

Ultra Accelerator Link (UALink)

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Advancing Al Across Data Centers



- Al models continue to grow requiring more compute and memory to efficiently execute training and inference on these large models
- The industry needs an open solution that allows for distributing the models across multiple accelerators
- Large inference models will require scale-up of 10's 100's of accelerators in pods
- Large training models will require scale-out of 100's 10,000's of accelerators by connecting multiple pods



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Partner group of innovators for scale up AI infrastructure

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High Performance			Open		Scalable		

Introducing Ultra Accelerator Link (UALink)



- AMD, Broadcom, Cisco, Google, HPE, Intel, Meta, and Microsoft have collaborated in the formation of a Promoter's Group to form a new industry standard, UALink, to create the scale-up ecosystem
- UALink creates an open ecosystem for scale-up connections of many AI accelerators
 - Effectively communicate between accelerators using an industry standard protocol
 - Easily expand the number of accelerators in a pod
 - Optimizes the performance needed for compute intensive workloads now and in the future
- An open scale up memory semantic fabric has significant advantages
- Complimentary with scale out approaches such as Ultra Ethernet Consortium (UEC)

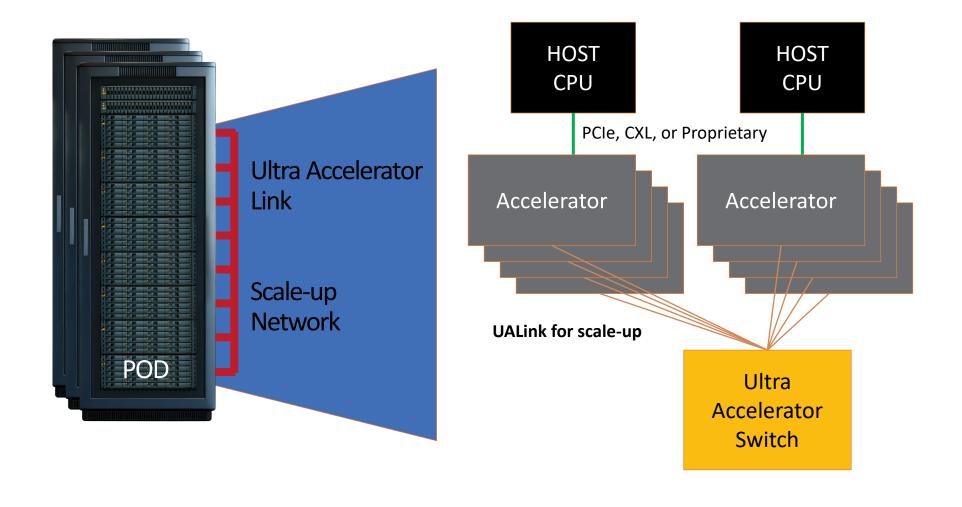
Ultra Accelerator Link Overview



- The group plans to launch the organization in 3Q24
 - Focus of the organization is to release the initial specification by end of year
- The interconnect is for Accelerator-to-Accelerator communication
- Direct load, store, and atomic operations between AI Accelerators (i.e. GPUs)
 - Low latency, high bandwidth fabric for 100's of accelerators in a pod
 - Simple load/store semantics with software coherency
- The initial UALink spec taps into the experience of the Promoters developing and deploying a broad range of accelerators and leverages the proven Infinity Fabric protocol

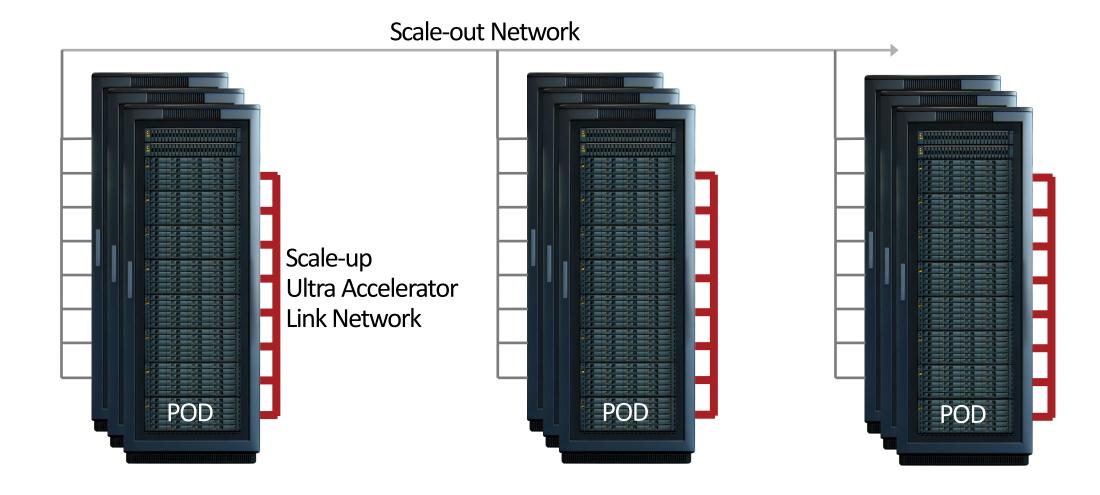
UALink Creates the Scale-up Pod





Multiple UALink Pods Can Be Connected Via a Scale-Out Network







Summary

- UALink is an open solution allowing AI models to be deployed across multiple accelerators
- UALink creates an open ecosystem for scale-up connections of many AI accelerators
- The UALink Consortium plans to launch the organization in 3Q24
 - Initial specification will be released by end of year

Thank You

