



Delta: A Cloud-assisted Data Enrichment Framework for On-Device Continual Learning

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On-device Machine Learning



Machine learning models are crucial in modern mobile apps

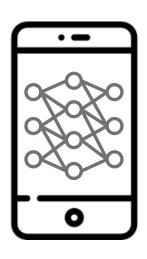




Image Analytics



Activity Recognition



Text Analysis

On-device Continual Learning



Mobile users typically encounter dynamic contexts

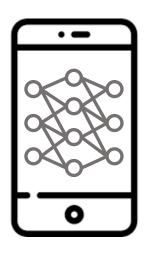










Image Analytics













Activity Recognition

New device positions, human activities











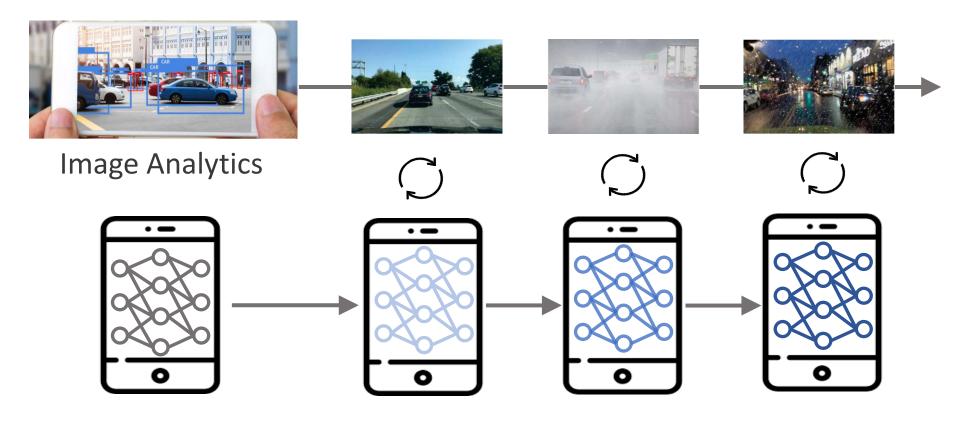
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Different languages, topics, ...

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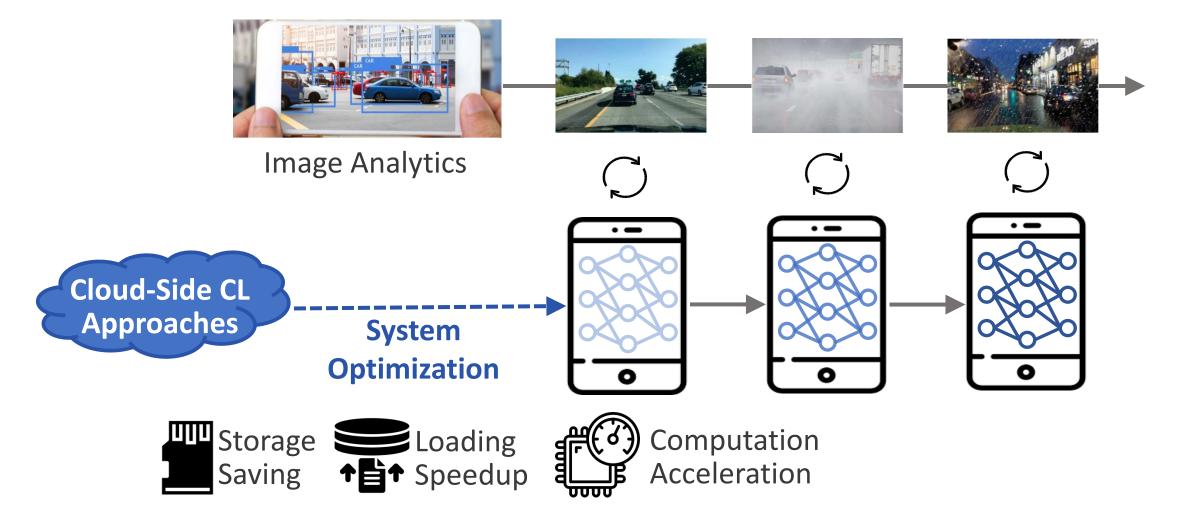
It is critical to enable continual learning on mobile devices



Prior Focus: System Bottleneck



Efficient on-device deployment of cloud-side approaches

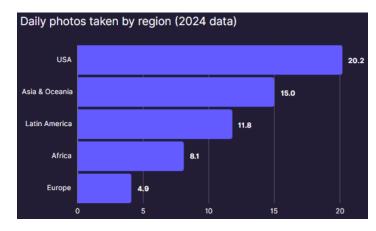


Our Focus: Data Bottleneck



Scarce data resource on mobile devices is a key bottleneck

Data scarcity is a prevalent issue



Average person takes ≈12 photos daily [1]

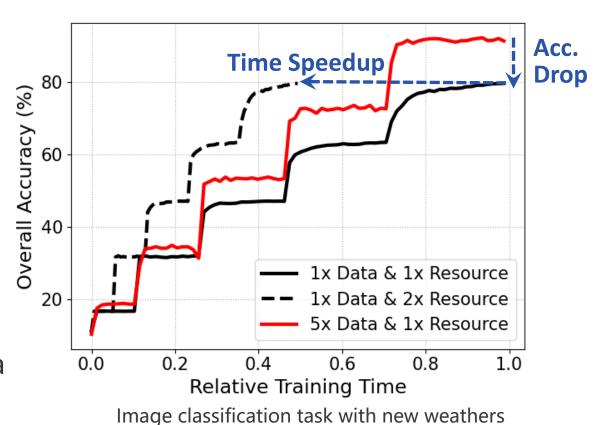
Siri Statistics

- 31. Over 500 million electronic devices worldwide feature Sir
- 32. Almost 98% of smartphone users reported that they have lifetime.
- 33. Siri is reported to use an average of 63 kB per query.
- 34. 62% of iPhone users said that they used Siri while driving
- 35. Siri was used several times a day by 16% of iPhone users
- 36. Over 45% of voice assistant users prefer Apple Siri over c

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day [2]

Data sets the performance ceiling



Existing Solutions



Model-and-Param-based methods are ineffective or inefficient

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Ineffective for Unpredictable User Contexts

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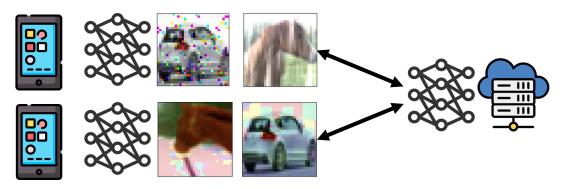
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Fundamental Solution from Data Aspect: Enrich scarce device data with cloud data!

Observations



#1 Abundant Cloud Data



Public Datasets

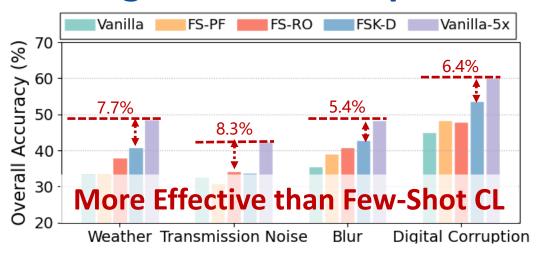


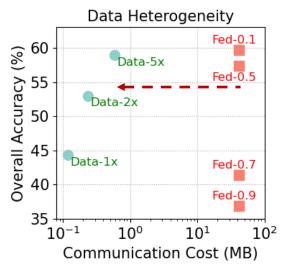
Crawled Internet Data



Crowd-Sourced Data

#2 Large Potential Improvement





More Efficient than Federated CL

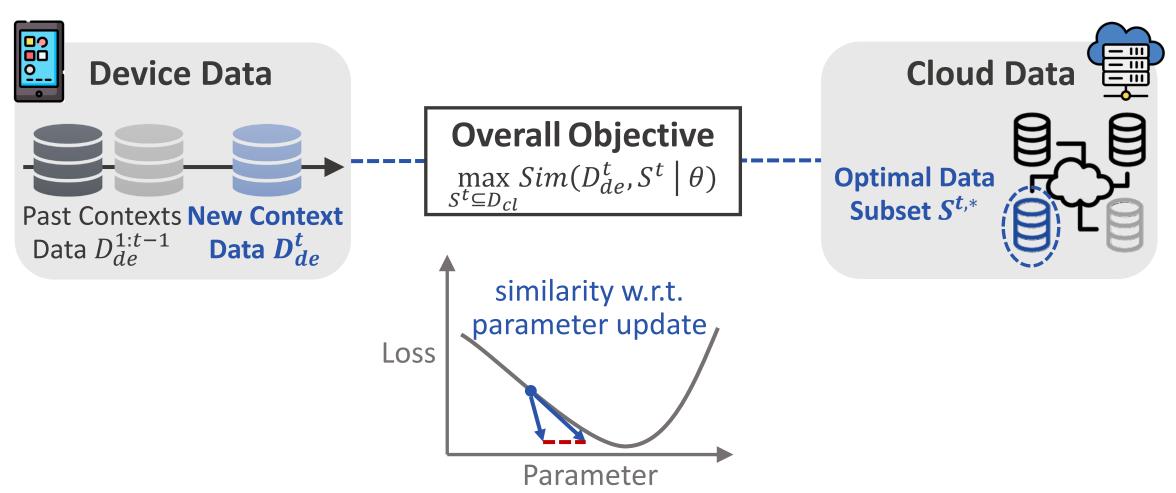
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Problem Formulation



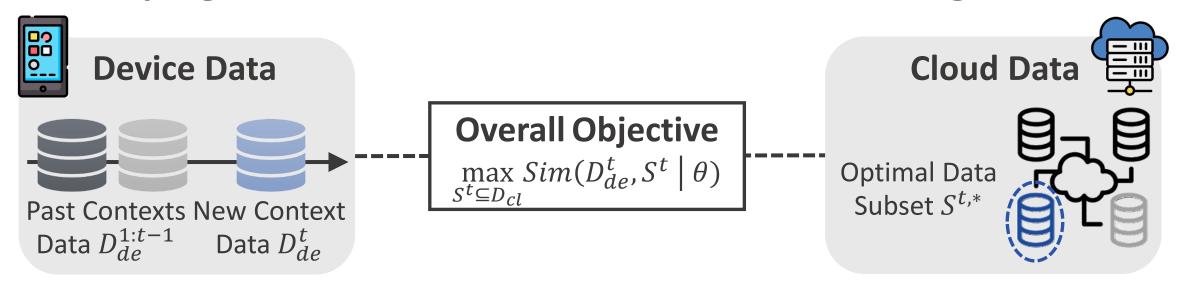
Select the cloud data subset most similar to device data



Challenges



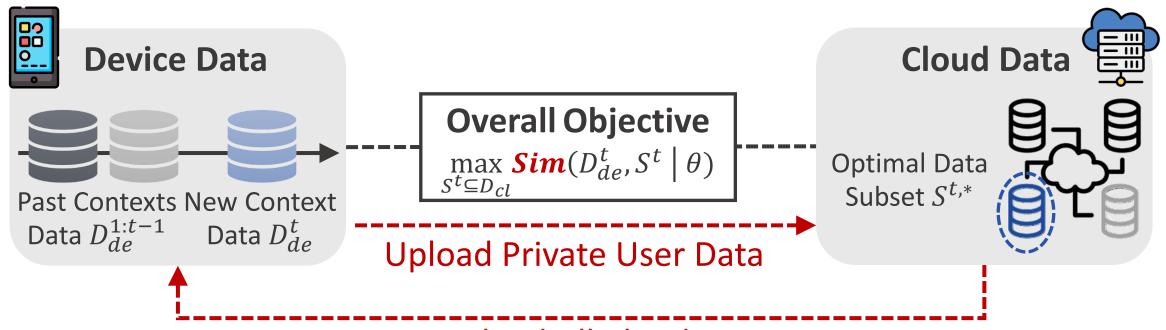
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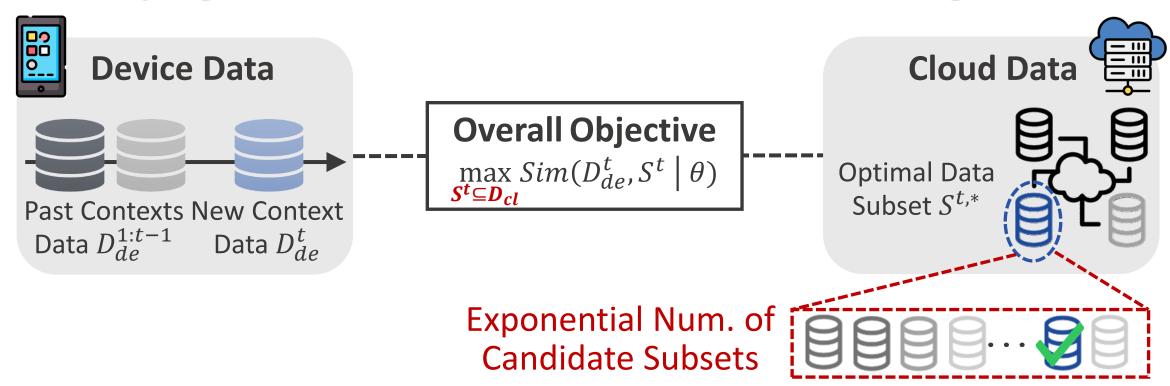
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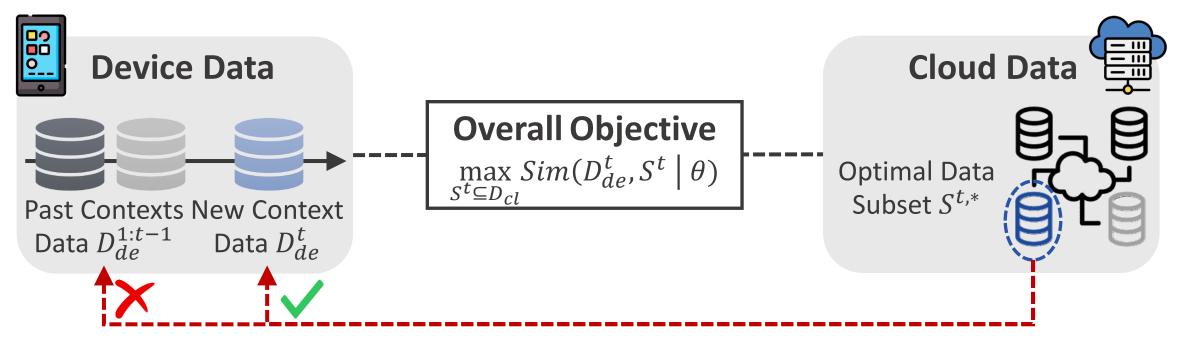
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Challenge 3: Effectiveness in Continual Learning

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New Context Conflicts with Past Contexts

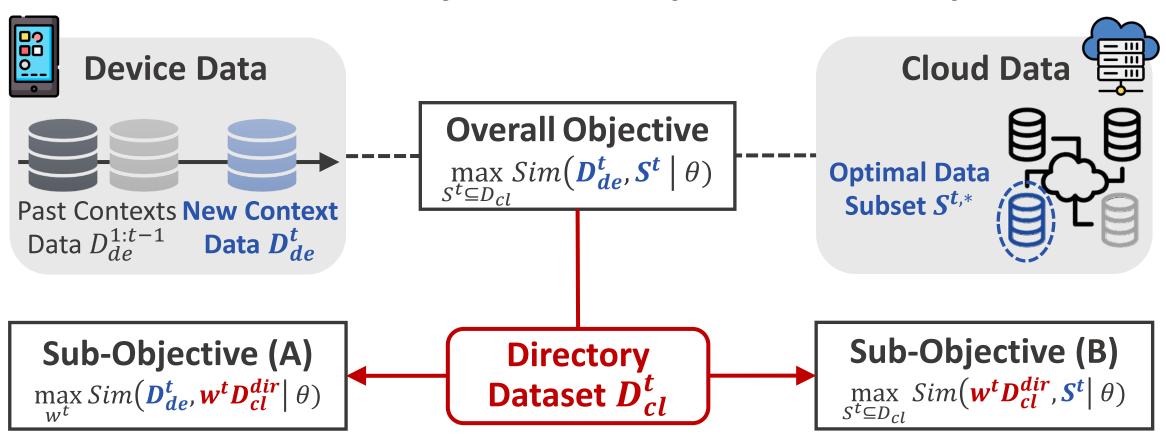
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Privacy: Problem Decomposition



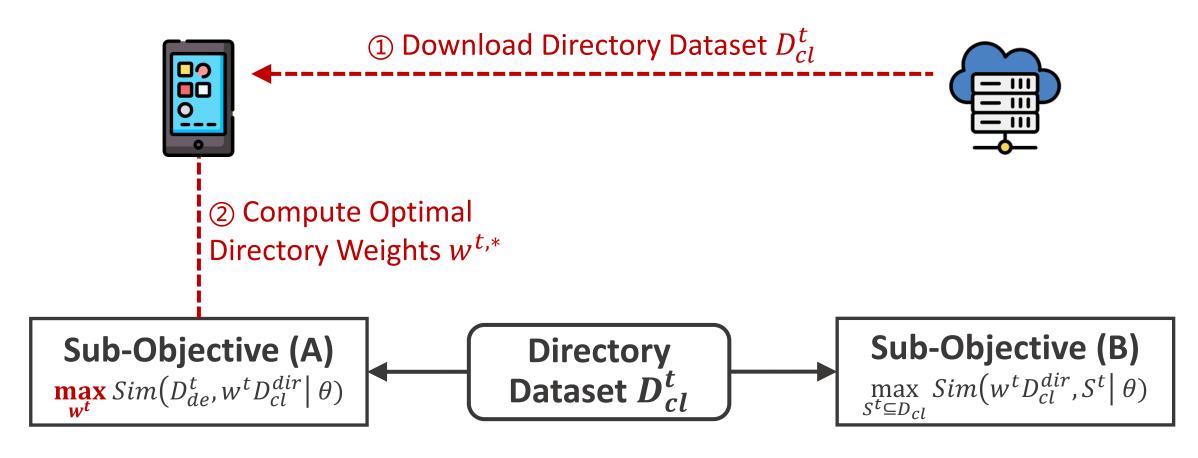
Introduce cloud directory dataset for problem decomposition



Privacy: Device-Cloud Collaboration



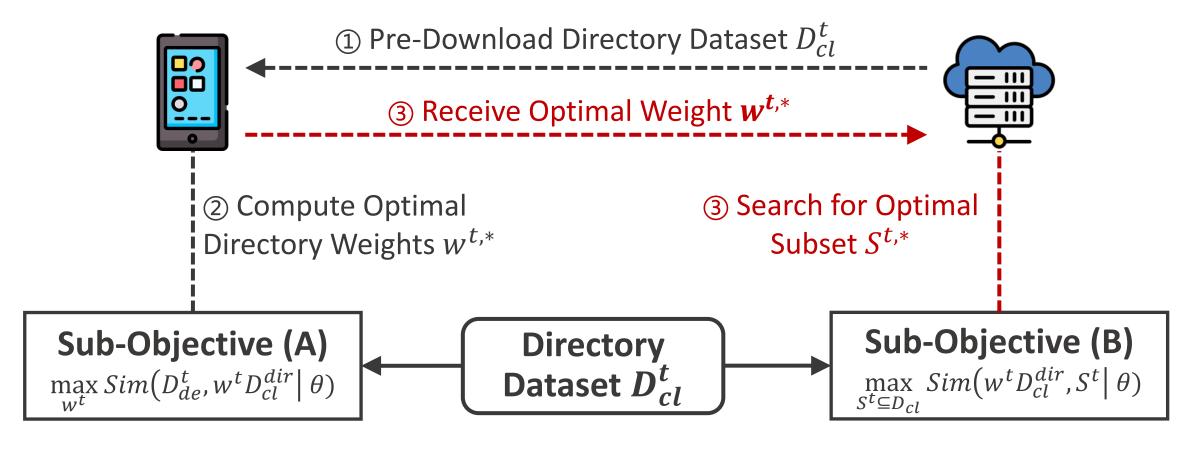
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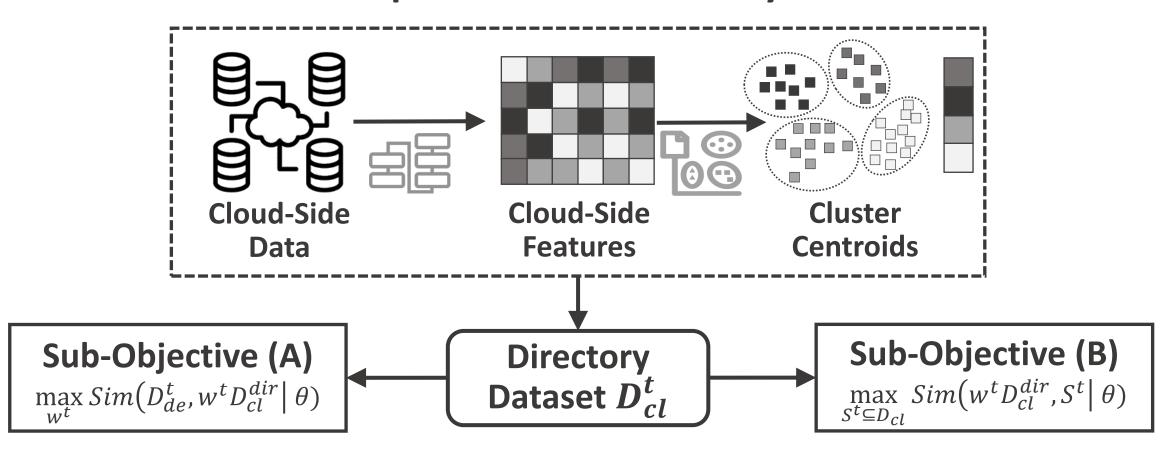
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w/o Sharing Raw User Data Samples

Privacy: Directory Dataset Construction

How to construct a representative directory dataset?



Efficiency: Failure of Naïve Solutions

Naïve solutions are inefficient for device and cloud sub-objectives



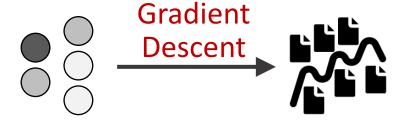
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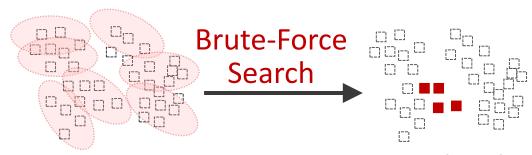


Sub-Objective (B) $\max_{S^t \subseteq D_{cl}} Sim(w^t D_{cl}^{dir}, S^t | \theta)$





Overfitted Weight Scarce Data



Exponential Subsets

Optimal Subset

Efficiency: Device-Side Soft Matching

Device-side soft matching strategy for representative weight

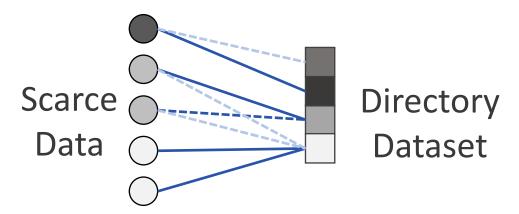


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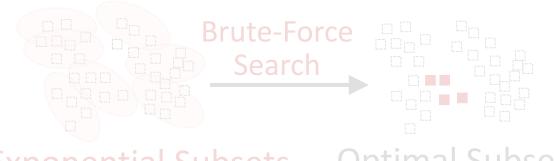






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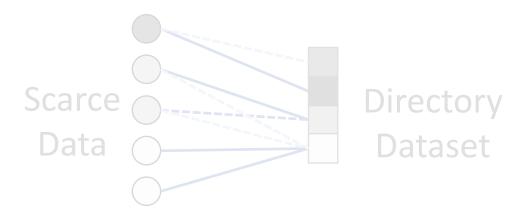
Exponential Subsets Optimal Subset

Efficiency: Cloud-Side Optimal Sampling

Cloud-side optimal sampling with constant time complexity

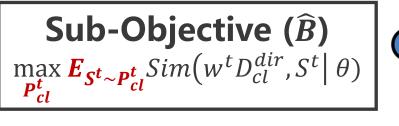






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Optimal Sampling Strategy

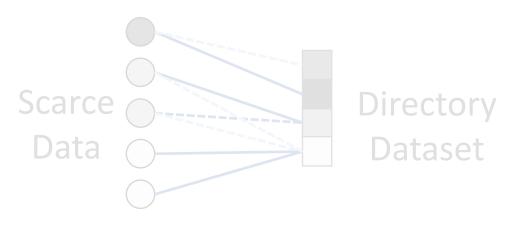
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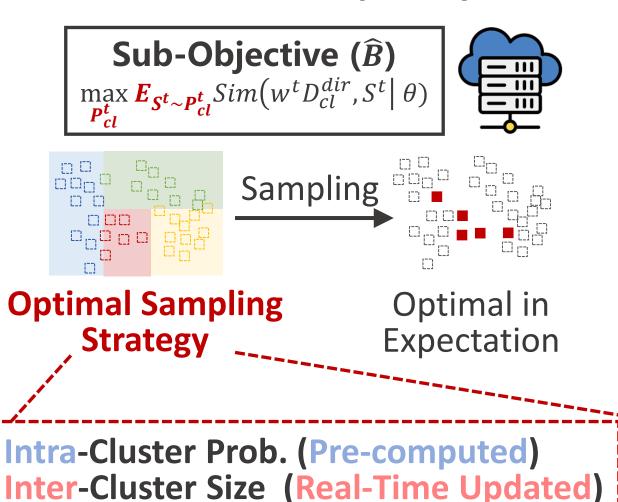






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- (3) cross-context heterogeneity

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{S}^{t} \sim P_{\mathcal{D}_{cl}}^{t}} \left[\underbrace{L(\mathcal{D}_{de}^{1:t}, \theta^{t,m+1}) - L(\mathcal{D}_{de}^{1:t}, \theta^{t,m})}_{} \right]$$

loss reduction in m-th model update

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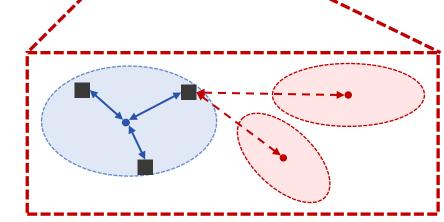
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Re-Optimize
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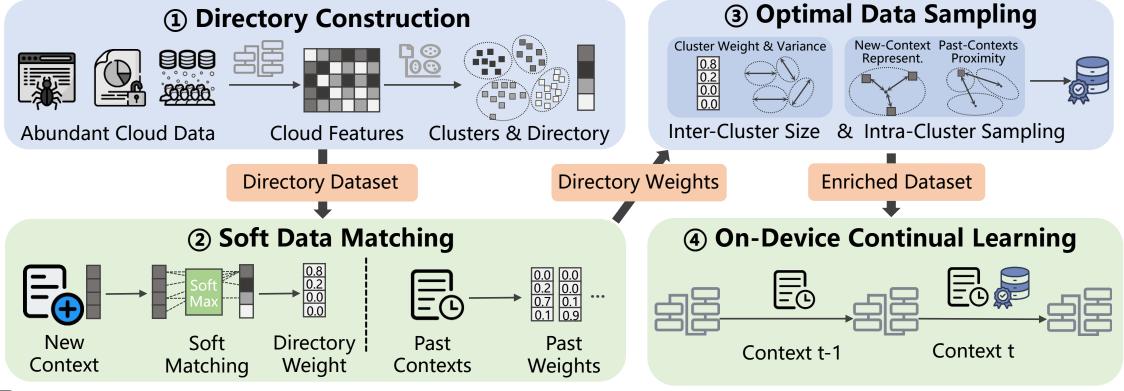
Intra-Cluster Sampling Probability

Refer to our paper for more details!

Overall Workflow









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Evaluation Setup



Implementation

Device: Jetson Nano

Cloud: NVIDIA 3090Ti

Baselines

- 3 few-shot CL algorithms
- Federated CL
- Random data enrichment

Tasks & Datasets

- 4 tasks & data modalities
- Each with ≥2 categories of ≥5 contexts
- 4 ML models

Configurations

- Cloud data: random 50% samples
- Device data: 5 samples/context
- Directory: 20 x num. of classes

Modality	Context Category	Dataset	Model(#params)		
Image	Object (O), Weather (W), Noise (N), Blur (B), Digital Corruption (D)	Cifar10-C	ResNet18(11.2M)		
IMU	Activity (A), Physical Condition (P), Device Placement (D)	HHAR, UCI, Motion, Shoaib	DCNN(17.3K)		
Audio	User Command (C), Tone (T), Environmental Noise (N)	Google Speech	VGG11(9.75M)		
Text	Article Topic (T), Language (L)	XGLUE	BERT(0.178B)		

Overall Performance



Higher overall CL performance compared with few-shot CL:

- 15.1%, 12.4%, 1.1%, 5.6% accuracy improvement for visual, IMU, audio, textual tasks

Tasks	Context	Vanilla	Few-Shot CL			Federated CL			Data Enrichment		ΔAcc.	ΔComm.
	Category	CL	FS-KD	FS-RO	FS-PF	Fed-0.1	Fed-0.2	Fed-0.4	Random	Delta	ΔACC.	ΔComm.
IC	O+W	32.7±1.49	41.7±1.78	39.2±2.13	36.9 ± 2.87	31.8±0.24	46.4±1.65	55.1 ± 0.42	42.5±2.42	57.7 ± 0.54	16.0% ↑	93.7% ↓
	O+N	31.3±1.74	36.2±2.34	35.5 ± 1.65	32.3 ± 1.25	31.1±0.04	$40.4{\pm}0.51$	$45.0{\pm}0.12$	35.8±1.00	50.9 ± 1.66	14.8% ↑	93.5% ↓
	O+B	35.6 ± 0.94	43.7±1.12	40.6 ± 0.24	39.2 ± 0.06	32.6±0.16	39.6 ± 0.24	50.1 ± 0.31	39.9±1.69	57.7 ± 0.98	14.0% ↑	91.1% ↓
	O+D	45.0 ± 2.57	55.1±1.17	51.5 ± 2.66	52.2 ± 3.10	36.9±0.04	$49.0{\pm}0.51$	61.7 ± 0.34	53.7±2.24	72.3 ± 2.27	17.1% ↑	92.2% ↓
	O+W+N+B+D	77.3 ± 0.49	81.2±1.53	80.4 ± 0.81	75.3 ± 0.41	30.0±0.05	39.8 ± 0.71	50.8 ± 0.41	47.8±6.64	94.8±2.74	13.6% ↑	95.3% ↓
HAR	A	52.4±3.67	55.0±3.93	52.9 ± 2.55	48.3 ± 2.69	54.0±0.64	60.0 ± 0.21	61.3 ± 0.55	58.4±0.35	69.3±1.96	14.3% ↑	99.6% ↓
	A+P	51.2±4.53	53.3±3.20	50.1 ± 3.52	49.4 ± 2.95	60.5±1.28	61.1±1.89	63.1 ± 0.85	58.5±0.75	66.6 ± 1.78	13.3% ↑	99.8% ↓
	A+P+D	81.0±4.75	80.3±2.35	78.7 ± 4.37	$71.0{\pm}4.27$	62.2±3.58	66.8 ± 3.97	70.1 ± 4.28	61.1±3.25	90.3±5.09	10.0% ↑	99.7% ↓
AR	С	93.6±0.16	93.5±0.07	92.9±0.65	94.2 ± 0.28	88.1±1.65	88.3 ± 0.83	88.5 ± 1.78	90.4±0.19	94.3±0.17	0.2% ↑	99.9%↓
	C+T	89.0±0.41	89.4±0.57	89.4 ± 0.38	90.3 ± 0.79	86.5±0.24	$88.5{\pm}0.62$	88.7 ± 0.25	90.3±0.26	91.1±1.17	0.8% ↑	99.9%↓
	C+T+N	84.7 ± 0.64	84.8±1.52	86.2 ± 0.79	86.9 ± 0.40	87.5±0.54	87.7 ± 0.31	88.0 ± 0.61	88.5±1.45	89.2 ± 1.60	2.3% ↑	99.9%↓
TC	T	73.2±2.15	73.5±1.35	75.7±4.07	73.3±2.56	79.6±0.37	79.6±0.19	79.8±0.14	73.9±2.69	83.1±2.26	7.3% ↑	99.8% ↓
	T+L	77.7±3.19	82.2±0.29	80.1±3.02	80.0 ± 1.89	84.3±0.14	84.4 ± 0.18	84.7 ± 0.09	79.7±2.21	86.2±2.16	4.0% ↑	99.4% ↓

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Lower communication overheads compared with federated CL:

- More than 91% communication cost reduction for different tasks

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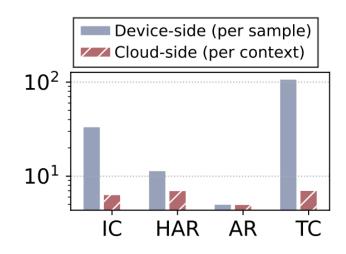
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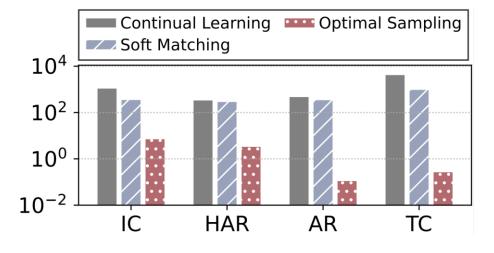
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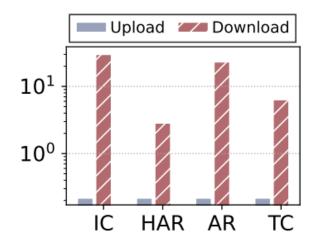
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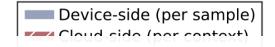
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