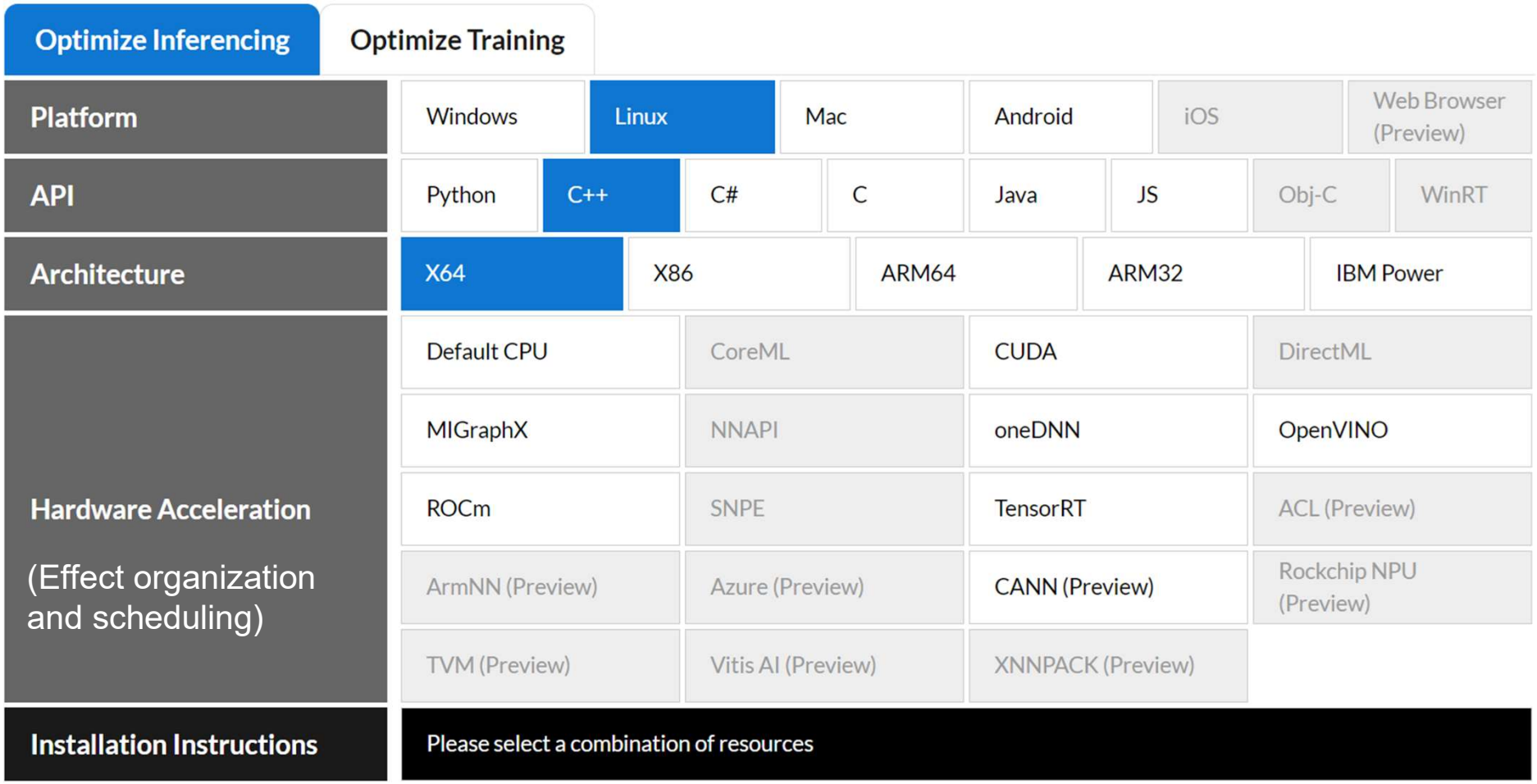

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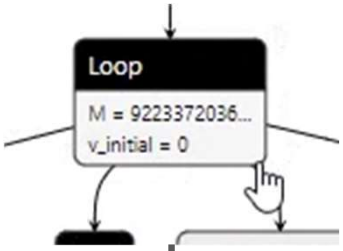
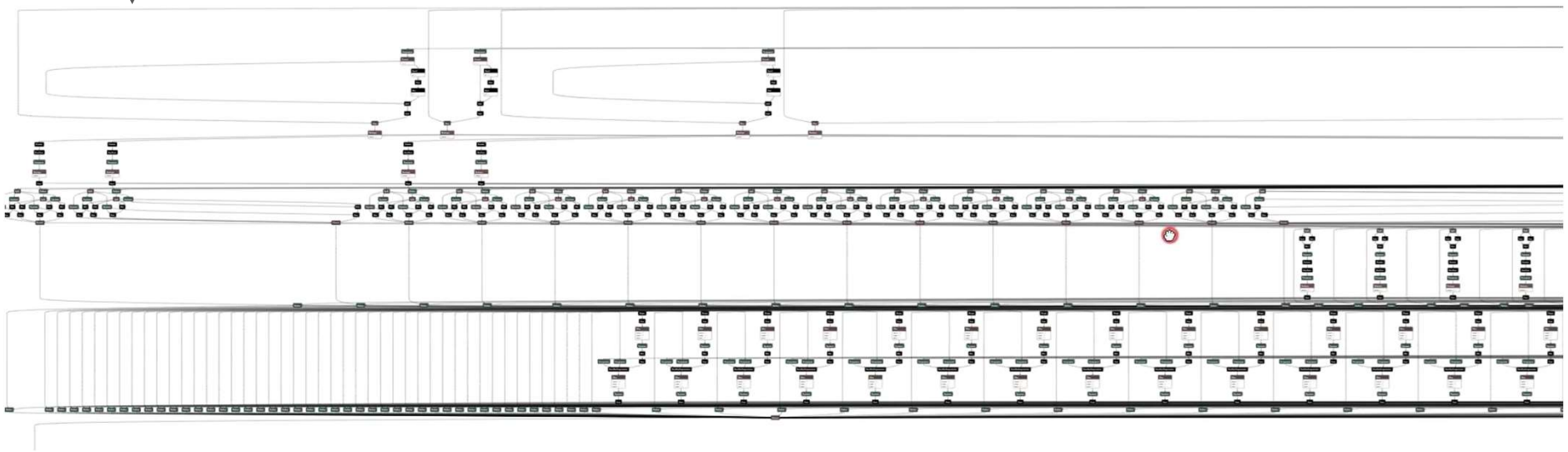
Potential issue *ONNX*



Example calculation graph of a while-loop operation:

- An operator like NMS(Non-maximum Suppression), or recursive operation.
- **Can’t be deployed**



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Potential issue *ONNX*

Example of a complex architecture: BERT

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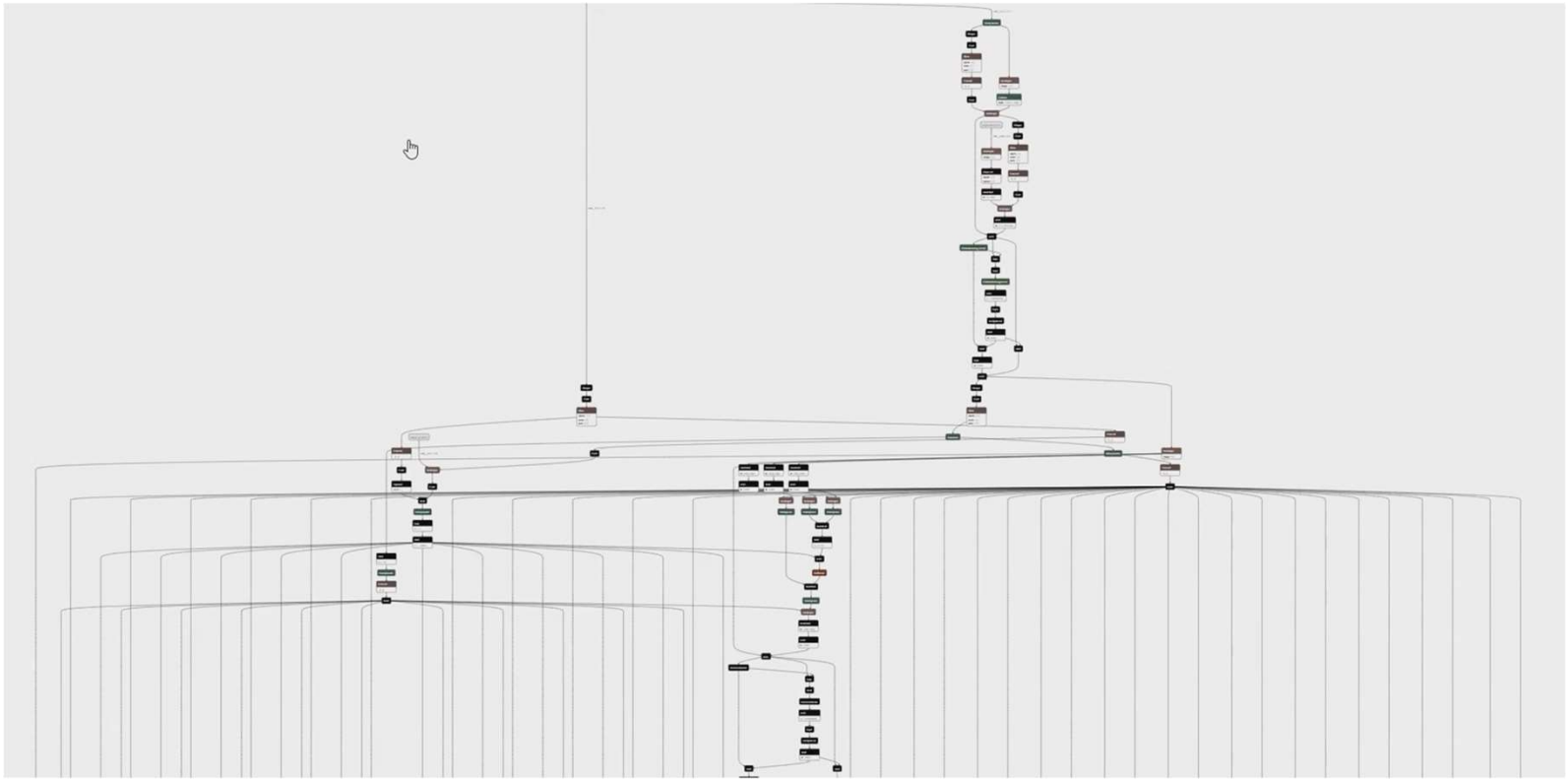

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