

The Future of Computing Beyond Exascale

*Looks a lot more like the past 30 years of
wide-area distributed services*

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Introduction

The complexity of digital systems on all scales, from virtualized objects with many degrees of freedom to complex systems. Harnessing this complexity in a transparent trust-able way.

relatively simple fixed components to programmable and administrative domains interacting on the Internet. This is a research topic that nowadays defines the focus in my research.

Cees Cloud TM

I am guest of the [Multiscale Networked Systems \(MNS\)](#), [Complex Systems and Planning \(CSP\)](#) and [Planning and Control Systems \(PCS\)](#) research groups which, a.o., host this research line.

Teaching

As per Sept 1, 2022 I am not teaching anymore.

- [Master SNE](#) ; See also [introduction and curriculum](#). (until 2022)
 - [Research projects \(RP\) now organized by dr. Francesco Regazzoni](#)
- Bachelor Computer Science VU, Introduction to CS (until 2021)
 - System and Network Engineering Research for Big Data Sciences.
 - [Talk abstract, referenced papers and slides.](#)
- Master Informaton Sciences, Fundamentals of Data Science (until 2020)
 - Snowden and the Internet.
 - [Talk abstract, referenced papers and slides.](#)



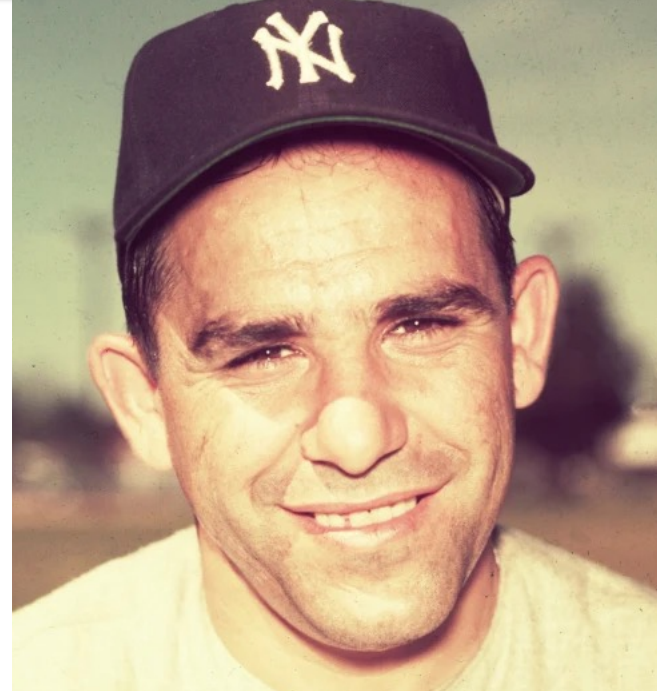
The Future of post-exascale HPC is looking more like the past 30 years of High Performance Distributed Services/Networking

Its like Deja-Vu all over again!

– *Yogi Berra*

You can observe a lot just by watching

– *Same guy*



Yogi Berra

My Past Foray into High Performance Distributed Computing

SC95 I-WAY

GALAXIES COLLIDE ON THE I-WAY: AN EXAMPLE OF HETEROGENEOUS WIDE-AREA COLLABORATIVE SUPERCOMPUTING

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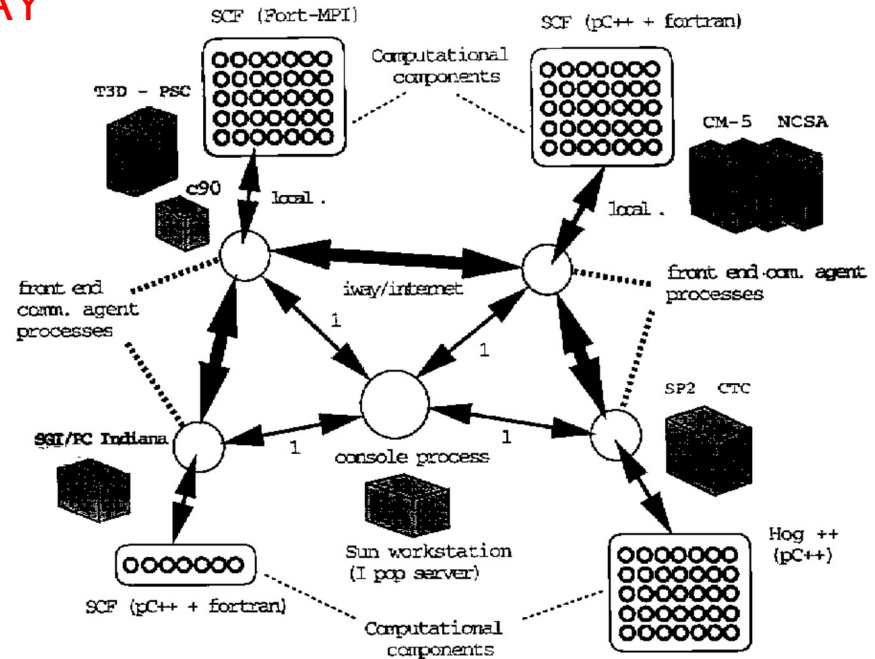


Fig. 2 Architecture of our distributed heterogeneous I-WAY application

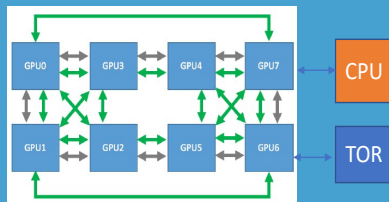
My Past Foray into High Performance Distributed Computing

- **Then: StarTap (1997) followed by StarLIGHT and NetherLight and GLIF (2001)** (*working for Tom Defanti*)
 - **Emerging Global Movement:** Eighth Joint European Networking Conference (JENC8) Edinburgh Scotland in May, 1997 (Optical StarTAP)
 - **Optical Nets:** State of art DWDM over fiber for massive bandwidth
 - **Lambda Grids / Lambda Fabrics:** Circuit switching to provide end-to-end paths for distributed services (*now production with ESNNet OSCARS w/VLANs*)
- **Now: Resource Disaggregation and Serverless computing**
 - Seeing lambda grid concept emerging within rack & chip
 - Miniaturized DWDM now within a 5x7mm silicon die! (*smaller than a dime*)
 - Optical Circuit Switching and Lambda-steering within chip and rack

Diverse Node Configurations for Diverse Workload Resource Requirements

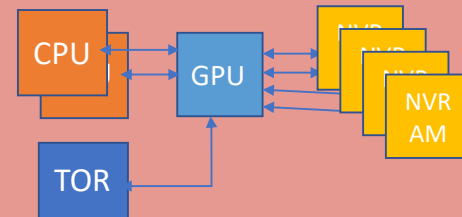
Training

- 8 connections: GPU
- 8 links to HBM (weights)
- 8 links: to NVRAM
- 1 links: to CPU (control)



Data Mining

- 6-links: HBM
- 15 links: NVRAM (capacity)
- 4 links: CPU (branchy code)



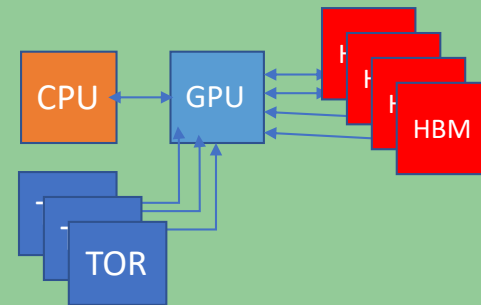
Inference

- 16 links to TOR (streaming data)
- 8 links HBM (weights)
- 1 link: CPU



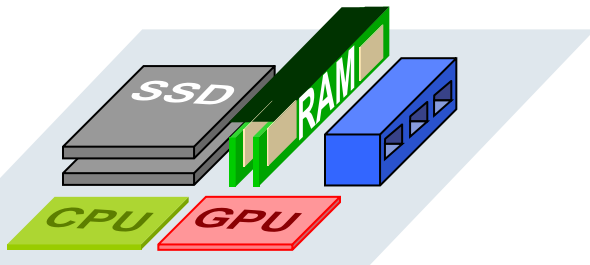
Graph Analytics

- 16 links HBM
- 8 links TOR
- 1 Link CPU

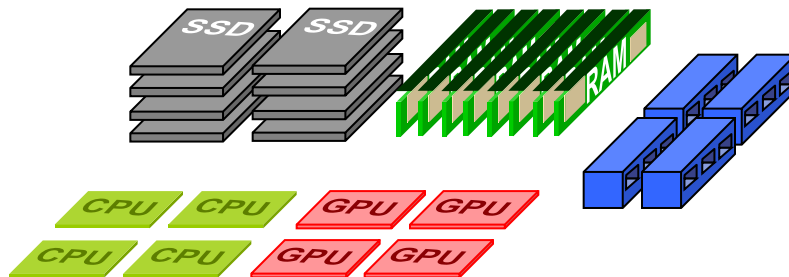


Disaggregated Node/Rack Architecture

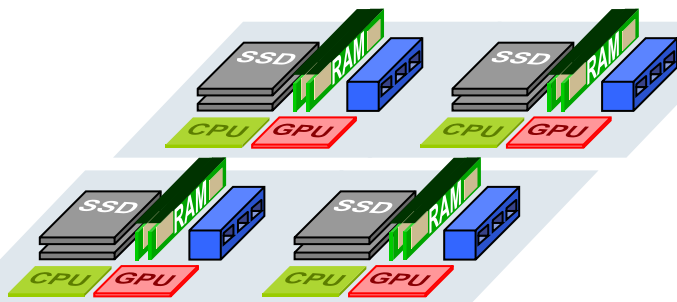
Current server



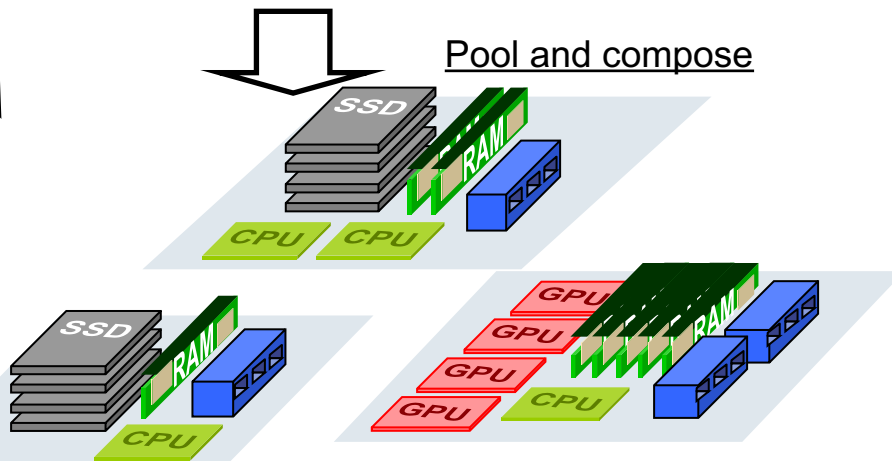
Disaggregated rack



Current rack

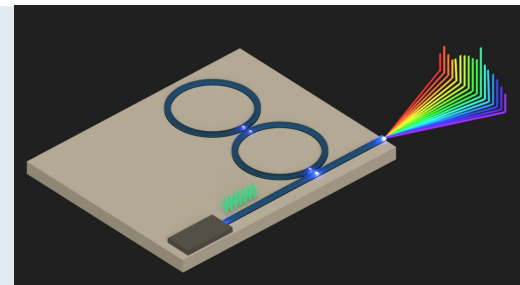
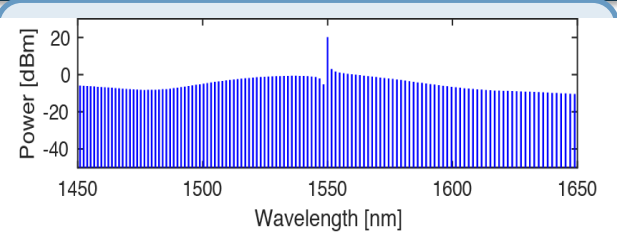
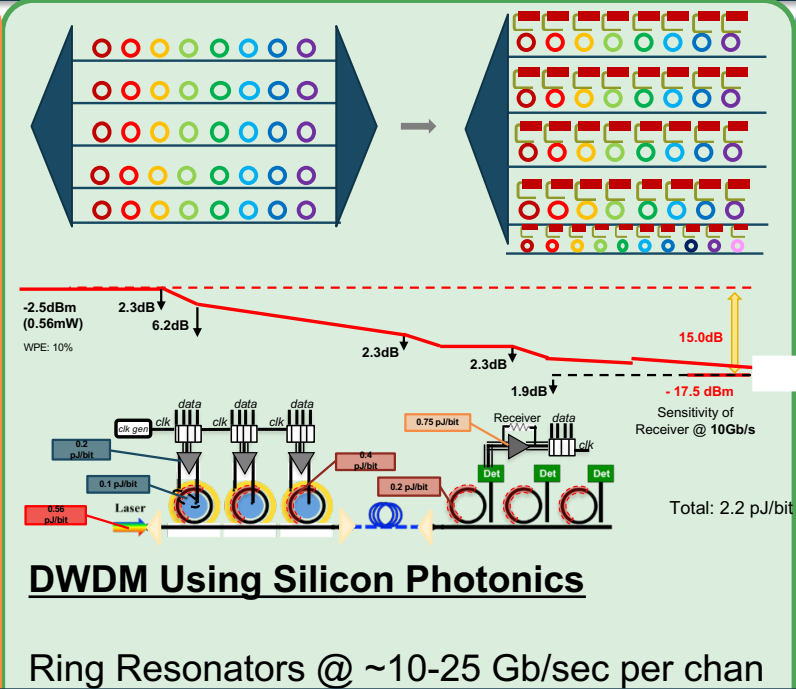
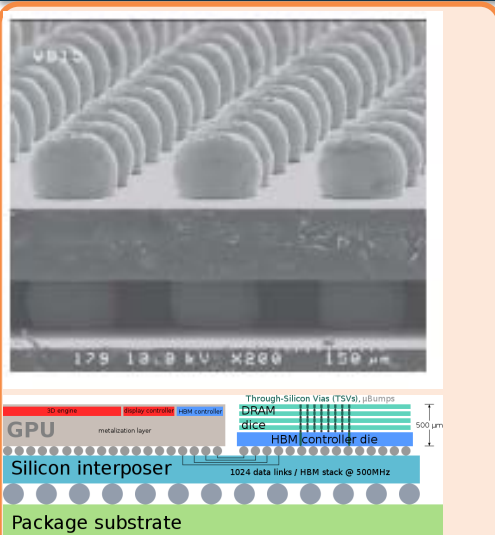
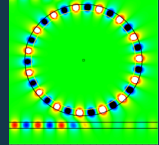


Pool and compose



Most solutions current disaggregation solutions use Interconnect bandwidth (1 – 10 GB/s)
But this is significantly inferior to RAM bandwidth (100 GB/s – 1 TB/s)

DWDM has moved inside of the chip!



Comb Laser Sources

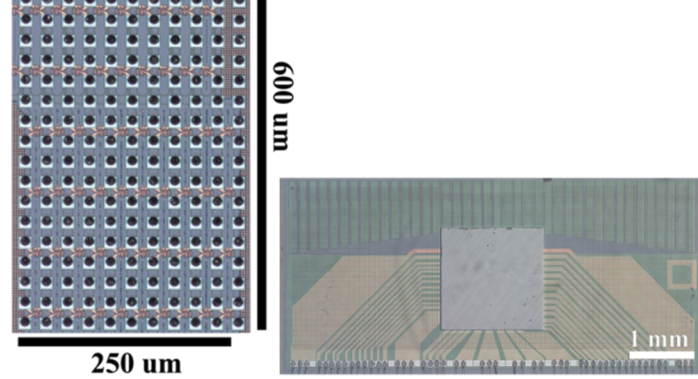
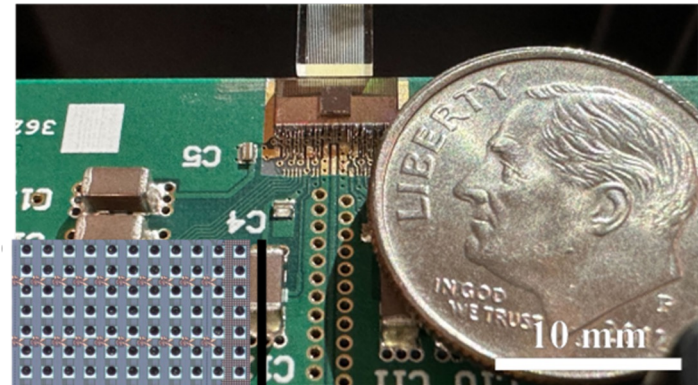
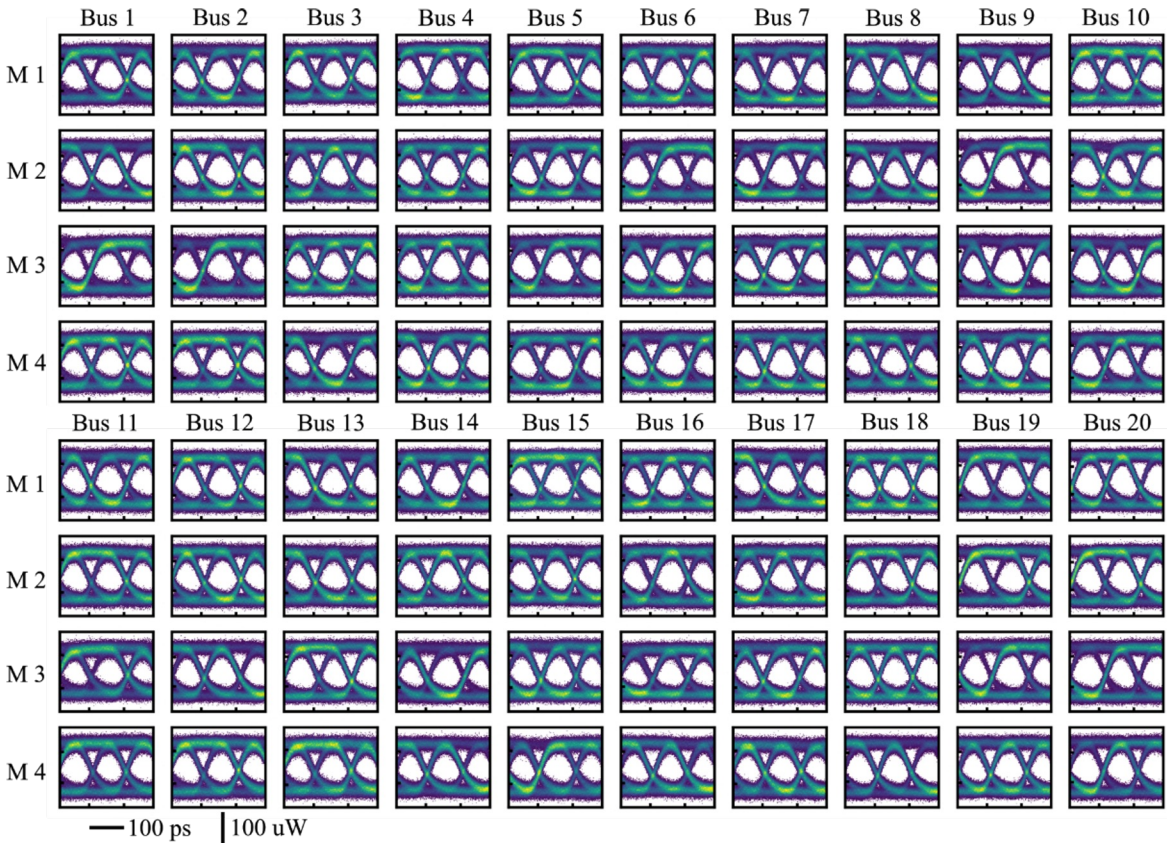
Single laser to efficiently generate 100s of frequencies

In-package integration

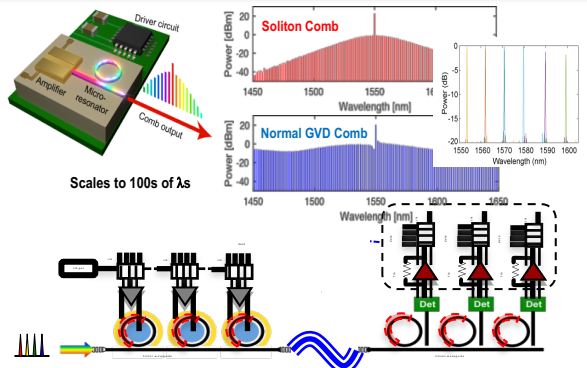
Solder Microbumps & Copper Pillars@~10Gb

Wide and Slow!

And like with StarTap and TransLight and other DWDM Lambda-grids, that kind of BW and Slow! it opens up so many new possibilities!



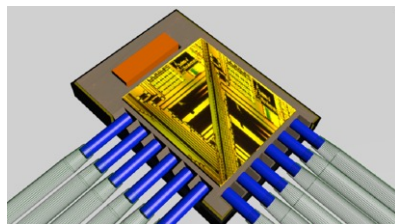
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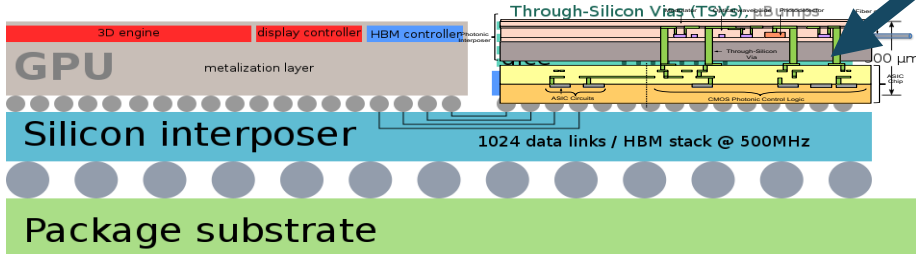
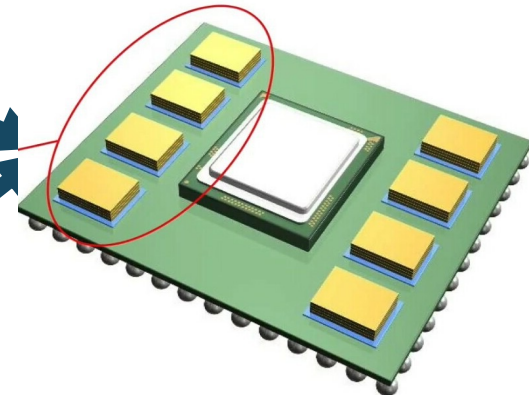
Scales to 100s of Ås

Comb Laser Source with DWDM Silicon Photonics

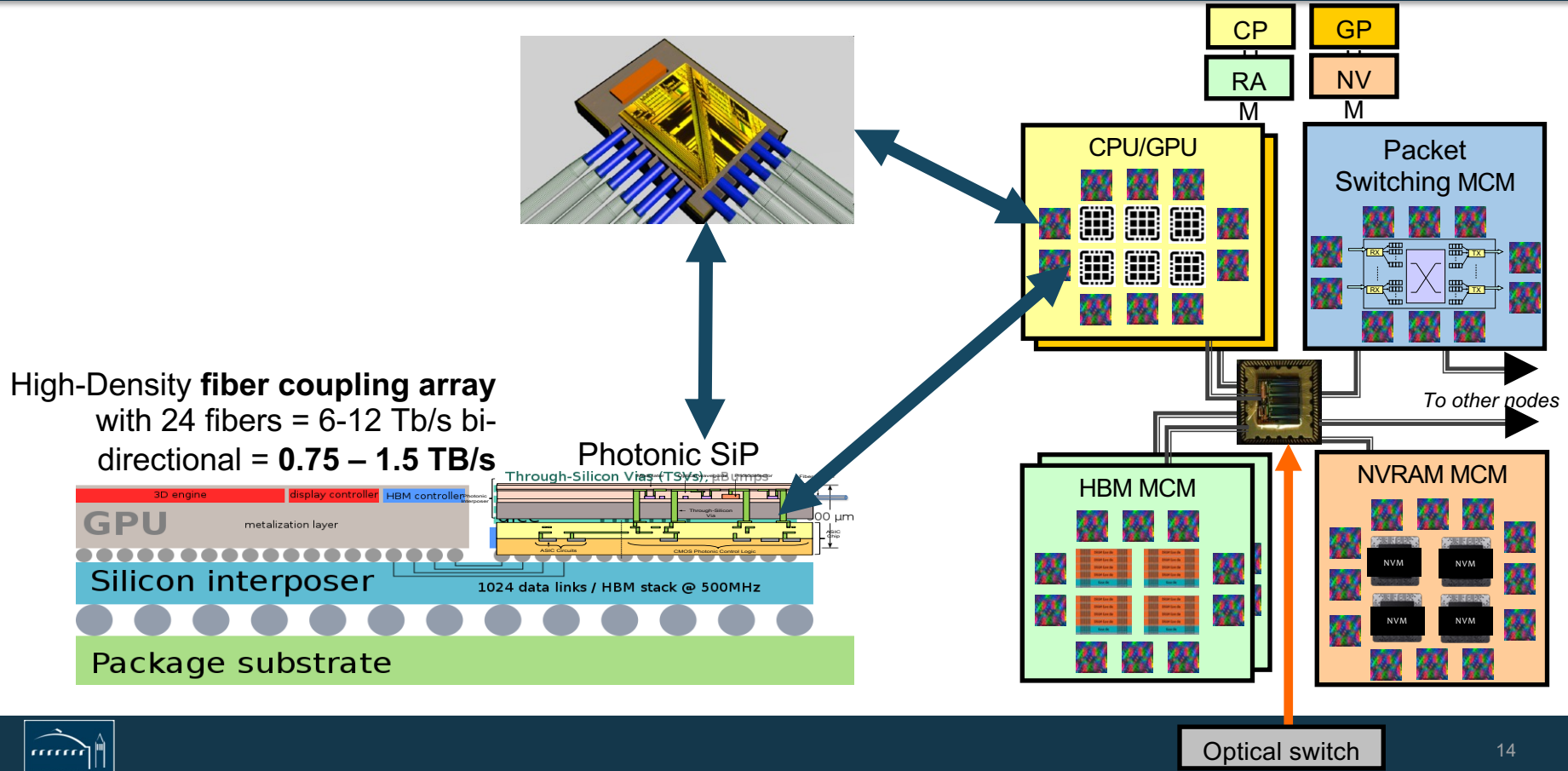
Wide-and Slow for high speed links



Photonic SiP



Photonic MCM (Multi-Chip Module)

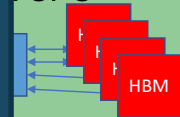


Emerging disaggregated datacenter architectures

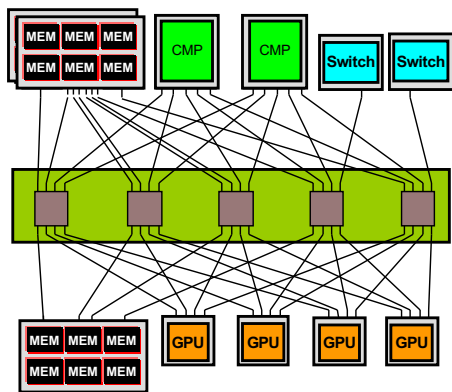
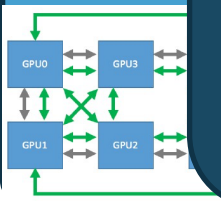
- Its all about the data flow!
- Revisit network description languages for optical networks
- Role based control models for multi-domain apps
- Scalable workflows
- And Security!!!!

Analytics

Links HBM
TOR
CPU

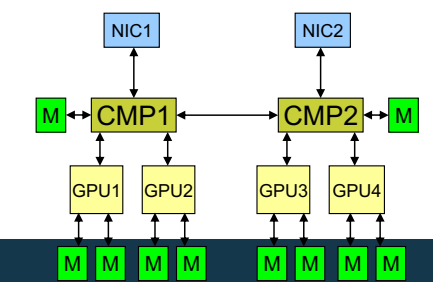
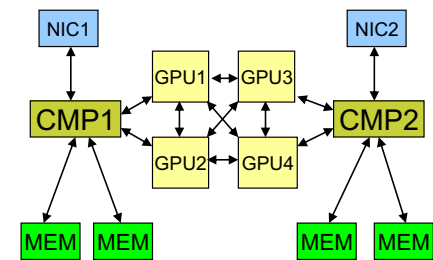
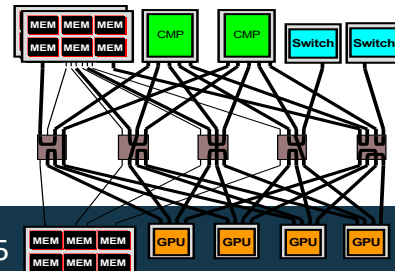
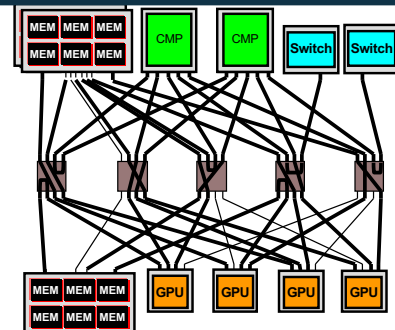


- 8 conn
- 8 links
- 8 links
- 1 links



Configure for Training

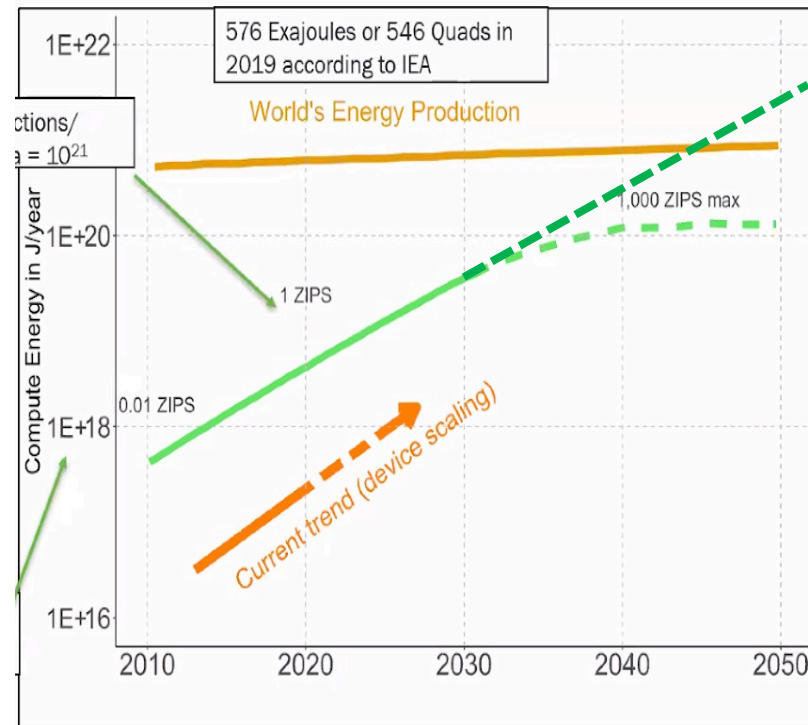
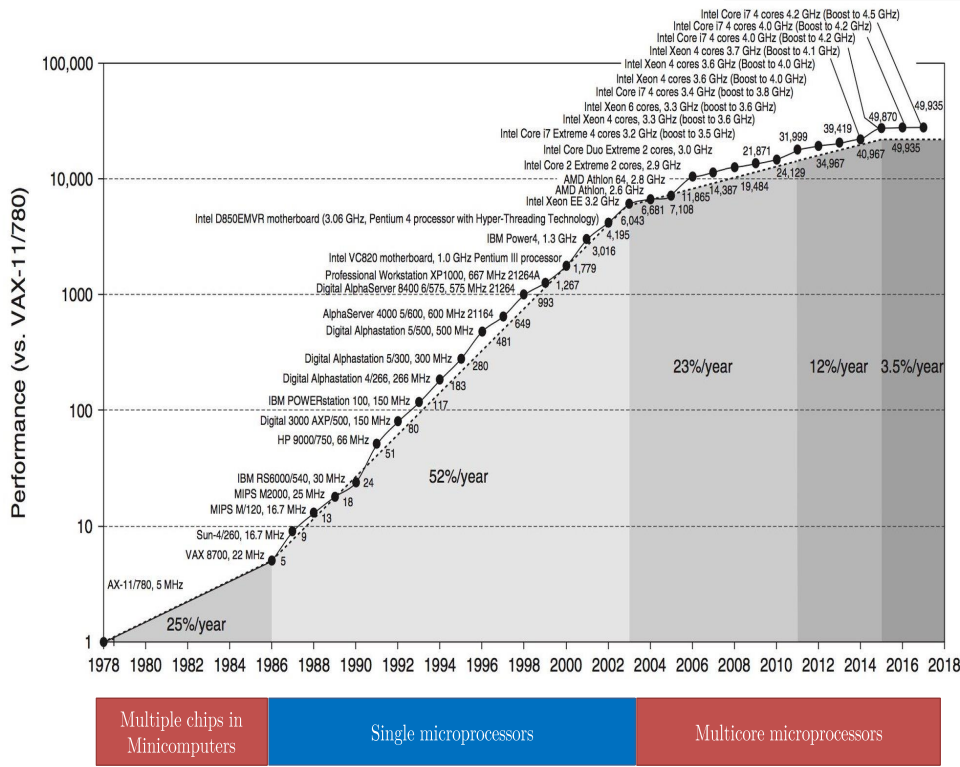
Configure for Inference



Other Consequences of Disaggregation

- **Security**
 - **Conventional Wisdom:** Boundaries of Linux server are the DMZ
 - **New World Order:** what boundary? What Linux Server?
- **Emerging Trusted Execution Environments (TEEs)**
 - *Now all resources are distributed and must have a “shared secret” to work together safely*
 - *Trust-no-one... revocable credentials, differential security*
 - *Solutions to security even within the rack of this new “disaggregated datacenter” are looking like the iWAY and Grid and modern wide area distributed services*
- **Emerging Technology looks a LOT like “déjà vu All Over Again**

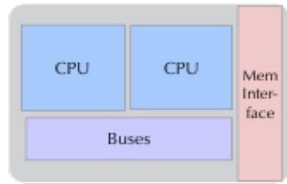
Moore's Law is Ending (really it is!)



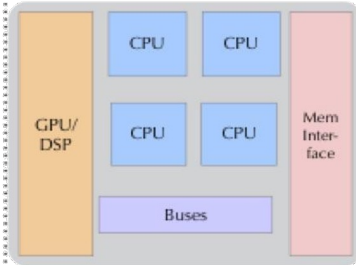
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The Future Direction for Post-Exascale Computing

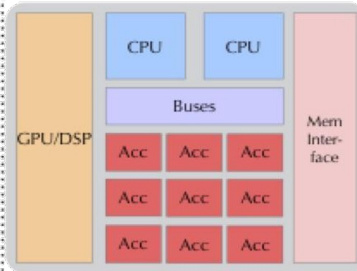
Past - Homogeneous Architectures



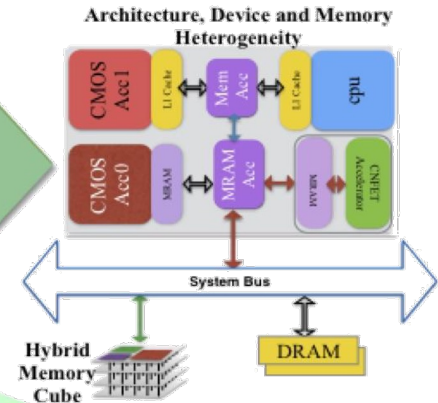
Present - CPU+GPU



Present - Heterogeneous Architectures



Future - Post CMOS Extreme Heterogeneity



Towards Extreme Heterogeneity

Dilip Vasudevan 2016

Specialization:

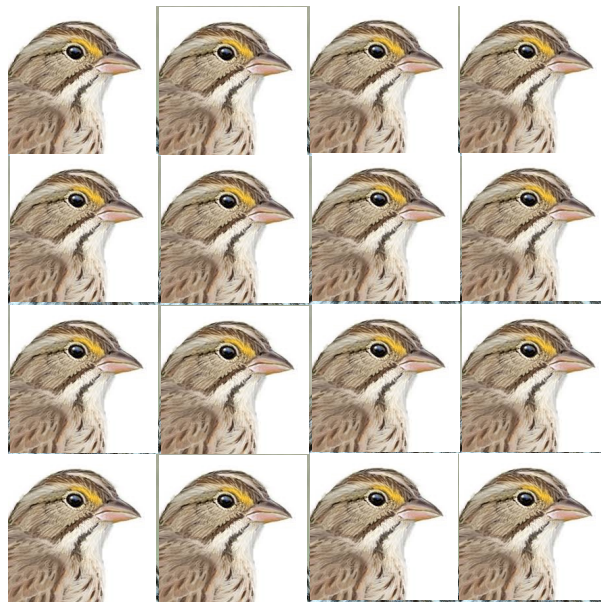
Natures way of Extracting More Performance in Resource Limited Environment

Powerful General Purpose



Xeon, Power

**Many Lighter Weight
(post-Dennard scarcity)**



KNL, AMD, Cavium/Marvell, GPU

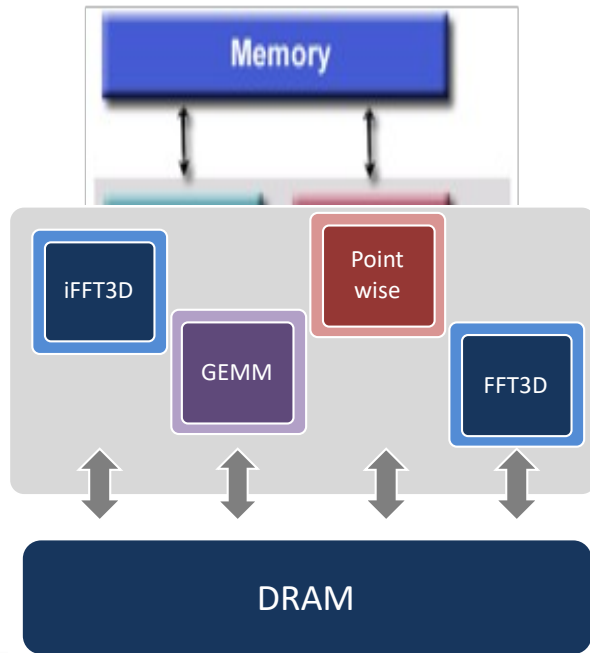
**Many Different Specialized
(Post-Moore Scarcity)**



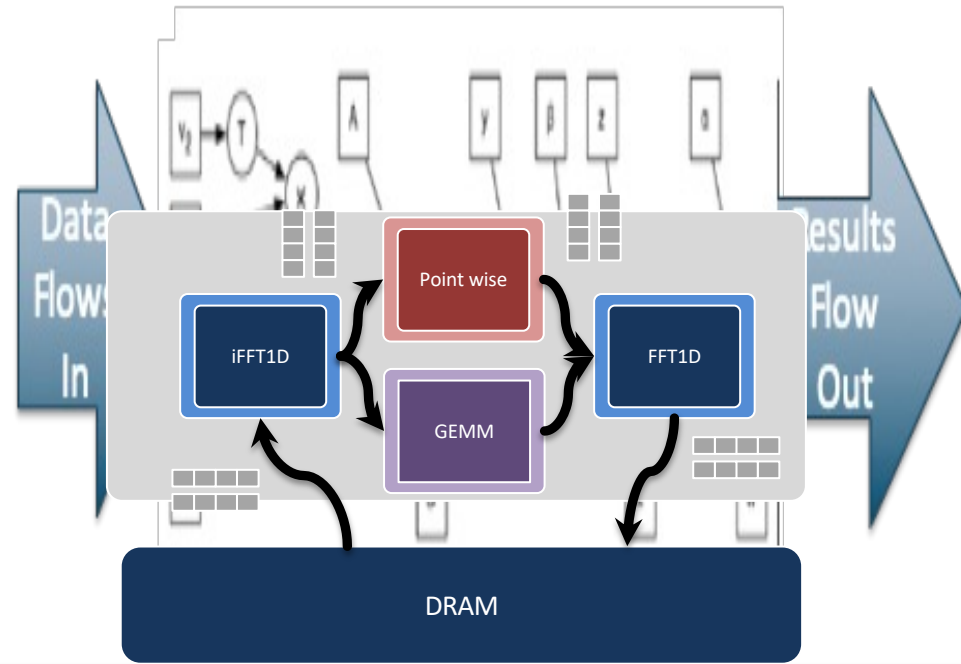
Apple, Google, Amazon

Algorithm Reformulated as Custom Circuit

Von Neumann CPU

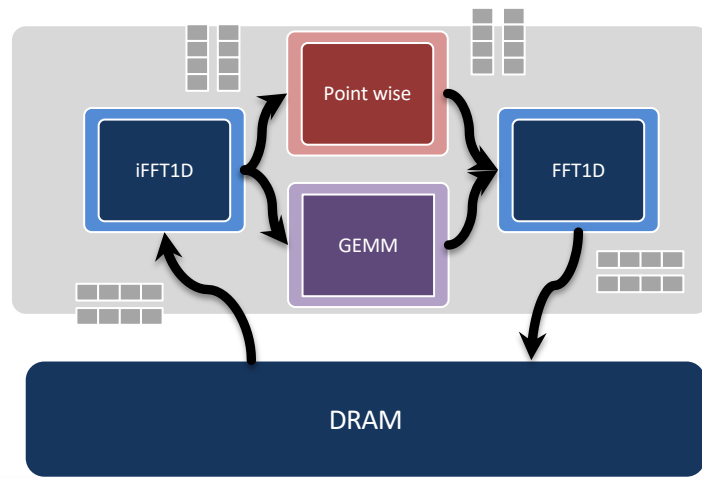
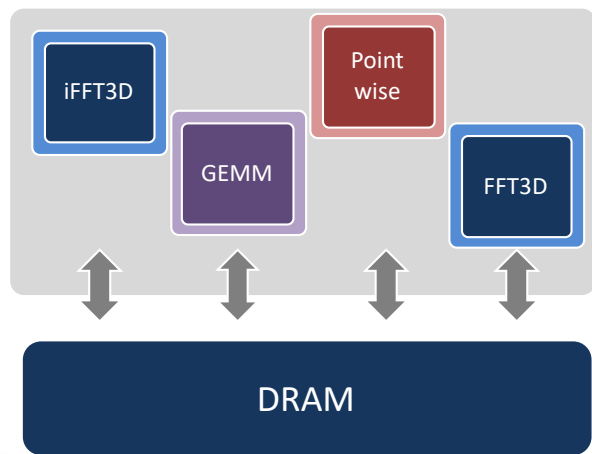


Dataflow (FPGA, GraphCore etc.)



From GSDL to WSDL to Workflows

- **Doesn't this look kind of familiar?**
 - Moving SaaS, FaaS, and *aaS towards workflows
 - Wide area networking has at least 2 decades lead thinking through these complex issues of service orchestration!



How do chiplets enable domain specialization?

Reusable function blocks

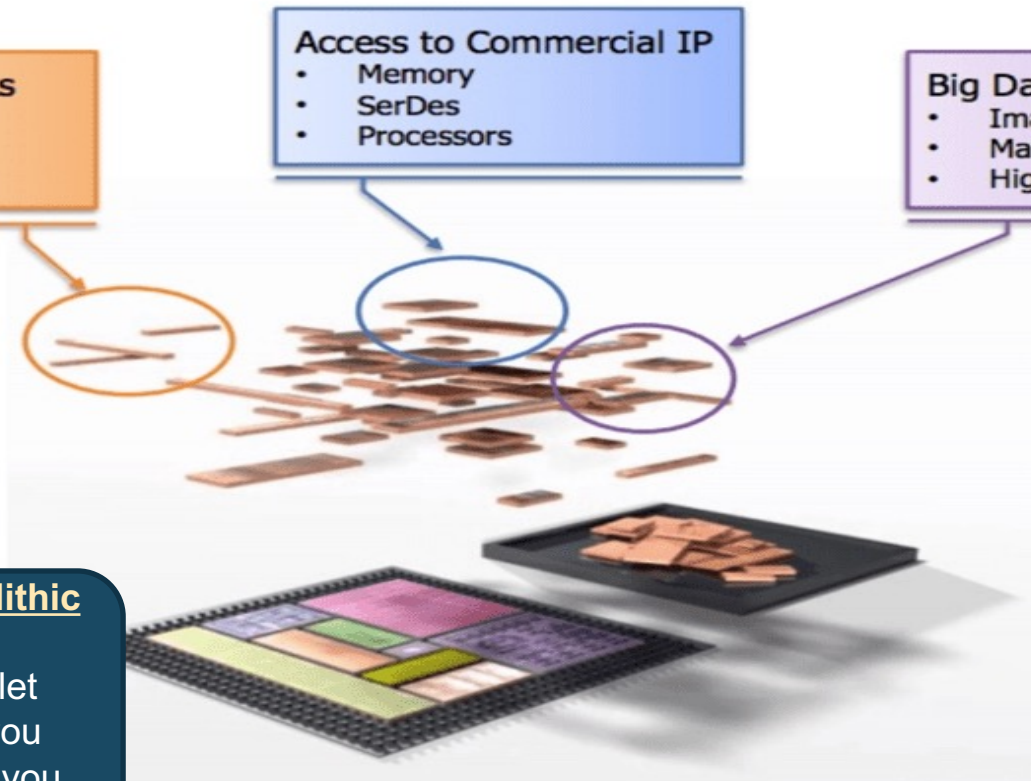
- QR decomposition
- Waveforms
- FFT

Access to Commercial IP

- Memory
- SerDes
- Processors

Big Data Movement

- Image processing
- Machine Learning
- High-speed chiplet networks



Chips no longer monolithic

In a multi-vendor chiplet marketplace how do you manage security when you can't trust all of your chiplets ?

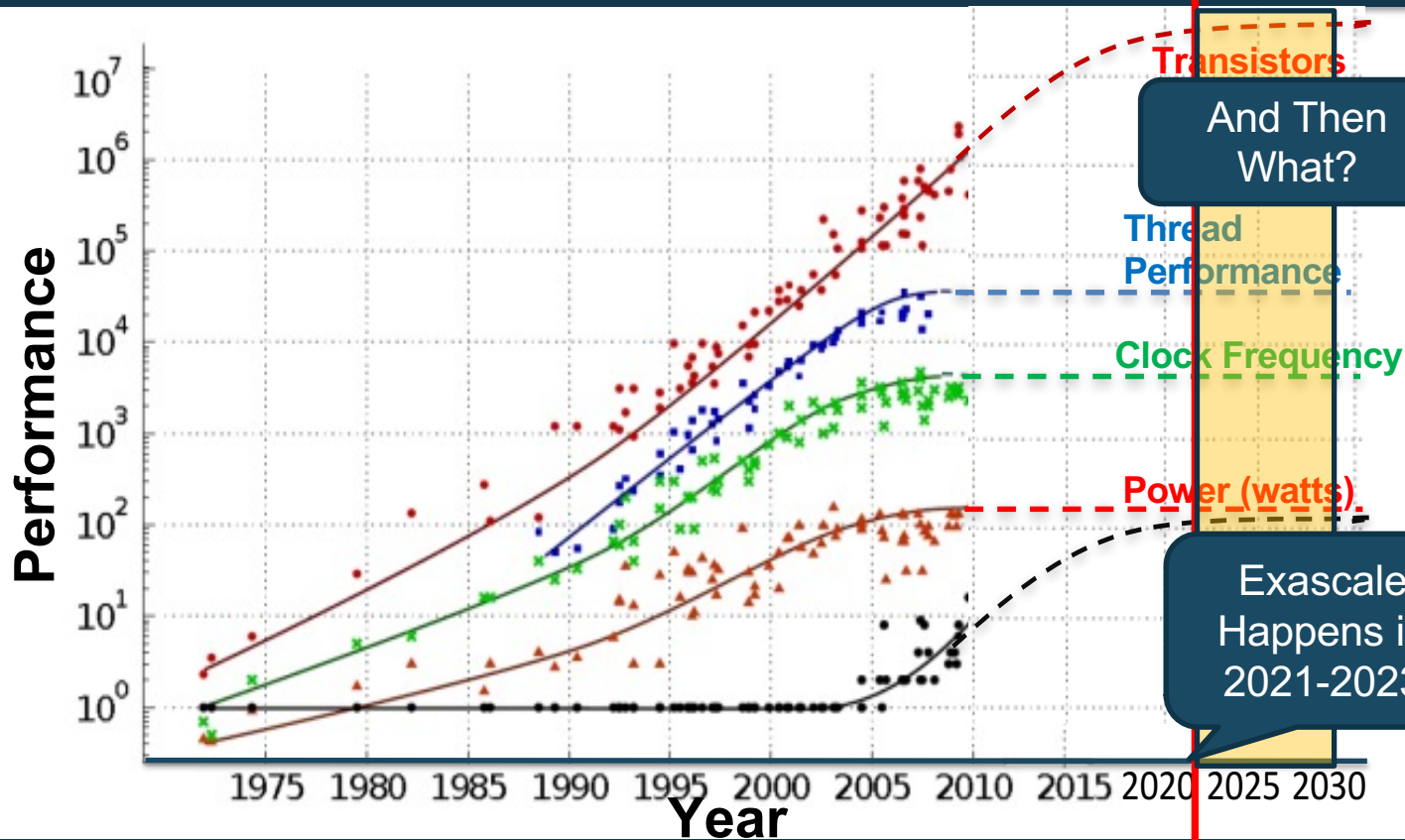
CHIPS modularity targets the enabling of a wide range of custom solutions

The future looks more like the past

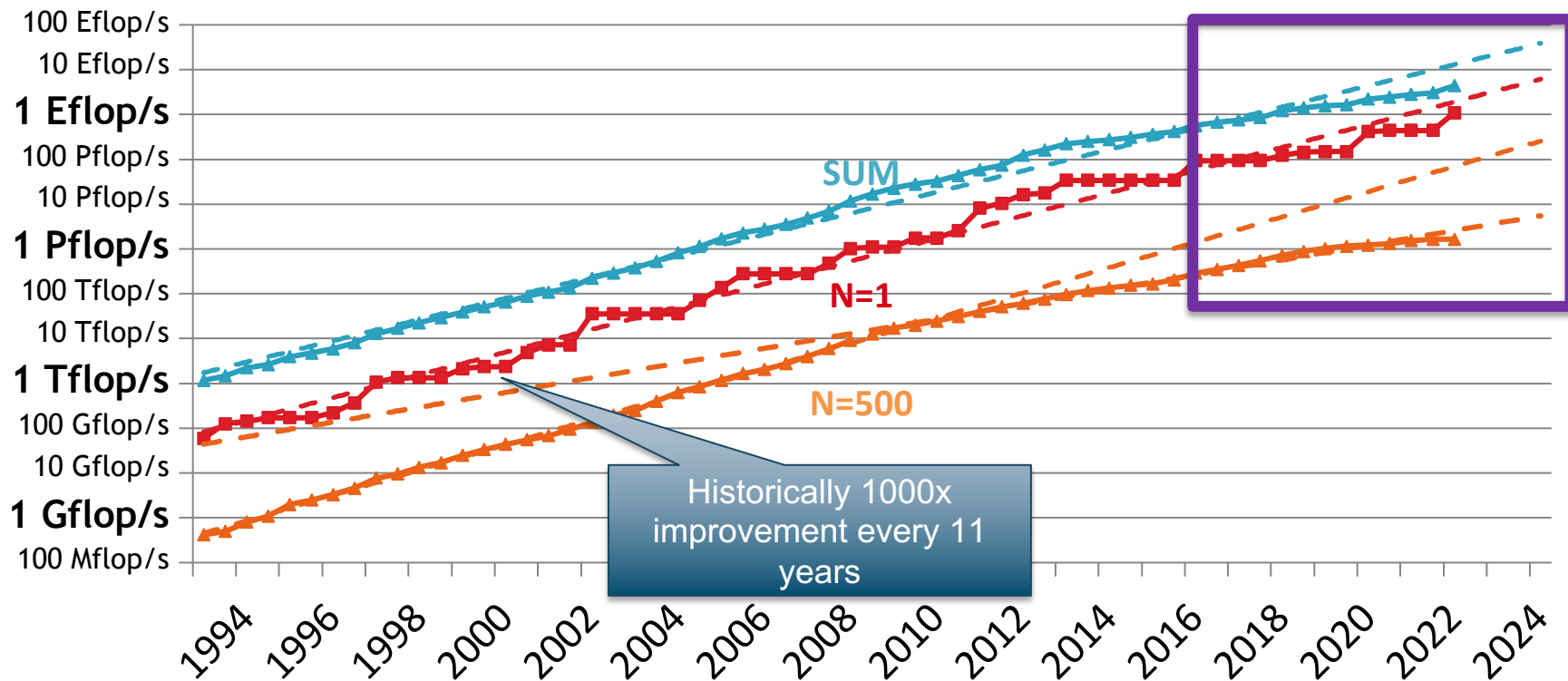
- **The slowdown in Moores Law is driving a new world order in datacenters!**
 - Disaggregation, extreme heterogeneity, serverless computing, break-down of security models
- **Wide Area High Performance optical networks and Distributed Services architectures have had to grapple with these issues for decades before**
 - Lambda-switching/steering
 - Workflow description and service orchestration
 - Distributed “trust no-one” **security** and differential privacy models (inside chip!!!)
 - *as –a-Service models (Accelerator as a Service for example)
- ***Cees and Leon could easily dominate next generation of computer architecture research just by drawing on their ample (30+ years) of accumulated knowledge of wide area distributed computing.... (another 30+ years of work ahead)***

Technology Scaling Trends

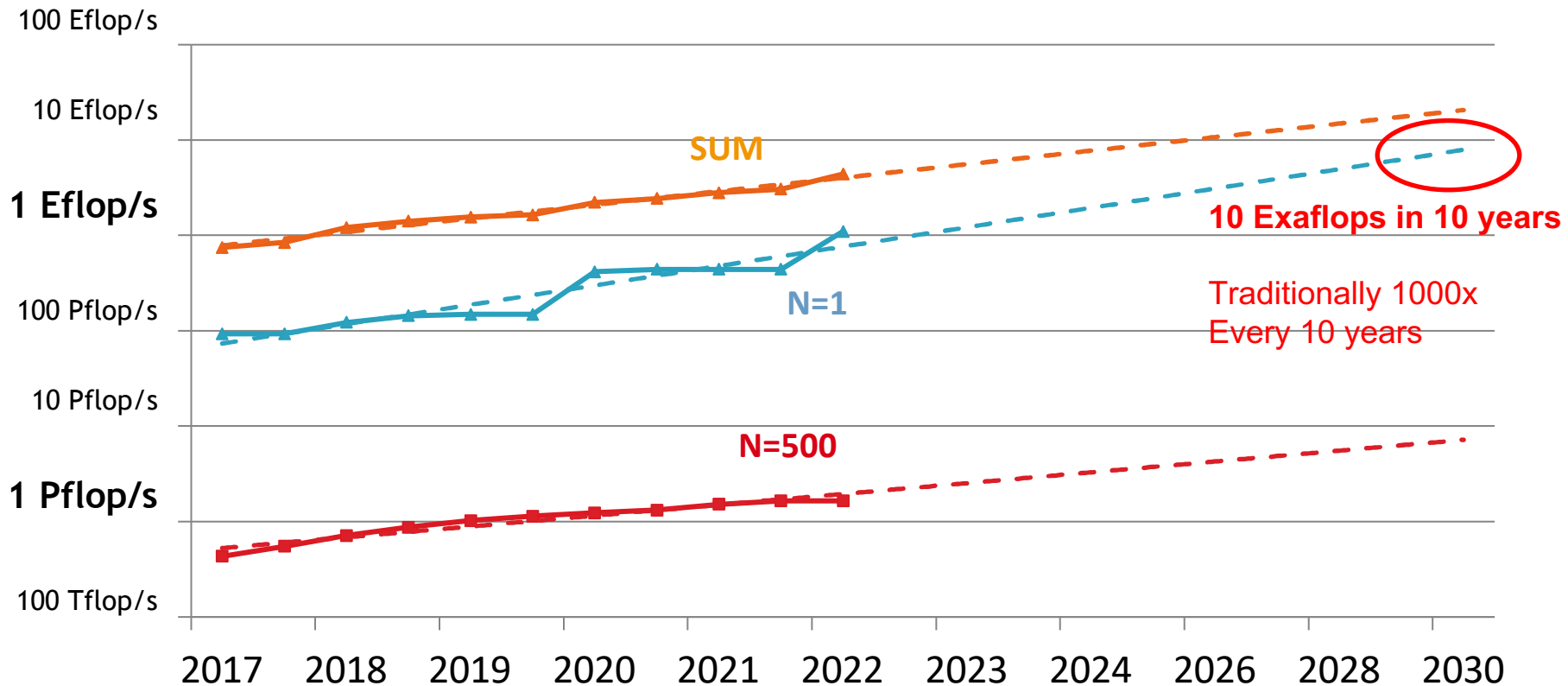
Exascale in 2021... and then what?



Projected Performance Development



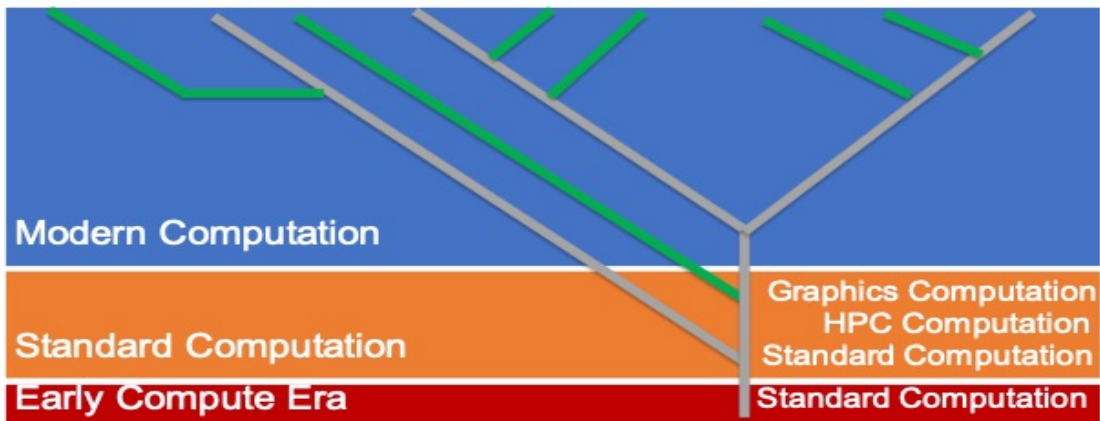
Projected Performance Development



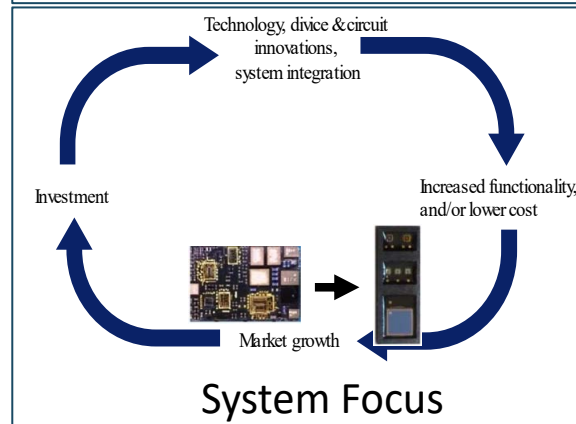
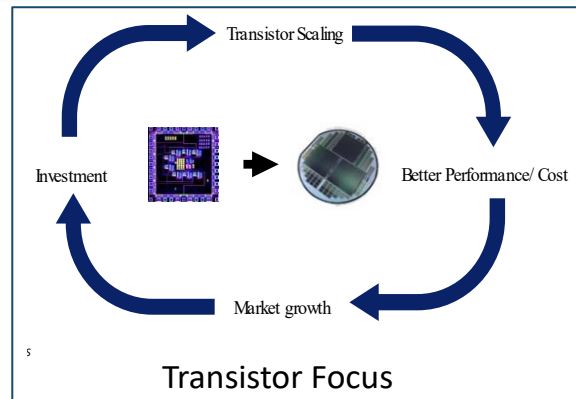
Why? Domain specific Architectures driven by hyperscalers

in response to slowing of Moore's Law (switch to systems focus for future scaling)

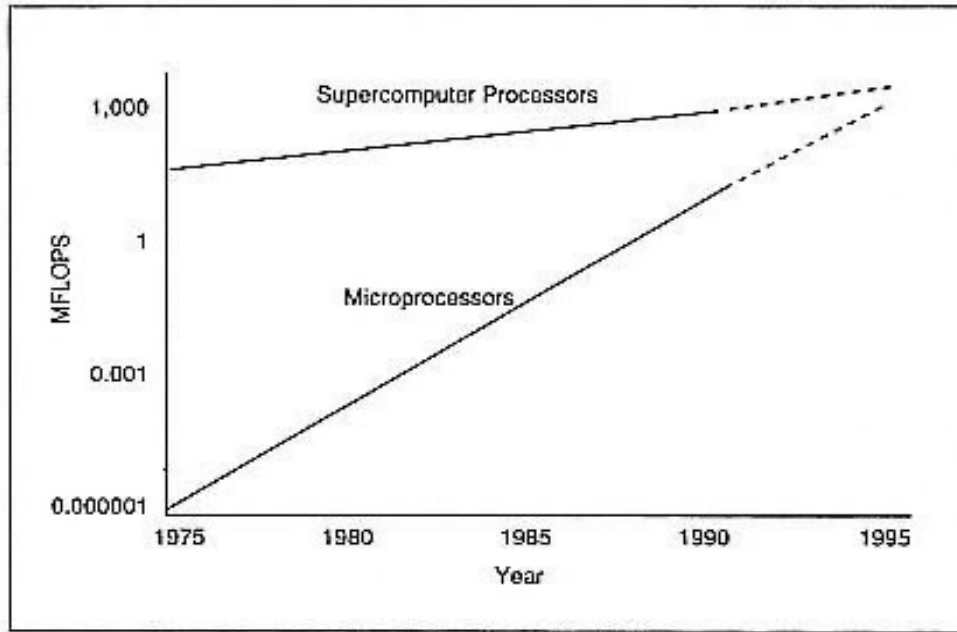
Dharmesh Jani, Facebook –
ODSA Workshop, Regional Summit, Amsterdam, Sep. 2019



AI/ML/data workload explosion needs DSAs



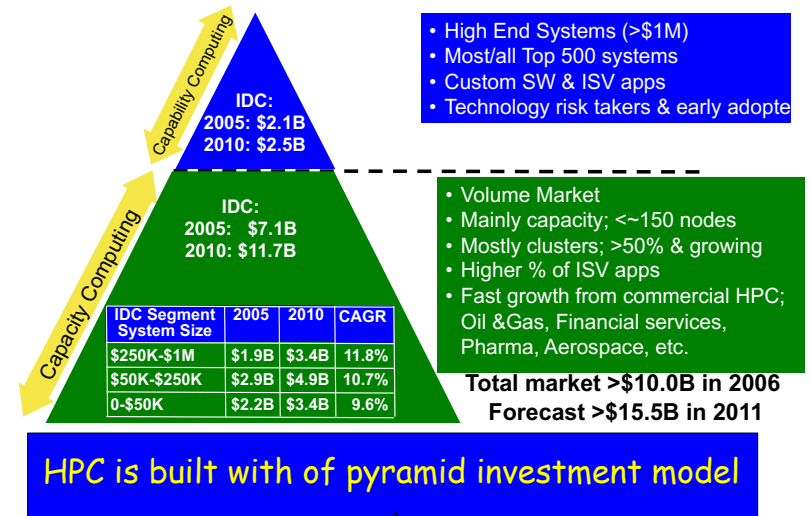
Attack of the Killer Micros



Attack of the killer micros

John Markoff, May 6, 1991

- Was more about the economic model than technology alone



It is not good enough anymore to understand the technology

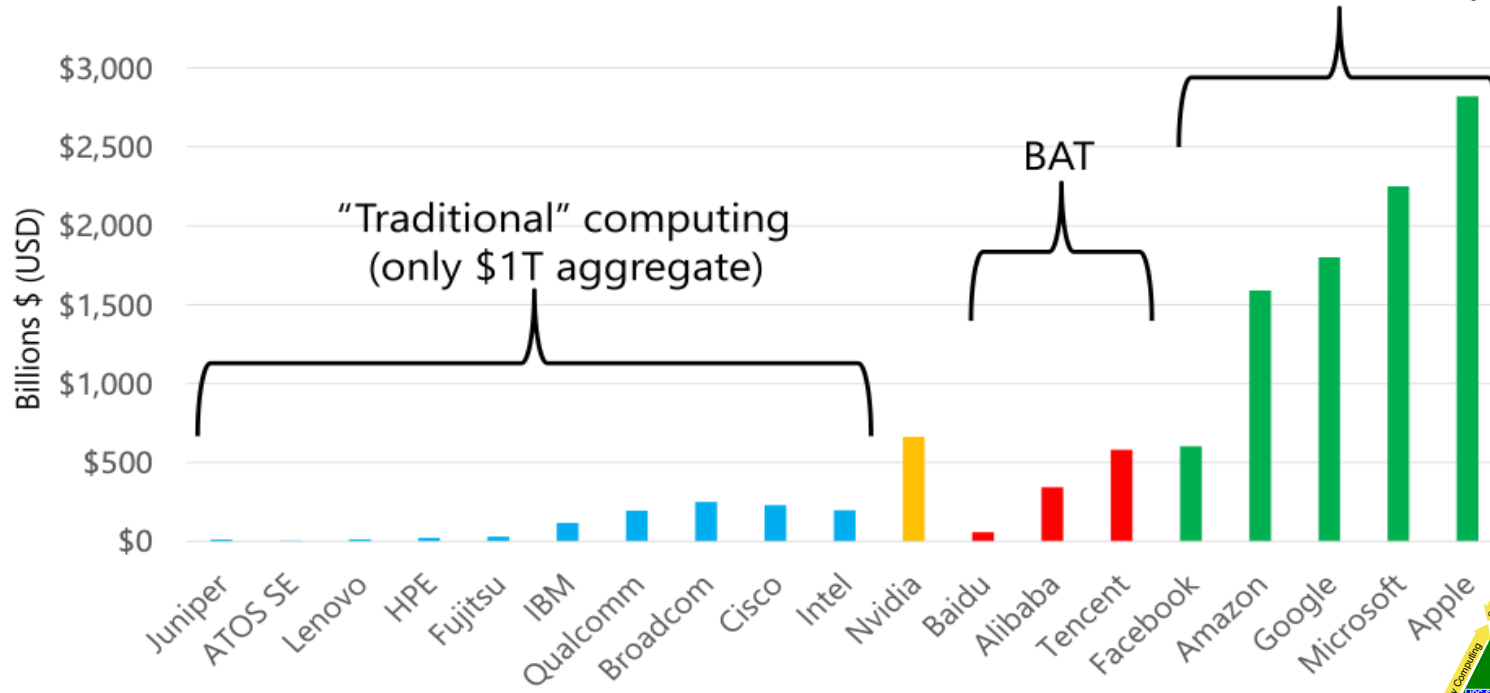
Now we must also understand the market context

Dan Reed, 2022

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.02544.pdf>

Control of the computing ecosystem

Trillion+ \$ (USD) companies



High End Systems (>\$1M)

- Most/all Top 500 systems
- Custom SW & ISV apps
- Technology risk takers & early adopters

Volume Market

- Mainly capacity: <-150 nodes
- Mostly clusters: >50% & growing
- Higher % of ISV apps
- Fast growth from commercial HPC: Oil & Gas, Financial services, Pharma, Aerospace, etc.

Total market >\$10.0B in 2006
Forecast >\$15.5B in 2011

HPC is built with of pyramid investment model

IDC Segment	2005	2010	CAGR
\$250K-\$1M	\$1.9B	\$3.4B	11.8%
\$50K-\$250K	\$2.9B	\$4.9B	10.7%
<\$50K	\$3.2B	\$3.6B	3.0%

IDC:
2005: \$7.1B
2010: \$11.7B

IDC:
2005: \$2.1B
2010: \$2.5B



Opportunity for HPC: New Economic Model

Open Chiplets Marketplace is forming (ODSA and UClexpress)

- Licensable IP and assembly by 3rd party lowers that barrier
- Leverage the economic model being created by HyperScale

Leverage this baseline and extend to support HPC

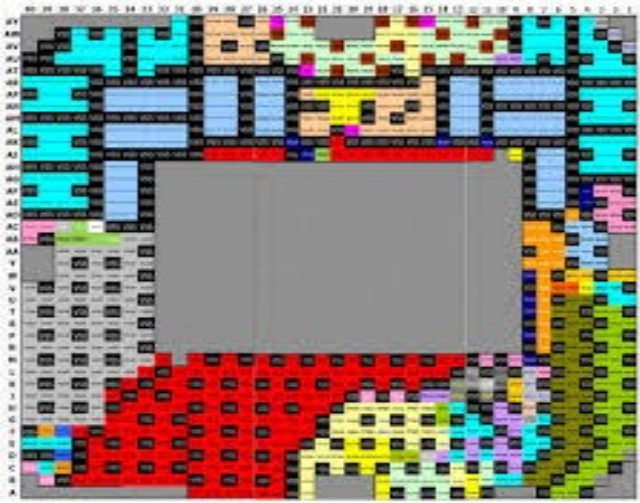
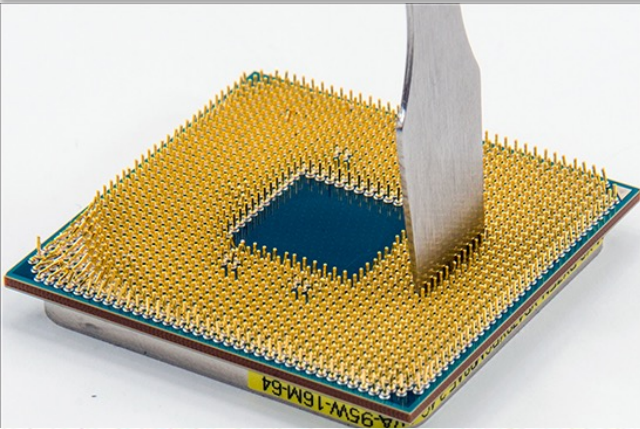
- Smaller incremental cost for HPC to “play”
- *HPC has become “too small to attack the city”*

80:20 Rule: Focus open efforts on what uniquely benefits HPC

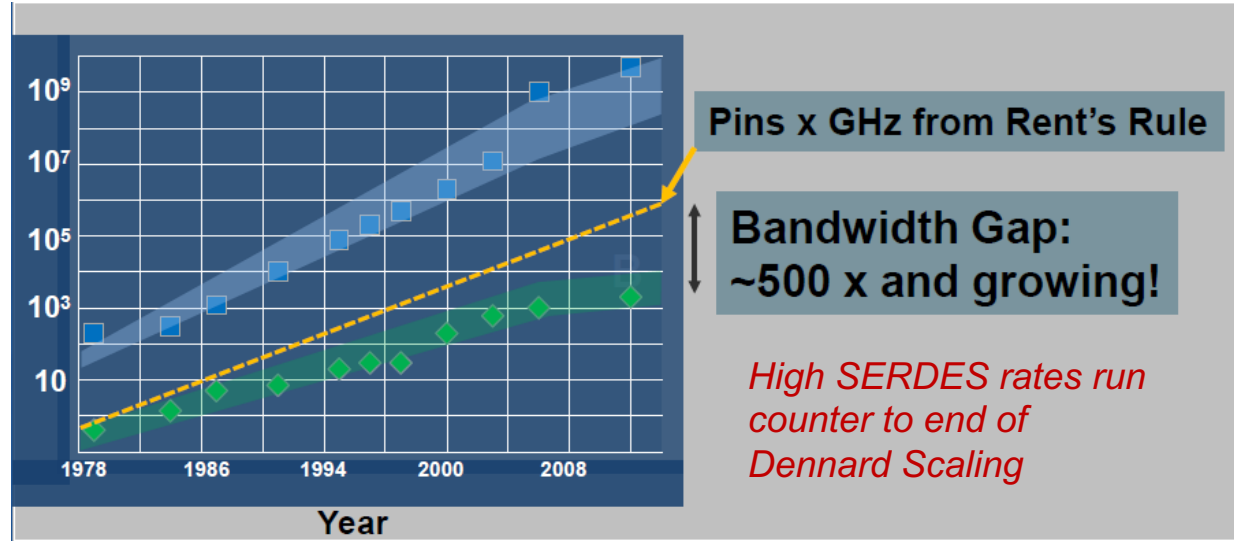
- Build up a library of reusable accelerators for HPC.
- **Interoperability for sustainability:** *Interoperate with Arm IP for commercially supported IP where it exists and focus Open on the 20% that doesn't make commercial sense to license*



Package Performance is Pin Limited

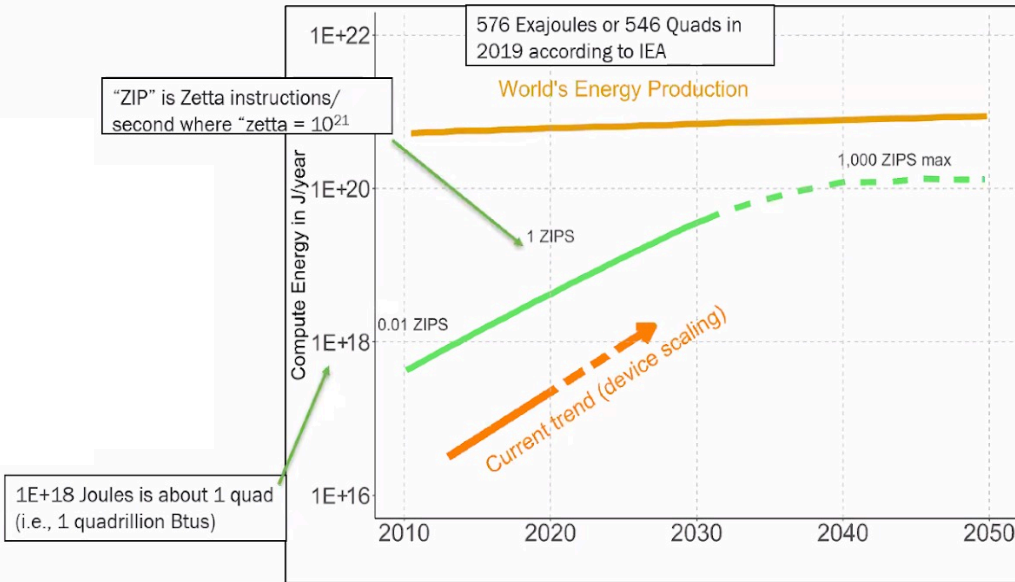


Rent's Rule:
Number of pins = $K \times \text{Gates}^a$ (IBM, 1960)
 $K = 0.82$, $a = 0.45$ for early Microprocessors

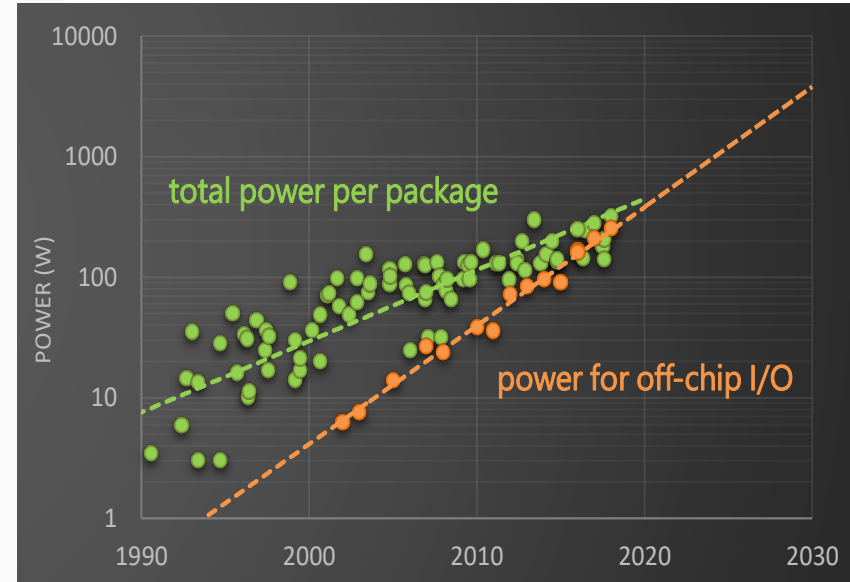


Datacenters: Worstest climate change without ultra-energy-efficiency

And data movement dominates that power consumption



Source: SRC 2021



Source: Gordon Keeler (DARPA)

- January 2021 SRC report projects datacenter energy growth rates will lead to ~25% consumption of planetary energy by 2040.
- Data movement is a dominant contributor to that power consumption