

Evoluzione dell'Infrastruttura di Calcolo e Data Analytics per la ricerca

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Name: Fermi
Architecture: BlueGene/Q (10 racks)
Processor type: IBM PowerA2 @1.6 GHz
Computing Nodes: 10.240
Each node: 16 cores and 16GB of RAM
Computing Cores: 163.840
RAM: 1GByte / core (163 TByte total)
Internal Network: 5D Torus
Disk Space: 2PByte of scratch space
Peak Performance: 2PFlop/s
Power Consumption: 820 kWatts

N. 7 in Top 500 rank (June 2012)

National and PRACE Tier-0 calls

High-end system, only
for extremely scalable
applications



Name: Galileo

Model: IBM NeXtScale

Architecture: IBM NeXtScale

Processor type: Intel Xeon Haswell@ 2.4 GHz

Computing Nodes: 516

Each node: 16 cores, 128 GB of RAM

Computing Cores: 8.256

RAM: 66 TByte

Internal Network: Infiniband 4xQDR switches (40 Gb/s)

Accelerators: 768 Intel Phi 7120p (2 per node on 384 nodes

+ 80 Nvidia K80

Peak Performance: 1.2 PFlops

National and PRACE Tier-1 calls

X86 based system
for production of
medium scalability
applications

Storage and processing of large volumes of data.
Data Analytics.

Name: Pico

Model: IBM NeXtScale

Architecture: Linux Infiniband cluster

Processor type: Intel Xeon E5 2670 v2 @2,5Ghz

Computing Nodes: 66+

Each node: 20 cores, 128 GB of RAM + 2 accelerators

Computing Cores: 1.320+

RAM: 6,4 GB/core

+2 Visualization nodes

+2 Big Mem nodes

+4 BigInsight nodes

Integrated with a multi tier storage system:

40 TByte of SSDs

5 PByte of Disks

16 PByte of Tapes

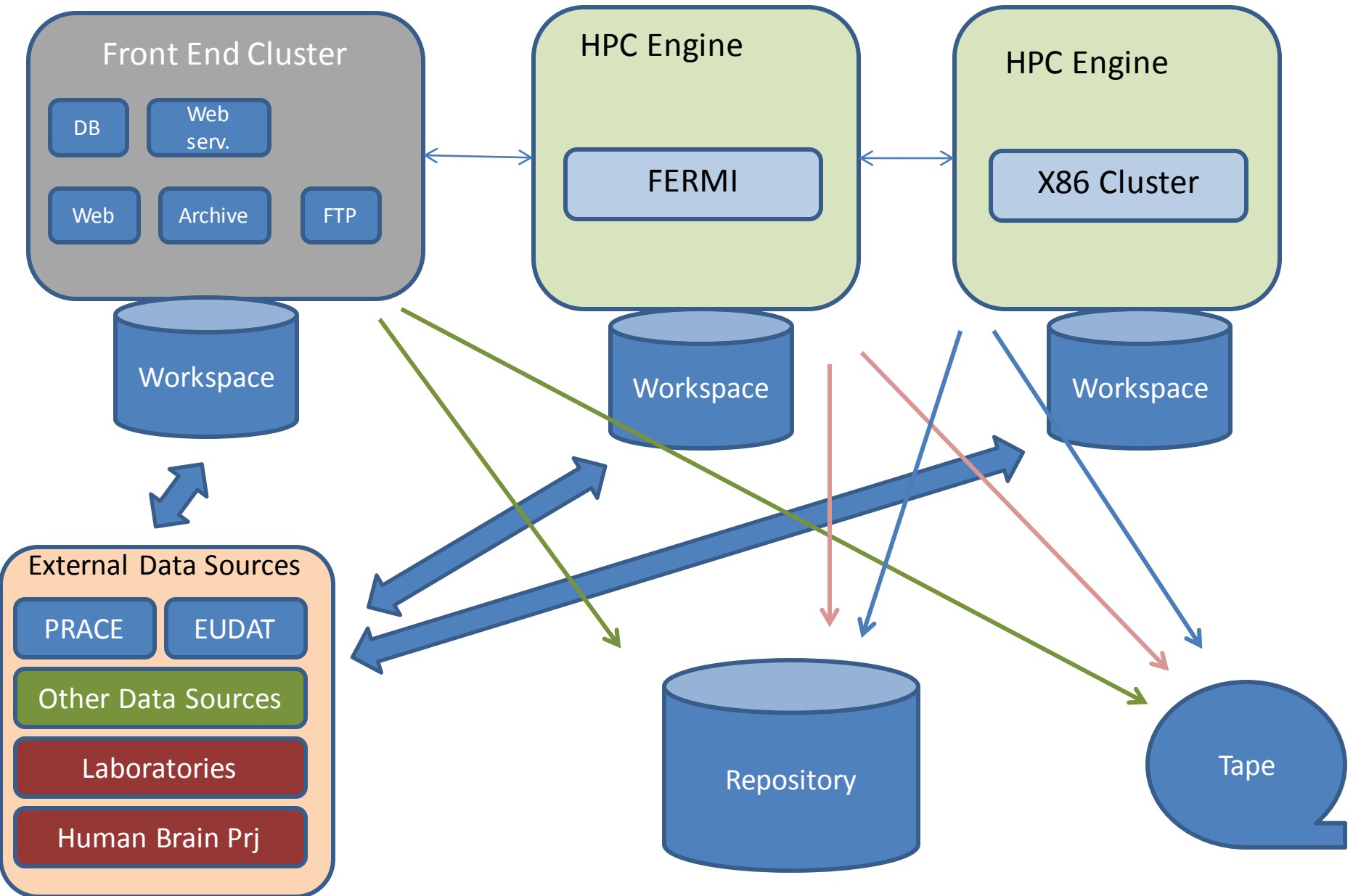


- New services to be defined on this system, taking advance from its peculiarities:
 - Low parallelism (less cores with respect to other systems, more cores/node) -> high throughput
 - Memory intensive (more memory/core and /node)
 - I/O intensive (SSD disk available)
 - DB based (a lot of storage space)
- New application environments:
 - Bioinformatics
 - Data analysis
 - Engineerings
 - Quantum Chemistry
- General services
 - Remote visualisation
 - Web access to HPC
 - Cloud

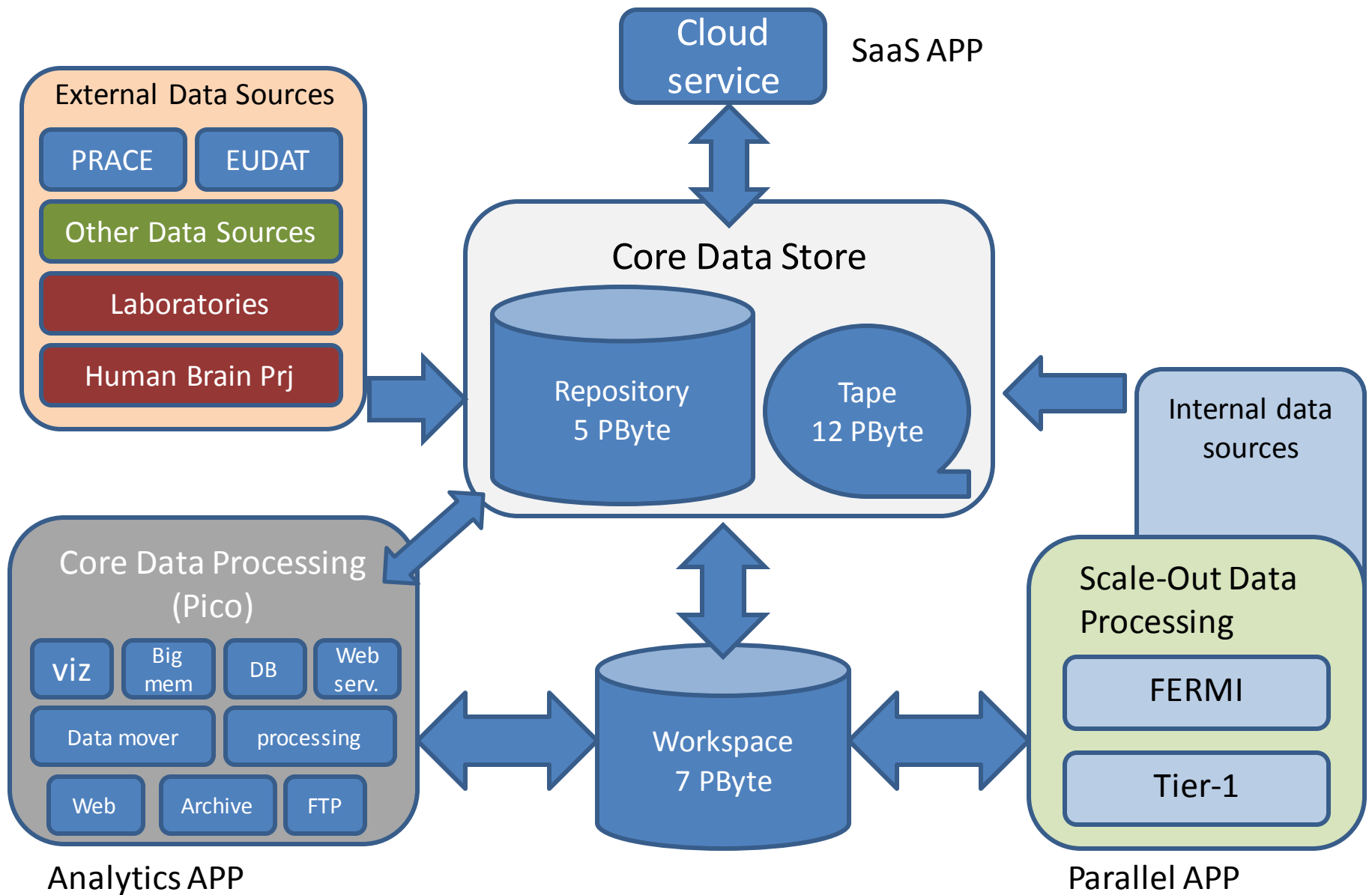


Infrastructure Evolution

HPC "island" Infrastructure



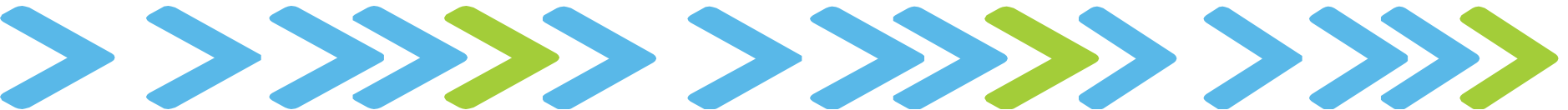
(data centric) Infrastructure



Tier0: Fermi
Tier1: Galileo
BigData: Pico

Tier0: new
(HPC Top10)
BigData: Galileo/Pico

Tier0 BigData:
50PFlops
50PByte



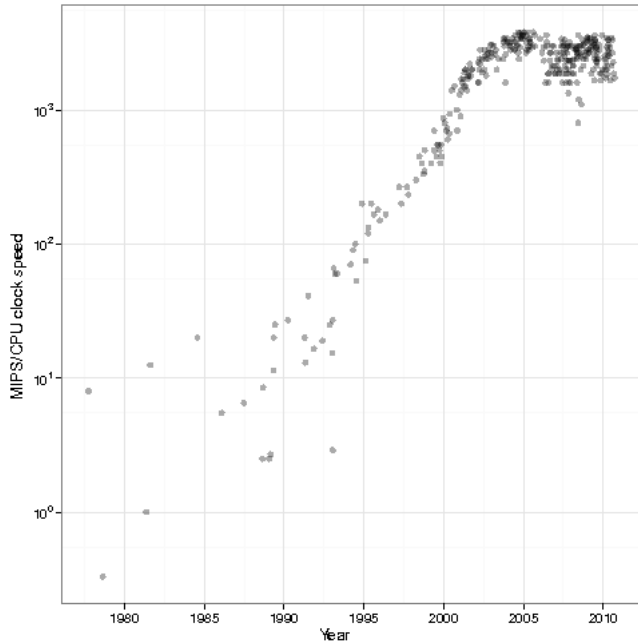
today

1Q 2016

2018

Challenges & Opportunity

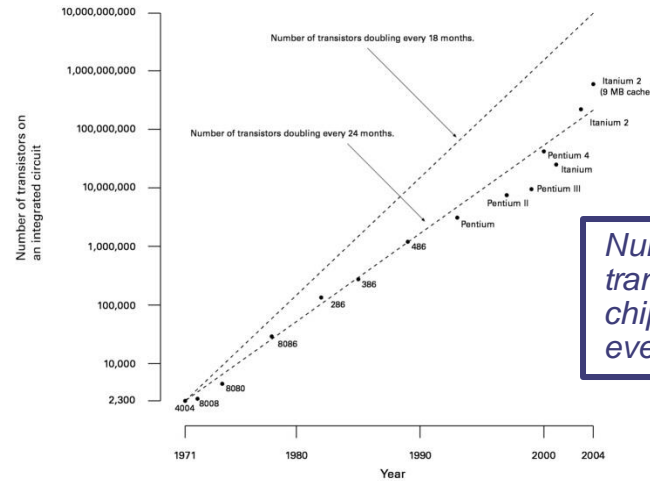
Dennard scaling law (downscaling)



The core frequency and performance do not grow following the Moore's law any longer

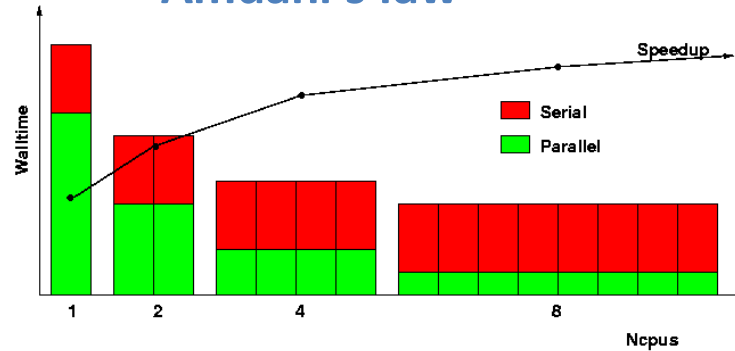
Increase the number of cores to maintain the architectures evolution on the Moore's law

Moore's Law



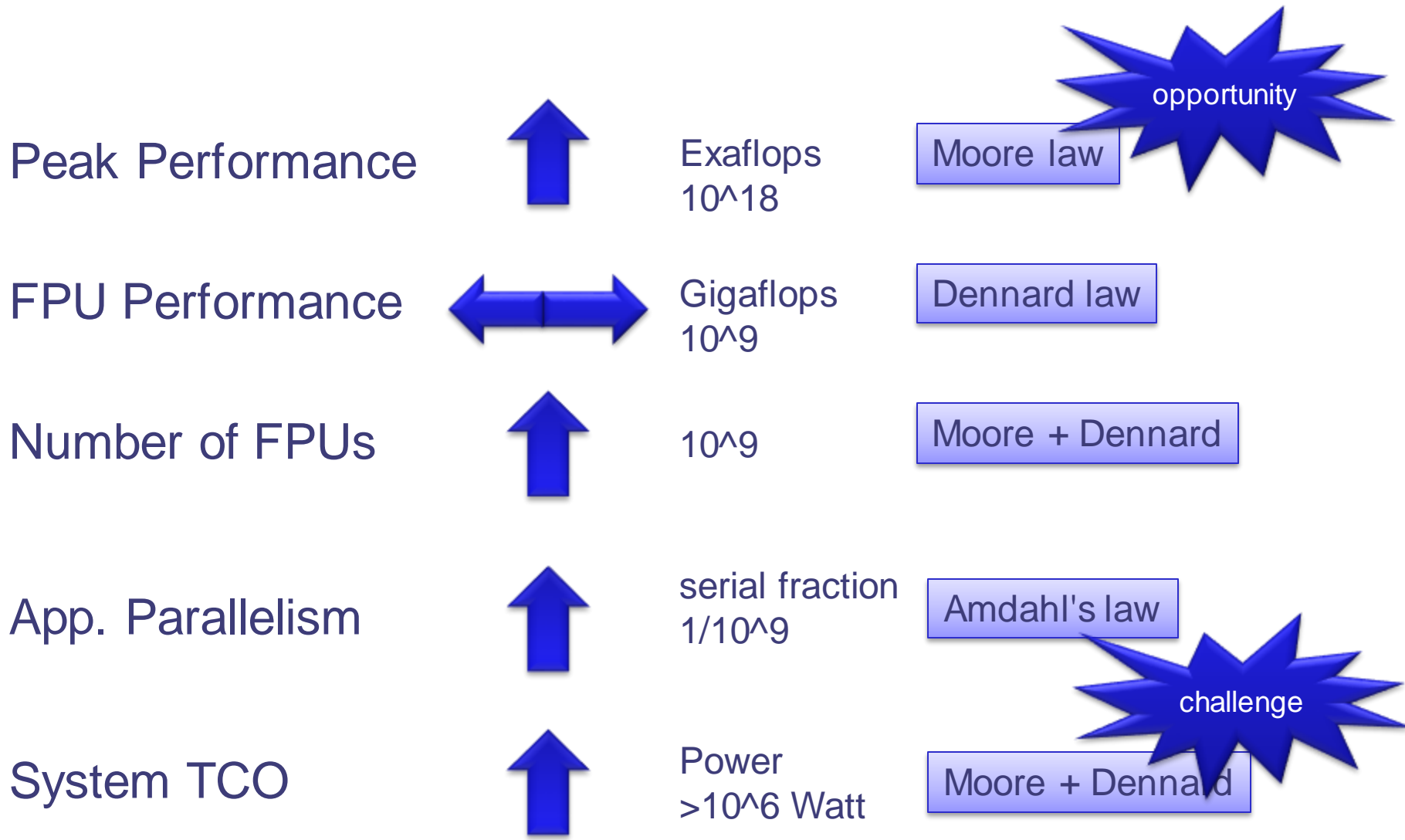
Number of transistors per chip double every 24 month

Amdahl's law



maximum speedup tends to $1 / (1 - P)$
P= parallel fraction

The upper limit for the scalability of parallel applications is determined by the fraction of the overall execution time spent in non-parallel operations.

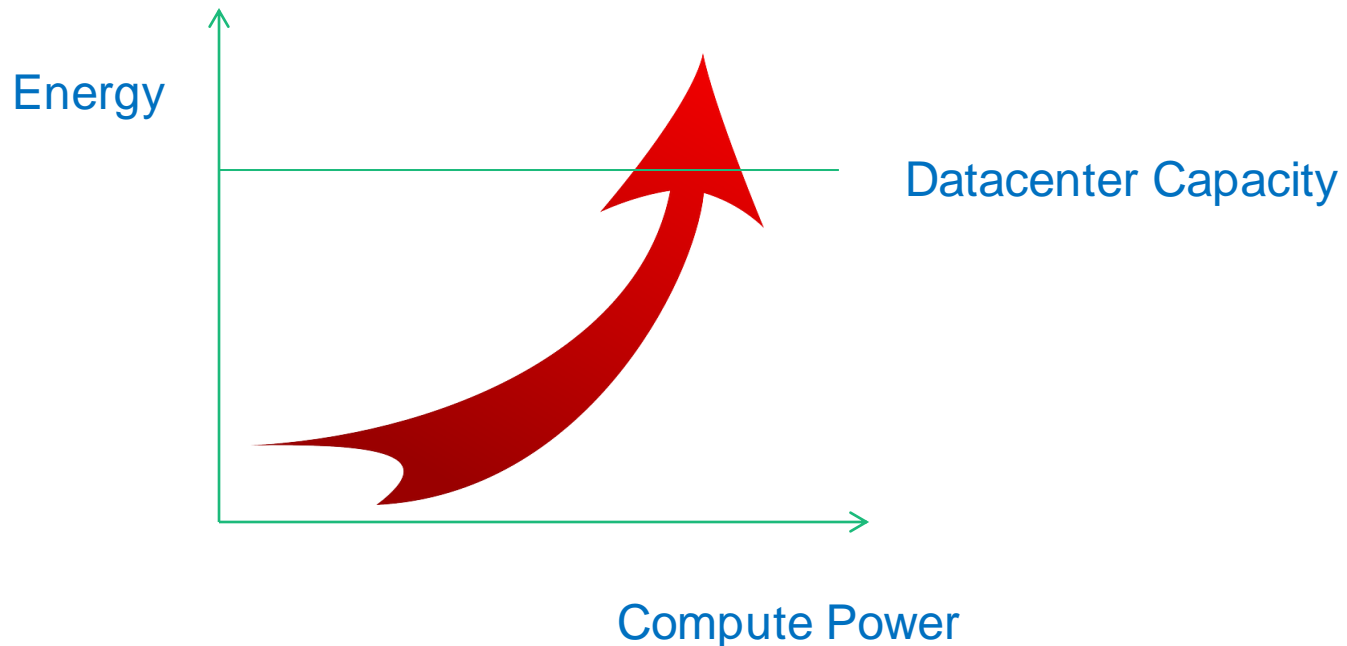


Energy trends

“traditional” RISC and CISC chips are designed for maximum performance for all possible workloads



A lot of silicon to maximize single thread performance



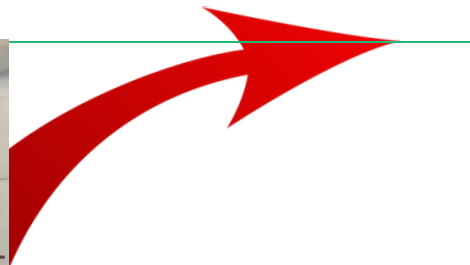
Change of paradigm

New chips designed for maximum performance in a small set of workloads



Simple functional units, poor single thread performance, but maximum throughput

Energy



Datacenter Capacity

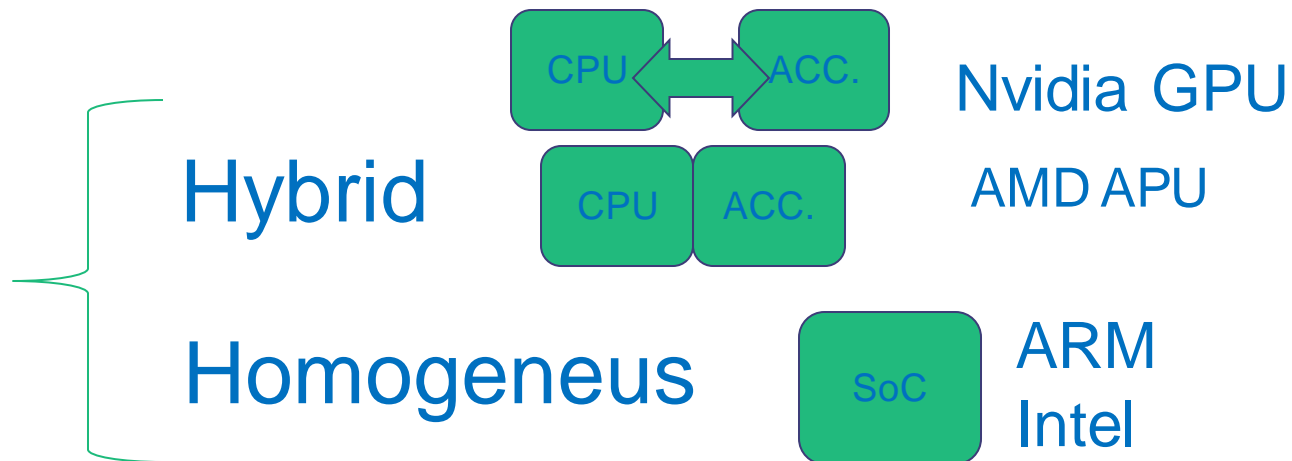


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Converging Exascale architecture model



System attributes	2001	2010	"2015"		"2018"	
System peak	10 Tera	2 Peta	200 Petaflop/sec		1 Exaflop/sec	
Power	~0.8 MW	6 MW	15 MW		20 MW	
System memory	0.006 PB	0.3 PB	5 PB		32-64 PB	
Node performance	0.024 TF	0.125 TF	0.5 TF	7 TF	1 TF	10 TF
Node memory BW		25 GB/s	0.1 TB/sec	1 TB/sec	0.4 TB/sec	4 TB/sec
Node concurrency	16	12	O(100)	O(1,000)	O(1,000)	O(10,000)
System size (nodes)	416	18,700	50,000	5,000	1,000,000	100,000
Total Node Interconnect BW		1.5 GB/s	150 GB/sec	1 TB/sec	250 GB/sec	2 TB/sec
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Applications Challenges

- Programming model
- Scalability
- I/O, Resiliency/Fault tolerance
- Numerical stability
- Algorithms
- Energy Awareness/Efficiency