

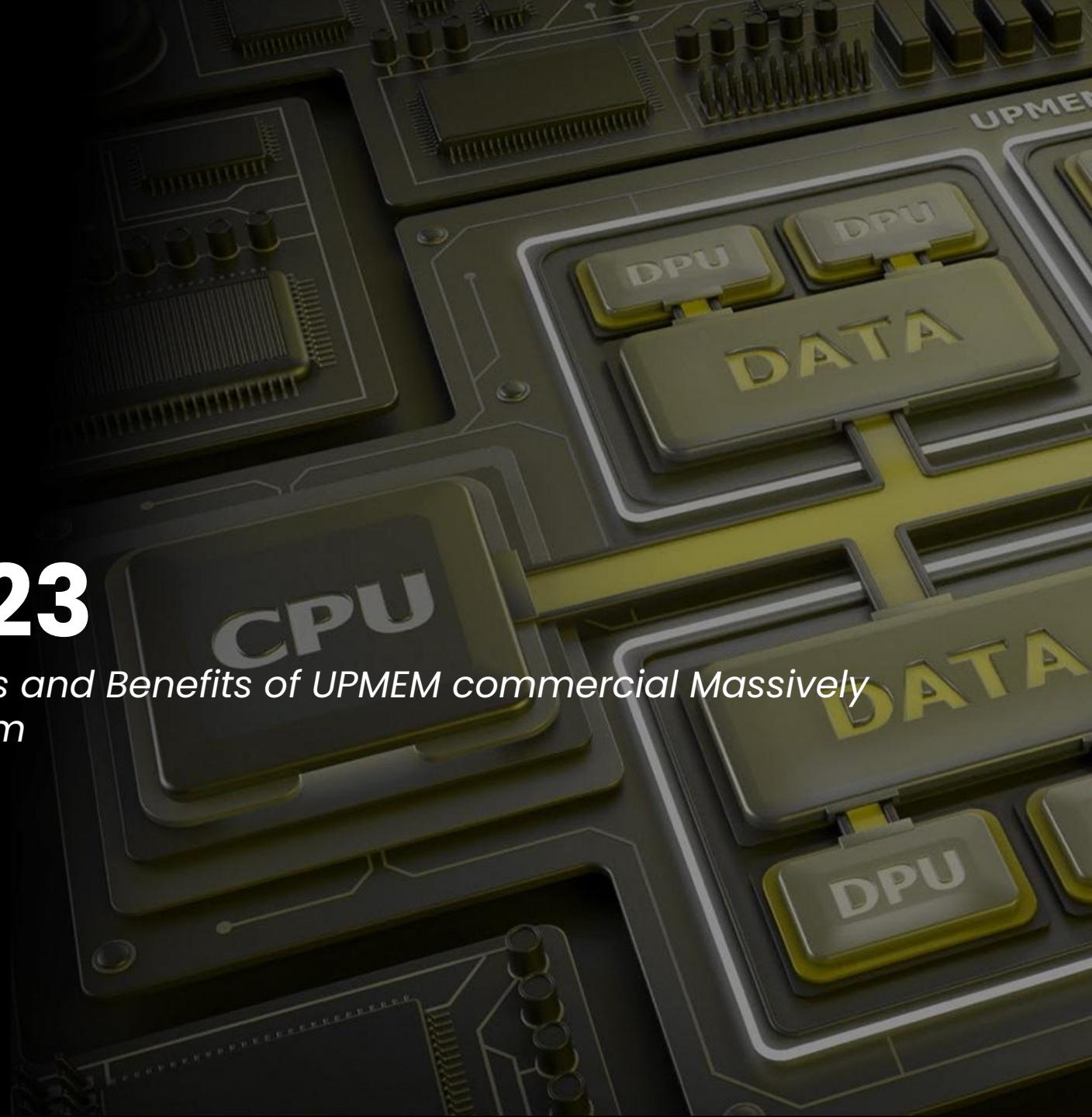
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*The 1st Minisymposium on Applications and Benefits of UPMEM commercial Massively Parallel Processing-In-Memory Platform*

August 29, 2023

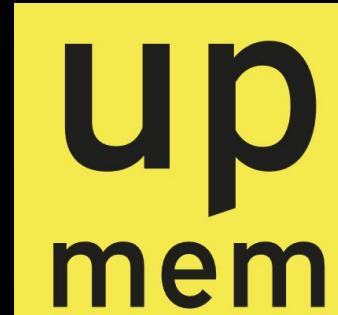


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# Today's agenda

TIME	TITLE	SPEAKER(S)
09:00 – 09:05	Session welcome and aims	UPMEM
09:05 – 10:00	Keynote: UPMEM PIM platform for Data-Intensive Applications	Yann FALEVOZ (UPMEM) / Julien LEGRIEL (UPMEM)
10:00 – 10:30	Invited talk: Understanding the potential of real processing-in-memory for modern workloads	Juan GOMEZ LUNA (ETHZ)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	—
11:00 – 11:30	Research paper: pimDB: From Main-Memory DBMS to Processing-In-Memory DBMS-Engines on Intelligent Memories	Arthur BERNHARDT (Reutlingen University)
11:30 – 12:00	Invited talk: A Fast Processing-in-DIMM Join Algorithm Exploiting UPMEM DIMMs	Chaemin LIM (Yonsei University)
12:00 – 12:30	Invited talk: PIM Performance and Economics for In-Memory Databases	Hanna KRUPPE (SAP)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	—
14:00 – 14:30	Research paper: Banded Dynamic Programming Algorithms on UPMEM PIM Architecture	Meven MOGNOL (Univ. Rennes, CNRS-IRISA, Inria & UPMEM)
14:30 – 15:00	Research paper: Protein Alignment on UPMEM PIM Architecture	Dominique LAVENIER (Univ. Rennes, CNRS-IRISA & Inria)
15:00 – 15:30	Research paper: An Experimental Evaluation of Machine Learning Training on a Real Processing-in-Memory System	Juan GOMEZ LUNA (ETHZ) / Sylvan BROCARD (UPMEM)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	—
16:00 – 16:30	Research paper: Implementation and Evaluation of Deep Neural Networks in Commercially Available Processing in Memory Hardware	Purab SUTRADHAR (RIT)
16:30 – 17:00	Research paper: Privacy-Preserving Computing on UPMEM	Elaheh SADREDINI (UCR)
17:00 – 17:15	Closing	UPMEM



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# Keynote: UPMEM PIM platform for Data-Intensive Applications

# Keynote's agenda

1. Technology Overview
2. High-Level Hardware Architecture
3. Programming the UPMEM PIM
4. PIM Applications
5. Hardware Roadmap

# Overcome data and energy bottleneck thanks to PIM



**Founded:** 2015



**Headquarters:** Grenoble, France



**Employee Count:** ~20



**Total Patents:** 11



**Gilles Hamou**  
*CEO / Co-Founder*

**Track Record:**

Co-owner @ Oscaro.com

Scaled Oscaro.com to \$100M revenue from inception

Founded & scaled Plantes-et-Jardins.com

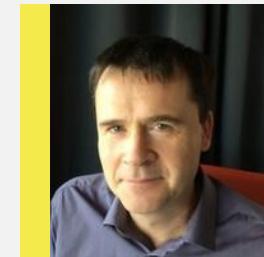
Senior Manager @ RSM

Case Leader @ BCG

**Education:**

MBA INSEAD

Eng. Centrale Paris



**Fabrice Devaux**  
*CTO / Co-Founder*

**Track Record:**

Senior Staff SWE @ VMWare

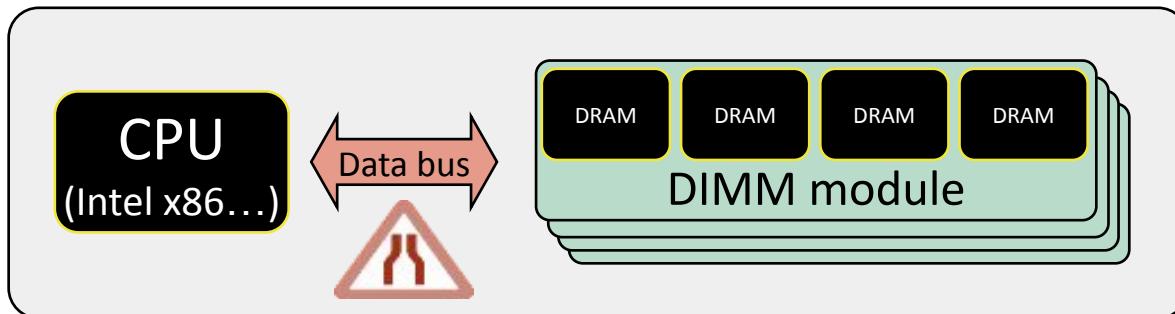
Co-owner, CTO @ Trango Virtual Processors, sold to VMware

CPU Architect @ STMicroelectronics

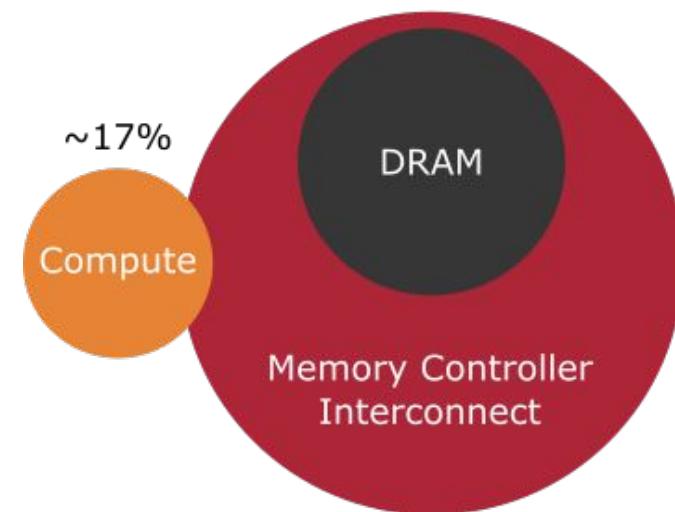
**Education:**

DEA, Microelectronics, Pierre and Marie Curie University

# Limitations of Traditional Compute-Centric Architectures for Data-Intensive Workloads

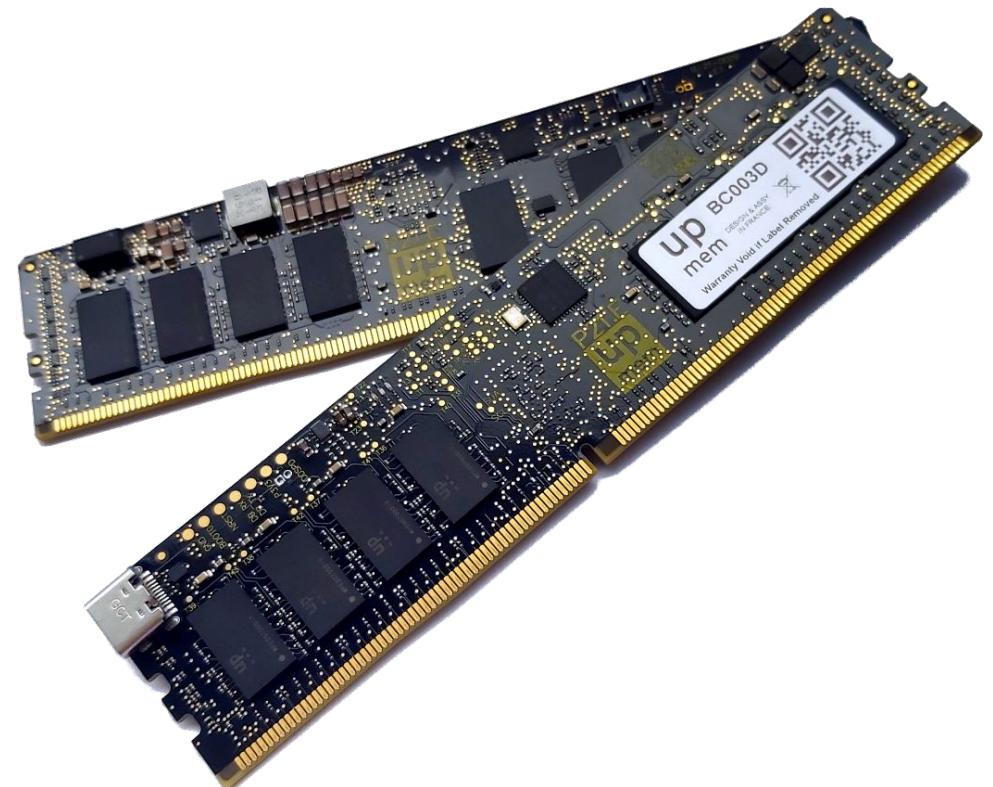
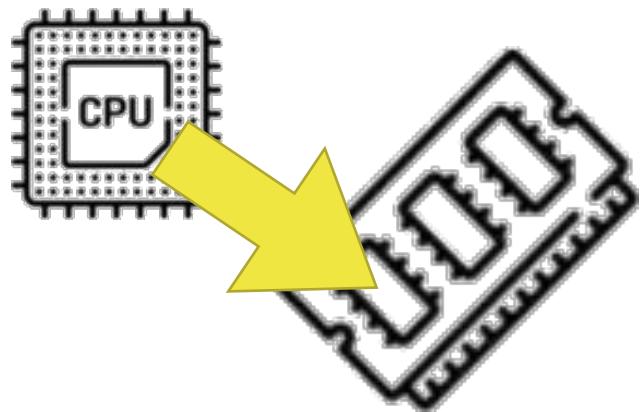


Total system (server with compute node)  
energy consumption  
**~63%**  
in memory and data transfers

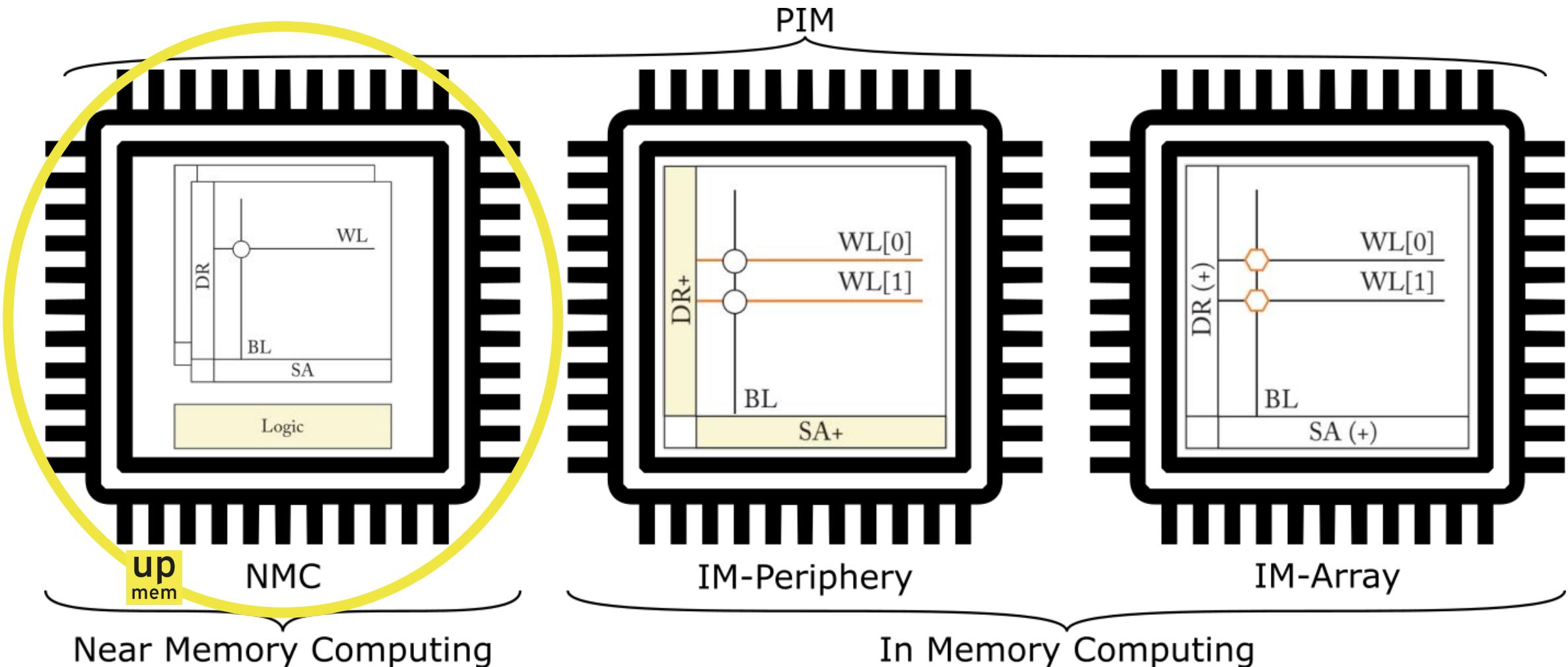


Source: SK hynix CEO Seok-Hee Lee's keynote at the GSA Memory+ 2021 conference, confirming Lawrence Berkeley Lab results.

# Overcome data and energy bottleneck thanks to processing in memory



# Taxonomy of processing in memory (PIM)



# Proven capacity to benefit a wide range of applications



Genomics



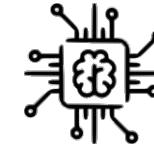
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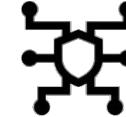
Data analytics



Image Processing



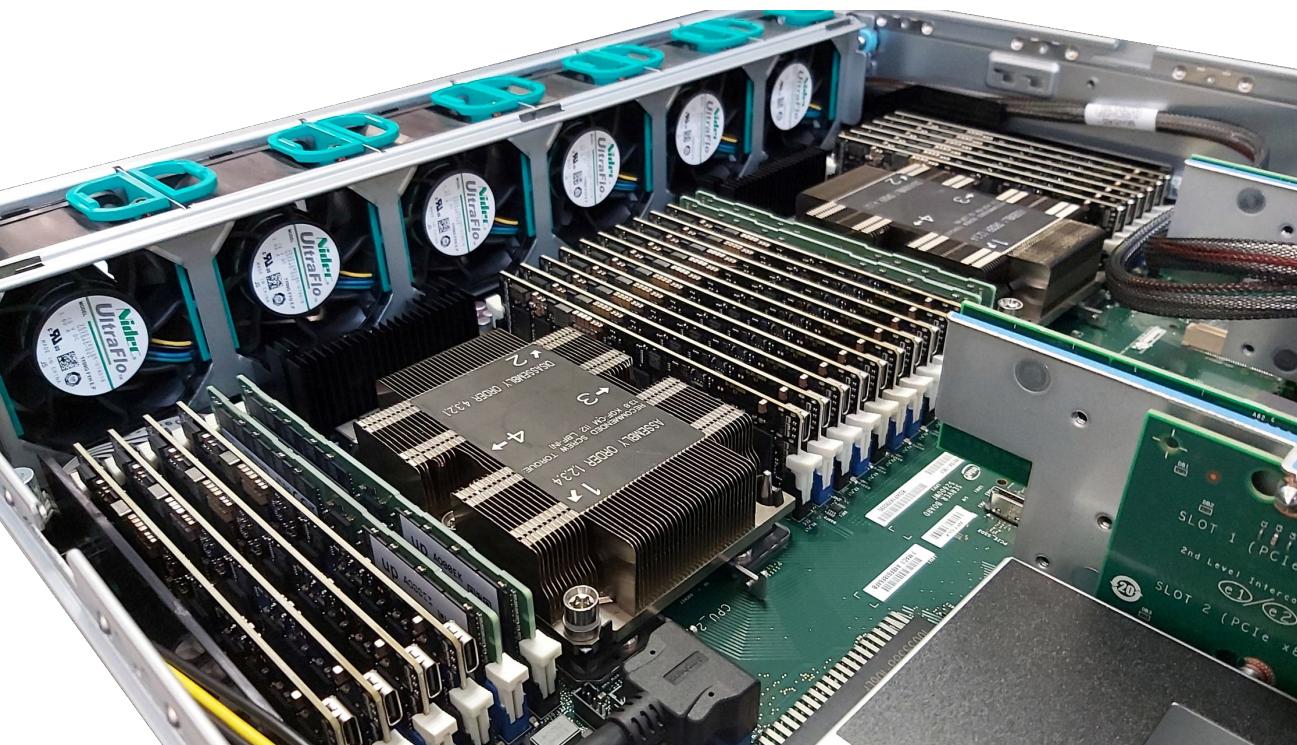
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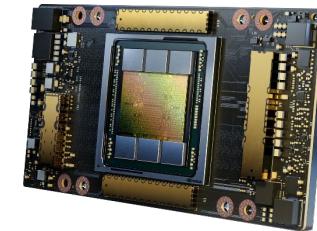
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Compression



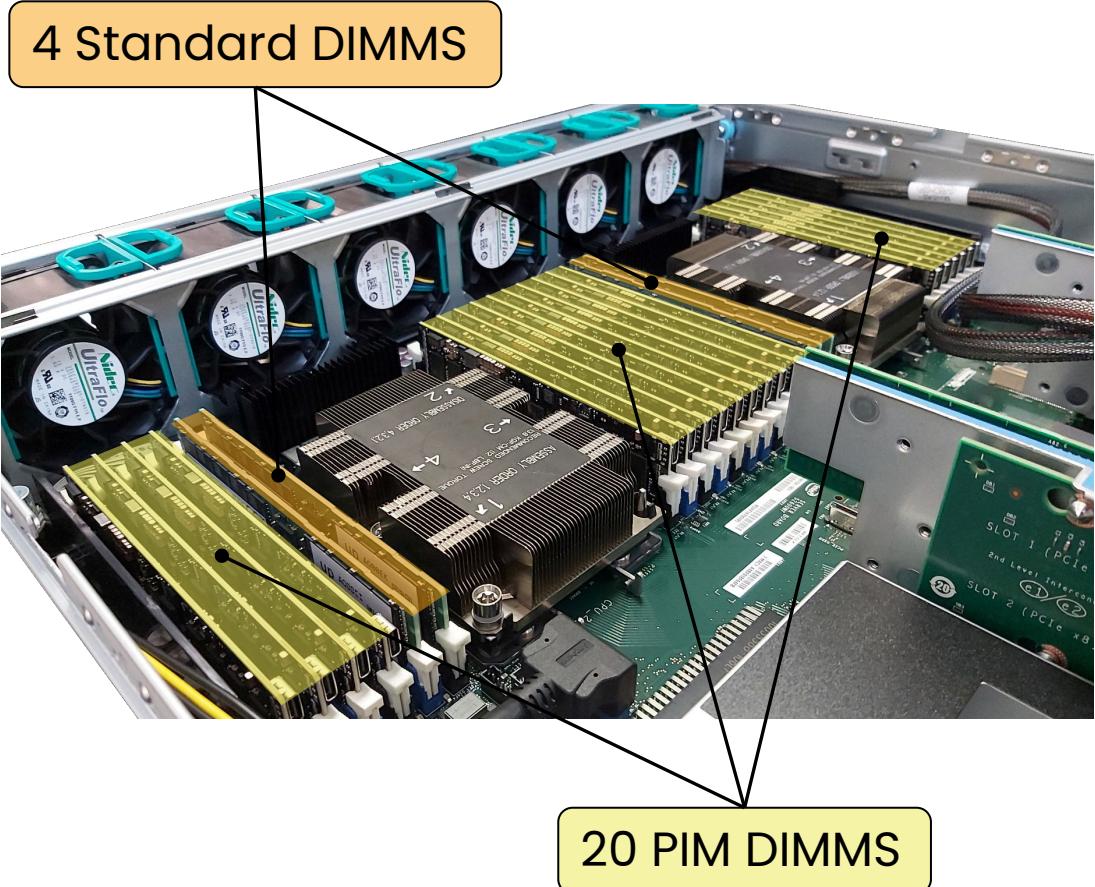
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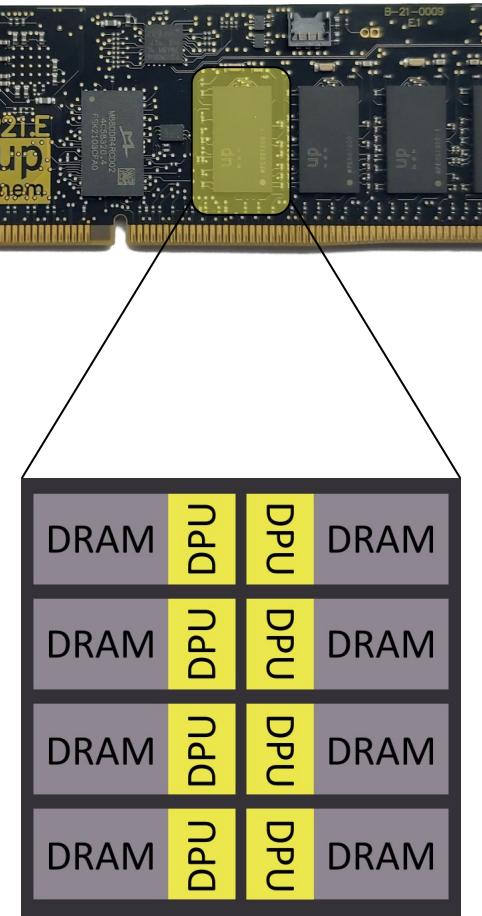


# Technology Overview

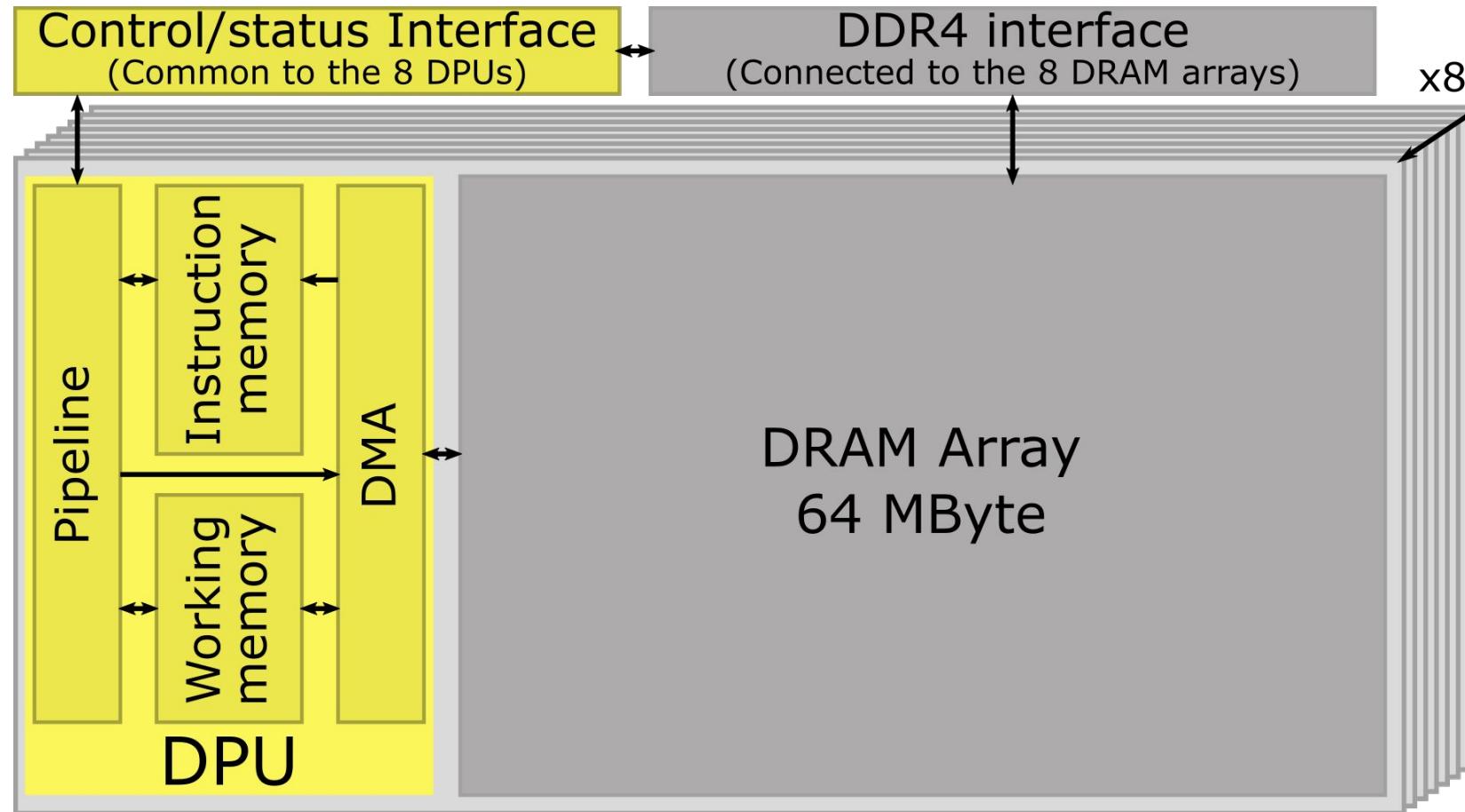
# A standard application server populated with PIM DIMMs



**2560 DPUs for  
160GB of PIM DRAM**



# A DPU is a simple modern general-purpose processor

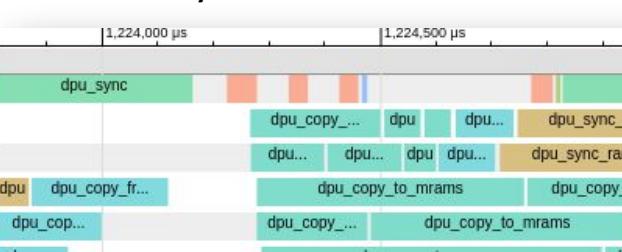


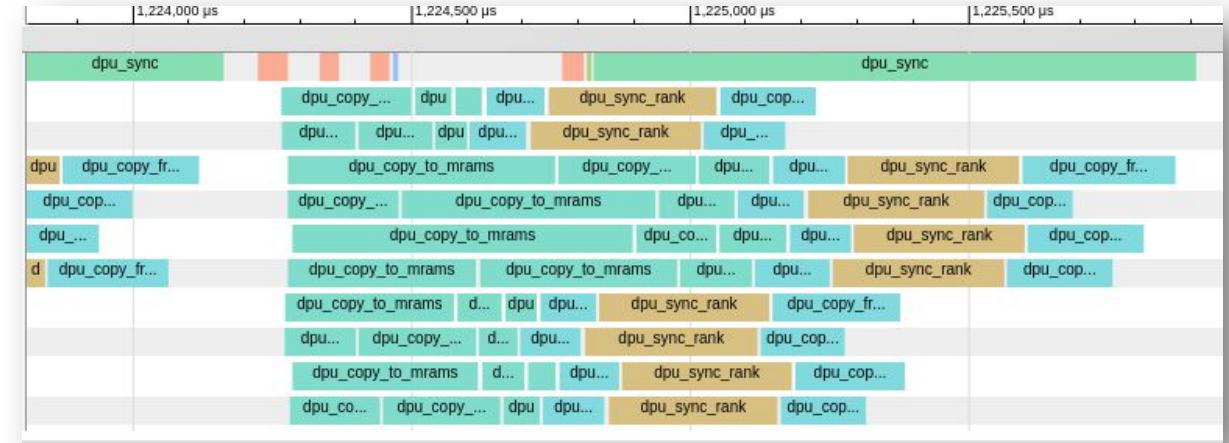
- Shared access with the host CPU to a DRAM bank
- Instruction and data caches replaced by instruction RAM and a Working RAM.
- Independent and asynchronous
- 24 independent threads per DPU
- No direct communication channel among DPUs

# A set of tools for smooth application porting

x86 program written in C, C++ or python with C functions to call routines on the DPUs

## UPMEM SDK contains:

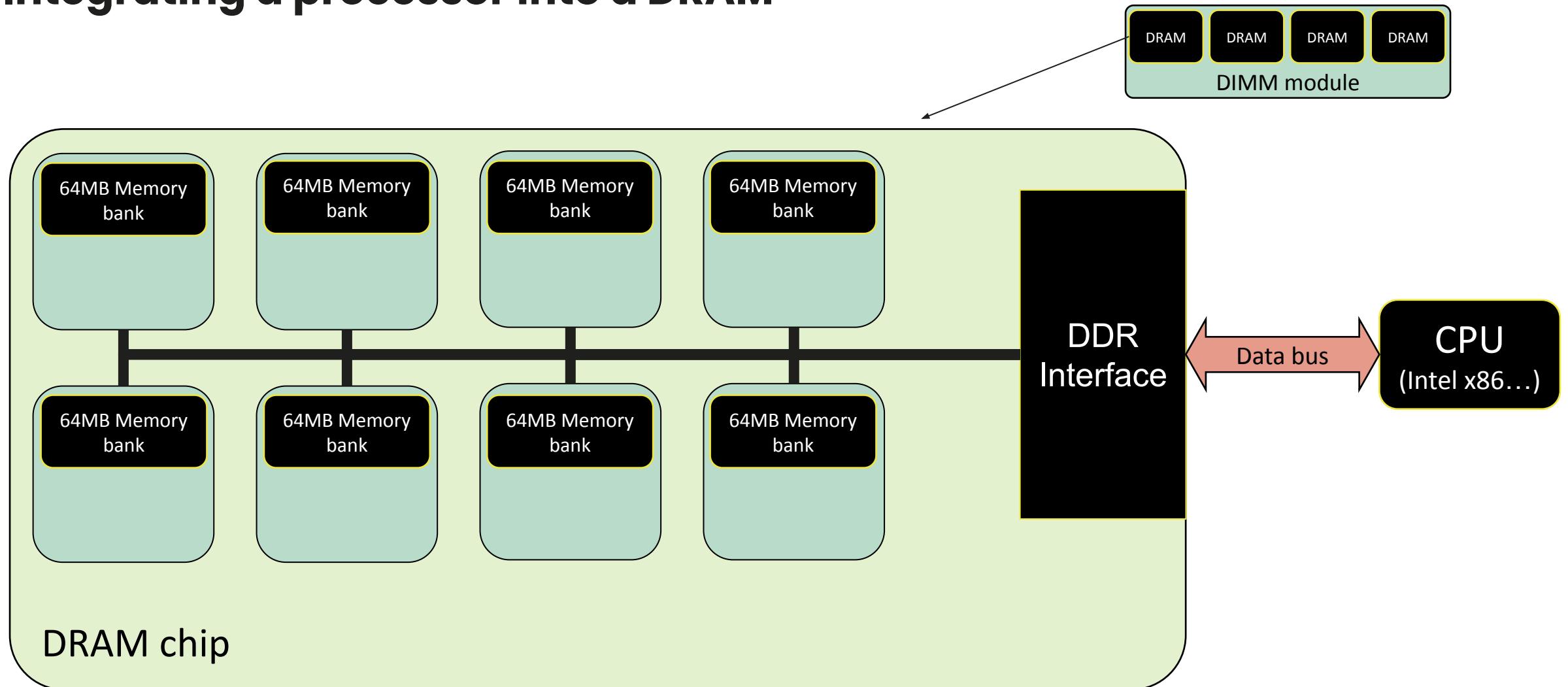
- A Full-featured runtime library for the DPU
  - Management and communication libraries to encapsulate easily all the Host to DPU operations
  - An LLVM based C-compiler using LLVM 12.0
  - A LLDB based debugger
  - Programming tools: profilers, simulator...
  - Server BIOS binaries
  - Linux driver for x86 servers Validated on Redhat, Ubuntu and Debian.



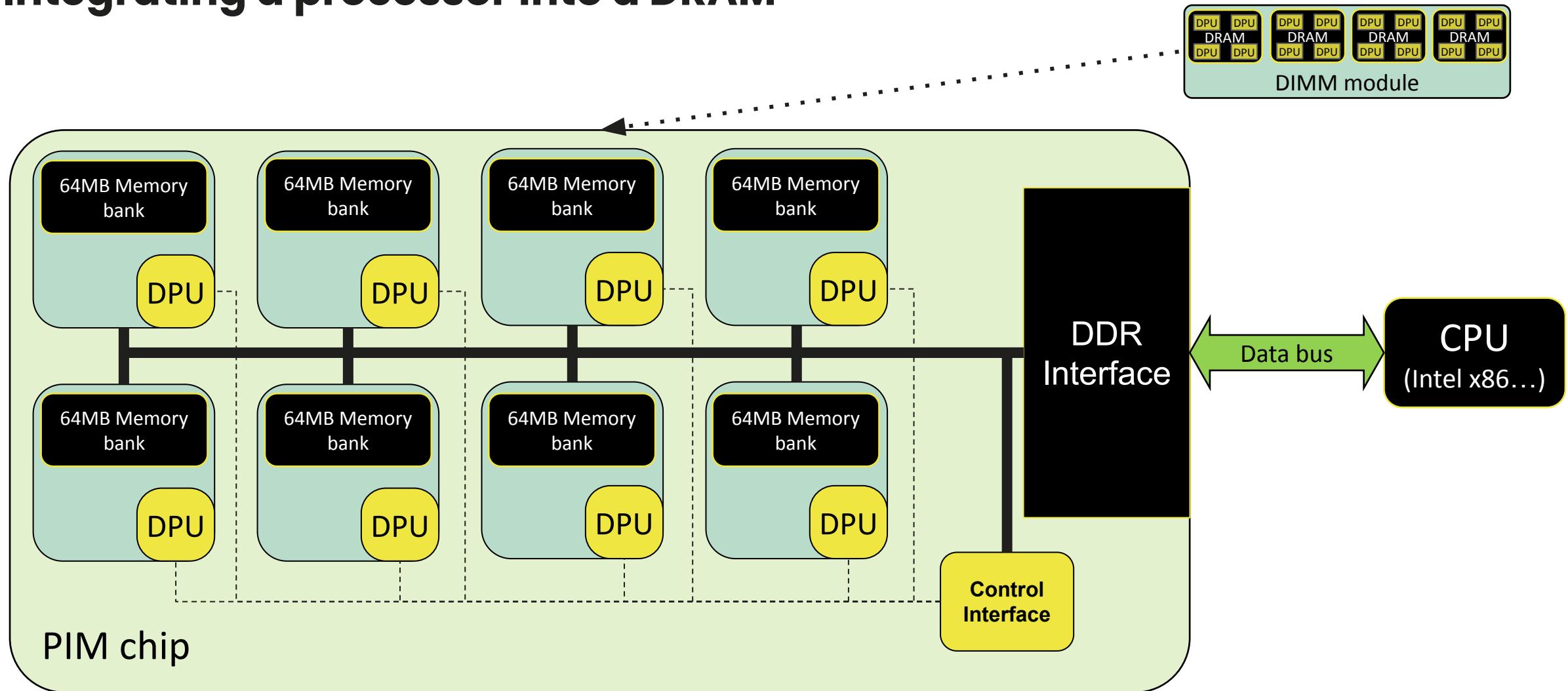


# High Level Hardware Architecture

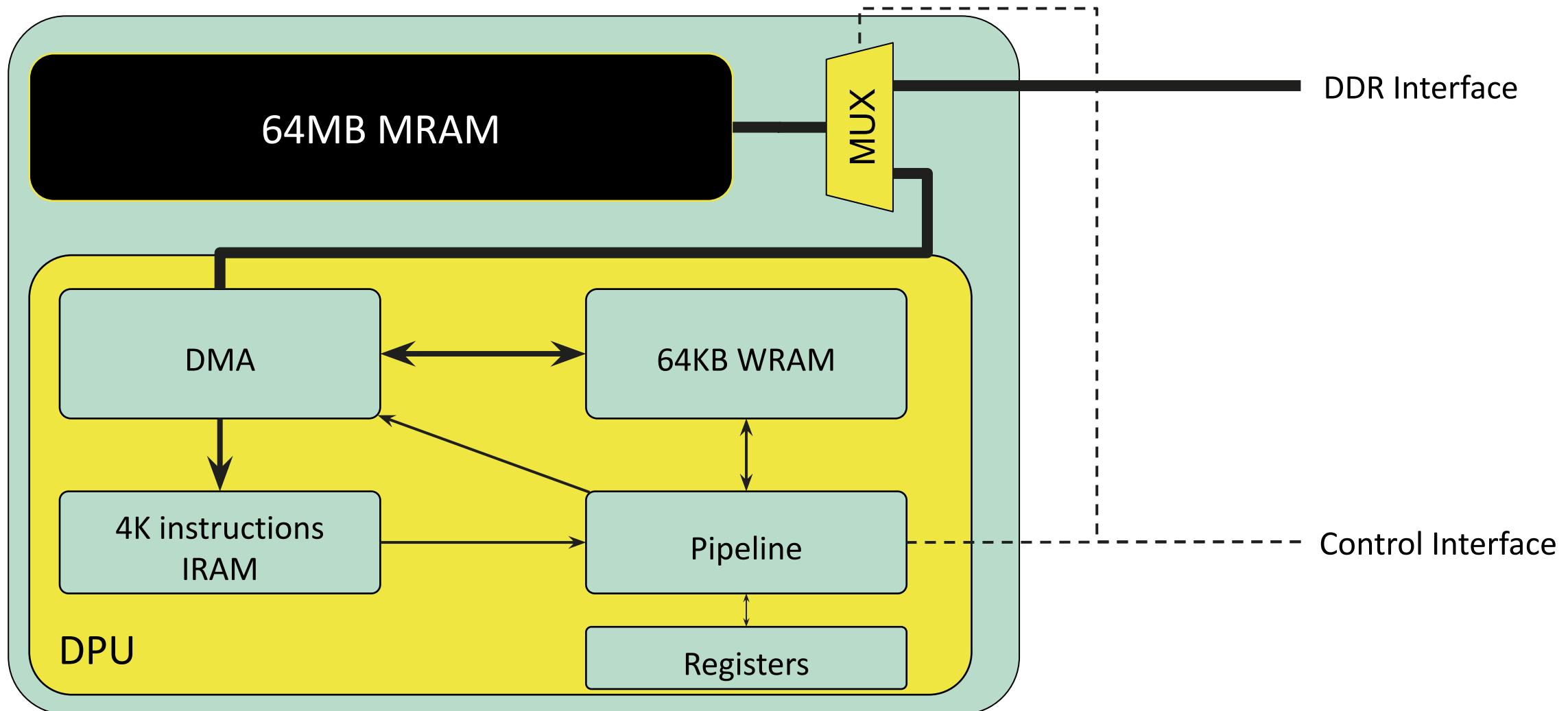
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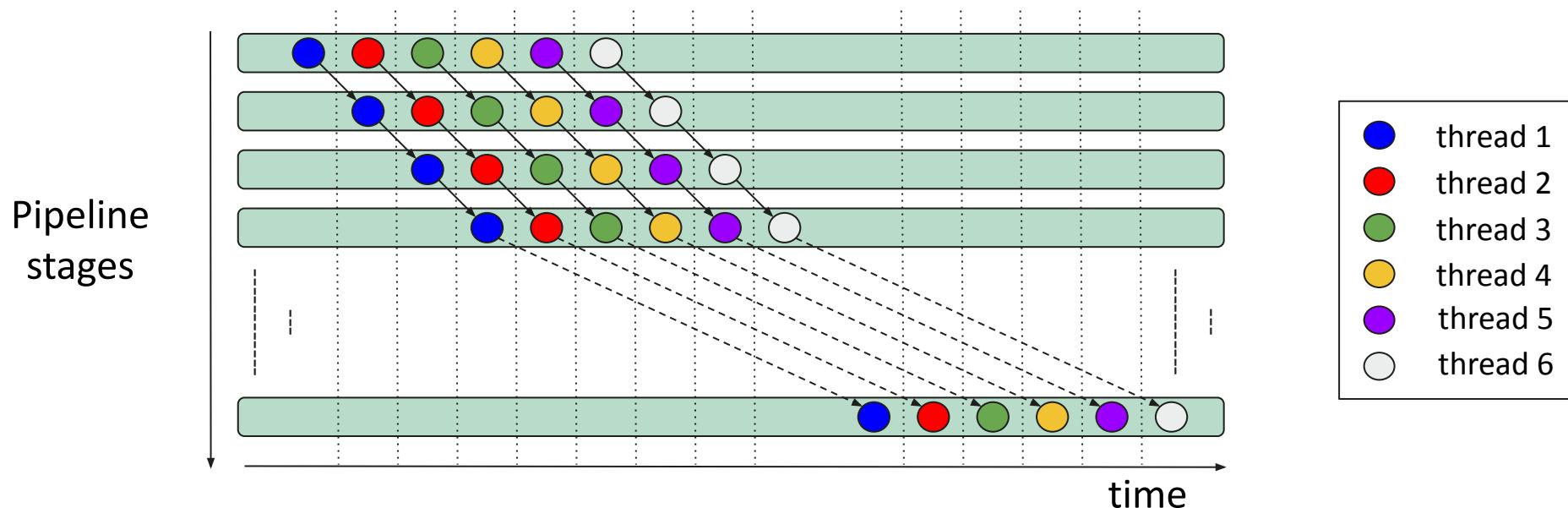


# The DPU architecture

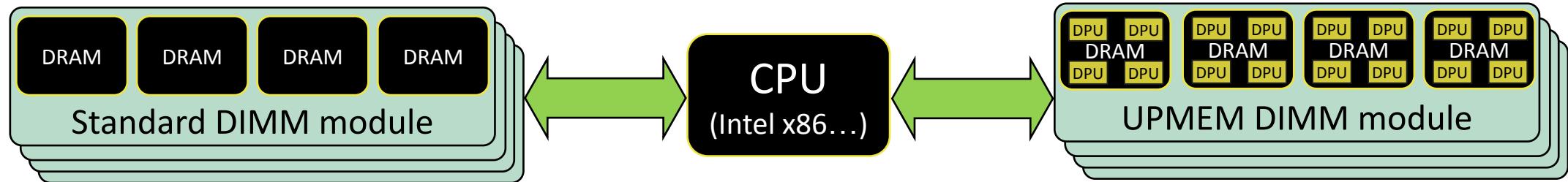


# Pipeline properties

- 11-stage pipeline
- 24 hardware threads interleaved
- 32 registers per thread
  - 24 multi-purpose registers
  - 8 constant registers (zero, one, identifier of thread, etc)



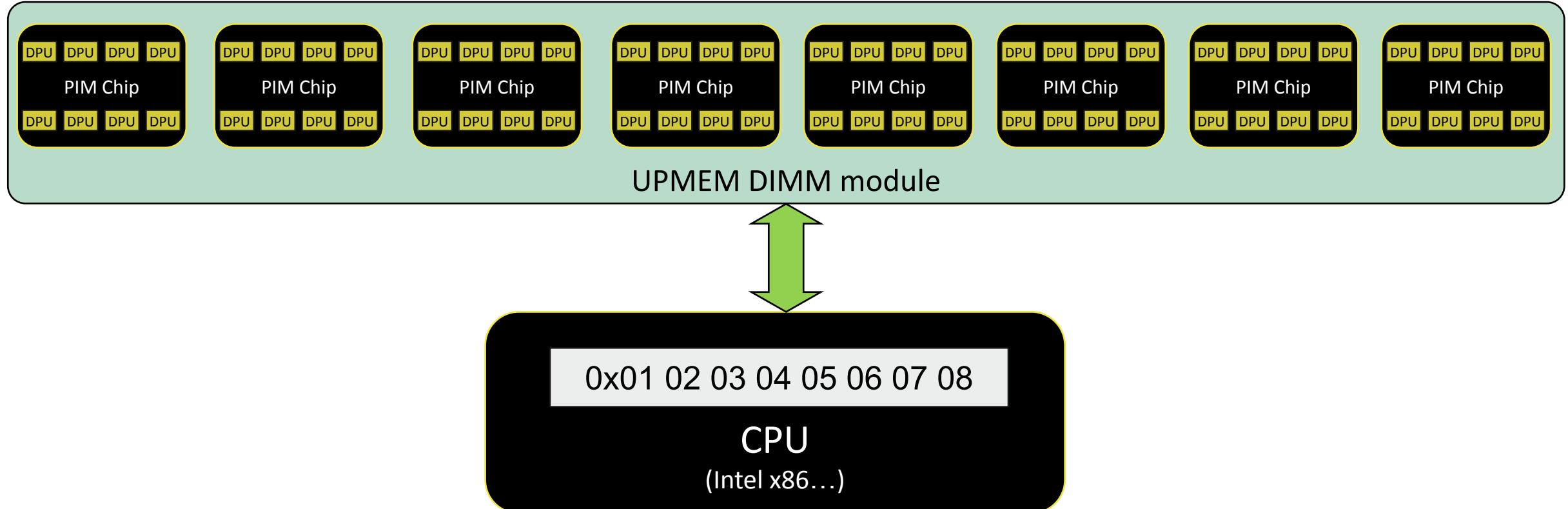
# System overview



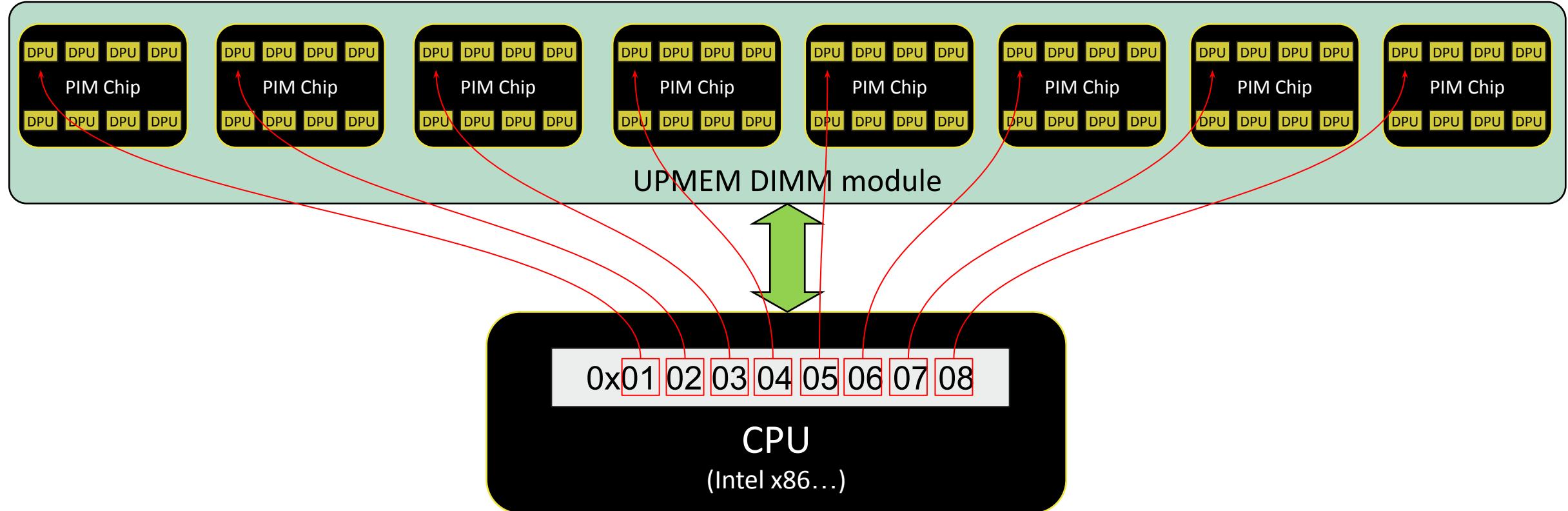
## Typical workflow:

1. Init DPUs
2. Loop
  - a. Copy data to DPU(s)
  - b. Execute program on DPU(s)
  - c. Copy data from DPU(s)

# CPU/DPUs communication



# CPU/DPUs communication





# Programming the UPMEM PIM

# UPMEM SDK & Application Design Flow

- **CPU program**

- compiled using the x86 toolchain
- uses UPMEM's SDK host library
- Allocate DPUs, load DPU program, boot DPUs, copy, asynchronous orchestration etc.

- **DPU program**

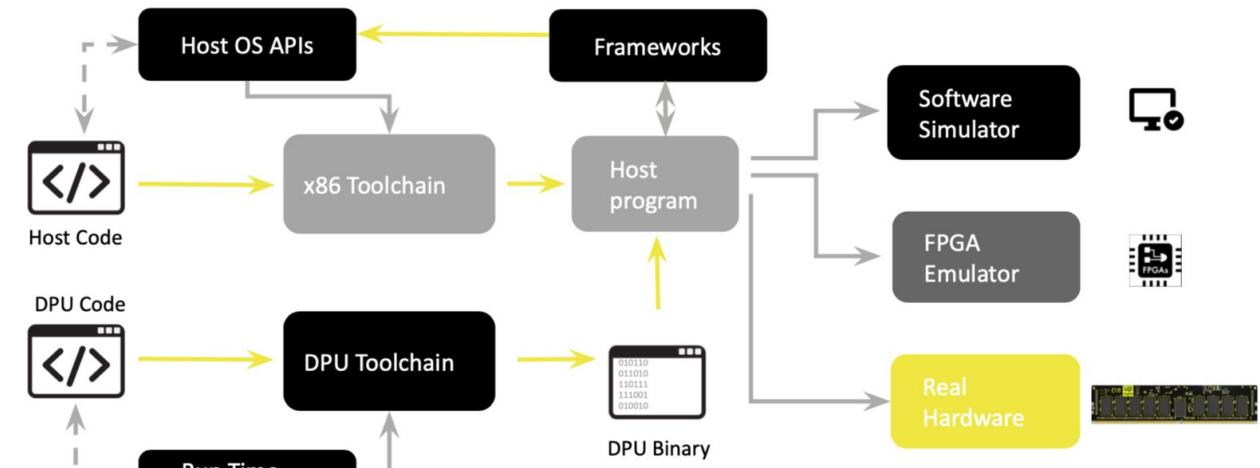
- Written in C, subset of C library available
- usually common to all DPUs (not mandatory)
- compiled using dpu-clang (based on LLVM 12)
- uses the DPU libraries for primitives like WRAM/MRAM management, thread synchronization (mutex etc.), perf counters etc.

- **Profiling & debugging tools**

- DPU: dpu-lldb, dpu-trace, etc.
- Host: dpu-profiling tool based on Linux perf

- **System**

- Linux driver for x86 servers
- Server BIOS binaries



# The DPU ISA

- Proprietary RISC triadic instruction set
- **No FPU**: FP using a software library (IEEE-754)
  - ~200 cycles for a 32x32 float multiplication
  - consider quantization for FP applications
- No vectorized instructions (except cmpb4)
- 8x8 multiplication instruction, up to 32 ops for 32x32
- **Rich set of conditions for jump (examples next slide)**
- Assembly code analysis & optimization can be useful

- Operators (non-exhaustive):

- Arithmetic: ADD, SUB, AND, OR, XOR
- Loads/Stores: SD, SW, SH, SB, LD, LW, LH, LB
- Shift/Rotate: LSL, LSR, ROL, ROR
- Count bits: CLZ, CLO, CLS, CAO
- Multiplication/Division: MUL\_STEP, DIV\_STEP, MUL
- DMA loads/stores: SDMA, LDMA, LDMAI

# The DPU ISA

## 16bit-integer multiplication

```
uint32_t mult(uint16_t a, uint16_t b) {
    return a * b;
}
```

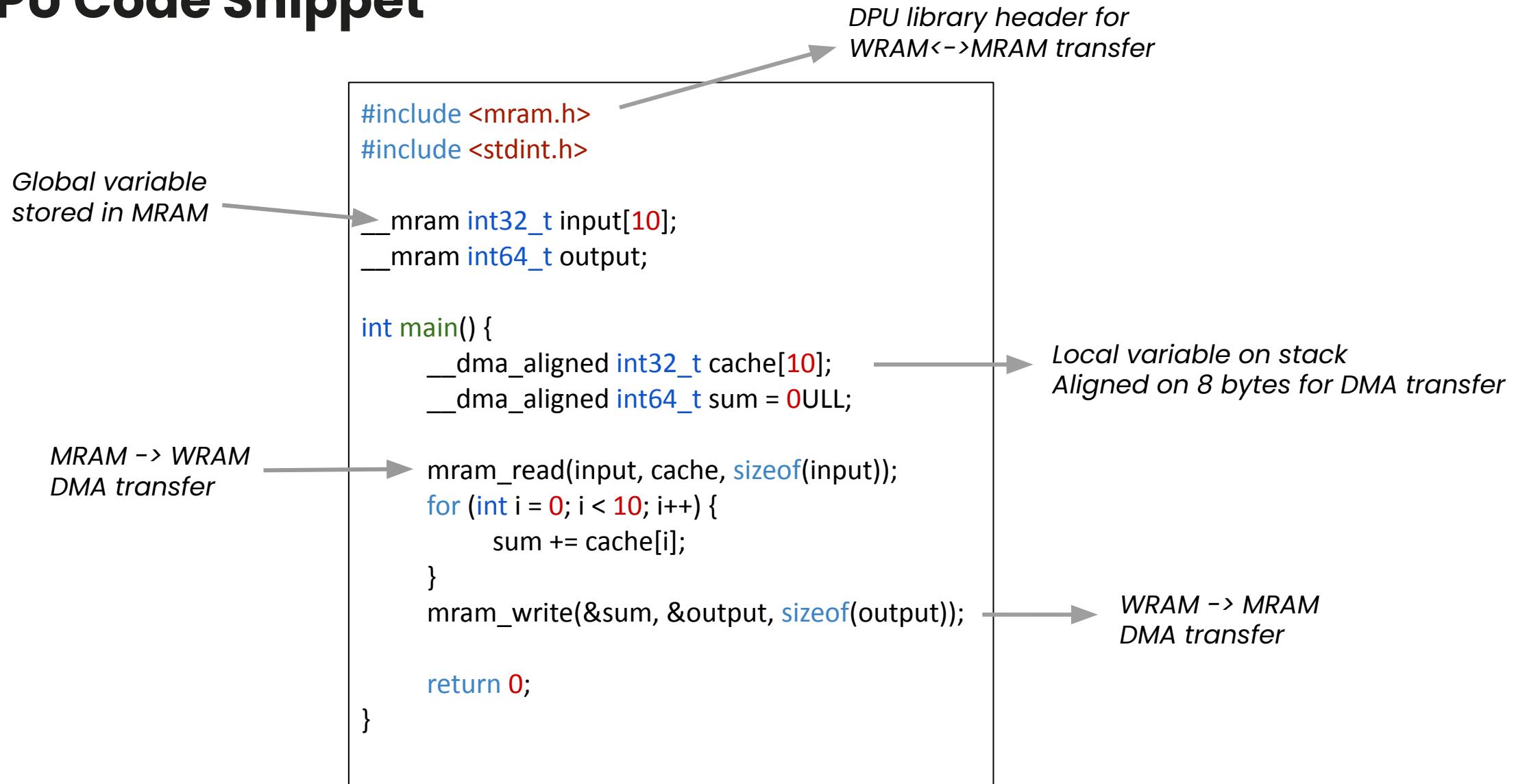
```
mult: // @mult
    move r2, r0
    mul_ul_ul r0, r1, r2, small, .LBB0_2
    mul_uh_ul r3, r1, r2
    lsl_add r0, r0, r3, 8
    mul_uh_ul r3, r2, r1
    lsl_add r0, r0, r3, 8
    mul_uh_uh r1, r1, r2
    lsl_add r0, r0, r1, 16
.LBB0_2:
    jump r23
```

```
int sum(const int* data, int size)
{
    int val = 0;
    for(int i=size; i!= 0; i--)
        val += data[i];
    return val;
}
```

```
sum:
    move r2, r0
    move r0, 0
    jeq r1, 0, .LBB0_2
.LBB0_1:
    lsl_add r3, r2, r1, 2
    lw r3, r3, 0
    add r0, r3, r0
    add r1, r1, -1, nz, .LBB0_1
```

## Reverse Loop

# DPU Code Snippet



# Host Code Snippet

*Include C Host library header*

*Allocate 1 DPU*

*Load DPU program*

*Copy the DPU variable named "output" to the host variable sum*

```
#include <dpu.h>

int array[10] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};

int main() {
    struct dpu_set_t dpu_set, dpu;
    DPU_ASSERT(dpu_alloc(1, "", dpu_set));
    DPU_ASSERT(dpu_load(dpu_set, "dpu_binary", NULL));

    DPU_FOREACH(dpu_set, dpu) {
        DPU_ASSERT(dpu_copy_to(dpu, "input", 0, array, sizeof(array)));
    }

    DPU_ASSERT(dpu_launch(set, DPU_SYNCHRONOUS));

    int64_t sum;
    DPU_FOREACH(dpu_set, dpu) {
        DPU_ASSERT(dpu_copy_from(dpu, "output", 0, &sum, sizeof(sum)));
    }
    return 0;
}
```



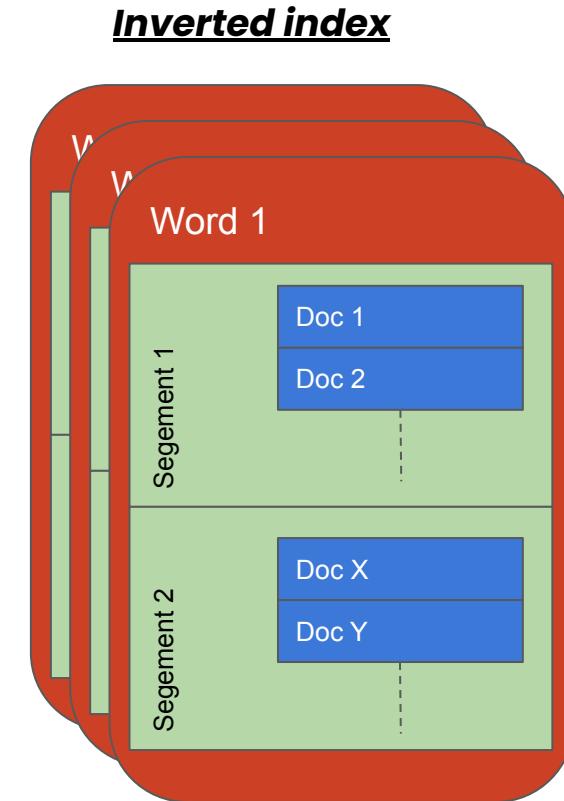
# PIM Applications

# PIM Application Development

- **Which applications on UPMEM PIM ?**
  - Largely data-parallel (DPU + HW threads)
  - Low synchronizations, good load balancing
  - Memory-bound workloads (massive bandwidth of 2TB/sec on PIM)
  - Low operational intensity on CPU / cache inefficient
  - UPMEM PIM is throughput-oriented (batching)
  - PIM workload vs data transfer (large read-only database in PIM)
  - Consider algorithm redesign due to change of paradigm
- Maturing PIM applications is key to UPMEM's PIM product adoption
  - Customers do not want to develop the applications for us
- From algorithm benchmarking towards porting of standard libraries on PIM
- Application tightly coupled with SDK enhancements

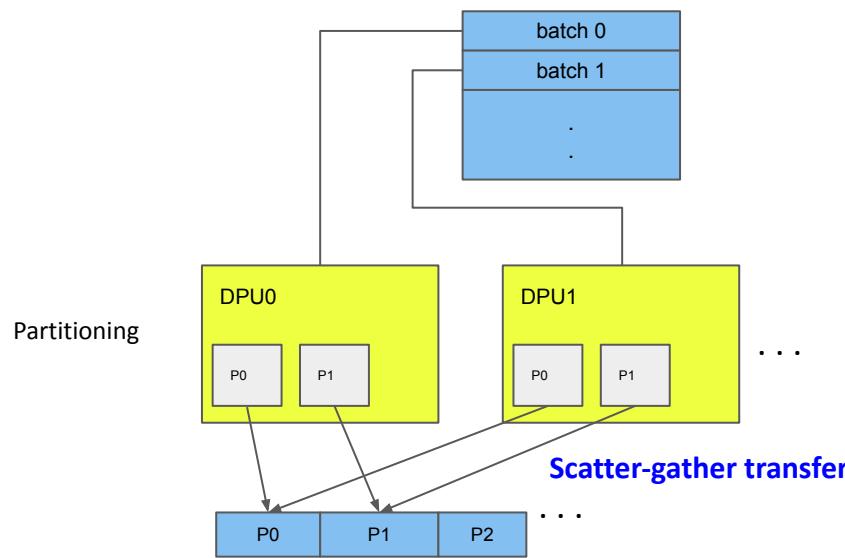
# Analytics : Index Search

- An index search engine identifies items in a database from keywords specified by the user (web pages, text documents, e-commerce product...)
- **UPIS**: Engine for exact phrase match  
<https://github.com/upmem/usecase> UPISS
  - > 600 queries/sec with full PIM server on wikipedia
  - 30 queries/sec in Apache Lucene nightly benchmark
- **PIM Lucene**: extension of Apache Lucene  
<https://github.com/upmem/pim-lucene>

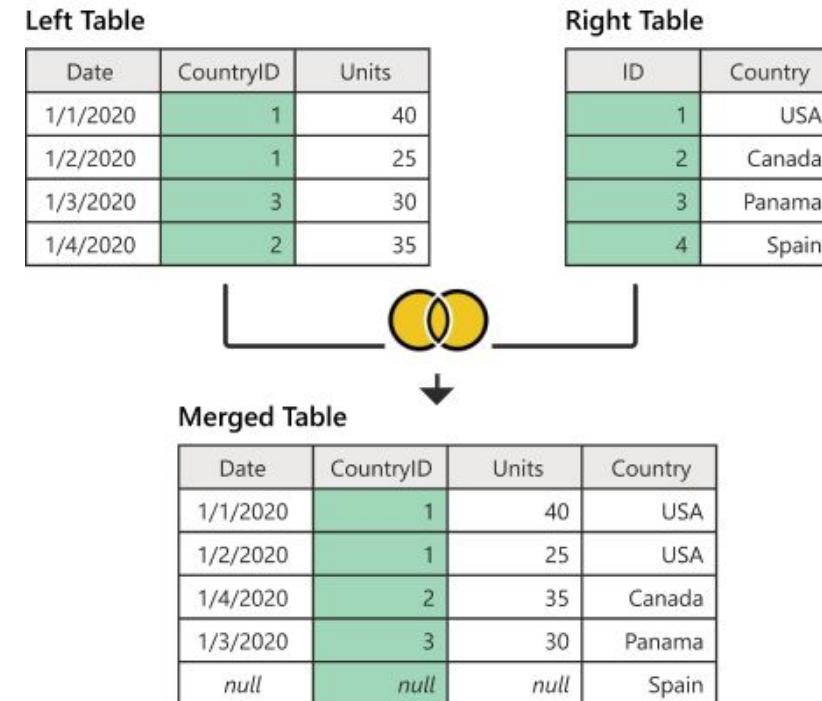


# Analytics : Hash Join

- **Parallel hash-based join** on DPU
- 4G rows per table (32GB of random data)
- PIM-based join is **~9X faster** than CPU-based join (data fusion) using a server configuration of 2048 DPUs and 8 standard DIMMs

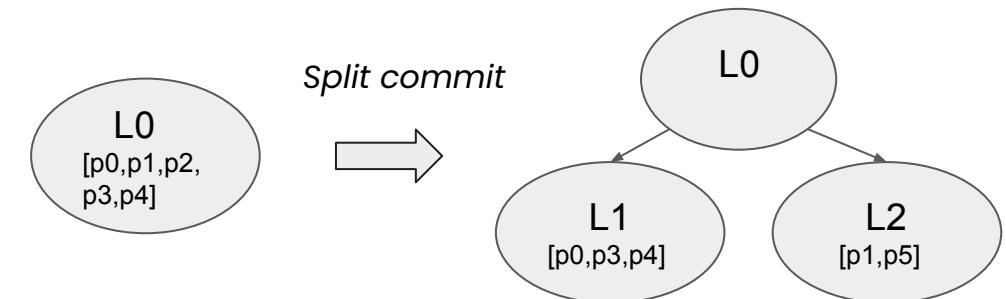


- Scatter-gather transfers (SDK 2023.1.0)
- Considering porting an OLAP DBMS to PIM (DuckDB)
- [https://github.com/upmem/dpu\\_olap](https://github.com/upmem/dpu_olap)

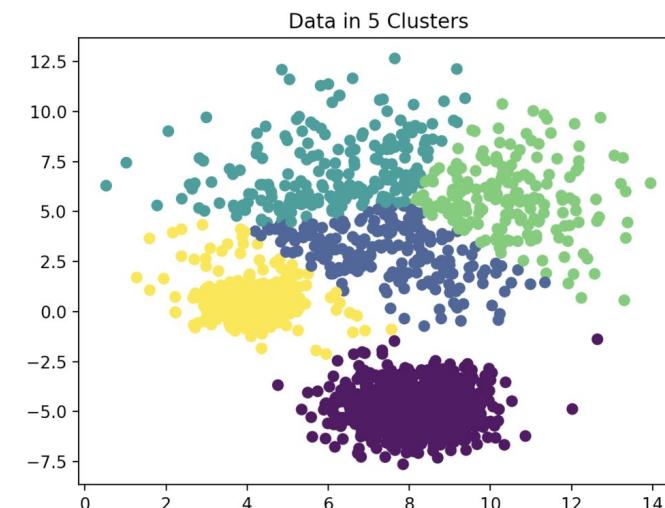


# ML : Decision Trees / K-means

- **CART** training implemented on DPU : builds a binary-search tree which represents a partitioning of the feature space
- **36X faster than CPU (scikit intel ext., criteo dataset)**
- Next step: XGBoost on PIM, throughput implementation



- **K-means** : partition the dataset into K distinct non-overlapping subgroups (clusters)
- **1.37× faster than CPU (scikit intel ext., criteo dataset)**
- **Paper:** Evaluating Machine Learning Workloads on Memory-Centric Computing Systems (ISPASS 2023)



# Genomics

- **Sequence alignment**



FASTQ file (read of 120 nucleotides):

```
@1
GGTCACTGAAACCTCCGCCTCCAGGTTCAAGCAATTATCCTGC
+
CCC0CGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGD
@2
AGTGAATTCAATTCAAGAAAGATGAATTCCCTGTGTAATCTCATTATG
+
CC3ACEGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG1GCGGGGGGGGGGGGGG>G
```

- **UPVC:** Short reads alignment + variant calling

[https://github.com/upmem/usecase\\_UPVC](https://github.com/upmem/usecase_UPVC)

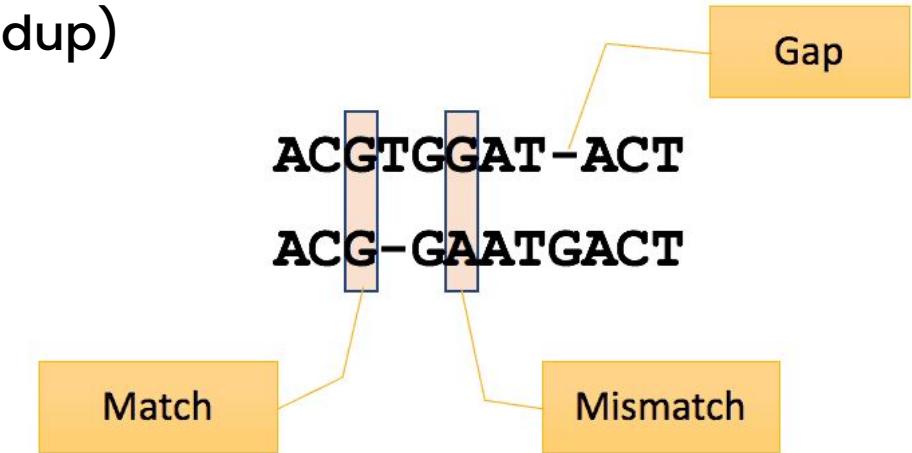
- **Long read alignment :** adaptive N&W algorithm (~9X speedup)

[https://github.com/upmem/usecase\\_dpu\\_alignment](https://github.com/upmem/usecase_dpu_alignment)

- **BWA (FM-index)**

- memory-bound algorithm but difficult to parallelize  
(too many synchronizations between DPUs)

- **Pair-HMM (GATK variant calling)**



# Collaborative projects



# BioPIM



Funded by  
the European Union



IBM Research  
Zurich



Co-designing algorithms and data structures commonly used in bioinformatics together with several types of PIM architectures to obtain the highest benefit in cost, energy, and time savings.

3M€ project

# SustainML



Funded by  
the European Union

# SustAInML



Sustainable, interactive ML framework development for Green AI that will comprehensively prioritize and advocate energy efficiency across the entire life cycle of an application and avoid AI-waste.

4.3M€ project

# STRATUM



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the European Union



**STRATUM<sup>3D</sup>**  
3D Decision Support Tool for Brain Tumor Surgery



3D decision support tool for brain surgery guidance and diagnostics based on multimodal data processing through AI algorithms that will be integrated as an energy-efficient Point-of-Care computing tool.

10M€ project



# Hardware Roadmap

# PIM DRAM Modules

## Gen 1B (being released)

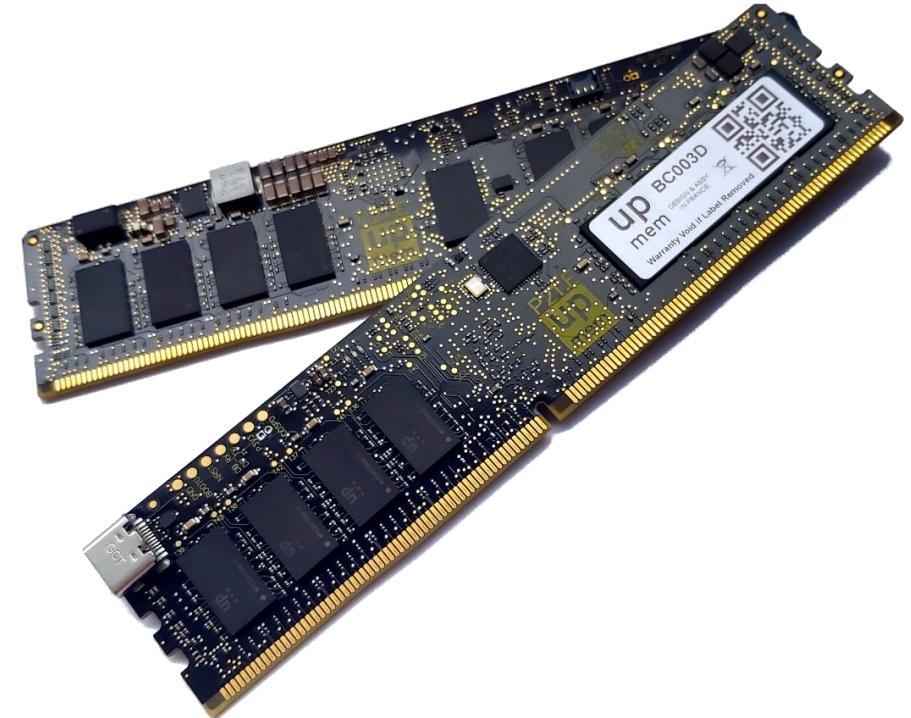
- Silicon bring up completed. System bring up in progress
- Frequency increased to 466 MHz or up to 40% lower power consumption at same frequency
- Host access to WRAM while the DPU owns the bank
- New HW monitoring features
- DPU switch off capability → Idle consumption ↓ by 90%

## Gen 2

- Under development
- Enhanced control interface
- Host access to MRAM while the DPU owns the bank
- New operator integration
- Improved system integration

## Gen AI

- Starting to work on a roadmap for a dedicated chip for AI applications such as LLM



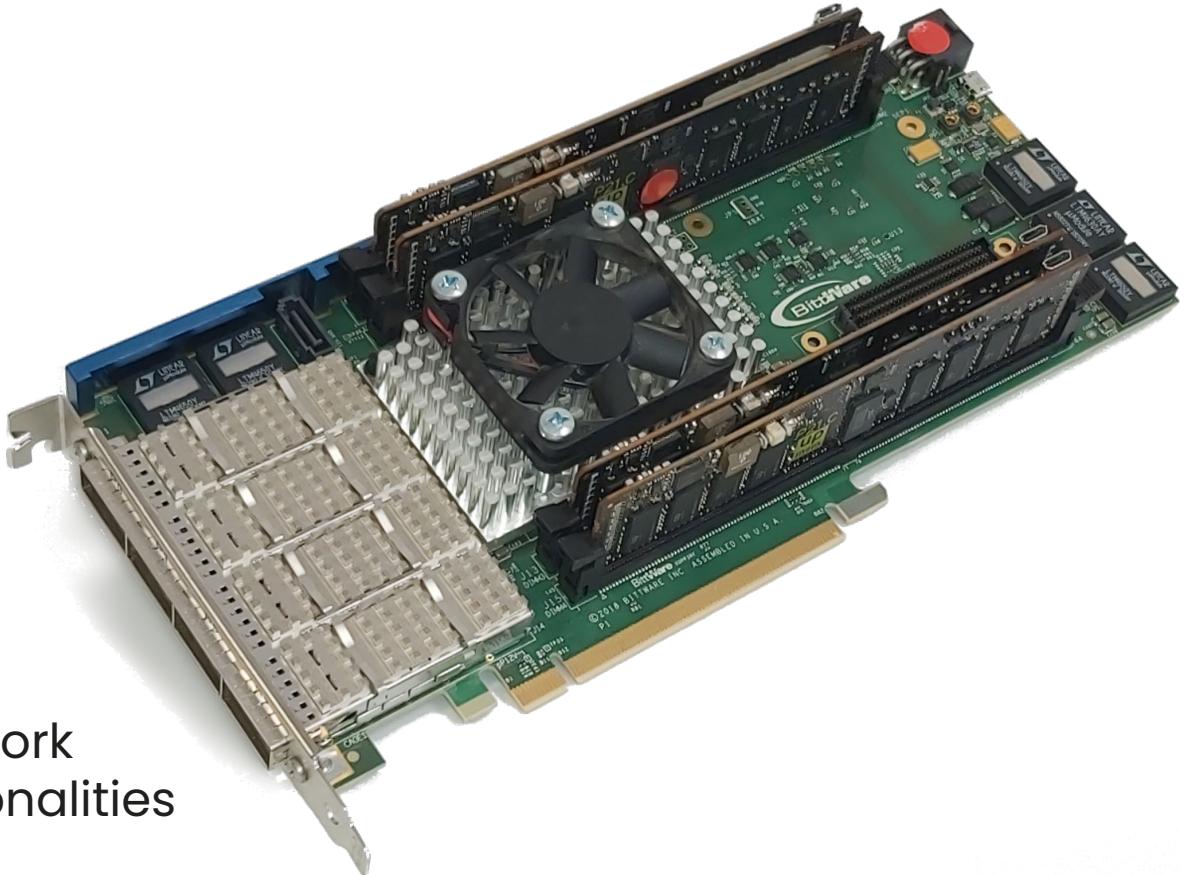
# CXL or SoC attached integration

## CXL Proof of Concept

- Based on a PCIe FPGA prototyping Card
- PIM friendly API embedded in the FPGA
- Simplifies system integration
- At the cost of higher BOM price and power consumption

## PIM aware system

- Starting initiative with a major player in network devices to build a SOC with the same functionalities



BittWare XUP-P3R

# Servers

## From Skylake SP to Ice Lake SP

- Partnership with a major server manufacturer
- Moving from R&D servers to production servers
- 24 → 32 DIMM slots
- Increased number of memory channels
- Increased PIM and legacy memory density
- Released in coming months
- Early exploration of Sapphire Rapids SP



## Open firmware implementation

- Partnership with another major server manufacturer
- Early exploration through a proof of concept

# Cloud infrastructure

## In Numbers

- 10 servers
- 56 teams
- 212 active users
- Almost 31 000 hours booked



## Evolutions

- 1st spot where the aforementioned novelties will be released
- Service storage capacity (local disk, sftp for dataset pre-loading...)



# Thank you

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## Useful links

- [Website](#)
- [Resource page](#)
- [Github](#)
- [SDK](#)