



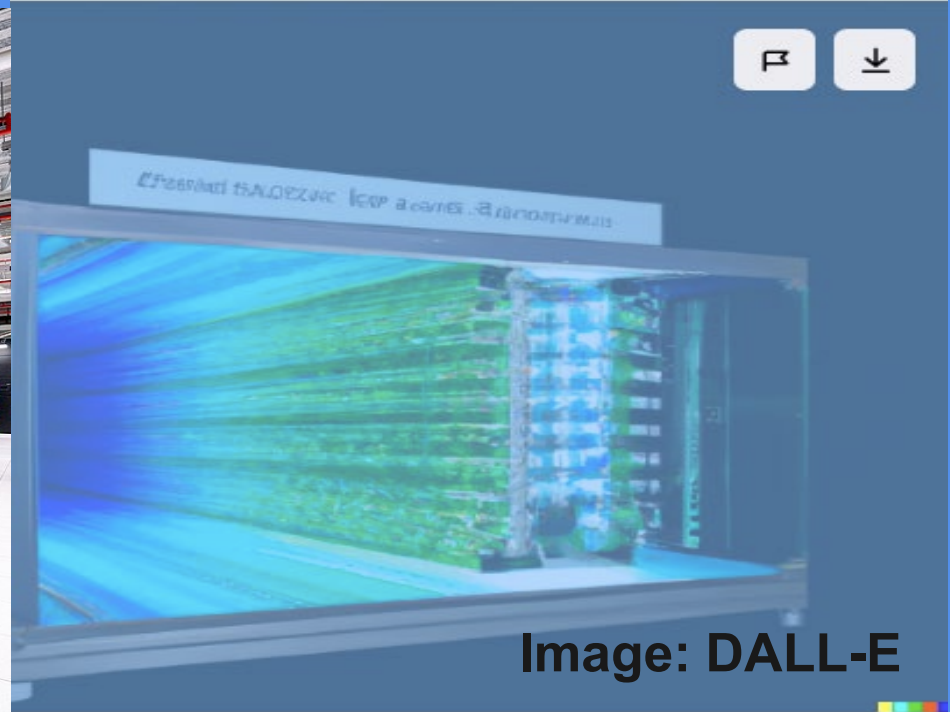
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# ~~SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING~~ BEYOND THE EXASCALE ERA HPC

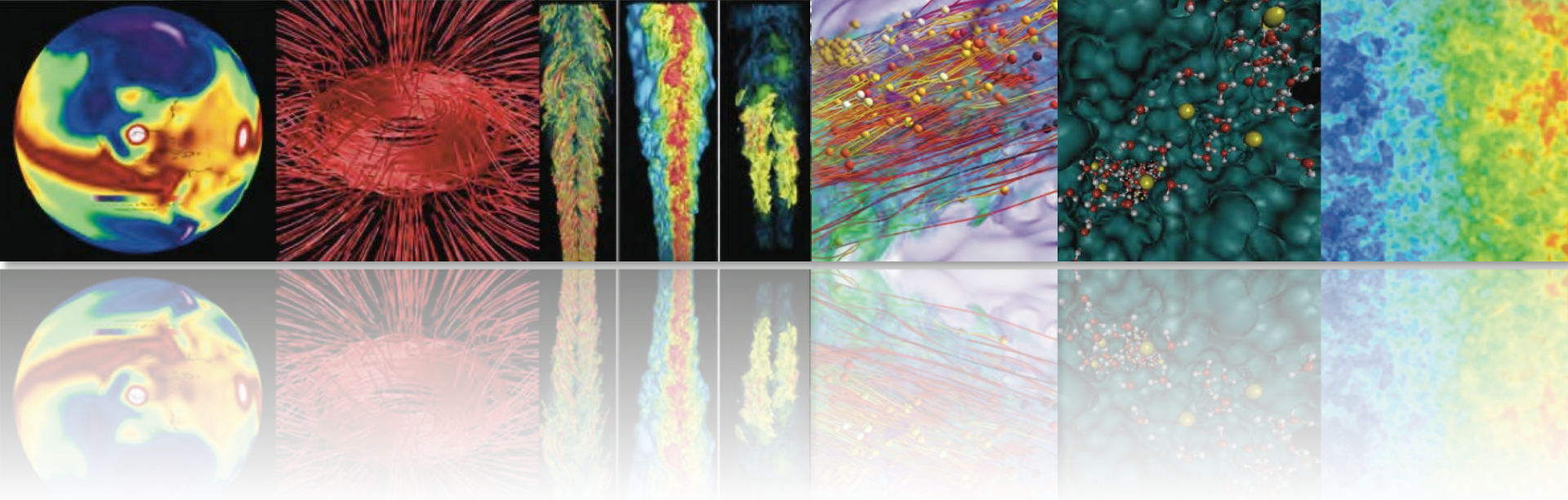
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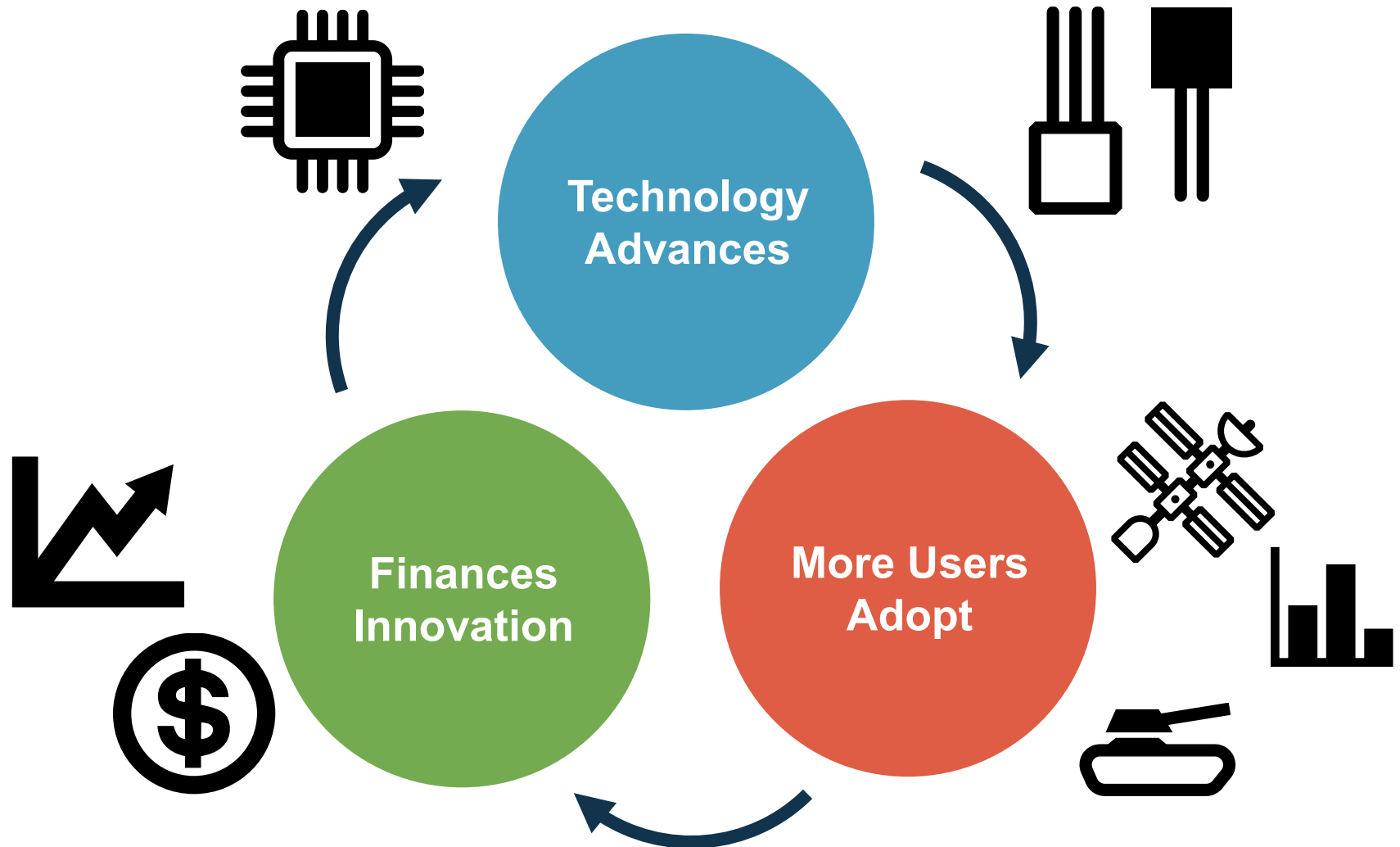
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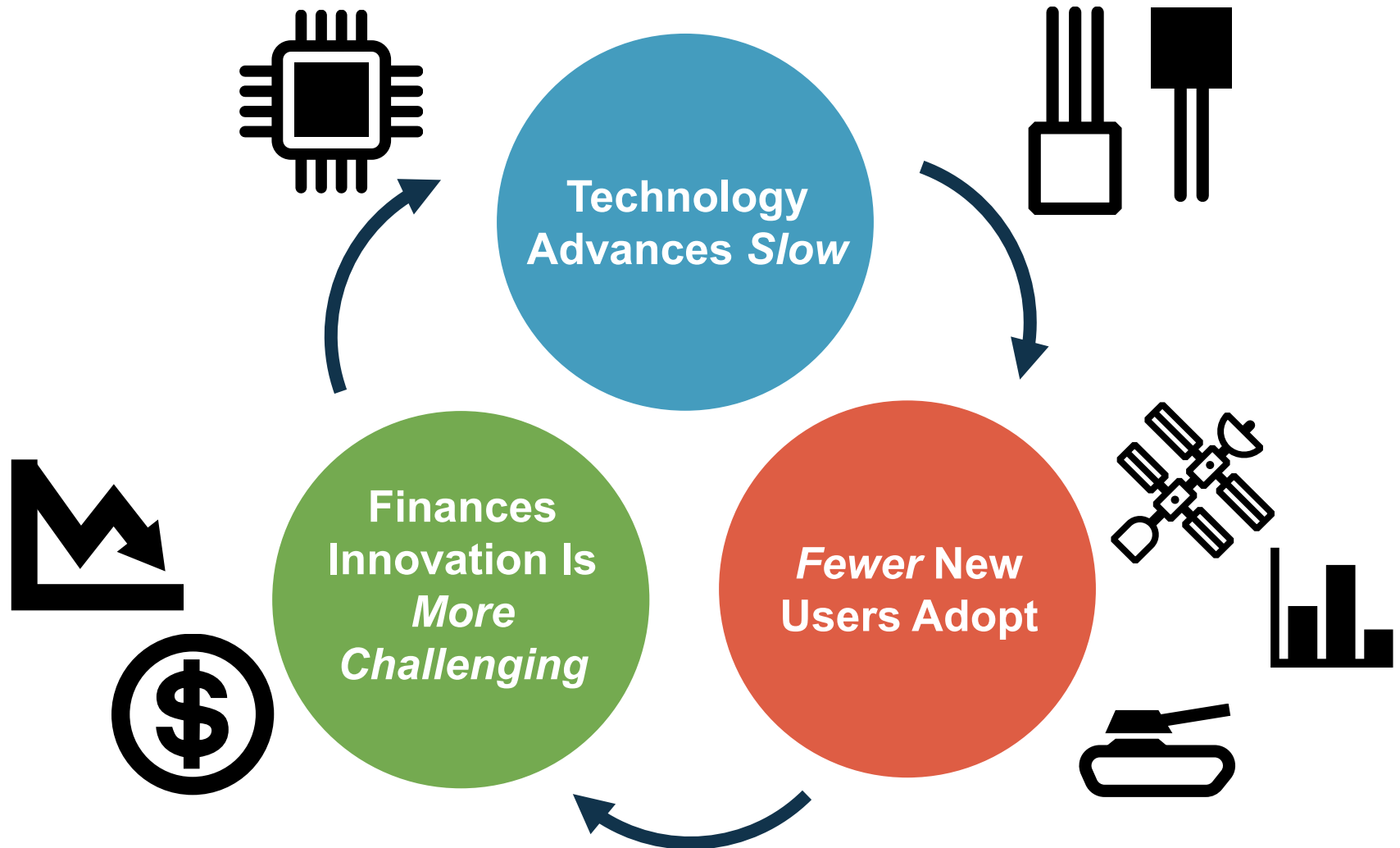
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# Virtuous Cycle of a General Purpose Technology (semiconductors)

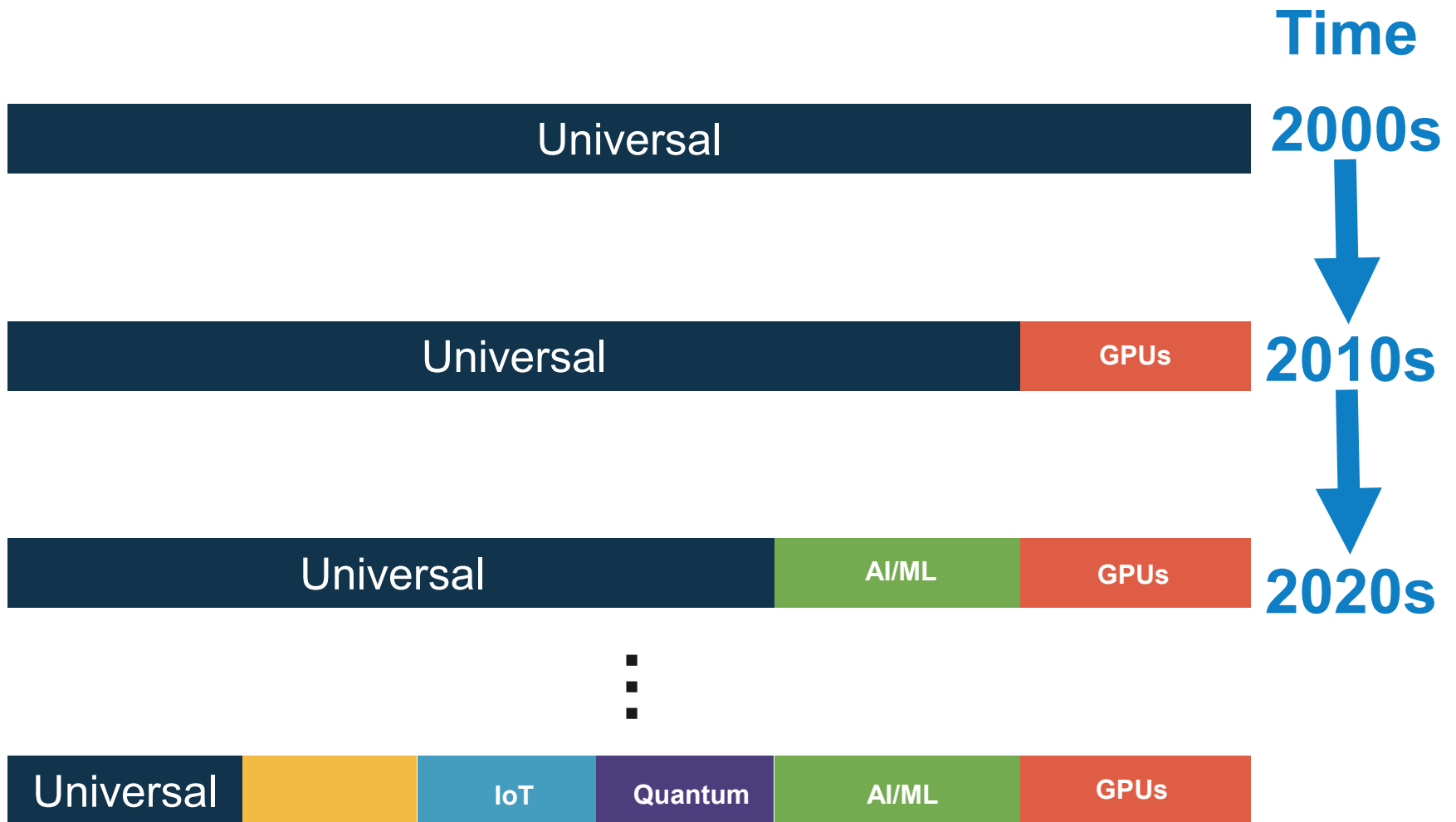


From Neil Thompson, MIT  
Lecture at ISC 2019

# Fragmenting of a General Purpose Technology



# Computing is Fragmenting – and so is HPC



# The Cambrian Explosion

**541 million years ago**

# The Cambrian Explosion



**Most present animal phyla appeared during this period.**

# The Cambrian Explosion of HPC

## Fast Forward to 2022



# The Cambrian Explosion of HPC





Internet of Things



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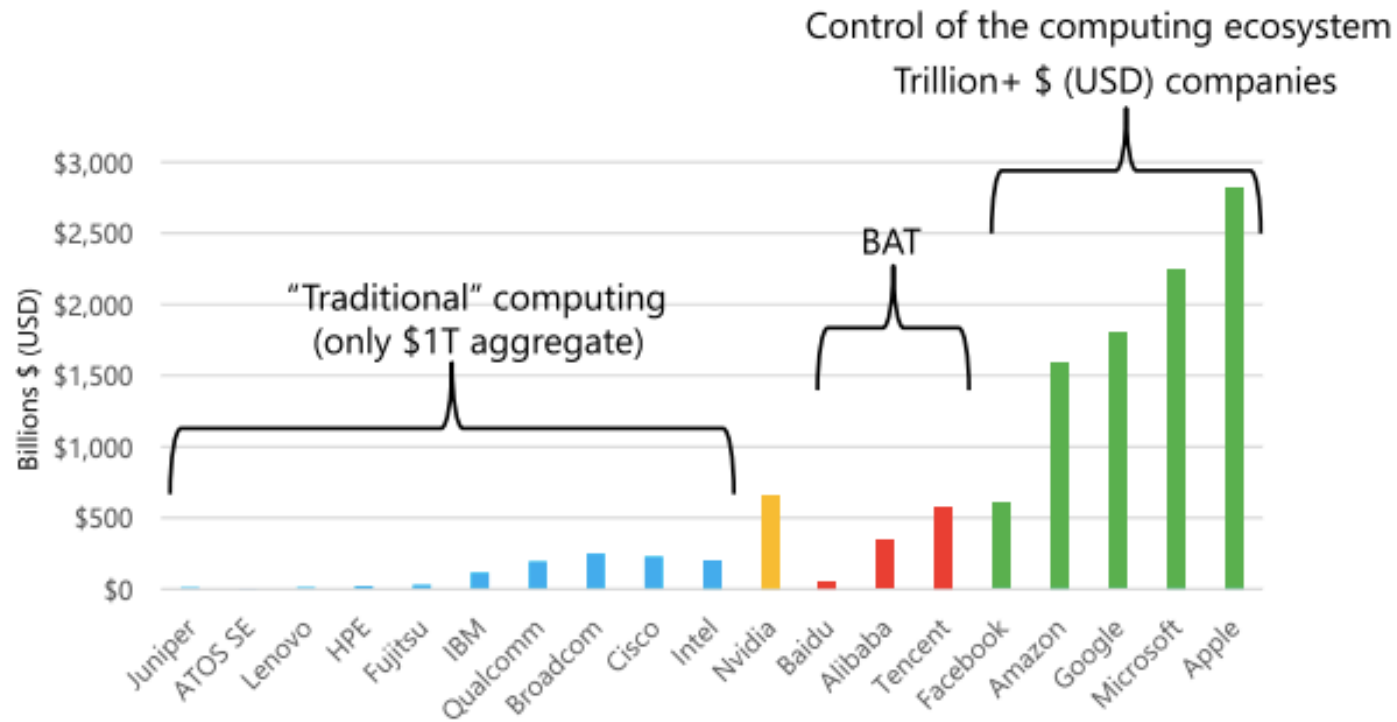
# Fragmentation

A wealth of technology choices for HPC

We are living in a golden age of exploration, ....

... but the future is as clear as mud.

# Market Concentration (FAANG+BAT)



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Figure 6: Computing Company Market Capitalization

From Reed, Gannon, and Dongarra <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.02544>

# Biggest Hyperscale Sites

(<http://worldstopdatacenters.com/hyper-scale-data-centers/>)

Dwarf HPC sites

Top10 > 400 Ksqft

## Biggest Hyperscale Sites

This Top Ten ranks the biggest Hyperscale Sites around the world measured by square footage. These data centers power the need astounding amount of information used for telecommunications, cloud computing, and financial firms. These hyperscale sites are some of the biggest data centers around the world due to the major investments from companies like Google, Facebook, and Microsoft.

### #1: Microsoft- Chicago, Illinois

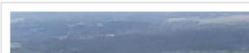


700,000 square feet

Reigning in at number one on our list for biggest data centers is Microsoft. One of the largest data centers ever build so far but also being the most unusual. The two story building uses 40-foot shipping containers to house their web servers and uses the second story for the traditional raised-floor data center space.

[Read More . . .](#)

### #2: Apple- Maiden, North Carolina



Just barely placing over Google and Microsofts second facility, Apples is number two on our list. The data center itself sits on 183 acres of land that Apple purchased to

# Perspectives on Hyperscalers



## Perspectives on Hyperscale

**A large-scale national supercomputer costs hundreds of millions of dollars**

**At least 10 hyperscale companies spend over \$1 billion each year.**

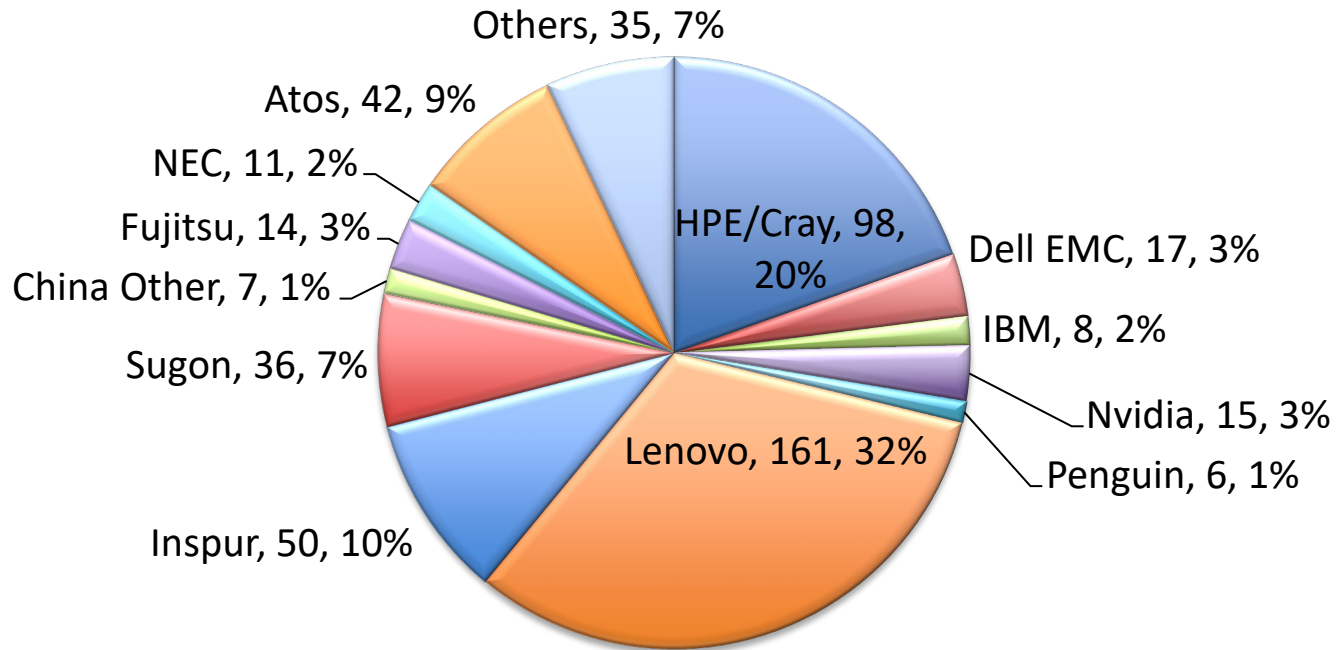
**Four spent over \$10 billion in 2021.  
Two spent over \$20 billion.**

**Hyperscale companies spent over \$12 billion on AI last year alone**

The top two hyperscale companies' data centers, worldwide, cover **more than 25 square miles**, more computing than would physically fit in Manhattan.

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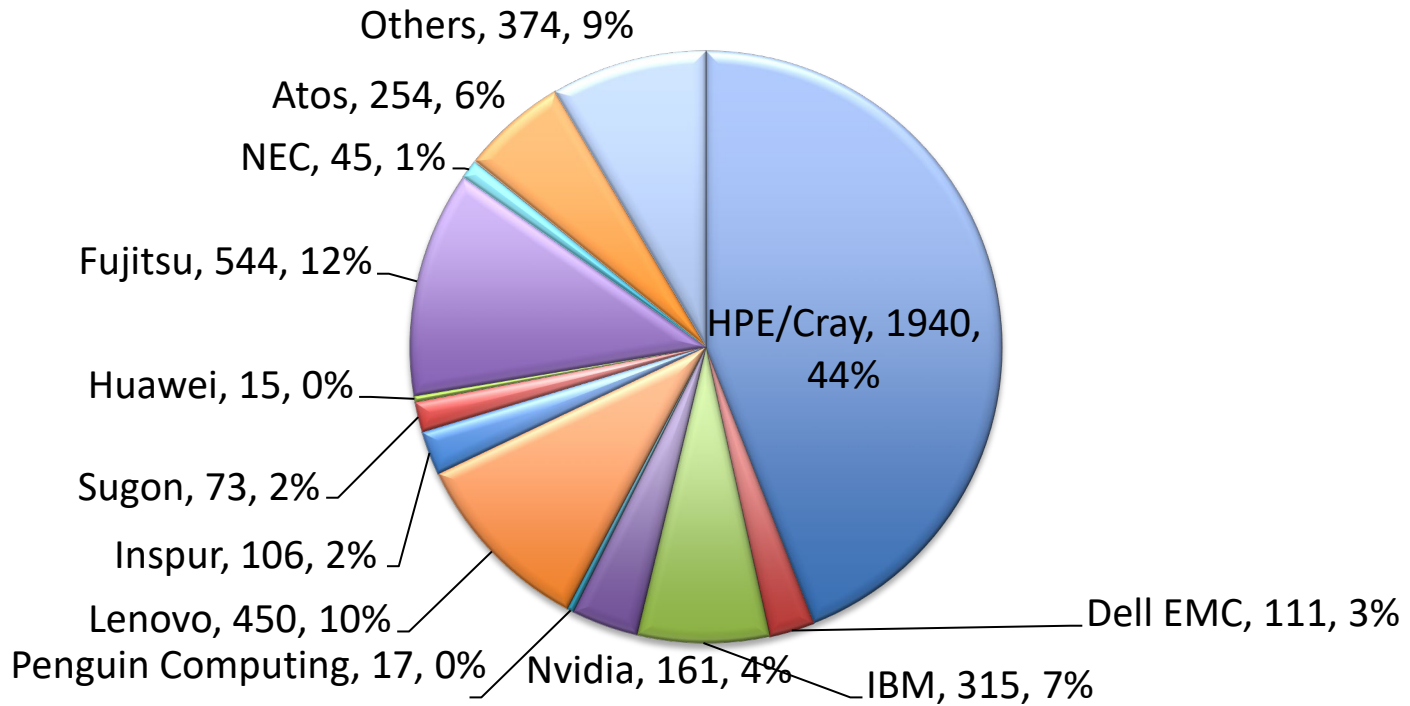
# VENDORS / SYSTEM SHARE



# of systems, % of 500



# VENDORS / PERFORMANCE SHARE



Sum of Pflop/s, % of whole list

# Domination by Hyperscalers



Microsoft Datacenter, Quincy

Financial leverage determines R&D directions, diminishes the influence of HPC on future chip and systems design

Developing and building their own hardware and software infrastructure at a gigantic scale (TPU, Graviton)

Determine future directions for Intel, AMD and technology in general

Loss of HPC systems integrators

Attract the best talent

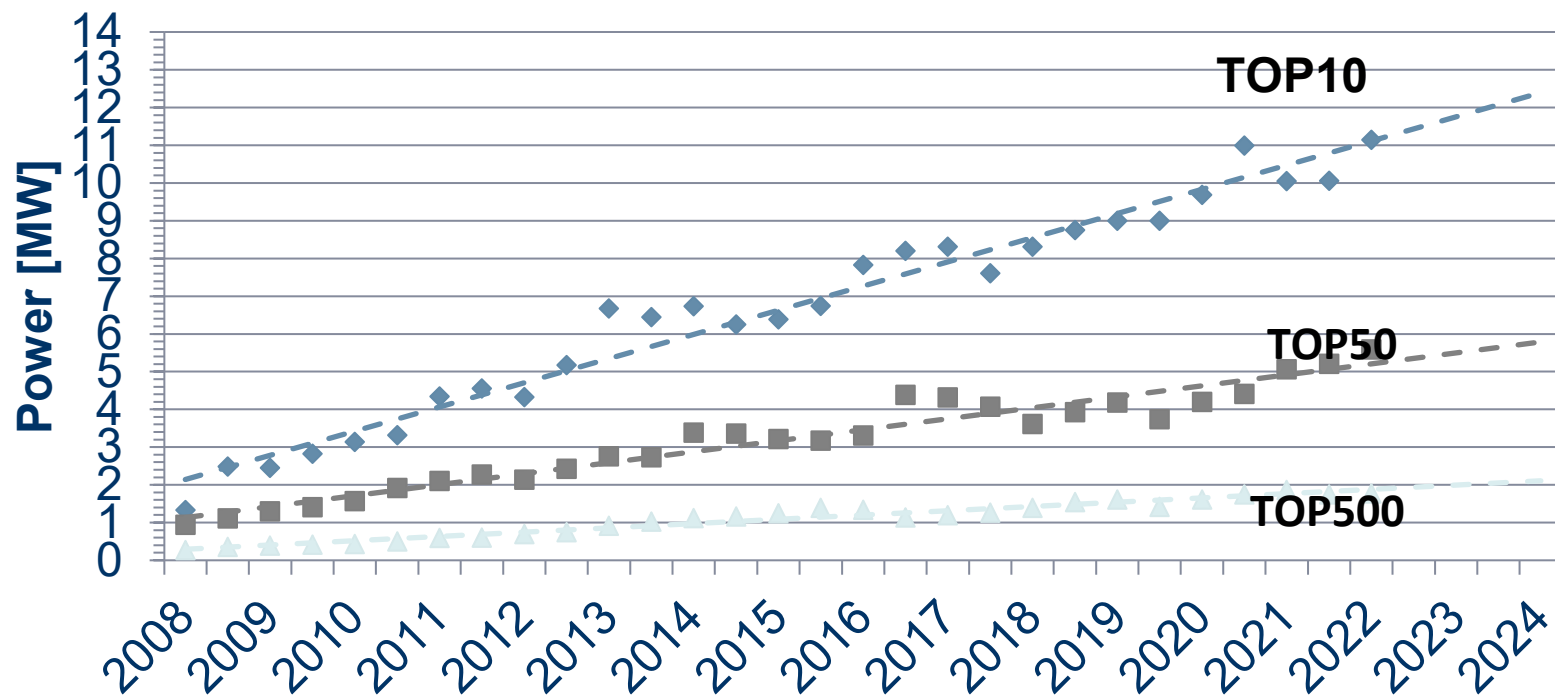
# Worldwide Race to Exascale (2019)

Projected Pre-Exascale and Exascale Acceptances 2020-2025

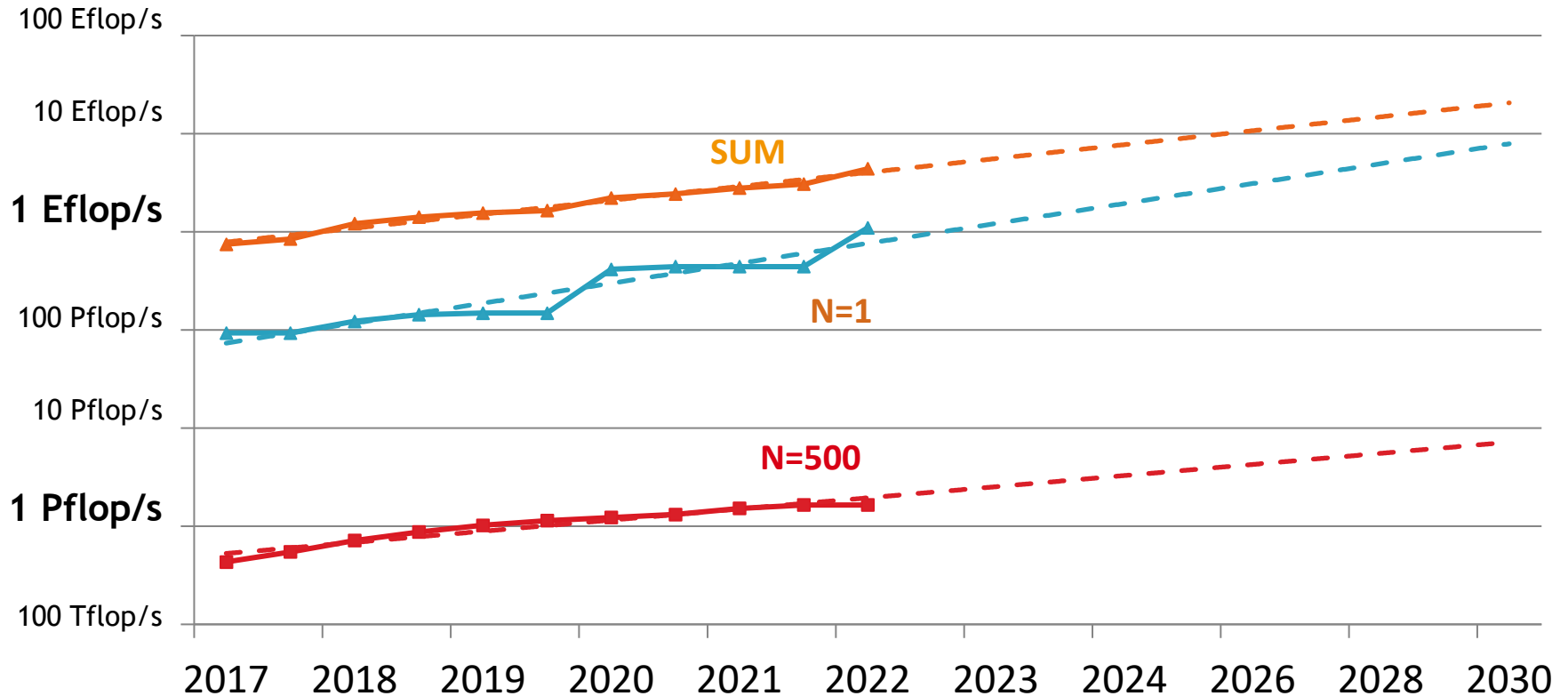
Year Accepted	China	EU	Japan	US	Total Installations	Total Price
2020	1 pre-exascale	1 pre-exascale		1 pre-exascale	3-4	~\$750 Million
2021	1 pre-exascale 1 near-exascale	1 pre-exascale	1 (Post K Accepted)	1 pre-exascale	4-5	~\$1,900 Million
2022	1 or 2 exascale	1 near-exascale	?	2 exascale	4-5	~\$1,700 Million
2023	1 exascale	1 exascale	1 near-exascale (\$100 million)	1 or 2 exascale	4	~\$1,500 Million
2024	1 exascale	1 exascale	?	2 exascale	4	~\$1,400 Million
2025	2 exascale	1 or 2 exascale	1 near-exascale (\$100 million)	1 exascale	5-6	~\$1,600 Million

Source: Hyperion Research 2019

# Power Consumption



# Projected Performance Development (TOP500)

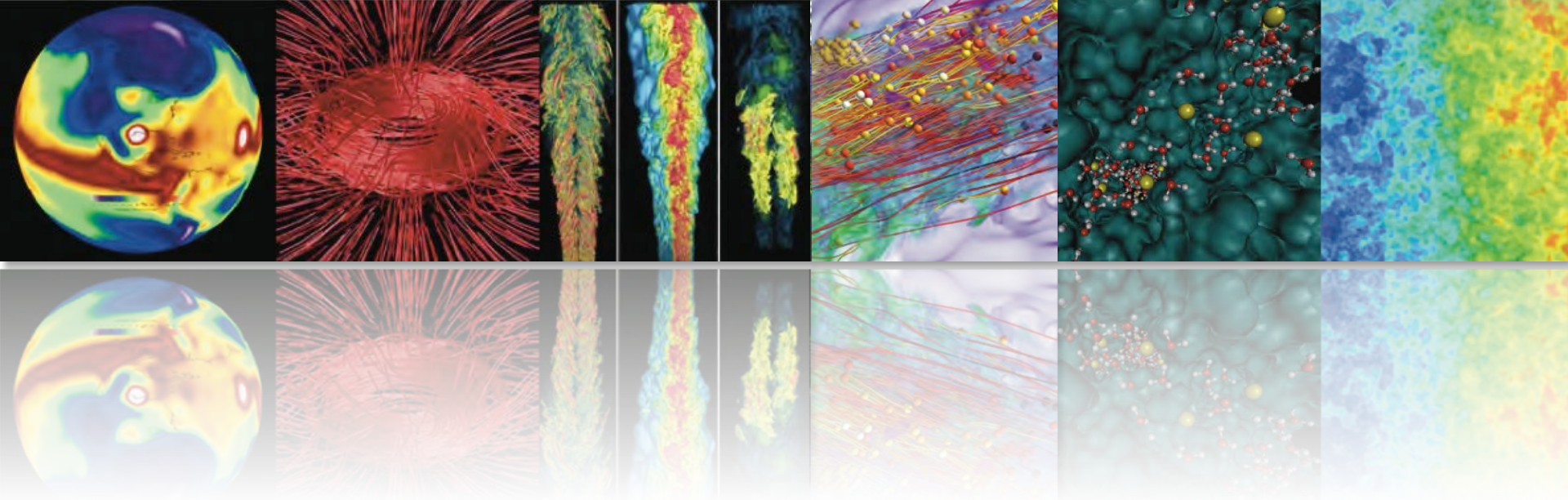


# Costs will Limit Growth of High End HPC Systems

Future TOP10 systems will cost \$750M to \$1B

Will require of the order of 20MW

I do not expect a 10 Exaflops HPL system before 2030



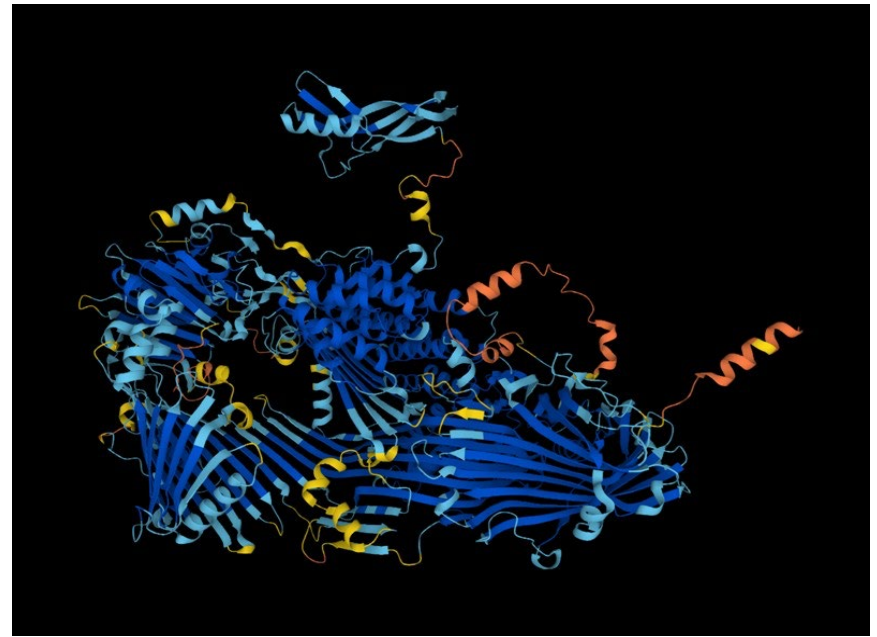
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# Computing the Protein Universe

We experience seemingly daily new milestones in machine intelligence:

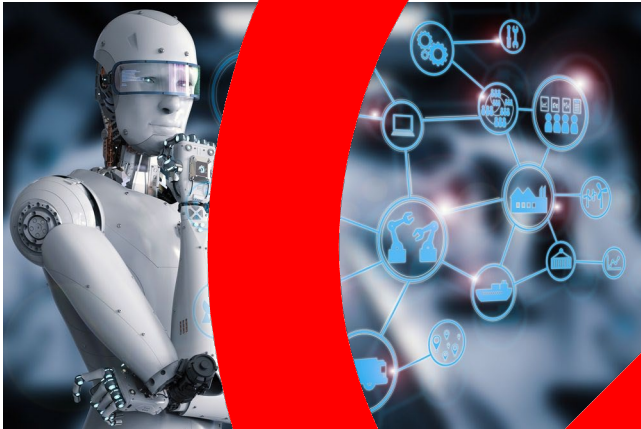
Alpha Fold DB of Deep Mind (Google) predicts more than 200M protein structures, July 28, 2022.

"AlphaFold is the singular and momentous advance in life science that demonstrates the power of AI."



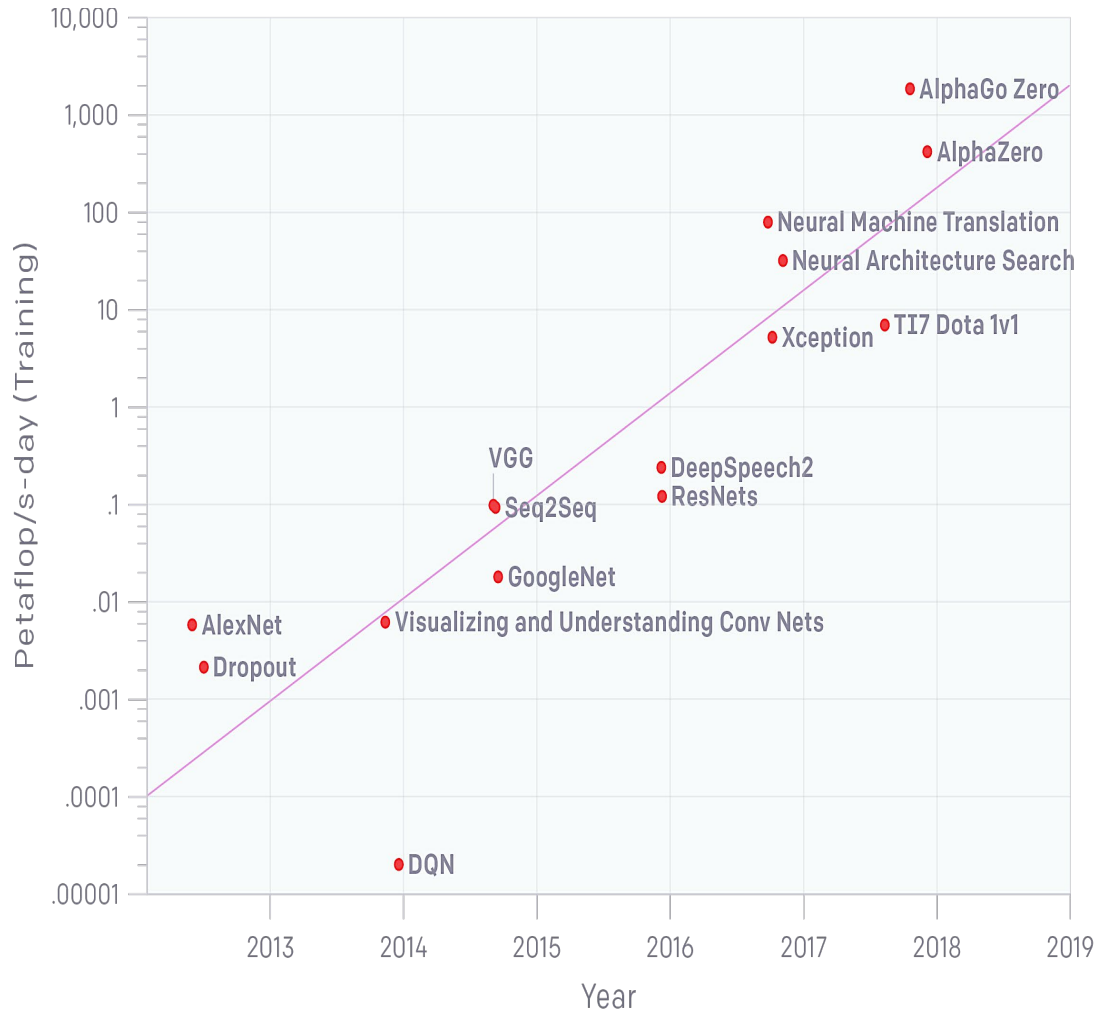
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-02083-2>





# HPC is essential for progress in large scale AI

## 300,000x increase from 2011 (AlexNet) to 2018 (AlphaGoZero)



*A petaflop/s-day  
=  $10^{15}$  neural net  
operations per  
second for one  
day,  $\approx$   
 $10^{20}$  operations*

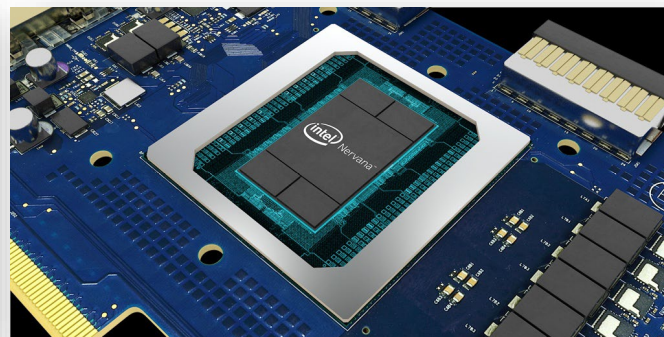
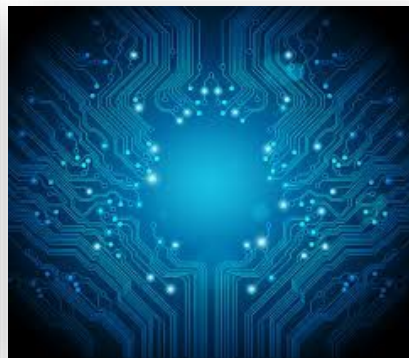
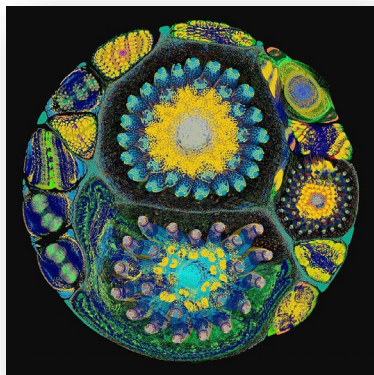
**From 2011-2017  
the fastest Top500  
machine grew <  
10x**

<https://openai.com/blog/ai-and-compute/>



## These Computing Requirements sparked a high level of Interest in Architectures and Systems for ML

- Explosion of VC interest in chip start-ups
- More than 45 start-ups are working on chips that can power tasks like speech and self-driving cars
- US VC are investing >\$4B in start-ups
- SambaNova (\$1.2B), Groq (\$400M), Cerebras (\$250M) are large players in this field



# Proliferation of New Companies and Architectures



# AI Chip Landscape

More on <https://basicmi.github.io/AI-Chip/>

## Tech Giants/Systems



## IC Vender/Fabless



## IP/Design Service



## Startup in China



## Startup Worldwide



## Compiler

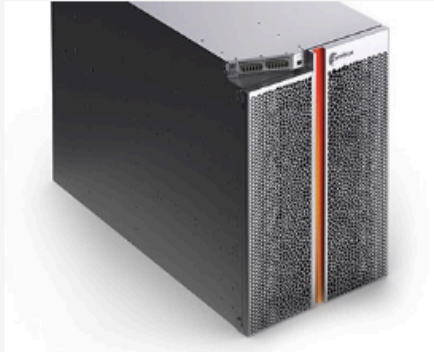


## Benchmarks



# ALCF AI Testbeds

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/alcf-ai-testbed>



Cerebras (CS-2)



SambaNova



Graphcore



Habana



Groq

- Infrastructure of next-generation machines with hardware accelerators customized for artificial intelligence (AI) applications.
- Provide a platform to evaluate usability and performance of machine learning based HPC applications running on these accelerators.
- The goal is to better understand how to integrate AI accelerators with ALCF's existing and upcoming supercomputers to accelerate science insights

# Machine Learning





# Scientific Machine Learning – DOE ASCR BRN Workshop 2019



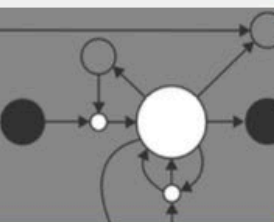
## Scientific Machine Learning

**What are the opportunities and challenges of machine learning in complex applications across science, engineering, and medicine?**

**Embed domain knowledge**



**Respect physical constraints**

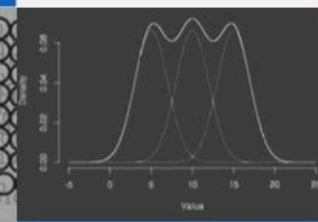


**Bring interpretability to results**

**Integrate sparse, heterogeneous, noisy & incomplete data**



**Make predictions with quantified uncertainties**



**Support high-consequence decisions**



# AI for Science – What's Next After Exascale

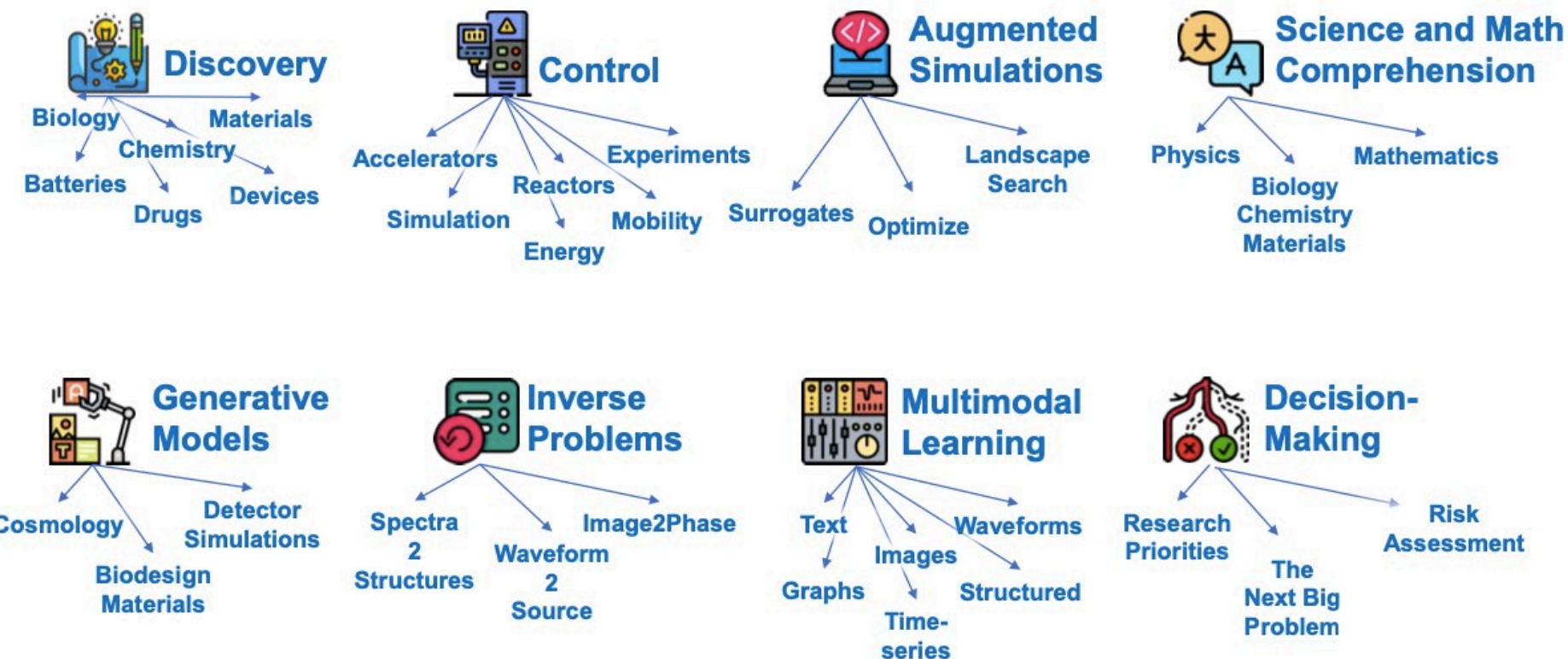


- Over 1,300 scientists participated in four town halls during the summer/fall of 2019
- Research Opportunities in AI
  - Biology, Chemistry, Materials,
  - Climate, Physics, Energy, Cosmology
  - Mathematics and Foundations
  - Data Life Cycle
  - Software Infrastructure
  - Hardware for AI
  - Integration with Scientific Facilities
- Modeled after the Exascale Series in 2007
- ASCAC subcommittee Report Sept 2020

<https://www.anl.gov/ai-for-science-report>

From Rick Stevens, AI4SS workshop

# AI for Science Example Foundation Building Blocks



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# AI for Science “SuperGeneral” Models

AI Enabled

Design Workflows

(what to make)



...materials, polymers, organisms...

AI Enabled

Experimental Workflows

(how to make it)



...self-driving labs, synthesis search...

AI Enabled

Scientific Comprehension

(what it means)



- data Sets
- literature
- science “news”
- strategy



*Cleaned  
Updated  
Annotated  
Aggregated  
Interpreted*

→ Insight?

From Rick Stevens, AI4SS workshop

# Summer 2022 Workshop Topics

June, July, August

Argonne, Berkeley, Oak Ridge, Livermore, Los Alamos, Sandia

**AI for Advanced  
Properties Inference  
and Inverse Design**

**AI and Robotics for  
Autonomous  
Discovery**

**AI Based Surrogates  
for HPC**

**AI for Programming  
and Software  
Engineering**

**AI for Prediction and  
Control of Complex  
Engineered Systems**

**Foundation AI for  
Scientific Knowledge  
Discovery, Integration  
and Synthesis**

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# Summary on AI for Science

Several workshop reports list research directions for AI/ML and how it can accelerate modeling and simulation:

- surrogate models
- digital twins
- physically constrained models

National Labs bring together team science, large scale collaborations, and exascale computing experience

- expect AI4SS to develop “grand challenge” type problems that will set the agenda for the next five years and that can be approached by large scale models

## SciML Capabilities

### Machine Learning for Advanced Scientific Computing Research

#### Data-intensive

scientific inference & data analysis

ML methods for multimodal data  
in situ data analysis with ML  
ML to optimally guide data acquisition

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#### ML-enhanced modeling & sim

ML-hybrid algorithms and models for better scientific computing tools

ML-enabled adaptive algorithms  
ML parameter tuning  
ML-based multiscale surrogate models

⋮

#### Intelligent automation & decision support

automated decision support, adaptivity, resilience, control

exploration of decision space with ML  
ML-based resource mgt & control  
optimal decisions for complex systems

⋮

## SciML Foundations

### Machine Learning for Advanced Scientific Computing Research

#### Domain-aware

leveraging & respecting scientific domain knowledge

physical principles & symmetries  
physics-informed priors  
structure-exploiting models

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#### Interpretable

explainable & understandable results

model selection  
exploiting structure in high-dim data  
uncertainty quantification + ML

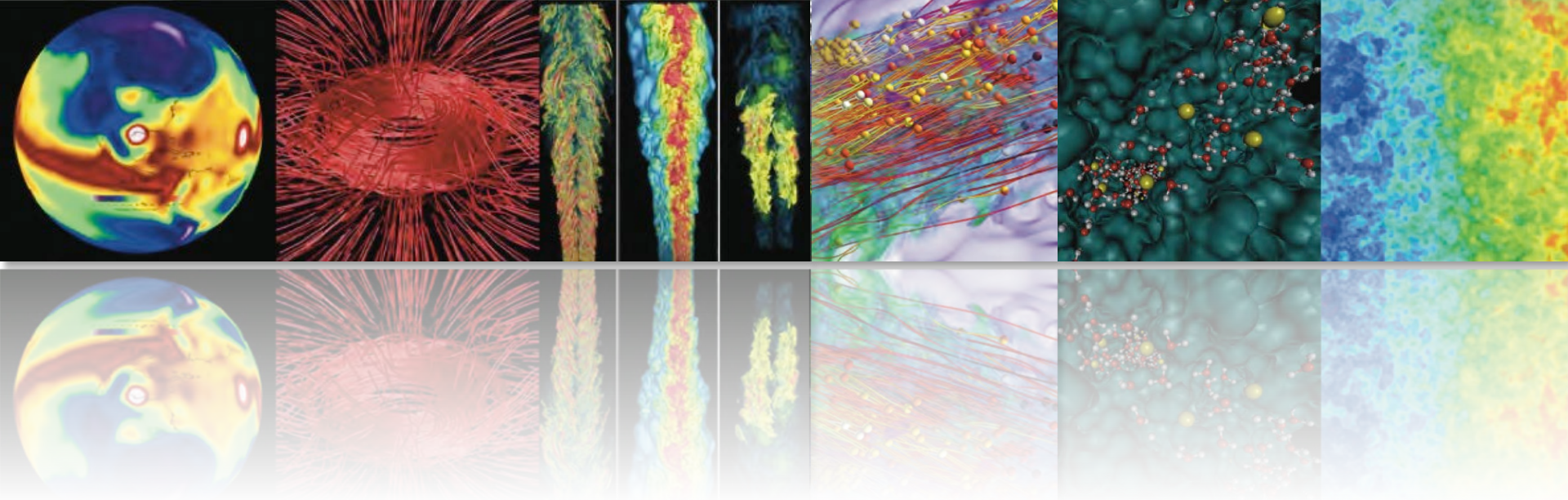
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#### Robust

stable, well-posed & reliable formulations

probabilistic modeling in ML  
quantifying well-posedness  
reliable hyperparameter estimation

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# Topics that I did not discuss ... (but have opinions about)

Quantum computing

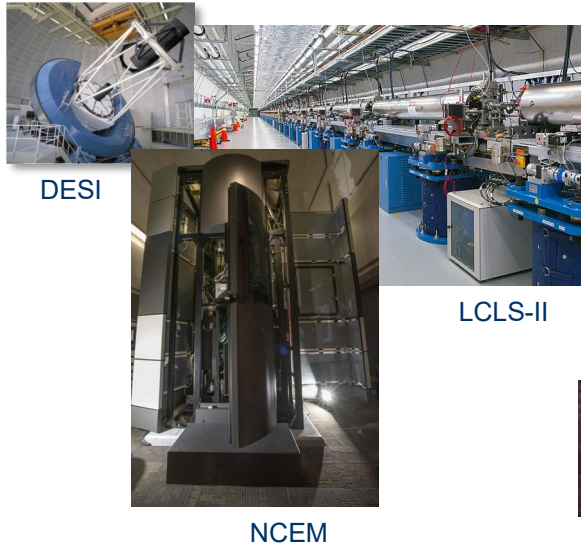
End of Moore's Law

Semiconductors and supply chain

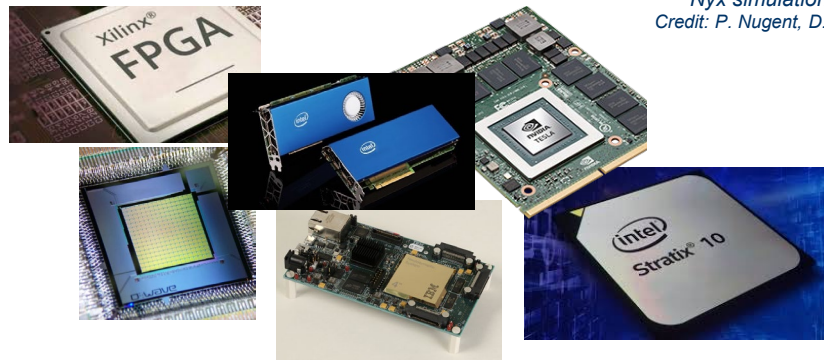
The growth of experimental data and IoT

# A changing computing landscape challenges us to think differently about the HPC computing environment

*Growth of experimental and observational data and the need for interactive feedback through real-time data analysis and simulation and modeling*

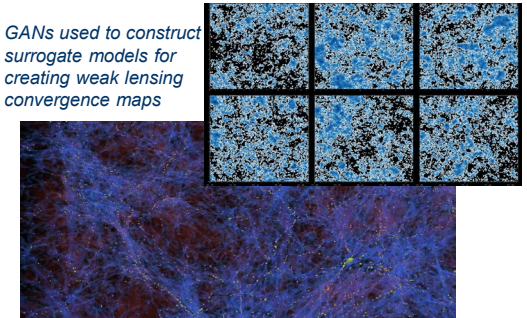


*The proliferation of accelerators and new technologies*



*Use of advanced data analytics and AI in simulations as well as for integration of multimodal data sets*

*GANs used to construct surrogate models for creating weak lensing convergence maps*



NERSC has addressed the paradigm shift in the way we design, configure and operate HPC systems

**Users require an *integrated ecosystem* that supports new paradigms for *data analysis with real-time interactive feedback* between experiments and simulations. Users need the ability to *search, analyze, reuse, and combine data from different sources into large scale simulations and AI models.***

**NERSC-10 Mission Need Statement:** The NERSC-10 system will accelerate end-to-end DOE SC workflows and enable new modes of scientific discovery through the integration of experiment, data analysis, and simulation.

**Updated! NERSC-10 CD-0 achieved Sept. 2021**



From Katie Antypas et al. 43



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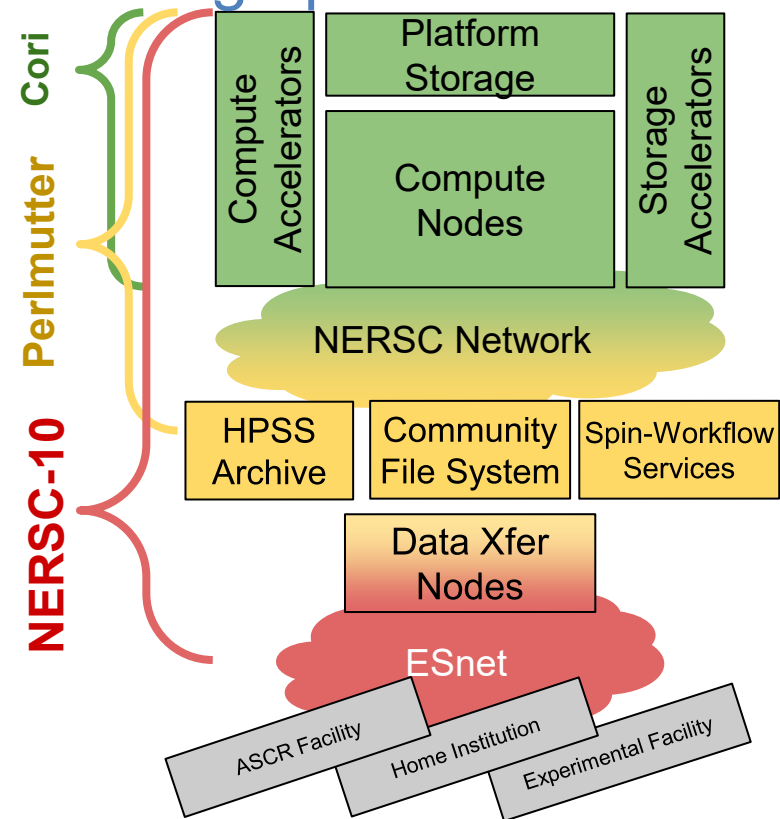
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# NERSC-10 Architecture: Designed to support complex simulation and data analysis workflows at high performance

*NERSC-10 will provide on-demand, dynamically composable, and resilient workflows across heterogeneous elements within NERSC and extending to the edge of experimental facilities and other user endpoints*

Complexity and heterogeneity managed using complementary technologies

- **Programmable infrastructure:** avoid downfalls of one-size-fits-all, monolithic architecture
- **AI and automation:** sensible selection of default behaviours to reduce complexity for users



# The new HPC environment needs ...

- a catchy name (think back how “grid” stimulated research)
- a different set of benchmarks (focus on workflow and productivity)
- a different vendor relationship (not a single integrator)
- long term development cycle (not fixed milestones and a five year procurement effort)



# And what about the “cloud”?

- National Labs have a mission to maintain a national capability
- We cannot allow the national R&D capability for HPC and computational science being taken over by commercial interest
- And it will be difficult to accomplish the tight integration with the cloud vendors

# EXTRA SLIDES