

ReCycle: Resilient Training of Large DNNs using Pipeline Adaptation

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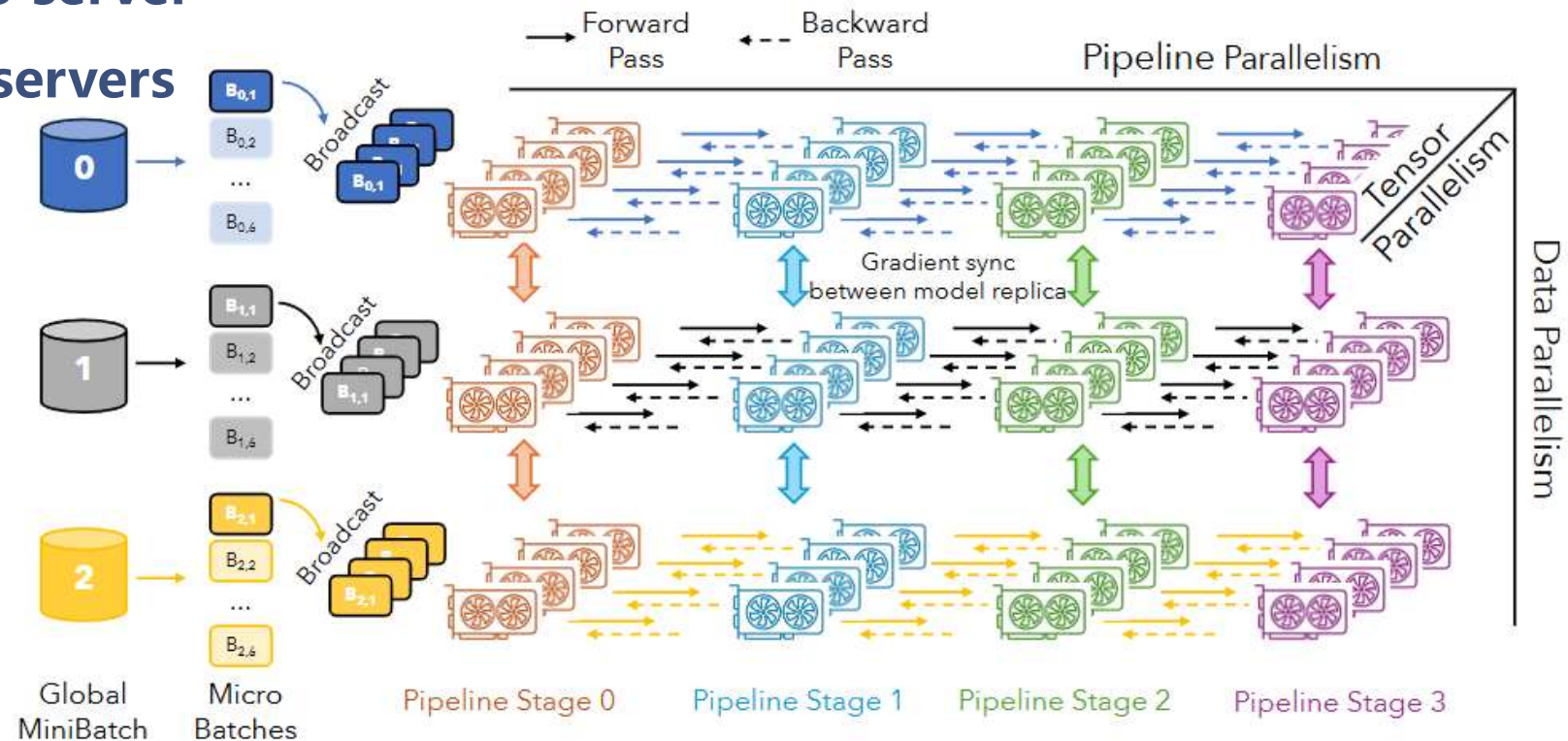
Training background

Large scale training

- Llama-3 was trained on 15 trillion tokens, using two clusters of 24K GPUs

Hybrid-parallelism training

- TP within a multi-GPU server
- PP across multi-GPU servers
- DP across pipelines



Fault during training

□ High cost of faults

- Microsoft's training cluster fails about every 45 minutes
- Meta encountered over 100 hardware failures during OPT-175B training, losing 178,000 GPU hours

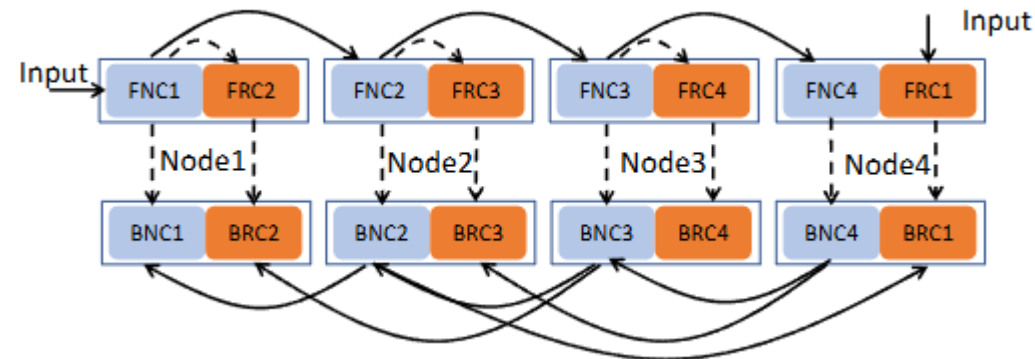
□ Fault handling

- Error Detection
- Checkpoint
- Fault tolerant training

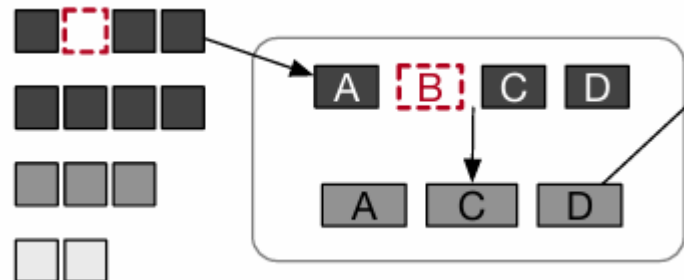
Related Works

□ Fault-tolerant training

- Bamboo (NSDI 23): redundant computation----- low throughput



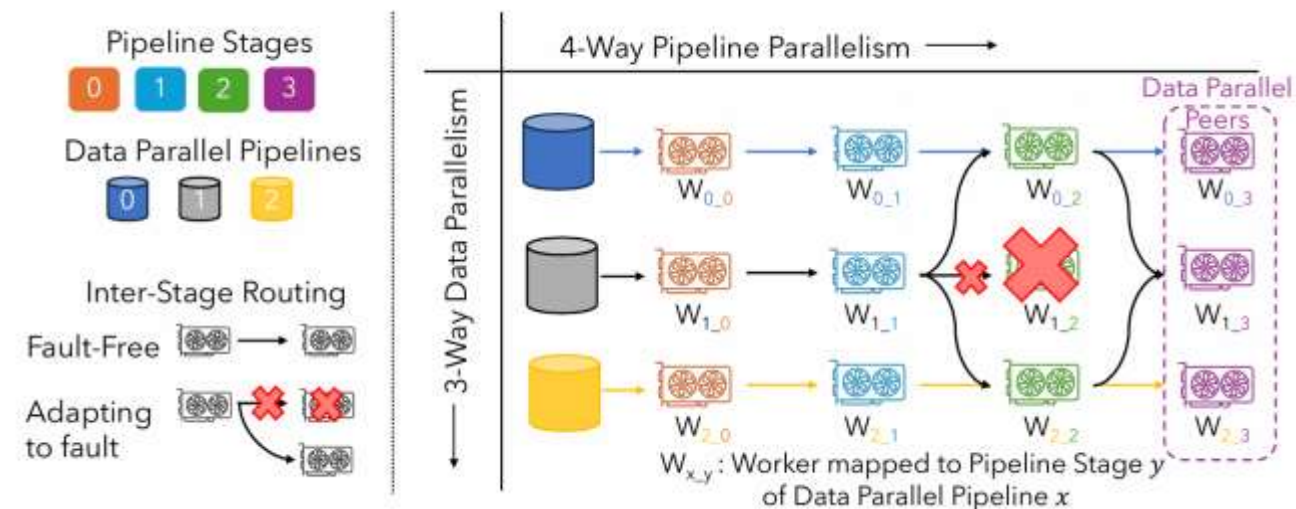
- Oobleck (SOSP 23): re-configure parallel scheme----- suspend overhead



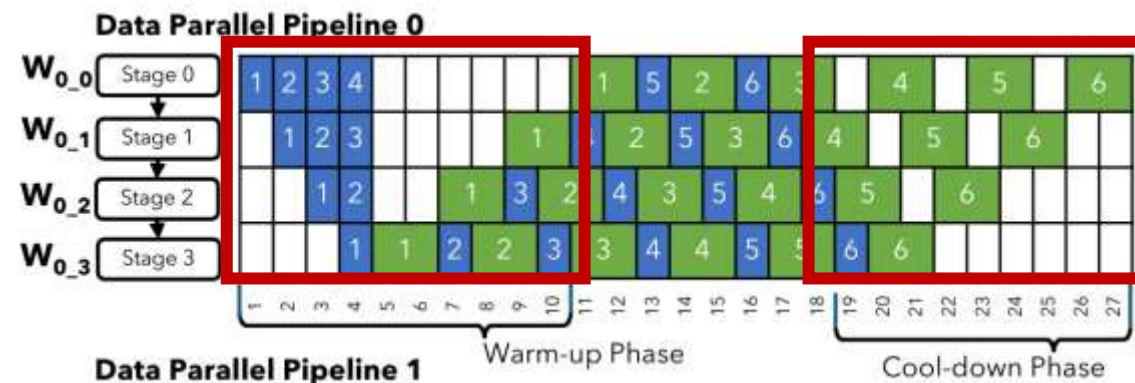
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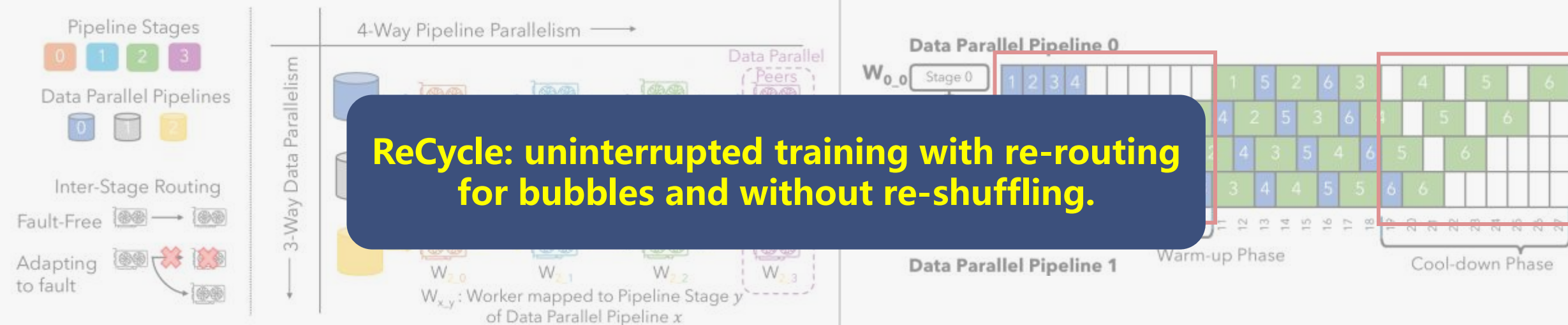


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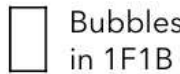
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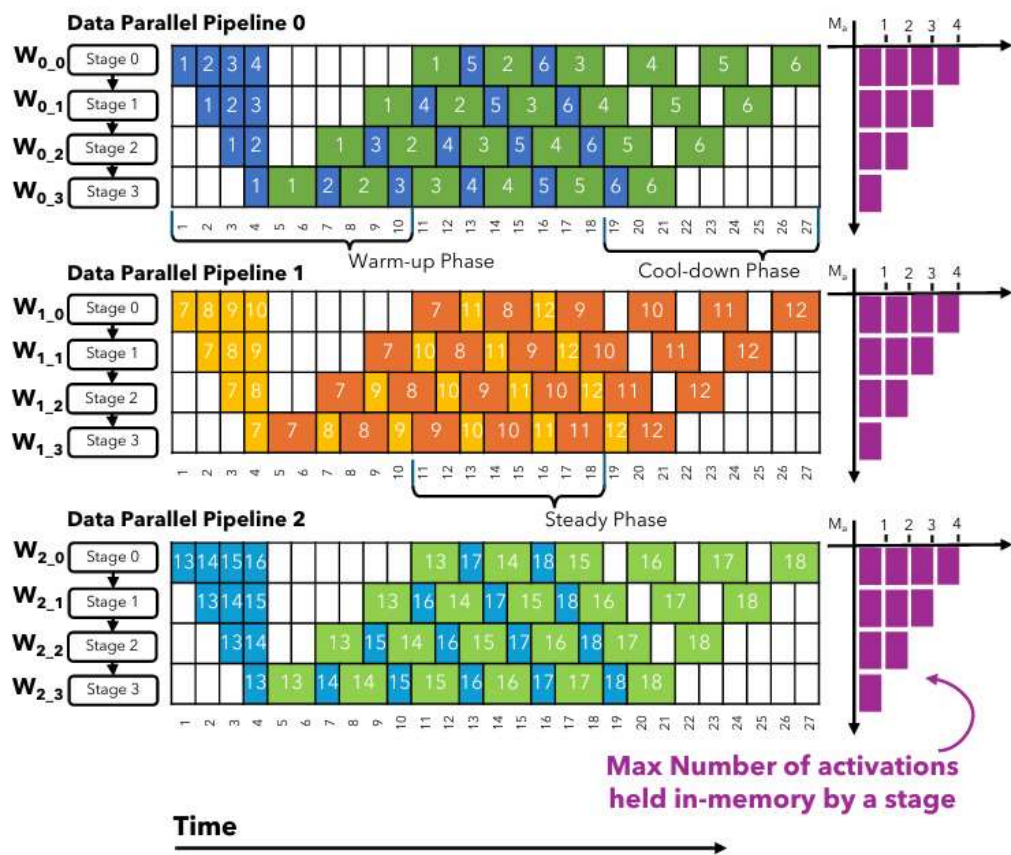
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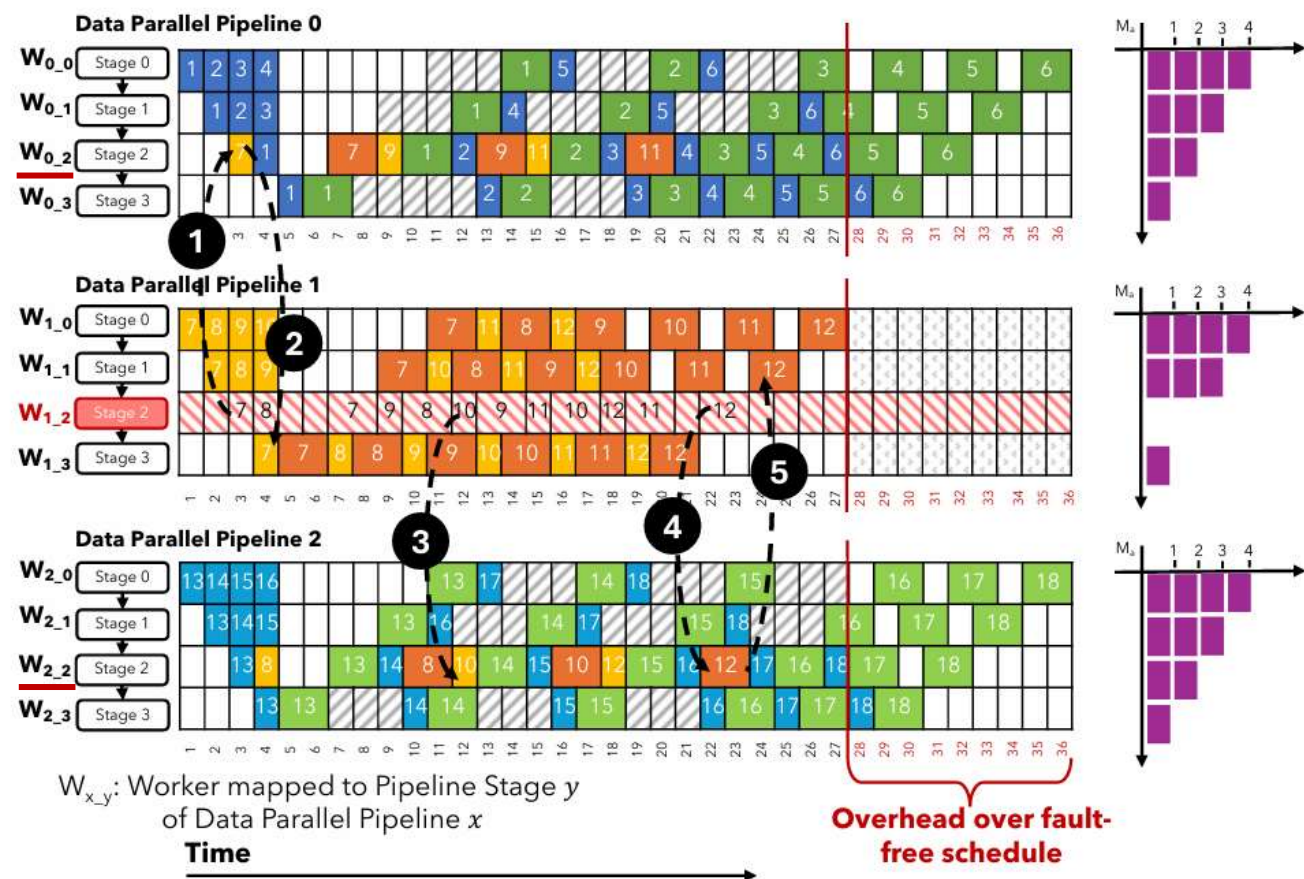
Forward and Backward of data parallel replica 1 for micro-batch y



Forward and Backward of data parallel replica 2 for micro-batch z



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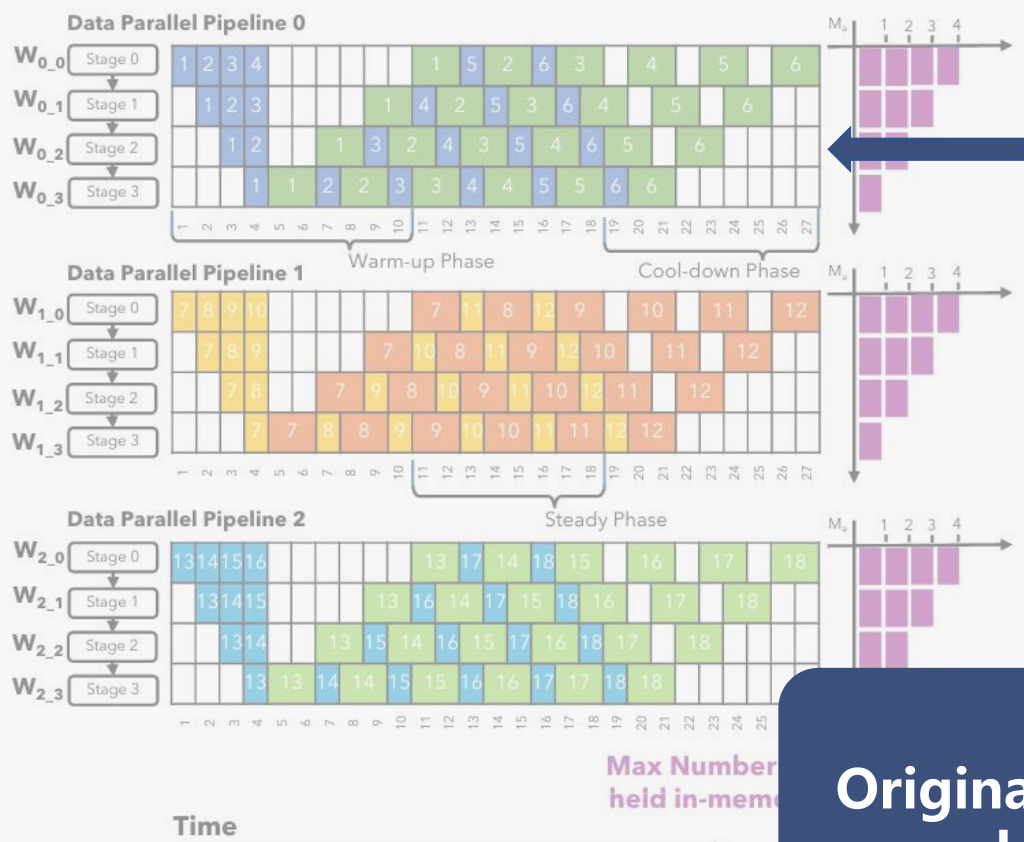
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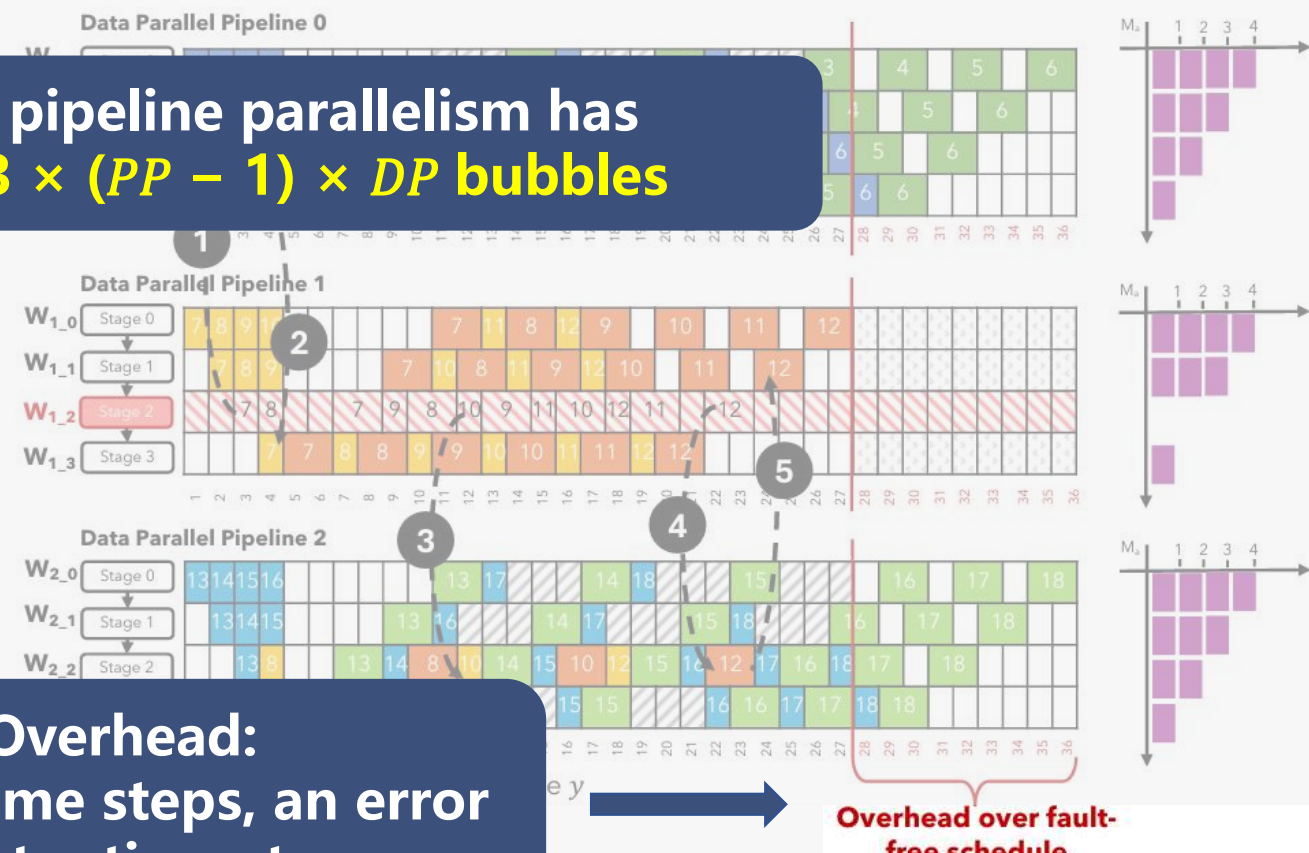
Forward and Backward of data parallel replica 2 for micro-batch z



(a) Fault-Free 1F1B Schedule

pipeline parallelism has
 $3 \times (PP - 1) \times DP$ bubbles

High Overhead:
 Originally 27 time steps, an error added 9 extra time steps

(b) Adaptive Schedule when $W_{1,2}$ fails.

Design: Efficient bubble filling

1. **Decoupled BackProp: Filling Unused Bubbles**
2. **Staggered Optimizer: Accessing More Bubbles**

Design 2: Decoupled BackProp

□ Backward

1. Backward computes input gradients and weights gradients
2. Layer i only depends on the input gradients from layer $i+1$
3. Weights gradients can be deferred until the end

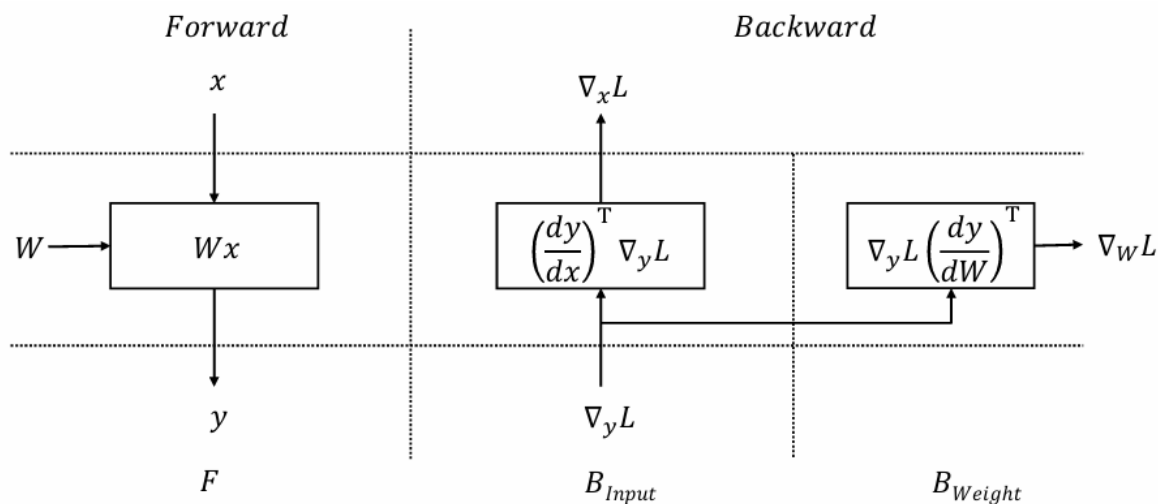


Figure 4. Forward and Backward pass for an operator.

Design 2: Decoupled BackProp

Method

Prioritize executing B_{Input} in bubbles

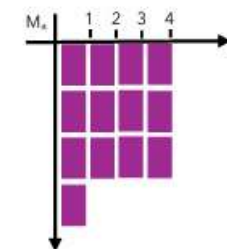
- ✓ Advantage: extra time steps 9 -> 2
- ✓ Disadvantage: Increases memory pressure

Memory pressure mitigation

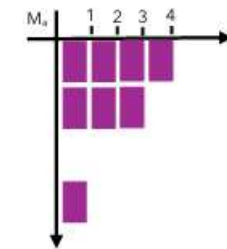
- Avoid decoupling Backward unless necessary



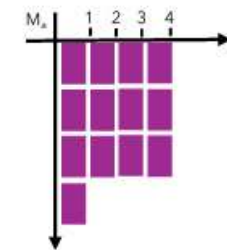
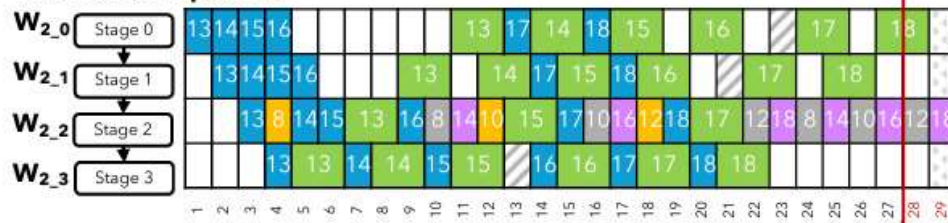
Data Parallel Pipeline 0



Data Parallel Pipeline 1



Data Parallel Pipeline 2



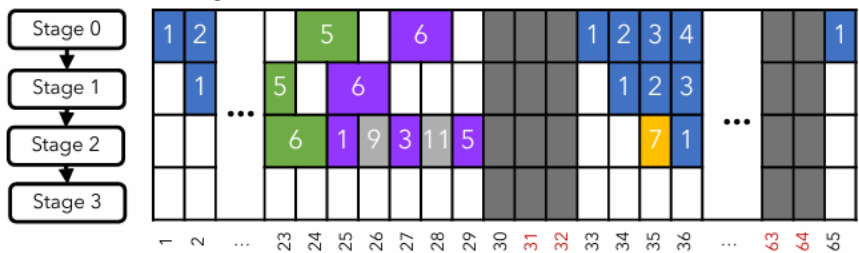
$W_{x,y}$: Worker mapped to Pipeline Stage y of Data Parallel Pipeline x

Time

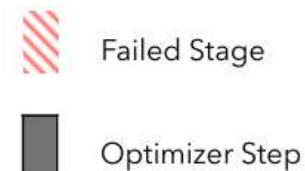
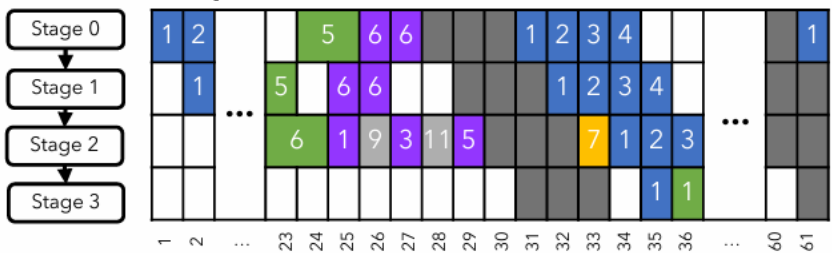
Overhead over fault-free schedule

Design 3: Staggered Optimizer

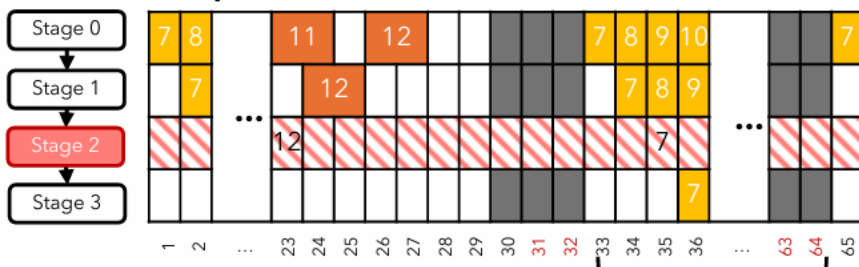
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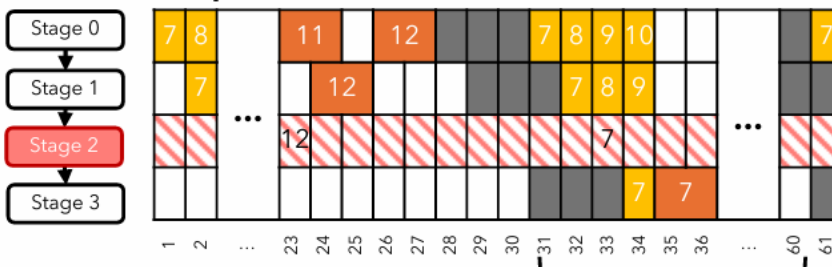
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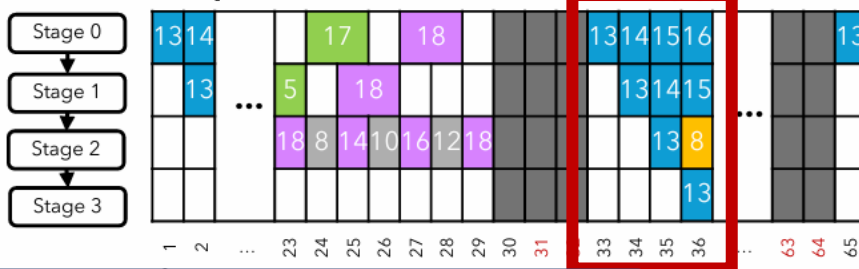
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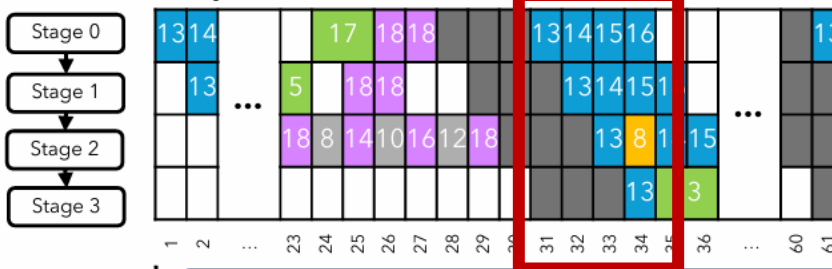
Data Parallel Pipeline 1



Data Parallel Pipeline 2



Data Parallel Pipeline 2



Synchronous optimizer

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warm-up bubbles

Asynchronous optimizer

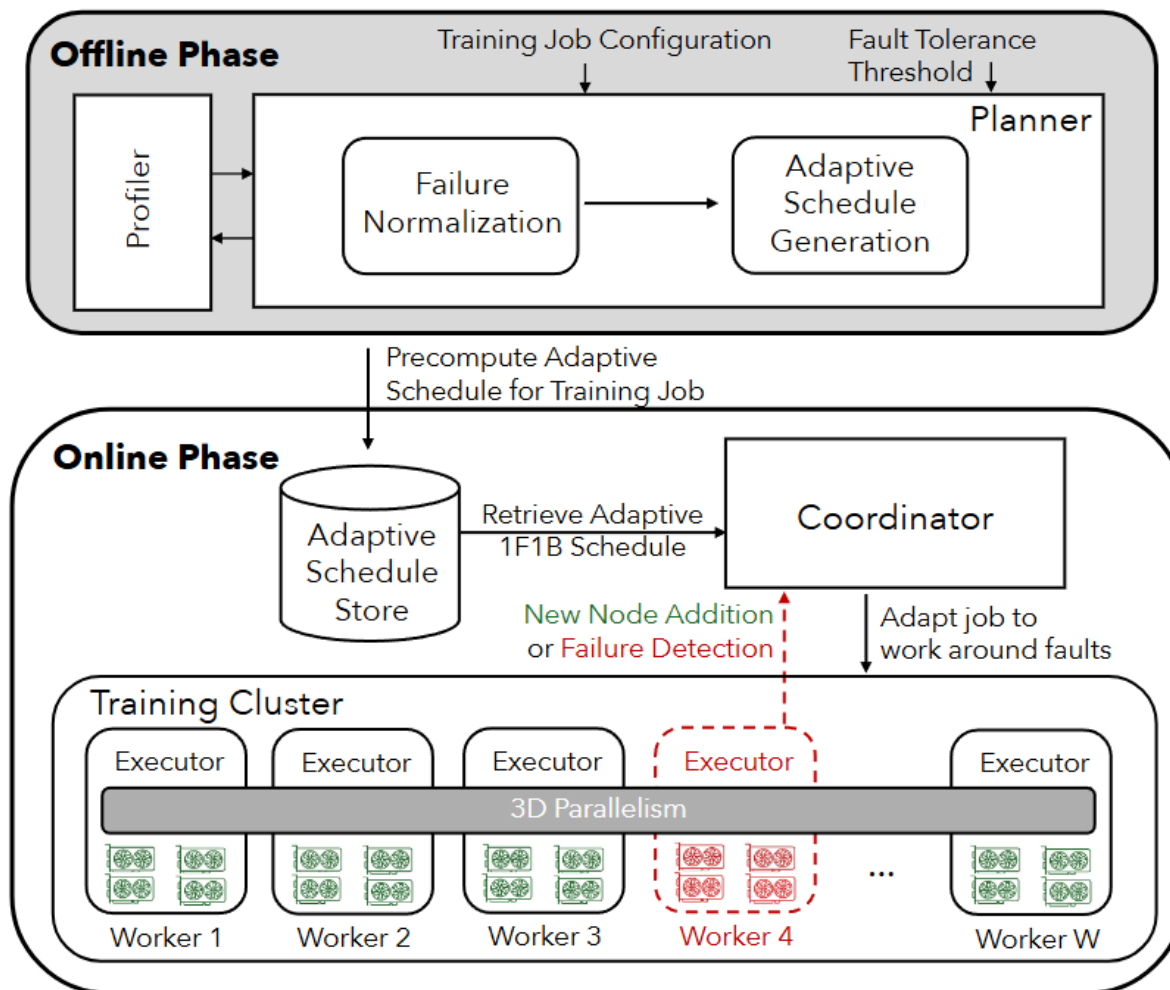
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Reduce warm-up bubbles

System Overview

System

- Profiler
- Planner
- Executor
- Coordinator



Planner: Failure Normalization

Algorithm 1 Failure Normalization

□ Intuition

- distribute across different peers
- distribute to peers with more bubbles

□ dynamic programming

- F failures
- PP pipeline stages
- $A[i] = x$, x failures in stage i
- $O[i][f]$, handling f failures overhead

additional time slots by heuristic

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1:  $DP \leftarrow$  Number of data-parallel pipelines.
2:  $PP \leftarrow$  Number of pipeline stages.
3:  $MB \leftarrow$  Number of microbatches per pipeline.
4:  $F \leftarrow$  Total number of failures.
5:  $O \leftarrow$  an  $PP \times (F+1)$  array      ▶ Rerouting Overheads
6:  $A \leftarrow$  an  $PP \times (F+1)$  array      ▶ Assignments
7:
8: procedure FAILURE_REORDERING( $DP, PP, MB, F$ )
9:   for  $i \in \{0, \dots, PP - 1\}$  do
10:    for  $f \in \{0, \dots, F\}$  do
11:     if  $i == 0$  then
12:       $O[i][f] = \text{COST}(f)$ 
13:       $A[i][f] = [f]$ 
14:     else
15:       $x = \arg \min_{x \leq f} (O[i-1][f-x] + \text{COST}(x))$ 
16:       $O[i][f] = O[i-1][f-x] + \text{COST}(x)$ 
17:       $A[i][f] = \text{concat}(A[i-1][f-x], x)$ 
18:     end if
19:    end for
20:   end for
21:   return  $A[PP-1][F]$ 
22: end procedure
23:
24:
25: procedure COST( $f$ )
26:   if  $f > 0$  then
27:    return  $\min(0, MB \times f \times 3 - (DP - f) \times (PP - 1) \times 3)$ 
28:   end if
29:   return 0
30: end procedure

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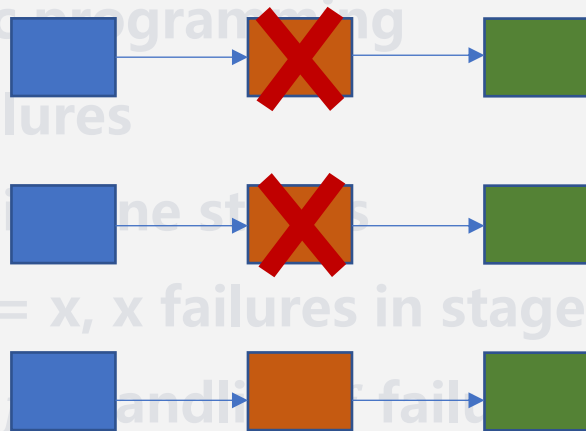
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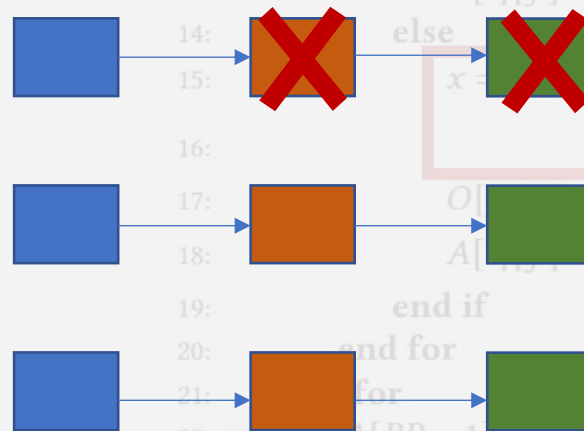
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dynamic programming
Result: interrupted



dynamic programming
Result: uninterrupted



additional time slots by heuristic

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3: MB ← Number of microbatches per pipeline.
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5: O ← an PP × (F+1) array      ▷ Rerouting Overhead
6: A ← an PP × (F+1) array      ▷ Assignments

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PROCEDURE FAILURE_NORMALIZATION(DP, PP, MB, F)

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12:   O[i][f] = COST(f)
13:   A[i][f] = [f]

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14:   for i = 1 to PP
15:     for f = 0 to F
16:       for x = 0 to min_x ≤ f (O[i-1][f-x] + COST(x))

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17:         O[i][f] = O[i-1][f-x] + COST(x)
18:         A[i][f] = concat(A[i-1][f-x], x)

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19:       end if
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Planner: Adaptive Schedule Generation

□ MILP

- T_{coom} : communication latency
- $T_F, T_{\text{Binput}}, T_{\text{Bweight}}$: execution latency
- operation $(i, j, k, c, ks), c \in \{F, \text{Binput}, \text{Bweight}\}$

a micro-batch ID 14, rerouted from $W2_3$ to $W1_3$: $i = 3, j = 14, k = 2, ks = 1$.

- $s_{i, j, k}^{ks} \in \{0, 1\}$
- $\sum_{ks} s_{i, j, k}^{ks} = 1$
- $O_{(i, j, k, c, ks) \rightarrow (\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}, \hat{c}, \hat{ks})} \in \{0, 1\}$
- $E_{i, j, k, c}^{ks}$: ending time of operation (i, j, k, c, ks)

Planner: Adaptive Schedule Generation

□ MILP

- T_{coom}
- $T_F, T_{\text{Binput}}, T_{\text{Bweight}}$
- operation (i, j, k, c, k_s)
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- $\sum_{k_s} s_{i,j,k}^{k_s} = 1$
- $O_{(i,j,k,c,k_s) \rightarrow (i',j',k',c',k'_s)} \in \{0, 1\}$
- $E_{i,j,k,c}^{k_s}$

Cross-Stage Dependencies.

$$\underline{E_{i,j,k,F}^{k_s}} \geq S_{i,j,k}^{k_s} \times \left(\sum_{\hat{k}} (\underline{E_{i-1,j,k,F}^{\hat{k}}} \times \underline{S_{i-1,j,k}^{\hat{k}}}) + T_{\text{comm}} + \underline{T_F} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\underline{E_{i,j,k,BInput}^{k_s}} \geq S_{i,j,k}^{k_s} \times \left(\sum_{\hat{k}} (\underline{E_{i+1,j,k,BInput}^{\hat{k}}} \times \underline{S_{i+1,j,k}^{\hat{k}}}) + T_{\text{comm}} + T_{\text{BInput}} \right) \quad (3)$$

Same-Stage Dependencies.

$$\underline{E_{i,j,k,BWeight}^{k_s}} \geq S_{i,j,k}^{k_s} \times (\underline{E_{i,j,k,BInput}^{k_s}} + T_{\text{BWeight}}) \quad (4)$$

No Overlapping Computations.

$$\underline{E_{i,j',k',c'}^{k'_s}} \geq \underline{E_{i,j,k,c}^{k'_s}} + T_{c'} - \infty (1 - S_{i,j,k}^{k'_s} \times S_{i,j',k'}^{k'_s} + O_{(i,j,k,c,k'_s) \rightarrow (i,j',k',c',k'_s)}) \quad (5)$$

Planner: Adaptive Schedule Generation

□ MILP

- $A_B, A_{B_{weight}}$: activation
- $A_{B_{input}}, A_{B_{weight}}$: gradients
- operation (i, j, k, c, k_s)
- $O_{(i,j,k,c,k_s) \rightarrow (i',j',k',c',k'_s)} \in \{0, 1\}$

$$\Delta M_{i,j,k,c}^{k_s} = \begin{cases} A_B & , \text{if } c = F \text{ and } S_{i,j,k}^{k_s} = 1 \\ A_B - A_{B_{input}} & , \text{if } c = B_{input} \text{ and } S_{i,j,k}^{k_s} = 1 \\ -A_{B_{weight}} & , \text{if } c = B_{weight} \text{ and } S_{i,j,k}^{k_s} = 1 \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Memory Constraint.

$$M_{Limit} \geq \Delta M_{i,j',k',c'}^{k'_s} + \sum_{j,k,c} \Delta M_{i,j,k,c}^{k'_s} \times O_{(i,j,k,c,k'_s) \rightarrow (i,j',k',c',k'_s)} \quad (6)$$

Implementation on DeepSpeed

- Rerouting: communication operators
 - ReRouteAct
 - ReRouteGrad
- Decoupling BackProp: pipeline instructions
 - InputBackwardPass
 - WeightBackwardPass
- Rerouting: communication operators
 - optimizer in pipeline stage

Experimental Setup

□ Cluster Setup

- 4 Standard_NC96ads_A100_v4 (8 A100 GPUs, 96 vCPUs, and 880 GB memory each) in Azure, 600 GB/s NVLink intra-node, 640 Gbps internode

□ Baselines

- Bamboo, Oobleck

□ Workloads

- GPT-3: Medium (350M), 3.35B, and 6.7B
- (PP, DP): (2, 16), (4, 8), and (8, 4)
- WikiText
- Train 6 hours

Training Throughput Under Failures

- **Bamboo:** redundant computations and additional model state copies
- **Oobleck:** imbalanced pipelines and higher reconfiguration latency (re-shuffle)

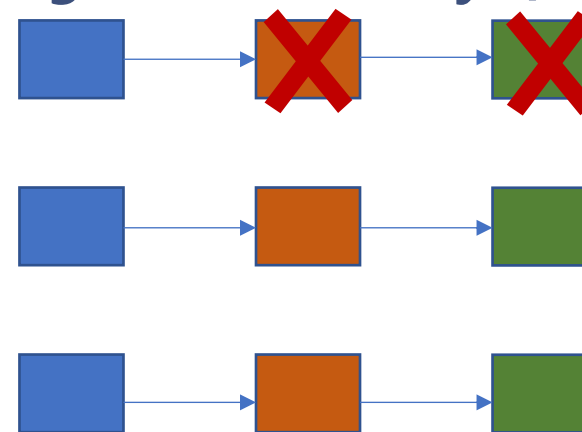


Table 1. Training throughput (samples/sec) with increasing failure frequency, higher is better. Bamboo ran out of memory for GPT-3 3.35B and 6.7B.

Systems Failure Frequency	GPT-3 Medium			GPT-3 3.35B			GPT-3 6.7B		
	6h	2h	30m	6h	2h	30m	6h	2h	30m
Fault-Free DeepSpeed [60]		27.58			14.87			5.33	
Bamboo [67]	19.47	18.98	15.24	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM	OOM
Oobleck [29]	27.26	25.37	19.47	14.55	13.44	9.78	4.98	4.65	2.78
ReCycle	27.27	25.42	22.27	14.59	14.17	12.63	5.17	4.85	3.53

Training Throughput Under Failures

- 1.64× improvement over Bamboo, 1.46× improvement over Oobleck

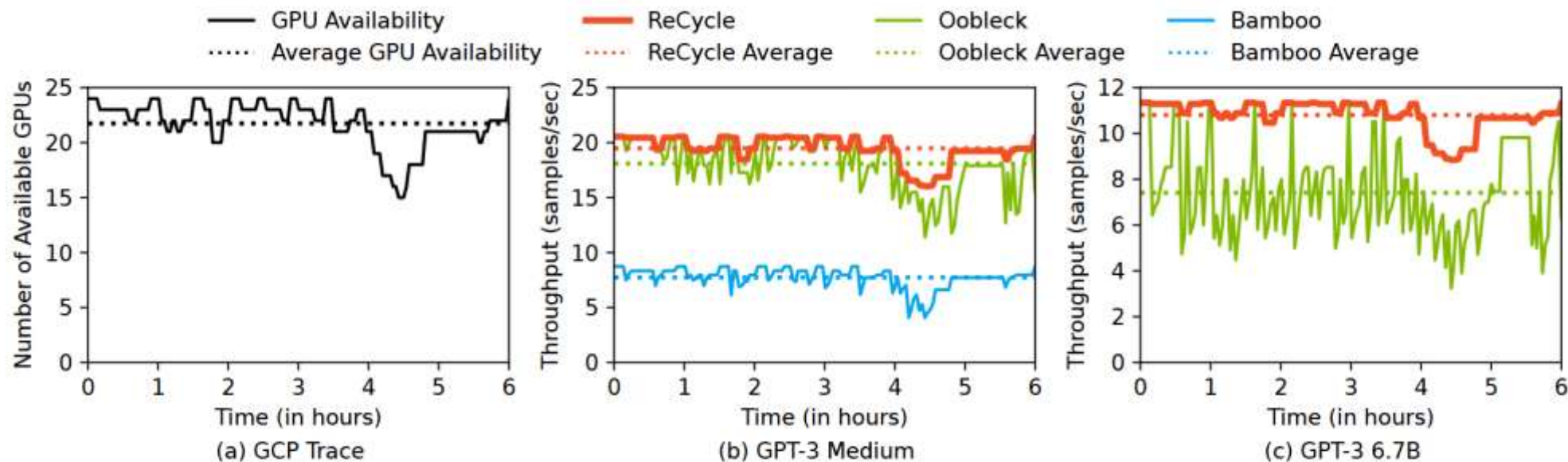


Figure 9. Training throughput (samples/sec), higher is better, for the GPT-3 Medium and GPT-3 6.7B models over the GCP trace. In 9b and 9c, the dashed lines represent the average training throughput achieved by each system within the 6h period.

ReCycle Scalability

□ Simulator

- simulate maximum discrepancy is 5.98%
- variations from minor fluctuations by NCCL collectives

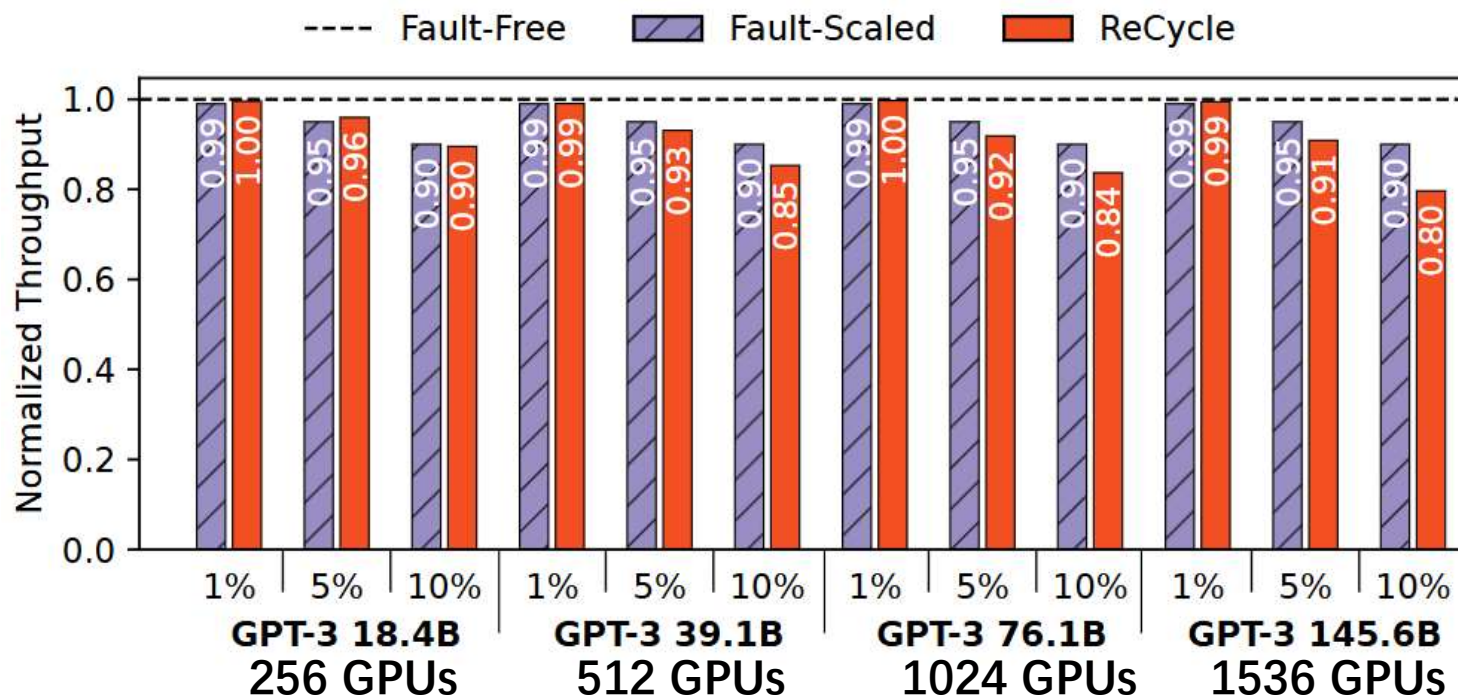
Table 2. Gap between real-world and simulated throughput across various models and failure rates.

Models	Fault-Free	6h	2h	30m
GPT-3 Medium	-0.87%	+5.98%	-1.93%	-1.48%
GPT-3 3.35B	-0.13%	-1.58%	+2.12%	-1.90%
GPT-3 6.7B	+3.94%	+2.71%	-1.86%	-0.85%

ReCycle Scalability

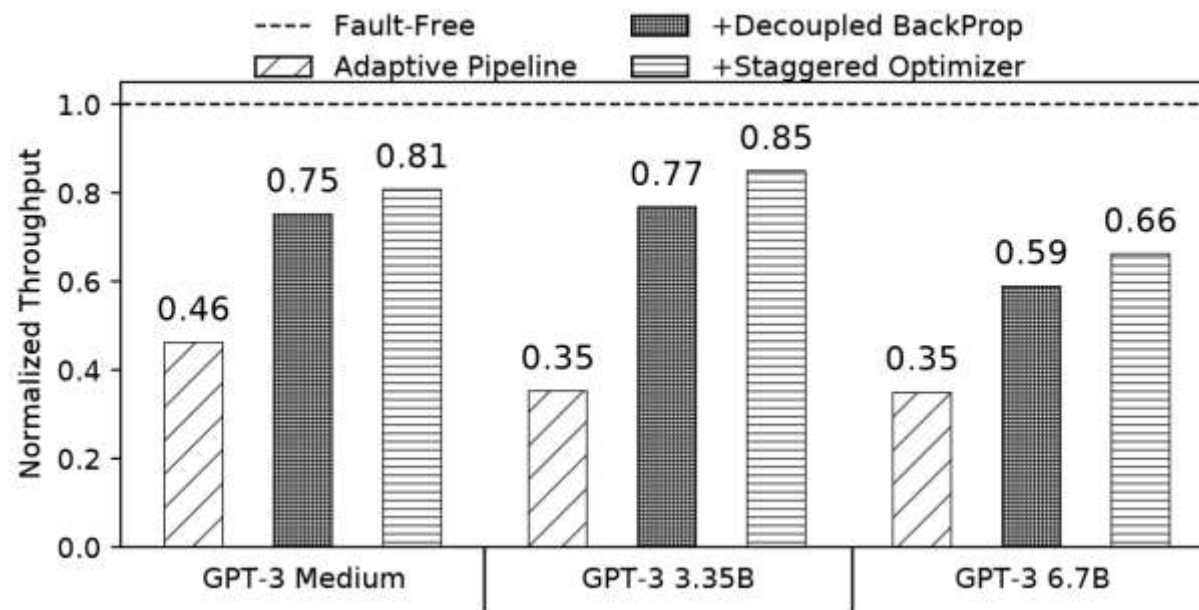
□ Large scale simulation

- At a failure rate of 1%-5%, the performance of ReCycle is comparable to that of Fault-Scaled
- At a failure rate of 10%, the performance of ReCycle degrades by 0.5% to 11.5%



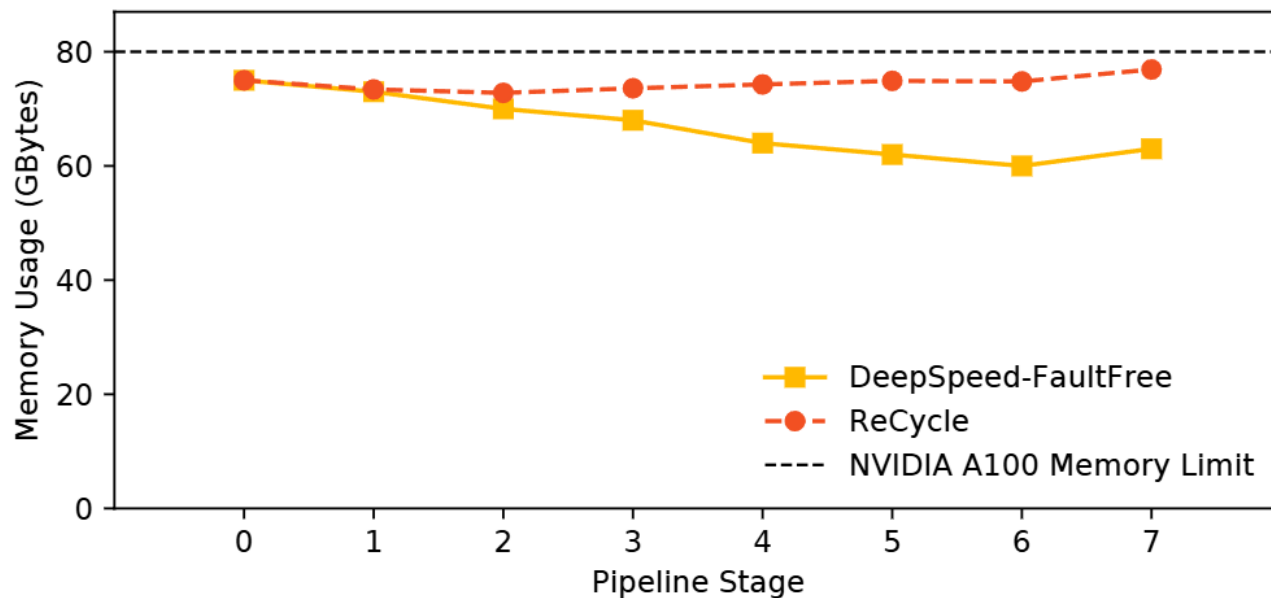
ReCycle Performance Breakdown

- Adaptive Pipelining: additional work
- Decoupled BackProp: effectively utilizing bubble, improve 63% to 118%
- Staggered Optimizer: reduce warm-up bubbles, improve 7% to 11%



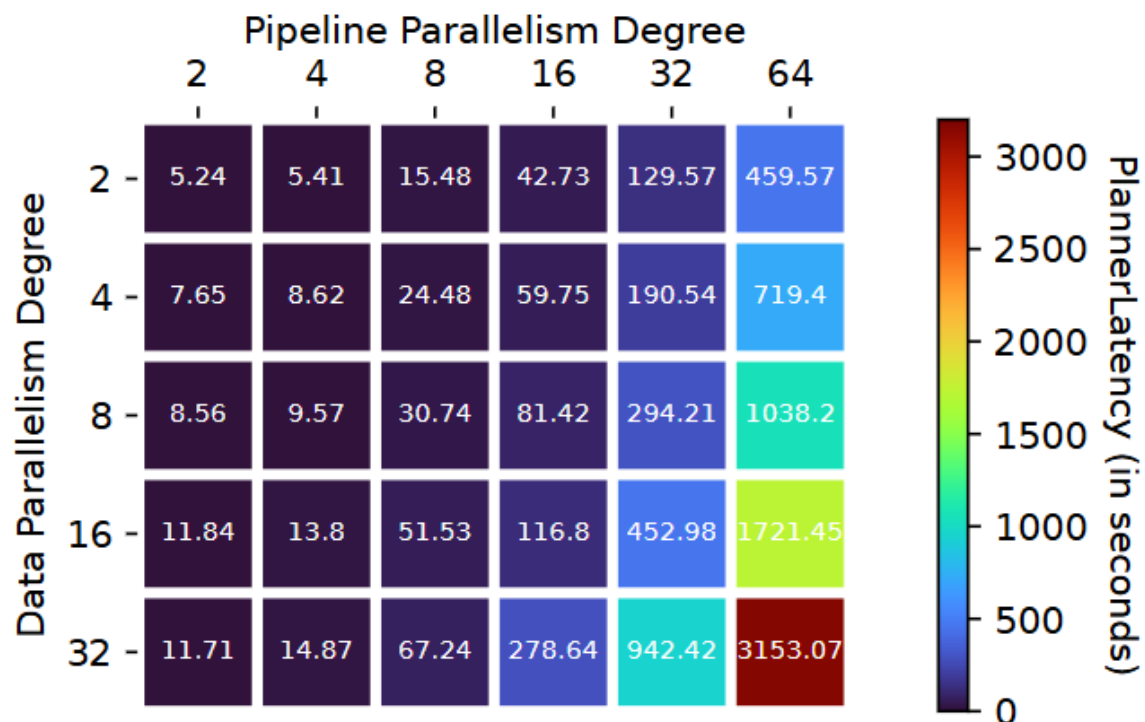
ReCycle Performance Breakdown

- By decoupling BackProp and delaying B_{weight} computation, nearly full utilization of GPU memory is achieved



Planner Overhead

- With 25% GPU failure, the Planner finds optimal scheduling with a delay of less than 0.1% of the total training time



Conclusion

□ Pros:

- **Technical Advantages: Continuous training using data parallelism**
- **Technical Advantages: Combined optimization of bubbles**
- **Paper Advantages: The images clearly express the core design**

□ Cons:

- **Dynamic programming will probably **interrupt** training**
- **Fine-grained scheduling of bubbles is difficult, and the paper does not explain how to achieve it**
- **Existing pipeline parallelism techniques have already optimized the bubbles**