Learning on the Edge: Unlocking the Storage Bottleneck with a Divide and Conquer Approach

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- / 2013-\* Part time researcher at IRT b<>com, Rennes
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- / 2024 Invited scholar at Academia Sinica Taipei
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#### / Research topics:

- / Storage and memory systems
  - / Modeling / benchmarking / data placement / I/O optimization / I/O tracing
- / Domains: Cloud and Fog resource management, Embedded systems, HPC

#### / Current projects:

- / CEA: DataMeSS, data placement in multi-tiered storage systems
- / Atos: Energy I/O optimization for HPC with frugal and federated learning
- / NIST: cache optimization for NDN networks
- / DGA-AID project: DISPEED Intrusion Detection and Security/Performance/Energy tradeoff: a Study for Drone Swarms
- / IRT b<>com: service scheduling in heterogeneous systems (FPGA, GPU, GPP)







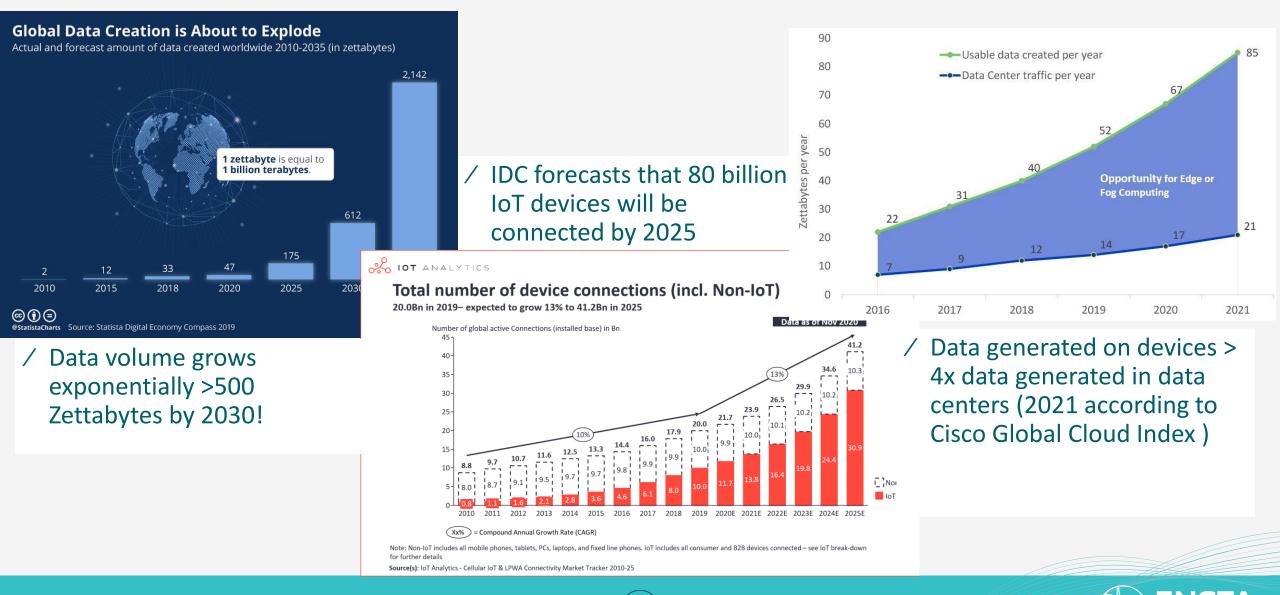


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  - a) K-means
  - b) Gaussian mixture model
  - c) Random forest
- 4. Time limited learning and energy optimization
- 5. Conclusions and perspectives



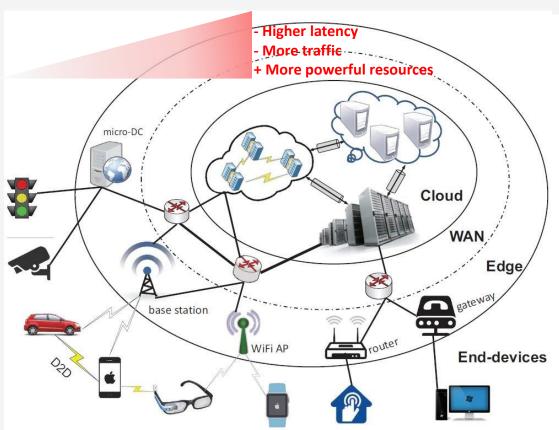


### **1. Edge intelligence - More data on the edge**





### **1. Edge intelligence - Edge computing**



#### / Edge computing definition

- / « ...paradigm that pushes computing tasks and services from the network core to the network edge » [1]
- / « ...capturing, storing, processing, analyzing data near its source » [2]
- Several neighboring concepts: Cloudlets, Fog computing, Micro datacenters ...
- Move computation capabilities to the data (Vs data to the computing resources)

#### Why?

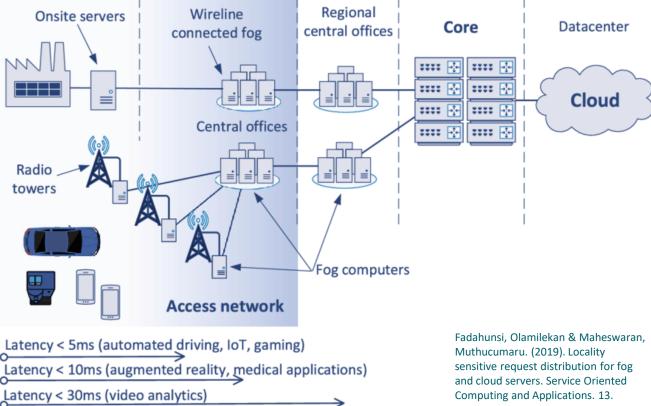
- / Reducing latency
- / Preserving privacy + security
- / Reducing network traffic
- / "cloud computing may lack the capacity to meet data processing needs"[3]

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[2] G. Boesch, Edge Intelligence: Edge Computing and ML (2024 Guide), <u>https://viso.ai/edge-ai/edge-intelligence-deep-learning-with-edge-computing/</u>, 2023, accessed last on 21 sept 2024
[3]Thomas Bittman, Gartner analyst, The Edge Will Eat the Cloud, 2017





### **1. Edge intelligence - Edge applications**



- / Smart (health, transportation, agriculture, home, environement), surveillance systems, ...
- «... intelligent systems that can adapt to changing environments and learn from experience without being explicitly programmed » [1]
- / 80% of entreprise IoT include projects AI components in 2022 [2]

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[1] A.C. Chen Liu, O. M. K. Law, J. Liao, J. Y. Chen, A. J. En Hsieh, C. h. Hsieh, Traffic safety systems edge ai computing, in IEEE/ACM Symposium on Edge Computing SEC, 2021.
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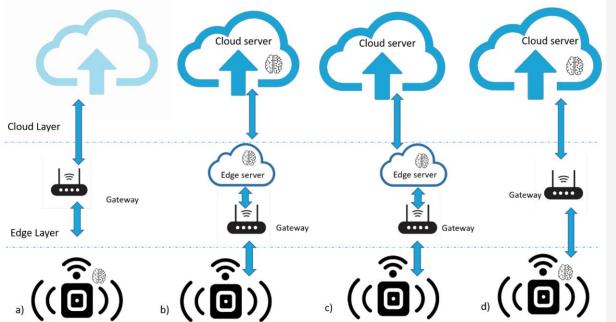
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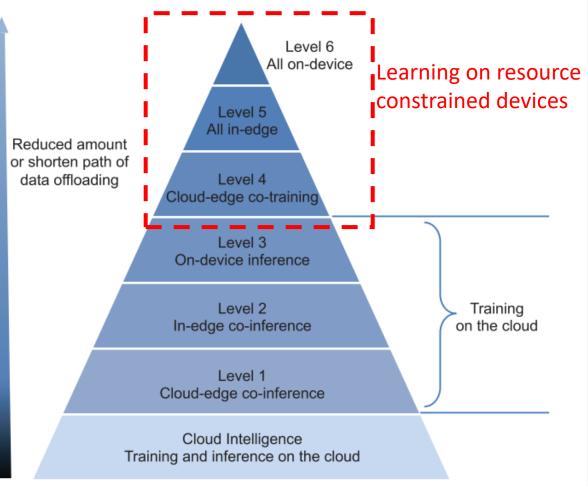
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#### / Edge intelligence:

- / «providing reliable and real-time intelligent services on the network's edge» [1],
- / ~ « ... derives from the concept of combining edge computing and ML » [2]
- / Both learning and inference can be done at different levels







<sup>2</sup>Z. Zhou, X. Chen, E. Li, L. Zeng, K. Luo and J. Zhang, "Edge Intelligence: Paving the Last Mile of Artificia Intelligence With Edge Computing," in *Proceedings of the IEEE*, vol. 107, no. 8, pp. 1738-1762, Aug. 2011





### 1- Edge intelligence- devices and platforms

### / Edge devices:

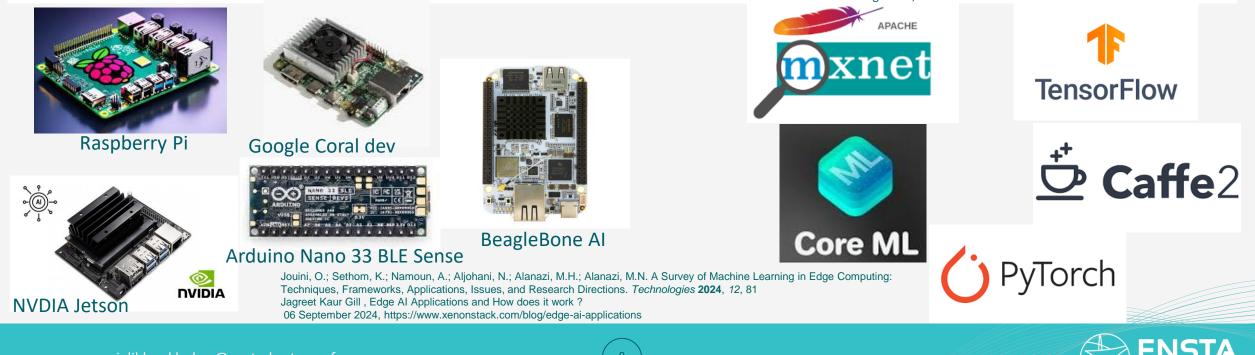
#### / "resource-constrained device located at the edge of the network" [1]

/ " ...ranging from credit-card-sized computer to a micro data-center server ... physical proximity ... most crucial characteristic" [2]
[1] R. Singh, S. S. Gill, Edge Al: A survey, Internet of Things

### / Limited resources = {processing, memory, network, storage}

[1] R. Singh, S. S. Gill, Edge AI: A survey, Internet of Things and Cyber-Physical Systems, Volume 3, 2023, Pages 71-92, ISSN 2667-3452
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# **2. Problem statement and general pattern**

### When applying machine learning on the edge ...



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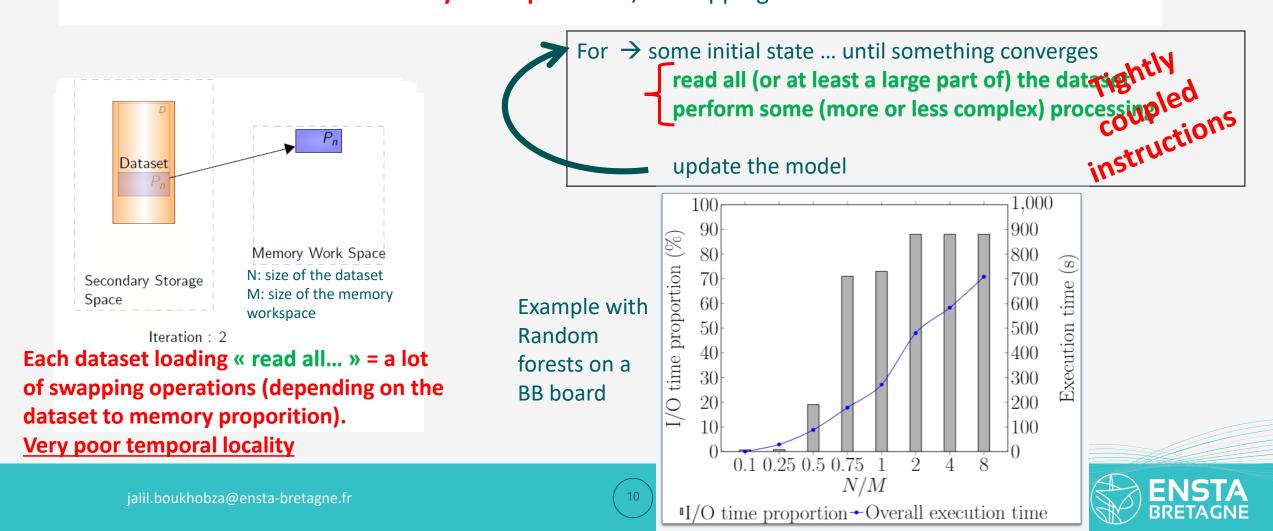




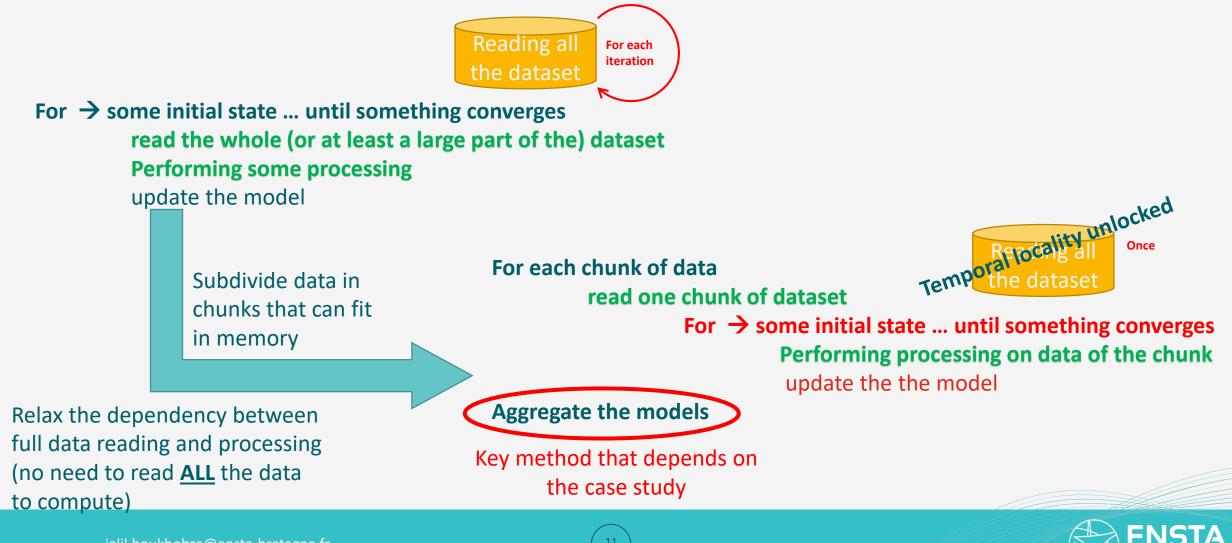


## **2. Problem statement and general pattern -2-**

✓ Several ML algorithms → go through all (or most) of the dataset during the learning process
 ✓ When the dataset size > memory workspace → I/O swapping issues

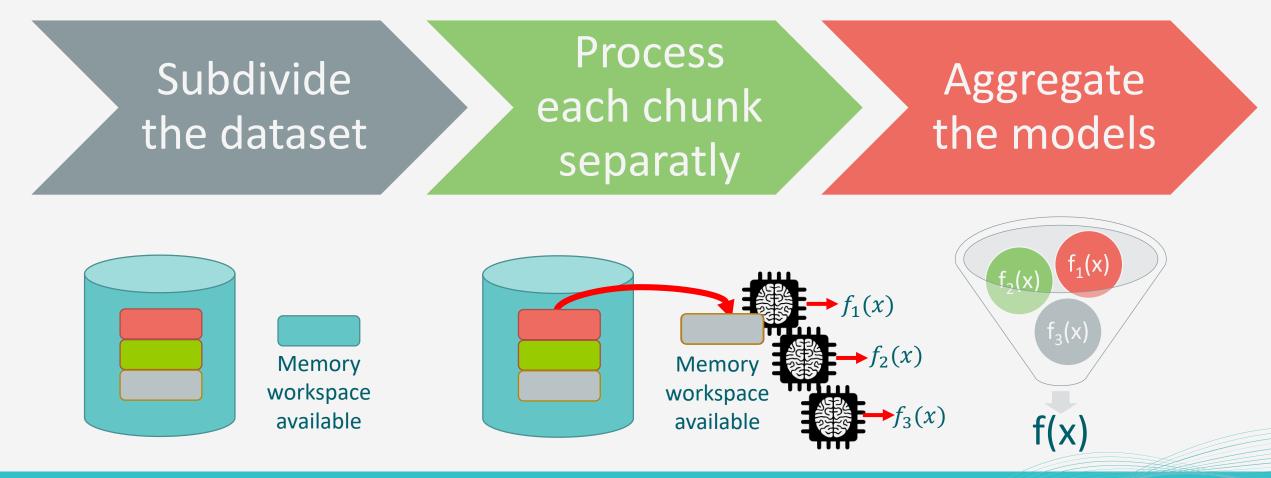


### 2. Problem statement and general pattern Proposed solution pattern – Divide and conquer





### 2. Problem statement and general pattern Basic solution pattern







### Case study 1: K-means

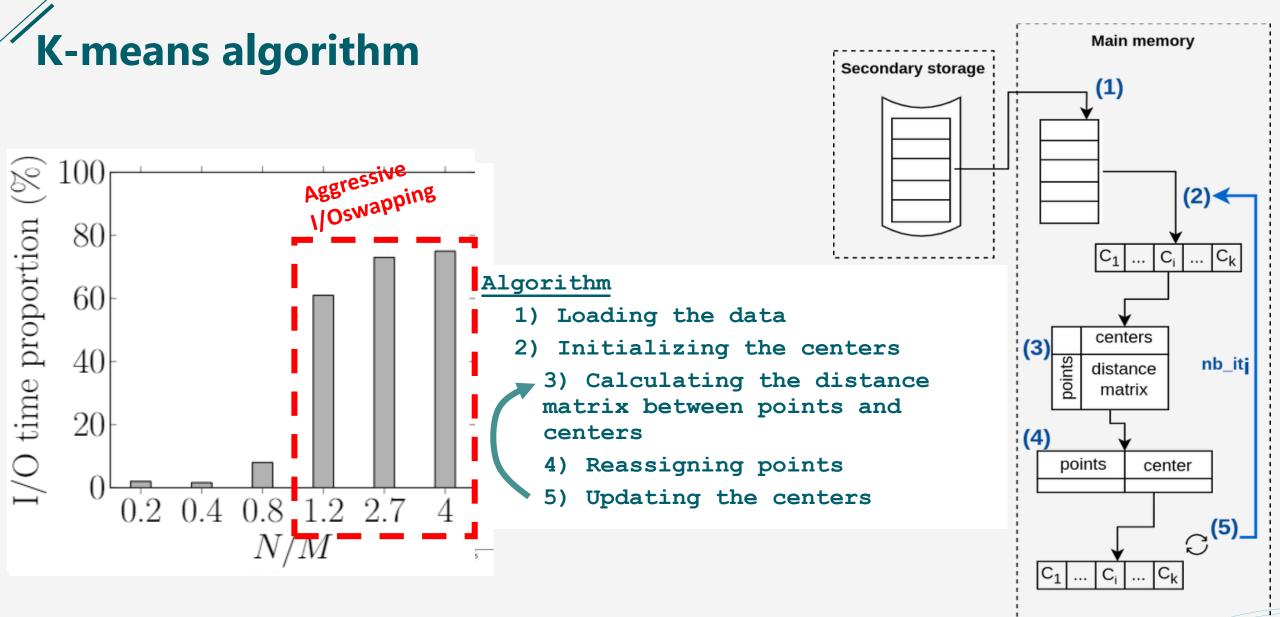
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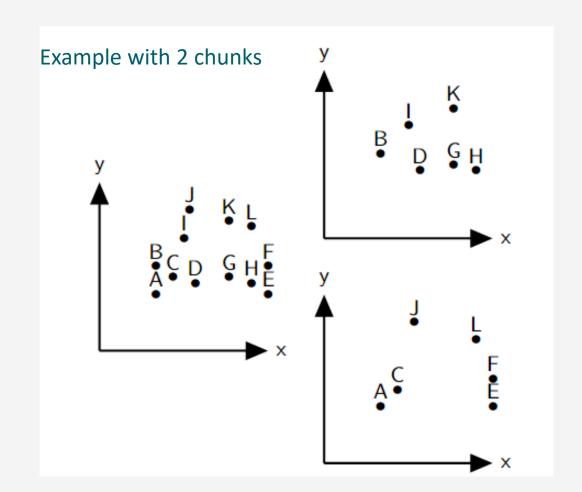
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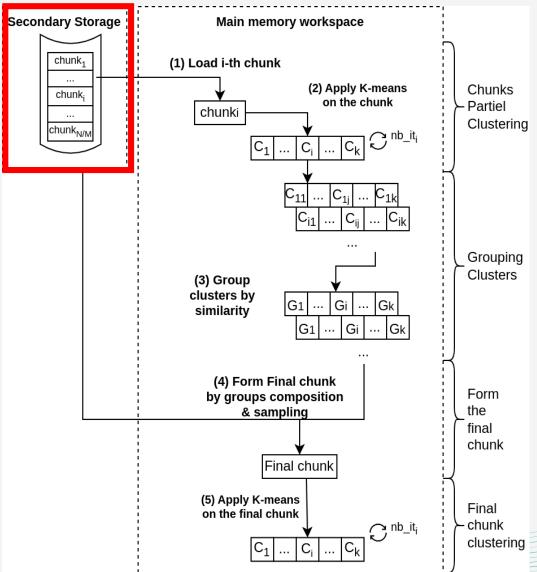


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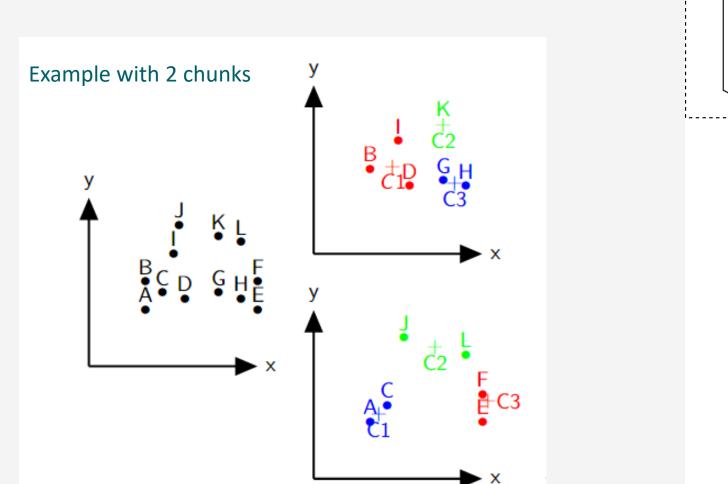


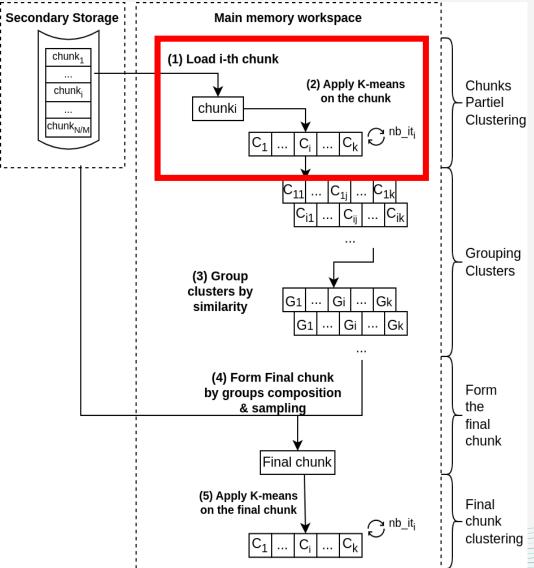




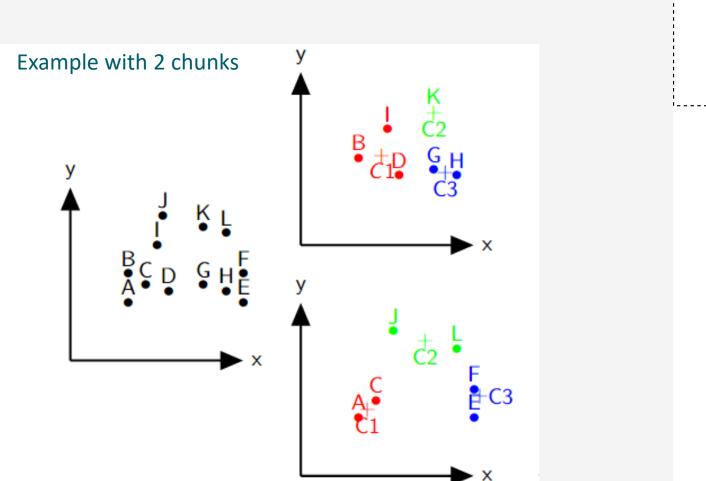


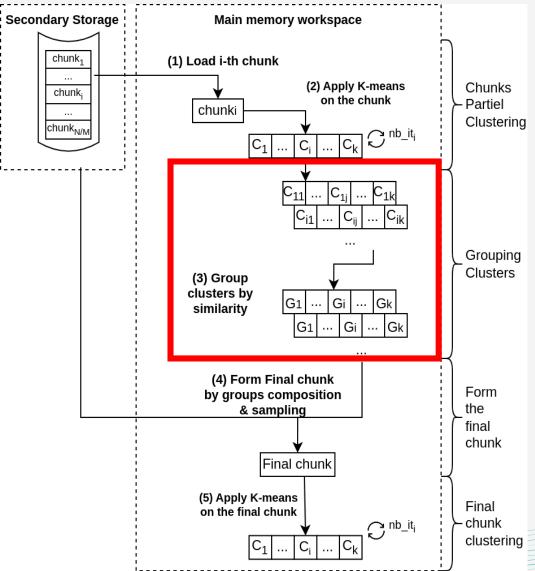




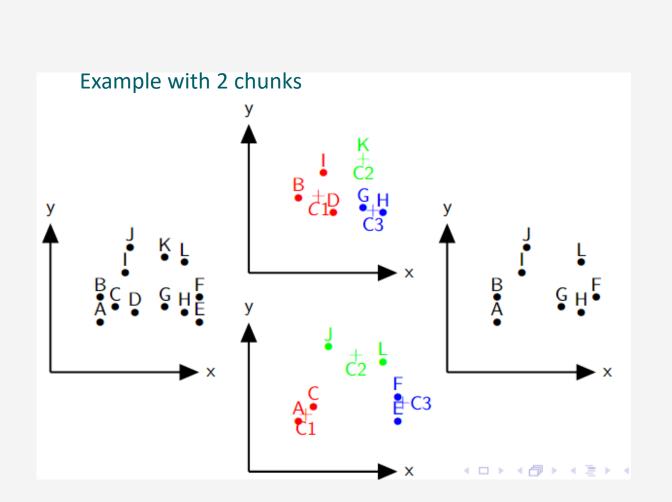


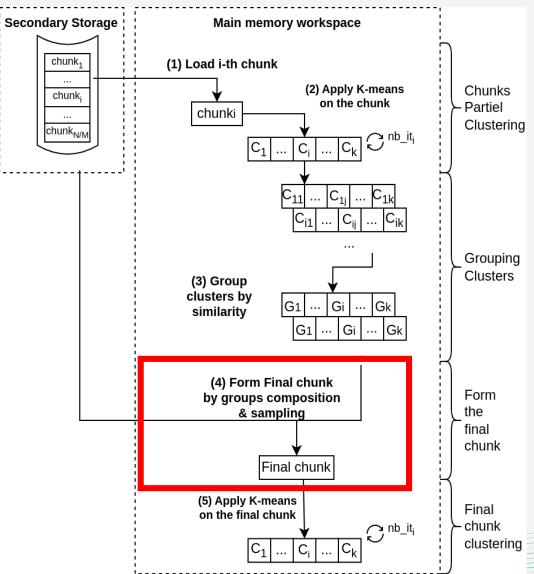




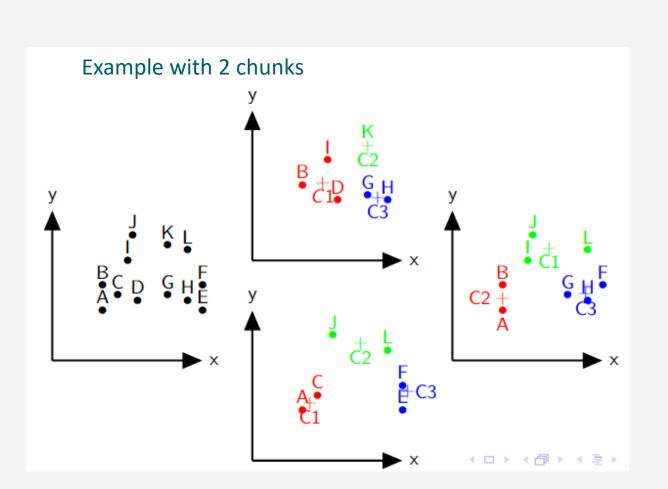


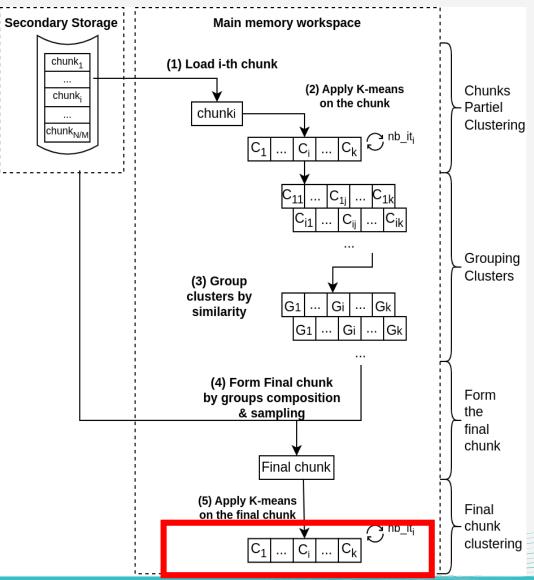








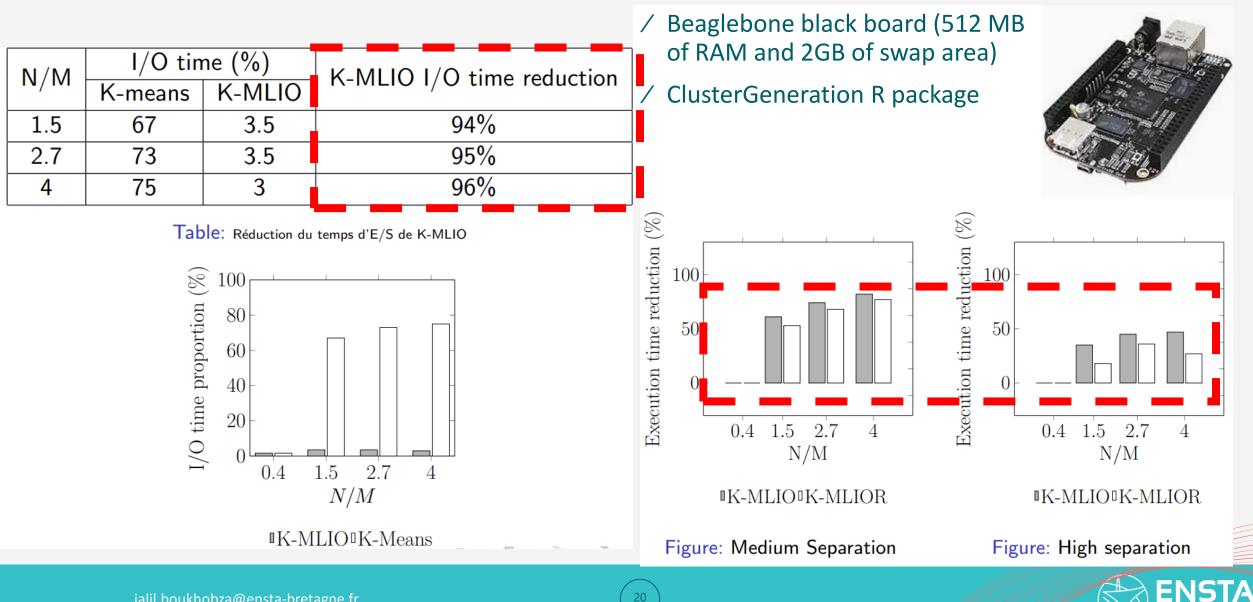






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### Case study 2: Gaussian Mixture Model

### PIGMMaLIOn: a Partial Incremental Gaussian Mixture Model with a Low I/O Design

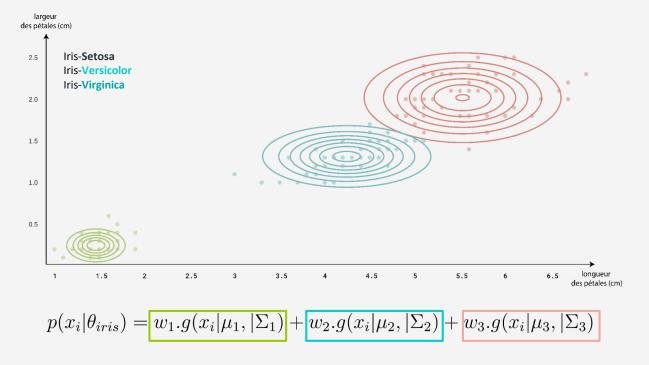
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### **Context : Gaussian Mixture Models (GMM)**

#### / Probabilistic Machine Learning Models used for **clustering** data and **density estimation**.



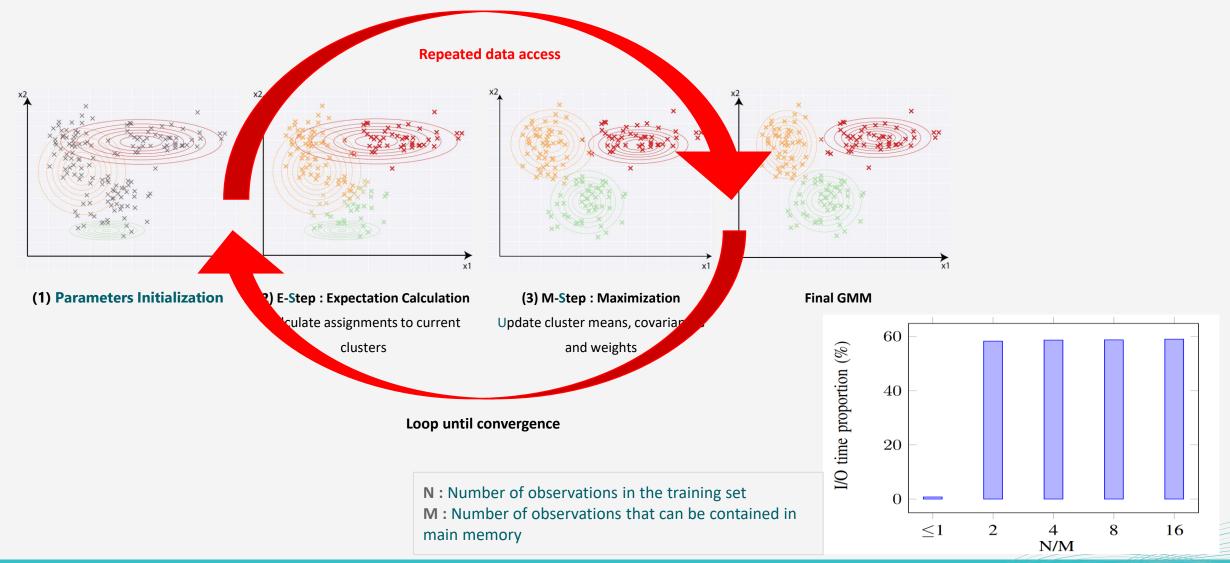
Each cluster is represented by :

- A Gaussian density (mean and covariance matrix)
- A weight : probability to be affected to this cluster



Reynolds, Douglas A. "Gaussian mixture models." Encyclopedia of biometrics 741.659-663 (2009).

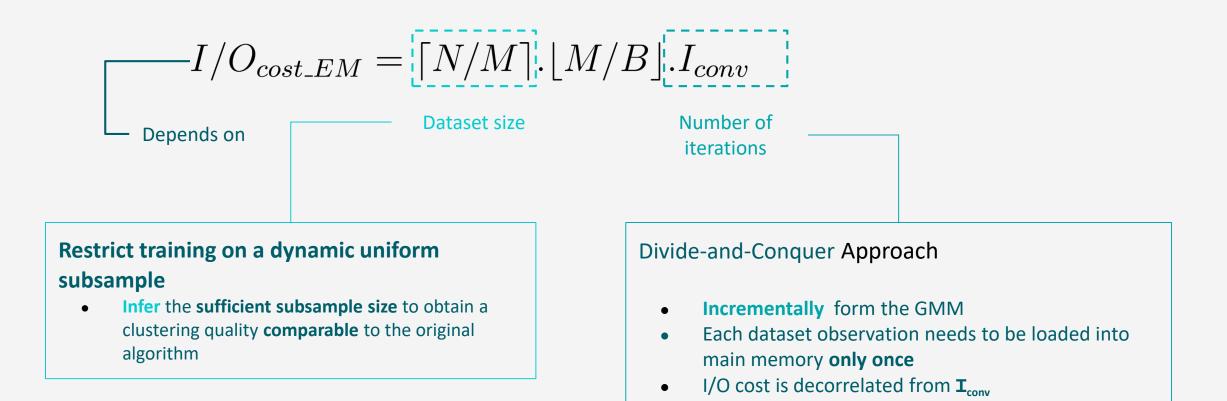
### **Expectation Maximization (EM) Algorithm**





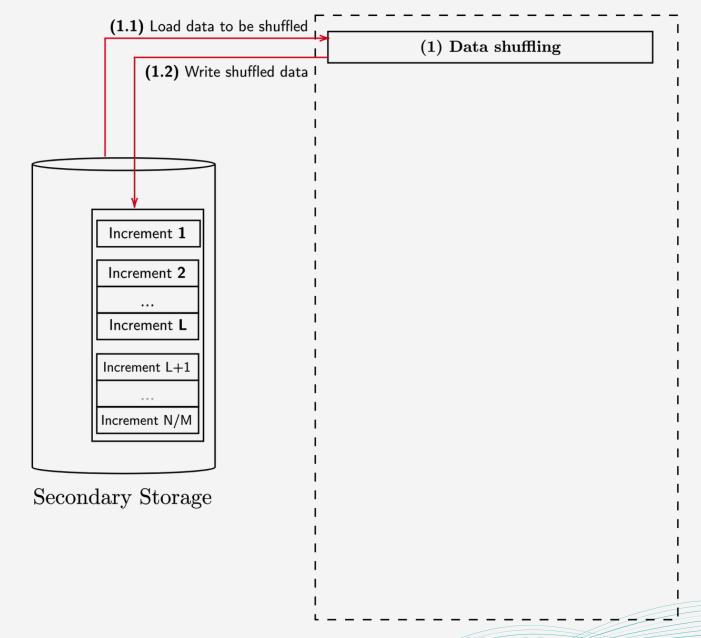
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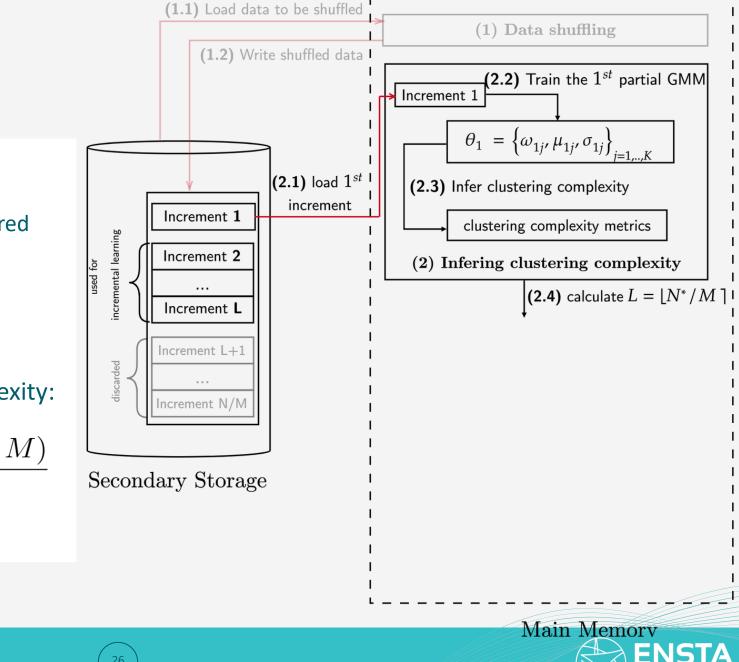


# **PIGMMaLIOn design**





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/ Dynamic subsampling

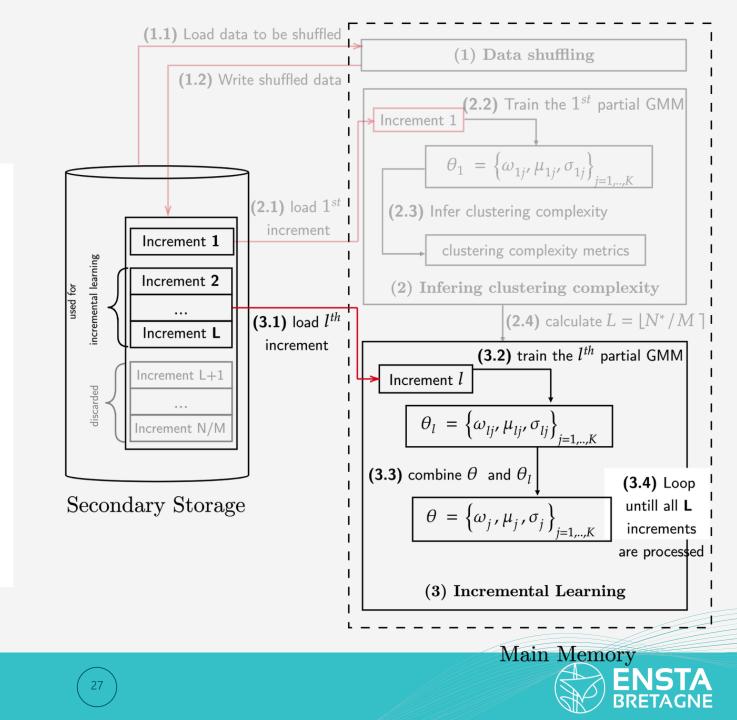
- / A partial GMM is trained
- / The complexity of the clustering task is inferred based on:
  - / The uncertainty factor  $\alpha$
  - / The balance factor  $\beta$
- / N\* is calculated based on clustering complexity:

$$N^* = M + \frac{\alpha(N - M) + (1 - \beta)(N - M)}{2}$$

# **PIGMMaLIOn design**

/ Incremental learning

- / Load data one increment at a time
- / Train a partial GMMs on each loaded increment
- / Merge the partial GMMs incrementally







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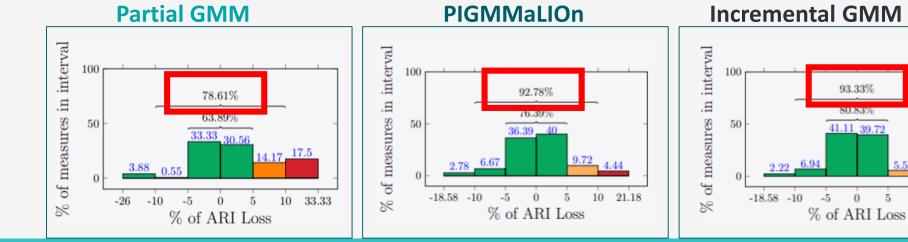
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[0% - 40%]	0.83%	13.33%	61.39%	
[40% - 60%]	7.22%	25.00%	30.00%	
> 60%	91.94%	59.72%	2.50%	





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### Case study 3: Random forests

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Accelerating Random Forest on Memory-Constrained Devices Through Data Storage Optimization

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**Random Forest - background** 

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0	0	0	23	40	A
1	0	1	31	50	В
0	1	0	26	27	С
0	0	0	22	63	D
1	1	1	29	70	Ε
1	0	1	32	35	F
0	1	0	22	45	G
0	1	0	21	25	Η

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	method [4]		

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(1) Bootstrap creation

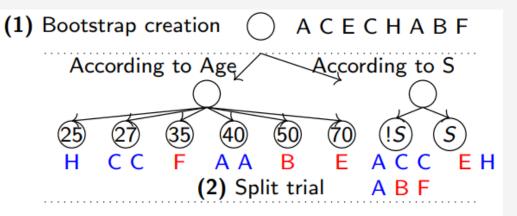


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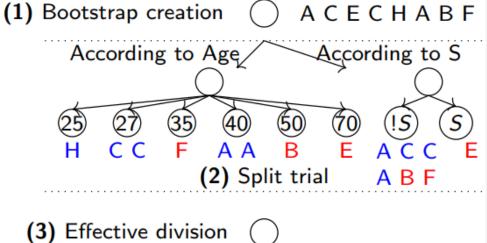


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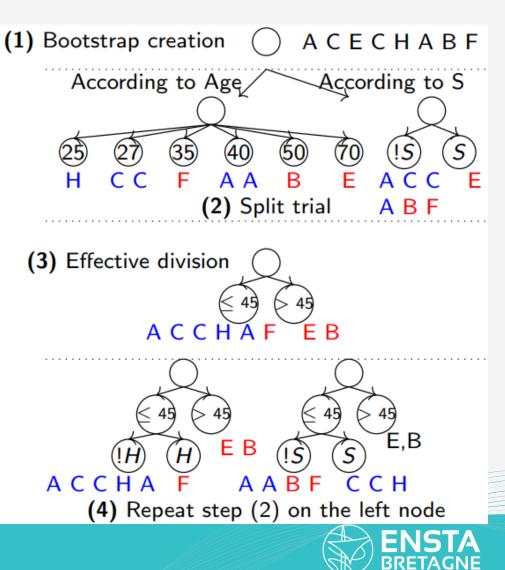


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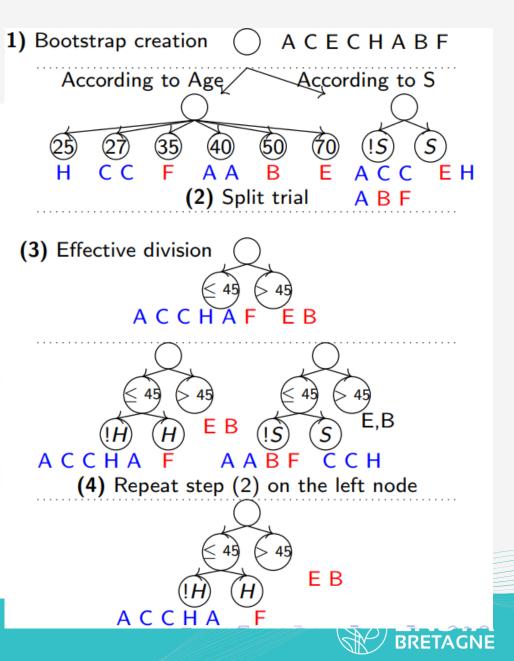
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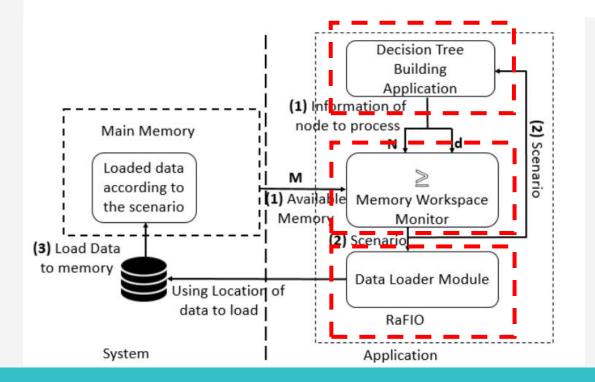
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### RaFIO: Random Forest I/O-Aware algorithm

#### / Key principles:

- / On demand data loading: Load only effectively needed data instead of the whole dataset
- / Adaptive data loading: Adaptively select useful data according to memory space available



#### / Data volume loaded depends on the iteration.

- / 3 options:
  - / Scenario 1, Full Sub-Tree Building: all elements of the current node can fit in memory
  - / Scenario 2, Full node Building: only features of current node can fit in memory.
  - ✓ Scenario 3, per-Chunk split trial: features of the current node cannot fit in the available memory → see next slide

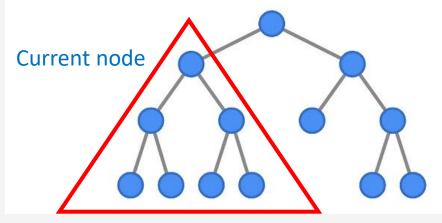




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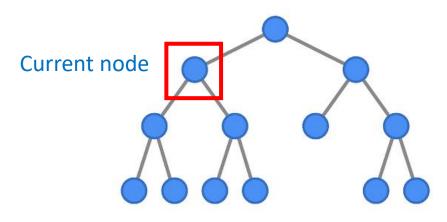
#### / Scenario 1

- / Memory workspace monitor: all elements and all features <= memory workspace</p>
- / Data Loader module: Load all features of all elements of the node
- / Decition Tree Building module: Builds a subtree (depth first)



### / <u>Scenario 2</u>

- / Memory workspace monitor: all features of elements of the node <= memory workspace</p>
- / Data Loader Module: loads all features of the elements of the node
- / Decition Tree Building module: Splits the current node



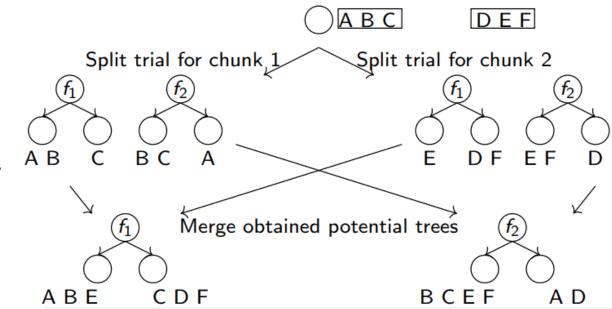




### RaFIO: Random Forest I/O-Aware algorithm

#### Ścenario 3

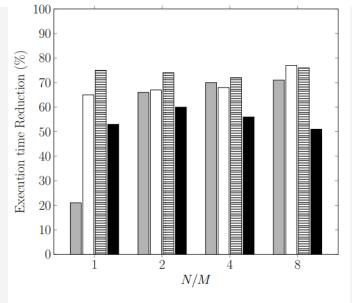
- / Memory workspace monitor: features of elements of the node > memory available
- / Data Loader module: Load elements chunk by chunk
- / Decision Tree Building module:
  - $\checkmark$  Load a chunk, i.e. a subset of elements of the node  $\rightarrow$  memor
  - / Process each chunk separatly
  - / Merge the sub-trees obtained from each chunk







- / Compared RaFIO to Ranger [1]
- / N/M = {1, 2, 4, 8}
  - / N: Volume of data to process;
  - / M: Available memory workspace



 $\blacksquare Covertype \Box Wearable \blacksquare Adult \blacksquare Synthetic$ 

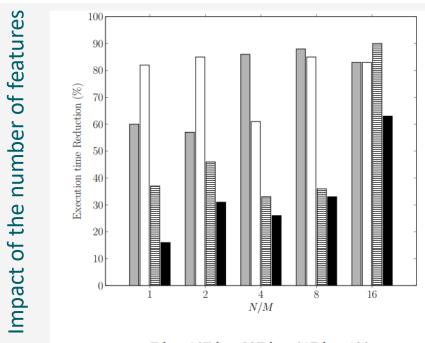
#### RaFIO vs Ranger

[1] Wright, Marvin & Ziegler, Andreas. (2015). ranger: A Fast Implementation of Random Forests for High Dimensional Data in C++ and R. Journal of Statistical Software. 77.

#### Used Datasets

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Dataset	Number of features	Number of elements	Dataset size (MB)
Covertype	54	581012	239.36
Wearable	8	75128	4.58
Adult	14	48842	5.21
Synthetic	64	100000	48.82



 $\blacksquare d = 16 \square d = 32 \blacksquare d = 64 \blacksquare d = 128$ 



### 4. Time limited learning and energy optimization

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# Training K-means on Embedded Devices: a Deadline-aware and Energy Efficient Design

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**Applied Computing Review** 

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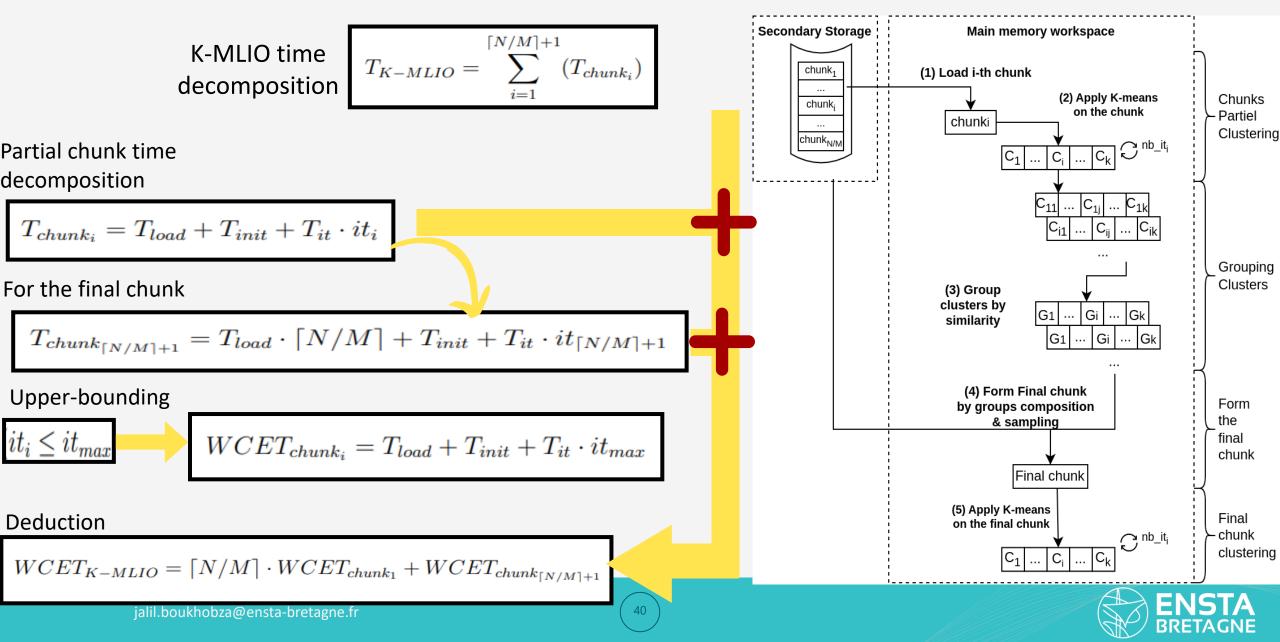
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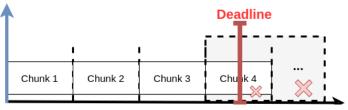
### The case of K-means: A simpe time model



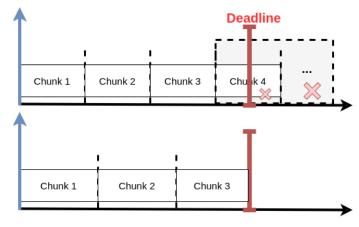
# **EK-means : embedded K-means with timing and energy optimization**

/ Dropping a certain number of chunks to satisfy the deadline

/ Estimate online the worst-case execution time of a chunk



- / Applying DVFS opportunistically to reduce energy consumption
  - / Update the optimal frequency for processing the remaining chunks







# **EK-means : embedded K-means with timing and energy optimization**

#### / Step 1: chunk processing time online analysis

/ Measure  $T_{load}$ ,  $T_{init}$ ,  $T_{it}$  with max frequency and deduce the number of cycles

#### / Step 2: Estimate the number of chunks to drop (to meet the deadline)

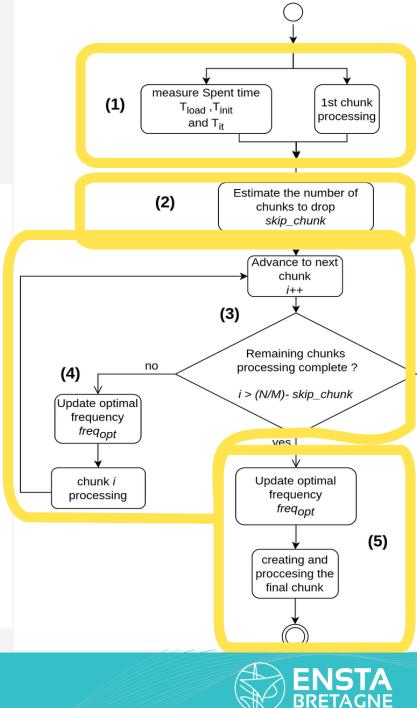
- / According to the worst case scenario (max number of iterations to converge)
- / According to previous measured time metrics

#### / Step 3&4: Applying DVFS

- Compute the slack time from previous chunks (WCET actual time to process the chunk)
- / Find the lowest frequency that satisfies the deadline

#### / Step 5: Process the final chunk

/ Select the right frequency (according to cumulated slack)

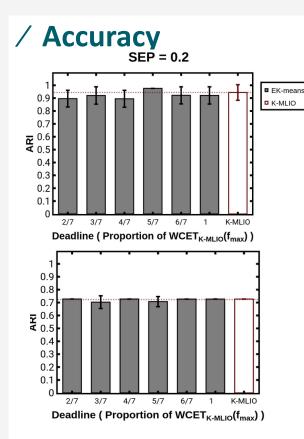




### / Deadline

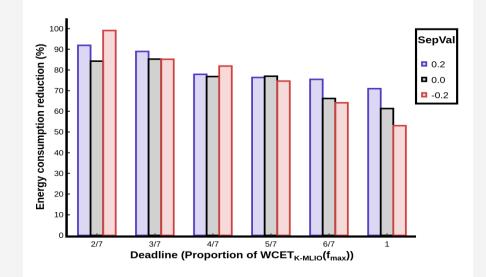
Sep	$T_{deadline}$	EK-means interval (s)	$T_{deadline}$ satisfaction (%)
	300	95.82 - 250.6	100
	450	294.7 - 406.01	100
-0.2	600	424.38 - 514.37	100
-0.2	750	572.38 - 766.69	80
	900	744.19 - 899.37	100
	1050	822.63 - 957.52	100
	300	55.08 - 134.99	100
	450	191.94 - 229.15	100
0.0	600	286.99 - 337.86	100
0.0	750	370.98 - 436.43	100
	900	482.21 - 591.01	100
	1050	578.3 - 660.63	100
	300	56.67 - 248.73	100
	450	192.73 - 324.65	100
0.2	600	247.41 - 561.85	100
0.2	750	358.34 - 529.82	100
	900	404.72 - 821.24	100
	1050	558.44 - 812.79	100





ARI of EK-means is 1.43% lower compared to K-MLIO

/ Energy



> 50% reduction on the processor dynamic energy



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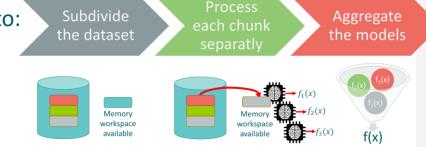
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#### / Context:

- / One facet of Edge AI is the ability to learn on resource-limited edge devices to:
  - / Reduce latency
  - / Reduce the network traffic
  - / Enforce Privacy and security
- / On commodity hardware, several frameworks can hardly be usable
- **/ Problem:** Several ML algorithms have been thought with the memory large enough to contain the dataset
  - $/ \rightarrow$  Lag because of I/O swapping issues

/ Solution:

- / Devised a general pattern  $\rightarrow$  divide (the dataset) to conquer (the I/O bottlneck)
- / Applied the optimization pattern successfully on 3 ML algorithms: K-means, GMM, Random forests
- / Reduced the I/Os by up to 95%
- / No or small loss on accuracy
- / Energy optimization











# Applications on the edge

- More ML algorithms to work on  $\rightarrow$  Generalize the approach
- Explore deep learning algorithms
- Explore LLM deployments

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Adaptive accuracy for the learning

System and distribution issues

- Temperature reduction issues
- Energy consumption modeling and optimization
- Design of ML libraries optimized for I/Os
- ML learning on comodity hardware (VM, containers)
- Load balacing/scheduling between edge devices
- Data and compute placement
- Carbon footprint-aware deployment

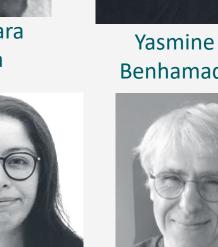




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