



# Arm's Race with Post-K and it's Game Changing Processor

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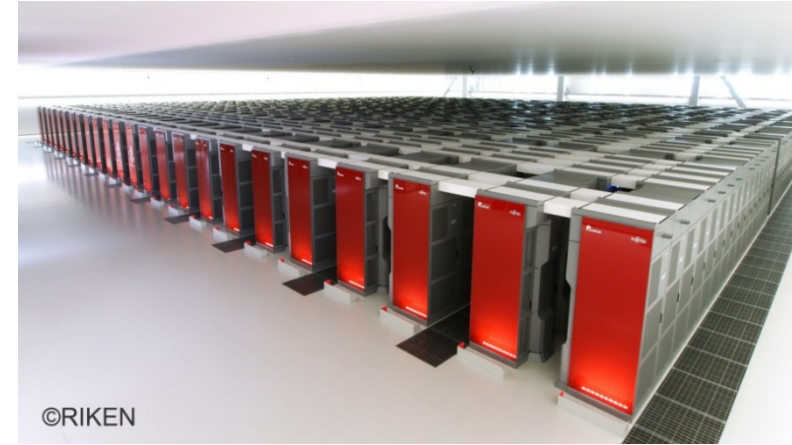
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## Specifications

- Massively parallel, general purpose supercomputer
- No. of nodes : 88,128
- Peak speed: 11.28 Petaflops
- Memory: 1.27 PB
- Network: 6-dim mesh-torus (Tofu)



## Top 500 ranking

LINPACK measures the speed and efficiency of linear equation calculations  
Real applications require more complex computations.

- No.1 in Jun. & Nov. 2011
- No.10 in Nov. 2017

## Graph 500 ranking

“Big Data” supercomputer ranking  
Measures the ability of data-intensive loads

- No.1 in Nov. 2017

## HPCG ranking

Measures the speed and efficiency of solving linear equation using HPCG  
Better correlate to actual applications

- No. 1 in Nov. 2017

**K computer achieved balance of processor speed, memory, and network.  
high performance for wide areas of science.**



# Japan Flagship 2020 “Post K” Supercomputer

## ✓ CPU

- Many core, Xeon-Class ARM v8 cores + 512 bit SVE (scalable vector extensions)
- Multi-hundred petaflops peak total
- Power Knob feature

## ✓ Memory

- ✓ 3-D stacked DRAM, Terabyte/s BW /chip

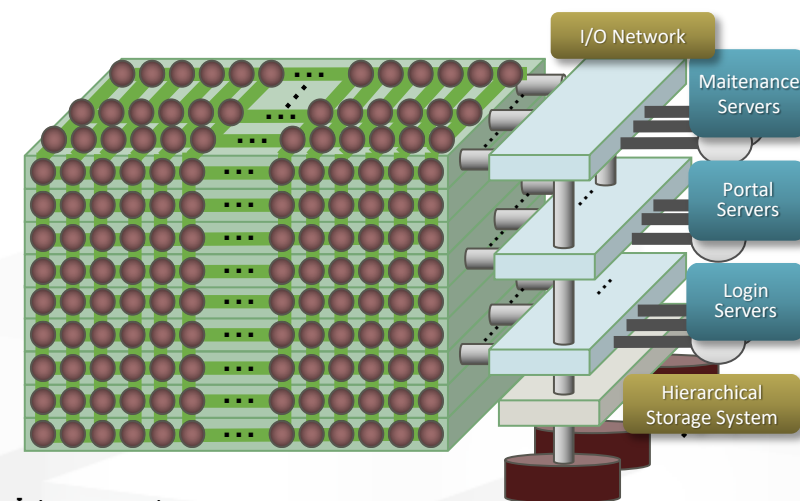
## ✓ Interconnect

- TOFU3 CPU-integrated 6-D torus network
- I/O acceleration with massive SDs
- 30MW+ Power, liquid cooled
- Riken co-design with **Fujitsu**

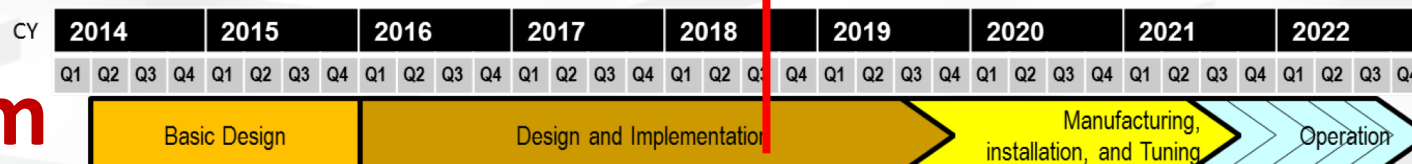
• **? Million cores in system**



Prime Minister Abe visiting K Computer 2013



— Interconnect  
● Compute Node  
**NOW**





# Post-K: The Game Changer



1. **Heritage of the K-Computer, HP in simulation via extensive Co-Design**
  - High performance: up to x100 performance of K in real applications
  - Multitudes of Scientific Breakthroughs via Post-K application programs
  - Simultaneous high performance and ease-of-programming

## 2. New Technology Innovations of Post-K

### • High Performance, esp. via high memory BW

Performance boost by “factors” c.f. mainstream CPUs in many HPC & Society5.0 apps

### • Very Green e.g. extreme power efficiency

Ultra Power efficient design & various power control knobs

### • Arm Global Ecosystem & SVE contribution

ARM Ecosystem: 21 billion chips/year, SVE co-design and world’s first implementation by Fujitsu, to become global std.

### • High Perf. on Society5.0 apps incl. AI

Architectural features for high perf on Society 5.0 apps based on Big Data, AI/ML, CAE/EDA, Blockchain security, etc.

**Global leadership not just in the machine & apps, but as cutting edge IT**



***Technology not just limited to Post-K, but into societal IT infrastructures e.g. Clouds***



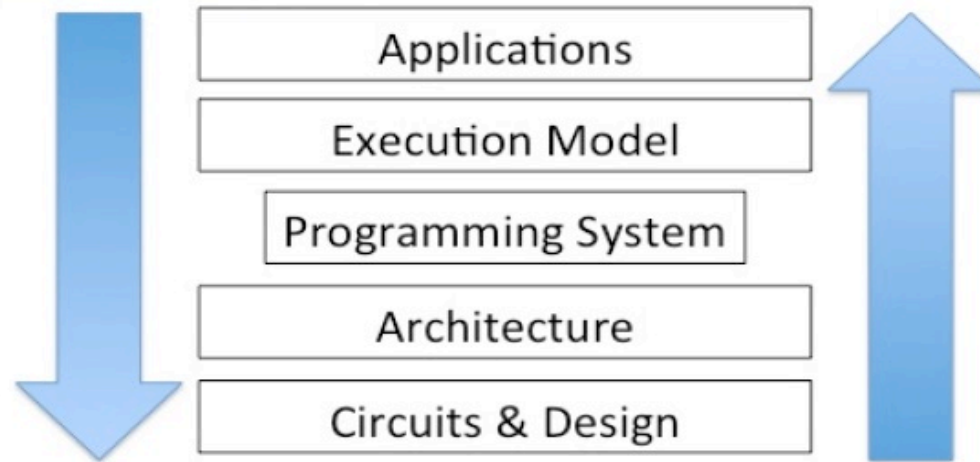
# Co-design for Post-K

(slides by Mitsuhsa Sato Team Leader of Architecture Development Team)

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Deputy Director, RIKEN Center for Computational Science (R-CCS)

*Analysis of applications to devise  
the most efficient solutions*



*Issues and opportunities  
to exploit*

Richard F. BARRETT, et.al. "On the Role of Co-design in High Performance Computing", *Transition of HPC Towards Exascale Computing*



# Co-design from Apps to Architecture

- **Architectural Parameters to be determined**

- #SIMD, SIMD length, #core, #NUMA node, O3 resources, specialized hardware
- cache (size and bandwidth), memory technologies
- Chip die-size, power consumption
- Interconnect

- **We have selected a set of target applications**

- **Performance estimation tool**

- Performance projection using Fujitsu FX100 execution profile to a set of arch. parameters.

- **Co-design Methodology (at early design phase)**

1. Setting set of system parameters
2. Tuning target applications under the system parameters
3. Evaluating execution time using prediction tools
4. Identifying hardware bottlenecks and changing the set of system parameters



Target applications representatives of almost all our applications in terms of computational methods and communication patterns in order to design architectural features.

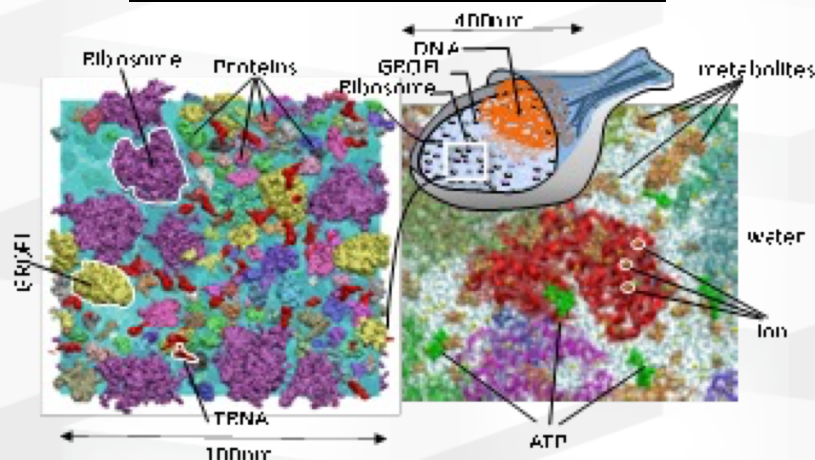
	Target Application	
	Program	Brief description
①	GENESIS	MD for proteins
②	Genomon	Genome processing (Genome alignment)
③	GAMERA	Earthquake simulator (FEM in unstructured & structured grid)
④	NICAM+LETK	Weather prediction system using Big data (structured grid stencil & ensemble Kalman filter)
⑤	NTChem	molecular electronic (structure calculation)
⑥	FFB	Large Eddy Simulation (unstructured grid)
⑦	RSDFT	an ab-initio program (density functional theory)
⑧	Adventure	Computational Mechanics System for Large Scale Analysis and Design (unstructured grid)
⑨	CCS-QCD	Lattice QCD simulation (structured grid Monte Carlo)



## Protein simulation before K

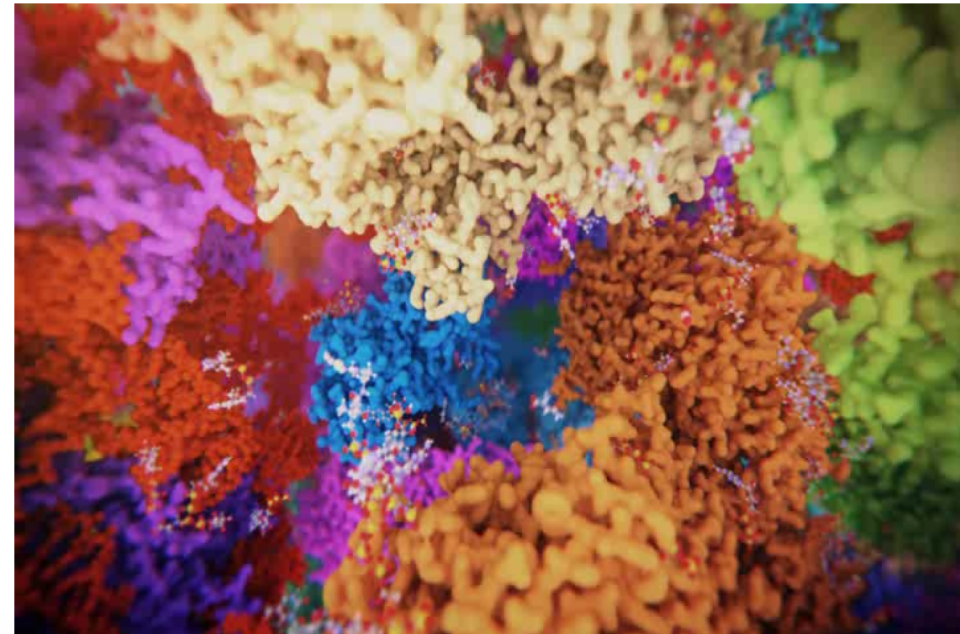
### ■ Simulation of a protein in isolation

Folding simulation of Villin, a small protein with 36 amino acids



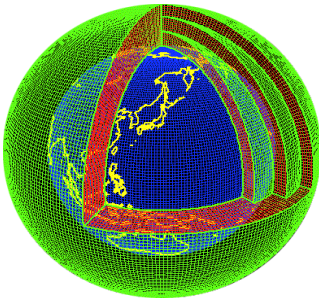
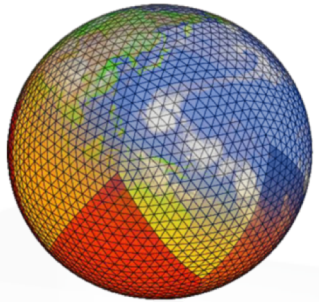
## Protein simulation with K

- all atom simulation of a cell interior
- cytoplasm of Mycoplasma genitalium

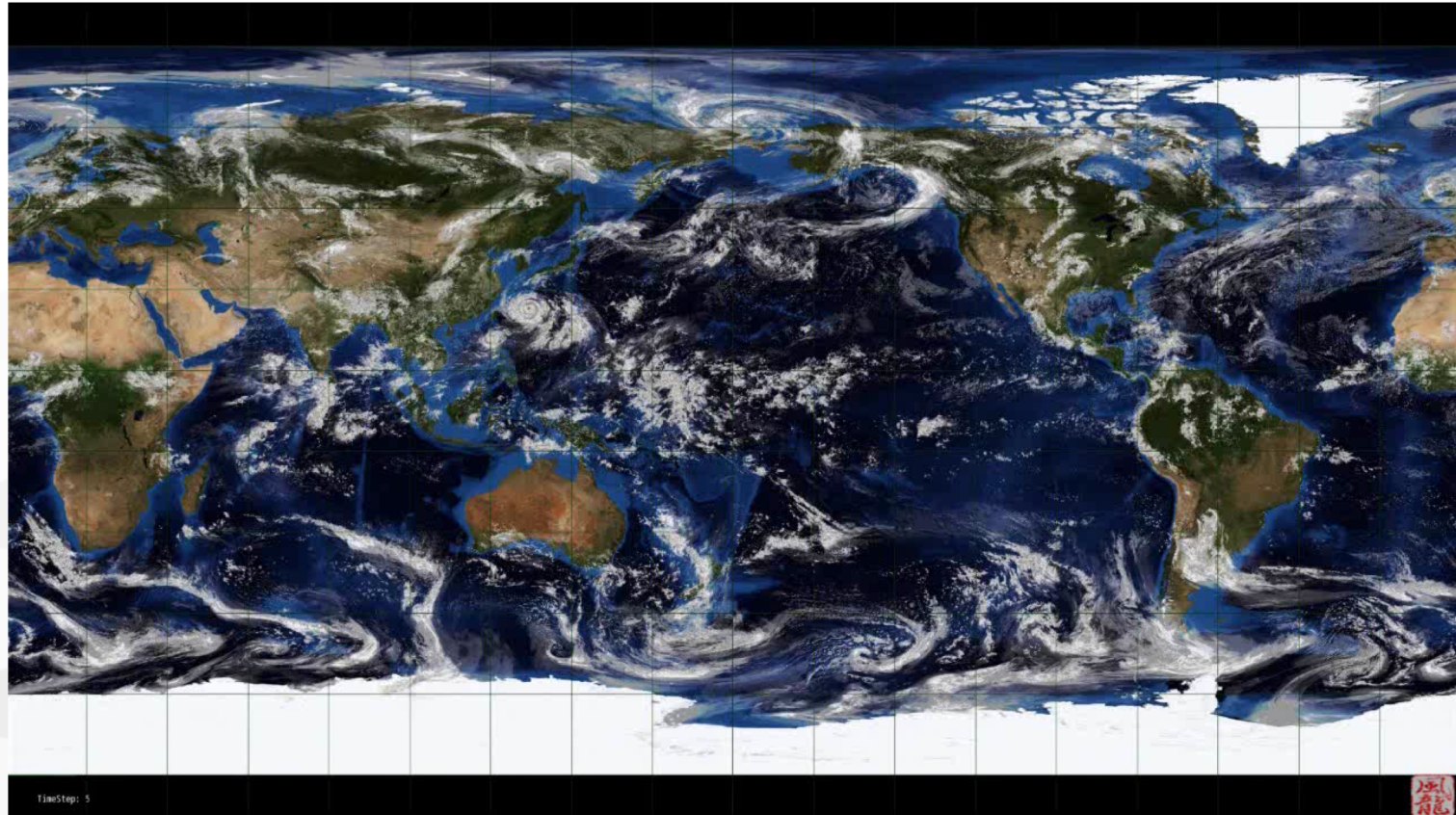


# NICAM: Global Climate Simulation

- Global cloud resolving model **with 0.87 km-mesh** which allows resolution of cumulus clouds
- Month-long forecasts of Madden-Julian oscillations in the tropics is realized.



Global cloud resolving model



Miyamoto et al (2013) , Geophys. Res. Lett., 40, 4922–4926, doi:10.1002/grl.50944.

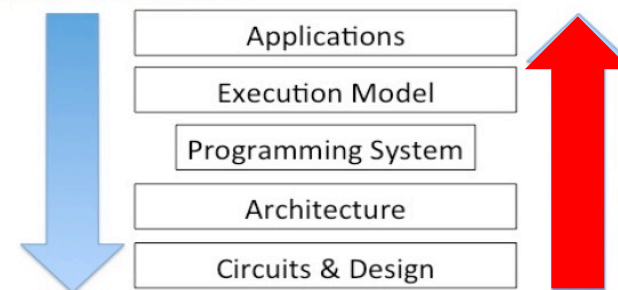


# Co-design of Apps for Architecture

## ● Tools for performance tuning

- Performance estimation tool
  - Performance projection using Fujitsu FX100 execution profile
  - Gives “target” performance
- **Post-K processor simulator**
  - **Based on gem5, O3, cycle-level simulation**
  - **Very slow, so limited to kernel-level evaluation**

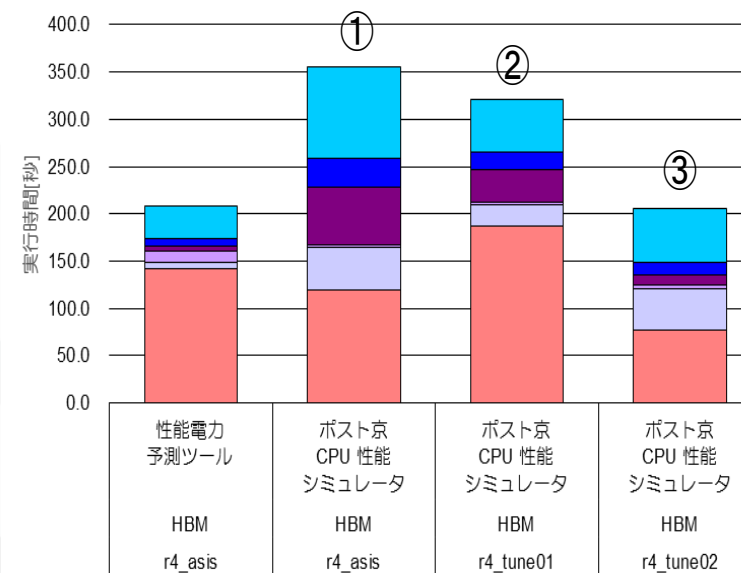
Analysis of applications to devise the most efficient solutions



Issues and opportunities to exploit

## ● Co-design of apps

- 1. Estimate “target” performance using performance estimation tool
- 2. Extract kernel code for simulator
- 3. Measure exec time using simulator
- 4. Feed-back to code optimization
- 5. Feed-back to compiler

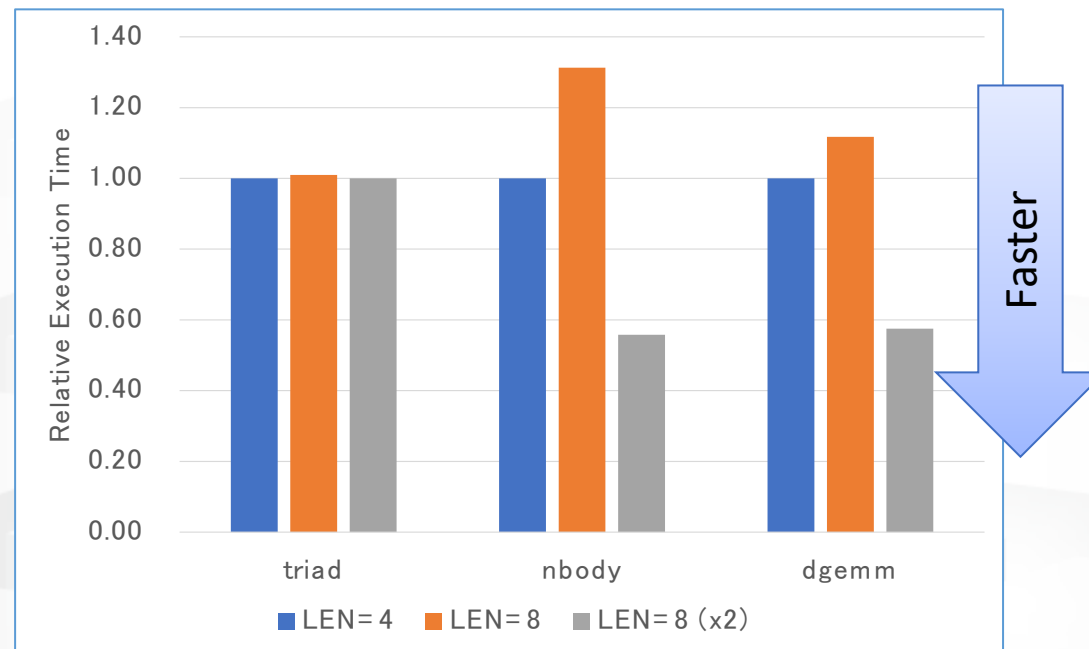


# ARM for HPC - Co-design Opportunities

- ARM SVE **Vector Length Agnostic** feature is very interesting, since we can examine vector performance using the same binary.
- We have investigated how to improve the performance of SVE keeping hardware-resource the same. (in “Rev-A” paper)
  - ex. “512 bits SVE x 2 pipes” vs. “1024 bits SVE x 1 pipe”
  - Evaluation of **Performance and Power** ( in “coolchips” paper) by using our gem-5 simulator (with “white” parameter) and ARM compiler.
  - Conclusion: Wide vector size over FPU element size will improve performance if there are enough rename registers and the utilization of FPU has room for improvement.

Note that these researches are not relevant to “post-K” architecture.

- Y. Kodama, T. Oajima and M. Sato. “Preliminary Performance Evaluation of Application Kernels Using ARM SVE with Multiple Vector Lengths”, In Re-Emergence of Vector Architectures Workshop (Rev-A) in 2017 IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing, pp. 677-684, Sep. 2017.
- T. Odajima, Y. Kodama and M. Sato, “Power Performance Analysis of ARM Scalable Vector Extension”, In IEEE Symposium on Low-Power and High-Speed Chips and Systems (COOL Chips 21), Apr. 2018

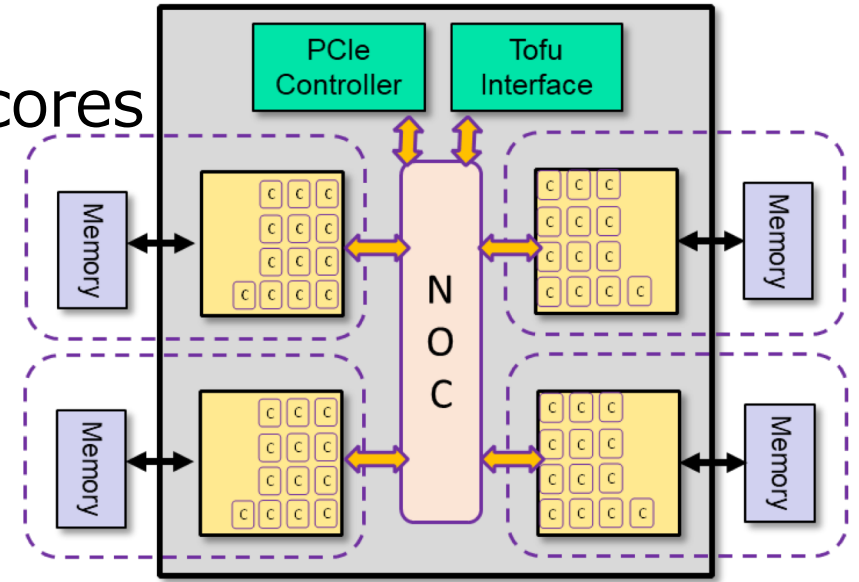




# Post K Processor is...

- **an Many-Core ARM CPU...**

- 48 compute cores + 2 or 4 assistant (OS) cores
- Brand new core design
- Near Xeon-Class Integer performance core
- ARM V8 --- 64bit ARM ecosystem
- Tofu 3 + PCIe 3 external connection




- **...but also a GPU-like processor**

- SVE 512 bit vector extensions (ARM & Fujitsu)
  - Integer (1, 2, 4, 8 bytes) + Float (16, 32, 64 bytes)
- Cache + scratchpad local memory (sector cache)
- Multi-stack 3D mem – ~TB/s Mem BW (Bytes/DPF ~0.4)
  - Streaming memory access, strided access, scatter/gather etc.
- Intra-chip barrier synch. and other memory enhancing features

- **GPU-like High performance in HPC, AI/Big Data, Blockchain...**

# Post K Processor and other Details

- Aug. 21, Hotchips 2018 @ Stanford U
- Other details (new TOFU, detailed performance, Post-K machine config., etc.) forthcoming towards Fall, 2018.
- Gem5 Simulator availability under NDA from Riken
- Early chip availability up to Fujitsu



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7:45 AM	Breakfast			
5:00 PM	Server Processors	The IBM POWER9 Scale Up Processor	Jeffrey Stuecheli	IBM
5:30 PM		Fujitsu's HPC processor for the Post-K computer	Toshio Yoshida	Fujitsu Limited
6:00 PM		Vector Engine Processor of NEOs	Yohji Yamada and Shintaro Momose	NEC Corporation
		Brand-New supercomputer SX-Aurora TSUBASA		
6:30 PM		Next Generation Intel Xeon(R) Scalable processor: Cascade Lake	Sailesh Kottapalli and Akhilesh Kumar	Intel
7:00 PM	Closing Remarks			
7:15 PM	End of Conference			

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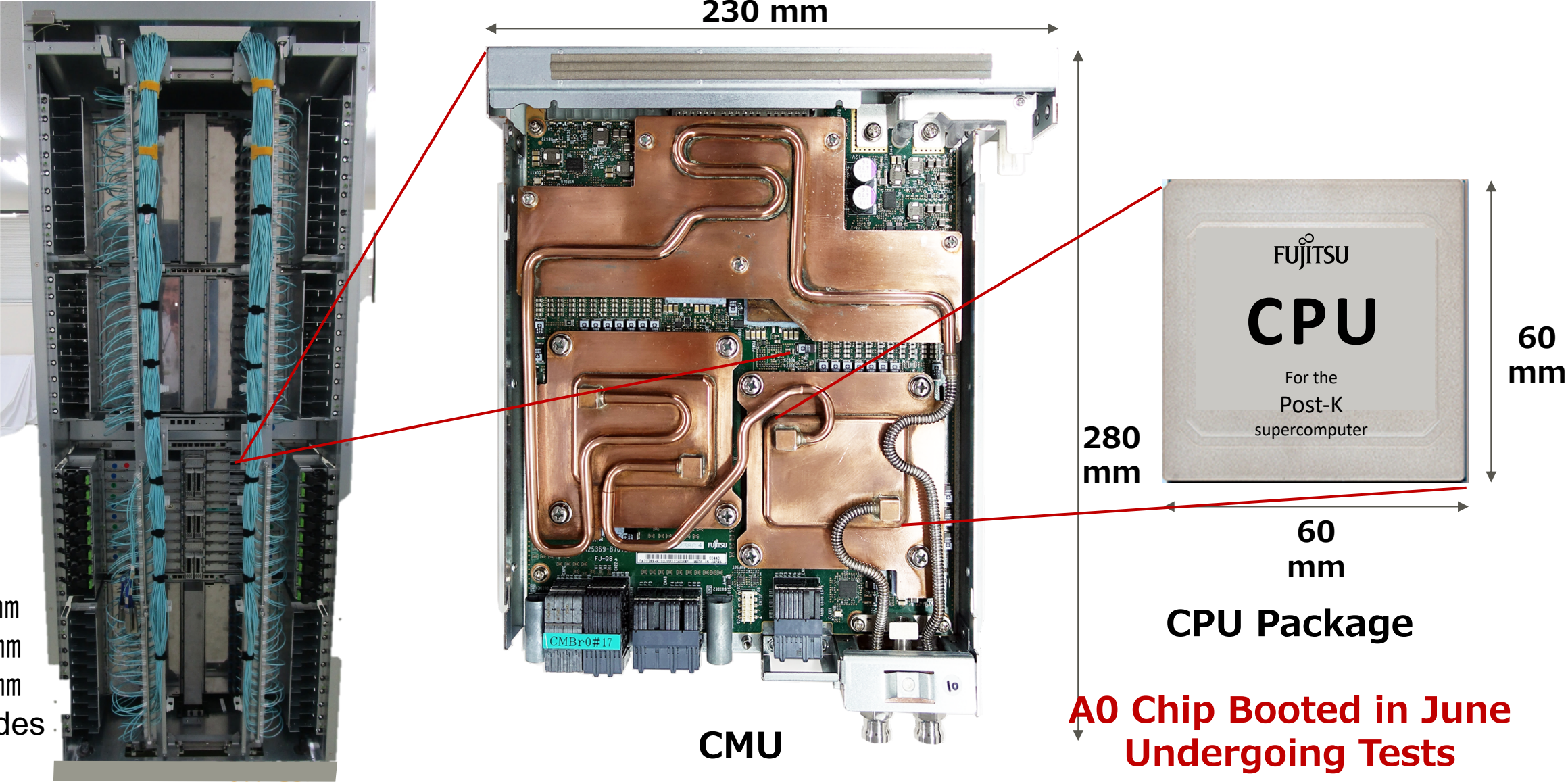
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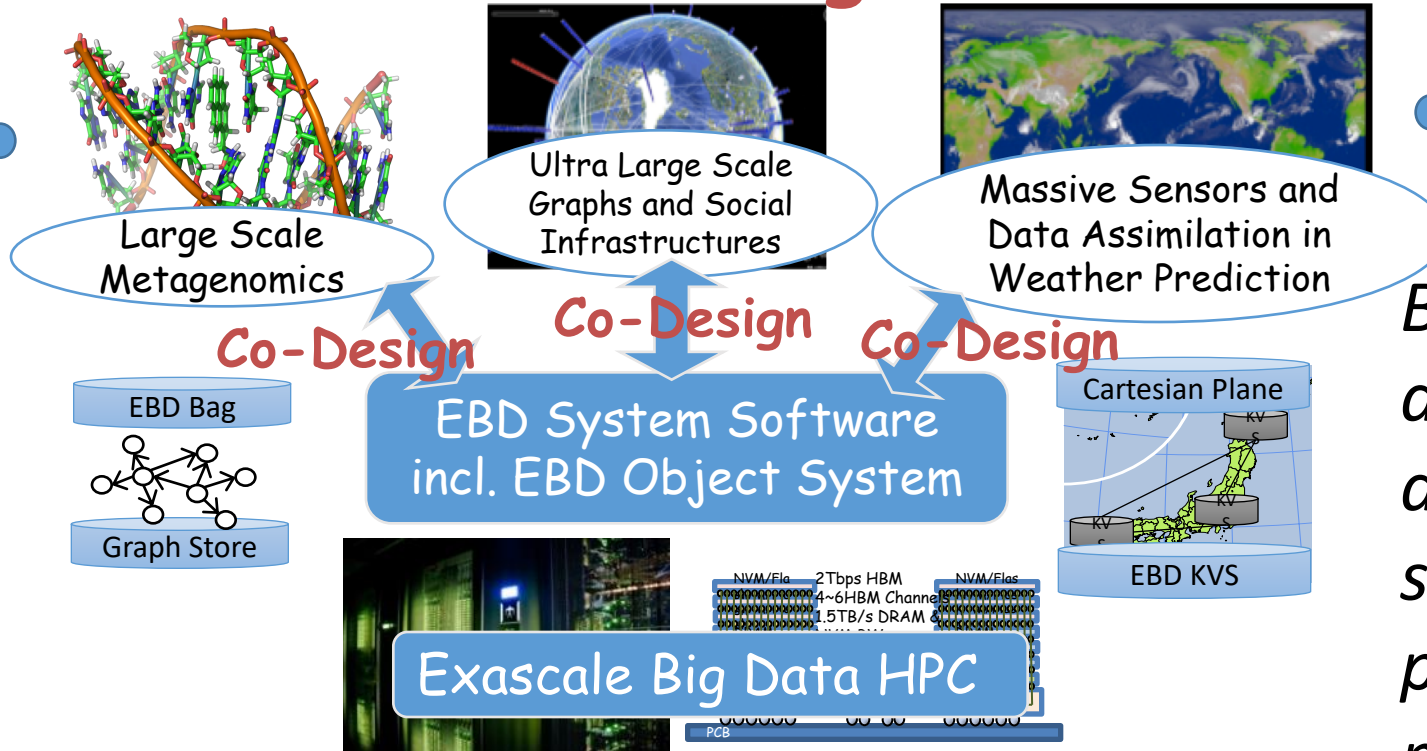
# Post-K Chassis, PCB (w/DLC), and CPU Package



# JST-CREST “Extreme Big Data” Project (2013-2018)

## Future Non-Silo Extreme Big Data Scientific Apps

*Given a top-class supercomputer, how fast can we accelerate next generation big data c.f. Clouds?*



*Bring HPC rigor in architectural, algorithmic, and system software performance and modeling into big data*

**Cloud IDC**  
Very low BW & Efficiency  
Highly available, resilient



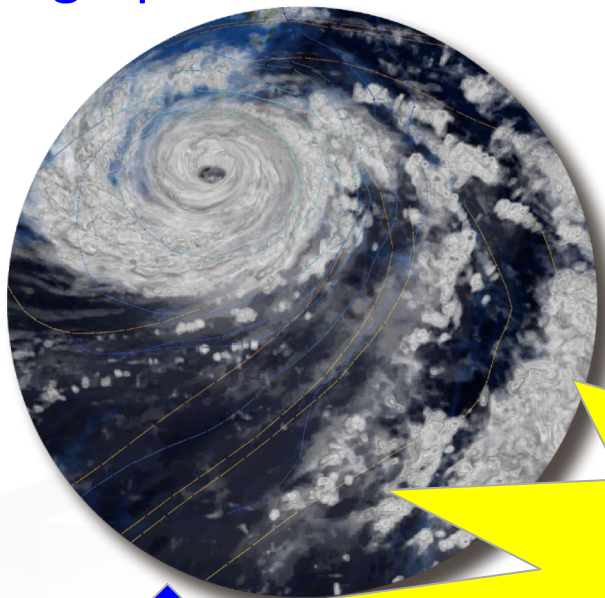
**Supercomputers**  
Compute&Batch-Oriented  
More fragile





# Pioneering “Big Data Assimilation” Era

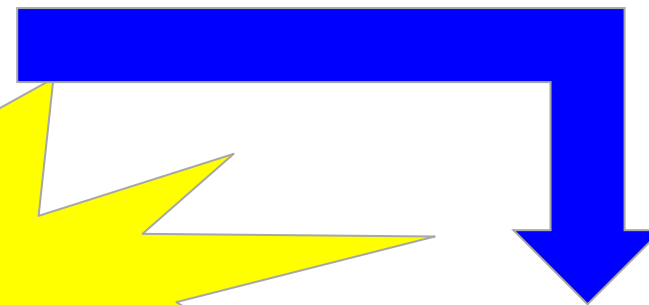
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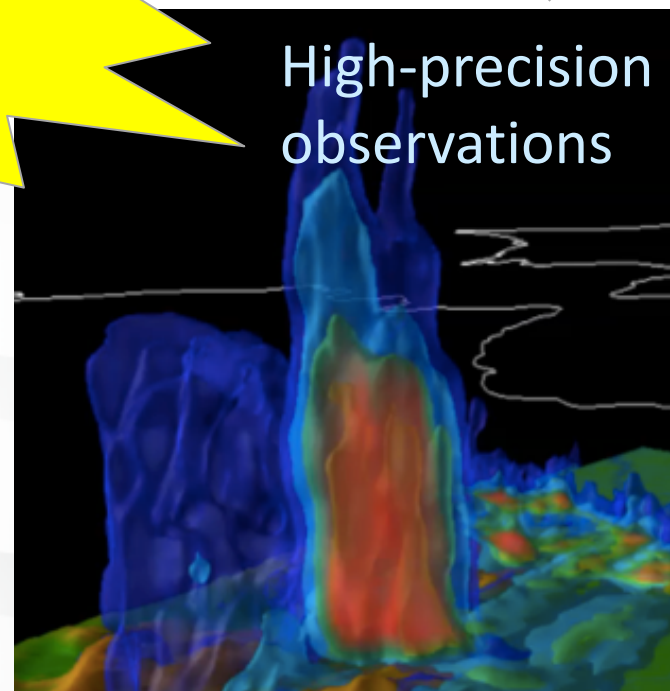
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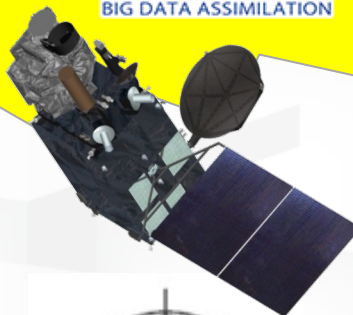
Future-generation technologies  
available 10 years in advance



High-precision  
observations



BDA  
BIG DATA ASSIMILATION



Mutual feedback

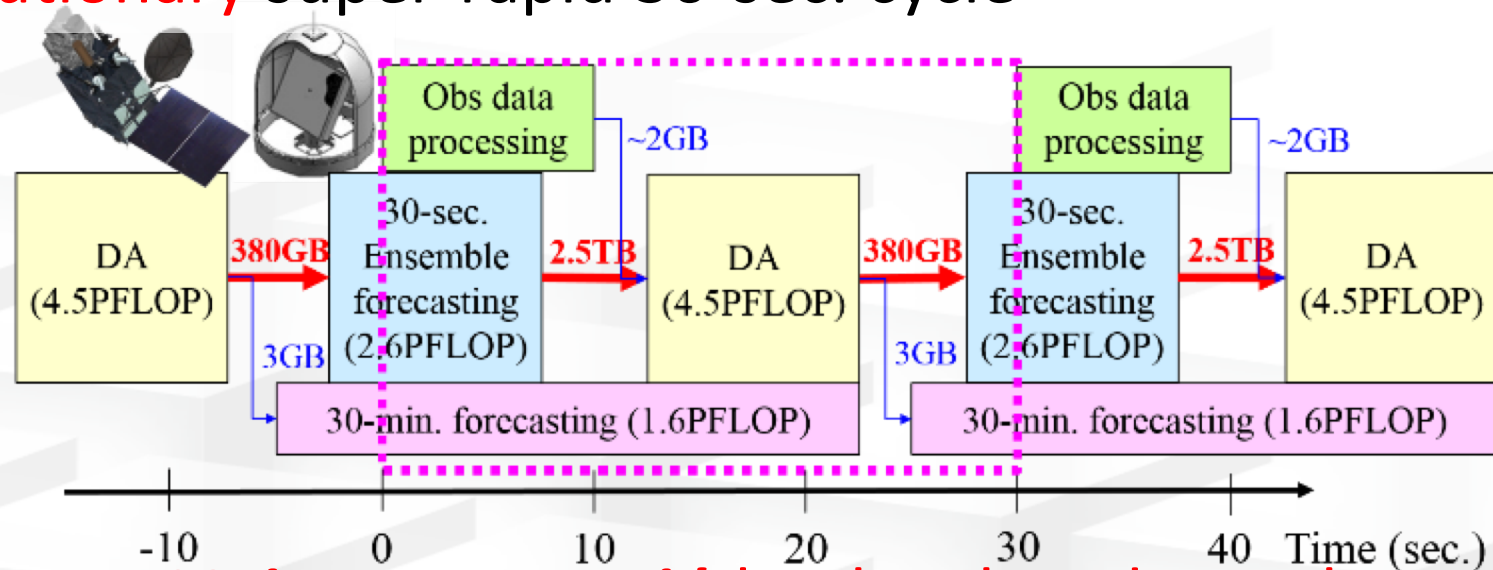




## Big Data Assimilation for severe weather forecast

**Goal : Pinpoint (100-m resol.) forecast of severe local weather by  
updating 30-min forecast every 30 sec!**

**Revolutionary** super-rapid 30-sec. cycle



**120 times more rapid than hourly update cycles**



# 9/11/2014, sudden local rain

RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science  
Data Assimilation Research Team

2014.09.11 08:01:00

Observation

Simulation  
(100m Big DA)

**>40,000 views**  
**#9 of RIKEN channel**

Simulation  
(w/o DA)

Simulation  
(1km DA)

10km

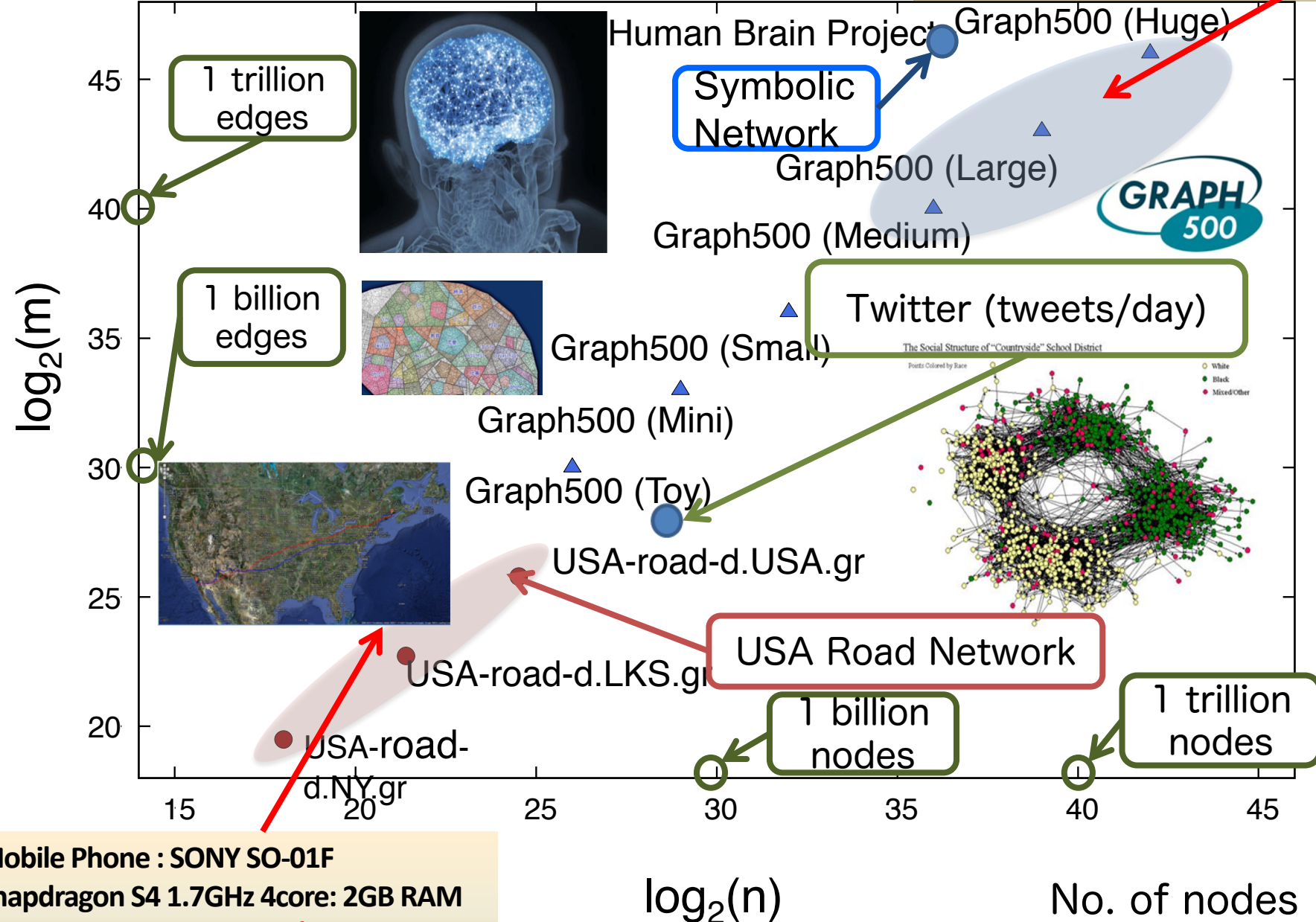
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No. of edges

# The size of graphs

K computer: 65536nodes

Graph500: **17977 GTEPS**



Mobile Phone : SONY SO-01F

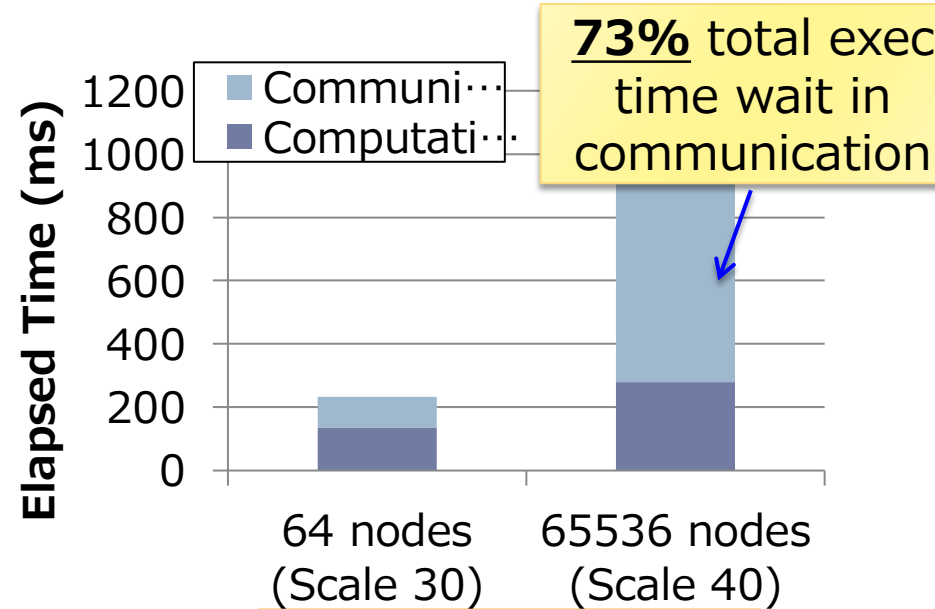
Snapdragon S4 1.7GHz 4core: 2GB RAM

**1.03GTEPS: 235.06MTEPS/W**

# Sparse BYTES: The Graph500 – 2015~2016 – world #1 x 4

K Computer #1 Tokyo Tech[Matsuoka EBD CREST] Univ.

Kyushu [Fujisawa Graph CREST], Riken AICS, Fujitsu



88,000 nodes,  
660,000 CPU Cores  
1.3 Petabyte mem  
20GB/s Tofu NW



#1 38621.4 GTEPS  
(#7 10.51PF Top500)



Effective x13  
performance c.f.  
Linpack

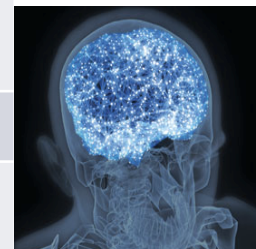


LLNL-IBM Sequoia  
1.6 million CPUs  
1.6 Petabyte mem

TaihuLight  
10 million CPUs  
1.3 Petabyte mem

List	Rank	GTEPS	Implementation
November 2013	4	5524.12	Top-down on
June 2014	1	17977.05	Efficient hybrid
November 2014	2	19585.2	Efficient hybrid
June, Nov 2015 June Nov 2016	1	38621.4	Hybrid + Node Compression

BYTES Rich  
Machine + Superior  
BYTES algorithm



#3 23751 GTEPS (#4 17.17PF Top500) #2 23755.7 GTEPS (#1 93.01PF Top500)



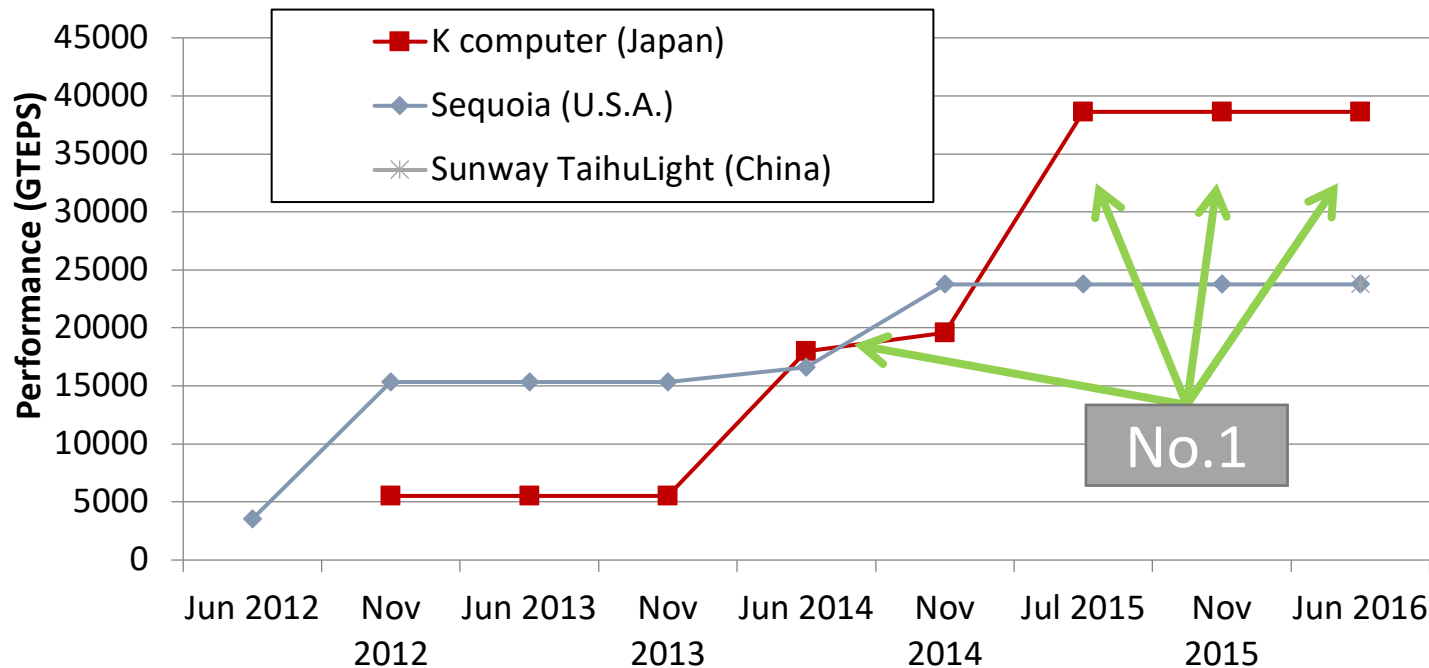
**BYTES, not FLOPS!**



# K-computer No.1 on Graph500: 5 Consecutive Times

- What is Graph500 Benchmark?

- Supercomputer benchmark for data intensive applications.
- Rank supercomputers by the performance of **Breadth-First Search** for very huge graph data.



This is achieved by a combination of high machine performance and **our software optimization.**

- Efficient Sparse Matrix Representation with Bitmap
  - Vertex Reordering for Bitmap Optimization
  - Optimizing Inter-Node Communications
  - Load Balancing
  - etc.
- Koji Ueno, Toyotaro Suzumura, Naoya Maruyama, Katsuki Fujisawa, and Satoshi Matsuoka, "**Efficient Breadth-First Search on Massively Parallel and Distributed Memory Machines**", in proceedings of 2016 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (IEEE BigData 2016), Washington D.C., Dec. 5-8, 2016 (to appear)

# Modern AI is enabled by Supercomputing

- 25 years of AI winter after failure of symbolic logic based methods (e.g., Prolog, ICOT) -> resurrection by DNN, basic algorithms in the 1980s but too expensive -> HPC made machines 10 million times faster in 30 years -> expensive training now possible
- Recent trends require more supercomputing power
  - Deeper, more complex networks (Capsule Networks)
  - Complex, multidimensional data (e.g., 3-D Hi-Res images)
  - Increasing training sets (incl. GANs)
  - Coupling with high-fidelity simulations
  - Etc.

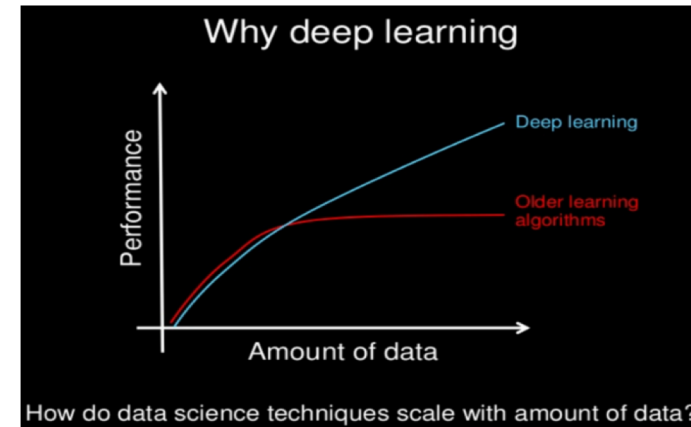
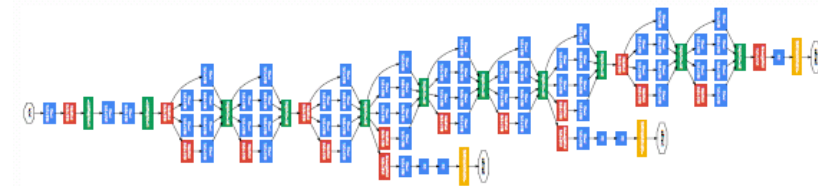
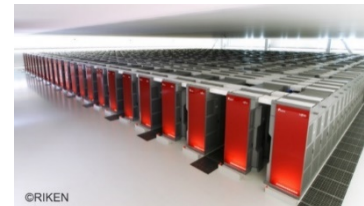


Fig. 2: Andrew Ng (Baidu) "What Data Scientists Should Know about Deep Learning"





# 4 Layers of Parallelism in DNN Training well supported in Post-K

- Hyper Parameter Search

- Searching optimal network configs & parameters
- Parallel search, massive parallelism required

- Data Parallelism

- Copy the network to compute nodes, feed different batch data, average => network reduction bound
- TOFU: Extremely strong reduction, x6 EDR Infiniband

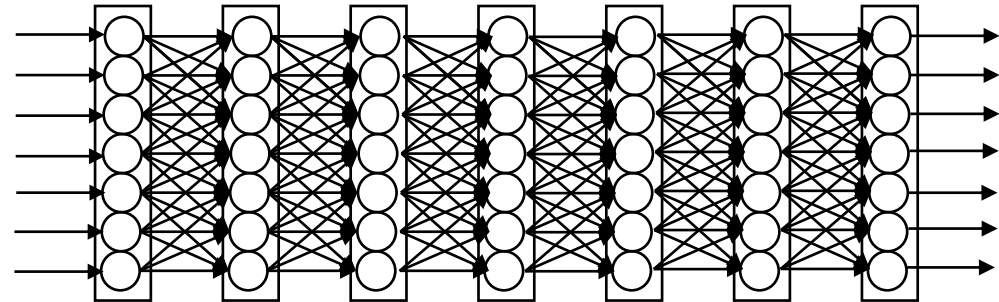
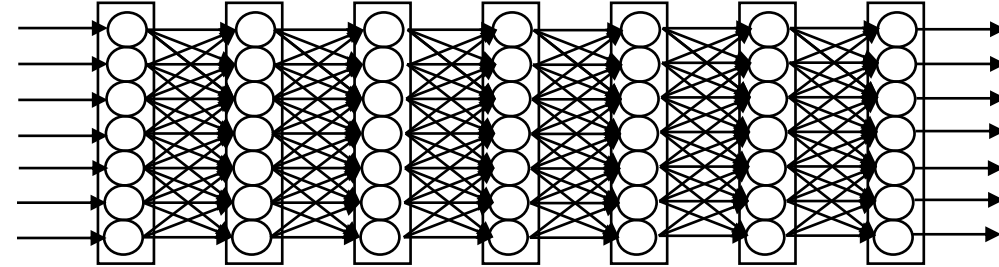
- Model Parallelism (domain decomposition)

- Split and parallelize the layer calculations in propagation
- Low latency required (bad for GPU) -> strong latency tolerant cores + low latency TOFU network

- Intra-Chip ILP, Vector and other low level Parallelism

- Parallelize the convolution operations etc.
- SVE FP16+INT8 vectorization support + extremely high memory bandwidth w/HBM2

- Post-K could become world's biggest & fastest platform for DNN training!

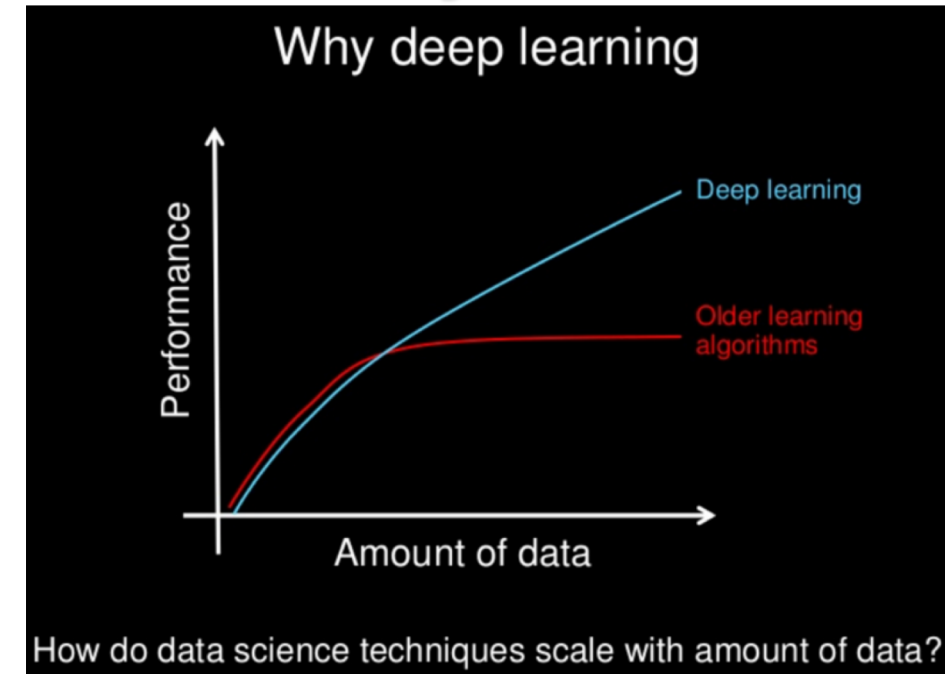
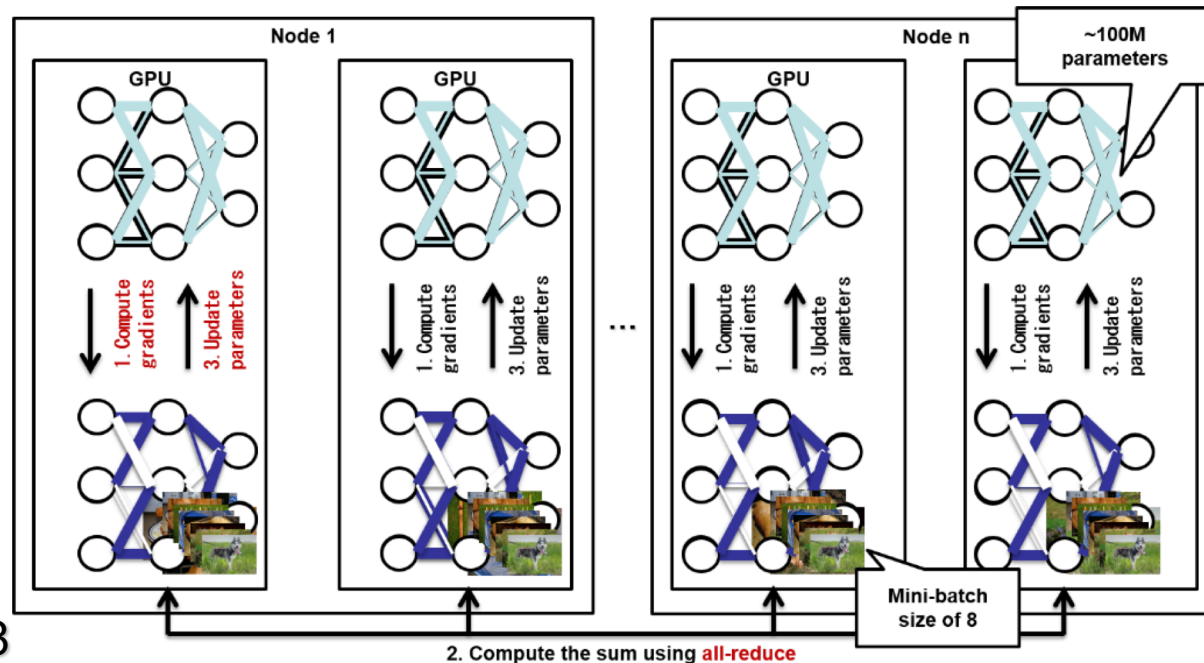


# Deep Learning is “All about Scale”

## Massive Parallelization is the key

- **Data-parallel training with (Asynchronous) Stochastic Gradient Descent**

- Replicate network to all the nodes, feed different data, average the gradients periodically
- Network All-Reduce Reduction in Megabytes~Gigabytes becomes the bottleneck at scale
- NVIDIA: NVLink Hardware + NICL library (up to 8 GPUs on DGX-1, 16 on DGX-2 w/ NVL Switch)



**Fig. 2:** Andrew Ng (Baidu) “What Data Scientists Should Know about Deep Learning”

**Fig. 3:** Simplified DL workflow with ASGD per iteration:

1. Compute gradient
2. Exchange gradients via all-reduce; and
3. Update network parameters

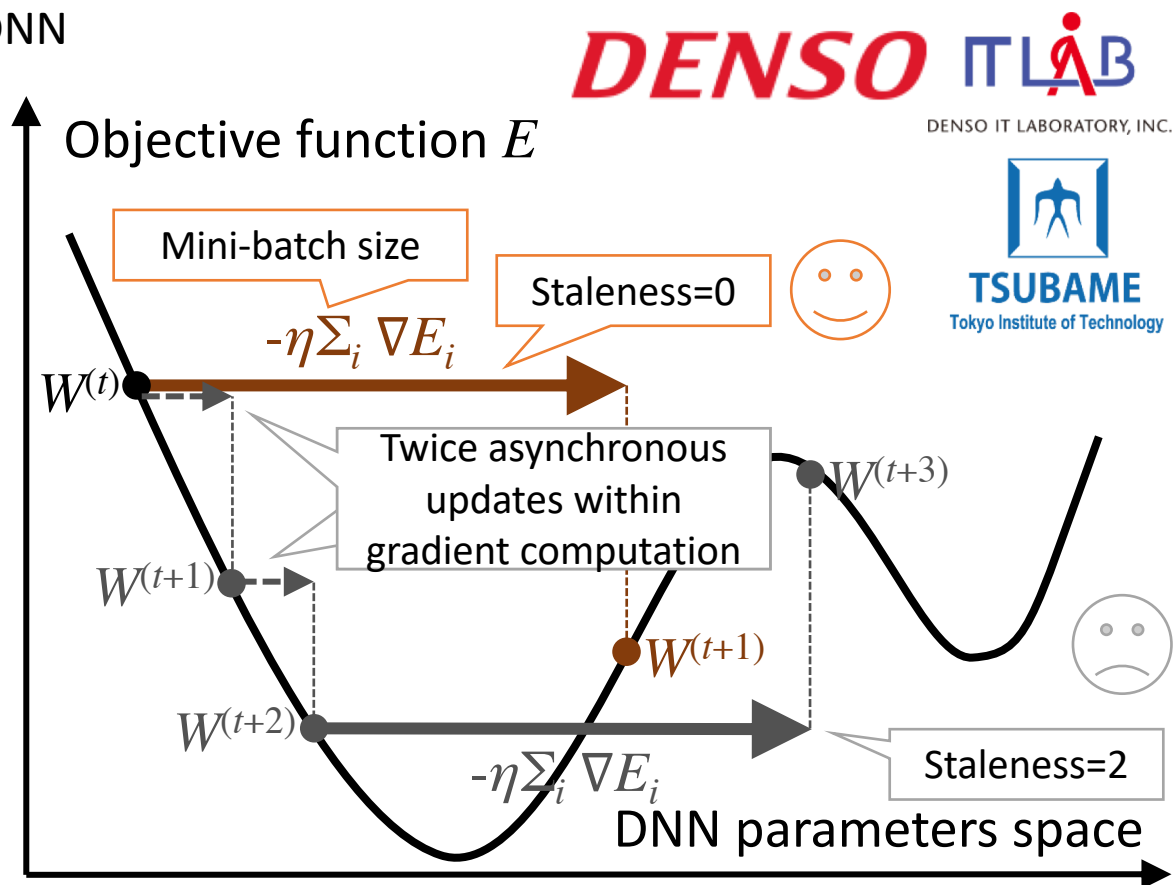
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# Example AI Research: Predicting Statistics of Asynchronous SGD Parameters for a Large-Scale Distributed Deep Learning System on GPU Supercomputers

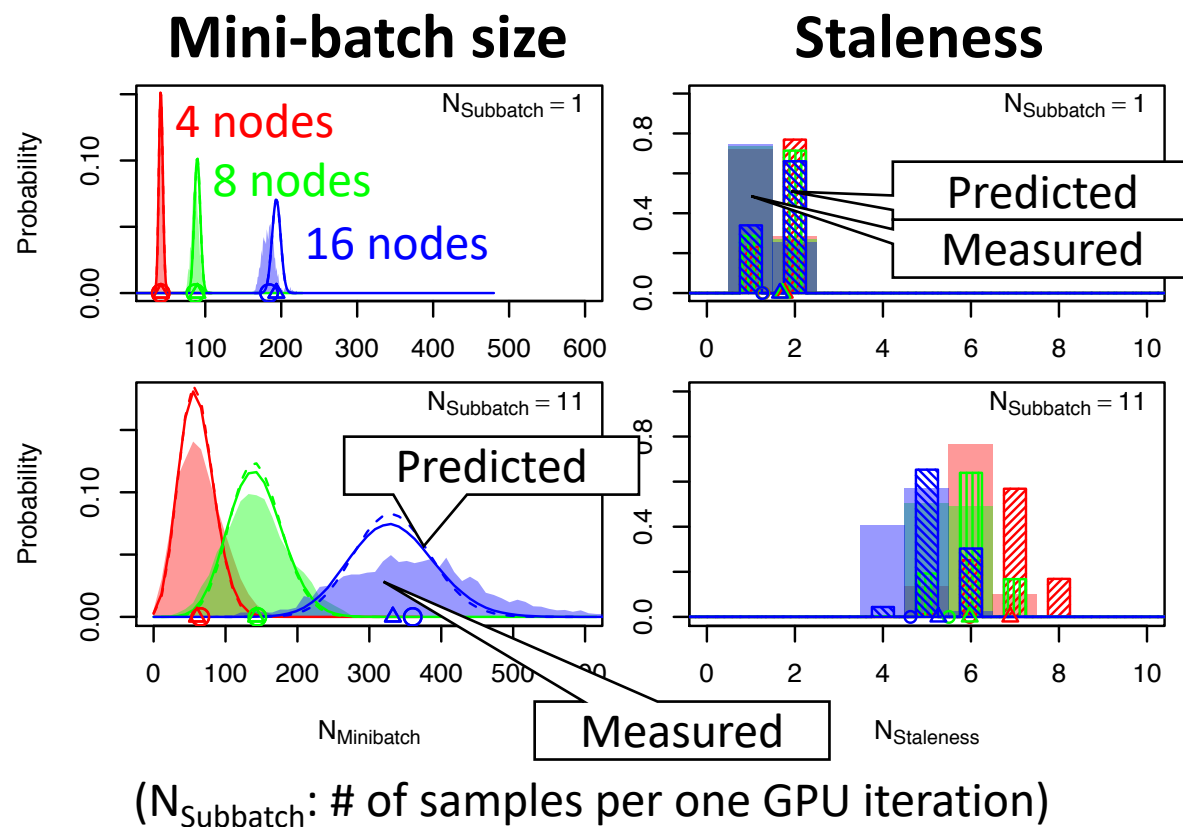
## Background

- In large-scale Asynchronous Stochastic Gradient Descent (ASGD), mini-batch size and gradient staleness tend to be large and unpredictable, which increase the error of trained DNN



## Proposal

- We propose an empirical performance model for an ASGD deep learning system SPRINT which considers probability distribution of mini-batch size and staleness



- Yosuke Oyama, Akihiro Nomura, Ikuro Sato, Hiroki Nishimura, Yukimasa Tamatsu, and Satoshi Matsuoka, "Predicting Statistics of Asynchronous SGD Parameters for a Large-Scale Distributed Deep Learning System on GPU Supercomputers", in proceedings of 2016 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (IEEE BigData 2016), Washington D.C., Dec. 5-8, 2016

# Interconnect Performance as important as GPU Performance to accelerate DL

- ASGD DL system SPRINT (by DENSO IT Lab) and DL speedup prediction with performance model

$$T_{Epoch} = \frac{N_{File} \times T_{GPU}}{N_{Node} \times N_{GPU} \times N_{Subbatch}}$$

- Data measured on T2 and KFC (both FDR) fitted to formulas
- Allreduce time ( $\in T_{GPU}$ ) dep. on #nodes and #DL\_parameters

$$T_{Barrier} + (\alpha \log_2(N_{Node}) + \beta) \times N_{Param}$$

The Optimal Predicted Configurations of CNN-A on TSUBAME-KFC/DL

	$N_{Node}$	$N_{Subbatch}$	Average mini-batch size	Epoch time[s]	Speedup
Baseline	8	8	165.1	1779	-
FP16	7	22	170.1	1462	1.22
EDR IB	12	11	166.6	1245	1.43
FP16 + EDR IB	8	15	171.5	1128	1.58

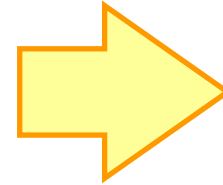
Fig. 4: Oyama et al. “Predicting Statistics of Asynchronous SGD Parameters for a Large-Scale Distributed Deep Learning System on GPU Supercomputers

- Other approaches == similar improvements:
  - Cuda-Aware CNTK optimizes communication pipeline → 15%—23% speedup (Banerjee et al. “Re-designing CNTK Deep Learning Framework on Modern GPU Enabled Clusters”)
  - Reduced precision (FP[16|8|1]) to minimize msg. size w/ no or minor accuracy loss



## Post-K Processor

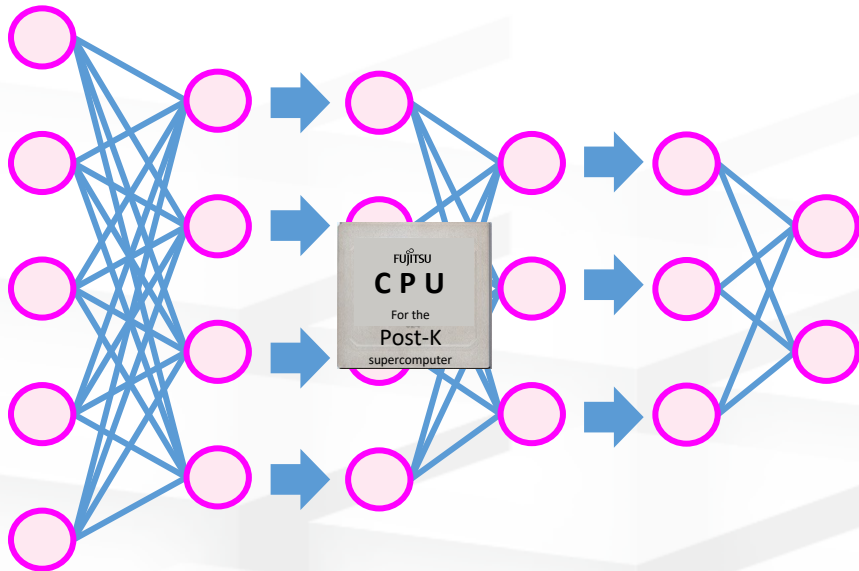
- ◆ High perf FP16&Int8
- ◆ High mem BW for convolution
- ◆ Built-in scalable Tofu network



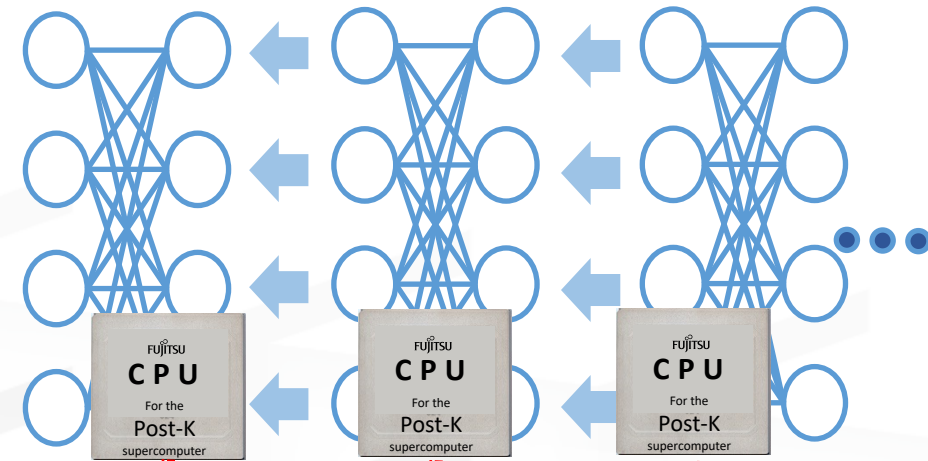
## Unprecedented DL scalability

High Performance and Ultra-Scalable Network for massive scaling model & data parallelism

High Performance DNN Convolution



Low Precision ALU + High Memory Bandwidth + Advanced Combining of Convolution Algorithms (FFT+Winograd+GEMM)



*TOFU Network w/high injection BW for fast reduction*

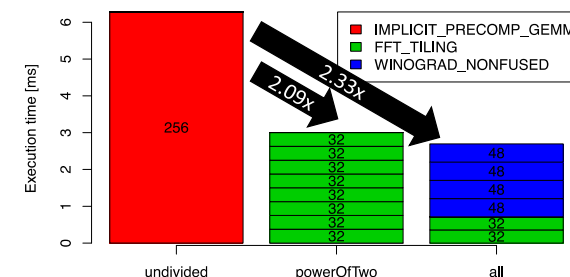
Unprecedented Scalability of Data/

# Selecting the Optimal Convolution Kernel

- **NEW! Micro Batching: Tokyo Tech. and ETH [Oyama, Tan, Hoefler & Matsuoka]**
- Use the “micro-batch” technique to select the best convolution kernel
  - Direct, GEMM, FFT, Winograd
  - Optimize both speed and memory size
- On high-end GPUs, in many cases Winograd or FFT chosen over GEMM
  - They are faster but use more memory
- Currently implemented as cuDNN wrapper, applicable to all frameworks
- For Post-K, (1) Winograd/FFT are selected more often, and (2) performance will be similar to GPUs in such cases

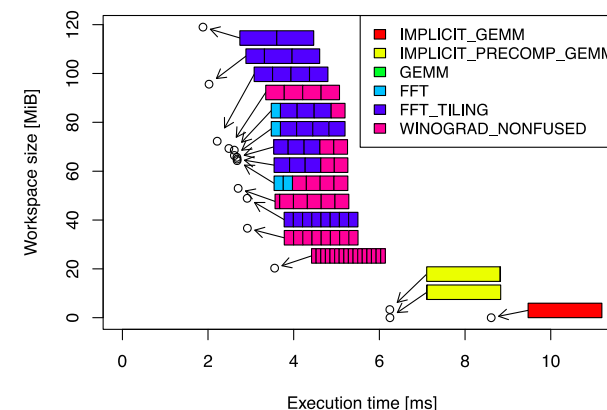
Evaluation: WR using Dynamic Programming

- $\mu$ -cuDNN achieved **2.33x** speedup on forward convolution of AlexNet conv2



cudaConvolutionForward of AlexNet conv2 on NVIDIA Tesla P100-SXM2  
Workspace size of 64 MiB, mini-batch size of 256  
Numbers on each rectangles represent micro-batch sizes

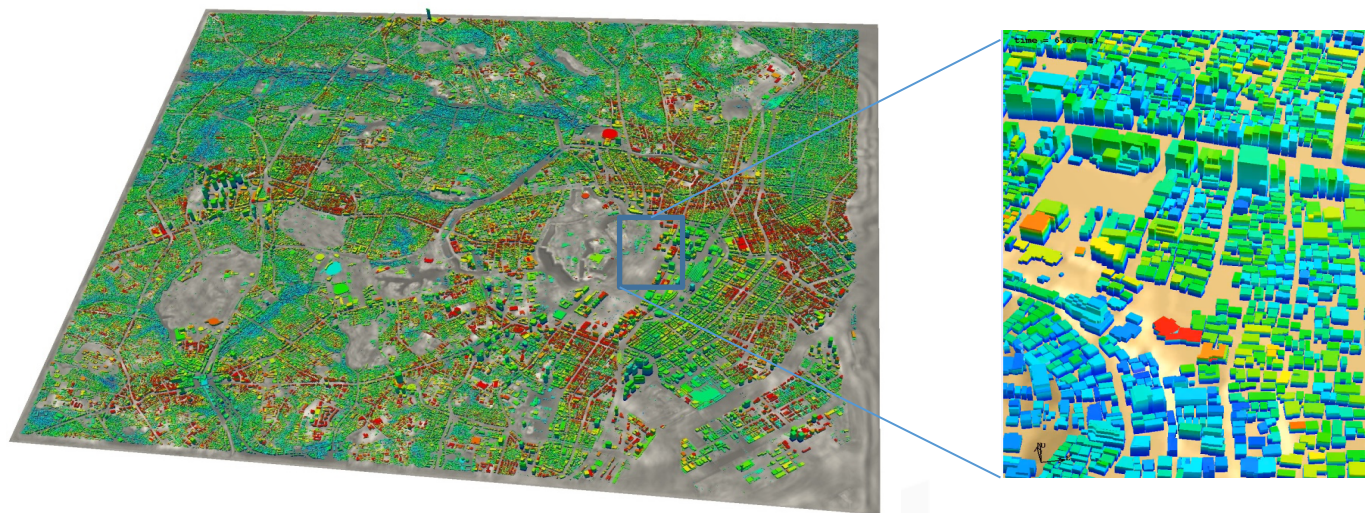
Evaluation: WD using Integer LP



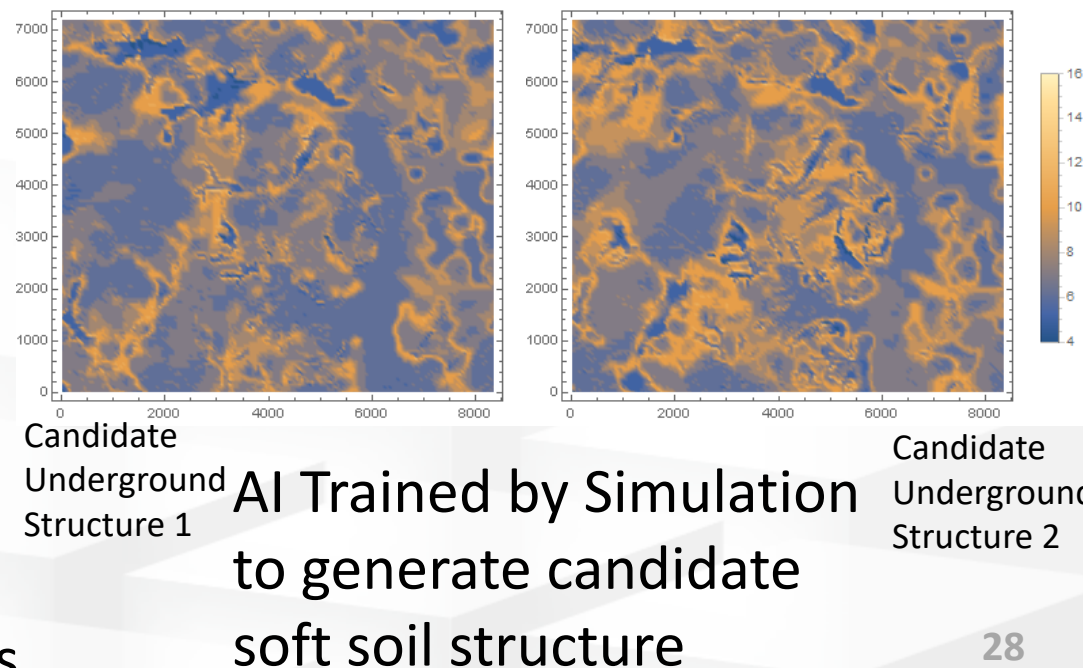
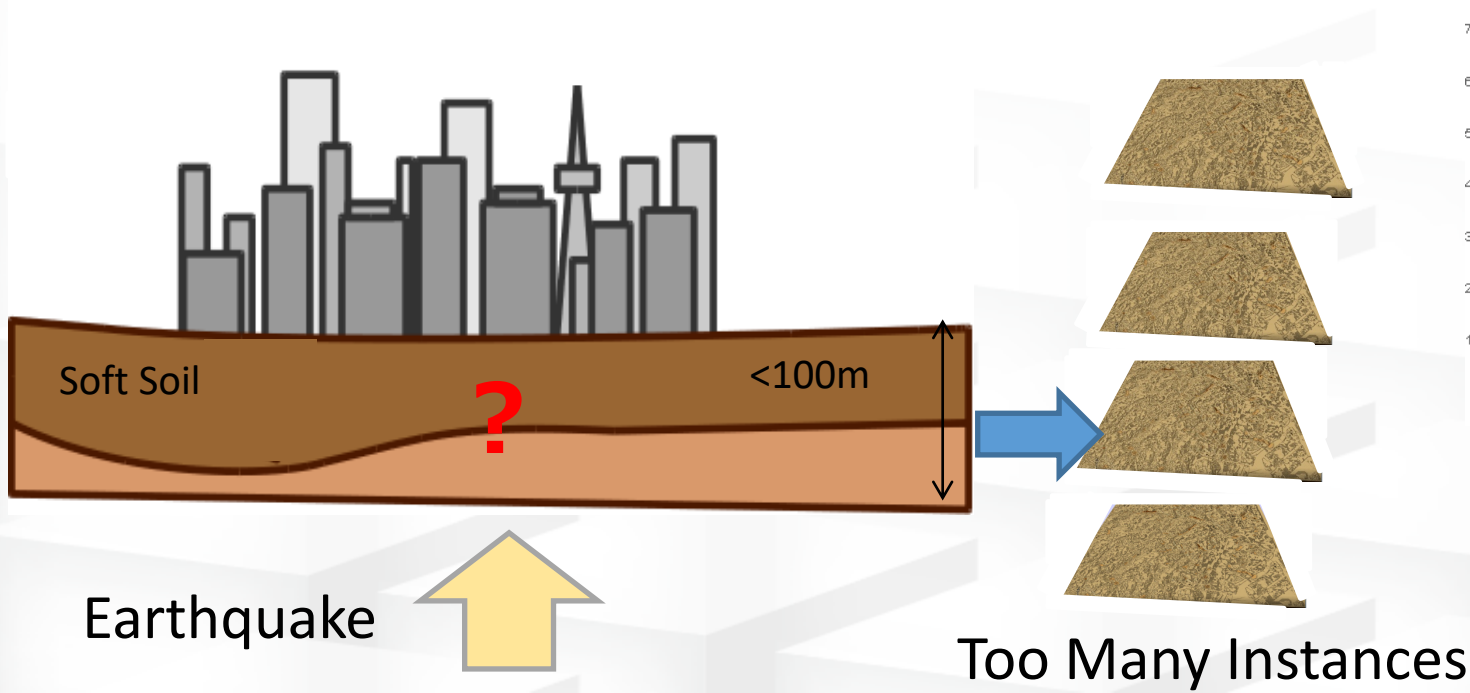
A desirable configuration set of AlexNet conv2 (Forward)  
Mini-batch size of 256, P100-SXM2  
Each bar represents proportion of micro-batch sizes and algorithms

# Large Scale simulation and AI coming together

[Ichimura et. al. Univ. of Tokyo, IEEE/ACM SC17 Best Poster]



130 billion freedom  
earthquake of entire Tokyo  
on K-Computer (ACM  
Gordon Bell Prize Finalist,  
SC16,17 Best Poster)





# Post-K CPU New Innnovations: Summary

## 1. Ultra high bandwidth using on-package memory & matching CPU core

- Recent studies show that majority of apps are memory bound, some compute bound but can use lower precision e.g. FP16
- Comparison w/mainstream CPU: much faster FPU, almost order magnitude faster memory BW, and ultra high performance accordingly
- Memory controller to sustain massive on package memory (OPM) BW: difficult for coherent memory CPU, first CPU in the world to support OPM

## 2. Very Green e.g. extreme power efficiency

- Power optimized design, clock gating & power knob, efficient cooling
- Power efficiency much better than CPUs, comparable to GPU systems

## 3. Arm Global Ecosystem & SVE contribution

- Annual processor production: x86 3-400mil, ARM 21bil, (2~3 bil high end)
- Rapid upbrining HPC&IDC Ecosystem (e.g. Cavium, HPE, Sandia, Bristol,...)
- SVE(Scalable Vector Extension) -> Arm-Fujitsu co-design, future global std.

## 3. High Performance on Society5.0 apps including AI

- Next gen AI/ML requires massive speedup => high perf chips + HPC massive scalability across chips
- Post-K processor: support for AI/ML acceleration e.g. Int8/FP16+fast memory for GPU-class convolution, fast interconnect for massive scaling
- Top performance in AI as well as other Society 5.0 apps

