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NNSA Advanced Architecture Test Beds

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Advanced Architecture Test Beds

- *Be a scout for future computer architectures*
 - **FOR OUR NNSA APPLICATIONS**
- Test beds act as a conduit for application and co-design
 - With: Labs (ASC and ASC-2), Universities, etc.
- Testing early hardware
 - **And now ATDM!**
 - Early MIC/Phi and Knights Landing (well) -> ATS-1
 - Early Power 8 -> CTS-1
- Exploratory R&D
 - Alternative Programming Models
 - Architecture Aware Algorithms
 - Advanced Memory sub-system development, and use of Energy Efficient Hardware, Runtime, Systems Software

Ultimately Preparing and Steering our Applications



Advanced Architecture Test Beds

EVOLUTION FOCUSED

- Reduce impact on mission load in a rapidly changing technology environment.

- Significant **PRODUCTION** rewrite/modification may be required
- Ensure that when “driving the change” it is the right time for code longevity, performance, performance etc.
- Go through the pain up front so the transition for full codes is easier

Eliminate or reduce missteps

Mini-Apps



Production Codes

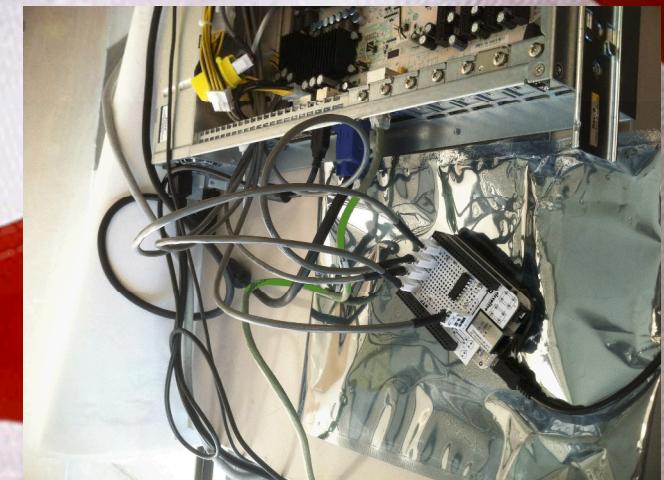


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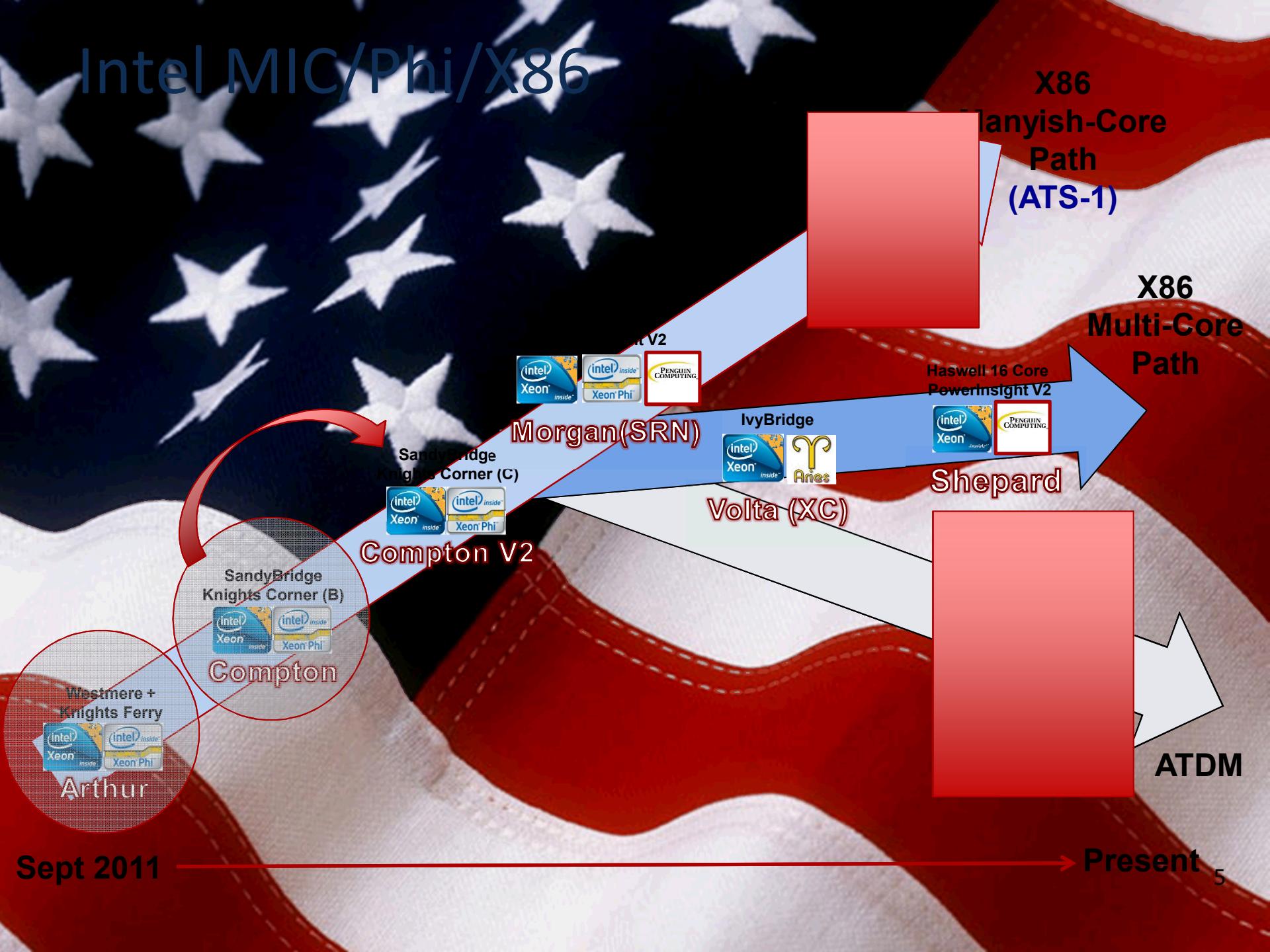
A Co-Design Tool

- **Philosophy**
 - Hardware and Software integration (which has proved to be) to be highly dynamic
 - INTENTIONALLY closer to research than production
 - Systems are NOT for long-term capability/capacity cycles
 - Priority is to explore a wide and diverse set of emerging architectural alternatives @ the earliest opportunity
- **First Rule of Test Bed**
 - NEVER say no
 - At least to any reasonable request ☺

*Numerous custom hardware changes
Even more custom software configurations*



Intel MIC/Phi/X86



AMD x86/APU/ARM

ARM?
ARM/APU?
Path

HSA
BIG APU
Path

Interlagos + Kepler K20X
  
Curie (XK7) V2

Interlagos + Fermi 2090x
  
Curie (XK6)

Llano + PowerInsight
 
Teller

Trinity + PowerInsight
 
Teller V2

Kaveri +
PowerInsight V2
 

Cooper

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NVIDIA

IBM/NVIDIA

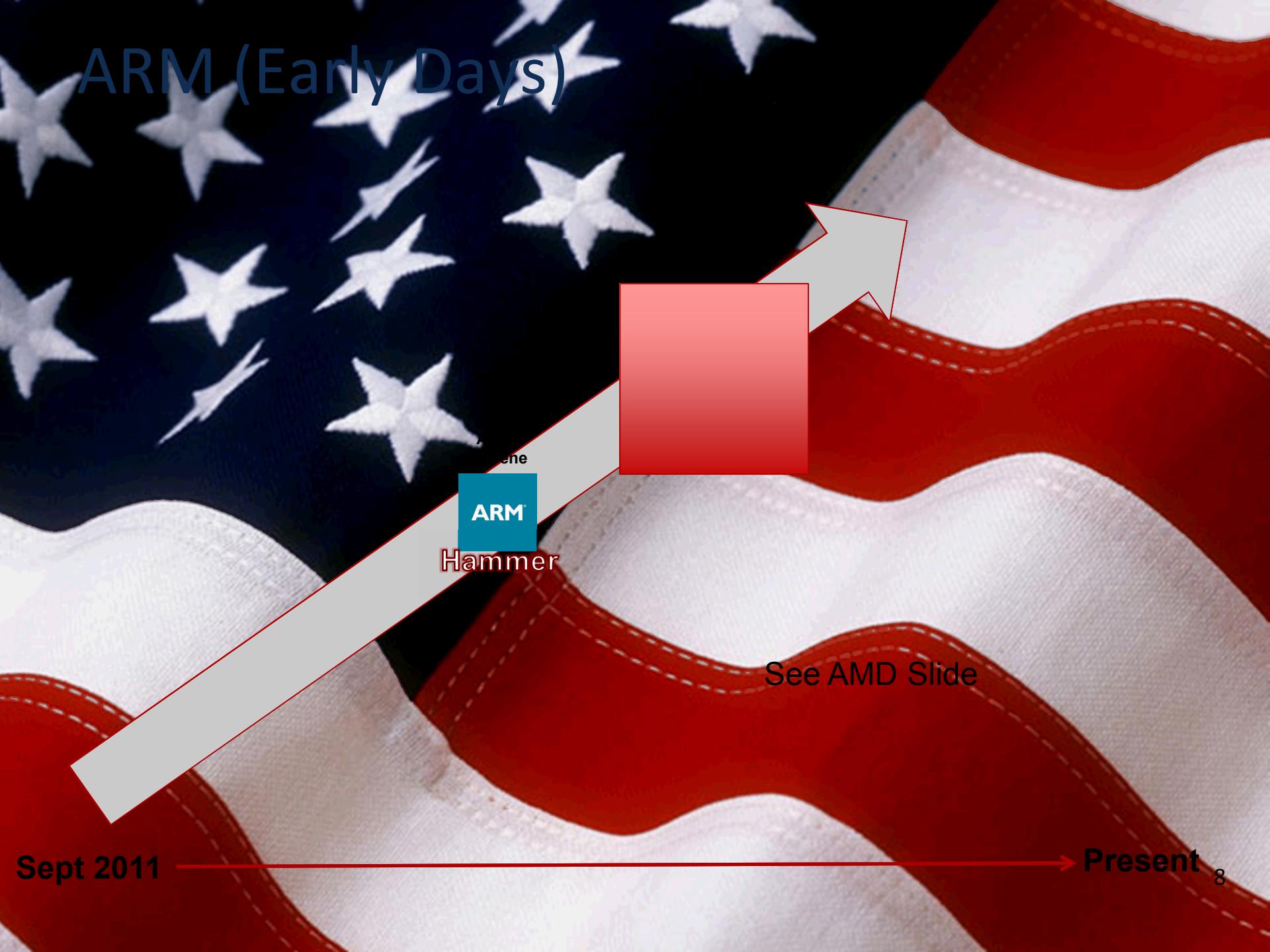


Tightly
Integrated
Accelerator
(ATS-2)

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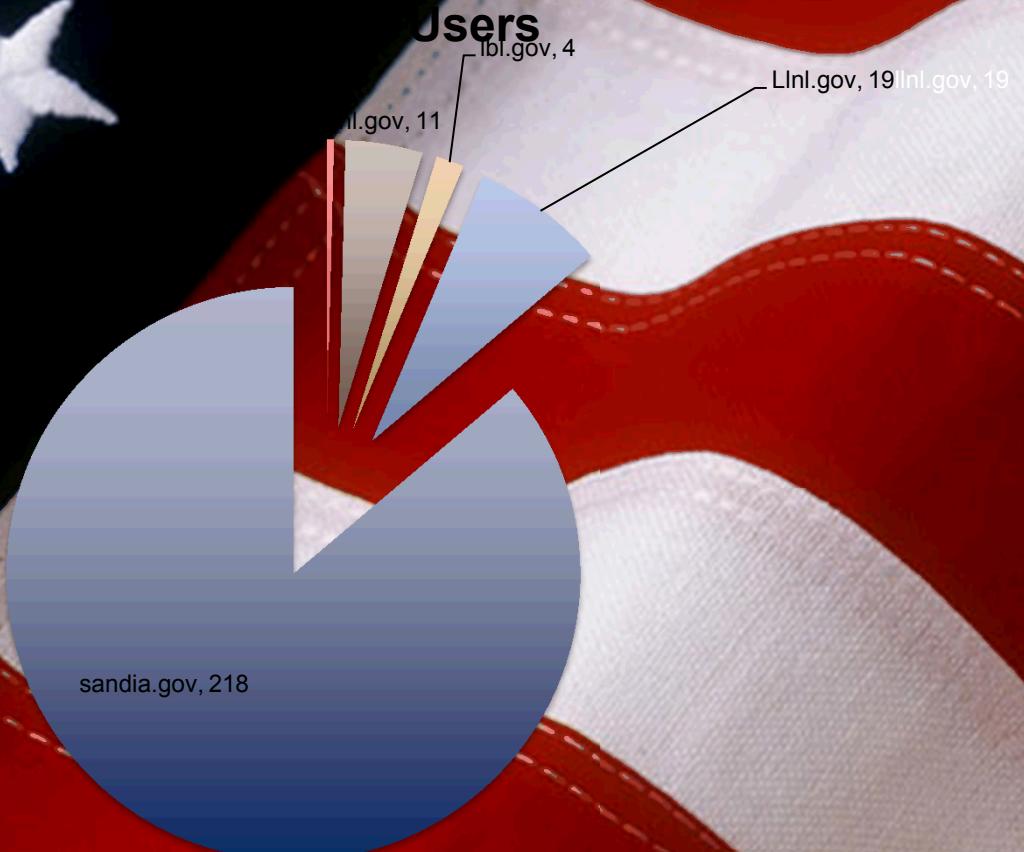
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ARM (Early Days)



The Test Bed Community 8/4/2016

- Total unique users – was 195 on 8/4/2014
- Systems by Type with user count
 - AMD Integrated GPUs
 - Teller 142
 - Cooper 24
 - ARM
 - Hammer 31
 - IBM Power + NVIDIA
 - Ride 10
 - White 77
 - Intel X86 + MIC
 - Morgan 84
 - Compton 192
 - Trinity + Power Research
 - Shepard 91
 - Volta 144
 - X86 + NVIDIA
 - Curie 172
 - Shannon 173



67 - Vendor, University and other users

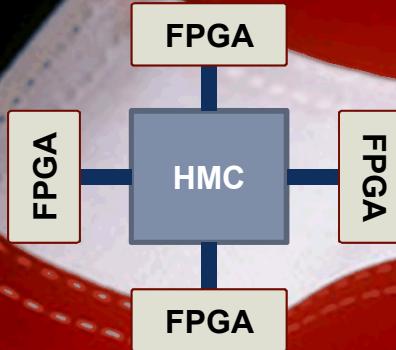
HMC and Micron Test Beds

- HMC/stacked memory is a huge opportunity for bandwidth-limited applications
 - Massive bandwidth – 16GB/s
 - 10x performance improvement over DDR3 for GUPS (random access)
- Many questions
 - What data should be stored in HMC vs. conventional DDR?
 - How should memory be laid out?
 - How should programs make use of special instructions like atomics, bit-writes, etc.
- Test Beds used to characterize HMC
 - Characterize HMC performance as it varies with configuration, contention, memory access pattern, etc.

Micron-Pico Test Bed

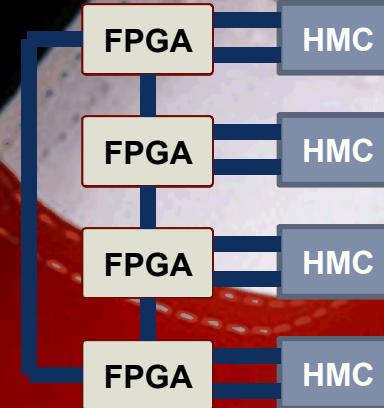
- 2x 1.2GHz 32bit Processors + 1 2GB 4-link HMC
- On-board DDR
- Experiments
 - Address patterns (random, sequential, spmv, etc.)
 - Traces from mini-applications
- Results from Random access, linear access patterns
- Other experiments are on hold while boards are at Micron for upgrades & rework
 - Had some issues with socket reliability

Testing has revealed some controller bugs that Micron is working on



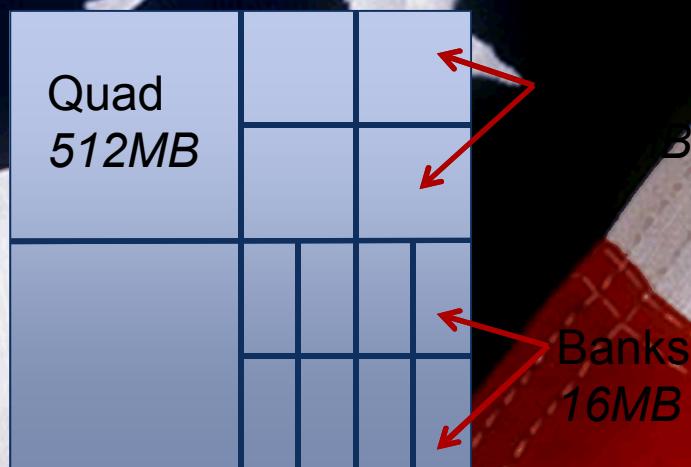
Micron-Convey Test Bed

- Project arrival, no results yet
- Two architectures
 - “multi”: 4 FPGAs + 4 256GB HMCs
 - FPGAs also interconnected
 - “mini”: 1 FPGA + 1 256GB HMC
- Powerful, shared memory system. Co-processor model enables tight interaction between host & board
 - Ability to define custom instructions which run on board
 - Host application can call these instructions
 - Also, CAPI-enabled – future avenue for research



Initial studies on Pico Test Bed

- Study: Impact of GUPS (random accesses, contention)
- Study: Impact of contention on achievable bandwidth
 - Increase contention by requesting data from smaller and smaller areas within the HMC



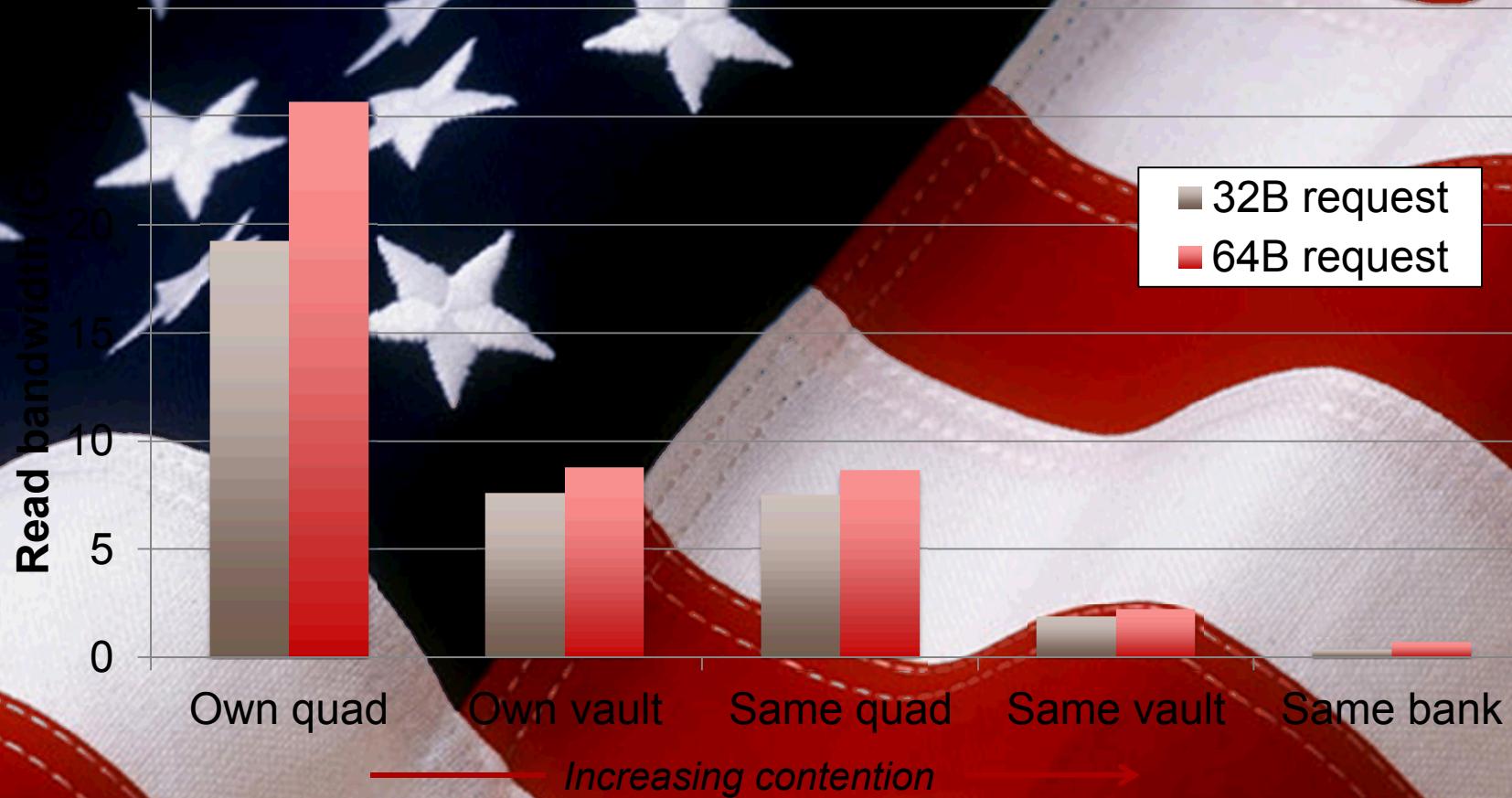
Access patterns

- Own quad: links access their local quad
- Own vault: links access one vault in their local quad
- Same quad: links access a single quad
- Same vault: links access a single vault
- Same bank: links access a single bank

- Study: Impact of request size on achievable bandwidth
 - Request size: 16B-128B (traditional DDR requests are 64B)
 - Compare read-only to read-write accesses

Impact of contention on bandwidth

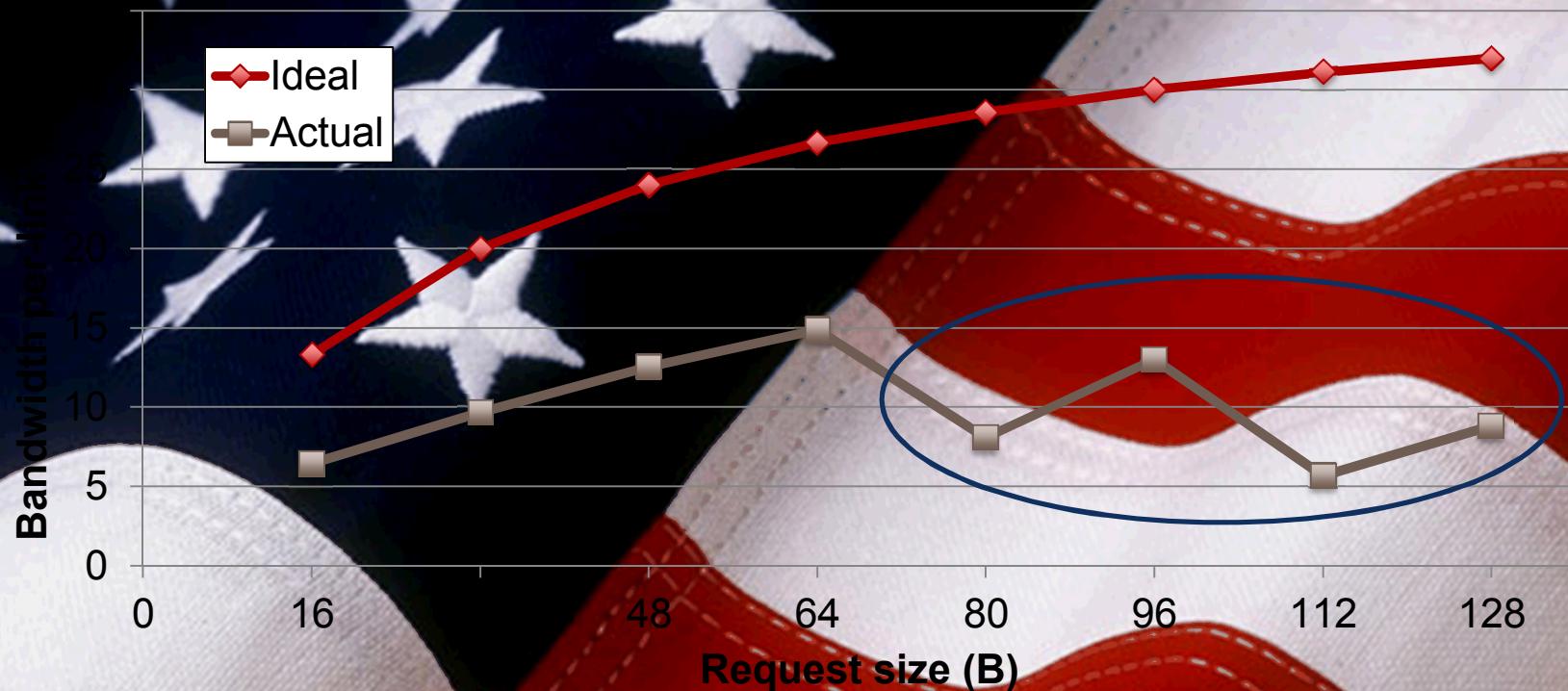
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- Significant degradation in bandwidth with increasing contention
 - Implication: Layout memory to spread accesses across vaults

Read-write bandwidth vs. request size

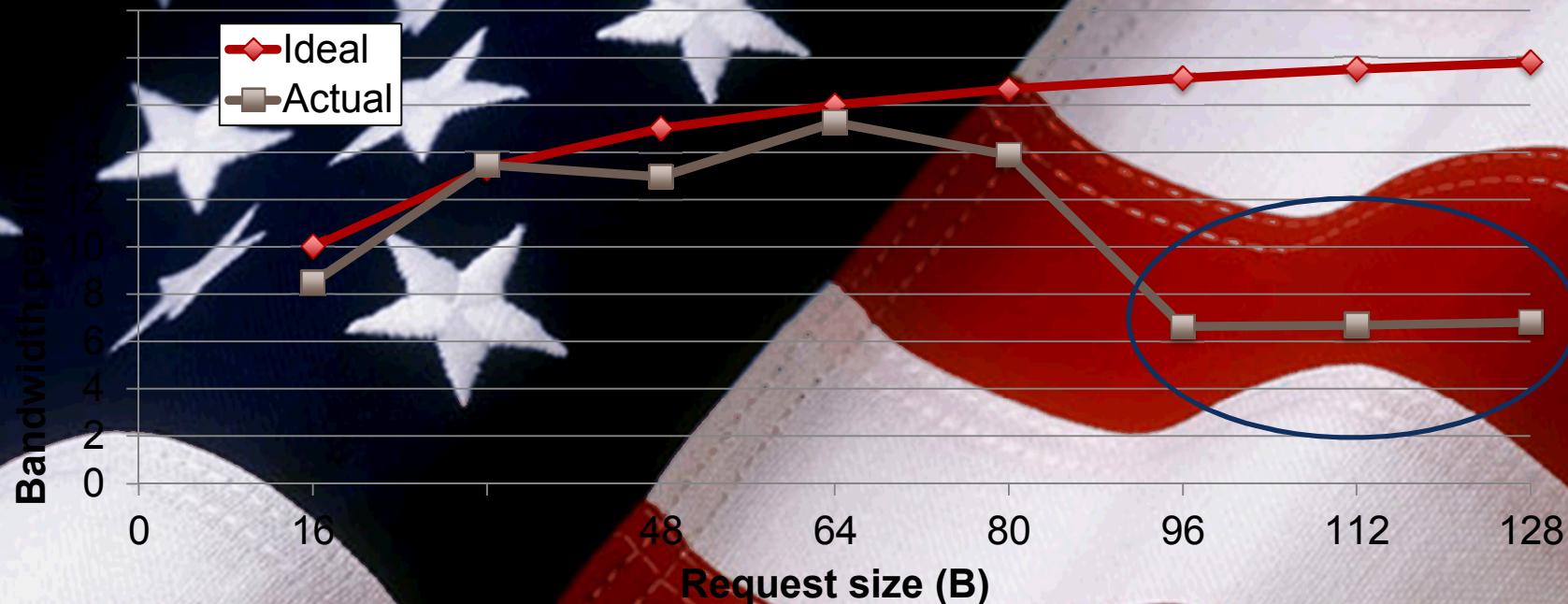
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- Measured trend tracks *ideal* for requests smaller than 64B
- Controller bugs cause decreased throughput for larger requests
 - Micron is working on some solutions for these

Read-only bandwidth vs. request size

* Reported bandwidths are for a single link



- Read data bandwidth very closely tracks ideal to 64B requests
- Implication: Read/write ratio will be important to achievable bandwidth

Questions?



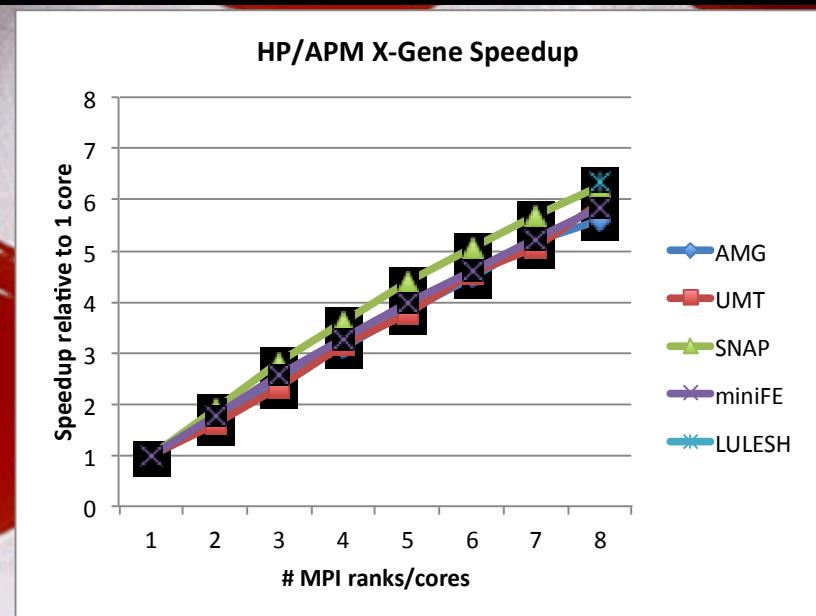
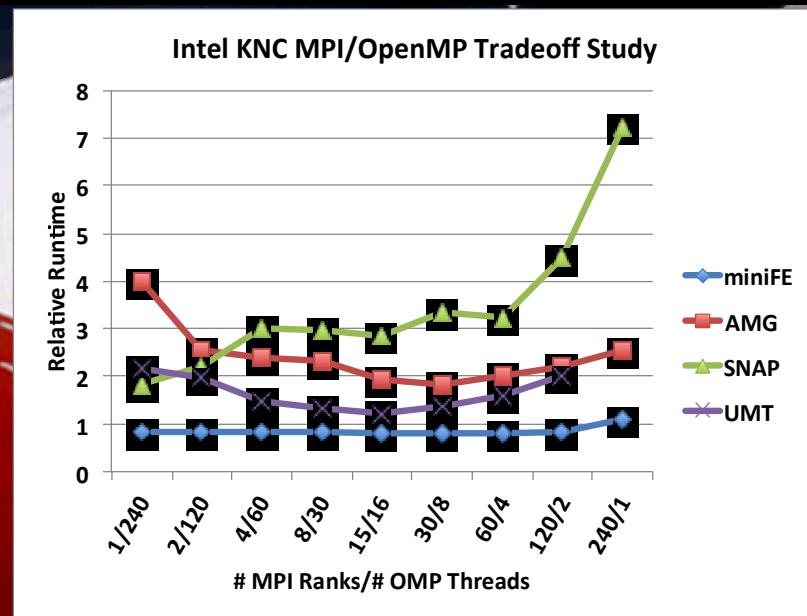
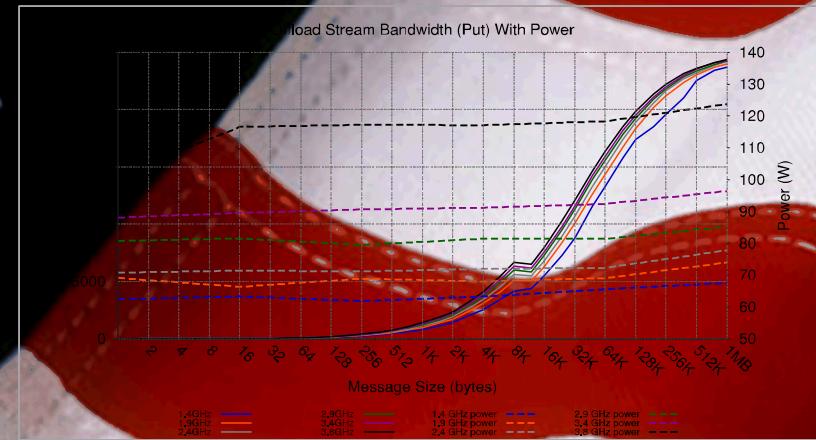
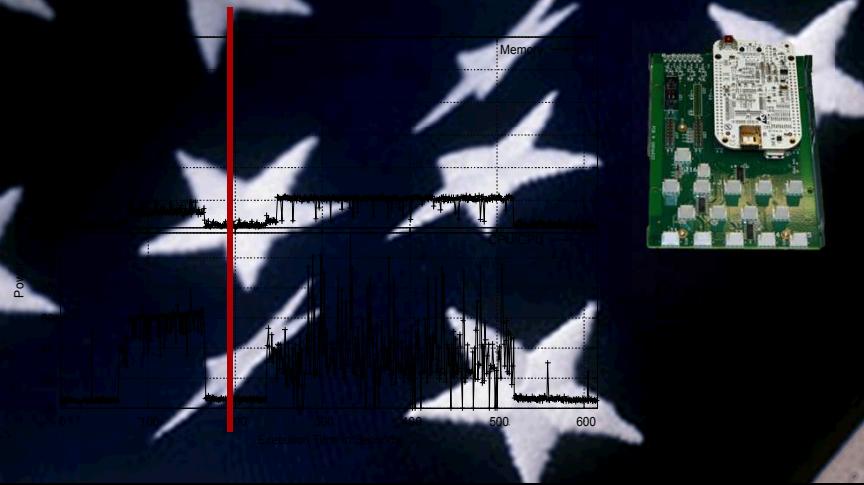
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Backup

Example Analysis using Test Beds

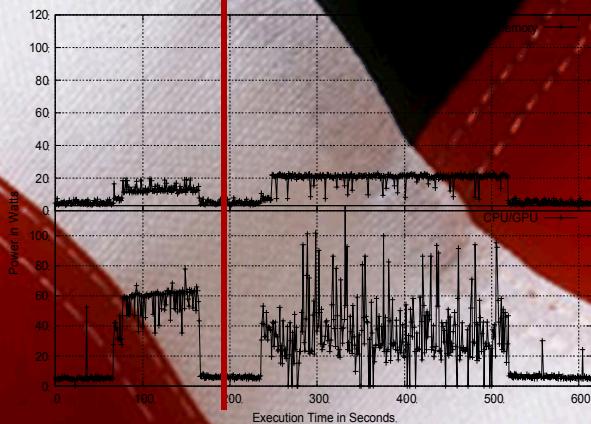


Sandia/Penguin Collaboration

small example of co-design



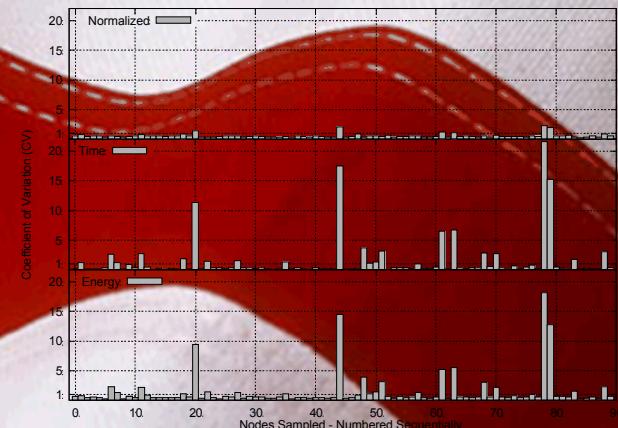
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Custom PCB

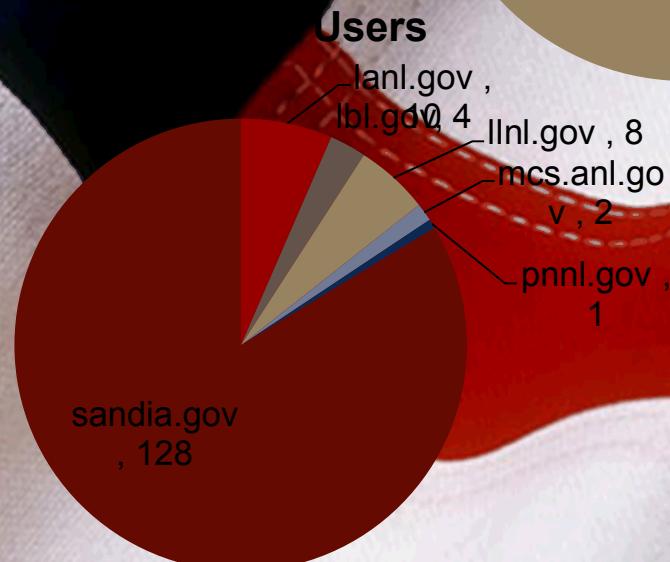


PowerInsight

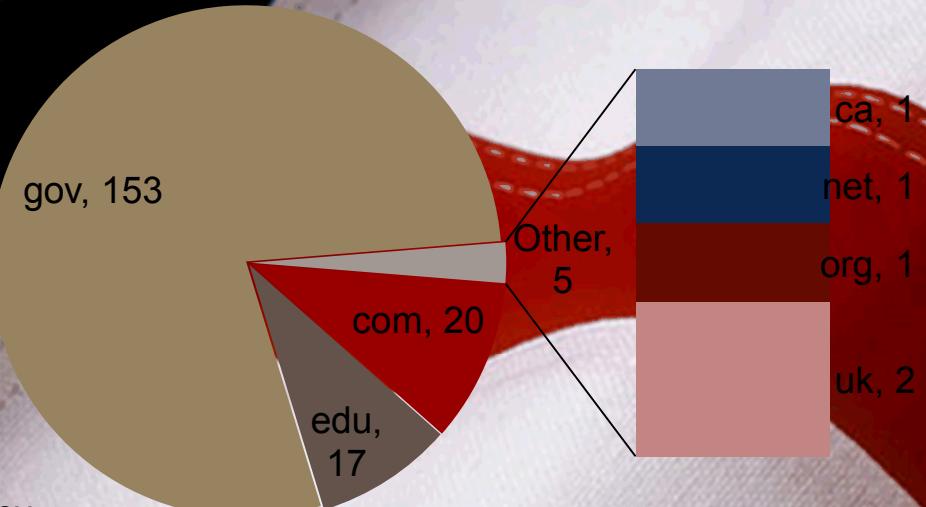


The Test Bed Community 2/24/2014

- Unique users – was 153 on Feb 8, 2013
- Users by system:
 - Compton 123
 - Curie 112
 - Shannon 101
 - Teller 120
 - Volta 45

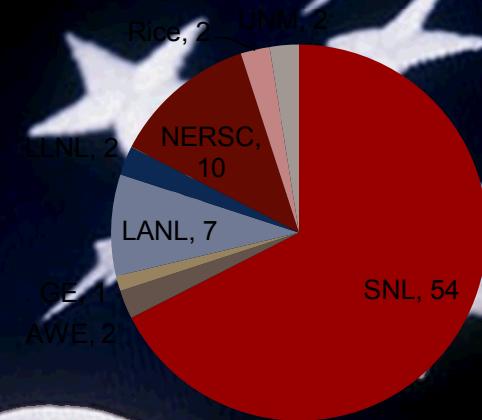


Institutions by Type

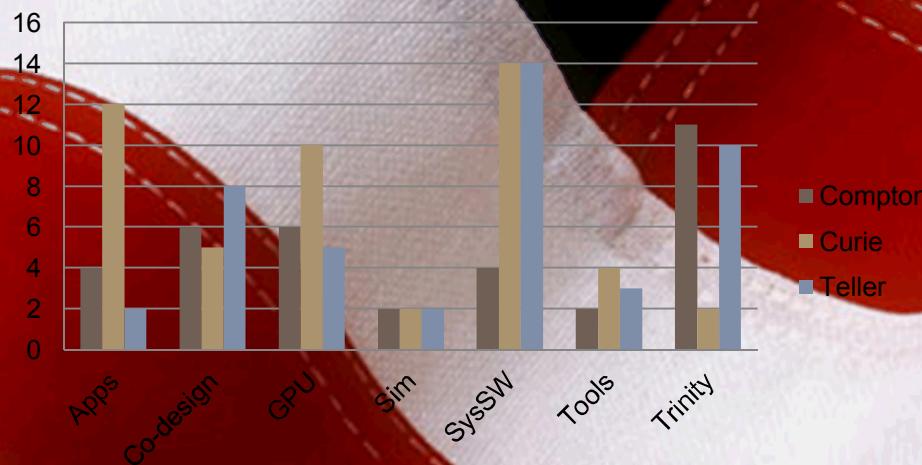


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Test Bed Users by Site

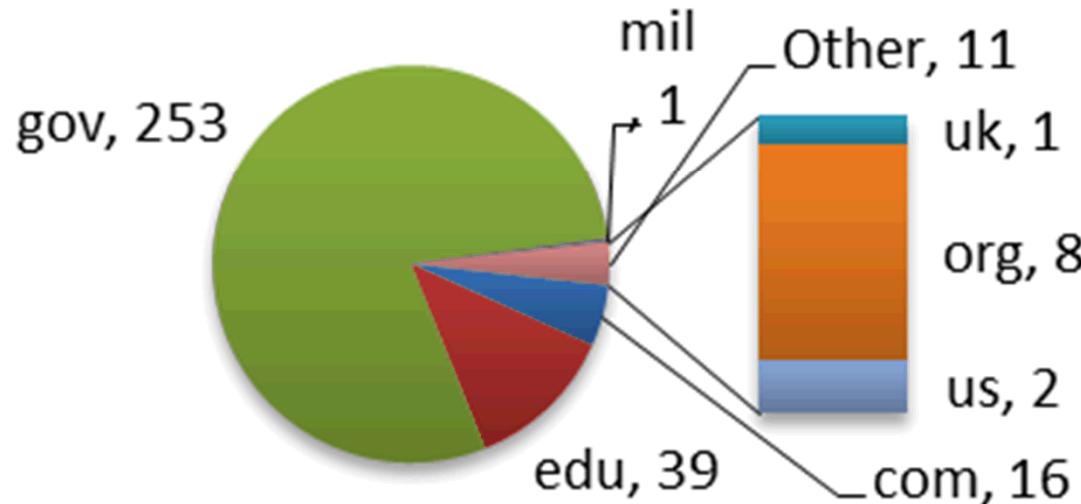


User Activities by System

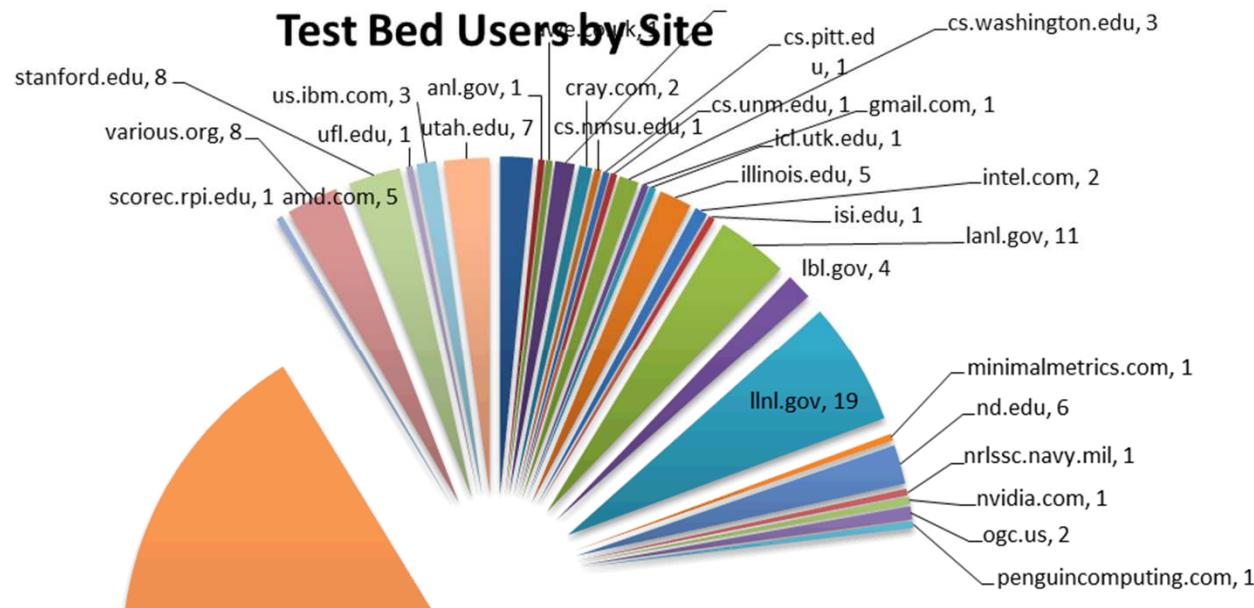


- Reviewing the justification submissions:
- Writing codes for large scale PDE constrained optimization problems
- Evaluating programming model support for Intel MIC
- Resilience testing for exascale systems
- Supporting Trinity Benchmarks and acceptance tests
- Experiment with AWE applications
- Performing initial assessments of using accelerators with CTH.
- Experiments with KNC to see if it will work with our RDMA work.

Users Institution by Type



Test Bed Users by Site



Version 1.0 Delivered August 26th 2014

- The community needed a portable API for **measuring** **controlling** power and energy
- Sandia developed PowerAPI specification to fill this gap
- Provides portable power **measurement** and **control** interfaces
- Covers full spectrum from facility to component
- First production implementation will be on the Trinity (ATS1)
- Continued (increasing) community involvement and influence

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