

# ARM HPC Ecosystem

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# ARM Collaboration for Exascale Programs

## United States

ARM is currently a participant in two Department of Energy funded pre-Exascale projects: Data Movement Dominates and Fast Forward 2.

## European Union

Through FP7 and Horizon 2020, ARM has been involved in several funded pre-Exascale projects including the Mont Blanc program which deployed one of the first ARM prototype HPC systems.



## Japan

Fujitsu and RIKEN announced that the Post-K system targeted at Exascale will be based on ARMv8 with new **Scalable Vector Extensions**.

## China

James Lin, vice director for the Center of HPC at Shanghai Jiao Tong University claims China will build three pre-Exascale prototypes to select the architecture for their Exascale system. The three prototypes are based on AMD, SunWei TaihuLight, and ARMv8.

# ARM HPC deployments starting in 2H2017

Two recent announcements about ARM in HPC in Europe:





## Bull Atos to Build HPC Prototype for Mont-Blanc Project using Cavium ThunderX2 Processor

January 16, 2017 by [staff](#)

Today the [Mont-Blanc European project](#) announced it has selected Cavium's ThunderX2 ARM server processor to power its new HPC prototype.

The new Mont-Blanc prototype will be built by [Atos](#), the coordinator of phase 3 of Mont-Blanc, using its Bull expertise and products. The platform will leverage the infrastructure of the Bull sequana pre-exascale supercomputer range for network, management, cooling, and power. Atos and Cavium signed an agreement to collaborate to develop this new platform, thus making Mont-Blanc an Alpha-site for ThunderX2.




January 17th 2017

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Announcing the **GW4 Tier 2 HPC service, 'Isambard'**: named after Isambard Kingdom Brunel

**System specs:**

- Cray CS-400 system
- **10,000+** ARMv8 cores
- HPC optimised software stack
- Technology comparison:
  - x86, KNL, Pascal
- To be installed March-Dec 2017
- £4.7m total project cost over 3 years



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# Japan Exascale

## Post-K: Fujitsu HPC CPU to Support ARM v8



Post-K fully utilizes Fujitsu proven supercomputer microarchitecture

Fujitsu, as a lead partner of ARM HPC extension development, is working to realize ARM Powered® supercomputer w/ high application performance

ARM v8 brings out the real strength of Fujitsu's microarchitecture

HPC apps acceleration feature	Post-K	FX100	FX10	K computer
FMA: Floating Multiply and Add	✓	✓	✓	✓
Math. acceleration primitives*	✓Enhanced	✓	✓	✓
Inter core barrier	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sector cache	✓Enhanced	✓	✓	✓
Hardware prefetch assist	✓Enhanced	✓	✓	✓
Tofu interconnect	✓Integrated	✓Integrated	✓	✓

\* Mathematical acceleration primitives include trigonometric functions, sine & cosines, and exponential...



slides from Fujitsu at ISC'16



# Foundational SW Ecosystem for HPC

- Linux OS's – RedHat, SUSE, CENTOS, UBUNTU,...
- Compilers – ARM, GNU, LLVM,...
- Libraries – ARM, OpenBLAS, BLIS, ATLAS, FFTW...
- Parallelism – OpenMP, OpenMPI, MVAPICH2,...
- Debugging – Allinea, RW Totalview, GDB,...
- Analysis – ARM, Allinea, HPCToolkit, TAU,...
- Job schedulers – LSF, PBS Pro, SLURM,...
- Cluster mgmt – Bright, CMU, wawulf,...

Commercial



Open-source



## Predictable Baseline

# — now on ARM

OpenHPC defines a baseline. It is a community effort to provide a common, verified set of open source packages for HPC deployments

## ARM's participation:

- Silver member of OpenHPC
- ARM is on the OpenHPC Technical Steering Committee in order to drive ARM architecture build support

## Status (April 2017):

- 1.3.0 release out now
- All packages built on ARMv8 for both CentOS and SUSE
- ARM-based machines are being used for builds in the OpenHPC build infrastructure at TACC
- <https://github.com/arm-hpc/ohpc/>

Functional Areas	Supported packages / components
Base OS	RHEL/CentOS 7.1, SLES 12
Administrative Tools	Conman, Ganglia, Lmod, LosF, ORCM, Nagios, pdsh, prun
Provisioning	Warewulf
Resource Mgmt.	SLURM, Munge, Altair PBS Pro
I/O Services	Lustre client (community version)
Numerical, Scientific Libraries	Boost, GSL, FFTW, Metis, PETSc, Trilinos, Hypre, SuperLU, Mumps
I/O Libraries	HDF5 (pHDF5), NetCDF (including C++ and Fortran interfaces), Adios
Compiler Families	GNU (gcc, g++, gfortran)
MPI Families	OpenMPI, MVAPICH2
Development Tools	Autotools (autoconf, automake, libtool), Valgrind, R, SciPy/NumPy
Performance Tools	PAPI, Intel IMB, mpiP, pdtoolkit TAU

# ARM HPC tools commercial portfolio

## ARM C/C++ Compiler

COMMERCIALLY SUPPORTED  
FOR HPC APPLICATIONS

## ARM Performance Libraries

BLAS, LAPACK and FFT  
MICRO-ARCHITECTURALLY TUNED

## ARM Code Advisor

ACTIONABLE ADVICE TO  
OPTIMIZE YOUR CODE

## ARM SVE C/C++ Compiler

COMPILER SUPPORT FOR  
ARM SCALABLE VECTOR EXTENSION

## ARM Instruction Emulator

DEVELOP SOFTWARE FOR  
TOMORROW'S HARDWARE TODAY

## Allinea Forge (DDT+MAP)

CODE DEBUGGING and PROFILING  
TOOLS for HPC APPLICATIONS

## Allinea Performance Reports

MONITOR AND TUNE APPLICATION  
PERFORMANCE IN THE FIELD

# ARM Compiler

Commercially supported C/C++ compiler for Linux user-space HPC applications

## LLVM-based

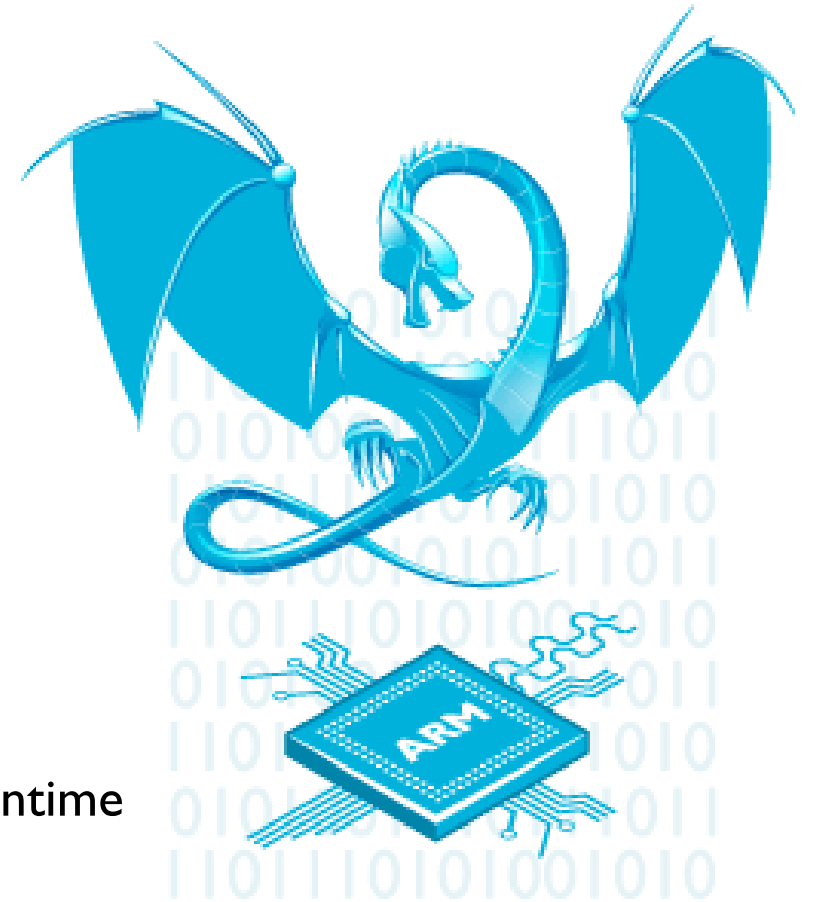
- LLVM-based
- ARM-on-ARM compiler
- For application development (not bare-metal/embedded)

## Fortran in the works

- Leveraging on-going PGI FLANG collaboration

## OpenMP

- Uses latest open source (now ARM-optimized) LLVM OpenMP runtime





# ARM Performance Libraries

## Optimized BLAS, LAPACK and FFT

### Commercial 64-bit ARMv8 math libraries

- Commonly used low-level math routines - BLAS, LAPACK and FFT.
- Validated with NAG's test suite, a de-facto standard.

### Best-in-class performance with commercial support

- Tuned by ARM for Cortex-A72, Cortex-A57 and Cortex-A53.
- Maintained and Supported by ARM for a wide range of ARM-based SoCs.
- Regular benchmarking against open source alternatives.

### Silicon partners can provide tuned micro-kernels for their SoCs

- Partners can collaborate directly working with our source-code and test suite.
- Alternatively they can contribute through open source route.



Performance on par  
with best-in-class math libraries



Commercially Supported  
by ARM



Validated with  
NAG test suite

# Open source in the ARM HPC ecosystem

- Many open-source applications have been ported to ARMv8 for a variety of HPC sectors:

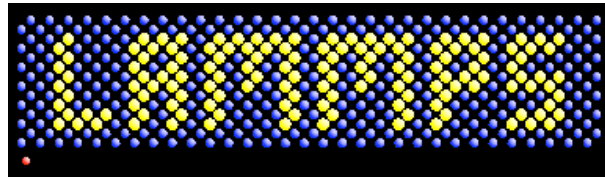
OpenFOAM

NAMD  
Scalable Molecular Dynamics

GROMACS  
FAST.  
FLEXIBLE.  
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Further reading:

[www.arm.com/hpc](http://www.arm.com/hpc)

<https://www.nextplatform.com/2017/03/15/arm-antes-hpc-software-stack/>

# Server OS support solidifies for ARM in 2016

- **SUSE (SLES 12)** providing first commercial enterprise Linux distribution optimized for ARM-based 64-bit servers - <https://www.suse.com/products/arm>
- **Red Hat** Enterprise Linux Server for ARM (RHLSA) 7.3 release with single-host virtualization based on KVM, Ceph for prototyping and deploying and initial support for Red Hat Developer Toolset (latest stable open source C and C++) <http://red.ht/2flVOH7>
- **CentOS 7.3** for ARM64 released with greatly improved support for Cavium ThunderX SoC family <https://lists.centos.org/pipermail/centos-announce/2017-January/022193.html>
- **Canonical** and ARM collaborate on commercial Ubuntu OpenStack and Ceph for ARMv8 servers: <https://insights.ubuntu.com/2016/10/17/canonical-and-arm-collaborate-on-openstack/>
- **FreeBSD 11** released - ARM joins x86 as primary architectures supported - <https://www.freebsdoundation.org/blog/freebsd-takes-open-source-to-11-with-latest-release/> and <https://www.freebsd.org/releases/11.0R/relnotes.html>
- **Xen** hypervisor 4.8 released - Updates focus on ARM server enhancements, security hardening and quality code: <http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/xen-project-hypervisor-continues-to-expand-into-embedded-use-cases-in-latest-release-2181499.htm>