



## DUAL-CORE 64-BIT MIPS<sup>®</sup> PROCESSOR WITH SPI-4/HT

### FEATURES

- **Two 64-bit MIPS<sup>®</sup> CPUs, scalable from 800 MHz–1.2 GHz**
  - Quad issue in-order pipeline with dual-execute and dual-memory pipes
  - Enhanced skew pipeline enables a zero load-to-use penalty
  - 32-KB instruction cache and 32-KB data cache (ECC protected)
- **Fast on-chip multiprocessor bus**
  - Connects the CPUs, L2 cache, memory controller, and I/O bridges
  - Runs at half the CPU core frequency and is 256 bits wide
- **On-chip L2 cache**
  - 1 MB shared by two CPUs and I/O agents
  - Eight-way associative, ECC protected
  - Any way can be programmed as fast on-chip RAM
- **DDR memory controller**
  - Memory bandwidth as high as 100 Gbps
  - Configurable as 2 x 64-bit or 4 x 32-bit wide channels
  - Runs up to 400-MHz clock rate, 800-MHz data rate
  - Support for DDR and DDR2
- **Three independent, 19.2 full-duplex ports**
  - Configurable as 16/8-bit HyperTransport<sup>™</sup> (HT) or Channelized OIF SPI-4 Phase 2
  - Runs up to 600 MHz DDR for aggregate bandwidth of 38.4 Gbps per port
  - Includes Intelligent Hash and Filter Engine on each port to route packets
  - Supports glueless connectivity of multiple BCM1280 devices to build a distributed shared-memory system with hardware-based coherency
- **On-chip switch**
  - Connects multiprocessor bus to high-speed interfaces
  - 256-Gbps bisection bandwidth
  - Supports both packet transfer and memory transactions
- **Integrated network and system I/O**
  - Four Gigabit Ethernet MACs configurable as packet FIFO interfaces
  - 64-bit PCI-X<sup>®</sup> interface at 133 MHz
  - Generic I/O for direct connect to boot ROM, flash memory
  - Two SMBus serial configuration interfaces
  - PCMCIA control interface and up to 16 interrupts
  - Four UART interfaces
- **On-chip debug capability**
  - EJTAG
  - Bus trace unit (internal logic analyzer)
- **Support for leading operating systems, including VxWorks<sup>®</sup>, Linux<sup>®</sup>, and QNX<sup>®</sup>**
- **Evaluation board platform available with samples (includes tools, firmware, and software drivers)**

### SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

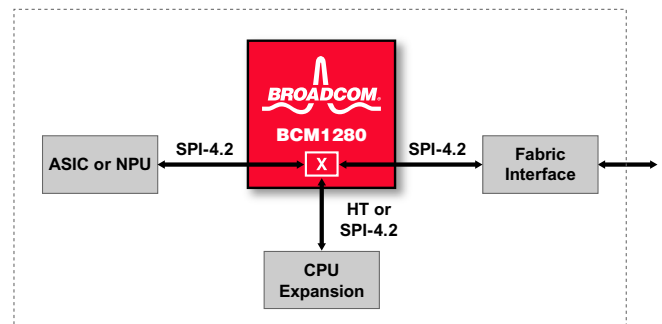
- **Industry-leading performance**
  - 2.5 Dhrystone MIPS/MHz per CPU
  - 10 million packets per second of L3 forwarding
  - 128 Gbps (@ 1.0 GHz) on-chip bus bandwidth, with 100 Gbps memory bandwidth and 145 Gbps I/O bandwidth
- **Low-power dissipation of 17W @ 1 GHz**
- **High functional integration, reducing overall system cost**
- **Programming ease and flexibility based on MIPS64<sup>®</sup> instruction set architecture (ISA)**
- **Software-compatible with BCM1250 and BCM112X**
- **Broad tools and system software support**

### APPLICATIONS

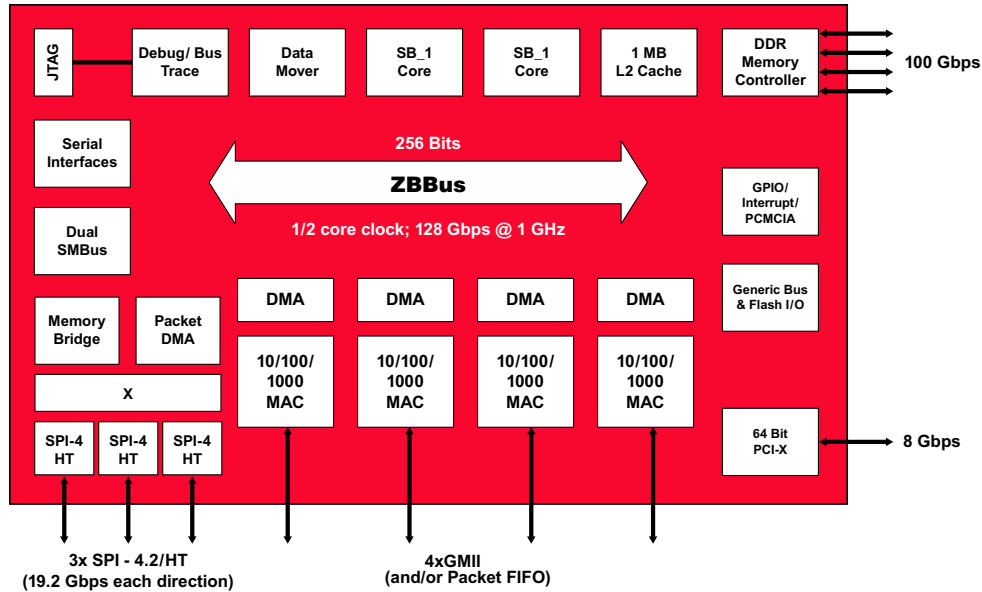
Because of its world-class performance, power efficiency, and integration, the BCM1280 processor is ideal for a broad variety of applications, including:

- Enterprise-class routers and switches
- Multifunction security platforms (VPN/SSL/IDS)
- High-end RAID arrays
- SAN routers/gateways/switches
- Wireless infrastructure platforms (e.g., RNC, GGSN, MSC)

### Multi-Service Card



# OVERVIEW



**BCM1280 Block Diagram**

The BCM1280 device is a MIPS64 processor core-based system-on-a-chip (SOC) that offers industry-leading performance, high functional integration, and low power levels required by next-generation computing, storage, and networking applications.

The BCM1280 is a scalable chip multiprocessor (CMP) system consisting of two Broadcom SB-1 high-performance MIPS64 CPUs, a shared 1-MB L2 cache, a DDR memory controller, and an integrated I/O. All major blocks of the processor are connected together via the ZBBus™, a high-speed, split-transaction multiprocessor bus.

The bus implements the standard MESI protocol to ensure coherency between the two CPUs, L2 cache, I/O agents, and memory. In addition, the BCM1280 supports an interchip ccNUMA protocol for cache coherent distributed shared memory systems. The three high-speed HT ports provide interchip communications to other BCM1280 processors or to HT bridging I/O chips.

Each port can optionally be configured as an SPI-4 Phase 2 packet interface for connectivity to 10-Gbps network devices. Four Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) MACs (10/100/1000) enable easy interfacing to LANs or control backplanes. To enable higher data rates (or in cases where Ethernet protocol processing is not required), the GbE MACs can be configured as 8-bit and/or 16-bit packet FIFOs. The BCM1280 also integrates a 64-bit 133-MHz PCI-X local bus for direct connection to I/O devices. Four serial ports are available for use as UARTs for console ports.

To enable low-chip count systems, the BCM1280 also includes a configurable generic bus that allows glueless connection of a boot ROM or flash memory and simple I/O peripherals. On-chip debug, trace, and performance monitoring functions assist both hardware and software designers in debugging and tuning the system. The system can be run in either big-endian or little-endian mode.

**Implementation of MIPS64 ISA**

The SB-1 CPU core is a high-performance implementation of the standard MIPS64 ISA that incorporates the MIPS-3D and MIPS-MDMX application-specific extensions (ASEs). The core supports a four-issue enhanced skew pipeline and can dispatch up to two memory and two ALU (integer, floating point, MDMX, or MIPS-3D) instructions per cycle.

*Next-Generation Broadband Processors*

|                     | BCM1255    | BCM1280    | BCM1455    | BCM1480    |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| # of CPUs           | 2          | 2          | 4          | 4          |
| L2 Cache            | 512 KB     | 1 MB       | 1 MB       | 1 MB       |
| DDR2 Support        | Yes        | Yes        | Yes        | Yes        |
| # of MACs           | 4 GMII     | 4 GMII     | 4 GMII     | 4 GMII     |
| PCI-X               | 1 x 64-bit | 1 x 64-bit | 1 x 64-bit | 1 x 64-bit |
| # of SPI-4/HT Ports | 0          | 3          | 0          | 3          |

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