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Presenter Name Title

> "We're focused on scalable and flexible solutions that simplify high-performance computing by reducing cost and complexity.

What we're learning about HPC technology will redefine productivity throughout the research, discovery and business computing ecosystem."



Michael Dell - 2008

Marcel van Drunen – Dell Enterprise Technologist HPC

- Short intro Dell
- · Dell and High Performance Computing
- The HPC market
- · When a workstation is not enough
- GPGPU
- Cluster
- · (virtual) SMP
- Components Infiniband/10GigE/Filesystems(Panasas)
- Dell portfolio?/Terminology (grid, cloud, hpc, etc)/Intel&AMD

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Definitions

- High Performance Computing (HPC)
 - Computing aimed at calculations, not at transactions.
- High Performance Compute Cluster (HPCC)
 - Set of computers that provide compute power, not redundancy.
- Grid

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- Geographically dispersed set of (compute) resources.
- · (Compute) Cloud
 - Scalable pool of (compute) resources that hides complexity form users and management, pay-per-use model

Dell's mission in the HPC world

- Dell uses commodity, best of breed components to simplify HPC by driving out **cost** and **complexity**. This makes HPC available to a larger amount of researchers.
- · Dell has done the same to other markets:
 - Desktops
 - Laptops
 - Servers
 - Storage

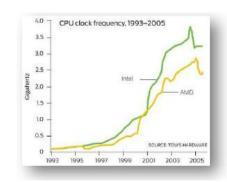
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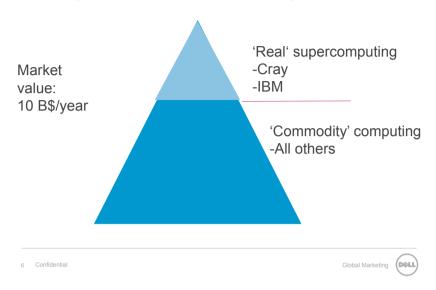


When a workstation is not enough

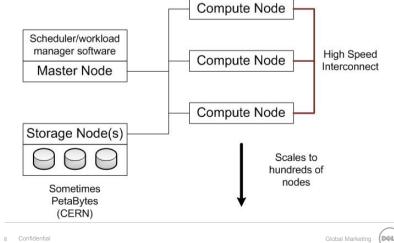
- Server CPU's are not faster than workstation CPU's
- Parallelize code!
 - MPI
 - OpenMP
 - CUDA/OpenCL
- · Hardware choices
 - Cluster (HPCC)
 - (Virtual)SMP machine
 - GPGPU



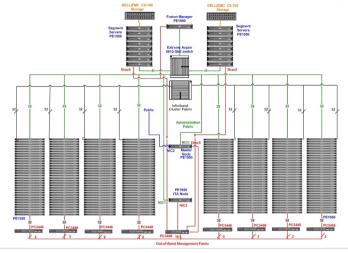
The High Performance Computing market



Typical HPC Cluster



256 Node Cluster (3072 cores/12 TB memory)



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Developments in CPU design

- · Clockspeed doesn't rise anymore
- · Power consumption is now an issue
- Dell uses Intel and AMD for 1, 2 and 4 socket machines
- For most uses, CPU is not bottleneck (NON-HPC)
- Memory bandwidth becomes very important
- Commodity CPU should support Virtualization, Security
- Smaller process allow for integration of non-CPU components
 - Memory controller
 - GPU, PCI, RAID-controller, etc. etc.

Interconnects

- · Infiniband is de-facto standard
 - QDR Infiniband 40Gb/s, 80/160 Gb/s under development
 - Very low latency (microsecond)
- 10GigE Ethernet is gaining marketshare
 - 10 Gb/s, 40/100 Gb/s under development
 - Much improvement in latency (needs Fiber connection)
- · Talk of the town: 'converged' networking



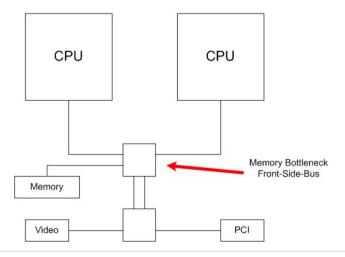


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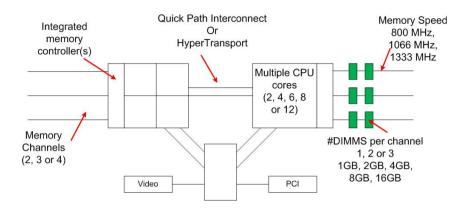
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Old Intel & AMD infrastructure



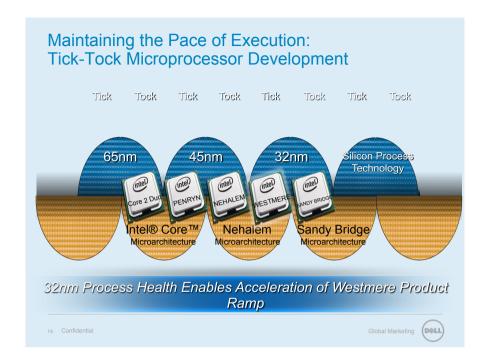
Current AMD/Intel Architecture



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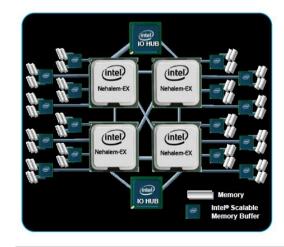
Intel (launched in March'10

- Westmere EP (XEON 5600 series)
 - 2 socket
 - 32nm (Die-shrink of Nehalem EP)
 - 3 memory lanes per CPU, up to 1333 MHz
 - Up to 6 core
- Nehalem EX (XEON 7500 series)
 - Up to 8 socket (Dell up to 4 socket)
 - 45nm (expect Westmere version end of this year)
 - 4 memory lanes per CPU
 - Up to 8 core

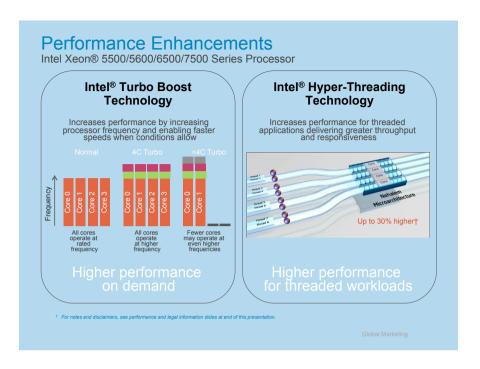


Nehalem-EX

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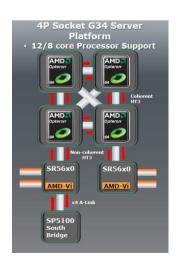


Up to 64 DIMM slots for up to $(64 \times 16GB) =$ 1 TerraByte of memory

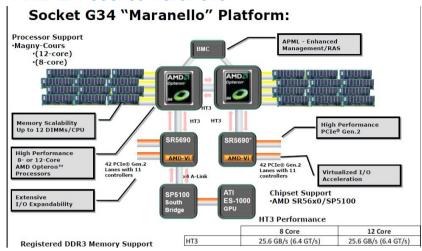


AMD 4 socket

- -4 x 12 cores = 48 cores!
- -Dell R815 can contain up to 512GB of memory



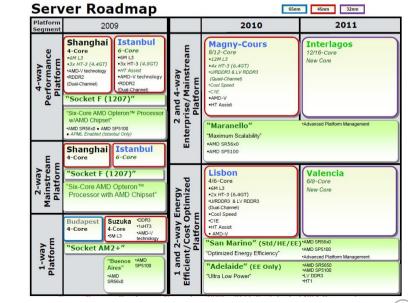
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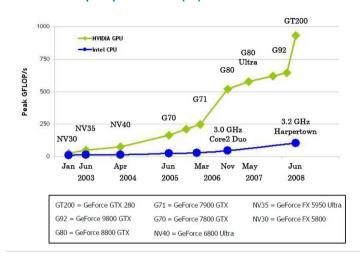
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What's a GPU?

- · High-end video card adapted for computation
- nVidia or AMD/ATi
- · Programmable with CUDA or Open-CL



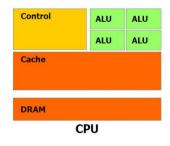
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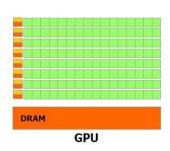


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The GPU proposition (2)



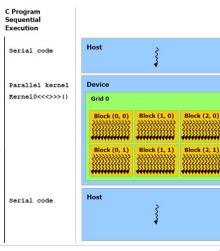


A CPU needs a lot of logical elements for all kinds of control functions. GPU's are especially well-suited to address problems that can be expressed as data-parallel computations

CPU and GPU cooperating

- -Some problems can be optimized for GPU
- Some will always run better on CPU
- The ideal machine has both

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What if 1TB is not enough?

- 'Real big' SMP machine, or:
- · ScaleMP, virtual SMP machine
 - Can use OpenMP instead of MPI
 - Can scale with needs
 - Commodity hardware
 - > Low cost
 - > Easier maintenance

OpenMP is at over 2x faster to develop*

- Even for trivial programs
- Even if developing from scratch

Programming Model	Effort (person-hrs, mean)	
Serial	4.4	(sd 4.3, n=15)
OpenMP	5.0	(sd 3.5, n=16)
MPI	10.7	(sd 8.9, n=16)

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The ScaleMP proposition:

PARTITIONING

Subset of a physical resource (For applications requiring a fraction of the physical server resources)



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AGGREGATION

Concatenation of physical resources (For applications requiring a superset of the physical server resources)

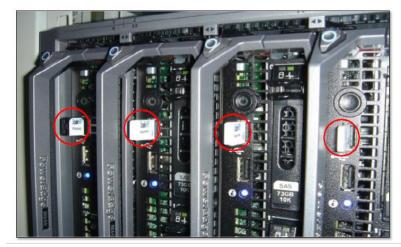






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What does it look like?



Fat node HPCC

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Cluster (without aggregation)



512 Systems

Fat Node Cluster (with vSMP Foundation Standalone)



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ScaleMP config options

- Combining 16 Dell R910 servers results in:
 - A machine with 16 TB of memory
 - And 512 CPU's
- To save cost, smaller Dell servers can be used
 - Turn one Dell M1000e chassis into a vSMP machine
 - Up to 192 cores and 3 TB memory
- Scale up when needed, just add servers (*)

Future of HPC

- · Hardware price becomes irrelevant to most usage
- · Programmers will determine future
 - OpenMP, MPI, CUDA, OpenCL?
- · Commercial software licenses remain expensive
- Academics have to adapt to market
- · Cloud based HPC software
- We didn't talk about storage

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