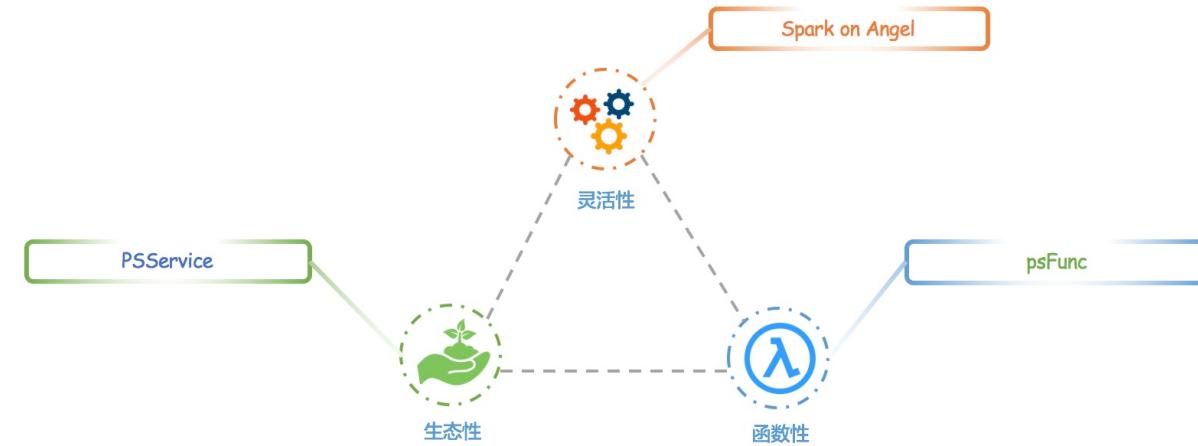


进击的巨人

## 基于Angel和Spark Streaming的高维度Online Learning

Andymhuang ( 黄明 )

腾讯——数据平台部



一个基于参数服务器（Parameter Server）理念的高性能分布式机器学习平台

<https://github.com/tencent/angel>

整体介绍

Spark on Angel

性能和比较

Angel的架构

Online Learning with Angel

开源与展望

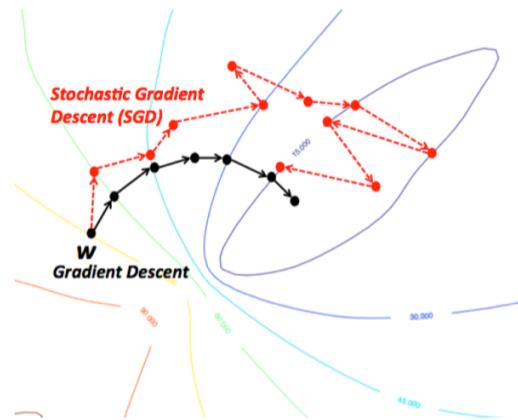
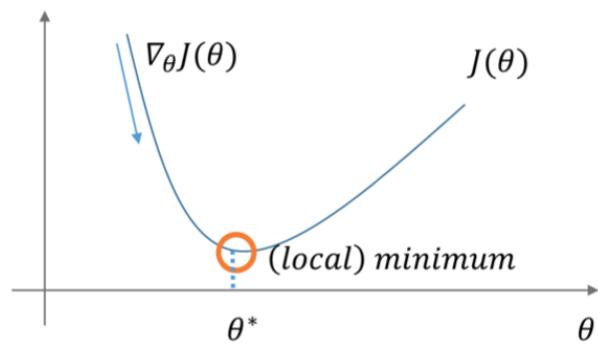
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# 分布式机器学习



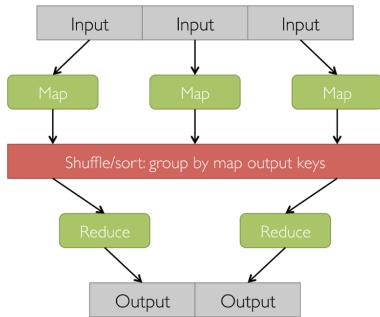
# 机器学习的目标



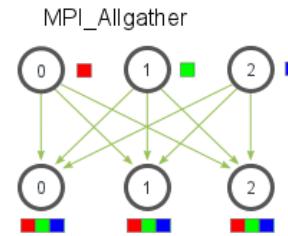
$$\arg \min_{\vec{\theta}} f(\vec{x}, y, \vec{\theta}) = J(\{\vec{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^N; \vec{\theta})$$

模型      数据      参数

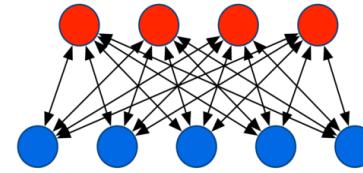
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MapReduce

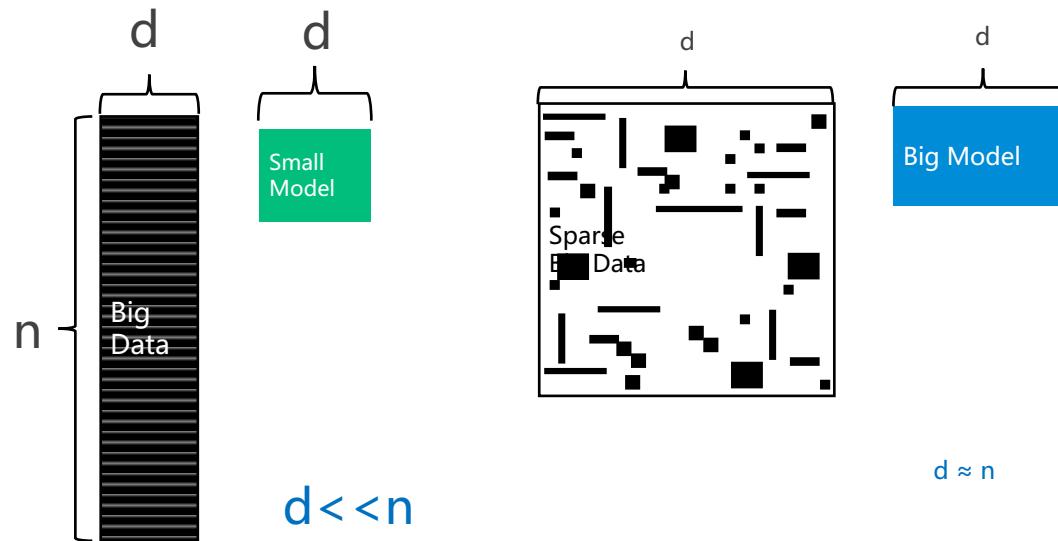


MPI



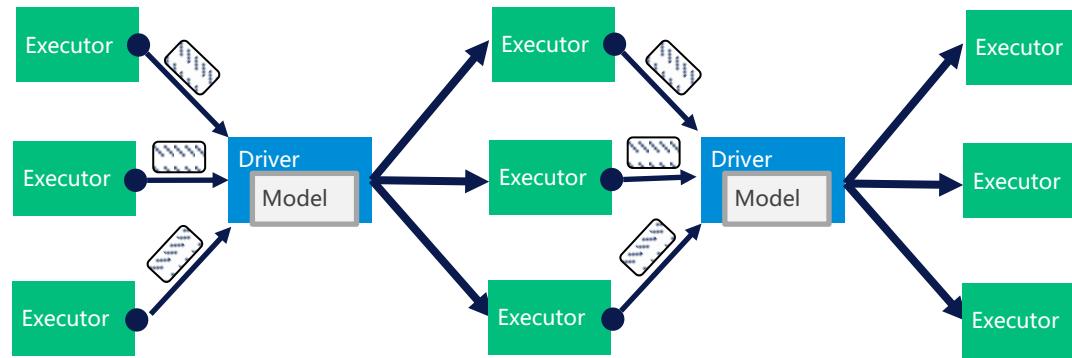
Parameter Server

# 腾讯的现网需求



寻找满足十亿级维度的工业级的分布式机器学习平台

# Spark机器学习的瓶颈



- Driver成为参数汇总的单点瓶颈，难以支撑大规模模型及数据
- 十亿级维度的模型训练，实际应用中降维处理
- Executor之间相互等待，整体效率不高

# 其它机器学习平台



苹果收购了

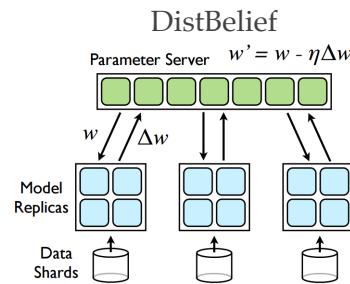


实验室级别，而且融资后不开源了

转深度学习CNTK

*dmlc*  
**XGBoost**

针对性太强



转深度学习TensorFlow



开始研发

• 2015

正式开源 V1.0.0

• 2017

投入生产

• 2016

- 能支持十亿级别维度的模型训练
- 基于Matrix/Vector的模型自动切分和管理，兼顾稀疏和稠密两种格式
- 提供多种同步控制机制（BSP/SSP/ASP）

工业级别可用的  
参数服务器

丰富的机器学习及  
数学计算库

- 集成LR（ADMM-LR），SVM，KMeans，LDA，MF，GBDT等机器学习算法
- 多种优化方法，包括ADMM，OWLQN，LBFGS和GD
- 支持多种损失函数、评估指标，包含L1、L2正则项算法

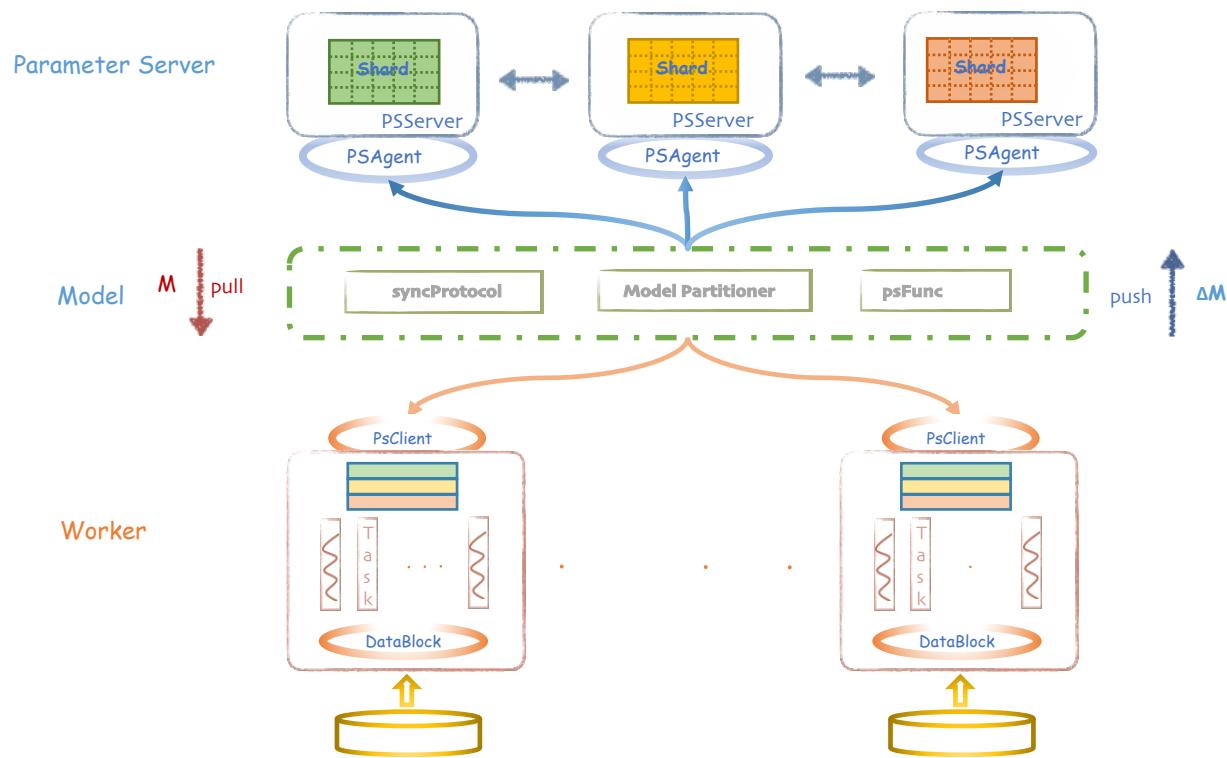
- 基于PSModel的机器学习友好接口，以Model为核心编程
- 支持Spark on Angel，Spark代码小量改动就可以运行Angel之上
- 灵活的psFunc，便于复杂算法的开发，实现模型并行

友好的  
用户编程接口

# Angel的架构

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# Angel的系统框架



# 核心抽象

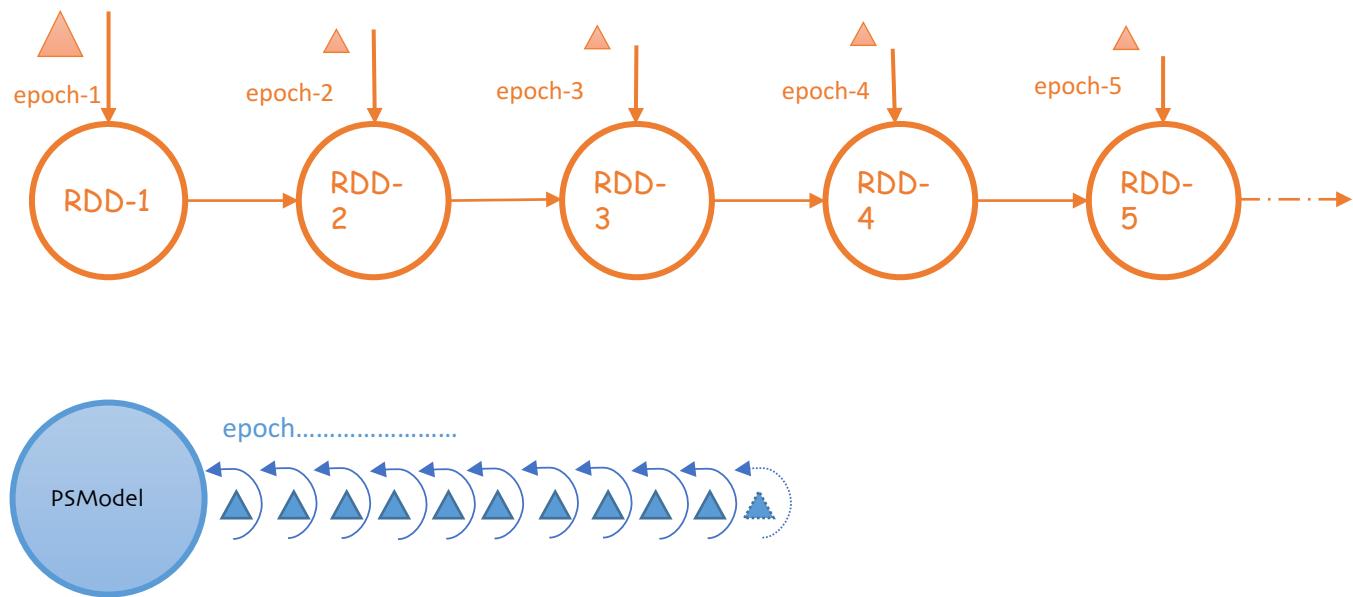
Mapper  
Reducer

RDD

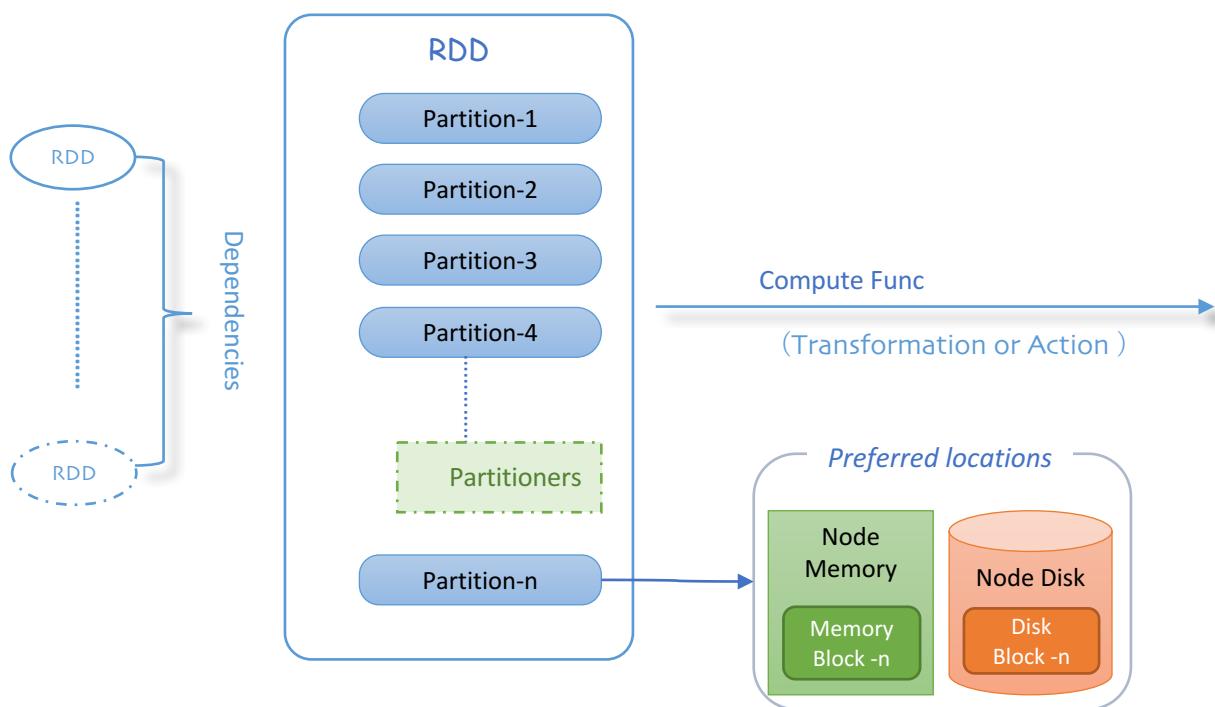
PSModel



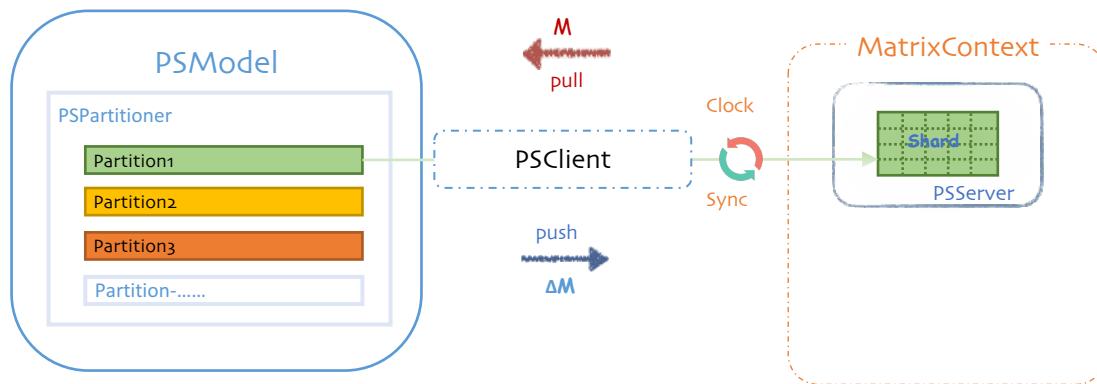
# RDD vs PSModel



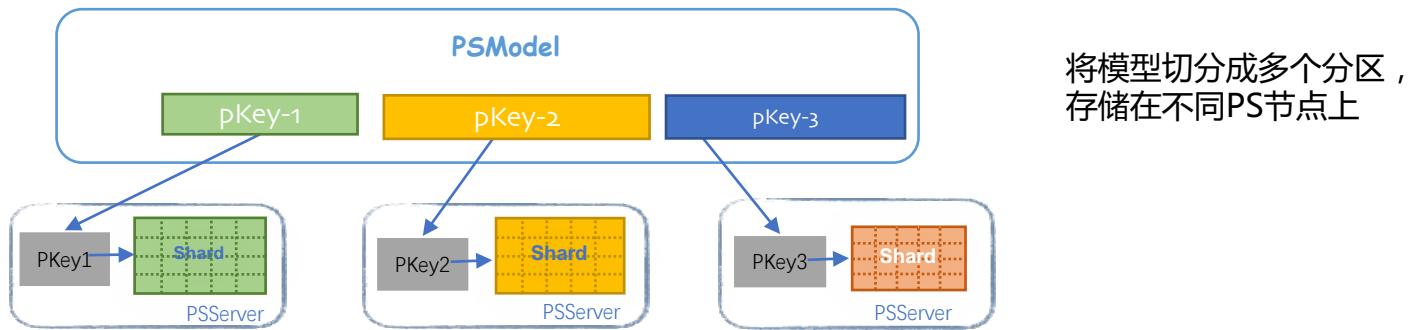
# RDD和核心抽象



# PSModel



# 模型分区 (Model Partitioner)



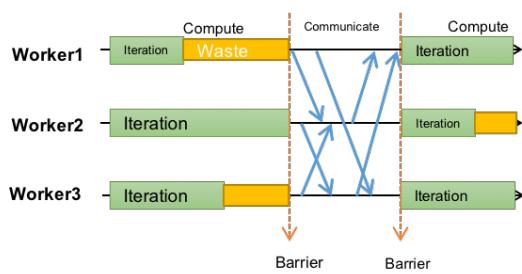
## 优点

- 保证Server负载均衡
- 避免Server单点性能瓶颈
- 支撑10亿~100亿级别维度参数

## Angel的模型分区

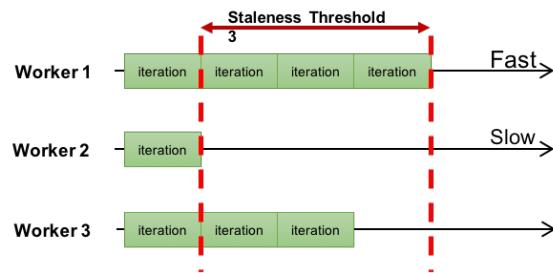
- 默认将模型分成大小相等的块
- 可以指定分区块大小
- 支持横切和纵切
- 自定义矩阵分区，量身定制区块分布方式

# 同步控制 (Sync Controller)



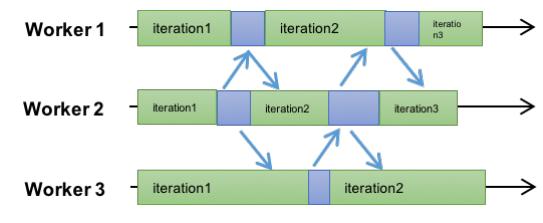
BSP

适用范围广，但等待时间长  
`angel.staleness = 0`



SSP

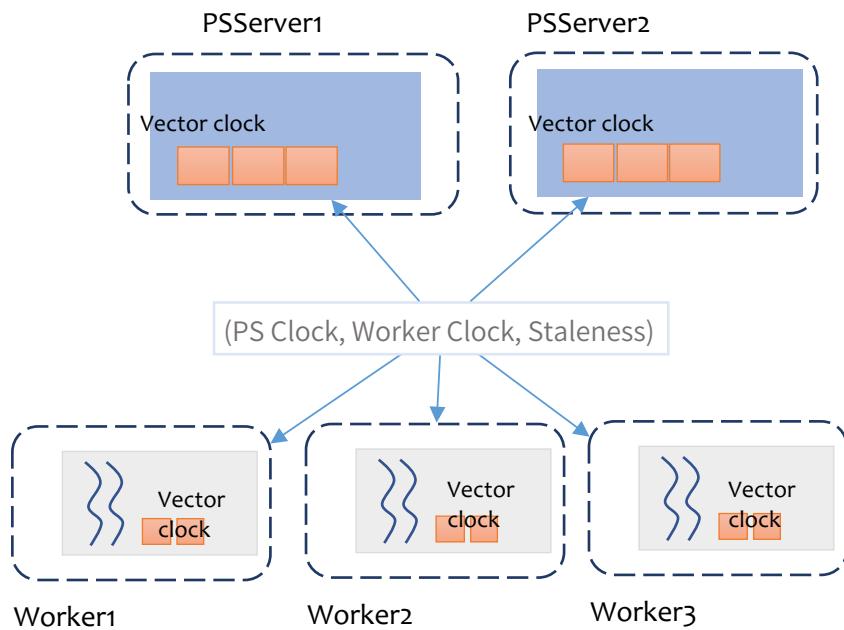
等待时间较短，但需要更多迭代  
`angel.staleness=N`



ASP

无等待时间较短，收敛无保证  
`angel.staleness=-1`

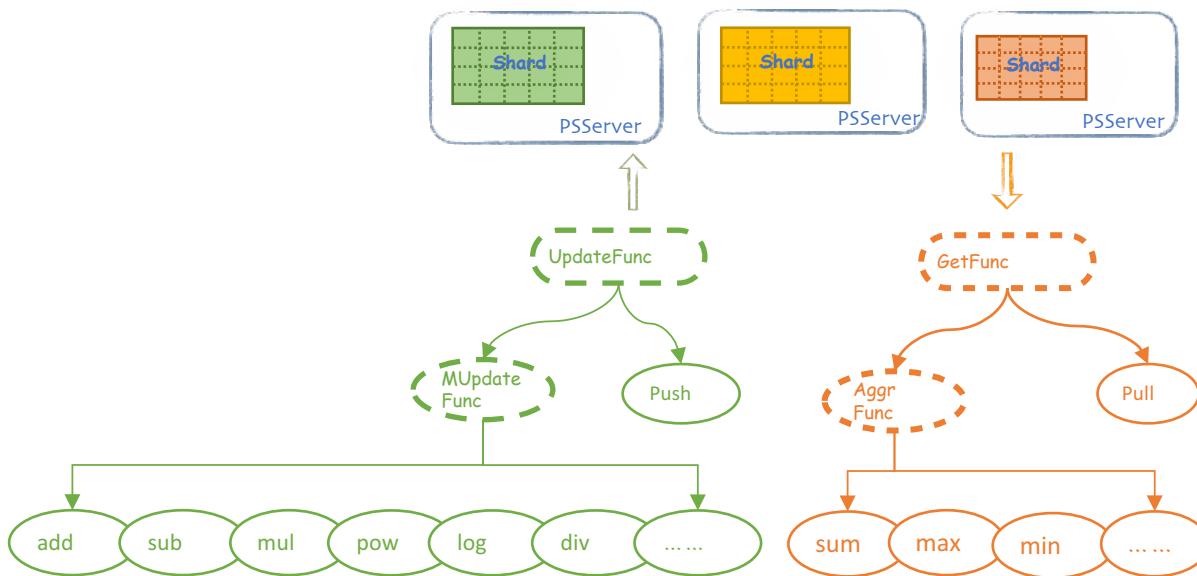
# 同步控制 (Sync Controller)



## 向量时钟

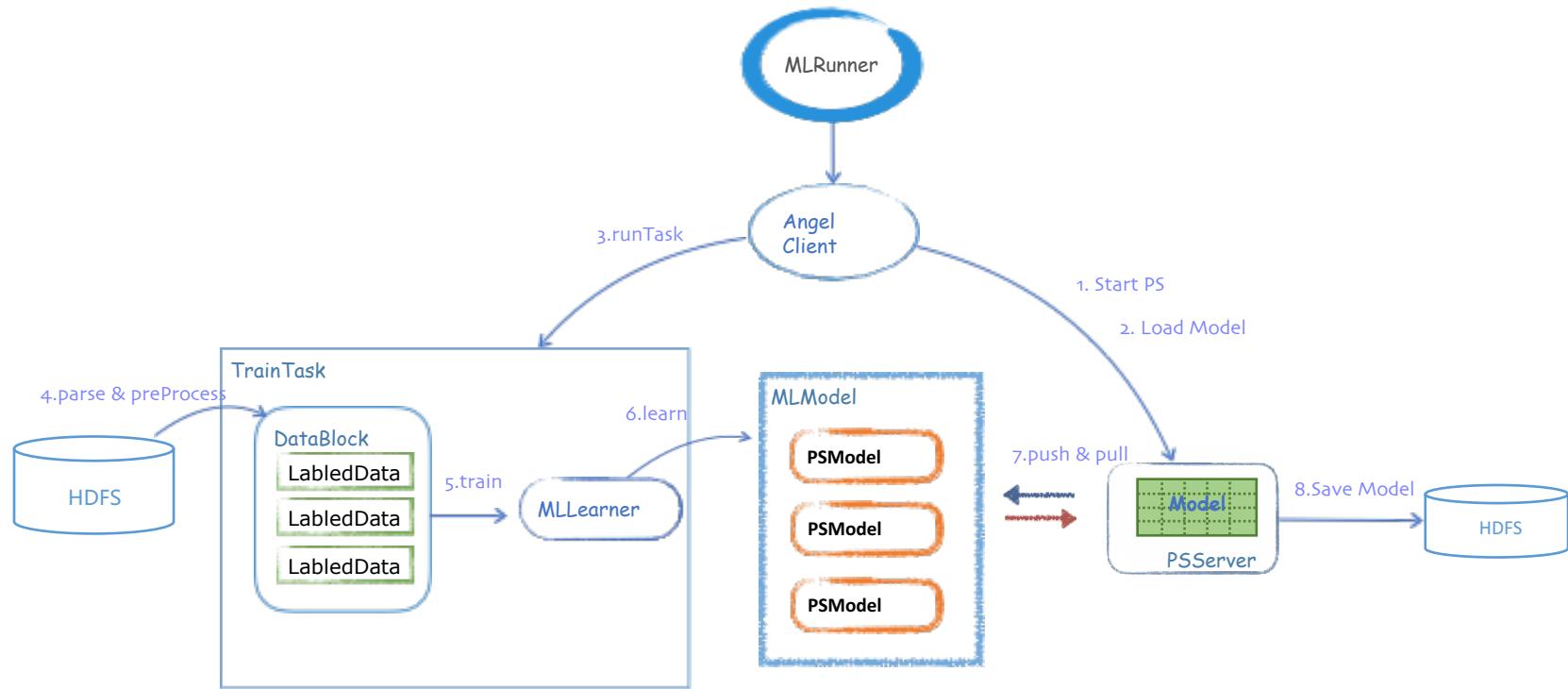
- 在Server端为每个分区维护一个向量时钟，记录每个worker在该分区的时钟信息
- 在Worker端维护一个后台同步线程，用于同步所有分区的时钟信息
- Task在对PSModel进行Get或其他读取操作时，根据本地时钟信息和staleness进行判断，选择是否进行等待操作
- 每次迭代完，调用Clock方法，更新向量时钟

# ps函数 (psFunc)



PSServer不仅仅是存储，也具备计算功能，可以实现模型并行

# 核心流程和类



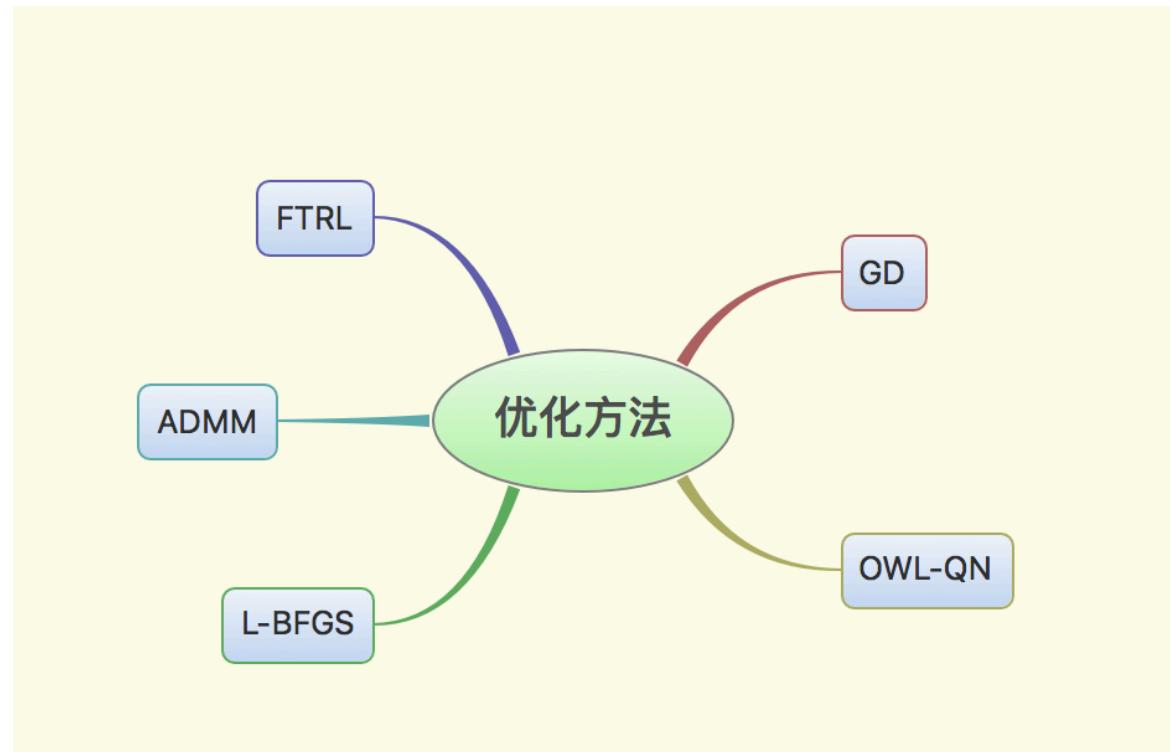
# Algorithms on Angel

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# Angel的算法

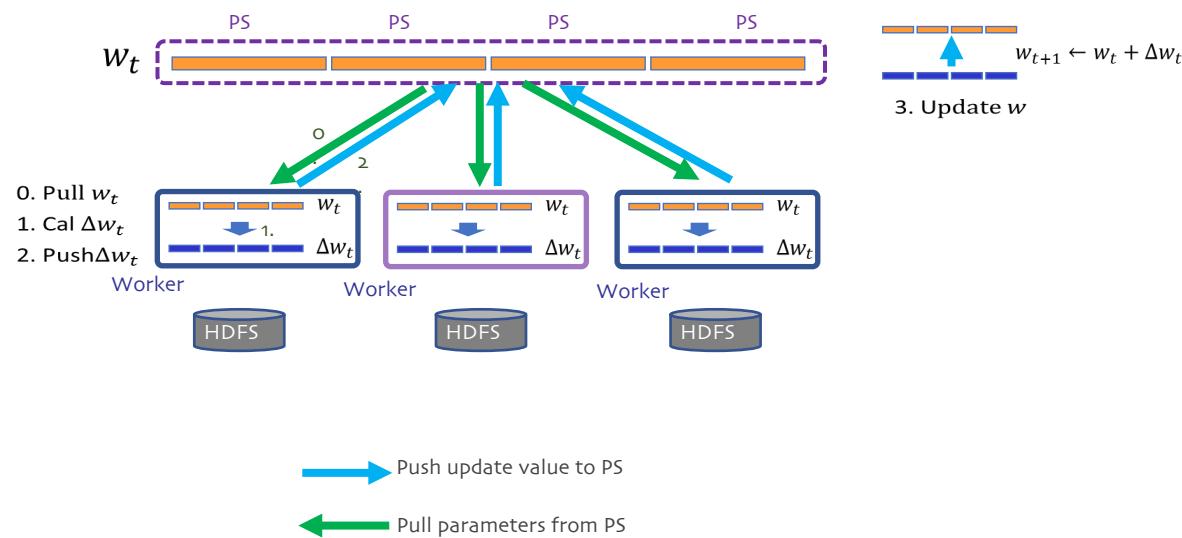


# 优化方法



# LR on Angel

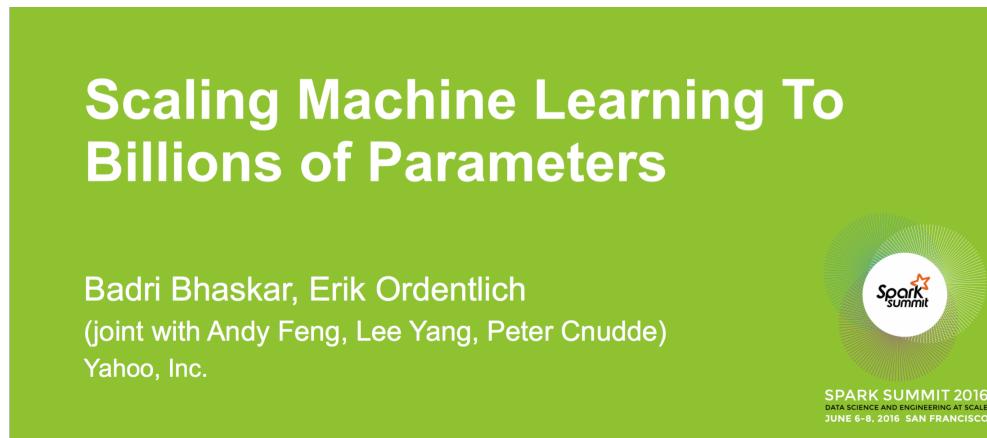
Step 0: Worker从PS获得参数 $W_t$   
Step 1: Worker计算参数的更新值 $\Delta W_t$   
Step 2: Worker把 $\Delta W_t$ 推送给PS  
Step 3: PS更新参数 ( $W_{t+1} \leftarrow W_t + \Delta W_t$ )



# Spark on Angel

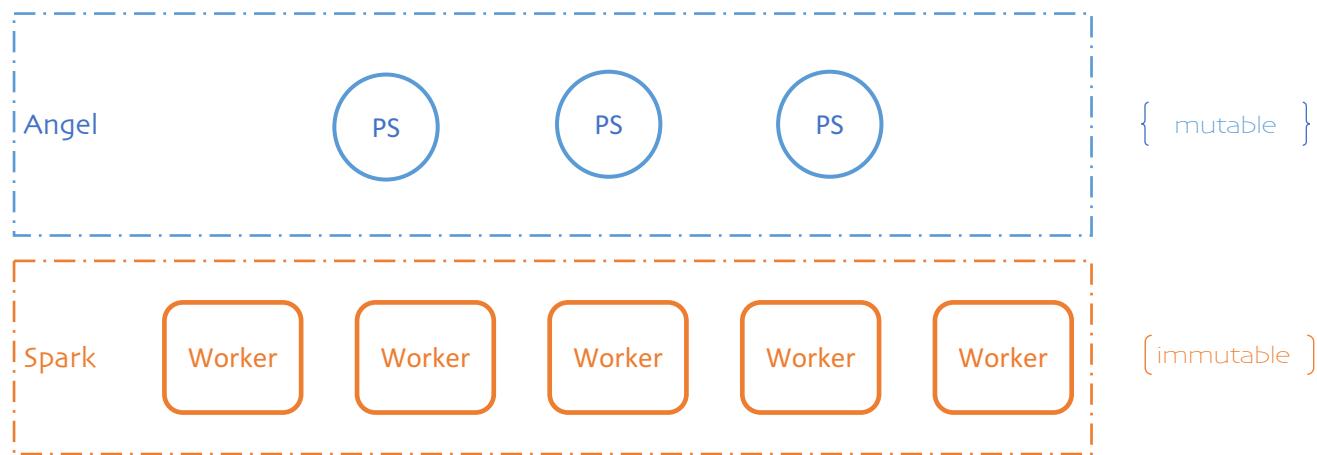
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# Spark on PS的回顾



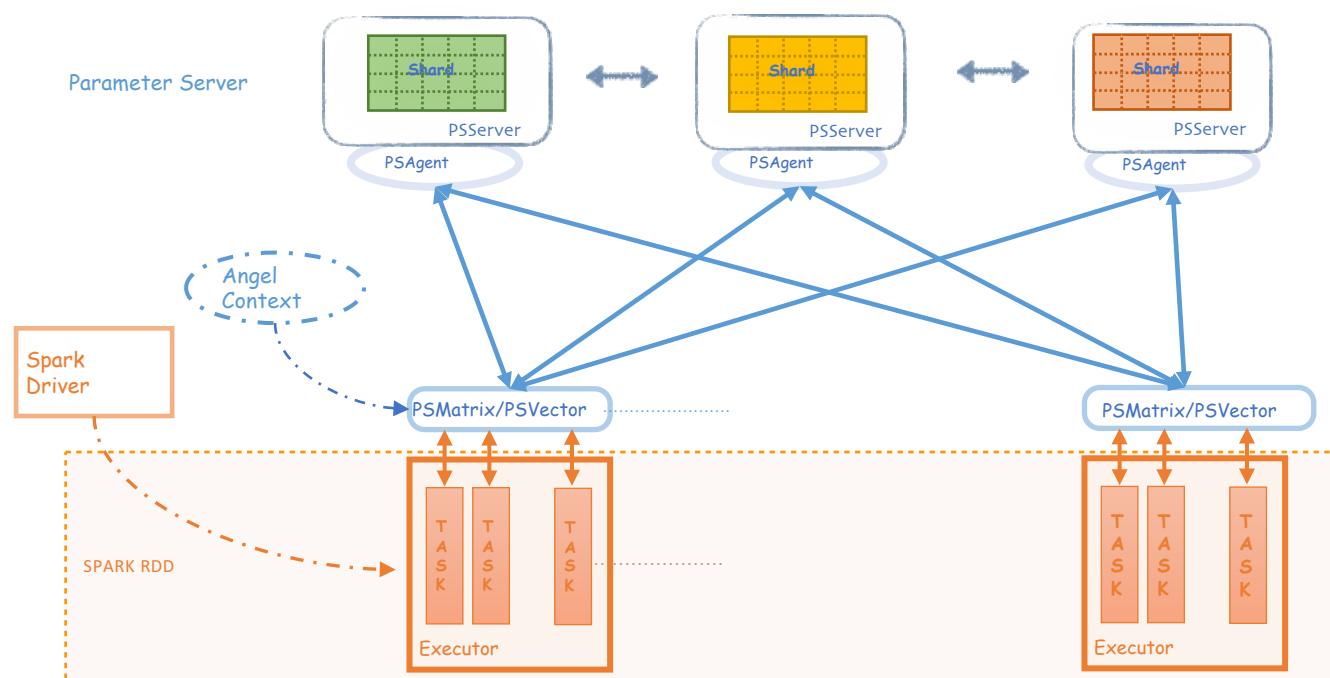
<https://issues.apache.org/jira/browse/SPARK-6932>

# Spark on PS的基本理念



1. 分离变和不变
2. 以少博多
3. 降低侵入性

# Spark on Angel的架构



# Spark on Angel的基础写法

```
PSContext.getOrCreate(spark.sparkContext)
val psVector = PSVector.dense(dim, capacity)
rdd.map { case (label, feature) =>
    psVector.increment(feature)
    ...
}
println("feature sum:" + psVector.pull.mkString(" "))
```

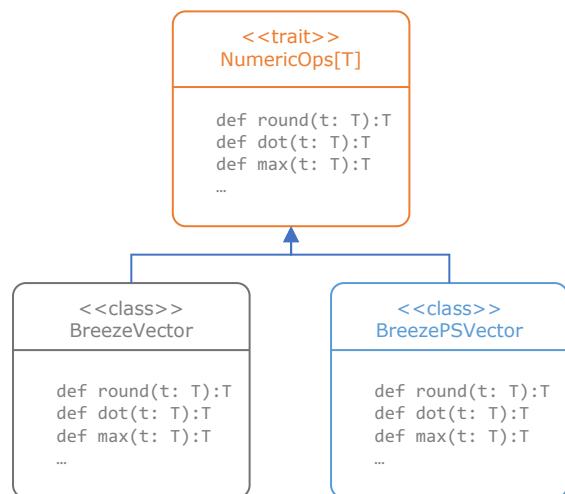
- 启动SparkSession

```
|• 初始化PSContext，启动Angel的PSServer
|• 通过PSContext，创建PSVector
|• 在RDD的运算中，直接调用PSVector，进行模型更新
\• 终止PSContext
```

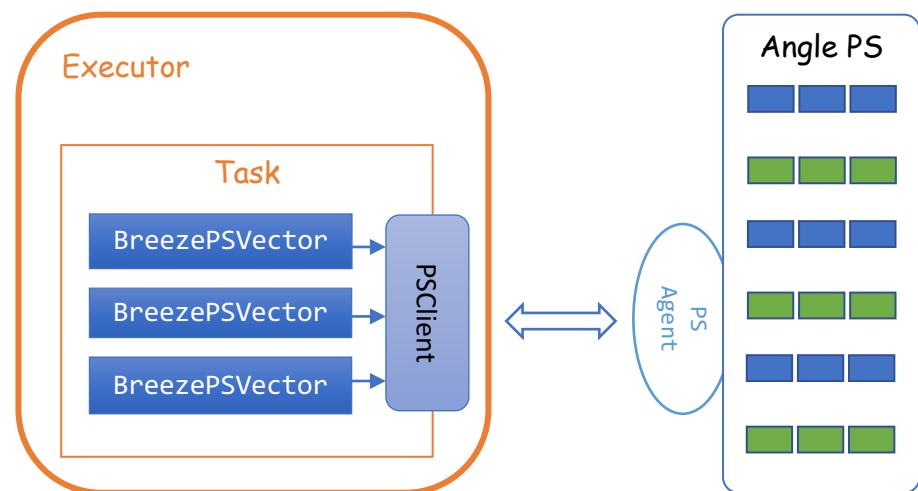
- 停止SparkSession

# Vector的透明替换

混入相同特征



进行透明替换



- 将BreezeVector透明替换为PsVector
- 适用于MLLib大部分算法
- 替代成本非常低

# Spark on Angel的进阶写法

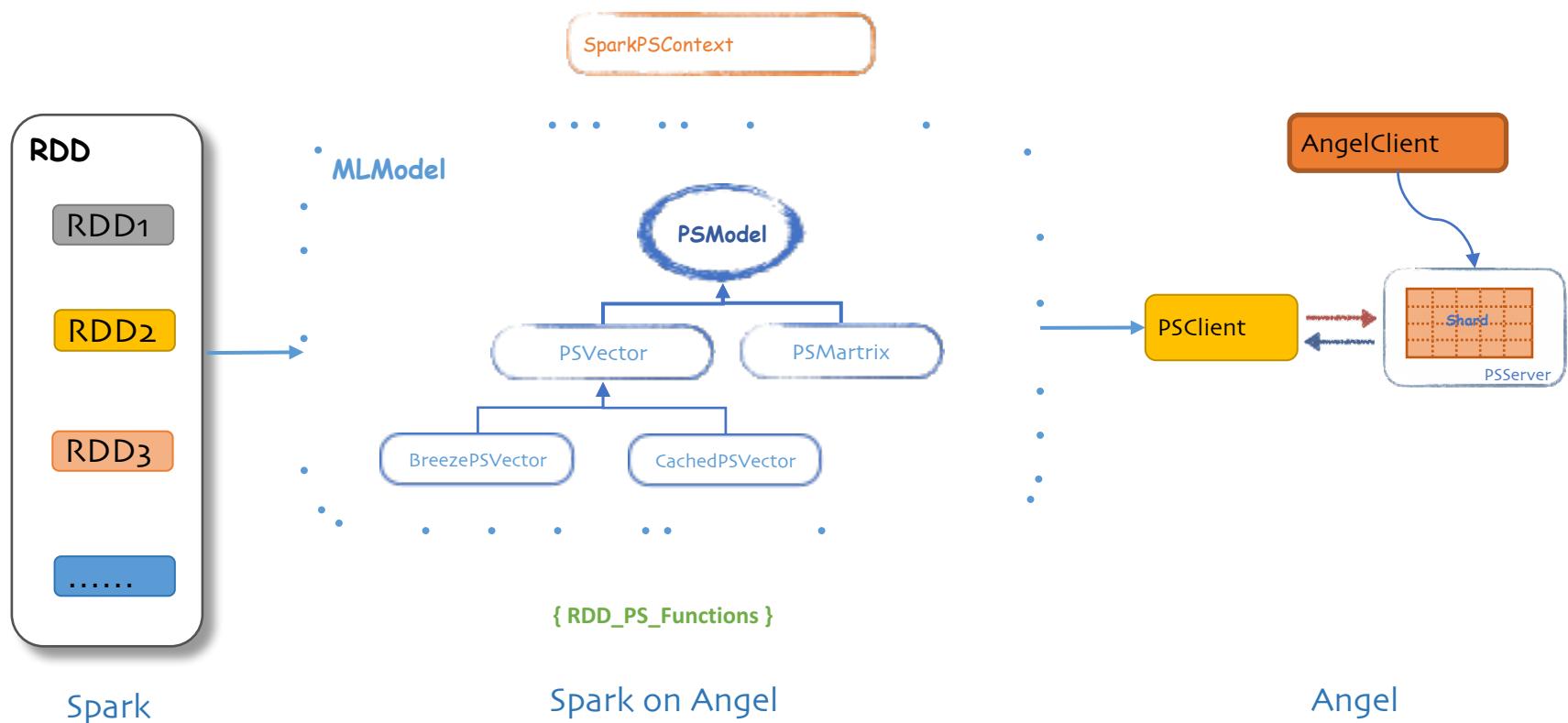
- Spark

```
def runOWLQN(trainData: RDD[(Vector, Double)], dim: Int, m: Int, maxIter: Int): Unit = {  
    val initWeight = new DenseVector[Double](dim)  
    val l1reg = 0.0  
    val owlqn = new BrzOWLQN[Int, DenseVector[Double]](maxIter, m, 0.0, 1e-5)  
  
    val states = owlqn.iterations(CostFunc(trainData), initWeight)  
    ....  
}
```

- Spark on Angel

```
def runOWLQN(trainData: RDD[(Vector, Double)], dim: Int, m: Int, maxIter: Int): Unit = {  
    val initWeightPS = PSVector.dense(dim, 20).toBreeze()  
    val l1regPS = PSVector.duplicate(initWeightPS.component).zero().toBreeze  
  
    val owlqn = new OWLQN(maxIter, m, l1regPS, tol)  
    val states = owlqn.iterations(PSCostFunc(trainData), initWeightPS)  
    ....  
}
```

# Spark on Angel的API设计

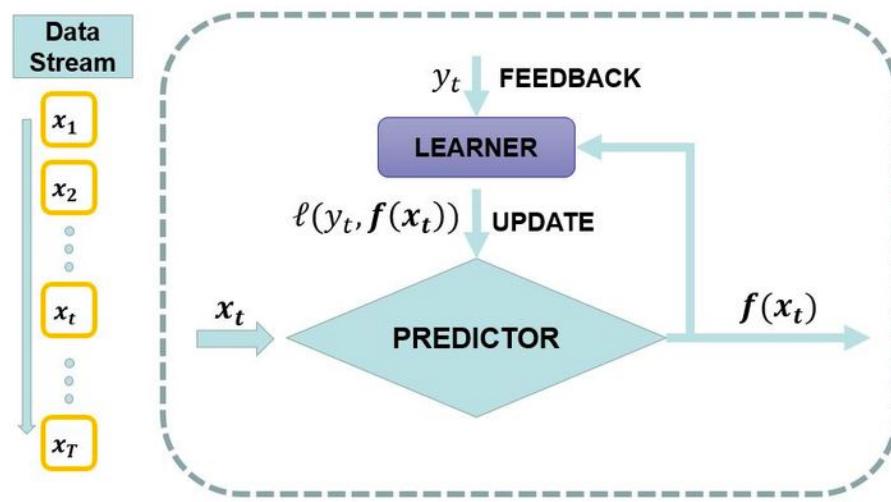


# Spark Streaming on Angel

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A Better Way of Online Learning

# Online Learning



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Online\\_machine\\_learning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Online_machine_learning)

# 在线随机优化 – 目标

- 目标：在online的场景下最小化后悔(regret)

For  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$

- Learner receive an input  $x_t \in X$
- Learner output prediction  $p_t = f_t(x_t) \in Y$
- Nature looks at output  $p_t$  and send the learner the true label  $y_t \in Y$
- Learner suffers loss  $V(p_t, y_t)$  and updates its model

The learner is trying to minimize the regret

$$R_T(H) = \sum_{t=1}^T V(p_t, y_t) - \min_{f \in H} \sum_{t=1}^T V(f(x_t), y_t)$$

- 典型算法：FTRL(follow the regularized leader)

# 基于Logistic Regression的FTRL

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**Algorithm 1** Per-Coordinate FTRL-Proximal with  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  Regularization for Logistic Regression

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# With per-coordinate learning rates of Eq. (2).

**Input:** parameters  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda_1, \lambda_2$

( $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ ), initialize  $z_i = 0$  and  $n_i = 0$

**for**  $t = 1$  **to**  $T$  **do**

    Receive feature vector  $\mathbf{x}_t$  and let  $I = \{i \mid x_i \neq 0\}$

    For  $i \in I$  compute

$$w_{t,i} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |z_i| \leq \lambda_1 \\ -\left(\frac{\beta + \sqrt{n_i}}{\alpha} + \lambda_2\right)^{-1}(z_i - \text{sgn}(z_i)\lambda_1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Predict  $p_t = \sigma(\mathbf{x}_t \cdot \mathbf{w})$  using the  $w_{t,i}$  computed above

Observe label  $y_t \in \{0, 1\}$

**for** all  $i \in I$  **do**

$g_i = (p_t - y_t)x_i$  #gradient of loss w.r.t.  $w_i$

$\sigma_i = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left( \sqrt{n_i + g_i^2} - \sqrt{n_i} \right)$  #equals  $\frac{1}{\eta_{t,i}} - \frac{1}{\eta_{t-1,i}}$

$z_i \leftarrow z_i + g_i - \sigma_i w_{t,i}$

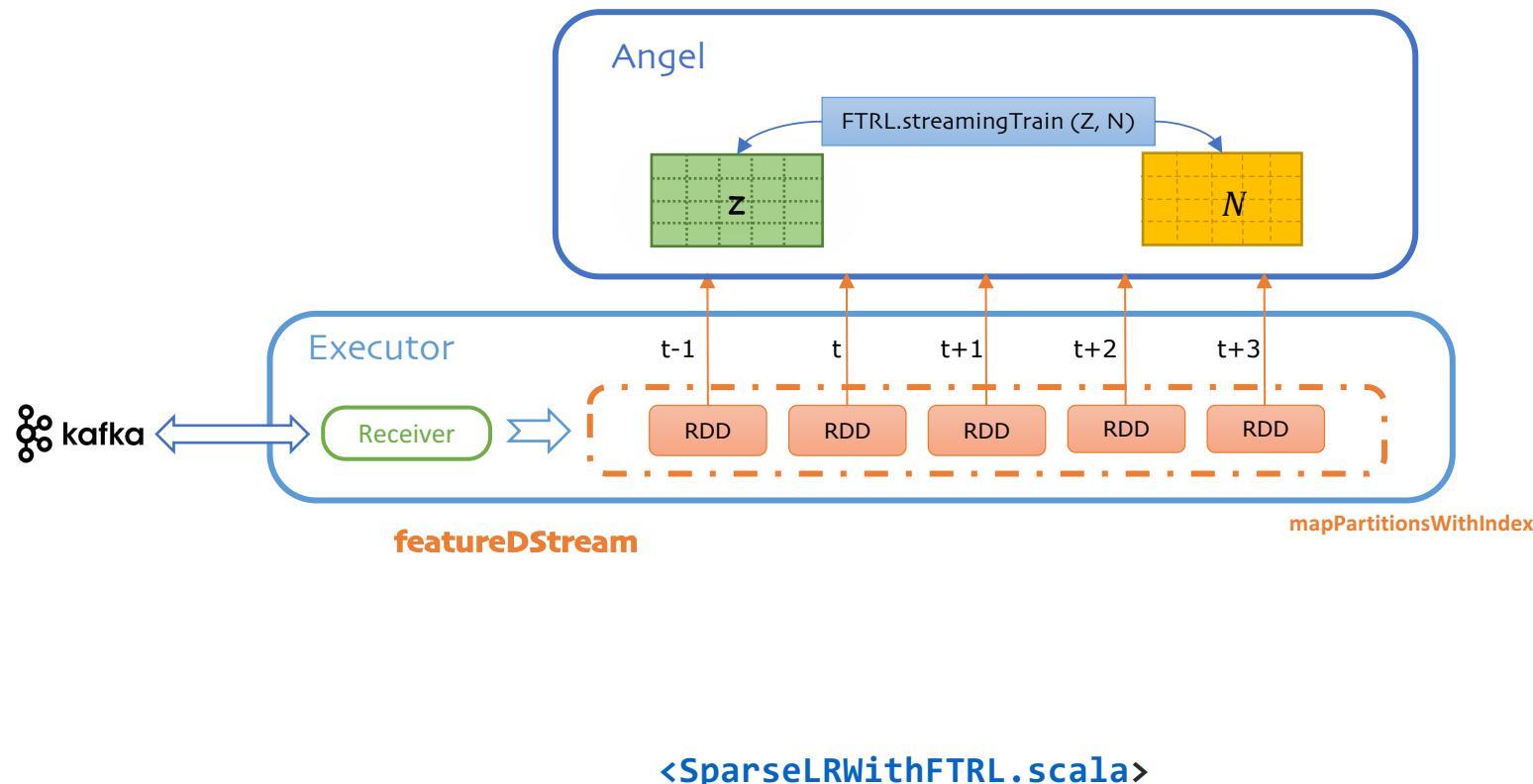
$n_i \leftarrow n_i + g_i^2$

**end for**

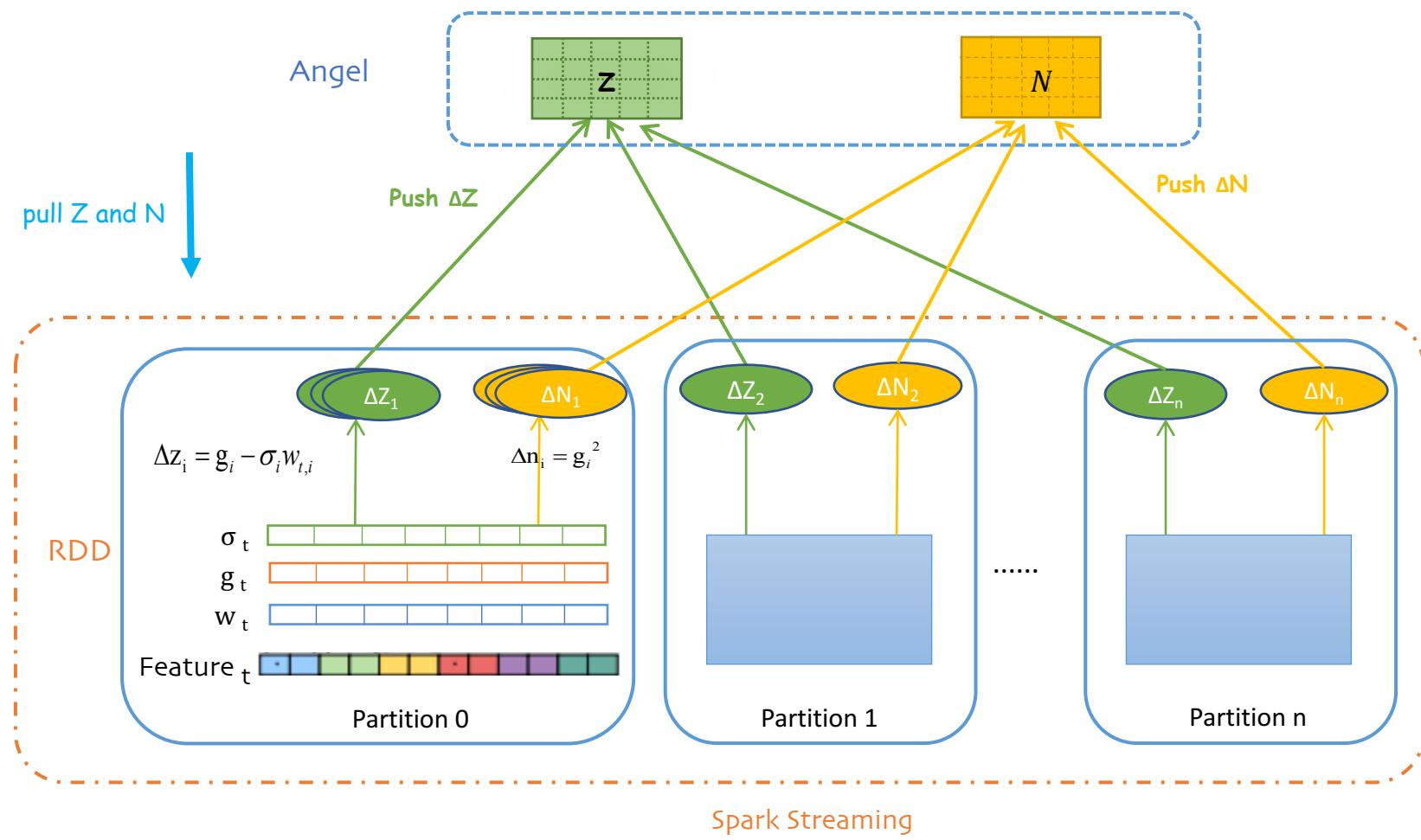
**end for**

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# [Spark Streaming on Angel] FTRL架构



# 基于Angel的实现



# FTRL的整体代码框架

## 1. 初始化上下文 (Spark Streaming & Angel)

```
val ssc = new StreamingContext(sparkConf, Seconds(streamingWindow))
val sc = ssc.sparkContext
PSContext.getOrCreate(sc)
```

## 2. 对接Kafka，创建DataStream (Receiver-base模式)

```
val topicMap: Map[String, Int] = Map(topic -> 1)
val featureDS = KafkaUtils.createStream(ssc, zkQuorum, group, topicMap).map(_.value)
```

## 3. 创建Angel的PSModel (PSVector)

```
val zPS: SparsePSVector = PSVector.sparse(dim)
val nPS: SparsePSVector = PSVector.sparse(dim)
```

## 4. 基于FeatureDS，训练zPS和nPS的算法流程

```
SparseLRWithFTRL.train(zPS, nPS, featureDS)
```

## 5. 启动SparkStreaming

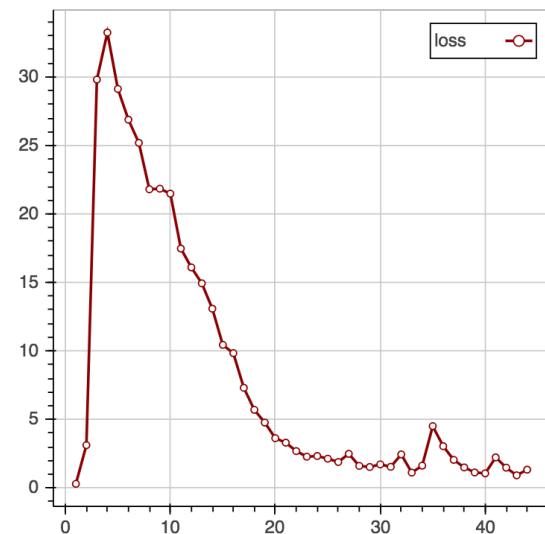
```
ssc.start()
ssc.awaitTermination()
```

# 资源和性能

资源参数	
* num-executors	100 分配计算节点数目
* driver-memory(g)	5 主节点内存大小, 上限为30g
* executor-cores	3 每个子节点分配的cpu core数, 推荐3~4
* executor-memory(g)	10 每个子节点分配的内存大小, 上限为30g, 推荐单个core配置2~3g

Angel资源参数	
* spark.ps.instances	20 Angel PS节点数
* spark.ps.cores	2 每个PS节点的Core数
* spark.ps.memory(g)	6 每个PS节点的Memory大小

alpha	0.1 FTRL的alpha参数
beta	1.0 FTRL的beta参数
* lambda1	0.1 FTRL的lambda1参数, L1正则项的系数
lambda2	0.1 FTRL的lambda2参数, L2正则项的系数
rho1	0.7 FTRL_VRG中权重W进行移动平均更新时采用的系数
rho2	0.85 FTRL_VRG中梯度进行移动平均更新时采用的系数



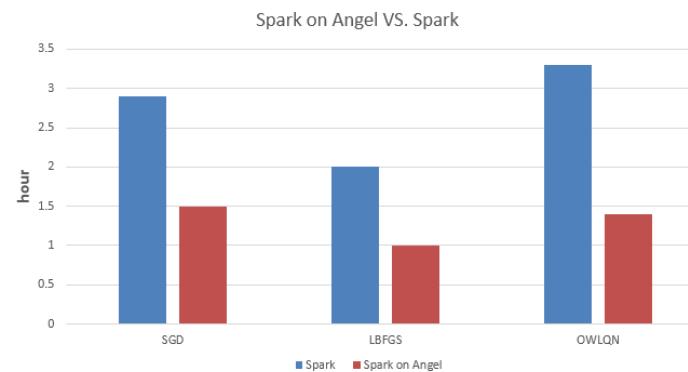
# 性能比对

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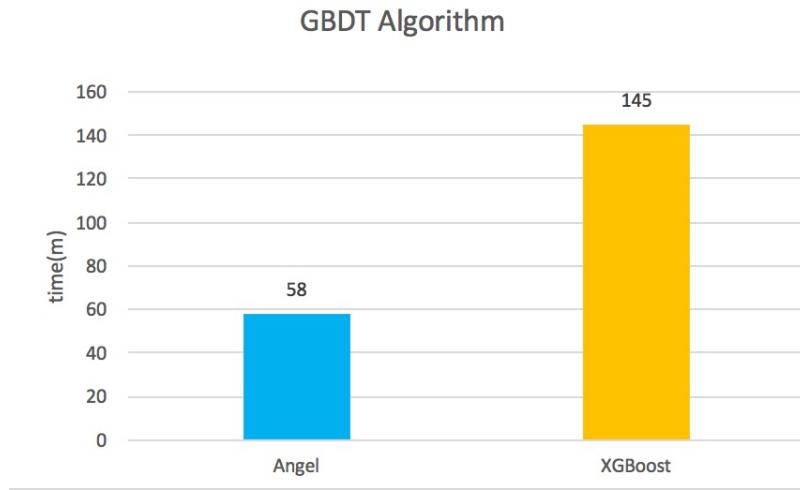
生产数据，现网环境，尽量公平

# Spark on Angel vs Spark — LR

	Spark	Spark on Angel	加速比例
SGD LR (stepSize=0.05,maxIter=100)	2.9 hour	1.5 hour	48.3%
L-BFGS LR (m=10, maxIter=50)	2 hour	1 hour	50.0%
OWL-QN LR (m=10, maxIter=50)	3.3 hour	1.4 hour	57.6%



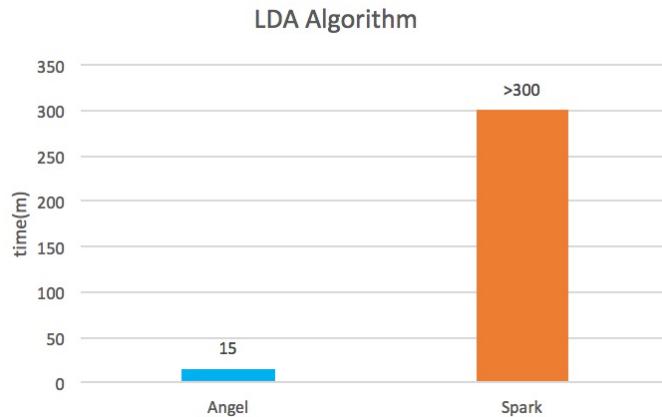
# Angel vs XGBoost —— GBDT



框架	Worker	PS	建立20棵树时间
Angel	50 个(内存: 10G / Worker)	10个 (内存: 10G / PS)	58 min
XGBoost	50个 (内存: 10G / Worker)	N/A	2h 25 min

数据：腾讯内部某性别预测数据集， $3.3 \times 10^5$  特征， $1.2 \times 10^8$  样本

# Angel vs Spark —— LDA



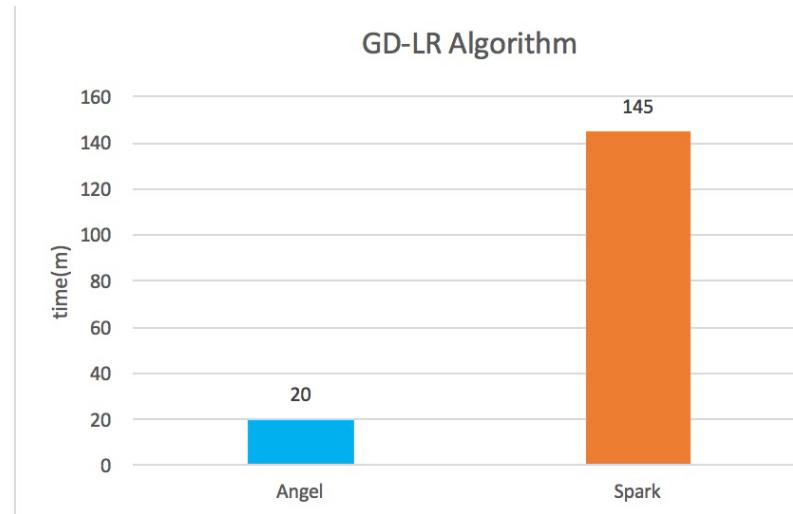
框架	Worker	PS	时间
Angel	20个(内存: 8G/Worker)	20个(内存: 4G/PS)	15min
Spark	20个(内存: 20G/Worker)	N/A	>300min

数据: PubMED

框架	Worker	PS	时间
Angel	50个(内存: 10G/Worker)	50个(内存: 4G/PS)	1h 7min

DataSet: 40G Token: 2 billion Word: 52w Topic : 1000

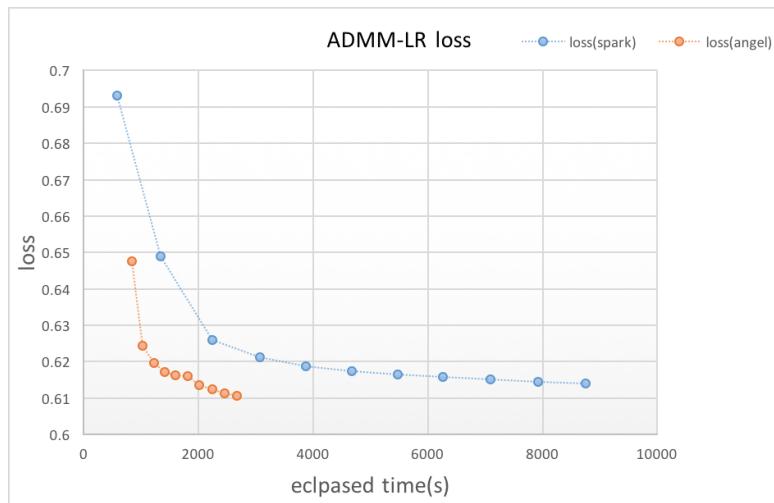
# Angel vs Spark —— LR



框架	Worker	PS	迭代100次时间
Angel	50个(内存:10G/Worker)	20个(内存: 5G/PS)	20min
Spark	50个(内存:14G/Worker)	N/A	145min

数据：腾讯内部某推荐数据， $5 \times 10^7$  特征， $8 \times 10^7$  样本

# Angel vs Spark —— ADMM-LR



框架	Worker	PS	收敛退出
Angel	100个(内存:10G/Worker)	50个(内存: 5G/PS)	27 min
Spark	200个(内存:20G/Worker)	N/A	145 min

数据：腾讯内部某推荐数据，5千万特征，1亿样本

# 开源和展望

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OpenSource & Perspective

# Angel开源



github:issues  
(PR 98)

- [LightBGM作者: \[GBDT\] The purposes of using parameter server in GBDT #7](#)
- [海外华人: English translation of documents #95](#)
- [华为工程师: \[WIP\]Upgrade the netty version of RPC to 4.x #94](#)
- [新浪微博: 增强LR算法, 加入y截距因子](#)
- [hbghhy: 加入阿里巴巴用于CTR预估的MLR算法](#)
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# 学术创新

- 国际顶级会议Paper ( CCF A类 )

- [LDA\\*: A Robust and Large-scale Topic Modeling System VLDB, 2017](#)
- [Heterogeneity-aware Distributed Parameter Servers. SIGMOD, 2017](#)
- Angel: a new large-scale machine learning system. National Science Review (NSR), 2017
- TencentBoost: A Gradient Boosting Tree System with Parameter Server. ICDE, 2017
- .....

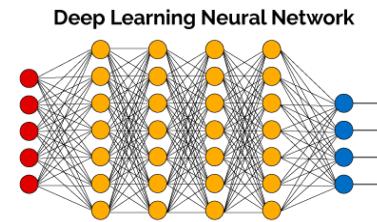


# 未来展望 (What is Next)



Distributed Serving

V1.6



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