Computing cluster for CDF

Yuri Gotra, November 2001

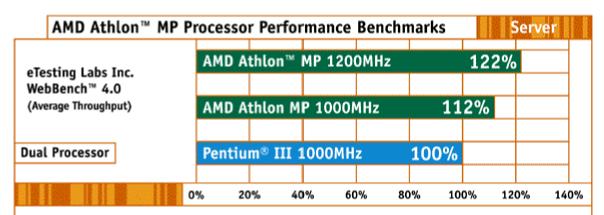
Choosing the CPU

Athlon processor can do 9 operations per clock cycle (5 for Pentium III), has 128 kB L1 cache (32 kB for P III) and 266 MHz system bus speed (133 MHz for P III). Prices for DDR memory are comparable with SDR (133 MHz) modules. DDR memory operates at the same speed (266 MHz) as the CPU. Given these facts one can foresee significant performance boost for the system based on dual Athlon 1500+ MP (1.33 GHz) compared to the MIT cluster on dual Pentium III (1 GHz) CPU with PC-133 SDR memory. According to the RackSaver specs price per Gflop for Athlon MP (1.4 GHz) system is \$330 compared to \$662 cluster based on P III (1.26 GHz). Athlon based cluster has the best price/performance ratio compared to commercially available systems built on P III or SPARC CPU's (Dell, IBM, Compaq, HP, Sun).

AMD Athlon™ Processor Competitive Comparison

Feature	AMD Athlon™	Pentium® III	Pentium® 4		
Operations per clock cycle	9	5	6		
Integer pipelines	3	2	4		
Floating point pipelines	3	1	2		
Full x86 decoders	3	1	1		
L1 cache size	128KB	32KB	12k µop + 8KB Data Cache		
L2 cache size	256KB on-chip	256KB on-chip	256KB on-chip		
Total on-chip full-speed cache	384KB	288KB	264KB + 12k µop		
Total effective on-chip full-speed cache	384KB (exclusive	256KB (inclusive)	256KB - 12k µop (inclusive)		
System bus speed	200 MHz to 266MHz	400MHz			
3D enhancement instructions	Enhanced 3DNow!™	SSE	SSE2		
Single-precision FP SIMD	Yes	Yes	Yes		
4 FP operations per clock	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Cache/prefetch controls	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Streaming controls	Yes	Yes	Yes		
DSP/comm extensions	Yes	No	Yes		

Benchmarks



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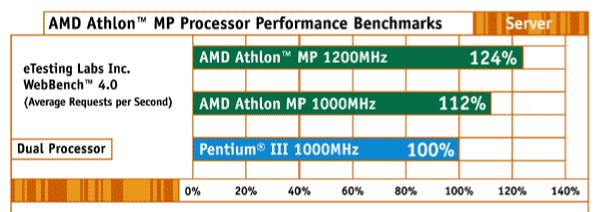
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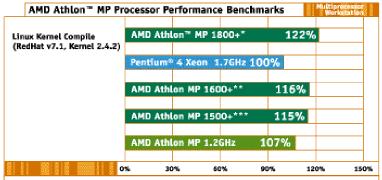
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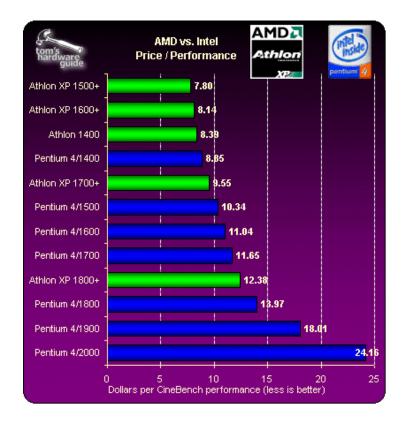
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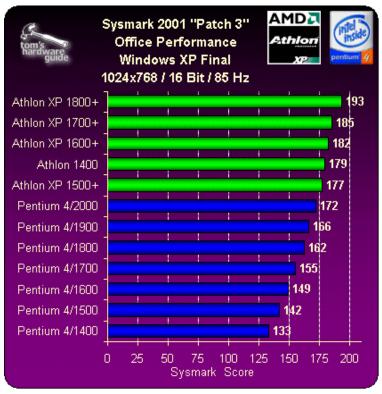
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- * QuantiSpeed™ architecture operates at 1.533GHz. ** QuantiSpeed architecture operates at 1.4GHz.
- *** QuantiSpeed architecture operates at 1.33GHz.

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Possible problems

- MOSIX on Athlon, no known incompatibilities, checked with MOSIX project leader Prof Amnon Barak, from HUJI, Israel. "... we have no issues with processor types, we touch no code in the area ..."
- Intel Corporation has completed the acquisition of privately held Kuck & Associates, Inc. (KAI). On April 6, 2000, Intel announced that it entered into a definitive agreement to acquire privately held Kuck & Associates, Inc. (KAI) for an undisclosed cash amount. No known incompatibilities with Athlon, verified with KAI representative.

Commercial clusters/servers based on Athlon MP processors

Note: Systems with quote over \$1800 per node are not shown.

- RackSaver, San Diego, CA (<u>www.racksaver.com</u>). RSC-4432, (32 nodes, 403 Gflops per rack, RedHat 6.2, 7.0, 7.1). Built "Samson" 132 Athlon nodes cluster at the University of Delaware, ranks in the TOP200 of the fastest supercomputers. They offer dual Athlon 1U UltraThin RS-1131 server based on Tyan S2460 EIDE motherboard (hosts 3 HD) for \$1499 (with 256 MB ECC registered memory, 20 GB 7200 rpm HD, 4 MB video, FD, w/o CD). 512 MB: +\$100, CD: +\$69,
- Linux Networx (<u>www.linuxnetworx.com</u>, 1-801-304-0267) offers Athlon based clusters. This company built a 48-node cluster for D0. Clusterworx management software. ICE box cluster management appliance. Evolocity 2100 cluster (up to 10 nodes), Evolocity 1240s cluster (up to 5 nodes), *Built L3 48-node cluster for D0* (includes 96 Pentium III 1.0 GHz processors, 48G of RAM). Quote for 1 node: \$1715. (2U-3PCI, 460W, 1600+, 256MB, Maxtor 100GB, Tiger, LAN). Contact person Rich Furst, 847-236-1983.
- http://www.harddata.com/index.html Tiger, 2U, 2+2 bay, 2xPCI, 400W, 512MB, ATI Rage pro 8MB, CD, FD, LAN, w/o HD, OS.: \$1366 (incl \$85 S&H)
- www.atipa.com Atipa's Daytona R10i 1U Dual AMD 1500+ MP, \$1342 (incl \$20 S&H) with 40 GB HD, CD, 1U case, 3 removable drive bays, FD, 512 MB memory. Dual 3-COM LAN, 64bit/33mhz expansion slot, Tyan Thunder S2462NG mainboard, 6 cooling fan & blower with 300W PFC power supply, 1 year warranty. Built cluster for CMS at FCC (Ist floor). 2U option is available, 2x66MHz PCI, 2x33MHz PCI, 4 HD bays, 300W, same price.
- http://www.apache.com
- www.sunsetsystems.com \$1336 (CD, 1500+ XP, 256 MB)
- www.alliedsystemsdesign.com Total density W
- <u>www.advancedclustering.com</u> Pinnacle, 2U, 512MB, 20 GB, FD, CD, 1 year service, Thunder video, \$1784.
- <u>www.pssclabs.com</u> Tiger, *Tower!* 300W, 512MB, FD, 100 GB, LAN, SVGA, \$1800

Preferred option: ATIPA

Build-it-yourself Athlon MP cluster

Estimated price is about \$1100 per node (w/o HD), see component prices below and test setup. Given the budget of \$14000 one can assemble a 7 node 1 TB cluster with 2 gateways. One can expect performance of such a cluster to be comparable/superior to MIT's 10 node Pentium III cluster (~\$30000, June 2001). Based on MIT's experience this cluster will allow up to 20-25 users.

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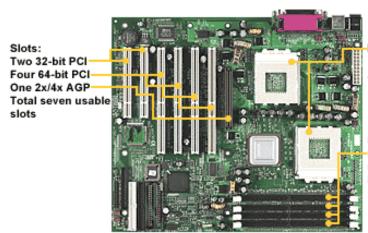
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Tiger MP (S2460) Motherboard

Benefits and Applications

Based on our flagship Thunder K7, the world's first dual-processor platform for the AMD Athlon MP processor, our new Tiger MP brings similar processing performance to the masses! This cost-effective, high-quality dual-processor system board supports up to two AMD Athlon MP processors, and provides leading-edge performance for your demanding applications. The Tiger MP is designed around the AMD-760 MP chipset and provides powerful integrated features including a 266MHz system bus, support for up to 3GB of DDR memory, 32-bit and 64-bit PCI slots, 4x AGP slot, dual-channel ATA-100 IDE and much more.



Dual PGA462 support for AMD Athlon MP processors

200/266MHz FSB

DIMMs support up to 3GB of registered PC2100 DDR RAM

Processor

Dual PGA462 ZIF sockets Supports two AMD Athlon MP processors Two onboard VRMs System bus support for 200MHz or 266MHz

Phoenix BIOS 2Mbit Flash ROM User settings for hardware monitoring (optional) Auto-configuration of IDE hard drive types Multiple boot options DMI 2.0 compliant

Chipset

AMD-760 MP chipset AMD-762 North bridge & AMD-766 South bridge Winbond W83627HF Super I/O ASIC

System Memory

Four 2.5v 184-pin DDR DIMM sockets Supports up to 3GB of Registered PC2100 DDR memory Supports ECC (72-bit) memory modules

Form Factor

ATX footprint (12" x 10.3", 304.8 x 261.62mm) 20-pin power connector (300+W, +5V must be 30A+) Stacked parallel (one) and serial (two) ports Stacked USB (two) ports Stacked keyboard and mouse ports

Hardware Monitoring

Winbond W83782D hardware monitoring ASIC 3-pin fan monitoring headers 3-pin Wake On LAN header (optional)

Expansion Slots

One AGP slot supports 2x/4x modes Four 64-bit and two 32-bit 33MHz (5-volt) PCI slots (v2.2 compliant) Total of seven usable slots

Integrated PCI IDE

Dual-channel master mode Supports up to four enhanced IDE devices Support for DMA100/66/33 IDE and ATAPI compliant devices

Integrated I/O

One floppy connector supports up to two drives Two 9-pin 16550-based serial ports One 25-pin SPP/ECP/EPP parallel port Four USB ports (two via optional cable for rear panel mounting) PS/2 keyboard and mouse ports

Note

The Tiger MP S2460 accepts a standard ATX-style <u>power supply</u>. However, the P/S must be able to supply a minimum of 30A on the 5-volt line. Many 300+ watt power supplies on the market today are capable of this output.

Thunder K7 (S2462) Motherboard

Benefits and Applications

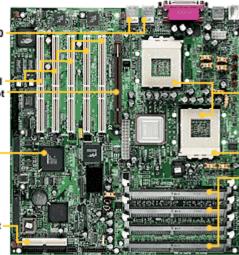
Tyan's Thunder K7 is the world's first dual-processor platform for the AMD Athlon MP processor. This high-quality, feature-rich systemboard provides cutting-edge performance for today's most demanding workstation and server applications, and includes powerful connectivity and management features. In addition to its dual-processor design, the Thunder K7 features AMD's new 760MP chipset, DDR memory support, 64-bit PCI slots, AGP Pro slot (as well as integrated VGA), dual LAN controllers, dual-channel Ultra160 SCSI, on-board server management and more.

Dual 3Com 3C920 LAN controllers

Slots: Five 64/32-bit PCI -One AGP Pro Slot Total six usable slots

Dual-channel Ultra 160 SCSI

ATA-100 Support



Dual PGA462 support for AMD Athlon MP processor

200/266MHz FSB

Four 25°-angled DIMMs support up to 3GB of PC2100 registered DDR RAM

Thunder K7 Models

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S2462UNG	No	Yes	6 35872 005817		
S2462UNGM	Yes	Yes	6 35872 005565		

Processor

Dual PGA462 ZIF sockets Supports two AMD Athlon MP processors Two onboard VRMs System bus support for 200MHz and 266MHz

BIOS

Phoenix BIOS 4Mb Flash ROM Supports APM v1.2 and ACPI v1.0 User settings for hardware monitoring Auto-configuration of IDE hard drive types Multiple boot options DMI 2.0 compliant

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System Memory

Four 2.5v 184-pin Registered DDR DIMM sockets 25° angled sockets enable rackmount installation Supports up to 3GB of PC2100 Registered DDR RAM Supports ECC (72-bit) memory modules

Form Factor

Extended ATX footprint (13" x 12")
One 24-pin and one 8-pin power connectors

Stacked keyboard and mouse ports

Stacked USB (two) ports

Stacked parallel (one), serial (one) and VGA (one) ports; side-by-side LAN (two) ports Recommended **Power Supply & Chassis**

Hardware Monitoring

Winbond W83782D hardware monitoring ASIC

3-pin fan monitoring headers

CPU temperature and voltage monitoring

Expansion Slots

One AGP Pro 50 slot

Five 64/32-bit 33MHz (5-volt) PCI slots

Total of six usable slots

Integrated PCI IDE

Dual-channel master mode Up to four enhanced IDE devices

Support for DMA100/66/33 IDE and ATAPI compliant devices

Integrated I/O

One floppy connector supports up to two drives

One 9-pin 16550-based serial port

One 25-pin SPP/ECP/EPP parallel port

Four USB ports (two ports via optional cable)

PS/2 keyboard and mouse ports

Server Management (optional)

Supports the Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI)

Q-Logic Zircon BMC

Support for IPMI, SDR, SEL, FRU

I²C and IPMB

Integrated LAN

Two 3Com 3C920 LAN controllers

10/100Mbps data transfer rate per controller

Integrated Graphics

ATI RAGE XL graphics accelerator

4MB frame buffer (SDRAM)

Standard 15-pin analog VGA port

Packing List

- Thunder K7 motherboard / User's manual
- 34-pin floppy cable ATA100/66 IDE cable
- Driver CD
- Com port cable

Regulatory

FCC DoC (Declaration of Conformity)

European Community CE (Declaration of Conformity)

Options for data storage

- DATAMAX 1200, <u>www.dynamicnetworkfactory.com</u>. \$9900. with 12x\$160GB IDE, actually sees 130 GB, 1 disk extra due to RAID, 11x130GB~1.4TB (RAID5, SCSI 64bit controller). (\$7070/1TB). Max speed 100MB/s. external, no drivers needed, **dual host.**
- 3ware Escalade 3w-7850, 8 drives, internal, \$640 w/o HD, max can see 130GB. 130x7=910GB \$300x8+\$640=\$3040. (\$3340/1TB) www.3ware.com.
- Promise SuperTrack SX6000. 6 IDE drives, internal, \$600 w/6 removable drive enclosures w/o HD 6

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