

# Architecture of DB Systems

## 12 Modern Storage & HW Accelerators

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# Announcements/Org

## ■ #1 Video Recording

- Link in **TUbe** & **TeachCenter** (lectures will be public)
- Optional attendance (independent of COVID)
- **Virtual lectures** (recorded) until end of the year  
<https://tugraz.webex.com/meet/m.boehm>



## ■ #2 Course Evaluation and Exam

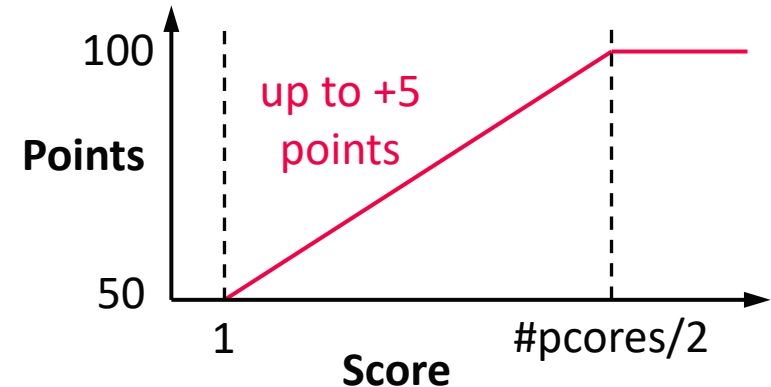
- Evaluation period: **Dec 15 – Jan 31**
- **Oral exams, 45min** each, via  
<https://tugraz.webex.com/meet/m.boehm>
- Exam Slots: Feb 7/8, Feb 24/25 (10/77)  
<https://doodle.com/poll/zqiat5svr4xng7g4>



# Summary Programming Projects

## Summary

- 10 submissions by 14 students
- Achieved weighted speedups: **[0.13x, 18.69x]** @ 16 pcores
- Spurious bugs and test failures  
➔ Modified grading scheme



## Results (available in TeachCenter)

- 3 projects met the original performance threshold, but good effort
- Results:** 100, 100, 100, 99, 91, 82, 80, 77, 71 | 1x revision

### Top 3 Projects



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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| #1 Artem Kroviakov                  | 18.69x |
| #2 Alexander Hiebl / Julian Goeschl | 10.25x |
| #3 Kevin Innerebner                 | 8.12x  |

Offers for  
part-time  
**RA positions**  
in **DAPHNE**

# Agenda

- **Recap: Basic HW Background**
- **Compute: DBMS on GPUs, FPGAs, ASICs**
- **Memory: DBMS on Non-volatile Memory**
- **Storage: DBMS on Computational Storage**

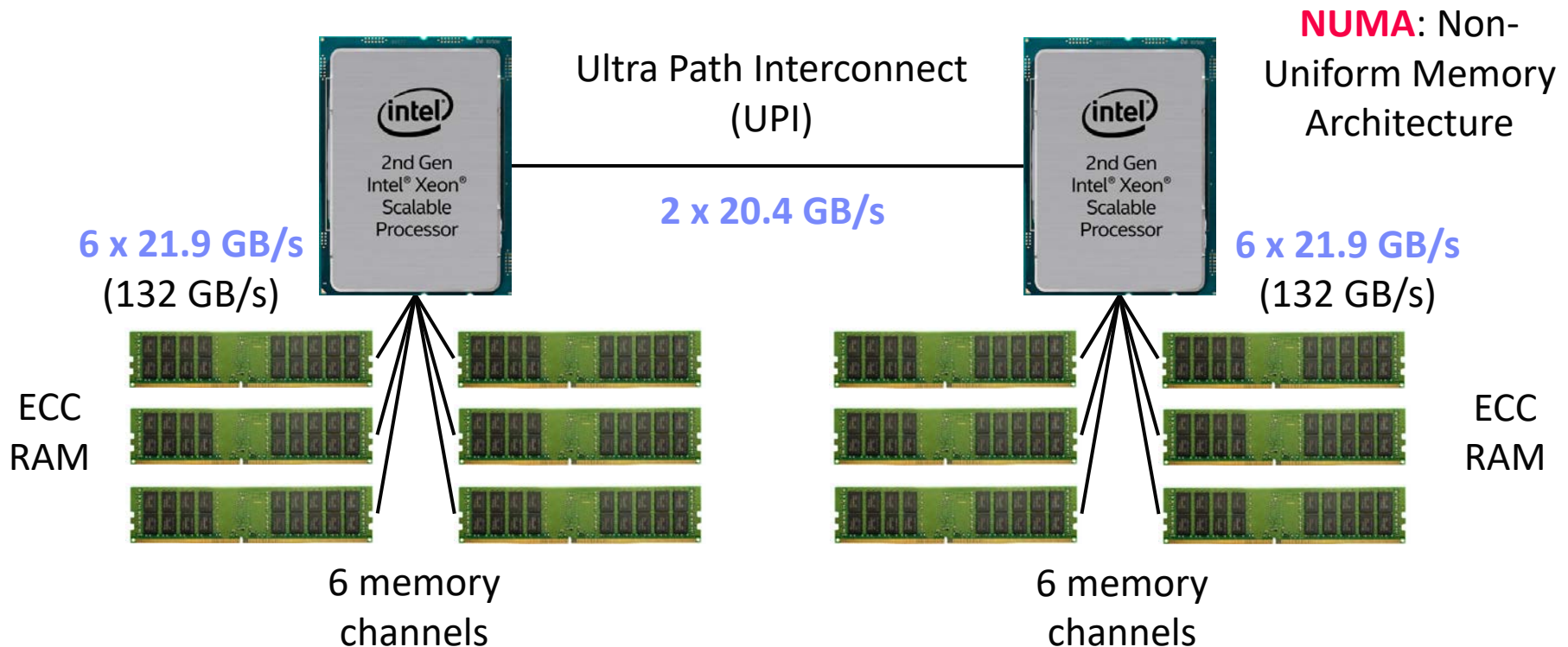
# Recap: Basic HW Background

# Basic CPU/Memory Architecture

[\[https://en.wikichip.org/wiki/intel/xeon\\_gold/6238r\]](https://en.wikichip.org/wiki/intel/xeon_gold/6238r)

## ■ Example DM Cluster (scale-up)

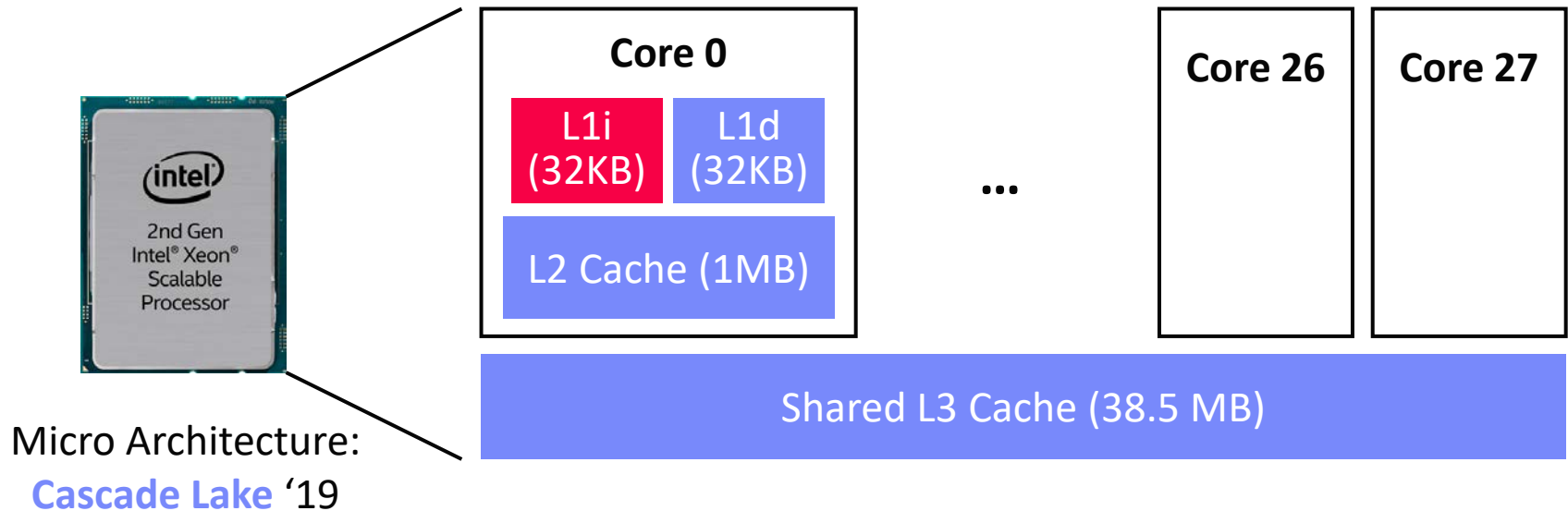
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# Basic CPU/Memory Architecture, cont.

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**Why do we need a cache hierarchy?**

- **Cache Coherence Protocols** (e.g., dictionary, snooping)

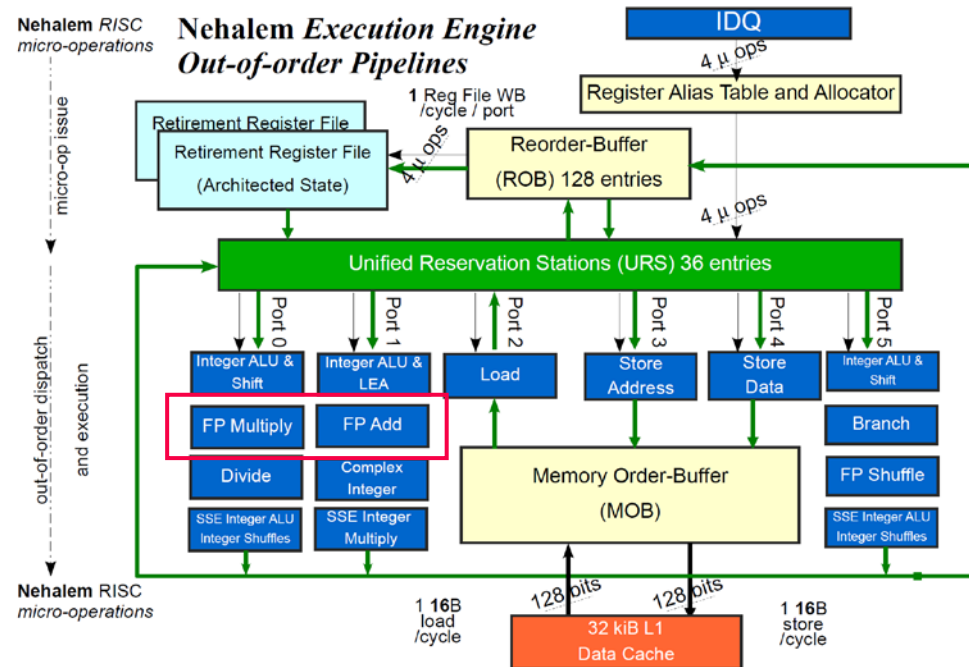
# CPU (Core) Microarchitecture

## Example Nehalem

- **Frontend:** Instruction Fetch, Pre-Decode, and Decode
- **Backend:** Rename/Allocate, Scheduler, Execute
- Out-of-Order Execution Engine (128b FP Mult/Add)



[M. E. Thomadakis: The Architecture of the Nehalem Processor and Nehalem EP SMP Platforms, Report, 2010]



## SIMD Processing

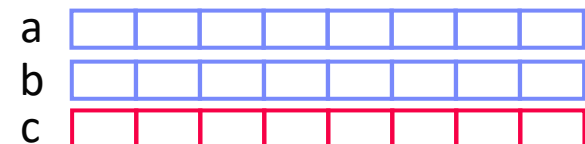
- Single-instruction, multiple data
- Process the same operation on multiple elements at a time
- Data/instruction parallelism
- Example: **VFMADD132PD**

2009 Nehalem: **128b** (2xFP64)

2012 Sandy Bridge: **256b** (4xFP64)

2017 Skylake: **512b** (8xFP64)

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c = _mm512_fmadd_pd(a, b);
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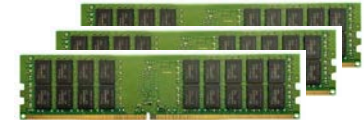


# Basic Storage Architecture

Perf  $\leftrightarrow$  Cost per GB

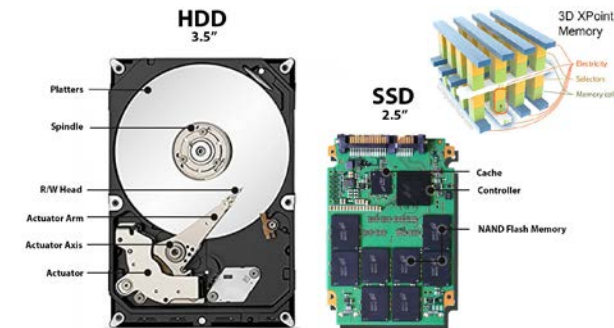
## Primary Storage

- Main Memory (volatile, often charge-based)
- Capacitors leak charge  $\rightarrow$  periodic refresh ( $\sim 64\text{ms}$ )



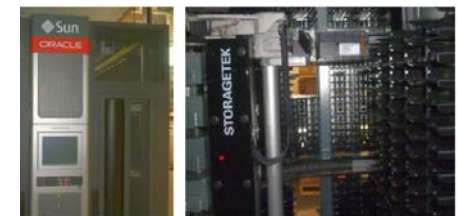
## Secondary Storage (non-volatile storage)

- **HDD**: hard disk drive (magnetic, rotating platters)
- **SSD**: solid-state drives (flash memory)
- **NVM**: non-volatile memory (flash/resistive)



## Tertiary Storage (archival mass storage)

- Optical disks (special materials), Magneto-optical disks
- Tape drives: magnetic tape w/ high capacity cartridges



Why do we need a storage hierarchy?



[Thomas Hahmann, Hans Weber, Erhard Diedrich, Gunter Schreier: SENTINEL-1 AND SENTINEL-3-OLCI PAC AT **DLR**, ESA-SP 722, 2013]

**50PB** tape library

# HW Challenges

[S. Markidis, E. Laure, N. Jansson, S. Rivas-Gomez and S. W. D. Chien: Moore's Law and Dennard Scaling]



## ■ #1 End of Dennard Scaling (~2005)

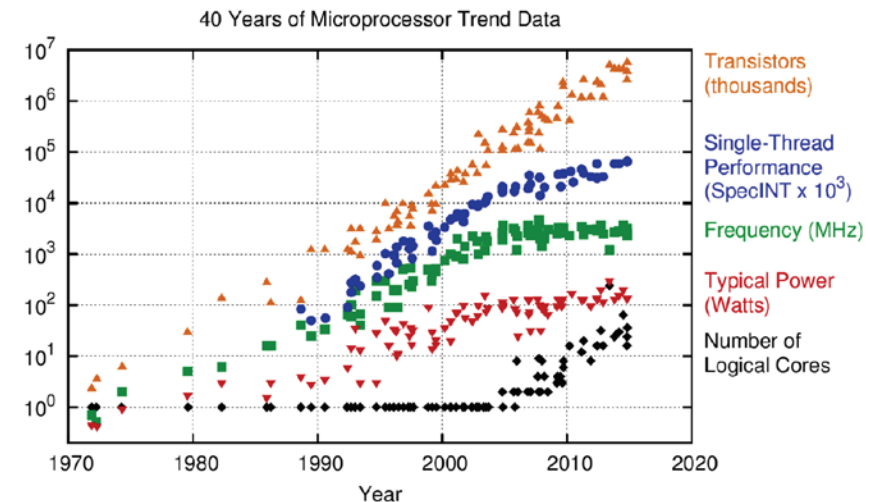
- **Law:** power stays proportional to the area of the transistor
- Ignored leakage current / threshold voltage  
→ **increasing power density  $S^2$**  (power wall, heat) → stagnating frequency

$$P = \alpha CFV^2 \quad (\text{power density 1})$$

(P .. Power, C .. Capacitance, F .. Frequency, V .. Voltage)

## ■ #2 End of Moore's Law (~2010-20)

- **Law:** #transistors/performance/CPU frequency doubles every 18/24 months
- Original: # transistors per chip doubles **at constant costs**
- Now increasing costs (10/7/5nm)



## ■ #3 Amdahl's Law (speedup limitations)

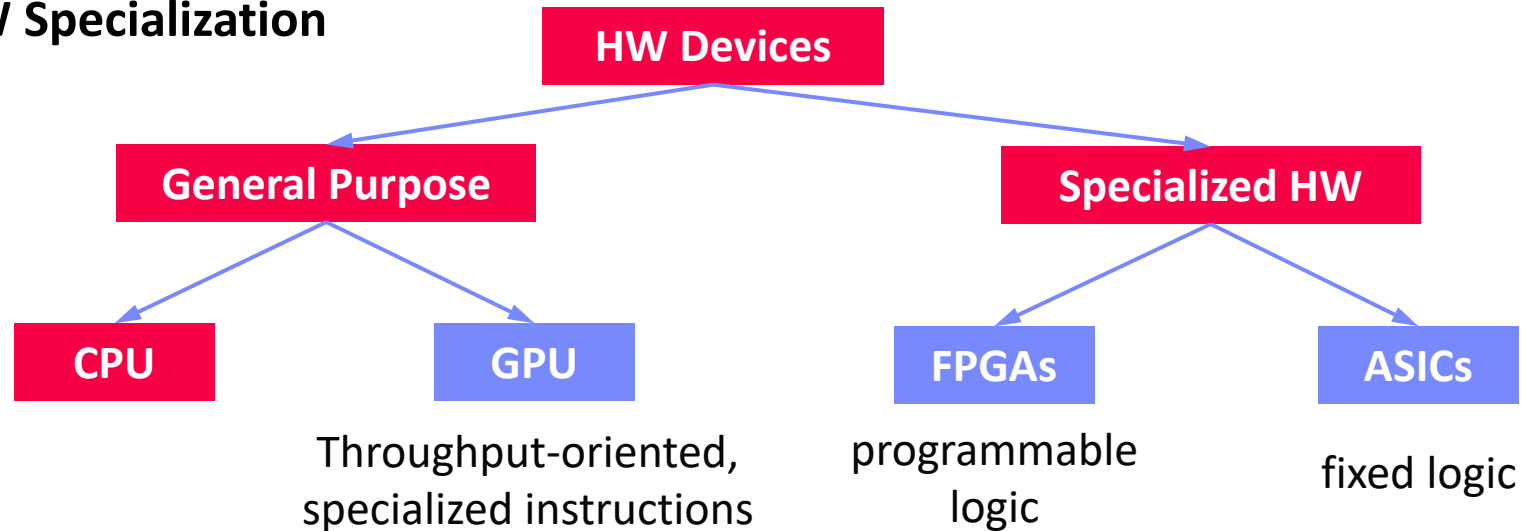
→ **Consequences: Dark Silicon and Specialization**

# Compute:

## DBMS on GPUs, FPGAs, ASICs

# Towards Specialized Hardware

## ■ HW Specialization



## ■ Interconnect

- **PCI Express** (PCI-e): v3 x16: **16GB/s**, v4 x16: **32GB/s**
- New link technologies: GPUs via NVLink, FPGAs via QPI/UPI, all via OpenCAPI

## ■ Additional Specialization

- **Data Transfer & Types**: e.g., compressed representations
- **Near-Data Processing**: e.g., operations in memory or storage

# Graphics Processing Units (GPUs)

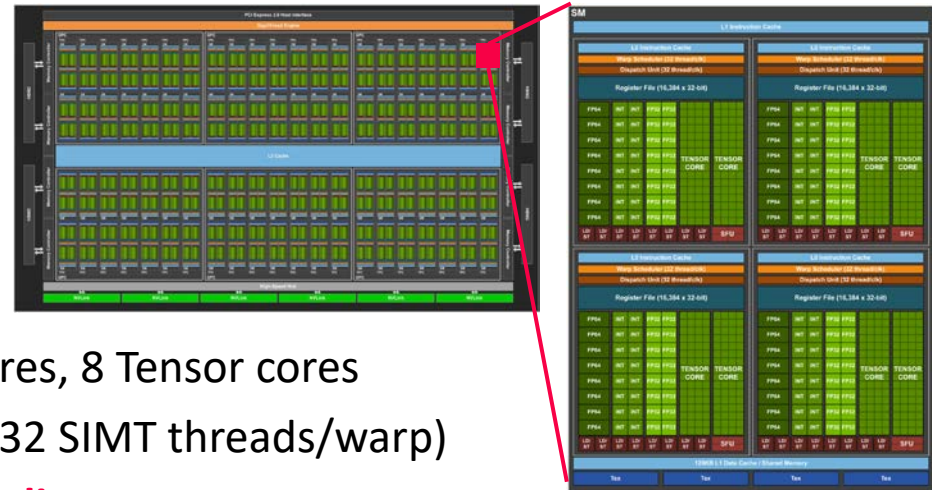
## ■ GPU Characteristics

- Separate (PCIe, NVLink) or integrated devices
- High compute throughput  
(e.g., NVIDIA V100 FP64: **7.8 TFLOPs**, FP32: **15.7 TFLOPs**, DL FP16: **125 TFLOPs**)
- High bandwidth memory (e.g., NVIDIA V100 16/32 GB (**900 GB/s**))



## ■ V100 Architecture

- 6 GPU Processing Clusters with 7x2 SMs
- Streaming Multiprocessors
  - 32 FP64 cores
  - 64 FP32 cores, 64 INT32 cores, 8 Tensor cores
  - Thread blocks → N warps (32 SIMT threads/warp)
  - Control flow causes **thread divergence** (V100 new **\_\_syncwarp()** primitive)



[NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPU Architecture, Whitepaper, Aug 2017]



# GPU Join Processing

## ■ Data Transfer

- Transfer often ignored although dominating
- **Overlapped transfer and compute** to reach PCIe max throughput (non-trivial)
- **CUDA Unified Virtual Addressing** (UVA)

## ■ Join Implementation

- Column-oriented (ID, RID) representation
- Partitioned hash join (**06 Query Processing**)

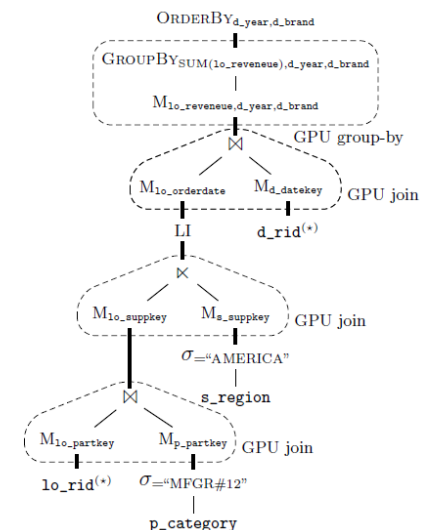
## ■ Query Plan Decomposition

- Most time spent in joins and group-by
- GPU kernels for **binary join** and **group-by** (only one hash table on small GPU device mem)
- Other operators on host CPU

[Tim Kaldewey, Guy M. Lohman, René Müller, Peter Benjamin Volk: GPU join processing revisited. **DaMoN@SIGMOD 2012**]



[René Müller, Tim Kaldewey, Guy M. Lohman, John McPherson: WOW: what the world of (data) warehousing can learn from the World of Warcraft. **SIGMOD 2013**]



# GPU Query Compilation

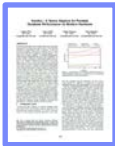
## ■ Recap: Query Compilation

- Modern in-memory DBMS → **CPU/memory efficiency crucial**
- Generation of data-centric tuple-at-a-time pipelines (often LLVM)
- How to **generate code for GPUs** and HW accelerators in general?

## ■ Voodoo

- **Vector algebra** w/ knobs for parallelization (e.g., load, add/mult, scatter/gather, zip, fold)
- OpenCL/interpreter backends for CPU/GPU

[Holger Pirk, Oscar R. Moll, Matei Zaharia, Sam Madden: Voodoo - A Vector Algebra for Portable Database Performance on Modern Hardware. **PVLDB 9(14) 2016**]



## ■ HorseQC

- **Vectorized execution** of fused operators
- Data-parallel prefix sums for write positions
- Single data pass w/ exploitation of GPU **memory hierarchy** (CPU, PCIe, global, shared)

[Henning Funke, Sebastian Breß, Stefan Noll, Volker Markl, Jens Teubner: Pipelined Query Processing in Coprocessor Environments. **SIGMOD 2018**]





# GPU Query Processing on new Link Technologies

## ■ New Link Technologies

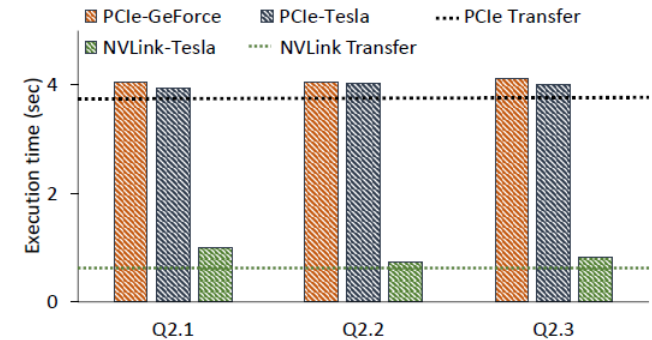
- **NVLink** for CPU-mem/GPU and GPU-GPU communication
- **OpenCAPI** for cache-coherent accelerator integration

## ■ #1 H<sup>2</sup>TAP (EPFL)

- HTAP system (OLTP on CPU, OLAP on GPU)
- LLVM code generation for operator fusion
- Lazy transfers (UVA) and transfer sharing



[Aunn Raza et al: GPU-accelerated data management under the test of time. **CIDR 2020**]

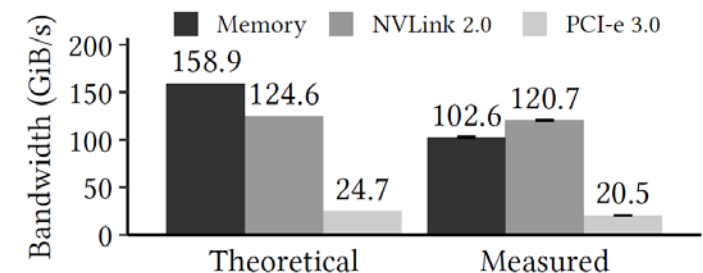


## ■ #2 Experimental Analysis (TU Berlin)

- In-depth analysis of NVLink 2 vs PCIe 3



[Clemens Lutz et al.: Pump Up the Volume: Processing Large Data on GPUs with Fast Interconnects. **SIGMOD 2020 (best paper award)**]





# Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs)

## FPGA Characteristics

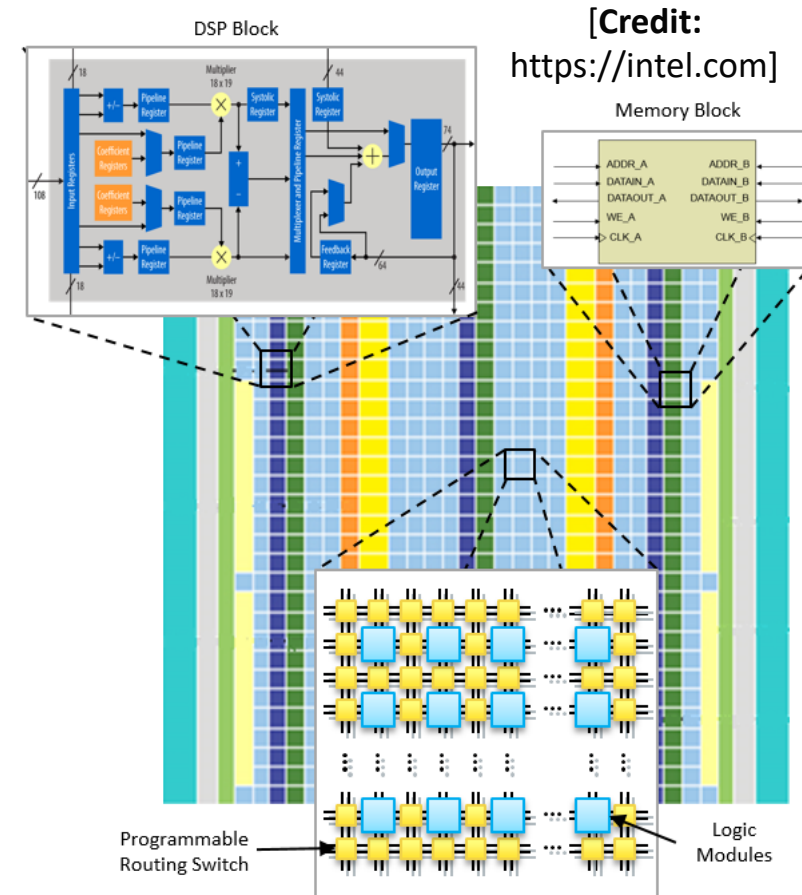
- Integrated circuit that allows **configuring custom hardware designs**
- Reconfiguration in <1s
- HW description language: e.g., VHDL, Verilog (RTL)

## FPGA Components

- #1 **lookup table** (LUT) as logic gates
- #2 **flip-flops** (registers)
- #3 **interconnect network**
- Additional memory and DSP blocks

## Examples

- Intel (Altera) Stratix 10 SoC FPGA
- Xilinx Virtex UltraSCALE+



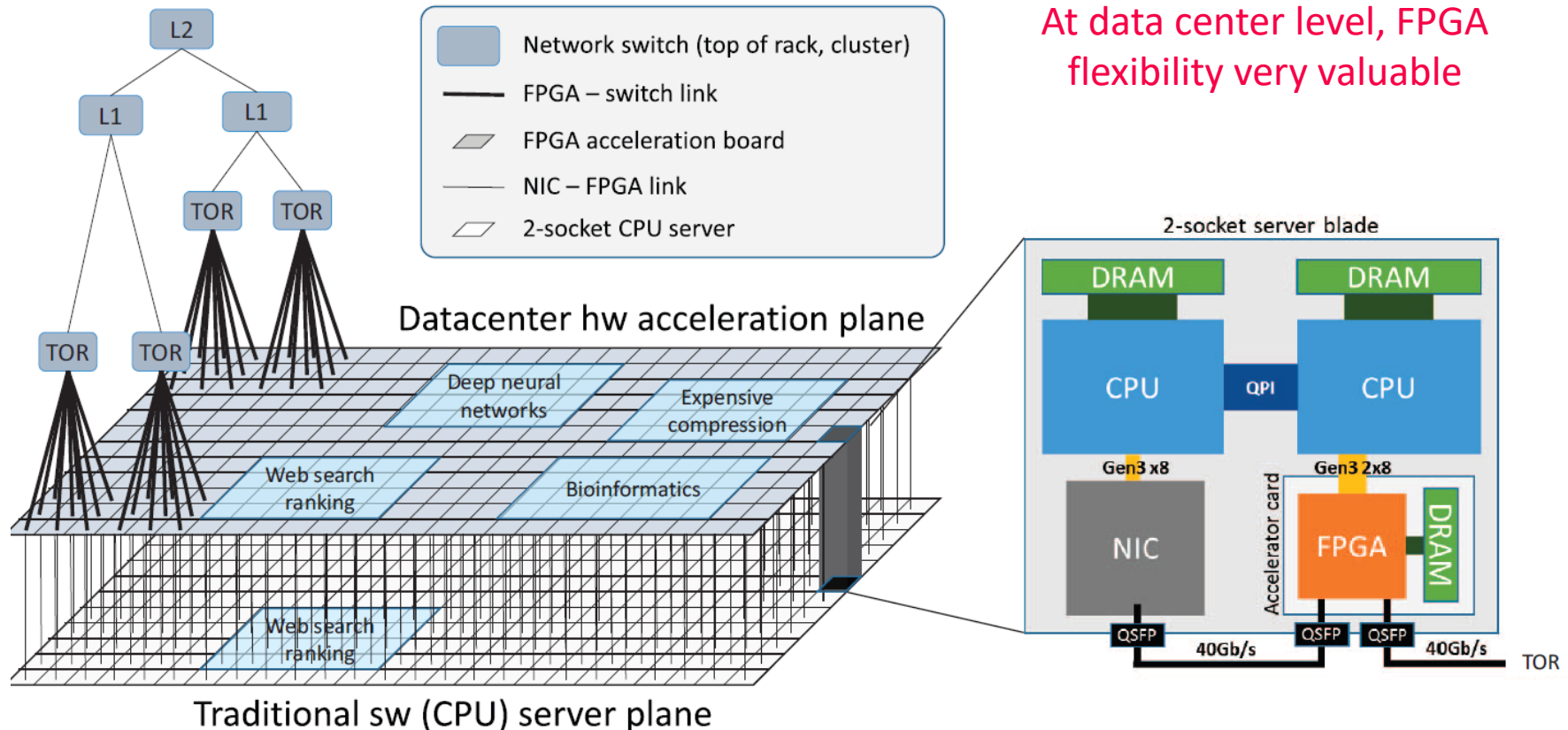
# FPGAs in Microsoft's Data Centers

## Microsoft Catapult

- Dual-socket Xeon w/ PCIe-attached FPGA
- Pre-filtering neural networks, compression, and other workloads

[Adrian M. Caulfield et al.: A cloud-scale acceleration architecture.

**MICRO 2016**]



# FPGA Query Processing

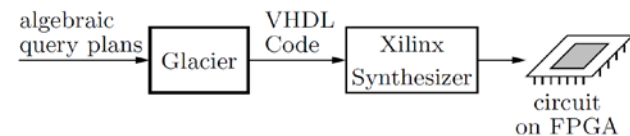
## ■ Motivation

- FPGA on data path from network/disk/stream to CPU for offloading
- Performance and energy efficiency (e.g., Netezza → IBM, discontinued)

## ■ FPGAs for Data Processing

- Specialized stream operators (e.g., window median – sorting network)
- **Glacier**: Library and query compiler for **continuous (streaming) queries**

[René Müller, Jens Teubner, Gustavo Alonso: Data Processing on FPGAs. **PVLDB 2(1) 2009**]



[René Müller, Jens Teubner, Gustavo Alonso: Streams on Wires - A Query Compiler for FPGAs. **PVLDB 2(1) 2009**]

## ■ Many Specialized Operators

- Frequent item set mining
- Regular expression matching
- Complex event processing

[Louis Woods, Jens Teubner, Gustavo Alonso: Complex Event Detection at Wire Speed with FPGAs. **PVLDB 3(1) 2010**]

# Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASICs)

## ■ Gamma Database Machine

- Long history of HW-accelerated DB workloads
- Unsuccessful due to need for continuous improvements (Moore's Law)

[David J. DeWitt: DIRECT - A Multiprocessor Organization for Supporting Relational Database Management Systems. **IEEE Trans. Computers** 28(6) 1979]



## ■ #1 TUD Tomahawk

- Specialized ops (**sorted set intersection**)

[Oliver Arnold et al: An application-specific instruction set for accelerating set-oriented database primitives. **SIGMOD 2014**]



## ■ #2 Oracle DAX

- M7 chip with 8 Data Analytics engines
- Specialized ops (**decompress, selections**)

[Kathirgamar Aingaran et al.: M7: Oracle's Next-Generation Sparc Processor. **IEEE Micro** 35(2) 2015]



## ■ #3 Oracle DPU (RAPID, discontinued)

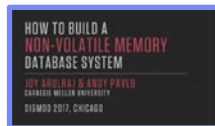
- Data Processing Unit (shared-mem many core)
- Data movement system, atomic TX engine
- Partitioning and **partitioned hash join** (kernels)

[Cagri Balkesen et al.: RAPID: In-Memory Analytical Query Processing Engine with Extreme Performance per Watt. **SIGMOD 2018**]



# Memory:

## DBMS on Non-volatile Memory



[Joy Arulraj, Andrew Pavlo: How to Build a Non-Volatile Memory Database Management System. **SIGMOD 2017**]



[Ismail Oukid, Wolfgang Lehner: Data Structure Engineering For Byte-Addressable Non-Volatile Memory. **SIGMOD 2017**]

# Overview Non-Volatile Memory (NVM)

## ■ DRAM Scaling Limits

- Decreasing feature sizes → **increasing failure rates** (e.g., RowHammer)
- DRAM DIMM **cost per GB** scales super-linearly (~ 9.5x for 4x capacity)
- DRAM **major energy consumer** (charge-based, requires refresh ~64ms)

## ■ Non-Volatile Memory (NVM)

- Aka Storage-Class Memory (SCM) → non-volatile storage
- **Higher capacity**, lower energy, and cheaper than DRAM (~3x bandwidth)
- **Byte-addressable** read and write (unlike SSD/HDD)
- **High random write throughput**
- **Read/write asymmetry** and **wear leveling**

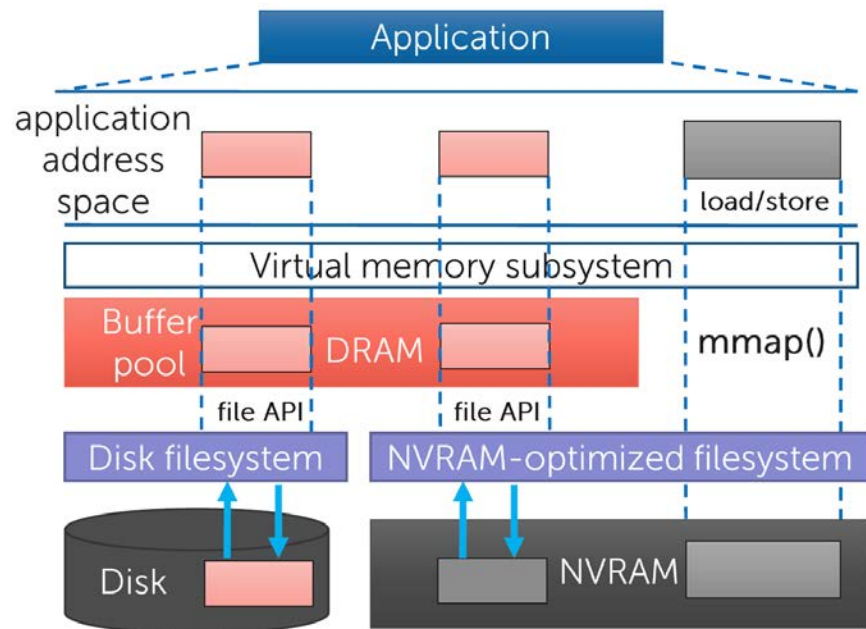
# Overview Non-Volatile Memory (NVM), cont.

## ■ Different System Integration Approaches

- NVDIMM-N: DIMM with flash storage and DRAM
- NVDIMM-F: DIMM with flash storage
- NVDIMM-P: DIMM with NVM technologies (e.g., PCM)

## ■ File System Support

- Access NVRAM via mmap (zero-copy via bypassing OS page cache)
- Dedicated file systems (NOVA, PMFS, SCMFS)



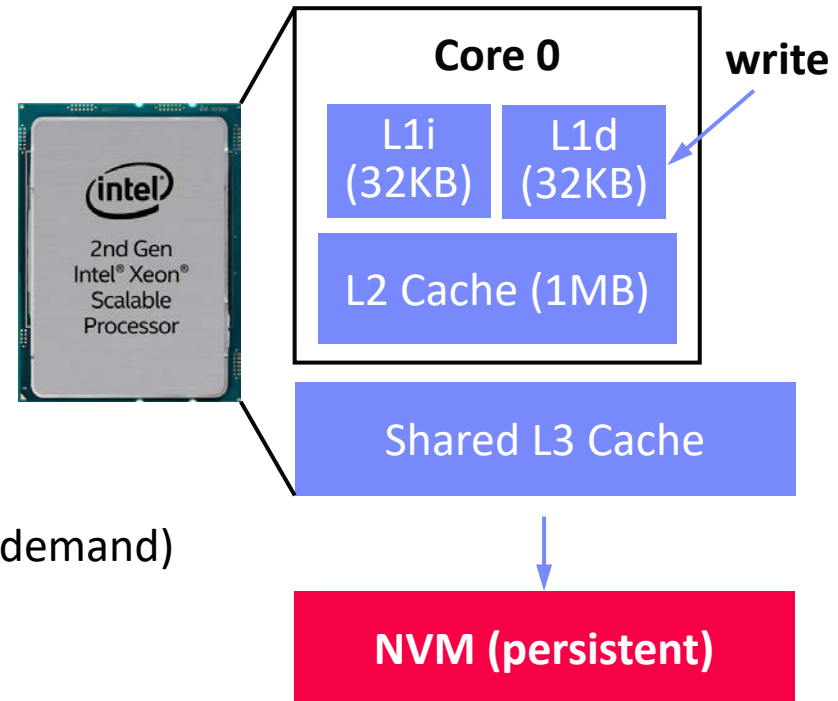
# NVM Durability Guarantees

## ■ NVM Durability Challenges

- Little control when data is persisted
- **Examples:** CPU Cache evictions, memory reordering, partial writes, (at cache line granularity)

## ■ NVM-relevant Instructions

- **CLFLUSH** (flush cache line from every level of the cache hierarchy, write on demand)
- **CLWB** (write back cache line)
- **MFENCE** (serializes global visibility), **SFENCE** (store fence), **LFENCE** (load fence)
- **MOVNT** (write bypassing the caches)
- Special handling for draining store buffers



## Additional Challenges

Persistent Memory Leaks  
 Persistent Data Corruption  
 Persistent Memory Management



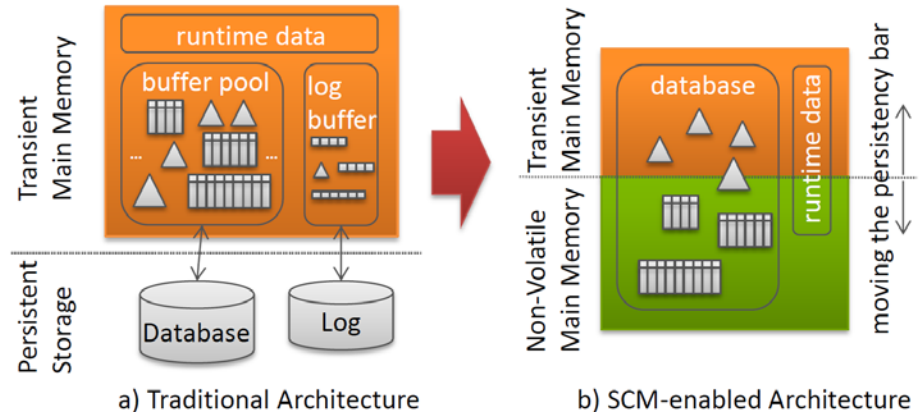
# NVM Logging and Recovery

[Ismail Oukid, Wolfgang Lehner, Thomas Kissinger, Thomas Willhalm, Peter Bumbulis: Instant Recovery for Main Memory Databases. **CIDR 2015**]



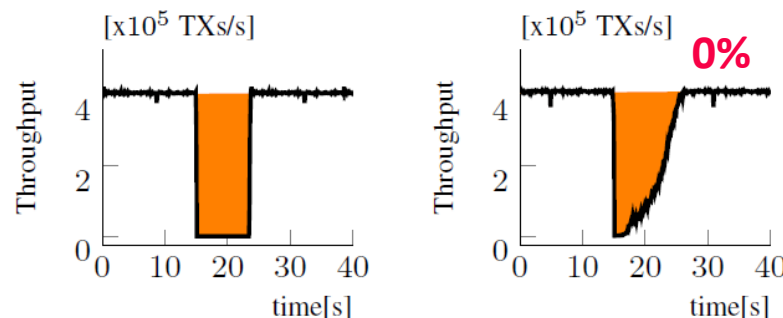
## ■ SOFORT: DB Recovery on NVM

- Simulated DBMS on NVM
- Instant recovery by trading TX throughput vs recovery time (% of data structures on SCM)
- No need for logging (everything is durable)
- Continue TXs on recovery

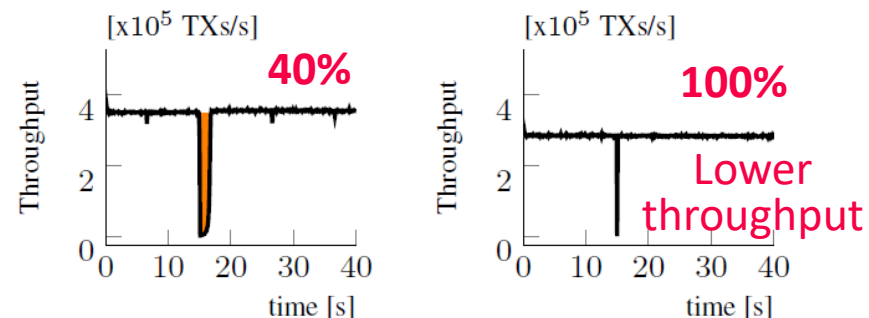


## ■ Recovery Simulation

### Wait for Rebuild



### Continue TX, Async Rebuild



# NVM Logging and Recovery, cont.

## Motivation

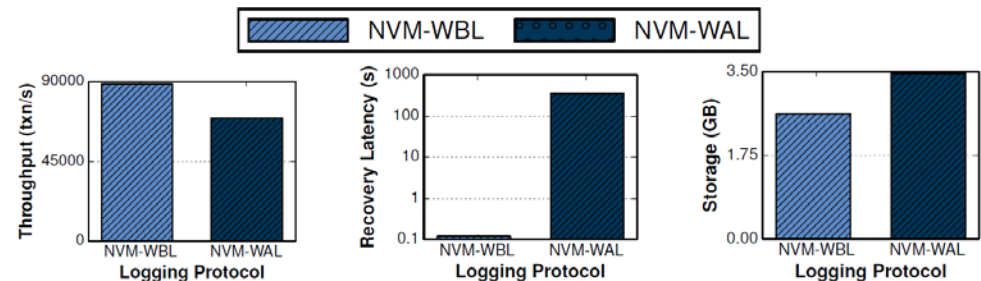
- NVM with **higher write throughput**
- Smaller gap sequential vs random** write throughput
- Byte-addressable NVM** (no need for pages)

[Joy Arulraj, Matthew Perron, Andrew Pavlo: Write-Behind Logging. **PVLDB 10(4) 2016**]



## Write-Behind Logging

- Leverage byte-addressable NVM to reduce amount of logged data on changes
- Dirty tuple table (DTT) for tracking changes → never written to NVM
- Update persistent data (SCM) + DTT on commit, log change metadata
  - $c_p$  timestamp – TXs durable on NVM → log entry
  - $c_d$  timestamp – TX commit timestamp
- Recovery: Ignore and GC TX changes in  $(c_p, c_d)$



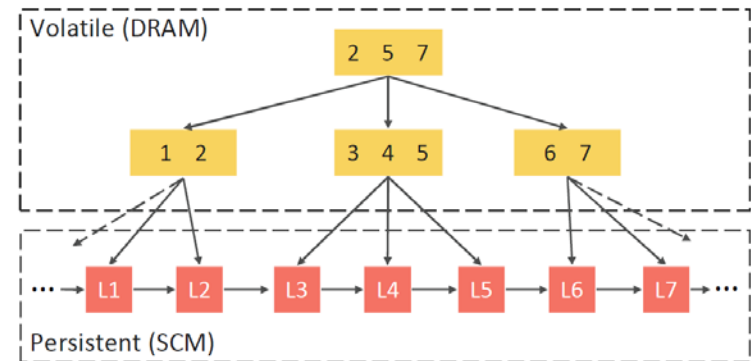
# NVM Index Structures

## ■ FPTree (Fingerprinting Persistent Tree)

- **Selective persistence:**  
Hybrid B<sup>+</sup>-Tree with volatile inner and durable leaf nodes
- **Unsorted leaves** for reduce # of writes
- **Fingerprinting**  
(1B hashes of in-leaf keys)
- Recovery: rebuild inner nodes

Inner nodes in DRAM for better performance

Leaves in SCM to ensure durability



[BTW'2019]

[Ismail Oukid, Johan Lasperas, Anisoara Nica, Thomas Willhalm, Wolfgang Lehner: FPTree: A Hybrid SCM-DRAM Persistent and Concurrent B-Tree for Storage Class Memory. **SIGMOD 2016**]



## ■ BzTree

- **Latch-free** B-tree for NVM
- Multi-word compare-and-swap w/ persistence guarantees (PMwCAS)

[Joy Arulraj, Justin J. Levandoski, Umar Farooq Minhas, Per-Åke Larson: BzTree: A High-Performance Latch-free Range Index for Non-Volatile Memory. **PVLDB 11(5) 2018**]



# Storage:

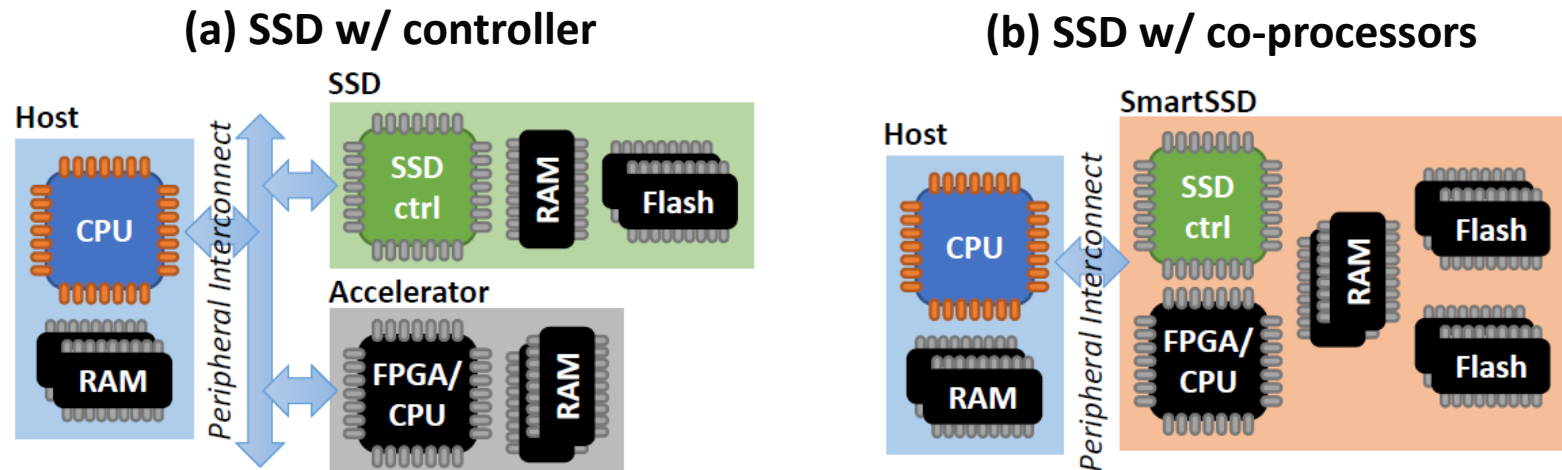
## DBMS on Computational Storage

# Overview Computational Storage

## ■ Different SSD Architectures

- (a) SSDs (solid-state drive)
- (b) Smart SSDs
- (c) Accelerators in the SSD I/O path (e.g., Netezza)

[Antonio Barbalace, Jaeyoung Do:  
Computational Storage: Where  
Are We Today?, **CIDR 2021**]



## ■ Background: FTL (flash translation layer)

- SW or HW (controller) FTL for mapping of logical to physical addresses, wear-leveling, ECC, and bad block management

# Query Processing on (Smart)SSDs

## ■ Query Processing on SSDs

- Wide spectrum of work (index structures, out-of-core operations)
- Handle **read/write asymmetry** and other properties → perf/energy efficiency

## ■ OLAP Query Processing on SmartSSDs

- Session-based protocol for SATA/SAS (PCIe) interface  
OPEN/CLOSE/GET (results, 10ms poll)
- Coordinator/worker threads
- Flash pages pinned into DRAM
- **Projection, selection and aggregation**

[Jaeyoung Do, Yang-Suk Kee, Jignesh M. Patel, Chanik Park, Kwanghyun Park, David J. DeWitt: Query processing on smart SSDs: opportunities and challenges. **SIGMOD 2013**]



## ■ OLTP Query Processing on SmartSSDs

- Small random writes cause huge write overhead on SSDs (**write amplification**)
- Flash-append features, **delta record area** via controlled data placement

[Sergey Hardock, Ilia Petrov, Robert Gottstein, Alejandro P. Buchmann: From In-Place Updates to In-Place Appends: Revisiting Out-of-Place Updates on Flash. **SIGMOD 2017**]



# KV Stores on SSDs

## Open Channel SSDs

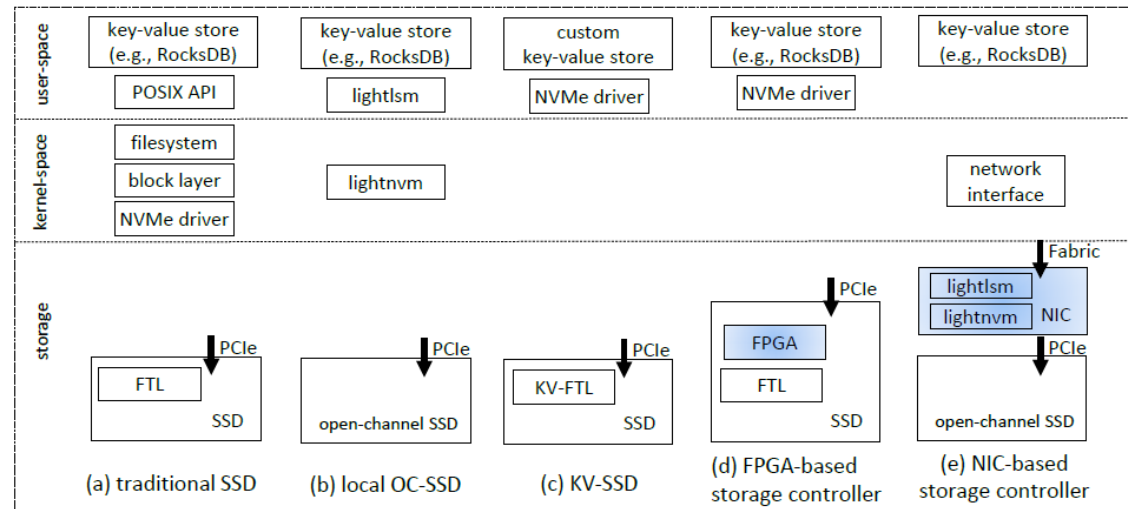
- Storage devices that let hosts control data placement and I/O scheduling

[Ivan Luiz Picoli, Niclas Hedam, Philippe Bonnet, Pinar Tözün: Open-Channel SSD (What is it Good For). **CIDR 2020**]



## FTL Specialization for Log-structured Merge Trees (LSM)

[Ivan Luiz Picoli, Philippe Bonnet, Pinar Tözün: LSM Management on Computational Storage. **DaMoN@SIGMOD 2019**]



## Batched Writes @ MS

- Log structuring in SSD controller

[Jaeyoung Do, David B. Lomet, Ivan Luiz Picoli: Improving CPU I/O Performance via SSD Controller FTL Support for Batched Writes. **DaMoN@SIGMOD 2019**]



# Zoned Namespaces (ZNS)

[Javier González: Zoned Namespaces  
- Use Cases, Standard and Linux  
Ecosystem, **SDC SNIA EMEA 20**]

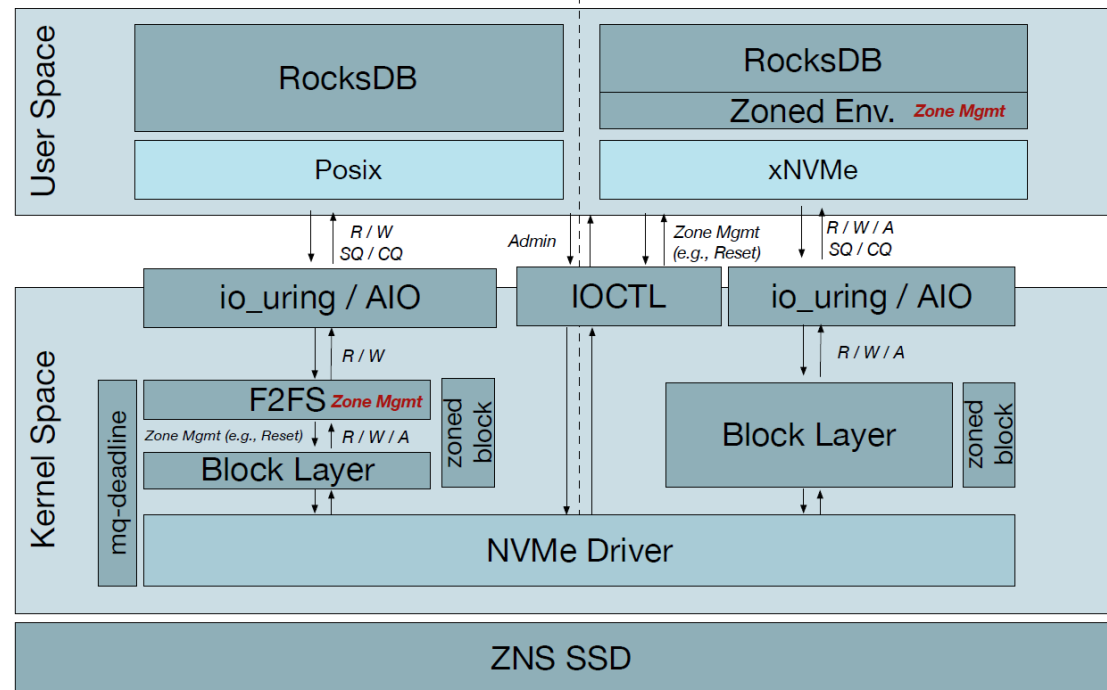


## ■ Zoned Namespace

- **Motivation:** log-structured merge trees (KV-store), log-structured FS, with user-space data placement, garbage collection, metadata
- Divide logical block device (LBA) into **fixed-size zones**, **sequential write** per zone

## ■ Linux Stack

- Zoned FS (e.g., F2FS)
- ZNS-specific features (append, ZRWA, Simple Copy)
- 2 I/O paths
  - Zoned FS
  - Zoned Apps



[Dev Purandare et al.: Append is Near: Log-based Data Management on ZNS SSDs, **CIDR 2022**]





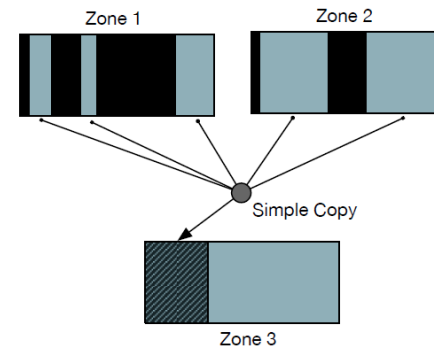
# Copy in Memory / Storage

[Javier González: Zoned Namespaces  
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Ecosystem, **SDC SNIA EMEA 20**]



## ■ ZNS Simple Copy

- Offload copy operation to SSD
- Data moved directly by SSD controller
- No PCIe data transfer, no CPU cycles spent
- Applications: garbage collection
- Under discussion in NVMe

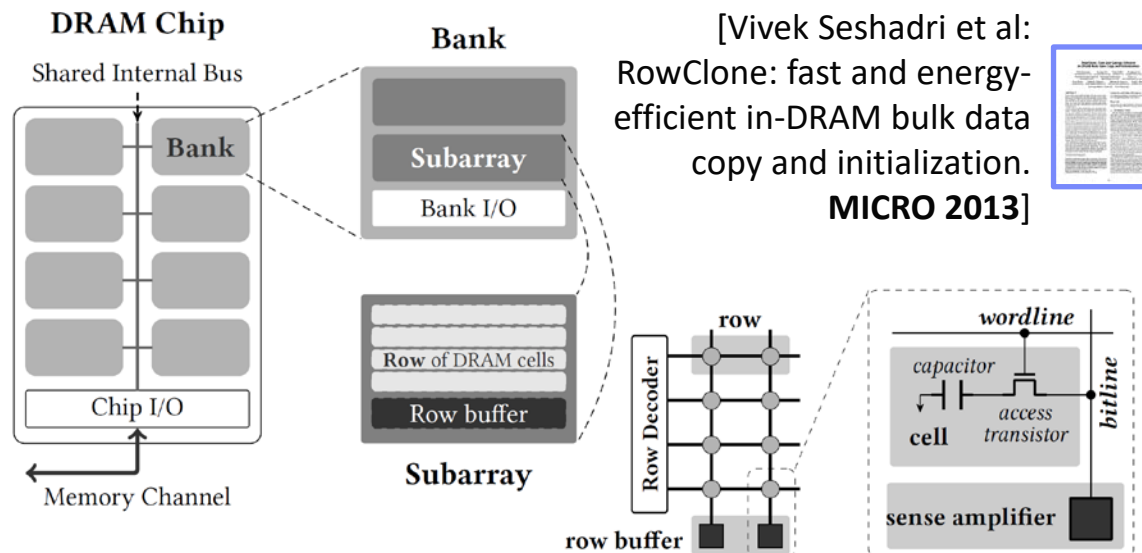


multiple  
sources

single  
target

## ■ DRAM RowClone

- Copy memory rows via row buffer
- Within/across banks
- Also used for row initialization (e.g., `memset(0)`)
- Low-cost HW ext.



[Vivek Seshadri et al:  
RowClone: fast and energy-  
efficient in-DRAM bulk data  
copy and initialization.  
**MICRO 2013**]



# Problems and Challenges

## ■ #1 Caching

- Buffer pools and distributed caching unaware of push-down
- Prefiltering in storage destroys caching and reuse → cold analysis tasks

## ■ #2 Granularity

- Page-oriented (fixed size) buffer pool for sequential I/O
- Pre-filtering in storage destroys blocks → variable length

## ■ #3 Practicability

- Programmability/usability
- Multi-tenant environments
- Security concerns

[Antonio Barbalace, Jaeyoung Do:  
Computational Storage: Where  
Are We Today?, **CIDR 2021**]



# Excursus: DAPHNE EU Project



- **DAPHNE: Integrated Data Analysis Pipelines for Large-Scale Data Management, HPC, and Machine Learning (12/20-11/24)**



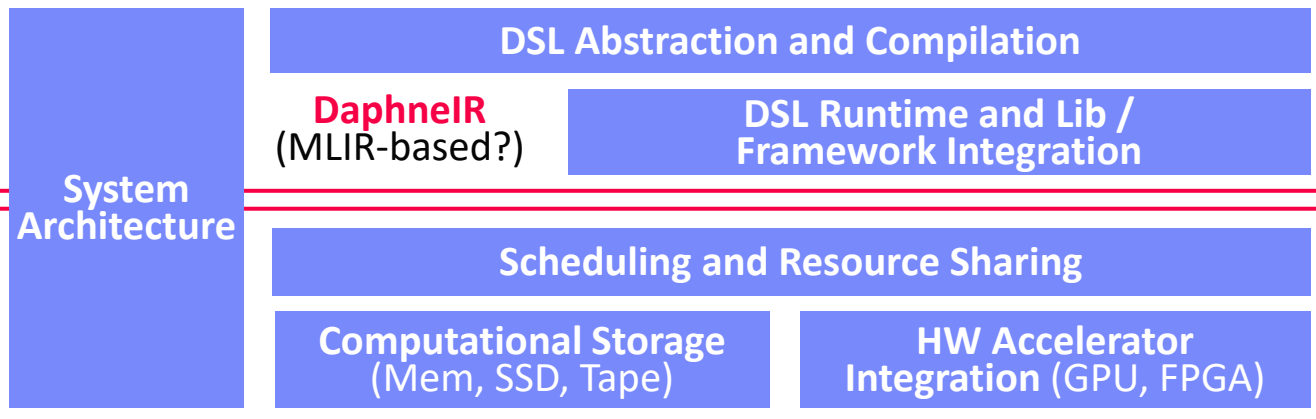
- <https://daphne-eu.eu/> (old: <https://daphne-eu.github.io/>)



Use Cases  
(ML4Sim, pipelines)

Benchmarking  
and Analysis

## DaphneLib and DaphneDSL



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# Summary and Q&A

- **Recap: Basic HW Background**
- **Compute: DBMS on GPUs, FPGAs, ASICs**
- **Memory: DBMS on Non-volatile Memory**
- **Storage: DBMS on Computational Storage**
  
- **#2 Course Evaluation and Exam**
  - Evaluation period: **Dec 15 – Jan 31** (1/77)
  - Exam dates: **Feb 07/08, 24/25** (oral exams)

# Thanks

(please, participate in the  
[course evaluation](#))