



S9893 - KVM GPU VMs: Maximize Perf and Utilization

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Agenda

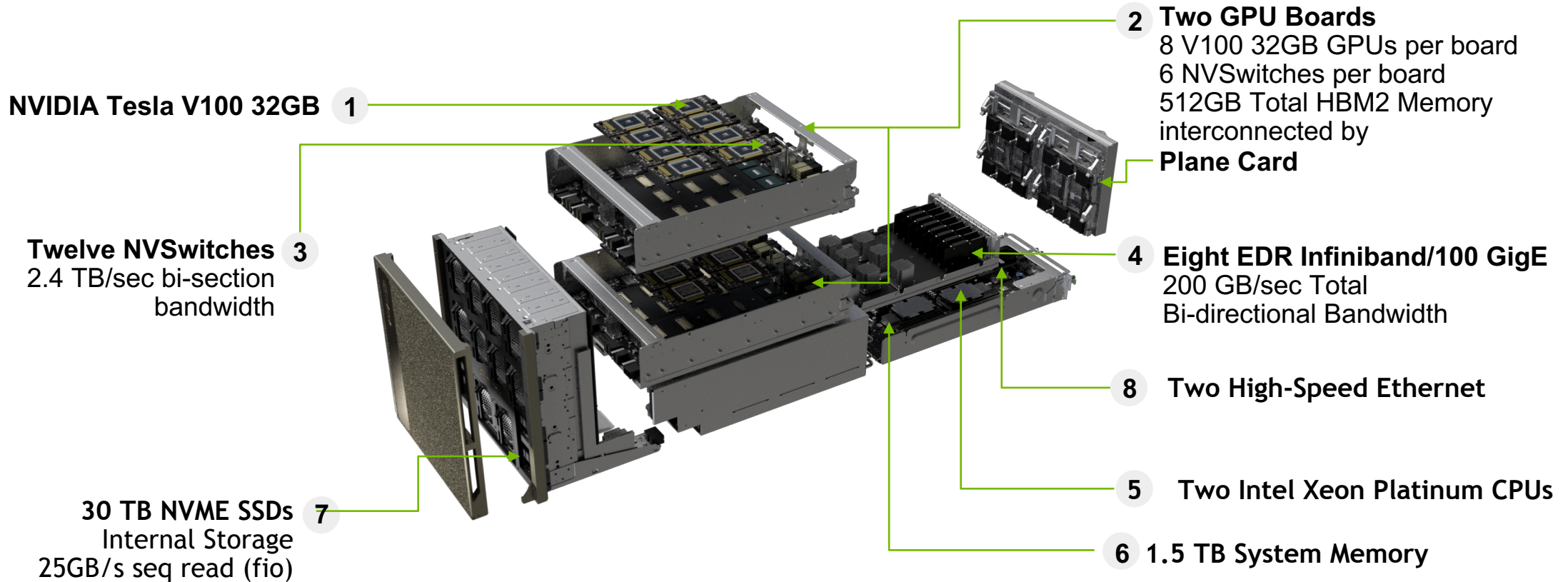
INTRODUCING KVM VIRTUALIZATION ON DGX-2

KVM BENEFITS

- SECURE MULTI-TENANCY
- IMPROVE SYSTEM AVAILABILITY
- EASY TO USE

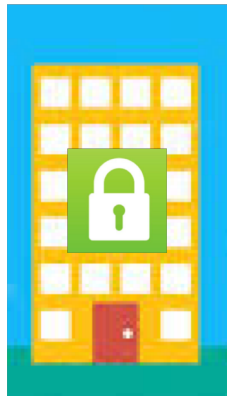
HOW WE ENABLE KVM

DGX-2 has Immense compute



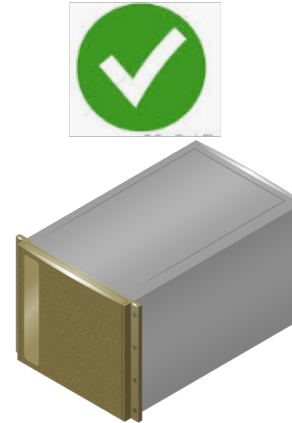
PROBLEM STATEMENT WITH GPU VIRTUALIZATION

SECURE MULTI-TENANCY



“ Launch secure tenants with different number of GPUs targeting Healthcare, CSPs, Higher Education use cases

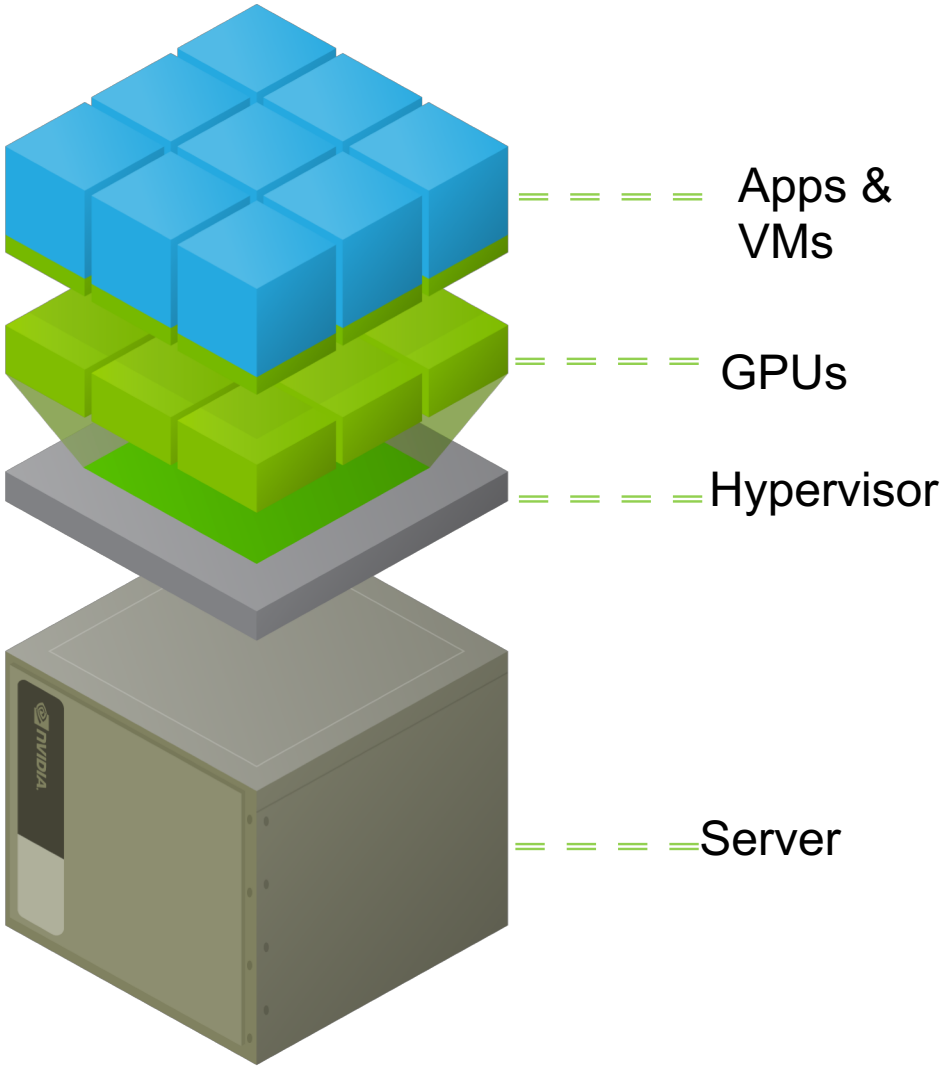
IMPROVED SYSTEM AVAILABILITY



“ Hypervisor assisted Hardware health management with no down time

Secure Multi-Tenancy

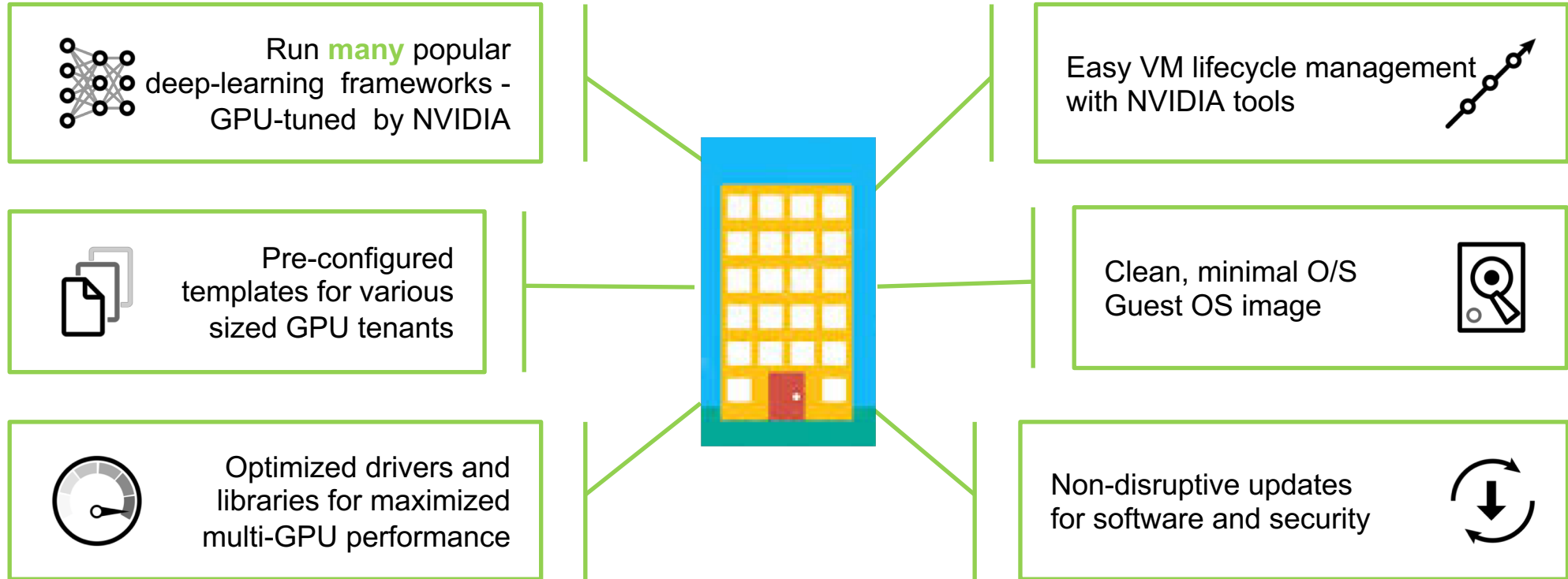
DGX-2 KVM VIRTUALIZATION



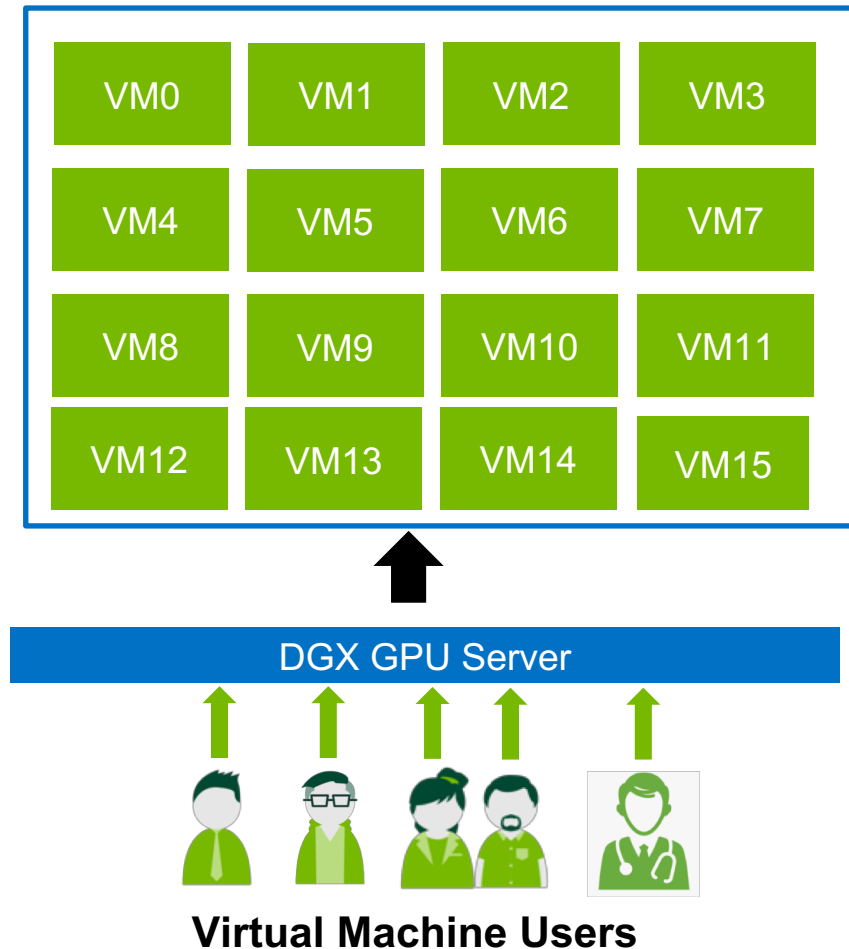
Enable your own private DL Training Cloud for your Enterprise

- KVM hypervisor for Ubuntu Linux
- Enable teams of developers to simultaneously access DGX-2
- Flexibly allocate GPU resources to each user and their experiments
- Full GPU's and NVSwitch access within VMs – either all GPU's or as few as 1

DGX-2 KVM provides secure Multi-tenancy



Many Users For Improved Utilization



Multiple Users on one DGX Server

- 16 x1-GPU VMs
- Many non-GPU VMs

Schedule Multi-DL apps on available HW

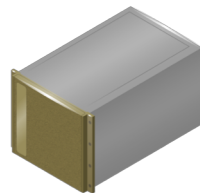
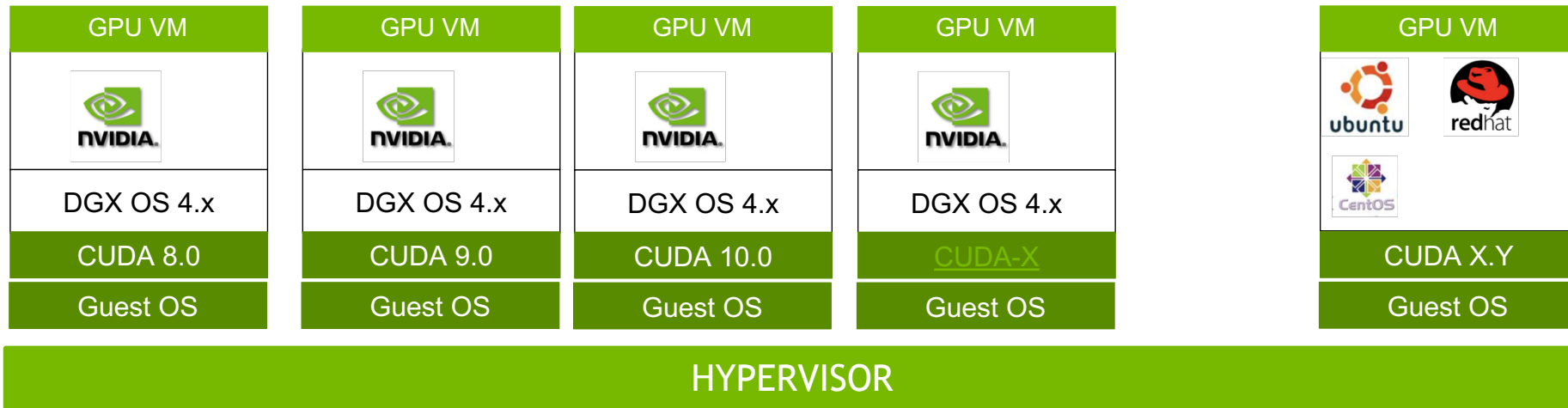
ML/DL training, NGC containers, RAPIDS

Healthcare, Higher Education

Cloud / Datacenters deployment

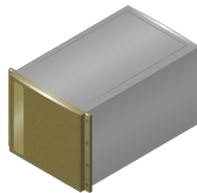
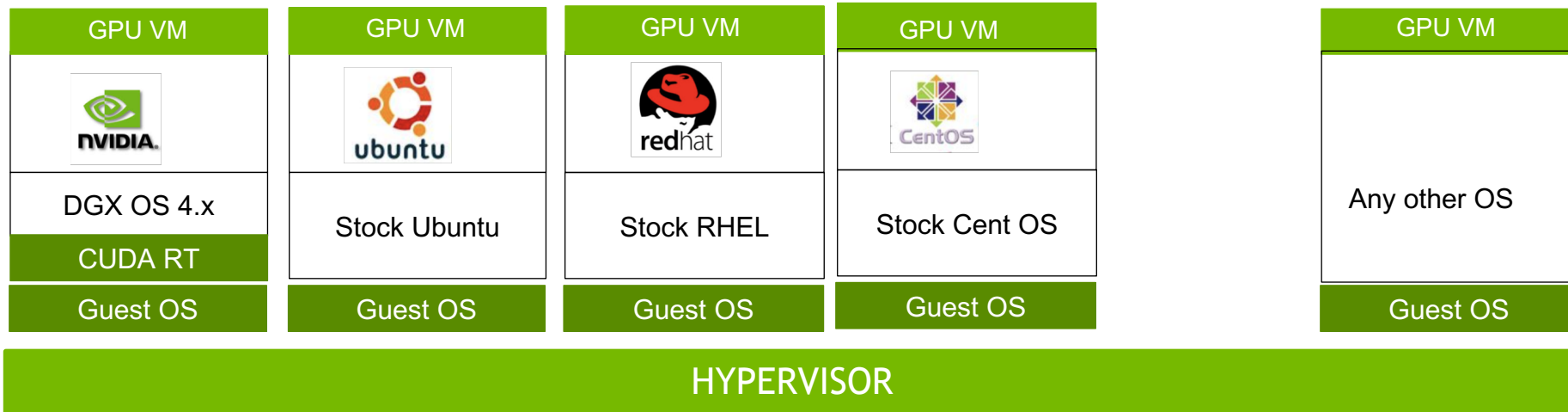
Ex: Data Science team within Fortune 500 organization

GPU VMs Can Run Different CUDA & Drivers



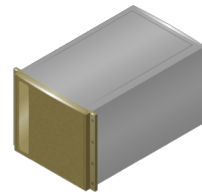
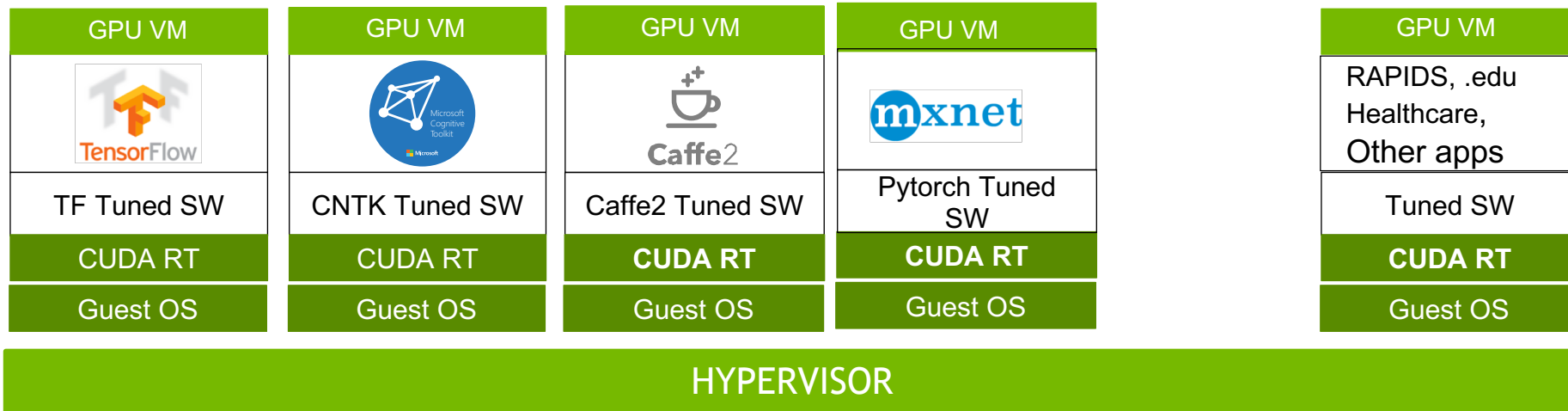
Good for: Developing apps across CUDA

GPU VM Can Have Different Guest OS



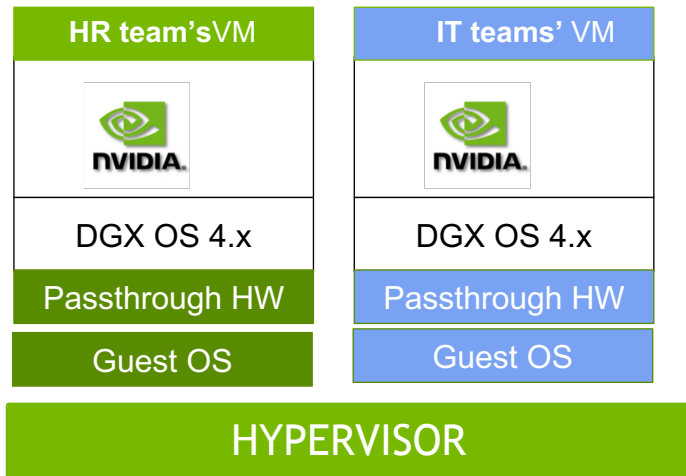
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GPU VMs Can Run Different Apps : DL & Data Analytics



Ex: Demo RAPIDS in a 16-GPU VM

Secure Multi-tenancy Considerations

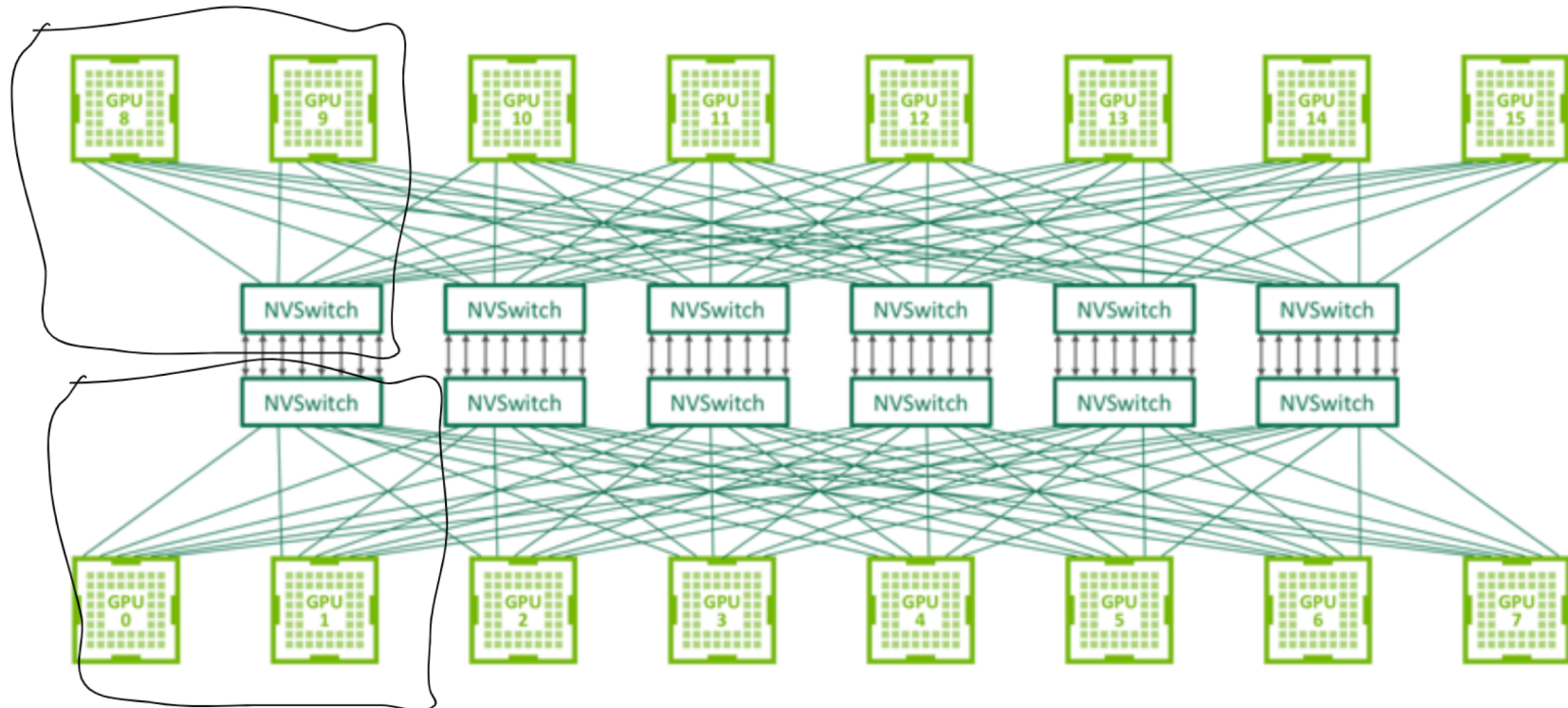


- Each tenant gets dedicated HW i.e. CPUs, Mem, GPUs etc.
- HW is isolated across tenants
- GPUs, NVSwitches are passthrough
- NVLINKs are isolated
- Cannot “reset” PCI HW
- Cannot download malicious “code” to HW

VMs Get Complete Isolation Of GPUs & NVLINKs

Provide Secure Multi-Tenancy across two 2-GPU VMs over NVLINKs

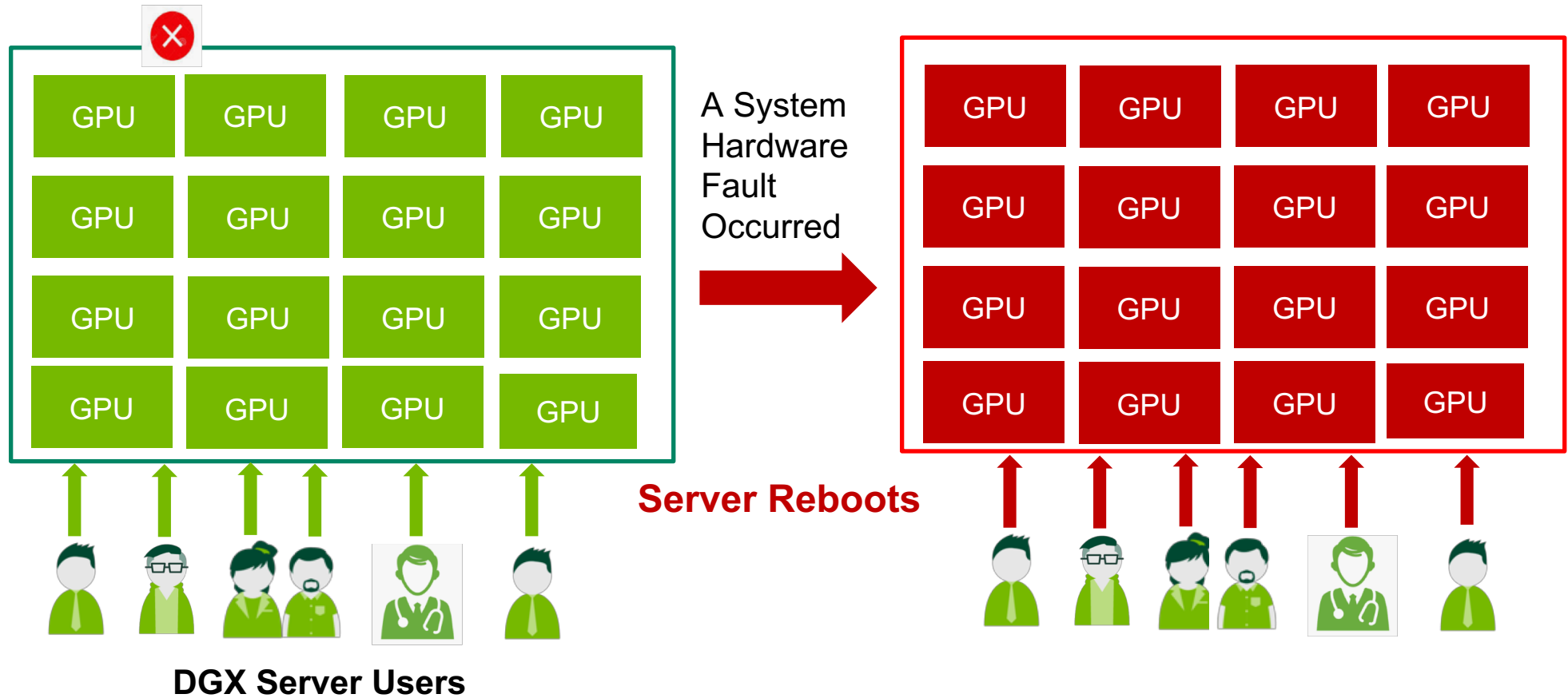
HR team's VM



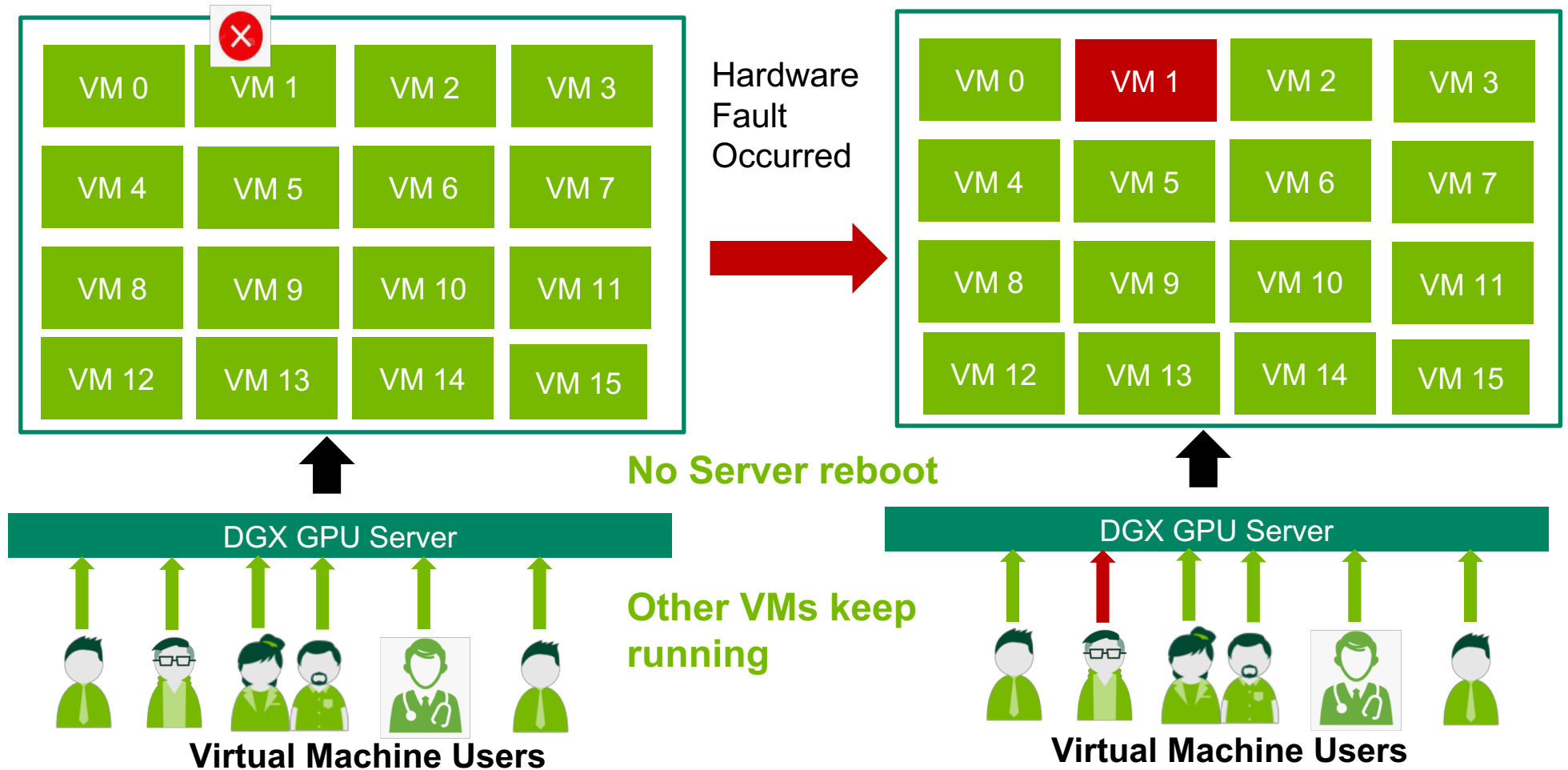
IT teams' VM

Improved System Availability

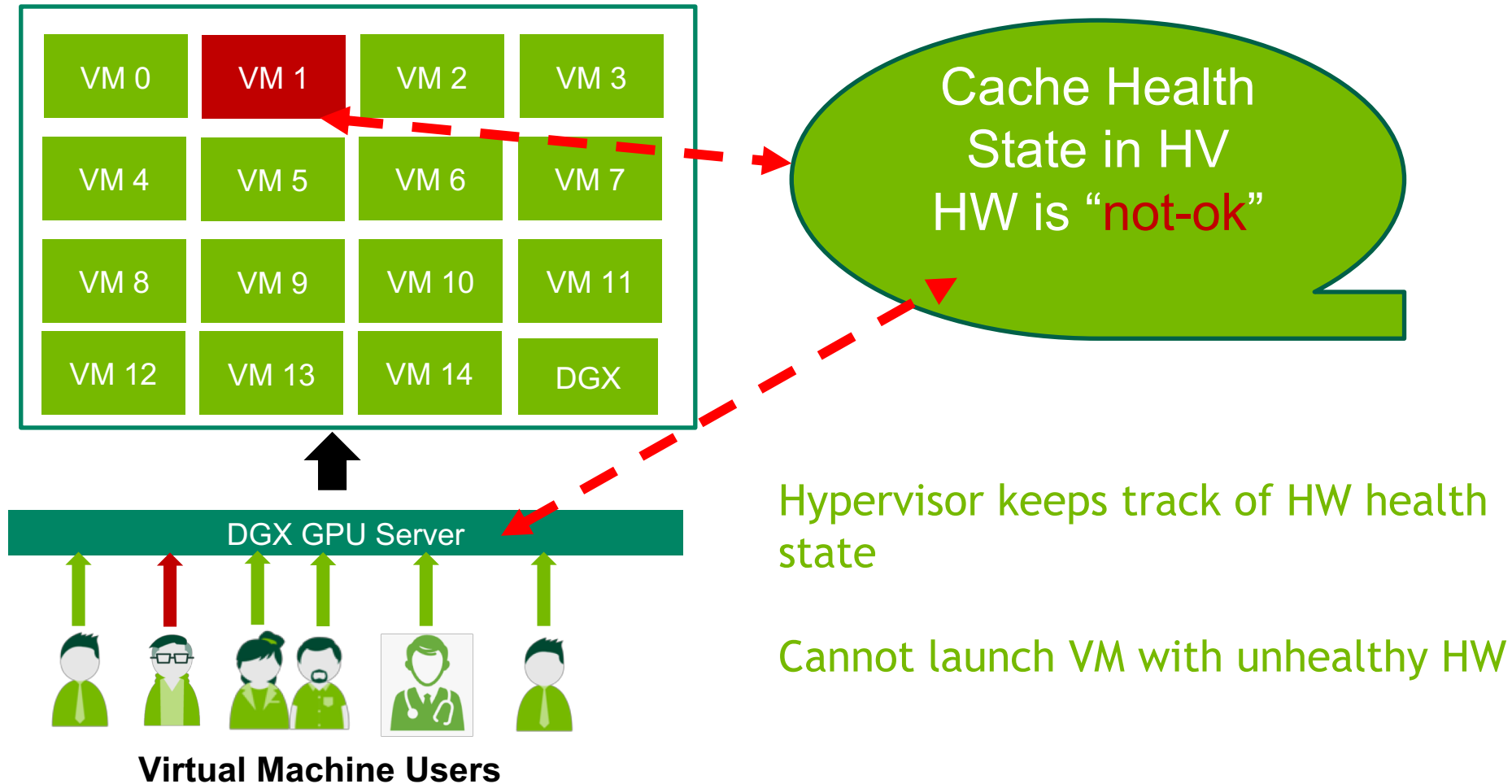
Baremetal : HW Fault Can Impact Entire Server



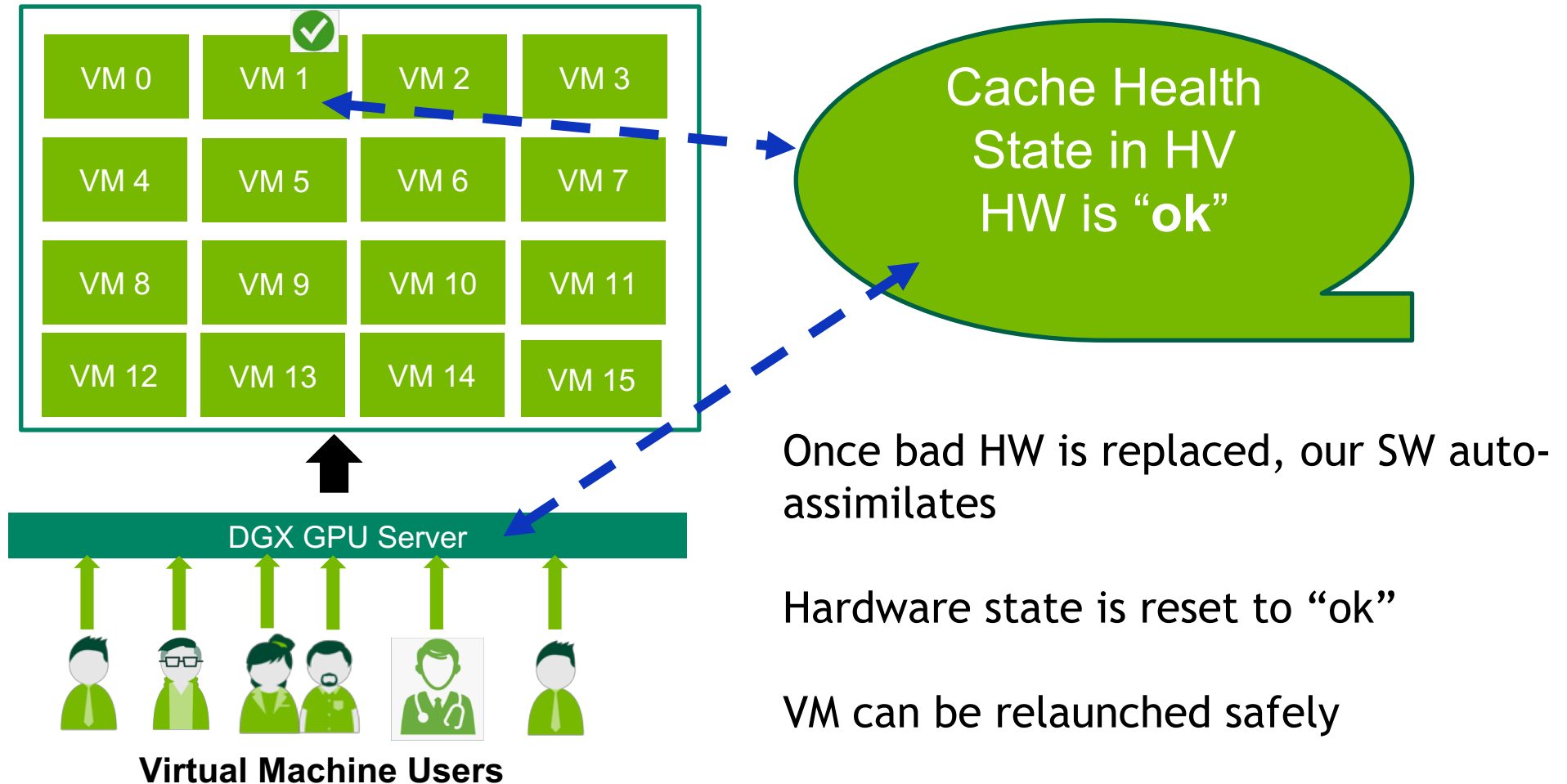
Fault Inside A VM Doesn't Impact Entire Server



Track Unhealthy HW In Hypervisor



One Faulted HW Is RMAed - We Recover



What We Did To Enable KVM

Modified System SW For KVM

SBIOS

Enable HW extensions



VT-x, VT-d

Bootloader

New GRUB options



intel_iommu=on
iommu=pt

Linux

Kernel Module Changes



Use vfio-pci
Blacklist drivers

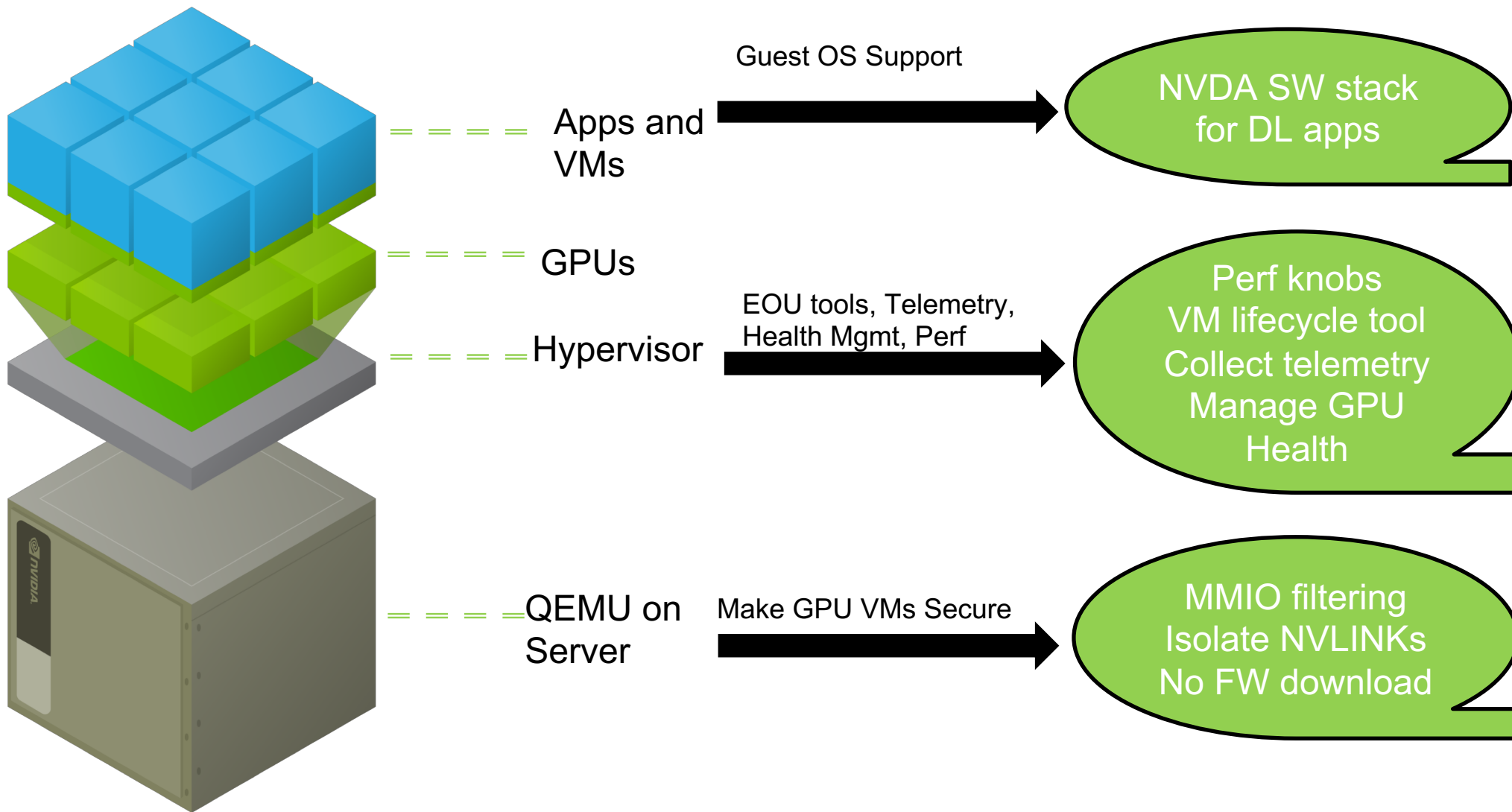
systemd

Disable Services

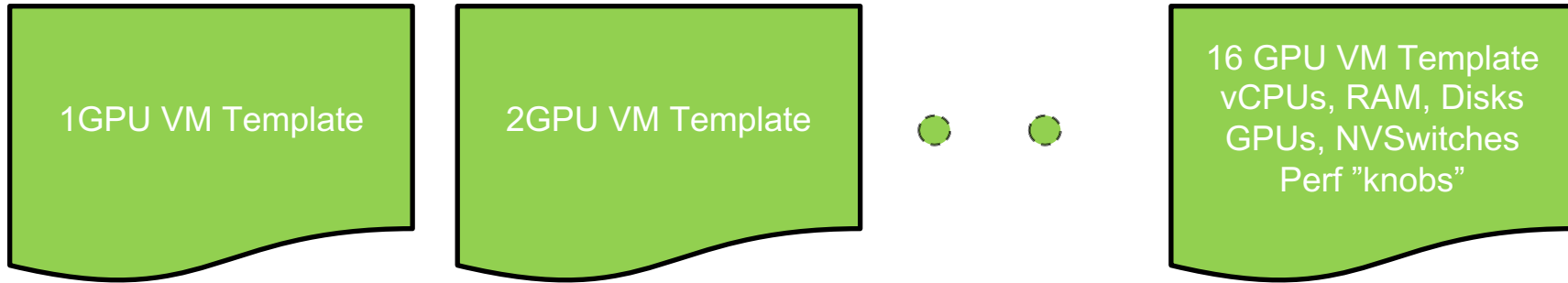


NV fabricmanager
cachefilesd

Modified “qemu” & Guest OS



Pre-Configured Templates For Optimal Perf



Pre-Configure Templates for Optimal Performance:

- Only support power-of-2 GPU VMs
- Select IO devices Using PCIe and NVLINK topology
- Select CPU cores and Memory based on NUMA
- Pin vCPU cores with Core-affinity for Hyper Threads

NOTE : Pre-Configured Templates can be easily modified

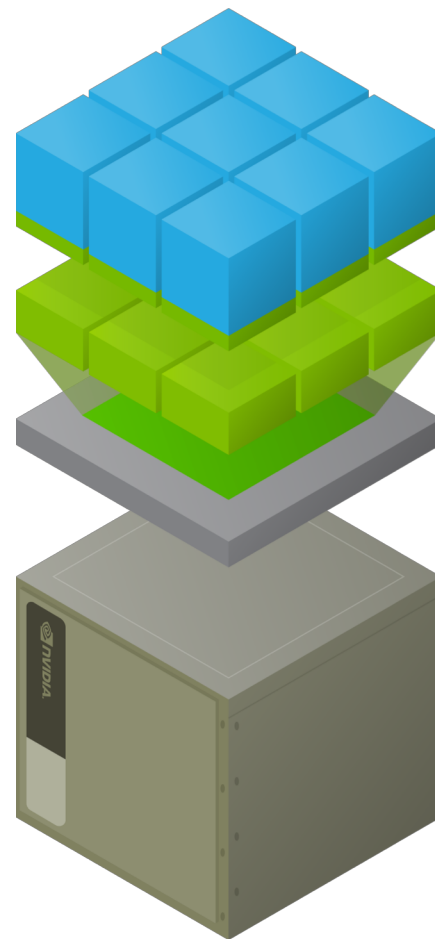
How To Use KVM

One Command To Change to KVM “Mode”



Bare-metal Mode

`apt install dgx-kvm-sw`



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Apps &
VMs

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GPUs

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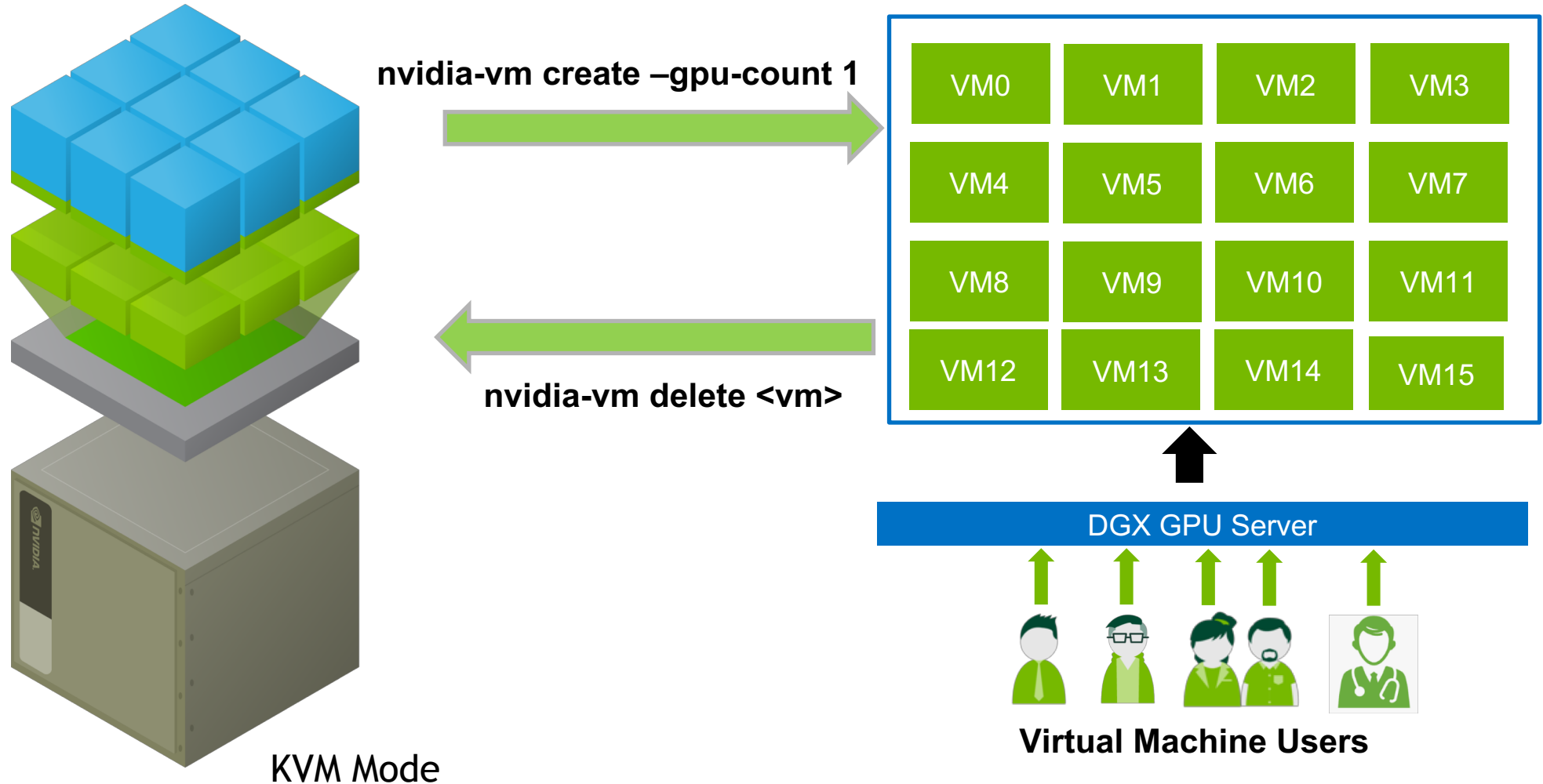
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KVM Mode

Creating & Deleting GPU VMs Is Easy

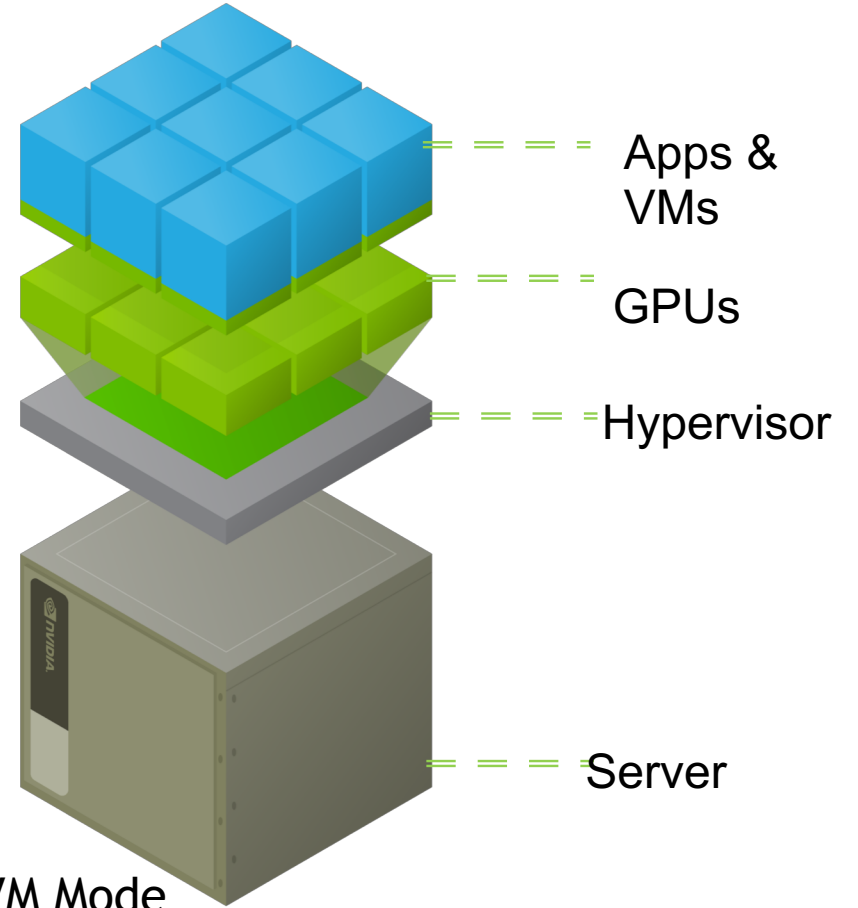


One Command To Revert To Bare-metal Mode



Bare-metal Mode

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KVM Mode

Day Use as KVM Server, Night for HPC workloads

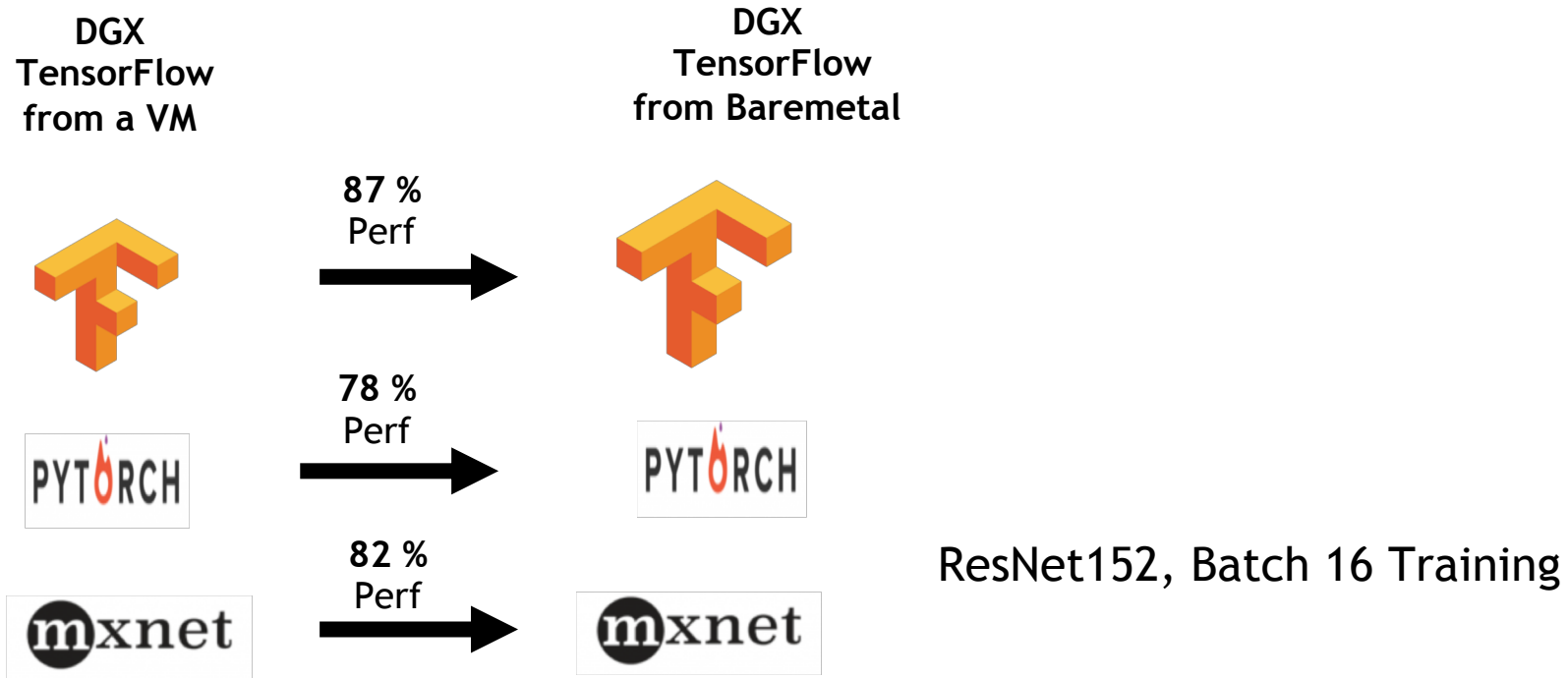
Near Bare-Metal Performance

Apply Performance “Knobs”

1. Leverage HW topology to get near Bare-metal Perf
 - NVLINK & PCI topology to select GPUs & NVSwitches
 - NUMA to select Memory and CPU cores
2. Multiple queues for Network and Block Devices

Before Performance “Knobs”

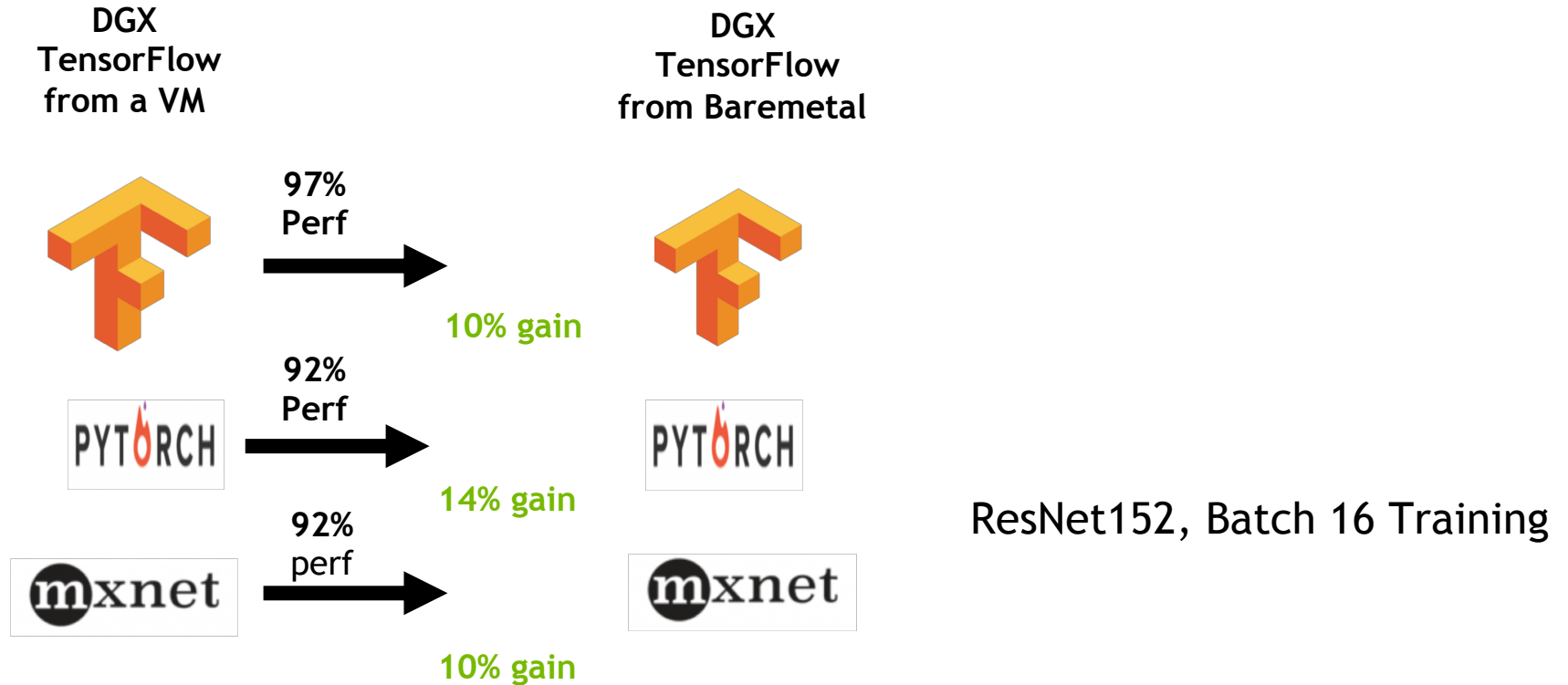
Typically Virtualization has ~ 20-30% performance overhead*



* See [OpenBenchmarking.org: KVM vs Baremetal Benchmarks](https://openbenchmarking.org/)

After Performance “Knobs”

DGX performance **tuned** Virtual Machines show minimal impact



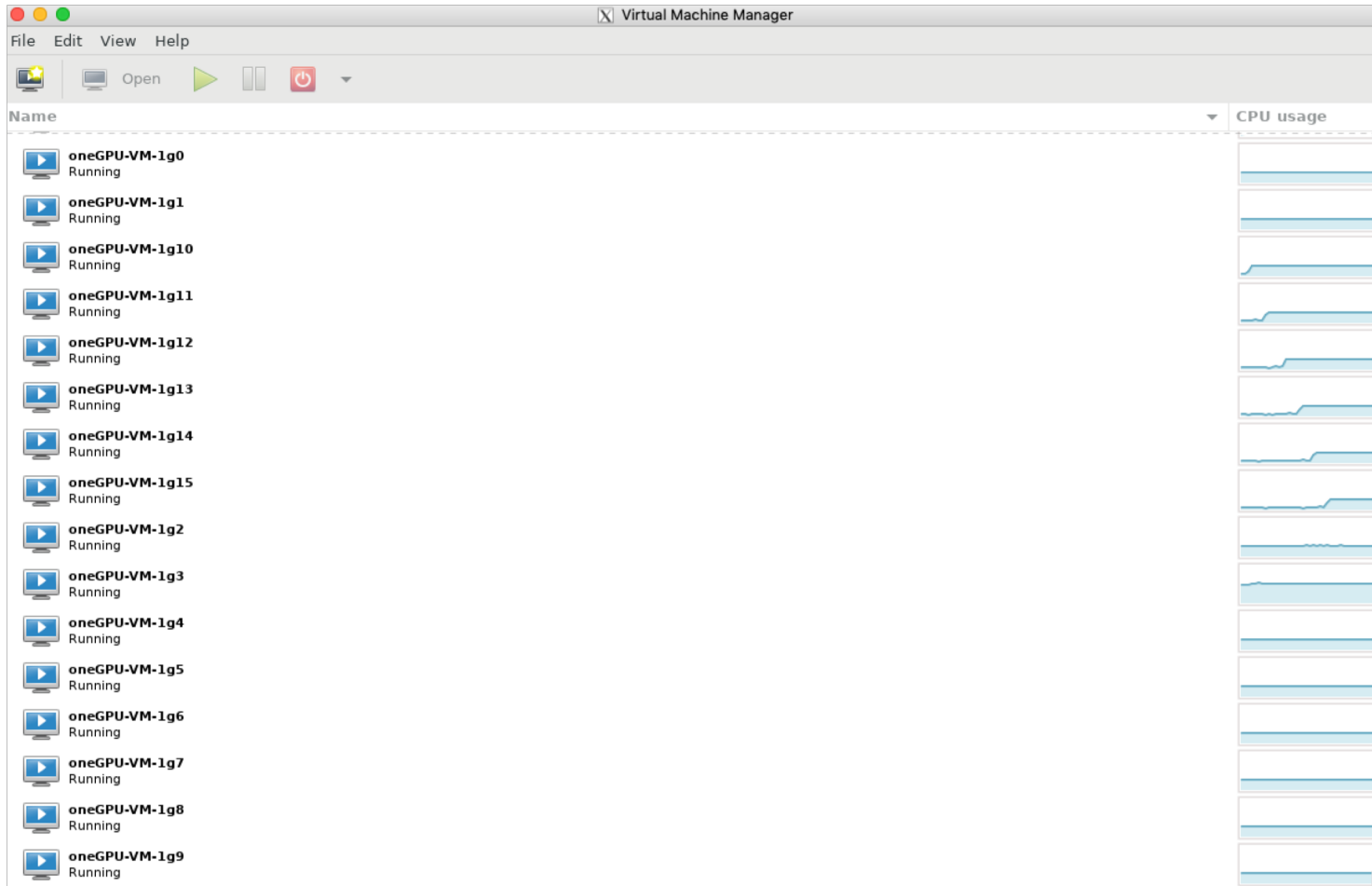
Where To Get KVM Software

1. By default, not installed
2. Download repository pre-configured on DGX
3. Need to explicitly install
 1. dgx-kvm-sw package
 2. Guest OS images available as separate package
 3. Multiple Guest OS versions available
4. Air Gapped Customers : Reach NVIDIA Enterprise Experience

DGX-2 KVM Demo

- See [DGX2 KVM Demo Page](#)

Can Use OSS Tools To Monitor VMs



References

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- DGX Best Practices
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 - See Chapters 10, 11
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SUMMARY



Secure Multi-tenancy



Improved System Availability



Easy to Use



Near Bare-metal Performance

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Session #, Date/Time	Location	Session Name	Product Featured
S91003 Wed 3/20, 2pm	Convention Center Room 210A	MXNet Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing Models Accelerated with NVIDIA TensorCores - Przemyslaw Tredak (DevTech Engineer) and Cyrus Vahid (Principle Evangelist AWS Deep Engine)	
S9417 Wed 3/20, 3pm	SJ Convention Center Room 211B	Molecular Generative VAEs: Parallelization, Optimization, and Latent Space Analysis on DGX-1 - Ellen Du and Joey Storer, Research Scientists, Dow Chemical Company	
S9469 Wed 3/20, 4pm	SJ Convention Center Room 231	MATLAB and NVIDIA Docker: A Complete AI Solution, Where You Need It, in an Instant - Jos Martin and Joss Knight, Engineering, MathWorks	
S9892 Wed 3/20, 4pm	SJ Convention Center Room 220A	Deep Learning for Autonomous Driving at BMW - Alexander Frickenstein, PhD Candidate, BMW	
CE9153 Wed 3/20, 4pm	SJ Convention Center Hall 3 Pod D	Connect with Experts: How to effectively use GPGU VMs on DGX-2 - Anish Gupta, Varinder Singh, Raaghav Hebbar, Ranen C and Chris Zankel (Nvidia)	

Thank You !!