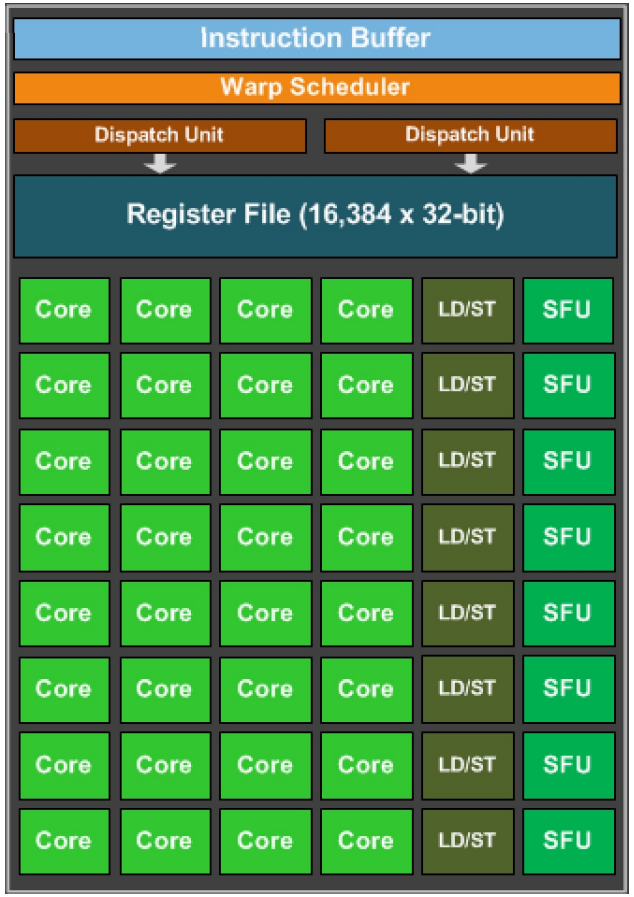
CSE113: Parallel Programming

March 11, 2022

- **Topics**:
  - Conclude GPU Programming
  - Homework 5 WebGPU
  - Conclude class



Announcements

- HW 5 is out
  - Hopefully you have started!
  - Due the day before the final
  - LATE HW 5 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
    - This is not my policy, this is the university policy!
  - I will hold office hours Tuesday from 3 - 5 PM.
  - TAs and Tutors will NOT have office hours
- HW 3 grades are released
  - Let us know ASAP if there are issues
- We are grading HW 4 right now

Announcements

- Final is on March 17
  - I will release it by 8 AM, and you will have until midnight to turn it in
  - If you want to allocate time for it, our official final time is 4 PM to 7 PM
  - Same rules at the midterm:
    - Do not discuss with class mates
    - Do not google specific answers or ask questions on forums
    - You can use your notes, the slides, and the internet to google for general concepts.
  - worth 30% of your grade.
  - Late final will not be accepted
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Announcements

- SETs are out!
  - Please fill them out; I know they are a pain and we're all busy
  - But it has an outsized effect on classes like this one
    - New class
    - New content
    - New professor
  - I would love to teach this in the future, SET feedback will help me do that

Quizzes

- No more quizzes!

Review

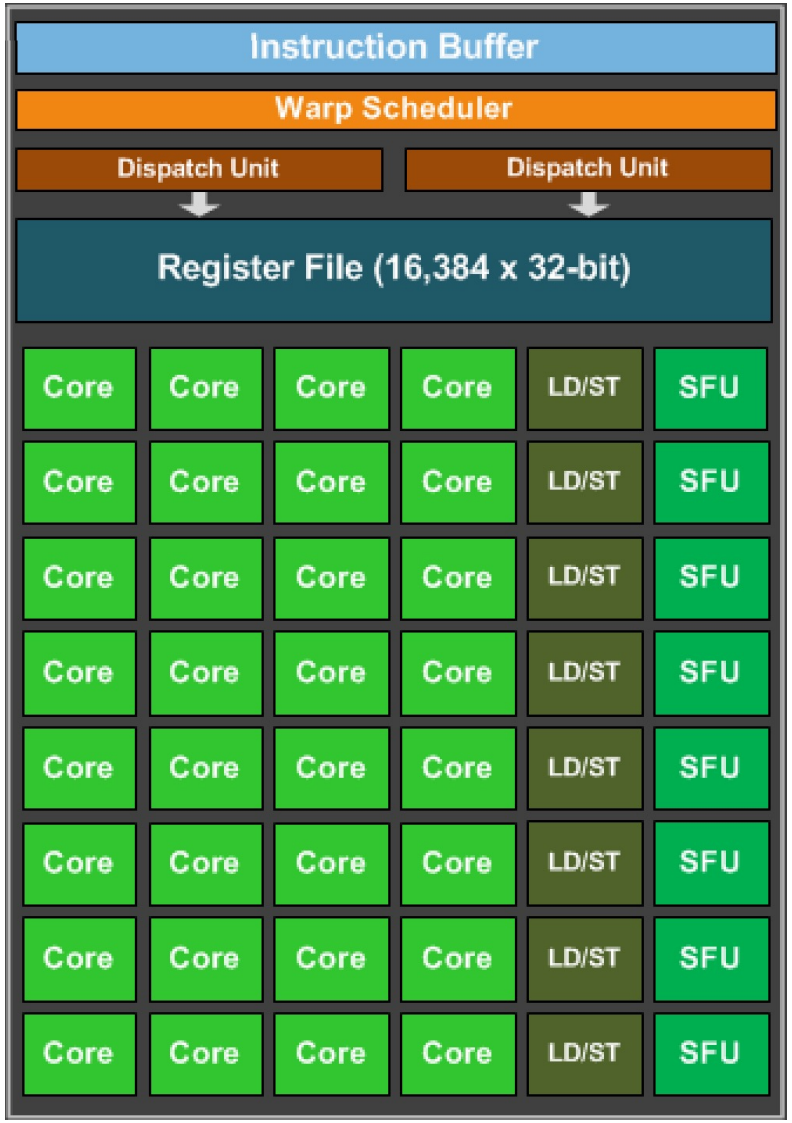
Optimizing GPU code

Parallelism

Called a streaming multiprocessor

woah, 32 cores!

We should parallelize our application!



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First parallelization attempt

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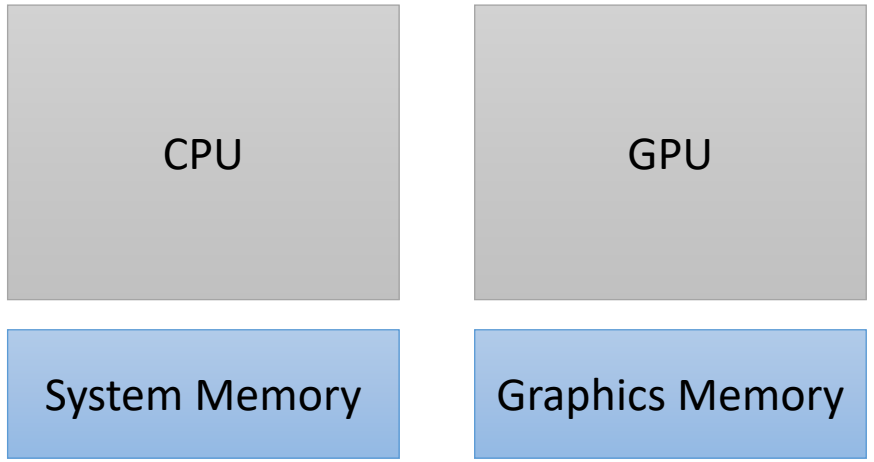
number of threads
thread id

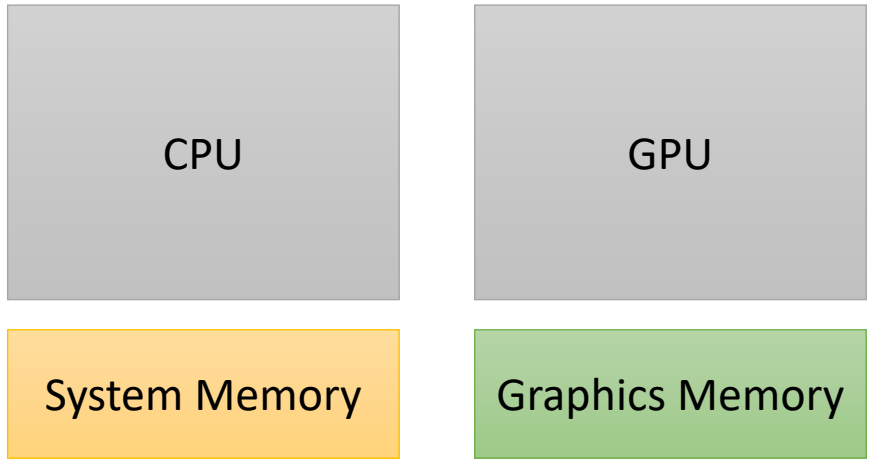
Concurrency

GPU Memory



GPU Memory

CPU Memory:
Fast: Low Latency
Easily saturated: Low Bandwidth
Scales well: up to 1 TB
DDR



GPU Memory:
slow: High Latency
hard to saturate: High Bandwidth
doesn't scale: 32 GB
GDDR, HBM

2-lane straight highway driven on by sports cars

Different technologies

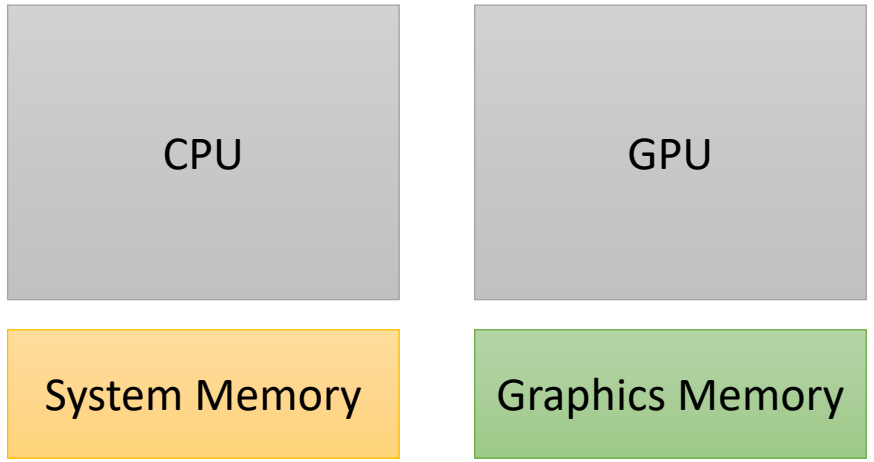
16-lane highway on a windy road driven by semi trucks

GPU Memory

bandwidth:
~**700 GB/s** for GPU
~**50 GB/s** for CPUs

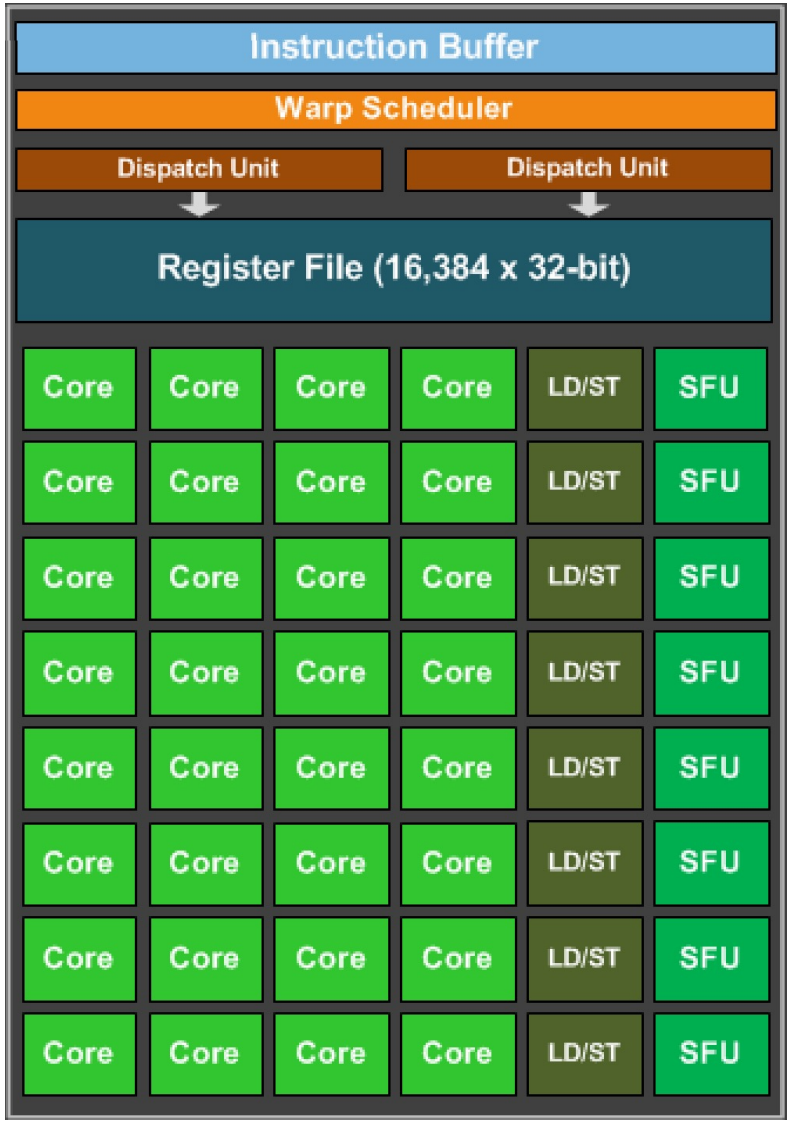
memory Latency:
~**600** cycles for GPU memory
~**200** cycles for CPU memory

Cache Latency:
~**28** cycles for L1 hit for GPU
~**4** cycles for L1 hit on CPUs



Warps

A warp is a group of 32 threads that execute in parallel on a streaming multiprocessor



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warp 1

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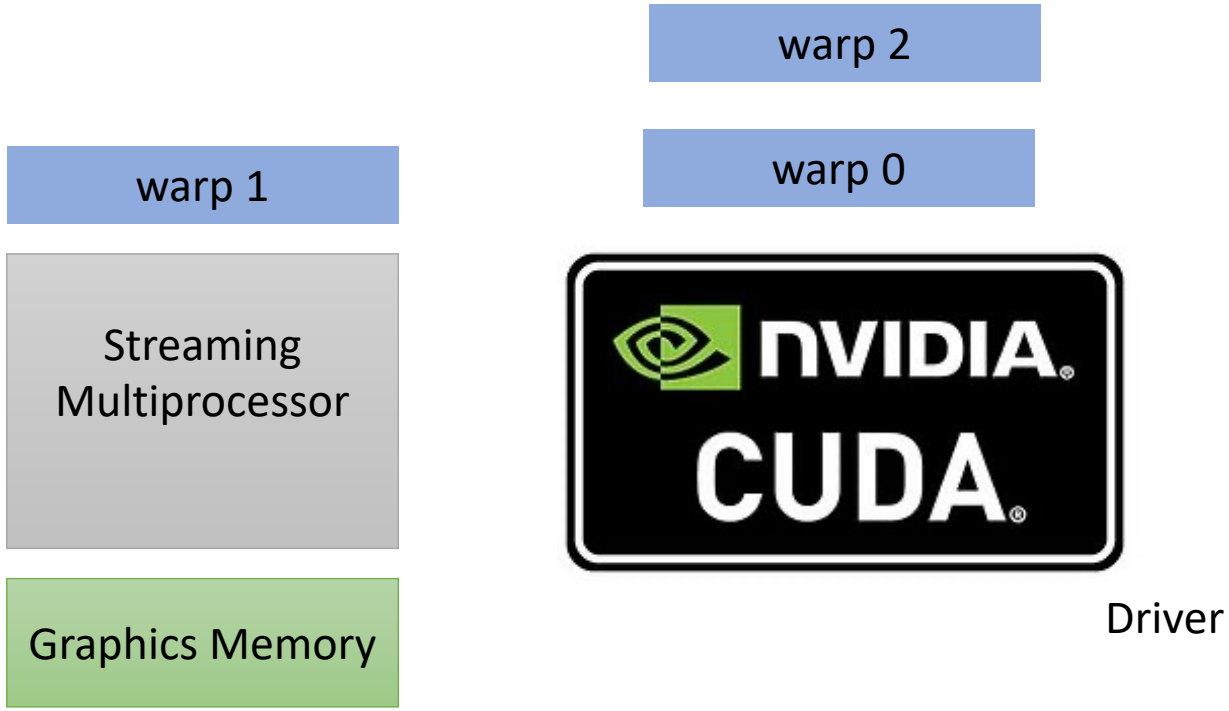

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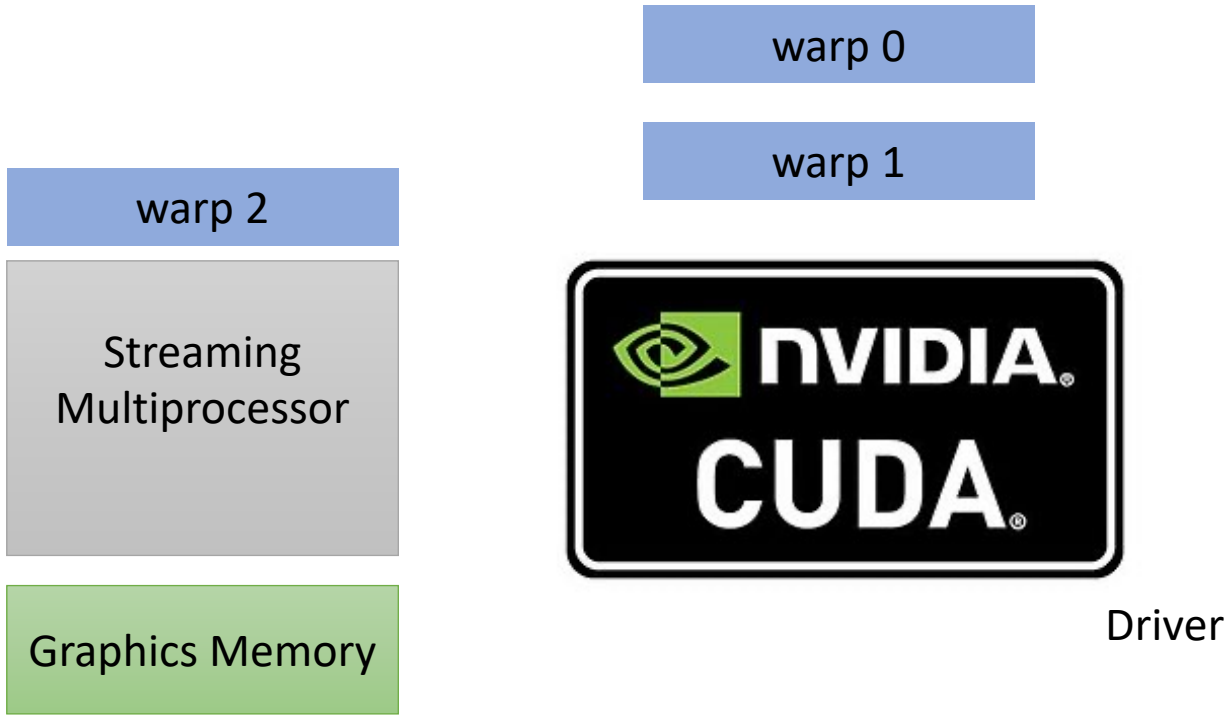

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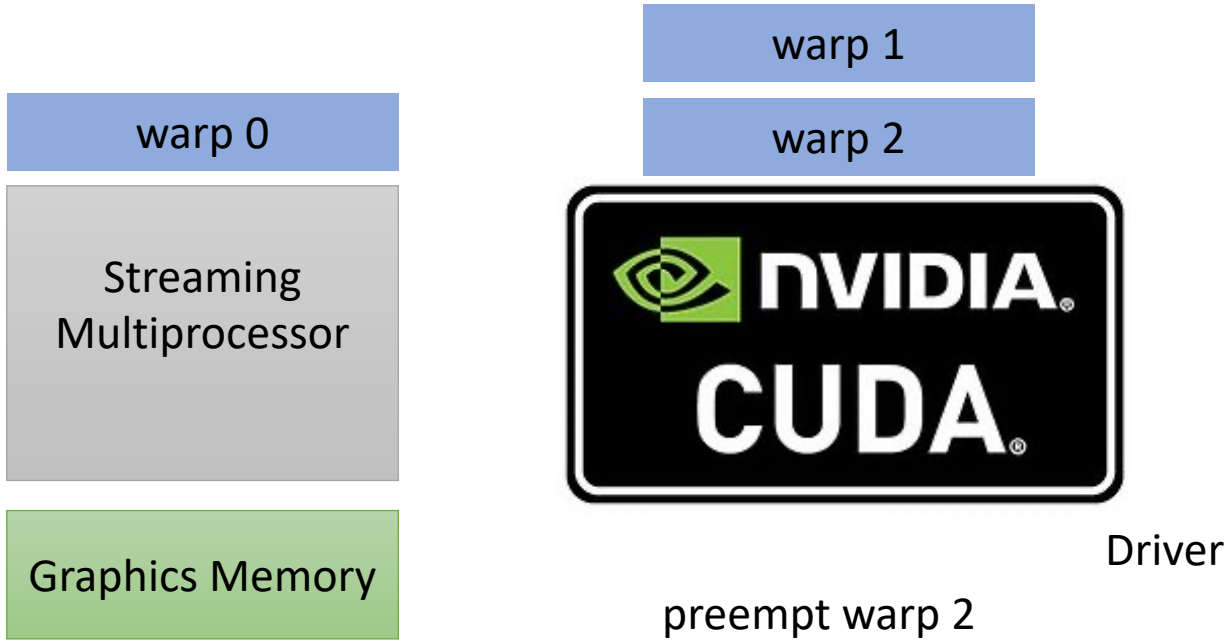

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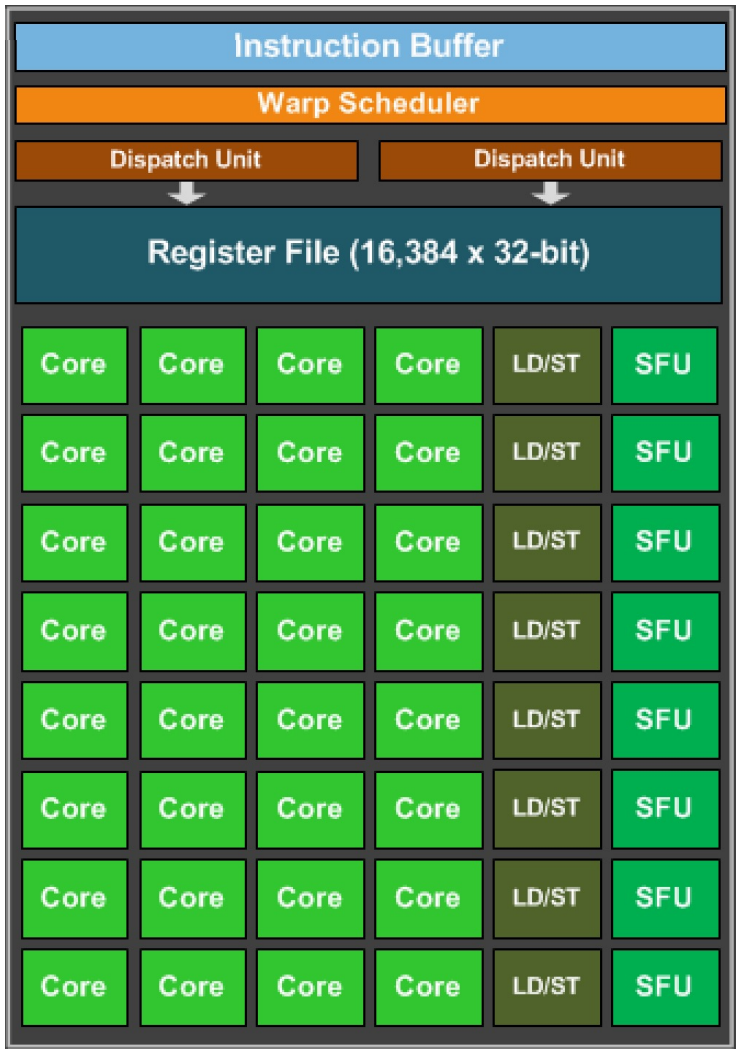

But wait, I thought preemption was expensive?

bound on number of warps: 32

Lots of specialized HW to help out
(register files, scheduler, instruction buffer)

Go back to our program

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Lets launch with 32 warps

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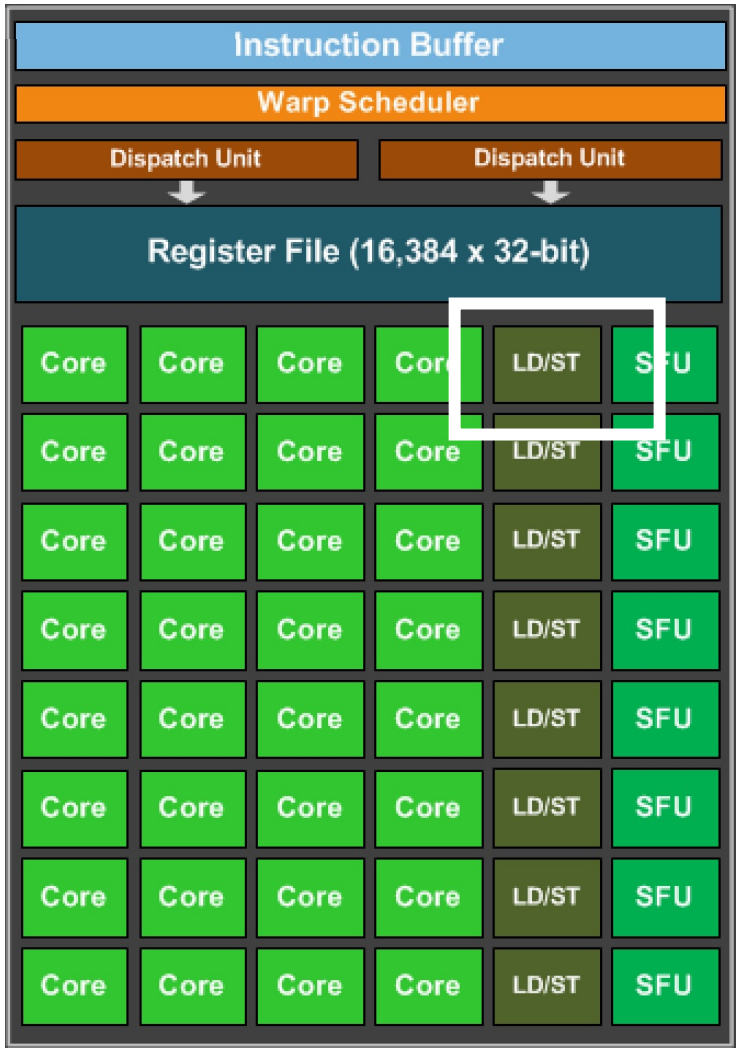
Memory accesses

Optimizing memory accesses



this is the load/store unit. The hardware component responsible for issuing loads and stores.

Why doesn't every core have one?

4 cores are accessing memory. What can happen

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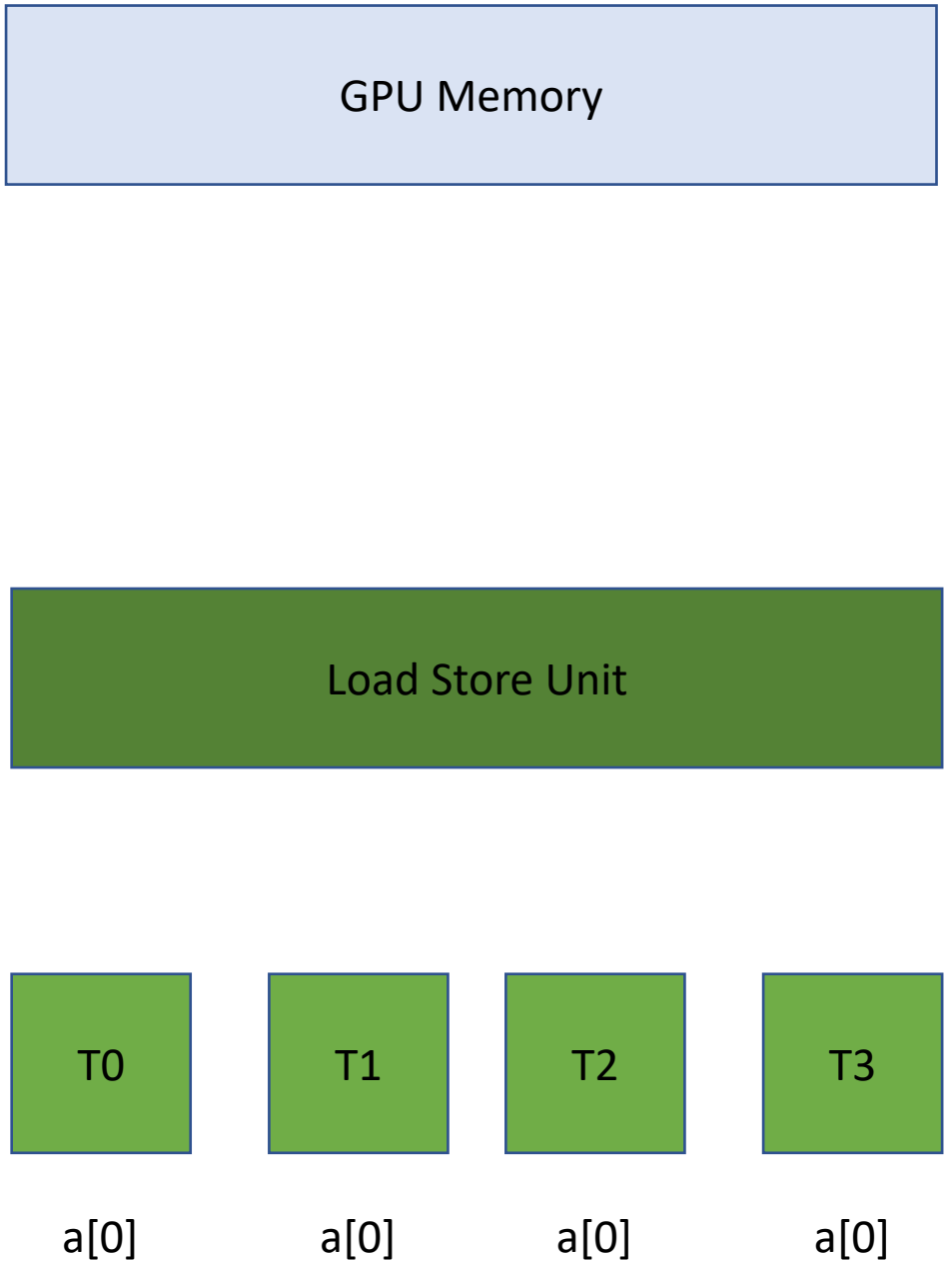

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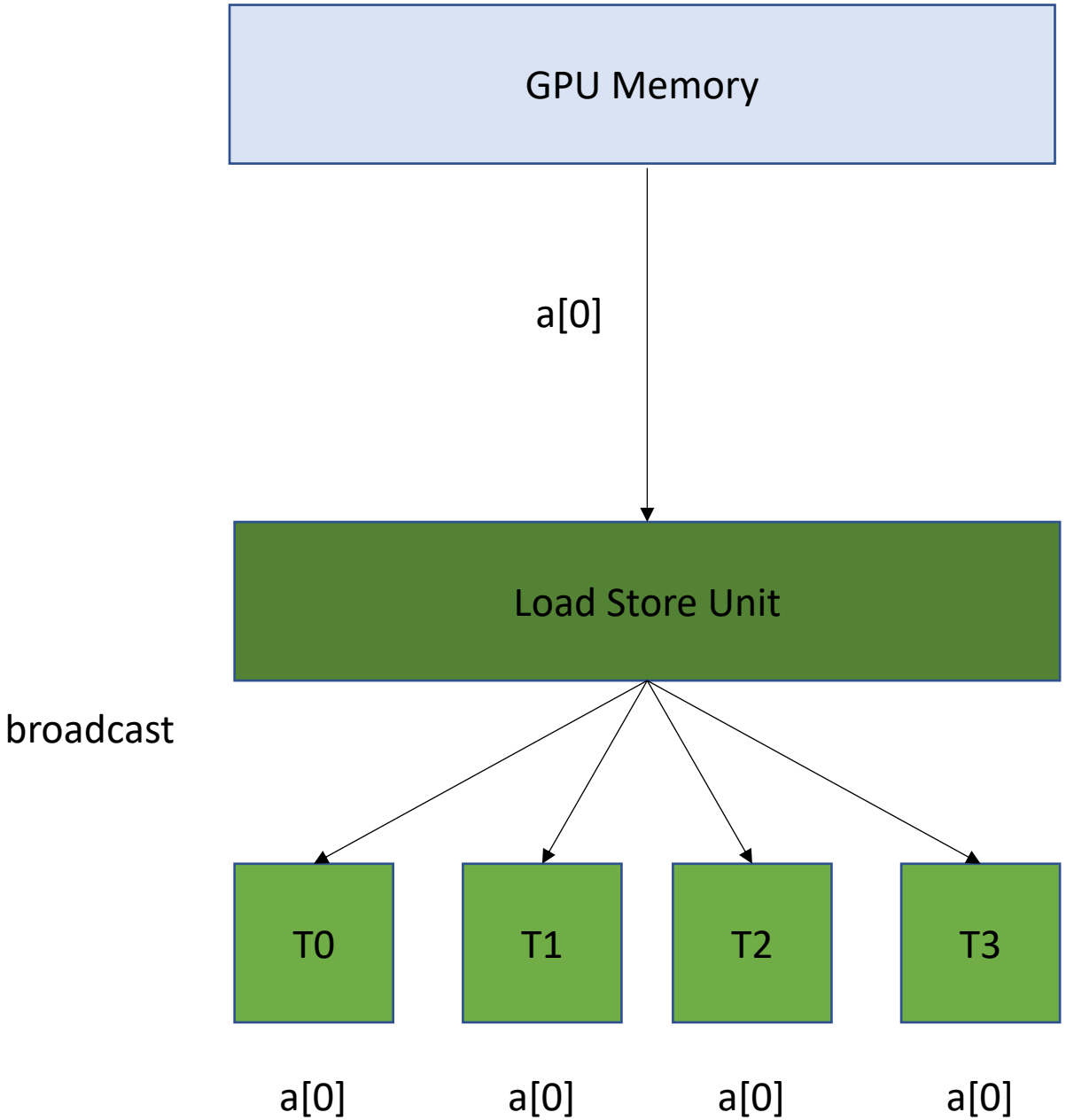

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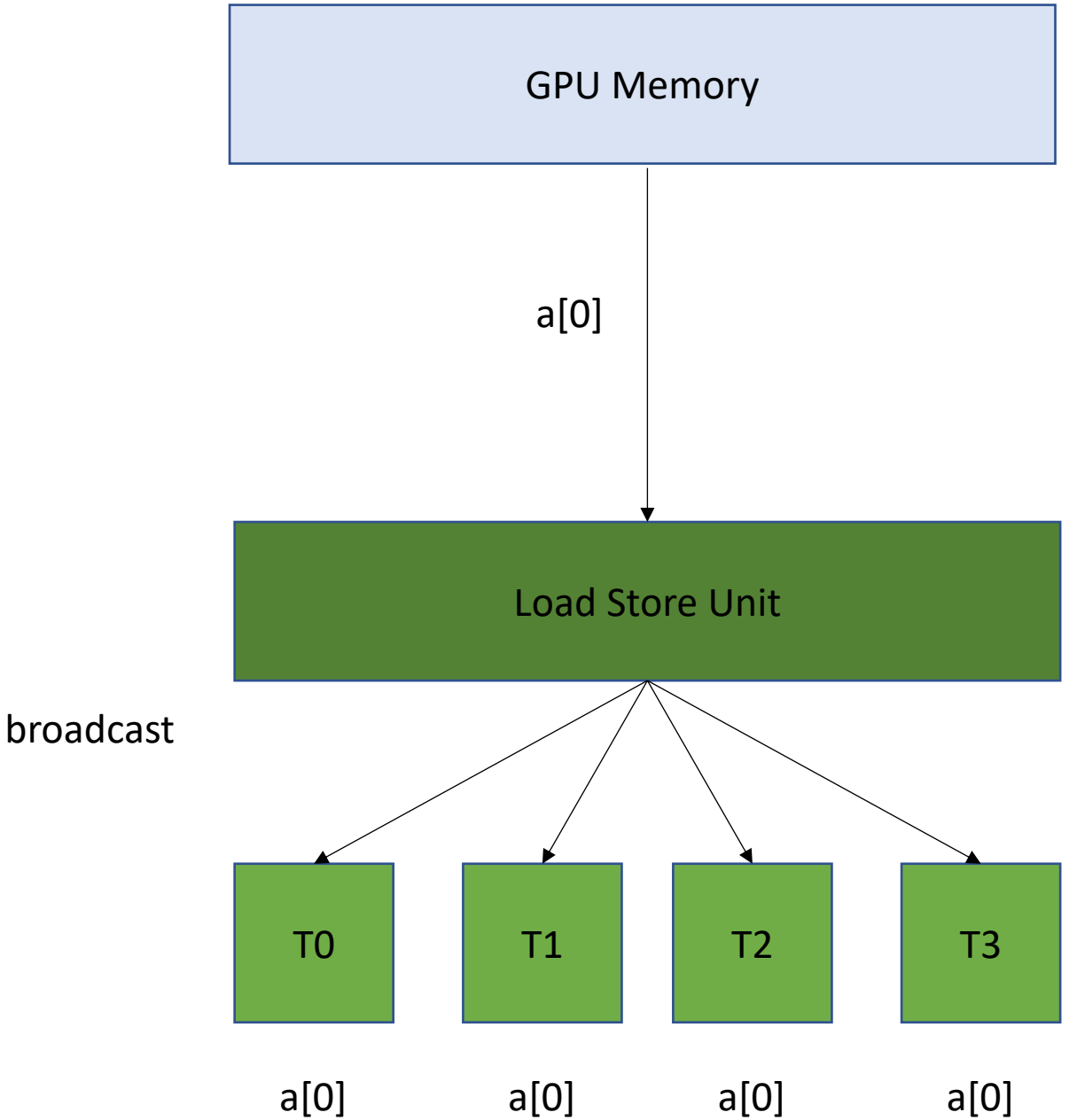

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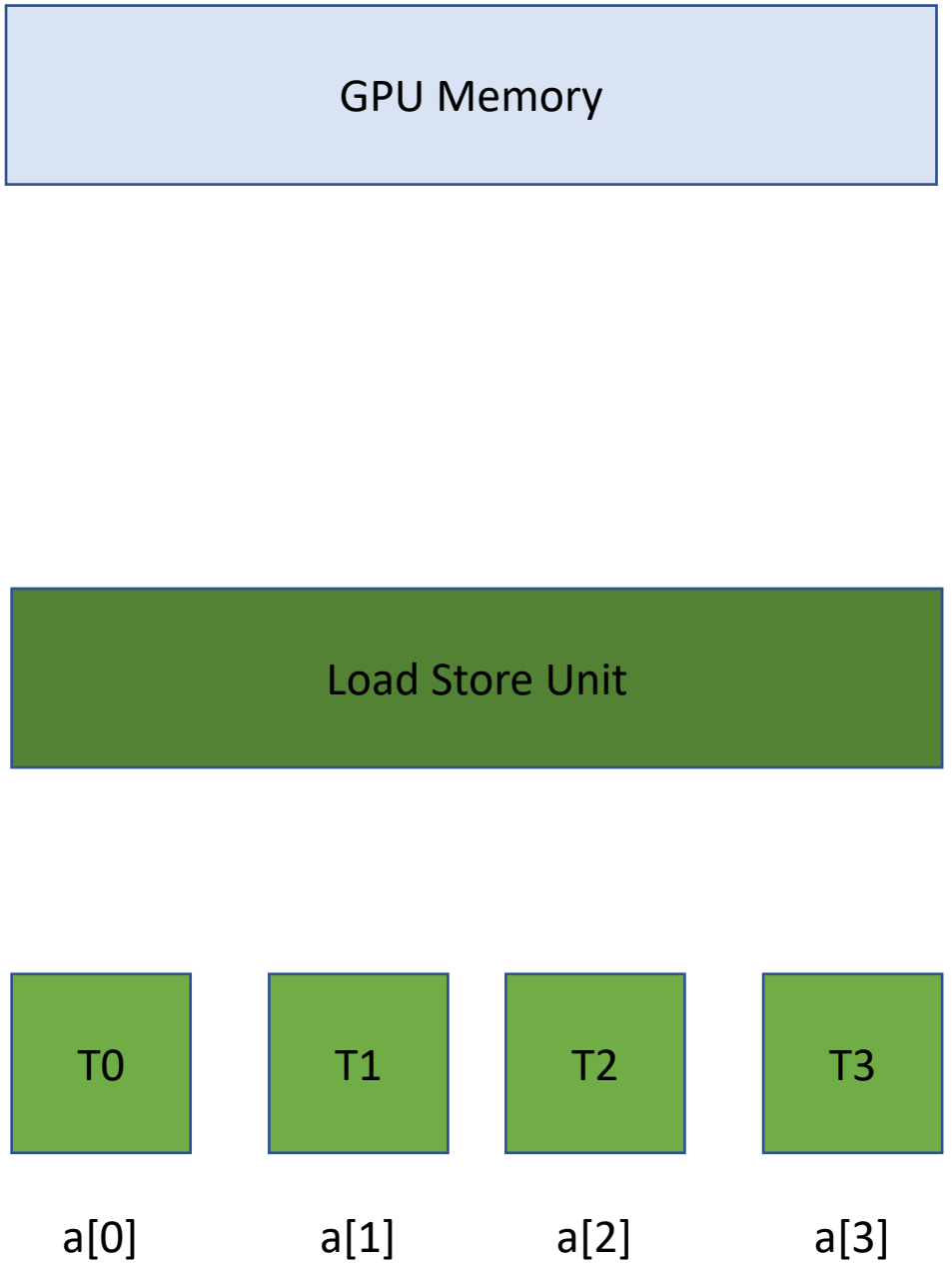

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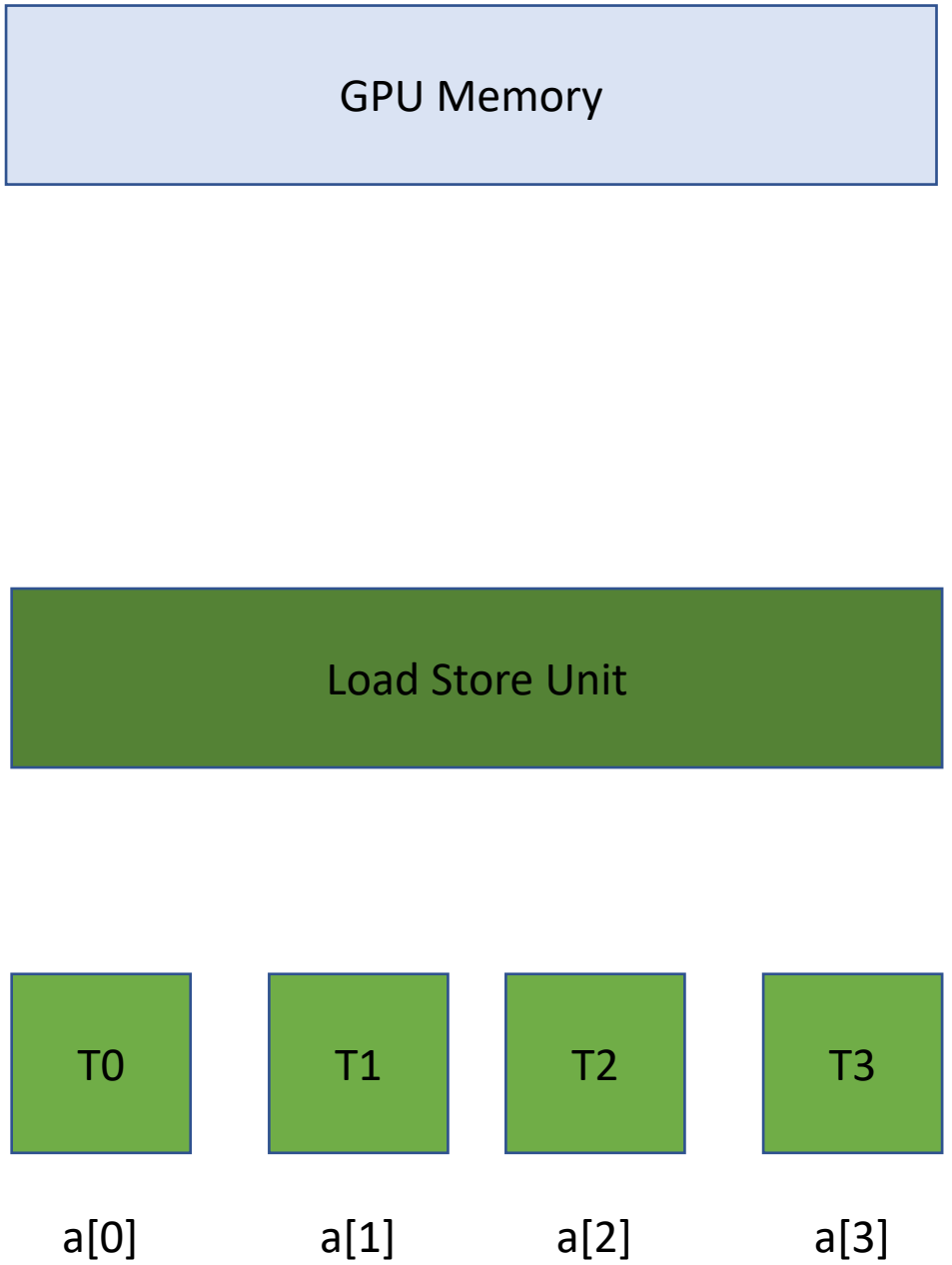

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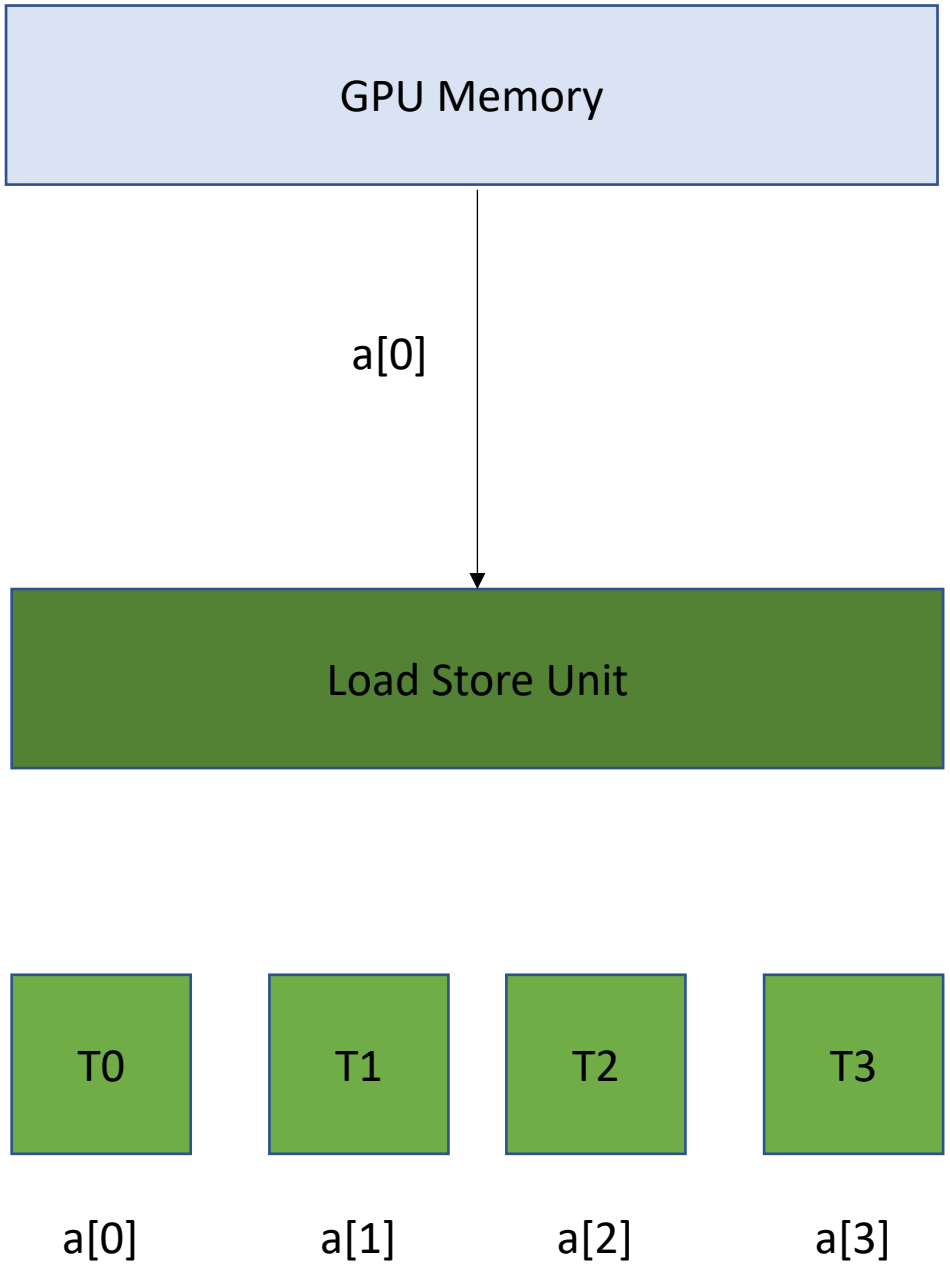

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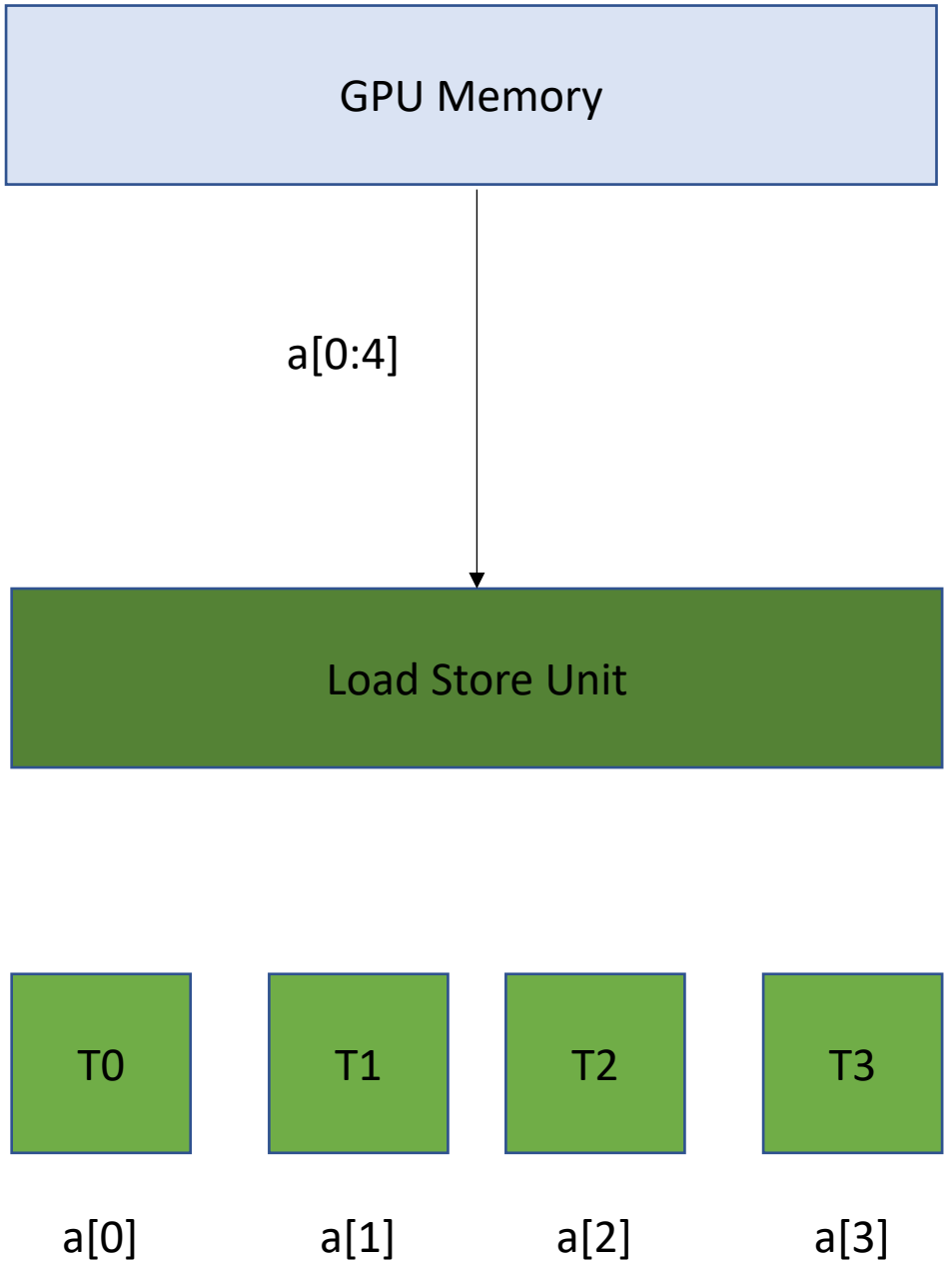

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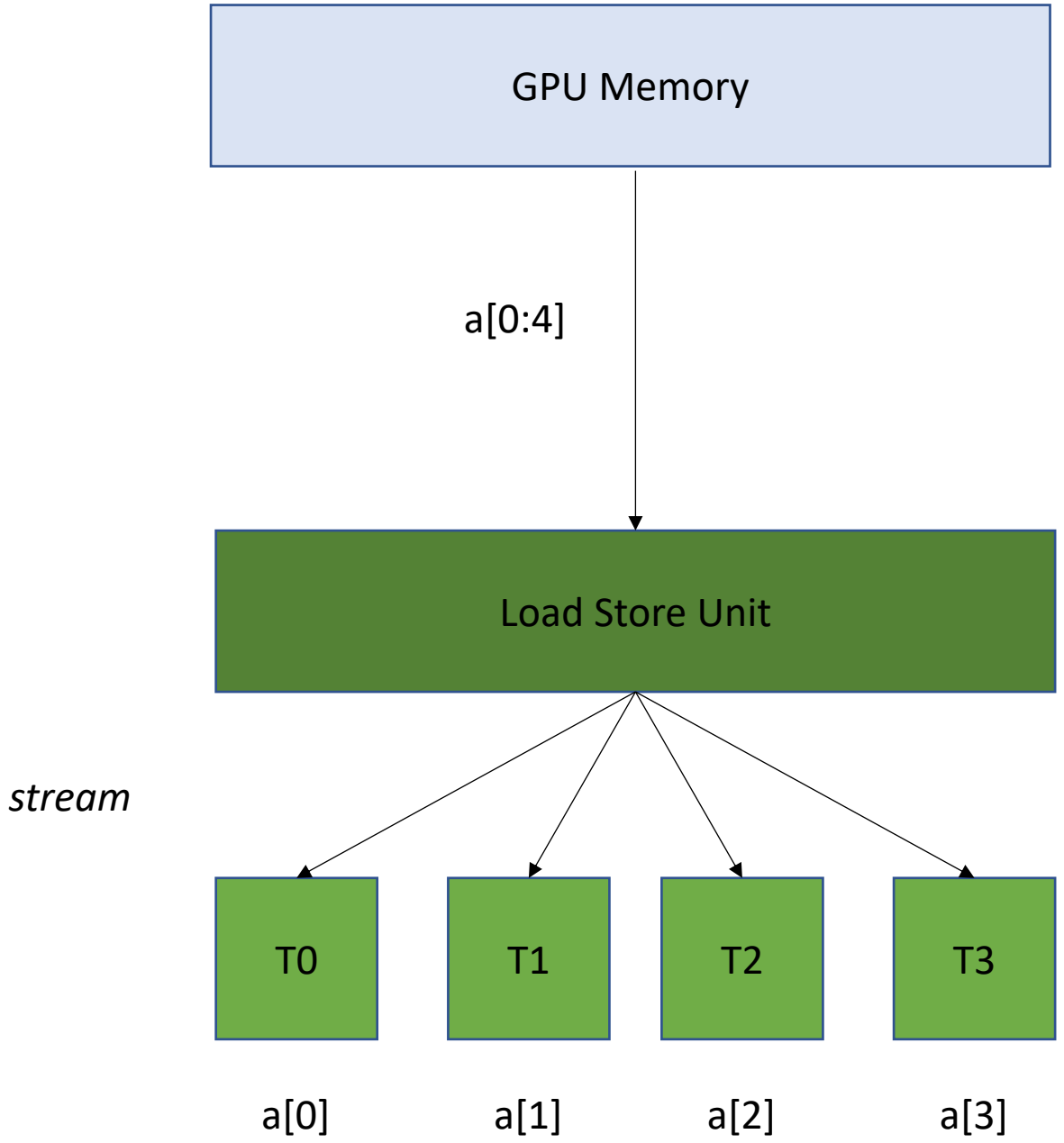

Chunked Pattern

the first element accessed by the 4 threads sharing a load store unit. What sort of access is this?

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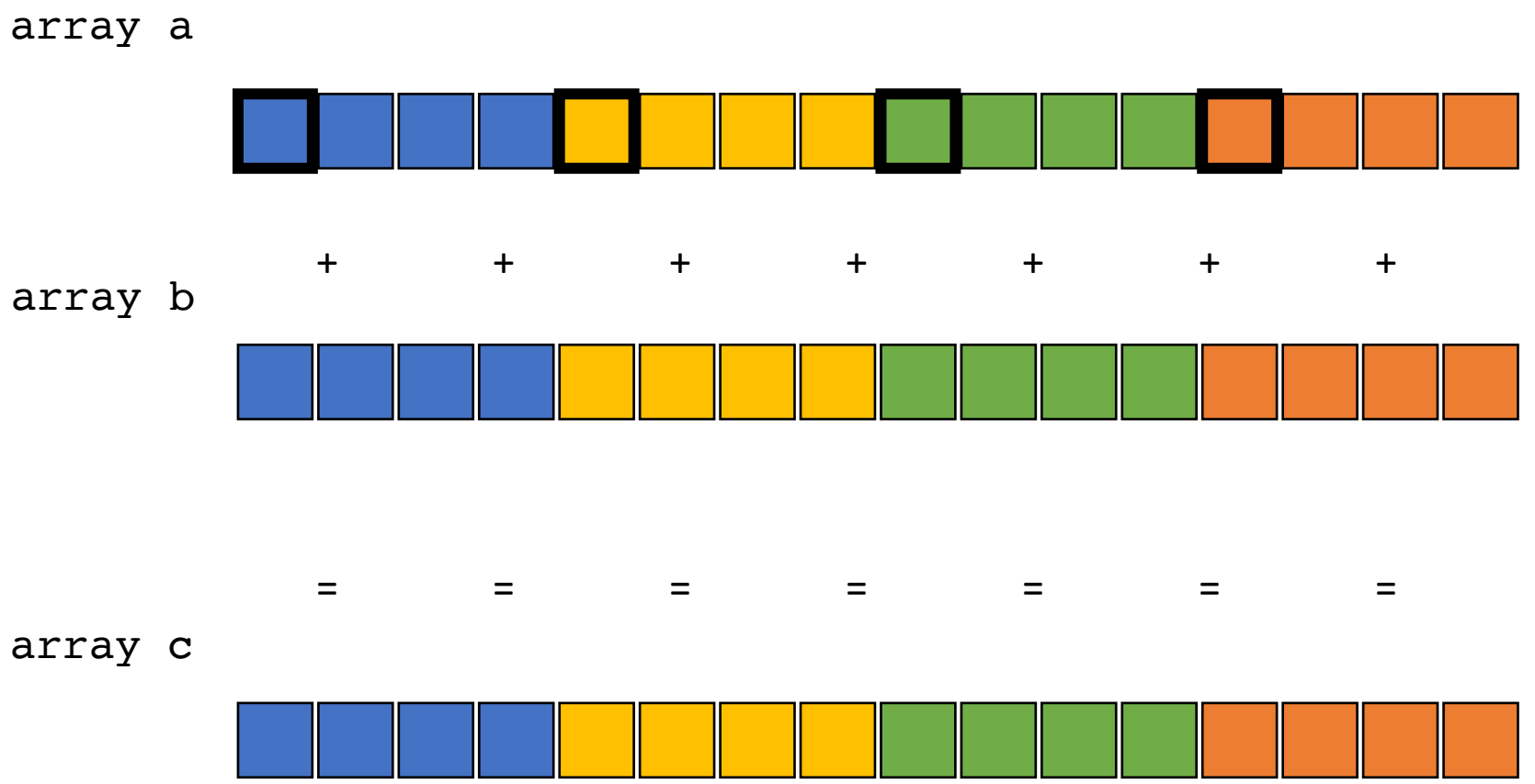

How can we fix this

Stride Pattern

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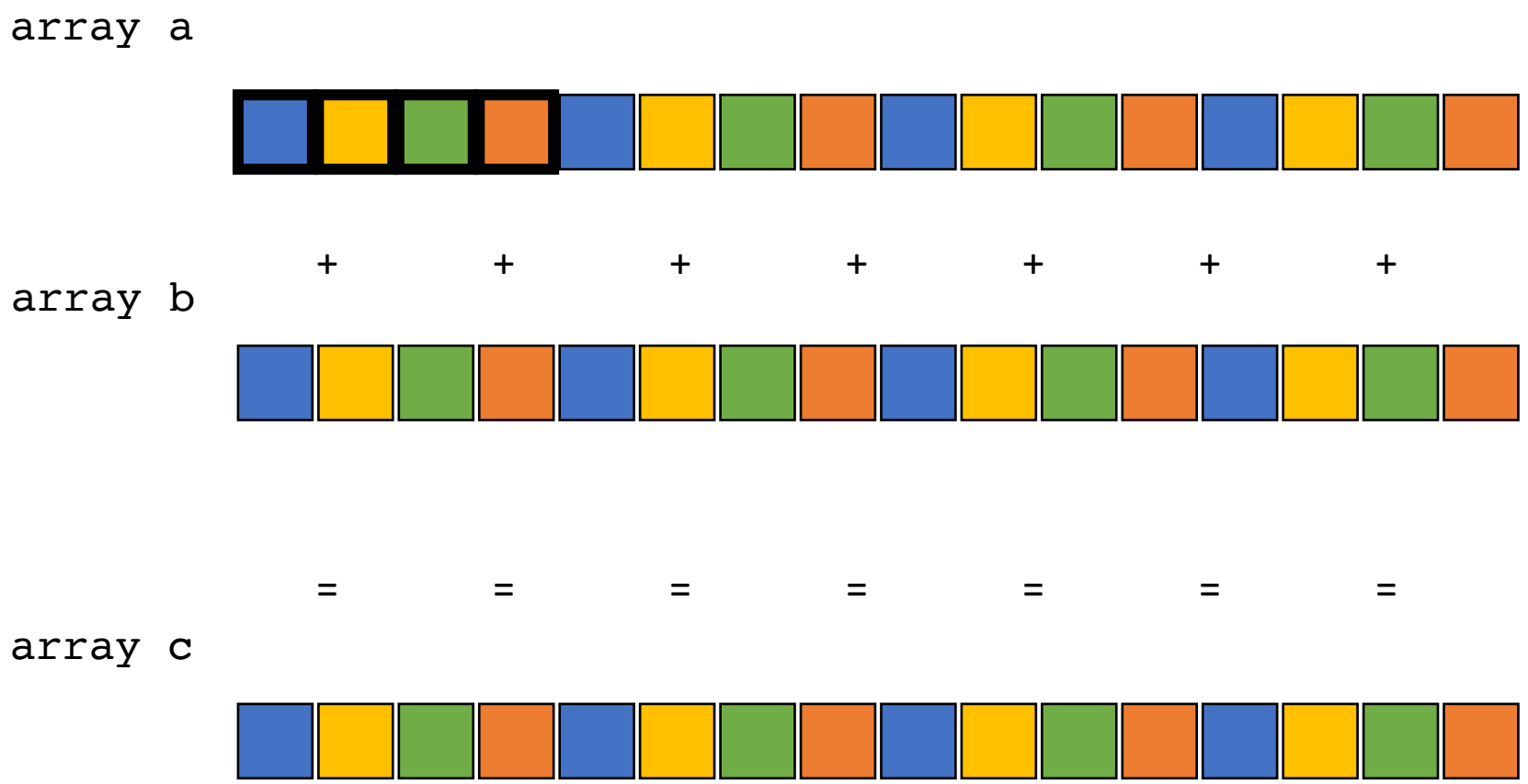

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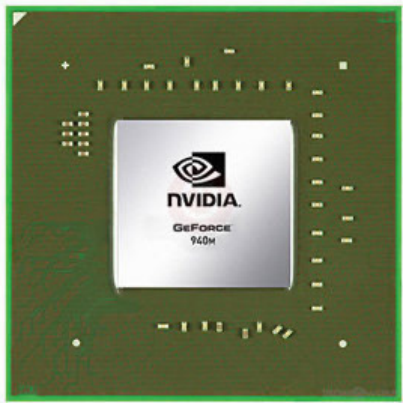
How far did that get us?

Programming a GPU

The GPU in
my PhD laptop



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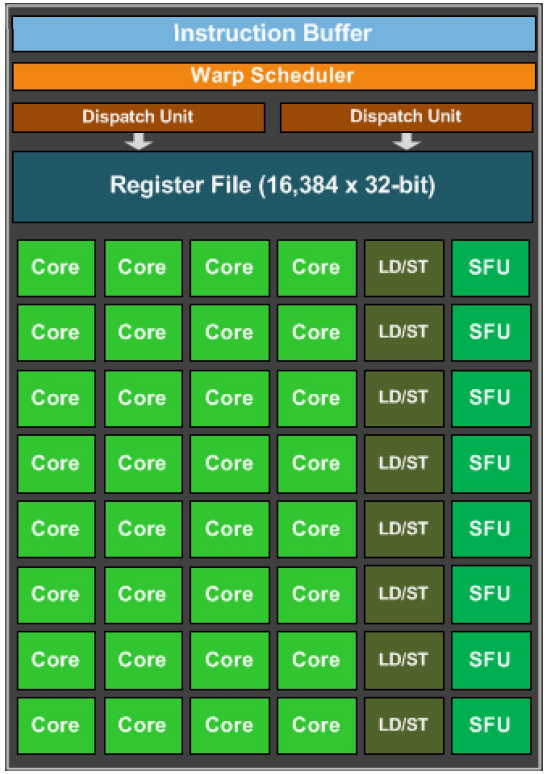

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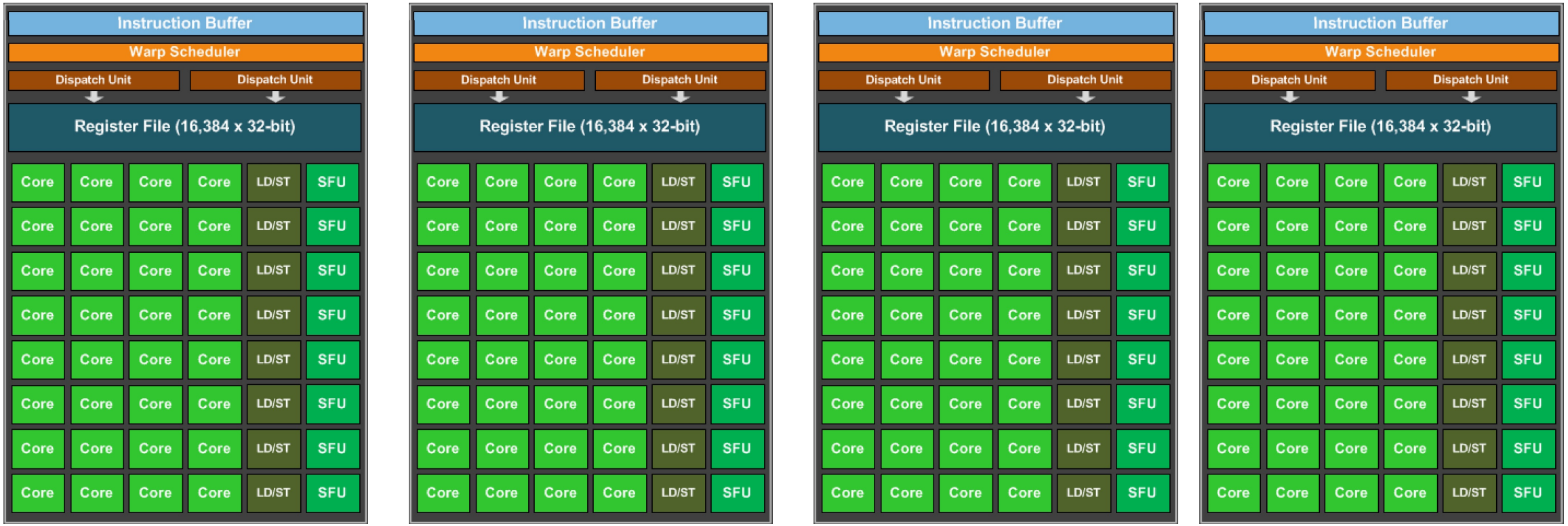

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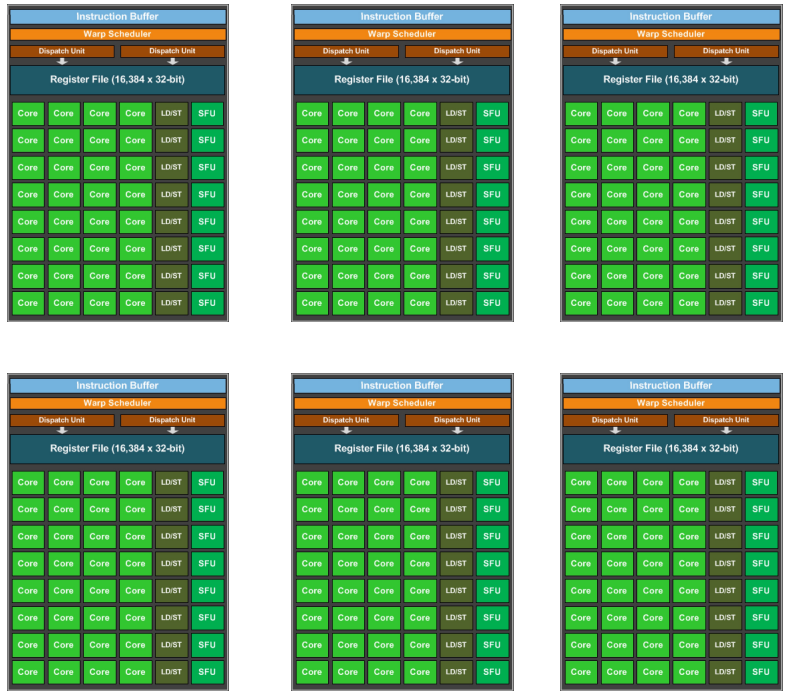
CUDA provides virtual streaming multiprocessors called **blocks**
Very efficient at launching and joining **blocks.**
No limit on blocks: launch as many as you need to map 1 thread to 1 data element



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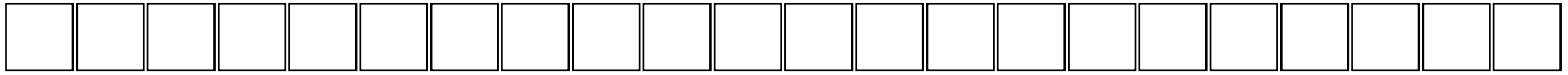

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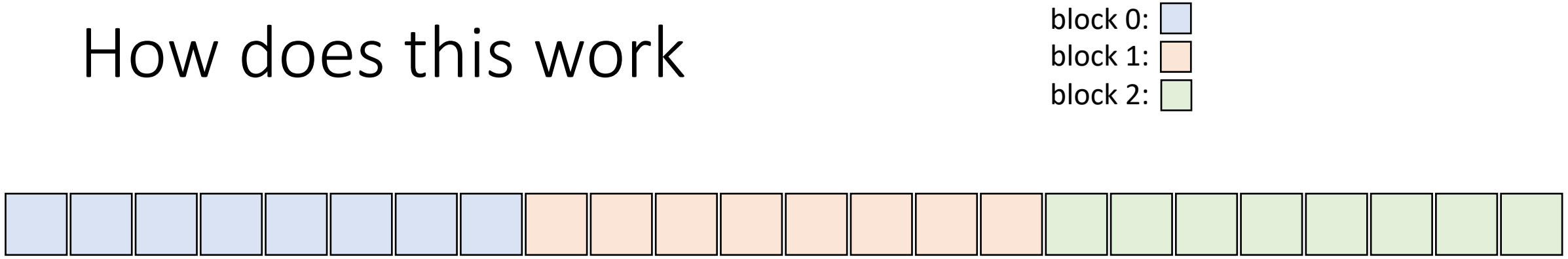

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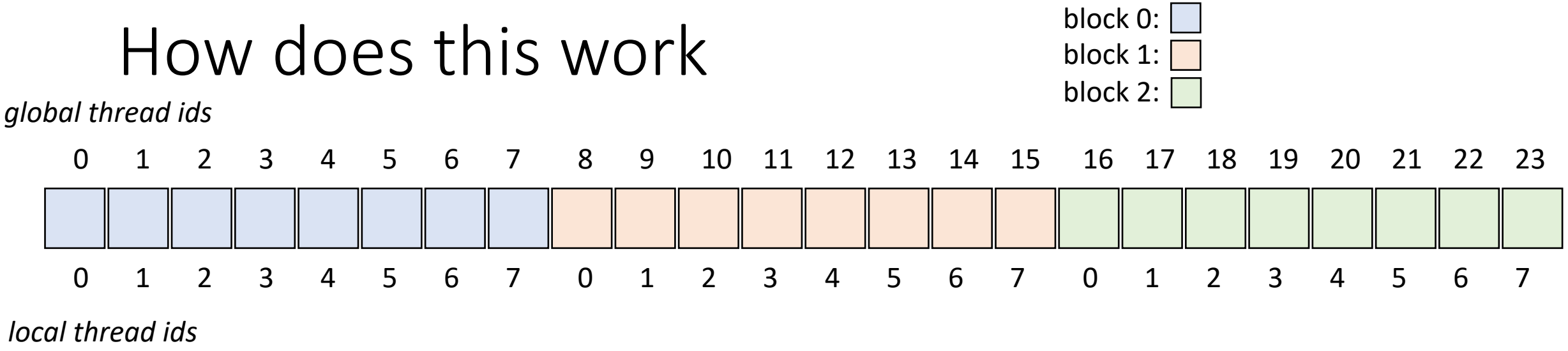

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Thread ids are local to a block

Compute global id? `blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x`

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Final Round

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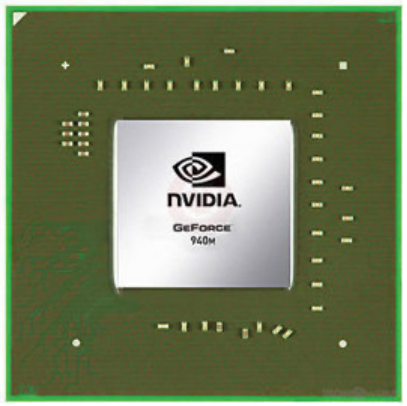

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WebGPU

- The language is wgsl
  - It is new, there are not many examples (and the specification change!)
  - Official specification is here: https://www.w3.org/TR/WGSL/

- Due to canvas scaling: you will need to scale distance values by 1000
  - Step size should be .001
  - cluster distance should be .003

WebGPU

- wgsl is NOT javascript
- Javascript is interpreted: not possible on GPUs
- wgsl is compiled
  - into Vulkan on Linux
  - into Metal on Apple
  - into HLSL on Windows
- No printing (can be difficult to debug)

WebGPU

- variables (optional types):

var <name> = <value>;

```
var cluster_dist = 0.003;
```

```
var <name> : <type> = <value>;
var cluster_dist : f32 = 0.003;
```

WebGPU

- types:
  - i32
  - u32
  - f32
  - vec2<f32>
  - array<*type*>
- structures
- Built-ins (global id)

```
struct Particle {
    pos : vec2<f32>;
};
```

```
struct Particles {
    particles : array<Particle>;
};
```

```
var index_pos : vec2<f32> = particlesA.particles[index].pos;
```

```
var index : u32 = GlobalInvocationID.x;
```

you have one thread for each particle!

Web GPU

- Built in functions:
  - arrayLength
  - sqrt
  - pow
  - distance

Web GPU

For loops:

```
for (var i : u32 = 0u; i < arrayLength(&particlesA.particles); i = i + 1u)
```

Web GPU

- Types can be frustrating
- But compiler errors will help you, and you can do casts.

Wrapping up

Thank you!

- You are now all now experts on parallel programming!
- You’re all going to do great on the final! March 17
  - Available all day
  - Our scheduled time is 4 - 7 PM if you want to schedule time
- Thank you for being such great students during such a hard time. I’m proud of all of you!
- See you around!