# HPC Cloud Computing in High Tech Manufacturing

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# **HGST** History

- Founded in 2003 through the combination of the hard drive businesses of IBM, the inventor of the hard drive, and Hitachi, Ltd ("Hitachi")
- Acquired by Western Digital in 2012
- More than 4,200 active worldwide patents
- Headquartered in San Jose, California
- Approximately 42,000 employees worldwide
- Develops innovative, advanced hard disk drives (HDD), enterprise-class solid state drives (SSD), external storage solutions and services
- Delivers intelligent storage devices that tightly integrate hardware and software to maximize solution performance





Ultrastar® Helium Platform Enterprise Hard Drive



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By 31 Mar 2014:

Zero to Cloud <<12 Months

Cloud eMail – Microsoft Office365

Cloud eMail archiving/eDiscovery

✓ External Single SignOn (off VPN)

Cloud File/Collaboration – BOX

Salesforce.com

Integrated to save files in BOX

 Cloud–High Performance Computing (HPC) on Amazon's AWS

Cloud – Big Data Platform on AWS
 Extract insights from manufacturing data

Cloud - Data mart and provisioning service using AWS Red Shift

Cloud – HR Transformation via Workday Deployment



workday

Office 36

salesforce

HINKB

amazon

box

# **Evolution of HGST's Data Centers and HPC**



An Agile Enterprise Datacenter Integrating On-Premise and Cloud HPC and Enterprise Solutions



# Cloud HPC Use Case: Molecular Dynamics Simulation

- HGST uses a custom in-house built Molecular Dynamics Simulation for RnD of materials and lubricants needed for HDD's
- Research to achieve higher memory densities, faster read/write capabilities, smaller form factors and lower power consumption



"Job Size" at HGST	Complexity [atoms]	Number of Time Steps	Job Type "Frequency"
Small	300,000	100	200 per day, 2 days per week once or twice a month
Medium	300,000	1000	20 Medium jobs during the day, 4 days per month
Large	300,000	30000	3 large jobs per day, 6 days per month
Very Large	300,000	3000000	1 large job per month



#### Lessons Learned: *Cloud HPC allows us to Shape Compute To Match Work To Be Done*

### Before: Shared Super Computer

#### <u>Today</u>: Amazon AWS EC2 CC2





Shape compute to match work: running parallel jobs across 64 core clusters yielding1.67x faster throughput





# Lessons Learned: *Dynamic Compute Environment*

- RnD Teams model new technologies for future HGST HDD products
  - Lumerical Finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) solver simulates large, complex models of many variable parameters and materials while scaling across large clusters



• <u>New</u> AWS C3 Instances have significant improvement for single simulation performance (throughput) and scalability



On-premise solutions are "performance static" for 3-5 years HGST RnD groups will see AWS infrastructure "upgrades" every 12-18 months



## Lessons Learned: Finding the right balance of Compute Needs

#### Hadoop MapReduce Compute Bound Operations and Workloads

- Clustering/Classifi cation
- Complex text mining
- Natural-language processing
- Feature extraction



Hadoop MapReduce I/O Bound Operations and Workloads

- Indexing and Grouping
- Data importing and exporting
- Data movement and transform

**Cloud's Large Variety of** 

Compute and I/O Operations and Storage allows for Optimization/Tuning



# HPC Computing: Evolution @ HGST Lessons Learned

- Ramping up new technology quickly

»Use cloud to "road test" and Proof of concept a variety of cluster sizes and options for optimal \$/performance

- Burstable capability to manage "crunch times" before holidays or "catch up" over weekends
- Cloud provides flexibility to move locations



# Challenge/Opportunities: Are Commercial HPC Applications Cloud Ready?

#### "Hybrid" HPC Model

 On-premise with mix of burst/ over-flow / direct queue connection to Cloud

#### EULAs

- Comprehend concurrent on-premises and Cloud
- Allow single license server for both onpremise and cloud compute

#### Pricing Models

- No consistency across vendors
- Most not aligned with time based consumption pricing of cloud services





# **Additional Challenges**

- One Application in the Cloud may not be enough
  - Multiple applications in user workflow
  - Data management and data access key for user efficiency

- Don't underestimate the effort for Change Management
  - Non technical issues can be more difficult to solve than technical blockers



#### CYCLECOMPUTING

# **Cloud HPC: What's Next For HGST**



#### Utilize Latest Compute Capability

Deploy in AWS C3 Environments to Improve overall performance and reduce monthly AWS compute bill



- Use Remote Visualization to minimize data migration from/to local systems
- Collaboration across multiple sites

#### Applications Being Evaluated Also Include:

- Modeling applications to simulate HDD arm movement and settling times
- Computation Fluid Dynamics for modeling of airflow inside HDD
- GPU computing to significantly accelerate simulation speeds for advanced HDD design work



# "We've Only Just Begun...."

- Current Results < 12 months</li>
- Re-aligning Business Group Leadership, Development Teams, Research and Development Teams on New Capabilities Mode
- Demands and Uses Expected To Grow And Accelerate Market Success
- Cloud Compute Model is Maturing at a rapid pace

2013: Set the "Cloud Foundation" 2014: Acceleration And Expand Use





