



# CORNELIS<sup>®</sup> NETWORKS

## Reimagining the Scale-Out Architecture for HPC and AI

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# Cornelis in a Nutshell



Inventors of **Omni-Path**, the highest-performance inter-node interconnect, created at **Intel** and based on **QLogic** and **Cray** supercomputer technologies.



230+ people with **deep HPC expertise** and a **maniacal focus on application performance**, who understand that the **network** is the **dominant bottleneck** for HPC and AI.

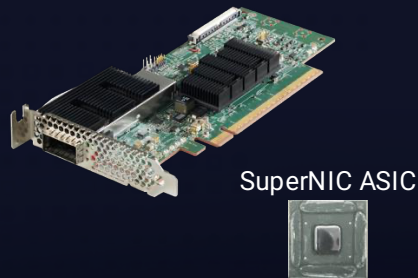


Proudly behind the network solution with the **lowest latency**, **highest small message rate** and **fastest application performance**.

# CN5000: Highest-Performance End-to-End Networking Solution

## The World's First Lossless Zero-Congestion Scale-Out Network

### 400G SuperNICs



### Complete 400G Switch Portfolio

48-Port  
Switch



SWITCH ASIC



Up to 576-Port  
Director Switch



### Optimized Open-Source Host and Management Software



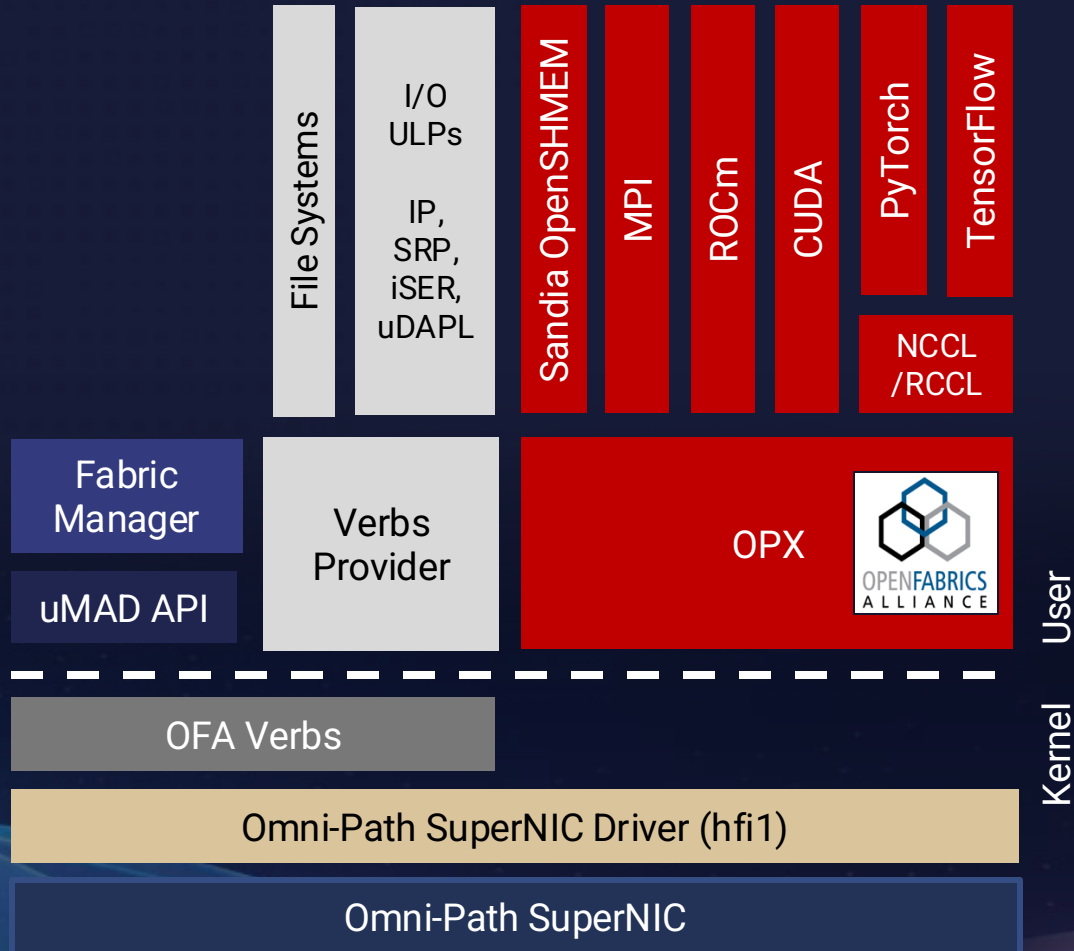
### The Most Advanced Architecture

2.5x Higher  
Message Rates  
34% Lower Latency

### The Performance Leader

Up to  
45% Higher HPC  
Application  
Performance

# Omni-Path OFI Libfabrics Software Stack



## Optimized Performance

Tight Software-Hardware Integration and Co-Design

## Seamless Integration

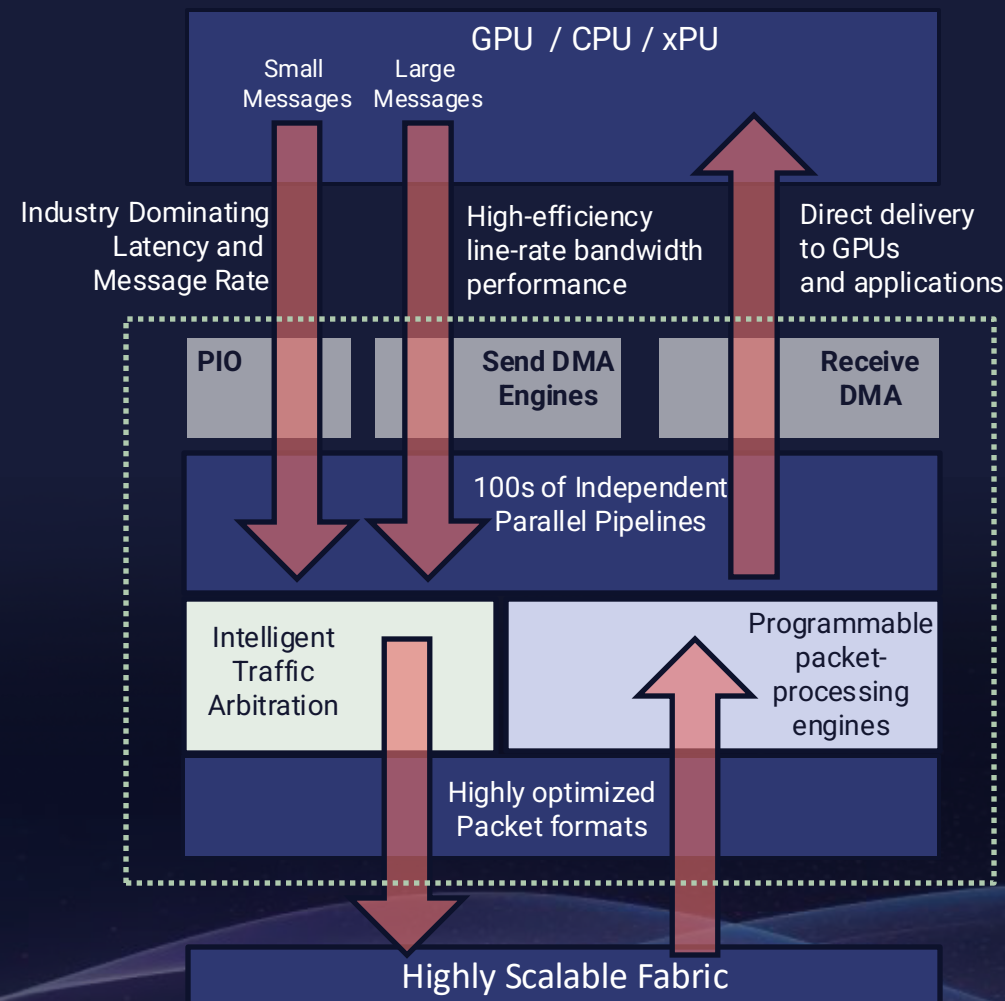
Adoption of Open Standards and Full Stack Support

## Trusted Deployment

Open-Source Libfabric Provider and Upstreamed Kernel Driver

# Omni-Path Performance Architecture

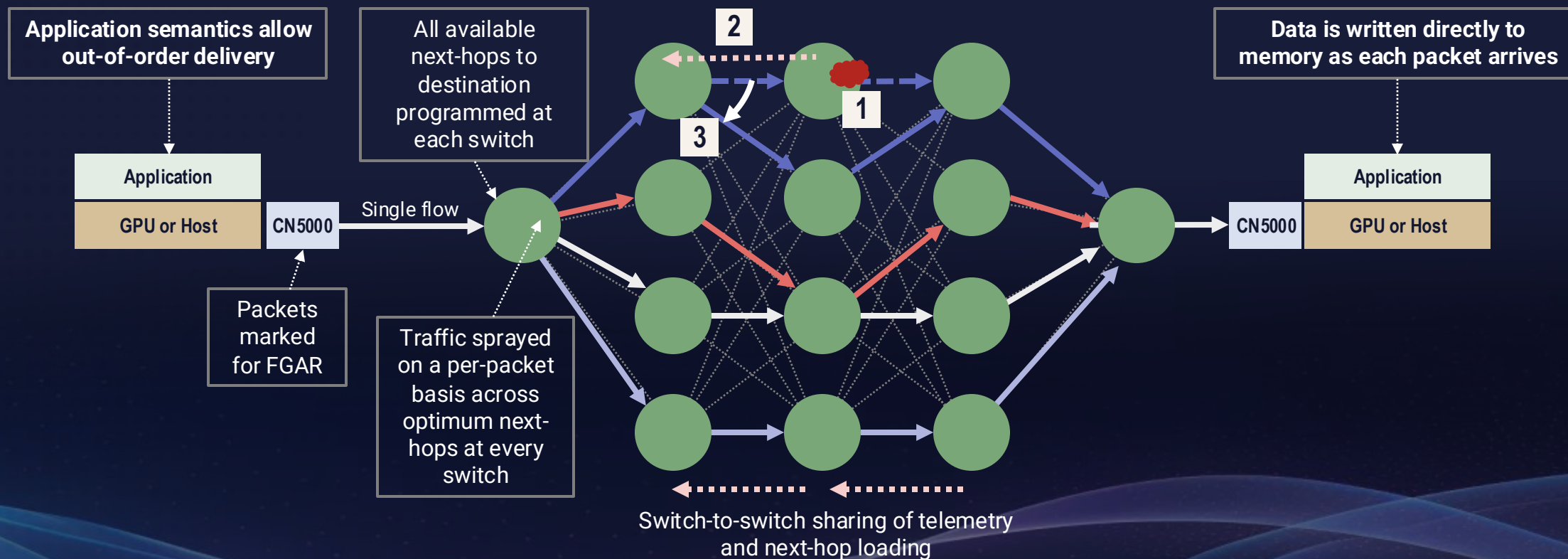
- Application performance is the Cornelis North Star
- Our open-source OPX libfabric provider is the primary software framework
- Each process (e.g MPI rank) is assigned 1 or more of the 100s of independent parallel pipelines (contexts)
- Small messages are sent directly from each process to the SuperNIC
  - Programmed I/O (PIO)
  - **Sub-microsecond 1-hop MPI latency**
  - **Up to 2.5x NDR message rate**
- Large messages and data transfers leverage the 16 Send DMA (SDMA) engines
  - High-efficiency line-rate bandwidth performance
- Received data is placed directly into host memory
  - Application buffers for rendezvous
  - Ring buffer for eager



Industry-leading MPI message rate, latency and bandwidth ramp

# Fine-Grained Adaptive Routing (FGAR)

1. Heavy load on switch ports
2. Congestion information shared with neighbor switches
3. New set of optimum next-hops selected based on local and remote congestion

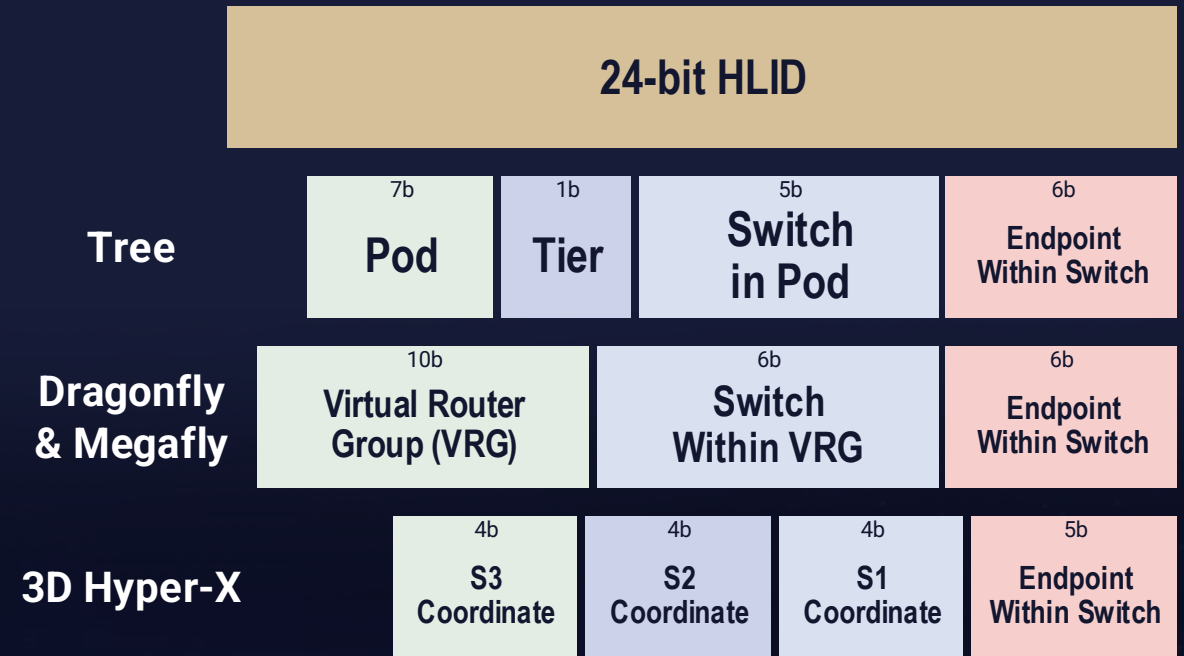


Consistent bandwidth performance for AI and storage applications

# Hierarchical LIDs (HLID)

- Local Identifiers (LIDs) are the addresses used within an Omni-Path network
- The CN5000 can use 24-bit Hierarchical LIDs (HLIDs) to support a wide range of network topologies across a wide range of network scales
- Depending on the topology of the network, the HLID is broken into multiple sub-fields
  - Flexible definitions and sub-field sizes through the Fabric Manager
- These sub-fields can be thought of as coordinates that identify SuperNIC locations within the topology
- The Cornelis Fabric Manager calculates routes that optimize traversal between sets of coordinates
  - E.g. To move to VRG 7 from node (6,1,2), the next hop from a switch is programmed to be from a set of 8 egress ports ( $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_8$ )
  - Highly efficient route tables
    - > 500K nodes in a flat layer 2 network

## Example HLID Sub-Fields



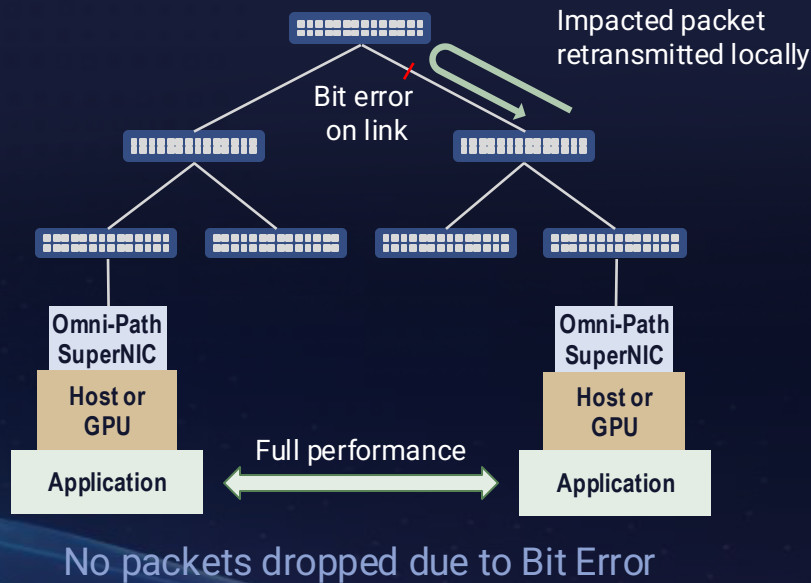
Optimized topologies for each use case

# Link Level Retry

$10^{-12}$  BER @ 400 Gbps  
= 1 bit error every 2.5 seconds on each link

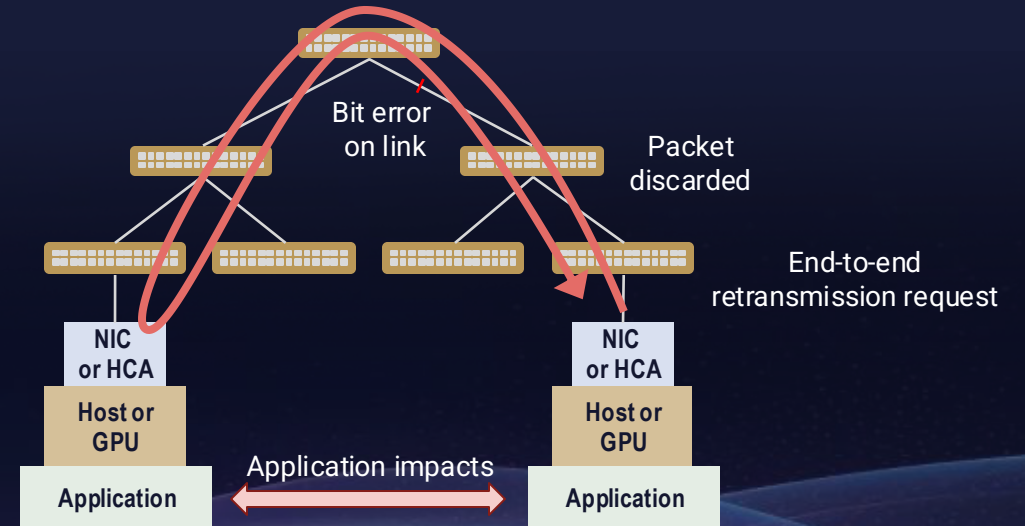
## Omni-Path

- Switches keep copies of transmitted packets until acknowledged by next hop
- Bit errors handled by rapid retransmission ( $\sim 2\times$  link time-of-flight)
- Application is unaware of any issue and continues to run at full rate
- **No packets dropped due to bit errors**



## Other Networks

- Far end must request a retransmission
  - Full RTT spike in latency while waiting for retransmission
  - Go-back-N approach results in inefficient network loading
- A retransmission request may be interpreted as loss due to congestion
  - Network stack slows down traffic to mitigate false congestion
- **Application impacted by latency spike and stack slow-down**



Maximum application performance in real-world environments

# Industry Leading Network Performance

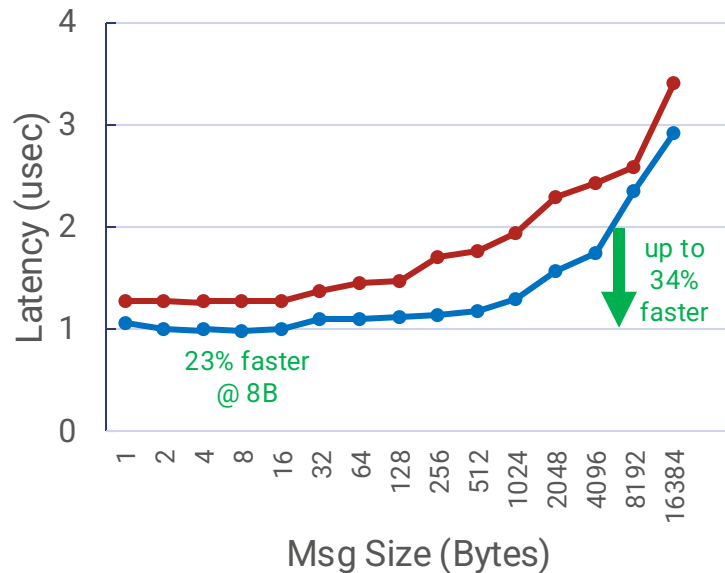
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CN5000 vs NDR 400G – AMD EPYC 9755 (Turin)

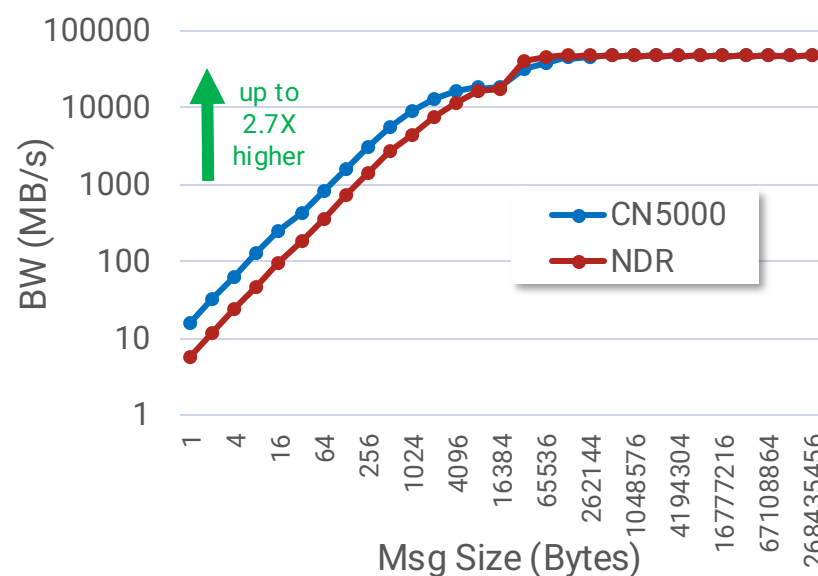
Leadership Latency, Small-Message Bandwidth, and Message Rate

Delivering Enhanced Application Scaling & Addressing The Broad Range of Application Sensitivity

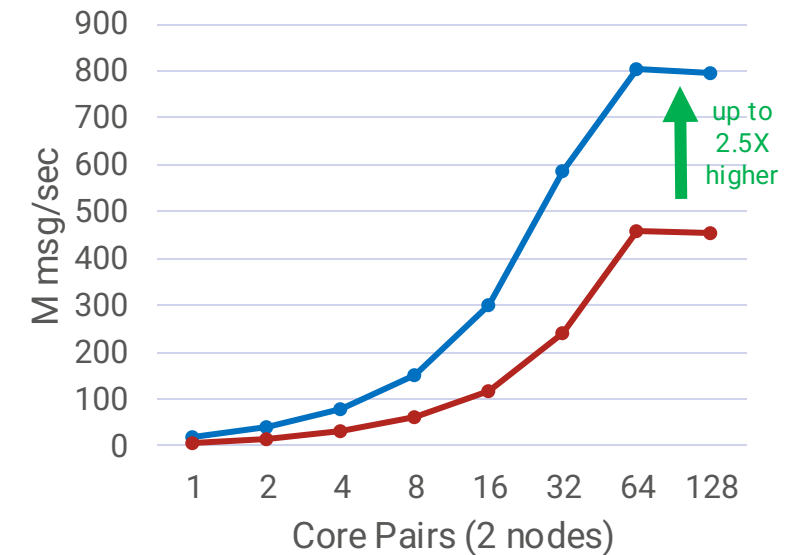
### PingPong Latency



### Uni-dir Bandwidth

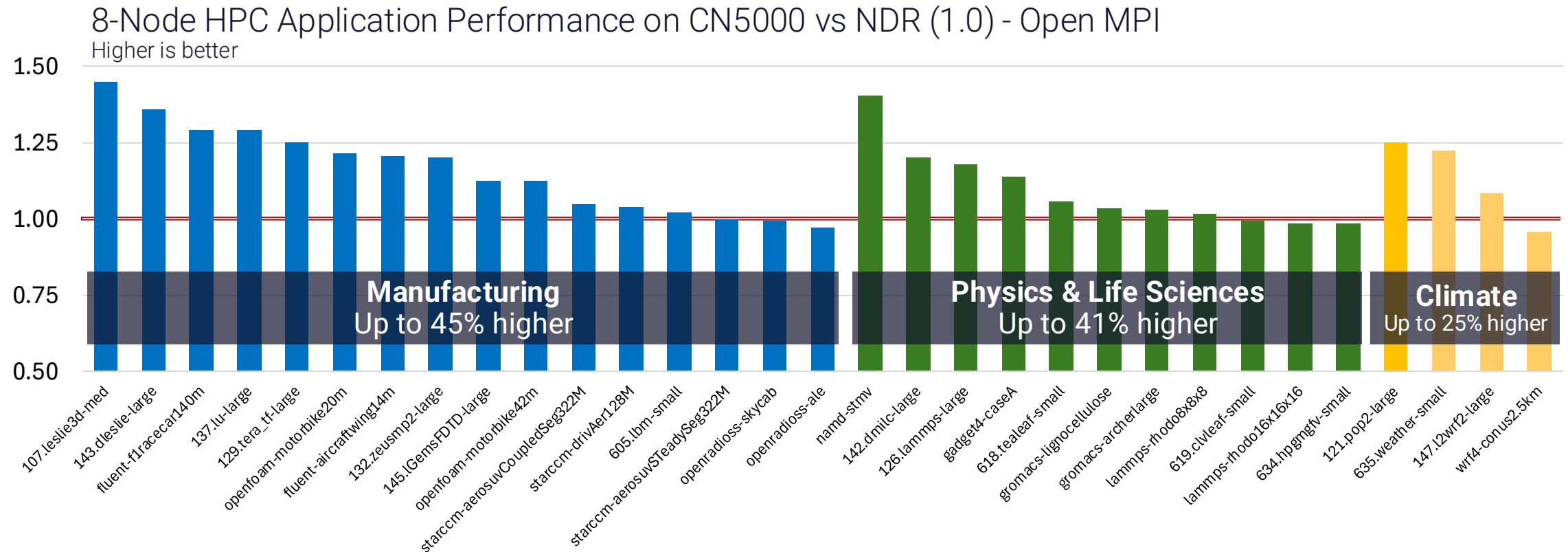


### 8B Bi-dir Message Rate



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# HPC Application Performance - AMD Turin



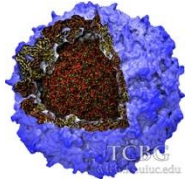
**Achieve Up To 45% Higher HPC Performance; Differentiated Performance Across Segments**

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# NAMD-stmv Scaling Performance – AMD Turin

Molecular Dynamics application



Satellite Tobacco  
Mosaic Virus  
Benchmark

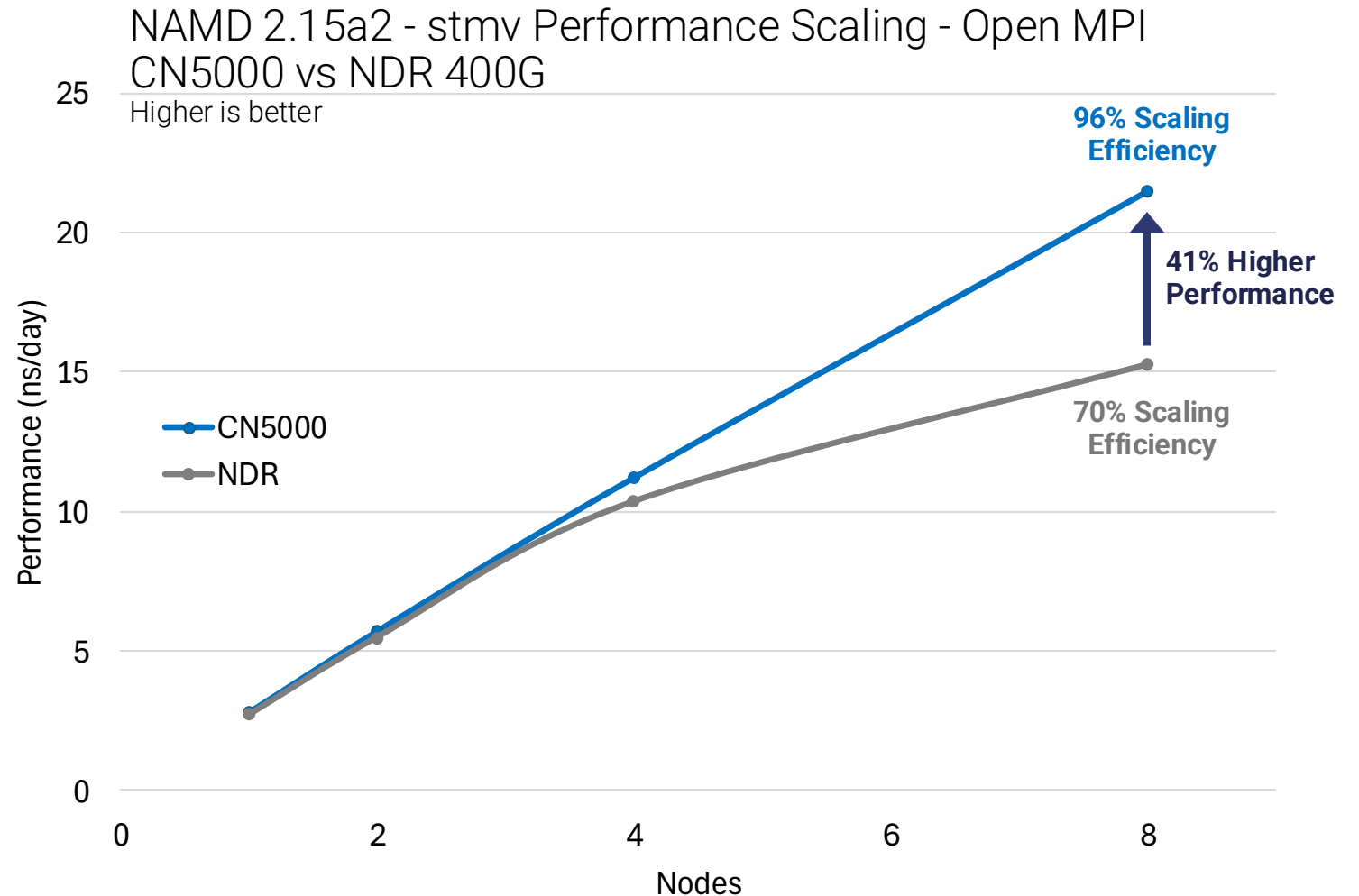
## Delivering Performance At Scale

41% higher performance at 8N

## Delivering More Efficient Scaling

Achieving 96% scaling efficiency

CN5000 delivers predictable scaling,  
growing workload performance as  
infrastructure scales



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# Summary

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Omni-Path Architecture delivers proven scalability and performance

Leading application performance at all scales for HPC & AI workloads

Maximizes efficiency of GPU and CPU based clusters

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