



# Tiny GPU Cluster for Big Spatial Data: A Preliminary Performance Evaluation

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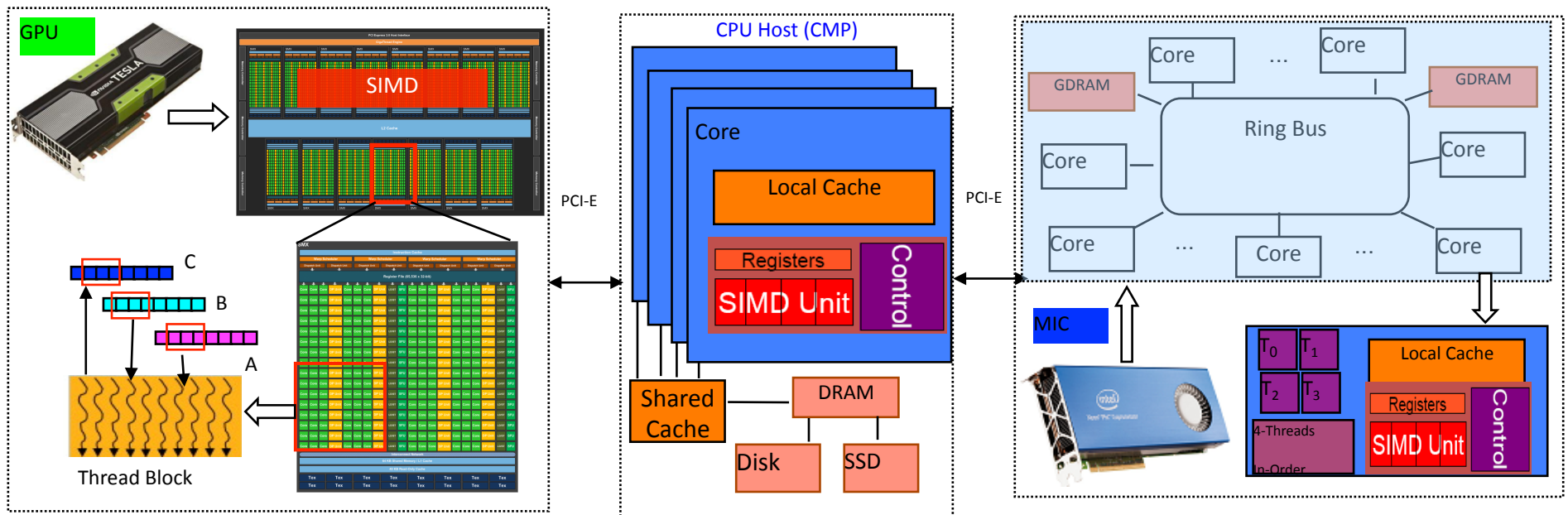
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- System Design, Implementation and Application
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# Parallel Computing – Hardware



16 Intel Sandy Bridge CPU cores+ 128GB RAM + 8TB disk + GTX TITAN + Xeon Phi 3120A ~ \$9994 (Jan. 2014)

# Parallel Computing – GPU



ASCI Red: 1997 First 1 Teraflops (sustained) system with 9298 Intel Pentium II Xeon processors (in 72 Cabinets)

Location	Sandia National Laboratories, United States
Power	850 kW
Operating system	Cougar / Linux
Space	1,600 sq ft (150 m <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>[3]</sup>
Memory	1212 gigabytes
Speed	1.3 teraflops (peak) <sup>[1]</sup>
Ranking	TOP500: 1, June 2000 <sup>[4]</sup>

EVGA GeForce GTX TITAN X 12 GB  
GDDR5 384bit, PCI-E 3.0 DVI-I, 3 x DP, HDMI, SLI, HDCP, G-SYNC  
Ready Graphics Card 12G-P4-2990-KR

by EVGA

★★★★☆ 51 customer reviews

| 22 answered questions

Price: \$999.99 Prime



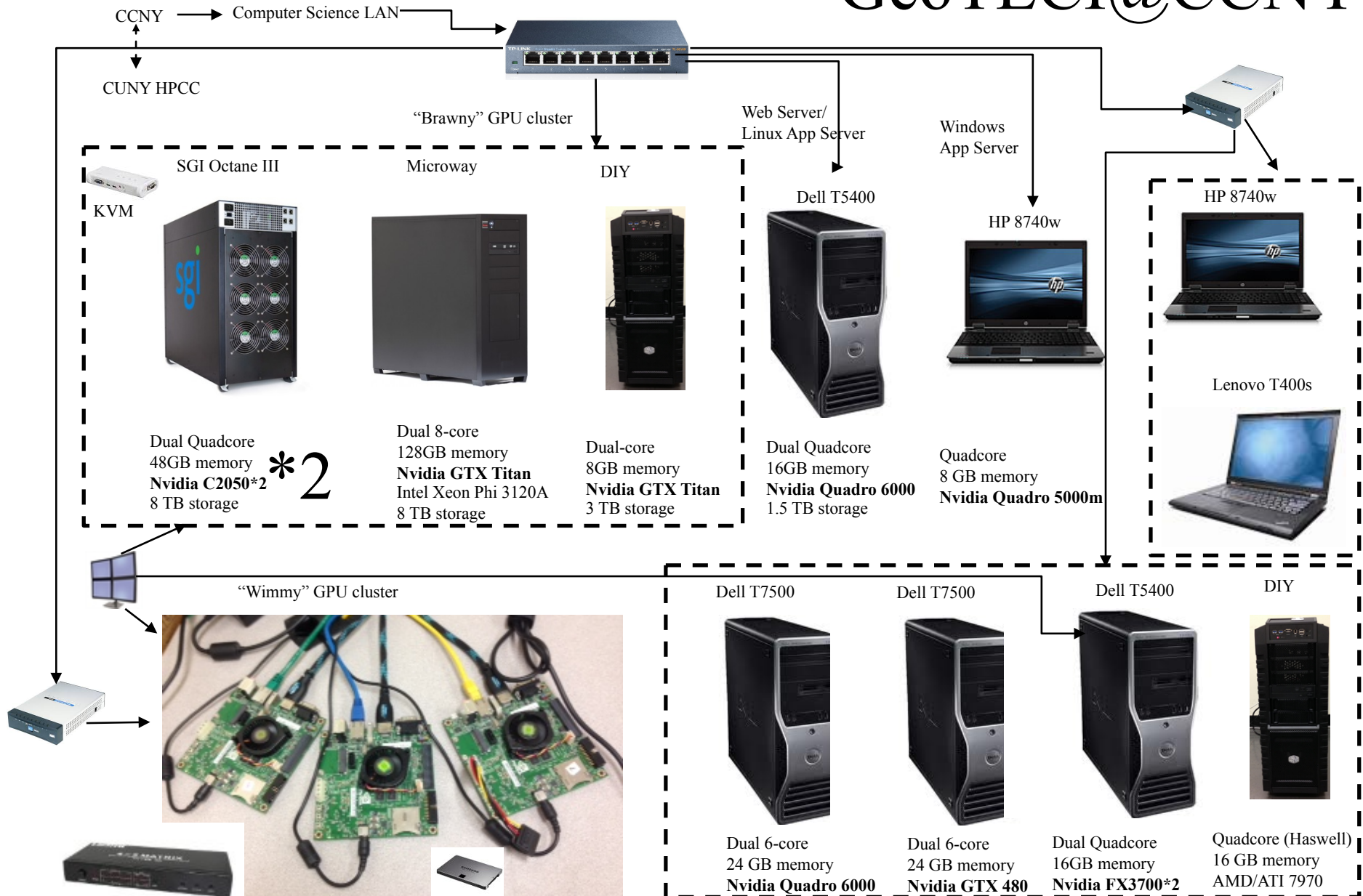
- March 2015
- 8 billion transistors
- 3,072 processors/12 GB mem
- 7 TFLOPS SP (GTX TITAN 1.3 TFLOPS DP)
- Max bandwidth 336.5 GB/s
- PCI-E peripheral device
- 250 W
- Suggested retail price: \$999

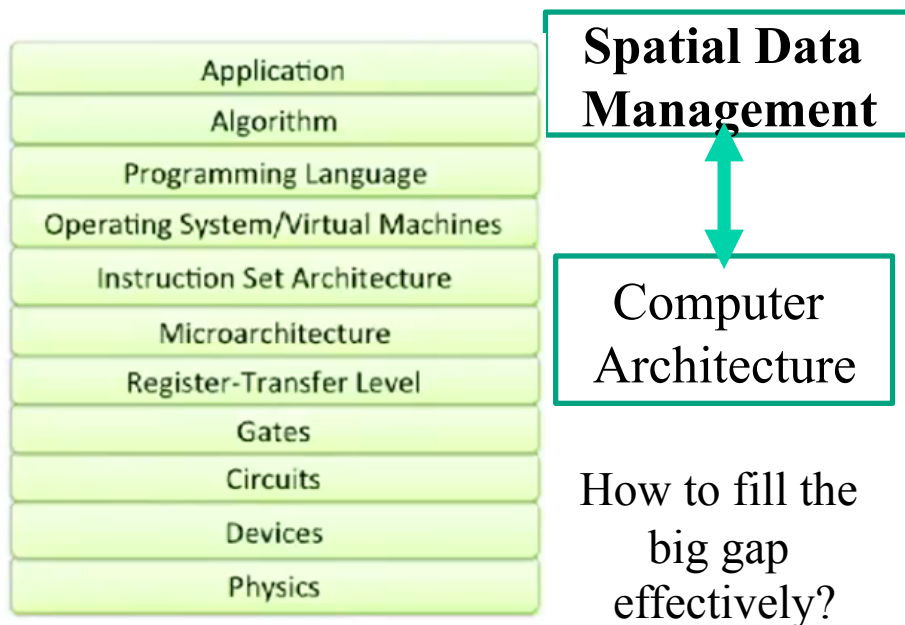
**What can we do today using a device that is more powerful than ASCI Red 19 years ago?**



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How to fill the  
big gap  
effectively?

David Wentzlaff, “Computer Architecture”,  
Princeton University Course on Coursea

# Hardware Killed the Software Star

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## Heterogeneous Computing

- To maximize performance per watt, use best match for the job (heterogeneity)



From Blade to PC to Supercomputers

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Heterogeneous Supercomputing in Blue Waters

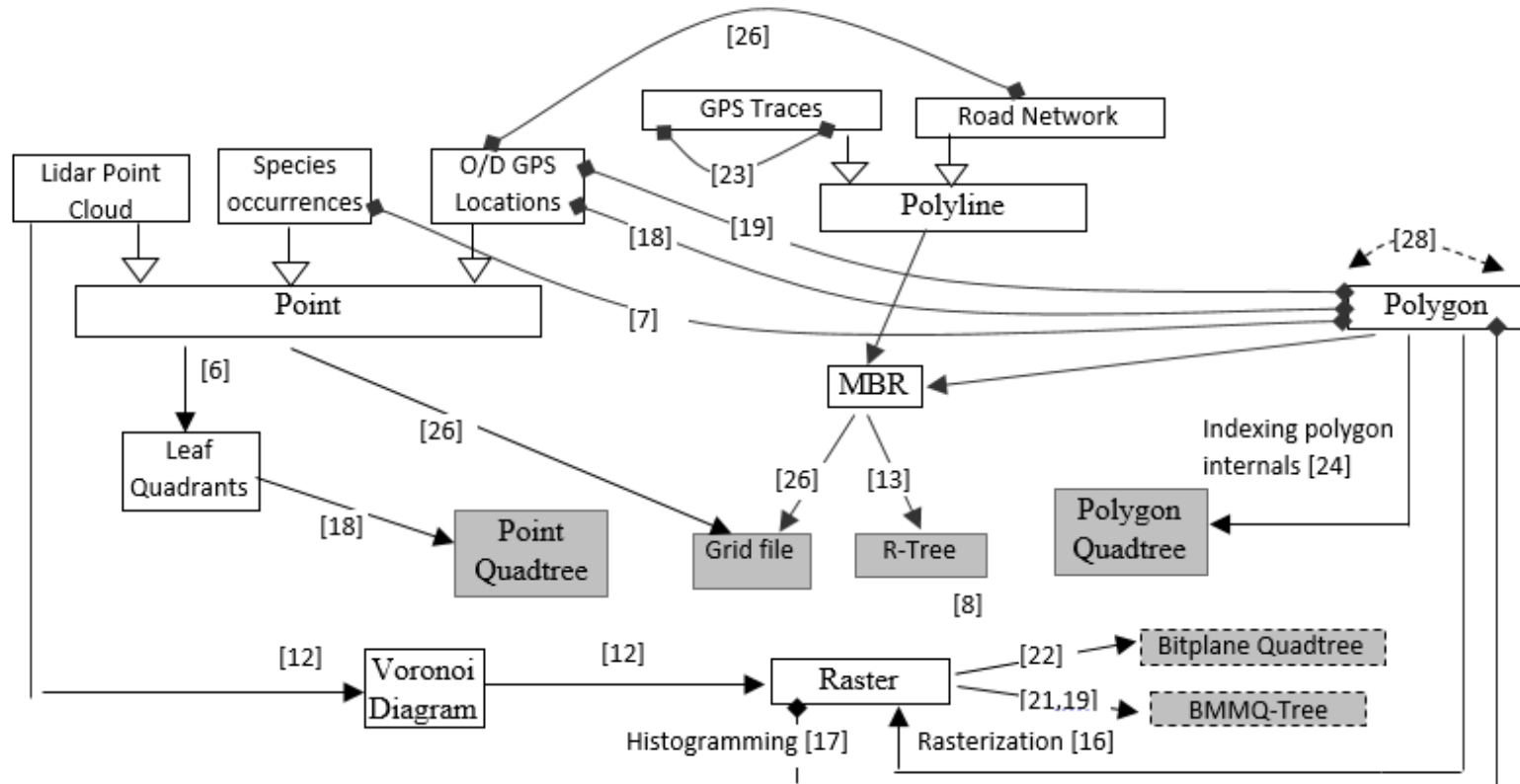
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Scalable and portable software lasts through  
many hardware generations

*Scalable algorithms and libraries can  
be the best legacy we can leave behind  
from this era*

Large-Scale Spatial Data Processing on GPUs and GPU-Accelerated Clusters  
ACM SIGSPATIAL Special (doi:10.1145/2766196.2766201 )



# Distributed Spatial Join Techniques

- **SpatialSpark** (CloudDM'15)
- ISP-MC (CloudDM'15), ISP-MC+ and ISP-GPU (HardBD'15)
- LDE-MC+ and **IDE-GPU** (BigData Congress'15)

# Background and Motivation

- Issue #1: Limited access to **reconfigurable** HPC resources for Big Data **research**





# Background and Motivation

- Issue #2: **architectural limitations** of Hadoop-based systems for large-scale spatial data processing

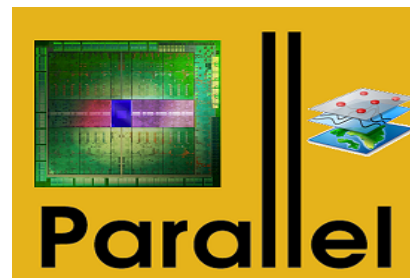
Hadoop-GIS  
*Spatial Big Data Solutions*

<https://sites.google.com/site/hadoopgis/>



**SpatialSpark: Big Spatial  
Data Process using Spark**

<http://simin.me/projects/spatialspark/>

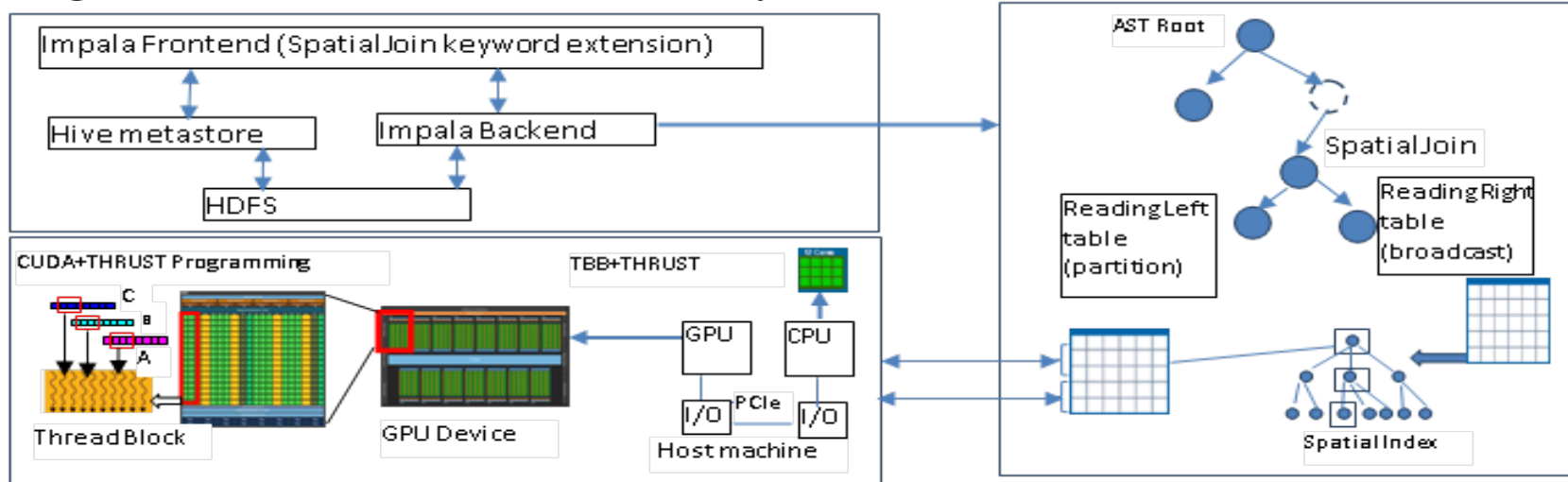


<http://spatialhadoop.cs.umn.edu/>

		WS	EC2-10	EC2-8	EC2-6
<i>taxi-nycb</i>	HadoopGIS	-	-	-	-
	SpatialHadoop	3,327	2,361	2,472	3,349
	SpatialSpark	3,098	813	-	-
<i>edge-linearwater</i>	HadoopGIS	-	-	-	-
	SpatialHadoop	14,135	5,695	8,043	9,678
	SpatialSpark	4,481	1,119	-	-

# Background and Motivation

- Issue #3: **SIMD computing power** is available for free for Big Data –use as much as you can

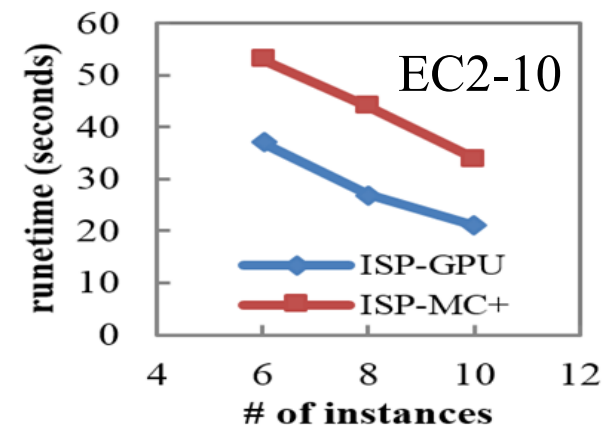


ISP: Big Spatial Data Processing On Impala Using Multicore CPUs and GPUs (HardBD'15)  
 Recently open sourced at: <http://geoteci.engr.ccny.cuny.edu/isp/>

WS	ISP-GPU	GPU-Standalone
taxi-nycb (s)	96	50

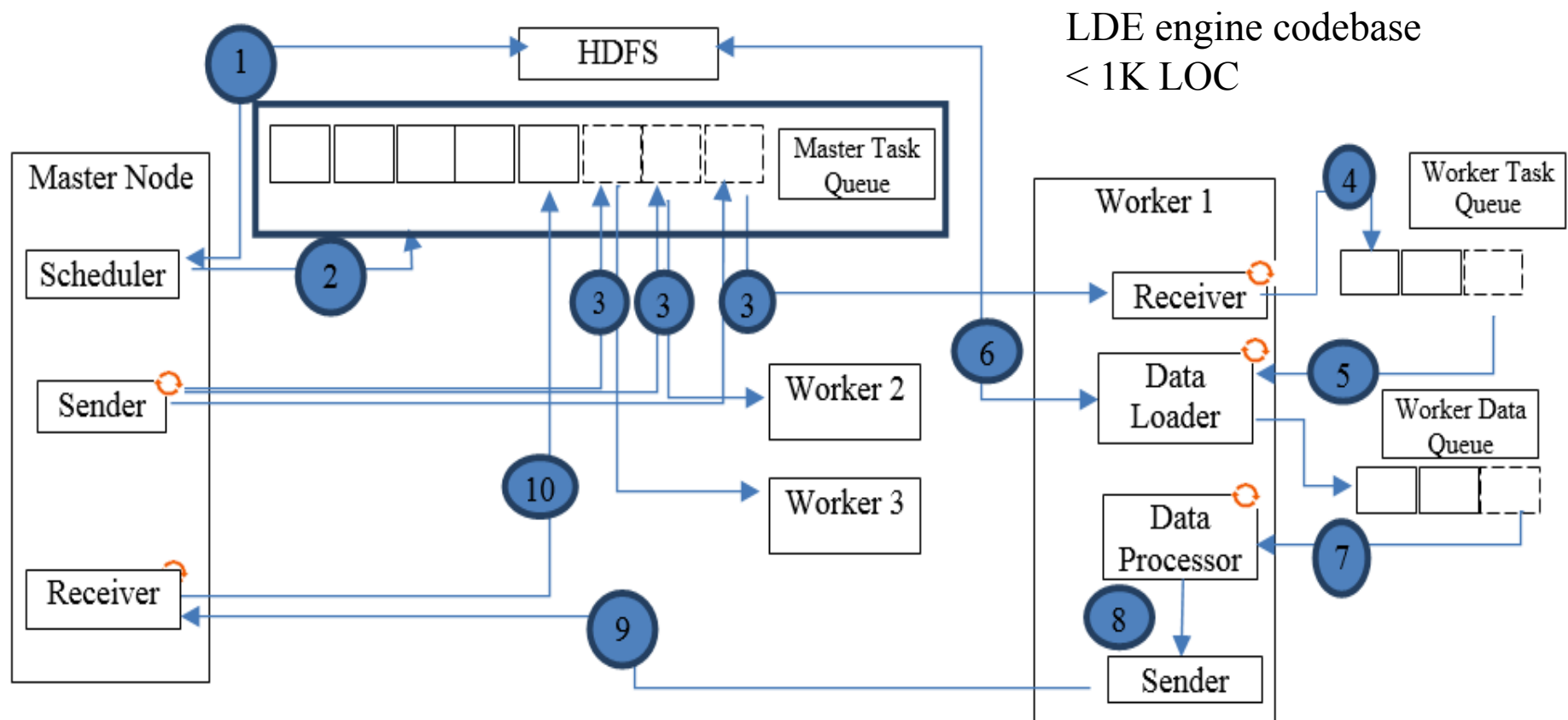
  

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- Issue #4: **lightweight** distributed runtime library for spatial Big Data processing **research**



Lightweight Distributed Execution Engine for Large-Scale Spatial Join Query Processing  
(IEEE Big Data Congress'15)

# System Design and Implementation

Basic Idea:

- Use GPU-accelerated SoCs as down-scaled high-performance Clusters
- The **network bandwidth to compute ratio** is much higher than regular clusters
- Advantages: **low cost and easily configurable**
- Nvidia TK1 SoC: 4 ARM CPU cores+192 Kepler GPU cores (\$193)

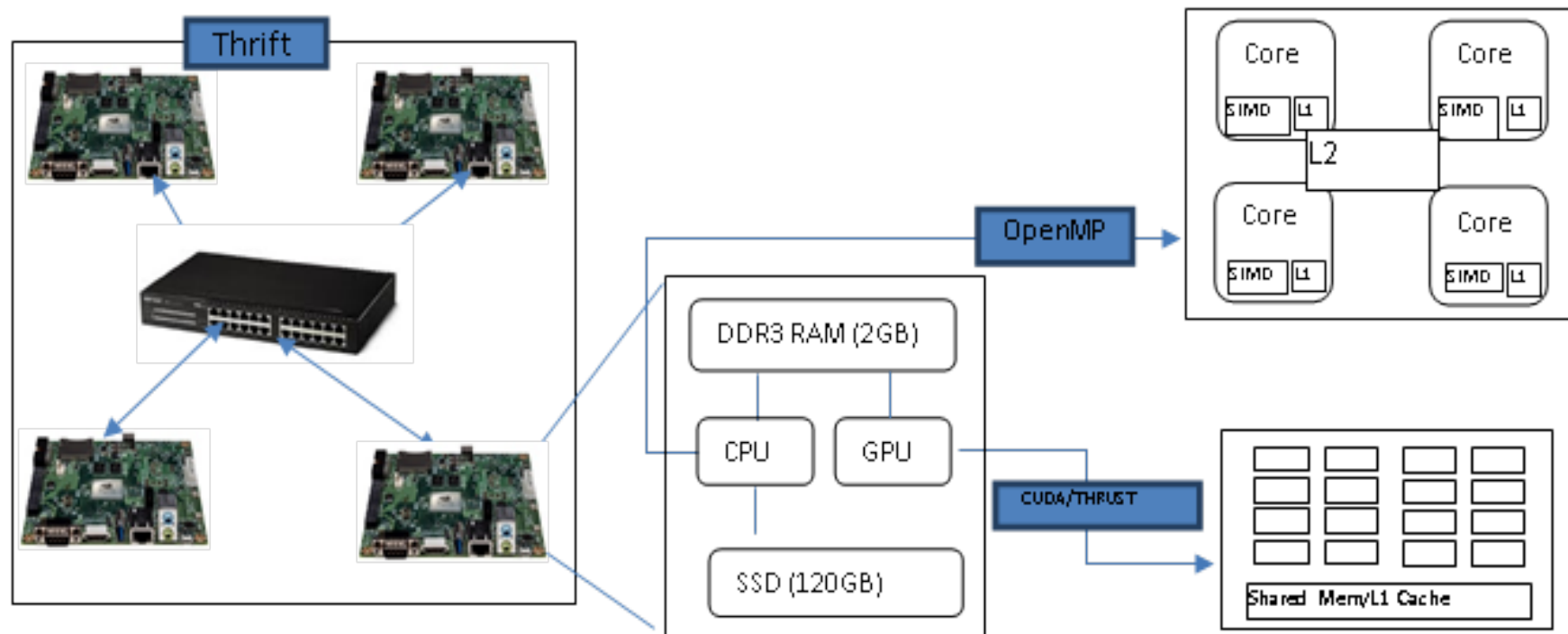
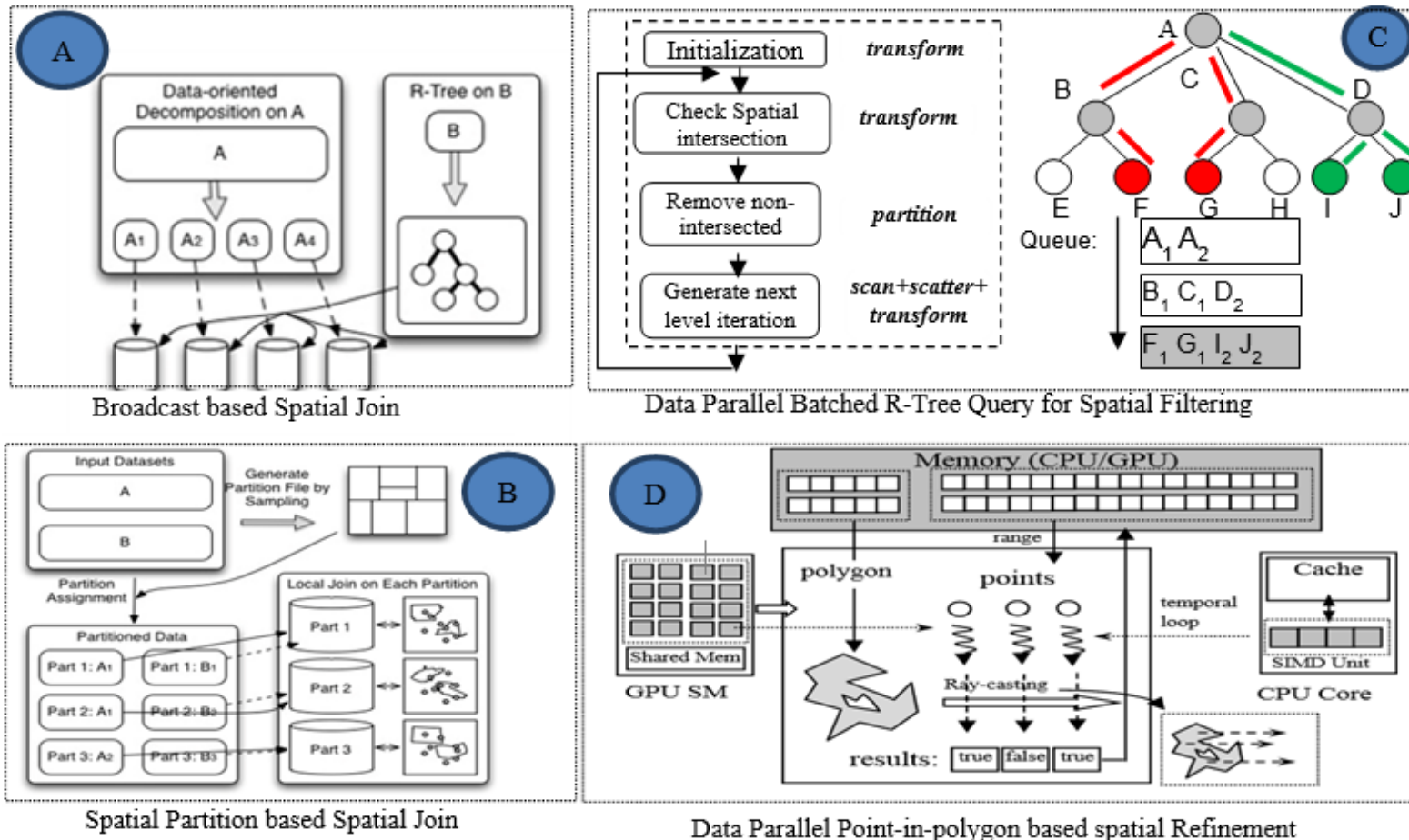


Fig. 1 Hardware Configuration and Software Stacks of a 4-node Tiny GPU Cluster

# System Design and Implementation



## Light Weight Distributed Execution Engine

- **Asynchronous** network communication, disk I/O and computing
- Using **native parallel programming tools** for local processing



# Experiments and Results

## Taxi-NYCB experiment

- 170 million taxi trips in NYC in 2013 (pickup locations as points)
- 38,794 census blocks (as polygons); average # of vertices per polygon ~9

## g10m-wwf experiment

- ~10 million global species occurrence records (locations as points)
- 14,458 ecoregions (as polygons); average # of vertices per polygon 279

## g50m-wwf experiment

## “Brawny” configurations for Comparisons



- Dual 8-core Sandy Bridge CPU (2.60G)
- 128GB memory
- Nvidia GTX Titan (6GB, 2688 cores)

<http://aws.amazon.com/ec2/instance-types/>

GPU	Model	GPUs	vCPU	Mem (GiB)	SSD
					Storage (GB)
G2	g2.2xlarge	1	8	15	1 x 60
	g2.8xlarge	4	32	60	2 x 120

# Experiments and Results

Experiment	Setting	standalone	1-node	2-node	4-node
taxi-nycb	LDE-MC	18.6	27.1	15.0	11.7
	LDE-GPU	18.5	26.3	17.7	10.2
	SpatialSpark	-	179.3	95.0	70.5
g10m-wwf	LDE-MC	1029.5	1290.2	653.6	412.9
	LDE-GPU	941.9	765.9	568.6	309.7

# Experiments and Results

**g50m-wwf** (more computing bound)

	T K 1 - Standalone	TK1-4 Node	Workstation - Standalone	EC2-4 Node
<b>CPU Spec.</b> (per node)	ARM A15 2.34 GHZ 4 Cores 2 GB DDR3		Intel SB 2.6 GHZ 16 cores 128 GB DDR3	Intel SB 2.6 GHZ 8 cores (virtual) 15 GB DDR3
<b>GPU Spec.</b> (per node)	192 Cores 2GB DDR3		2,688 cores 6 GB GDDR5	1,536 cores 4 GB GDDR5
<b>Runtime (s) – MC</b>	4478	1908	350	334
<b>Runtime (s) – GPU</b>	4199	1523	174	105

# Experiments and Results

## CPU computing:

- TK1 SoC~10W, 8-core CPU ~95W
- Workstation Standalone vs. TK1-standalone: 12.8X faster; consumes 19X more power
- EC2-4 nodes vs. TK1-4 nodes: 5.7X faster; consumes 9.5X more power

## •GPU computing:

- Workstation Standalone vs. TK1-standalone: 24X faster; 14X more CUDA cores
- EC2-4 nodes vs. TK1-4 nodes: 14X faster; 8X more CUDA cores

# Summary and Future Work



- We propose to develop a low-cost prototype research cluster made of Nvidia TK1 SoC boards and we evaluate the performance of the tiny GPU cluster for spatial join query processing on large-scale geospatial data.
- Using a simplified model, the results seem to suggest that the ARM CPU of the TK1 board is likely to achieve better energy efficiency while the Nvidia GPU of the TK1 board is less performant when compared with desktop/server grade GPUs, in both the standalone setting and the 4-node cluster setting for the two particular applications.



- Develop a formal method to model the scaling effect between SoC-based clusters and regular clusters, not only including processors but also memory, disk and network components.
- Evaluate the performance of SpatialSpark and the LDE engine using more real world geospatial datasets and applications → Spatial Data Benchmark?





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