



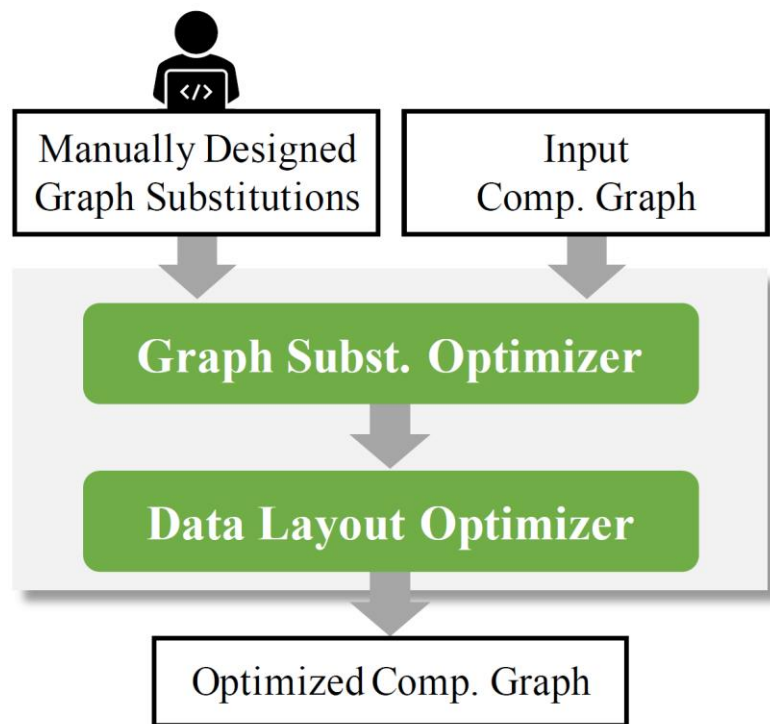
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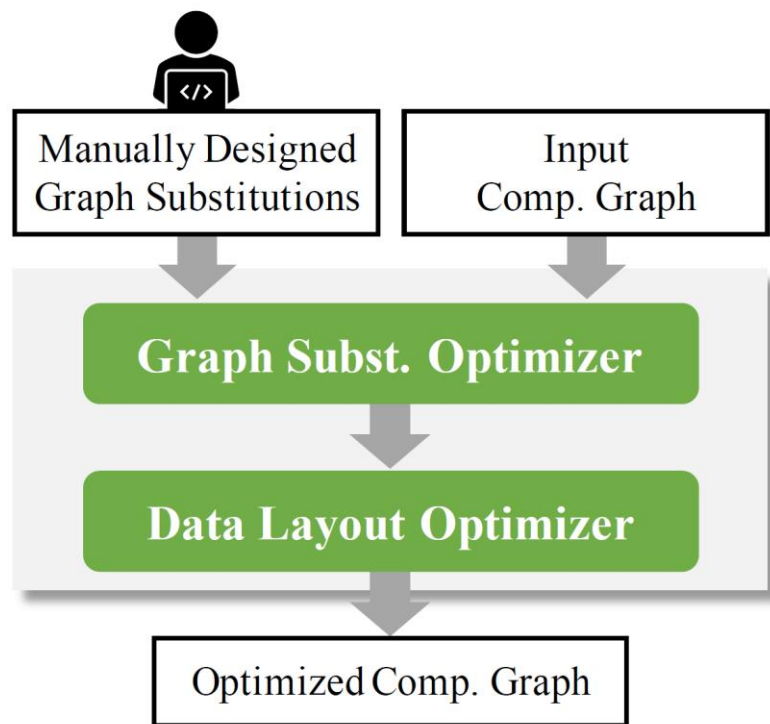
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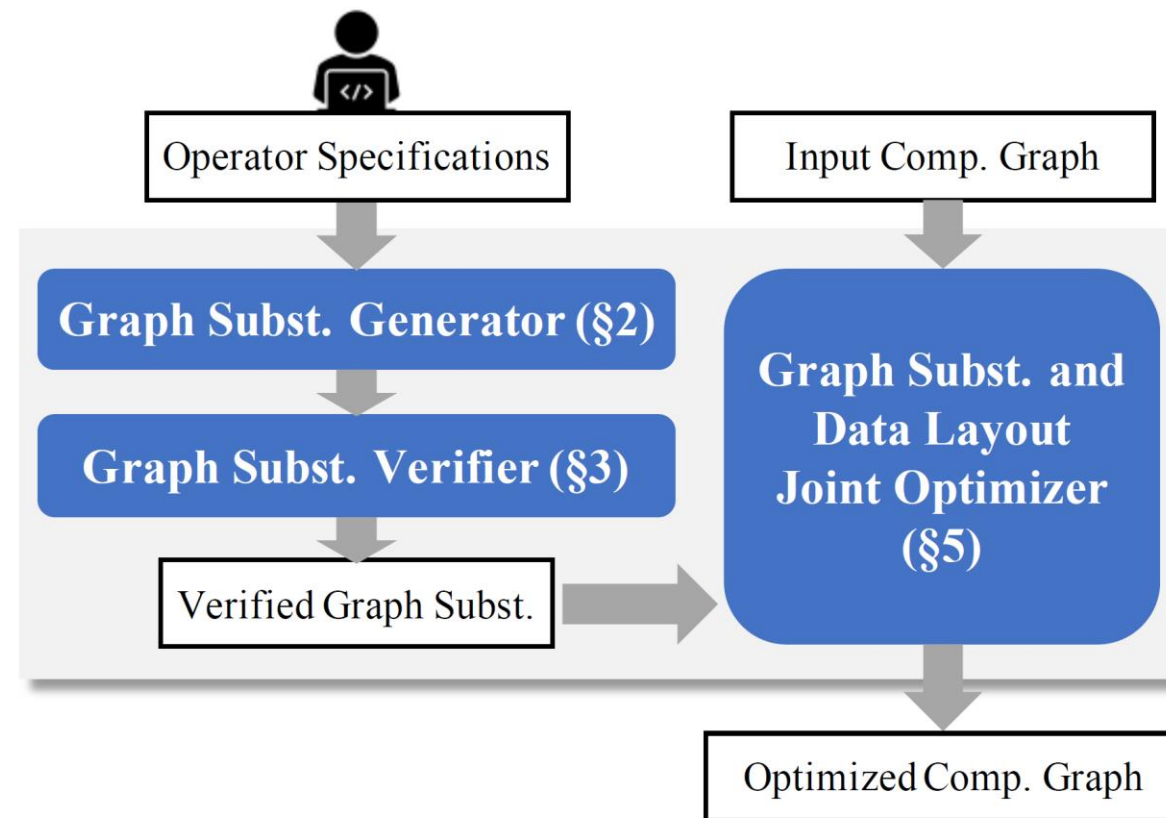




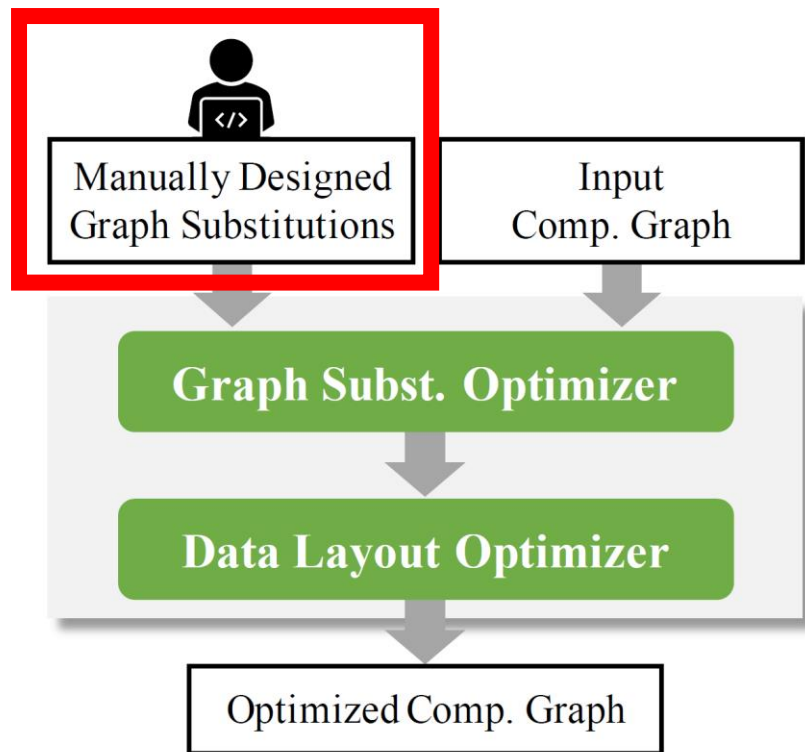
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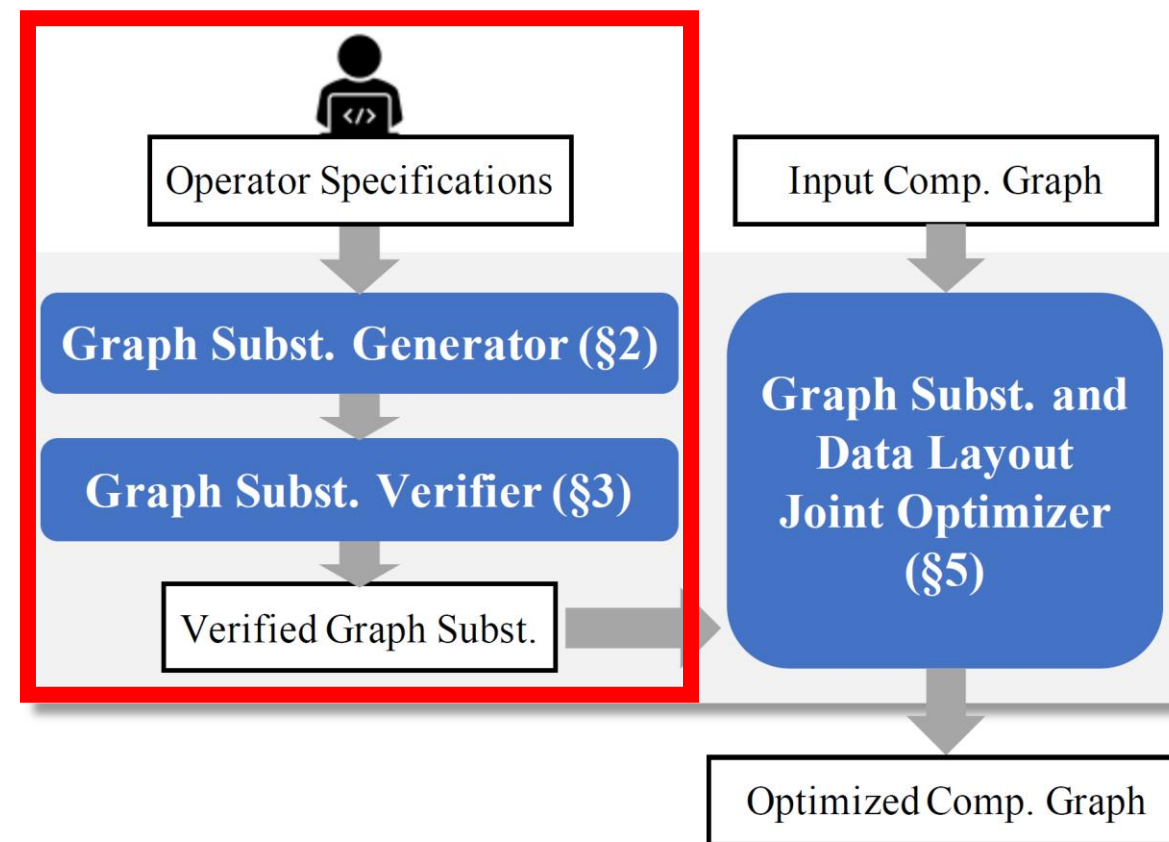
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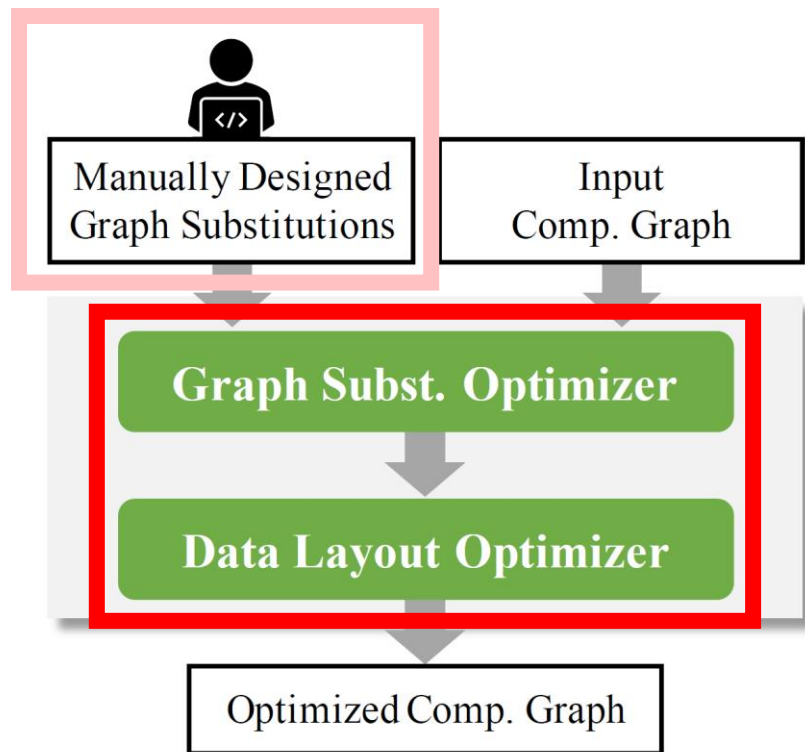


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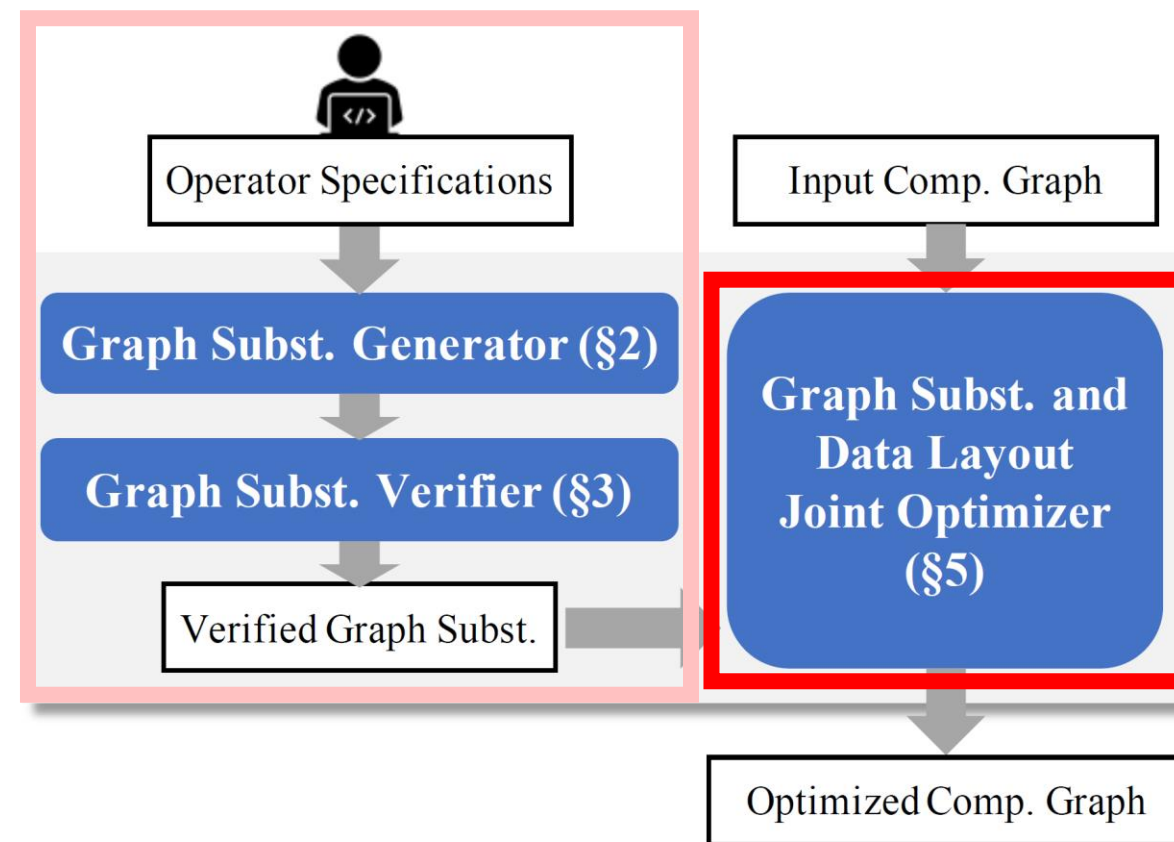


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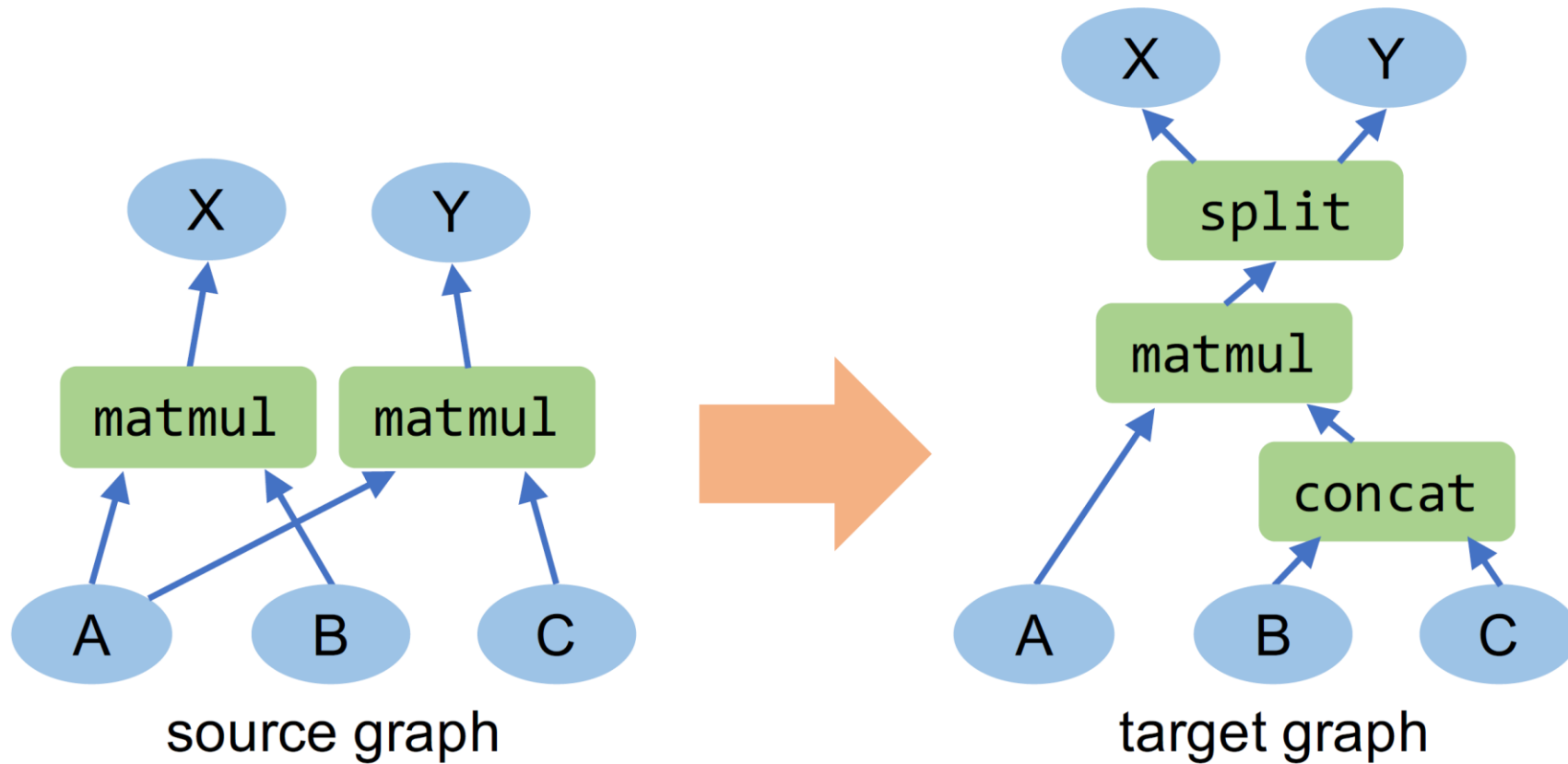




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→ Fingerprinting + Hash Collisions  
(Bansal, 2006)

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**Table 2.** Operator properties used for verification. The operators are defined in Table 1, and the properties are grouped by the operators they involve. Logical variables  $w, x, y$ , and  $z$  are of type tensor, and variables  $a, c, k, p$ , and  $s$  are of type parameter. The variable  $a$  is used for the axis of concatenation and split,  $c$  for the activation mode of convolution,  $k$  for the kernel shape of pooling,  $p$  for the padding mode of convolution and pooling, and  $s$  for the strides of convolution and pooling.

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$\forall x, y, z. \text{ewadd}(x, \text{ewadd}(y, z)) = \text{ewadd}(\text{ewadd}(x, y), z)$ $\forall x, y. \text{ewadd}(x, y) = \text{ewadd}(y, x)$ $\forall x, y, z. \text{ewmul}(x, \text{ewmul}(y, z)) = \text{ewmul}(\text{ewmul}(x, y), z)$ $\forall x, y. \text{ewmul}(x, y) = \text{ewmul}(y, x)$ $\forall x, y, z. \text{ewmul}(\text{ewadd}(x, y), z) = \text{ewadd}(\text{ewmul}(x, z), \text{ewmul}(y, z))$ $\forall x, y, w. \text{smul}(\text{smul}(x, y), w) = \text{smul}(x, \text{smul}(y, w))$ $\forall x, y, w. \text{smul}(\text{ewadd}(x, y), w) = \text{ewadd}(\text{smul}(x, w), \text{smul}(y, w))$ $\forall x, y, w. \text{smul}(\text{ewmul}(x, y), w) = \text{ewmul}(x, \text{smul}(y, w))$	ewadd is associative ewadd is commutative ewmul is associative ewmul is commutative distributivity smul is associative distributivity operator commutativity
$\forall x. \text{transpose}(\text{transpose}(x)) = x$ $\forall x, y. \text{transpose}(\text{ewadd}(x, y)) = \text{ewadd}(\text{transpose}(x), \text{transpose}(y))$ $\forall x, y. \text{transpose}(\text{ewmul}(x, y)) = \text{ewmul}(\text{transpose}(x), \text{transpose}(y))$ $\forall x, w. \text{smul}(\text{transpose}(x), w) = \text{transpose}(\text{smul}(x, w))$	transpose is its own inverse operator commutativity operator commutativity operator commutativity
$\forall x, y, z. \text{matmul}(x, \text{matmul}(y, z)) = \text{matmul}(\text{matmul}(x, y), z)$ $\forall x, y, w. \text{smul}(\text{matmul}(x, y), w) = \text{matmul}(x, \text{smul}(y, w))$ $\forall x, y, z. \text{matmul}(x, \text{ewadd}(y, z)) = \text{ewadd}(\text{matmul}(x, y), \text{matmul}(x, z))$ $\forall x, y. \text{transpose}(\text{matmul}(x, y)) = \text{matmul}(\text{transpose}(y), \text{transpose}(x))$	matmul is associative matmul is linear matmul is linear matmul and transpose
$\forall s, p, c, x, y, w. \text{conv}(s, p, c, \text{smul}(x, w), y) = \text{conv}(s, p, c, x, \text{smul}(y, w))$ $\forall s, p, x, y, w. \text{smul}(\text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, x, y), w) = \text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, \text{smul}(x, w), y)$ $\forall s, p, x, y, z. \text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, x, \text{ewadd}(y, z)) = \text{ewadd}(\text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, x, y), \text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, x, z))$ $\forall s, p, x, y, z. \text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, \text{ewadd}(x, y), z) = \text{ewadd}(\text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, x, z), \text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, y, z))$ $\forall s, c, k, x, y. \text{conv}(s, \text{P}_{\text{same}}, c, x, y) = \text{conv}(s, \text{P}_{\text{same}}, c, x, \text{enlarge}(k, y))$	conv is bilinear conv is bilinear conv is bilinear conv is bilinear enlarge convolution kernel
$\forall s, p, x, y. \text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{relu}}, x, y) = \text{relu}(\text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, x, y))$ $\forall x. \text{relu}(\text{transpose}(x)) = \text{transpose}(\text{relu}(x))$	conv with $\text{A}_{\text{relu}}$ applies relu operator commutativity
$\forall s, p, x, k. \text{conv}(s, p, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, x, \text{C}_{\text{pool}}(k)) = \text{pool}_{\text{avg}}(k, s, p, x)$ $\forall k, x. \text{conv}(1, \text{P}_{\text{same}}, \text{A}_{\text{none}}, x, \text{I}_{\text{conv}}(k)) = x$ $\forall x. \text{matmul}(x, \text{I}_{\text{matmul}}) = x$ $\forall x. \text{ewmul}(x, \text{I}_{\text{ewmul}}) = x$	pooling by conv. with $\text{C}_{\text{pool}}$ identity kernel identity matrix ewmul identity
$\forall a, x, y. \text{split}_0(a, \text{concat}(a, x, y)) = x$ $\forall a, x, y. \text{split}_1(a, \text{concat}(a, x, y)) = y$ $\forall x, y, z, w. \text{concat}(0, \text{concat}(1, x, y), \text{concat}(1, z, w)) = \text{concat}(1, \text{concat}(0, x, z), \text{concat}(0, y, w))$	split definition split definition geometry of concatenation
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**Table 3.** The number of remaining graph substitutions after applying the pruning techniques in order.

Pruning Techniques	Remaining Substitutions	Reduction v.s. Initial
Initial	28744	1×
Input tensor renaming	17346	1.7×
Common subgraph	743	39×

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**Algorithm 2** Cost-Based Backtracking Search

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1: Input: an input graph  $\mathcal{G}_{in}$ , verified substitutions  $\mathcal{S}$ , a cost  
   model  $Cost(\cdot)$ , and a hyper parameter  $\alpha$ .  
2: Output: an optimized graph.  
3:  
4:  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{G}_{in}\}$  //  $\mathcal{P}$  is a priority queue sorted by  $Cost$ .  
5: while  $\mathcal{P} \neq \{\}$  do  
6:    $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P}.dequeue()$   
7:   for substitution  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  do  
8:     //  $LAYOUT(\mathcal{G}, s)$  returns possible layouts applying  $s$  on  $\mathcal{G}$ .  
9:     for layout  $l \in LAYOUT(\mathcal{G}, s)$  do  
10:      //  $APPLY(\mathcal{G}, s, l)$  applies  $s$  on  $\mathcal{G}$  with layout  $l$ .  
11:       $\mathcal{G}' = APPLY(\mathcal{G}, s, l)$   
12:      if  $\mathcal{G}'$  is valid then  
13:        if  $Cost(\mathcal{G}') < Cost(\mathcal{G}_{opt})$  then  
14:           $\mathcal{G}_{opt} = \mathcal{G}'$   
15:        if  $Cost(\mathcal{G}') < \alpha \times Cost(\mathcal{G}_{opt})$  then  
16:           $\mathcal{P}.enqueue(\mathcal{G}')$   
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Cost-based backtracking  
algorithm from MetaFlow

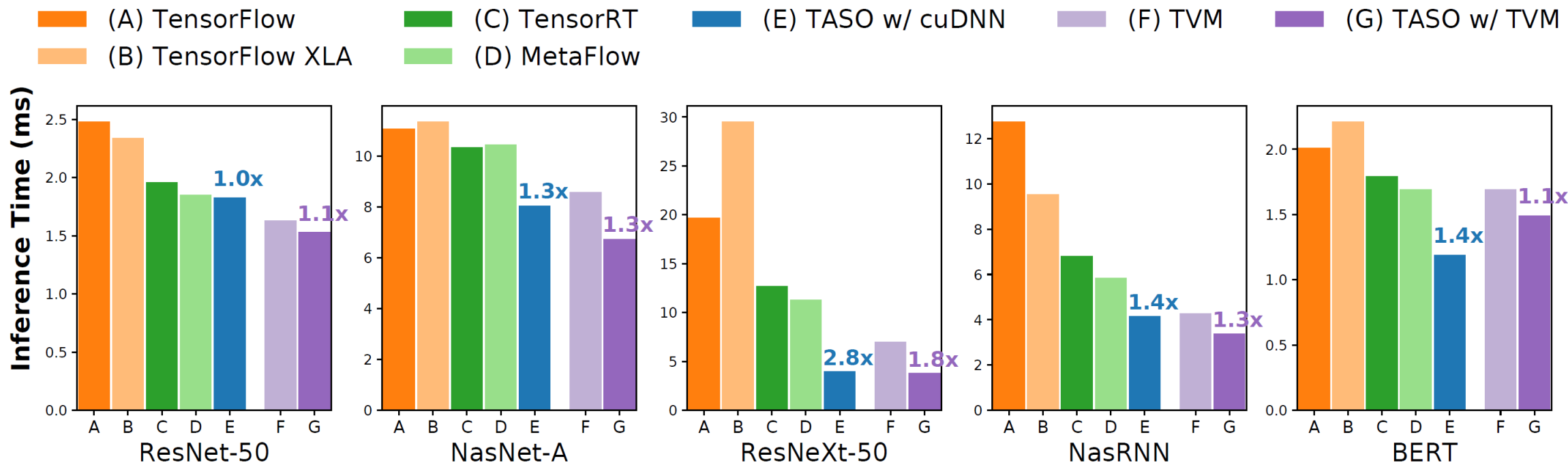
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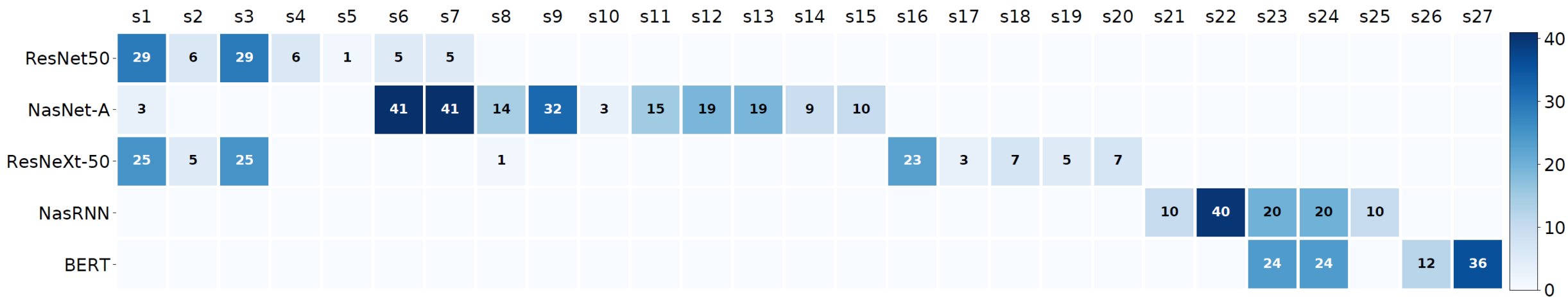
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Nested for loop over all  
substitutions/data layouts

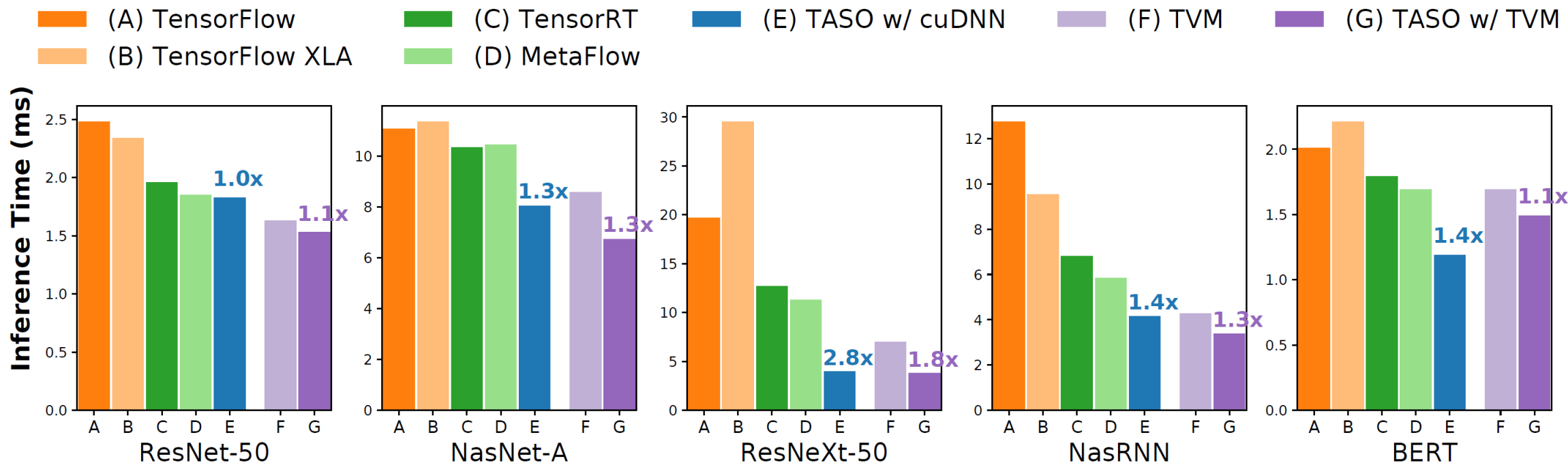


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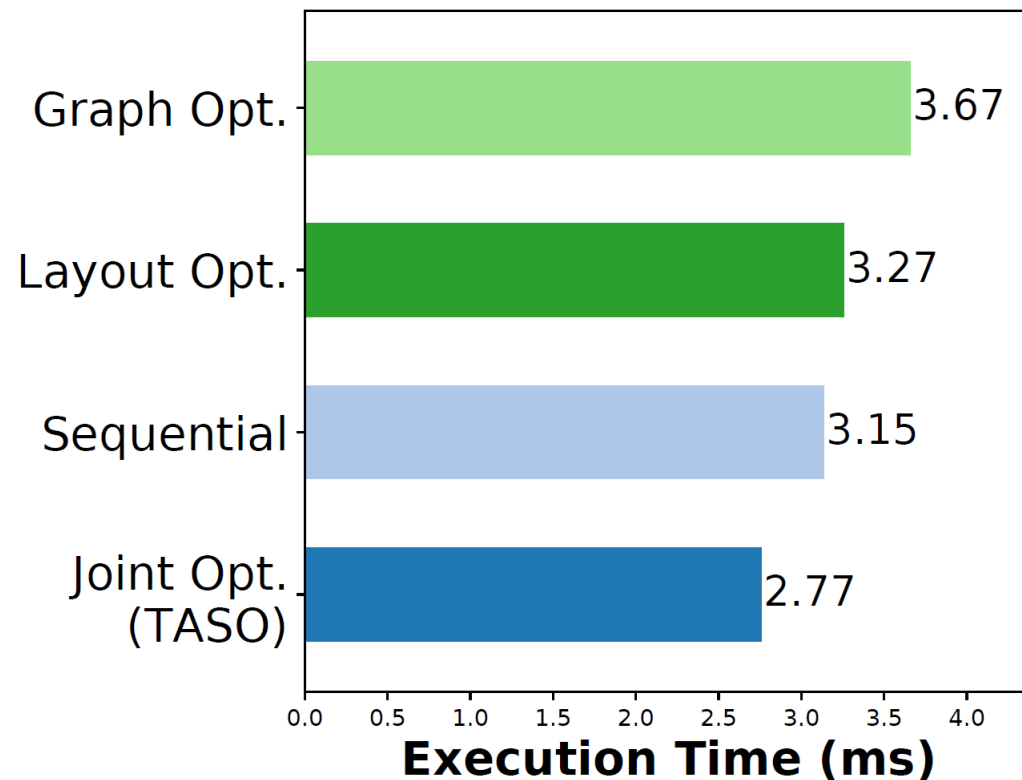




**Figure 10.** A heat map of how often the verified substitutions are used to optimize the five DNN architectures. Only substitutions used in at least one DNN are listed. For each architecture, the number indicates how many times a substitution is used by TASO to obtain the optimized graph.



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**Figure 12.** End-to-end inference performance comparison on BERT using different strategies to optimize graph substitution and data layout.

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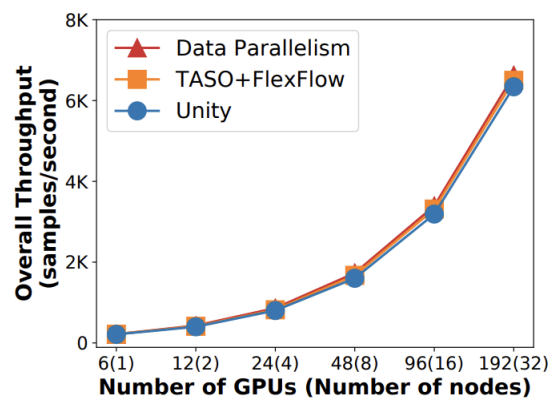
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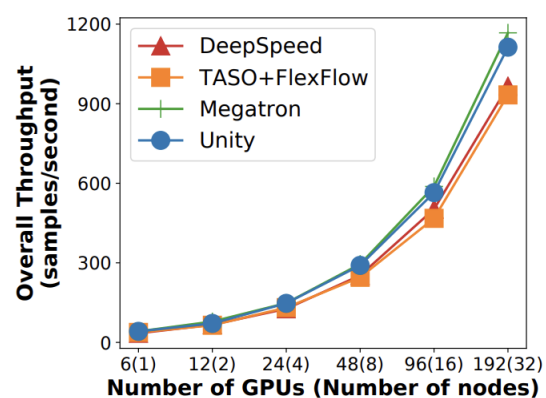
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# Impact and Follow Up Work

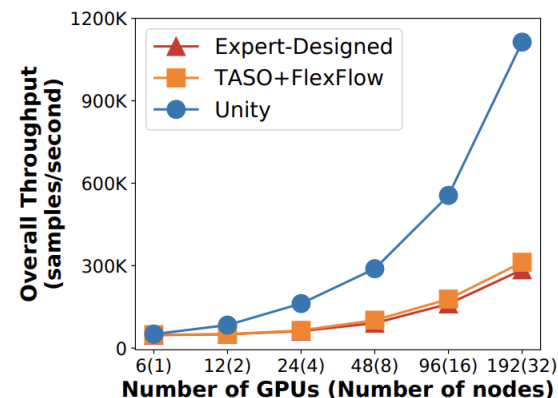
- PET: non-fully equivalent graph substitutions  
*(Wang, 2021)*
- Equality Saturation: improves joint optimization algorithm  
*(Yang, 2021)*
- Unity: jointly optimizes graph substitutions, data layout, and parallelism  
*(Unger, 2022)*



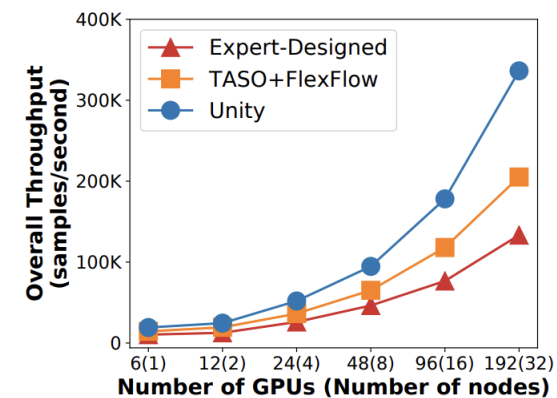
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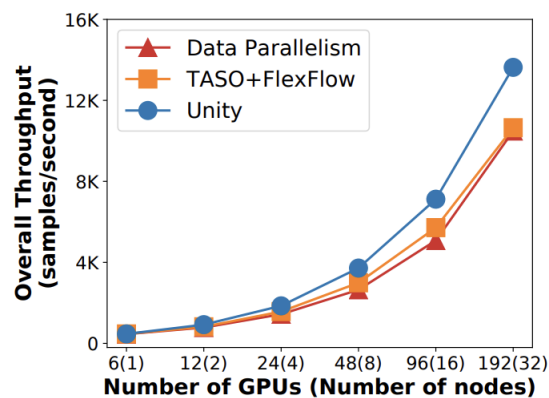
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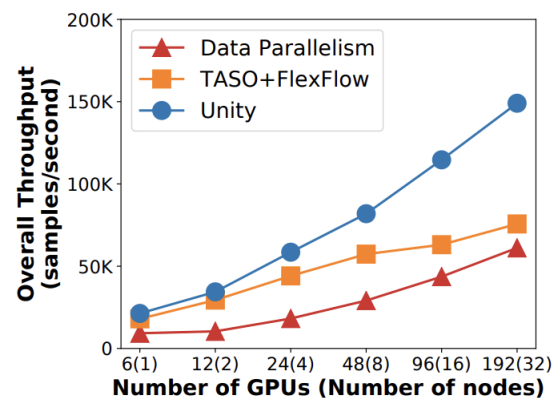
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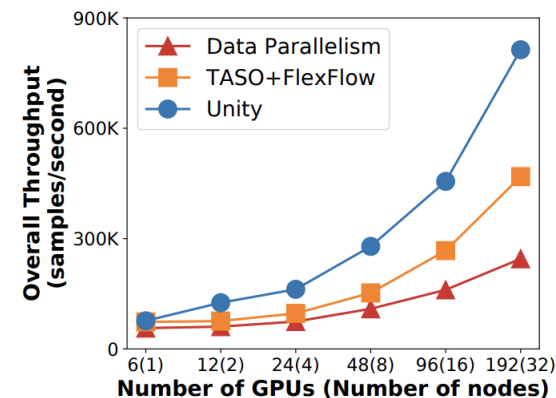
(d) CANDLE-Uno.



(e) Inception-v3.



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(g) XDL.

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