

Using GPUs for Internet Routing Processing



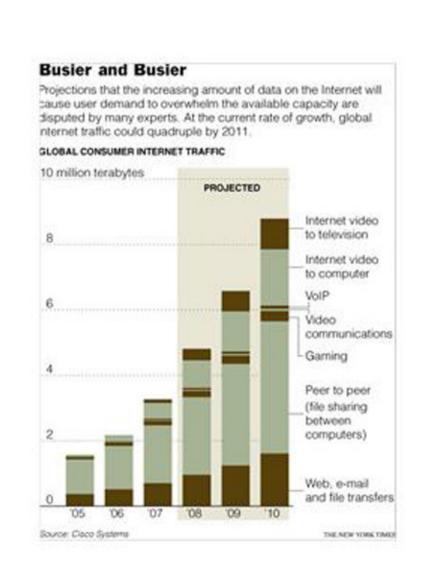
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Motivation for Packet Processing on GPUs

☐ Internet traffic is still fast increasing





- ☐ Proprietary routers offer amazing packet throughput
 - > But they are expensive, incompatible, hard to upgrade and manage

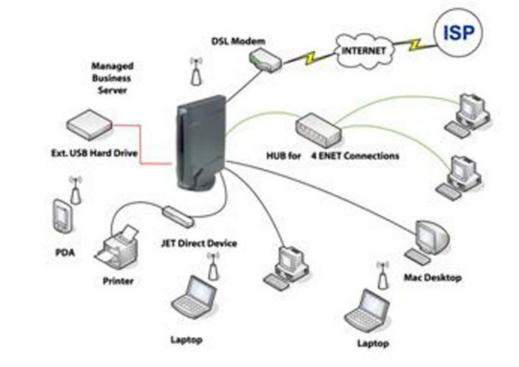




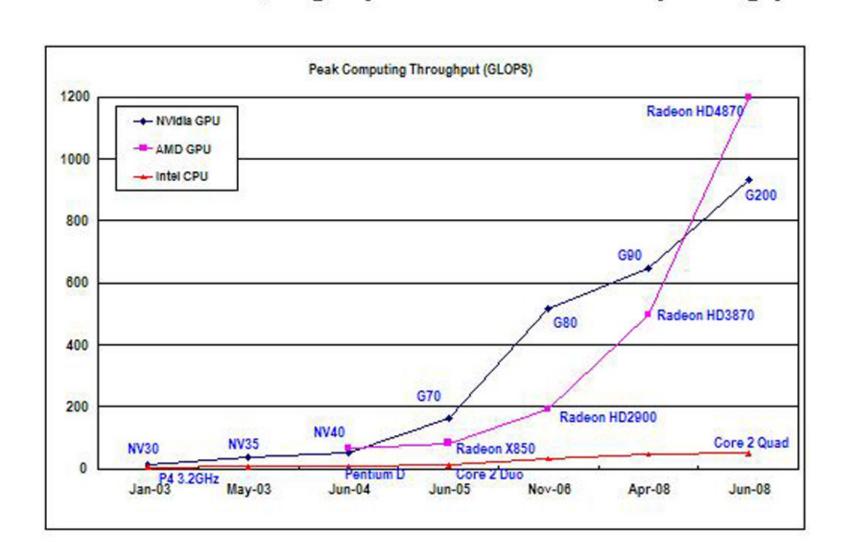




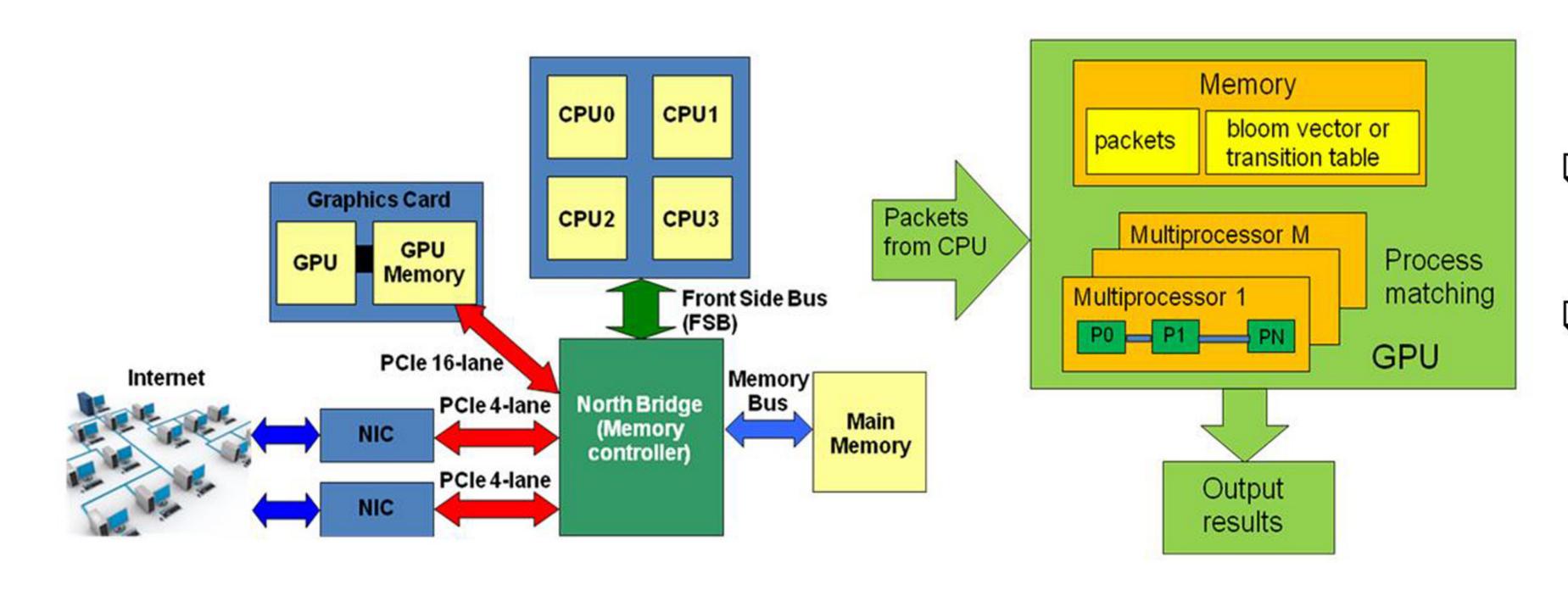
- ☐ Software routers are flexible and
 - ➤ But magnitudes slower



☐ GPUs provide a cost-efficient, high-performance computing platform



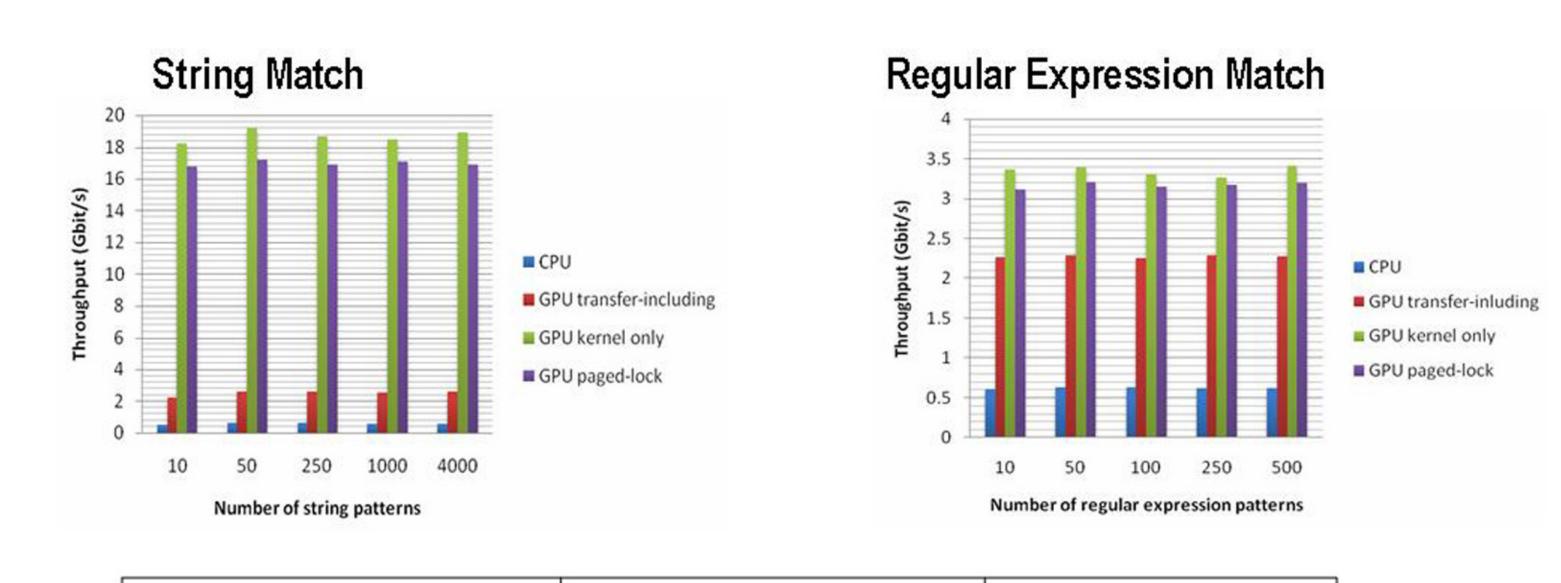
Internet Routing Processing on NVidia GPUs - Reconciling Throughput and Programmability



Router applications

- □ Route table lookup
 - > Trie based longest prefix matching
- Network intrusion detection
 - Bloom filter based string matching
 - Aho-Corisick algorithm for regular expression matching

Results

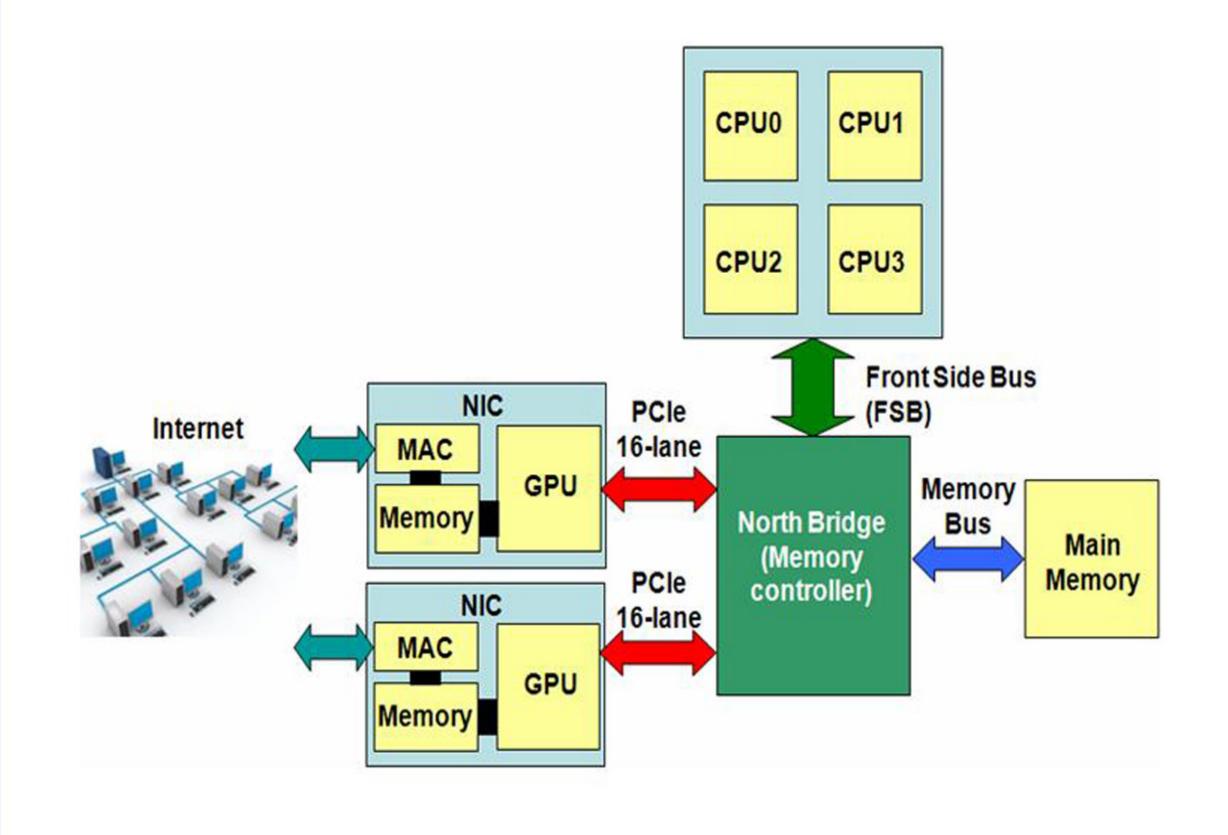


Hardware	Algorithm	Throughput (Gbit/s) 9.3	
NVidia GTX280 GPU	AC		
NVidia GTX280 GPU	Bloom filter	19.2	
Xilinx FPGA	AC with Bloom filter	10	
NVidia 8600GT GPU Gnort AC2		1.4	
Intel P4 3.4GHz Snort AC		0.6	

Route Table Lookup

Packet trace	# entries of route table	#packets of traces	CPU time (ms)	GPU time (ms)	Speed up
FUNET	41709	99840	22670	3459	6.6X
RIS 1	243667	121465	24875	3827	6.5X
RIS 2	573810	144908	25637	4135	62X

A Look into the Future



GPU Based Software Router?!

- □ Smarted packet scheduling
- Remove need to batch packets
- ☐ Shorter latency for packet processing
 - Integrate GPU on linecard?
- □ Better integration
 - > 3-D VLSI