

# Transformers and large-kernel CNNs

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# Outline

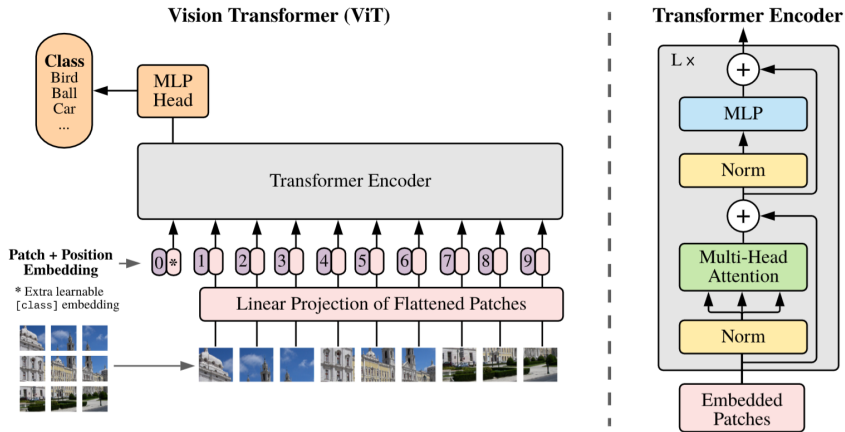
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2. Swin Transformer

3. ConvNeXt

4. MobileNetV4

# Vision Transformer



Dosovitskiy et al. An Image is Worth  $16 \times 16$  Words: Transformers for Image Recognition at Scale. ICLR 2021

# Multi-Head Self-Attention

$$[q, k, v] = zU_{qkv},$$

$$z \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}, \quad U_{qkv} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times 3D_h}$$

$$A = \text{softmax}(qk^T / \sqrt{D_h}),$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

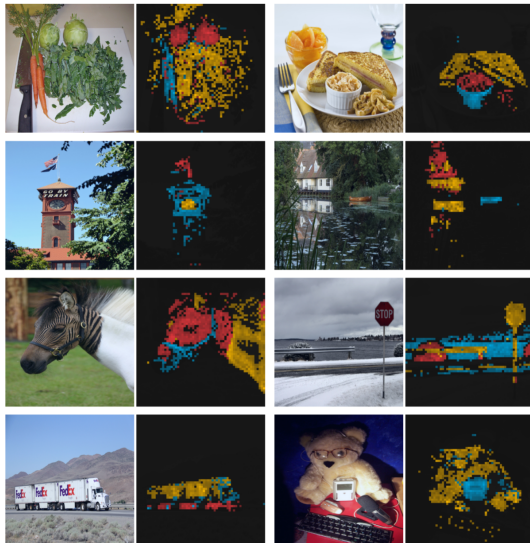
$$\text{SA}(z) = Av$$

$$\text{MSA}(z) = [\text{SA}_1(z); \text{SA}_2(z); \dots; \text{SA}_k(z)]U_{msa},$$

$$U_{msa} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \cdot D_h \times D}$$

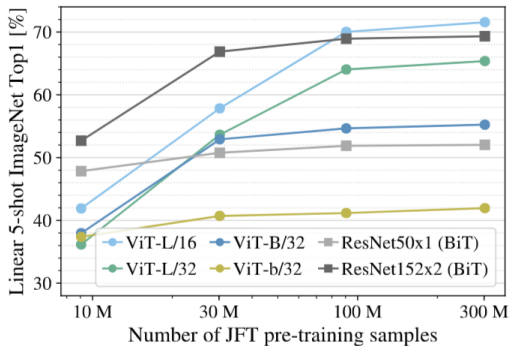
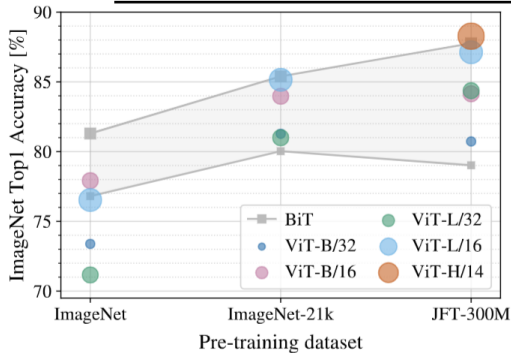


# MSA visualization, $8 \times 8$ patches



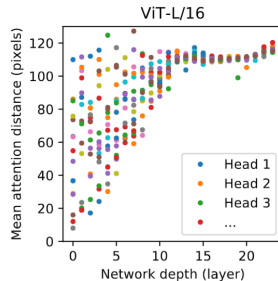
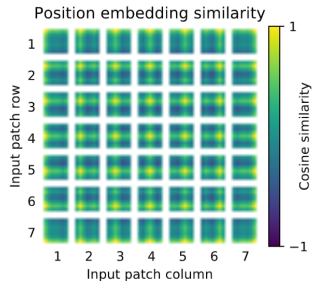
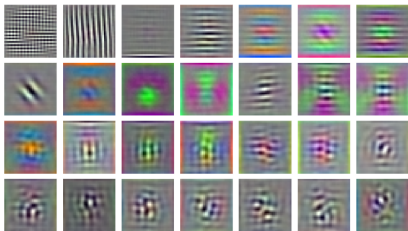
# Vision Transformer

Model	Layers	Hidden size $D$	MLP size	Heads	Params
ViT-Base	12	768	3072	12	86M
ViT-Large	24	1024	4096	16	307M
ViT-Huge	32	1280	5120	16	632M



# Vision Transformer

RGB embedding filters  
(first 28 principal components)



# Data-Efficient Transformer

Methods	ViT-B	DeiT-B
Epochs	300	300
Batch size	4096	1024
Optimizer	AdamW	AdamW
learning rate	0.003	$0.0005 \times \frac{\text{batchsize}}{512}$
Learning rate decay	cosine	cosine
Weight decay	0.3	0.05
Warmup epochs	3.4	5
Label smoothing $\epsilon$	$\times$	0.1
Dropout	0.1	$\times$
Stoch. Depth	$\times$	0.1
Repeated Aug	$\times$	$\checkmark$
Gradient Clip.	$\checkmark$	$\times$
Rand Augment	$\times$	9/0.5
Mixup prob.	$\times$	0.8
Cutmix prob.	$\times$	1.0
Erasing prob.	$\times$	0.25

Network	nb of param.	image size	im/s	ImNet top-1	Real top-1	V2 top-1
ResNet-18	12M	224	4458.4	69.8	77.3	57.1
ResNet-50	25M	224	1226.1	76.2	82.5	63.3
ResNet-101	45M	224	753.6	77.4	83.7	65.7
ResNet-152	60M	224	526.4	78.3	84.1	67.0
RegNetY-4GF*	21M	224	1156.7	80.0	86.4	69.4
RegNetY-8GF*	39M	224	591.6	81.7	87.4	70.8
RegNetY-16GF*	84M	224	334.7	82.9	88.1	72.4
EfficientNet-B0	5M	224	2694.3	77.1	83.5	64.3
EfficientNet-B1	8M	240	1662.5	79.1	84.9	66.9
EfficientNet-B2	9M	260	1255.7	80.1	85.9	68.8
EfficientNet-B3	12M	300	732.1	81.6	86.8	70.6
EfficientNet-B4	19M	380	349.4	82.9	88.0	72.3
EfficientNet-B5	30M	456	169.1	83.6	88.3	73.6
EfficientNet-B6	43M	528	96.9	84.0	88.8	73.9
EfficientNet-B7	66M	600	55.1	84.3	-	-
EfficientNet-B5 RA	30M	456	96.9	83.7	-	-
EfficientNet-B7 RA	66M	600	55.1	84.7	-	-
KDforAA-B8	87M	800	25.2	85.8	-	-
Transformers: training 300 epochs						
ViT-B/16	86M	384	85.9	77.9	83.6	-
ViT-L/16	307M	384	27.3	76.5	82.2	-
DeiT-Ti	5M	224	2536.5	72.2	80.1	60.4
DeiT-S	22M	224	940.4	79.8	85.7	68.5
DeiT-B	86M	224	292.3	81.8	86.7	71.5
DeiT-B $\uparrow$ 384	86M	384	85.9	83.1	87.7	72.4
DeiT-Ti*	6M	224	2529.5	74.5	82.1	62.9
DeiT-S*	22M	224	936.2	81.2	86.8	70.0
DeiT-B*	87M	224	290.9	83.4	88.3	73.2
DeiT-B* $\uparrow$ 384	87M	384	85.8	84.5	89.0	74.8
Transformers: training 1000 epochs						
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DeiT-B*	87M	224	290.9	84.2	88.7	73.9
DeiT-B* $\uparrow$ 384	87M	384	85.8	85.2	89.3	75.2

\*: our trained teachers with SGD, whose optimization procedure is closer to DeiT

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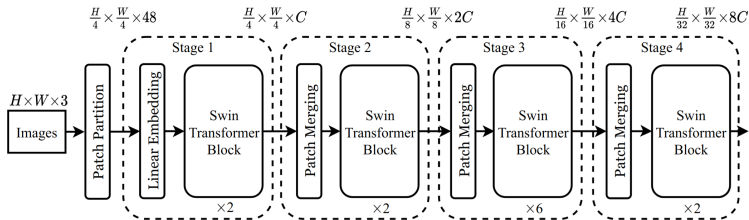
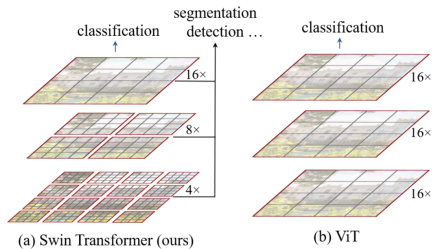
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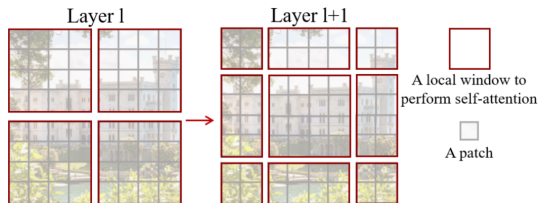
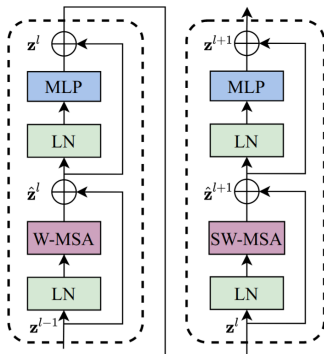
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# Swin Transformer



# Shifted window attention



Include positional information in self-attention:

$$SA(q, k, v) = \text{softmax}(qk^t / \sqrt{D_h} + b)v$$

$$b \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

# Swin variants

	downsp. rate (output size)	Swin-T	Swin-S	Swin-B	Swin-L
stage 1	4× (56×56)	concat 4×4, 96-d, LN	concat 4×4, 96-d, LN	concat 4×4, 128-d, LN	concat 4×4, 192-d, LN
		$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 96, head 3} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 96, head 3} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 128, head 4} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 192, head 6} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$
stage 2	8× (28×28)	concat 2×2, 192-d, LN	concat 2×2, 192-d, LN	concat 2×2, 256-d, LN	concat 2×2, 384-d, LN
		$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 192, head 6} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 192, head 6} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 256, head 8} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 384, head 12} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$
stage 3	16× (14×14)	concat 2×2, 384-d, LN	concat 2×2, 384-d, LN	concat 2×2, 512-d, LN	concat 2×2, 768-d, LN
		$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 384, head 12} \end{bmatrix} \times 6$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 384, head 12} \end{bmatrix} \times 18$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 512, head 16} \end{bmatrix} \times 18$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 768, head 24} \end{bmatrix} \times 18$
stage 4	32× (7×7)	concat 2×2, 768-d, LN	concat 2×2, 768-d, LN	concat 2×2, 1024-d, LN	concat 2×2, 1536-d, LN
		$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 768, head 24} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 768, head 24} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 1024, head 32} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{win. sz. } 7 \times 7, \\ \text{dim 1536, head 48} \end{bmatrix} \times 2$



# Swin Transformer

(a) Regular ImageNet-1K trained models					
method	image size	#param.	FLOPs	throughput (image / s)	ImageNet top-1 acc.
RegNetY-4G [48]	224 <sup>2</sup>	21M	4.0G	1156.7	80.0
RegNetY-8G [48]	224 <sup>2</sup>	39M	8.0G	591.6	81.7
RegNetY-16G [48]	224 <sup>2</sup>	84M	16.0G	334.7	82.9
EffNet-B3 [58]	300 <sup>2</sup>	12M	1.8G	732.1	81.6
EffNet-B4 [58]	380 <sup>2</sup>	19M	4.2G	349.4	82.9
EffNet-B5 [58]	456 <sup>2</sup>	30M	9.9G	169.1	83.6
EffNet-B6 [58]	528 <sup>2</sup>	43M	19.0G	96.9	84.0
EffNet-B7 [58]	600 <sup>2</sup>	66M	37.0G	55.1	84.3
ViT-B/16 [20]	384 <sup>2</sup>	86M	55.4G	85.9	77.9
ViT-L/16 [20]	384 <sup>2</sup>	307M	190.7G	27.3	76.5
DeiT-S [63]	224 <sup>2</sup>	22M	4.6G	940.4	79.8
DeiT-B [63]	224 <sup>2</sup>	86M	17.5G	292.3	81.8
DeiT-B [63]	384 <sup>2</sup>	86M	55.4G	85.9	83.1
Swin-T	224 <sup>2</sup>	29M	4.5G	755.2	81.3
Swin-S	224 <sup>2</sup>	50M	8.7G	436.9	83.0
Swin-B	224 <sup>2</sup>	88M	15.4G	278.1	83.5
Swin-B	384 <sup>2</sup>	88M	47.0G	84.7	84.5

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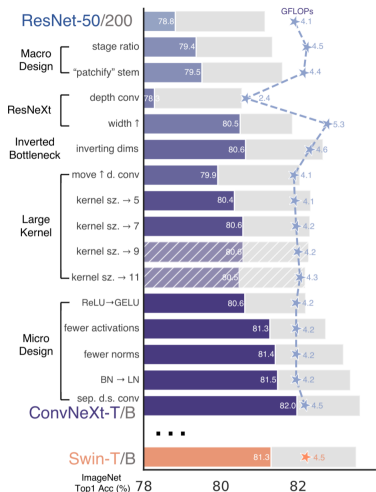
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# ConvNeXt

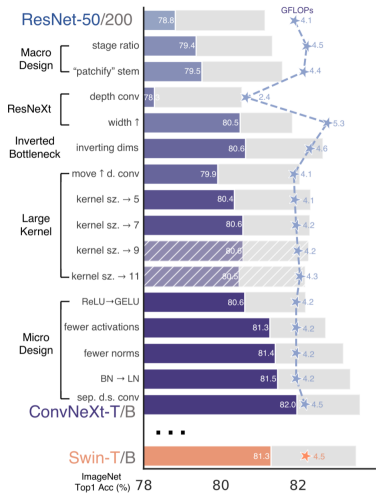


**Baseline ResNet-50 with modern training:**

- 90 → 300 epochs
- AdamW optimizer
- Augmentations: Mixup, Cutmix, RandAugment, Random Erasing
- Regularization: Stoch. Depth, Label Smoothing

76.1% → 78.8% on ImageNet

# ConvNeXt

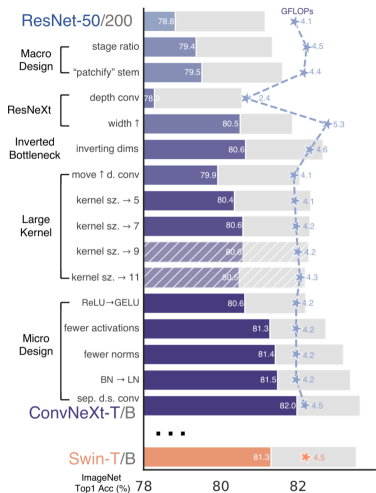


## Macro design

Change #blocks  
 $(3, 4, 6, 3) \rightarrow (3, 3, 9, 3)$

Change "patchify" stem  
 $7 \times 7 \text{ conv}/2, \text{ pool}/2 \rightarrow 4 \times 4 \text{ conv}/4$

# ConvNeXt



## Inverted bottleneck

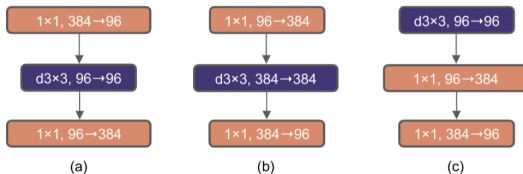
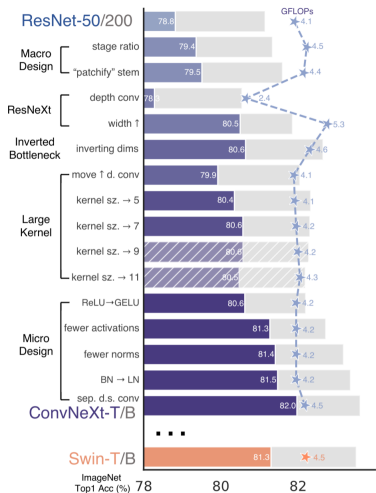


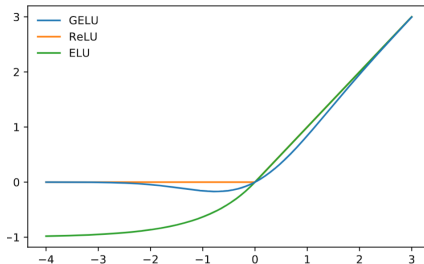
Figure 3. **Block modifications and resulted specifications.** (a) is a ResNeXt block; in (b) we create an inverted bottleneck block and in (c) the position of the spatial depthwise conv layer is moved up.

# ConvNeXt

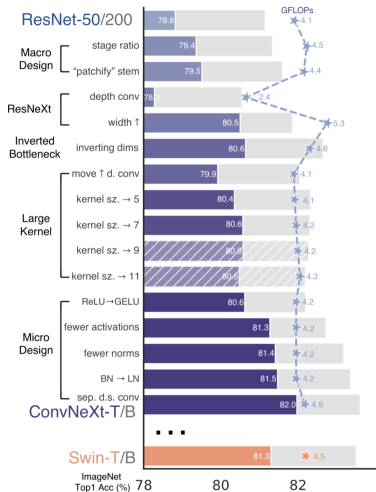


**ReLU → GELU**

$$GELU(x) = x\Phi(x)$$

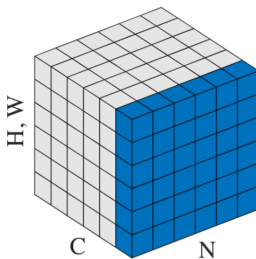


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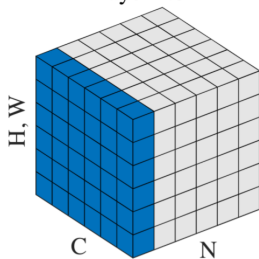


**BatchNorm → LayerNorm**

Batch Norm

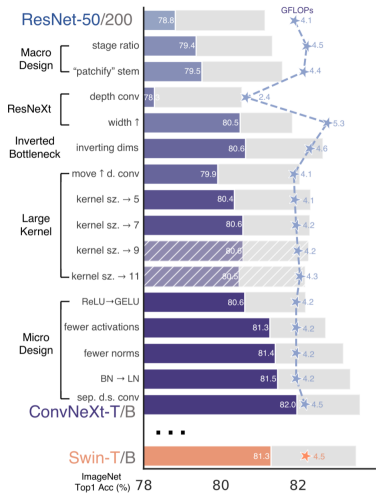


Layer Norm

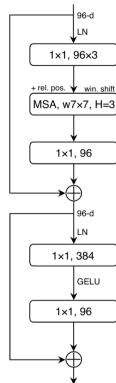


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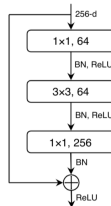
## Block design



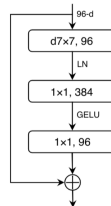
### Swin Transformer Block



### ResNet Block



### ConvNeXt Block





# ConvNeXt results

model	image size	#param.	FLOPs	throughput (image / s)	IN-1K top-1 acc.
ImageNet-1K trained models					
● RegNetY-16G [54]	224 <sup>2</sup>	84M	16.0G	334.7	82.9
● EffNet-B7 [71]	600 <sup>2</sup>	66M	37.0G	55.1	84.3
● EffNetV2-L [72]	480 <sup>2</sup>	120M	53.0G	83.7	85.7
○ DeiT-S [73]	224 <sup>2</sup>	22M	4.6G	978.5	79.8
○ DeiT-B [73]	224 <sup>2</sup>	87M	17.6G	302.1	81.8
○ Swin-T	224 <sup>2</sup>	28M	4.5G	757.9	81.3
● ConvNeXt-T	224 <sup>2</sup>	29M	4.5G	774.7	<b>82.1</b>
○ Swin-S	224 <sup>2</sup>	50M	8.7G	436.7	83.0
● ConvNeXt-S	224 <sup>2</sup>	50M	8.7G	447.1	<b>83.1</b>
○ Swin-B	224 <sup>2</sup>	88M	15.4G	286.6	83.5
● ConvNeXt-B	224 <sup>2</sup>	89M	15.4G	292.1	<b>83.8</b>
○ Swin-B	384 <sup>2</sup>	88M	47.1G	85.1	84.5
● ConvNeXt-B	384 <sup>2</sup>	89M	45.0G	95.7	<b>85.1</b>
● ConvNeXt-L	224 <sup>2</sup>	198M	34.4G	146.8	<b>84.3</b>
● ConvNeXt-L	384 <sup>2</sup>	198M	101.0G	50.4	<b>85.5</b>

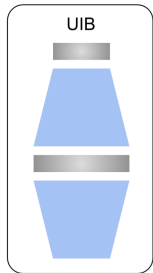
ImageNet-22K pre-trained models					
● R-101x3 [39]	384 <sup>2</sup>	388M	204.6G	-	84.4
● R-152x4 [39]	480 <sup>2</sup>	937M	840.5G	-	85.4
● EffNetV2-L [72]	480 <sup>2</sup>	120M	53.0G	83.7	86.8
● EffNetV2-XL [72]	480 <sup>2</sup>	208M	94.0G	56.5	87.3
○ ViT-B/16 (🐼) [67]	384 <sup>2</sup>	87M	55.5G	93.1	85.4
○ ViT-L/16 (🐼) [67]	384 <sup>2</sup>	305M	191.1G	28.5	86.8
● ConvNeXt-T	224 <sup>2</sup>	29M	4.5G	774.7	<b>82.9</b>
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○ Swin-L	384 <sup>2</sup>	197M	103.9G	46.0	87.3
● ConvNeXt-L	384 <sup>2</sup>	198M	101.0G	50.4	<b>87.5</b>
● ConvNeXt-XL	224 <sup>2</sup>	350M	60.9G	89.3	<b>87.0</b>
● ConvNeXt-XL	384 <sup>2</sup>	350M	179.0G	30.2	<b>87.8</b>

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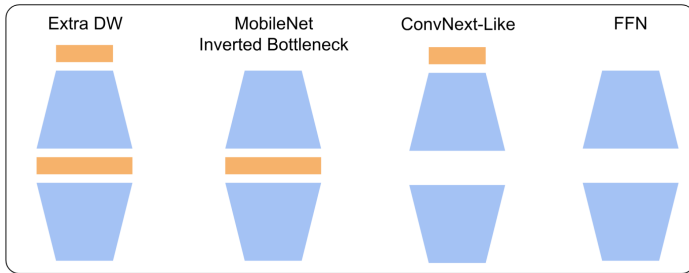
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# Universal Inverted Bottleneck

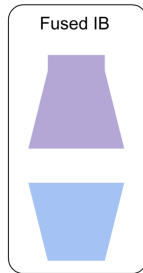
Universal IB block  
w/ two optional DW



Possible instantiations of our UIB block



Alternative  
Fused IB



Optional Depthwise



DepthWise



PointWise



Conv2D

# Mobile MQA

$$\text{Mobile\_MQA}(\mathbf{X}) = \text{Concat}(\text{attention}_1, \dots, \text{attention}_n) \mathbf{W}^O$$

$$\text{where } \text{attention}_j = \text{softmax} \left( \frac{(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{W}^{Q_j})(SR(\mathbf{X}) \mathbf{W}^K)^T}{\sqrt{d_k}} \right) (SR(\mathbf{X}) \mathbf{W}^V)$$

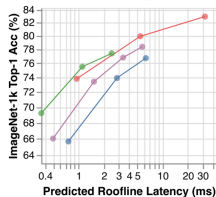
# Roofline analysis

$$\text{ModelTime} = \sum_i \max(\text{MACTime}_i, \text{MemTime}_i)$$

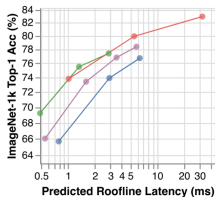
$$\text{MACTime}_i = \frac{\text{LayerMACs}_i}{\text{PeakMACs}}, \quad \text{MemTime}_i = \frac{\text{WeightBytes}_i + \text{ActivationBytes}_i}{\text{PeakMemBW}}$$

Roofline Latency vs Accuracy

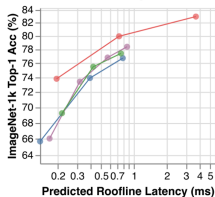
RP: 0.00 MACs/byte - MACs



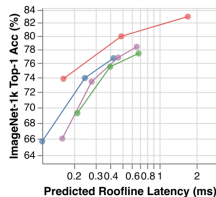
RP: 5.00 MACs/byte - Slow CPU



RP: 50.00 MACs/byte - Fast CPU



RP: 500.00 MACs/byte - Accelerator



Model Family

MobileNetV4

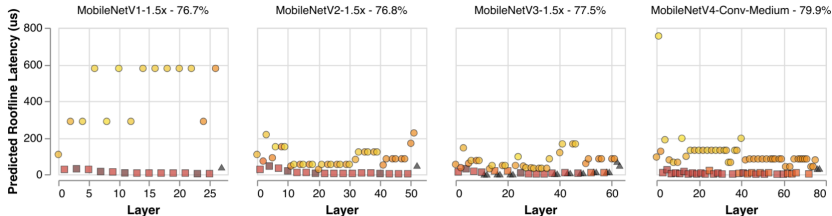
MobileNetV3

MobileNetV2

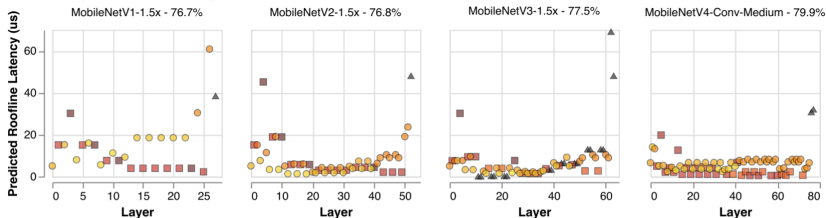
MobileNetV1

# Roofline analysis

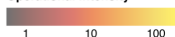
Roofline Ops (5.00 MACs/byte - Slow CPU)



Roofline Ops (500.00 MACs/byte - Accelerator)



Operational Intensity



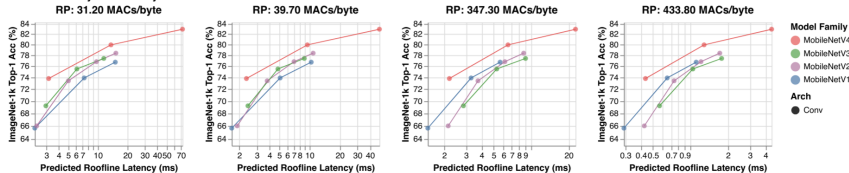
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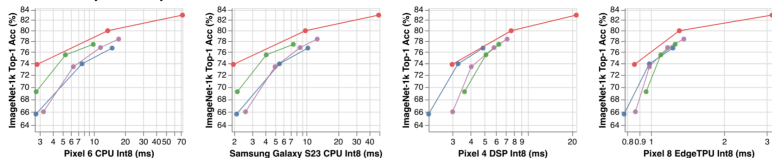
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Execution Target	Ridge Point (MACs/B)	$r_s$ -Roofline	$r_s$ -MAC
Pixel 6 CPU (Int8)	31.2	0.973	0.962
Samsung Galaxy S23 CPU (Int8)	39.7	0.962	0.940
Pixel 4 DSP (Int8)	347.3	0.962	0.758
Pixel 8 EdgeTPU (Int8)	433.8	0.973	0.857

Roofline Latency vs Accuracy



Measured Latency vs Accuracy



# Found architectures

**Table 12:** Architecture specification of MNv4-Conv-M.

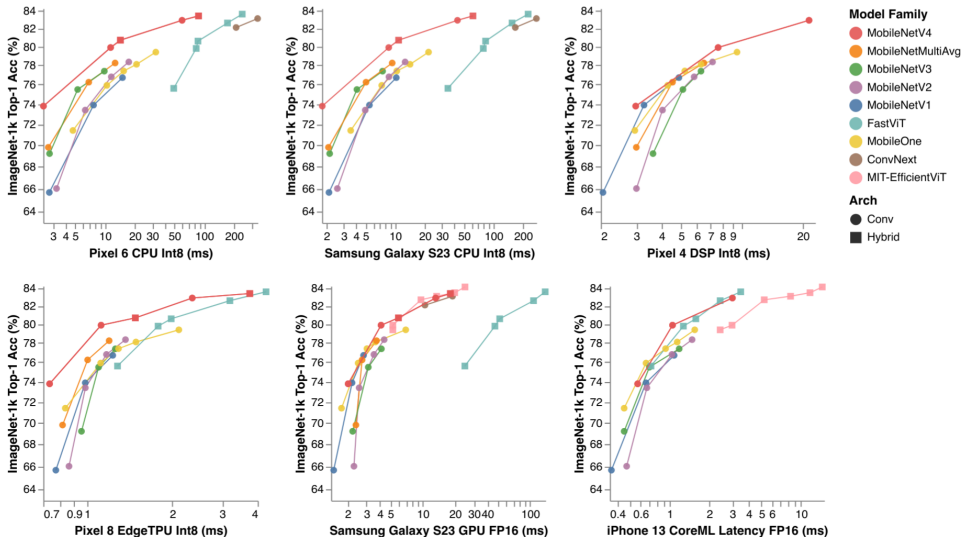
Input	Block	DW $K_1$	DW $K_2$	Expanded Dim	Output Dim	Stride
$256^2 \times 3$	Conv2D	-	$3 \times 3$	-	32	2
$128^2 \times 32$	FusedIB	-	$3 \times 3$	128	48	2
$64^2 \times 48$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	192	80	2
$32^2 \times 80$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$3 \times 3$	160	80	1
$32^2 \times 80$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	480	160	2
$16^2 \times 160$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$3 \times 3$	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$3 \times 3$	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$3 \times 3$	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ConvNext	$3 \times 3$	-	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	FFN	-	-	320	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ConvNext	$3 \times 3$	-	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ExtraDW	$5 \times 5$	$5 \times 5$	960	256	2
$8^2 \times 256$	ExtraDW	$5 \times 5$	$5 \times 5$	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	FFN	-	-	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ConvNext	$3 \times 3$	-	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	512	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ExtraDW	$5 \times 5$	$5 \times 5$	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	FFN	-	-	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	FFN	-	-	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ConvNext	$5 \times 5$	-	512	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	Conv2D	-	$1 \times 1$	-	960	1
$8^2 \times 960$	AvgPool	-	$8 \times 8$	-	960	1
$1^2 \times 960$	Conv2D	-	$1 \times 1$	-	1280	1
$1^2 \times 1280$	Conv2D	-	$1 \times 1$	-	1000	1

**Table 13:** Architecture specification of MNv4-Hybrid-M.

Input	Block	DW $K_1$	DW $K_2$	Expanded Dim	Output Dim	Stride
$256^2 \times 3$	Conv2D	-	$3 \times 3$	-	32	2
$128^2 \times 32$	FusedIB	-	$3 \times 3$	128	48	2
$64^2 \times 48$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	192	80	2
$32^2 \times 80$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$3 \times 3$	160	80	1
$32^2 \times 80$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	480	160	2
$16^2 \times 160$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$3 \times 3$	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$3 \times 3$	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	Mobile-MQA	-	-	-	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$3 \times 3$	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	Mobile-MQA	-	-	-	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ConvNext	$3 \times 3$	-	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	Mobile-MQA	-	-	-	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	FFN	-	-	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	Mobile-MQA	-	-	-	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ConvNext	$3 \times 3$	-	640	160	1
$16^2 \times 160$	ExtraDW	$5 \times 5$	$5 \times 5$	960	256	2
$8^2 \times 256$	ExtraDW	$5 \times 5$	$5 \times 5$	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	FFN	-	-	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ConvNext	$3 \times 3$	-	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ExtraDW	$3 \times 3$	$5 \times 5$	512	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	Mobile-MQA	-	-	-	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ExtraDW	$5 \times 5$	$5 \times 5$	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	Mobile-MQA	-	-	-	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	FFN	-	-	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	Mobile-MQA	-	-	-	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	FFN	-	-	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	Mobile-MQA	-	-	-	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	ConvNext	$5 \times 5$	-	1024	256	1
$8^2 \times 256$	Conv2D	-	$1 \times 1$	-	960	1
$8^2 \times 960$	AvgPool	-	$8 \times 8$	-	960	1
$1^2 \times 960$	Conv2D	-	$1 \times 1$	-	1280	1
$1^2 \times 1280$	Conv2D	-	$1 \times 1$	-	1000	1



# Evaluation results



# Conclusion

We reviewed three key modern backbones:

1. Vision Transformer (ViT) applies ideas from NLP to images. Key element is attention — mechanism for gathering information across whole image
2. Swin Transformer reintroduces convnet priors to transformers using shifted window attention
3. ConvNeXt modernizes ResNets into a transformer-like fully convolutional architecture
4. MobileNetV4 combines ideas from CNNs and transformers and uses NAS and Roofline Analysis to find fast architectures that works well across various devices