

Beyond KV-Cache

Topics for Today

- **KV-Cache: Bluefield DPU vs KubeFlash**
- **Deepseek Engram, implication for flash storage**
- **Beyond KV-Cache**

Market Segments for KubeFlash

All Flash Array

HCI

AI & Data Analytics

Market Size

~ 25B

~ 15B

Billions

Major Player



Many Players

**KubeFlash
Advantage**

- Off-the-Shelf components
- Utilizing server from any vendor
- High performance and low CPU utilization

- Native local NVME performance
- Power efficient
- Revolutionary all flash solution for Kubernetes
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- Converged SSD/Memory Caching
- Native NVME throughput for KV cache
- Boosting data analytics with native flash storage

Bluefield/DPU essentially is All Flash Array

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Bluefield

- Eliminate x86 CPU
- Redevelop full storage stack
- Proprietary Nvidia specific

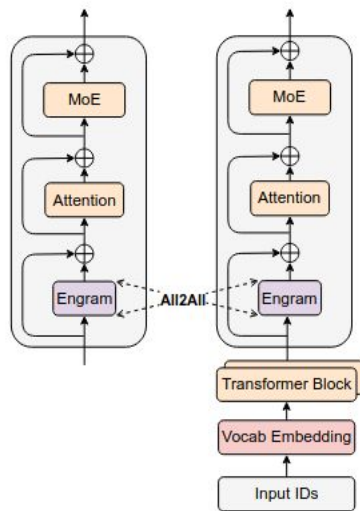
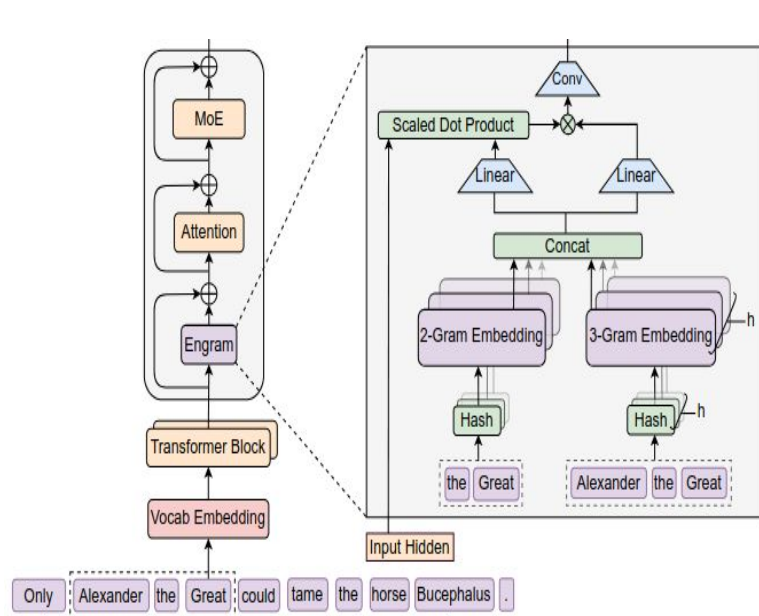
KubeFlash HCI mode best utilizing local native SSD



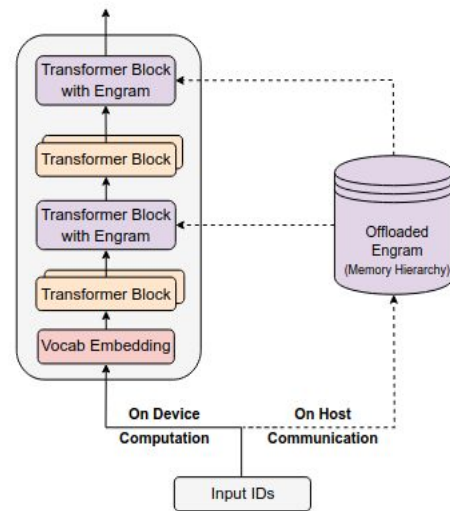
Cost effective, best investment/performance ratio

PCIe switch port limitation

Engram & Implication

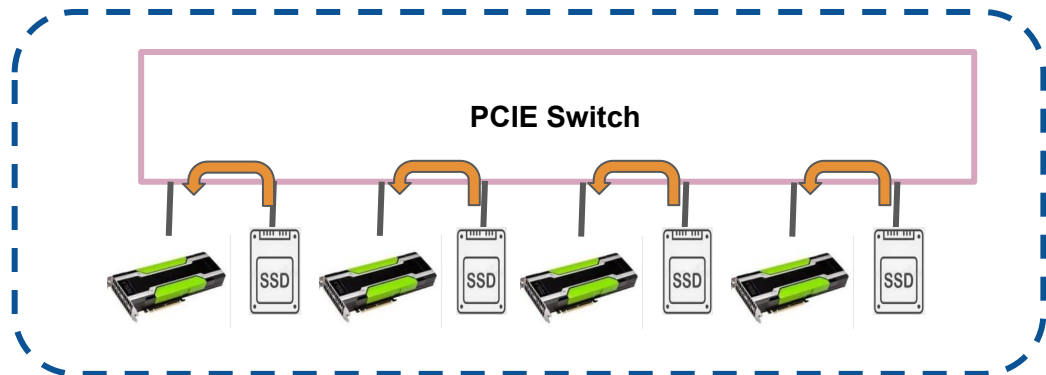
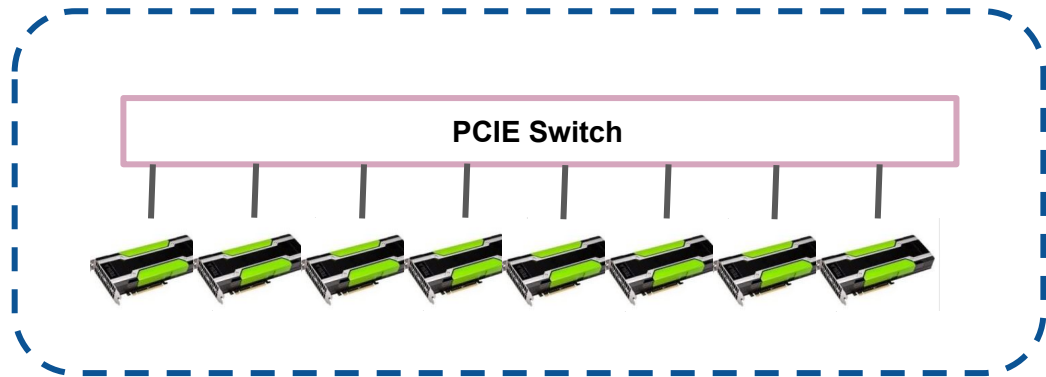


(a) Engram at training



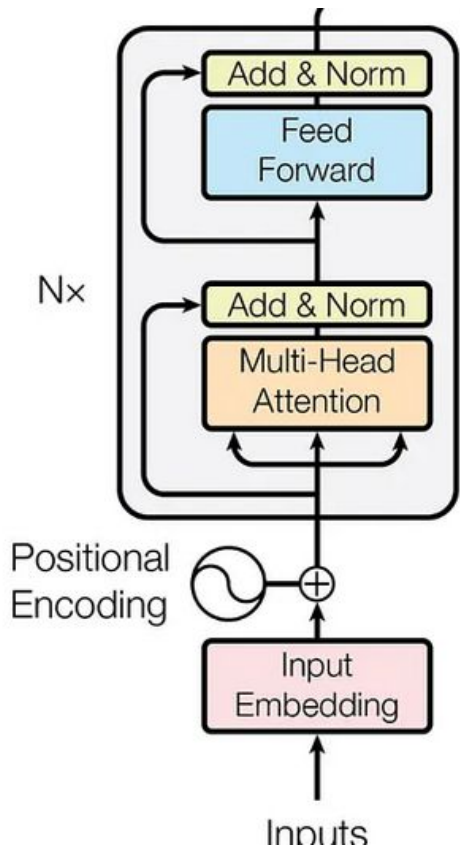
(b) Engram at inference

GPU Server Restructured



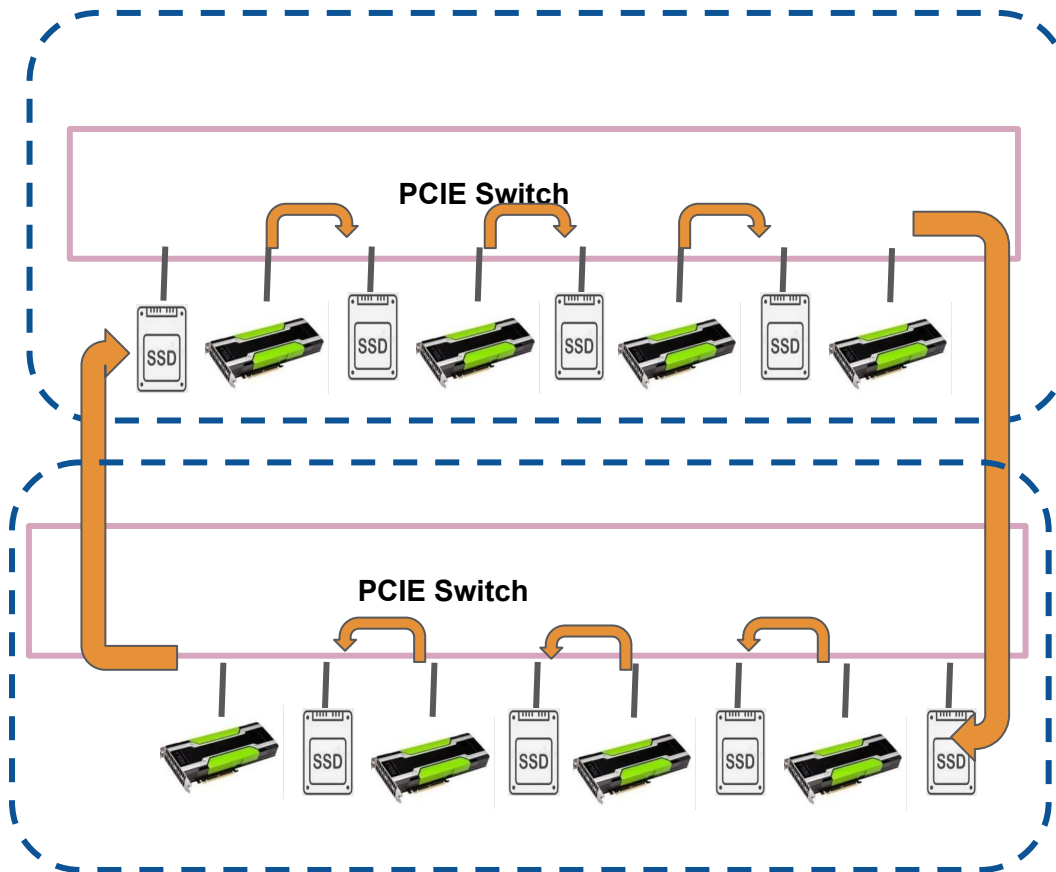
- GPU paired with SSD
- GPU now have dedicated computing scratch pad
- SSD will hold all model parameters, Gradients, optimizer states
- GPU exchange data through neighbour SSD

SSD LLM inference Streaming Computing



- GPT-3 175B, 96 layer
- Each layer $\sim 1.8\text{B}$, 3.6G Bytes
- Gen5x16 SSD bandwidth $\sim 100\text{GB/s}$
- Model loading time for one layer: $3.6/100 \sim 35\text{ms}$
- Computing: $100\text{K} \times 1.8\text{B} / 1000\text{T} \sim 180\text{ms}$

GPU Server Ring Extension



- Commodity GPU, less HBM dependency
- No NVlink dependency
- Better parallelism
- Training largest LLM with a few tens of GPU