

# Mnemosyne: Lightweight and Fast Error Recovery for LLM Training in a Just-In-Time Manner

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# **Abstract**

With the rapid scaling of large language model (LLM) training clusters, GPU errors frequently occur and disrupt the training process. While traditional error recovery methods, such as periodic checkpointing, are effective, they incur substantial overhead in both daily operations and recovery processes. Just-in-time checkpointing, a representative alternative, reduces this overhead by eliminating the periodic checkpoint saving procedure and optimizing the recovery workflow. However, its complex GPU context decoupling mechanism and global reinitialization of communication backend remain resource-intensive and slow. In this paper, we present MNEMOSYNE, a lightweight and fast error recovery framework for LLM training. To minimize both daily and recovery overhead, MNEMOSYNE optimizes the GPU context decoupling component with sharedmemory-based IPC and index-based handle mapping, and designs a flexible collective communication library that dynamically adjusts links of built communicators without requiring reinitialization. Preliminary experiments on our open-source prototype demonstrate that, compared to the state of the art, MNEMOSYNE reduces daily overhead by up to 58.8% and communication rebuilding time by up to 91.3%.

# **CCS Concepts**

• Computer systems organization  $\rightarrow$  Reliability; • Computing methodologies  $\rightarrow$  Machine learning; Distributed computing methodologies; • Networks  $\rightarrow$  Data center networks.



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## 1 Introduction

Large Language Models (LLMs) such as OpenAI o1 [25] and DeepSeek-R1 [10] have achieved great success in a spectrum of tasks, and their generality and performance continue to improve with the model size and the training data increasing [16]. For example, GPT-2 [27] was released with 1.5 billion parameters in 2019, while three years later, PaLM [4] was shown with 540 billion parameters. As the model size and the training data grows, LLM training requires more hardware, making training failures more frequent. For example, Meta used 992 NVIDIA A100s to train OPT-175B, and encountered about 110 failures in two months, causing the waste of 178,000 GPU hours [36]. All these factors bring significant challenges to the efficiency of model training, and also raise higher requirements for fault tolerance.

Traditional fault tolerance predominantly relies on periodic checkpointing (e.g., DeepFreeze [23], CheckFreq [22], Check-N-Run [7], Gemini [35], etc.), where model states are saved at fixed intervals (e.g., every N iterations) for recovery. Although this method provides basic recovery capabilities, it introduces significant overheads during both training and recovery phases. Frequent checkpointing slows down the training progress due to the time spent on serializing large model states. Meanwhile, recovery requires reloading checkpoints and replaying iterations since the last save, leading to substantial recomputation. These limitations become prohibitive as model sizes and cluster scales grow.

Just-in-time checkpointing [11] emerges as a promising alternative by leveraging data parallelism (DP) replicas to enable rapid recovery. This approach minimizes steady-state overhead and restricts iteration recomputation to at most one training step. Despite these benefits, existing designs face two primary limitations.

First, their reliance on complex device proxies, which are ported directly from Singularity [31] and initially designed for elasticity, introduces unnecessary overhead during training process. Second, they only retain computation resources (e.g., GPU buffers) but neglect communication resources during recovery, requiring global reconstruction of communication backends, e.g., NCCL [24], which consumes considerable time during recovery (§2).

To address these challenges, we present Mnemosyne, a fault tolerance framework that preserves the benefits of just-in-time checkpointing while addressing its limitations. Mnemosyne first introduces a lightweight device proxy architecture optimized for fault recovery rather than general elasticity, reducing steady-state operational costs. Furthermore, Mnemosyne designs a flexible collective communication library (CCL) that supports runtime link adjustment without full reinitialization, enabling partial communication topology reconstruction localized to failed nodes, and bypassing global coordination overhead.

The technical foundation of MNEMOSYNE lies in two key techniques. First, the lightweight device proxy employs call interception to isolate failures and transparently migrate tasks across nodes. Its shared-memory-based IPC and nearly zero-overhead handle mapping bring efficiency to the decoupling of logical tasks from physical hardware, ensuring minimal interference during normal operations while facilitating rapid recovery. Second, the flexible CCL adopts a metadata-driven approach for communication initialization. Instead of globally renegotiating connections during recovery, the framework dynamically updates specific links using predefined topology templates. This selective adjustment eliminates the need for full reinitialization and enables runtime node replacement, addition, and removal via dynamic link adjustment. For validation and evaluation, we implement an open-source prototype of MNEMO-SYNE [2] with the basic device proxy and flexible CCL. Preliminary experiments demonstrate that MNEMOSYNE brings only an average of 3.6% daily overhead during training process, which is reduced by up to 58.8% compared with Just-in-time checkpointing [11]. Besides, the communication reinitialization time is also reduced by up to 91.3% compared with original NCCL [24]. We hope MNEMOSYNE can inspire truly lightweight and fast fault tolerance mechanisms for next-generation LLM training frameworks.

# 2 Background and Motivation

# 2.1 LLM Training Fault Tolerance

Today's LLM training system is faced with frequent and various errors due to the increasing hardware scale, and most training errors are related to GPU. According to DeepSeek's records [1], GPU-related errors include software-caused errors, NVLink errors, memory ECC errors, uncorrectable GPU failures, etc. Among them, NVLink errors are the most common one, accounting for 42.57% of the total [1]. Shanghai AI Lab [12] also reports that GPU-related errors consume more than 66% of GPU time in a cluster of 2,000+ GPUs, wasting over 2,400,000 GPU minutes in 6 months. Despite various causes, all these GPU errors can be categorized into two types: recoverable ones and irrecoverable ones. Recoverable errors, e.g., NVLink errors and memory ECC errors, can be solved by mere restart, while irrecoverable errors, e.g., GPU system processor errors, are usually caused by hardware faults and may need

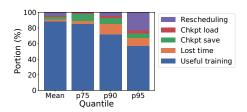


Figure 1: The portion of periodic-checkpoint-related overheads by Facebook [19].

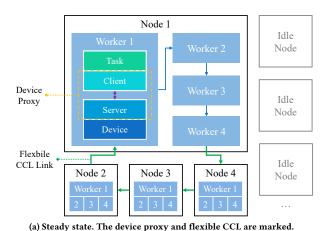
manual fixing or even return material authorizations. According to DeepSeek, they only encountered 1 irrecoverable error among past year's GPU-related errors, with a proportion of less than 0.01% [1]. Conclusively, LLM training errors are costly, common, but mostly recoverable.

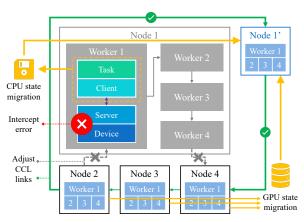
The mainstream solution to error recovery for LLM training is periodic checkpointing, e.g., DeepFreeze [23], CheckFreq [22], Check-N-Run [7], Gemini [35], MegaScale [15], etc., all of them sharing the same routine. During the training process, the model parameters and optimizer states are saved every several iterations. Once a failure occurs, the training task is restarted and the last checkpoint is loaded. This method is suitable for all kinds of deep learning training tasks, but it may consume plenty of extra computation resources: (1) saving checkpoints interferes with the training progress, (2) restarting the task and loading the checkpoint take considerable time, and (3) the lost iterations need to be redone. Beside the overhead from the periodic checkpointing mechanism itself, the cluster scheduler needs to find available nodes as alternatives for the failed nodes, bringing extra rescheduling overhead. According to statistics from Facebook [19], periodic checkpointing leads to a 43% training time drop at most (Figure 1). Therefore, periodic checkpointing is effective but not efficient enough.

With the development of LLMs, error recovery methods with higher efficiency are designed based on their unique properties. LLMs apply multiple parallelism strategies for efficient training [37], such as data parallelism (DP), tensor parallelism, pipeline parallelism, expert parallelism, etc. Pioneering work, i.e., just-in-time checkpointing [11], designs mechanisms using LLM's DP mechanism to achieve more efficient checkpointing. It does not need to save checkpoint periodically in steady state, avoiding interference with the training progress. Once an error occurs, only the restarted nodes need loading checkpoints from the DP replicas, avoiding loading checkpoints globally, so its recovery is greatly more lightweight and swift than periodic checkpointing.

## 2.2 Observation and Motivation

Despite its advantages, just-in-time checkpointing is far from perfection. Some of its disadvantages still bring significant efficiency degradation to LLM training jobs. First, for overhead in steady-state work, although it avoids checkpointing periodically, its mechanism still introduces extra daily overhead. To provide users with transparent just-in-time checkpointing, the framework needs to intercept error, recover the state for error nodes, and log and replay training frameworks' operations. Device proxy, a key component to take on





(b) Recovery state. The key steps of the workflow are marked.

Figure 2: Framework of MNEMOSYNE.

Table 1: Time (seconds) taken for each step of error recovery in just-in-time checkpointing by Microsoft [11]. Bert-B-FT and GPT2-S-3D are evaluated with 8×NVIDIA V100s. GPT2-S and PyramidNet are evaluated with 4×NVIDIA A100s.

Step	Bert-B-FT	GPT2-S	GPT2-S-3D	PyramidNet
Delete communicators and GPU handles	1.013	0.779	0.831	0.850
Recreate NCCL com- municators	1.054	8.340	15.54	1.038
Reset GPU buffers	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002
Recreate GPU handles	0.006	0.004	0.004	0.027
Replay minibatch APIs	0.006	0.004	0.002	0.004

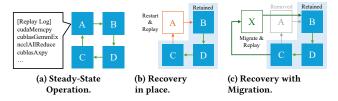


Figure 3: Workflow Example.

these tasks, is specially introduced to decouple training processes into client processes and server processes. However, just-in-time checkpointing's framework directly uses the device proxy of Singularity [31], which is specially designed for elastic training, not for fault tolerance. Therefore, many redundant features, such as transparent migration and elasticity, are all reserved in this device proxy. These redundant features lead to overheads and inefficiency, and may also introduce new sources of software failure. As evaluated in §4, Singularity's device proxy brings 7.1% daily overhead, which should not be underestimated considering clusters' huge scale.

Second, for overhead in recovery work, resource reinitialization is the most time-consuming part. Due to just-in-time checkpointing's design, healthy nodes' computation resources, including training states, model parameters, and optimizer states, can be fully retained when errors occur. Only error nodes need to copy these computation resources from DP replicas after restart. However, communication resources are not considered in recovery, which means the communication backends (e.g., NCCL) of all nodes will be aborted and then reinitialized, regardless of whether the node is affected by errors. Unfortunately, communication backend reinitialization consumes considerable time in recovery, which can even take up to 90% of the entire restart process [11] (Table 1). Meanwhile, today's mainstream communication backends, such as Gloo [21] and NCCL [24], do not support runtime modification, which results in a fixed communicator once created and also brings difficulties to the design of the upper-level fault-tolerant framework.

From the analysis above, we can see that while just-in-time checkpointing introduces new directions for fault tolerance in largescale LLM training, its practical efficiency remains bottlenecked by unoptimized legacy components and naive communication reinitialization strategies. The inherent contradiction between its lightweight design philosophy and inherited infrastructure bloat from Singularity creates a paradoxical scenario: the framework aims to reduce overhead yet inadvertently reintroduces latencies through non-specialized device proxies, and the overlooked temporal dominance of communication backend reinitialization during recovery undermines its key advantage of swift node resurrection. These insights motivate a dual-axis redesign: (1) disentangling essential fault-tolerance mechanisms from elastic training features in device proxies to achieve true transparency and efficiency, and (2) pioneering partial or incremental communication reinitialization techniques compatible with CCLs and deep learning frameworks.

# 3 Mnemosyne Design

To address the problems above, as shown in figure 2, we propose Mnemosyne, a lightweight and fast error recovery framework for

LLM training. Mnemosyne introduces the device proxy specially designed for error recovery and the flexible CCL capable of dynamically adjusting links in the runtime (Figure 2(a)), fully unleashing the efficiency potential of just-in-time checkpointing. When errors occur, it can provide efficient error recovery via state migration and link adjustment (Figure 2(b)), which is fully transparent to upper frameworks.

# 3.1 Error Recovery Workflow

Similar to just-in-time checkpointing [11], MNEMOSYNE ensures error recovery for LLM training through three sequential phases: steady-state operation, error interception, and recovery execution. These phases collectively enable lightweight state tracking, user-transparent fault detection, and local restoration while maintaining minimal overhead during normal execution. Here we take a simple training task with a DP group of 4 nodes (shown in figure 3) as an example to show the workflow of MNEMOSYNE.

Steady-State Operation. During normal training iterations, MNEMO-SYNE maintains a replay log to record all device API activities, e.g., CUDA kernel launches, NCCL communications (Figure 3(a)). The log stores API parameters, GPU object handles (e.g., streams and events), and buffer addresses. Log record is taken by *device proxy*, a carefully designed component able to decouple training jobs from devices and support job migration (§3.2). Due to our efficient design, this log brings almost zero overhead to normal training process. At each minibatch's boundary, the log is cleared to reduce memory consumption. This guarantees that logged inputs are complete enough to deterministically recover GPU states while not taking up too much space.

**Error Interception.** The device proxy continuously monitors API return codes and system-level signals to detect failures. GPU-related errors (e.g., invalid memory access) are immediately captured via API wrapper hooks. Upon detection, the layer halts API propagation to the framework, isolates the faulty GPU, and triggers the recovery pipeline.

**Recovery Execution.** Recovery execution are dynamically selected based on error types. For recoverable software or driver errors, we can directly recover in space (Figure 3(b)). While for irrecoverable errors (e.g., hardware faults), we can recover with migration (Figure 3(c)). In this case, the CRIU [5] tool snapshots CPU process states (e.g., memory, file descriptors), while model parameters and optimizer states are pulled from DP replicas. After migration, the system restores the GPU execution context using the replay log from the last completed minibatch. After these steps, training task's CPU state is restored to make errors imperceptible to the upper framework. This includes GPU-related handle remapping by our device proxy, and fast communication rebuild via dynamic link adjustment by our *flexible CCL* (§3.3).

## 3.2 Device Proxy

Different from existing device proxy [11, 31] that prioritizes transparent migration and elasticity through full virtualization mechanisms (e.g., fully GPU memory management, handle virtualization,

barrier, time slicing, etc.), our device proxy focuses on fault tolerance with minimal runtime overhead, pursuing lightweight and efficiency. It introduces three core mechanisms: (1) GPU context decoupling, (2) CUDA-related call interception, and (3) index-based handle mapping.

GPU context decoupling. To achieve transparency, error and recovery details should be hidden to upper frameworks, which requires unnoticeable restart, migration, and GPU operations. Therefore, the GPU context of training jobs should be decoupled from the training process. In our design, the device proxy splits a single training job into two processes, a client and a server, since standalone processes naturally provide resource isolation. In this dual-process architecture, clients are responsible for the proceeding of training jobs, while servers handle all GPU operations committed by clients. Each worker's proxy client and server are one-to-one corresponding (Figure 2(a)), different from Singularity's design where the correspondence is one-to-n with elasticity taken into consideration. This difference brings lightweight to our device proxy's resource management, thus leading to higher efficiency of decoupling.

Although decoupling is convenient for error recovery, it brings extra communications, so efficient IPC channels for clients and servers are of great necessity. In Mnemosyne, IPC is carried out via a message queue based on shared memory, optimizing performance while ensuring functionality. Specially, for some APIs like cudaMemcpy, servers need to obtain massive information from clients. For this case, our solution implements a pipelined transferring mechanism. It first divides source data from client memory into fixed-size blocks and then transfers in order, so sending and receiving are overlapped and can be carried out at the same time, hugely cutting down time consumption.

**CUDA-related call interception.** Since GPUs are taken over by the clients, CUDA-related function calls should be redirected to servers for execution. Therefore, all CUDA-related calls should be intercepted by clients and then forwarded to servers. Our clients achieve such interception via LD\_PRELOAD [20], a mechanism provided by Linux for runtime stubbing. After intercepting a call, its function identifier and parameters are serialized and then committed to the server via the IPC channel. The server executes the operation accordingly, and then give the execution result back to the client. Meanwhile, the separation of interception and execution inherently provides error isolation between CPU and GPU states. The server monitors operations' return values to detect GPU-side errors. When errors occur, they are contained within the server process using three-stage containment: (1) Error state capture through CUDA API return code validation; (2) Context quarantine via immediate server-side resource release; (3) Transparent error recovery as described in §3.1. This separation ensures that training frameworks never observe GPU errors directly since clients remain valid during server-side restarts or resource migrations.

**Index-based handle mapping.** During restart or migration, the handles of allocated resources in GPU side are altered due to replay. Therefore, raw handles should not be directly exposed to upper training frameworks since it may be changed during recovery. In

our device proxy, an index-based handle-mapping array is maintained by the client, whose indexes are logical handles and elements are physical handles. Only necessary handles, such as GPU memory pointers (e.g., allocated memory by cudaMalloc) and GPU-related objects' handles (e.g., cudaStream and ncclComm), are recorded in our mapping to reduce overheads. During API call translations: (1) Client-side logical indexes are converted to server-side physical addresses, (2) Execution occurs on physical resources by the server, and (3) Returned physical addresses are re-wrapped as logical indexes to be provided for clients. Both record addition and lookup is of O(1) time complexity since they are the simplest array appending and indexing operations with almost zero overhead. When replay is carried out, the array can be updated sequentially due to the consistency of original and replayed operations' orders.

### 3.3 Flexible CCL

Our flexible CCL is designed based on the incremental development of NCCL [24]. Through carefully designed APIs and mechanisms, i.e., metadata-driven node initialization and runtime communication modification, flexible CCL maintains backward compatibility with existing NCCL APIs, and introduces two novel features for today's CCL, immediate node replacement and dynamic scalability.

Compatibility-preserved efficient APIs. To preserve compatibility with NCCL, we design new NCCL APIs in an incremental way, introducing new features with no modifications to definitions and usages of original APIs. Newly added APIs on node adjustment are all executed by device proxies' server side, requiring no modifications to the training frameworks. For node replacement and addition, we break down the operations into 4 stages: (1) Exporting metadata. Flexible CCL needs built communicator's metadata for new node's initialization, so required metadata are exported from any healthy node via API ncclCommExportInfo. (2) Initializing new node. With exported communicator's info, the new node completes initialization via APIs like ncclInitNewNode. (3) Updating communicator's metadata. Already existed healthy nodes use APIs like ncclReplaceNode or ncclAddNode to update themselves' metadata with the ones from the new node. (4) Build channels. Needed channels are build according to modifications to the communicator via API ncclCommSetupNewRank. For node removal, we introduce one API ncclRemoveNode since initialization of new node is not involved in this case.

Metadata-driven node initialization. Today's CCLs mostly initialize communicators in a synchronized manner, where involve rounds of global information exchange and coordination (e.g., hostport pair collection, topology profiling). Such procedures are clearly unsuitable for dynamic localized initialization of flexible CCL. Different from conventional CCLs, flexible CCL initializes newly introduced node with the built communicator's metadata, which is based on our observation that initialized nodes inherently keep complete communicator's metadata within their ncclComm structures.

During the export of metadata, there are two different categories of exported metadata: raw collected data, which is completely stored in arrays as gathered (e.g., host-port pairs), and reduced data, of which only one copy of reduced result is stored after gathered (e.g., aggregated bandwidths). For raw collected data, we directly

copy the existing node's memory structure from exported metadata. While for reduced data, we use partial re-reduction: the replacement node combines local computed data with the received reduced value, exploiting the associativity of reduction operators. This bypasses the need to reconstruct original per-node data while maintaining result consistency. This strategy is also applicable for the whole communicator's metadata update.

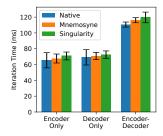
For topology construction, we observe that NCCL optimizes only intra-machine device connections due to scalability consideration, so we extend this strategy for node replacement. When substituting failed nodes, the new node directly takes up original node's position in the topology, and rebuilds links connected to the original node. Meanwhile, because our replacement granularity is node, the optimality of intra-node's topology is guaranteed by NCCL's calculation. This hybrid approach maintains native performance levels for intact communication paths. In the future, we are planning to design a more flexible topology construction strategy for more universal fault tolerance.

Runtime communicator modification. Flexible CCL supports runtime communicator modification. First, runtime communicator expansion requires careful memory management to accommodate rank additions. Existing NCCL implementations statically allocate memory buffers for peer addresses and topology data, creating runtime fragmentation risks during resizing. Our solution pre-allocates configurable buffer space during initial communicator creation. Reserved slots enable seamless insertion of new ranks without memory reallocation, while pointer stability gets ensured through contiguous memory layouts and offset-based addressing. Second, node addition and removal also bring modification to topology. Currently, the modification strategy for ring topology is designed. For an added node, flexible CCL directly connect it to two originally adjacent nodes. For a removed node, flexible CCL directly connect its previous node to its next node. In future work, we will design strategies for more topologies, e.g., double binary tree.

# 4 Implementation and Evaluation

We implement a prototype of MNEMOSYNE to verify our design's feasibility and efficiency. The device proxy can support CPU and GPU context isolation for distributed training tasks, containing over 17,000 lines of C++ source code. The flexible CCL is implemented based on NCCL with over 1,700 lines of C++ source code modification, which supports addition or removal of a single rank from built communicators. Relevant implementations are now open source [2]. Our experiments are carried out on a node with 3 NVIDIA Quadro RTX A6000s connected via PCIe.

**Device proxy.** To evaluate the efficiency of our device proxy, we use small-scale Transformer [33] models with various architectures, including encoder-only model (e.g., BERT [6]), decoder-only model (e.g., GPT [26]), and encoder-decoder model (e.g., T5 [28]). Figure 4 shows that the average overhead of our device proxy during steady-state operation is 3.6%. Compared with Singularity, the performance overhead is reduced by 49.1% on average, 58.8% at most. Notably, since our current experiment is conducted on relatively small LLM models, the API call frequency is relatively high, and the overhead



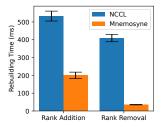


Figure 4: Daily overhead of our device proxy.

Figure 5: Acceleration effect of our flexible CCL.

of the device proxy becomes higher accordingly. In practical deployments of large-scale LLM models, the kernel computation time of these models is much longer and the API call becomes less frequent, so the relative overhead of the device proxy will be significantly reduced.

**Flexible CCL.** To validate the availability and efficiency of our flexible CCL, we select rank as the granularity of operations instead of node due to the limitations of our experimental environment, and prioritize addition than replacement since addition not only includes initialization and update operations of replacement, but also involves more complex metadata adjustments. Rank addition adds 1 rank to a communicator of 2 ranks, and rank removal removes 1 rank from a communicator of 3 ranks. Figure 5 shows that compared to NCCL, the flexible CCL has significant improvement in runtime adjustment, taking an average of 8.7% of global reinitialization time for removal and 37.6% for addition.

## 5 Discussion

**Limitation on FSDP.** The Fully Sharded Data Parallel (FSDP) approach, such as DeepSpeed ZeRO-3 optimizer [29], reduces GPU memory consumption through distributed parameter sharding across data parallel groups. In training scenarios employing FSDP methodology, the absence of redundant model parameters precludes the application of Just-In-Time checkpointing techniques, thereby rendering it incompatible with MNEMOSYNE.

Training anomaly detection. Mnemosyne is a framework specially designed for error recovery of LLM training, and does not pay attention to training anomaly detection and location. While our framework can detect GPU errors via execution result of CUDA operations, additional mechanisms are required to locate the root cause of some subtle anomalies, e.g., stragglers and framework hang [15]. Such works are orthogonal to our work, which can be combined together to achieve more efficient fault tolerance.

**Network errors.** Mnemosyne is designed for GPU errors, and network errors are overlooked to some extent. On one hand, most network switches and links have redundancy, which intrinsically supports fault tolerance. On the other hand, our strategy is also applicable for network errors, e.g., failures of network links connected directly to GPU nodes or ToR switches. For errors of network links,

we can migrate jobs at the granularity of nodes, while for errors of Tor switches, we can migrate jobs at the granularity of racks.

#### 6 Related Work

LLM training fault tolerance. Besides periodic checkpoint [7, 15, 22, 23, 35] discussed in the main text, another line of LLM training fault tolerance leverages the characteristics of pipeline parallelism in LLM training. Bamboo [32] redundantly computes two adjacent sub-stages on each GPU in the pipeline parallel training mode. Oobleck [13] employs heterogeneous pipeline templates and instantiates multiple logically equivalent pipeline replicas in large DNN models. ReCycle [9] utilizes pipeline bubbles to compute the tasks of the failed rank to reduce the resource overhead. However, these works incur redundant computation, decreasing the training throughput and risking running out of GPU memory. More importantly, when the training job needs to be restarted after a failure, they all require the global reinitialization of NCCL and incur significant startup overhead.

Collective communication libraries. In recent years, significant advancements have been made in optimizing collective communication, particularly within the context of LLM scenarios. Blink [34] leverages the heterogeneous communication channels of GPU clusters to optimize the performance of data transmission. OmniReduce [8] takes advantage of the sparsity of models to enhance bandwidth utilization. CoCoNet [14] jointly optimizes communication and computation GPU kernels, improving the performance of distributed workloads. SCCL [3], TACCL [30], TCCL [17], and TECCL [18] have made optimizations based on the topology in terms of programmability and communication performance. Mnemosyne is orthogonal to these aforementioned studies. By integrating these techniques, Mnemosyne is expected to achieve better performance while maintaining superior fault tolerance capabilities.

## 7 Conclusion and Future Work

In this paper, we identify the limitations of current checkpointing mechanisms, and design Mnemosyne, a lightweight and fast error recovery framework for LLM training. Two key components, device proxy and flexible CCL, are tailored for Mnemosyne to achieve lower daily and recovery overhead. Our prototype's implementation and evaluation demonstrate that Mnemosyne can bring more efficiency than today's frameworks in various aspects.

Nevertheless, our current design, prototype and evaluations are still very preliminary, which leaves a lot of future works to continue. In our ongoing explorations, we plan to further optimize the steady-state overhead, introduce a pipelined migration mechanism to accelerate the recovery process, extend flexible CCL's strategies for communicator modification to more topologies, design a mechanism for migration destination selection, refine the implementation of Mnemosyne, and evaluate our design in real large-scale LLM training scenarios.

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