

Exponential Families on Resource-Constrained Systems

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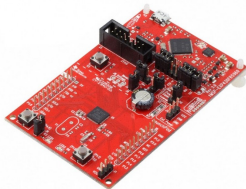
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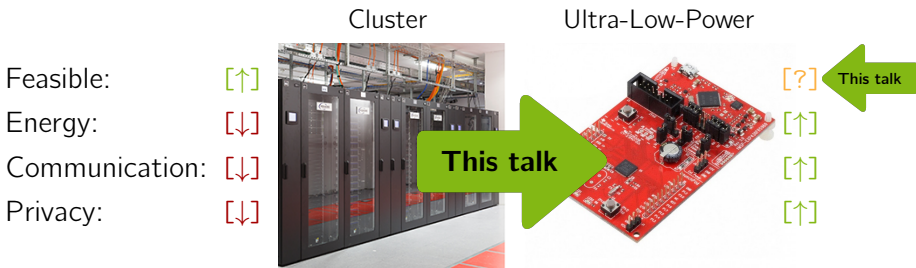
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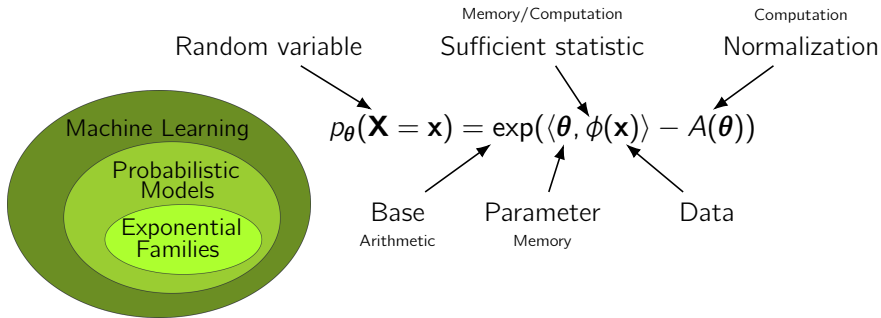


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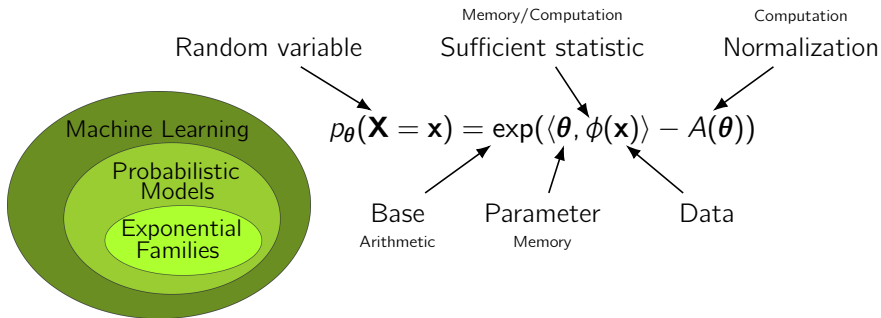
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- Parameter/Memory complexity
 - Arithmetic complexity
 - Computational complexity



Exponential Families



Exponential Families



- **Flexible:**



- **Unique:** Aggregation of data set \mathcal{D} independent of $|\mathcal{D}|$ iff p_{θ} belongs to a (generative) exponential family [Pitman/1936a].



Exponential Families as Graphical Models

Let $G = (V, E)$ encode the conditional independence structure of \mathbf{X} .

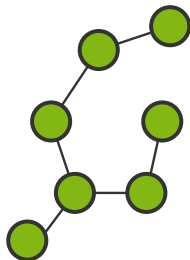
$$\frac{1}{Z(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \underbrace{\prod_{C \in \mathcal{C}} \exp(\langle \boldsymbol{\theta}_C, \phi_C(\mathbf{x}_C) \rangle)}_{\text{Factorization over cliques}} = \underbrace{\exp(\langle \boldsymbol{\theta}, \phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle - A(\boldsymbol{\theta}))}_{\text{Exponential family}}$$

Normalization

$$A(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log Z(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \log \int_{\mathcal{X}} \exp(\langle \boldsymbol{\theta}, \phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle) d\nu(\mathbf{x})$$

is **#P**-complete (worst-case over $G!$).

For trees in **FP** \Rightarrow Variational approximations: Simplify G .

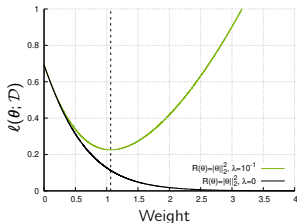


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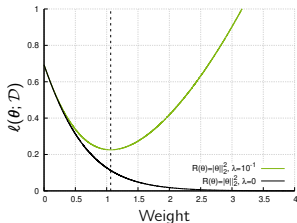


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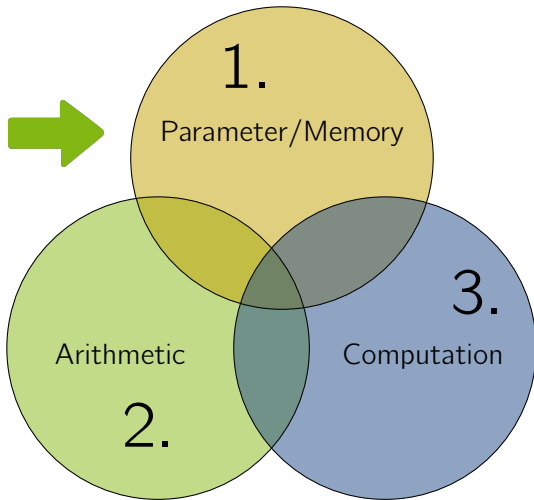
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Here: desirable properties \equiv reduced resource consumption



Reduce Resource Consumption via Regularization



1. Reduce Parameter/Memory Complexity

Main influencing factor: $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_{|C|})$ (d -dimensional)

Motivation: Physics [Ising/1925] and natural language processing [Lafferty/etal/2001]:

- Reparametrization: θ is function of low-dimensional Δ
- Parameter sharing: Multiple cliques share the same θ_C

Problem: Domain specific (Ferromagnetism/Language model)

Task: Find generic reparametrization/parameter sharing

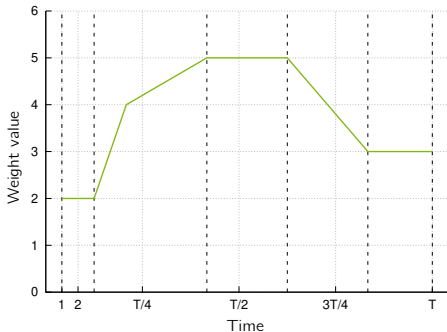
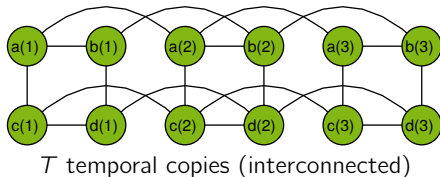
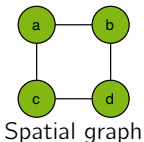


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Resource-constrained devices collect data over time

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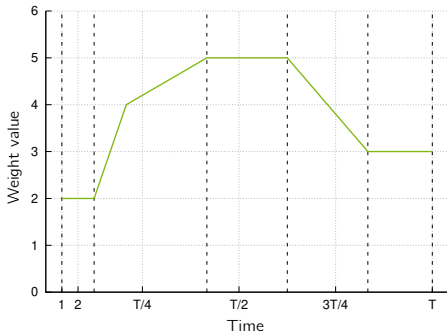
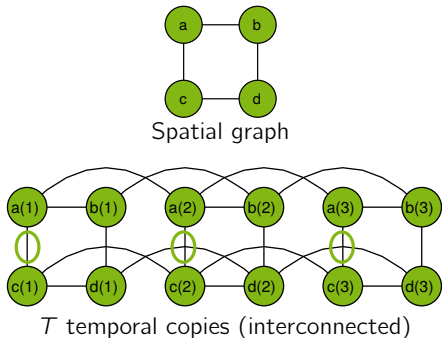


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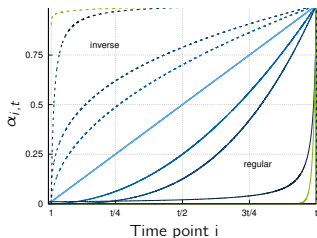
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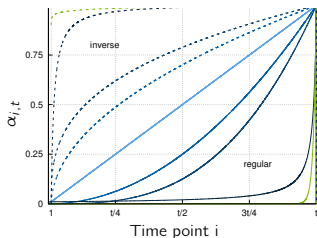


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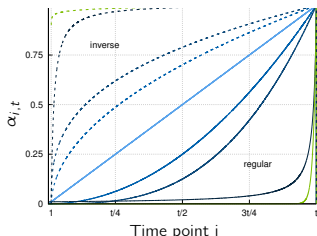
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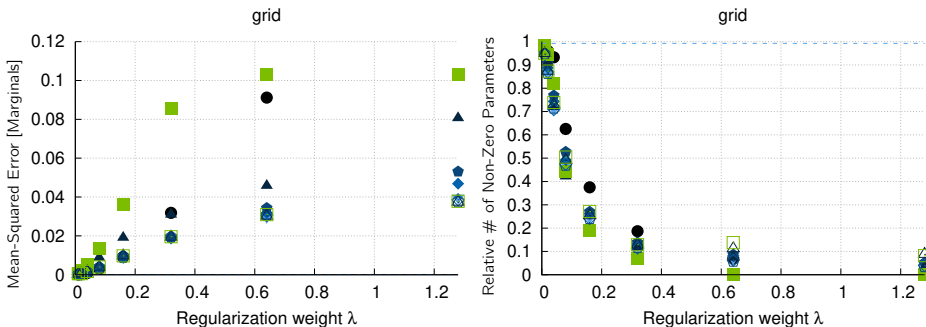
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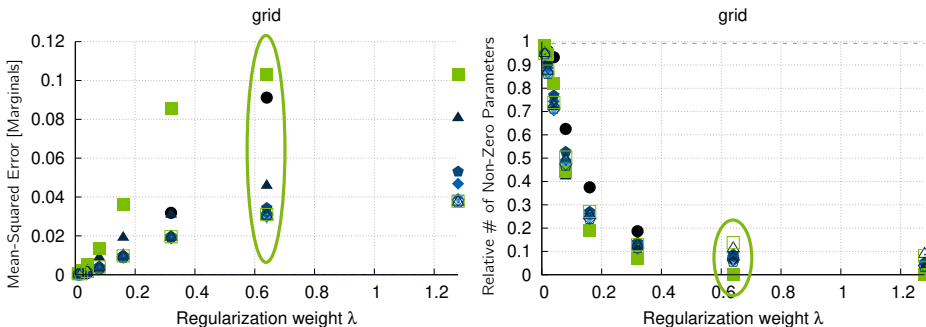
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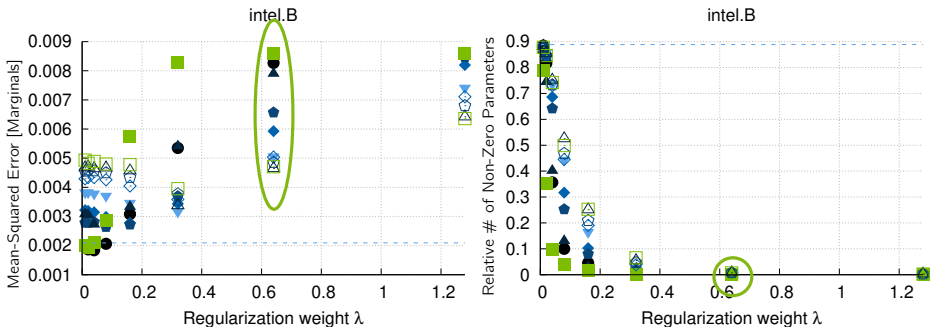
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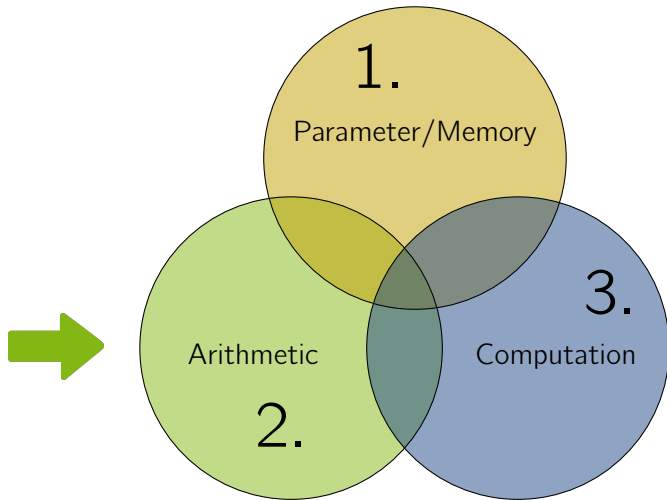
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2. Reduce Arithmetic Complexity

Evaluating $\exp(\langle \theta, \phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle - A(\theta))$ requires real-valued arithmetic

Motivation: Empirical work on neural networks [Khan/Hines/1994] and Bayesian network classifiers [Tschitschek/etal/2012]:

- Truncation: Prune fractional digits of learned parameters
- Restricted parameter set: θ_i is constrained to a subset of float

Problem: No integer-valued inference / learning procedure

Task: Formalize and devise integer learning for exponential families

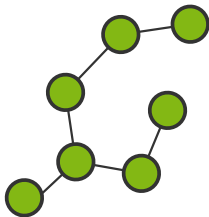


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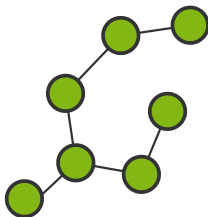


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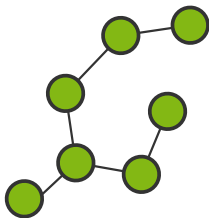


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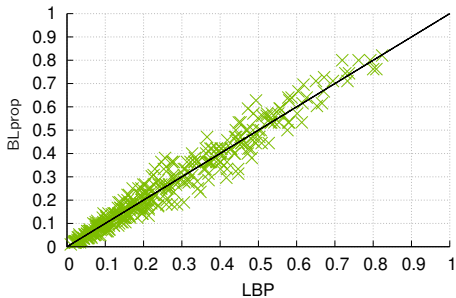
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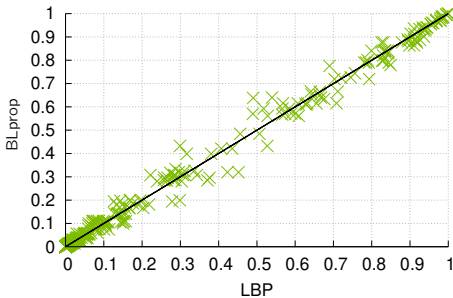


Empirical Demonstration (Marginals)

chain, $\sigma = 1$, MSE = 0.00152823



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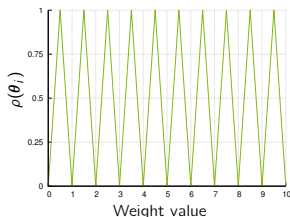


- Increased parameter variance decreases estimation error



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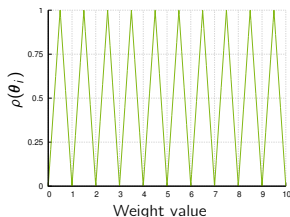
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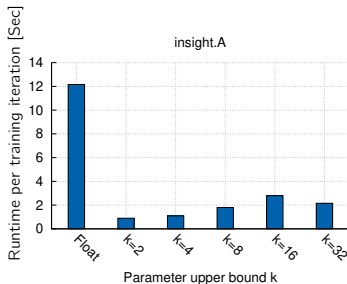
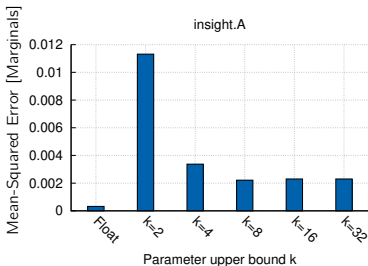
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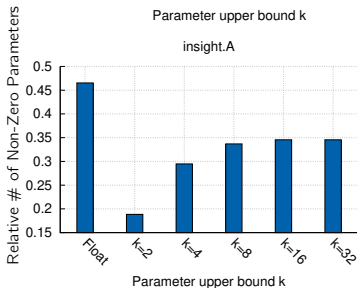
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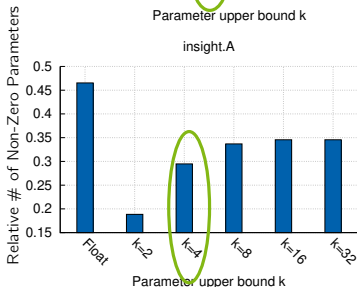
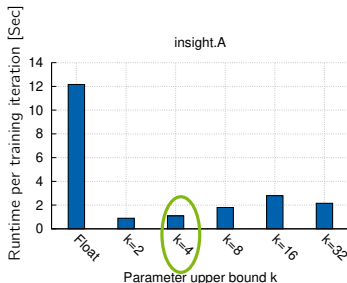
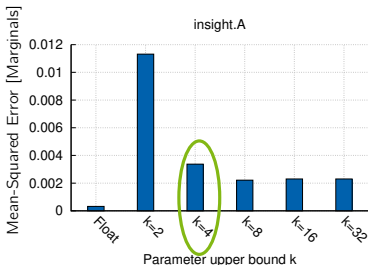
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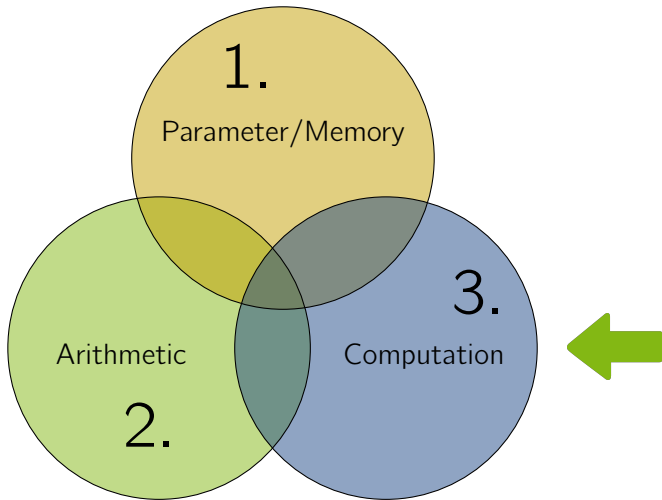
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Evaluating $A(\theta)$ is **#P**-complete



Motivation: Variational inference [Wainwright/Jordan/2008] and discrete integration by hashing [Ermon/2013]:

- Variational: Minimize KL to “simpler” surrogate
- WISH: Randomized Riemann sum approximation to $Z(\theta)$

Problem 1: No error bounds for simplification.

Problem 2: Tight bounds for discrete integration but still **NP**-hard.

Task: Find a way to trade quality against complexity.



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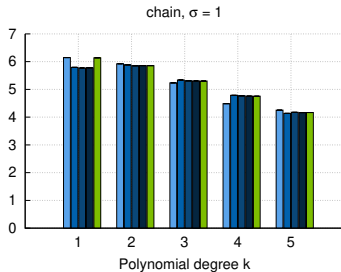
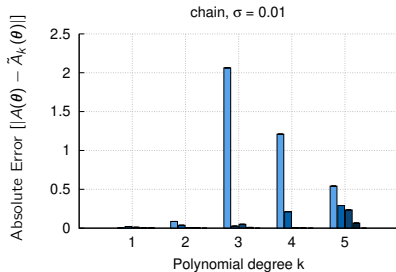
$$\mathbb{E}_{I, \mathbf{J}} \left[\tau \operatorname{sgn}(\mathbf{c}_I) \prod_{r=0}^I \theta_{\mathbf{J}_r} \right] = \hat{Z}_k(\theta)$$

Sampling I and $\mathbf{J} \Rightarrow$ Monte Carlo algorithm for $\hat{Z}_k(\theta)$

\Rightarrow Approximation to $Z(\theta)$ via \hat{f}_k from bound on \hat{f}_k



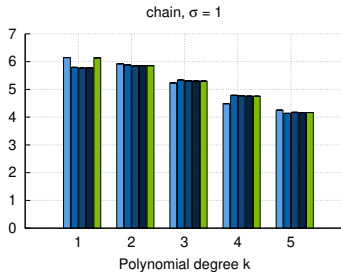
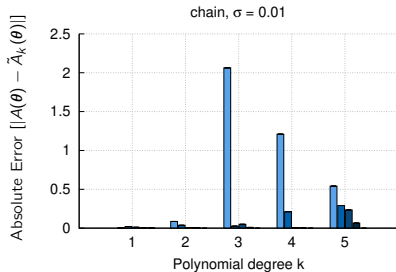
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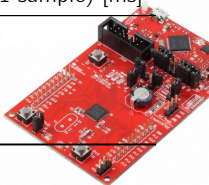
Empirical Demonstration (ULP device)

Memory:

Data	d	None	l_1 -Reg.	Reparam. [KiB]
Chain	1066.68	4266.72	247.52	202.08
Star	1084.0	4336.0	201.6	197.44
Grid	1037.8	4151.2	277.92	199.04
Full	843.8	3375.2	257.92	181.6

Runtime:

Data	$ E $	LBP (1 iter)	BLprop (1 iter)	SQM (1 sample) [ms]
Chain	15	1156.2	19.0	350.3
Star	15	1140.4	19.0	393.1
Grid	24	1838.1	29.5	445.3
Full	120	9642.1	141.2	1549.7



Conclusion

- Proposed methods

- arose from studying the **model** perspective
- work with **all** exponential family members



(and beyond)

- keep the conditional independence structure **intact**

- Towards machine learning on resource-constrained systems:

- Increase sparsity by $> 10\times$
- Decrease runtime $> 60\times$ on ULP hardware

- **New regularization and probabilistic inference techniques**
(with error bounds)

