

JAXED: Reverse Engineering DNN Architectures Leveraging JIT GEMM Libraries

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1. Overview

- JAXED is a Deep Neural Network (DNN) model hyperparameter extraction attack
- Our technique exploits a novel side channel exposed during JIT-optimized General Matrix Multiplication (GEMM) execution

2. Introduction

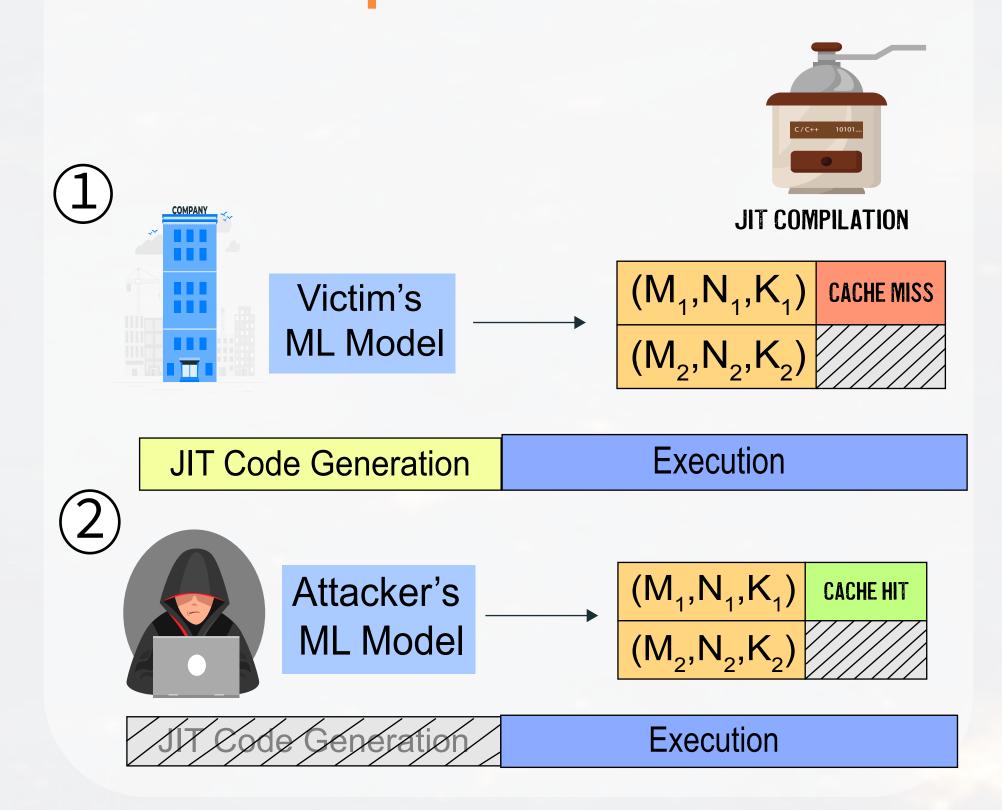
2.1 **DNN**

- DNNs have impacted the state-of-the-art in multiple application domains
- Significant effort and resources are spent identifying the best model parameters for each application
- Increasingly, companies treat DNN model hyperparameters as intellectual property

2.2 Convolution

- DNNs consist of convolution operators which are commonly computed using GEMM libraries
- Convolution layers can consume a majority of the execution time during model inference
- There is a trend to incorporate JIT-optimized GEMM libraries in ML frameworks

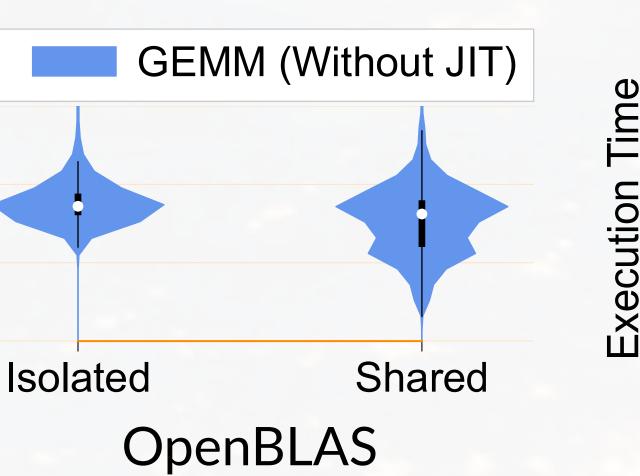
2.3 JIT Exposes Side Channel

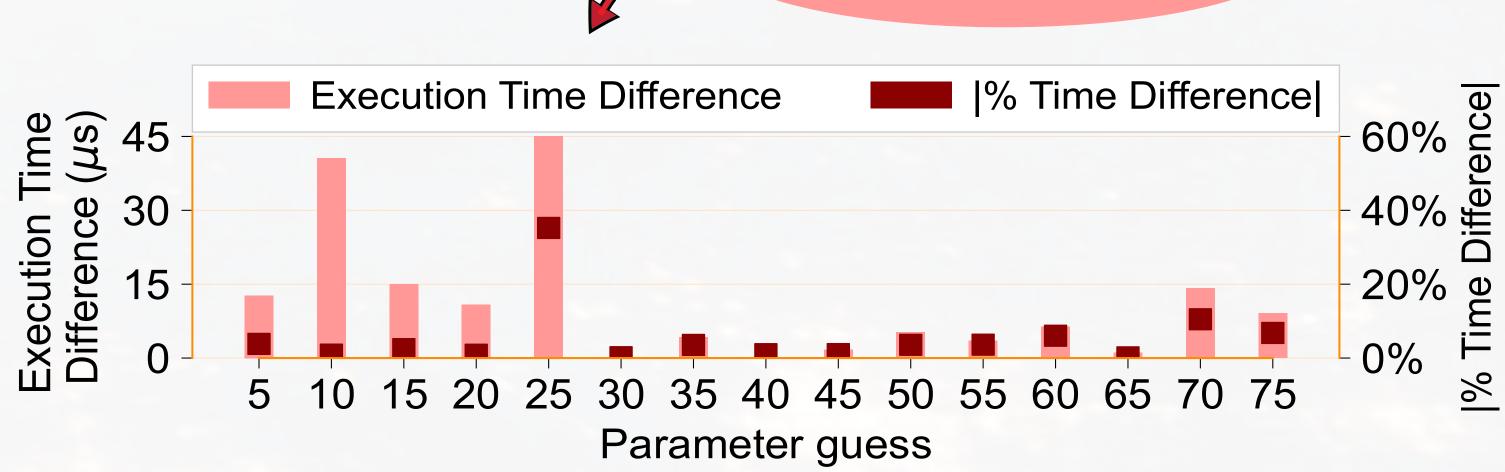


Extracted victim's

secret parameter

3. Timing Difference





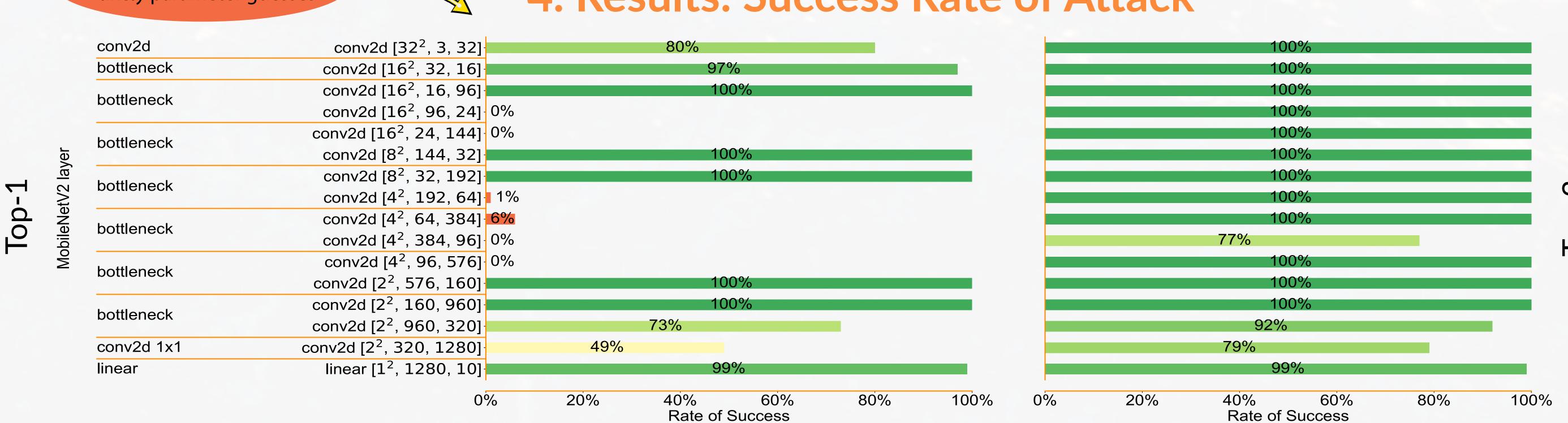
Top-3: three most likely parameter guesses

LIBXSMM

Isolated

GEMM (With JIT)

4. Results: Success Rate of Attack



5. Summary

- Novel timing attack on JIT-optimized GEMM libraries, successfully extracting model hyperparameters
- Our work should inform both library developers and model users

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• We hope our work motivates new security research in JIT-optimized GEMM libraries

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