

PowerScale[™] Energy Management Technology For System p Servers

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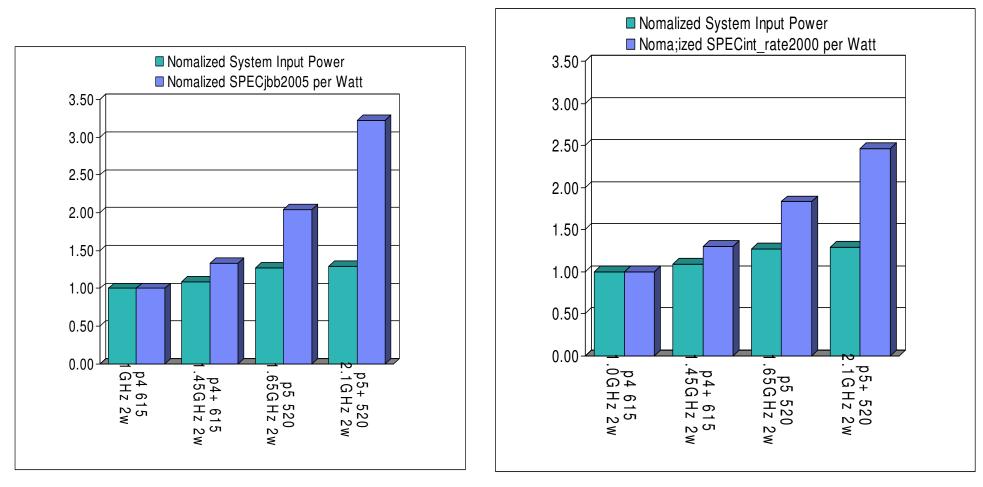
Overview | IBM's Big Green Innovation

- BIM increasing push for *Datacenter Energy Efficiency & Power Management*
 - Founding member of the "The Green Grid" Initiative in early 2007
 - now a 39 company strong consortium of compute industry leaders
 - "Project Big Green," announced May 10, 2007 YouTube Project Big Green in Second Life
 - IBM is allocating \$1 Billion per year towards the goal of making IT infrastructures more energy-efficient
 - IBM claims this effort will enable average 25,000-square-foot data center to cut energy bills by 42 percent.
 - IBM has also set a goal of doubling the computing capacity of its worldwide data centers by 2010 while keeping power consumption levels steady.
- Only IBM has the depth and breadth to create a comprehensive end-to-end solution for the datacenter
 - IBM engineers design energy-efficiency into all levels of computing:
 - From the layout of the datacenter floor space
 - Through the workload management and IT software stack
 - To the server hardware components and integration
 - To the transistors on the computer chips



System p | IBM Energy Efficient Hardware Design

IBM Server Performance/Power Efficiency Is Increasing



Hardware Configuration: CEC 2-way, 8 GB memory, 1 DASD

Overview | IBM's Big Green Innovation

- IBM's Cool BlueTM Technology, first outlined in 2005
 - Modified description from the IBM website
 - 1. Start with a smartly designed server that takes less power to deliver the maximum function and performance
 - 2. Pair the server with a well-planned rack and data center layout.
 - 3. Manage IT infrastructure via industry leading portfolios, e.g.:
 - Tivoli Software Suite for workload management
 - IBM Systems Director for Partitioning and Virtualization
 - 4. Finish with power management tools that measure power and heat while collecting and trending power consumption and temperature data server-by-server, enabled by IBM PowerExecutive[™].
 - Now starting with POWER6, we complete the picture with IBM's EnergyScale[™] technology that will allow the customer to manage the power/performance of their servers as per configurable policy.



Overview | IBM's Big Green Innovation

• IBM is leading with innovative hardware & software, products & services

Examples:

- Rear Door Heat eXchanger
 - Datacenter power and cooling management innovation
 - Introduced in July 2005
 - Use the existing chilled water supply already located in the majority of customer datacenters to reduce server heat emissions by up to 55 percent, and save up to 15 percent of energy costs

PowerExecutiveTM

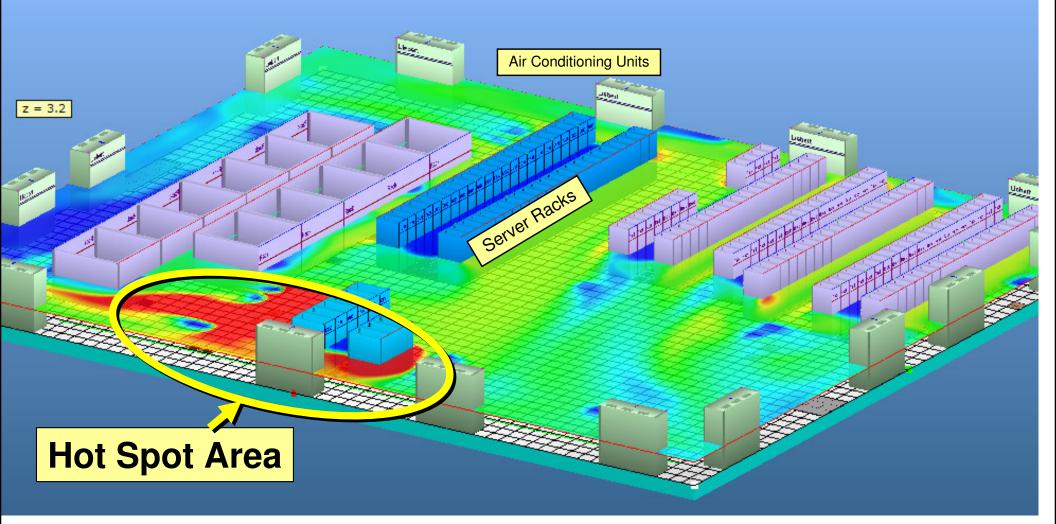
- Allows the customer to monitor power consumption of a collection of servers
- Started shipping in November 2005
- Shipped on a majority of System X rack-mounted servers and blades in 2006
- Recently added Power Capping capability
- Begins shipping in June 2007 on System P servers, taking advantage IBM EnergyScale[™] Technology on POWER6

POWER Hypervisor Partitioning and Virtualization

- Virtualization -- consolidates workloads onto a fewer number of processors, more efficient since has less unused server overhead
- IBM Micro-partitioning[™] lets workloads more efficently share the available processors
- Dynamic LPAR and Capacity on Demand (CoD) enables only the processors needed, allowing unused processors to be turned off



IBM Technology Eliminating Hot Spots in Datacenter

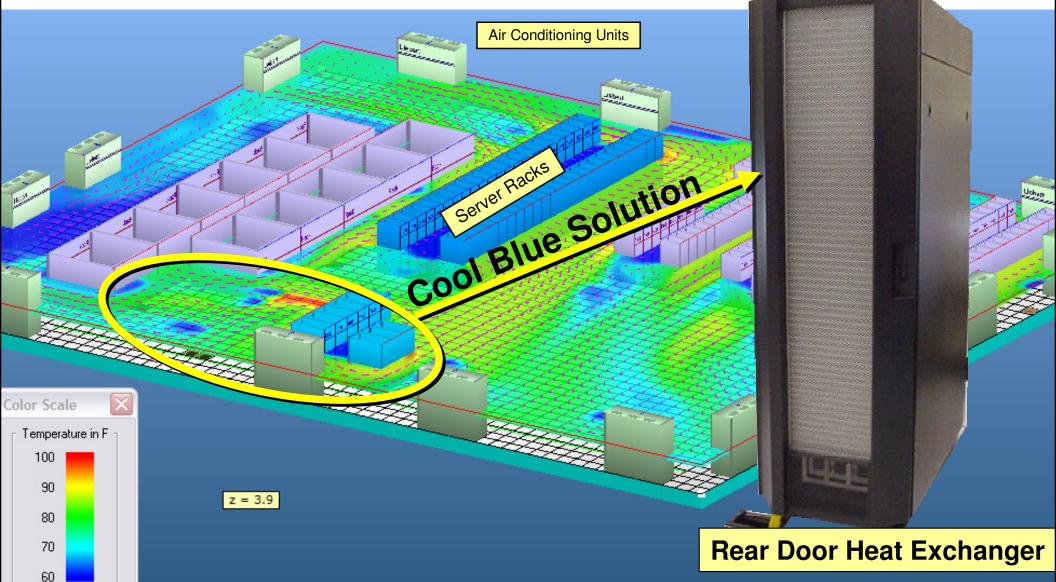




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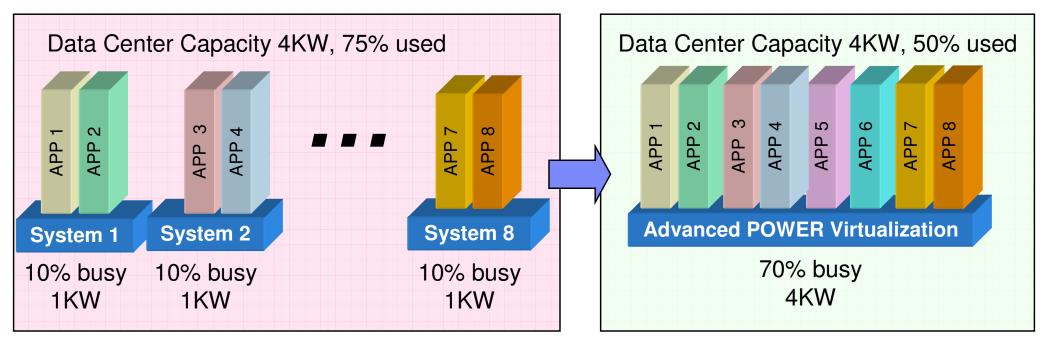
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Virtualization | System Level Energy Management

Physical Server Consolidation Conserves Energy



Total Power 8KW

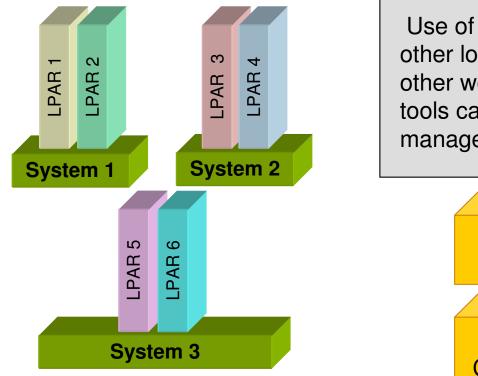
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Server consolidation exploiting virtualization is a very effective tool in reducing energy costs

Partition Management | Dynamic Energy Savings

Dynamically pack workloads to reduce overall power consumption

- Use LPAR Migration to pack workload to single system
- Systems 1 and 2 enter low power state or go off



Use of hibernation, powering off servers, and other low power states in combination with other workload balancing and provisioning tools can provide a valuable tool in management of Power and Thermal issues.

Automate Power Control

Policy based automation

Control Power Consumption Consolidate workloads to reduce



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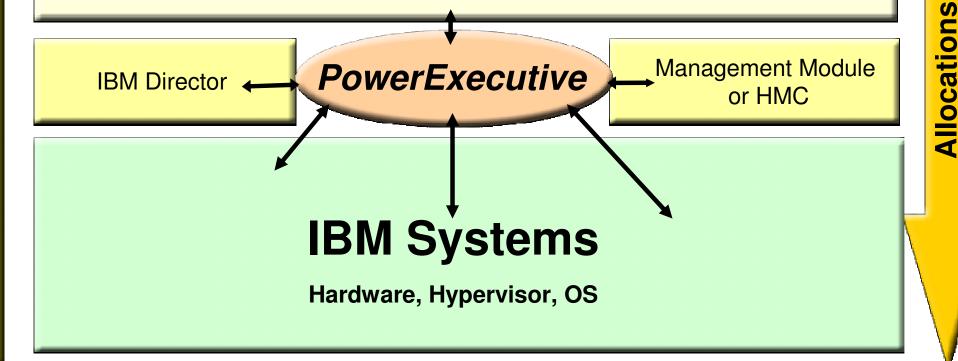
System Stack Enablement | PowerExecutiveTM

Facilities Management/HVAC/Power

Services (GTS Practice, Other Providers)

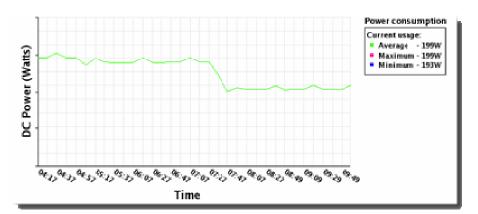
Enterprise Management (Tivoli®, OpenView)

Autonomic Managers (eWLM, WebSphere® XD, VE Console)



System Firmware | PowerExecutive[™] Interface

- IBM Strategic Interface
- Hardware Management Console may forward customer policy to PEx
- Select systems may communicate directly with PEx via the Common Information Model (CIM)
- P6 Blade conforms to the BladeCenter power and thermal management architecture



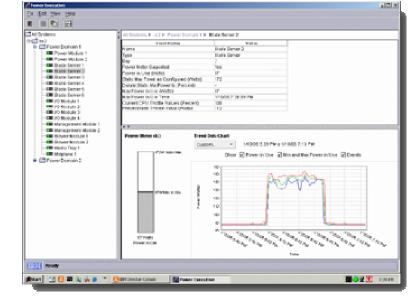


Figure 2: PowerExecutive Screenshot

Figure 1: POWER6 BladeCenter Screenshot

View a demo online at http://www.ibm.com/systems/management/director/extensions/powerexec.html .



Demonstrations | IBM PowerExecutiveTM

PowerExecutive base features and function



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PowerExecutive -- Power Capping capability

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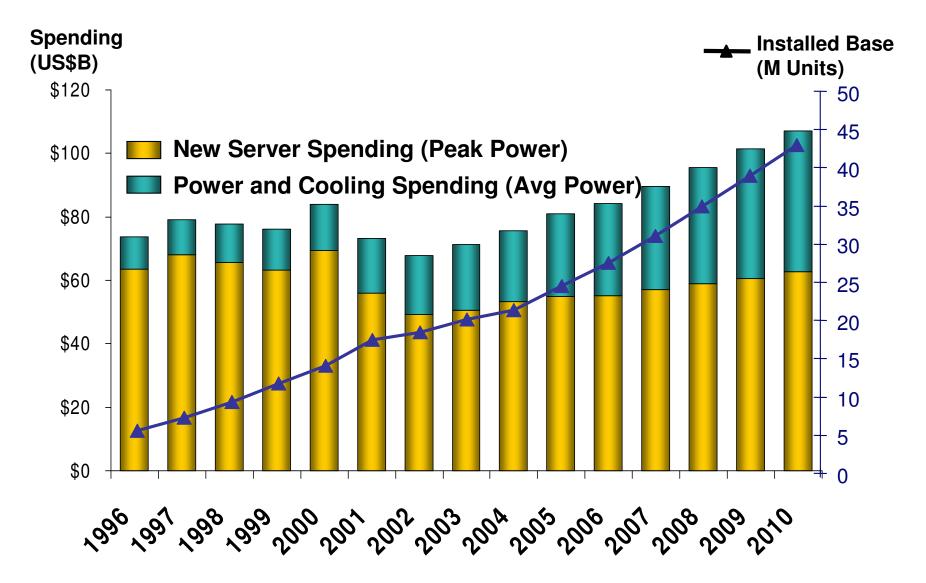


Overview | IBM's Big Green Innovation

- Datacenter Energy costs and concerns are increasing due to several converging factors:
 - Compute density and therefore power consumption is growing exponentially
 - Smaller chips with multiple processor cores per chip
 - Smaller transistors with higher energy leakage (tradeoff to maintain performance increases)
 - Rising energy costs
 - Including increased cost of electricity during hours peak consumption in some markets
 - Overstressed power grids in some locations/scenarios (rolling brownouts)
 - Increased sensitivity to Carbon Emissions and the Environment
 - Existing and Impending Government Regulations in Japan, EU, and the US



Datacenter Cost



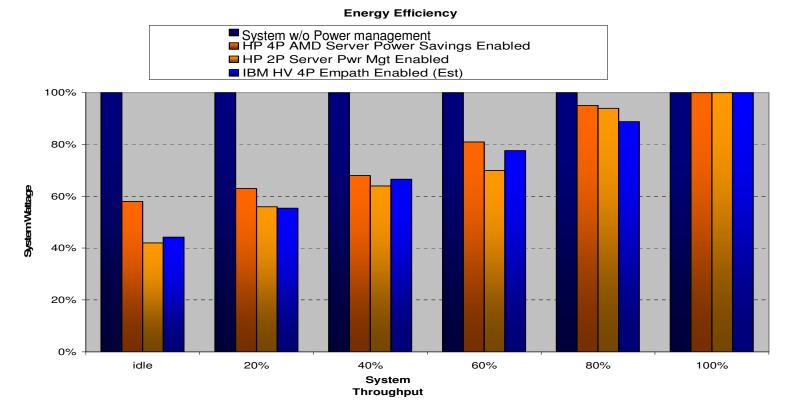
SOURCE: IDC, 'The Impact of Power and Cooling on Data Center Infrastructure,' Document #201722 May 2006"



Growing Issue | Average Power

- Average power has had minimal impact on previous system designs Possible exception is RAS computations
- In the future average power will be as important as peak power is today
 SPEC Benchmarks will be published at a range of CPU utilizations
 System power management strategy enables exploitation of variation in workloads or

 - environment
 - POWER/PERF analysis at a single operating point is not sufficient
 - An optimal power performance curve is required





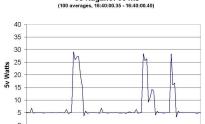
Average Power Minimization

- Fast Sense and Respond
- Capping Ability



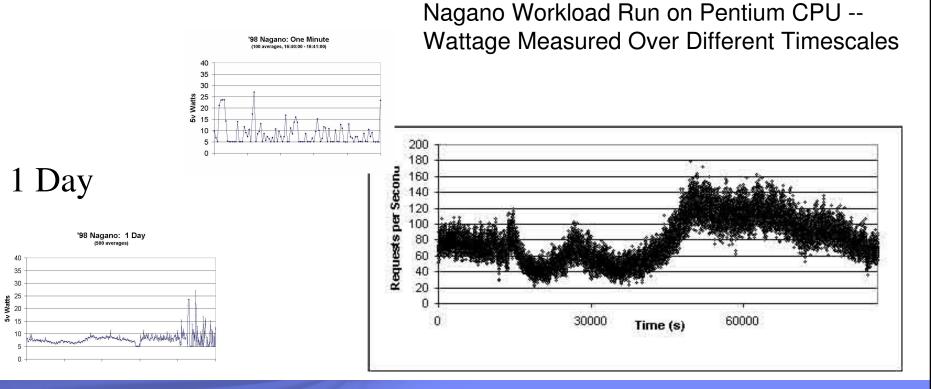
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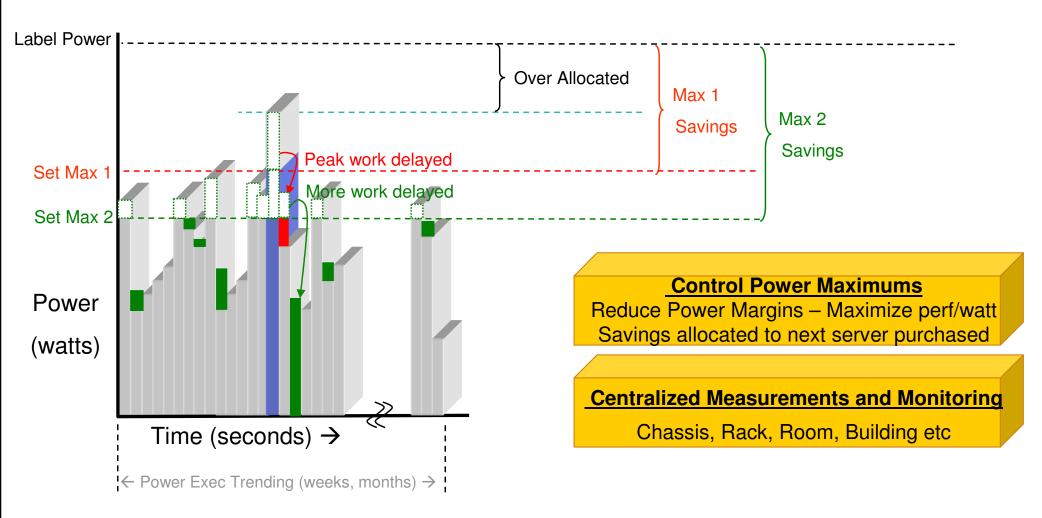


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Managing Power vs. Performance

A graph of power consumed by the server over time.

- Today, label power is the only option within the server
- Set Max 1 Power Limit Very conservative, little delay
- Set Max 2 Power Limit Less conservative, more delay

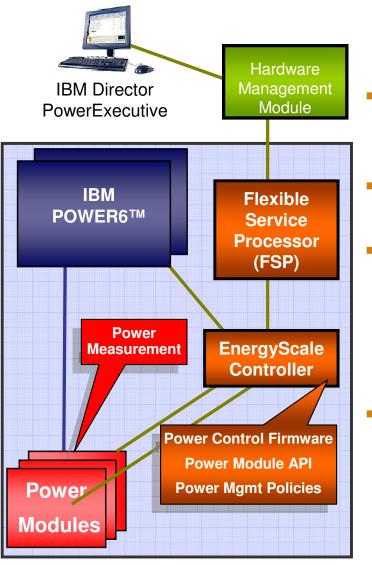


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Overview | POWER6 EnergyScale[™] Functions

Architecture Illustration



Thermal / Power Measurement

- Read thermal data from processor chip thermal sensors
- Measure power data from system level sensors
- Report data via PowerExecutive[™]

System Health Monitoring/maintenance

Use of hardware sensors to ensure system is operating within predefined safety bounds

Power Capping

- Precision control to keep system power under a specified limit

Power Saving

- Operation at reduced power/energy when workload and/or policy allows
 - Can be a static policy (e.g. overnight reduction)
 - Can be dynamic (when absolute max performance is not always required).

Performance-aware Power Management

- Dedicated sensors to guide power and thermal management
- Policy-guided to enhance performance under power/thermal constraints or enhanced power savings



Overview | POWER6 EnergyScale[™] Customer Value

Finer Data Center Control and Management

- Policy-driven control allows the customer to direct behavior of the system
- Guarantee customer-configured power, thermal, and performance targets
- Reduce or eliminate under-provisioning found in many data centers
- Reduce or avoid capital construction costs in new and existing data centers
- Provide critical event and comprehensive system usage information
- Enable integration into larger scope system and datacenter management frameworks

Lower Operating Costs with Improved Performance

- Dynamically maintain the power and temperature within prescribed limits
- Reduce cost by simplifying facilities needed for power and cooling
- Allows higher processor frequency and performance within a power budget than otherwise possible

Enhanced Availability

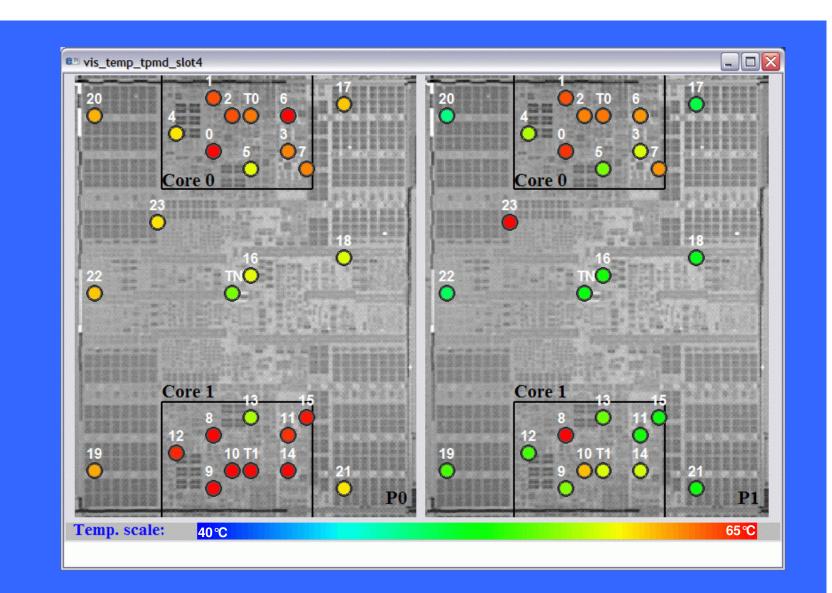
- Safely continue system operations under adverse thermal conditions and power availability
- React to key component failure such as power supply and cooling faults (Oversubscription Protection)

Real-time, Measurement-based Control and System-level Optimization

- *Directly* measures voltage, current, and temperature to determine the characteristics of workloads.
- Honors power measurement times to 1-millisecond accuracy.
- Performs closed-loop feedback control to provide the optimal system solution.
- Considers a holistic view of system power consumption, not just focus on the processor

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Example | Real-Time Temperature Monitoring in POWER6 chip





System Implementations | Power6 HV8 Overview

System Overview

- 8U Rack-mount or Tower
- 256 GB of System Memory
- 6 Standard-size or
 12 small-form-factor SAS Disks

- Linux-based Flexible Service Processor (FSP)
- 4 Processor Cards, each featuring a Dual-core
 POWER6 Module

Optional Add-on "Thermal and Power Management Device" (TPMD)

- H8-2166 Microcontroller
- ThreadX RTOS
- 1 Millisecond Accuracy
- I2C Communication Channels

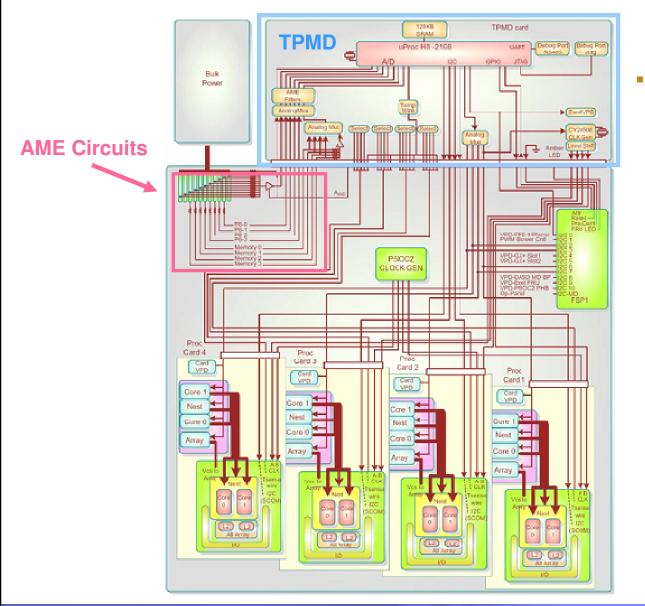
- Shared interfaces to VRMs
- Dedicated interfaces to each P6
- On-chip A/D Converters measure AME Circuitry

Primary Actuators

- Dynamic Voltage / Frequency Slewing
 CPU Throttling
- Memory Throttling
- Memory Power-down



System Implementations | POWER6 HV8 Diagram



TPMD Card Highlights

- H8-2166 Microcontroller @ 31 Mhz
- Dynamically Skewable Clock Generator
- 80 pin connector
- Dedicated IIC Bus & Attention line to FSP
- Dedicated IIC Bus to each P6
- P6 Thermistor Sense Lines
- Bulk Current Sense
- Bulk Voltage Sense
- Processor Current Sense
- Memory Current Sense
- Shared IIC Bus to VRMs



System Implementations | POWER6 Blade

System Overview

- IBM BladeCenter Blade
- 32 GB of System Memory (Base Blade)
- 0-1 2.5" SAS Drives

- Linux-based Flexible Service Processor (FSP)
- 4-way: 2 dual-core P6 modules

Mandatory Embedded TPMD card for Oversubscription Support

- H8-2166 Microcontroller
- ThreadX RTOS
- 1 Millisecond Accuracy
- I2C Communication Channels

Primary Actuators

- CPU Throttling
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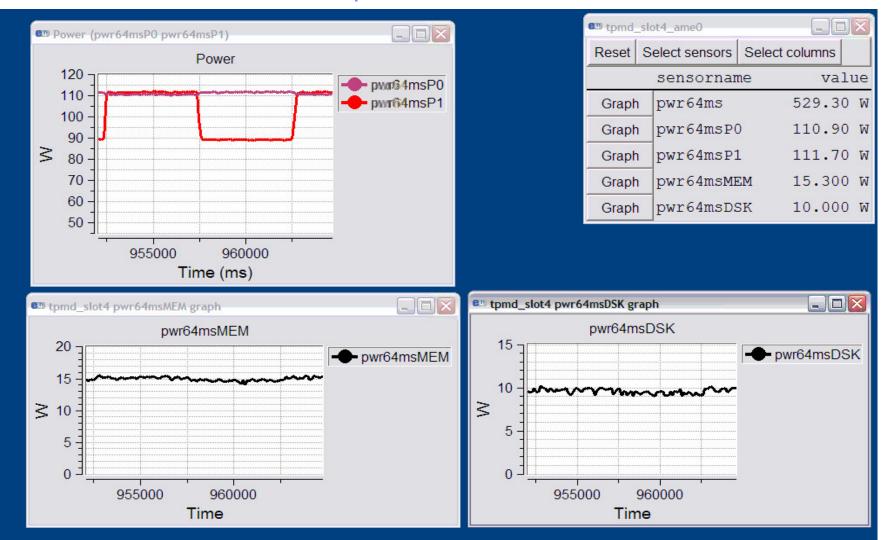
Very Similar to the HVx Design

- Shared interfaces to VRMs
- Dedicated interfaces to each P6
- On-chip A/D Converters for AME Circuitry
- Oversubscription Notification



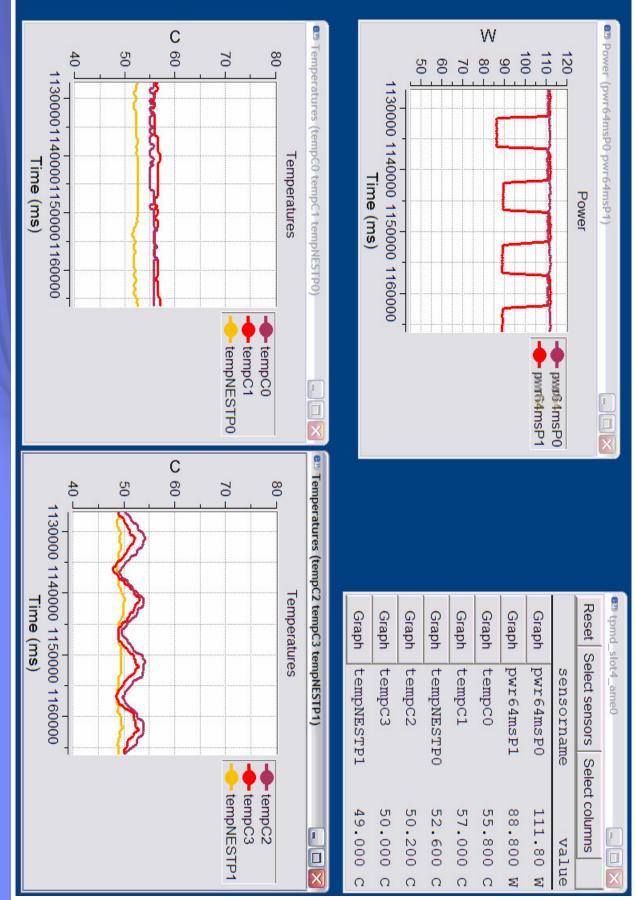


POWER6 Lab Demo | **Power Measurement**

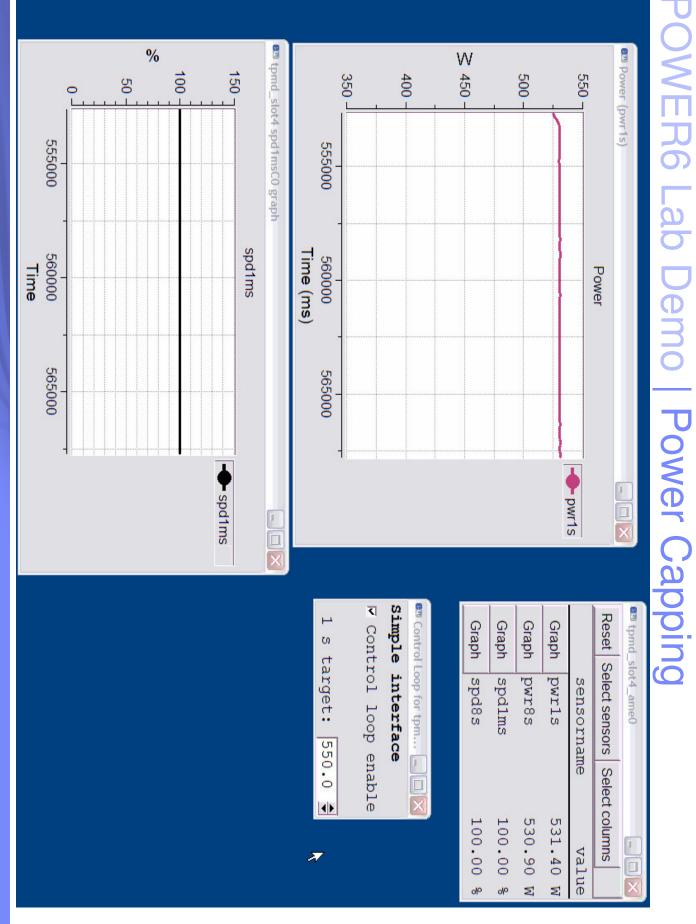


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Vision | Energy Management Policies

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PWR MGMT MODE	Description
Max Power Save	Minimum average energy, Benchmark & Regulation "mode"
Performance Aware Power Save	Set a performance floor and run in Max Power Save Mode
Power Capping	Clip performance based on VRM currents
Turbo	Increase power until thermal sensor or current sensor detect overload situation
Acoustic Optimization	Detect system temperatures and find minimum fan speed to meet max temp requirement
Workload Exploitation/Fix performance	Traditional mode we ship with extra capability to exploit workload power offset from Max power

Energy management policies designed to enable clients to optimize utilization of their most precious resources

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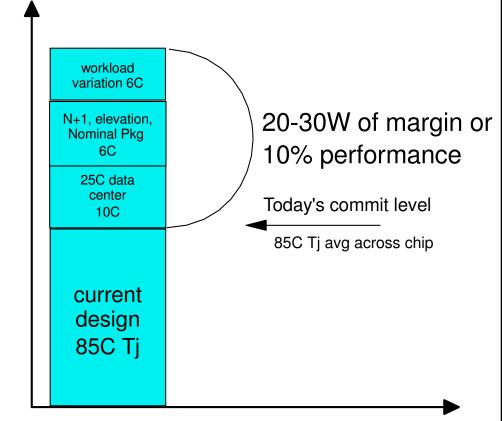


Vision | Enhance Performance (Turbo mode)

- Create an "autonomic" system model that enables the computer to utilize all margin in the installed environment to optimize a customer valued parameter
 - performance - acoustics

Exploiting

- all cooling capabilities
- workload variation
- environment offer
- system manufacturing tolerance
- The "autonomic" mechanisms of the new design still enable the traditional performance and risk trade-offs of traditional thermal management designs



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