

# *OpenCL-enabled GPU-FPGA Accelerated Computing with Inter-FPGA Communication*



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# Accelerators in HPC



## ● The most popular one: GPU

### ➤ Strengths

- ✓ large scale SIMD (SIMT) fabric in a chip
- ✓ high bandwidth memory (GDDR5, HBM)

### ➤ GPUs do not work well on applications that employ

- ✓ partially poor parallelism
- ✓ non-regular computation (warp divergence)
- ✓ frequent inter-node communication

## ● FPGAs have been emerging in HPC

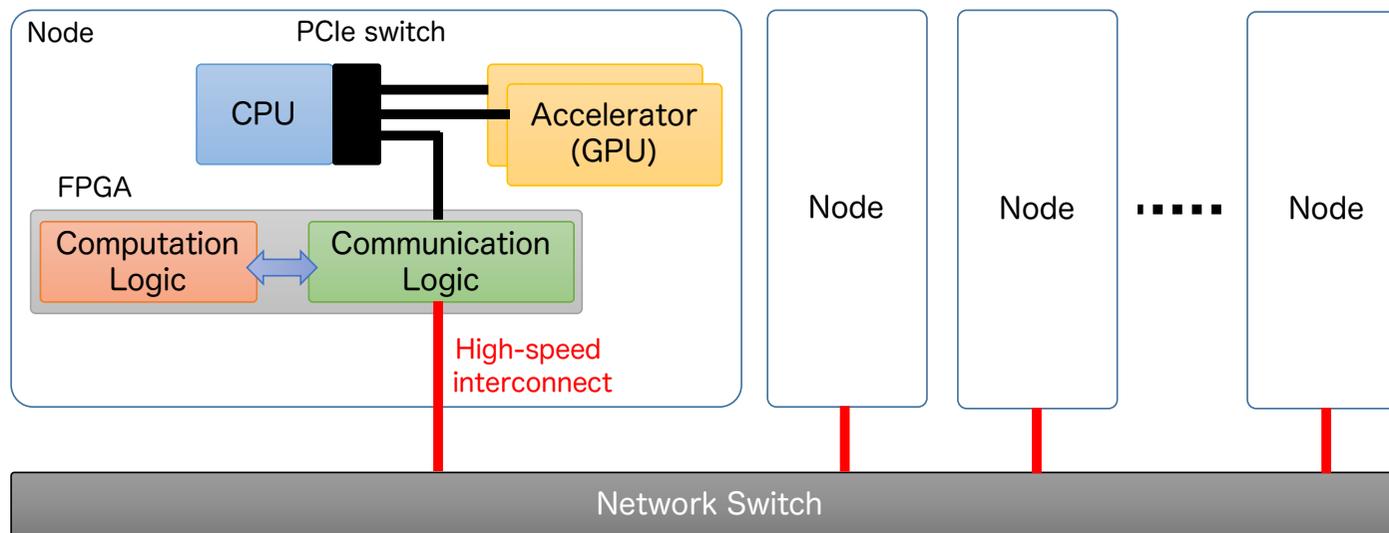
- true **co-designing** with applications (indispensable)
- **OpenCL**-based FPGA development toolchains are available
- high bandwidth interconnect: ~100 Gbps x 4

# Accelerator in Switch (AiS) concept



## ● What's this?

- using FPGA for not only computation offloading but also communication
- covering GPU non-suited computation by FPGA
- combining computation offloading and ultra-low latency communication among FPGAs
- especially effective on communication-related small/medium computation (such as collective communication)
- OpenCL-enable programming for application users

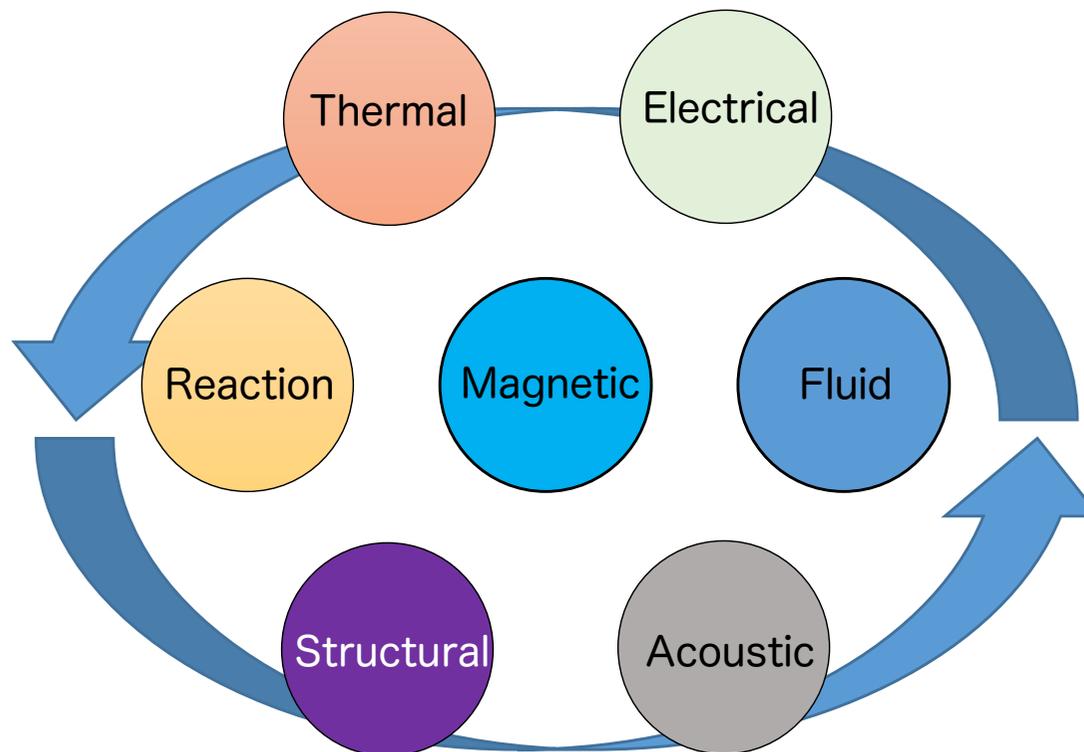


# Why GPU-FPGA coupling is needed?



- Keyword: **Multiphysics**

- Simulations with multiple interacting physical properties
- Various computations are included within a simulation  
→ Hard to accelerate simulation speed by GPU only

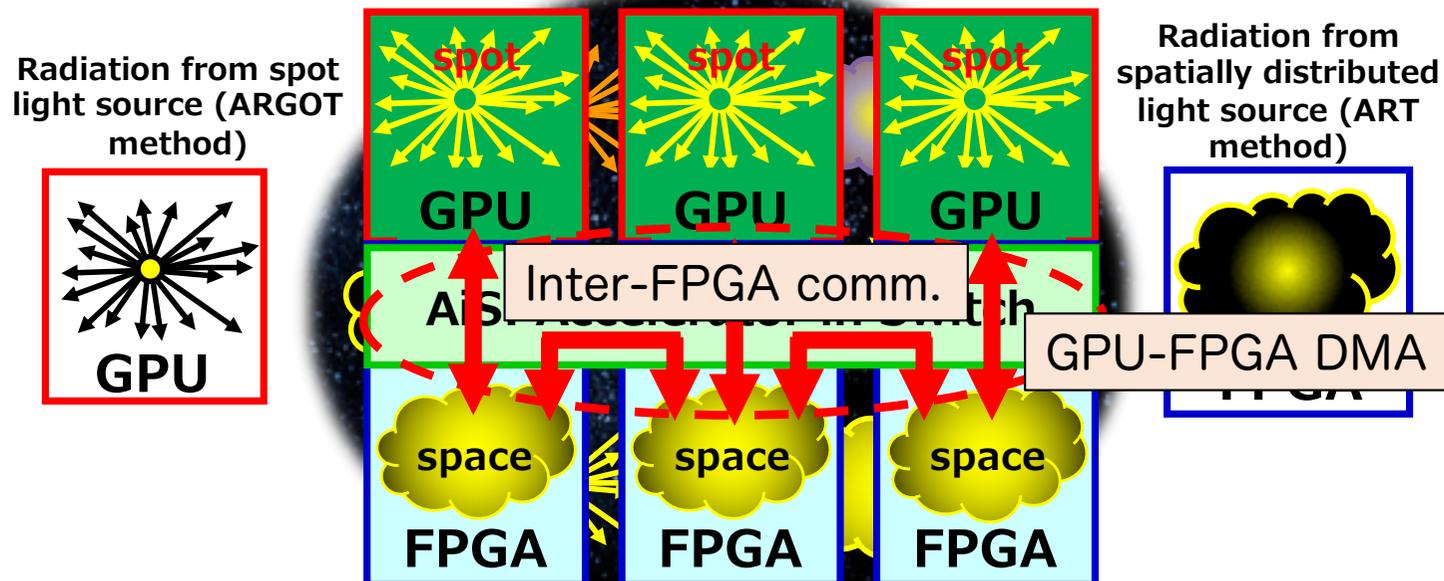
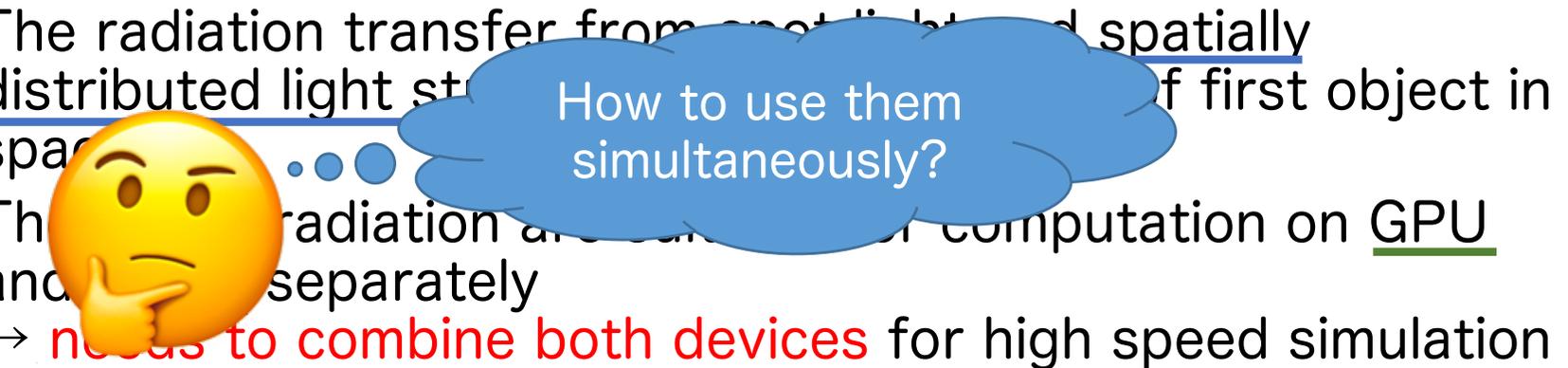


# One of Multiphysics applications



## ● ARGOT code: Radiation transfer simulation

- The radiation transfer from spot light and spatially distributed light source of first object in space
- The radiation are computed on GPU and FPGA separately
- **needs to combine both devices** for high speed simulation



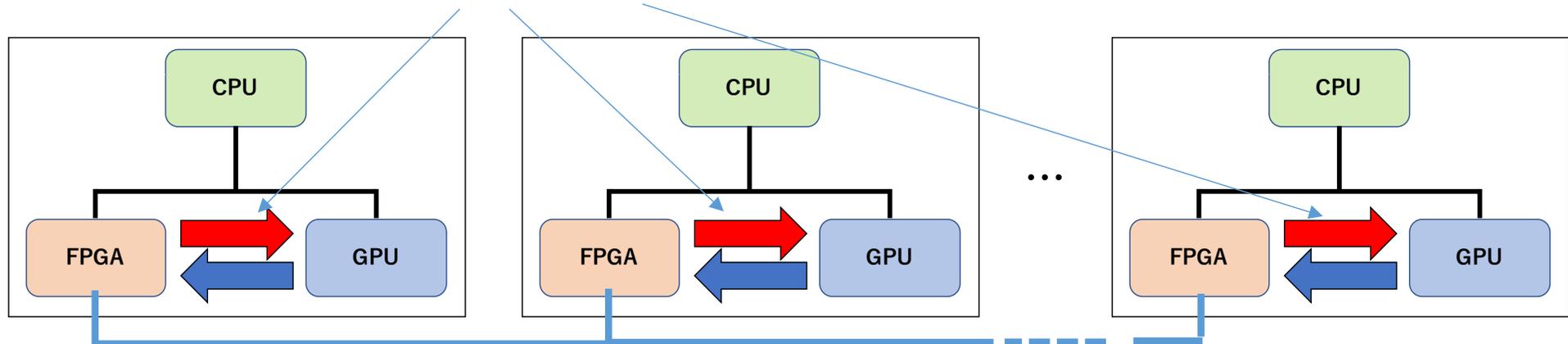
# Today's topic



- What we've done for this presentation is...

- to combine GPU-FPGA DMA[1] and inter-FPGA comm.[2]
  - ✓ Both of data communication are invoked from OpenCL kernel

## Data communication with GPU-FPGA DMA transfer



## FPGA-to-FPGA data communication

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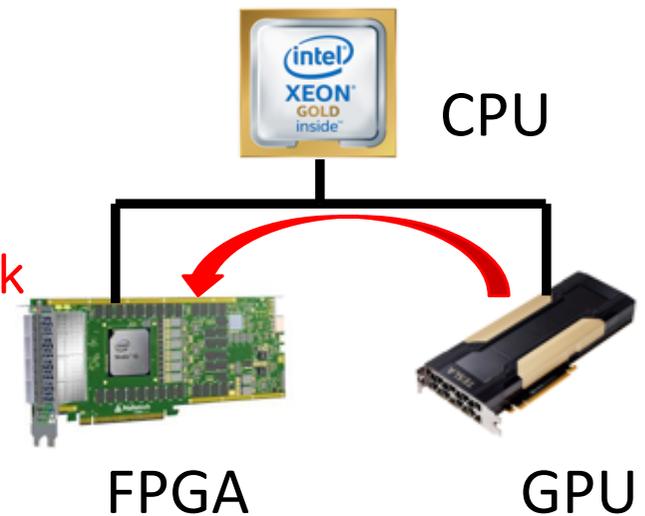
# Data communication with GPU-FPGA DMA transfer



- Example: GPU-to-FPGA data transfer

```
__kernel void fpga_dma(__global float *restrict fpga_mem,  
                      const ulong gpu_memadr,  
                      const uint id_and_len)  
{  
    cl_desc_t desc;  
    // DMA transfer GPU -> FPGA  
    desc.src = gpu_memadr;  
    desc.dst = (ulong>(&fpga_mem[0]));  
    desc.id_and_len = id_and_len;  
    write_channel_intel(fpga_dma, desc);  
    ulong status = read_channel_intel(dma_stat);  
}
```

GPU-to-FPGA DMA kick



# FPGA-to-FPGA data communication



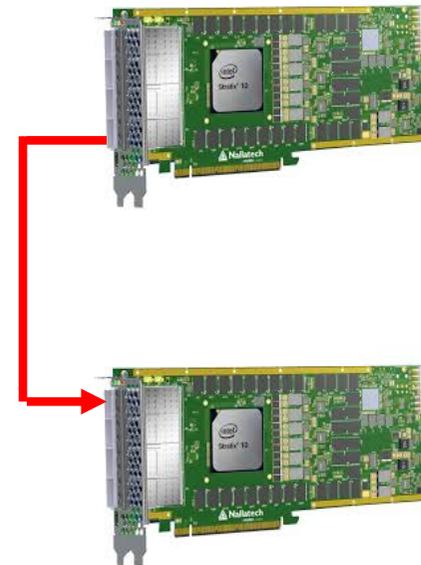
- Enabling user level programming

sender code on FPGA1

```
__kernel void sender(__global float* restrict x, int n) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
        float v = x[i];  
        write_channel_intel(network_out, v);  
    }  
}
```

receiver code on FPGA2

```
__kernel void receiver(__global float* restrict x, int n) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
        float v = read_channel_intel(network_in);  
        x[i] = v;  
    }  
}
```

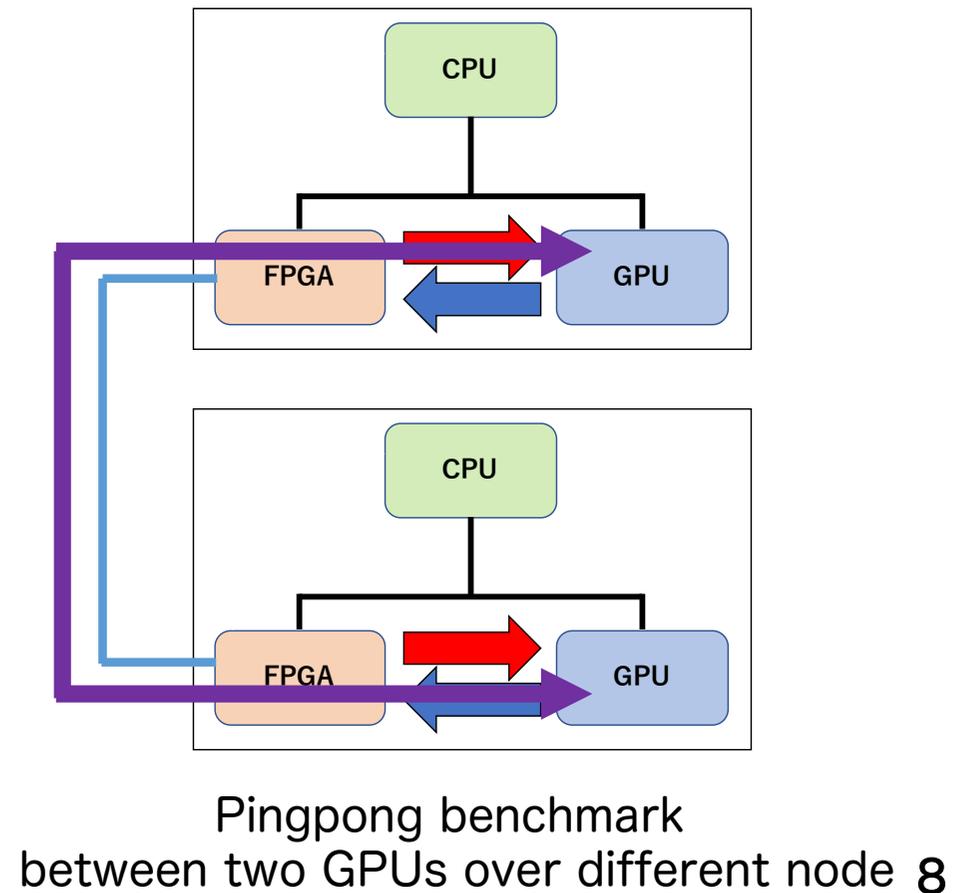
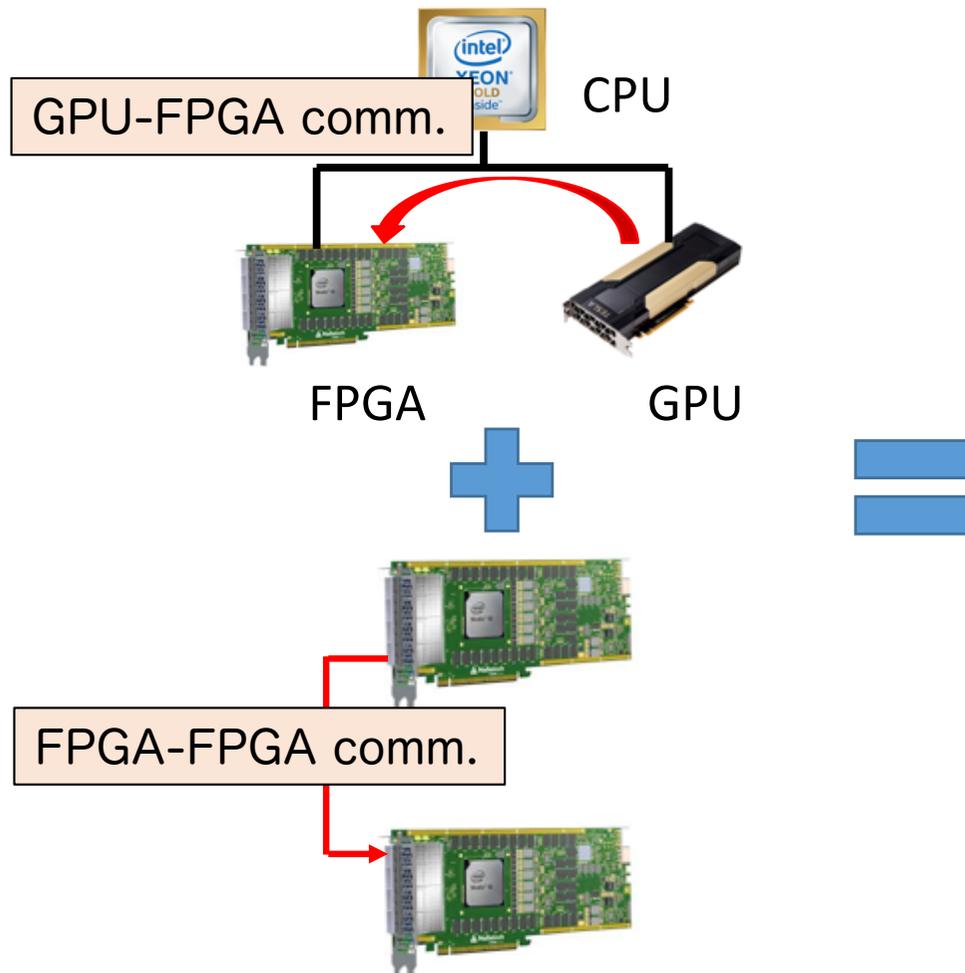


# GPU-FPGA comm. + FPGA-FPGA comm.



- Using of both features simultaneously

- E.g. pingpong benchmark program with 2 comp. nodes



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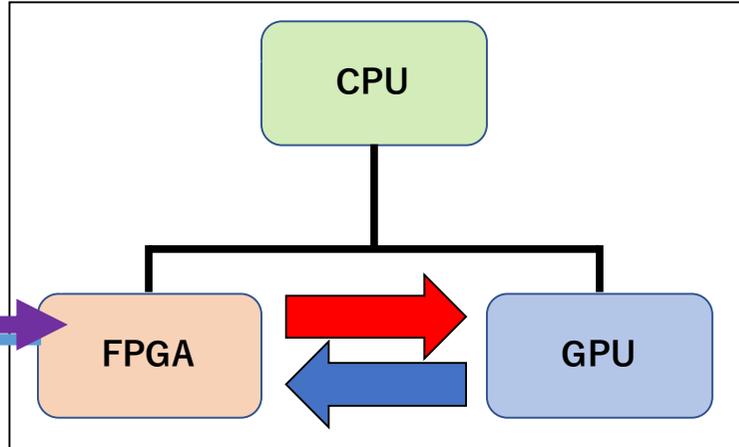
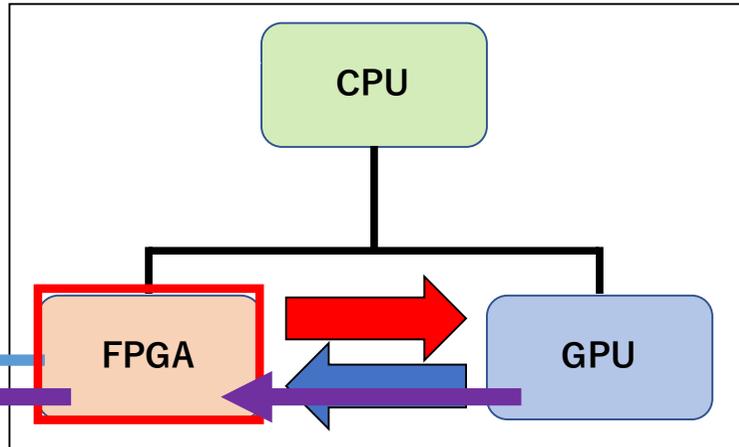
__kernel void ping(
__global float* restrict data,
int n
){
uchar request = 1; // GPU-to-FPGA mode
write_channel_intel(dma_req, request);
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
float v = read_channel_intel(ping_data);
write_channel_intel(send, v);
}
}

```

```

__kernel void gpu_fpga_dma(
__global volatile float* restrict recv_data,
int n,
const ulong gpu_memadr
){
uchar request = read_channel_intel(dma_req);
if (request == 0) { // FPGA-to-GPU mode
~ FPGA-to-GPU DMA procedure ~
} else if (request == 1) { // GPU-to-FPGA mode
ulong ret = dma_gpu_to_fpga(gpu_memadr, recv_data, n*sizeof(float));
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
write_channel_intel(ping_data, recv_data[i]);
}
}
}

```



Inter-FPGA comm.

Send DMA request

Return ping-data

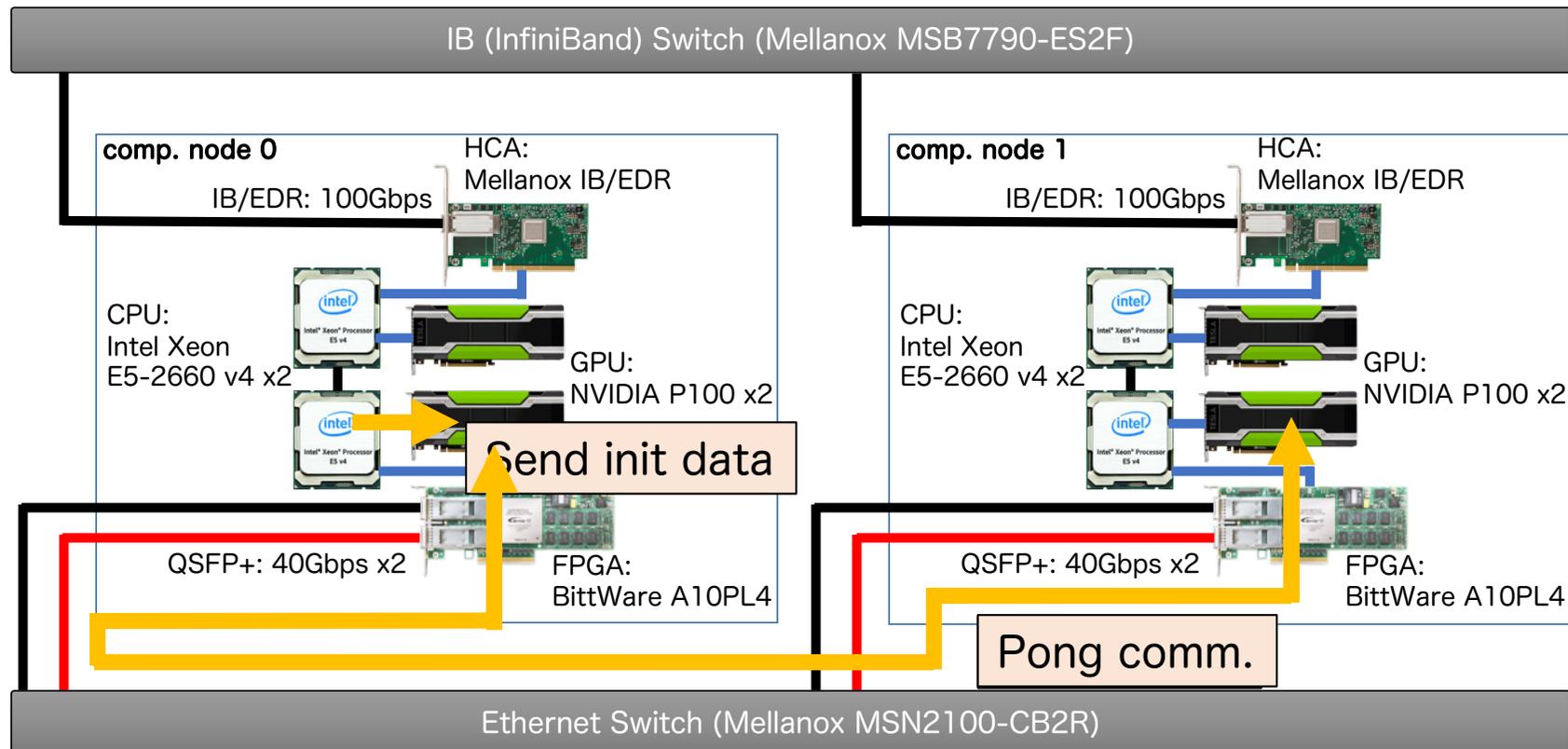
GPU-to-FPGA DMA kick

Procedure of Ping comm.

# Experimental Settings



Hardware specification		Software specification	
CPU	Intel Xeon E5-2660 v4 x2	OS	CentOS 7.3
Host Memory	DDR4-2400 16GB x4	Host Compiler	gcc 4.8.5, g++ 4.8.5
GPU	NVIDIA Tesla P100 x2 (PCIe Gen3 x16)	MPI	OpenMPI 3.0.1
FPGA	Intel Arria 10 GX (BittWare A10PL4) (PCIe Gen3 x8)	GPU Compiler	CUDA 9.1.85
		FPGA Compiler	Intel Quartus Prime Pro 17.1.2.304

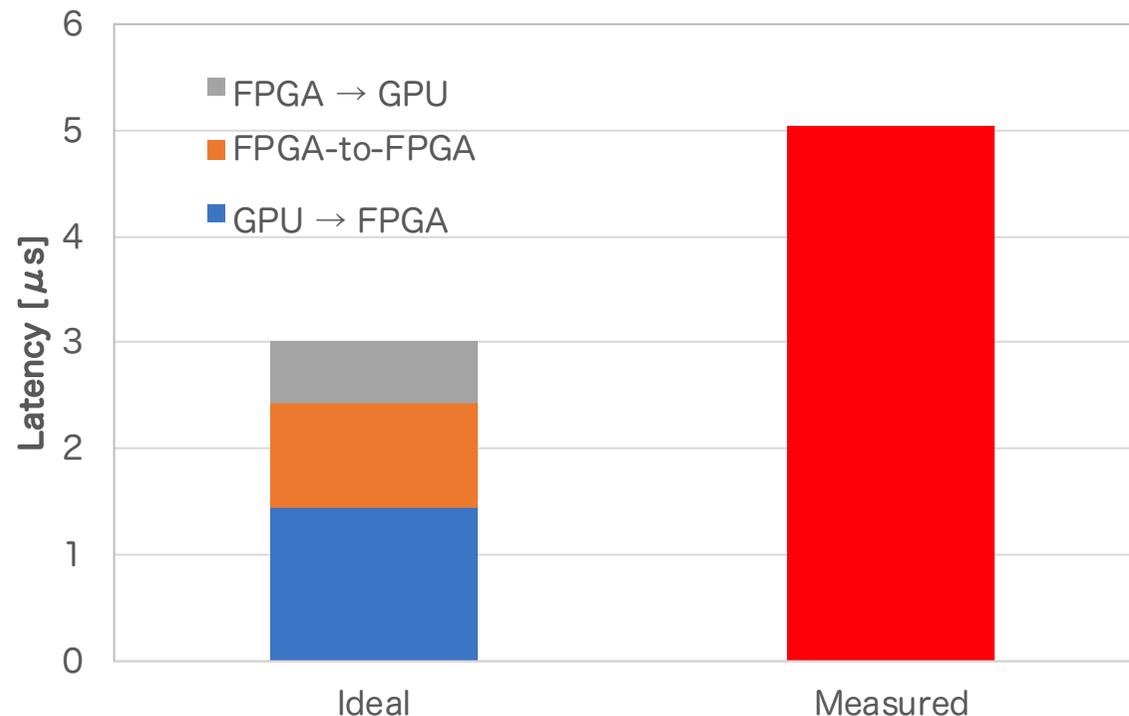


# Communication latency result between GPUs over different nodes



## ● Communication latency for 4-byte transferring

- The “ideal” latency is based on [1, 2]
- Performance degradation is because of non-optimized impl.



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# The most important finding in this evaluation is that...



- We have confirmed our proposed method enables GPUs and FPGAs to work together over different nodes
  - The latency value has no meaning
    - ✓ For JUST performing GPU-to-GPU comm., GPUDirect is better than Ideal latency of our proposed method
  - We would like to make FPGA not only communication **but also computation**, and this experiment shows that it is possible
  - Accelerator-centric (GPU+FPGA) application can be implemented without requiring deep FPGA knowledge and significant engineering effort because there is no HDL

# Conclusion

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## ● Proposal

- An approach for GPU-FPGA accelerated computing with the OpenCL programming framework

## ● What we did is...

- to confirm that our proposed method makes it possible for GPUs and FPGAs in different nodes to work together
  - ✓ Data communication with GPU-FPGA DMA transfer
  - ✓ FPGA-to-FPGA data communication

## ● Contribution

- Application developers can implement CPU-non-intervention application code running on multiple GPUs and FPGAs without writing any HDL code

# Future work



- How FPGA knows GPU computation completion?
  - A sophisticated synchronization mechanism is needed
- We do not want to write multiple code!!  
(CUDA, OpenCL, etc)
  - needs a comprehensive programming framework
    - ✓ Currently, we are developing such framework with OpenACC
- Targeting real applications
  - ✓ Currently, we are focusing on astrophysics application

# Cygnus: A Next-gen supercomputer at CCS



- An AiS proof-of-concept system
  - Operation started in April 2019
  - 2x Intel Xeon CPUs, 4x NVIDIA V100 GPUs, 2x Intel **Stratix 10** FPGAs
  - Deneb: 48 nodes
    - ✓ CPU + GPU
  - Albireo: 32 nodes
    - ✓ CPU + GPU + FPGA
    - ✓ 2D torus network for FPGAs
      - 100Gbps per link



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