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Sandia's ASC Advanced Architecture Test Beds



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Advanced Architecture Test Beds

- Reduce impact on mission labs in a rapidly changing technology environment.
 - **SIGNIFICANT** production code rewrite or modification may be required
 - Ensure that when we make “the change” it is the right move for code longevity, porting efforts, performance etc.
 - Go through all the pain up front so the transition for full codes is made easier
 - Eliminate or reduce missteps
 - **APPLICATION FOCUS**
- **Speed Boat vs. Cruise Ship**
- **Mini-Apps vs. Production Codes**
- *Essential to enable solving many of the challenges discussed this week!*



Advanced Architecture Test Beds

- Current state of technology **REQUIRES** exploratory R&D of:
 - Alternative Programming Models
 - Architecture-aware algorithms
 - Advanced memory sub-system development
 - Energy Efficient Hardware, Runtime, Systems Software, **AND APPLICATIONS**
- Philosophy
 - Hardware and Software intended (and has proved to be) to be highly dynamic
 - **INTENTIONALLY** closer to prototypes than production
 - Systems are **NOT** for production cycles
 - Priority is to explore a wide and diverse set of emerging architectural alternatives **@ rack scale**
- First Rule of Test Beds
 - NEVER say no
 - At least to any reasonable request ☺
- Numerous custom hardware changes
- Even more custom software configurations

○ Target(s)

○ Long

- Exascale
- Best chance to impact hardware
- Power/Energy

○ Medium

- ATS program
- Impact hardware
- Direct NRE
- Programming Models
- Power/Energy

○ Short

- ATS/CTS program
- Programming Models



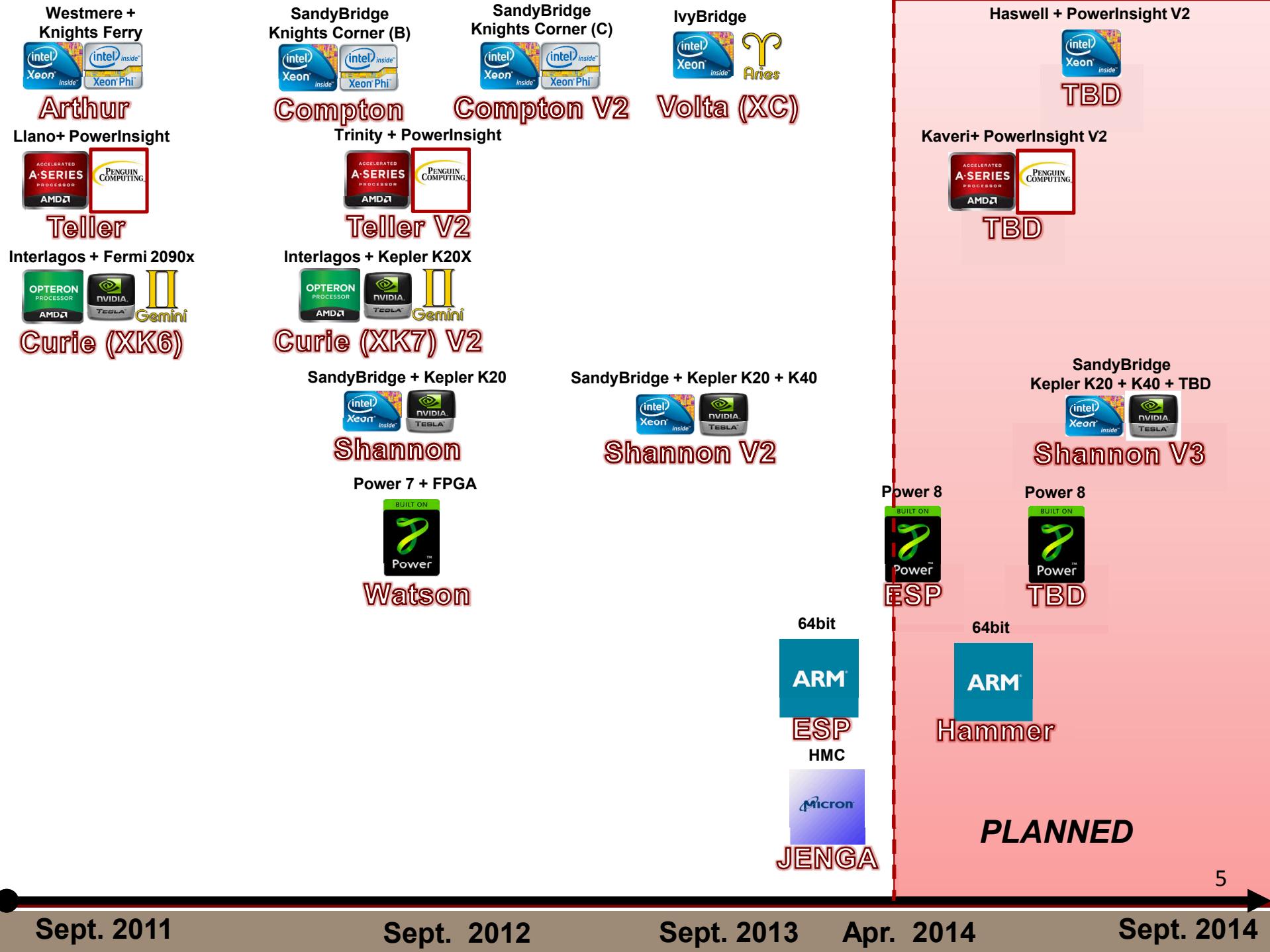
Many Targets

Many Timeframes

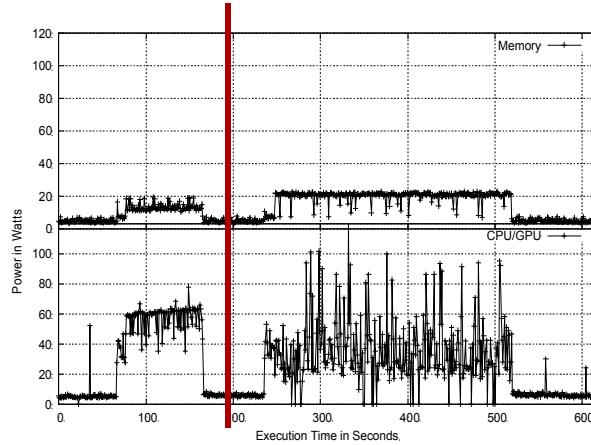


Longer the timeframe

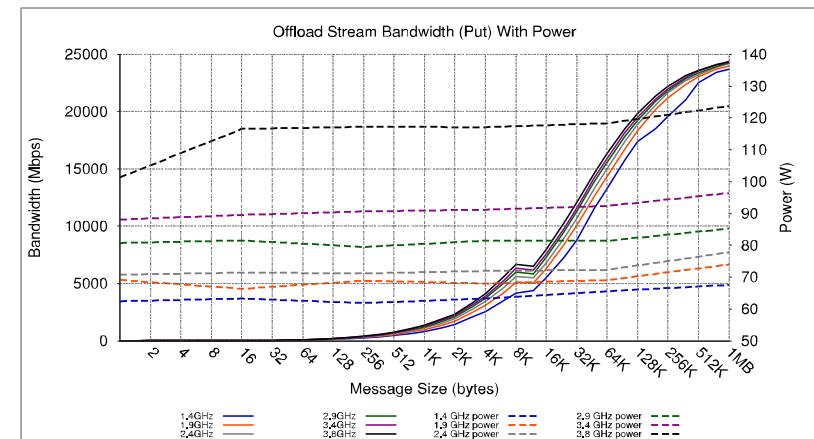
- better the chance for more significant influence



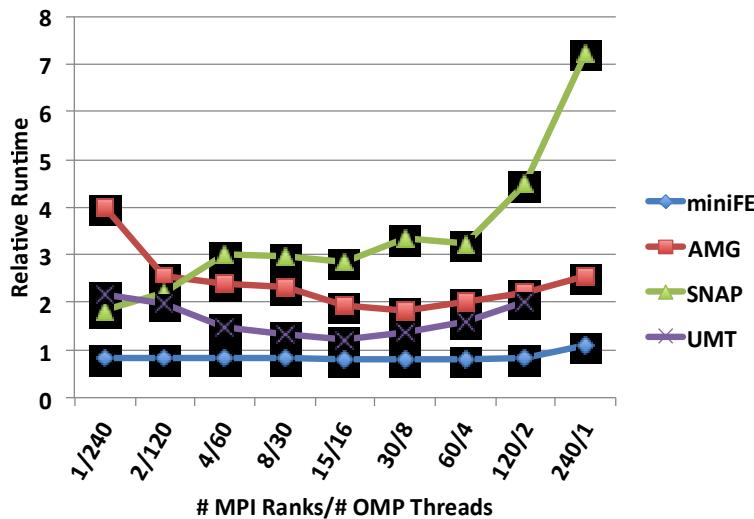
Example Analysis using Test Beds



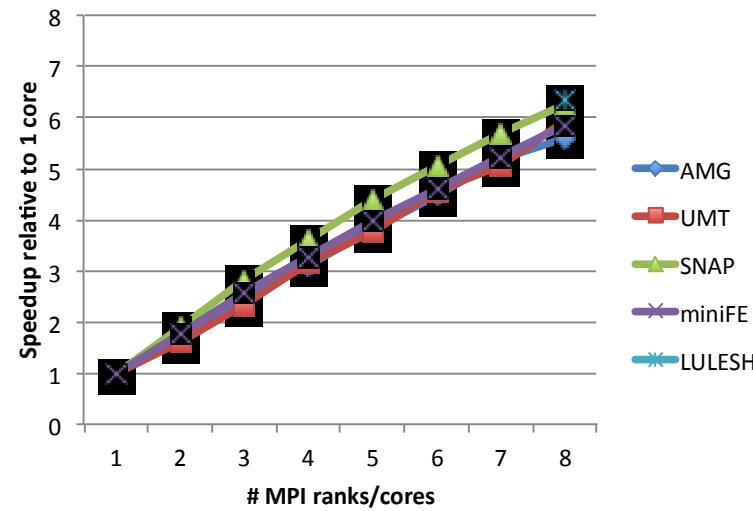
PowerInsight



Intel KNC MPI/OpenMP Tradeoff Study



HP/APM X-Gene Speedup



A Closer Look

Hostname	Compton	Curie	Shannon	Teller	Volta	Morgan	Hammer
CPU	Dual Intel Xeon CPU E5-2670 8 cores @ 2.60GHz Sandy Bridge	Dual AMD 6272 8 cores @ 2.10GHz Interlagos	Dual Intel Xeon CPU E5-2670 8 cores @ 2.60GHz Sandy Bridge	AMD A10-5800K 4 cores @ 3.80GHz Piledriver	Dual Intel Xeon CPU E5-2695 v2 12 cores @ 2.40GHz Ivy Bridge	Dual Intel Xeon CPU E5-2670 v2 12 cores @ 2.50GHz Ivy Bridge	64 Bit ARM APM X-Gene 8 cores @ 2.40GHz
Accelerator	Pre-Production Intel Xeon Phi (KNC) 2 per node	Nvidia Kepler K20X	Nvidia Kepler K20X and K40X	Radeon Northern Islands (on die integration)	None	Intel Phi (KNC C0) Nvidia K40X	None
GPU cores	57 - 1.1GHz	2688 732 MHz	2688 732 MHz	384 @ 800MHz	N/A	57 @ 1.1GHz 2688 @ 732 MHz	N/A
Nodes	42	52	32	104	56	4	8 (to be 45)
Interconnect	Mellanox QDR IB	Gemini	Mellanox QDR IB	QLogic QDR IB	Aries	Mellanox QDR IB	10GigE
Other	80GB SSD per node	Full featured RAS sys SRN	Full PCI Gen 3 NVIDIA GPU Direct	Integrated CPU/GPU+ 256GB SSD/node PowerInsight	Full featured RAS system including power monitoring and control	SRN	

Questions?



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