

Optimising (Graph) Neural Networks Using Exact Solvers

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Mixed-integer optimisation of graph neural networks for computer-aided molecular design

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- Mixed-integer linear programming formulation of graph neural networks.
- Formulations for Graph Convolutional Network and GraphSAGE.
- Showcase that such models can learn from non-euclidean data structures efficiently.
- Sample application to molecule discovery with optimal boiling points.



Training NN with MIP

Fischetti and Jo
2018

Grimstad and Andersson
2019

Anderson et al
2020

Thorbjarnarson and
Yorke-Smith, 2021

Maragno et al
2021

Schweidtmann et al
2022

**Can we formulate Graph Convolutional Networks
as Mixed Integer (Non-) Linear Problems?**

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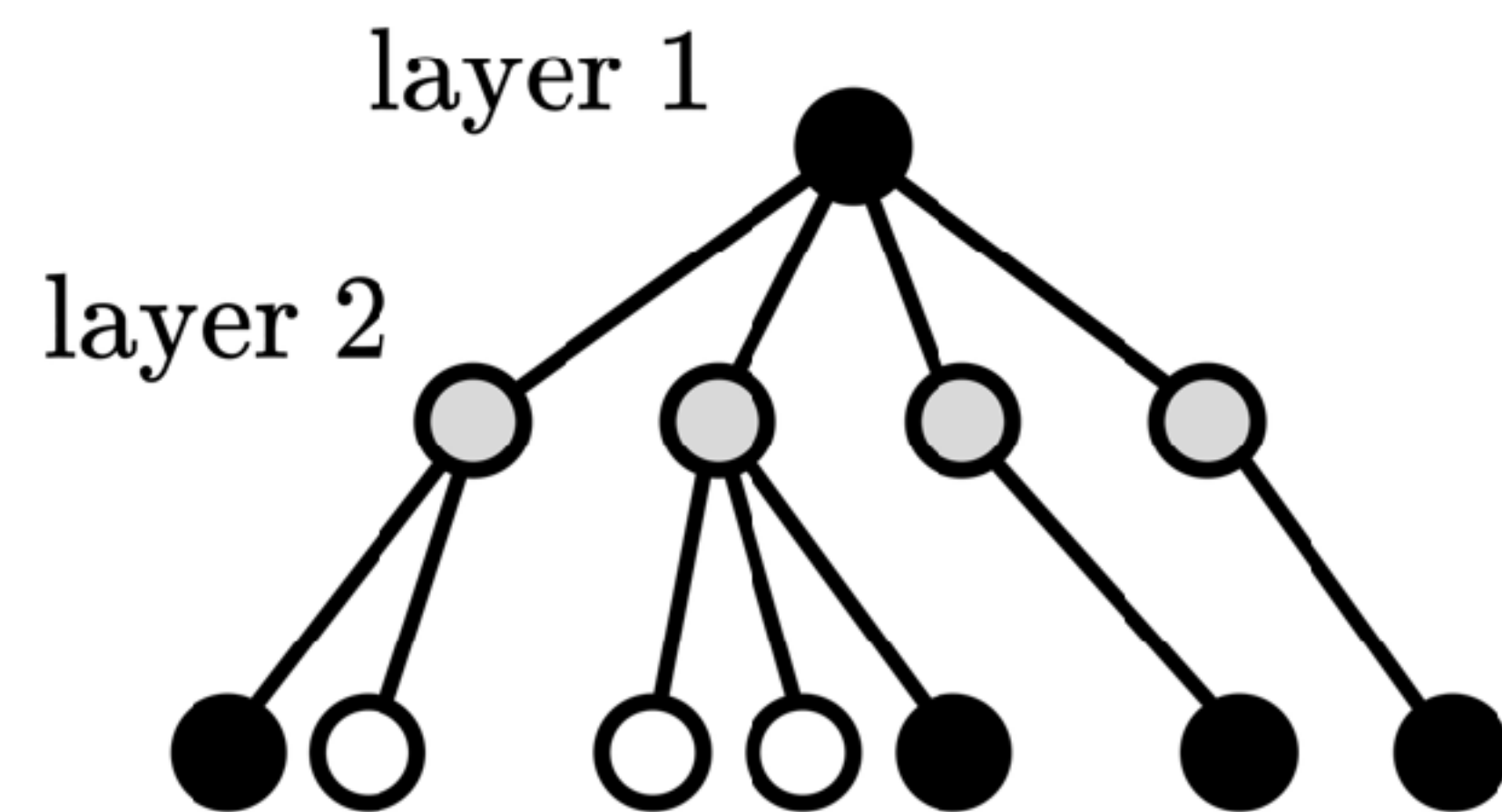
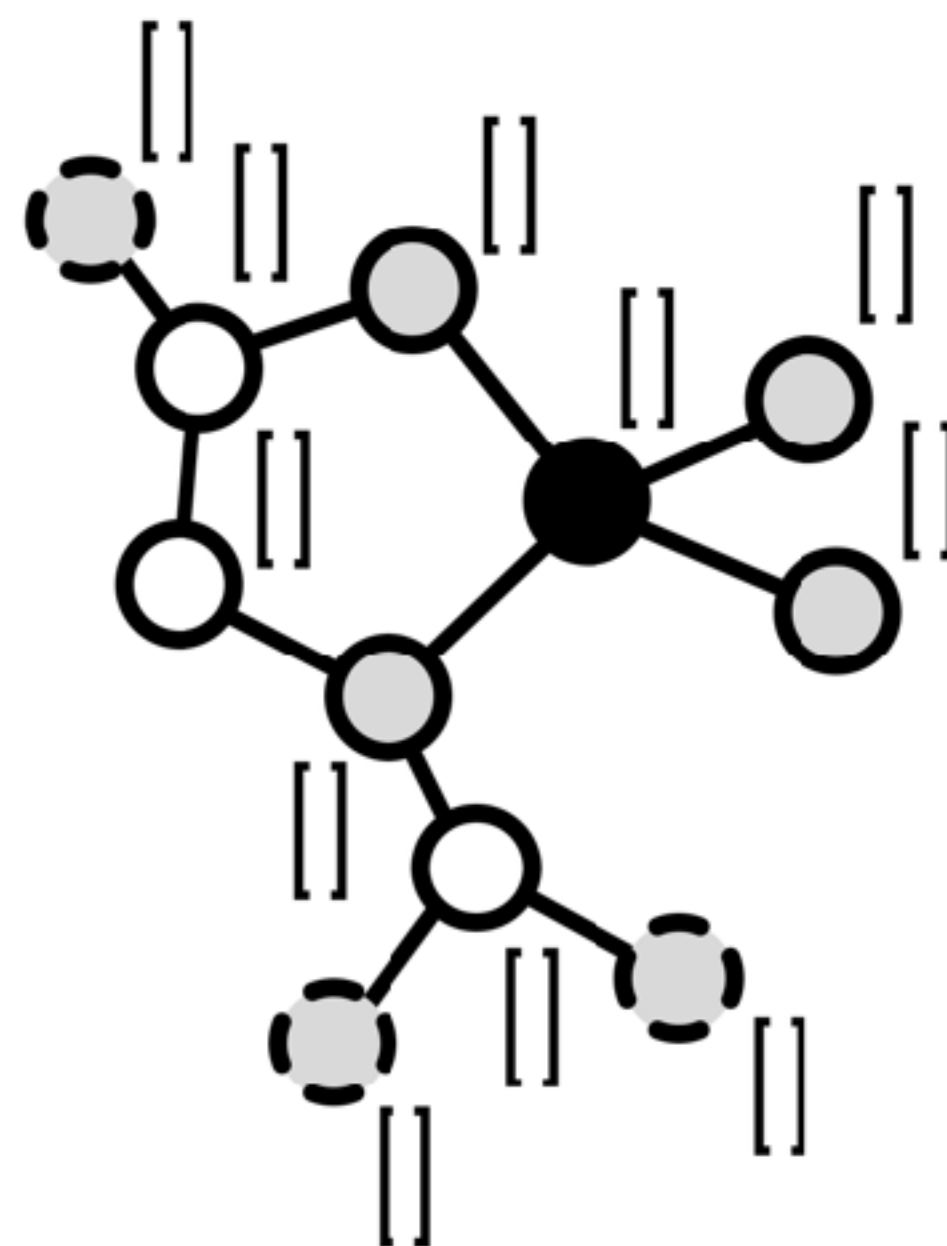
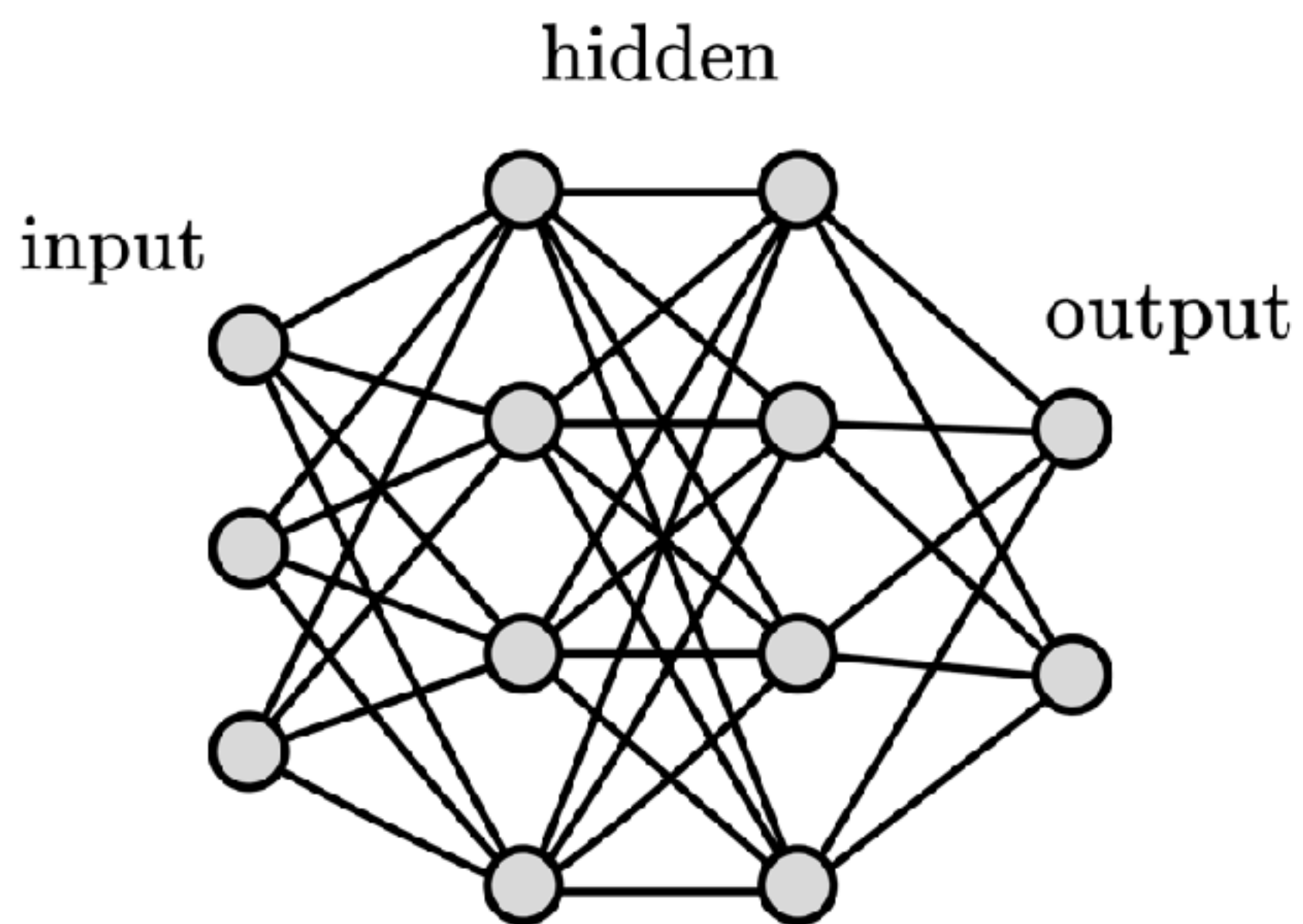
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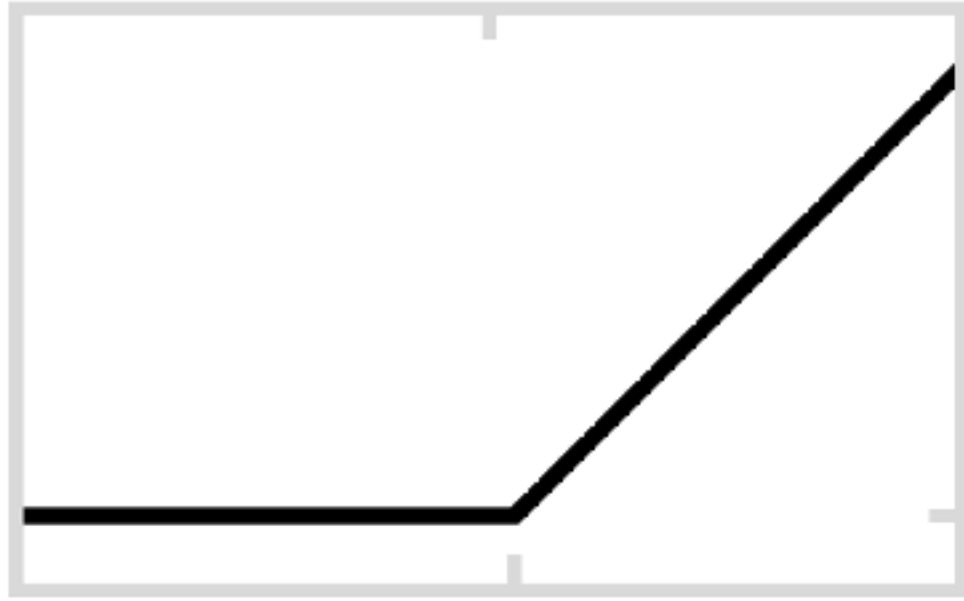
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adjacency matrix
feature vector

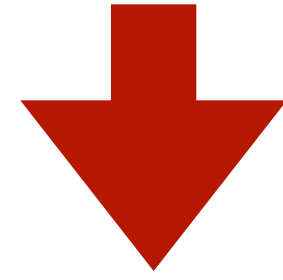
graph neural
network

$$f(A,X) = \text{MLP}(\text{POOL}(\mathbf{GNN}(A,X)))$$

mapping to single
value

$$H^{(k+1)} = \sigma \left(\tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{A} \tilde{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(k)} W^{(k)} \right)$$

GCN structure



$$\sum_{l|\tilde{A}_{il}=1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_i^+ d_l^+}} \mathbf{W}_j^{kT} \mathbf{H}_l^{(k-1)} = H_{ij}^k - S_{ij}^k$$

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$$A, H^0 \in \Omega$$

MINLP model

$$x_j^0 = \sum_{i=1}^N H_{ij}^K \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n_K\}$$

pooling

Unknown graph structure

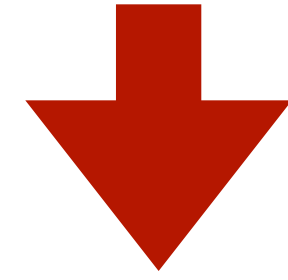
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can make bilinear

add a boolean var

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GraphSAGE structure



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$$-\mathbf{M}(A_{il}) \leq \mathbf{b}_{il}^k \leq \mathbf{M}(A_{il})$$

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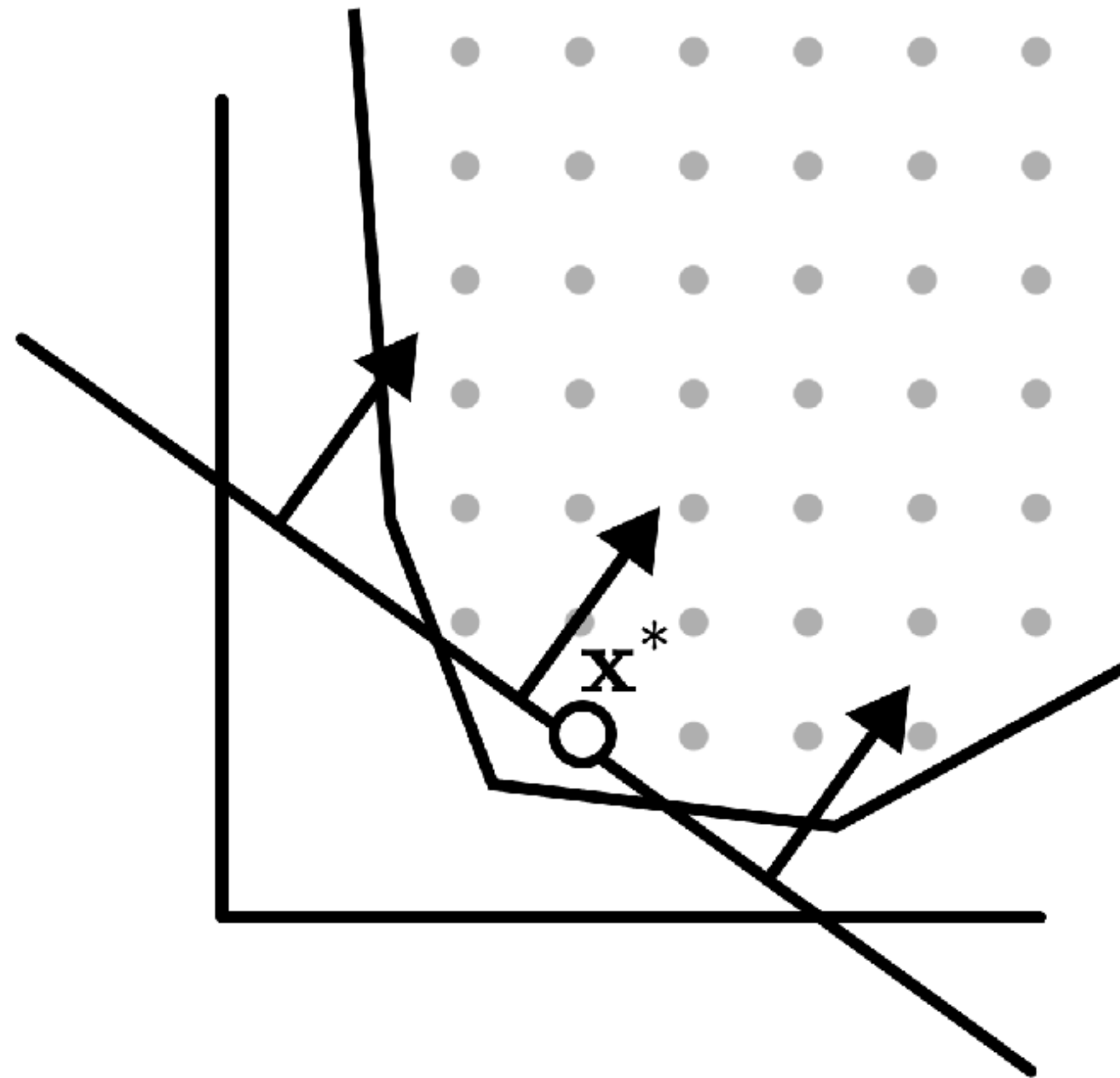
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details in the paper :)

Helping the solver



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feasibility-based
bounds tightening

domain-specific
side constraints

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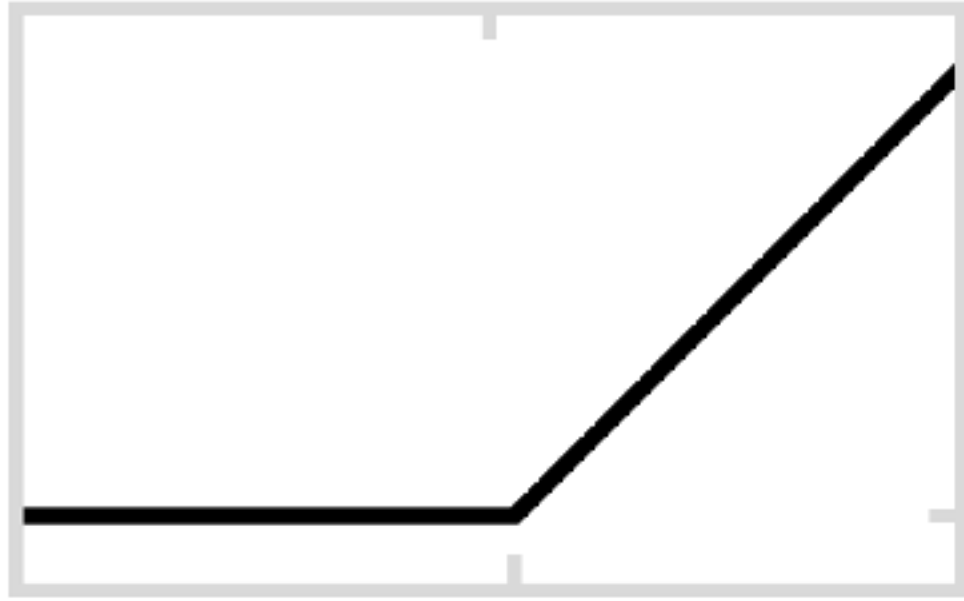
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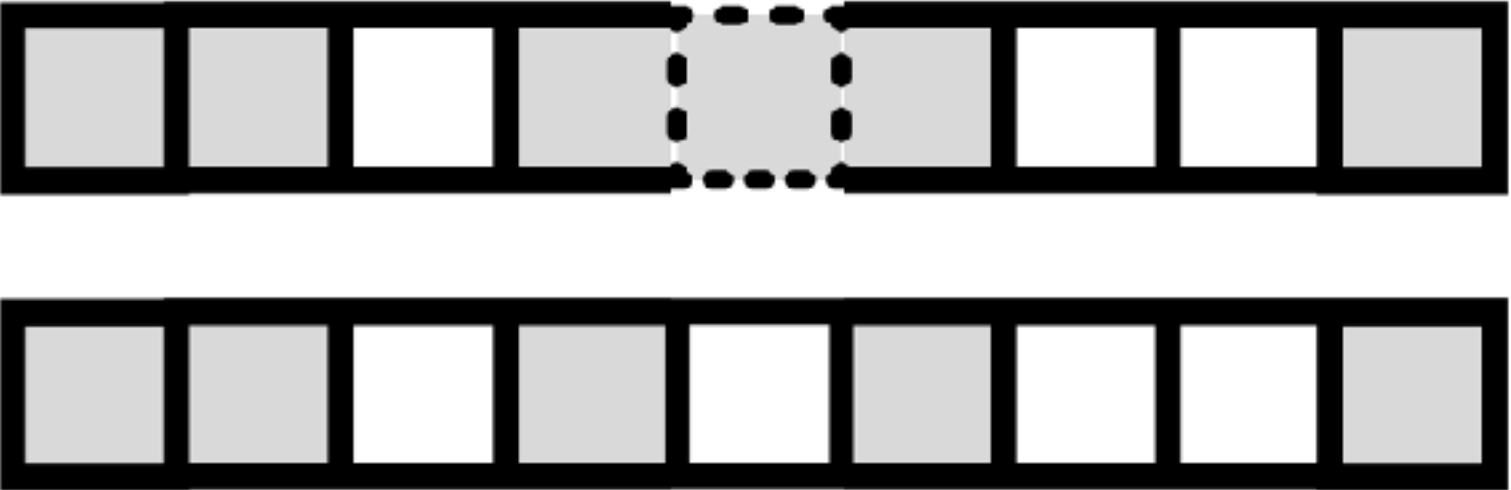
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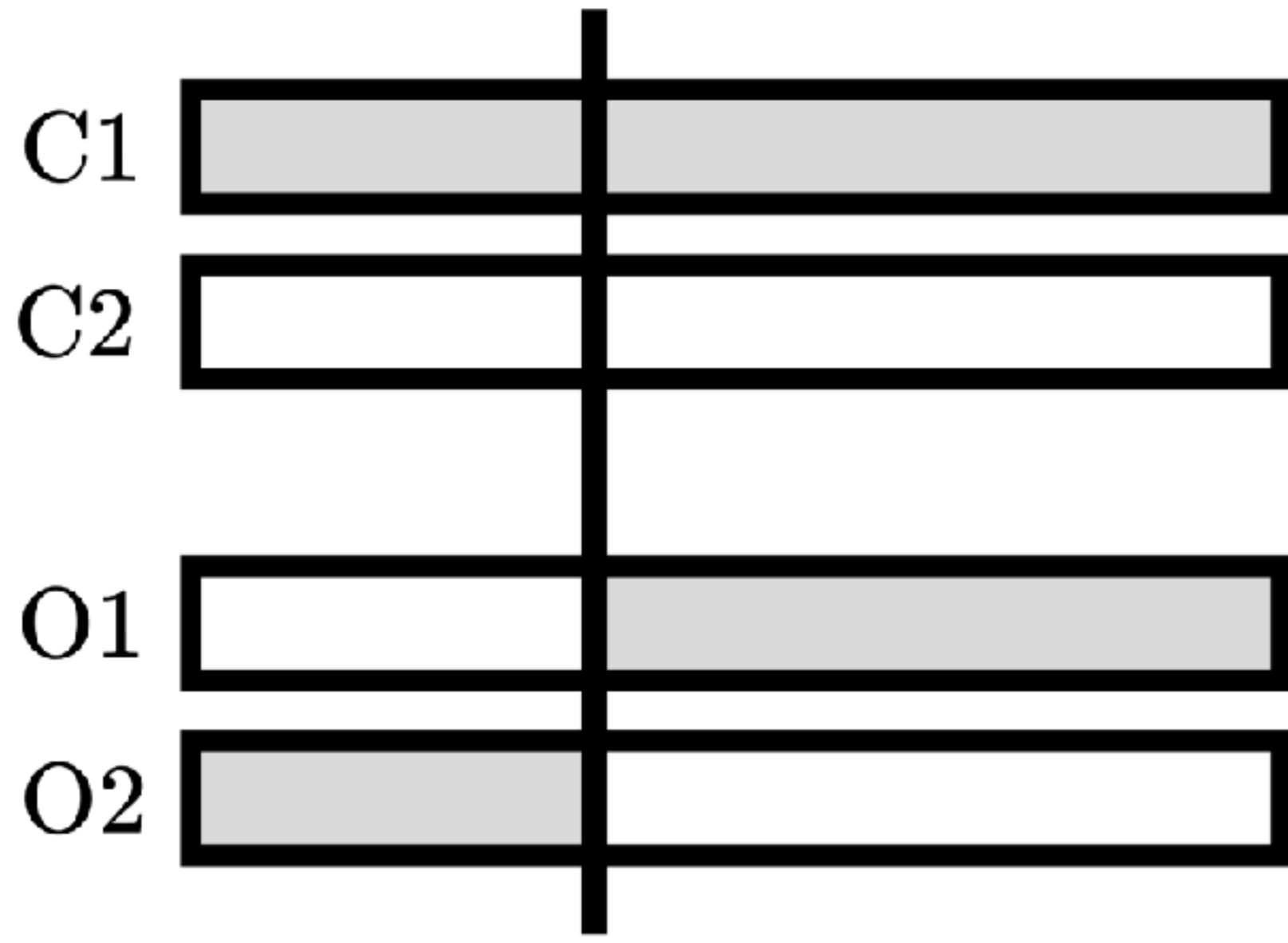
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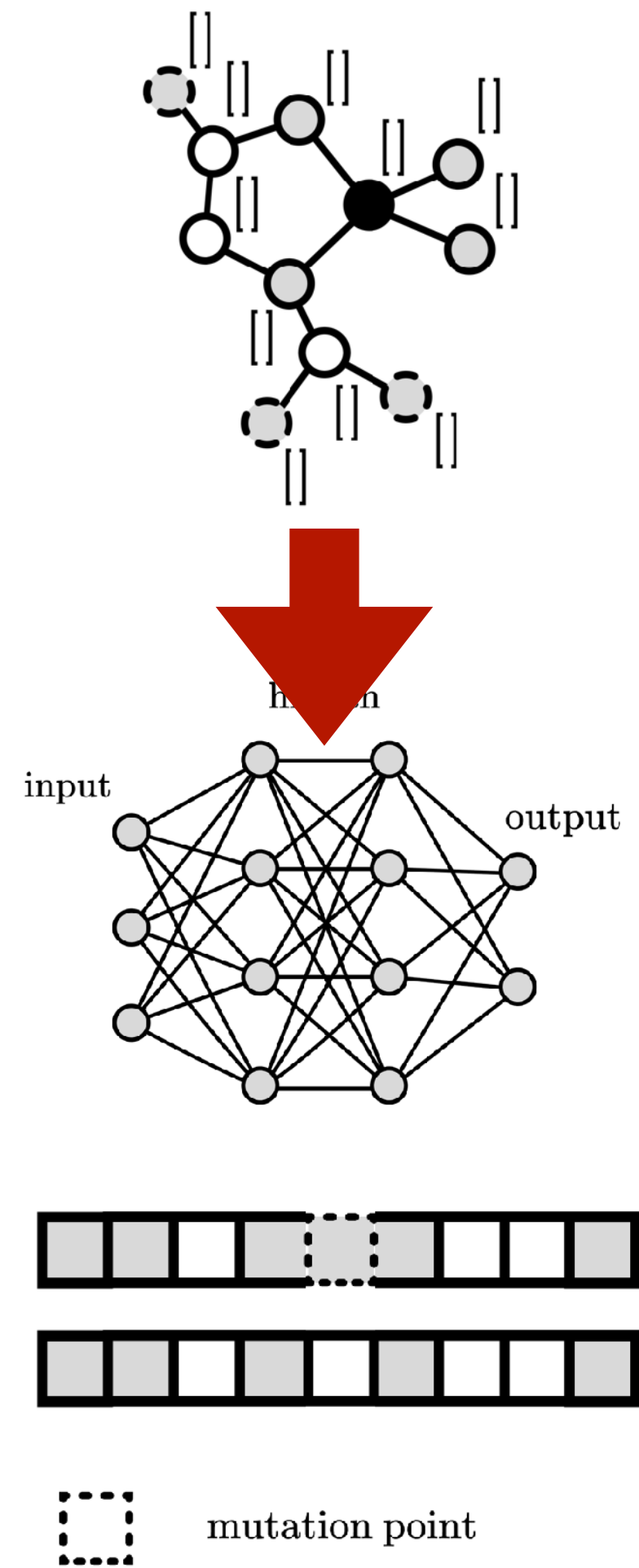
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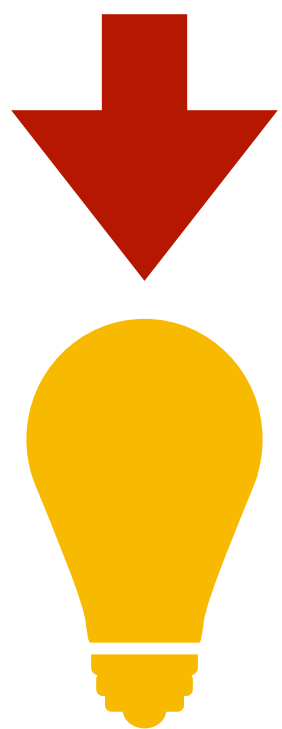
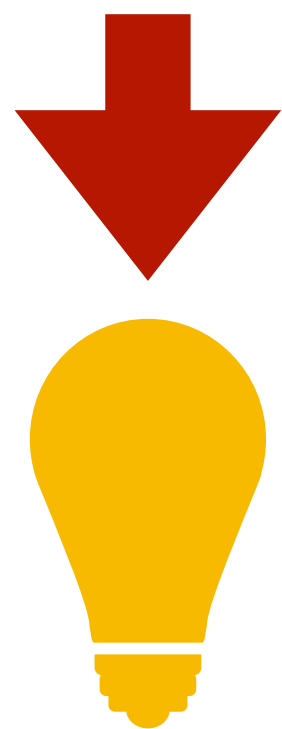
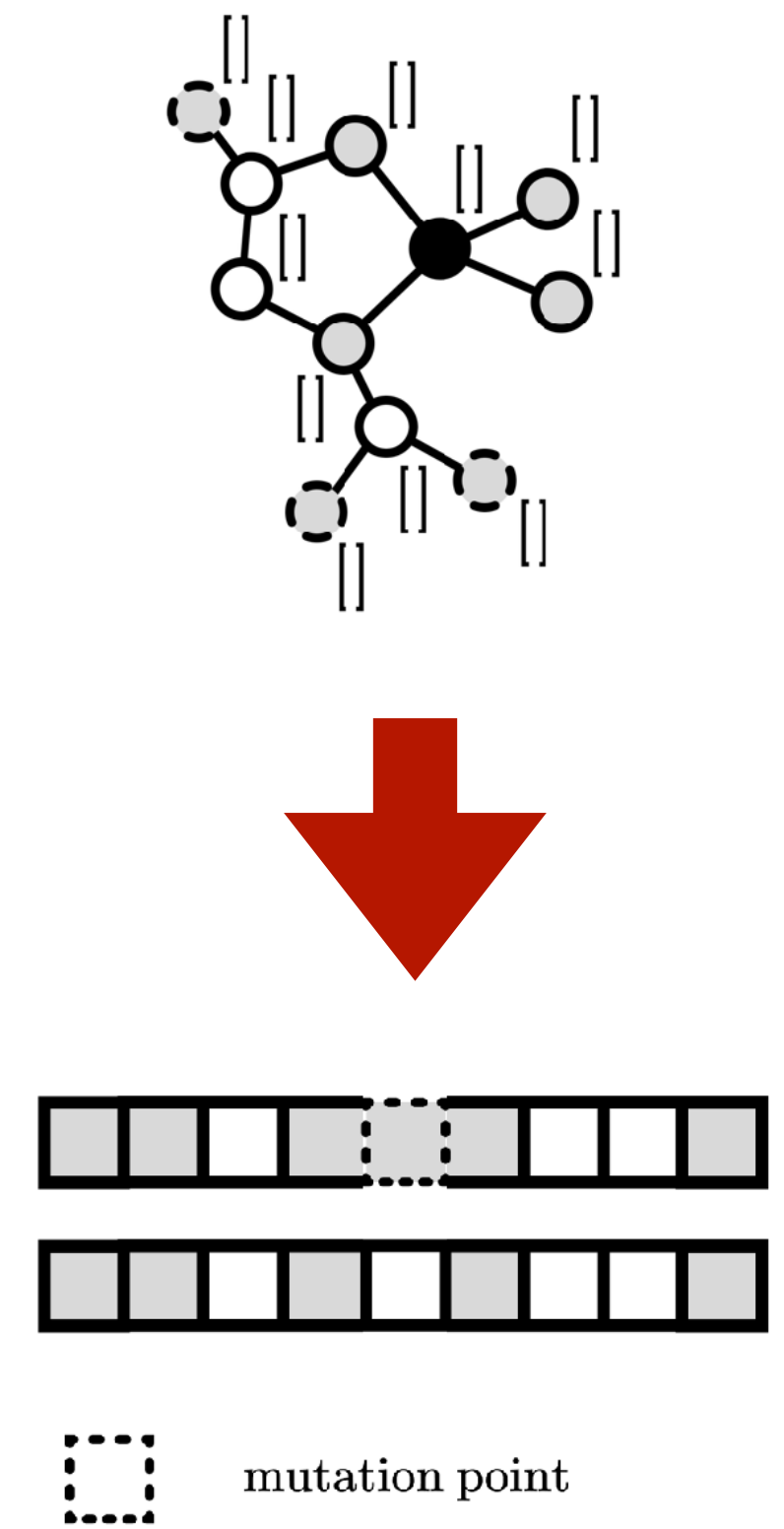


 mutation point





Directly optimise Graph Neural Networks
with a (simple) genetic algorithm



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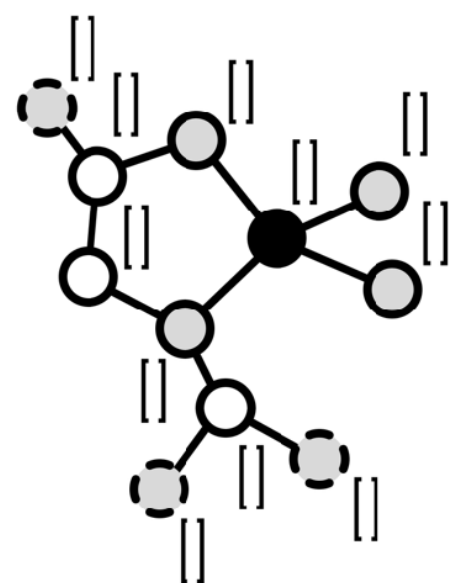
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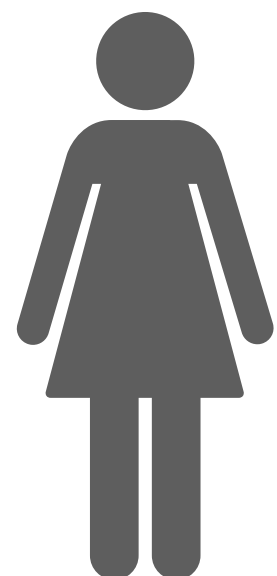
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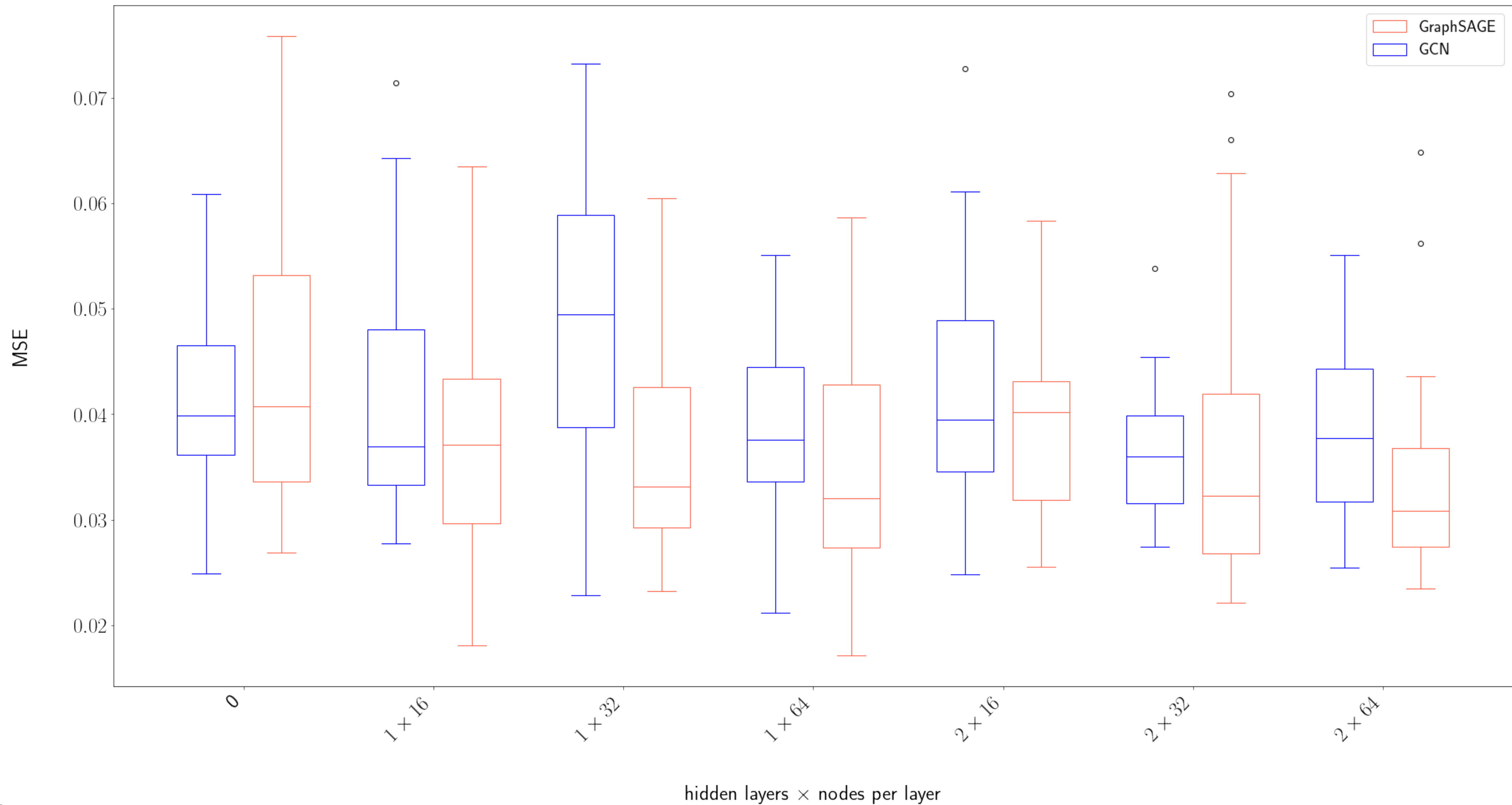
train GNN (using standard training mechanism)

**find molecular structures such that boiling point is optimised
(using Gurobi solver with embedded trained GNN)**

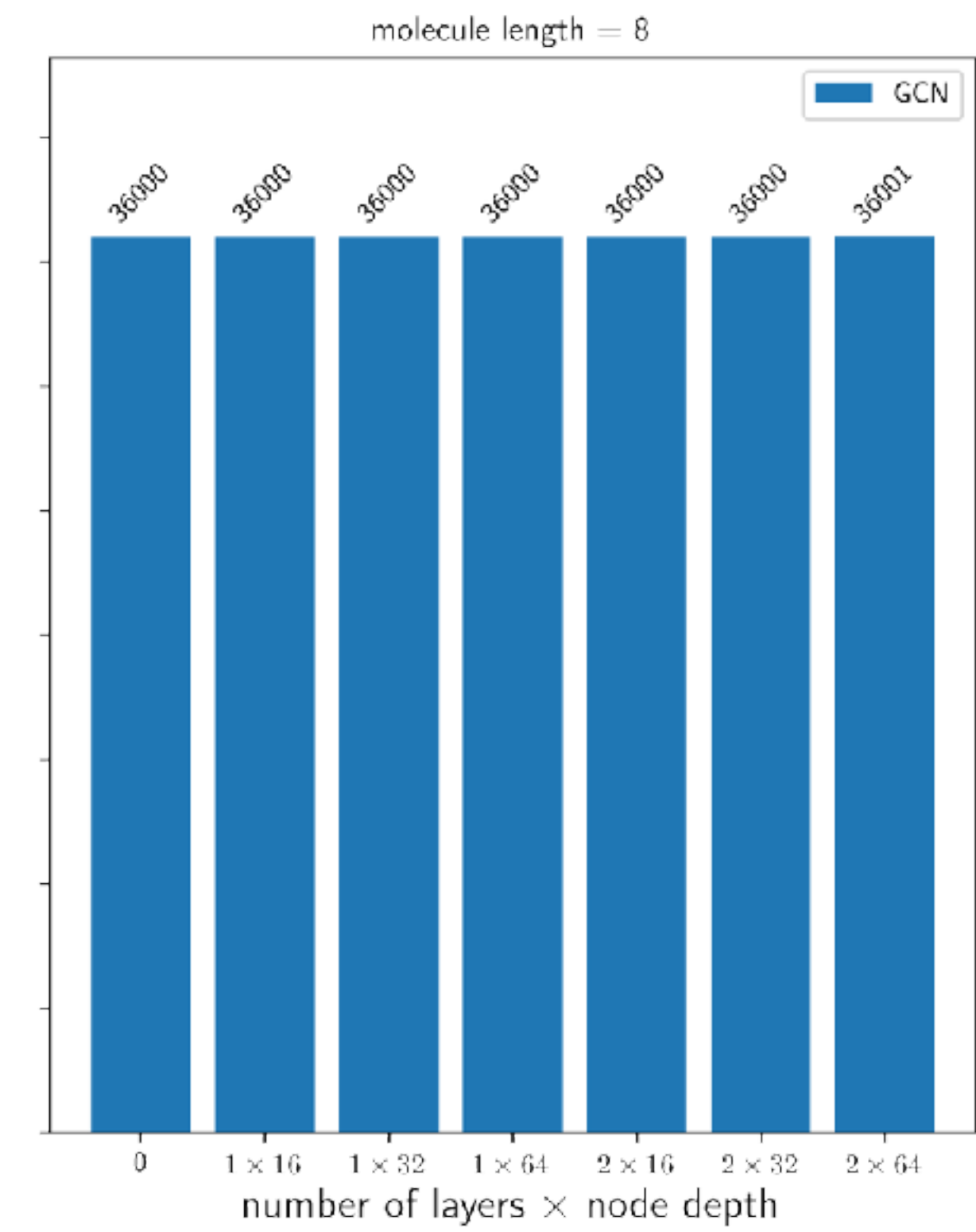
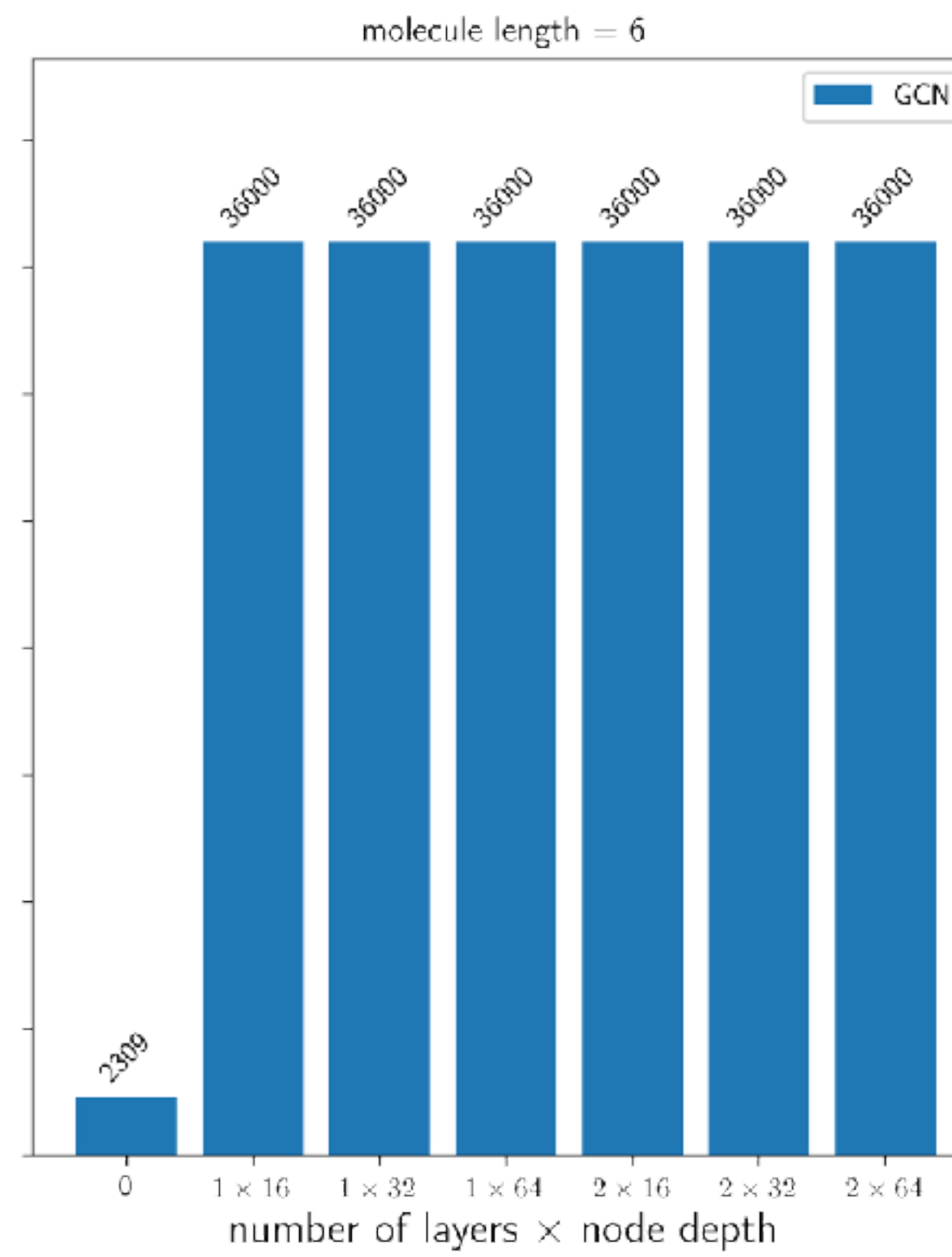
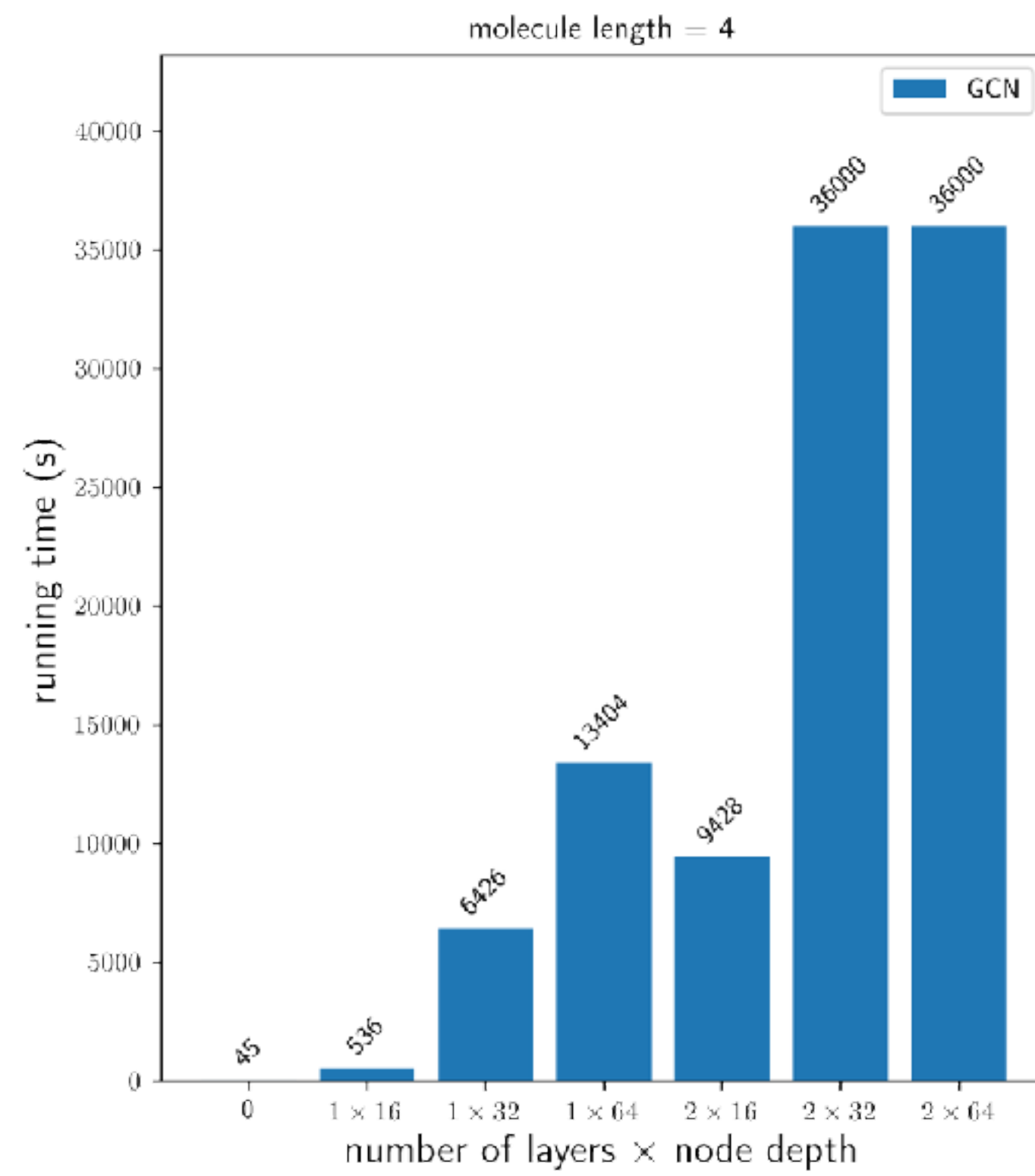


examine output molecules by human expert scientist

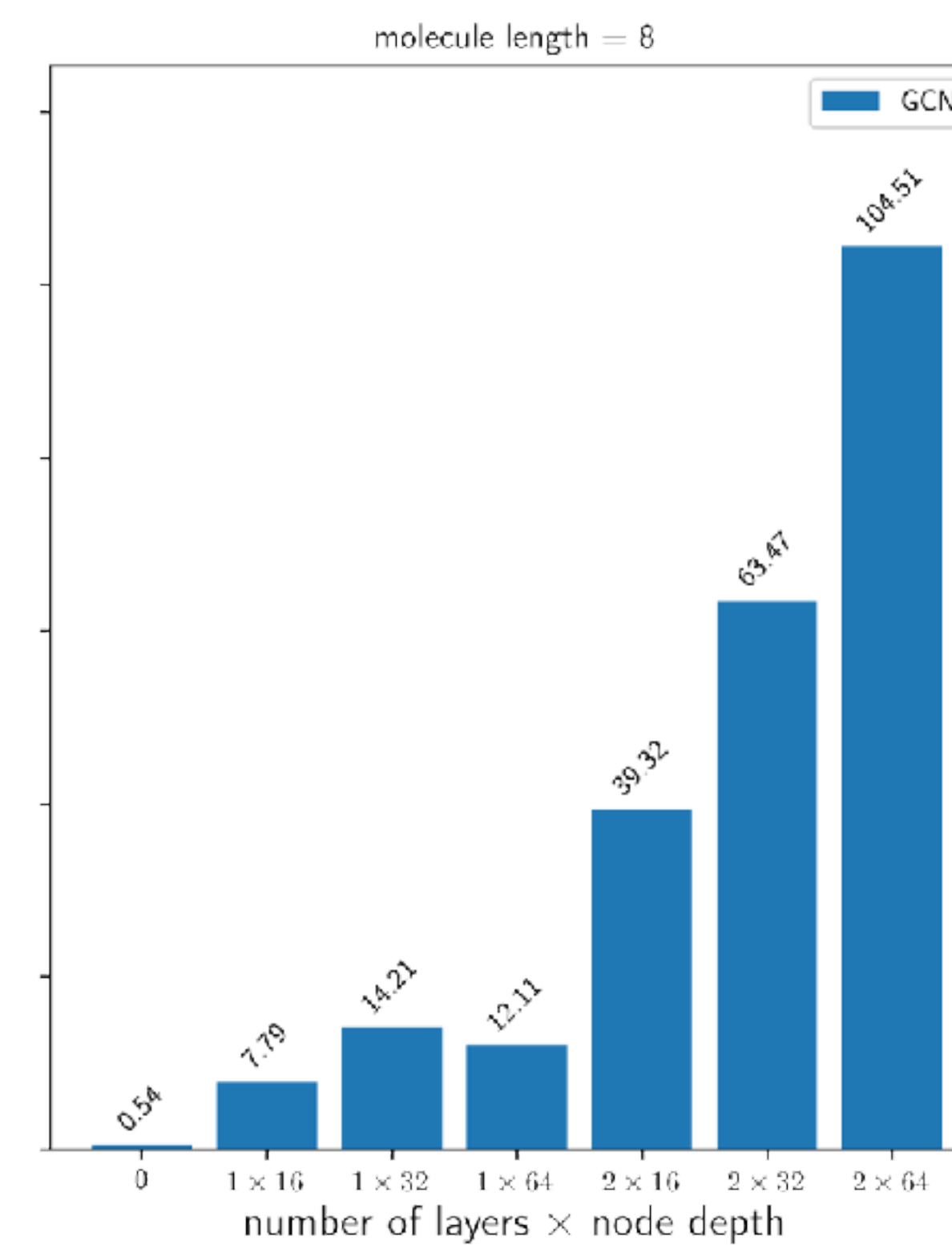
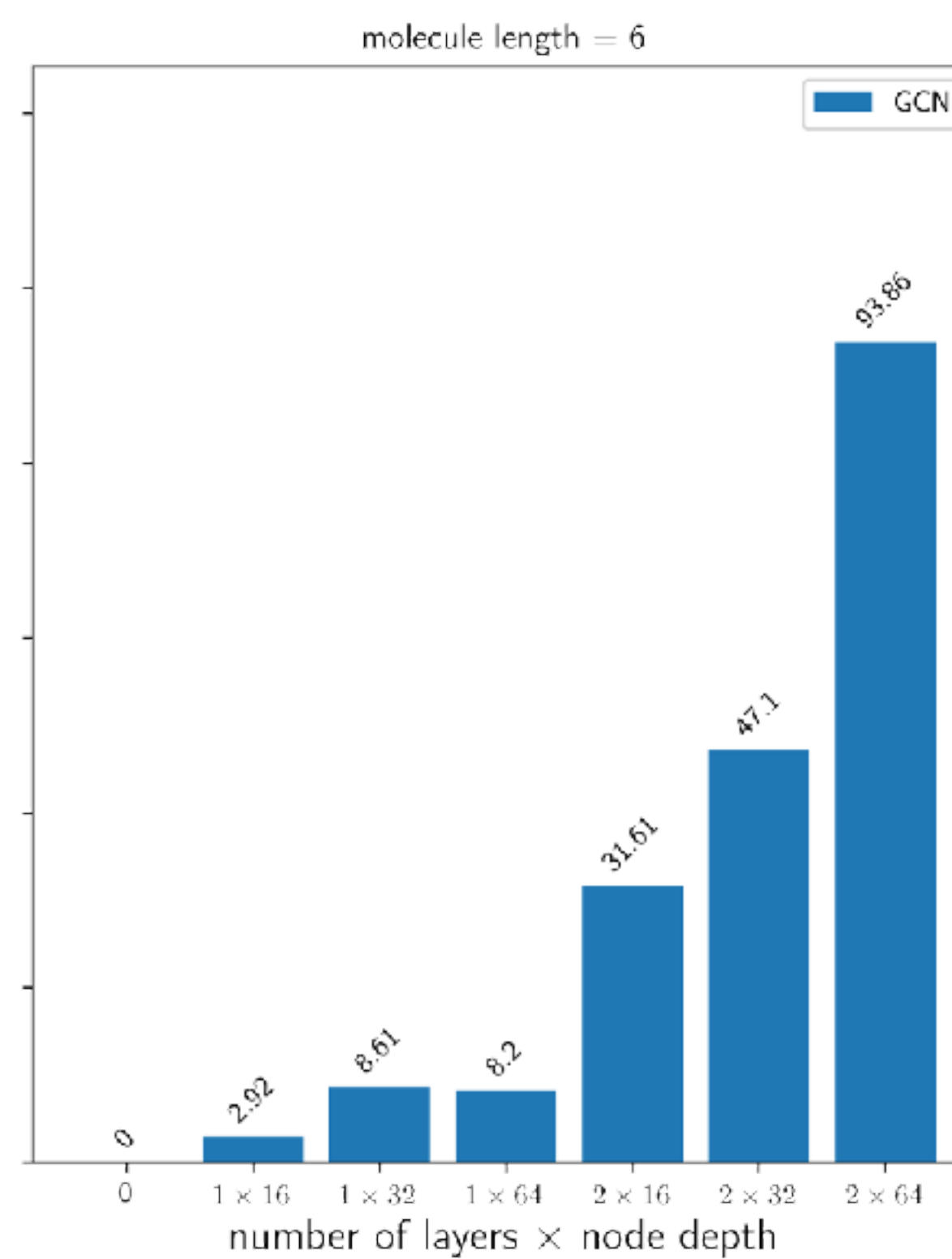
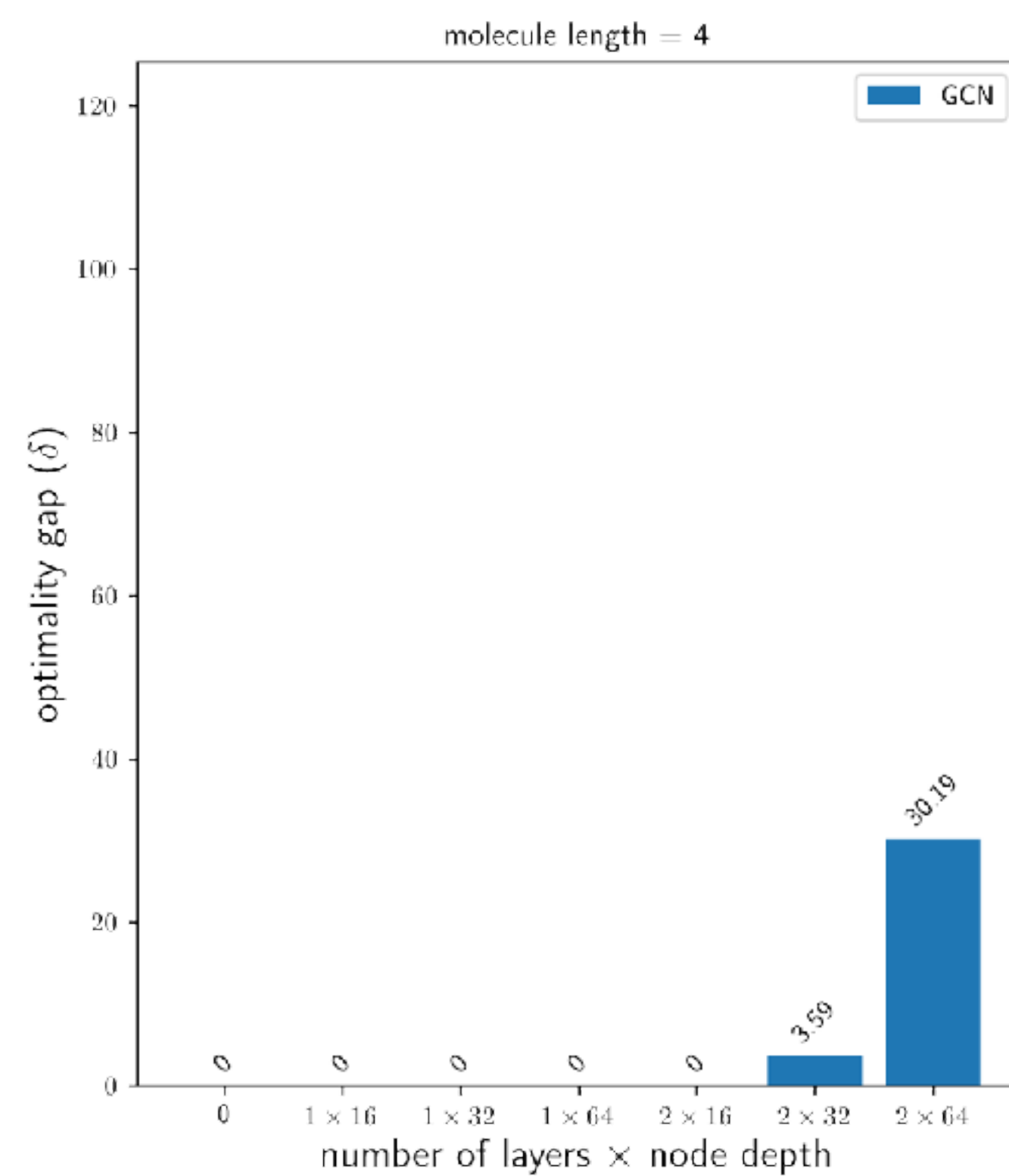
GCN vs GraphSAGE - MSE on validation data



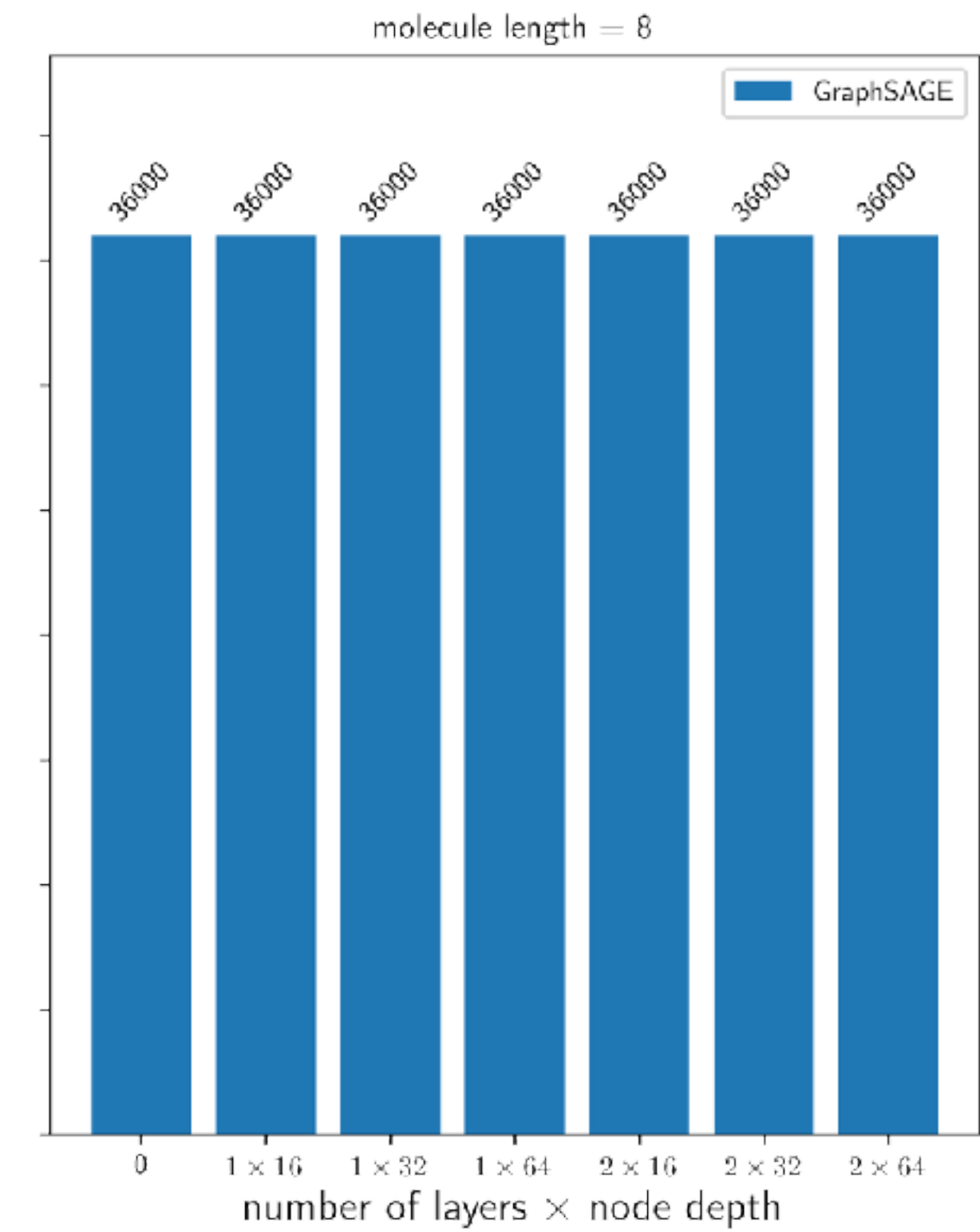
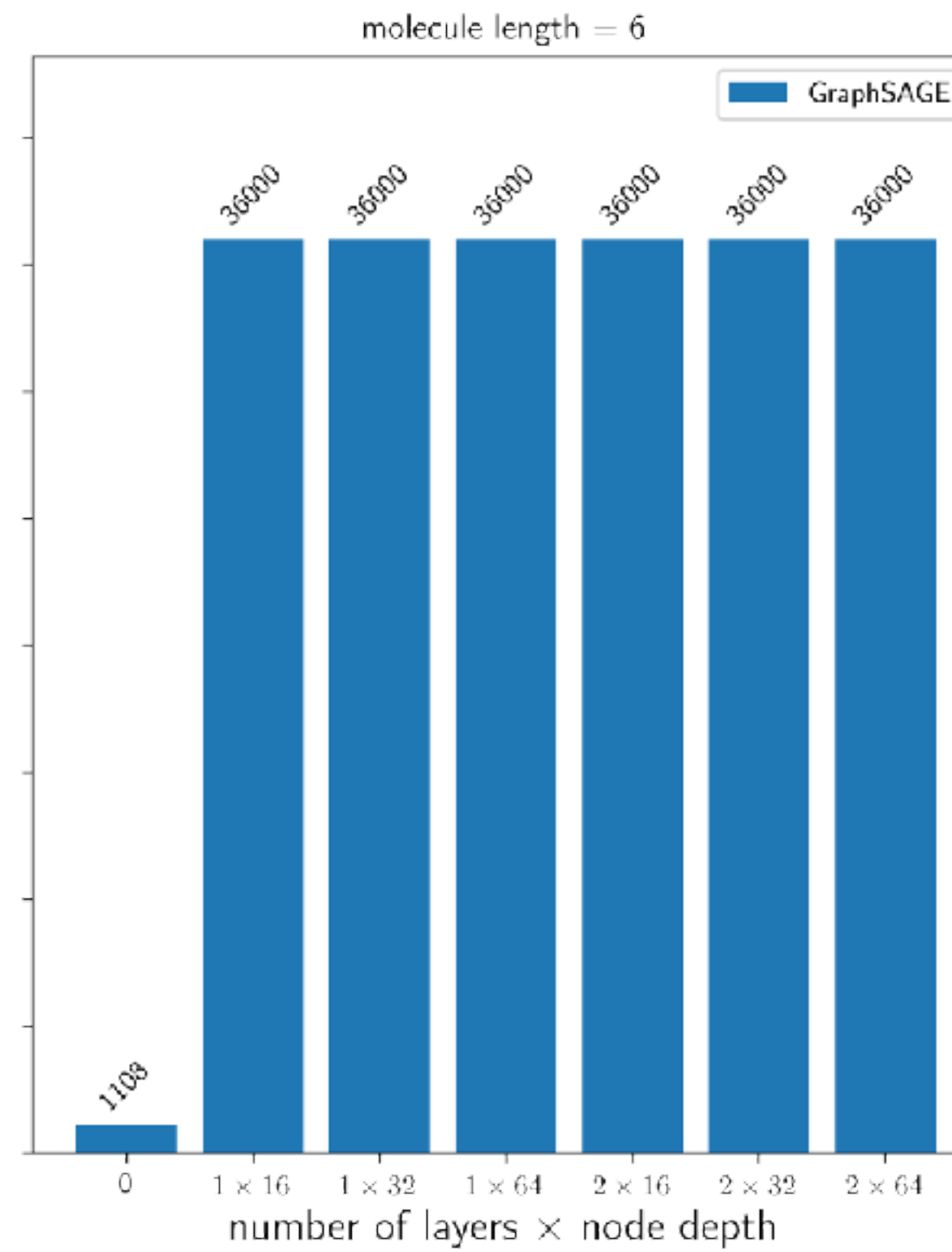
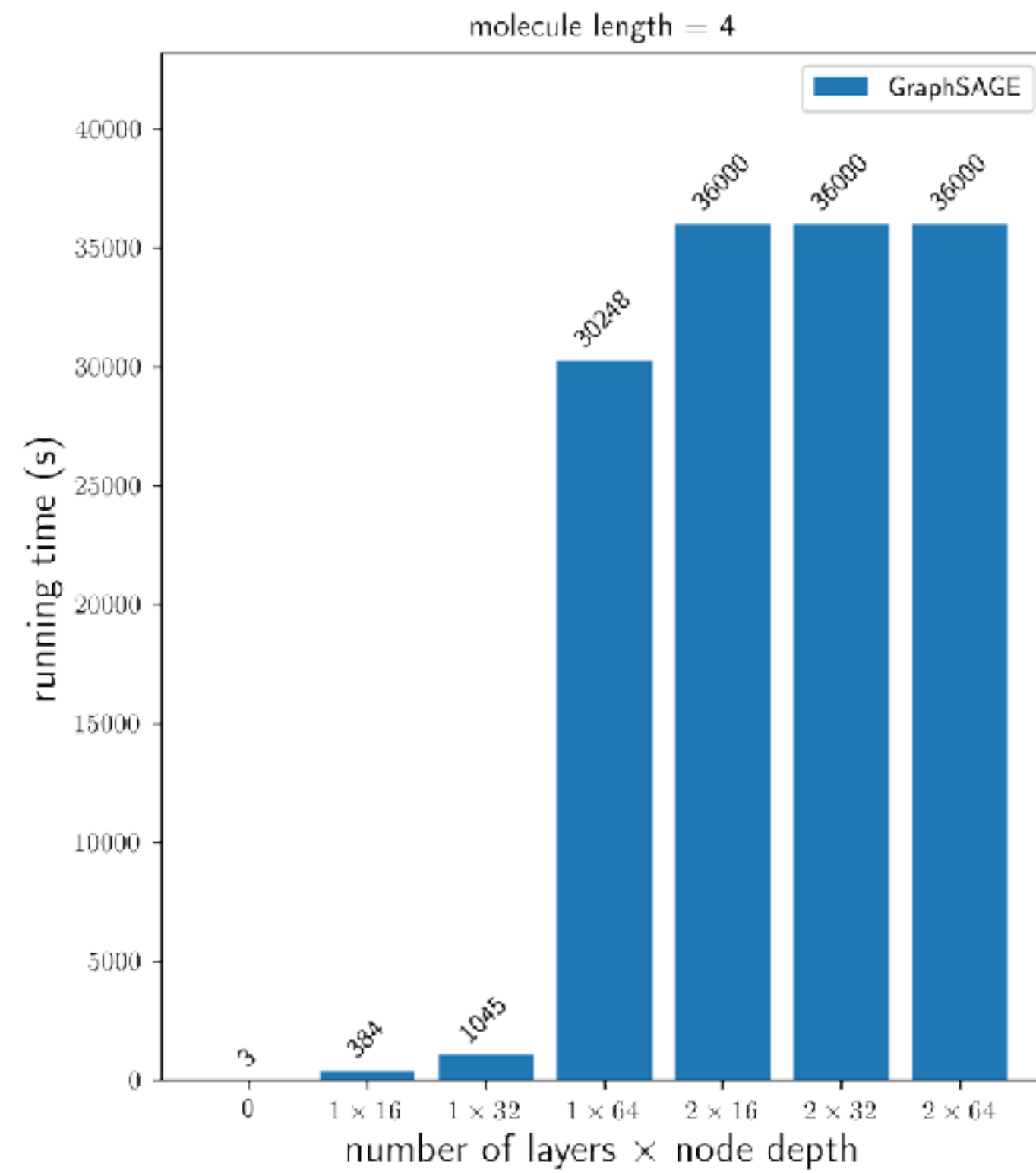
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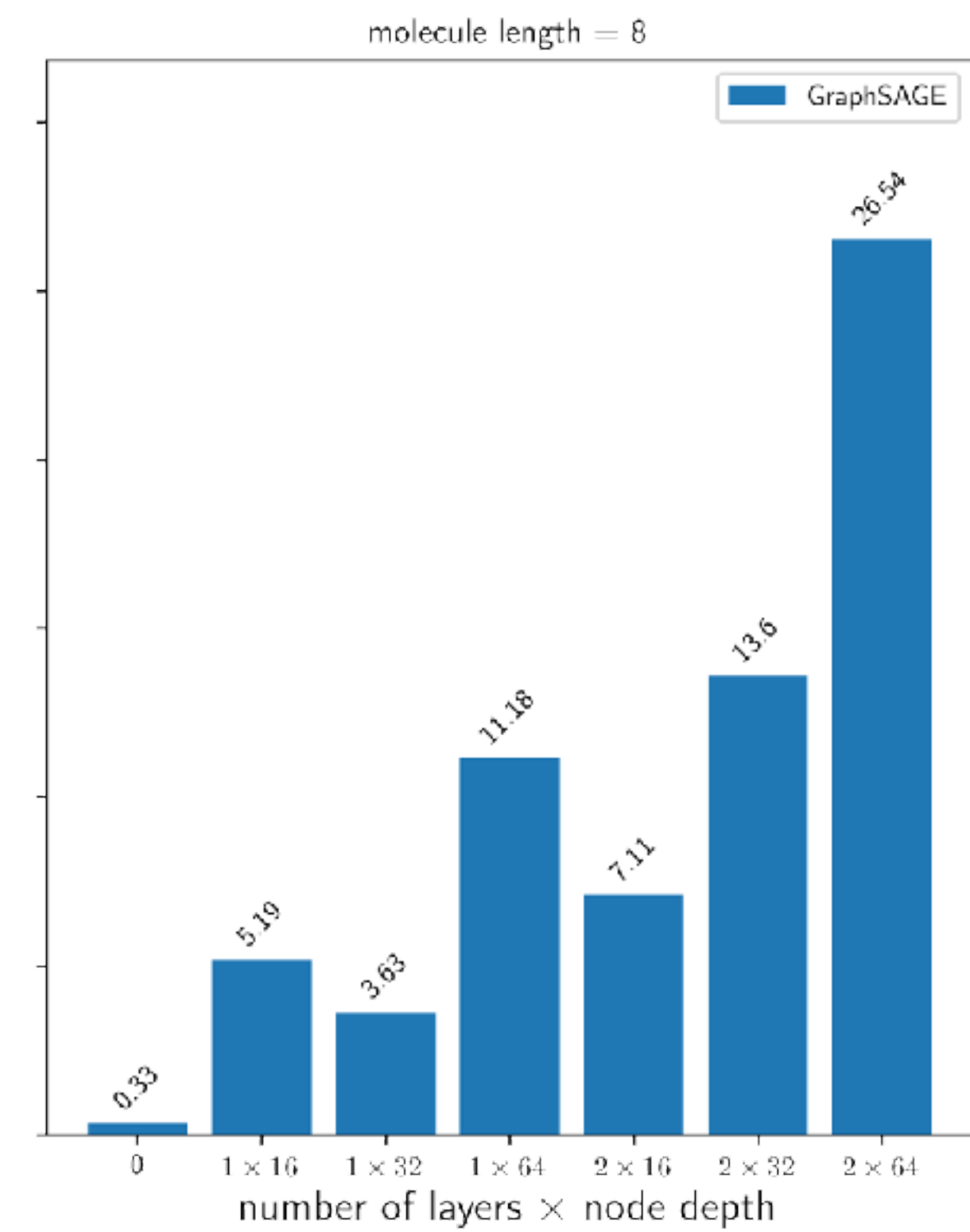
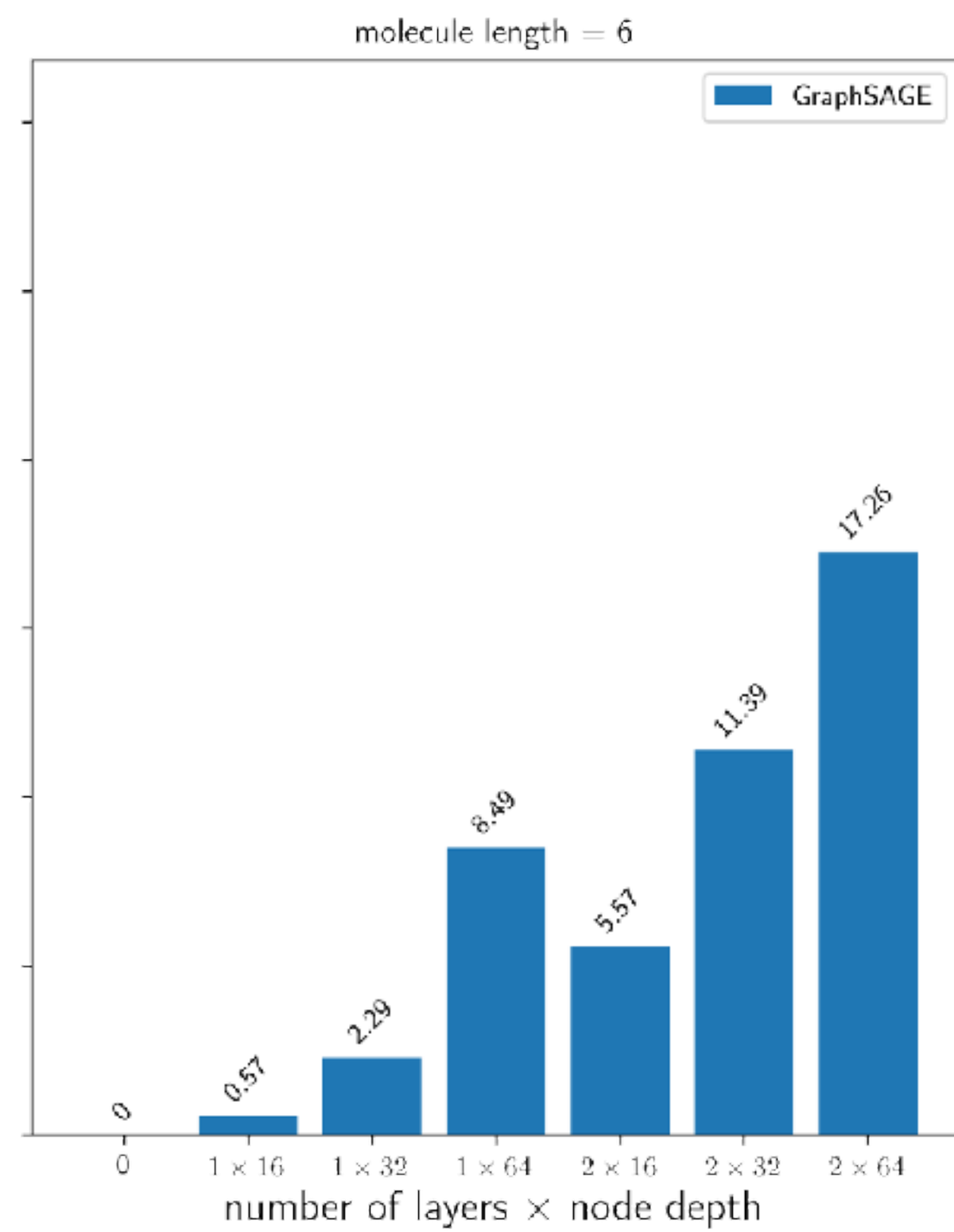
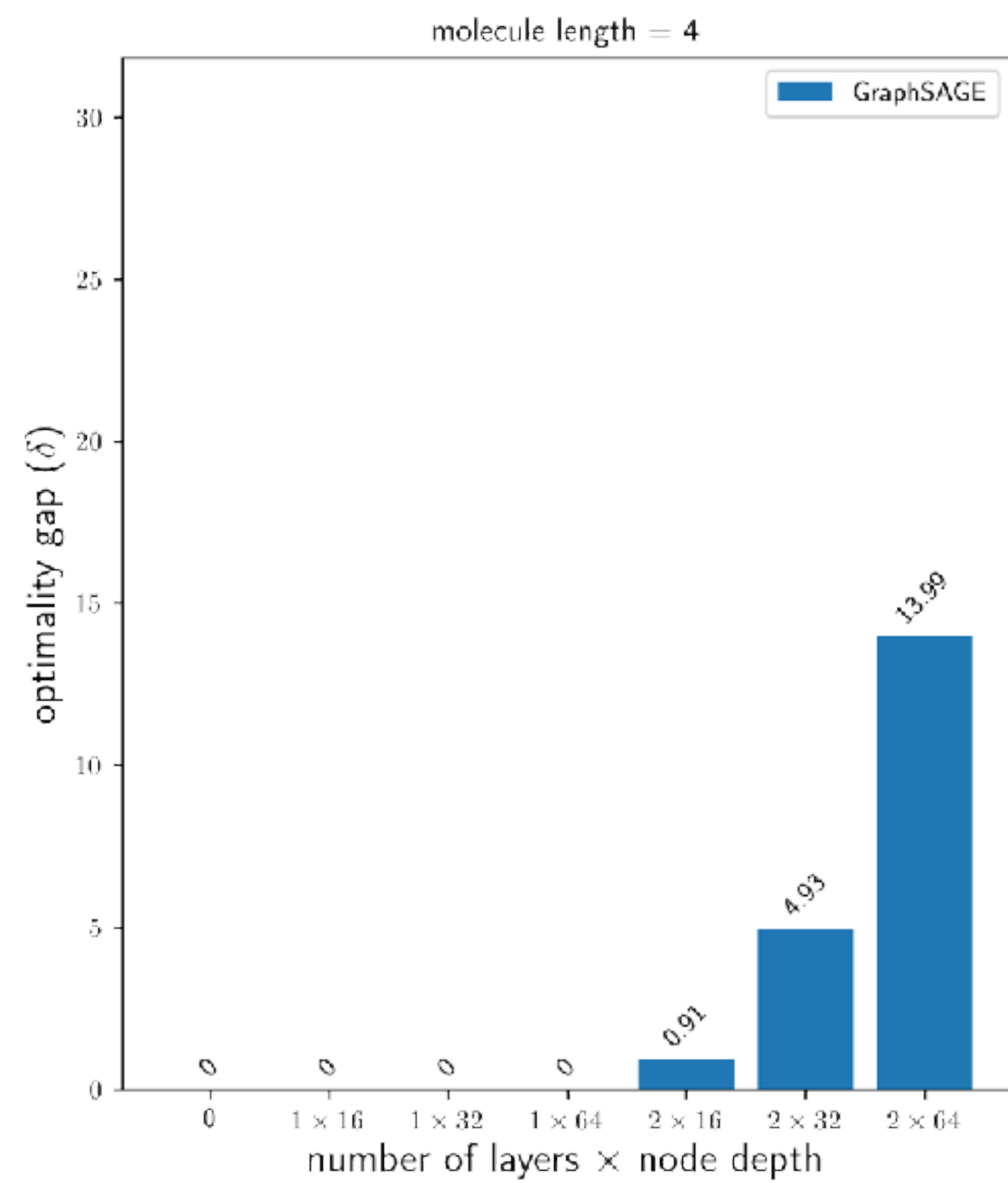
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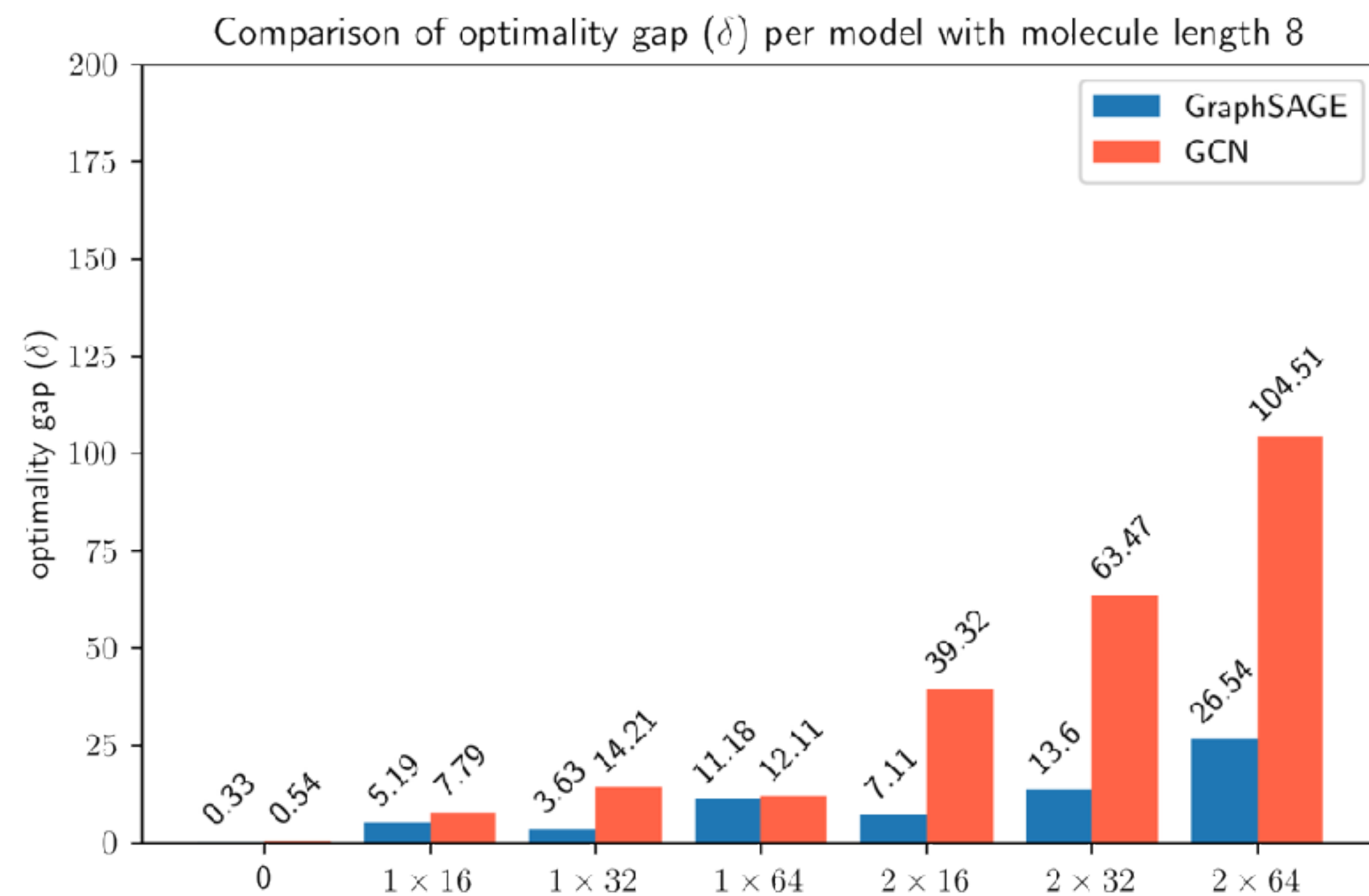
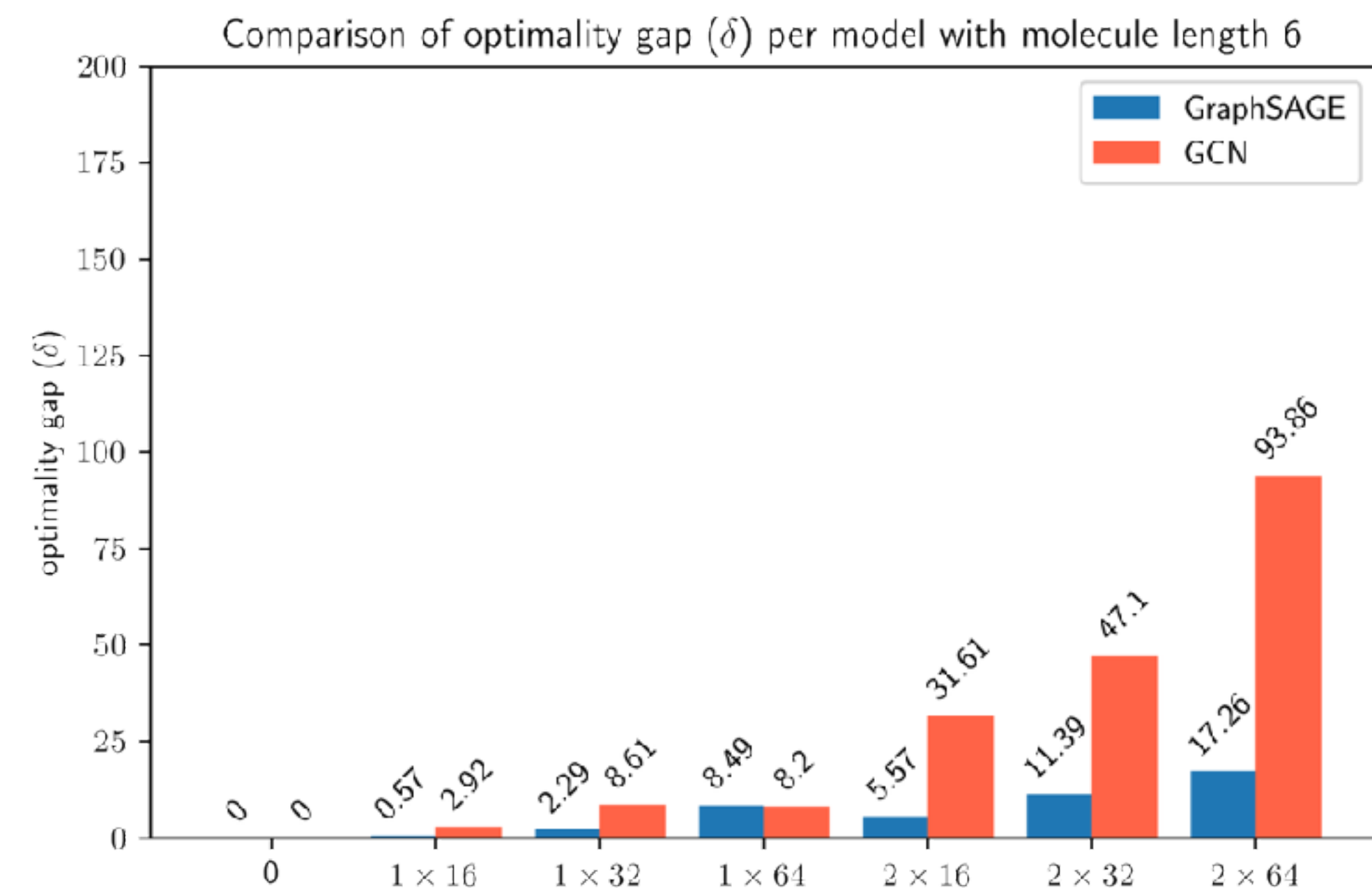
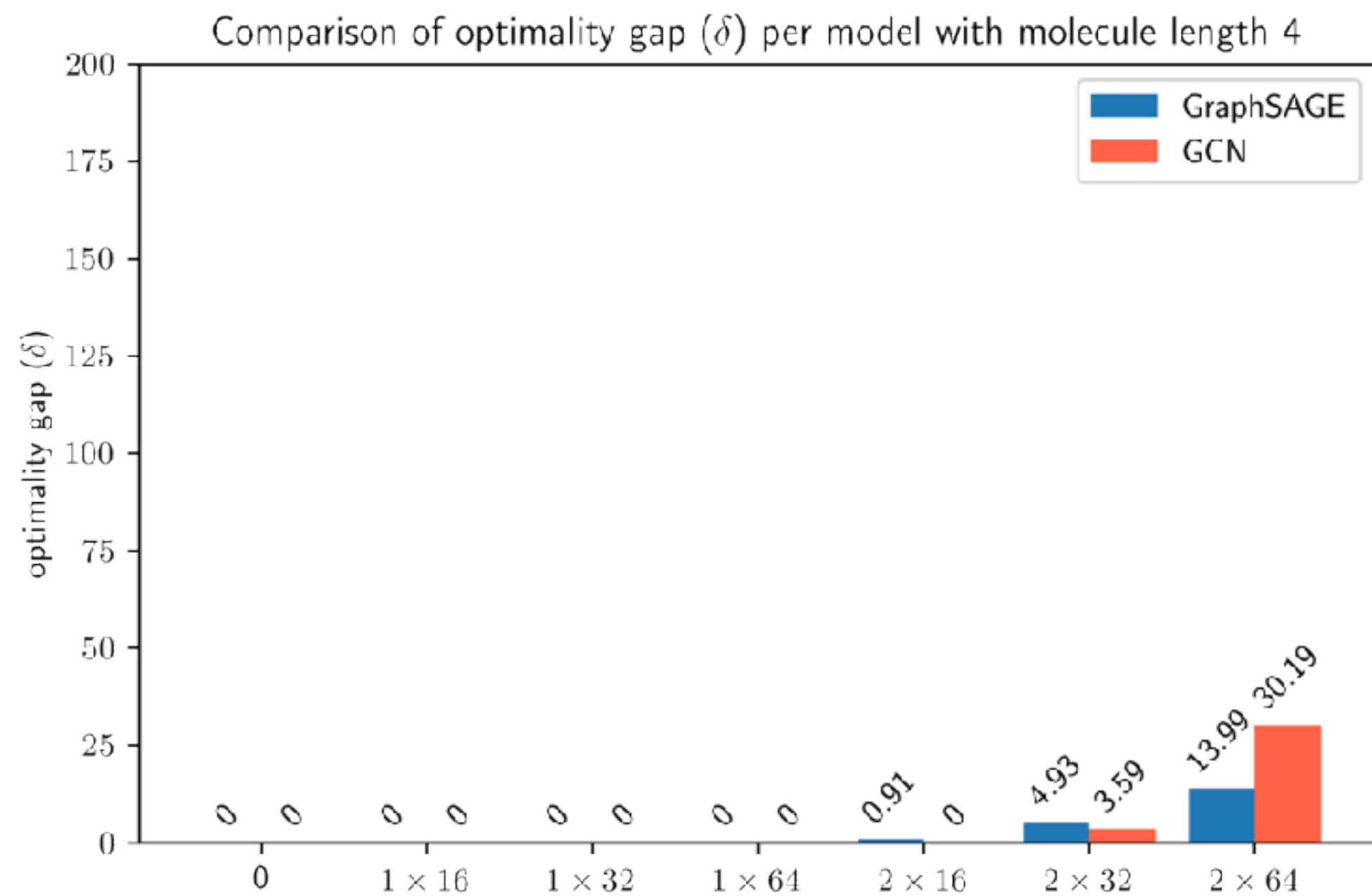


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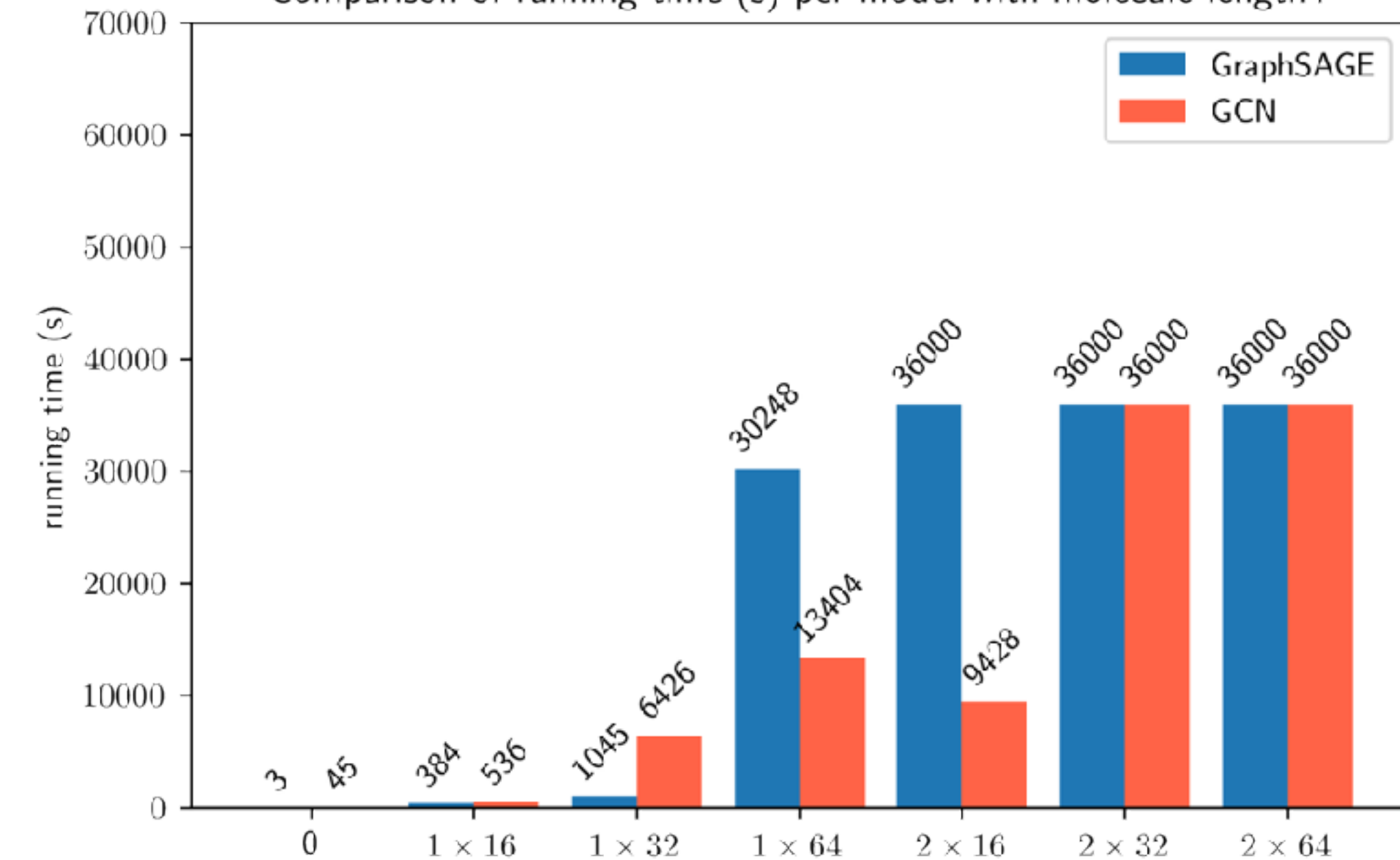


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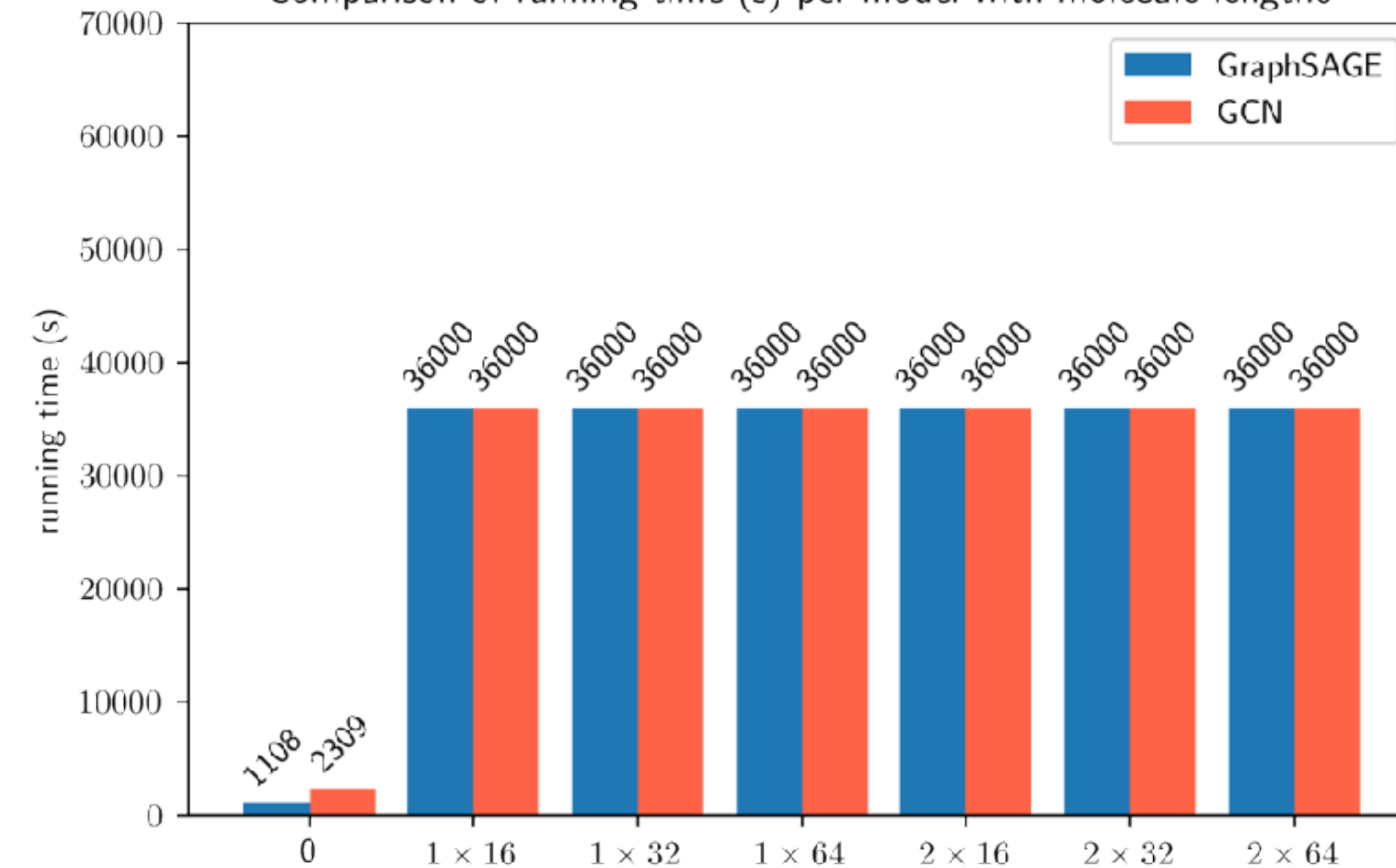




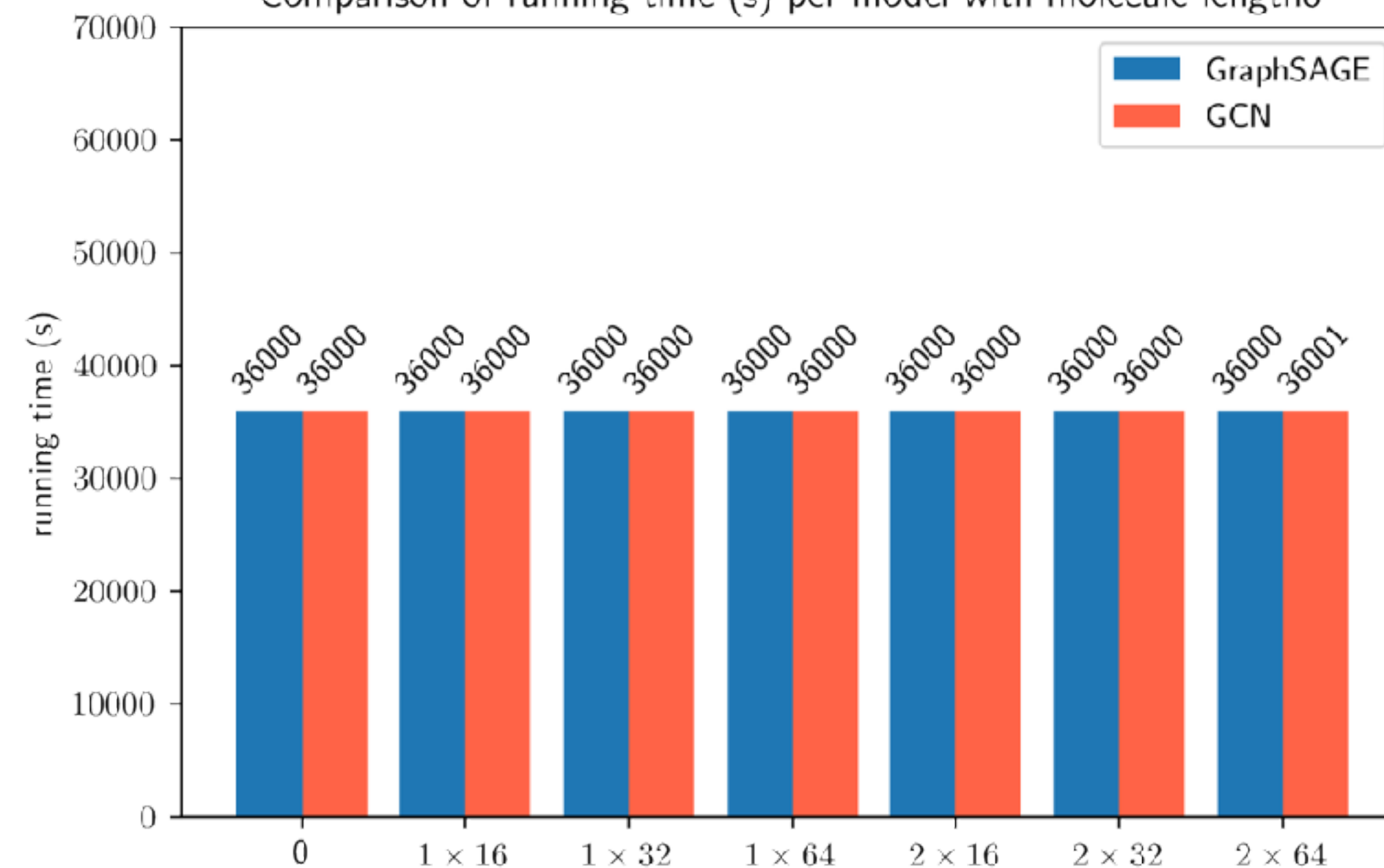
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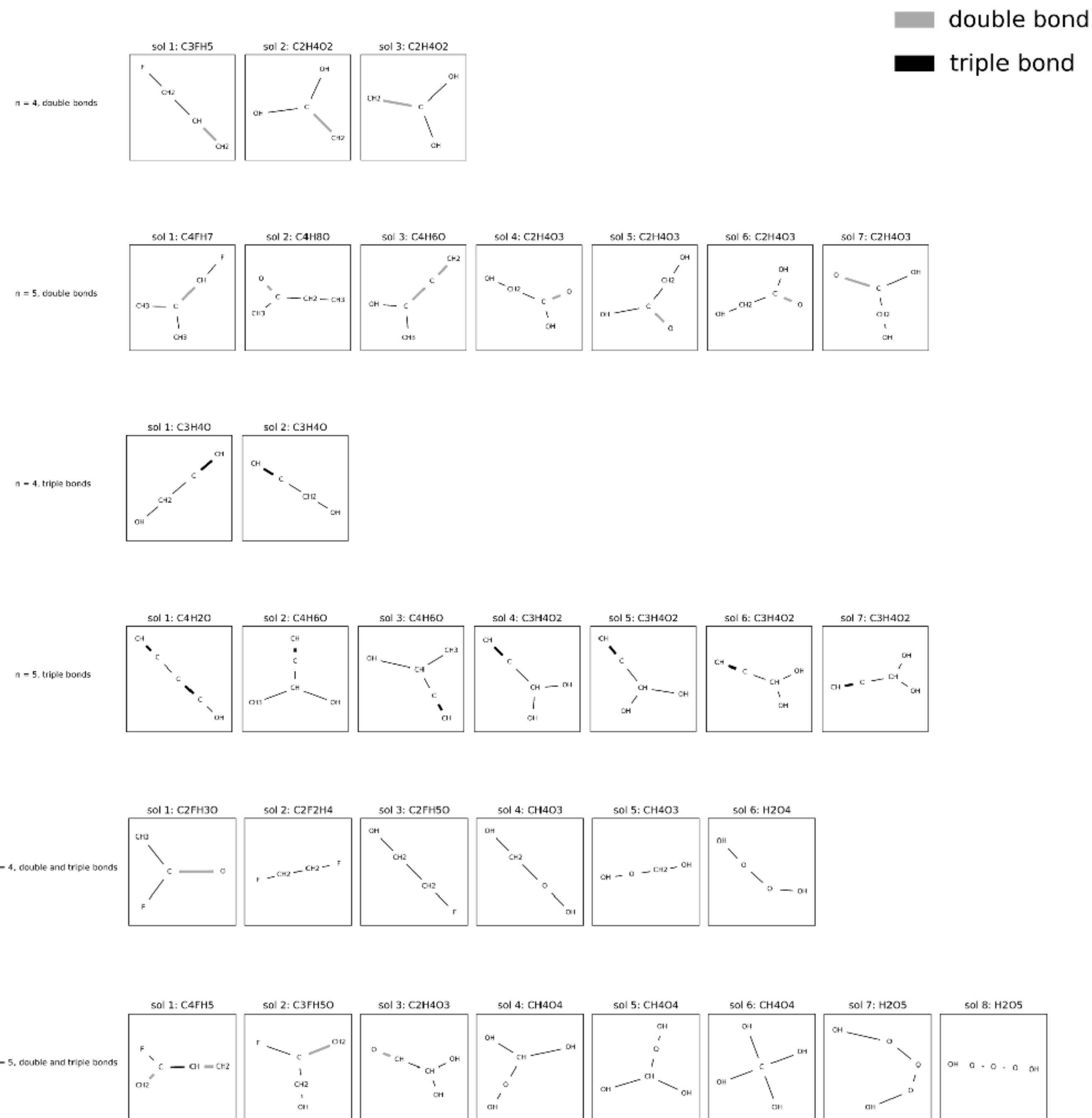


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Comparison of running time (s) per model with molecule length8





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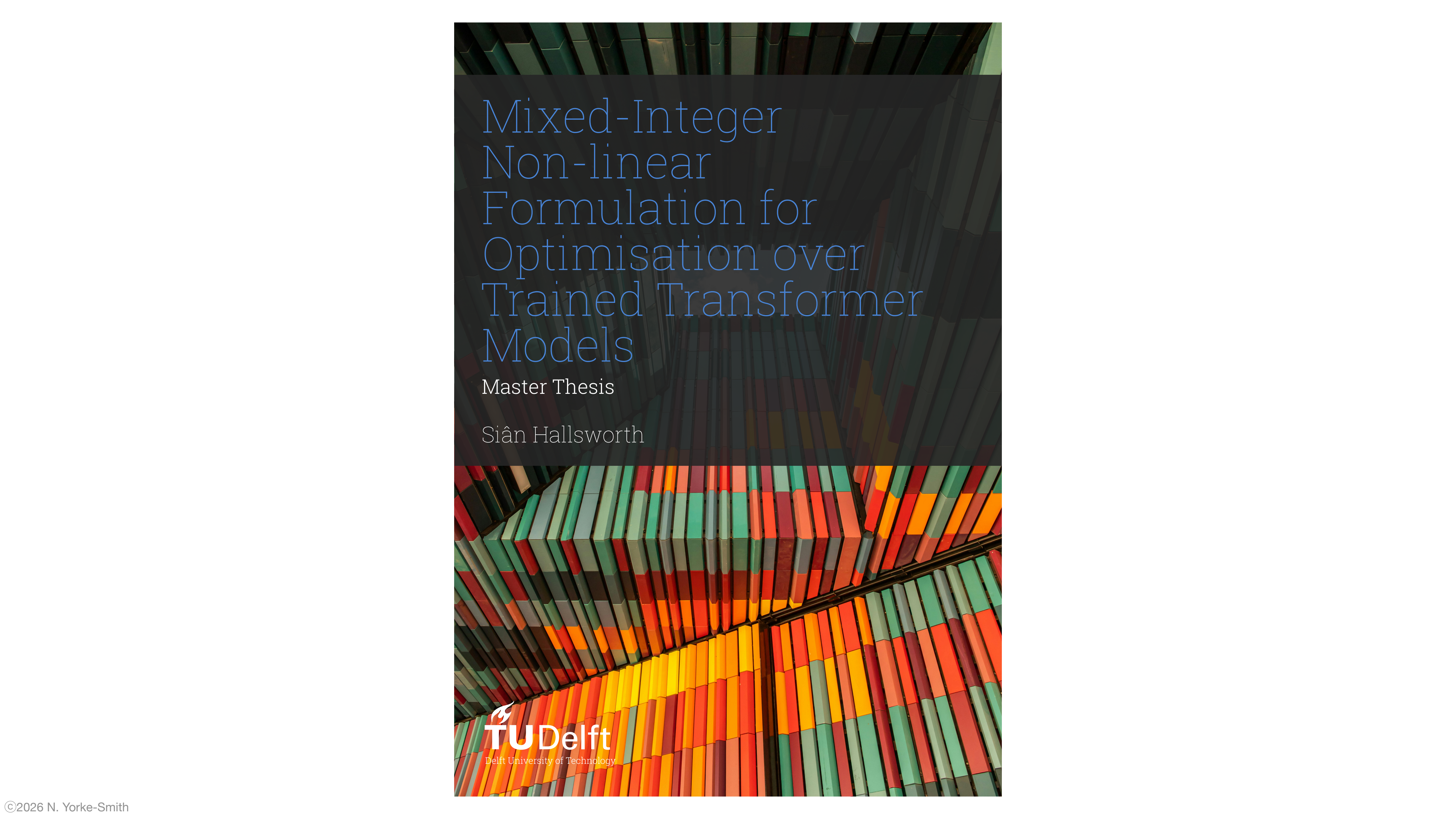
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