



In-Network Computing

InfiniBand Quantum-2 Platform and DPU

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Next Wave of Applications

Transformative technologies opening new frontiers for thousands of new companies



Generative AI

Create new novel and exciting content



Data Science

Turn massive data sets into actionable insights




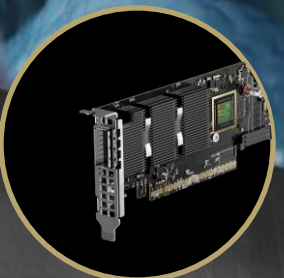
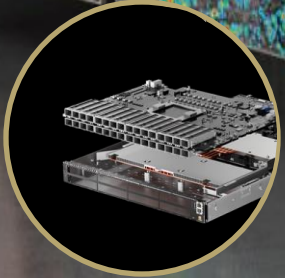
The Metaverse

Design, build, and operate virtual worlds and digital twins

Quantum-2 InfiniBand Platform

Unprecedented Performance, Scalability, and Security for HPC-AI

Bare-Metal Secured Multi-Tenant Infrastructure
Performance Isolation with Congestion Control
Advanced Adaptive Routing
In-Network Computing
400Gb/s InfiniBand



NVIDIA Quantum-2 Switch

BlueField-3 DPU


ConnectX-7

Most Advanced Networking

| | | | |
|------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| End-to-End | High Throughput | Extremely Low Latency | High Message Rate |
| | RDMA | GPUDirect RDMA | GPUDirect Storage |
| | Adaptive Routing | Congestion Control | Smart Topologies |

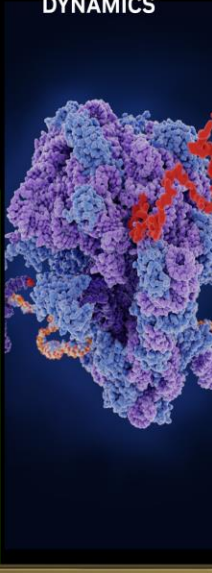
In-Network Computing

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| Adapter or/ DPU | All-to-All | MPI Tag Matching | Data Reductions (SHARP) | Switch |
| | Programmable Datapath Accelerator | Data Processing Units (Arm Cores) | Self Healing Network | |
| End-to-End | Data Security/ Tenant Isolation | | | End-to-End |




1.2x Higher Application Performance with BlueField DPU and Quantum InfiniBand In-Network Computing

MOLECULAR DYNAMICS



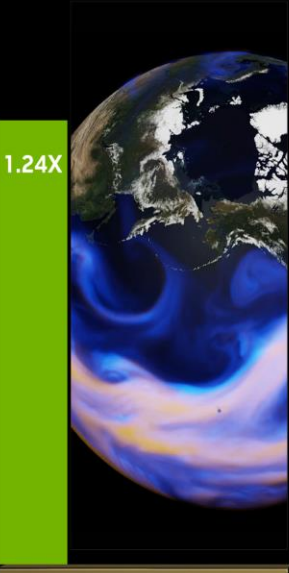
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MATHEMATICAL MODELING



1.26X

WEATHER FORECASTING

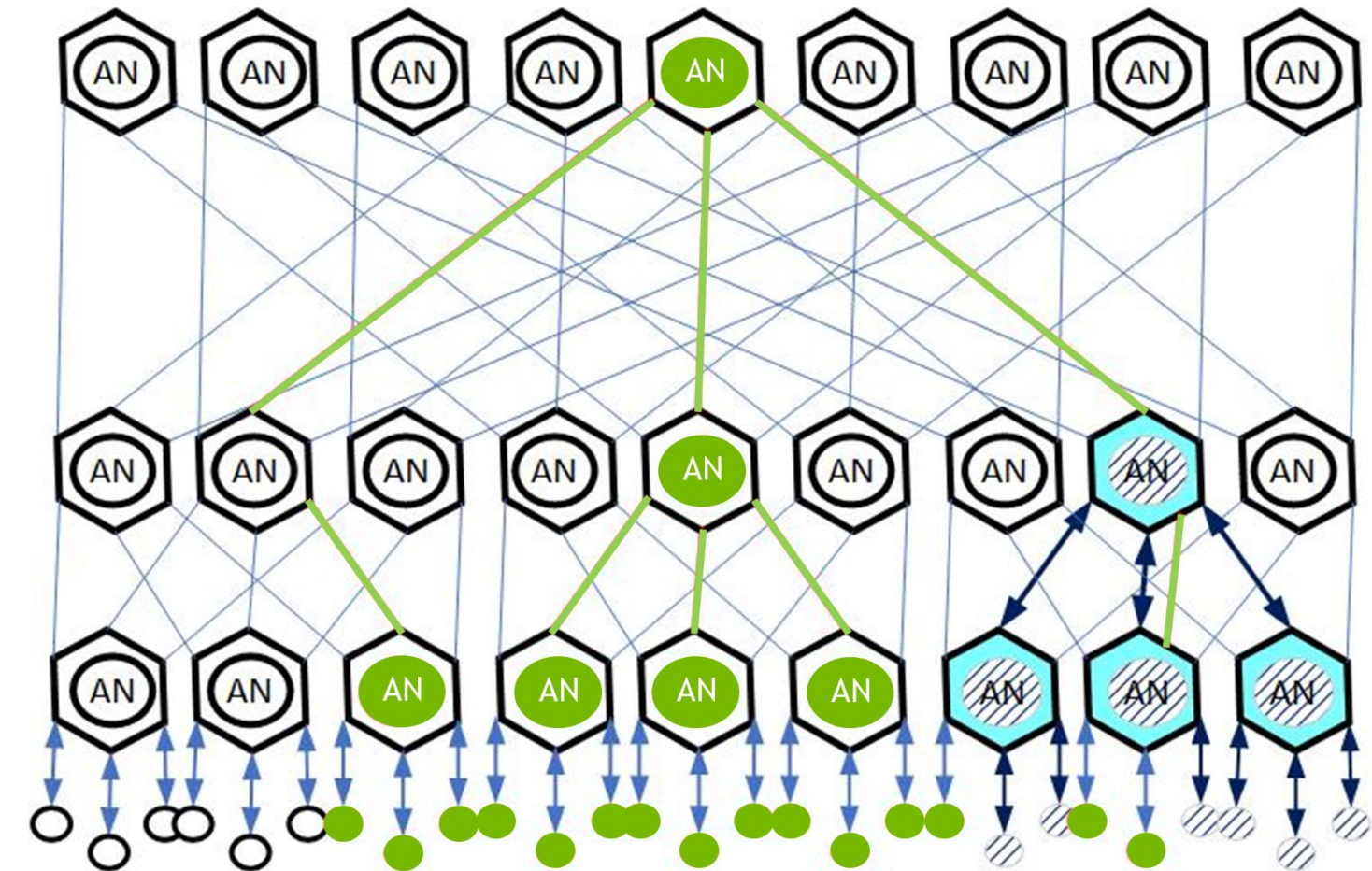


1.24X

Scalable Hierarchical Aggregation and Reduction Protocol (SHARP)

Offloads collective operations from the host to the network switch

- In-network Tree based aggregation mechanism
- Multiple simultaneous outstanding operations
- Small message and large message reduction
- Barrier, Reduce, All-Reduce, Broadcast and more
- Sum, Min, Max, Min-loc, max-loc, OR, XOR, AND
- Integer and Floating-Point, 16/32/64 bits



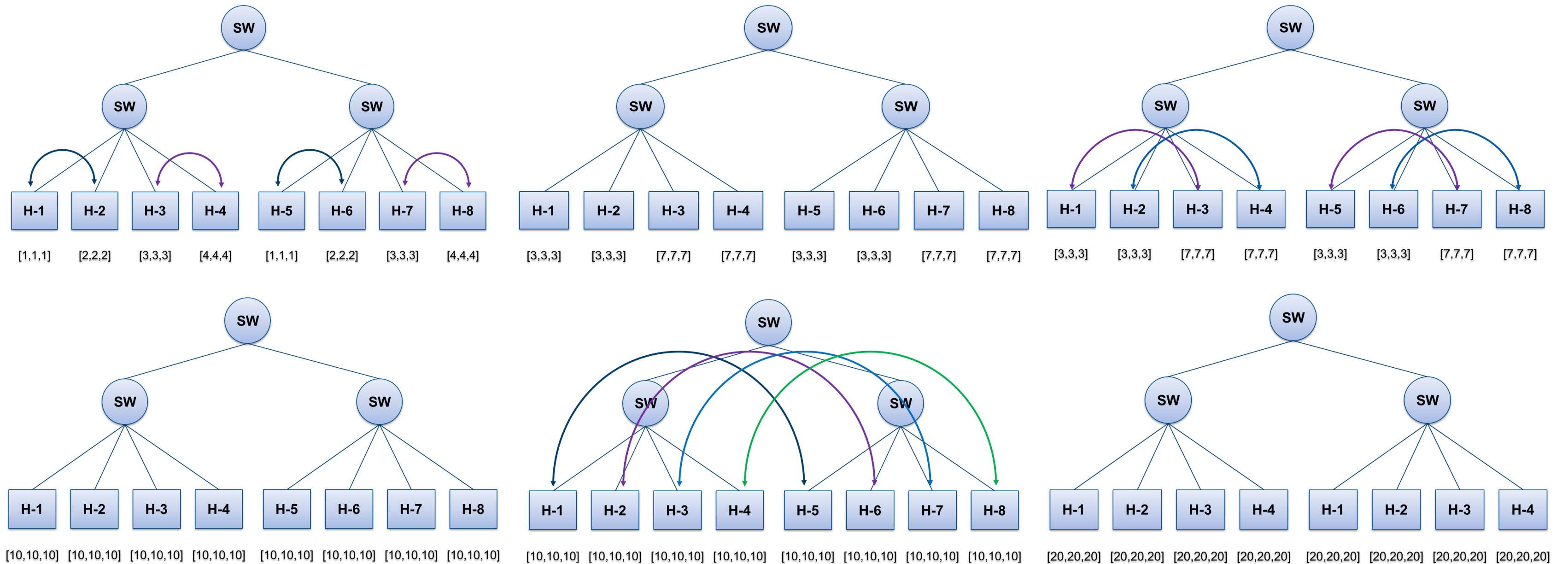
SHARP Aggregation Node: Switch Resident



Host: Data source and Destination

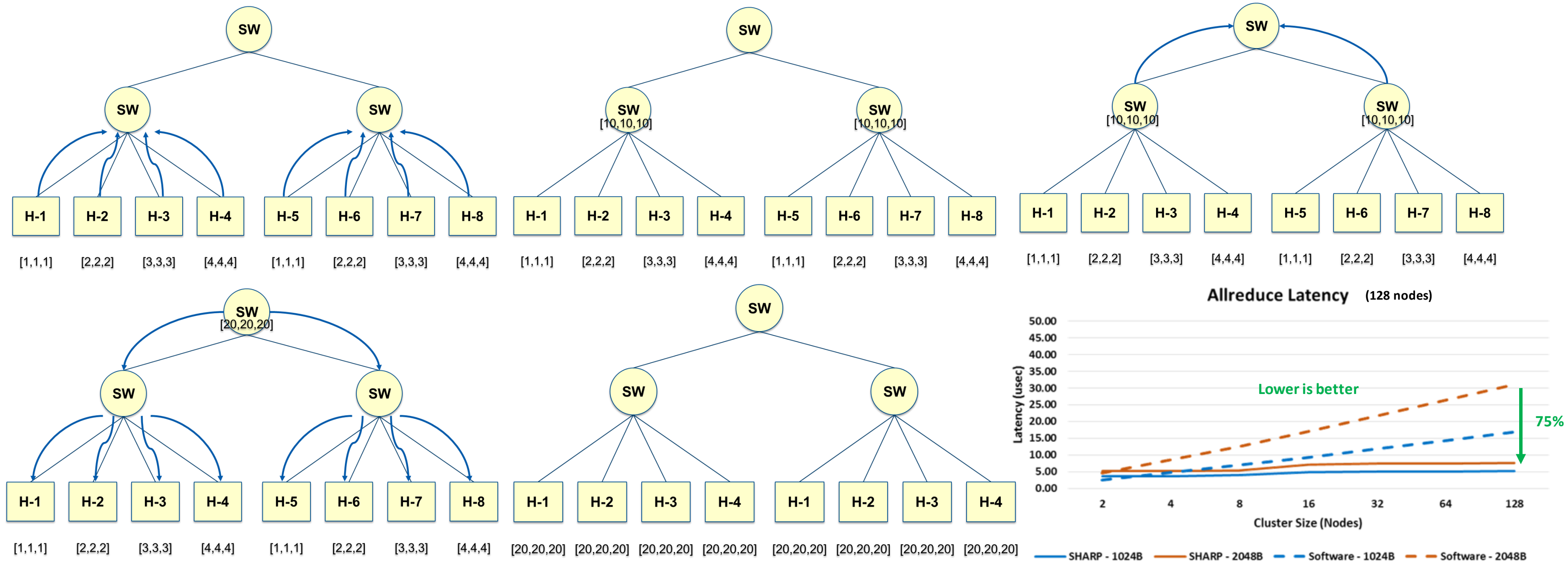
Scalable Hierarchical Aggregation and Reduction Protocol

Recursive doubling Algorithm for AllReduce Operation



Scalable Hierarchical Aggregation and Reduction Protocol

SHARP for AllReduce Operation



Comparison

Discussion

Decoupling latency from node count*

Without the capabilities of SHARP, Allreduce requires at least $O(\log(N))$ phases.

SHARP operates level-by-level in the topology, proportional to the tree height.

| Algorithm | Latency | Bandwidth Req. |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Recursive doubling | $\log_2(N) \cdot \alpha$ | $\log_2(N) \cdot m\beta$ |
| SHARP | $2 \cdot \alpha$ | $m \cdot \beta$ |

Offload

Standard algorithms require the compute nodes to perform the reduction's compute.

SHARP boosts the effective utilization of the endpoints.

Network performance and consistency

SHARP is data-movement optimal.

Consistent, predictable network performance.

Description of parameters

α – latency; cost of sending a single message

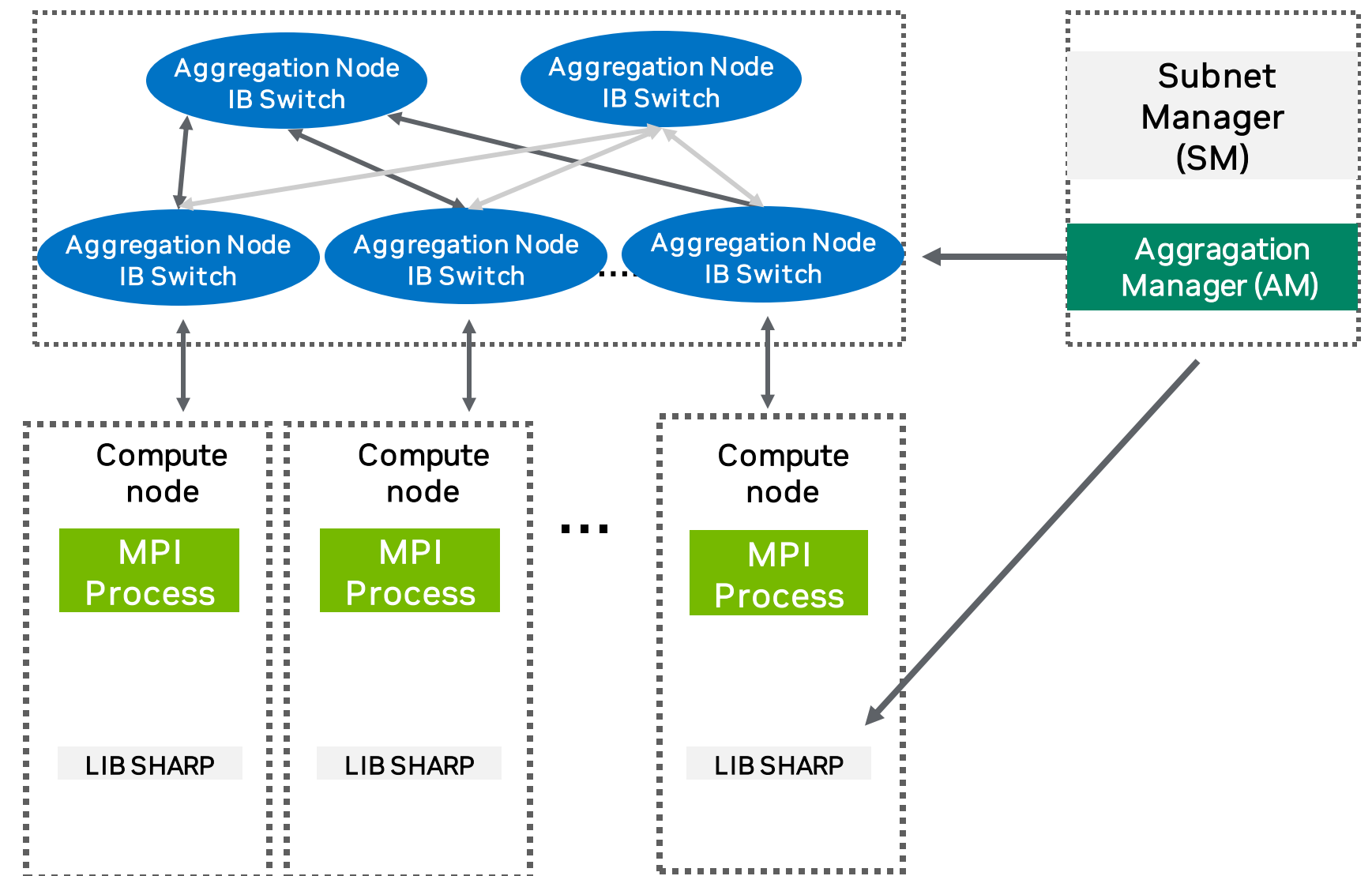
β – Inverse bandwidth (1/200 Gbps)

N – number of endpoints/GPUs

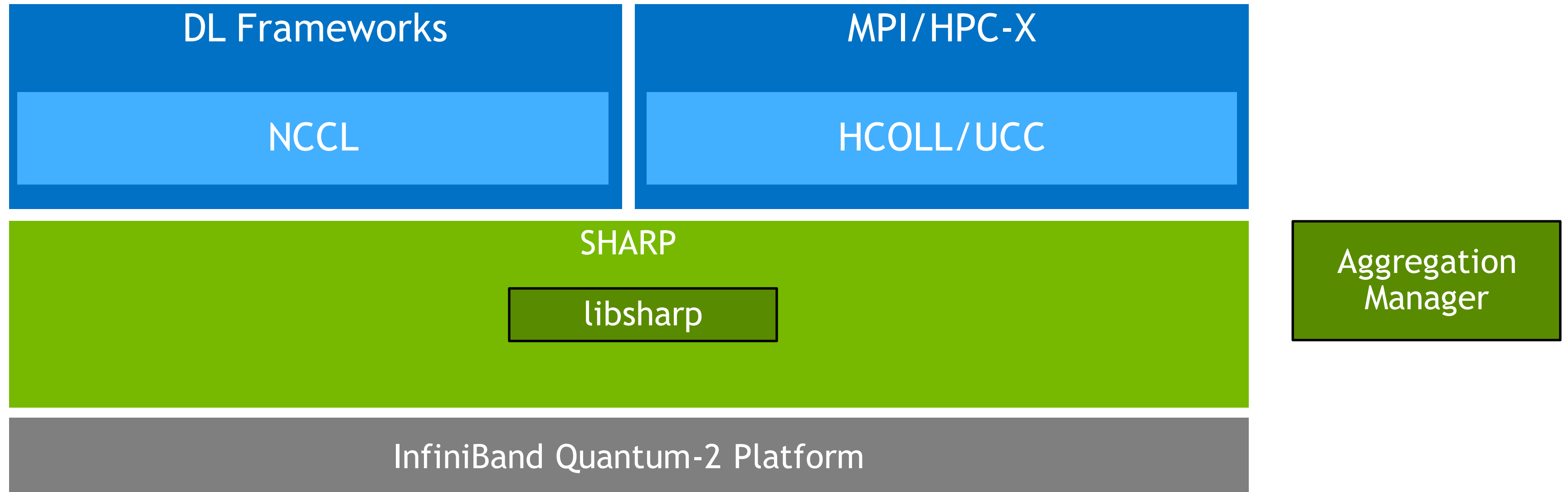
m – memory size of a single GPU's data (total memory: Nm)

SHARP Implementation Details

- InfiniBand networks have a Subnet Manager (“SM”) entity, which is independent of SHARP.
 - The SM populates the SMDB which contains network topology data used by SHARP.
- SHARP is managed by the Aggregation Manager (“AM”), a global software entity.
 - The AM is responsible for all SHARP resources – construction of trees, allocations, locks, and so forth.
- Once a SHARP tree has been allocated to a user process, its compute nodes can push data into the corresponding Aggregation Nodes, addressable as virtual nodes.

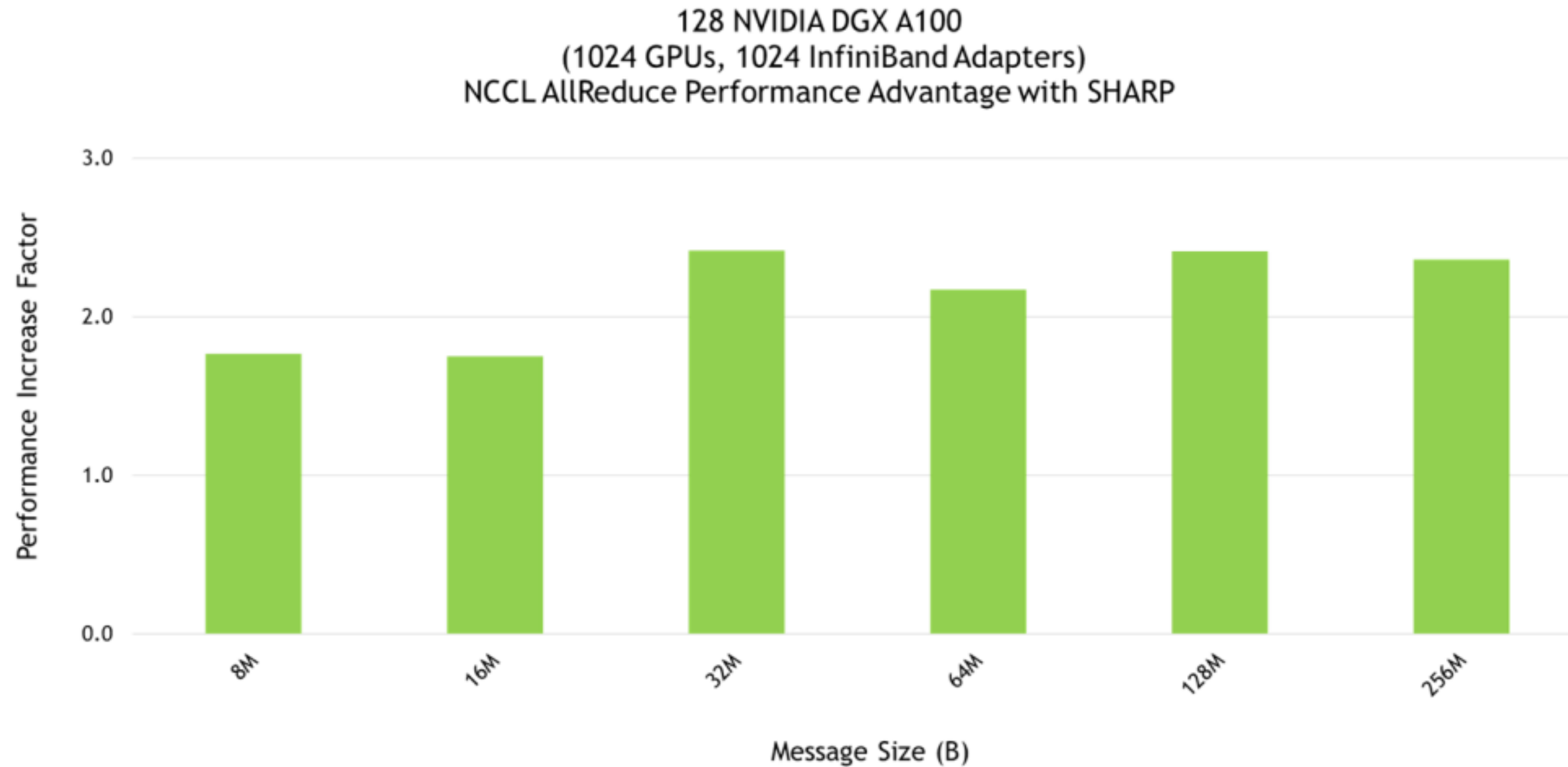


SHARP Software Architecture



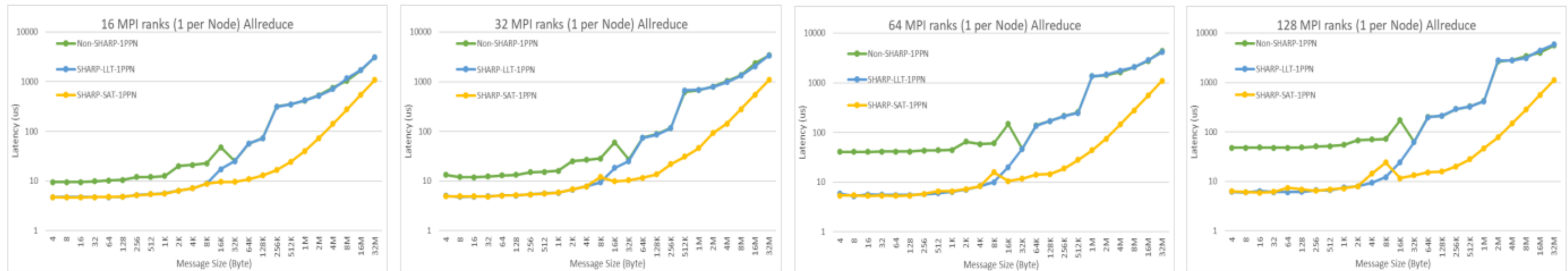
SHARP AI Performance Advantages

2.5X Higher Performance



InfiniBand NDR SHARP Performance

NDR: SHARP Performance



- Randomly selected nodes from cluster
- Run MPI AllReduce with 16, 32, 64, 128 nodes with PPN=1
- Significant performance improvement with both LLT and SAT protocols



AI APPLICATION
FRAMEWORK

PLATFORMS



NVIDIA HPC



NVIDIA AI



NVIDIA Omniverse

ACCELERATION LIBRARIES

GPU



GPU



FREED

CPU



CPU



FREED

Cloud Native
Supercomputing

NIC



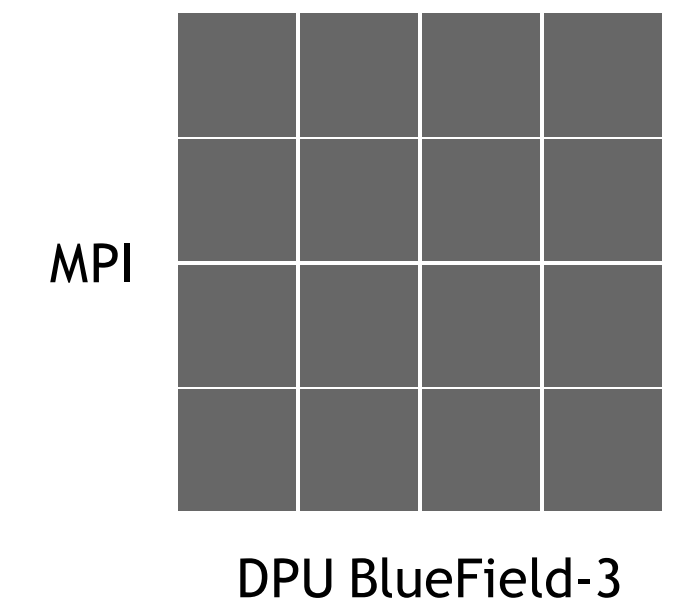
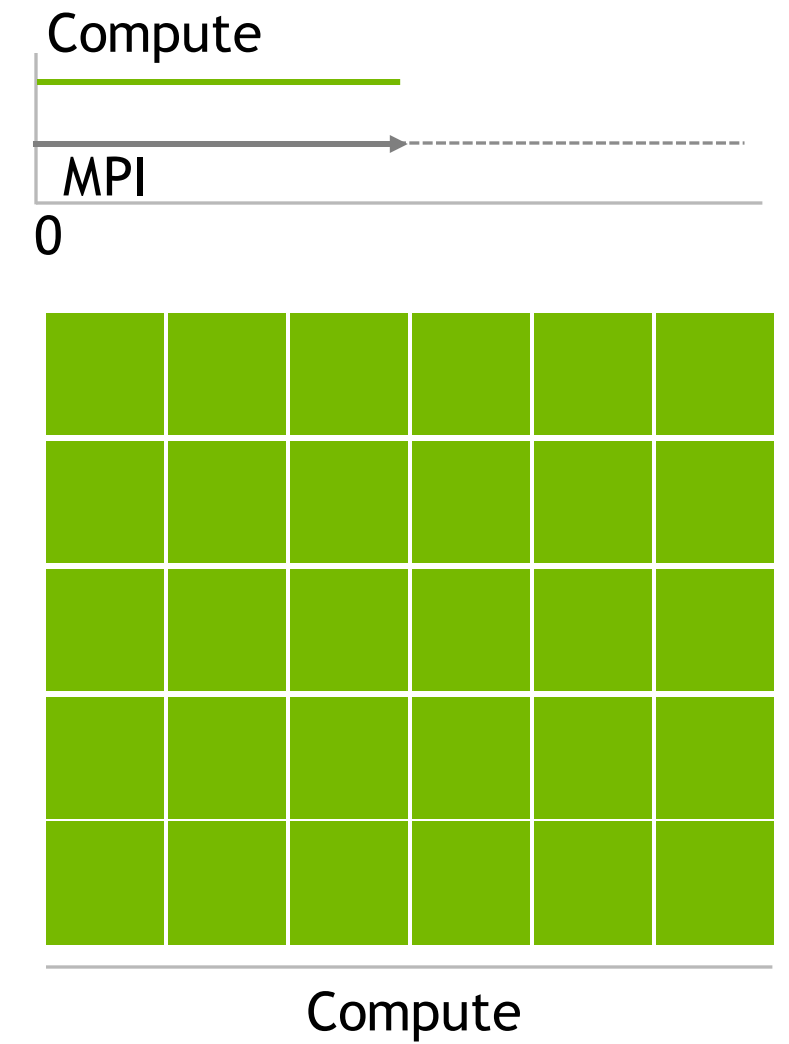
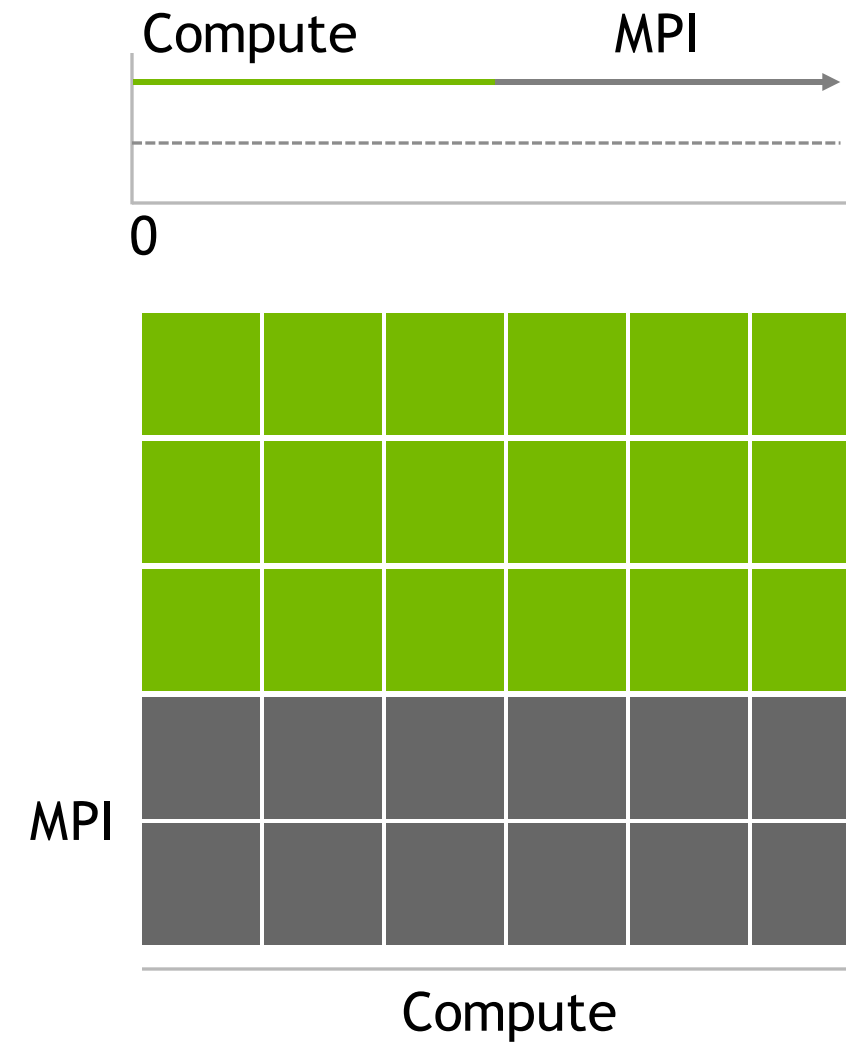
BlueField DPU



DPU for Scientific Computing

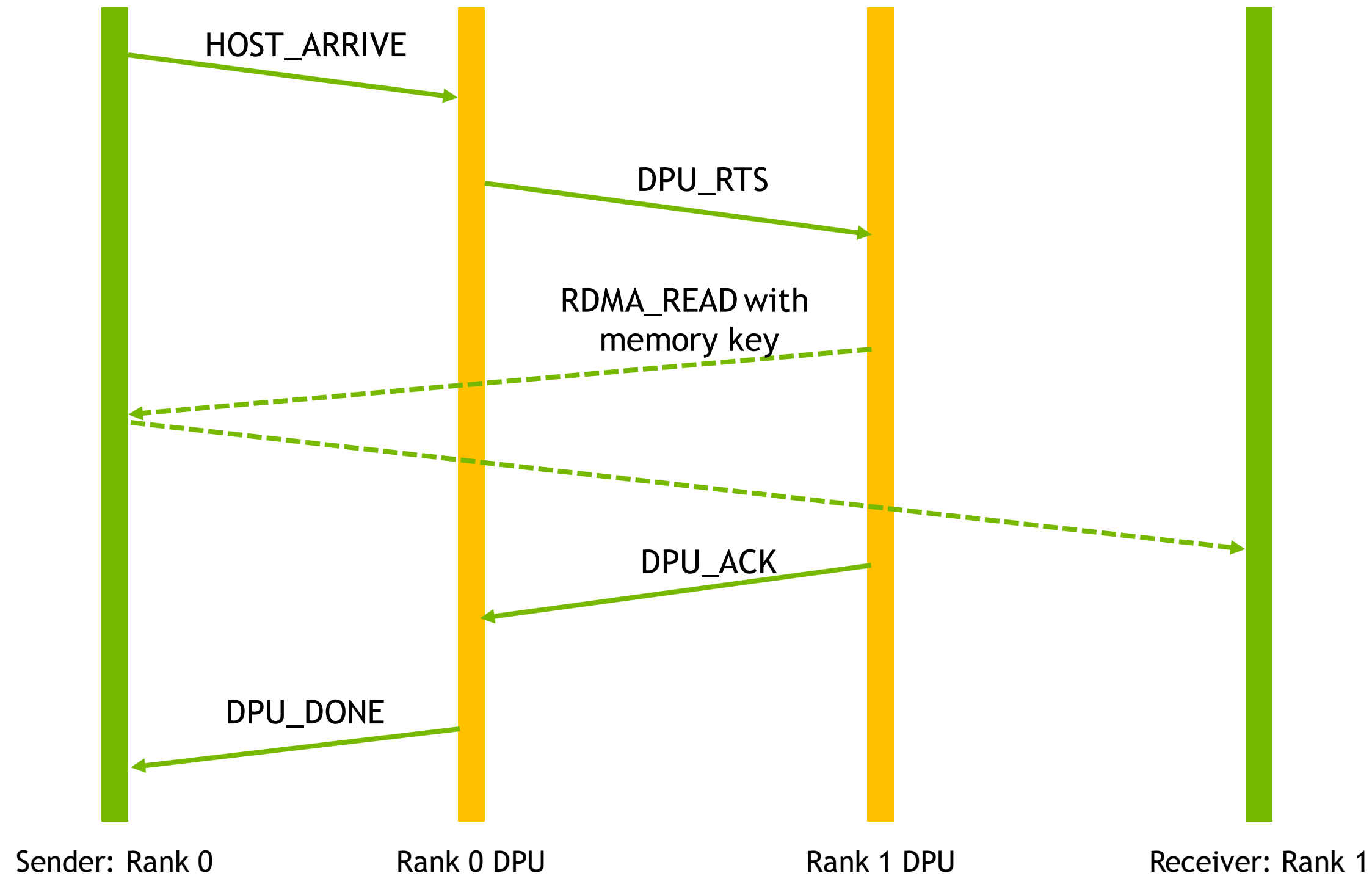
1.2x Higher Application Performance with MPI Acceleration

- Parallel communications impose large overhead on CPU centric platform
- Offloading and accelerating these operations maximize performance
- Enabling computations and communications to be performed in parallel



Offloading and Accelerating Data Exchange Example

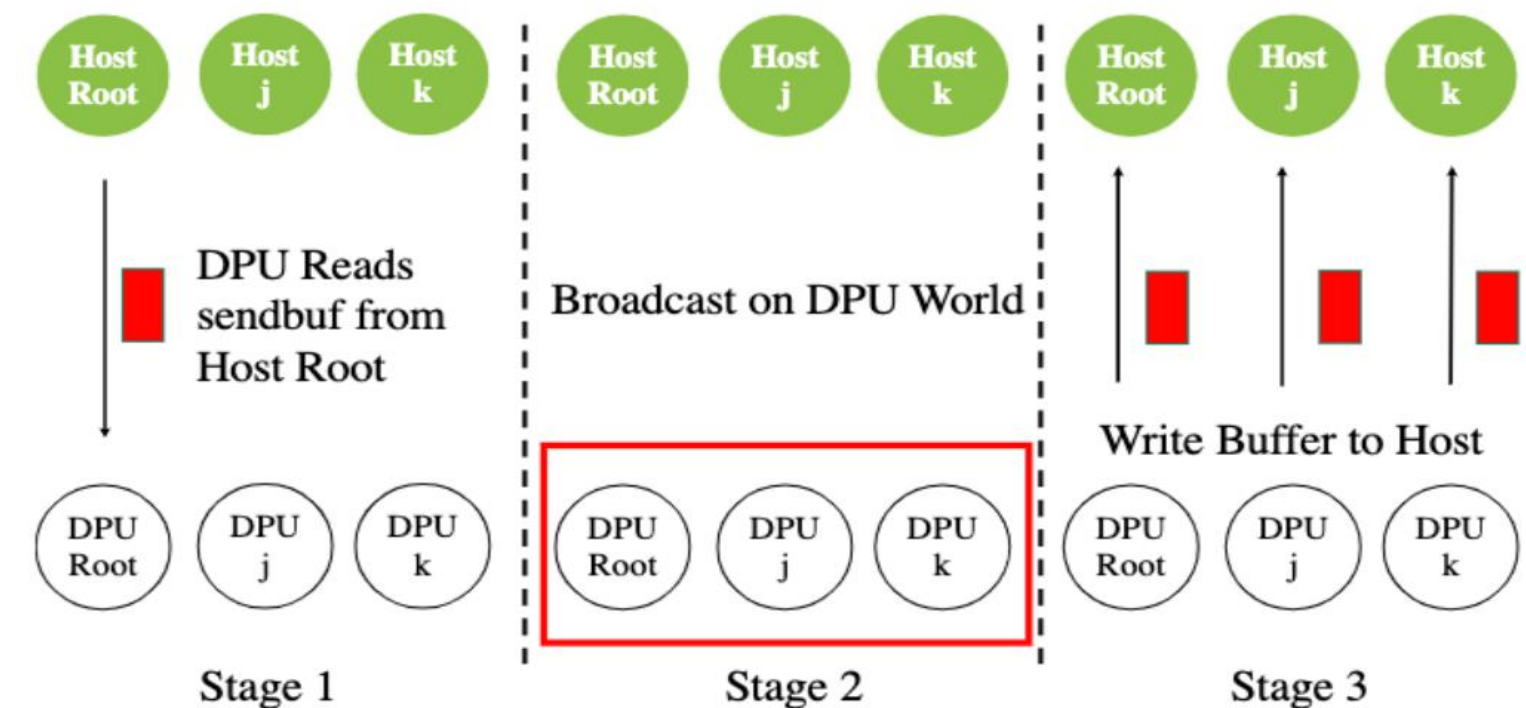
An Element of Collective Algorithm



Offload Framework

MVAPICH2

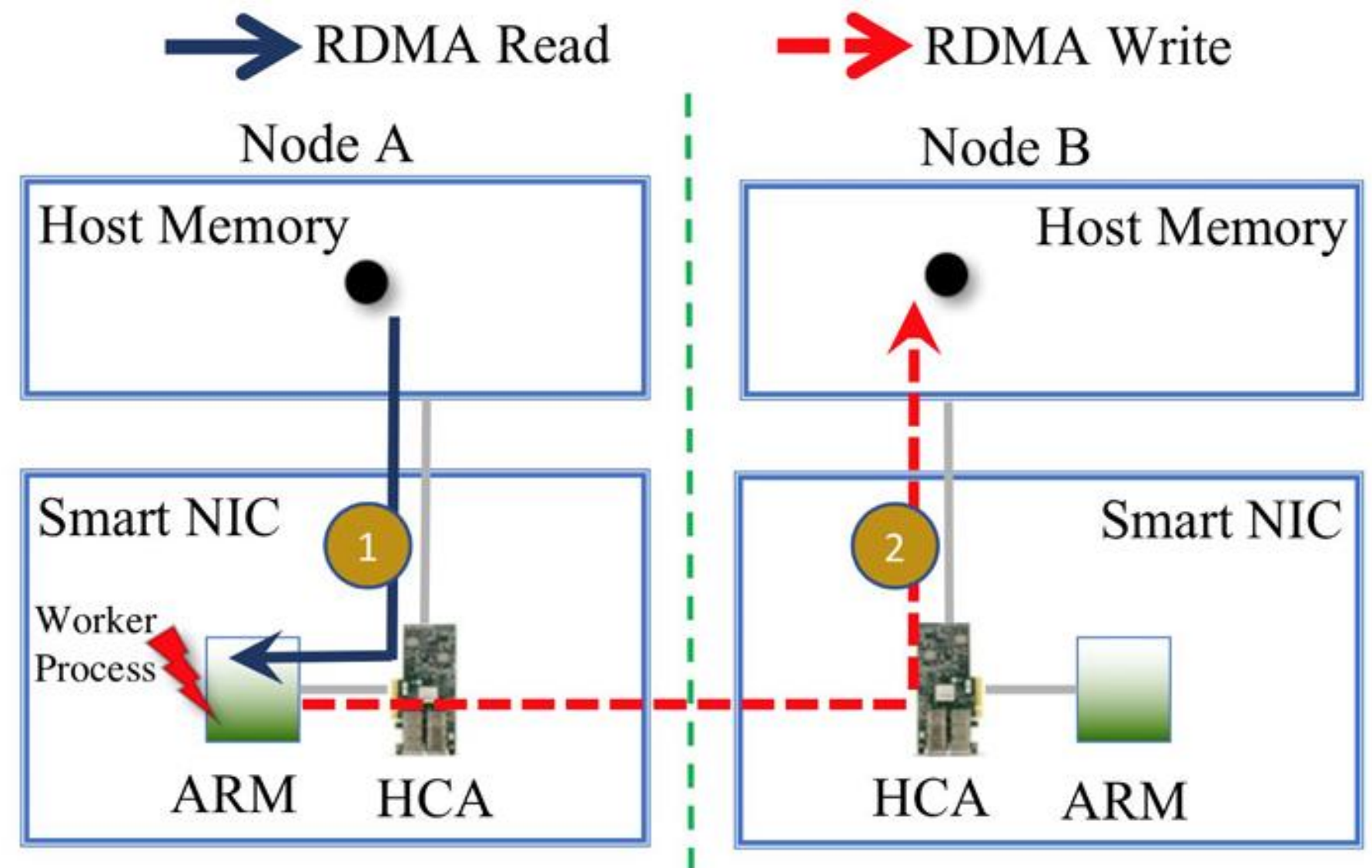
- Non-blocking collective operations are offloaded to a set of Worker processes
- BlueField is set to separated host mode
- Worker processes are spawned to the ARM cores of BlueField
- Once the application calls a collective, host processes prepare a set of metadata and provide it to the Worker processes
- Using these metadata, worker processes can access host memory through RDMA
- Worker processes progress the collective on behalf of the host processes
- Once message exchanges are completed, worker processes notify the host processes about the completion of the non-blocking operation



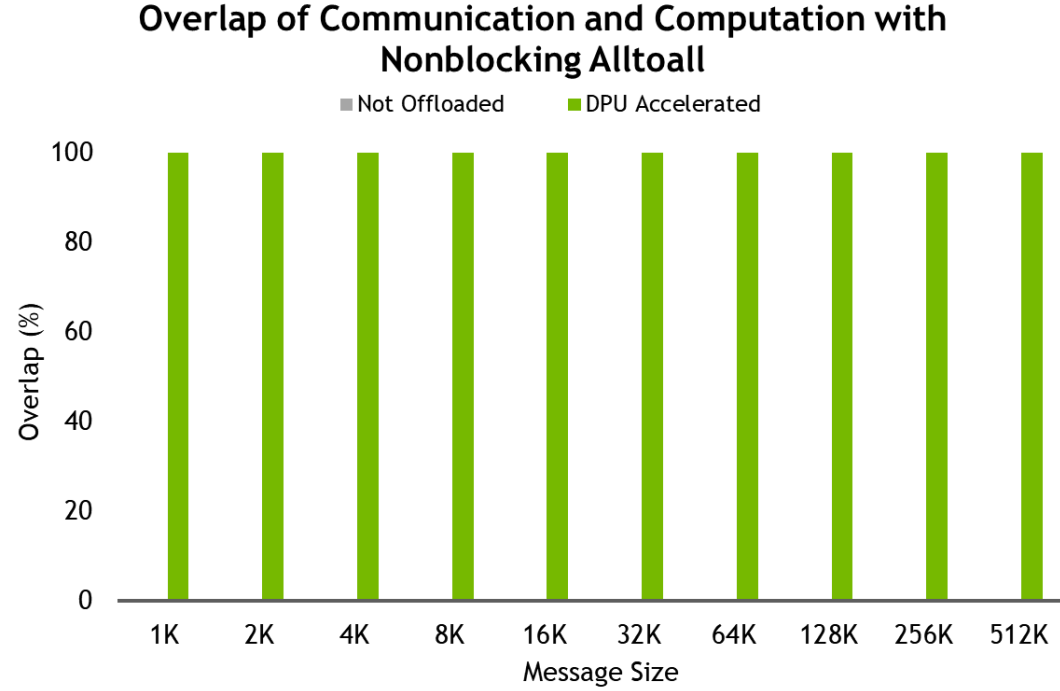
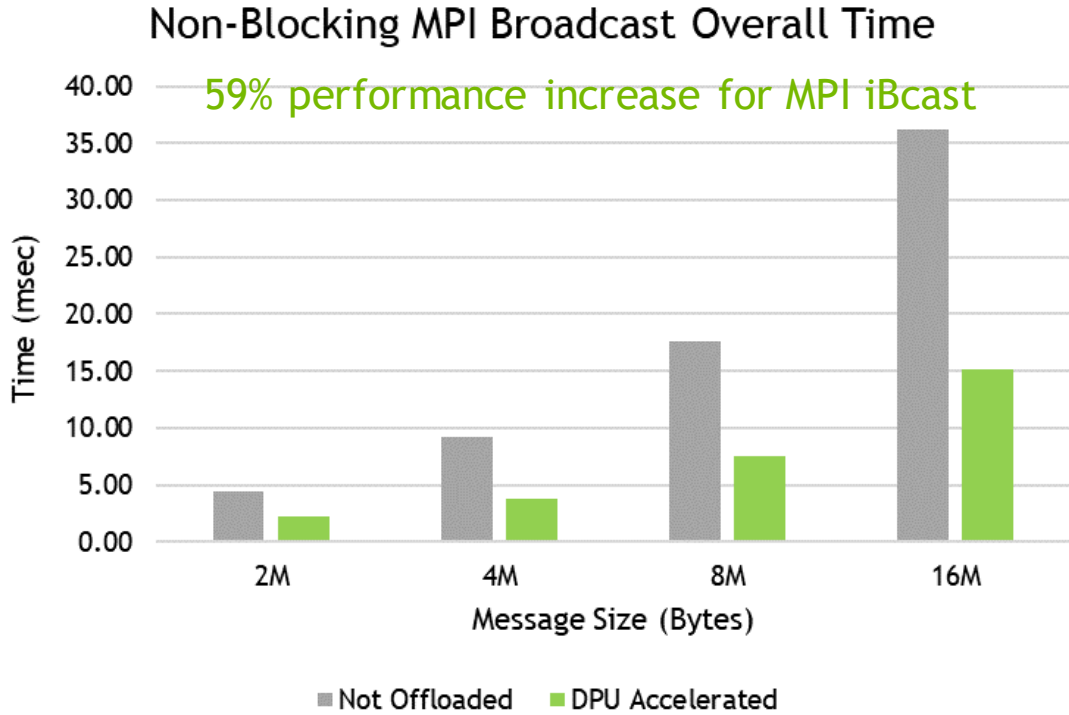
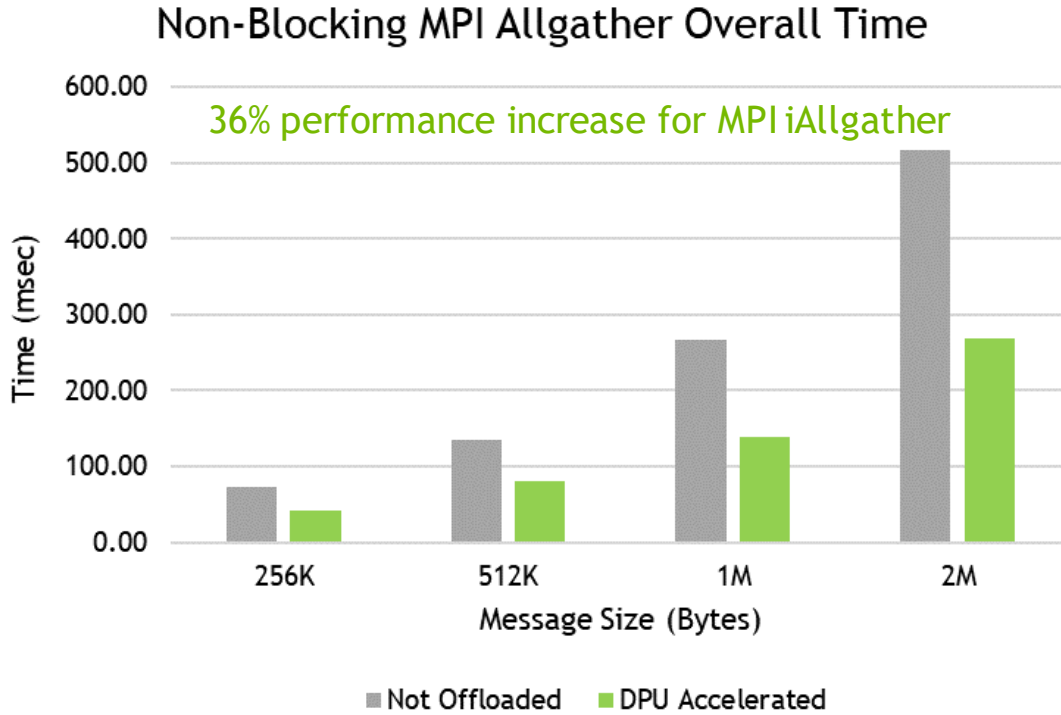
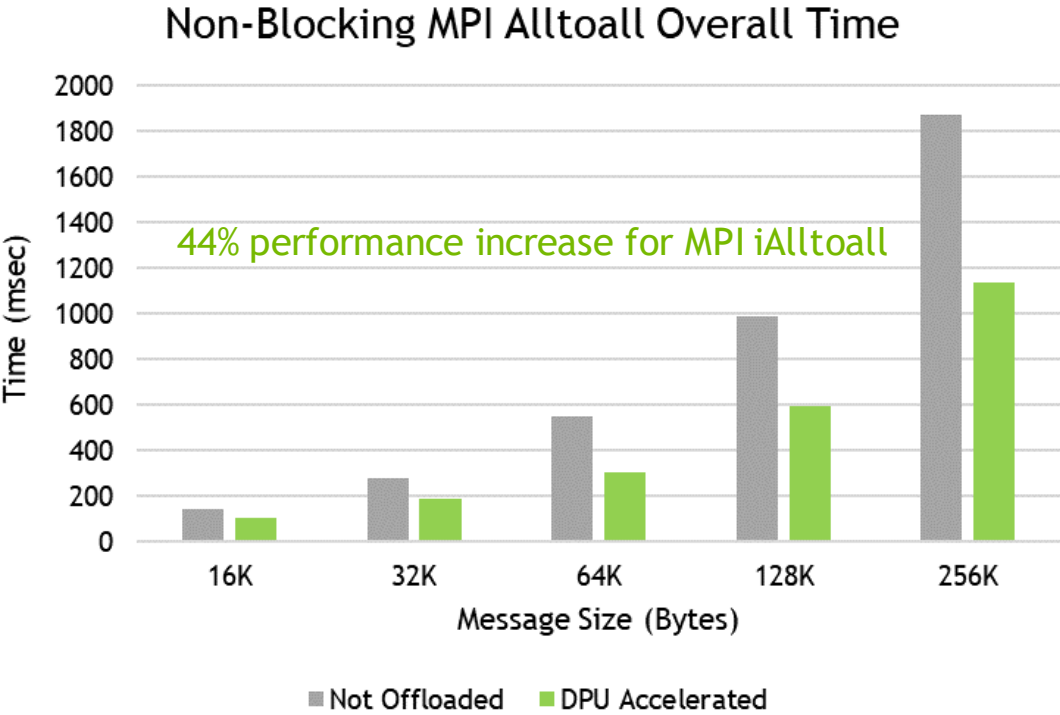
Proposed Non-Blocking Alltoall Design

MVAPICH2

- Worker process performs RDMA Read to receive the data chunk from host main memory
- Once data is available in the ARM memory, worker process performs RDMA Write to the remote host memory

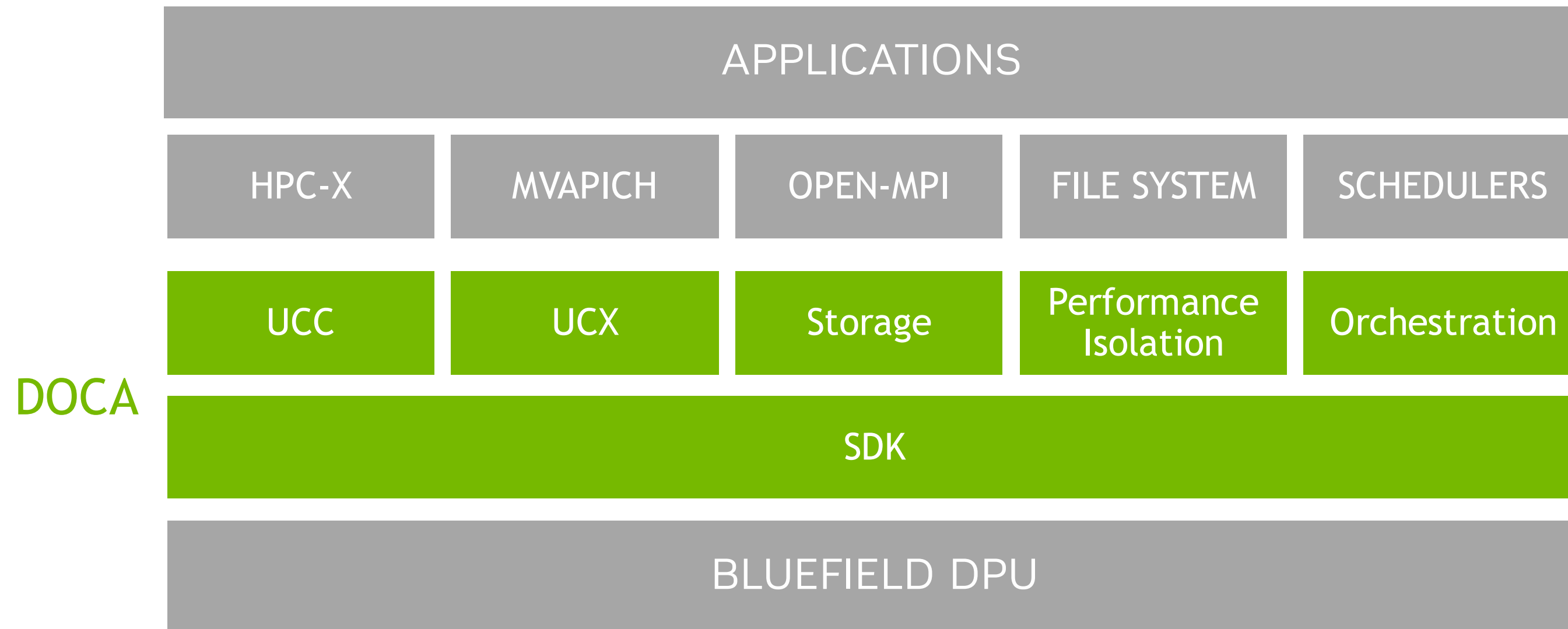


Non-Blocking MPI Performance



100% Communication -Computation Overlap

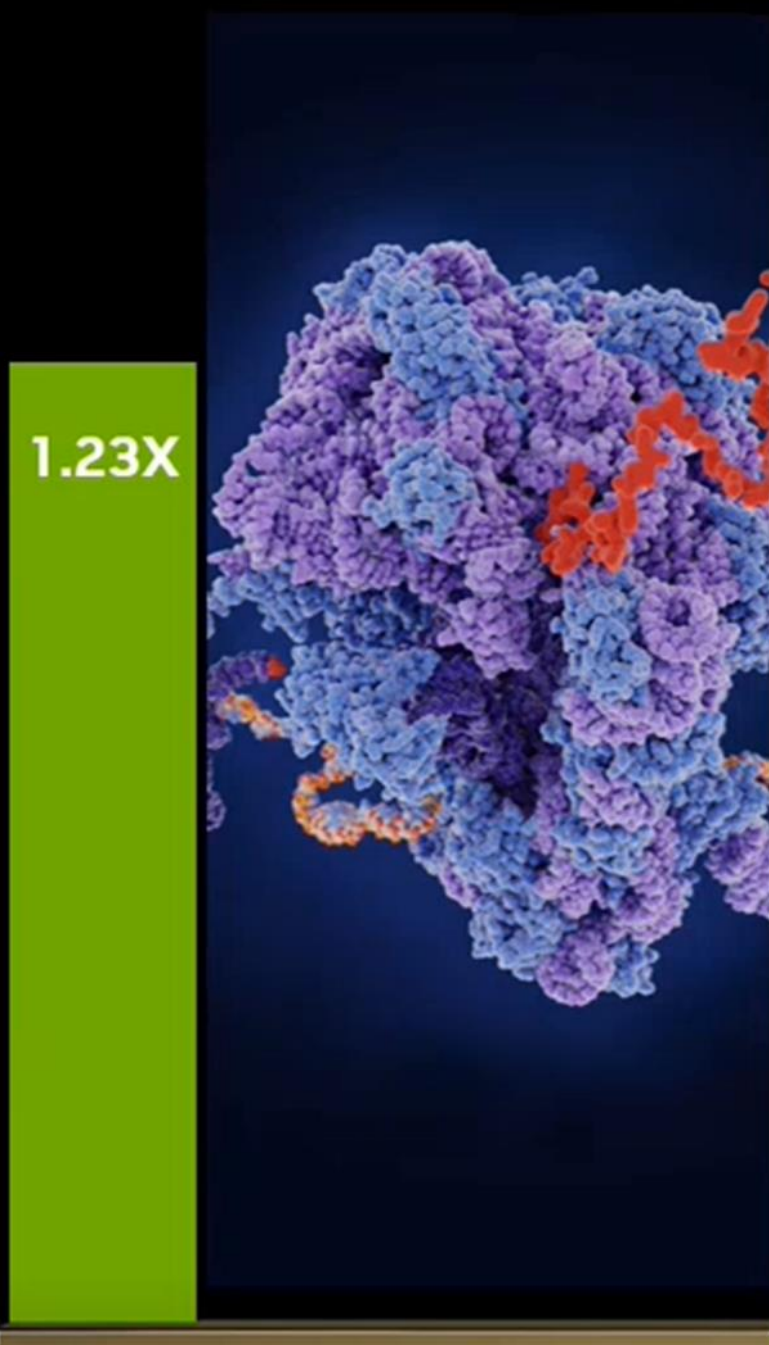
Accelerating HPC Applications with DOCA Services



Higher Performance and Cost Saving

With BlueField DPU and Quantum InfiniBand In-Network Computing

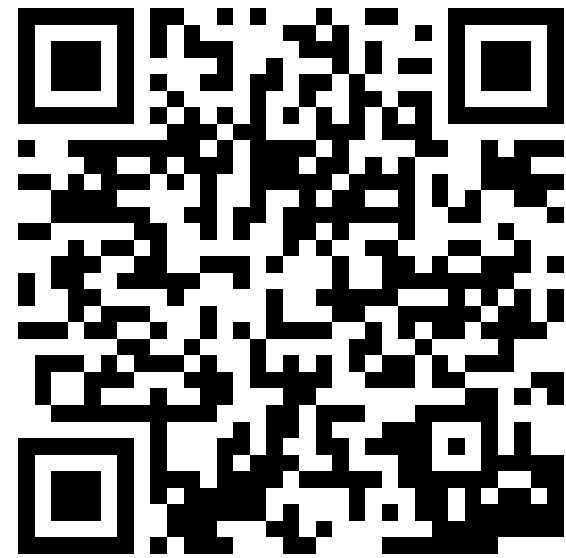
Octopus (Physics / Chemistry)



- 1.23 Higher Performance
- 1.17 Higher Performance / TCO\$
- 1.19 Higher Performance/Watt

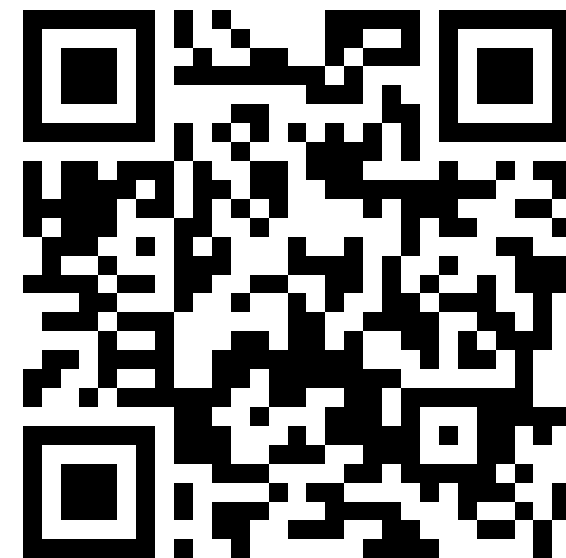
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