



# Workshop on Recent Trends in Processor Architecture – OpenSPARC

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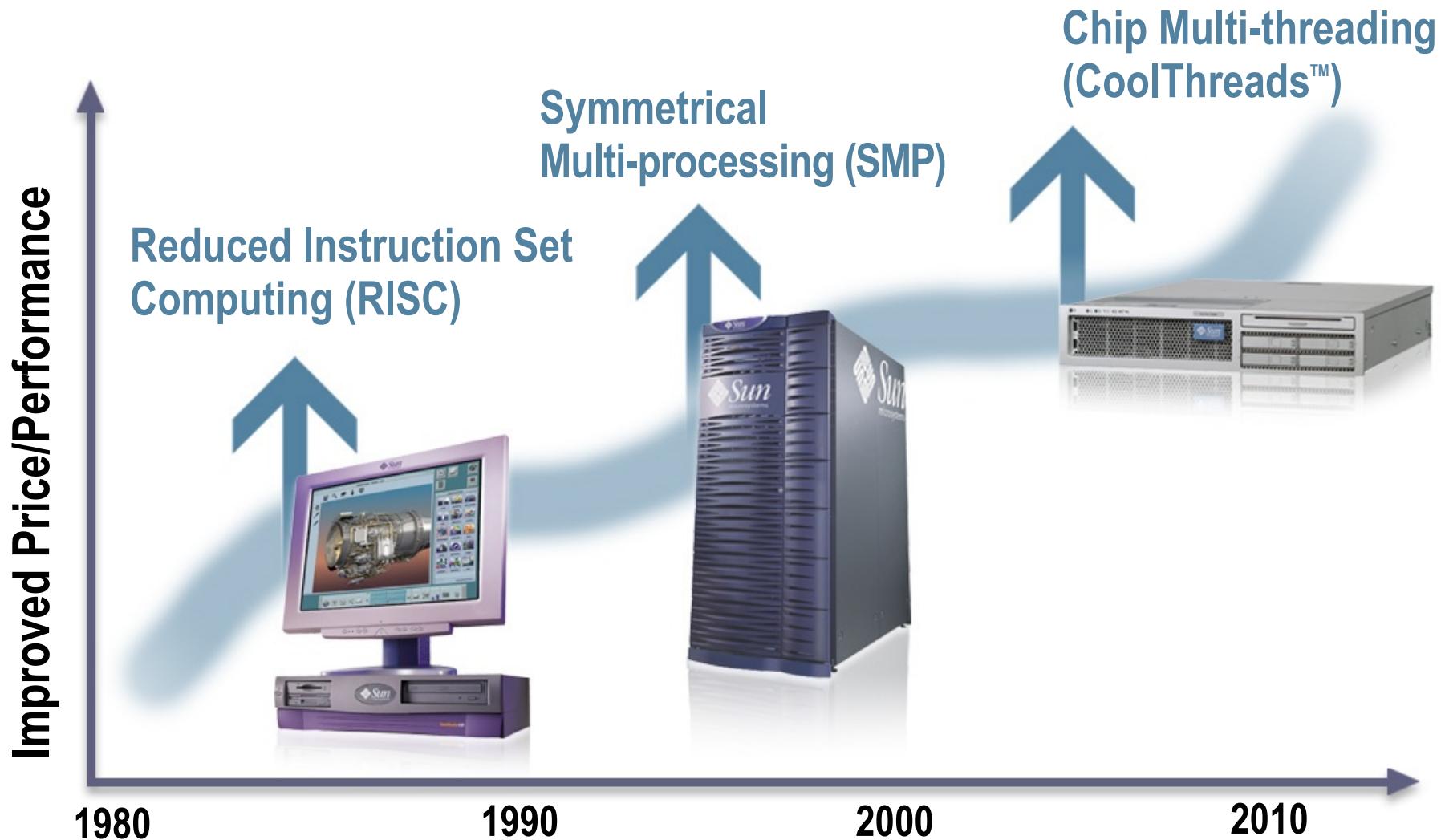
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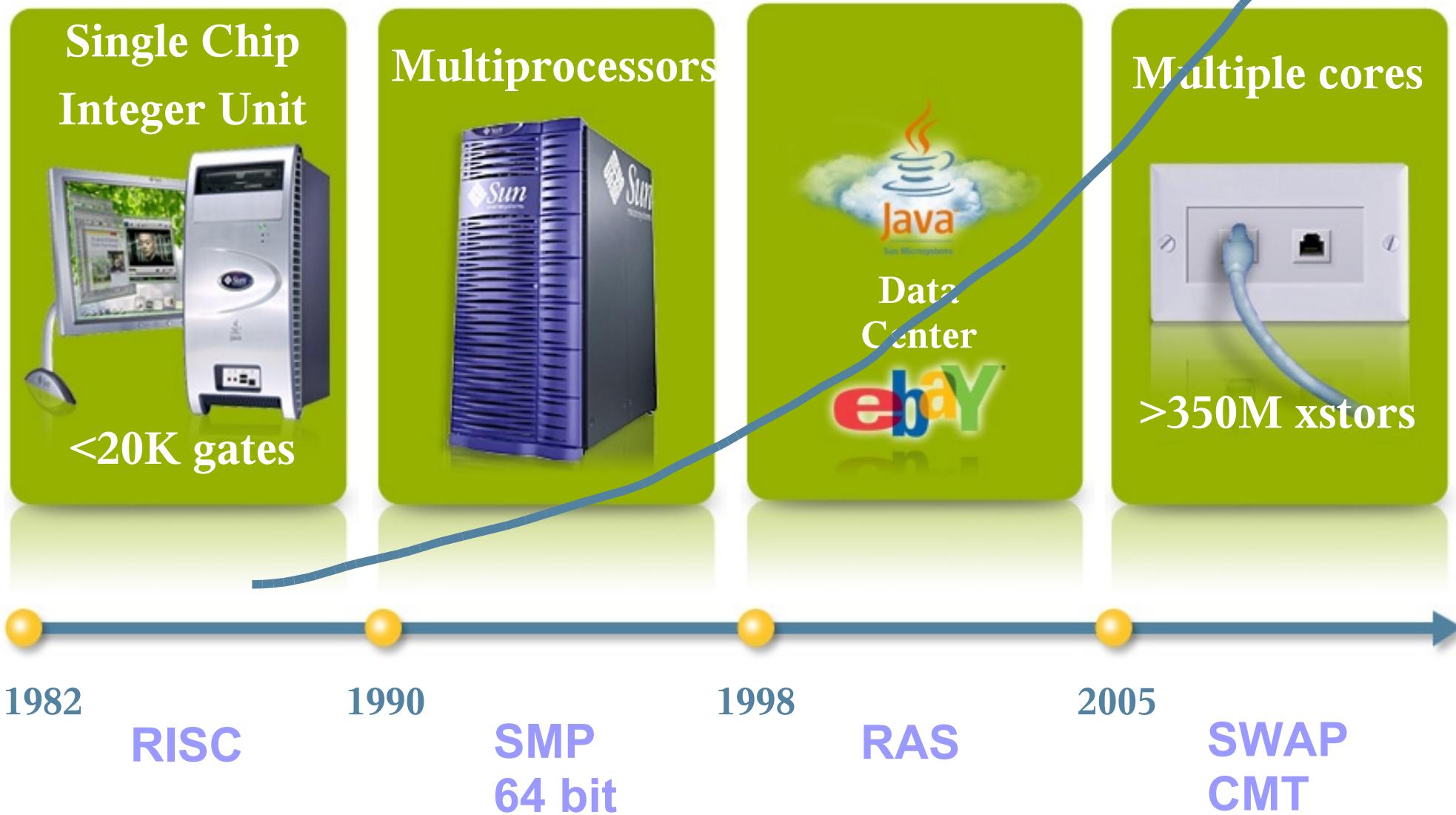
# Agenda

1. Chip Multi-Threading (CMT) Era
2. Microarchitecture of OpenSPARC T1
3. OpenSPARC T1 Program
4. SPARC Architecture
5. OpenSPARC in Academia
6. OpenSPARC T1 simulators
7. Hypervisor and OS porting
8. Compiler Optimizations and tools
9. Community Participation

# Making the Right Waves



# The Processor Growth



# The Big Bang Is Happening— Four Converging Trends

Network Computing Is  
Thread Rich

Web services, Java™  
applications, database  
transactions, ERP ...



Moore's Law

A fraction of the die can  
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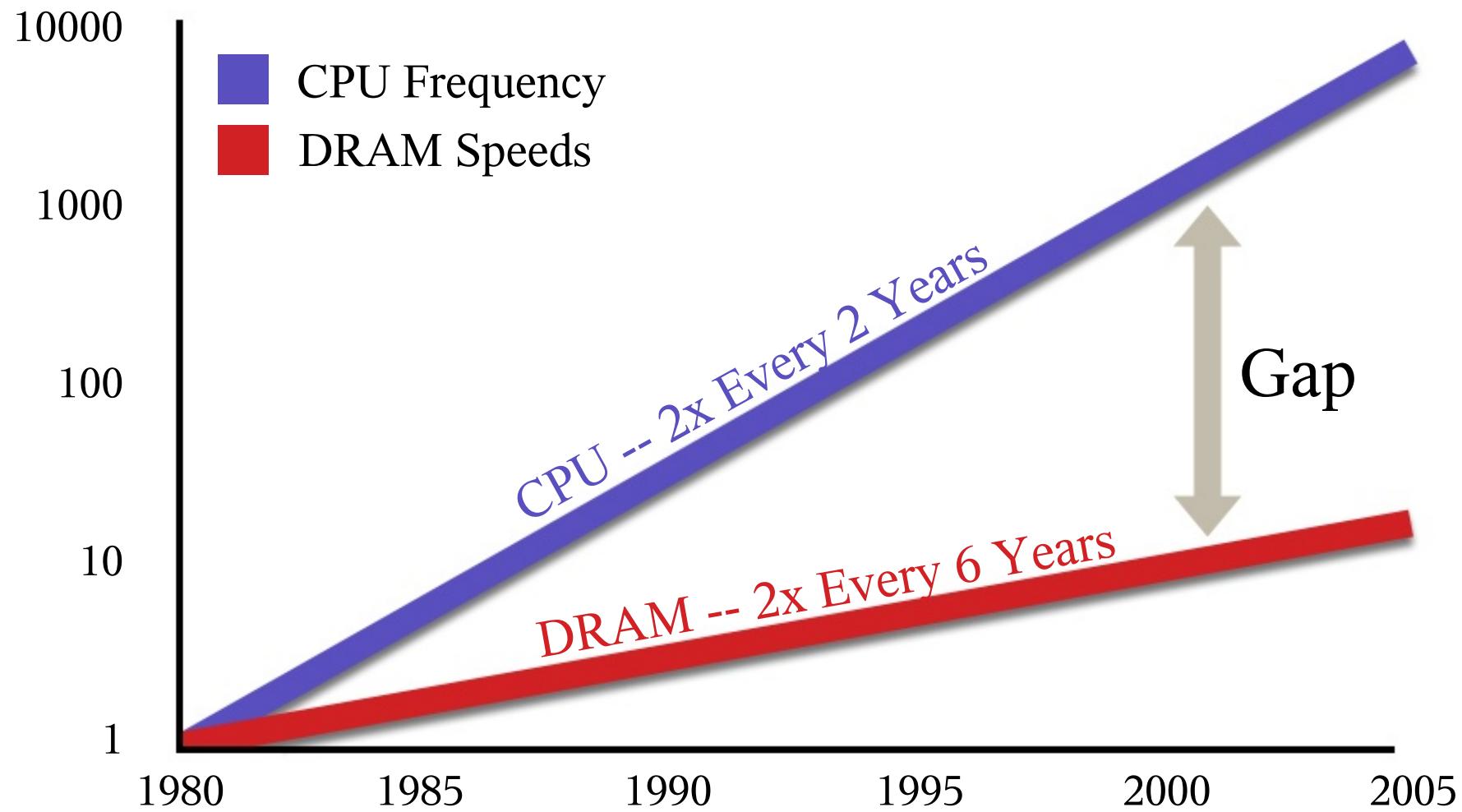
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# Attributes of Commercial Workloads

	Web Services			Client Server		Data Warehouse
Attribute	TIER1 Web (Web99)	TIER2 App Serv (JBB)	TIER3 Data (TPC-C)	SAP 2T	SAP 3T (DB)	DSS (TPC-H)
Application Category	Web Server	Server Java	OLTP	ERP	ERP	DSS
Instruction-level Parallelism	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	High
Thread-level Parallelism	High	High	High	High	High	High
Instruction/Data Working Set	Large	Large	Large	Medium	Large	Large
Data Sharing	Low	Medium	High	Medium	High	Medium

# Memory Bottleneck

Relative Performance



Source: Sun World Wide Analyst Conference Feb. 25, 2003

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# Single Threading

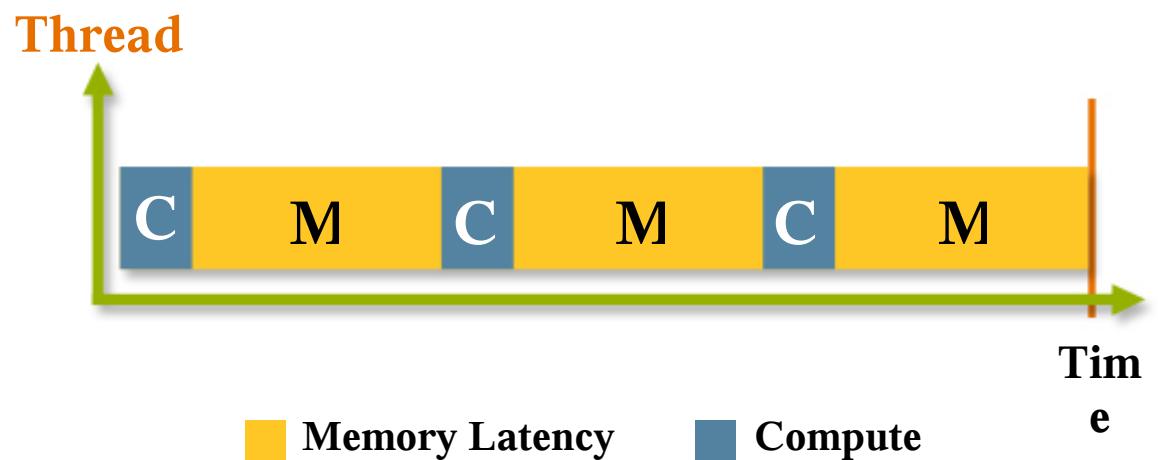
Up to 85% Cycles Waiting for Memory

HURRY  
UP AND  
WAIT!

## Single Threaded Performance

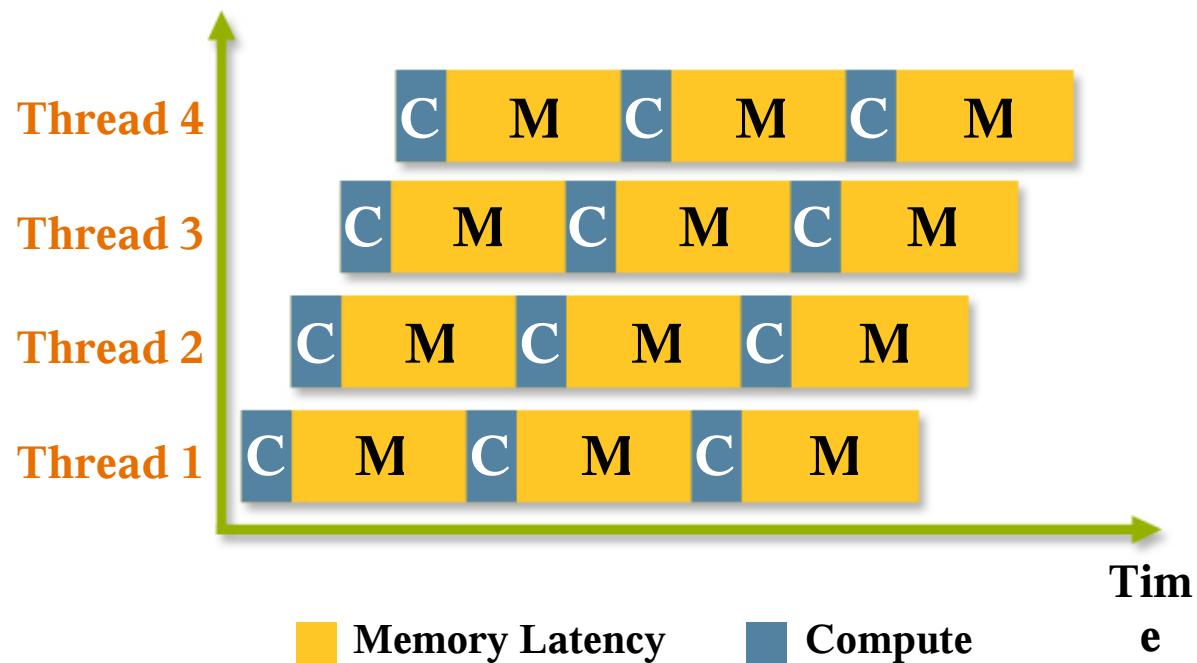


Typical Processor Utilization: 15–25%

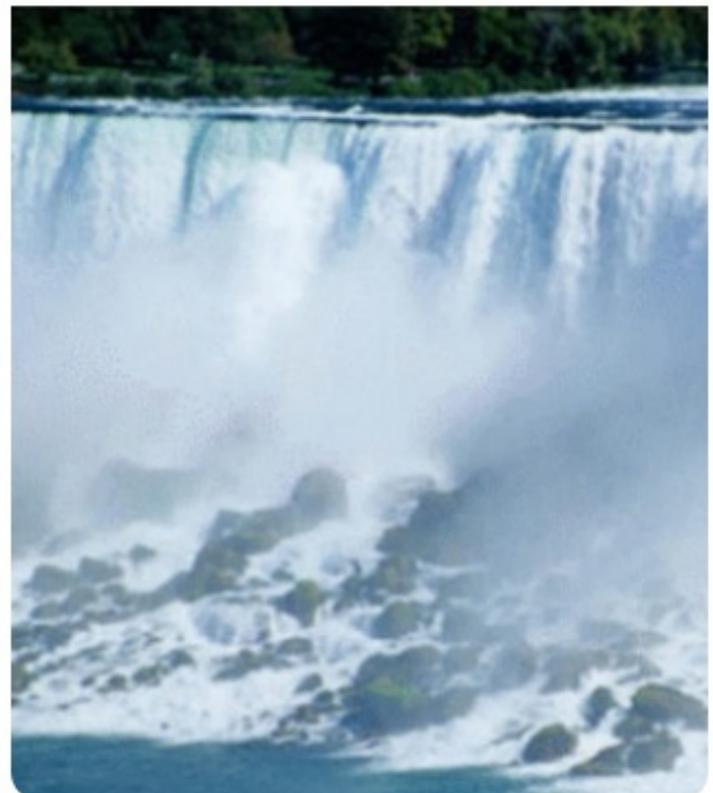


# The Power of CMT - CoolThreads

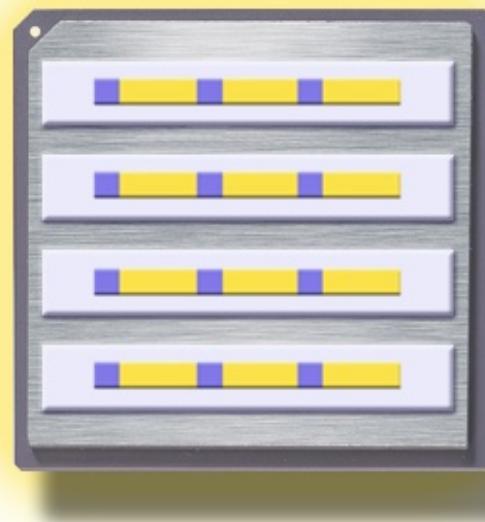
UltraSPARC T1 Core Utilization: Up to 85%



Chip Multi-threaded (CMT) Performance

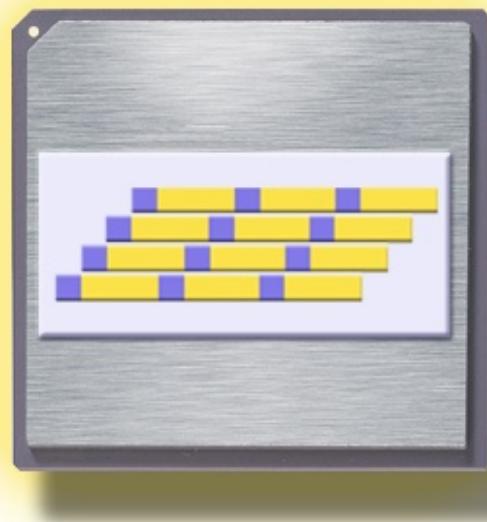


# Chip Multi-Threading (CMT) to the rescue



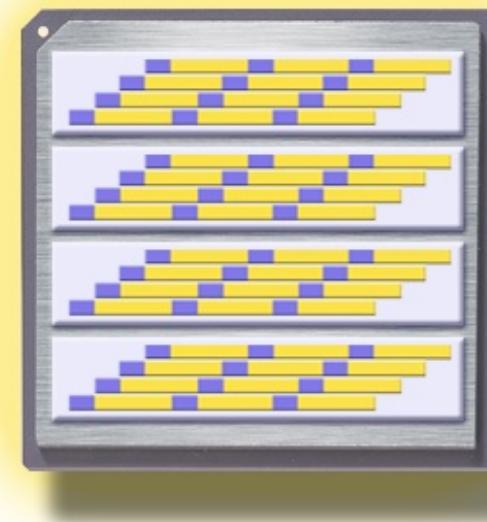
**CMP**  
(chip multiprocessing)

**n cores per processor**



**HMT**  
(hardware multithreading)

**m strands per core**

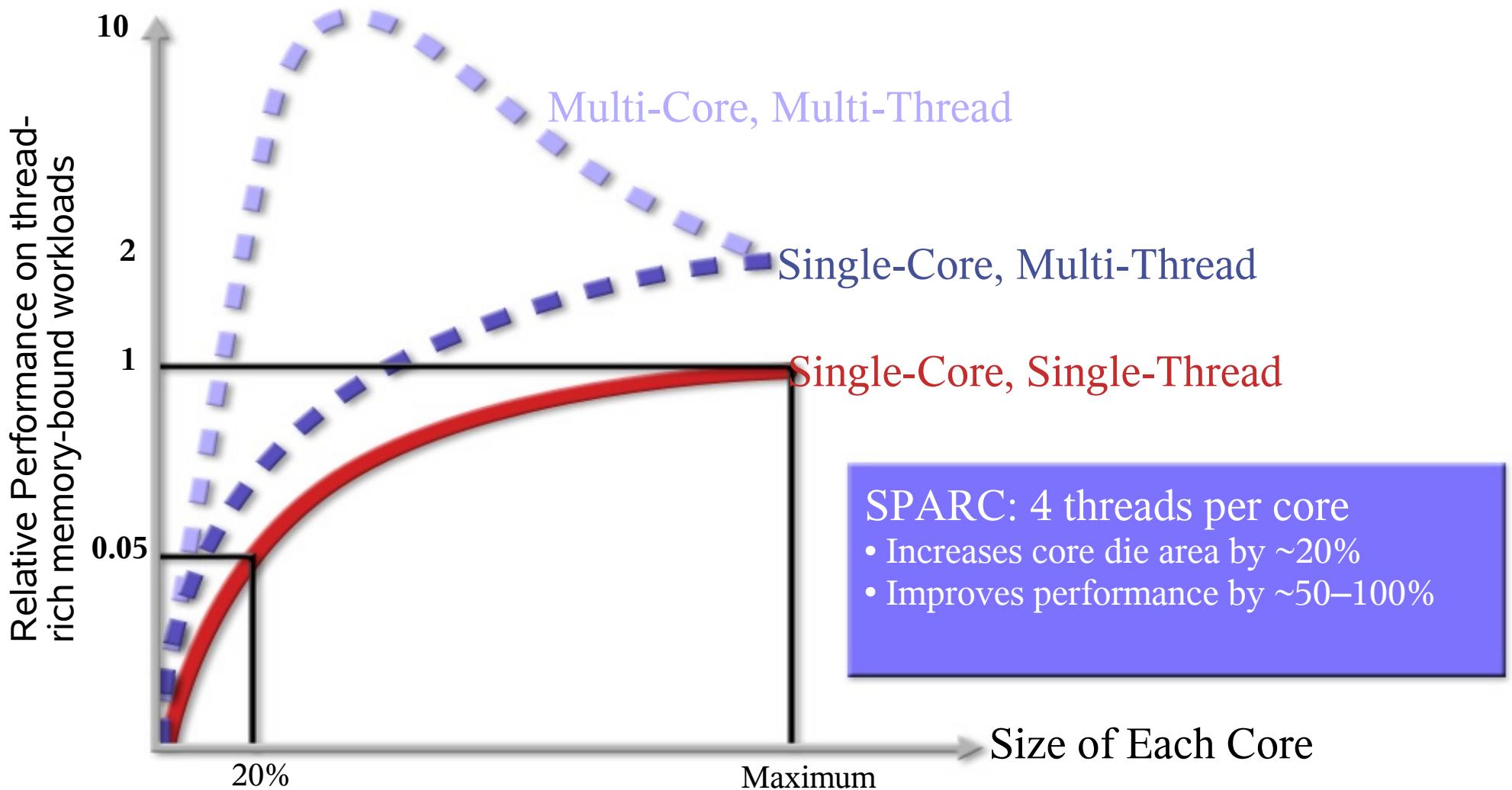


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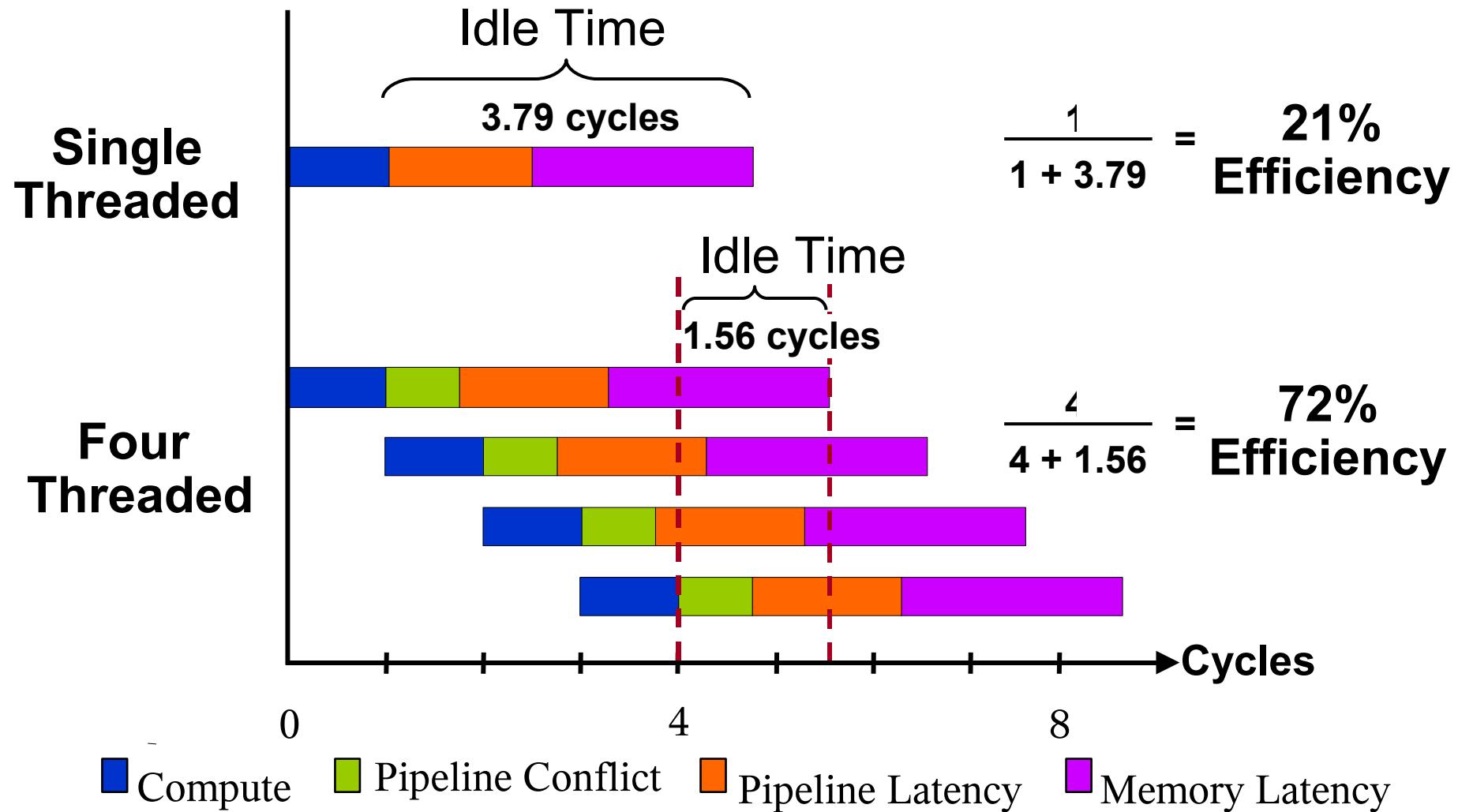
**n x m threads per processor**

# Why CMT Works

Goal: “100% Resource Utilization” (*given a fixed die size*)



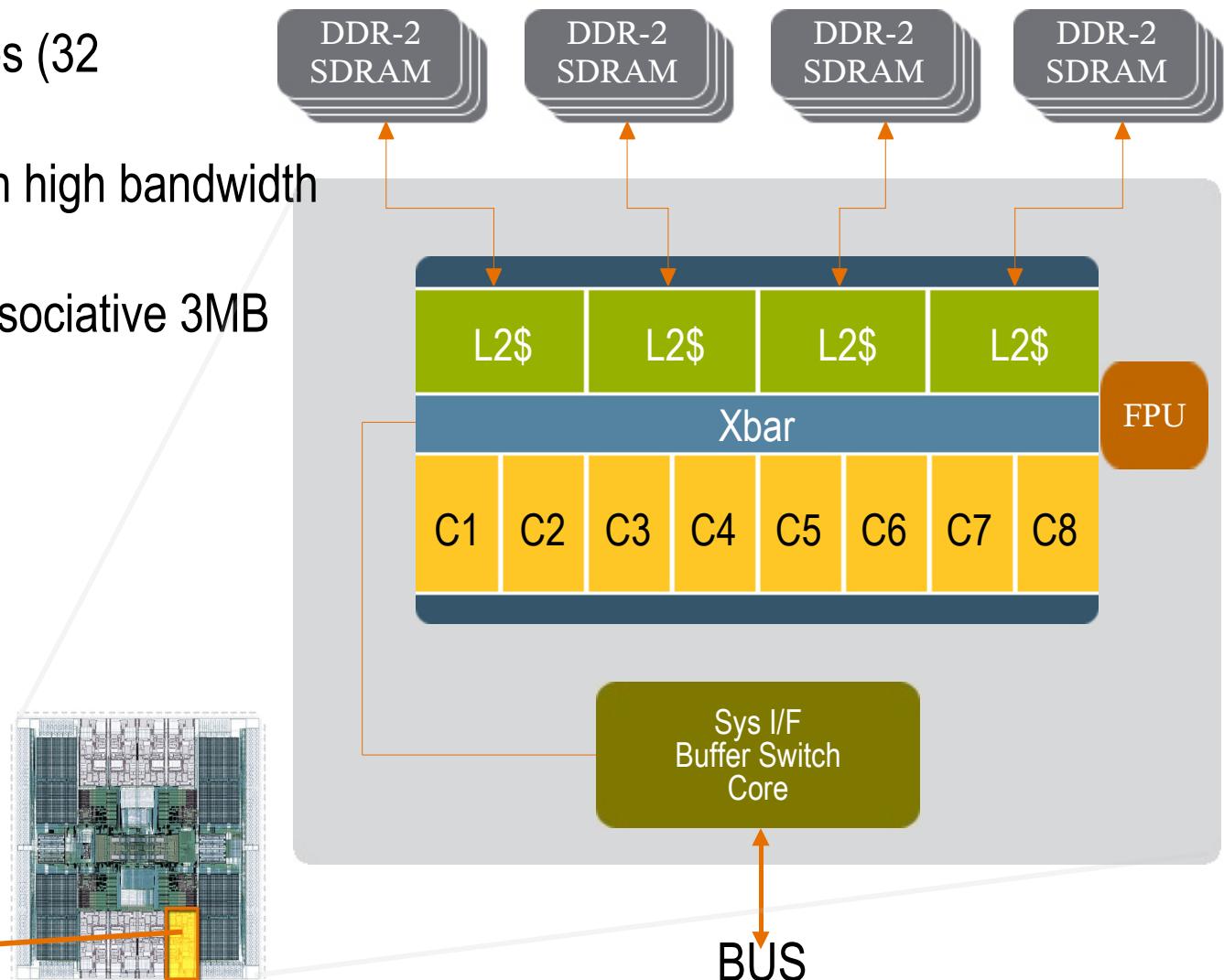
# Example - SpecJBB Execution Efficiency



A. S. Leon *et al.*, “A Power-Efficient High Throughput 32-Thread SPARC Processor,” ISSCC06, Paper 5.1

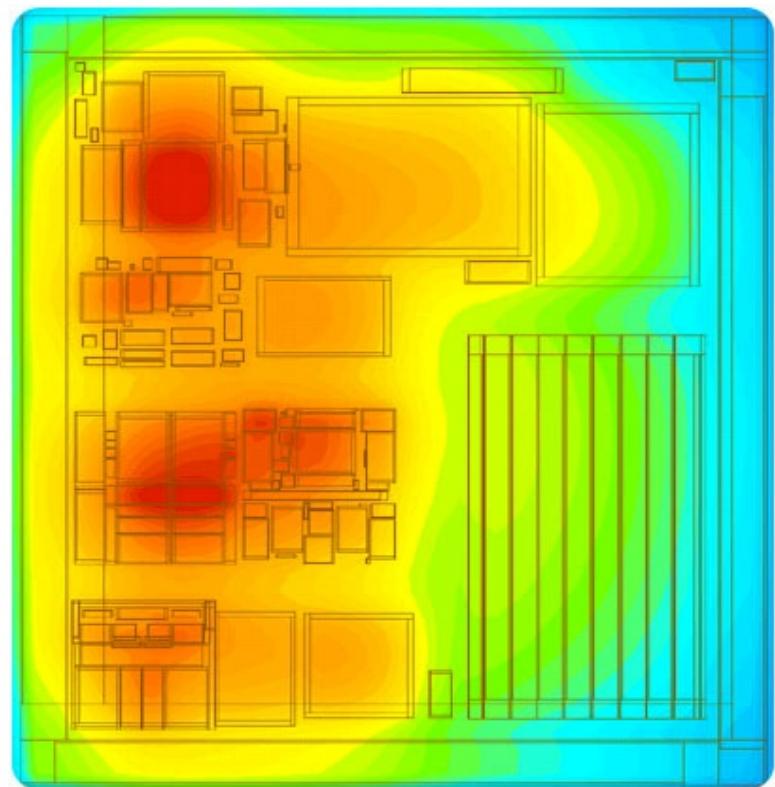
# UltraSPARC T1 Processor

- SPARC V9 (Level 1) implementation
- Up to eight 4-threaded cores (32 simultaneous threads)
- All cores connected through high bandwidth (134.4GB/s) crossbar switch
- High-bandwidth, 12-way associative 3MB Level-2 cache on chip
- 4 DDR2 channels (23GB/s)
- Power : < 80W
- ~300M transistors
- 378 sq. mm die

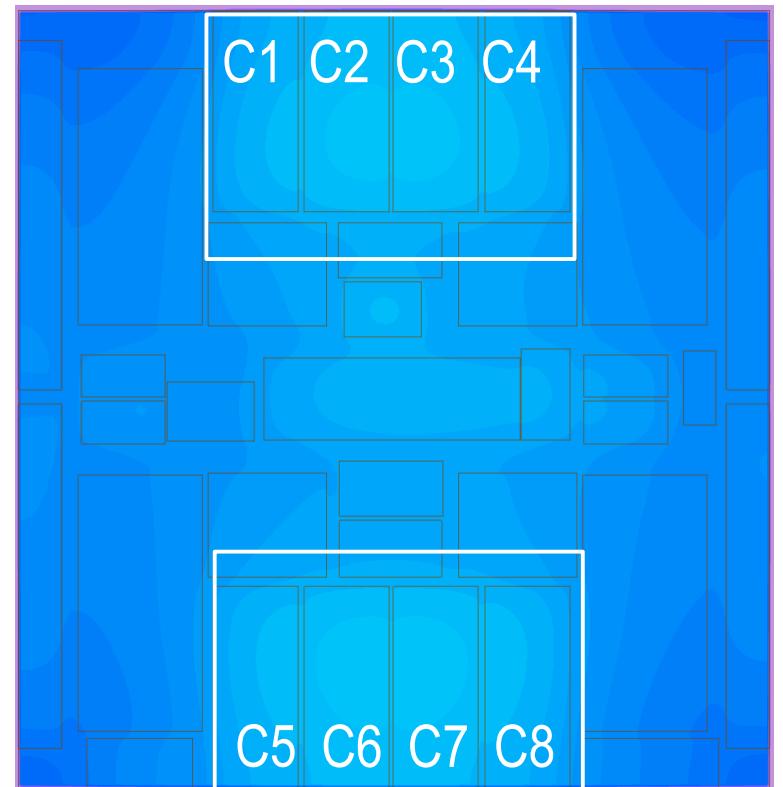


# Faster Can Be Cooler

Single-Core Processor



CMT Processor

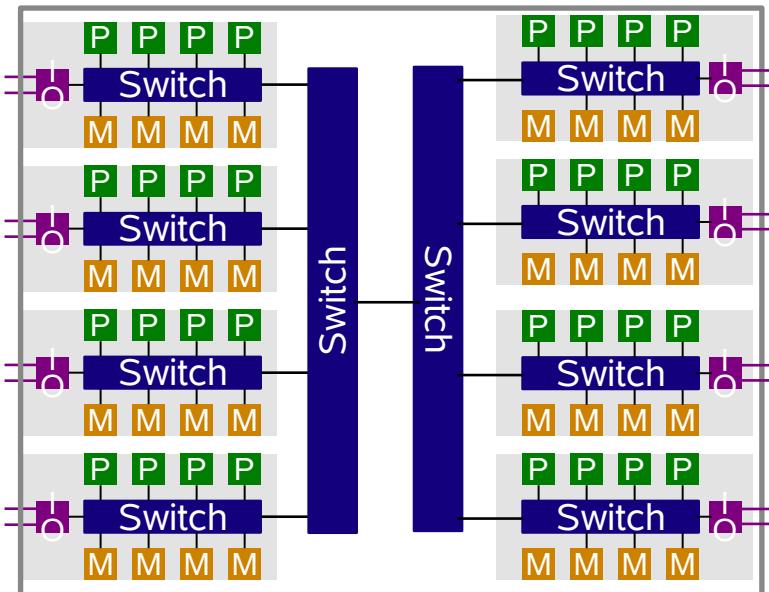


(Not to Scale)

# CMT: On-chip = High Bandwidth

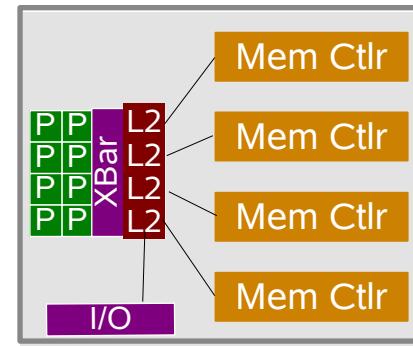
## 32-thread Traditional SMP System

Example: Typical SMP Machine Configuration



## 32-thread OpenSPARC T1 Processor

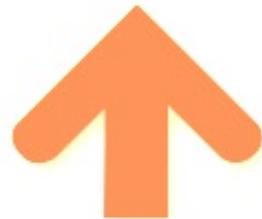
One motherboard, *no* switch ASICs



Direct crossbar interconnect

- Lower cost
- better RAS
- lower BTUs,
- lower and uniform latency,
- greater and uniform bandwidth. . .

# CMT Benefits

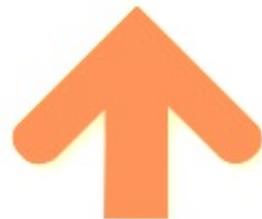


Performance



Cost

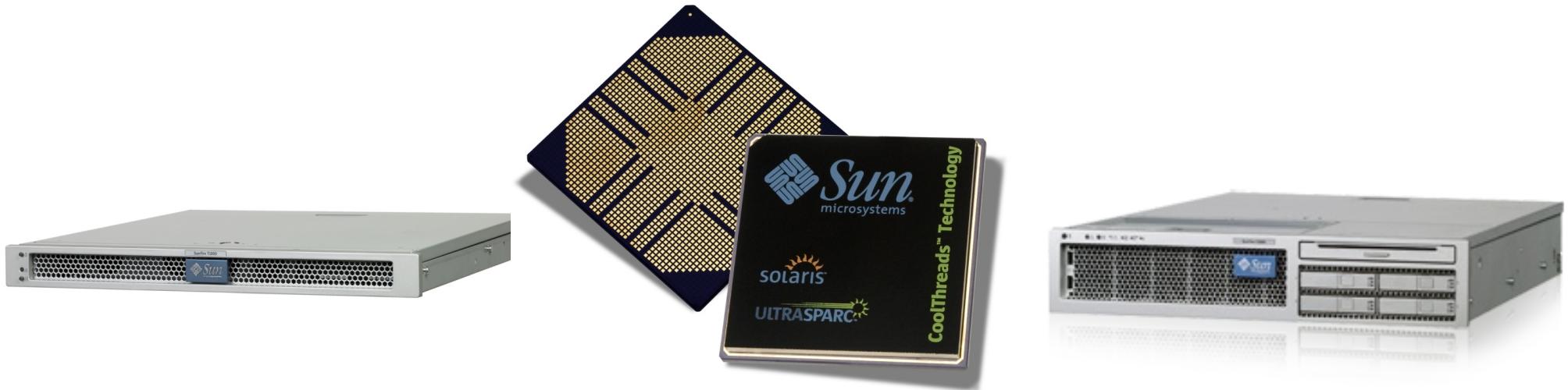
- Fewer servers
- Less floor space
- Reduced power consumption
- Less air conditioning
- Lower administration and maintenance



Reliability

# CMT Pays Off with CoolThreads™ Technology

Sun Fire T1000 and T2000



- Up to 5x the performance
- As low as 1/5 the energy
- As small as 1/4 the size



# CoolThreads Servers are a Hit

**NETWORKWORLD**

“...performance in several profiles unmatched for the power and space it consumes.”

**InformationWeek**

“These servers could save companies millions.”

The McGraw-Hill Companies

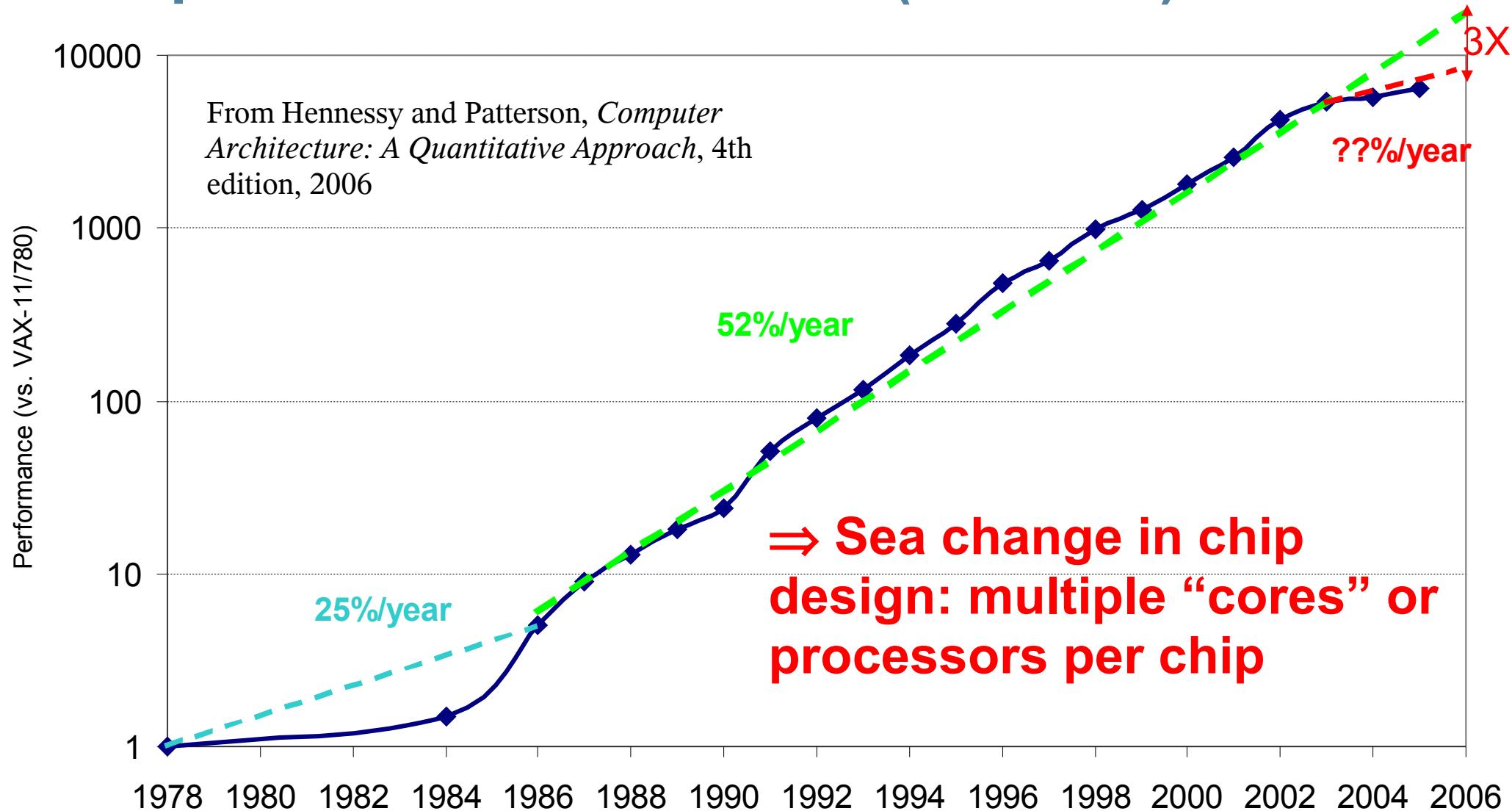
**BusinessWeek** 0

“...the machines put Sun at the cutting edge of one of the chip industry's biggest trends... multi-core systems.”

 **InfoWorld**

“...the UltraSparc T1 is truly a revolutionary processor.”

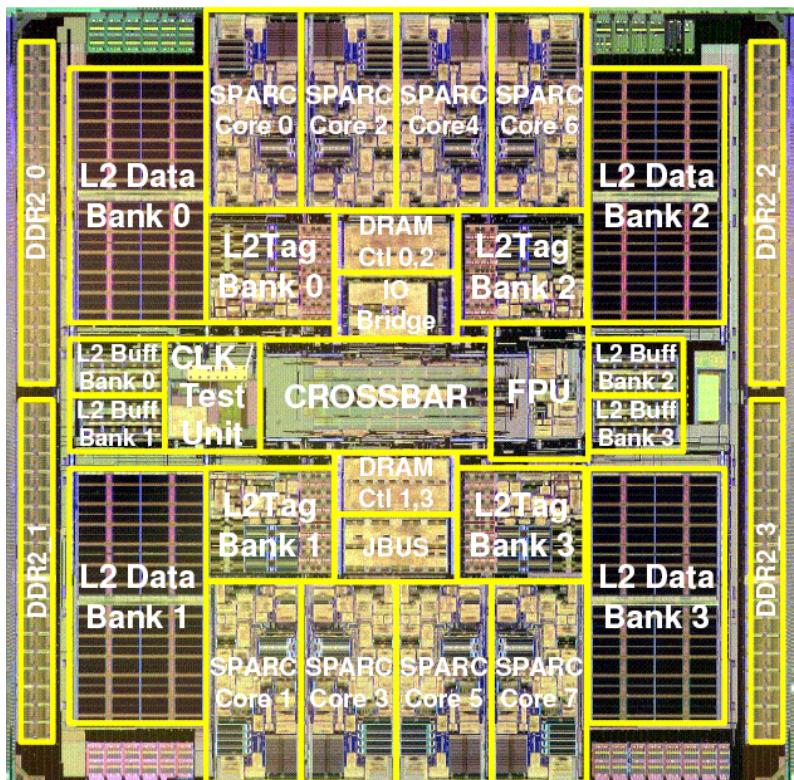
# Uniprocessor Performance (SPECint)



- VAX : 25%/year 1978 to 1986
- RISC + x86: 52%/year 1986 to 2002
- RISC + x86: ??%/year 2002 to present

Source: David Patterson presentation at MultiCore Expo 2006

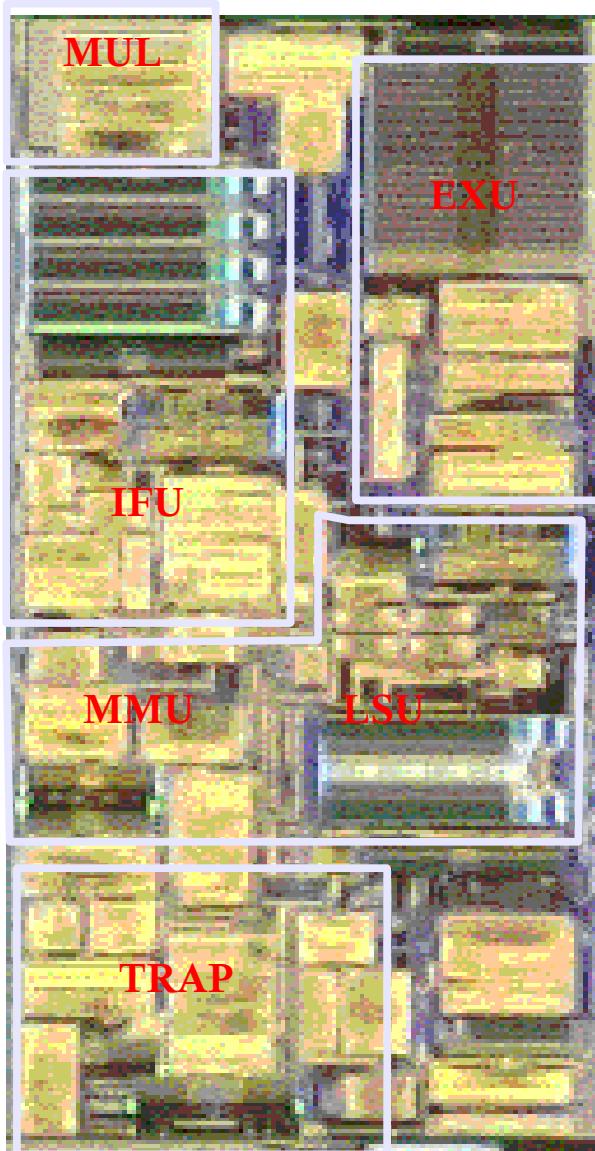
# UltraSPARC-T1: Choices & Benefits



- Simple core (6-stage, only 11mm<sup>2</sup> in 90nm), 1 FPU
  - maximum # of cores/threads on die
  - pipeline built from scratch, useful for multiple generations
  - modular, flexible design ... **scalable** (up and down)
- Caches, DRAM channels shared across cores
  - better area utilization
- Shared L2 cache
  - cost of coherence misses decrease by order of magnitude
  - enables highly efficient multi-threaded software
- On-die memory controllers
  - reduce miss latency
- Crossbar switch
  - good for b/w, latency, functional verification

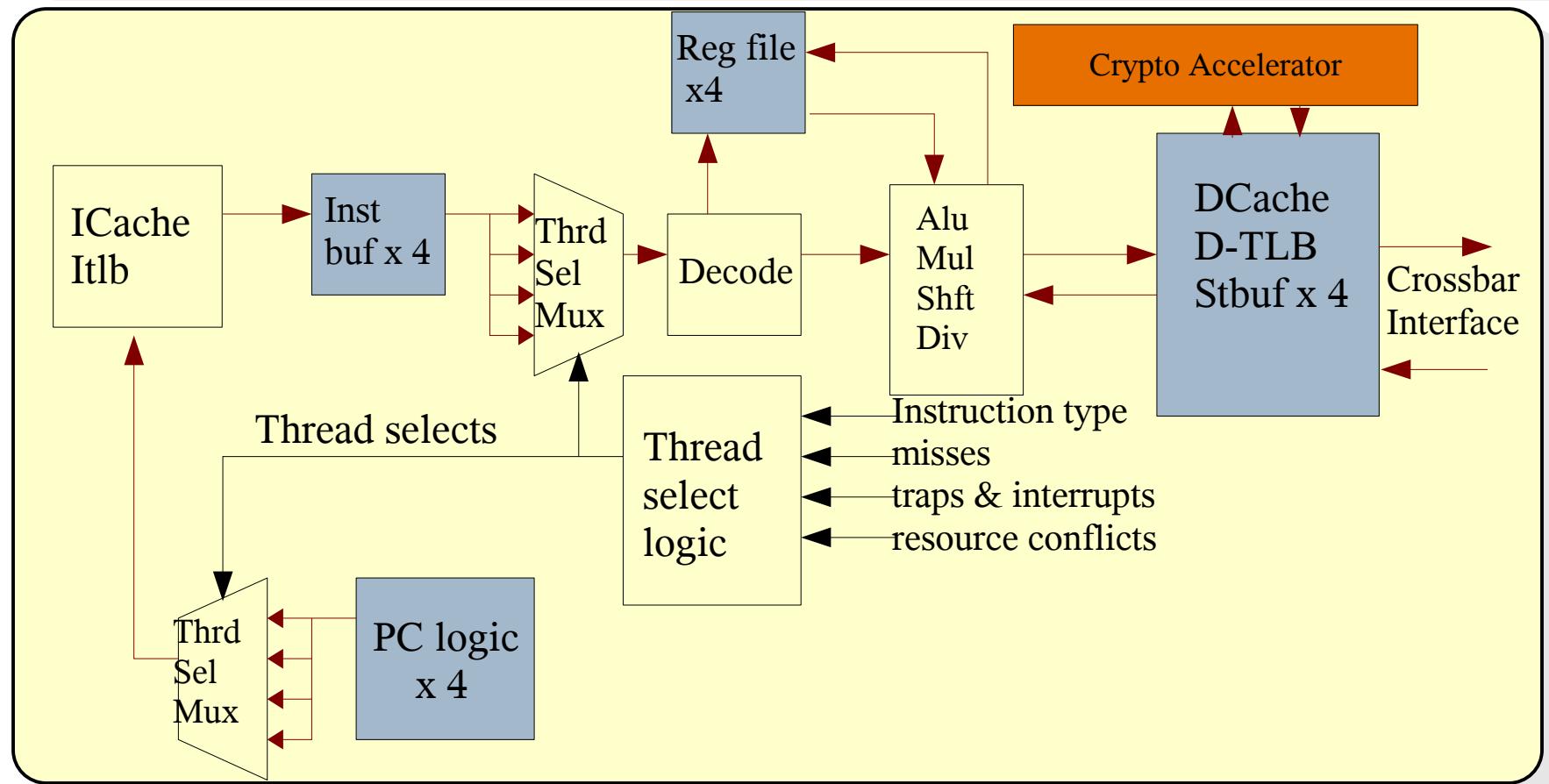
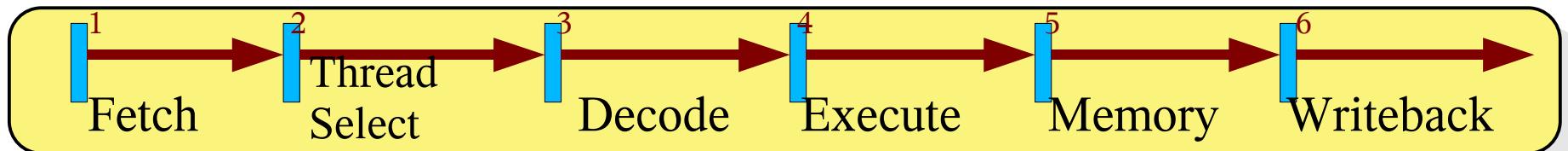
For reference: in 90nm technology, included 8 cores, 32 threads, and only dissipate 70<sup>W</sup>

# UltraSPARC-T1 Processor Core



- Four threads per core
- Single issue 6 stage pipeline
- 16KB I-Cache, 8KB D-Cache
  - > Unique resources per thread
    - > Registers
    - > Portions of I-fetch datapath
    - > Store and Miss buffers
  - > Resources shared by 4 threads
    - > Caches, TLBs, Execution Units
    - > Pipeline registers and DP
- Core Area = 11mm<sup>2</sup> in 90nm
- MT adds ~20% area to core

# UltraSPARC T1 Processor Core Pipeline



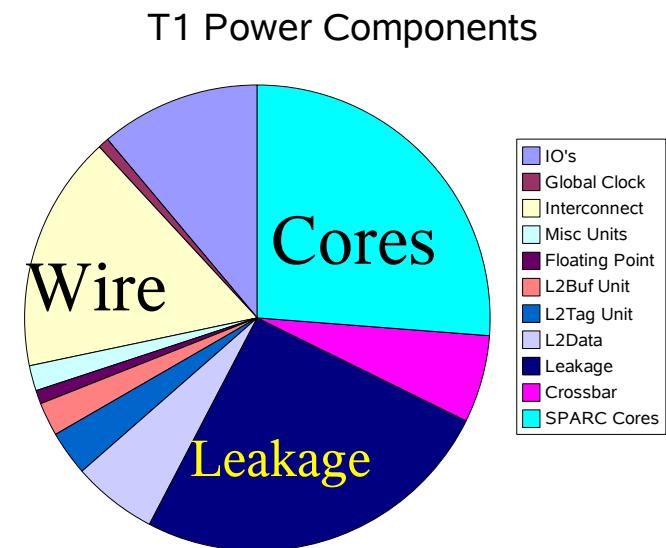
...blue units are replicated per *thread* on core

# Thread Selection Policy

- Every cycle, switch among available (ready to run) threads
  - priority given to least-recently-executed thread
- Thread becomes not-ready-to-run due to:
  - Long latency operation like load, branch, mul, or div
  - Pipeline stall such as cache miss, trap, or resource conflict
- Loads are speculated as cache hits, and the thread is switched in with lower priority

# T1 Power

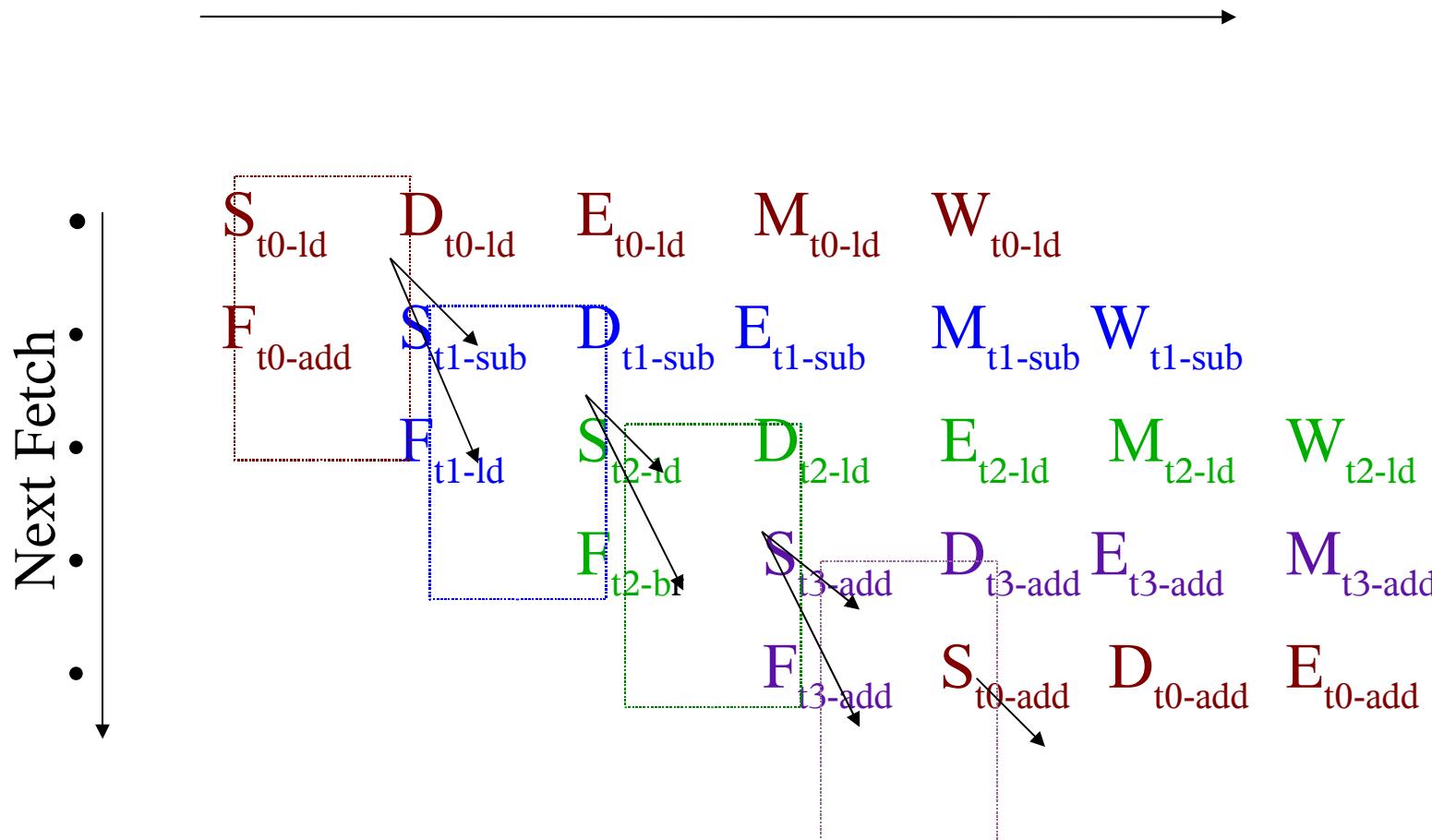
- Power Efficient Architecture
  - Single issue, in-order six stage pipeline
  - Minimal speculation, predication or branch prediction
- Thermal monitoring for power throttling
  - 3 external power throttle pins
    - Controlled by thermal diodes
    - Stall cycles injected, affecting all threads
  - Memory throttling
    - Open page limit
- Design Implementation
  - Fully static design
  - Fine granularity clock gating
    - Limited clock issue on stall, FGU
    - Limited L2 Cache & Memory clock gating
  - Wire classes optimized for power \* delay



# Microarchitecture details of the UltraSPARC -T1 CPU

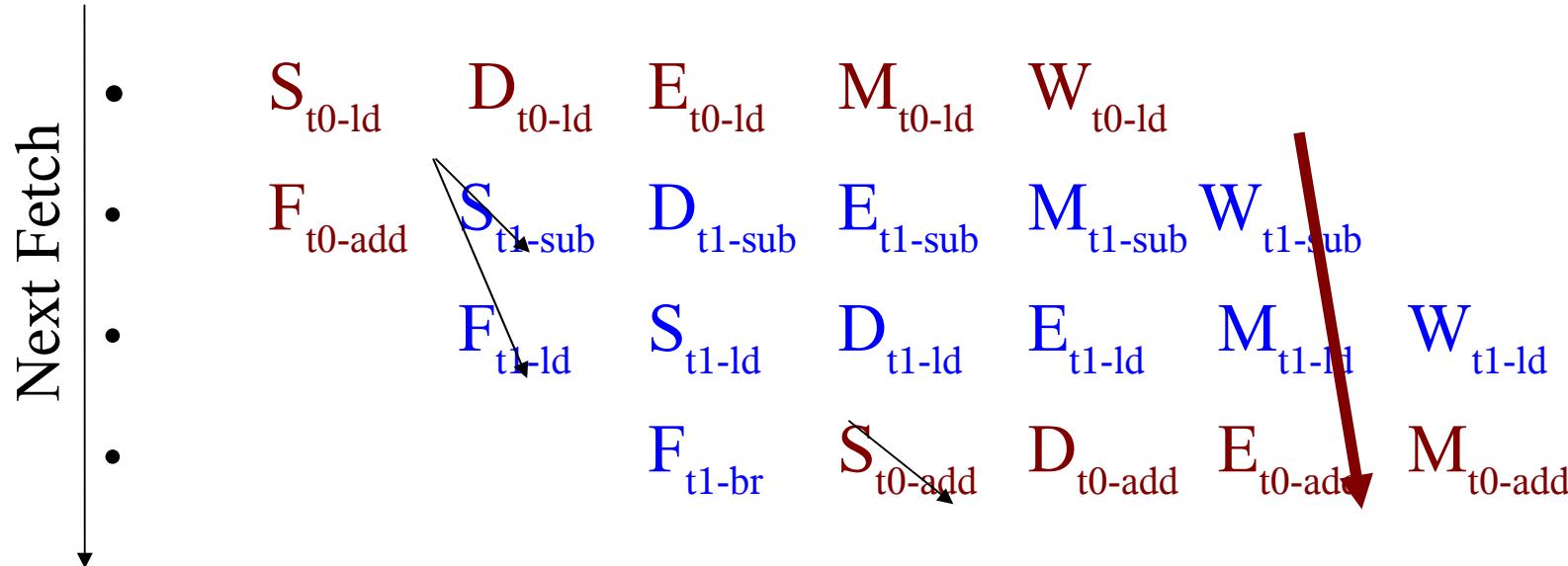
# Thread Selection – All Threads Ready

## Pipelined Flow



# Thread Selection – Two Threads Ready

## Pipelined Flow



Thread '0' is speculatively switched in before cache hit information is available, in time for the 'load' to bypass data to the 'add'

# Instruction Fetch/Switch/Decode Unit(IFU)

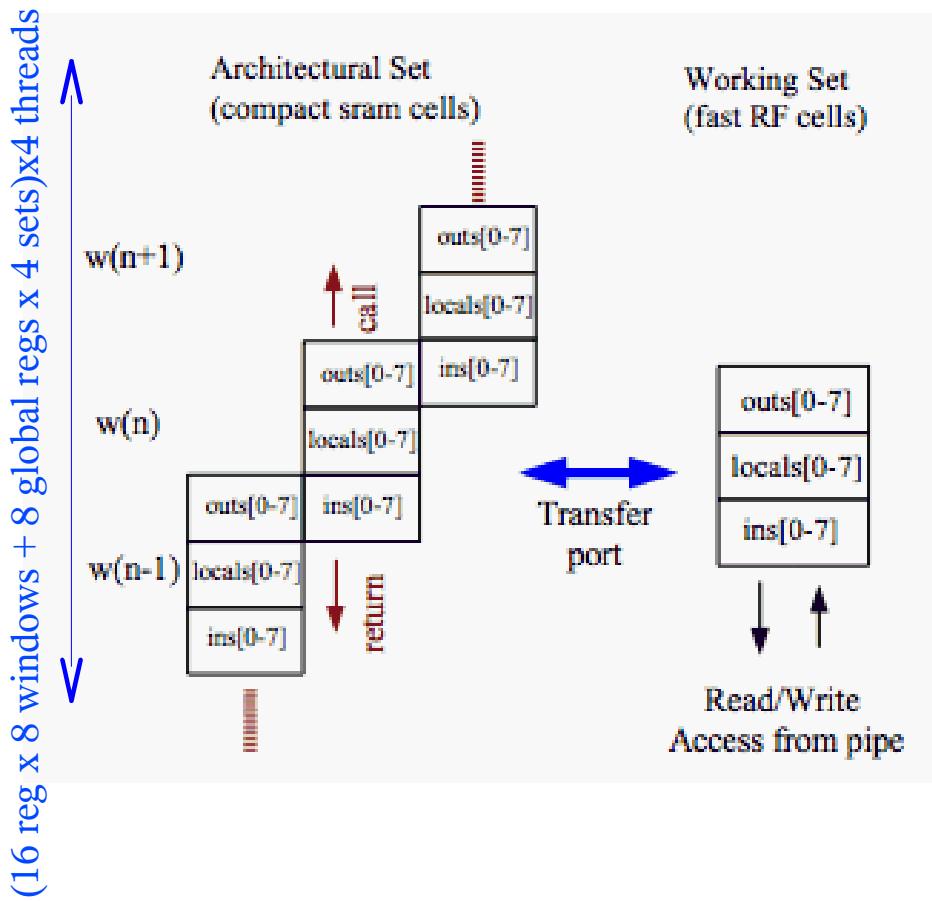
- I-cache complex
  - 16KB data, 4ways, 32B line size
  - Single ported Instruction Tag.
  - Dual ported(1R/1W) Valid bit array to hold Cache line state of valid/invalid
  - Invalidates access Vbit array not Instruction Tag
  - Pseudo-random replacement
- Fully Associative Instruction TLB
  - 64 entries, Page sizes: 8k,64k, 4M, 256M
  - Pseudo LRU replacement.
  - Multiple hits in TLB prevented by doing autodemap on fill

# IFU Functions (cont'd)

- 2 instructions fetched each cycle, though only one is issued/clk. Reduces I\$ activity and allows opportunistic line fill.
- 1 outstanding miss/thread, and 4 per core. Duplicate misses do not request to L2
- PC's, NPC's for all live instructions in machine maintained in IFU

# Windowed Integer Register File

- 5KB 3R/2W/1T structure
  - > 640 64b regs with ECC!
- Only the 32 registers from current window is visible to thread
- Window changing in background under thread switch. Other threads continue to access IRF
- Compact design with 6T cells for architectural set & multi ported cell for working set.
- Single cycle R/W access



# Execution Units

- Single ALU and Shifter. ALU reused for Branch Address and Virtual Address Calculation
- Integer Multiplier
  - > 5 clock latency, throughput of  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cycle for area saving
  - > Contains accumulate function for Mod Arithmetic.
  - > 1 integer mul allowed outstanding per core.
  - > Multiplier shared between Core Pipe and Modular Arithmetic unit on a round robin basis.
- Simple non restoring divider, with one divide outstanding per core.
- Thread issuing a MUL/DIV will rollback and switch out if another thread is occupying the mul/div units.

# Load Store Unit(LSU)

- D-Cache complex
  - 8KB data, 4ways, 16B line size
  - Single ported Data Tag.
  - Dual ported(1R/1W) Valid bit array to hold Cache line state of valid/invalid
  - Invalidates access Vbit array but not Data Tag
  - Pseudo-random replacement
  - Loads are allocating, stores are non allocating.
- DTLB: common macro to ITLB(64 entry FA)
- 8 entry store buffer per thread, unified into single 32 entry array, with RAW bypassing.

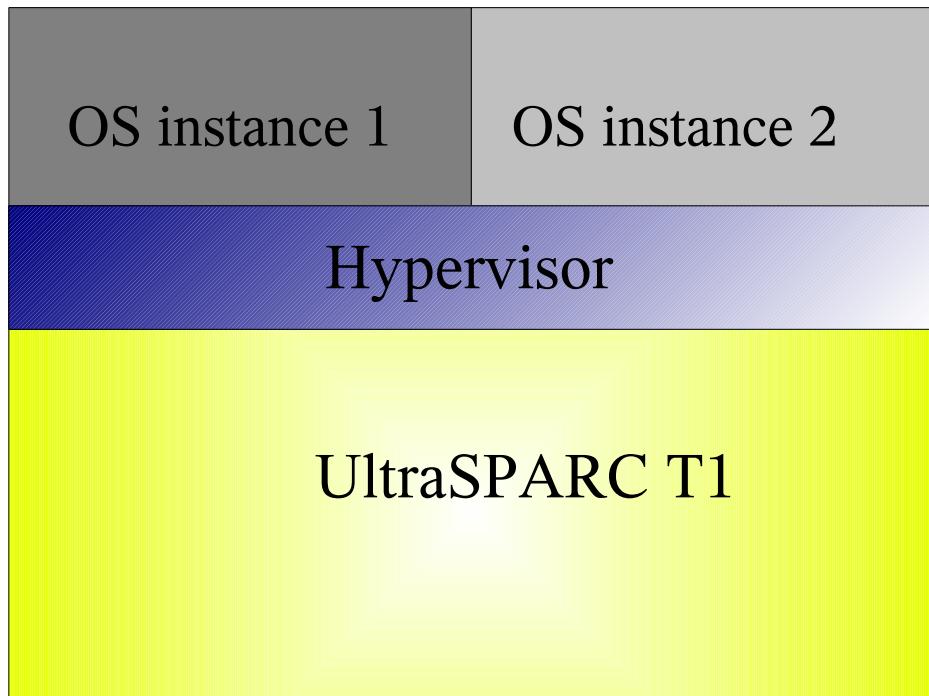
## LSU(cont'd)

- Single load per thread outstanding. Duplicate request for the same line not sent to L2
- Crossbar interface
  - LSU prioritizes requests to the crossbar for F Pops, Streaming ops, I and D misses, stores and interrupts etc.
  - Request priority:  
imiss>ldmiss>stores,{fpu,strm,interrupt}.
  - Packet assembly for pcx.
- Handles returns from crossbar and maintains order for cache updates and invalidates.

# Other Functions

- Support for 6 trap levels. Traps cause pipeline flush and thread switch until trap PC is available
- Support for upto 64 pending interrupts per thread
- Floating Point
  - > FP registers and decode located within core
  - > On detecting an Fpop
    - > The thread switches out
    - > Fpop is further decoded and FRF is read
    - > Fpop with operands are packetized and shipped over the crossbar to the FPU
    - > Computation done in FPU and result returned via crossbar
    - > Writeback completed to FRF and thread restart

# Virtualization

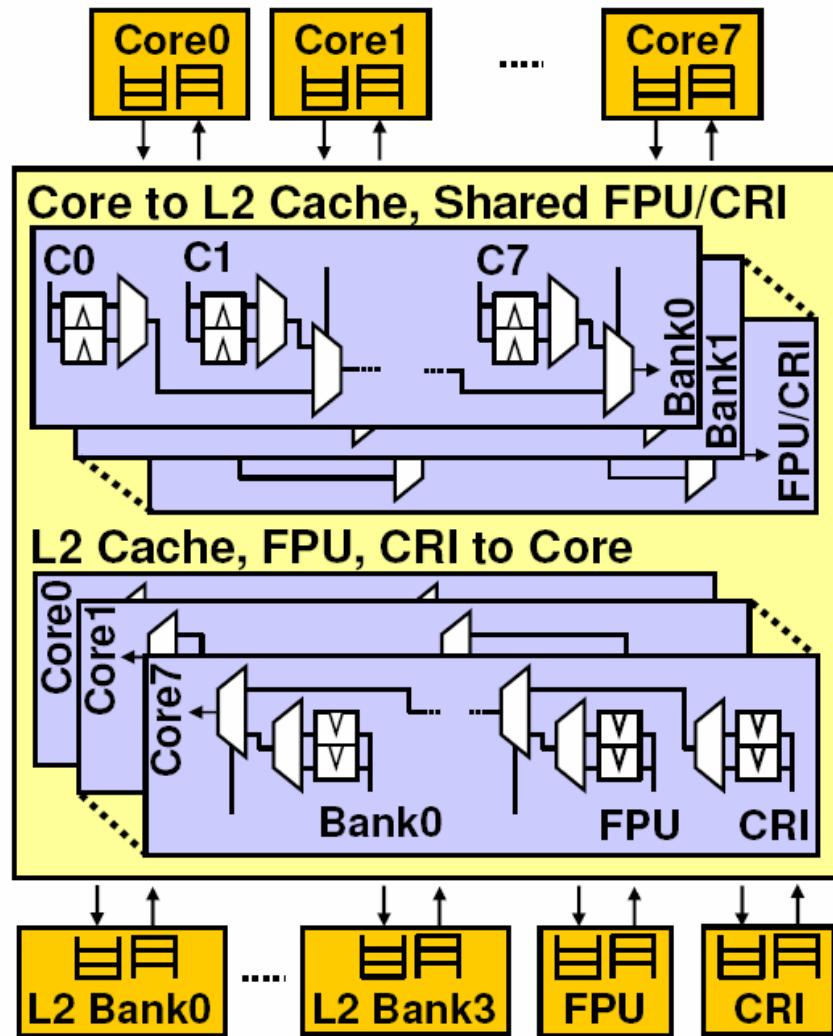


- Hypervisor layer virtualizes CPU
- Multiple OS instances
- Better RAS as failures in one domain do not affect other domain
- Improved OS portability to newer hardware

# Virtualization on UltraSPARC T1

- Implementation on UltraSPARC-T1
  - Hypervisor uses Physical Addresses
  - Supervisor sees 'Real Addresses' – a PA abstraction
  - VA translated to 'RA' and then PA. Niagara MMU and TLB provides h/w support.
  - Up to 8 partitions can be supported. 3Bit partition ID is part of TLB translation checks
  - Additional trap level added for hypervisor use

# Crossbar



- Each requestor queues upto 2 packets per destination.
- 3 stage pipeline: Request, Arbitrate and Transmit
- Centralised arbitration with oldest requestor getting priority
- Core to cache bus optimized for address + doubleword store
- Cache to core bus optimized for 16B line fill. 32B I\$ line fill delivered in 2 back to back clks

# L2 Cache

- 3MB, 4-way banked, 12way SA, Writeback
- 64B line size, 64B interleaved between banks
- Pipeline latency: 8 clks for Load, 9 clks for I-miss, with critical chunk returned first
- 16 outstanding misses per bank -> 64 total
- Coherence maintained by shadowing L1 tags in an L2 directory structure.
- L2 is point of global visibility. DMA from IO is serialised wrt traffic from cores in L2

# L2 Cache – Directory

- Directory shadows L1 tags
  - L1 set index and L2 bank interleaving is such that  $\frac{1}{4}$  of L1 entries come from an L2 bank
  - On an L1 miss, the L1 replacement way and set index identify the physical location of the tag which will be updated by miss address
  - On a store, directory will be cammed.
    - Directory entries collated by set so only 64 entries need to be cammed. Scheme is quite power efficient
    - Invalidates are a pointer to the physical location in the L1, eliminating the need for a tag lookup in L1

# Coherence/Ordering

- Loads update directory & fill the L1 on return
- Stores are non allocating in L1
  - Two flavors of stores: TSO, RMO.  
One TSO store outstanding to L2 per thread to preserve store ordering. No such limitation on RMO stores
  - No tag check done at store buffer insert
  - Stores check directory and determine L1 hit.
  - Directory sends store ack/inv to core
  - Store update happens to D\$ on store ack
- Crossbar orders responses across cache banks

# On Chip Mem Controller

- 4 independent DDRII DRAM channels
- Can supports memory size of upto 128GB
- 25GB/s peak bandwidth
- Schedules across 8 rds + 8 writes
- Can be programmed to 2 channel mode in reduced configuration
- 128+16b interface, chipkill support, nibble error correction, byte error detection
- Designed to work from 125-200Mhz

# New wave requires rethinking everything



Why not  
open source  
hardware?



# OpenSPARC™

It's about  
Participation

# World's First Open Source Microprocessor



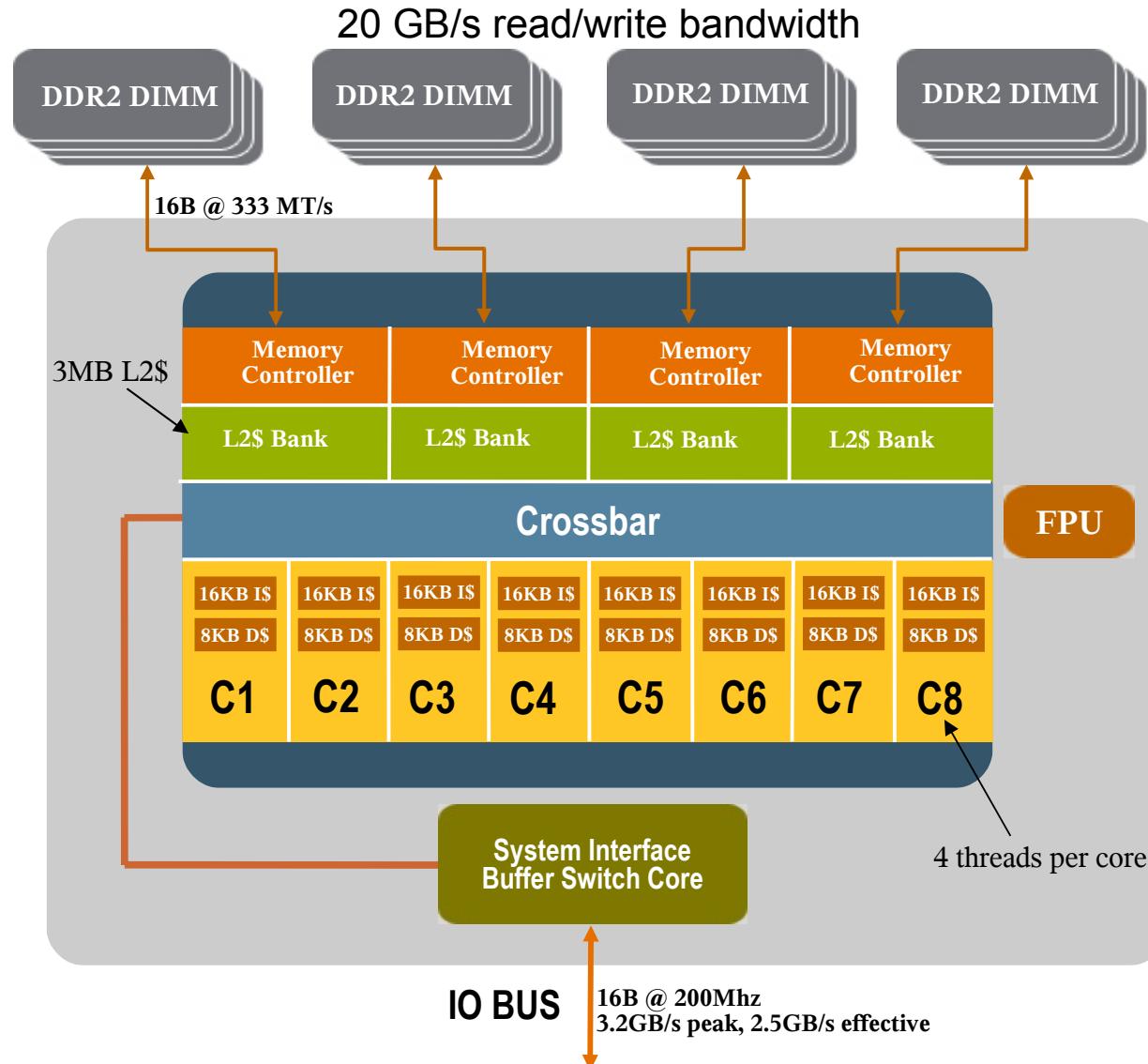
## OpenSPARC.net

- Governed by GPL (2)
- Complete chip architecture
- Register Transfer Logic (RTL)
- Hypervisor API
- Verification suite and architectural models
- Simulation model for Solaris bringup on s/w
- 14 million lines of code



[www.opensparc.net](http://www.opensparc.net)

# Get the Source ... Start Innovating!



## Things you can do:

- use as is
- add/delete threads
- add/delete cores
- add new instructions
- change or add FPUs
- add custom coprocessors
- add video/graphics
- add network interface
- change memory interface
- change I/O interface
- change cache/mem interface
- etc...

*Innovate anywhere –  
within it or outside it*

# OpenSPARC Communities

## Academia/Universities

Architecture, ISA, VLSI course work  
Threading, Scaling, Parallelization  
Benchmarks

**CMT Tools**  
Compilers, Threading  
Optimization  
Performance Analysis

## Operating Systems

OpenSolaris,  
Linux, BSD variants,  
Embedded OSs

## EDA Vendors

Benchmarking  
Reference flow  
FPGA  
Emulation  
Verification  
Physical Design  
Multi-threaded tools

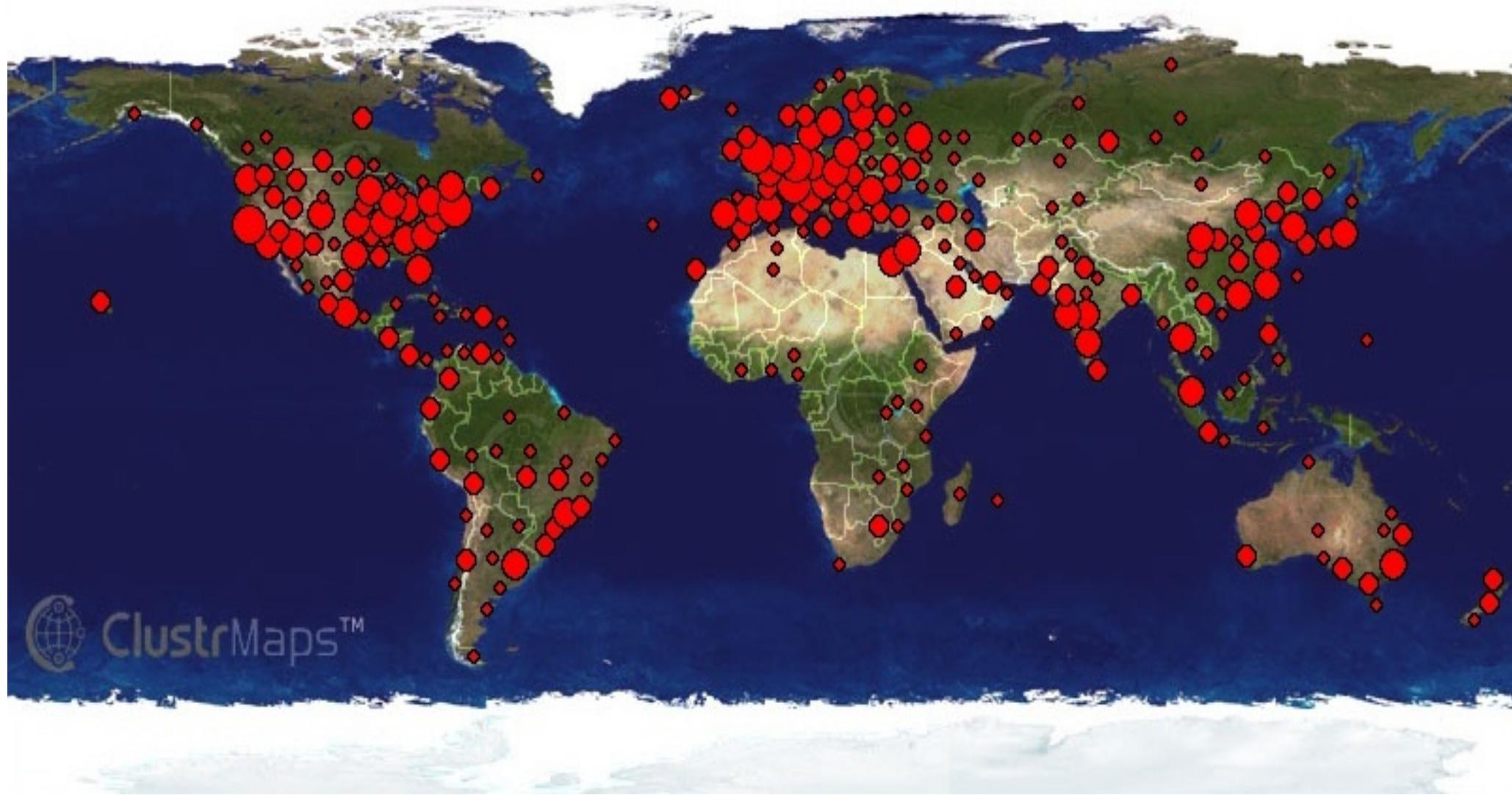
## Hardware IP Suppliers

PCI cores, SERDES etc.

## Chip Designers

SoC designs, Hard macros  
Telecom applications

# OpenSPARC momentum



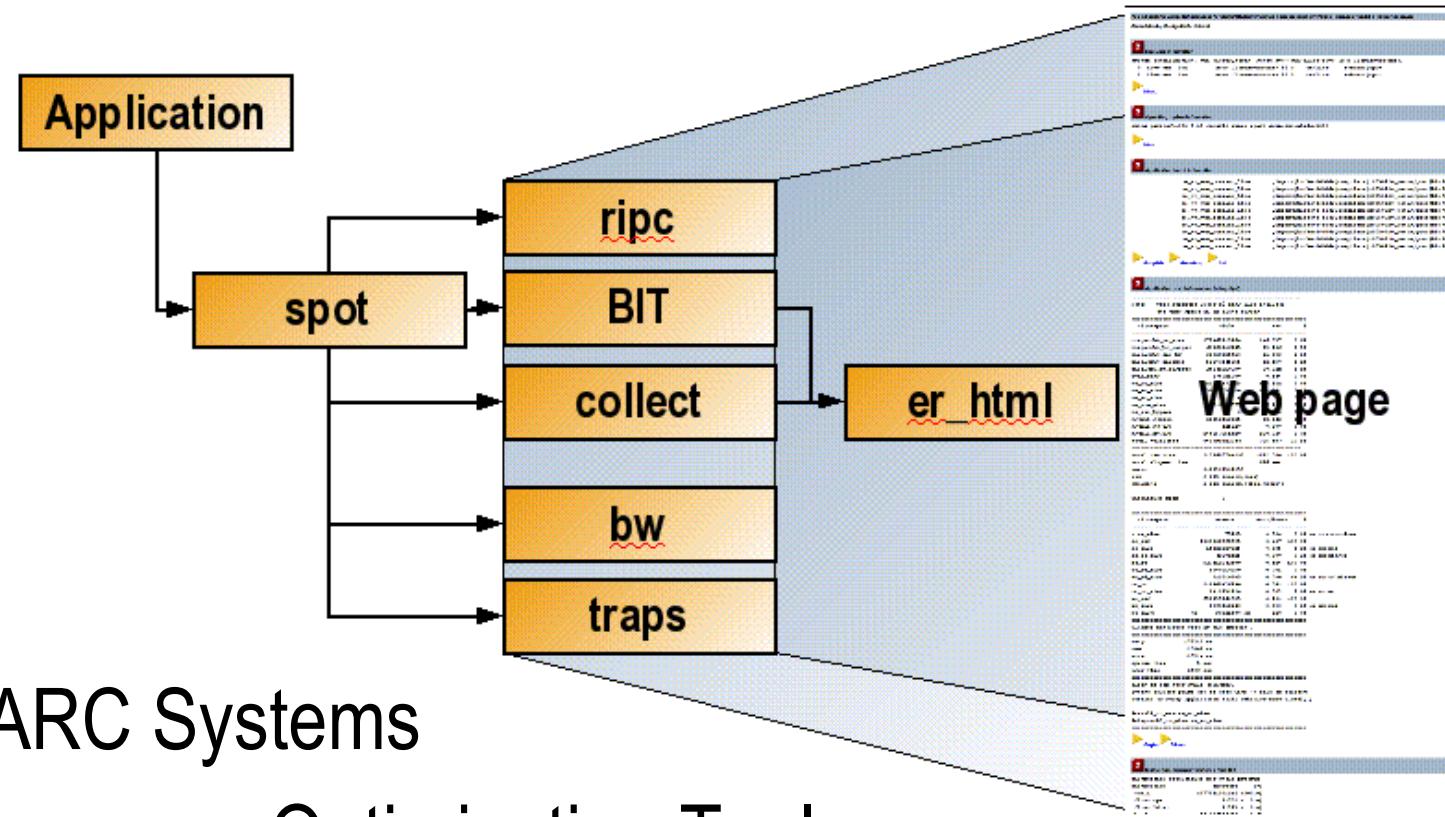
**Innovation Happens Everywhere**

# OpenSPARC community achievements

- Single core (S1) design released by Simply RISC based in Italy (less than 6 months of effort)
- David Miller ported Linux in less than 6 weeks to T2000 system
- Cadence uses OpenSPARC for benchmarking of two generation of hardware accelerators
- John Hennessy and David Patterson's fourth edition of "Computer architecture" book includes section on T1
- UCSC professor Jose Renau releases 65nm synthesis results
- Collaborative effort on RAMP (build 1000 core system)
- > 4500 downloads.

# Cool tools for SPARC systems

<http://cooltools.sunsource.net/>



- GCC for SPARC Systems
- Simple Performance Optimisation Tool
- Automatic Tuning and Troubleshooting Tool

# OpenSPARC.net: Get the Source



- Browse online
- Sort by:
  - > Modules
  - > Signals
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  - > Functions
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OpenSPARC

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OpenSPARC T1

Hierarchy for cmp\_top

- cmp\_top
  - OpenSPARC T1
  - bw\_sys
  - cmp\_clk
  - cmp\_dram
  - cmp\_mem
  - cpx\_stall
  - dbg\_port\_chk
  - dffrl\_async x 4
  - err\_inject
  - jbus\_monitor
  - jp\_sjm x 2
  - monitor
  - one\_hot\_mux\_mon
  - ppx\_stall
  - sas\_intf
  - sas\_tasks
  - slam\_init
  - sparc\_pipe\_flow
  - tap\_stub

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module OpenSPARC T1 /*AUTOARG*/
// Outputs
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DRAM0_ADDR, DRAM0_BA, DRAM0_CK_P, DRAM0_CK_N, DRAM1_RAS_L,
DRAM1_CAS_L, DRAM1_WE_L, DRAM1_CS_L, DRAM1_CKE, DRAM1_ADDR,
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DRAM3_CK_N, J_PACK0, J_PACK1, J_REQ0_OUT_L, J_REQ1_OUT_L, J_ERR,
TSR_TESTIO, TDDI
// Inouts
DRAM0_DQ, DRAM0_CE, DRAM0_DQS, SPARE_DDR0_PIN, DRAM1_DQ, DRAM1_CE,
DRAM1_DQS, CLK0BS, SPARE_DDR1_PIN, DRAM2_DQ, DRAM2_CE, DRAM2_DQS,
SPARE_DDR2_PIN, DRAM3_DQ, DRAM3_CE, DRAM3_DQS, SPARE_DDR3_PIN,
J_AD, J_ADE, J_ATYPE, SPARE_JEUSR_PIN, DEG_DQ, DEG_CK_P,
DEG_CK_N, VDDA, VDDBO, VIDCO, VDDTO, VDDL18, VDDR18, DIODE_TOP,
DIODE_BOT, VPP, SSI_MISO, SSI_MOSI, SSI_SCK, PMO, VDD_SENSE,
VSS_SENSE, SPARE_MISC_PIN, SPARE_MISC_PAD, SPARE_DDR0_PAD,
SPARE_DDR1_PAD, SPARE_DDR2_PAD, SPARE_DDR3_PAD, SPARE_DEG_PAD,
// Inputs
DRAM01_P_REF_RES, DRAM01_N_REF_RES, DRAM23_P_REF_RES,
DRAM23_N_REF_RES, J_PAR, J_PACK4, J_PACK5, J_REQ4_IN_L,
J_REQ5_IN_L, J_RST_L, DTL_L_VREF, DTL_R_VREF, JEUS_P_REF_RES,
JEUS_N_REF_RES, DEG_VREF, J_CLK, TCK, TCK2, TRST_L, TDI, TMS,
TEST_MODE, TEMP, TRIG, PURON_RST_L, CLK_STRETCH, DO_BIST,
EXT_INT_L, BURNIN, PMI, PGRM_EN, PLL_CHAR_IN, VREG_SELBG_L,
TRIGIN, HSTL_VREF
);
output DRAM0_RAS_L; // From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output DRAM0_CAS_L; // From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output DRAM0_WE_L; // From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output [3:0] DRAM0_CS_L; // From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output DRAM0_CKE; // From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output DRAM0_ADDR; // From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output DRAM0_BA; // From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output [14:0] DRAM0_DQ; // To/From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output [2:0] DRAM0_CE; // To/From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
inout [127:0] DRAM0_DQS; // To/From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
inout [15:0] DRAM0_CB; // To/From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output [35:0] DRAM0_DQS; // From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output [3:0] DRAM0_CK_P; // From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output [3:0] DRAM0_CK_N; // From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
input DRAM01_P_REF_RES; // To pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
input DRAM01_N_REF_RES; // To pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
input inout SPARE_DDR0_PIN; // To/From pad_ddr0 of pad_ddr0.v
output DRAM1_RAS_L; // From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output DRAM1_CAS_L; // From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output DRAM1_WE_L; // From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output [3:0] DRAM1_CS_L; // From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output DRAM1_CKE; // From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output DRAM1_ADDR; // From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output DRAM1_BA; // From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output [127:0] DRAM1_DQ; // To/From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output [2:0] DRAM1_CE; // To/From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
inout [15:0] DRAM1_DQS; // To/From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output [35:0] DRAM1_CB; // From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output [3:0] DRAM1_CK_P; // From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
output [3:0] DRAM1_CK_N; // From pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
input DRAM23_P_REF_RES; // To pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v
input DRAM23_N_REF_RES; // To pad_ddr1 of pad_ddr1.v

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# 64 Bits. 32 Threads. Free.

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*"Sun's decision to release Verilog source code for the UltraSPARC hardware design under a free software license is a historic step. Sun is showing its profound understanding of the forces shaping our technological future in making this decision."*

-- Eben Moglen, founding director of the Software Freedom Law Center

*"The free world welcomes Sun's decision to use the Free Software Foundation's GNU GPL for the freeing of OpenSPARC. We'd love to see other hardware companies follow in Sun's footsteps."*

-- Richard Stallman, Free Software Foundation

# Legal Substantiation – Benchmarks

- Sun Fire T2000 (8 cores, 1 chip) 14,001 SPECweb2005. IBM p5 550 (4 cores, 2 chips) 7881 SPECweb2005. IBM eServer Xseries x346 (2 cores, 2 chips) 4348 SPECweb2005. SPEC, SPECweb reg tm of Standard Performance Evaluation Corporation. Sun Fire T2000 results submitted to SPEC. Other results from [www.spec.org](http://www.spec.org) as of December 6, 2005.
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- Sun Fire T1000 Server (1 chip, 8 cores, 1-way) 51,540 bops, 12,885 bops/JVM. IBM x346 (2 chip, 4 cores, 4-way) 39,585 bops, 39,585 bops/JVM. IBM p520 (1 chip, 2 cores, 2-way) 32,820 bops, 32,820 bops/JVM. Dell SC1425 (2 chip, 2 cores, 2-way) 24,208 bops, 24,208 bops/JVM. SPEC, SPECjbb reg tm of Standard PerformanceEvaluation Corporation. Sun Fire T1000 results submitted to SPEC. Other resultss as of 12/6/2005 on [www.spec.org](http://www.spec.org)

# Legal Substantiation – Benchmarks (Cont'd)

- NotesBench R6iNotes Sun Fire T2000 (1x1200 MHz UltraSPARC T1, 32GB), 4 partitions, Solaris[TM] 10, Lotus[R] Domino 7.0, 19,000 users, \$4.36 per user, 16,061 NotesMark tpm, 400 ms avg rt. NotesBench R6iNotes IBM x346 (2 x 3.4 GHz Xeon processors, 8GB), 1 partition, SuSE Linux 8, Lotus[R] DominoR6.5.3, 6,50 users, \$9.07 per user, 5,109 NotesMark tpm, 569 ms avg rt. More info [www.notesbench.org](http://www.notesbench.org)
- Portal tests conducted on Sun Fire Sun Fire T2000 configured with 6 cores, 1.0GHz UltraSPARC T1 processor and 16GB memory. Dell 6650 configured with 4 x Intel Xeon processors at 2GHz and 4GB memory. 1 processor was active to run the test. Internal test using SLAMD Distributed Load Generation Engine AE & Mercury Load Runner. Both systems were installed with Solaris 10 OS and Sun Java Portal Server 7. Test date: 11/14/05.
- Crypto Processing RSA & DSA sign operations @ 1024-bit

# Legal Substantiation – Benchmarks (Cont'd)

- Two-tier SAP ECC 5.0 Standard Sales and Distribution (SD) benchmark Sun Fire T2000 (1 processor, 8 cores, 32 threads) 1.2 GHz UltraSPARC T1, 32 GB mem, 950 SD benchmark users, 1.91 sec avg resp, MaxDB 7.5 database, Solaris 10. SAP certification number was not available at press time, please see: [www.sap.com/benchmark](http://www.sap.com/benchmark). Benchmark data submitted for approval: 950 SD Users (Sales & Distribution), Ave. dialog resp. time: 1.91 seconds, Throughput: Fully processed order line items/hour: 95,670, Dialog steps/hour: 287,000, SAPS: 4,780, Average DB req. time (dia/upd): 0.080 sec / 0.157 sec, CPU utilization of central server: 99%, central server OS: Solaris 10, RDBMS: MaxDB 7.5, SAP ECC

Release: 5.0, Configuration: Sun Fire Model T2000, 1 processor/ 8 cores / 32 threads, UltraSPARC T1, 1200 MHz, 64 KB(D) + 128 KB(I) L1 cache, 3 MB L2 cache, 32 GB main memory. Two-tier SAP SD Standard Application Benchmark Release 4.70 (64-bit) results for the HP ProLiant DL580 (4-way, 4 procs, 4 cores, 4 threads) included 4x 3.33 Ghz Xeon, 32 GB mem, 937 SAP SD Benchmark users, 1.96 sec avg response time, Cert#2005012, running Microsoft® Windows Server

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# Agenda

1. Chip Multi-Threading (CMT) Era
2. Microarchitecture of OpenSPARC T1
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6. OpenSPARC T1 simulators
7. Hypervisor and OS porting
8. Compiler Optimizations and tools
9. Community Participation

# SPARC Architecture Generations

# Generations of SPARC

- **SPARC V8** (S.I., 1987): 32-bit
- **SPARC V9** (S.I., 1994): 64-bit addr+data
  - UltraSPARC I, 1995 – VIS-1 instructions
  - UltraSPARC III, ~2000 – VIS-2 instructions
  - UltraSPARC IV, ~2004 – basic CMT
- **UltraSPARC Architecture 2005** (Sun, 2005): full CMT, hyperprivileged mode
  - UltraSPARC T1, 2005 ← [OpenSPARC T1]

# Specification Differences, V9 → UA 2005

- Formatting improvements
- More complete and more precise than SPARC V9; for example:
  - > lists the specific conditions under which each exception may be raised, for every instruction
  - > clarifies relative trap priorities
  - > closes many old implementation dependencies
  - > specifies many extensions to architecture
- Document Design:
  - > Architecture Spec + Implementation Supplements

# Architecture Extensions, V9 → UA 2005

- Sun's VIS1 and VIS2 instructions
- GSR register
- Privileged register-window management instructions ALLCLEAN, OTHERW, NORMALW, and INVALW
- “Deferred” traps split into two categories
  - SPARC V9 deferred traps are now “resumable deferred” traps

# Architecture Changes, V9 → UA 2005

- **Hyperprivileged** mode has been added, including:
  - several hyperprivileged registers
  - a few hyperprivileged instructions
    - notably RDHPR and WRHPR (hyperprivileged register access)
  - effects on the Tcc instruction
  - effects on the trap model
  - SIR instruction is now hyperprivileged
  - VER register is now the hyperprivileged (**HVER**)
  - full control of Chip MultiThreading (CMT) features

# Architecture Changes, Earlier UltraSPARCs → UA 2005

- For Block Store instructions, an intermediate "zero" state is allowed to be observed during execution

# Feature Classification in UA 2005

- Architectural features are now classified and tagged
  - Software Class (letter)
  - Implementation Class (digit)
  - allows smooth long-term architectural evolution  
(addition and deprecation of features)

# Why Hyperprivileged Mode?

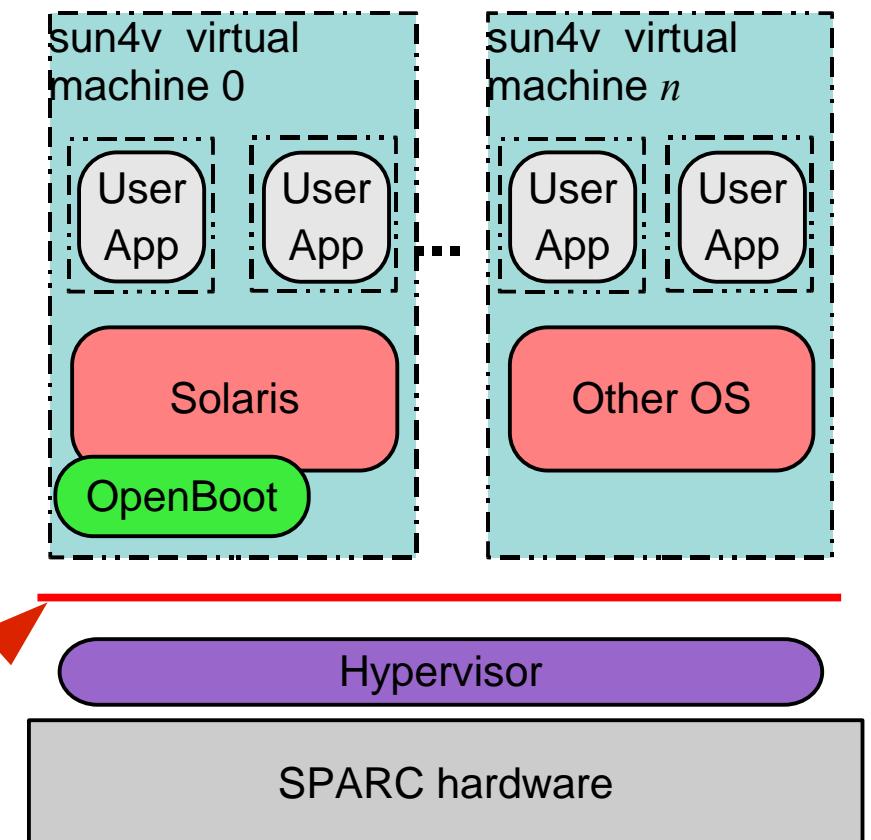
- Allows running multiple simultaneous guest OSs
  - (and/or multiple versions of the same OS)
- Allows running older OS (that uses hypervisor API) on newer hardware, without need to port the OS
- Simplifies OS ports (Linux in 2 months!)
- Allows implementation of logical domains
- Allows *virtualization*

# Why Virtualization?

- Insulates higher levels of software from underlying hardware, by adding another software abstraction layer
  - Protects customers' investment in application software from changes in underlying software (OS)
  - Buying new, faster HW no longer requires running a new version of the OS
- Allows ability to "oversubscribe" resources (run multiple top-level software)

# Virtualization

- Thin software layer between OS and platform hardware
- Para-virtualized OS
- Hypervisor + sun4v interface
  - Virtualizes machine HW and isolates OS from register-level
  - Delivered with *platform*, not with OS
  - Not itself an OS



# OpenSPARC -- What's Available

# OpenSPARC T1

- Complete Solution
  - Full implementation -- CPU core, FPU
  - Tools – Verification suite, Simulation, Performance, Compiler optimization tools
  - Multiple OpenSource Operating Systems: Solaris 10, Linux, FreeBSD, etc
- All Open Source on the web
  - from [OpenSPARC.net](#) and additional web sites
- Actively enabling community for Open Sourcing of hardware and software

# What's Available – for HW Engineering

- RTL (Verilog) of OpenSPARC T1 design  
(8 cores, 32 threads – ***14 million lines of code!***)
- RTL for *reduced* OpenSPARC, for FPGA
- Synthesis scripts for RTL
- Verification test suites
- UltraSPARC Architecture 2005 spec
- UltraSPARC T1 implementation spec
- Full OpenSPARC simulation environment
- “CoolTools”, including Sun Studio software, SPARC-optimized GCC compiler, development tools, ATS, etc

# What's Available – for SW Engineering

- Architecture and Performance Modeling Package, including:
  - SAS – Instruction-accurate SPARC Architecture Simulator (includes source code)
  - SAM – SPARC instruction-accurate full-system simulator (includes source code)
  - Solaris Images for simulation: Solaris 10, Hypervisor, OBP
  - Legion – SPARC full-system simulation model for Software Developers (includes source code)
  - Hypervisor source code
  - Documentation

# What's Available – other sources

- OpenSolaris (OpenSolaris.org)
- Linux ports for T1-based systems:
  - Ubuntu
  - Gentoo
  - Wind River Linux
  - FreeBSD
- “Simply RISC” processor design based on OpenSPARC (SRisc.com)
- New Hennessy & Patterson book, Chap 4
- ...etc...

# FPGA Implementations

# FPGA Implementation

- Initial version released May 2006
  - (on [OpenSparc.net](#) website)
    - full 8-core, 32-thread
    - First-cut implementation;  
not yet optimized for Area/Timing
    - Synplicity scripts for Xilinx/Altera FPGAs
- Reduced version released Mar 2007 – Release 1.4
  - single-core, single-thread
  - Reduced I\$/D\$/TLB
  - Optimizations for Area

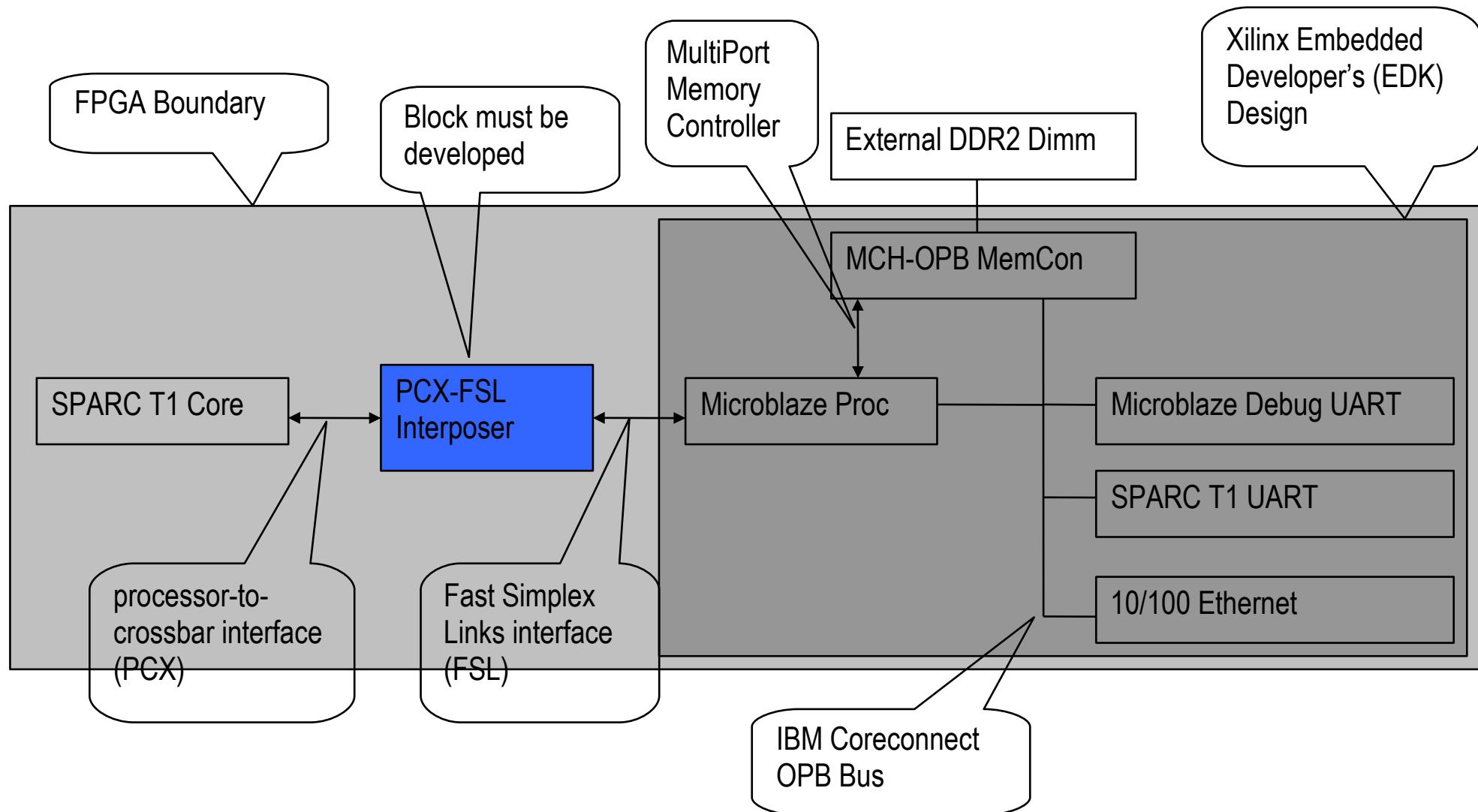
# OpenSPARC FPGA Implementation

- Single core, single thread implementation of T1
  - > Small, clean and modular FPGA implementation
    - > About 39K 4-input LUTs, 123 BRAMs (synplicity on Virtex{2/2Pro/4})
    - > Synchronous, no latches or gated clocks
    - > Better utilization of FPGA resources (BRAMs, Multiplier)
  - > Functionally equivalent to custom implementation, except
    - > 8 entry Fully Associative TLB as opposed to 64 entry
    - > Removed Crypto unit (modular arithmetic operations)

# Single Thread T1 on FPGAs

- Functionally stable
  - Passing mini and full regressions
- Completely routed
  - No timing violations
  - Easily meets 20ns (50MHz) cycle time
- Expandable to more threads
  - Reasonable overhead for most blocks (~30% for 4 threads)
  - Some bottlenecks exist (Multi-port register files)

# System Block Diagram – T1 on FPGA

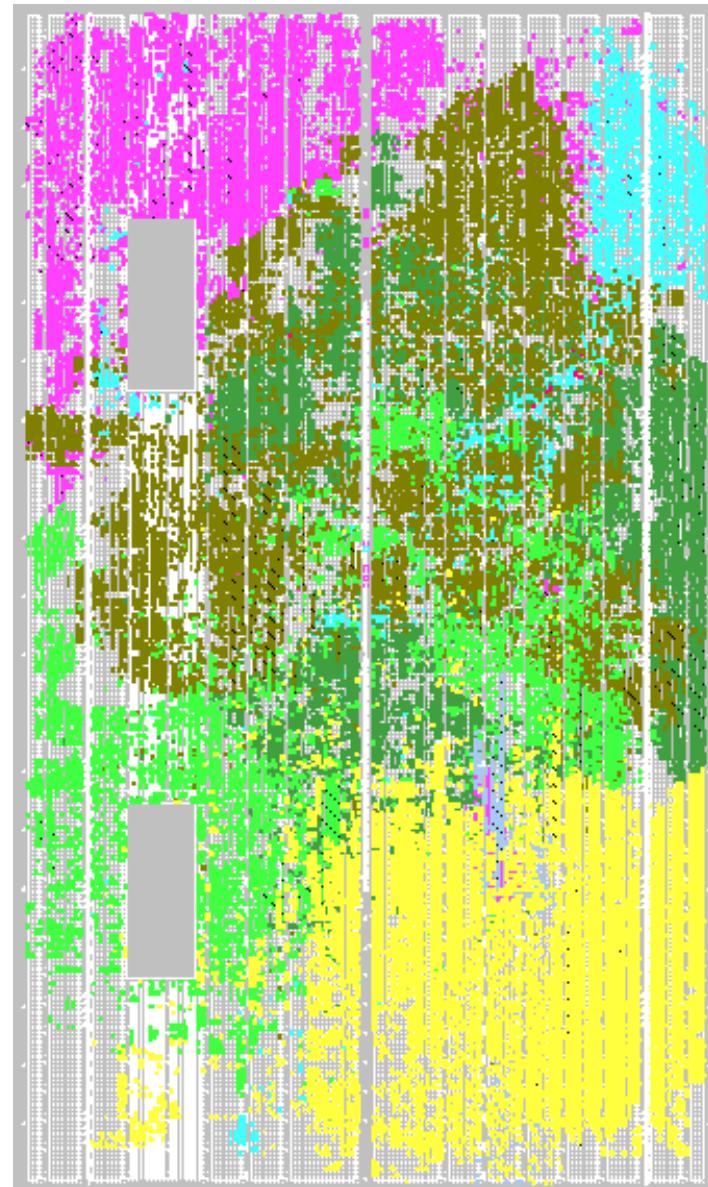
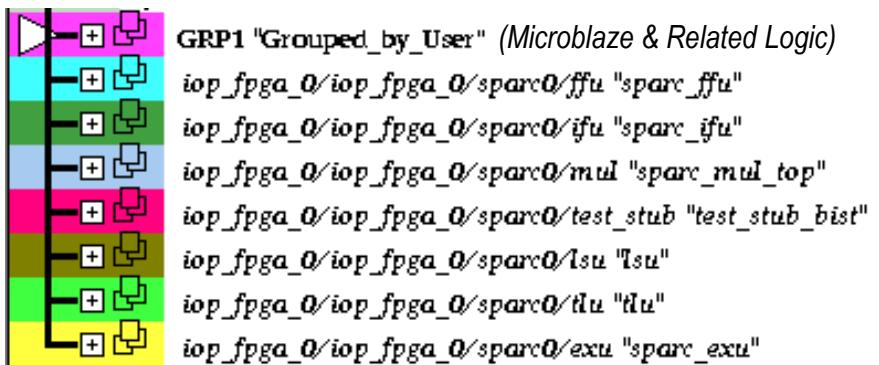


# System Theory of Operation – T1 on FPGA

- OpenSPARC T1 core communicates exclusively via the processor-to-crossbar interface (PCX)
  - PCX is a packet based interface
- Microblaze softcore will sit in a polling loop and accept these packets, perform any protocol conversion, and forward them to the appropriate peripheral
  - Could even implement floating point operations via the Microblaze FPU unit
- Microblaze will also poll (or accept interrupts from) the peripherals, convert the info to a PCX packet, and forward it to the PCX interface
  - Microblaze has its own UART for its own diagnostic input/output

# Implementation Results

- XC4VFX100-11FF1152 FPGA
  - > 42,649/84,352 LUT4s (50%)
  - > 131/376 BRAM-16kbits (34%)
  - > 50MHz operation
    - > Have not attempted any faster
  - > Synplicity Synthesis: 25 minutes
  - > Place and Route: 42 minutes



# Preliminary Virtex5 Results

- Virtex5 xc5vlx1 10tff1 136
  - > Same as FPGA in RAMP Bee3 board
- 30,508 6-input LUTs used out of 69,120 (44%)
- 119 used out of 148 BRAM-36kbits (80%)
  - > Working through mapping issues...
- 50MHz placed and routed design
  - > Have not attempted any faster

# OpenSPARC FPGA HW Roadmap

- Current reference design occupies about 45% of XC4V100FX FPGA. This design includes:
  - > Single core, single thread of OpenSPARC T1
  - > Microblaze to communicate with peripherals (DRAM, Ethernet)
  - > Glue logic to connect T1 core with Microblaze
- More design paths exist, e.g.
  - 1) Two single thread cores in single FPGA
  - 2) Up to 4 threads per FPGA

# OpenSPARC FPGA SW Roadmap

- Boot Solaris and Linux on a single thread  
FPGA version of the design
  - > Include support for all packet types with  
Microblaze
  - > Hypervisor changes to support this variant of T1
    - > Reduction in TLB size
  - > Device driver support for the system
  - > Emulation routines in OS for floating point ops
    - > Mainly for ISA compliance

# FPGA Reference Design

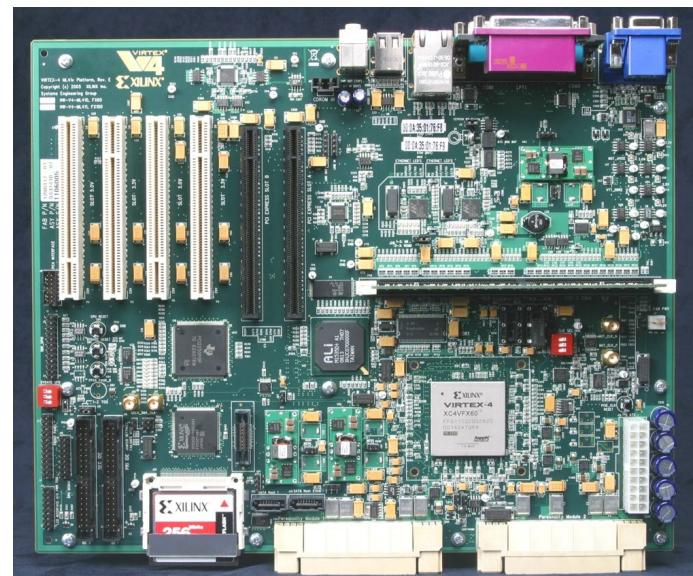
- ml410 board with Virtex4-100 FPGA (aka ml411)
  - > Bit file and elf is stored on CompactFlash card
- Each design is a hardware implementation of one regression suite test
  - > Microblaze soft-core sends the test packets to the OpenSPARC core and verifies the return packets

Xilinx Board - HyperTerminal

File Edit View Call Transfer Help

Connected 1:37:30 Auto detect 9600 8-N-1 SCROLL CAPS NUM Capture Print echo

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Beginning of test: packets_5b/win_restore0.packets
End of test:
  Num PCX Packets received: 106, Errors: 0
  Num CPX Packets sent:    181, Errors: 0
  Total Errors: 0
Beginning of test: packets_5b/exu_alu.packets
End of test:
  Num PCX Packets received: 119, Errors: 0
  Num CPX Packets sent:    208, Errors: 0
  Total Errors: 0
Beginning of test: packets_5b/imiss_sameset.packets
End of test:
  Num PCX Packets received: 222, Errors: 0
  Num CPX Packets sent:    412, Errors: 0
  Total Errors: 0
Beginning of test: packets_5b/dmiss_imiss.packets
End of test:
  Num PCX Packets received: 100, Errors: 0
  Num CPX Packets sent:    166, Errors: 0
  Total Errors: 0
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# Operating Systems for OpenSPARC T1

# Solaris on UltraSPARC T1

- Solaris 10 (and beyond) run on UltraSPARC T1
- Run on top of Hypervisor (“sun4v”) layer
- Fully supported by Sun and OpenSolaris

# Linux Ports to date

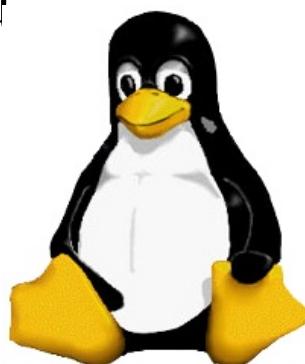
- Sun T1000 support putback to kernel.org
  - Bulk of support for UltraSPARC/OpenSPARC T1
  - putback by David Miller, approx Dec 2005
  - in 2.6.17 Linux kernel
  - runs on top of Hypervisor
- Full Ubuntu distribution (announced ~Spring 2006)
- Gentoo Distribution (announced August 2006)
- Wind River Linux (announced October 2006)
  - “carrier-grade” Linux, notably for Telecom applications

# Linux on UltraSPARC T1

- Ubuntu 6.06 LTS support on UltraSPARC T1-based T1000/T2000
- Expands innovation and choice for developers & customers

per Colm MacCárthaigh, Senior IT Administrator at HEANet:

“As a Linux and Apache developer, the prospect of running Ubuntu GNU/Linux – a rock solid operating system - on a CoolThreads system is exciting. I'm impressed with the innovation that's coming out of Sun these days and look for more good things going forward ”



# \*BSD on OpenSPARC T1

- FreeBSD port for UltraSPARC T1 announced Nov 2006
- Other \*BSD ports are underway



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### New Tools

- **GCC for SPARC® Systems**  
C/C++ compiler that dramatically improves the performance of applications that are normally compiled with gcc on SPARC systems.

- **ATS**  
Automatic Tuning and Troubleshooting System (ATS) is a binary reoptimization and recompilation tool that can be used for tuning and troubleshooting applications.

- **BIT**  
Binary Improvement Tool (BIT) works directly with SPARC binaries to instrument, optimize, and analyze them for performance or coverage.

- **SPOT**  
Simple performance optimizations tool (SPOT), produces a report on the performance of an application. The spot report contains detailed information about various common conditions that impact performance.

- **RST Trace Tool**  
RST is a trace format for SPARC instruction-level traces. The RST Tools package consists of the trace format definition, a trace reader/writer library, and a trace viewer program. Also included is a sample trace from a 32-strand application.

- **coolst**

### Download

Add-on Cool Tools for Sun Studio 11. Download includes ATS, BIT, and SPOT.

[GCC for SPARC Systems](#)  
extends GCC to be able to use the optimizing Sun Code Generator for SPARC systems. Download includes C/C++ Compiler, ATS, and BIT.

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# OpenSPARC Community and Governance

# OpenSPARC Community Groups

## Academia/Universities

Architecture, ISA, VLSI course work  
Threading, Scaling, Parallelization  
Benchmarks

## CMT Tools

Compilers, Threading  
Optimization  
Performance Analysis

## Operating Systems

OpenSolaris,  
Linux, BSD variants,  
Embedded OSs

## EDA Vendors

Benchmarking  
Reference flow  
FPGA  
Emulation  
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Multi-threaded tools

## Hardware IP Suppliers

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## Chip Designers

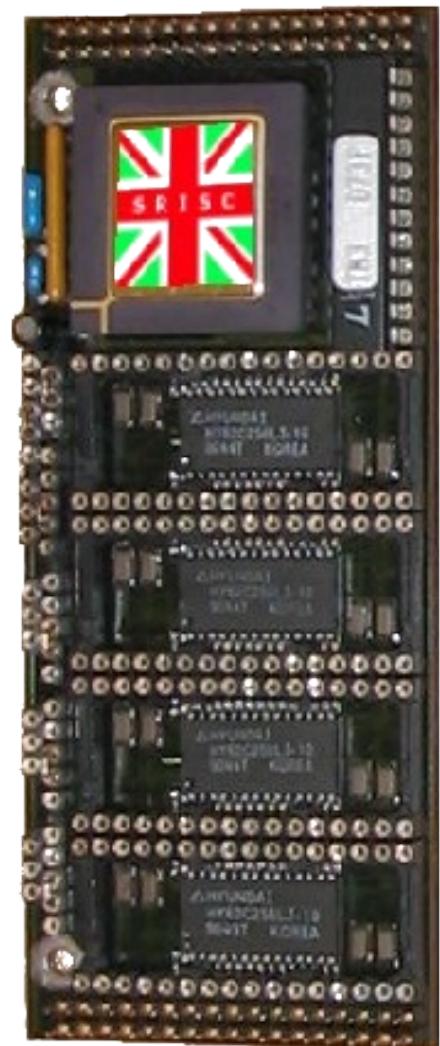
SoC designs, Hard macros  
Telecom applications

# OpenSPARC Grows the Community

- Simply RISC “S1”
  - > Single-core version of UltraSPARC T1
  - > Targets small embedded devices
  - > Runs Solaris and Linux
  - > Design also released under GPL
- Allows Sun to grow the SPARC community by virtue of having great technology and not by handing out money

*“Due to the collaborative nature of the GPL license  
Simply RISC plans to add new features to the S1 Core  
and test them extensively over the next months with  
the help of the community.”*

*<http://www.srisc.com>*



# OpenSPARC Governance Board

- Initial Advisory Board announced Sept 2006
  - > 3 Community members:
    - > Nathan Brookwood, industry analyst (Insight64)
    - > Jose Renau, Univ. of California at Santa Cruz
    - > Robert Ober, Fellow, CTO Office, LSI Logic
  - > 2 members from Sun:
    - > Simon Phipps, Chief Open-Source Officer
    - > David Weaver, Sr. Staff Engineer, UltraSPARC Architecture
- Governance Board
  - > Advisory Board became initial Governance Board Jan'07
  - > New Board to be elected from Community in a year

# OpenSPARC in Academia

# Example Uses for OpenSPARC

(1)

- Create variations from the basic design
  - more/fewer cores
  - more/fewer threads per core
  - add new instructions
  - add video/graphics
  - add network interface
  - change cache/memory interface
  - change I/O interface

# Example Uses for OpenSPARC

(2)

- Experimental processor designs
  - highly threaded, high-bandwidth network processor
  - add more FPUs, for highly threaded HPC processing node
  - add cryptographic processing elements, for high-bandwidth crypto engine
  - add coprocessors for specialized functions
  - research into optimizing useful work done per watt of power consumed (efficiency)
  - computer architecture research - add/remove instructions, new operating modes
  - port tools to other hardware and/or OS platforms (x86/x64, Linux, others)

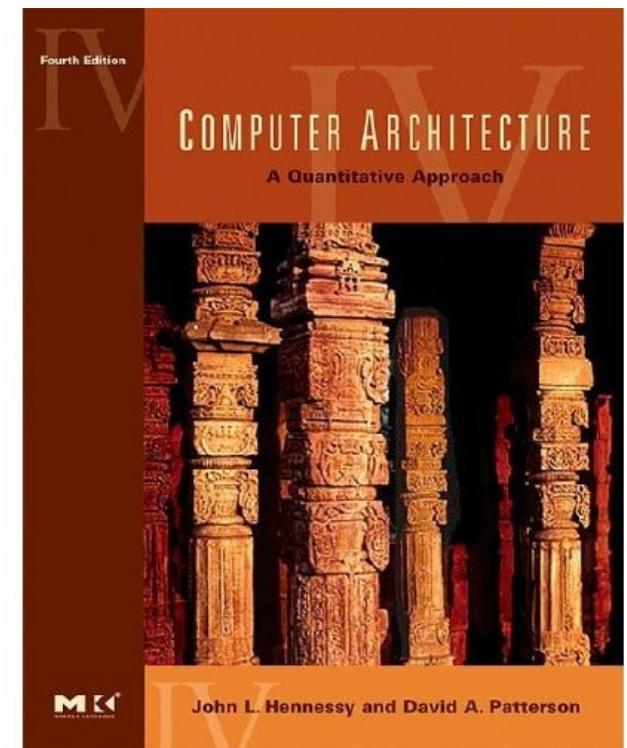
# Example Uses for OpenSPARC

(3)

- Starting point for lab courses
  - a known-good design that can be modified for lab projects in computer architecture or VLSI design courses
- Real-world input to test robustness of CAD tools and simulators developed at Univ.
  - major industry CAD tool vendors already doing this!
- Burn derivative processors into FPGAs
  - quick design iterations
  - high-speed emulation
- Trigger spin-off/start-up ventures?

# OpenSPARC in the Curriculum

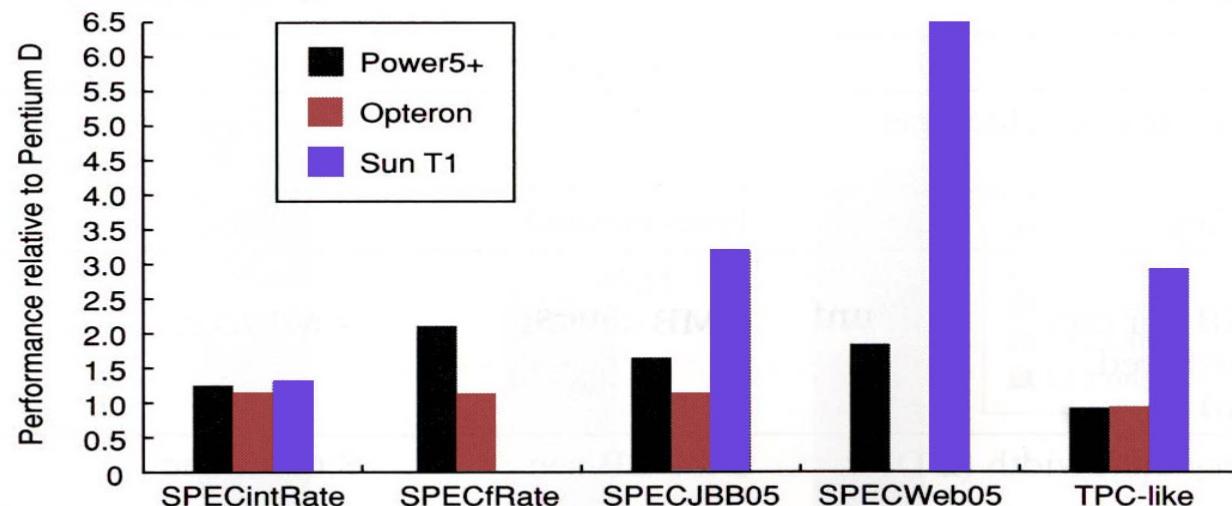
- UltraSPARC T1 is now the “putting it all together” example of multiprocessors in the world's most iconic textbook on Computer Architecture
- Chapter on Intel Itanium was removed altogether
  - Placed on the companion CD because, according to Dr. Patterson, “it wasn't worth the paper”



*Computer Architecture:  
A Quantitative Approach, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.  
by John Hennessy and David Patterson*

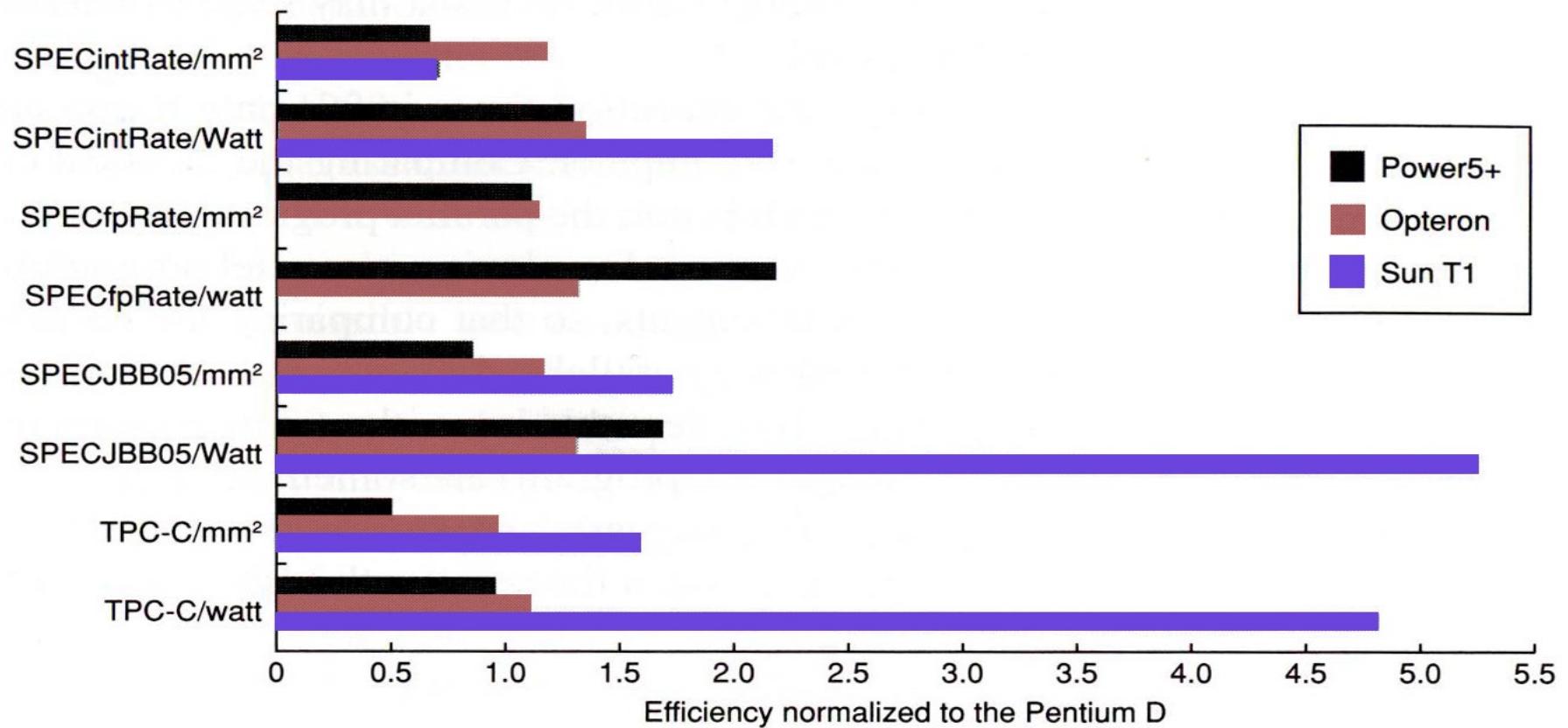
*...Students are emerging from university Computer Science  
programs already understanding SPARC!*

# Processor Performance



**Figure 4.33 Four dual-core processors showing their performance on a variety of SPEC benchmarks and a TPC-C-like benchmark.** All the numbers are normalized to the Pentium D (which is therefore at 1 for all the benchmarks). Some results are estimates from slightly larger configurations (e.g., four cores and two processors, rather than two cores and one processor), including the Opteron SPECJBB2005 result, the Power5 SPECWeb05 result, and the TPC-C results for the Power5, Opteron, and Pentium D. At the current time, Sun has refused to release SPECRate results for the FP portion of the suite.

# Processor Performance



**Figure 4.34** Performance efficiency on SPECRate for four dual-core processors, normalized to the Pentium D metric (which is always 1).

# University Programs

- Sun supports/encourages academic use of OpenSPARC
  - > Collaborations
  - > Centers of Excellence (CoE)
    - > First OpenSPARC CoE announced Feb 2007
    - > more to come
  - > technology access, greater equipment discounts, equipment grants, publicity and prestige that aids in obtaining other grants, other support
- For university program info, contact:  
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# Call for Action

- Participate in OpenSPARC community
  - > Download, Innovate, Contribute  
<http://OpenSPARC.net>
- Academia: apply for OpenSPARC University collaboration or Center of Excellence programs

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## OpenSPARC SAM-T1 Simulator

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# Agenda

- OpenSPARC SAM-T1 overview
- RTL co-simulation
- Full-system simulation
- CPU & device model interface
- User interface
- Trace
- Disk image
- Function extension

# OpenSPARC T1 Arch Tools Download

- [http://opensparc-t1.sunsource.net/download\\_sw.html](http://opensparc-t1.sunsource.net/download_sw.html)
- OpenSPARCT1-Arch\_1.3.tar.bz
  - SAM: instruction-accurate SPARC full-system simulator
  - SAS: instruction-accurate SPARC arch. simulator
  - Binary images for simulation: Solaris 10, Hypervisor, OBP, etc
  - Legion: SPARC full-system simulator for software development
  - Hypervisor source code
  - Documentation

# What is SAM

- **SPARC Architecture Model**
- SPARC architecture golden reference model
- SPARC full-system simulator
- Functional simulator, no timing, no cache
- Usage
  - RTL verification
  - Solaris boot disk validation
  - Device model development
  - Software development
  - Benchmark tracing

# Accurate CPU Simulation

- SAM models the functions of a SPARC cpu
  - SPARC instruction set
  - memory management, TLB
  - ASI translation
  - privileged and hyperprivileged protection
  - accurate trap priority
  - IEEE floating-point instructions behavior and exceptions
- Used to verify RTL design

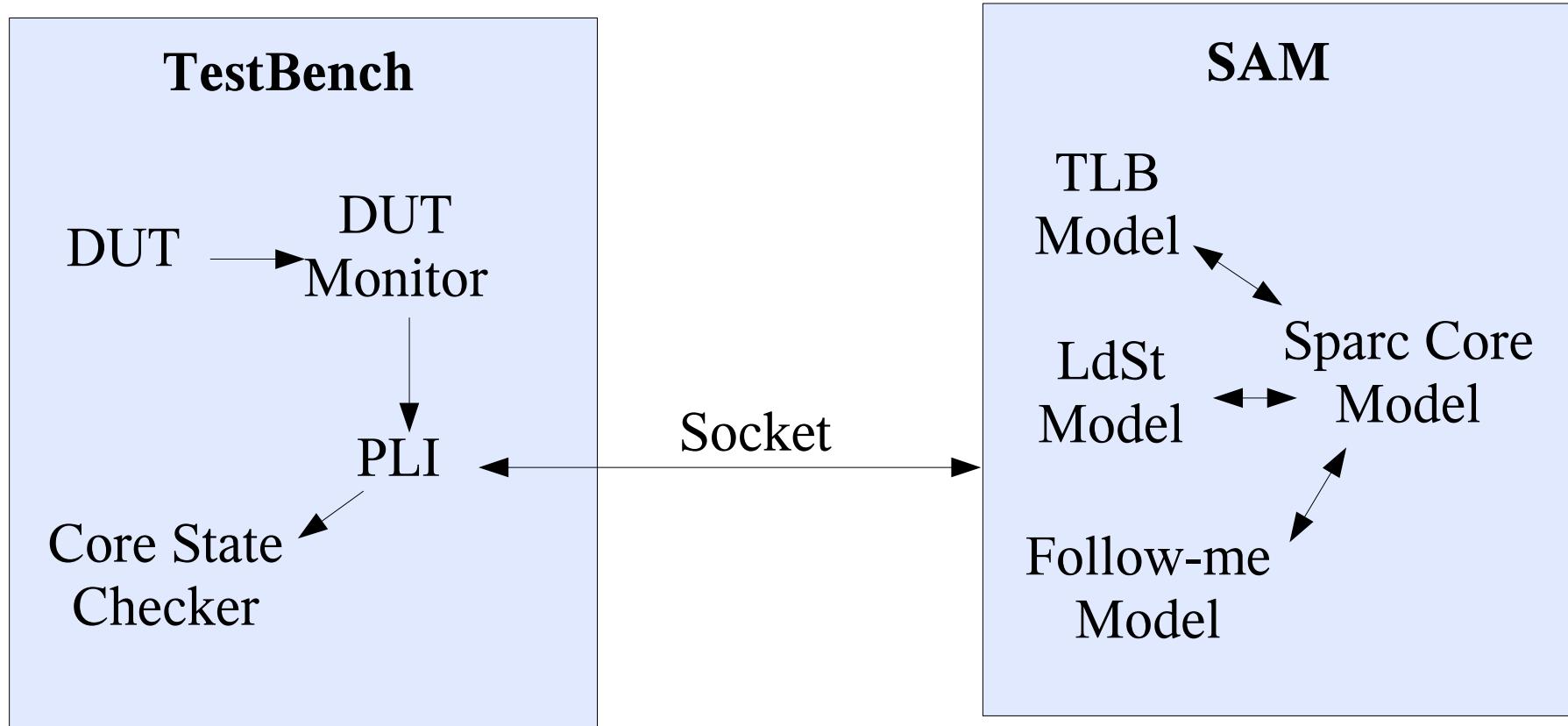
# Functional Simulator

- No timing information
- Behavior will not match RTL exactly because of timing issues:
  - > TLB replacement
  - > deferred and disrupting traps
  - > memory barrier
- No cache modeling

# RTL Co-simulation

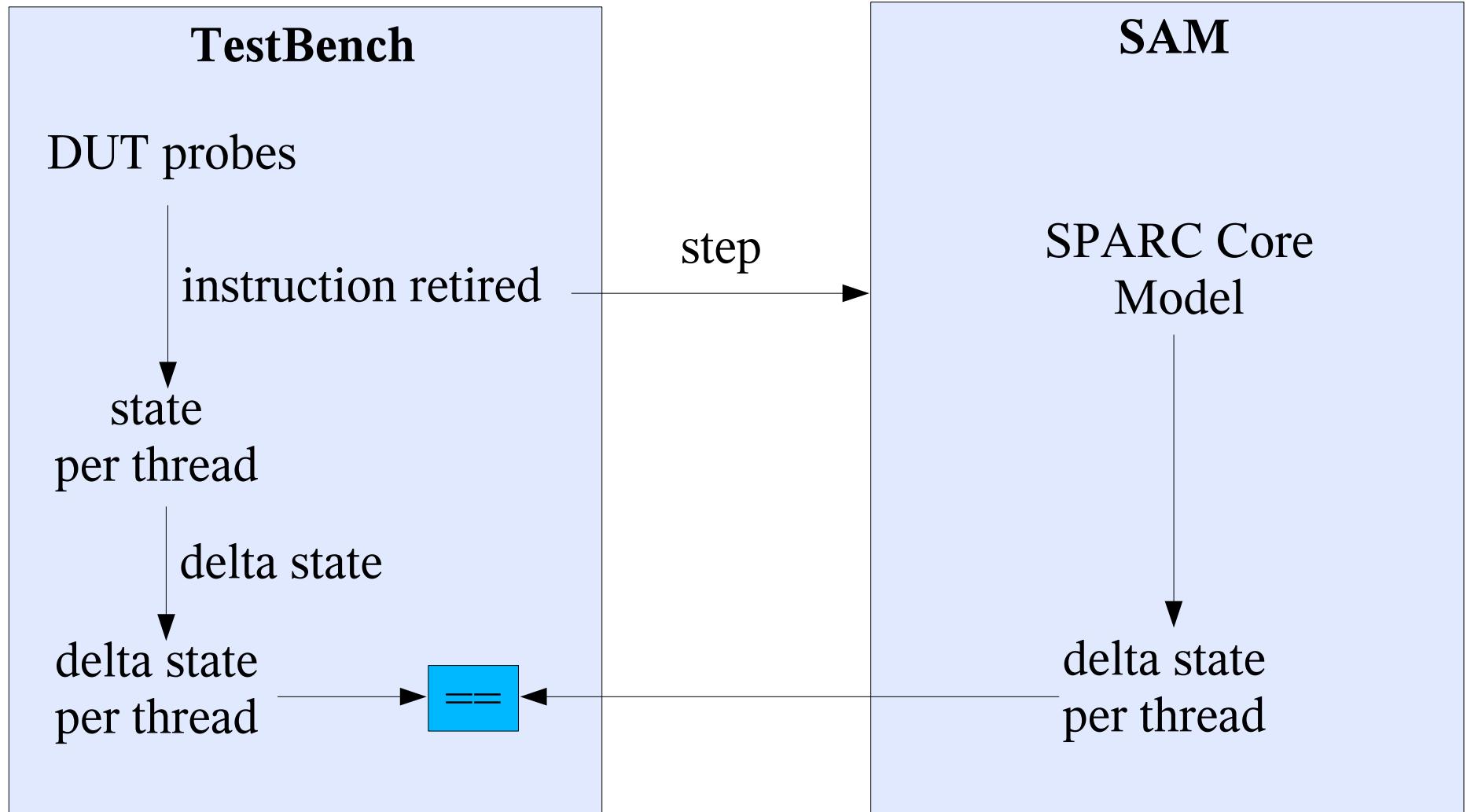
- Verify RTL by concurrently running the same instructions in RTL and SAM, and cross-checking architectural state instr-by-instr
- RTL overrides SAM's behavior to correct timing mismatches
  - > TLB replacement
  - > deferred and disrupting traps
  - > memory barrier
  - > execution latency, e.g., crypto operations
- Co-simulation is run continuously through RR
  - > high level of fidelity to hardware

# RTL Verification Co-simulation



\* DUT: device under test, i.e., RTL

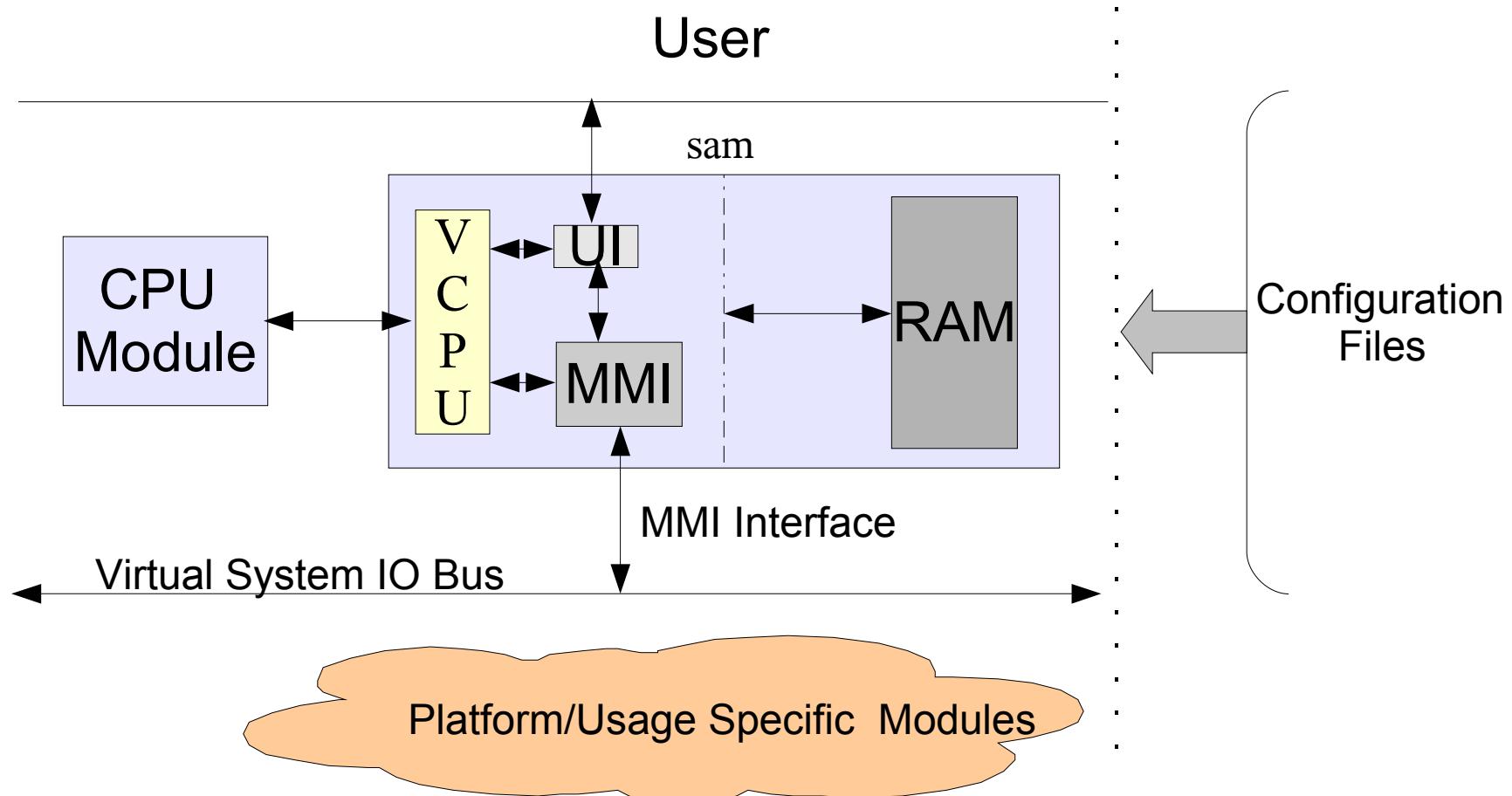
# RTL Verification State Checking



# Full-system Simulation

- System framework with cpus and devices
- Use the same cpu module as in RTL verification, same high degree of fidelity
- Collection of dynamically loadable device modules
- Runtime configuration
- Checkpoint and restart
- Benchmark tracing
- Availability
  - Full-system simulation available on SPARC platform
  - RTL co-simulation available on SPARC and x86 platforms

# Full-system Simulation



# Configuration File

- Basic configuration
  - simulated RAM size
  - simulated MIPS
  - number of simulated cpus
- Specify the type of device and cpu modules to be loaded
- Configuration parameters for each loaded module
- Architecture state setup

# Sample Configuration

- conf ramsize 64M
- sysconf cpu name=cpu0 cpu-type=SUNW,UltraSPARC-T1
- sysconf cpu name=cpu1 cpu-type=SUNW,UltraSPARC-T1
- sysconf dumbserial serial1 type=GUEST  
    startpa=0x9f10000000 endpa=0x9f1000004f
- load bin disk.s10hw2 0x1f40000000
- load bin nvram1 0x1f11000000
- load bin 1up-hv.bin 0x1f12080000
- load bin 1up-md.bin 0x1f12000000
- load bin reset.bin 0xffff00000000
- setreg pc 0xffff00000020
- setreg npc 0xffff00000024

# VCPU: Virtual CPU Interface

- Interface between cpu model and system framework
- Control instruction execution
- Interface memory access
- Interface I/O activity
- Interface interrupt handling
- Access architecture registers and state

# MMI: Modular device Model Interface

- Device model implemented as loadable module
- Map device instance to phys I/O address
- Perform DMA
- Trigger interrupts
- Model device hierarchy
- Define model specific user commands
- Interface to share device models with other system simulators

# User Interface

- Allow users fine control of execution
  - > penable, pdisable, stepi, run, stop
- Set breakpoints by PC and strand(s)
  - > break, enable, disable, delete
- Architectural state is readable and writable
  - > registers, TLB's, ASI's, ASR's
    - read-reg, read-fp-reg-i, preg
  - > memory
    - get, set
- Dynamically load/unload device and trace modules
  - > mod load, mod unload

# User Interface ...

- Control trace collection
  - mod load analyzer rstracer.so
  - rstrace -o out-file -n #instr
- Checkpoint and restart
  - dump
- New commands defined by loadable modules
- Use python as underlying scripting processor, allow native python statements from command prompt

# Tracing

- Rstracer: a loadable trace module
- Collect architecture state
  - instructions
  - traps
  - TLB updates
  - DMAs
- Write RST records to output trace file(s)
- Data is compressed on-the-fly by RSTZIP
- Tools to examine & analyze trace files
- Trace data can be fed into performance models (pipeline, cache model)

# Trace Collection

- stop
- mod load analyzer rstracer.so
- rstrace -o output-file -n #instr
- run N
- rstrace off
- mod unload analyzer

# Trace Analysis

- trconv, the “swiss army knife” of rst tool
- Process data by
  - cpu#
  - record range
  - PC/EA range
  - summary
- Use together with rstunzip to process trace data

# Sample Trace Records

- `rstunzip trace_file | trconv -c`

```
Counted: 20451321 records
         9999998 instruction recs
         1 header recs
         1 traceinfo recs
         1071 tlb recs
         ...
         2288 trap recs
         ...
         8687727 regval recs
         ...
```

# Sample Trace Records ...

- rstunzip trace\_file | trconv -i

RST trace format (stdin)

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Rec #	Type	User/ Priv	PC	Disassembly	Branch Taken	EA
49	instr	: cpuid=0 p	[0x00000000001063254]	or %o2, 0x80, %o1		
67	instr	: cpuid=0 p	[0x00000000001063258]	stb %o1, [%o0 + 0x4b]		[0x0000070002503e4b]
68	instr	: cpuid=0 p	[0x0000000000106325c]	call 0x1069764	T	[0x00000000001069764]
71	instr	: cpuid=0 p	[0x00000000001063260]	Idx [%fp + 0x7f7], %o0		[0x0000000000180b7b8]
73	instr	: cpuid=0 p	[0x00000000001069764]	jmpl %o7 + 8, %g0	T	[0x00000000001063264]

# Modify Disk Image

- Use lofiadm to add/remove/modify files in disk image
  - > with root access
  - > lofiadm -a /absolute-path/disk\_image
  - > (assume /dev/lofi/1 is the returned value)
  - > mount /dev/lofi/1 /mnt
  - > cd /mnt
  - > add/remove/modify files in /mnt
  - > umount /mnt
  - > lofiadm -d /dev/lofi/1

# Transfer File to/from Simulator

- Transfer file to/from simulator without lofiadm
- Transfer speed is slow, only good for small file
- First boot the Solaris disk image up to shell prompt
  - enter ^] (ctrl-right-bracket) to get netcons> prompt
  - get\_file <path-sim-file> <path-dest-file>
  - put\_file <path-src-file> <path-sim-file>
  - cksum path-sim-file
  - cksum path-src/dest-file

# Save Modified Disk Image

- During initialization
  - UI(load): loading <disk1> memory image
  - loading disk1, base addr 0x1f4000000, size 0x200000
- Sync up file system first
  - sync
  - halt
    - syncing file system... done
    - Program terminated
- stop
- memdump new\_disk 0x1f4000000 0x200000
- use lofiadm/mount to examine files

# Function Extension

- Add/remove/modify
  - instructions
  - ASI's
  - traps
  - TLB
  - memory access
- Change system configuration

# Basic Source Code Structure

- Mimic SAM-T1, 1-cpu x 8-core x 4-thread
- sam-t1/src/riesling-cm/riesling/src:
  - system/Ni/Ni\_System.cc
  - cpu/Ni/Ni\_Cpu.cc
  - core/Ni/Ni\_Core.cc
  - strand/Ni/Ni\_Strand.cc
  - mmu/Ni/Ni\_Mmu.cc
  - trap/Ni/Ni\_Trap.cc
  - asi/Ni/Ni\_Asi.xml

# Instruction Execution Flow

- Determine PC
- ITLB
- Fetch instruction
- Decode instruction
- Execute instruction
- (DTLB)
- Retire instruction

# Instruction Execution: Ni\_Strand::step()

- handle pending interrupt
- ITLB: Ni\_Mmu::handleInstr()
- fetch, decode: Ni\_InstructionWord
- execute: Ni\_InstructionEmulator::execute(),  
Ni\_Fgu::execute()
- DTLB: Ni\_Mmu::handleData()
- handle trap: Ni\_InstructionEmulator::handleTrap()

# ITLB: Ni\_Mmu::handleInstr()

- check translation bypassing
- check trap violation:
  - > *mem\_address\_not\_aligned*
  - > *instruction\_access\_exception*
  - > *fast\_instruction\_access\_MMU\_miss*
  - > *inst\_real\_translation\_miss*
  - > etc
- address translation

# Decode: Ni\_InstructionWord

- decode op/rd/rs1/rs2/etc
- check illegal\_instruction violation
  - > wrong instruction syntax
  - > non-zero reserved bits
  - > etc
- check privileged\_opcode violation

# Execute: Ni\_InstructionEmulator::execute()

- map instruction to corresponding exec\_inst()
  - > exec\_retry()
  - > exec\_rdasr()
- basic SPARC instructions are in sam-t1/src/riesling-cm/riesling/src/strand/bcore
- some functions are in SPARC assembly for performance reason
- x86 version is available in bcore/v9\_inst\_c.c

# DTLB: Ni\_Mmu::handleData()

- check translation bypassing
- check trap violation:
  - mem\_address\_not\_aligned
  - privileged\_action
  - VA\_watchpoint
  - data\_access\_exception
  - fast\_data\_access\_MMU\_miss
  - data\_real\_translation\_miss
  - fast\_data\_access\_protection
  - etc
- address translation

# Handle Trap: Ni\_InstructionEmulator::handleTrap()

- Normal traps
  - privileged traps
  - hyperprivileged traps
- RED\_state traps
  - nonreset traps
  - POR, WMR, XIR, SIR
- Ensure correct trap priority
- Update trap-related architecture state

# ASI Handling

- asi/Ni/Ni\_Asi.xml
- asiReadHandler() & asiWriteHandler()

```
<asi>
  <name>ASI_I_TLB_DATA_ACCESS</name>
  <value>0x55</value>
  <access>RW</access>
  <priv>HYPER</priv>
  <handler>
    <class>Riesling::Ni_Mmu</class>
    <id>Riesling::Ni_Mmu::I_TLB_DATA_ACCESS</id>
  </handler>
  <start_va>0x0</start_va>
  <end_va>0x7f8</end_va>
</asi>
```

# Major Extension Points

- Ni\_InstructionWord
- Ni\_InstructionEmulator
- Ni\_Mmu
- Ni\_Trap
- Ni\_Asi.xml

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# Legion

- Full-system simulator for firmware and software development
- Implement enough architecture state to boot up Solaris
- Share the same disk image and binary files (Hypervisor/OBP/reset/etc) with SAM
- Startup script `run_legion.sh`
- Available configuration: 1-thread, 2-thread, 32-thread
  - `run_legion.sh 1/2/32 [options]`

# Legion Runtime Options

- Available options
  - -debug debug\_bits
  - -t #physical\_cpu
  - -h
- Debug options
  - 0x2: PC & instruction
  - 0x8000: hypervisor calls
  - 0x20000: exceptions, XIR
  - 0x100000: TLB miss
  - 0x400000: trap, TSTATE
  - etc

# Legion Runtime Display

- Use ~ (tilde) on 'guest console' window to dump out architecture state
  - ~z: exit simulation
  - ~i: dump I-TLB content
  - ~d: dump D-TLB content
  - ~b: toggle debug enable bits
  - etc

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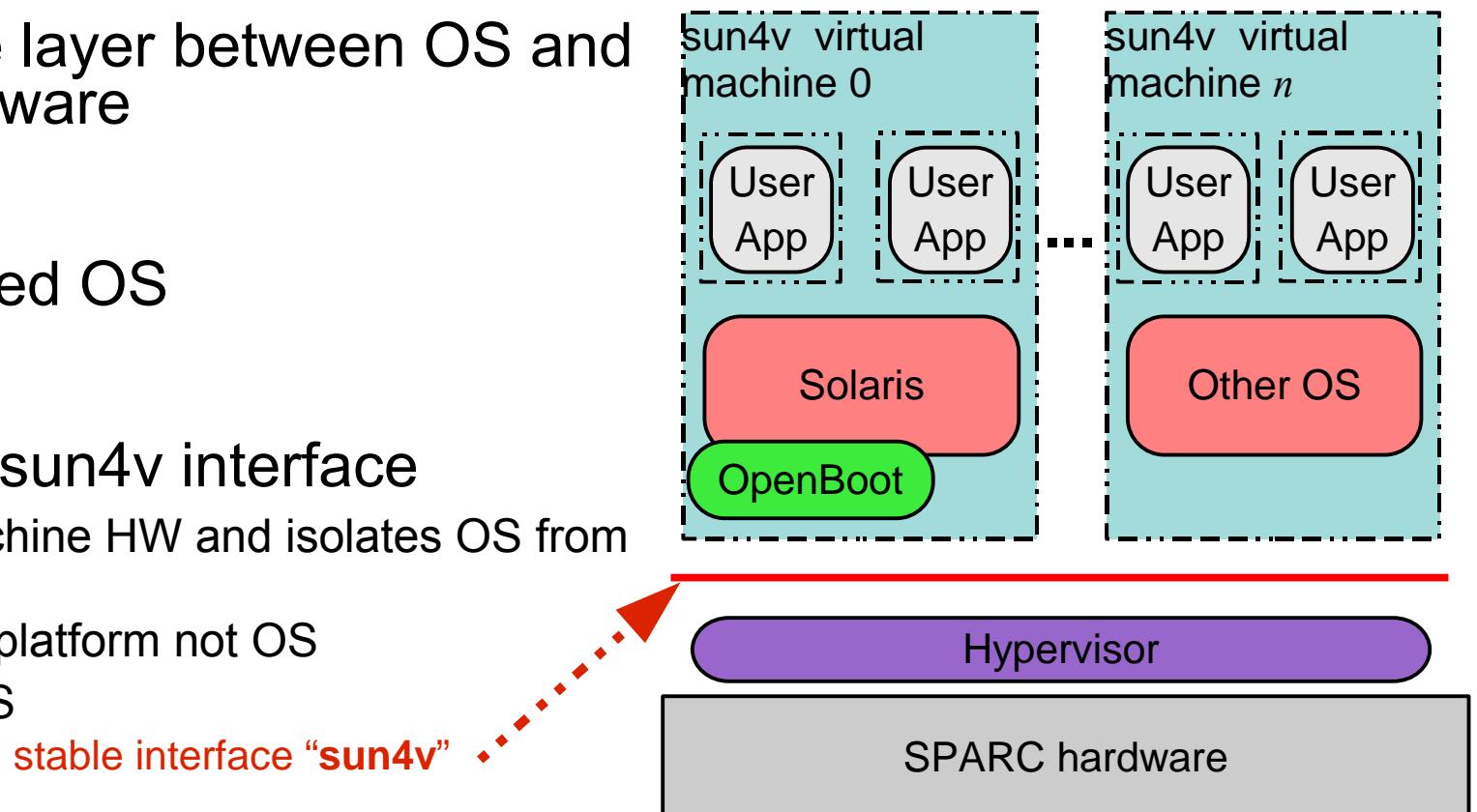
**The sun4v Operating Environment**

**(aka “Your OS on the T1 Hypervisor”)**

David Weaver

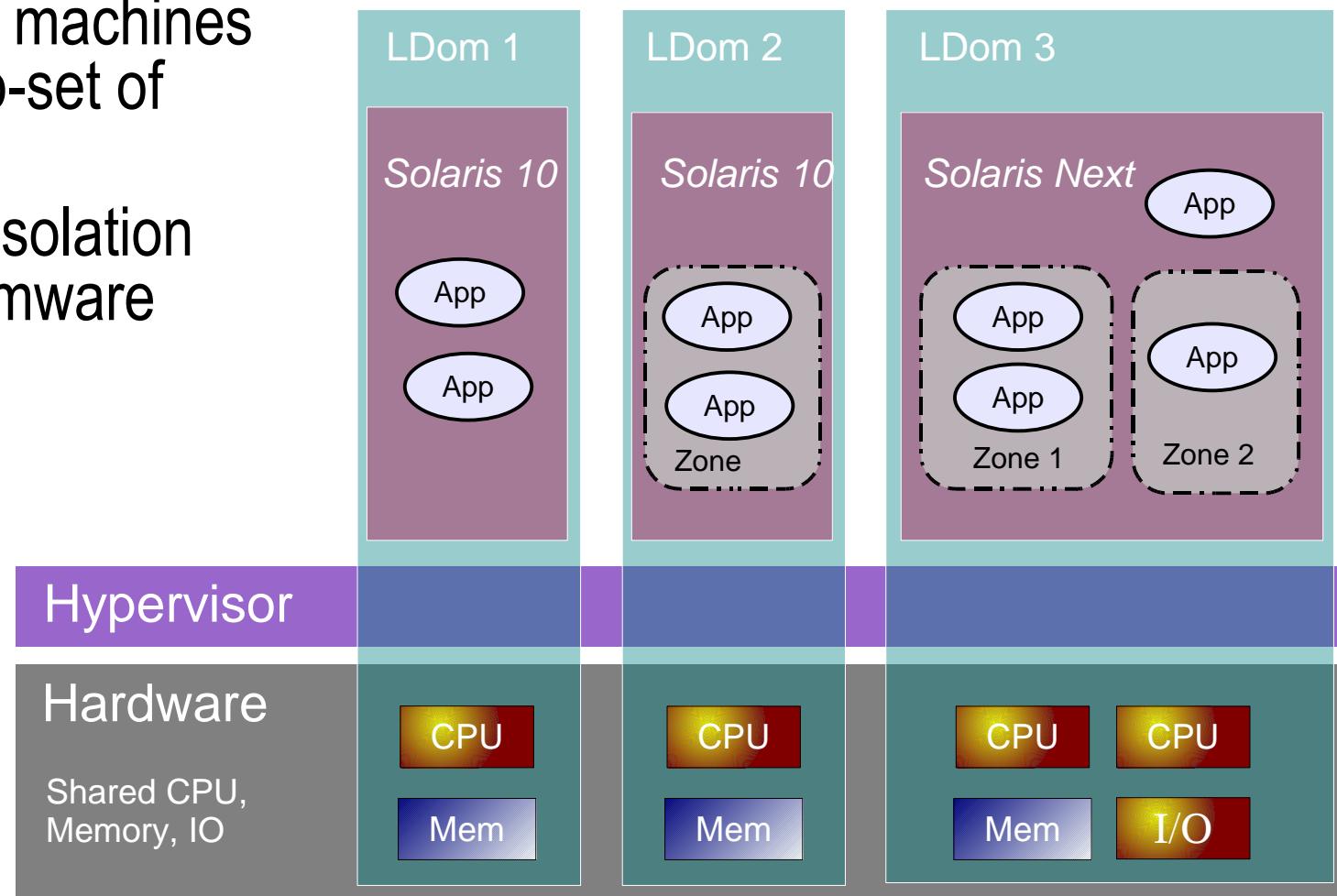
# Virtual Machine for SPARC

- Thin software layer between OS and platform hardware
- Para-virtualised OS
- Hypervisor + sun4v interface
  - Virtualises machine HW and isolates OS from register-level
  - Delivered with platform not OS
  - Not itself an OS



# Logical Domains

- Partitioning capability
  - > Create virtual machines each with sub-set of resources
  - > Protection & Isolation using HW+firmware combination

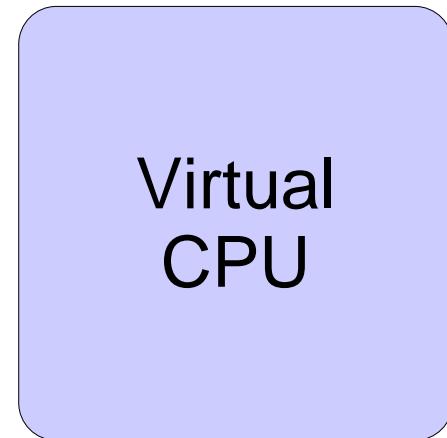


# Topics

- CPU changes
- Memory management
- I/O
- Interrupts
  - > x-cpu & devices
- Multiple Domains
- Additional Topics
  - > Error handling
  - > Machine Description
  - > Boot process

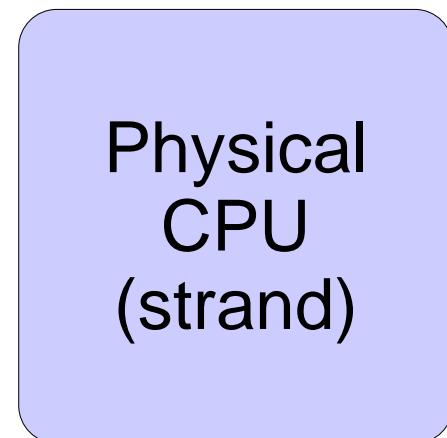
# Basic Principles

- Ability to rebind virtual resources to physical components at any time
- Minimal state held in Hypervisor to describe guest OS
- Never trust Guest OS



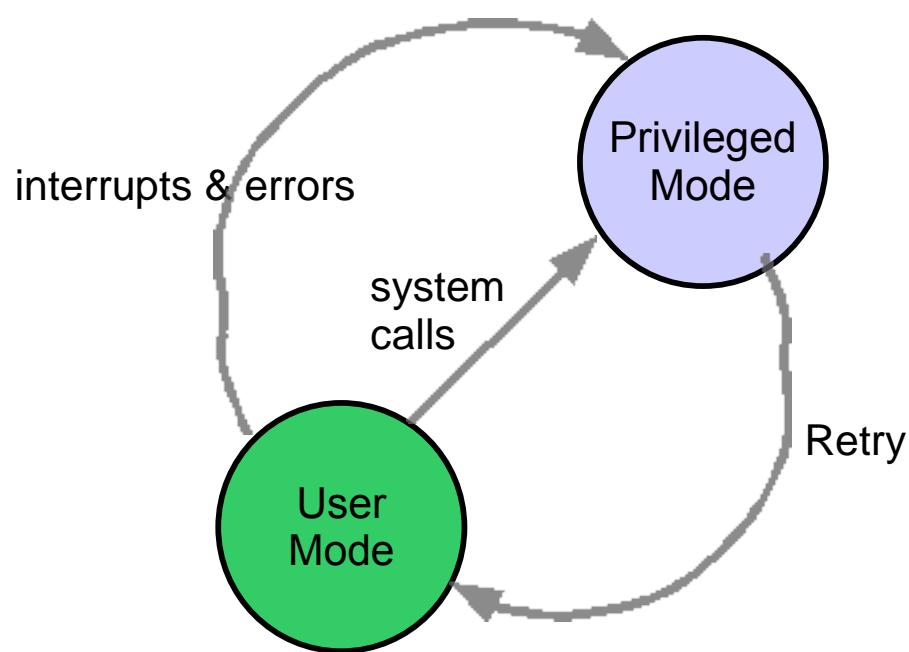
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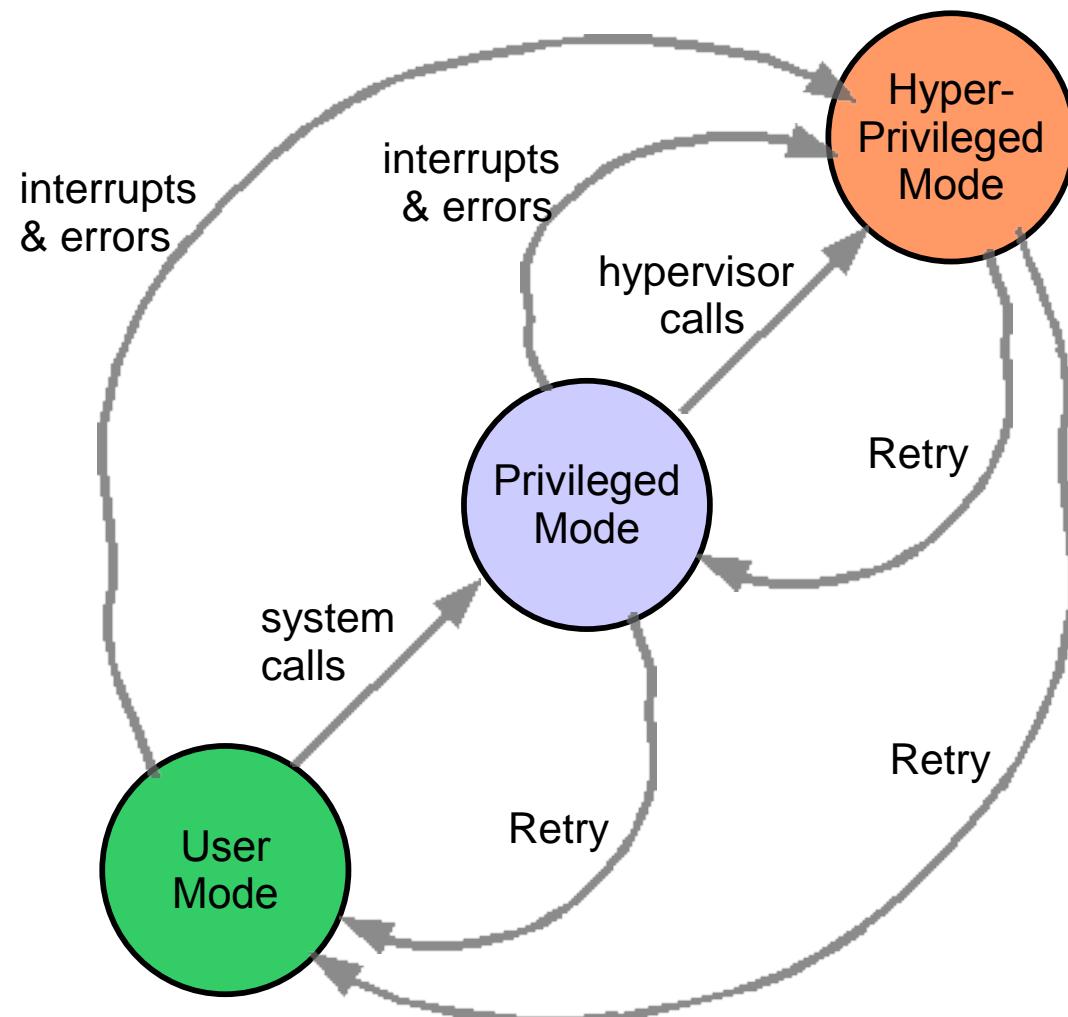


# Legacy SPARC execution mode

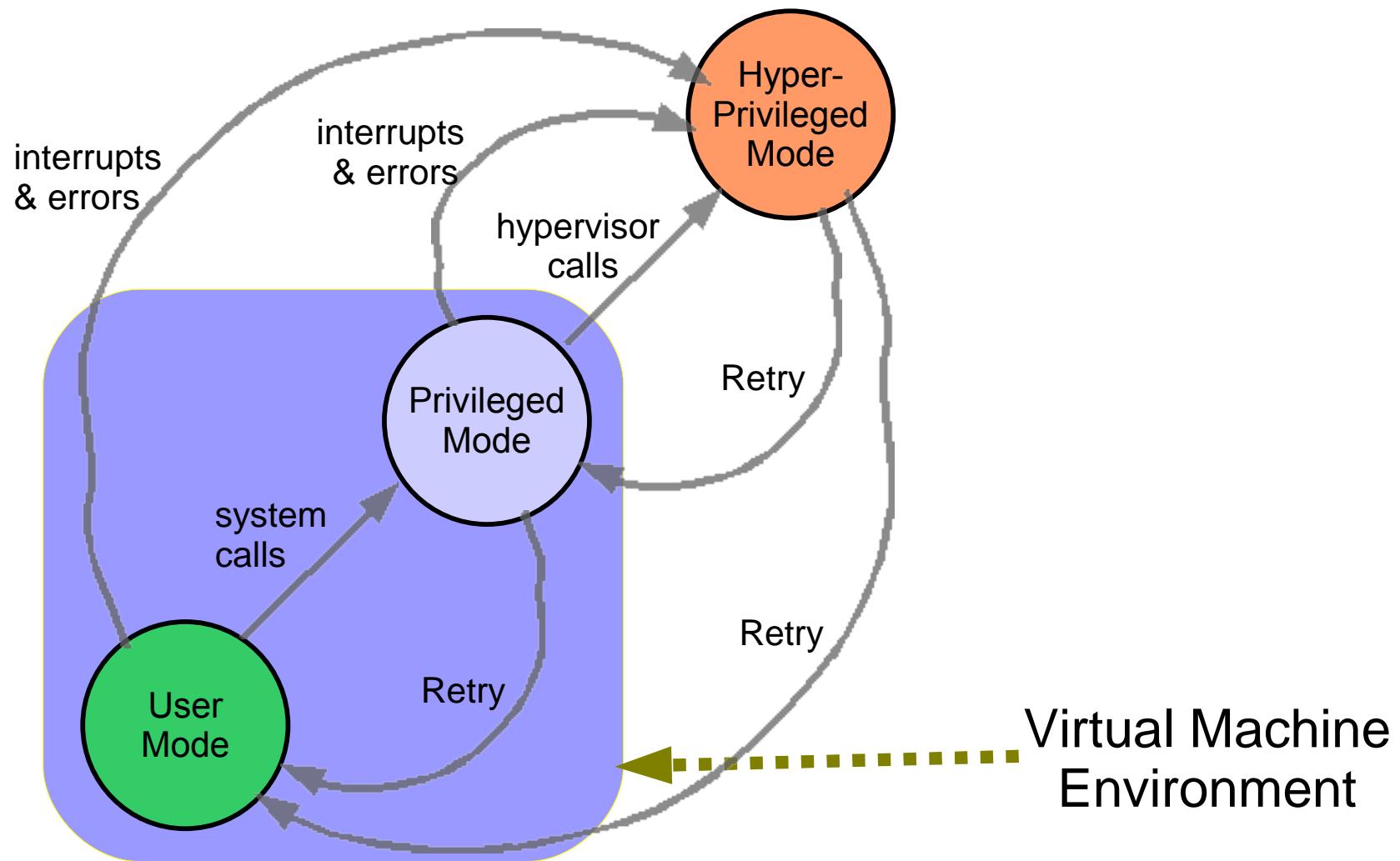
- Existing sun4u chips



# New SPARC Execution mode



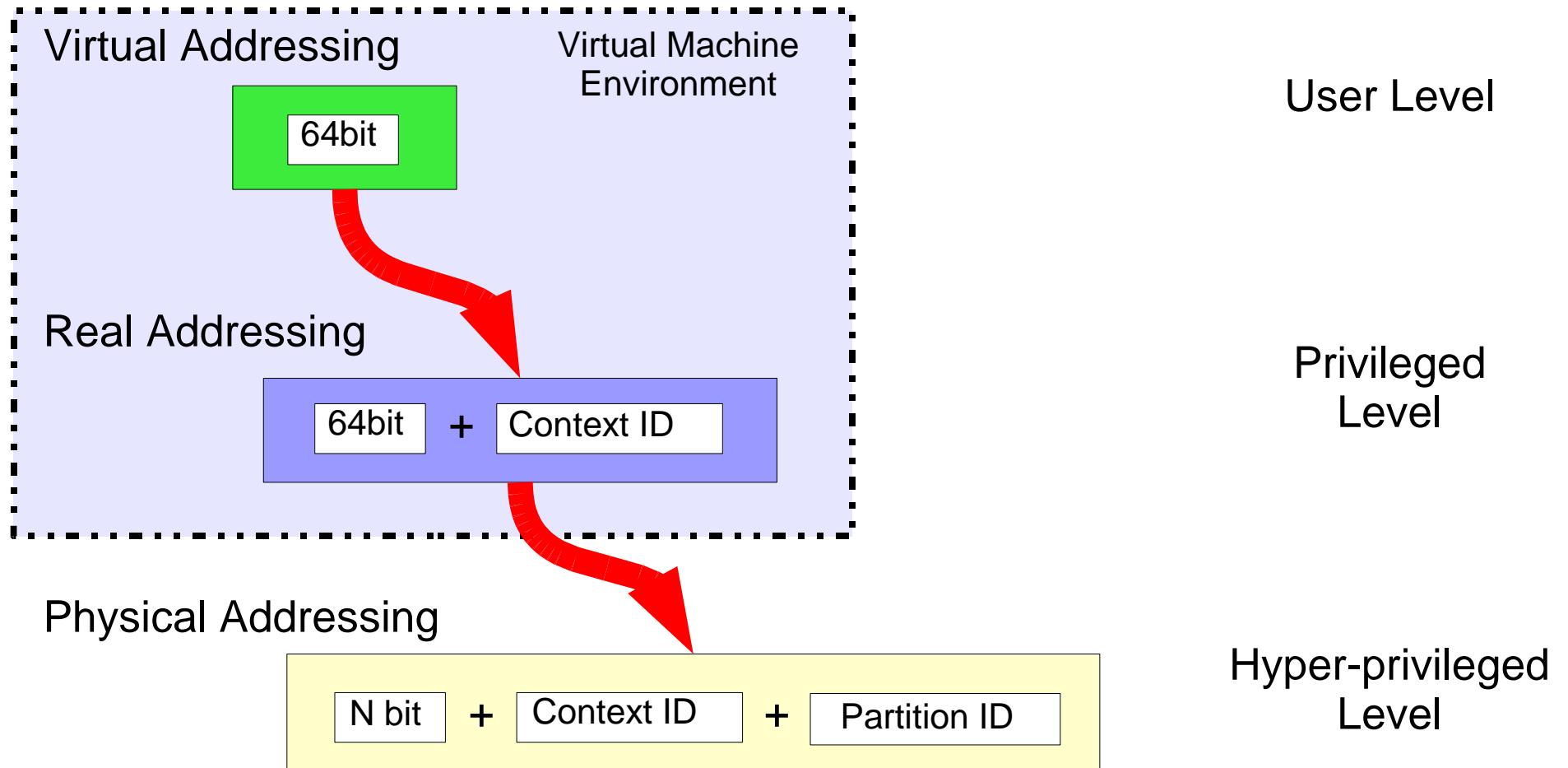
# New SPARC Execution mode



# Privileged mode constrained

- Close derivative of legacy privileged mode, but:
  - > No access to diagnostic registers
  - > No access to MMU control registers
  - > No access to interrupt control registers
  - > No access to I/O-MMU control registers
  - > All replaced by Hypervisor API calls
- UltraSPARC-ness remains with minor changes
  - > timer tick registers
  - > softint registers etc.
  - > trap-levels & global registers etc.
  - > register window spill/fill

# Translation hierarchy



# Translation management

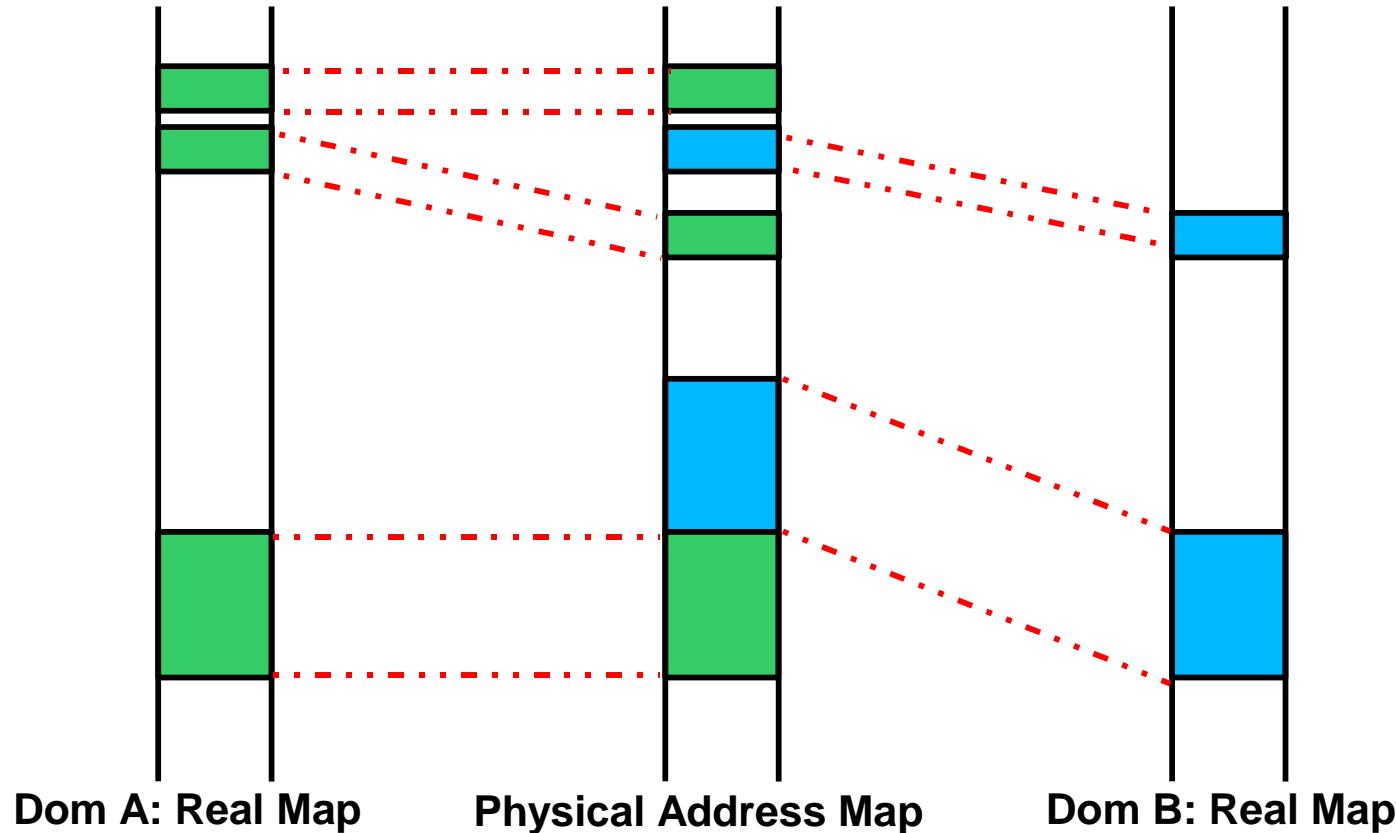
- Guest OS defines a “fault-status” area of memory for each virtual CPU (vCPU)
  - > Hypervisor fills in info for each MMU exception
- UltraSPARC does not use page-tables
  - > traditionally a software loaded TLB
- Hypervisor APIs to support direct software management of TLB entries
  - > map, demap
  - > Simple guests like OBP can use this

# Translation Storage Buffers

- Guest OS managed cache of translations stored in memory
  - > Guest allocates memory for buffer
  - > Guest places translation mappings into buffer when needed
  - > Hypervisor fetches from this cache into TLBs
- Guest specifies virtual -> real mappings
  - > Hypervisor translates real->physical to load into TLB
  - > TLB holds virtual -> physical mappings
- Multiple TSBs used simultaneously for multiple page sizes and contexts

# Address space control

- Hypervisor limits access to memory (and devices) -- creating partitions (logical domains)



# Virtual I/O devices

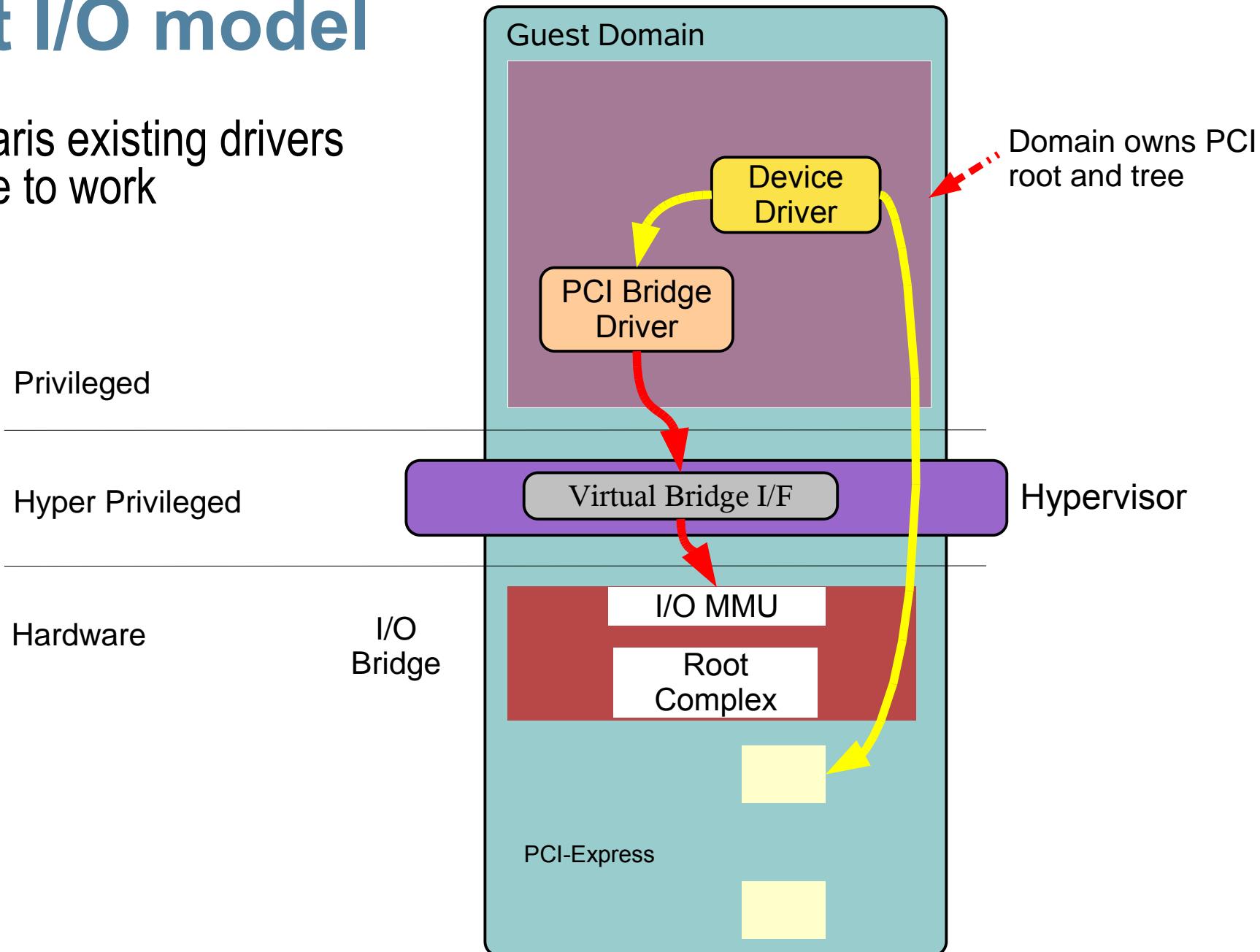
- Provided via Hypervisor
  - > e.g. Console - getchar / putchar API calls
  - > Hypervisor generates virtual interrupts

# Physical I/O devices

- PCI-Express root complex mapped into real address space of guest domain
- Direct access to device registers
  - > OBP probes and configures bus and devices
- I/O Bridge and I/O MMU configuration virtualized by hypervisor APIs
  - > Ensures that I/O MMU translations are validated by hypervisor
  - > Device interrupts are virtualized for delivery

# Direct I/O model

- For Solaris existing drivers continue to work

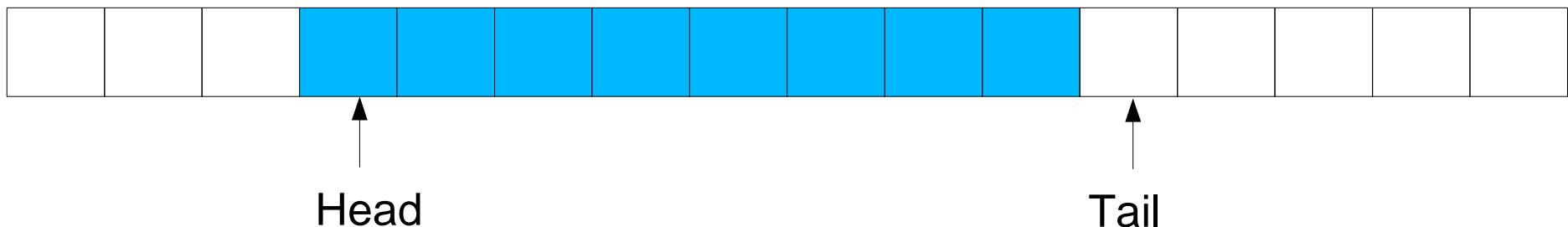


# Interrupt and event delivery

- Device interrupts and error events need a mechanism to asynchronously cause an exception for a virtual CPU
- Typically also require some data to identify reason and source and notification
- How to do this in an abstract manner?
  - > What if the virtual CPU is not currently bound to a physical CPU?
  - > Can't block physical interrupt source until virtual CPU is rescheduled

# Interrupts & CPU mondos

- Delivered to privileged mode via in-memory FIFO queues
  - > cpu-mondo, dev-mondo, resumable & non-resumable error queues
- 64-byte entries carry cause information (interrupt numbers)
- Head and Tail offsets available as CPU registers to privileged code
  - > Tail manipulated by hypervisor, head by guest OS
  - > For either queue, head  $\neq$  tail causes trap

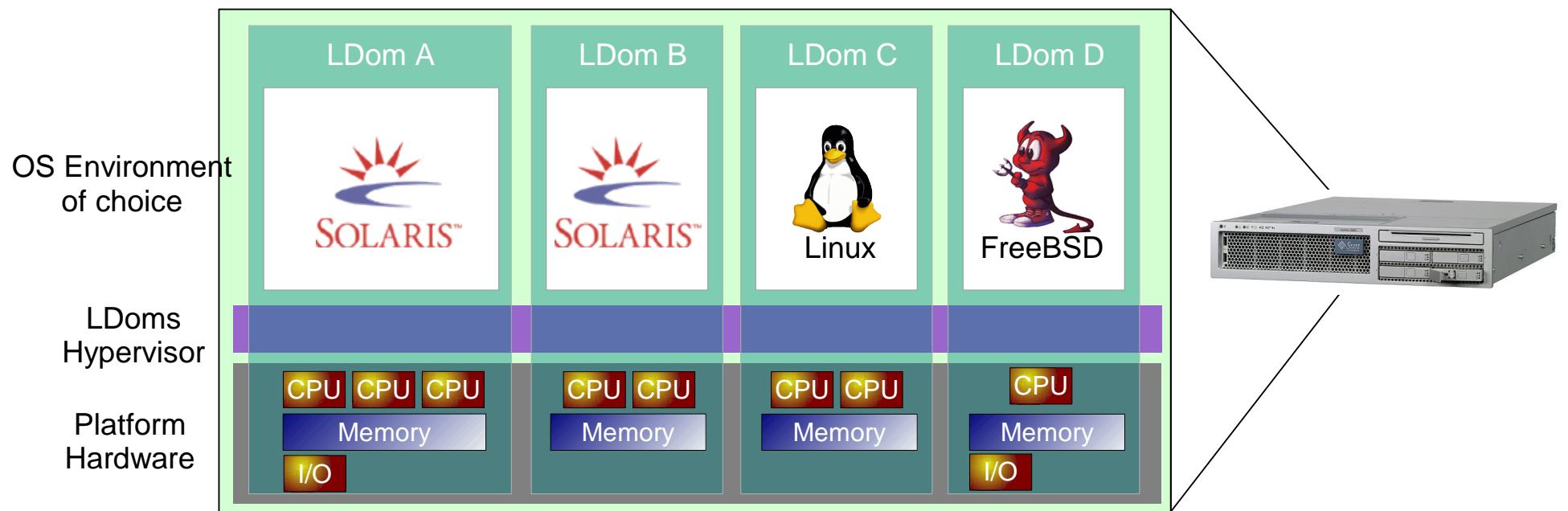


# Queue constraints

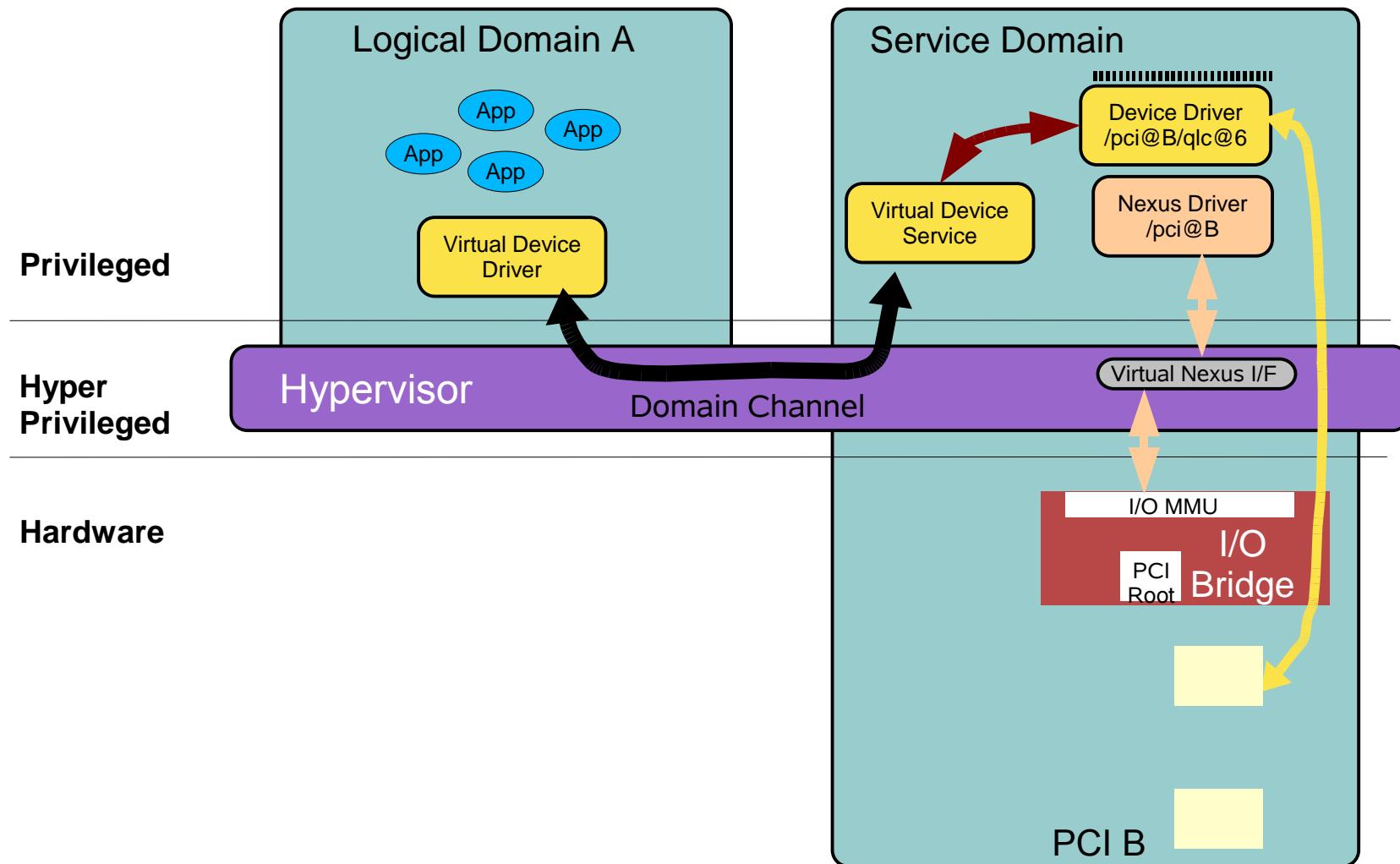
- Must be a power-of-2 number of entries, minimum of 2
  - > Entries always 64 bytes in size
  - >  $(tail+1) \% size == head$  defines full state
- Must be aligned on a real address boundary identical to Q size
  - > Designed to make hardware mondo delivery easier
- May have queues defined for each virtual CPU
  - > `dev_mondo` queue must be sized for all possible interrupt sources
  - > `dev_mondo` queue may never contain more than one entry for same source
- Hypervisor API to send 64Byte mondo to CPU queue
  - > Used for CPU to CPU x-calls
  - > Queue may fill and sender's API call fails

# Logical Domaining Technology

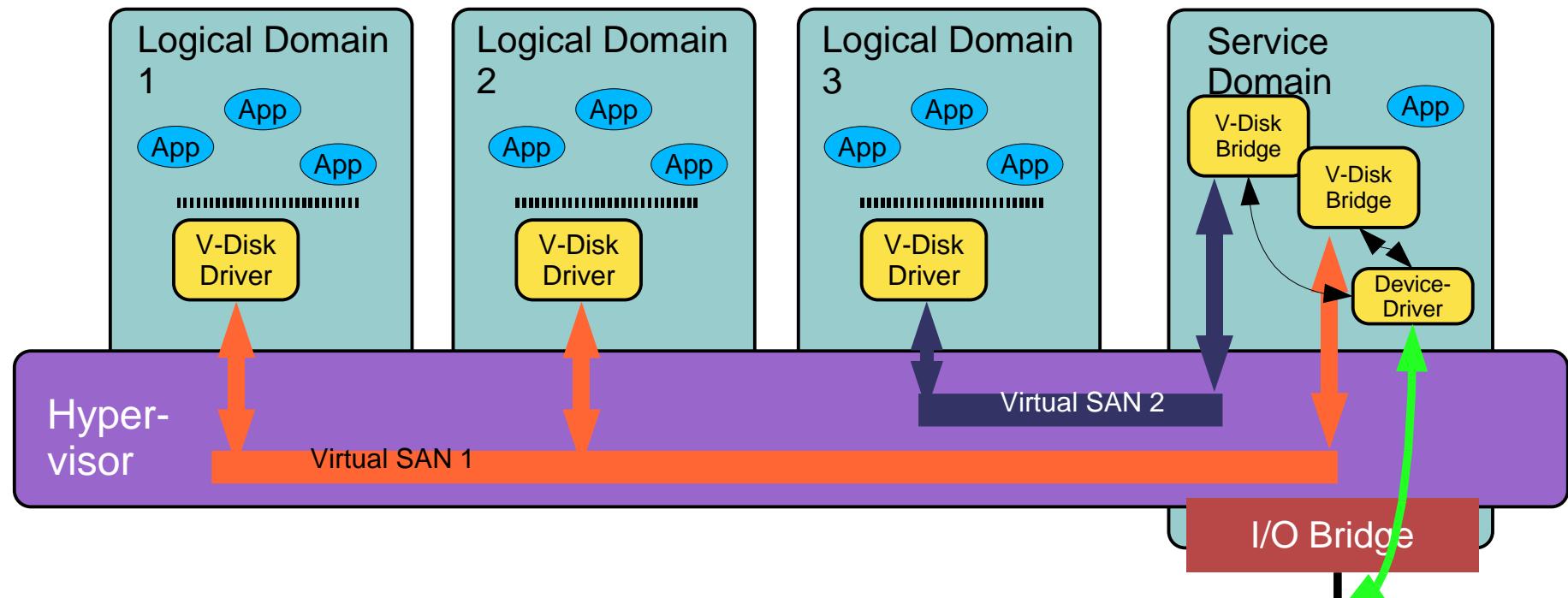
- Virtualization and partitioning of resources
  - Each domain is a full virtual machine, with a dynamically re-configurable sub-set of machine resources, and its own independent OS instance
  - Protection & isolation via SPARC hardware and Ldoms firmware



# Virtualized I/O

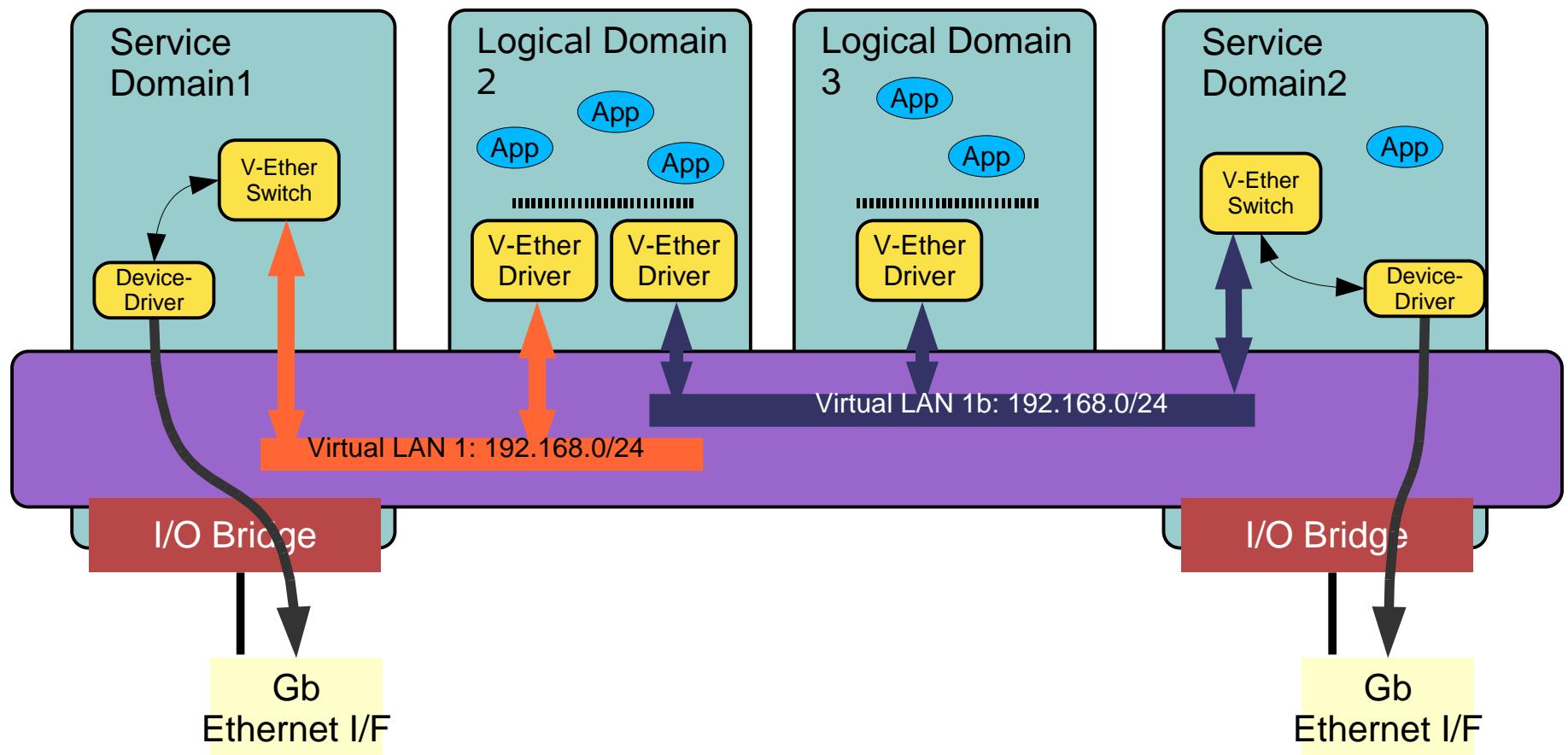


# Virtual (Block) Disk device & server



# Redundancy; Multi-path virtual I/O

- Virtualised devices can be used for redundant fail-over if guest OS supports it



# Domain Manager

- One manager per host HV
  - Application that controls Hypervisor and its LDom
- Exposes external CLI & XML control interfaces
- Maps Domains to physical resources
  - Constraint engine
  - Heuristic binding of LDomS to resources
    - Assists with performance optimisation
    - Assists with handling failures and blacklisting

# Dynamic Reconfiguration

- Hypervisor has ability to dynamically shrink or grow LDOMs upon demand
- Simply add/remove cpus, memory & I/O
  - Ability to cope with this without rebooting depends on guest OS capabilities
  - Guest OS indicates its capabilities to the domain manager
- Opportunity to improve utilisation by balancing resources between domains

# Summary

- Specifications & code published:
  - > <http://www.opensparc.net>
  - > <http://www.opensolaris.net>
- “Legion” instruction level simulator available to assist with code development
  - > Provides level of code execution visibility not possible on actual hardware
  - > Source code available on <http://www.opensparc.net>
- Contact alias:
  - > [hypervisor@sun.com](mailto:hypervisor@sun.com)

# Additional Topics

- Error handling
- Machine Descriptions
- Boot process

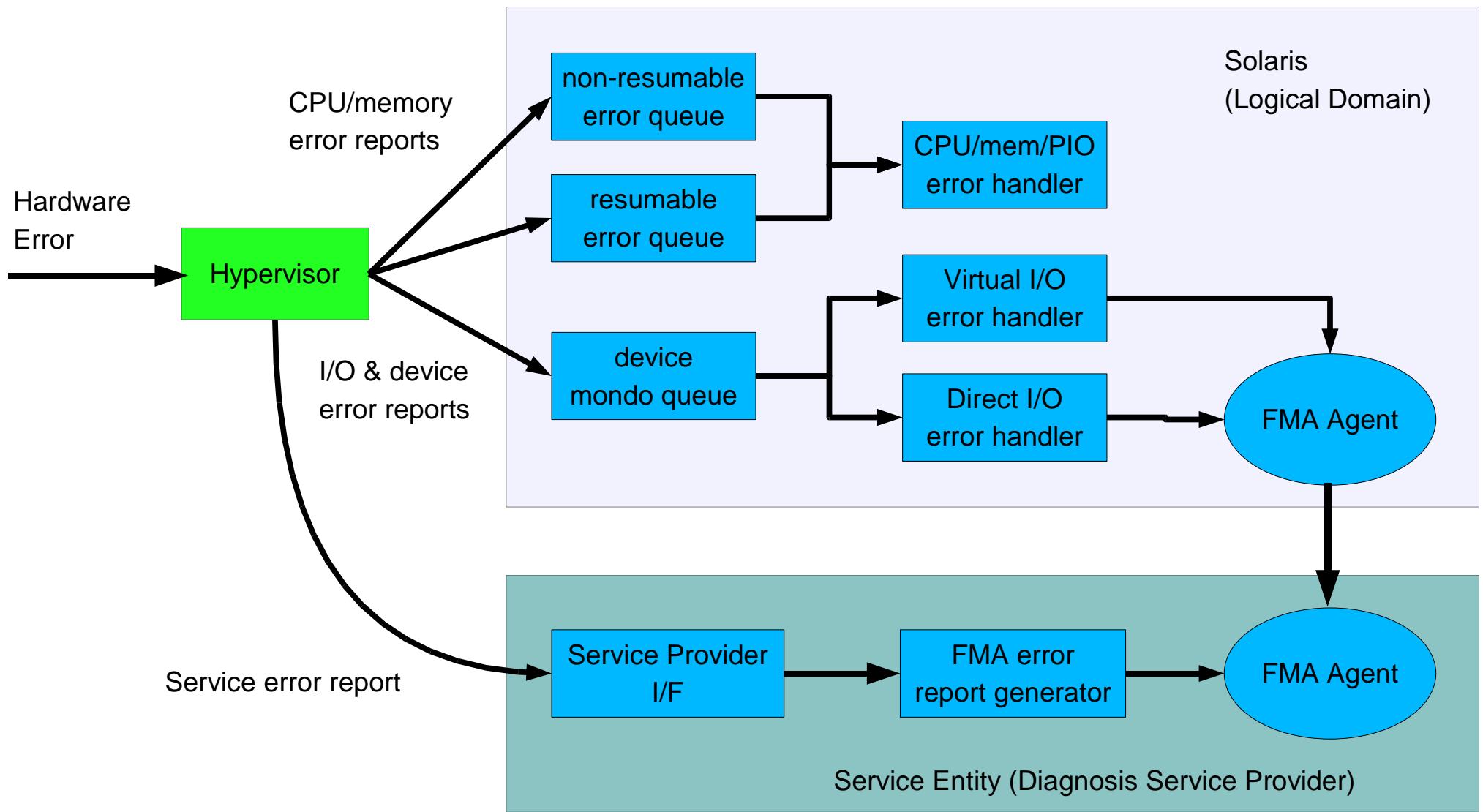
# Error delivery philosophy

- Hypervisor handles and abstracts underlying hardware errors
- All errors logged on service processor
- Guest OSs are told about impact of error
  - No point in informing guest about correctable errors
- Legacy OS should be able to run on new platform

# Error handling

- Two simple classifications; “after handling the error, can I ...”
  - 1. Resume execution of what I was doing, or
  - 2. Can't resume execution ... some policy to handle this
- Simplest error handlers:
  - 1. Retry
  - 2. Panic
- 2 in-memory queues associated with these types, similar to interrupts
- Queue entries contain error reports distilled by hypervisor
- Hypervisor creates reports and attempts to correct errors when possible

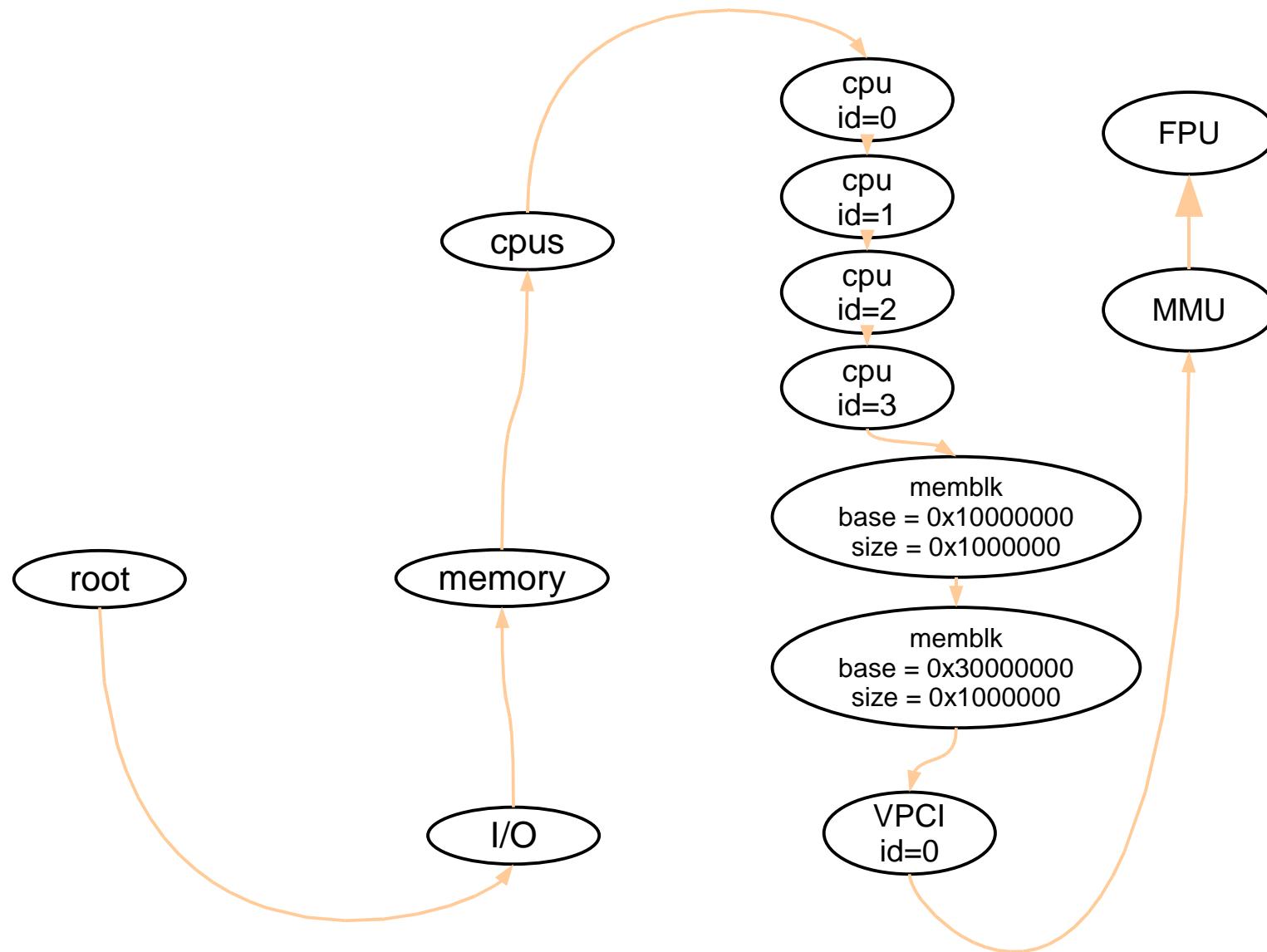
# Error handling agents



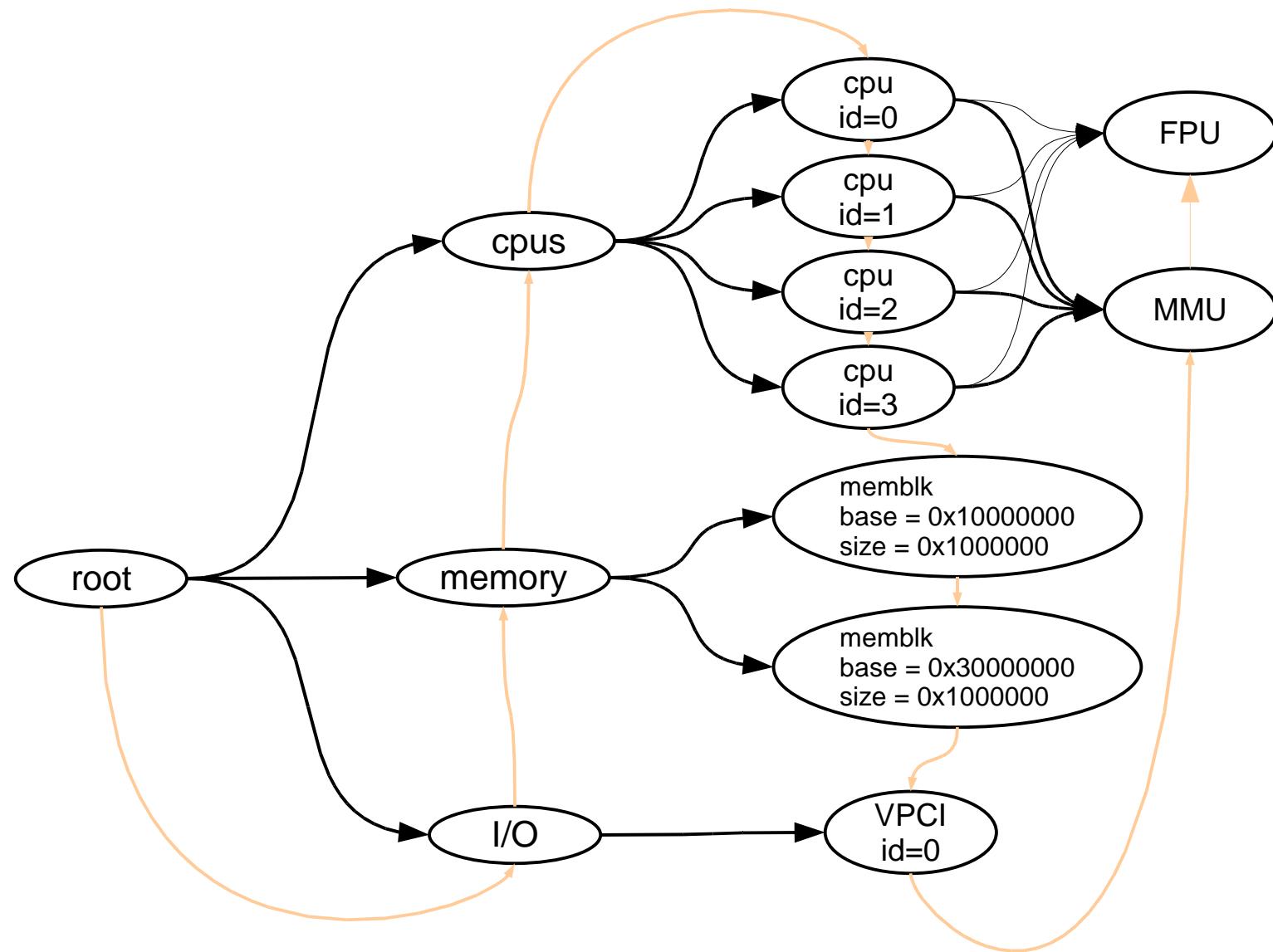
# Machine description

- How the OS Inside a virtual machine finds its resources
- Trivial list of nodes that detail the contents of each domain
  - > CPUs, Blocks of memory, I/O devices, I/O Ports etc.
- Nodes are also inter-linked to form a DAG to convey more advanced information for guest OSs that care
  - > e.g. cache sharing, NUMA memory latencies etc.
- Key requirements;
  - > Very simple to parse by the simplest of guests
  - > Convey very complex information for guest OSs that care
  - > A guest need not understand all the information presented
    - > e.g. old OS running on a new platform

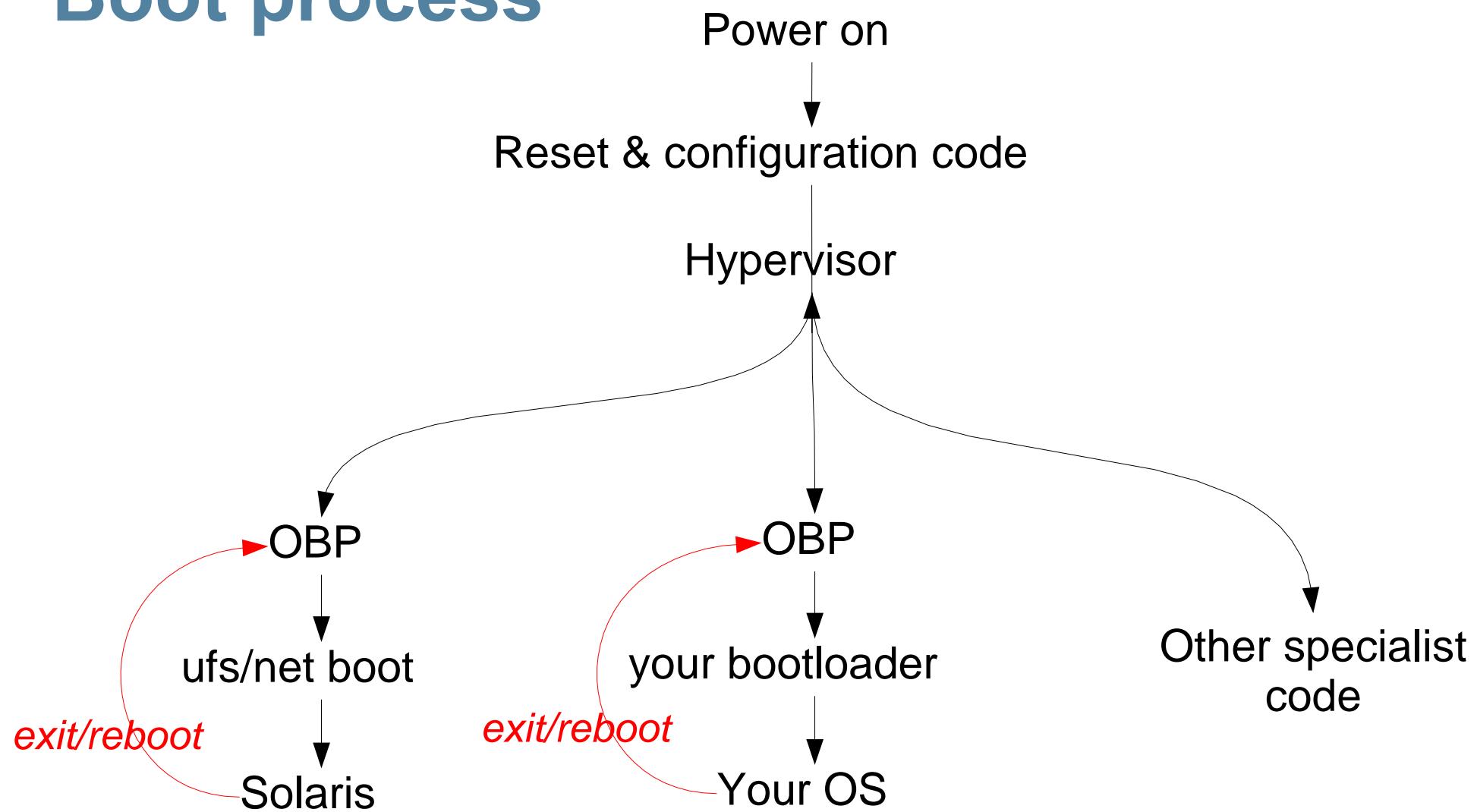
# Simple list of nodes

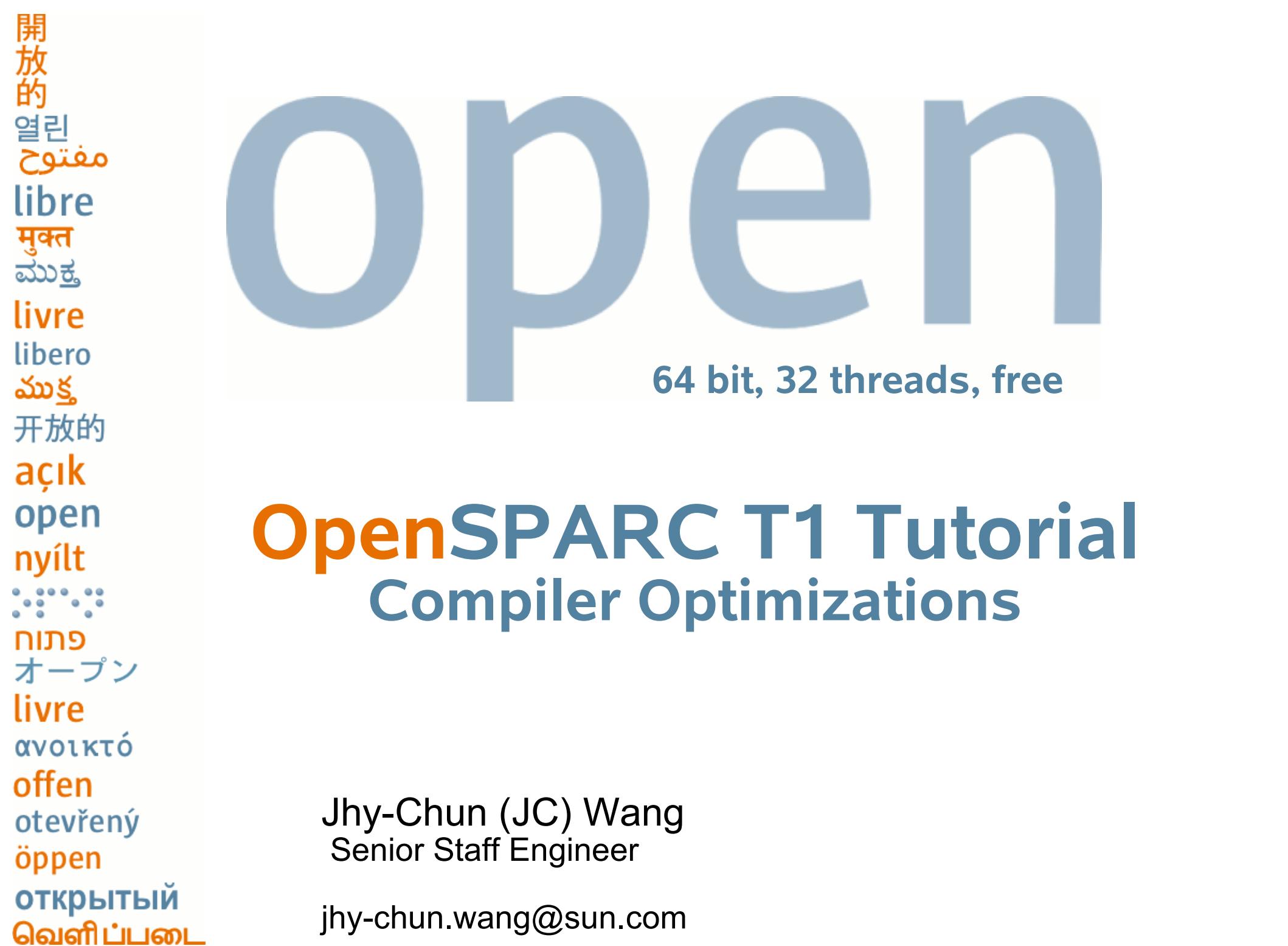


# Also arranged as a DAG



# Boot process



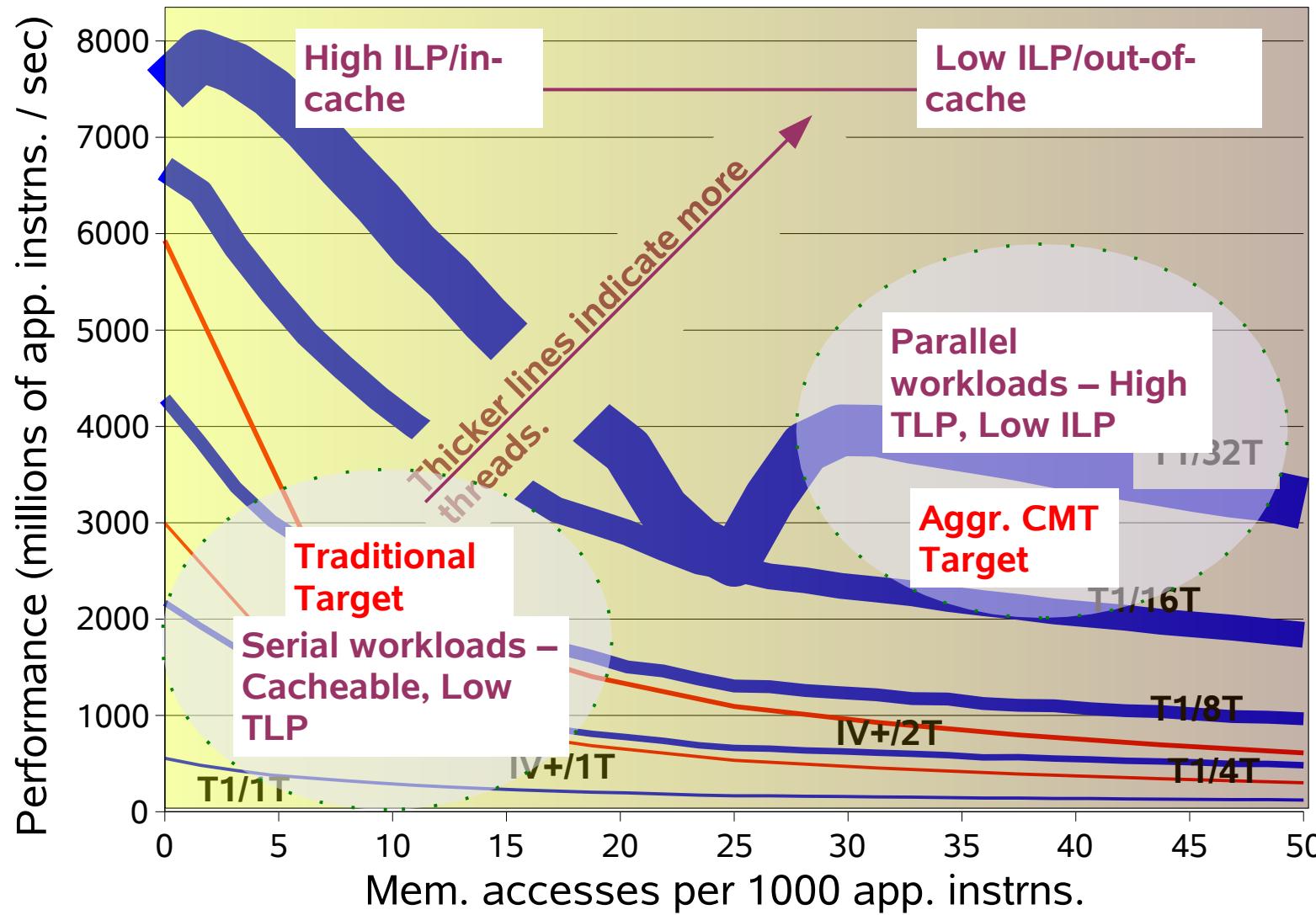


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# Agenda

- Background and Context
- Traditional (serial) optimization
- Parallelization
  - Automatic, OpenMP, Libraries ...
- Analysis
- Embracing gcc users
- Summary

# Traditional vs. Aggressive CMT



# Designing for ILP vs. TLP

- Want to build a CPU with ~10BIPS capability?

- Option A
  - Build a superscalar dual-core design
  - Run the chip at 2.5GHz
  - Look for 1-2 threads with an IPC of 4-2@2.5GHz

Rare in most codes

- Option B
  - Build a 1-issue 8 core, 32-thread design
  - Run the chip at 1.25GHz
  - Look for 8-32 threads with an IPC of 1-0.25@1.25GHz

Much easier to find

# Synergies Within a System

- Hardware
  - Adequate cache/memory, I/O, and networking bandwidth, plus RAS for large, parallel workloads
- Operating System
  - Reliable and scalable OS for optimal management of parallel threads
- Developer Tools
  - Compilers and tools to make application development easy and efficient



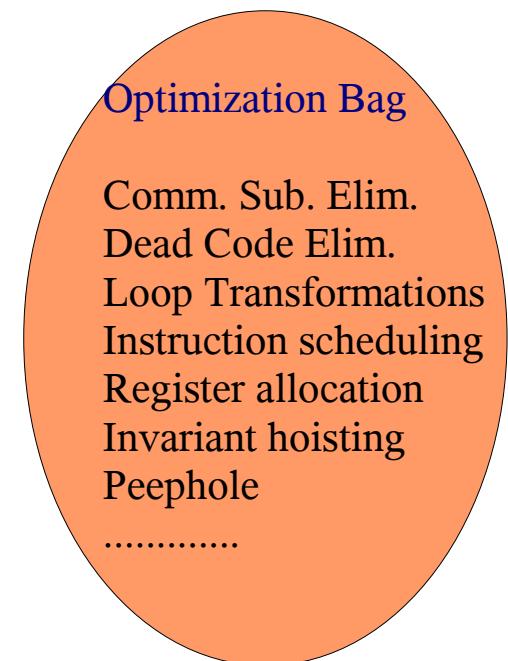
Focus of this section:  
C/C++/Fortran Compilers & Tools  
Free download: [cooltools.sunsource.net](http://cooltools.sunsource.net)

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- Even better
  - > `$ cc -xO4 foo.c`
  - > Optimization turned on at a high level
- What next?



# Guiding/Controlling Optimizations

- Numerous advanced optimizations in the compiler
- Controls exist to leverage/guide most optimizations
  - Inlining, inter-procedural analysis, profile feedback, alias analysis, target system selection, prefetching, pragmas/directives ....
- Significant benefits can be obtained by carefully selecting and tuning available optimizations

```
$ cc -xO4 -xinline=foo,no%bar -xprefetch_level=3 \
      -xchip=ultraT1 program.c
```

Besides -O4, suggests that routine foo() be inlined and bar() not be inlined in program.c, turns on aggressive prefetching, and targets the T1 chip.

# An All in One Flag?

- The **-fast** option includes various flags designed for a fairly aggressive build
  - Easy to start with **-fast** and add options after it to modify the behavior as desired
  - Fragment from makefile might look like this:

```
ISA      = -xarch=v8plus
CFLAGS  = -fast $(ISA) ....
LDFLAGS = -fast $(ISA) ....
```

Think “-fast”!

# What did it do to my code?

- The compiler commentary explains how the source code was optimized
  - Build with “-g” added (does not disable optimizations)
  - Get commentary with `er_src` command
  - See documentation for details
- Improves understanding and helps user optimize
  - User can derive hints on further options to use (or not use)
  - User can derive hints on adding pragmas that might help
  - User can derive hints on what reorganization might help

# Example 1 – Loop Scheduling

```
for (j=1; j<n; j++)
  a[j] = a[j-1] + 4.0*b[j]*c[j] +
          b[j]*b[j] + c[j]*c[j] + 6.0;
```

cc -fast -xchip=ultra4 -g -c loop.c  
 er\_src -source foo 1 loop.o



- ◆ 1 load eliminated
- ◆ 1 fpmul eliminated
- ◆ unrolled 4 times
- ◆ optimally scheduled
- ◆ resource limit = 4
- ◆ dependence limit = 4
- ◆ achieved schedule = 4
- ◆ 3 prefetches inserted

L-tag L1 scheduled with steady-state cycle count = 4  
 L-tag L1 unrolled 4 times  
 L-tag L1 has 2 loads, 1 stores, 3 prefetches, \
 4 FPadds, 3 FPMuls, and 0 FPdivs per iteration  
 L-tag L1 has 0 int-loads, 0 int-stores, 5 alu-ops, \
 0 muls, 0 int-divs and 0 shifts per iteration  
 Source loop below has tag L1

7. for (j=1; j<n; j++)
8. a[j] = a[j-1] + 4.0\*b[j]\*c[j] +
 b[j]\*b[j] + c[j]\*c[j] + 6.0;

# Example 2 – IPO, Pointers, IF's

```
void propagate(int *p, int *q, int *r) {  
    int x;  
    ...  
    x = *p;  
    ...  
    if (x < 50) {  
        ...r1...  
        split(p,q);  
        ...r2...  
        if (x < 100) {  
            merge(q,r);  
        }  
    }  
    ...
```

- Note `x` is a local variable
- If it can be proved that:
  - `cond1 => cond2`
  - `x` is not modifiable in `split`
  - `x` is not modified in `r1`
  - `x` is not modified in `r2`
- then:
  - the second `if` is eliminated
- Involves
  - Pointer analysis
  - Inter-procedural analysis
  - Conditional relationships

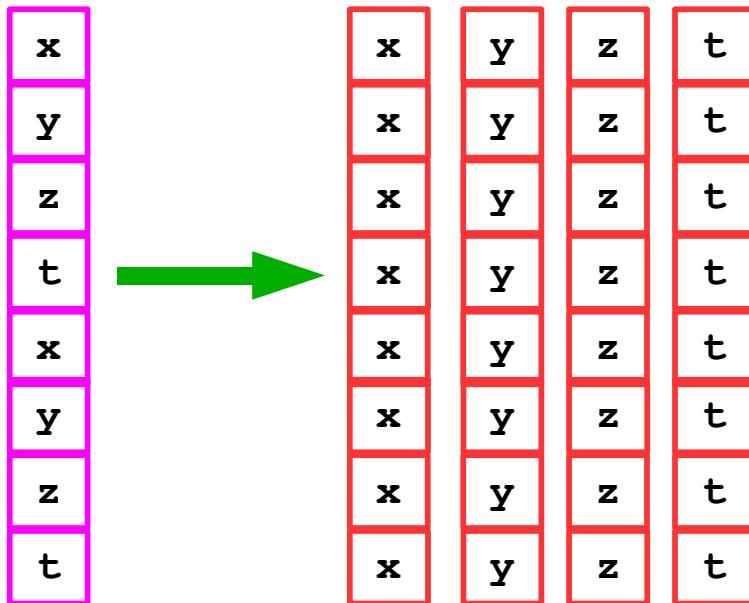
- ◆ Complexity and “code rot” can cause such scenarios
- ◆ Second conditional optimized away by the compiler

# Example 3 – Whole Program Mode

```

setup(p);
for (i=0; i<STEPS; i++) {
    transform_x(p);
    transform_y(p);
    transform_z(p);
    transform_t(p);
}
report(p);

```



- Original source has 32 byte struct
- Program malloc's for large vector
- All hot segments touch one field
- Ends up with poor cache behavior
  - 32 byte stride, 25% utilization
- With whole program analysis:
  - Compiler splits the vector
  - Generates four vectors
  - Hot segments get 8 byte stride
  - 100% cache block utilization
  - Performance is improved

# Parallelization: Automatic

- Compiler does the parallelization *automatically*
  - Just use the `-xautopar` option
  - No other user action required
- Automatic parallelization targets loop nests
  - Works synergistically with loop transformations
  - Steadily improving - handles many complex cases now
- Thread count controlled by environment variable
- Two versions generated (if profitability cannot be statically determined)
  - Run time selection between serial and parallel versions
  - Serial version used if work/thread is too low

# Example – Autopar + Multiple Transforms

```
...
first(m, n) ;
second(m, n) ;
...
```

```
for (j=0; j<n; j++)
  for (i=0; i<m; i++)
    a[i][j] = b[i][j] + c[i][j];
```

```
for (i=1; i<m-1; i++)
  for (j=1; j<n-1; j++)
    b[i][j] = 0.5*c[i][j];
```

- ◆ Top level routine has two calls

- ◆ Loop in first()

- ◆ Loop in second()

- ◆ Routines inlined
- ◆ Loop nest in first() interchanged
- ◆ Loop nest in first() peeled
- ◆ Fused with loop nest in second()
- ◆ Loops parallelized at outer level
- ◆ Inner loop pipelined
- ◆ Prefetches inserted
- ➔ Difficult to understand final code
- ➔ Use commentary, other options

# Parallelization: OpenMP

- It is an industry standard ([www.openmp.org](http://www.openmp.org))
  - Supported by a large number of compilers
  - OpenMP code is portable
  - Directives can be ignored for serial/unsupported systems
- Requires little programming effort
  - Can start with just a handful of directives
  - Applications can be parallelized incrementally
- Good performance and scalability possible
  - Depends ultimately on the code, compiler, and system
  - CMT-friendly shared-memory parallelism leveraged

# Example 1 - Loop

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)  
    a[index[i]] = a[i] + 2;
```



- ◆ -xautopar used
- ◆ Not parallelized
- ◆ Unsafe

```
$ cc -xO4 -xautopar -xloopinfo loop.c  
"loop.c", line 8: not parallelized, unsafe dependence (a)
```

```
#pragma omp parallel for shared(n,a) private(i)  
for (i=0; i<n; i++)  
    a[index[i]] = a[i] + 2;
```



- ◆ Pragma added
- ◆ -xopenmp used
- ◆ Parallelized

```
$ cc -xO4 -xopenmp -xloopinfo loop.c  
"loop.c", line 9: PARALLELIZED, user pragma used  
$ OMP_NUM_THREADS=4 // Controls number of threads  
$ a.out
```

# Example 2 - Sections

```
#pragma omp sections
{
#pragma omp section
    foo1();
#pragma omp section
    foo2();
#pragma omp section
    foo3();
#pragma omp section
    foo4();
}
```

- ❖ It is not just for loops
- ❖ Arbitrary pieces easily parallelized
- ❖ Must be legal, of course
- ❖ In this example:
  - ❖ foo1() - foo4() run in parallel

# Value-Added Features

- OpenMP version 2.5 fully supported
  - Includes support for nested parallelism
- Performance tuned for OpenSPARC systems
- Idle thread behavior can be controlled
- Static and runtime error checking
- OpenMP debugging using dbx
- OpenMP performance profiling
- Autoscoping
  - The compiler can assist the user with scoping the variables

# C Autoscoping Example

```
$ cc -fast -g -c -xopenmp -xloopinfo -xvpara loop.c
$ er_src -cc parallel -src loop.c loop.o
...
...
Source OpenMP region below has tag R1
Variables autoscoped as SHARED in R1: b, c, n, a
Private variables in R1: i
Shared variables in R1: a, b, c, n
  8. #pragma omp parallel for default(__auto)

L1 parallelized by explicit user directive
  9.   for (i=0; i<n; i++)
 10.     a[i] = a[i] + 2*b[i] + c[i];
 11. }
```

- ❖ Compiler commentary lists the autoscoping done

# Parallelization: Math Library

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
    a[i] = exp(b[i]);
```

```
$ cc -fast -S loop.c
$ grep call loop.s
/* 0x0030 */           call    exp
```

```
$ cc -fast -xvector -S loop.c
$ grep call loop.s
/* 0x002c */           call    __vexp_
```

♦ Normal compile calls **exp**

♦ With **-xvector**, calls **\_\_vexp**  
 ♦ **vexp()** runs in parallel  
 ♦ If idle processors available

Loops may be split to enable  
 calling vector functions.

# Parallelization: Performance Library

```

do jj = 1,n,nb
  call zip(b(1,jj),%val(nb))
  do ii = 1,n,na
    call zip(a(1,ii),%val(na))
    do jjj = jj,jj+nb-1,3
      do iii = ii,ii+na-1,3
        call getts()
        call foo(a,b,c,iii,jjj)
        call gette()
      end do
    end do
    call gettp()
  end do
end do

```

+ There's more code behind!

```

$ f90 -fast main.f \
  hrtime.o -lsunperf
$ a.out
Mflops: 2640
$ PARALLEL=8
$ a.out
Mflops: 19736

```

- ◆ No coding sweat
- ◆ No debugging pains
- ◆ No tuning headaches
- ◆ Great performance!
- ◆ Portable!
- ◆ And parallel!

```
call dgemm('T','N',n,n,n,1.d0,a,num,b,num,0.d0,d,num)
```

# Parallelization: Media/Graphics Library

```

for (n = 0; n < dlen; n++) {
    tmp = 0;
    for (k = 0; k < flen; k++)
        tmp += fir[k] * src[n+k];
    dst[n] = (vis_s16) (tmp >> 16);
}

```



```

vis_write_gsr(0);
da = (vis_u8 *) dst;
dp = (vis_d64 *) ((vis_u32) da & (~7));
off = (vis_u32) dp - (vis_u32) da;
dend = da + 2 * dlen - 1;
emask = vis_edge16(da, dend);
sa = (vis_u8 *) src;
num = ((vis_u32)dend>>3) - ((vis_u32)da>>3) + 1;
for (n = 0; n < num; n++) {
    ss = sa;
    rdh = vis_fzero(); rdl = vis_fzero();
    for (k = 0; k < flen; k++) {
        sp = (vis_d64 *) vis_alignaddr(ss, off);
        s0 = sp[0]; s1 = sp[1];
        sd = vis_faligndata(s0, 1);
        ...
}

```

+ There's more code!

- ◆ No need to write VIS
- ◆ No need to write MMX
- ◆ Just use mediaLib functions
- ◆ Perf. gain of ~6X (avg.)
- ◆ “C” version exists  
(can run on any system)

# Performance Analysis

- Analyzer – an advanced performance analysis tool
- Intuitive GUI interface
- Clock based statistical profiling
- HW counter based statistical profiling
- Can relate data to function, source, assembly level
- Integrated with compiler commentary
- Dataspace and memoryspace profiling
- Enhanced OpenMP support

# Analysis Example: Memory Bottleneck

Excl. Instr_cnt	Incl. Instr_cnt	Excl. Events	Incl. Events	Name
2452671487	2452671487	96803274	96803274	<Total>
2327052822	2327052822	93803181	93803181	loop
125618665	2452671487	3000093	96803274	main
0	2452671487	0	96803274	_start

Function view

One click

```
...compiler commentary here...
          0          0          0          0
11.    for (i=0; i<n; i++)
## 2327052822 2327052822 93803181 93803181
12.      t += a[index[i]];
```

Source view,  
with commentary

One click

```
9200436    9200436          0          0
[13] 10908: ldd          [%o0 + %10], %f4
      0          0          0          0
[13] 1090c: faddd          %f2, %f10, %f14
## 1154977323 1154977323 93803181 93803181
[13] 10910: sll          %g5, 3, %g4
```

Assembly view,  
with line numbers

# Analysis Example Continued

```
$ cc -fast -g main.c loop.c
main.c:
loop.c:
$ time a.out

real      0m17.49s
user      0m16.24s
sys       0m0.97s
```

First run,  
simple compile

```
$ collect -h Instr_cnt,h,L3_miss,h a.out
$ analyzer
```

Analyze - “Aha,  
it's the indirect  
ldd's L3 miss”

```
$ cc -fast -g -xprefetch_level=3 main.c loop.c
main.c:
loop.c:
$ time a.out

real      0m6.79s
user      0m5.54s
sys       0m0.97s
```

Add -xprefetch\_level=3,  
prefetch emitted,  
nice speedup

# Race Detection: What is a race?

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
  a[i] = a[i+1] + b[i];
```

Sequential execution: Results are deterministic  
 Parallel execution: Results non-deterministic

```
a[0] = a[1] + b[0]
a[1] = a[2] + b[1]
a[2] = a[3] + b[2]
a[3] = a[4] + b[3]
a[4] = a[5] + b[4]
```

Thread 1

```
a[5] = a[6] + b[5]
a[6] = a[7] + b[6]
a[7] = a[8] + b[7]
a[8] = a[9] + b[8]
a[9] = a[10] + b[9]
```

Thread 2

Example:  
 Thread 1 executes i=0-4  
 Thread 2 executes i=5-9  
 Thread 2 might write a[5]  
 before thread 1 reads it.  
 Final value of a[4] wrong!

**This is a data race.**

**DRDT: A Data Race Detection Tool**

# Using DRDT – Step 1

- Compile a program for instrumentation.
  - Add “`-xinstrument=datarace`” to the compiler/linker options.

```
% cc -xinstrument=datarace -mt a1.c a2.c a3.c  
  
% cc -xinstrument=datarace -xopenmp omp1.c omp2.c
```

# Using DRDT – Step 2

- Run the application under *collect* (analyzer) with the *-r* option
  - Similar to using *collect* for performance analysis

```
% collect -r on a.out arg1 arg2
```

- This will create a data file that stores the race detection results
- Significant slowdown (> 50X) can occur when using DRDT
  - > Use a small input data set for a short run

# Using DRDT – Step 3

- Check the result
  - > Use *er\_print* for command line interface.
  - > For a summary report

```
% er_print -races test.1.er
```

- > For a detailed report on one particular data race detected

```
% er_print -rdetail 3 test.1.er
```

- > Use *rdt* for a GUI

```
% rdt test.1.er
```

# Example of DRDT Output

```
% er_print -races test.1.er

Total Races: 2 Experiment: test.1.er

Race #1, Vaddr: 0x212c0
  Access 1: Read, work + 0x000000A0,
              line 42 in "pthr_prime.c"
  Access 2: Write, work + 0x000000DC,
              line 44 in "pthr_prime.c"
Total Traces: 3

Race #2, Vaddr: 0x212c0
  Access 1: Write, work + 0x000000DC,
              line 44 in "pthr_prime.c"
  Access 2: Write, work + 0x000000DC,
              line 44 in "pthr_prime.c"
Total Traces: 2
```

# Analyzing & Improving Binaries

- BIT - A tool that operates *reliably* on binaries
- Can instrument and collect information for analysis
- Can create a new binary with improved performance
  - > Focusses on rearranging code to better use the I-cache
  - > Works best on large, complex applications
- Build with
  - > Option `-xbinopt=prepare`
  - > Use `-O1` or higher optimization level

# BIT: Examining Code Coverage

```
$ cc -fast -xbinopt=prepare *.c -lm           // Build for BIT
...
and.c:
build-disjuncts.c:
extract-links.c:
...
$ bit instrument a.out                      // Instrument the a.out
$ a.out.instr 2.1.dict -batch < input        // Run a.out.instr
$ bit coverage a.out                         // Analyze coverage
Creating experiment database test.1.er ...
BIT Code Coverage
Total Functions: 350
Covered Functions: 216
Function Coverage: 61.7%
Total Basic Blocks: 6,041
Covered Basic Blocks: 3,969
Basic Block Coverage: 65.7%
Total Basic Block Executions: 3,955,536,194
Average Executions per Basic Block: 654,781.69
Total Instructions: 27,606
Covered Instructions: 17,680
Instruction Coverage: 64.0%
Total Instruction Executions: 18,866,478,764
Average Executions per Instruction: 683,419.50
```

# Simplifying Performance Optimisation

- SPOT – A Simple Performance Optimisation Tool
  - Produces a report on a code's execution
  - Exposes common causes of performance loss
  - Very easy to use
- SPOT reports contain hyperlinked profiles
  - Makes it easy to navigate from performance issue to source to assembly
  - For maximum information
    - Add -g (-g0 for C++)
    - Use -O1 or higher
    - Include -xbinopt=prepare

# Using SPOT

```
$ cc -fast -xbinopt=prepare -g *.c -lm                                // Build the code
...
and.c:
build-disjuncts.c:
extract-links.c:
...
$ spot -X a.out 2.1.dict -batch < input > /dev/null      // Run SPOT
Copying spot resources
Collect machine statistics
Collect application details
Collect ipc data using ripc
Collect data using BIT
Output ifreq data from bit
Collect bandwidth data
Collect traps data
Collect HW counter profile data
Collect data for Rstall_IU_use & Re_DC_miss
Collect data for Rstall_storeQ & Cycle_cnt
Collect data for Dispatch0_2nd_br & Cycle_cnt
Generating html output for HW counter profile data
Collect clock-based profiling data
Generating html output for time profile data
Done collecting, tidying up reports
$
```

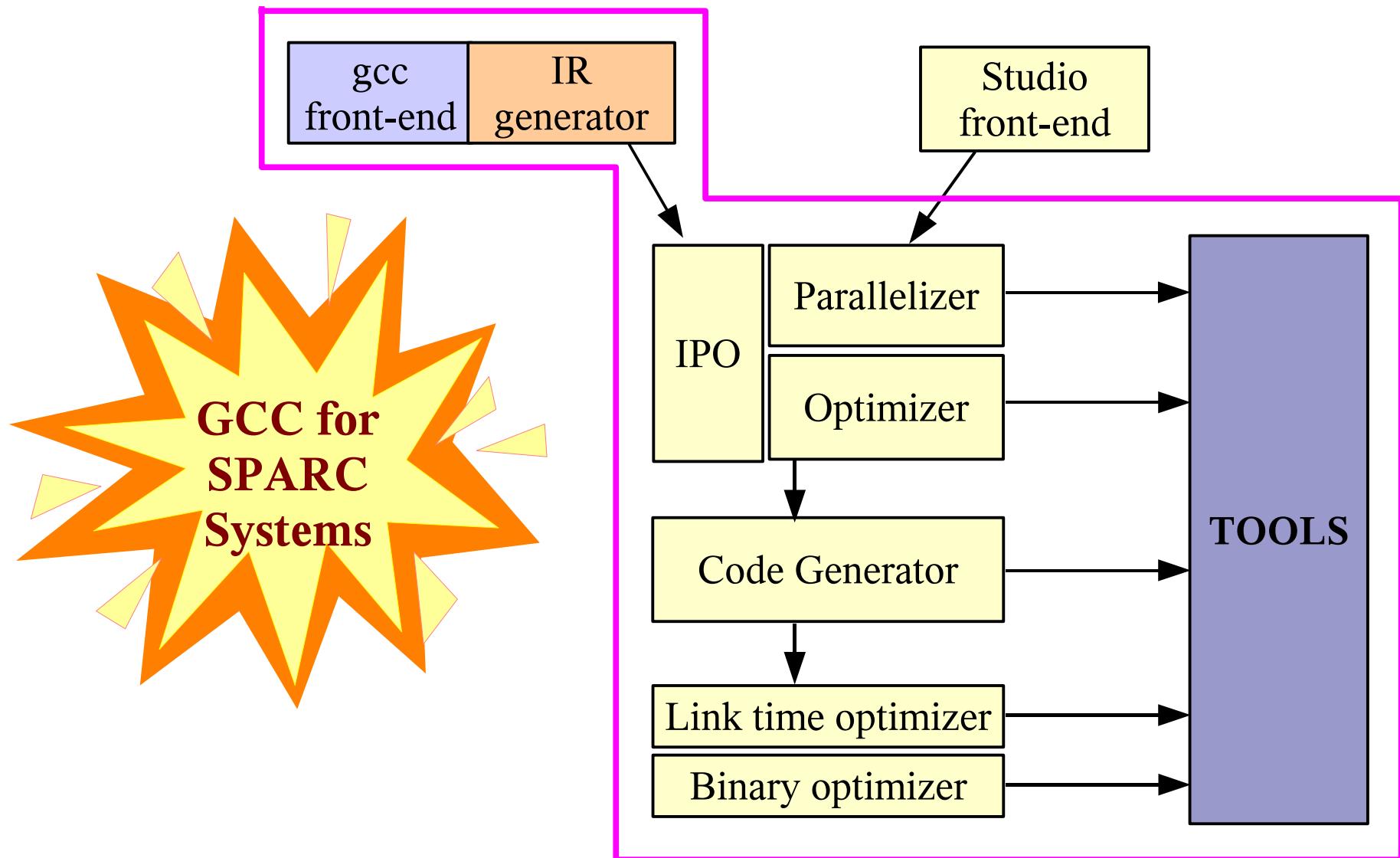
- ◆ SPOT runs the code many times
- ◆ Approx. 20X longer (in this mode)
- ◆ Invokes other tools to collect data
- ◆ Generates comprehensive report

# Embracing OpenSPARC/gcc Users

- Many developers use gcc
  - Want to use the same compiler for different platforms
  - Use gcc language extensions
  - Familiar with & feel comfortable with gcc
  - Migration to Studio is, or is viewed as being, difficult

**Would be nice to bring the features of Studio to these users.**

# Making the Connection



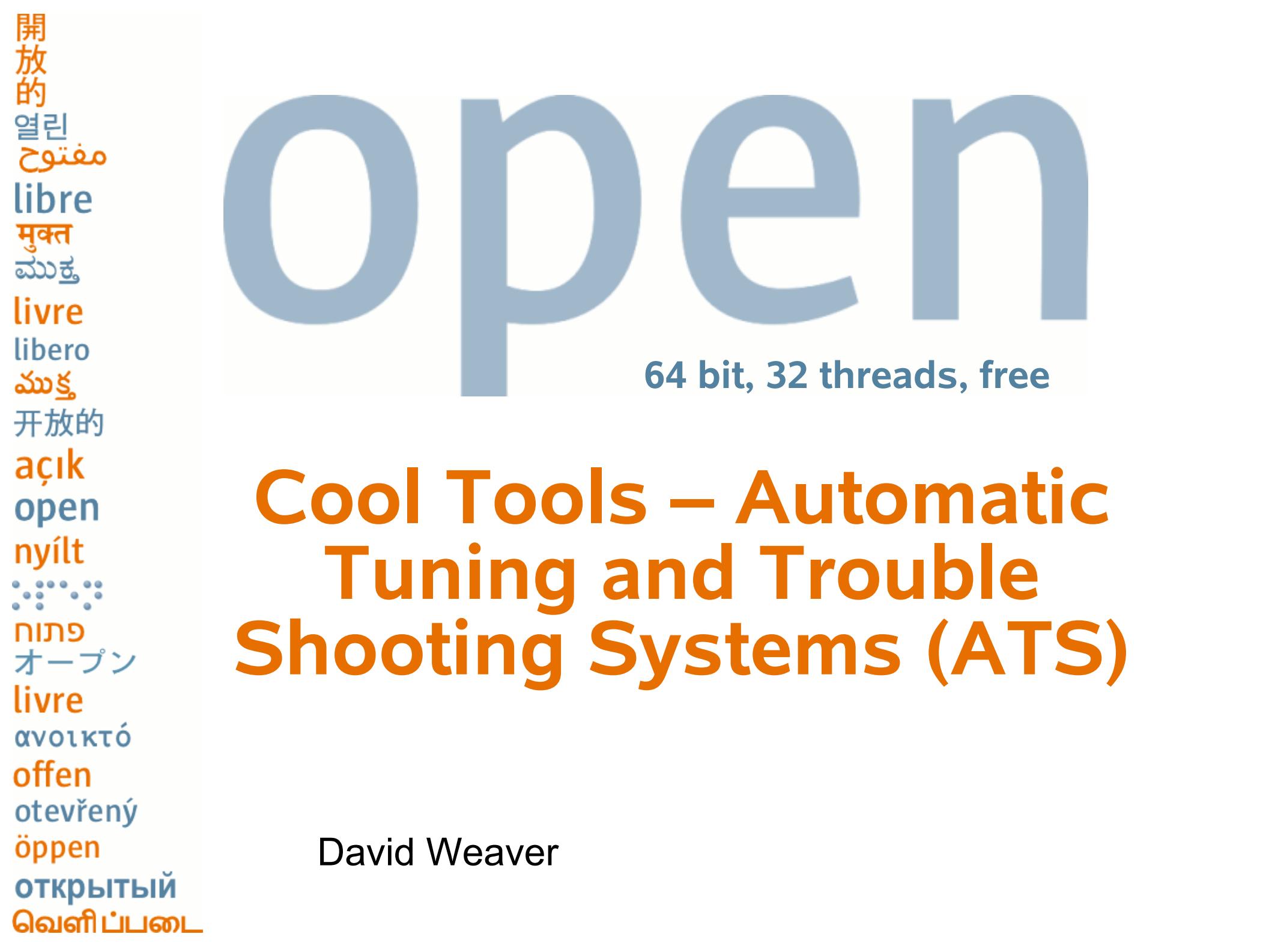
# Key Features

- Transparent to gcc users
  - Feature compatible with gcc
  - Debuggable with gdb and dbx
- Improved performance
  - Through advanced optimizations tuned to SPARC systems
  - Extra optimizations such as -xipo, -xprefetch, -xprofile
- Higher reliability

# Summary

- A rich collection of compilers and tools is available to OpenSPARC developers
  - Components are thread-aware and work synergistically
  - Reliable, with advanced optimizations and parallelization
  - Excellent multi-threaded analysis and debugging tools
- These tools are all free and can be downloaded from:

<http://cooltools.sunsource.net>



# open

64 bit, 32 threads, free

## Cool Tools – Automatic Tuning and Trouble Shooting Systems (ATS)

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# Agenda

- Automatic Tuning and Troubleshooting System
  - Build the best binaries
  - Bonus: troubleshooting
- Unified Solaris Binary
  - Deliver the best-fit binary at run-time

# *Automatic Tuning and Troubleshooting System (ATS)*

# Automatic Tuning Through ATS

```
% ats a.out
```

ATS Results Host:sctgo pec.out - Mozilla Firefox

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# Automatic Tuning At Work

- [Log File](#)
- [Spreadsheet \(csv\)](#)

Host: sctgo  
 /import/go-saraswati/rprak/demo/ats\_mcf/pec.out

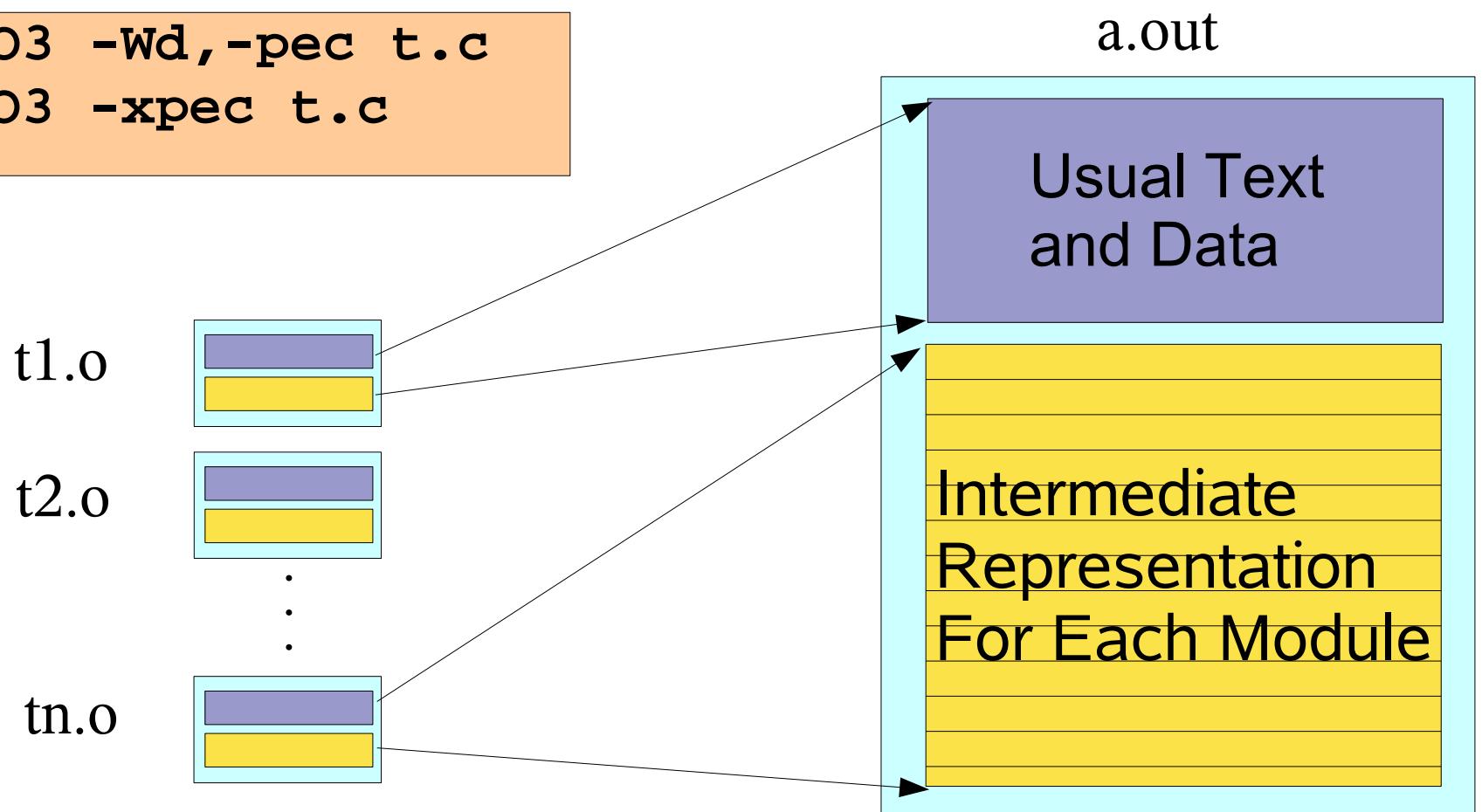
Number ↓	Compiler flags	Status	Runtime
<a href="#">1</a>	-fast	Verification Failed	1.58
<a href="#">2</a>	-fast -fsimple=0 -fns=no	Passed	1.60
<a href="#">3</a>	-xO4	Passed	1.58
<a href="#">4</a>	-xO3	Passed	1.65
<a href="#">5</a>	-xO3 -xprofile=collect	Passed	2.02
<a href="#">6</a>	-xO4 -xprofile=use	Passed	1.57
<a href="#">7</a>	-xO4 -xprofile=use -xipo=1	Passed	1.57
<a href="#">8</a>	-xO4 -xprofile=use -xipo=2	Passed	1.58
<a href="#">9</a>	-xO4 -xprofile=use -xlinkopt=1	Passed	1.59
<a href="#">10</a>	-xO4 -xprofile=use -xpagesize=512K	Passed	1.58
<a href="#">11</a>	-xO4 -xprofile=use -xprefetch_level=1	Passed	1.60

*Note: Other, user defined, metrics supported too*

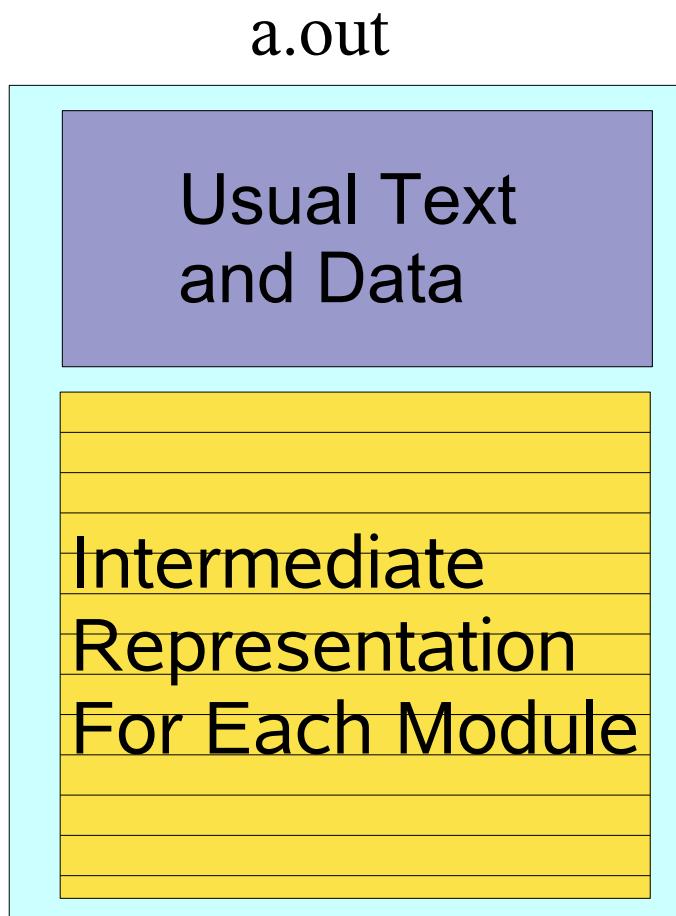
# How Does It Work? -- ATS uses PEC

*PEC = Portable Execution Code  
(SunIR is kept in the binary)*

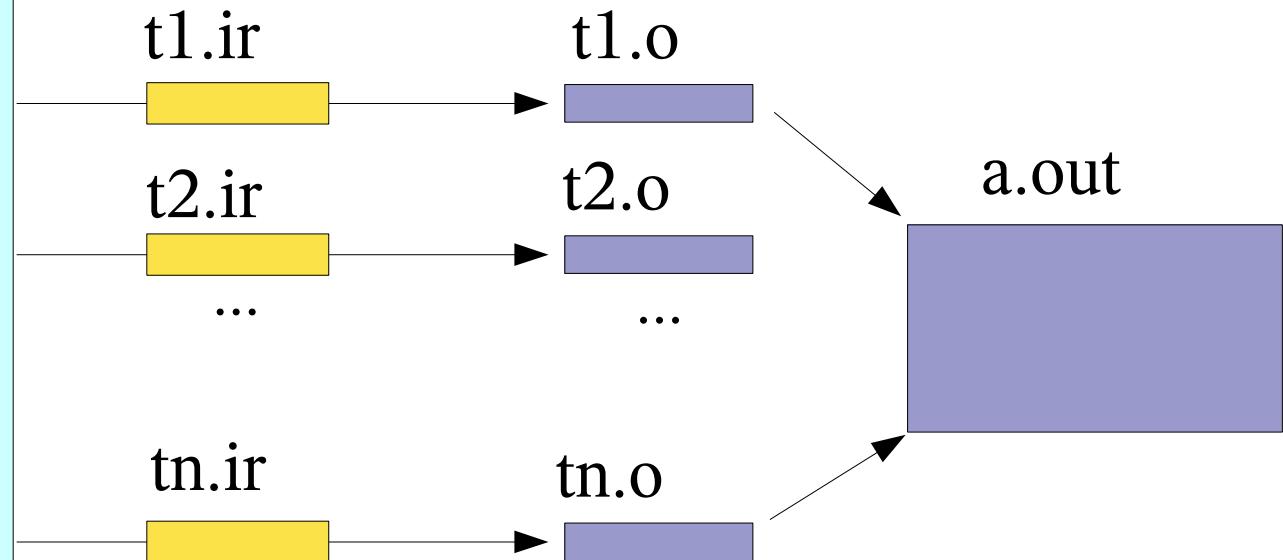
```
% cc -xO3 -Wd,-pec t.c  
% gcc -O3 -xpec t.c
```



# Recompiling Binaries Through PEC



*The SunIR is extracted and reprocessed*



*Dramatic reduction in compile time*

# Troubleshooting - Findbug

- Find the offending options
- Then find the offending module

```
% ats \
  -i 'script:findbug -x03 -fsimple=2 -xlinkopt' \
a.out
```

## Find the offending option, then the module(s)

- [Log File](#)
- [Spreadsheet \(csv file\)](#)

- [Faulty modules \(1 found\)](#)

Host: sctgo  
 /import/go-saraswati/rprak/demo/ats\_mcf/pec.out

Number	Compiler flags	Status	Runtime
1	-xO3 -fsimple=2 -xlinkopt	Verification Failed	1.65
2	-xO3 -fsimple=2	Verification Failed	1.66
3	-xO3 -fsimple=1	Passed	1.66
4	-xO3 -fsimple=1 -WO,-pec_keep,/import/go-saraswati/rprak/demo/ats_mcf/ATS/run21/pass -WO,-no_dependency_variables	Passed	1.67
5	-xO3 -fsimple=2 -WO,-pec_keep,/import/go-saraswati/rprak/demo/ats_mcf/ATS/run21/fail -WO,-no_dependency_variables	Verification Failed	1.68

# *Unified Solaris Binary*

# Making A Unified Solaris Binary

- Make platform specific versions of a binary
- Add them to a unified solaris binary
- Example:

```
% mkusb -c ultra3 build-ultra3/a.out -o a.out  
% mkusb -c ultraT1 build-ultraT1/a.out -a a.out
```

# Running A Unified Solaris Binary

- Just as you would run a normal binary

```
% a.out
Hello World!
```

```
% setenv USB_VERBOSE 1

% a.out
## BEST MATCHING BINARY ultra3
Hello World!
```

# Making Another Unified Solaris Binary

- Example:

```
% mkusb -c sparc sparc.out -o a.out
% mkusb -c x86 x86.out -a a.out
% mkusb -c ultra4 ultra4.out -a a.out
```

# How Does It Work?

- Binaries are compressed, encoded and added to the Unified Solaris Binary
- At runtime
  - > Run machine is recognized
  - > Best matching binary is extracted and cached into a directory and executed
  - > For example, on an ultra3cu, order of preference
    - > ultra3cu ultra3i ultra3iplus ultra3
      - ultra2 ultra2i ultra2e
      - ultra sparc
- When run again, the *cached* binary is used



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# OpenSPARC participation

- Community Registration:
  - > <http://www.sunsource.net/servlets/Join> After registration and confirming password, you can join the mailing lists:  
<http://www.sunsource.net.servlets/ProjectMailingListsList>
- Forums:
  - > <http://forum.java.sun.com/category.jspa?categoryId=120>  
(separate registration required for posting)

# OpenSPARC participation

- Add your university (or company) to the marketplace:  
<http://www.opensparc.net/community-marketplace/>
- Send us your profile and we'll post it:  
<http://www.opensparc.net/profiles/>
- Add yourself to our Frappr!!:  
<http://www.opensparc.net/frappr.html>
- Contribute to our OpenSPARC Book:  
<http://wiki.opensparc.net/bin/view.pl/Main/Webhome>  
(separate registration required for editing)