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Simplifying AI for Edge Compute with HAMi

Slicing one device, running many agents

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Part 1: The Problem

The model is not the hard part, the compute is

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Edge Agents, Starved Compute

Open-source agents need edge hardware

Open-source agents like Hermes and OpenClaw can reason and use tools. Edge deployment is still hard: not the model, the compute underneath.

Limited memory

A Jetson-class device has 8-64 GB of unified memory, shared with the OS. One agent stack can eat it all.

Tight power budgets

No 300 W data-center GPU at the edge. You get 5-40 W, often battery or solar.

No ops team

No GPU cluster admin, no Prometheus dashboards. It has to work after setup, unattended.

Democratizing agentic AI means fixing the compute layer.

Not All Edge Compute Is Agents

Most edge inference today is CV and classic ML

Most edge inference is CV and classic ML, not LLMs. Agents are the new slice.

CV and classic inference

- ▶ YOLO, classification, OCR, embeddings
- ▶ 1-50M params, millisecond latency
- ▶ Runs on NPUs and embedded GPUs today

LLMs

- ▶ Autoregressive text generation
- ▶ Weights plus KV cache in memory
- ▶ Needs GPU-class silicon

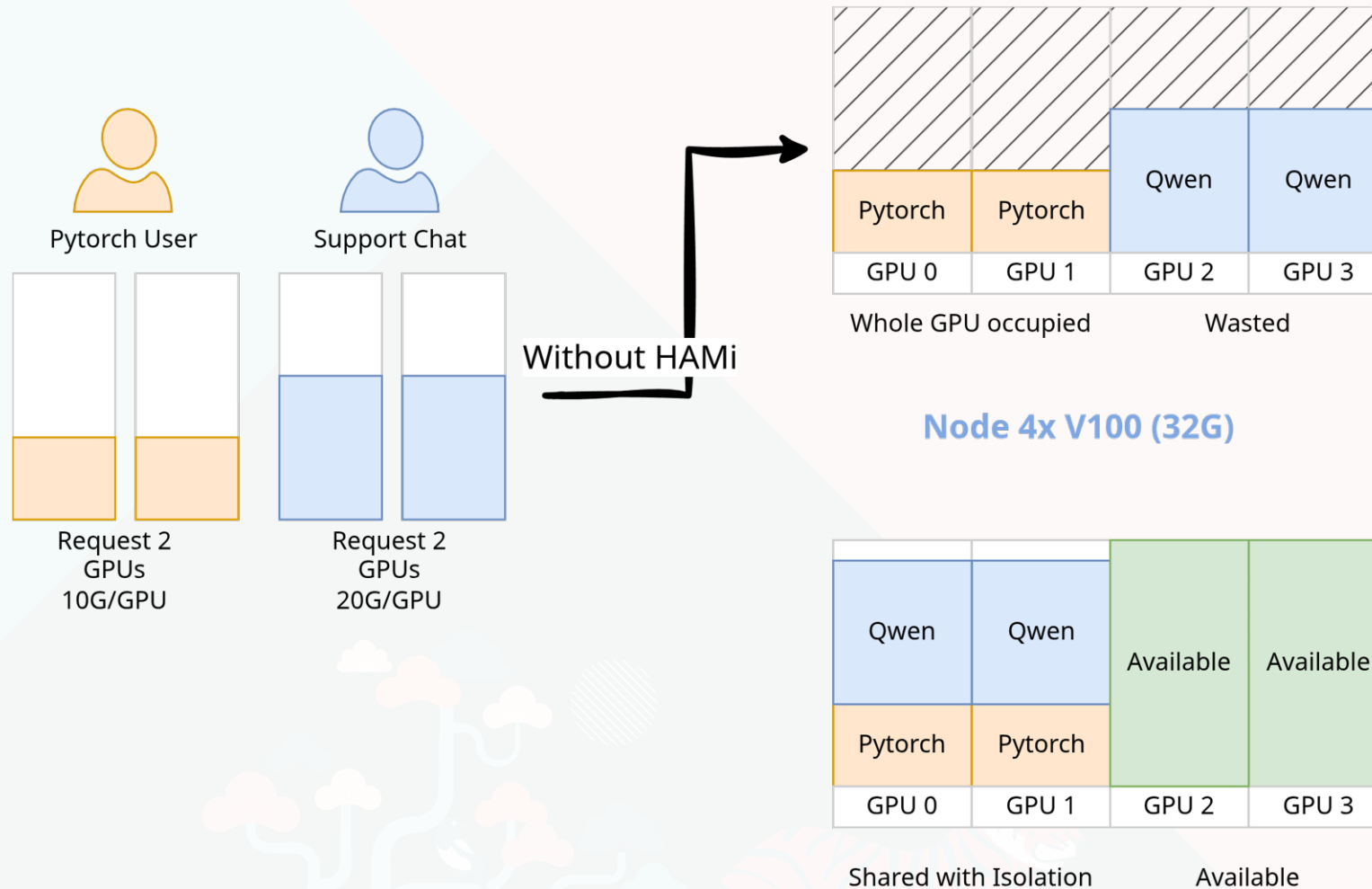
Agents

- ▶ LLMs in a tool-use loop
- ▶ Several concurrent per device
- ▶ Memory-hungry, latency-tolerant

One deployment pattern for all three: same device sharing for small-model inference and agent tasks.

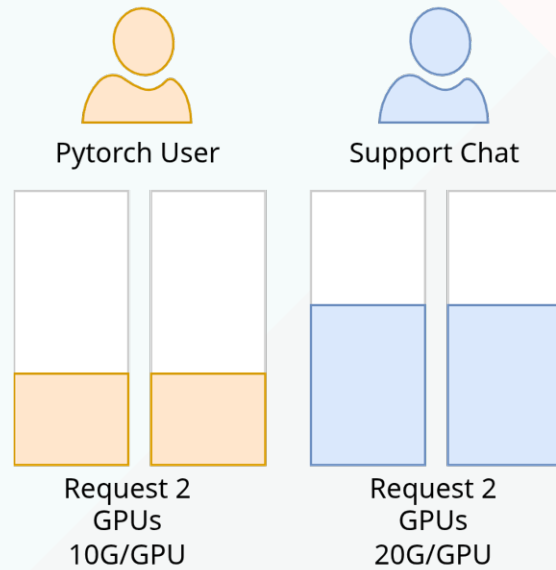
What is HAMi

Before: one device, one task



What is HAMi

After: one device, many agents



With HAMi



Pytorch	Pytorch	Qwen	Qwen
GPU 0	GPU 1	GPU 2	GPU 3

Whole GPU occupied

Wasted

Node 4x V100 (32G)

Qwen	Qwen	Available	Available
Pytorch	Pytorch		
GPU 0	GPU 1	GPU 2	GPU 3

Shared with Isolation

Available

The Edge Compute Challenge

What breaks, what HAMi needs to solve

Problem

- ▶ One model per device, most of it idle
- ▶ Fixed memory budgets: install once, never share
- ▶ One bad agent takes down the device
- ▶ Requirements vary wildly: tiny CV filters to large agent LLMs



Requirements

- ▶ Guaranteed to run: unattended, no ops team
- ▶ Runs stably: hard limits, one agent cannot kill the device
- ▶ Right device per workload, big or small: NPU for CV, GPU-class for LLMs, one API
- ▶ Same deployment patterns: no manifest changes per device
- ▶ Fine-grained slices: carve memory, time-share when demand exceeds

Part 2: The Solution

One scheduling plane across heterogeneous accelerators

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HAMi Capabilities

Six things HAMi brings to GPU scheduling

Heterogeneous Management

Manage GPU, NPU, MLU, and other accelerators in one workflow.

Hard Isolation

Slice memory and compute with hard isolation at runtime.

Advanced Scheduling

Binpack, spread, and topology-aware placement policies.

Kubernetes Native

Kubernetes-native APIs, DRA, and CDI support.

Resource Isolation & QoS

Memory and core quotas for fair, stable sharing.

Unified Monitoring

Consistent metrics and visibility across vendors.

Carving Unified Memory

Slices of one device, not whole devices

- ▶ **Unified memory is carveable:** CPU and GPU share one LPDDR pool
- ▶ **Fine-grained:** MiB-level slices, multiple agents per device
- ▶ **Time-sharing:** when demand exceeds memory, idle slices swap to host RAM
- ▶ **Hard limits per agent:** one task cannot eat its neighbors
- ▶ **Same YAML in the data center and at the edge**

```
# Two agents on one Jetson, 4 GB and 40% compute each
```

```
resources:
```

```
  limits:
```

```
    nvidia.com/gpu: 1
```

```
    nvidia.com/gpumem: 4096
```

```
    nvidia.com/gpucore: 40
```

```
# Third agent, time-shared
```

```
resources:
```

```
  limits:
```

```
    nvidia.com/gpu: 1
```

```
    nvidia.com/gpumem: 2048
```

```
    nvidia.com/gpucore: 20
```

Types of Slicing

Four ways to share one device

Memory slicing

- ▶ Carve device memory per tenant
- ▶ HAMi: 1 MiB, dynamic per pod
- ▶ Native options are fixed partitions (MIG, vXPU buckets)

Compute slicing

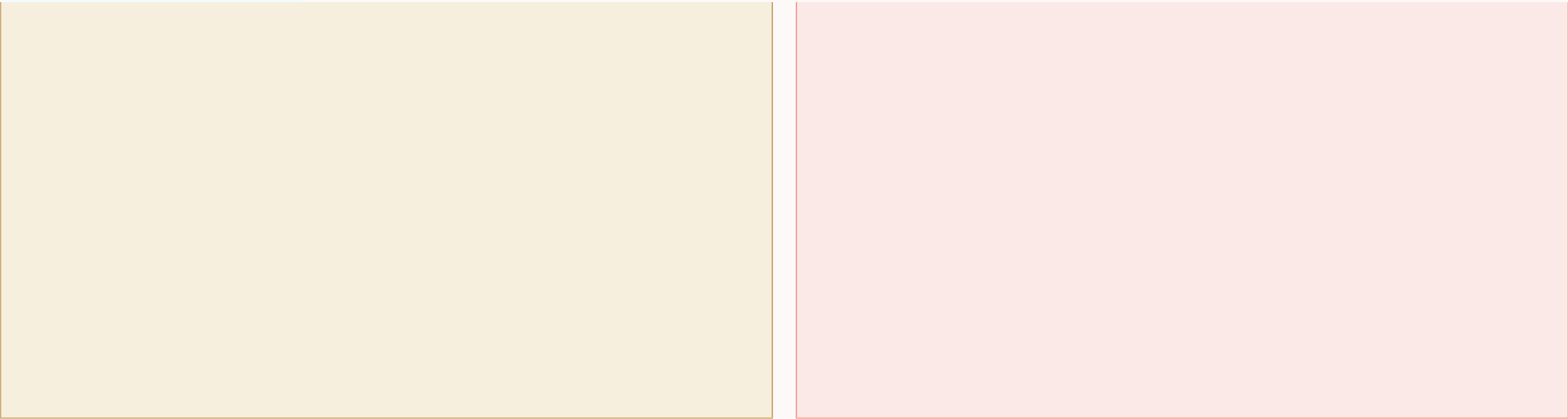
- ▶ Percent of compute units per tenant
- ▶ Core quotas: MPS %, dcucore, vcore
- ▶ Hard limit enforced on every call

Time slicing

- ▶ Rotate compute access over time
- ▶ Pure software: no vendor ships a time-quantum API
- ▶ Preemption optional: without it, long kernels

Hardware partitioning

- ▶ MIG, SR-IOV, vXPU, vDCU
- ▶ Static, hardware-enforced
- ▶ Strongest isolation, least flexible



Time slicing is pure software. Even if a vendor exposes no slicing at all, you can hook its driver SDK and build your own. Reverse engineering is fragile: ask the vendor for support instead.

Making NPUs Schedulable

What it takes to share them

- ▶ **Capacity reporting:** publish memory MiB and compute % per device
- ▶ **Allocation:** binpack and spread policies fit agents into the gaps
- ▶ **Enforcement: the hard part.** CUDA has a hijack point (the runtime library). NPU SDKs are closed compilers: no hijack, so limits live in the SDK runtime or scheduler-side
- ▶ **The clean path is DRA:** typed capacities in ResourceSlices, scheduler allocates, no code changes
- ▶ **Honest status:** HAMi shares NVIDIA, Ascend, Cambricon, Hygon, Iluvatar today. Jetson and these NPUs are the frontier, not a shipped feature

Why Jetson Has No MIG

Hardware partitioning is a data-center feature

No hardware support

MIG needs partitioning logic in the silicon. Data-center GPUs (A100, H100) have it. Orin's embedded Ampere die does not.

Never enabled in JetPack

MIG has never been enabled for Orin. JetPack 7.0 adds it only on Jetson Thor T5000, as a technology preview.

CUDA context cap

Orin is capped at ~32 concurrent CUDA contexts. Software slicing is the only path to many tenants.

MIG on Jetson: not a software toggle. The hardware is not there.

Small Models Do Not Need MIG

Edge agents fit in slices, not fixed hardware partitions

Edge agents run small models

Llama-3.2-1B/3B, Qwen2.5-0.5B to 3B, Hermes-3-3B: 1-8 GB with context. They fit in slices, not partitions.

MIG profiles are coarse

Smallest A100 slice is 1g.5gb: a fixed 5 GB partition. No dynamic repartition, no sub-slicing.

Granularity mismatch

On an 8 GB Jetson, one fixed 5 GB partition leaves nothing for anything else. MiB slices fit 10+ agents.

Dynamic, not static

MIG partitions are fixed at boot. Edge demand changes: agents come and go. Software slicing repartitions live.

MIG solves a data-center problem with fixed profiles. The edge needs dynamic, fine-grained carving.

Jetson vs NPUs: DeepX, Axelera and Furiosa

Different partitioning, different schedulability

	Jetson AGX Orin	DeepX DX-M1	Axelera Metis	Furiosa RNGD
Architecture	CUDA GPU, unified memory	Proprietary NPU	RISC-V + in-memory compute	TCP NPU, 8 PEs
Peak compute (INT8)	275 TOPS (sparse)	25 TOPS	~214 TOPS	512 TOPS
Power	15-60 W configurable	1-5 W	3.5-15 W	180 W
Perf/watt	1x baseline	~20x vs GPGPU (vendor)	~15 TOPS/W	~2.8 TOPS/W
Memory	64 GB unified LPDDR5	4 GB LPDDR5 on card	16 MB L1 + 32 MB L2 SRAM, 4-16 GB DDR	48 GB HBM3
Partitioning	None	None	Static 25% L2 per core (1-4)	SR-IOV fixed: 6/12/24/48 GB

RNGD is datacenter class, not edge: 512 TOPS at 180 W is 2.8 TOPS/W, 1.8x the A100 (624 INT8 TOPS at 400 W) and on par with H100 dense FP8 (1979 TOPS at 700 W). Value here: Korean domestic silicon, air-cooled density, the only hardware partitioning in the table. Its edge sibling Warboy (64 TOPS) has none.

DRA: ResourceSlice

Per-node device inventory



- ▶ **ResourceSlice:** lists all available devices on a node with their attributes
- ▶ DRA drivers publish slices; scheduler reads them to match claims to devices
- ▶ Tied to a node via nodeName, supports topology and NUMA attributes

DRA: ResourceClaim

A standardized way to request hardware: not just GPUs. Stable in K8s 1.34.

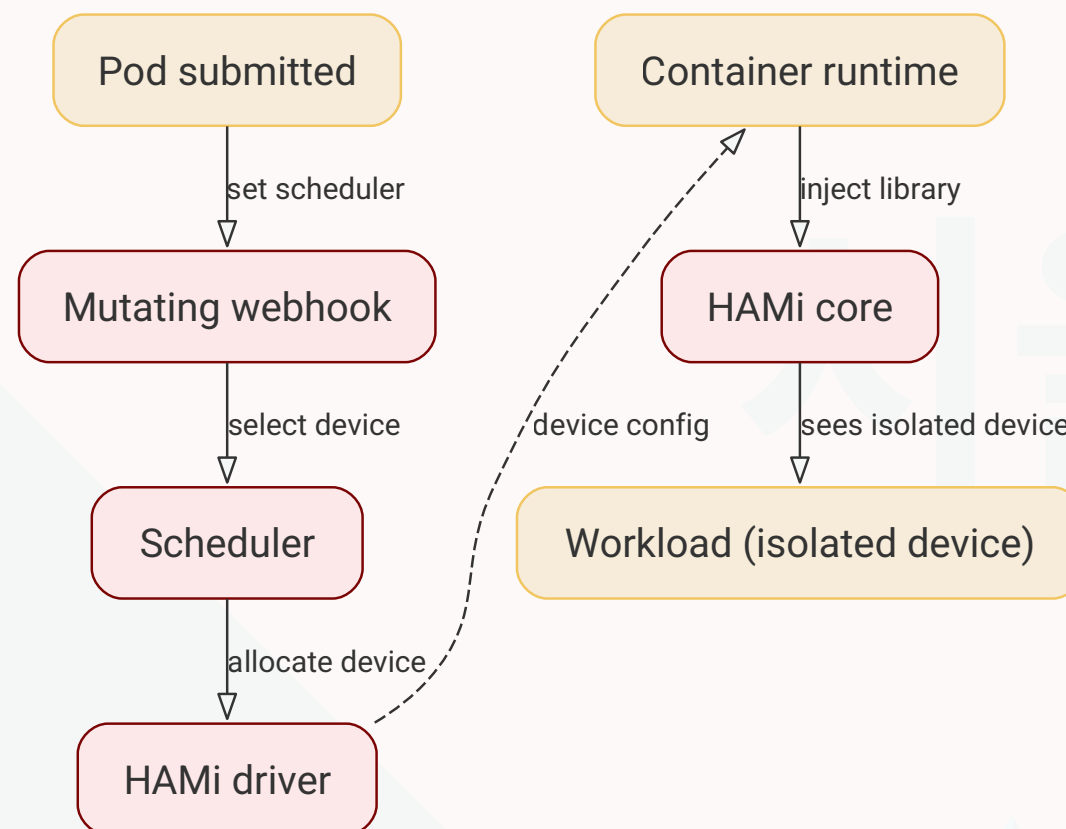
- ▶ **DeviceClass:** groups devices with identical resource models. **ResourceClaim:** a workload's ticket to hardware. **ResourceClaimTemplate:** reusable blueprint, auto-creates a claim per Pod.



How HAMi Works

From pod submission to isolated device

- ▶ **Mutating webhook:** sees accelerator requests, routes pod to HAMi scheduler
- ▶ **Scheduler:** selects device and node
- ▶ **HAMi driver:** generates device config
- ▶ **Container runtime:** reads config, injects HAMi-Core library
- ▶ **HAMi core:** enforces isolation in-process

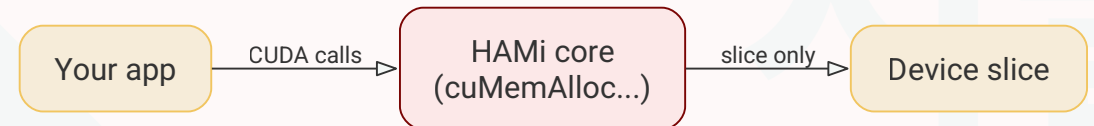


The Magic: Runtime Hijacking

Your app does not change

Your app calls CUDA. HAMi answers with a slice of the device.

- ▶ Small library loaded before your app (LD_PRELOAD)
- ▶ Intercepts CUDA calls, no app code changes
- ▶ No kernel modules, no driver changes
- ▶ Same pattern per vendor: ACL on Ascend, CNRT on Cambricon



Why Memory Isolation Matters

One bad agent must not kill its neighbors

Without HAMi

Tasks share a device with no borders. One greedy agent eats all memory and kills the neighbors. On a 8 GB Jetson, that is the whole device.

With HAMi

Each task sees only its slice. Memory is a hard limit, enforced by the hijacked runtime calls: every allocation is checked against your slice.

Time-sharing

Idle memory can be swapped to host RAM, so more agents fit. Great for inference, not for active training.

Per-task limits

```
resources:  
limits:  
  nvidia.com/gpu: 1  
  nvidia.com/gpumem: 3000
```

Consumable Capacities

Device resources as a pool you draw from

Memory and compute, separate axes

Request MiB of memory and percent of compute units. What you use is what you get, no fixed profiles.

Scheduler packs by remaining capacity

Every device reports memory and compute left. Binpack and spread policies fit requests into the gaps.

Enforced on hijacked calls

HAMi-core caps every allocation at your slice. Inside the pod, nvidia-smi shows 0 MiB / 4000 MiB.

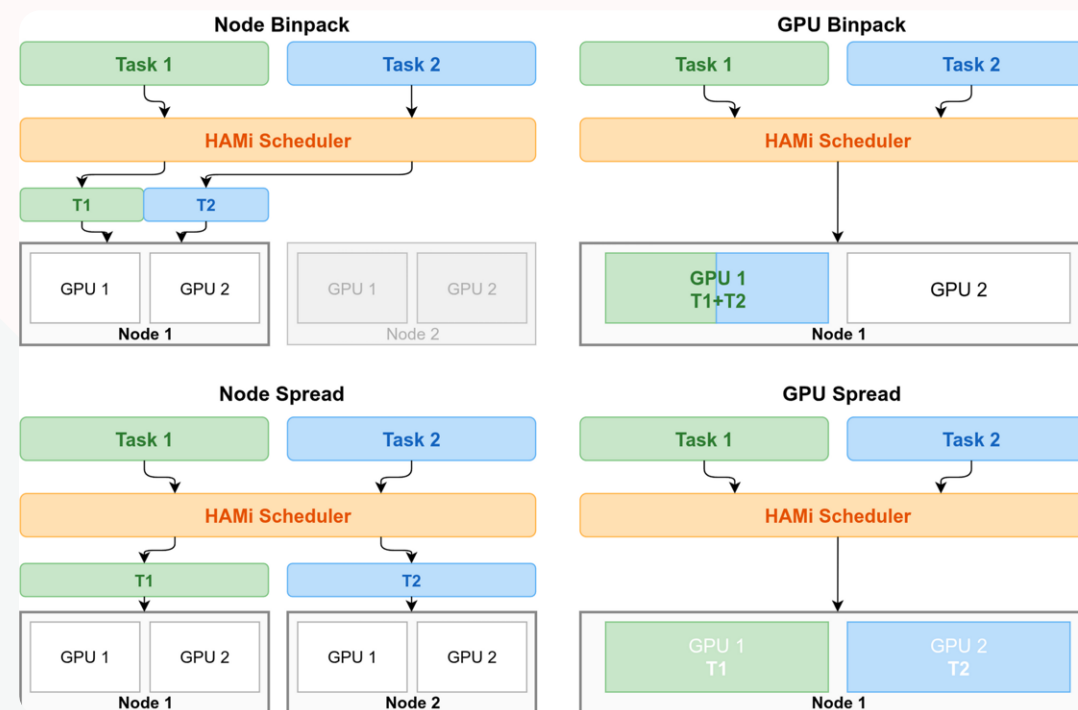
Same semantics on DRA (v2.8+)

Typed ResourceSlice capacities (memory step 1 MiB, cores 0-100). Requests become ResourceClaims.

Scheduling Policies

Binpack & Spread

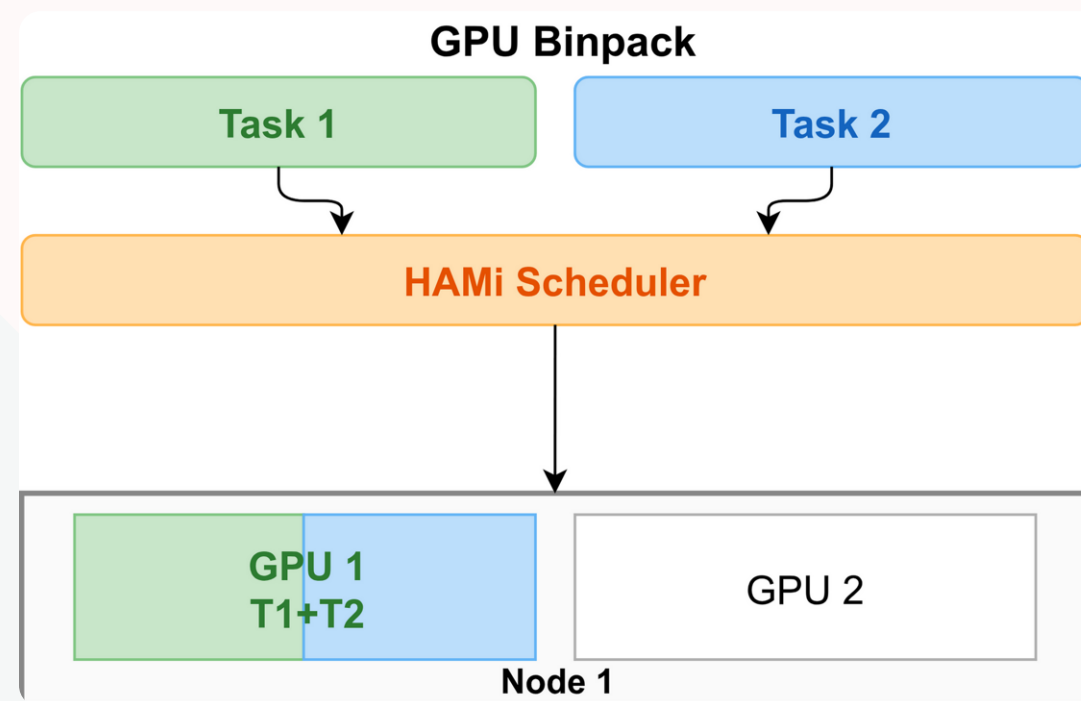
- ▶ **Node binpack** frees whole machines: fewer active nodes, less power
- ▶ **Node spread** isolates faults: HA across a device fleet
- ▶ **GPU binpack** packs many agents onto one device
- ▶ **GPU spread** protects tail latency: one agent per device
- ▶ Advanced scheduling works with standalone HAMi; DRA mode can use Yunikorn



GPU Binpack

Fill one device, run many agents

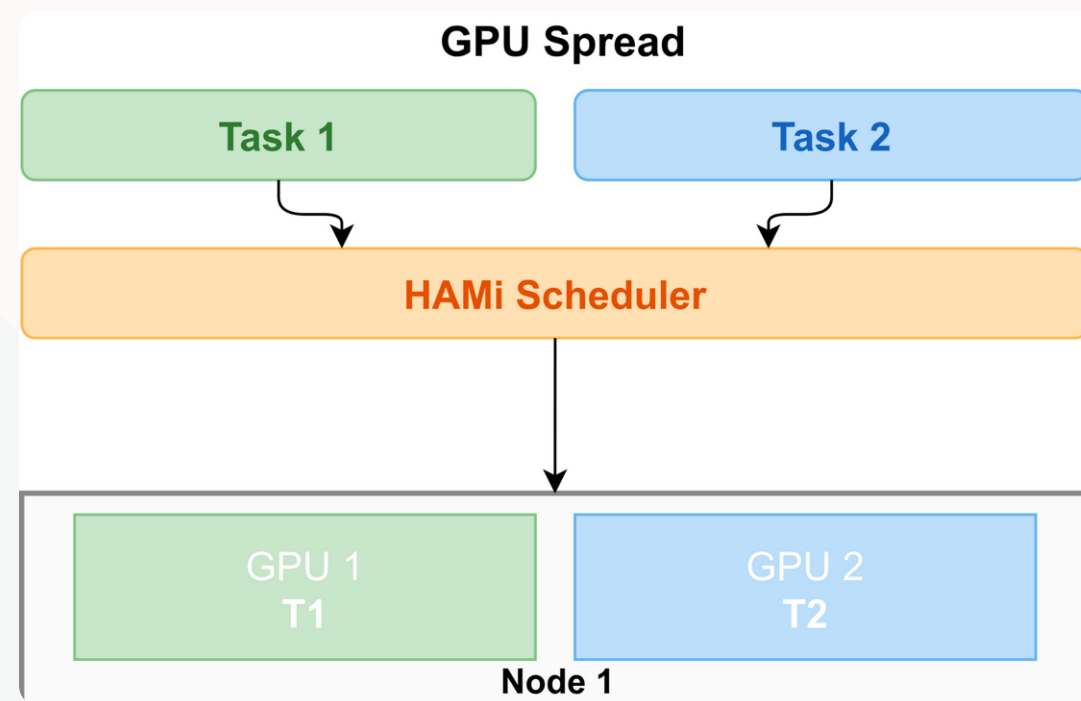
- ▶ Several agents share one device, each with its own slice of memory and compute
- ▶ Prevents fragmentation: scattered small workloads no longer block whole devices
- ▶ Frees whole devices for the job that cannot share
- ▶ Best for: fleets of small workloads - agent endpoints, batch jobs, dev and test



GPU Spread

One agent per device, no shared bottlenecks

- ▶ One agent per device: compute and memory bandwidth are never shared
- ▶ Isolates noisy neighbors: a thrasher on one device does not slow the others
- ▶ Protects tail latency: no cross-tenant contention
- ▶ Best for: latency-sensitive serving with strict SLOs



Part 3: Blueprint

Edge AI without a cloud budget

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The Blueprint

Three steps to a multi-agent edge device

1. Pick a device

Jetson-class GPU: CUDA compatibility, the HAMi slicing path. NPUs (DeepX, Axelera) are the frontier: no SDK hook, no slicing today.

2. Slice it

Carve memory and compute into per-agent slices. Hard limits, live repartition, time-sharing when demand exceeds memory.

3. Schedule agents

Binpack to pack many agents onto one device. Spread for latency-sensitive serving. Node spread across a device fleet for HA.

- ▶ **Deploy on Olares** (github.com/beclab/olares): a k3s-based personal cloud OS that ships this stack pre-installed
 - agents as containers, MCP built in, local GPU scheduling
- ▶ Runs on k3s or k0s directly: Kubernetes APIs without the ops team
- ▶ One scheduling plane across heterogeneous accelerators
- ▶ Open source: HAMi is a CNCF Incubation project

Where HAMi Is Today

Production metrics from CNCF case studies

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Driver, kernel, code
changes needed
SF Technology

1-2 GB

Memory per small-model
inference service
KE Holdings

4x

GPU utilization: 5-10% to
30-50%
NIO

90%

GPU infra managed by
HAMi on RTX 4070/4090
Prep Edu

China Merchants Bank - SNOW Corp. - NIO - KE Holdings - DaoCloud - SF Technology - Prep Education
- cncf.io/case-studies

Community & Adopters

Devices, integrations, and who uses HAMi

Open Source, CNCF Backed, Production Ready

4.1k

Github Stars

325k

Docker Pulls

500+

Contributors

27

Contributor Countries



Ecosystem & Device Support



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