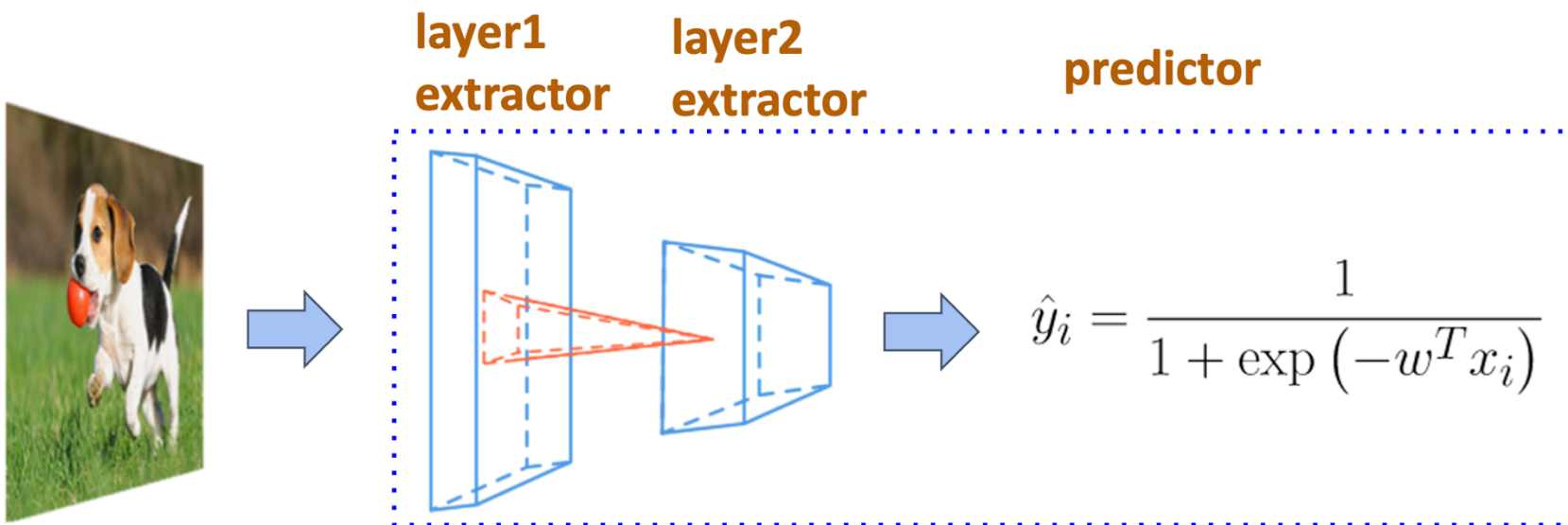


15-779 Lecture 12: Parallelization Part 1: Data Parallelism and Zero Redundancy

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Recap: DNN Training Overview



Objective

$$L(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n l(y_i, \hat{y}_i) + \lambda \|w\|^2$$

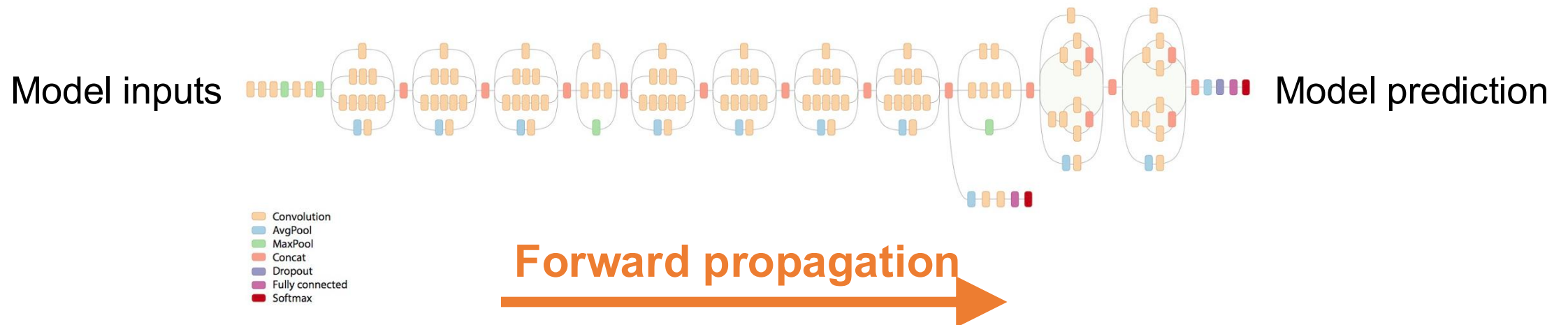
Training

$$w \leftarrow w - \eta \nabla_w L(w)$$

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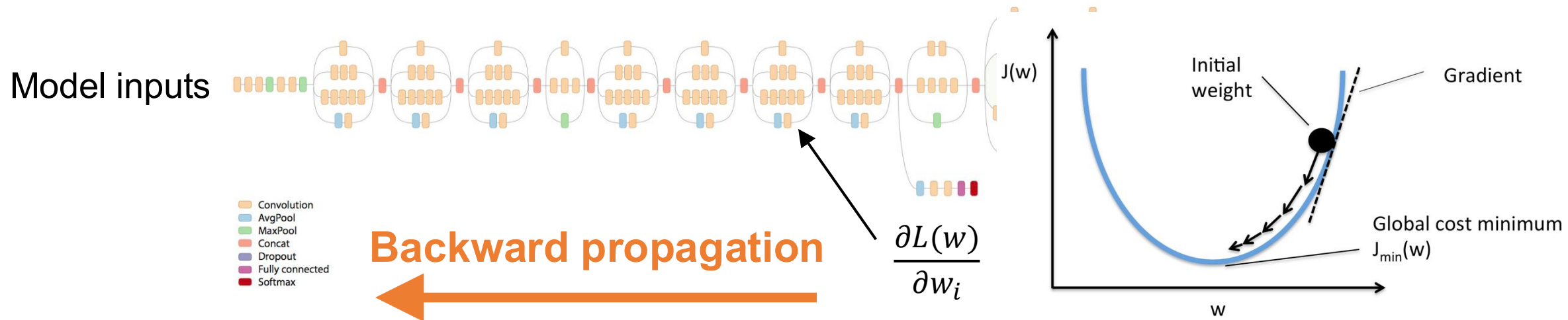
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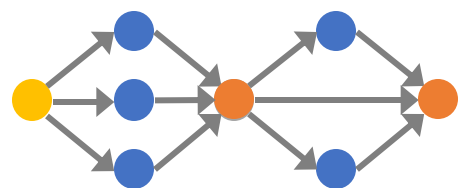
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Data Parallelism



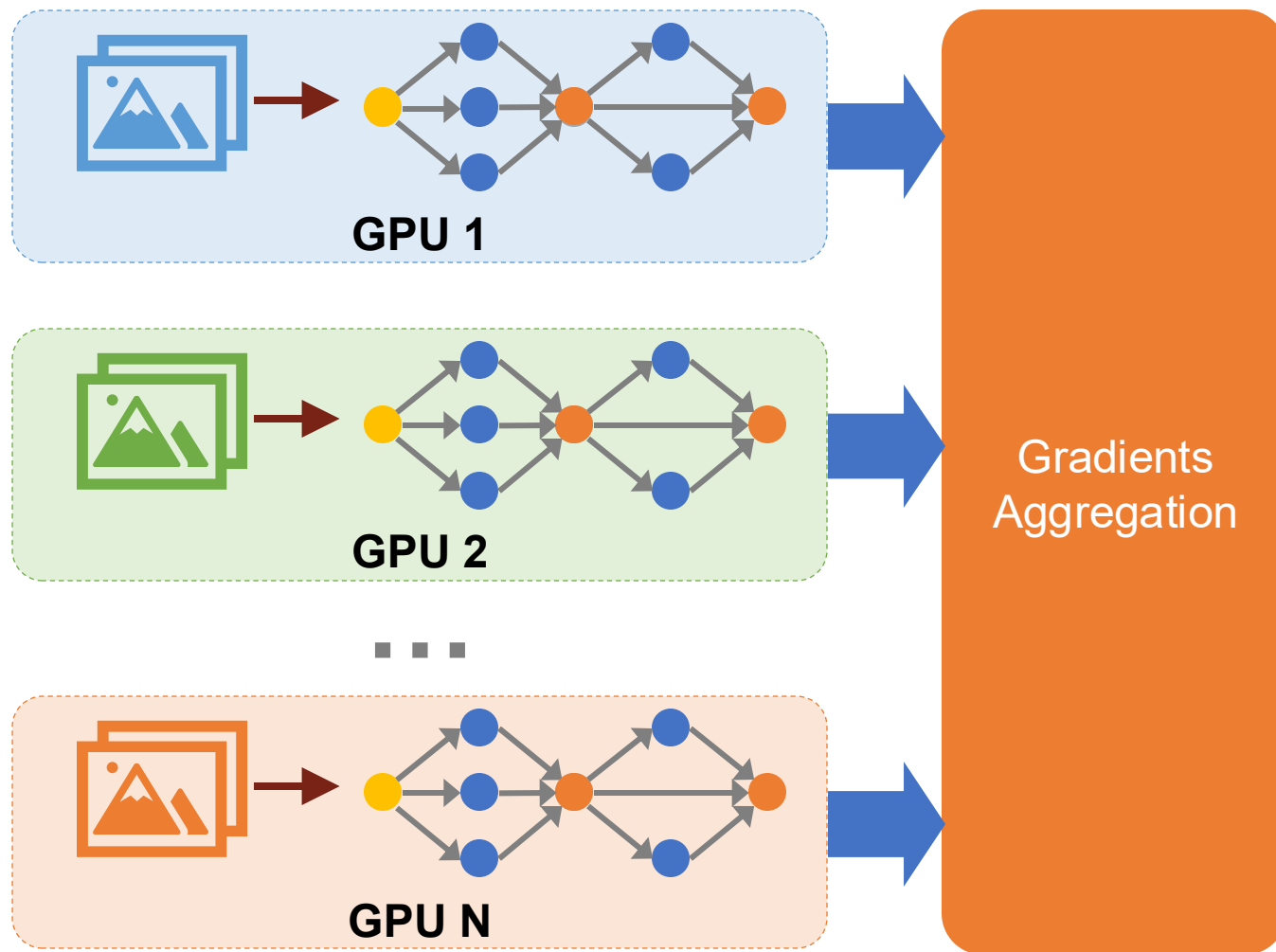
ML Model



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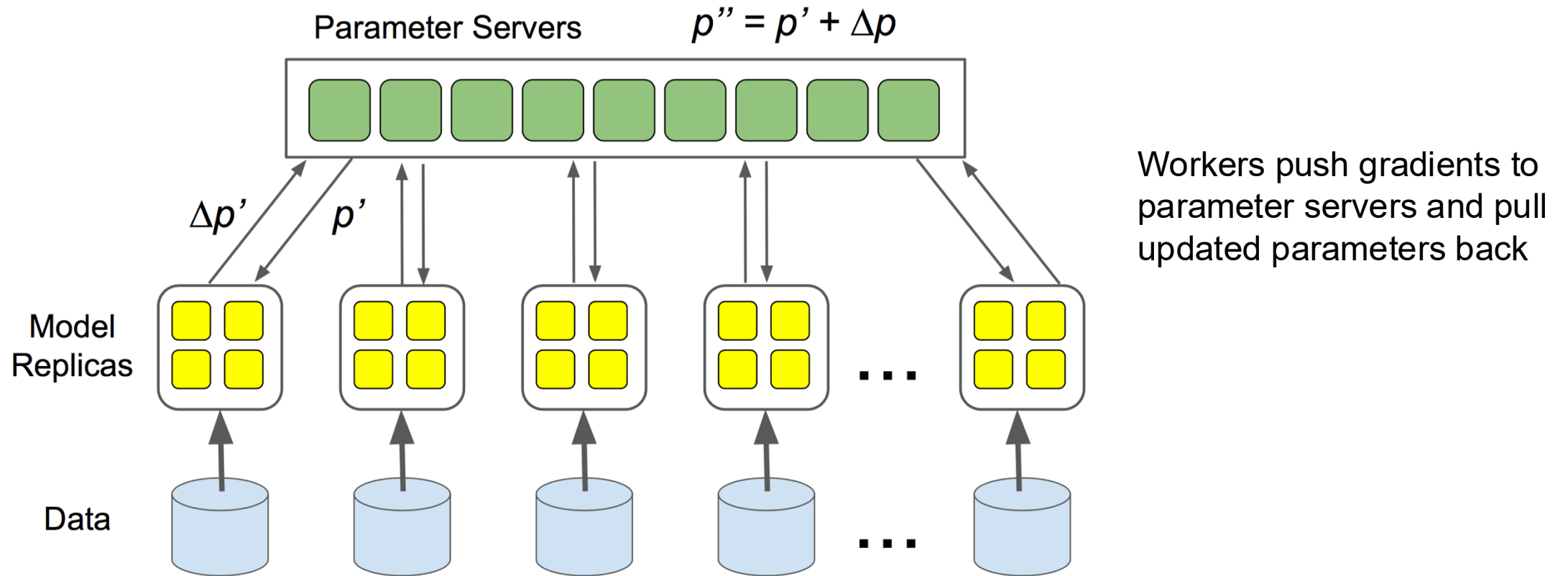
1. Partition training data into batches



2. Compute the gradients of each batch on a GPU

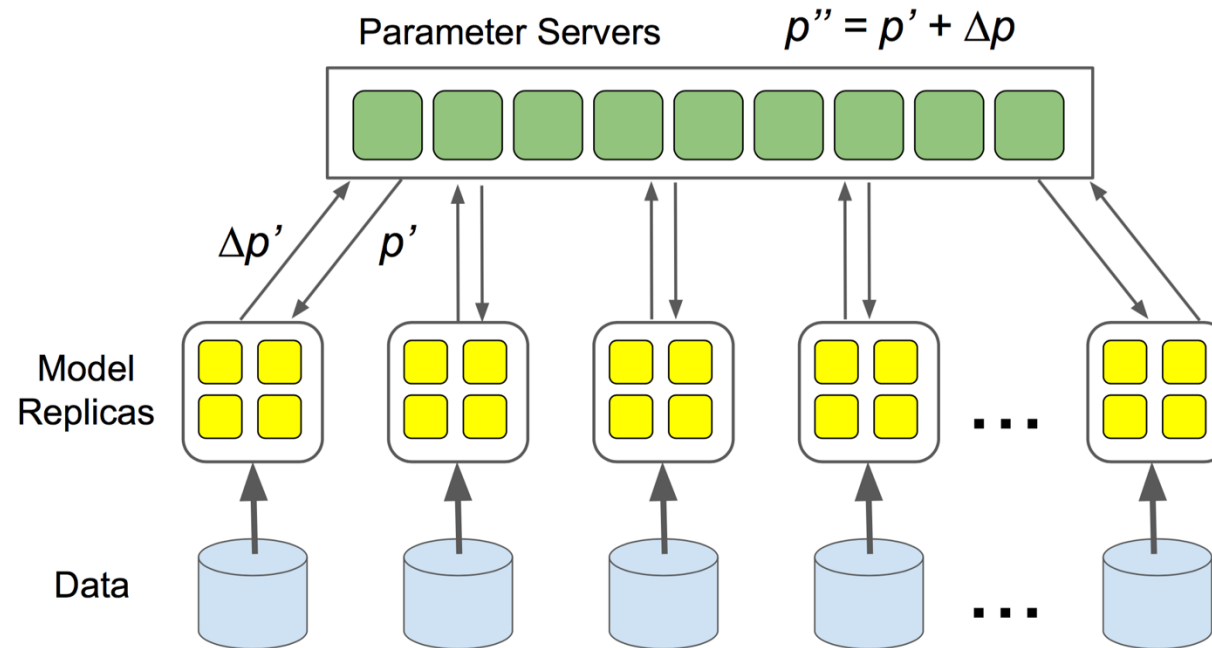
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Data Parallelism: Parameter Server



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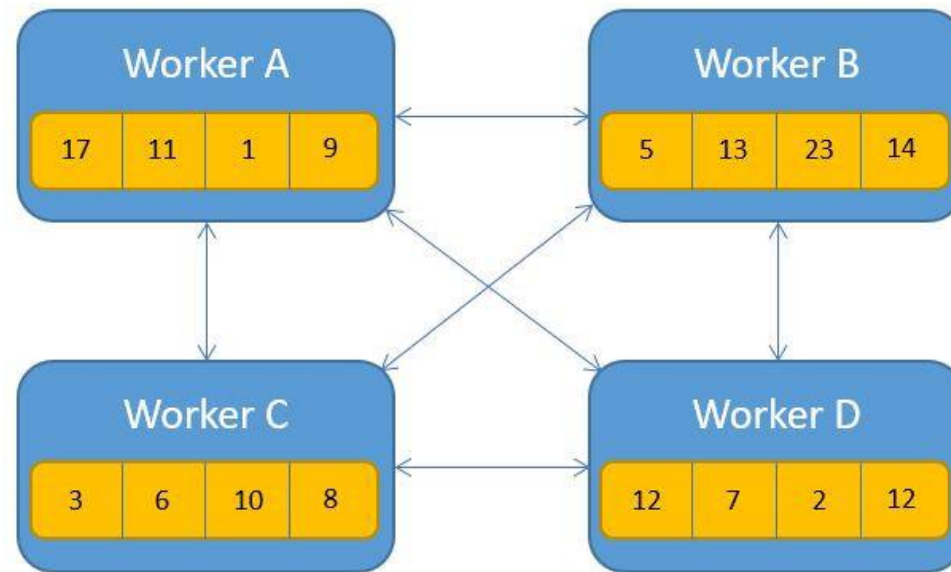


Different Ways to Perform AllReduce

- Naïve AllReduce
- Ring AllReduce
- Tree AllReduce
- Butterfly AllReduce

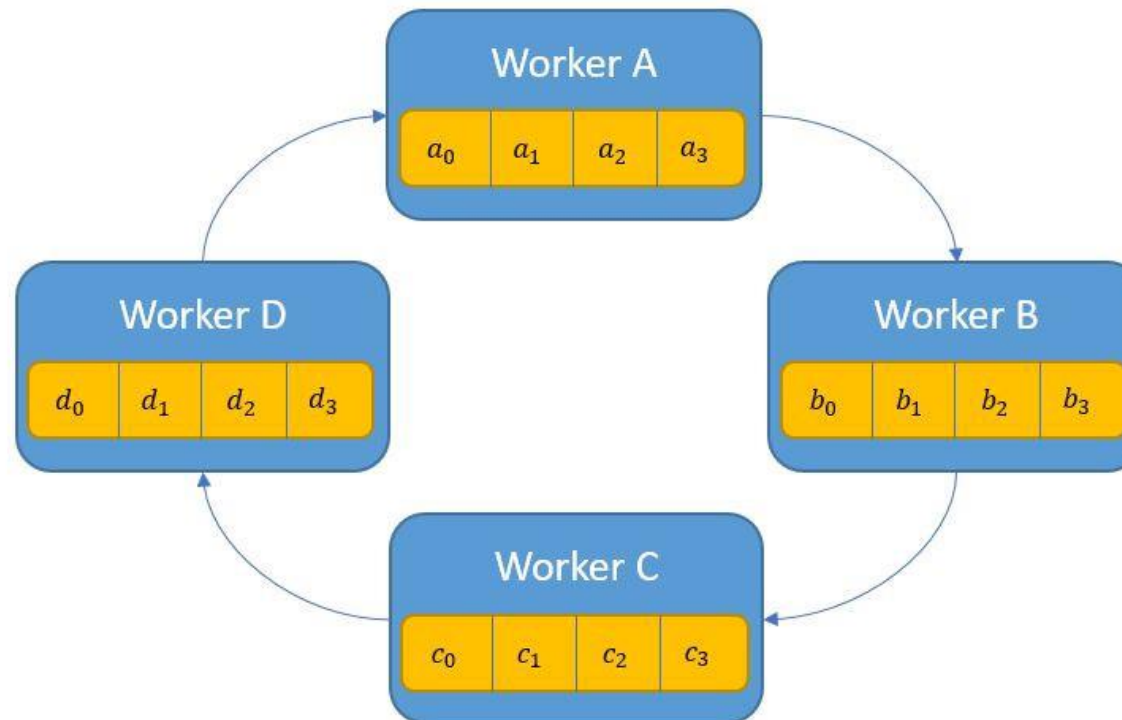
Naïve AllReduce

- Each worker can send its local gradients to all other workers
- If we have N workers and each worker contains M parameters
- Overall communication: $N * (N-1) * M$ parameters
- **Issue**: each worker communicates with all other workers; same scalability issue as parameter server



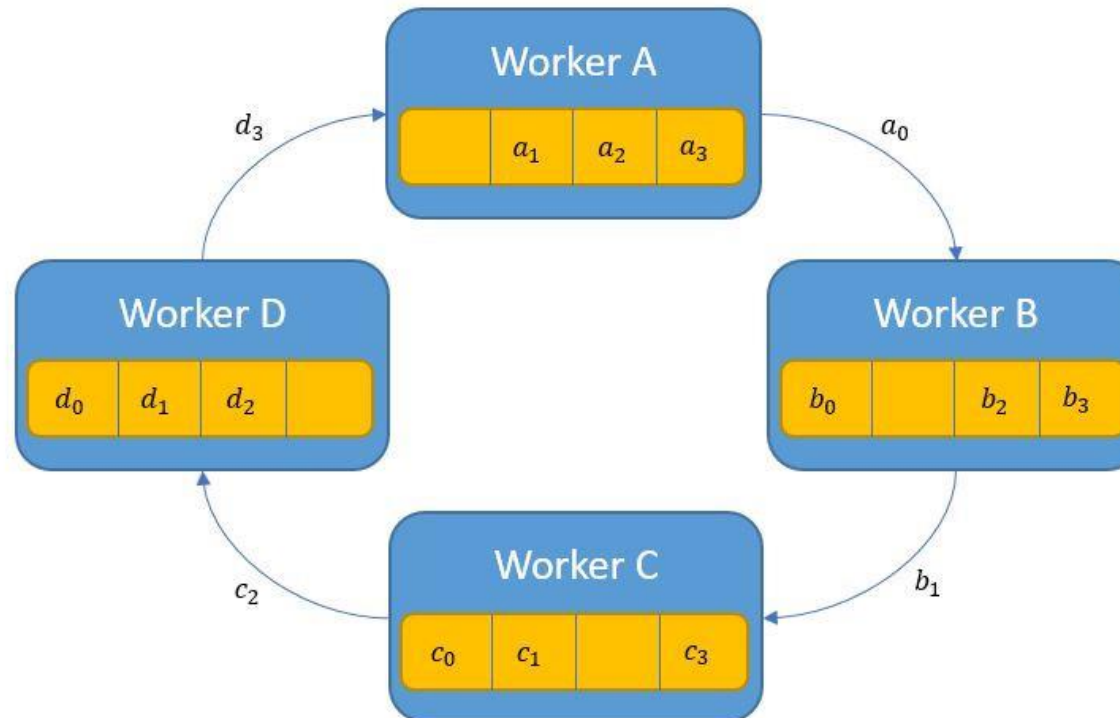
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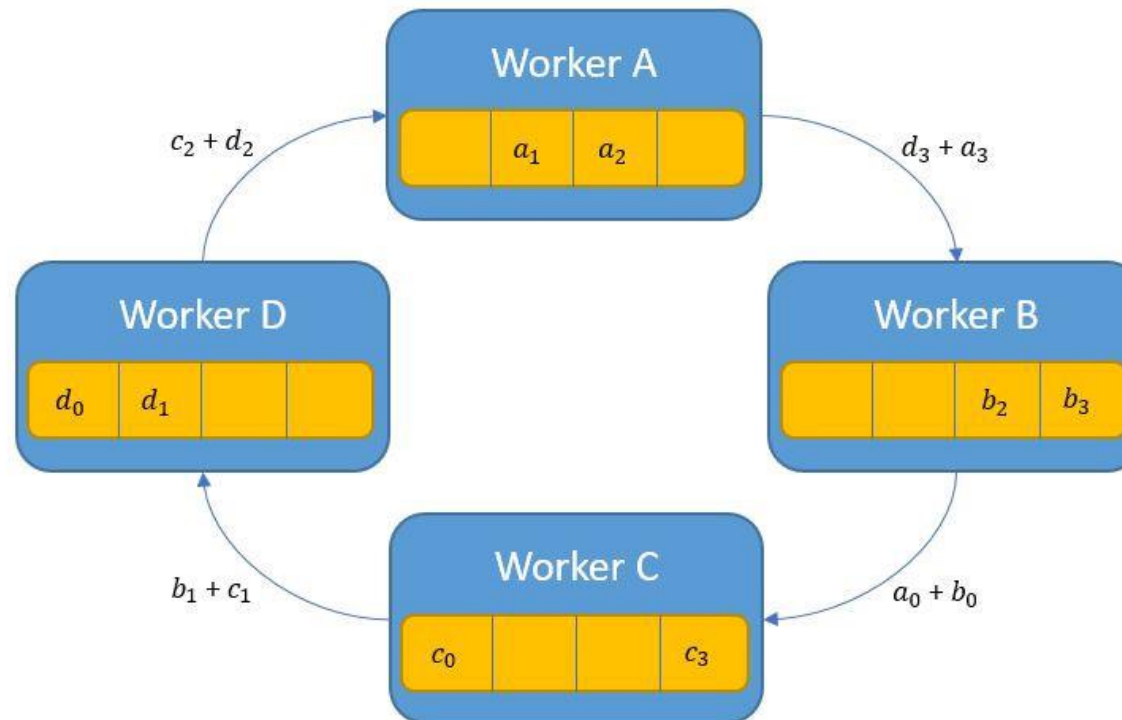
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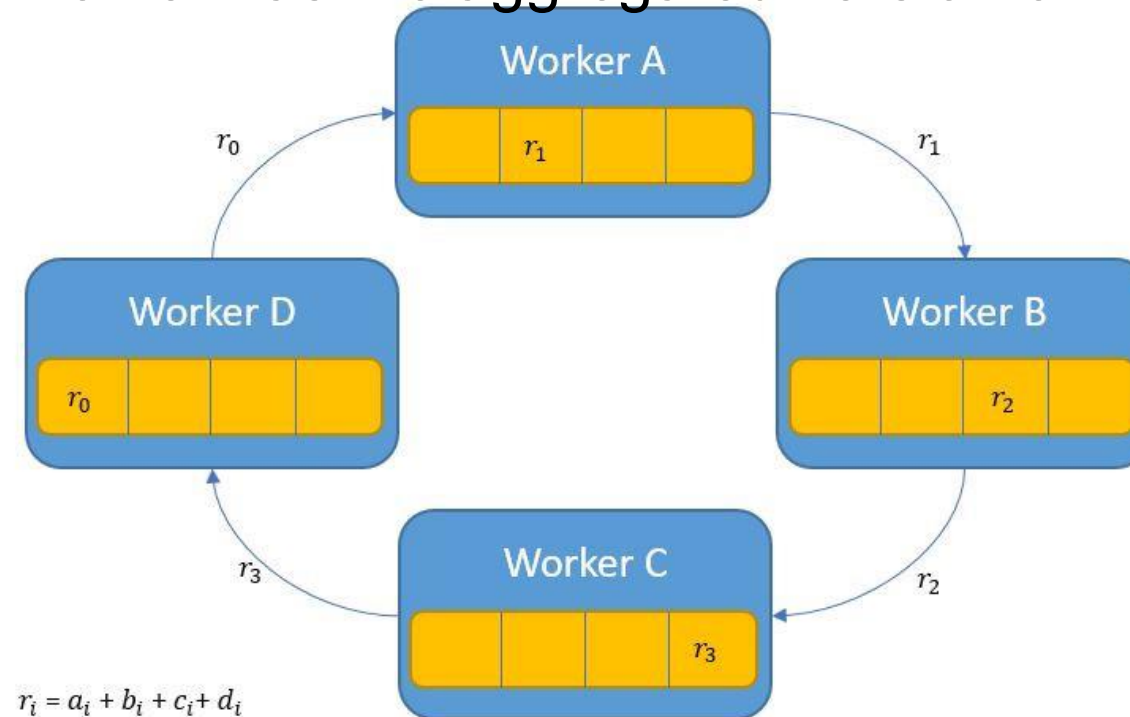
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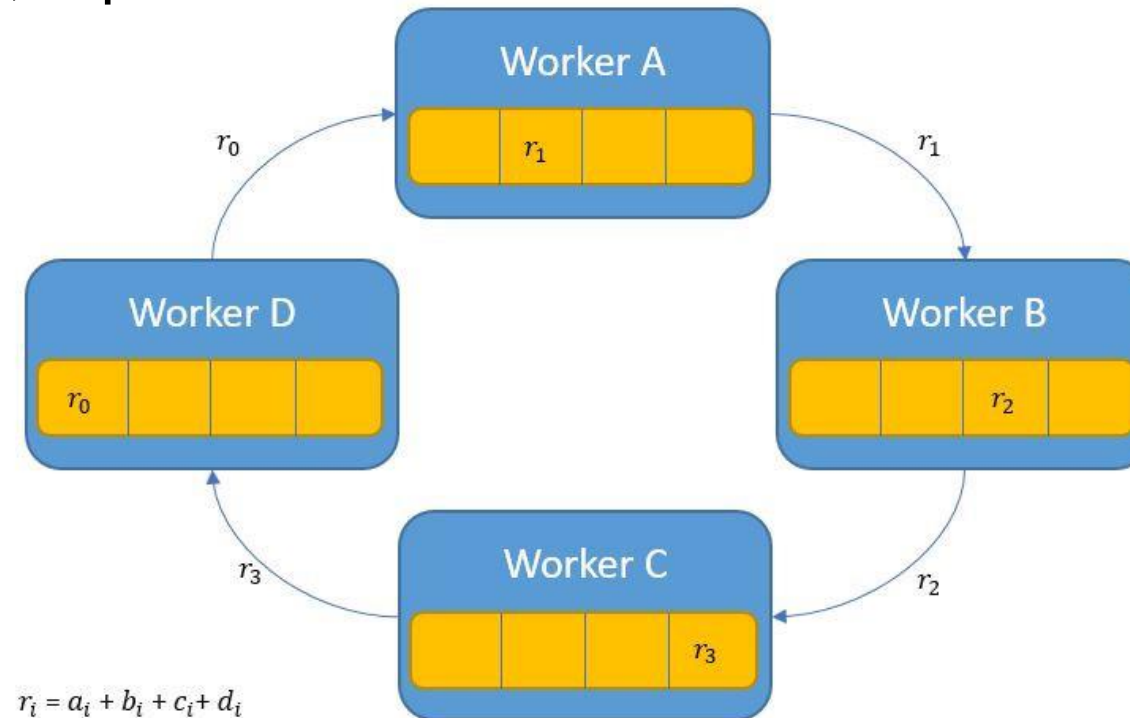
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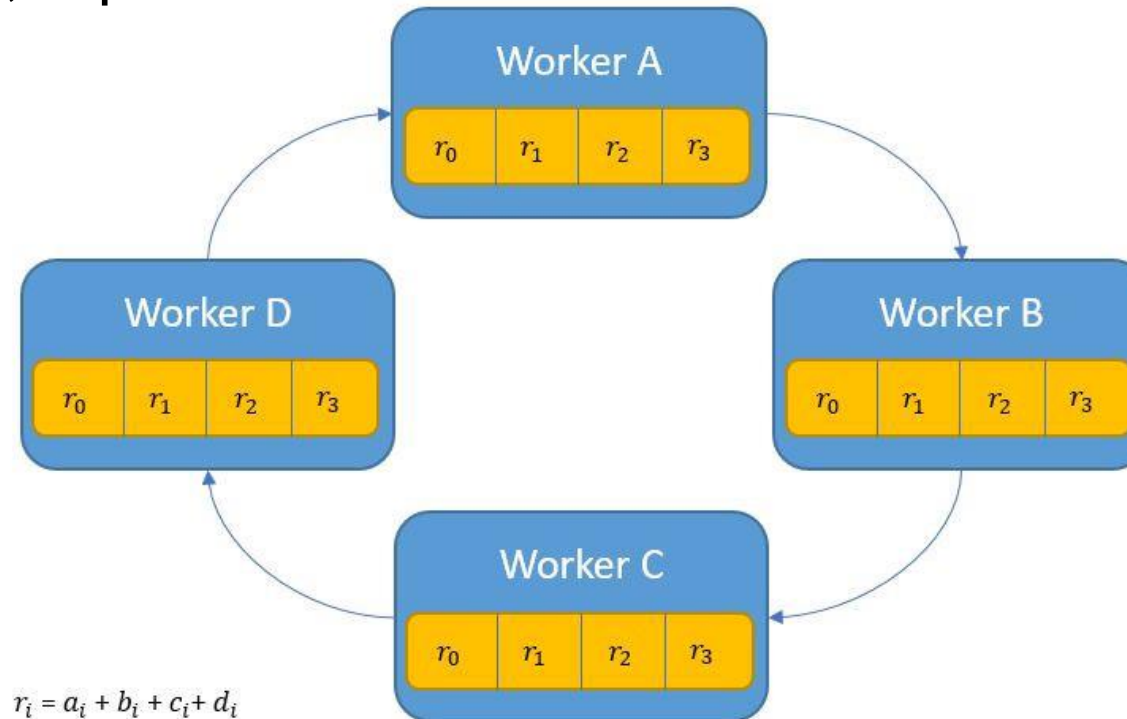
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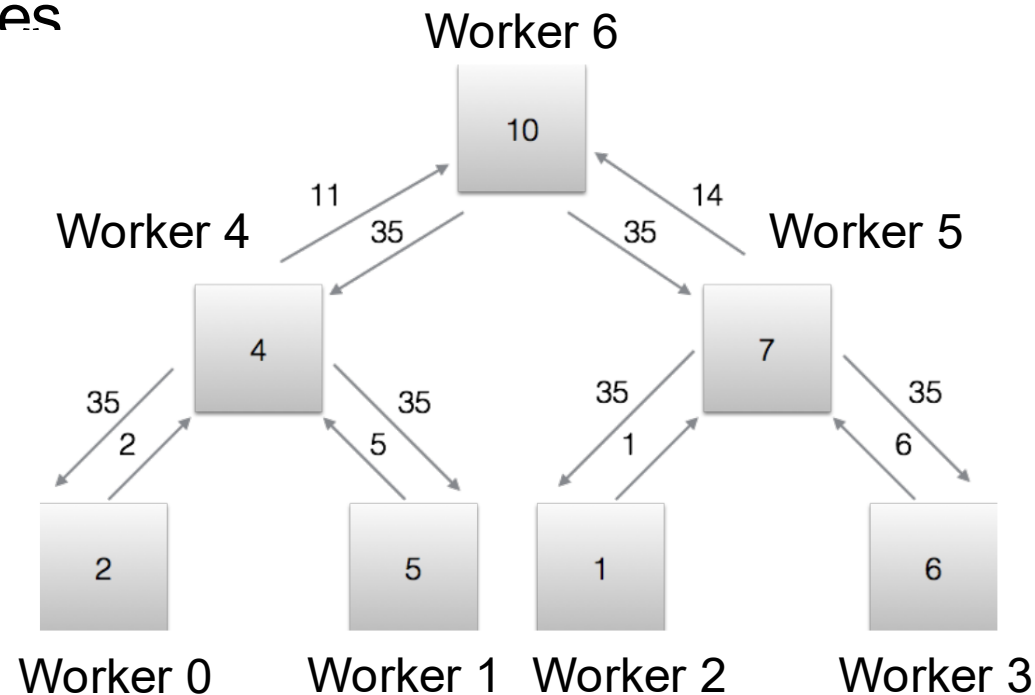


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Tree AllReduce

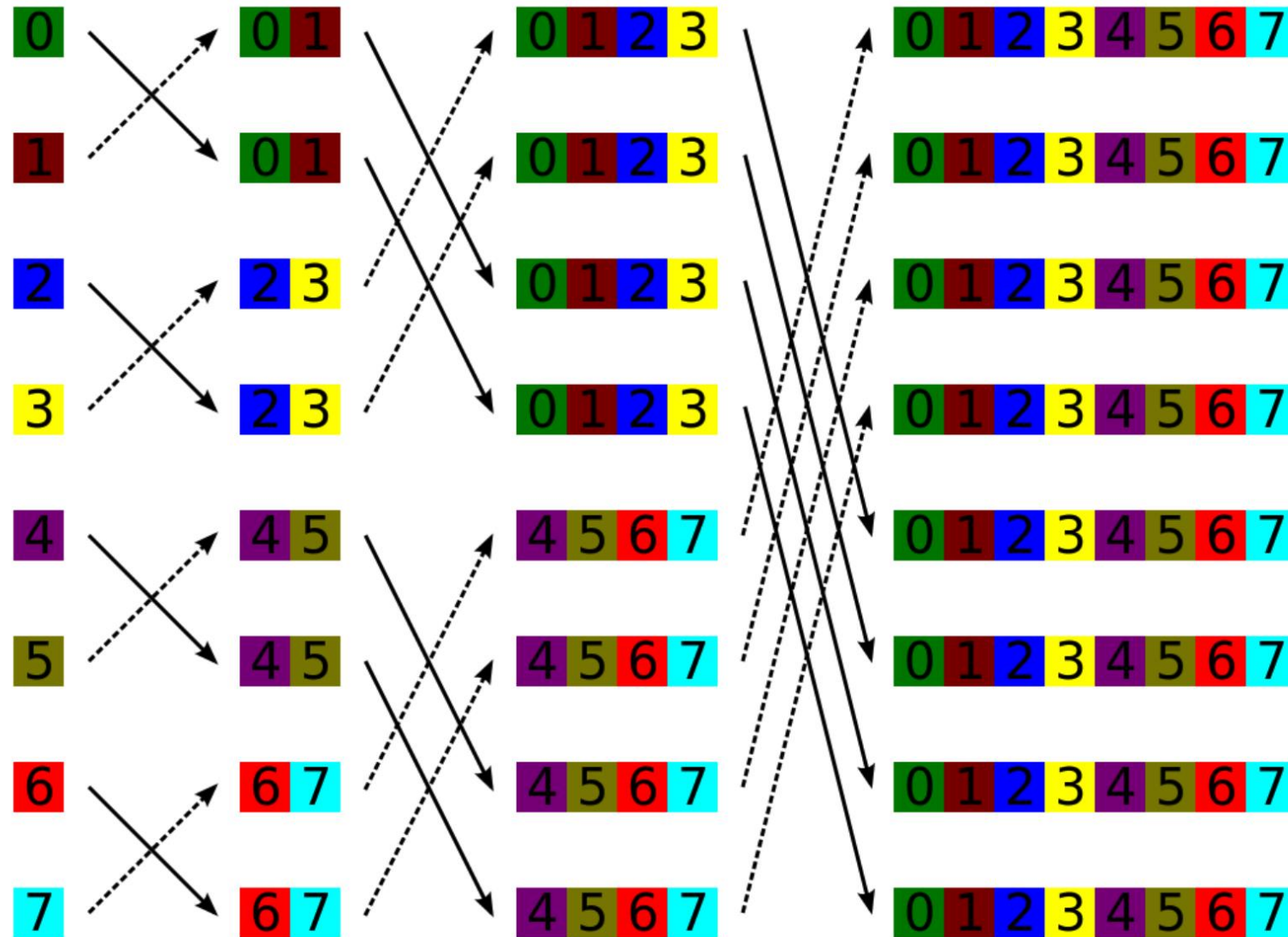
- Construct a tree of N workers;
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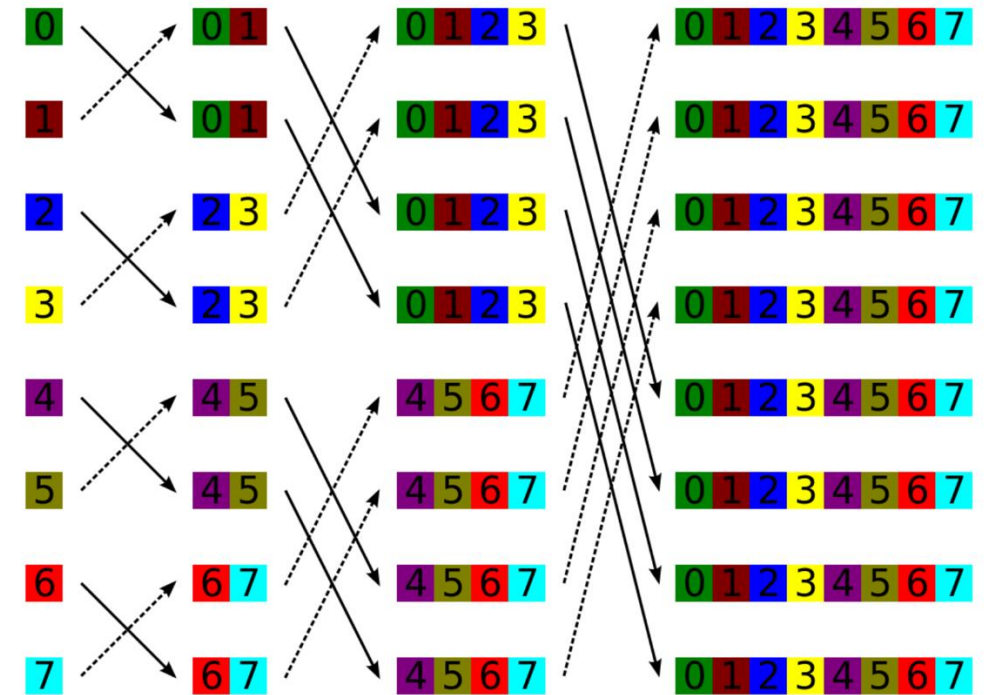
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Butterfly Network



Butterfly AllReduce

- Repeat $\log(N)$ times:
 1. Each worker sends M parameters to its target node in the butterfly network
 2. Each worker aggregates gradients locally
- Overall communication: $N * M * \log(N)$ parameters



Comparing different AllReduce Methods

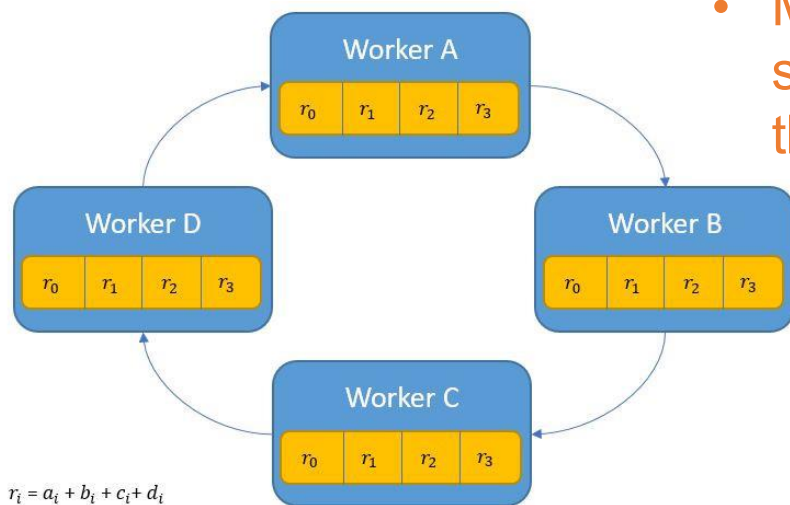
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Overall communication	$2 \times N \times M$	$N^2 \times M$	$2 \times N \times M$	$2 \times N \times M$	$N \times M \times \log N$

Question: Ring AllReduce is more efficient and scalable than Tree AllReduce and Parameter Server, why?

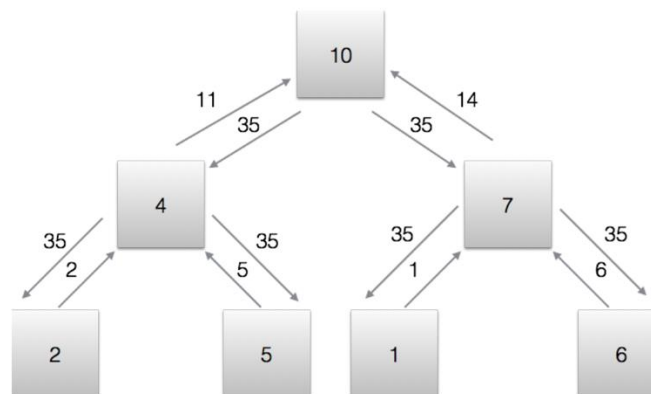
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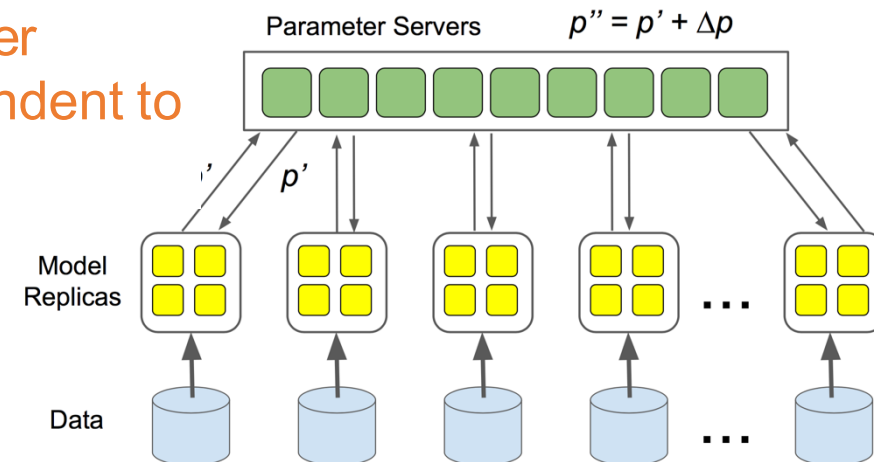
- Best latency
- Balanced workload across workers
- More scalable since each worker sends $2 \cdot M$ parameters (independent to the number of workers)



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Latency: $M/N * (2 \cdot N) / \text{bandwidth}$



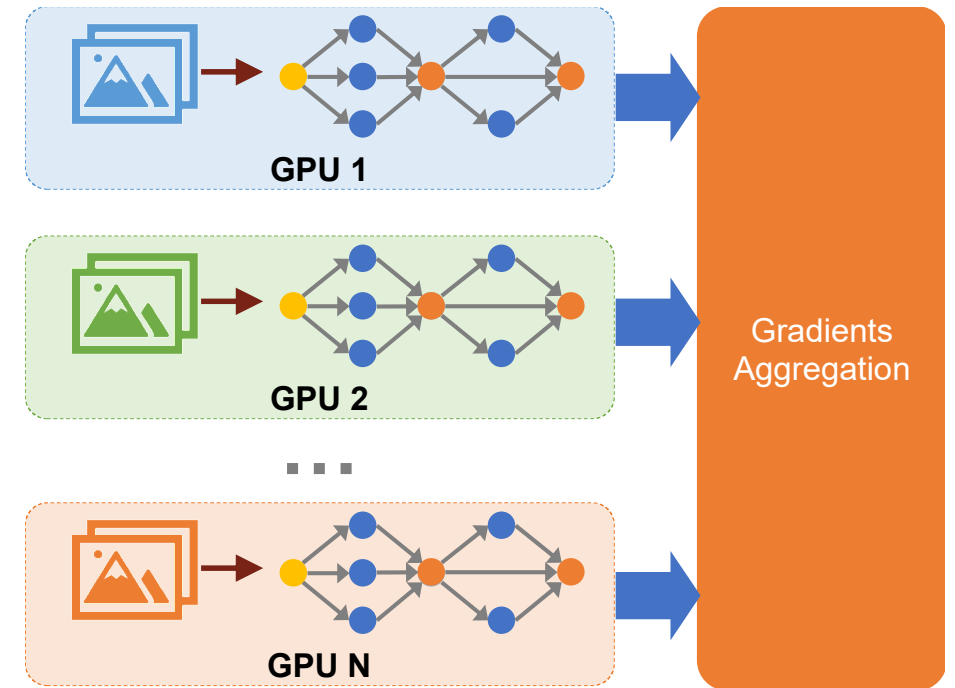
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Latency: $M * 2 * \log(N) / \text{bandwidth}$



All workers send M parameters to parameter servers and receive M parameters from servers
Latency: $M * N / \text{bandwidth}$

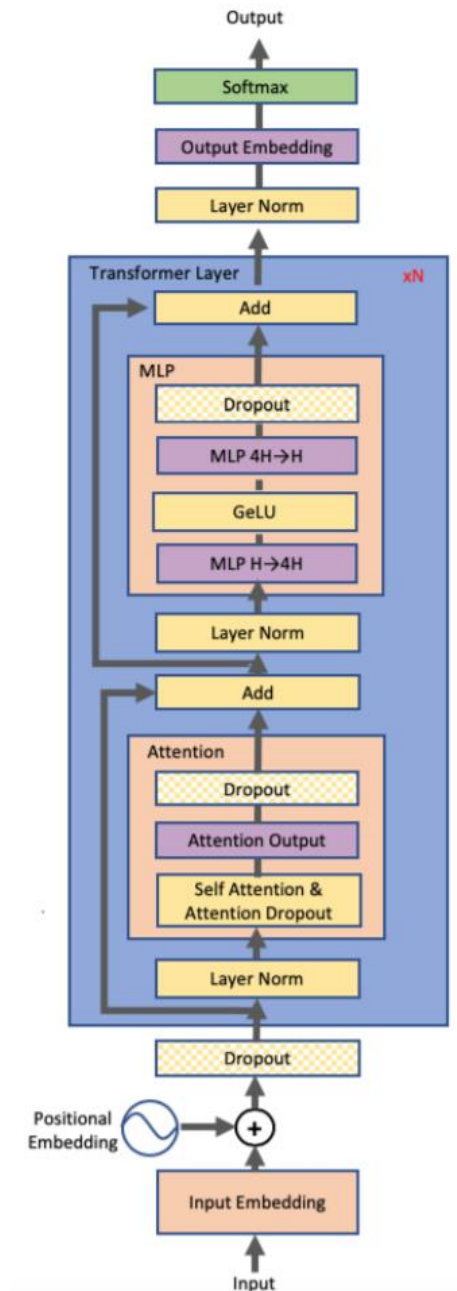
An Issue with Data Parallelism

- Each GPU saves a replica of the entire model
- Cannot train large models that exceed GPU device memory



Large Model Training Challenges

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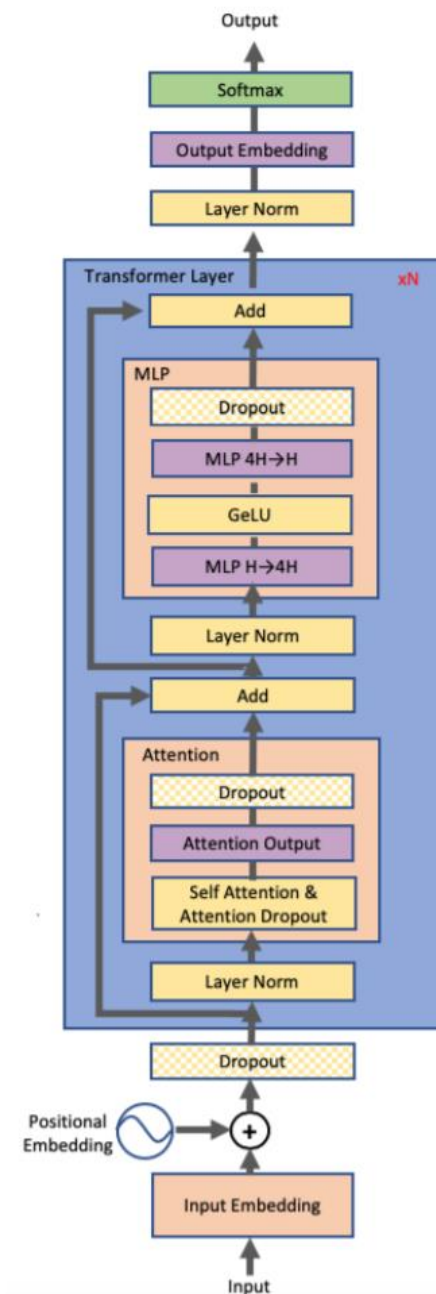


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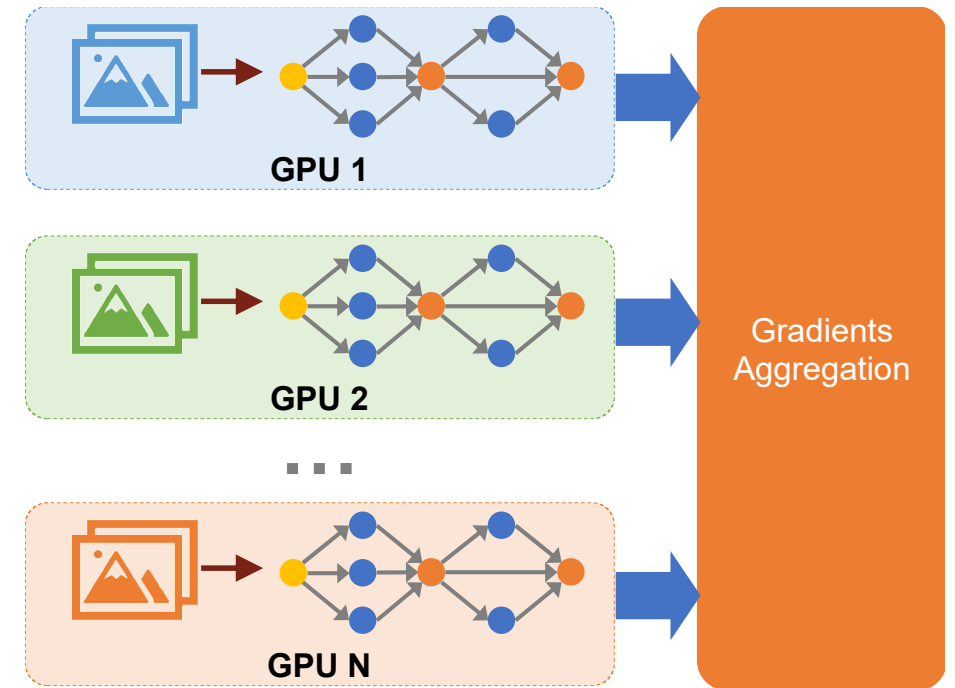
NVIDIA V100 GPU memory capacity: 16G/32G
 NVIDIA A100 GPU memory capacity: 40G/80G

Out of Memory



ZeRO: Zero Redundancy Optimizer

- Eliminating data redundancy in data parallel training
- A widely used technique for data parallel training of large models



Revisit: Stochastic Gradient Descent

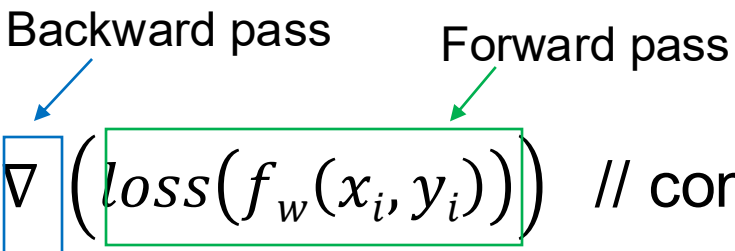
For t = 1 to T

Backward pass Forward pass

$\Delta w = \eta \times \frac{1}{b} \sum_{i=1}^b \nabla \left(\text{loss}(f_w(x_i, y_i)) \right)$ // compute derivative and update

w -= Δw // apply update

End



The diagram illustrates the components of the stochastic gradient descent formula. A blue box highlights the gradient operator ∇ , with a blue arrow pointing to it from the label 'Backward pass' above. A green box highlights the loss function $\text{loss}(f_w(x_i, y_i))$, with a green arrow pointing to it from the label 'Forward pass' above.

Adaptive Learning Rates (Adam)

For $t = 1$ to T

$$g = \frac{1}{b} \sum_{i=1}^b \nabla \left(\text{loss}(f_w(x_i, y_i)) \right)$$

$$\Delta w = \text{adam}(g)$$

$w \leftarrow w + \Delta w$ // apply update

End

$$\nu_t = \beta_1 * \nu_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) * g_t$$

$$s_t = \beta_2 * s_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) * g_t^2$$

$$\Delta \omega_t = -\eta \frac{\nu_t}{\sqrt{s_t} + \epsilon} * g_t$$

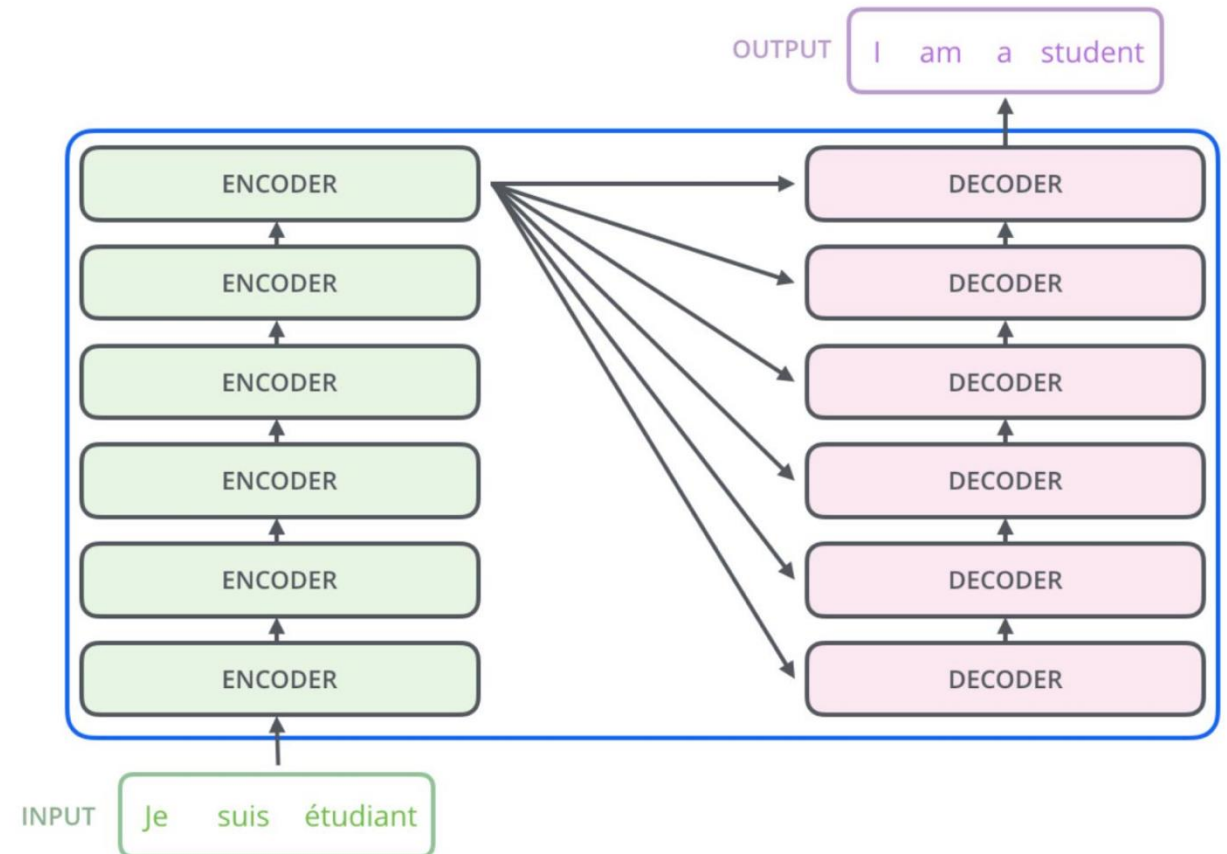
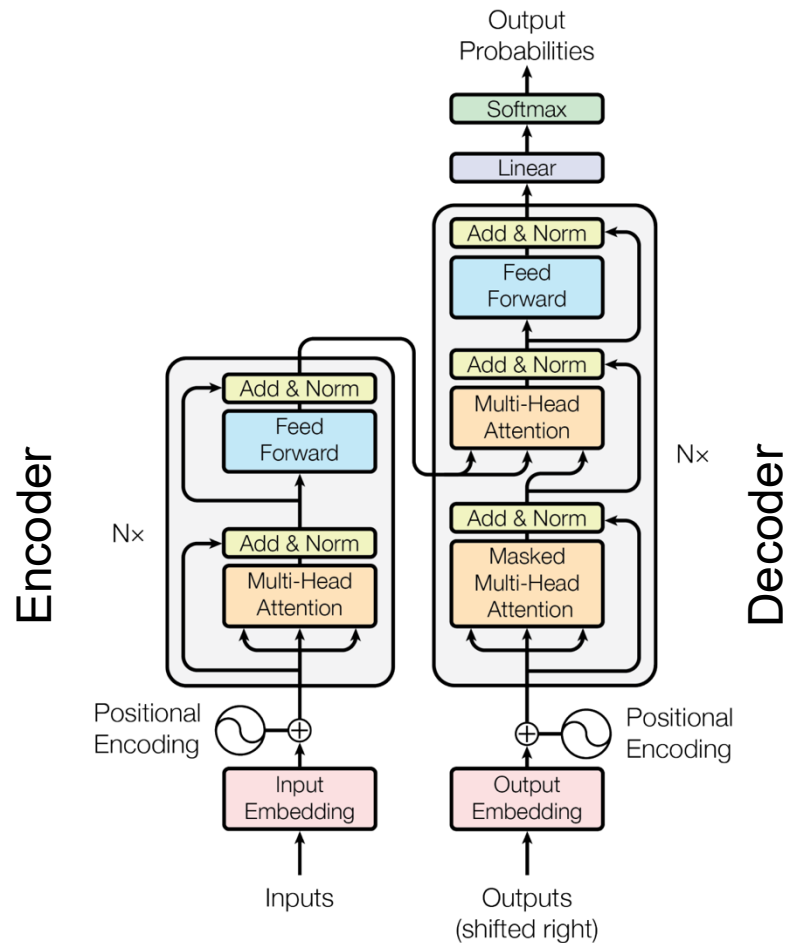
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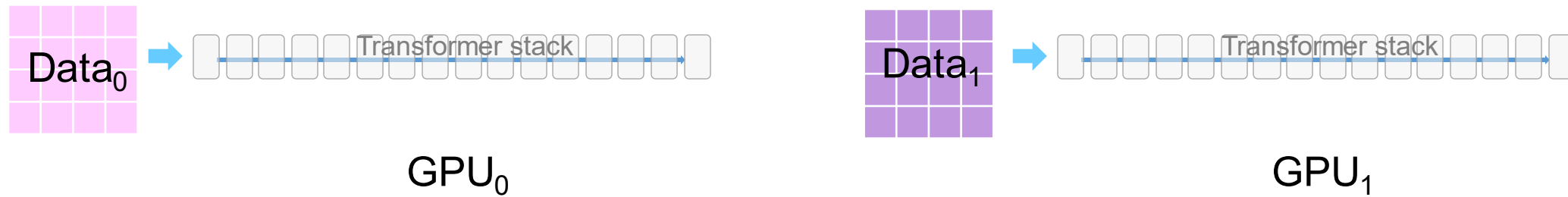
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β_1, β_2 : Hyperparameters

Transformer for Language Models

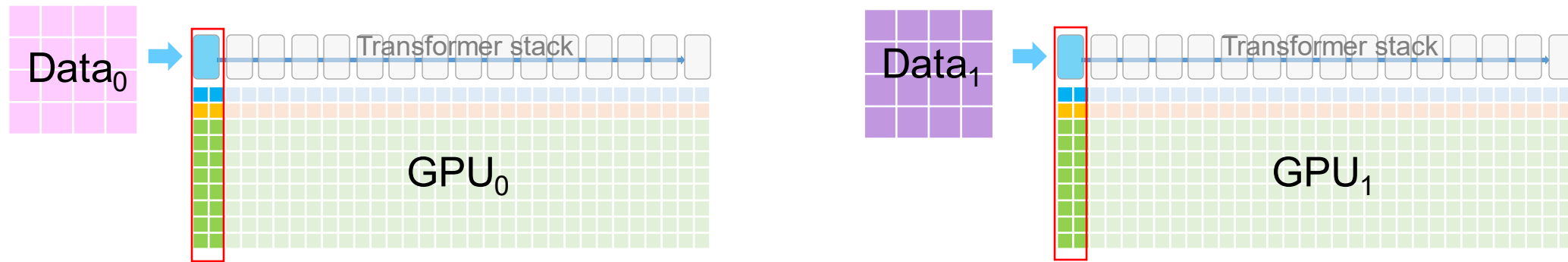


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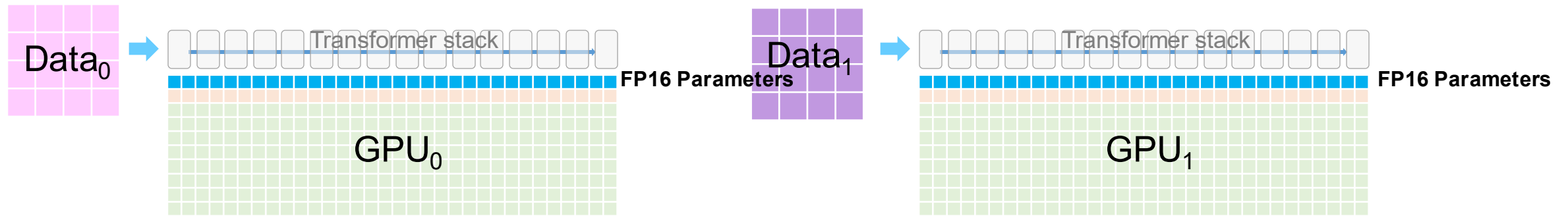
A 16-layer transformer model  = 1 layer

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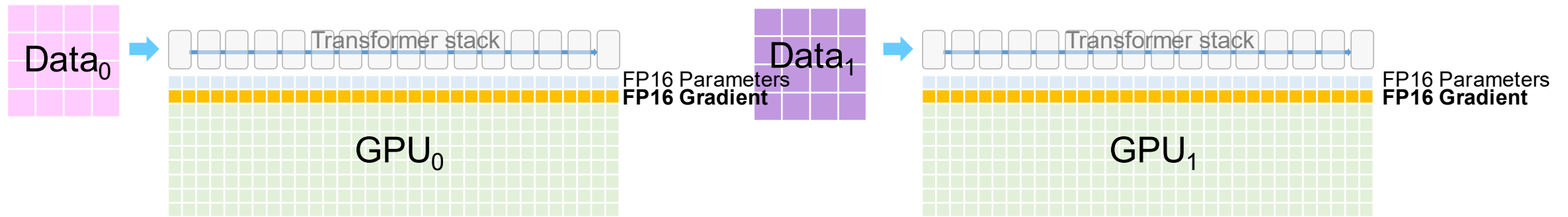
Each cell  represents GPU memory used by its corresponding transformer layer 

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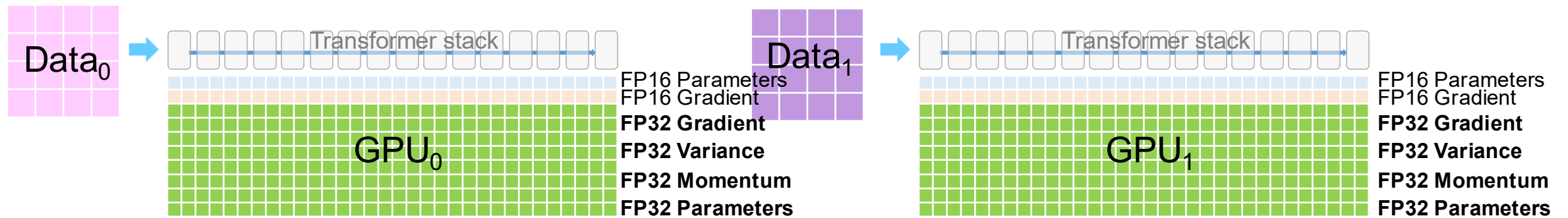
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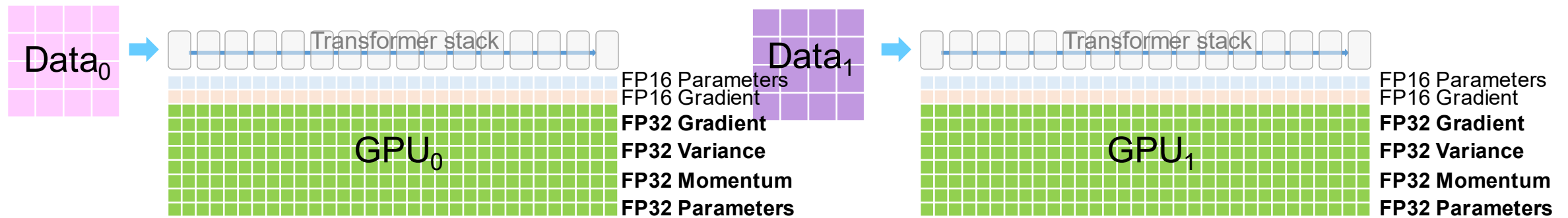
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Understanding Memory Consumption



- FP16 parameter : **2M bytes**
- FP16 Gradients : **2M bytes**
- FP32 Optimizer States : **16M bytes**
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Example 1B parameter model ->
20GB/GPU

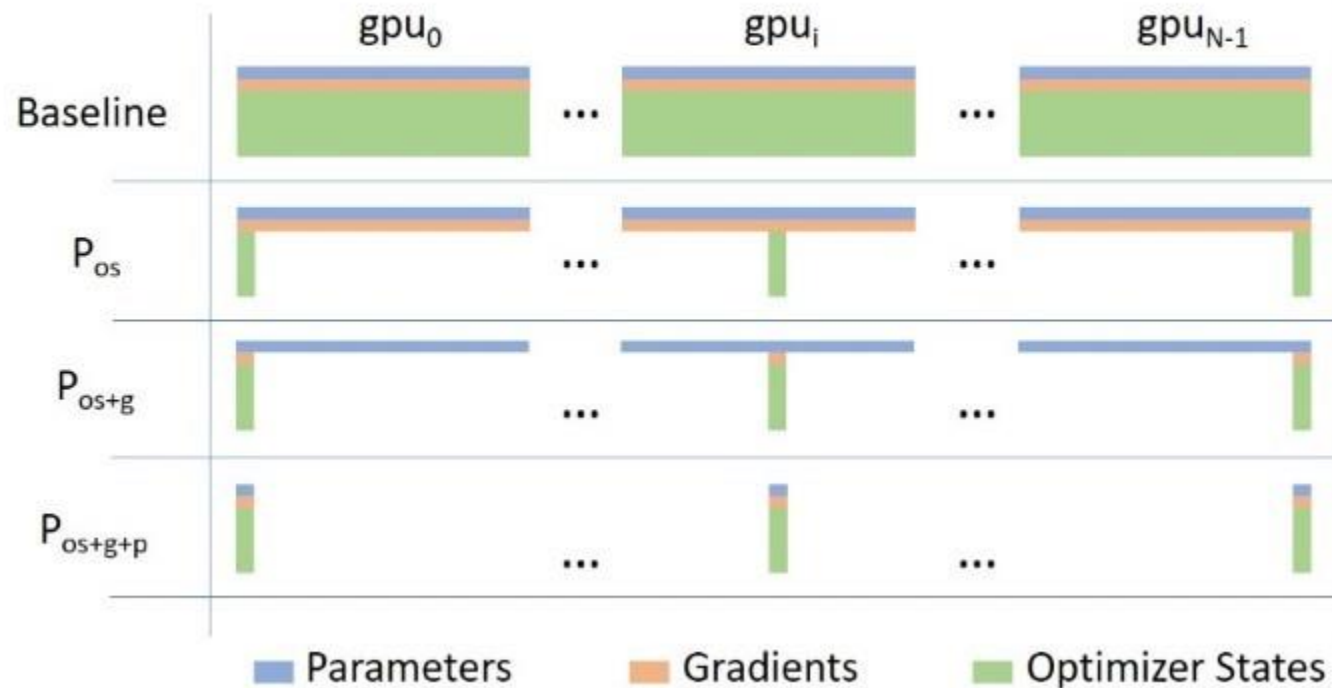
Memory consumption doesn't include:

- Input batch + activations

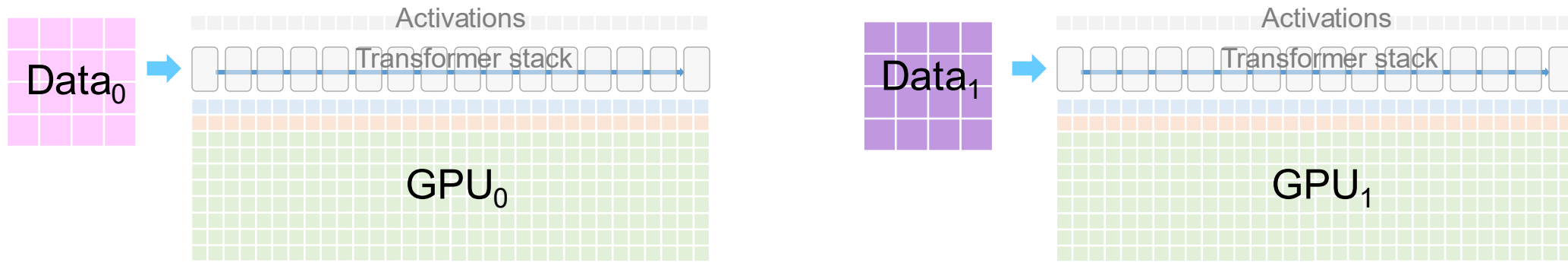
M = number of parameters in the model

ZeRO-DP: ZeRO powered Data Parallelism

- ZeRO removes the redundancy across data parallel process
- Stage 1: partitioning optimizer states
- Stage 2: partitioning gradients
- Stage 3: partitioning parameters

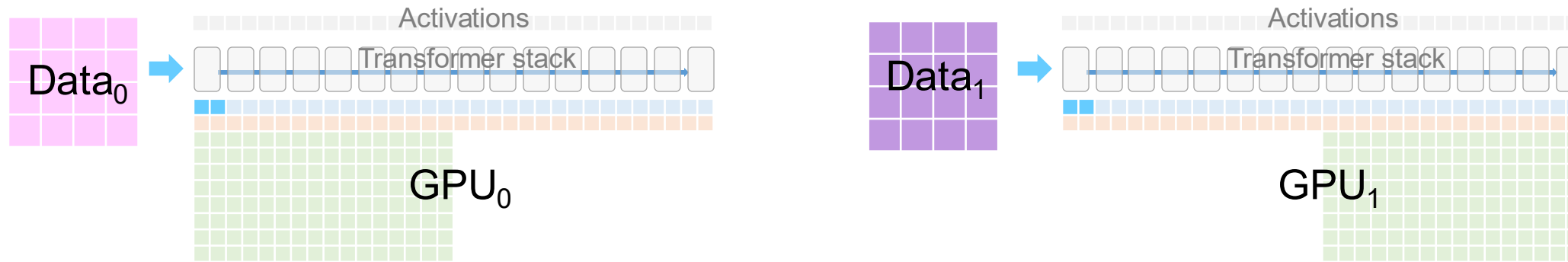


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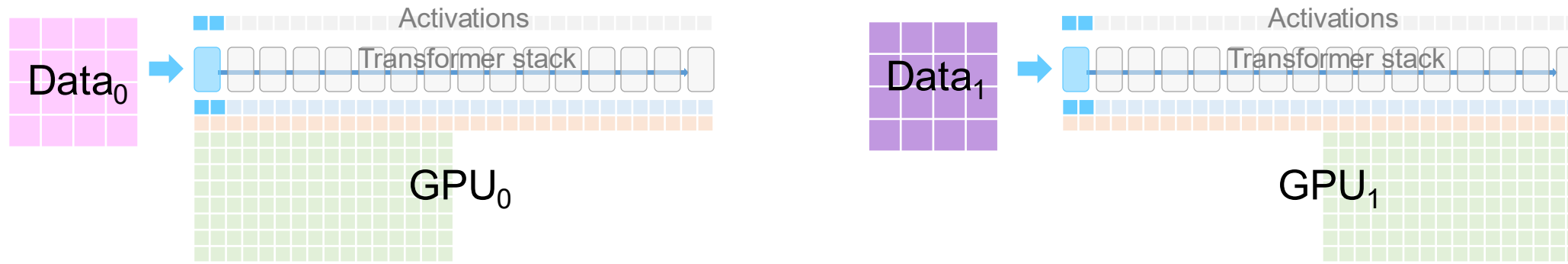
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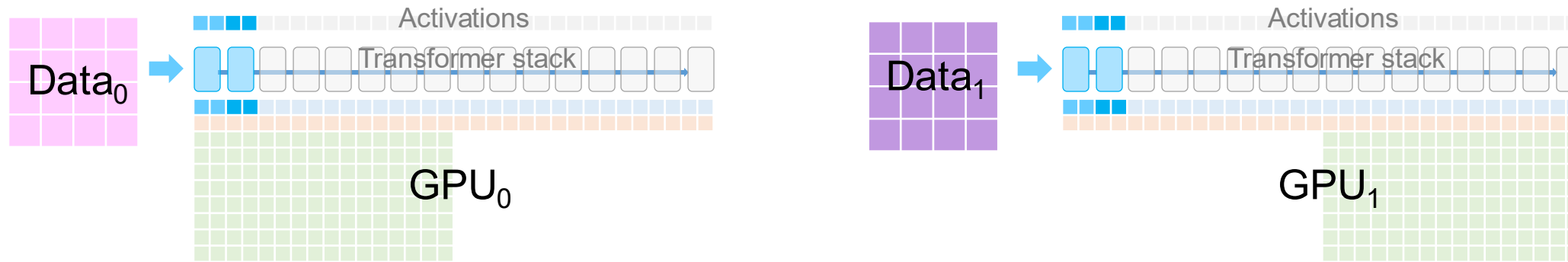
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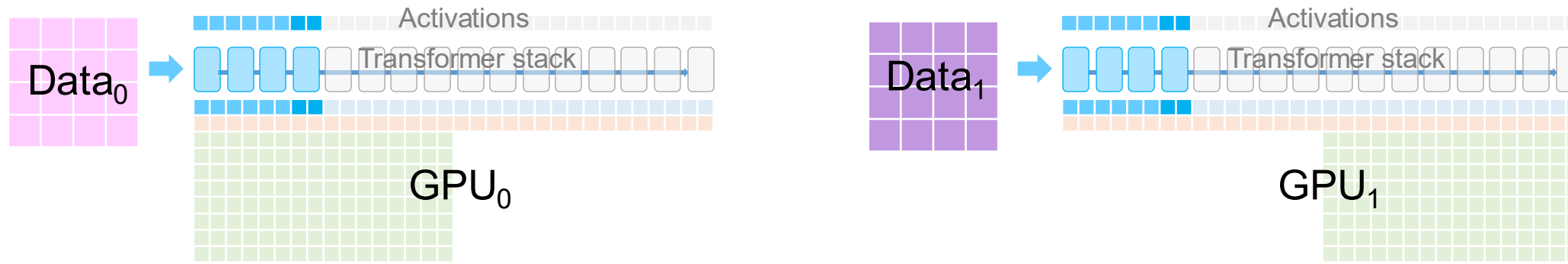
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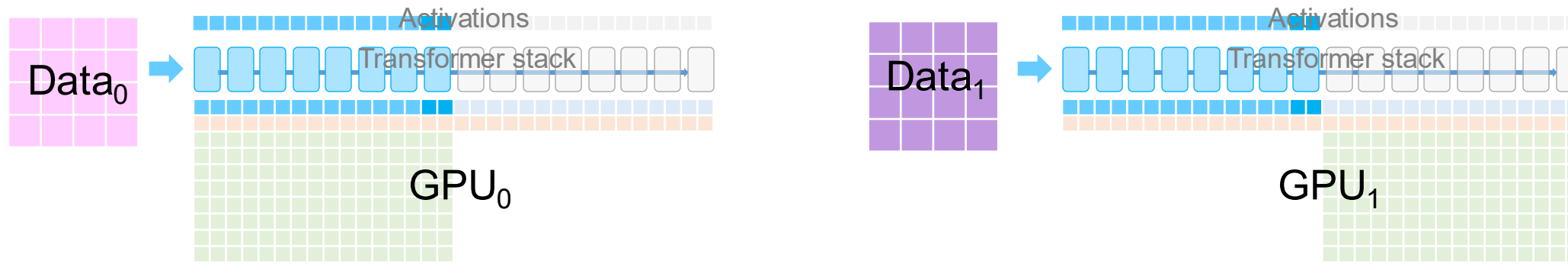
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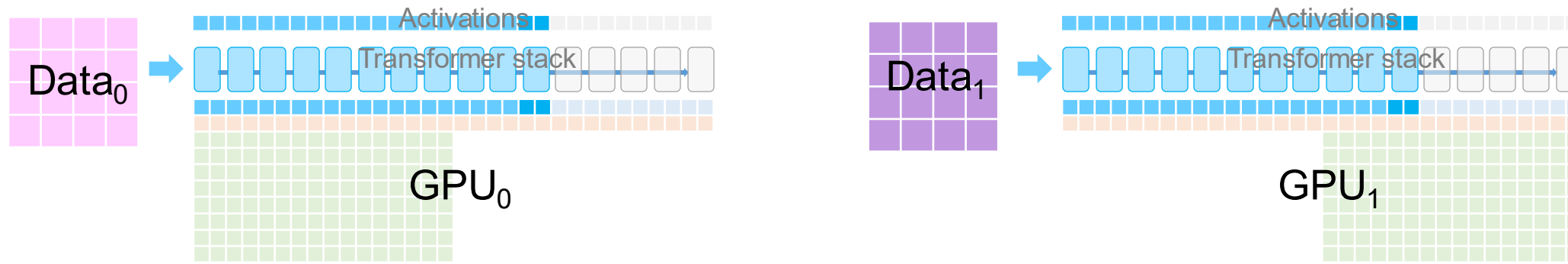
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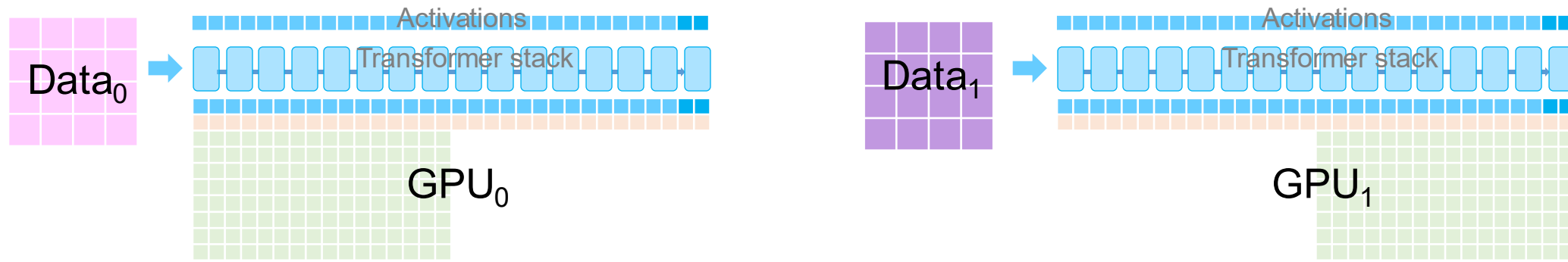
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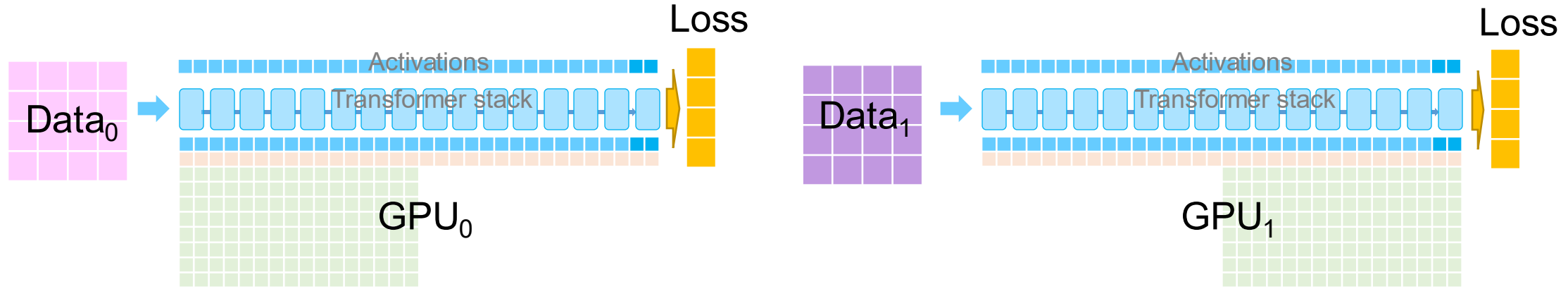
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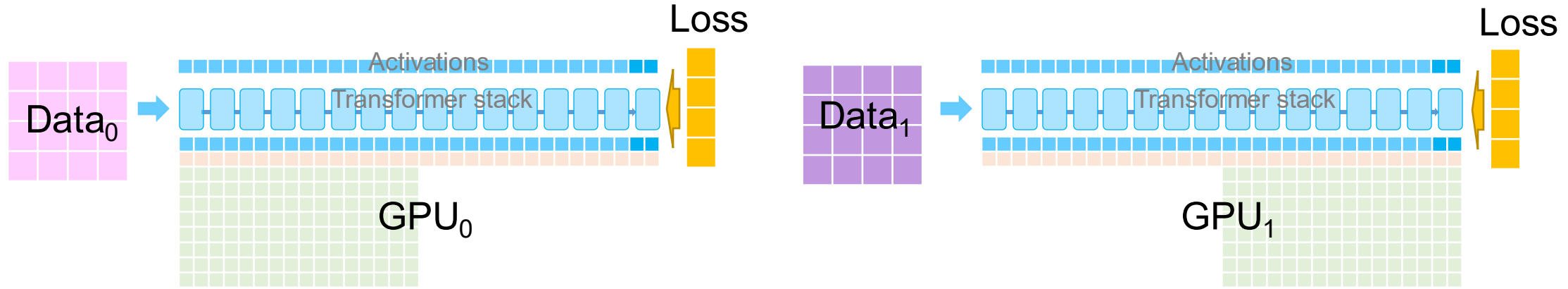
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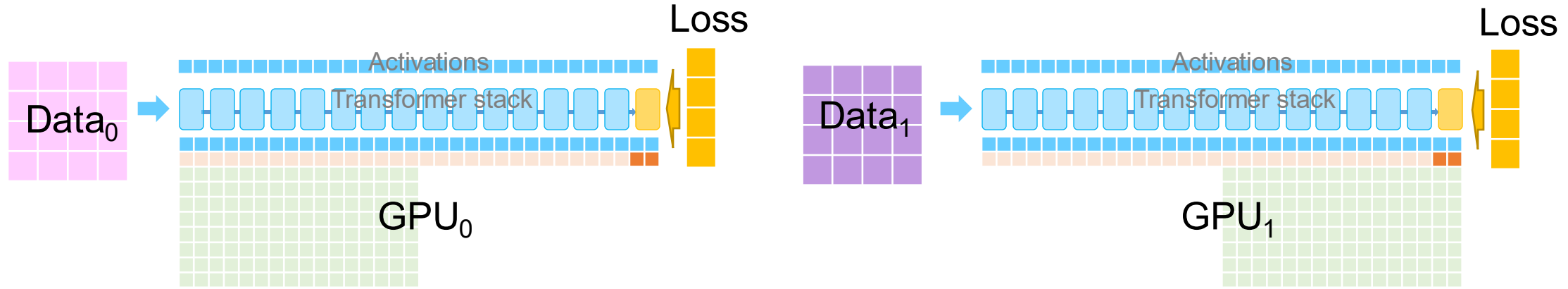
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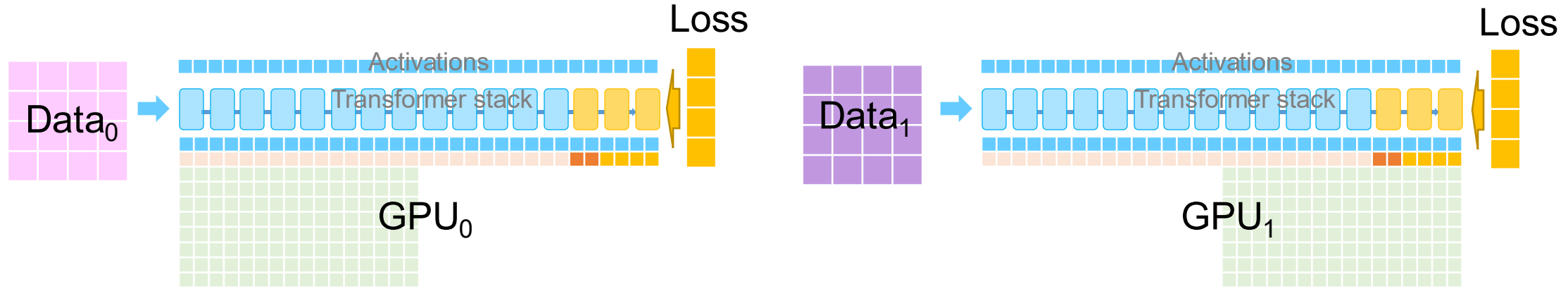
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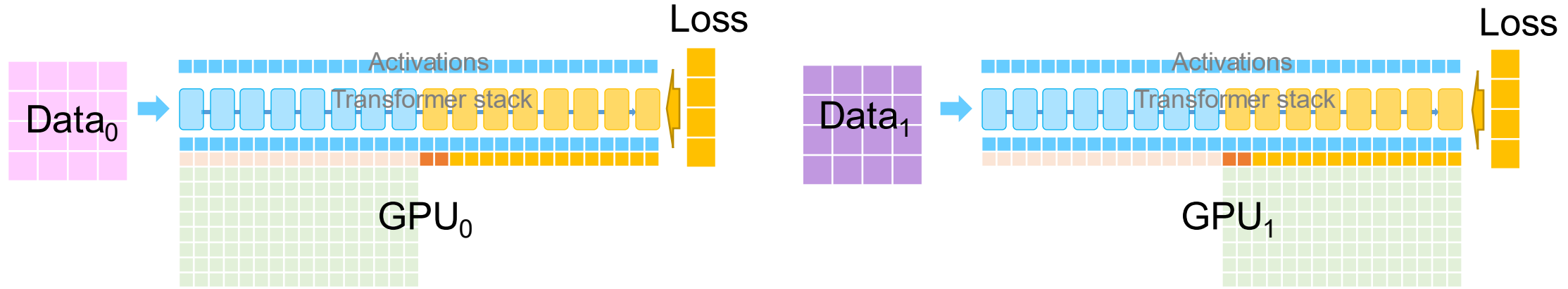
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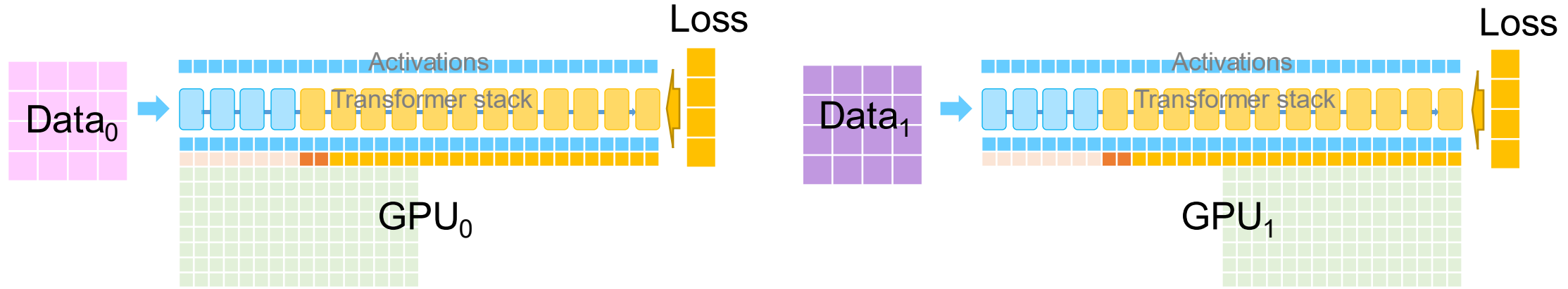
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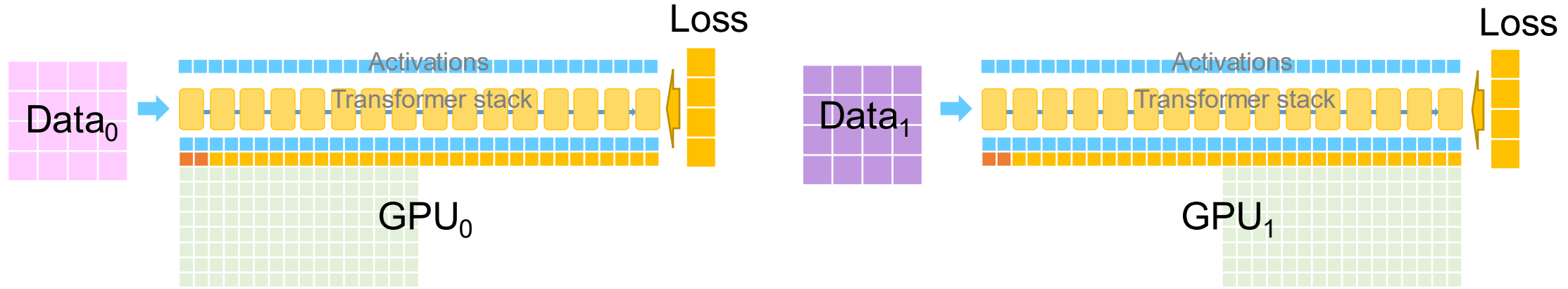
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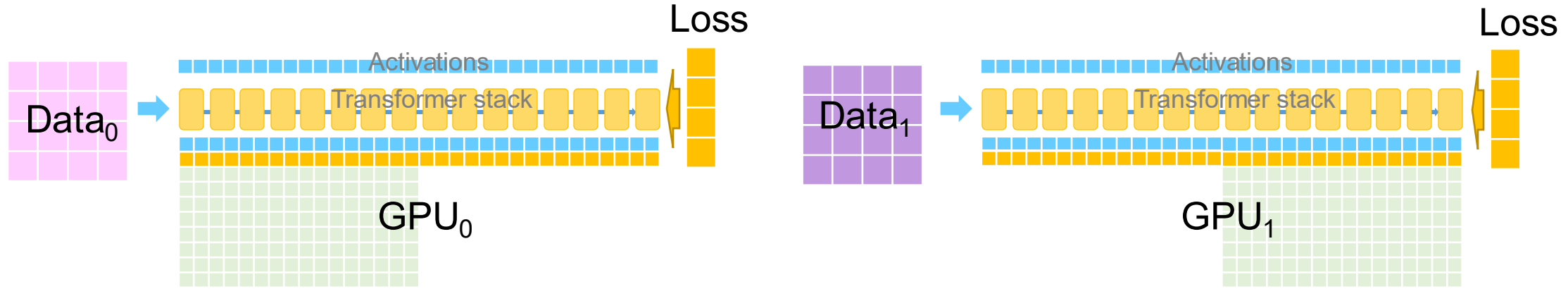
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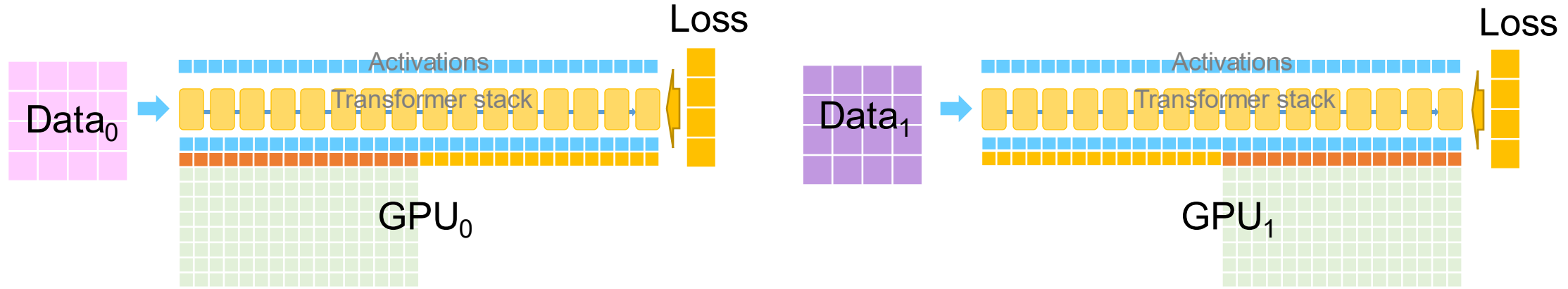
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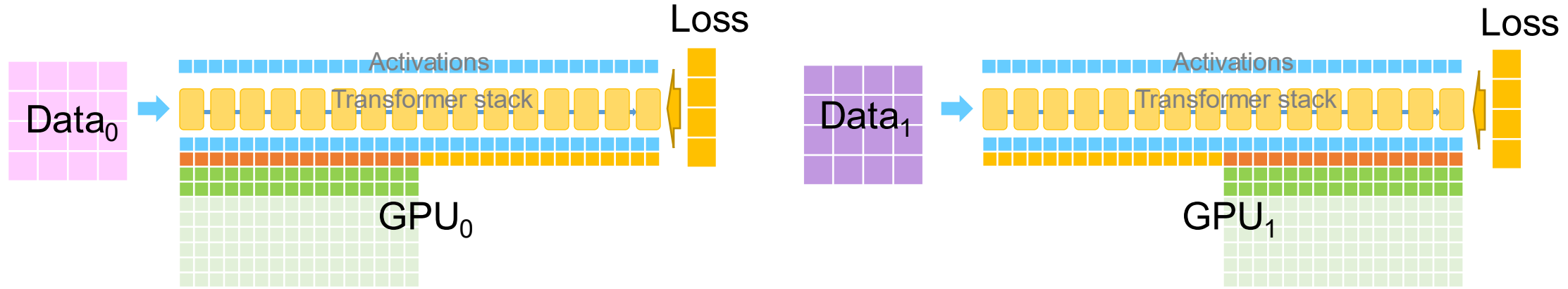
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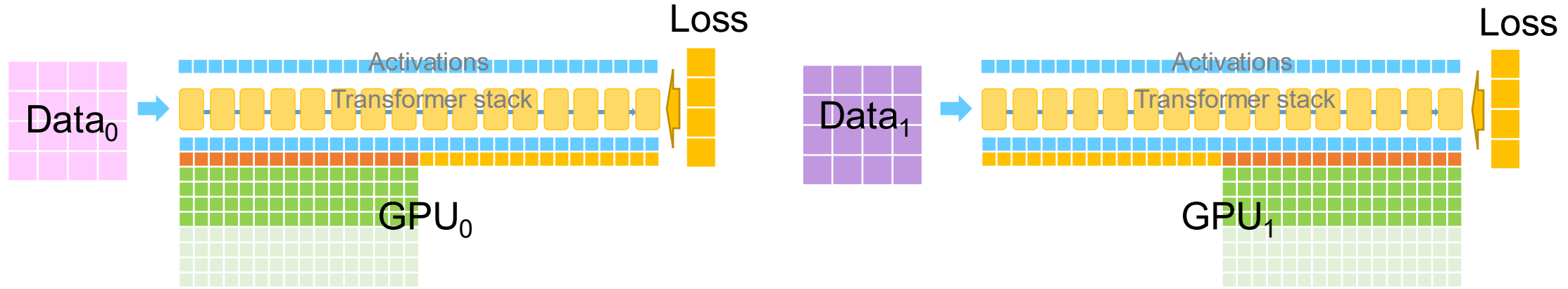
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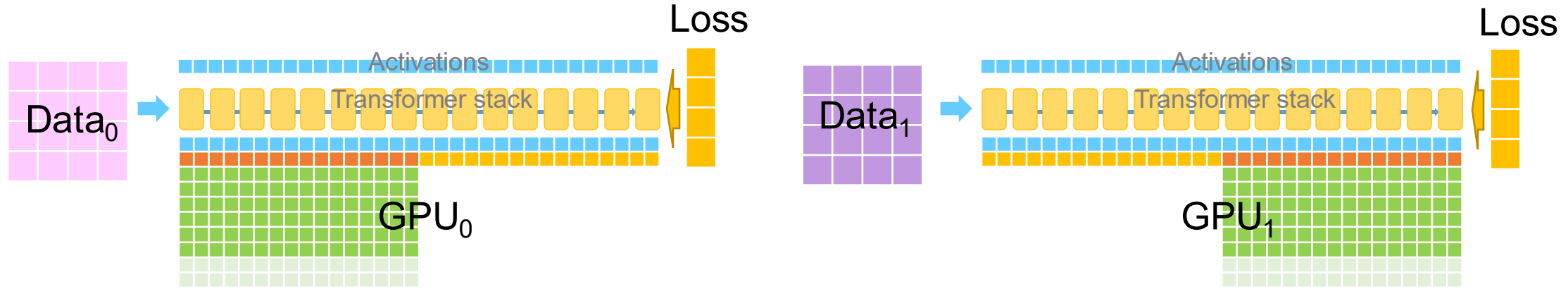
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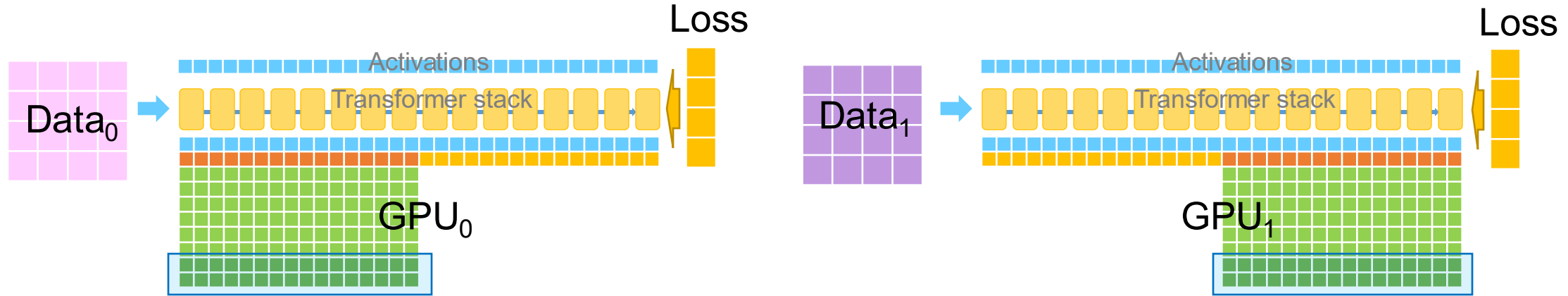
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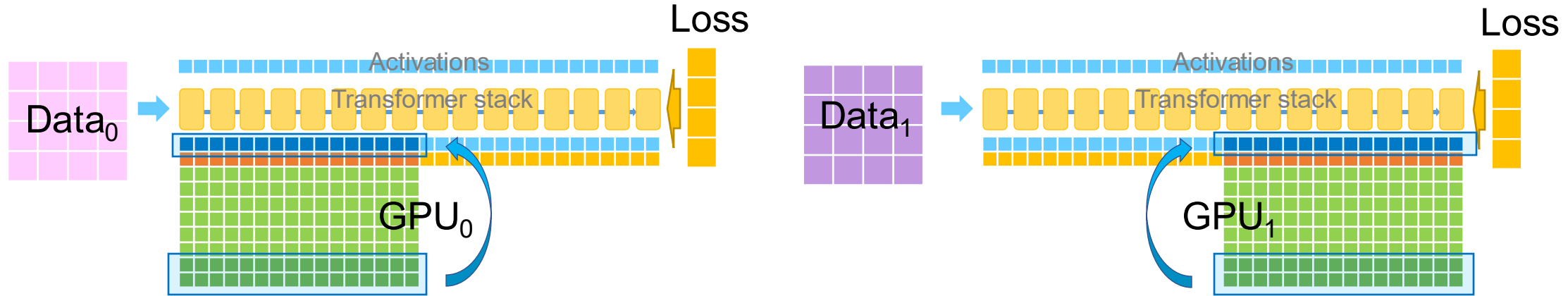
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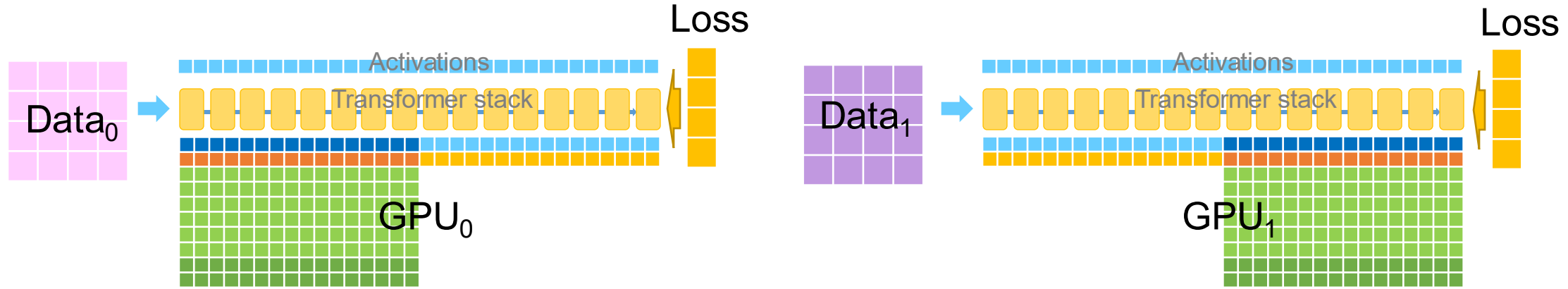
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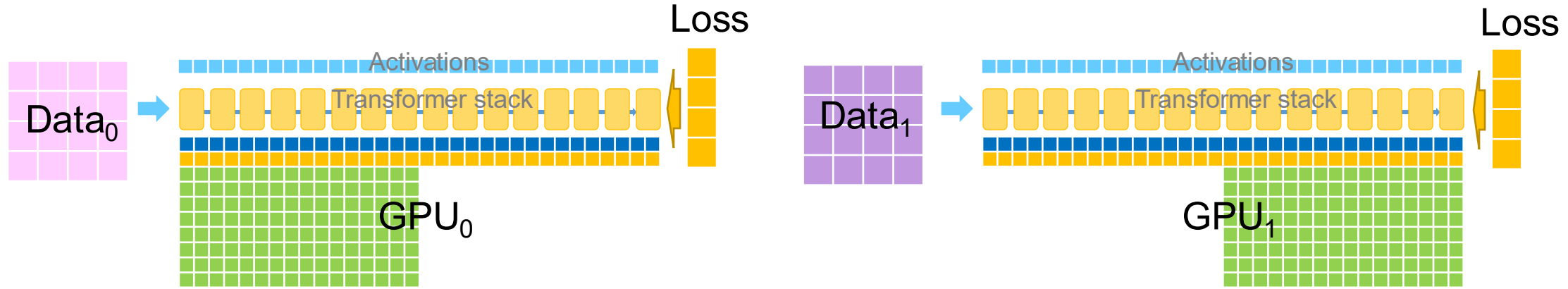
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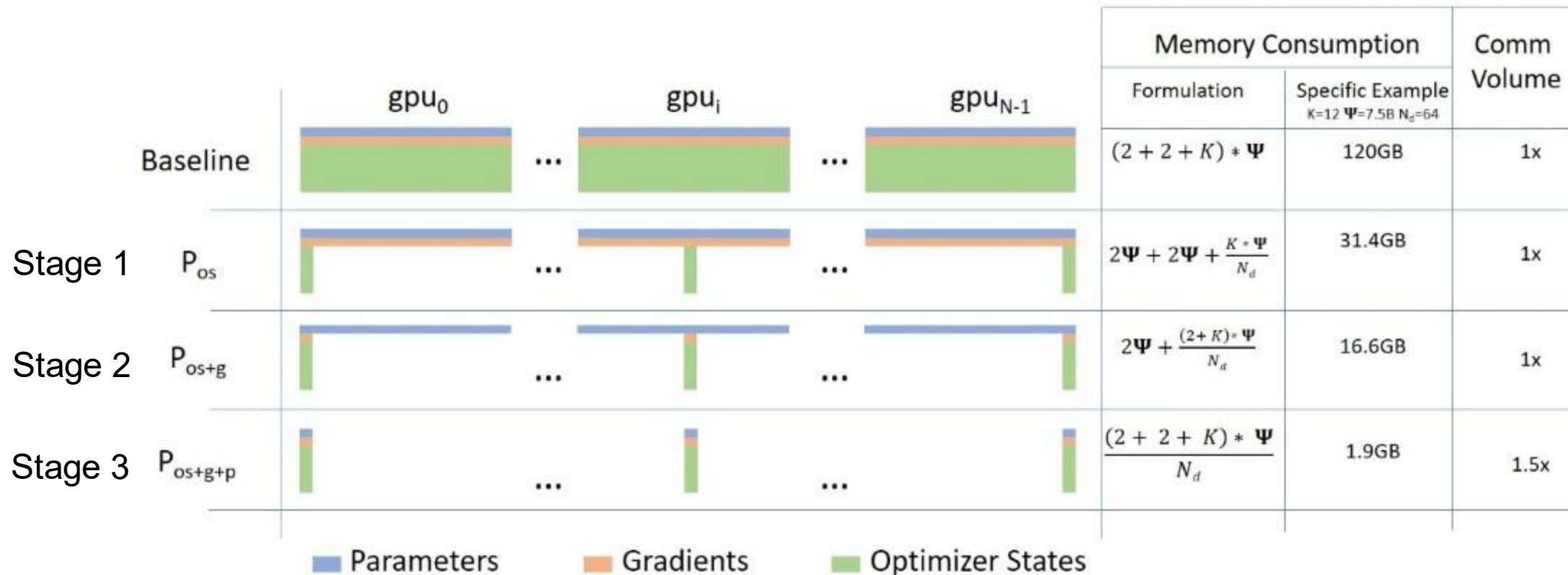
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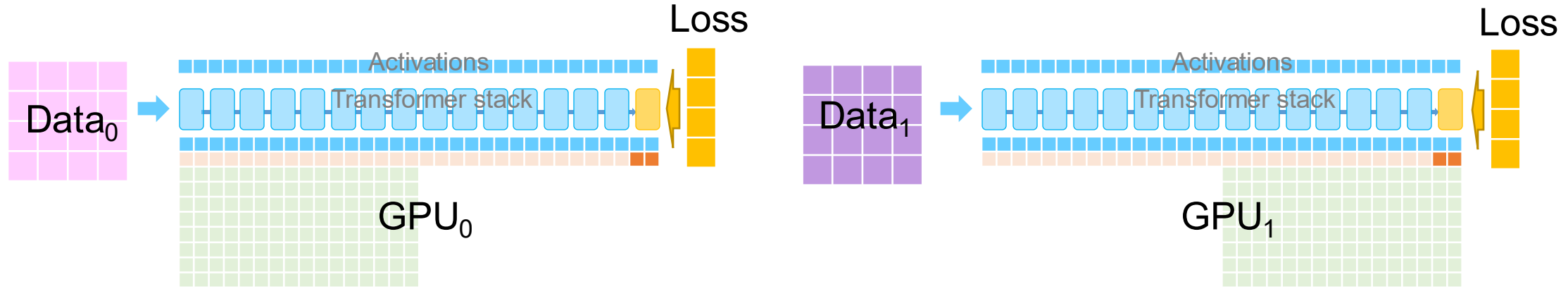
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- Progressive memory savings and communication volume
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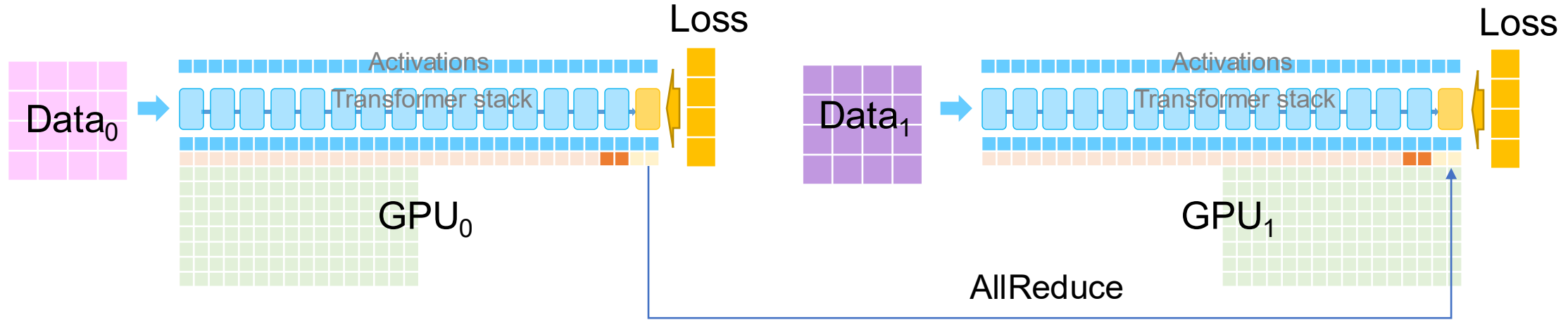


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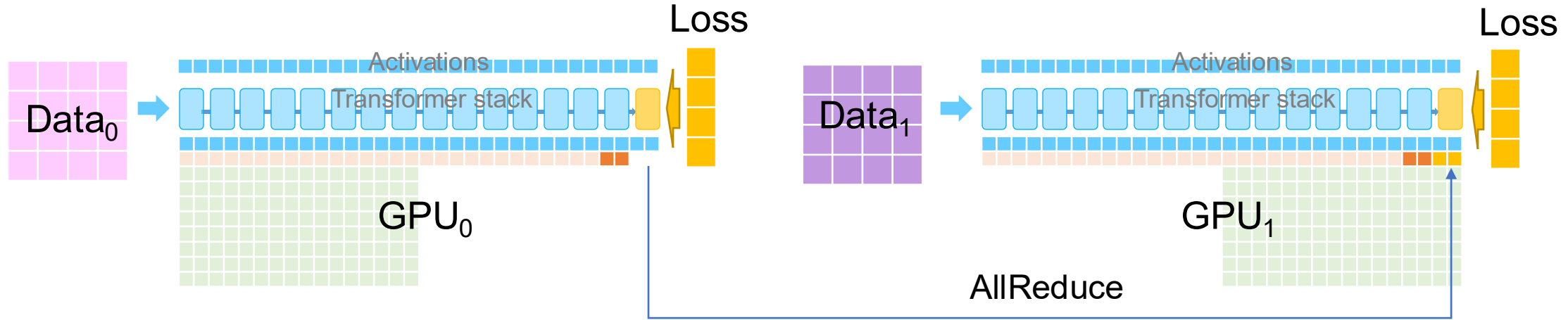
- Partitioning gradients across GPUs
- The forward process remains the same as stage 1

ZeRO Stage 2: Partitioning Gradients



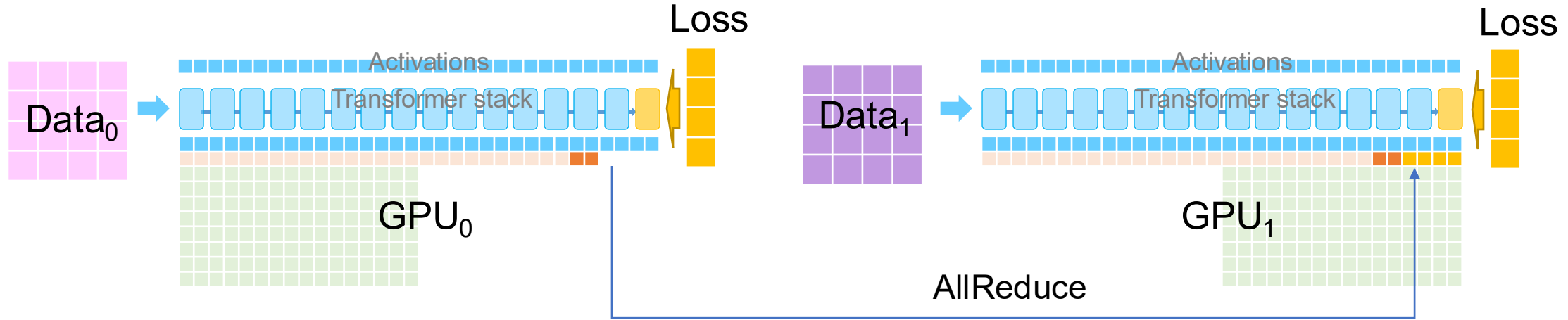
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ZeRO Stage 2: Partitioning Gradients



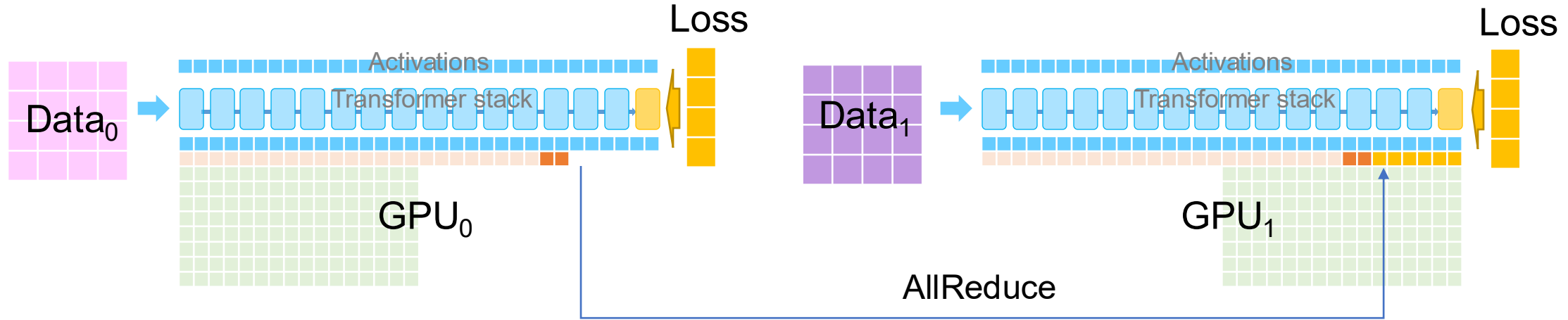
- Partitioning gradients across GPUs
- Only one GPU keeps the gradients after AllReduce

ZeRO Stage 2: Partitioning Gradients



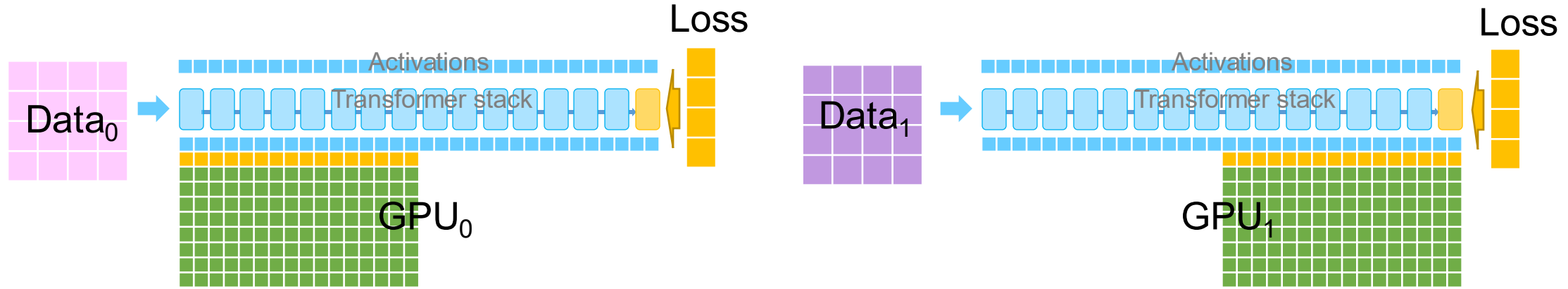
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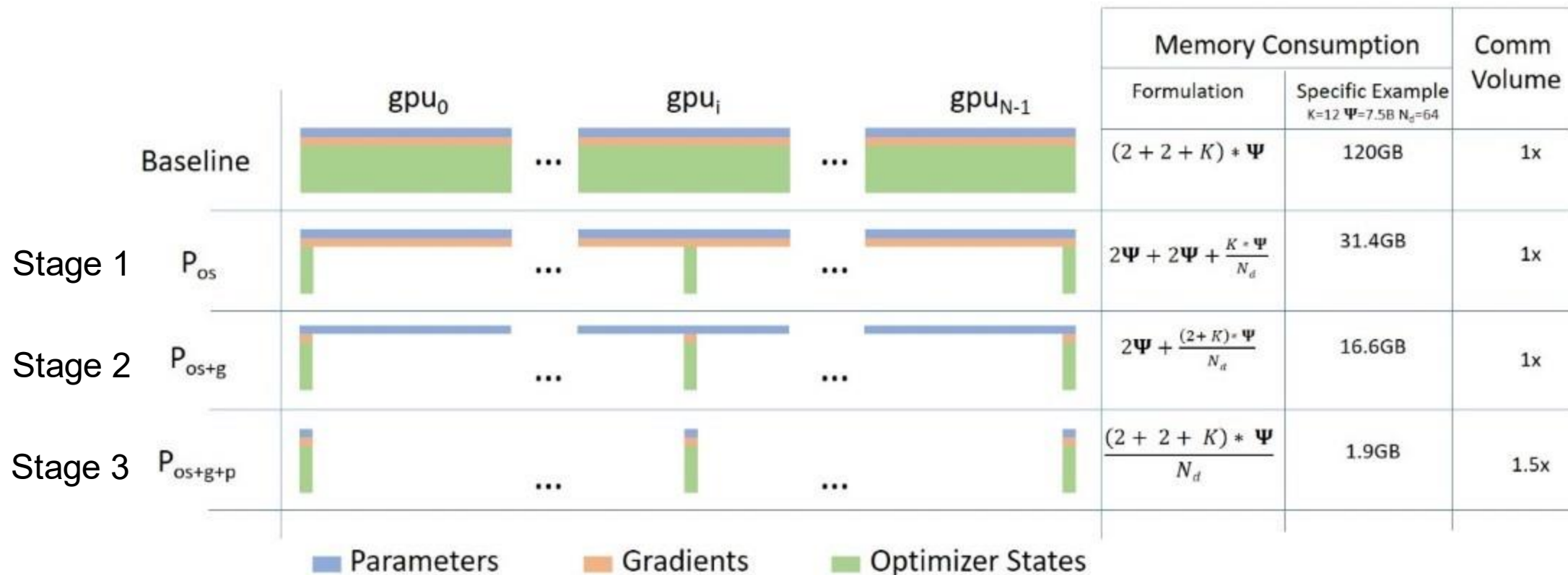
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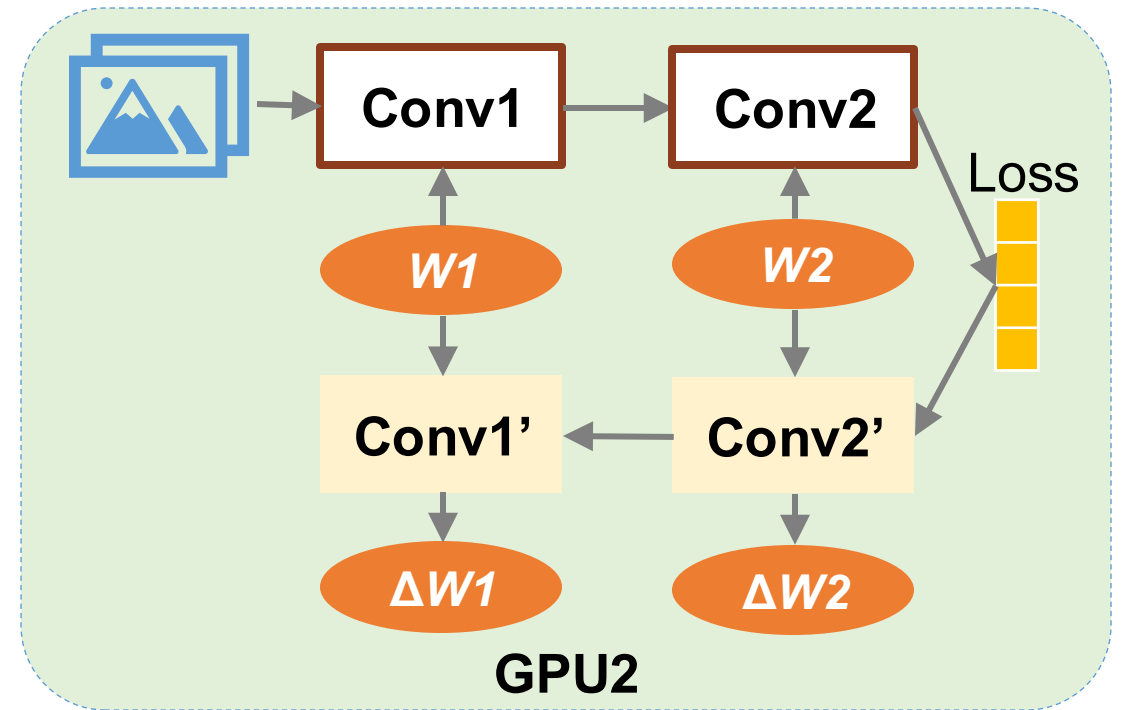
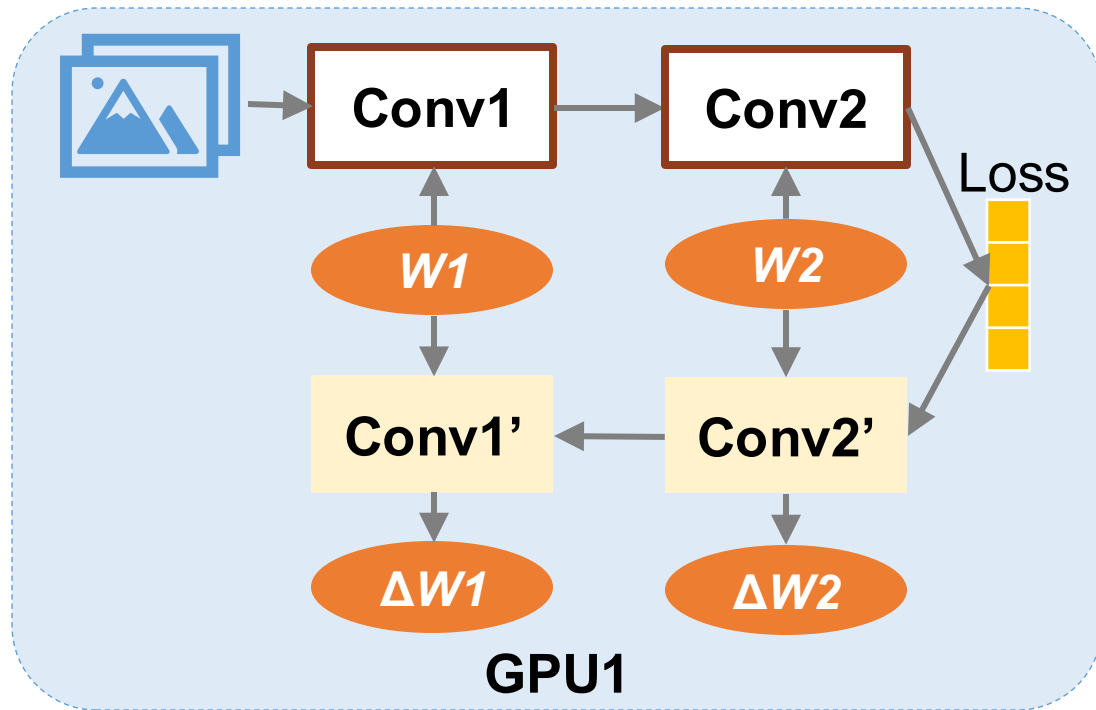
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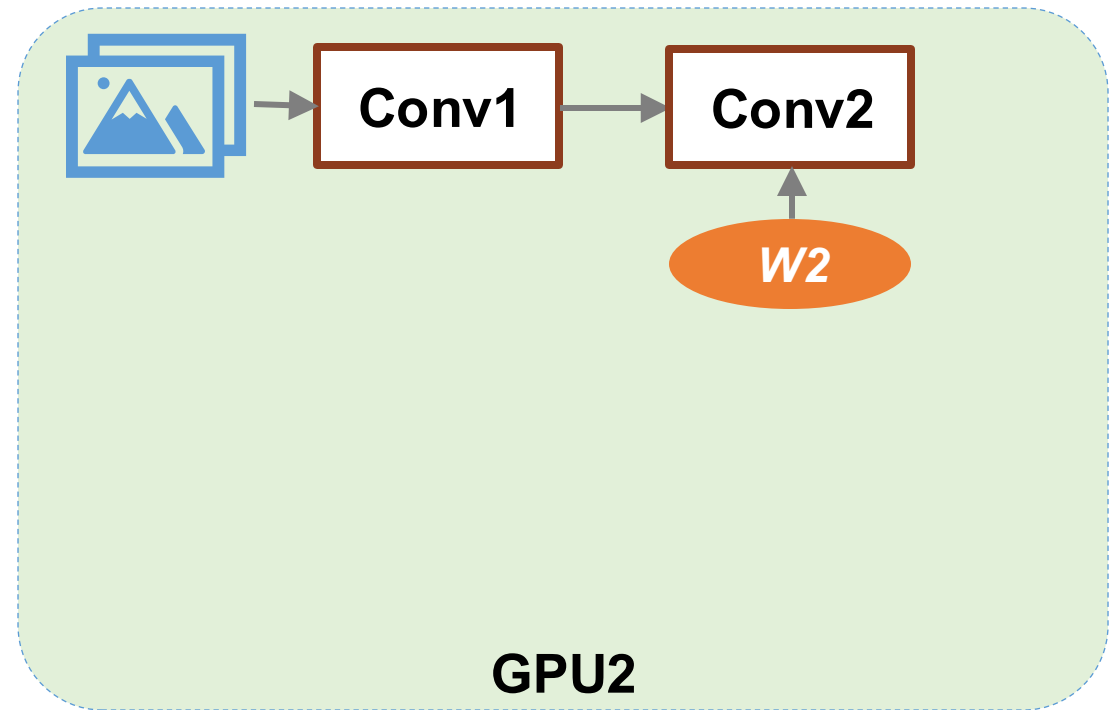
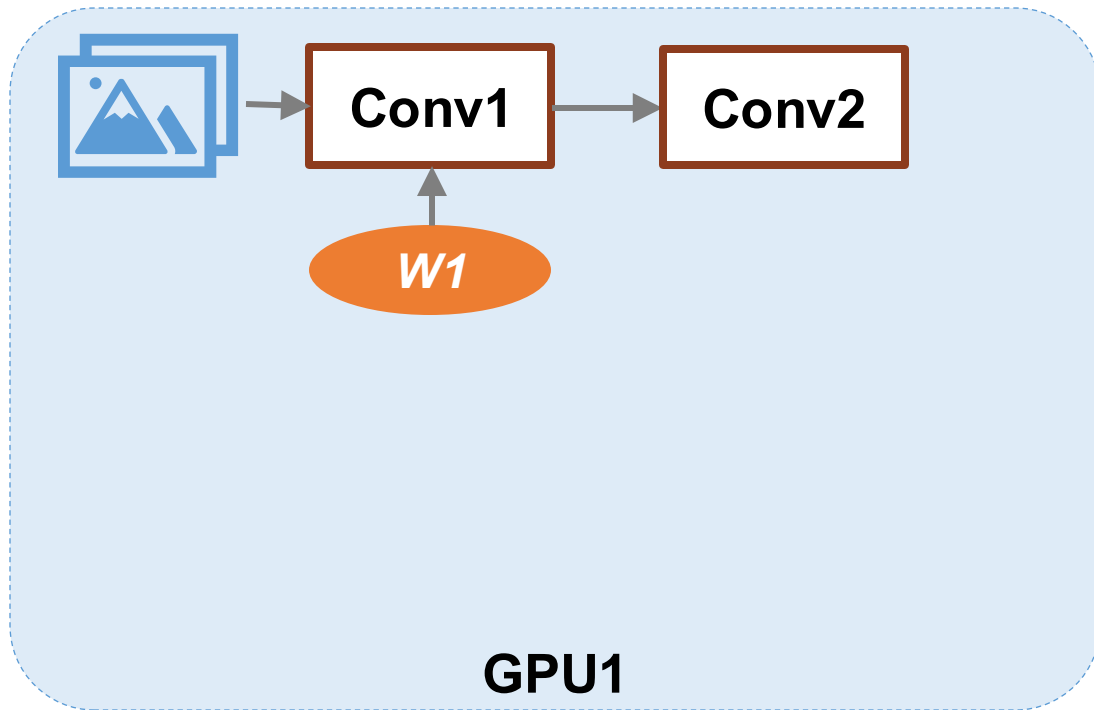
ZeRO Stage 3: Partitioning Parameters

- In data parallel training, all GPUs keep all parameters during training



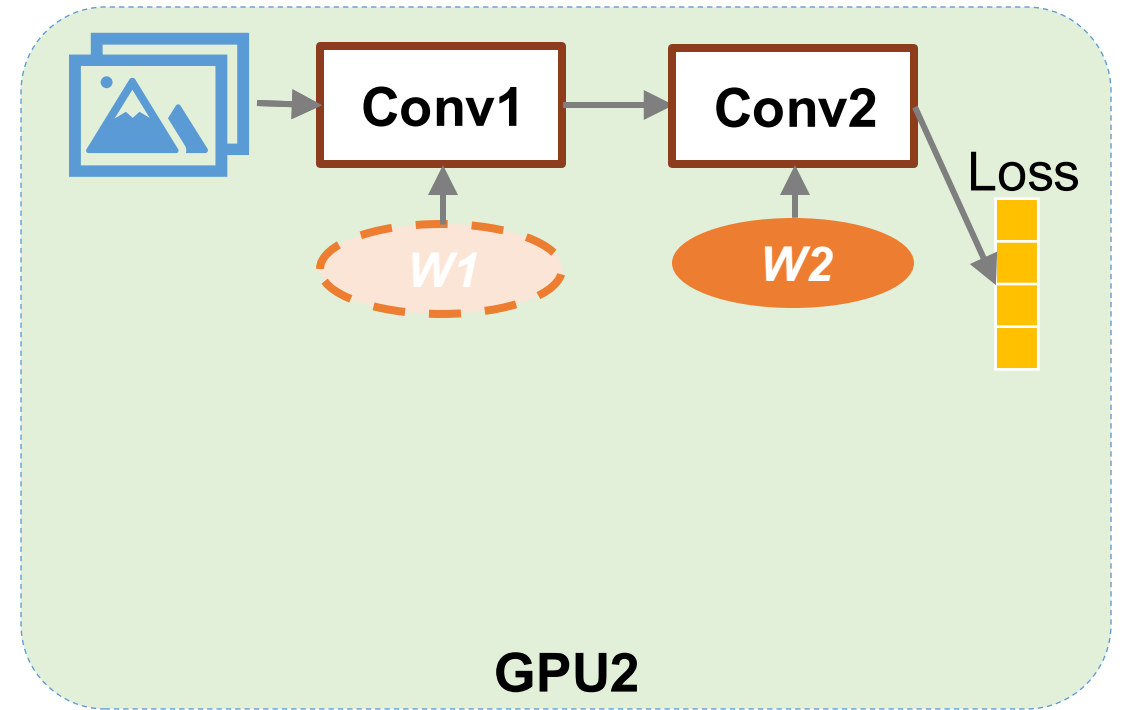
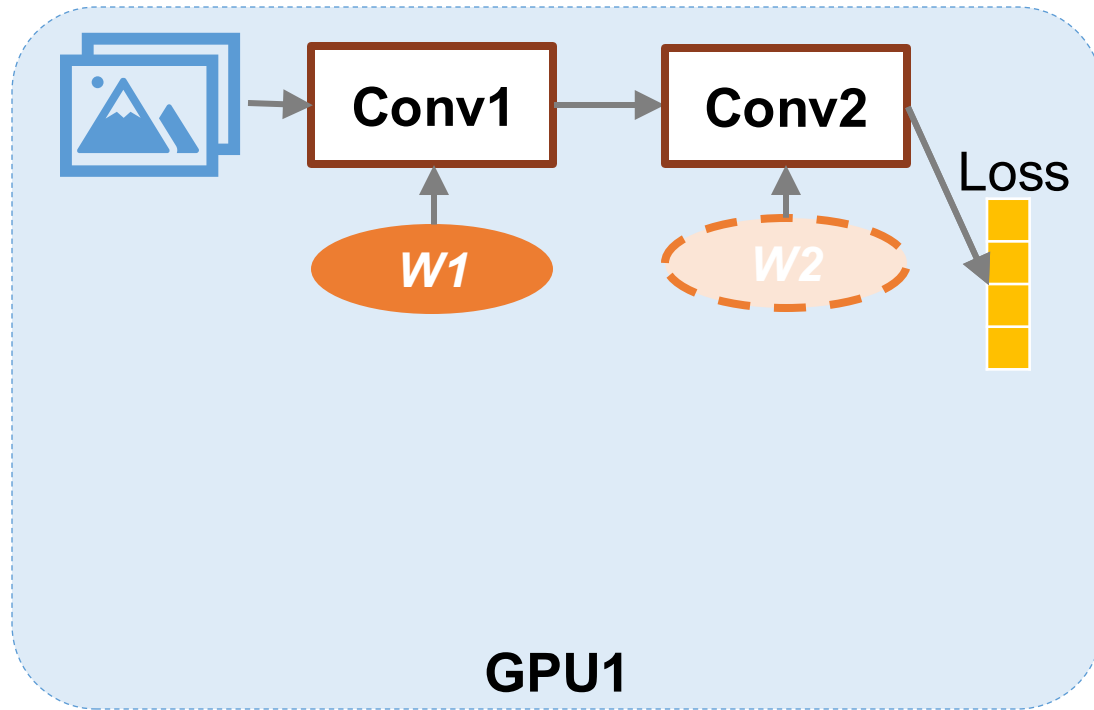
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- In ZeRO, model parameters are partitioned across GPUs



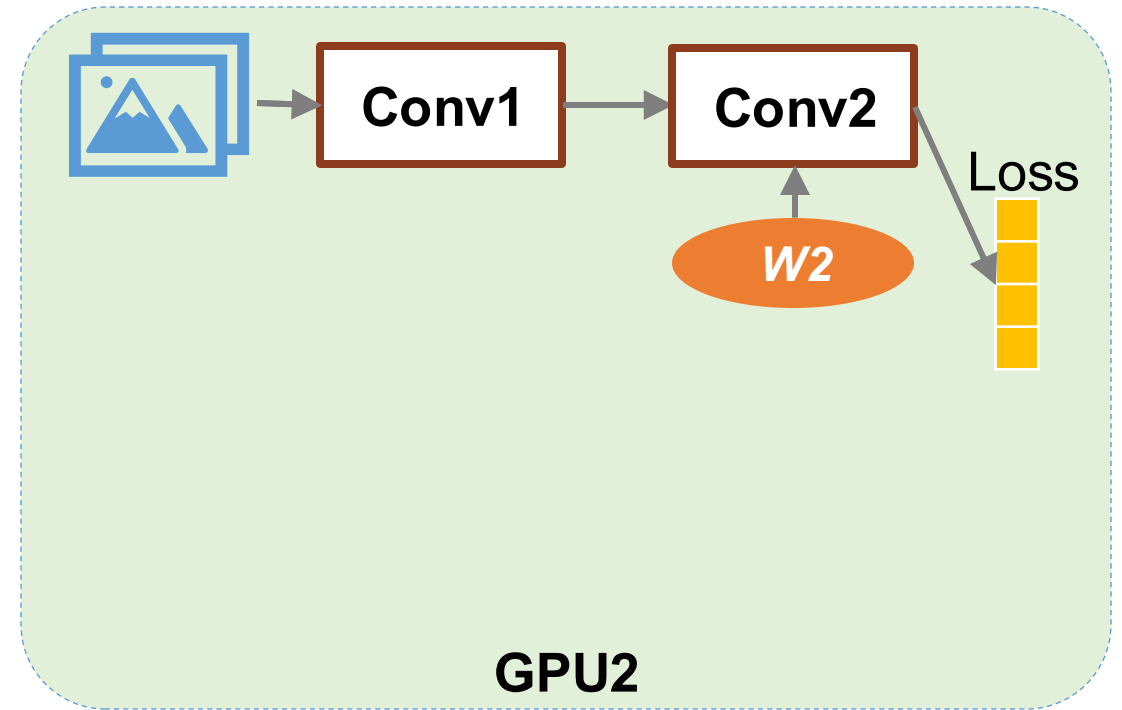
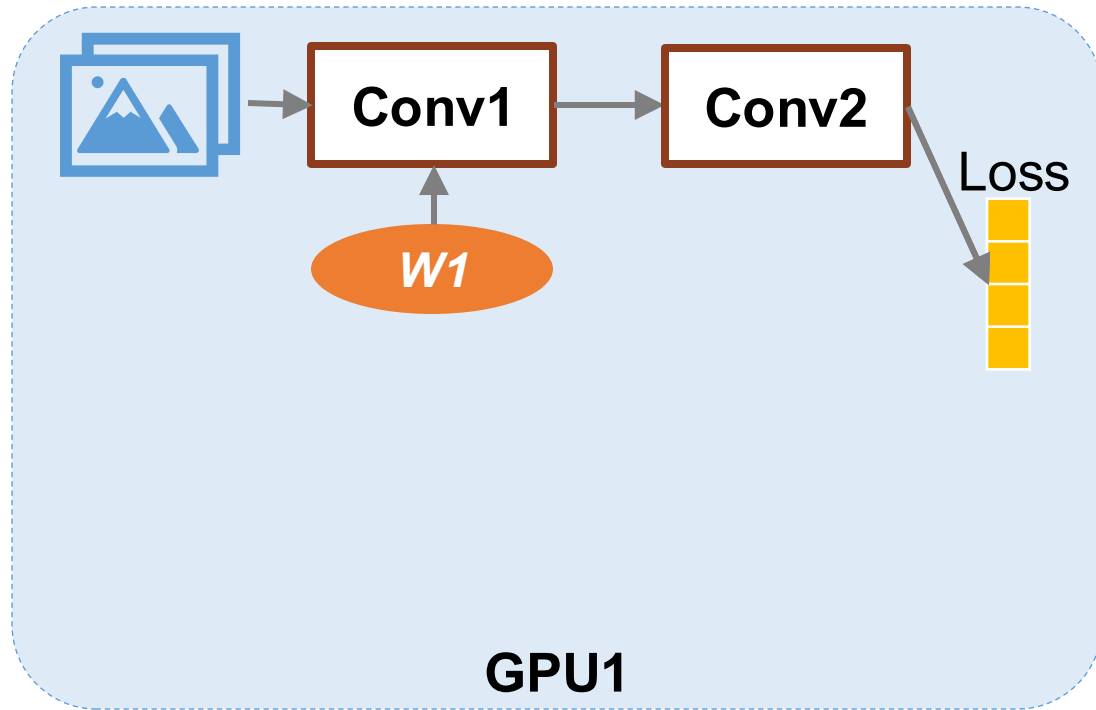
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- In ZeRO, model parameters are partitioned across GPUs
- GPUs broadcast their parameters during forward



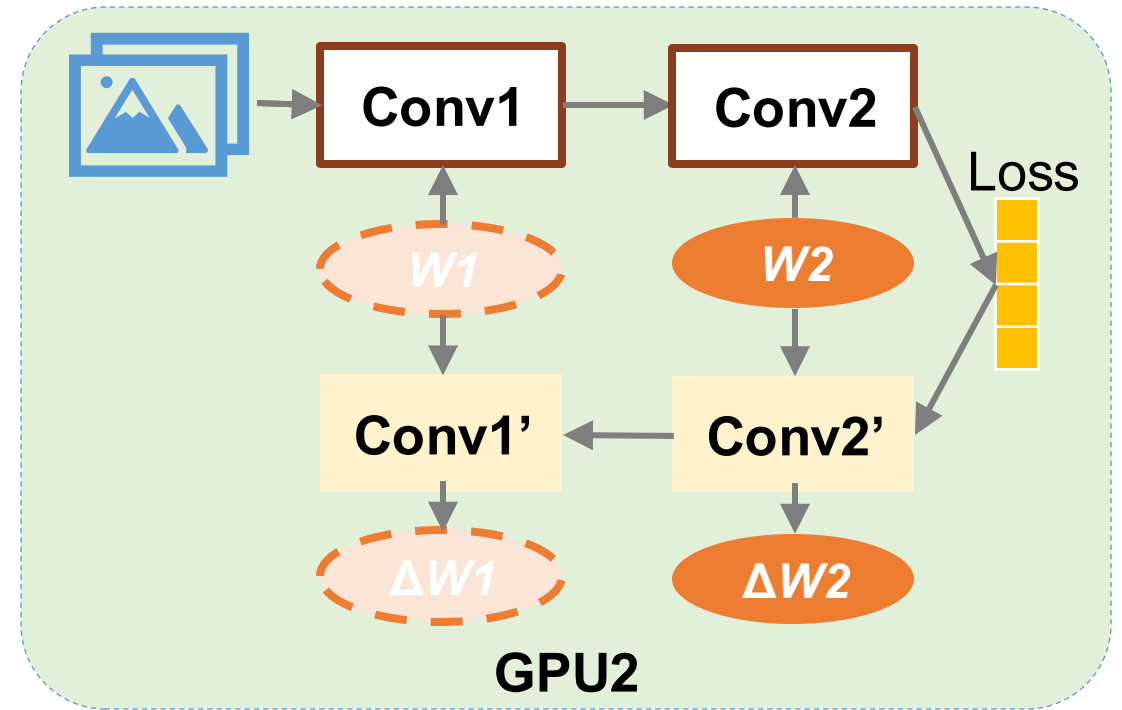
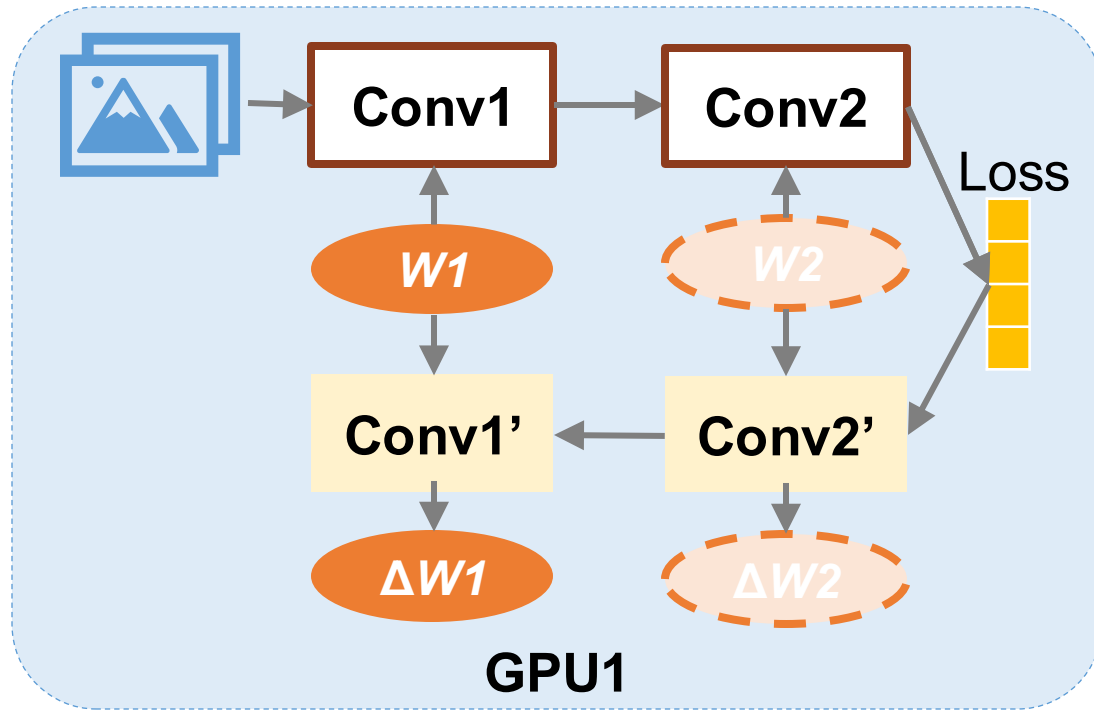
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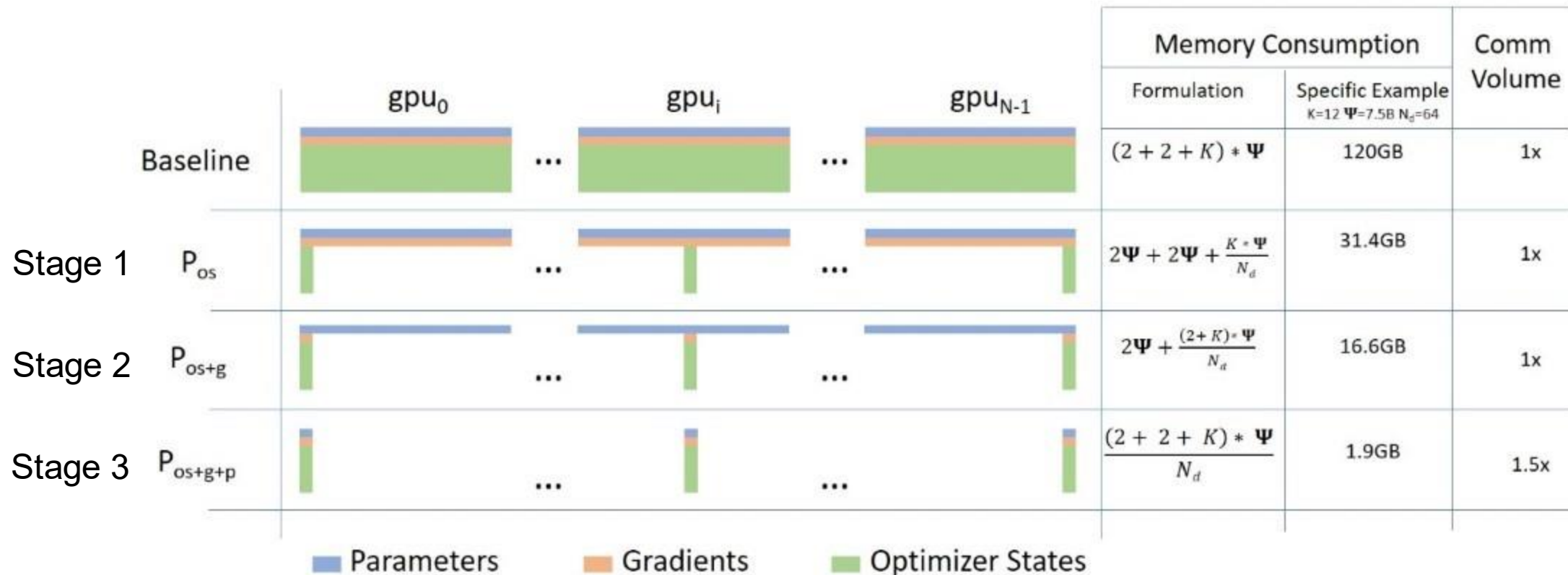
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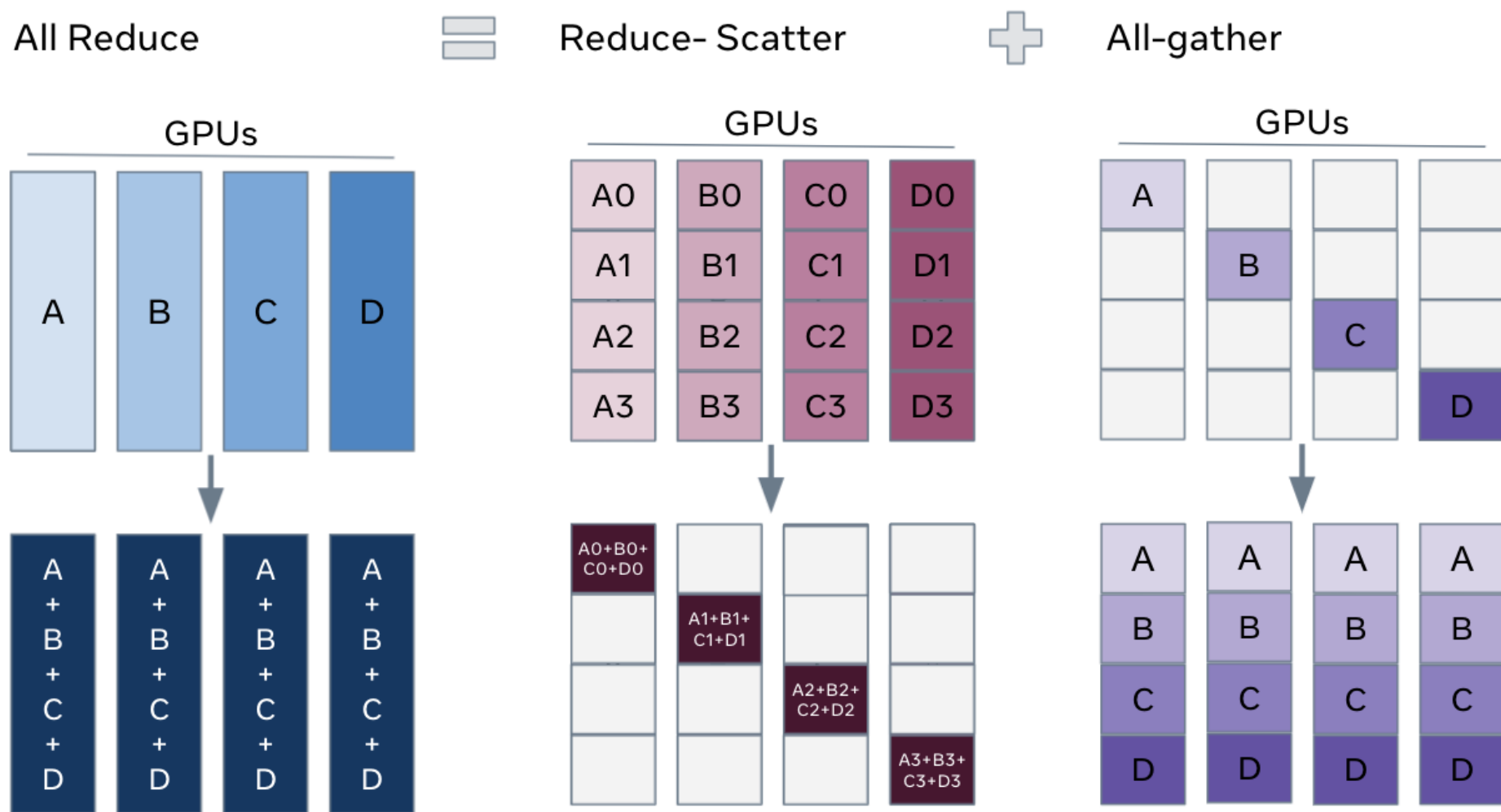


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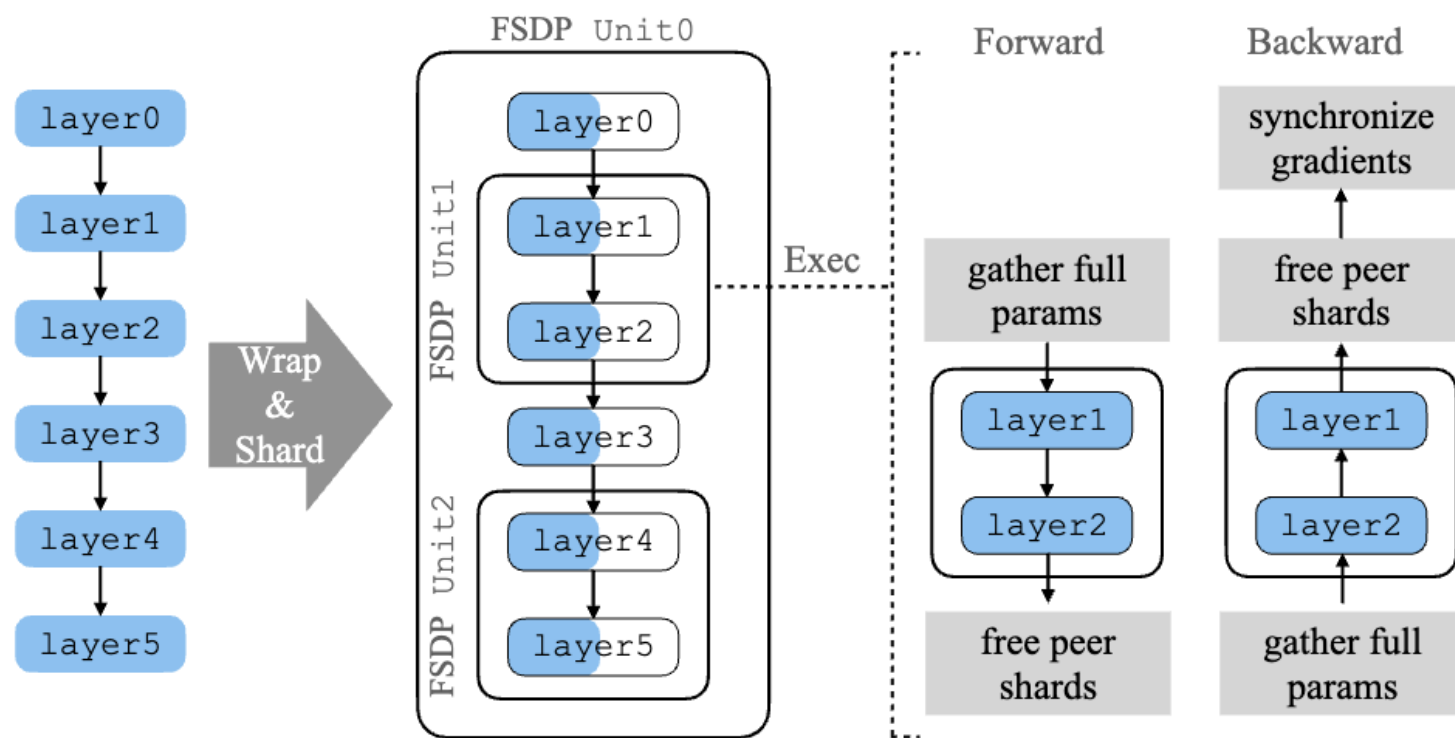


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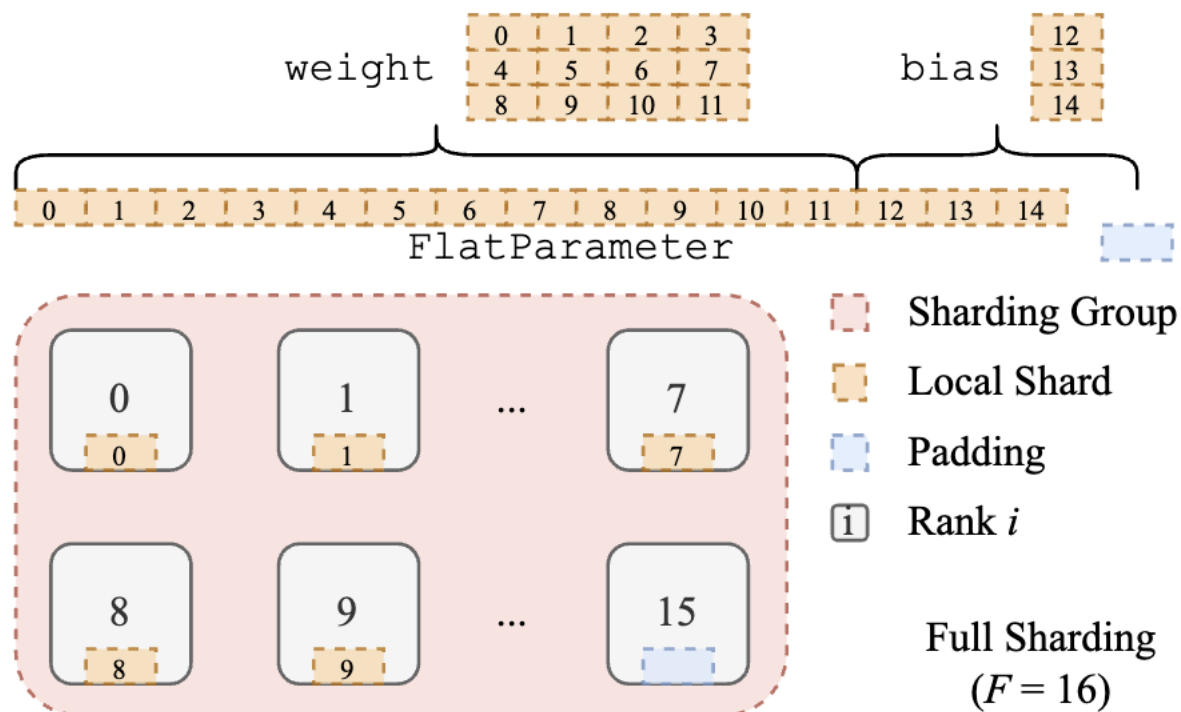
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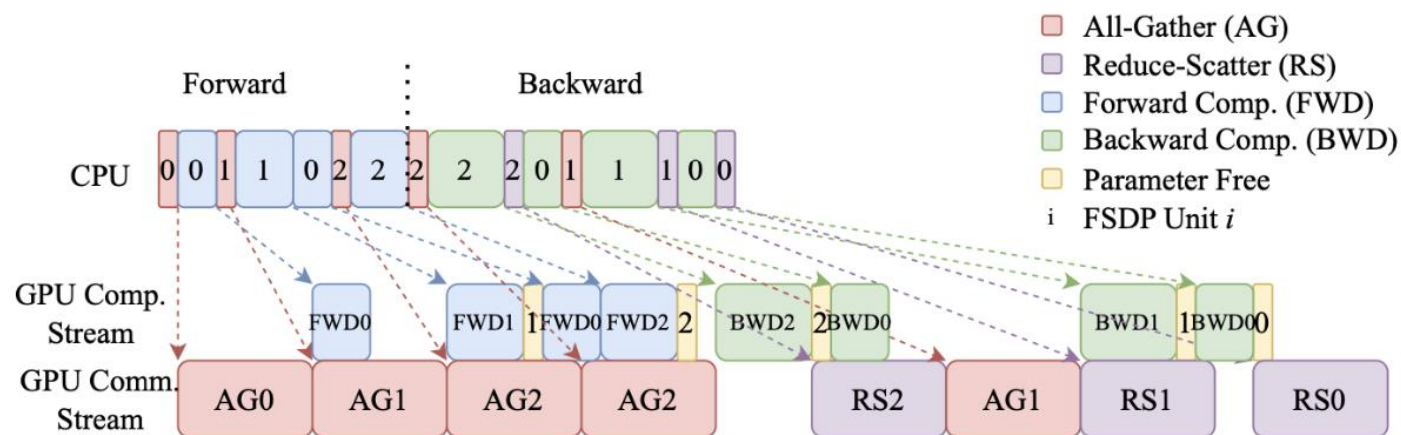
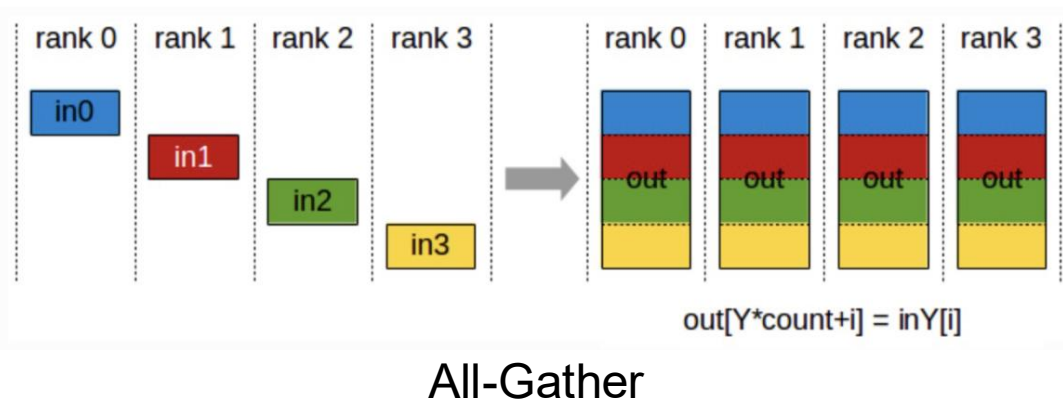
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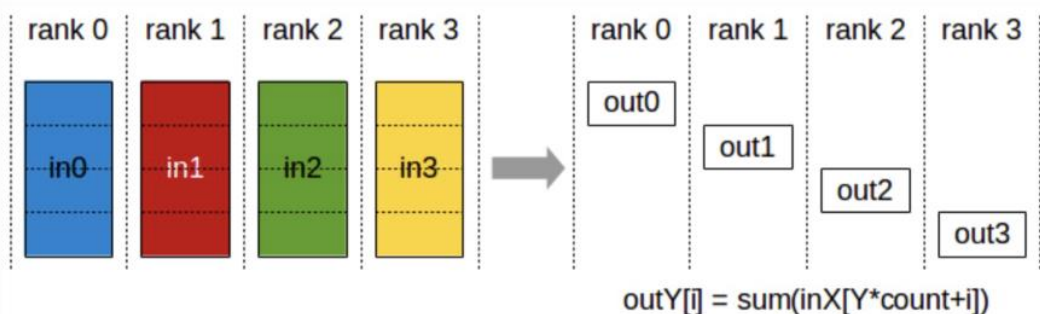
1. Divide model parameters into FSDP units
2. Share each unit across multiple GPUs
3. Run forward pass;
 1. Perform all-gather so that each GPU get all parameters of a unit
 2. Run forward pass & discard parameter shards



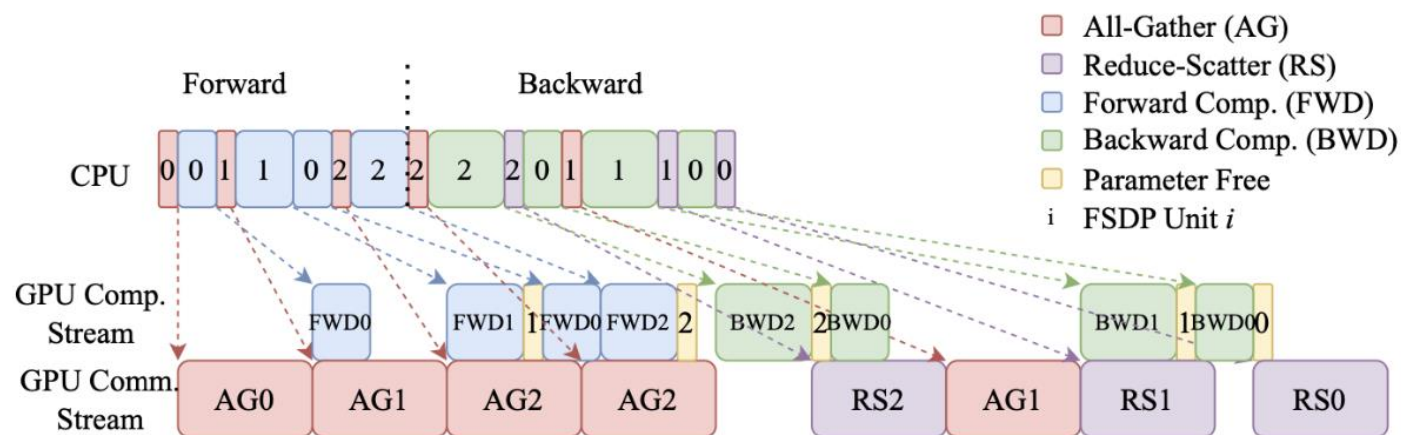
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4. Run backward pass

1. Perform all-gather again to get all parameters of a unit
2. Each GPU computes gradients for all parameters
3. Perform reduce-scatter to aggregate full gradients



Reduce-Scatter



Programming in PyTorch FSDP

```
from torch.distributed.fsdp import fully_shard, FSDPModule
from torch.distributed.tensor import DTensor
```

Sharding individual
layers and entire model

```
model = Transformer()
for layer in model.layers:
    fully_shard(layer)
fully_shard(model)
```

Parameters are of type
DTensor after sharding

```
for param in model.parameters():
    assert isinstance(param, DTensor)
```

Optimizer will be sharded
automatically

```
optim = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=1e-2)
```

Normal training forward
& backward as before

```
for _ in range(epochs):
    x = torch.randint(0, vocab_size, (batch_size, seq_len))
    loss = model(x).sum()
    loss.backward()
    optim.step()
    optim.zero_grad()
```

Summary

- Data-parallel training
 - Parameter server
 - Ring AllReduce
 - Tree AllReduce
 - Butterfly AllReduce
- ZeRO: zero redundancy optimizer
- PyTorch FSDP: Fully Shared Data Parallelism