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BERT  
on edge  
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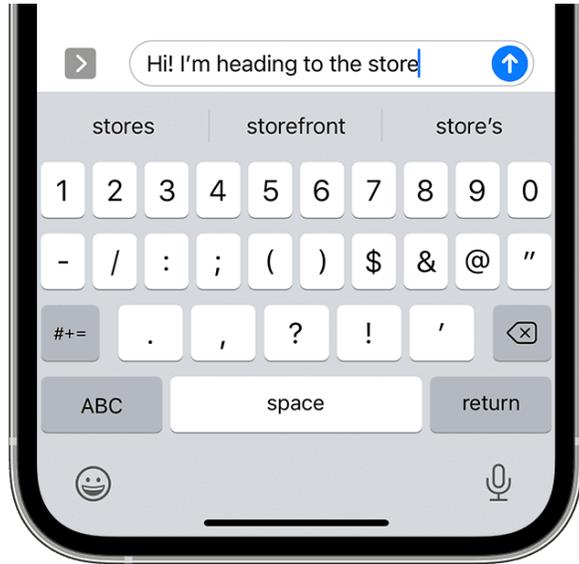
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# Model Personalization Adapts Models by Training on User Data to Improve Accuracy



**Autocompletion**



**Voice Recognition**



**Fitness Tracker**

# Model Fine-tuning – Train on Edge

Fine-tune on-device



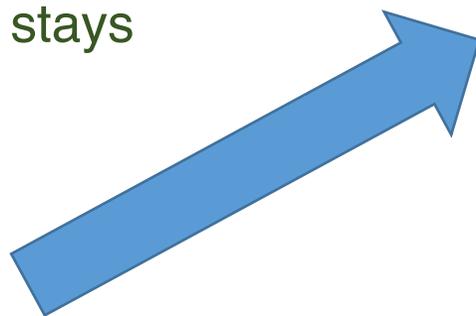
## Pros:

- + guarantees user's privacy as all data stays on their device
- + enables offline device operation

## Cons:

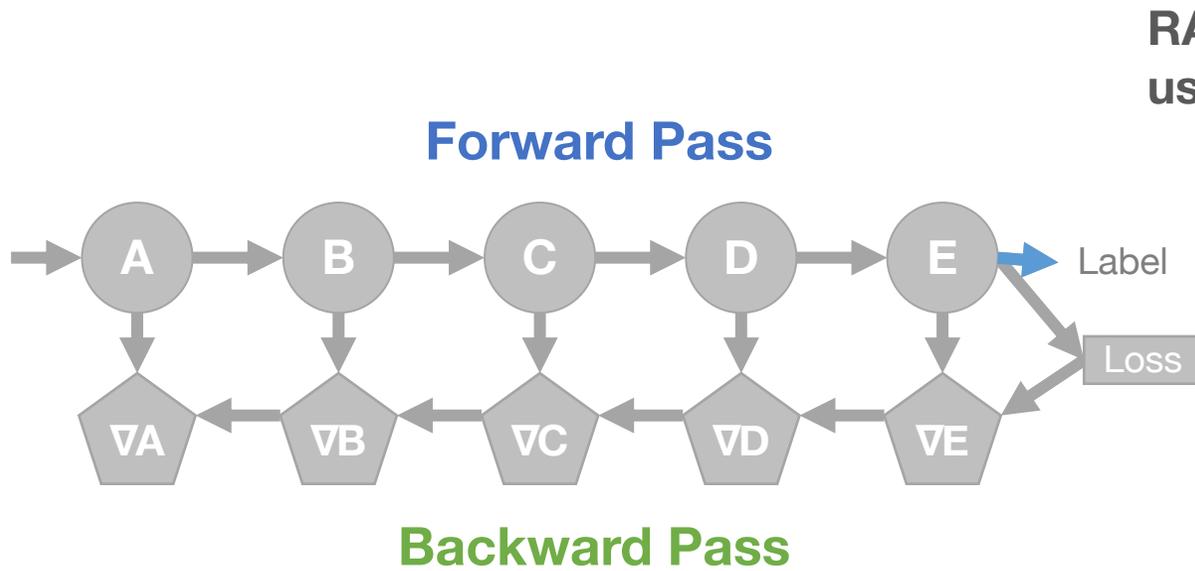
- cannot train modern DNNs on edge devices

**Key Challenge: Limited memory for DNN training!**

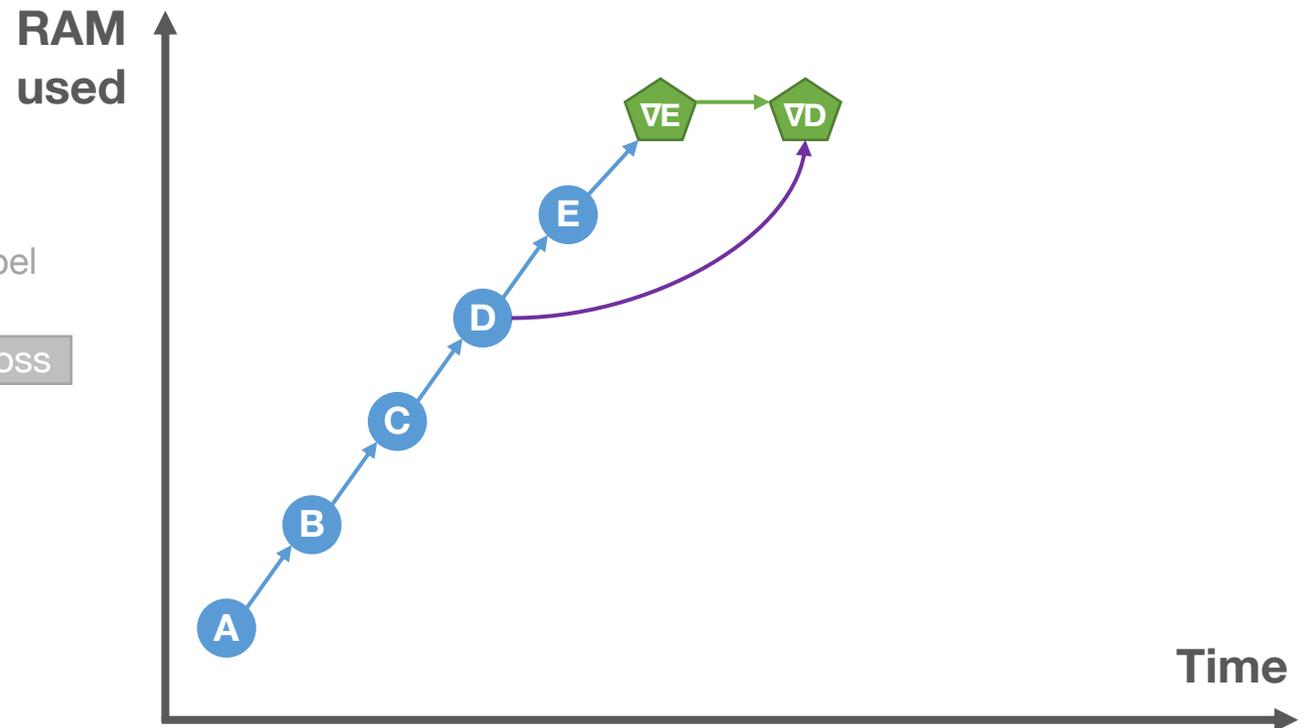
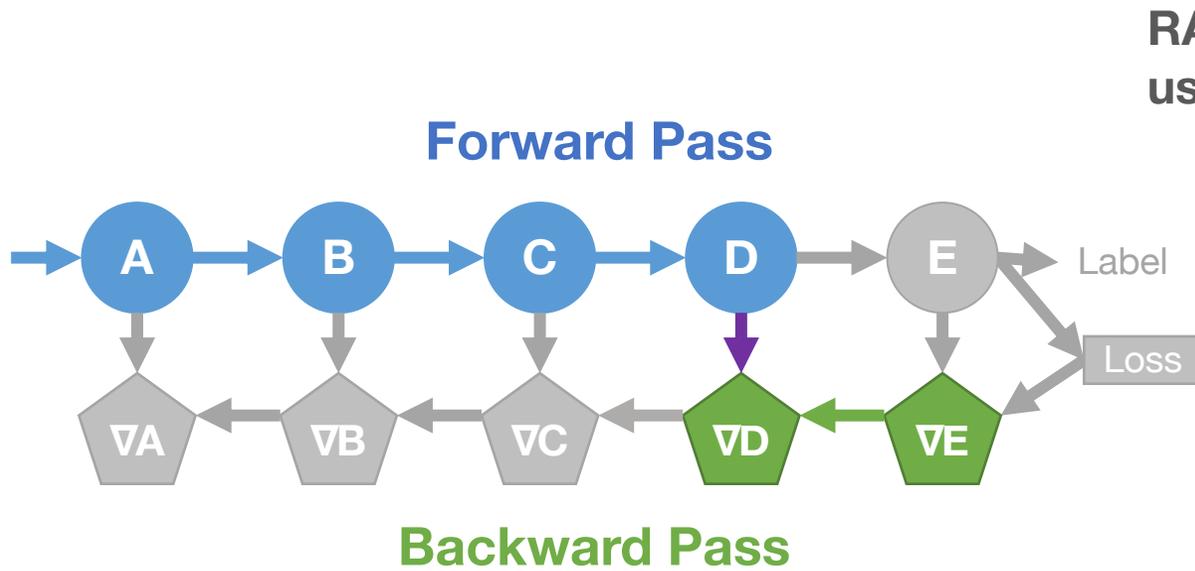


How to reduce the **memory** and **energy** requirements of ML training for **modern DNN architectures** within the constraints of edge devices?

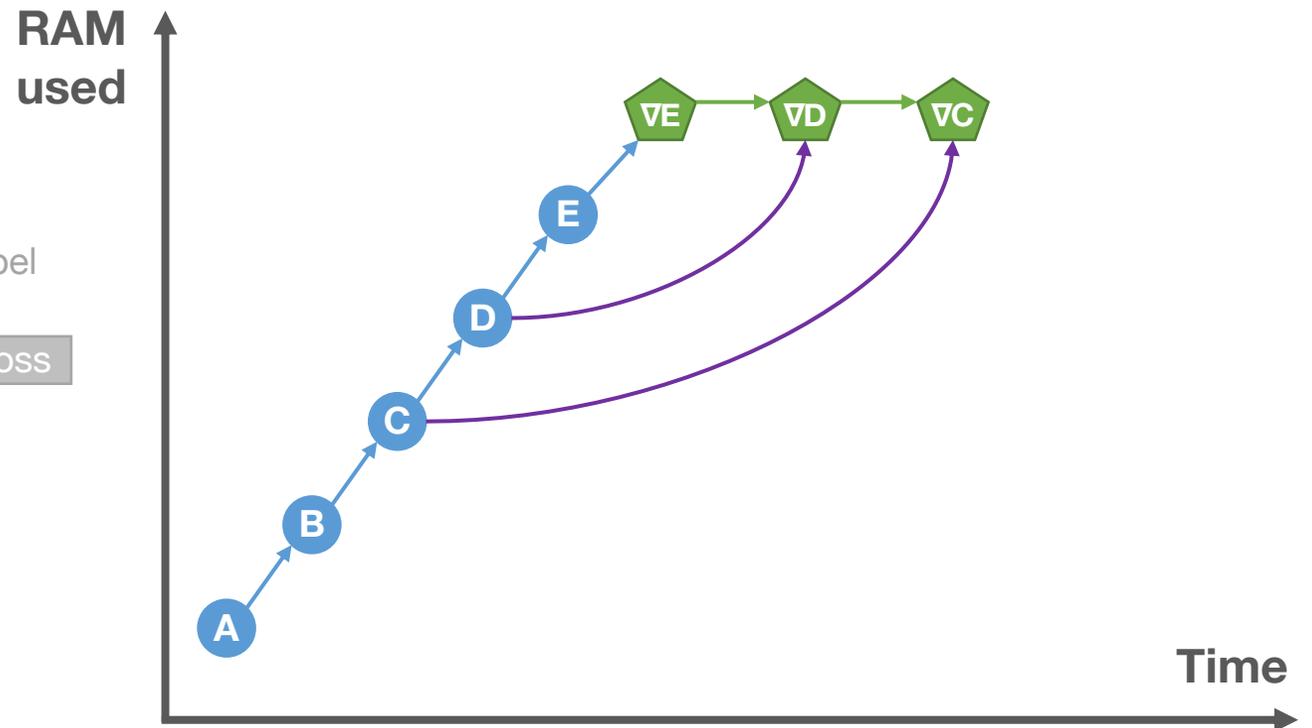
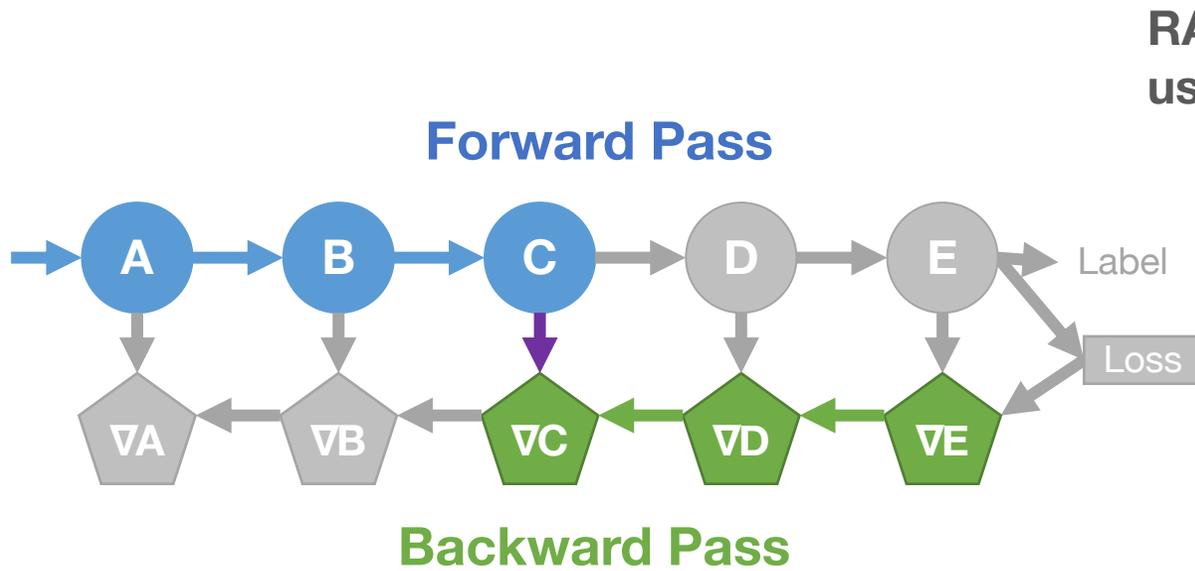
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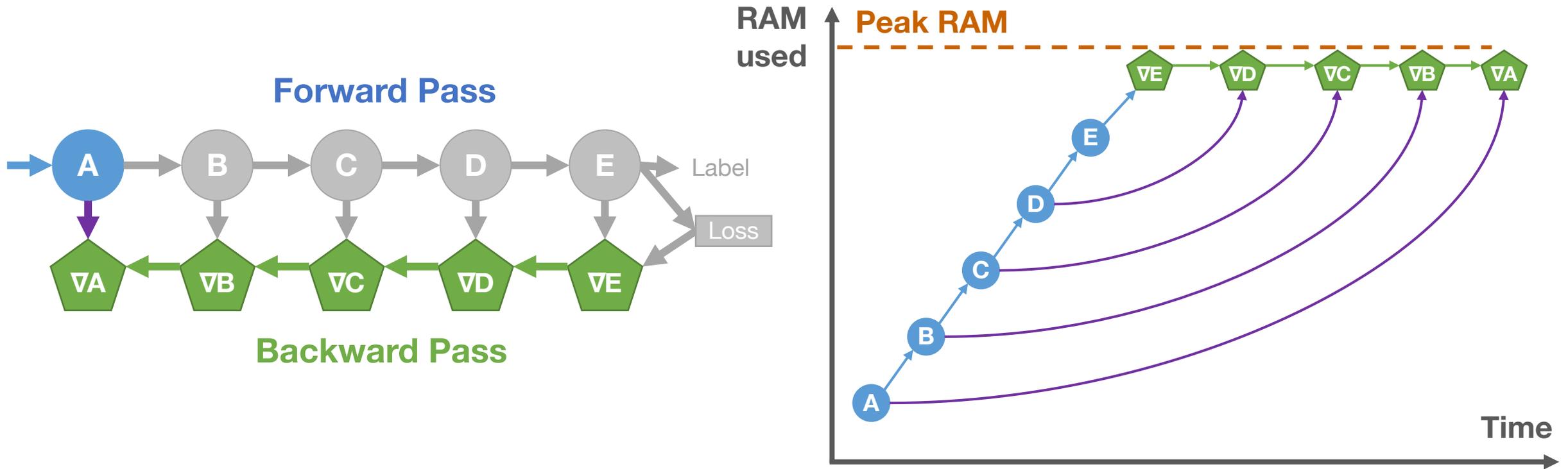
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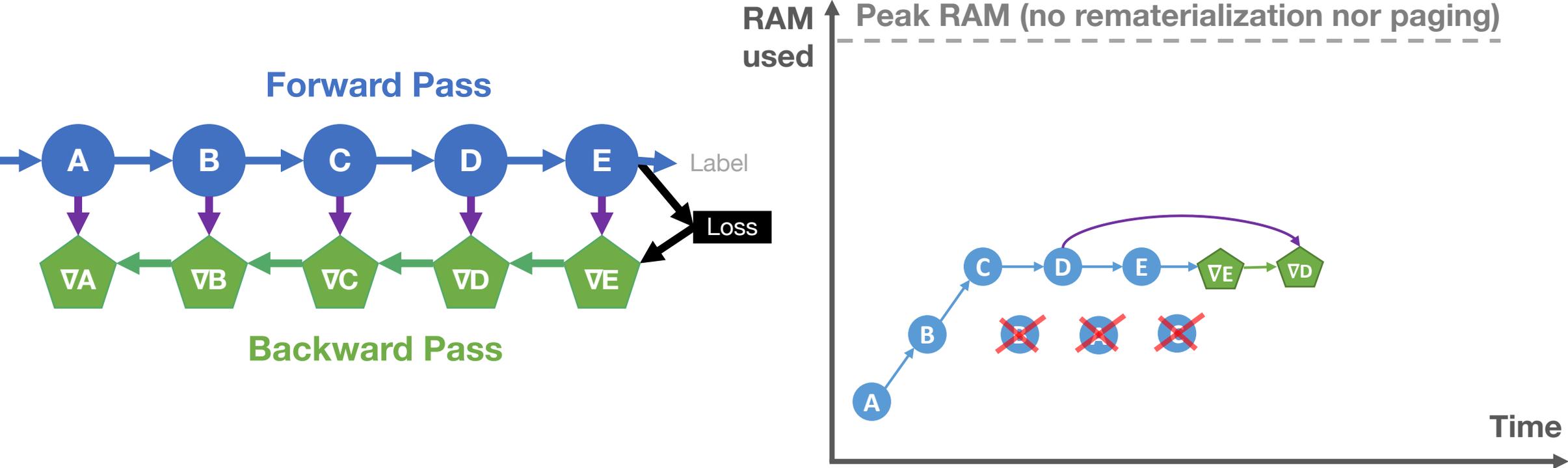
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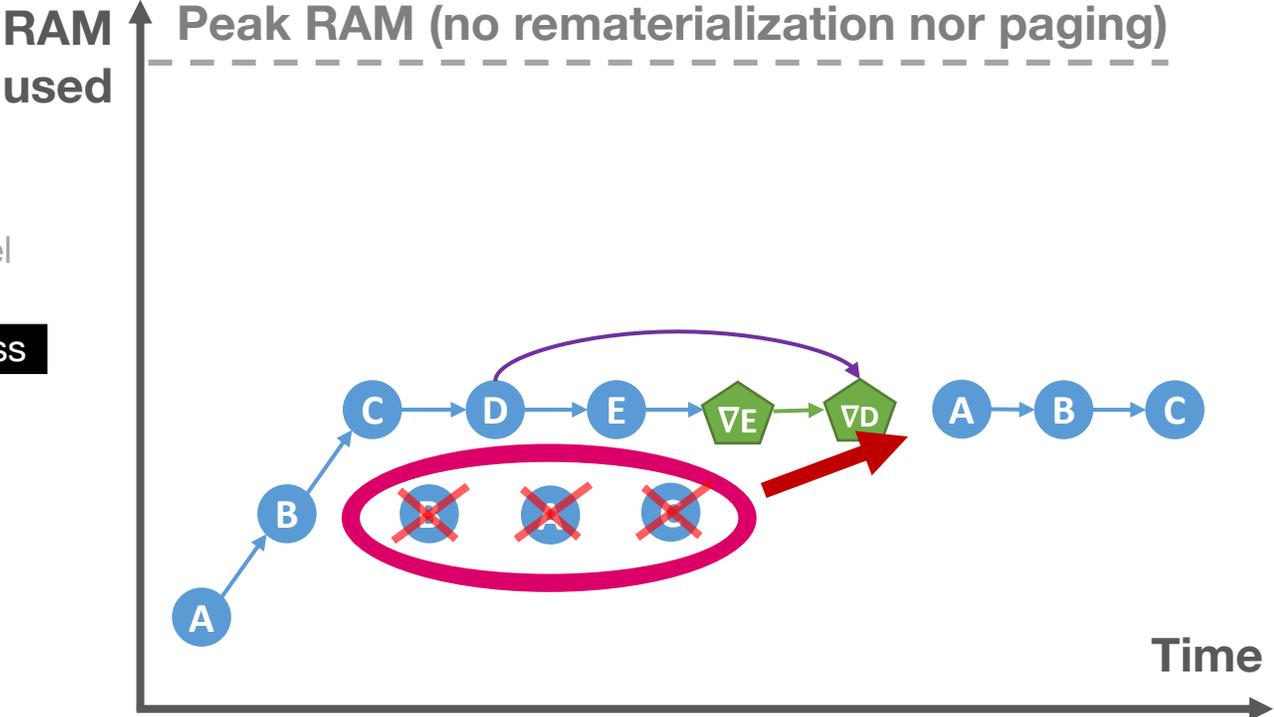
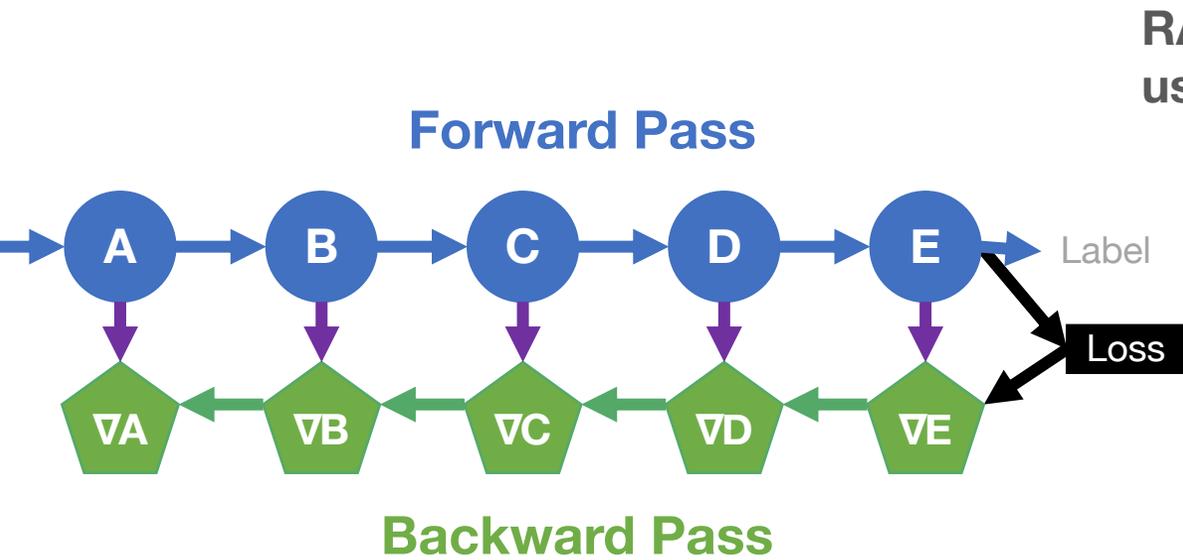


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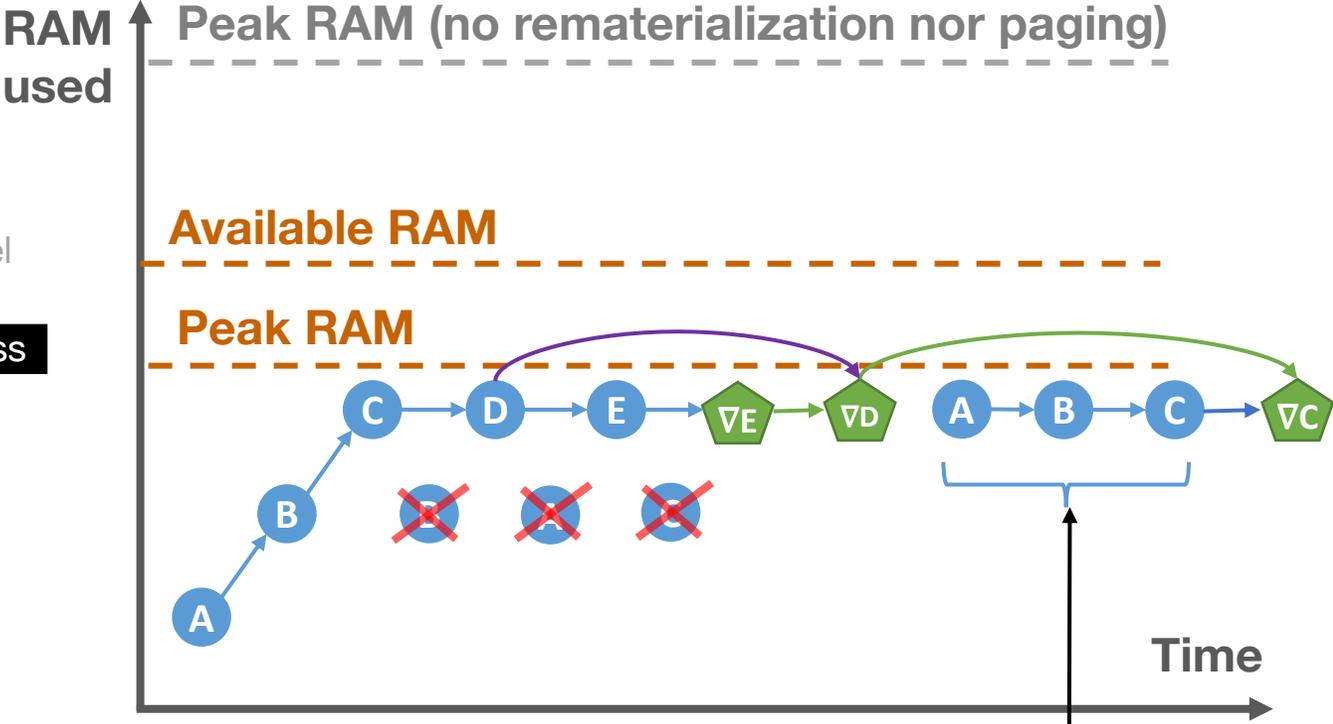
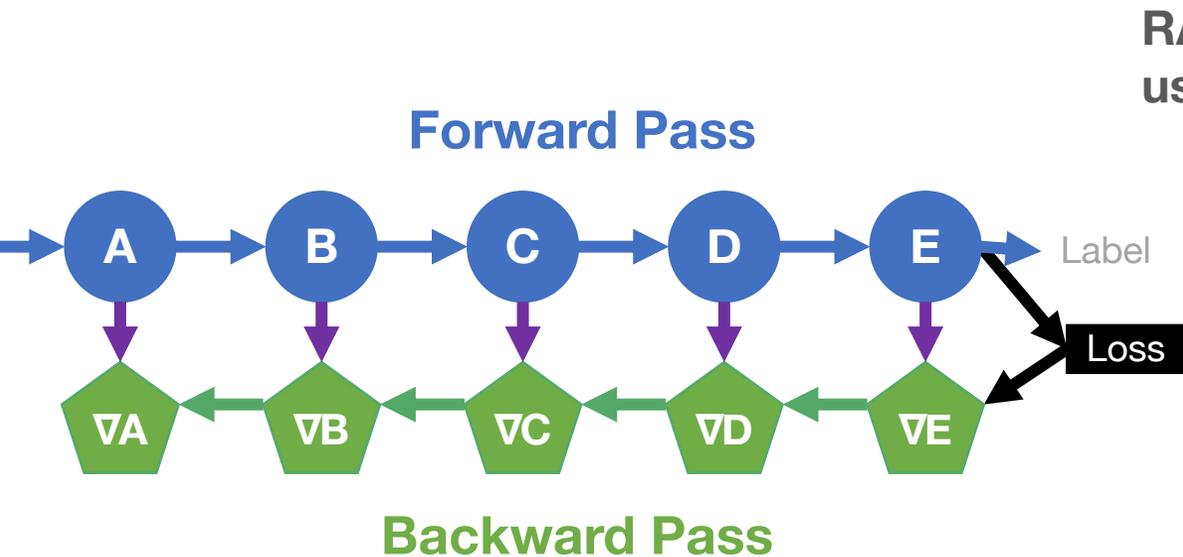
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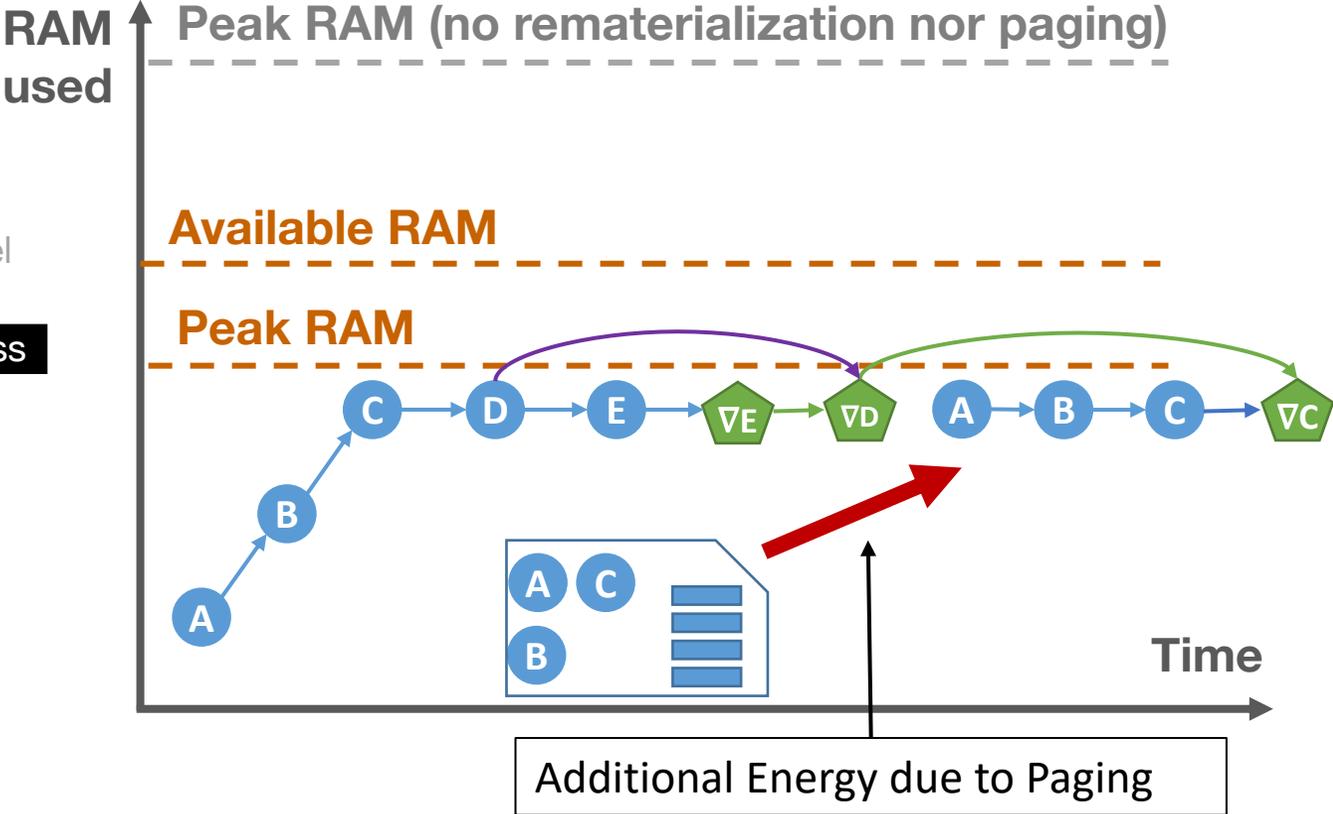
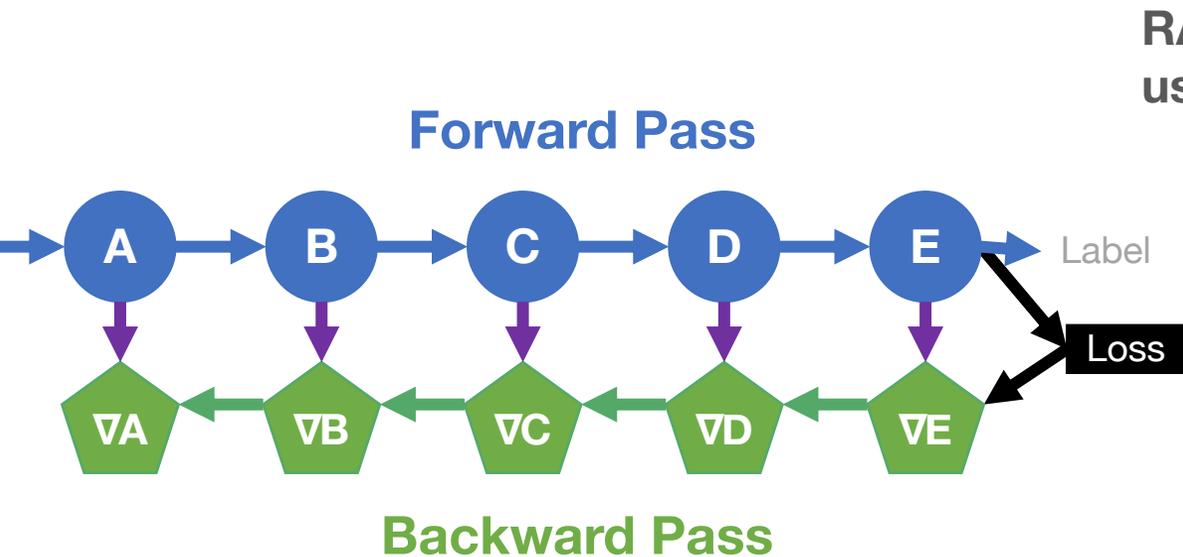
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Additional Energy and runtime due to recomputation!

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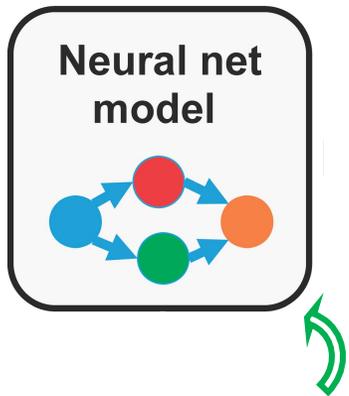
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## Paging:

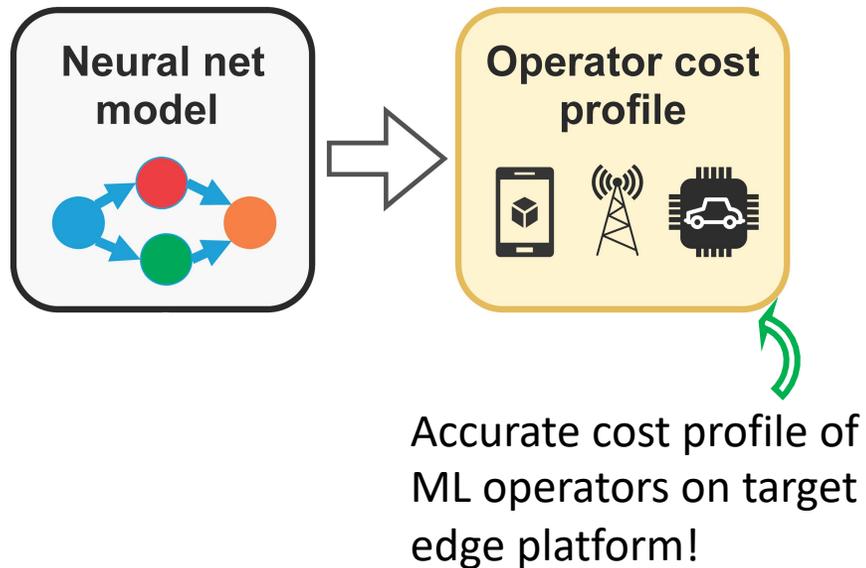
Page-out to secondary storage and page-in Just-in-Time!

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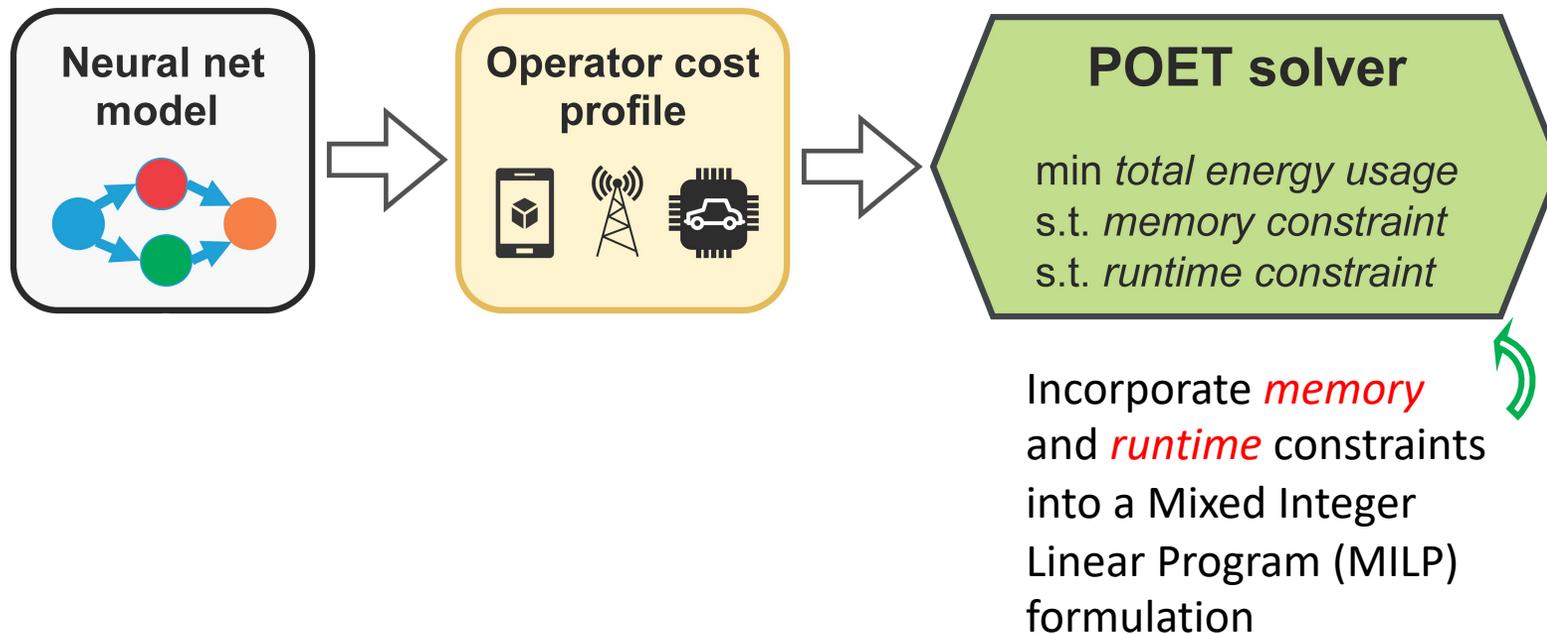


{SOTA ML model,  
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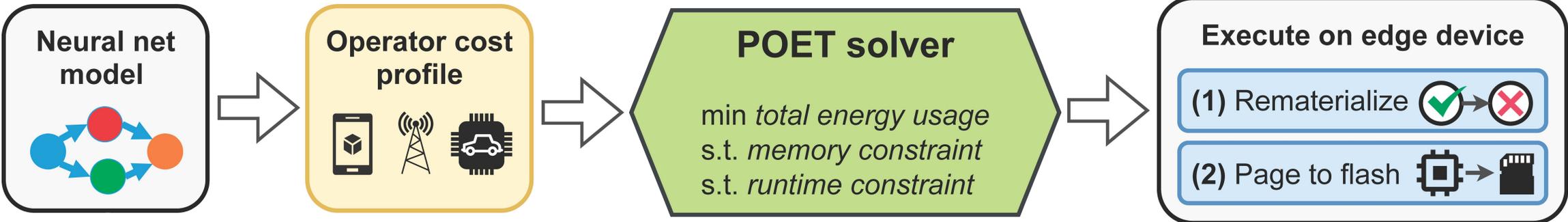
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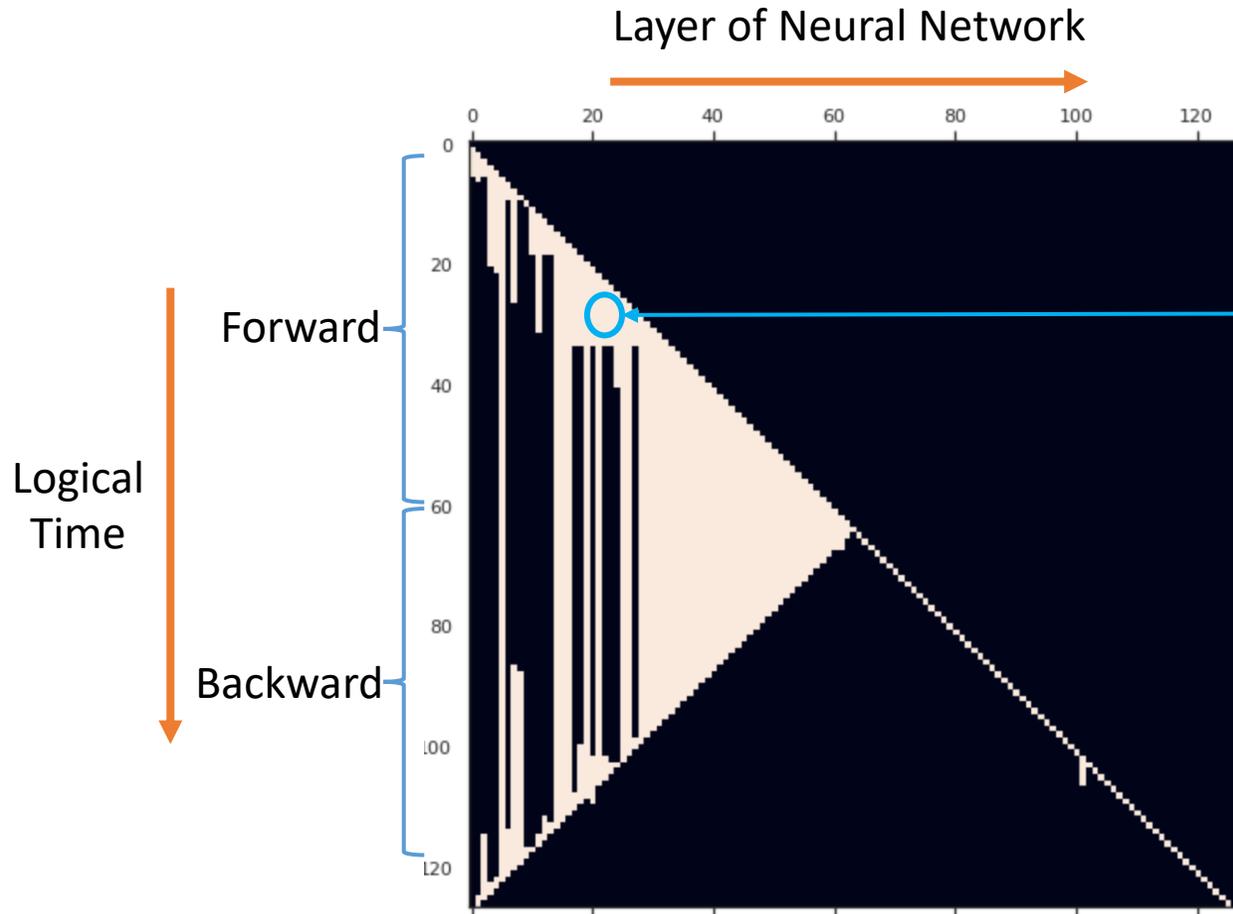
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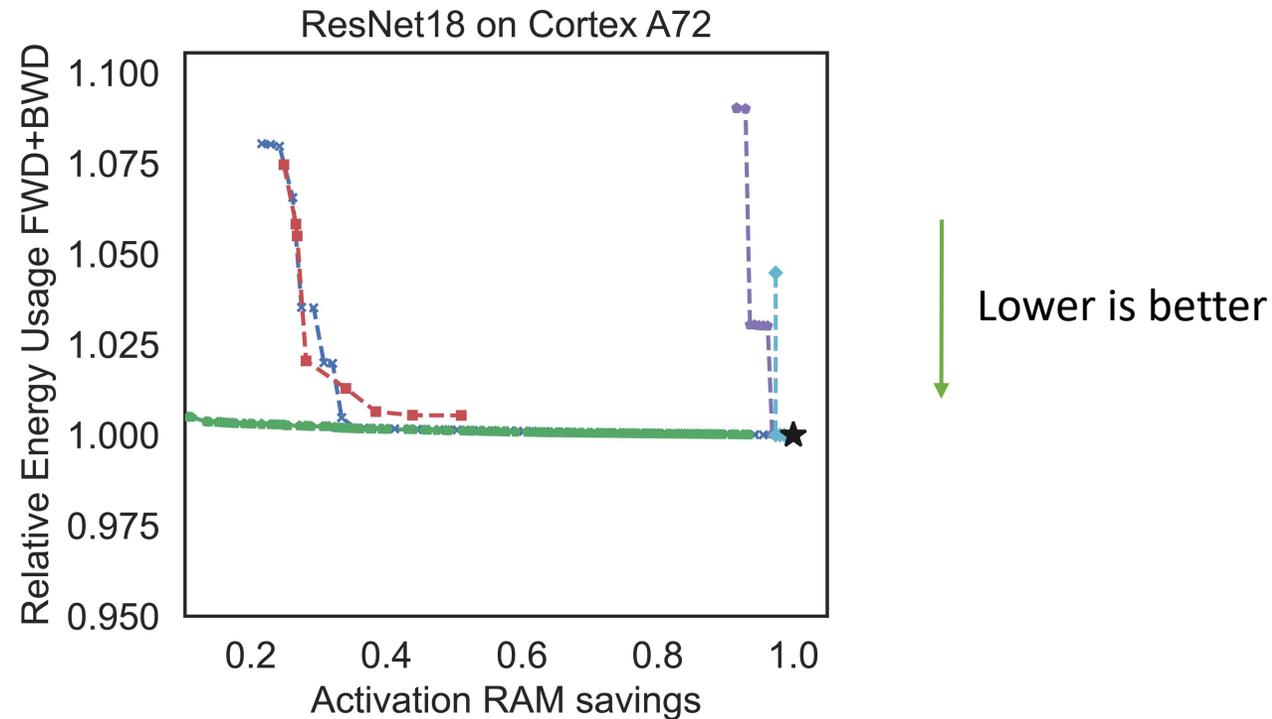
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Pixelated box indicates activation tensor for Layer ' $l$ ' is resident in RAM at timestep ' $t$ '

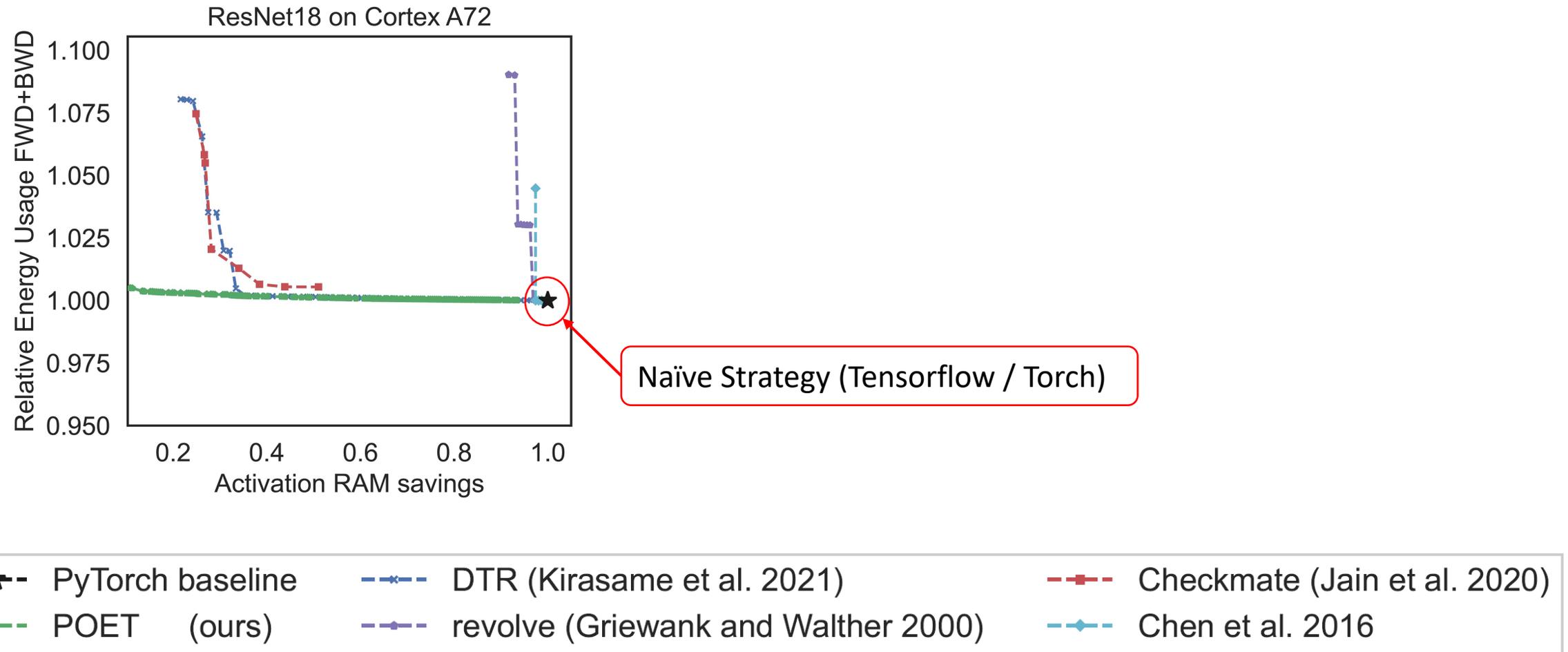
POET's integrated rematerialization and paging search space finds advanced solutions that are not possible through simple heuristics.

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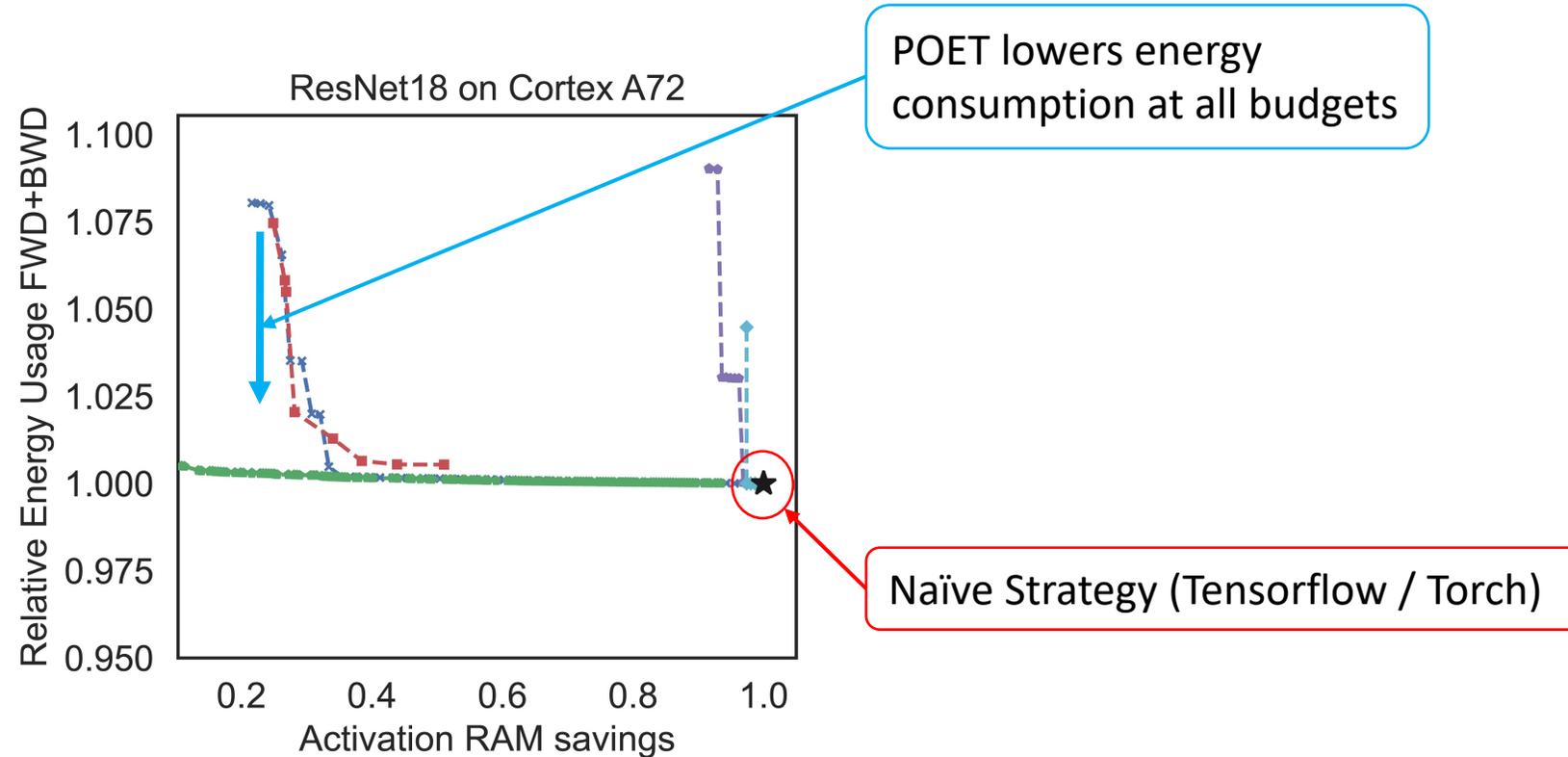


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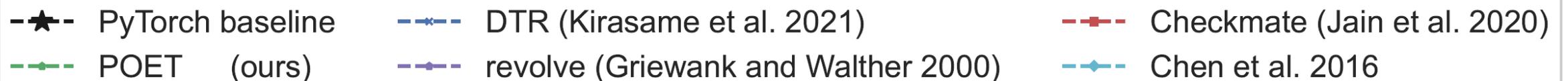
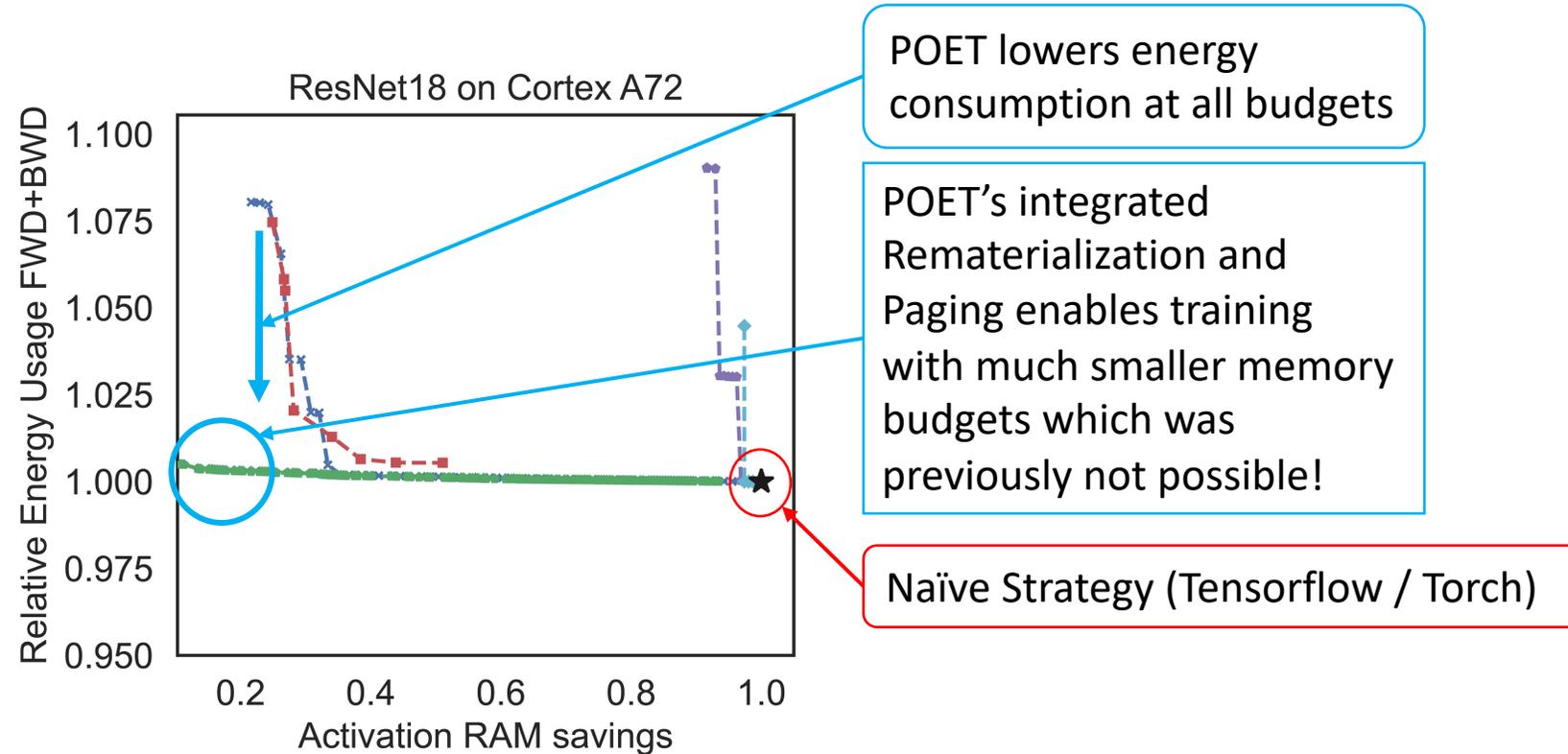


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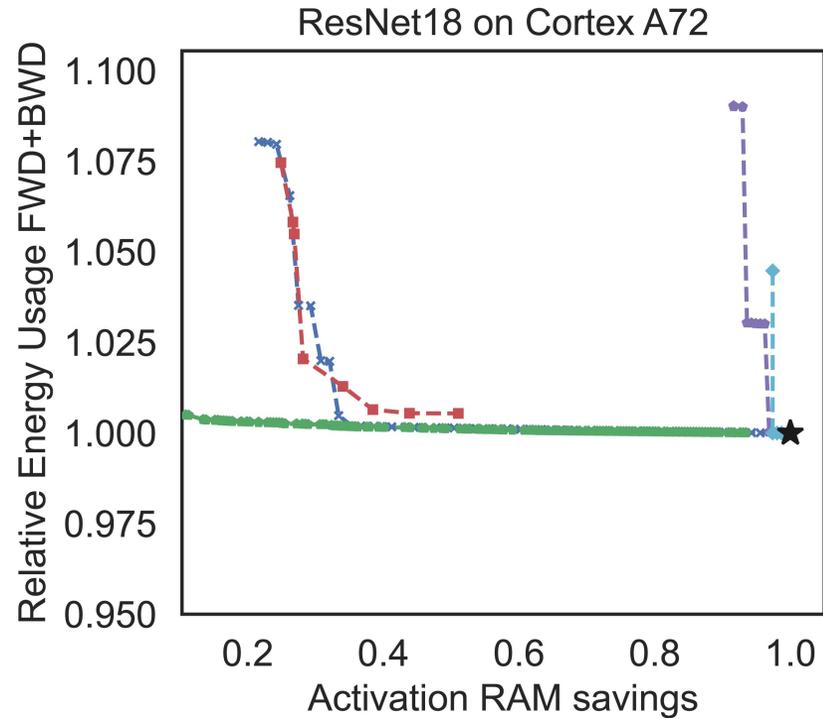


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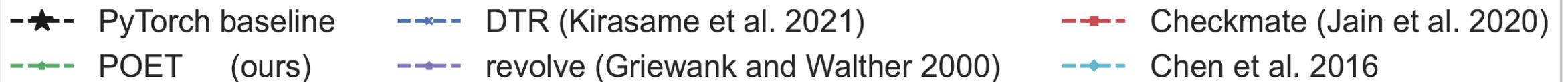
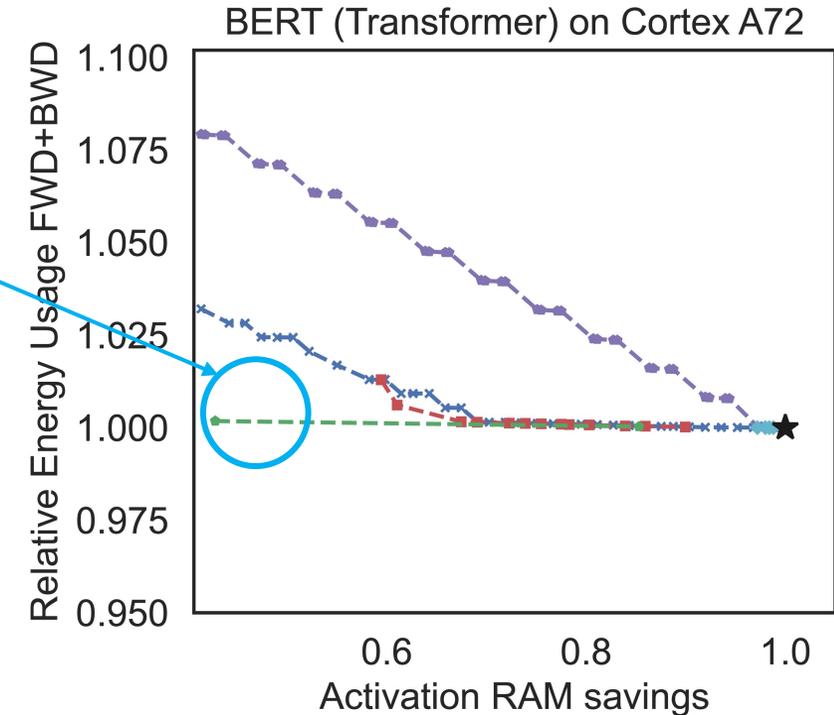
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POET's integrated Rematerialization and Paging enables training with much smaller memory budgets which was previously not possible!





# POET – Private Optimal Edge Training

## Conclusion

- POET enables training SOTA DNN models locally on memory-constrained edge devices.
- POET's fine grained profiling results in accurate cost profiles.
- POET's MILP formulation finds the optimal training schedule through integrated **rematerialization** and **paging**.



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