



# Oracle's Sonoma Processor: Advanced Low-cost SPARC Processor for Enterprise Workloads

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# Oracle's Sonoma Strategy

Extends SPARC portfolio to provide enterprise class performance and Software in Silicon features in significantly lower-cost form factors

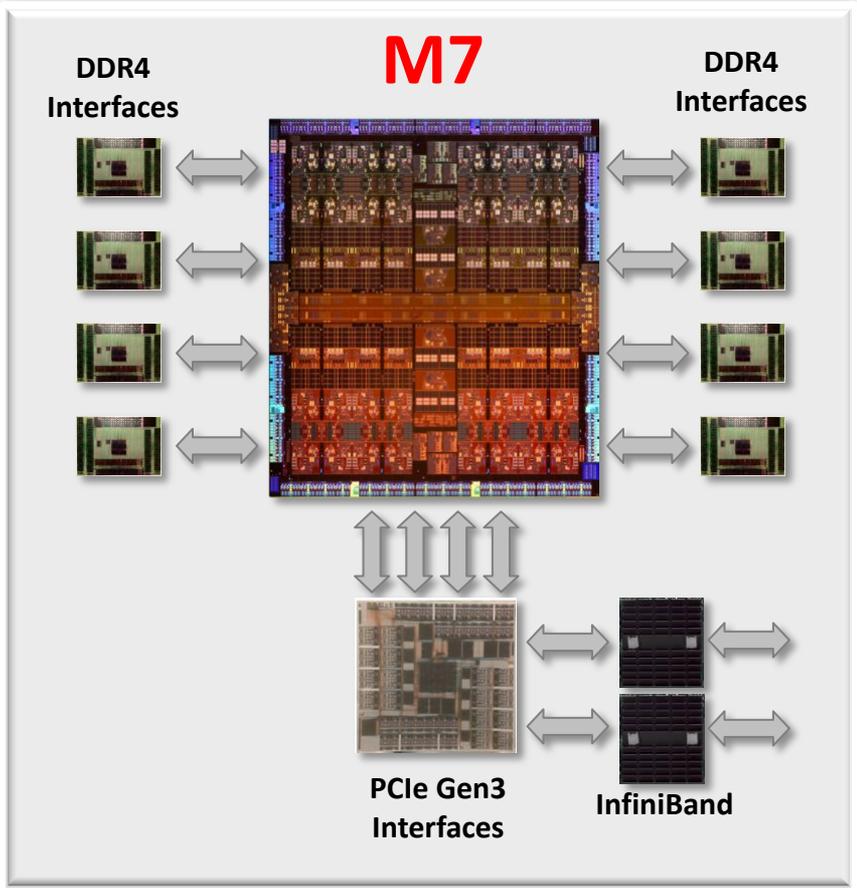
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Provides high level of system integration, excellent throughput, low memory latency, and high bandwidth IO interconnect

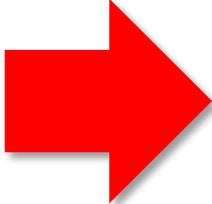
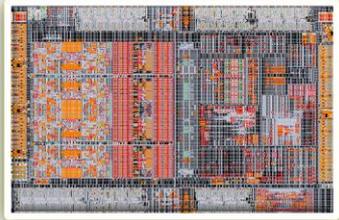
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Delivers uncompromising price/performance for horizontal scale database, middleware, and cloud computing workloads

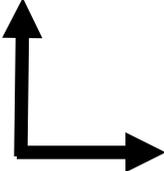
# Fully Integrated to Lower Latency, Power, and Cost for Scale-Out



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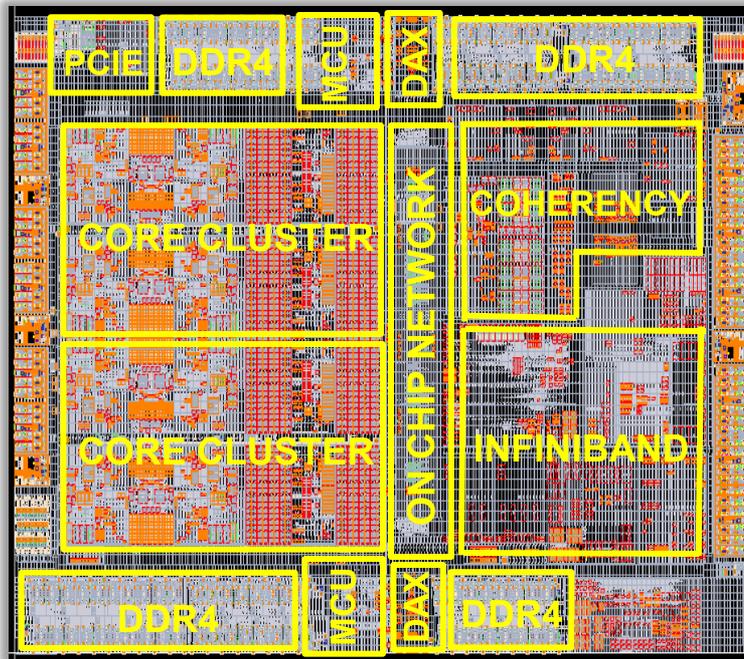


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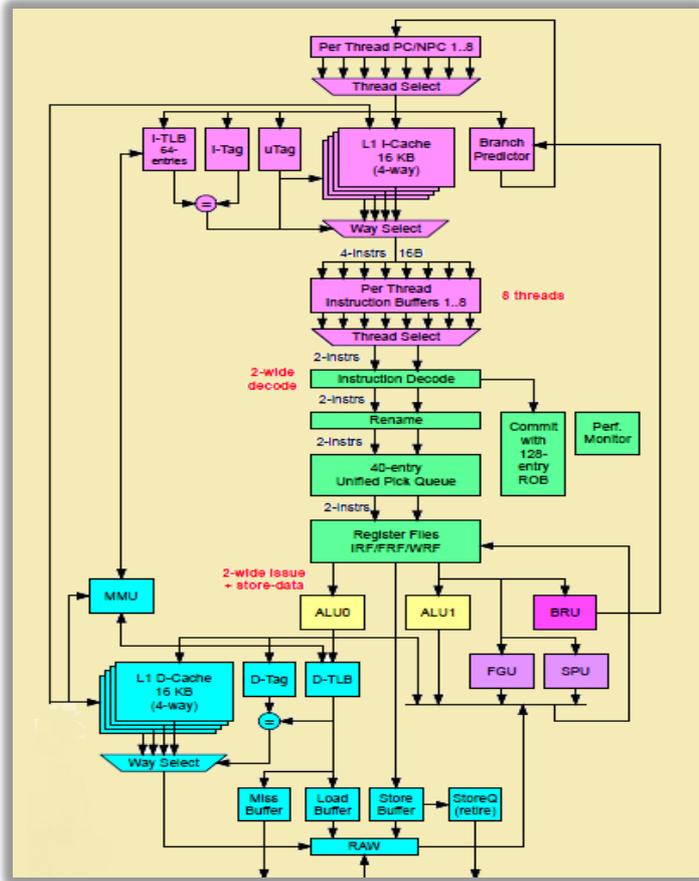
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# Sonoma Processor



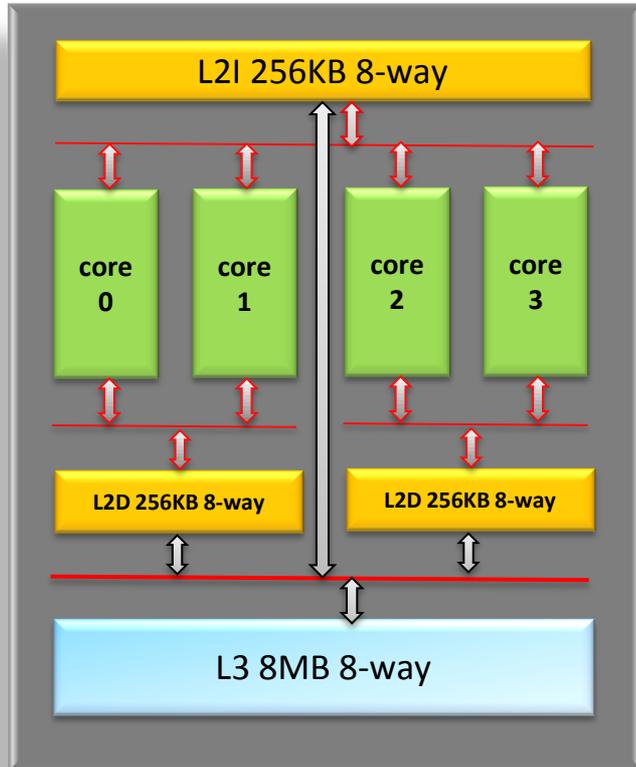
- 8 SPARC 4th generation cores
- Optimized cache organization
- Advanced Software in Silicon features
  - Real-time Application Data Integrity (ADI)
  - Concurrent Memory Migration and VA Masking
  - DB query offload engines
- Direct attached DDR4 memory
- Integrated PCIe Gen3
- Integrated InfiniBand HCA
- Scale-out IB interconnect
- Technology: 20nm, 13 Metal Layers

# Enterprise Class Core with Crypto and Software in Silicon Features



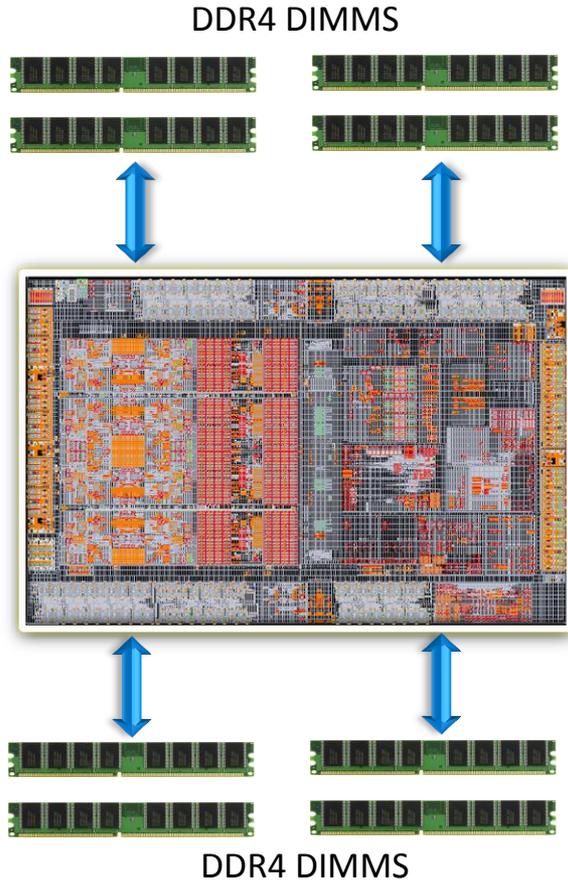
- Dynamically threaded, 1 to 8 Threads
- Dual-Issue, OOO execution core
  - 2 ALU, 1 LSU, 1 FGU, 1 BRU, 1 SPU
  - 40 entry Pick Queue
  - 64 entry FA I-TLB, 128 entry FA D-TLB
  - 54bit VA, 50bit RA/PA
- Integrated cryptographic unit
  - User level crypto instructions support:
    - AES, DES, 3DES, Camellia, CRC32c
    - MD5, RSA, DH, DSA, ECC
    - SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512
  - Provides security and transparent encryption across Oracle software stack
- Fine-grain power estimator to lower TDP
- Application acceleration with Software in Silicon features

# Cache Hierarchy Optimized for Latency and Throughput



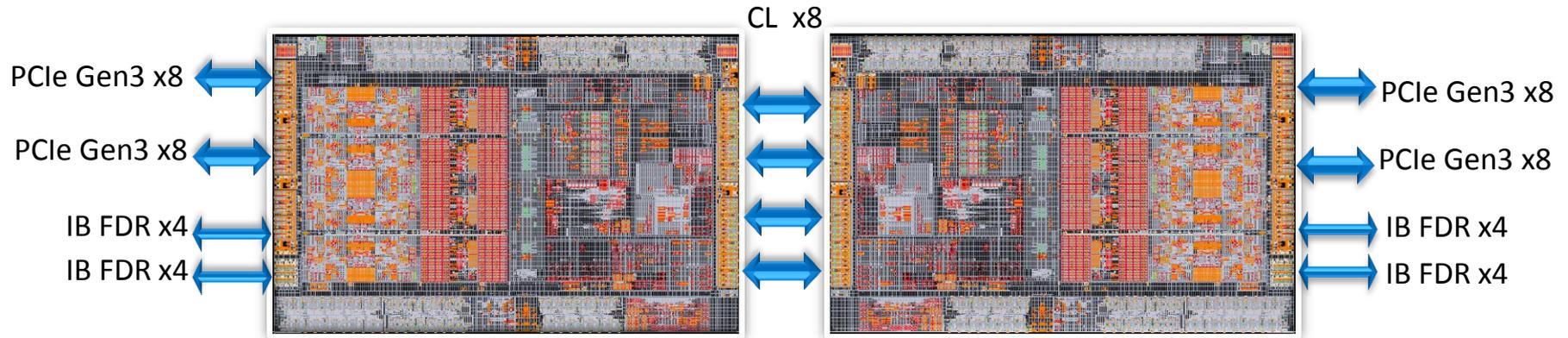
- Two core clusters with 4 cores/cluster
- Core private L1\$
  - 16KB, 64B line, 4-way SA L1 I-\$
  - 16KB, 32B line, write-through, 4-way SA L1 D-\$
- Shared L2-I\$
  - 8-way SA, 64B Lines, >500GB/s throughput
- Core pair shared writeback L2-D\$
  - 8-way SA, 64B lines, >500GB/s throughput per L2-D\$
- Shared & partitioned L3\$
  - 8MB local partitions designed to reduce latency and improve performance
  - Cache lines can be replicated or victimized between L3\$ partitions
  - HW accelerators, PCIe DMA, and IB DMA can directly allocate lines into targeted L3\$ partition

# Direct Attached Low Latency Memory



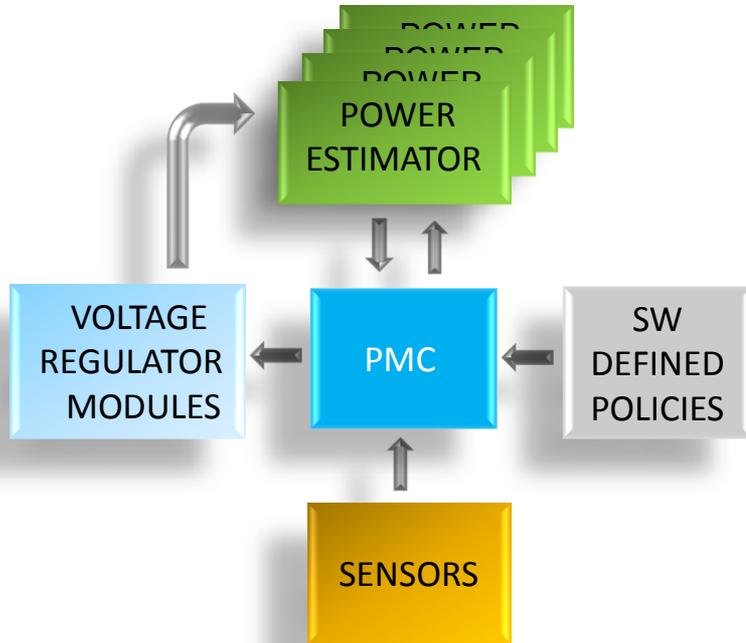
- 2 DDR4 memory controllers
  - 4 direct attached DDR4-2133/2400 channels
  - Up to 2 DIMMS per channel
  - Up to 1TB memory per socket
  - 77GB/s peak memory bandwidth
  - Support for DIMM retirement
- Speculative memory read to reduce latency
  - Reduces local memory latency by pre-fetching data on local L3\$ partition miss
  - Dynamic per request, based on history (data, instruction), and controlled by threshold settings

# Connectivity Optimized for Scale-Out



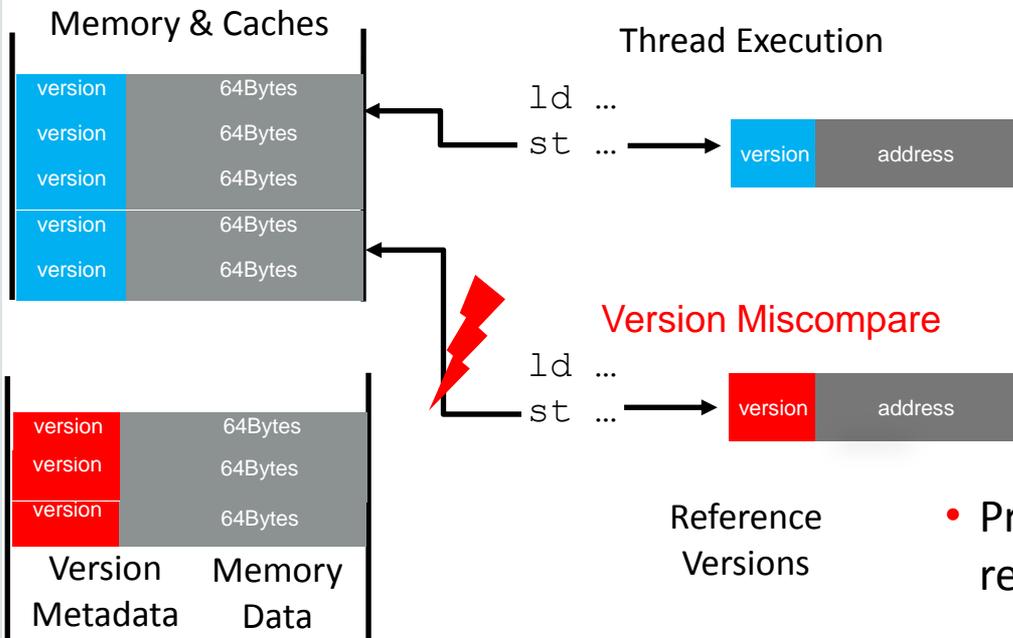
- 2 InfiniBand links @ FDR (56Gbps)
  - Low latency scale-out networking interconnect for DB and clusters
  - 28 GB/s Bidirectional Bandwidth
- 2 PCIe links @ Gen3 (64Gbps)
  - 32 GB/s Bidirectional Bandwidth
- 4 Scale-Up Coherence links @ 16Gbps (128Gbps)
  - 128 GB/s bidirectional bandwidth
  - Auto frame retry, auto link retrain, and single lane failover

# Fine-grain Power Management to Lower TDP



- On-die power estimator in each core and L3\$
    - Tracks internal activity to estimate dynamic power
    - Self Governing Core (SGC) and L3 cache
    - Estimates updated at 250 nanosecond intervals
  - On-die Power Management Controller (PMC)
    - Estimates total power of cores, caches, and SOC
    - Accurate to within a few percent of measured power
    - Dynamically adjusts voltage and/or frequency within core clusters based on software defined policies
  - Power management policies
    - Power, current, temperature, and subsystem capping
- Lowers TDP and simplifies system design which in turn lowers cost

# Real-time Application Security with ADI



## • Real-time Application Data Integrity (ADI)

- Version metadata associated with 64Byte aligned memory data
- Version stored in memory and maintained throughout the cache hierarchy and all interconnects
- Memory Version checked against Reference Version by core Load/Store Units
- Useful for both production and code development

- Protects against software Invalid/Stale references and buffer overruns

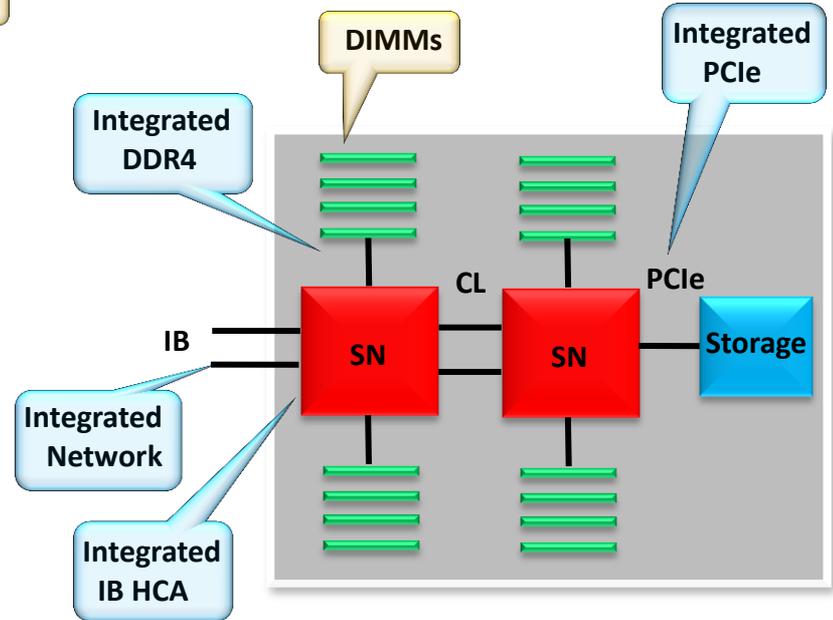
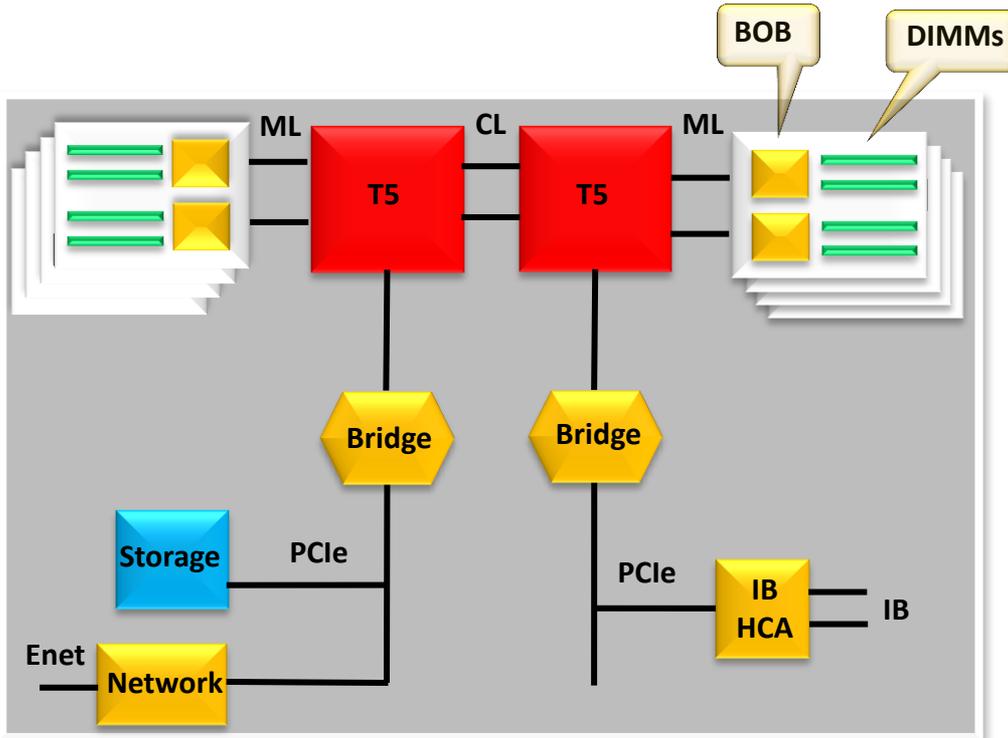
- Real-time Application Security against malicious attacks like HeartBleed
- Secure cloud computing via ADI and Crypto

# Database Accelerator (DAX) for Business Analytics



- Hardware accelerator optimized for Oracle database In-Memory
  - Task level accelerator that operates on In-Memory columnar vectors
  - Operates on decompressed and compressed columnar formats
  - Applications submit work using Hypervisor API and synchronize using shared memory
- Query Engine Functions
  - In-Memory format conversions, value and range comparisons, and set membership lookups
- Inline decompression with query functions to improve performance
- Performs business analytics at system memory bandwidth

# System Integration for Sonoma Compute Node

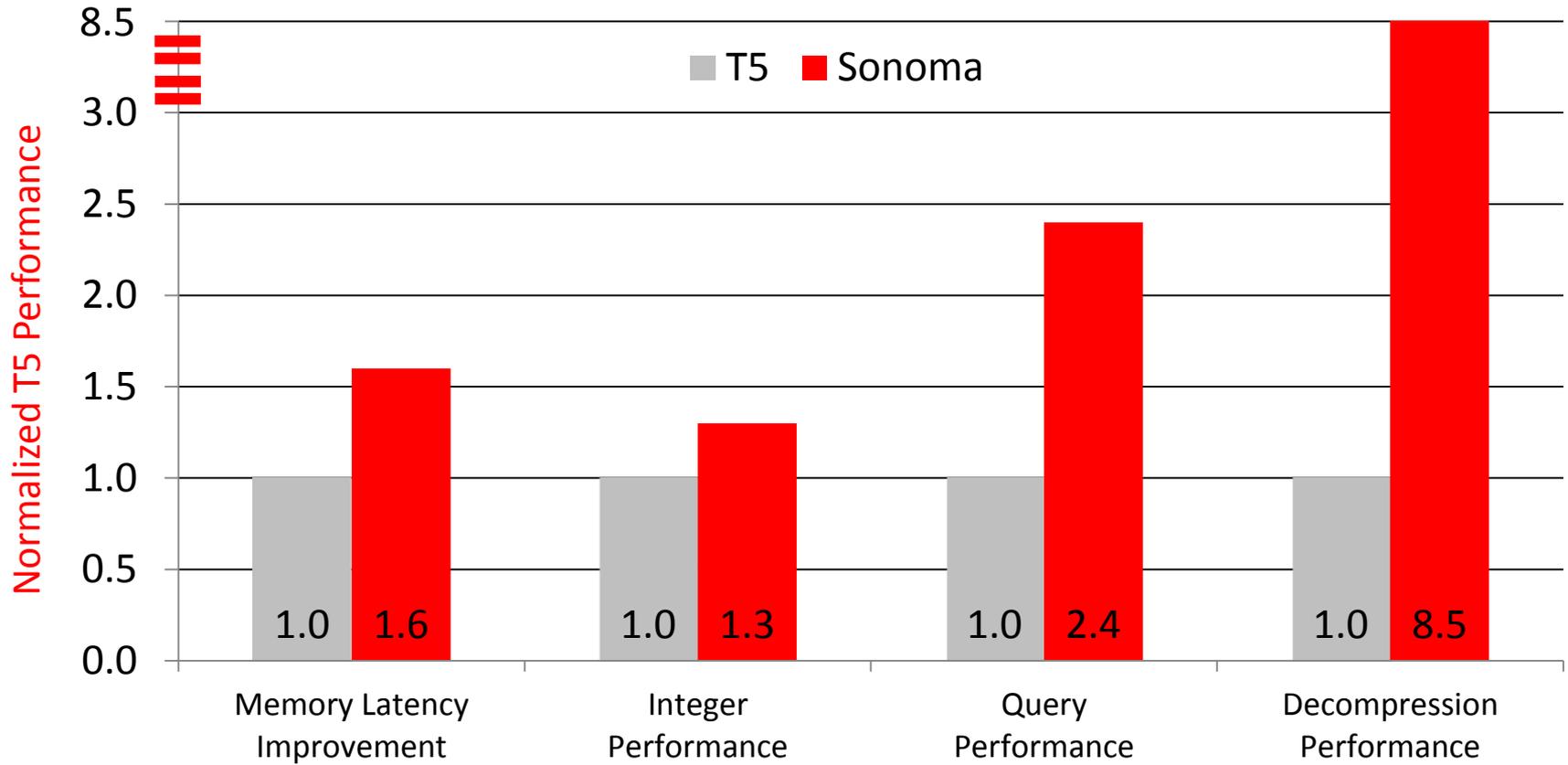


- More rack space
- More components and links
- Higher power
- Higher cost

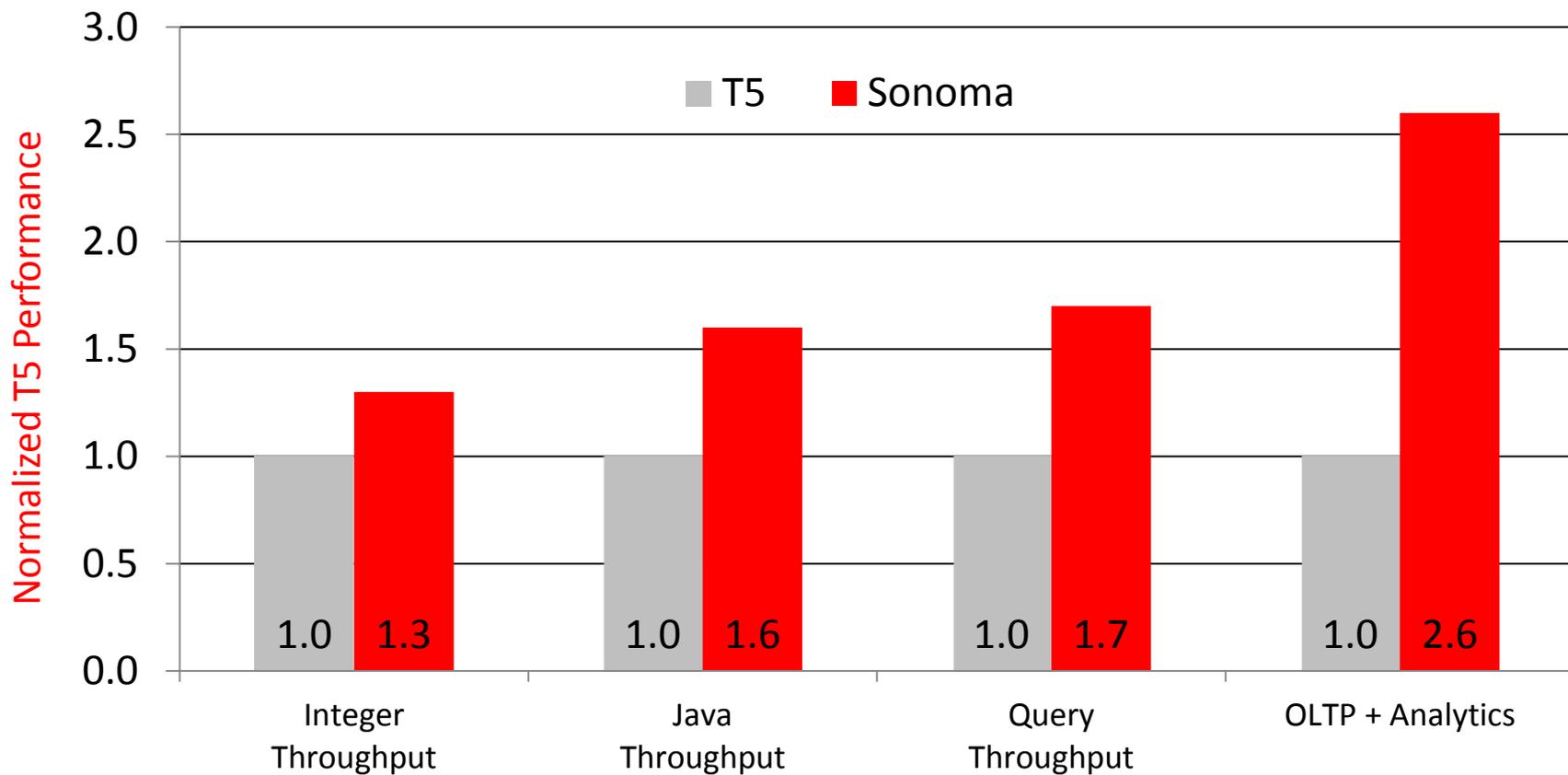


- Less rack space
- Less components and Links
- Lower power
- Lower cost

# T5 vs. SN: Single Thread Performance



# T5 vs. SN: Per Core Performance



# Sonoma Low Latency I/O Features

Delivers compelling and differentiated networking in lower cost systems

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Serves as a highly scalable low latency backbone for enterprise, DB RAC cluster & cloud

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10x improvement in packet rate and predictable QoS for 100k+ processes

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Reduces Memory Registration overhead for InfiniBand RDMA

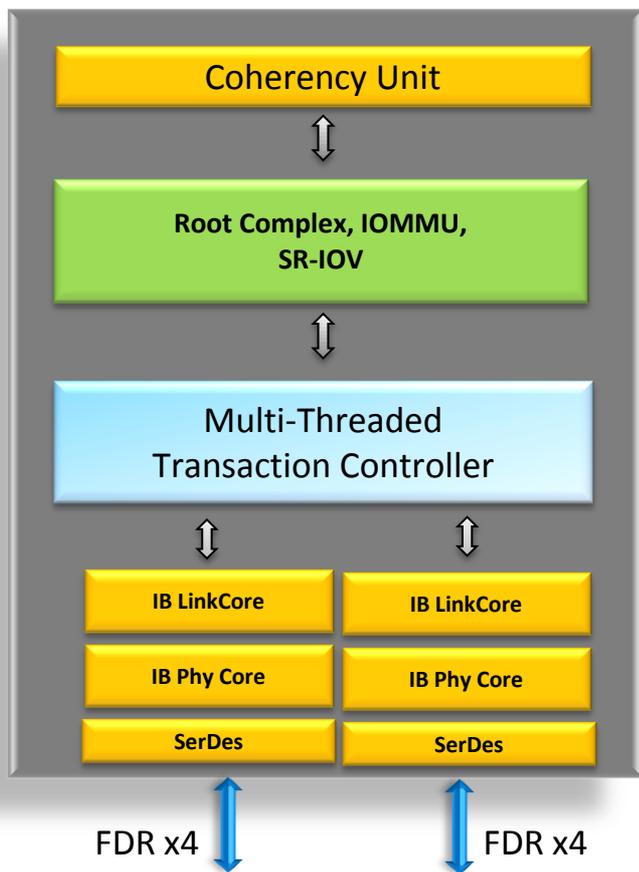
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Resource Scaling for large number of connections enables user-level IPC

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Consolidates storage, networking, and IPC fabric

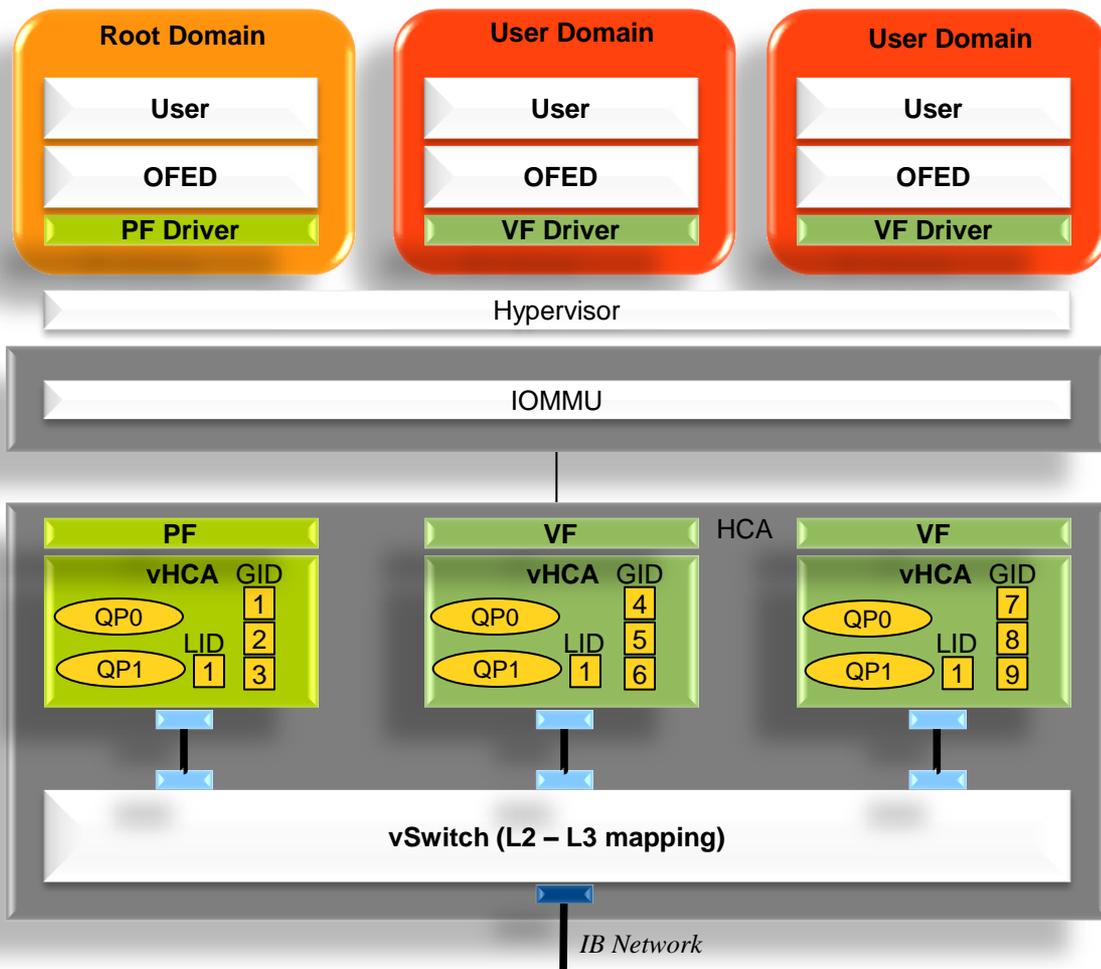
# Sonoma Integrated InfiniBand HCA



- OFED Compliant IB HCA with 2 x4 FDR (56 Gbps) Ports
- SR-IOV EP with 32 Virtual Functions
- vHCA Virtualization with embedded vSwitch
- 16 M Queue Pairs per vHCA
- Line-Rate packet classification for Active-Active FDR
- Conditional RDMA
- Virtual Cut-Through messaging
- InfiniBand transport support (UD, UC, RC and XRC)
- HW assisted reliable multicast
- IP offloads
  - Checksum, LSO/TSO, RSS, Header/Split, Packet Classification
- IP Security features
  - ARP spoofing, VLAN, SMAC, vNIC enforcement

# IB HCA Virtualization

- Host observes
  - Each VF is complete vHCA
  - LID, GID Table, 16Million QPs
- Network observes
  - Multiple HCAs behind L2/L3 switch
- L2/L3 Switch
  - LID/GID mapping
  - VM-VM on same physical HCA through GID
- Advantages
  - Transparent virtualization
  - No re-configuration of L2 switch forwarding tables throughout fabric
  - Direct Device access

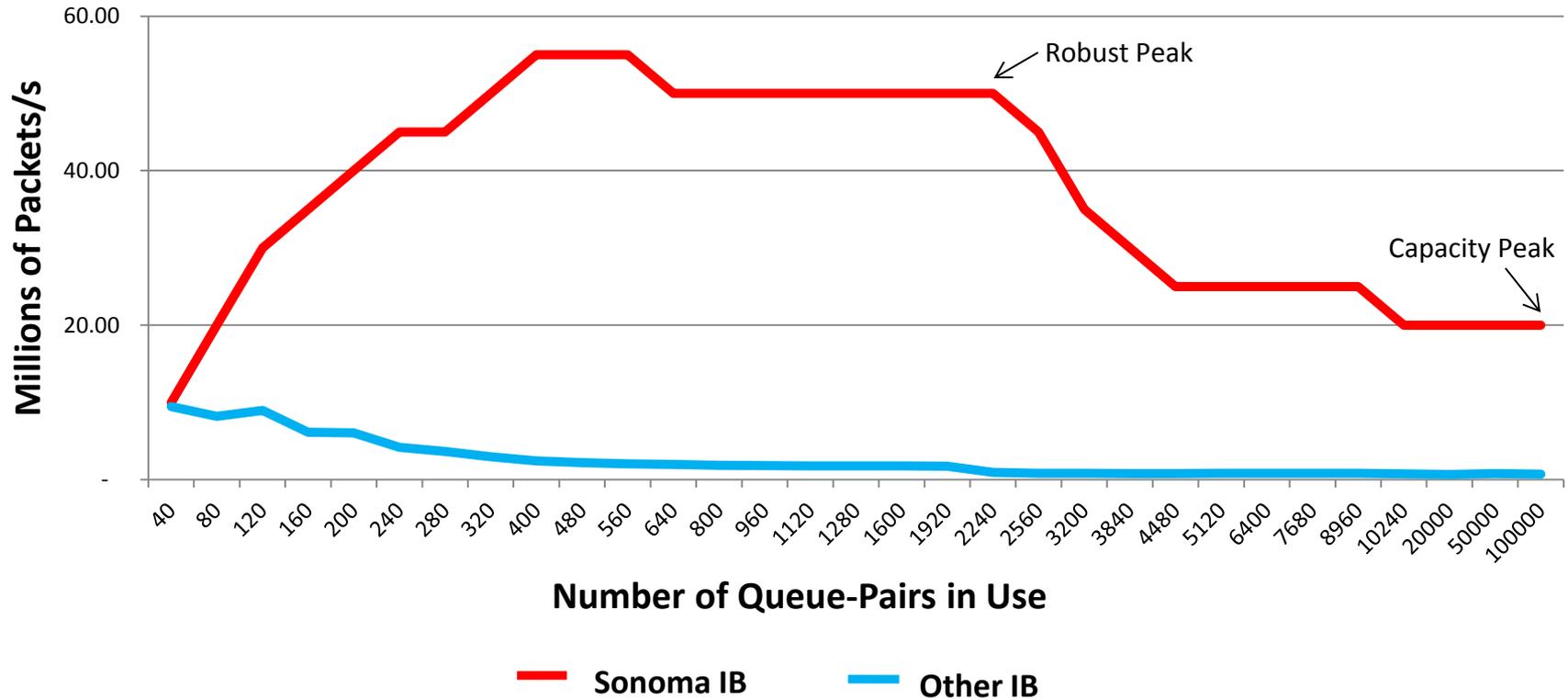


# Differentiated Networking Optimized for Scale-Out

- Multi-threaded InfiniBand Transaction Controller
  - Scaling: 20M+ messages/sec rate sustained with 100K+ reliable connections
  - Optimized IB HW/SW interface provide direct access to HW resources for 16K simultaneous active processes
- Virtualization
  - vHCA virtualization with embedded vSwitch provide a full, private QP space for all virtual functions, and enable Live Migration of RDMA ULPs
  - Hardware enforced Security and Isolation for Guest Domains
  - Virtualized SMAs and GSAs
- MMU with Shared Page Tables support
  - Fast-Path Work Request based invalidations
- Multi network protocol support on a single interconnect
  - Optimized for Database Real Application Cluster (RAC) and storage applications
  - LAN, SAN, WAN, and IPC across single interconnect

# Sonoma Queue-Pair Scaling and Packet Rate

## Uni-directional packet rate (64B RC RDMA Write)



# Sonoma: The Perfect Choice for Scale-Out

## Cost

High system integration:  
networking, memory, fabric

Mainstream volume  
process technology

Mainstream TDP

Hardware offloads

## Convergence

Direct attached memory

Integrated PCIe

Integrated InfiniBand

Lower latency, higher  
bandwidth

## Cloud

Real-time application  
security

Excellent throughput

Software in Silicon

Optimized for Oracle  
software

# Acronyms

- ADI: Application Data Integrity
- ALU: Arithmetic Logic Unit
- BRU: Branch Unit
- DPC: DIMMs Per Channel
- EoIB: Ethernet Over InfiniBand
- FA: Fully Associative
- FGU: Floating Point & Graphics Unit
- FDR: Fourteen Data Rate (14Gbps)
- HCA: Host Channel Adapter
- IPoIB: Internet Protocol Over InfiniBand
- LSU: Load/Store Unit
- LDOM: Logical Domain
- OFED: Open Fabrics Enterprise Distribution
- PA: Physical Address
- PMC: Power Management Controller
- QOS: Quality Of Service
- RA: Real Address
- RC: Reliable Connection
- RDMA: Remote Direct Memory Access
- SA: Set Associative
- SR-IOV: Single Root IO Virtualization
- SMP: Shared Memory Multiprocessor
- SPU: Stream Processing Unit
- TLB: Instruction or Data Translation Lookaside Buffer
- UC: Unreliable Connection
- UD: Unreliable Datagram
- VA: Virtual Address
- XRC: Extended Reliable Connection

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