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FIRST ANALYSIS ON COOLING TEMPERATURE IMPACTS ON M1250X EXASCALE NODES (HPE CRAY EX235A)

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THE WORLD SMALLEST HPE CRAY EX AT LRZ

- HPE Cray EX2500
- 100% Direct Liquid Cooled (DLC)
- 4 modified EX235A nodes
- Integrated Switches
- Redundant Cooling Distribution Units (CDUs)



HPE CRAY EX2500



- 100% Direct Liquid Cooled (DLC)
- 24 compute blades
- Integrated Switches
- Redundant Cooling Distribution Units (CDUs)

heat exchanger in the CDU.





8 Compute Blades per Chassis

Primary Side

(Facility Water to CDU)

Note: Demonstration system has only one node per blade installed

LRZ CO-DESIGN SYSTEM SINGLE NODE FLUID DISTRIBUTION

Modified Ex235a Blade – One Node Removed

- Modification to enable higher flow rates for testing expanded thermal operating range
- Preheat from upstream GPU in serial flow causes downstream GPU to reach thermal thresholds first



AMD MI250X ACCELERATOR THERMAL REPORTING

- Two thermal zones, each corresponding to one Graphics Compute Die (GCD) complex
- HBM temperature reported as maximum temperature of the four HBM stacks within one GCD complex
- Die junction temperature is reported



Source: https://www.tweaktown.com/news/82636/amd-instinct-mi250x-aldebaran-mcm-gpu-128gb-hbm2ememory-500w-power/index.html



COMPONENT COOLING (CONTINUED)

- System monitoring capabilities cannot directly measure TCASE
 - Can measure individual chiplet and/or subsystem die junction temperatures
- Exceeding chiplet (die) thermal thresholds have performance impacts
- Multiple thresholds may exist and have increasing performance impact
 - HBM transition from 1x to 2x memory refresh
 - HBM 2x max temperature is reached -> GPU throttling
 - GPU throttles full package
- Notes
 - Highest temperature HBM die/stack per zone is used to compare against the threshold
 - Lowest die within HBM stack typically has the highest temperature
 - Due to being the furthest away from the package lid (cooling surface)
 - Throttling occurs when first zone reaches threshold





ANALYSIS SETUP

- Benchmarks (HPCG and HPL) are run on all 4 nodes multiple times and results are averaged
 - HPL ~50 runs (together ~1h)
 - HPCG, 1 run with 3000 iterations (~1h)
- Benchmark instrumentation
 - pm_counters and rocm-smi to collect in-band node and device power/energy
 - Engineering tools to collect monitoring data (Redfish)
 - Performance information
 - System log to see hardware events
- Jupyter notebook to process and analyze collected data
 - Average results over all 4 compute nodes
 - Generate plots
 - Generate csv for excel analysis



HPL AND HPCG AVERAGE NODE POWER (CONSTANT FLOW RATE)

Inlet	HPL			HPCG		
Temperature to Compute Blades (°C)	Avg Node Power (W)	Performance (GFlops)	Efficiency (GFlops/W)	Avg Node Power (W)	Performance (GFlops)	Efficiency (GFlops/W)
25	2582	142525 (0%)	55.209 (0%)	2493	1969.35 (0%)	0.790
30	2600	142058 (-0.3%)	54.643(-1.03%)	2533	1966.36 (-0.15%)	0.776 (-1.73%)
35	2625	141513 (-0.7%)	53.906 (-2.36%	2554	1959.08 (-0.52%)	0.767 (-2.89%)
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• HPCG average power consumption close to HPL (~3.5% difference)

- Power increase for higher inlet temperatures not uniform
- Performance drop more visible when moving from $35^{\circ}C$ to $40^{\circ}C$



HPL AVERAGE NODE MEASUREMENTS NORMALIZED TO $25^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$



HPL NODE LEVEL HBM TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS

70 65 Temperature [°C] 60 55 50 gpu0 gpu2 gpu6 apu4 gpu1 gpu5 gpu7 45 gpu3 50 100 150 200 250 300 0 Time [s]

hpl 25 x8000c0s0b1n0 mtemp



hpl 40 x8000c0s0b1n0 mtemp



GPUs are labeled per GCD in each socket:

- Socket 0 (gpu0, gpu1)
- Socket 1 (gpu2, gpu3)
- Socket 2 (gpu4, gpu5)
- Socket 3 (gpu6, gpu7)

HPCG AVERAGE NODE MEASUREMENTS NORMALIZED TO $25^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$



HPCG NODE LEVEL HBM TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS

hpcg 25 x8000c0s0b1n0 mtemp



hpcg 40 x8000c0s0b1n0 mtemp

HPL AND HPCG COMPARISON SUMMARY





HBM USAGE DEFINES PERFORMANCE IMPACT AT HIGH COOLING TEMPS



hpcg 25 x8000c0s0b1n0 mtemp

hpcg 40 x8000c0s0b1n0 mtemp

EER* OF LRZ WARM AND COLD WATER PLANTS



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INCLUDING FACILITY EFFICIENCY – CHILLER & CHILLER FREE

	LRZ CER*
Chiller supported (Cold Water) (20°C facility cooling loop outlet – 25°C inlet IT)	12
Chiller-less (Warm Water) (40°C inlet IT)	59

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Electical Energy used (kWh_{el})



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Inlet	HPL (including facility cooling efficiency)			HPCG (including facility cooling efficiency)		
Temperature to Compute Blades (°C)	Adjusted Avg Node Power (W)	Performance (GFlops)	Efficiency (GFlops/W)	Adjusted Avg Node Power (W)	Performance (GFlops)	Efficiency (GFlops/W)
25	2797	142525 (0%)	50.956 (0%)	2741	1969.35 (0%)	0.719 (0%)
40	2696	140490 (-1.4%)	52.110 (+2.27%)	2641	1901.12 (-3.46%)	0.720 (+0.14%)

*CER (Cooling Efficiency Ratio) = $\frac{Heat to remove over a year (kWh_{th})}{Electrical Energy used (kWh_{th})}$

Electical Energy used (kWh_{el})



WET BULB TEMPERATURES AT LRZ (WITH APPROACH OF 10°C)





SUMMARY

- When **only** looking at node performance/watt:
 - Higher inlet temperatures reduce performance and increase power consumption
 - Workloads using heavily HBM are more impacted by higher cooling temperatures
- To make a sound discission, one **need to include the facility effectiveness**
 - Combined efficiency for chiller-less cooling with high inlet temperature (at 40 °C)
 Identical to chiller supported (at 25°C)
 - Higher inlet temperatures improve facility effectiveness
 - Best inlet temperature for LRZ demonstration system for chiller less cooling in climate is > 35°C
- Heat re-use requirements might shift the most efficient inlet temperature to 40°C or above
 - This will depend on the outlet temperature requirements
 - The effectiveness of a heat pump might need to be included



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