

Why MPI will persist

Obviously MPI will not disappear in five years

- Today we have more than 25 years of legacy software in MPI
- New systems are not sufficiently different to lead to a radical new programming model

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What will be the "?" in MPI+?

- Likely candidates are
 - PGAS languages
 - Autotuning
 - CUDA, OpenCL, OpenACC
 - A wildcard from the commercial space



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What's Wrong with MPI Everywhere?

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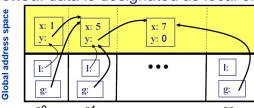
- One MPI process per core is wasteful of intra-chip latency and bandwidth
- Weak scaling: success model for the "cluster era" not enough memory per core
- Heterogeneity: MPI per CUDA threadblock?

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PGAS Languages

 Global address space: thread may directly read/write remote data

Partitioned: data is designated as local or global



- Implementation issues:
 - Distributed memory: Reading a remote array or structure is explicit, not a cache fill
 - Shared memory: Caches are allowed, but not required
- No less scalable than MPI!
- Permits sharing, whereas MPI rules it out!

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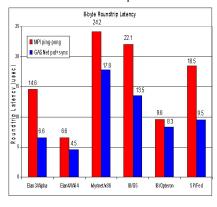
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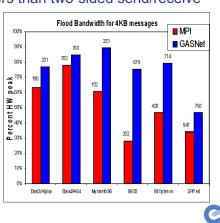
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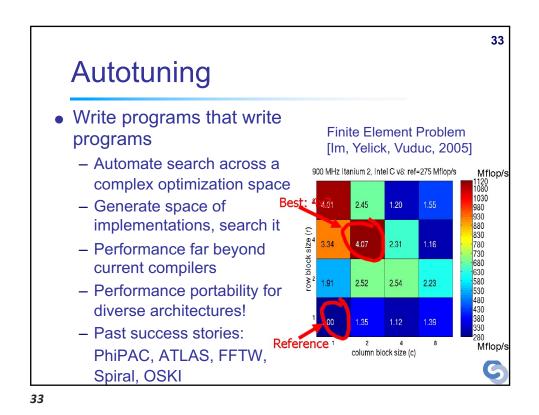
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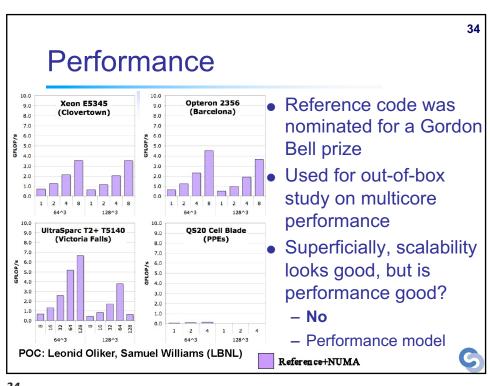
Performance Advantage of One-Sided Communication

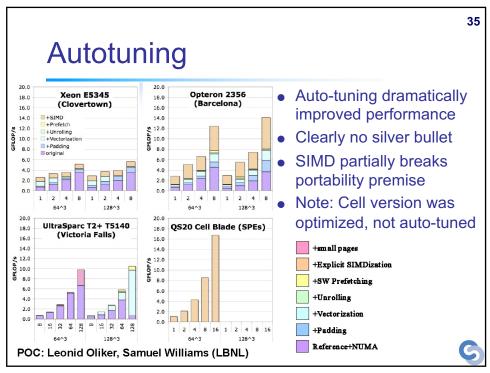
- The put/get operations in PGAS languages (remote read/write) are one-sided (no required interaction from remote proc)
- This is faster for pure data transfers than two-sided send/receive

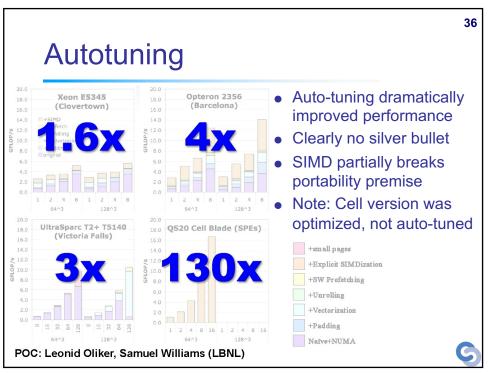


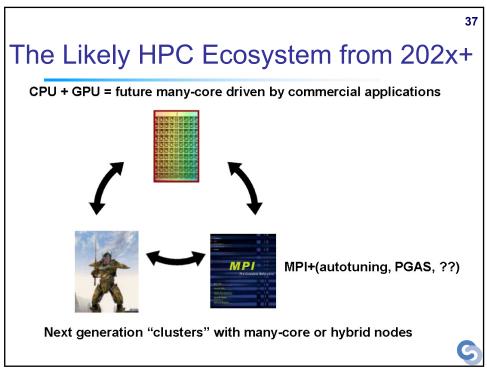












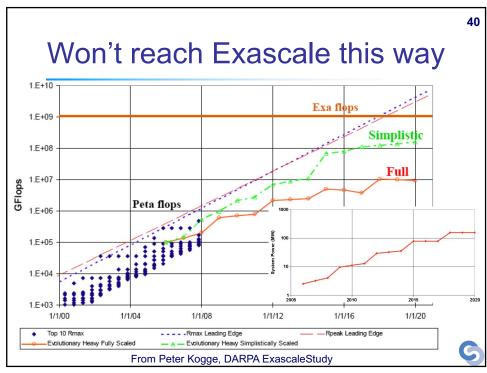


DARPA Exascale Study

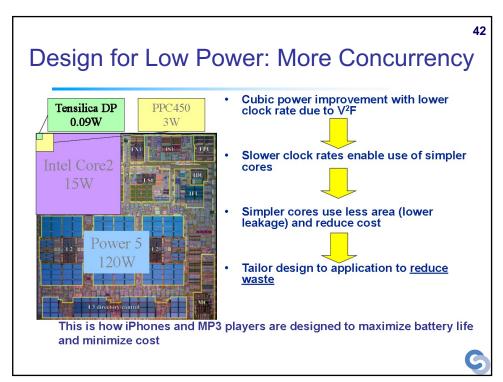
- Commissioned by DARPA to explore the challenges for Exaflop computing
- Two models for future performance growth
 - Simplistic:
 - ITRS (International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors) roadmap
 - Power for memory grows linear with # of chips
 - Power for interconnect stays constant
 - Fully scaled: same as simplistic, but memory and router power grow with peak flops per chip



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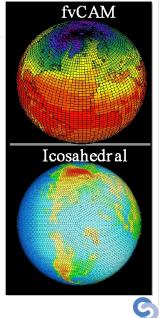


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Extrapolating to Exaflop/s										
	BlueGene/L (2005)	Exaflop Directly scaled	Exaflop compromise using expected technology	Assumption for "compromise guess"						
Node Peak Perf	5.6GF	20TF	20TF	Same node count (64k)						
hardware concurrency/node	2	8000	1600	Assume 3.5GHz						
System Power in Compute Chip	1 MW	3.5 GW	35 MW	100x improvement (very optimistic)						
Link Bandwidth (Each unidirectional 3-D link)	1.4Gbps	5 Tbps	1 Tbps	Not possible to maintain bandwidth ratio.						
Wires per unidirectional 3-D link	2	400 wires	80 wires	Large wire count will eliminate high density and drive links onto cables where they are 100x more expensive. Assume 20 Gbps signaling						
Pins in network on node	24 pins	5,000 pins	1,000 pins	20 Gbps differential assumed. 20 Gbps over copper will be limited to 12 inches. Will need optics for in rack interconnects. 10Gbps now possible in both copper and optics.						
Power in network	100 KW	20 MW	4 MW	10 mW/Gbps assumed. Now: 25 mW/Gbps for long distance (greater than 2 feet on copper) for both ends one direction. 4: SmW/Gbps optics both ends one direction. + 15mW/Gbps of electrical Electrical power in future: separately optimized links for power.						
Memory Bandwidth/node	5.6GB/s	20TB/s	1 TB/s	Not possible to maintain external bandwidth/Flop						
L2 cache/node	4 MB	16 GB	500 MB	About 6-7 technology generations						
Data pins associated with memory/node	128 data pins	40,000 pins	2000 pins	3.2 Gbps per pin						
Power in memory I/O (not DRAM)	12.8 KW	80 MW	4 MW	10 mW/Gbps assumed. Most current power in address bus. Future probably about 15mW/Gbps maybe get to 10mW/Gbps (2.5mW/Gbps is c*v^2*f for random data on data pins) Address power is higher.						
QCD CG single iteration time	2.3 msec	11 usec	15 usec	Requires: 1) fast global sum (2 per iteration) 2) hardware offload for messaging (Driverless messaging)						
				Source: David Turek, IB						



Green Flash: Ultra-Efficient Climate Modeling

- An alternative route to exascale computing
 - Exascale science questions are identified
 - The idea is to target specific machine designs to each of these questions
 - Possible because of new technologies driven by the consumer market
- We want to turn the process around
 - Ask "What machine do we need to answer a question?"
 - Not "What can we answer with that machine?"
- Goal: influence the HPC industry by evaluating a prototype design



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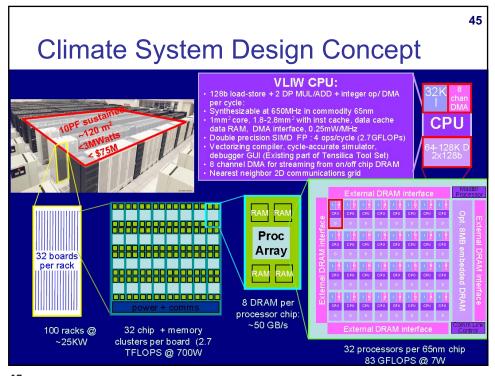
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Green Flash Strawman System Design

We examined three different approaches (in 2008 technology)
Computation.015oX.02oX100L: 10 PFlops sustained, ~200 PFlops peak

- AMD Opteron: Commodity approach, lower efficiency for scientific applications offset by cost efficiencies of mass market
- BlueGene: Generic embedded processor core and customize system-onchip (SoC) to improve power efficiency for scientific applications
- Tensilica XTensa: Customized embedded CPU w/SoC provides further power efficiency benefits but maintains programmability

Processor	Clock	Peak/ Core (Gflops)	Cores/ Socket	Sockets	Cores	Power	Cost 2008
AMD Opteron	2.8GHz	5.6	2	890K ,	, 1.7 M	179 MW	\$1B+
IBM BG/P	850MHz	3.4	4	740K ,	3.0M	20 MW	\$1B+
Green Flash / Tensilica XTensa	650MHz	2.7	32	120K	4.0M	3 MVV	\$75M



Summary on Green Flash

- Exascale computing is vital for numerous key scientific areas
- We propose a new approach to high-end computing that enables transformational changes for science
- Research effort: study feasibility and share insight w/ community
- This effort will augment high-end general purpose HPC systems
 - Choose the science target first (climate in this case)
 - Design systems for applications (rather than the reverse)
 - Leverage power efficient embedded technology
 - Design hardware, software, scientific algorithms together using hardware emulation and auto-tuning
 - Achieve exascale computing sooner and more efficiently

Applicable to broad range of exascale-class applications



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What about 1 million cores?

- What are applications developers concerned about?
- ... but before we answer this question, the more interesting question is ...
 - 1000 cores on the laptop?
- What are commercial applications developers going to do with it?



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Summary

- Major Challenges are ahead for extreme computing
 - Power
 - Parallelism
 - ...and many others not discussed here
- We will need completely new approaches and technologies to reach the Exascale level
- This opens up a unique opportunity for science applications to lead extreme scale systems development



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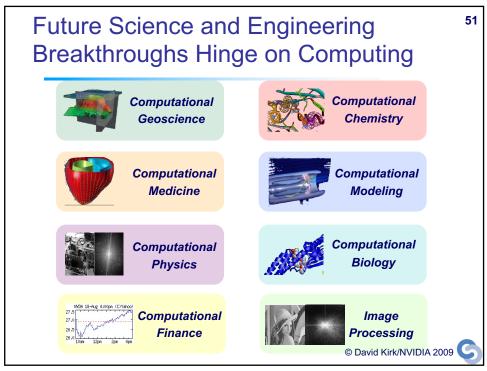
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Objective

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- Building up the ability to translate parallel computing power into science and engineering breakthroughs
 - Identify applications whose computing structures are suitable for
 - These applications can be revolutionized by 100X more computing power
 - You have access to expertise needed to tackle these applications
- Develop algorithm patterns that can result in both better efficiency as well as better HW utilization
 - To share with the community of application developers





A major shift of paradigm

 In the 20th Century, we were able to understand, design, and manufacture what we can *measure*

- Physical instruments and computing systems allowed us to see farther, capture more, communicate better, understand natural processes, control artificial processes...
- In the 21st Century, we are able to understand, design, create what we can compute
 - Computational models are allowing us to see even farther, going back and forth in time, relate better, test hypothesis that cannot be verified any other way, create safe artificial processes



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Examples of Paradigm Shift

20th Century

- Small mask patterns and short light waves
- Electronic microscope and Crystallography with computational image processing
- Anatomic imaging with computational image processing
- Teleconference

21st Century

- Computational optical proximity correction
- Computational microscope with initial conditions from Crystallography
- Metabolic imaging sees disease before visible anatomic change
- Tele-emersion



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Faster is not "just Faster"

- 2-3X faster is "just faster"
 - Do a little more, wait a little less
 - Doesn't change how you work
- 5-10x faster is "significant"
 - Worth upgrading
 - Worth re-writing (parts of) the application
- 100x+ faster is "fundamentally different"
 - Worth considering a new platform
 - Worth re-architecting the application
 - Makes new applications possible
 - Drives "time to discovery" and creates fundamental changes in Science



How much computing power is enough?

- Each jump in computing power motivates new ways of computing
 - Many apps have approximations or omissions that arose from limitations in computing power
 - Every 100x jump in performance allows app developers to innovate
 - Example: graphics, medical imaging, physics simulation, etc.

Application developers do not take us seriously until they see real results.



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Why didn't this happen earlier?

- Computational experimentation is just reaching critical mass
 - -Simulate large enough systems
 - -Simulate long enough system time
 - -Simulate enough details
- Computational instrumentation is also just reaching critical mass
 - -Reaching high enough accuracy
 - -Cover enough observations



A Great Opportunity for Many

- New massively parallel computing is enabling
 - Drastic reduction in "time to discovery"
 - 1st principle-based simulation at meaningful scale
 - New, 3rd paradigm for research: computational experimentation
- The "democratization" of power to discover
 - \$2,000/Teraflops SPFP in personal computers today
 - \$5,000,000/Petaflops DPFP in clusters in 2-3 years
 - HW cost will no longer be the main barrier for big science
- This is once-in-a-career opportunity for many!



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58 The Pyramid of Parallel Programming Thousand-node systems with MPI-style programming, >100 TFLOPS, \$M, allocated machine time (programmers numbered in hundreds) Hundred-core systems with CUDA-style programming, 1-5 TFLOPS, \$K, machines widely availability (programmers numbered in 10s of thousands) Hundred-core systems with MatLab-style programming, 10-50 GFLOPS, \$K, machines widely available (programmers numbered in millions)

