

# Local Performance Trade-Off in Heterogeneous Federated Learning with Dynamic Client Grouping

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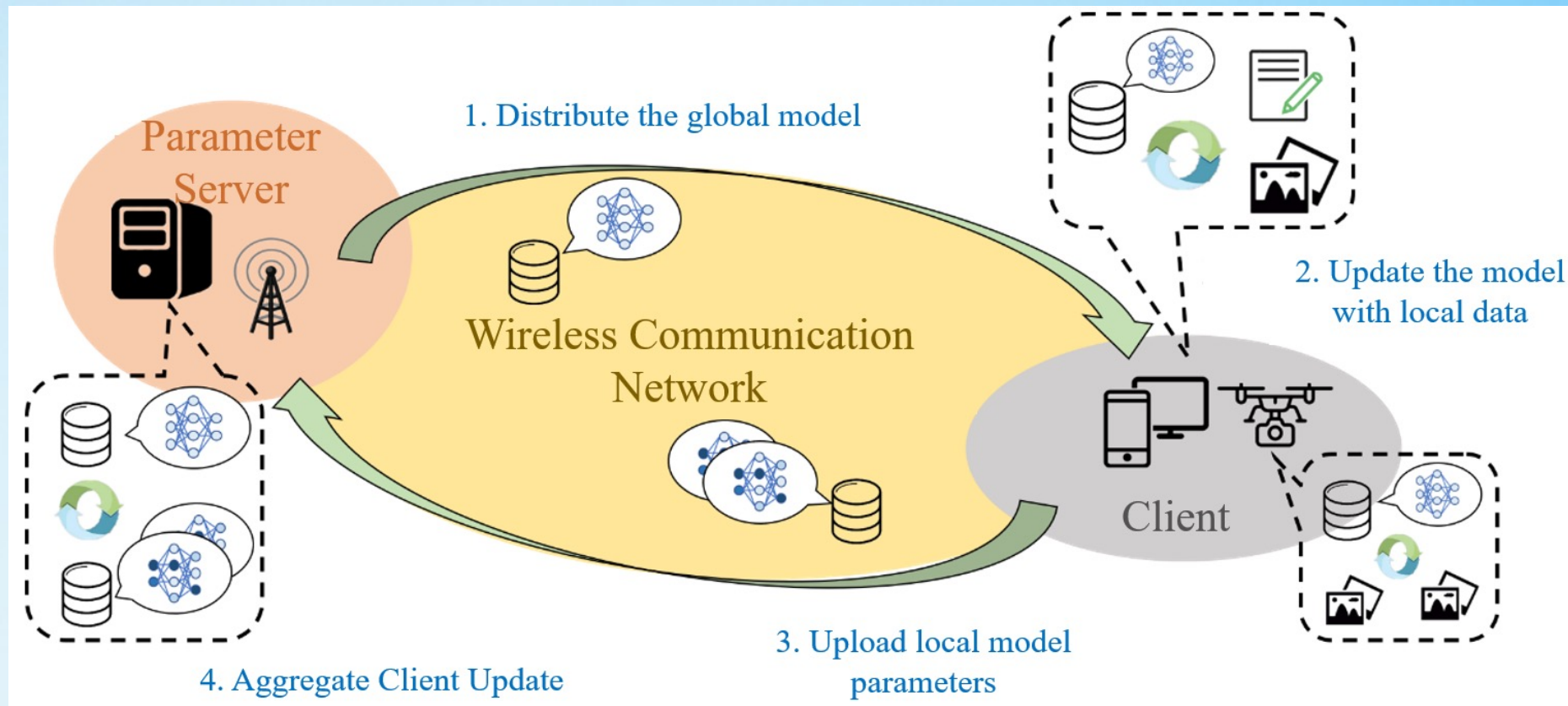
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# Introduction

## ■ Background

Although client selection can coordinate large-scale clients for efficient training, the inherent characteristic of the scheme, i.e., the partial client participation can lead to **a performance bias** of the global model among clients.



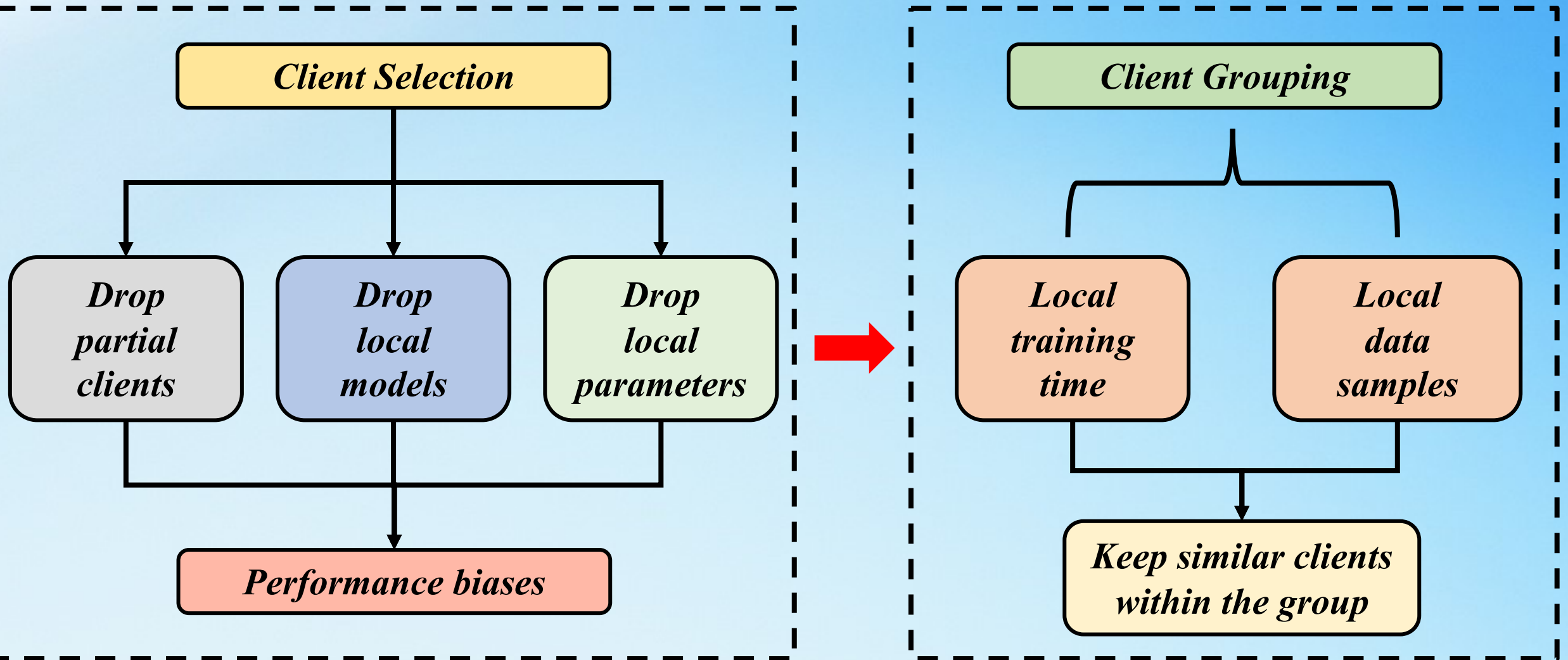
## ■ Optimization object

Improve **unbalanced local performances** on different clients of the global model caused by client selection

## ■ Goal

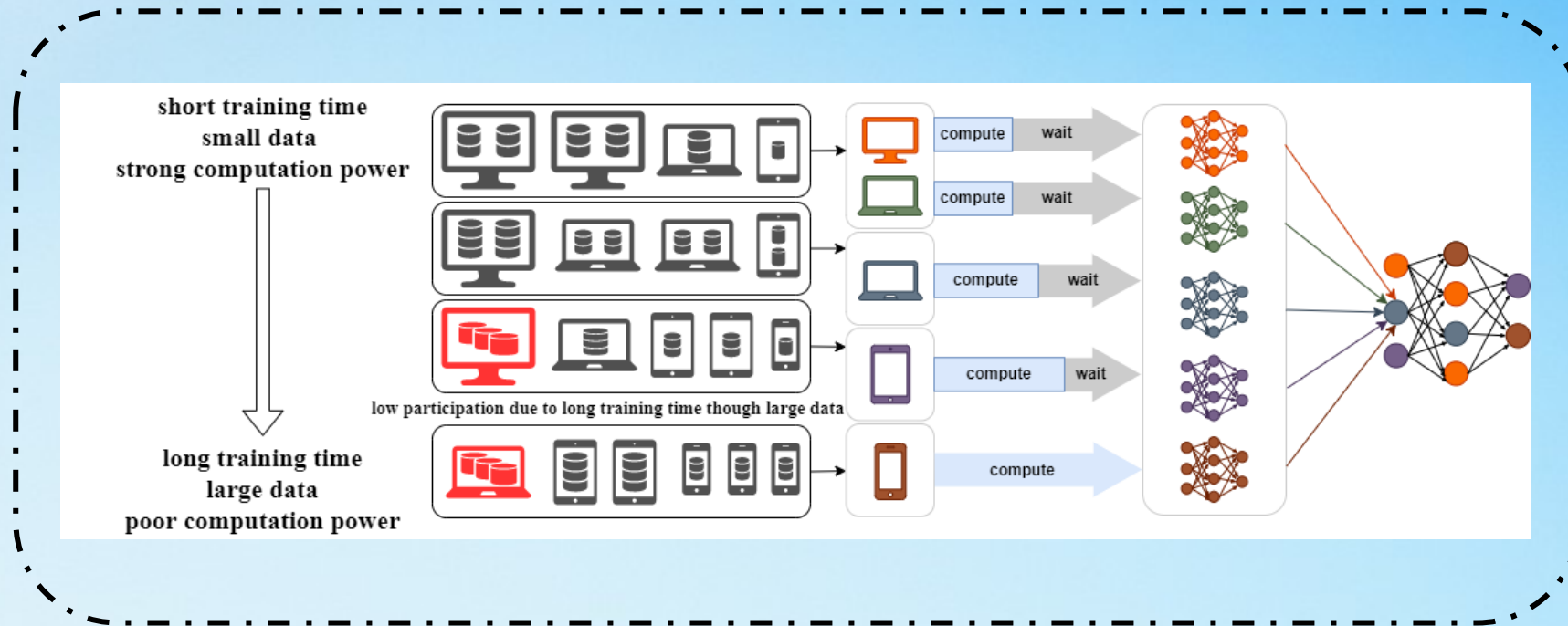
Balance the client participation in local training while guaranteeing that clients are not discarded.

# Related Work



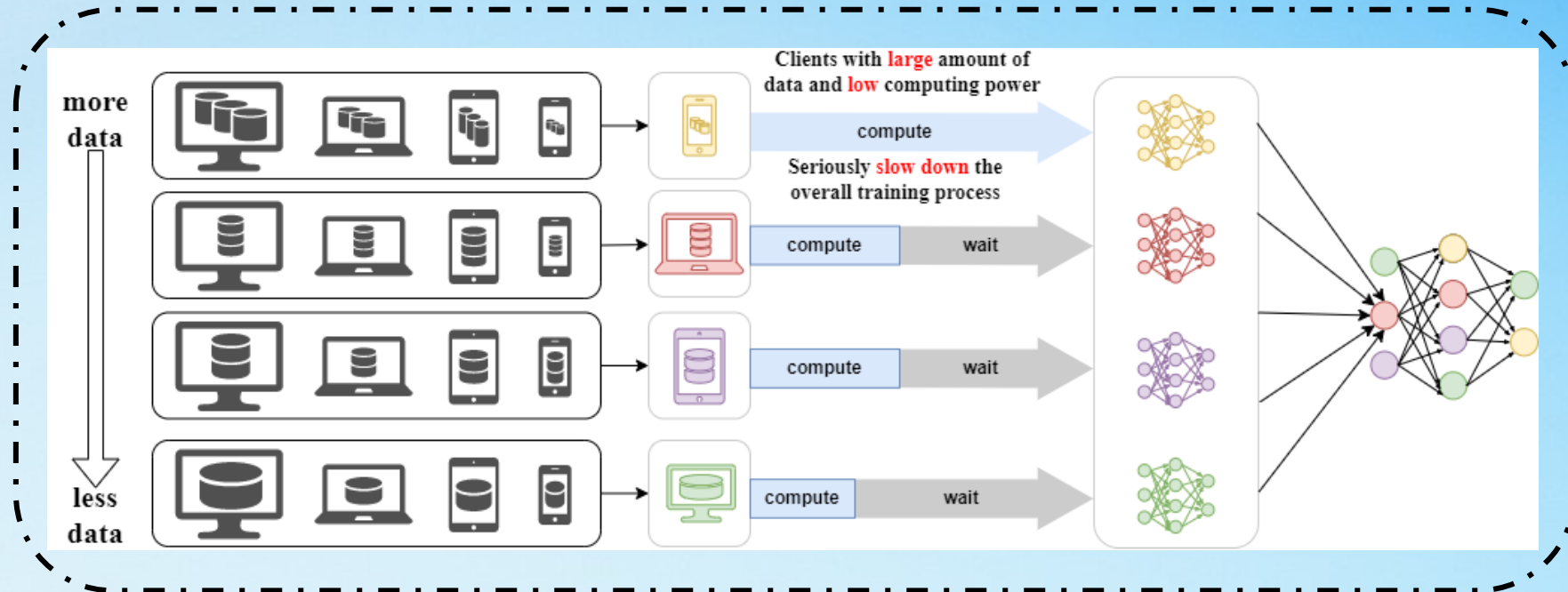


## Client Grouping – local training time



- Group clients according to local training time
- Clients with long training time due to large data volume are **despised**

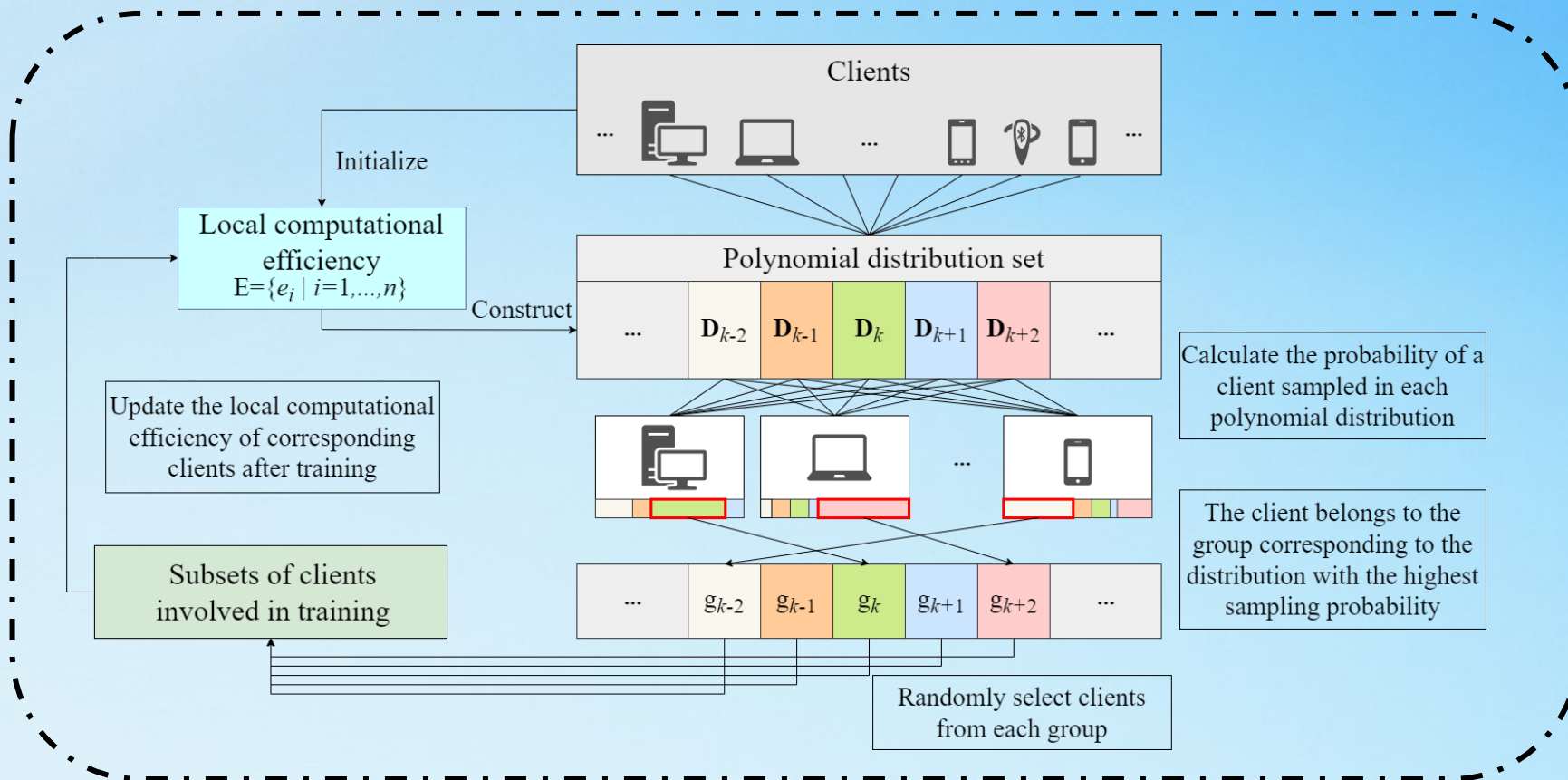
## Client Grouping – local data samples



- Group clients according to data volume
- Clients with large data volume seriously **slow down** the training process

# Approach

## Federated Learning Clients Dynamic Grouping Method based on Local Computational Efficiency



Calculate local computational efficiency

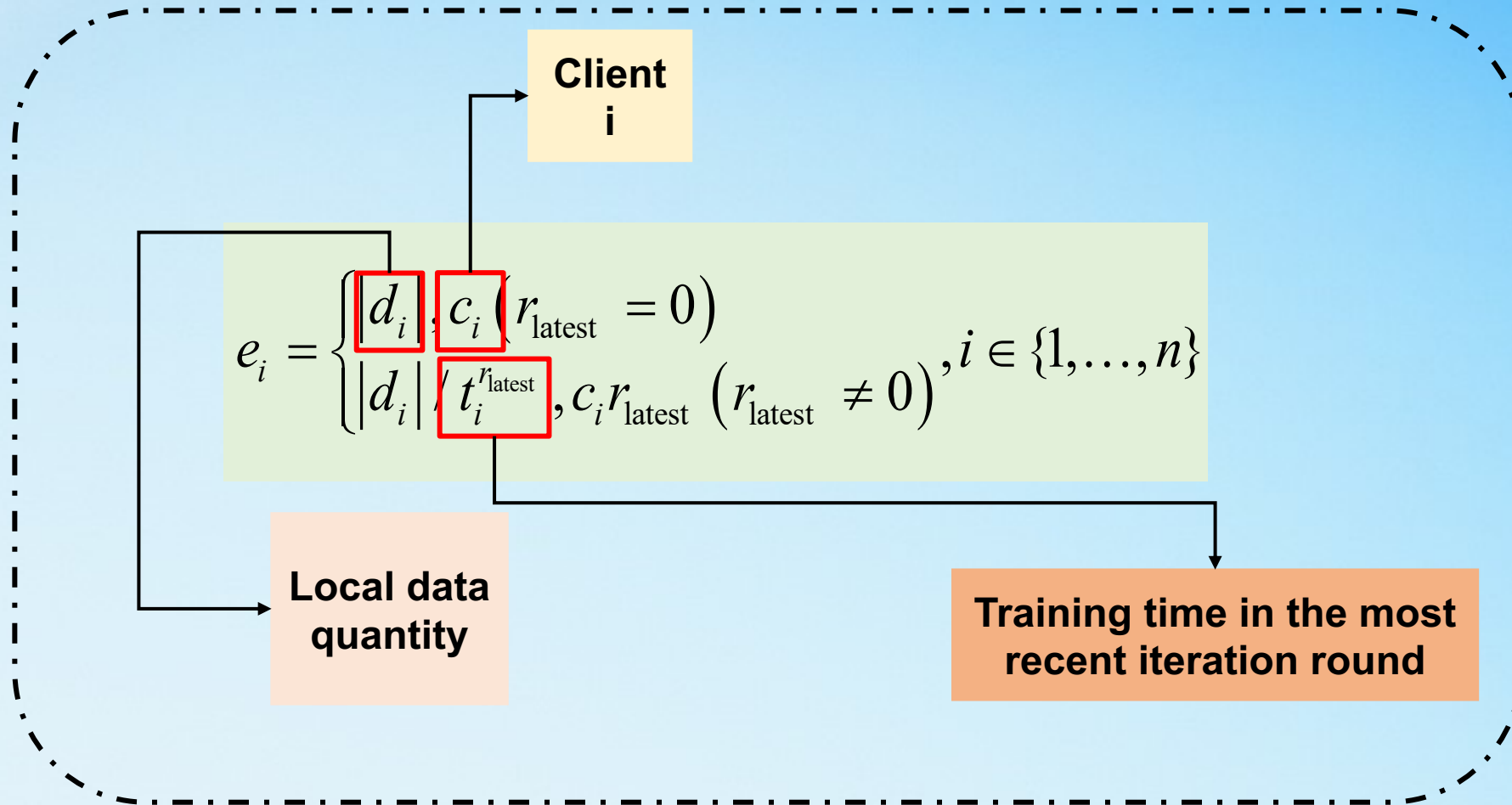
Construct polynomial distribution set

Group clients

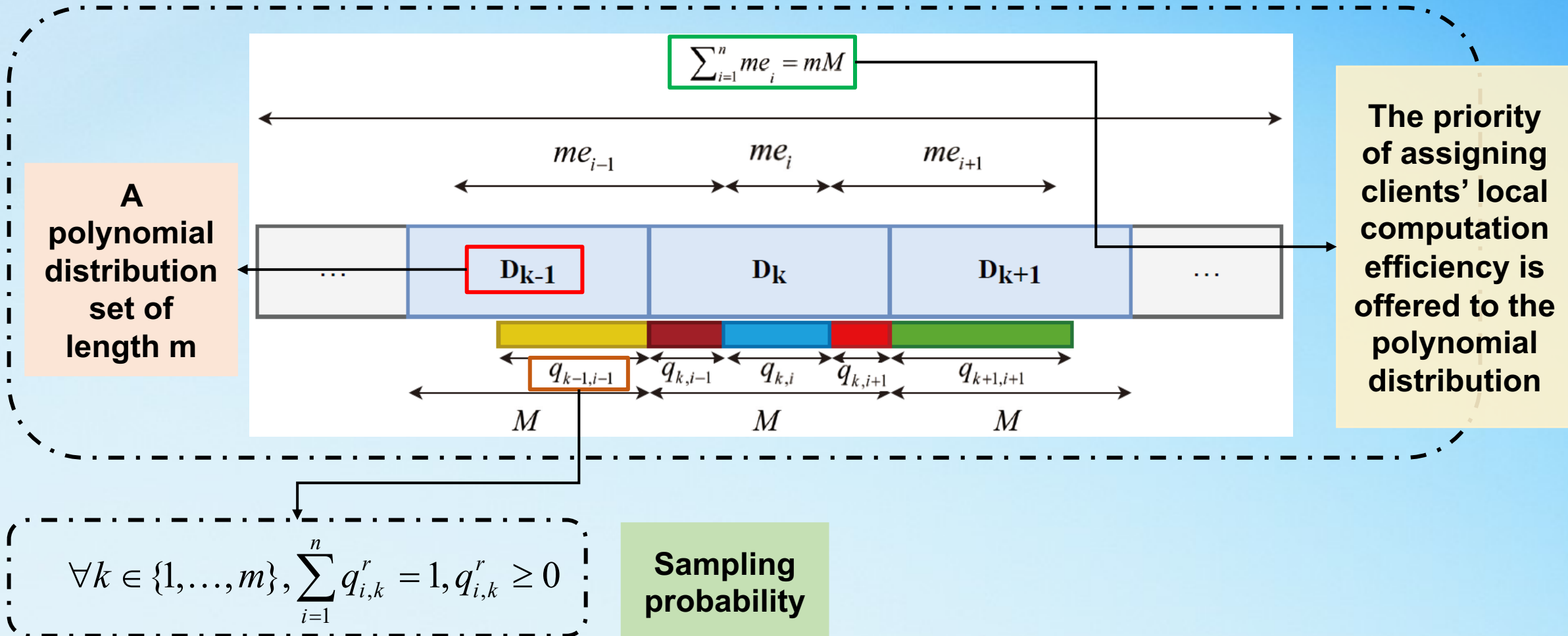
Update local computational efficiency



## Calculate local computational efficiency



## Construct Polynomial Distribution Set



## Group Clients

### Algorithm 1 Client Grouping

**Input:**  $n$ : number of clients,  $m$ : number of client groups,  $r$ : current iteration round,  $r_u$ : iteration round scheduled for updating client grouping results,  $\{e_i | i = 1, \dots, n\}$ : client local computational efficiency set

**Output:**  $\{q_{i,k}^{r_u} | i = 1, \dots, n; k = 1, \dots, m\}$ : probability that a client belongs to each client group

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1: if  $r \% r_u == 0$  then
2:   define  $k = 1$ 
3:   define  $count = 0$ 
4:   define  $M = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i$ 
5:   for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
6:      $count = count + me_i$ 
7:      $count = M\alpha_i + \beta_i$ 
8:     if  $\alpha_i > k$  then
9:        $(q_{i,k}^{r_u})' = M - \beta_{i-1}$ 
10:       $\forall l \geq k + 1 s.t. (\alpha_i - 1) - l \geq 0, (q_{i,k}^{r_u})' = M$ 
11:    end if
12:     $(q_{i,\alpha_i}^{r_u})' = \beta_i$ 
13:     $k = \alpha_i$ 
14:  end for
15:  return  $\{q_{i,k}^{r_u} = \frac{(q_{i,k}^{r_u})'}{M} | i = 1, \dots, n; k = 1, \dots, m\}$ 
16: end if
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Build a set of polynomial distributions for each client group

Output the probability that a client belongs to each polynomial distribution (Client Grouping)

## Update Local Computational Efficiency

### Algorithm 2 Local Computational Efficiency Update

**Input:**  $r$ : current iteration round,  $\{d_i | i = 1, \dots, n\}$ : number of local data on each client,  $S^r$ : subset of clients involved in training in iteration round  $r$

**Output:**  $\{e_i | i = 1, \dots, n\}$ : Local computational efficiency set of each client

```
1: define  $E = \{e_i = 0 | i = 1, \dots, n\}$ 
2: if  $r == 1$  then
3:   for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
4:      $e_i = d_i$ 
5:   end for
6: else
7:    $S^r = \text{ClientGrouping}(E)$ 
8:    $\{t_{i'}^r | c_{i'} \in S^r\} = \text{Train}()$ 
9:   for  $c_{i'}$  in  $S^r$  do
10:     $e_{i'} = |d_{i'}| / t_{i'}^r$ 
11:   end for
12:    $\text{Descend}(E)$ 
13: end if
14: return  $E = \{e_i | i = 1, \dots, n\}$ 
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Initialize clients' local computational efficiency using their local data quantity

Update the local computational efficiency of clients participating in training

# Experiment

Learning  
Environment

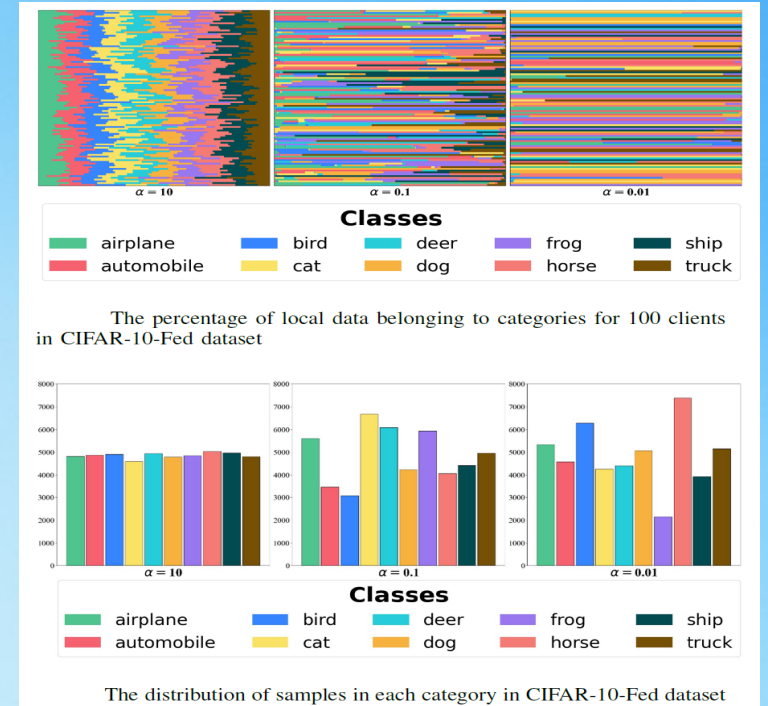
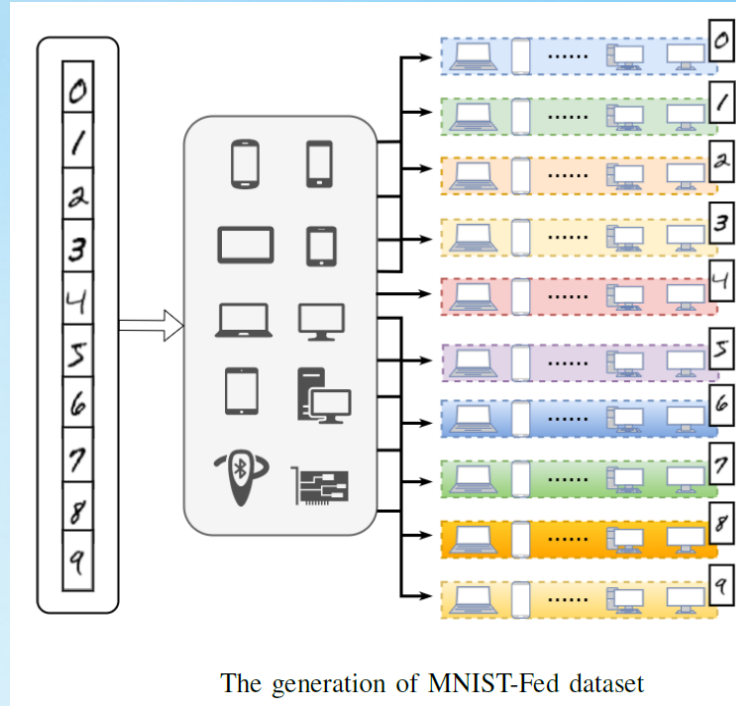
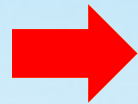


Parameter Server			
CPU	AMD Ryzen5-3600@1.8GHz 12 cores		
GPU	NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2060 CUDA 1920 cores		
RAM	16GB		
Client			
Type	computational Resources	RAM	Number
Raspberry Pi 3B+	Cortex-A53@1.4GHz CPU×1	1GB	5
Nvidia Jetson Nano	Maxwell CUDA 128 cores GPU×1	4GB	10
0.8 CPU Docker	Ryzen5-3600@1.8GHz CPU×0.8	3GB	15
1.6 CPU Docker	Ryzen5-3600@1.8GHz CPU×1.6	3GB	15
2.4 CPU Docker	Ryzen5-3600@1.8GHz CPU×2.4	3GB	10
3.2 CPU Docker	Ryzen5-3600@1.8GHz CPU×3.2	3GB	10
4.0 CPU Docker	Ryzen5-3600@1.8GHz CPU×4.0	3GB	10
4.8 CPU Docker	Ryzen5-3600@1.8GHz CPU×4.8	3GB	10
5.6 CPU Docker	Ryzen5-3600@1.8GHz CPU×5.6	3GB	10
Nvidia Jetson TX2	Pascal CUDA 256 cores GPU×1	8GB	5

The clients and server are both on the **same LAN** and communicate each other via the **PySyft's WebSocket protocol**.

# Experiment

Dataset & Model



Two **different CNN models** are chosen as experimental models for the MNIST-Fed dataset and the CIFAR-10-Fed dataset.



## Analysis of Hyperparameter Selection for FedGLCE

TABLE III

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF FEDGLCE IN DIFFERENT GROUP UPDATE PERIODS (MNIST-FED, 5 GROUPS)

Group update period $r_u$	Variance of participation	Variance of local accuracy	Accuracy of global test
5	19.54	262.48	81.82%
10	17.92	61.41	86.99%
20	16.54	<b>37.47</b>	<b>91.14%</b>
50	<b>11.76</b>	80.41	90.74%

TABLE IV

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF FEDGLCE IN DIFFERENT GROUP UPDATE PERIODS (MNIST-FED, 10 GROUPS)

Group update period $r_u$	Variance of participation	Variance of local accuracy	Accuracy of global test
5	60.00	24.81	94.93%
10	58.40	24.93	95.08%
20	53.94	19.71	94.51%
50	<b>43.42</b>	<b>16.36</b>	<b>95.46%</b>

## Analysis of Hyperparameter Selection for FedGLCE

TABLE V  
EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF FEDGLCE IN DIFFERENT GROUP UPDATE PERIODS (CIFAR-10-FED, 5 GROUPS)

Group update period $r_u$	CIFAR-10-Fed( $\alpha = 10$ )			CIFAR-10-Fed( $\alpha = 0.1$ )			CIFAR-10-Fed( $\alpha = 0.01$ )		
	Var (par)	Var (local)	Acc (global)	Var (par)	Var (local)	Acc (global)	Var (par)	Var (local)	Acc (global)
5	<b>249.92</b>	<b>35.80</b>	<b>71.40%</b>	264.68	109.23	62.77%	267.72	526.39	48.56%
10	262.56	38.94	70.79%	259.04	144.64	62.19%	250.56	406.60	49.75%
20	265.04	38.59	69.84%	255.08	125.86	<b>63.47%</b>	269.62	405.93	<b>50.87%</b>
50	270.86	44.25	69.83%	<b>237.14</b>	<b>96.54</b>	63.36%	<b>241.34</b>	<b>387.73</b>	50.38%

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	Var (par)	Var (local)	Acc (global)	Var (par)	Var (local)	Acc (global)	Var (par)	Var (local)	Acc (global)
5	<b>1096.90</b>	<b>29.94</b>	<b>71.12%</b>	1172.14	137.26	64.38%	1196.06	385.10	53.05%
10	1126.62	36.00	70.54%	1133.98	103.86	65.32%	1168.56	<b>321.12</b>	53.04%
20	1134.32	35.29	71.02%	<b>1022.92</b>	<b>94.08</b>	<b>65.44%</b>	1116.88	373.48	53.72%
50	1165.22	41.05	70.94%	1115.62	113.21	65.10%	<b>1094.64</b>	353.47	<b>53.77%</b>

## Analysis of Client Participation

TABLE VII  
EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF CLIENT PARTICIPATION DIFFERENCES FOR  
CLIENT GROUPING APPROACHES

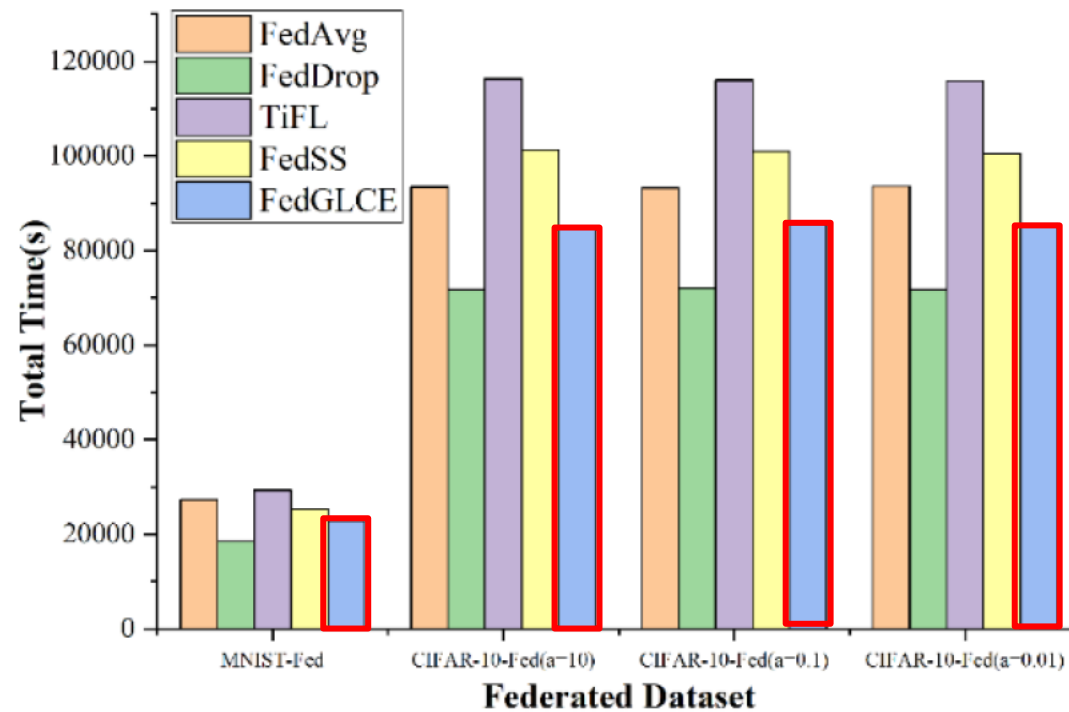
Comparison approaches	Evaluation metrics	Dataset			
		MNIST-Fed	CIFAR-10-Fed		
			<i>Dir(10)</i>	<i>Dir(0.1)</i>	<i>Dir(0.01)</i>
FedAvg	$Var(Fre)$	64.30	1323.4	1326.86	1322.5
FedDrop		210.02	1887.22	1900.14	1818.46
TiFL		<b>17.02</b>	1537.14	1527.5	1547.14
FedSS		78.36	1258.06	1259.86	1252.56
FedGLCE		53.94	<b>1134.52</b>	<b>1022.92</b>	<b>1094.64</b>

## Analysis of Local Test Accuracy

TABLE VIII  
EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF LOCAL TEST ACCURACY DIFFERENCES FOR  
CLIENT GROUPING APPROACHES

Comparison approaches	Evaluation metrics	Dataset			
		MNIST-Fed	CIFAR-10-Fed		
			<i>Dir(10)</i>	<i>Dir(0.1)</i>	<i>Dir(0.01)</i>
FedAvg	<i>Var(Acc)</i>	24.02	<b>34.29</b>	116.28	406.91
FedDrop		23.33	37.74	97.80	549.22
TiFL		<b>15.77</b>	38.79	132.16	408.10
FedSS		20.40	37.56	95.10	520.88
FedGLCE		19.71	35.29	<b>94.08</b>	<b>373.48</b>

## Total Hours of Federated Training



Experimental results of total federated learning training hours for different client grouping approaches

# Conclusion

- FedGLCE can **balance the participation of clients** in the local federated training through the dynamic client grouping approach based on local computing efficiency under the premise of **ensuring the local test accuracy**.
- **Performance biases** of the global model on clients are improved.
- FedGLCE reduces the **total training time** of clients in federated learning.



Thanks for your attention!