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# 基于 Apache\* Spark\* 的大规模 分布式机器学习实践



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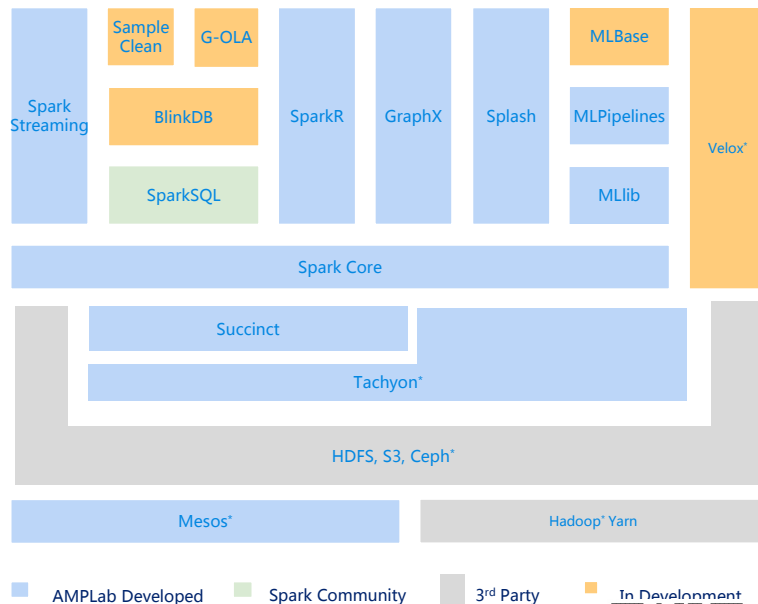


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- Research and open source project initiated by UC Berkeley AMPLab
- Intel is closely collaborating with AMPLab and the community on open source development
  - One of the earliest adopters of Spark\* (since 2012)
    - Many key contributions (Netty shuffle, FairScheduler, “yarn-client” mode, ...)
  - Collaborating on other components in BDAS (e.g., Tachyon\*, SparkR, ...)
- Intel is partnering with many “web-scale” companies
  - Free! No commercial solution or Consultations
  - Online-LDA, Word2Vec (Merged)
  - SparseML (Separated package)
  - E.g., Tencent, PayPal\*, Alibaba\*, Baidu\*/iQiyi, JD.com, Youku\*, etc.

BDAS: Berkeley Data Analytics Stack  
(Ref: <https://amplab.cs.berkeley.edu/software/>)



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# Large-Scale Distributed ML on Apache Spark

## Distributed ML on Spark

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# Fraud Detection on Apache Spark

## Goal:

- Given transaction details, classify if it's fraud or normal

## Evaluation Matrices

- Recall = predicted fraud / all real fraud transaction.
- Precision = predicted fraud correctly / predicted fraud

Fraud can mean:

Buying with stolen credit cards

Abusing promotional pr

Account takeover

Spamming other users



# Intel Customer Story

## Problem statement and Pain points

- An old rule-based system that needs significant improvement
- Turn to Spark for data statistics and model training
- Need Neural Network for Fraud Detection on their Spark 1.4 cluster

## Intel Solution

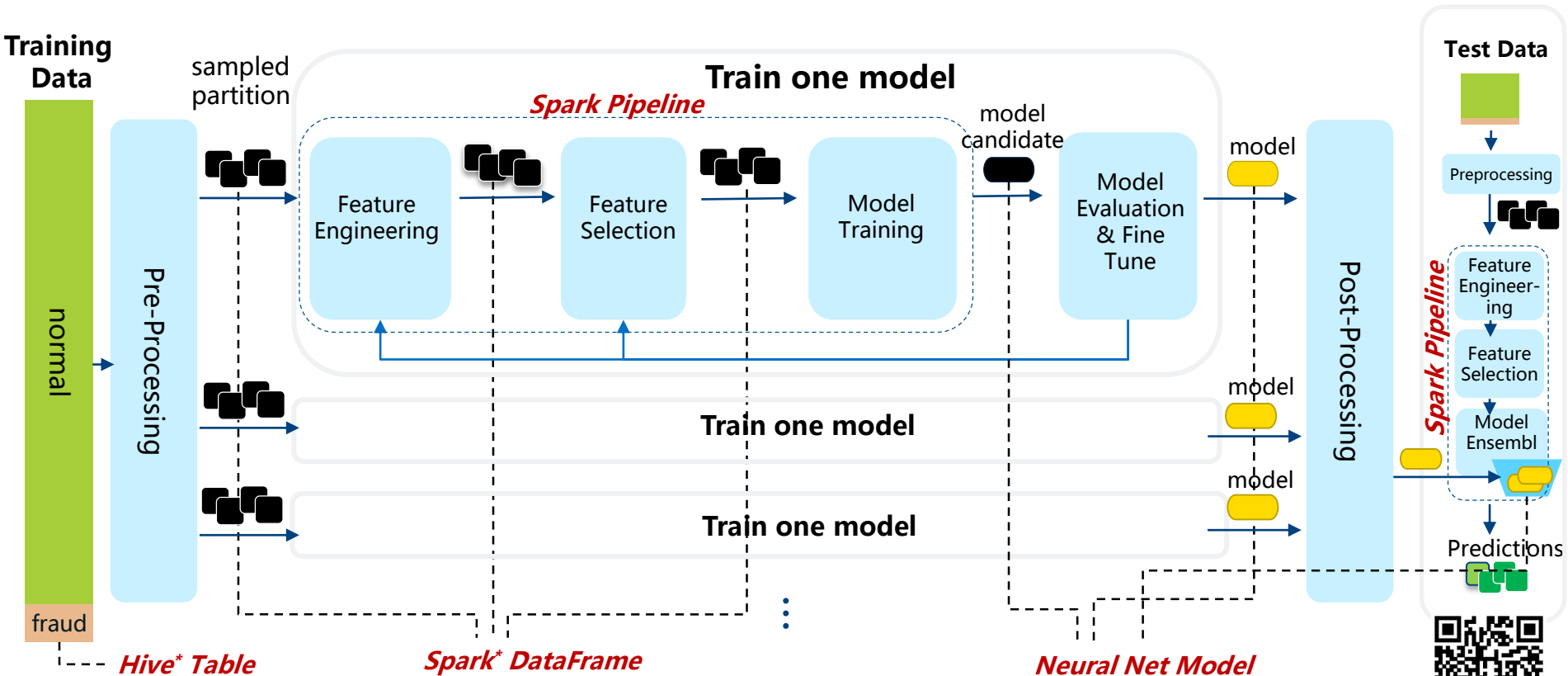
- Implement Neural Network on Spark and help integrate

## Business Result

- Neural network model performs better than other algorithm
- Machine Learning system overtakes rule-based system and exceeds expectation
- Improve precision by 15%, improve recall by 30%

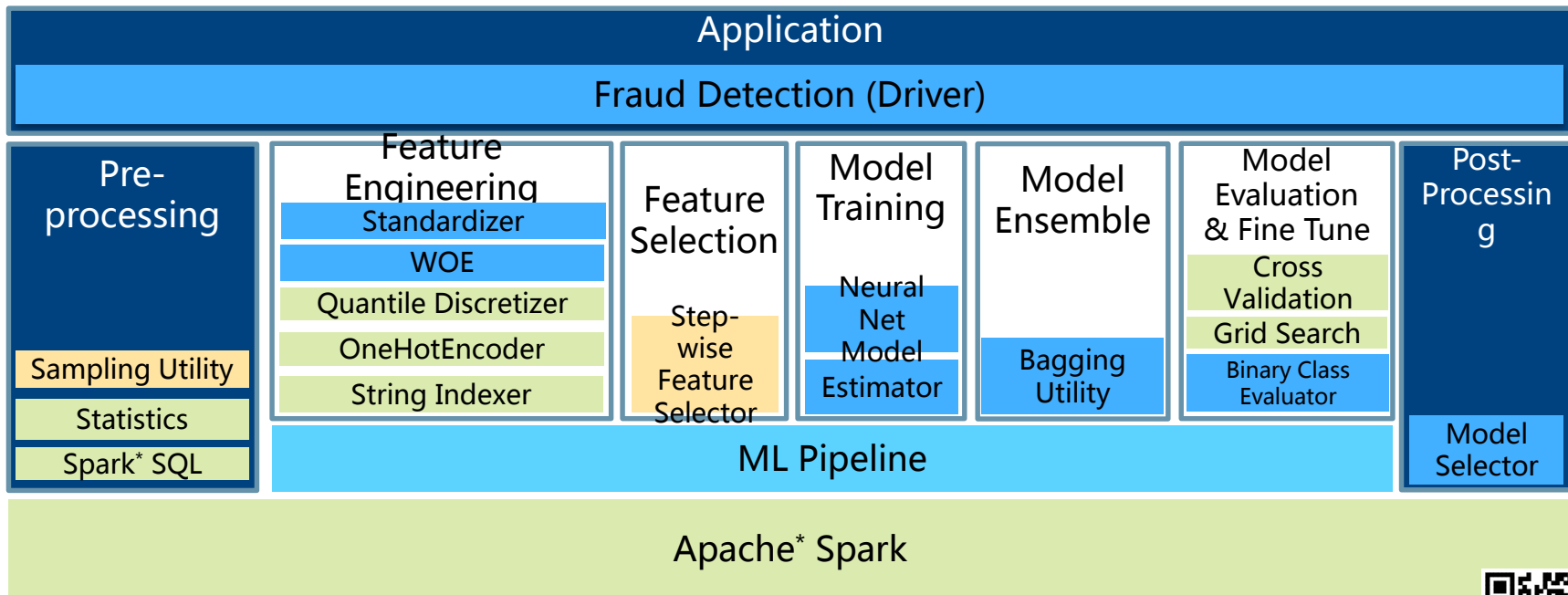


# Solution Architecture Overview





# Tool Stack Overview



Spark Community
  Intel Developed
  Intel Improved
  In Development



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## Distributed ML on Spark

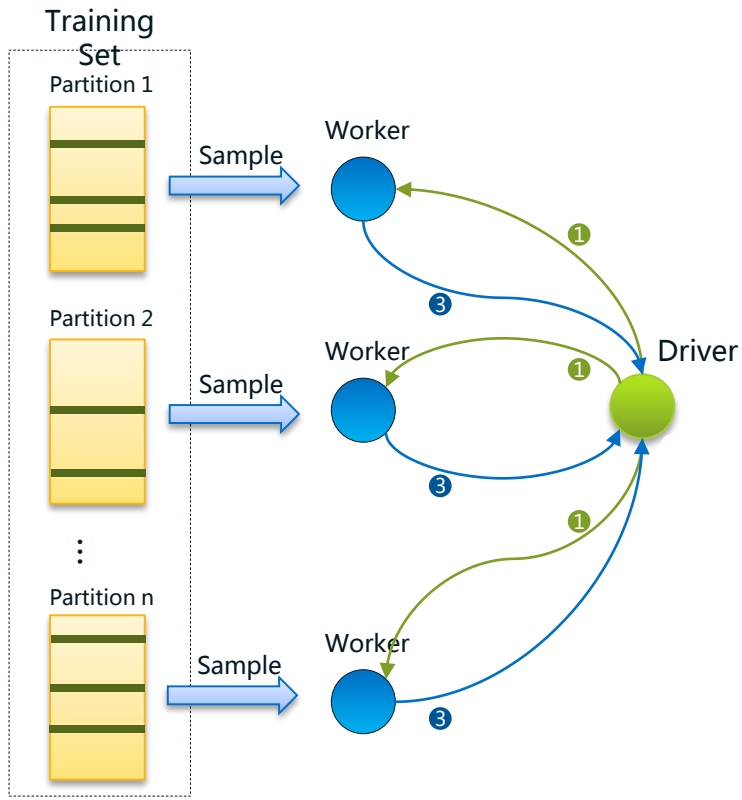
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# Logistic Regression on Spark\* with Mini-Batch SGD



## “Canonical” implementation

Repeat {

① Driver broadcasts  $W$  to each worker

Workers compute gradient for the next batch of  $B$  records from the training set

Each task (running on workers) samples records from its data

partition

③ Each task computes local gradient

Aggregates gradient (possibly through tree aggregation)

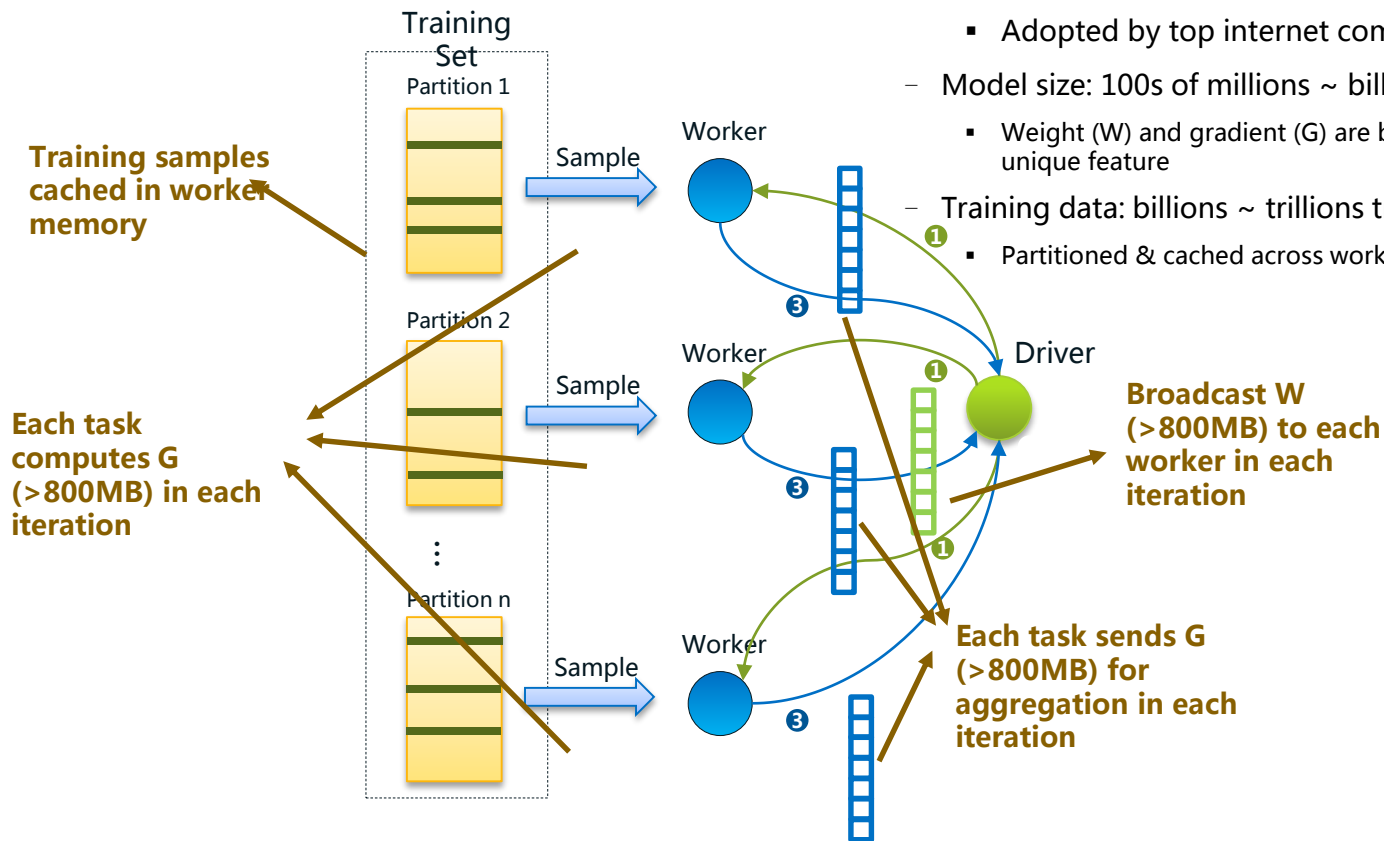
Driver updates weight

}

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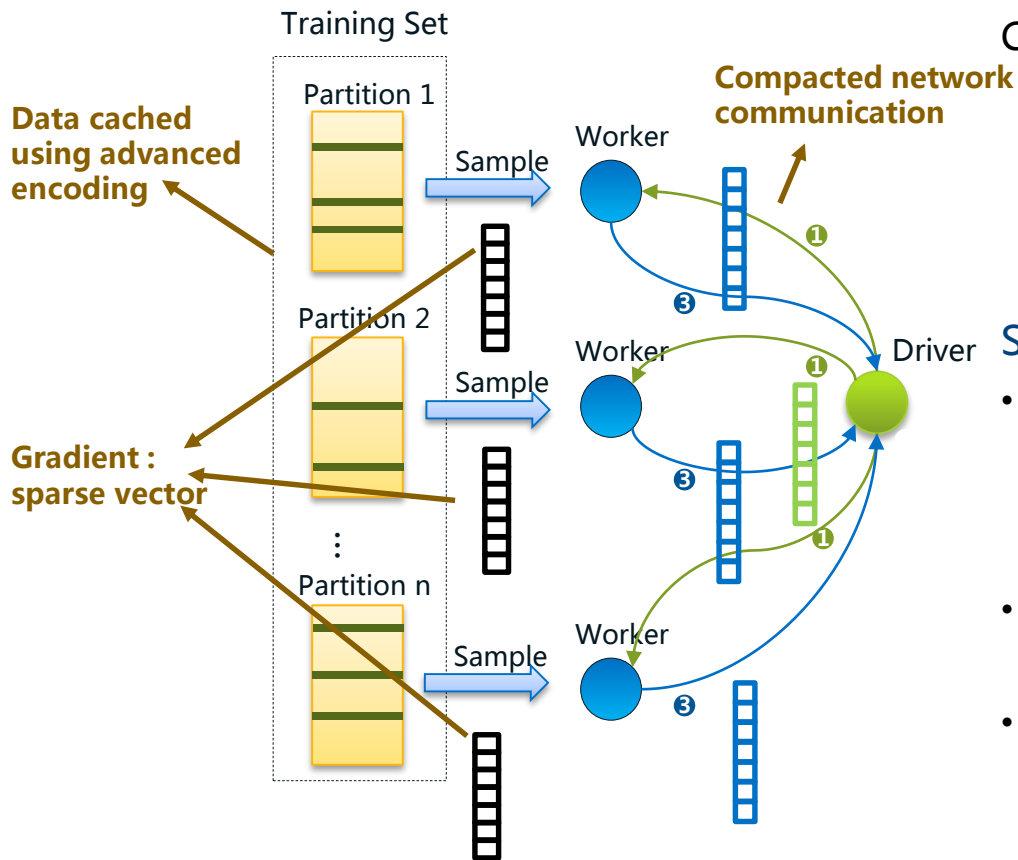
# Network and Memory Bottlenecks



- Click-through and purchase rate predictions
  - Adopted by top internet companies
- Model size: 100s of millions ~ billions unique features
  - Weight ( $W$ ) and gradient ( $G$ ) are both double vector, one entry for each unique feature
- Training data: billions ~ trillions training samples
  - Partitioned & cached across workers



# Sparse Logistic Regression



## Click-through and purchase rate predictions

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## Solution

- Cached using sparse format
  - Using float16 (instead of double values)
  - Extra Support for binary (0 or 1) values
- Only Calc & sync gradient with non-zero data
- Better Communication



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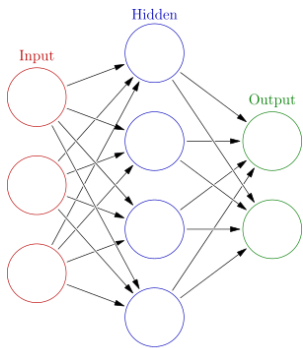
# Distributed Neural Network

## Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

- Fully connected, feed-forward

## Deep learning

- CNN, autoencoder, RBM, etc.

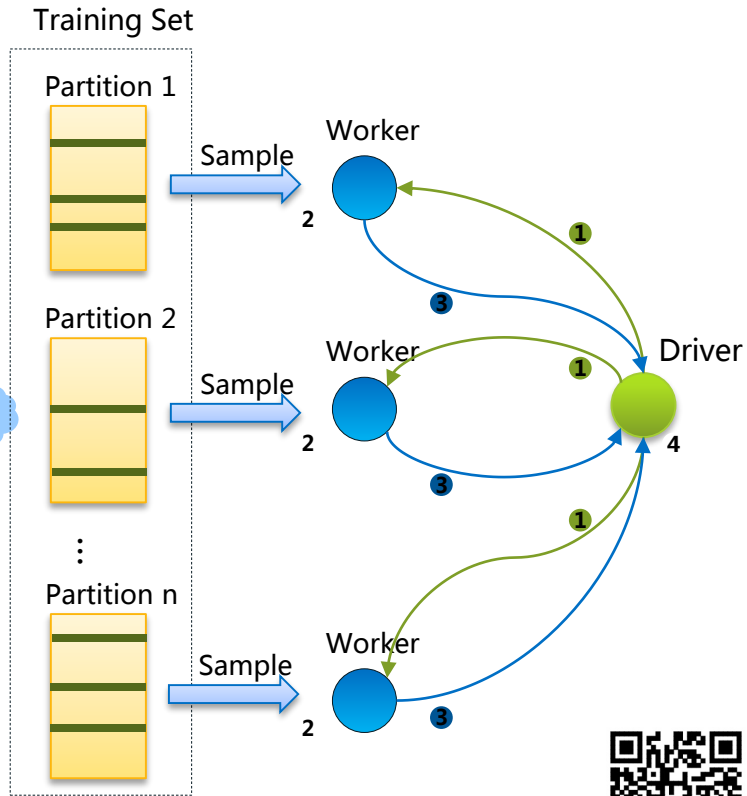


## Training A Neural Network

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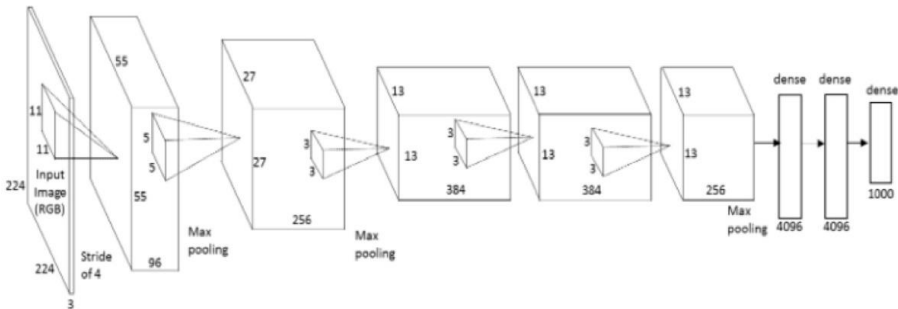
- 1 Driver broadcasts parameters (weights & biases) to each worker  
Workers process the next batch of  $B$  records from the training set
- 2 Each task (running on workers) samples records from its data partition
- 3 Each task computes the *forward* and *backpropagation* pass
- 4 Driver aggregates gradient  
Driver updates parameters (weights & biases)

}



# Deep (Convolutional) Neural Network

Intuitive API with layer-based interface



```
val trainData = loadData()
val model = new Sequential(...)
model += new Convolution(...)
model += new maxPooling(...)
...
val criterion = new ClassNLLCriterion()
val optimizer = new ParallelOptimizer(model, new SGD)
optimizer.setCrossValidation(evaluator.accuracy)
optimizer.setPath("./model_save.obj")
optimizer.optimize(trainData)
```

Built on top of standard Big Data platforms

- Easily utilize your existing clusters

Engaging industry users and community early

- Evolving with feedback from real-world use cases
- Community version compatible with Spark\* MLP

Targeting Full function coverage:

- Auto Encoder, Sparse Encoder
- Convolution with max and avg pooling
- RBM and DBN

Benchmark with popular dataset / models

- GoogleNet, AlexNet on ImageNet

Easy MKL<sup>†</sup> integration for Intel® Architecture acceleration

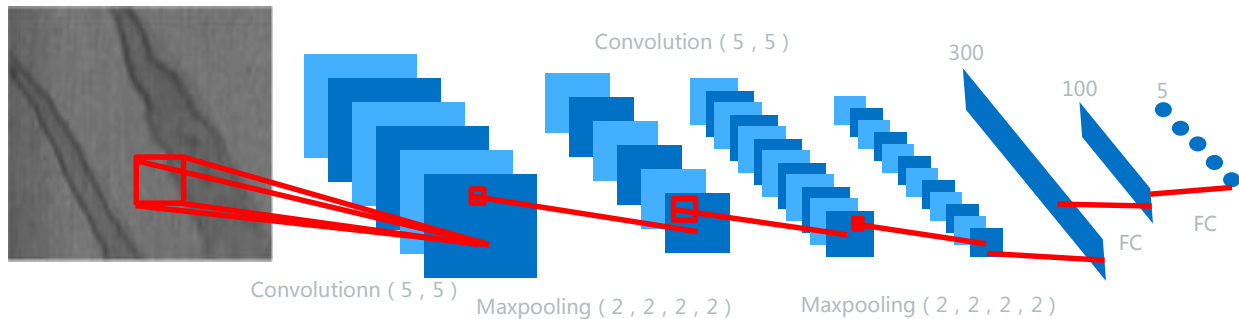
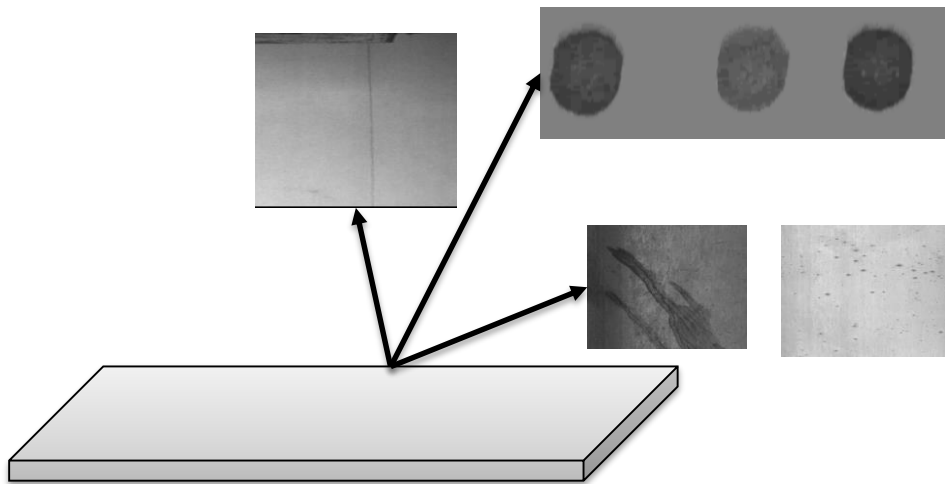
Better communication: All-to-one, All-reduce on spark(CaffeOnSpark), ParametersS

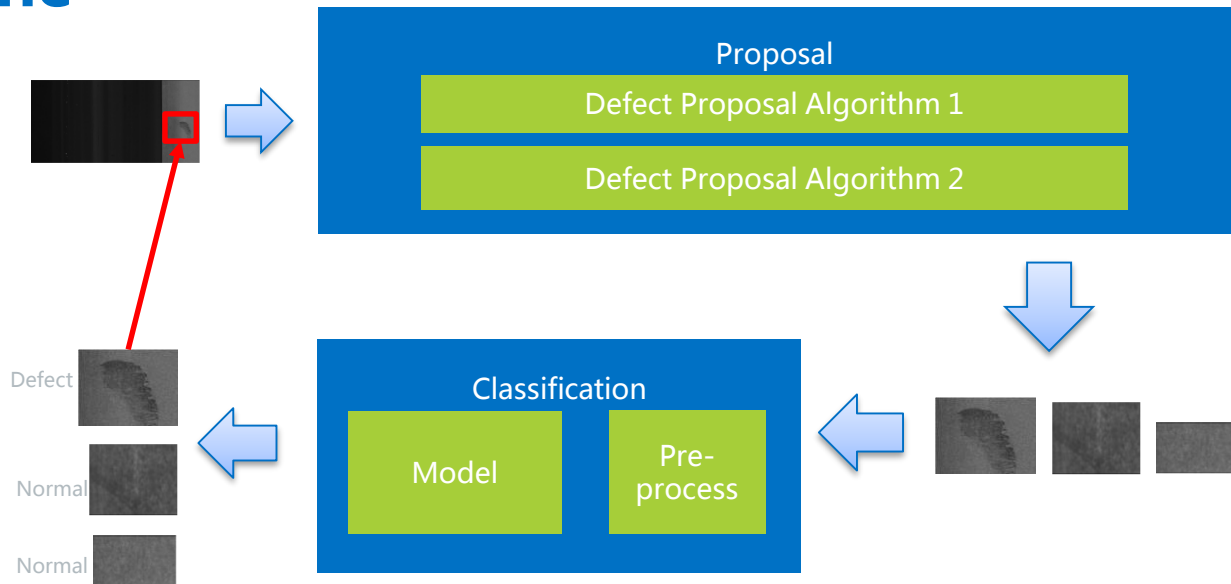
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# Flaw detection in steel product





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## Distributed ML on Spark

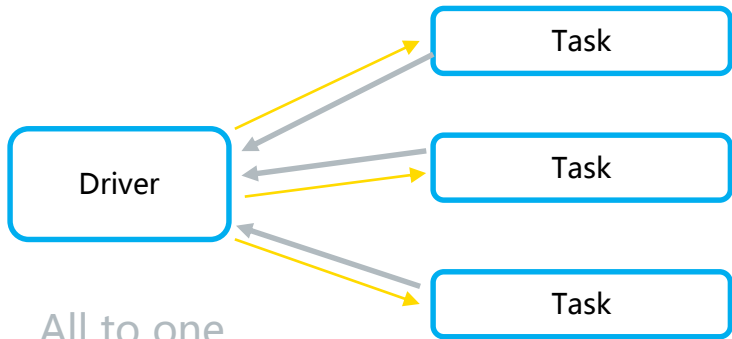
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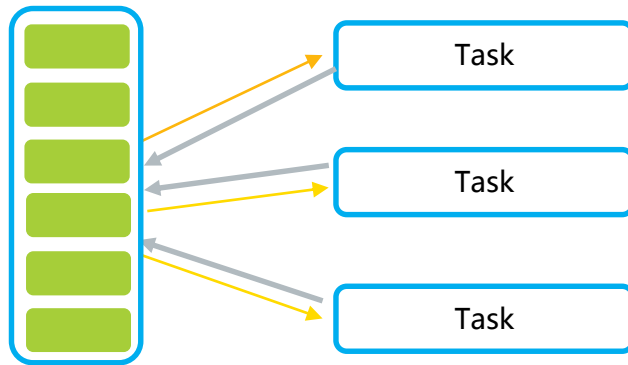
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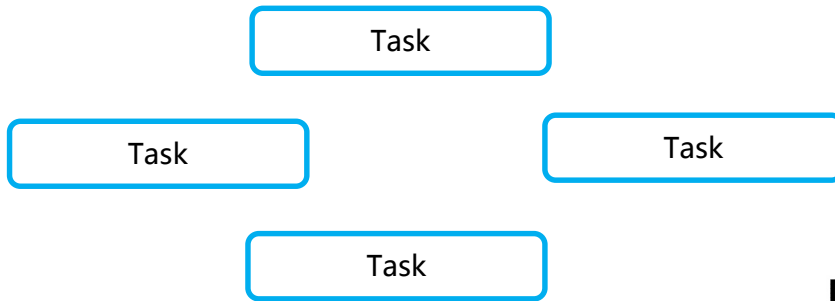
# Communication Model



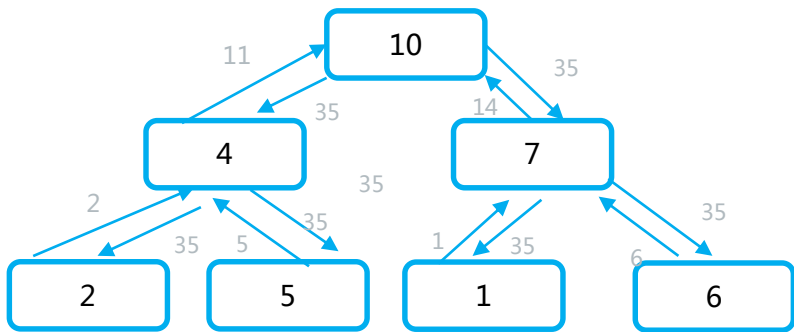
All to one



Parameter Server



All reduce

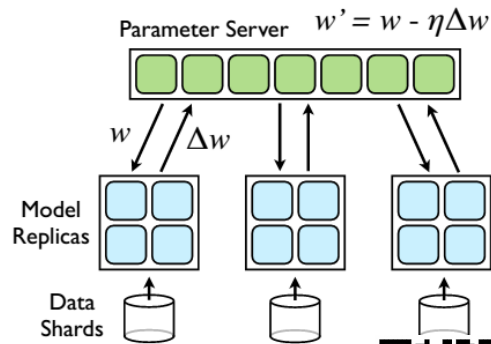


All reduce (tree aggregation)



# “Parameter Server” support?

- Very large scale model/graph (billions of unique features)
- Leveraging further data sparsity in each worker (only a subset of weight vector needed)
- Possible weakly-synchronized model ( BSP vs. SSP vs.ASP, etc. )
- Distributed parameter aggregation & update in Parameter Server
- Easily integration with Apache Spark\*
- Fault Tolerance
- Co-partitioning



Source: Dean J, Corrado G, Monga R, et al. Large scale distributed deep networks[C]//Advances in neural information processing systems. 2012: 1223

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# Reference & Resources

## Intel packages

- <https://github.com/intel-analytics/SparseML>
- <https://github.com/intel-analytics/FraudDetection>

## Intel Analytics:

- <https://github.com/intel-analytics>

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