

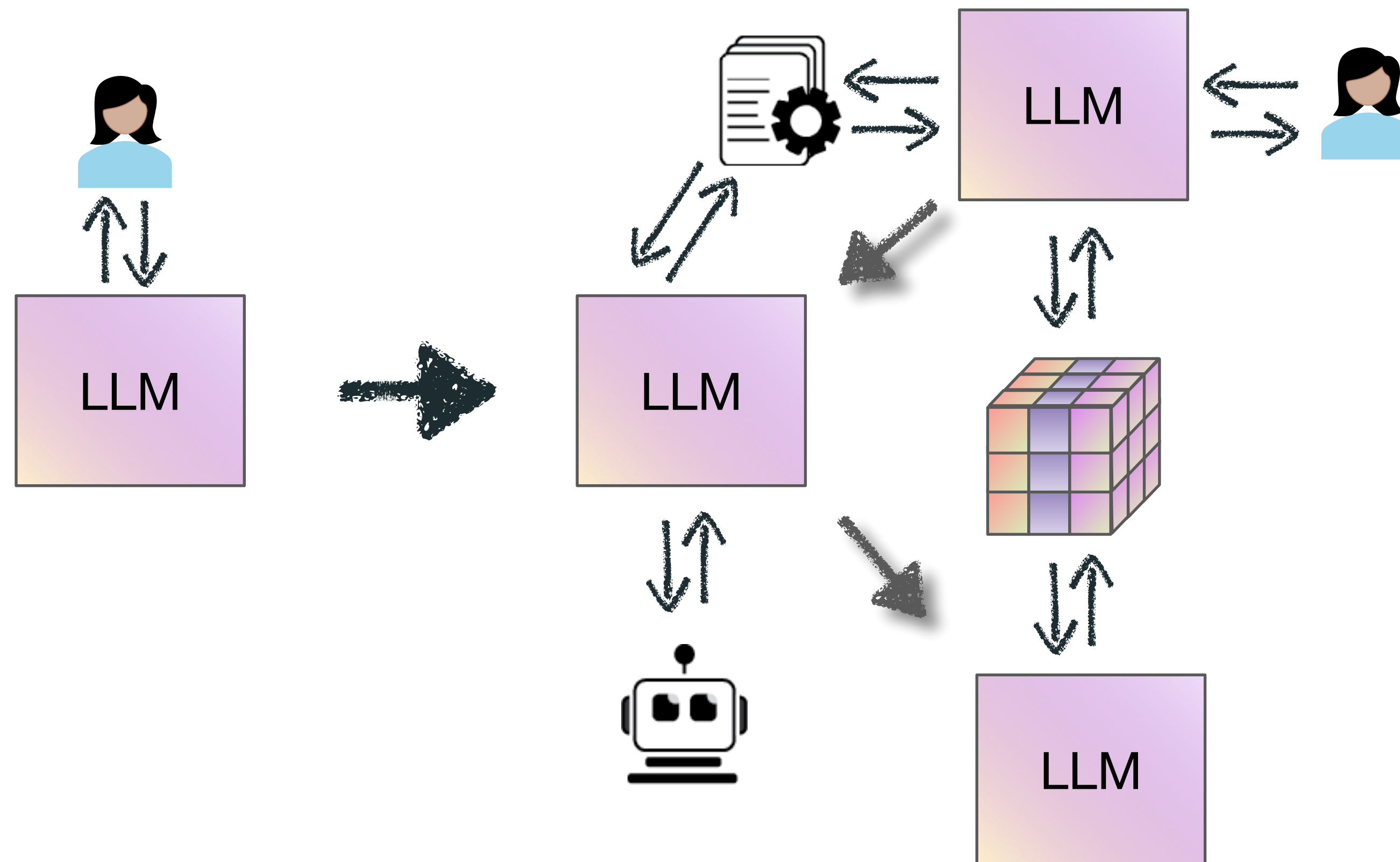
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Modern ML Systems are increasingly composed of multiple interdependent components



Performance tradeoff in **ML pipelines** becomes orders of magnitude more difficult than the single-task ML systems

- **Compositional Complexity:** Dependencies propagate performance impacts.
- **Cascading Tradeoffs:** Latency and cost propagate through the graph. Accuracy depends on intermediate representations.
- **Tradeoff Analysis:** Improving one node may degrade overall performance.
- **Optimization** often requires a **joint search** over an exponentially large search space!

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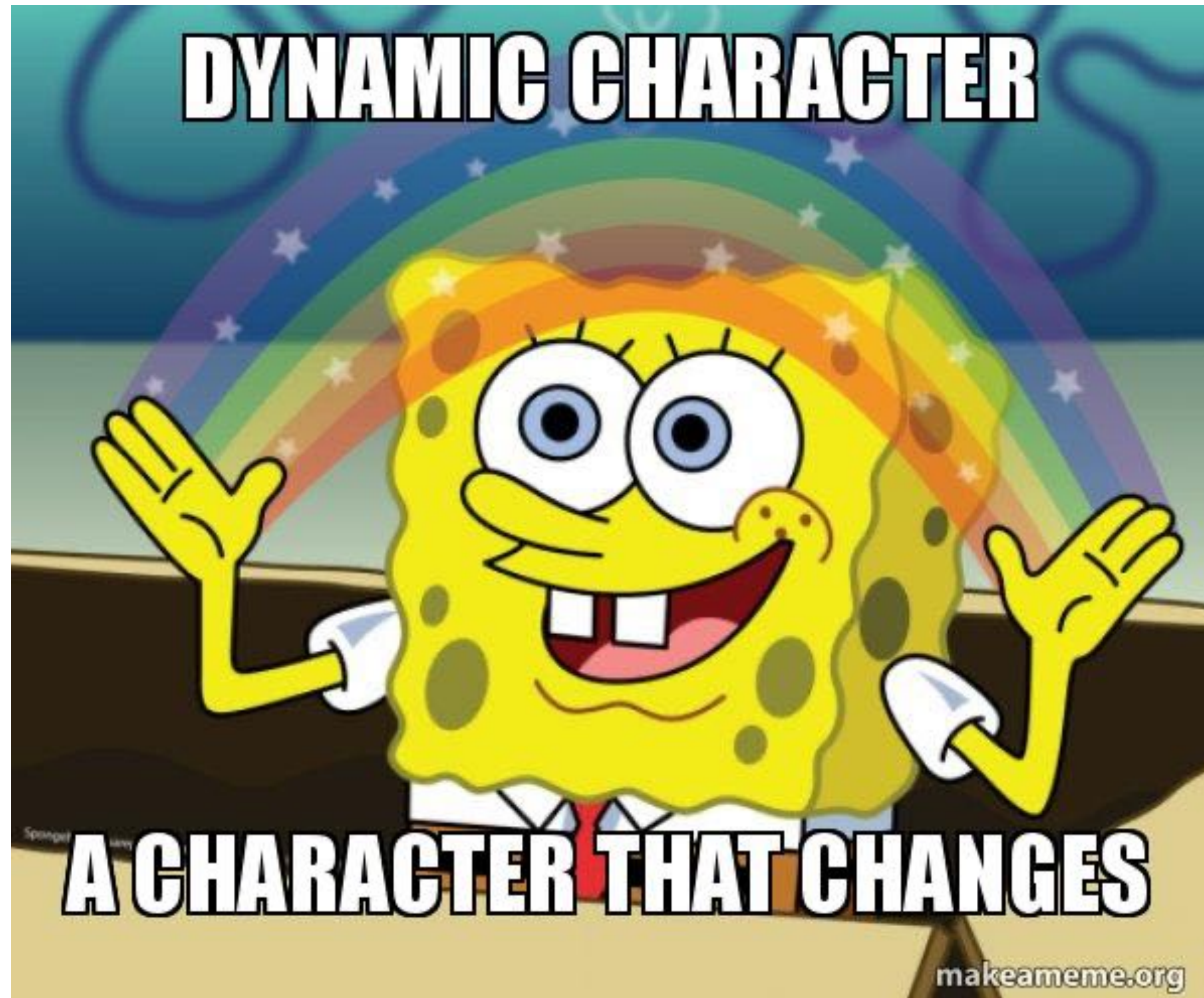
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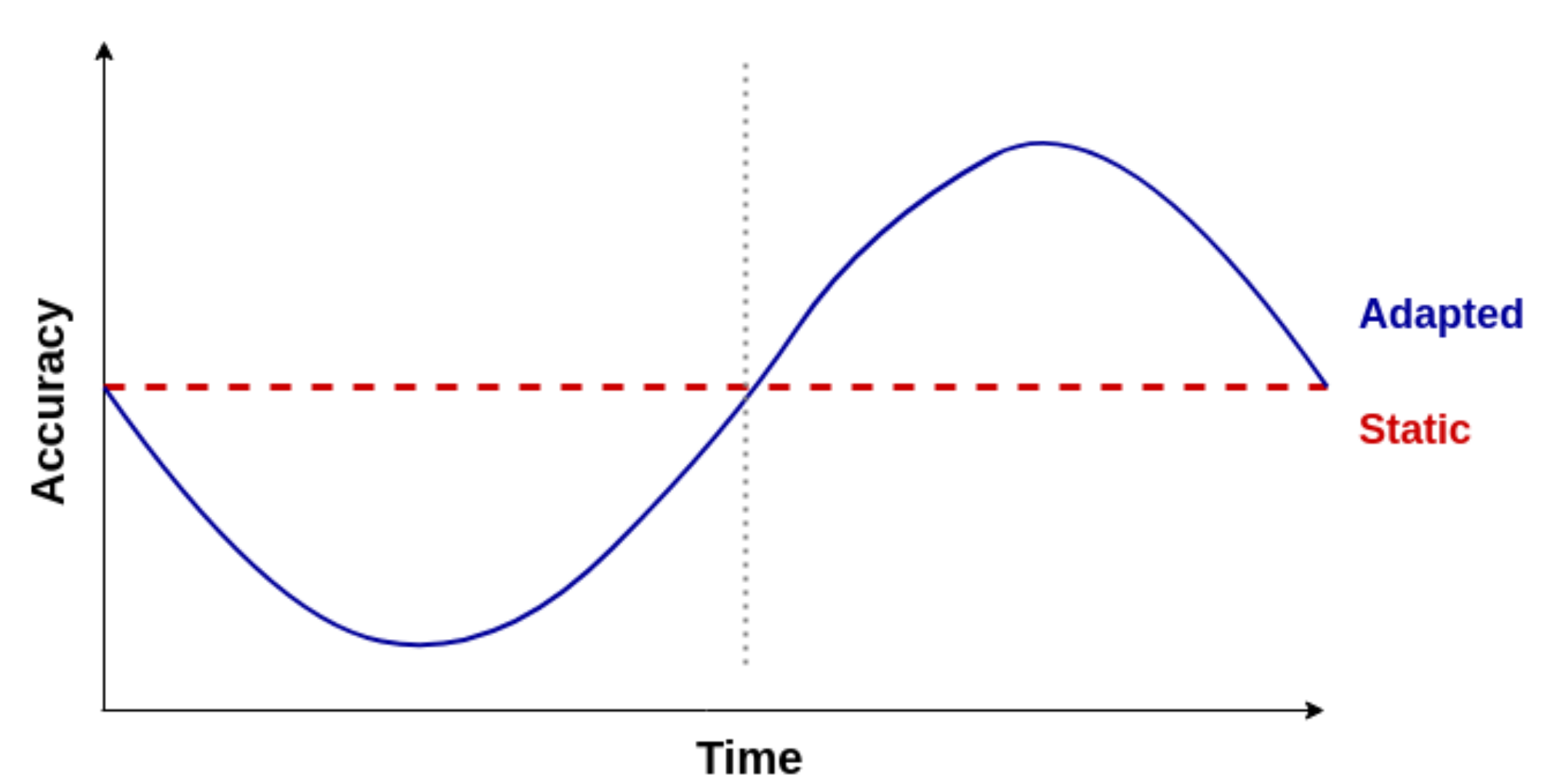
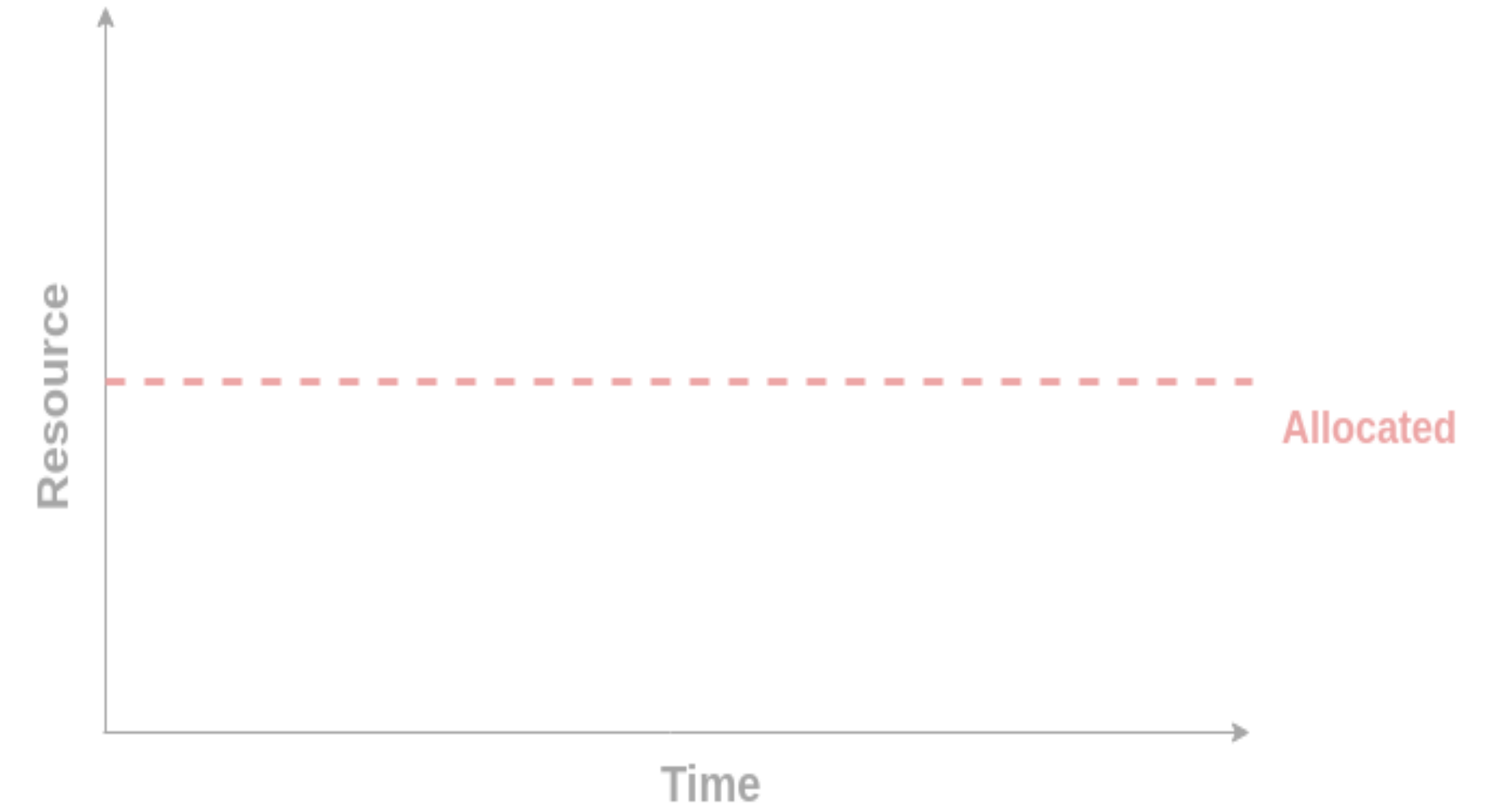
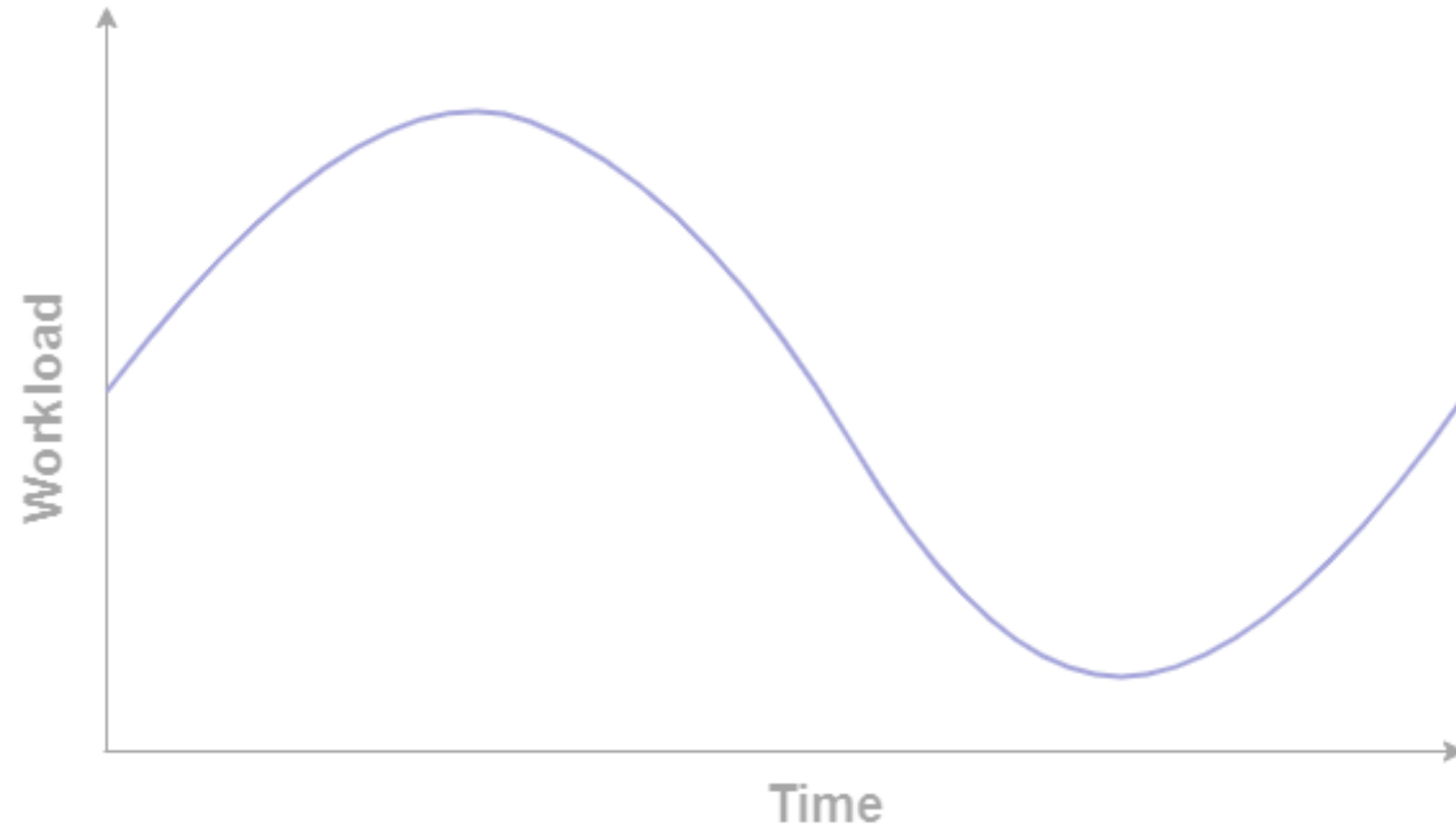
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More challenge: **Dynamic** workload



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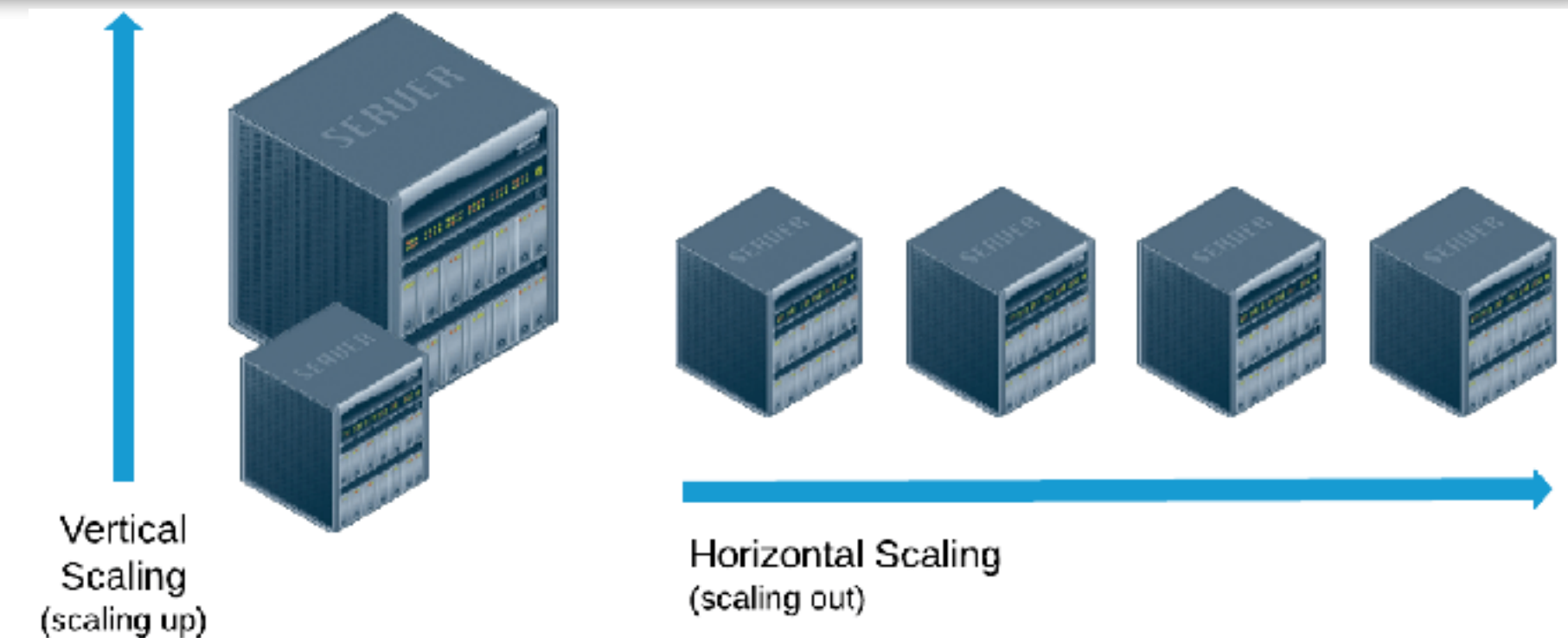


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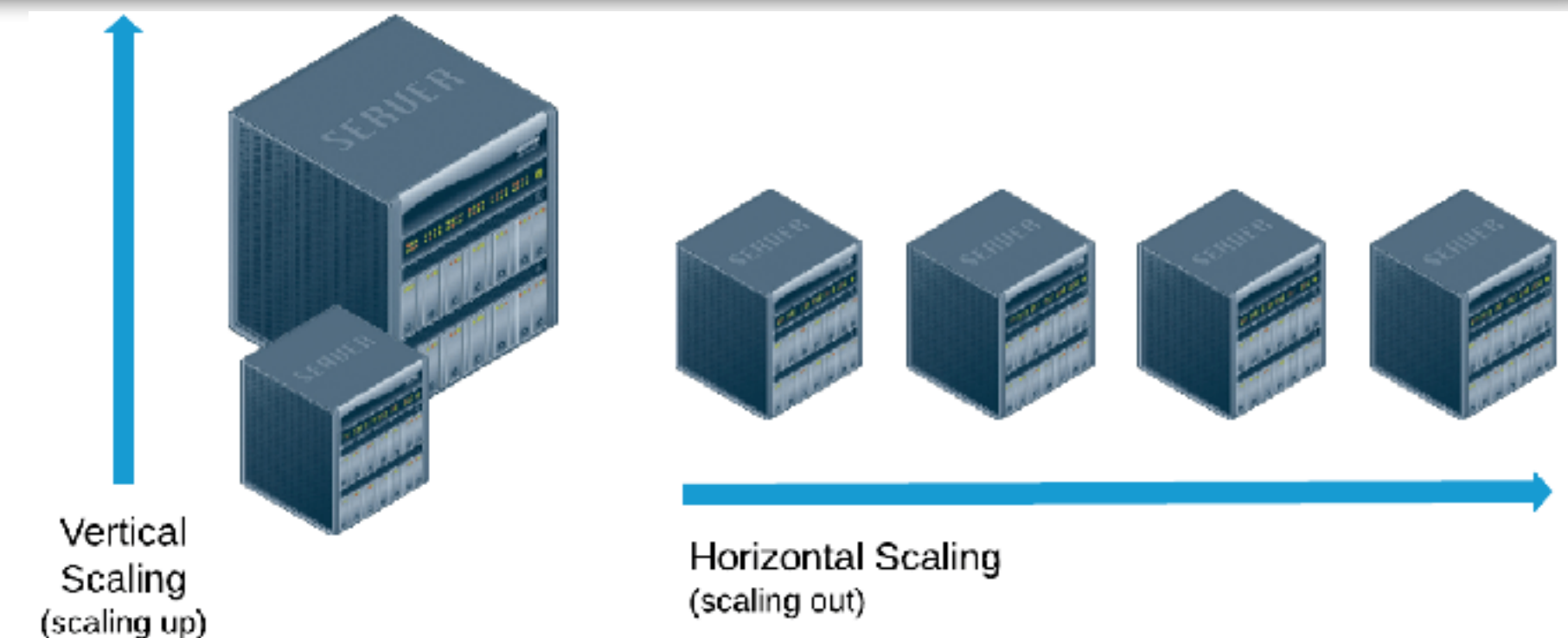


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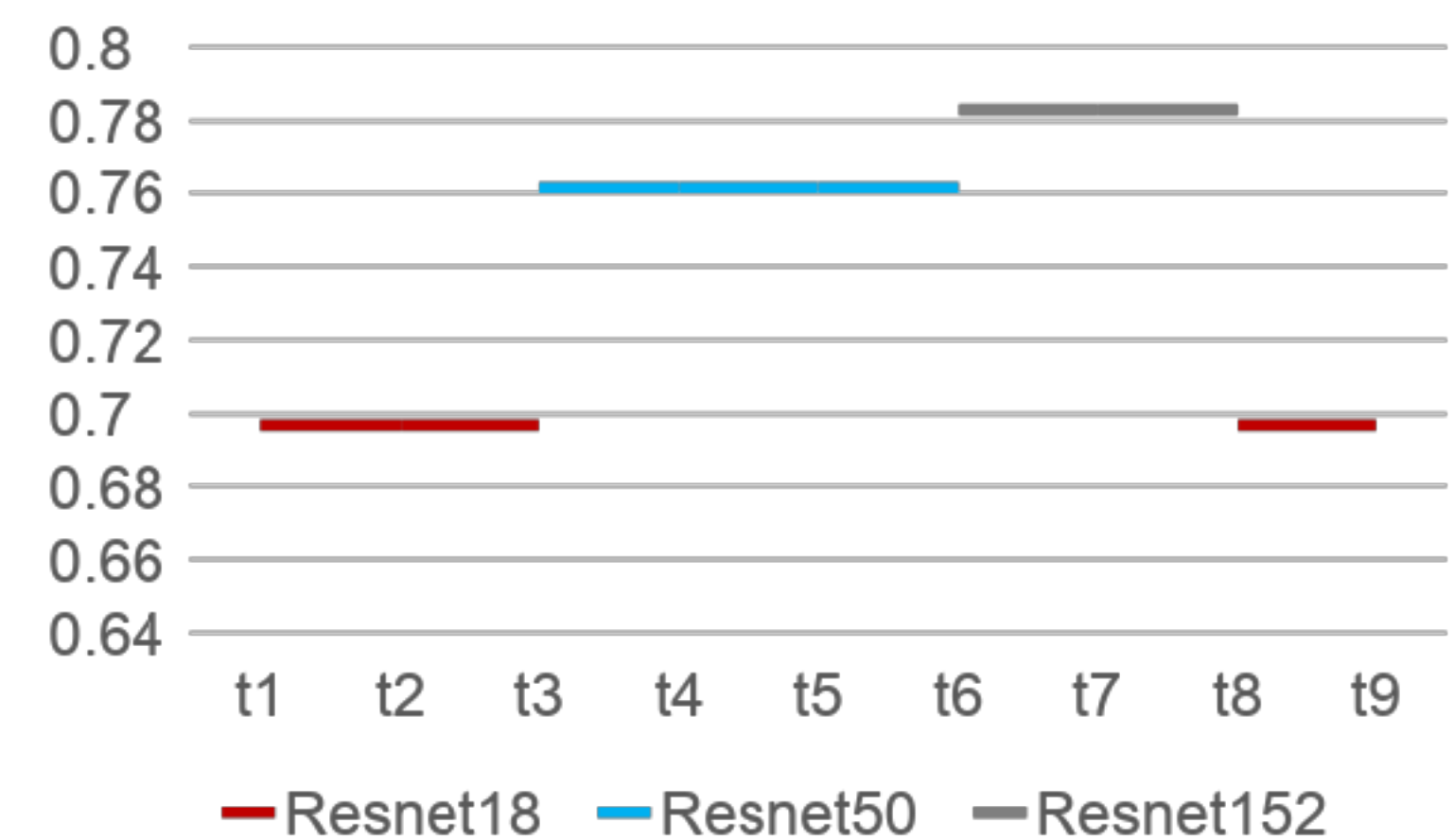
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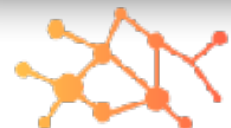
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Problem:

Multi-Objective Optimization
with Known Constraints
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Different Assumptions

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Model-Switching: Dealing with Fluctuating Workloads in Machine-Learning-as-a-Service Systems

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Abstract:

Machine learning (ML) based prediction models, and especially deep neural networks (DNNs) are increasingly being served in the cloud in order to provide fast and accurate inferences. However, existing service ML serving systems have trouble dealing with fluctuating workloads and either drop requests or significantly expand hardware resources in response to load spikes. In this paper, we introduce Model-Switching, a new approach to dealing with fluctuating workloads when serving DNN models. Motivated by the observation that end-users of ML primarily care about the accuracy of responses that are returned within the deadline (which we refer to as effective accuracy), we propose to switch from complex and highly accurate DNN models to simpler but less accurate models in the presence of load spikes. We show that the flexibility introduced by enabling online model switching provides higher effective accuracy in the presence of fluctuating workloads compared to serving using any single model. We implement Model-Switching within Clipper, a state-of-art DNN model serving system, and demonstrate its advantages over baseline approaches.

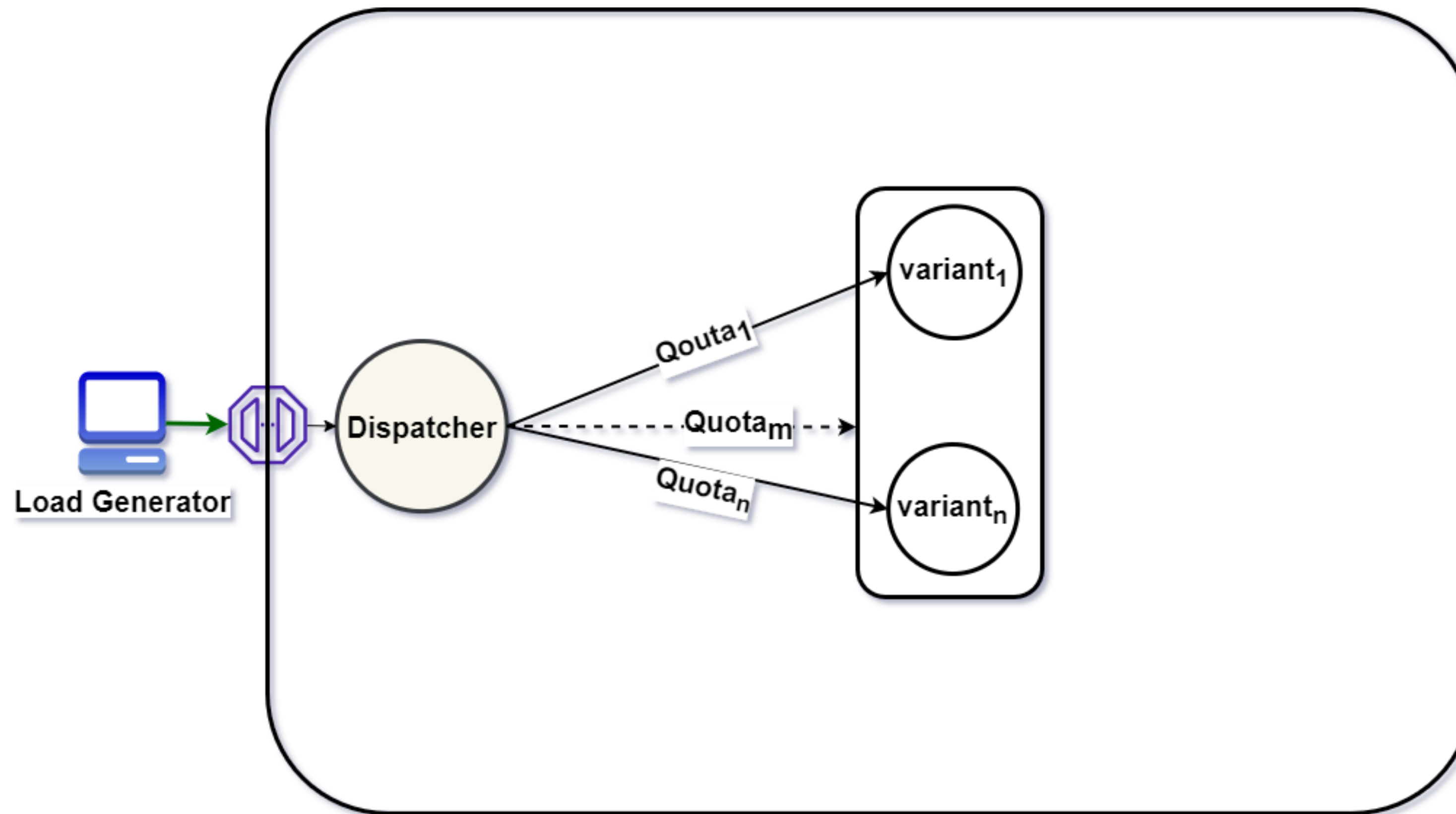
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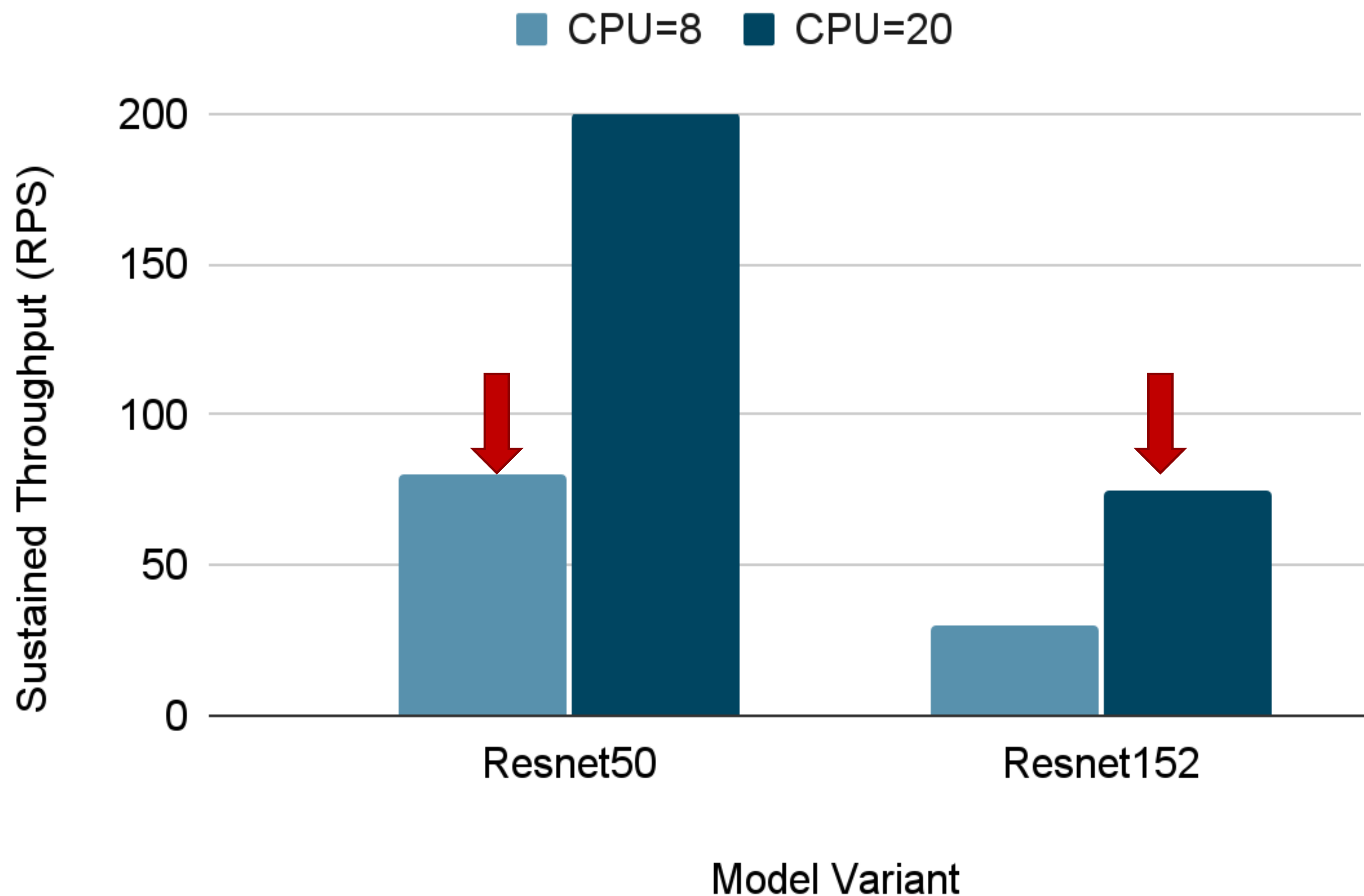
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InfAdapter (our solution) vs. Model Switching (prior work)



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

First insight: The same throughput can be achieved with different computing resources by switching the model variants



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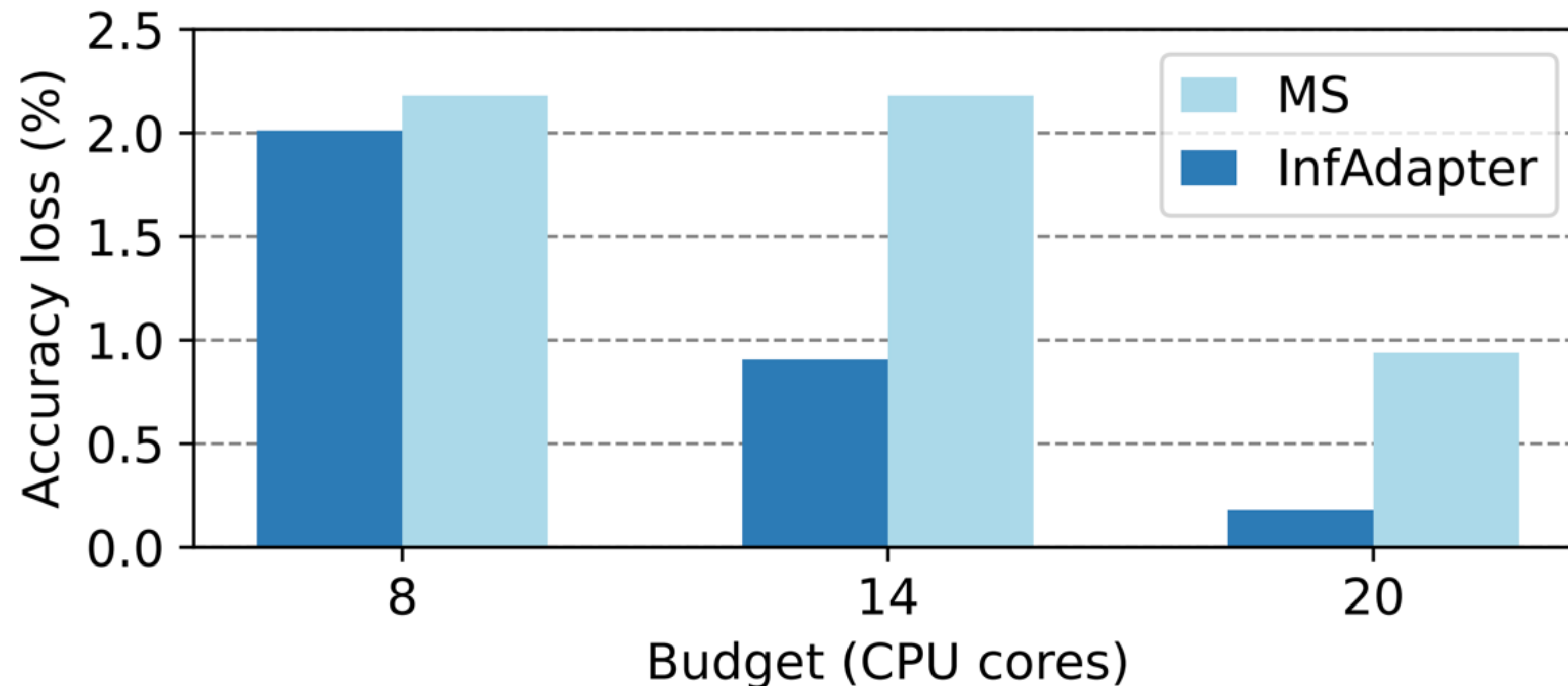
- **Depth:** 50 layers.
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- **Model Size:** Smaller, faster to train and deploy.

ResNet-152:

- **Depth:** 152 layers.
- **Top-1 Accuracy:** ~78-80% on ImageNet.
- **Top-5 Accuracy:** ~94.5-95% on ImageNet.
- **Model Size:** Larger, higher computational cost,

Multi-models (our solution—InfAdapter) vs single-model (Model-Switching)

Higher average accuracy by using multiple model variants



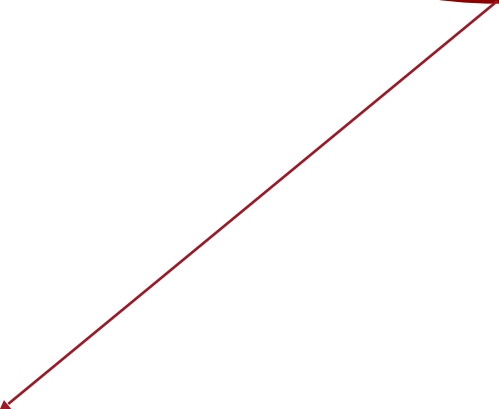
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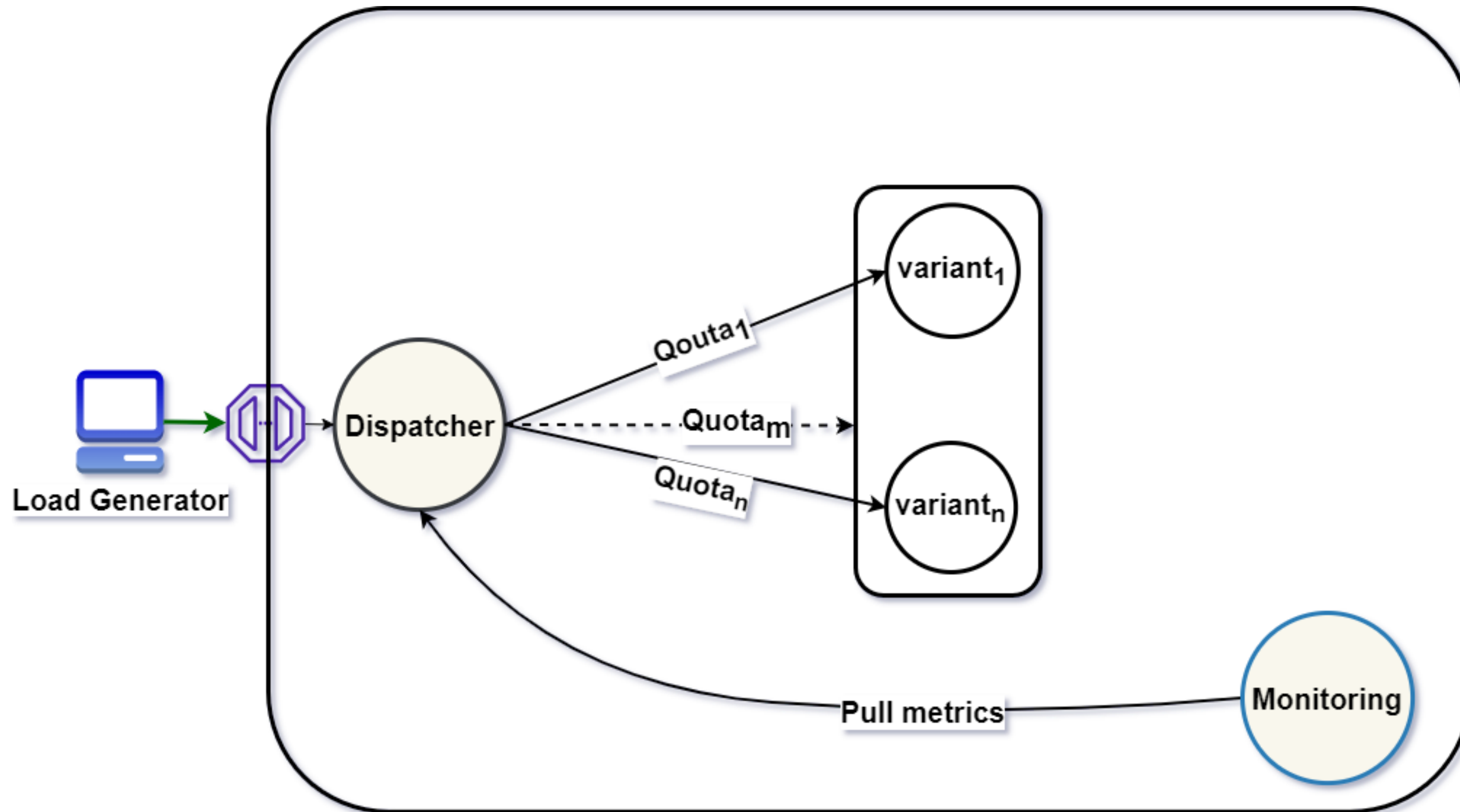
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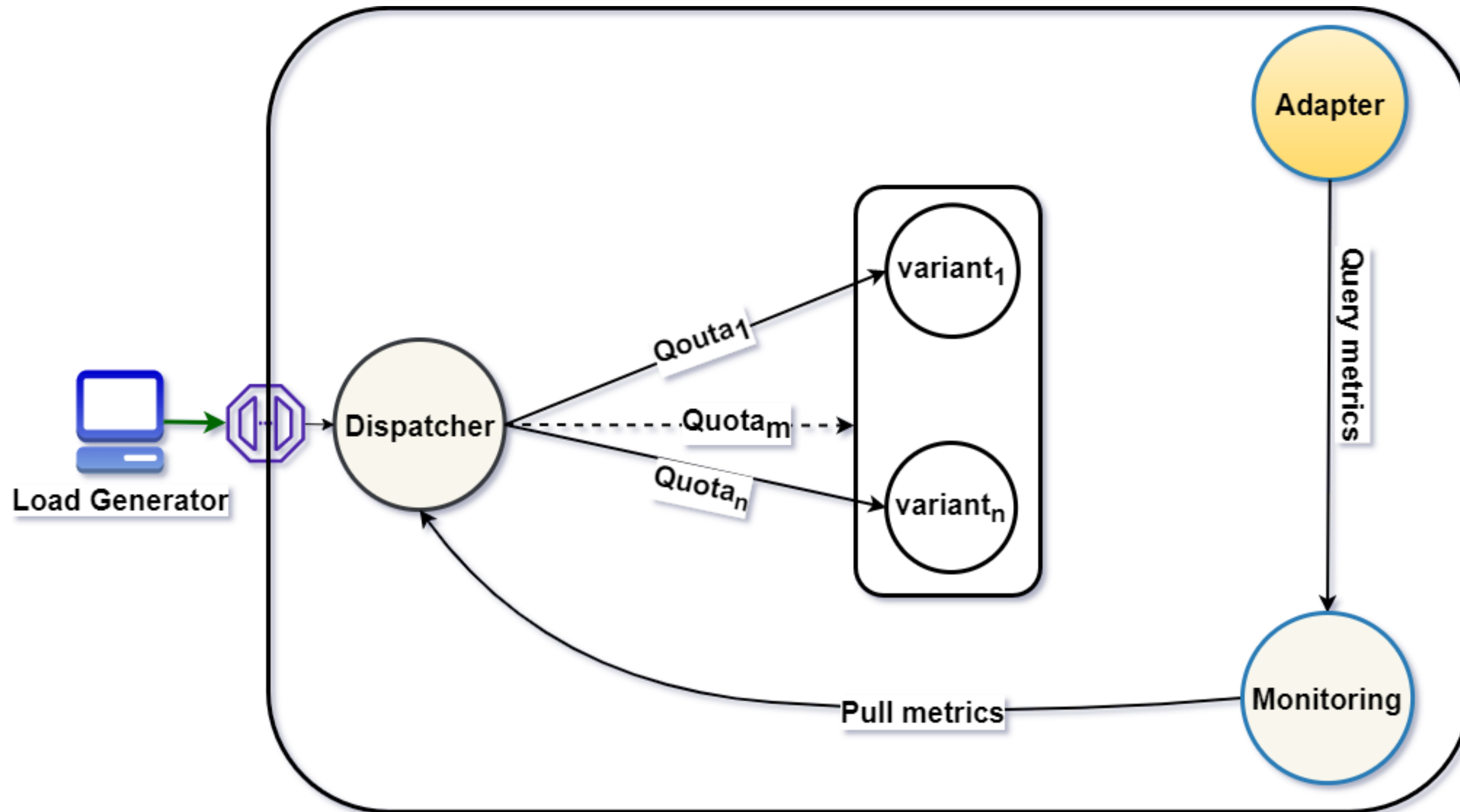
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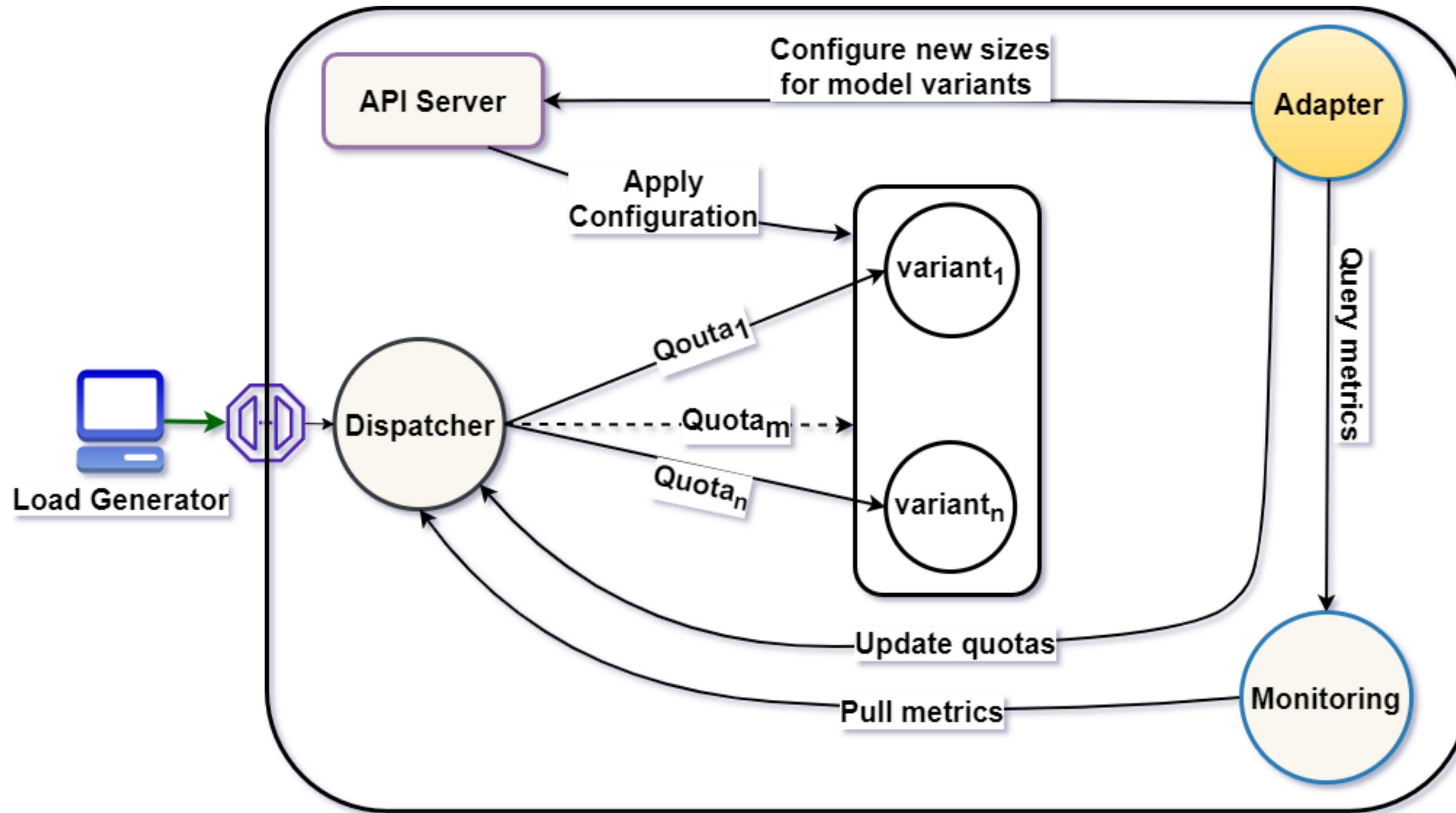
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InfAdapter: Experimental evaluation setup

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

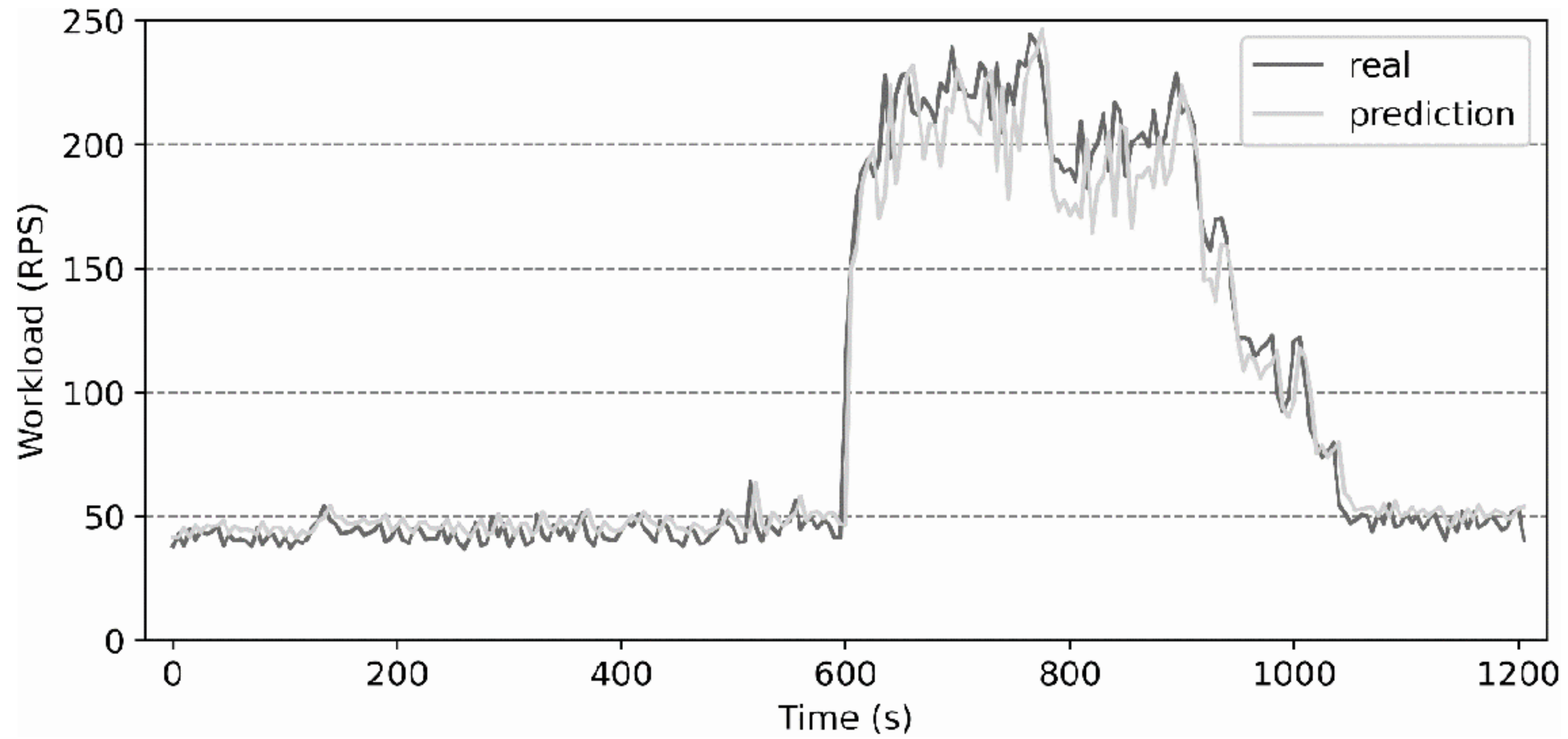
Baselines: **Kubernetes VPA** and **Model-Switching**

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

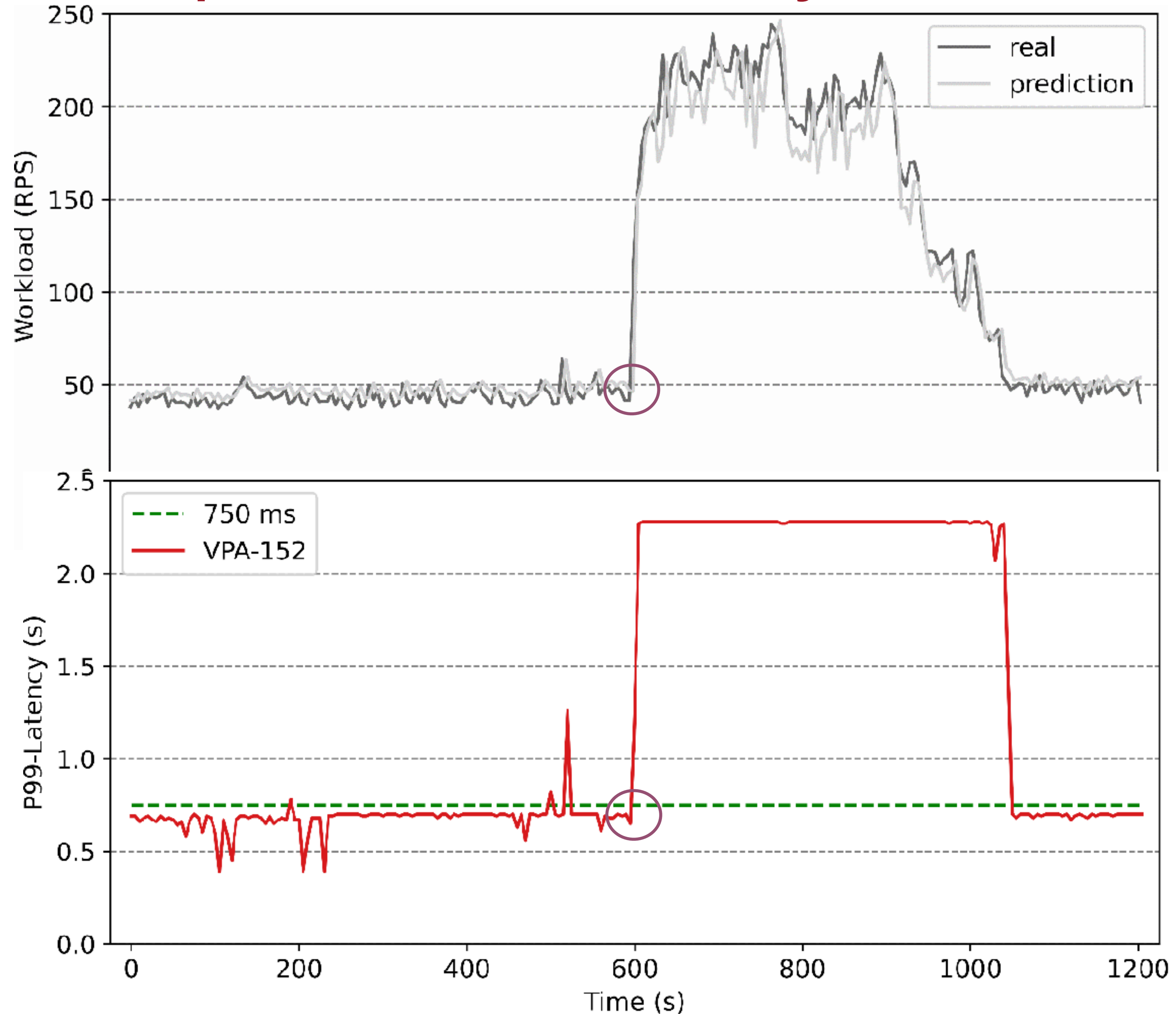
Interval adaptation: 30 seconds

Kubernetes cluster: 48 Cores, 192 GiB RAM

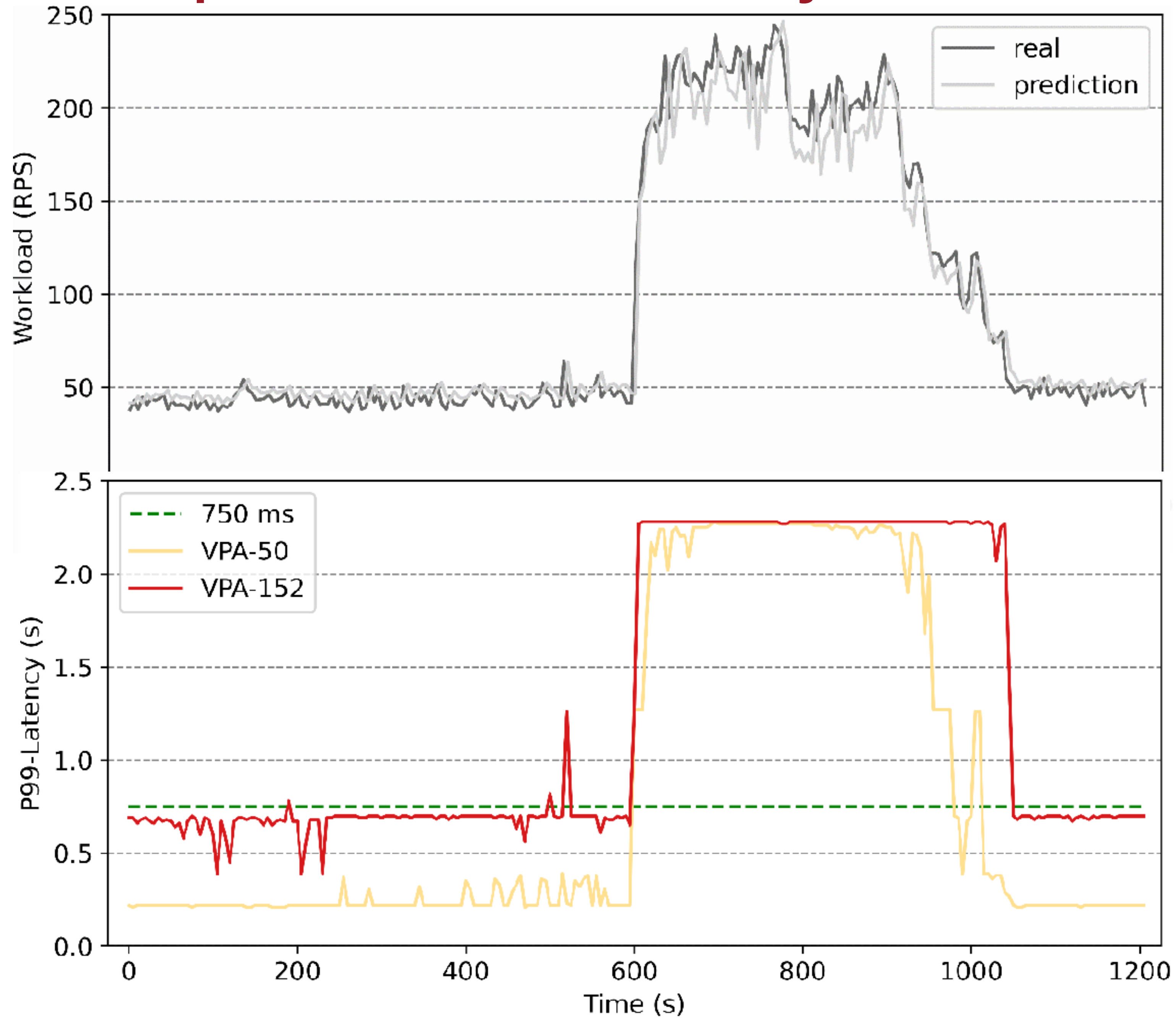
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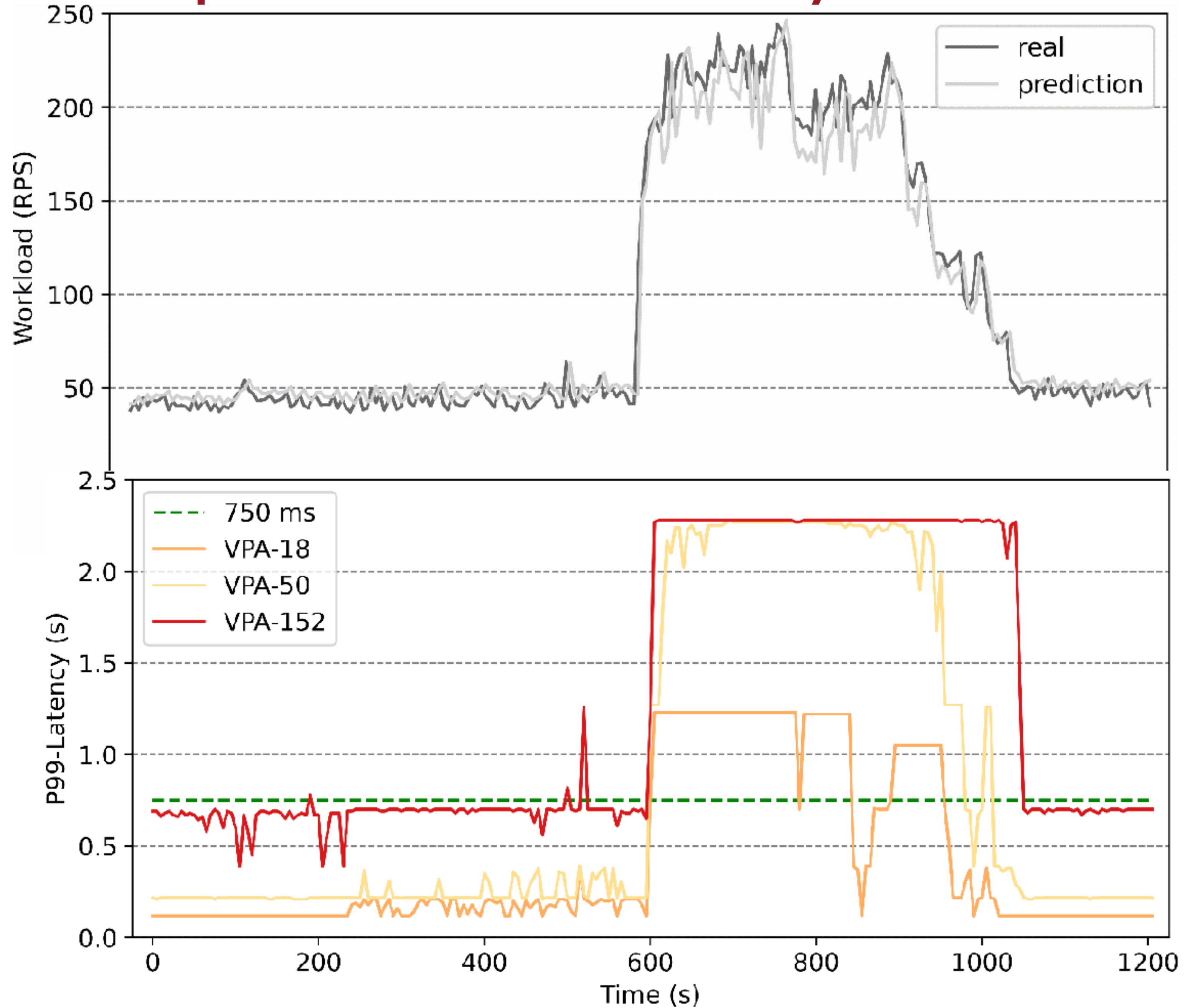
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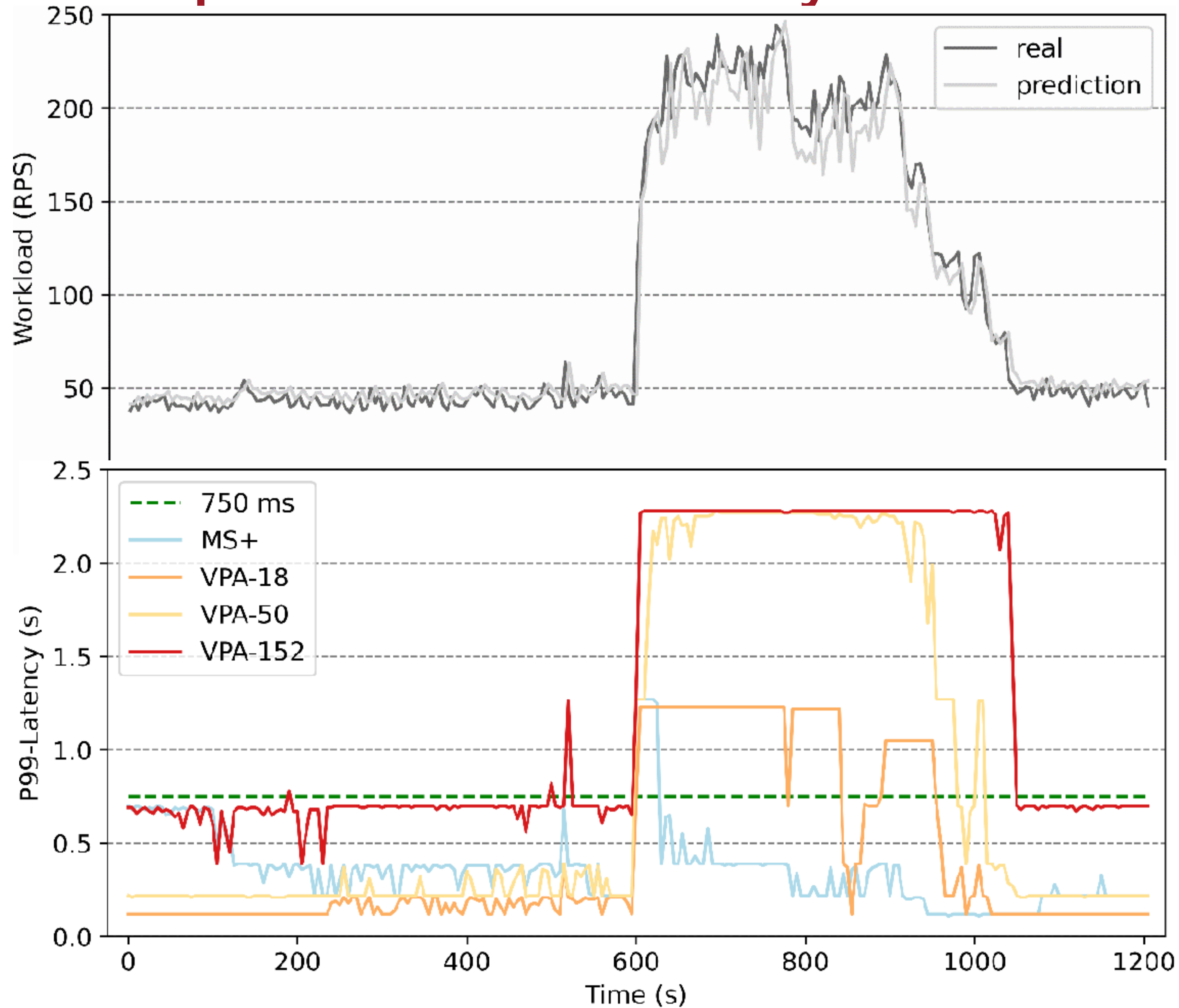
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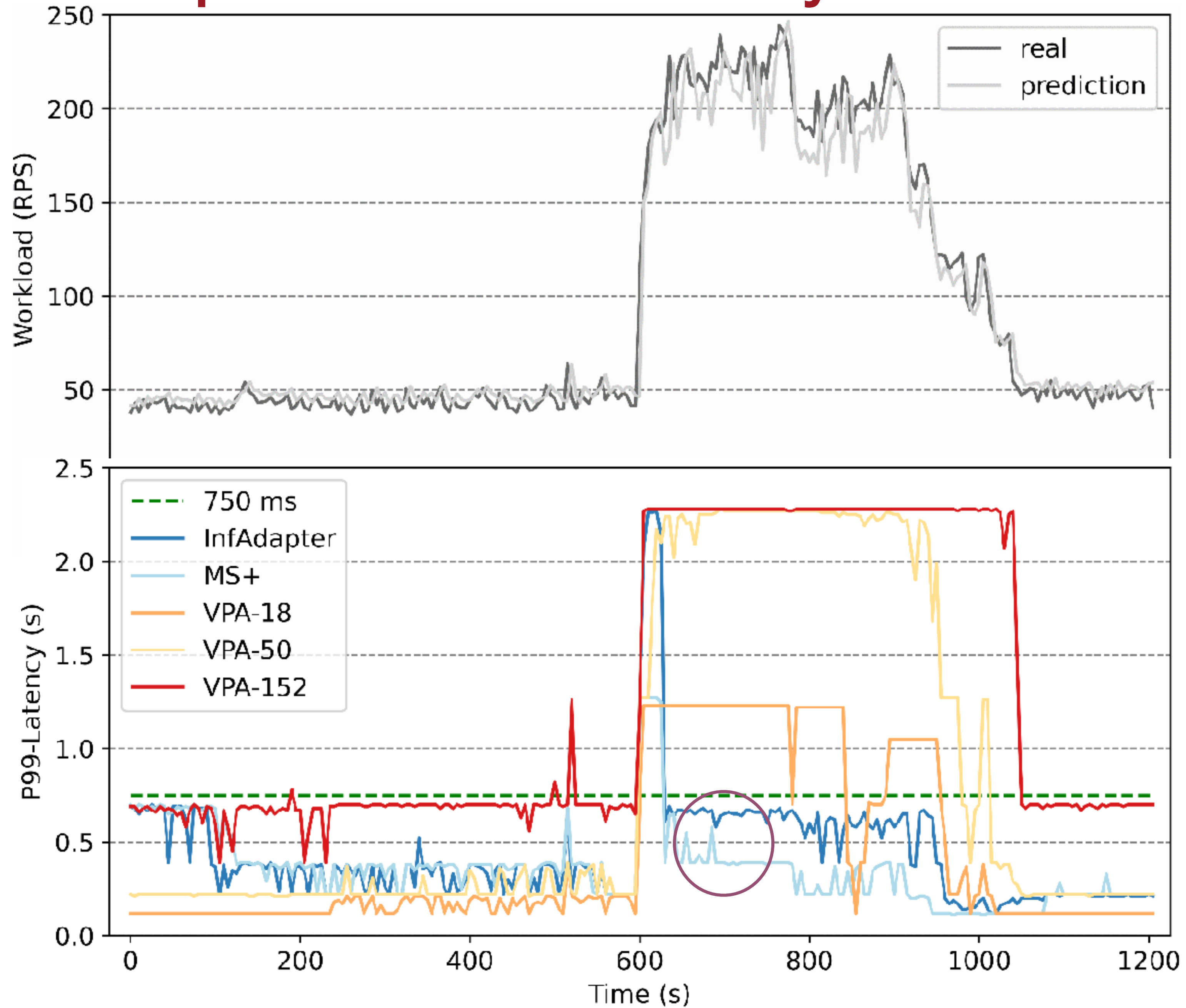
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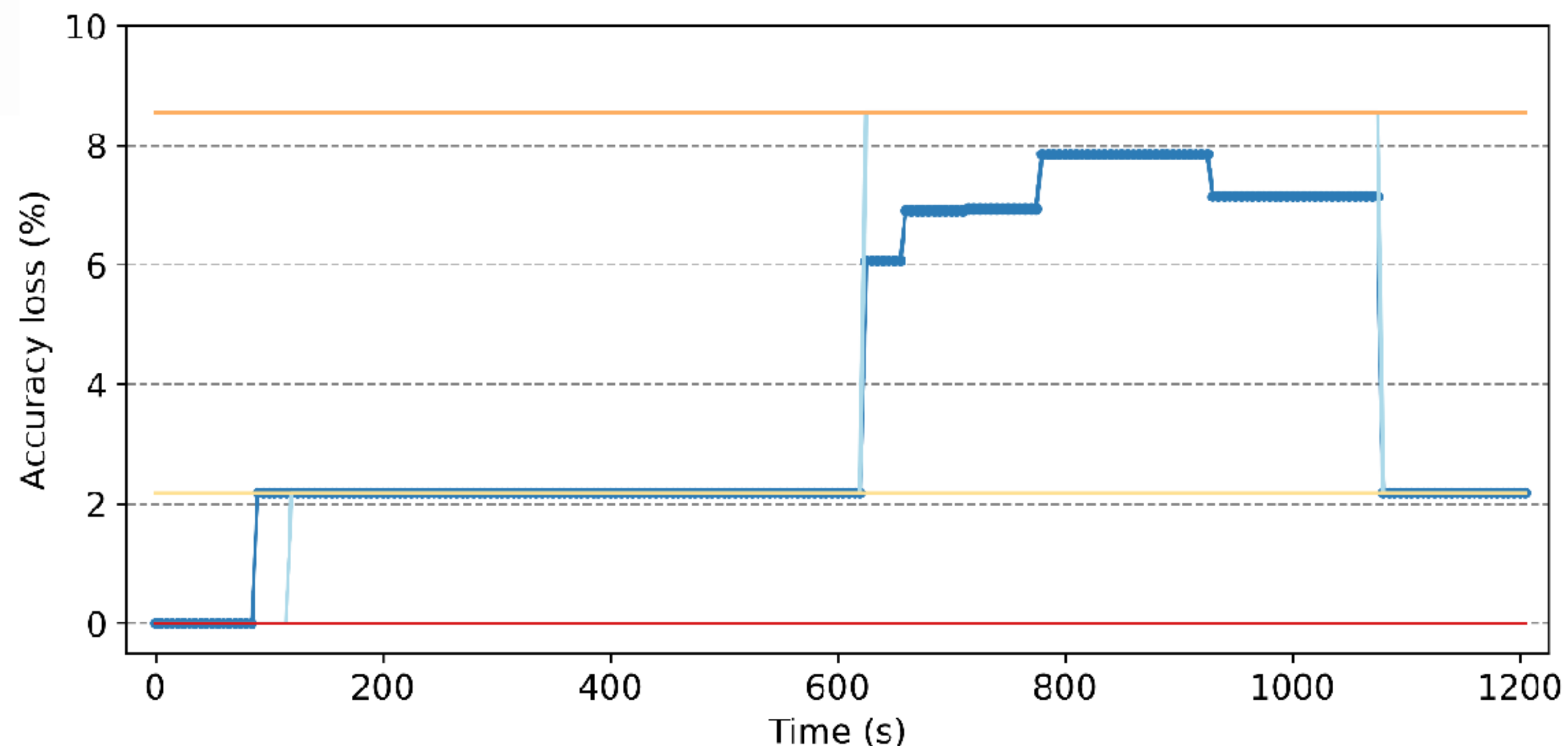
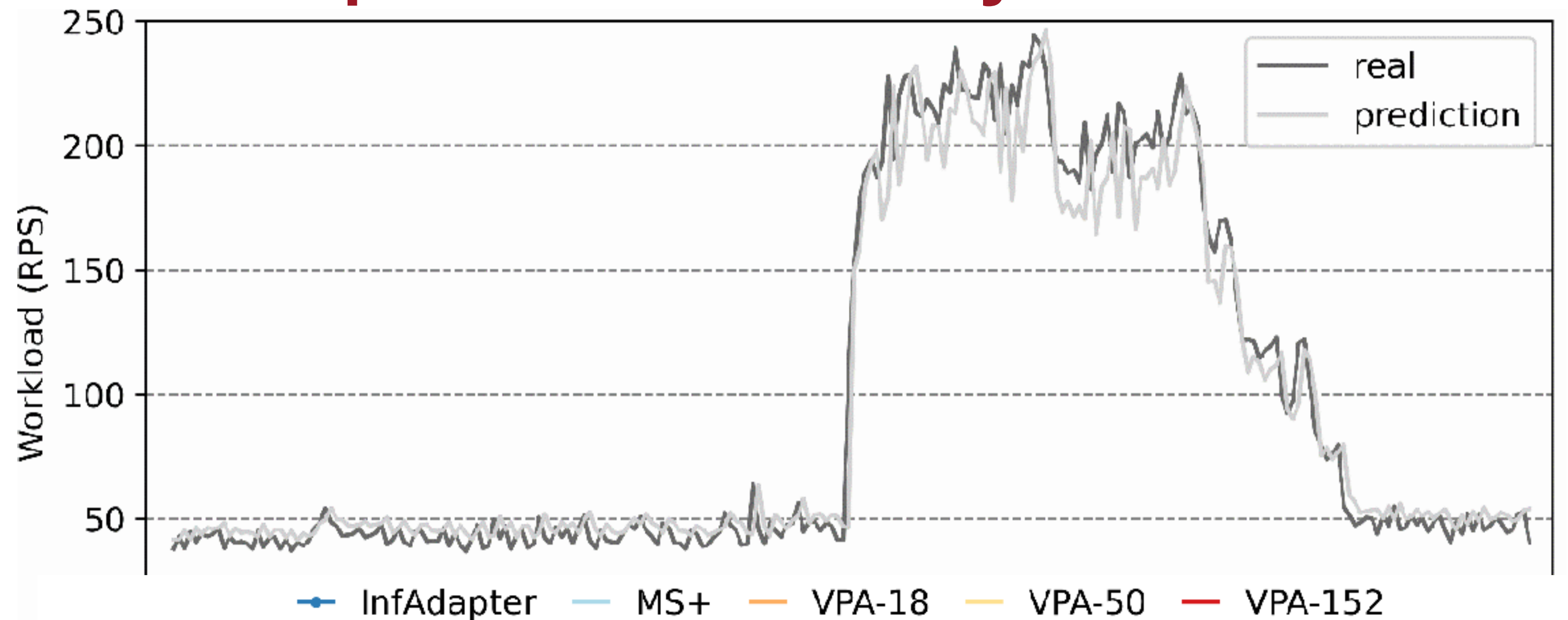
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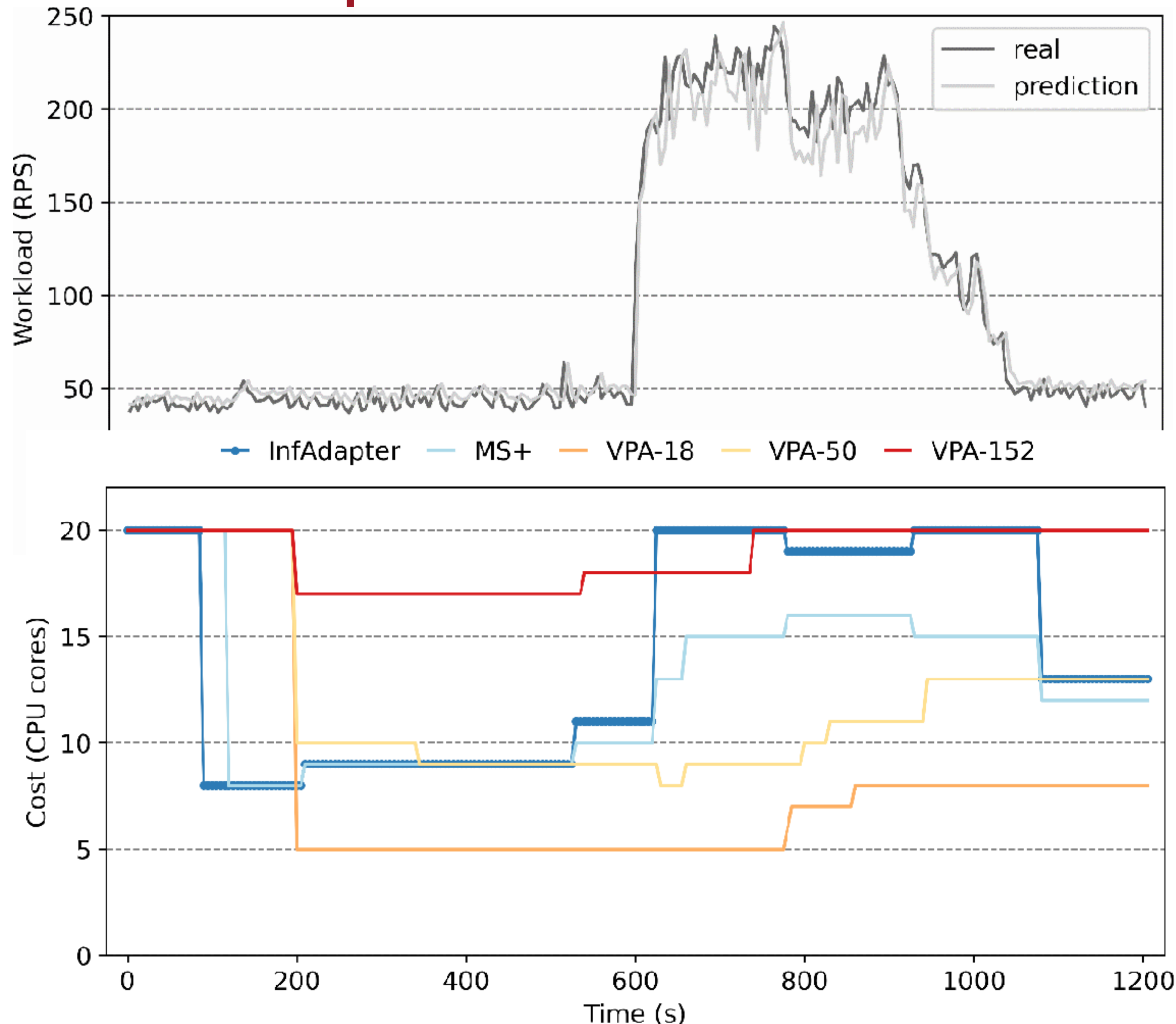
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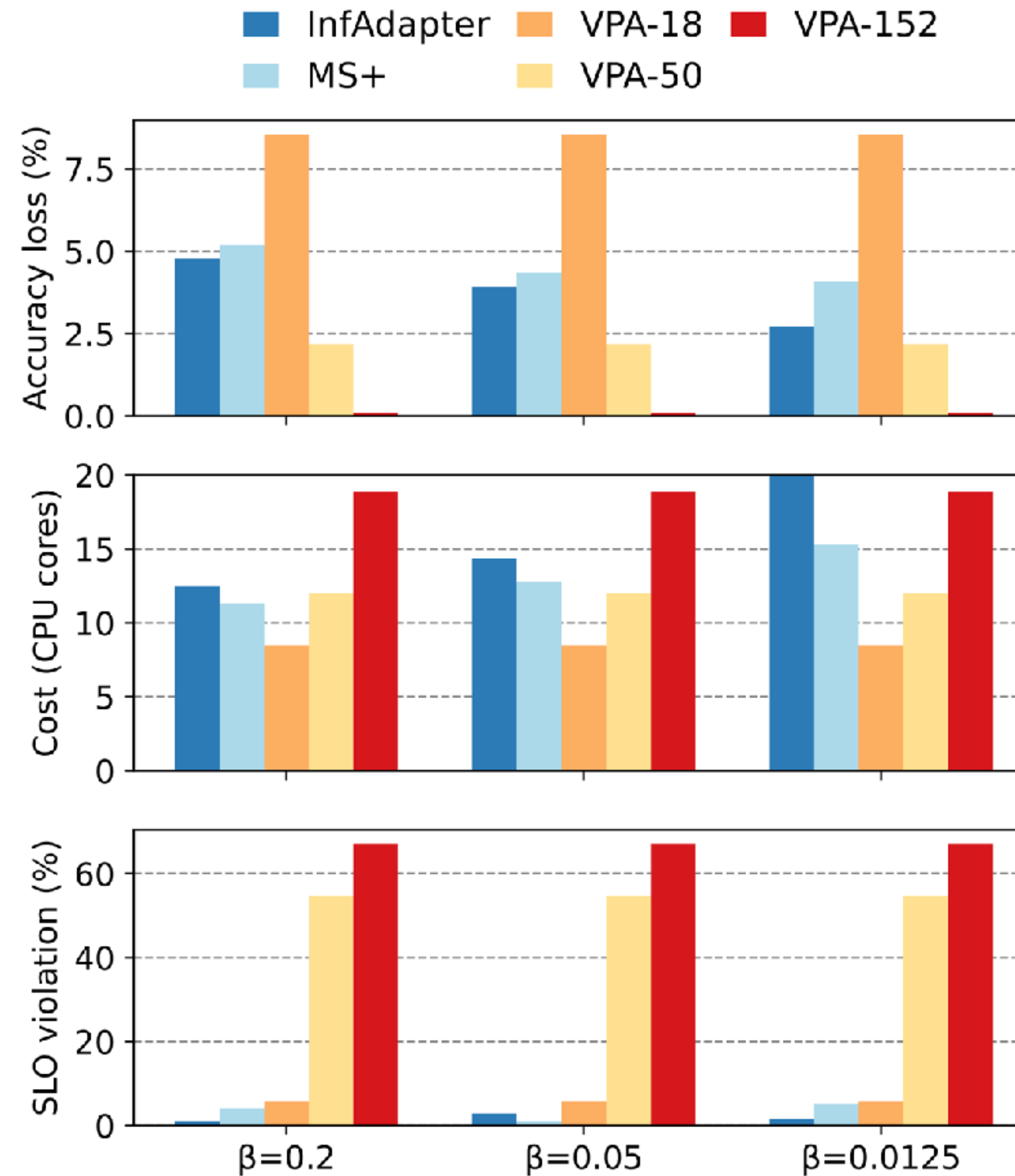
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InfAdapter: Cost evaluation



InfAdapter: Tradeoff Space



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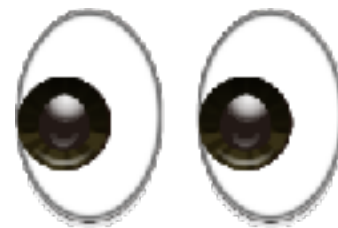


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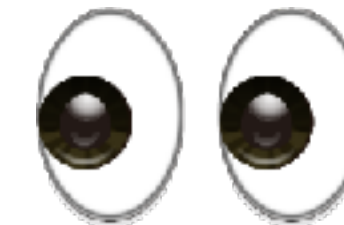
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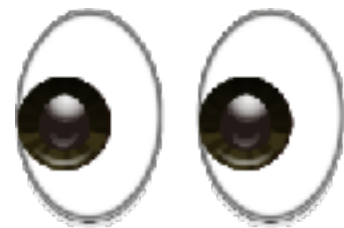


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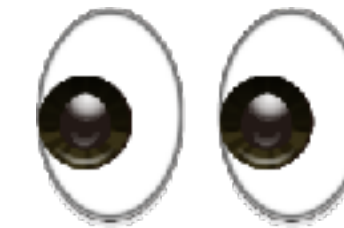
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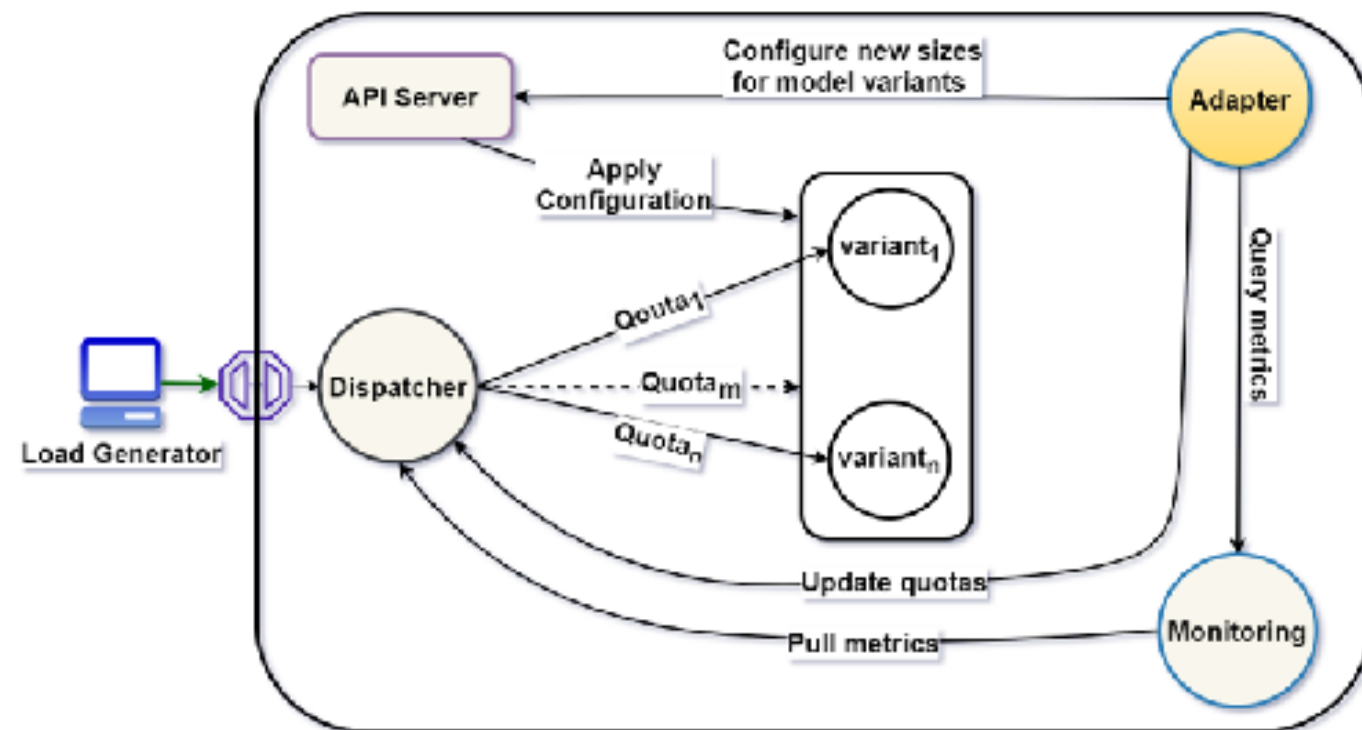


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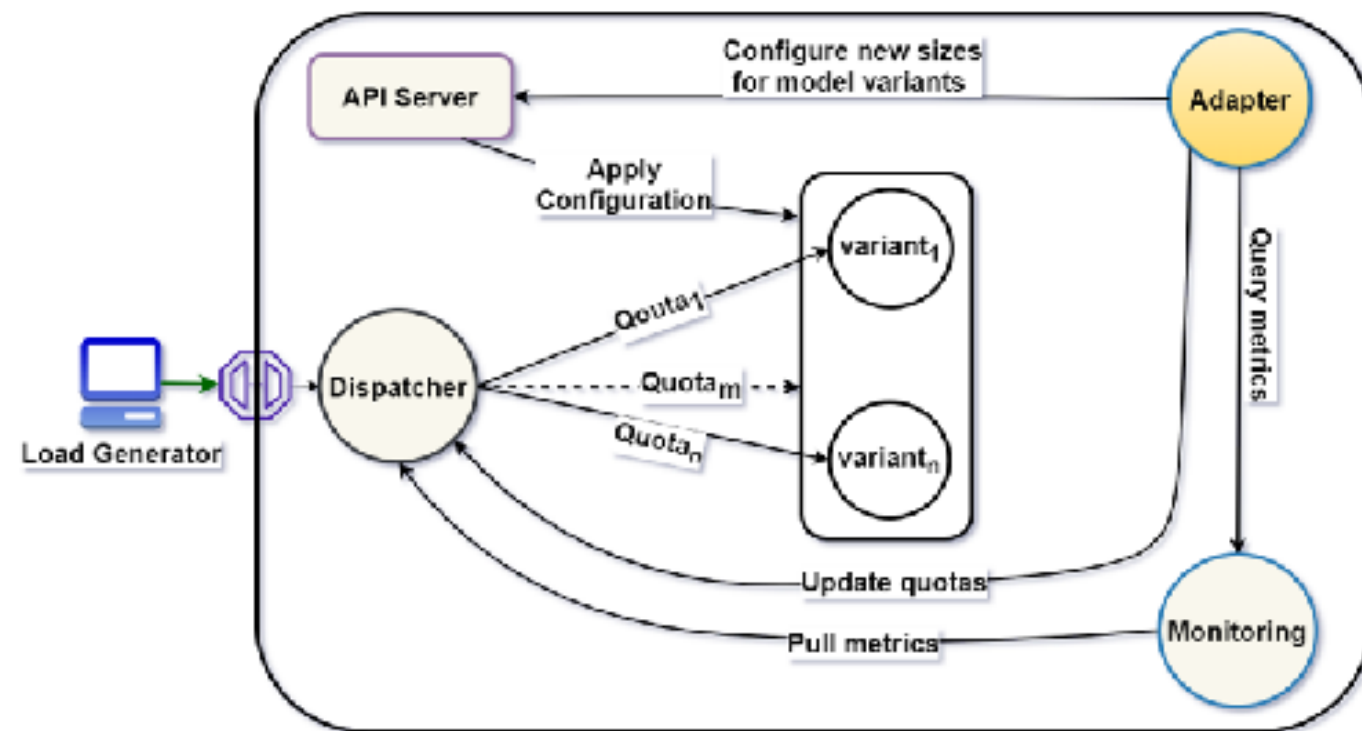


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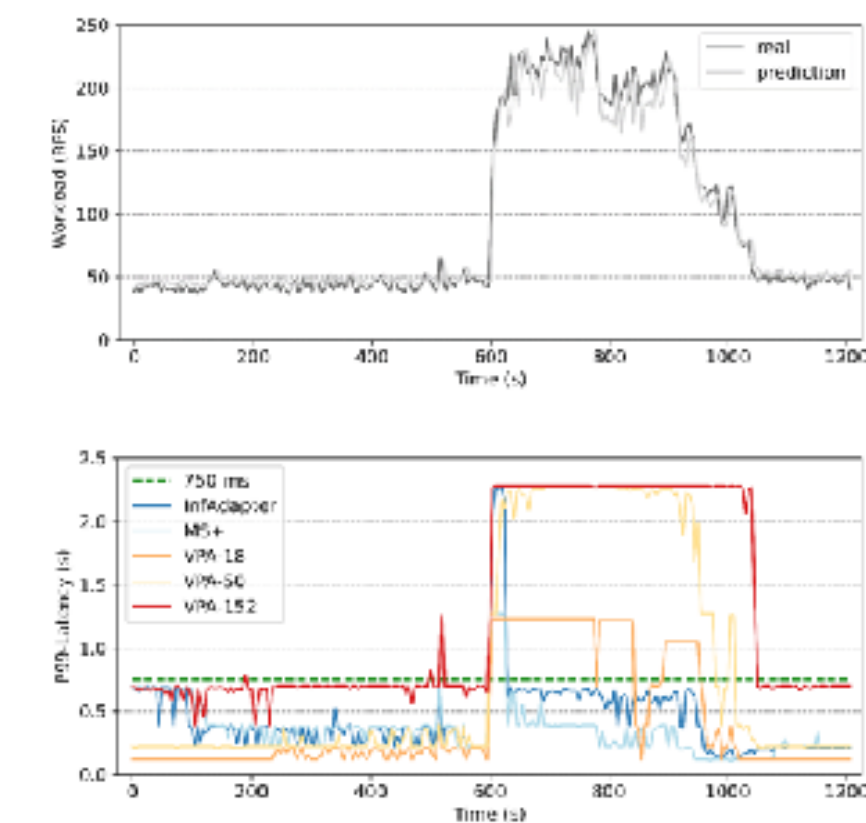
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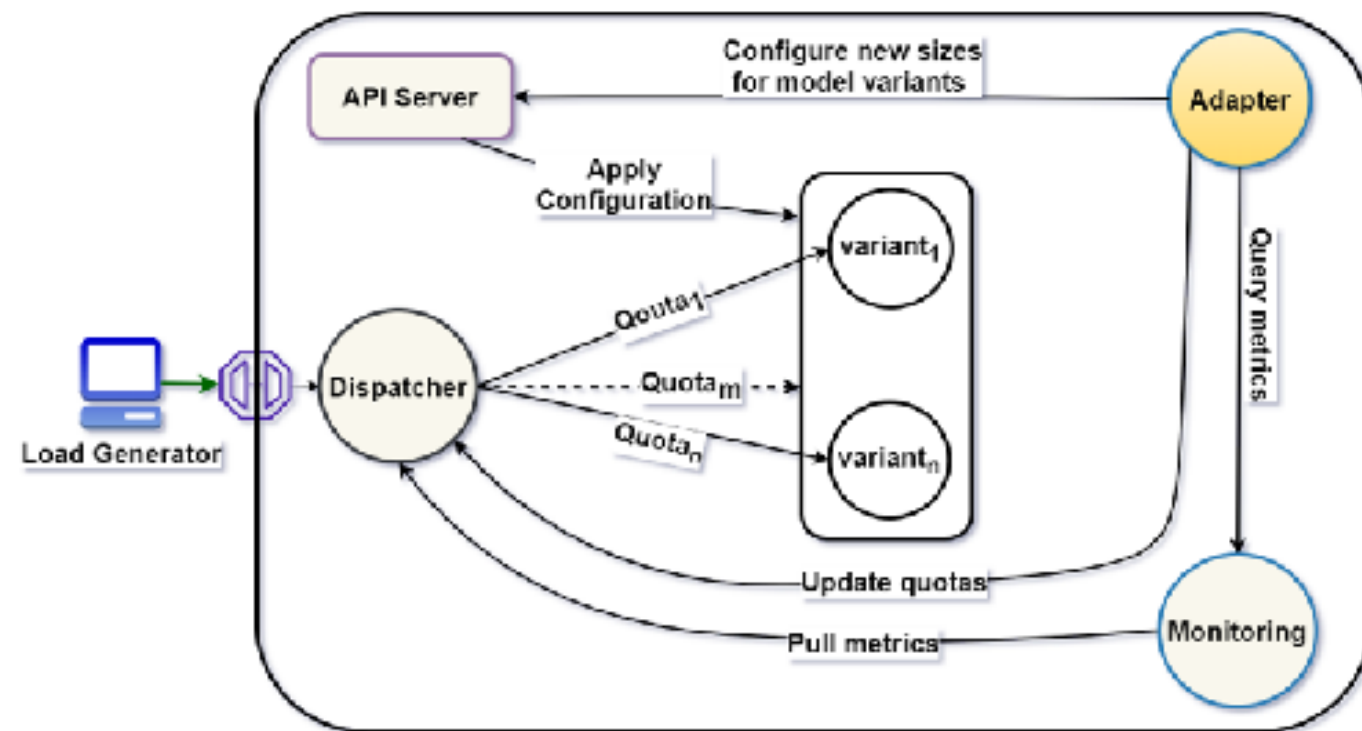


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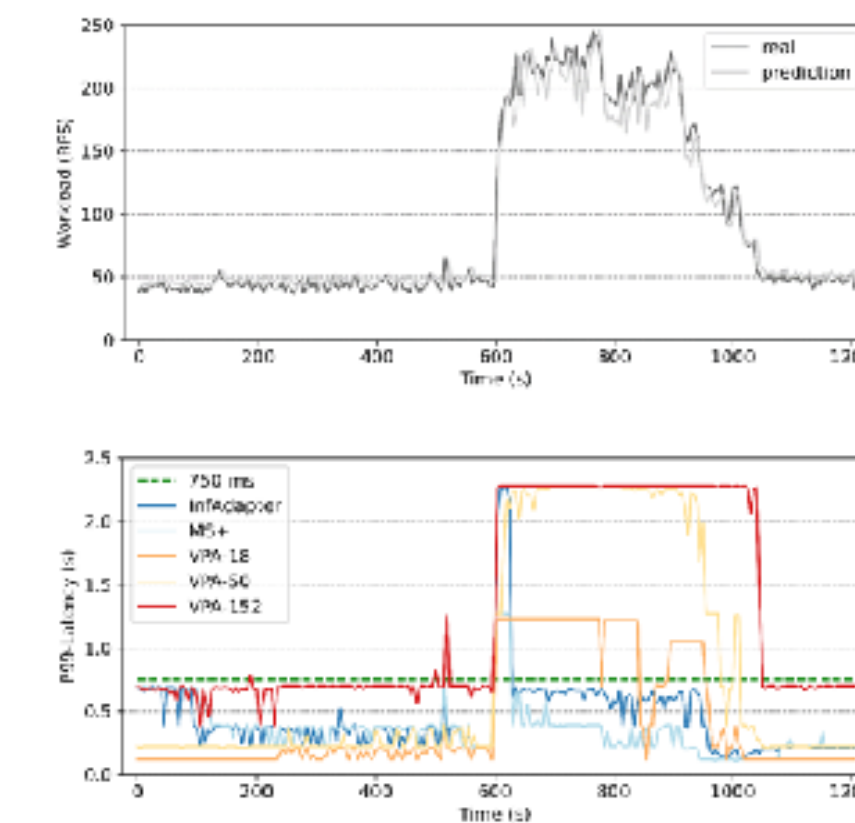
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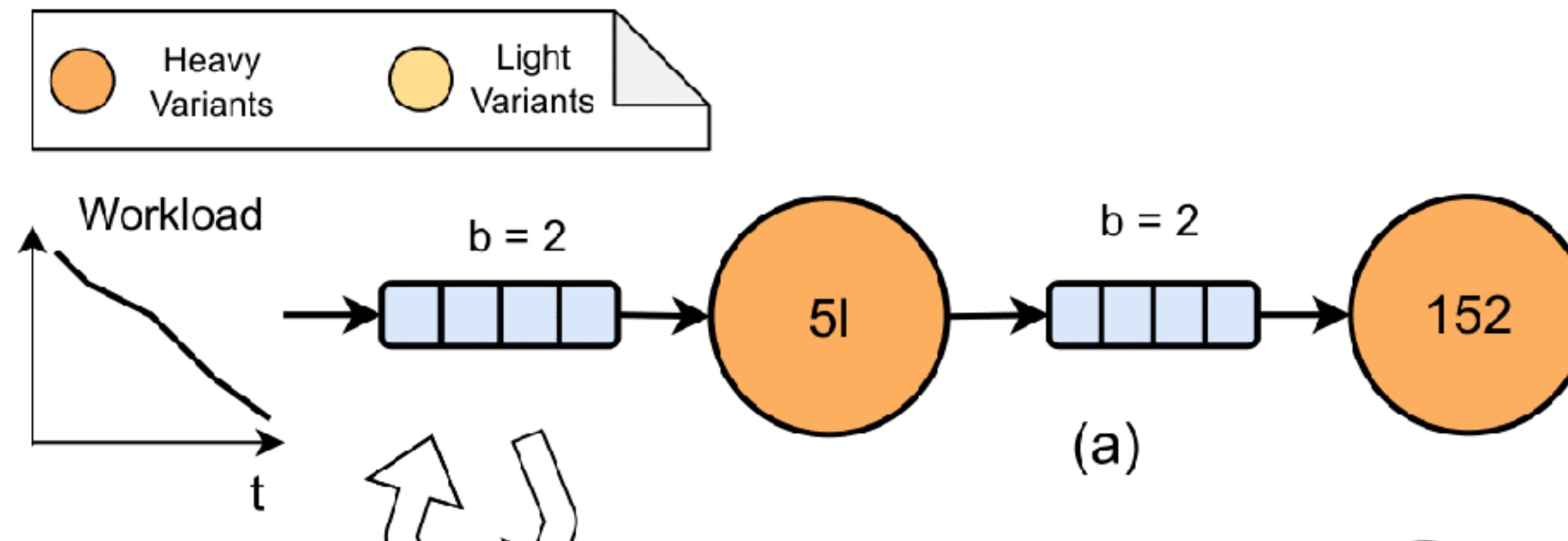
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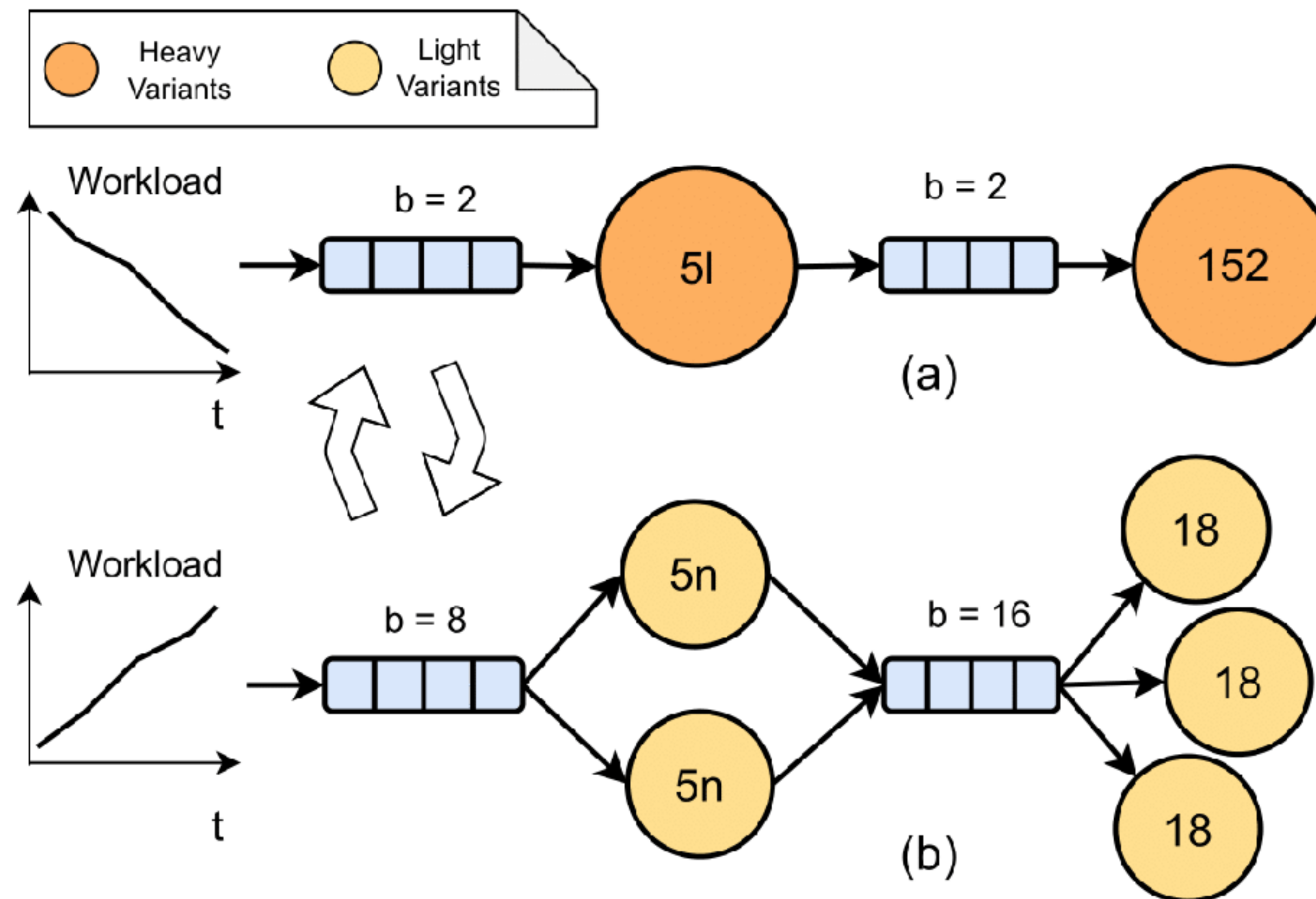
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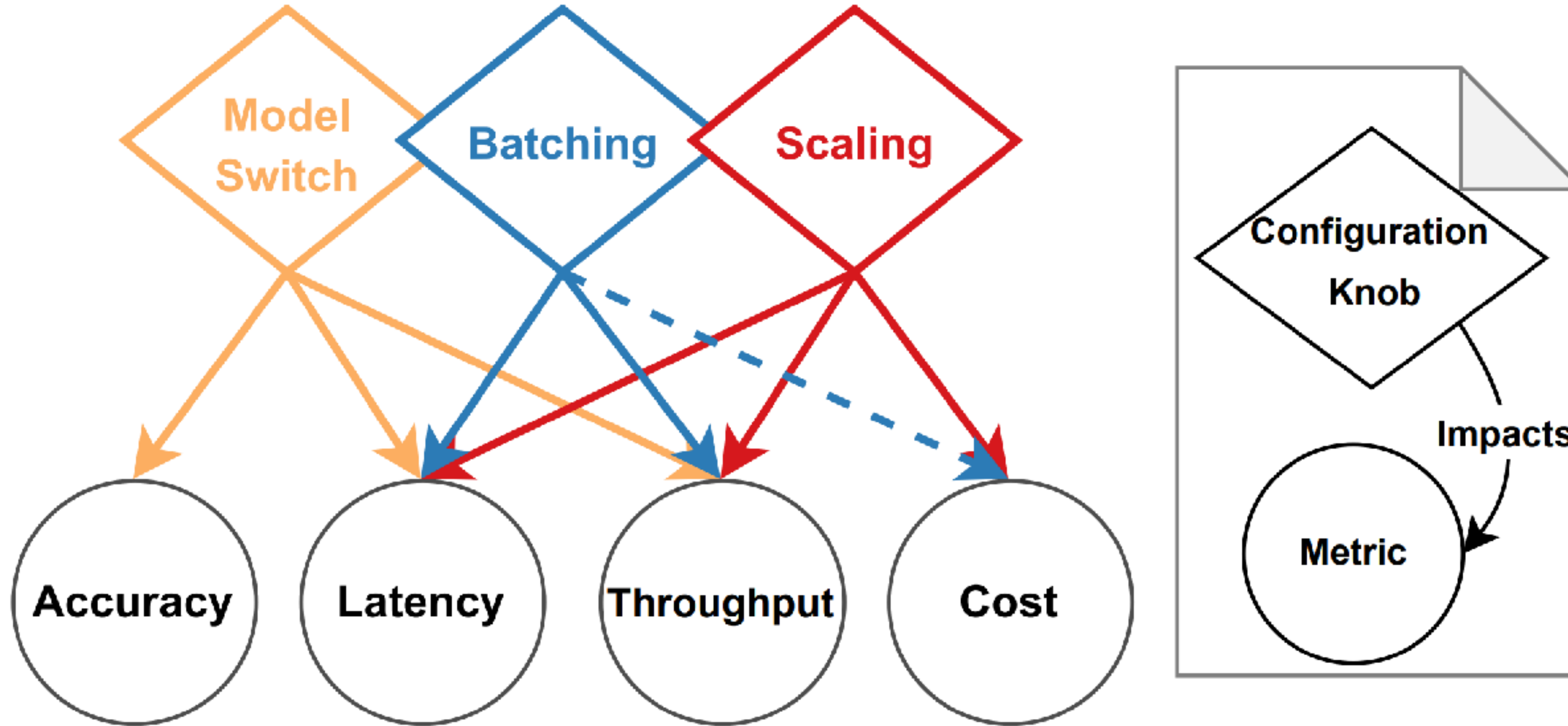
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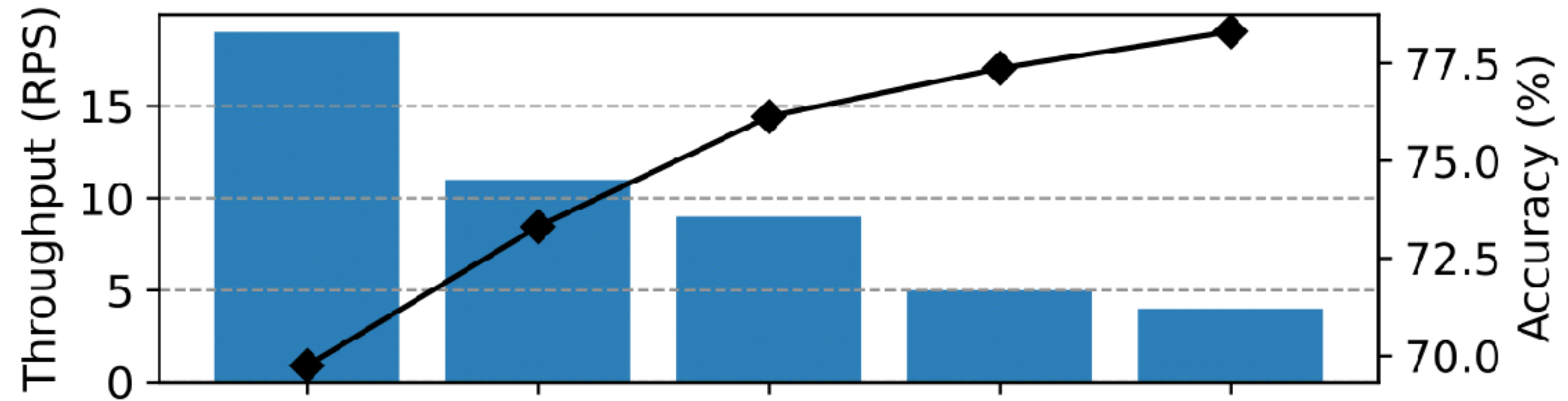
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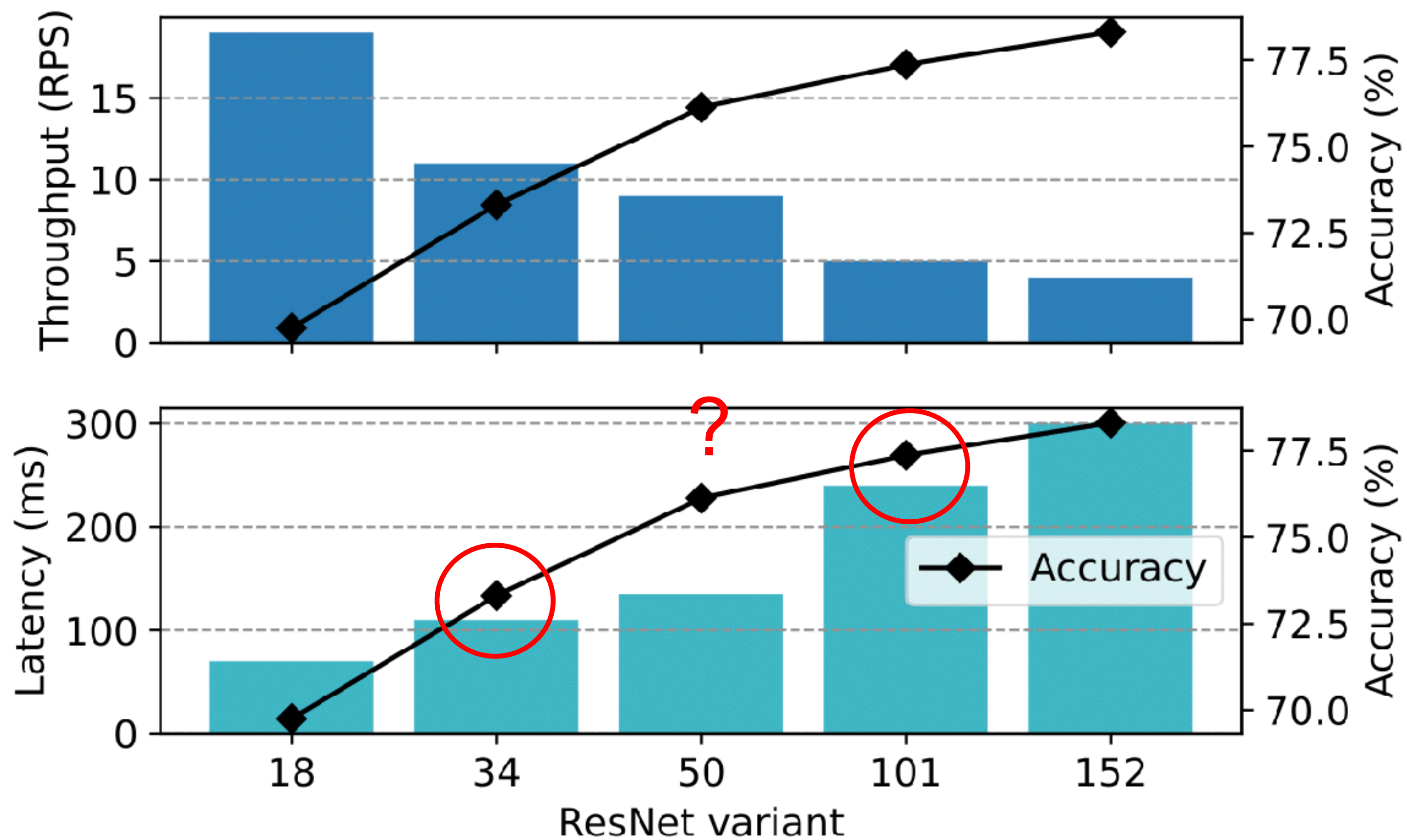
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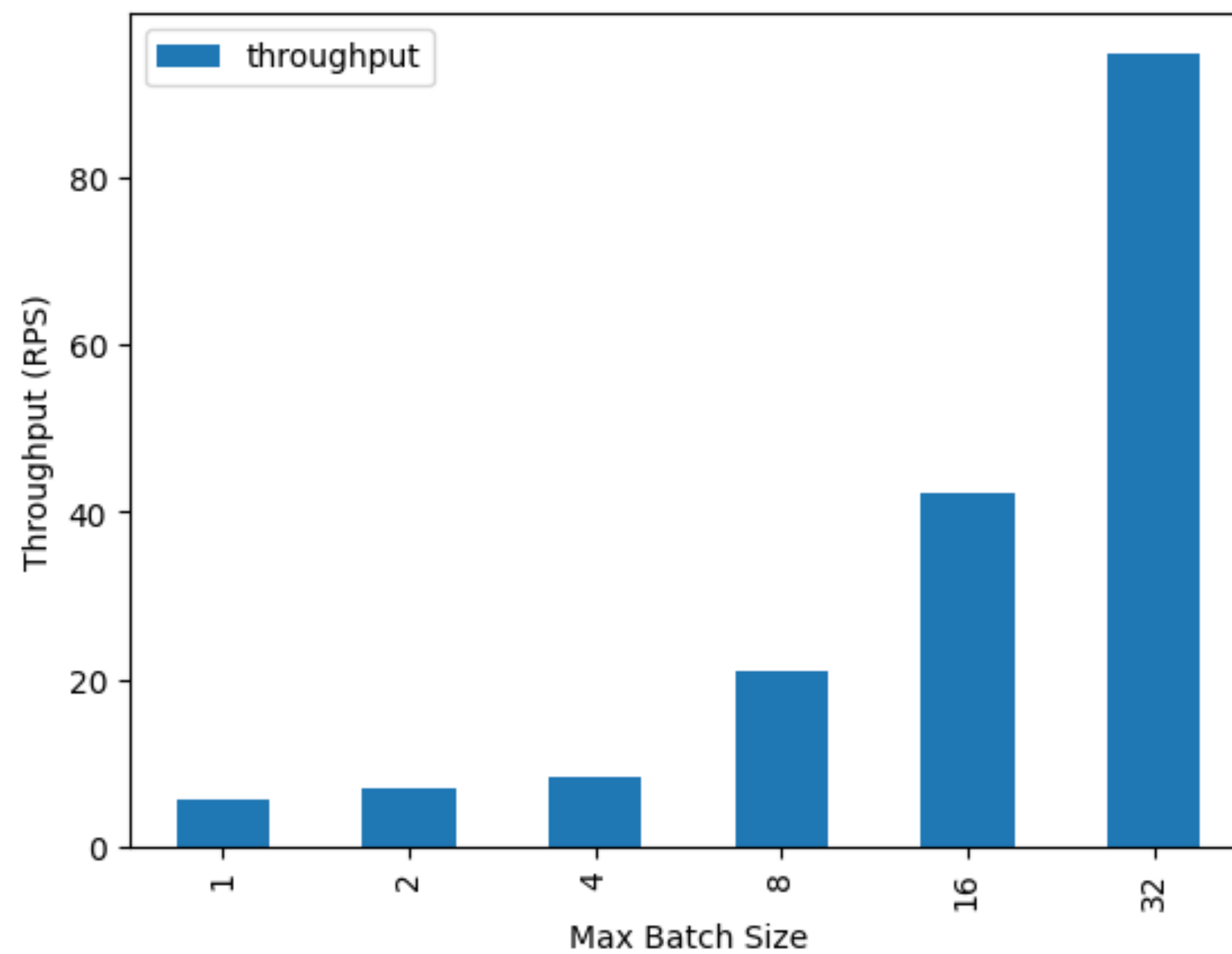
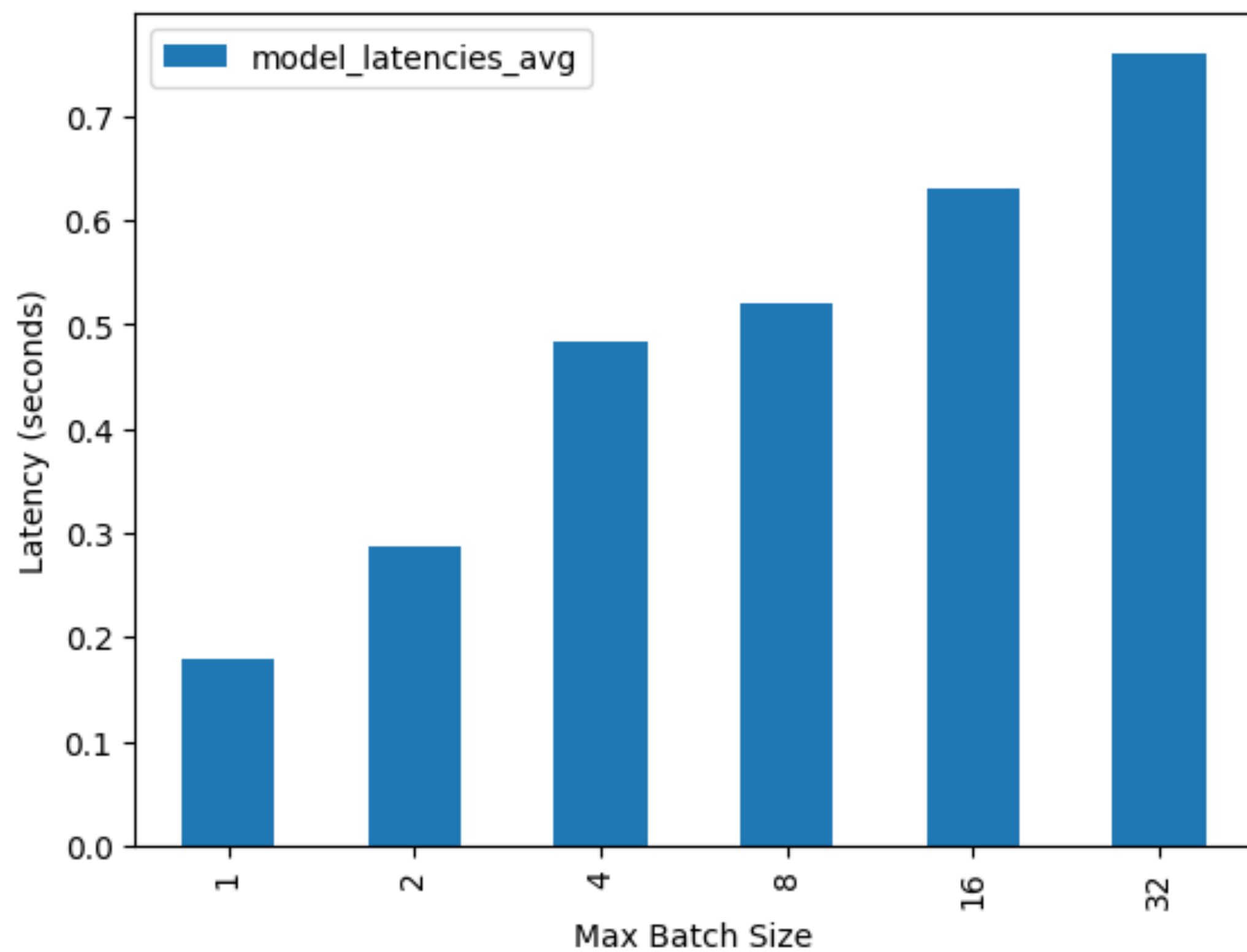
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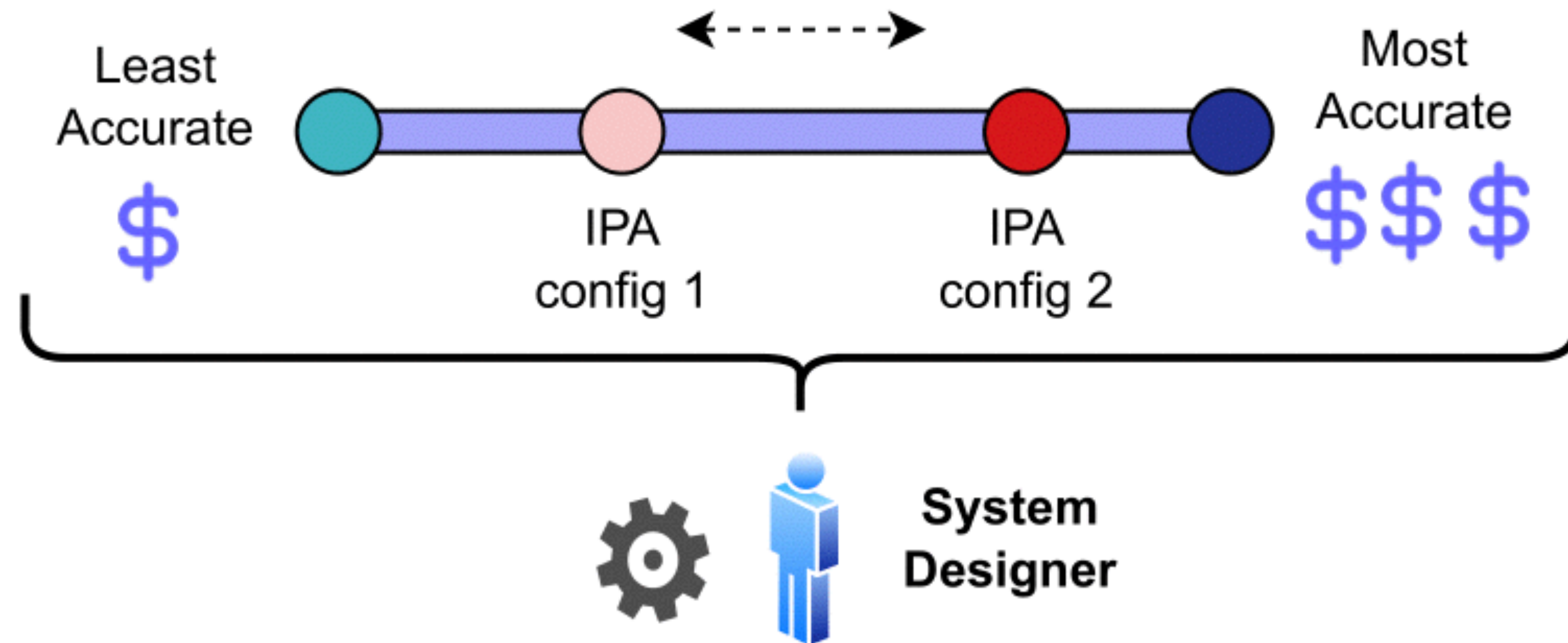
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Effect of Batching



Goal: Providing a flexible inference pipeline



Problem Formulation

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

Accuracy
Objective

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

Resource
Objective

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

Batch
Control

Problem Formulation

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \quad f(n, s, I) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \sum_{s \in P} l_s(b_s) + q_s(b_s) \leq SLA_P, \\ & \quad \text{if } I_{s,m} = 1, \text{ then} \\ & \quad \quad n_s \cdot h_s(b_s) \geq \lambda_p, \quad \forall s \in P \\ & \quad \quad \sum_{m \in M_s} I_{s,m} = 1, \quad \forall s \in P \\ & \quad n_s, b_s \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \quad I_{s,m} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad \forall s \in S \end{aligned}$$

Latency SLA

Throughput
Constraint

One active
model per
node

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Evaluations

Setup and Partial Results

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How to navigate Model Variants



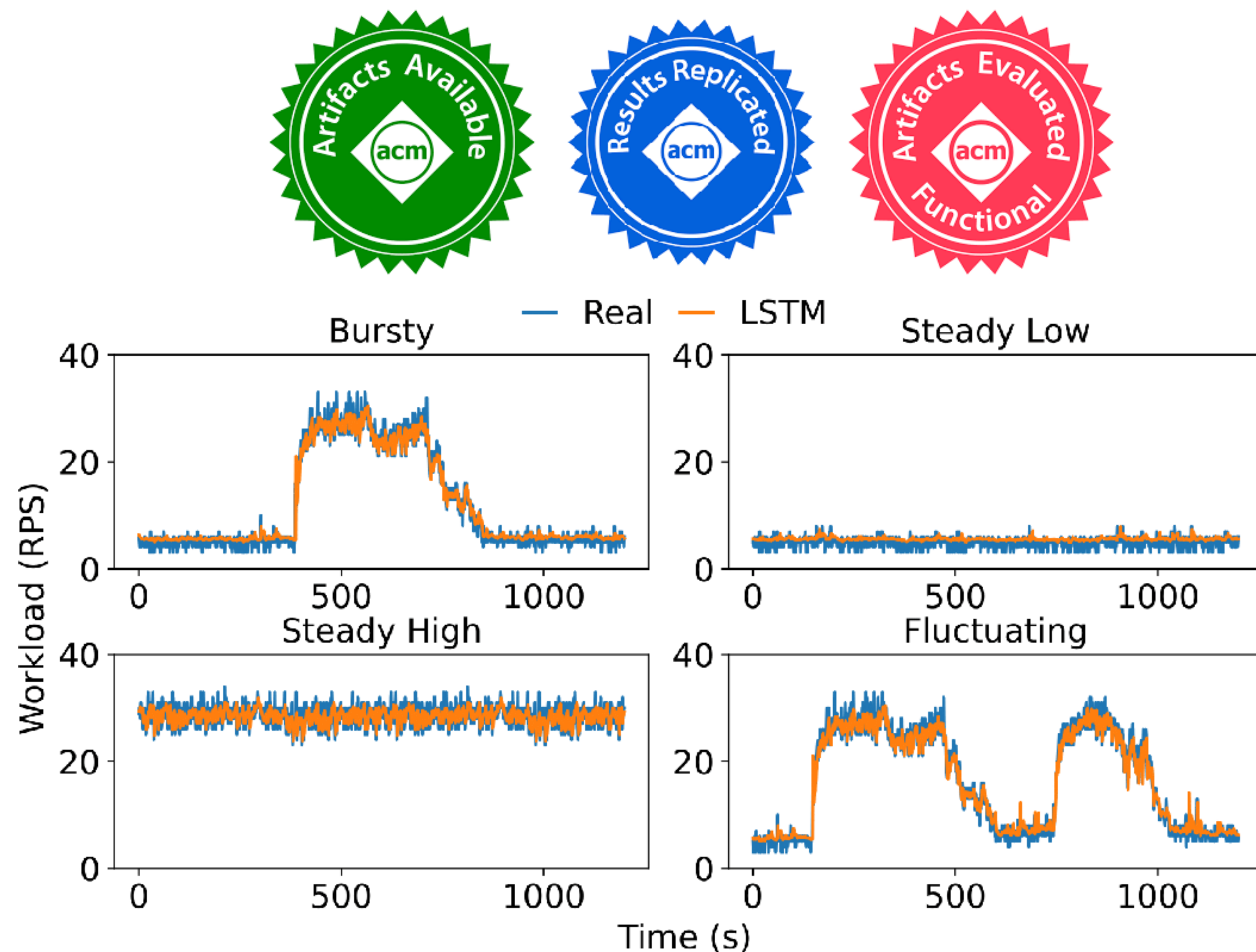
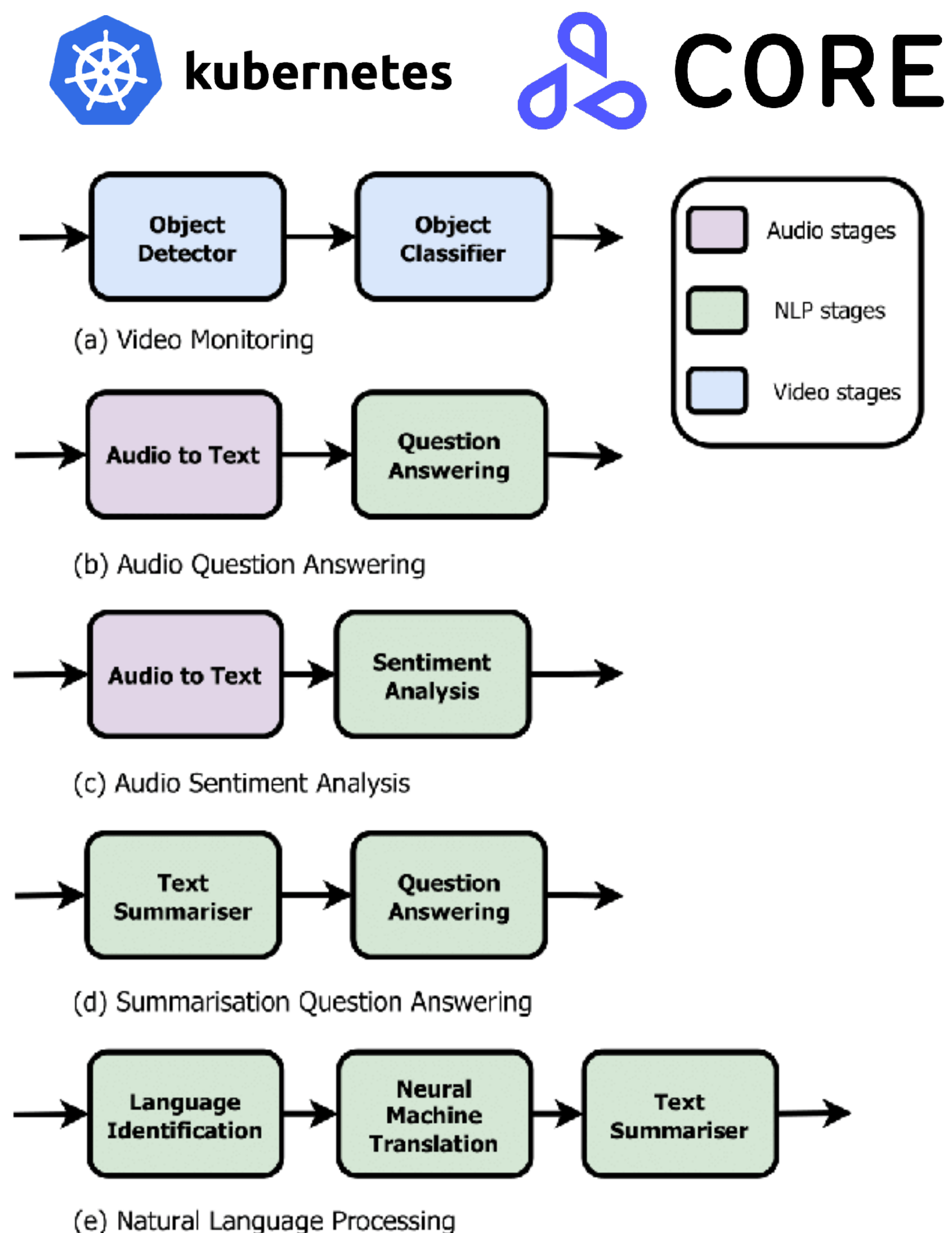
1. Industry standard
2. Used in recent research
3. Complete set of autoscaling, scheduling, observability tools (e.g. CPU usage)
4. APIs for changing the current AutoScaling algorithms



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

Evaluation

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



We compared IPA with RIM and FA2

Rim: Offloading Inference to the Edge

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FA2: Fast, Accurate Autoscaling for Serving Deep Learning Inference with SLA Guarantees

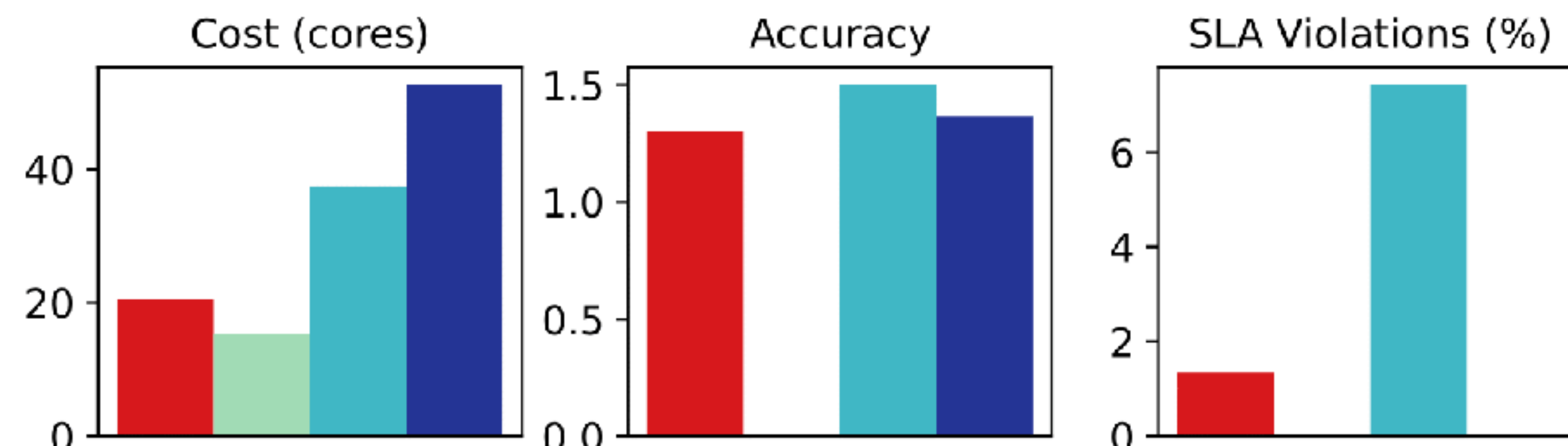
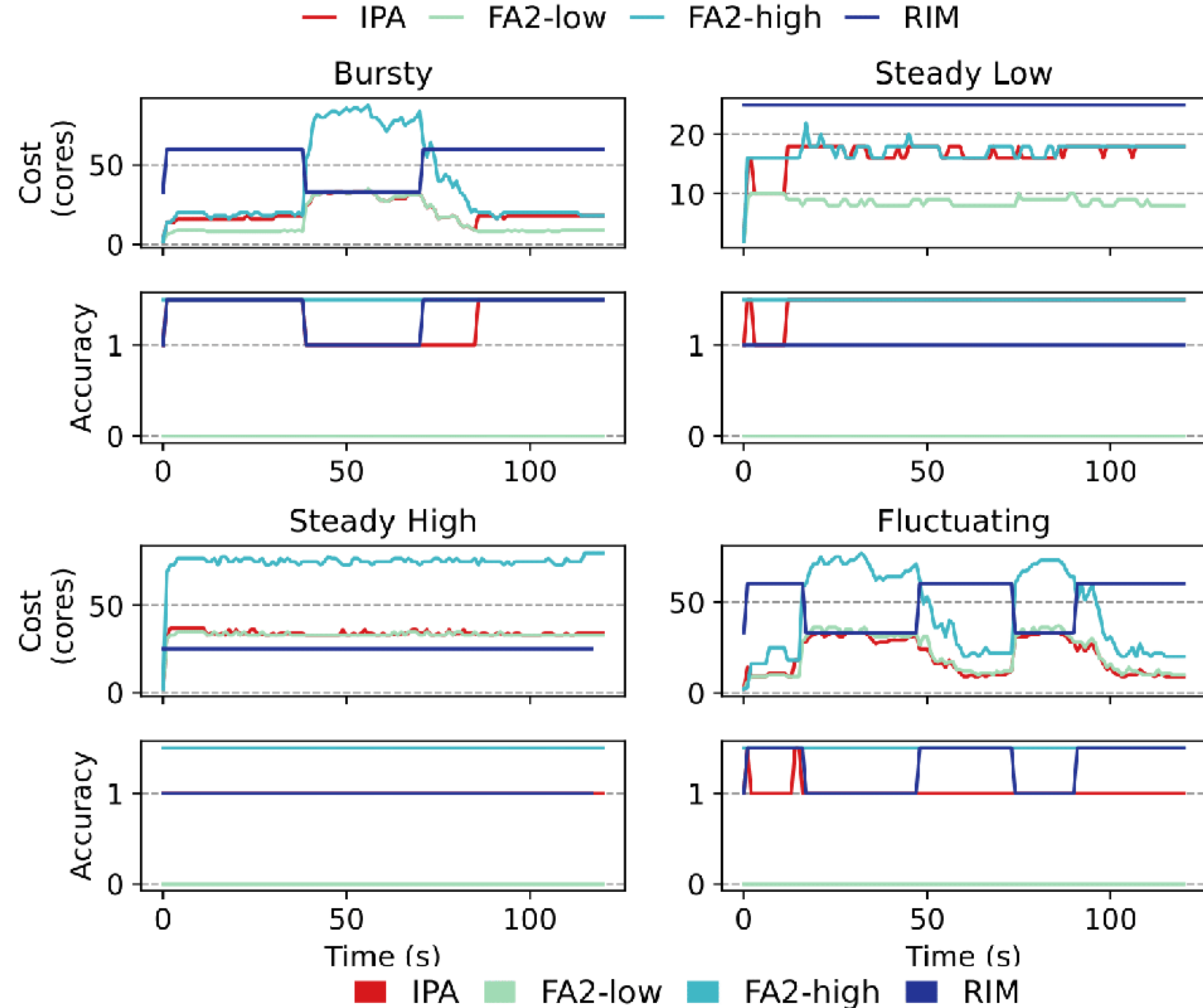
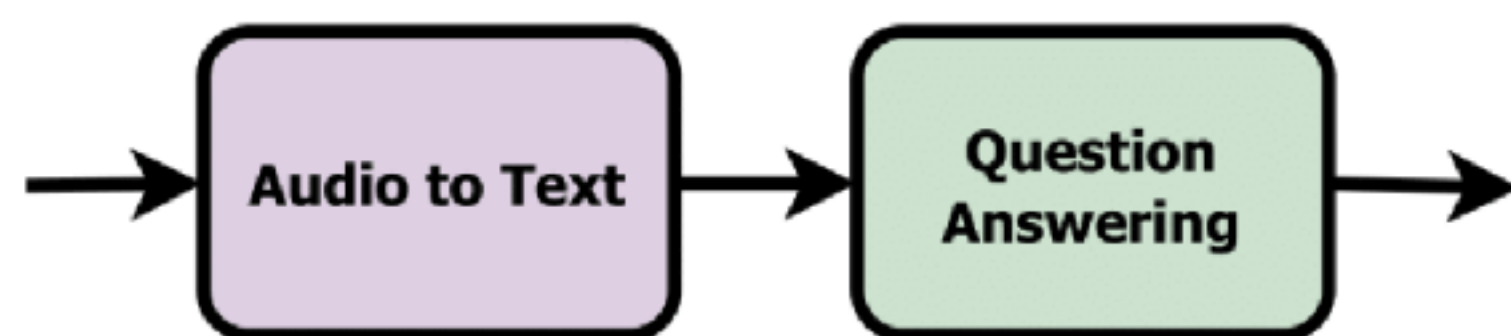
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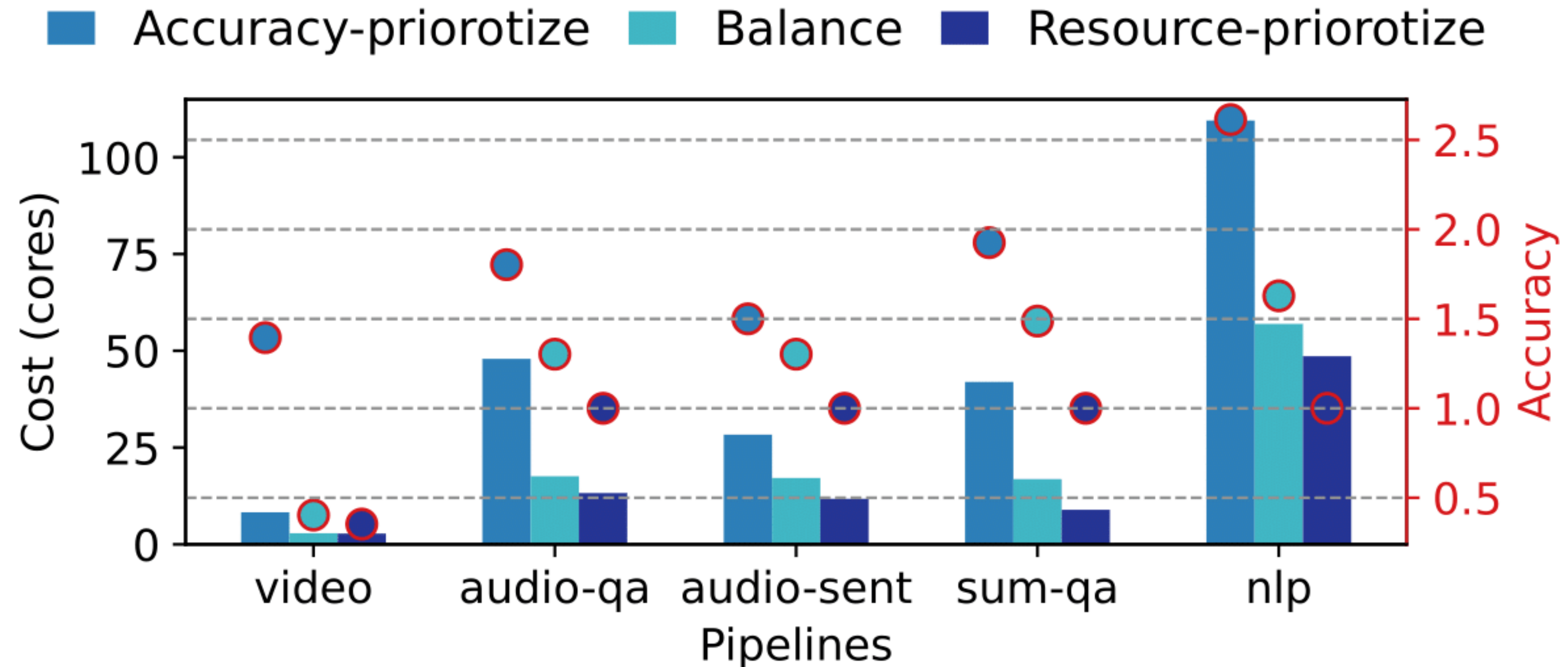
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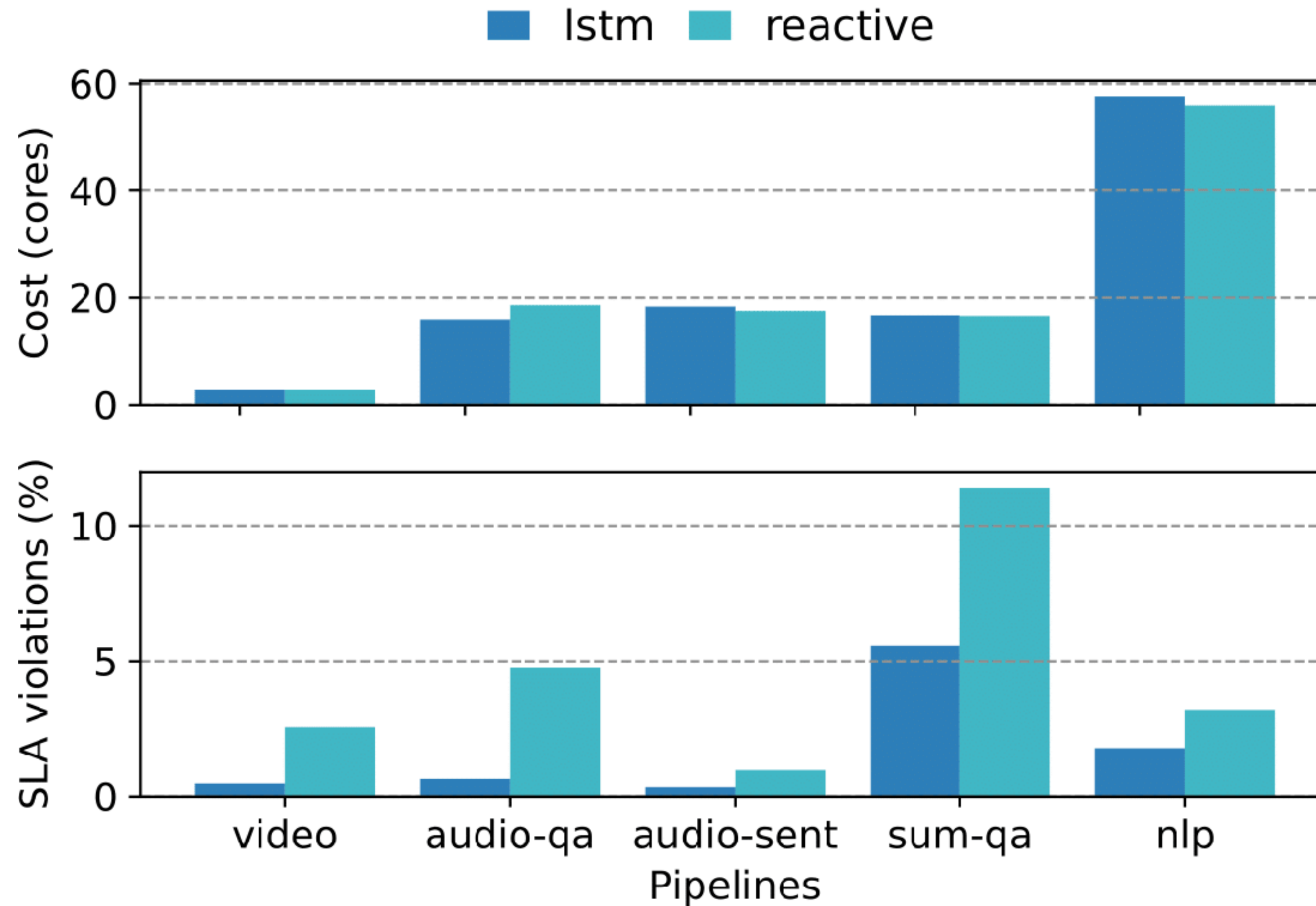
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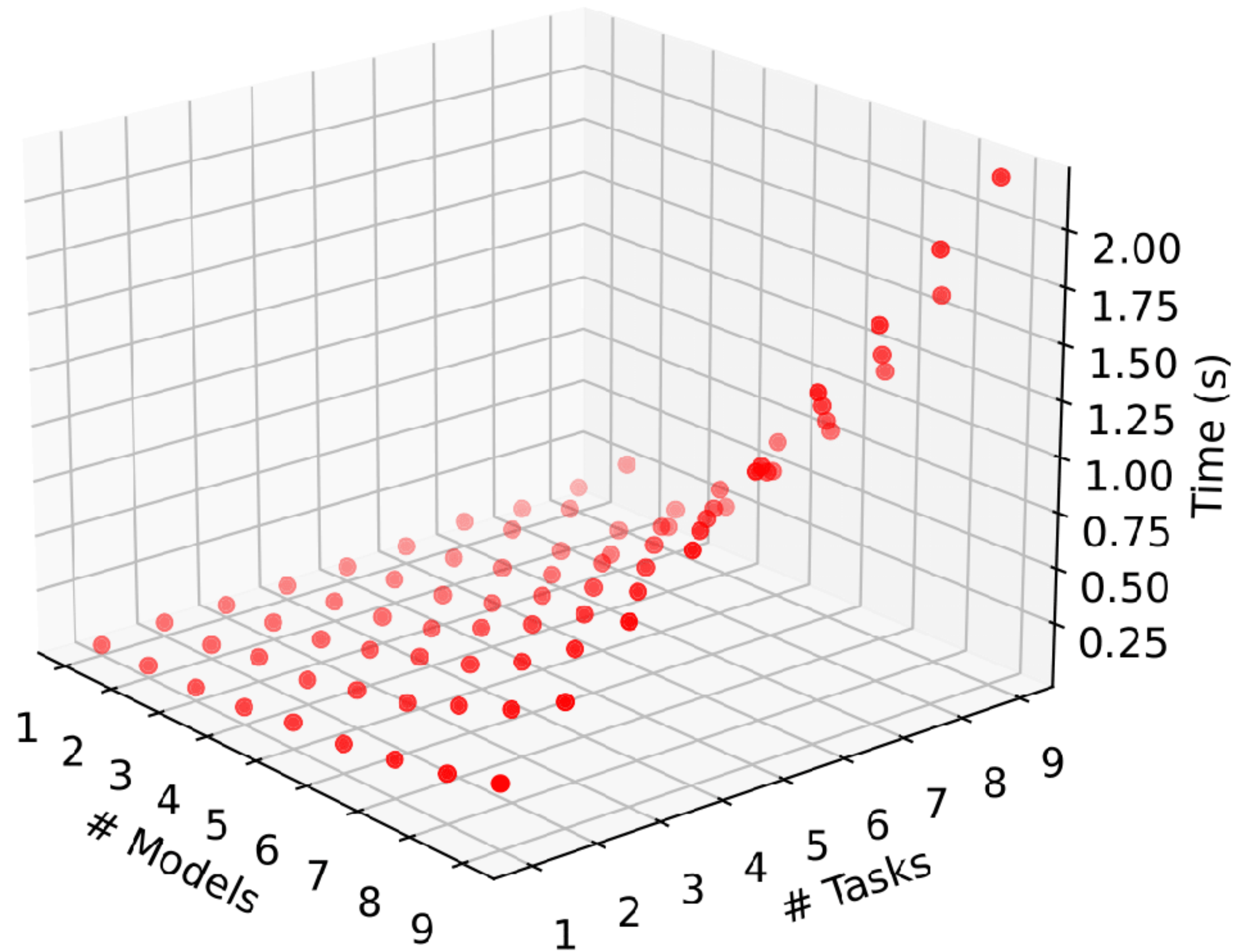
Adaptivity to multiple objectives



Effect of predictor

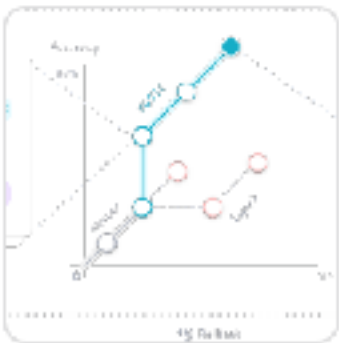


Gurobi solver scalability



Full replication package is available

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



AdaptiveFlow

Repositories related to Sustainability, Performance, Auto-scaling, Reconfiguration, Runtime Optimizations for ML Inference Pipelines

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Popular repositories

ipa

Public

Source code of IPA

Jupyter Notebook 8 4

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INFaaS

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Forked from [stanford-mast/INFaaS](#)

Model-less Inference Serving

C++

InfAdapter

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Source code of "Reconciling High Accuracy, Cost-Efficiency, and Low Latency of Inference Serving Systems"

Python 7

kubernetes-python-client

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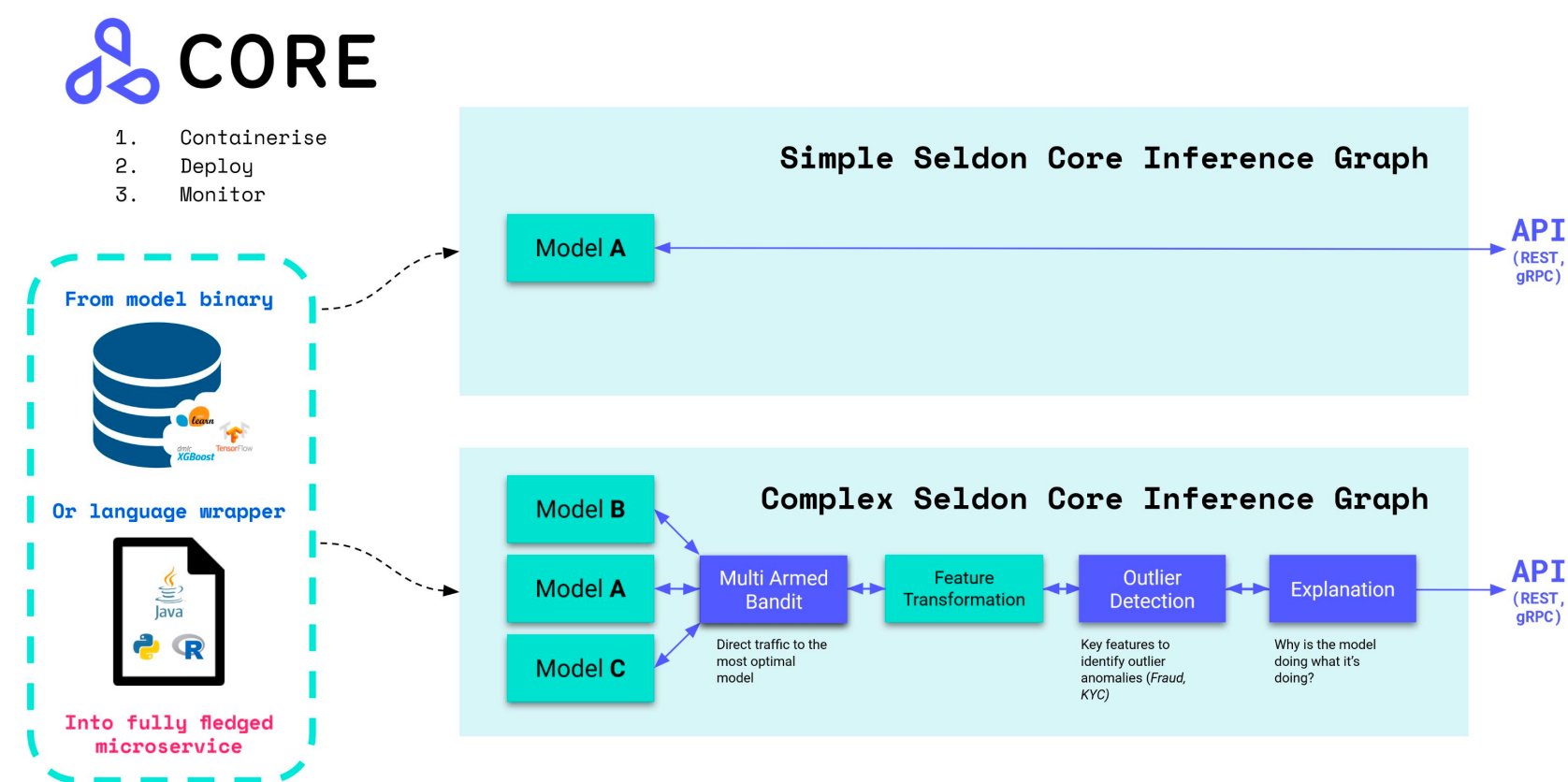
Set up discussions to engage with your community!

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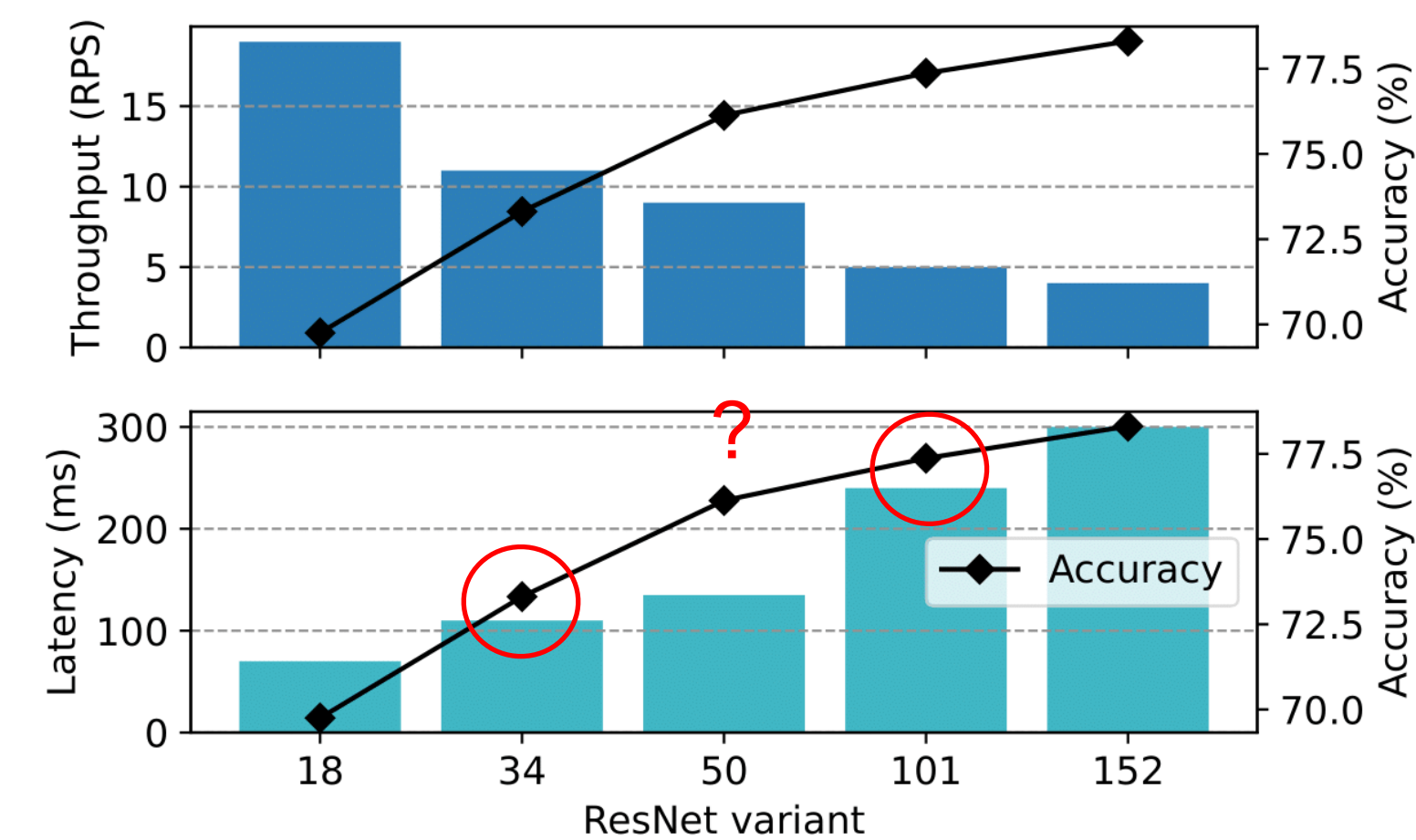
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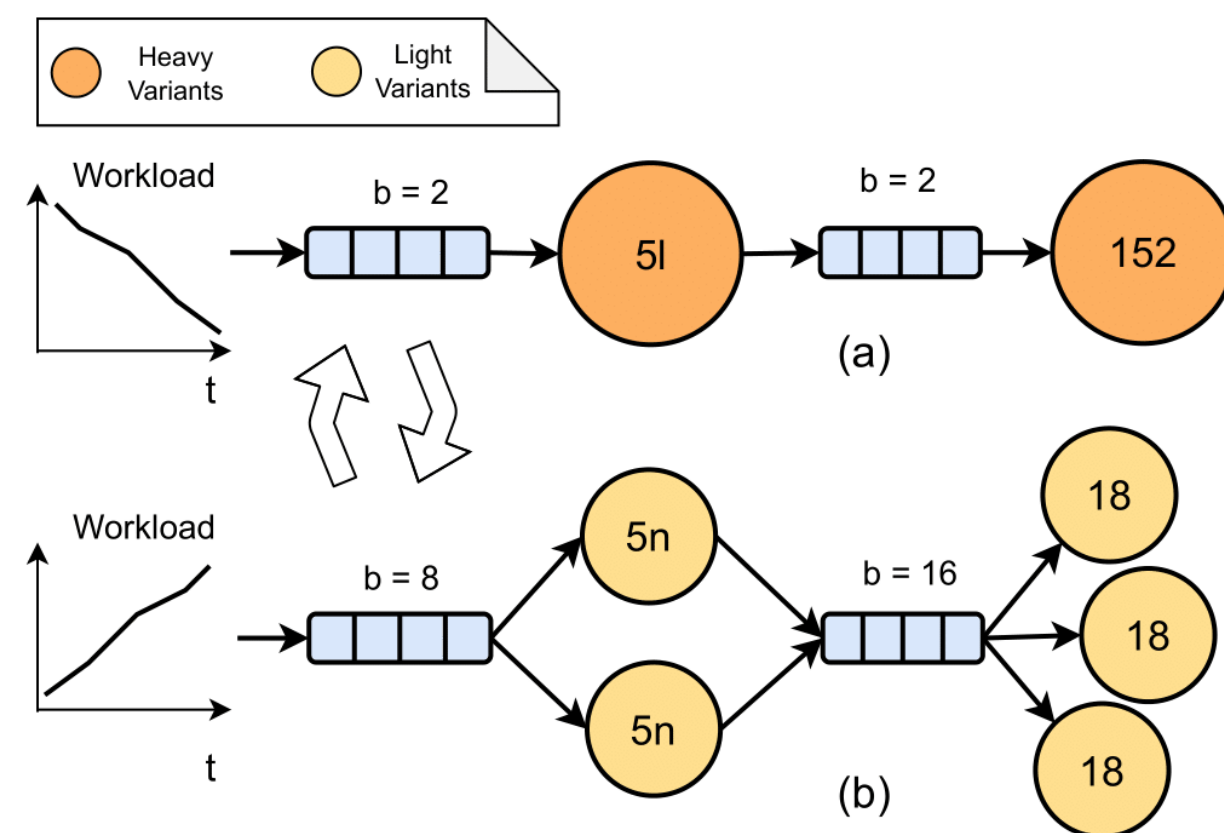
Model Serving Pipeline



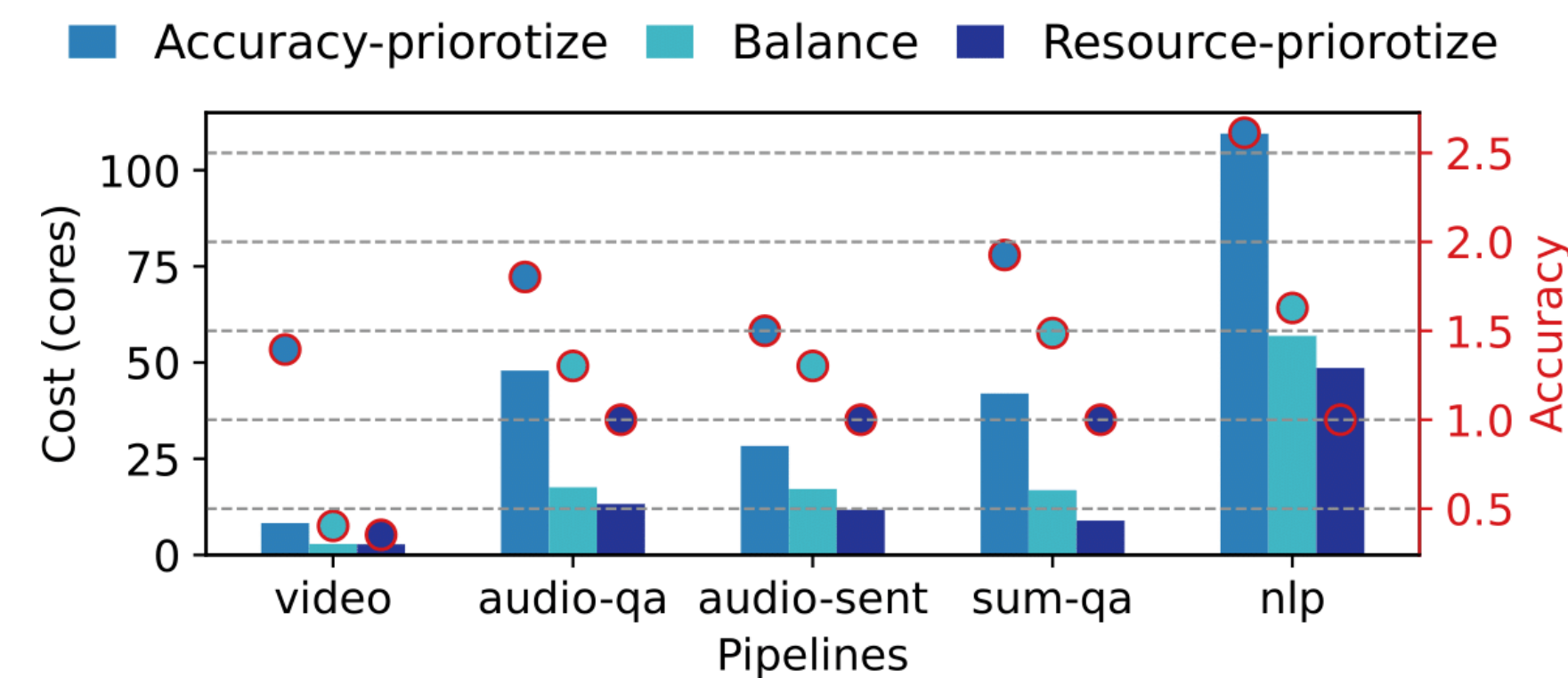
Is only scaling enough?



Snapshot of the System



Adaptivity to multiple objectives



Reconciling High Accuracy, Cost-Efficiency, and Low Latency of Inference Serving Systems

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InfAdapter [2023]:
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IPA [2024]:
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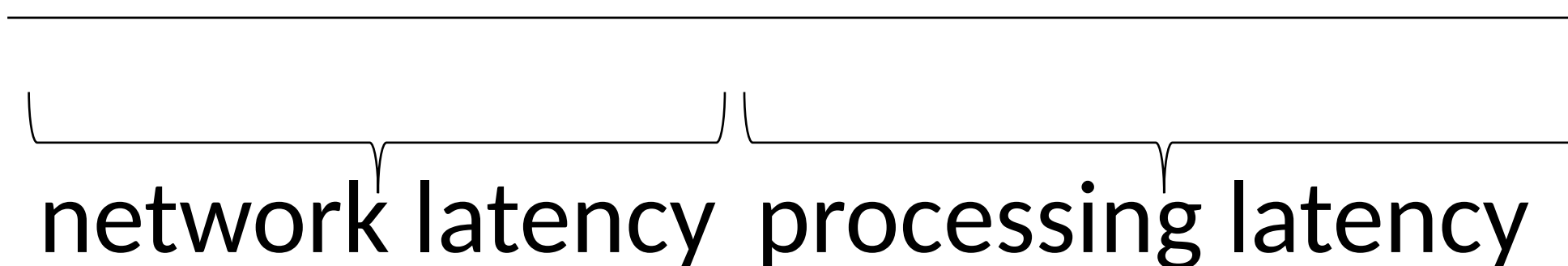
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Dynamic User -> Dynamic Network Bandwidths

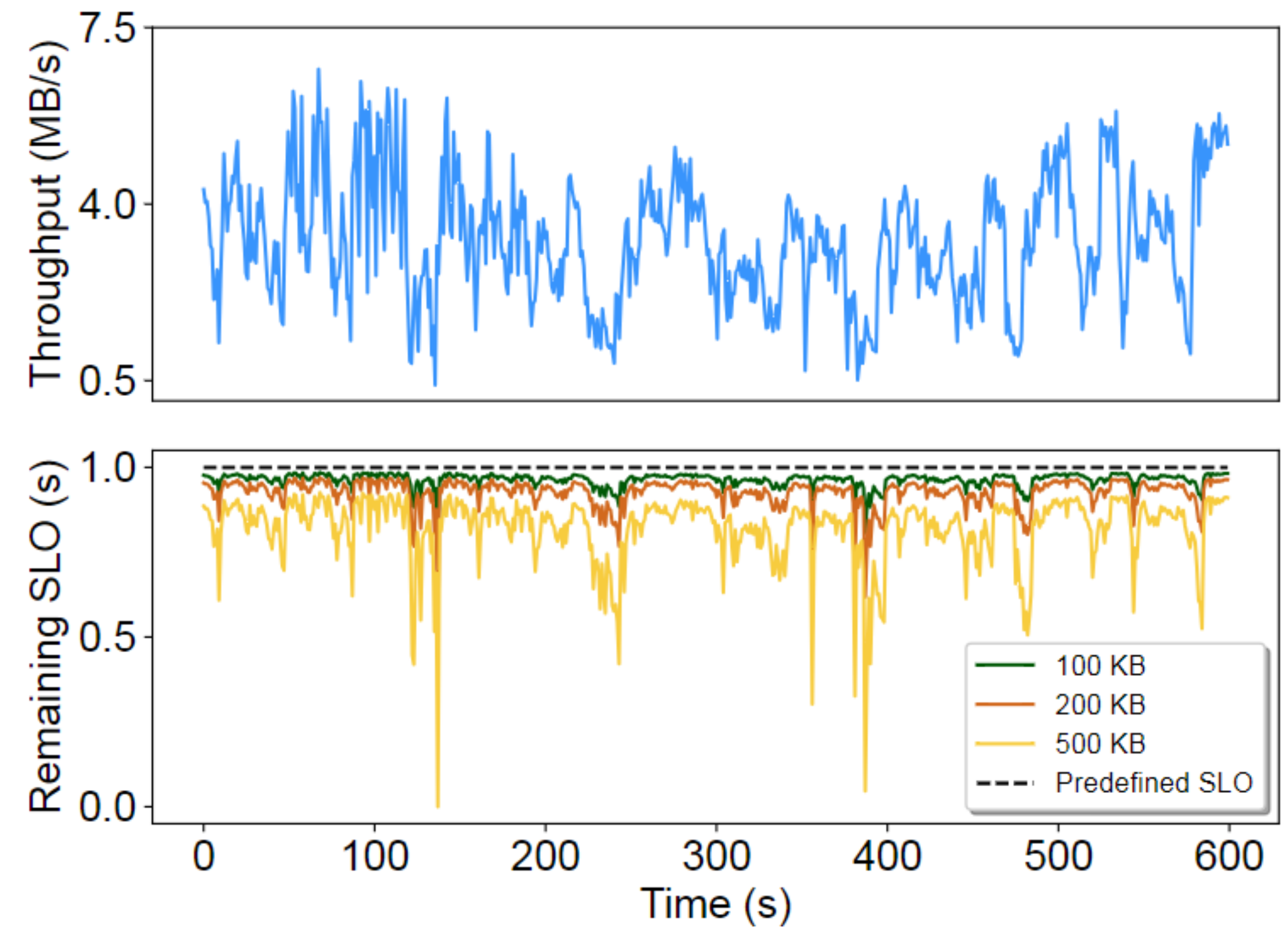
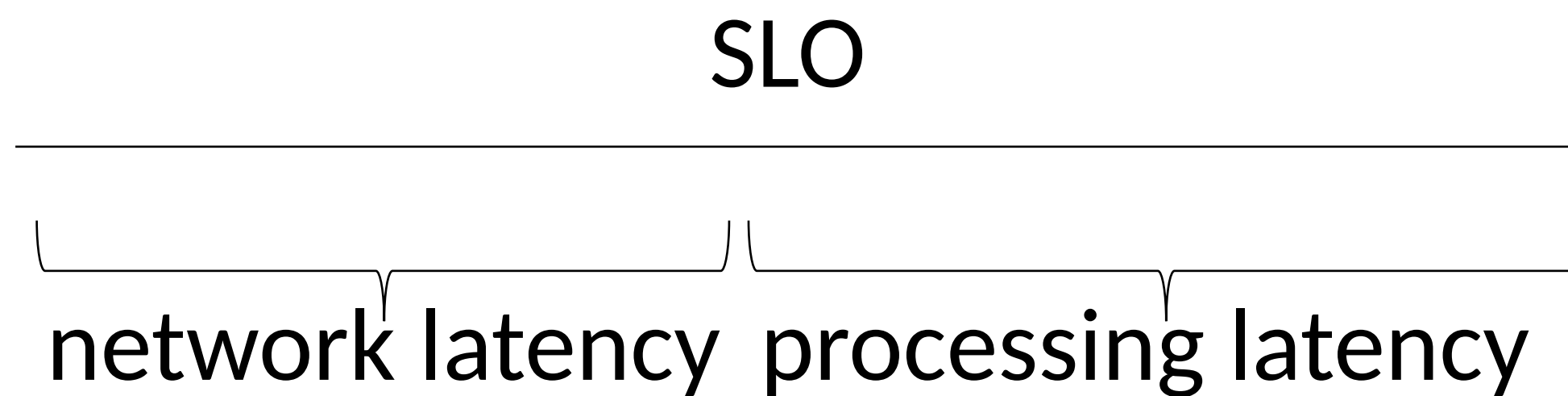
- └ Users move
 - └ Fluctuations in the network bandwidths
 - └ Reduced time-budget for processing requests

SLO



Dynamic User -> Dynamic Network Bandwidths

- Users move
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Inference Serving Requirements

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

Cost-Efficient!
(least resource consumption)



Resource Scaling

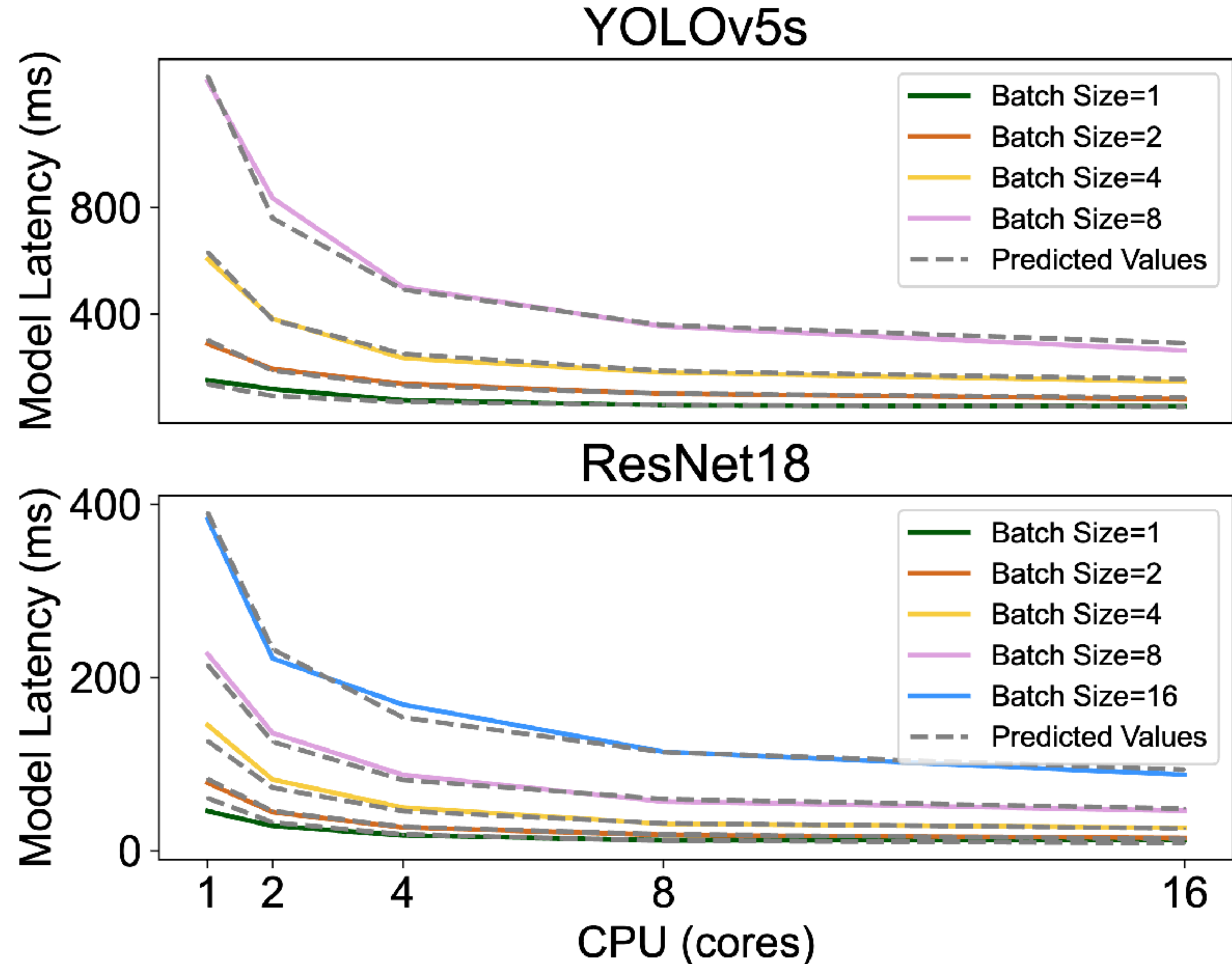
Sponge!

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

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Minimize} && c + \delta \times b \\ &\text{subject to} && l(b, c) + q_r(b, c) + \text{cl}_{\max} \leq SLO, \quad \forall r \in R \\ & && h(b, c) \geq \lambda \\ & && b, c \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \end{aligned}$$



Problem Formulation

Minimize $c + \delta \times b$ Minimize resource costs
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Minimize resource costs

R	Set of all requests
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

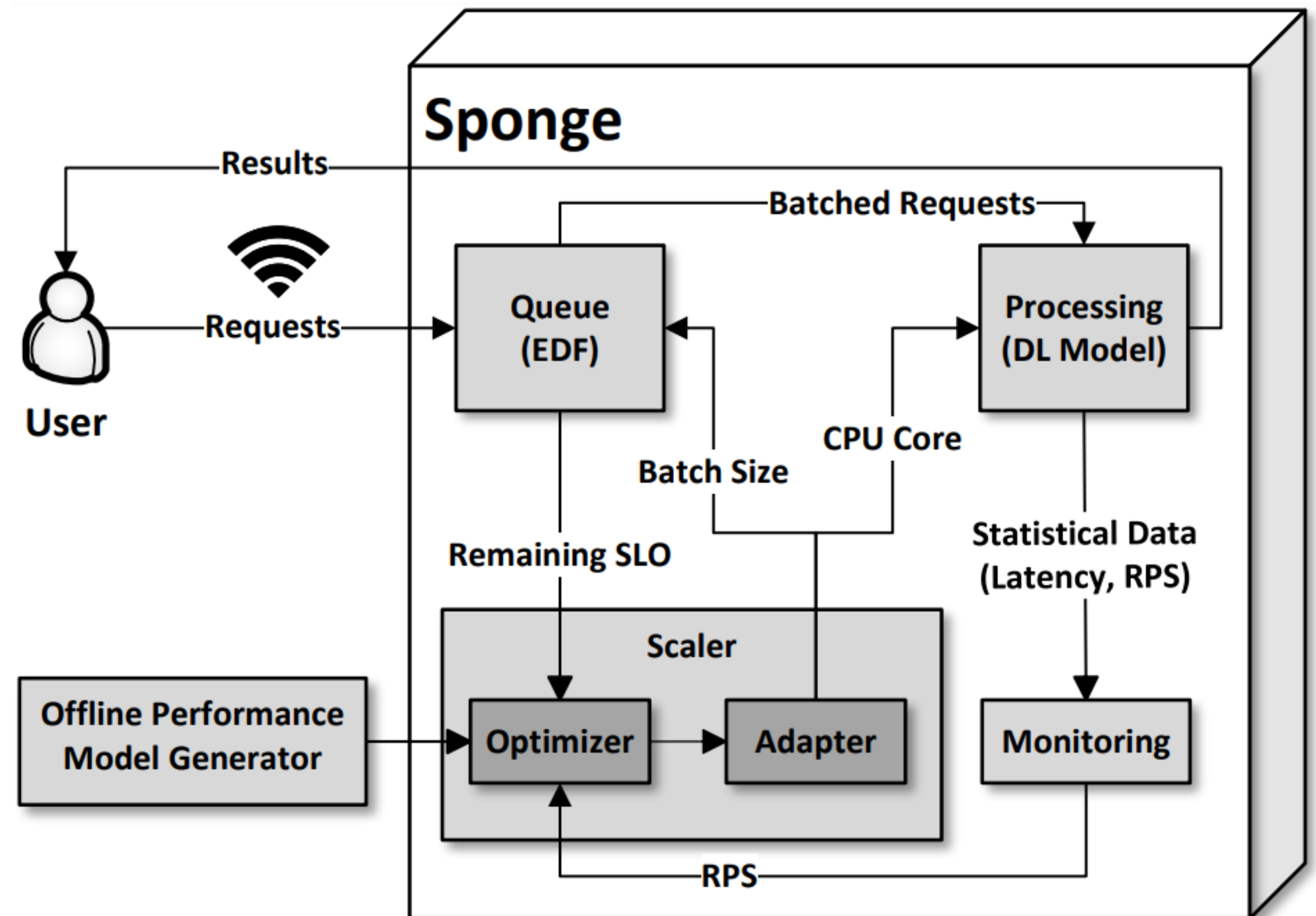
- Fast response time

2. Request reordering

- High priority requests

3. Dynamic batching

- Increase system utilization

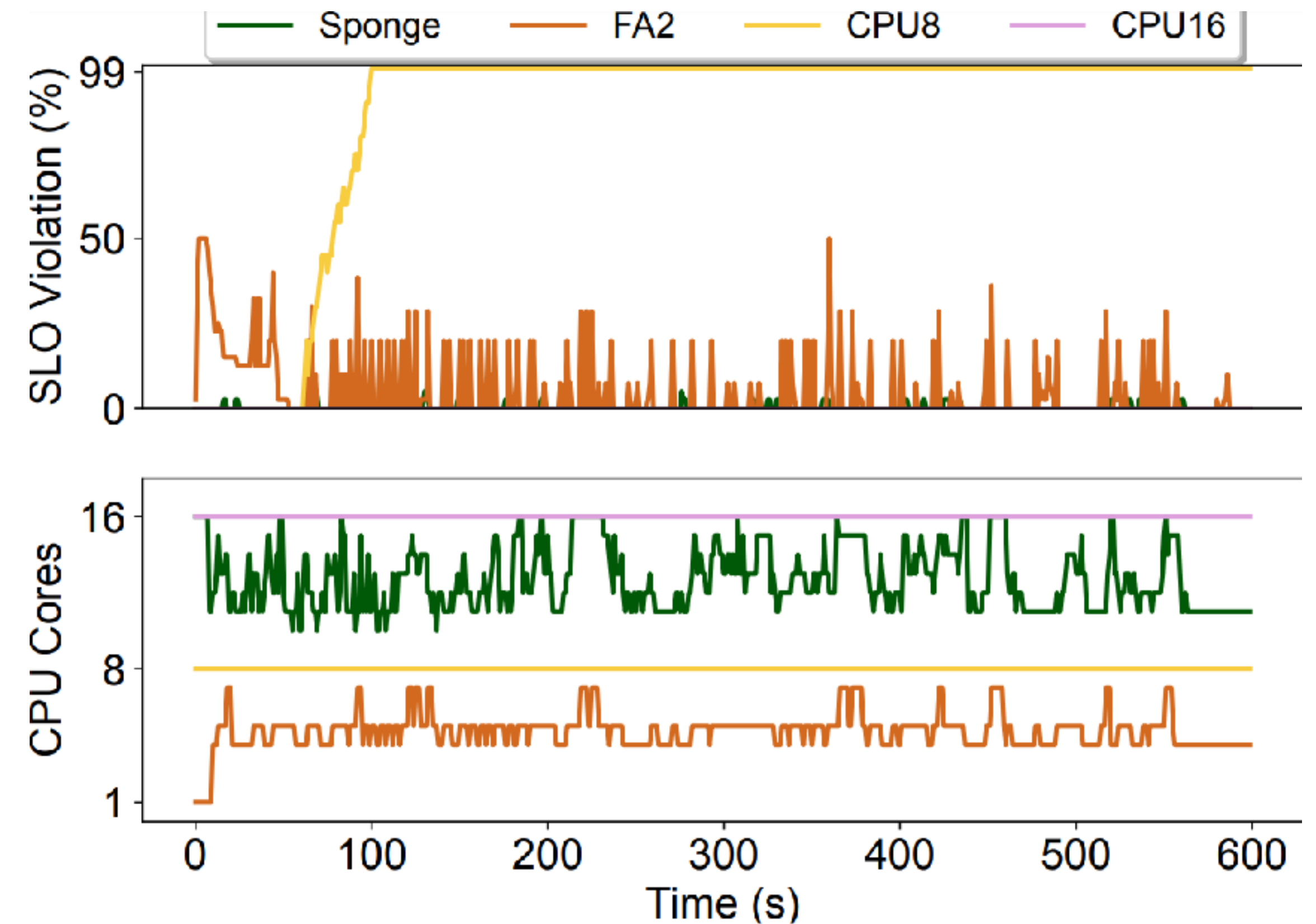


Evaluation

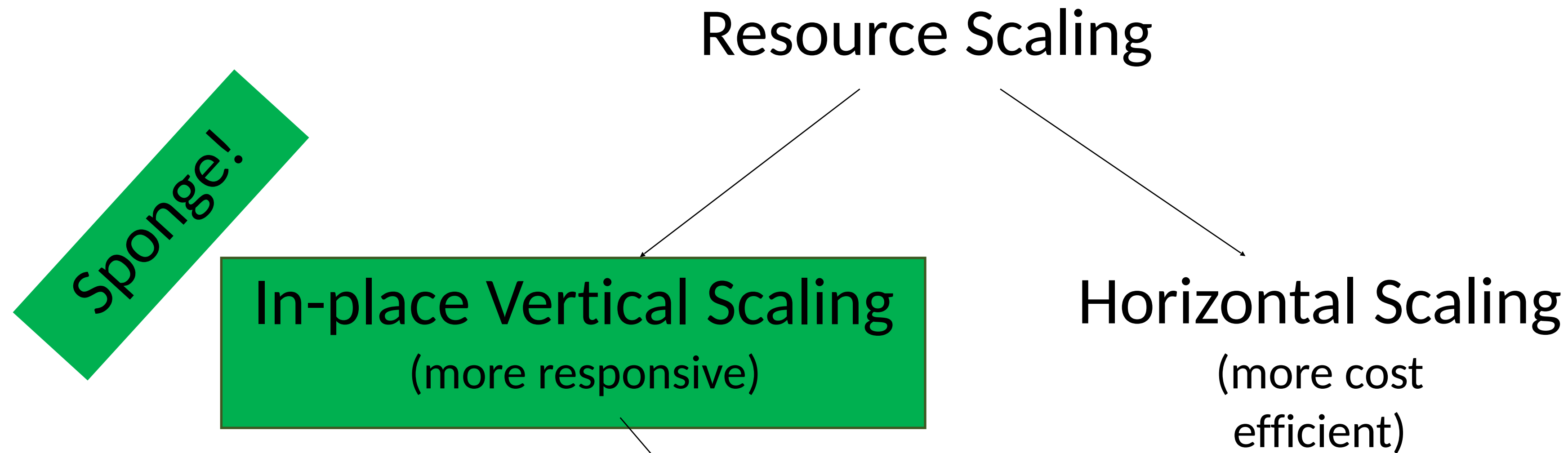
SLO guarantees (99th percentile) with up to 20% resource save up compared to static resource allocation.

Sponge source code: 

<https://github.com/saeid93/sponge>



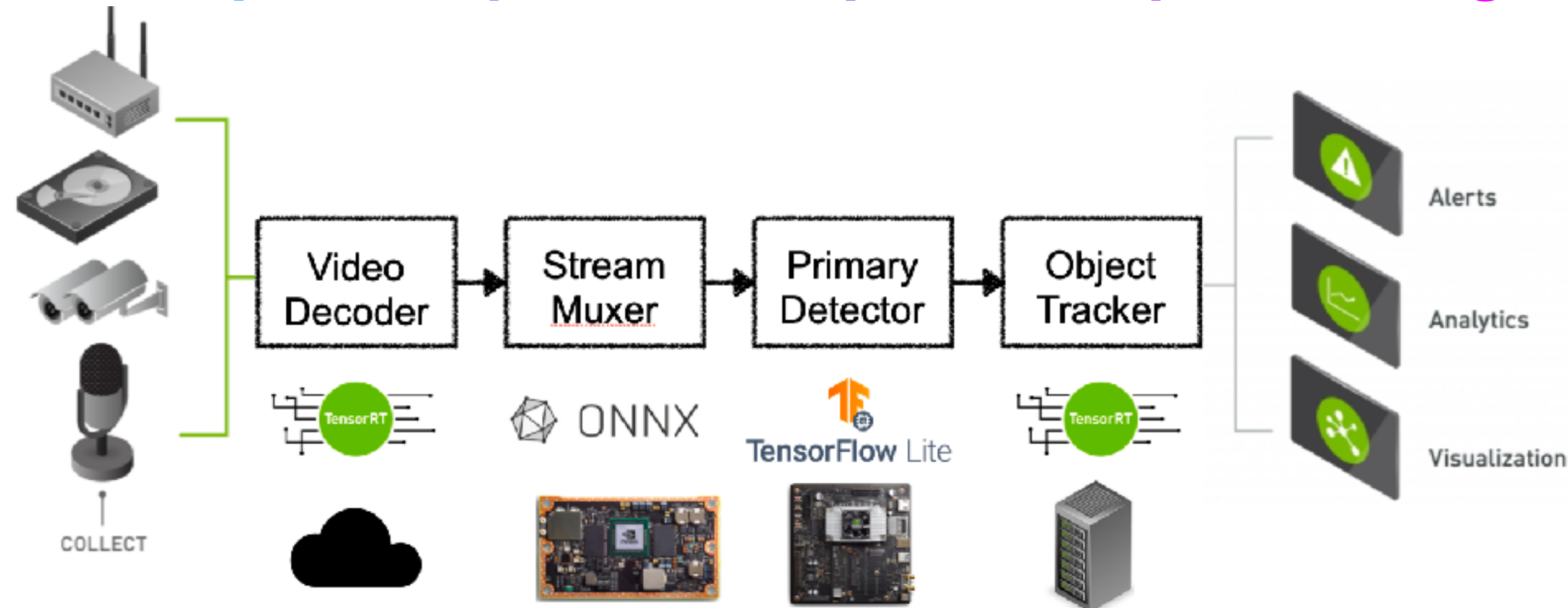
Future Directions



How can **both scaling mechanisms** be used **jointly** under a **dynamic workload** to be responsive and cost efficient while **guaranteeing SLOs**?



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



Systems operate in uncertain environments with imperfect and incomplete knowledge

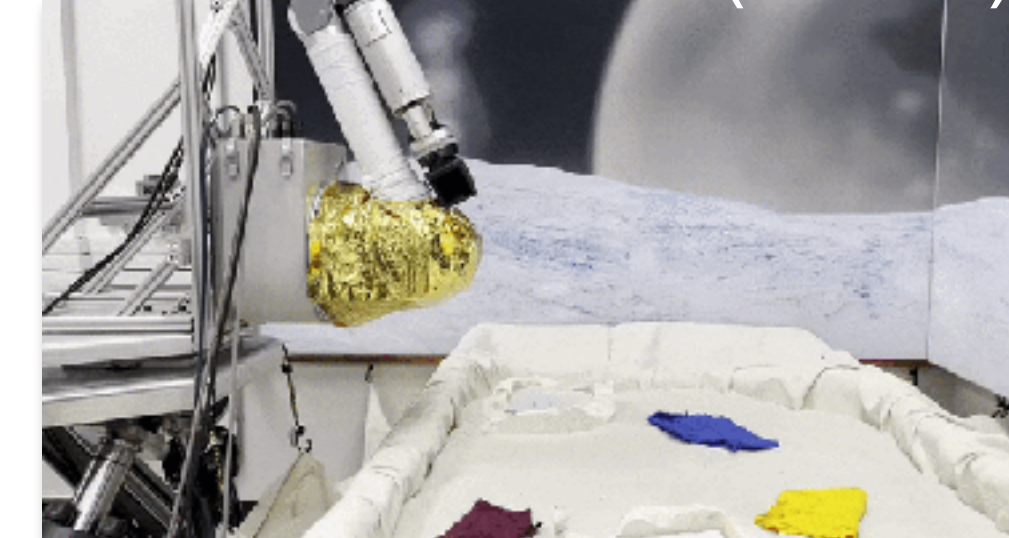
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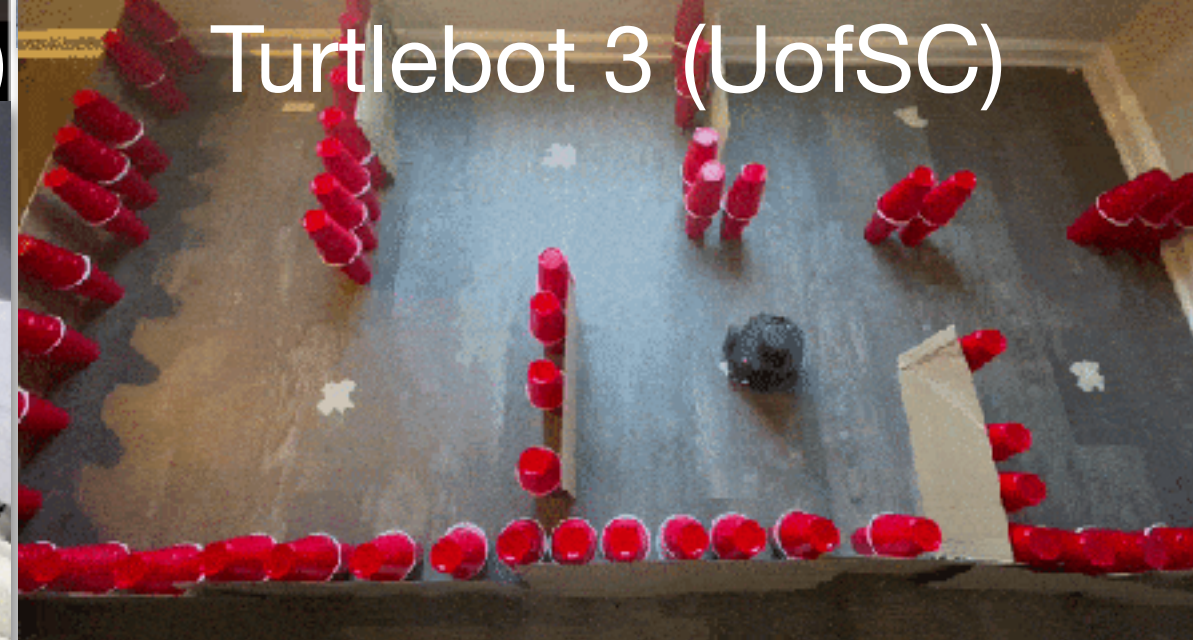
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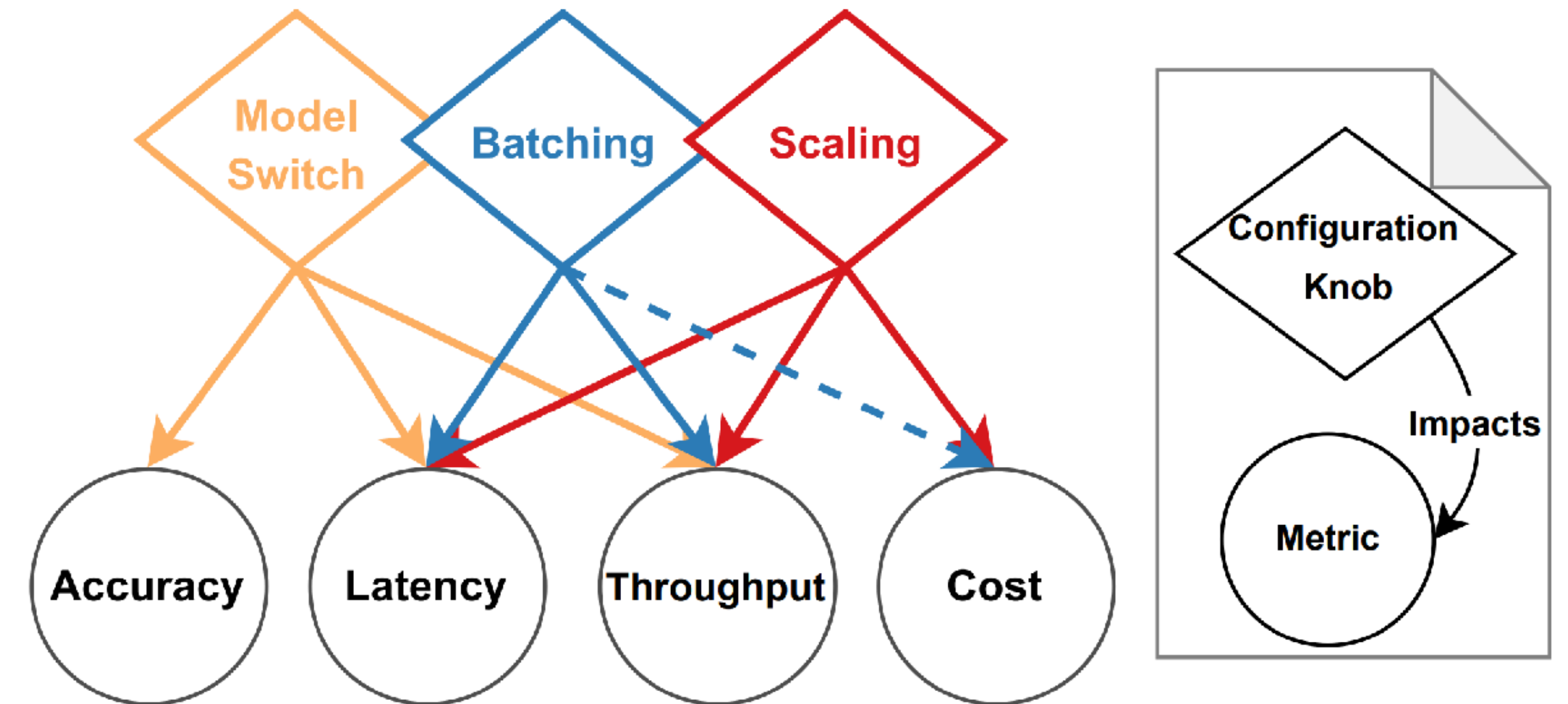
Lander Testbed (NASA)



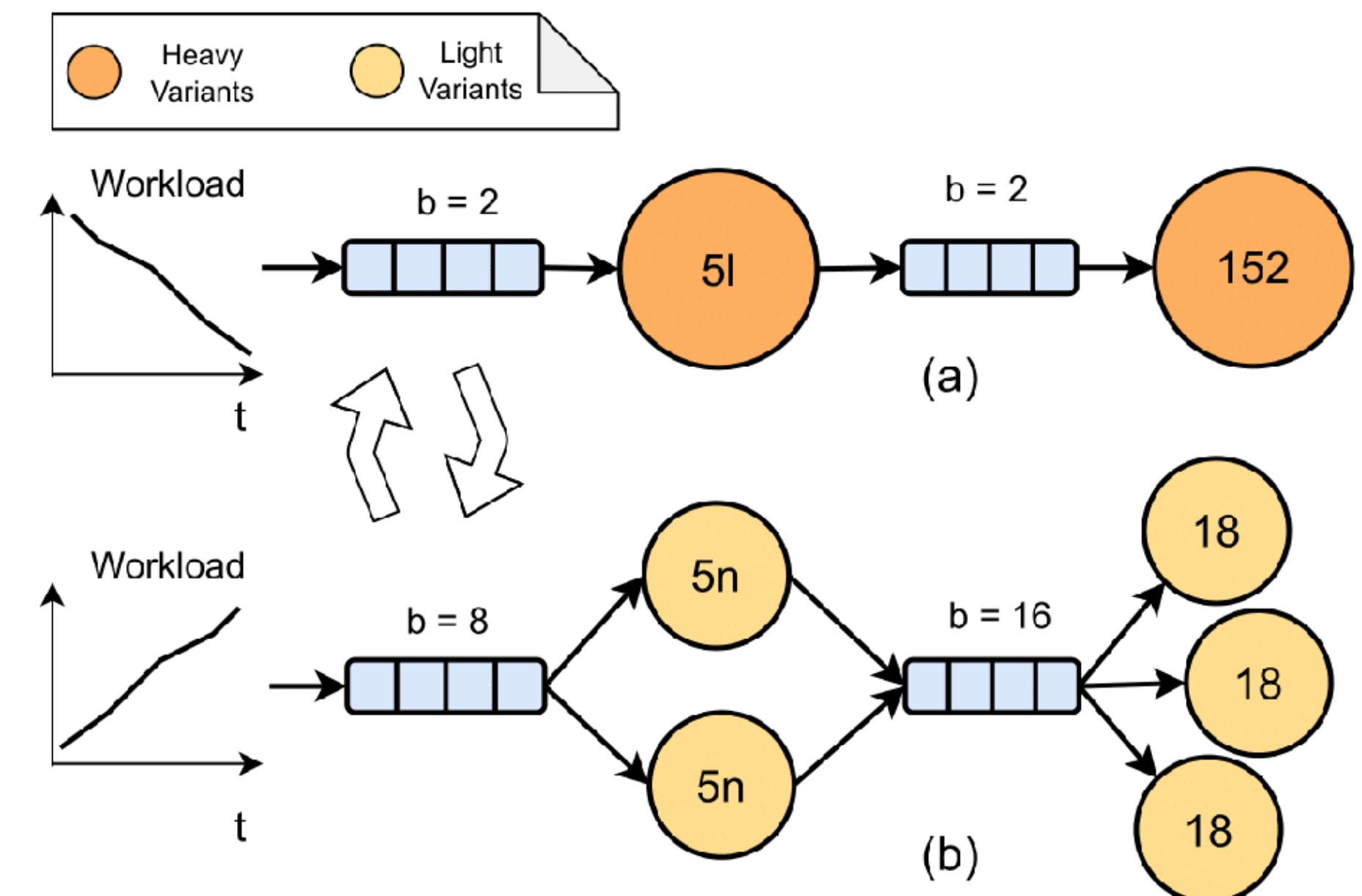
Turtlebot 3 (UofSC)



Performance goals are competing and users have preferences over these goals



Goal: Enabling users to find the right quality tradeoff

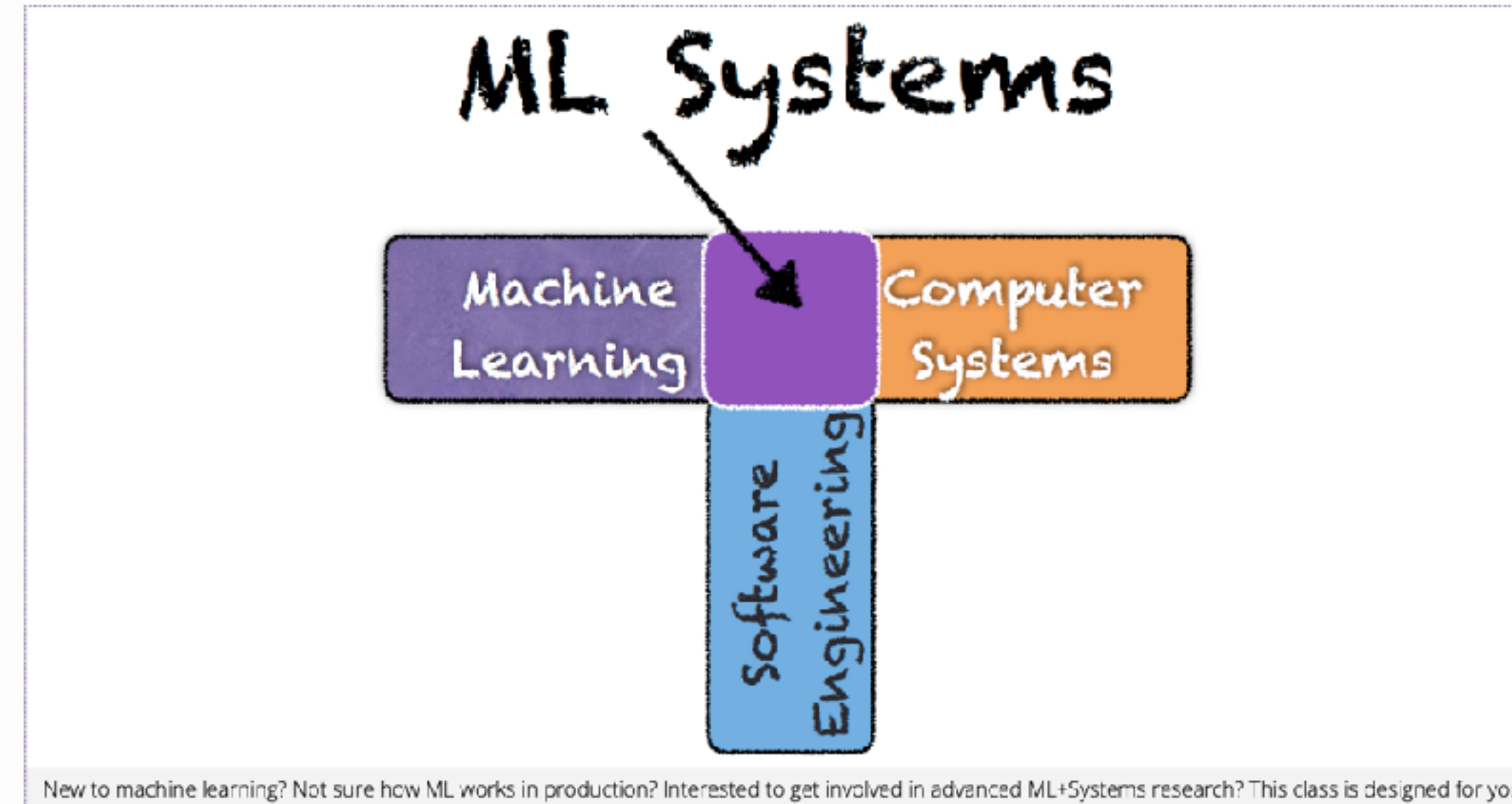


Extension Ideas

Two teams in the CSCE 585 ML Systems course have explored interesting ideas to extend and build on top of IPA infrastructure!



Machine Learning Systems



New to machine learning? Not sure how ML works in production? Interested to get involved in advanced ML+Systems research? This class is designed for you!

When we talk about Artificial Intelligence (AI) or Machine Learning (ML), we typically refer to a technique, a model, or an algorithm that gives the computer systems the ability to learn and to reason with data. However, there is a lot more to ML than just implementing an algorithm or a technique. In this course, we will learn the fundamental differences between AI/ML as a model versus AI/ML as a system in production.

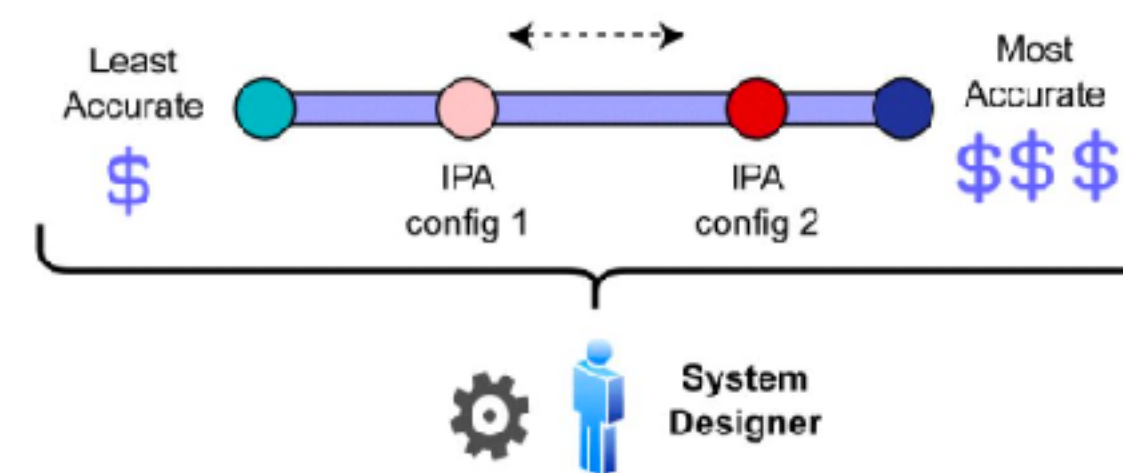
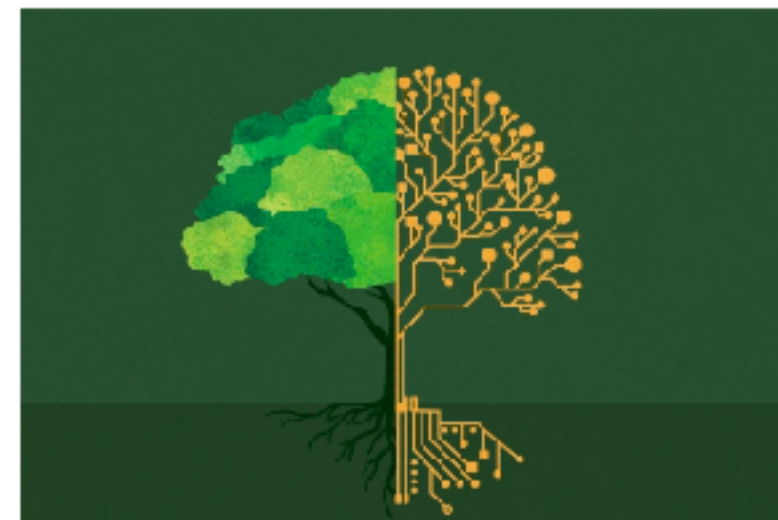
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Considering Energy Consumption in IPA Towards Sustainable AI

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<https://github.com/pooyanjamshidi/modular-composed-ai-systems/tree/main/talks>