Red Storm

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Red Storm System Overview

- 40TF peak performance
- 108 compute node cabinets, 16 service and I/O node cabinets, and 16 Red/Black switch cabinets
- 10,368 AMD Opteron™ compute processors
- 2 x 256 service and I/O processors (256P for red, 256P for black)
- 10 TB DDR memory
- 240 TB of disk storage (120TB for red, 120TB for black)
- Approximately 3000 ft² including disk systems
- <2.0 megawatts of power and cooling
Red Storm Network

3D Mesh
27 x 16 x 24 (x, y, z)

• 2 us Nearest neighbor
• 5 us Furthest point

HSN Communication Links

MPI Latency

Compute Node

Service & IO Node

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PCI - X

RAID Controllers

10 GigE Network
Red Storm Cabinet
Compute Node

- Single (non-SMP) processor
- Integrated DDR memory controller
- Custom System Interface Chip
- No other support chips needed!
- Four nodes per board
4 Node Compute Board

- L0 RAS Controller
- GbX Daughter Card Connector
- Seastar
- AMD Opteron™
- Standard DIMMs
System Chip

- ROUTER
- NIC
- Hyper Transport
- AMD Opteron
- RAS
- PPC
- 384k RAM
- RAS CONTROLLER
- X+
- X-
- Y+
- Y-
- Z+
- Z-
System Interface Chip

- 800 MHz DDR HyperTransport™ to Opteron™ processor
- Supplies boot code to processor
- 384 kB on-board scratch RAM
- Message passing network interface with 1.5 Gbyte/sec user bandwidth, each direction
- 7 port router
System Chip Features

- IBM 0.13u ASIC process
- 500 MHz embedded PowerPC™
- 16 bit 1.6 Gbit/sec HyperTransport™
- Six 12 channel 3.2 Gbit/sec High Speed Serial links
- GDA Technologies Inc. HyperTransport Cave
HyperTransport™

- High bandwidth link to processor, at least 3 Gbyte/sec required
- PCI-X BW insufficient, latency sometimes high
- HyperTransport is open standard
Network Interface

- Message based
- DMA between Opteron™ memory and network for high bandwidth (cache coherent)
- Minimal host overhead
- Supports reception of multiple simultaneous messages
Integrated Router

- 6 high speed network links per ASIC
- More than 4 Gbyte/sec per link
- Reliable link protocol with CRC-16 and automatic retry
- Support for up to 32k nodes in 3D toroidal mesh
Embedded PowerPC

- Message preparation
- Message demultiplexing (MPI matching)
- System monitoring
Reliability

- Reliable link protocol
- SECDED on scratch RAM with scrubbing
- SEC on routing lookup tables
- Parity protection on DMA tables
- Monitor port accesses PowerPC™ and Opteron™ state
Die Layout
Wrap up

• High bandwidth, low latency MPI
• Scalable to 32k nodes
• Reliable at large scale
• Questions?