

# Persistent Memory in Operation

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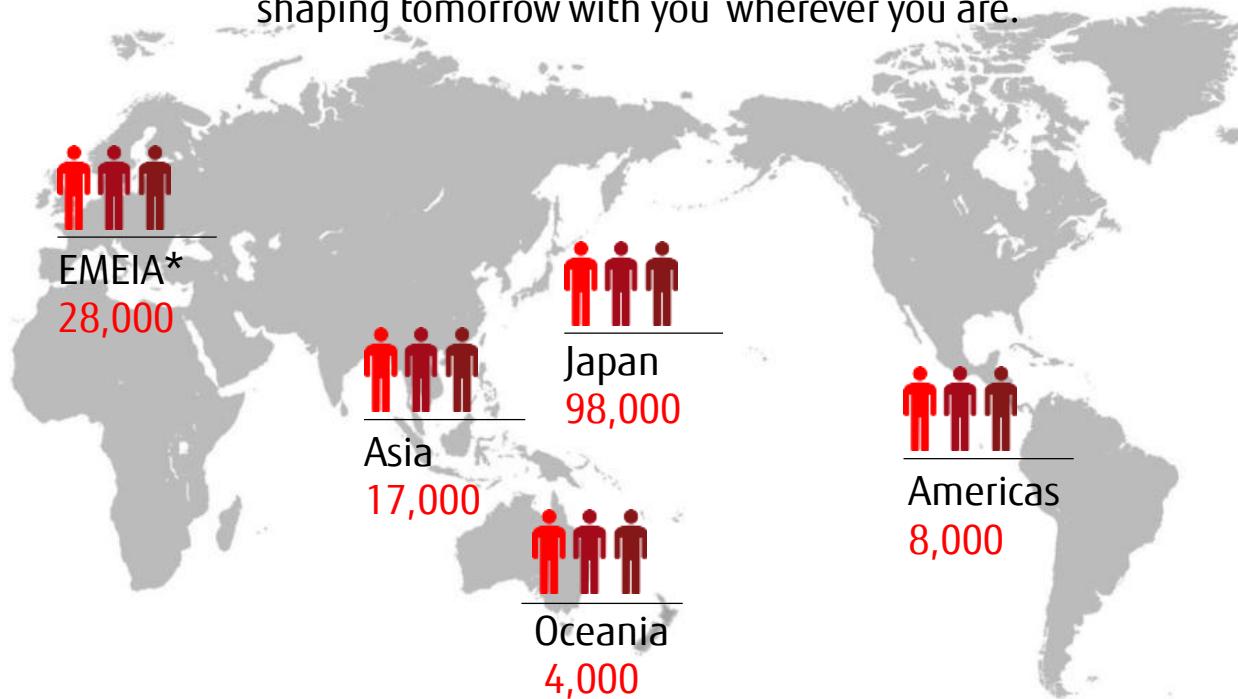
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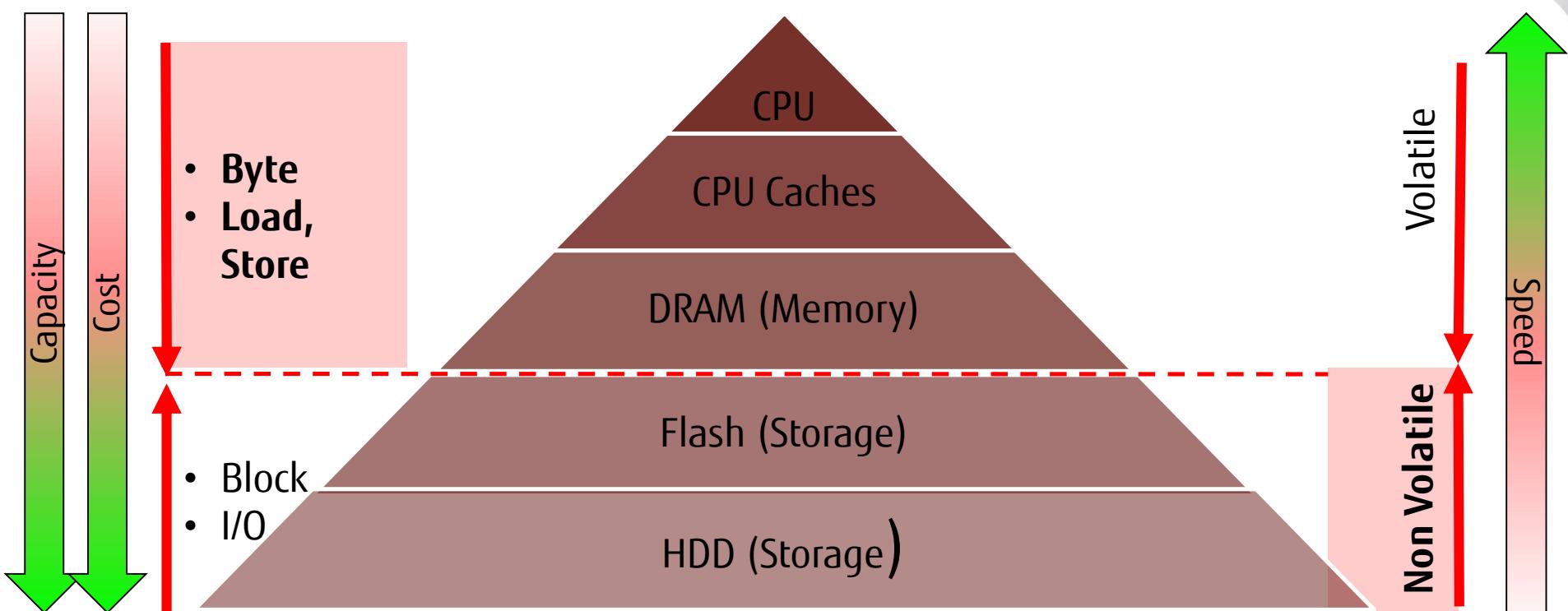
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## ■ Technology

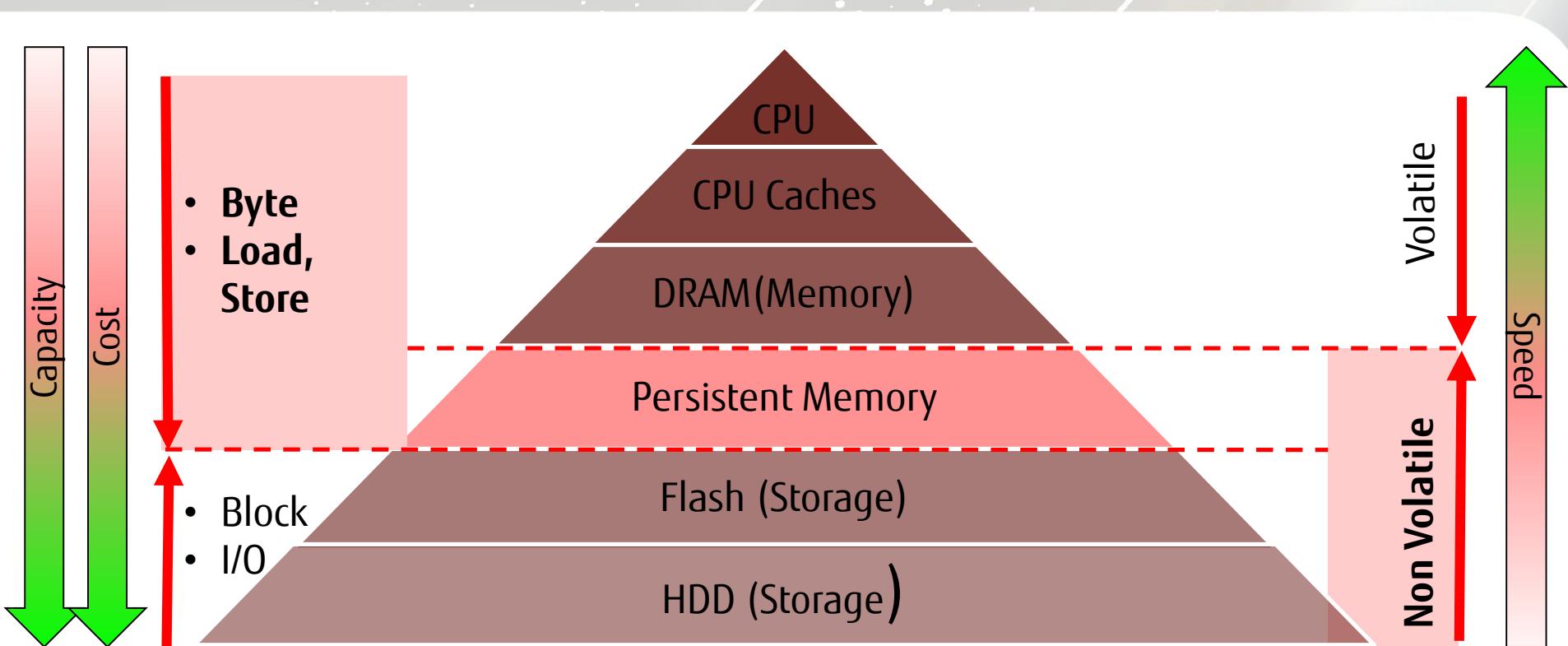
# Memory Storage Hierarchy

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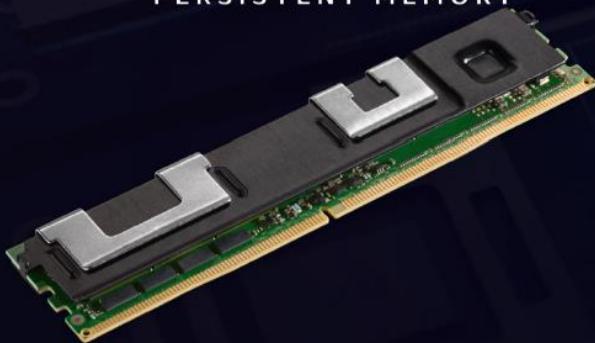


# Memory Storage Hierarchy - Paradigm Shift

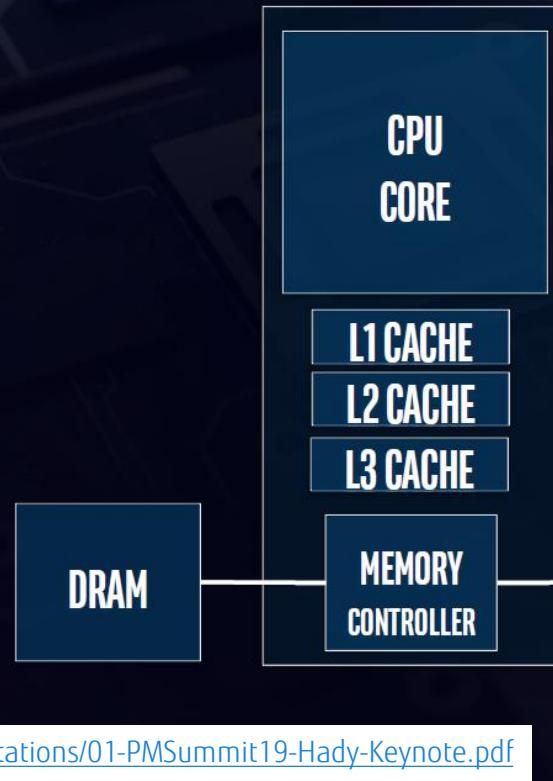
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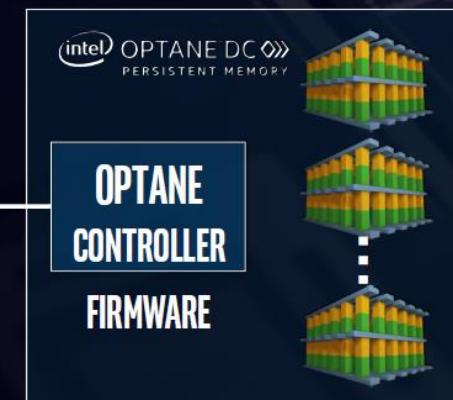
# PERSISTENT MEMORY PLATFORM SUPPORT



- Direct Load/Store Access
- Native Persistence
- 128, 256, 512GB
- DDR4 Pin Compatible



- BIOS
- OPERATING SYSTEM
- SNIA NVM PROGRAMMING MODEL
- APPLICATION

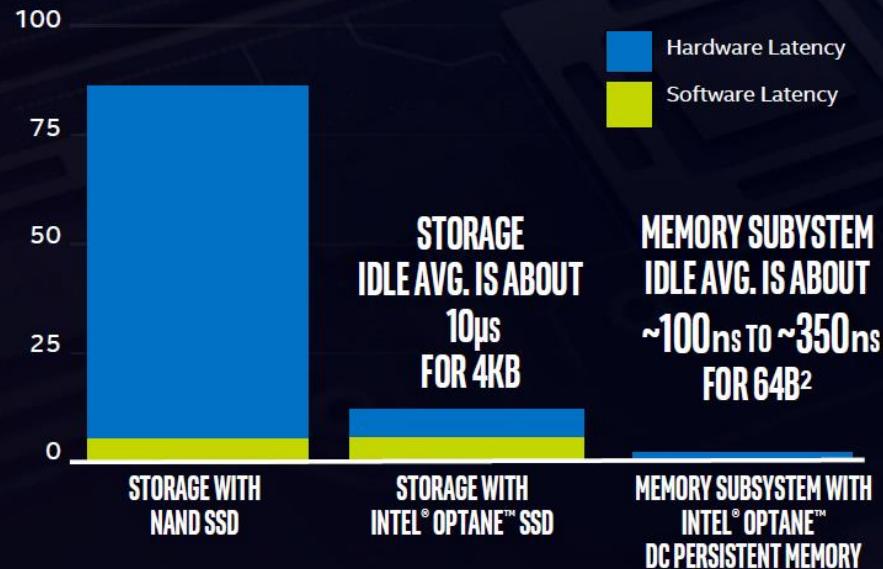


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# LOW LATENCY SYSTEM ACCESS TO PERSISTENT MEMORY

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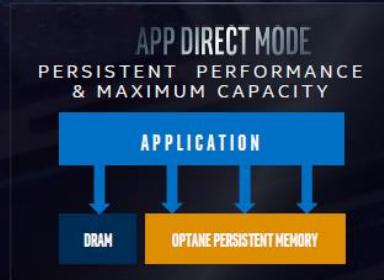
## IDLE AVERAGE RANDOM READ LATENCY<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Source: Intel-tested: Average read latency measured at queue depth 1 during 4k random write workload. Measured using FIO 3.1. comparing Intel Reference platform with Optane™ SSD DC P4800X 375GB and Intel® SSD DC P4600 1.6TB compared to SSDs commercially available as of July 1, 2018. Performance results are based on testing as of July 24, 2018 and may not reflect all publicly available security updates. See configuration disclosure for details. No product can be absolutely secure. For more complete information about performance and benchmark results, visit [www.intel.com/benchmarks](http://www.intel.com/benchmarks).

<sup>2</sup> App Direct Mode , NeonCity, LBG B1 chipset , CLX B0 28 Core (QDF QQYZ), Memory Conf 192GB DDR4 (per socket) DDR 2666 MT/s, Optane DCPMM 128GB, BIOS 561.D09, BKC version WW48.5 BKC, Linux OS 4.18.8-100.fc27, Spectre/Meltdown Patched (1,2,3, 3a)

# INTEL® OPTANE™ PERSISTENT MEMORY: APP DIRECT

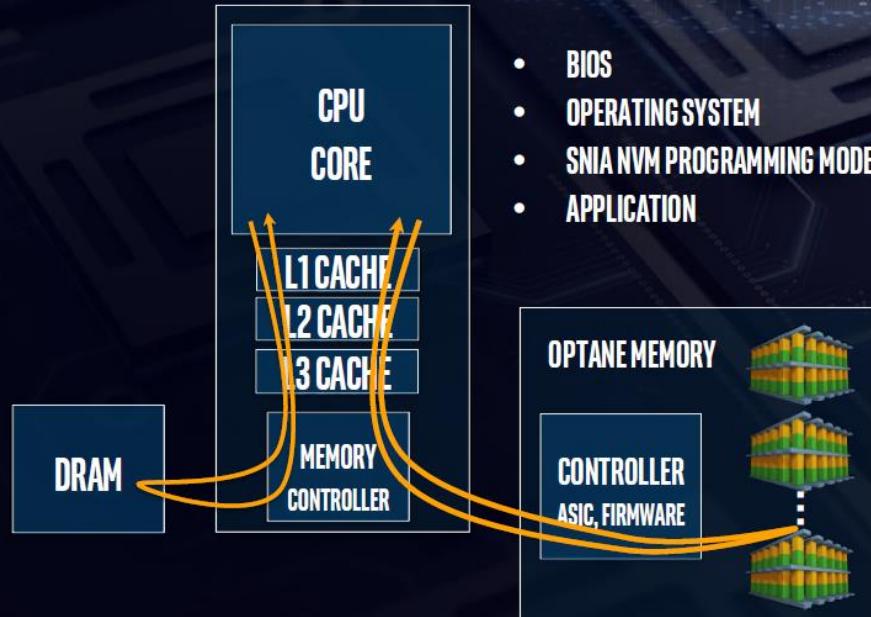


App Direct Mode provides the persistent memory programming model

- Reported to OS by ACPI
- Linux and Windows expose via "DAX" file systems

Several use cases supported by OS & PMDK APIs

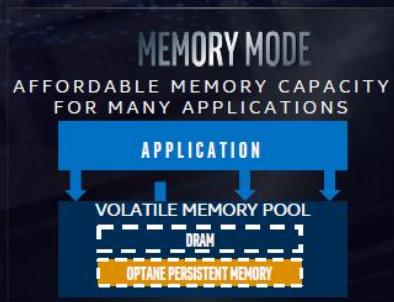
- Persistent memory, non-paged  
(no DRAM footprint when accessed)
- Volatile App Direct, an explicit pool of volatile memory
- Storage over App Direct, a very fast SSD built on persistent memory



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## MEMORY MODE

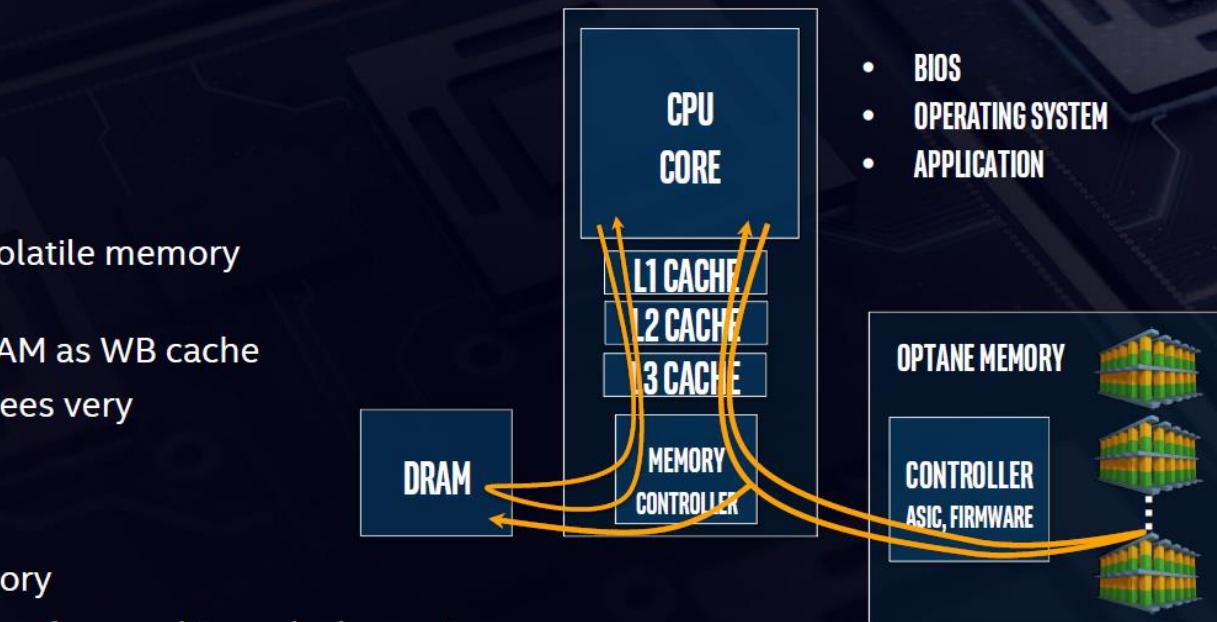


Memory Mode provides familiar volatile memory programming model

- Additional layer of caching: DRAM as WB cache
- Hardware managed, software sees very high capacity memory (6 TB)

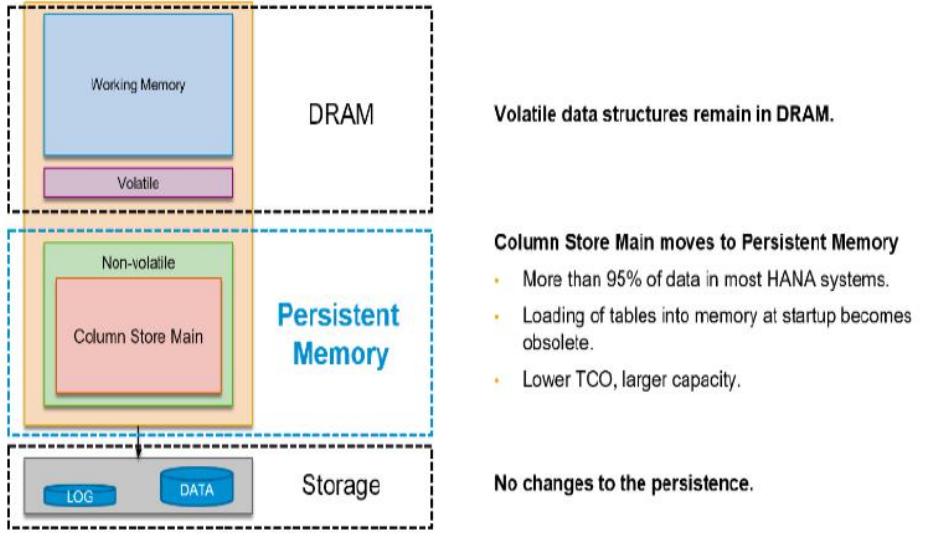
Range of use cases supported

- No software change – big memory
- Applications/Algorithms changes for new hierarchy/capacity



# APP DIRECT USAGE EXAMPLE

SAP HANA controls what is placed in Persistent Memory and what remains in DRAM.



Developer placed data structures

"SAP HANA knows which data structures benefit most from persistent memory. SAP HANA automatically detects persistent memory hardware and adjusts itself by automatically placing these data structures on persistent memory, while all others remain in DRAM"

- Column Store Main in Persistent Memory
  - 90% of the data footprint
  - Nonvolatile – no initial load time
- High perf, volatile in DRAM
- SSDs still used for row store, column delta, replication, backups...

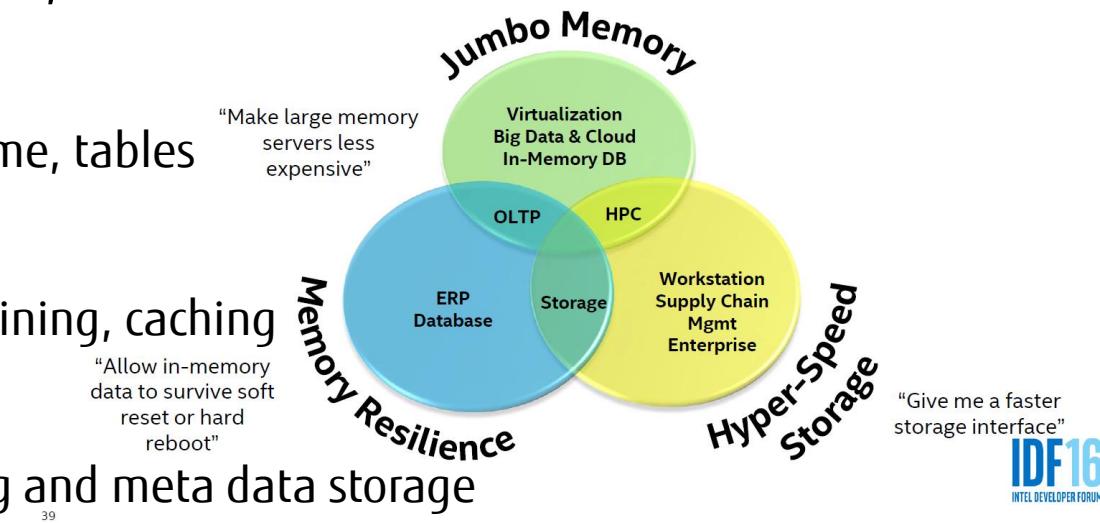
Source: "SAP HANA & Persistent Memory"  
- Andreas Schuster

Dec 3 2018, <https://blogs.sap.com/2018/12/03/sap-hana-persistent-memory/>

- Enables a fundamental change in computing architecture
- Standardized through NFIT and JEDEC
- Linux 4.4+ kernels and Windows2016 have the software stack
- Dramatically increases system performance
- Bridges the gap between DRAM and Flash
- Apps, middleware and OSs are no longer bound by file system overhead in order to run persistent transactions
- NVDIMMs BIOS/MRC (Memory Reference Code)
- Open source library is available for applications

# Use Cases

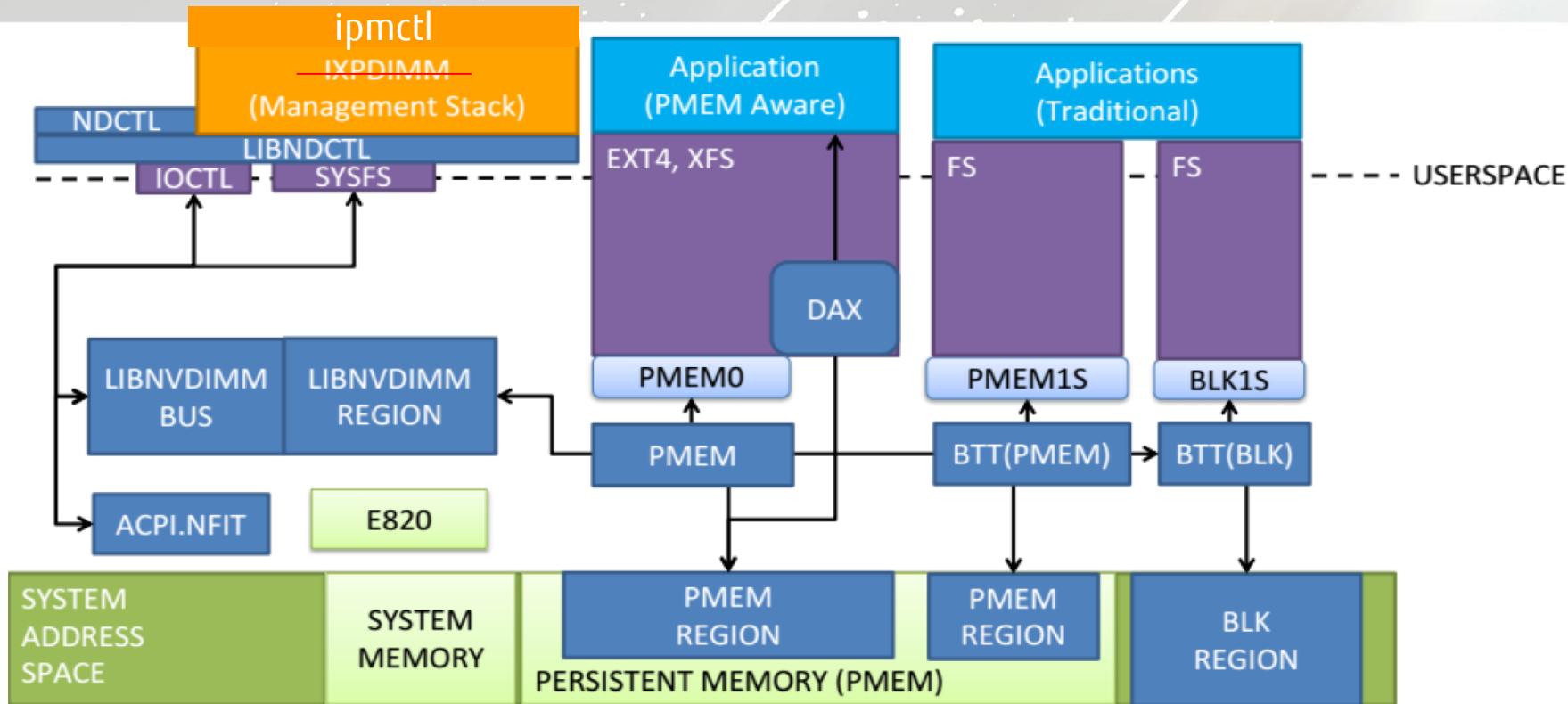
- Execute in place for \*.ko, \*.so, ... **Growing Need for New Class of Memory**
- In Memory Database
  - Journaling, reduced recovery time, tables
- Traditional Database
- Enterprise Storage
  - Log acceleration by write combining, caching
- High-Performance Computing
- Analytics, AI, HPC



- Technology
- Setup and Configuration

# Linux 4.9+

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# Persistent Memory Tools

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## Configuration

- ❑ Pre-boot
  - ❑ ipmctl
- ❑ Linux
  - ❑ ipmctl
  - ❑ ndctl
- ❑ Windows
  - ❑ ipmctl
  - ❑ New-StoragePool
  - ❑ New-Volume

## Benchmark

- ❑ Intel® Memory Latency Checker (MLC)
- ❑ FIO (Flexible IO Tester)
- ❑ pmembench

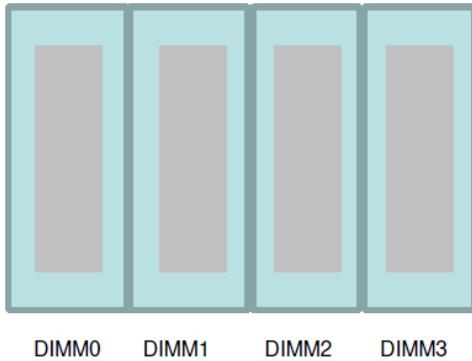
## Analysis

- ❑ Intel® VTune Amplifier
  - ❑ Memory Analyzer
  - ❑ Storage Analyzer
- ❑ Intel® Persistent Inspector
- ❑ Intel® VTune Platform Profiler
- ❑ pmempool
- ❑ pmemcheck
- ❑ Valgrind

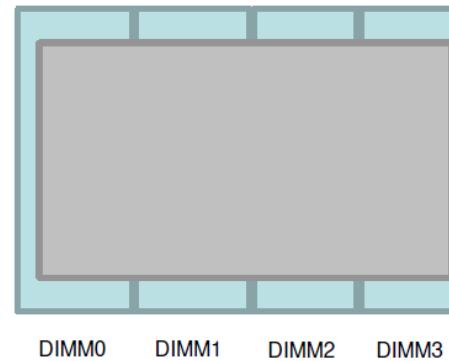
# Provisioning Terms & Concepts

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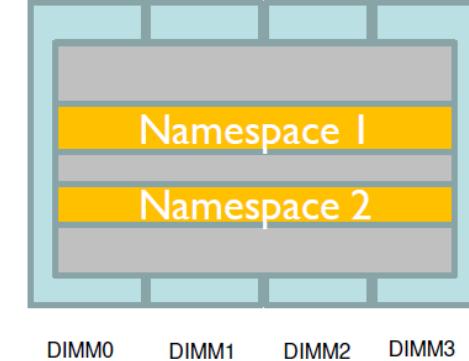
## Non-Interleaved Regions



## Interleaved Regions



## Namespaces



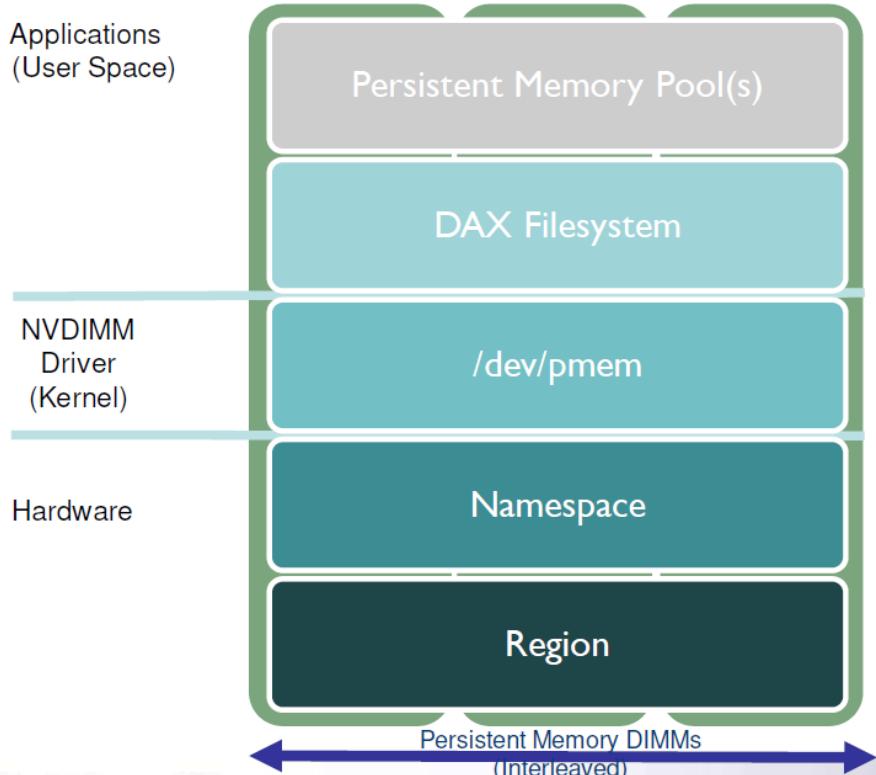
Regions are created within [non]interleaved sets. Interleaving can be 1 to n-way mapping.

Creates contiguous physical address space and provides striped reads/writes for better throughput.

Similar to SSD, raw capacity of a region is partitioned into one or more logical devices called namespaces.

# Exposing Persistent Memory to Applications

## Filesystem DAX (FSDAX)



**Persistent Memory Pool(s)**: persistent memory is exposed by the OS to the application as memory-mapped files when using PMDK.

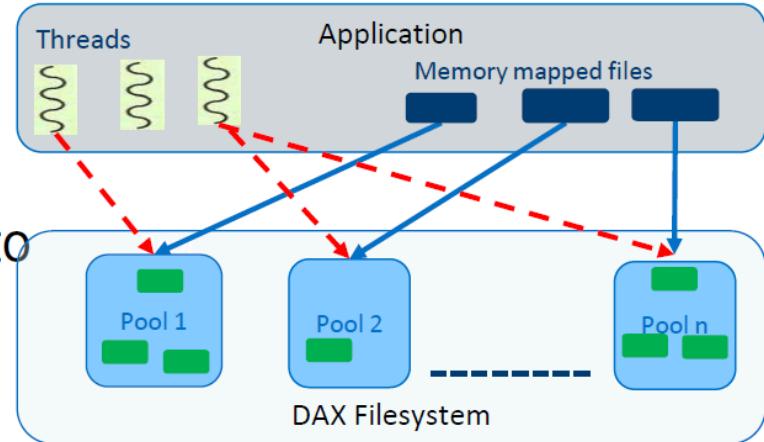
**Direct Access (DAX) Filesystem**: For file mappings (mmap), the storage device is mapped directly into user space and bypasses page cache.

**/dev/pmem**: a device used to create a filesystem.



# Persistent Memory Pools

- ❑ Intended for use on DAX File System
- ❑ Pools are tagged with a 'layout' name/string for identification
- ❑ Support for multiple pools per Application
- ❑ Pools can be aggregated into 'pool sets' to provide a larger address space and replication
- ❑ Easy backup/restore



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# Configuration overview

<b>app_direct_mode</b> <b>1LM = AD</b>	Support for accessing Apache Pass DIMM persistent memory in App Direct mode. In App Direct mode, Apache Pass DIMMs and DDR act as independent memory resources under direct load/store control of an application. ( <i>One-Level Memory, or 1LM</i> )
<b>memory_mode</b> <b>2LM = MM</b>	Support for accessing Apache Pass DIMM capacity in memory mode where Apache Pass DIMMs act as system memory under the control of the operating system. In Memory mode, any DDR in the platform will act as a cache working in conjunction with the Apache Pass DIMMs. In some earlier documentation, this mode was referred to as <i>Two-Level Memory, or 2LM</i> .

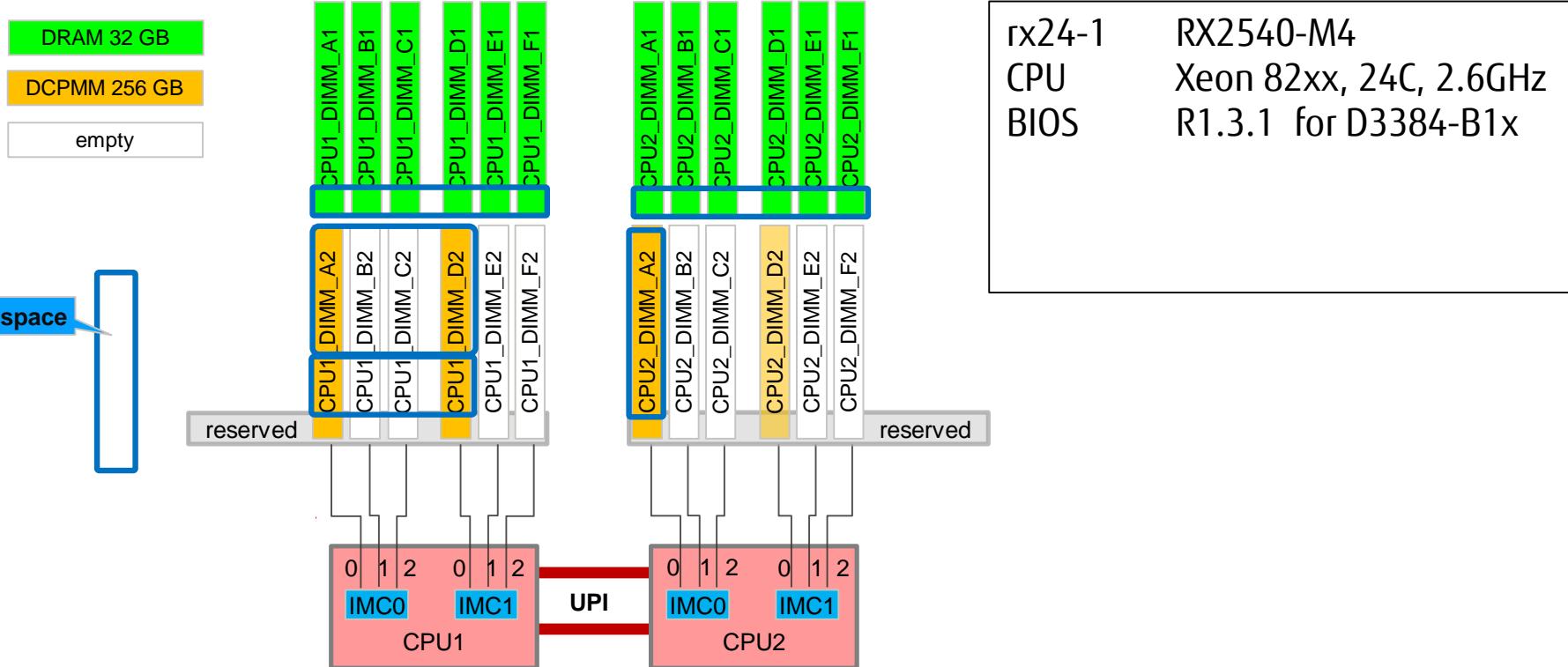
*persistent memory concepts*

	<i>AEP memory modules</i>	<i>AD or MM or mixed mode</i>	<i>allocation goals</i>	<i>regions</i>	<i>namespaces</i>
<b>BIOS</b>	detect			n/a	n/a
<b>standalone UEFI shell</b>					
<b>Linux ipmctl</b>	n/a	implied by allocation goal	define	administrate	n/a
<b>Linux ndctl</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	administrate	define and administrate

- We use **BIOS** to detect memory modules
- BIOS could be used to define the operation mode (AD, MM or mixed mode) – but we do not use BIOS for that purpose.
- instead: the operation mode (AD, MM or mixed mode) is implied by the way we define allocation goals using Linux **ipmctl**
- we could use standalone UEFI shell for all configuration steps – but FJ does not use it at all

# Test system PRIMERGY

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# Configuration – DIMM type and location



```
[root@rx24-1 ~]# ipmctl show -dimm
```

DimmID	Capacity	HealthState	ActionRequired	LockState	FWVersion
=====					
0x0001	252.4 GiB	Healthy	0	Disabled	01.01.00.5212
0x0101	252.4 GiB	Healthy	0	Disabled	01.01.00.5212
0x1001	252.4 GiB	Healthy	0	Disabled	01.01.00.5212
0x1101	0.0 GiB	Non-functional	N/A	N/A	N/A

```
[root@rx24-1 ~]# ipmctl show -topology
```

DimmID	MemoryType	Capacity	PhysicalID	DeviceLocator
=====				
0x0001	Logical Non-Volatile Device	252.4 GiB	0x0031	CPU1_DIMM_A2
0x0101	Logical Non-Volatile Device	252.4 GiB	0x003d	CPU1_DIMM_D2
0x1001	Logical Non-Volatile Device	252.4 GiB	0x0049	CPU2_DIMM_A2
0x1101	Logical Non-Volatile Device	0.0 GiB	0x0055	CPU2_DIMM_D2
N/A	DDR4	32.0 GiB	0x002f	CPU1_DIMM_A1
N/A	DDR4	32.0 GiB	0x0033	CPU1_DIMM_B1
N/A	DDR4	32.0 GiB	0x0036	CPU1_DIMM_C1
(...)				

# Configuration – DIMM location and nmem devices



```
[root@rx24-1 ~]# ndctl list --dimms -u
[
{
  "dev": "nmem1",
  "id": "8089-a2-1834-0000173b",
  "handle": "0x101",
  "phys_id": "0x3d"
},
{
  "dev": "nmem0",
  "id": "8089-a2-1834-000016b0",
  "handle": "0x1",
  "phys_id": "0x31"
},
{
  "dev": "nmem2",
  "id": "8089-a2-1834-00001a91",
  "handle": "0x1001",
  "phys_id": "0x49"
}
```

```
[root@rx24-1 ~]# ls -l /dev/nmem*
crw----- 1 root root 251, 0 Mar 20 09:52 /dev/nmem0
crw----- 1 root root 251, 1 Mar 20 09:52 /dev/nmem1
crw----- 1 root root 251, 2 Mar 20 09:52 /dev/nmem2
crw----- 1 root root 251, 3 Mar 20 09:52 /dev/nmem3

[root@rx24-1 ~]# grep 251 /proc/devices
251 dimmctl
```

# Configuration – Create Goal (1)



## ■ ipmctl-create-goal - Creates a memory allocation goal on one or more DCPMM

- Creates a memory allocation goal on one or more for the BIOS to read on the next reboot in order to map the DCPMM capacity into the system address space. Persistent memory can then be utilized by creating a namespace
- ipmctl create [-help|-h] [-force|-f] [-units]-u (B|MB|MiB|GB|GiB|TB|TiB)] [-output|-o (text|nvmxml)] [-dimm [(DimmIDs)]] [-goal [-socket (SocketIDs)] [MemoryMode=(0|%)] [PersistentMemoryType=(AppDirect|AppDirectNotInterleaved)] [Reserved=(0|%)] [NamespaceLabelVersion=(1.1|1.2)]]

```
[root@rx24-1 ~]# ipmctl create -dimm 0x0001,0x0101 -goal PersistentMemoryType=AppDirect
```

The following configuration will be applied:

SocketID	DimmID	MemorySize	AppDirect1Size	AppDirect2Size
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0x0000	0x0001	0.0 GiB	252.0 GiB	0.0 GiB
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0x0000	0x0101	0.0 GiB	252.0 GiB	0.0 GiB
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Do you want to continue? [y/n] y

Created following region configuration goal

SocketID	DimmID	MemorySize	AppDirect1Size	AppDirect2Size
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0x0000	0x0001	0.0 GiB	252.0 GiB	0.0 GiB
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0x0000	0x0101	0.0 GiB	252.0 GiB	0.0 GiB
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A reboot is required to process new memory allocation goals.

# Configuration – Create Goal (2)



```
[root@rx24-1 ~]# ipmctl show -region
SocketID | ISetID           | PersistentMemoryType | Capacity | FreeCapacity | HealthState
=====
0x0000   | 0x8baaeeb8535e2444 | AppDirect          | 504.0 GiB | 504.0 GiB    | Healthy
0x0001   | 0x7fe0da90c5328a22 | AppDirectNotInterleaved | 252.0 GiB | 252.0 GiB    | Healthy

[root@rx24-1 ~]# ipmctl show -dimm 0x1001 -pcd Config | grep Dimm
---DimmID=0x0001---
NumOfDimmsInInterleaveSet : 0x2
DimmUniqueIdentifier     : 8089-a2-1834-000016b0
DimmUniqueIdentifier     : 8089-a2-1834-0000173b
(...)

---DimmID=0x0101---
NumOfDimmsInInterleaveSet : 0x2
DimmUniqueIdentifier     : 8089-a2-1834-000016b0
DimmUniqueIdentifier     : 8089-a2-1834-0000173b
(...)

---DimmID=0x1001---
NumOfDimmsInInterleaveSet : 0x1
DimmUniqueIdentifier     : 8089-a2-1834-00001a91
```

# Configuration – Create Namespace



## ■ **ndctl create-namespace** - Create a maximally sized pmem namespace in 'fsdax' mode

■ -r, --region <region-id>	limit namespace to a region with an id or name of <region-id>
■ -v, --verbose	emit extra debug messages to stderr
■ -e, --reconfig <reconfig namespace>	reconfigure existing namespace
■ -n, --name <name>	specify an optional free form name for the namespace
■ -s, --size <size>	specify the namespace size in bytes (default: available capacity)
■ -m, --mode <operation-mode>	specify a mode for the namespace, 'sector', 'fsdax', 'devdax' or 'raw'
■ -M, --map <memmap-location>	specify 'mem' or 'dev' for the location of the memmap
■ -l, --sector-size <lba-size>	specify the logical sector size in bytes
■ -t, --type <type>	specify the type of namespace to create 'pmem' or 'blk'

```
[root@rx24-1 ~]# ndctl create-namespace -v -r region0 -m fsdax -t pmem -s 479857737728
{
    "dev": "namespace0.0",
    "mode": "fsdax",
    "map": "dev",
    "size": 472356225024,
    "uuid": "8232e3e1-cafd-43d6-bdc9-fb6d9aa9b594",
    "sector_size": 512,
    "align": 2097152,
    "blockdev": "pmem0"
```

# Configuration – List Namespaces (1)



```
[root@rx24-1 ~]# ndctl list -D -R -u
(...)
{
    "dev": "region0",
    "size": "504.00 GiB (541.17 GB)",
    "available_size": "504.00 GiB (541.17 GB)",
    "max_available_extent": "504.00 GiB (541.17 GB)",
    "type": "pmem",
    "iset_id": "0x8baaeeb8535e2444",
    "mappings": [
        {
            "dimm": "nmem1",
            "offset": "0x10000000",
            "length": "0x3f00000000",
            "position": 1
        },
        {
            "dimm": "nmem0",
            "offset": "0x10000000",
            "length": "0x3f00000000",
            "position": 0
        }
    ],
    "persistence_domain": "memory_controller"
},
{
    "dev": "region1",
    "size": "252.00 GiB (270.58 GB)",
    "available_size": 0,
    "max_available_extent": 0,
    "type": "pmem",
    "iset_id": "0x7fe0da90c5328a22",
    "mappings": [
        {
            "dimm": "nmem2",
            "offset": "0x10000000",
            "length": "0x3f00000000",
            "position": 0
        }
    ],
    "persistence_domain": "memory_controller"
}
```

# Configuration – List Namespaces (2)



```
[root@rx24-1 ~]# ndctl list -N -B -D -R -u
```

```
(...)
```

```
    "dev": "region3",
    "size": "50.00 GiB (53.69 GB)",
    "type": "pmem",
    "persistence_domain": "unknown",
    "namespaces": [
        {
            "dev": "namespace3.0",
            "mode": "fsdax",
            "map": "mem",
            "size": "50.00 GiB (53.69 GB)",
            "sector_size": 512,
            "blockdev": "pmem3"
        }
    ]
(...)
```

```
BOOT_IMAGE=/vmlinuz-4.20.16-200.fc29.x86_64 root=/dev/mapper/fedora-root resume=/dev/fedora/swap quiet showopts
crashkernel=202M,high crashkernel=72M,low memmap=50G!4G memmap=50G!1176G
```

**memmap=nn[KMG]!ss[KMG]**

[KNL,X86] Mark specific memory as protected. Region of memory to be used, from ss to ss+nn. The memory region may be marked as e820 type 12 (0xc) and is NVDIMM or ADR memory.

# Configuration – memmap= ... (1)



```
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-provided physical RAM map:  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x0000000000000000-0x000000000099bff] usable  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x000000000099c00-0x00000000009ffff] reserved  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x0000000000e0000-0x00000000000fffff] reserved  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x000000000100000-0x000000000652b9fff] usable  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x00000000652ba000-0x00000000067c88fff] reserved  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x0000000067c89000-0x00000000067df0fff] ACPI data  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x0000000067df1000-0x0000000006d893fff] ACPI NVS  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x000000006d894000-0x0000000006f367fff] reserved  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x000000006f368000-0x0000000006f7fffff] usable  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x000000006f800000-0x0000000008fffffff] reserved  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x00000000fd000000-0x000000000fe7fffff] reserved  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x00000000fed20000-0x000000000fed44fff] reserved  
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Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x0000000100000000-0x000000306fffffff] usable  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x0000003070000000-0x000000ab2fffffff] persistent (type 7)  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x000000ab30000000-0x000000d32fffffff] usable  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x000000d330000000-0x000001c8afffffff] persistent (type 7)  
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: BIOS-e820: [mem 0x000001c8b0000000-0x000001c8c7ffffff] reserved
```

# Configuration – memmap= ... (2)



```
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user-defined physical RAM map:
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x0000000000000000-0x000000000009bff] usable
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x00000000009c00-0x00000000009ffff] reserved
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x00000000e0000-0x00000000000ffff] reserved
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x000000000100000-0x00000000652b9fff] usable
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x00000000652ba000-0x0000000067c88ffff] reserved
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x0000000067c89000-0x0000000067df0fff] ACPI data
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x0000000067df1000-0x000000006d893fff] ACPI NVS
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x000000006d894000-0x000000006f367fff] reserved
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x000000006f368000-0x000000006f7fffff] usable
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x000000006f800000-0x000000008fffffff] reserved
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x00000000fd000000-0x00000000fe7fffff] reserved
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x00000000fed20000-0x00000000fed44fff] reserved
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x00000000ff000000-0x00000000ffffffff] reserved
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x0000000100000000-0x0000000d7fffffff] persistent (type 12)
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x0000000d80000000-0x000000306fffffff] usable
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x0000003070000000-0x000000ab2fffffff] persistent (type 7)
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x000000ab30000000-0x000000d32fffffff] usable
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x000000d330000000-0x00000125fffffff] persistent (type 7)
Dec 11 10:56:47 rx24-2 kernel: user: [mem 0x0000012600000000-0x000001327fffffff] persistent (type 12)
```

# Configuration -File Systems



```
[root@rx24-1 ~]# ll /dev/pmem*
brw-rw---- 1 root disk 259, 5 Mar 21 09:35 /dev/pmem0
brw-rw---- 1 root disk 259, 4 Mar 20 09:52 /dev/pmem1
brw-rw---- 1 root disk 259, 7 Mar 21 09:37 /dev/pmem2
[root@rx24-1 ~]# mkfs -t ext4 /dev/pmem0
[root@rx24-1 ~]# mkfs -t ext4 /dev/pmem1
[root@rx24-1 ~]# mkfs -t ext4 /dev/pmem2
[root@rx24-1 ~]# mount -o dax /dev/pmem0 /mnt/pmem0
[root@rx24-1 ~]# mount -o dax /dev/pmem1 /mnt/pmem1
[root@rx24-1 ~]# mount -o dax /dev/pmem2 /mnt/pmem2
[root@rx24-1 ~]# mount | grep pmem
/dev/pmem0 on /mnt/pmem0 type ext4 (rw,relatime,dax)
/dev/pmem1 on /mnt/pmem1 type ext4 (rw,relatime,dax)
/dev/pmem2 on /mnt/pmem2 type ext4 (rw,relatime,dax)
[root@rx24-1 ~]# df -k | egrep 'pmem|File'
Filesystem      1K-blocks    Used Available Use% Mounted on
/dev/pmem0        452995648   73756  429841240   1% /mnt/pmem0
/dev/pmem1        254978620 36955404  205001316  16% /mnt/pmem1
/dev/pmem2        51343840   53272  48652744   1% /mnt/pmem2
```

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# Intel® DIMMs: Broad Ecosystem Enabling

## Open Interfaces and Tools



Standard NVM  
Programming Model



Standard NVDIMM Platform  
Interface ACPI 6.0

[www.PMEM.io](http://www.PMEM.io)

Open Source NVM  
Enabling (NVML)

## Operating Environments



Linux\* Kernel 4.4<sup>†</sup>



fedora



redhat



Future vSphere\* Release<sup>†</sup>

## Public Statements of Support for Products or Programming Model



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# Open NVM Programming Model



SNIA Technical Working Group  
Initially defined 4 programming modes required by developers

Spec 1.0 developed, approved by SNIA voting members and published

Interfaces for PM-aware  
file system accessing  
kernel PM support

interfaces for  
application accessing a  
PM-aware file system

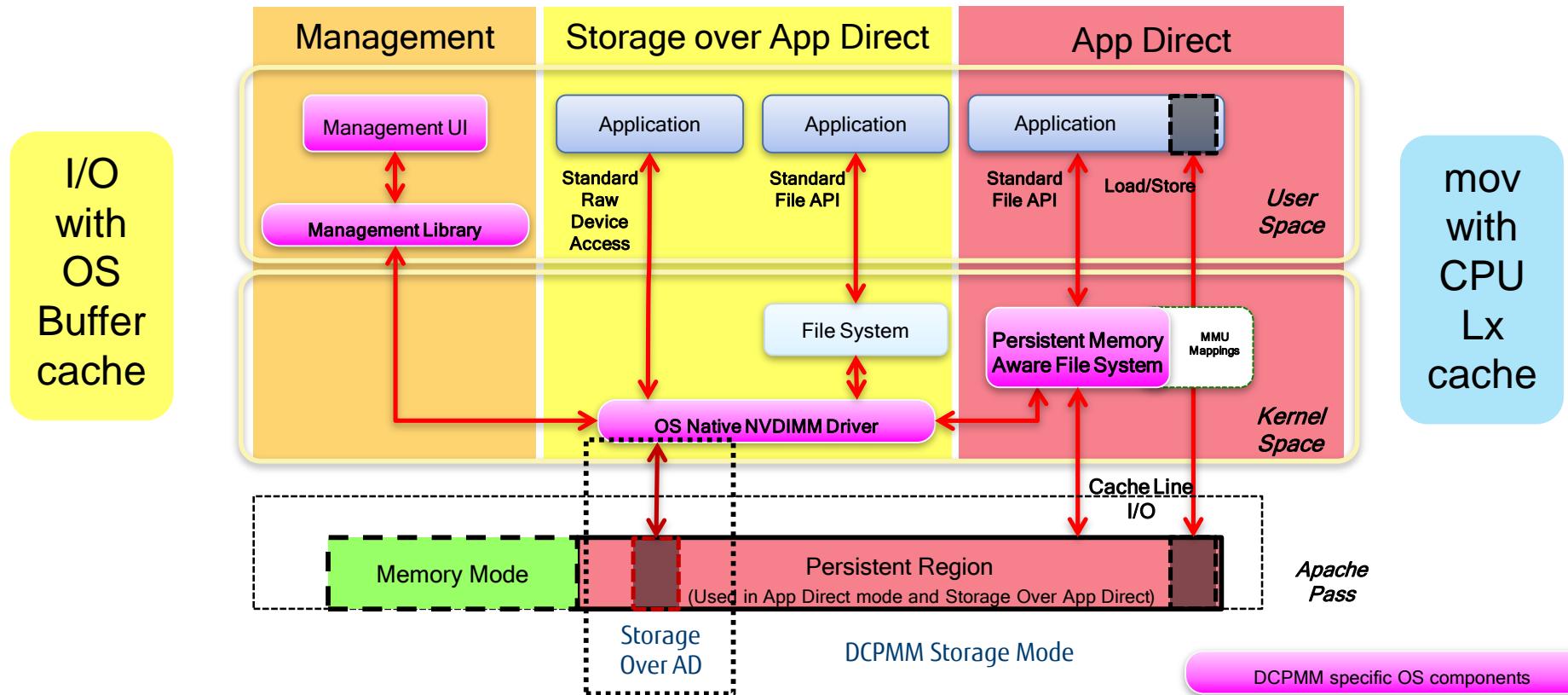
Kernel support  
for block NVM  
extensions

Interfaces for legacy  
applications to access  
block NVM extensions

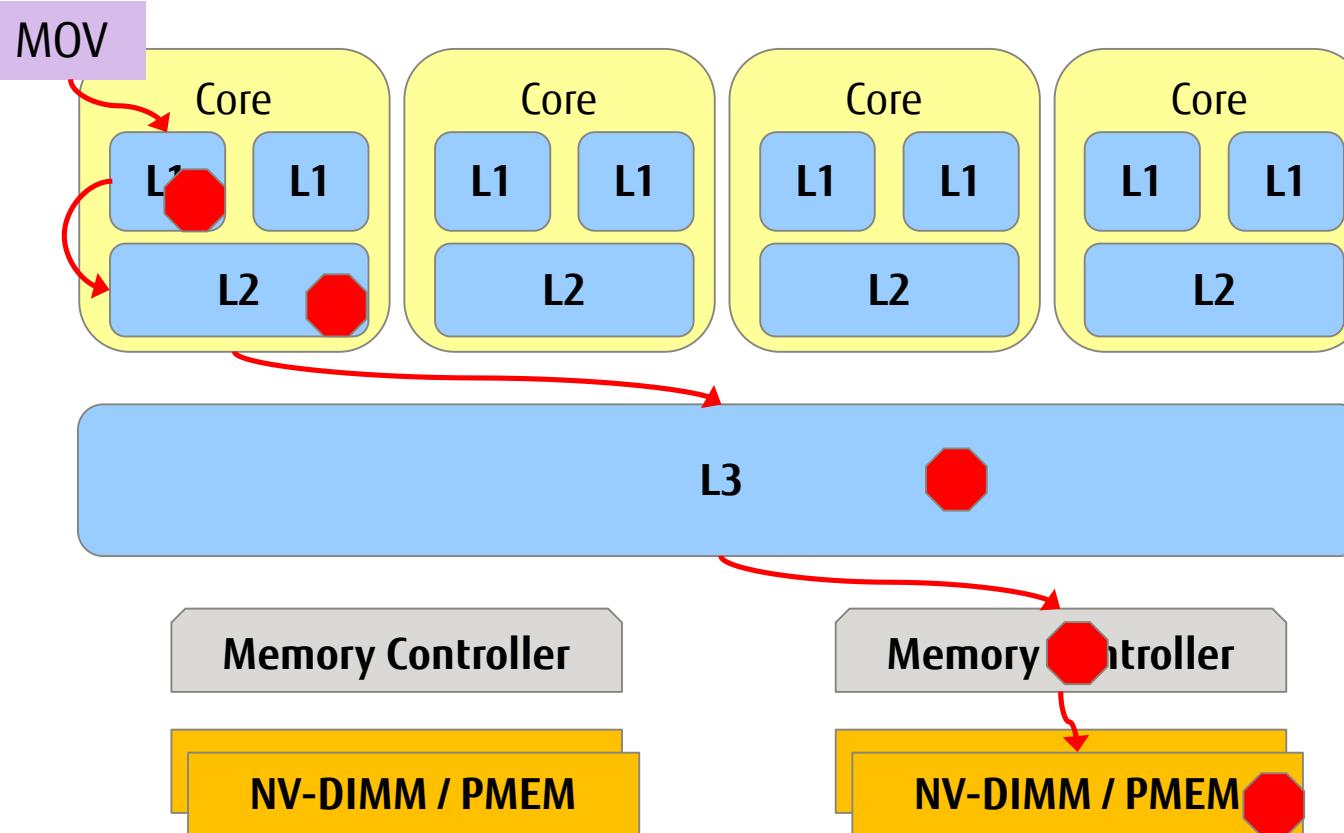
NVM-Libraries & Drivers

NVMe Block Interface

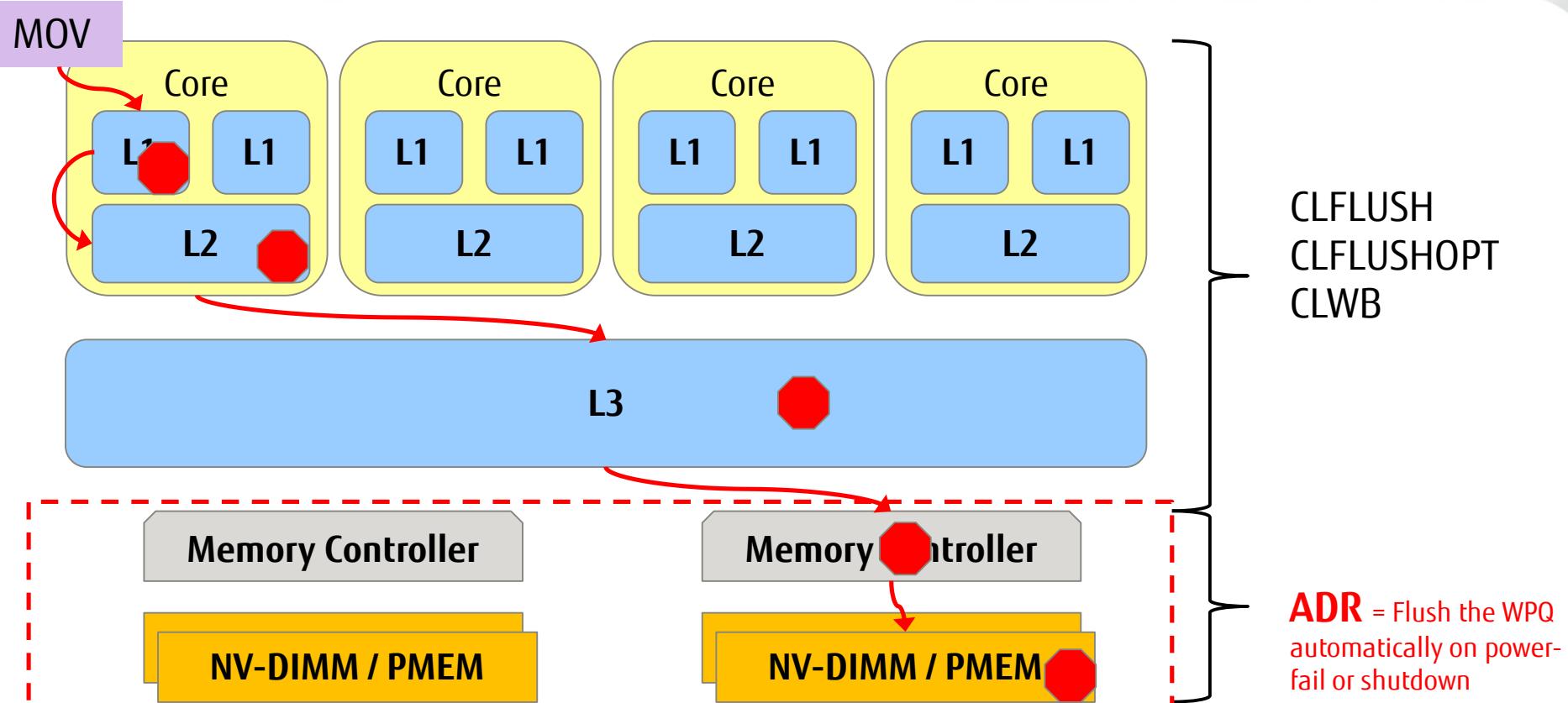
# DCPMM as Storage SW Architecture



# The Data Path



# The Data Path

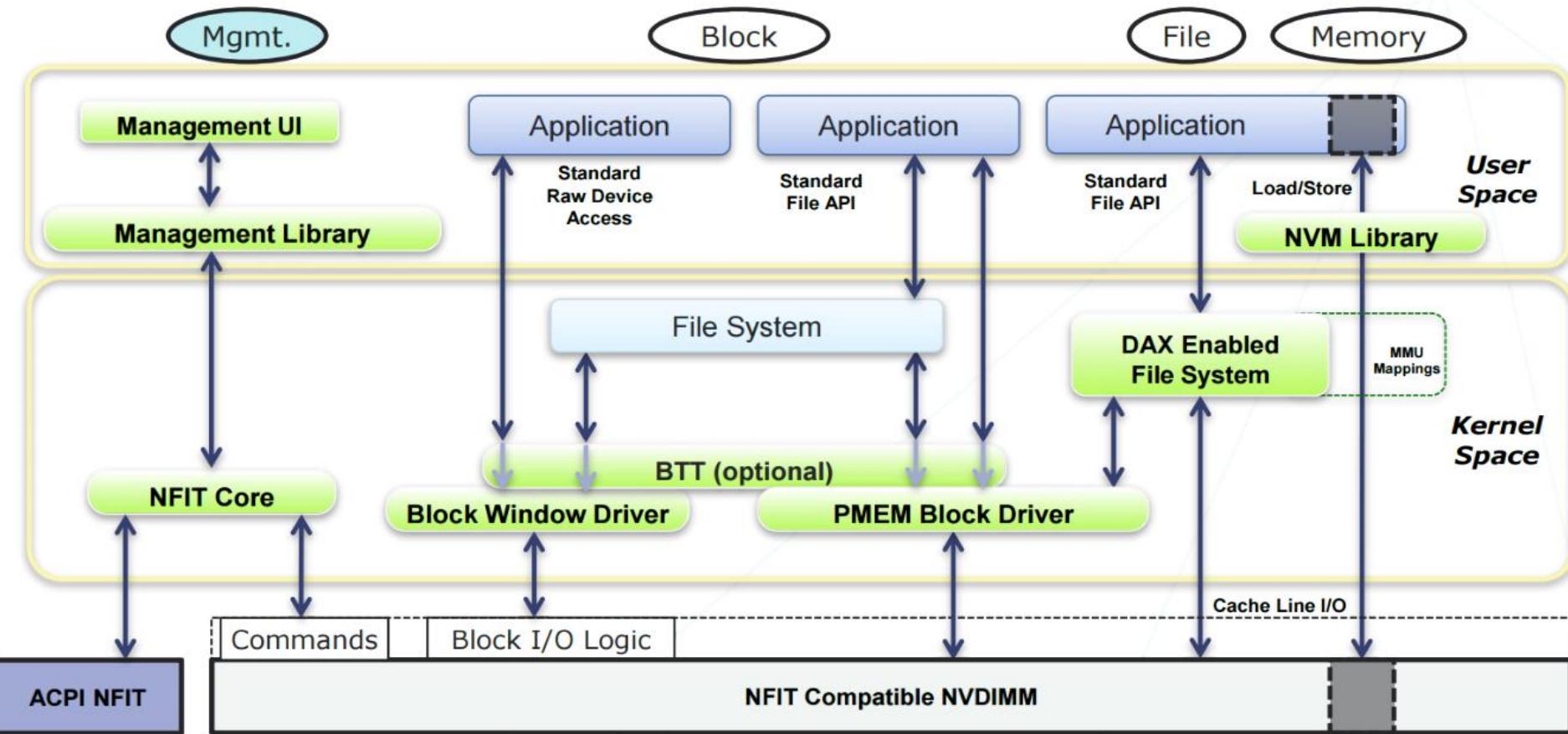


# Cascade Lake CPU - lscpu



Model name: Intel(R) Xeon(R) Platinum 8270 CPU @ 2.70GHz  
CPU(s): 104  
Thread(s) per core: 2  
Core(s) per socket: 26  
Socket(s): 2  
CPU MHz: 1000.061  
CPU max MHz: 4000.0000  
CPU min MHz: 1000.0000  
BogoMIPS: 5400.00  
L1d cache: 32K  
L1i cache: 32K  
L2 cache: 1024K  
L3 cache: 36608K  
NUMA node0 CPU(s): 0-3,7-9,13-15,20-22,52-55,59-61,65-67,72-74  
(...)  
Flags: fpu vme de pse tsc msr pae mce cx8 apic sep mtrr pge mca cmov pat pse36 clflush dts acpi mmx fxsr sse sse2 ss ht tm pbe syscall nx pdpe1gb rdtscp lm constant\_tsc art arch\_perfmon pebs bts rep\_good nopl xtopology nonstop\_tsc cpuid aperf mpf perf pni pclmulqdq dtes64 monitor ds\_cpl vmx smx est tm2 ssse3 sdbg fma cx16 xtpr pdcm pcid dca sse4\_1 sse4\_2 x2apic movbe popcnt tsc\_deadline\_timer aes xsave avx f16c rdrand lahf\_lm abm 3dnowprefetch cpuid\_fault epb cat\_l3 cdp\_l3 invpcid\_single intel\_ppin ssbd mba ibrs ibpb stibp tpr\_shadow vnmi flexpriority ept vpid fsgsbase tsc\_adjust bmi1 hle avx2 smep bmi2 erms invpcid rtm cqm mpx rdt\_a avx512f avx512dq rdseed adx smap **clflushopt clwb** intel\_pt avx512cd avx512bw avx512vl xsaveopt xsavec xgetbv1 xsaves cqm\_llc cqm\_occup\_llc cqm\_mbm\_total cqm\_mbm\_local dtherm ida arat pln pts hwp hwp\_act\_window hwp\_epp hwp\_pkg\_req pku ospke avx512\_vnni flush\_l1d arch\_capabilities

# Linux Kernel Layers for PMEM



# Linux Kernel 4.4+ NVDIMM OS support



- Linux 4.2 + subsystems added support of NVDIMMs. Mostly stable from 4.4
- NVDIMM modules presented as device links: /dev/pmem0, /dev/pmem1
- QEMO support (experimental)
- XFS-DAX and EXT4-DAX available



## DAX

File system extensions to bypass the page cache and block layer to memory map persistent memory, from a PMEM block device, directly into a process address space.

## BTT (Block, Atomic)

`nd_btt.ko` Block Translation Table: Persistent memory is byte addressable. Existing software may have an expectation that the power-fail-atomicity of writes is at least one sector, 512 bytes. The BTT is an indirection table with atomic update semantics to front a PMEM/BLK block device driver and present arbitrary atomic sector sizes.

## PMEM

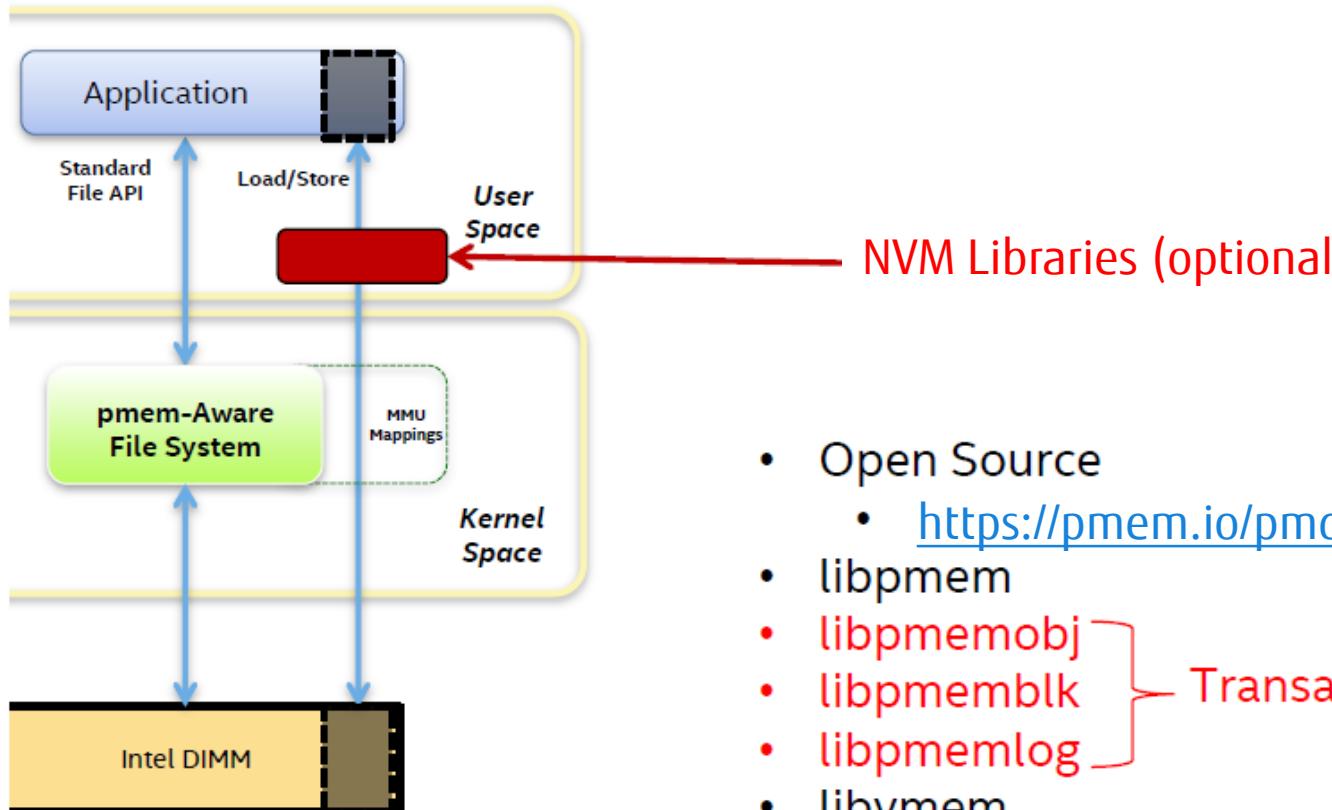
`nd_pmem.ko` A system-physical-address range where writes are persistent. A block device composed of PMEM is capable of DAX. A PMEM address range may span an interleave of several DIMMs.

## BLK

`nd_blk.ko` A set of one or more programmable memory mapped apertures provided by a DIMM to access its media. This indirection precludes the performance benefit of interleaving, but enables DIMM-bounded failure modes.

# NVM Library: pmem.io

## 64-bit Linux\* Initially



- Open Source
    - <https://pmem.io/pmdk>
  - libpmem
  - libpmemobj
  - libpmemblk
  - libpmemlog
  - libvmem
  - libvmmalloc
- } Transactional

# Programming example with libpmem



pmdk/src/examples/libpmem/manpage.c

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{ (...) /* create a pmem file and memory map it */
    if ((pmemaddr = pmem_map_file("/mnt/pmem0/my-file", 4096, PMEM_FILE_CREATE,
                                  0666, &mapped_len, &is_pmem)) == NULL) {
        perror("pmem_map_file");
        exit(1);
    }

    /* store a string to the persistent memory */
    strcpy(pmemaddr, "hello, persistent memory");

    /* flush above strcpy to persistence */
    if (is_pmem)
        pmem.persist(pmemaddr, mapped_len);
    else
        pmem.msync(pmemaddr, mapped_len);

    /* Delete the mappings. The region is also automatically unmapped when the process is terminated. */
    pmem.unmap(pmemaddr, mapped_len);
}
```

# Original libart art\_insert routine



```
void*
art_insert(art_tree *t, const unsigned char *key, int key_len, void *value)
{
    int old_val = 0;
    void *old = recursive_insert(t->root, &t->root, key, key_len, value, 0, &old_val);
    if (!old_val) t->size++;
    return old;
}
```

# libart art\_insert routine ... ported to libpmemobj



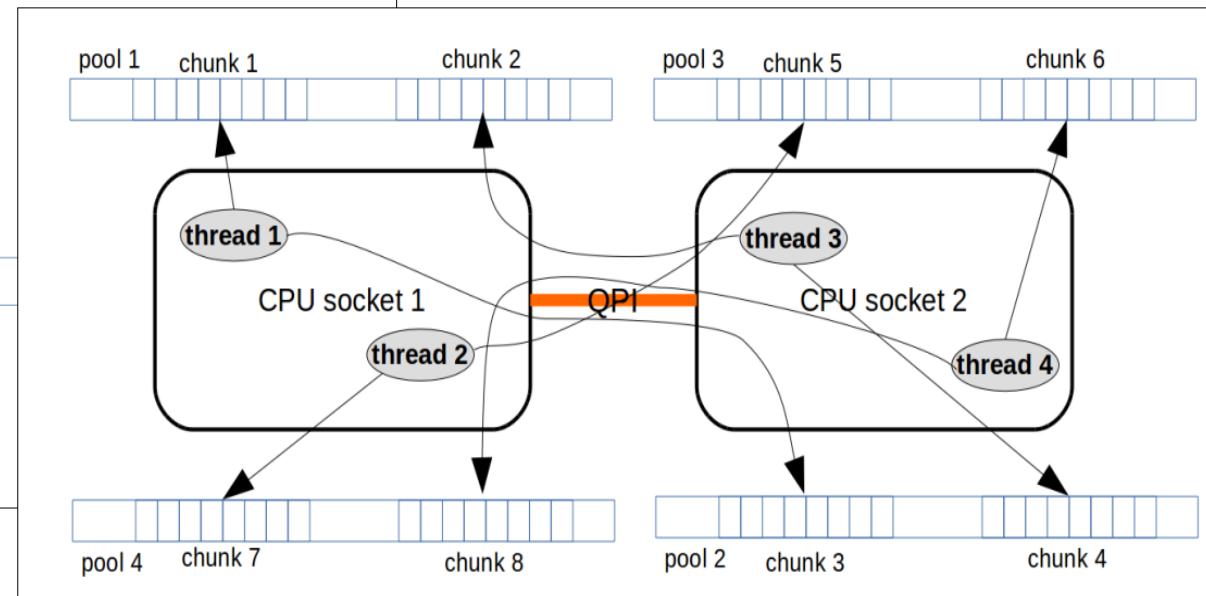
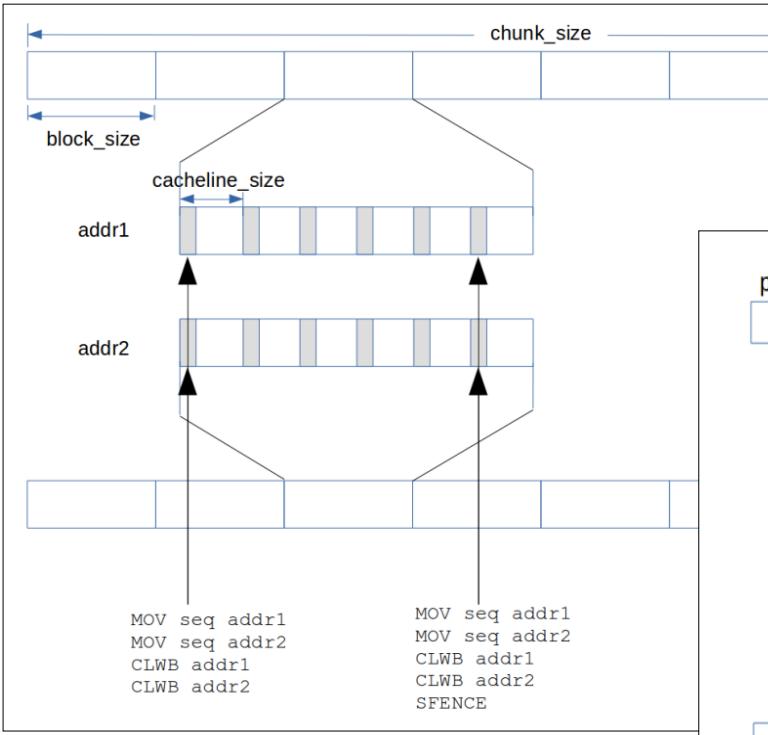
```
TOID(var_string)
art_insert(PMEMobjpool *pop, const unsigned char *key, int key_len, void *value, int val_len)
{
    int old_val = 0;
    TOID(var_string) old;
    TOID(struct art_tree_root) root;

    TX_BEGIN(pop) {
        root = POBJ_ROOT(pop, struct art_tree_root);
        TX_ADD(root);

        old = recursive_insert(pop, D_RO(root)->root, &(D_RW(root)->root), (const unsigned char *)key,
key_len, value, val_len, 0, &old_val);
        if (!old_val) D_RW(root)->size++;
    } TX_ONABORT {
        abort();
    } TX_END

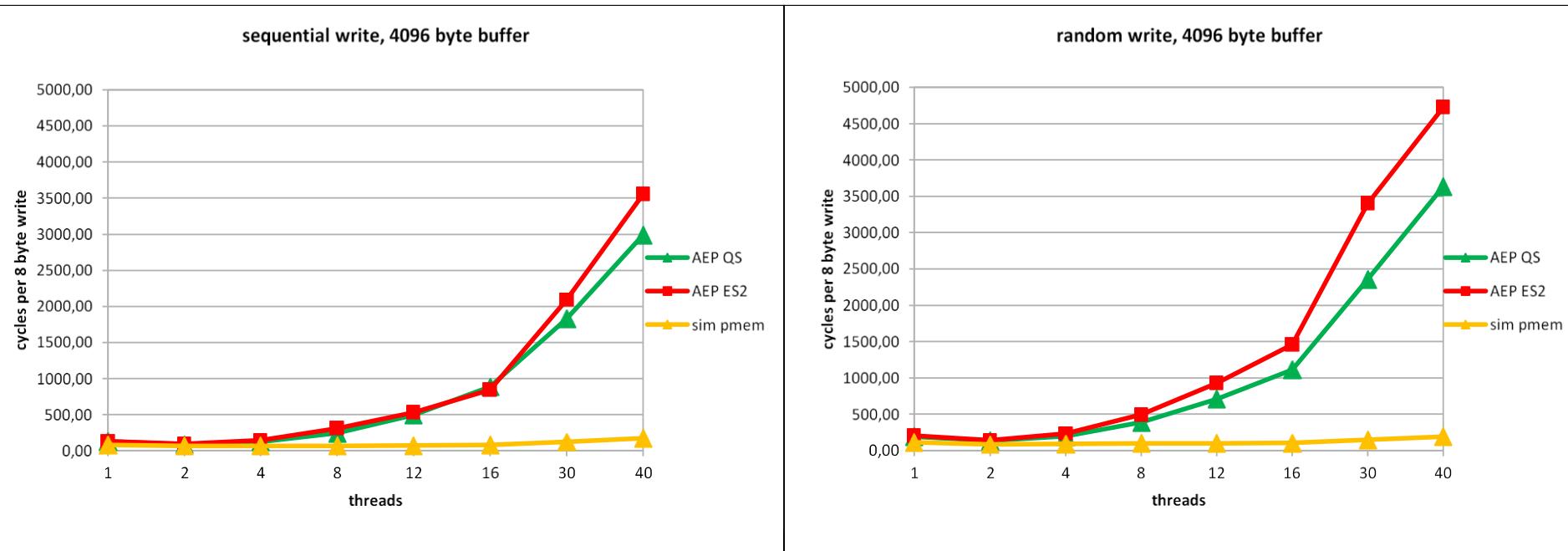
    return old;
}
```

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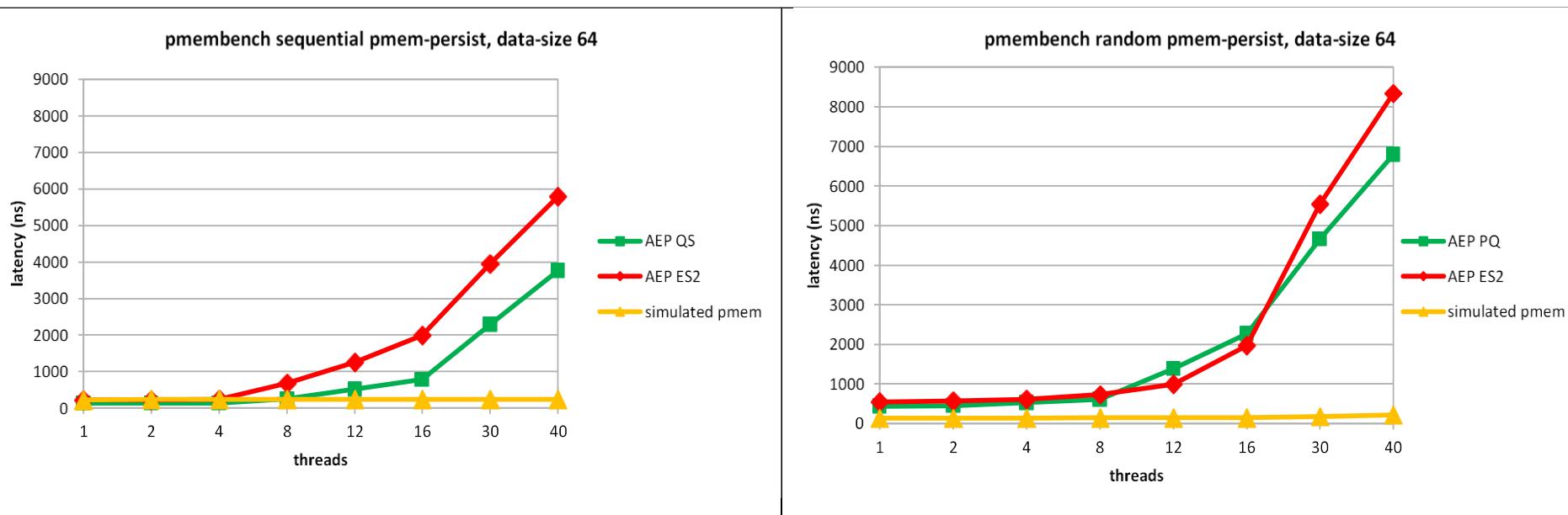
# addr-test – 1x DCPMM vs. DRAM

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# pmdk pmembench – 1x DCPMM vs. DRAM

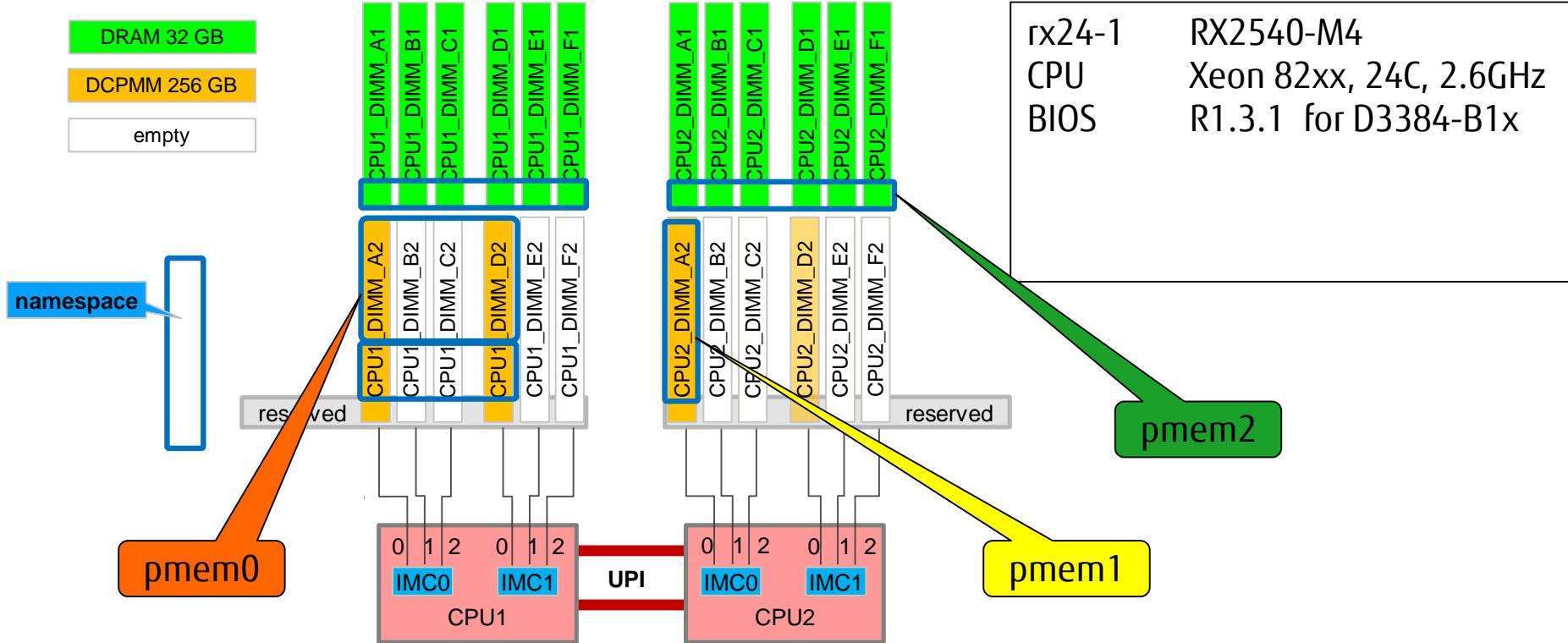
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Measurement on pre-production HW

# Test system PRIMERGY

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# mlc - idle\_latency

Local Access



`mlc -c30 --idle_latency -J/mnt/pmem[012] -p36,6`

Measurement on pre-production HW

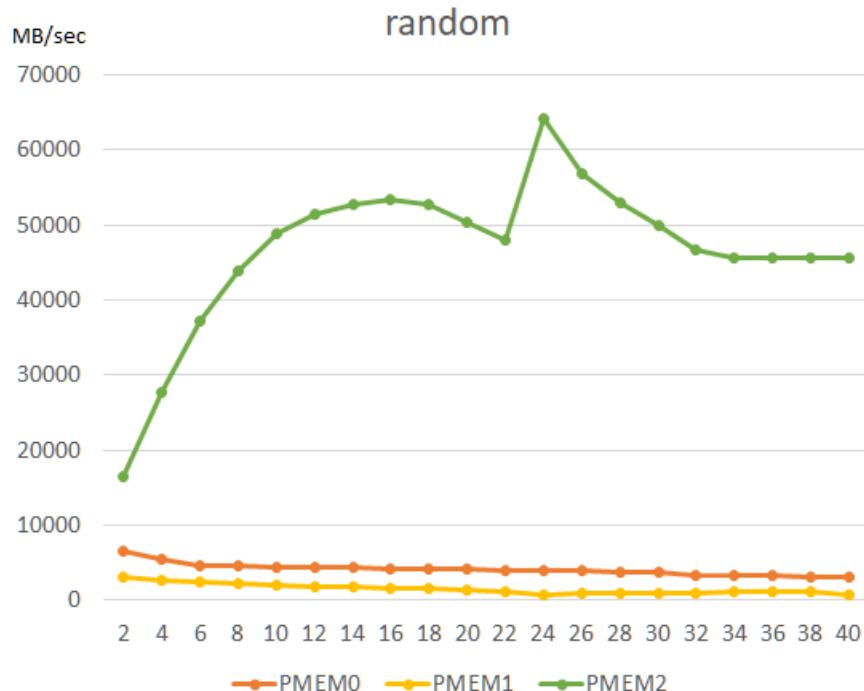
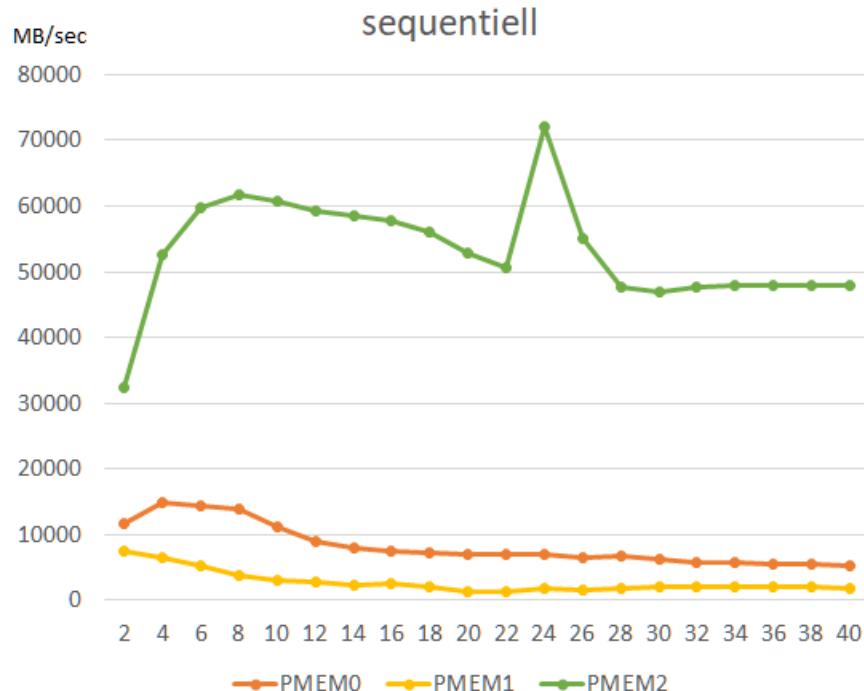
Remote Access



`mlc -c2 --idle_latency -J/mnt/pmem[012] -p36,6`

# m1c - loaded\_latency 100% read - bandwidth

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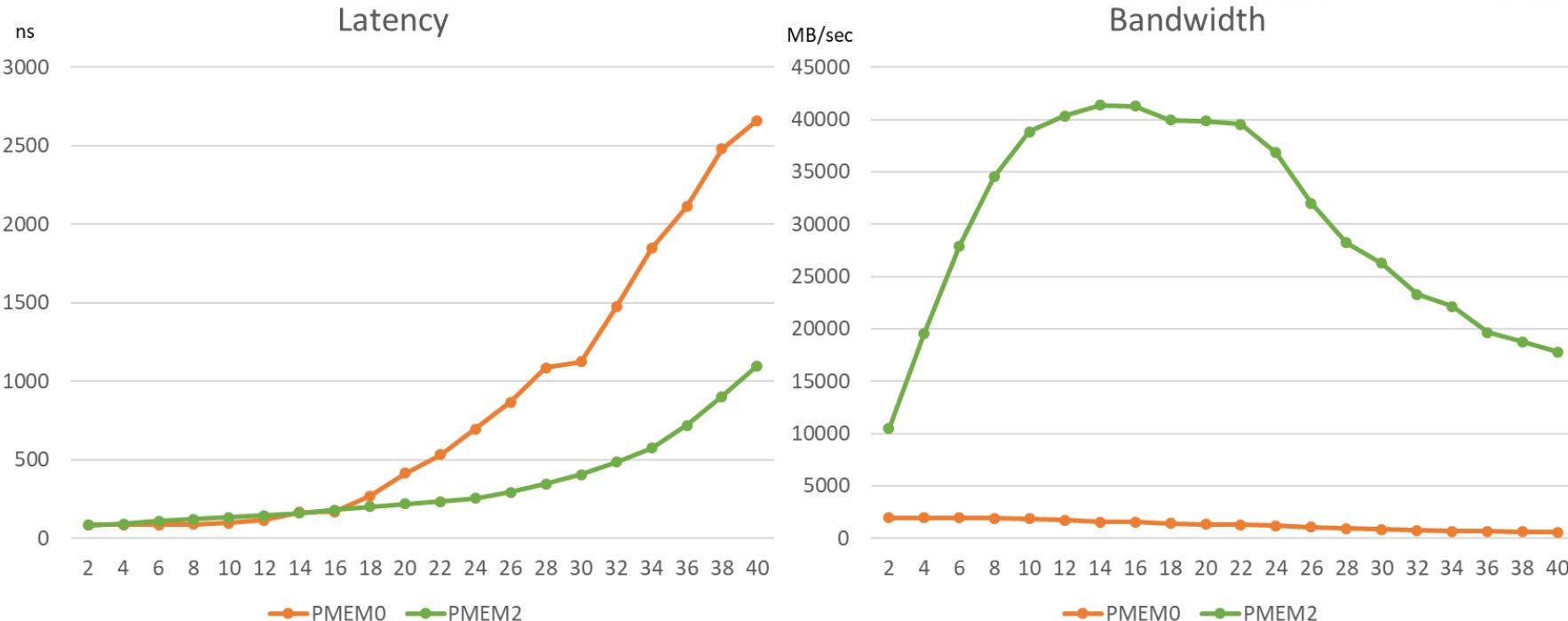
m1c --loaded\_latency -d0 -g<perthreadfile>

<perthreadfile>: 1-[2/4/.../40] R seq pmem /mnt/pmem[0/1/2]

Measurement on pre-production HW

# m1c - loaded\_latency 100% random write

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m1c --loaded\_latency -d0 -g<perthreadfile>  
<perthreadfile>: 1-[2/4/.../40] W6 rand pmem /mnt/pmem[0/1/2]

m1c --loaded\_latency -d0 -g<perthreadfile>  
<perthreadfile>: 1-[2/4/.../40] W6 rand pmem /mnt/pmem[0/1/2]

Measurement on pre-production HW

# Improvements of pmdk and AEP generations



- Libart3: adaptive radix tree as an example with libpmemobj
- Single threaded application
- DIMM access on local / far socket

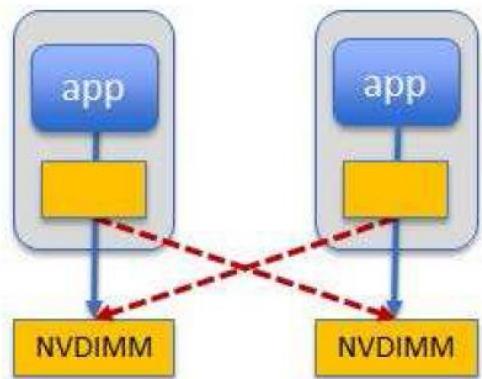
	pmdk 1.2		pmdk 1.3		pmdk 1.4		pmdk 1.5		
	local	far	local	far	local	far	local	far	
	insert	15965	26448	35,1	10359	17415	5,6	9774	16318
simulated pmem	insert	15965	26448	35,1	10359	17415	5,6	9774	16318
	re-insert	1046	1141		1097	1232		1101	1235
	lookup	788/747	773/737		793/752	754/750		785/747	777/746
AEP ES2	insert	34273	41197	31,9	23356	28031	10,6	20888	26899
	re-insert	1514	1671		1622	1771		1603	1776
	lookup	811/848	807/853		831/878	823/891		826/887	819/884
AEP QS	insert	35269	40531	35,1	22881	27064	13,6	19760	25493
	re-insert	1479	1651		1508	1686		1510	1692
	lookup	810/831	841/859		810/879	866/904		831/885	822/897

(in CPU cycles)

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- **Direction, Vision, Outlook**

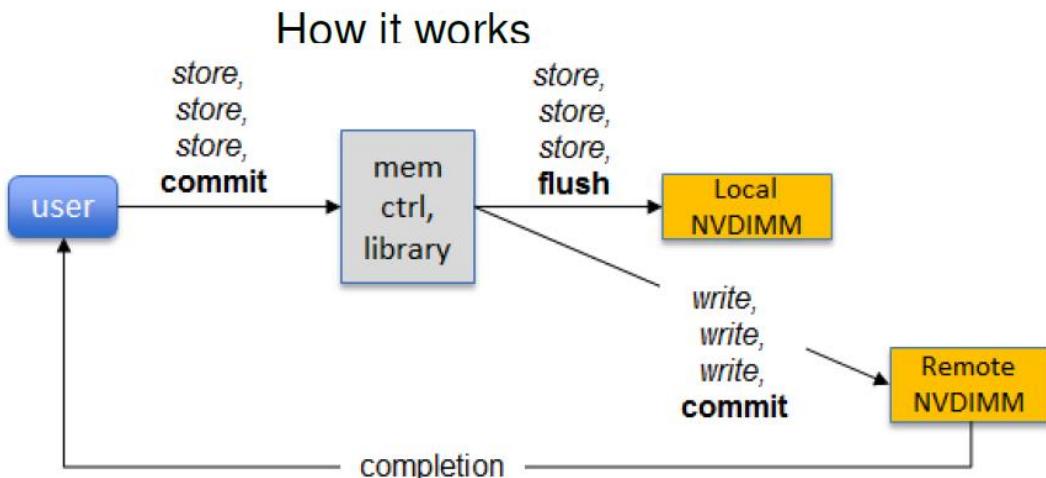
# Use Case: High Availability, Replication



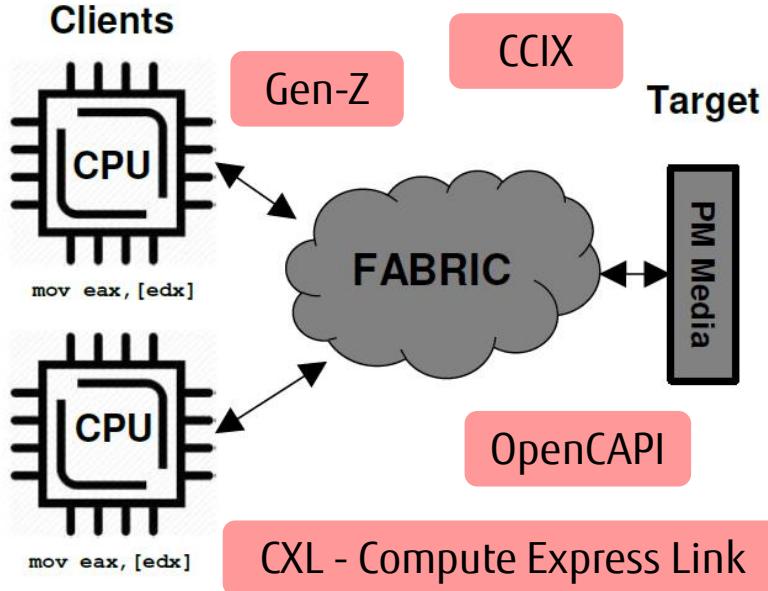
What it looks like

**PMoF**

Usage: replicate data that is stored in local PM across a fabric and store it in remote PM



# The Holy Grail of PMoF



**Loads and stores on a client CPU affect Persistent Memory across the fabric!**



We are a loooong way from here!

The knights that say “c”!

# Open issues and open questions



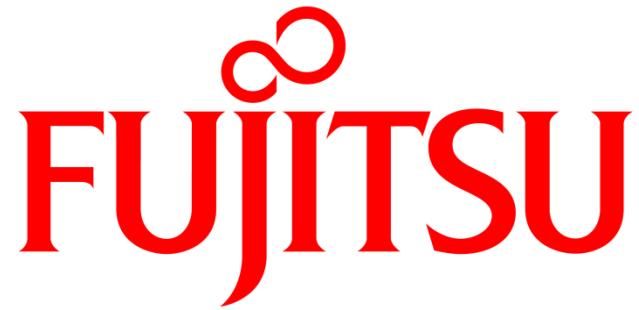
- DCPMMs support encryption, but today manual entry in BIOS at startup
  - Future (?): Key-Mgmt, integrate DIMM unlock in Kernel boot
- With direct load/store all block based tools can no longer be used (Virus detection, delta backup based on modified blocks, ...)
- DCPMM re-configuration (extension, replacement)
- Hierarchical memory management ... does not exist today
- How can write (CPU store) errors be detected and mapped to the related process without I/O logic ?
  - In Linux EDAC (Error Detection And Correction) would map a MCE to a DIMM
- How to handle malware in persistent memory ?
- All pmdk libraries today are heavily overweight and hardly show the advantage of store/load to advantage
- Security, performance and manageability of PMoF

# Summary (1)



- DCPMM can be shipped in April 2019 for all Cascade Lake systems
  - attractive price compared to DRAM
  - ~ 4x higher capacity as DRAM
  - ~ 10x higher latency as DRAM
  - Accessible as DRAM: load(address), store(address)
- Available on all Fujitsu x86 Server PRIMERGY and PRIMEQUEST with SLES12-SP4 and SLES15-SP1
- Version 1 of a new Technology, Speed and capacity will improve
- Usability
  - All mandatory interfaces (setup, monitor, error detection, programming model, C-Libraries, encryption, PMoF) are available today

- Many open issues and question especially in the area of error detection / recovery, setup, configuration, security, manageability
- Inefficient and heavily overweighed C-Libraries
- How to replace the behaviour and tools that today depend on the block device ?
- Security, performance and manageability of PMoF
- Hierarchical memory management (near, far, remote, persistent, volatile, shared ... memory)



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