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Towards Cognitive AI Systems: Workload and Characterization of Neuro-Symbolic AI

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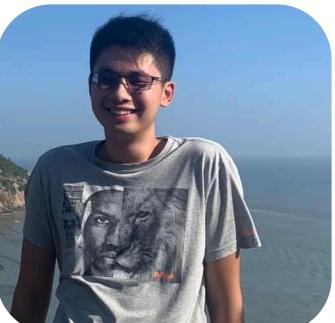
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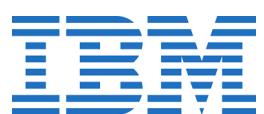
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Neural Networks in Our Daily Life



Image Recognition



Speech Recognition



Language Translation



Autonomous Vehicle



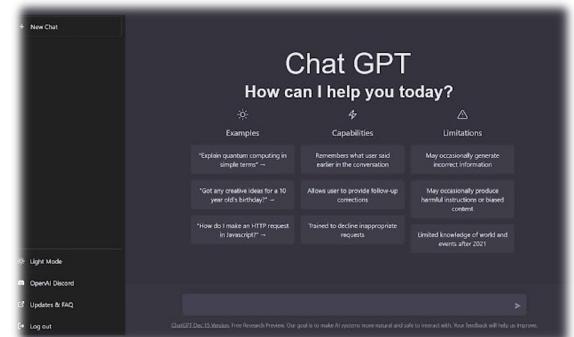
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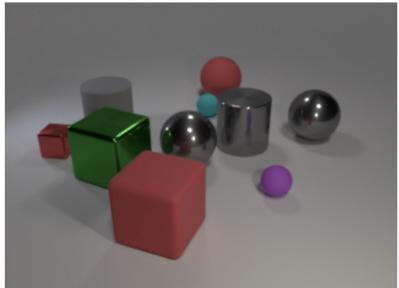


Recommendation Systems



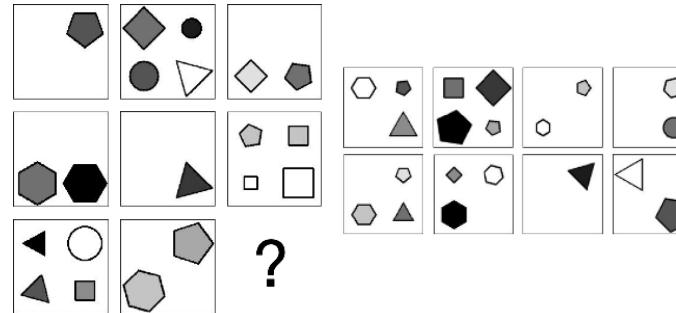
ChatGPT

But... Is That Enough?



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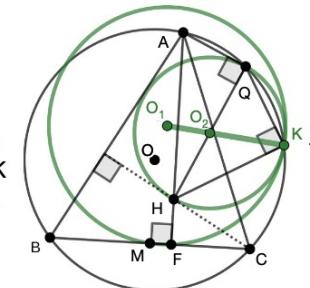
Complex Question Answering
NN accuracy: 50%



Abstract Reasoning
NN accuracy: 53%

IMO 2015 P3

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Automated Theorem Proving
NN accuracy: 0%



Interactive Learning
NN accuracy: 71%

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Ethical Decision Making
NN accuracy: 65%

Farmer John has N cows ($2 \leq N \leq 10^5$). Each cow has a breed that is either Guernsey or Holstein. As is often the case, the cows are standing in a line, numbered $1 \dots N$ in this order.

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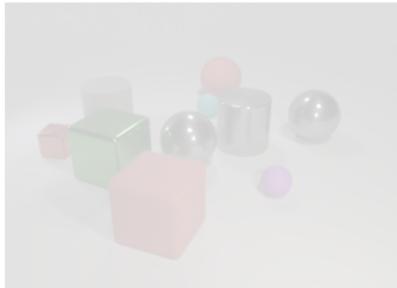
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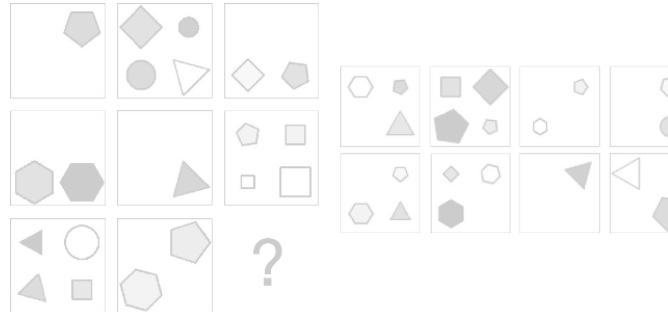
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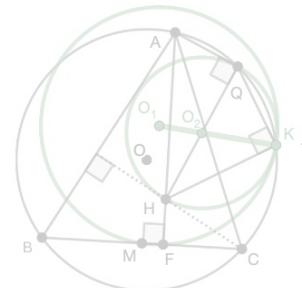
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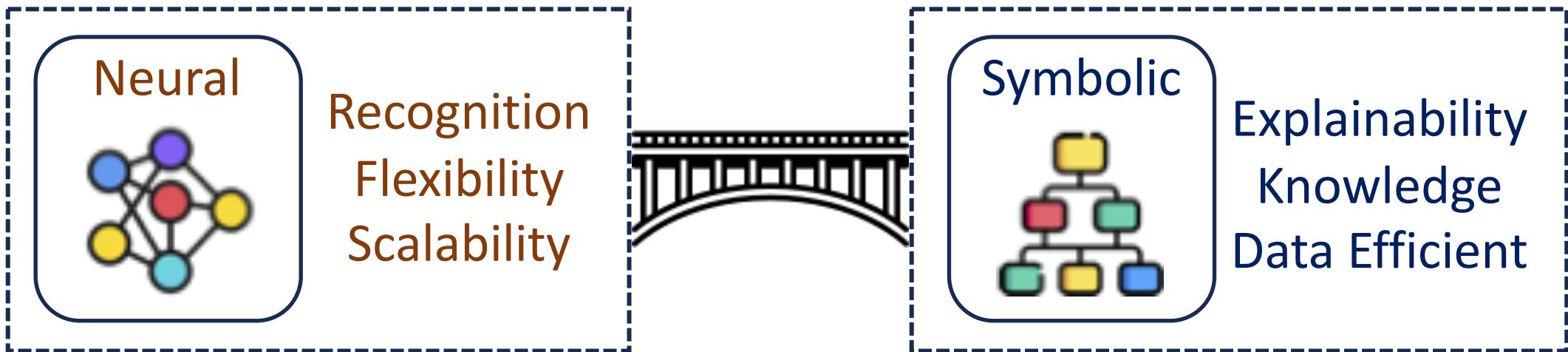
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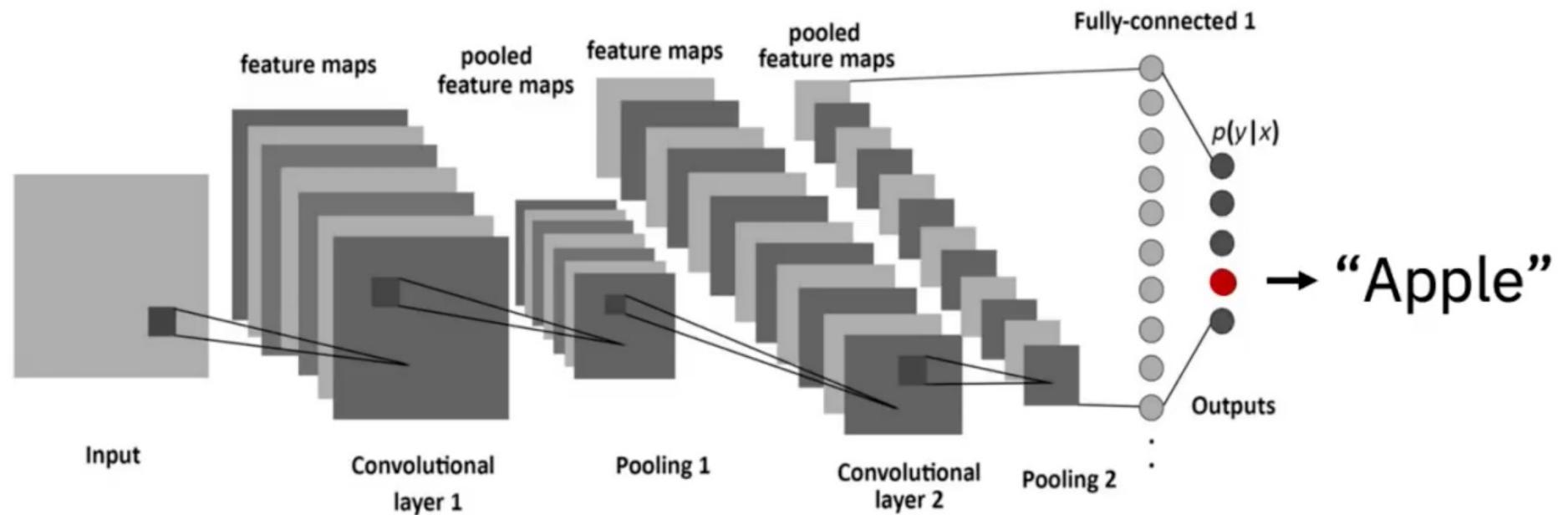
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What is Neuro-Symbolic AI?



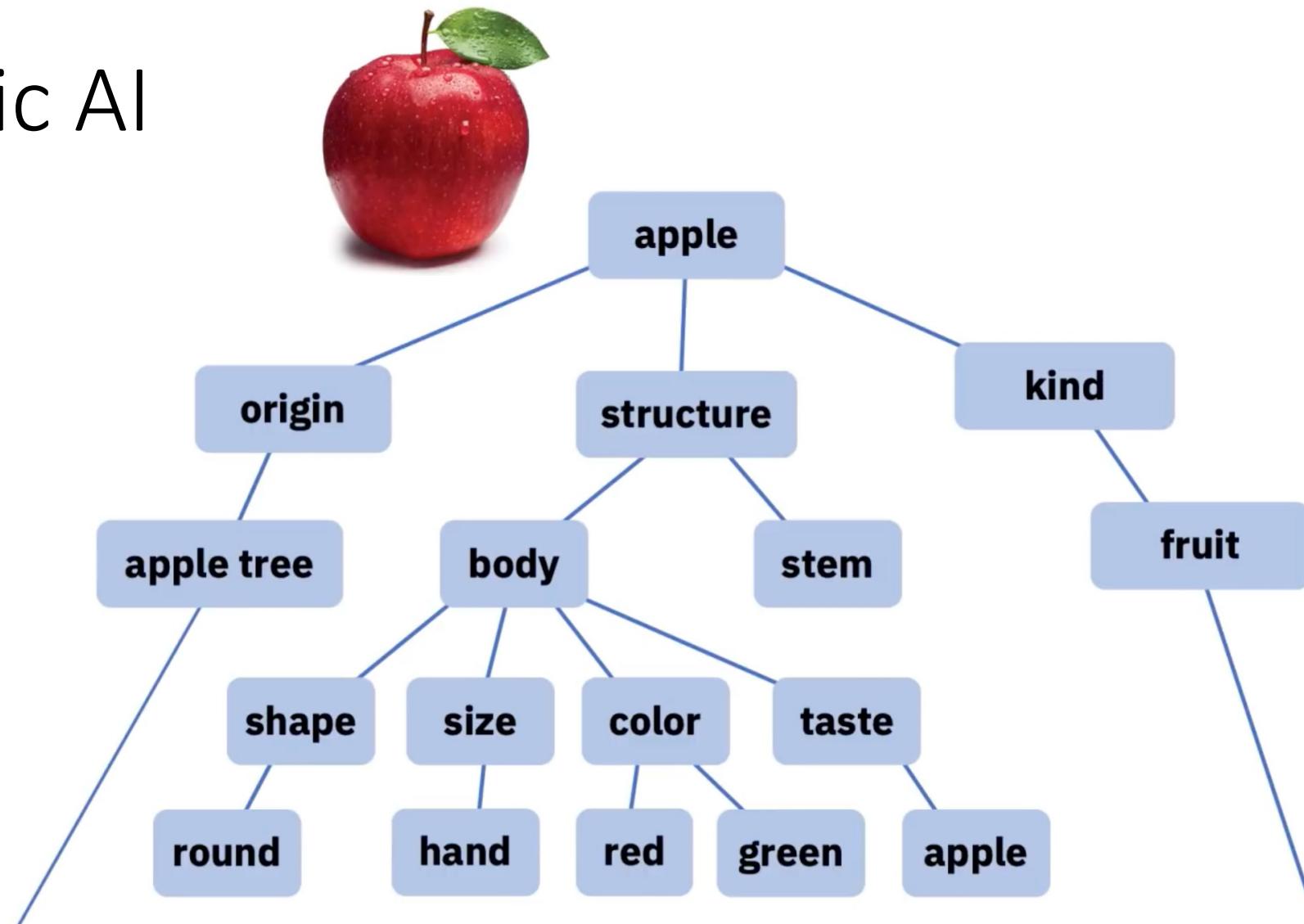
Towards Cognitive and Trustworthy AI Systems

Neural Network



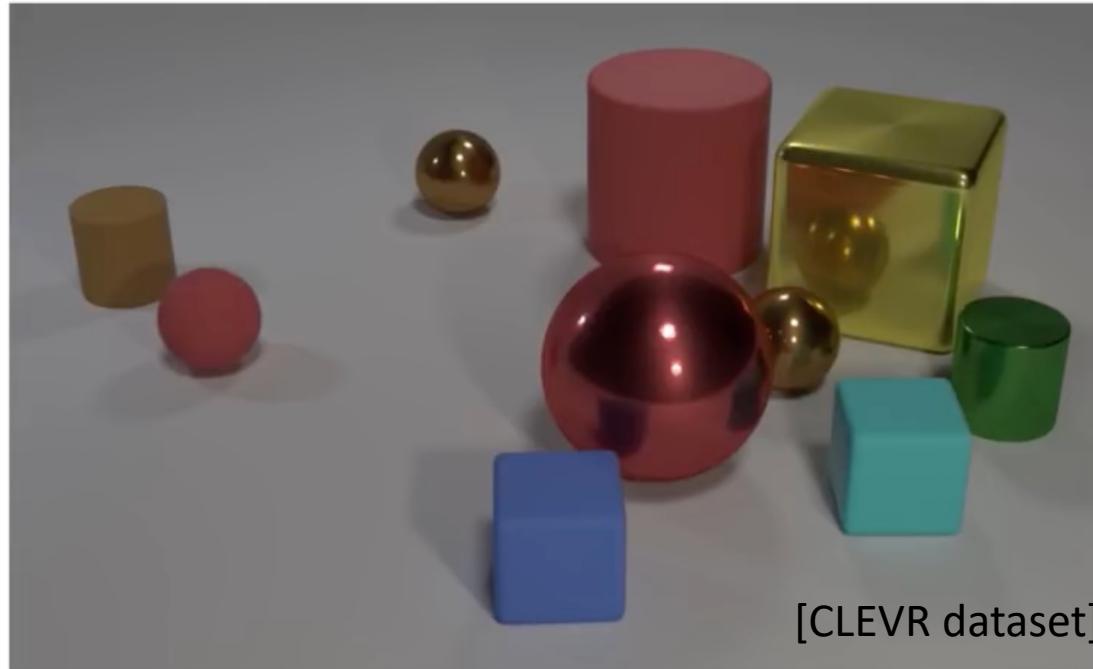
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Symbolic AI



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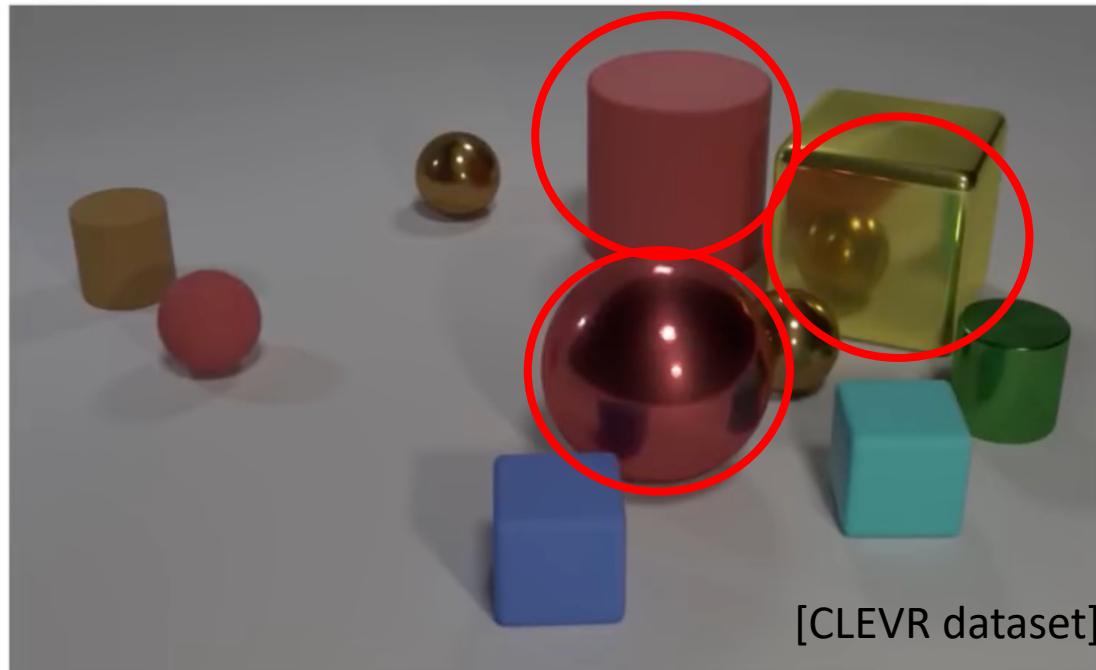
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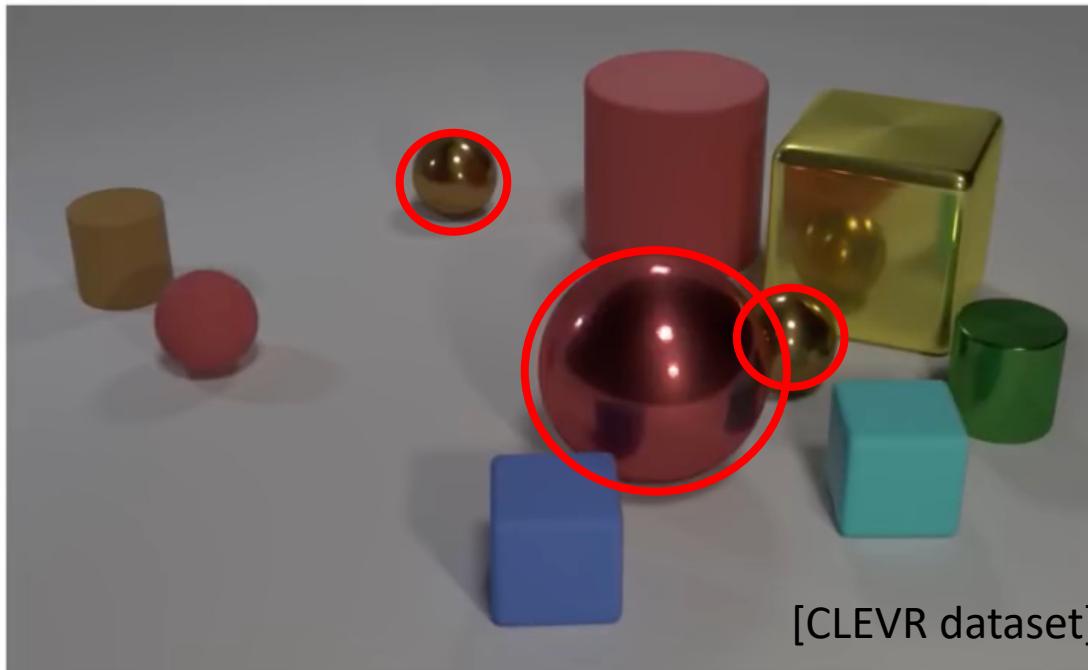
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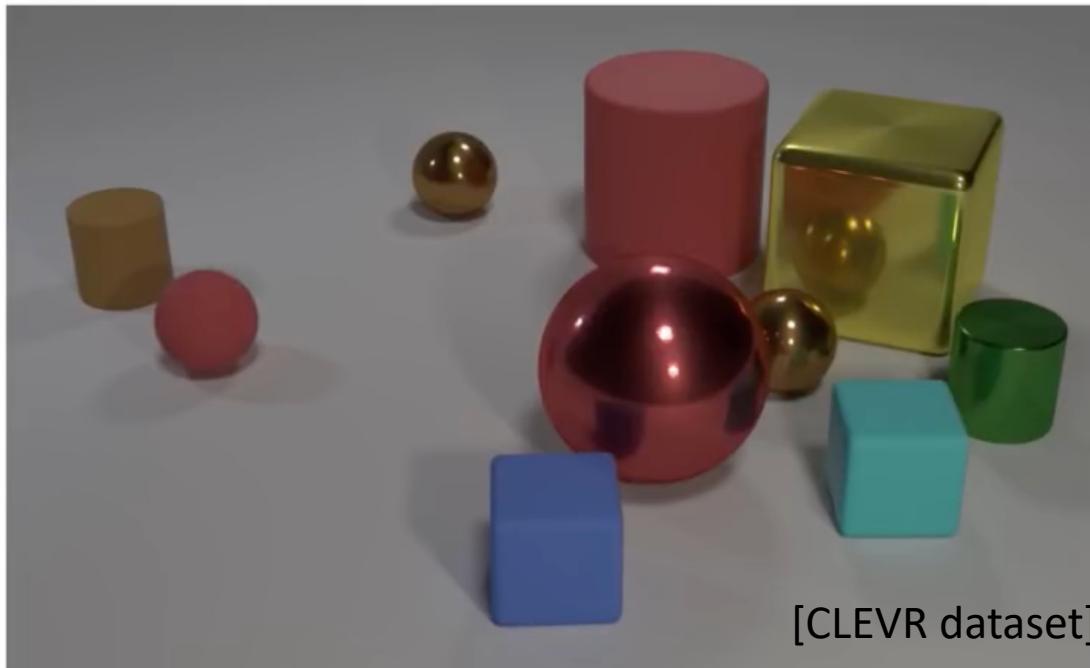
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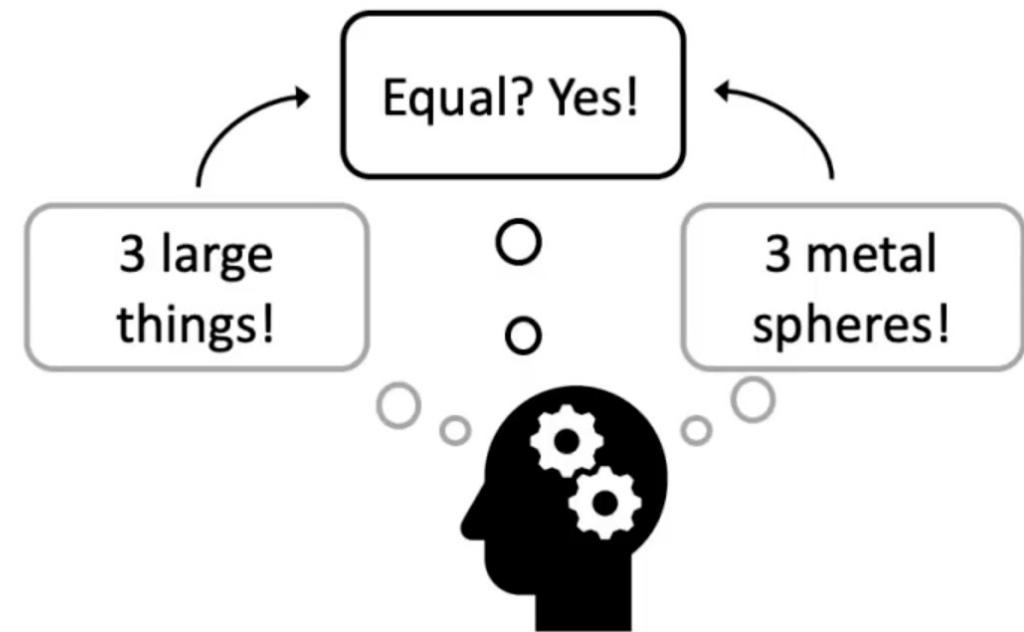


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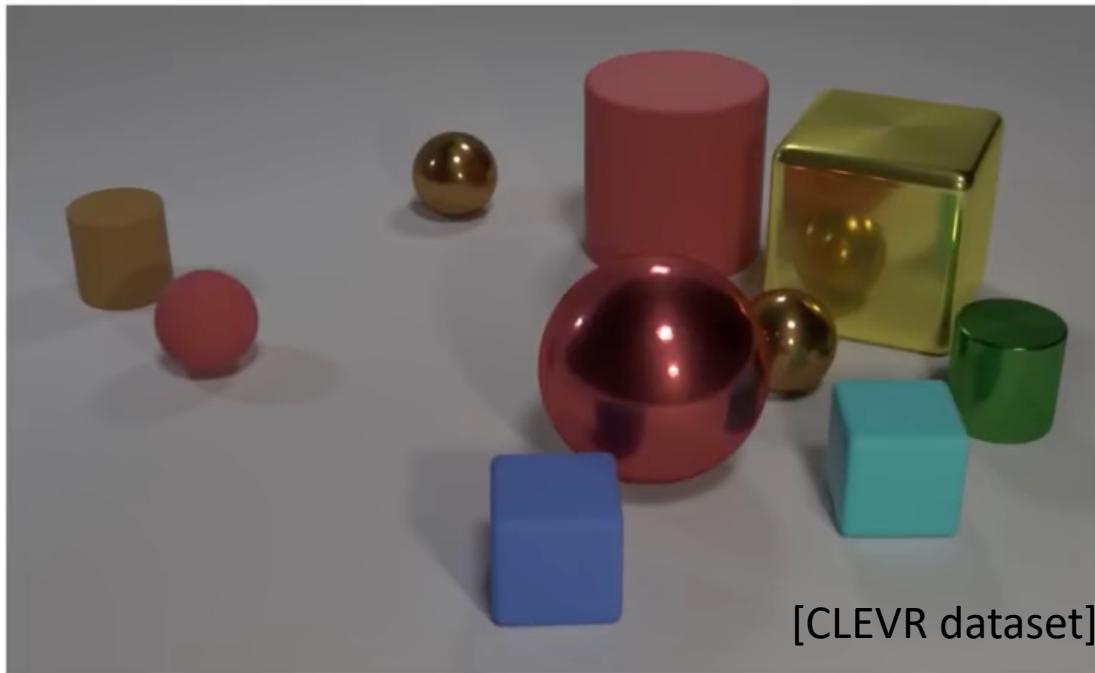


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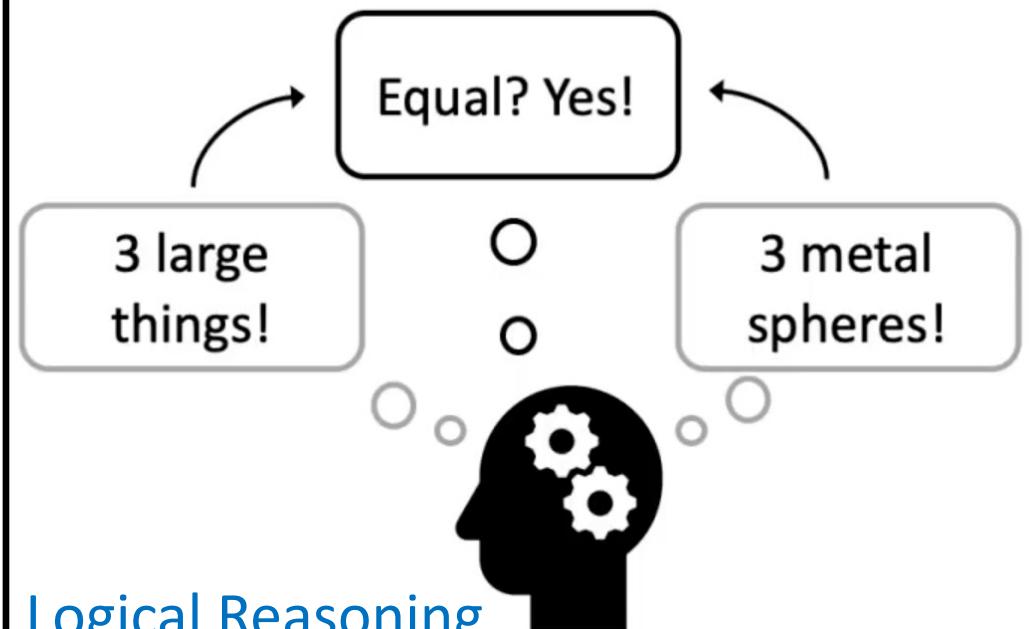
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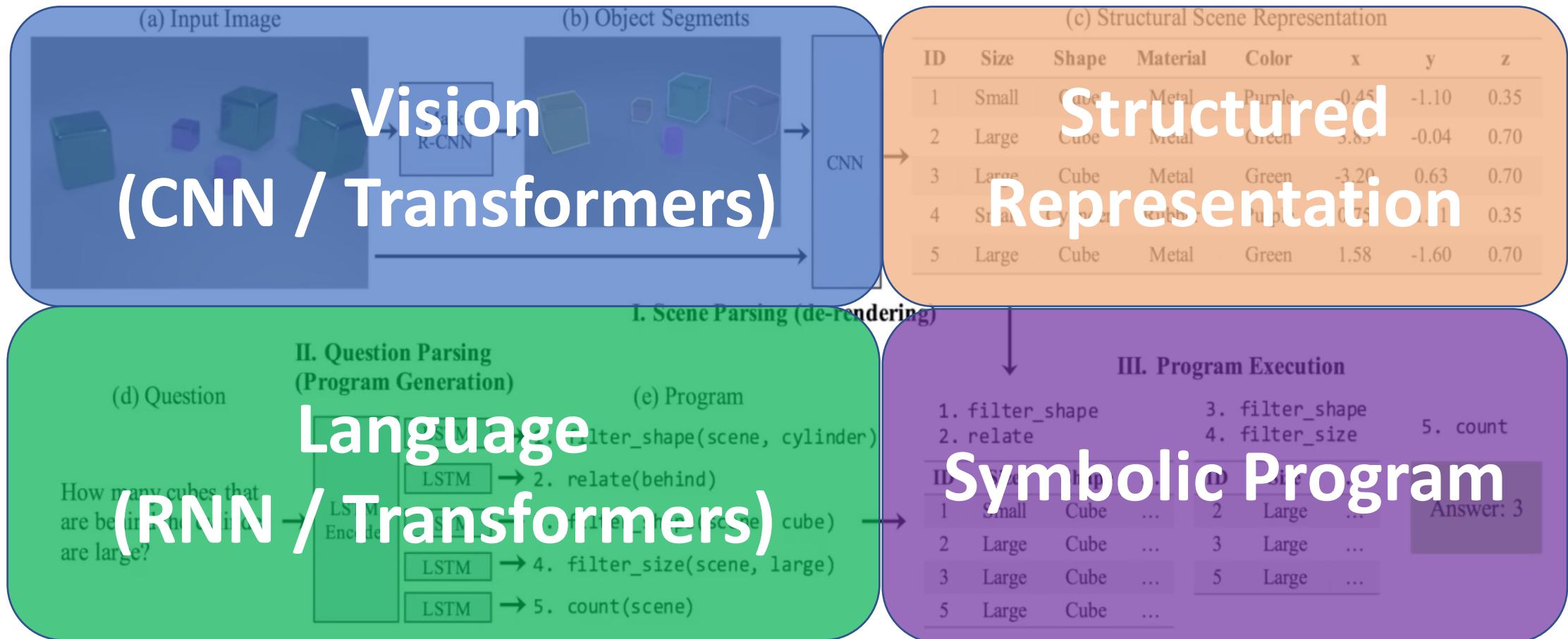
Visual Perception

Question Understanding

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Other Examples

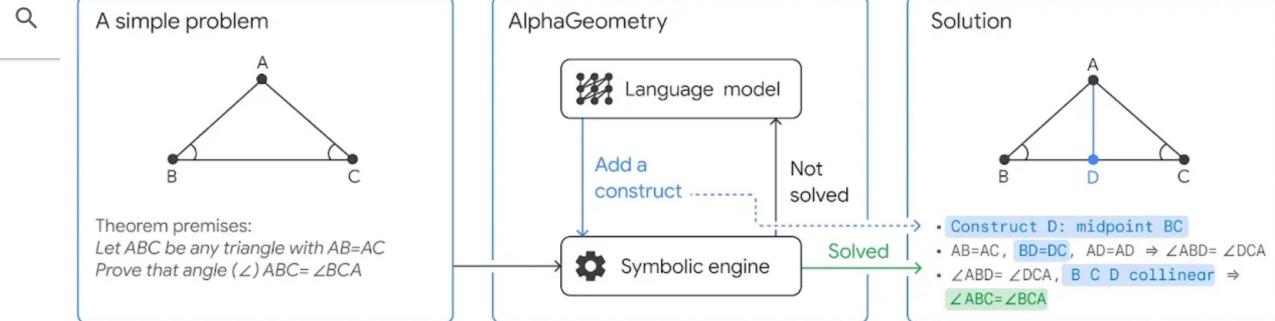
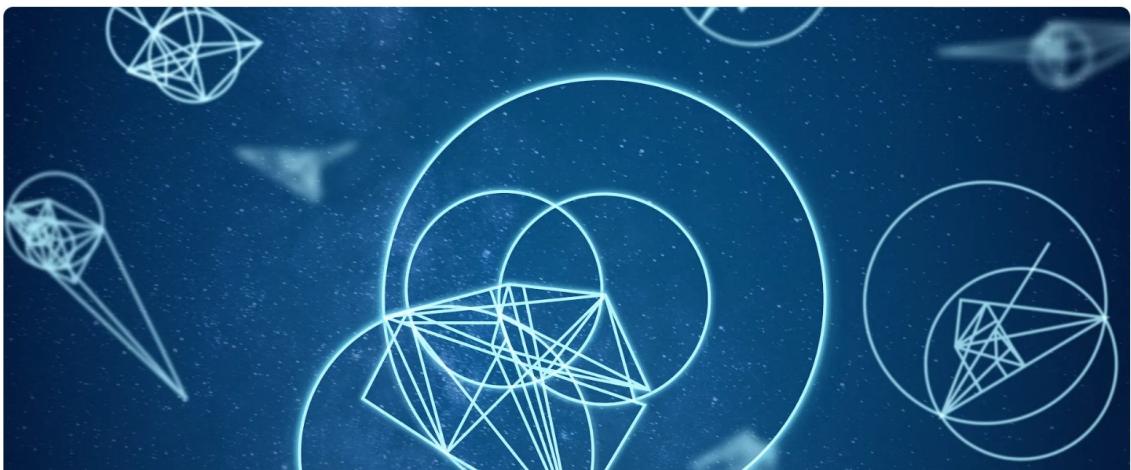
≡ Google DeepMind

AlphaGeometry: An Olympiad-level AI system for geometry

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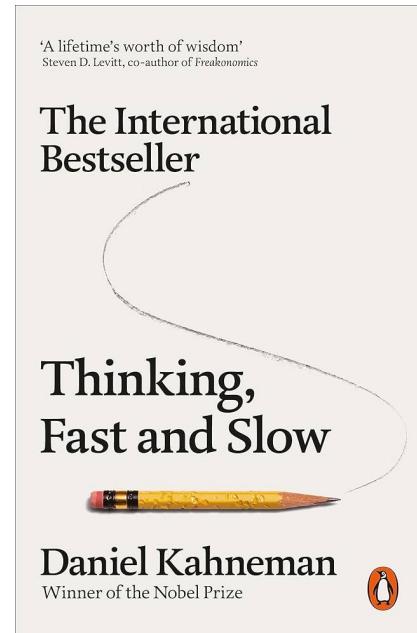
LLM: construct generation
Symbolic: deductive reasoning

Eval on 30 Int. Math Olympics (IMO) problems:

- GPT-4: 0/30
- AlphaGeometry (Neuro-Symbolic): 25/30
- Human Gold Medalist: 26/30

Trinh et al, "Solving Olympiad Geometry without Human Demonstrations", Nature 2024

Relationship to Human Minds



Daniel Kahneman
(1934-2024)

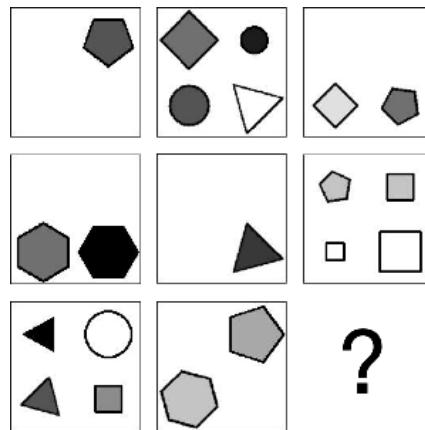
AlphaGeometry adopts a neuro-symbolic approach

AlphaGeometry is a neuro-symbolic system made up of a neural language model and a symbolic deduction engine, which work together to find proofs for complex geometry theorems. Akin to the idea of "[thinking, fast and slow](#)", one system provides fast, "intuitive" ideas, and the other, more deliberate, rational decision-making.

However...



These neuro-symbolic approaches are typically very slow

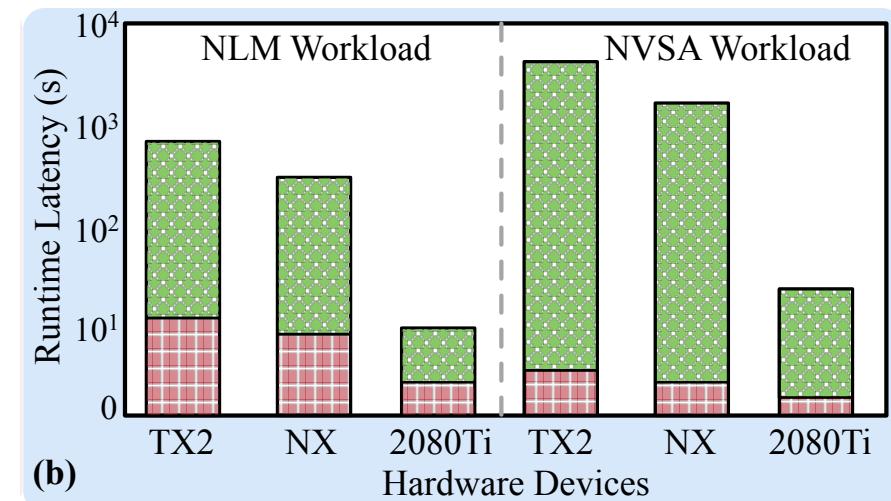
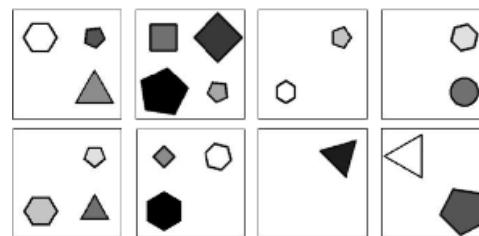


Spatial-Temporal Abstract Reasoning

ResNet accuracy: 53%

GPT-4 accuracy: 84%

Neuro-Symbolic accuracy: 98%

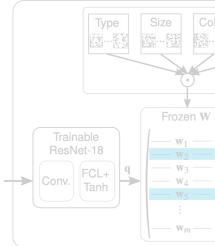


The neuro-symbolic approach takes ~100s even on desktop GPU, ~700s on Jetson TX2

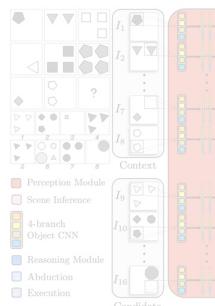
Lots of Neuro-Symbolic Algorithms

What's the system behavior and co-design opportunities of Neuro-Symbolic AI?

(b) NVSA frontend: perception



Neuro-VSA

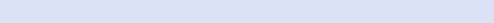


Probabilistic Abduction^[5]

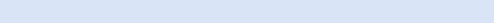
Multi-Output (Input, Output, Class, ...)

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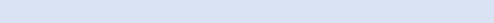
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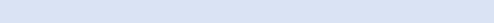
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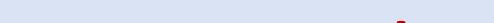
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$P(\text{sum} = 3)$



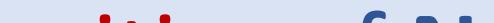
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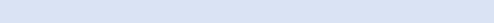
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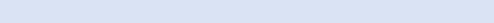
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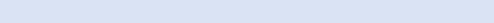
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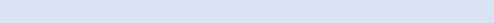
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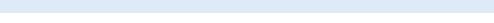
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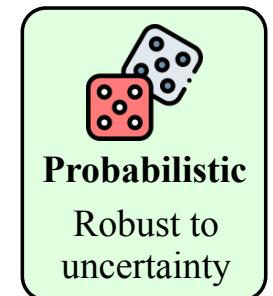
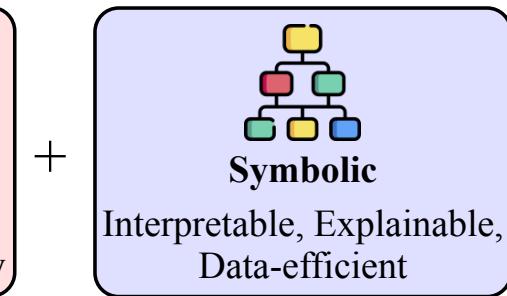
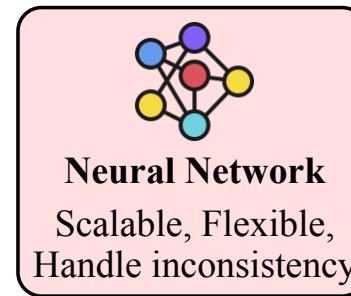
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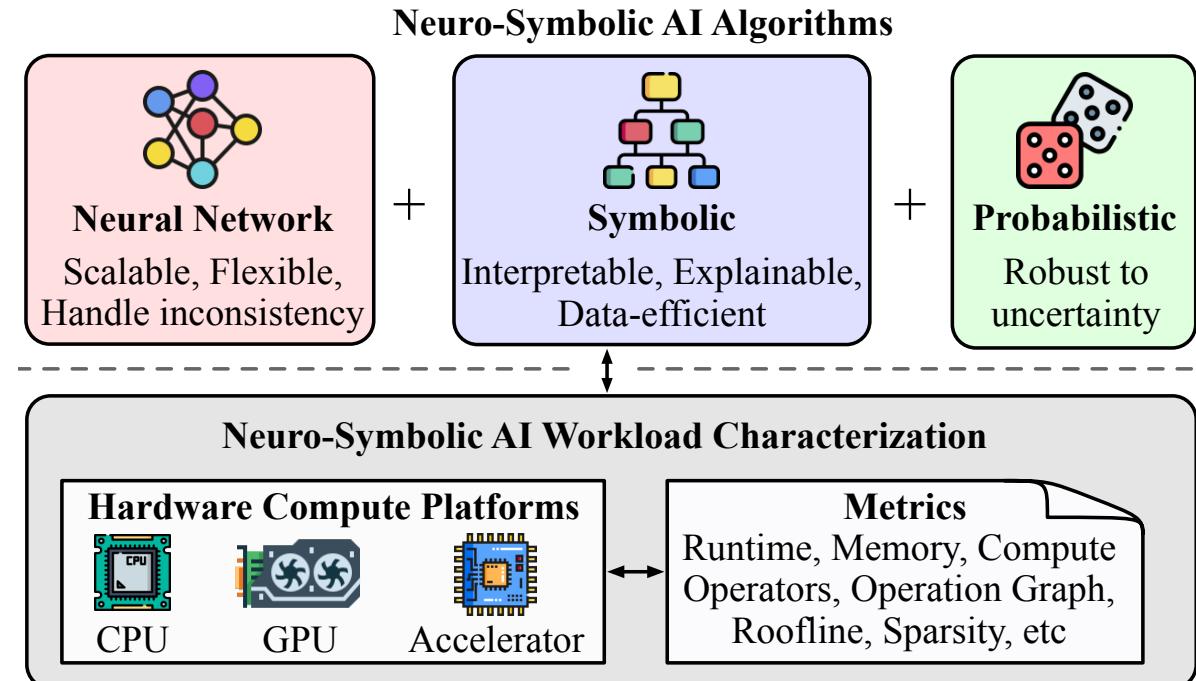


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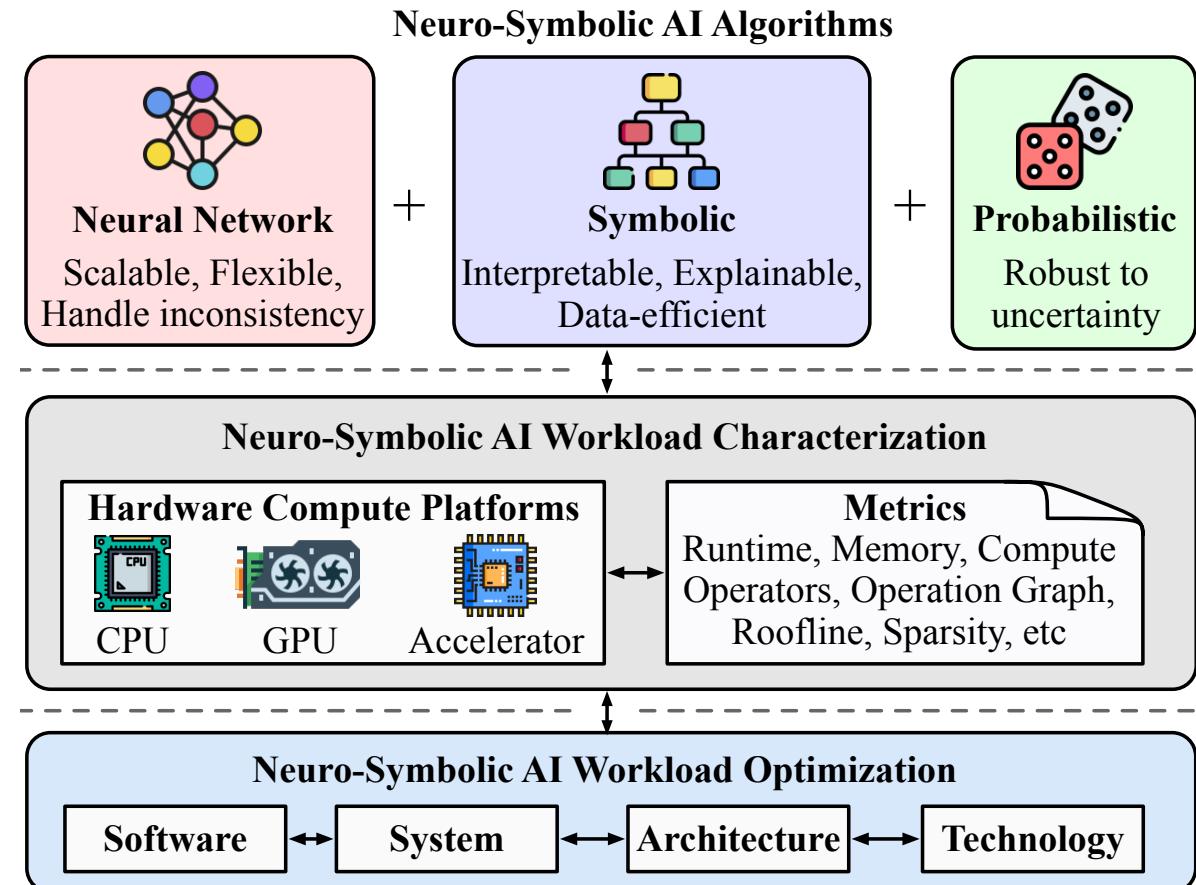
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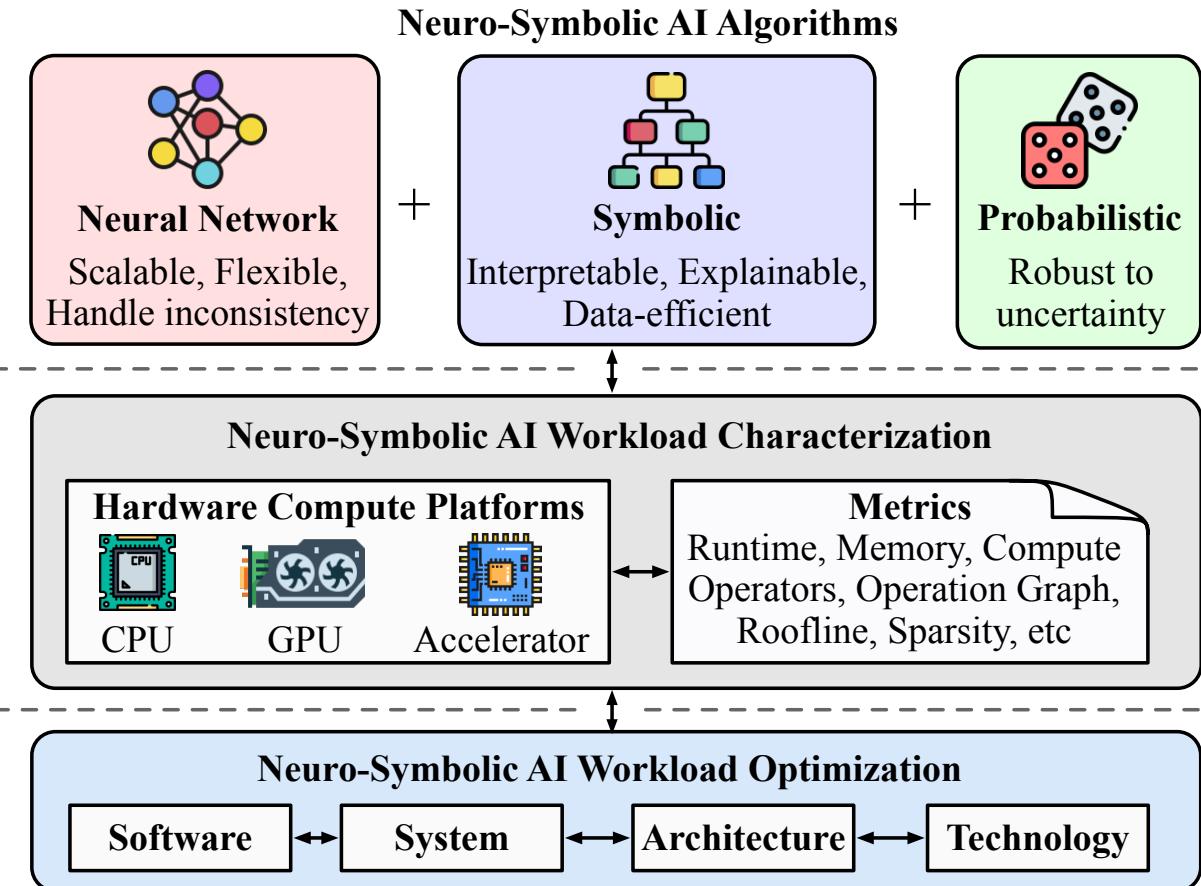
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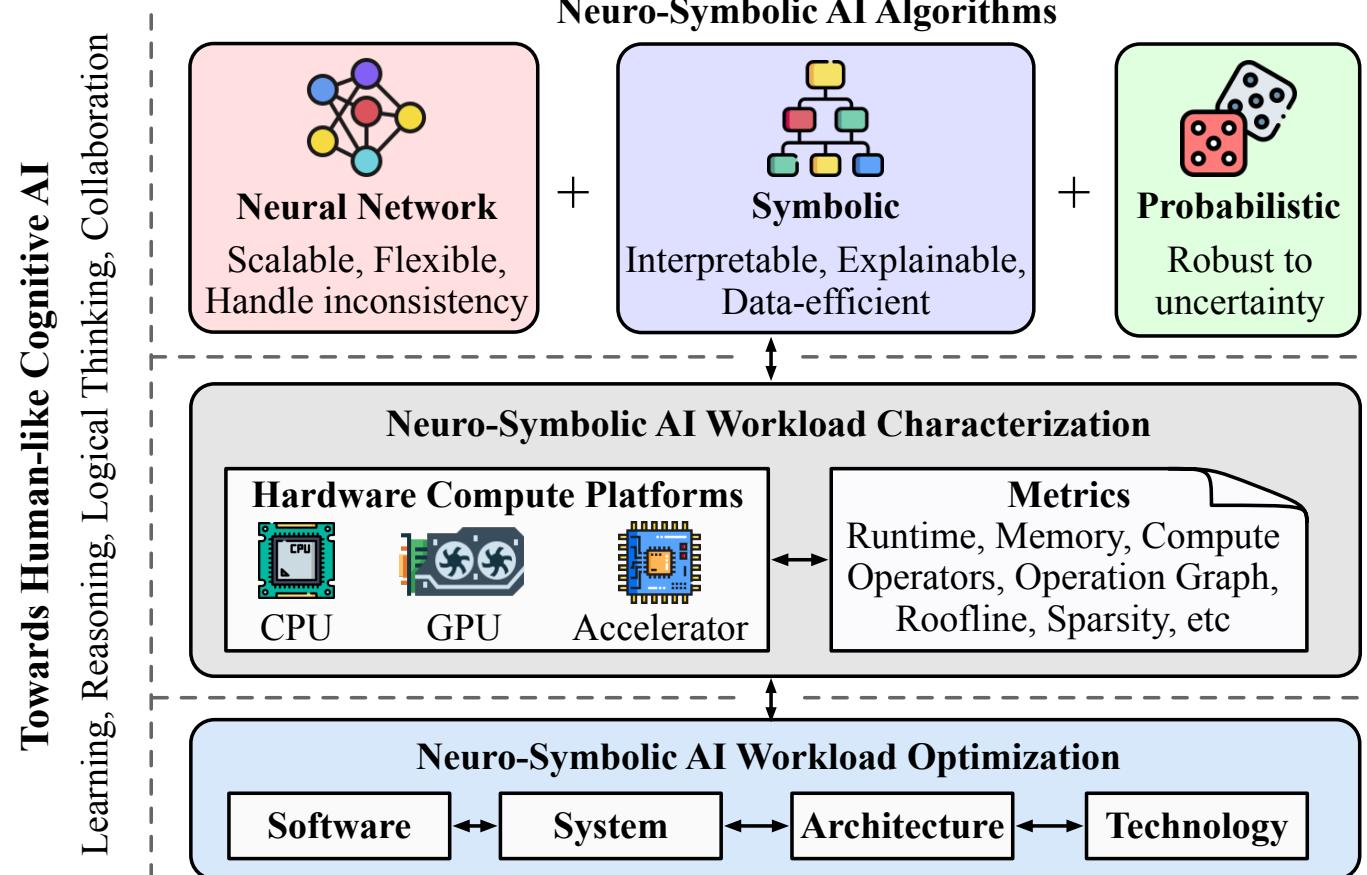
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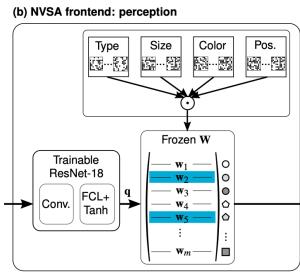
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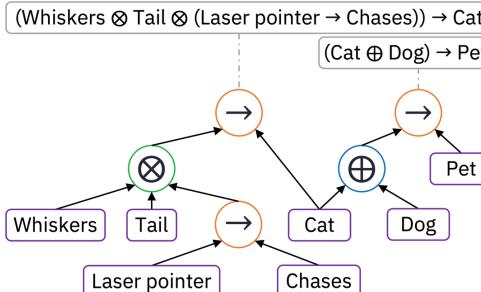
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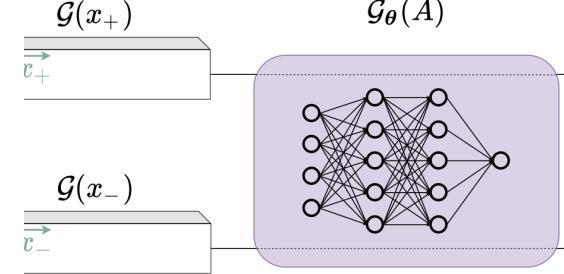
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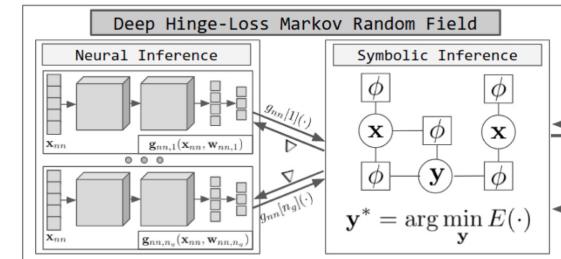
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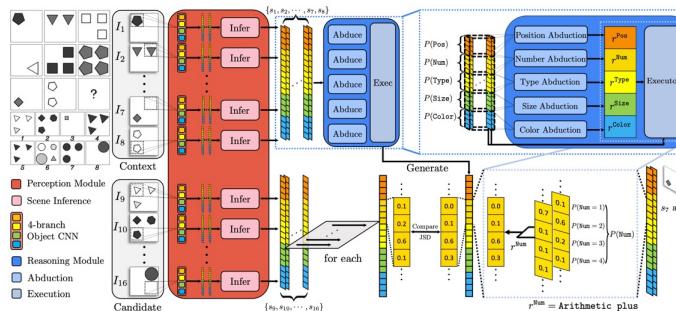
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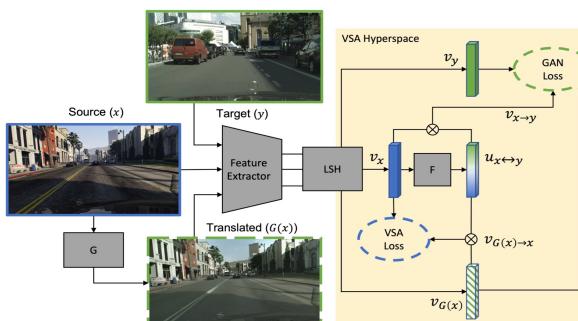
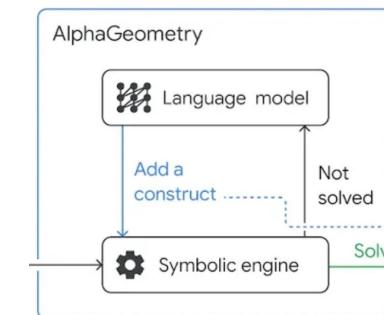
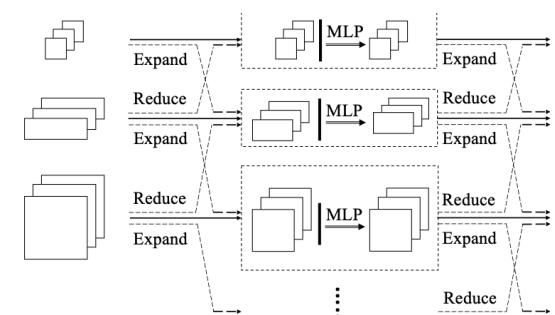


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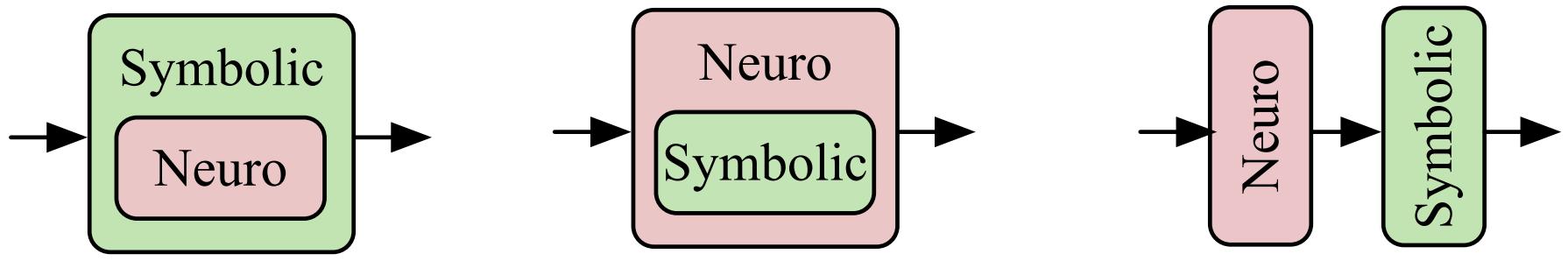
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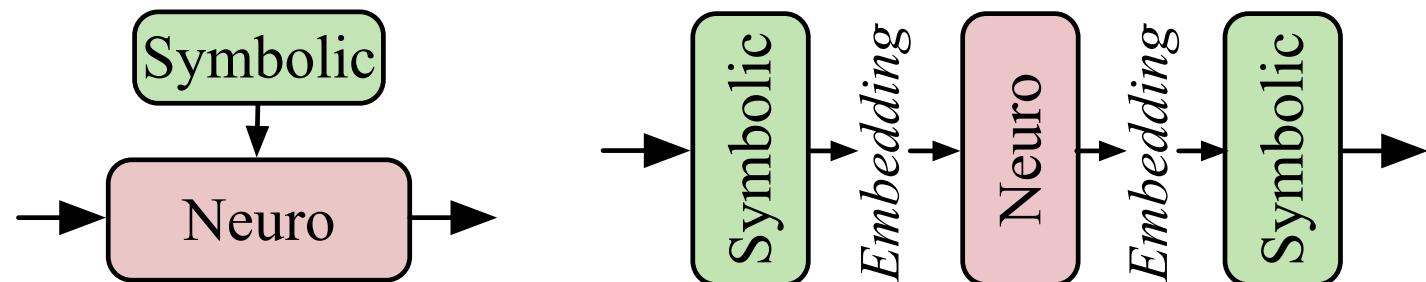
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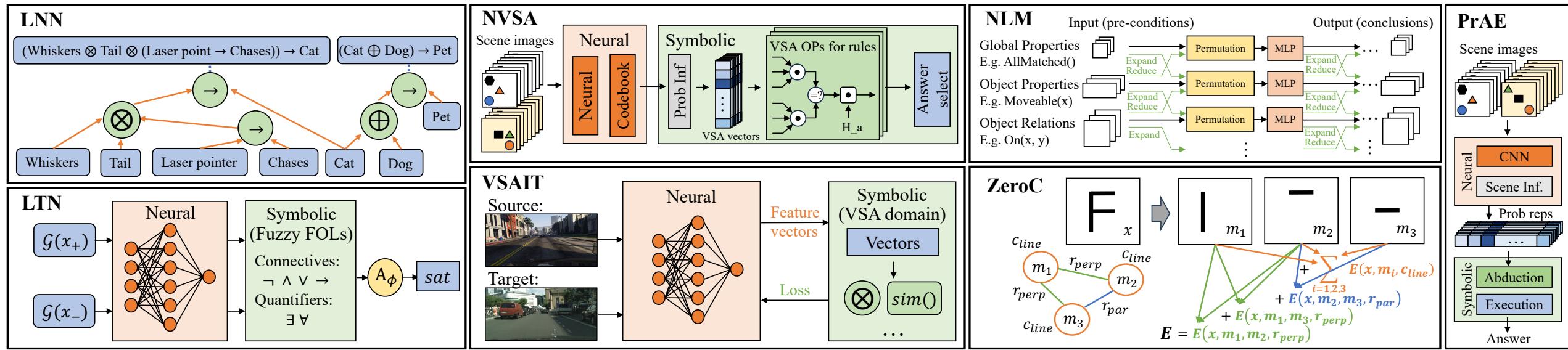


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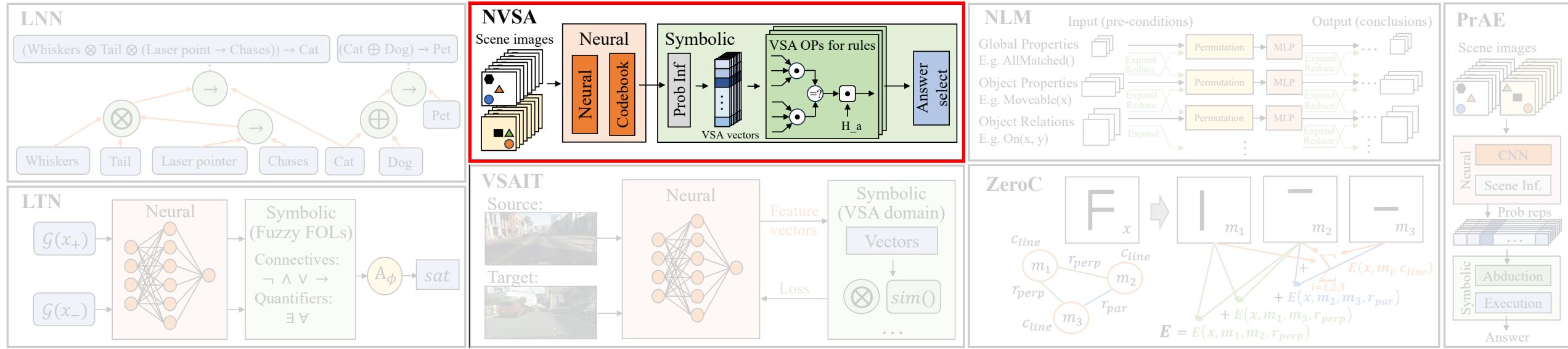
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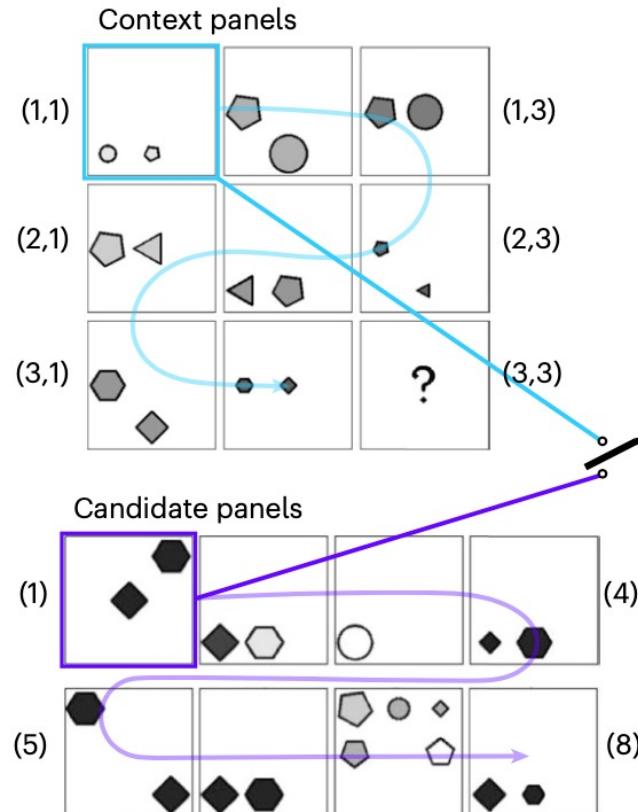
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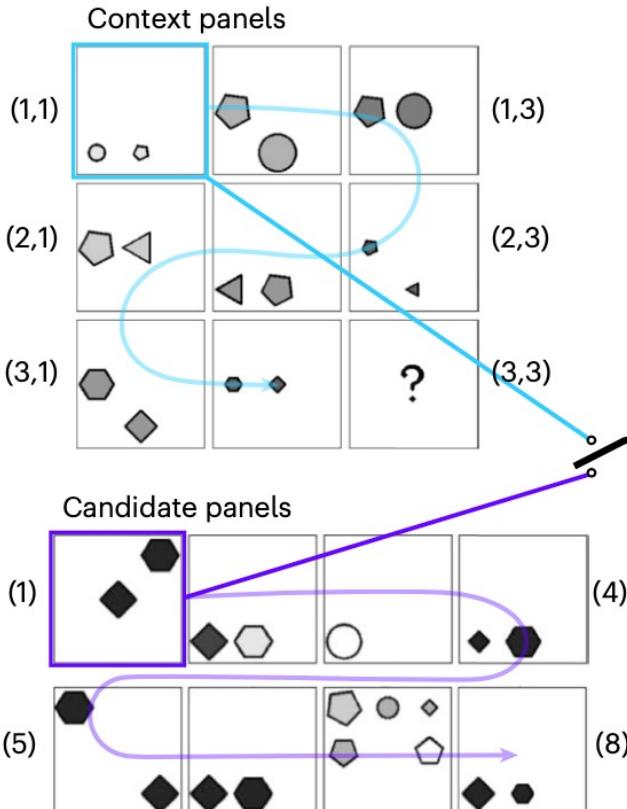
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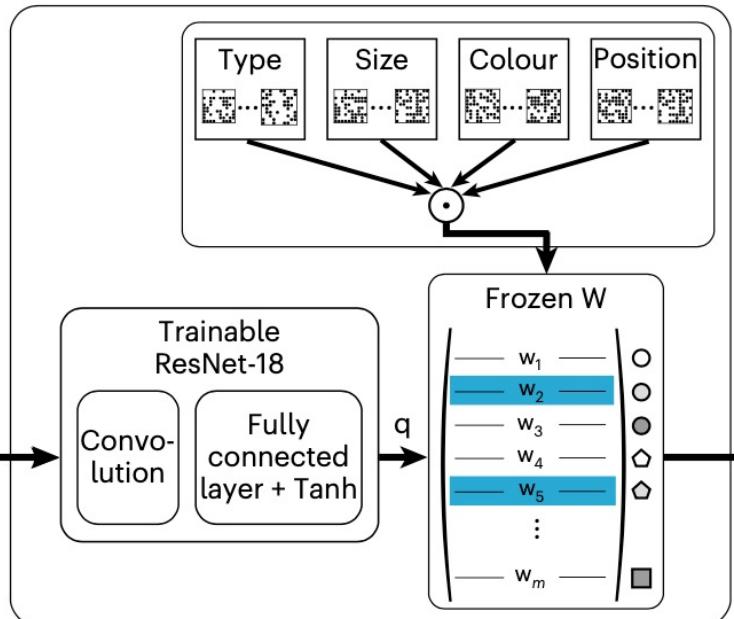
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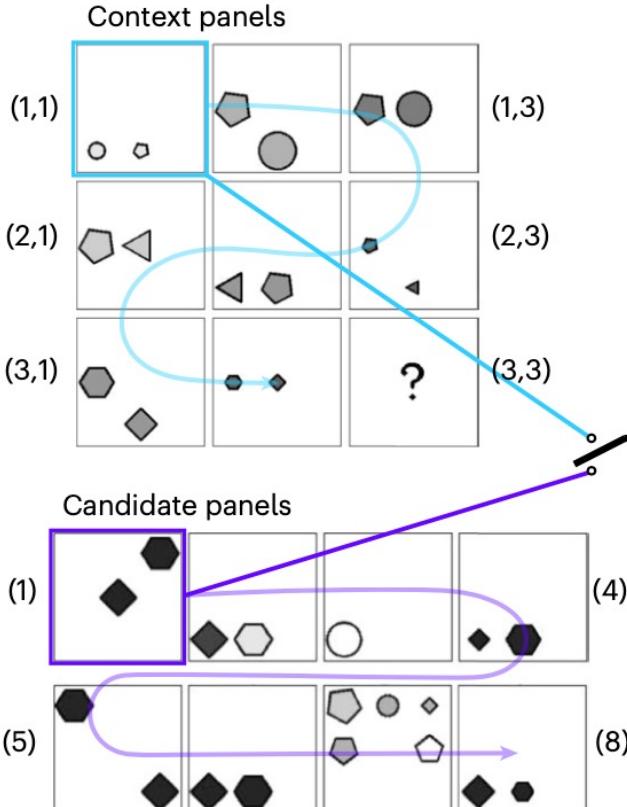


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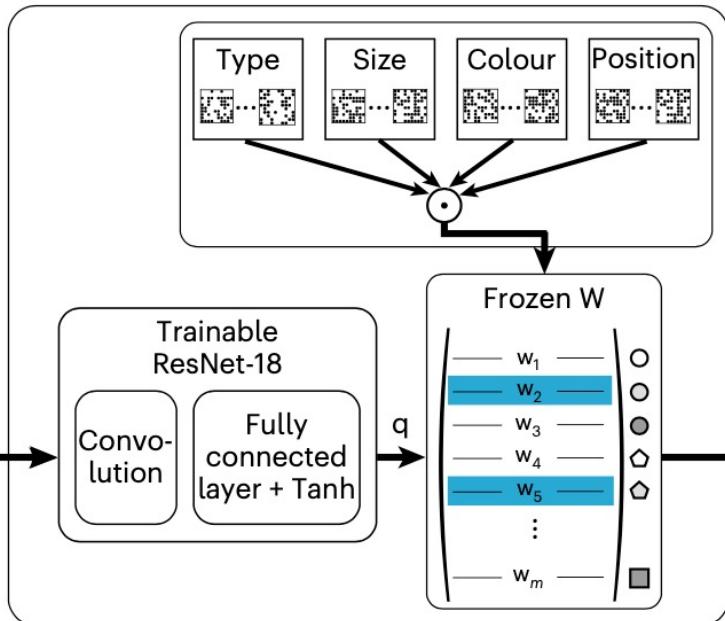
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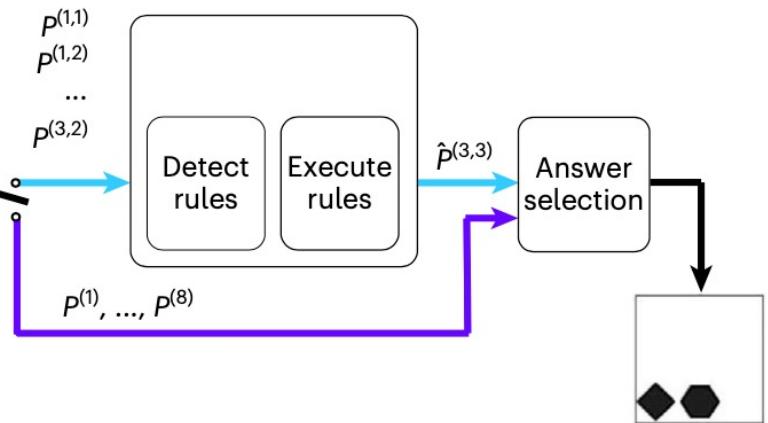


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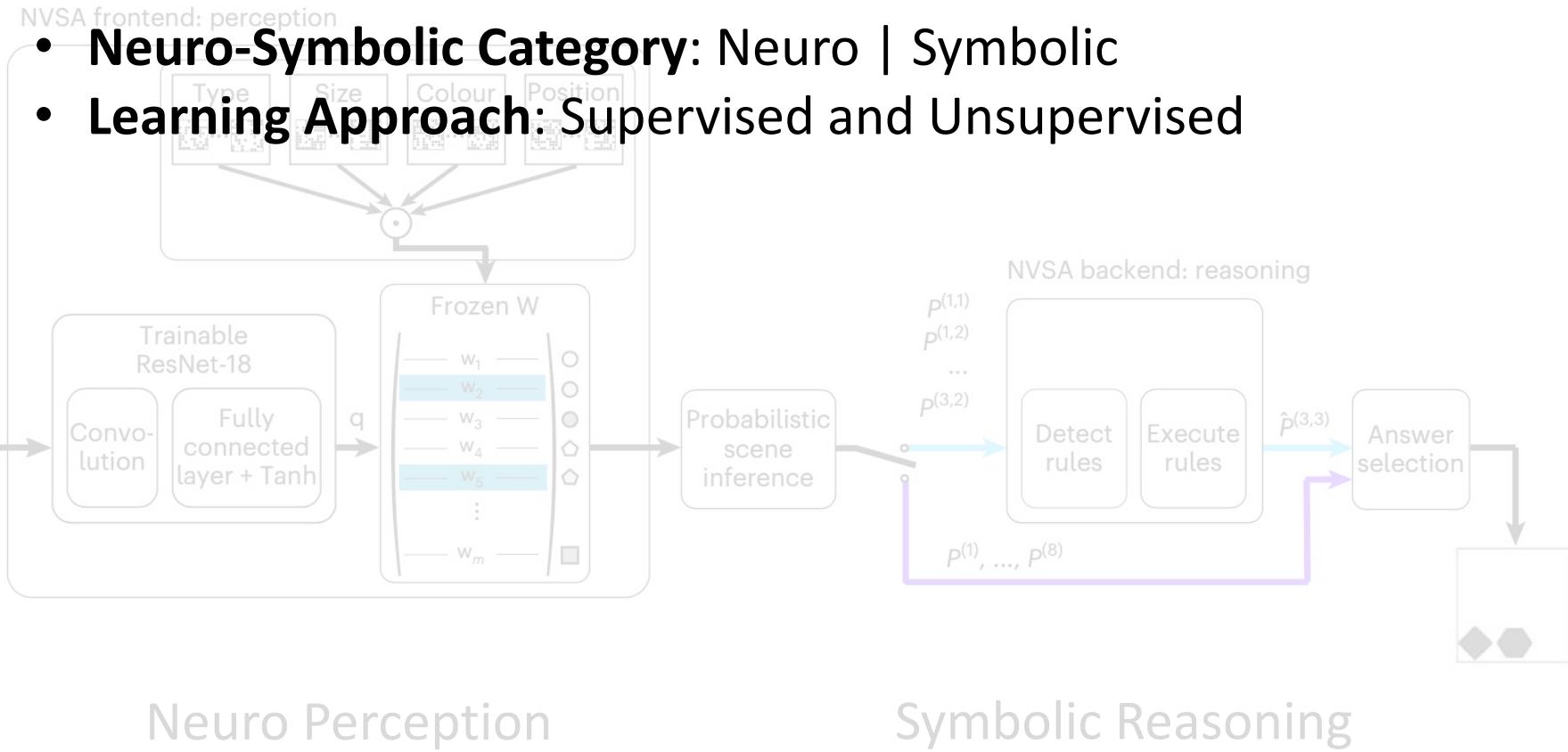
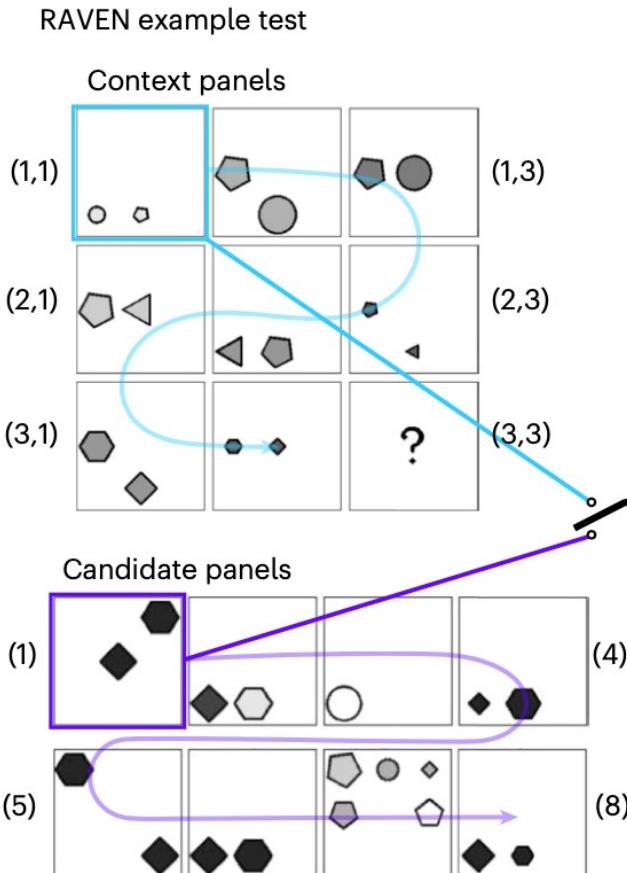
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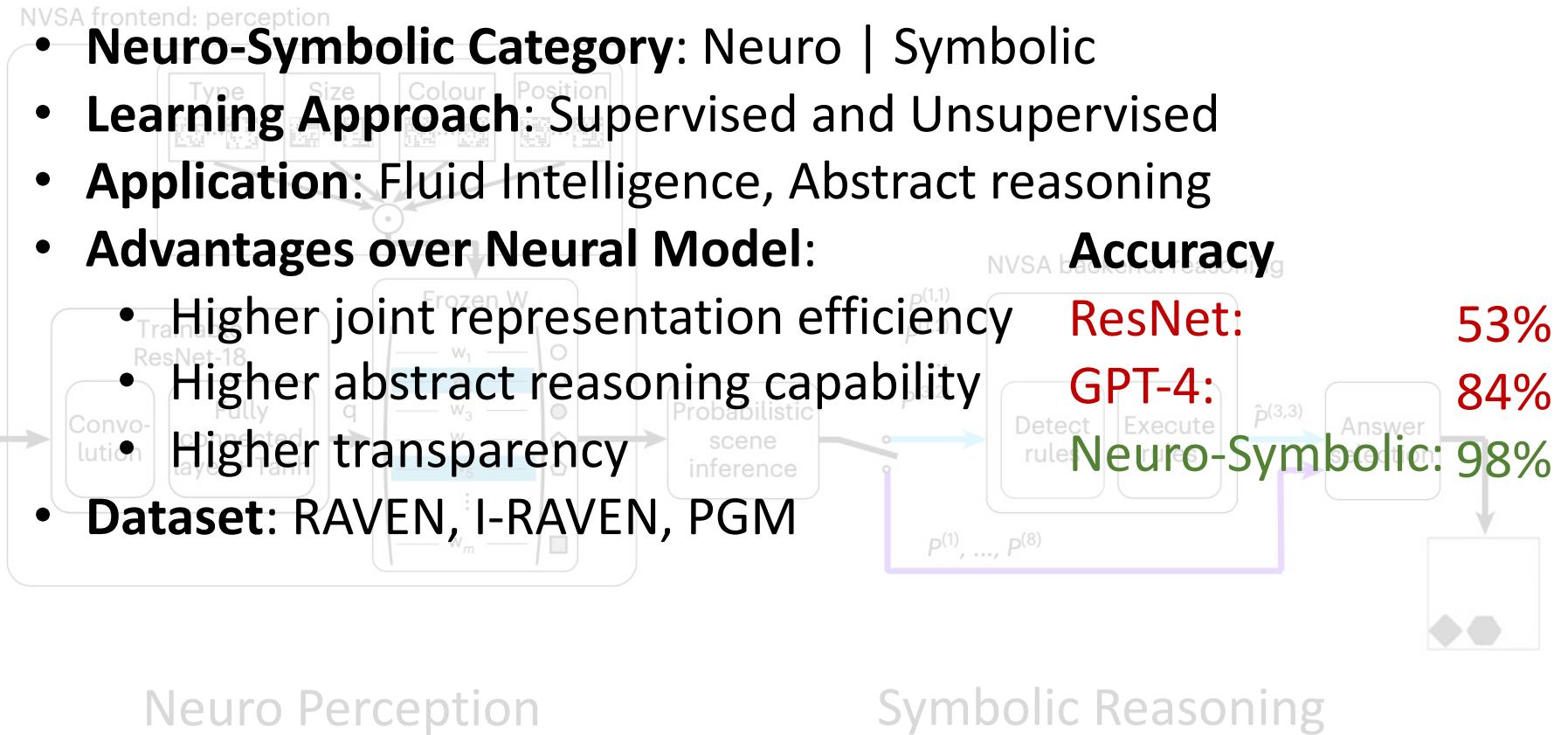
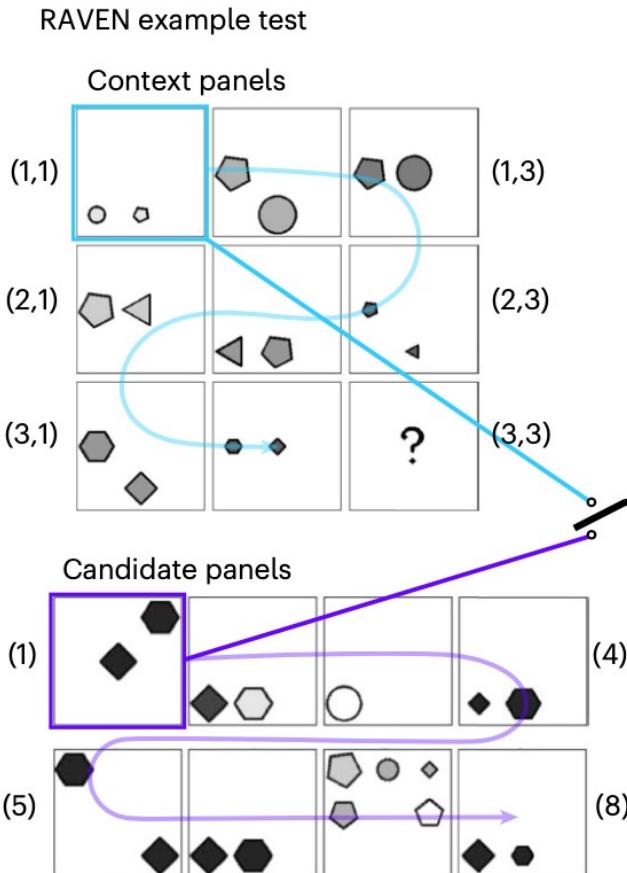
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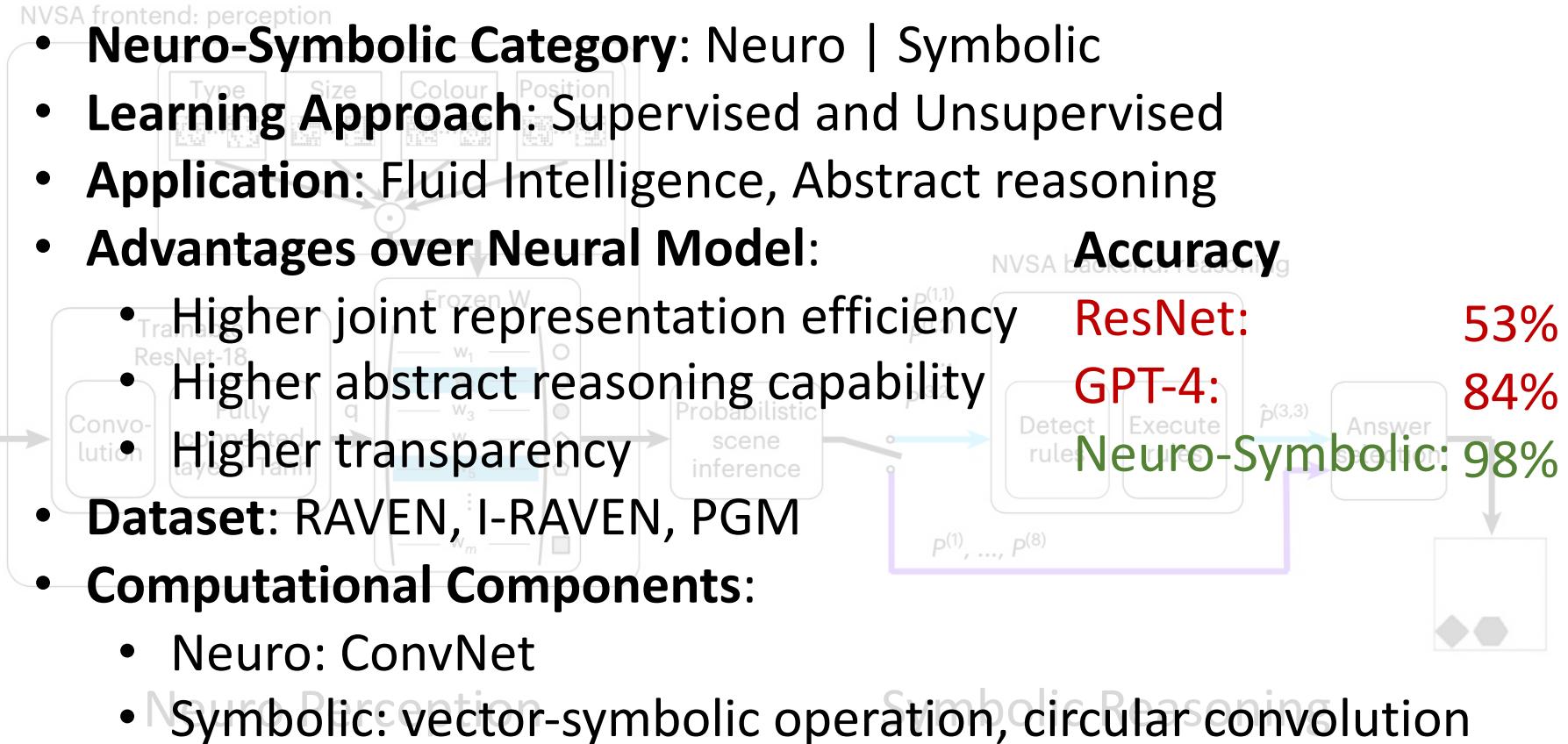
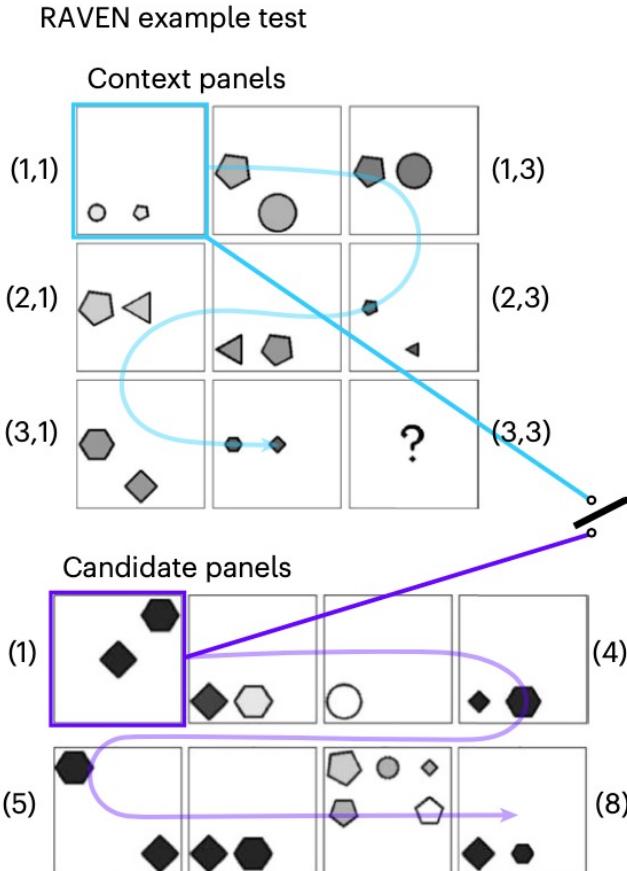
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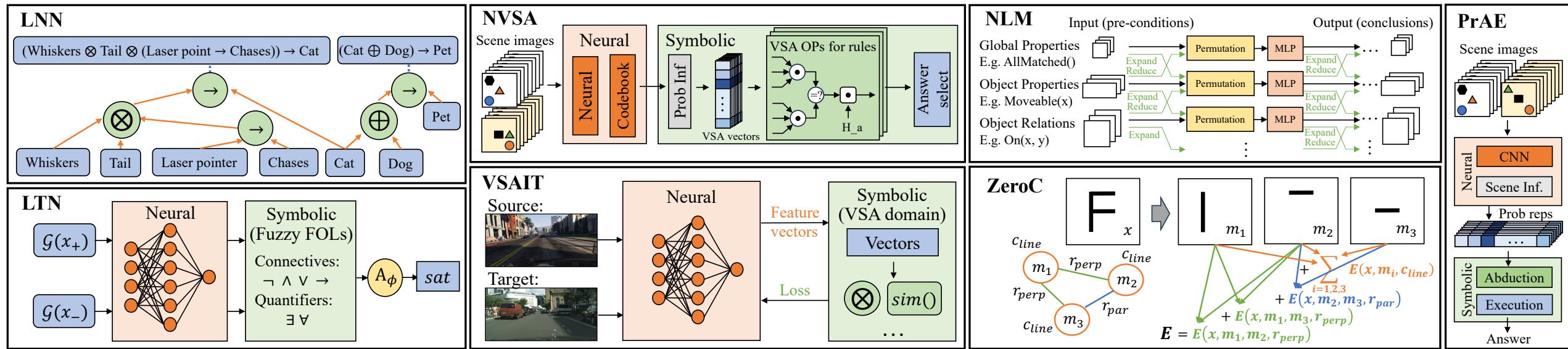
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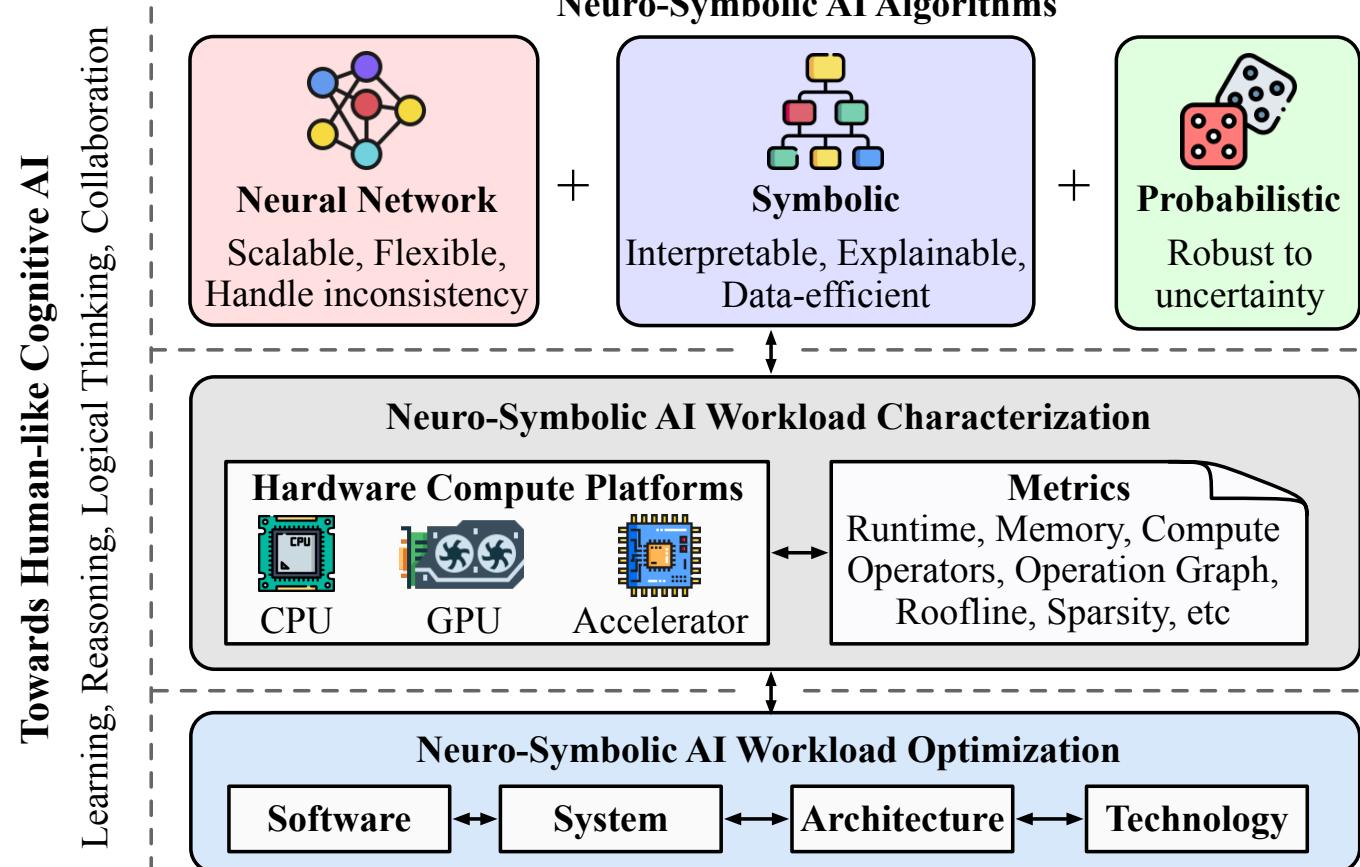
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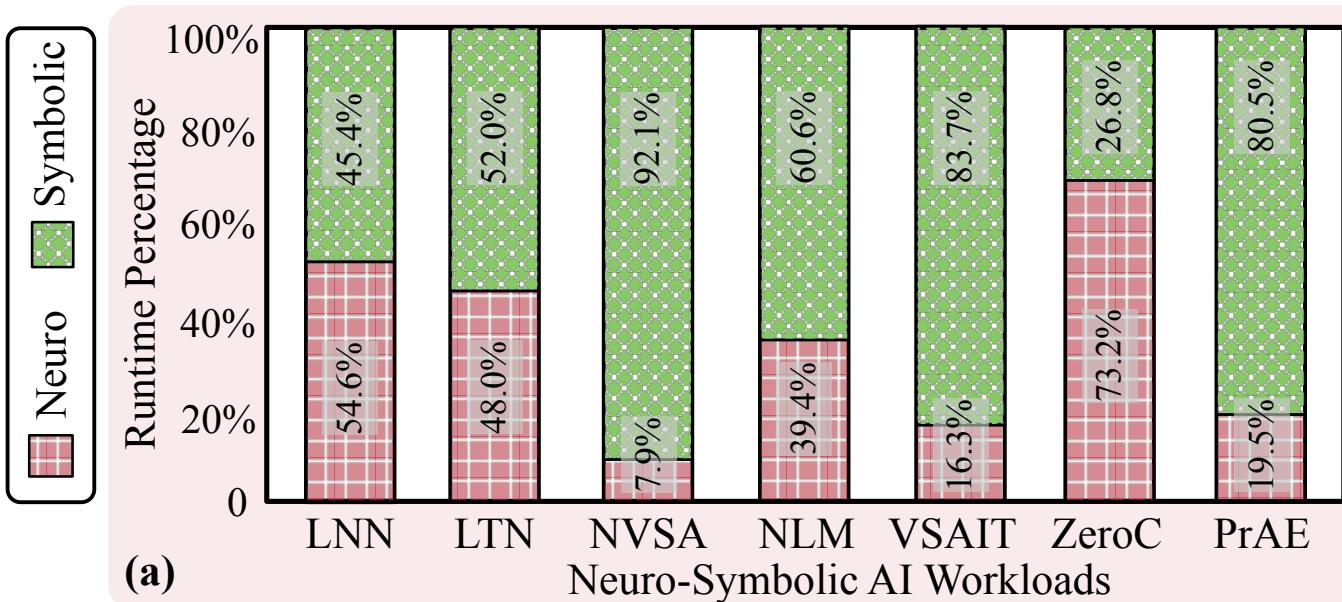
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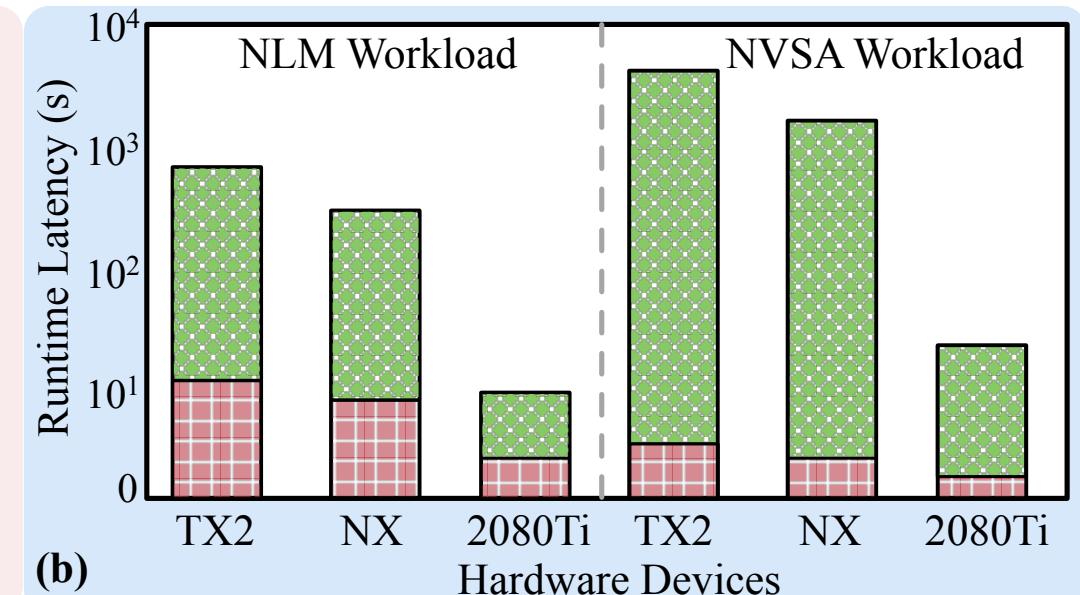
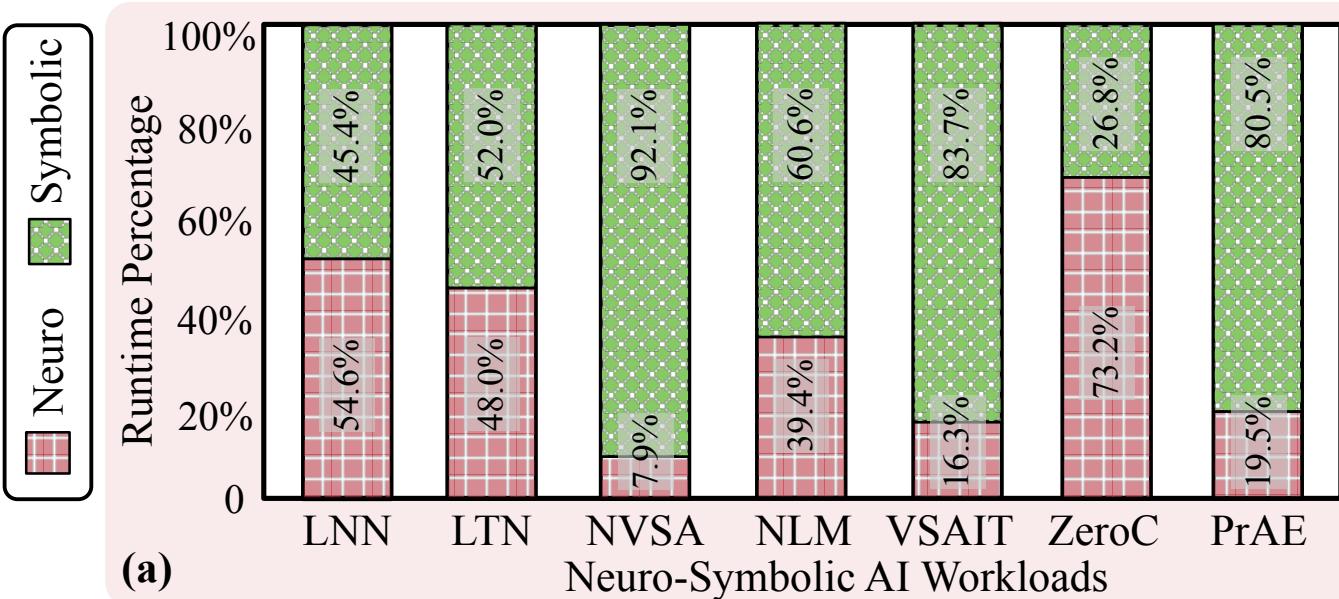


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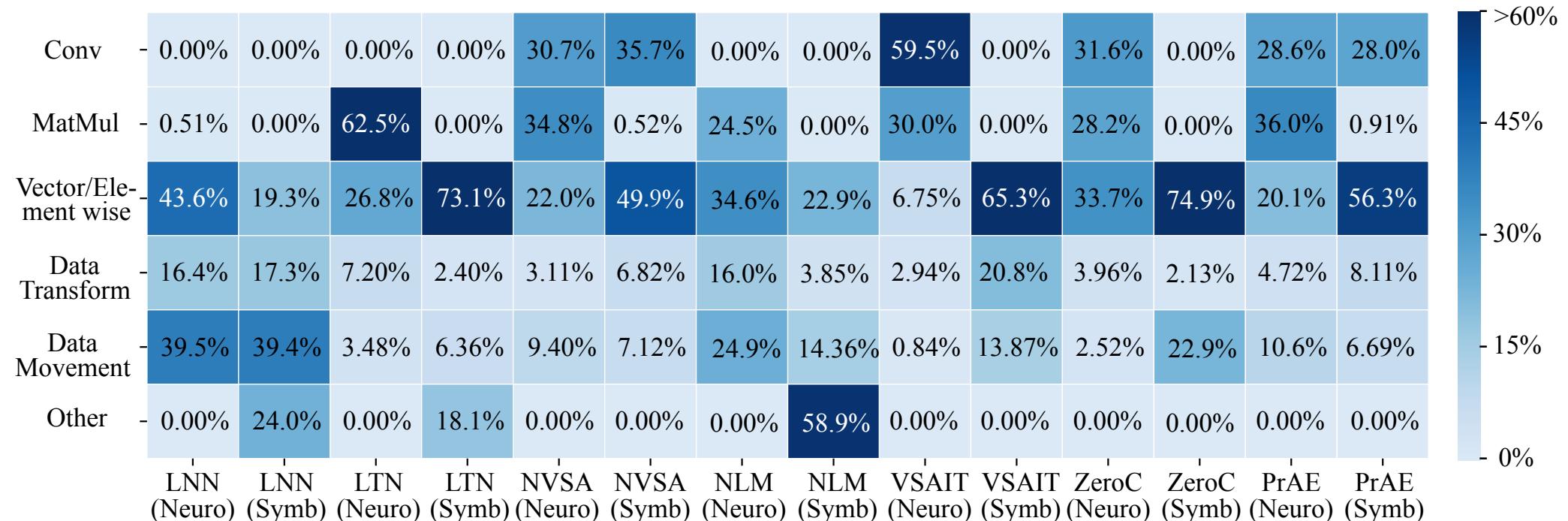
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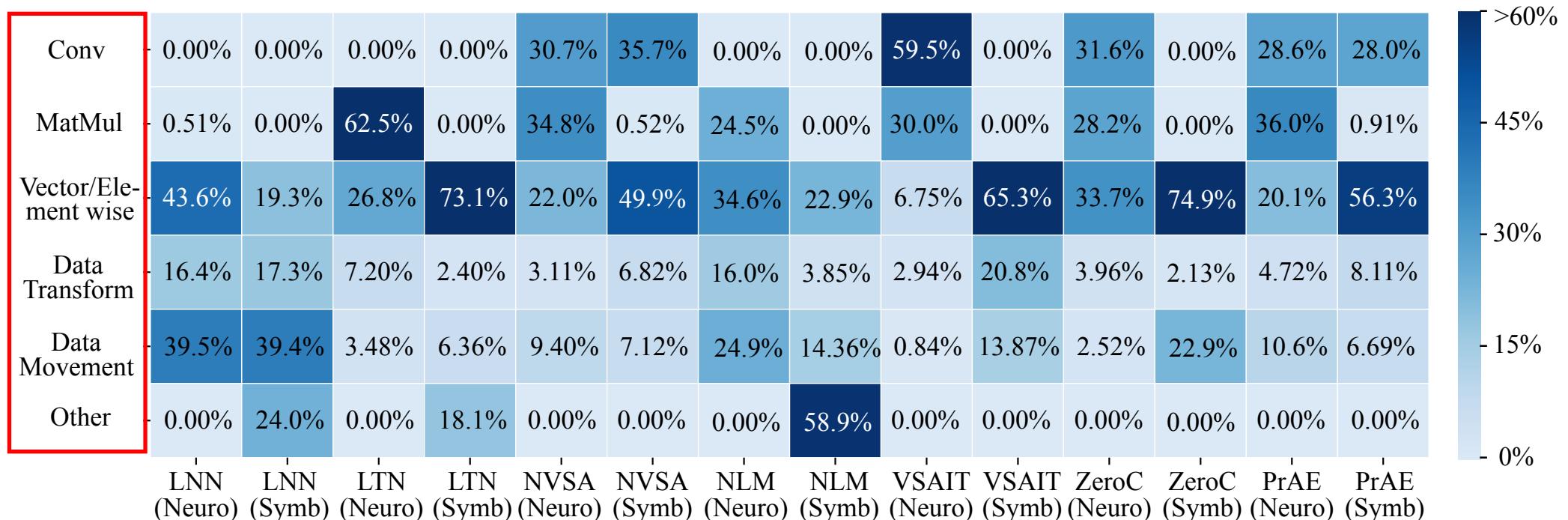
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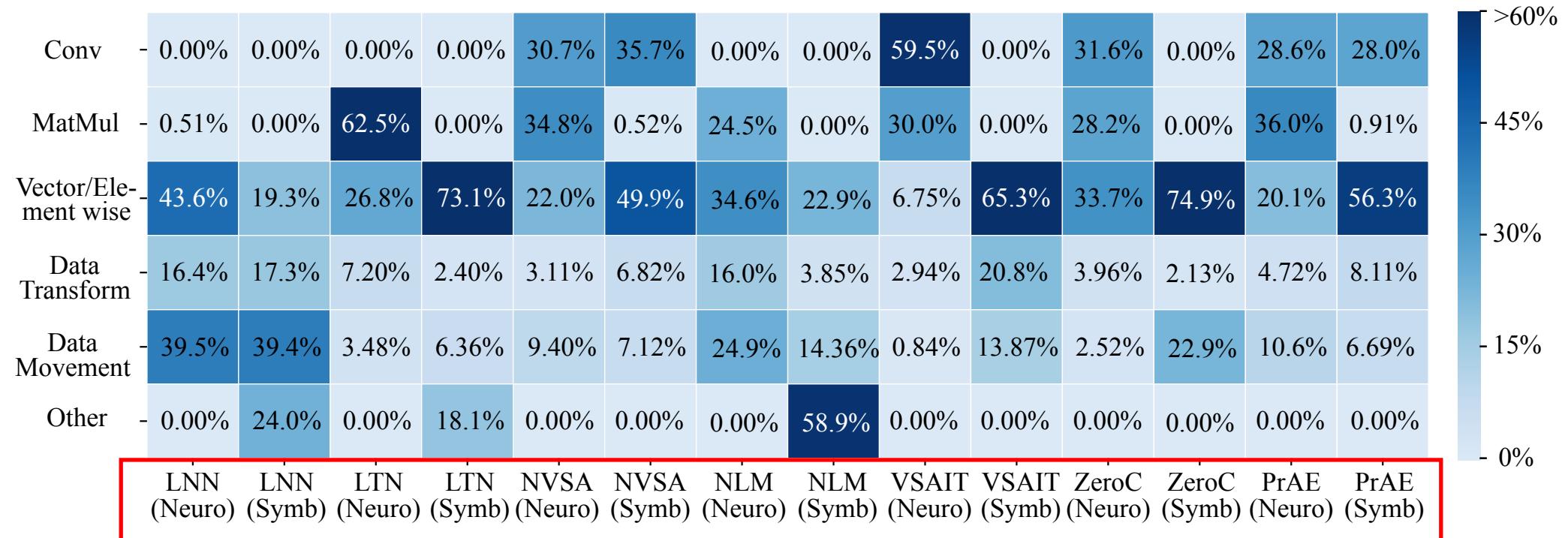
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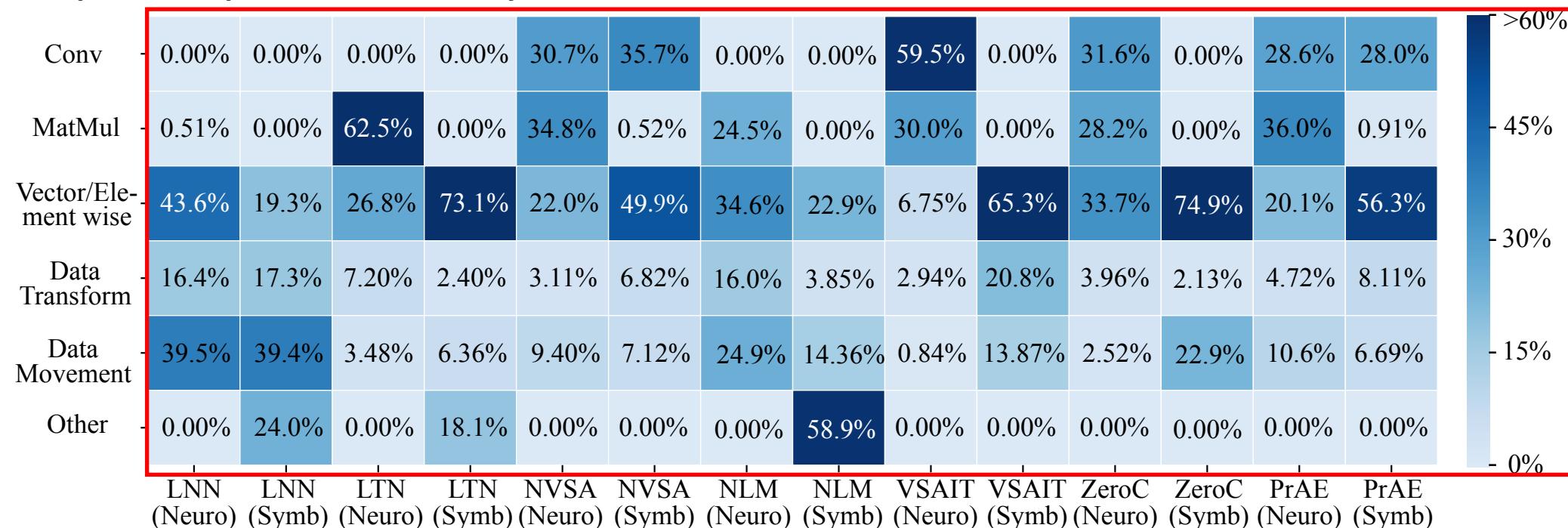
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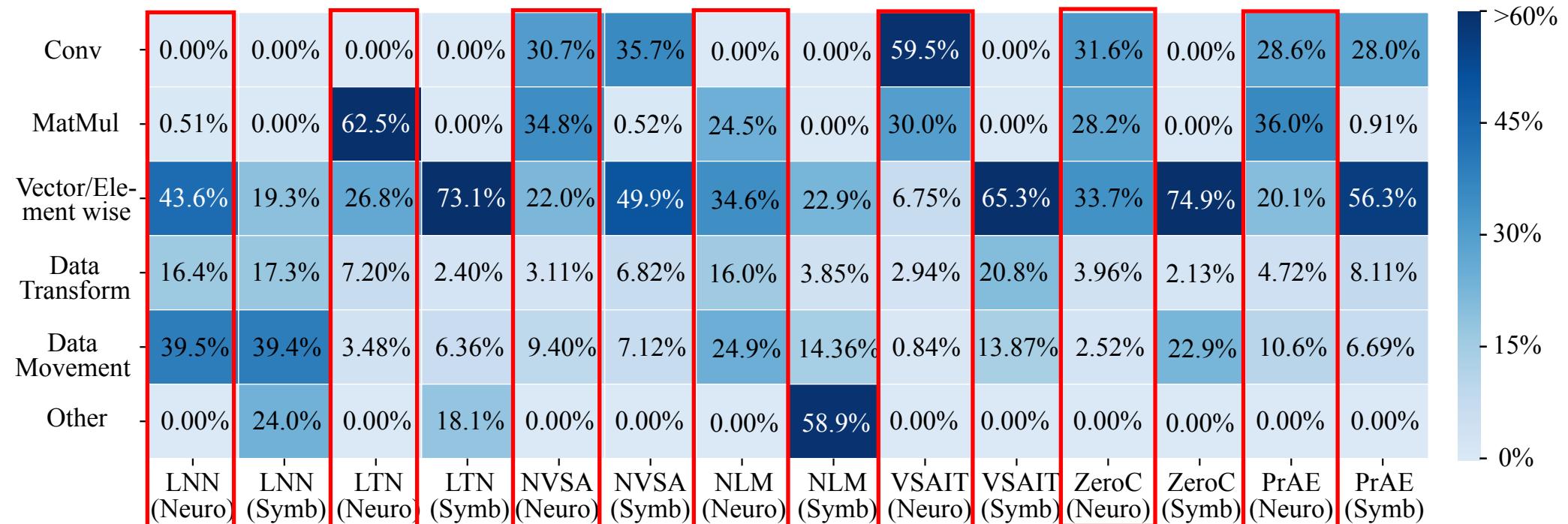
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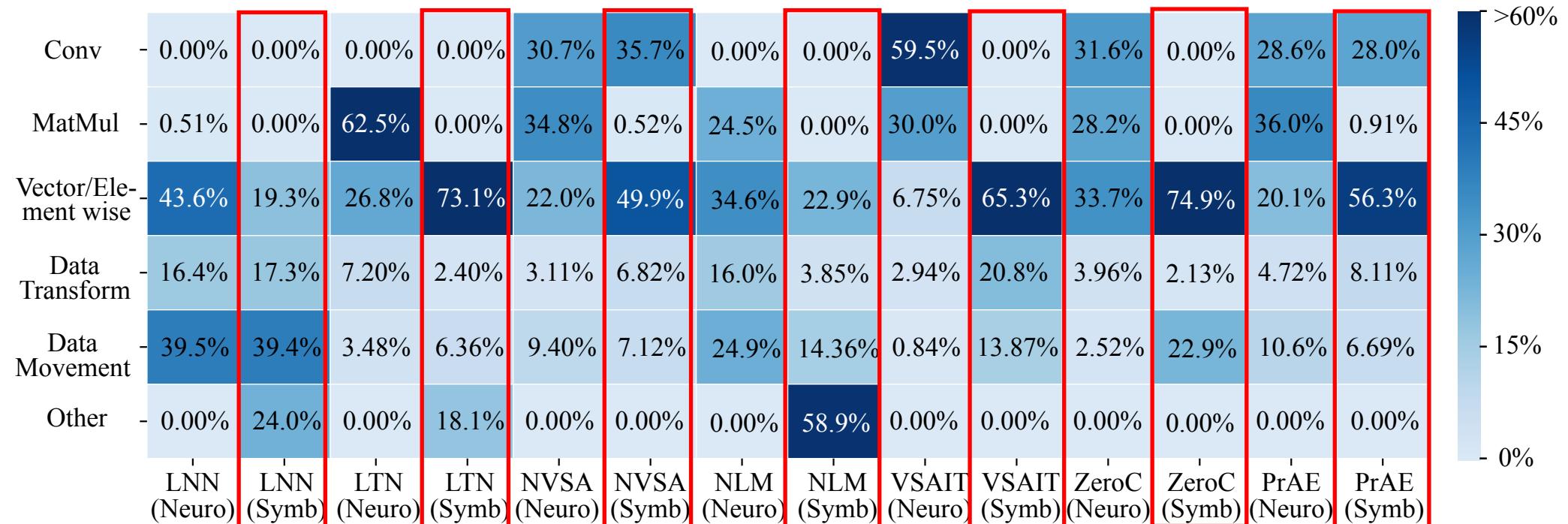
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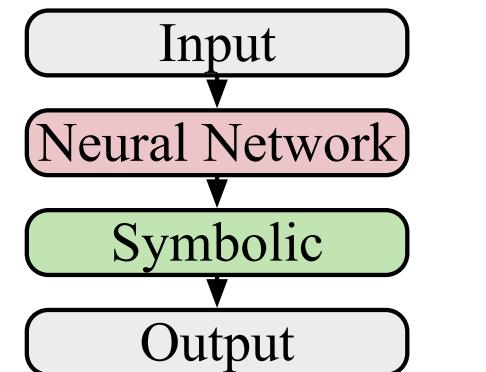
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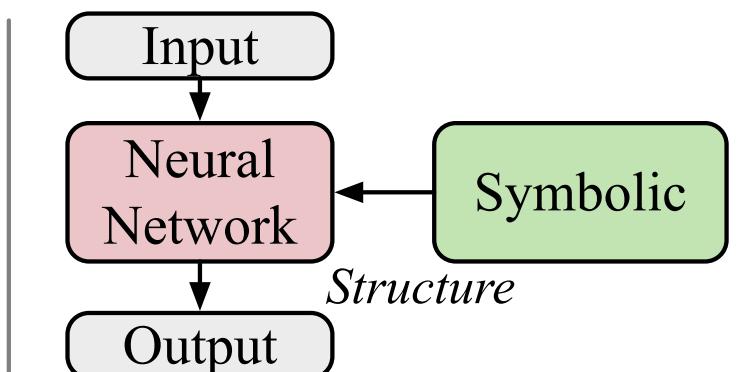
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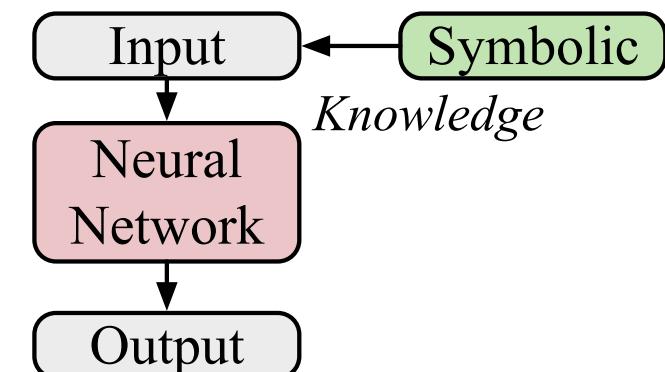
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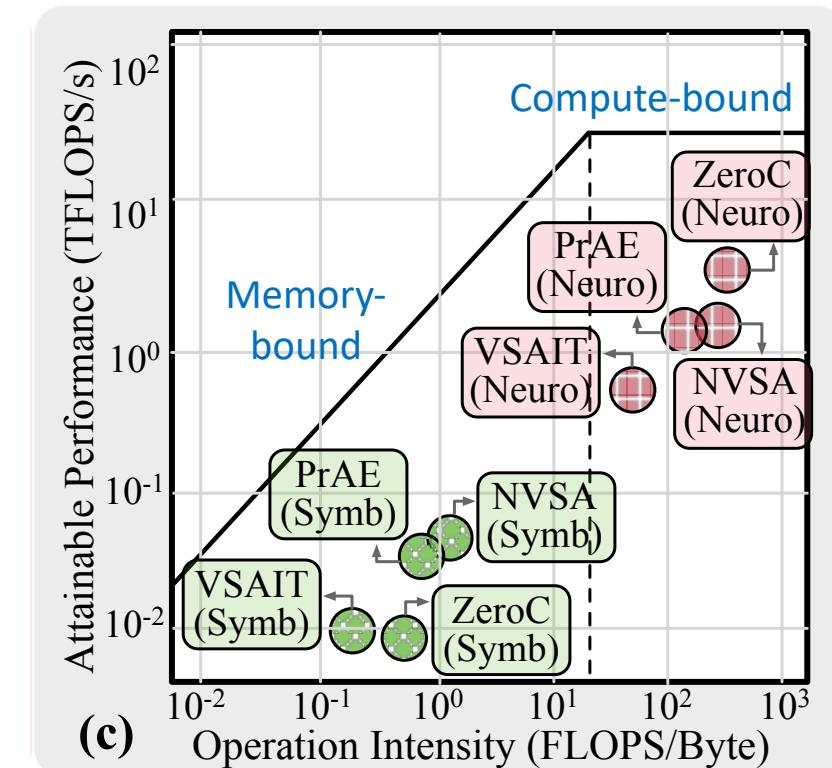
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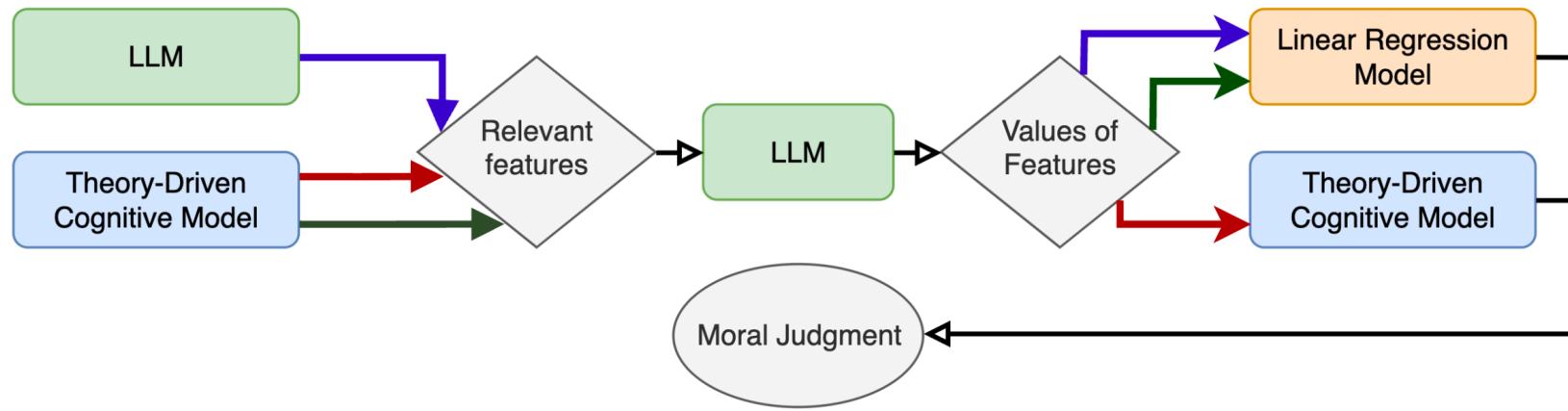
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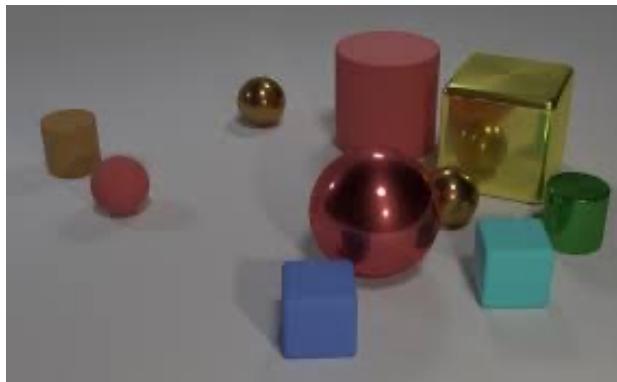
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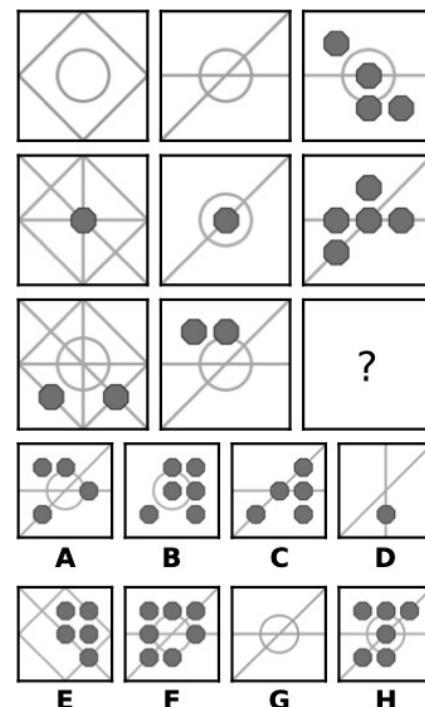
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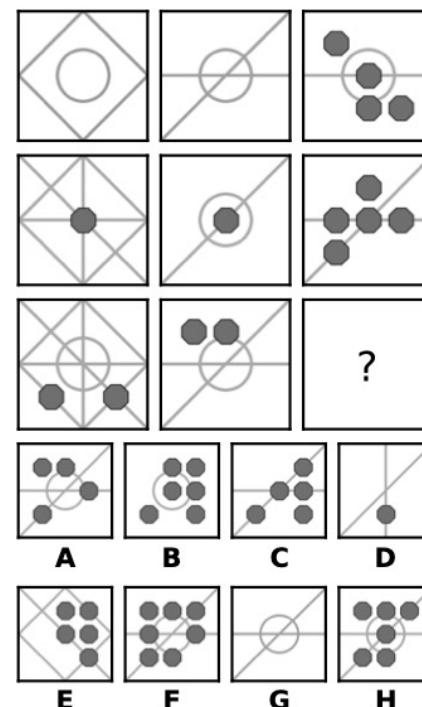
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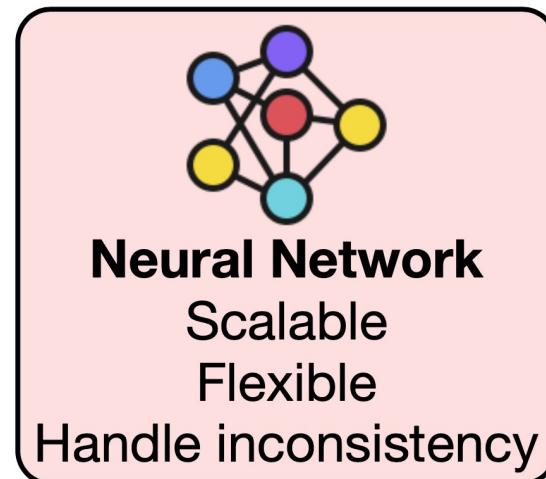
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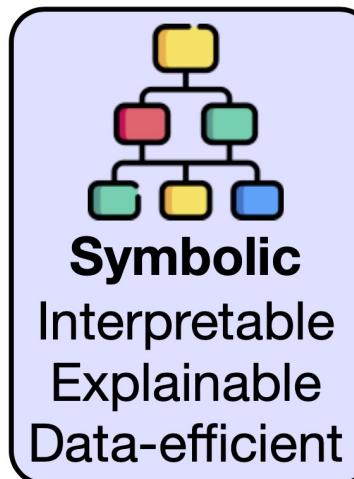
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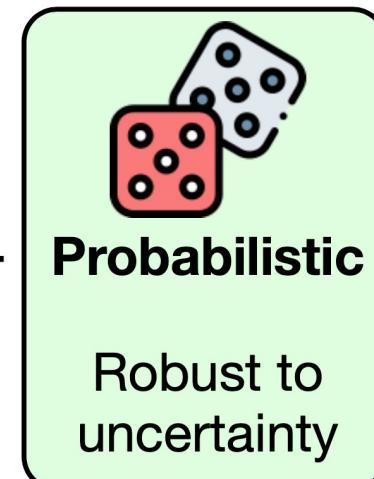
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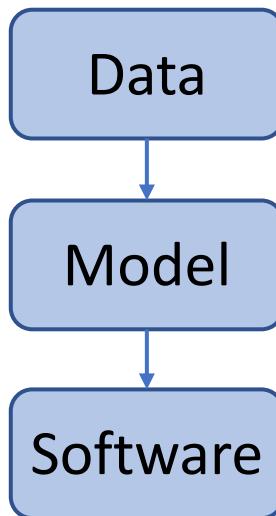
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Building ImageNet-like NSAI datasets



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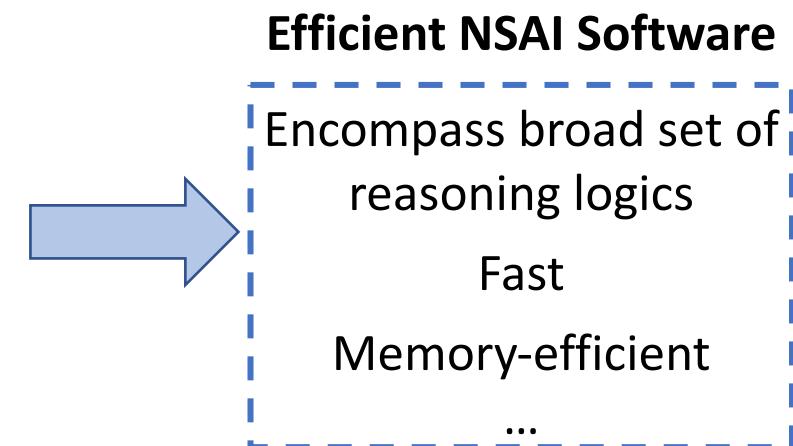


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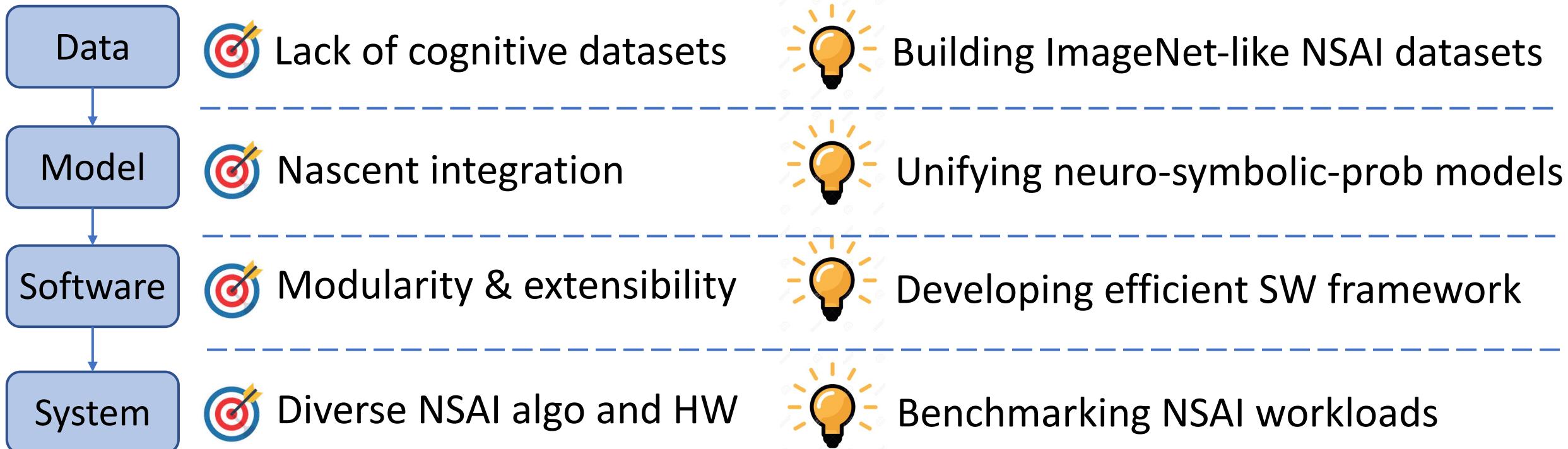


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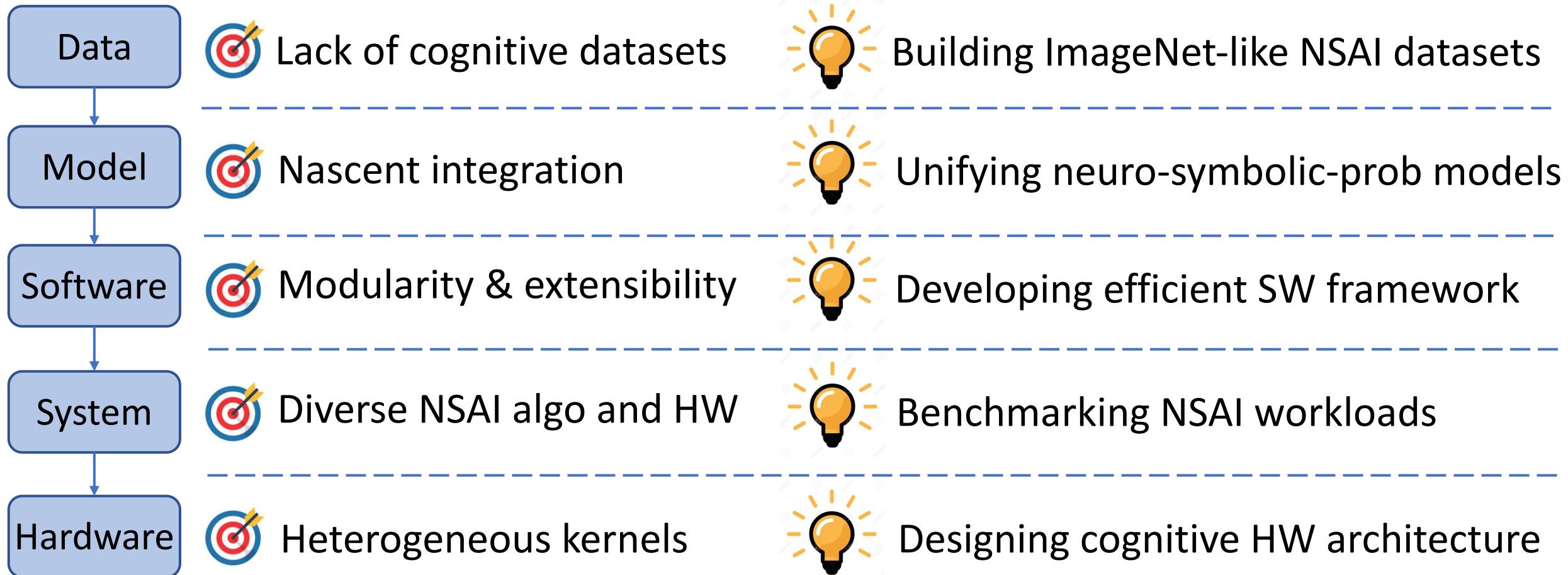
Underlying Operations	Examples
Fuzzy logic (LTN)	$F = \forall x(isCarnivor(s)) \rightarrow (isMammal(x))$ $\{isCarnivor(s):[0, 1], isMammal(x):[1, 0]\} \rightarrow F = [1, 0]$
Mul and Add (NVSA)	$X_i \in \{+1, -1\}^d \rightarrow (X_i \cdot X_j)/(X_i + X_j)$
Pre-defined objects (NSVQA)	equal_color: (entry, entry) → Boolean equal_integer: (number, number) → Boolean



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Summary

Workload and Characterization of Neuro-Symbolic AI

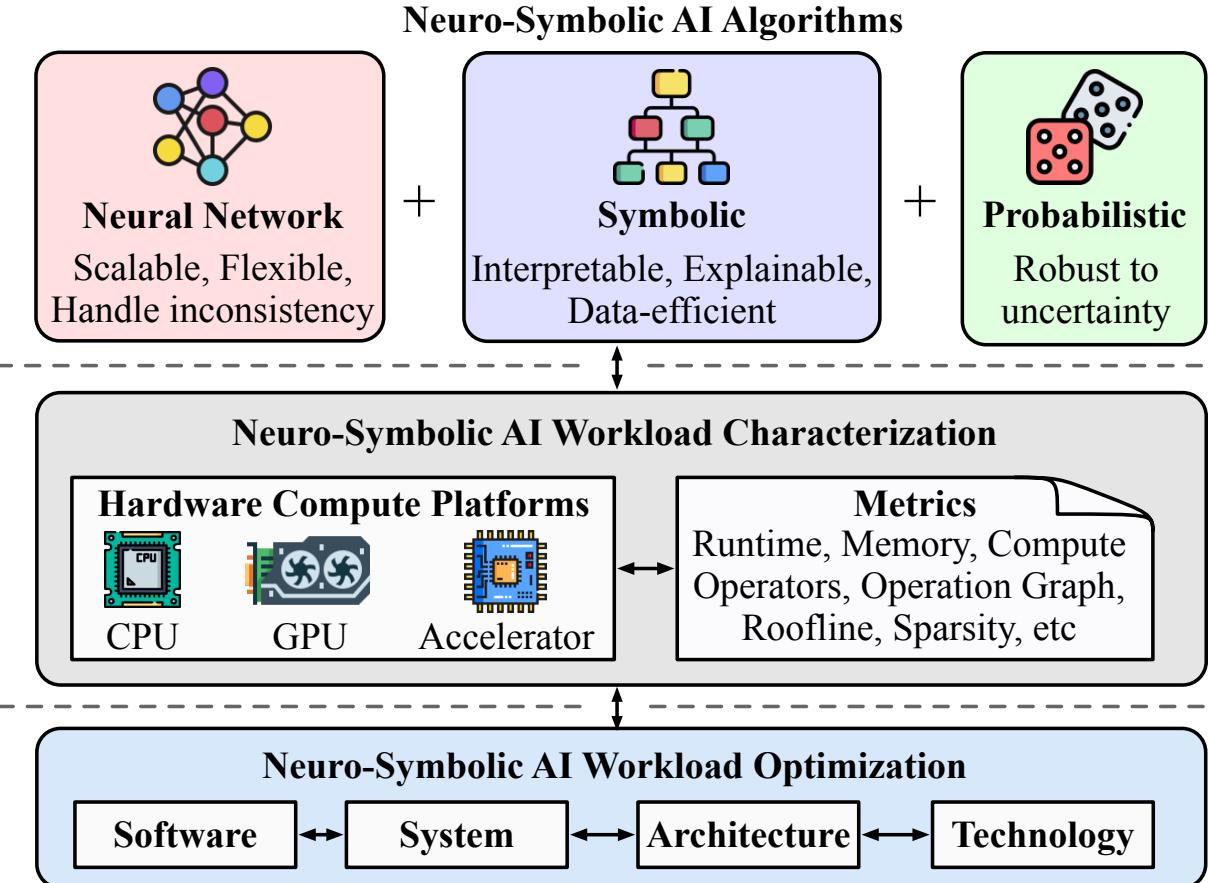
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