



# Intel® QuickAssist Technology Enabled FSB-FPGA Application Accelerators

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# Agenda

- Accelerators - Open Attach Strategy.
- Intel® QuickAssist Technology Enabled FSB-FPGA Accelerators - Overview and Targeted Availability
- Intel® QuickAssist Technology Accelerator Abstraction Layer
- Intel® Commitment



# Intel® QuickAssist Technology

**Encompasses Industry  
Hardware Solutions**



**Future Intel Processor Integration  
of Accelerators**



**Software Architecture Abstraction Layer  
and Libraries For Acceleration**

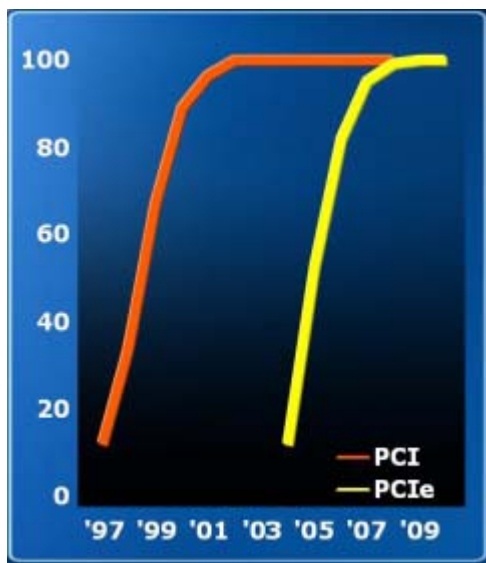


*Comprehensive Approach To Acceleration*



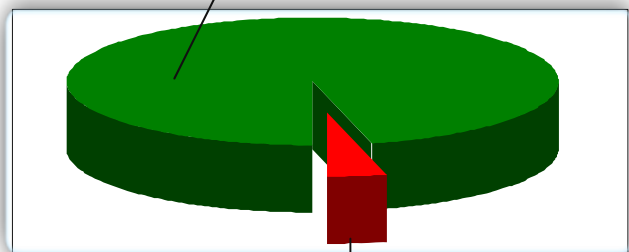
# Accelerators – Open Attach Strategy

Source : Pat Gelsinger Keynote Fall IDF 2006




## Geneseo – PCI Express\*

Source : Intel Internal



**Tightly Coupled**

1. **Open Ubiquitous Standards Based Approach**  
PCIe\* Gen1, PCIe\* Gen2, and **Geneseo** – (Extend PCI Express\* Gen 2 - Joint Intel/IBM Proposal in PCI-SIG)
2. **Enable third party FSB-FPGA Modules – targeted for FSI, Oil and Gas, Life Sciences, Digital Health, etc**  
FSB-FPGA Modules Targeted 4Q07/1Q08 
3. **Intel® QuickAssist Technology Accelerator Abstraction Layer that seamlessly allows the SW to access acceleration across various technologies.**

*Open Standards Based Attach Strategy*

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# Why FPGA Application Acceleration

## Financial Services



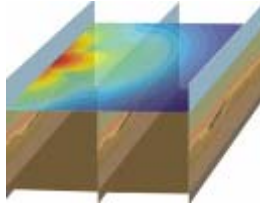
- Black Scholes
- Single FPGA implementation
- 11.7 GFLOPS sustained | 15 WATTS
- x18 performance of an Intel Woodcrest



Source : Nallatech Ltd.



## Geoscience



- Kirchhoff Time Migration Algorithm
- Multi-FPGA implementation
- 40 GFLOPS sustained | 50 WATTS
- x68 performance of a 2GHz Intel Pentium-IV



## Image Processing



- 3D Medical Imaging
- Single FPGA implementation
- 10 GFLOPS mixed precision sustained | 25 WATTS
- x10 performance of a 3GHz Intel Pentium-IV



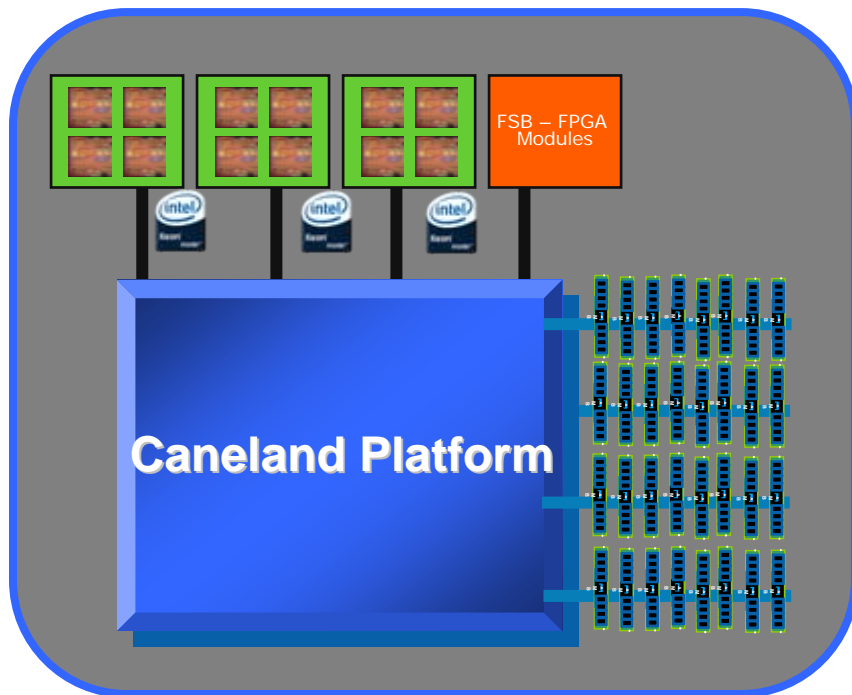
All stated performance improvements are system level

*Higher Performance, and Lower Power*

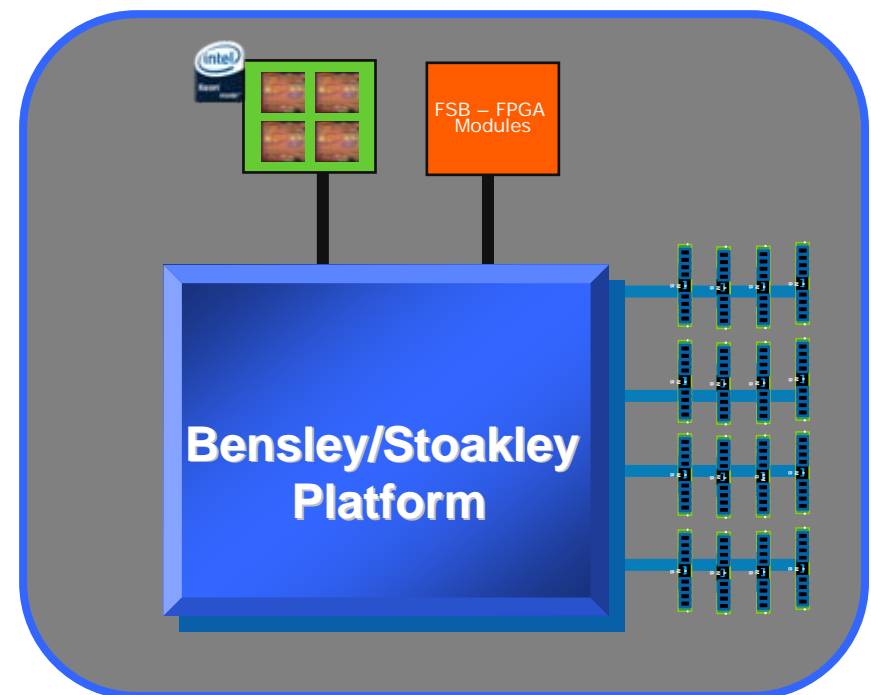


# What are FSB-FPGA Accelerators

- FPGA Modules that are plugged into a socket by replacing a Intel® Xeon® Processor and communicate using the Front Side Bus (FSB) Protocol.



7000 Sequence



5000 Sequence

*Intel® Xeon® Server Platforms – DP & MP*



# Why Tightly Coupled FSB-FPGA Accelerators

- Higher Bandwidth
- Lower Latency

Attach	Theoretical Peak Bandwidth
FSB	8.5GB/s @1066 MHz
PCIe* Gen 1 X8	4 GB/s Total (Max 2 GB/s one way)
PCIe* Gen 2 X8	8 GB/s Total (Max 4 GB/s one way)

*Higher Bandwidth and Lower latency*

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# Targeted Availability

Target Availability Date	Platform	Targeted FSB-Speeds	System Memory Usability	Socket
4Q07/1Q08	DP	1066 MHZ	Yes	LGA 771
4Q07/1Q08	MP-Caneland	1066 MHZ	Yes	mPGA 604



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# Eco-System Support



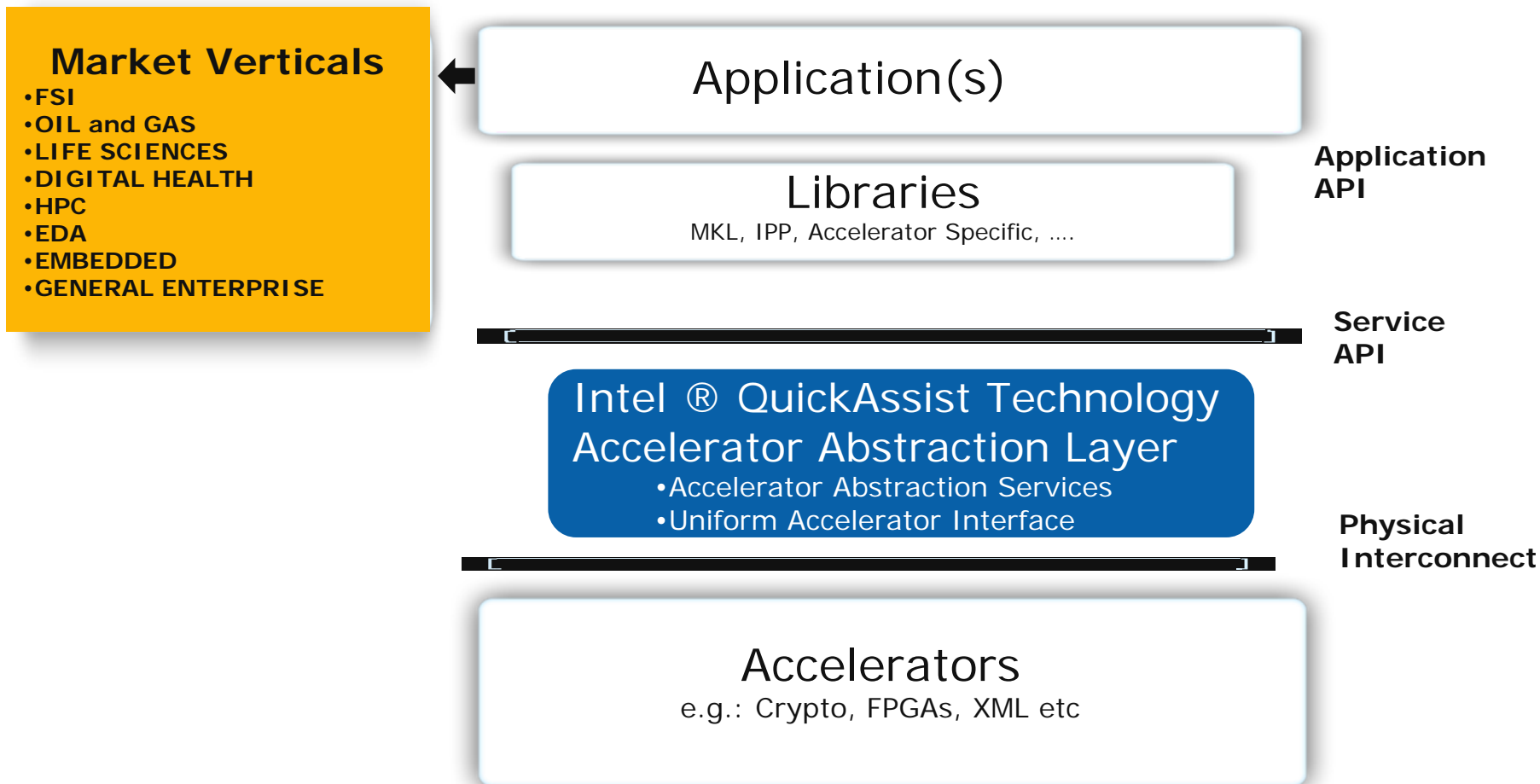
*Strong Eco-System Support*



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# Intel® QuickAssist Technology Accelerator Abstraction Layer (AAL)



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# Intel® Commitment

- Provide Validated FSB-RTL and drivers to FPGA Vendors with design guidelines (socket, board, bios, etc) for MP and DP Platforms.
- Provide Intel® QuickAssist Technology Accelerator Abstraction layer along with drivers to enable seamless SW Development and Deployment.
- Work with third party board vendors and FPGA tool providers
- Work with interested OEMs on support for FSB-FPGA solutions

*We are committed to Accelerators*



# Summary

- Intel working to improve accelerator interface via **Open Industry standard extensions to PCI Express\*** (Geneseo)
- **Intel® QuickAssist Technology Enabled FSB-FPGA Accelerator Modules** for tightly coupled attachment targeted to be available from **Third Party Vendors** in the **4Q07/1Q08** timeframe for **MP and DP Systems**.
- We are providing the **Intel® QuickAssist Technology Accelerator Abstraction layer** to enable customers to support accelerators.
- Intel is investing to make sure that the **industry can innovate on Intel Platforms**.

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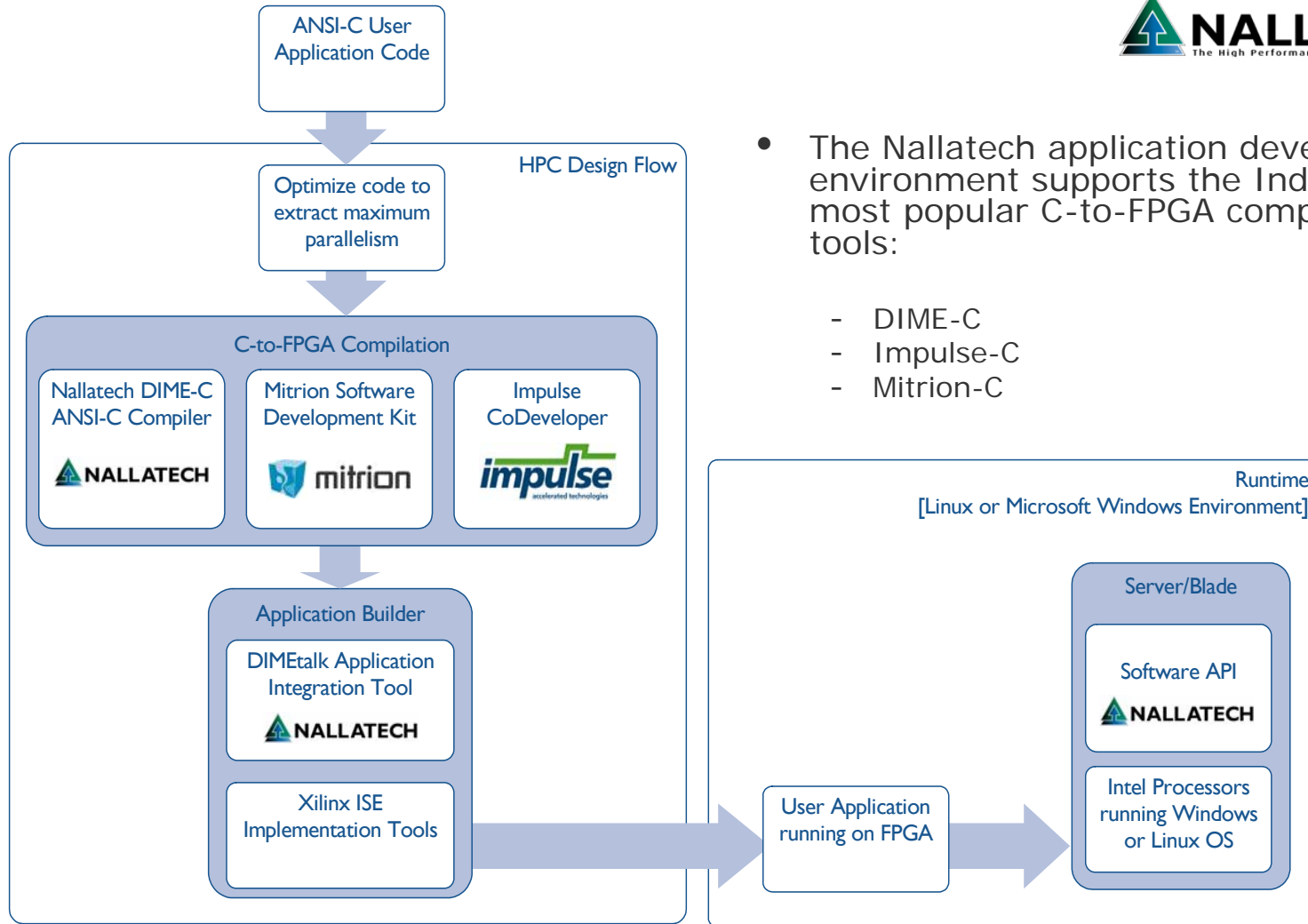


# Backup Slides



# ANSI-C → Executable Toolflow

Source: Nallatech Ltd



- The Nallatech application development environment supports the Industry's most popular C-to-FPGA compiler tools:

- DIME-C
- Impulse-C
- Mitrion-C



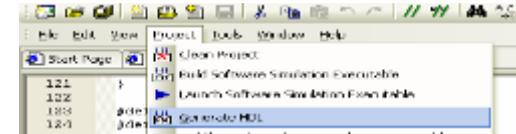


C Source Code



> Inner Loop

Single and double-precision IEEE 754 floating-point arithmetic supported in FPGA (XDI Library) and automatically inferred from code



> Compile C to HDL

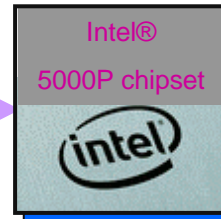
> Main Loop



All Components Connected via Avalon Fabric

> Make script-driven calls to Altera tools

FSB at 1066 Mhz, ~ 8.5 GB/s



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All RTL for FPGA  
Complete Altera Project Files

> No user-supplied HDLsource code required





