DEVICE-INITIATED COMMUNICATION WITH NVSHMEM

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CPU-INITIATED COMMUNICATION

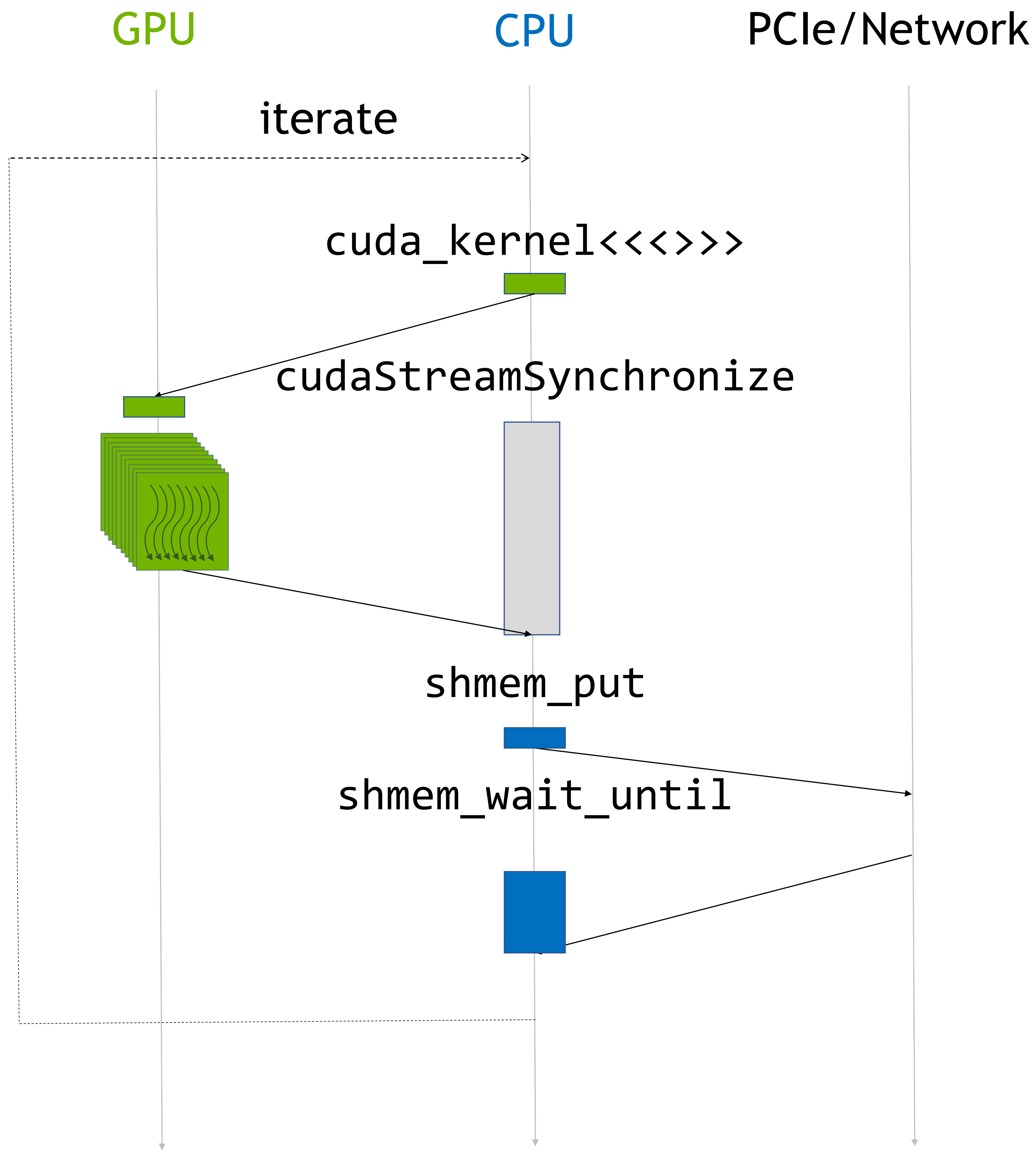
- Compute on GPU
- Communication from CPU

Synchronization at boundaries

Commonly used model, but -

- Offload latencies in critical path
- Communication is not overlapped

Hiding increased code complexity, not hiding limits strong scaling

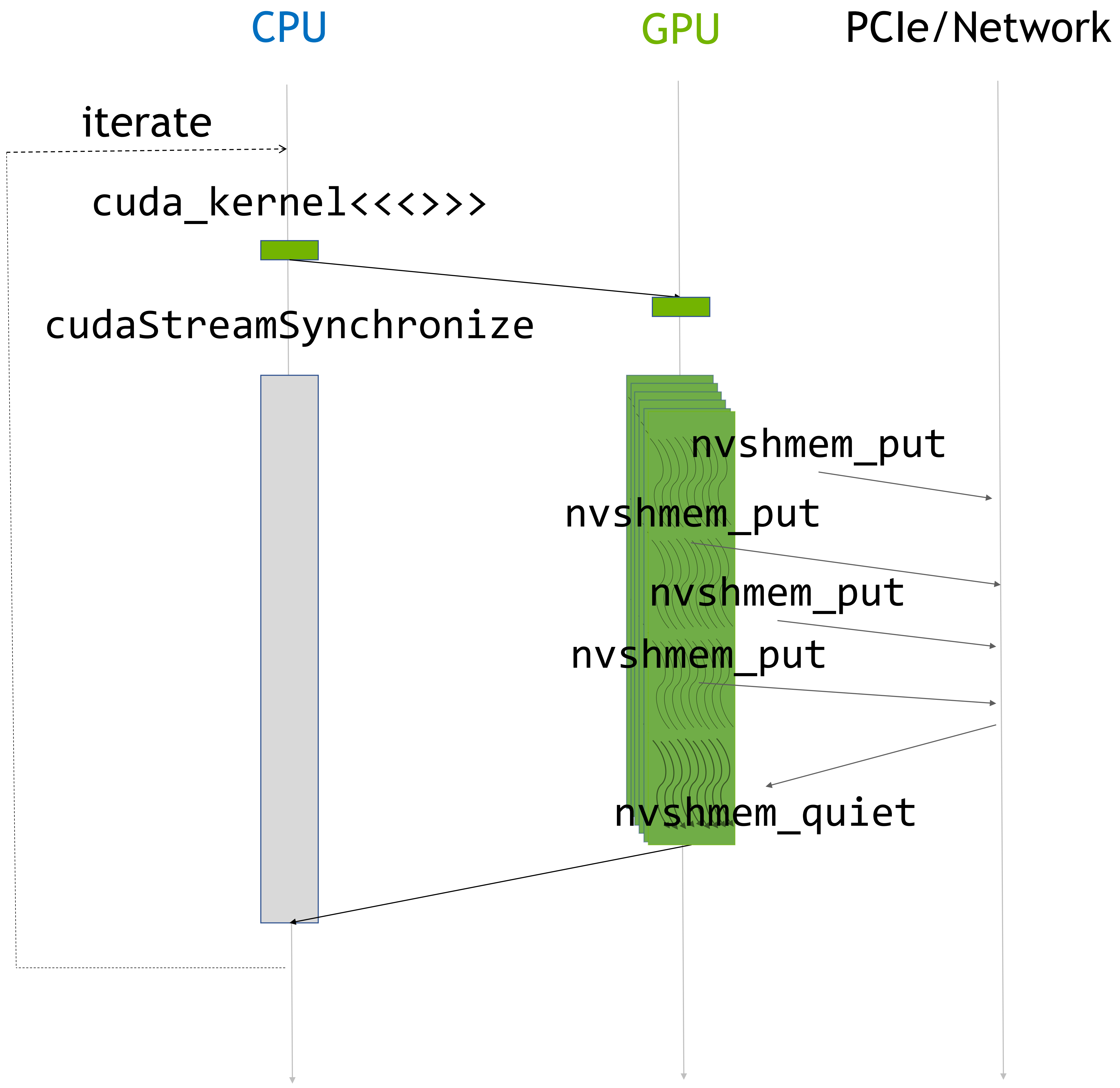


GPU-INITIATED COMMUNICATION

- Compute on GPU
- Communication from GPU

Benefits

- Eliminates offloads latencies
- Compute and communication overlap by threading
- Easier to express algorithms with inline communication

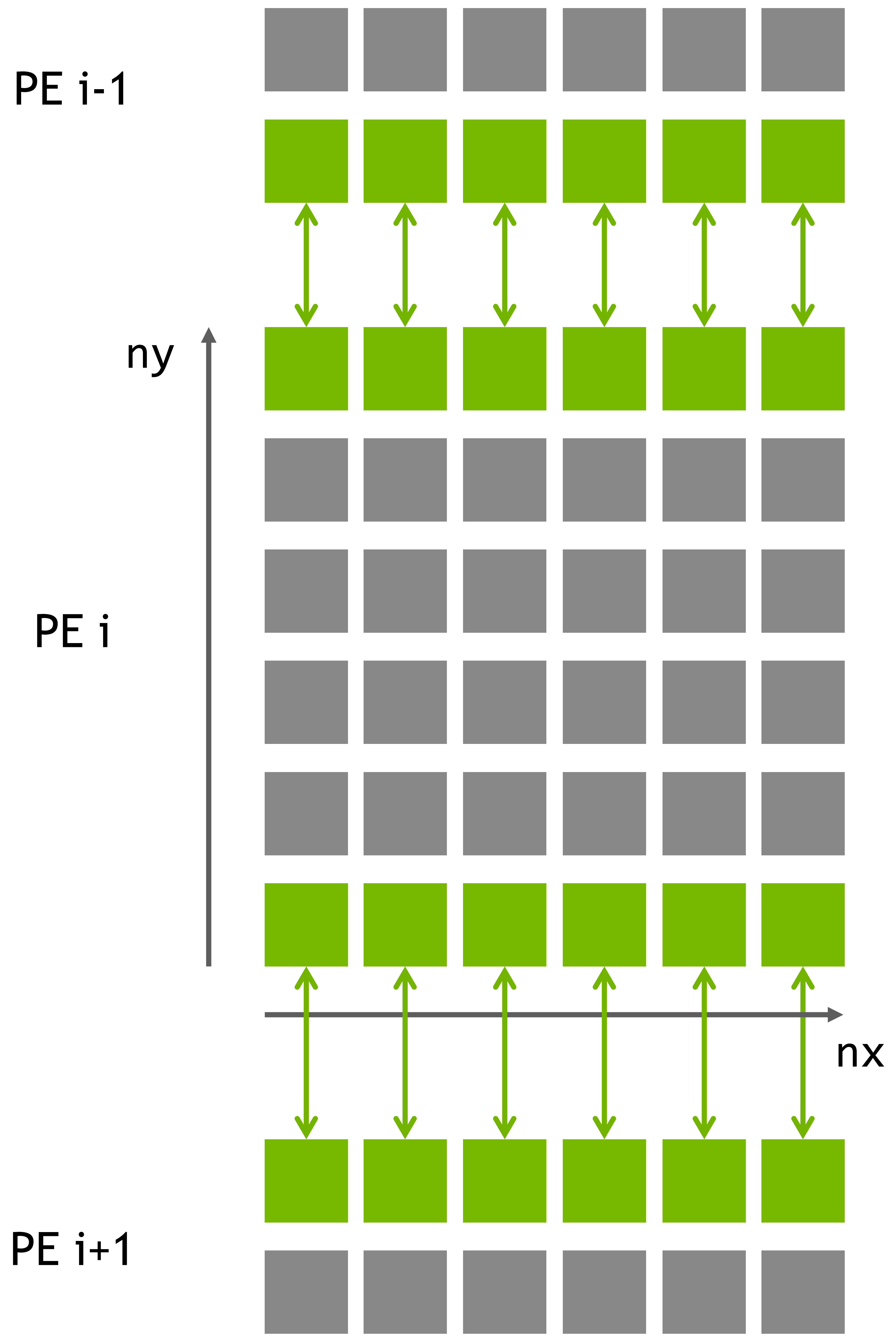


THREAD-LEVEL COMMUNICATION

- Allows fine grained communication and computation overlap
- Efficient mapping to NVLink fabric on DGX systems

```
__global__ void stencil_single_step(float *u, float *v, …) {
  int ix = get_ix(blockIdx, blockDim, threadIdx);
  int iy = get_iy(blockIdx, blockDim, threadIdx);
  compute(u, v, ix, iy);
  // Thread-level data communication API

  if (iy == 1)
    nvshmem_float_p(u+(ny+1)*nx+ix, u[nx+ix], top_pe);
  if (iy == ny)
    nvshmem_float_p(u+ix, u[ny*nx+ix], bottom_pe);
}
for (int iter = 0; iter < N; iter++) {
  swap(u, v);
  stencil_single_step<<<..., stream>>>(u, v, …);
  nvshmem_barrier_all_on_stream(stream);
}
```



THREAD-GPOUP COMMUNICATION

- NVSHMEM operations can be issued by all threads in a block/warp
- More efficient data transfers over networks like IB
- Still allows inter-warp/inter-block overlap

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  int ix = get_ix(blockIdx, blockDim, threadIdx);
  int iy = get_iy(blockIdx, blockDim, threadIdx);
  compute(u, v, ix, iy);
  // Thread block-level communication API
  int boffset = get_block_offet(blockIdx,blockDim);
  if (blockIdx.y == 0)
    nvshmemx_float_put_nbi_block(u+(ny+1)*nx+boffset, u+nx+boffset, blockDim.x, top_pe);
  if (blockIdx.y == (blockDim.y-1))
    nvshmemx_float_put_nbi_block(u+boffset, u+ny*nx+boffset, blockDim.x, bottom_pe);
}
for (int iter = 0; iter < N; iter++) {
  swap(u, v);
  stencil_single_step<<<..., stream>>>(u, v, …);
  nvshmem_barrier_all_on_stream(stream);
}
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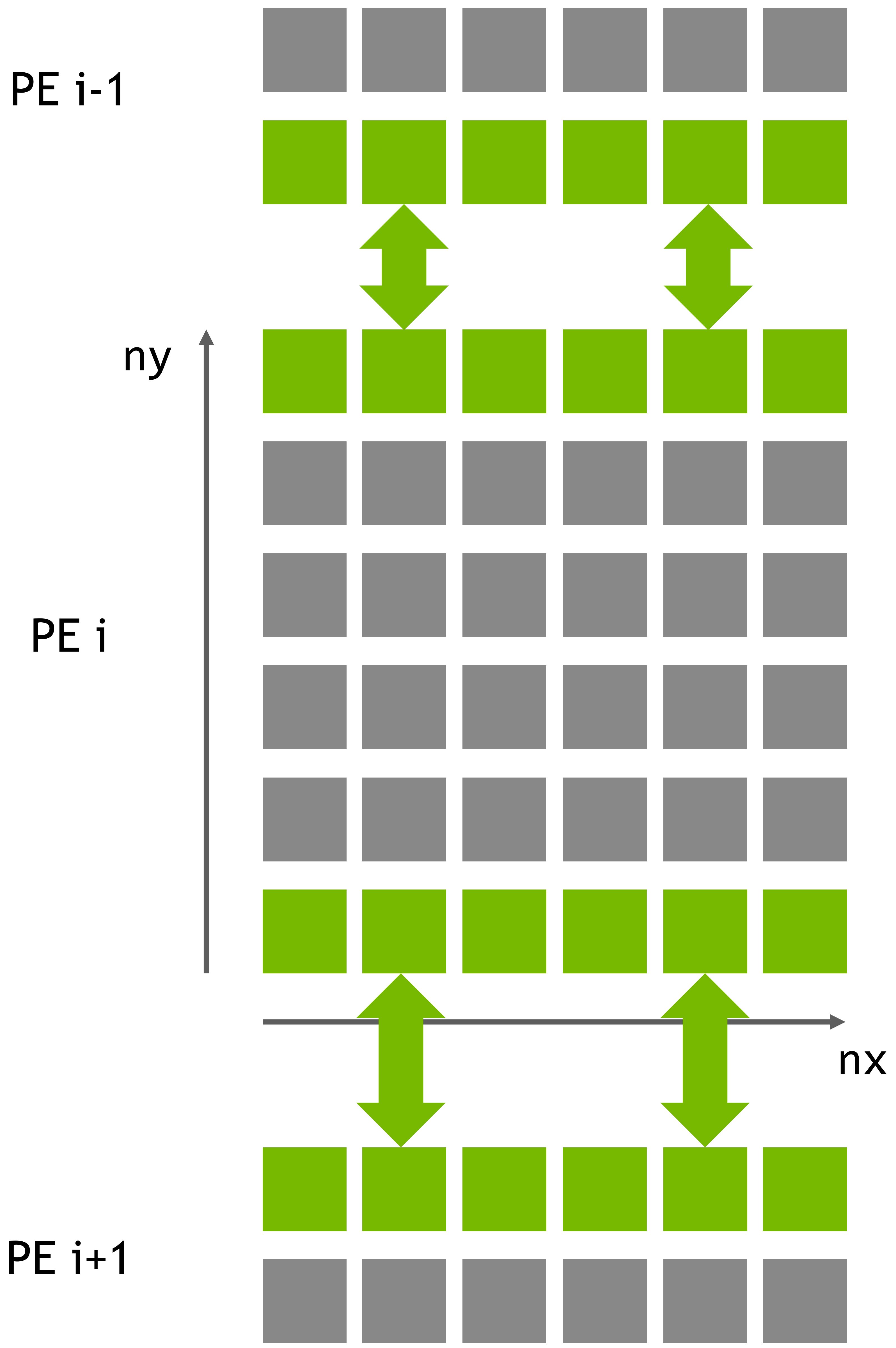
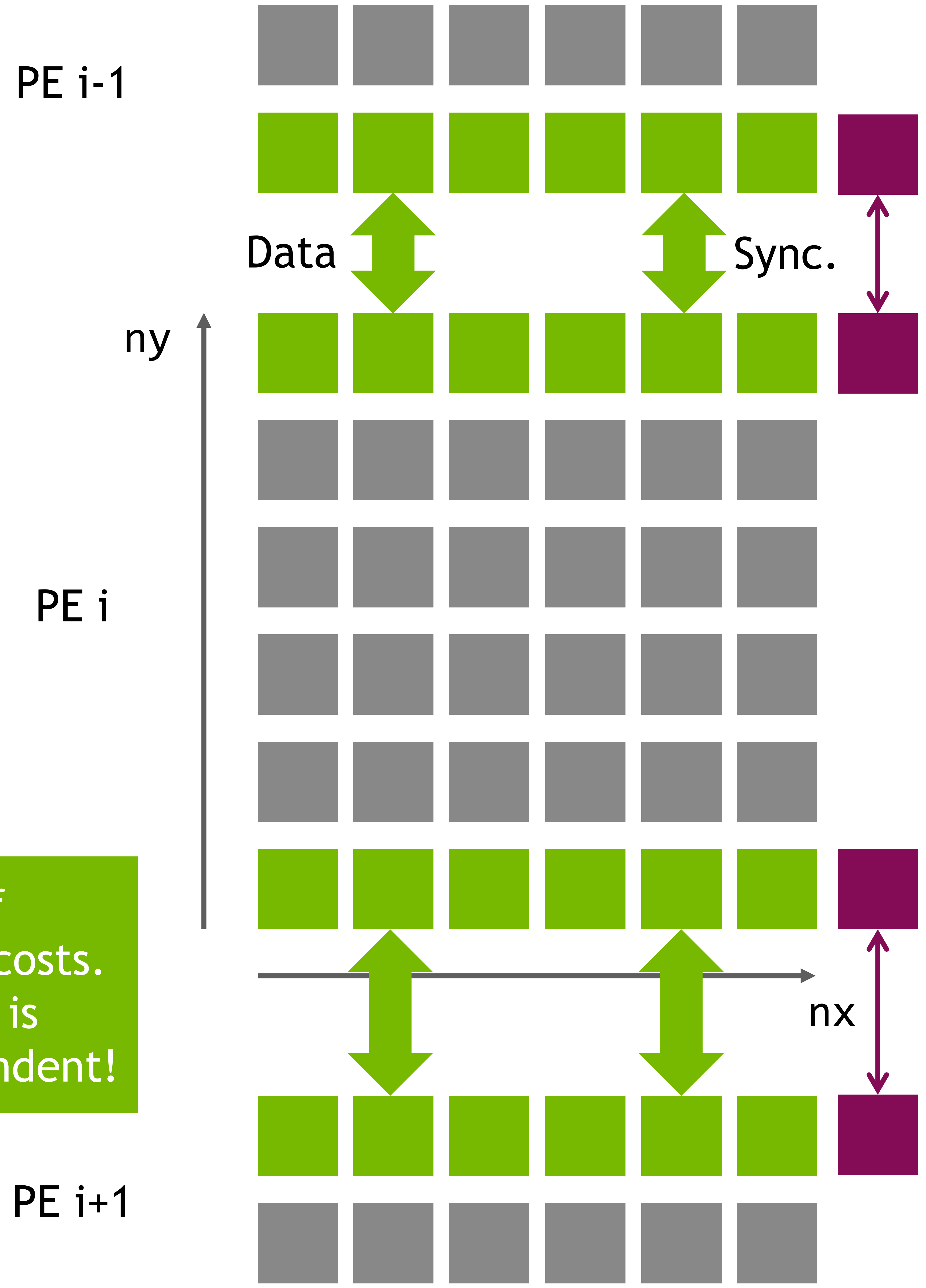


IN-KERNEL SYNCHRONIZATION

- Point-to-point synchronization across PEs within a kernel
- Enables kernel fusion

```
__global__ void stencil_multi_step(float *u, float *v, int N, int *sync, …) {
  int ix = get_ix(blockIdx, blockDim, threadIdx);
  int iy = get_iy(blockIdx, blockDim, threadIdx);
  for (int iter = 0; iter < N; iter++) {
    swap(u, v); compute(u, v, ix, iy);
    // Thread block-level data exchange (assume even/odd iter buffering)
    int boffset = get_block_offet(blockIdx,blockDim);
    if (blockIdx.y == 0)
      nvshmemx_float_put_nbi_block(u+(ny+1)*nx+boffset, u+nx+boffset, blockDim.x, top_pe);
    if (blockIdx.y == (blockDim.y-1))
      nvshmemx_float_put_nbi_block(u + boffset, u+ny*nx+boffset,  blockDim.x, bottom_pe);
    if (blockIdx.y == 0 || blockIdx.y == (blockDim.y-1)) {
      __syncthreads();
      nvshmem_quiet();
      if (threadIdx.x == 0 && threadIdx.y == 0) {
        nvshmem_atomic_inc(sync, top_pe);
        nvshmem_atomic_inc(sync, bottom_pe);
    }}
    nvshmem_wait_until(sync, NVSHMEM_CMP_GT, 2*iter*gridDim.x);
}}
```

Be aware of synchronization costs. Best strategy is application dependent!



COLLECTIVE KERNEL LAUNCH

Ensures progress when using device-side inter-kernel synchronization

NVSHMEM Usage	CUDA Kernel launch
Device-Initiated Communication	Execution config syntax `<<<...>>>` or launch APIs
Device-Initiated Synchronization	`nvshmemx_collective_launch`

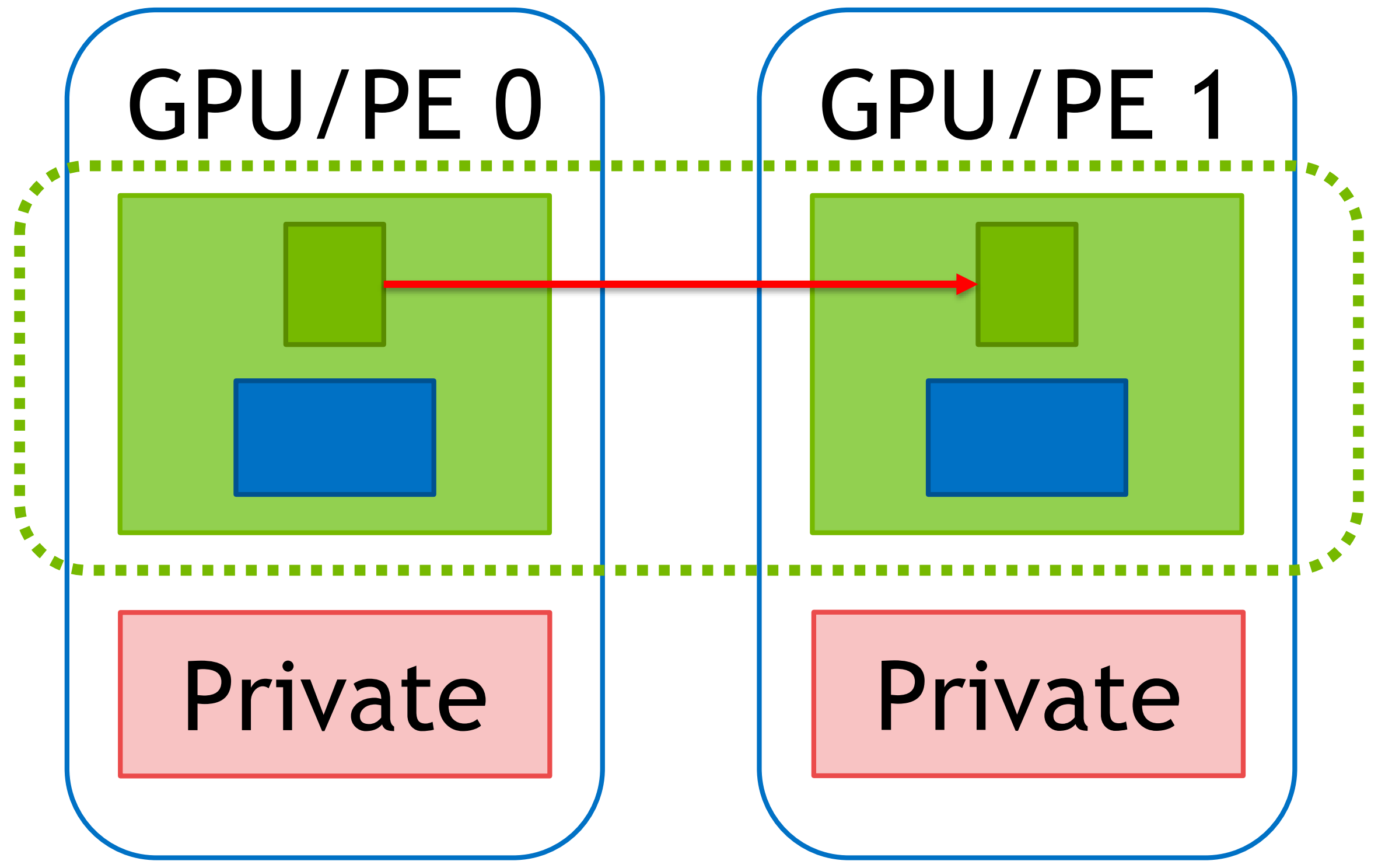
- CUDA’s throughput computing model allows (encourages) grids much larger than a GPU can fit
- Inter-kernel synchronization requires producer and consumer threads to execute concurrently
- Collective launch guarantees co-residency using CUDA cooperative launch and requirement of 1PE/GPU

NVSHMEM API

single element put

```
__device__ void nvshmem_TYPENAME_p(TYPE *dest, TYPE value, int pe)
```

- `dest` [OUT]: Symmetric address of the destination data object.
- `value` [IN]: The value to be transferred to `dest`.
- `pe` [IN]: The number of the remote PE.



See: https://docs.nvidia.com/hpc-sdk/nvshmem/api/docs/gen/api/rma.html#nvshmem-p

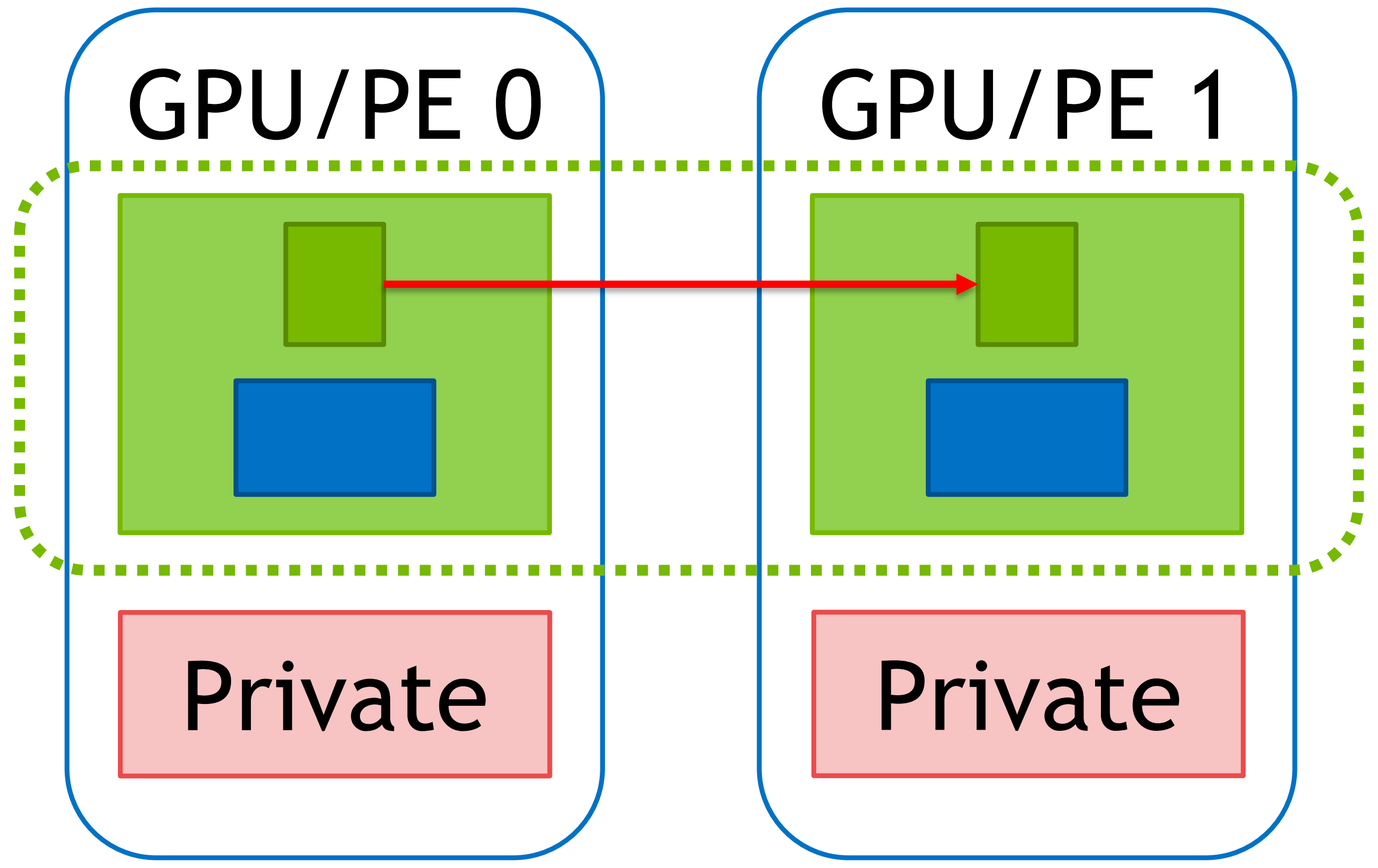
`TYPENAME` can be: `float`, `double`, `char`, `schar`, `short`, `int`, `long`, `longlong`, `uchar`, `ushort`, `uint`, `ulong`, `ulonglong`, …, `ptrdiff`
(see: https://docs.nvidia.com/hpc-sdk/nvshmem/api/docs/gen/api/rma.html#stdrmatypes)

NVSHMEM API

nonblocking block cooperative put

```
__device__ void nvshmemx_TYPENAME_put_nbi_block(TYPE *dest, const TYPE *source, size_t nelems, int pe)
```

- `dest` [OUT]: Symmetric address of the destination data object.
- `source` [IN]: Symmetric address of the object containing the data to be copied.
- `nelems` [IN]: Number of elements in the `dest` and `source` arrays.
- `pe` [IN]: The number of the remote PE.



Cooperative call: Needs to be called by all threads in a block. thread and warp are also available.

x in `nvshmem`**`x`** marks API as extension of the OpenSHMEM APIs.

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NVSHMEM API

ordering and completion

```
__device__ void nvshmem_quiet(void)
```

Ensures completion of all operations on symmetric data objects issued by the calling PE.

See: https://docs.nvidia.com/hpc-sdk/nvshmem/api/docs/gen/api/ordering.html#nvshmem-quiet

NVSHMEM API

signal operation

```
__device__ inline void nvshmemx_signal_op(uint64_t *sig_addr, uint64_t signal, int sig_op, int pe)
```

- `sig_addr` [OUT]: Symmetric address of the signal word to be updated.
- `signal` [IN]: The value used to update `sig_addr`.
- `sig_op` [IN]: Operation used to update `sig_addr` with `signal`. (`NVSHMEM_SIGNAL_SET` or `NVSHMEM_SIGNAL_ADD`)
- `pe` [IN]: The number of the remote PE.

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NVSHMEM API

atomic operation

```
__device__ void nvshmem_TYPENAME_atomic_inc(TYPE *dest, int pe)
```

- `dest` [OUT]: Symmetric address of the signal word to be updated.
- `pe` [IN]: The number of the remote PE.

These routines perform an atomic increment operation on the `dest` data object on PE.

See: https://docs.nvidia.com/hpc-sdk/nvshmem/api/docs/gen/api/amo.html#nvshmem-atomic-inc

`TYPENAME` can be: `float`, `double`, `char`, `schar`, `short`, `int`, `long`, `longlong`, `uchar`, `ushort`, `uint`, `ulong`, `ulonglong`, …, `ptrdiff`
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NVSHMEM API

wait operations

```
__device__ void nvshmem_TYPENAME_wait_until_all(TYPE *ivars, size_t nelems, const int *status,
                                                         int cmp, TYPE cmp_value)

__device__ void nvshmem_TYPENAME_wait_until(TYPE *ivar, int cmp, TYPE cmp_value)
```

- ivars|ivar [IN]: Symmetric address of an array of remotely accessible data objects.|Symmetric address of a remotely accessible data object.
- nelems [IN]: The number of elements in the ivars array.
- status [IN]: Local address of an optional mask array of length nelems that indicates which elements in ivars are excluded from the wait set. Set to NULL when not used.
- cmp [IN]: A comparison operator (NVSHMEM_CMP_EQ, NVSHMEM_CMP_NE, NVSHMEM_CMP_GT, NVSHMEM_CMP_GE, NVSHMEM_CMP_LT, NVSHMEM_CMP_LE) that compares elements of ivars|ivar with cmp_value.
- cmp_value [IN]: The value to be compared with the objects pointed to by ivars.

See: https://docs.nvidia.com/hpc-sdk/nvshmem/api/docs/gen/api/sync.html#nvshmem-wait-until-all and https://docs.nvidia.com/hpc-sdk/nvshmem/api/docs/gen/api/sync.html#nvshmem-wait-until

TYPENAME can be: float, double, char, schar, short, int, long, longlong, uchar, ushort, uint, ulong, ulonglong, …, ptrdiff (see: https://docs.nvidia.com/hpc-sdk/nvshmem/api/docs/gen/api/rma.html#stdrmatypes)

NVSHMEM PERFTESTS

shmem_p_bw and shmem_put_bw on JUWELS Booster – NVIDIA A100 40 GB

intra node shmem_p_bw
intra node shmem_put_bw
inter node shmem_p_bw
inter node shmem_put_bw
2.0
1.8
1.6
1.4
1.2
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
BW [GB/s]
1024
2048
4096
size [byte]

shmem_p_bw|shmem_put_bw from NVSHMEM perftest
JUWELS Booster: https://apps.fz-juelich.de/jsc/hps/juwels/booster-overview.html

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intra node shmem_p_bw
intra node shmem_put_bw
inter node shmem_p_bw
inter node shmem_put_bw
NVLINK peak
HDR 200 peak
BW [GB/s]
120
110
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
1024
2048
4096
8192
16384
32768
65536
131072
262144
524288
1048576
2097152
4194304
size [byte]

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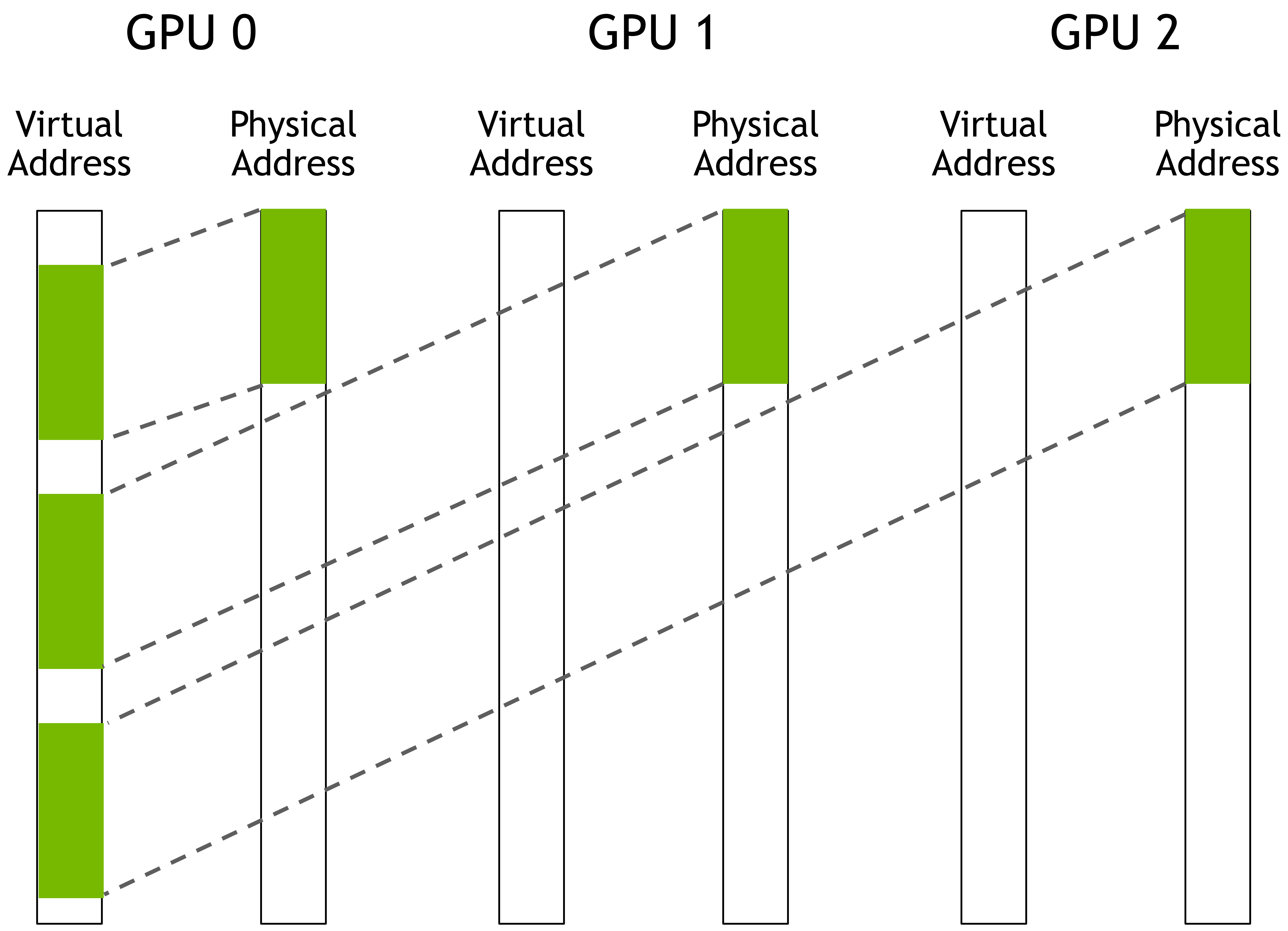
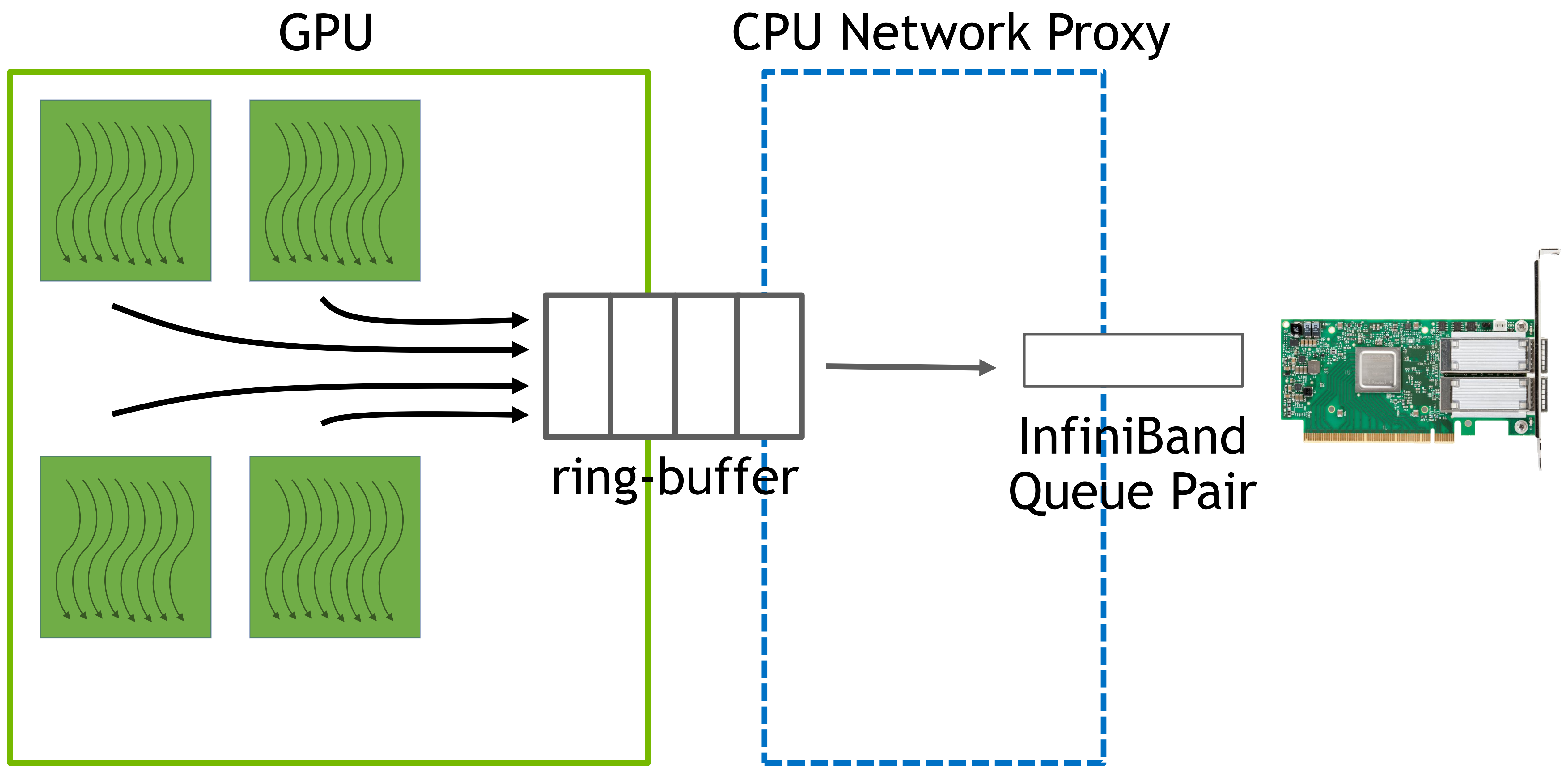
OPTIMIZED INTRA-NODE COMMUNICATION

- Supported on NVLink and PCI-E
- Use CUDA IPC or `cuMem*` API to map symmetric memory of intra-node PEs into virtual address space
- `nvshmem_[put|get]` on device -> load/store
- `nvshmem_[put|get]_on_stream` -> `cudaMemcpyAsync`



OPTIMIZED INTER-NODE COMMUNICATION

- NVSHMEM supports inter-node communication over InfiniBand, RoCE, and UCX (experimental)
- Using GPUDirect RDMA (data plane)
- Reverse offloads network transfers from GPU to the CPU (control plane)
- Ring buffer implementation avoids memory fences when interacting with CPU network proxy



QUDA STRONG SCALING ON SELENE

Lattice Quantum ChromoDynamics

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Performance [GFlop/s]
■ MPI double
■ NVSHMEM double
■ MPI single
■ NVSHMEM single
■ MPI half
■ NVSHMEM half
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16
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128
256
512
#GPUs

local lattice: 16^4

up to 1.6x Speedup (512 GPUs half precision)

https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/on-demand/session/gtcsj20-s21673/

SUMMARY AND MORE INFORMATION

- Device-initiate communication enables:
  - fine grained communication and computation overlap with sometimes less coding effort
  - kernel fusion not possible with host initiate communication models like MPI and NCCL
- For good intranode device-initiated communication performance it is necessary to aggregate larger messages (`nvshmemx_TYPENAME_put_nbi_block`)

- S32515 NVSHMEM: GPU-Integrated Communication for NVIDIA GPU Clusters: https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/on-demand/session/gtcspring21-s32515/
- S21673 Overcoming Latency Barriers: Strong Scaling HPC Applications with NVSHMEM: https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/on-demand/session/gtcsj20-s21673/
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