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Contributed Talk II:

## Efficient Fine-Tuning of LLMs: Exploring PEFT Methods and LoRA-XS Insights



 Friday / 8 November

 15:00 - 15:25

 Lecture Hall A

# About me & about the talk

## LoRA-XS: LOW-RANK ADAPTATION WITH EXTREMELY SMALL NUMBER OF PARAMETERS

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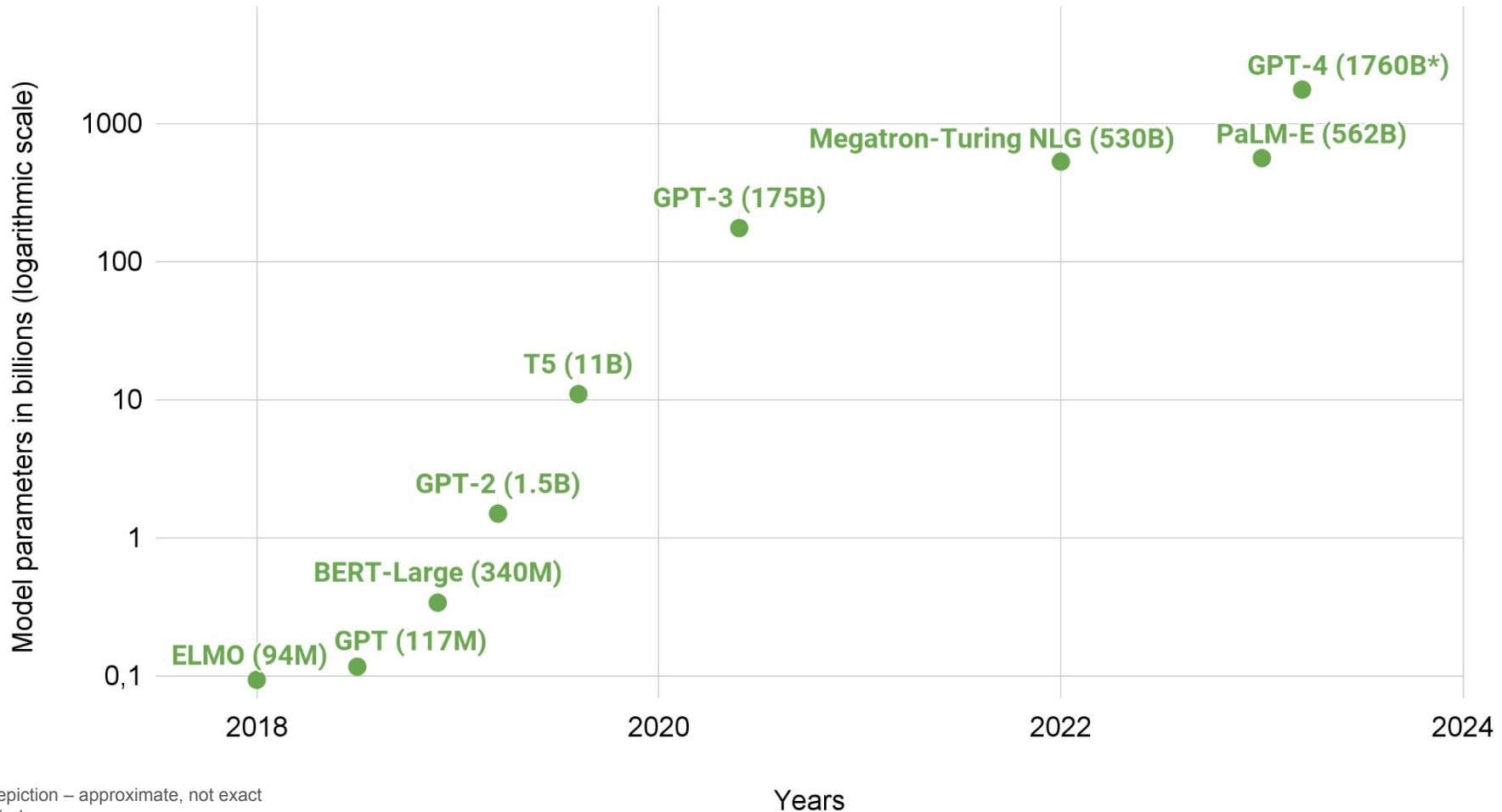
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Trend depiction – approximate, not exact  
\*Unverified  
Sources: [1],[2],[3],[4],[5],[6],[7],[8],[9]

Total Training Memory  $\approx$

Model Weights

+ Activations

+ (Optimizer States + Gradients) \* **Number of Trainable Parameters**

| Method            | Bits | 7B    | 13B   | 30B   | 70B    | 110B   | 8x7B  |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Full              | AMP  | 120GB | 240GB | 600GB | 1200GB | 2000GB | 900GB |
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| Freeze            | 16   | 20GB  | 40GB  | 80GB  | 200GB  | 360GB  | 160GB |
| LoRA/GaLore/BAdam | 16   | 16GB  | 32GB  | 64GB  | 160GB  | 240GB  | 120GB |
| QLoRA             | 8    | 10GB  | 20GB  | 40GB  | 80GB   | 140GB  | 60GB  |
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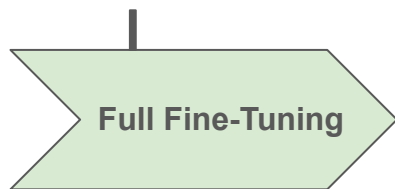
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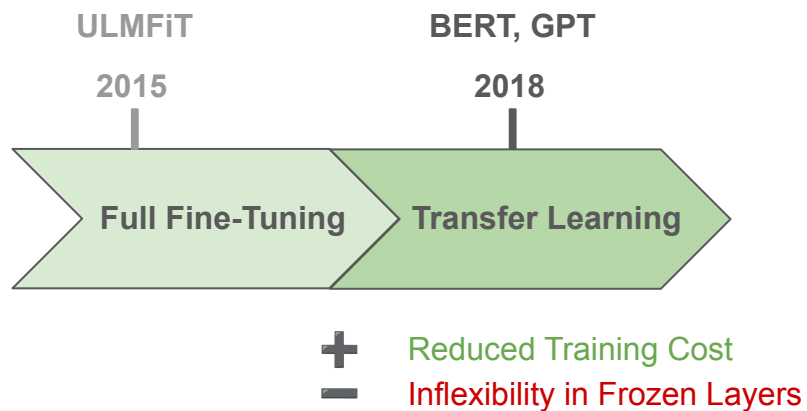


Comprehensive Learning

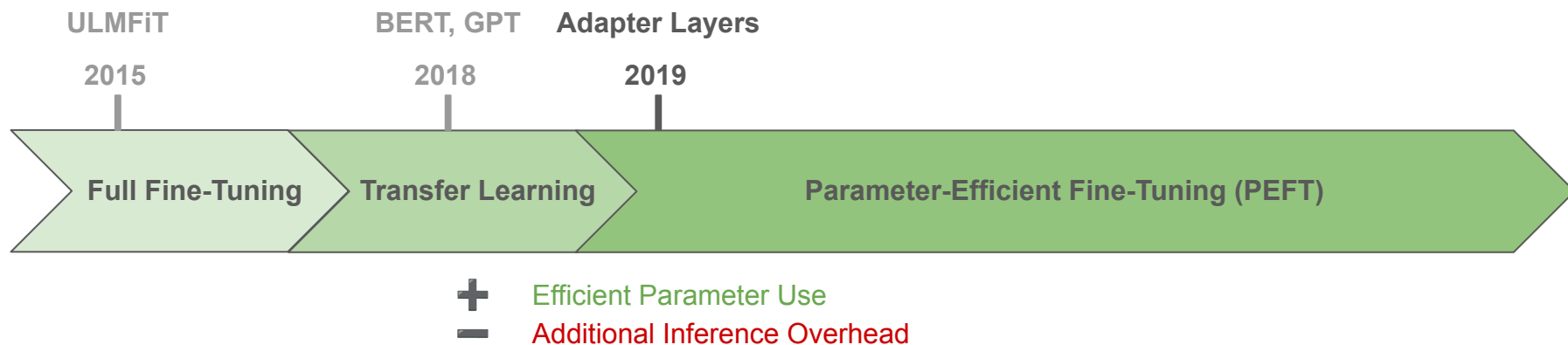


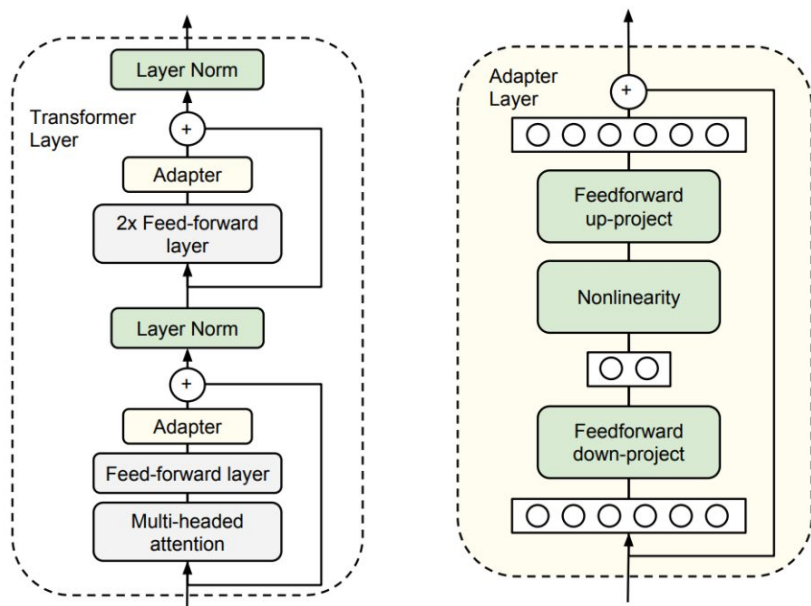
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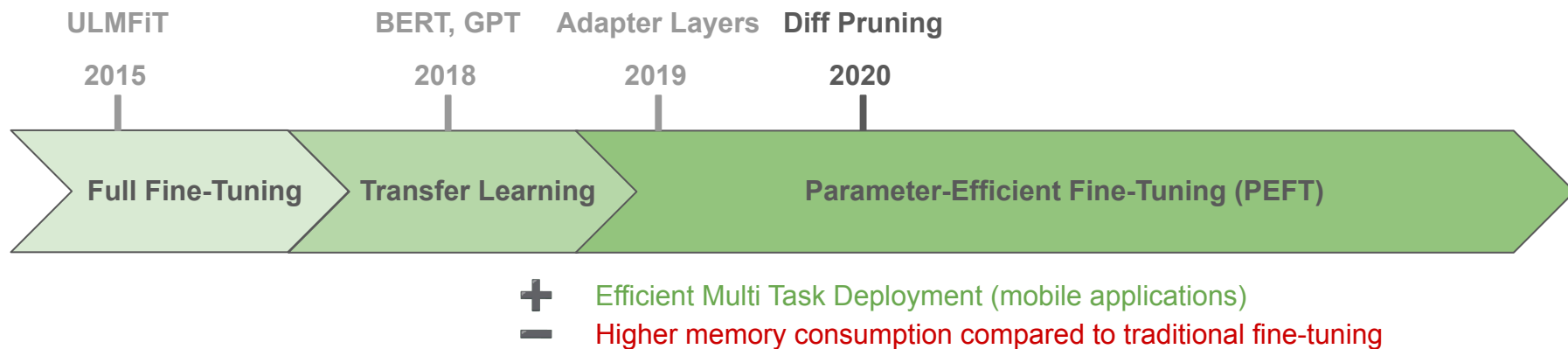
# PEFT methods



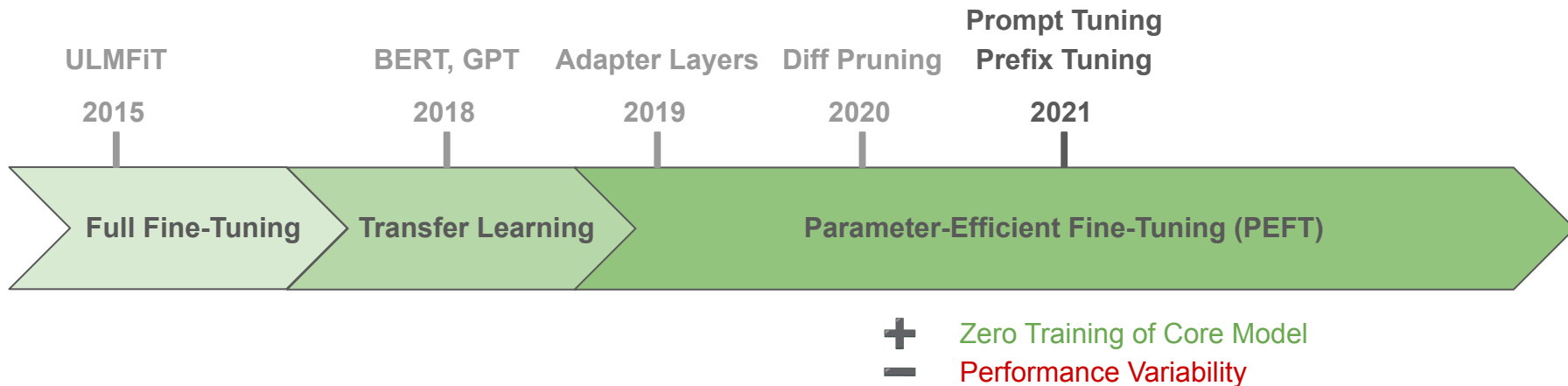


*Figure 2. Architecture of the adapter module and its integration with the Transformer. **Left:** We add the adapter module twice to each Transformer layer: after the projection following multi-headed attention and after the two feed-forward layers. **Right:** The adapter consists of a bottleneck which contains few parameters relative to the attention and feedforward layers in the original model. The adapter also contains a skip-connection. During adapter tuning, the green layers are trained on the downstream data, this includes the adapter, the layer normalization parameters, and the final classification layer (not shown in the figure).*

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2     soft_prompt = FullyConnectedLayers(soft_prompt) # Prefix
3     x = concatenate([soft_prompt, x], # Prefix
4                     dim=seq_len) # Prefix
5     residual = x
6     x = self_attention(x)
7     x = LayerNorm(x + residual)
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9     x = FullyConnectedLayers(x)
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## Prefix Tuning

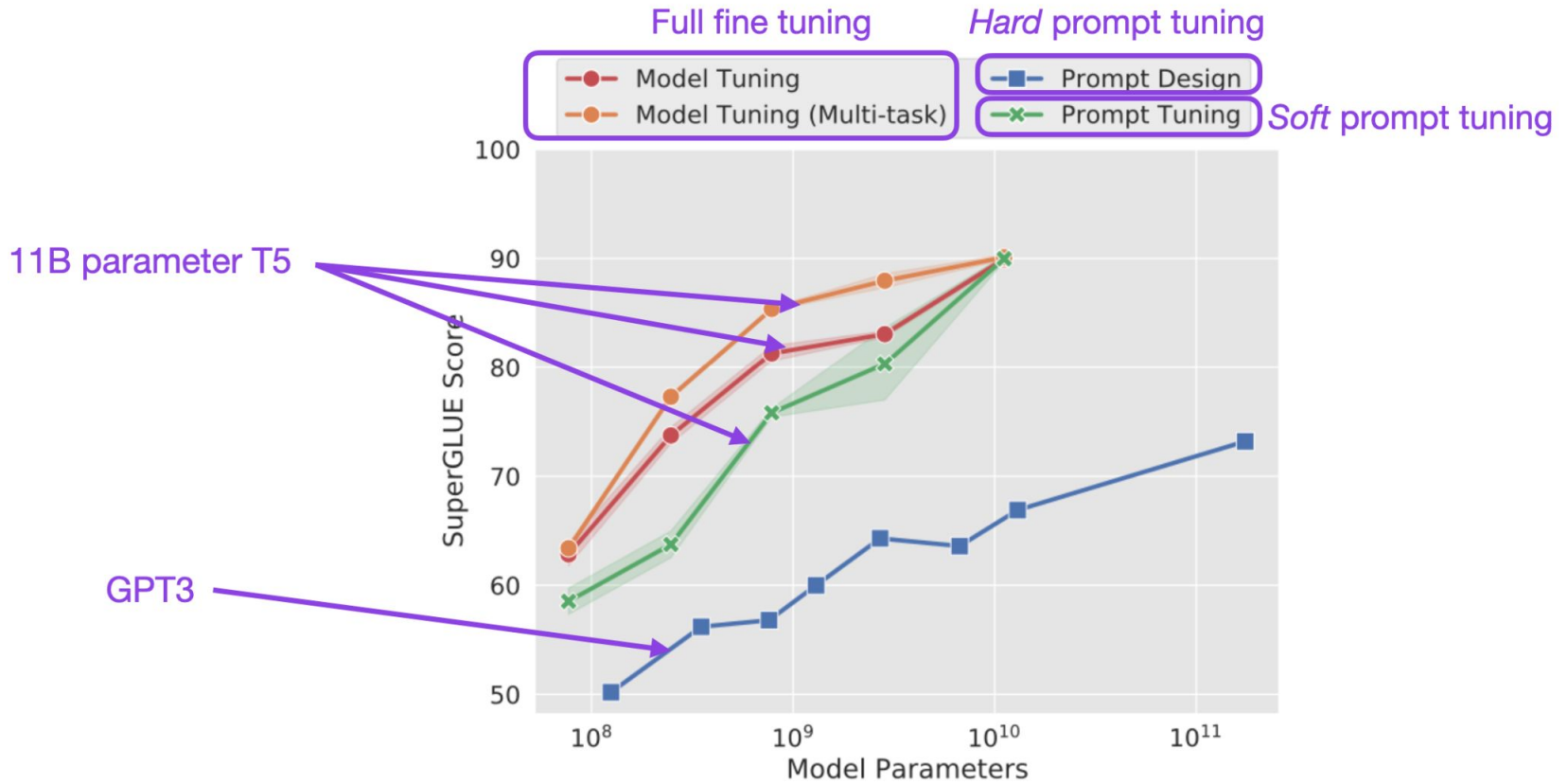
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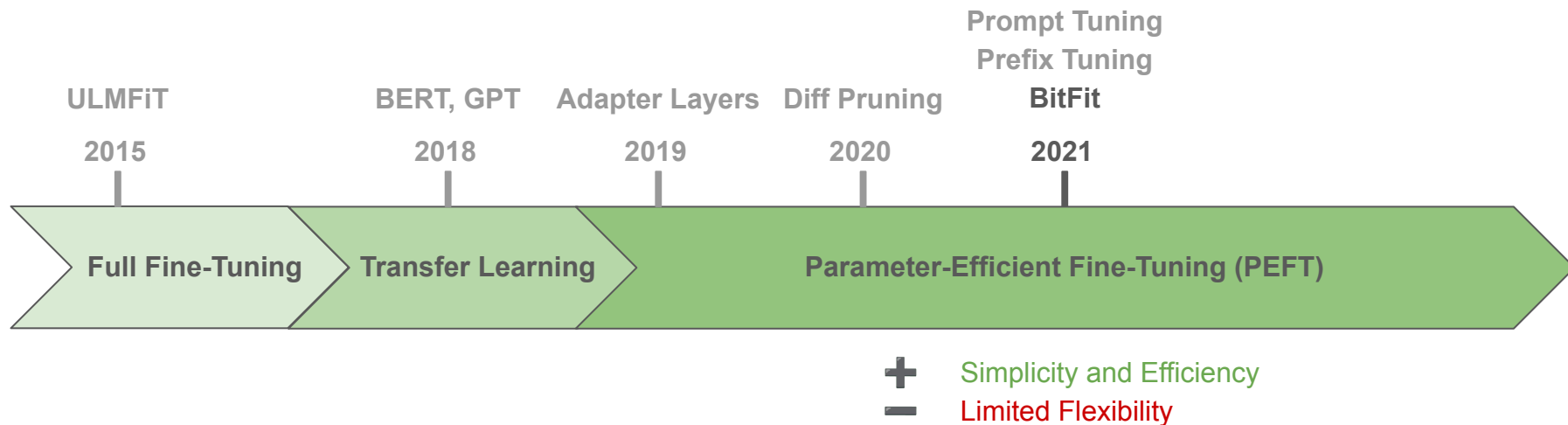
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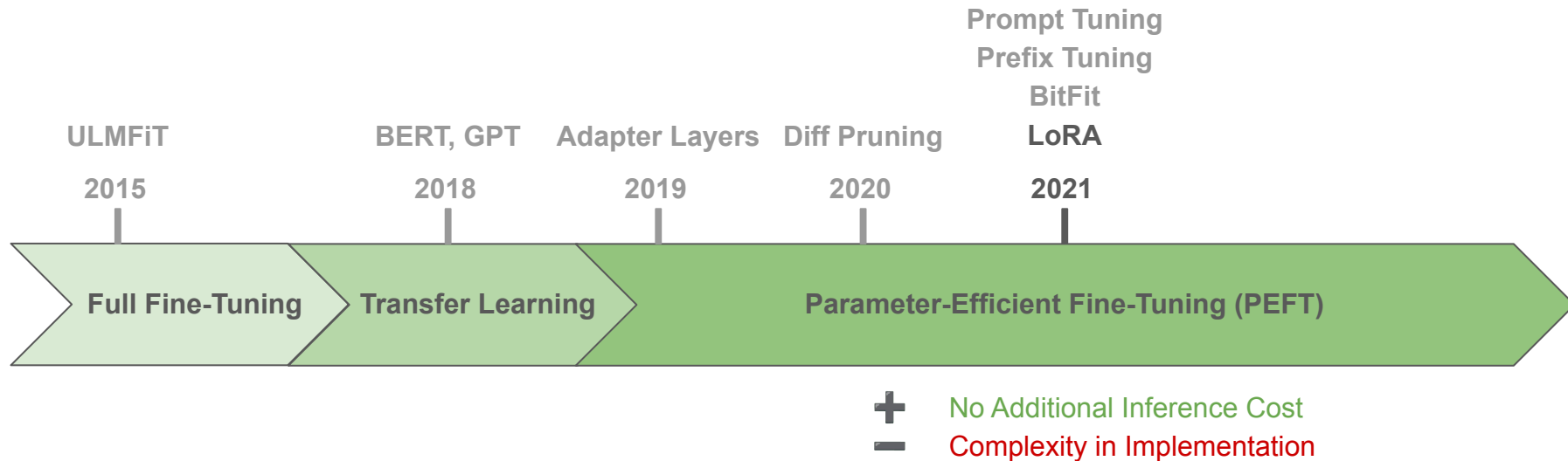
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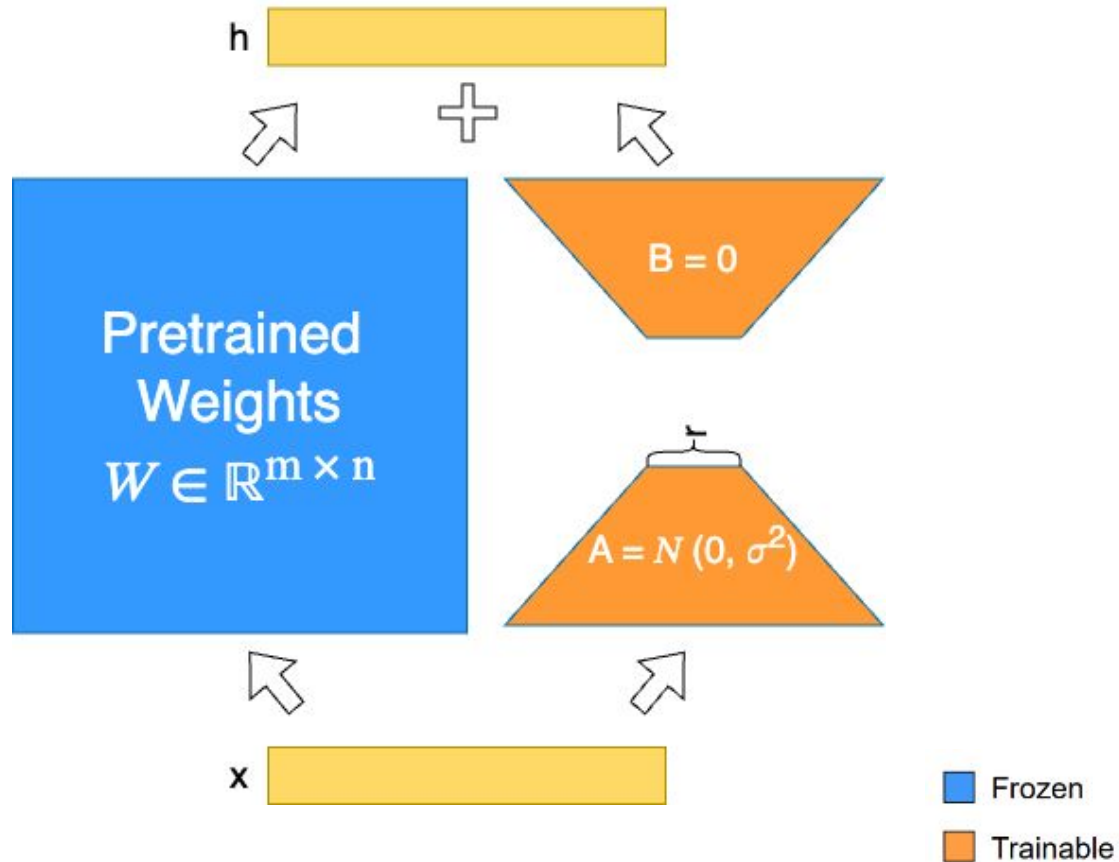
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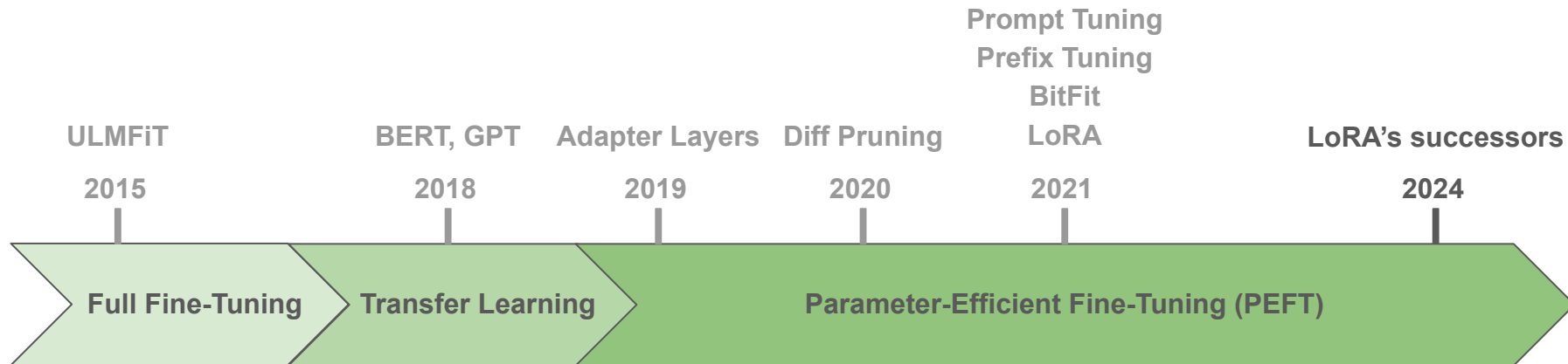
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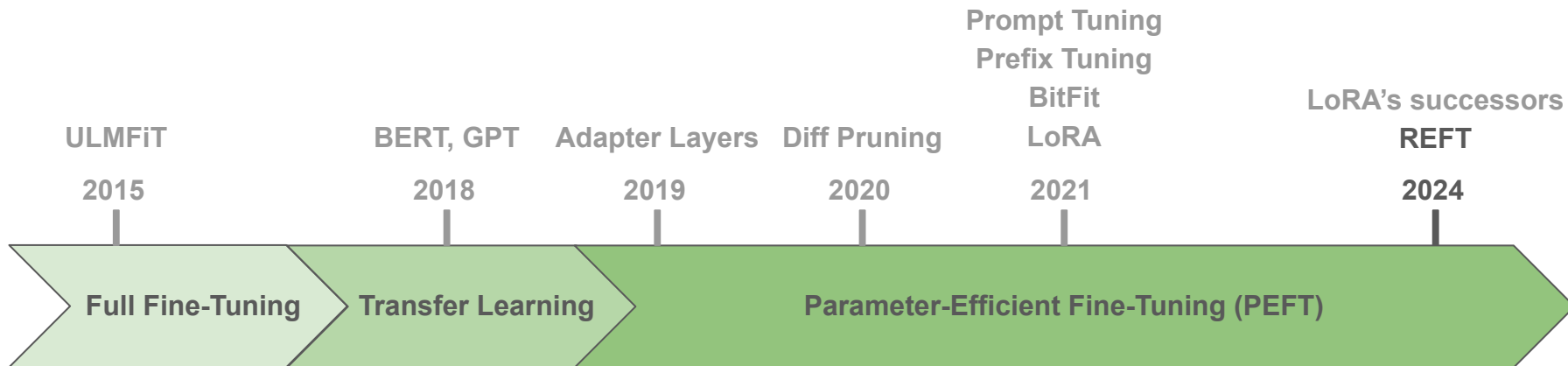
# LoRA



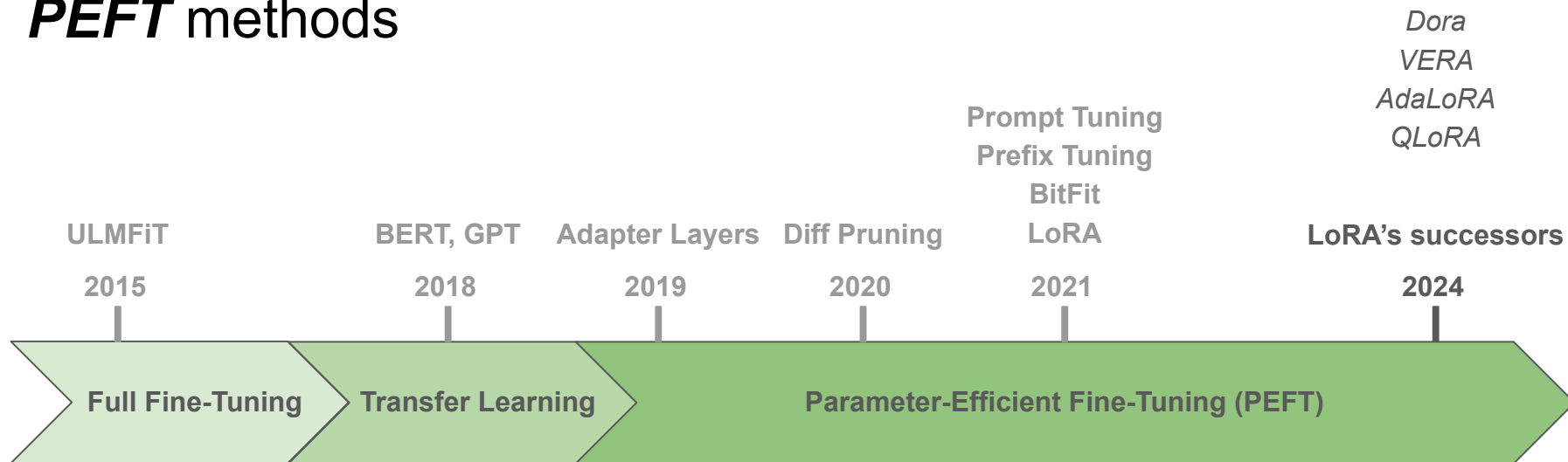
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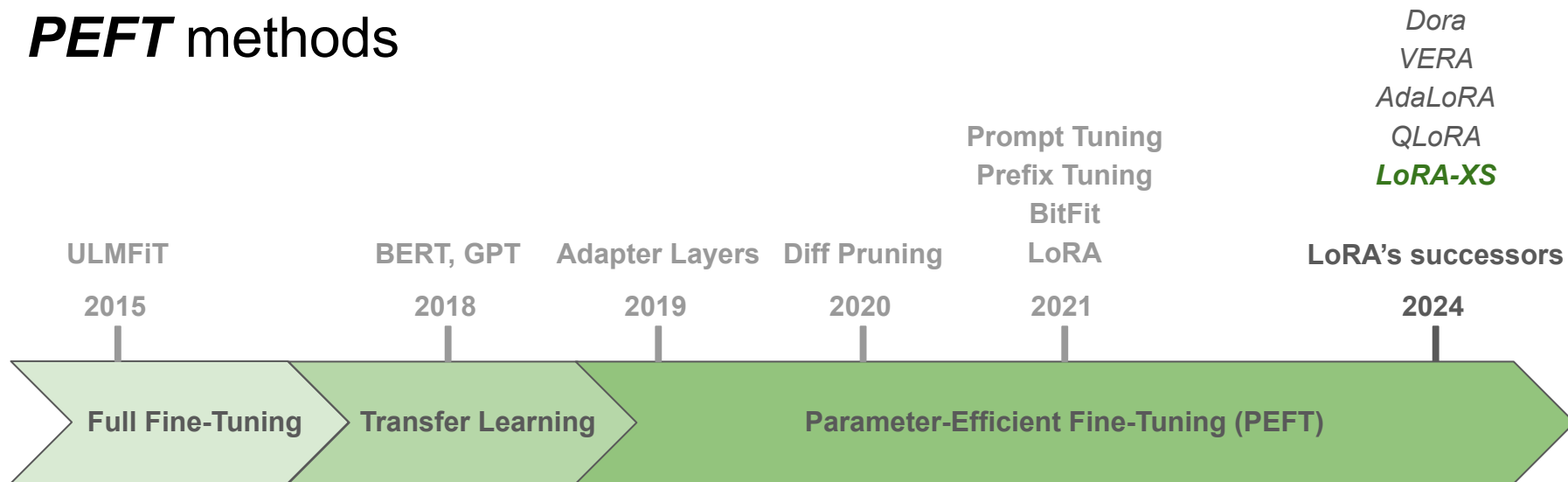




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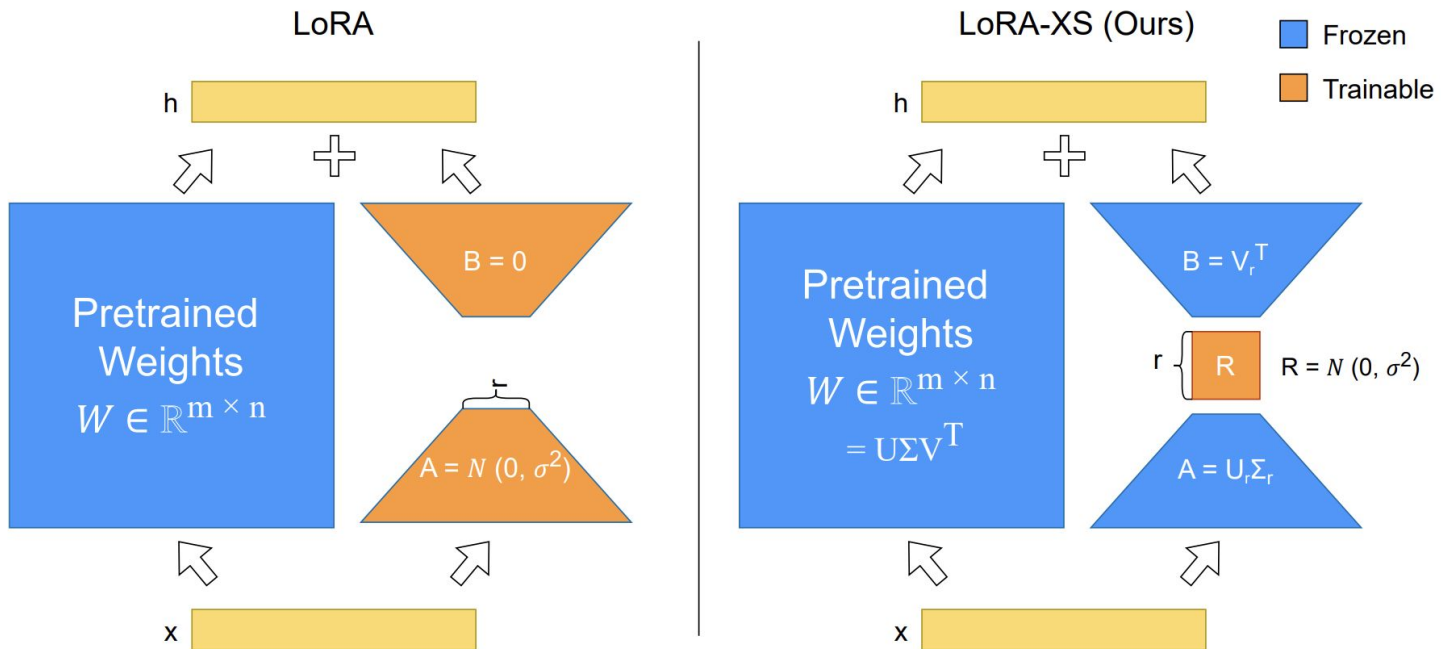
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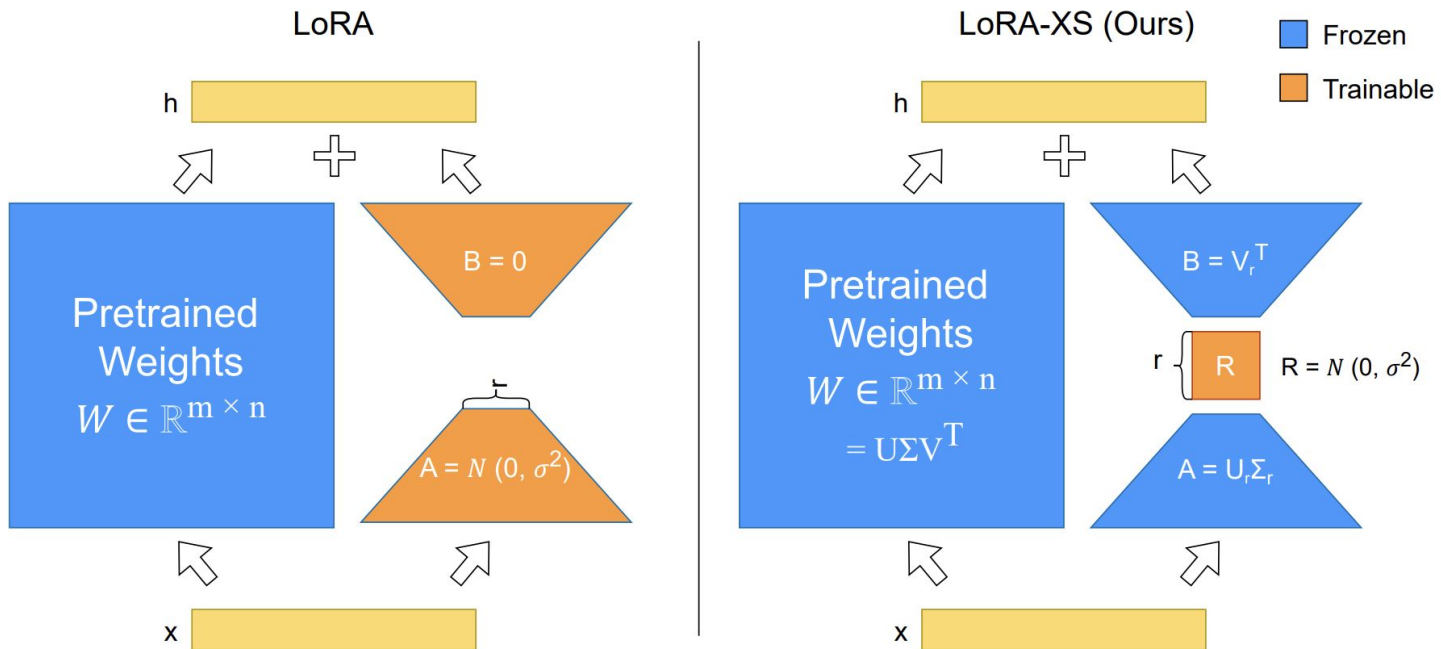
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$$h = xW + x\Delta W = xW + xAB, \text{ where:}$$

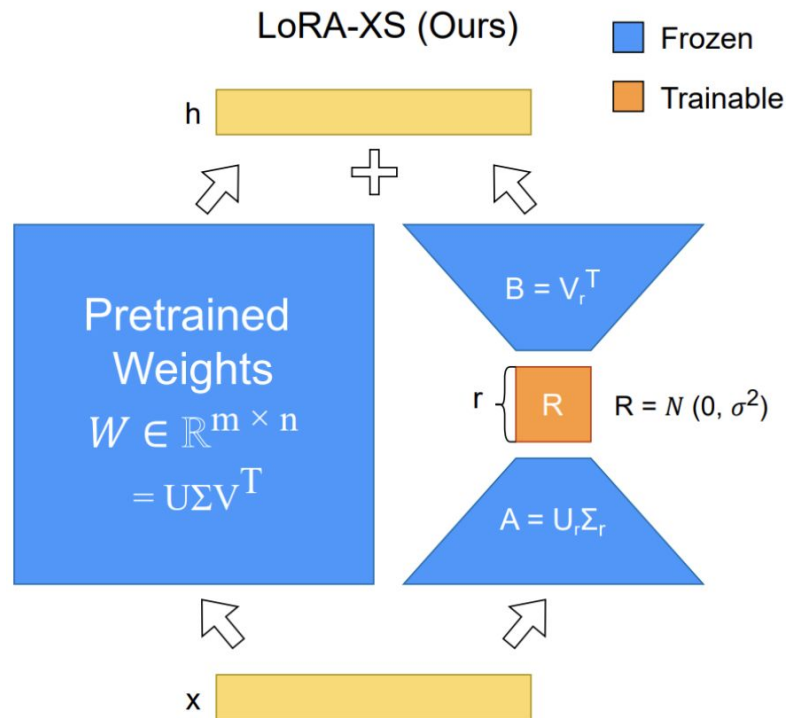
$$W \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \Delta W \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n} \text{ and } r \ll \min(m, n).$$



**LoRA-XS forward path:**  
 $h = xW + x\Delta W = xW + xARB$ , where:  
 $W \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\Delta W \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$  and  $r \ll \min(m, n)$ .  
 $SVD(W) = U\Sigma V^T$  and  $A = U_r \Sigma_r$  and  $B = V_r^T$ .

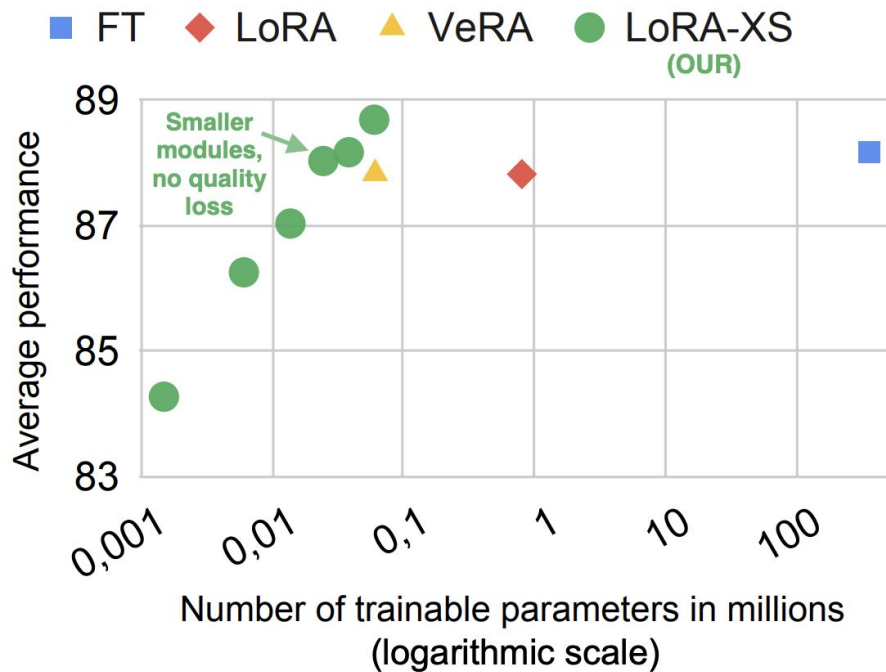
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Average performance of RoBERTa-large on a subset of GLUE tasks as a function of the number of trainable parameters (in millions) for different adaptation methods: Full Fine-Tuning (FT), LoRA, VERA, and LoRA-XS.

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3. Theoretical derivation backed up by experimental results: **SVD-initialized LoRA-XS modules enhance convergence and performance**, especially when tasks align with pre-training objectives.

| Init. Type    | SST-2        | COLA         | MRPC         | QNLI         |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| random        | 94.72        | 58.53        | 85.78        | 88.80        |
| SVD of random | <b>94.84</b> | 55.27        | 84.31        | 88.34        |
| SVD of W      | 94.72        | <b>60.11</b> | <b>87.50</b> | <b>90.94</b> |

*Performance of LoRA-XS with various initialization schemes. We present the best median scores across different learning rates, averaged over 5 seeds for rank 4. We report Matthew's correlation for CoLA and accuracy for the other tasks.*

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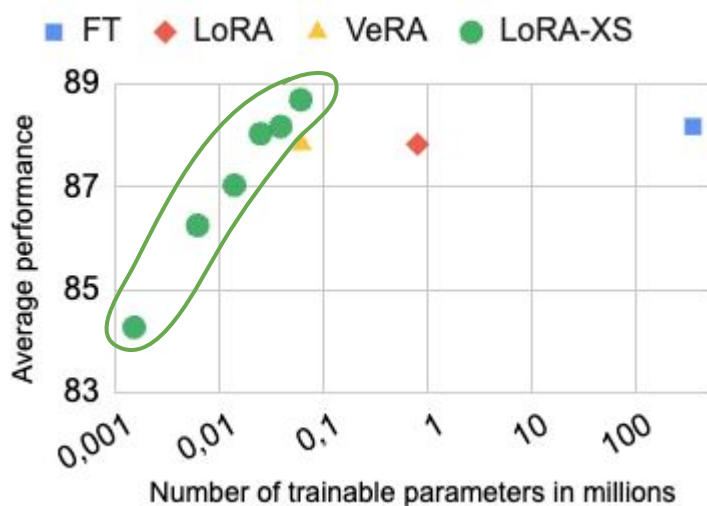
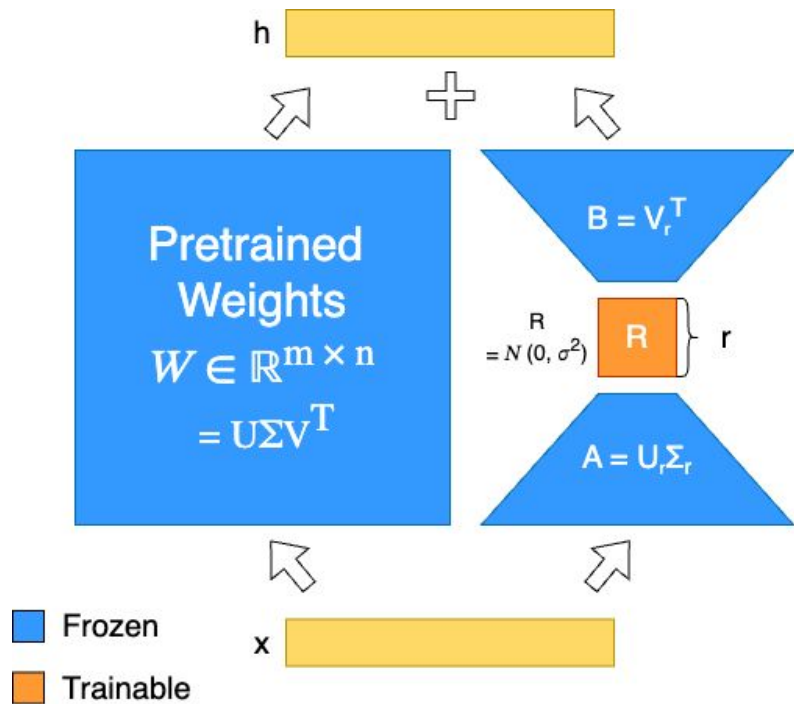
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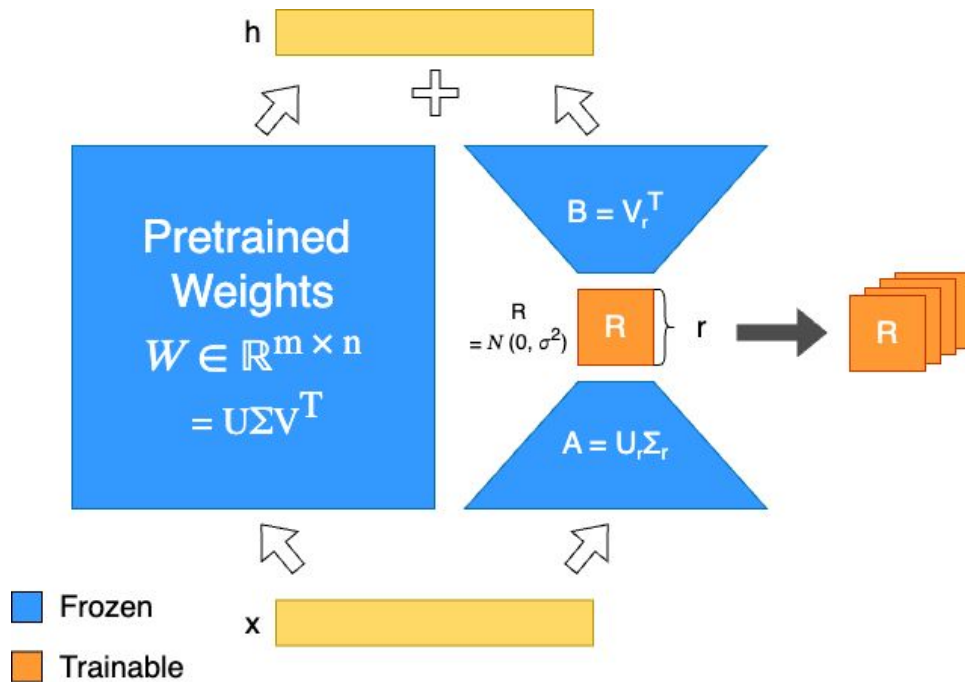
# When to use LoRA-XS?

- ✓ Extreme memory constraints (decoupling from the model dimension)



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- ✓ Need to store a huge number of personalized models



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Przemysław Spurek



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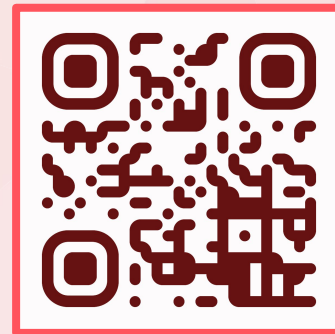
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