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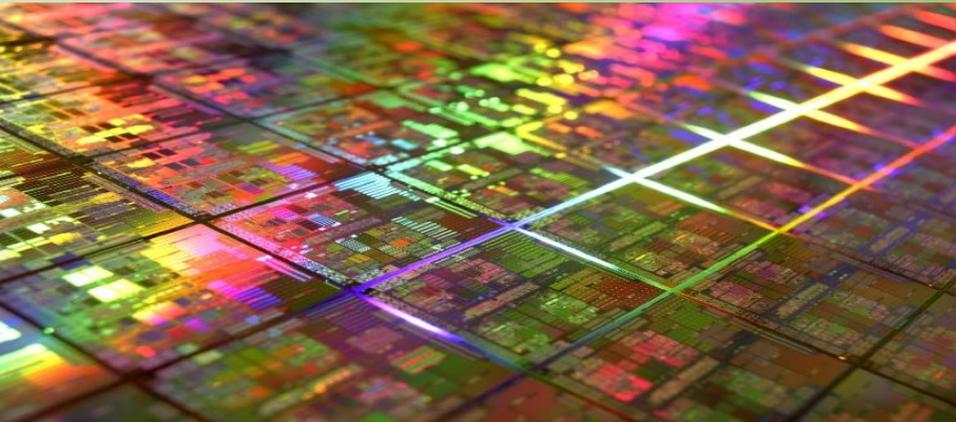
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HPC challenges for the next years



The rising of heterogeneity and its impact on simulations

CECAM Workshop
Microscopic simulations: forecasting
the next two decades
Toulouse, April 24-26 2019

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About my team

- Luiz Angelo Steffeneel
 - Associate Professor, CReSTIC Laboratory
 - CASH Team (HPC, Autonomous computing, Heterogeneity)
- Our team has a long tradition on HPC
 - ROMEO supercomputing center
 - Part of MASCa



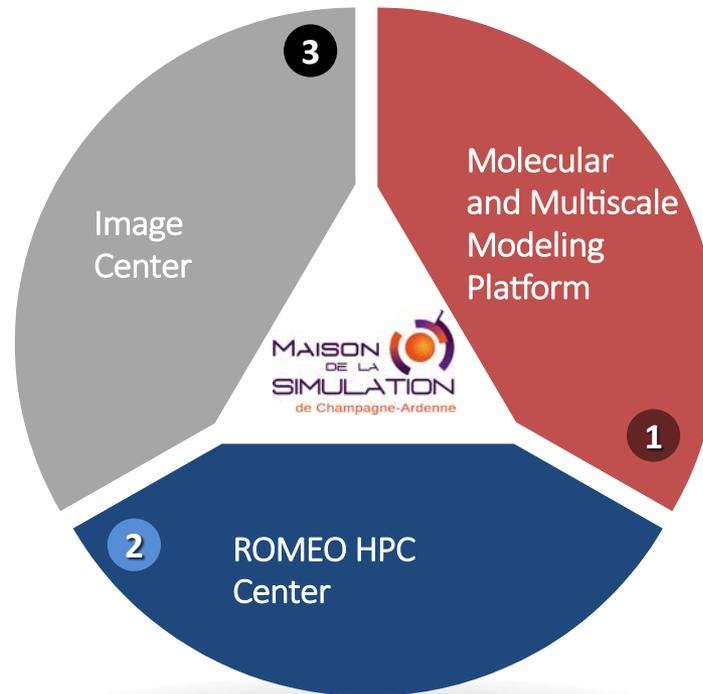
Maison de la Simulation Champagne-Ardenne

More than 15 years associating HPC and applied computing



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HPC Center
ROMEO
Centre de Calcul Régional

2013 - Biggest hybrid CPU/GPU
cluster in France

270 TFlops

151th in Top500

5th in Green500

2018 – Biggest academic cluster in
France

1022 Tflops

249th in Top500

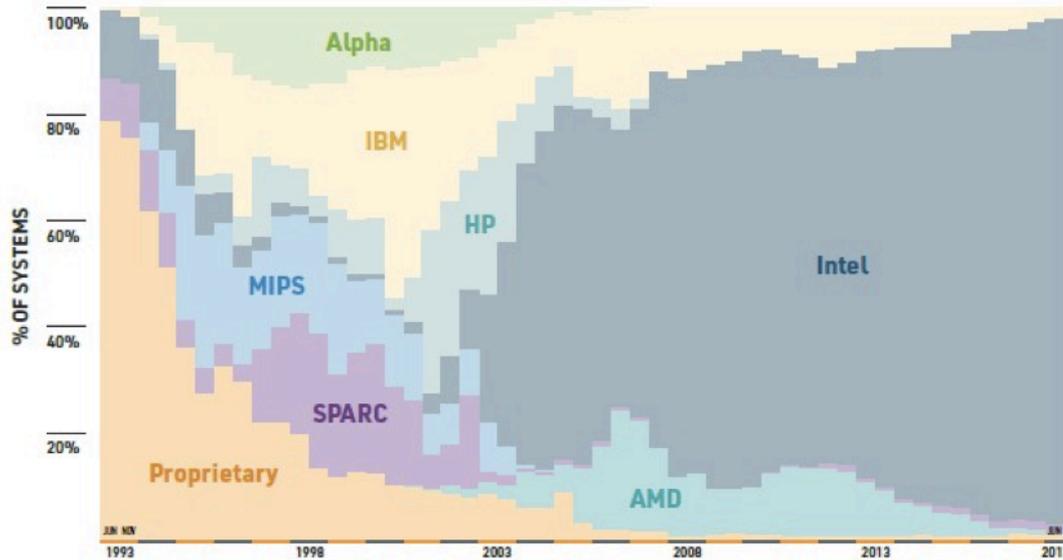
20th in Green500



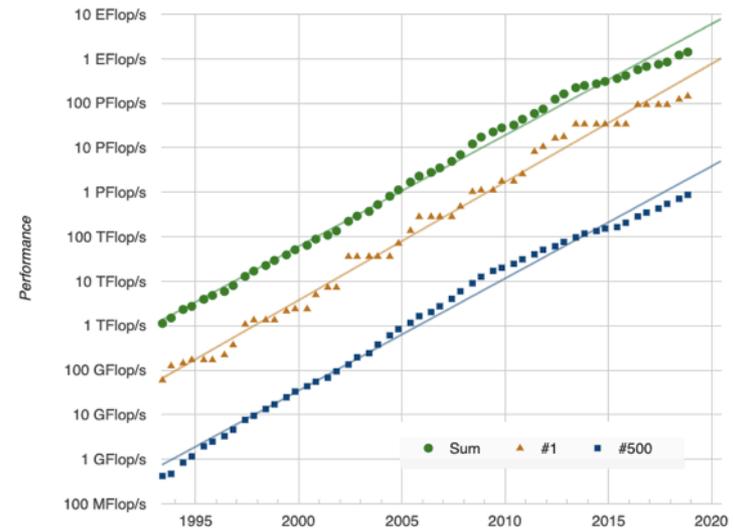
Top 500 ranking over the time

We are in a "calm" period

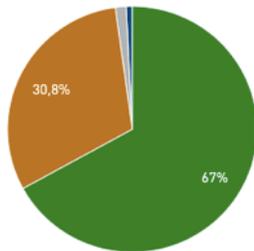
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Projected Performance Development

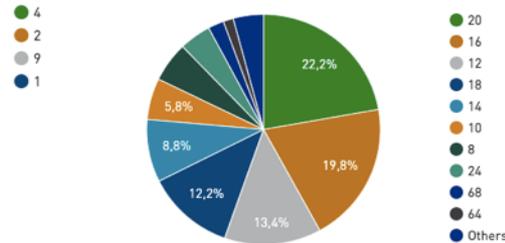


Cores per Socket System Share



2008

Cores per Socket System Share



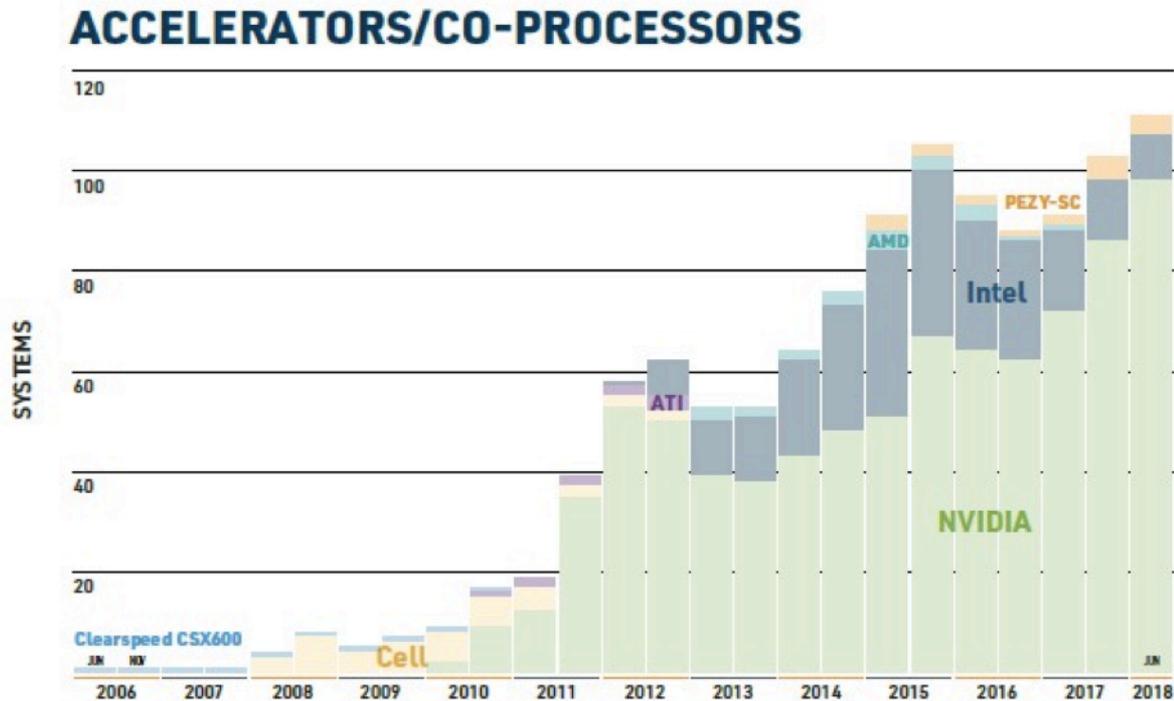
2018

Besides multicore, what is the biggest "innovation" since 2008?



Hybrid architectures

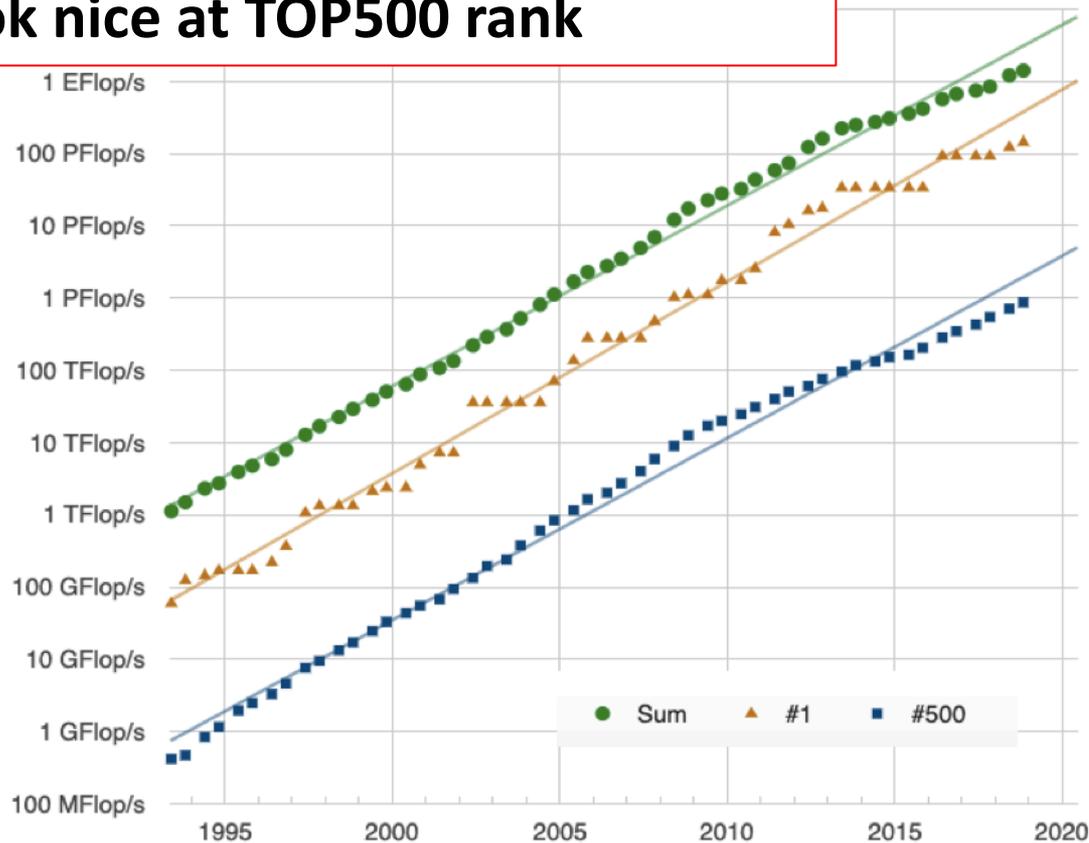
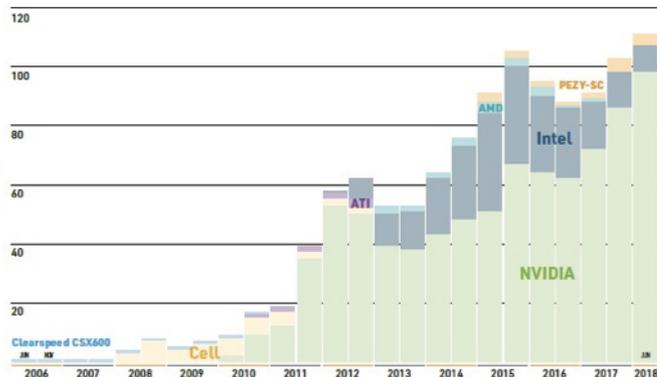
- Mix of CPUs and accelerators
 - GPUs (mostly NVIDIA)
 - Other accelerators (Xeon Phi)



TOP500 – Which is the impact of accelerators?

GPUs as a way to reduce overall costs and look nice at TOP500 rank

ACCELERATORS/CO-PROCESSORS



Accelerators can deliver extra FLOPS but they add an extra heterogeneity layer → harder to explore



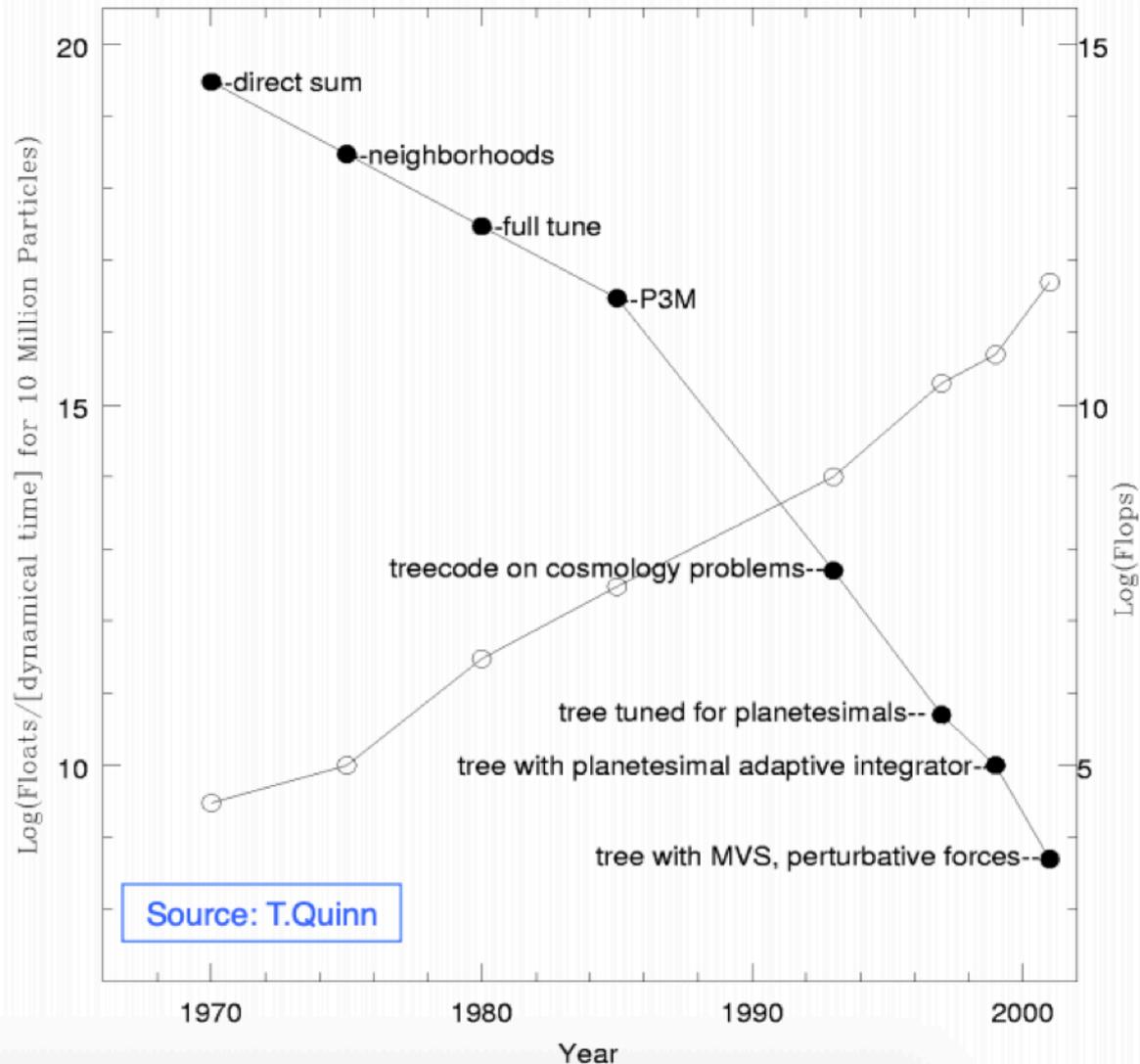
How to extract more from the hardware?

- GPUs are **good tools**
 - Useful with specific code parts
- Some problems are **intrinsically hard**
 - Hardware evolution helps doing *faster*, but does not reduce complexity
 - Better results only come with additional software development
- Extra hardware = extra complexity



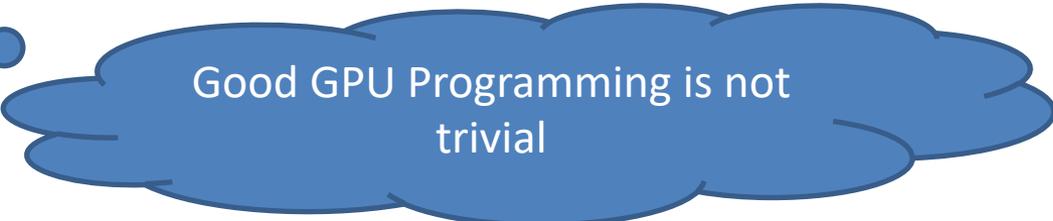
Example: n-body problems

- In 30 years
 - 10^7 hardware
 - 10^{10} software
- Our problem now is that hardware is much more complex
 - Software has to struggle to control it



The cost of Heterogeneity

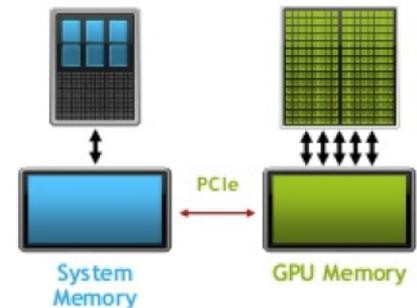
- Most of our programming models are 20+ years old (MPI, OpenMP, etc.)
 - Designed for homogeneous environments
 - Node-node, CPU-CPU, CPU-memory
- Current HPC has several layers
 - GPUs
 - Cores in a CPU
 - Multi CPUs
 - Multiple layers of memory (cache, RAM, etc.)
 - Interconnections



Good GPU Programming is not trivial

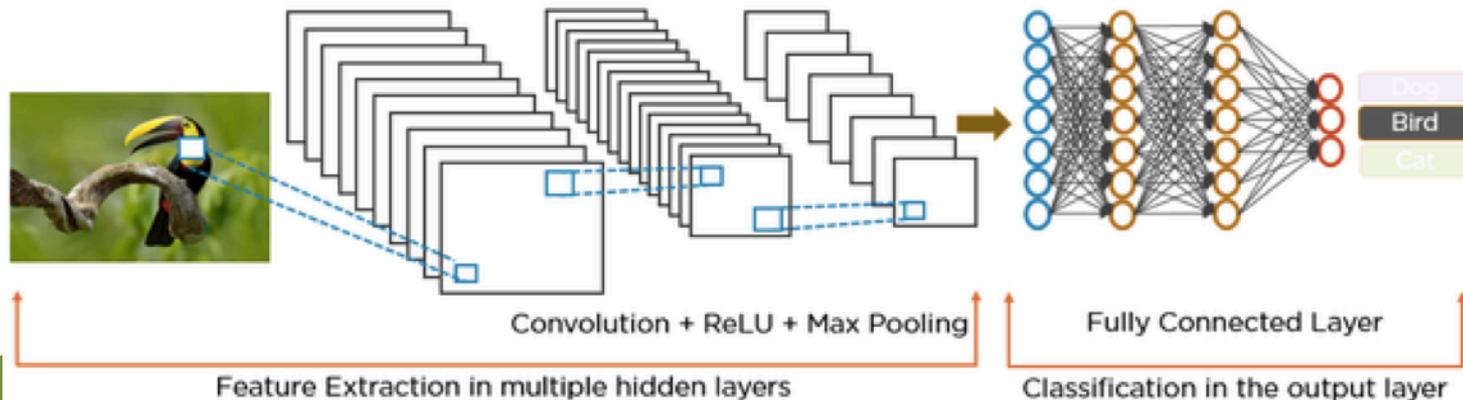
So what are GPUs good for?

- As a "piece of hardware", GPUs are no more special than co-processors for i386/i486
- Early HPC developments with GPUs started by exploring their parallel processing capabilities (SIMT)
 - GROMACS ✓
 - Fluent ✓
 - OpenFOAM ✓
 - Autodock with GPU ✗
- Performance gains limited by memory and latency constraints
- Hard to code (CUDA, OpenCL, ...)



The revival of Neural Networks

- GPUs are well-suited for the matrix/vector math involved in machine learning
 - Especially the famous ***Deep Learning***
 - Data is often provided as a matrix of pixels
 - Or matrices of n-dimensions called "tensors"
 - The work can be split in several parallel tasks
 - Data is kept in the GPU memory for a long time

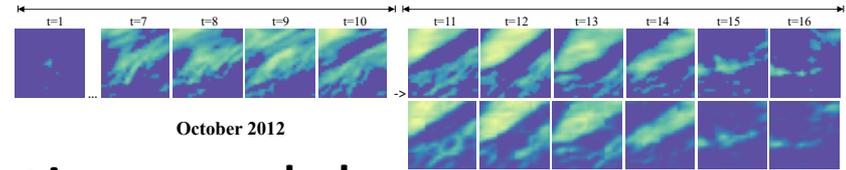


Is AI the future of HPC?

- Once again, it's a good tool, not the answer
- AI can help us to speed up simulations
- What AI can do for us?

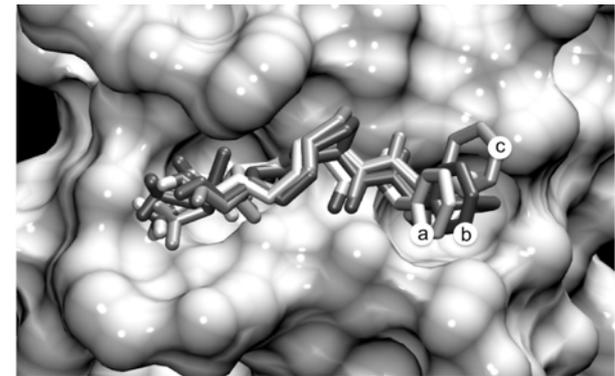
- **Unveil correlations**

- Help improve the simulation models
- Ex: meteorological models



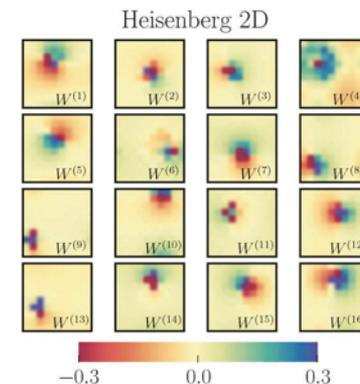
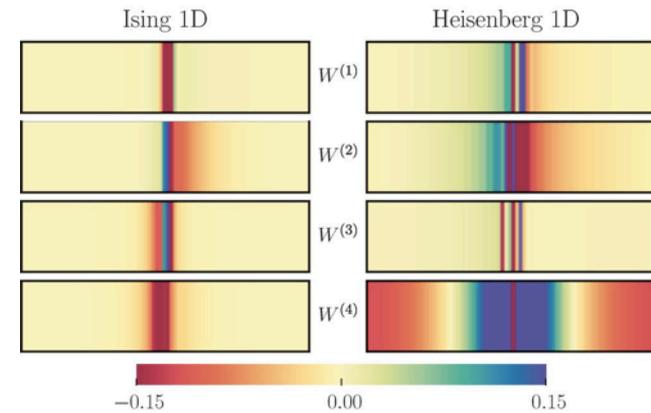
- **Identify/reproduce patterns**

- Fill the gap between simulation steps
- Ex: molecular docking



Ex: quantum many-body problem

- Microsoft and ETH project
- Use neural networks to represent the wave function and reduce the computing complexity
- AI does not replace the simulation models, just accelerate some steps

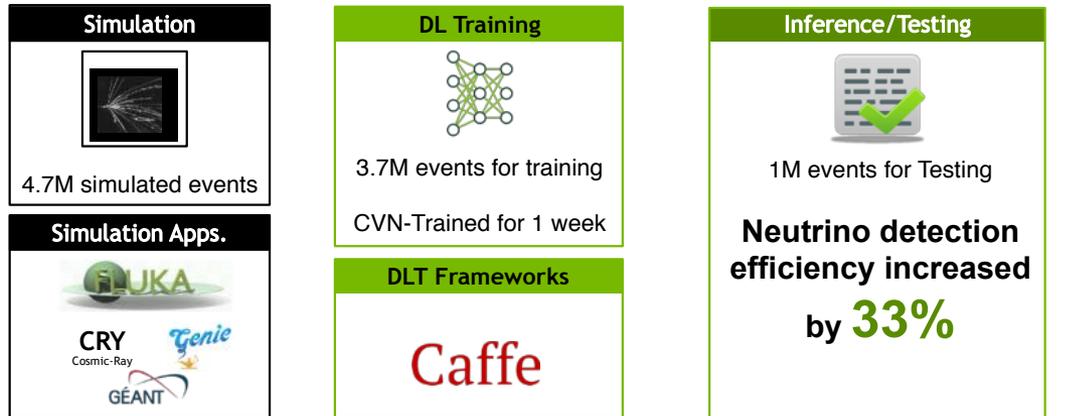


- <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/355/6325/602>

AI + Simulation = Synthesis Models

AI+HPC WORKFLOW FOR ENHANCEMENT MODELING

Using Simulation Data To Train AI- Fermilab NOvA

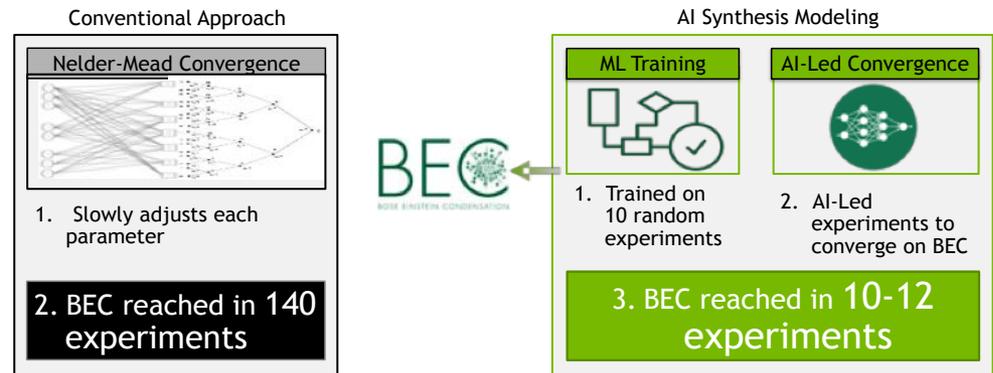


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AI+HPC WORKFLOW FOR MODULATION

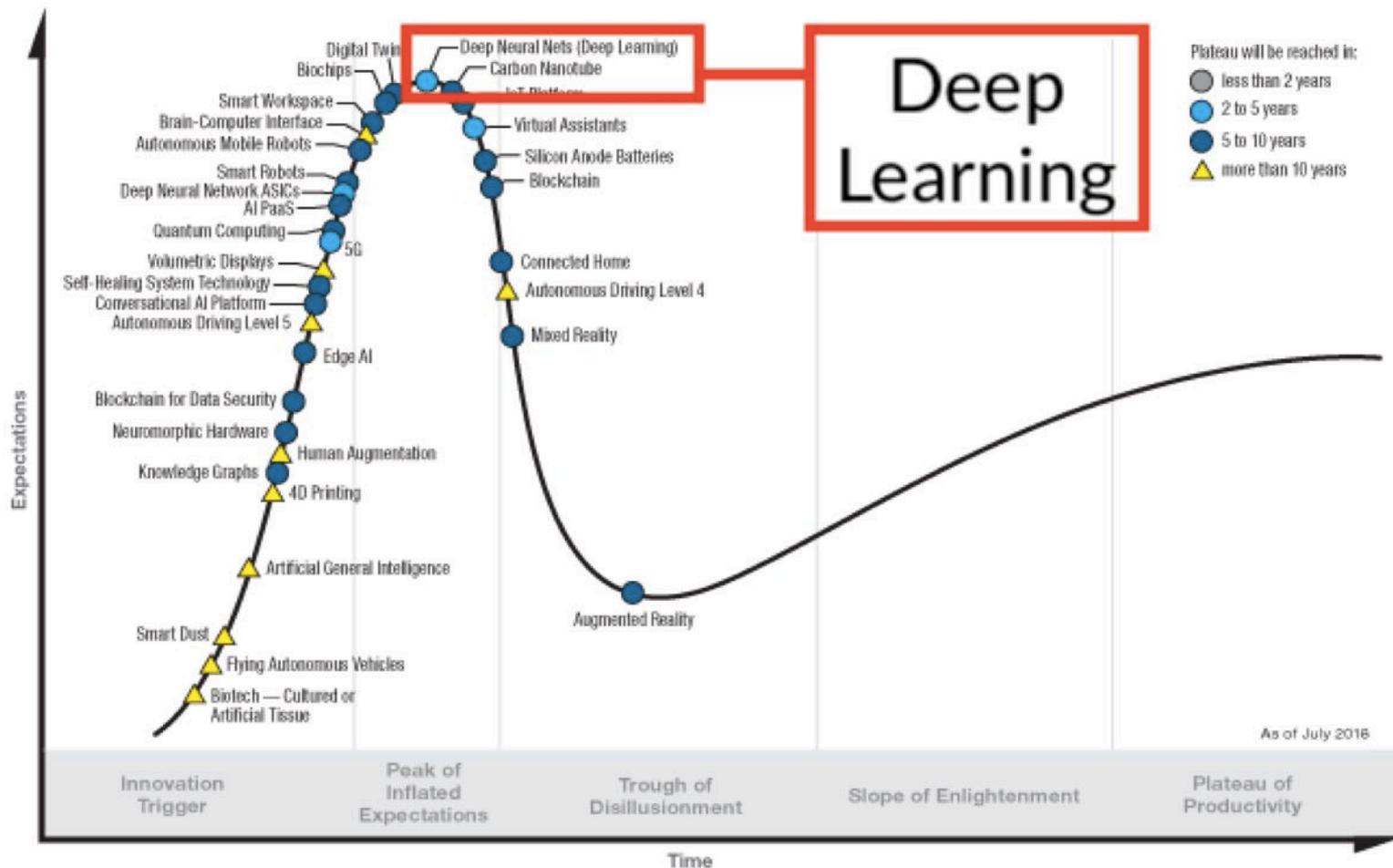
AI-led Experiment To Converge Faster-bose Einstein Condensate



2 NVIDIA



Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2018



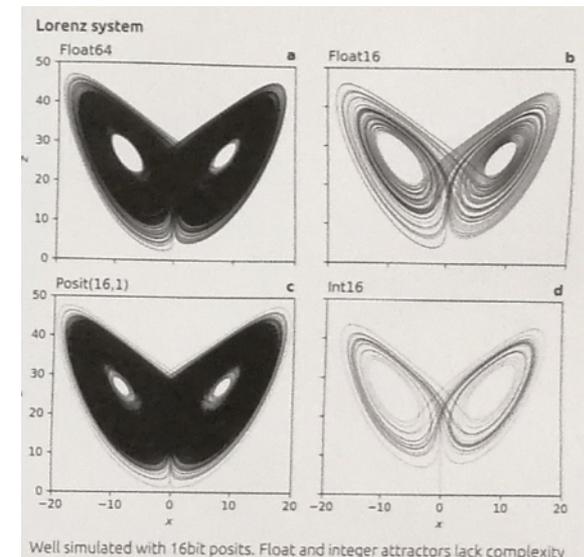
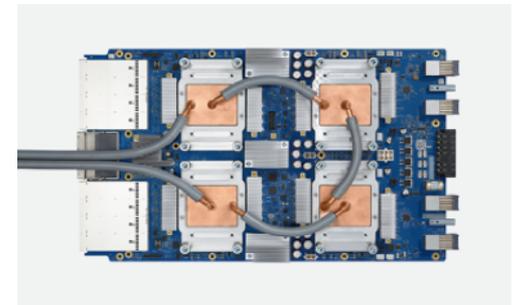
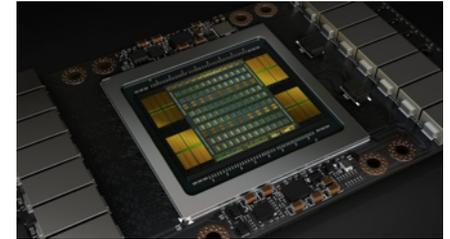
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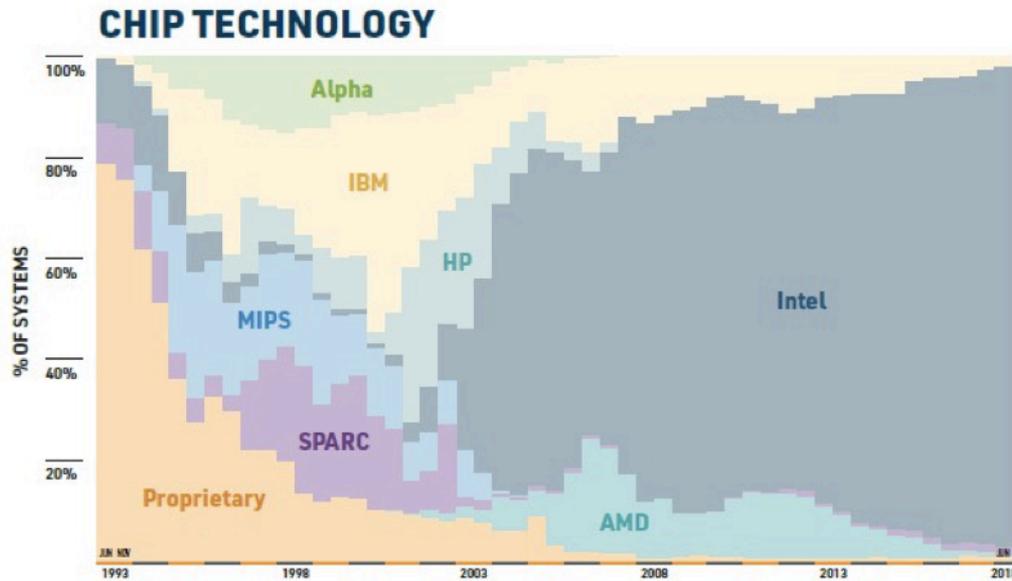
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Can we rely on GPUs for general computing?

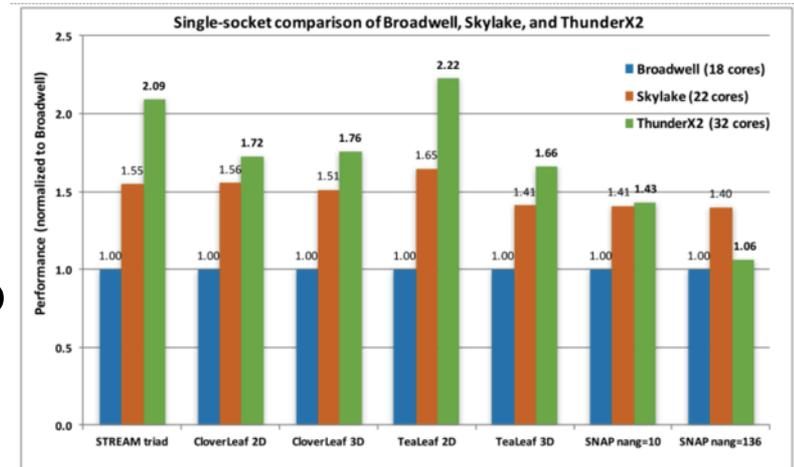
- Trends for NVIDIA/AMD
 - 7nm or less, energy constraints, interconnection speed, but...
- More and more dedicated for AI
 - Ex: TPUs from Google
 - Autonomous cars (Tesla, etc)
- WARNING: all GPU development points towards **mixed precision**
 - **Faster**, acceptable precision
 - Not adapted for all problems



Even the CPUs are changing



- Arrival of ARM processors on the HPC market
- Just an European dream?



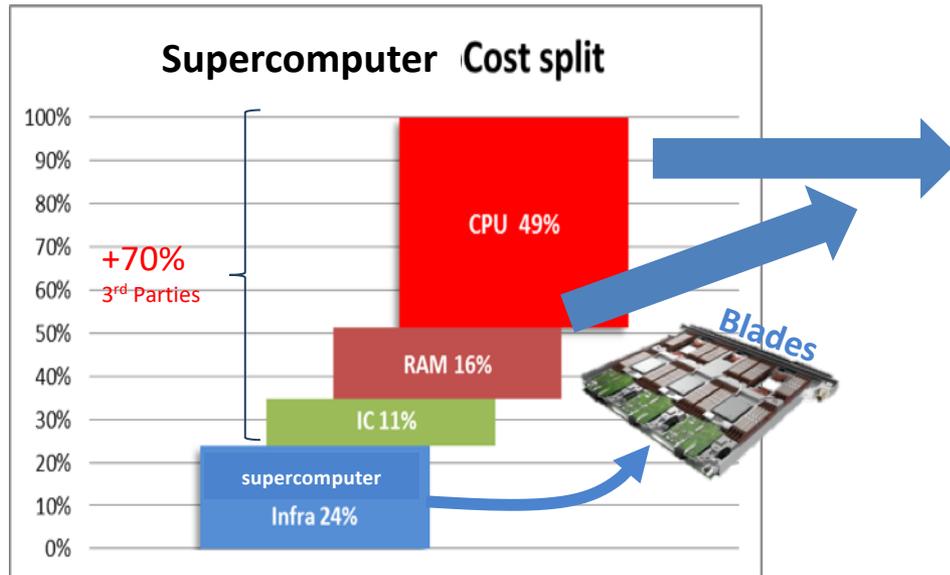
European processor Initiative (EPI)



Sovereignty

Independence from US components

Cost savings



Developing a pan-European supercomputing infrastructure
Public Members: 1 B€ ; EU Financial: 486 M€; Private partners 400 M€

Europe can provide most of the elements

	Own processor?	Interconnect	Scale-up system	HPC system	AI system	Consulting & services
Atos	EPI (ARM)	BXI				
CRAY		Aries				
Dell			OEM by Atos			
Hewlett Packard Enterprise						
IBM	Power	CAPI				
Intel	Intel	OPA				
Huawei (ARM)						
inspur SUNWAY	Sunway					
Lenovo						
FUJITSU	Post-K (ARM)	Tofu				
HITACHI Inspire the Next			OEM by Atos			
NEC						
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available
planned
OEM
unavailable

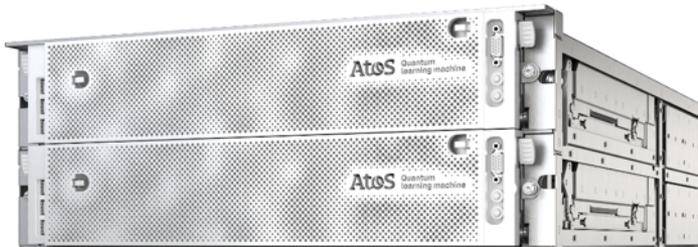
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Lacks only a good GPU 😊

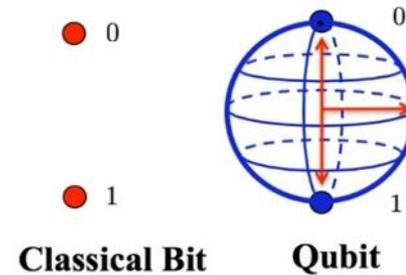


And what about Quantum Computing

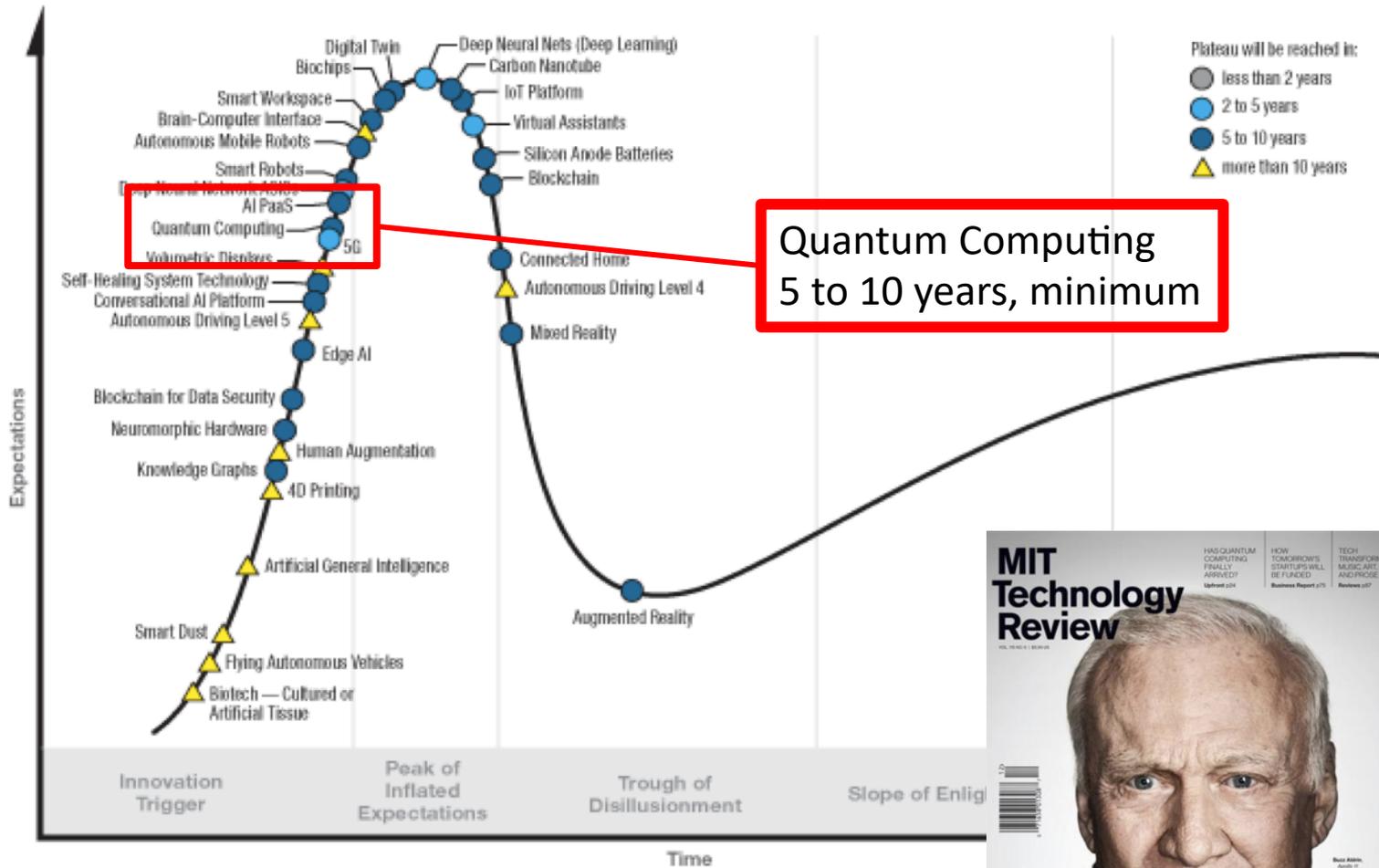
- Potential to solve difficult problems
 - Classical bit VS Qubits
- Only a few "real" quantum computers
 - Mostly simulators
 - Ex: QLM (ATOS + partners)



- Develop new algorithms
 - The "logic" is not the same
- Designing computing architectures
 - Many challenges on memory access, interconnection



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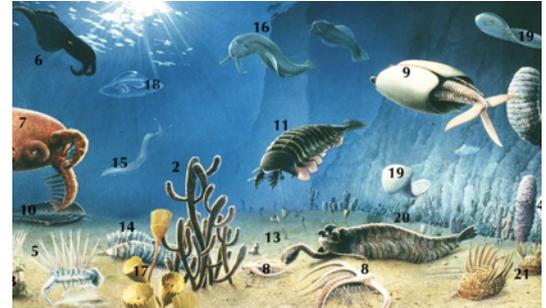
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Some Conclusions and Forethoughts

- After a calm period, HPC is facing a new "Cambrian explosion" due to hardware heterogeneity
- HPC software is still bound to 2000's methods → not enough!!!
- GPUs have driven developers towards a risky path
 - Architecture-dependent
 - Low-level programming
 - This has a price
- AI is not the "holy grail"
 - Neither Quantum Computing
- **The next years will be agitated!**



Thanks!

