CMS: Integrating TBB Tasks and Accelerator

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Concurrent CPU/Non-CPU Processing

CMS data processing framework testing a mechanism to interact effectively with non-cpu resources

Non-CPU algorithms are divided into 3 phases

- CPU stage which acquires data and transfers to non-CPU resource
- Non-CPU algorithm is then run
- When finished, a publish step is run on the CPU to move data back to CPU memory

While non-CPU algorithm runs, the CPU is available for other algorithms

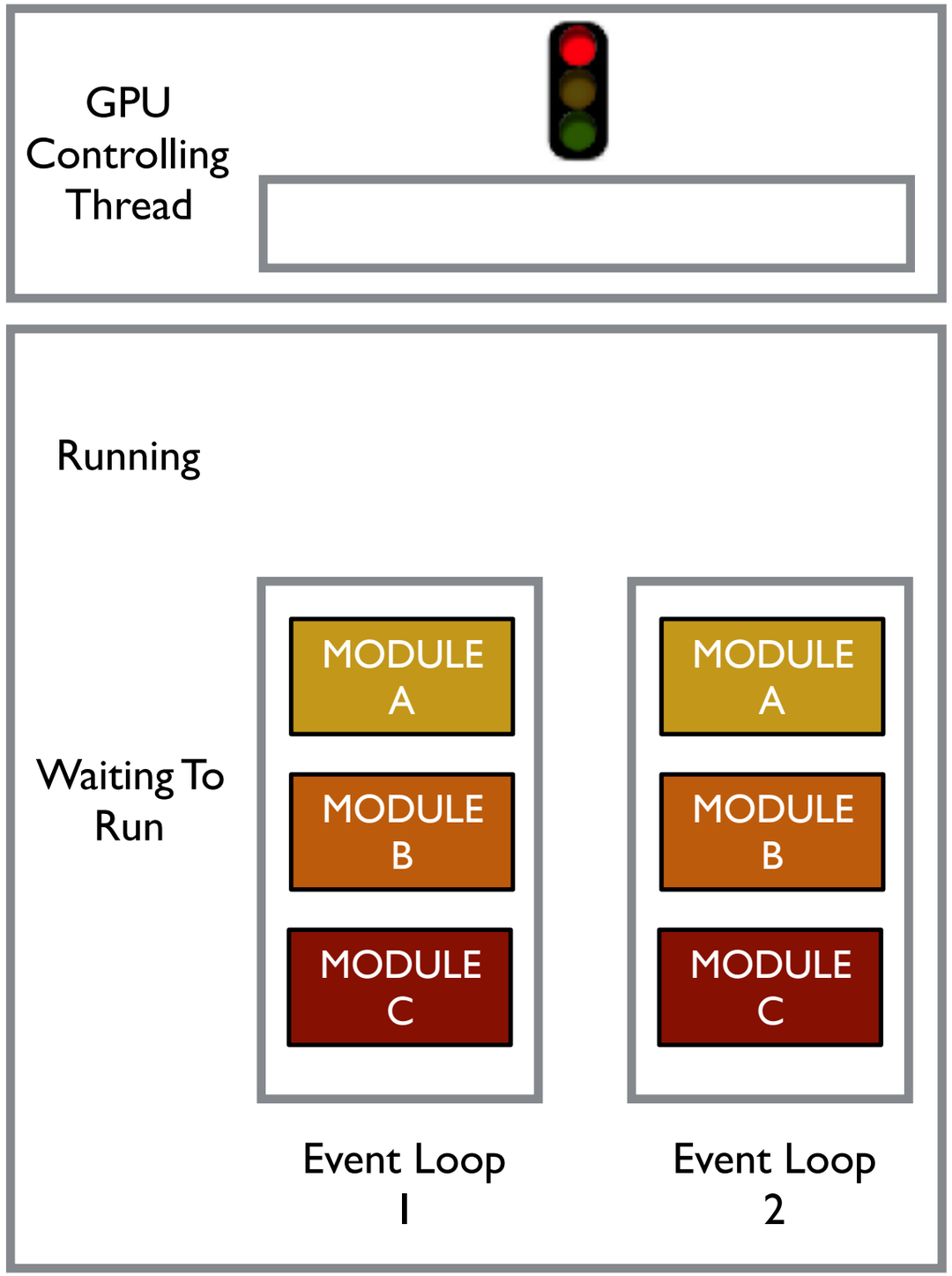
Setup

TBB controls running modules

- Can have concurrent processing of multiple events

Have separate helper thread to control GPU

- Waits until enough work has been buffered before running GPU kernel



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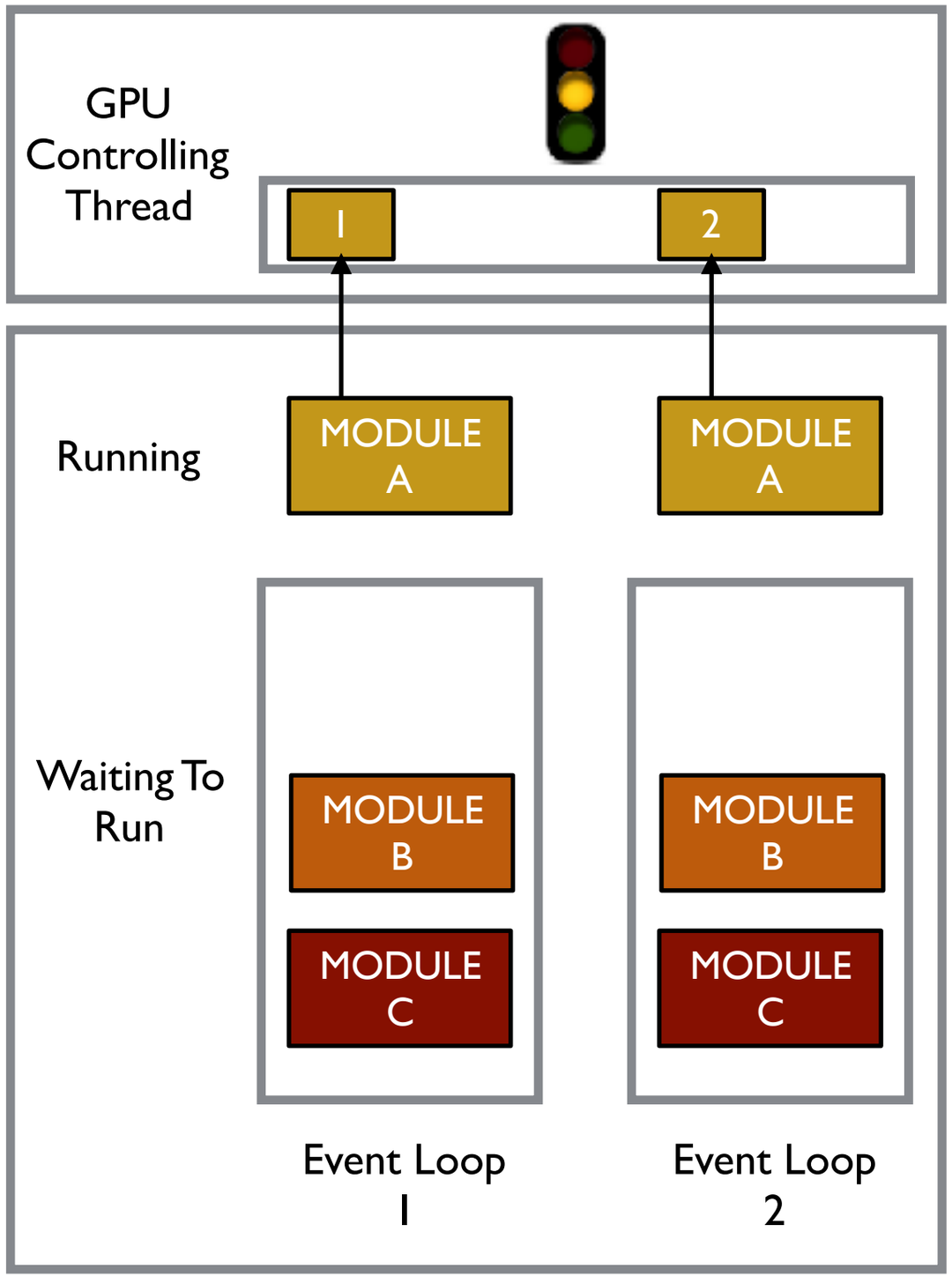
Acquire

Module acquires method called

- Used to pull data from Event

Copies data to buffer

- Includes a callback to start next phase of module running

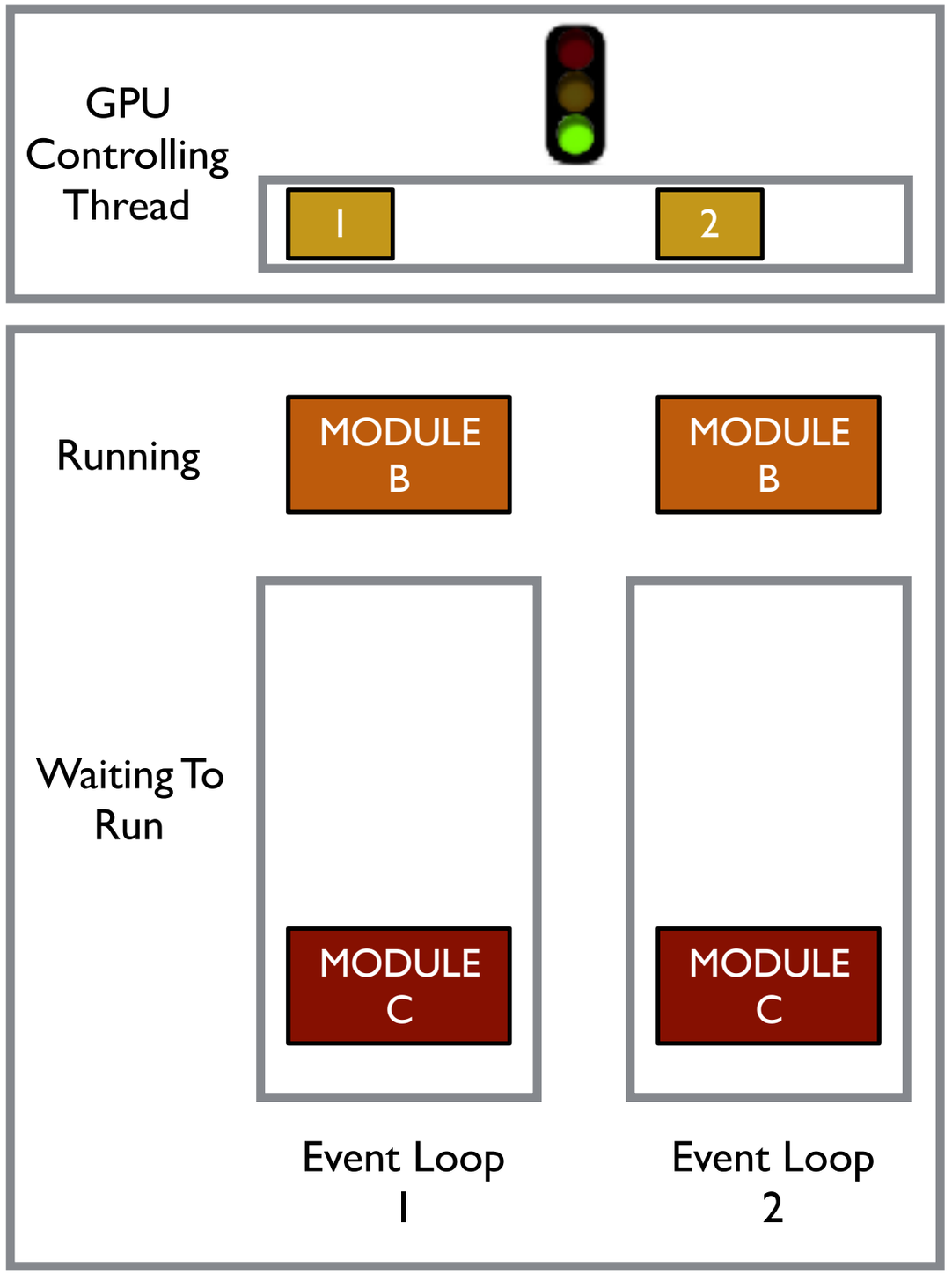


External Work Starts

GPU kernel is run

- Data pulled from buffer

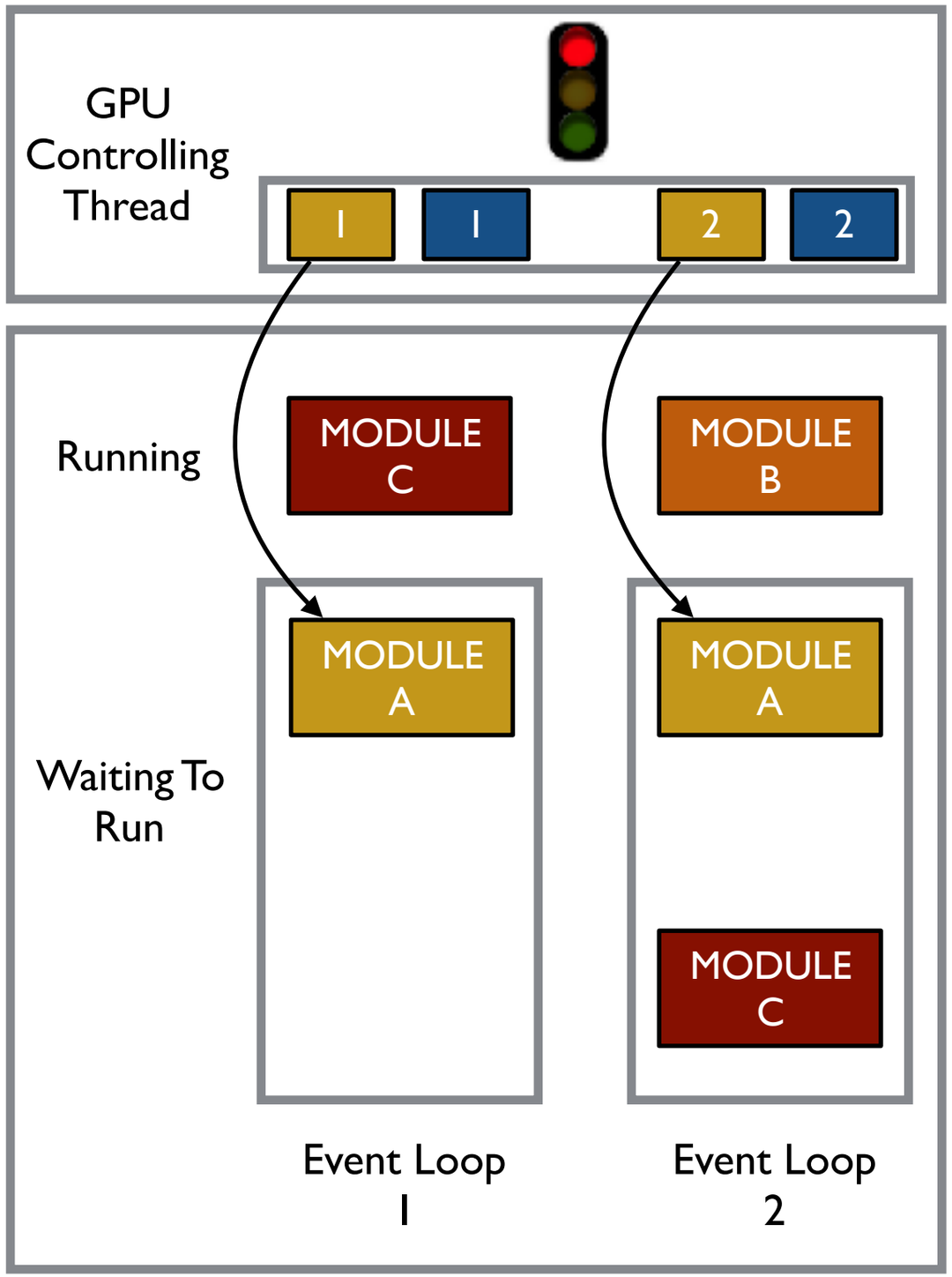
Next waiting module can run



External Work Finishes

GPU results are copied to buffer

Callback puts Module back into waiting queue

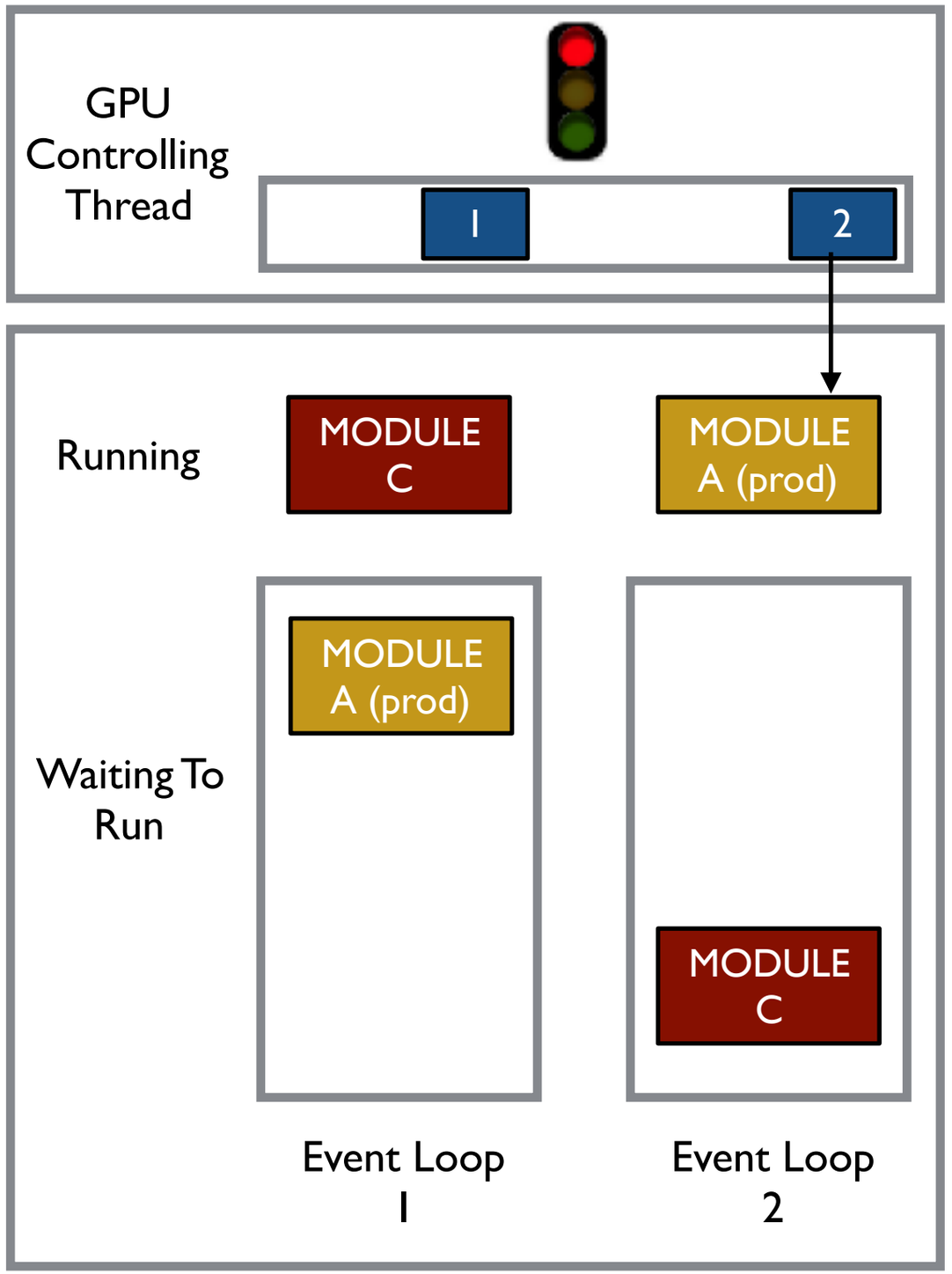


Produce

Produce method of module is called

Pull data from buffer

Data used to create objects to put into Event



Throughput Scaling Test

Approximate use of non-CPU resource

- Separate helper thread which sleeps for a set amount of time
- All waiting sleep requests handled concurrently
  - thread sleeps only for the longest requested time, not the total requested time
- Once sleeping, additional sleep requests will have to wait
- Denoted by ‘External Work’

Simple CPU based algorithm for testing

- algorithm sleeps for set amount of time

Require that two algorithms are needed to process each event

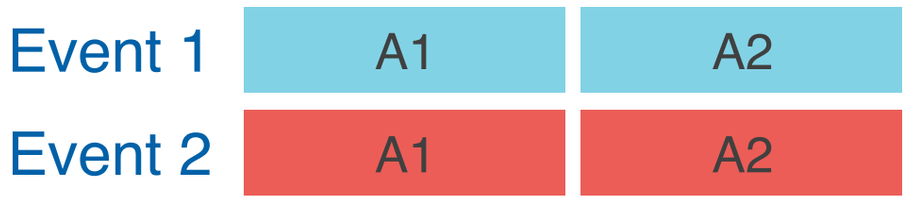
Test two different algorithm dependencies

- The two algorithms are independent of each other
- One algorithm depends on the results of the other algorithm

Expectations for Independent Algorithms

threads = # concurrent events

both CPU algorithms take same time



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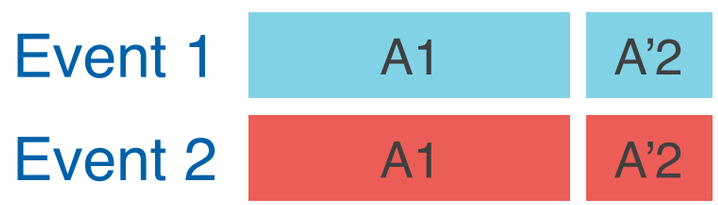

threads = 2 * # concurrent events

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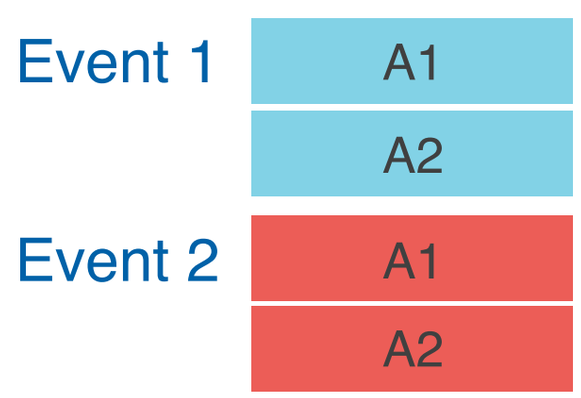

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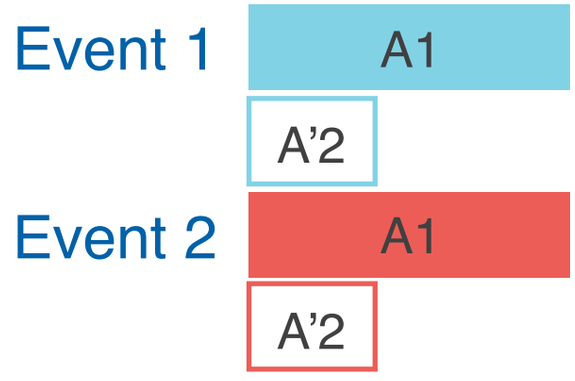

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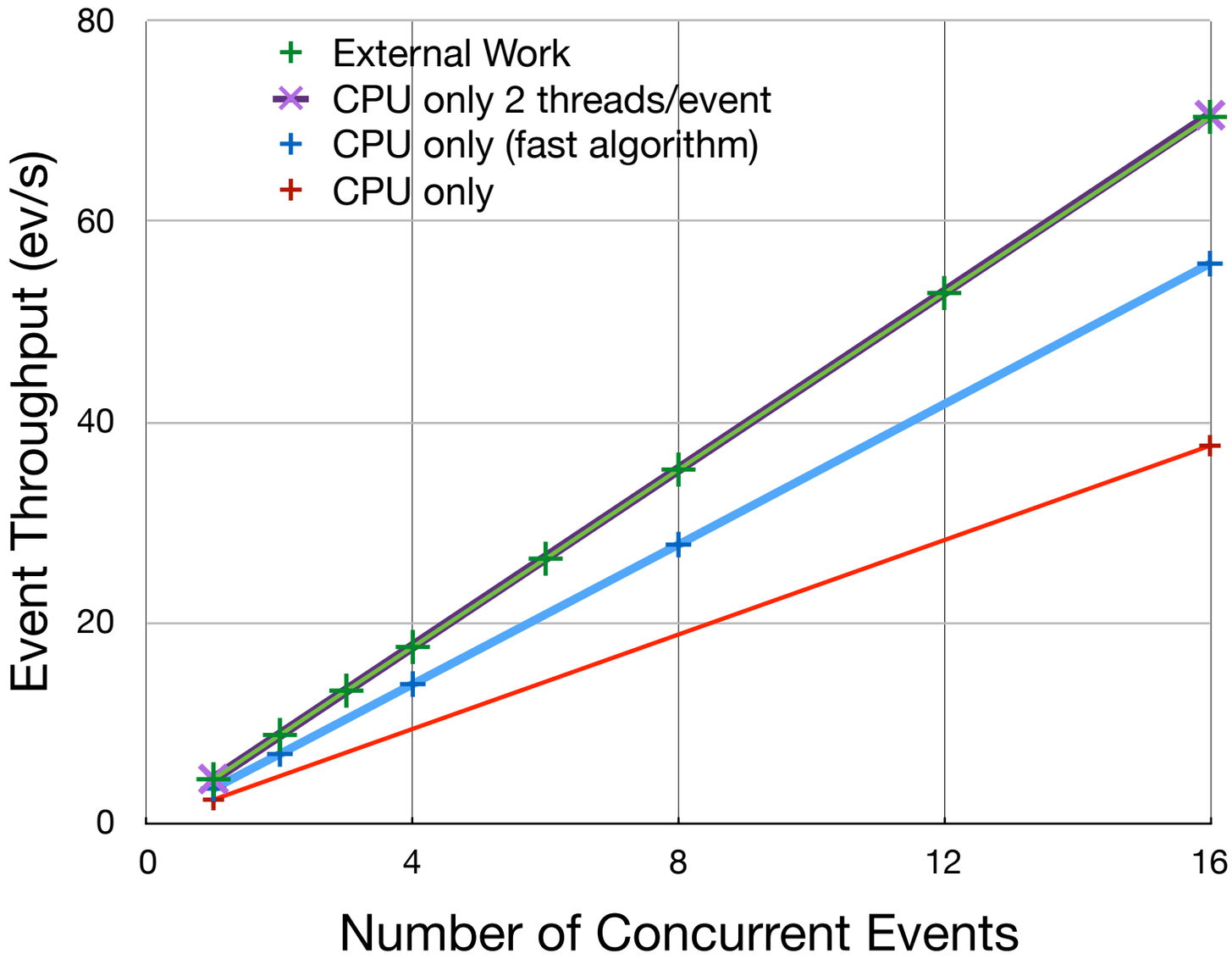
Independent Algorithm Measurements



Have two algorithms that can work in parallel on one event

- **Algorithms take exactly the same amount of time to process an event**

One algorithm can be written to do external work

- **As fast as using two threads per event**

Processing Graph

Stream ID

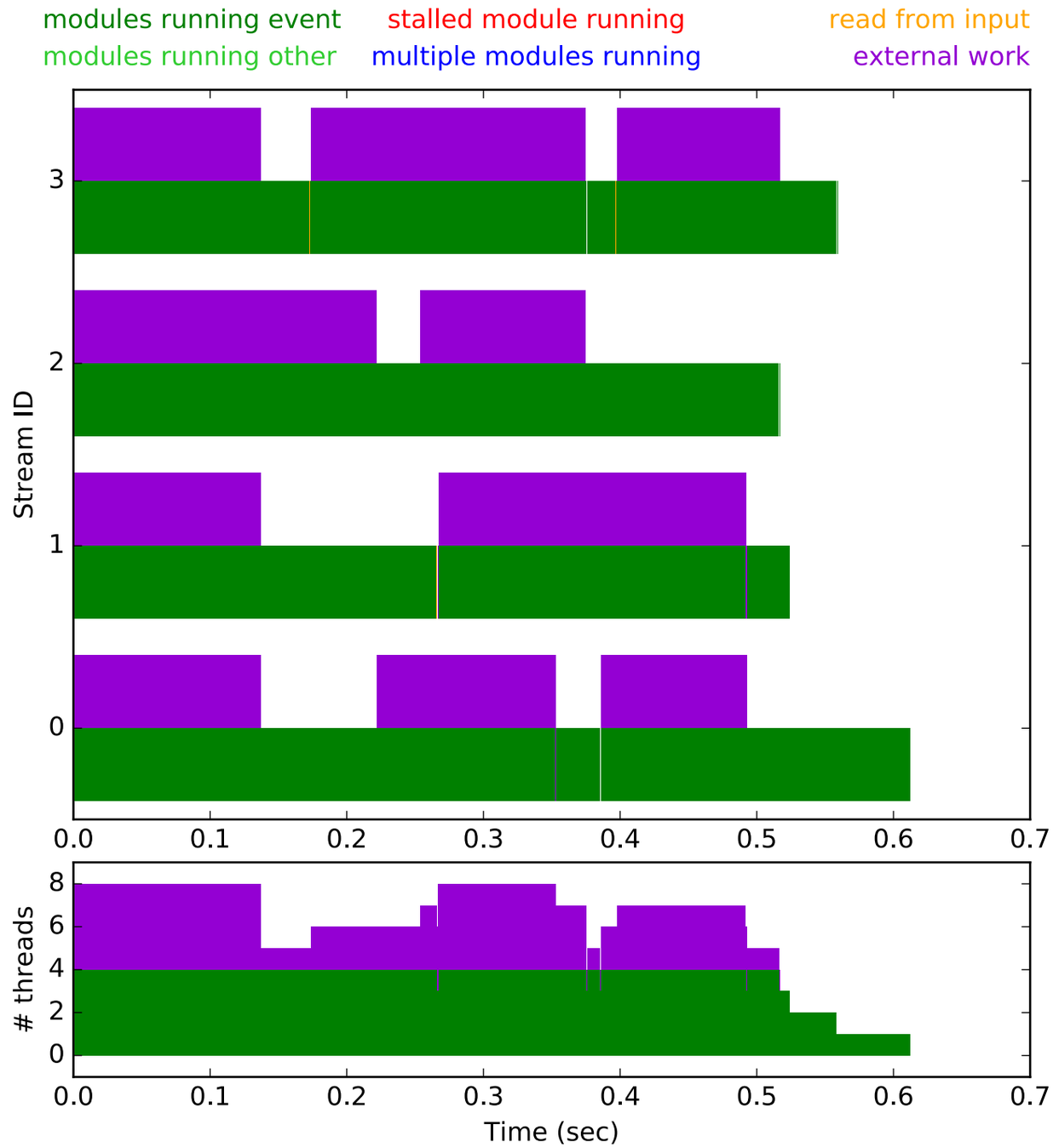
Denotes an independent event loop

Histogram colors

Purple: Work has been passed to the external work controlling thread

- Between *acquire* and *produce*
- Does not mean the work is running

Green: a module is running on a CPU



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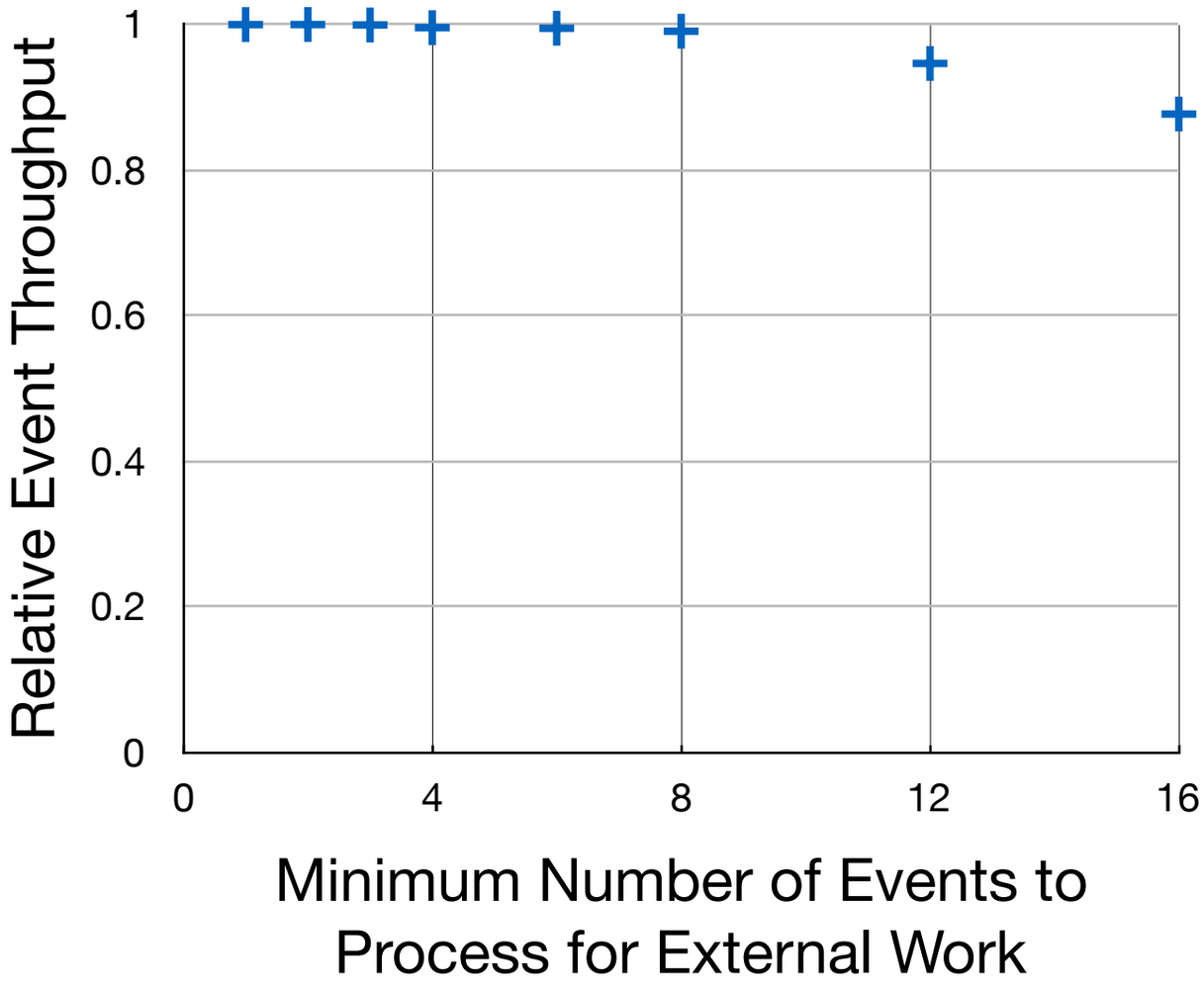
Minimum Number of Events to Process

The external work thread can wait until a set number of events are ready to process

Constants

- 16 concurrent events
- 16 threads



As minimum number of events approaches number of concurrent events the throughput decreases

Expectations for Dependent Algorithms

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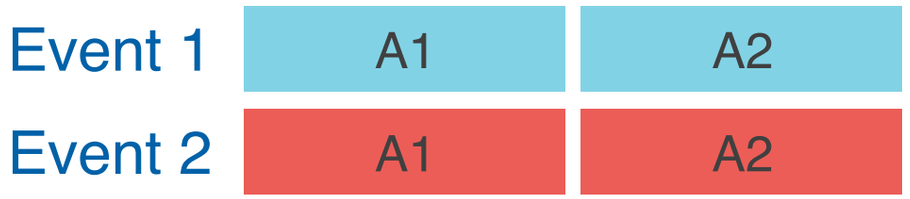

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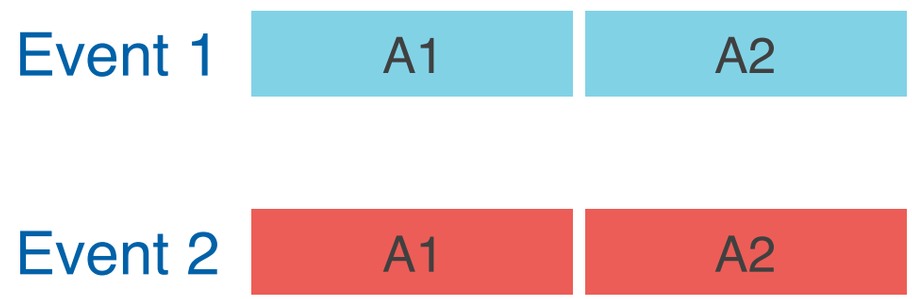

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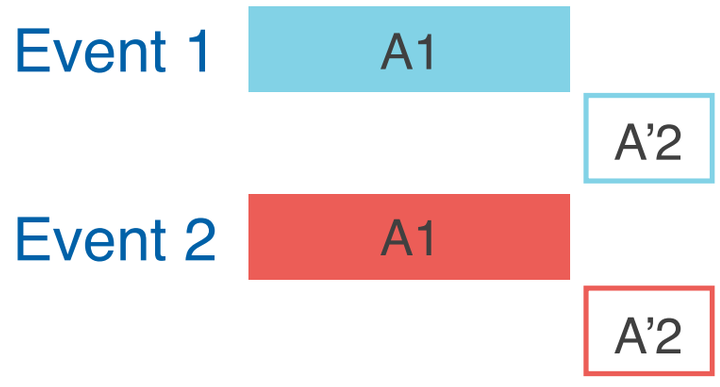

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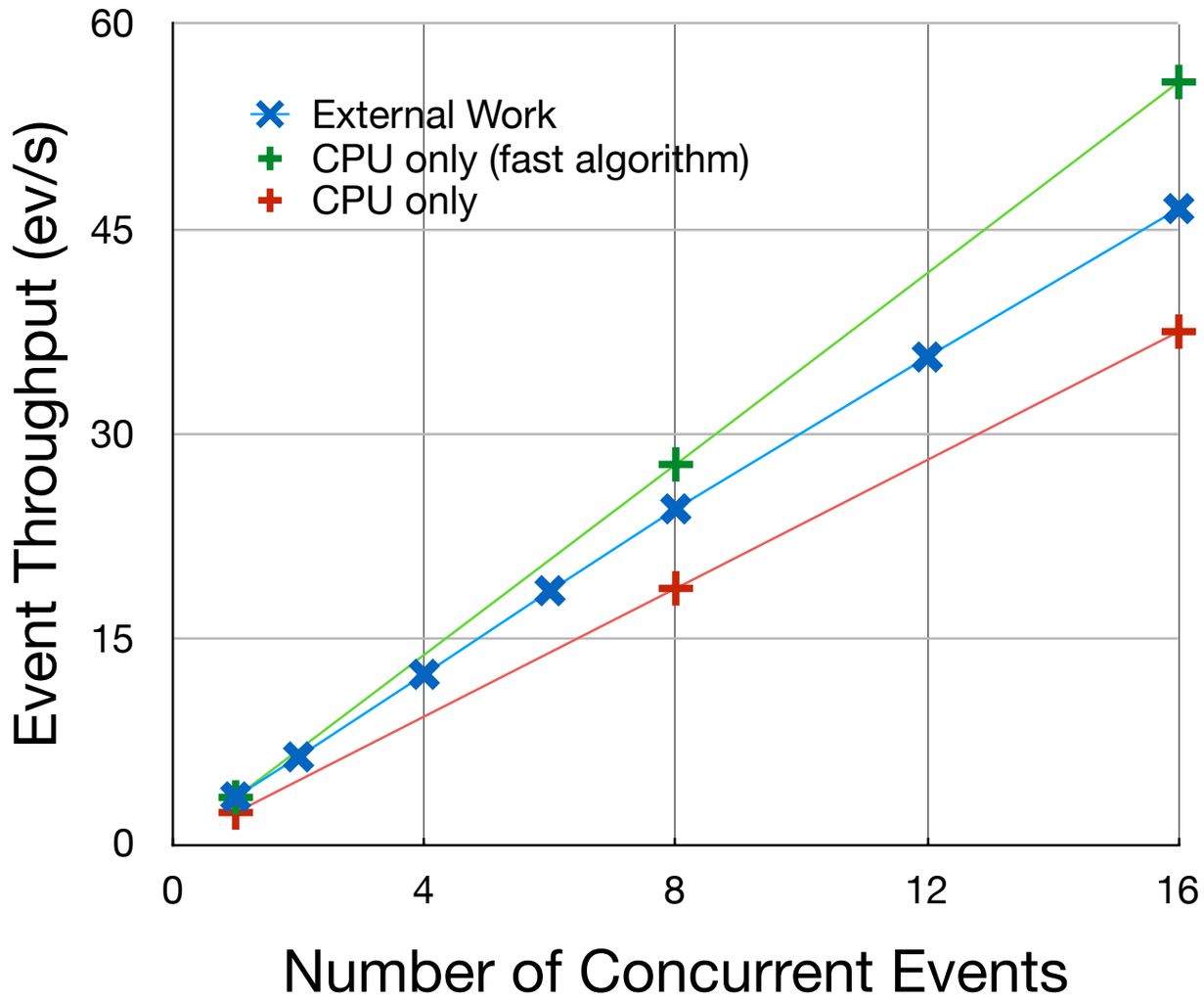
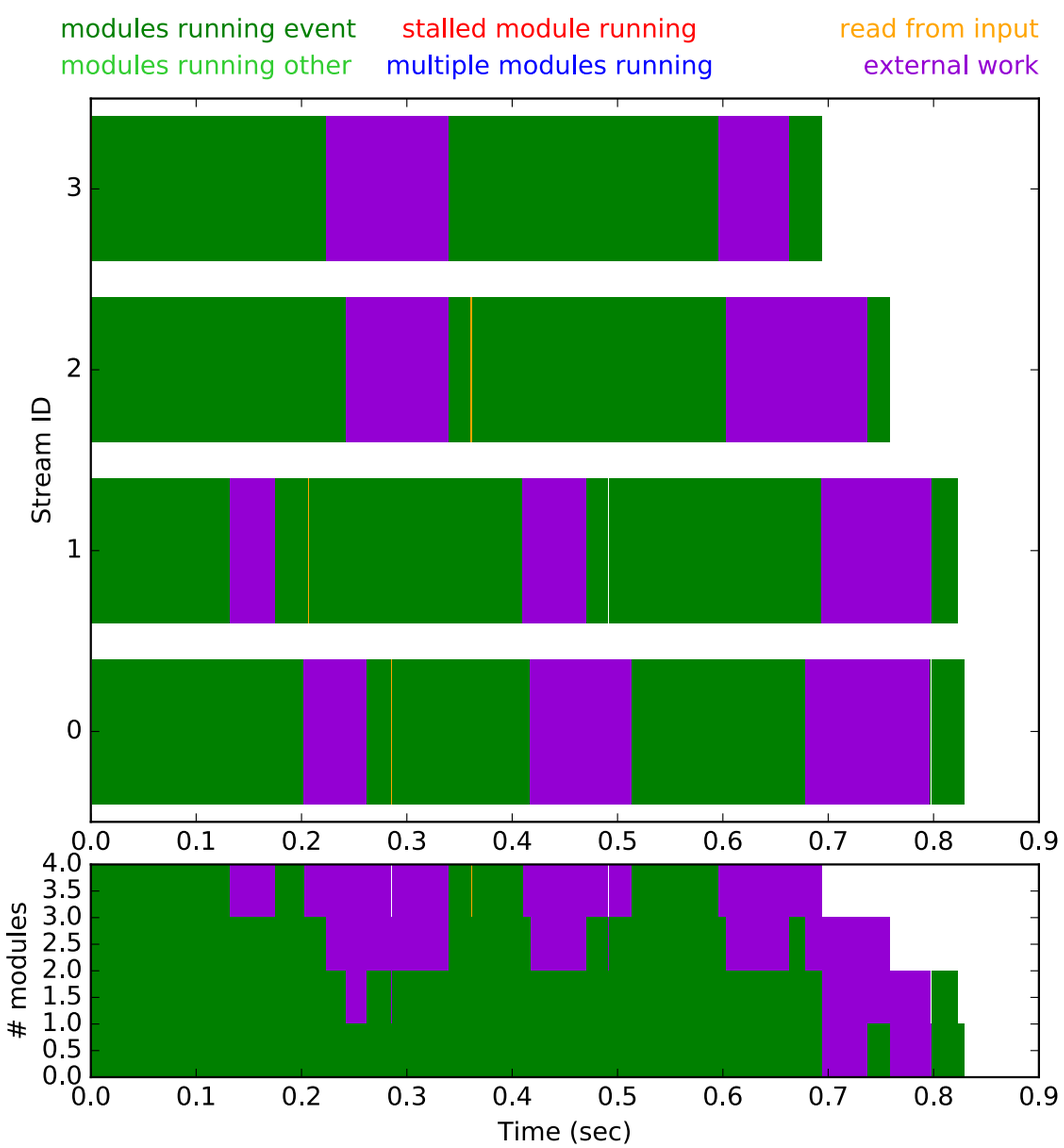


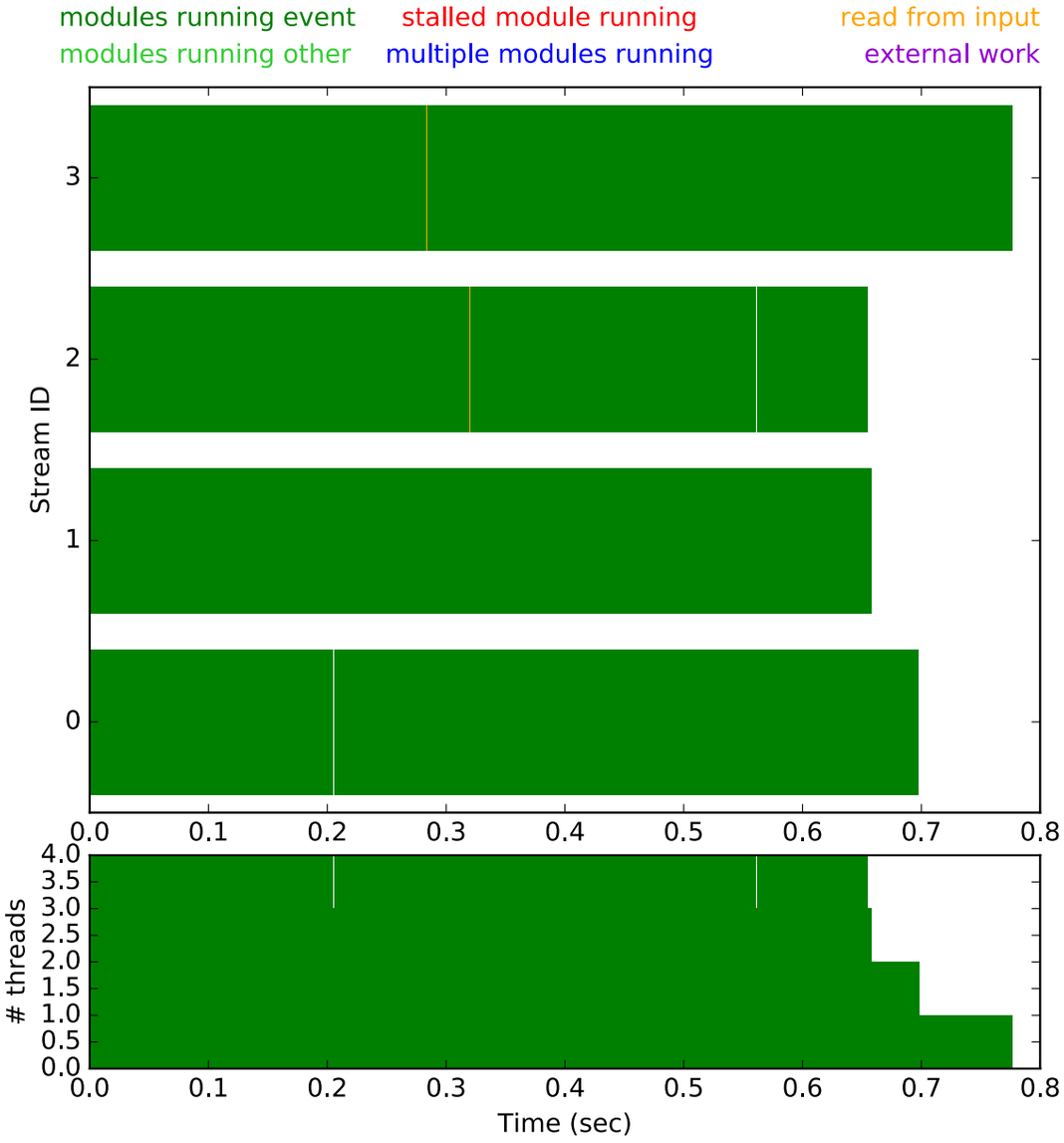
Event processing algorithms must run sequentially

Use of external work is faster than algorithms sequentially

not as fast as if second algorithm ran on CPU as fast as it can on external worker

Dependent Algorithm Processing Graphs





External Work and the CPU module have the same running times

Note the scale change

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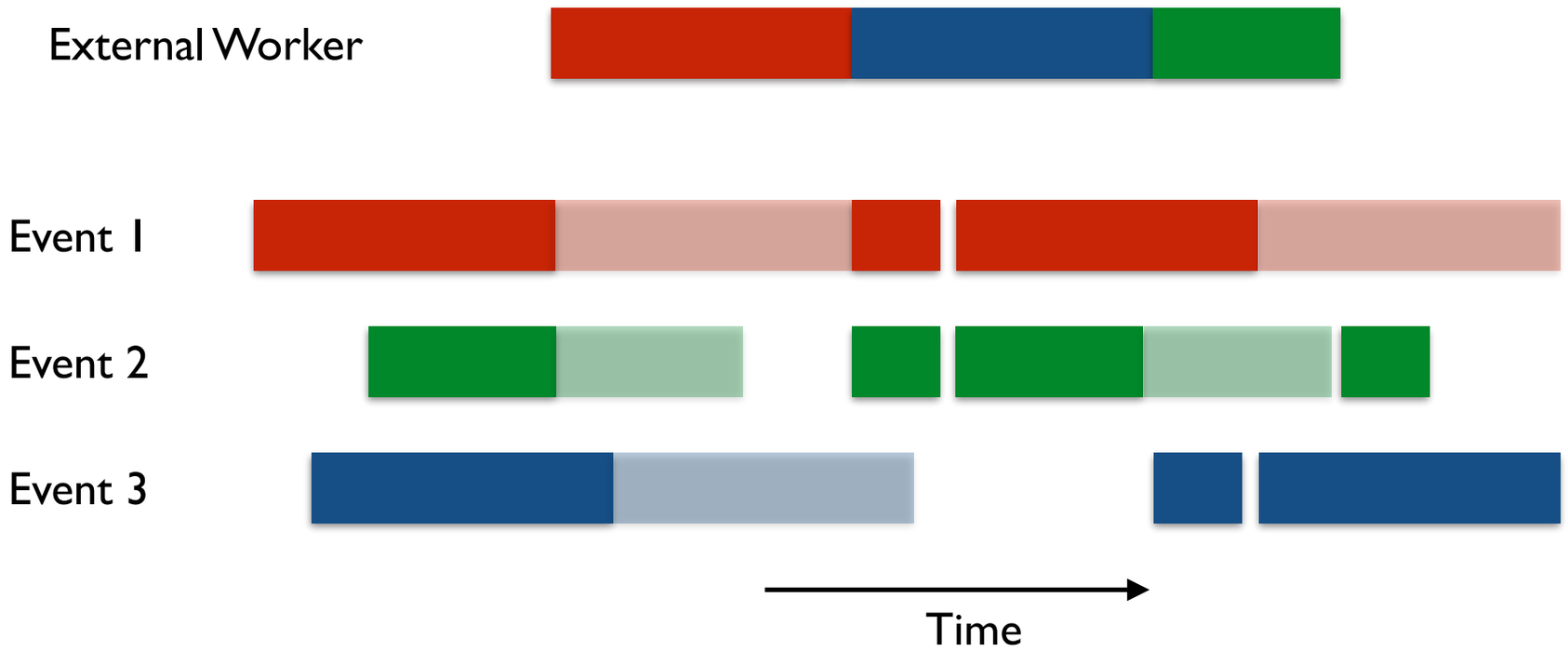
Cross Event Synchronization



Key
Opaque: Time spent in algorithm/External worker
Semi transparent: amount of time to process data in the External Worker

Can only process 1 work chunk at a time

- **an event must wait for its turn if it missed the most recent start of a chunk**
- **e.g. See Event 3**

External work busy for the longest event time

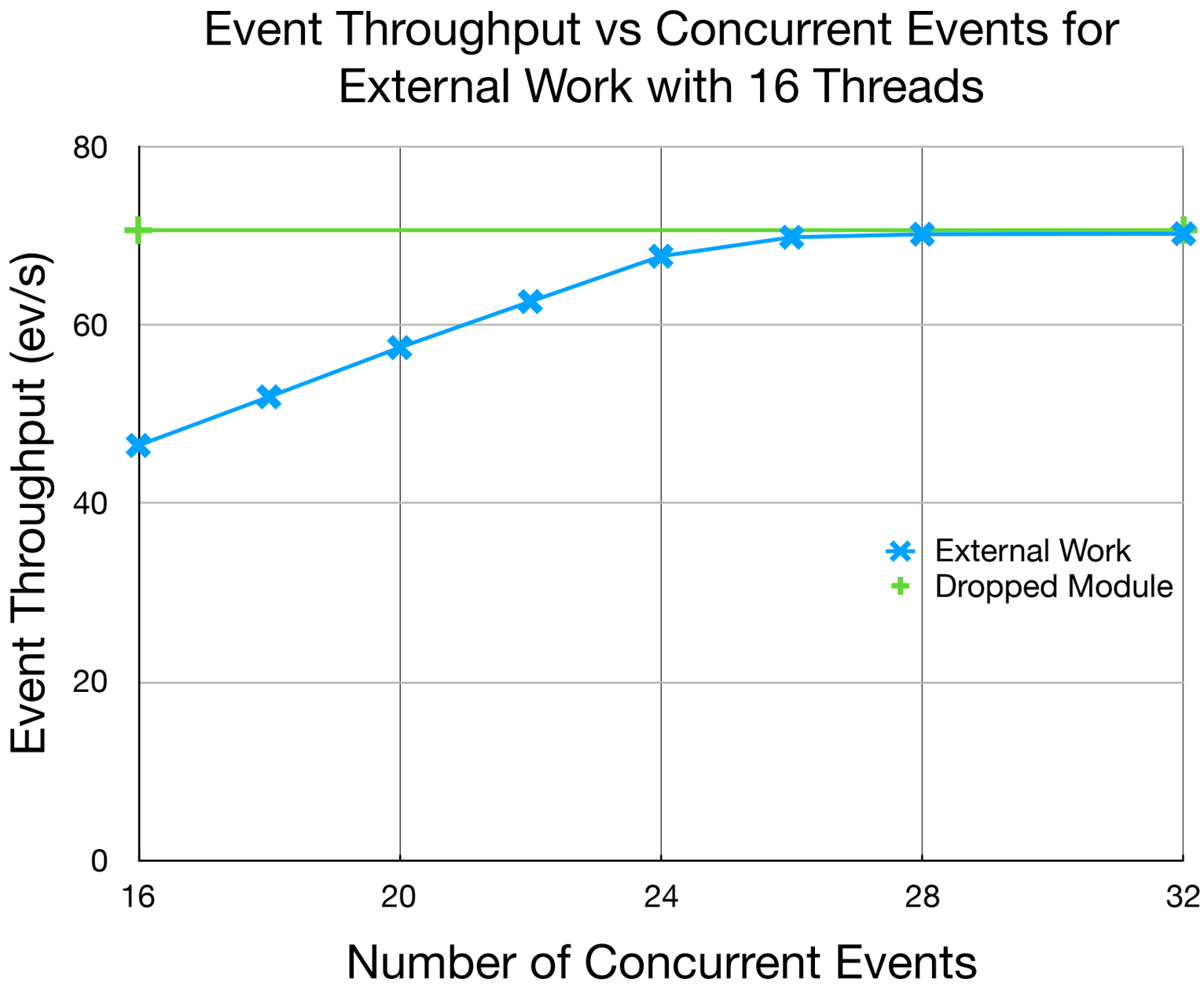
- **events with shorter processing time must still wait for the longer time**
- **e.g. see Event 2**

Number of Concurrent Events > Number of Threads

Use 16 threads

Require external work to only wait for 1 event before processing

With enough concurrent events, can get same result as if the external work module was not in the job



Conclusion

CMS has a mechanism for integrating TBB and accelerators

Exact event throughput benefits dependent on scheduling work to accelerator
- Waiting for enough events to accumulate can decrease throughput

The more intra-event parallelism improves event throughput
- Can schedule work on CPU and accelerator at the same time

May be able to increase event throughput at the cost of extra memory
- allow number of concurrent events to be greater than the number of CPU threads