

New 3rd Gen Intel[®] Xeon[®] Scalable Processor (Codename: Ice Lake-SP)

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Ice Lake-SP is new 3rd Gen Intel Xeon Scalable Processor

- 10nm+ process technology
- 2-socket Whitley platform
- Incorporates Sunny Cove core
- Brings scalable and balanced architecture for increased throughput and per-core performance across all workloads in the datacenter





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Agenda

Ice Lake Server CPU Core – Sunny Cove

- Core Microarchitecture
- New ISA Usages for Server

Ice Lake Server – The SoC

- Scalable Infrastructure and Architecture
- Power and Performance Optimizations



Die picture of a 28C Ice Lake-SP die





Sunny Cove Core Microarchitecture

	MSROM		I-TLB + I-c	cache	→ BPU ↓ µop Cache		Cascade Lake (per core)	Ice Lake (per core)
	ţ.					Out-of-order Window	224	352
				ue		In-flight Loads + Stores	72 + 56	128 + 72
	Alloca	ate / Renam	ne / Move El	imination / Ze	ero Idiom	Scheduler Entries	97	160
	Port 0 Port 1	Port 5	Schedul	er P4 P9	P2 P8 P3 P7	Register Files – Integer + FP	180 + 168	280 +224
⊢	ALU ALU LEA LEA		ALU	Store Data	AGU AGU AGU AGU	Allocation Queue	64/thread	70/thread; 140/1 thread
Ľ	Shift Mul	MulHi	Shift		Load STA Load STA	L1D Cache (KB)	32	48
	JMP IDIV FMA FMA	FMA512	JMP		48KB DCU	L1D BW (B/Cyc) – Load + Store	128 + 64	128 + 64
VEO	ALU ALU Shift Shift	ALU				L2 Unified TLB	1.5K	2K
	fpDIV Shuffle	Shuffle		512		Mid-level Cache (MB)	1	1.25

- Improved Front-end: higher capacity and improved branch predictor
- Wider and deeper machine: wider allocation and execution resources + larger structures
- Enhancements in TLBs, single thread execution, prefetching
- Server enhancements larger Mid-level Cache (L2) + second FMA

~18% Increase In IPC On Existing SPECcpu2017(est) Integer Rate Binaries



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Sunny Cove Core New Instructions

Cryptography

- Big-Number Arithmetic (AVX-512 Integer IFMA)
 - VPMADD52 fused multiply add of 52-bit precision integer values for public key cryptography
- Vector AES and Vector Carry-less Multiply
 Instructions
 - AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) & AES-GCM (AES mode that allows parallel processing)
- Galois Field New Instructions (GFNI)
 - Encryption algorithms, error correction algorithms, bit matrix multiplications
- SHA-NI Hardware acceleration of Secure Hash Algorithms

Compression/Decompression & Special SIMD

- Bit Algebra
 - VPOPCNT returns the #of bits set to 1 in byte/word/DW/QW
 - Bit Shuffle shuffle bits from QW elements
- VBMI Vector Bit Manipulation Instruction
 - Permutes, shifts, expand, and compress operations
 - Used for columnar database access, discrete mathematics, dictionary-based decompression, data-mining routines







Algorithms, HW and SW Co-innovation Results In Unprecedented Performance Advances In Cryptography



Ice Lake SP CPU: SoC (all but the cores)

- New infrastructure architecture
- SoC architecture
- Memory Hierarchy and IOs
- Performance and Power enhancements



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New Infrastructure and Control Structure for Improved Scalability and Responsiveness

New Micro-architecture for Infrastructure

Consistent communication across all IP subsystems for control and telemetry

Dedicated Power Management Sideband

• Each subsystem has a PMA that abstracts IPspecific behavior implements HW FSMs for all PM control and telemetry

Separate General Purpose Sideband

• For all configuration, register access and error handling related communication



Reduces Complexity, Improves Response Time and SoC Management





SoC Architecture: Cascade Lake-SP to Ice Lake-SP

Cascade Lake SP - aka. CLX (28 cores)



CHA – Caching and Home Agent SF – Snoop Filter, LLC – Last Level Cache SKX Core – Skylake Server CoreUPI – Intel^o UltraPath Interconnect

Ice Lake SP (28 core example)



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Continued Emphasis On Modularity & Balanced Performance Scalability





Ice Lake-SP IO and Memory Hierarchy

Integrating PCIe Gen4 controllers

- New IO Virtualization design, enables up to 3x BW scaling on large payloads (2x frequency, larger TLB, supports 2M/1G pages for in translation requests)
- New P2P credit fabric implementation to reach top P2P BW targets

3 independently clocked UPI links

4 Memory Controllers with enhanced per channel schedulers

New memory controller design w/ optimizations

Intel® Total Memory Encryption (TME)

• DRAM encrypted using AES-XTS 128bit

Intel Optane Persistent Memory 200 Series (Barlow Pass)

Higher speed and better power profile

Emphasis On Performance Scalability

Ice Lake SP (28 core example)





Latency & Coherence Optimizations

DPT: Dynamic Prefetch throttling

• New Core – SoC handshake; modulates prefetching under heavy memory bandwidth use cases (up to 7% increase on 100% Rd BW micros)

SpecI2M optimization: Convert RFO to specI2M when memory subsystem is heavily loaded

• Reduces mem bandwidth demand on streaming WLs that do full cache line writes (25% efficiency increase)

Non-temporal Write (NTW) Optimization

 Improves low core count active throughput (1 core 50% Rd BW increases >80%, 100% Wr BW increases >3.5X)

IODC: Directory Cache Extended

 Added support for remote core writes, reduces directory write overhead (High memory BW demanding non-NUMA micros benefit 10-90%)

OSB (Opportunistic Snoop Broadcast) Extended

 Added support for new opcodes (data reads and RFO), reduces remote socket cache to cache transfer latency on reads by ~70ns

Hemisphere mode

 Default mode for socket UMA interleaving, optimizes local socket UMA latency if memory is populated symmetrically (~2ns saving)

M2I vs. M2S on socket coherence flow update

 Improves lock scaling performance, expect 2-3% upside on OLTP DB workloads by speeding up compare-exchange operations and atomic updates to critical regions





Memory Bandwidth-Latency: Ice Lake vs. Cascade Lake-SP



Improved Efficiency Beyond Memory Speed * Channel Count Increase



Power Management Latency Improvements

Goal: Minimize impact of PM latencies on performance

- Fast Core Frequency Change
 - Capability to move the PLL from current to target frequency in a continuous sweep without stopping the clocks
 - Allows fast P-state transitions optimizing power/perf without latency cost
- Coherent Fabric ("mesh") Drainless Frequency Change
 - Capability to move the PLL from current to target frequency without draining the buffers
 - Reduces frequency transition time by ~3x



CLX	ICX
12 us	~0 us
20us	7 us
30 us	~20 us
	CLX 12 us 20us 30 us





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Time	CLX	ICX
Core Frequency Transition block time	12 us	~0 us
Mesh Frequency Transition – IO Block	20us	7 us
time		
Typical C6-State Exit Time	30 us	~20 us





AVX Frequency Improvements

Goal: Minimize frequency impact on AVX 512 bit operations when not bounded by physical limits

- Not all AVX512 instructions consume high power
 - 512-bit loads, 512-bit stores, 256-bit FP, integer multiply are a few examples
 - Smarter mapping between instructions and specific power levels

Provides software writers greater latitude when using these instructions to optimize their code for performance

Power level	Class of instructions	Instruction types per class (not the full list)	
0	SSE/256L	all 64b and 128bit	
	256H	FP Mul, INT Mul, VNNI, FMA 256b	
1	512L	VPCLMUL, VAES, VBMI, Ld, St 512b	
		FP Mul, INT Mul, VNNI, FMA,	
2	512H	VPMADD52 512b	

Turbo Frequency scaling for 3 different instruction classes¹



¹Baseline: all cores active turbo frequency for SSE for each product





Intel[®] Speed Select Technology (Intel[®] SST) Features

Offers a suite of capabilities to allow users to re-configure the processor – dynamically, at runtime to match the usage / WL and maximize performance



New Intel SST Capabilities Enable Prioritization Of Critical WLs with Ease Of Use & Deployment



Wrap Up





New 3rd Gen Intel Xeon Scalable Processor (Codename: Ice Lake-SP)

- First Intel Xeon Scalable Processor using 10nm technology
- Sunny Cove core improves per core performance with existing binaries
- New software innovations and new ISA together lead to unprecedented per core performance increases
- With new scalable infrastructure, power and performance optimizations Ice Lake CPU achieves both high throughput and per core performance

Ice Lake: A Balanced CPU For All Server Usages





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