

Distributed Machine Learning on Summit

Machine Learning for ATLAS and beyond

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Motivation

- Machine learning techniques, especially deep learning, are fast becoming part of High Energy and Nuclear Physics
- Simulation code, Data analysis:
 - 50% performance gain on LHC running
- ATLAS and LHC will generate huge data and this can not be handled using single node training mode
- Software stack for machine learning that would help port machine learning algorithms across different hardware

PanDA System and DNNs

- How the PandDA ecosystem can handle DNN applications as part of the HEP workflow?
- How PandDA can facilitate the training process of DNNs especially with respect to improving its performance?
- Distributed Learning Working Group
 - Bi-weekly meetings

Single Model Single Node DNN training

- Simple Case: One model per accelerator
- Hyper-parameter optimization:
 - Tuning DNNs' parameters to improve the performance
 - $O(n^6)$ depending on what kind of model is being used

Single Model Single Node DNN training

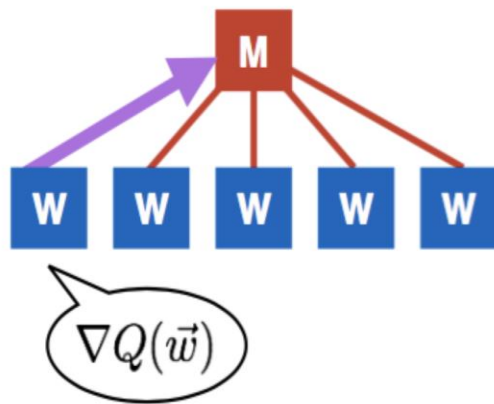
- CERN has done experiments for hyperparameter optimization
- Using containerized software stack
- Using PanDA to distribute the models with different parameter across different nodes
- Doing linear search to find the best model
- Feedback is good
 - Results are not available
 - PanDA is useful for such kind of problems

Distributed Learning using more than one GPUs

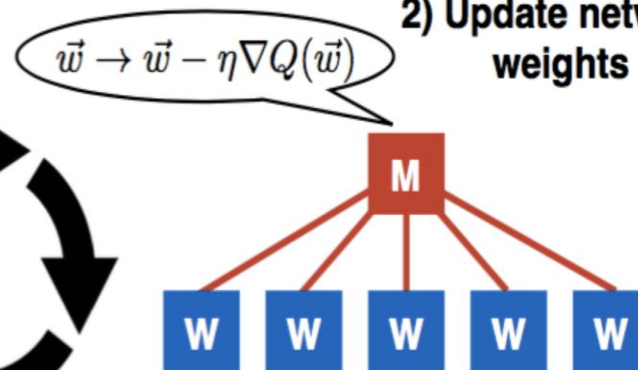
- Need it to manage huge data and reduce training time
- HEP community is already using it:
 - MPI_Learn (from CERN)
 - Horovod (from Uber)
 - LBANN (Livermore Big Artificial Neural Network) Toolkit

MPI_Learn Framework

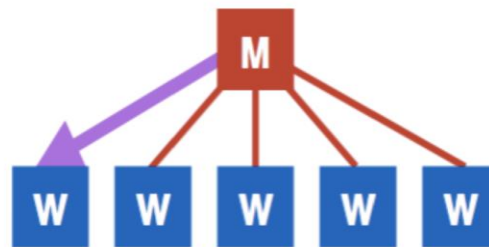
1) Compute gradient, send to Master



2) Update network weights



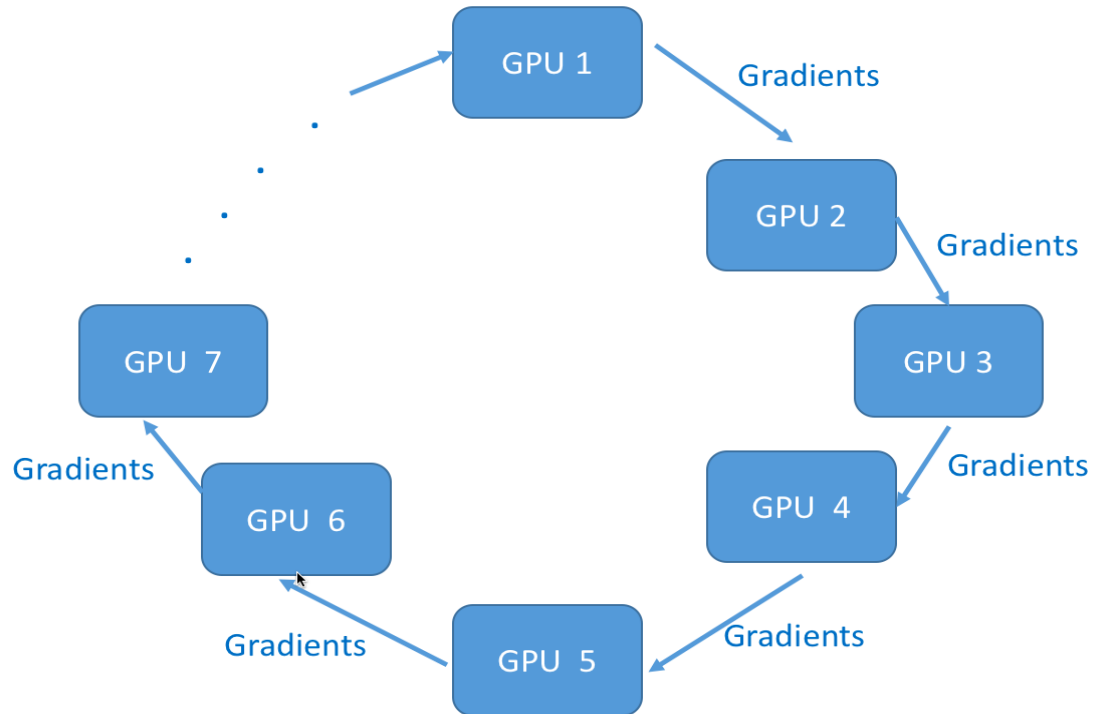
3) Send new weights to Worker



- Robust framework for distributed training using MPI for distribution
- Different communication models
- Doesn't scale well beyond 600 nodes

Horovod Framework

- Established itself as robust framework for distributed learning
- Good scaling beyond 400 nodes
- Uses NCCL2 and cuda-aware MPI

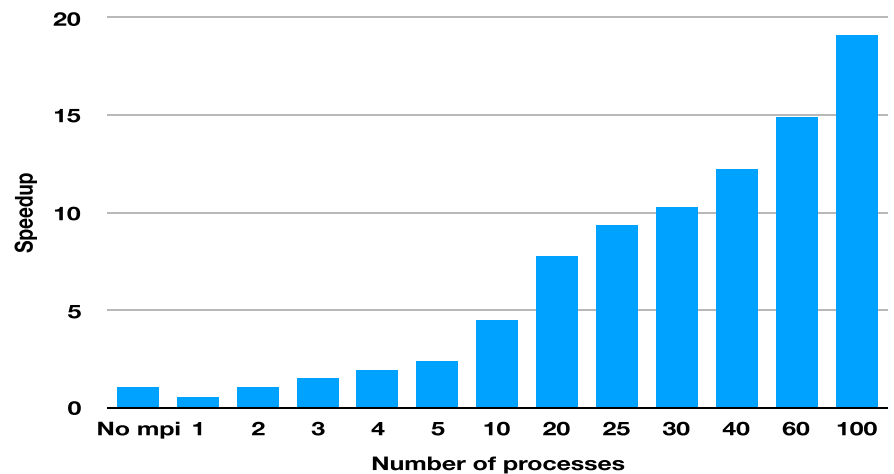


Detailed Performance Analysis of 3D GANs (Generative Adversarial Networks) on Summit

- Using MPI_Learn and Horovod for distributed learning
- Using data from CERN
- Able to run with 1200 GPUs (V100) on Summit

Scalability Results

- MPI_Learn scales linearly
- Used only one epoch for analysis
- Horovod shows better results

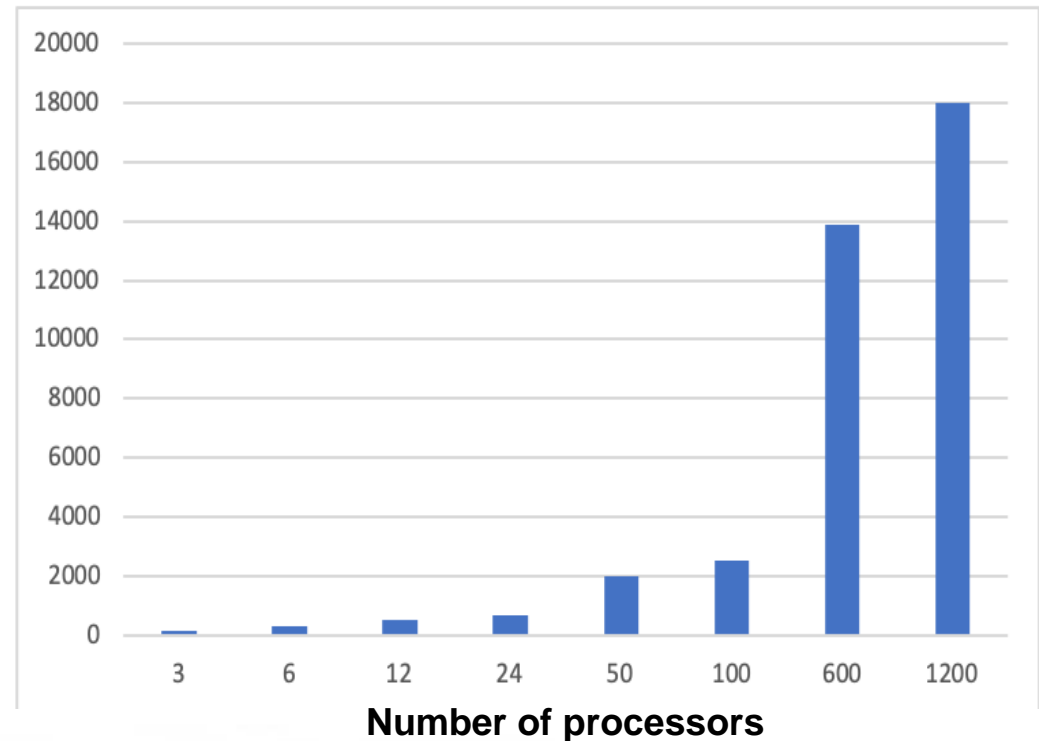


Scalability of MPI_Learn on Summit

Running 3D GANs on Summit MPI_Learn

- Through put performance analysis
- The communication cost becomes very high after 600 GPUs
- Need to optimize the communication model
- NCCL and CUDA-AWARE MPI is the first step

Time in seconds

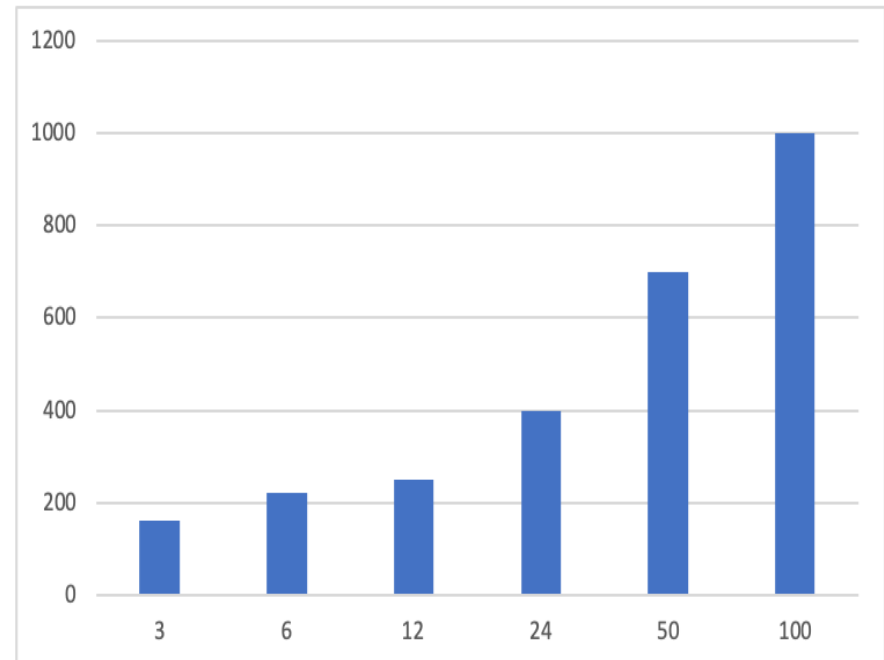


MPI_Learn performance

Running 3D GANs on Summit using Horovod

- Through put performance analysis
- Better performance than MPI_Learn
- NCCL and CUDA-AWARE MPI

Time in seconds



Number of processors

Horovod performance

Detailed Performance Analysis of 3D GANs on Summit

- Inter node and intra node performance
- Computational and communication cost
- Resource utilization
- GANs computational and communication characteristics
- Scalability
- Accuracy and throughput performance
- Variables that control the search space for hyper-parameter optimization

Detailed Performance Analysis

- Horovod is giving better results in terms of through put
- Accuracy needs to be looked into
 - Checkpointing
 - Not enough data
- Score-p Vampire toolkits for more detailed analysis
- Manual instrumentation of the code

Work in progress

- **Debugging the code**
 - Frameworks are breaking
- **Check pointing for 3D GANs**
 - For accuracy analysis
- **More data for scalability**
- **Manual instrumentation of python code**

Possible next step

- **Advanced GANs architecture from HEP (CERN)**
- **Real data to test the scalability and accuracy**
- **Running and simple Hyperparameter optimization for 3D GANs using PanDA**
 - **Linear scanning for the best model**

Summary

- **Distributed learning is important for applying ML techniques in HEP**
- **We need to look into the distributed frameworks for distributed learning**
- **Hyper-parameter optimization is an important problem**
- **The PanDA ecosystem can play an important part in distributed learning**
- **Detailed performance analysis of Distributed 3D GANS**
 - **Interest from the other groups (NERSC ML group, MLPerf HPC group)**

Thanks

- Questions!