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# *A Comparative Study of in-Database Inference Approaches*

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# 1 Research Background

- DL + DB = ?

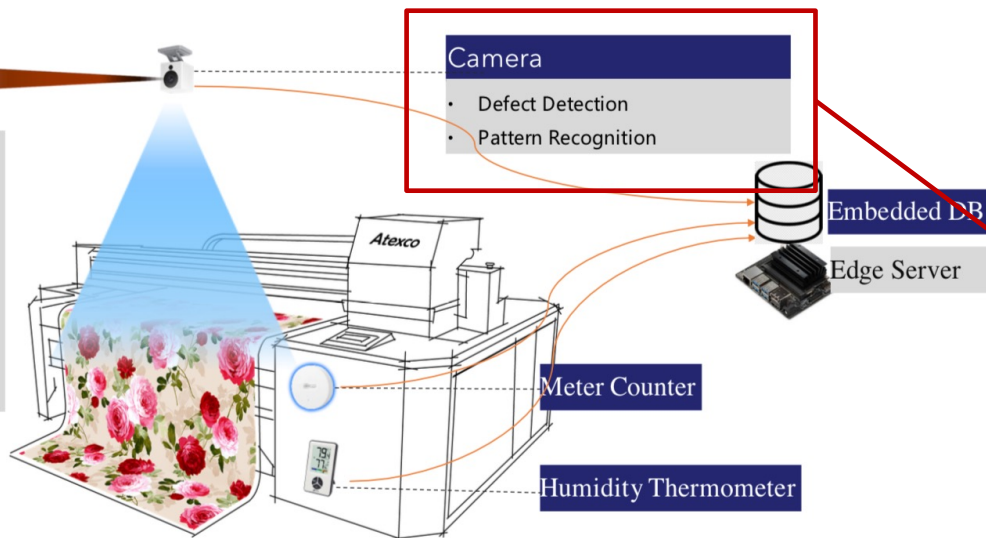
Deep Learning(DL)



DataBase (DB)



Pattern ID: 2019126  
 TransactionID:  
 JGD20190101-1  
 Status: In Printing  
 Printing Meter: 32.9m  
 Start Time: 17:32:01  
 End Time: 00:07:15

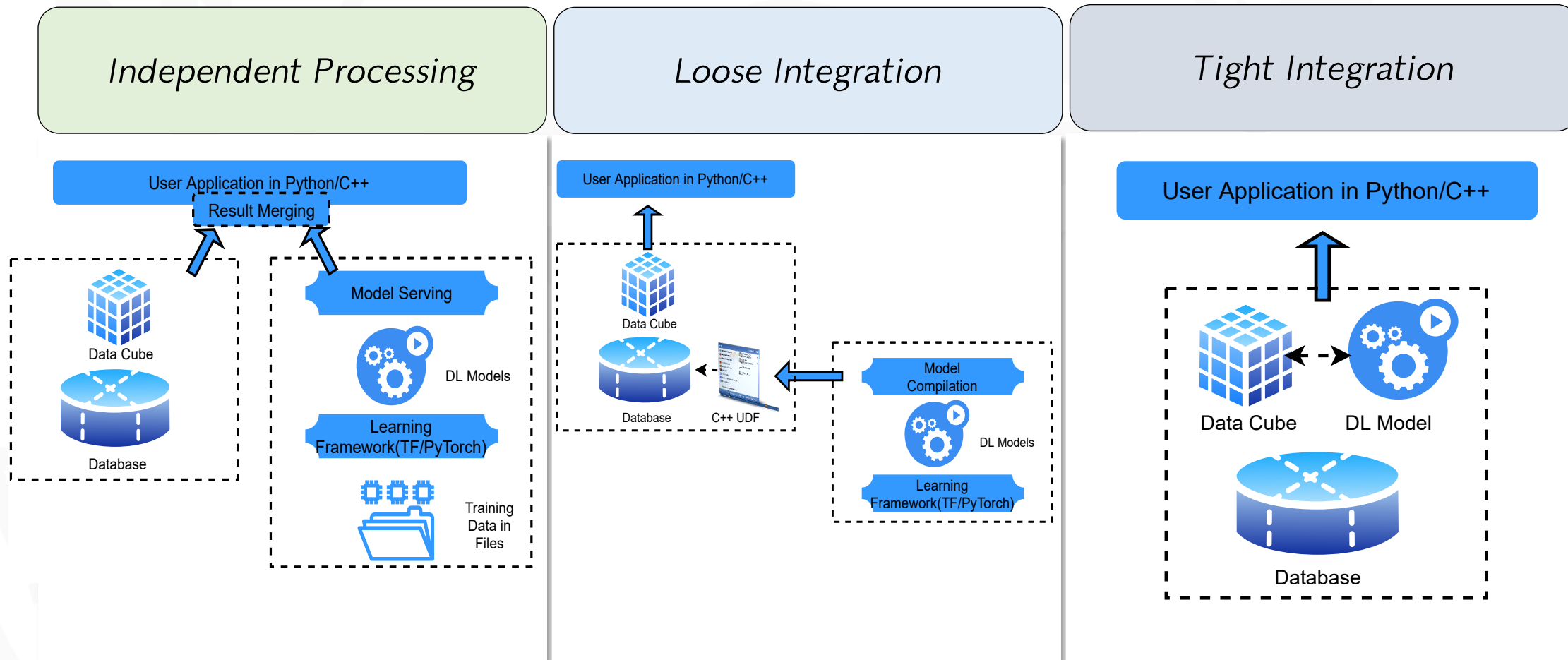


SELECT patternID, transID  
 FROM FABRIC F, Video V *the query of DB*  
 WHERE F.humidity > 80 and F.temperature > 30

and F.printdate > '2021-01-01'  
 and F.printdate < '2021-1-31'  
 and F.transID = V.transID  
 and V.date > '2021-01-01'  
 and V.date < '2021-1-31'  
 and nUDF\_detect(V.keyframe) = FALSE;

*the query of DL*

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- Challenge:

### *Independent Processing*

- *Easy to implement*
- *Scalability*
- *High I/O cost*
- *Lack of reusability*

### *Loose Integration*

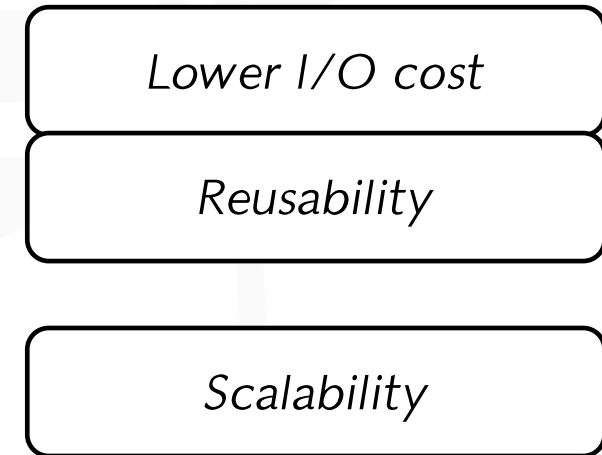
- *Reusability*
- *Lack of optimization*
- *High I/O cost*
- *Complexity*
- *Scalability*

### *Tight Integration*

- *Lower I/O cost*
- *Scalability*
- *Reusability*
- *Hard to implement*

### 3 DL2SQL\*: Key idea

- Tight coupling of DL and DB;
- Converting different neural operators into *pure SQL queries*;
- The implemented neural operators can be easily assembled to realize various neural networks;
- The collaborative query can be *optimized with the database optimizer*.



### 3 *Implement Detail (take CNN as an example):*

- *FeatureMap Table: Input data and feature maps of each layer of neural network stored in specific structure;*
- *Kernel Table: Storage of convolution kernel parameters;*
- *Kernel Mapping Table: Storage of row mapping relation between the output of the previous layer and the input of the current layer.*

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- FeatureMap Table:

2	1	3	4	5
1	3	4	5	7
3	4	5	7	2
4	5	7	2	1
5	7	2	1	4

5\*5\*1 Feature Map

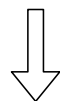
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Feature Map Table

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Kernels



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Kernel Table

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#### Algorithm 1: Generation of Feature Map Table

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**Input:** Input  $F$ , Kernel  $K$

**Output:** SQLs for Creating the Feature Map Table

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1 FeatureMap =  $\emptyset$ ,  $k = K.height$ ,  $s = K.striding$ ,
  Order_Header = 0
2 for  $i = 1$  to  $F.channel$  do
3   MatrixID = 1
4   for  $y = 1$  to  $F.height$  do
5     for  $x = 1$  to  $F.width$  do
6       OrderID  $\leftarrow$  Order_Header
7       for  $Coordinate_y = y$  to  $y + k$  do
8         for  $Coordinate_x = x$  to  $x + k$  do
9           Values  $\leftarrow$   $F.Value(Coordinate_x,$ 
10            Coordinate_y)
11          Insert {MatrixID, OrderID,
12            Values} into FeatureMap
13          OrderID ++
14        end
15      end
16       $x \leftarrow x + s$ , MatrixID ++
17    end
18     $y \leftarrow y + s$ 
19  end
20 return FeatureMap

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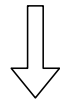
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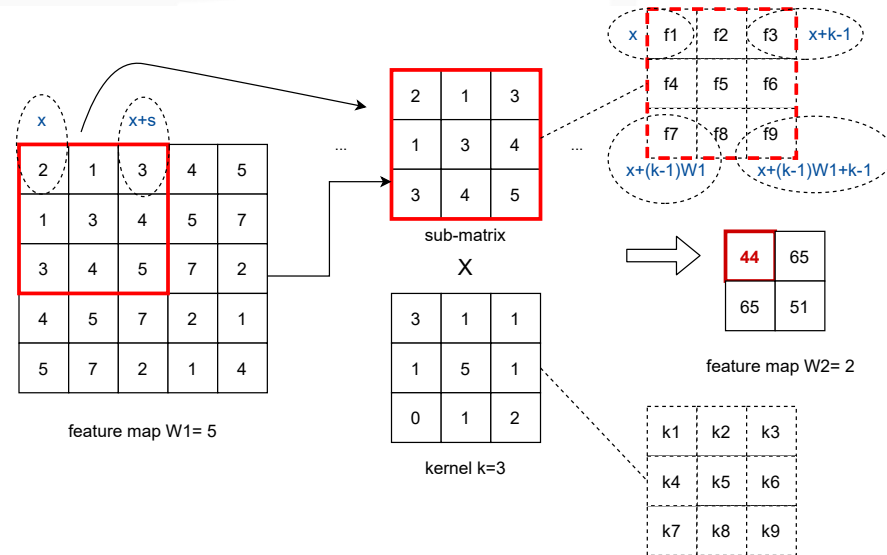
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Kernel Table

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TupleID	Value
1	2
2	1
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	1

Layer Output  
from Q1

JOIN

MatrixID	OrderID	TupleID
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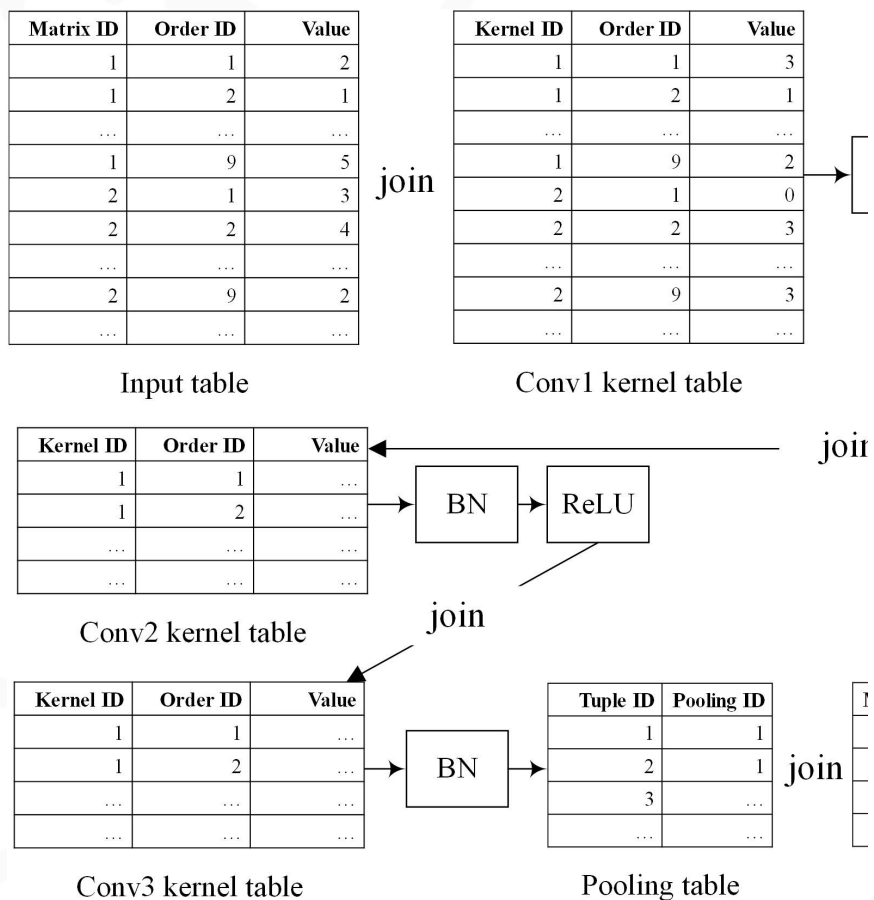
Kernel Mapping  
Table

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Feature Map  
Table

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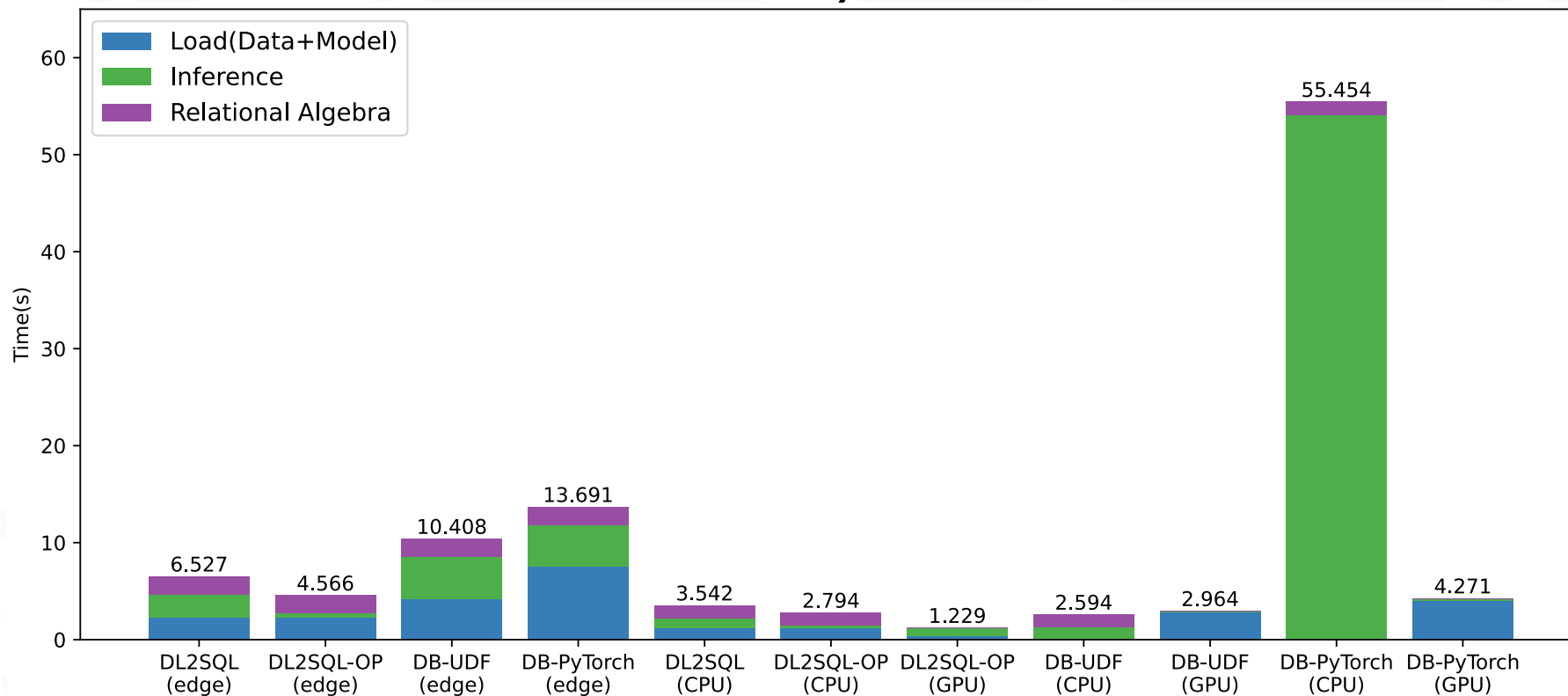


Neural Blocks	Variants	SQL Support
Pooling	Average Pooling	Supported
	Max Pooling	Supported
Activation	ReLU	Supported
	Sigmoid	Supported
Normalization	Batch Normalization	Supported
	Instance Normalization	Supported
Full Connection	N.A.	Supported
Convolution	N.A.	Supported
Deconvolution	N.A.	Supported
Residual Block	N.A.	Supported
Identity Block	N.A.	Supported
Dense Block	N.A.	Supported
Attention Block	Basic Attention	Supported
	Self Attention	Unsupported
RNN	LSTM	Unsupported
	GRU	Unsupported
Graph Convolution	N.A.	Supported by Graph DB



## 4 EVALUATION: Performance in different scenarios

- Average Performance of Multiple Queries on Different Devices with Selectivity=0.01%





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- Performance Comparison with Different Selectivity on Edge Server

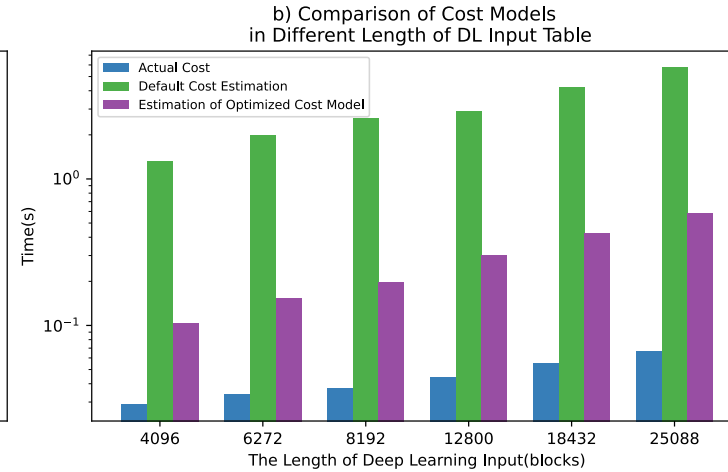
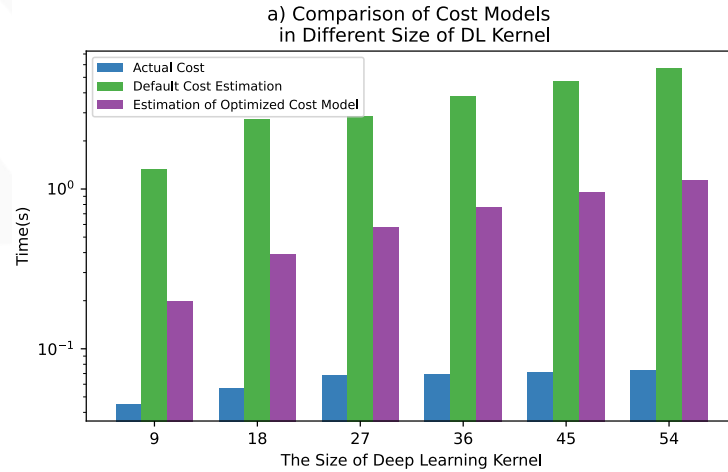
Selectivity(%)	DL2SQL-OP			DB-UDF			DB-PyTorch		
	Inference(s)	Loading(s)	All(s)	Inference(s)	Loading(s)	All(s)	Inference(s)	Loading(s)	All(s)
0.01	<b>0.441</b>	<b>2.256</b>	<b>2.697</b>	4.558	4.617	9.175	4.199	7.589	11.788
0.1	<b>0.263</b>	<b>1.129</b>	<b>2.783</b>	4.63	4.631	9.261	4.2	7.589	11.789
0.2	<b>0.618</b>	<b>2.175</b>	<b>2.793</b>	4.54	4.531	9.071	4.199	7.591	11.79
0.4	<b>0.857</b>	<b>2.259</b>	<b>3.116</b>	4.516	4.41	8.926	4.21	7.592	11.802
0.6	<b>1.308</b>	<b>2.261</b>	<b>3.569</b>	4.341	4.277	8.618	4.23	7.594	11.824
0.8	<b>2.254</b>	<b>2.231</b>	<b>4.485</b>	4.437	4.23	8.667	4.24	7.597	11.837
1	4.651	<b>2.174</b>	<b>6.825</b>	4.568	4.292	8.86	<b>4.24</b>	7.599	11.839

- Performance Comparison with Different Model Depths on Edge Server

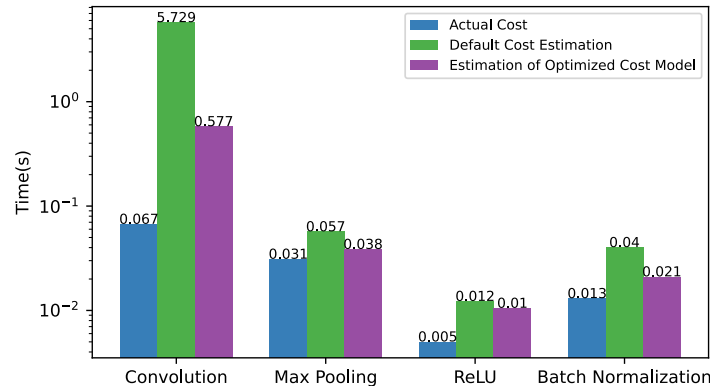
Model Configuration		DL2SQL-OP			DB-UDF			DB-PyTorch		
Depth	Parameters	Inference(s)	Loading(s)	All(s)	Inference(s)	Loading(s)	All(s)	Inference(s)	Loading(s)	All(s)
5	828418	<b>0.138</b>	<b>1.198</b>	<b>1.336</b>	2.282	2.243	4.525	2.478	1.957	4.435
10	3781890	<b>0.165</b>	2.341	<b>2.506</b>	2.291	<b>2.274</b>	4.565	1.982	2.524	4.506
15	6734850	<b>0.199</b>	3.237	<b>3.436</b>	2.29	<b>2.263</b>	4.553	1.987	2.558	4.545
20	9687810	<b>0.227</b>	4.555	4.782	2.309	<b>2.282</b>	4.591	1.975	2.572	<b>4.547</b>
25	12640770	<b>0.258</b>	4.508	4.766	2.321	<b>2.308</b>	4.629	2.001	2.596	<b>4.597</b>
30	15593730	<b>0.289</b>	4.306	4.595	2.321	<b>2.327</b>	4.648	1.959	2.542	<b>4.501</b>
35	18546690	<b>0.319</b>	4.593	4.912	2.332	<b>2.341</b>	4.673	1.961	2.543	<b>4.504</b>
40	20909570	<b>0.348</b>	6.194	6.542	2.343	<b>2.358</b>	4.701	1.969	2.546	<b>4.515</b>

## 4 EVALUATION: Cost Model

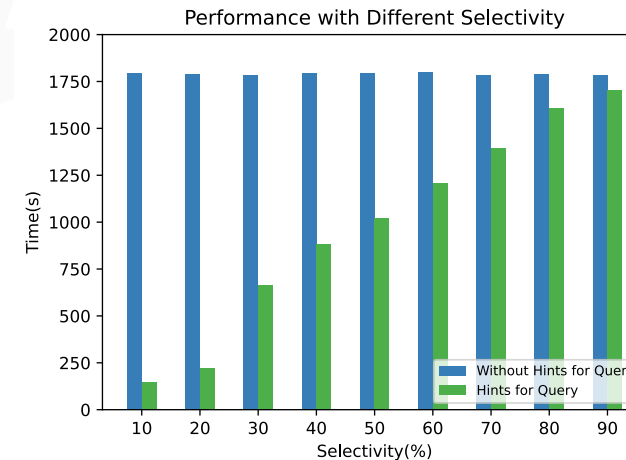
- Comparison of Different Cost Models in Collaborative Query



- Comparison of Different Neural Operators



- Performance of Hints for Collaborative Query



## 5 Conclusion

- We investigate a new type of query, the collaborative query, and compare *three possible processing strategies*.
- We propose a new tight integration approach, DL2SQL, which transforms the neural model inference into *pure SQL statements* by implementing popular neural operators as SQL queries..
- We propose our customized cost model and apply hint rules for the database's optimizer to choose a *proper query plan*.



***Thank you!***