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Sustainable cloud and Edge for Emerging Workloads

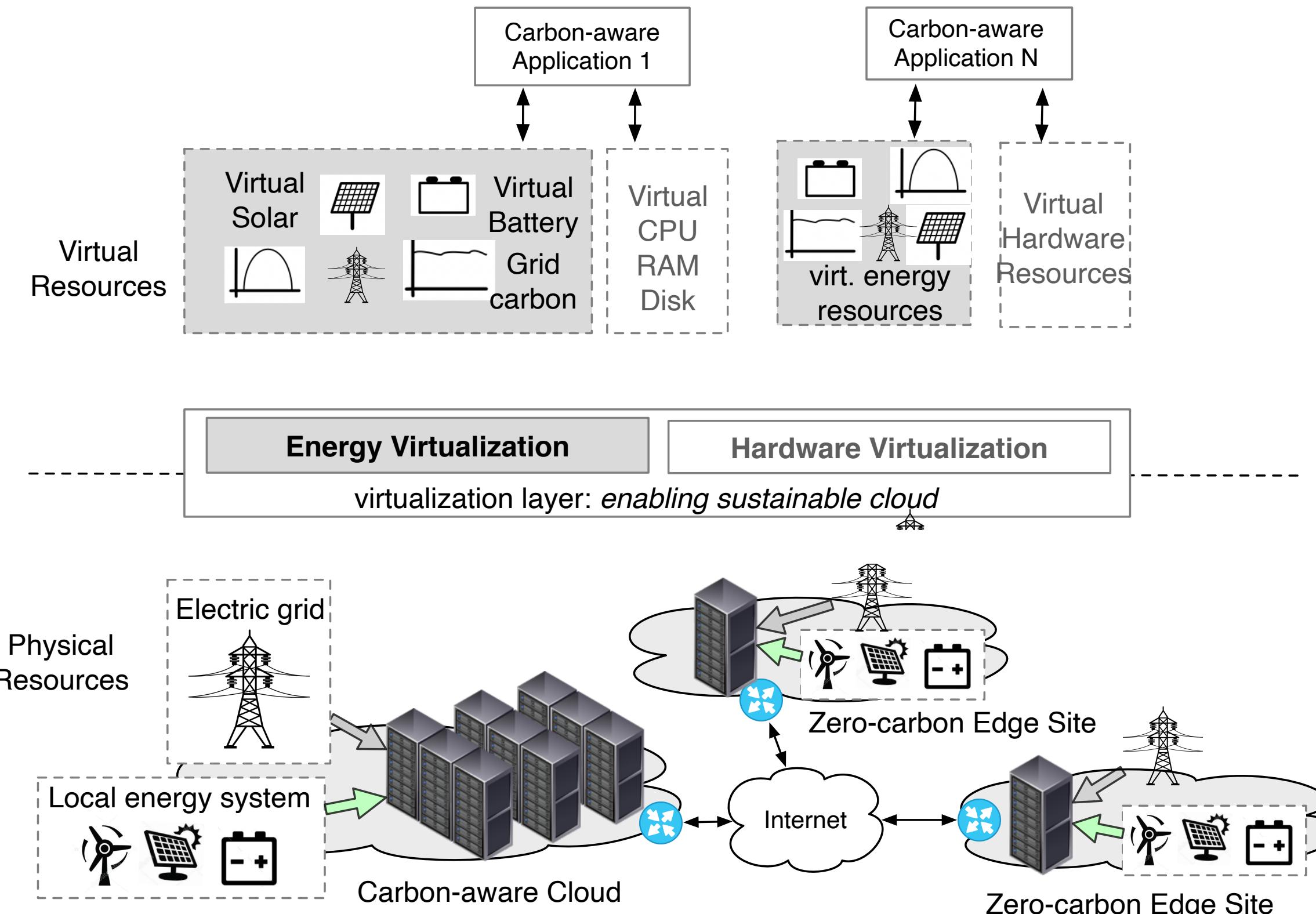


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Sustainable Cloud-Edge Infrastructure Vision



End-to-end approach that delegates resource management to the applications

Energy-Efficiency Cannot Mitigate Energy Growth

- > Few opportunities left to optimize energy-efficiency
 - Many cloud data centers operate near peak efficiency

Moving forward:
Exponential cloud growth ->
Exponential energy demand

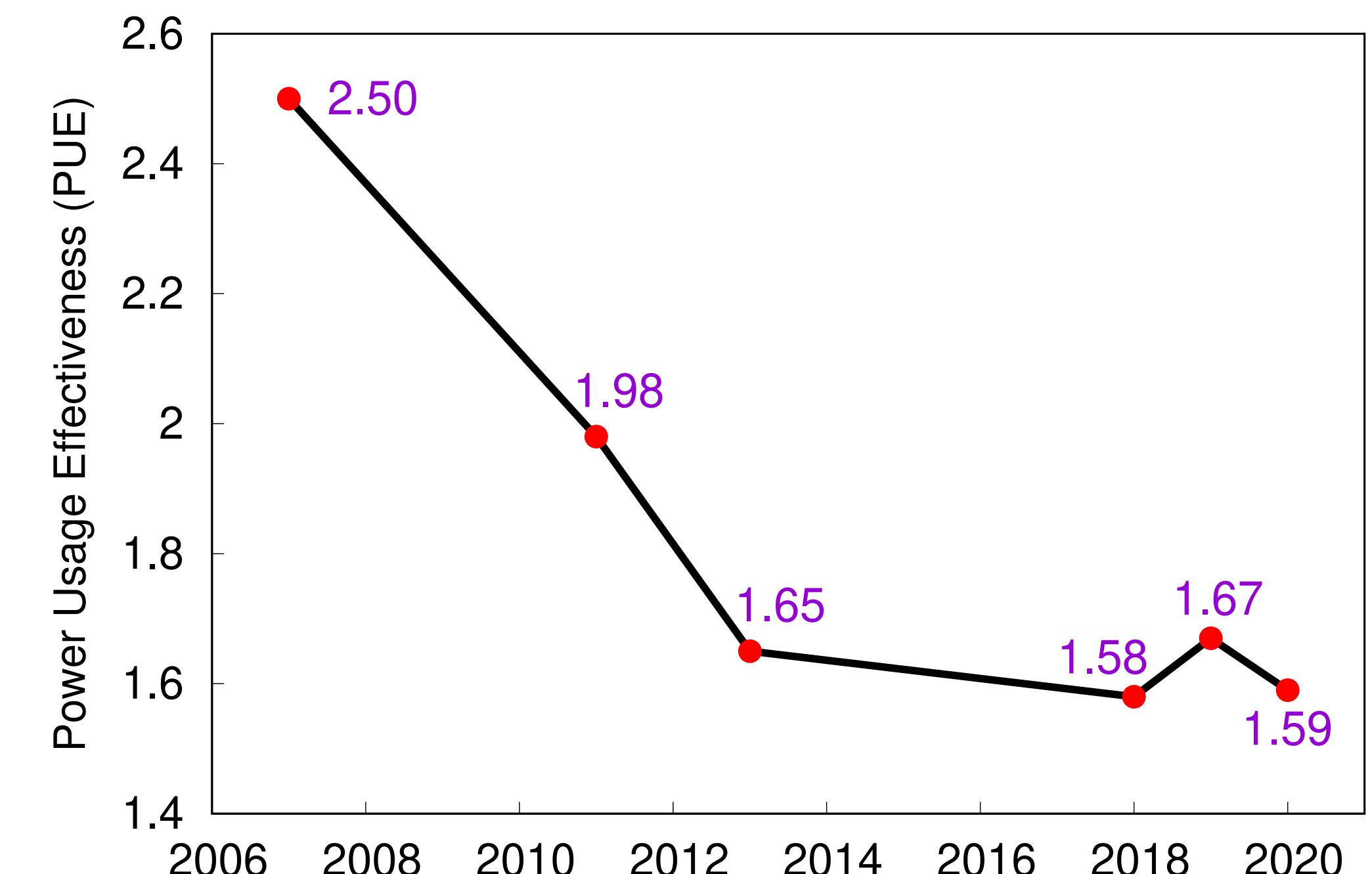
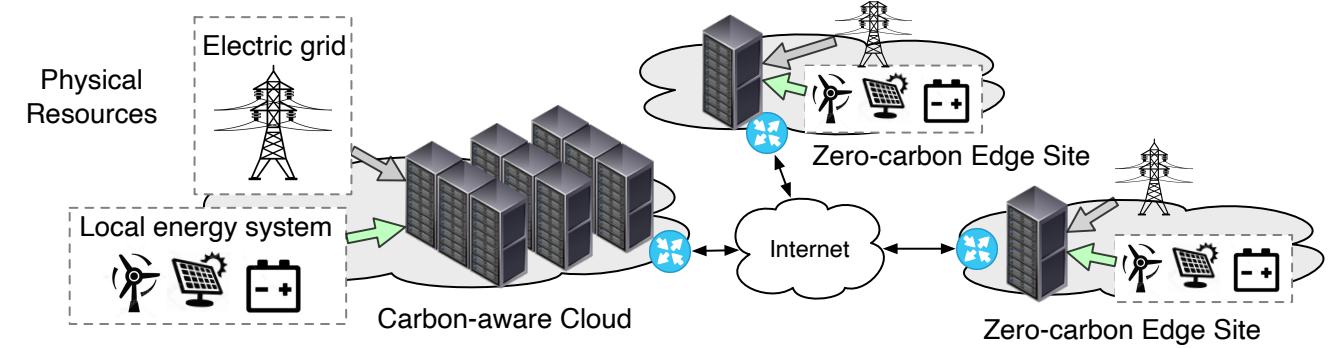


Figure source: Data center PUEs have been flat since 2013, Uptime Institute



Cloud's Energy Usage is Not the Problem

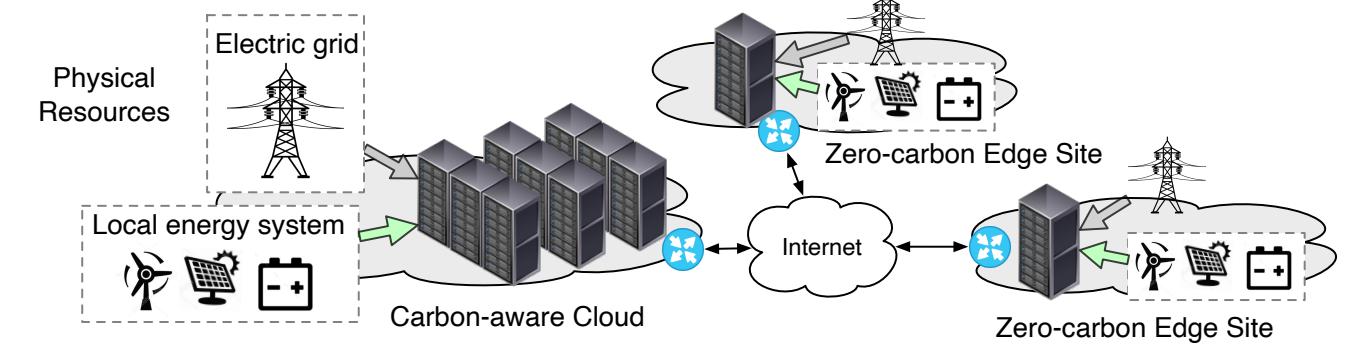
- > Optimizing carbon differs from optimizing energy
- **Energy-efficiency** – computations per unit energy consumed
- **Carbon-efficiency** – computations per unit carbon emitted



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Carbon-efficient



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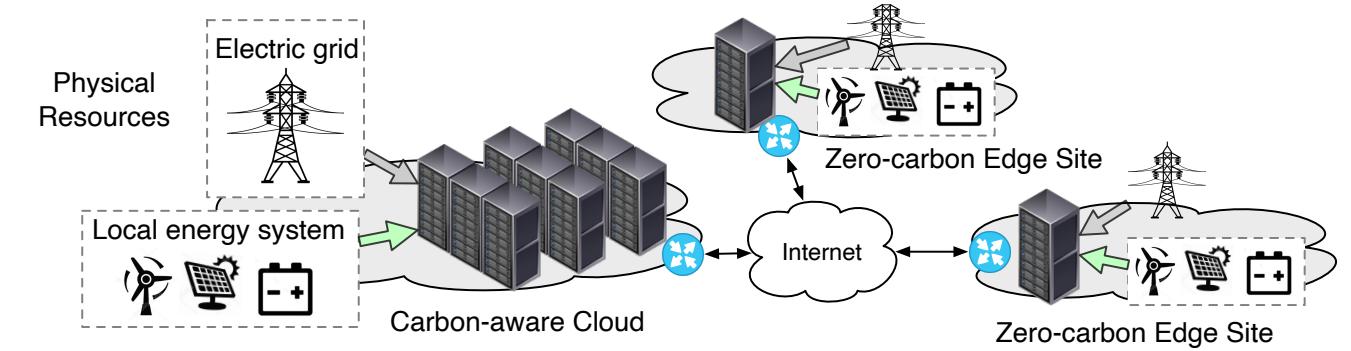


Prior work:
Decades of work on **energy-efficiency**
Very little work on **carbon-efficiency**

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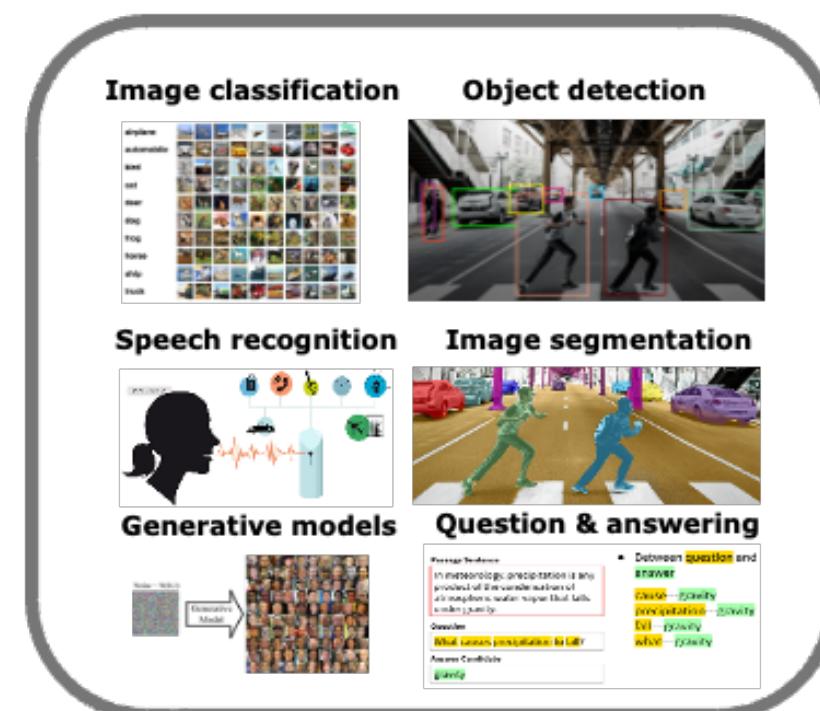


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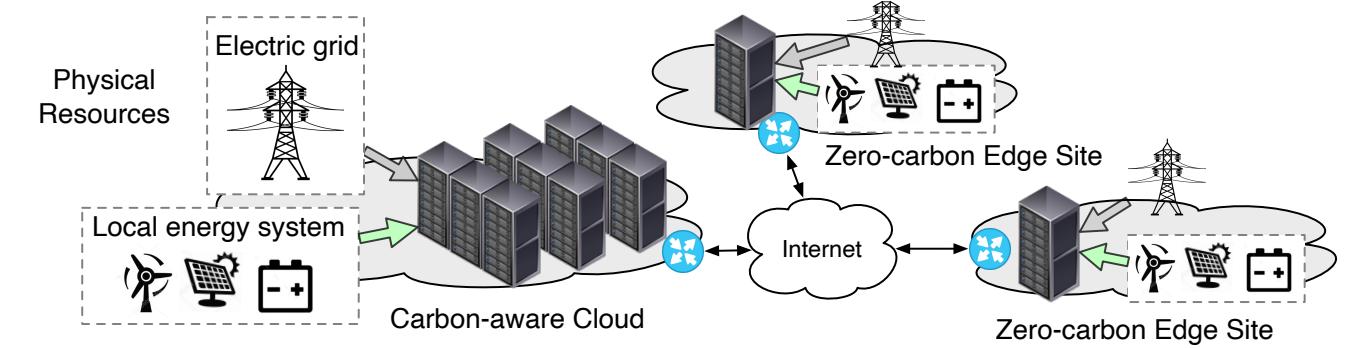
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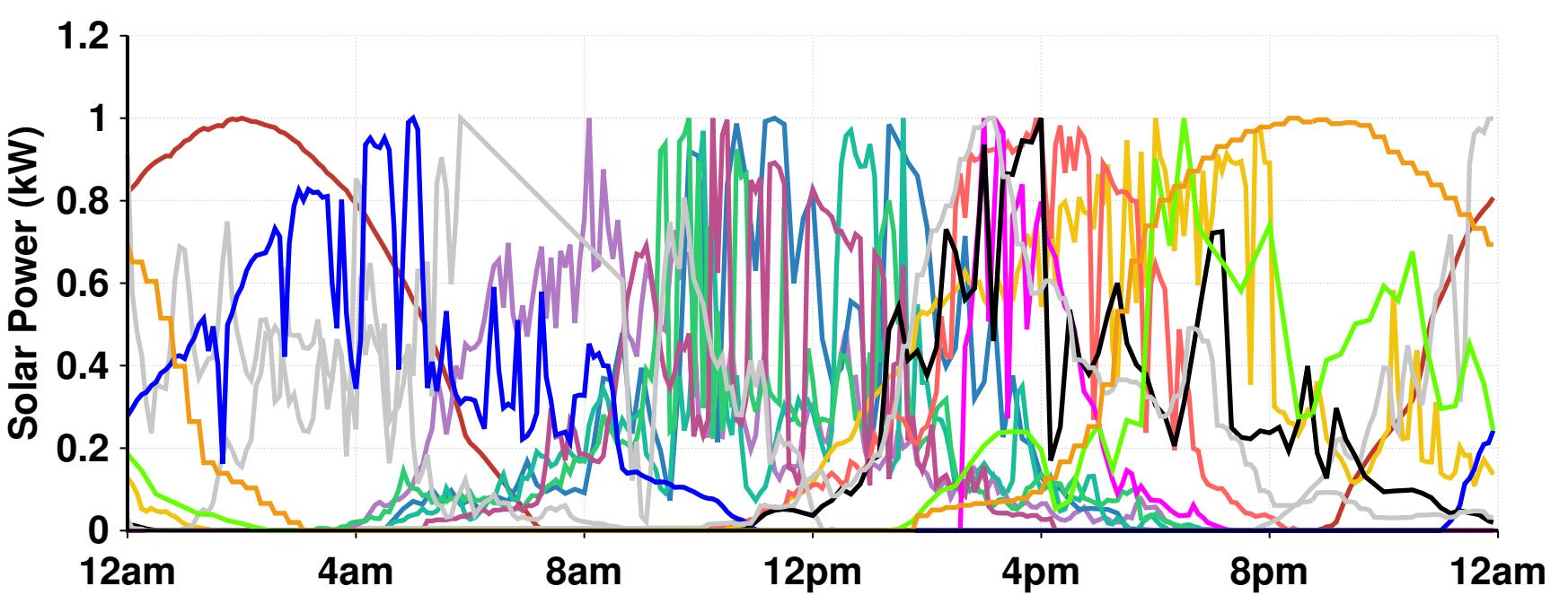
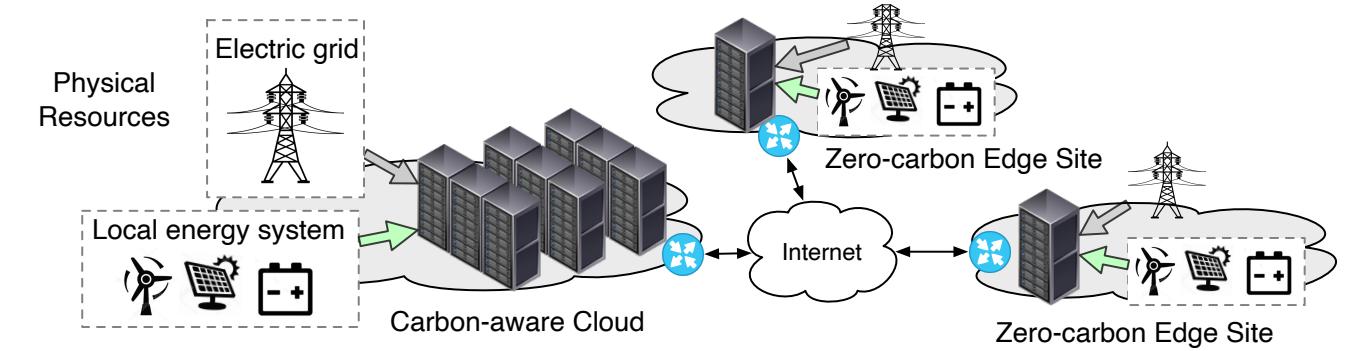
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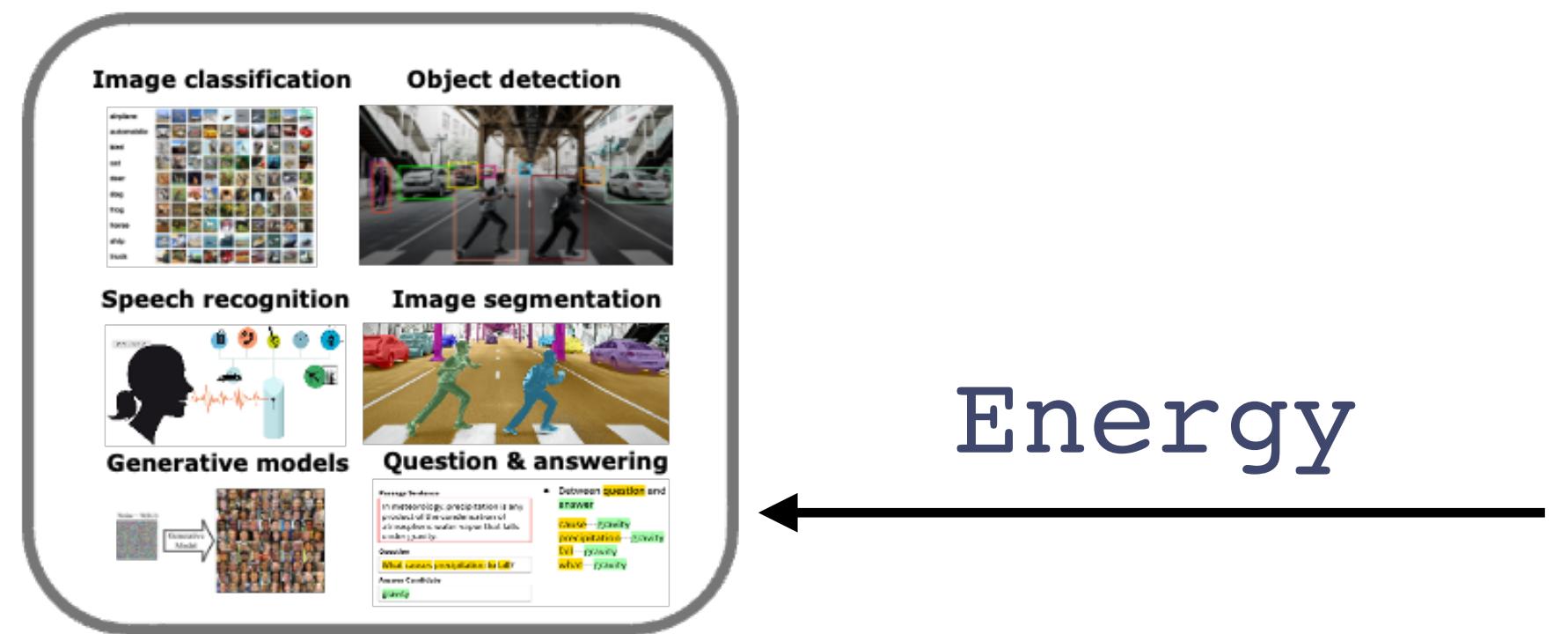
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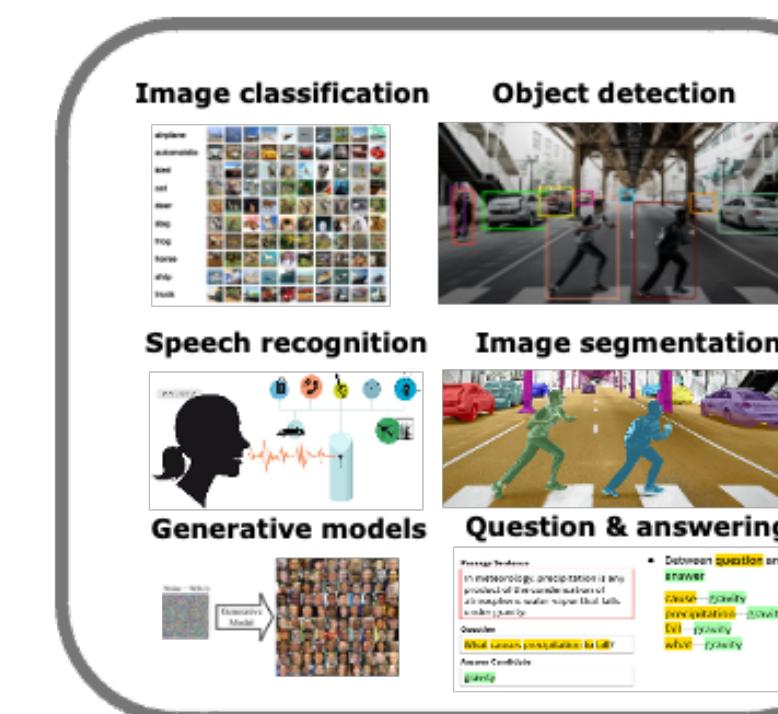
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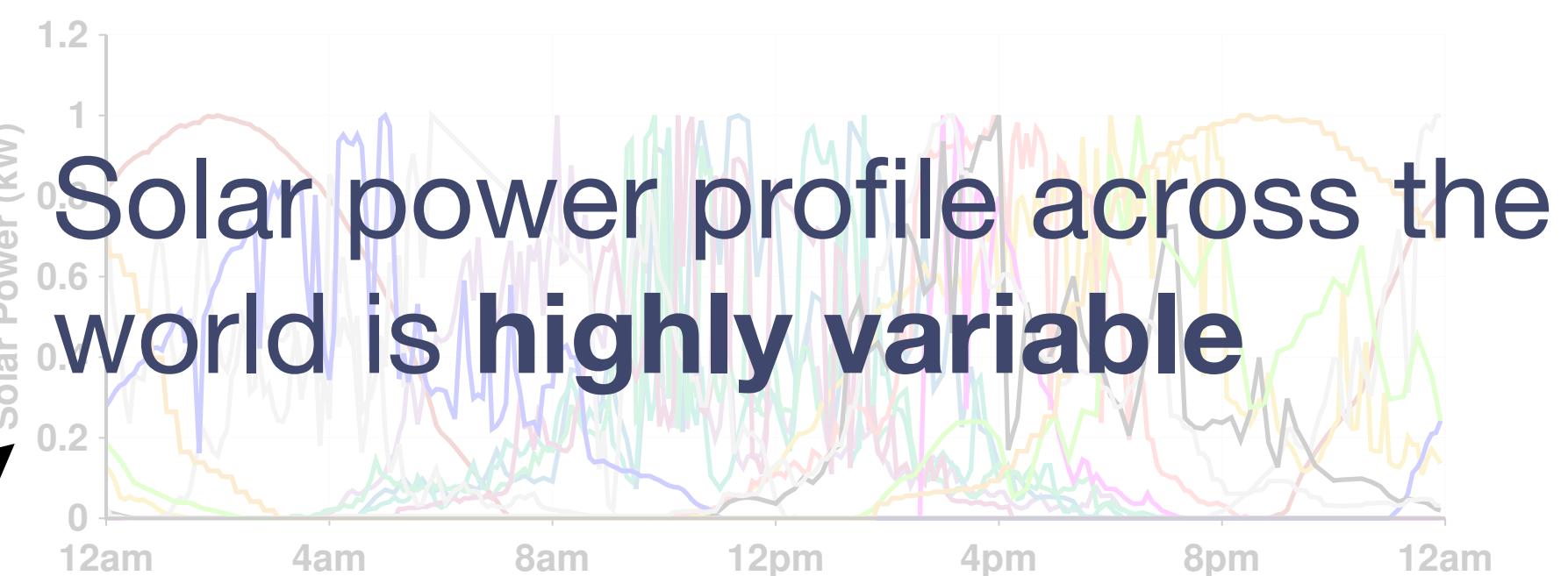
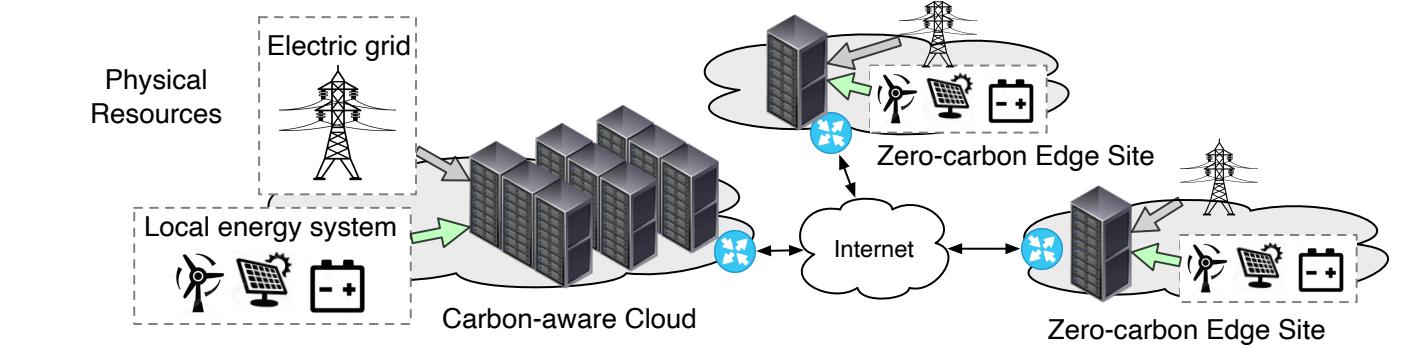
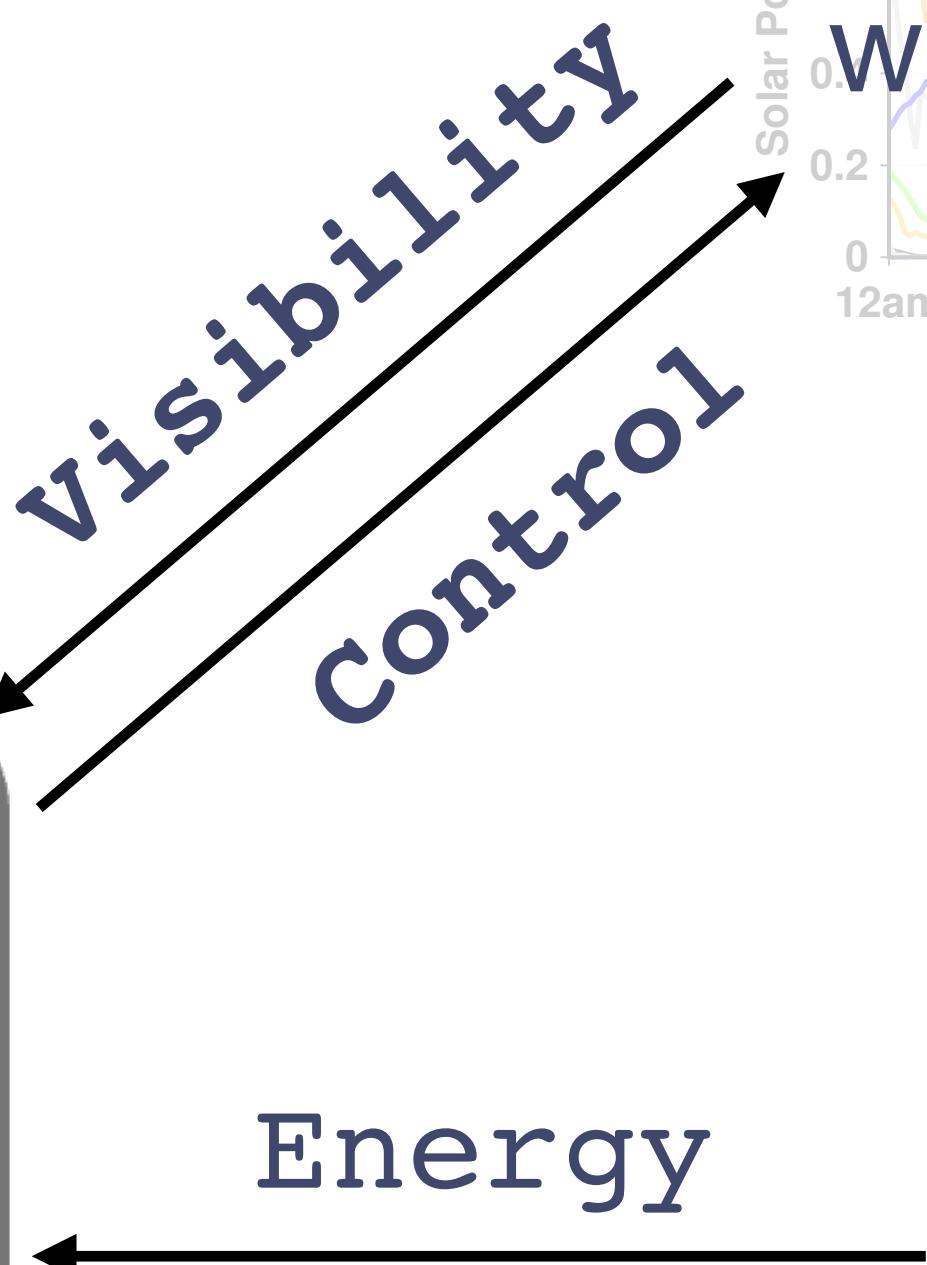
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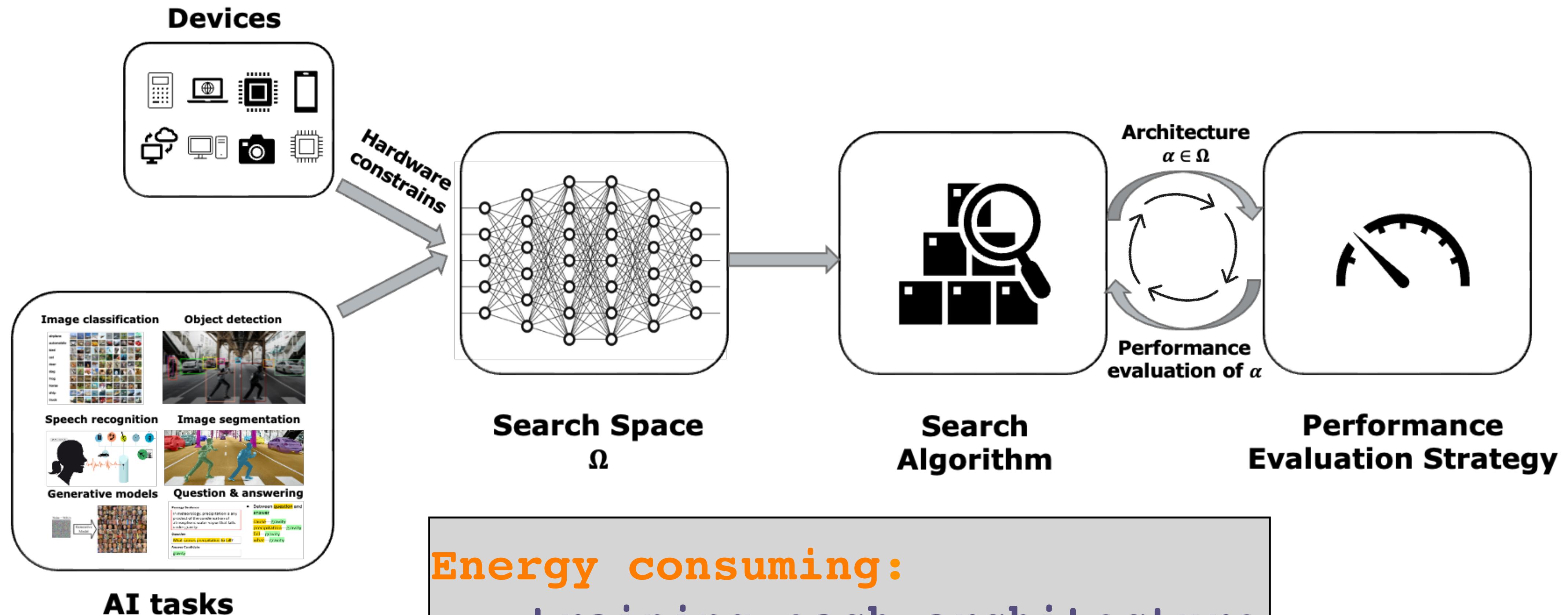


Solar power profile across the world is **highly variable**



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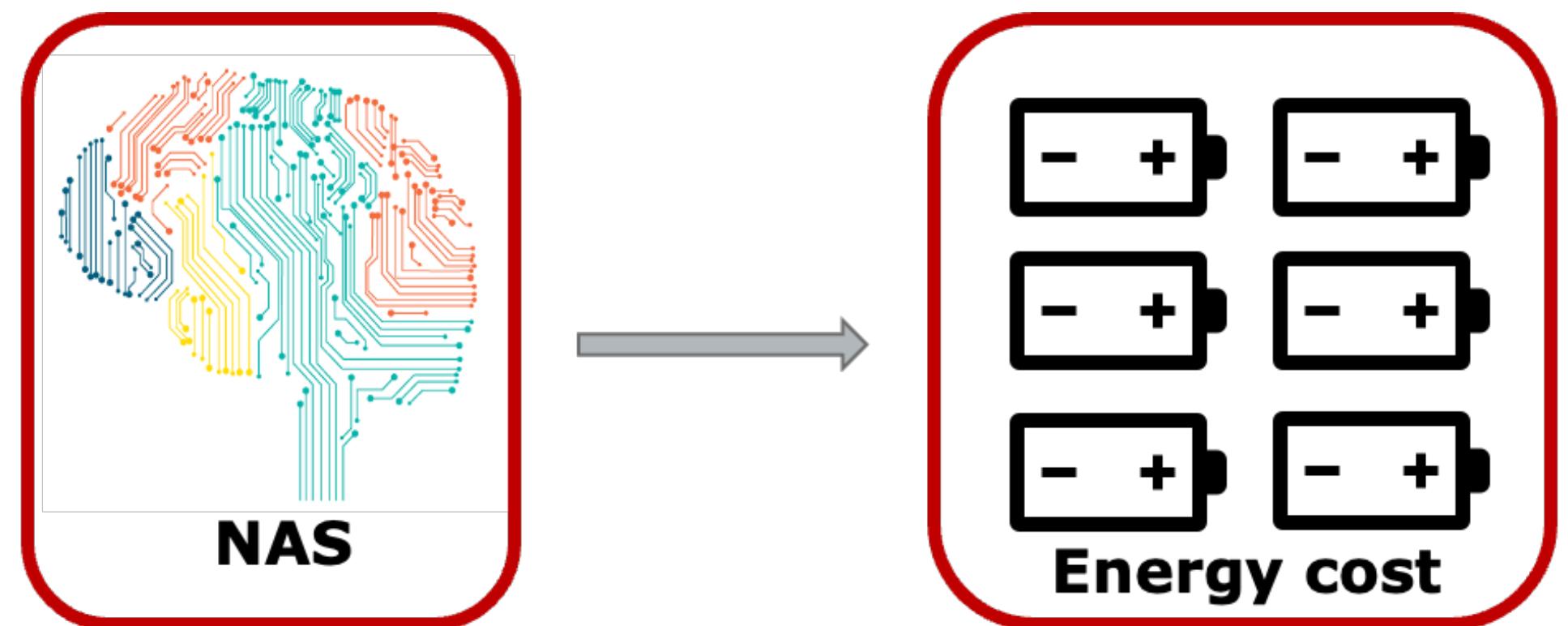
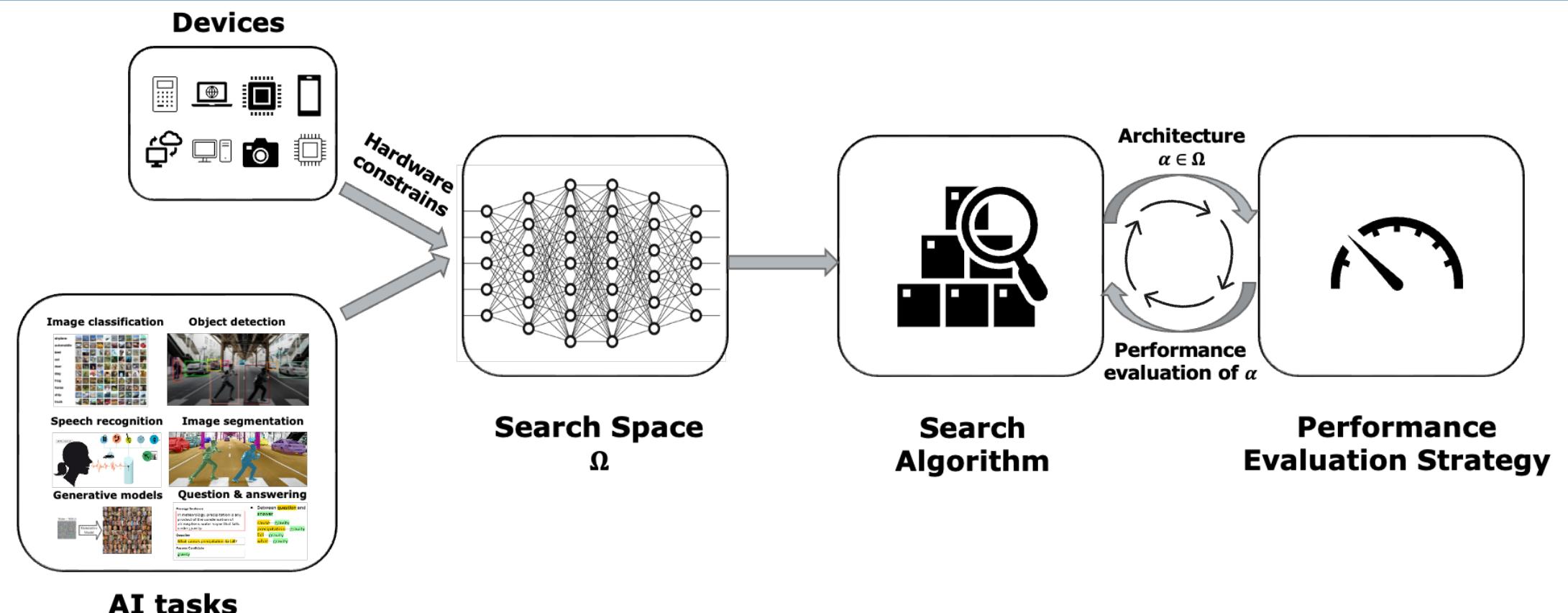
Neural Architecture Search (NAS)



Energy consuming:

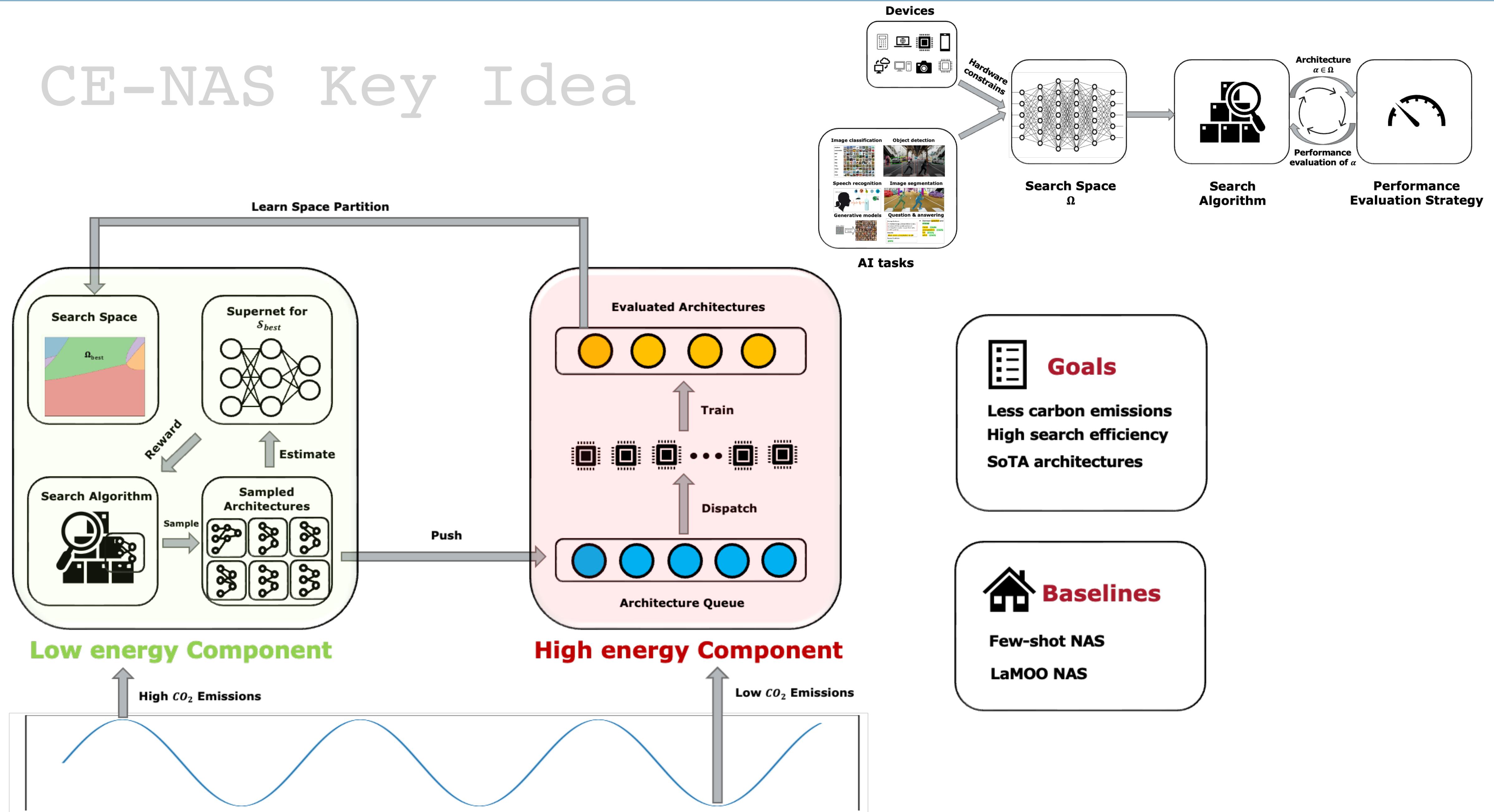
- training each architecture can take hours
- might need to train hundreds to find good ones

Opportunities

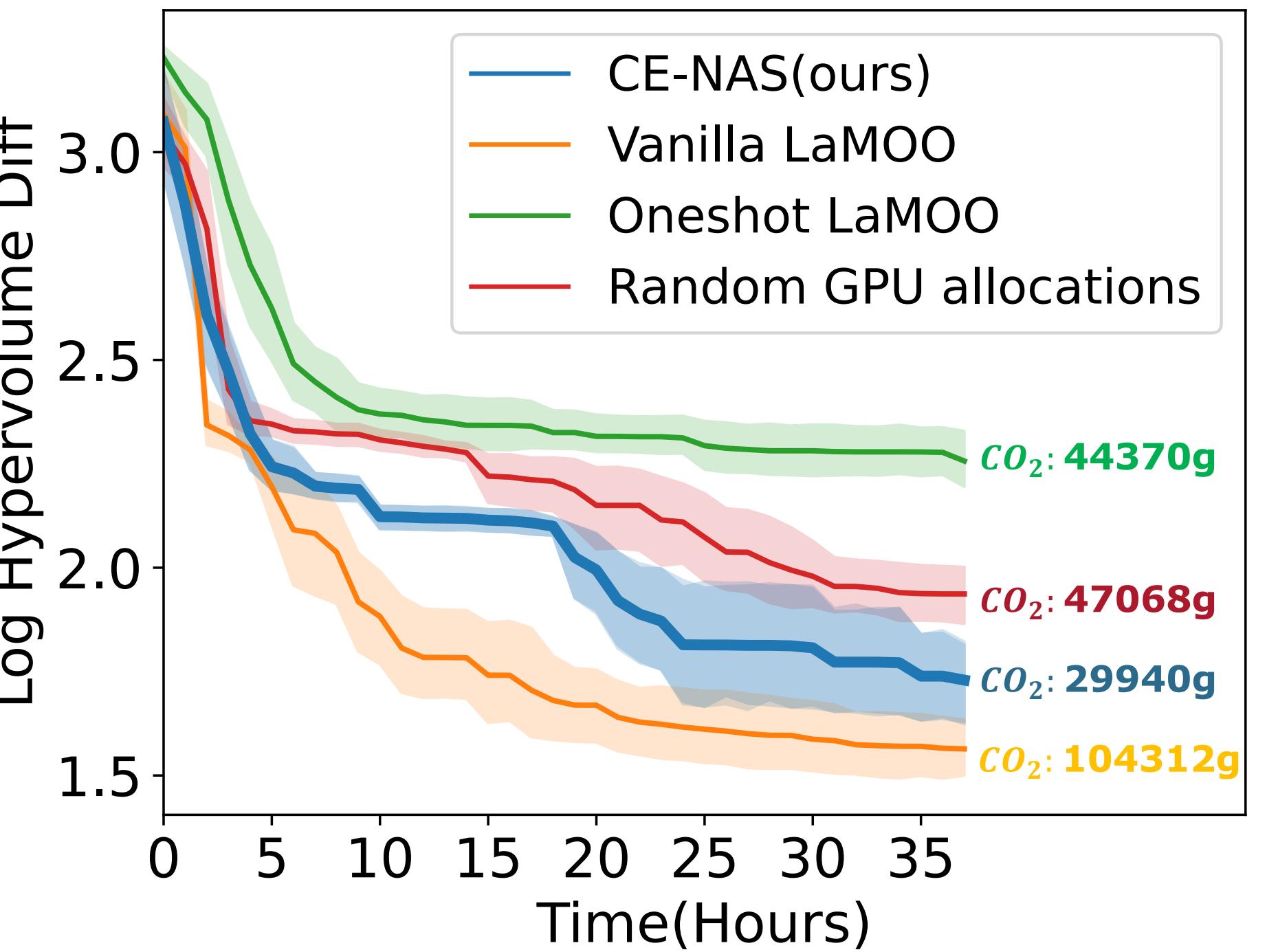
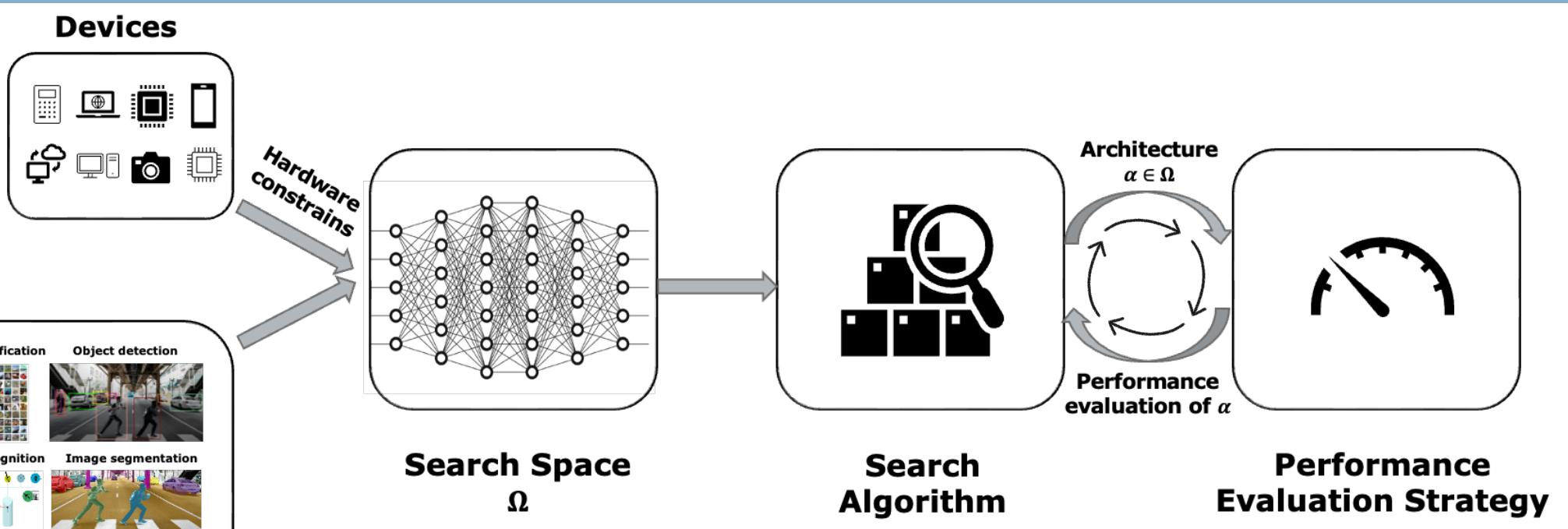
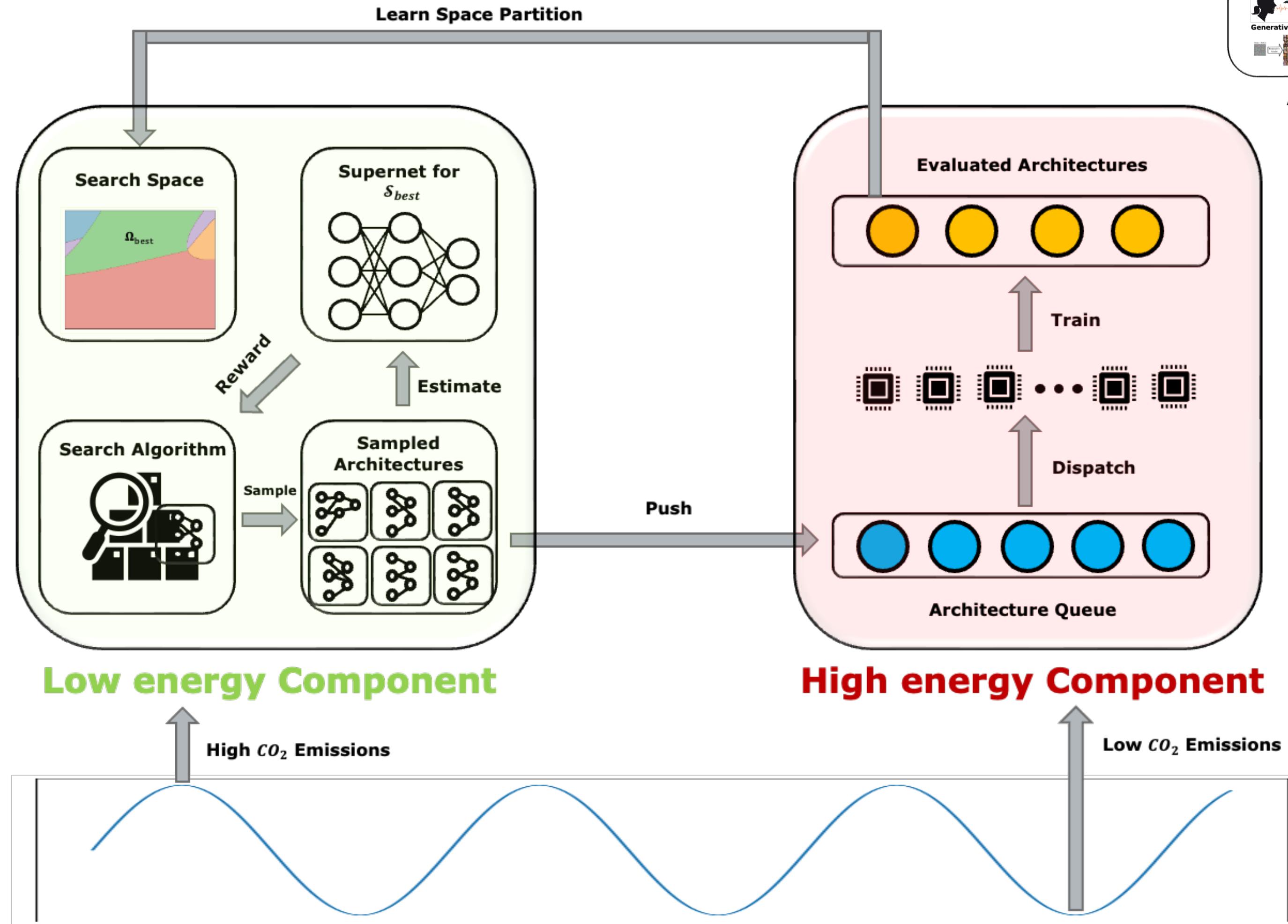


- > Not all **NAS steps** are equally energy consuming
- > Different **NAS strategies** also have different energy requirements

CE-NAS Key Idea



Preliminary Result



Our CE-NAS has the lowest relative carbon emission while achieving the second best HV_{log_diff}