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## **Benchmarking High-End ARM Systems with Scientific Applications. Performance and Energy Efficiency.**

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# ARM Processors are going to HPC Market

Raspberry Pi 4



Ookami HPE/Cray Apollo-80

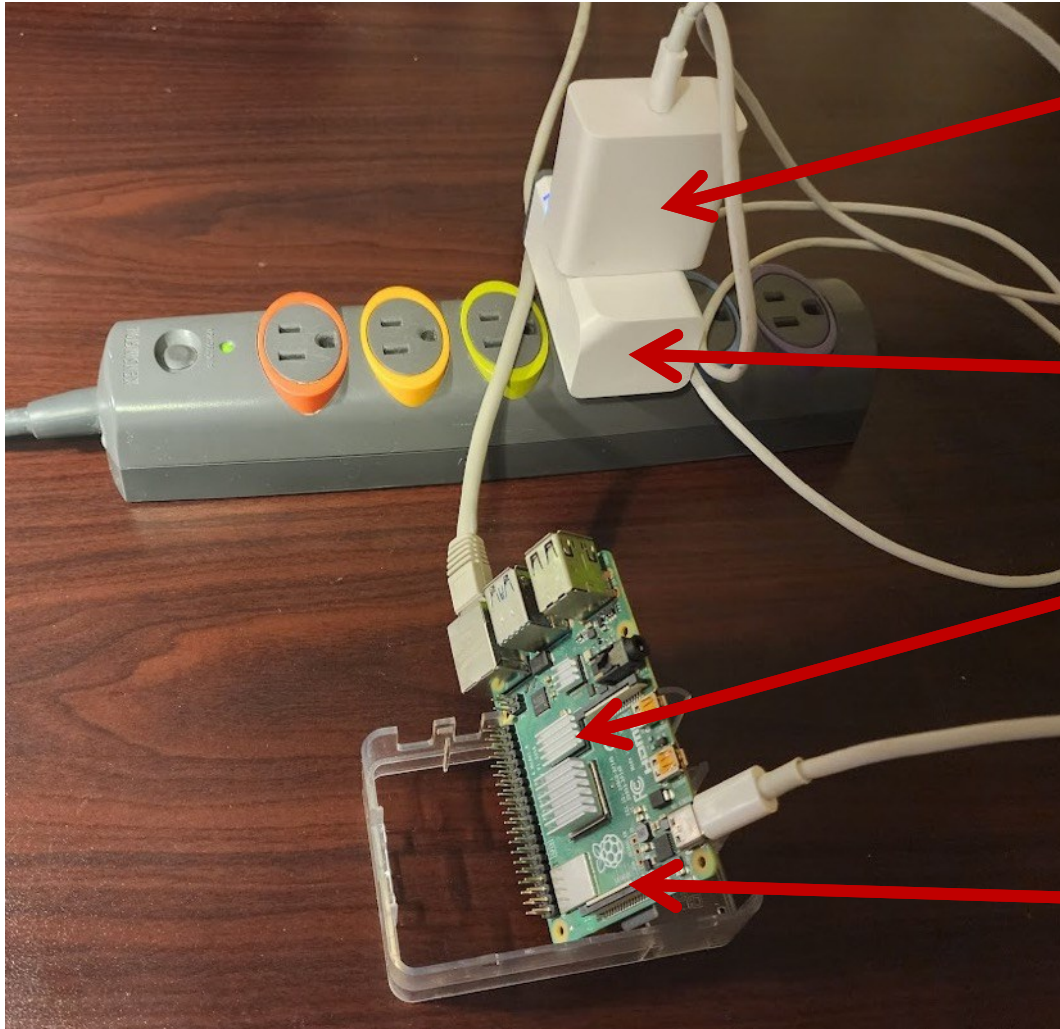


- **Energy efficiency is crucial for our ever-increasing demand for compute power**
  - Information-Communications-Technologies (ICT) ecosystem uses about 10% of world electricity generation. Projected to reach 20% by 2030\*
  - Exascale computing is not sustainable without adequate energy efficiency. Frontier, 1.1 Eflop/s machine, consumes 21 MW (17,000 households).
- **ARM CPUs are successfully used in many products, including energy consumption-sensitive products.**
  - Embedded systems and mobile computing devices, like smartphones and tablets
  - Linux server products such as file and web servers
- **More recently, ARM CPUs have been adapted to HPC workloads, and some are specifically designed for scientific calculations**
- **What is their performance for HPC workloads?**
  - What is the performance state of modern high-end ARM CPUs?
  - How do they compare in performance to x86 systems
  - Are we ready for broader adoption of ARM in the HPC community?

\*[<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-06610-y>]



# First Personal Experience with HPC Application on ARM



USB-C interface provides enough power

Smart outlet provides Power measurements

Raspberry Pi 4

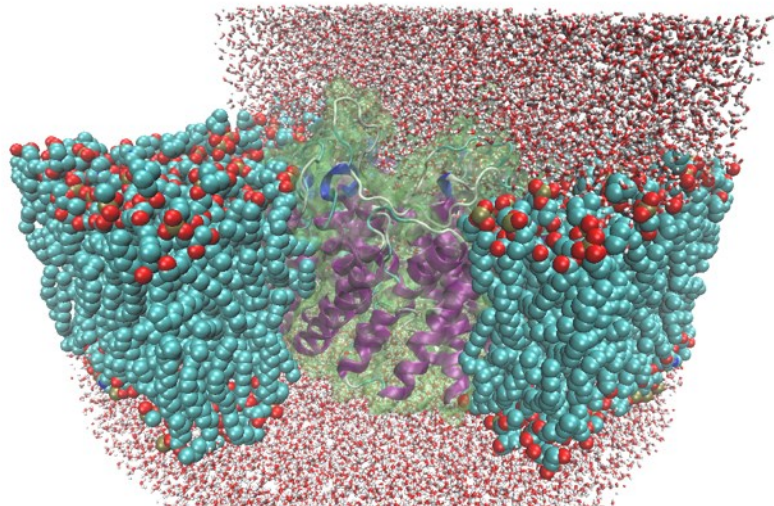
Vertical placement for Efficient cooling



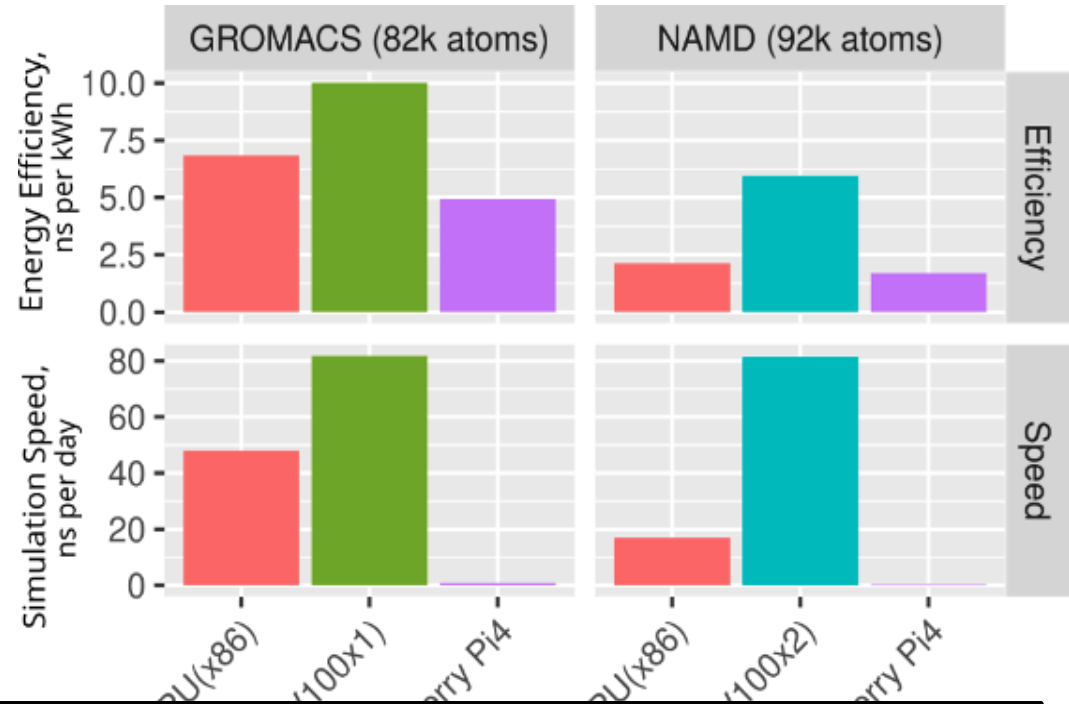
# First Personal Experience with HPC Application on ARM

## Gromacs

Membrane protein system  
~82k atoms



## Performance



## Results:

**Good:** everything compiled and ran

**Bad:** Raspberry Pie 4 is neither fast nor energy efficient in compute intensive application like molecular dynamics

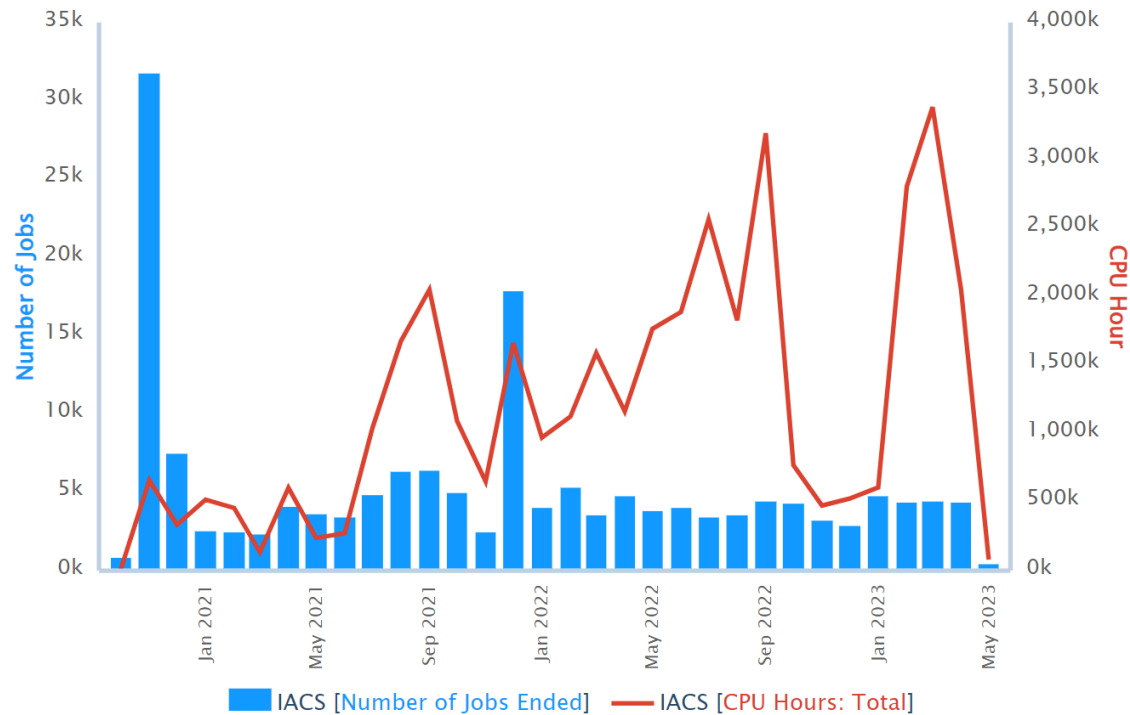
**What is the performance state of modern high end ARM CPUs?**

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# XDMoD: A Comprehensive Tool for HPC System Management

## Ookami HPE/Cray Apollo 80 system ARM Fujitsu A64FX, 178 nodes

Total CPU Hours and Jobs



## NSF ACCESS Measurement and Metrics Service (MMS),

Following XD Net Metrics Service (XMS) and prior 5 year TAS award

Develop & deploy **XDMoD (XD Metrics on Demand)** Tool

## Open XDMoD: Open Source version for Data Centers

Used to measure and optimize performance of HPC centers

300+ academic & industrial installations worldwide

## Goal: Optimize Resource Utilization and Performance

Provide detailed information on utilization

Measure Quality of Service

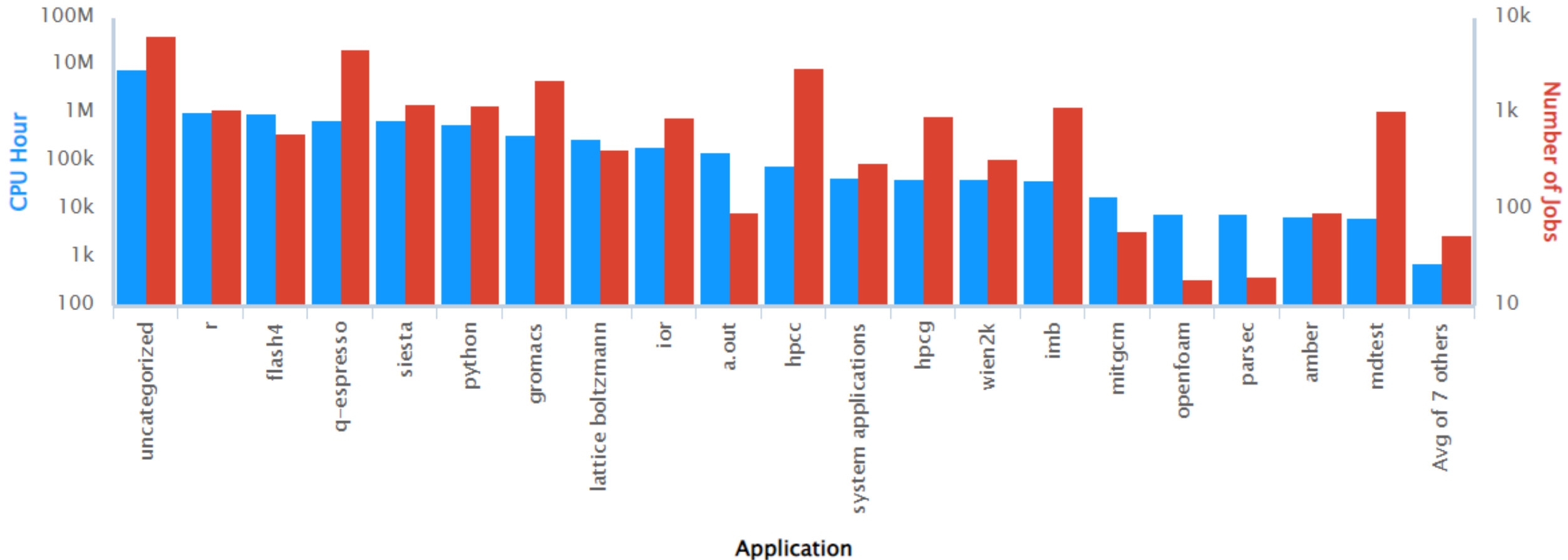
Enable data driven upgrades and procurements

Measure and improve job and system level performance

# Application usage on Ookami (Fujitsu A64FX)

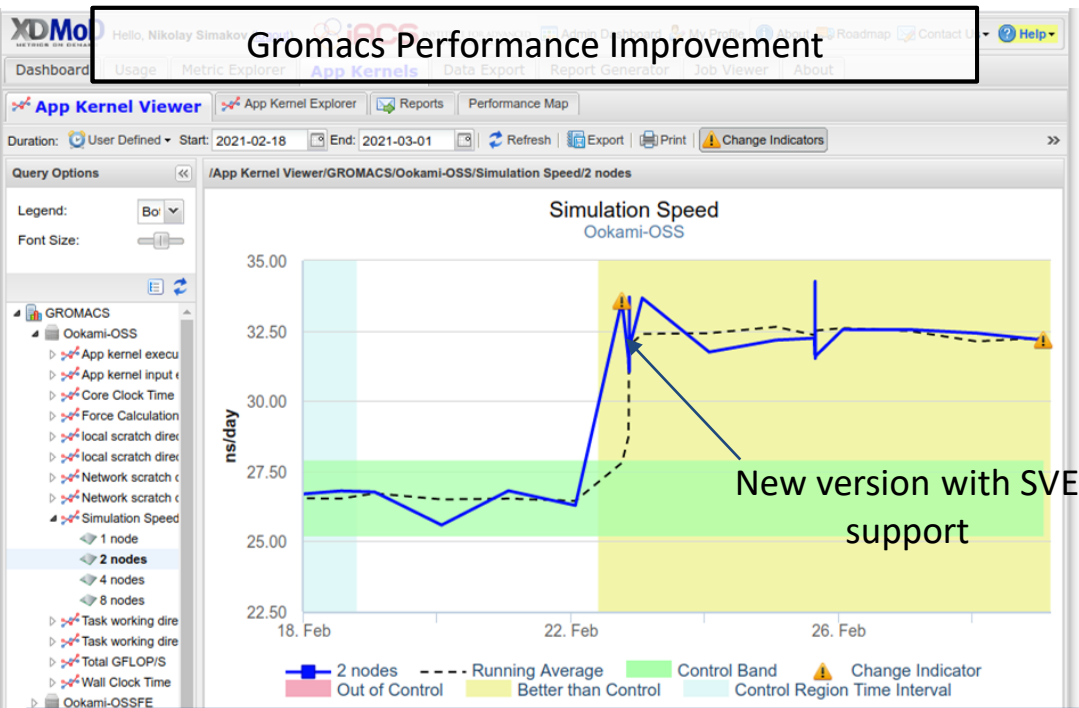
Ookami – an ARM Fujitsu A64FX machine with SVE support (512 bit wide)

Determine what are the mostly widely used applications (2021-01 application usage to 2022-09-30 shown)

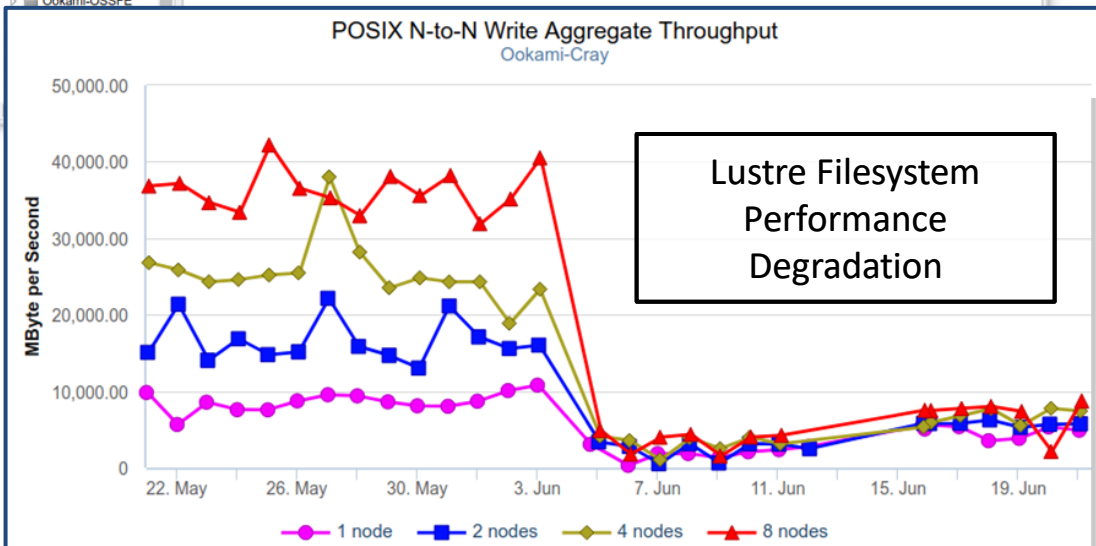


# QoS and Performance Monitoring with Application Kernels

Gromacs Performance Improvement

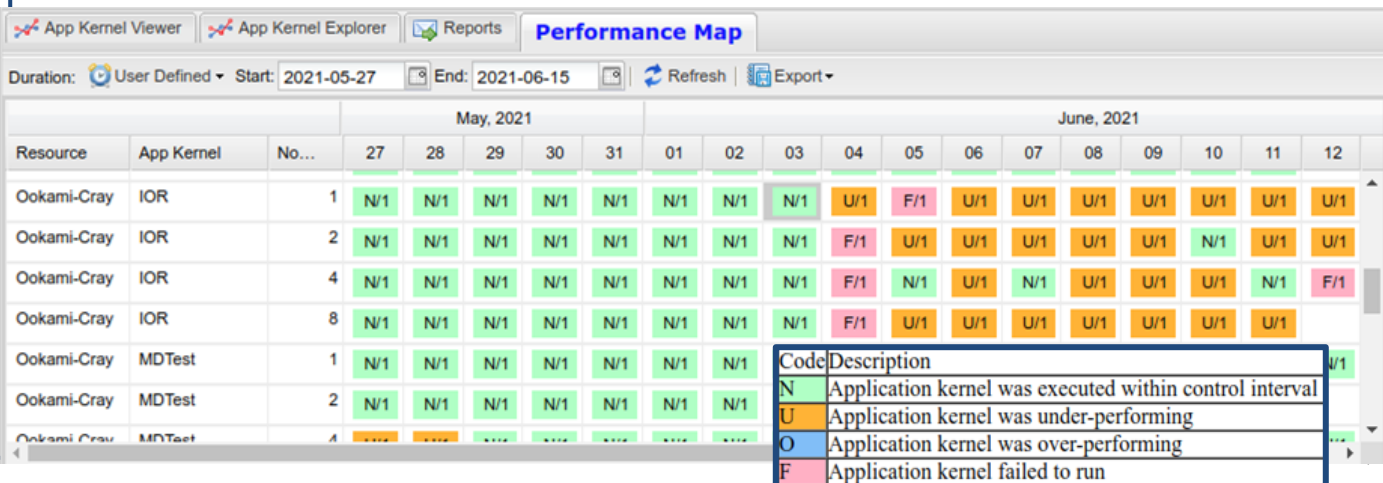


POSIX N-to-N Write Aggregate Throughput  
Ookami-Cray

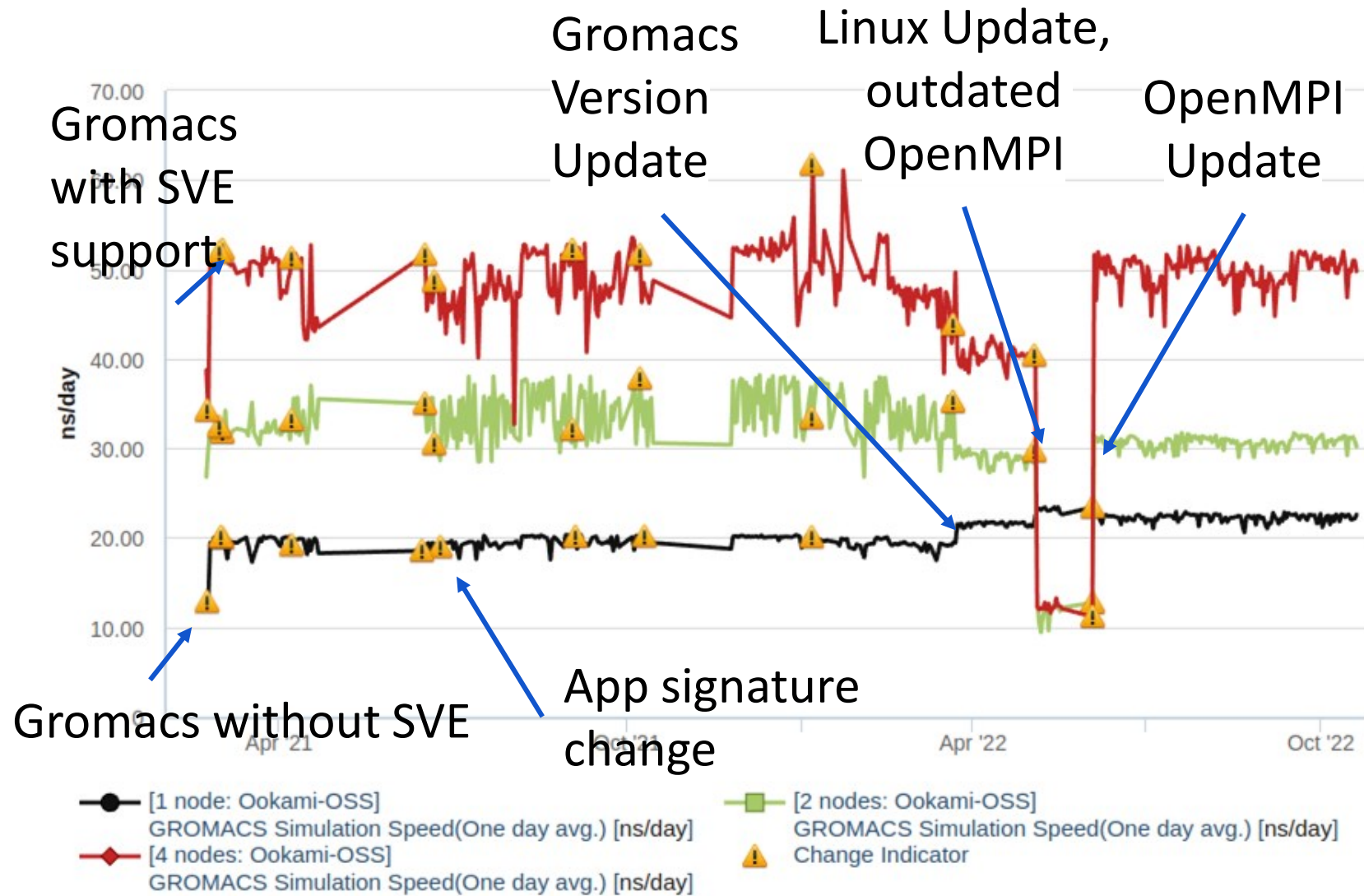


Application kernels module allows **continuous performance monitoring** by periodic execution of applications and benchmarks.

- Computationally lightweight benchmarks or applications
- Run periodically or on demand to actively measure performance
- Measure system performance from User's perspective
- Proactively identify underperforming hardware and software



# Performance over Time: GROMACS on Ookami (ARM Fujitsu A64FX)





# Tested Compute Resources

Resource	CPU	Arch/Core Name	Proc., nm	SIMD	Release Date	Cores / Node	Freq, GHZ base/turbo
<b>ARM</b>							
SBU-Ookami	Fujitsu A64FX	v8.2-A	7	SVE 512b	~2019	48	1.8
SBU-Ookami	Cavium ThunderX2	v8.1	14	NEON 128b	2018	64	2.0-2.5
Amazon	Amazon Graviton 2	v8.2, Neov. N1	7	128b	Nov-19	48	2.6
Amazon	Amazon Graviton 3	v8.5, Neov. V1	5	SVE 512b	Nov-21	48	2.5
Amazon	Amazon Graviton 3	v8.5, Neov. V1	5	SVE 512b	Nov-21	64	2.5
Google	Ampere Altra	v8.2+, Neov. N1	7	128b	Mar-21	48	Up to 3.0
Azure	Ampere Altra	v8.2+, Neov. N1	7	128b	Mar-21	48	Up to 3.0
Azure	Ampere Altra	v8.2+, Neov. N1	7	128b	Mar-21	64	Up to 3.0
<b>x86 AMD</b>							
PSC-Bridges 2	EPYC 7742	Zen2(Rome)	14	AVX2 256b	Mid-2019	128	2.25/3.4
SDSC-Expanse	EPYC 7742	Zen2(Rome)	14	AVX2 256b	Mid-2019	128	2.25/3.4
Purdue-Anvil	EPYC 7763	Zen3(Milan)	7+	AVX2 256b	Mar-21	128	2.45/3.5
<b>x86 Intel</b>							
TACC-Stampede 2	Xeon Phi 7250	Knights Landing	14	AVX512	Q2 2016	68	1.4/1.6
TACC-Stampede 2	Xeon Platinum 8160	Skylake-X	14	AVX512	Q3 2017	48	2.1/3.7
TACC-Stampede 2	Xeon Platinum 8380	Ice Lake	10	AVX512	Q2 2021	80	2.3/3.4
UB-HPC	Xeon Gold 6130	Skylake-X	14	AVX512	Q3 2017	32	2.1/3.7
UB-HPC	Xeon Gold 6330	Ice Lake	10	AVX512	Q2 2021	56	2/3.7
<b>x86 Intel and NVIDIA GPU</b>							
UB-HPC V100x2	Xeon Gold 6130	Skylake-X	14	AVX512	Q3 2017	32	2.1/3.7
UB-HPC A100x2	Xeon Gold 6330	Ice Lake	10	AVX512	Q2 2021	56	2/3.7

Overall, eighteen different hardware configurations were used from nine different resource providers, including the clouds (accessed through CloudBank) and traditional HPC services (ACCESS allocations, UB, SBU).

All calculations were performed on a single node or single virtual machine instance.



# Tested Applications and Benchmarks

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- The application kernels used for this study span a variety of computational domains and paradigms:
  - HPC – multiple benchmarks, including LINPACK and FFT
  - NWChem - ab initio chemistry
  - Open Foam - partial differential equation solver
  - GROMACS - biomolecular simulation
  - AI Benchmark Alpha - AI benchmark
  - Enzo - adaptive mesh refinement



# HPCC: HPC challenge benchmark

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HPC Challenge Benchmark combine multiple benchmarks together

- High Performance LINPACK, which solves a linear system of equations and measures the floating-point performance
- Matrix-matrix multiplication
- Fast Fourier Transform
- Stream: memory bandwidth
- Parallel Matrix Transpose
- MPI Random Access



# HPCC: HPC challenge benchmark

CPU/System	Cores	Matrices Multiplication		LINPACK		FFT		Power, W	Energy Eff., Jobs per kWh	N
		GFLOPS	GFLOPS/Core	GFLOPS	GFLOPS/Core	GFLOPS	GFLOPS/Core			
ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512b (SBU-Ookami, GCC)	48	1363	28.4 ± 0.1	828 ± 27	17.3	6.2 ± 0.7	0.13	110**	560	60
ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512b (SBU-Ookami, FJ)	48	1978	41.2 ± 0.2	1177 ± 19	24.5	24.4 ± 0.9	0.51	110**	185	60
ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512b (SBU-Ookami, ARM)	48	1651	34.4 ± 1.8	884 ± 72	18.4	0.3 ± 0.0	0.01	110**	335	60
ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512b (SBU-Ookami, Cray)	48	917	19.1 ± 3.7	758 ± 149	15.8	6.8 ± 0.6	0.14	110**	204	60
ARM Cavium ThunderX2 (SBU-Ookami)	64	742	11.6 ± 2.1	522 ± 106	8.2	33.5 ± 3.7	0.52			14
ARM Amazon Graviton 2, Neoverse N1 (AWS)	48	816	17 ± 0.0	682 ± 1	14.2	27.1 ± 0.6	0.56			20
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256b (AWS)	48	907	18.9 ± 0.3	776 ± 10	16.2	55.4 ± 0.5	1.15			20
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256b (AWS)	64	1158	18.1 ± 0.0	965 ± 1	15.1	71 ± 0.7	1.11			20
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	48	816	17 ± 0.0	675 ± 17	14.1	26.5 ± 0.4	0.55			11
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	48	826	17.2 ± 0.0	691 ± 18	14.4	26.8 ± 0.7	0.56			11
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	64	1037	16.2 ± 0.0	850 ± 4	13.3	33.1 ± 1.1	0.52	270*	314	20
x86 AMD EPYC 7742 Zen2(Rome), AVX2 (PSC-Bridges-2)	128	2624	20.5 ± 0.7	1895 ± 42	14.8	50.3 ± 0.3	0.39			20
x86 AMD EPYC 7742 Zen2(Rome), AVX2 (SDSC Expanse)	128	3200	25 ± 1.4	1721 ± 47	13.4	71.8 ± 2.0	0.56			20
x86 AMD EPYC 7763 Zen3(Milan), AVX2 (Purdue Anvil)	128	3046	23.8 ± 1.6	2176 ± 100	17.0	54.7 ± 4.8	0.43			20
x86 Intel Xeon Phi 7250, KNL, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	68	340	5 ± 0.3	986 ± 8	14.5	46.5 ± 0.7	0.68			20
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8160, Skylake-X, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	48	2122	44.2 ± 1.7	1158 ± 34	24.1	35.8 ± 1.9	0.75			20
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8380, Ice Lake, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	80	3824	47.8 ± 0.6	1713 ± 5	21.4	76.4 ± 2.0	0.96			12
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6130, Skylake-X, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	32	1536	48 ± 2.0	997 ± 54	31.2	50.9 ± 1.9	1.59	345±31	74	53
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, Ice Lake, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	56	2761	49.3 ± 1.1	1396 ± 37	24.9	47.9 ± 0.7	0.86	588±64	109	12
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, Ice Lake, AVX512 (UB-HPC, ICC)	56	2845	50.8 ± 1.0	1399 ± 13	25.0	28.2 ± 0.3	0.50	501±107	299	12



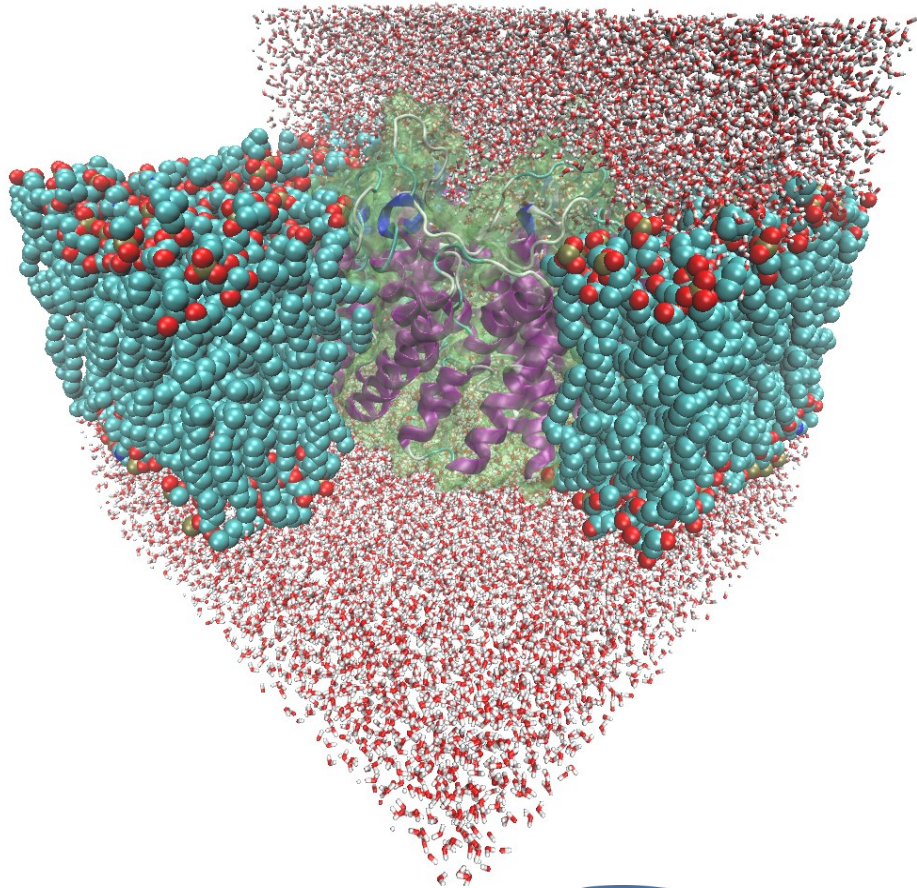
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x86 AMD EPYC	20									20
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x86 Intel Xeon	20									20
x86 Intel Xeon	20									20
x86 Intel Xeon	12									12
x86 Intel Xeon	31									74
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, Ice Lake, AVX512 (UB-HPC, ICC)	56	2845	50.8 ± 1.0	1399 ± 13	25.0	28.2 ± 0.3	0.50	501±107	299	12

- Matrix-Matrix Multiplication**
  - Dual modality: 512 bit SIMD offer best performance
  - Fujitsu A64FX has highest performance in ARM camp
  - Overall ARM performance is comparable to x86 counterparts
- LINPACK**
  - Similar to DGEMM there is dual mode behaviour
  - Fujitsu A64FX is fastest in ARM camp
  - Per core performance is competitive with x86 counterpart with similar SIMD widths
- FFT**
  - Graviton 3 is fastest in ARM camp. It is also has highest per core performance overall.
  - Overall performance is competitive with x86 counterpart with similar SIMD widths



# GROMACS: Molecular Dynamics of Biomolecular Systems



FAST. FLEXIBLE. FREE.  
**GROMACS** 

GROMACS is molecular dynamics simulation of biomolecular systems

Application computational characteristics:

- Solve ODE (second Newton law)
- Particle interactions
  - Short range/long range
- FFT

Test case:

- Membrane protein
- 82k atoms system



# GROMACS: Molecular Dynamics of Biomolecular Systems

CPU/System	Cores	Simulation Speed, ns/day	Simulation Speed per Core, ns/day/core	Power, W	Energy Efficiency, ns/kWh	N
ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512bit (SBU-Ookami, GCC)	48	22.3 ± 0.2	0.46	111 ± 8	8.43 ± 0.6	32
ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512bit (SBU-Ookami, Fujitsu)	48	22.8 ± 0.3	0.48	105 ± 5	9.06 ± 0.4	12
ARM Cavium ThunderX2 (SBU-Ookami)	64	28.8 ± 4.2	0.45			14
ARM Amazon Graviton 2, Neoverse N1 (AWS)	48	37.8 ± 0.1	0.79			20
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256bit (AWS)	48	57.0 ± 0.4	1.19			20
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256bit (AWS)	64	71.4 ± 1.0	1.12			20
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Google)	48	39.0 ± 1.8	0.81			11
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	48	41.0 ± 2.2	0.85			11
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	64	56.5 ± 0.6	0.88	270 *	8.71	20
x86 AMD EPYC 7742 Zen2(Rome), AVX2 (PSC Bridges-2)	128	109.6 ± 4.8	0.86			20
x86 AMD EPYC 7742 Zen2(Rome), AVX2 (SDSC Expanse)	128	99.8 ± 8.6	0.78			20
x86 AMD EPYC 7763 Zen3(Milan), AVX2 (Purdue Anvil)	128	169.9 ± 4.4	1.33			20
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8160, Skylake-X, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	48	70.4 ± 0.8	1.47			11
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8380, Ice Lake, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	80	133.3 ± 6.0	1.67			20
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6130, Skylake-X, AVX512 (UBHPC)	32	37.6 ± 0.9	1.18	379 ± 33	4.17 ± 0.4	21
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6130, Skylake-X, AVX512 (UBHPC ICC)	32	39.3 ± 0.9	1.23	367 ± 35	4.5 ± 0.5	11
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, Ice Lake, AVX512 (UBHPC)	56	81.7 ± 6.9	1.46	633 ± 28	5.38 ± 0.4	12
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, Ice Lake, AVX512 (UBHPC ICC)	56	103.0 ± 2.0	1.84	619 ± 17	6.94 ± 0.2	17
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6130, NVIDIA V100x2 (UBHPC)	32	145.1 ± 2.8		435 ± 7	13.91 ± 0.3	12
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, NVIDIA A100x2 (UBHPC)	56	236.5 ± 10.8		707 ± 9	13.94 ± 0.8	11

- **Graviton 3 is the fastest in ARM camp**
- **Per core performance of Graviton 2 and Ampere Alta is similar to Zen 2 (Rome) and Graviton 3 is approaching zen3 (Millan) and Skylake-X**

# NWChem: Quantum Chemistry

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- NWChem is an ab initio computational chemistry software package developed by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.
- The input to the benchmark runs is the Hartree-Fock energy calculation of  $\text{Au}^+$  with MP2 and Coupled Cluster corrections



NWChem: Open Source High-  
Performance Computational  
Chemistry





# NWChem: Quantum Chemistry

CPU/System	Cores	Wall Clock Time, Seconds	Power, W	Energy Efficiency, Jobs per kWh	N
ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512b (SBU-Ookami, GCC)	48	62.7 ± 0.7	110 ± 0	522 ± 6	60
ARM Amazon Graviton 2, Neoverse N1 (AWS)	48	61.1 ± 0.9			12
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256b (AWS)	48	36.6 ± 0.7			11
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256b (AWS)	64	29.8 ± 0.4			20
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	48	56.5 ± 2.7			11
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	64	42.8 ± 0.5	270*	312	20
x86 AMD EPYC 7742 Zen2(Rome), AVX2 (PSC-Bridges-2)	128	32.4 ± 4.4			20
x86 AMD EPYC 7742 Zen2(Rome), AVX2 (SDSC Expanse)	128	28.6 ± 7.8			20
x86 AMD EPYC 7763 Zen3(Milan), AVX2 (Purdue Anvil)	128	26.7 ± 0.3			20
x86 Intel Xeon Phi 7250, KNL, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)**	68	262.1 ± 22.1			20
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8160, Skylake-X, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)**	48	50.3 ± 0.3			12
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8160, Skylake-X, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	48	31.2 ± 0.2			8
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8380, Ice Lake, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	80	19.2 ± 1.2			11
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6130, Skylake-X, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	32	90 ± 1.6	332 ± 50	124 ± 25	27
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, Ice Lake, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	56	46.9 ± 0.6	376 ± 2	204 ± 3	11

- We need bigger input
- Graviton 3 is fastest in ARM Camp, 18% slower than Stampede 2 (Skylake-X)

# AI-Benchmark-Alpha (Tensorflow)



- AI-Benchmark-Alpha includes multiple machine learning tasks utilizing deep neuron networks. Tests includes classification, image to image mapping, image segmentation, image inpainting, sentence sentiment analysis and text translation.
- It is relatively light-weight
- Utilize Tensorflow for computation



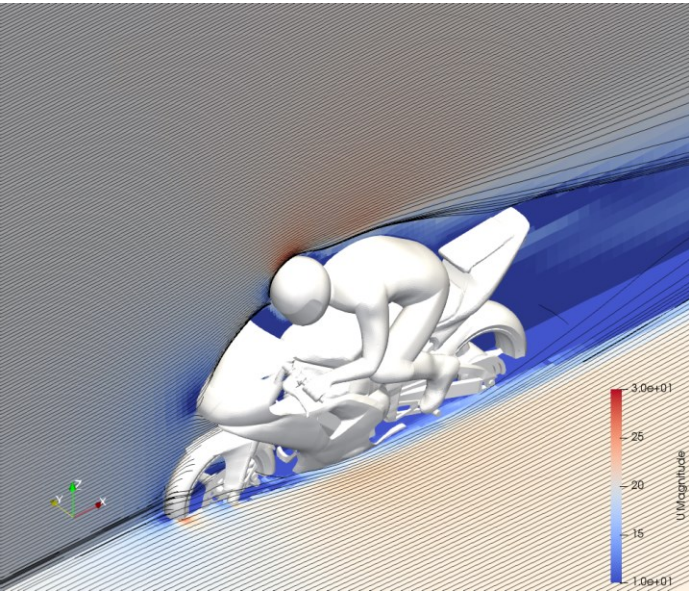
# AI-Benchmark-Alpha (Tensorflow)

CPU/System	Cores	Larger Better AI Score	Larger Better Inference Score	Larger Better Training Score	Power, W	AI Score per W	N
ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512b (SBU-Ookami)	48	1034 ± 3	535 ± 2	499 ± 2	111 ± 7	9.4 ± 0.6	20
ARM Amazon Graviton 2, Neoverse N1 (AWS)	48	3030 ± 12	1676 ± 7	1355 ± 6			12
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256b (AWS)	48	4581 ± 12	2407 ± 10	2174 ± 8			11
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256b (AWS)	64	4850 ± 31	2708 ± 21	2143 ± 13			20
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	48	3177 ± 15	1803 ± 10	1375 ± 6			11
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	64	3214 ± 20	1977 ± 15	1238 ± 6	270*	11.9	20
x86 AMD EPYC 7742 Zen2(Rome), AVX2 (SDSC Expanse)	128	2696 ± 17	1761 ± 14	936 ± 9			11
x86 AMD EPYC 7763 Zen3(Milan), AVX2 (Purdue Anvil)	128	3079 ± 26	1992 ± 16	1087 ± 13			11
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8160, Skylake-X, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	48	3606 ± 20	2292 ± 18	1314 ± 4			11
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8380, Ice Lake, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	80	8805 ± 27	3725 ± 20	5081 ± 14			11
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6130, Skylake-X, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	32	3233 ± 253	1941 ± 165	1292 ± 88	403 ± 14	8 ± 0.5	11
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, Ice Lake, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	56	10197 ± 53	4398 ± 31	5799 ± 29	543 ± 33	18.9 ± 1.2	12
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6130, NVIDIA V100x2 (UB-HPC)	32	32628 ± 433	15656 ± 278	16972 ± 163	379 ± 34	86.8 ± 8.3	11
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, NVIDIA A100x2 (UB-HPC)	56	59323 ± 378	29691 ± 290	29631 ± 152	561 ± 69	107.2 ± 13.6	11

- NVIDIA GPU A100x2 is the fastest
- Intel Ice Lake show fastest performance among CPUs and 4.2 times slower than V100 GPU
- ARM Graviton 3 is second fastest CPU outperformed only by Intel Icelake X
- ARM Graviton 2 and Ampere Altra show results comparable to older x86



# OpenFOAM: Toolbox for numerical solvers (CFD)



- OpenFOAM is a library and collection of applications for the numerical solution of PDE. Used often in computation fluid dynamics.
- Test case incompressible airflow around motorcycle
- Application computational characteristics:
  - Unstructured grid



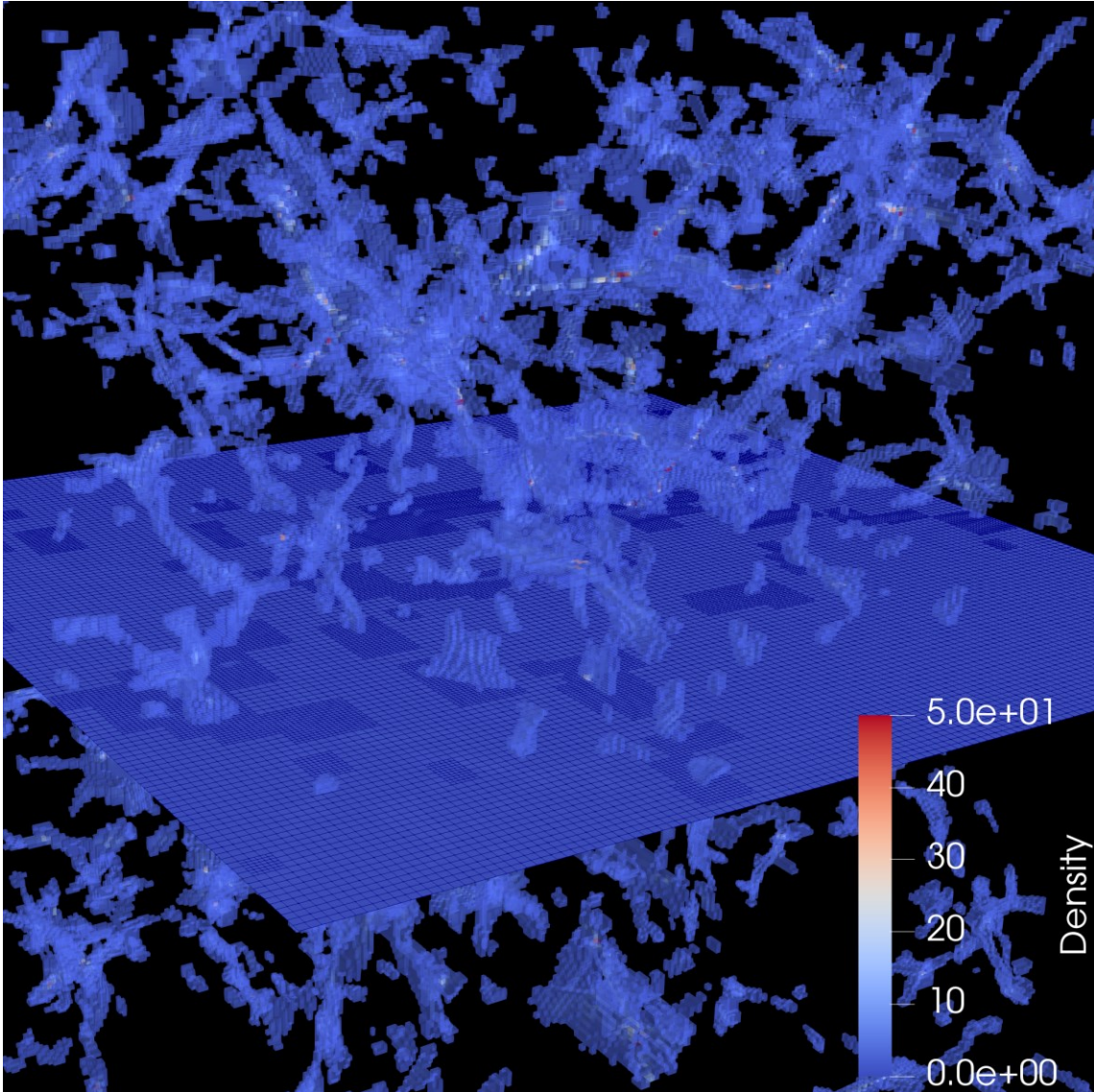
# OpenFOAM

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ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512b (SBU-Ookami, GCC)	48	28.4 ± 0.9	14.6 ± 0.9	12.4 ± 0.1	110 ± 7	19.3 ± 1.6	21
ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512b (SBU-Ookami, FJ)	48	22.4 ± 0.3	8.5 ± 0.1	10.9 ± 0.2	111 ± 7	24.1 ± 1.6	21
ARM Amazon Graviton 2, Neoverse N1 (AWS)	48	11.9 ± 0.3	3.5 ± 0.2	8 ± 0.1			10
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256b (AWS)	48	7.1 ± 0.2	2.2 ± 0.2	4.7 ± 0.0			5
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256b (AWS)	64	6.8 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.1	4.4 ± 0.1			20
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	48	11.1 ± 0.2	3.2 ± 0.2	7.6 ± 0.1			10
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	64	10.9 ± 0.4	3.2 ± 0.2	7.2 ± 0.2	270*	20.4	20
x86 AMD EPYC 7742 Zen2(Rome), AVX2 (SDSC Expanse)	128	9.5 ± 1.9	5.6 ± 1.4	3.2 ± 1.1			20
x86 AMD EPYC 7763 Zen3(Milan), AVX2 (Purdue Anvil)	128	6.6 ± 0.2	3.1 ± 0.5	2.9 ± 0.5			19
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8160, Skylake-X, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	48	10.7 ± 0.4	3.7 ± 0.3	6.4 ± 0.1			10
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8380, Ice Lake, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	80	6.8 ± 0.3	2.6 ± 0.2	3.7 ± 0.3			20
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6130, Skylake-X, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	32	13.2 ± 0.8	4.1 ± 0.4	7.7 ± 0.1	375 ± 35	12.3 ± 1.0	23
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, Ice Lake, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	56	8.9 ± 0.5	2.8 ± 0.3	4.7 ± 0.2	505 ± 34	13.4 ± 0.9	20

- Graviton 3 is fastest in ARM Camp, comparable to modern x86 and faster than older generations
- Meshing is fastest in Graviton 3
- OpenFOAM doesn't scale well within node. Possibly saturated memory bandwidth earlier.



# Enzo: Astrophysics and Cosmology



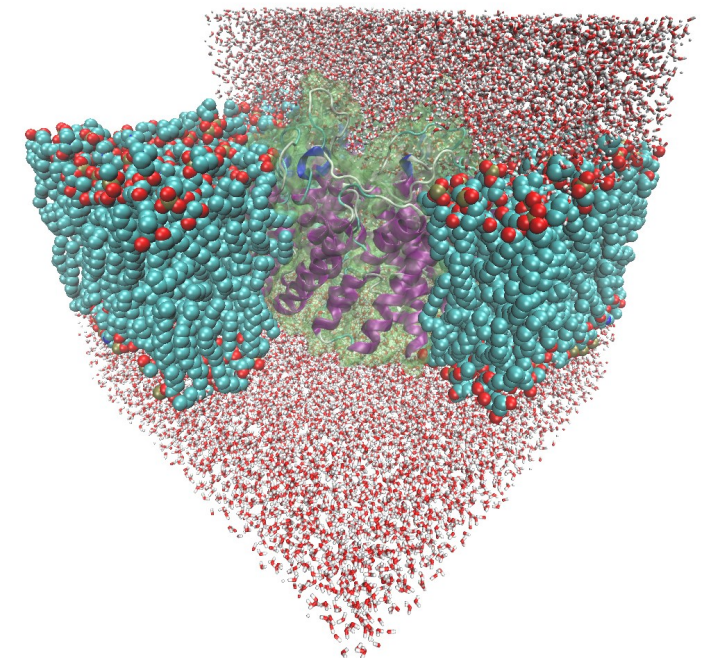
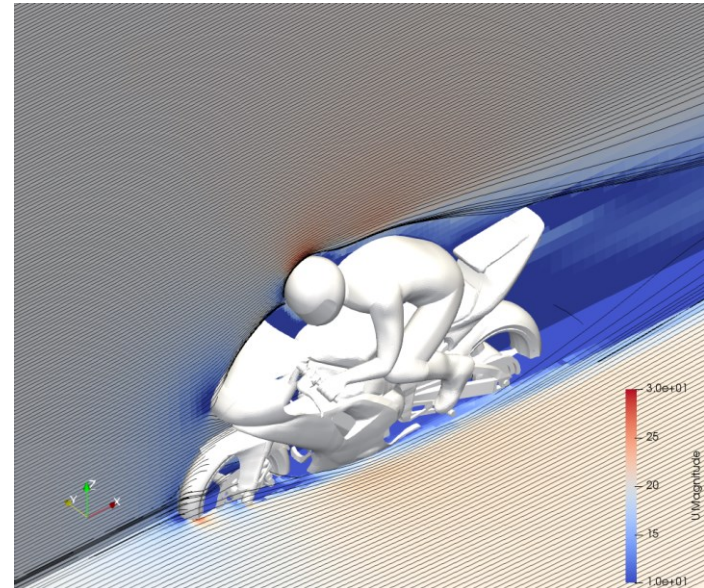
- Enzo is an Adaptive Mesh Refinement Code for Astrophysics
- Application computational characteristics:
  - Unstructured grid
  - Adaptive Mesh Refinement
- Test case: cosmology simulation that simulates reionization using the ray tracing radiation transfer method with radiating star particles and a Haardt & Madau background.

# Enzo: Astrophysics and Cosmology

CPU/System	Cores	Wall Clock Time, Minutes	Power, W	Energy Efficiency, Jobs per kWh	N
ARM Fujitsu A64FX, SVE 512b (SBU-Ookami, GCC)	48	115.7 ± 17.7	112 ± 7	4.7 ± 0.5	10
ARM Amazon Graviton 2, Neoverse N1 (AWS)	48	23.6 ± 1.1			12
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256b (AWS)	48	17 ± 1.2			11
ARM Amazon Graviton 3, Neoverse V1, SVE 256b (AWS)	64	13.2 ± 0.7			20
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	48	21 ± 1.0			11
ARM Ampere Altra, Neoverse N1 (Azure)	64	15.9 ± 0.8	270*	14	20
x86 AMD EPYC 7742 Zen2(Rome), AVX2 (PSC-Bridges-2)	128	7.1 ± 0.4			20
x86 AMD EPYC 7742 Zen2(Rome), AVX2 (SDSC Expanse)	128	6.6 ± 0.4			20
x86 AMD EPYC 7763 Zen3(Milan), AVX2 (Purdue Anvil)	128	6.9 ± 0.3			20
x86 Intel Xeon Phi 7250, KNL, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	68	14.7 ± 0.3			20
x86 Intel Xeon Plat. 8160, Skylake-X, AVX512 (TACC-Stampede 2)	48	4.2 ± 0.1			20
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6130, Skylake-X, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	32	4.8 ± 0.3	338 ± 31	37.1 ± 3.9	50
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6130, Skylake-X, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	32	25.8 ± 0.9	379 ± 26	6.2 ± 0.4	11
x86 Intel Xeon Gold 6330, Ice Lake, AVX512 (UB-HPC)	56	15.5 ± 0.6	559 ± 34	6.9 ± 0.4	11

- Failed to compile enzo on intel Ice Lake, Skylake binary also failed.
- Graviton 3 is fastest in ARM Camp, still significantly slower than x86 counterparts (2.5 to 4.0 times)

# Conclusions



- **The building and compiling experience on ARM platforms is very similar to that of traditional HPC systems**
- As tested by HPC benchmark, numerical libraries implementing linear algebra and FFT routines support ARM CPUs well and the latter exhibit a solid performance.
- ARM machines shows good performance in Gromacs, OpenFOAM, Tensorflow and NWChem applications.
- The ARM performance is comparable to x86 counterparts, and they often outperform previous generations of x86 CPUs (largely Amazon Graviton3).
- In ENZO, Amazon Graviton3 and Ampere Altra are within the x86 systems performance
- Fujitsu A64FX and Ampere Altra are more energy efficient in GROMACS, NWChem and OpenFOAM than x86 CPUs.
- In cases where GPU performance was tested, the GPU systems showed the fastest speed and the highest energy efficiency.
- Compiler and libraries can greatly affect the simulation speed and energy efficiency.
- Intel Skylake-X is a very robust architecture for scientific calculations, more than five years later since the initial release, it still competes well with modern CPUs.
  
- **From the performance, energy efficiency and software building point of view as of now for all tested applications, modern ARM CPUs provide a viable alternative to their x86 counterparts and not only as a cheaper option for the GPU gateway (look at one with SVE support for future support).**





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