

# GIRIH on A64FX

A64FX Oil and Gas webinar

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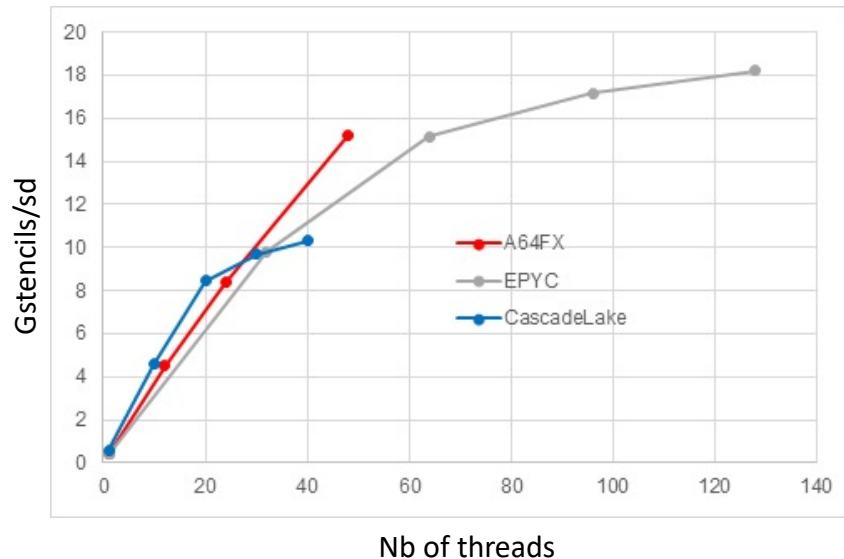


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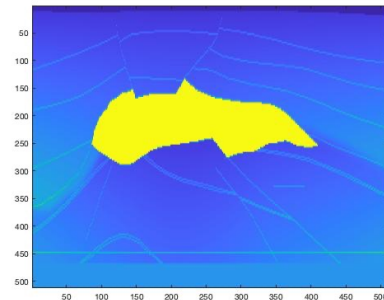
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# Preliminary results of GIRIH on A64FX

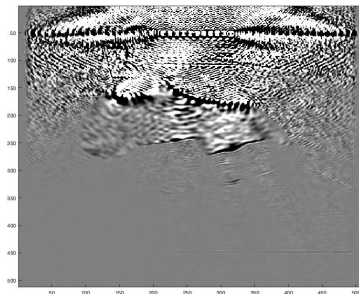
- MWD-TB stencil performance on A64FX.
- MWD-TB-based RTM results on A64FX. (Salt3D dataset)



MWD-TB performance on various architectures using 1024x1024x512 grid



Velocity model



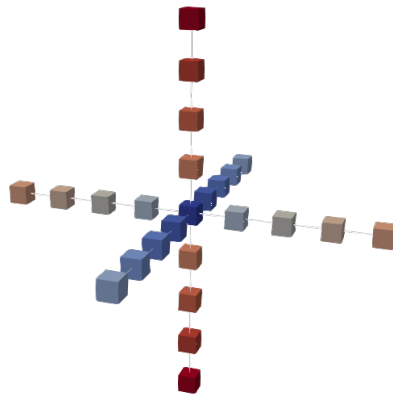
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# Outline

- Introduction
- Spatial blocking and MWD-Temporal blocking
- Experiments on A64FX
- Conclusion

# Introduction

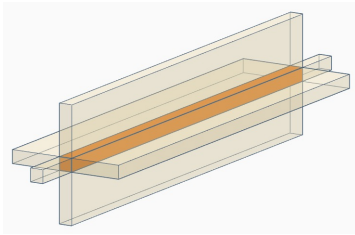
- GIRIH:
  - a tool to develop and analyze the performance of Multi-core Wavefront Diamond (MWD) tiling techniques for various stencil operators.
- We focus in this talk on:
  - 3D finite-difference time-domain stencil with 8<sup>th</sup> order in space / 2<sup>nd</sup> order in time and constant coefficients



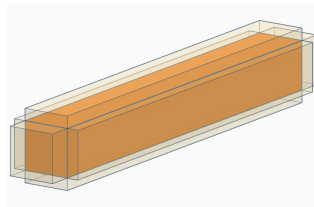
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# Spatial Blocking (SB)

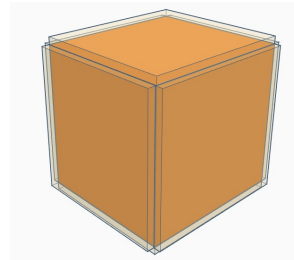
- Enhancing cache reuse
- Most widely used technique
- Simplicity and Flexibility



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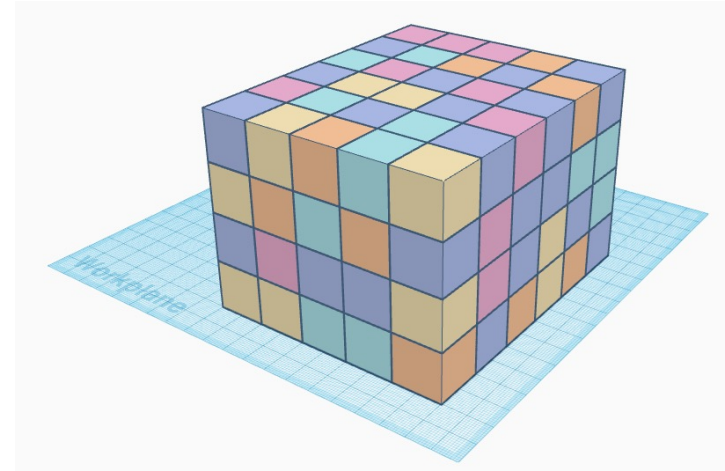


2D



3D

Illustration of Spatial Blocking applied to the stencil computation



3D domain tiled with 3D cube blocks  
and computed by 6 OpenMP threads  
(each thread uses a different color)

# MWD-TB background

- **M**ulticore **W**avefront **D**iamond tiling **T**emporal **B**locking technique
- Advantage :
  - Reduction of memory bandwidth pressure
  - Enable natural overlapping of computation and communication

## References:

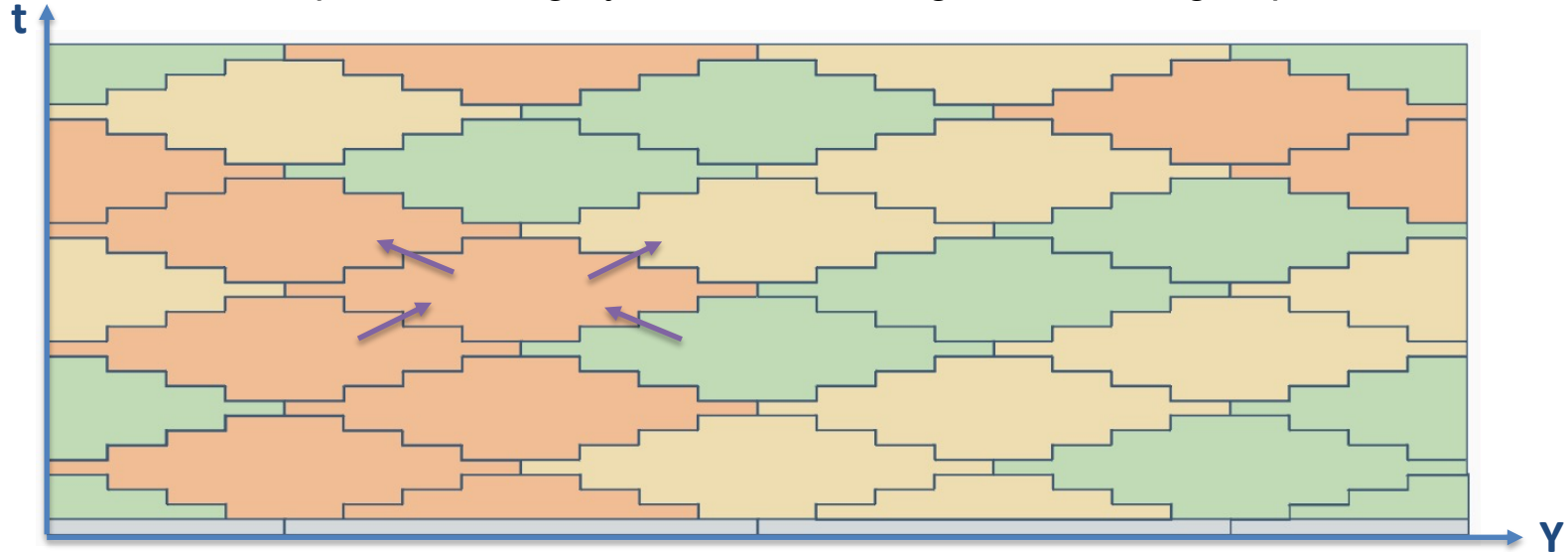
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# MWD-TB background

- Diamond tiling
  - outer level OpenMP, using dynamic scheduling on different groups of threads

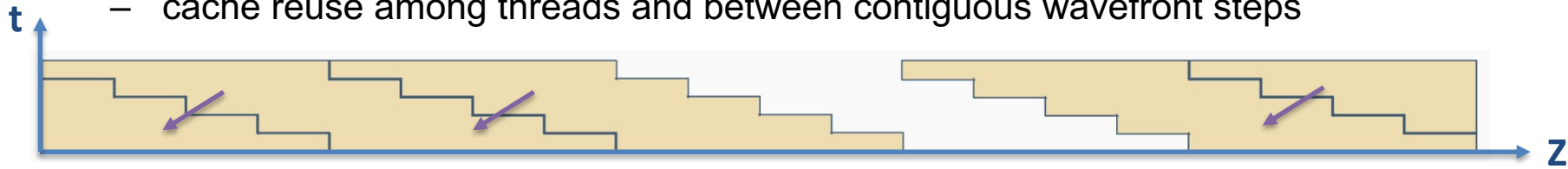


Diamond tiling and the dependency among diamonds  
(color represents three diff. groups of threads)

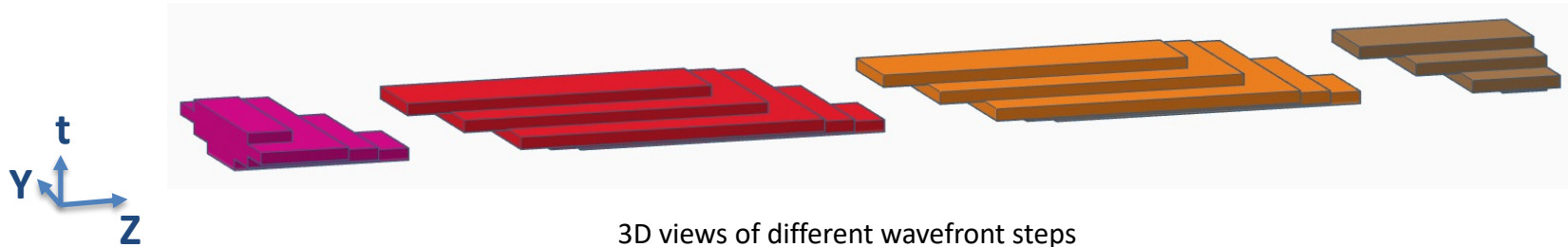
# MWD-TB background

- Wavefront parallelism

- inner level OpenMP
- cache reuse among threads and between contiguous wavefront steps



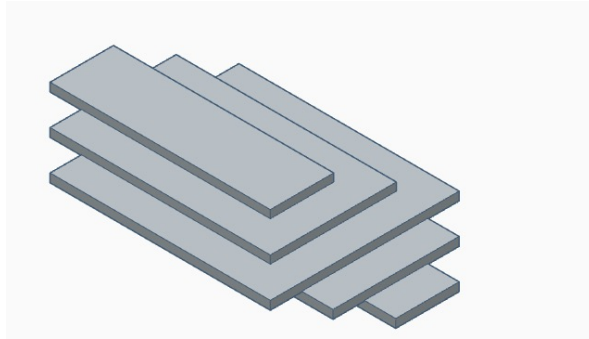
Wavefront and the dependency among different wavefront steps



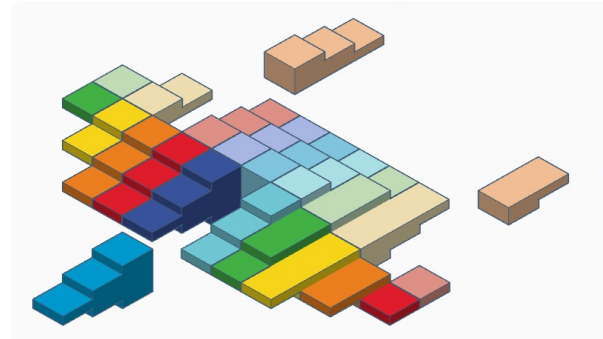
3D views of different wavefront steps

# MWD-TB stencil computation

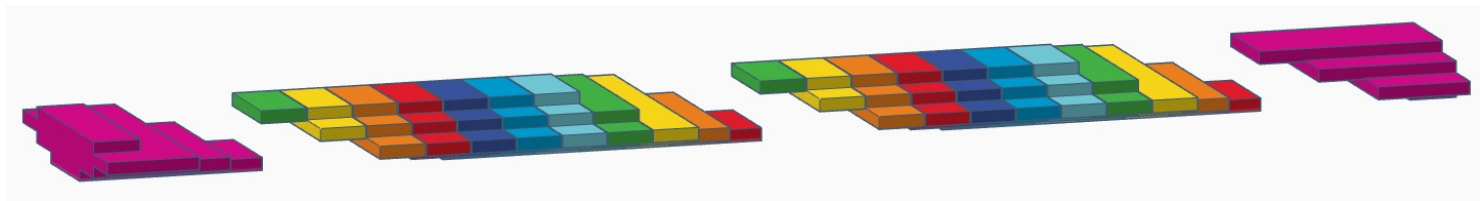
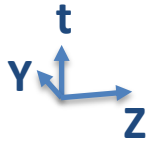
- Multi-core computation of one wavefront step
  - cache reuse inside each wavefront step
  - inner level OpenMP barrier between each time step



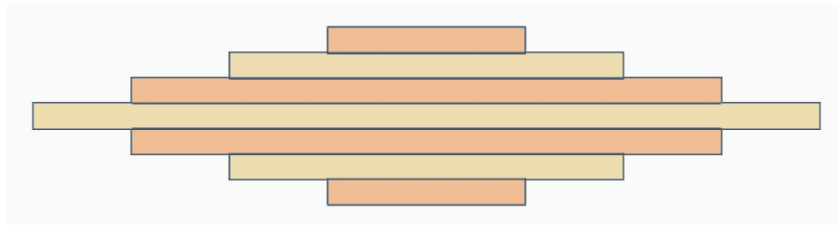
3D view of one wavefront step  
inside a diamond



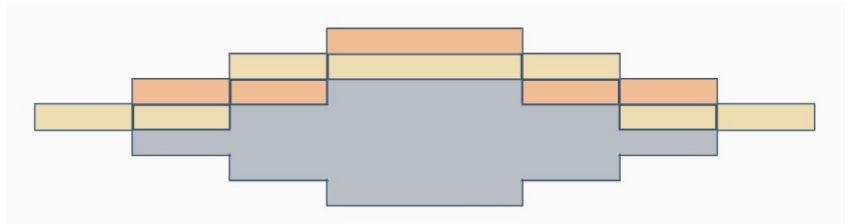
Well-balanced workload  
among threads



# Memory during the computation



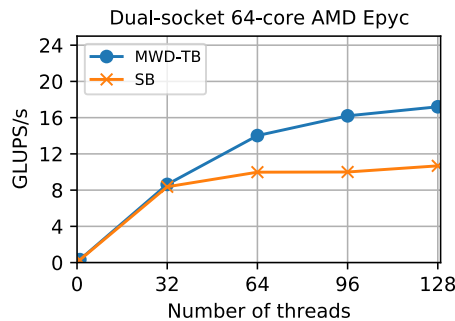
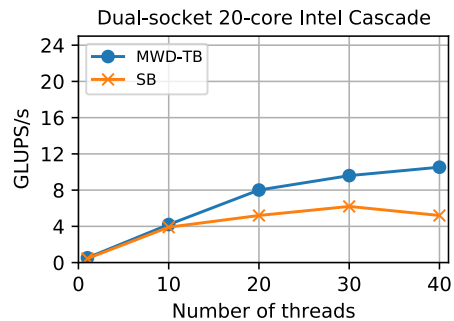
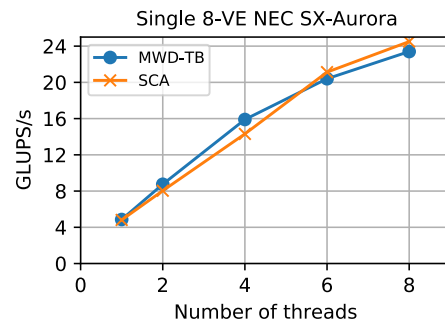
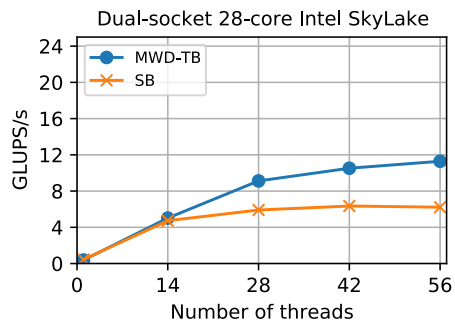
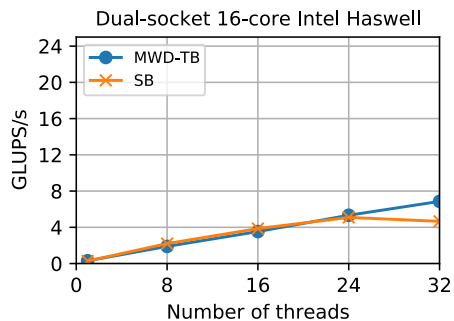
Alternated memory usage  
between each time step



In-memory status  
after the computation of the diamond

# MWD-TB stencils performance

- Results of 1024 x 1024 x 512 domain size with 1000 time steps

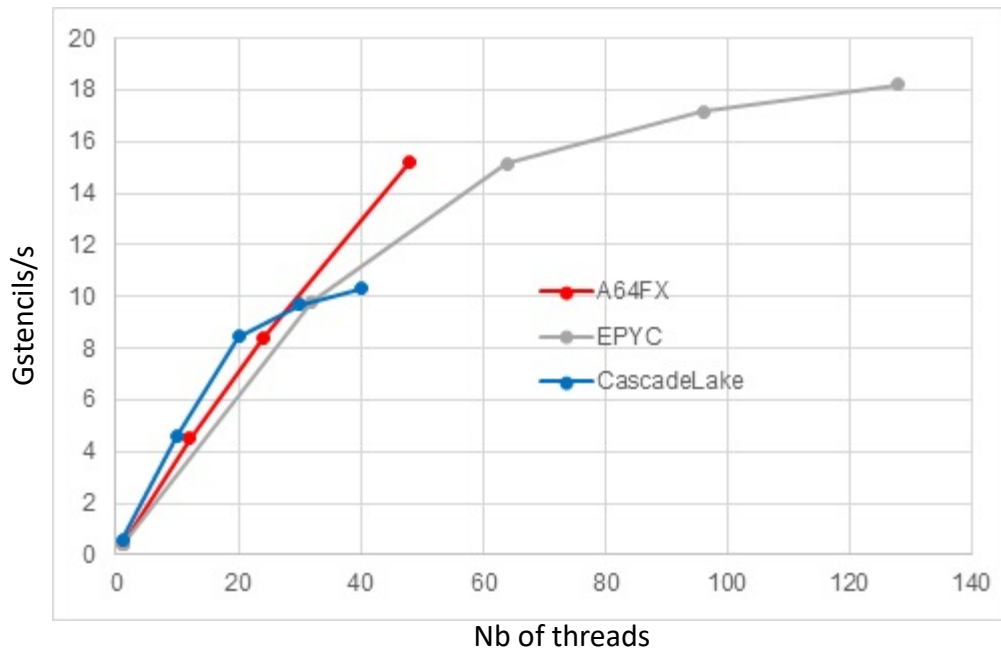


SB: spatial blocking

MWD-TB: multicore wavefront diamond temporal blocking

# MWD-TB stencils performance

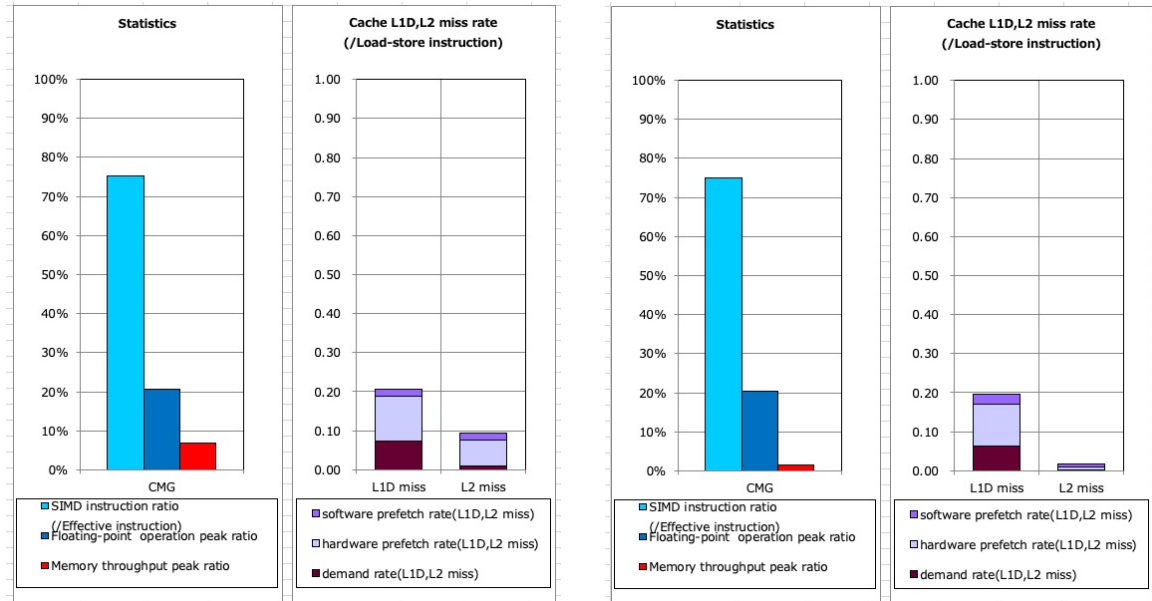
- AMD Epyc Rome shows good performance with 128 cores.
- A64FX shows similar performance than single-socket Epyc Rome. (lower cores)
- Intel Cascade lake shows better performance in 20 cores but saturates in larger cores.



MWD-TB performance on various architectures using 1024x1024x512 grid

# Comparison SB and MWD-TB (single-thread)

- On A64FX, MWD-TB has lower L2 miss, and lower memory throughput peak ratio.
- But SB (0.59 Gstencils/s) is faster than MWD-TB (0.36 Gstencils/s).

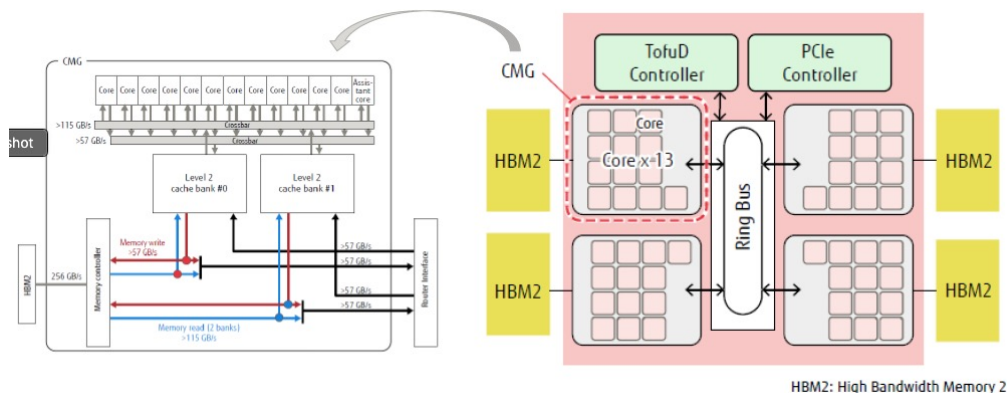


SB

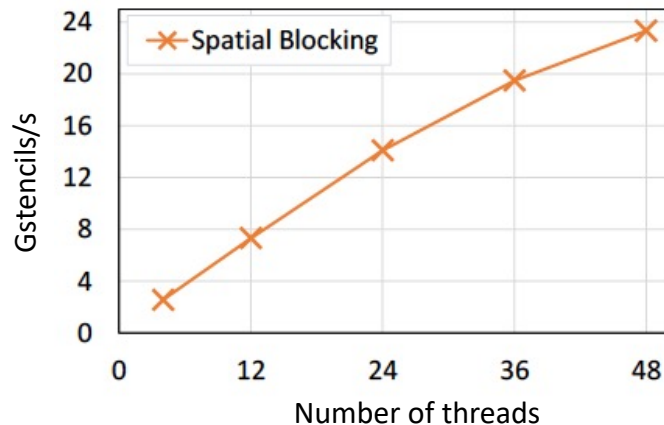
MWD-TB

# Comparison SB and MWD-TB on A64FX

- On a single CMG (12 threads), TB (4.8Gstencils/s) is still slower than SB (5.6Gstencils/s). The height of the diamond is **3** due to the limited size of L2 cache.
- On all 48 cores using 4 MPI threads, SB reaches 22.4Gstencils/s.



A64FX architecture (Fujitsu copyright)



# Conclusion

- A64FX : 1MPI process on each CMG for NUMA-aware.
- SB performance is impressive on A64FX compared to other architectures.
  - the SB performance is cache-bound.
- Good scalability thanks to HBM2.
- MWD-TB does not improve on A64FX because
  - 8MBx4 L2 cache is small to make MWD-TB competitive.
  - Multi-MPI MWD-TB needs to be improved.