





# Efficient and Scalable Multi-Source Streaming Broadcast on GPU Clusters for Deep Learning

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# Trends in Modern HPC Architecture





| High Performance Interconnects – InfiniBand (IB), Omni-Path < 1 μsec latency, 100 Gbps Bandwidth>



Accelerators / Coprocessors
high compute density, high
performance/watt
> 1 Tflop/s DP on a chip



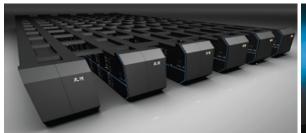
SSD, NVMe-SSD, NVRAM

- **Multi-core Processors**
- Multi-core/many-core technologies
- High Performance Interconnects
- Accelerators/Coprocessors are becoming common in high-end systems
- High Performance Storage and Compute devices



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K - Computer



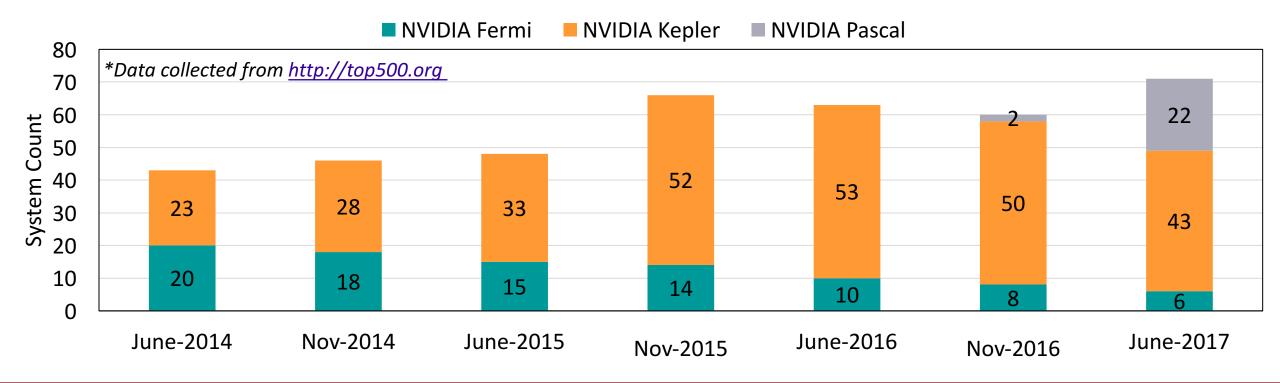
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# **GPU in HPC Systems**

- Growth of GPU clusters in the last 3 years
  - NVIDIA GPUs boost many Top 500 and Green 500 systems
    - "Top 13 systems on the latest Green500 are all equipped with the P100 hardware"\*

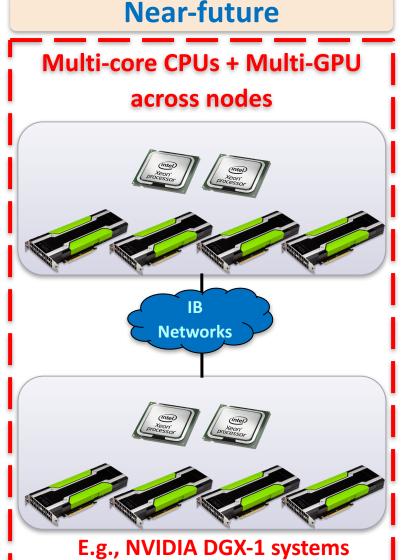


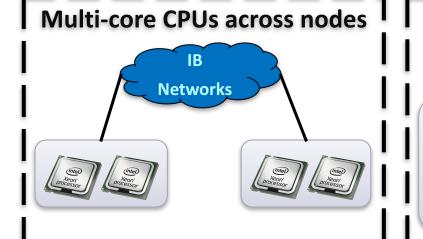
# **Architectures for Deep Learning (DL)**

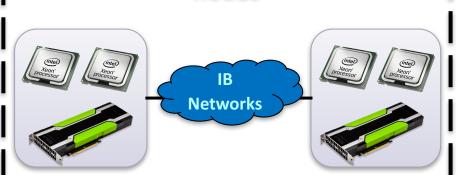
**Past and Current Trend** 

# Multi-core CPUs within a node I







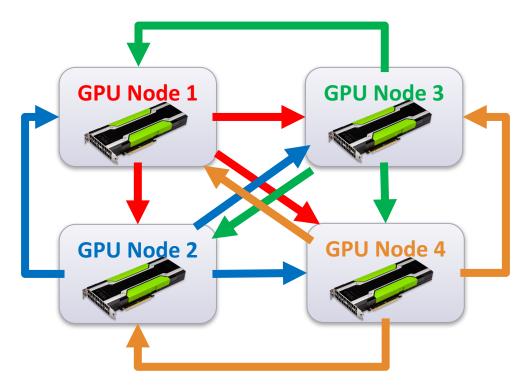


Multi-core CPUs + Single GPU across

nodes

# **High-performance Deep Learning**

- Computation using GPU
- Communication using MPI
  - Exchanging partial gradients after each minibatch
  - All-to-all (Multi-Source) communications
    - > E.g., MPI\_Bcast
- Challenges
  - High computation-communication overlap
  - Good scalability for upcoming large-scale GPU clusters
  - No application-level modification

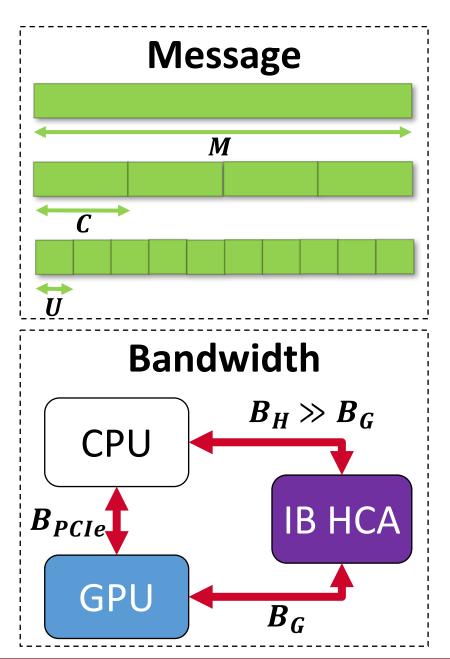


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# **Evaluation Parameters**

Notation	Meaning	Unit
n	Number of processes	N/A
m	Number of broadcast sources	N/A
$t_s$	Set up time for sending data	sec
$t_o(n)$	Overhead for issuing an IB-MCAST packet	sec
M	Original message size	bytes
С	Size of a data chunk	bytes
U	Maximum Transmission Unit for IB-MCAST, provided by hardware manufacturer	bytes
$B_H$	Bandwidth of reading Host memory	bytes/sec
$B_G$	Bandwidth of reading GPU memory (NVIDIA GPUDirect RDMA)	bytes/sec
$B_{PCIe}$	PCIe Bandwidth between Host and GPU memory	bytes/sec



# Ring-based Broadcast

Direct

$$((n-1)\times\left(t_s+\frac{M}{B_G}\right)$$

Pipeline

$$\left[\frac{M}{C} + (n-2)\right] \times \left(t_s + \frac{C}{B_G}\right)$$

Staging

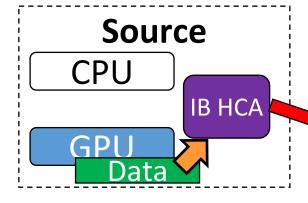
$$\frac{M}{B_{PCIe}} + ((n-1)) \left(t_S + \frac{M}{B_H}\right)$$

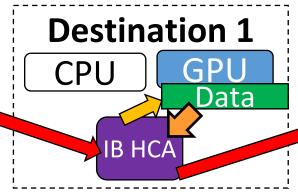
**─**GDR Read

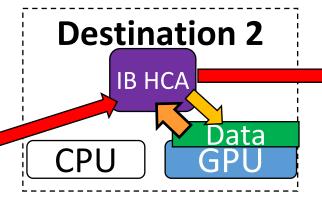
**⇒** GDR Write

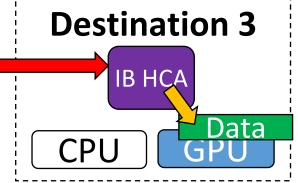
Network Transfer

Poor Scalability









# K-nomial-based Broadcast

**Direct** 

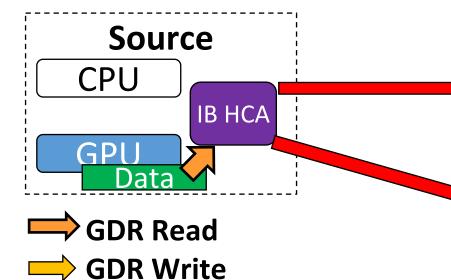
$$(\lceil \log_k n \rceil \times \left( t_s + \frac{M}{B_G} \right))$$

**Pipeline** 

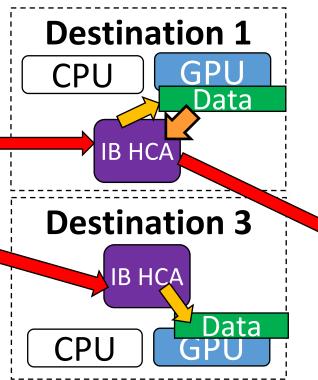
$$\left(\frac{M}{C} \times \lceil \log_k n \rceil\right) \times \left(t_s + \frac{C}{B_G}\right)$$

**Staging** 

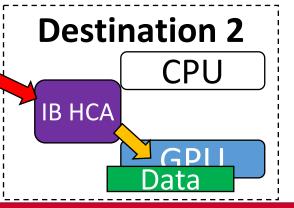
$$\left(\frac{M}{C} \times \lceil \log_k n \rceil\right) \times \left(t_s + \frac{C}{B_G}\right) \qquad \frac{M}{B_{PCIe}} + \lceil \log_k n \rceil \times \left(t_s + \frac{M}{B_H}\right)$$



**Network Transfer** 



**Non-optimized Scalability** 



# **Hardware Multicast-based Broadcast\***

### For GPU-resident data, using

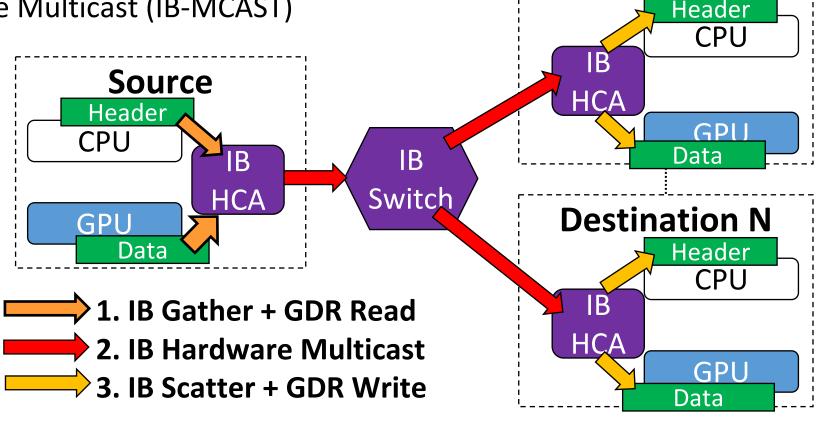
- GPUDirect RDMA (GDR)
- InfiniBand Hardware Multicast (IB-MCAST)

### Overhead

- IB UD limit
- GDR limit

$$\frac{M}{U} \times \left(t_s + t_o(n) + \frac{U}{B_G}\right)$$

\*A. Venkatesh, H. Subramoni, K. Hamidouche, and D. K. Panda, "A High Performance Broadcast Design with Hardware Multicast and GPUDirect RDMA for Streaming Applications on InfiniBand Clusters," in *HiPC 2014*, Dec 2014.



**Destination 1** 

# **Problem Statement**

- How to determine techniques to leverage IB-MCAST and other GPU advanced features GDR to design efficient and scalable broadcast with large messages on GPU clusters?
- How to achieve high overlap and scalability for multi-source broadcast operations?
- How to determine attainable theoretical and practical performance benefits for deep learning applications?

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# **Overview of Proposed Streaming Design**

### Optimized broadcast send operation

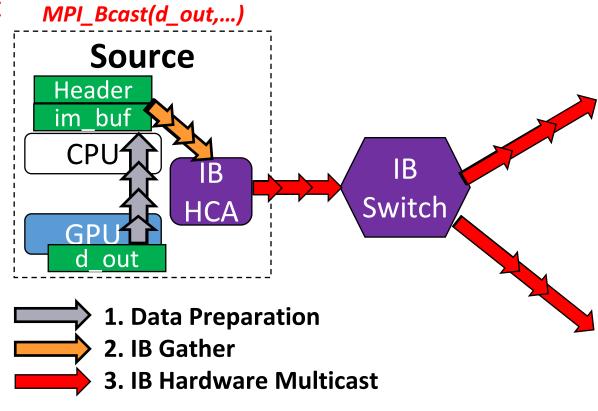
- Streaming the GPU-resident data through host memory
- Leveraging InfiniBand hardware multicast
- ➤ Low-latency: avoiding GDR Read limit
- Overlapping data transfers within and across nodes

### Optimized broadcast receive operation

- Zero-copy scheme by leveraging GDR feature
- Low-latency: avoiding unnecessary data transfers

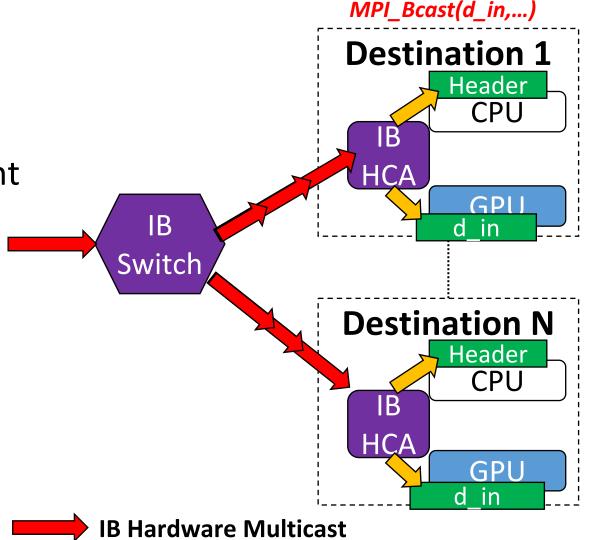
# **Optimized Broadcast Send**

- Preparing Intermediate buffer (im\_buf)
  - Page-locked (pinned) host buffer
    - Fast Device-Host data movement
  - Allocated at initialization phase
    - Low overhead
- Streaming data through host
  - Fine-tuned chunked data
  - Asynchronous copy operations
  - > Three-stage pipeline

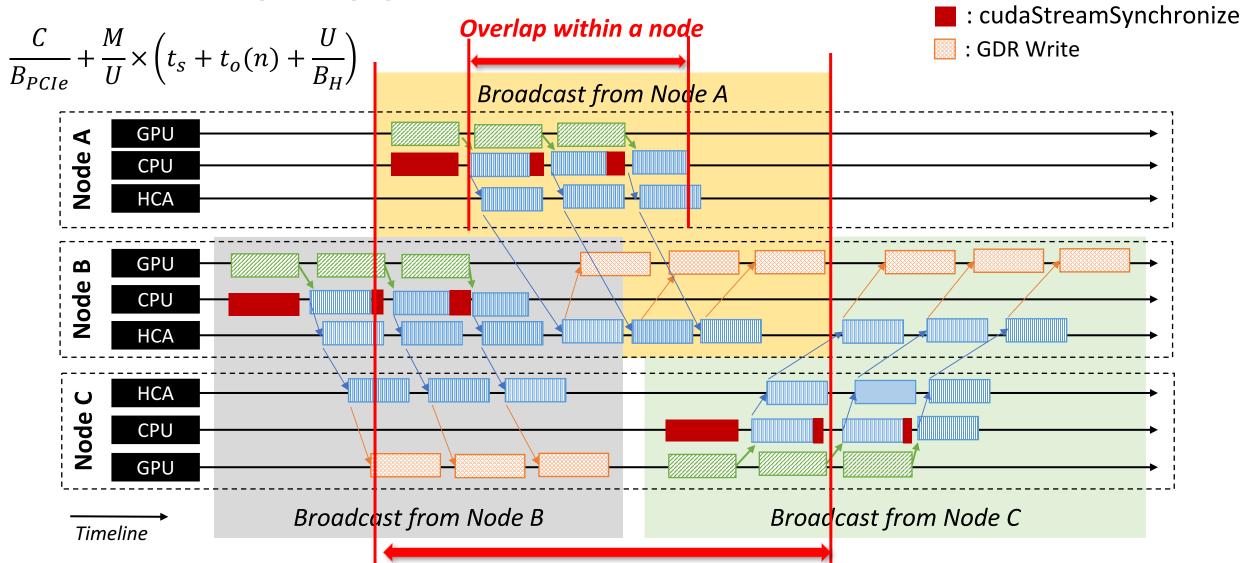


# **Optimized Broadcast Receive**

- Zero-copy broadcast receive
  - Pre-posted user buffer (d\_in)
  - Avoids additional data movement
  - Leverages IB Scatter and GDR features
  - Low-latency
  - Free-up PCIe resources for applications



# **Overlap Opportunities**



**Overlap Across Nodes** 

: cudaMemcpyAsync

: IB Hardware Multicast

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# Overview of the MVAPICH2 Project

- High Performance open-source MPI Library for InfiniBand, Omni-Path, Ethernet/iWARP, and RDMA over Converged Ethernet (RoCE)
  - MVAPICH (MPI-1), MVAPICH2 (MPI-2.2 and MPI-3.0), Started in 2001, First version available in 2002
  - MVAPICH2-X (MPI + PGAS), Available since 2011
  - Support for GPGPUs (MVAPICH2-GDR) and MIC (MVAPICH2-MIC), Available since 2014
  - Support for Virtualization (MVAPICH2-Virt), Available since 2015
  - Support for Energy-Awareness (MVAPICH2-EA), Available since 2015
  - Support for InfiniBand Network Analysis and Monitoring (OSU INAM) since 2015
  - Used by more than 2,775 organizations in 85 countries
  - More than 420,000 (> 0.4 million) downloads from the OSU site directly
  - Empowering many TOP500 clusters (June '17 ranking)
    - 1st, 10,649,600-core (Sunway TaihuLight) at National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi, China
    - 15th, 241,108-core (Pleiades) at NASA
    - 20th, 462,462-core (Stampede) at TACC
    - 44th, 74,520-core (Tsubame 2.5) at Tokyo Institute of Technology
  - Available with software stacks of many vendors and Linux Distros (RedHat and SuSE)
  - http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu
- Empowering Top500 systems for over a decade
  - System-X from Virginia Tech (3<sup>rd</sup> in Nov 2003, 2,200 processors, 12.25 TFlops) ->
  - Sunway TaihuLight (1st in Jun'16, 10M cores, 100 PFlops)



# **Experimental Environments**

- RI2 cluster @ The Ohio State University
  - Two 14-core Intel (Broadwell) Xeon E5-2680 V4 processors
  - 1 NVIDIA K80 GPU per node; Used Up to 16 GPU nodes
  - One single port InfiniBand EDR HCA
  - Mellanox SB7790 and SB7800 InfiniBand switches
- Ohio State University (OSU) Micro-Benchmark (OMB)

http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu/benchmarks/

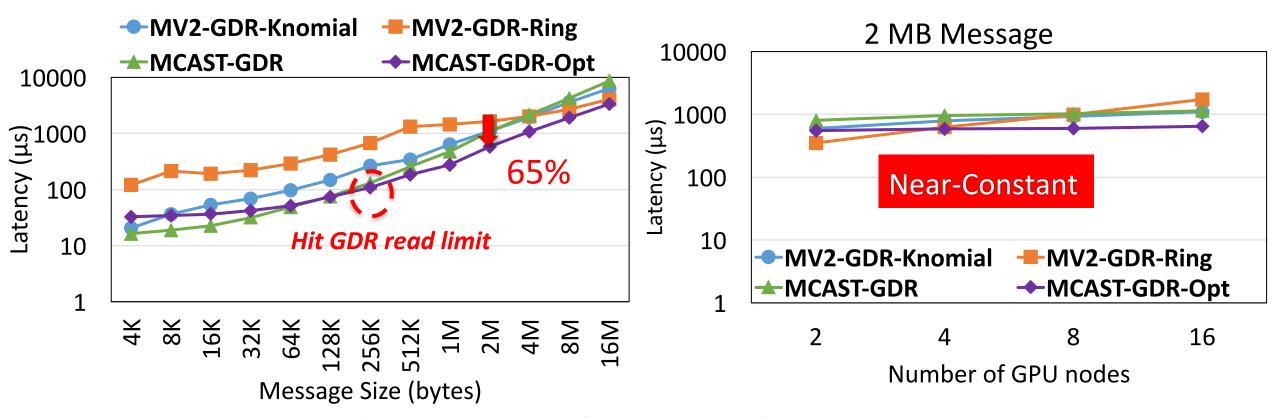
- osu\_bcast MPI\_Bcast Latency Test
- Deep learning framework: CUDA-Aware Microsoft Cognitive Toolkit (CA-CNTK)\*
  - AlexNet and VGG models with ImageNet dataset

\*D. S. Banerjee, K. Hamidouche and D. K. Panda, "Re-Designing CNTK Deep Learning Framework on Modern GPU Enabled Clusters," IEEE CloudCom, Luxembourg City, 2016, pp. 144-151.

# **Evaluation: Benchmark Evaluation**

• @ RI2 cluster, 16 GPUs, 1 GPU/node

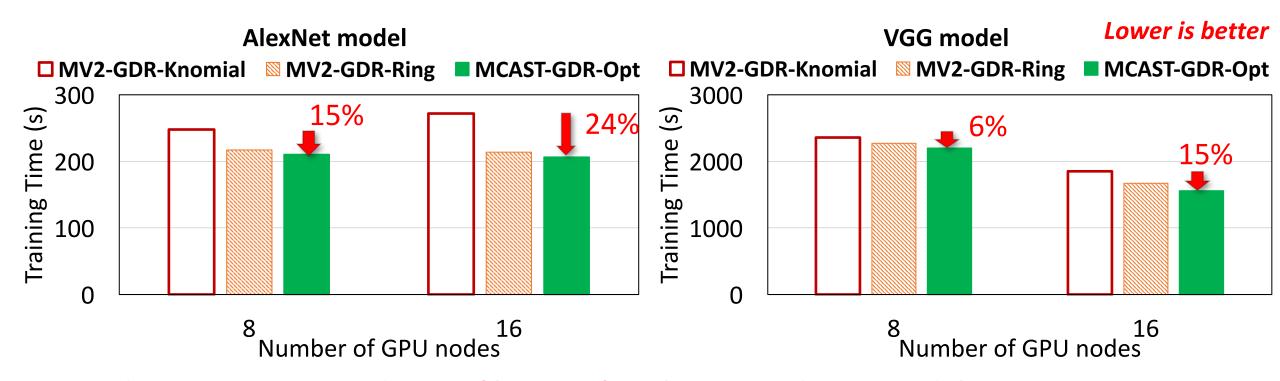
Lower is better



- Provide near-constant latency over the system sizes
- Reduces up to 65% of latency for large messages

# **Evaluation: Deep Learning Frameworks**

- @ RI2 cluster, 16 GPUs, 1 GPU/node:
  - CUDA-Aware Microsoft Cognitive Toolkit (CA-CNTK) without modification

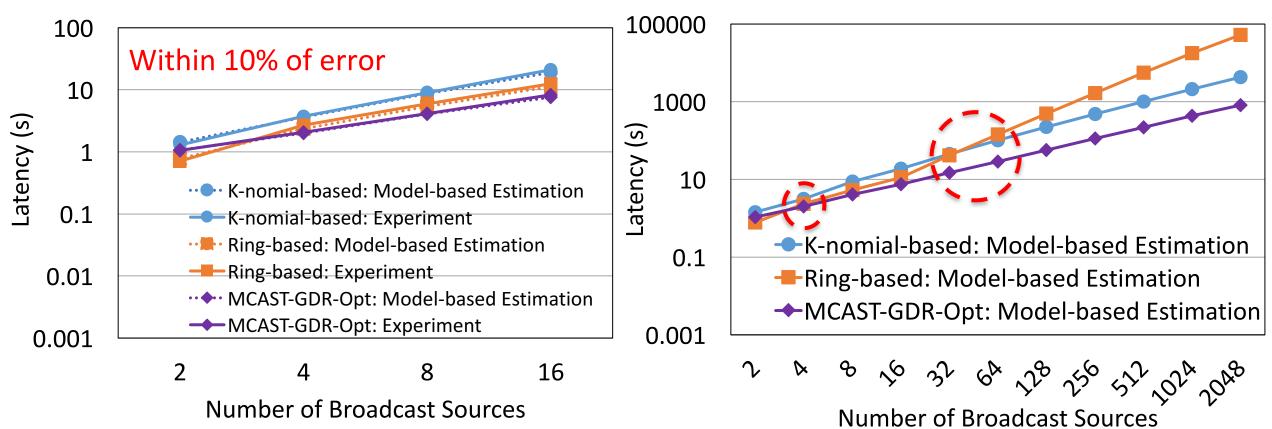


- Reduces up to 24% and 15% of latency for AlexNet and VGG models
- Higher improvement is expected for larger system sizes

# **Performance Prediction**

### Based on the architecture on RI2 cluster

$$M = 2MB$$
;  $C = 512 KB$ ;  $U = 4 KB$ ;  $B_H \approx 100 Gbps$ ;  $B_{PCIe} = 8 Gbps$ ;  $t_o(n) \approx \frac{1}{\alpha} \times \ln(n)$ ,  $15 \le \alpha \le 20$ 



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# Conclusion

- Proposed efficient broadcast schemes to leverage GDR and MCAST features for deep learning applications
  - Optimized streaming design for large messages transfers
- Provided and evaluated analytical models to capture essential performance behavior of alternative broadcast schemes on GPU clusters
- ➤ These features are included in the latest release of MVAPICH2-GDR library

# **Future Work**

- Extend the design for other broadcast-based collective algorithms as well as non-blocking operations
  - Allreduce, Allgather, ..., and so on
- Evaluate the proposed design in upcoming larger-scale
   GPU clusters



# Thank You!



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# **MCAST-based Broadcast**

### NVIDIA GPUDirect<sup>[1]</sup>

- Remote direct memory
   access (RDMA) transfers
   between GPUs and other
   PCIe devices ⇒ GDR
- and more...

- InfiniBand (IB) hardware multicast (IB MCAST)<sup>[2]</sup>
  - Enables efficient designs of broadcast operations
    - Host-based<sup>[3]</sup>
    - GPU-based<sup>[4]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup> https://developer.nvidia.com/gpudirect

<sup>[2]</sup> Pfister GF., "An Introduction to the InfiniBand Architecture." High Performance Mass Storage and Parallel I/O, Chapter 42, pp 617-632, Jun 2001.

<sup>[3]</sup> J. Liu, A. R. Mamidala, and D. K. Panda, "Fast and Scalable MPI-level Broadcast using InfiniBand's Hardware Multicast Support," in IPDPS 2004, p. 10, April 2004.

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