

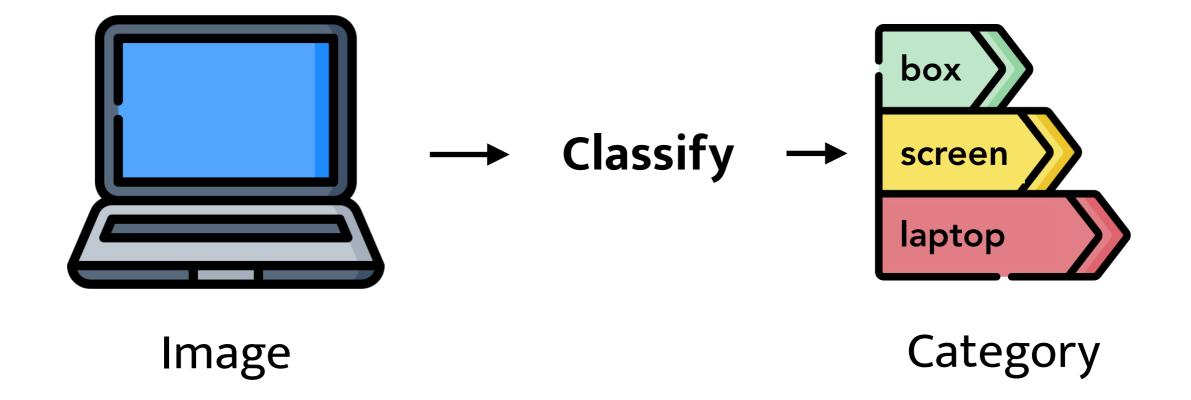


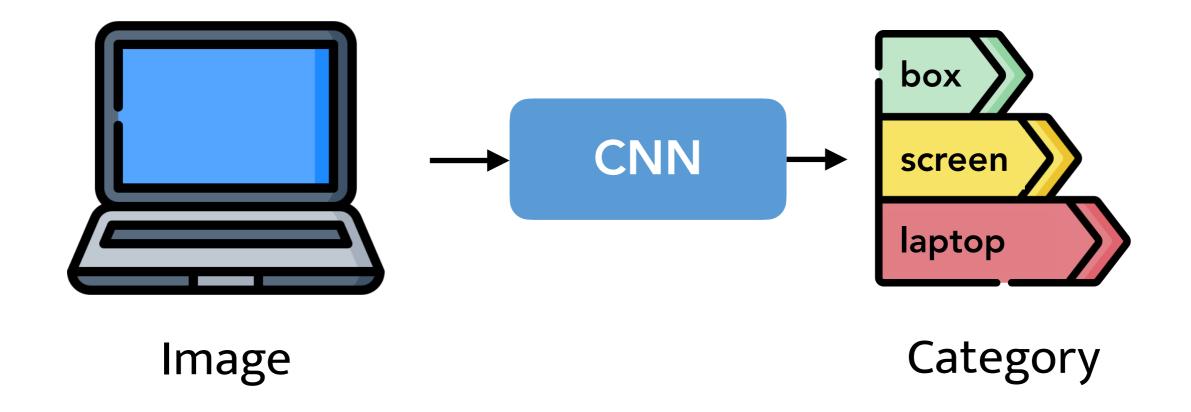


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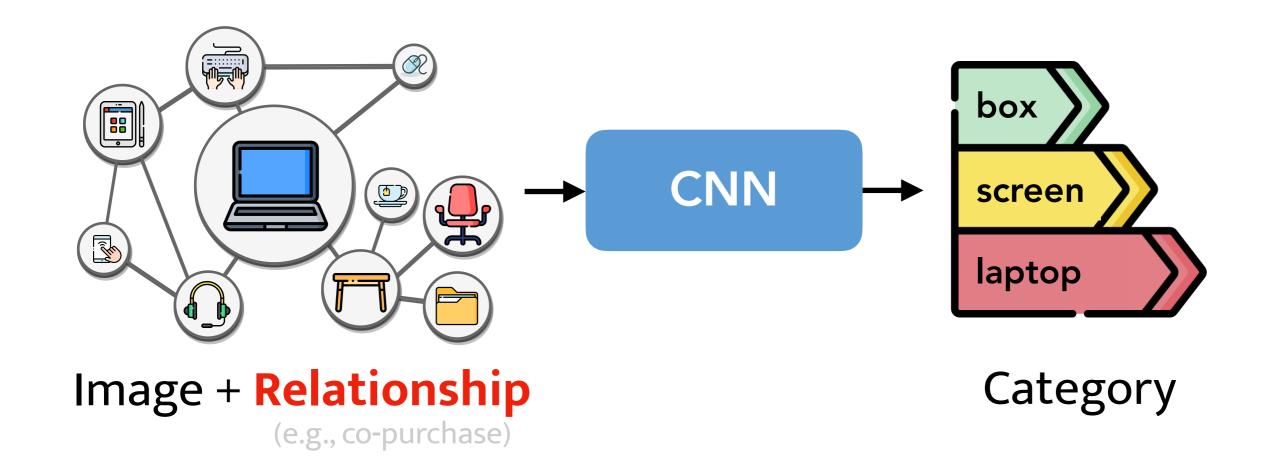
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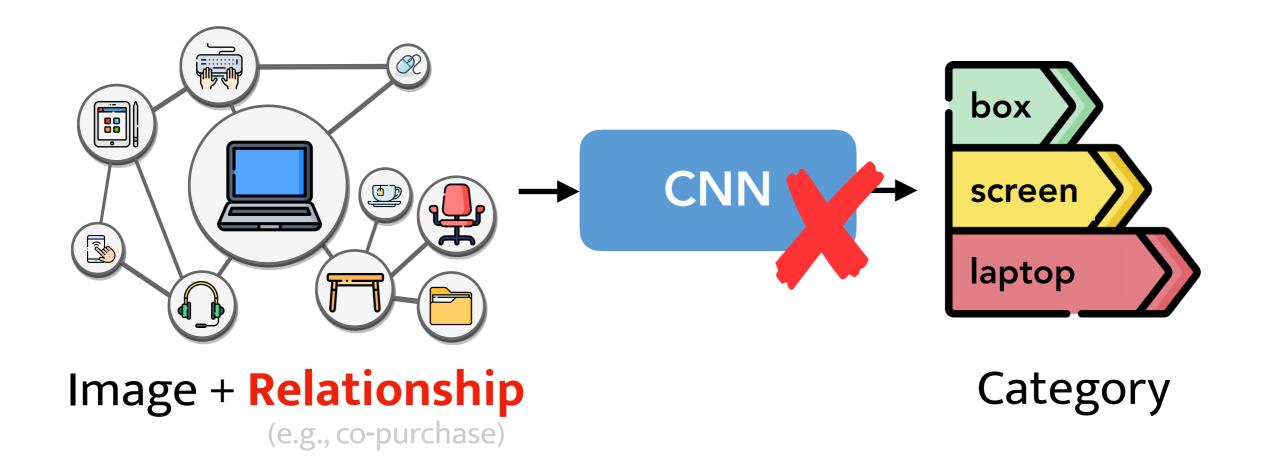
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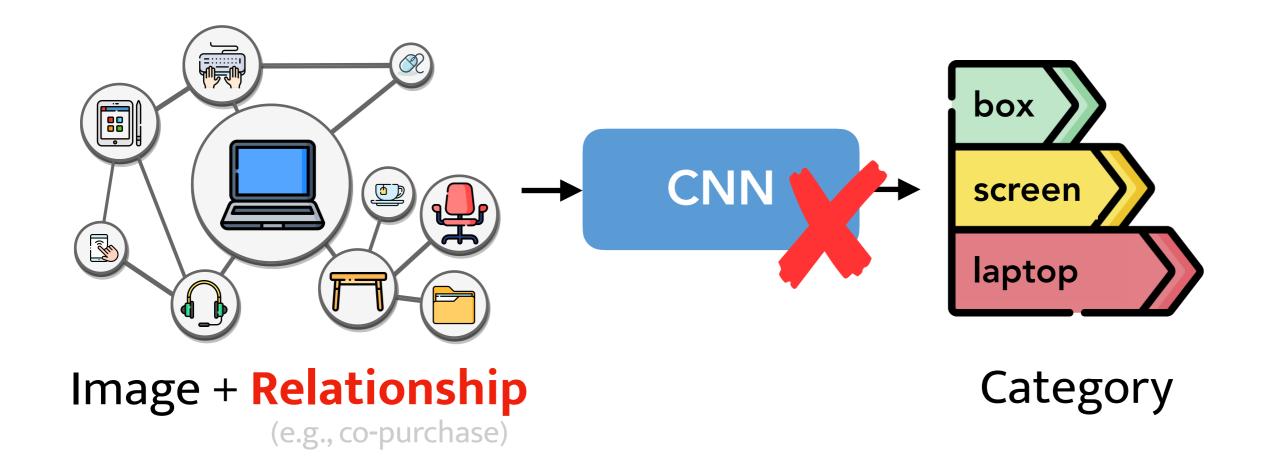




Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are powerful in image classification



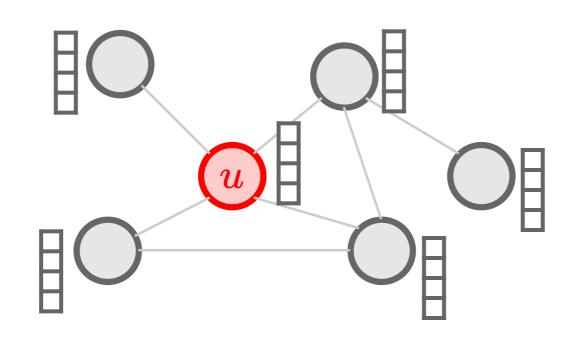




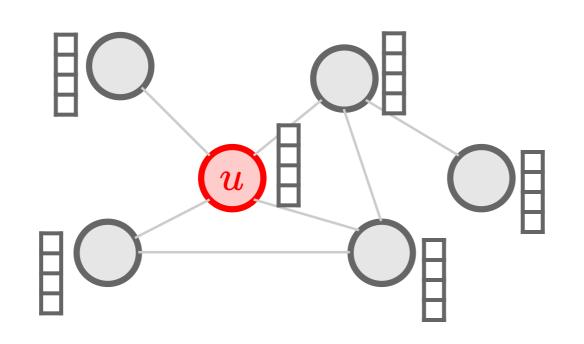
How to incorporate relationship among data samples?



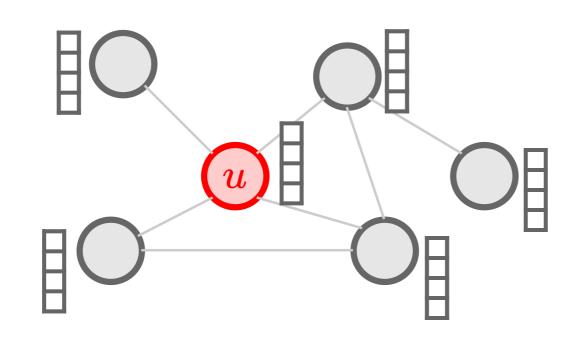
Graph Convolutional Network (GCN) the SOTA model for capturing relationship



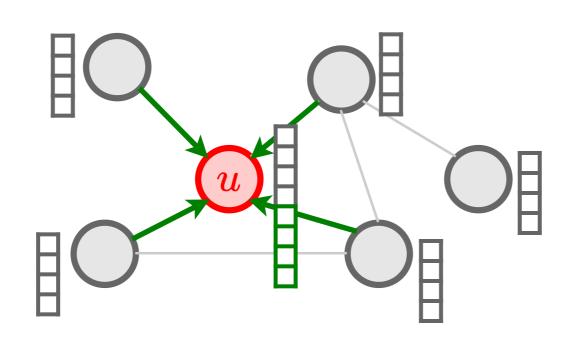




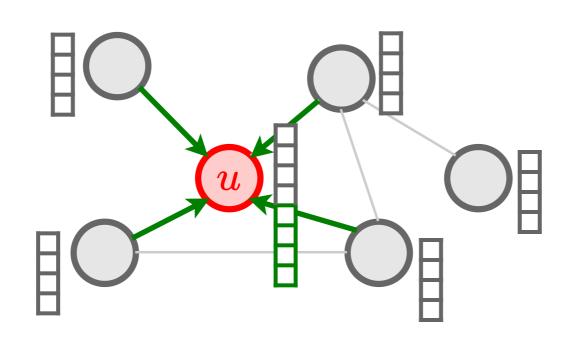




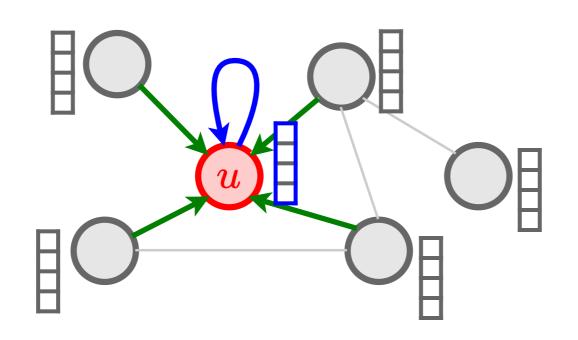




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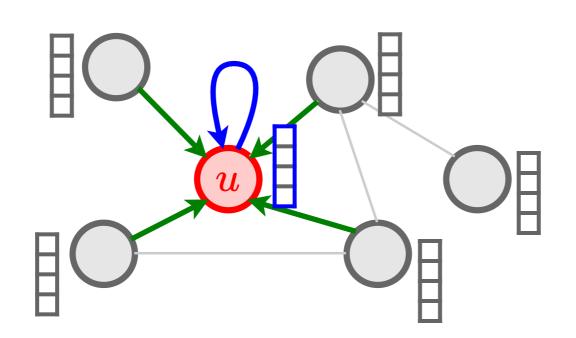


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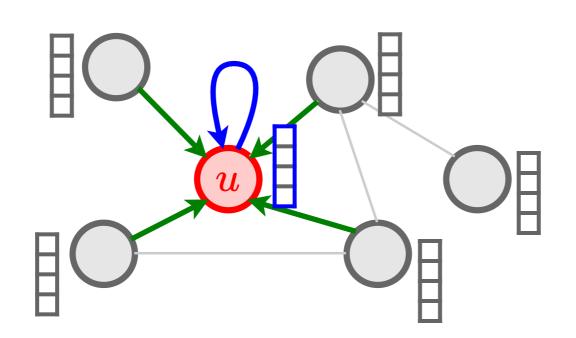
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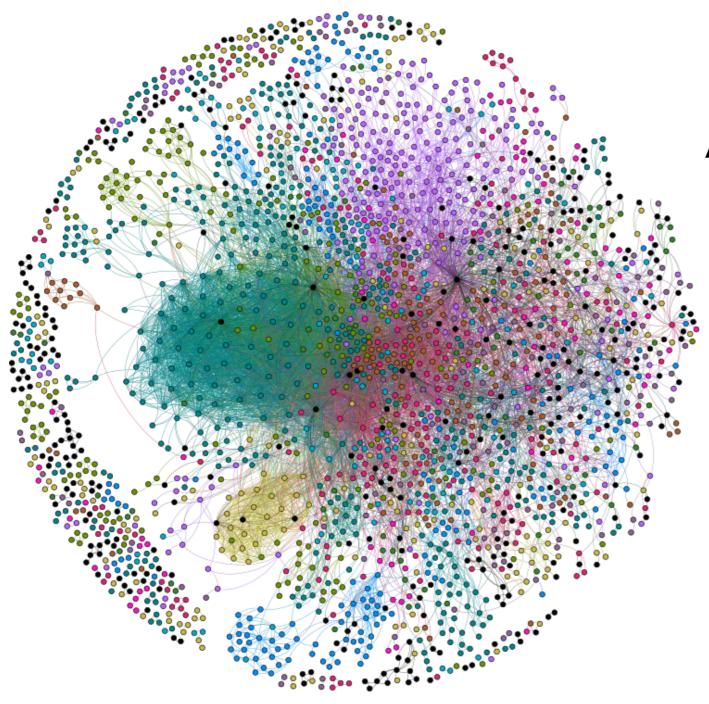


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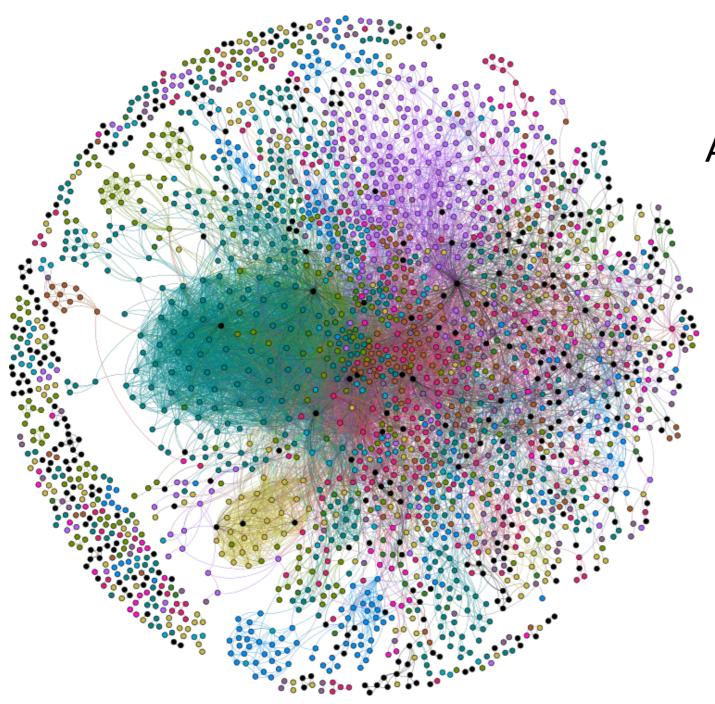
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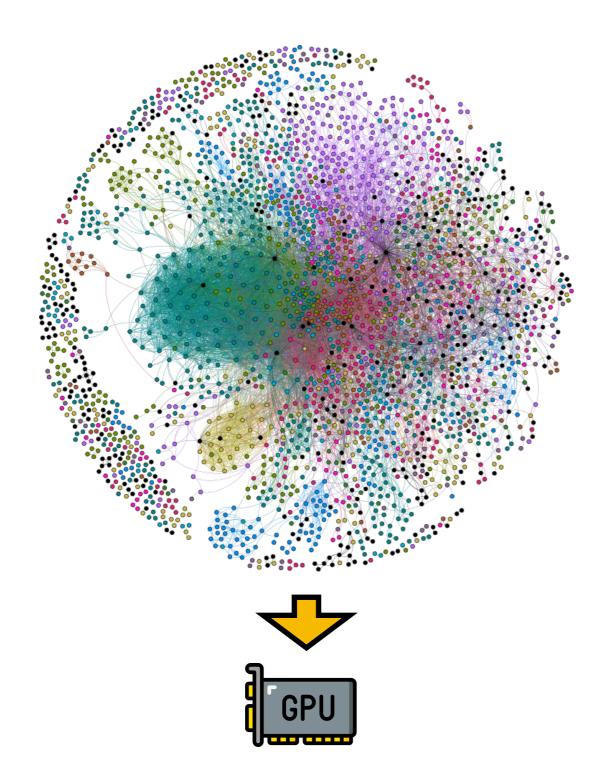


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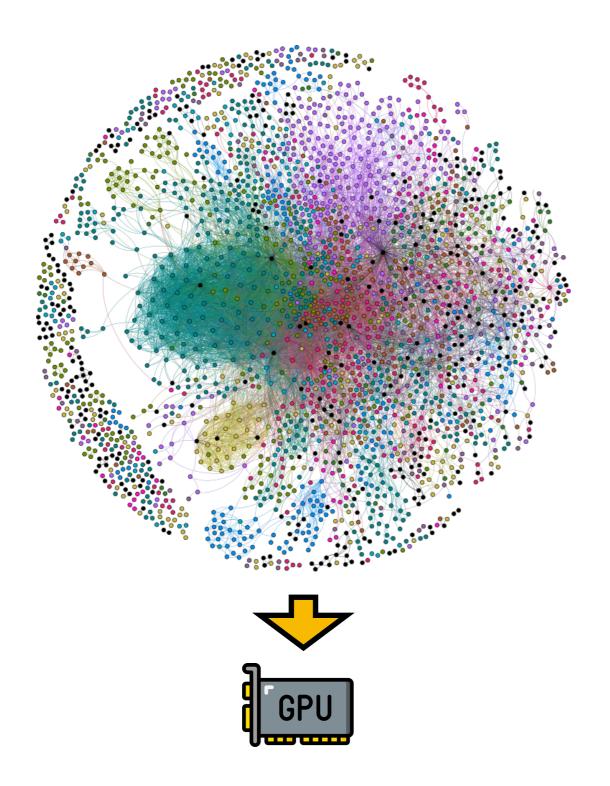
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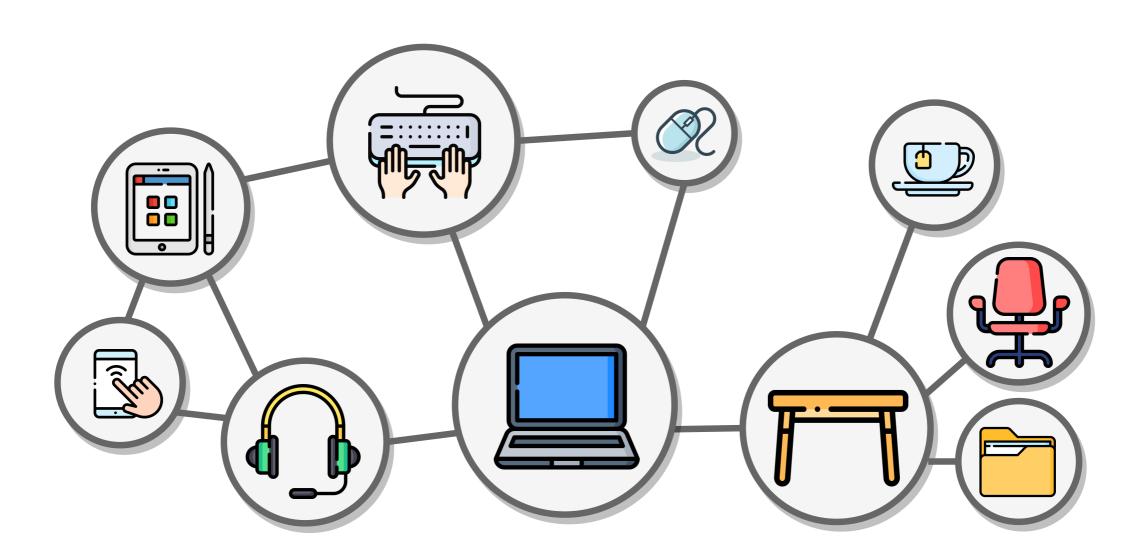
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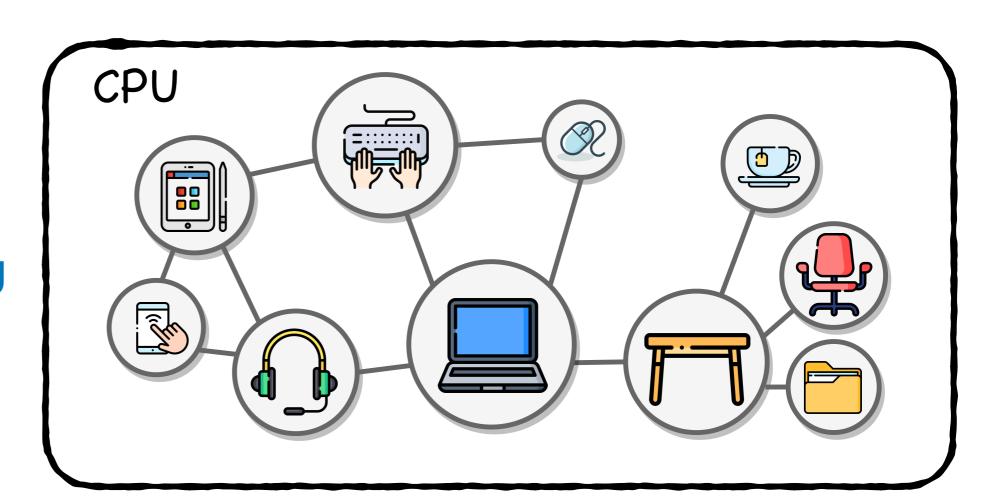
How to train a GCN at scale? Efficiently?



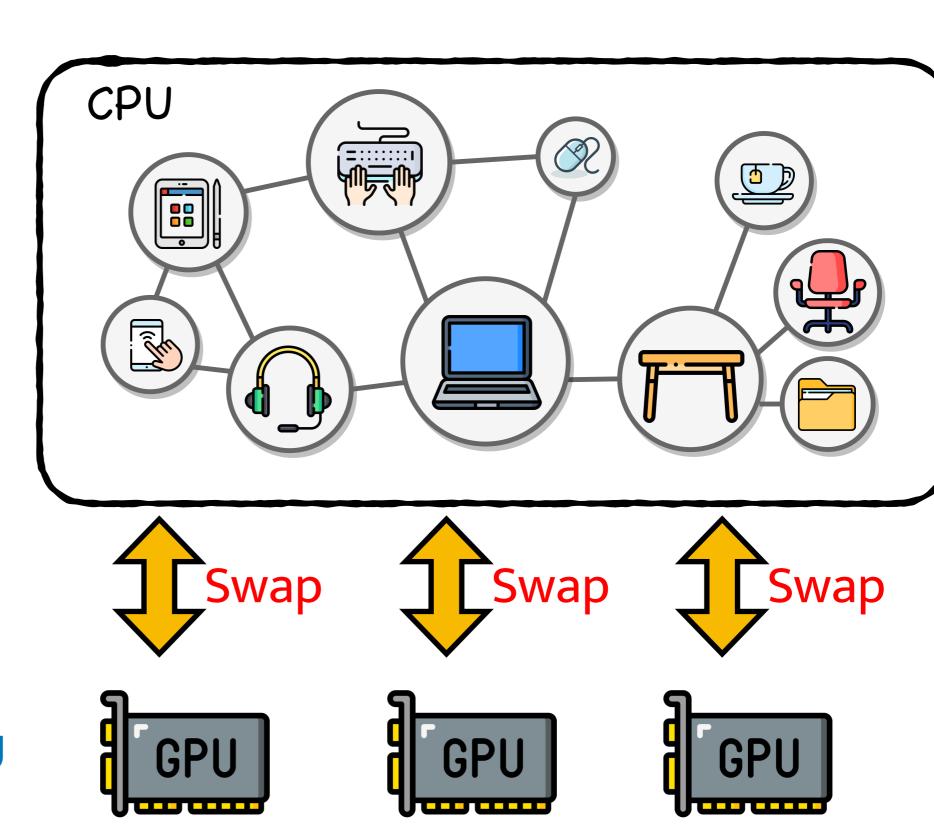
Category I



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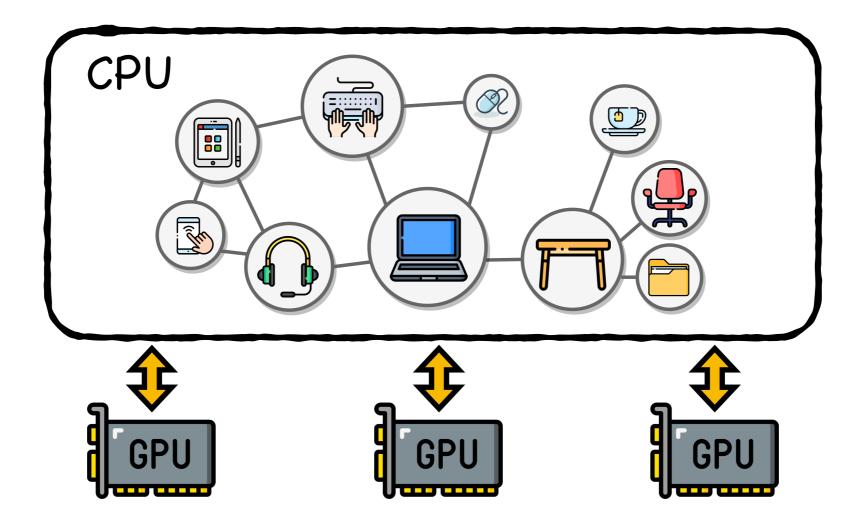


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Training in GPU

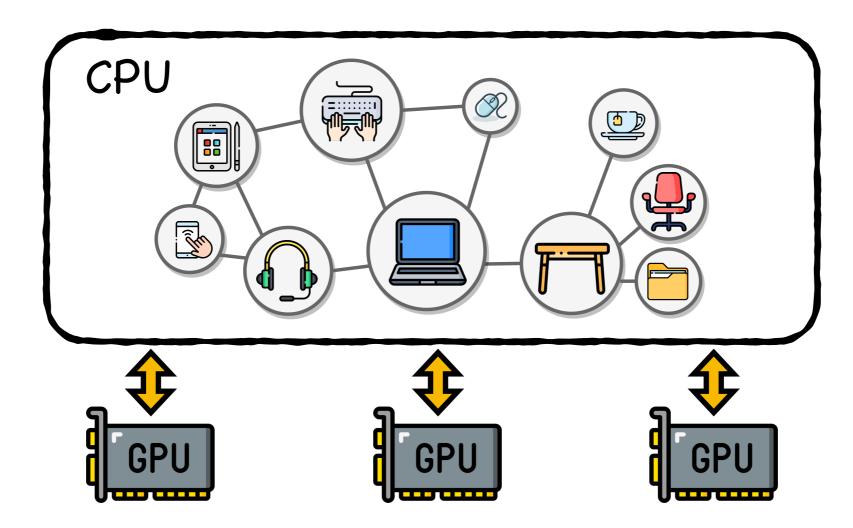
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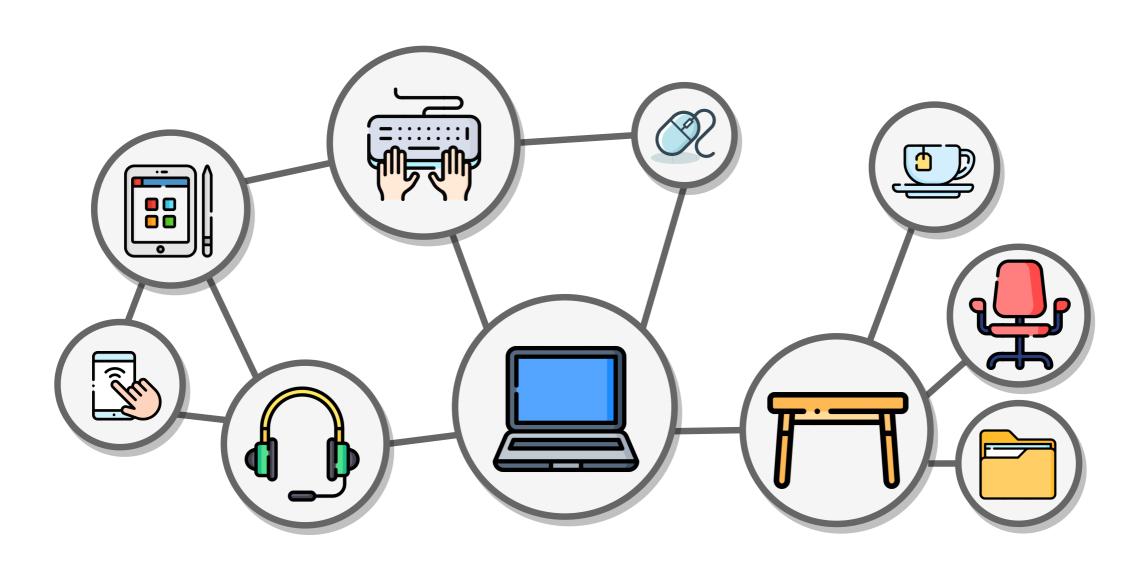
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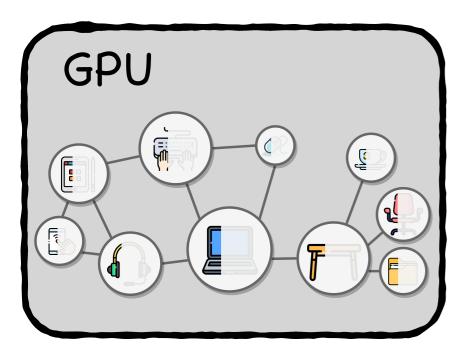
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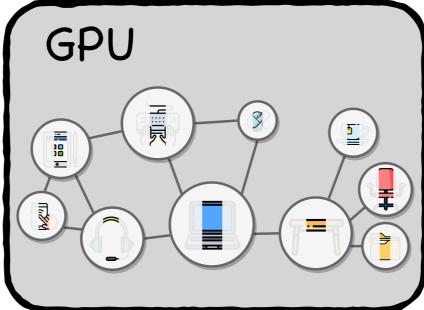
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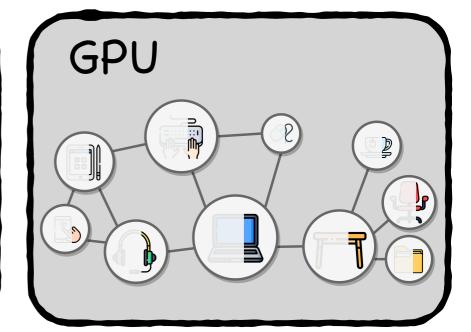
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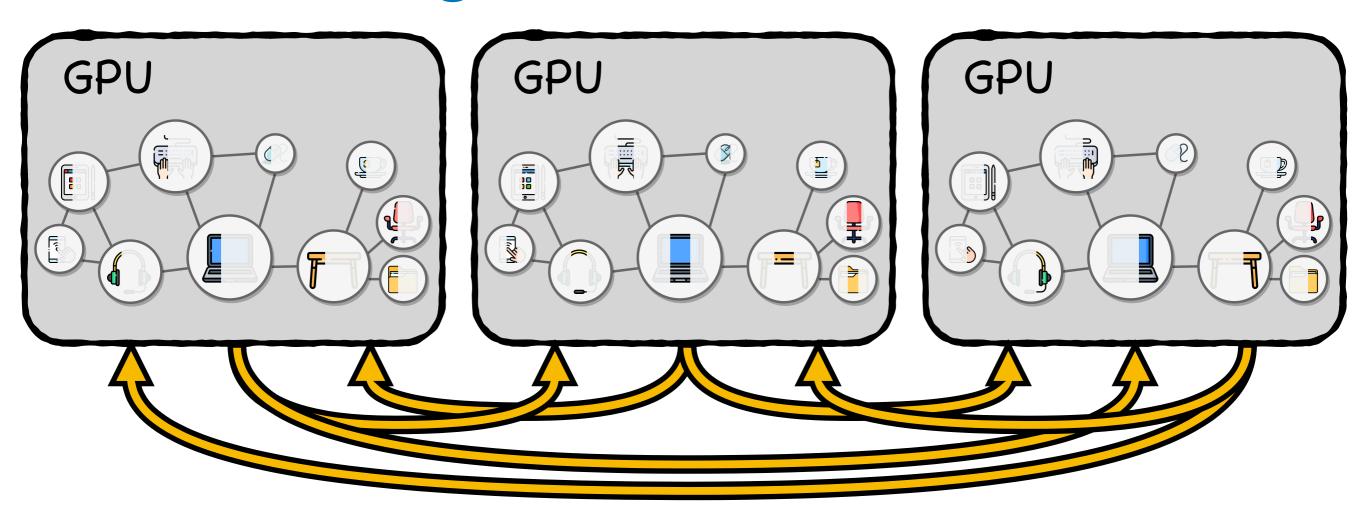
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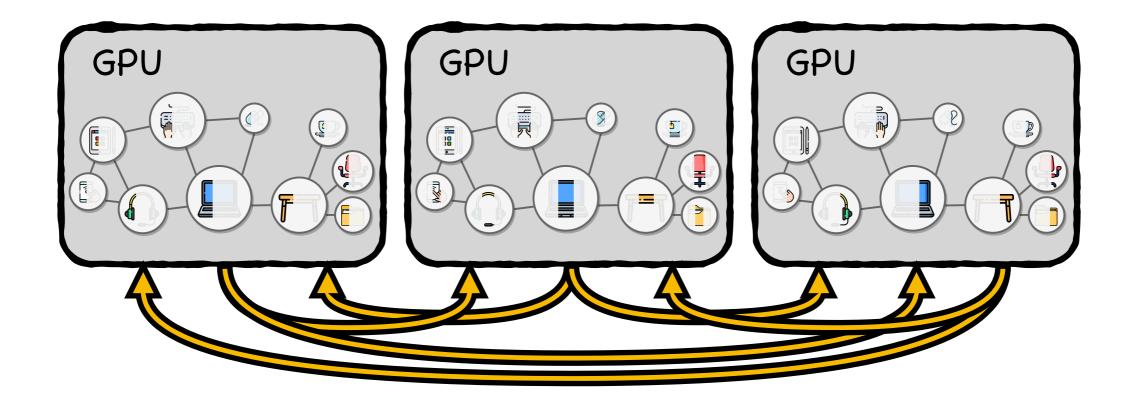


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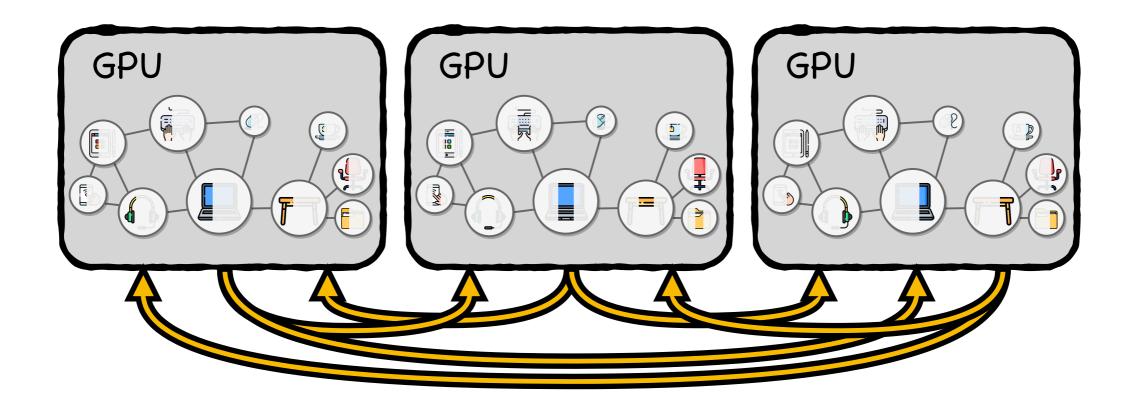


Broadcast

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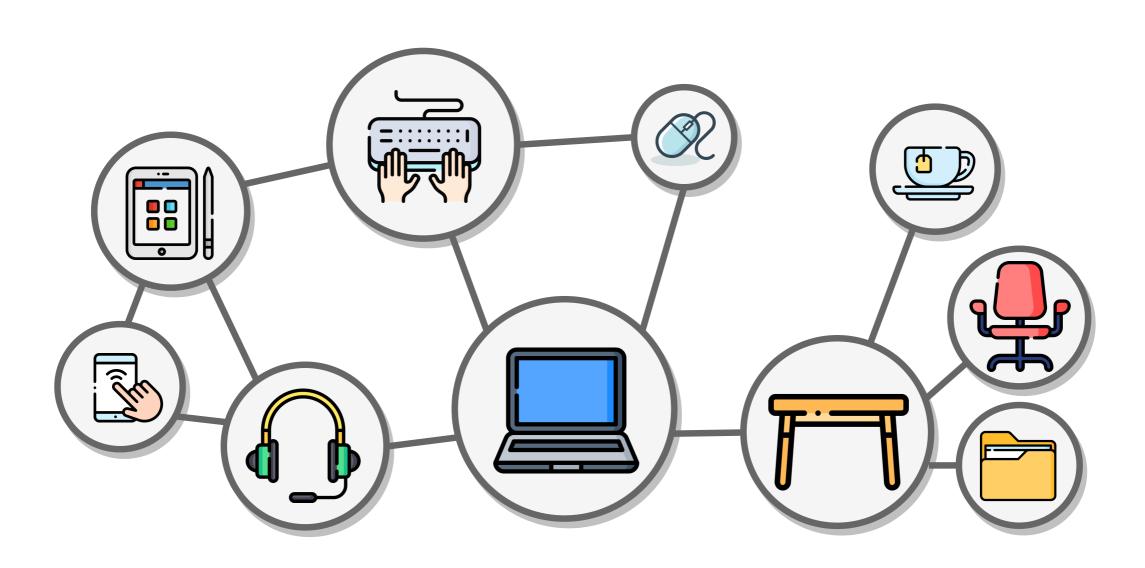
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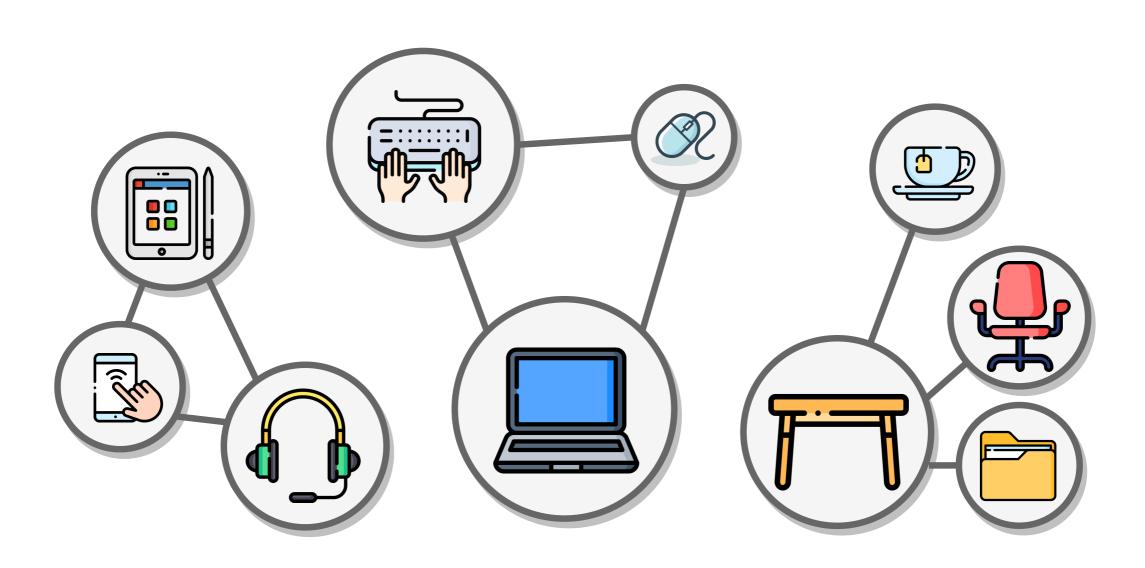
Pro: Balanced Workload

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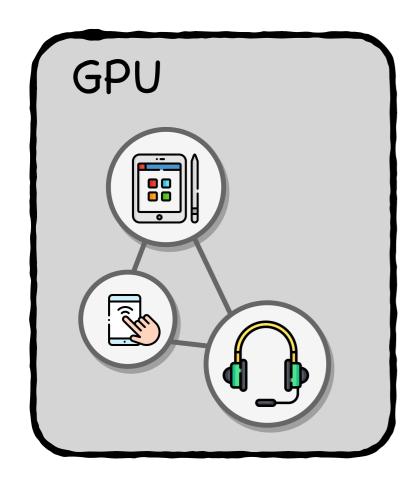
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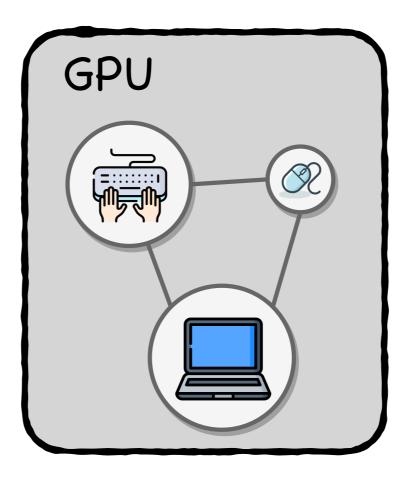


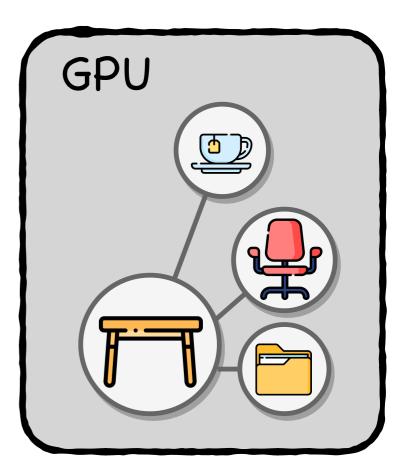
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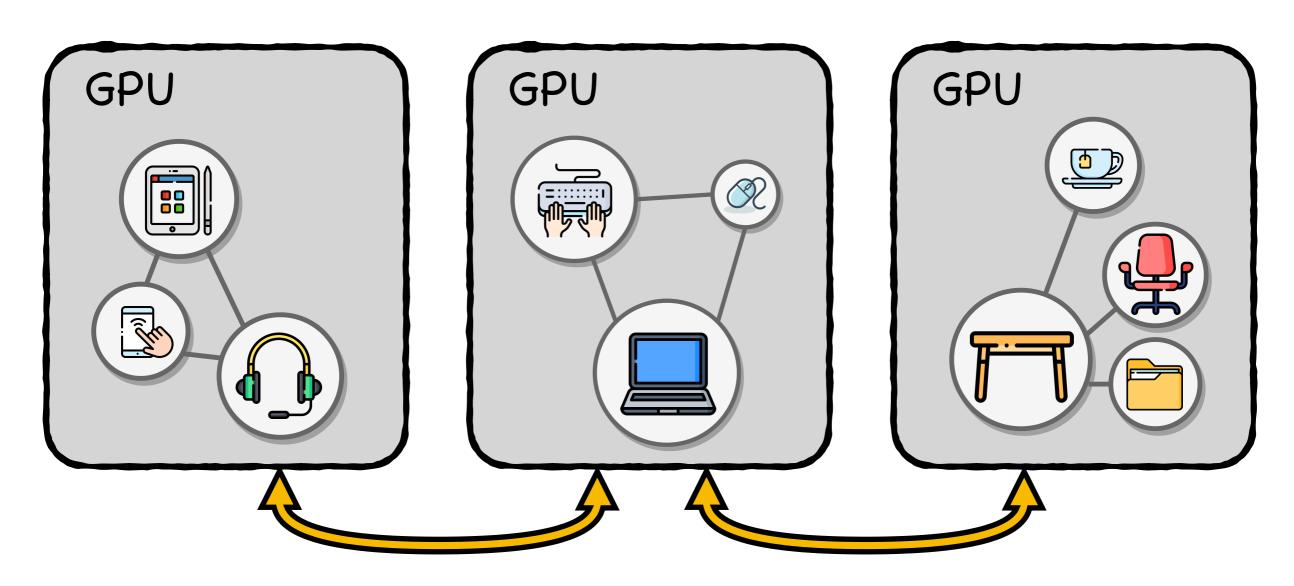
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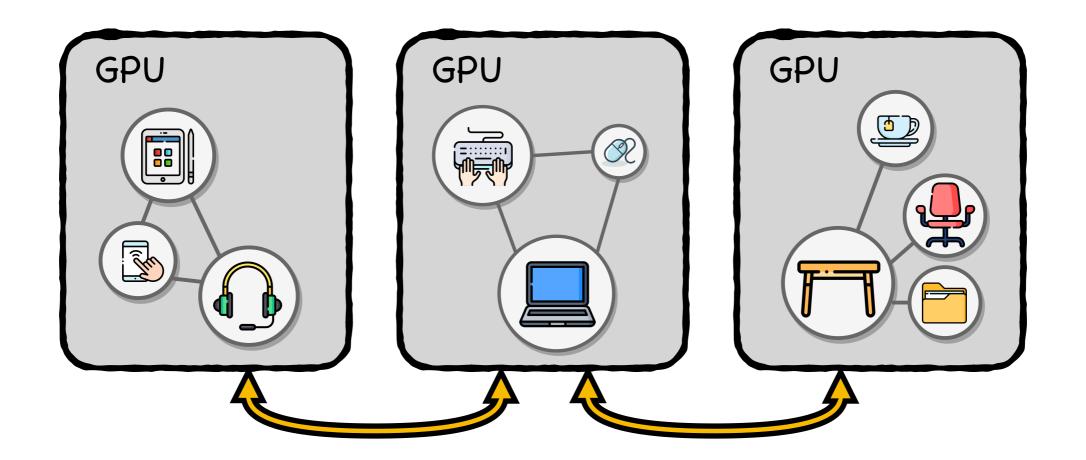


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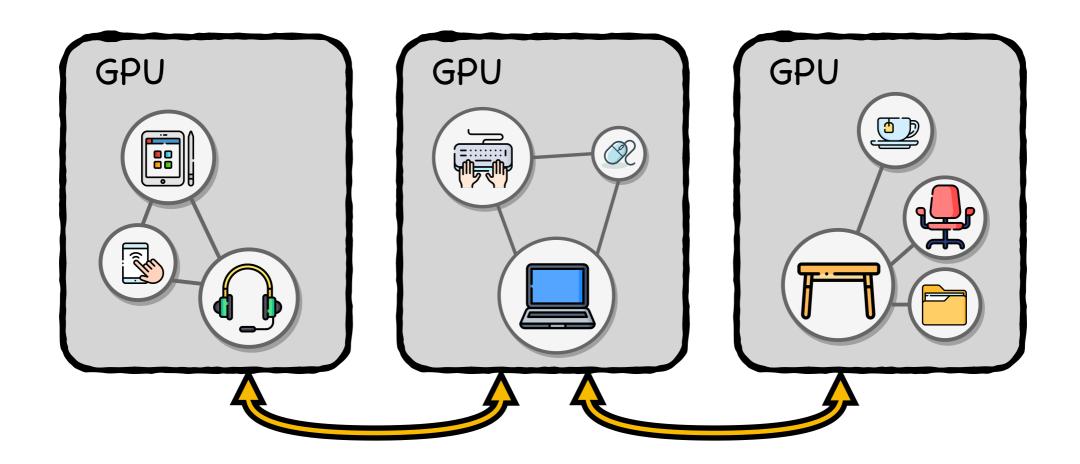


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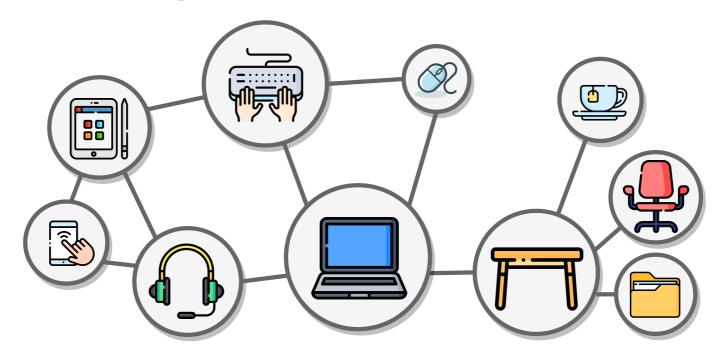


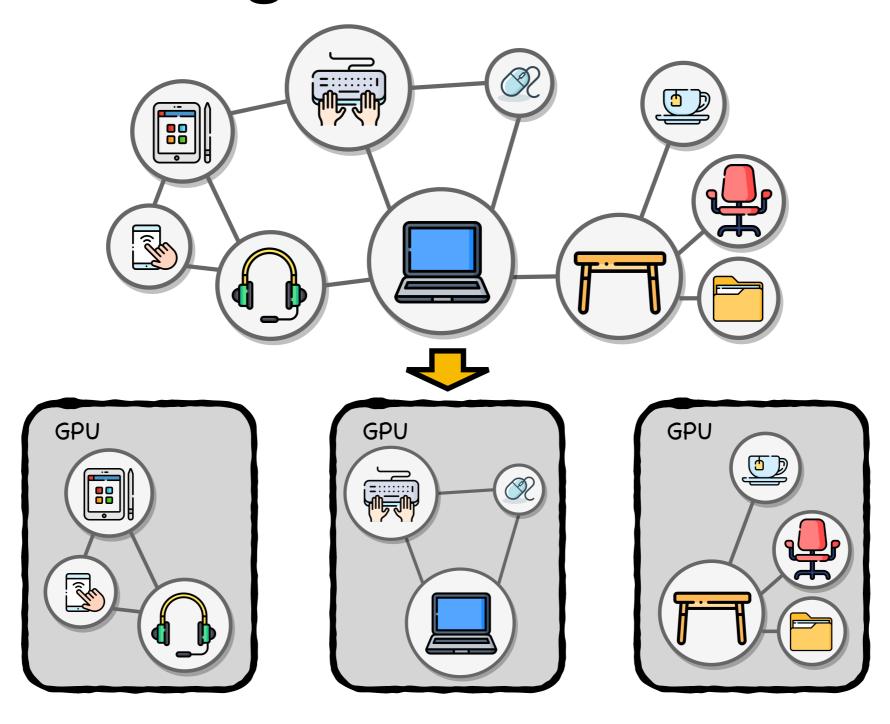
Pro: Reduced Communication The drawback is **not well studied**

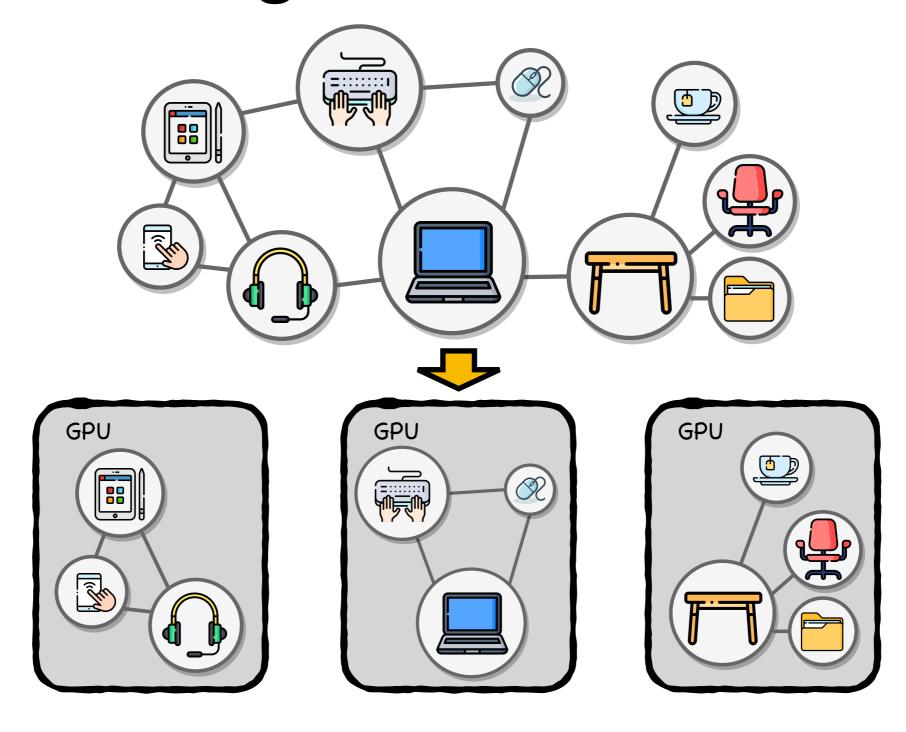
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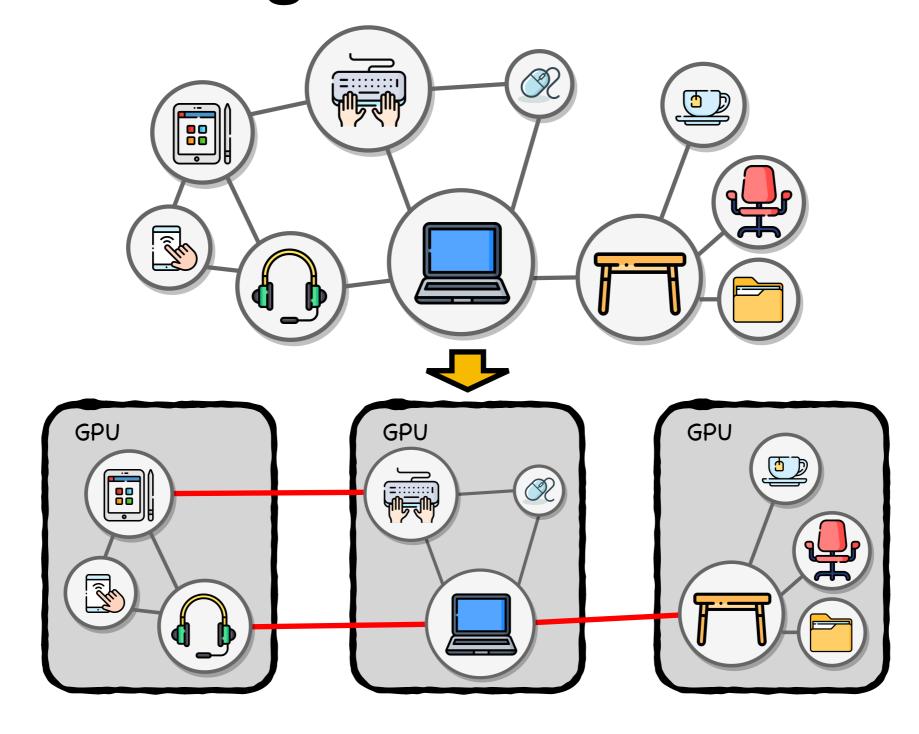
BNS-GCN

- ◆ Identifying drawbacks of partition-based training
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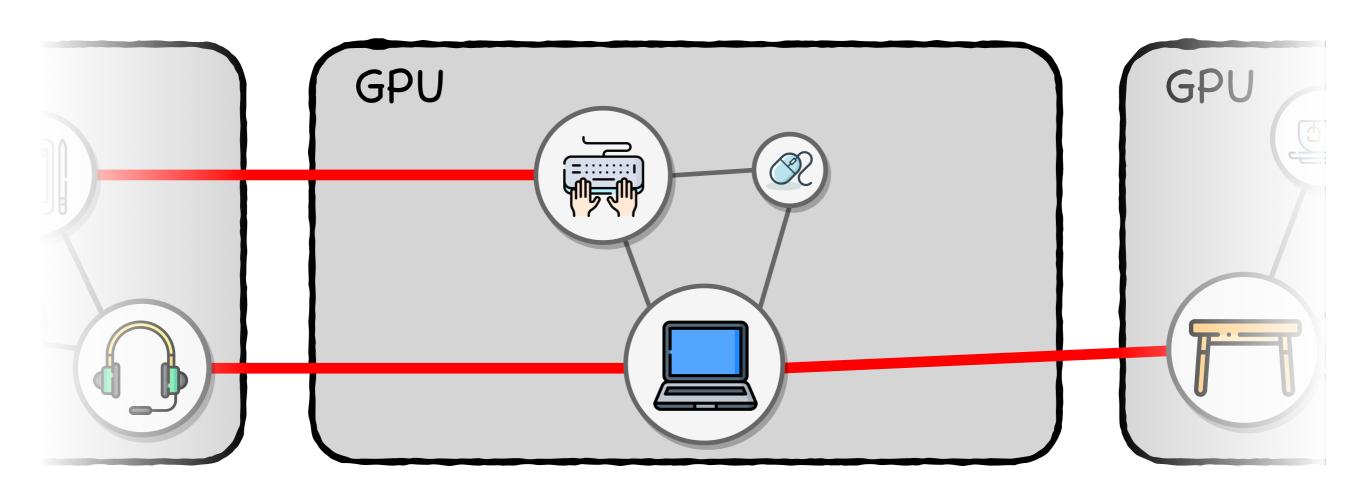




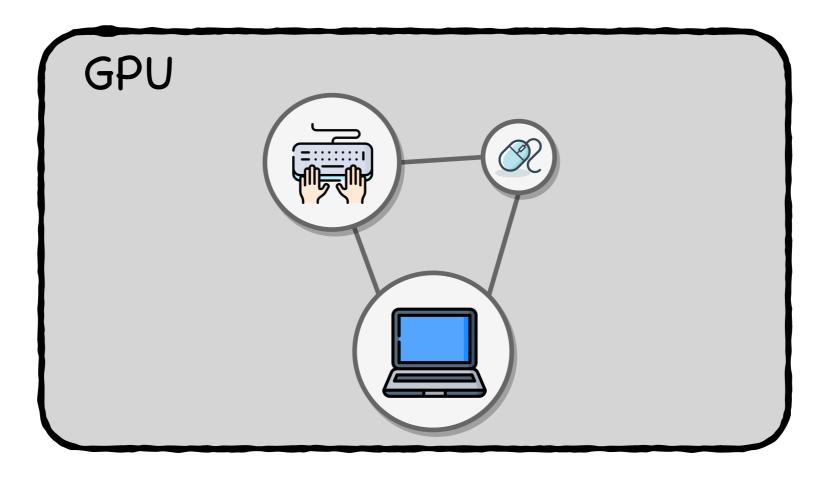


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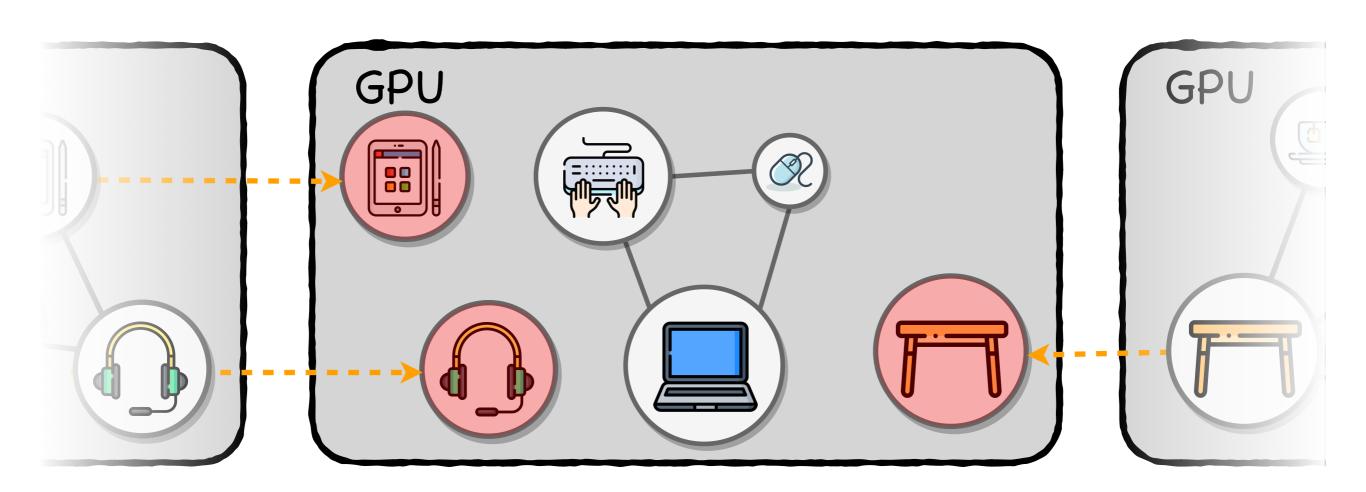
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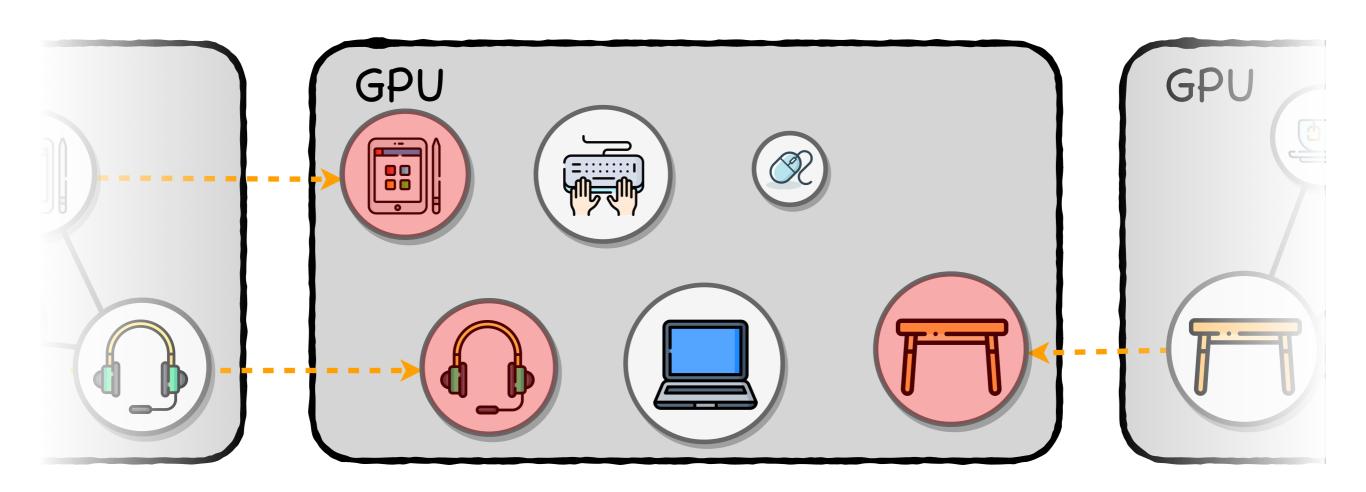


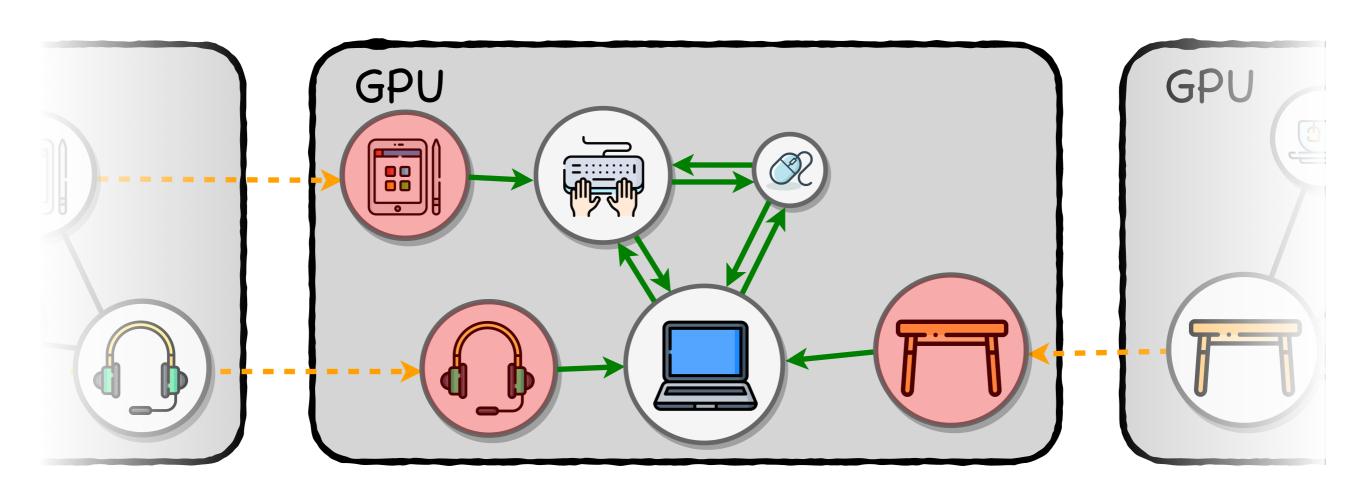




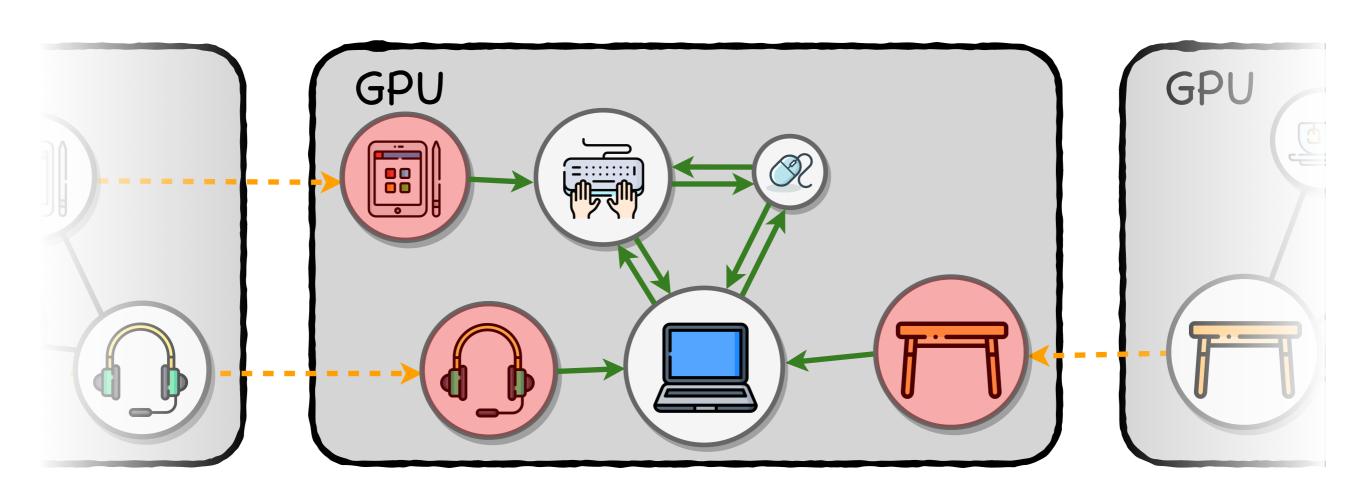


Communicating remote features





Computing local features

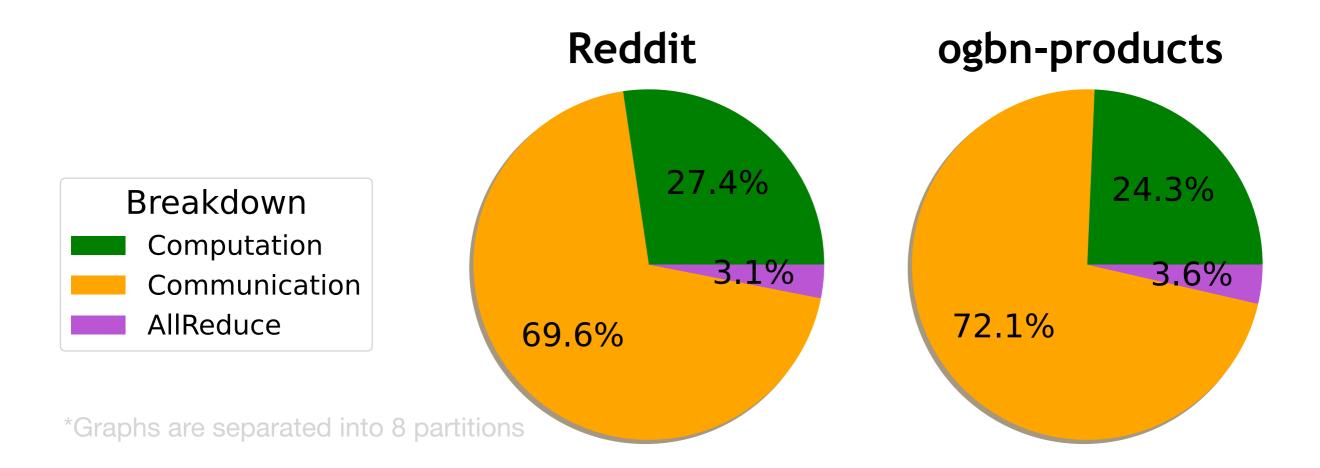




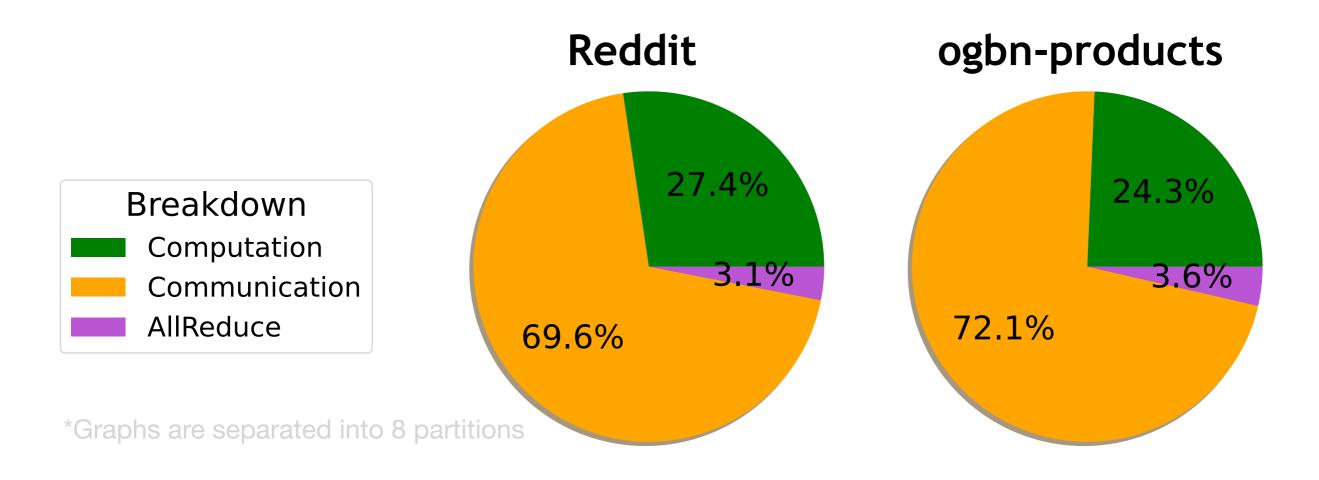


Identifying Drawbacks

Training Time Breakdown



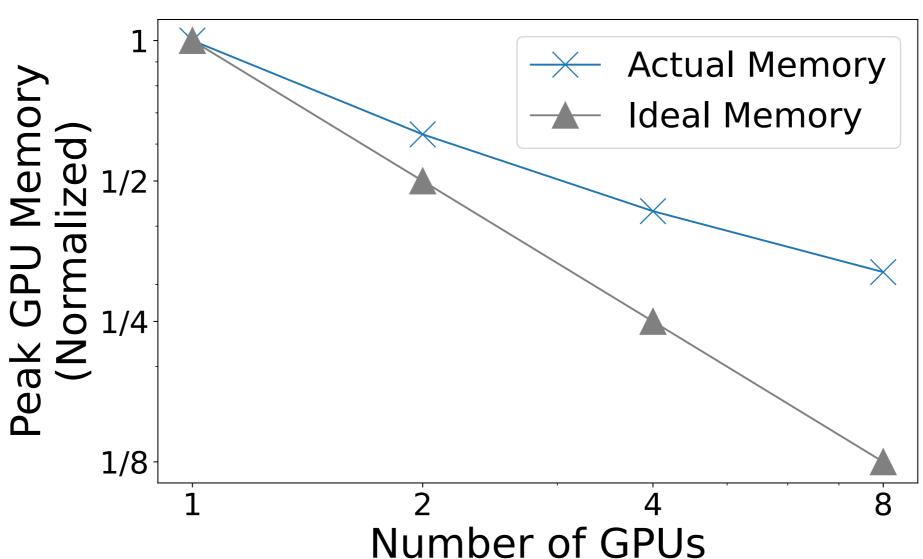
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Drawback I: Significant Communication Overhead

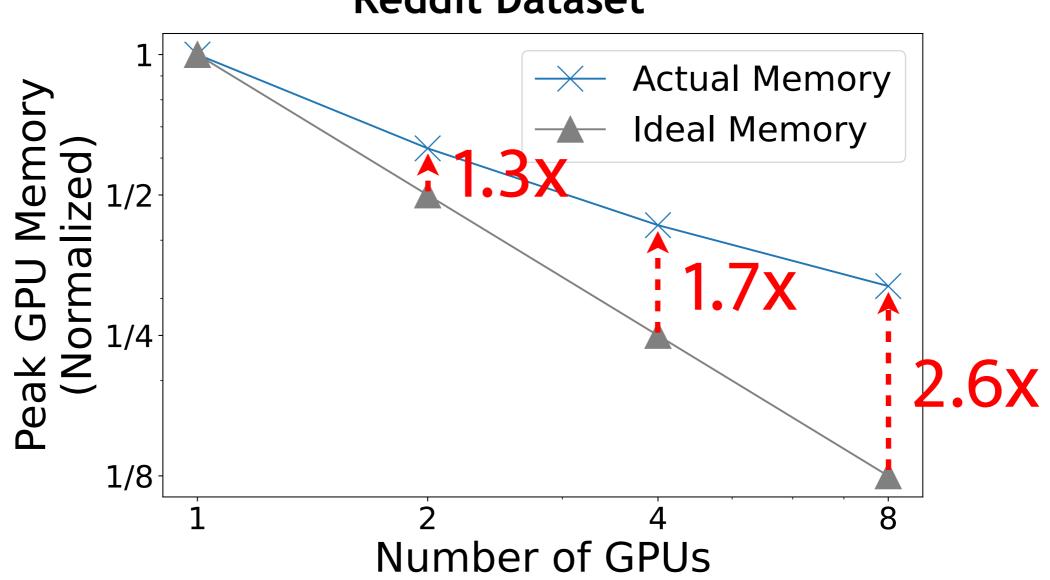
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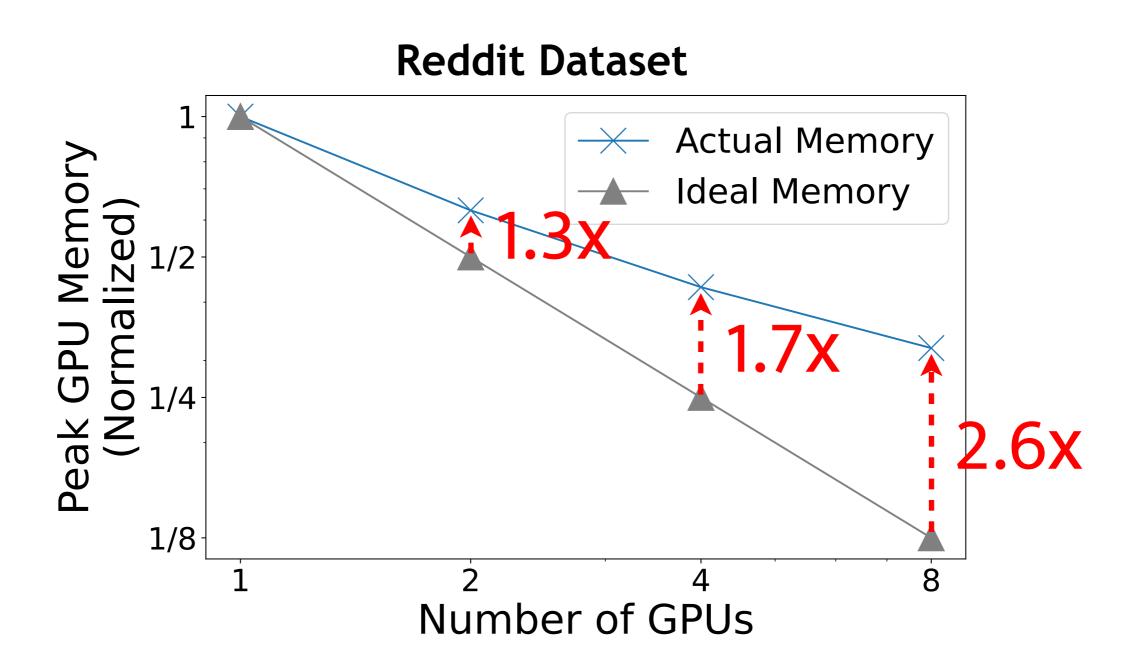


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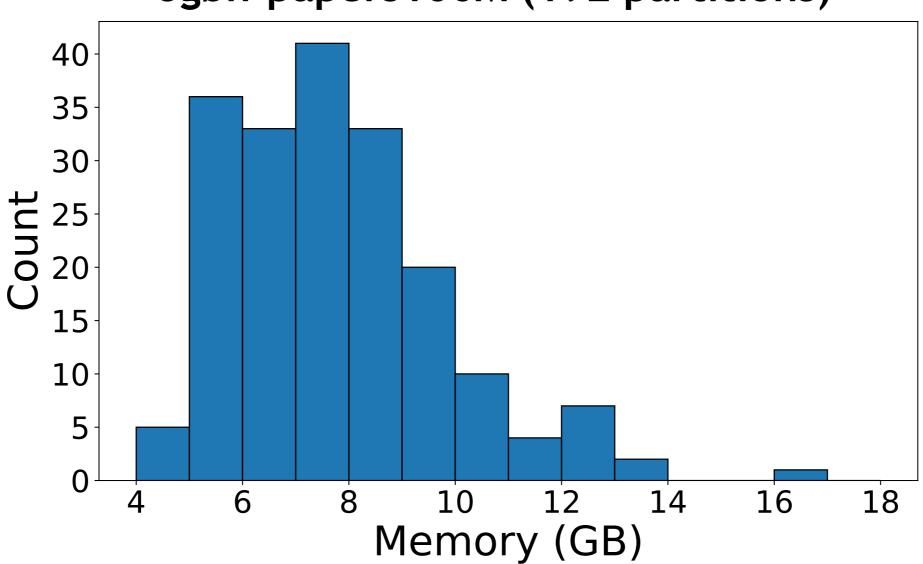
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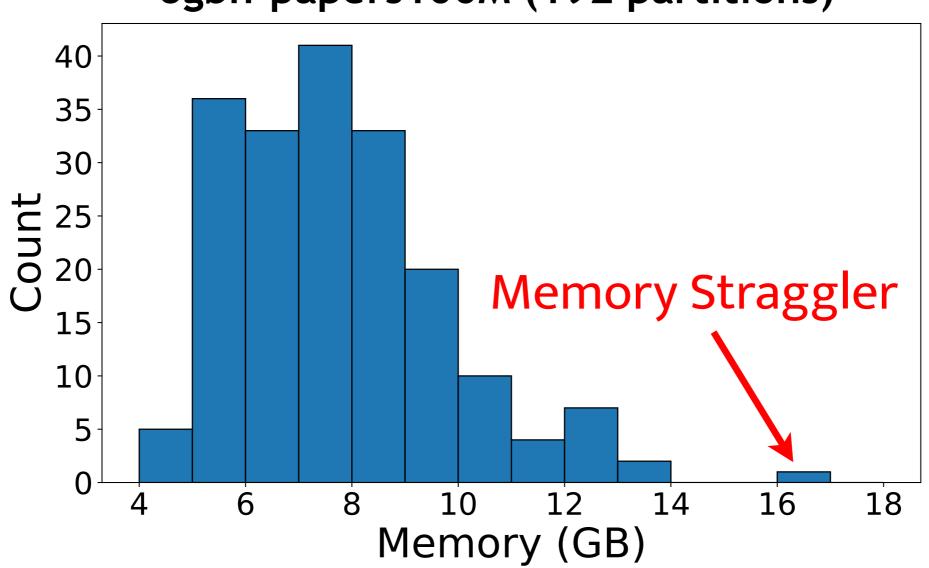
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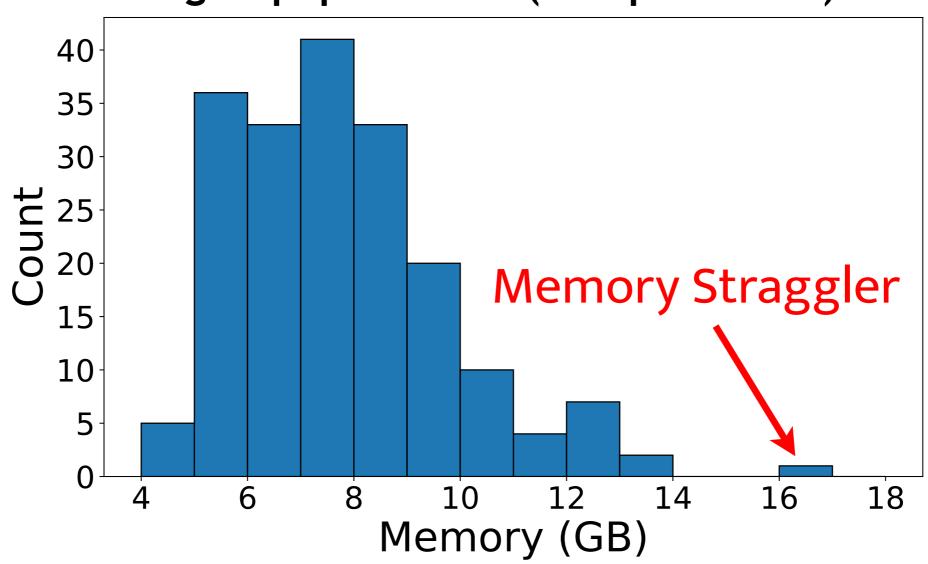
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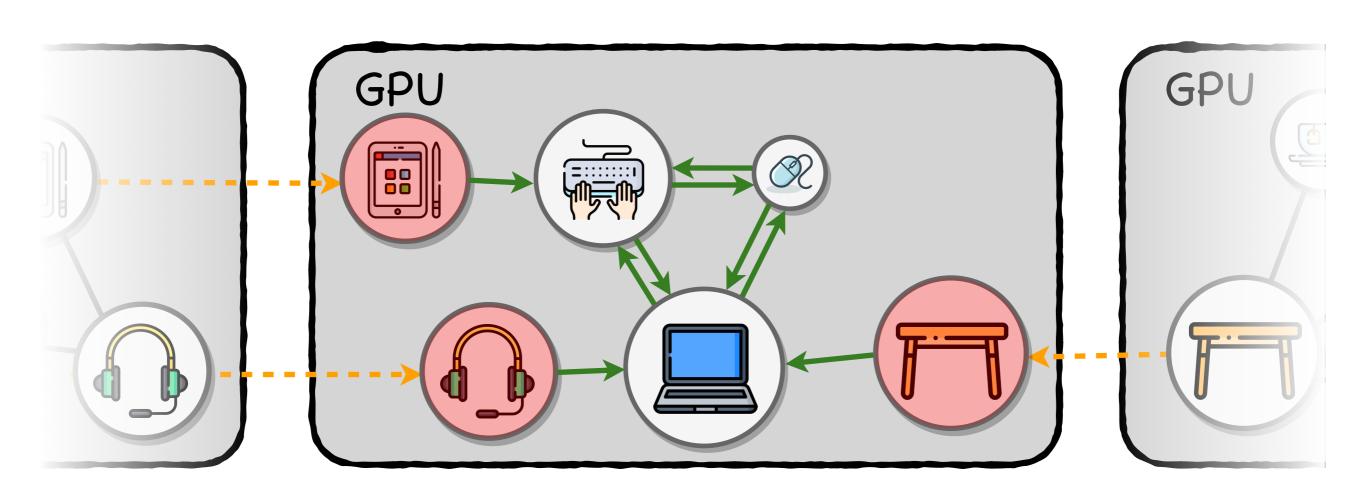
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Drawback III: Imbalanced Memory across GPUs

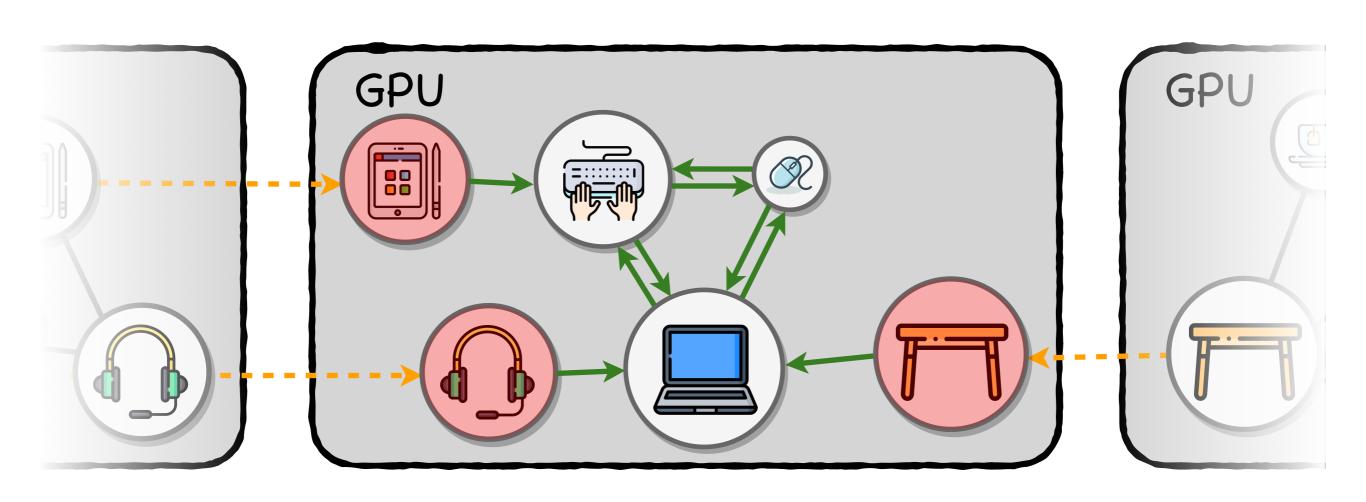
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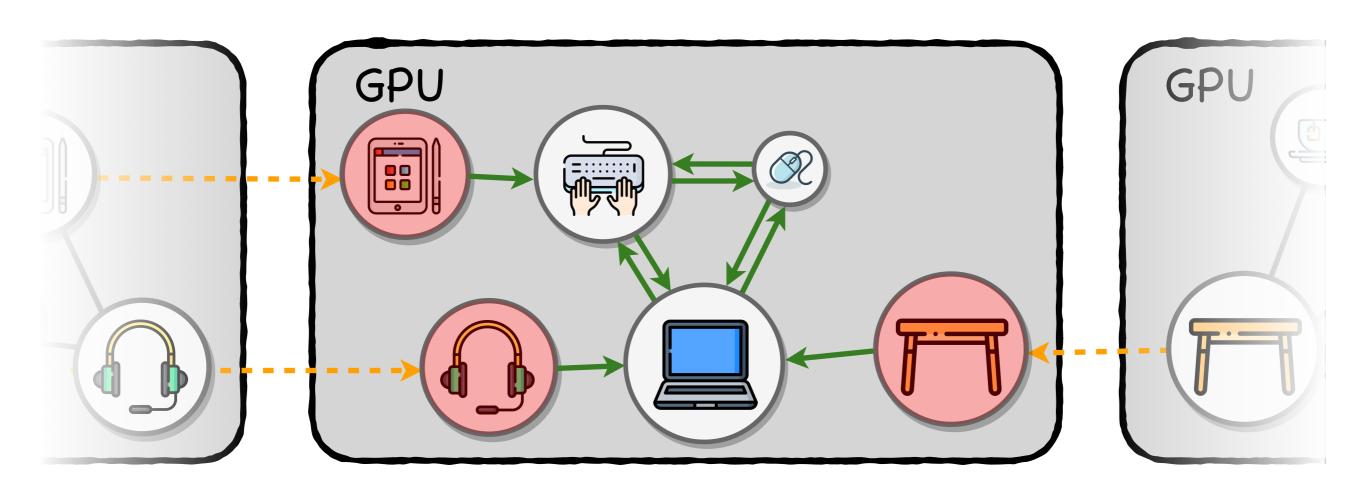




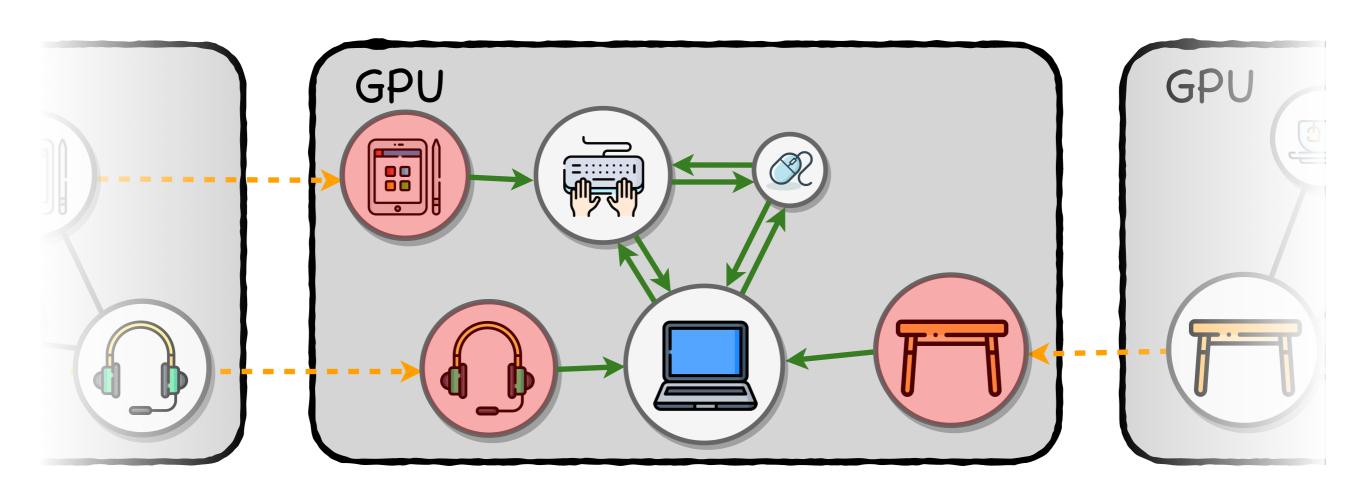




The i-th partition has $n_{in}^{(i)}$ inner nodes and $n_{bd}^{(i)}$ boundary nodes

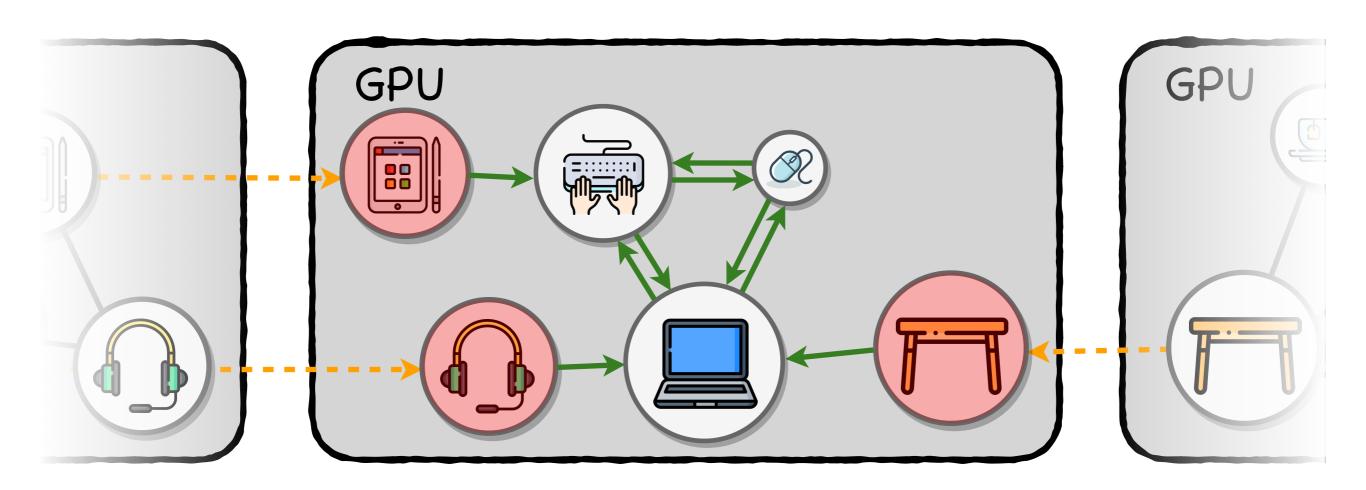


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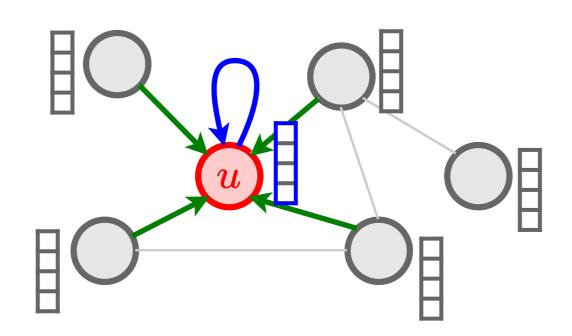
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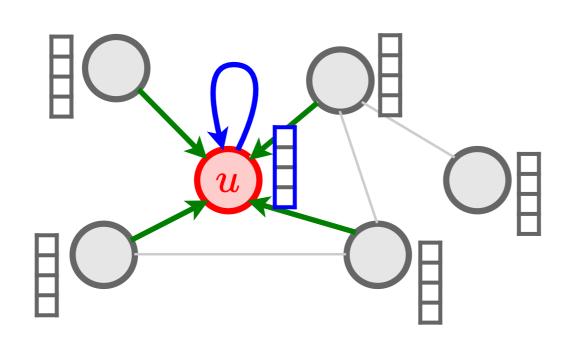
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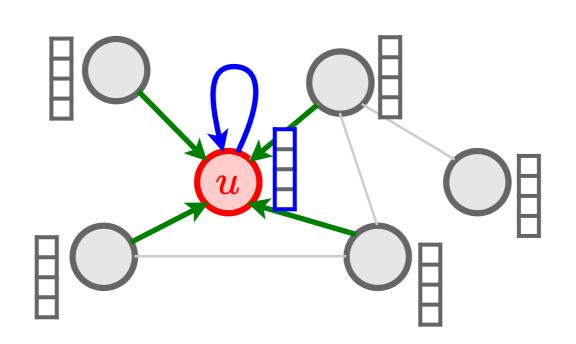


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Aggregation: $n_{in}^{(i)} + n_{hd}^{(i)}$

Linear + Activation: $2n_{in}^{(i)}$

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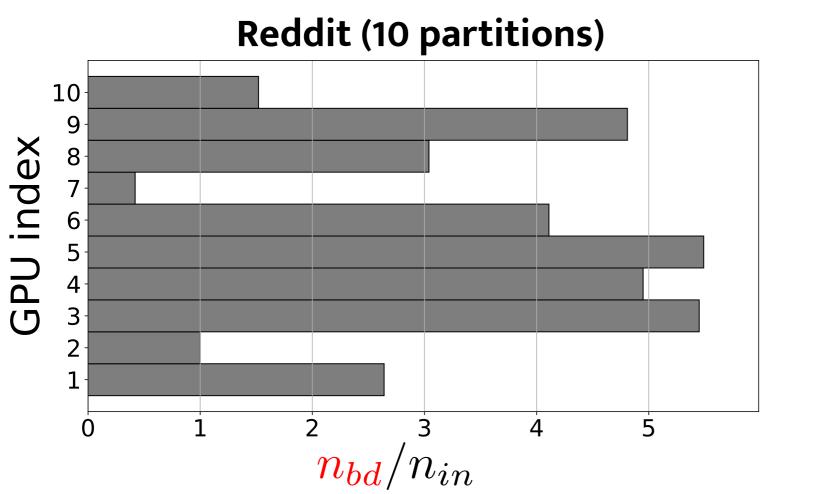
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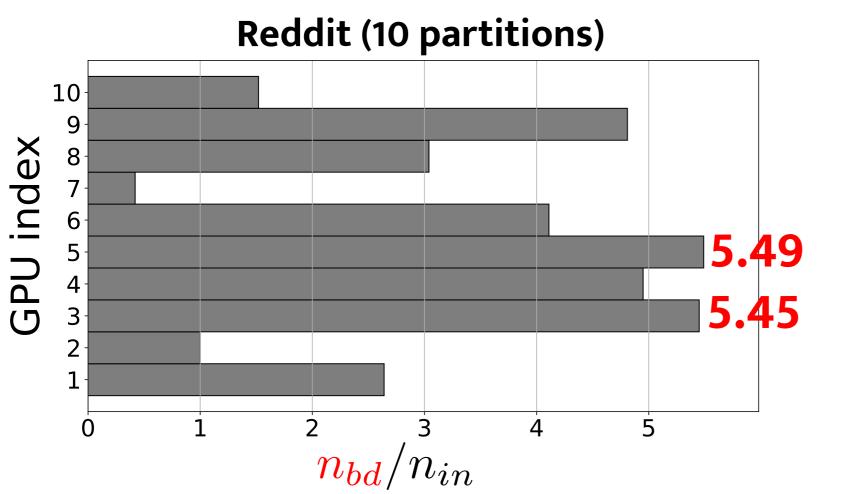
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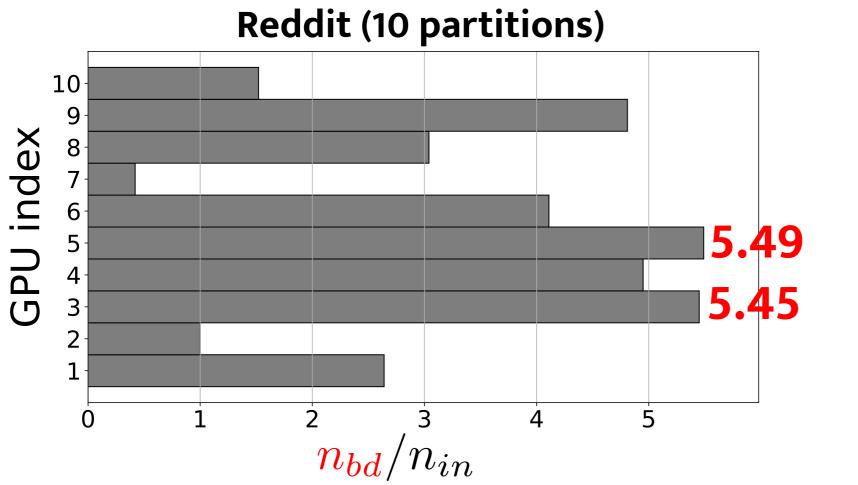


Contribution I: Identify the Underlying Cause

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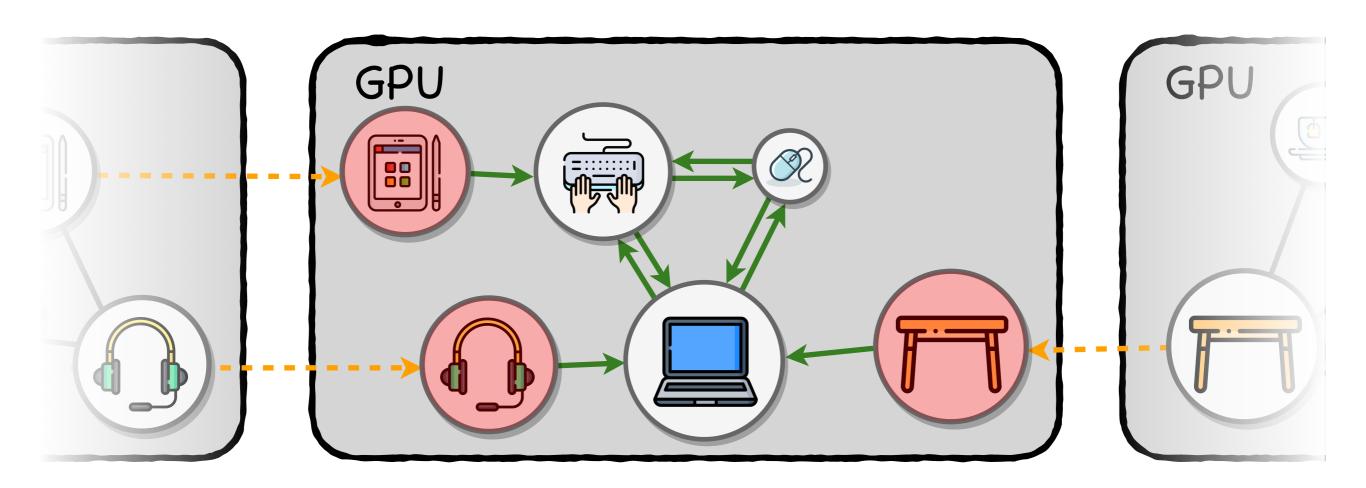
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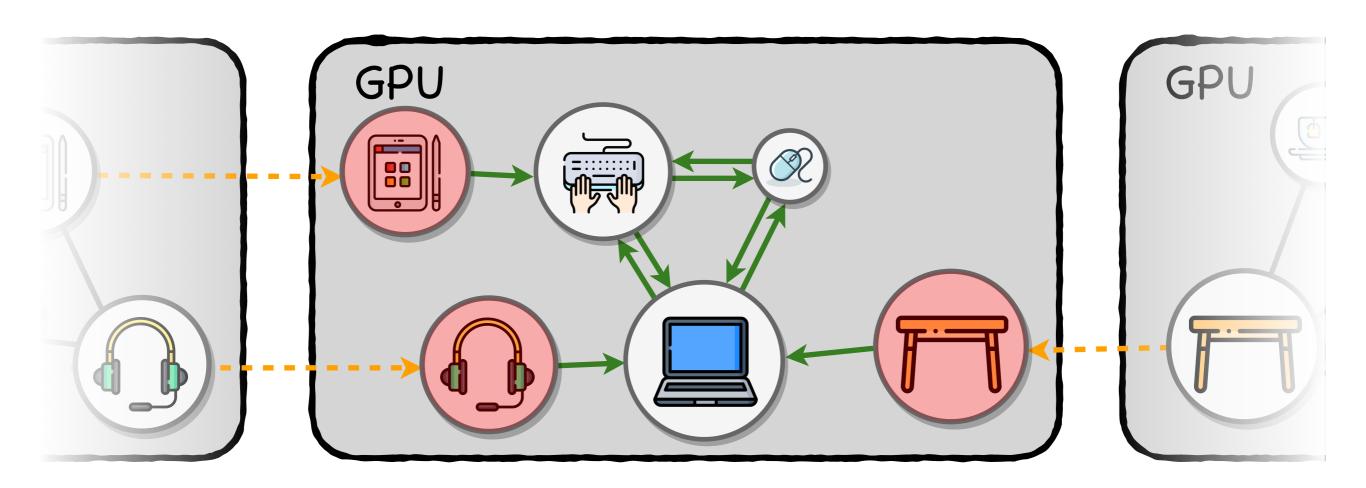


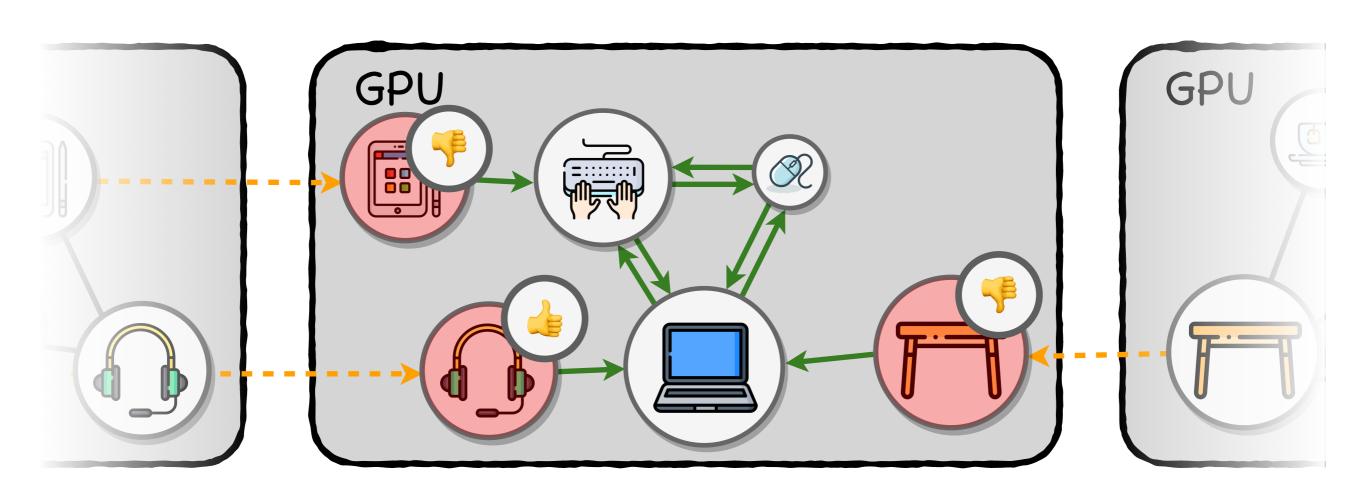
Boundary nodes are the cause

How to solve them? One stone three birds?

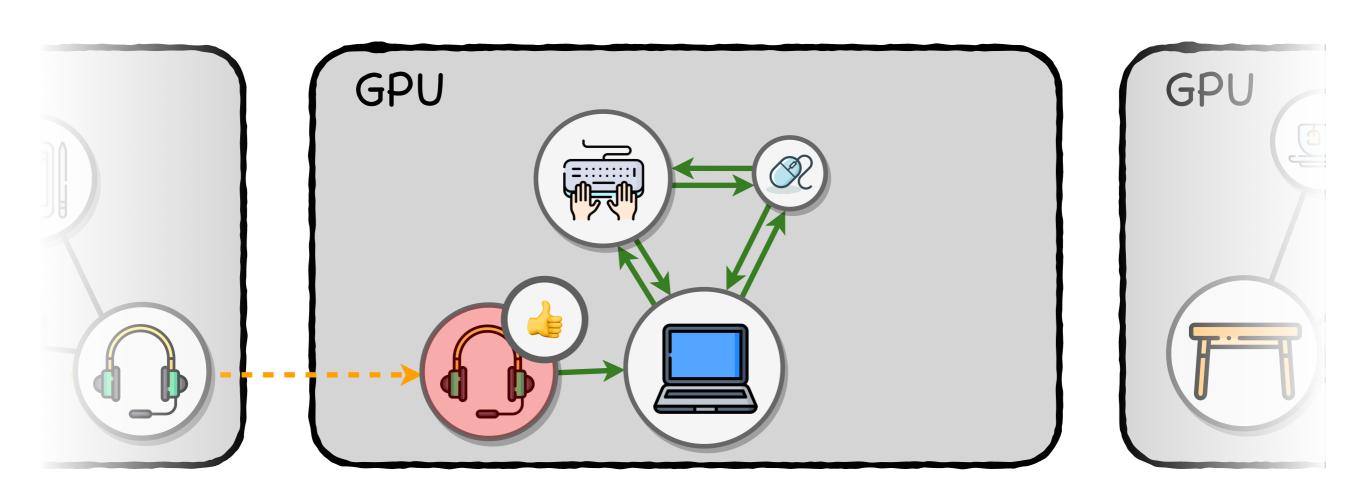




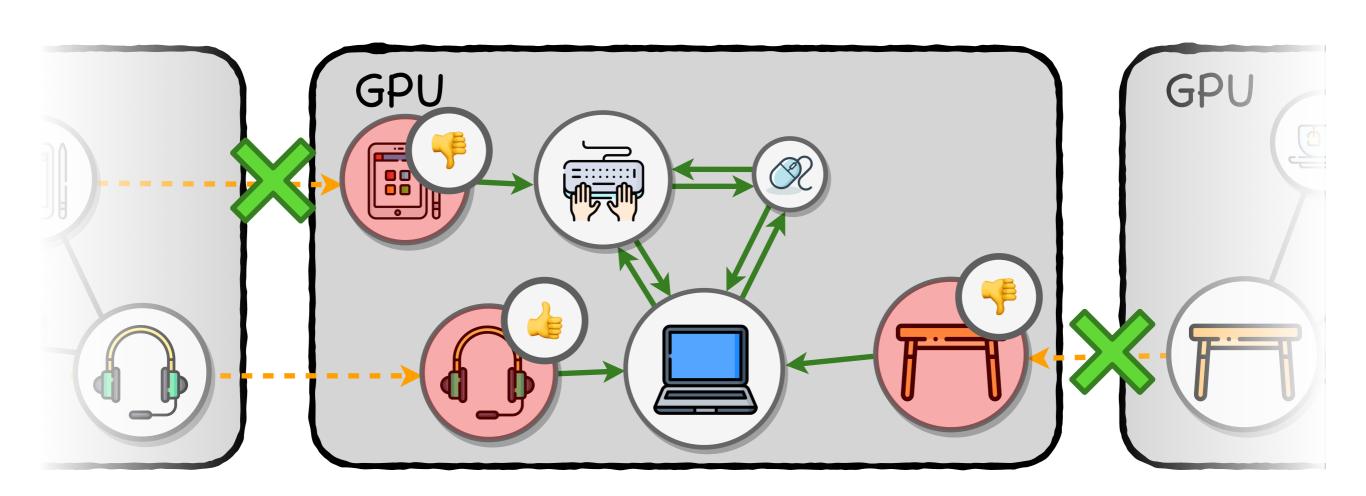




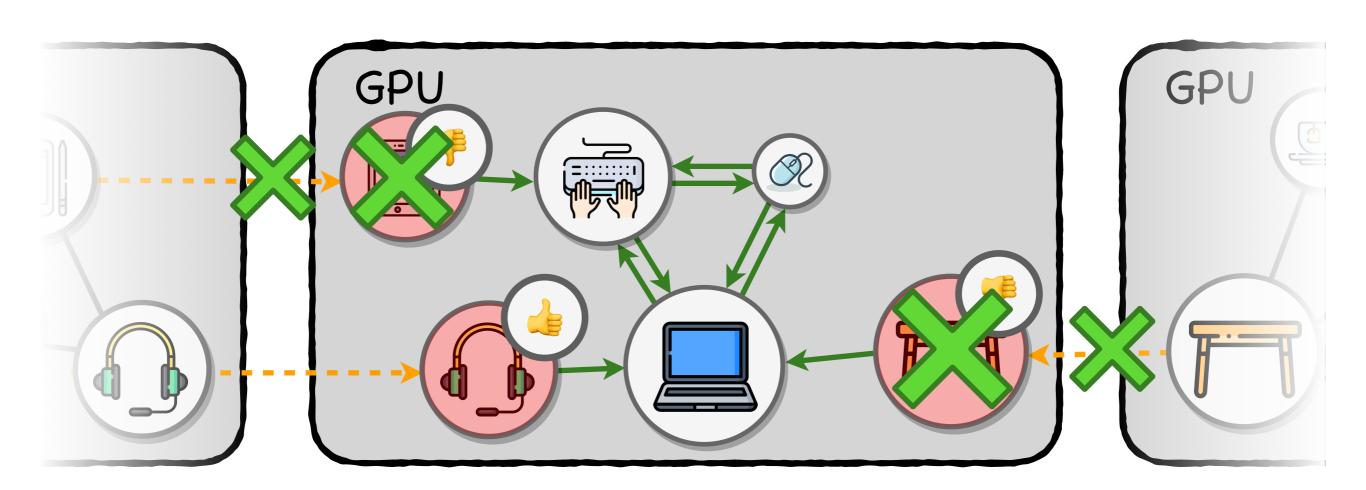
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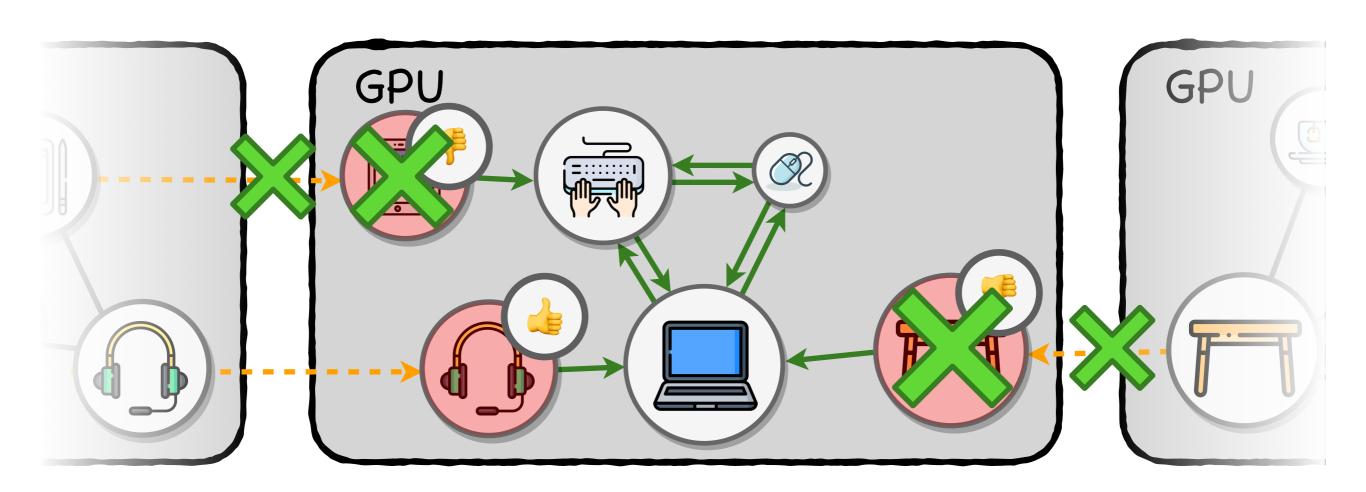
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Reducing communication volume



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Method

Variance

We compare the **variance** of feature approximation (lower is better)

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More analysis is in our paper

Experiments

Experiment Setup

Considered Datasets

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Dataset Description

Name	# Nodes	# Edges	Environment
Reddit	233K	114M	
ogbn-products	2.4M	62M	10 RTX-2080Ti (11GB)
Yelp	716K	7.0M	
ogbn-papers100M	111M	1.6B	32 x (6 Tesla V100 (16GB))

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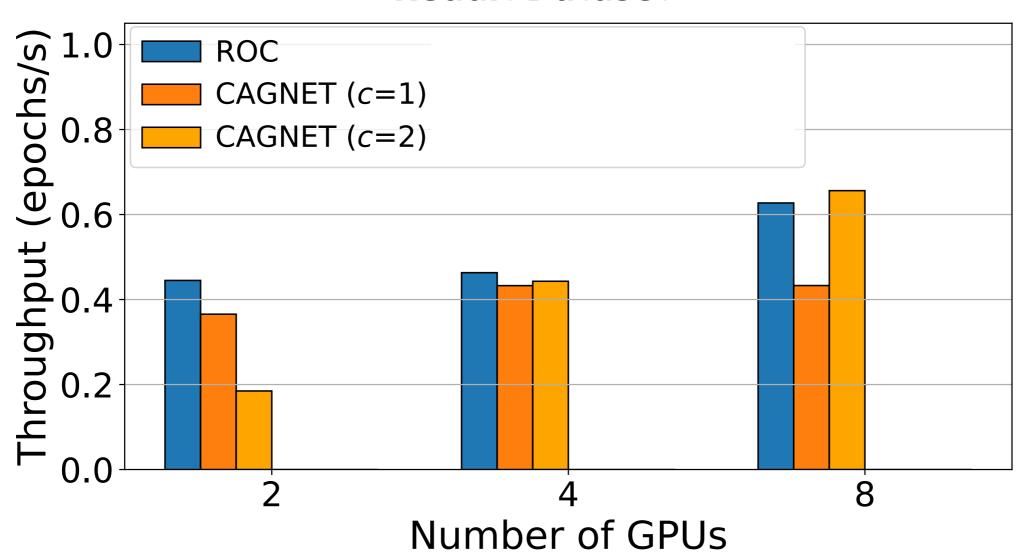
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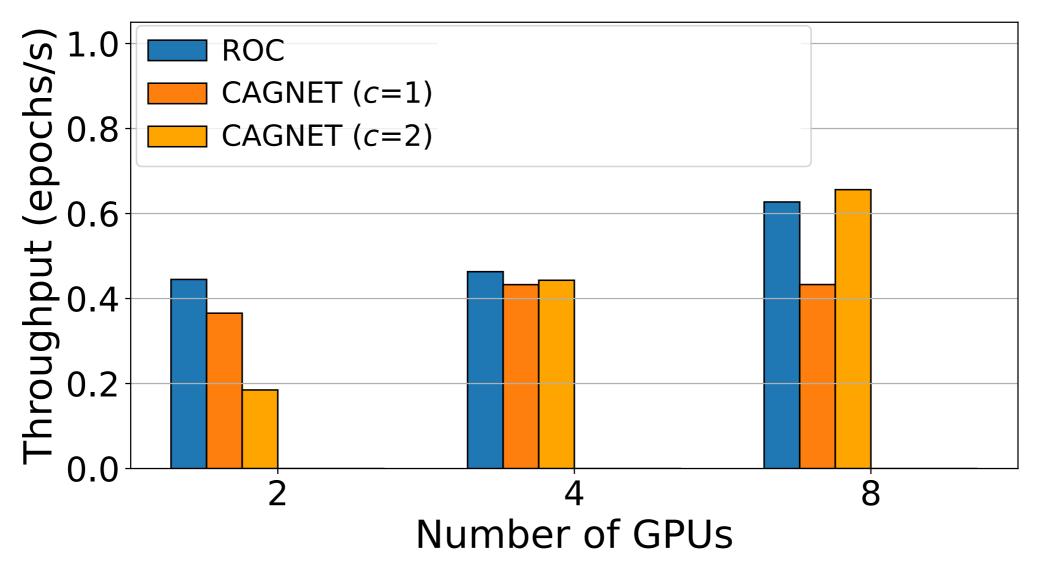
Adopted Toolkits

DGL 0.7.0 and PyTorch 1.9.1

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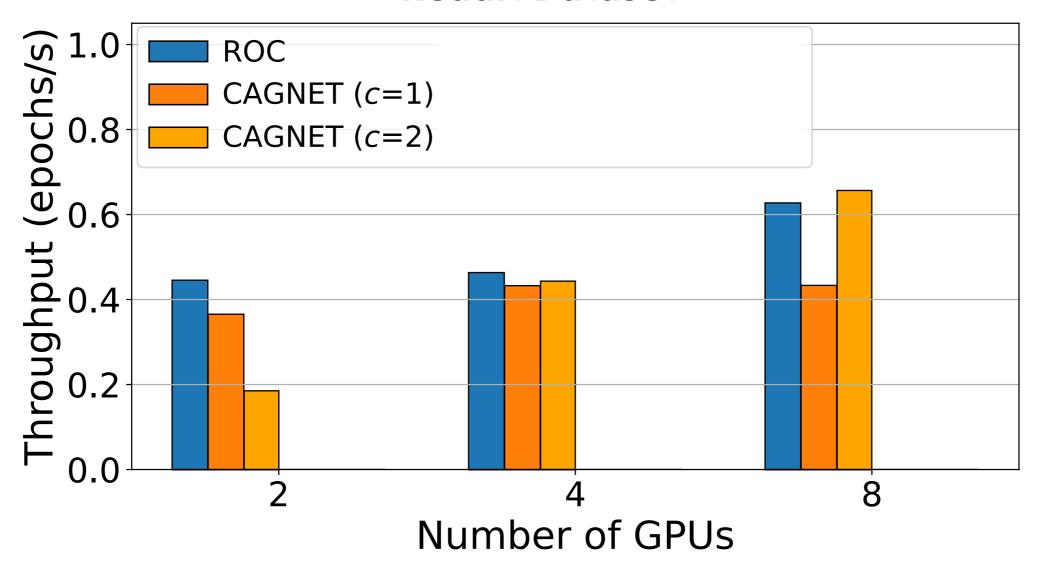


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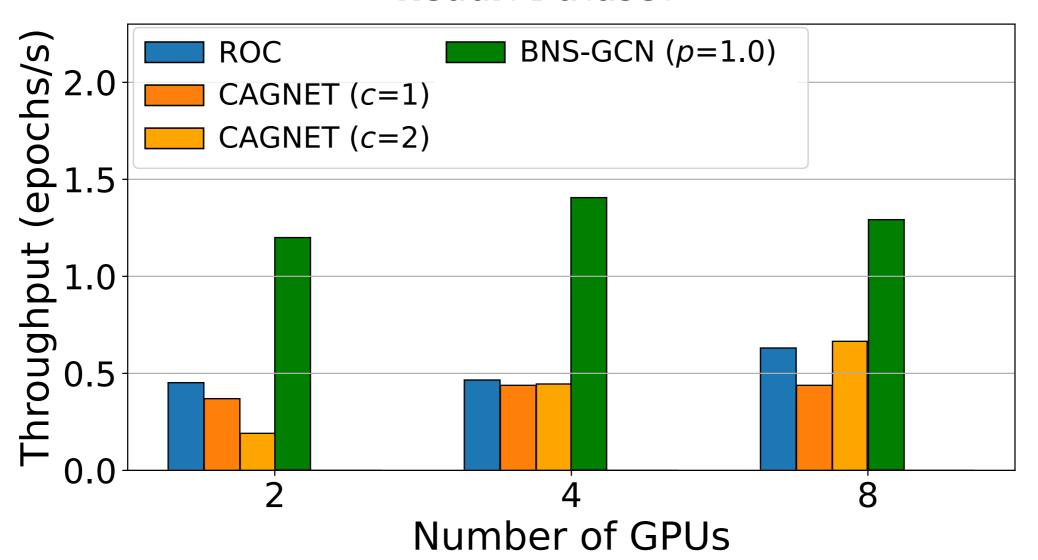
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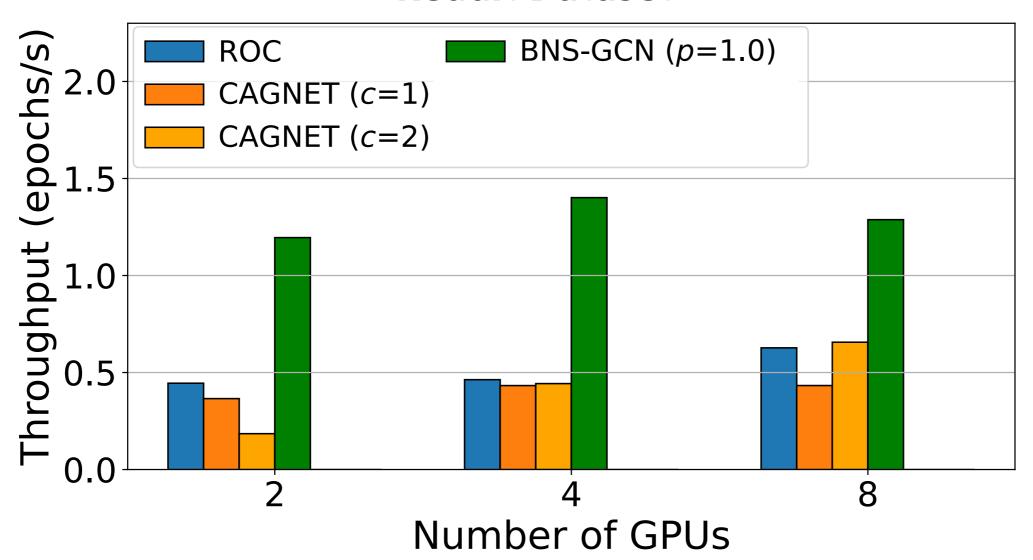


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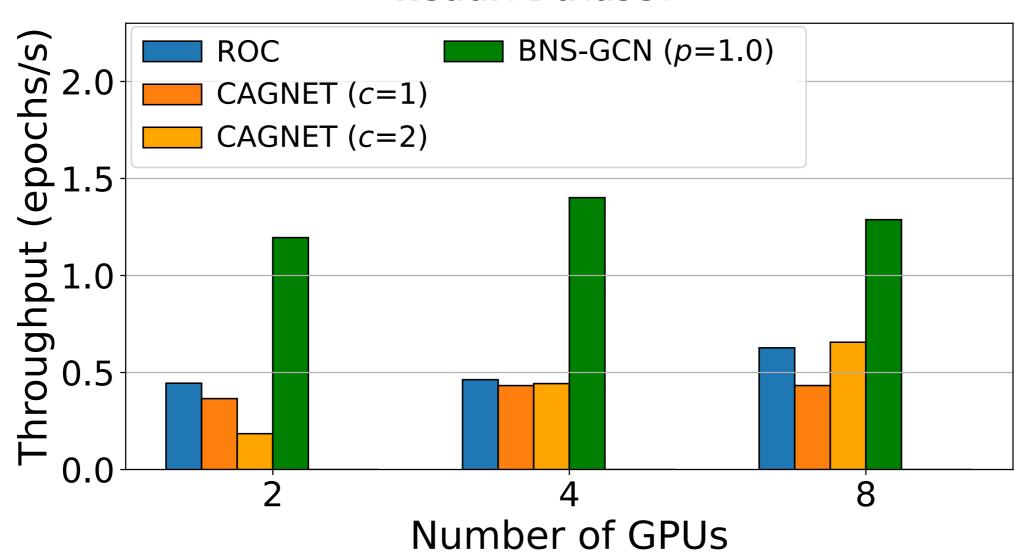
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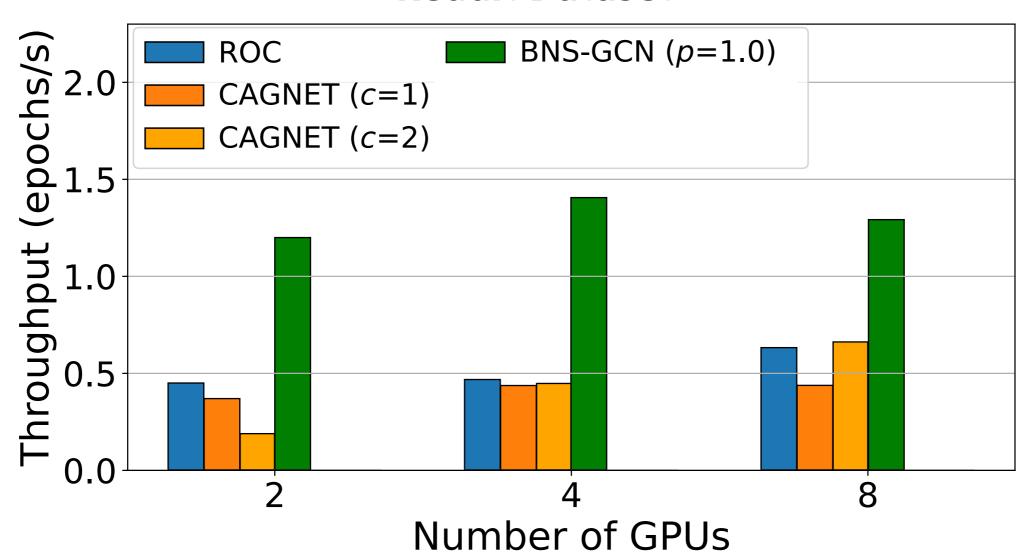


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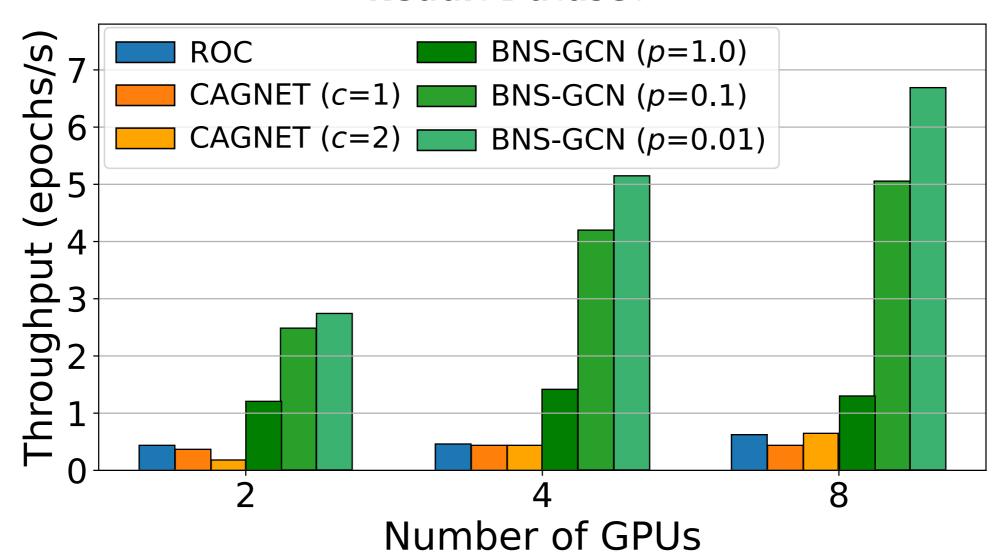
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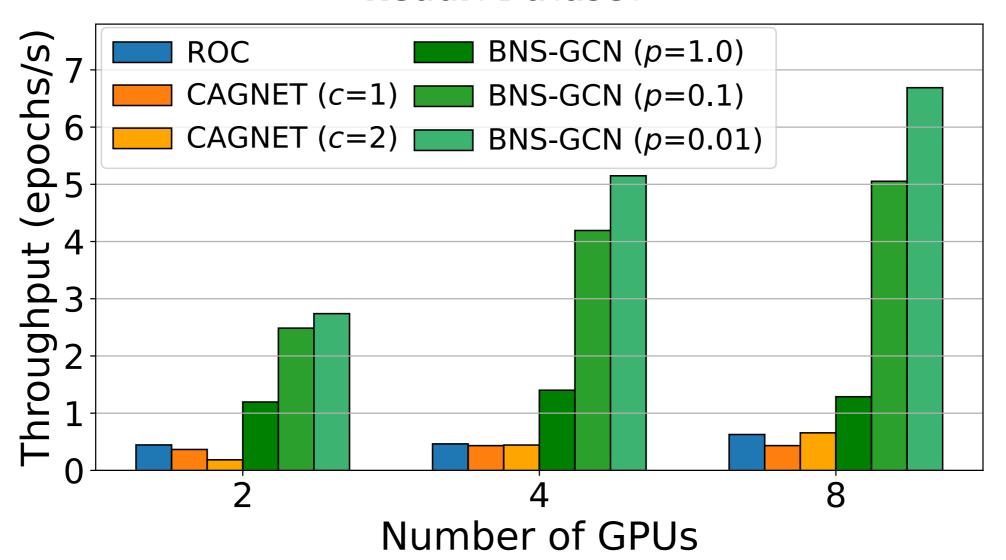


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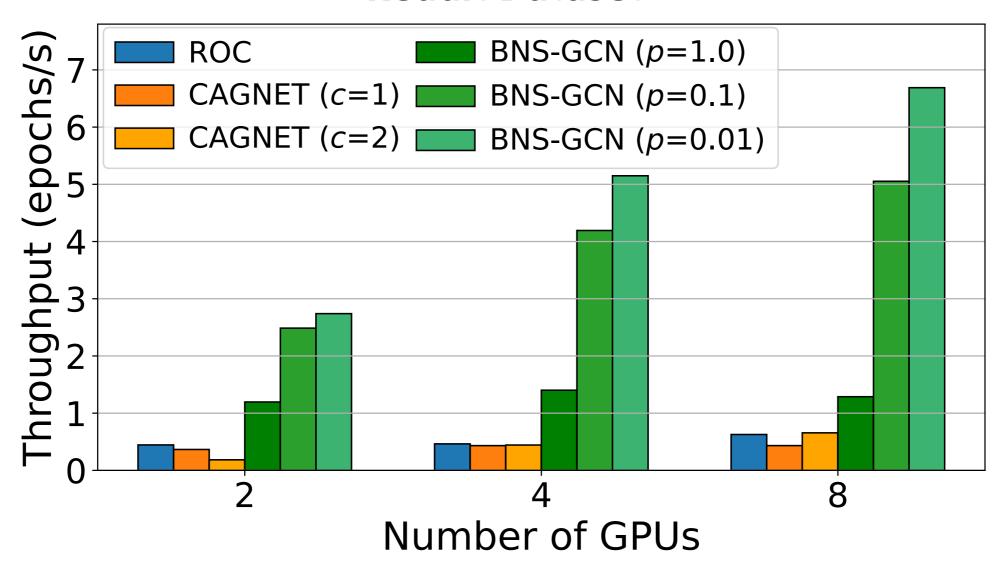
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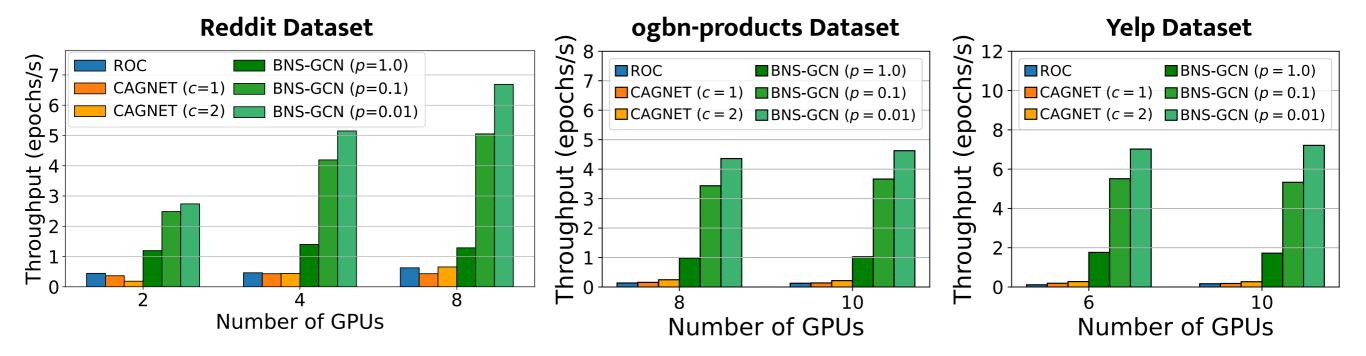
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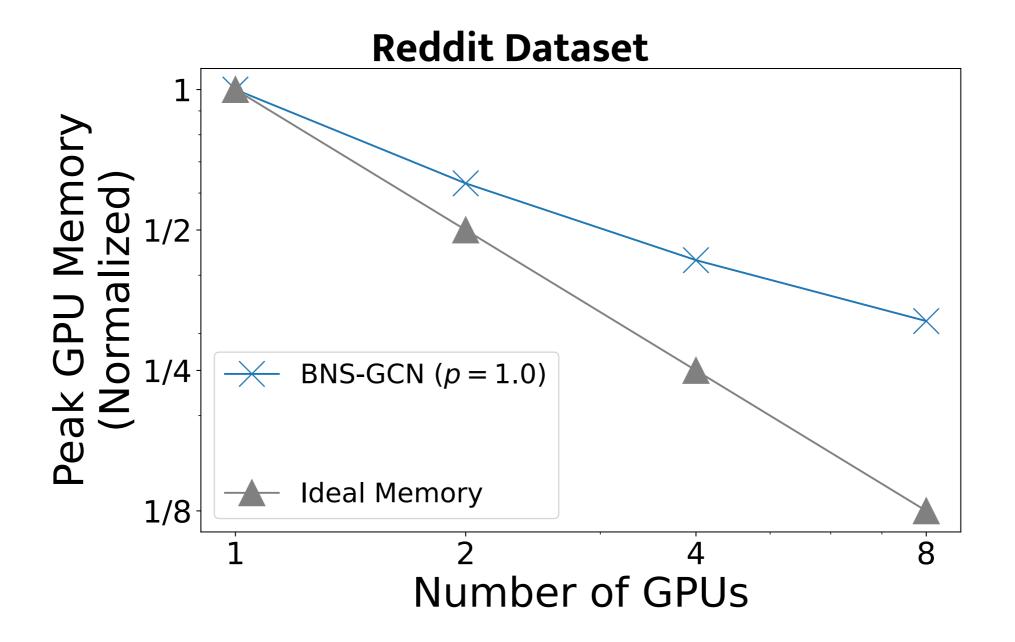


BNS-GCN: 8.9x~16.2x throughput improvement

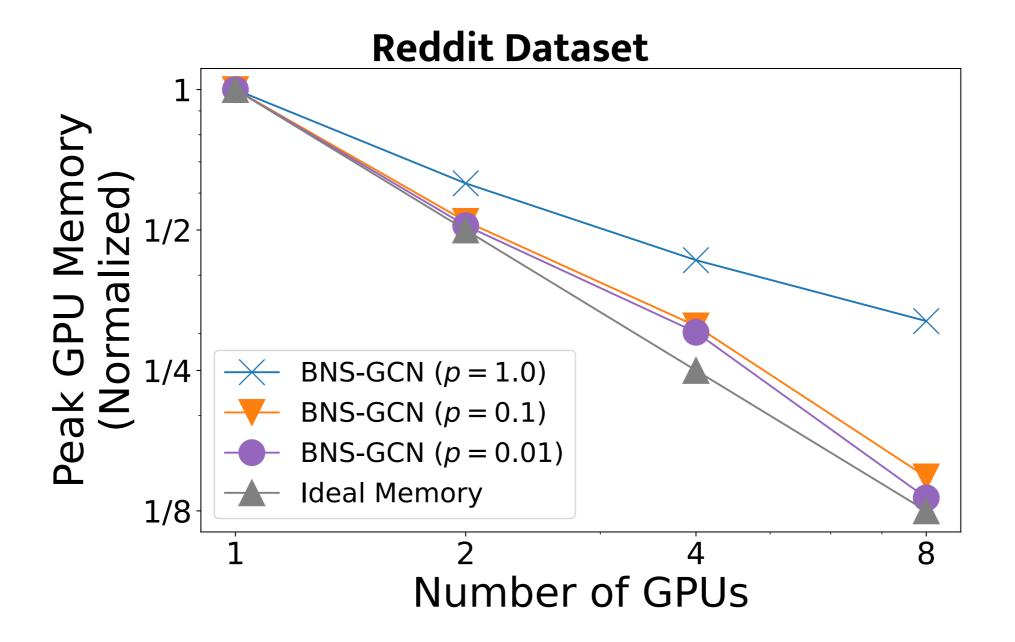


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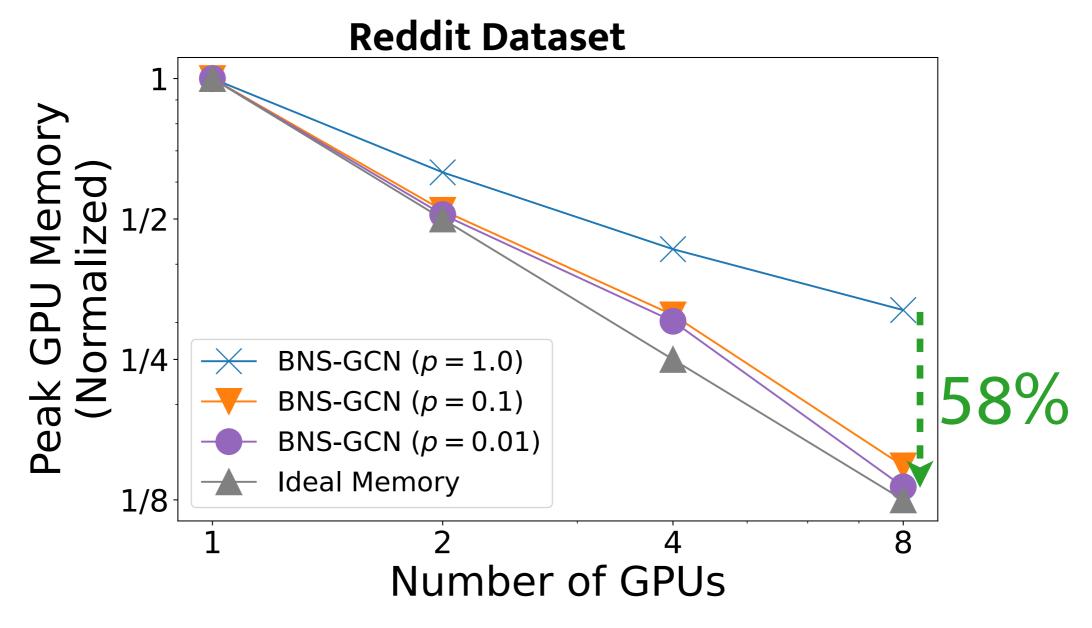
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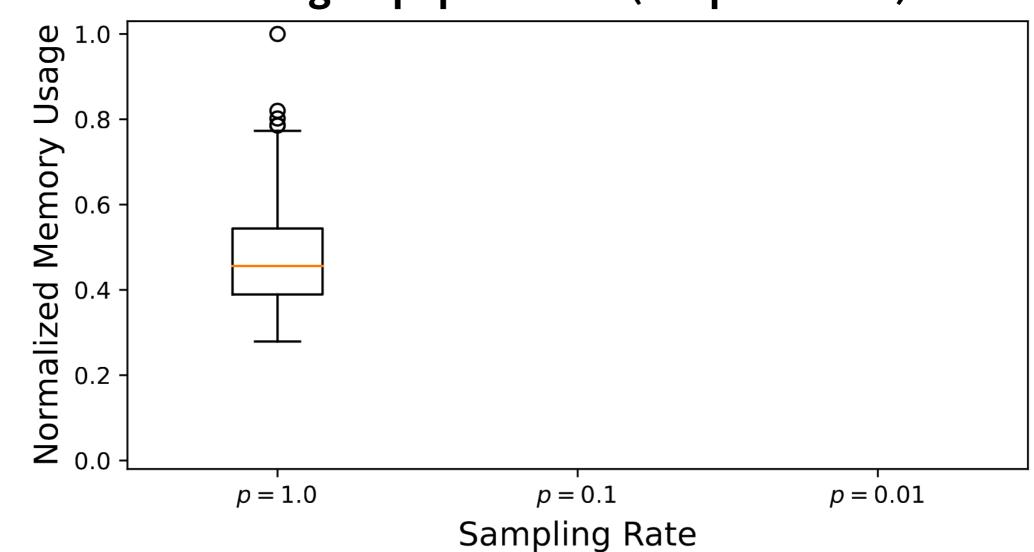
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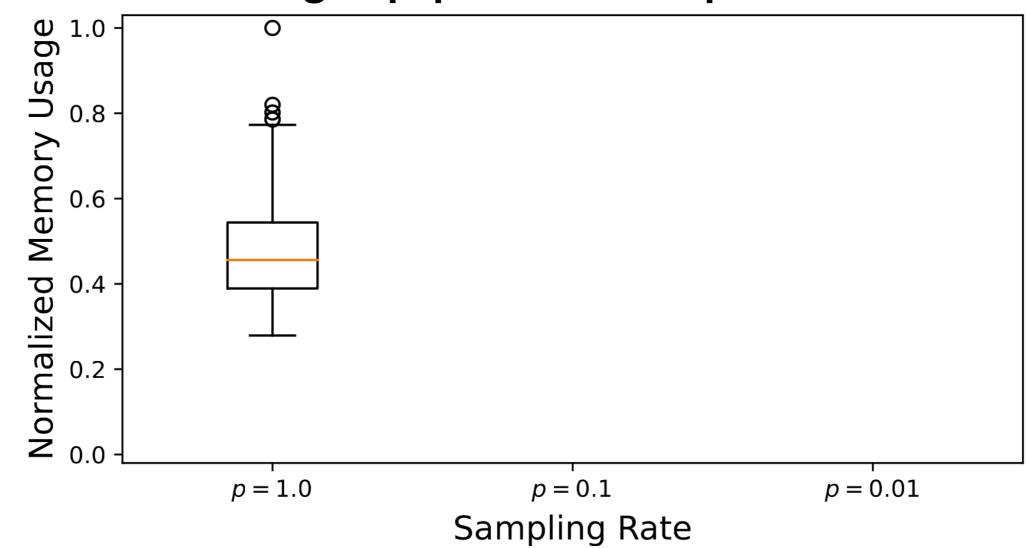
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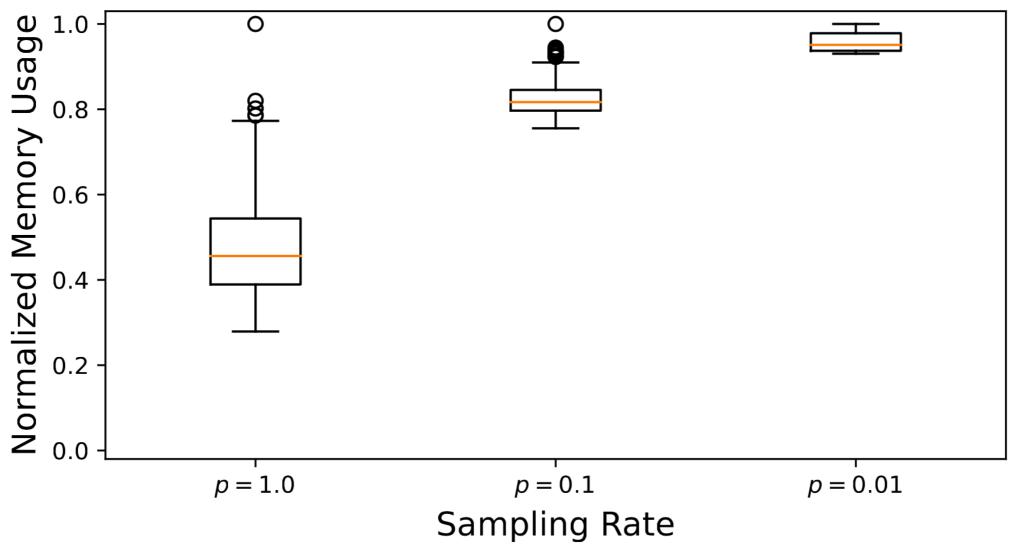
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FastGCN [ICLR'18]		93.7			60.42			26.5		
GraphSAGE [NIPS'17]	95.4			78.70			63.4			
AS-GCN [NIPS'18]	96.3			ООМ			ООМ			
LADIES [NeurIPS'19]	94.3			77.46			60.2			
VR-GCN [ICML'18]	96.3			ООМ			64.0			
ClusterGCN [KDD'19]	96.6			78.97			60.9			
GraphSAINT [ICLR'20]		96.6		79.08			65.3			

Full-graph training reaches higher accuracy than sampling-based methods

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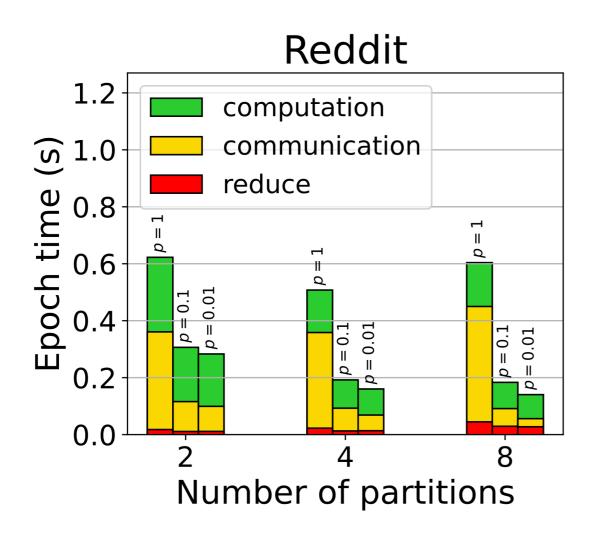
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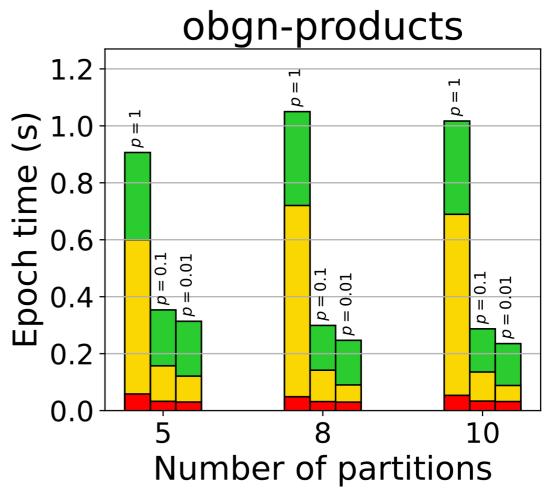




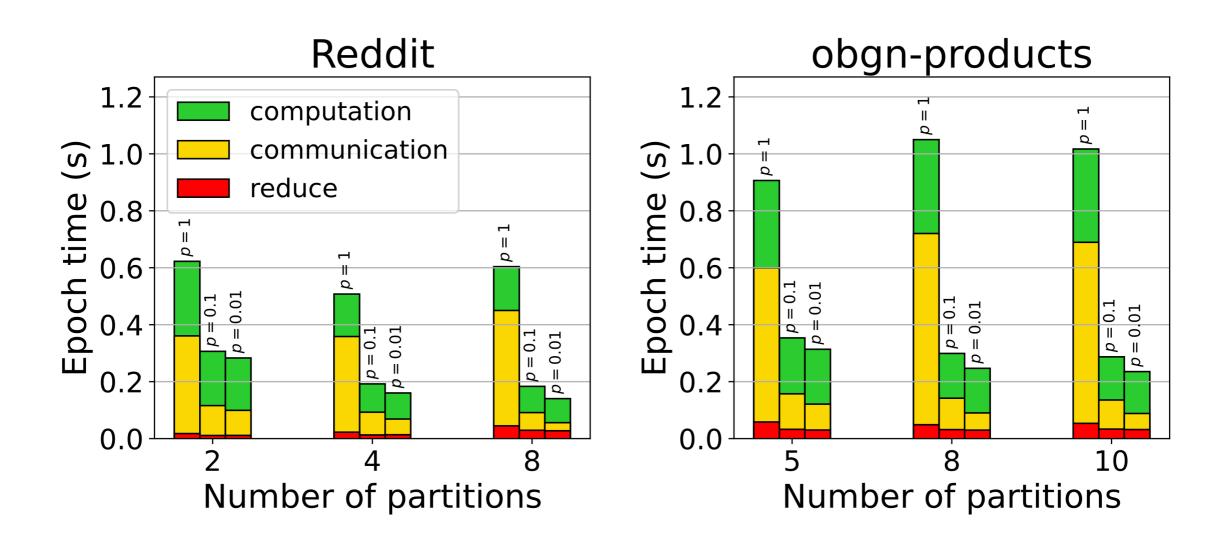
Backup Slides

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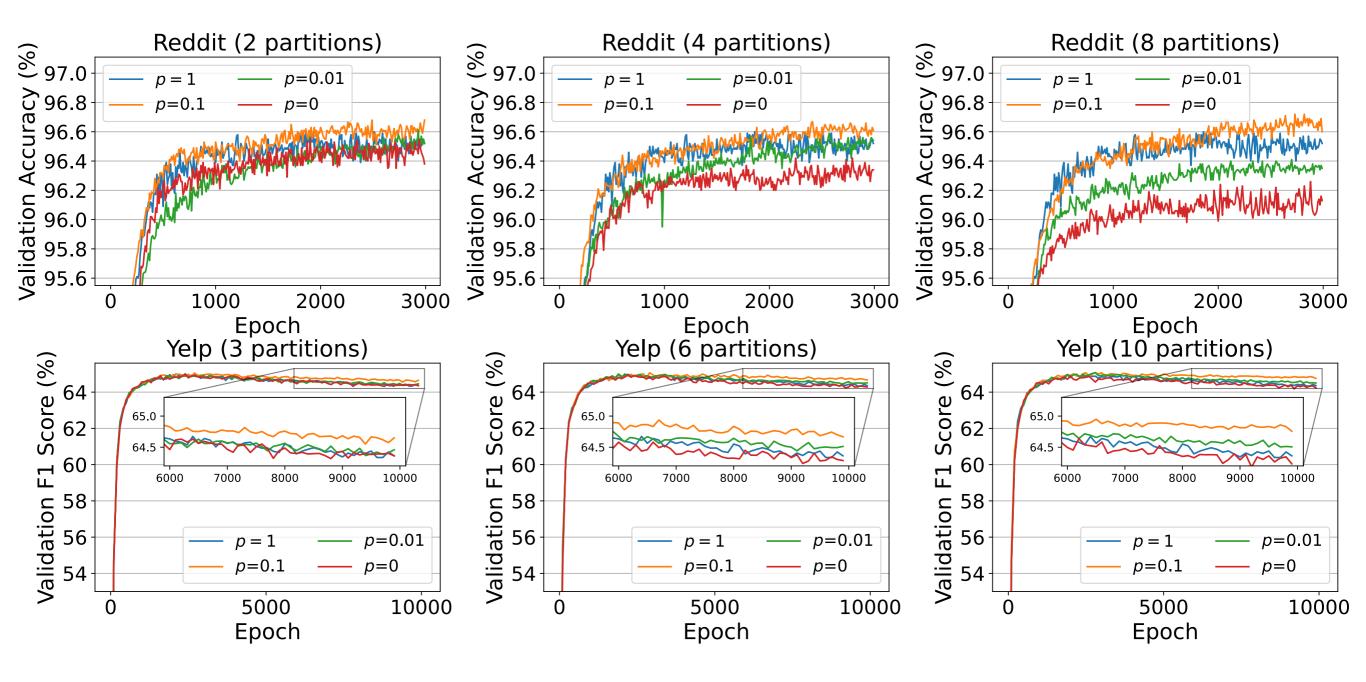


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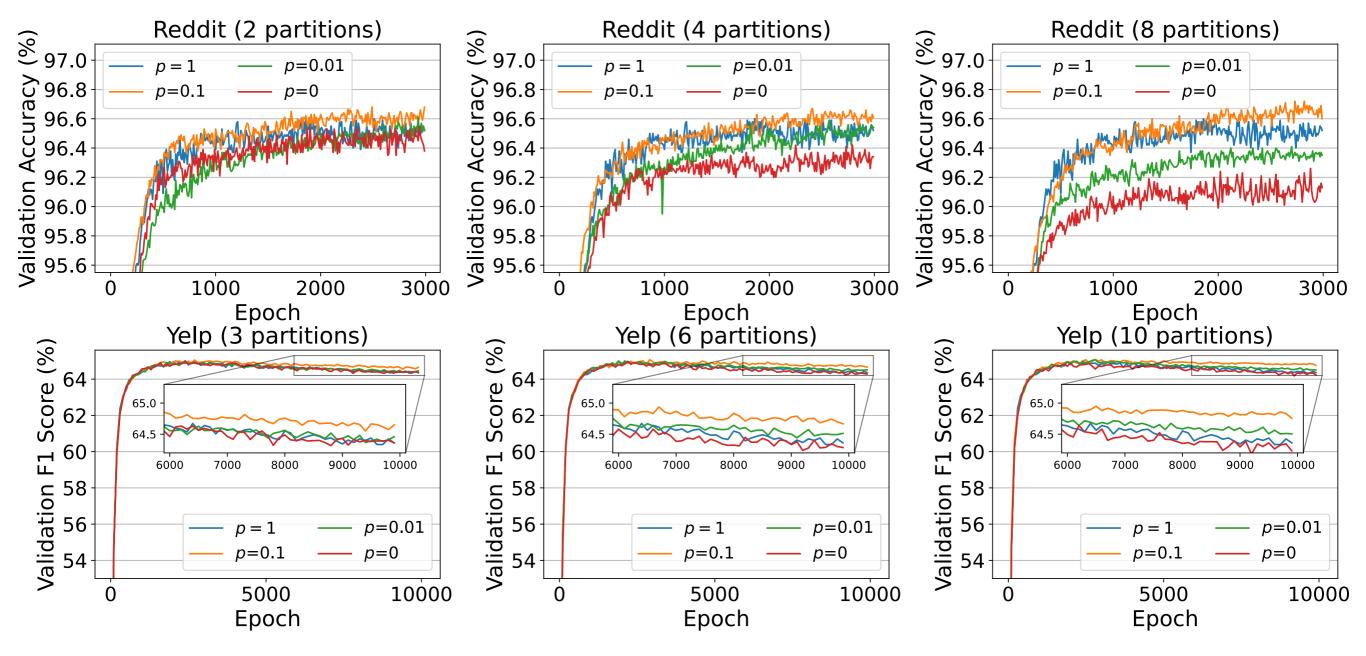


Communication overhead is reduced by 74%~93%

Training Convergence



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On Reddit: p=0 has the worst convergence

On Yelp: p=0/1 suffers from overfitting

BNS-GCN with Random Partition

Table 7: Test score (%) of BNS-GCN on top of random partition, where +/- shows the accuracy difference from BNS-GCN on top of METIS in Table 4.

Method	Reddit (8 partitions)		ogbn-products	(10 partitions)	Yelp (10 partitions)		
Random+BNS $(p = 1.0)$	97.11	+0.00	79.14	+0.00	65.26	+0.00	
Random +BNS $(p = 0.1)$	96.95	-0.20	79.57	+0.27	65.18	-0.16	
Random +BNS $(p = 0.0)$	93.37	-3.47	75.39	-3.40	64.92	-0.31	

Table 8: Training efficiency improvement of BNS-GCN (p = 0.1) on top of different partition methods.

Dataset	Thro	ughput	Memory # Bounda			ary Nodes
Dataset	METIS	Random	METIS	Random	METIS	Random
Reddit (8 partitions)	3.1×	5.0×	0.47×	0.36×	460k	1,016k
ogbn-products (10 partitions)	3.4×	$7.3 \times$	0.75×	$0.31 \times$	1,848k	16,797k
Yelp (10 partitions)	3.1×	$5.1 \times$	0.83×	$0.49 \times$	649k	2,026k

BNS-GCN vs DropEdge vs BES

Table 9: Comparison between BNS-GCN and edge sampling methods, DropEdge and Boundary Edge Sampling (BES).

Dataset	Method	Epoch Comm (MB)	Epoch Time (sec)	Test Score (%)
Reddit	DropEdge	301.3	0.613	97.12
	BES	207.9	0.484	97.16
(2 partitions)	BNS-GCN	30.4	0.319	97.17
aghn meaduata	DropEdge	1364.0	0.938	79.38
ogbn-products	BES	521.1	0.551	79.31
(5 partitions)	BNS-GCN	138.7	0.388	79.36
Voln	DropEdge	718.7	0.606	65.30
Yelp (3 partitions)	BES	195.3	0.328	65.30
	BNS-GCN	75.7	0.270	65.32