KAYA Nvidia GPUDirect
Integration Guide

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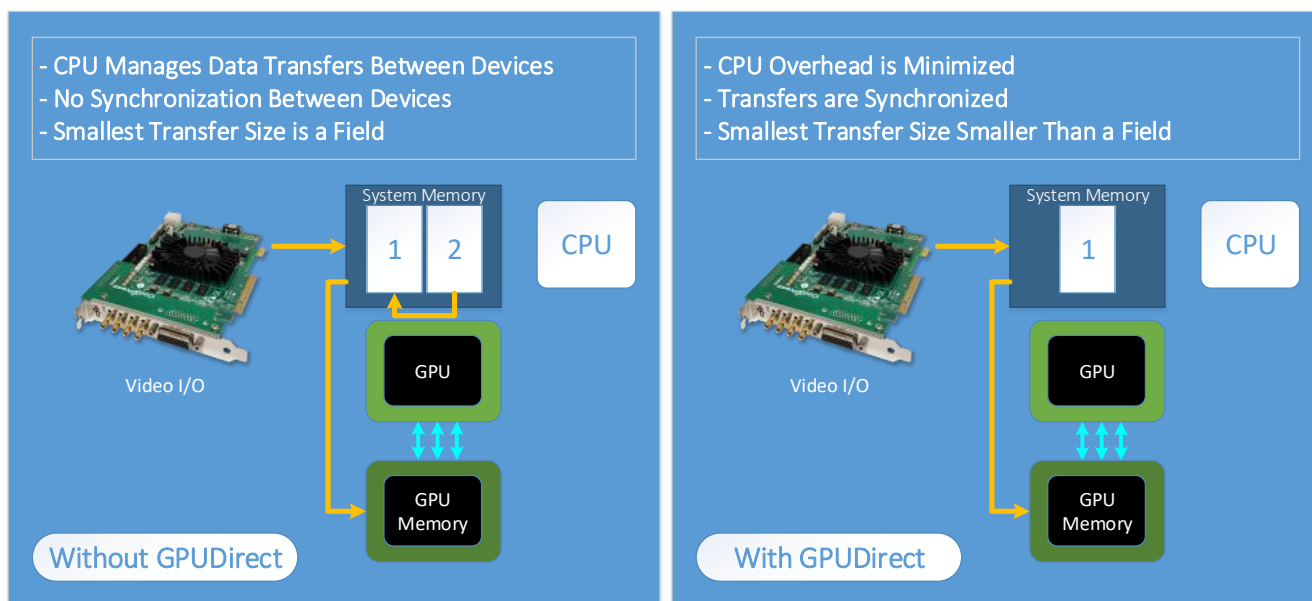
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Overview

NVIDIA GPUDirect for video technology helps to efficiently transfer video frames in and out of NVIDIA GPU memory. It enables you to establish a direct connection between frame grabber and GPU, "cutting the middleman" memory copy and minimizing latency issues. All that is required is a simple and straight forward integration process, made even simpler by this manual.

- CPU Manages Data Transfers Between Devices
- No Synchronization Between Devices
- Smallest Transfer Size is a Field

- CPU Overhead is Minimized
- Transfers are Synchronized
- Smallest Transfer Size Smaller Than a Field

System Memory

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CPU

Video I/O

GPU

GPU Memory

Without GPUDirect

System Memory

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CPU

Video I/O

GPU

GPU Memory

With GPUDirect

Comparison of systems with & without GPUDirect for video (source)

KAYA SDK and NVIDIA GPUDirect Integration

Integrating **compatible NVIDIA[1]** cards is quick and easy:

1. Use our "KYFGLib_Example_QueuedBuffers.c" as your starting point.
2. Replace all '_aligned_malloc' function calls with 'cudaHostAlloc'.

The following call of KAYA's 'KYFG_BufferAnnounce' function will attempt to internally map virtual memory to physical addresses needed for DMA operations. Since that memory has already been mapped by 'cudaHostAlloc', the resulting physical addresses map will be identical - which means the video stream physical memory used by KAYA's frame grabber will become immediately available to NVIDIA stack, avoiding the need for additional memory transfer.

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[1] A list of compatible GPU's can be found at: NVIDIA DESIGNWORKS - NVIDIA GPUDirect™ for Video