

Black-Box Models for Non-Functional Properties of AI Software Systems

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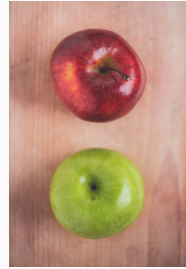
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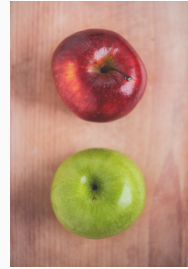
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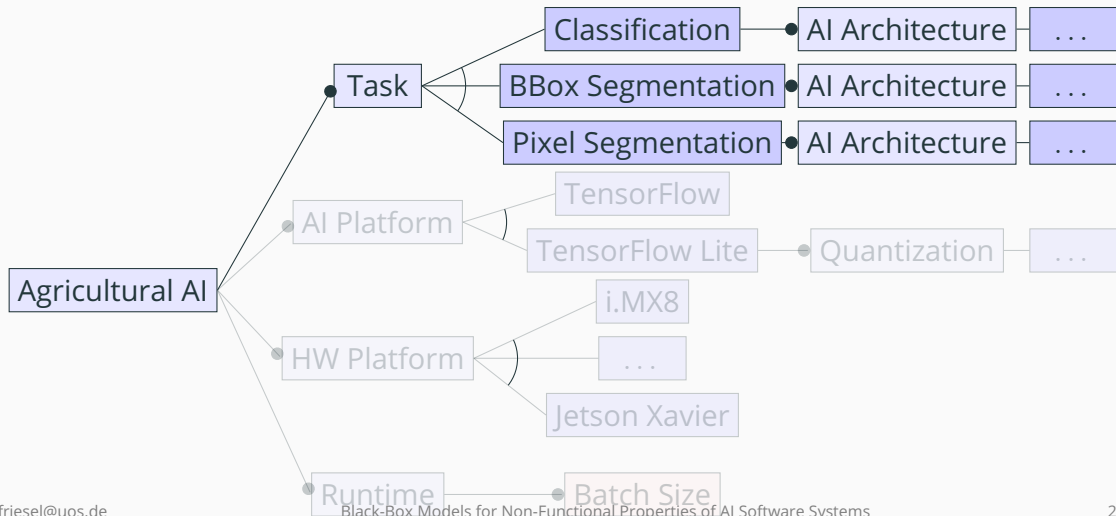


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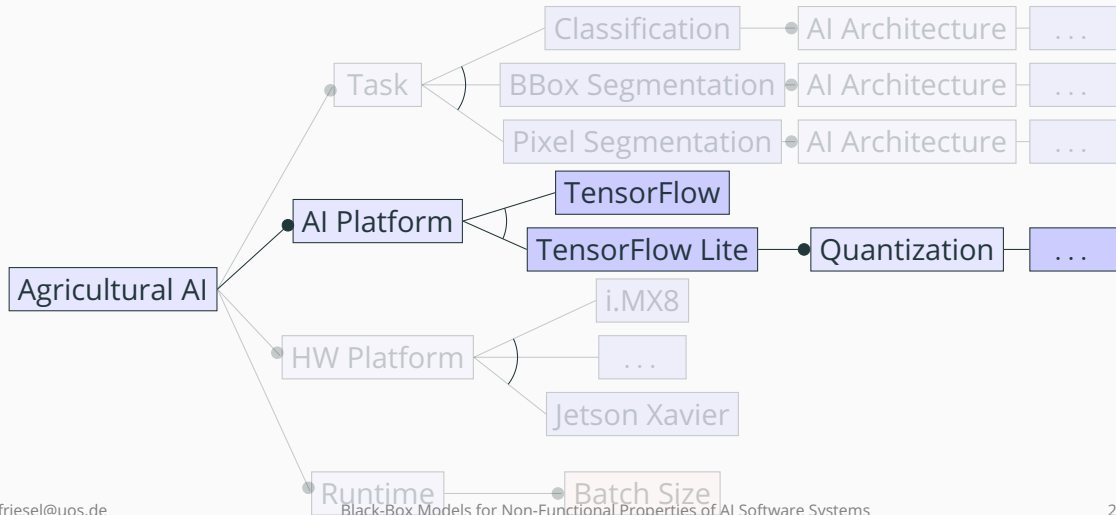


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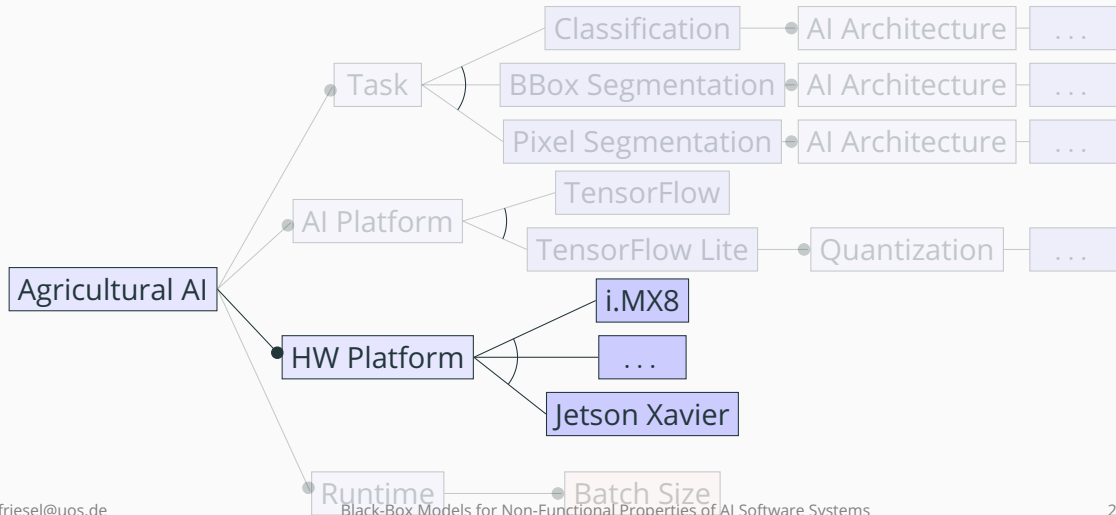
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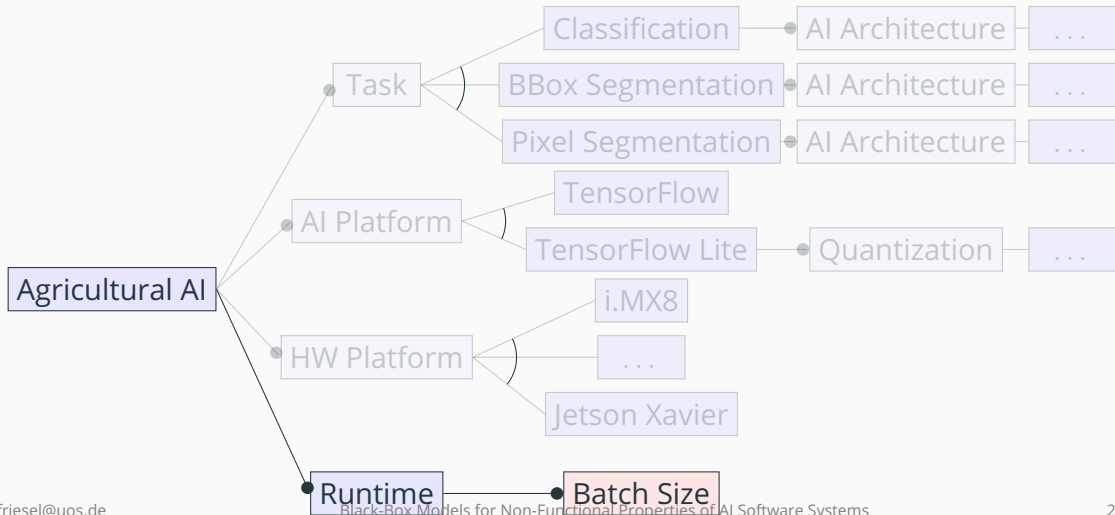
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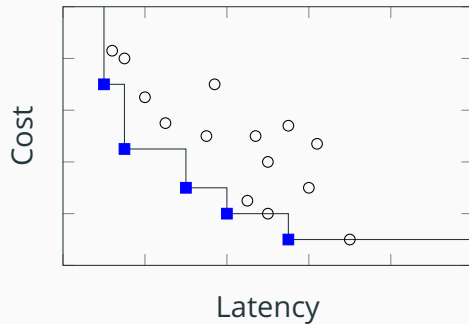


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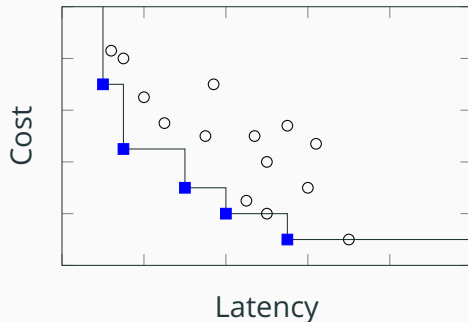
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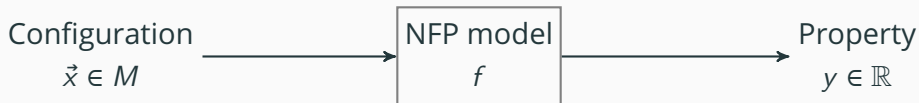


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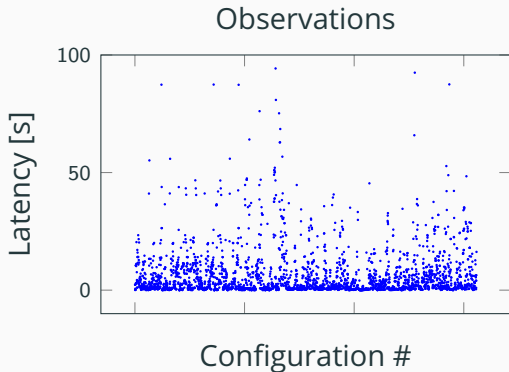
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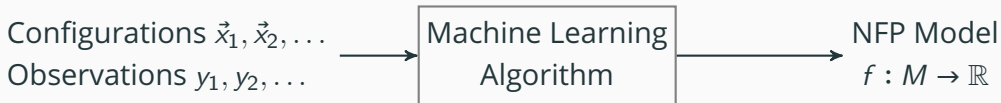
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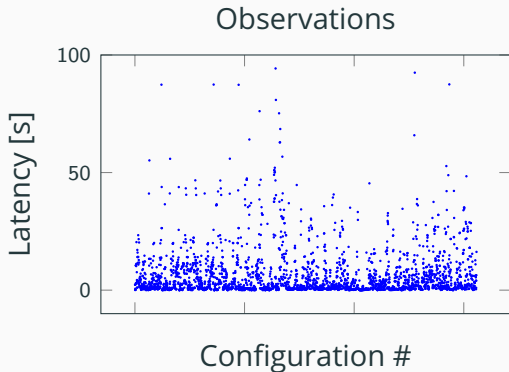
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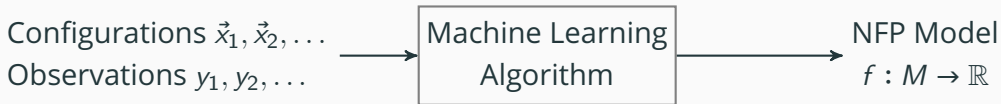
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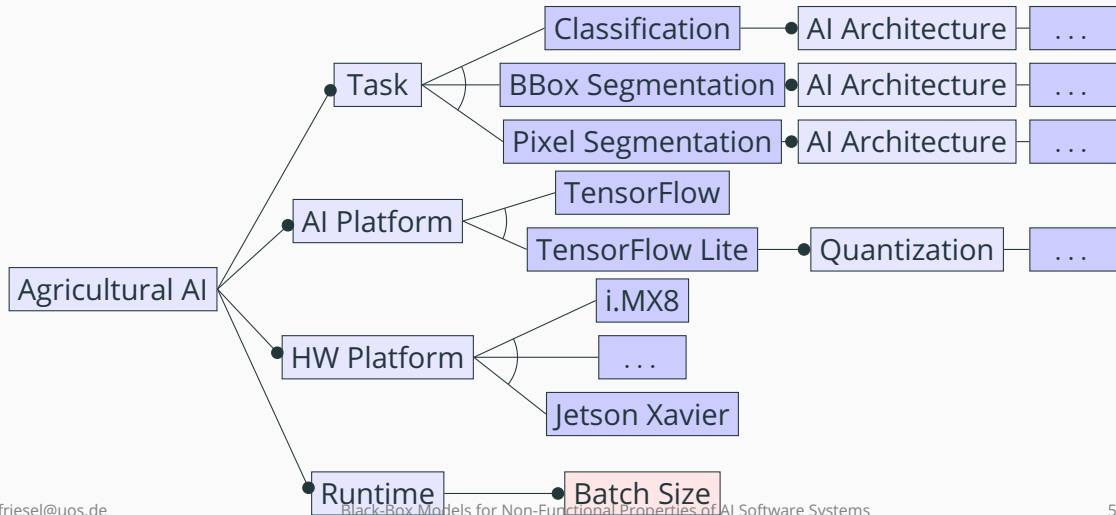
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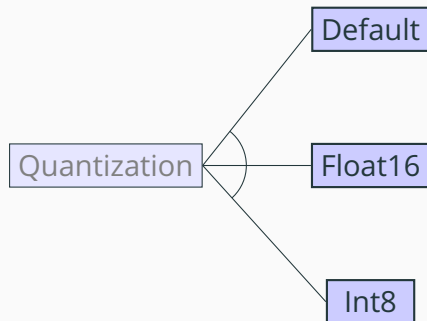


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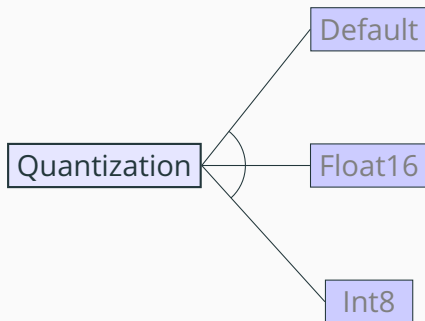
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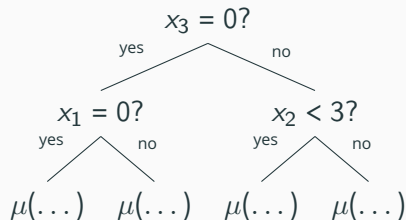
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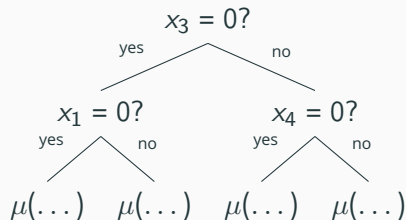
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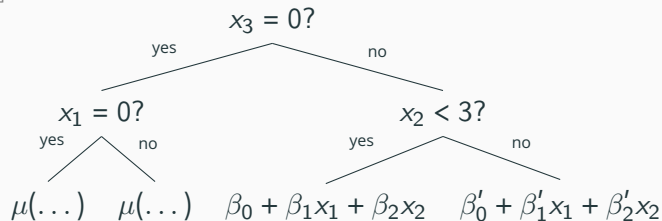
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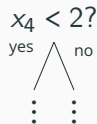
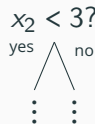
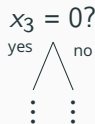
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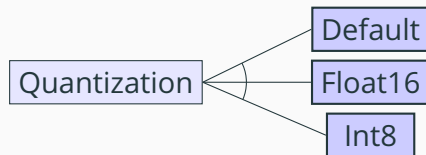
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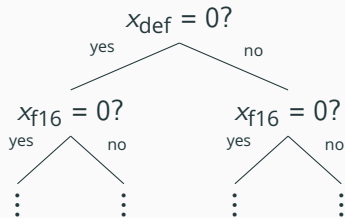
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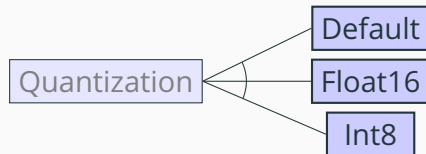
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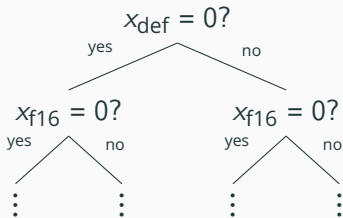
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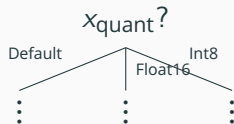
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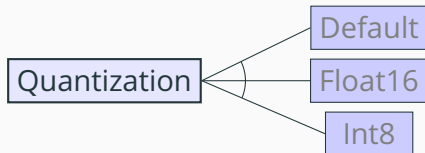


Categorical / non-binary trees [Kep96]

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Close to feature model



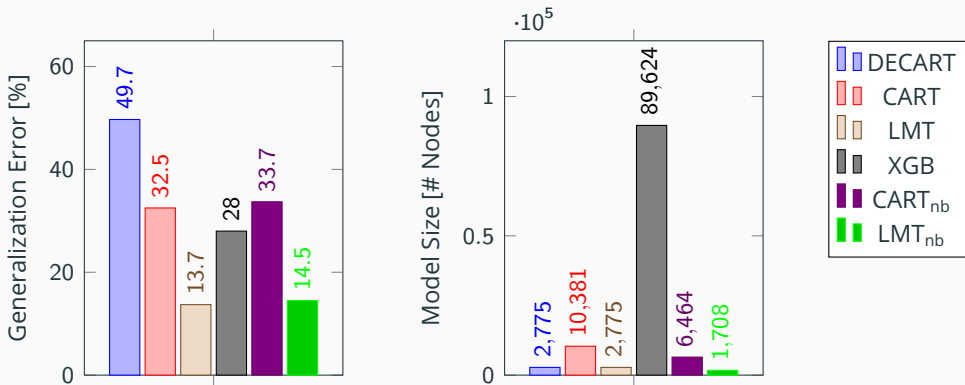
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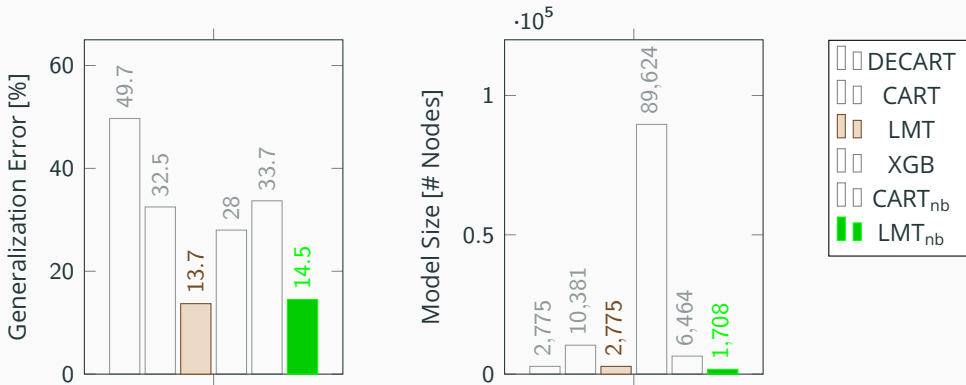
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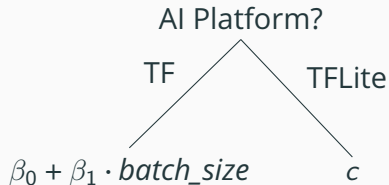
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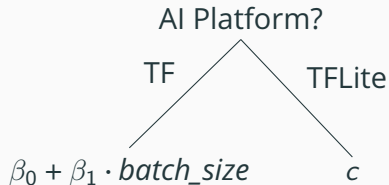
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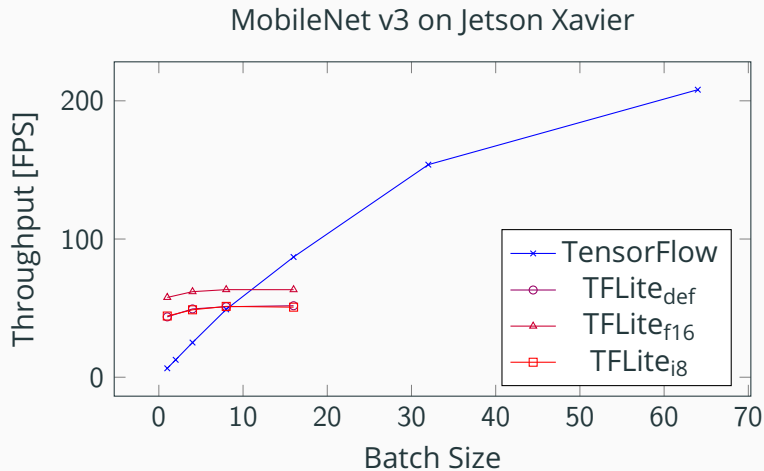
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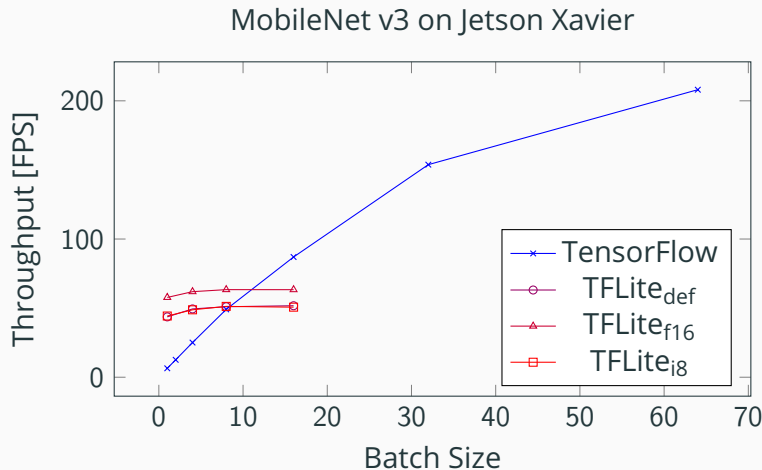
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$c > \beta_0 + \beta_1 \Rightarrow$ TensorFlow Lite faster for low batch sizes?

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⇒ TFLite better than GPU-accelerated TensorFlow for low-latency inference

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- Linear Model Trees perform best in our evaluation
 - abstraction error $< 13\%$
 - generalization error $< 26\%$
- Categorical trees are useful: more compact, $\approx$ same accuracy

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