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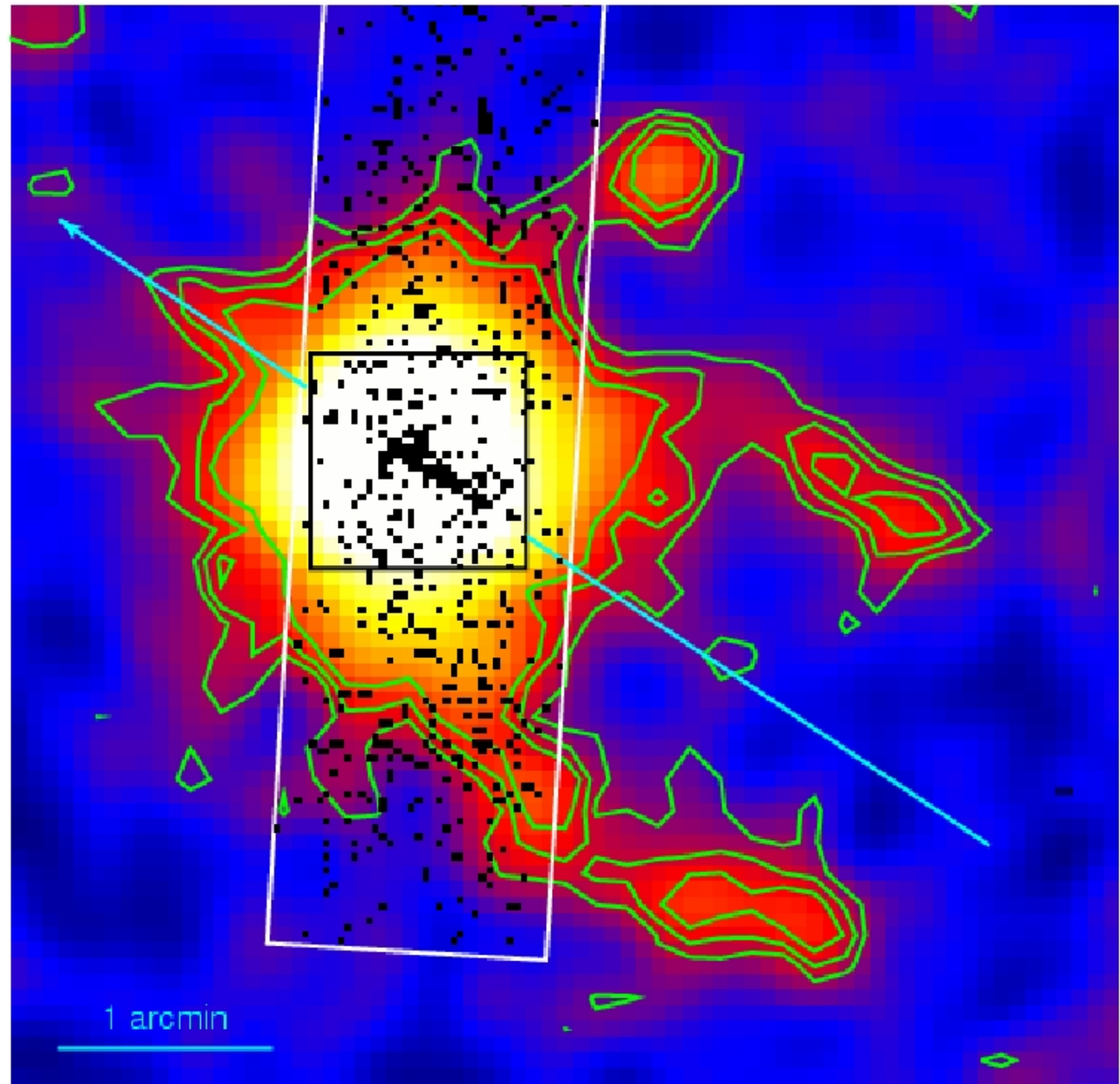
# Company profile And Power8 vs x86 Comparison

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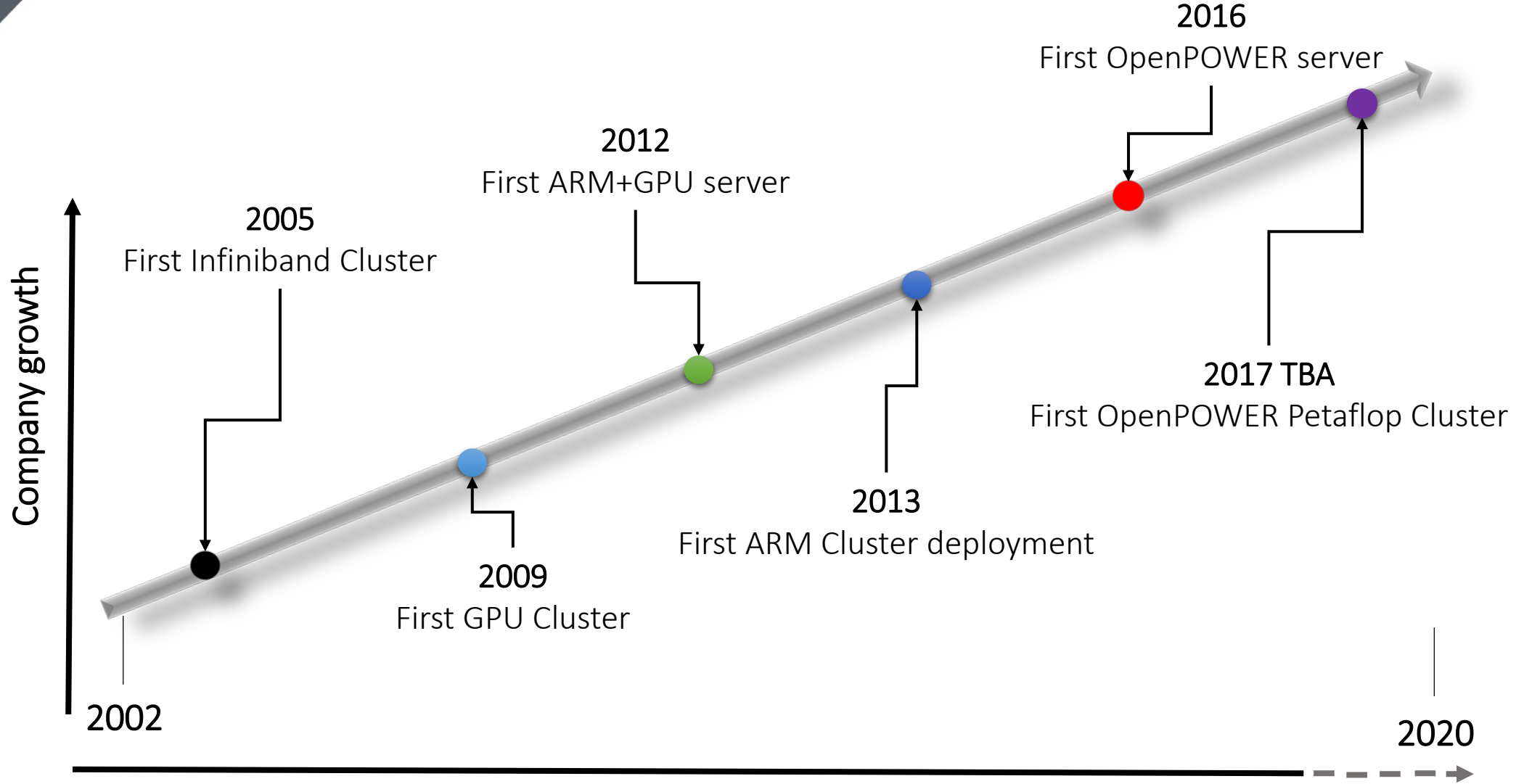


## THE COMPANY

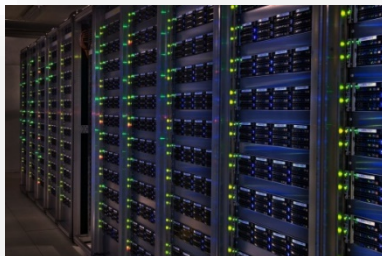
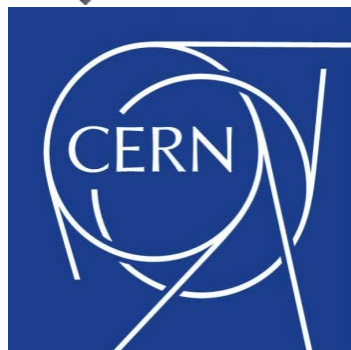
Since 2002, E4 Computer Engineering has been innovating and actively encouraging the adoption of new computing and storage technologies. Because new ideas are so important, we invest heavily in research and hence in our future. Thanks to our comprehensive range of hardware, software and services, we are able to offer our customers complete solutions for their most demanding workloads on: HPC, Big-Data, AI, Deep Learning, Data Analytics, Cognitive Computing and for any challenging Storage and Computing requirements.

**E4. When Performance Matters.**

# COMPANY MILESTONES







REQUIREMENTS	High density computational nodes Big data storage
CHALLENGES	Delivering standard commodity hardware Providing high performances combined with energy efficiency Ensuring very low failure rate
SOLUTION	5.600+ dual socket mainboards (61.000+ cores) 35.000+ enterprise class hard disks (100PB Storage)
APPLICATION	Grid Computing



CHALLENGES	Delivering standard commodity hardware Providing combo of high performances & energy efficiency Ensuring very low failure rate
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SOLUTION	12PB high performance storage (CNAF) 5PB direct attached storage (Alice – CMS) 4.500 server dual socket (~ 40k computing cores) Several GPU systems 4h intervention times
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APPLICATION	Grid Computing
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# WHAT WE DO

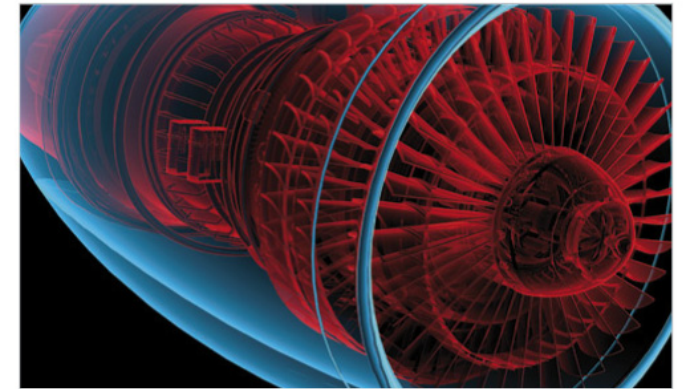
E4 COMPANY PILLARS



HARDWARE PRODUCTS



EXTREME COMPUTING SOLUTIONS



R&D PROTOTYPING

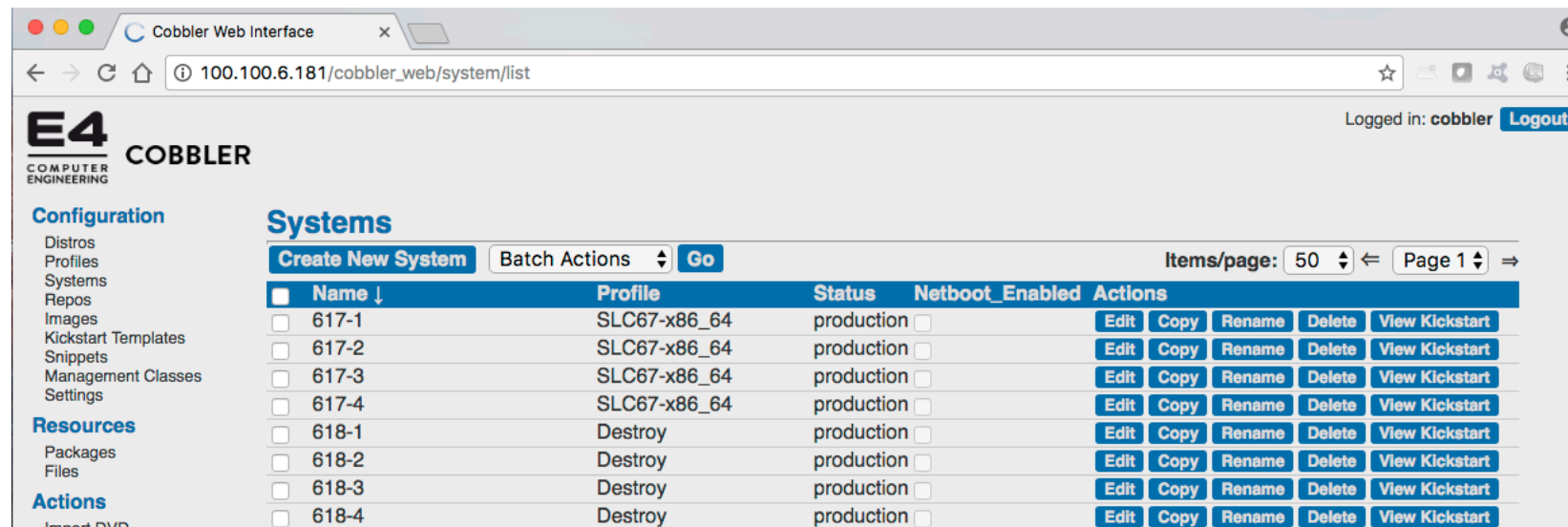
# HIGH AUTOMATION FOR PRODUCTION

Our production takes place through high automation tools for installation, configuration and quality control.

I.E. over 2016 there have been two major CERN productions where we have manufactured ~ 2300 servers and 200 JBOD.

The software tools adopted are Open Source: Cobbler – Puppet – Nagios – Bugzilla – Wiki.

We internally support the “E4tools” application development for quality control.



The screenshot shows the Cobbler Web Interface in a web browser. The browser address bar displays '100.100.6.181/cobbler\_web/system/list'. The page header includes the 'E4 COBBLER' logo and a 'Logged in: cobbler' status with a 'Logout' button. The left sidebar contains navigation links for 'Configuration' (Distro, Profiles, Systems, Repos, Images, Kickstart Templates, Snippets, Management Classes, Settings), 'Resources' (Packages, Files), and 'Actions' (Import DVD). The main content area is titled 'Systems' and features a table of system profiles. Above the table are buttons for 'Create New System', 'Batch Actions', and a 'Go' button. The table has columns for 'Name', 'Profile', 'Status', 'Netboot\_Enabled', and 'Actions'. The 'Actions' column contains buttons for 'Edit', 'Copy', 'Rename', 'Delete', and 'View Kickstart'. The table lists several systems, including '617-1' through '618-4', with profiles like 'SLC67-x86\_64' and 'Destroy'. The 'Status' column shows 'production' for most systems. The 'Netboot\_Enabled' column has checkboxes. The 'Items/page' is set to 50, and it's 'Page 1' of 1.

Name	Profile	Status	Netboot_Enabled	Actions
617-1	SLC67-x86_64	production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit Copy Rename Delete View Kickstart
617-2	SLC67-x86_64	production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit Copy Rename Delete View Kickstart
617-3	SLC67-x86_64	production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit Copy Rename Delete View Kickstart
617-4	SLC67-x86_64	production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit Copy Rename Delete View Kickstart
618-1	Destroy	production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit Copy Rename Delete View Kickstart
618-2	Destroy	production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit Copy Rename Delete View Kickstart
618-3	Destroy	production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit Copy Rename Delete View Kickstart
618-4	Destroy	production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edit Copy Rename Delete View Kickstart

# Server Quality

## E4 TOOLS

A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE FOR SYSTEMS' SET-UP AUTOMATION AND HOMOGENEITY CHECKS

FIRMWARES' CHECKS,  
UPGRADE,  
CONFIGURATION

SETUP CHECKS

HOMOGENEITY CHECKS

SANITY CHECKS

PERFORMANCE CHECKS

DETAILED REPORTS

HARDWARE CATALOG,  
PERFORMANCE REPORT,  
ERROR REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT FOR  
EACH MACHINE  
PRODUCED



## New R&D LAB

- 30 m<sup>2</sup>
- temperature 27/30°C
- 6 x Rack 19'
- 4 x Chiller 22 kw
- Active Power available ~100 kw
- Gestione Hardware via OpenDCIM open source SW



# R&D CURRENT ACTIVITIES

**LU·M·Ξ·A**

Lustre Appliance Made Easy

**OpenPower**

HPC cluster

**ARM**

HPC cluster

SOLUTIONS DEVELOPMENT

**HPC**  
**Opensuite 2.0**

**Long Term Data  
Preservation**

From bit to software  
environment protection

RESEARCH  
analysis, technologies, measurements...

**IEEL**

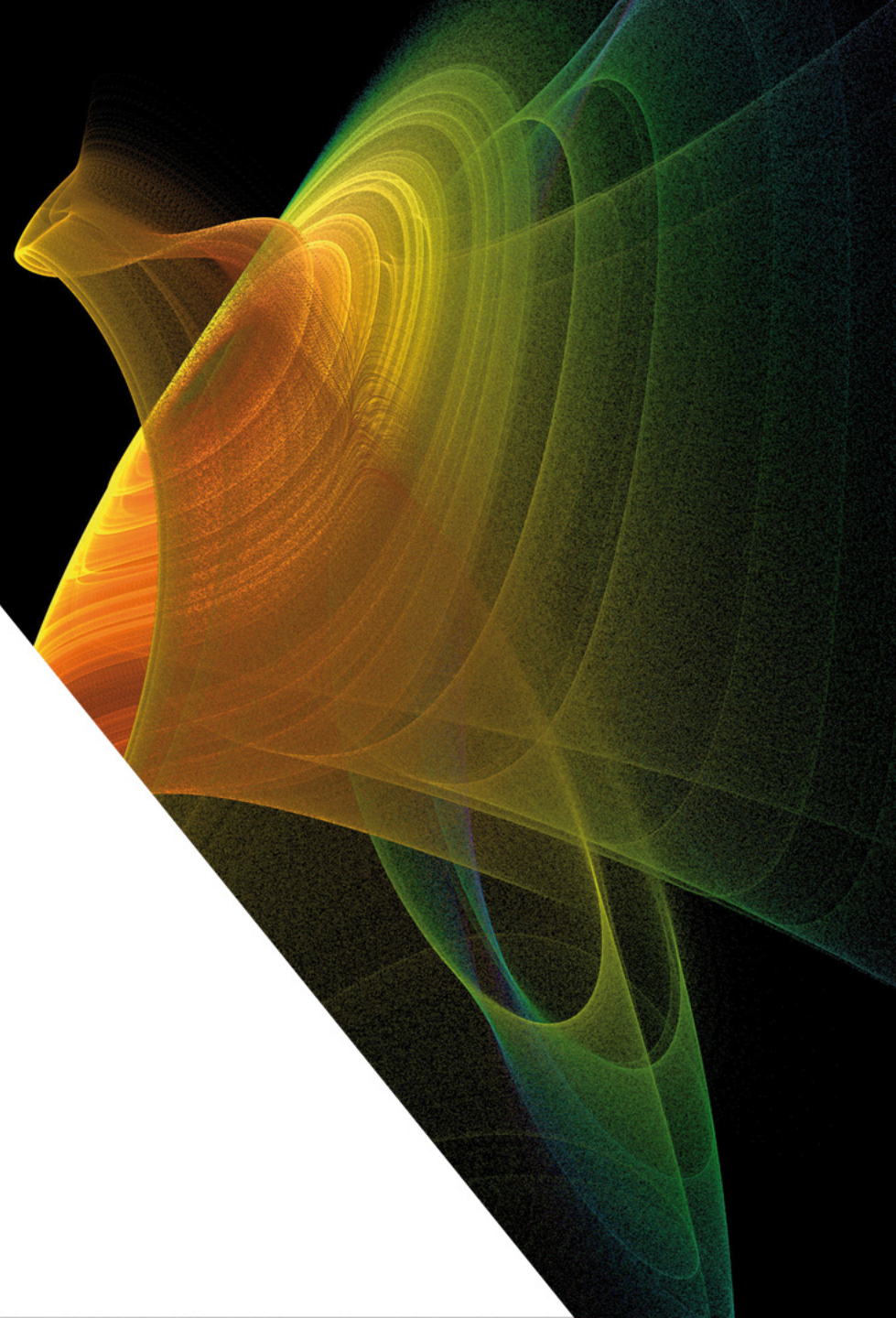
Plug-in for DotHill storages

**E4TOOLS**

Tools for automation of production  
and R&D assistance

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

# OUR SOLUTIONS







lustre®



IBM  
**Spectrum**  
Scale



**SPECTRA**



**DDN**  
STORAGE



**panasas**

We are able to provide solutions with Parallel Filesystem and hierarchical storage on tape library

# HPC Open Suite

# E4 HPC Open Suite - THE PERFECT CLUSTER RECIPE

HPC clusters coupled with different management suites, starting from a collection of open source tools up to enterprise management solutions. E4 HPC clusters are supplied by default with E4's HPC OPEN SUITE

NODE PROVISIONING  
INSTALLATION  
CONFIGURATION  
BARE METAL REINSTALL

NETWORK SETUP  
 NETWORK SERVICES  
 STORAGE

USER MANAGEMENT  
RESOURCE/ QUEUE  
MANAGER

## IN-BAND AND OUT-OF-BAND MANAGEMENT

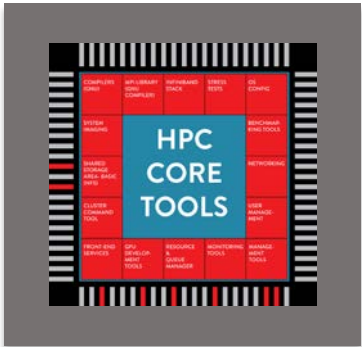
# CLUSTER COMMAND TOOLS

## MONITORING AND ALERTING

## POWER MANAGEMENT

# DEVELOPMENT TOOLS DEBUGGING / PROFILING TOOLS

# BENCHMARKING TOOLS CERTIFICATIONS





# Server Open Power8

## OpenPOWER SERVER OP205

FIRST POWER8 PROCESSOR-BASED SYSTEM IN ITALY AND EUROPE

### HIGHLIGHTS

- High performance Linux server
- Dual IBM POWER8 processor modules
- Dual NVIDIA GPU accelerators
- Incorporates Mellanox Scalable HPC
- Solutions with NVIDIA technology
- CAPI technology
- Supports up to 1 TB of 1333/1066 MHz DDR3L memory
- Flexible and modular I/O
- Up to 8 threads
- Max 230GBps per socket

### BENEFITS

- Full stack of tools for cluster management
- Cluster available for remote access
- Performance tuning services



**OP205**  
**A MOST POWERFUL CHOICE**

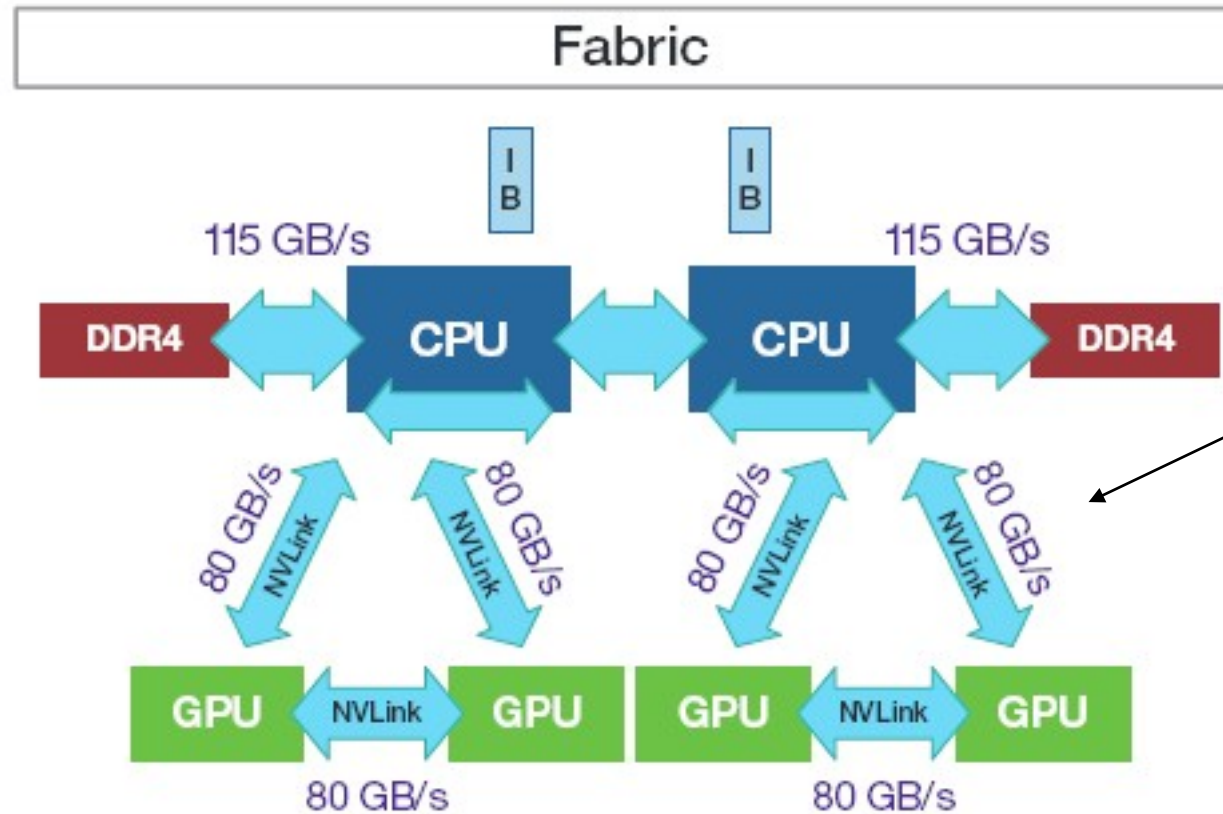
IDEAL APPLICATIONS:

3D RENDERING	BIOSCIENCES
HPC	CLOUD COMPUTING
OIL&GAS	BIG DATA
CHEMISTRY	VIRTUALIZATION
FINANCE	



# Forthcoming Open Power 8+

## OpenPOWER SERVER OP206



GPGPU-CPU NVLINK  
Available only for  
Power Architecture

**OpenPower8 2CPU 8core per CPU @ 3.8GHz, 512 GB RAM**

OS: CentOS 7.2.15.11 ppc64le Compiler: gcc 4.8.5

**Intel(R) Xeon(R) 2CPU E5-2697A v4 @ 2.60GHz, 128 GB RAM**

OS: CentOS 6.6 Compiler: gcc 4.4.7

- Test HEPspec @ 64 bit
- Needs to recompile hepspec and toolset

HEPSPEC is the test adopted in HEP community to addresses the common workload

<https://w3.hepik.org/benchmarks/doku.php>

<https://www.spec.org/>

**HEP SPEC**

444.namd  
447.dealII  
450.soplex  
453.povray  
471.omnetpp  
473.astar  
483.xalancbmk

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daniele.gregori — root@opower03:/opt/E4specCPU2006v1.2 — ssh root@100.100.3.5 — 117x
Installing FROM /opt/E4specCPU2006v1.2
Installing TO /opt/E4specCPU2006v1.2

Is this correct? (Please enter 'yes' or 'no')
yes

The following toolset is expected to work on your platform. If the
automatically installed one does not work, please re-run install.sh and
exclude that toolset using the '-e' switch.

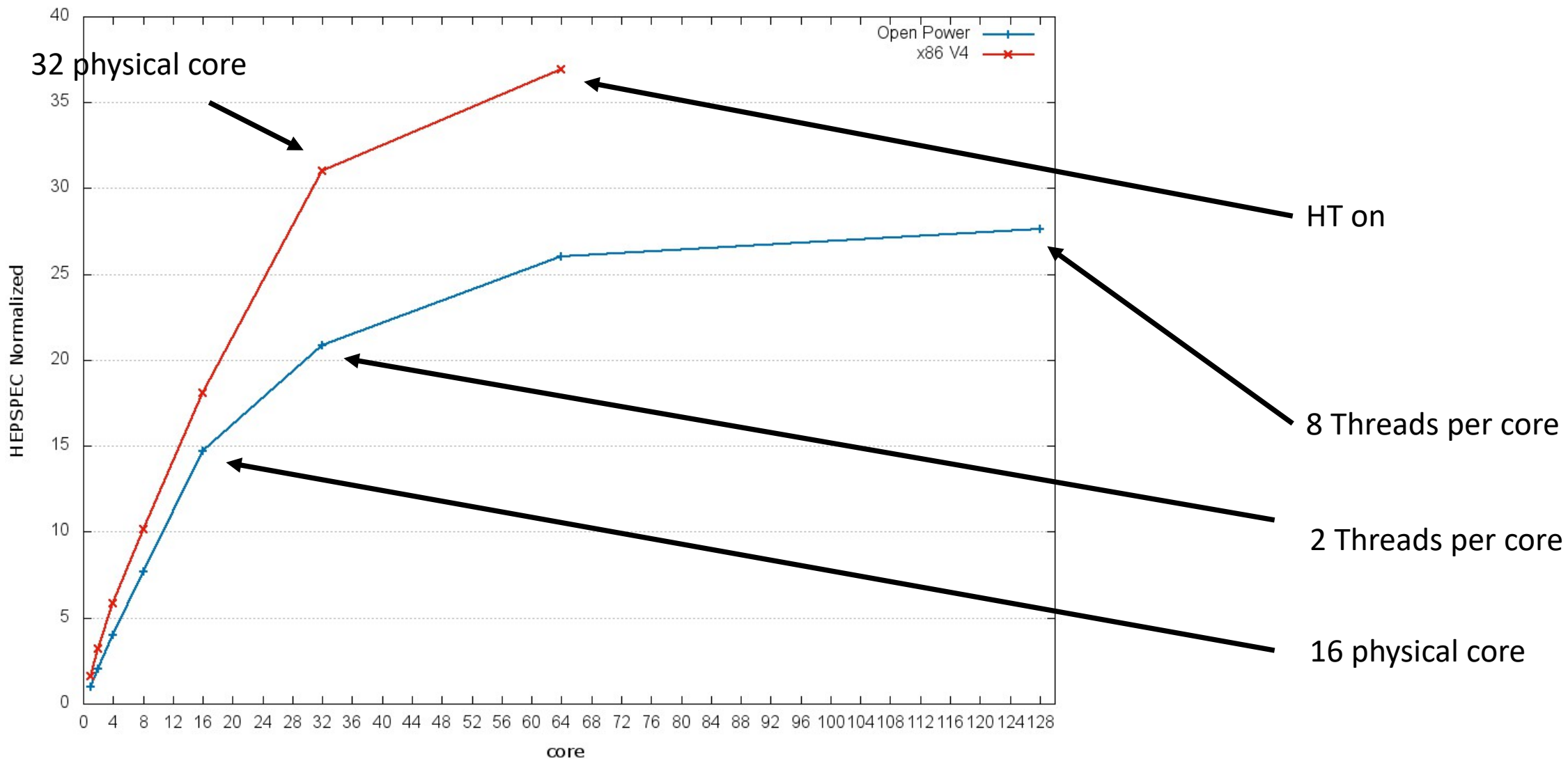
The toolset selected will not affect your benchmark scores.

ppc64le-linux          Come se fosse Antani arch

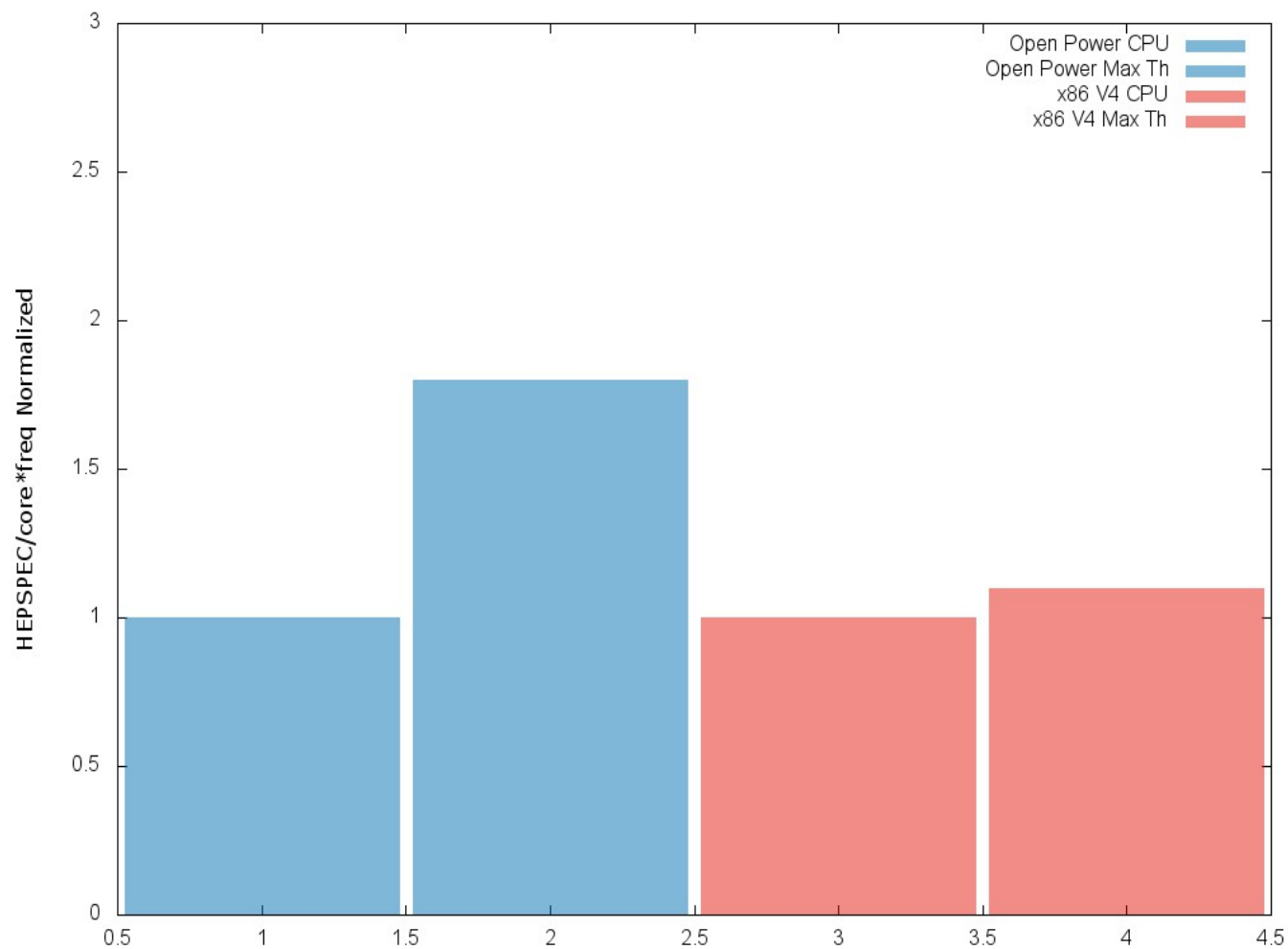
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Attempting to install the ppc64le-linux toolset...

Checking the integrity of your source tree...
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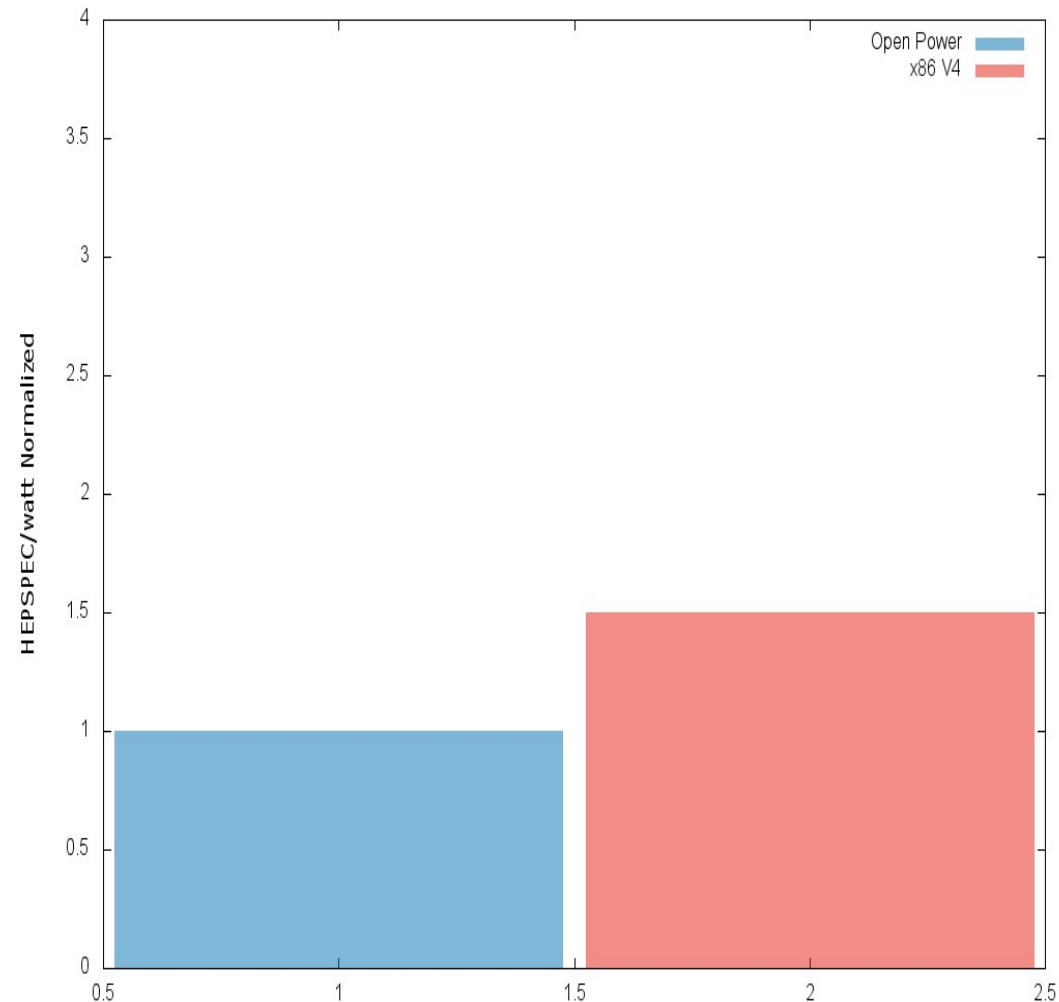
HEPSPEC per core: Open Power vs x86 V4 Normalized



HEPSPEC/(core\*freq) Normalized: Open Power vs x86 V4

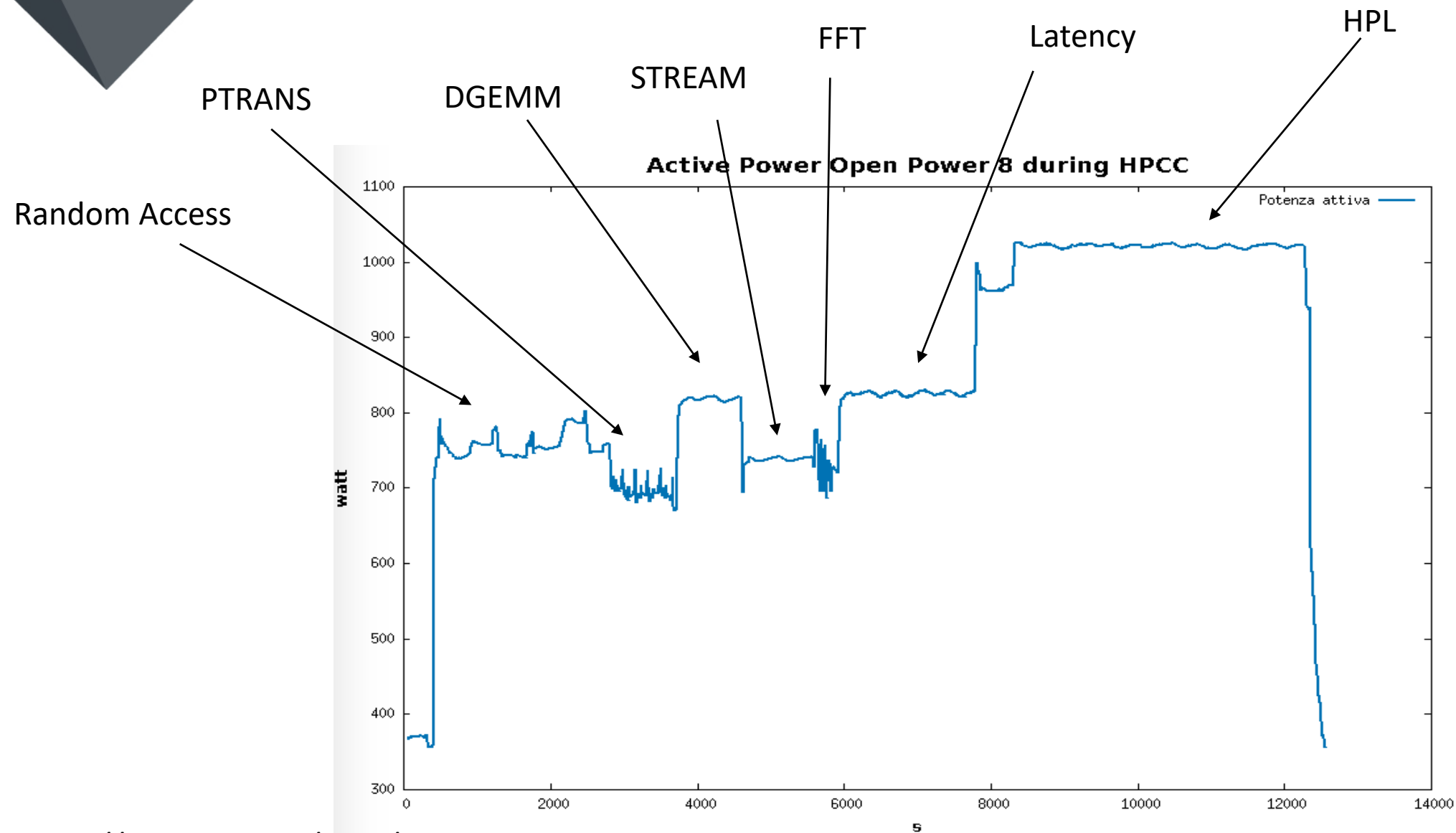


HEPSPEC/watt per max Threads Normalized: Open Power vs x86 V4





# HPC Challenge TEST



# STREAM TEST

Memory performance Benchmark: STREAM <http://www.cs.virginia.edu/stream/> + allocazione dinamica della memoria

COPY:  $a(i) = b(i)$

SCALE:  $a(i) = q * b(i)$

SUM:  $a(i) = b(i) + c(i)$

TRIAD:  $a(i) = b(i) + q * c(i)$

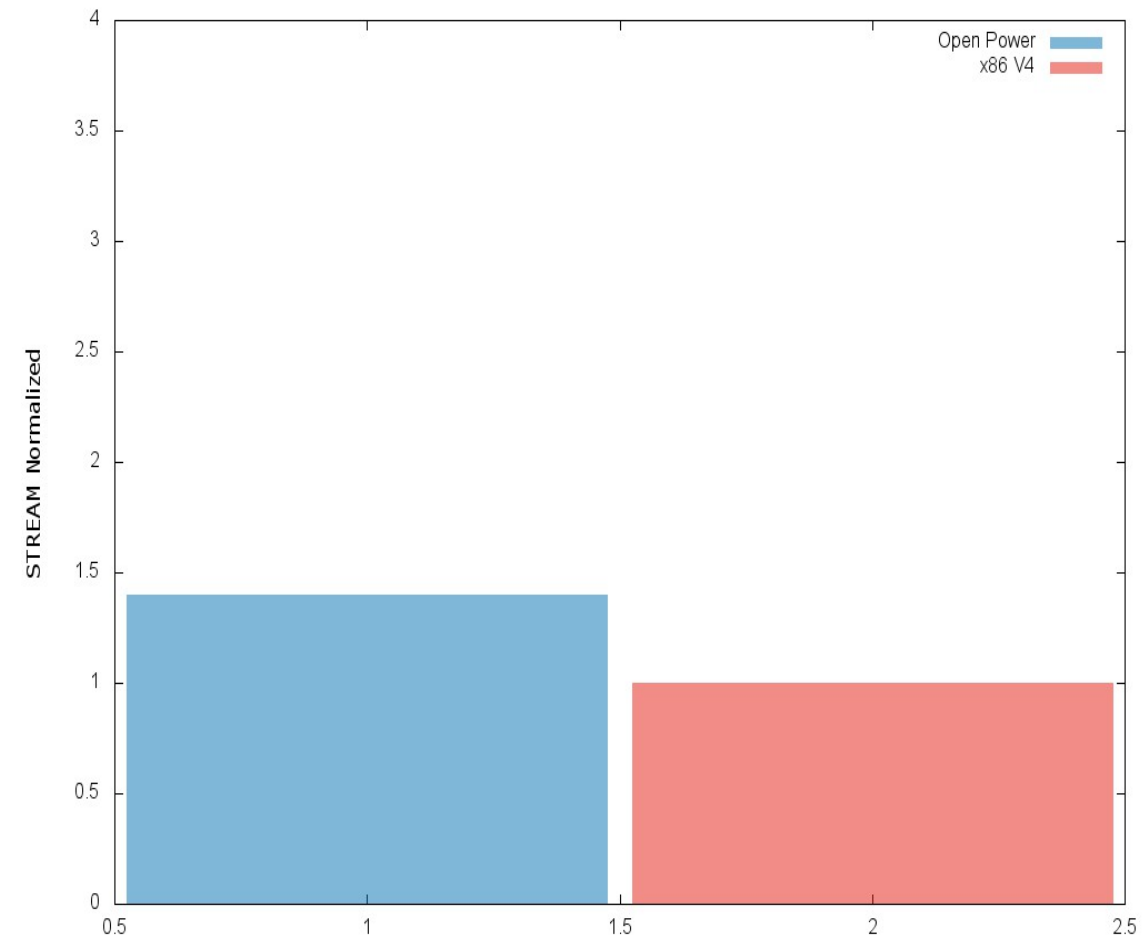
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STREAM Normalized: Open Power vs x86 V4



# Linpack TEST

<http://www.netlib.org/benchmark/hpl/>

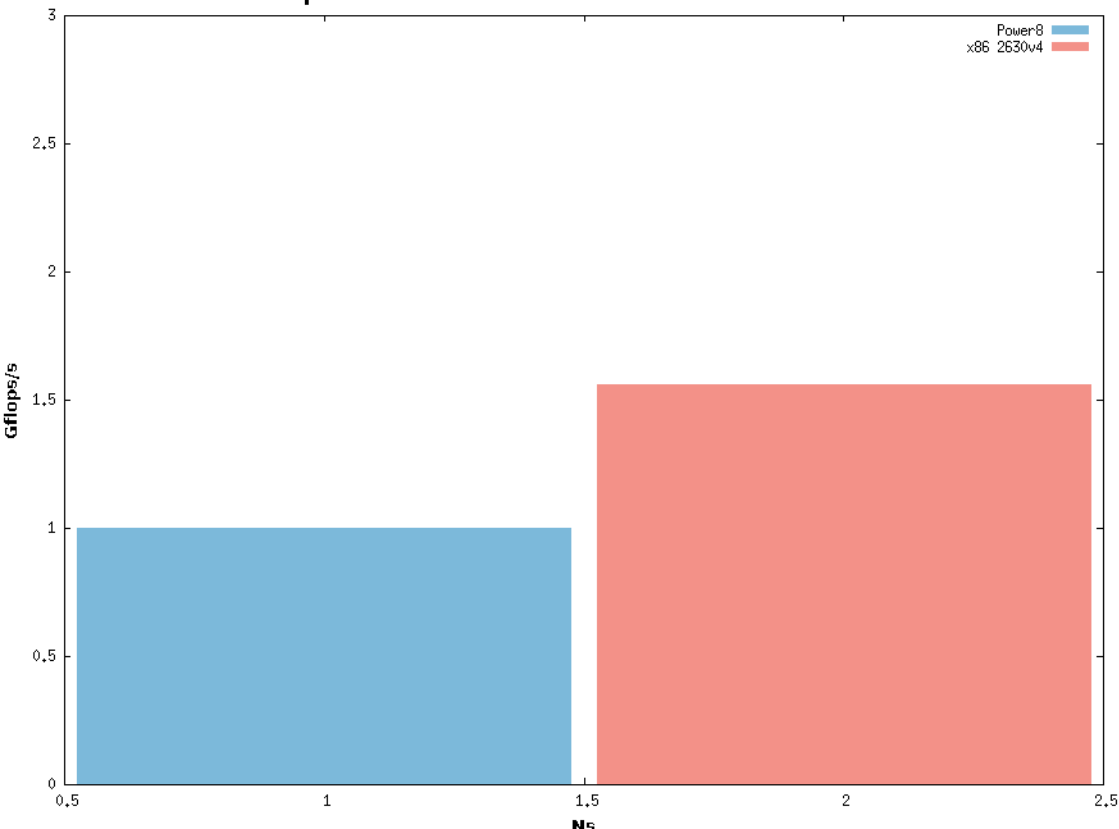
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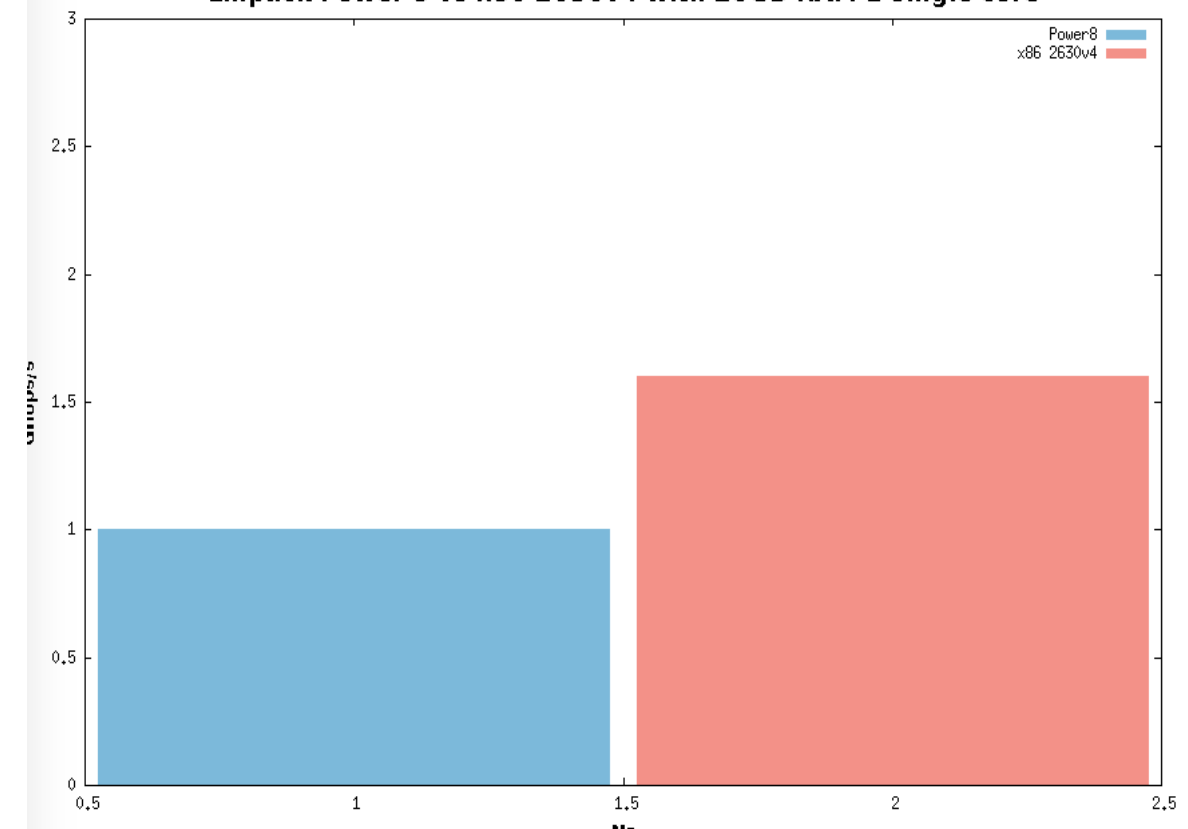
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OS: CentOS 7.2.1511 Compiler: Intel Parallel Studio 2017

Linpack Power 8 vs x86 2630v4 with 100GB RAM



Linpack Power 8 vs x86 2630v4 with 20GB RAM 1 single core



# More HPCC TEST Results

<http://www.netlib.org/benchmark/hpl/>

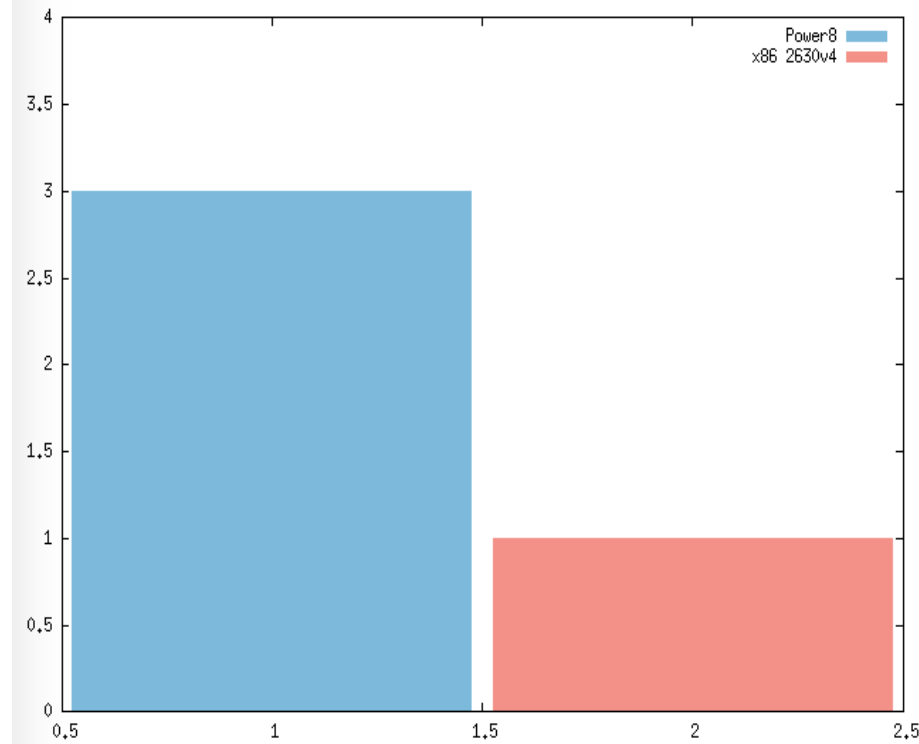
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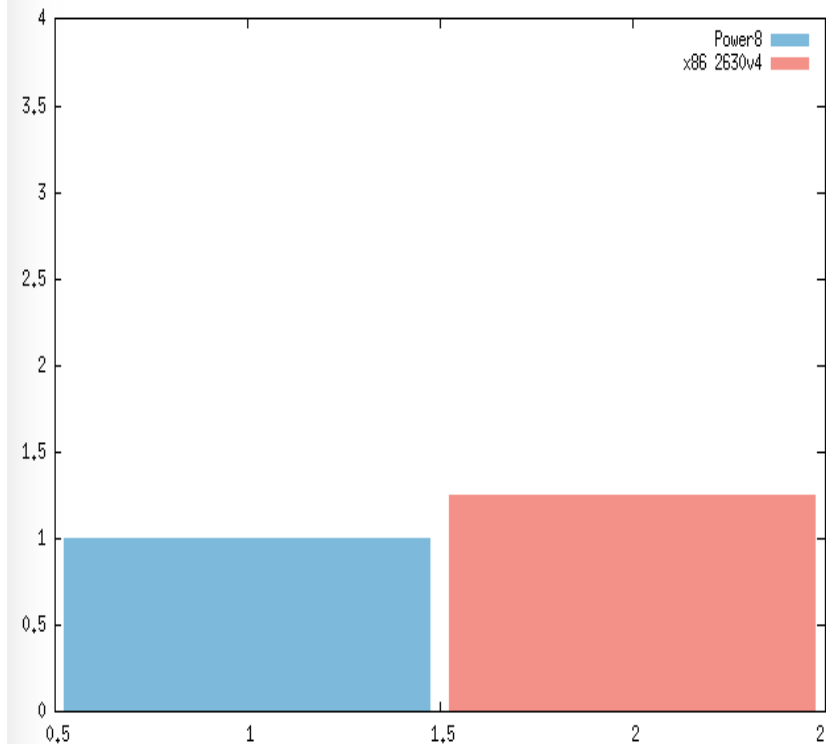
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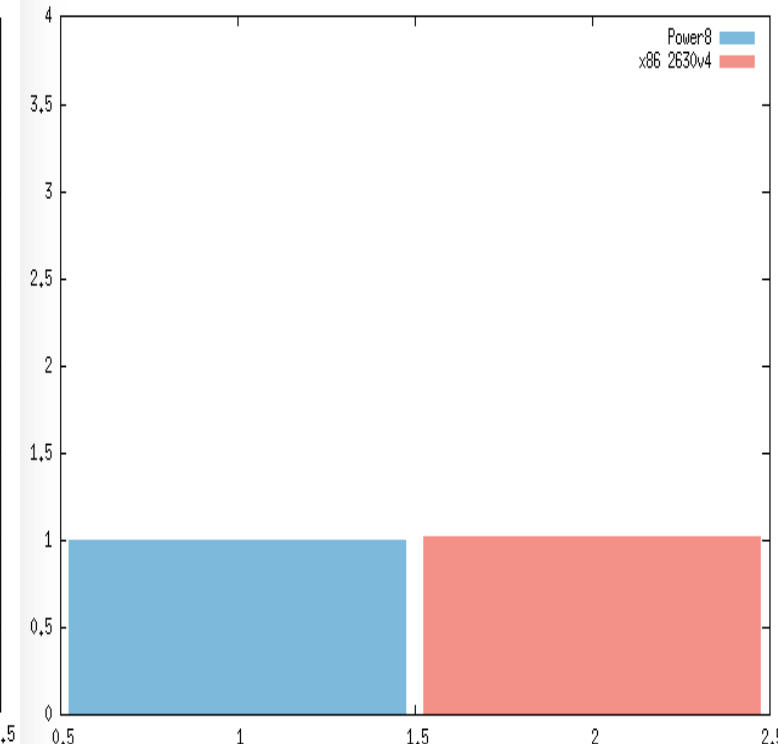
Star Random Access test with 200GB RAM



Star DGEMM test with 200GB RAM



Star FFT test with 200GB RAM



# D.A.V.I.D.E. SUPERCOMPUTER

## PRACE Awards Third and Final Phase of Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP)

After successfully completing phase II, during phase III, E4 proposed an innovative design that makes avail of the most advanced technologies, to produce a leading edge HPC cluster showing higher performance, reduced power consumption and <http://aec-analisi-calcolo.it/notizie/278-italia-protagonista-dell'innovazione-grazie-e4-com/> ease of use.

- RESEARCH and PRODUCTION PROJECT
- CUSTOMIZED COMPUTE NODES by WISTRON
- IBM POWER8+ with NVIDIA NVLink
- NVIDIA® TESLA® P100 SXM2
- LIQUID COOLING
- POWER MONITORING & PROFILING, POWER MANAGEMENT, POWER CAPPING & PREDICTION
- CODE PORTING & OPTIMIZATION
- OPEN RACK FORM FACTOR with INTEGRATED PIPING & POWER DISTRIBUTION
- SYSTEM DESIGN, INTEGRATION, TESTING and DELIVERY
- **PETAFL0P-CLASS COMPUTING POWER**





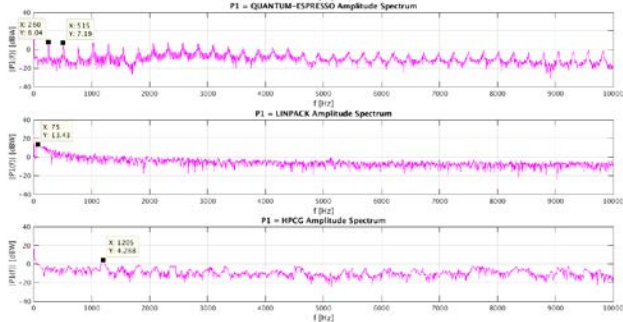
# Scalable and fine-grain power monitoring engine and Job Scheduler Power-Capping for D.A.V.I.D.E.

## Beaglebone Black Board

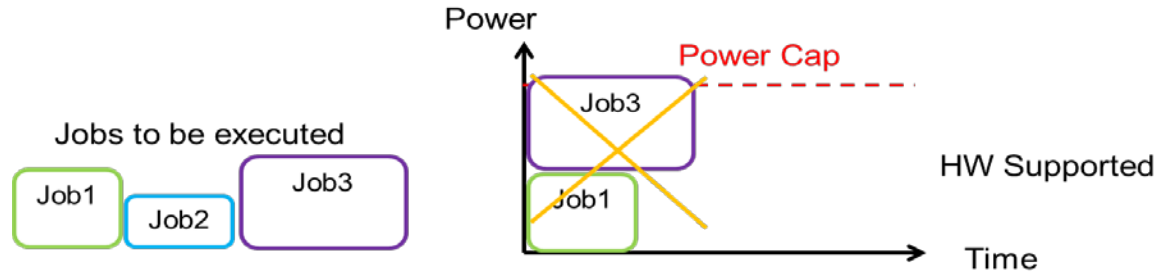


ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA

- 1GHz ARM Cortex-A8
- 12bit 8-ch SAR ADC
- PTP HW enabled

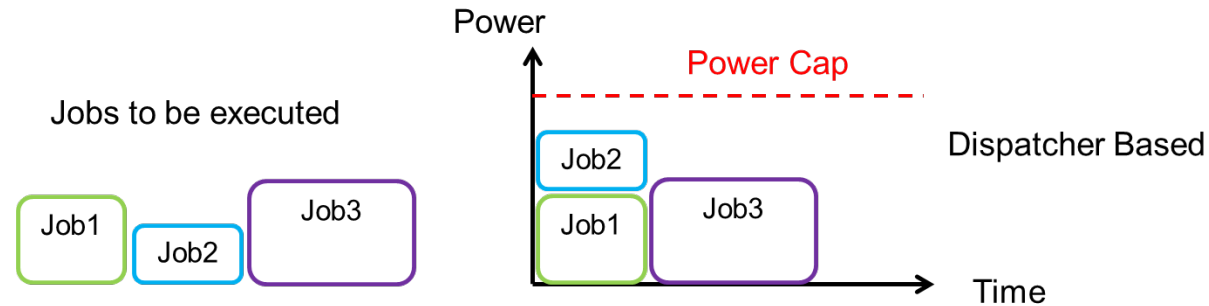


## • Without Power Capping



Exceed in  
power capping

## • Our Solution:



No Job  
Slowdown  
No changes in  
the accounting

BBB sensors detect the power consumption and a deep learning system learns the job power consumption, then the scheduler could submit next jobs in base of Power cap limit.

# COOPERATION = INNOVATION

## MEMBERSHIPS

OpenPOWER Foundation  
OpenPower Physic WG  
ETP4HPC - HPC European lobby  
SPEC  
HPC Advisory Council

## DESIGN EXASCALE APPLICATIONS

Member of the MAX Center of Excellence of material science  
(H2020)  
Direct financial contribution to port scientific applications on  
ARM and ARM+GPU architectures

## ENERGY AWARENESS COMPUTING

E4 is designing hardware components for high frequency  
energy sampling  
Co-organizer of initiatives, such as COLA workshop, aimed at  
increasing the knowledge of energy awareness for scientific  
computing

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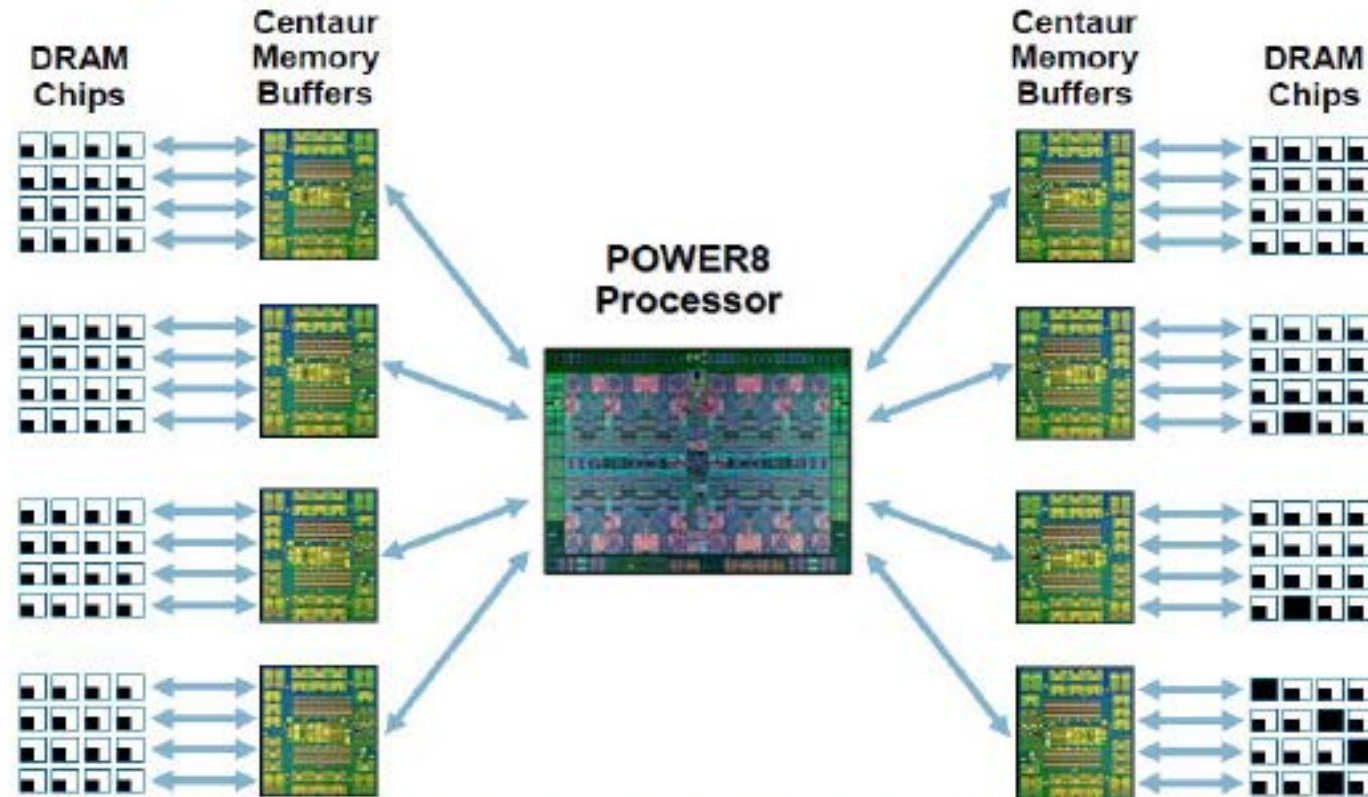
THANK YOU

# BACKUP



# Open Power Memory Organization

## Memory Organization



- Up to 8 high speed channels, each running up to 9.6 Gb/s for up to 230 GB/s sustained
- Up to 32 total DDR ports yielding 410 GB/s peak at the DRAM
- Up to 1 TB memory capacity per fully configured processor socket



# OUR ECOSYSTEM

## END USERS



## HW INTEGRATORS



## HW MANUFACTURERS



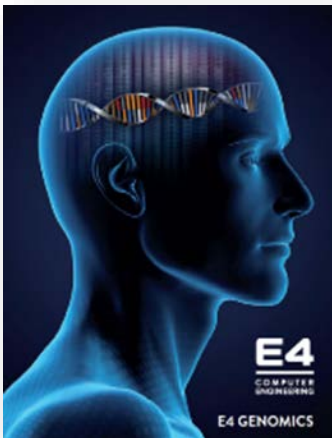
## SOFTWARE VENDORS



## PARTNERS



Client NOVARTIS  
Industry Healthcare  
Ref. Riccardo Beltrami – Head of  
Computational Biology Unit



REQUIREMENTS	High Availability HPC Cluster
CHALLENGES	Ensuring faster transfer rate and network interconnection Reducing computing times and obtaining an easy-to-use storage system
SOLUTION	96 dual socket server (1.152 computing cores) Infiniband Switch QDR 40Gbps ports HPC Storage Panasas > 400TB Networking E4 HPC Suite
APPLICATION	HPC Sequencing
KEY FACTORS	Technical skills Post sale support POC Reliability
BENEFITS	Faster processing times More Secure data back-up thanks to HA

**Customer** BSC PEDRAFORCA CLUSTER

**Industry** Supercomputing National Centre



**REQUIREMENTS** Custom solution based on low power CPU and GPU accelerators

**CHALLENGES** Creating an unique prototype with mobile SoC connected to high-end computing GPUs

**SOLUTION** 78 compute nodes equipped with Tegra 3 SoC, Nvidia K20, Mellanox Infiniband QDR

**APPLICATION** GPU boosting

**KEY FACTORS** Low power SoC  
Prototyping ability

**BENEFITS** Accelerated computing at minimum power footprint  
First worldwide ARM+GPU prototype  
Disruptive innovation

**Customer** CINECA  
**Industry** Scientific Research



**REQUIREMENTS** R&D services on  
"Whole System Design for Energy Efficient HPC"

**CHALLENGES** The goal of this PCP is to procure R&D services that result in highly energy efficient HPC system components that are integrated into an HPC architecture which is capable of providing a floating-point peak performance of up to 1 PFlop/s

**APPLICATIONS** Material Science, Climate change, Geophysics, Theoretical Physic

**KEY FACTORS** Power Efficiency  
1PFlops Pilot system (phase III)

**BENEFITS** This PCP aims to foster innovation for economic growth to ensure sustainable high quality public services in Europe and should lead to energy efficient HPC systems suitable for operation within the PRACE infrastructure.

# E4 L-U-M-E-A

## LUSTRE MADE EASY APPLIANCE

Large storage capacity for fast computing

Easy scalability by providing fast parallel storage

Perfect for large datasets and multiple compute nodes, eliminating downtime and allowing data centers to operate smoothly

Created for HPC users handling large amount of data, Enterprise users managing multiple database, R&D organizations, Engineering depts., weather and climate centers

## BENEFITS

- Easy to install & manage
- Linear scalability up to 10/GB throughput
- Cost effective: pay as you grow
- Neutrality by deploying Open source solution
- Capacity: each individual Storage Module can be configured with as much as 1.4PB of raw capacity
- Scale-out the solution with multiple Storage Modules to obtain PB of usable capacity



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# IBM SPECTRUM SCALE

MANAGE UNSTRUCTURED DATA FOR CLOUD,  
BIG DATA ANALYTICS, OBJECTS AND MORE

Redefine unified storage to support new-era workloads for file, object, Hadoop and analytics use cases

Achieve new operational efficiency and cost effectiveness—deliver up to 10 times higher performance on the same hardware

Help lower the cost of data retention up to 90 percent through policy-driven automation

Improve application performance by reducing data bottlenecks with flash-based acceleration

Enable collaboration and efficient sharing of resources among global, distributed teams

## BENEFITS

- Performance and scalability
- Simplify data management at scale
- Simplified administration
- Global file sharing with active file management
- Synchronous and asynchronous disaster recovery
- Multi-protocol support with native access
- Cost-effective information lifecycle management
- End-to-end data reliability, availability and integrity



IBM  
**Spectrum**  
Scale