

Breakthrough Science at the Exascale

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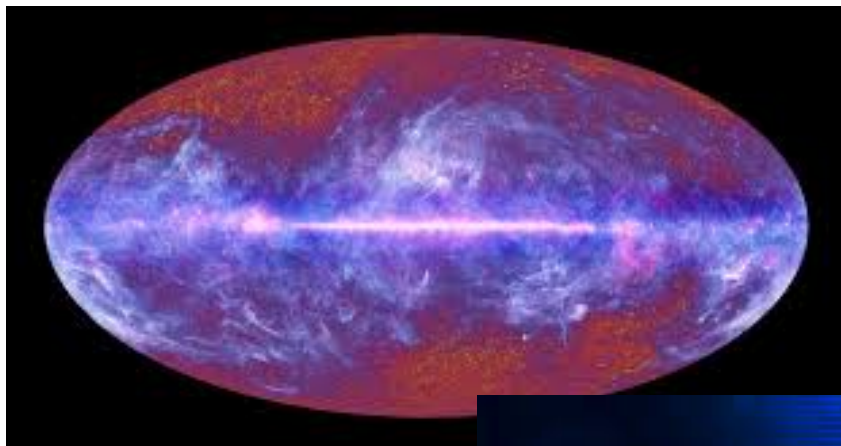
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Computing for Science



Computing research driven by need to answer fundamental science questions and address societal challenges

NERSC Supercomputing for Science and Energy

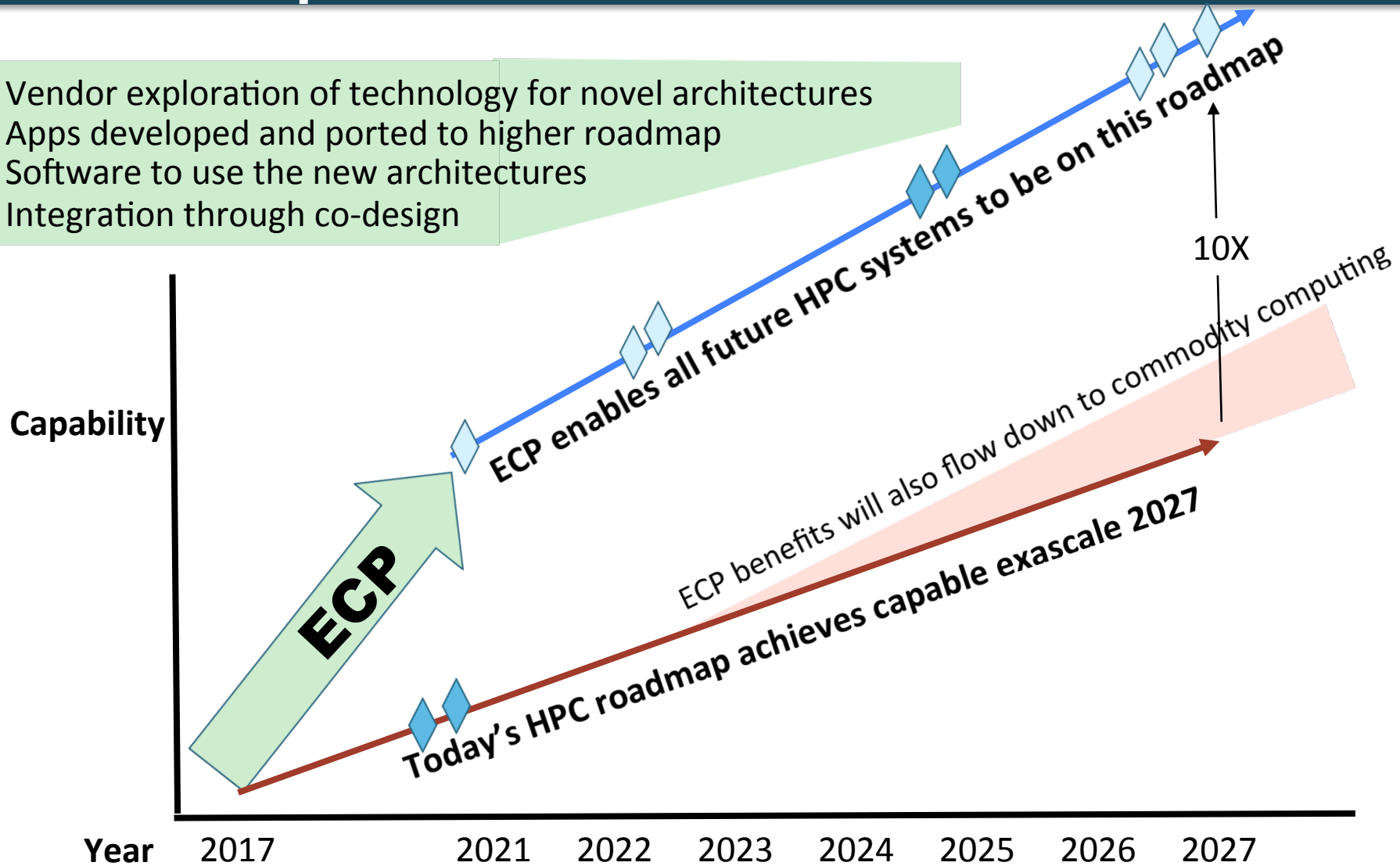


State-of-the art computing for the broad science community – over 7000 users, 700 applications

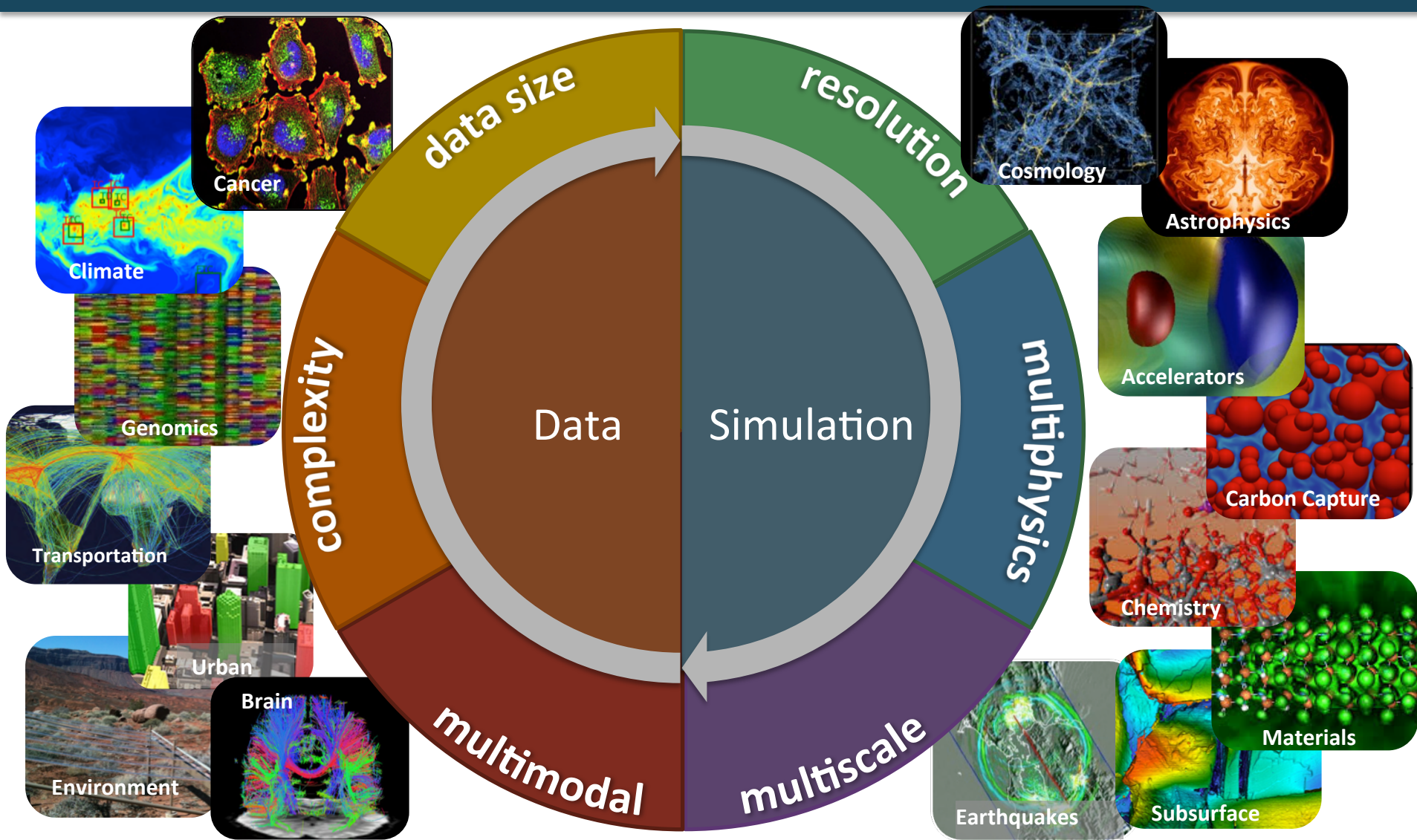
Exascale computing, combined with state-of-the-art mathematical models, algorithms, and software techniques will enable breakthrough science

Exascale Computing Project (US DOE ECP) to Impact Broad HPC landscape

- Vendor exploration of technology for novel architectures
- Apps developed and ported to higher roadmap
- Software to use the new architectures
- Integration through co-design

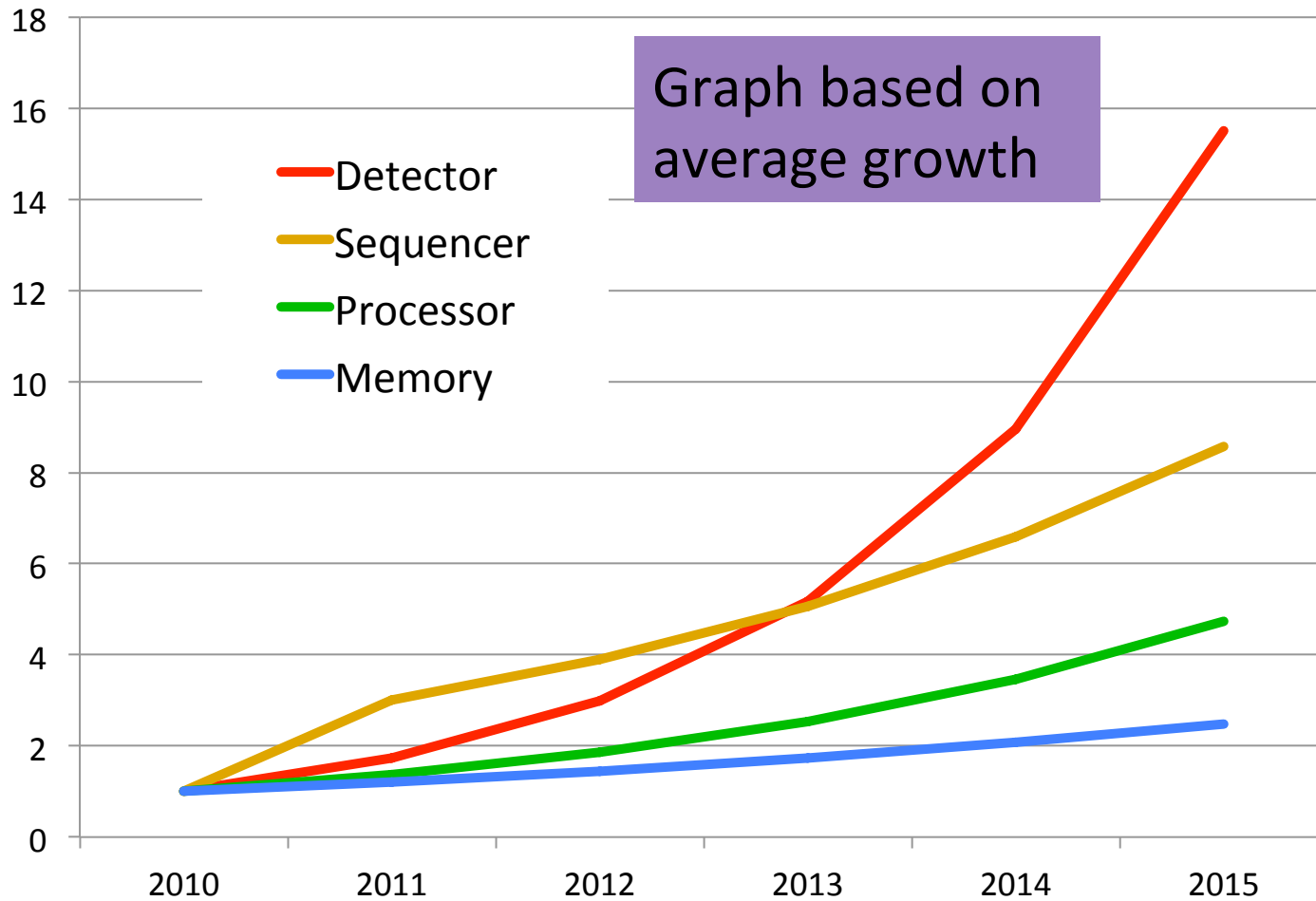


The Science Challenges at Exascale



Data Growth is Outpacing Computing Growth

Projected Data Rates Relative to 2010



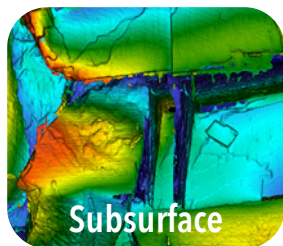
Using Advanced Mathematics and Computer Science to maximize the science capabilities at Exascale

Adaptive Mesh Refinement



Accelerators

A 1 TeV electron-positron collider



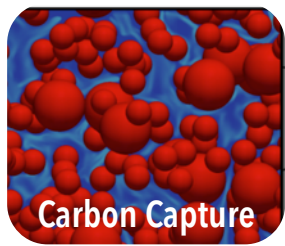
Subsurface

Geo-mechanical chemical evolution of fracking



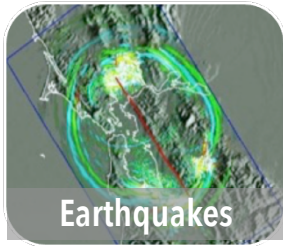
Astrophysics

Source of heaviest elements



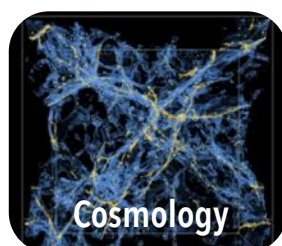
Carbon Capture

1MWe chemical looping reactor



Earthquakes

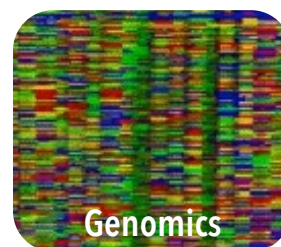
Regional-scale model to simulate structures



Cosmology

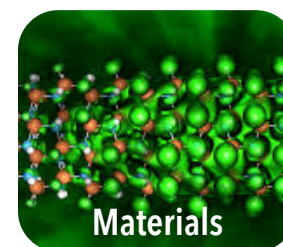
Dark energy equation of state

Scalable (Sparse) Solvers



Genomics

Gene clusters for biomanufacturing



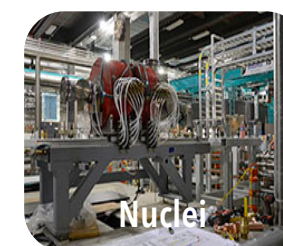
Materials

Defects, interfaces and disorder in functional materials



Chemistry

Catalytic conversion of biomass-derived intermediates



Nuclei

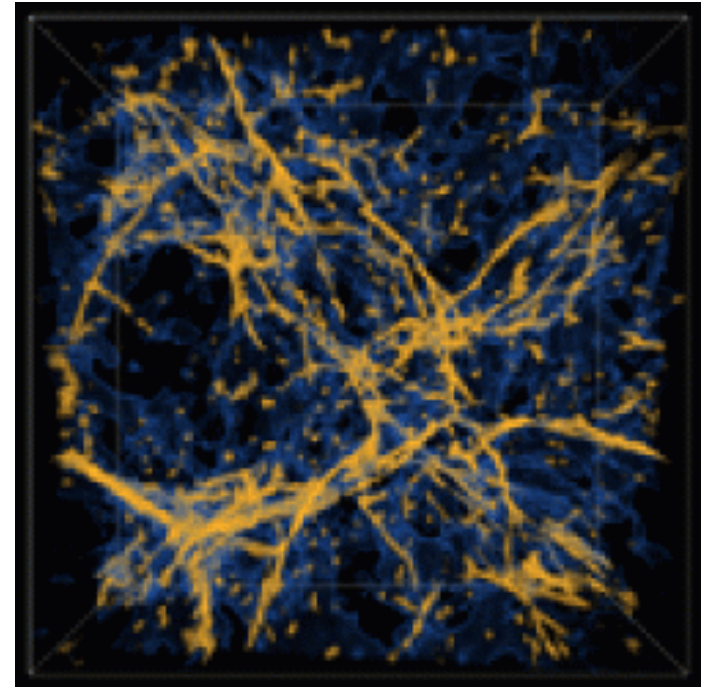
Large neutron-rich nuclei and nuclear binding

Berkeley Lab has demonstrated unsurpassed ability to harness the power of advanced mathematics and computer science for high-impact science.

Cosmology at the Exascale



*Synthetic galaxy catalog for LSST
generated with HACC and Galacticus codes*



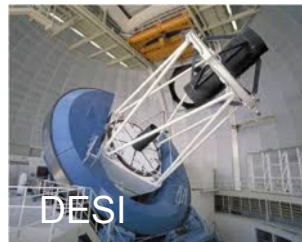
*Simulation of Lyman-Alpha Forest with
Nyx, used to estimate neutrino mass
and as a standard ruler.*

Exascale is needed to model and interpret the latest observations

Improve understanding of *Dark Energy, Dark Matter, Primordial Gravitational Waves, Neutrino Mass, and parametrics such as the Hubble Constant*

Cosmology observations drive simulations

- **Science:** *Dark Energy, Dark Matter, Gravitational Waves, Neutrino Mass*
- **Computation:** factor of **X100** increase in science reach, order of magnitude improvement in modeling accuracy and predictability



Sky Survey



Simulation Requirements

Simulation Requirements:

- 2016-2019: Large-scale N-body, Medium Hydro
Initial sub-grid models
- 2020-2022: Large-scale N-body & Hydro
Improved sub-grid models
- 2023-2026: Extreme scale N-body, Hydro
Complex sub-grid models

Required Performance

200 Pflops

Exaflops

2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026

Former cosmology breakthrough (Nobel prize)



More accurate way to measure

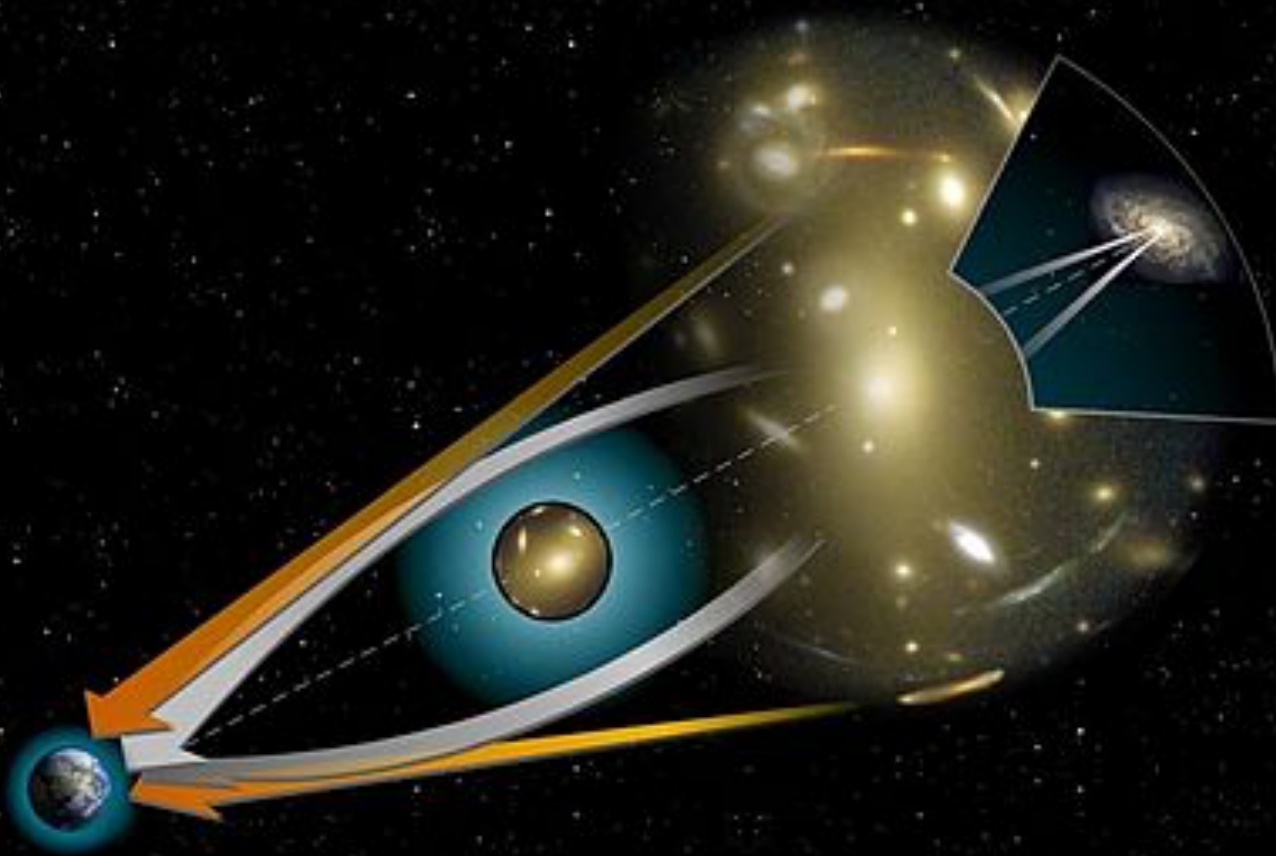
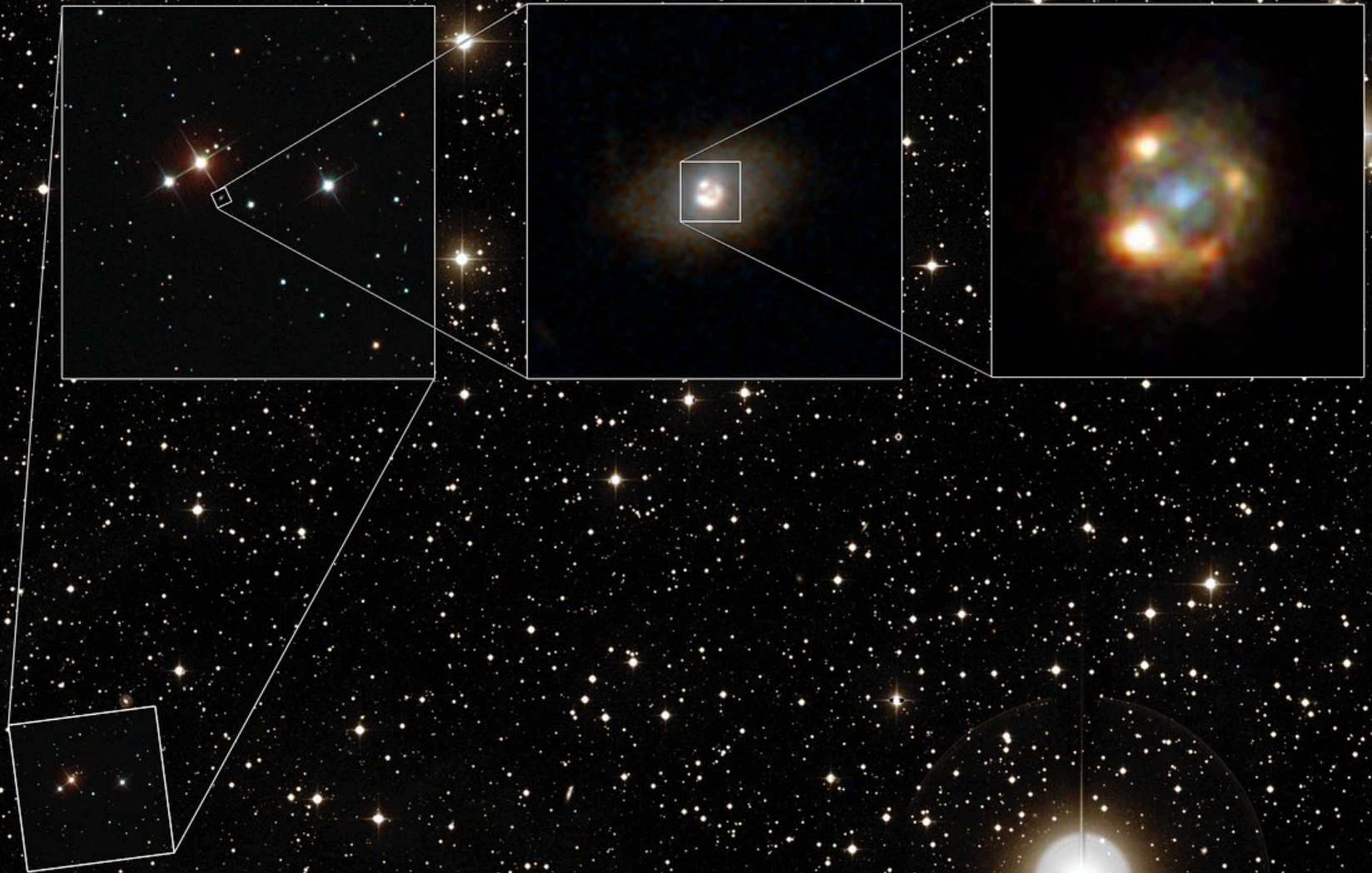
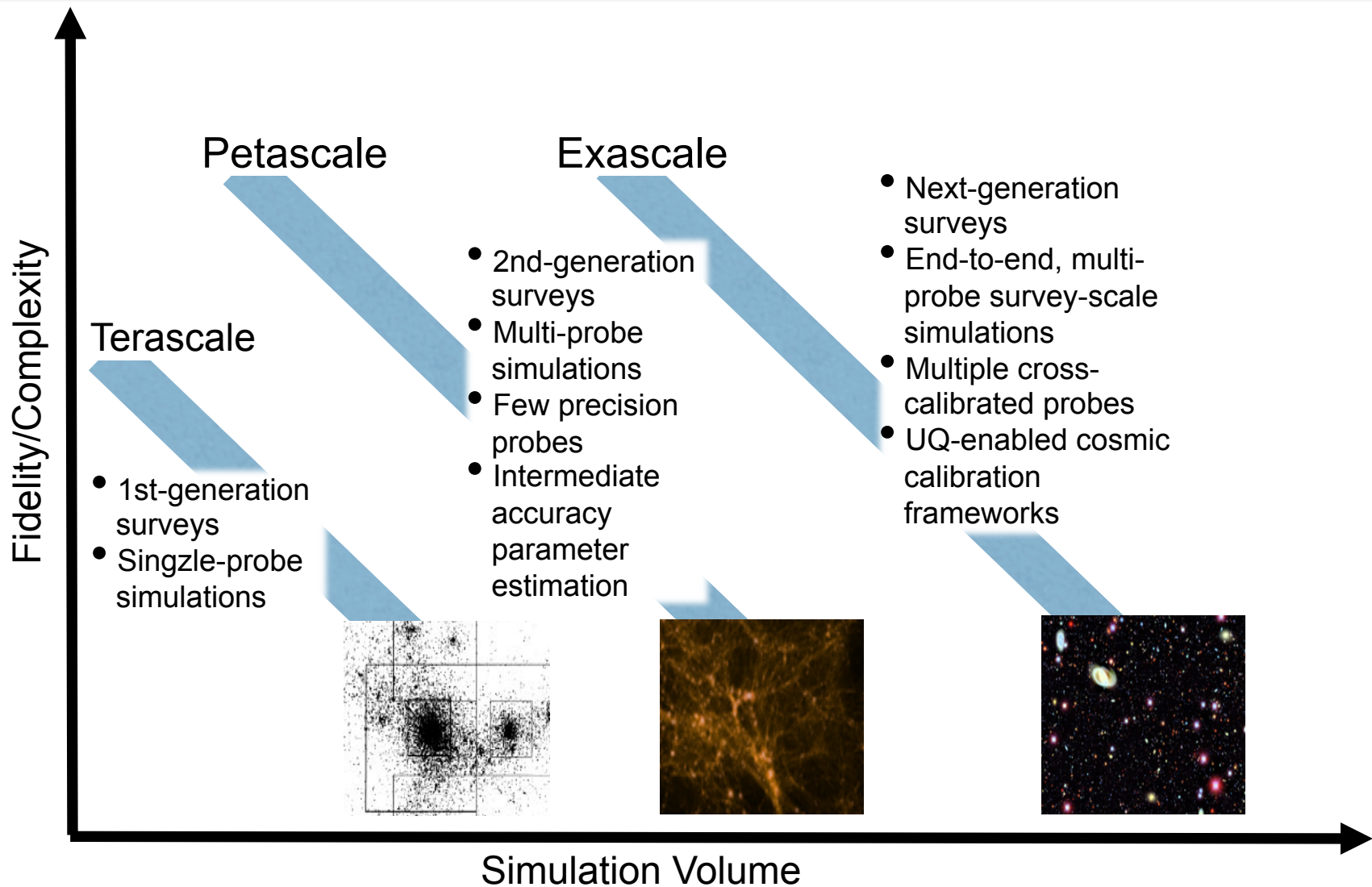


Image: wikipedia

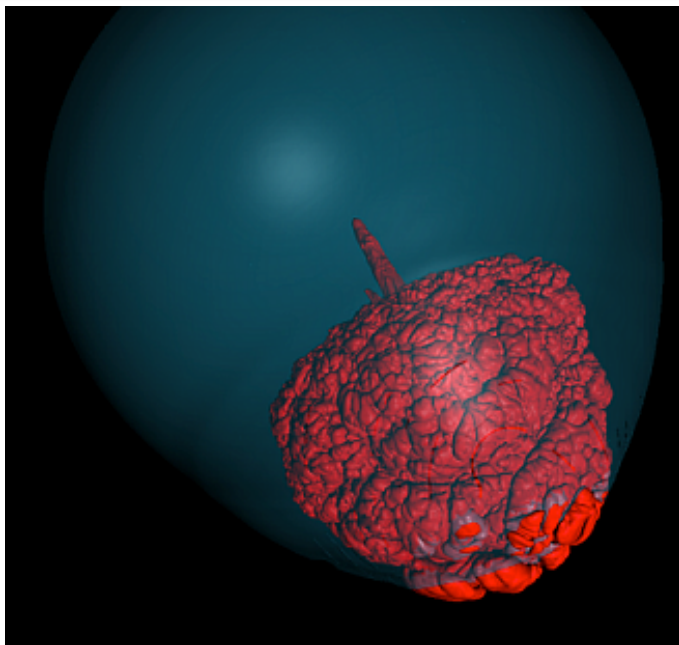
Recent cosmology breakthrough in observation



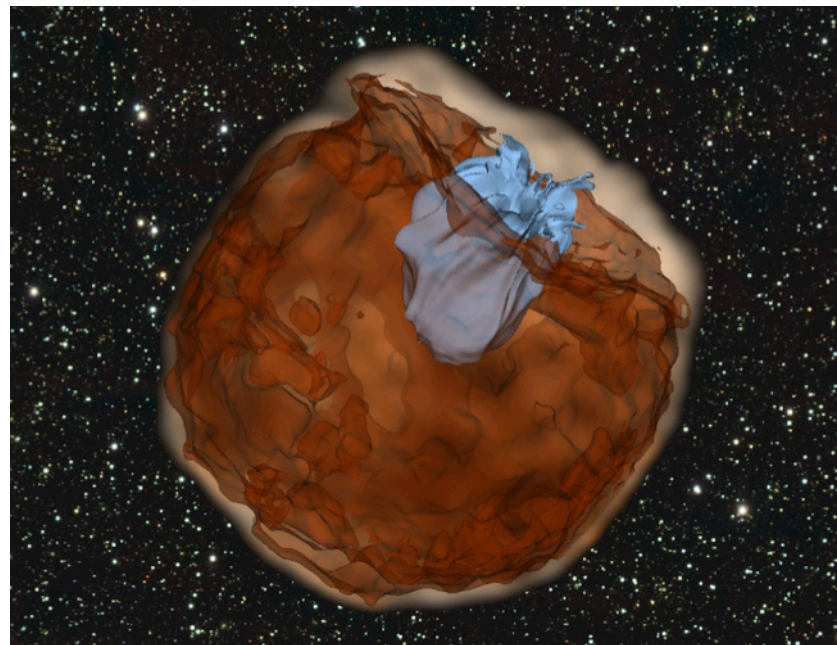
Precision Cosmology: Simulation Frontiers



Astrophysics at the Exascale



Less than a second after ignition, the flame breaks through the surface of an expanded white dwarf (using AMR)



Expanding debris from a supernova explosion (red) running over and shredding a nearby star (blue)

Exascale is needed to identify the source of the heaviest elements

Understand rapid neutron capture process (r-process) by simulating scenarios: core-collapse supernovae, neutron star mergers, and accreting black holes

Subsurface Science at the Exascale

Geothermal Energy



Develop enhanced geothermal systems to tap into vast resource potential

Nuclear Energy & Waste



Develop alternative solutions for geologic disposal of radioactive waste

Hydrocarbon Resources

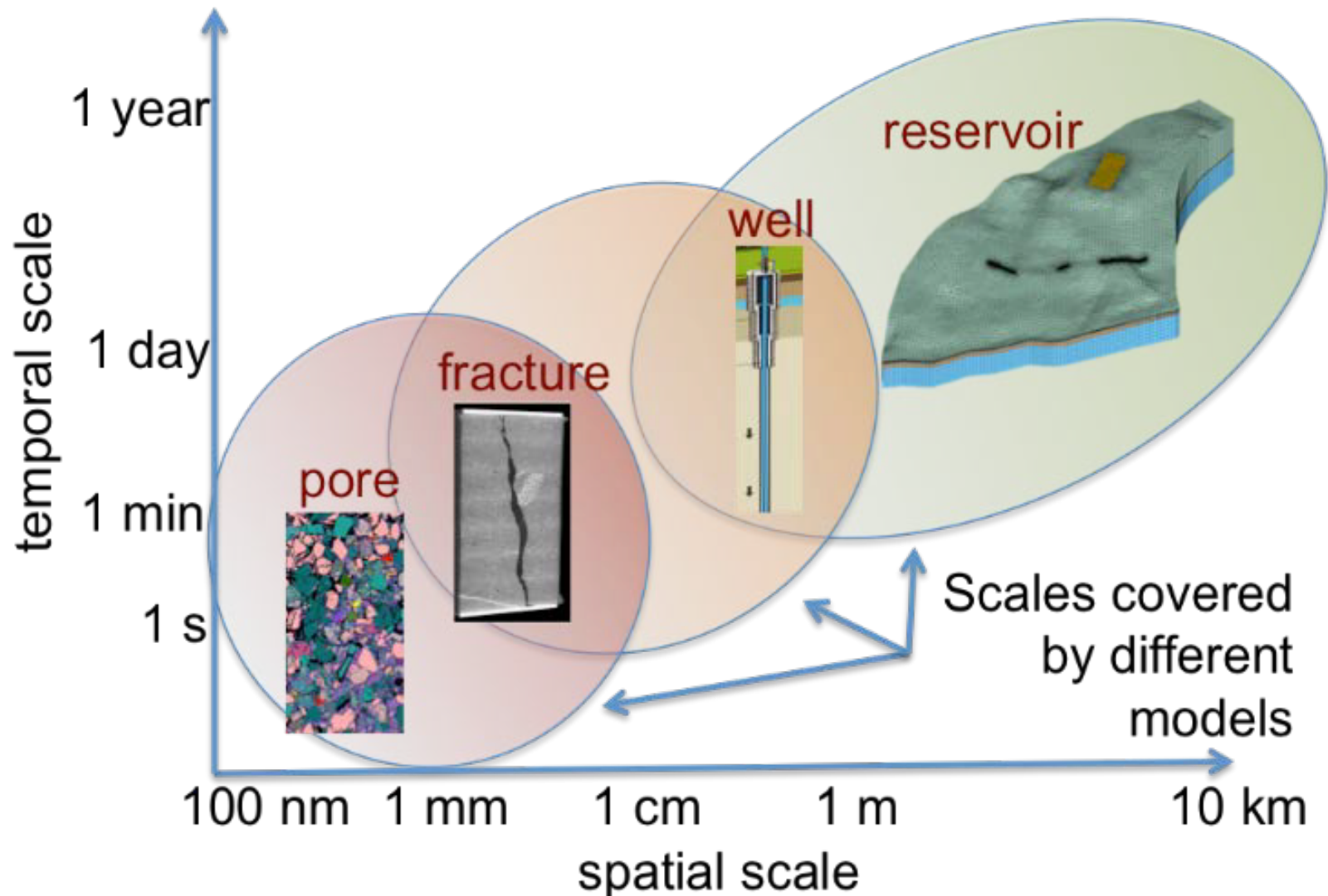


Improve efficiency and minimize environmental impact of gas and oil production

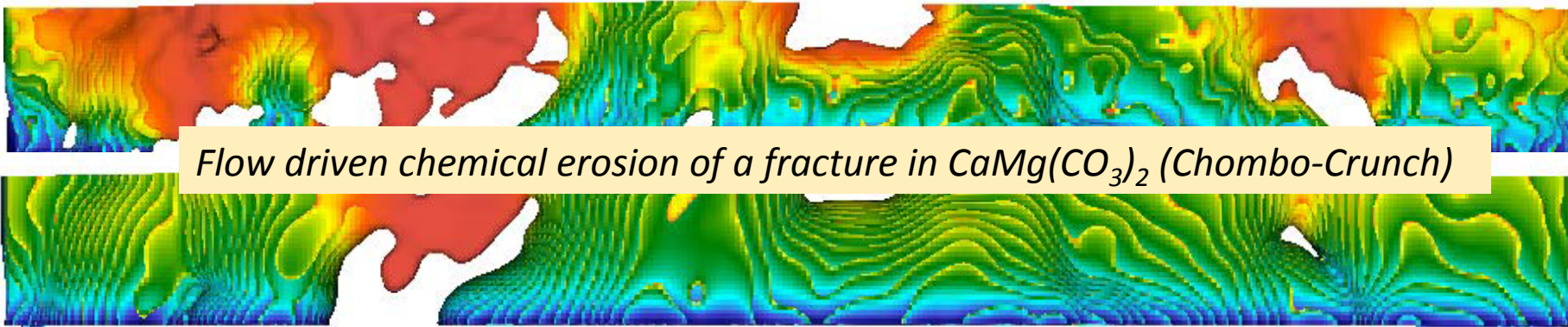
Exascale is needed for impacts of energy extraction and waste storage on subsurface integrity

Simulate an entire field of well bores and their interaction through the reservoir over 100 year timescales. Simulate the evolution of a fracture system in caprock subject to geomechanical and geochemical stresses over scales from pore (micron) to 100 meters

Subsurface science requires modeling across scales

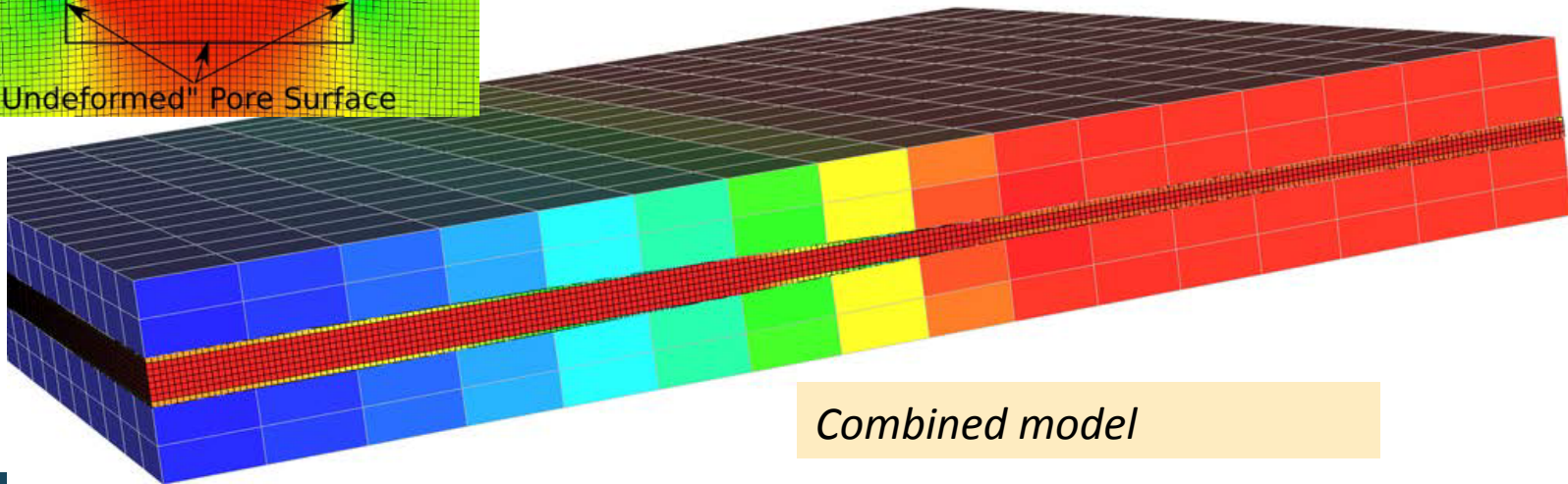
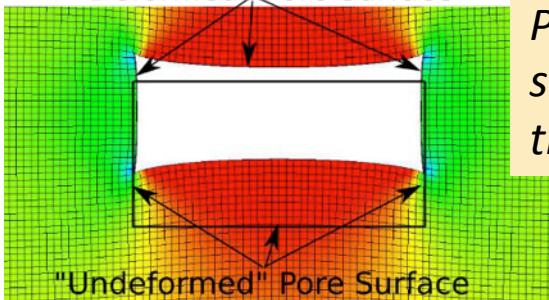


Combining codes to deliver new science capability

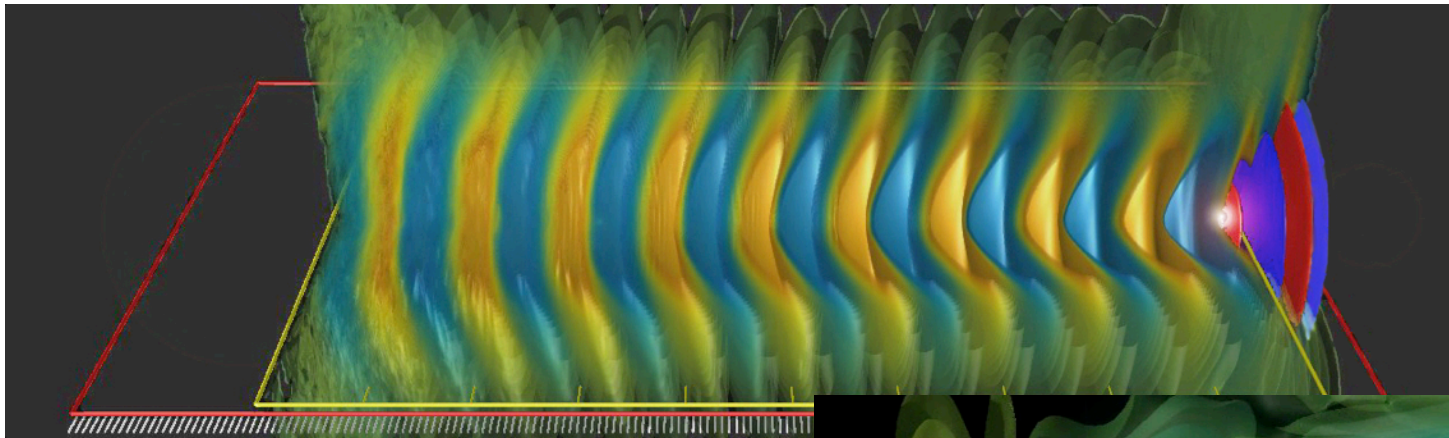


"Deformed" Pore Surface

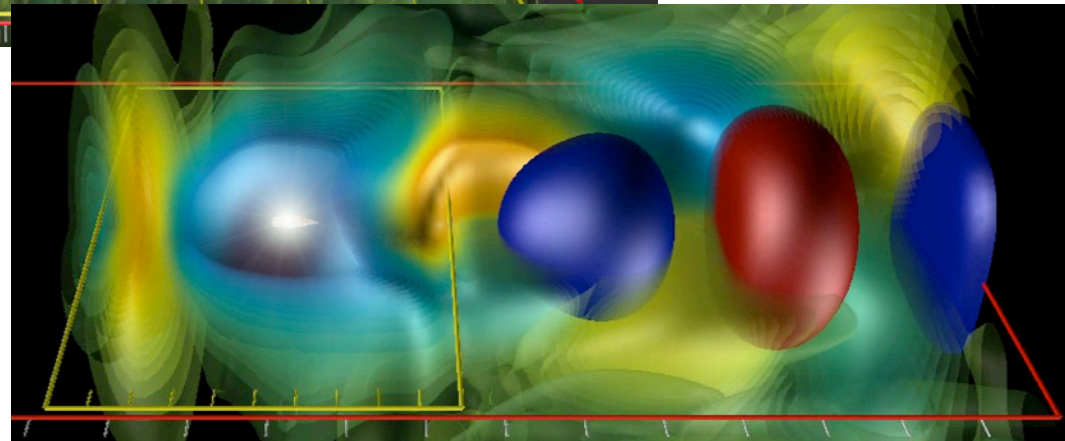
Pore deformation resulting from change in stress loading in a Lagrangian mechanics treatment (GEOS)



Accelerator Science at the Exascale



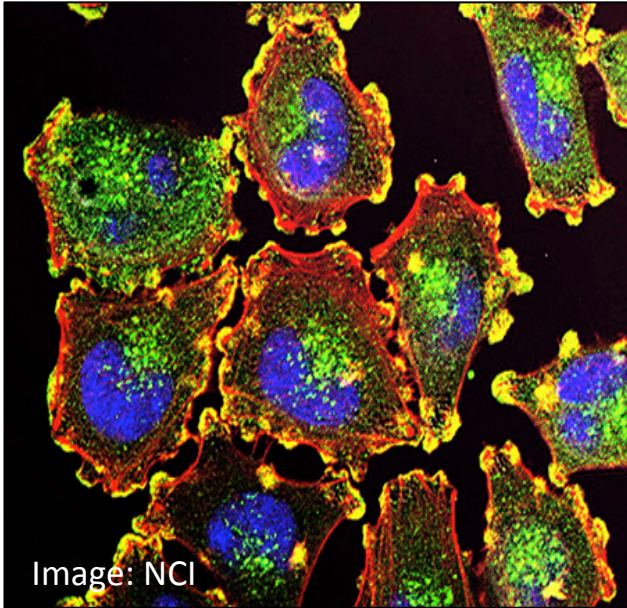
Simulation of laser-plasma acceleration with wavefronts of laser light (red and blue); the wake fields are accelerating (pale blue) or decelerating (orange). Right shows wake in “boosted” frame of reference.



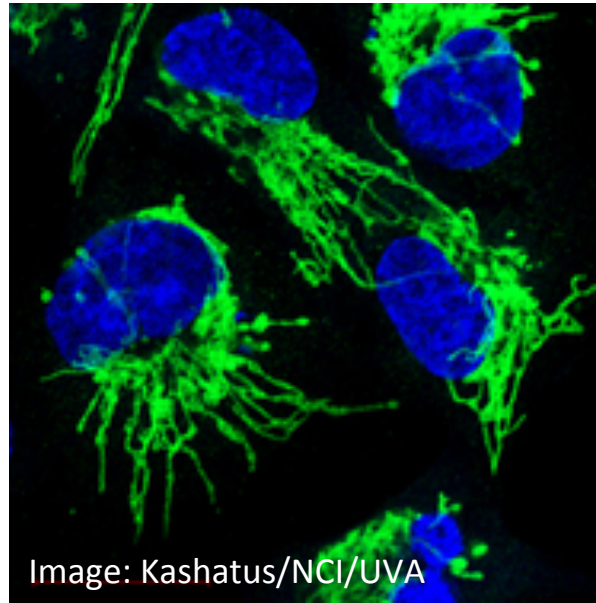
Exascale is needed to simulate future accelerators

Goal: Model a chain of up to a hundred plasma acceleration stages in a few days, for the design of a 1 TeV electron-positron high-energy collider

Cancer Analytics at the Exascale



Metastatic cancer classification and genetics improve treatment [Cell 2015]



One third of all cancers caused by mutations in RAS genes

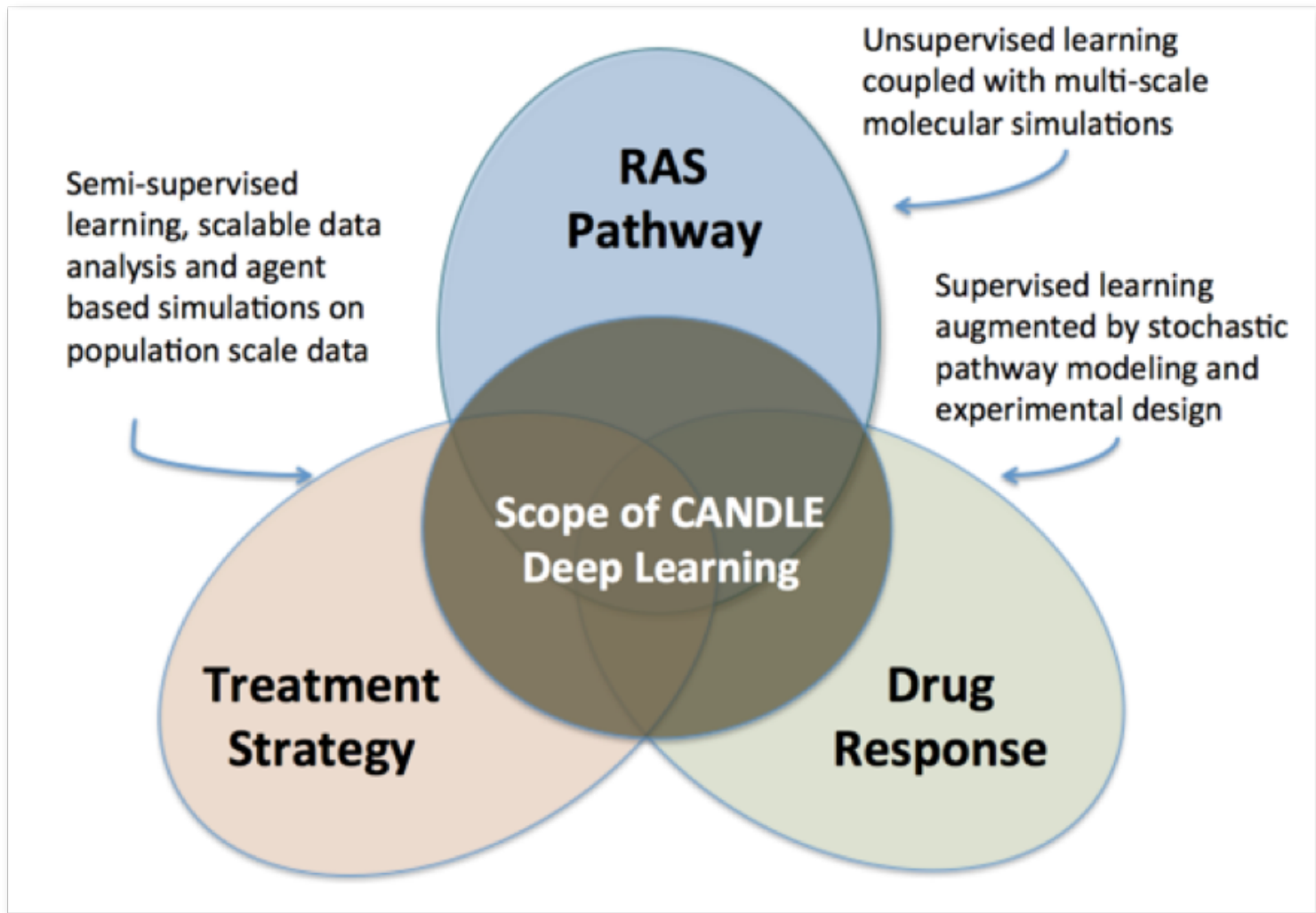


Combinatorial explosion with number of genomic features considered

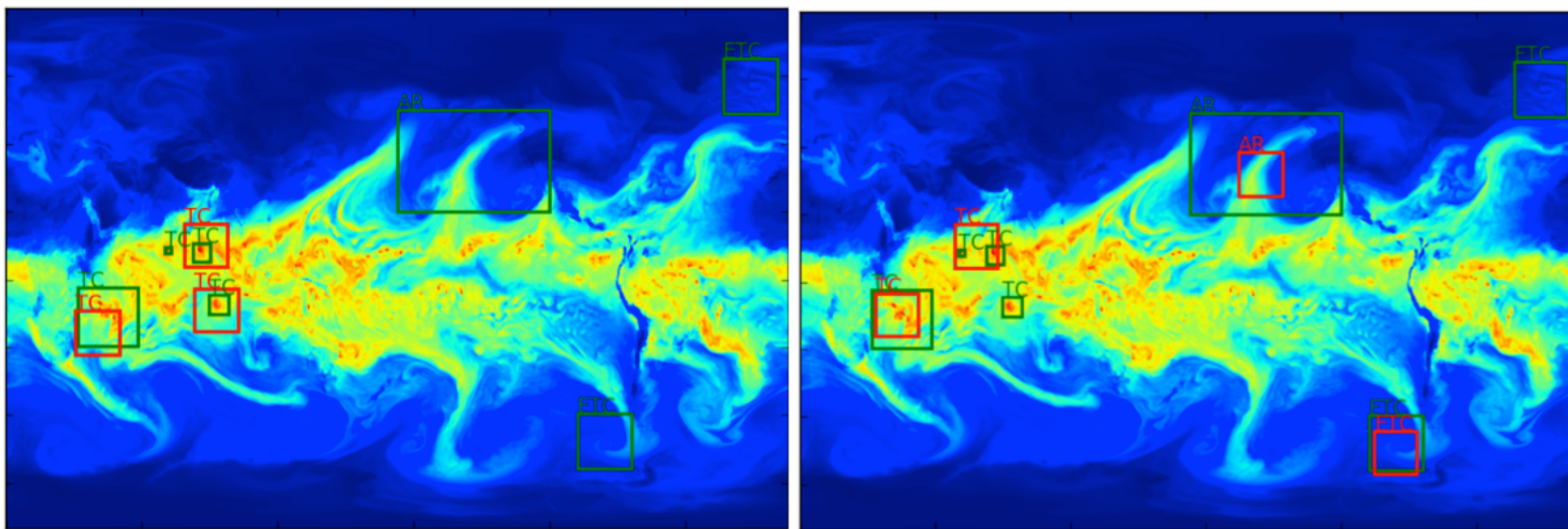
Exascale is needed to develop cell-specific interventions

Mapping genetic susceptibility to cancer and its outcomes; intracellular molecular signaling in complex mutational backgrounds; combine genetic, genomic, and clinical data

Cancer Analytics at the Exascale



Deep-Learning at Scale on HPC systems

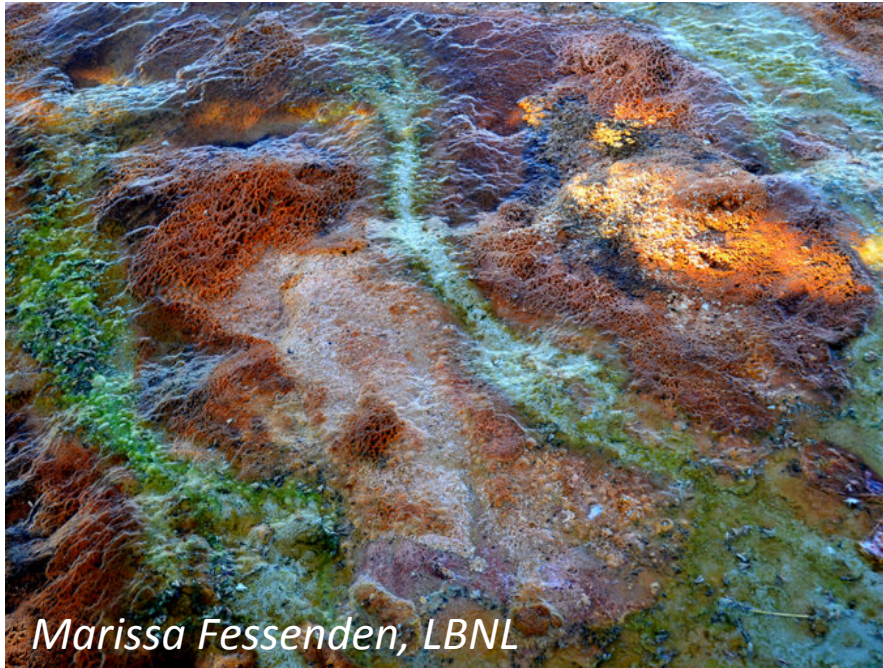


Identified extreme climate events using supervise (left) and semisupervised (right) deep learning. Green = ground truth, Red = predictions (confidence > 0.8). [NIPS 2017]

Deep Learning at 15 PF on NERSC Cori (Cray + Intel KNL)

- Trained in 10s of minutes on 10 terabyte datasets, millions of Images
- 9600 nodes, optimized on KNL with IntelCaffe and MKL (NERSC / Intel collaboration)
- Synch + Asynch parameter update strategy for multi-node scaling (NERSC / Stanford)

Genome Science at the Exascale



Thermophilic microbial mat in West Thumb Geyser Basin, Yellowstone National Park



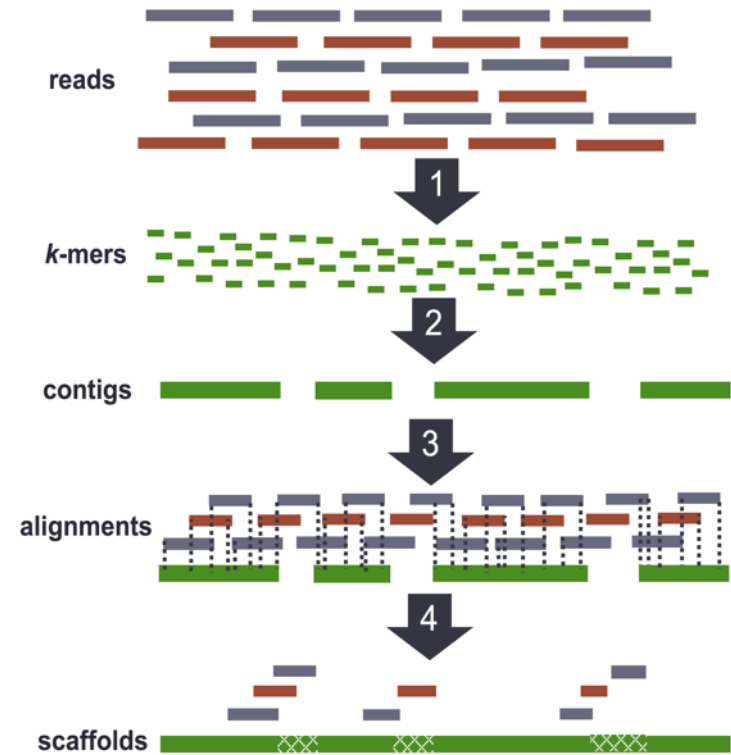
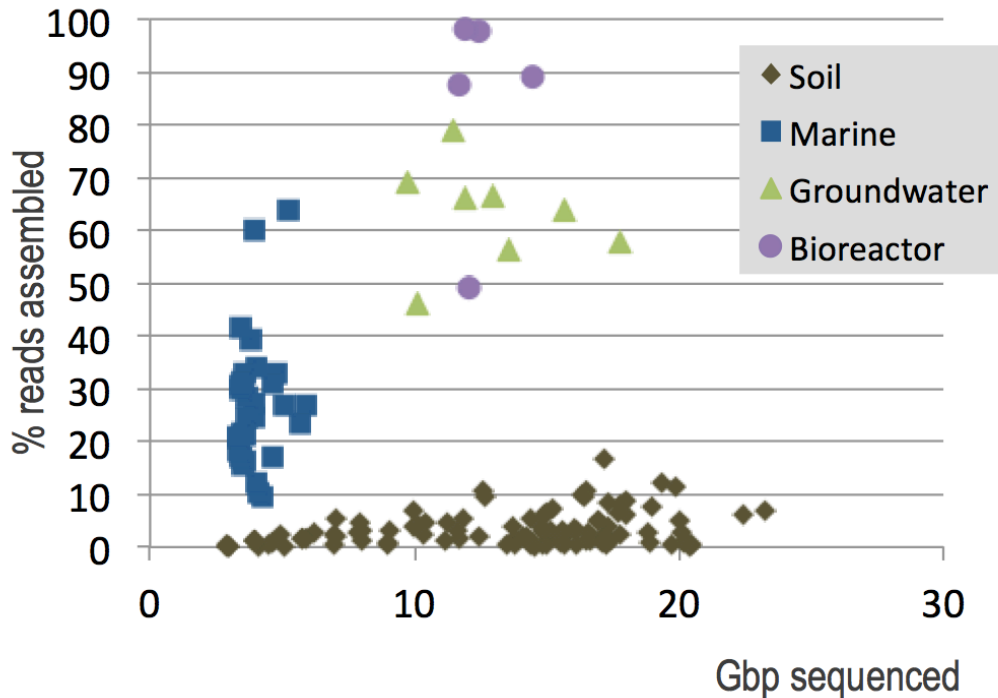
Compact CRISPR systems found in deep underground Crystal Geyser bacteria (Banfield)

Exascale is needed to characterize microbial communities

Metagenome analysis with high performance assembly and machine learning; identify gene clusters for energy, environment, biomanufacturing and health

Environment: orders of magnitude harder than humans

All metagenomes



De novo genome assembly

Read multiple times. Chop reads into k-mers

Histogram k-mers (eliminate errors)

DFS walk k-mer graph (stored as hash table)

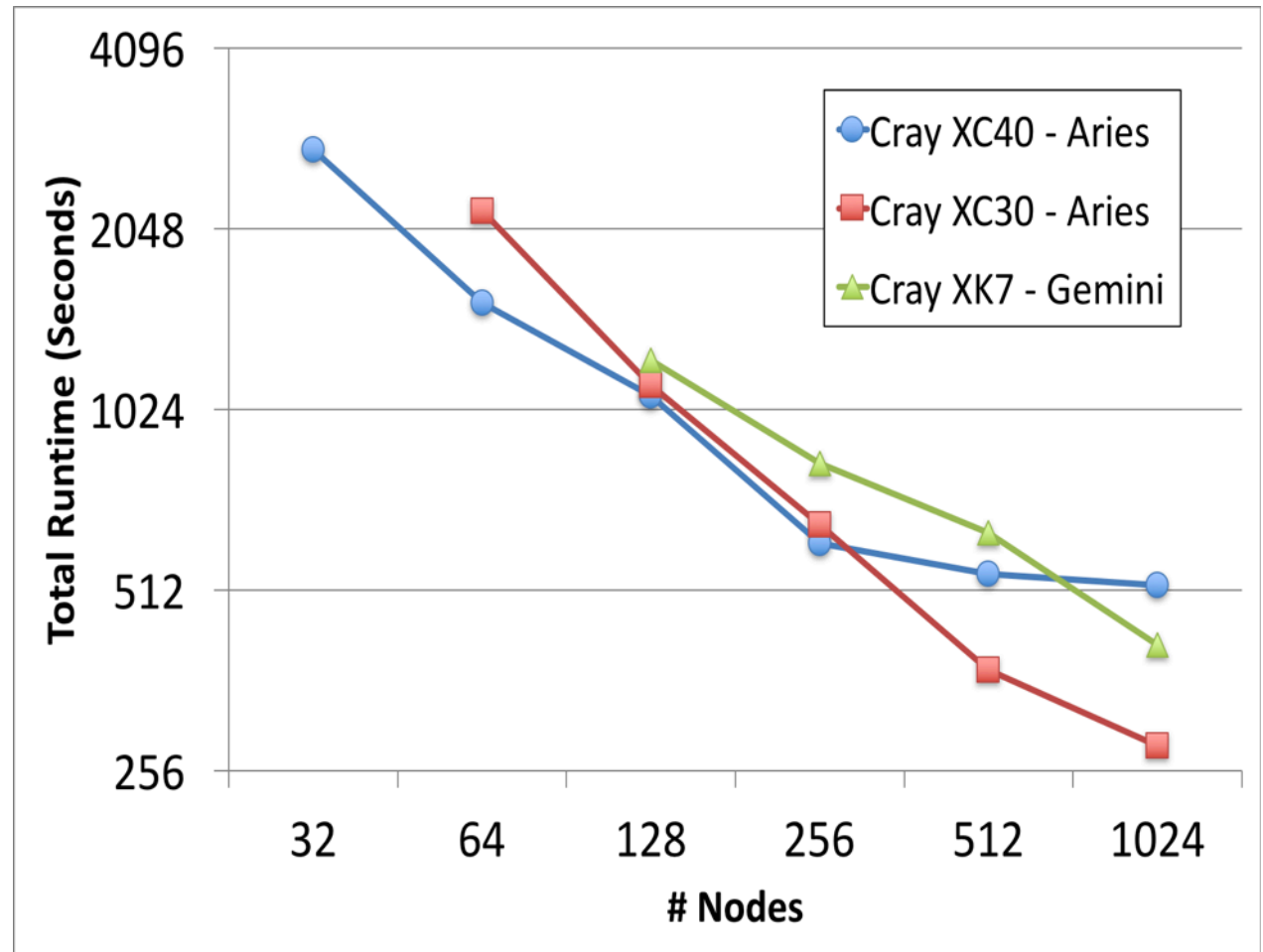
Various graph operations (more hash tables)

Multi-Node Strong Scaling

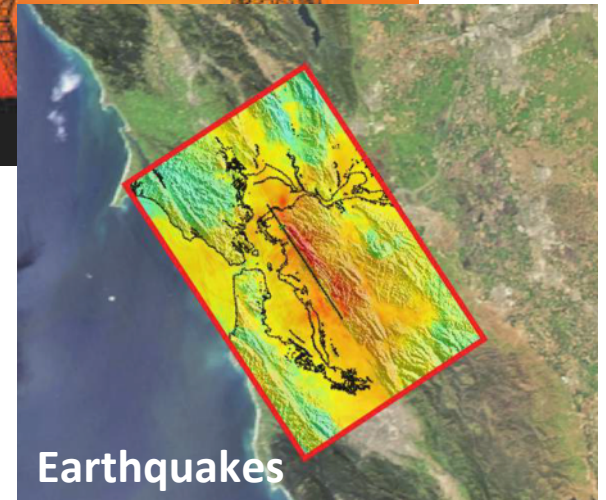
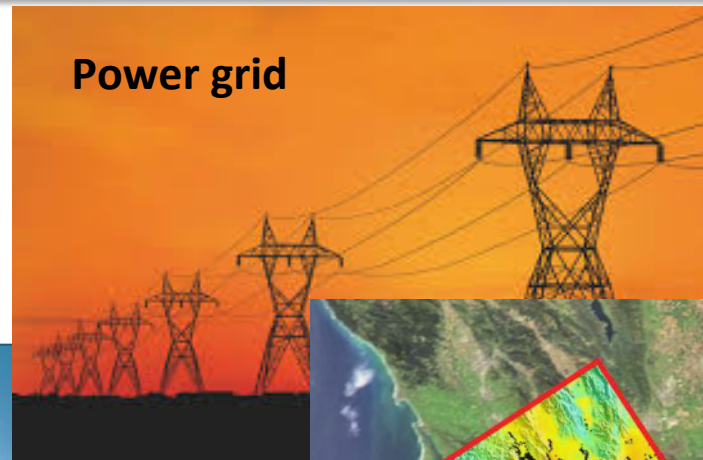
- HipMer scales efficiently to 100's and 1000's of nodes

Human Genome Results (small problem)

- Minimum aggregate memory required
- Scales linearly on node, KNL (68 cores)
- Requires high injection rate, low latency
- Would benefit from remote hardware atomics



Exascale Science in analytics from embedded sensors



Exascale simulation and combined analytics

Infrastructure planning

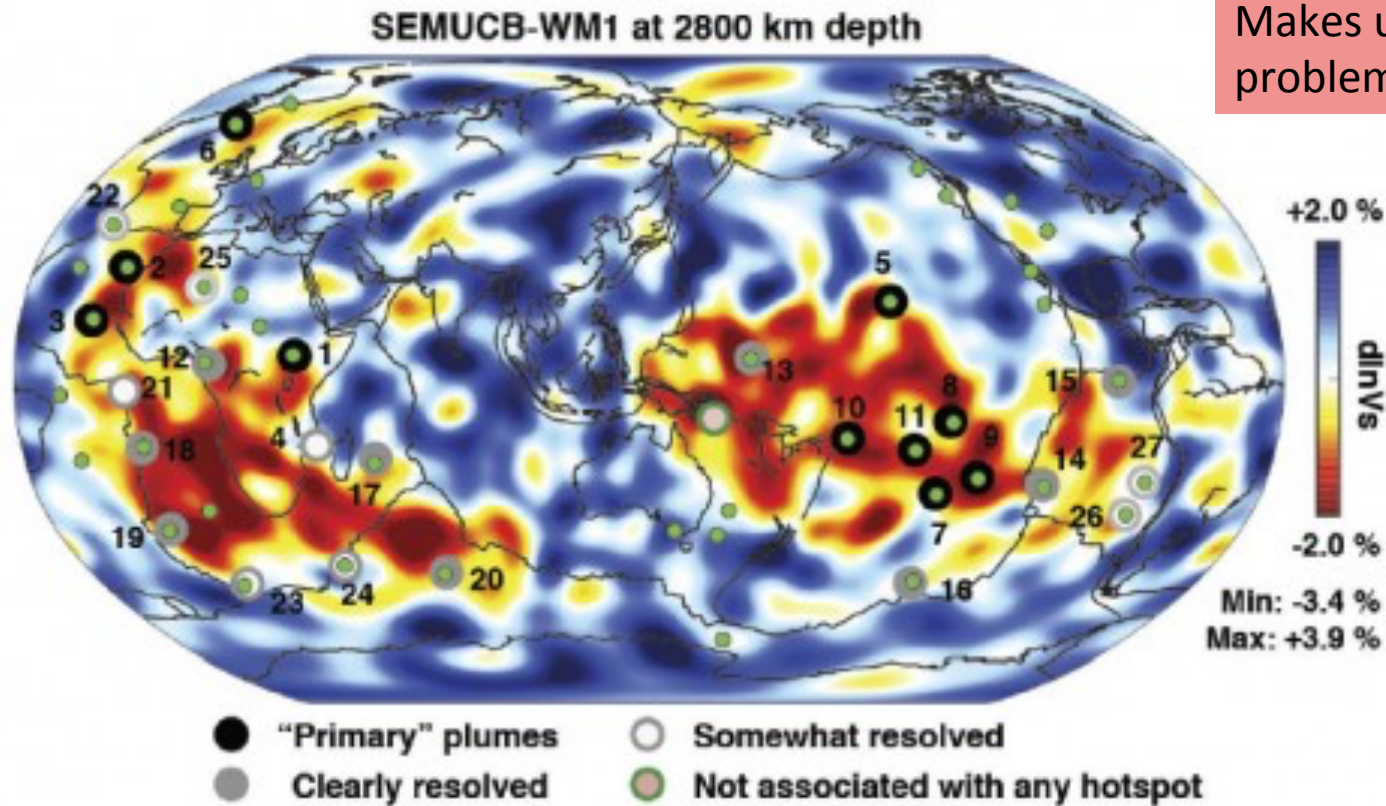
Scenario analysis, e.g., emergency response

Behavioral analysis, human in the loop

Policy and economics

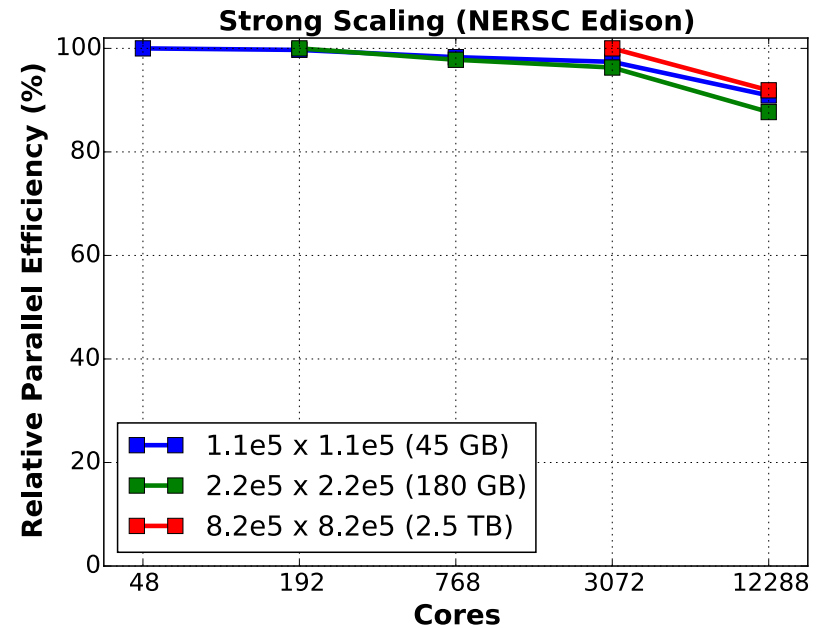
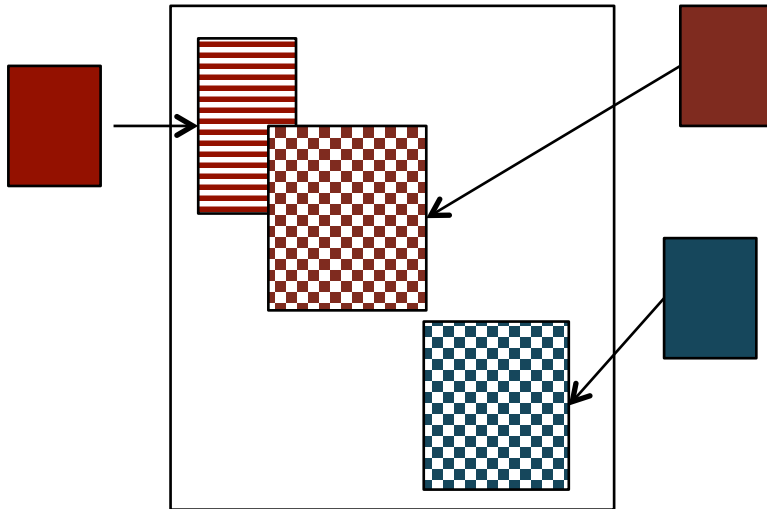
Whole-Mantle Seismic Model Using

- *First-ever whole-mantle seismic model from numerical waveform tomography*
- *Finding: Most volcanic hotspots are linked to two spots on the boundary between the metal core and rocky mantle 1,800 miles below Earth's surface.*



Makes unsolvable problems solvable!

Data Fusion for Observation with Simulation



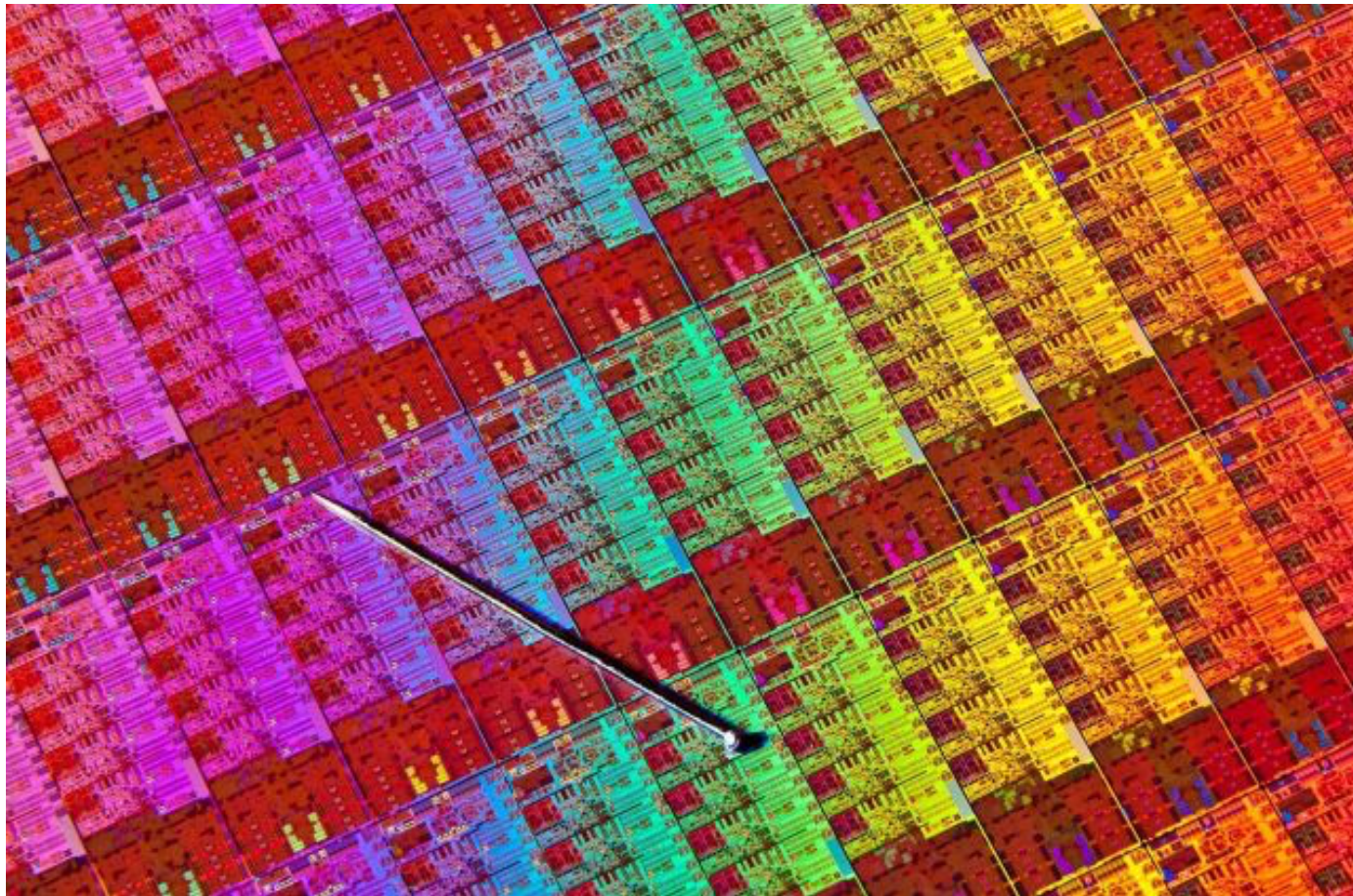
- **Unaligned data from observation**
- **One-sided strided updates**

Scott French, Y. Zheng, B. Romanowicz, K. Yelick

challenges

**Computer Science breakthroughs
at the Exascale**

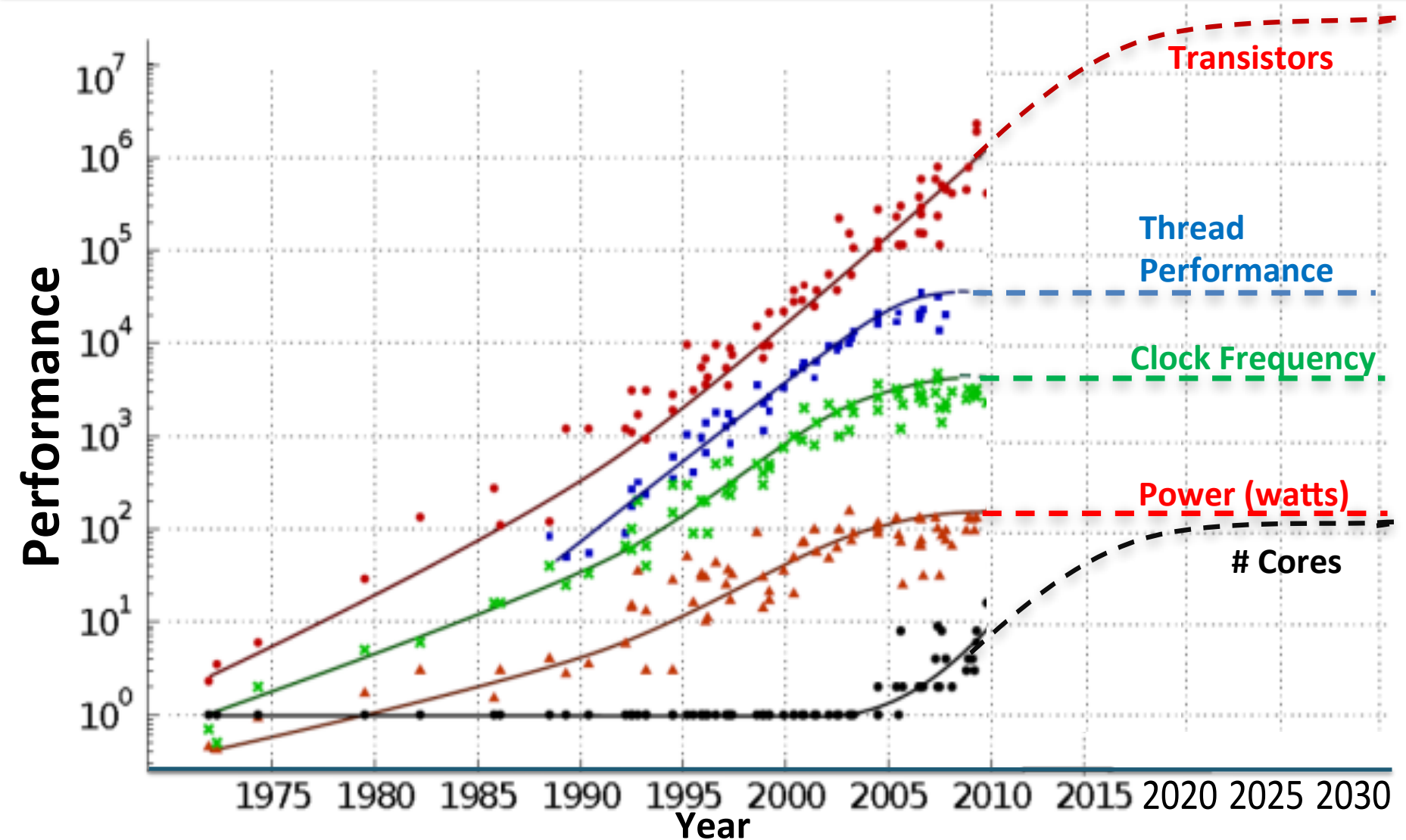
End of Transistor Density Scaling



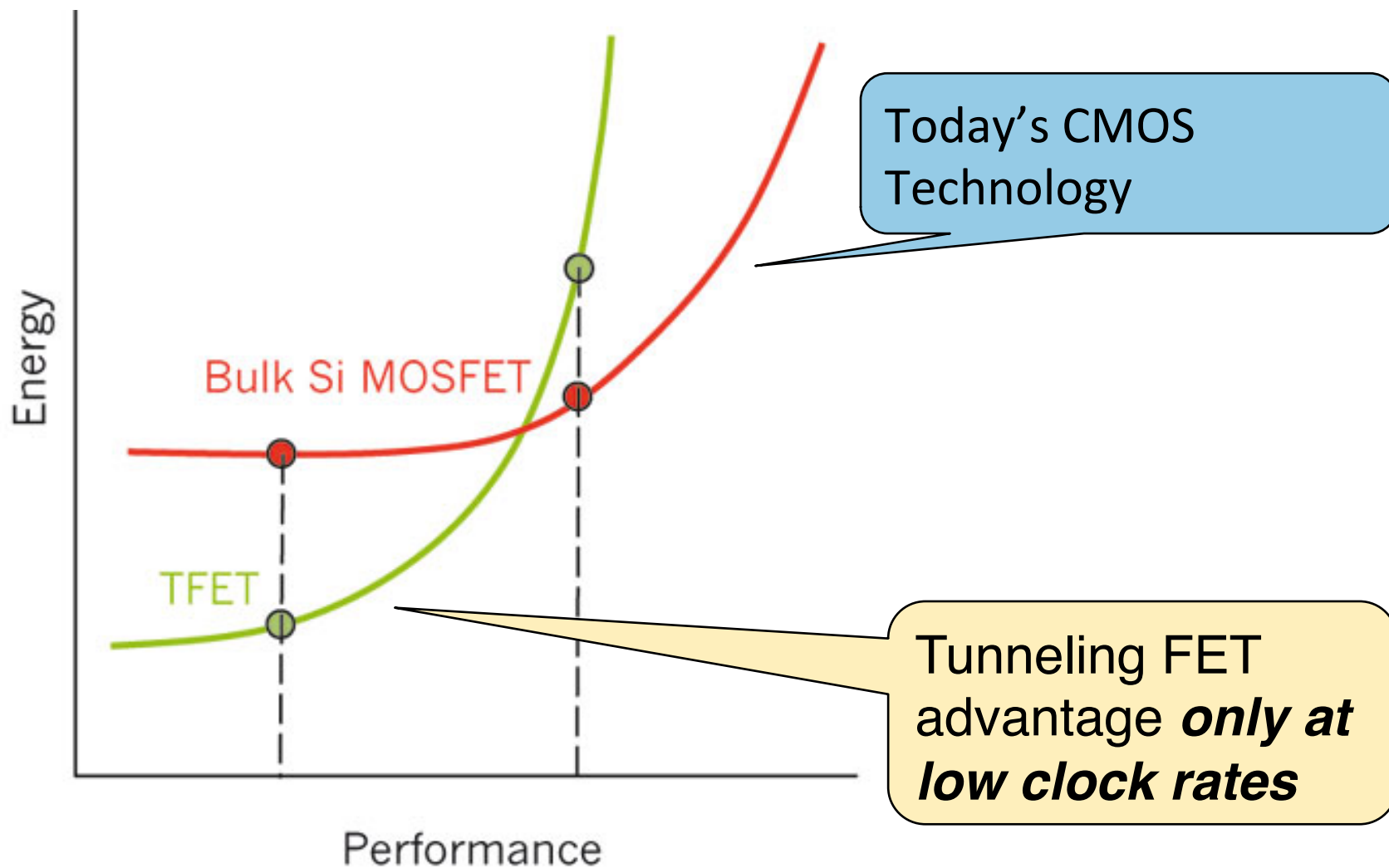
ITRS now sets the end of transistor shrinking to the year 2021

Technology Scaling Trends

The many ends of "Moore's" Law



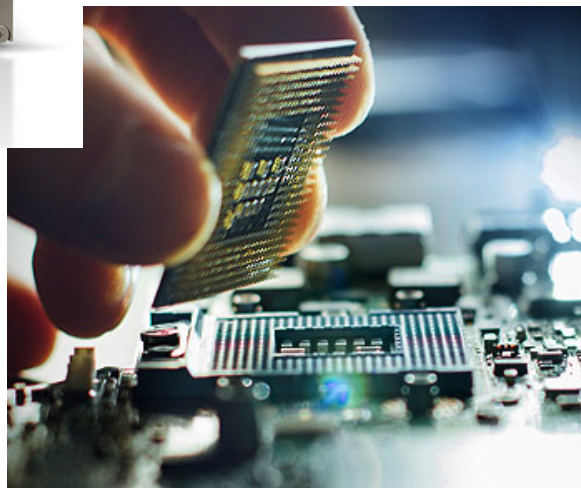
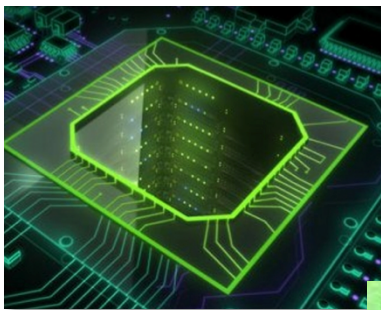
Device alternatives require lower clock → more parallelism



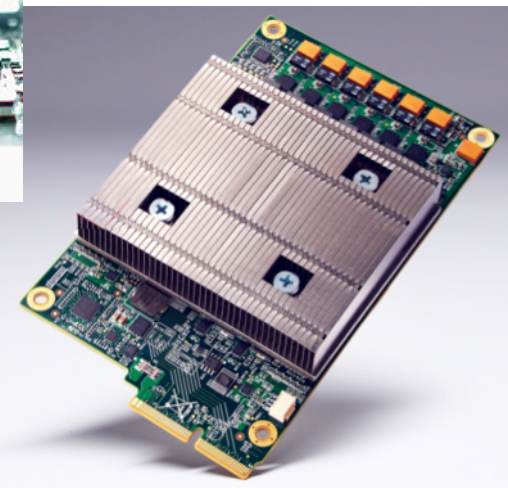
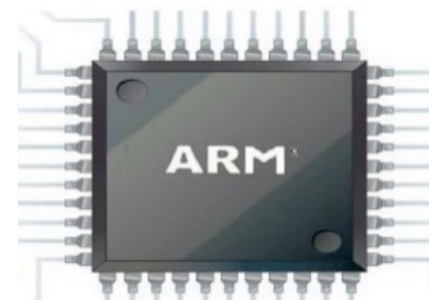
Specialization: End Game for Moore's Law



NVIDIA builds deep learning appliance with P100 Tesla's



Intel buys deep learning startup, Nervana

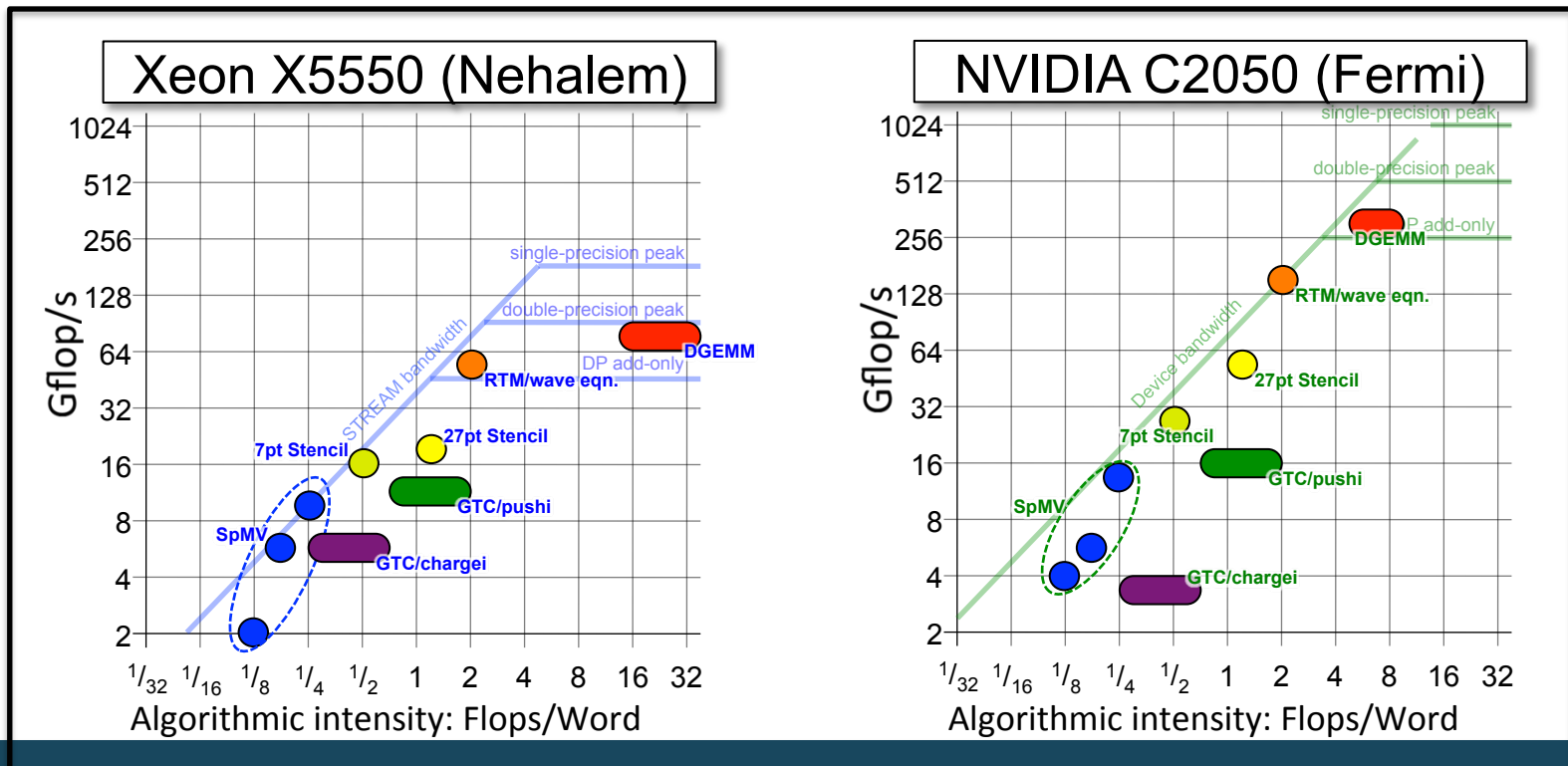


Google designs its own Tensor Processing Unit (TPU)



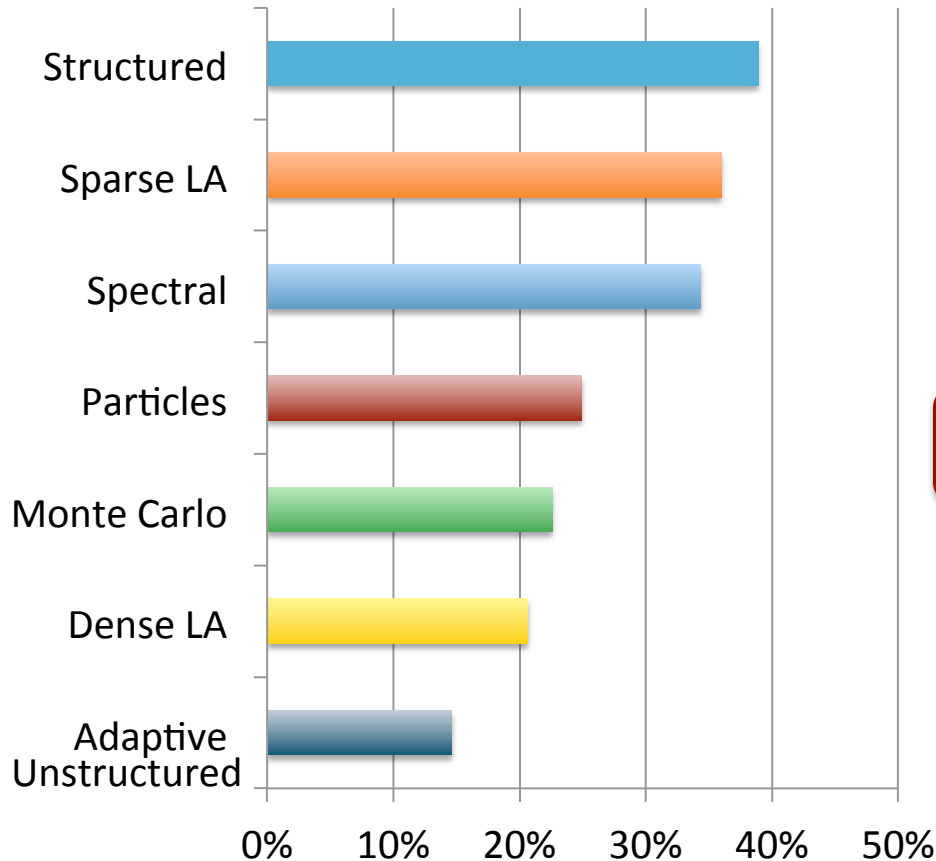
Programming for diverse (specialized) architectures

- Two “unsolved” compiler problems:
 - dependence analysis and **Domain-Specific Languages help with this**
 - ✓ accurate performance models **Autotuning avoids this problem**
- Autotuners are code generators plus search



Libraries vs. DSLs (domain-specific languages)

NERSC survey: what motifs do they use?



What code generators do we have?

Dense Linear Algebra

Atlas

Spectral Algorithms

FFTW,
Spiral

Sparse Linear Algebra

OSKI

Structured Grids

TBD

Unstructured Grids

Particle Methods

Monte Carlo

Stencils are both the most important motifs and a gap in our tools

DSLs popular outside scientific computing

Developed for Image Processing



- 10+ FTEs developing Halide
- 50+ FTEs use it; > 20 kLOC

HPGMG (Multigrid on Halide)

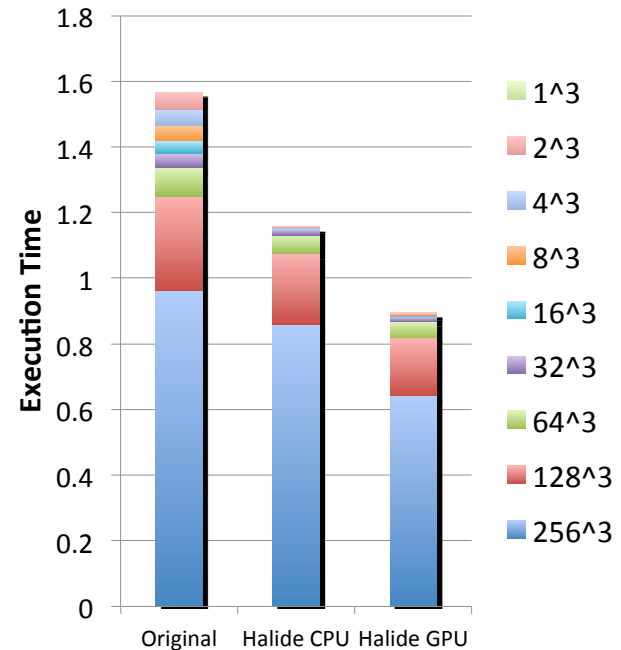
- Halide Algorithm by domain expert

```
Func Ax_n("Ax_n", lambda("lambda"), chebyshev("chebyshev");
Var i("i"), j("j"), k("k");
Ax_n(i,j,k) = a*alpha(i,j,k)*x_n(i,j,k) - b*h2inv*(
  beta_i(i,j,k) *(valid(i-1,j,k)*(x_n(i,j,k) + x_n(i-1,j,k)) - 2.0f*x_n(i,j,k))
+ beta_j(i,j,k) *(valid(i,j-1,k)*(x_n(i,j,k) + x_n(i,j-1,k)) - 2.0f*x_n(i,j,k))
+ beta_k(i,j,k) *(valid(i,j,k-1)*(x_n(i,j,k) + x_n(i,j,k-1)) - 2.0f*x_n(i,j,k))
+ beta_i(i+1,j,k)*(valid(i+1,j,k)*(x_n(i,j,k) + x_n(i+1,j,k)) - 2.0f*x_n(i,j,k))
+ beta_j(i,j+1,k)*(valid(i,j+1,k)*(x_n(i,j,k) + x_n(i,j+1,k)) - 2.0f*x_n(i,j,k))
+ beta_k(i,j,k+1)*(valid(i,j,k+1)*(x_n(i,j,k) + x_n(i,j,k+1)) - 2.0f*x_n(i,j,k)));
lambda(i,j,k) = 1.0f / (a*alpha(i,j,k) - b*h2inv*(
  beta_i(i,j,k) *(valid(i-1,j,k) - 2.0f)
+ beta_j(i,j,k) *(valid(i,j-1,k) - 2.0f)
+ beta_k(i,j,k) *(valid(i,j,k-1) - 2.0f)
+ beta_i(i+1,j,k)*(valid(i+1,j,k) - 2.0f)
+ beta_j(i,j+1,k)*(valid(i,j+1,k) - 2.0f)
+ beta_k(i,j,k+1)*(valid(i,j,k+1) - 2.0f)));
chebyshev(i,j,k) = x_n(i,j,k) + c1*(x_n(i,j,k)-x_nm1(i,j,k))+
  c2*lambda(i,j,k)*(rhs(i,j,k)-Ax_n(i,j,k));
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- Halide Schedule either
 - Auto-generated by autotuning with opentuner
 - Or hand created by an optimization expert

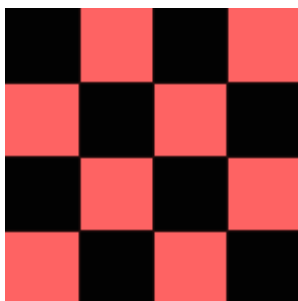
Halide performance

- Autogenerated schedule for CPU
- Hand created schedule for GPU
- No change to the algorithm

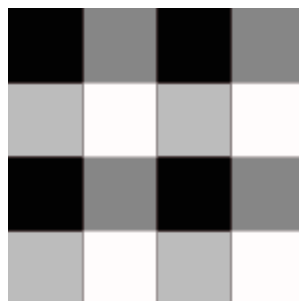


Approach: Small Compiler for Small Language

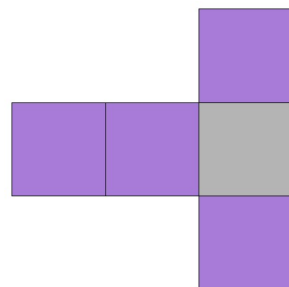
- **Snowflake: A DSL for Science Stencils**
 - Domain calculus inspired by Titanium, UPC++, and AMR in general



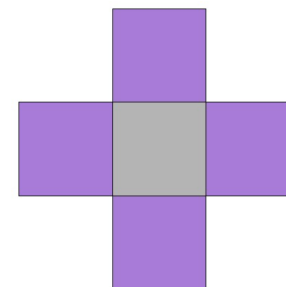
(a) Red-Black tiling



(b) 4-color tiling



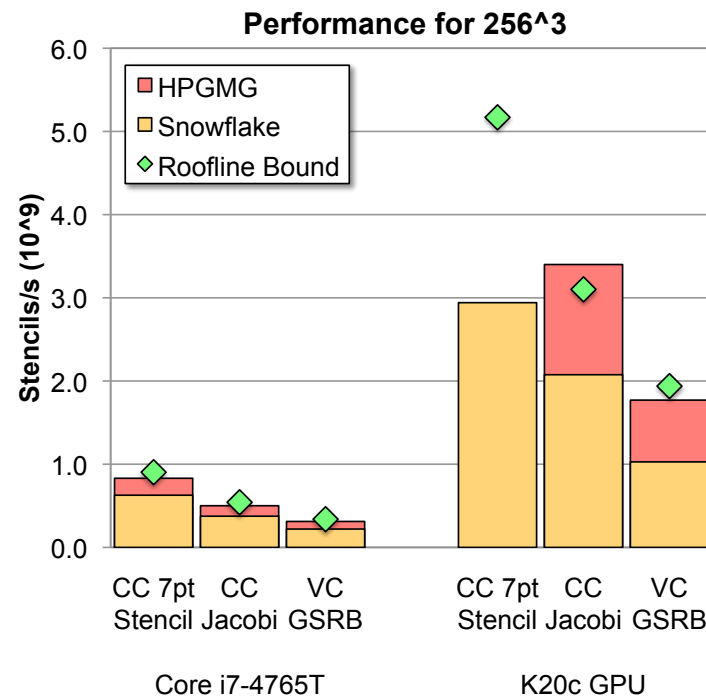
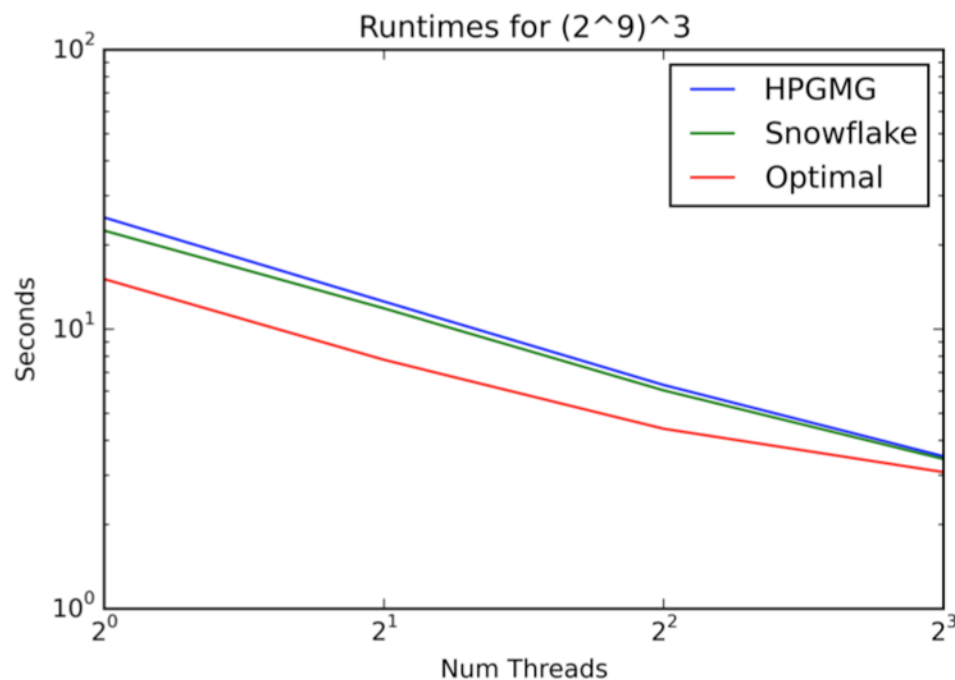
(c) Asymmetric stencil used near mesh boundary



(d) 5-point Jacobi stencil

- **Complex stencils: red/black, asymmetric**
- **Update-in-place while preserving provable parallelism**
- **Complex boundary conditions**

Snowflake Performance

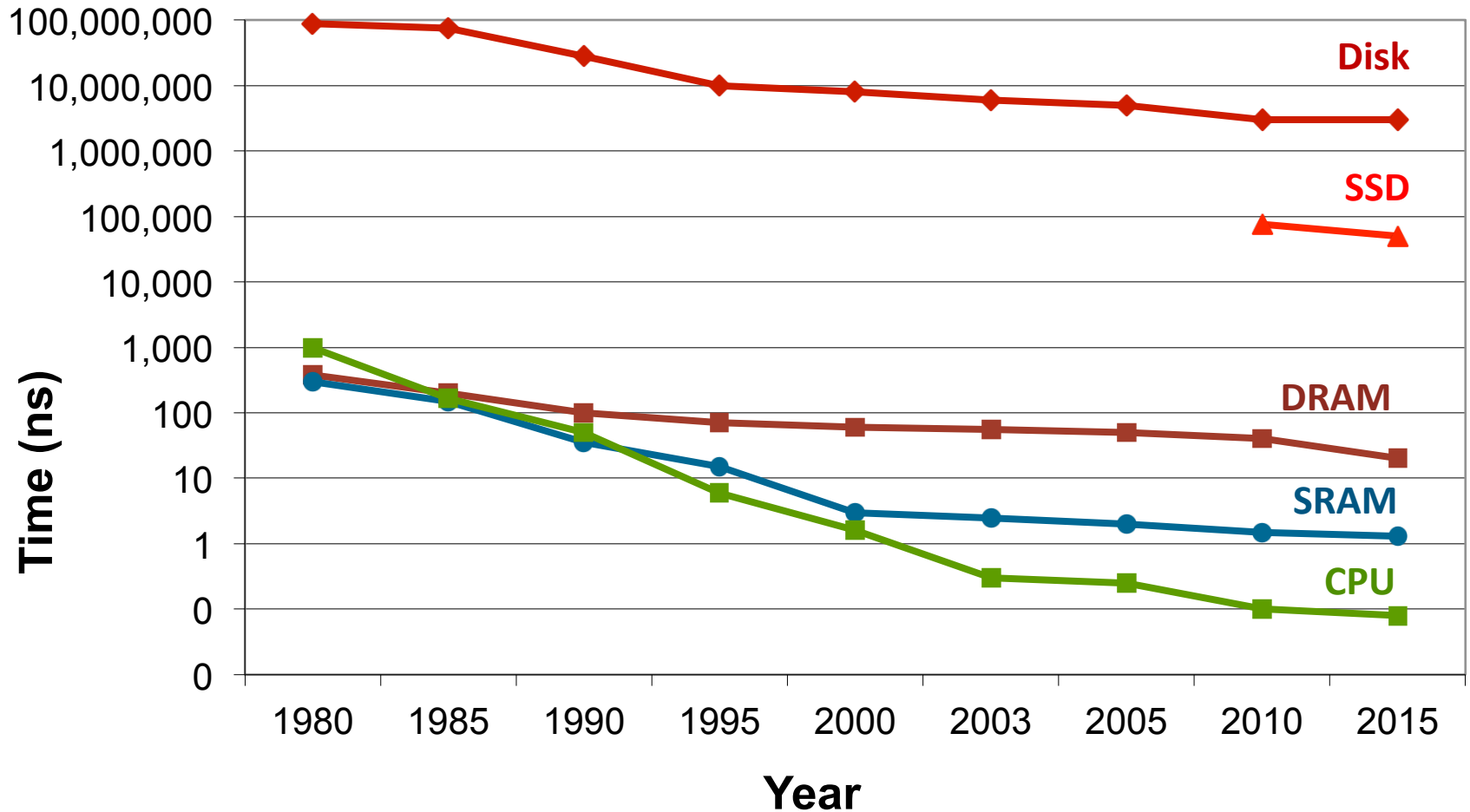


- Performance on the HPGMG application benchmark using all the features of Snowflake
- Competitive with hand-optimized performance
- Within 2x of optimal roofline

Algorithms for the Hardware

Data Movement is Expensive

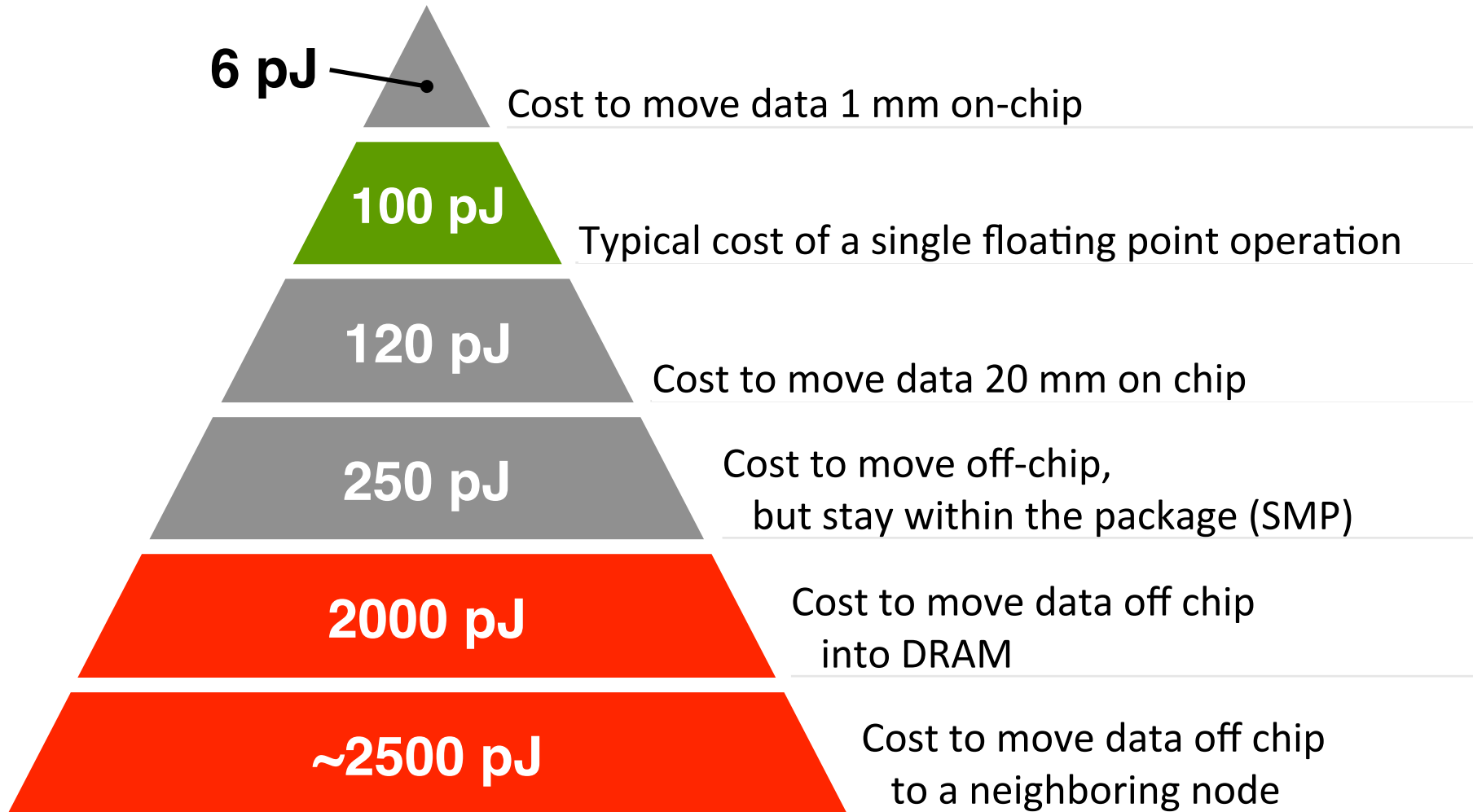
CPU cycle time vs memory access time



Source: <http://csapp.cs.cmu.edu/2e/figures.html>, <http://csapp.cs.cmu.edu/3e/figures.html>

Data Movement is Expensive

Hierarchical energy costs.



Beyond Domain Decomposition

2.5D Matrix Multiply on BG/P, 16K nodes / 64K cores

Surprises:

- Even Matrix Multiply had room for improvement
- Idea: make copies of C matrix (as in prior 3D algorithm, but not as many)
- Result is provably optimal in communication

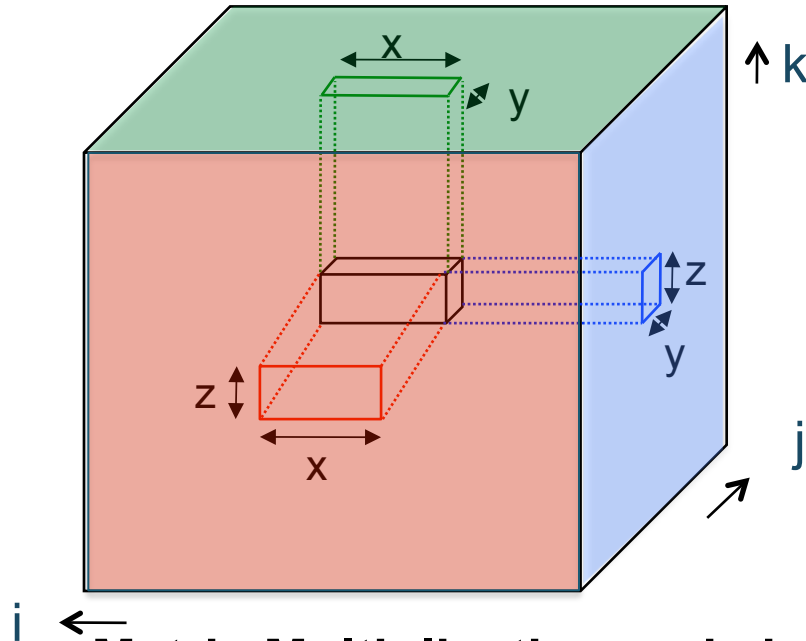
Lesson: Never waste fast memory

And don't get hung up on the owner computes rule

Can we generalize for compiler writers?

Deconstructing 2.5D Matrix Multiply

Solomonick & Demmel



- Tiling the iteration space
- 2D algorithm: never chop k dim
- 2.5 or 3D: Assume + is associative; chop k, which is \rightarrow replication of C matrix

Matrix Multiplication code has a 3D iteration space
Each point in the space is a constant computation ($*/+$)

```
for i
  for j
    for k
      C[i,j] ... A[i,k] ... B[k,j] ...
```

Using .5D ideas on N-body

- **n particles, k-way interaction.**
 - Molecules, stars in galaxies, etc.
- **Most common: 2-way N-body**

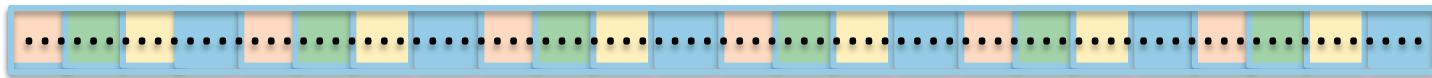
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for t timesteps
```

```
  forall  $i_1, \dots, i_k$   
    force[ $i_1$ ] += interact(particle[ $i_1$ ], ..., particle[ $i_k$ ])
```

```
  forall i  
    move(particle[i], force[i])
```

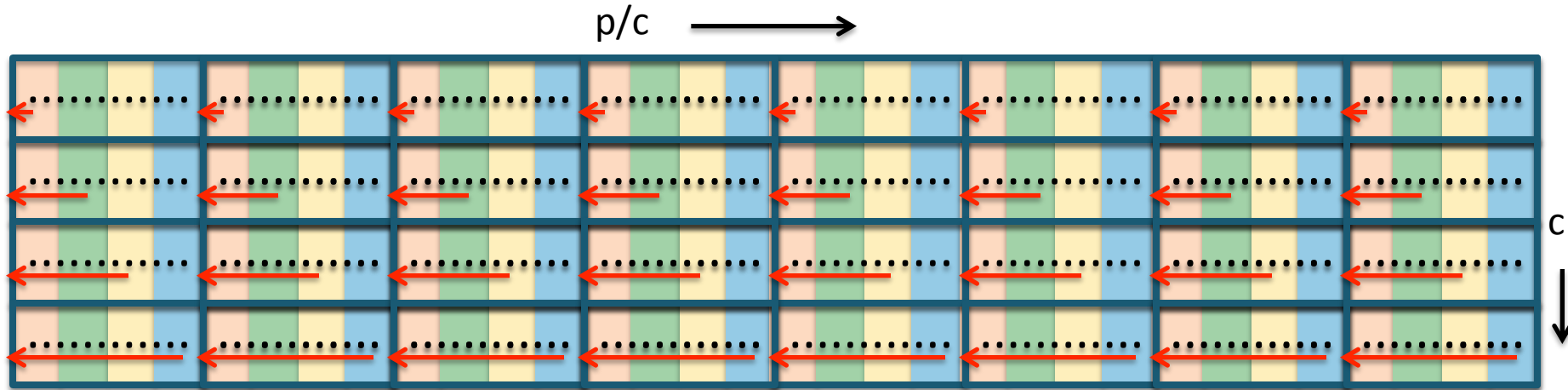
$O(n^k)$.

- **Best algorithm is to divide n particles into p groups??**



No!

Communication Avoiding 2-way N-body (using a “1.5D” decomposition)



- Divide p into c groups
- Replicate particles across groups
- Repeat: shift copy of $n/(p*c)$ particles to the left within a group
- Reduce across c to produce final value for each particle

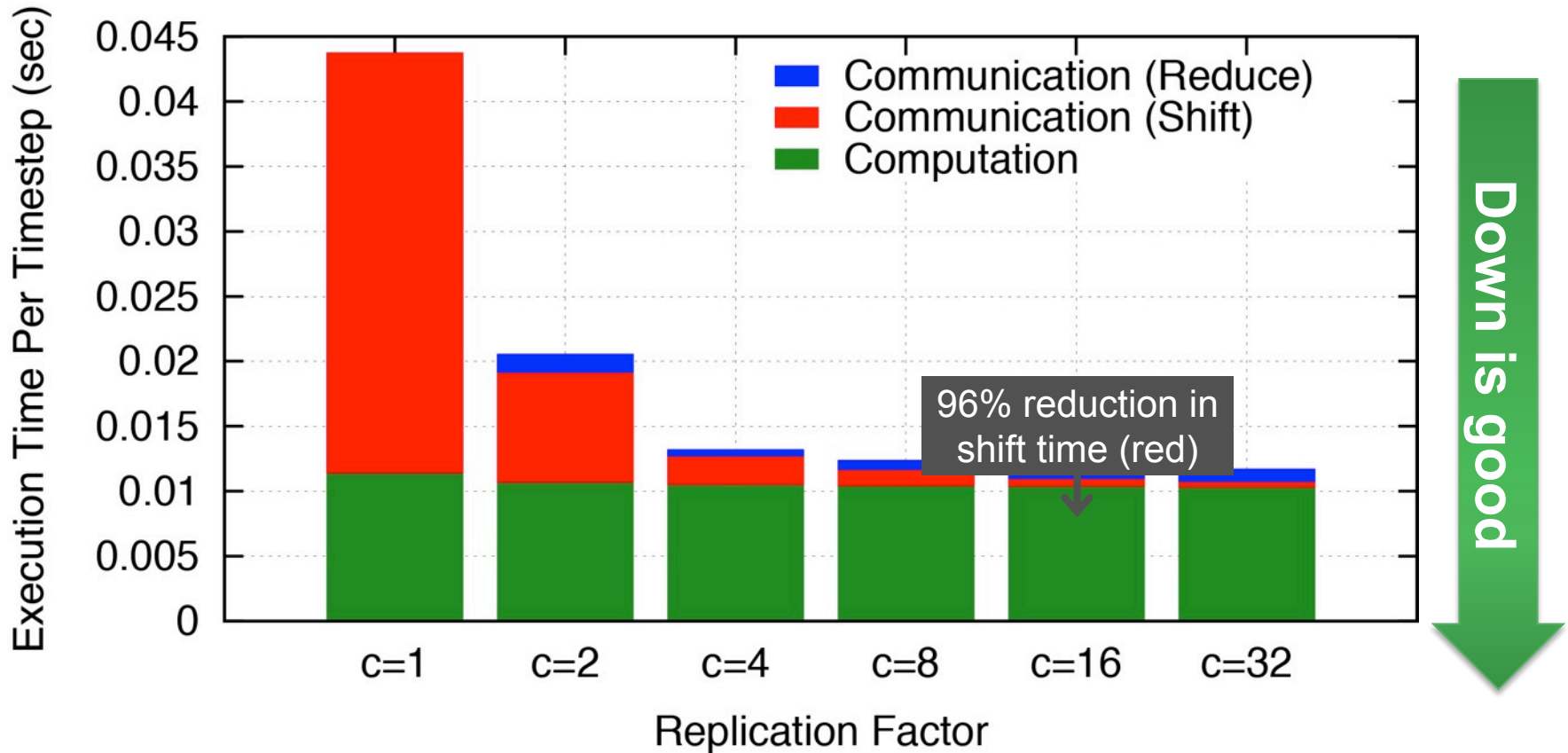
Total Communication: $O(\log(p/c) + \log c)$ messages,

$O(n*(c/p+1/c))$ words

Less Communication..

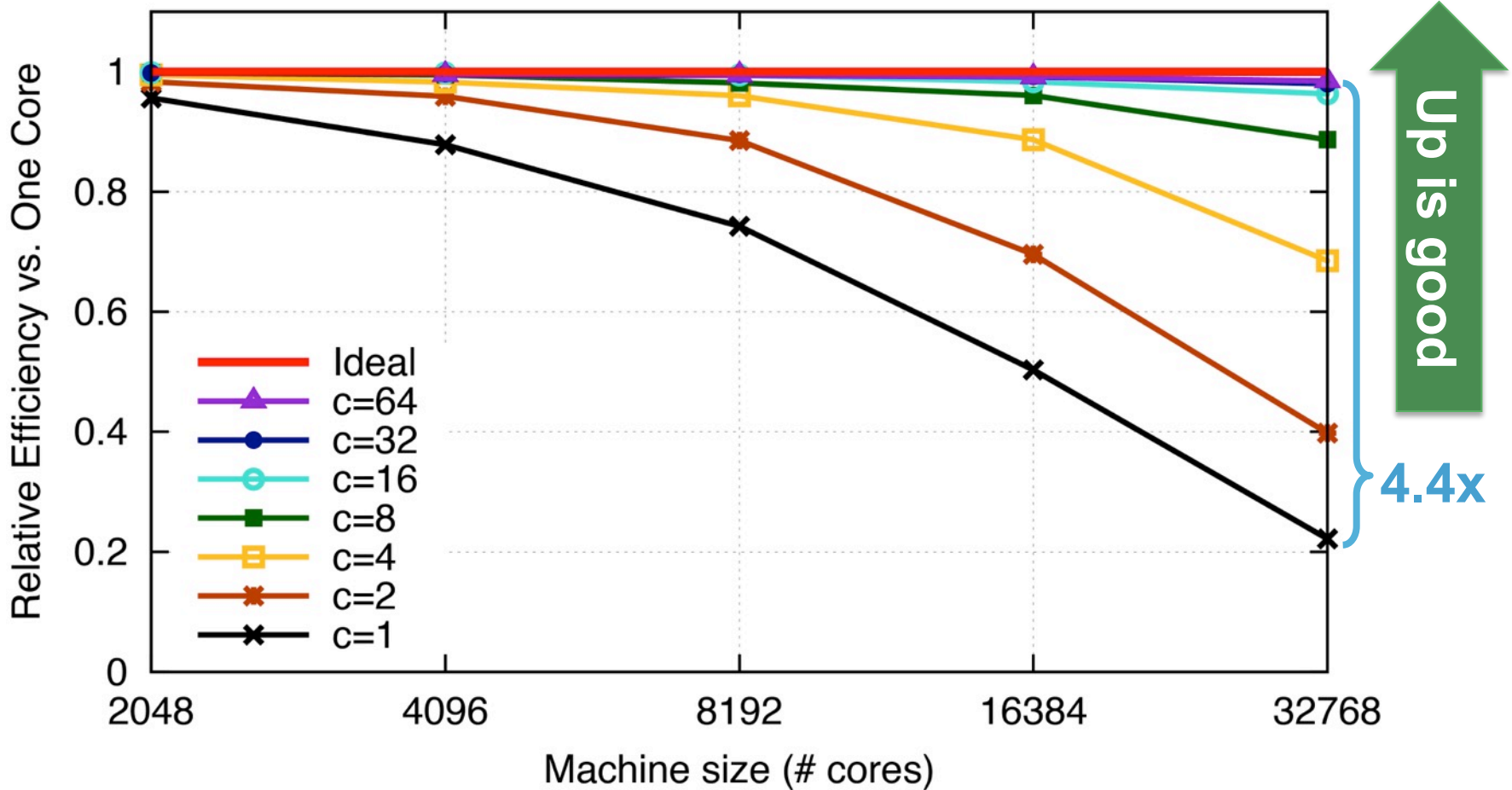
Cray XE6; n=24K particles, p=6K cores

Execution Time vs. Replication Factor



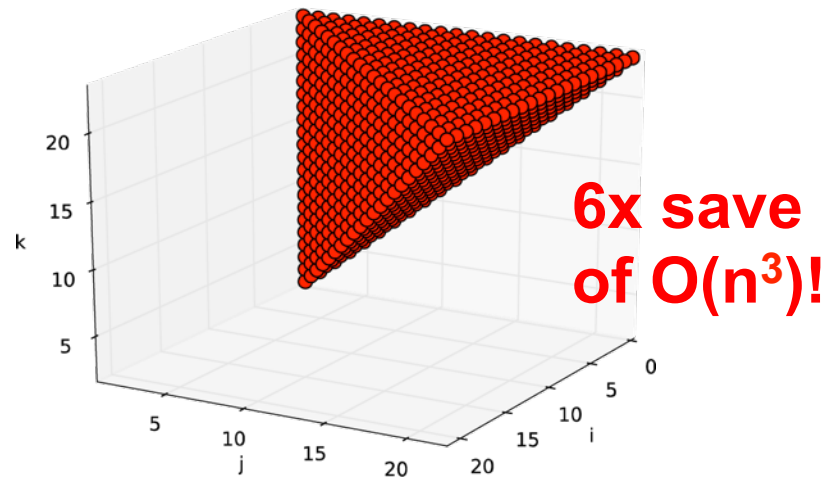
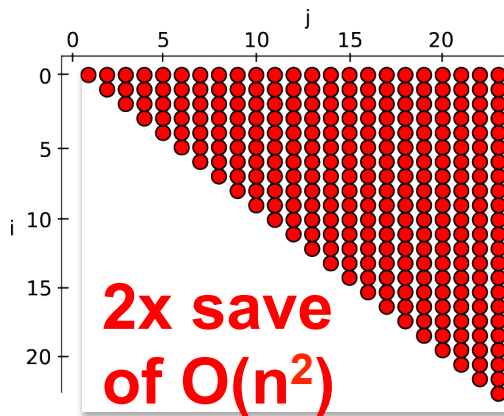
Strong Scaling

Parallel Efficiency on BlueGene/P (n=262,144)



Challenge: Symmetry & Load Balance

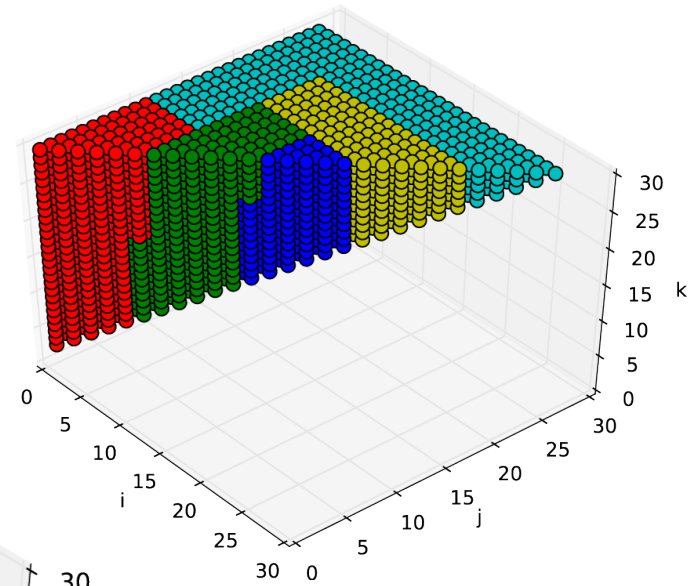
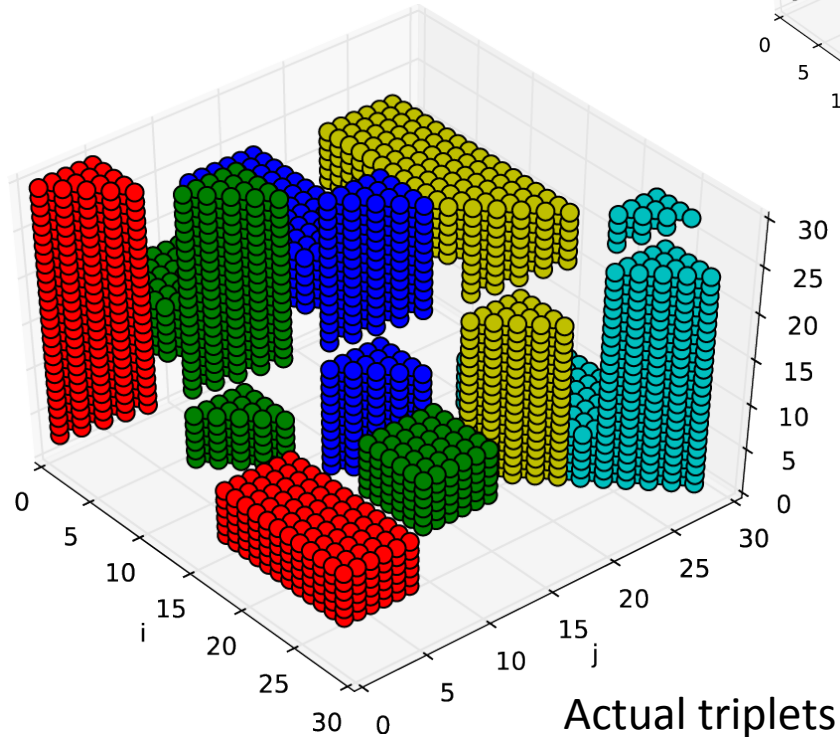
- Force symmetry ($f_{ij} = -f_{ji}$) saves computation
- 2-body force matrix vs 3-body force cube



- How to divide work equally?

Communication-Avoiding 3-body

- $p=5$ (in colors)
- 6 particles per processor
- 5x5 subcubes

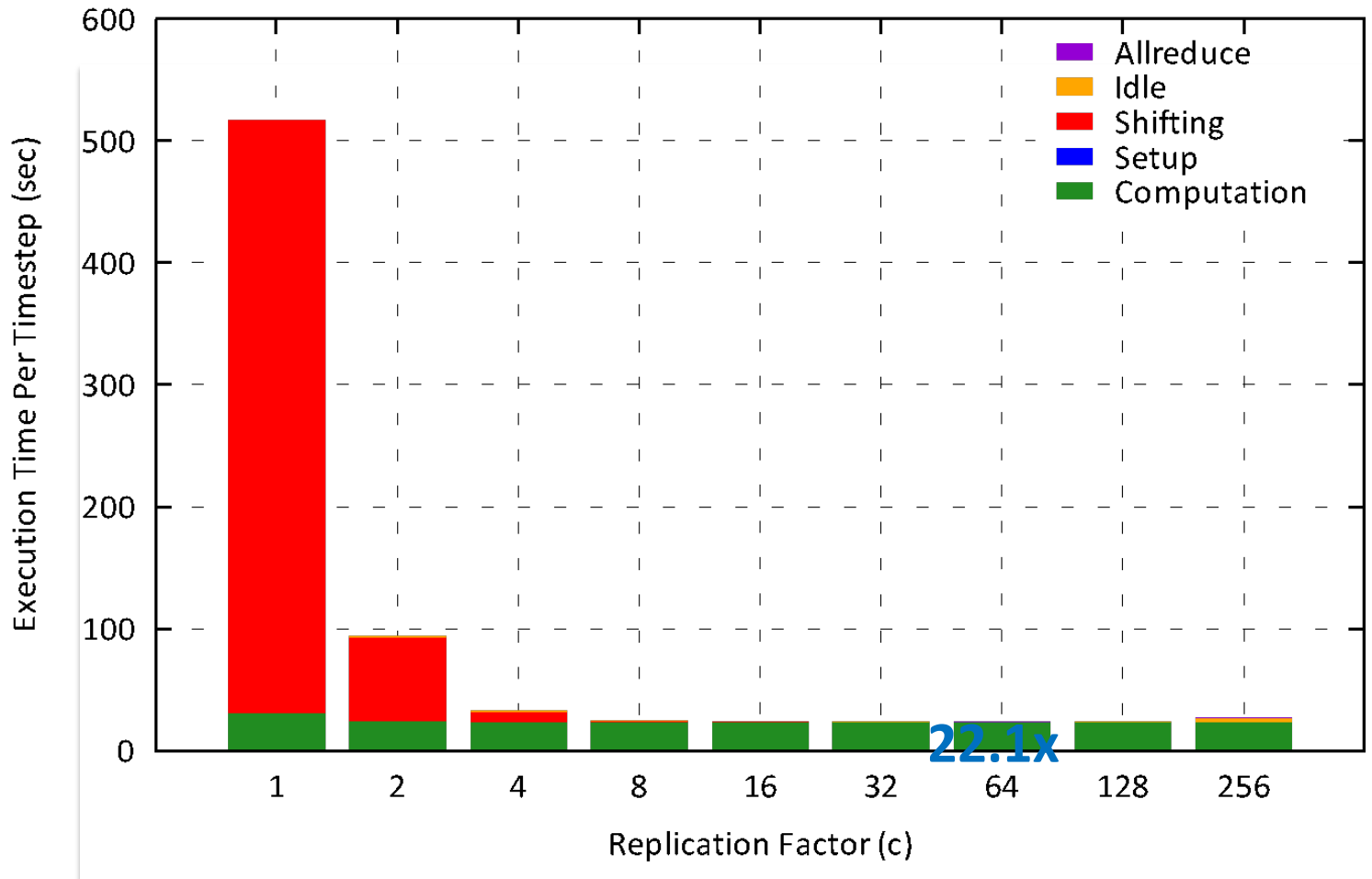


Equivalent triplets in the big tetrahedron

Communication optimal.
Replication by c decreases
#messages by c^3 and
#words by c^2

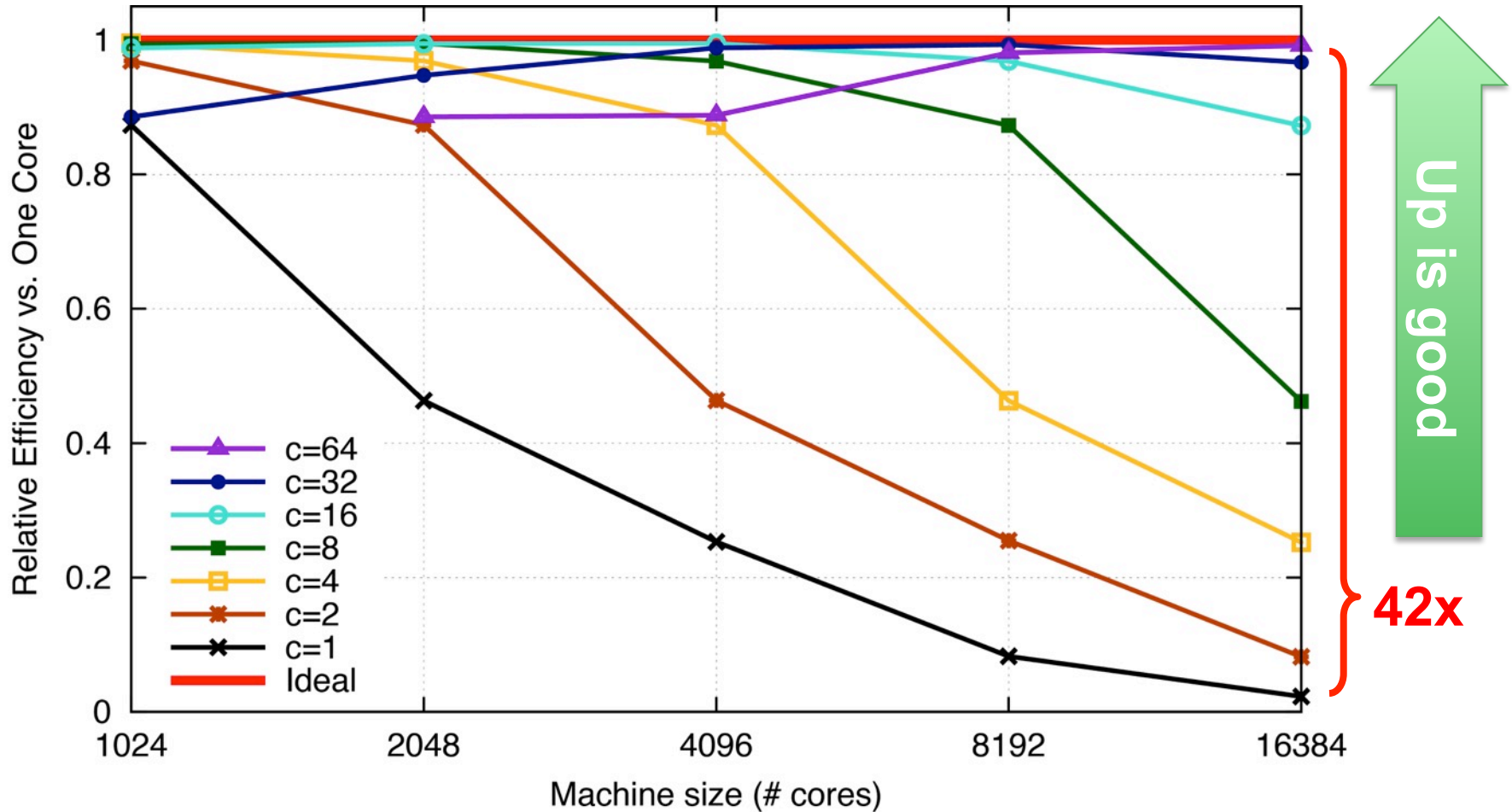
3-Way N-Body Speedup

- Cray XC30, 24k cores, 24k particles

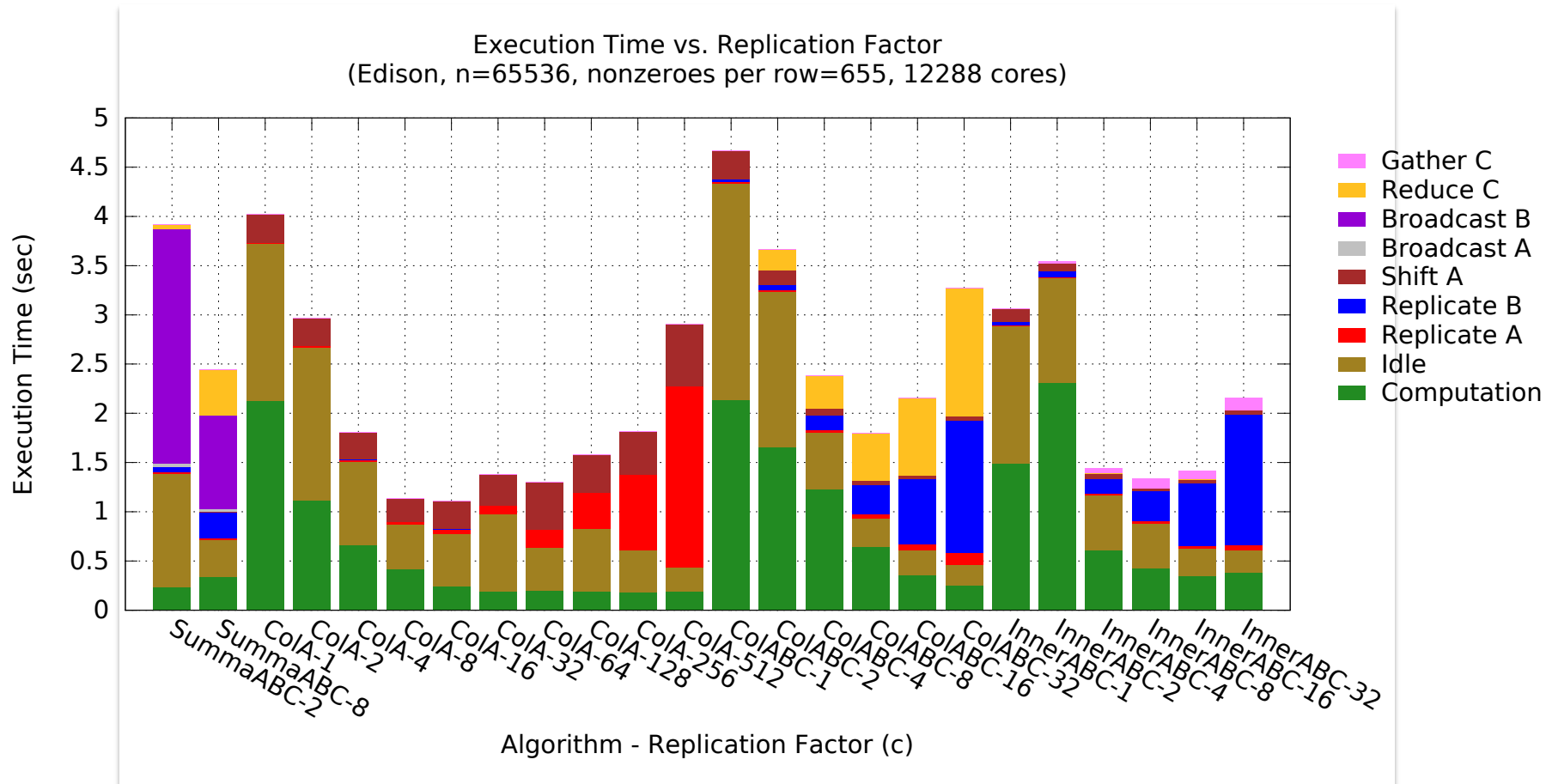


Perfect Strong Scaling

BlueGene/Q 16k particles, Strong Scaling



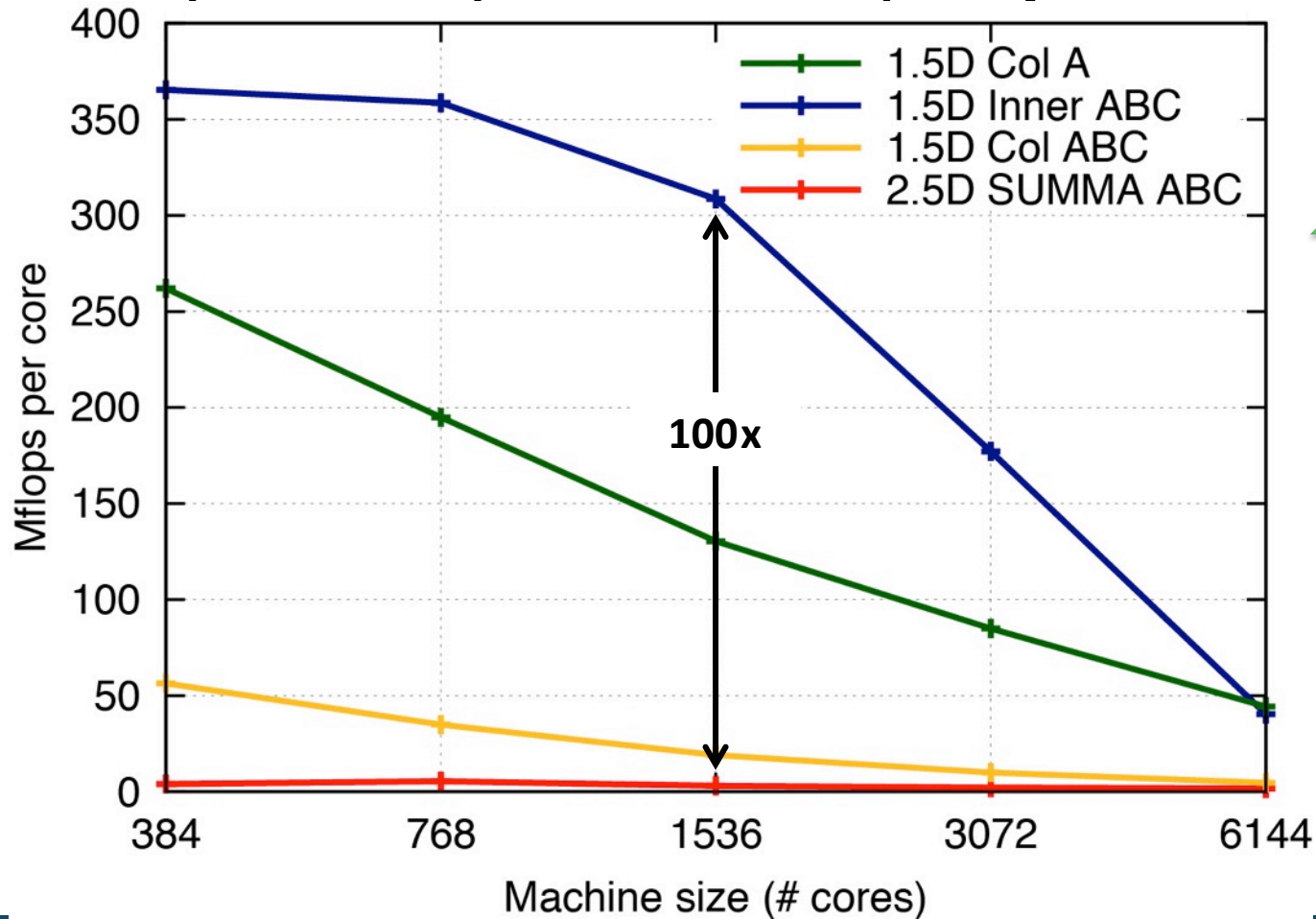
Sparse-Dense Matrix Multiply Too!



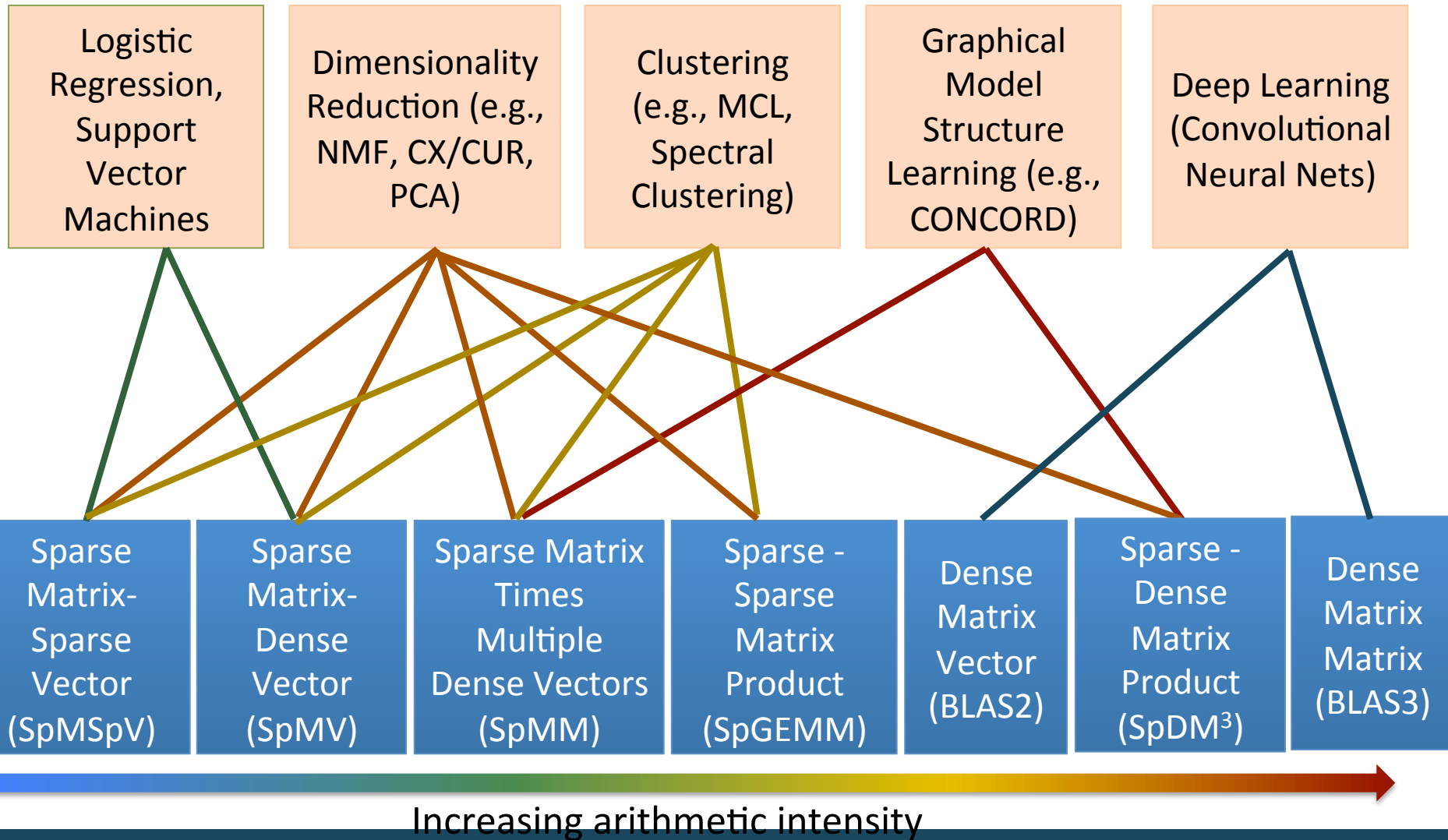
- **Variety of algorithms that divide in or 2 dimensions**

100x Improvement

- **A^{66k x 172k}, B^{172k x 66k}, 0.0038% nnz, Cray XC30**



Linear Algebra is important to Machine Learning too!



Summary

- **Exascale computing will deliver science breakthroughs**
 - In simulation and data analytics
 - **But requires advances in models, algorithms and software**
- **Exascale will impact a broad set of applications**
 - Science, health, manufacturing, environment, infrastructure
- **There are still many computer science challenges**
 - Architectures, code generation, algorithms, integration

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