



# OpenVMS SAN/Storage Technical Directions



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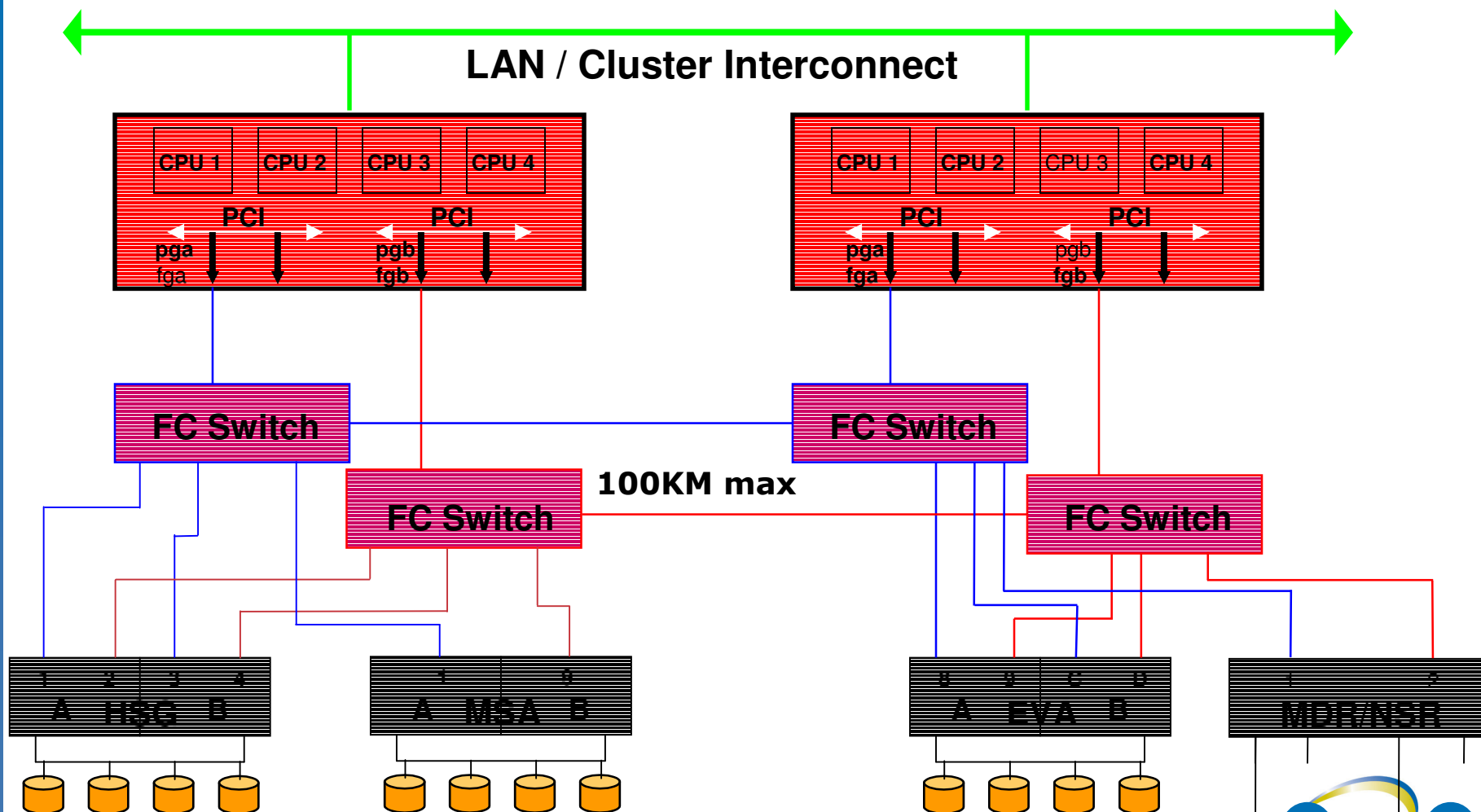




# hp OpenVMS Storage Technology

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# Typical FibreChannel Configuration





# hp OpenVMS V7.3-2 Storage Features



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- *LP10000 Support*
- *Dynamic Volume Expansion*
- *Shadowing of dis-similar volumes*
- *Mount Verification Filtering*
- *Smart Array Fast Path*
- *Fabric Management Enhancements*

# V7.3-2 Projects



## *LP10000 Support*

- LP10000 is a new dual channel 2gb FibreChannel Adapter (FCA2404DC)
  - Consumes a single PCI slot
  - PCI-X capable
  - 40K IO/sec per port
  - 200MB/sec per port (needs PCI-X slot)
- Should ship in Q3 CY 2004
  - V7.3-2 fibre\_scsi V300
  - V7.3-1 fibre\_scsi V600
  - V7.2-2 fibre\_scsi V600

# V7.3-2 Projects



## *Dynamic Volume Expansion (DVE)*

- Storage arrays today can dynamically expand volumes
- OpenVMS could not utilize the expanded volume without re-initializing
- OpenVMS dynamic volume expansion allows allocation of extra bitmap space at init time and then later enables volume size expansion while the device is mounted

- \$ init /limit \$1\$dga100: name *! Allocates 1TB bitmap*
- \$ mount/cluster \$1\$dga100: name *! Mount and use volume*
- *(expand physical volume size using management tools)*
- \$ set volume \$1\$dga100: /size=xxxxxx *! Set new size*

- For volumes already initialized

- \$ dismount/cluster \$1\$dga100: *! Dismount volume*
- \$ mount \$1\$dga100: name *! Privately mount volume*
- \$ set volume \$1\$dga100: /limit *! Allocate new bitmap*
- \$ mount/cluster \$1\$dga100: name *! Cluster mount volume*
- *(expand physical volume size using management tools)*
- \$ set volume \$1\$dga100: /size=xxxxxx *! Set new size*

# V7.3-2 Projects



## *Dissimilar Device Shadowing (DDS)*

- Prior to V7.3-2, shadowed volumes had to be identical in size
  - This made it impractical to shadow between different types of storage arrays
- Different sized volumes can now be shadowed
  - The size of the smallest volume determines the size of the shadow set
  - The shadow set can only be mounted on V7.3-2 nodes
  - The size of the shadow set can be grown using DVE



# V7.3-2 Projects



## *Quieter Mount Verification*

- In a SAN there are many reasons for “normal” mount verifications
  - Path switch by another cluster node
  - Dropped FC packets (not a norm, but it does happen)
  - Transient command timeout to a busy storage device
- These result in mount verification messages that alarm system managers
- “Quiet” mount verification will allow infrequent, immediately recovered mount verifications to be suppressed from operator logs
- Sysgen parameters (setting either of these to 0 results in previous behaviour)
  - Mvsupmsg\_intvl (*default 1 hour*)
  - Mvsupmsg\_num (*default 5*)
- Mount verification messages are suppressed unless that are more than “Mvsupmsg\_num” mount verifications within “Mvsupmsg\_num” seconds to a single device

# V7.3-2 Projects



## *Smart Array 5300 Fastpath*

### – Fastpath is now available for the Smart Array 5300

- Sysgen parameter fast\_path\_ports bits (*set to zero to enable fastpath*)
- Fastpath enabled for all devices by default
  - bit 0      Controls Fast Path for PKQDRIVER (for parallel SCSI).
  - bit 1      Controls Fast Path for FGEDRIVER (for Fibre Channel).
  - bit 2      Controls Fast Path for PKADRIVER (for Ultra3 SCSI).
  - bit 3      Controls Fast Path for PEDRIVER (for LAN).
  - bit 4      Controls Fast Path for PKRDRIVER (for SMART Array 5300).

–\$ set dev pkx /pre=x

*! Changes preferred CPU*



# V7.3-2 Projects



## *Fabric Management Enhancements*

- Removed FC port reset on RSCN
  - Prior versions of VMS have reset the FC port (KGPSA adapter), on receipt of fabric RSCN (most common cause would be a re-zone of a switch)
  - This caused all I/O to be aborted and resulted in many device path switches (and mount verification messages)
- PLOGI retry
  - For any device on the SAN that fails PLOGI, VMS will now re-attempt PLOGI every 5 minutes
  - Allows configuration of some class of devices without a re-boot (HSG with full host table, or an XP array which had no VMS LUNs at VMS boot time)

# V7.3-2 Projects



## *Fabric Management Enhancements*

- Fabric name table scan
  - VMS now scans the fabric name table every 5 seconds
  - This allows device configuration of a device in the event that we lose the RSCN message associated with adding a device to the fabric
- Verbose FibreChannel device configuration
  - Boot flags of 10000/30000
  - Define `iogen$verbose` prior to running “`sysman io auto`”
- New `fibre_scan` utility
  - `$ mc sys$etc:fibre_scan`
  - Scans the entire fabric for configured and non-configured devices
  - Used as a diagnostic tool for SAN configuration problems



# hp OpenVMS V8.2 Storage Features



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- *Host-Based MiniMerge*
- *SCSI Immediate Error Reporting*
- *Configurable IO Queue Management*



# *Host-Based MiniMerge*

- CI storage used controller-assisted history log to keep track of writes. No such assists available with FC controllers
- Currently in Beta test of **host-based** MiniMerge solution, based on Write Bit Map technology (from MiniCopy)
- Will support **ALL** FC types (HSG, HSV, MSA, XP)
- Does NOT require any storage firmware assists
- Supported in H2 CY2004 on V7.3-2 via remedial kit
- Supported on V8.2 when it ships in H2 CY2004



# *SCSI Immediate Error Reporting*

- Some SCSI errors are reported asynchronously via “unit attention” responses on the next SCSI command
- On idle paths errors can be reported days or weeks after they happen
  - This can confuse the user because a mount verification can occur for no apparent reason
  - This can cause field service to swap a part that was previously swapped when the error was reported earlier on a different path
- VMS will now scan all paths once per hour for errors
  - Sysgen scsi\_error\_poll = 1 (on) by default
  - We’ll backport this new feature to V7.3-2



# Configurable IO Queue Management



- Prior to V7.3-1 VMS implemented a variable IO queue depth per LUN (3-16 based on recent IO sizes)
  - This caused severe performance problems on raid luns for large IO sizes
- In V7.3-1 we moved to a scheme where the host didn't limit IO queue depths until the storage subsystem asked us to back off (via qfull response)
  - Upon receiving qfull we issue no more IO until  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the outstanding IO completes (on a given storage subsystem port) and then we again allow the queue size to build until we get another qfull

# *Configurable IO Queue Management*



- Unfortunately due to the large number of commands that can be in flight in a SAN, we find that the existing algorithm is still too aggressive.
  - Many mount verification messages can result when the same IO gets a qfull response several times in a row
  - Performance suffers badly on the HSG when it has to return qfull responses
  - In extreme cases, the HSG can crash if it receives more IO after signaling qfull

# Configurable IO Queue Management



- In V8.2, we'll move to a default qfull algorithm that drains 1/2 of existing io requests and then allows the queue depth to increase by 1 enter every 5 seconds.
  - This combined with HSG ACS 8.8 will solve the HSG80 qfull problems
  - There will also be user control of IO queues
    - Hard queue limit per storage sub-system port
    - Variable queue growth limits based on time or load
    - We strongly suggest leaving the default behavior unless the customer can't upgrade to HSG ACS 8.8
- The V8.2 qfull algorithm will be backported to V7.3-2





# Living with HSG qfull problems





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- The HSG80 can queue up to 240 commands per port (4 ports on an HSG80)
  - When the command queue is exceeded you'll see performance problems, excessive mount verification messages and possibly HSG controller crashes
- The EVA can queue 2048 commands / port
- The MSA can queue 512 commands / port

# Checking qfull responses



SDA> fc stdt /all

PGA0 SPDT 8157A040 STDTs

STDT	FC-LA	Port Name	STDT Stat	PRLI Stat	Port I/Os	Dev I/Os	Cred I/Os	Act Sus	Cmd Sus	Cnf Pnd	Rst Act	PRLO Pnd	Cls Pau	QF Seen	Tgt Rsts	Ill Frms	Seq Tmo
816AC880	0000E	5000.1FE1.0001.84D1	0001	0001	0000	0020	0007	000	000	000	000	000	000	0913	0000	0000	00A9
816C4840	0000F	5000.1FE1.0001.84D3	0001	0001	0000	0009	000B	000	000	000	000	000	000	00FC	0000	0000	0278
81A6EC00	00025	5000.1FE1.5001.A3E8	0001	0001	0000	0000	0000	000	000	000	000	000	000	0000	0000	0000	0000
81A6F0C0	00026	5000.1FE1.5001.A3EC	0001	0001	0000	0000	0000	000	000	000	000	000	000	0000	0000	0000	0000
816DF640	00012	5006.0E80.034E.9B00	0001	0001	0000	0028	0000	000	000	000	000	000	000	0000	0000	0000	3D97
817BCF40	00023	5008.05F3.0001.AF11	0001	0001	0000	0000	0000	000	000	000	000	000	000	0000	0000	0000	0000

PGB0 SPDT 817C6740 STDTs

STDT	FC-LA	Port Name	STDT Stat	PRLI Stat	Port I/Os	Dev I/Os	Cred I/Os	Act Sus	Cmd Sus	Cnf Pnd	Rst Act	PRLO Pnd	Cls Pau	QF Seen	Tgt Rsts	Ill Frms	Seq Tmo
818A8F40	00010	5000.1FE1.0001.84D4	0001	0001	0000	0012	0001	000	000	000	000	000	000	00DC	0000	0000	0152
81864140	0000B	5000.1FE1.0001.84D2	0001	0001	0000	001D	000B	000	000	000	000	000	000	0869	0000	0000	0128
81AB3E00	00020	5000.1FE1.5001.A3E9	0001	0001	0000	0000	0000	000	000	000	000	000	000	0000	0000	0000	0000
81AB4300	00022	5000.1FE1.5001.A3ED	0001	0001	0000	0000	0000	000	000	000	000	000	000	0000	0000	0000	0000
818D6B80	00012	5006.0E80.034E.9B14	0001	0001	0000	002D	0000	000	000	000	000	000	000	0000	0000	0000	0B96
8196DA40	0001E	5008.05F3.0001.AF19	0001	0001	0000	0000	0000	000	000	000	000	000	000	0000	0000	0000	0000

SDA>



# Living with HSG qfull problems

- Balance IO across all HSG ports
  - set dev \$1\$dgaxxx /switch/path=FGA0.5000-1FE1-5001-A3E1
- Reduce IO load by migration hot luns to other storage arrays if possible
- Reduce DIOLM on accounts running hot IO jobs
- Backup is often the culprit behind HSG qfull problems
  - Backup will attempt 100s of concurrent IOs to try to keep ahead of streaming tape devices
  - Backup one lun at a time per HSG
  - Run backup in a captive account with diolm of 32-64 (testing shows that performance doesn't suffer)



# Integrity Server Systems IO Plans





# OpenVMS Integrity Server Systems IO Plans



- SCSI
  - A6829A U160 controller (lvd only)
  - U320 controller (lvd only)
  - No plans for multi-host SCSI
  - MSA30 storage shelf
- Host Based Raid
  - Smart array family (6400)
- FibreChannel
  - 2gb 2-channel adapter
    - A6826A (qlogic)
    - Storage (V8.2) & Cluster Interconnect (V8.3)
    - Full boot support
  - Storage Arrays
    - HSG / EVA / MSA / XP
  - Tape Libraries
    - ESL / MSL
      - Connect via MDR or NSR variants



# Storage Arrays



# Storage Products

## EVA 5000



- 4 2gb host ports
- 4 2gb FC disk ports (2 redundant loops)
- 240 disks / 35TB max
- 1GB mirrored cache
- Multi-level snapshots
- Dynamic LUN expansion
- CA/DRM for OpenVMS
- SSSU host based control utility



# Storage Products

## EVA 3000



- 4 2gb host ports
- 2 2gb FC disk ports(1 redundant loop)
- 56 disks / 8TB max
- 1GB mirrored cache
- Multi-level snapshots
- Dynamic LUN expansion
- CA/DRM for OpenVMS
- SSSU host based control utility



# HP StorageWorks xp128

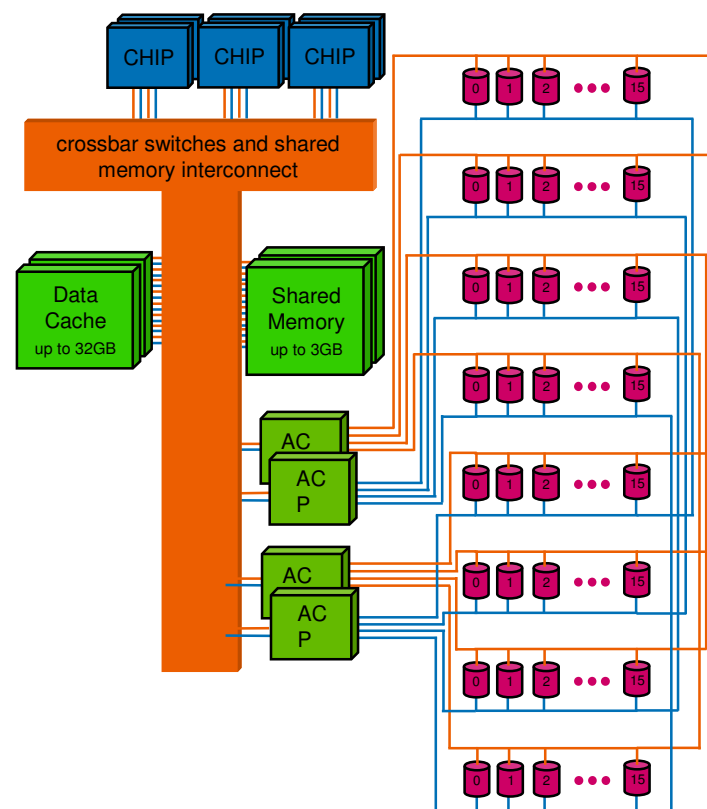
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Max Disk Drives	128
Max Capacity	18 TB raw 16 TB usable
Max Aggregated Crossbar Throughput	7.5 GB/s total 5 GB/s data 2.5 GB/s control
Max Sequential Data Transfer Rate	1.1 GB/s sustained 2.4 GB/s peak from cache
Max Random IOPS from Cache	375,000
Max LDEVs	8192

Enterprise Performance,  
Capacity, and Reliability  
in a Small Footprint



# HP StorageWorks xp128

Start at the size you need, scale as your needs grow, staying in the same small footprint



# HP StorageWorks xp1024

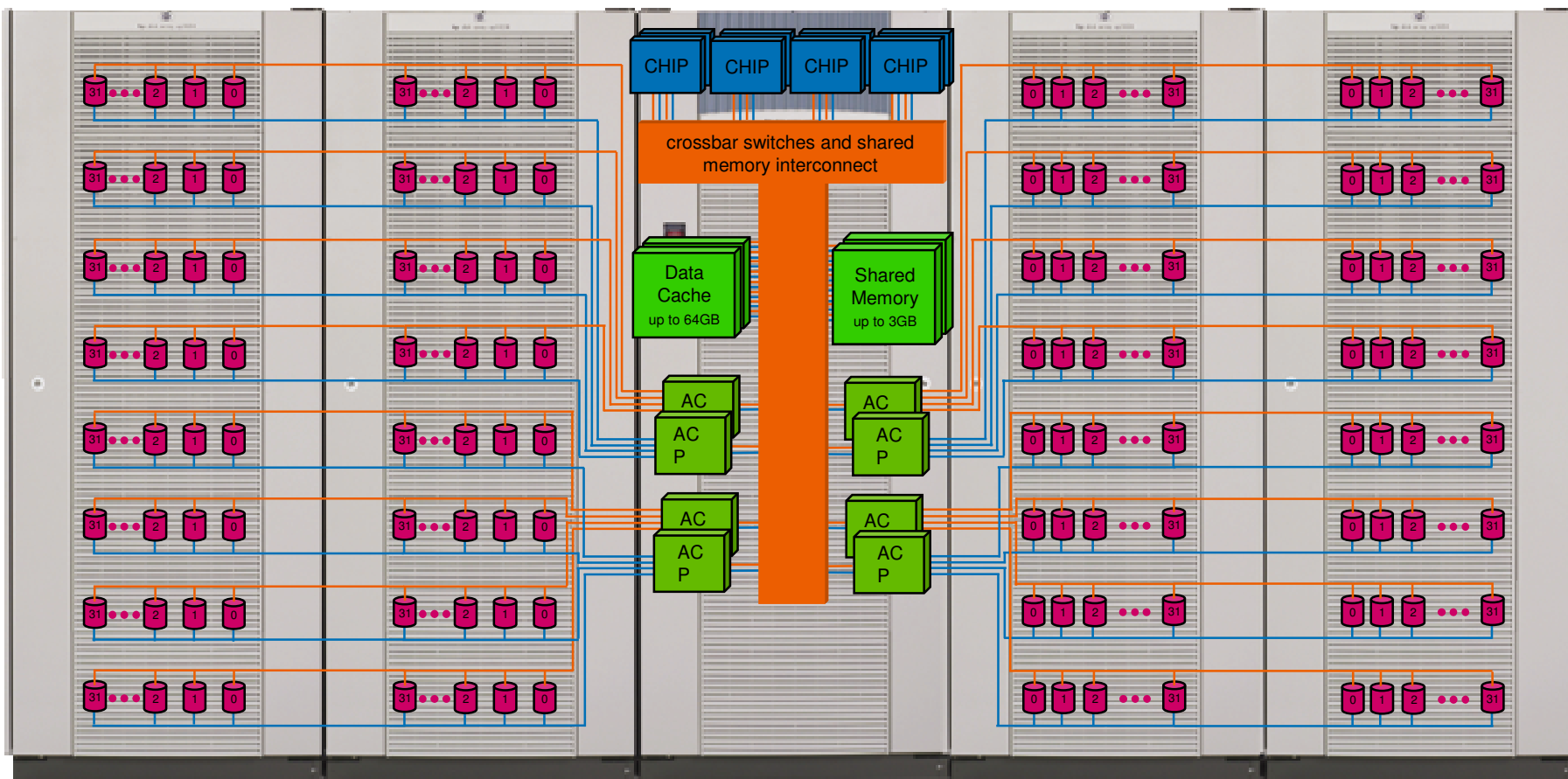
Unprecedented Performance,  
Scalability, and Reliability for  
the Enterprise

xp1024	
Max Disk Drives	1024
Max Capacity	149 TB raw 129 TB usable
Max Aggregated Crossbar Throughput	15 GB/s total 10 GB/s data 5 GB/s control
Max Sequential Data Transfer Rate	2 GB/s sustained 3.2 GB/s peak from cache
Max Random IOPS from Cache	500,000
Maximum LDEVs	8192



# HP StorageWorks xp1024

Start at the size you need, scale to the highest usable capacity of any array on the planet





# Storage Products



## *Modular Storage Array 1000*

- 2gb FibreChannel front-end
- 4 U160 SCSI backend ports
- 4u rackmount with 14 drives
- 28 additional drives with  
2 external storage shelves
- Works in existing SANs
- Low cost 2 node clusters  
*with embedded 3 port FC-AL hub  
(V7.3-2 only, Release TBD)*
- Supported with
  - V7.2-2
  - V7.3
  - V7.3-1
  - V7.3-2



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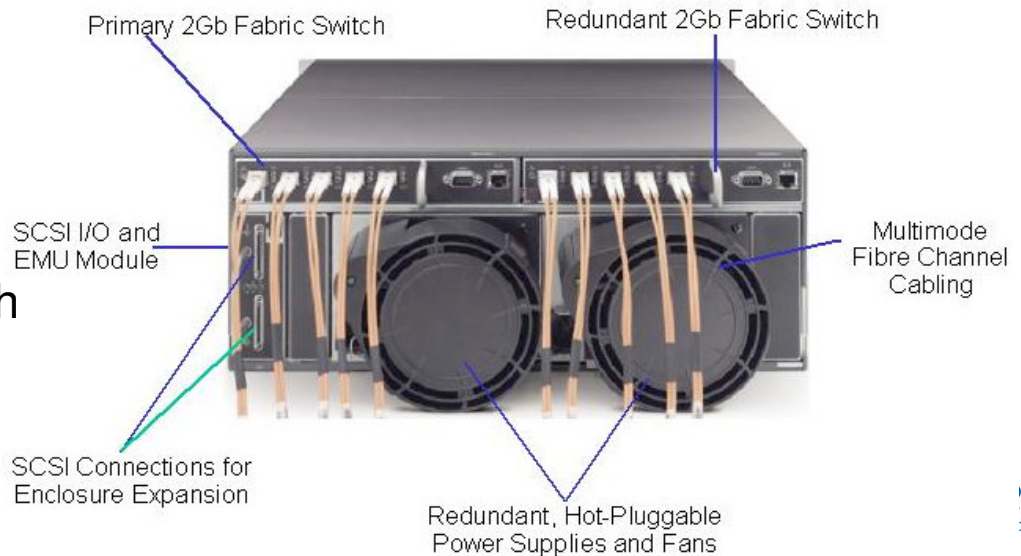
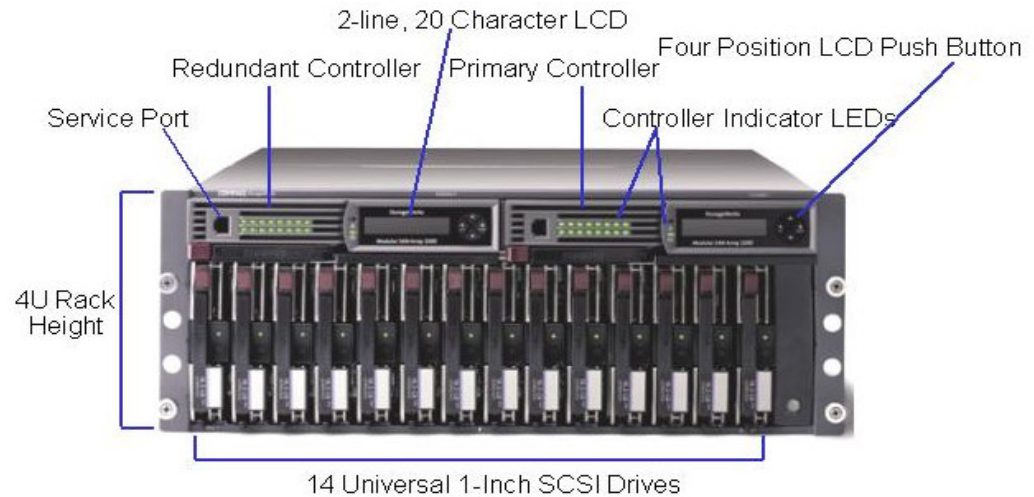


## *Modular Storage Array 1000*

- V4.24 firmware supports all OS
- Minimum Tima kits
  - OpenVMS V7.2-2  
VMS722\_FIBRE\_SCSI-V0400
  - OpenVMS V7.3  
VMS73\_FIBRE\_SCSI-V0500
  - OpenVMS V7.3-1  
VMS731\_MSA1000-V0100
- FC-AL release in future



# MSA1000 SAN Solution



## FC Connection Options

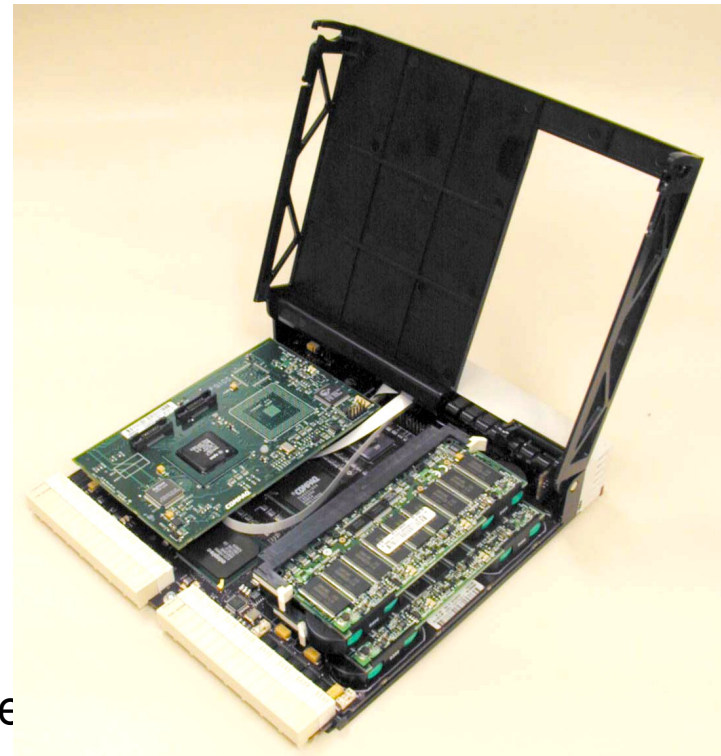
- Single 2Gb port for external switch
- 3 port 2Gb Hub (Future for VMS)
- 8 port 2Gb switch (Brocade)

# Storage Products

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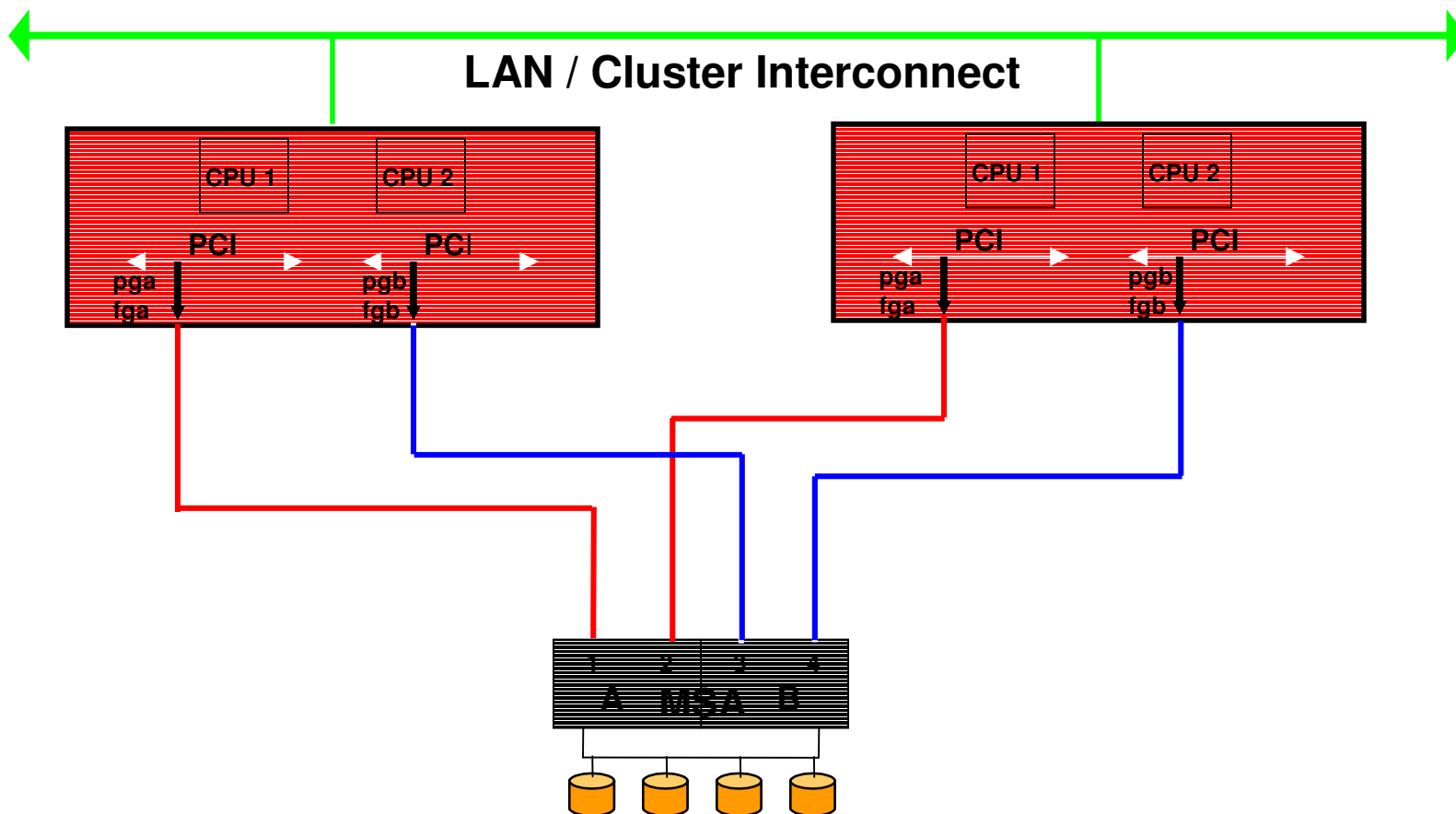


- High Performance Architecture
  - 200MB/sec throughput
  - 25,000 I/O per second
- Redundant controller support
  - Active/Standby in initial product
  - Active/Active in future
- RAID 0, 1, 0+1, 5 and ADG
- LUN Masking (SSP)
- 2Gb/1Gb auto-sense host ports
- Dual Cache Modules
  - Upgradeable to 512MB (per controller)
- Serial line config and management



# Low End FC-AL Based Cluster

(Not Yet Available)



# Storage Products



## Smart Array 5300

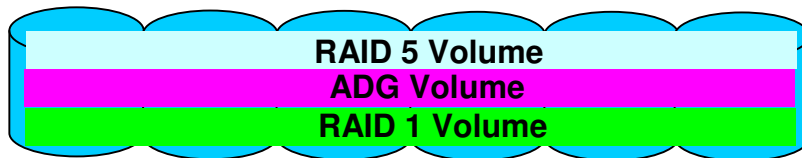
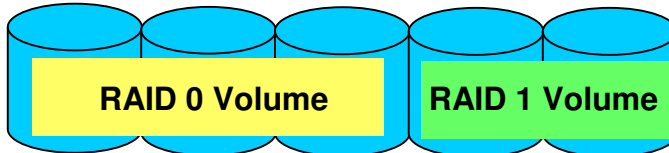
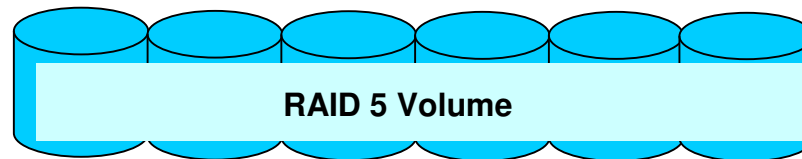
- Smart Array 5300
  - 2/4 U160 SCSI Channels
  - Up to 56 drives (4TB)
  - Raid0/1/5/ADG
  - Up to 256MB cache
- Supported on V7.3-1
  - 300MB/sec
  - 20K io/sec
- Fastpath with V7.3-2
- **Shadowing:**
  - Doesn't support forced error commands so full shadowing support is an issue. Shadowing works fine but a member will be ejected if an unrecoverable disk error occurs on one member and an error cannot be forced on the shadow copy*
- Smart Array 5400 (U320), due in late 2004



# HSG / MSA / EVA Volume Construction



RAID



HSG 80 / XP

MSA 1000 / Smart Array 5300

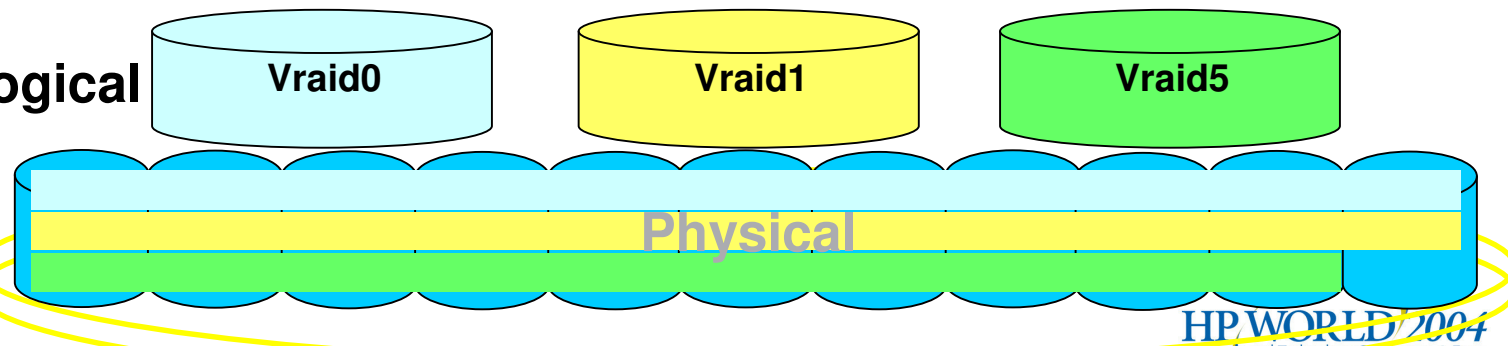
Vraid

Logical

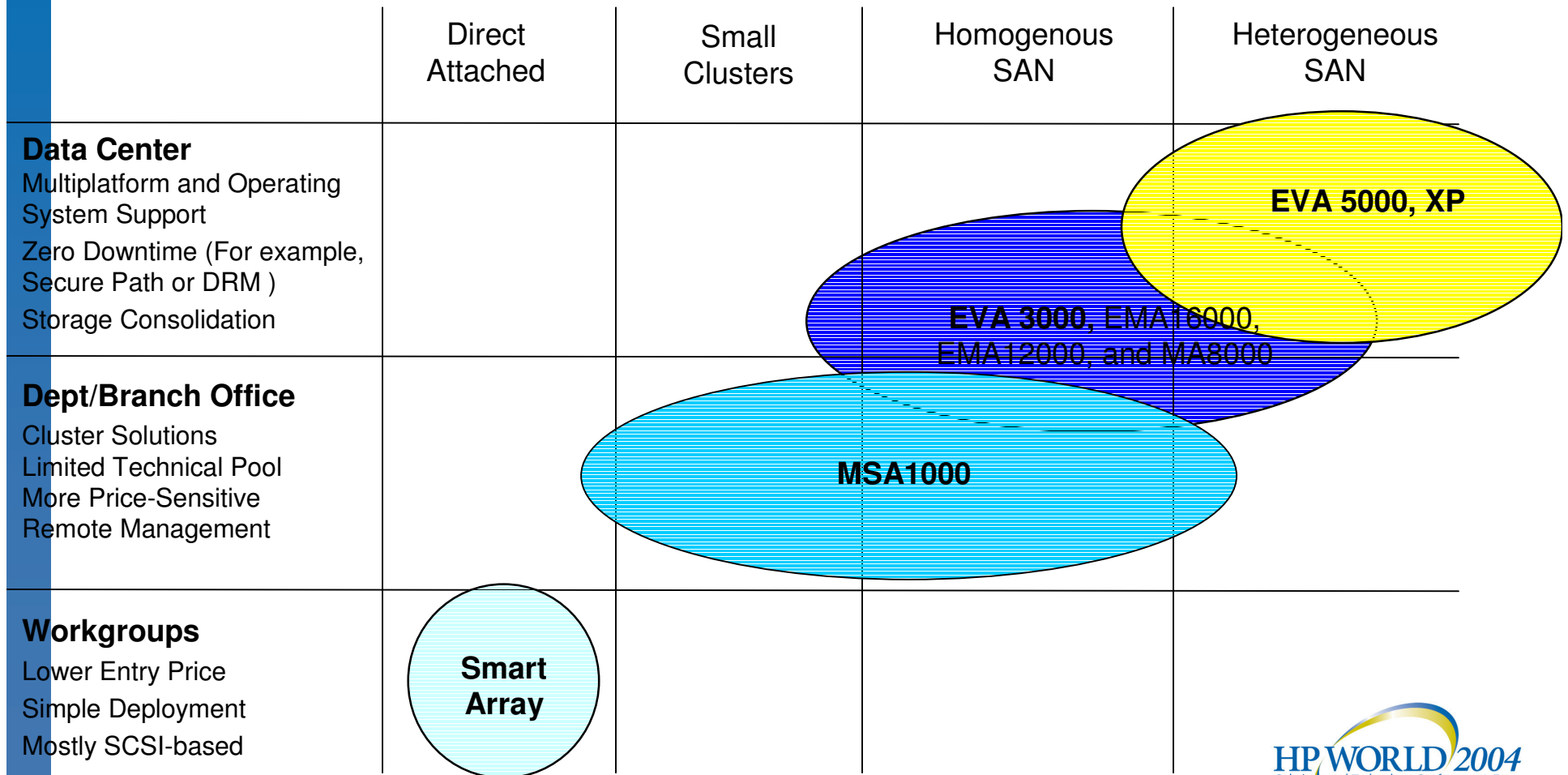
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Vraid1

Vraid5



# Storage Positioning

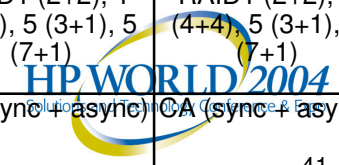




# StorageWorks Array Specs



Array	MSA1000	VA7110	VA7410	MA / EMA	EVA3000	EVA5000	XP 128	XP 1024
controllers	2	2	2	2	2	2	6	8
host interface	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC
host ports	1 to 16	2	4	4	4	4	24	32
drive interface	SCSI	FC	FC	SCSI	FC	FC	FC	FC
drive enclosure density	14	15	15	14	14	14	32	32
max. raw capacity	6 TB	6.5 TB	15 TB	6.1 TB/ma8k 18.3TB/ema12k	8TB	35TB	18 TB	149 TB
disk sizes	All Ultra3 / Ultra 320 drives (18 to 146 GB)	146GB/10k 73GB/15k,10k 36GB/15k,10k	146GB/10k 73GB/15k,10k 36GB/15k,10k	146GB/10k 73GB/15k,10k 36GB/15k,10k	146GB/10k 73GB/10k 36GB/15k,10k	146GB/10k 73GB/10k 36GB/15k,10k	146GB/10k 73GB/10k 36GB/15k,10k	146GB/10k 73GB/10k 36GB/15k,10k
max. no. of drives	42	45	105	42/ma8k 126/ema12k	56	240	128	1024
peak iops from cache	30	16,5k	31k	21k	105k	168k	375k	500k
peak iops from disk	ND	ND	10k	ND	13k	55k	27k	57k
peak sustained throughput	202 MB/s	160 MB/s	330 MB/s	ND	337 MB/s	525 MB/s *	2400 MB/s (front-end)	3200 MB/s (front-end)
cache capacity	512MB	2 GB	2 GB	512MB	2GB	2GB	32 GB	64 GB
snap/clone	Virt. Replicator	Business Copy	Business Copy	Snapshot	BC	BC	BC	BC
RAID configurations supported	RAID 0, 1, 3/5, 0+1, partitioning	RAID10, 5DP, AutoRaid	RAID10, 5DP, AutoRaid	RAID 0, 1, 3/5, 0+1, partitioning	Vraid0, Vraid1, Vraid5	Vraid0, Vraid1, Vraid5	RAID1 (2+2), 1 (4+4), 5 (3+1), 5 (7+1)	RAID1 (2+2), 1 (4+4), 5 (3+1), 5 (7+1)
replication		CASA	CASA	DRM (sync + async)	CA (3Q2003)	CA (2Q2003)	CA (sync + async)	CA (sync + async)



# Storage Arrays Roadmap

MSA1000



**Entry-Level:**  
Industry's lowest cost SAN storage

eva3000



**Mid-Range:**  
Enterprise-class for the mid-range

eva5000

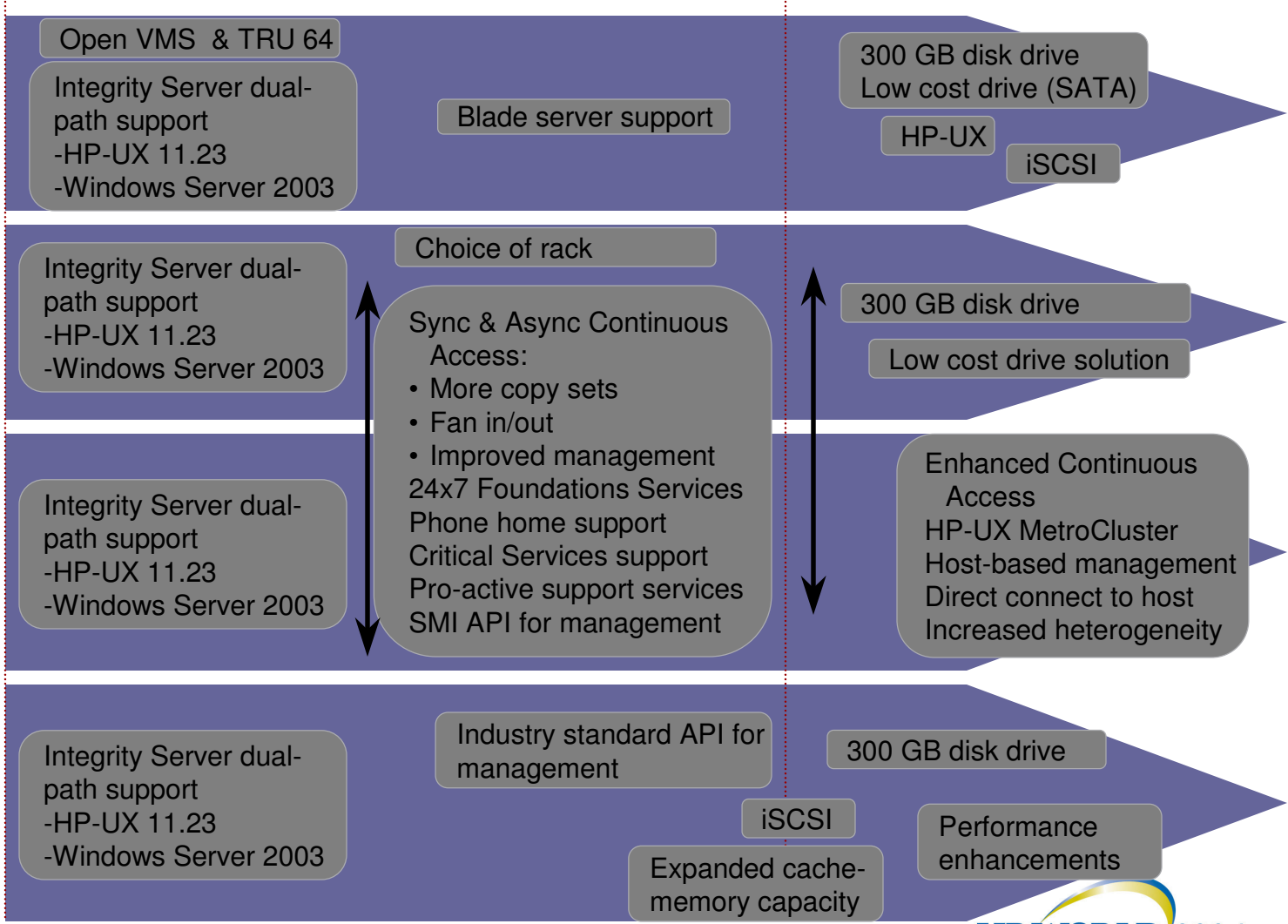


**Enterprise-modular:**  
Enterprise-class that's powerfully simple

XP



**Enterprise-frame:**  
Exceptional availability, scalability, and throughput



today

2<sup>nd</sup> half - CY2003

CY2004



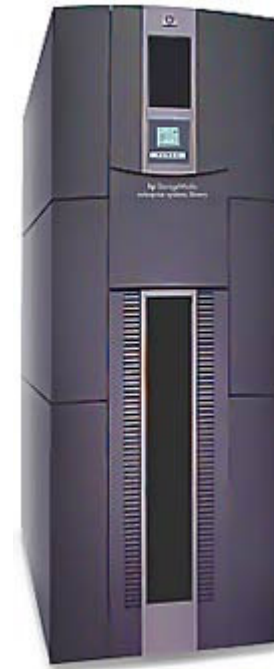


# Tape Products



# Tape Libraries

- ESL 712e / 630e
  - Up to 24 SDLT / LTO drives
  - 712 LTO cartridges / 630 SDLT cartridges
  - Embedded FC ports (1:2 drives)
  - Dedicated FC port for robot
  - VMS testing underway now
- ESL 9595/9322/9326
  - Up to 16 SDLT / LTO drives
  - Up to 4 2gb FC ports
  - Up to 595 cartridges
    - 95TB of uncompressed data
    - 900GB/hour uncompressed backup rate
  - SDLT 160/320
  - -1.7TB/hour uncompressed backup rate LTO-2
- MSL 5052
  - 4 SDLT drives / 52 cartridges
- MSL 6060
  - 4 LTO drives / 60 cartridges
- MSL 5026
  - 2 SDLT drives / 26 cartridges
- MSL 6030
  - 2 LTO drives / 30 cartridges



# Network Storage Router M2402



- 1U Fibre Channel-to-SCSI router
  - 2Gb FC Support
  - 4 module slots
    - 2x 2gb Fibre Channel
    - 4x LVD/SE SCSI
    - 4x HVD SCSI
  - Web Based Management
  - Embedded product for tape libraries (E2400-160)



Power Side



Port Side



# Network Storage Router N1200



- 1U Fibre Channel-to-SCSI router
  - High Performance - 2Gb FC Support
    - 200 MB/s of information throughput
  - 1 2Gb Fibre Channel port
  - 2 U160 LVD SCSI ports
  - Web Based Management
  - Embedded product for tape libraries (E1200-160)



# *LTO Tape Drives*



- VMS will never support Ultrium 1 drives
  - No support of odd byte transfers
- VMS supports the Ultrium 2 (LTO460) drives
  - Testing completed on all current AlphaServer systems
  - Supported in both direct-attach SCSI and behind the FC Bridges (NSR, MDR)
  - Now supported in **ESL/MSL libraries**

# Recent Backup Performance Measurements



Drive	No compression	Highly compressed
SDLT 110/220	12MB/sec	49 MB/sec
STK 9940A	10MB/sec	33 MB/sec
SDLT 160/320	18MB/sec	49 MB/sec
STK 9940B	18 MB/sec	55 MB/sec
Ultrium 2	32MB/sec	60MB/sec







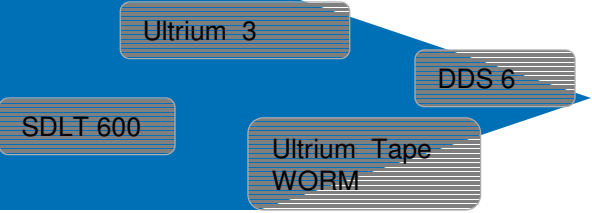
# Tape and Optical roadmap

## Tape Drives



Available with Ultrium LTO, SDLT, DLT and DAT technologies

5th generation DDS – DAT72 and DAT72h (hot plug) drives



## Autoloaders



**Entry level**  
Available with LTO, SDLT, DLT1

Filling the niche for entry level libraries support on both Windows and HP-UX environments with full ProLiant support



## Tape Libraries

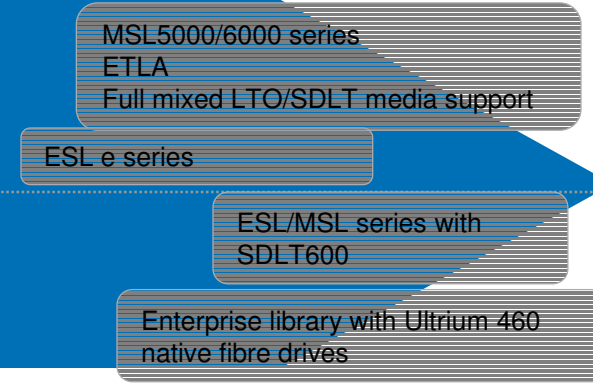


MSL series

**Mid-range:**  
Enterprise features for the mid-range  
Available with LTO, SDLT

Integrity Server support:  
HP-UX  
Windows  
Linux  
Open VMS

ESL9000 series  
Extended tape library architecture (ETLA)  
Embedded interface & controller  
Tape mirroring  
Path fail-over  
Secure-path



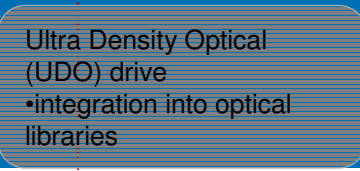
ESL series

**Enterprise**  
Mission-critical: redundancy, high-availability

## Optical



Exceptional Long-term archiving solutions



Today

2<sup>nd</sup> half - CY2003

CY2004+





# SAN Infrastructure



# SAN Infrastructure product portfolio

Infrastructure alternatives that span the enterprise

Business enterprise



core 2/64



director 2/64    director 2/140



MDS-9509

Business mid-range



switch 2/32



edge 2/32



MDS-9216

Business entry



switch 2/8 EL

switch 2/16



blade 2/8



edge 2/24



MDS-9120 & 9140

B-Series

M-Series

C-Series

# New SAN Features



## *Bigger SAN Switches*

- SAN Switch 2/32
  - 32 port monolithic switch
    - 4 port 8Gb/sec ISL trunking available
- Core Switch 2/64
  - 2 x 64 port blade type switch
    - 16 ports per blade
    - Total of 128 2gb ports
    - 4 port 8Gb/sec ISL trunking available
- SAN Director 2/128
  - 128 port blade type switch
    - Non-blocking
    - 16 ports per blade
    - 4 port 8Gb/sec ISL trunking available



# New SAN Features



## *Cisco Switches*

- OpenVMS now qualified with the full line of Cisco Fibre switches
  - 9120/9140
    - 20/40 port edge switches
  - 9216
    - 16 ports + 1 plug in (16/32 ports)
  - 9506/9509
    - Director class switches with 4/7 plug in modules
    - Up to 224 ports



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# SAN Infrastructure roadmap

## HP StorageWorks SAN



HP tested and supported SAN architectures

B-Series and M-Series interoperability

C-Series interoperability with B-Series and M-Series

Enhanced IP Storage Router support

### B-series



Management and deployment ease

New entry-level product line

Intelligent Fabric switches

Higher port counts

### C-series



Multi-protocol fabric support

New low cost FC switches  
New director switch  
IP support

Extended O/S and clustering support

Support for 10Gb

Higher port counts

### M-series



Rich set of high availability features

Extended O/S support

New entry-level switch

Support for IP blades

Support for 10Gb blades

Higher port counts

Today

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# Post V8.2 Projects



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## *Fibre Channel Cluster Interconnect*

- Development project underway to send SCS traffic over FibreChannel
  - Provides LAN over FC
  - Use PEDRIVER to provide SCS communication
  - Goal is to provide stretch clusters without requiring additional cluster interconnect
    - May also have “cleaner” failure characteristics because SCS and storage will fail as a single unit
    - CI/MC class latency is not a goal (and not possible)
  - It is a non goal to provide general TCP/IP or DECNET over FC links (but we’ll probably get it for free)
  - Prototype currently being tested
  - Release commitment is OpenVMS V8.3



# Post V8.2 Projects



## *SATA / SAS Connectivity*

- Next generation host attached storage is moving towards SATA/SAS (serial ATA / serial SCSI)
- Currently support is planned for Integrity based platforms only
- Expect both motherboards based controllers as well as PCI based controllers



# Longer Term Storage Interconnects



# Long Term Storage Interconnects



- 4Gb FibreChannel
  - 2005
  - Gaining momentum for SAN usage
- 10Gb FibreChannel
  - 2006???
  - Very expensive infrastructure costs at first
  - Probably most interesting as inter-switch links
- iSCSI
  - Industry has stagnated some in recent years
  - Has some promise as a low-cost way to connect PCs to a SAN
  - Host performance overhead is the main issue today
  - OpenVMS will track development and consider support when native iSCSI storage is available and TCP/IP Offload Engines (TOEs), are available.



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