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The Evolution of Ethernet Fabrics for HPC & AI with Ultra Ethernet

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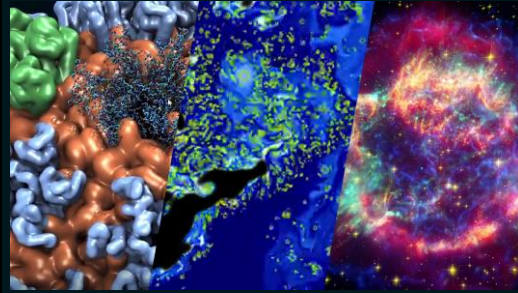
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Future Computing Scenarios 2030+

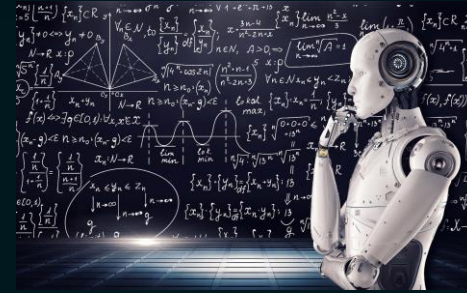
Deeper
Perception



Real World Simulation &
Exploration



Smarter and more
Inclusive AI



Enhanced
User Experiences



Data-driven Business
Innovation



Sustainability &
Efficiency



Subscription Economy &
Institutional Disaggregation

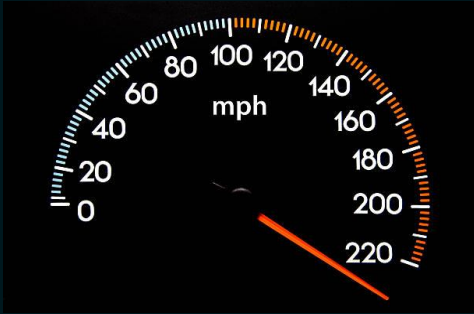


Data Sovereignty
& Security

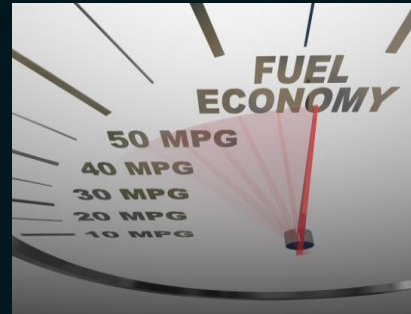


Technology Requirements for Future Compute Scenarios

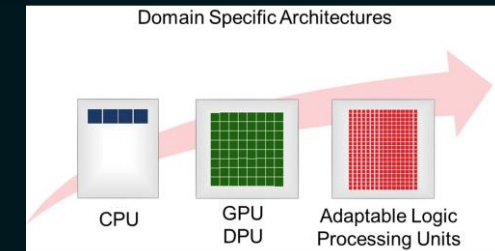
High Performance



Efficiency



Optimized Architectures



Software & Ecosystem



Security



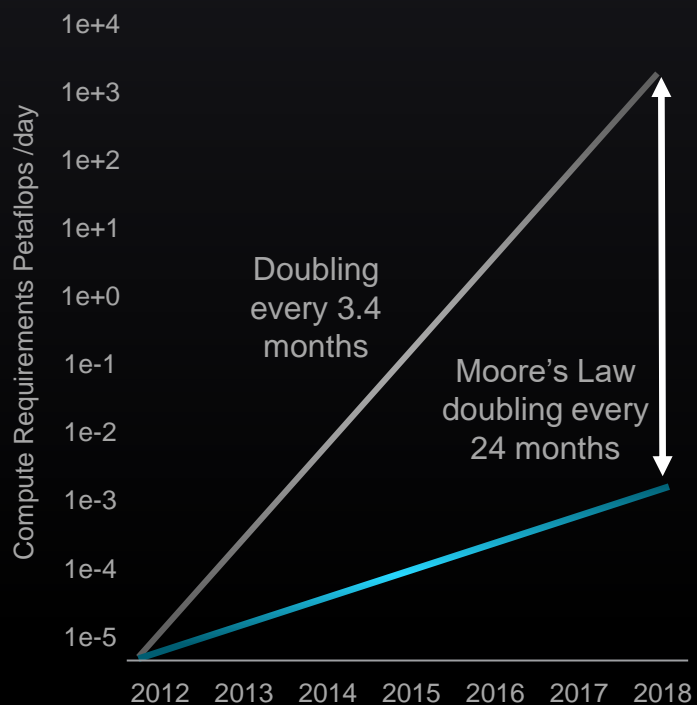
Networking



AI & HPC Driving Data Center Compute & Memory Growth

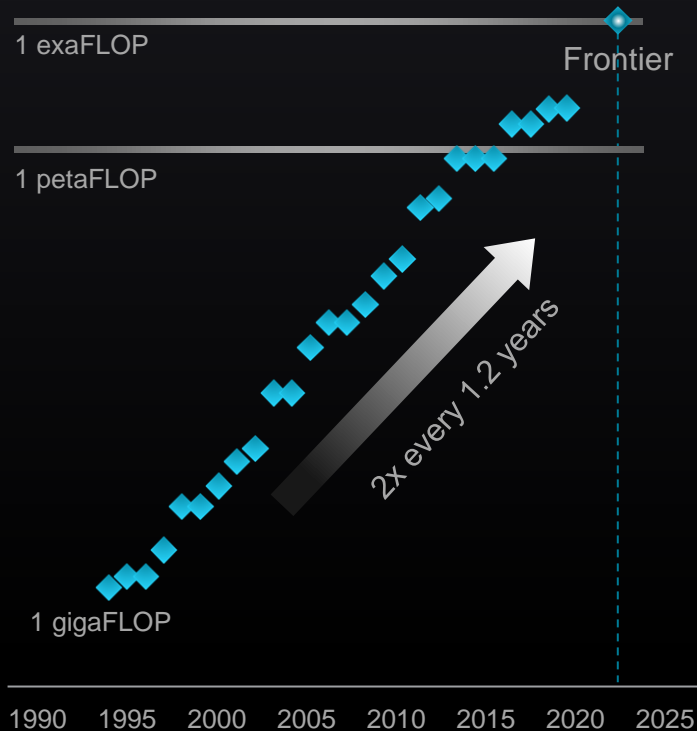
AI COMPUTE

AlexNet to AlphaGo Zero: A 300,000X Increase in Compute



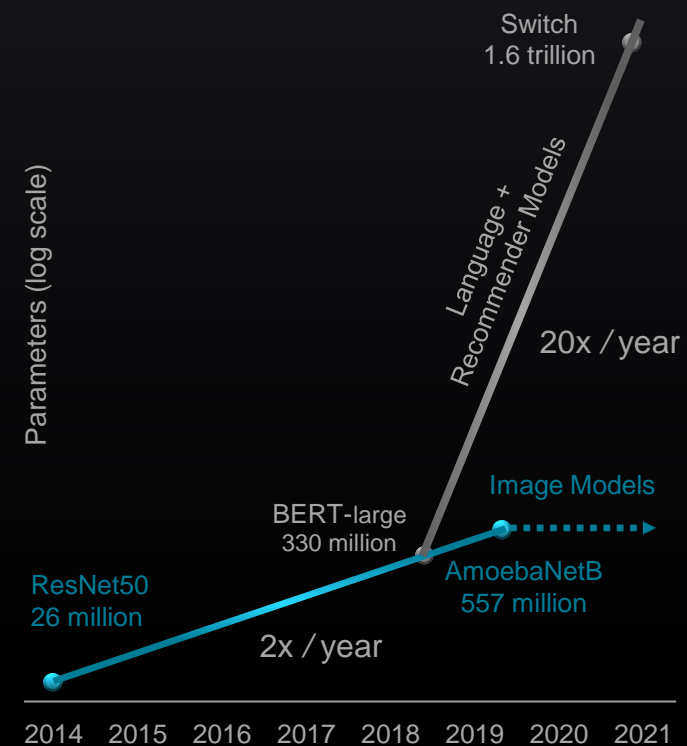
Source: <https://blog.openai.com/ai-and-compute>

LEADING SUPERCOMPUTER PERFORMANCE



Source: <https://www.top500.org>

AI MEMORY



Source: TechInsights (2022)

HPC and AI are driving unique challenges

OPTIMAL EFFICIENCY THROUGH DOMAIN-SPECIFIC MODULAR FABRICS

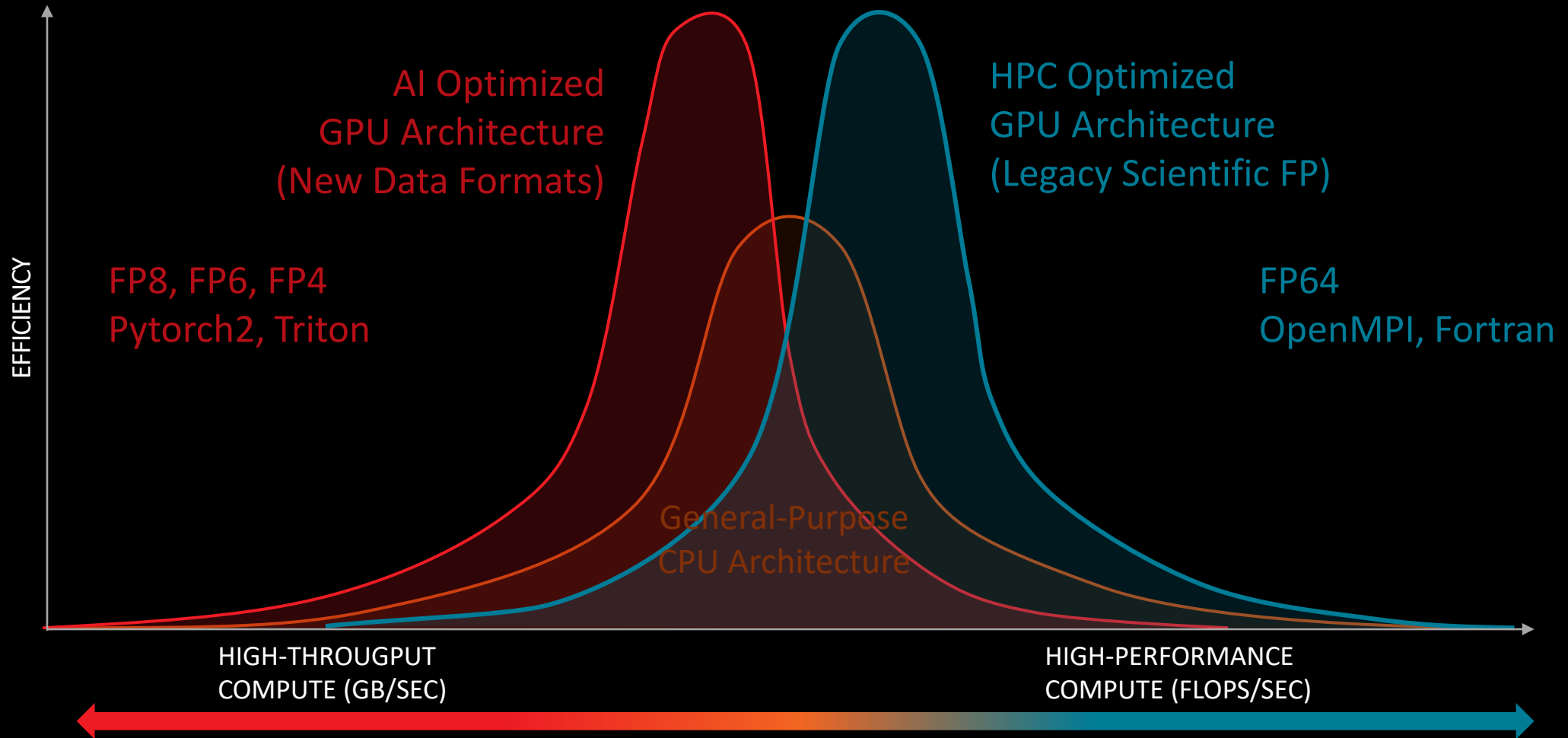
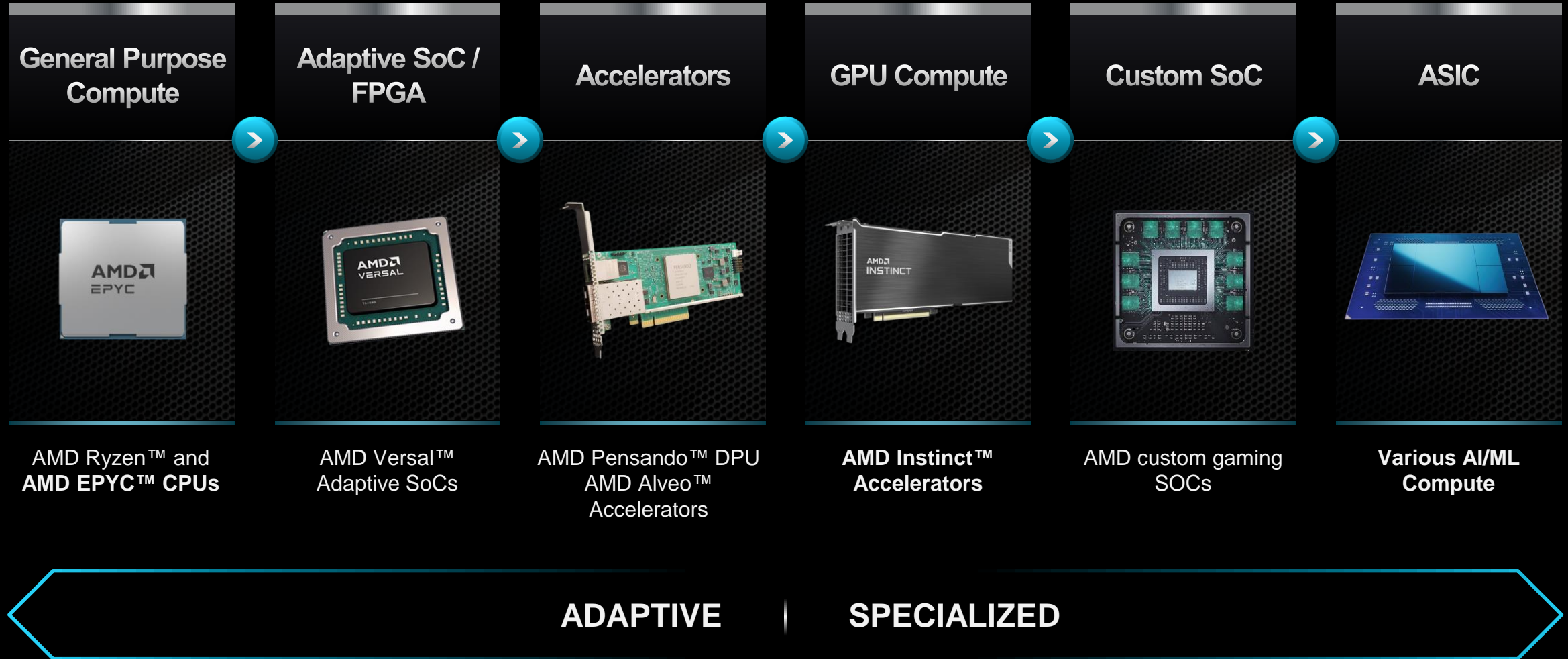


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The Future of Computing is Heterogeneous



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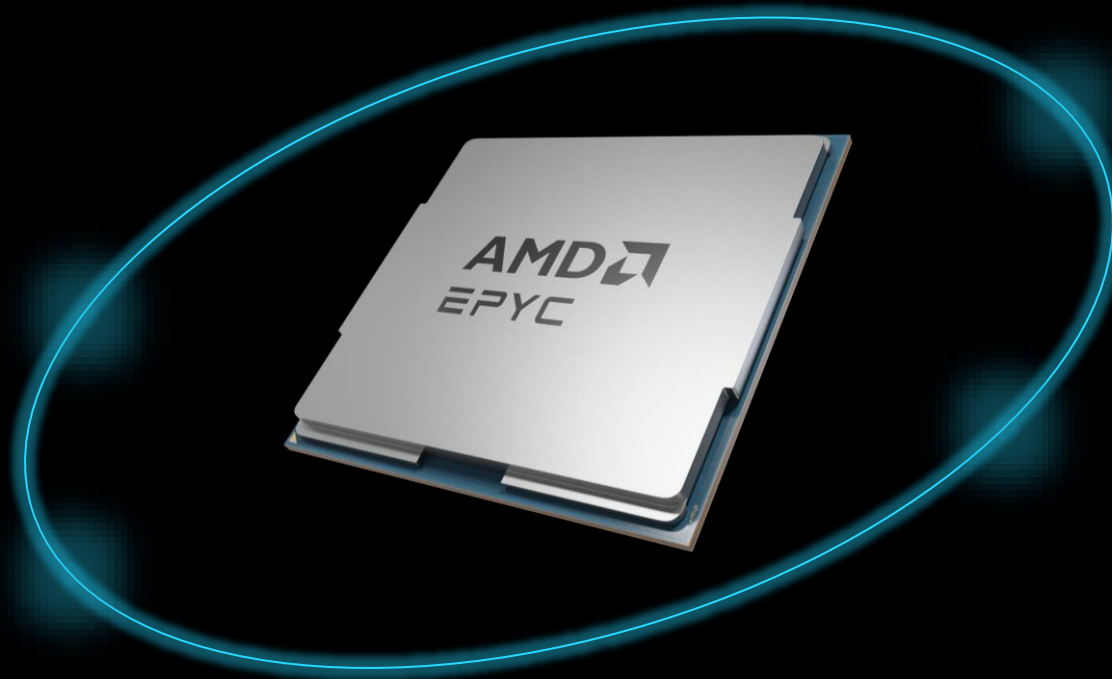
AMD EPYC™ Family

“GENOA”

Leadership Performance &
Performance per Core
WORKLOADS: BROAD SPECTRUM

“GENOA-X”

Highest Cache
WORKLOADS: TECHNICAL
COMPUTE



“BERGAMO”

Highest Thread Density
WORKLOADS: CLOUD NATIVE &
FLOP INTENSIVE

“SIENA” – 4Q23

Perf per Watt Optimized
WORKLOADS: LOW POWER FORM
FACTORS

Leadership 5nm
Process Node



Up to 128 High-
Performance “Zen4” /
“Zen4c” Cores

Common ISA &
software

Validated with AI ISV
Solutions



PCIe® 5.0
& CXL™
Memory Expansion

Advanced Security
Features

AMD Instinct™ Family

SAMPLING NOW

“MI300A”

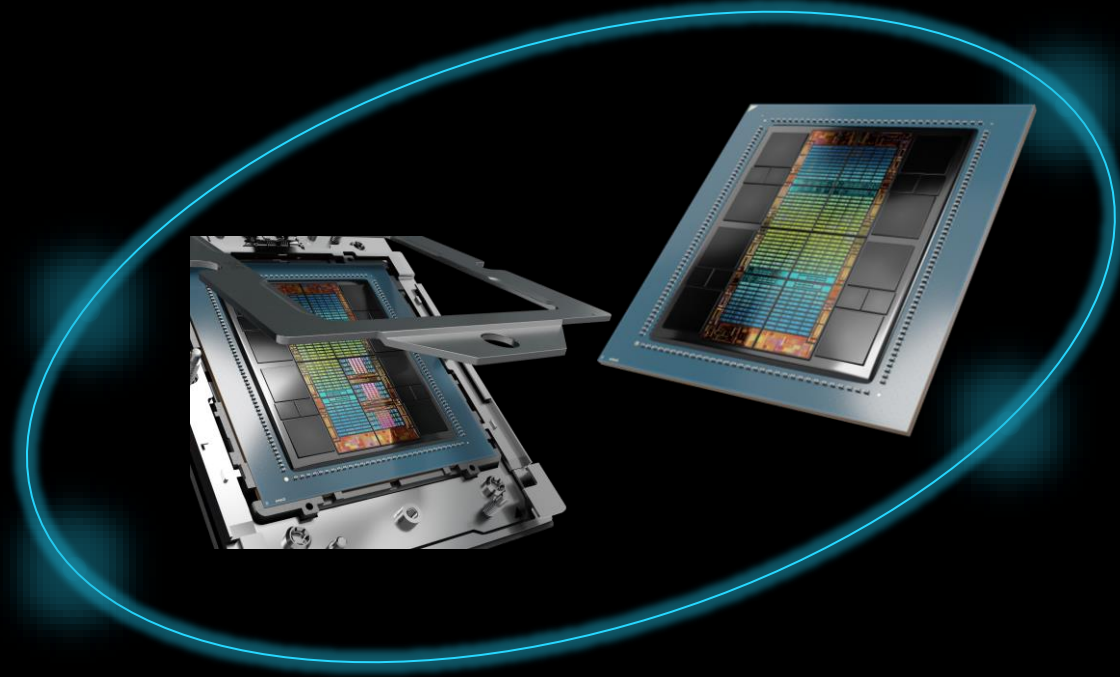
World's first APU accelerator
for AI and HPC



24
CPU Cores

128 GB
HBM3

Shared Memory
CPU + GPU



“MI300X”

Leadership generative AI
accelerator

5.2 TB/s
Memory Bandwidth

192 GB
HBM3

896 GB/s
Infinity Fabric™ Bandwidth

AMD
CDNA 3

Next-Gen
Accelerator
Architecture

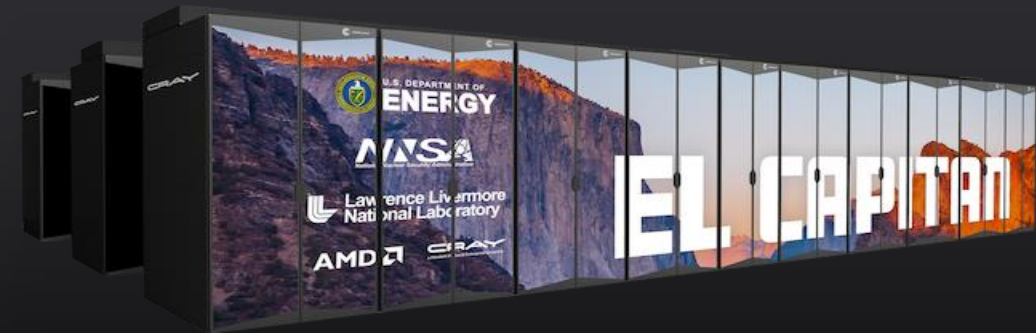
5nm and 6nm
Process Technology

AMD
ROCm



LEADING THE EXASCALE ERA

- Powering World's #1 Supercomputer
First to break Exascale barrier
- Powering 70% of World's Top 10 Green Supercomputers
7 of top 10 most efficient systems rely on AMD
- Powering World's #1 HPL-MxP Supercomputer
9.95 Eflops on HPL-MxP Mixed-Precision Benchmark



NNSA's El Capitan, is designed to give the U.S. a competitive edge in national security

EL CAPITAN

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El Capitan Features	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater than a 10 X increase in performance Theoretical Peak ≥ 2.0 DP exaflops Peak power < 40 MW AMD MI -300 APU - 3D chiplet design w/ AMD CDNA 3 GPU, "Zen 4" CPU, cache memory and HBM chiplets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cray Slingshot 11 interconnect Tri-lab operating system (TOSS) Tri-lab Common Environment (TCE) LLNL's Flux resource manager New HPE/LLNL I/O stack Rabbit near node-local storage

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AI/HPC Fabric Classification



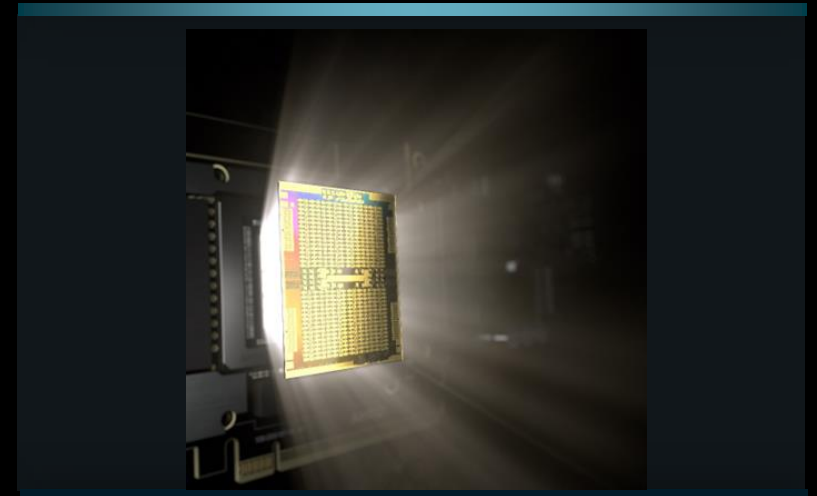
Frontend Network

- Traditional Data Center Network
- Ethernet + Every Protocol
- TCP (Internet scale)
- Software Defined Networking



GPU Scale-out RDMA

- High Bandwidth
- Ethernet + MPI Transport
- HPC Scale (100K Nodes)
- New topologies (optimize hops)

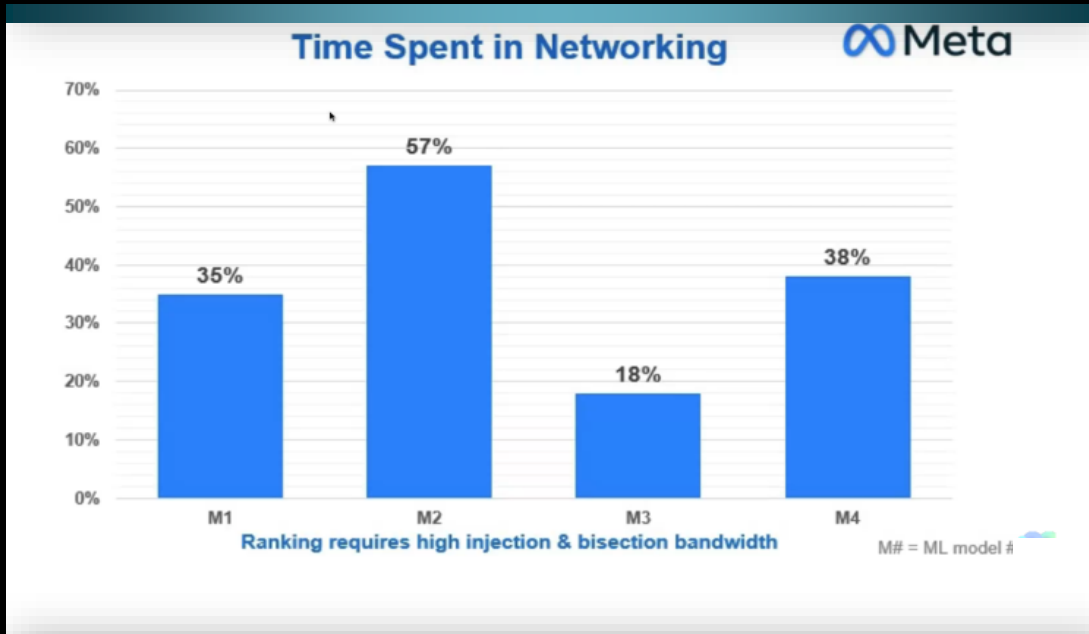


GPU Rack Scale

- Ultra Bandwidth (Memory Speeds)
- DMA & Load/Store
- Extended Node Scale (low latency)
- Next step in NUMA for Memory Scale

Ethernet Enables Advanced Distributed Systems

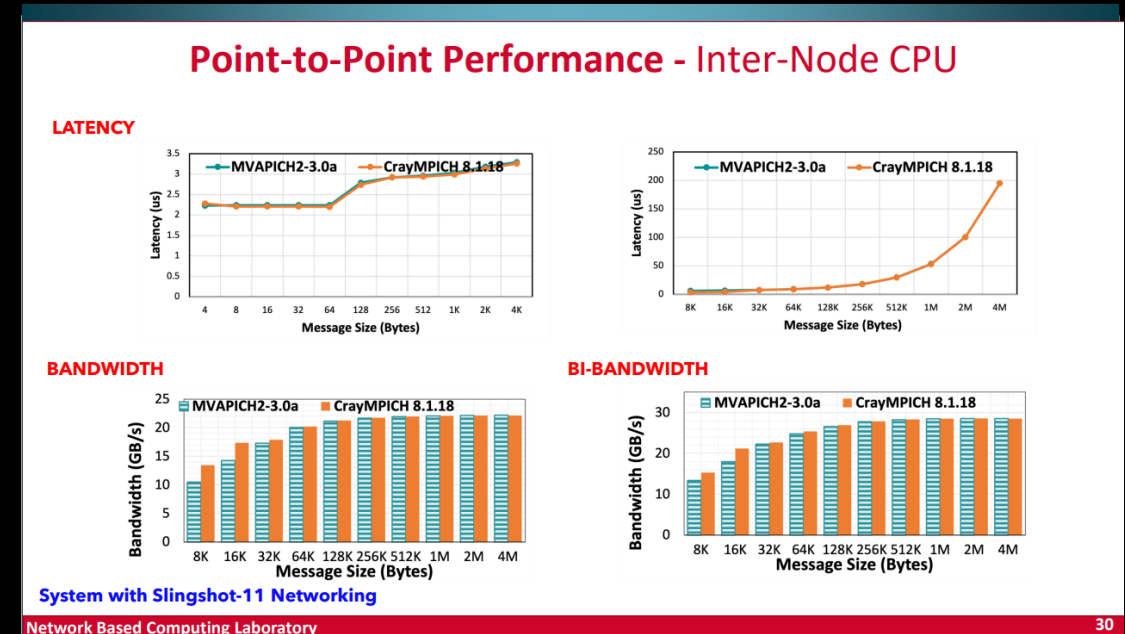
Distributed System Fabric Evolution



GPU Scale-out AI

- Fast moving codebase
- Network infrastructure BW greater than HPC
- New balance of compute, network and memory BW
- New benchmarks

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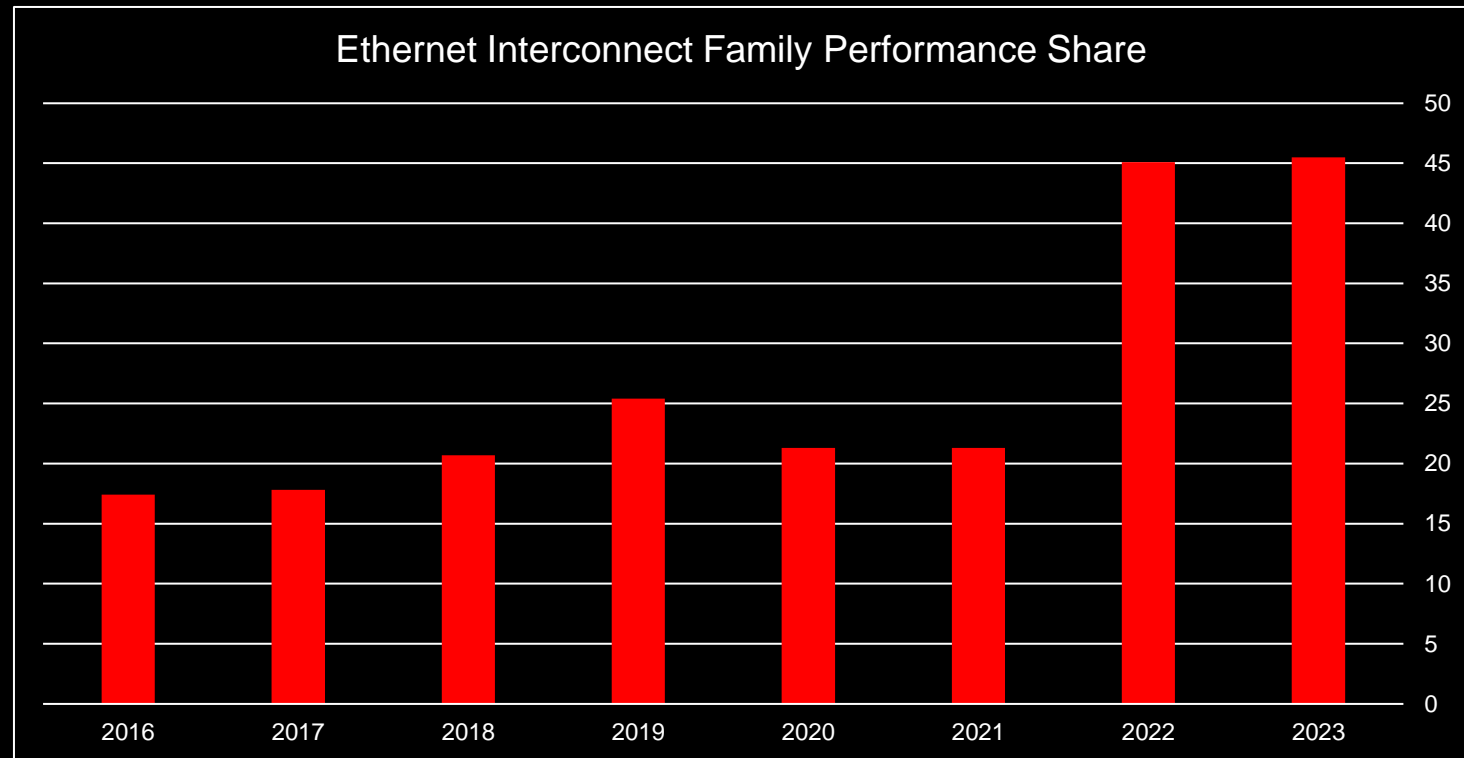
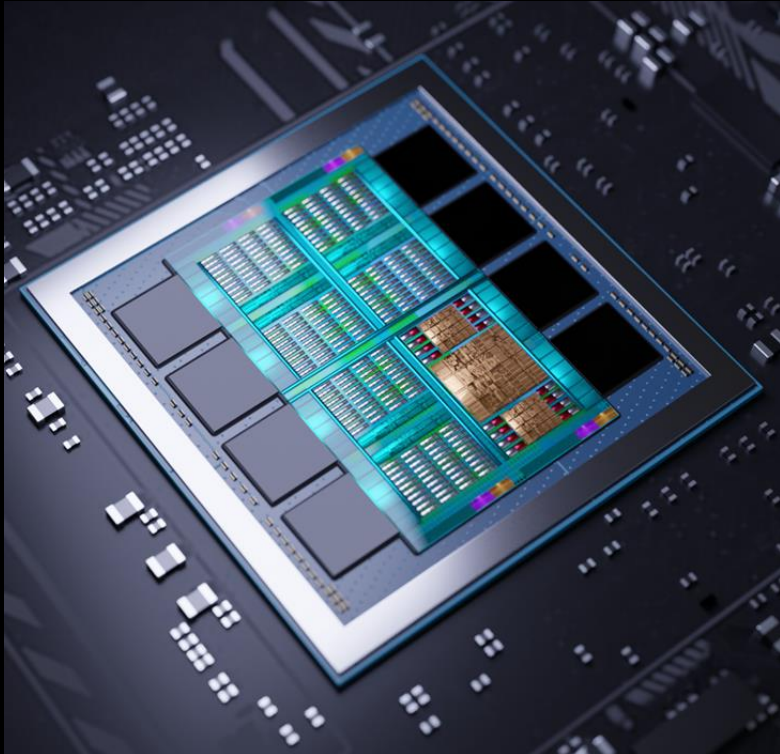


GPU Scale-out HPC

- Decades of highly tuned codes
- Dynamic communication patterns
- MPI Infrastructure
- OSU Benchmarks capture dependency for small messages

https://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu/static/media/talks/slide/kawthar-slingshot-osu-booth-sc22_2.pdf

Growth of Ethernet in HPC



Source:
<https://www.top500.org>
<https://top500.org/statistics/list/>

Ethernet is #1 in TOP500 list

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Ethernet is prominent for Datacenter Networks

The Grand Challenges Ahead

1 Limited Scale



2 Network Under-Utilization



3 High Tail Latencies



4 Delayed Congestion Response



5 Fragmented Telemetry Schemes



6 Rigid Ordering Requirements





An Ethernet-based, open, interoperable, high performance, full-communications stack architecture to meet the growing network demands of AI & HPC at scale

J Metz, Ph.D
Chair, Ultra Ethernet Consortium

INTRODUCING: THE PROMISE OF ULTRA ETHERNET

<https://ultraethernet.org/>

**THE NEW ERA
NEEDS A
NEW NETWORK**

*Ultra***Ethernet**

As **performant** as a
supercomputing interconnect

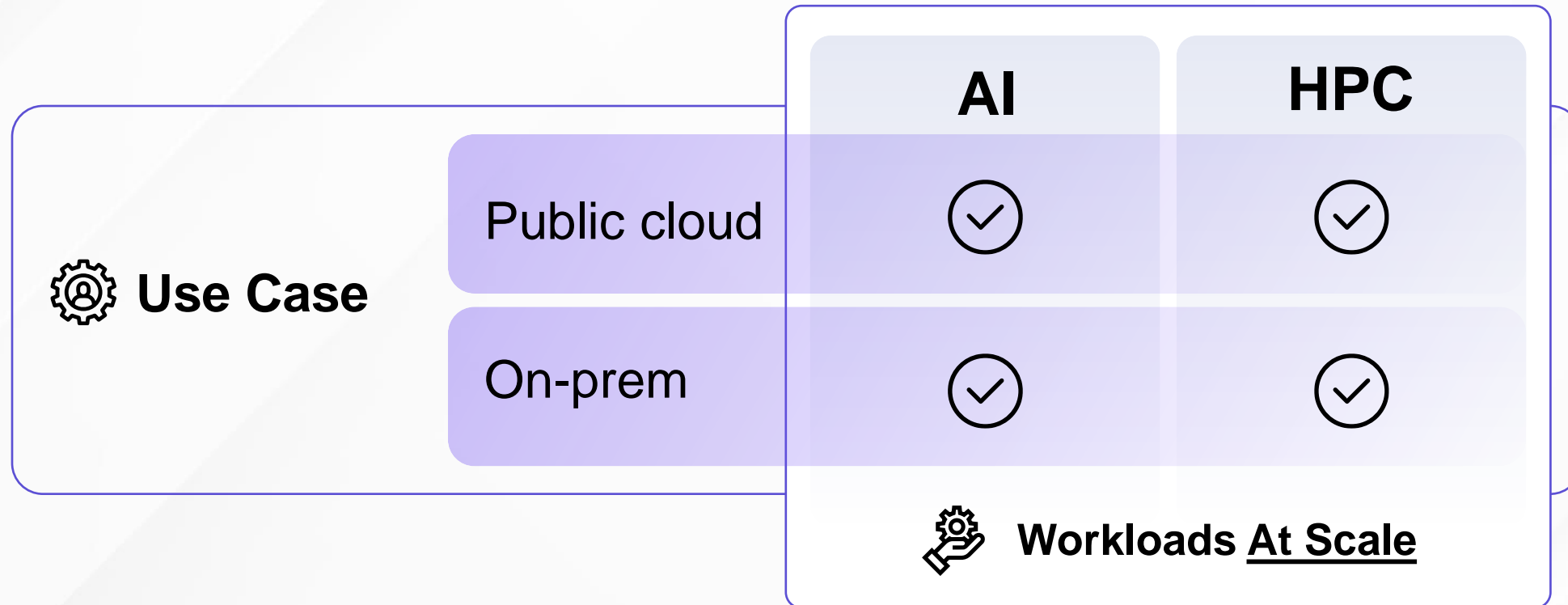
As **ubiquitous** and **cost-
effective** as Ethernet

As **scalable** as a cloud data
center

FOUNDING MEMBERS



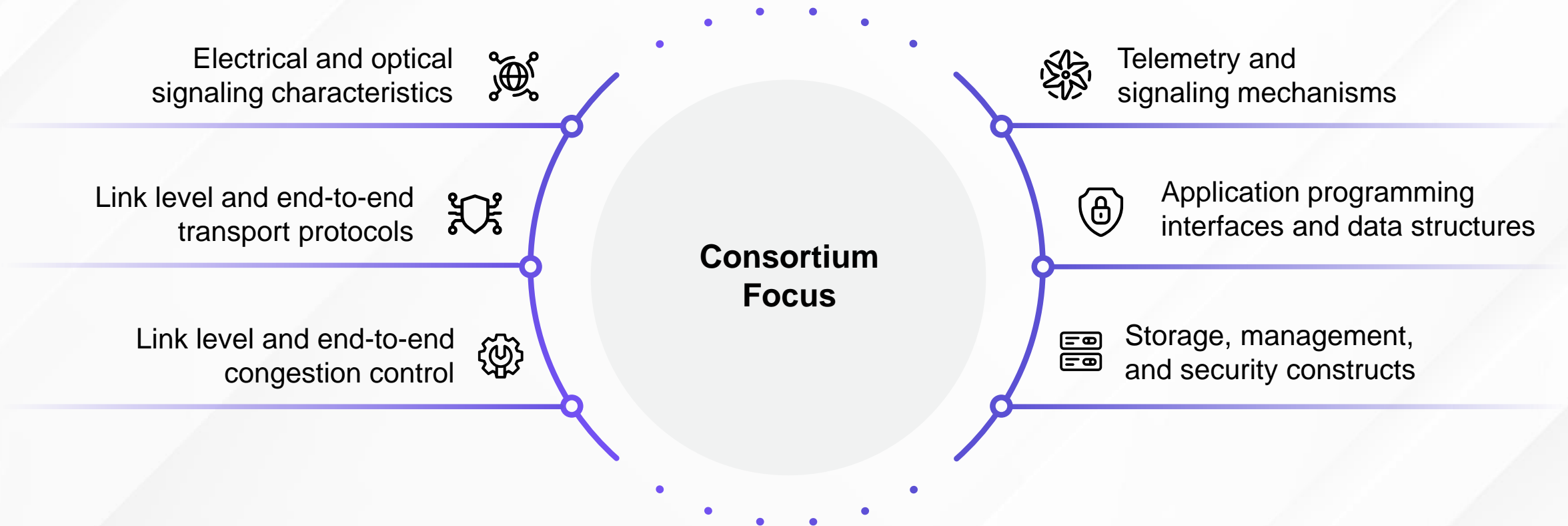
TARGET DEPLOYMENT MODELS / USE CASES



Profiles defined for AI and HPC use cases

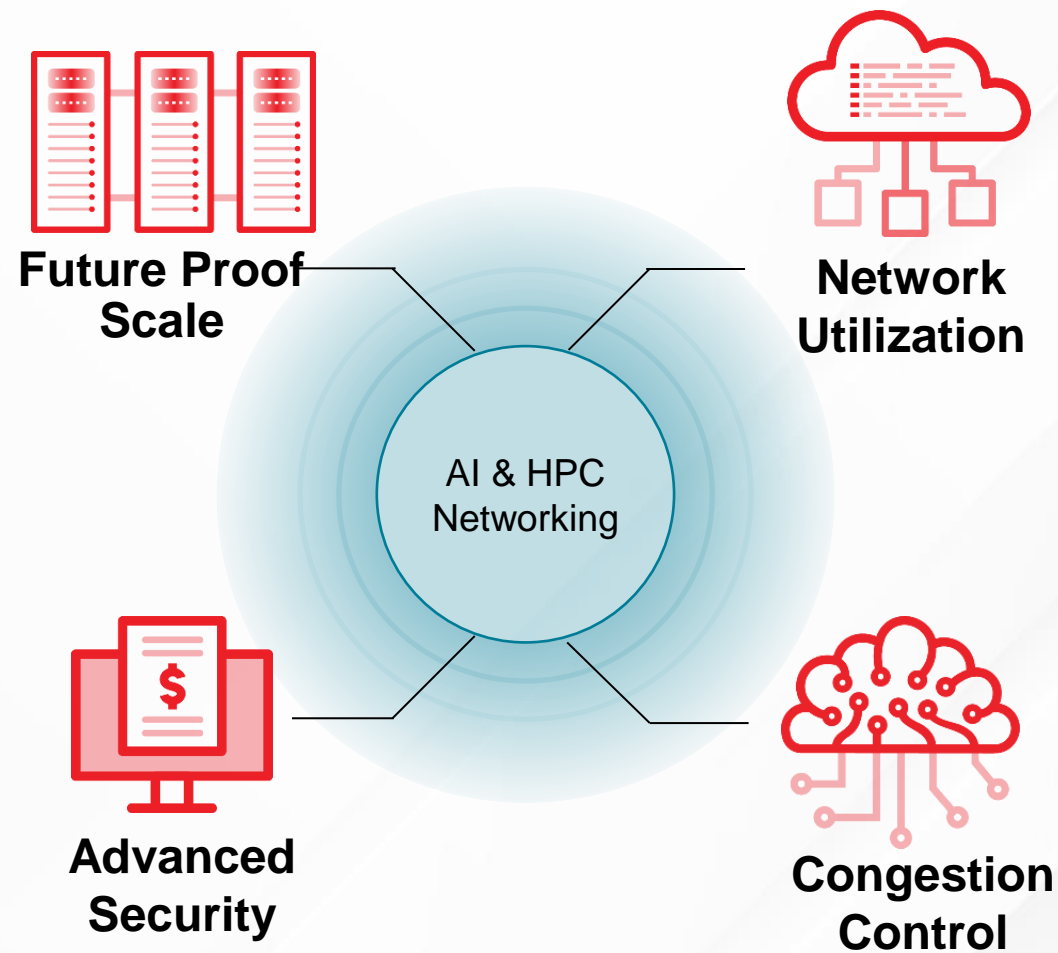
TECHNICAL GOALS

Open specifications, APIs, source code for optimal performance of AI and HPC workloads at scale.



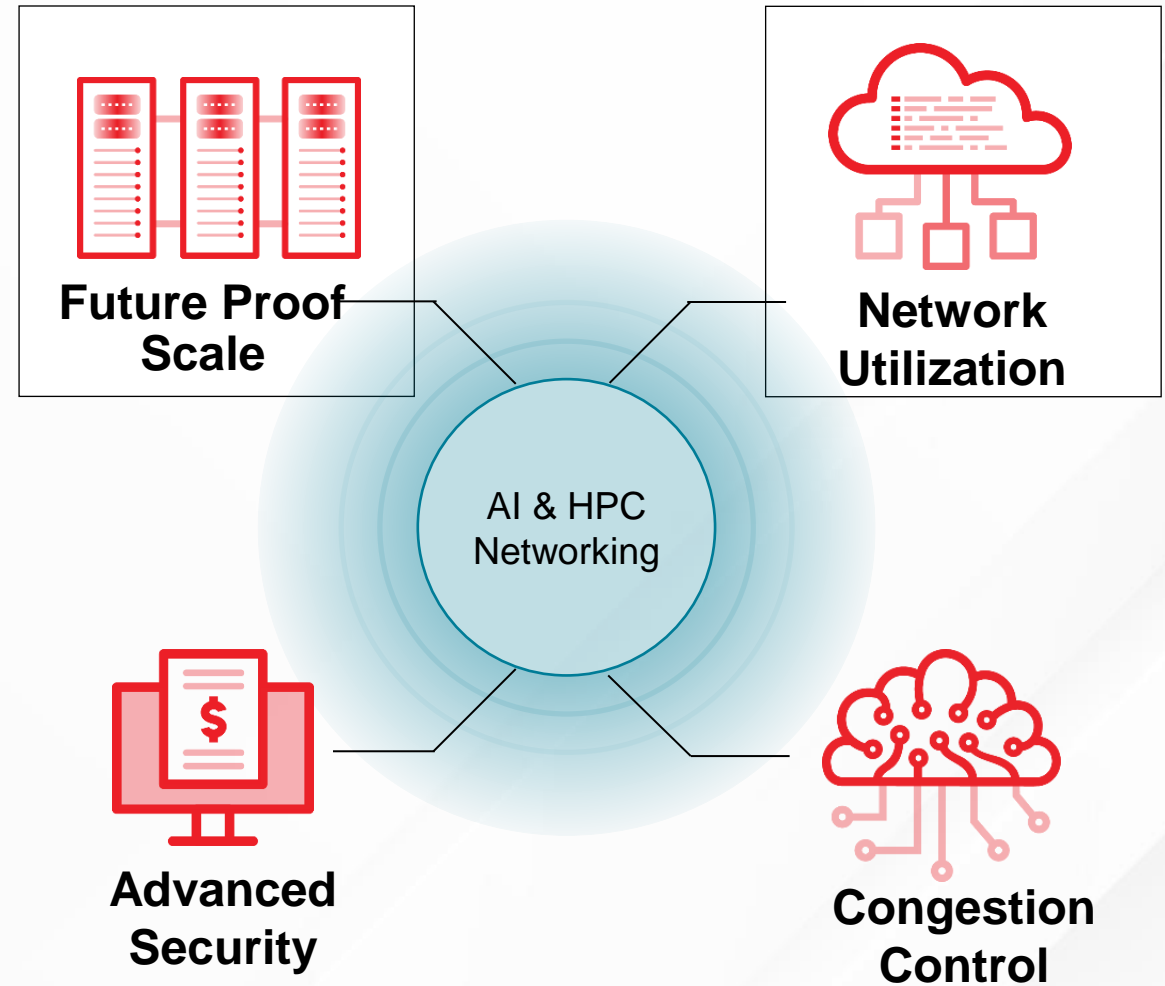
UEC TRANSPORT ADDRESSES GRAND CHALLENGES

- Future proof system scale with 1M endpoints
- Improved network utilization with multi-path routing
- Lower tail latency with flexible packet ordering
- Security built-in from the beginning
- AI and HPC congestion control require faster response times
- End-To-End telemetry provides improved network visibility



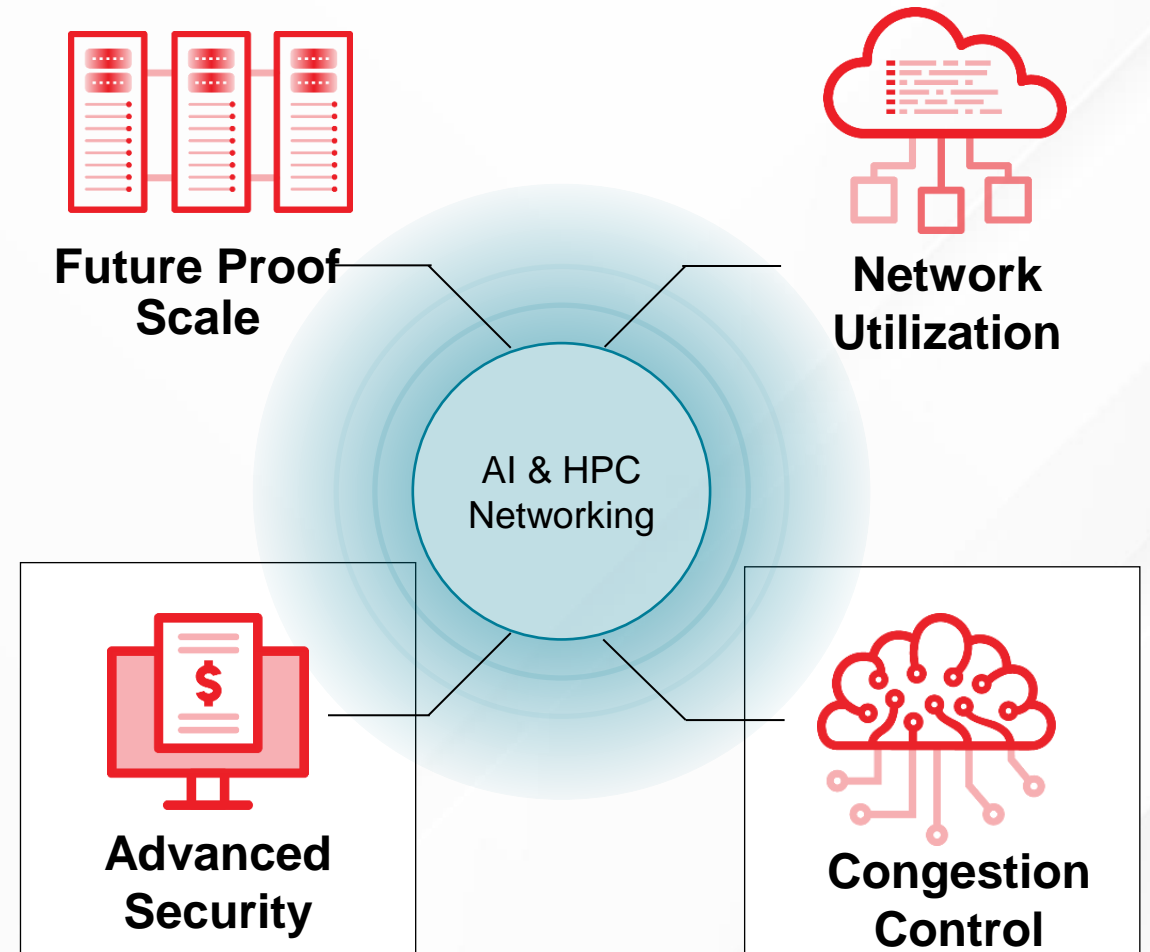
FUTURE PROOF SYSTEM SCALE & NETWORK UTILIZATION

- Determinism and predictability become more difficult as systems grow
 - New methods needed to achieve holistic stability & visibility
- Next phase in the technology evolution is for every flow to simultaneously use all paths to the destination, a technique known as “packet spraying”
 - Every flow simultaneously access all paths
 - Achieves more balanced use of entire network
- From Rigid to Flexible Ordering
 - Rigid ordering enables "go-back-n" recovery and in-order delivery, but restricts network utilization and increases tail latencies
 - Flexible ordering enables packet-spraying in bandwidth-intensive collective operations; eliminates to reorder packets
 - Supports modern APIs that relax the packet-by-packet ordering requirements for applications where it's critical to curtail tail latencies



ADVANCED SECURITY, CONGESTION CONTROL & TELEMETRY

- Advanced Security
 - Encryption support that doesn't balloon the session state in hosts and network interfaces
 - Similar conditions in AI and HPC
- Congestion
 - Must work with packet spraying
 - Must coordinate with scheduling algorithms on sending host
- Telemetry
 - Congestion information originating from the network can advise the participants of the location and cause of the congestion
 - Robust end-to-end telemetry enables optimized congestion control algorithms
 - Shortening the congestion signaling path and providing more information to the endpoints allows more responsive congestion control



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No Performance Collapse

- High Performance and Scalability
- Future-ready RDMA
- Advanced Telemetry



Security & Reliability

- Line Rate Performance with Encryption
- Data-In-Use



AI & HPC Frameworks

- Advanced Distributed Parallelism
- Optimized Network Operation
- Support for Heterogeneous Accelerators

Advanced Congestion Control

Zero-Trust Security

Open Software Platform



together we advance_