

# Explainable Planner Selection for Classical Planning

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# Motivation



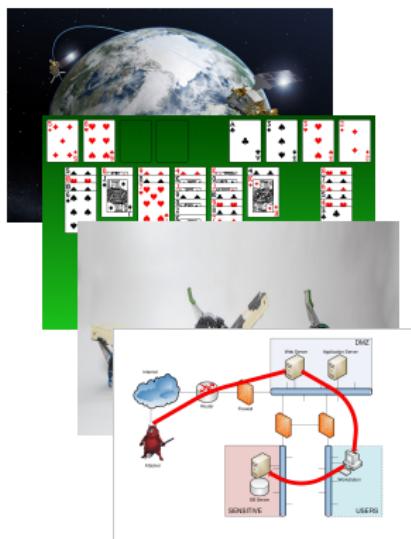
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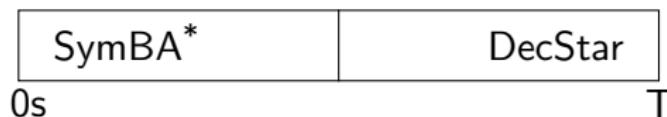
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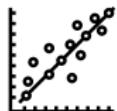


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# Contributions

- **explainable techniques** and **understandable features**
- identify **important features**
- investigate **which planners** are selected
- present new self-explaining decision tree

# Machine Learning Techniques



## Linear Regression

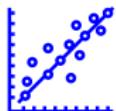


## Decision Trees



## Multi-Layer Perceptrons

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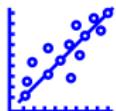
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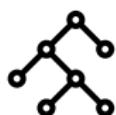
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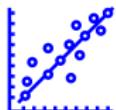
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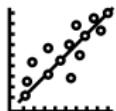
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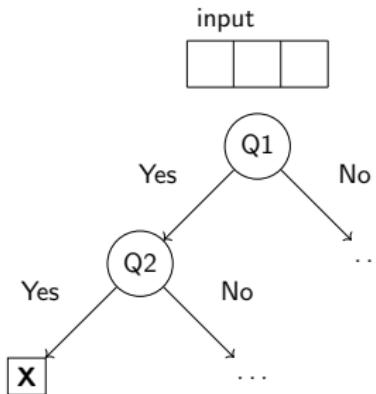
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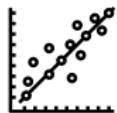
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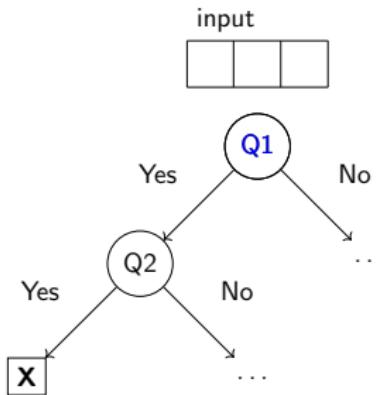
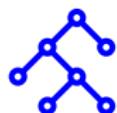
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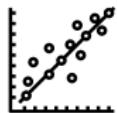
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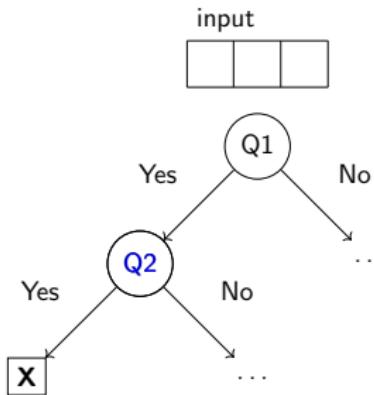
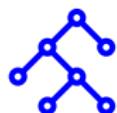
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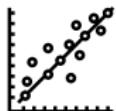
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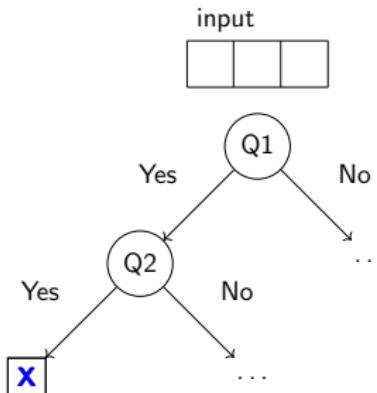
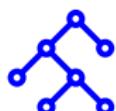
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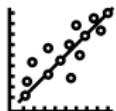
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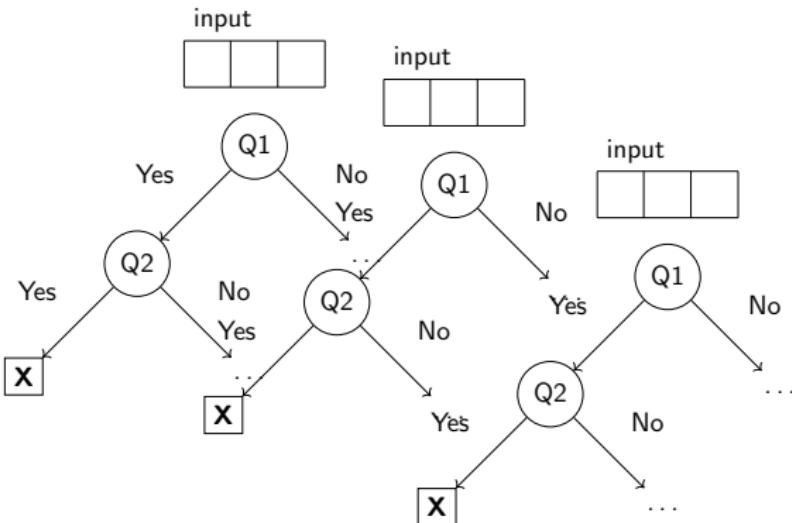
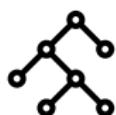
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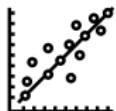
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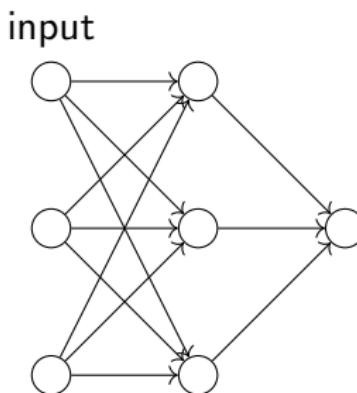
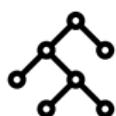
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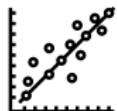
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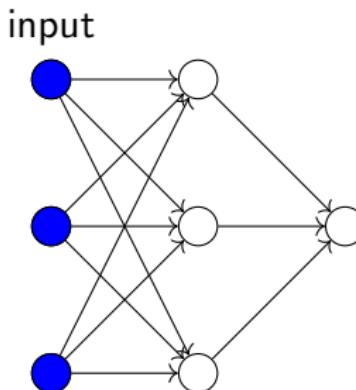
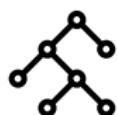
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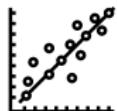
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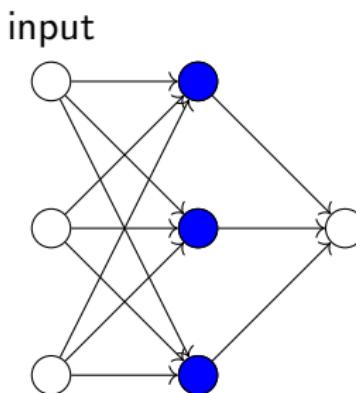
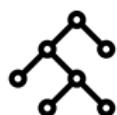
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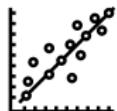
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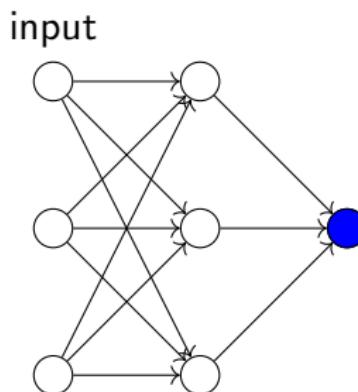
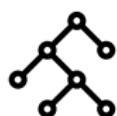
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# Features

$$\text{FPDDL} \subset \text{Fawcett}^1 \subset \text{PDDL} \subset \text{Union}$$

**Feature augmentations:** normalize

<sup>1</sup>The features presented by Fawcett et al. (2014)

# Target Functions



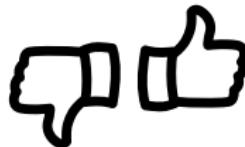
Function



Time

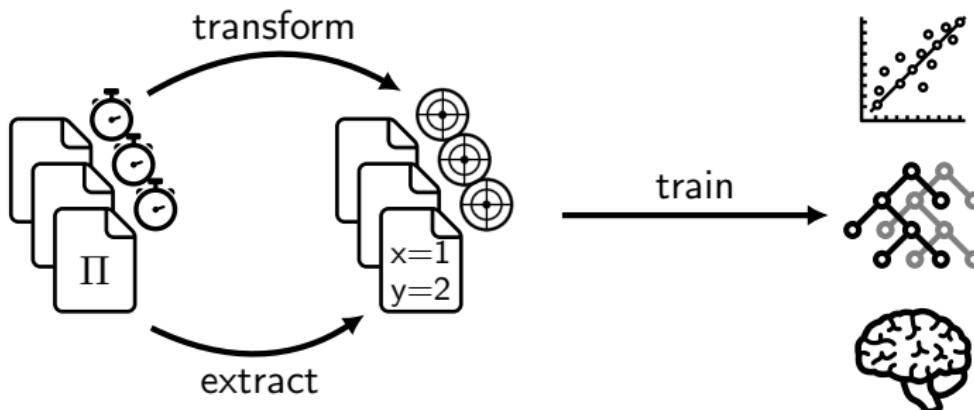


$\log(\text{Time})$



Solves

# Training



- data set by Ferber et al. (2019)
- 10-fold domain-preserving cross-validation

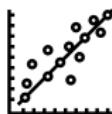
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# Performance

		Linear Regression					MLP		Forest
		0.0	0.1	1.0	2.0	5.0	3	5	50
FAWCETT	binary	78.6	77.2	82.1	82.4	80.9	87.1	78.2	84.8
	logtime	79.3	79.0	81.5	81.7	83.6	82.2	82.2	84.1
	time	78.6	81.8	80.5	80.4	80.3	82.2	85.3	81.8
FPDDL	binary	87.7	74.3	72.7	74.3	71.4	81.0	81.5	77.5
	logtime	82.5	84.0	78.5	77.7	80.3	78.2	79.7	82.0
	time	86.5	86.5	86.5	86.6	86.6	80.2	81.9	78.8
PDDL	binary	81.4	75.7	72.6	74.1	71.4	78.1	79.8	80.2
	logtime	82.1	79.7	80.4	79.8	77.8	79.5	78.0	82.8
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	time	74.8	77.3	75.7	76.1	77.1	84.3	83.6	84.0

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Random: 67.2% Best: 73.5%



60/60

56/60



12/12

12/12

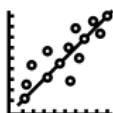


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# Performance

	Min	Mean	Max
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71.4%	80.0%	87.7%
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77.5%	81.9%	84.8%
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77.8%	81.1%	87.1%
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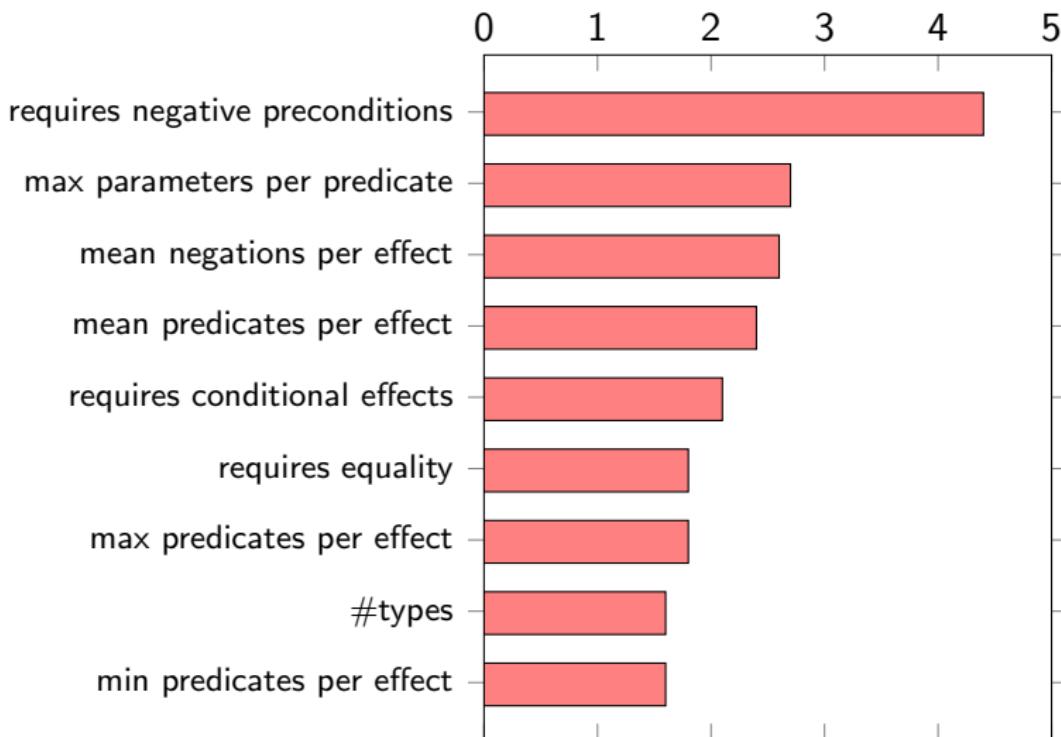
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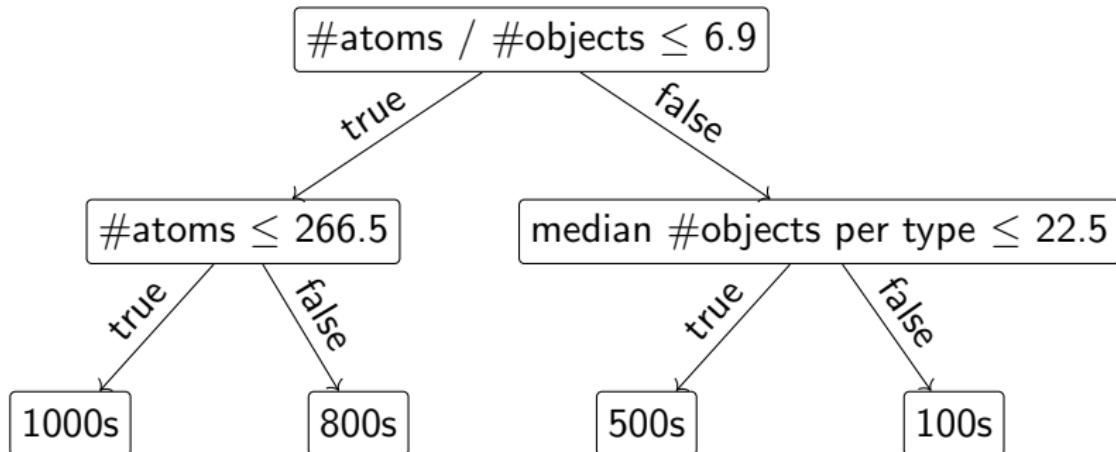
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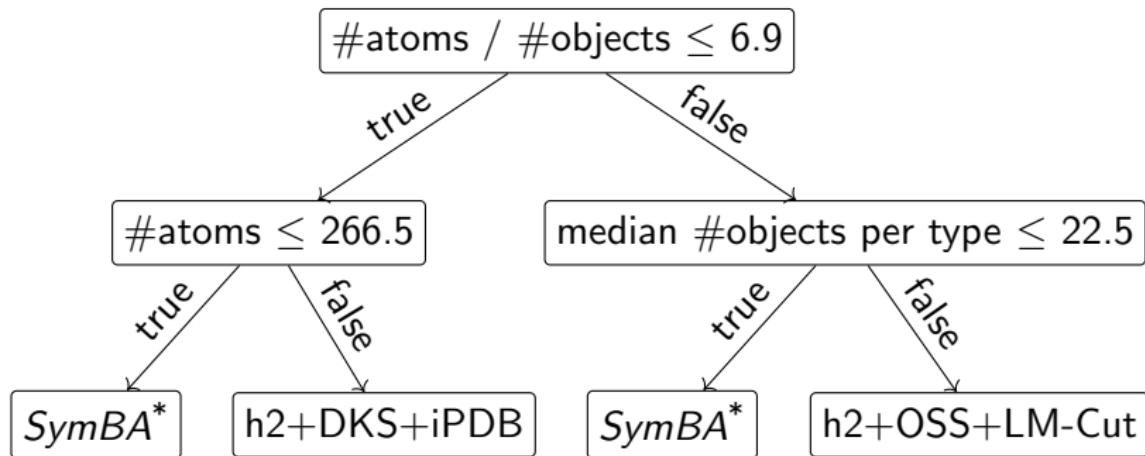
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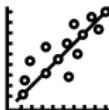
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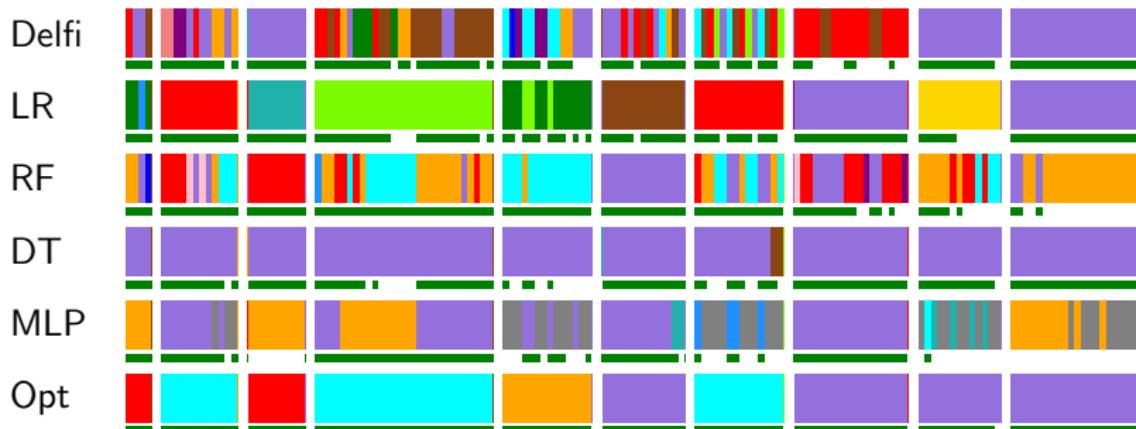
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# Comparison to Delfi

Delfi1	86.9
	86.2
	76.8
	70.8
	82.7

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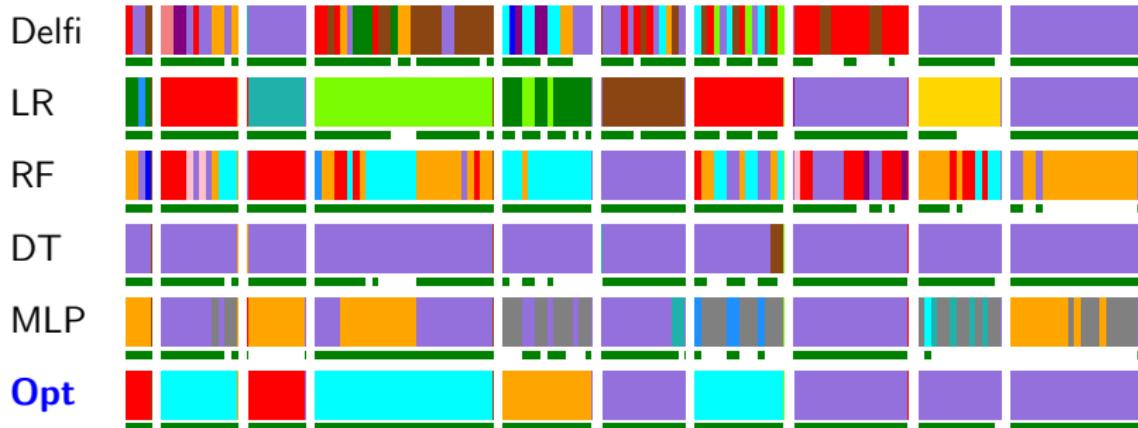
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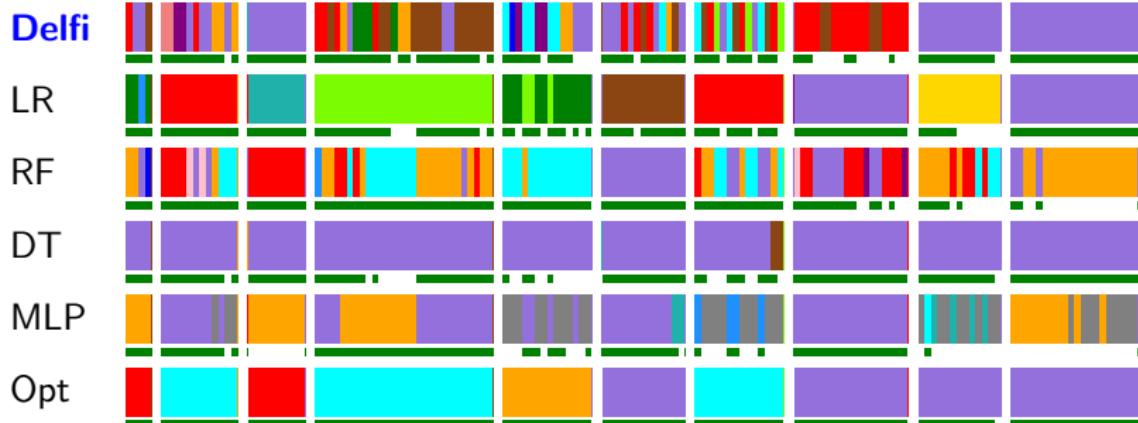
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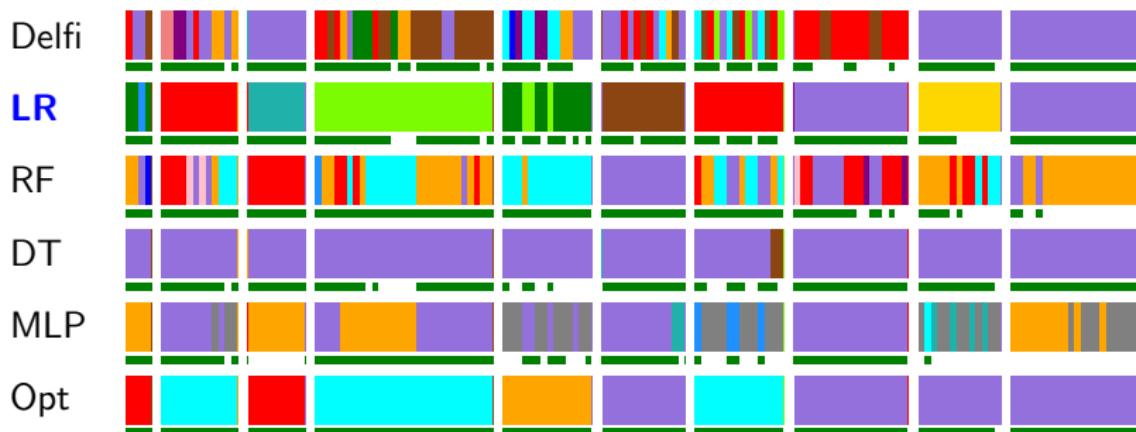
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# Summary

## Explainable planner selection ...

- is competitive
- let's us identify important features
- learns the right planner for a domain
- can be as simple as a single decision tree



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