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# Supercomputing 2023

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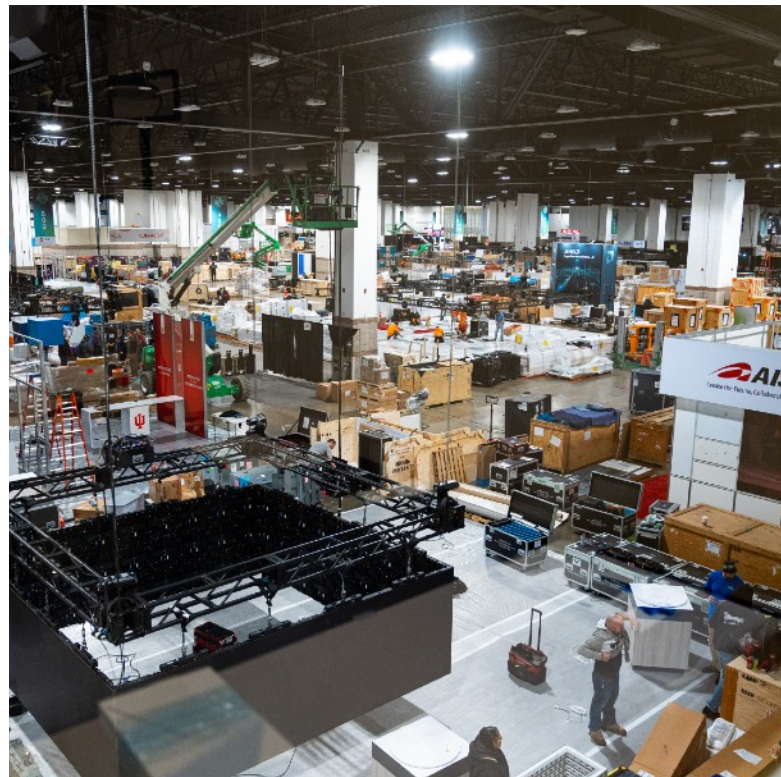


- SC is the premier international forum for HPC
- Includes:
  - Birds-of-a-Feather sessions (BoFs)
  - Panels
  - Technical Papers
  - Workshops
  - Tutorials
  - Exhibition

# Supercomputing

Highlights from 2023

- 14,000+ in-person attendees
  - The most ever
- 438 exhibitors
- Theme was *I am HPC*
- 14th PMBS Workshop



# Supercomputing

## York at Supercomputing

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- (Probably...) The most representation from York at Supercomputing
  - 2 in-person attendees, 1 remote (... as far as I'm aware!)
- 1 Poster, 1 Workshop, 2 Workshop papers

# Supercomputing

## York at Supercomputing

### Posters, Research Posters:

DFToy: A New Proxy App for DFT Calculations

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### Workshop:

Distributed Data Locality-Aware Job Allocation

Data Analysis, Visualization, and Storage , Large Scale Systems , Programming Frameworks and System Software , Reproducibility , Resource Management , Runtime Systems ,

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### Workshop:

Optimizing Write Performance for Checkpointing to Parallel File Systems Using LSM-Trees

Fault Handling and Tolerance , Large Scale Systems ,

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### Sessions

#### Workshop:

PMBS23: The 14th International Workshop on Performance Modeling, Benchmarking, and Simulation of High-Performance Computer Systems

Modeling and Simulation , Performance Measurement, Modeling, and Tools ,

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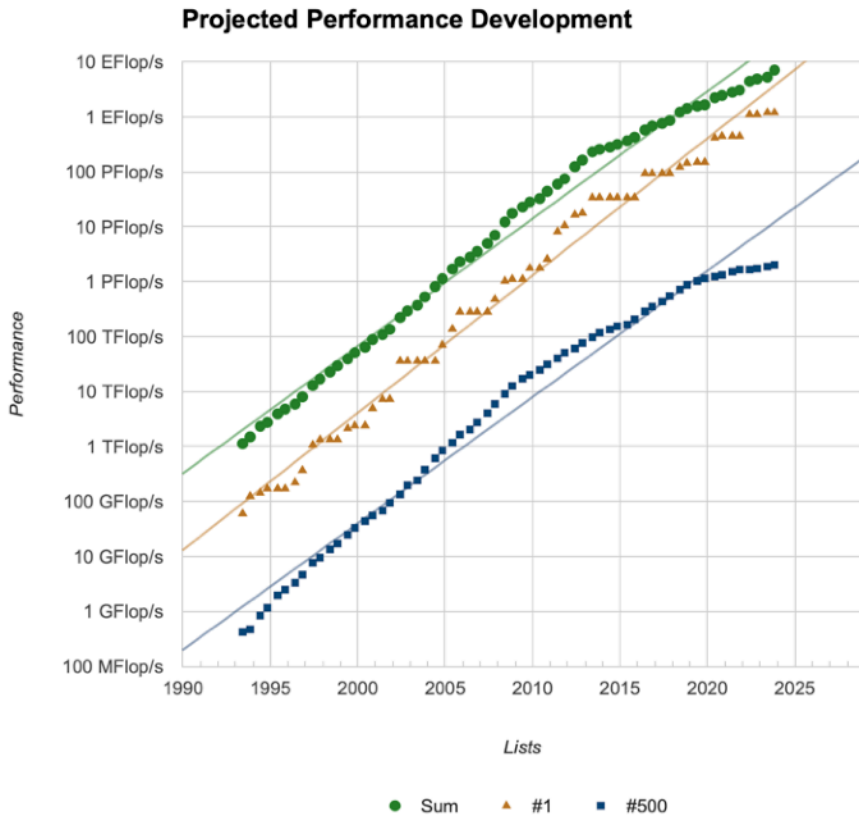


# The Top 500



- The Top 500 Supercomputers list is updated biannually, May (at ISC) and November (at SC)
- At SC, a Birds-of-a-Feather session announces the list, awards the top machines and summarises trends

# The Top 500



- **Frontier** is still the only *acknowledged* Exascale system (1.1 EFLOP/s)
- Europe now has ~~two~~ three Top 5 10 systems!
  - LUMI (~~310~~ 380 PFLOP/s)
  - Leonardo (~~175~~ 240 PFLOP/s)
  - MareNostrum 5 (140 PFLOP/s)
- Top 10 systems contribute >50% the sum performance (~7 EFLOP/s)
  - We have about 10 very big supercomputers and 490 others!

# The Top 500

## Big Surprises

- Aurora was expected to unseat Frontier, with estimated peak  $\sim 2$  EFLOP/s
  - However, only half the machine was benchmarked, achieving #2 with 585 PFLOP/s
- #3 system is an Microsoft Azure cloud instance with NVIDIA H100 GPUs, achieving 561 PFLOP/s

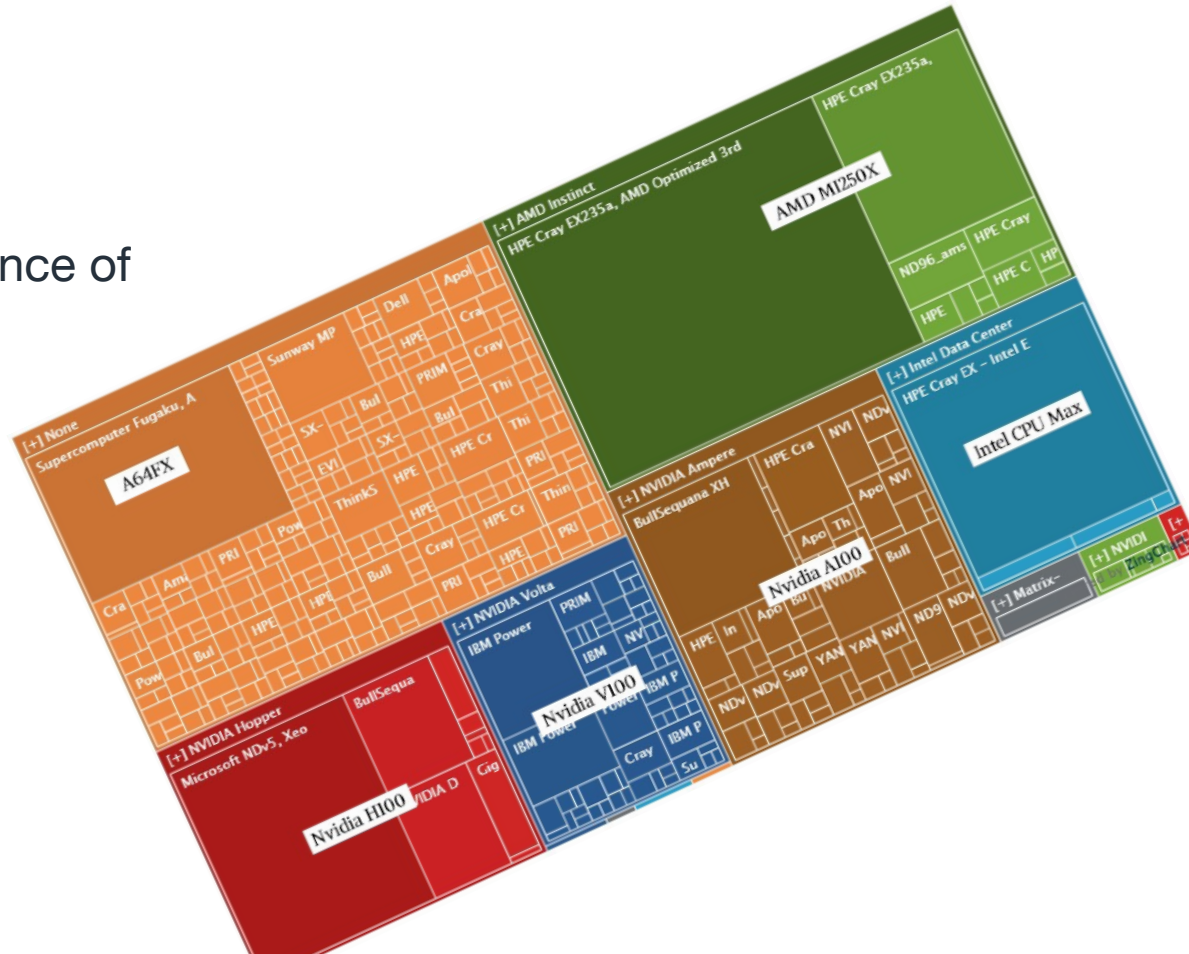




# The Top 500

## Architectures

- A treemap of the Top 500 demonstrates the dominance of large systems, and of accelerators



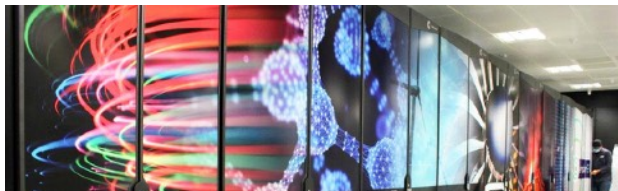
# The Top 500

## The “Unofficial” List

System	Peak Petaflops	HPL Petaflops	Compute Efficiency	Concurrent Cores+SMs	Exaflops HPL	Compute Node Configuration	Interconnect
<i>NSC/Tianjin "Tianhe-3"</i>	<i>2,050.0</i>	<i>1,567.6</i>	<i>76.5%</i>	<i>???</i>	<i>???</i>	<i>2 * Phytium Arm + Matrix 3000</i>	<i>400 Gb/sec TH-Express 3 (IB)</i>
<i>NSC/Wuxi "OceanLight"</i>	<i>1,500.0</i>	<i>1,220.0</i>	<i>81.3%</i>	<i>41,930,000</i>	<i>34,368,852</i>	<i>1 * Sunway SW26010-Pro</i>	<i>Custom InfiniBand</i>
1 Oak Ridge "Frontier"	1,679.8	1,194.0	71.1%	8,699,904	7,286,352	1 * AMD Trento Epyc + 4 * AMD MI250X	200 Gb/sec Slingshot-11
2 Argonne "Aurora"	1,059.3	585.3	55.3%	4,742,808	8,102,655	2 * Intel Xeon Max 9470 + 6 * Intel GPU Max 9470	200 Gb/sec Slingshot-11
3 Microsoft Azure "Eagle"	846.8	561.2	66.3%	1,123,200	2,001,426	2 * Intel Xeon 8480C + 8 * Nvidia H100	400 Gb/sec NDR InfiniBand
4 RIKEN "Fugaku"	537.2	442.0	82.3%	7,630,848	17,263,971	1 * Fujitsu A64FX	56 Gb/sec Tofu D
5 CSC "LUMI"	531.5	379.7	71.4%	2,725,704	7,178,573	1 * AMD Trento Epyc + 4 * AMD MI250X	200 Gb/sec Slingshot-11
6 CINECA "Leonardo"	304.5	238.7	78.4%	1,824,768	7,644,608	1 * Intel Xeon 8358 + 4 * Nvidia A100	100 Gb/sec HDR InfiniBand
7 Oak Ridge "Summit"	200.8	148.6	74.0%	2,414,592	16,248,937	2 * IBM Power9 + 6 * Nvidia V100	100 Gb/sec EDR InfiniBand
8 BSC "MareNostrum 5 ACC"	234.0	138.2	59.1%	680,960	4,927,352	1 * Intel Xeon 8460Y + 4 * Nvidia H100	200 Gb/sec NDR InfiniBand
9 Nvidia "Eos"	188.7	121.4	64.4%	485,888	4,002,372	2 * Intel Xeon 8480C + 8 * Nvidia H100	400 Gb/sec NDR InfiniBand
10 Lawrence Livermore "Sierra"	125.7	94.6	75.3%	1,572,480	16,615,385	2 * IBM Power9 + 4 * Nvidia V100	100 Gb/sec EDR InfiniBand
11 NSC/Wuxi "TaihuLight"	125.4	93.1	74.2%	10,649,600	114,388,829	1 * Sunway SW26010	Custom InfiniBand
12 Lawrence Berkeley "Perlmutter"	113.0	79.2	70.1%	888,832	11,218,377	1 * AMD Epyc 7763 + 4 * Nvidia A100	200 Gb/sec Slingshot-11
13 Nvidia "Selene"	79.2	63.5	80.1%	555,520	8,753,861	2 * AMD Epyc 7742 + 8 * Nvidia A100	100 Gb/sec HDR InfiniBand
14 NSC/Guangzhou "Tianhe-2A"	100.7	61.4	61.0%	4,981,760	81,083,333	2 * Intel Xeon 2692 + 3 * Matrix 2000	TH-Express 2+ Custom InfiniBand
15 Microsoft Azure "Explorer-WUS3"	87.0	54.0	62.0%	445,440	8,255,004	1 * AMD Epyc 7V12 + 4 * AMD MI250X	400 Gb/sec NDR InfiniBand
16 Nebius AI "ISEG"	86.8	46.5	53.6%	218,880	4,703,051	1 * Intel Xeon 8468 + 4 * Nvidia H100	400 Gb/sec NDR InfiniBand
17 GENCI-CINES "Adastra"	61.6	46.1	74.8%	319,072	6,921,302	1 * AMD Trento Epyc + 4 * AMD MI250X	200 Gb/sec Slingshot-11
18 FZJ "JEWELS Booster Module"	71.0	44.1	62.2%	449,280	10,183,137	2 * AMD Epyc 7402 + 4 * Nvidia A100	100 Gb/sec HDR InfiniBand
19 BSC "MareNostrum 5 GPP"	46.4	40.1	86.5%	725,760	18,098,753	2 * Intel Xeon 03H-LC/8480+	200 Gb/sec NDR InfiniBand
20 King Abdullah "Shaheen III"	39.6	35.7	90.0%	877,824	24,616,489	2 * AMD Epyc 9654	200 Gb/sec Slingshot-11
21 Eni "HPC5"	51.7	35.5	68.5%	669,760	18,893,089	2 * Intel 6252 + 4 * Nvidia V100	100 Gb/sec HDR InfiniBand
22 Naver Corp "Sejong"	40.8	33.0	80.9%	277,760	8,424,628	1 * AMD Epyc 7742 + 4 * Nvidia A100	100 Gb/sec HDR InfiniBand
23 Microsoft Azure "Voyager-EUS2"	39.5	30.1	76.0%	253,440	8,433,943	2 * AMD Epyc 7V12 + 8 * Nvidia A100	100 Gb/sec HDR InfiniBand
24 Los Alamos "Crossroads"	40.2	30.0	74.7%	660,800	22,004,662	2 * Intel Xeon CPU Max 9480	200 Gb/sec Slingshot-11
25 Pawsey Supercomputing "Setonix"	35.0	27.2	77.6%	181,248	6,673,343	1 * AMD Trento Epyc + 4 * AMD MI250X	200 Gb/sec Slingshot-11
26 ExxonMobil "Discovery 5"	31.0	26.2	84.4%	232,000	8,871,893	1 * AMD Epyc 7543 + 4 * Nvidia A100	200 Gb/sec Slingshot-11

# HPC Systems in the UK

(...in the Top 100)



- #39 ARCHER2, still top UK system, 19.54 PF
  - AMD CPUs
- #41 Dawn, University of Cambridge, 19.46 PF
  - Xeon Sapphire Rapids + Xe-HPC Ponte Vecchio
- #79 Cambridge-1, 9.68 PF
  - AMD CPUs + NVIDIA A100
- Just before SC, University of Bristol announced Isambard-AI
  - £225m investment in NVIDIA GH200

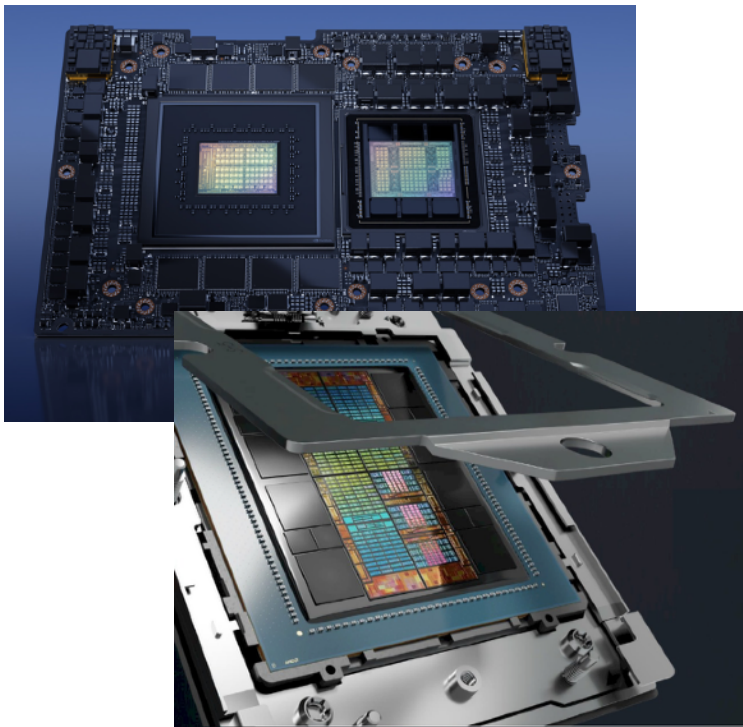
# Conference Themes



- SC always has a varied programme, but the “big” theme this year was:
  - LLMs! (at least according to exhibitors)
  - APUs (Accelerated Processing Units)
  - DAOS
  - HPSF

# New(?) Architectures

APUs and Superchips (and XPU)



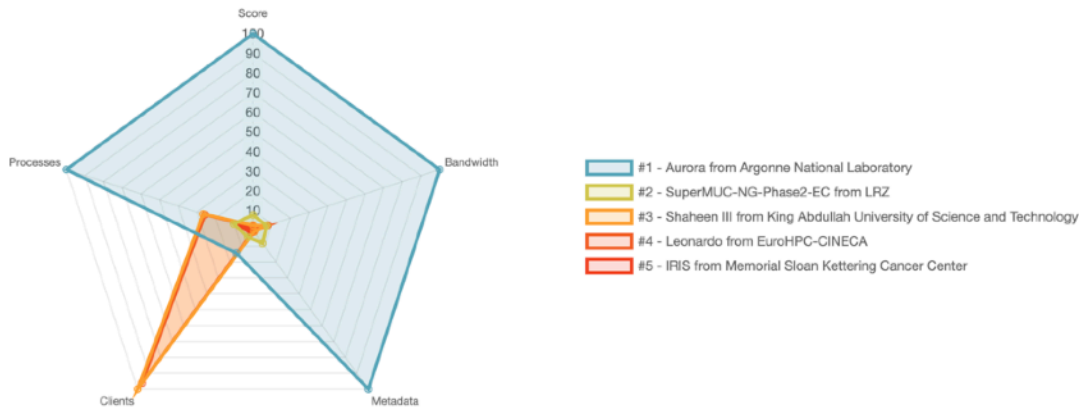
- APUs and Superchips combine a CPU and GPU on a single die
- Evolution of Summit/Sierra architecture
  - Essentially gain cache coherence and unified memory for CPU and GPU
  - CPU cores can handle things GPUs are bad at (I/O, divergence, etc)
- Intel abandoned their “XPU” in May
- AMD have MI300A in the works
- NVIDIA announced GH200 at SC

# DAOS

IO500 Production List - Overall Winner

#1	RELEASE	SYSTEM	INSTITUTION	FILESYSTEM TYPE	SCORE 1	IOV	IOU
1	SC23	Aurora	Argonne National Laboratory	DAOS	32,165.98	10,064.09	102,783.41
2	SC23	SuperMUC-NG-Phase2-EC	LRZ	DAOS	2,588.85	742.86	6,472.63
3	SC23	Shaheen III	King Abdullah University of Science and Technology	Lustre	797.04	709.52	895.55
4	ISC23	Leonardo	EuroHPC-CINECA	EXAScaler	648.96	607.12	521.79
5	SC23	IRIS	Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	WekaIO	338.94	164.75	116.00
6	ISC22	CTPAI	China Telecom Research Institute	DAOS	187.84	25.28	1,395.01
7	ISC23	Imperial - htc cluster	Imperial College London	Spectrum scale	178.56	44.63	333.31
8	SC23	Earth Simulator 4	Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology	EXAScaler	101.88	48.19	215.58
9	SC23	Randi	Center for Research Informatics at University of Chicago	Spectrum Scale	60.83	31.65	119.36
10	SC23	Altair	Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center	Lustre	53.70	8.84	328.39

- In HPC I/O, DAOS shines
  - Aurora has fastest (production) I/O system in town
  - Many papers in workshops about DAOS performance



# HPSF

High Performance Software Foundation



- The Linux Foundation launched the HPSF
- Initial projects:
  - Spack, Kokkos, AMReX, WarpX, Trilinos, Apptainer, VTK-m, HPCToolkit, E4S, Charliecloud
- Membership:
  - AWS, HPE, Intel, NVIDIA, CEA, Kitware, Uni of Oregon, CIQ, Various DoE labs
- [hpsfoundation.github.io](https://github.com/hpsfoundation)

# Performance Modeling, Benchmarking and Simulation

- 14th Year of PMBS
- PMBS is concerned with the evaluation and comparison of HPC systems and applications primarily through:
  - Analytical performance modeling
  - Benchmarking and performance analysis
  - Use of advanced simulation techniques





# Performance Modeling, Benchmarking and Simulation

- Published 186 novel research papers at PMBS
- This year we accepted:
  - 10 full-length papers
  - 4 short paper



# Highlights

The image shows a screenshot of the website for the 14th IEEE International Workshop on Performance Modeling, Benchmarking and Simulation of High Performance Computer Systems (PMBS). The website has a teal header with navigation buttons for Welcome, Schedule, Proceedings, Programme Committee, and Submit Paper. The main content area is dark grey and features the SC23 logo (Denver, CO | om hpc) and the workshop title. Below the title, it states the workshop is held in conjunction with SC23: The International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis. The 'Schedule' section is visible, listing the 09:00 PMBS Introduction and Welcome by Steven A. Wright, and Session 1: Best Papers chaired by Steven A. Wright. Two best paper slots are shown: 09:10 - 09:30 Best Short Paper 'Physical Oscillator Model for Supercomputing' by Ayesha Afzal, Georg Hager, and Gerhard Wellein; and 09:30 - 10:00 Best Paper 'Comparative evaluation of bandwidth-bound applications on the Intel Xeon CPU MAX Series' by István Z. Reguly.

Welcome Schedule Proceedings Programme Committee Submit Paper

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## Schedule

09:00 PMBS Introduction and Welcome  
Steven A. Wright  
*University of York, York, UK*

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### Session 1: Best Papers

Chair: Steven A. Wright

09:10 - 09:30 Best Short Paper  
**Physical Oscillator Model for Supercomputing** [abstract] [paper]  
Ayesha Afzal, Georg Hager, Gerhard Wellein  
*Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany*

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09:30 - 10:00 Best Paper  
**Comparative evaluation of bandwidth-bound applications on the Intel Xeon CPU MAX Series** [abstract] [paper]  
István Z. Reguly

## ▪ Sessions:

- Best Papers
- Architecture Evaluations
- Short Papers
- Benchmarking
- Scheduling
- Performance Modeling

# Performance Modeling, Benchmarking and Simulation



**Best Paper Award**

*Presented to*

**István Z. Reguly**

*For the paper entitled*

**Comparative evaluation of bandwidth-bound applications on the Intel Xeon CPU MAX Series**

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# Best Paper

## Comparative evaluation of Intel Xeon CPU MAX



- Intel Xeon CPU MAX is a “fat” x86 CPU architecture with on-chip High Bandwidth Memory (HBM)
- Xeon CPU MAX 9480
  - 56 cores (1.9-2.6 GHz)
  - 64 GB HBM2e
  - 4 NUMA regions
  - Dual socket

# Best Paper

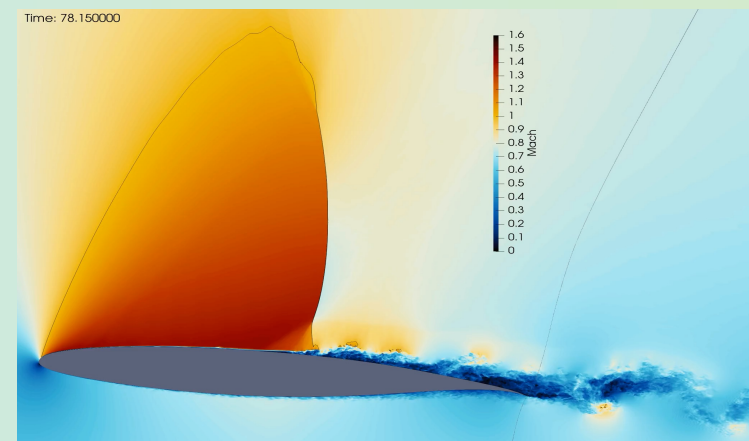
Comparative evaluation of Intel Xeon CPU MAX



- The Competition:
  - AMD EPYC 7V73X
    - 60 cores (2.2-3.5 GHz)
    - 768 MB L3, 448 GB DDR4
  - Intel Xeon Platinum 8360Y
    - 36 cores (2.4-2.8 GHz)
    - 512 GB DDR4

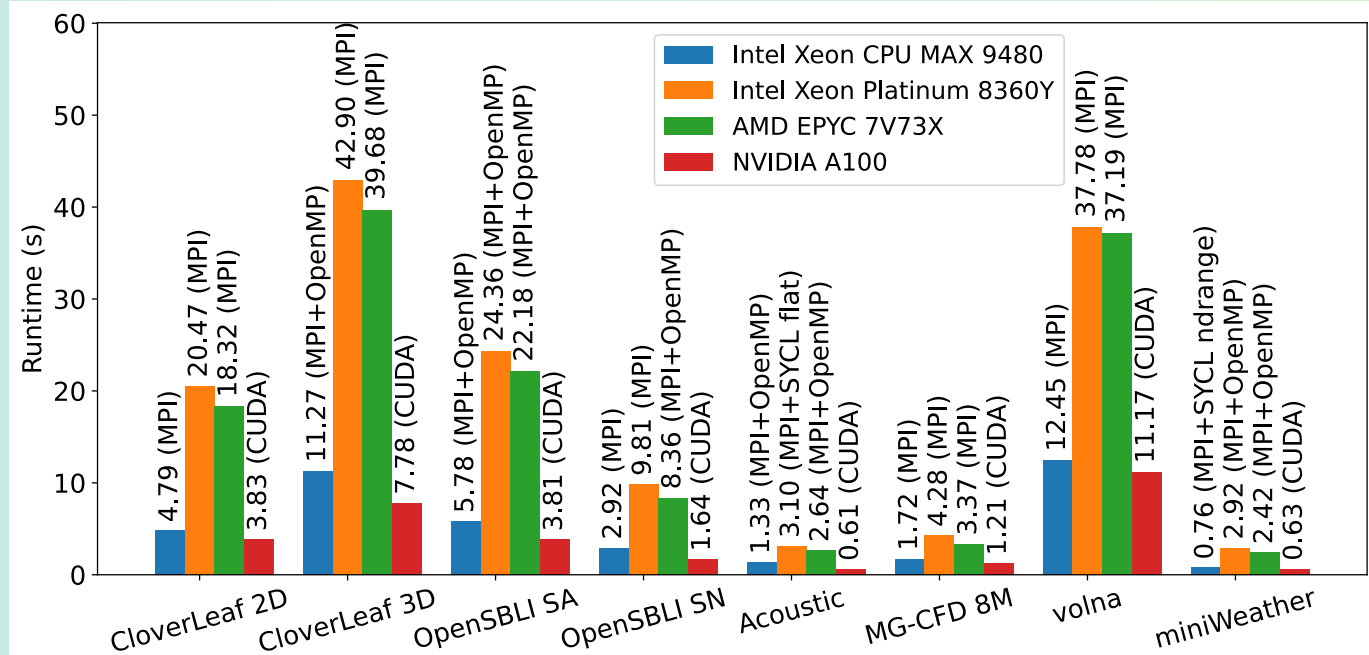
# Applications

- Test suite (mostly) based on OPS/OP2 DSL apps
  - Structured mesh stencil codes (varying computational intensity)
  - Unstructured mesh codes
  - Test harness to streamline compilation & runs: <https://github.com/reguly/tests>
- CloverLeaf 2D/3D – low order + lots of small boundary loops (DP)
- Acoustic – high order, cache-intensive (SP)
- OpenSBLI – more data movement (SA), more recompute (SN) versions (DP)
- miniWeather – atmospheric dynamics, low order (DP)
- MG-CFD – lots of indirect accesses, data races (DP)
- Volna – fewer computations with indirections/races (SP)
- +miniBUDE – compute/latency intensive (SP)



# Comparison of best parallelizations

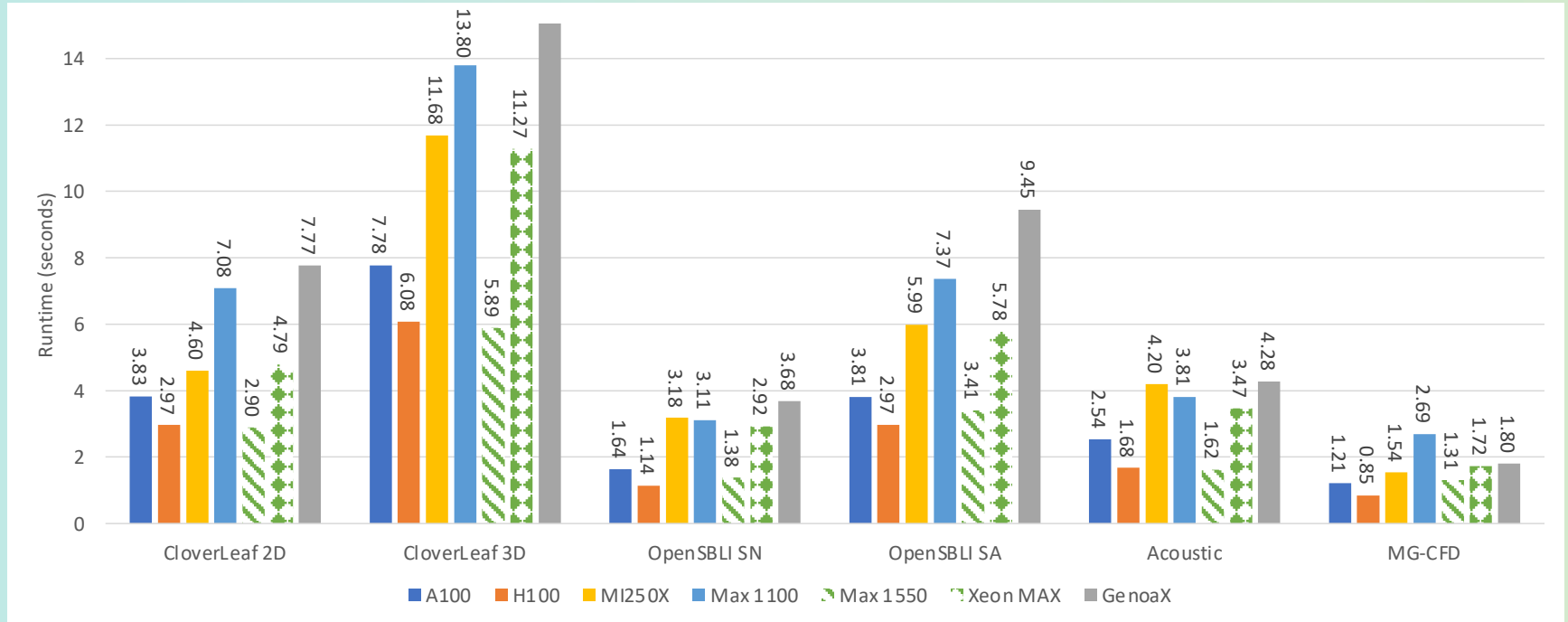
- CloverLeaf – most BW bound. 3.5-4.3x
- OpenSBLI SN/Acoustic – cache & latency. 2-3.3x
- MG-CFD/volna - latency. 2-3x
- miniBUDE – compute, latency 1.36-1.8x
- Vs. A100: 1.1-2.2x slower
  - No MPI comms on GPU



Speedup relative to Intel Xeon Platinum 8360Y and AMD EPYC 7V73X

	CloverLeaf 2D	CloverLeaf 3D	OpenSBLI SA	OpenSBLI SN	Acoustic	MG-CFD 8M	volna	miniWeather	miniBUDE
8360Y	4.27	3.81	4.21	3.36	2.33	2.49	3.03	3.82	1.88
7V73X	3.82	3.52	3.83	2.86	1.98	1.95	2.99	3.17	1.36

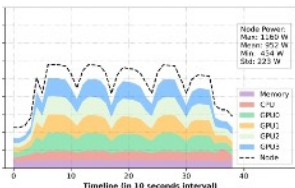
# Comparison to more CPUs & GPUs



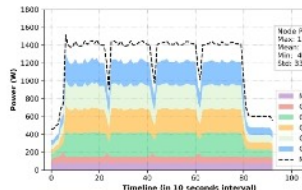


# Other Notable Papers

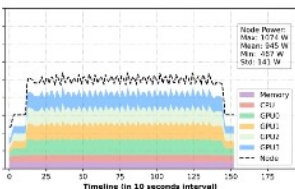
## Power Analysis of NERSC Workloads



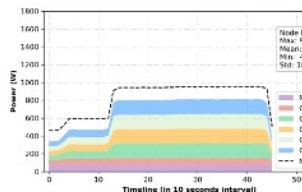
(a) BerkeleyGW-Epsilon



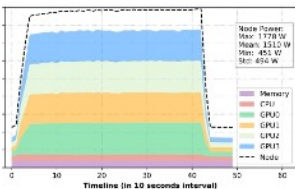
(b) BerkeleyGW-Sigma



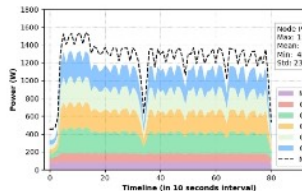
(c) MILC-Generation



(d) MILC-Spectrum



(e) EXAAILT



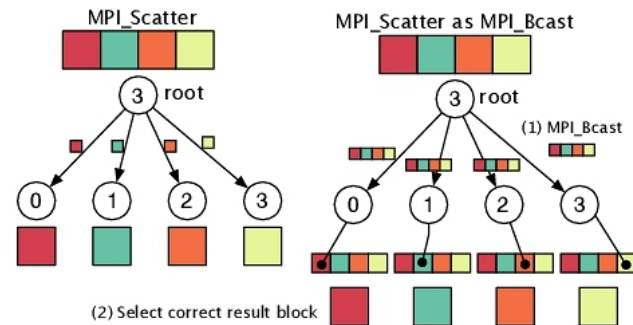
(f) DeepCAM

- Paper analyses the power characteristics of NERSC production workloads
  - Large gap between average and peak power usage
  - Large swing in power during application (with CPU/GPU applications)
- Z. Zhao, et al. 2023. Power Analysis of NERSC Production Workloads., 10.1145/3624062.3624200

# Other Notable Papers

## Verifying Performance Guidelines for MPI Collectives

- Paper analyses performance guidelines for MPI collectives
  - Propose a benchmarking tool to test performance guidelines (e.g.  $\text{MPI\_Scatter} \leq \text{MPI\_Bcast}$ )
- Demonstrate that in many cases, MPI libraries require optimisation (because they fail some tests!)



- S. Hunold. 2023. Verifying Performance Guidelines for MPI Collectives at Scale., 10.1145/3624062.3625532