



Asteroid: Resource-Efficient Hybrid Pipeline Parallelism for **Collaborative DNN Training on Heterogeneous Edge Devices**

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Challenges

Challenge #1: How to select best parallelism architecture.



Solution: Utilizing hybrid pipeline parallelism (HPP)



Challenge #2: How to tailor parallelism planning for heterogeneous devices.

Solution: Design algorithm to minimize the time required to finish a minibatch





Challenge #3: How to render robust training under dynamic edge environment.





Energy Depletion

Network Anomalies

Solution: Fault-tolerant pipeline replay

Edge Device

Jetson Nano [2]

Jetson TX2 [1]

Jetson NX [3]

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Devices

 $5 \times Nano$

 $3 \times NX, 2 \times TX2$



| Evaluation Results |
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| NX Only NX Only NobileNetV2@100Mbps ResNet50@1000Mbps Bert-small@1000Mbps Bert-smal |



Conclusion

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GPU Processor

128-core NVIDIA Maxwell

256-core NVIDIA Pascal

384-core NVIDIA Volta

Memory

4GB

8GB

8GB

Devices

 $1 \times NX$, $2 \times TX2$, $3 \times Nano$

 $1 \times TX2, 3 \times Nano$

This paper proposes Asteroid for collaborative DNN training across heterogeneous and resourceconstrained edge devices. Asteroid addresses multiple challenges faced in edge environments and achieves **12.2**× faster training than traditional methods and 2.1× faster than stateof-the-art HPP methods.

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