Exascale by 2021-2023 —Truth or Myth?

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A Little Historical Perspective...

Pundits—Exascale WG (2007-2009)



Power and energy
Simplicity, accelerators,...
Data movement expensive
Memory challenges
>1000X parallelism than Peta
New execution model

Cowboys—The skeptics (2010+)



Tech advances will continue
Historic benefits will continue
No need for any alarms
Disruptive tech not needed
PPT based roadmaps rule!
And we will deliver...

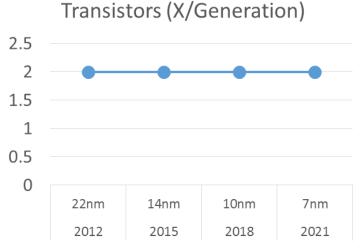
"Capable Exascale", defined by ECP

Application Performance Improvement in 20-30 MW

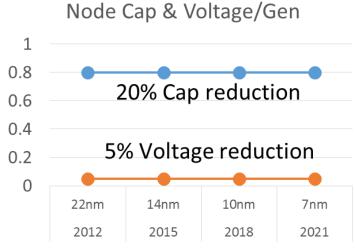
Sequoia and Titan baseline

Merit (FOM) 50x im 17 PF (Rmax) • FOM = se] × [Speedup] Source: Jim An 0.3 PF (HPCG) meeting, April 6, 2016 an 8 MW Performanc '.6 PF (Rmax) 32 PF (HPCG) ~ \$100 M 8% HPCG/HPL HPCG/Peak 2% 7.9 MW Power 8 MW Power June 2012 Early 2013 Operational Operational

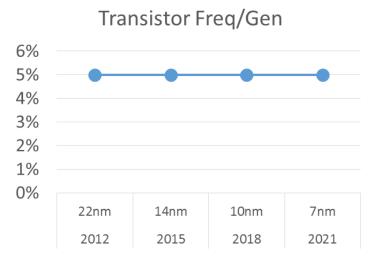
Scaling Projections



Moore's Law, 2X Tr/Gen



Cap reduces, Vcc not much

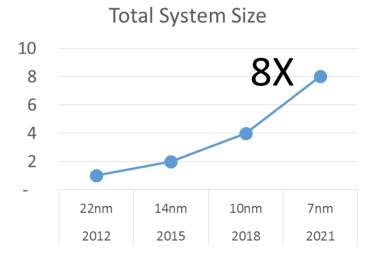


Flattened, assume modest 5%

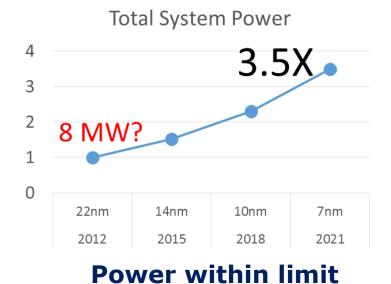


Cost/Tr will not improve much

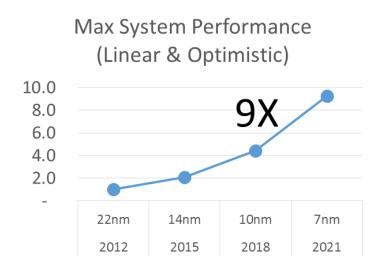
Sequoia/Titan Scaled System



System size will grow...



And for exorbitant cost!



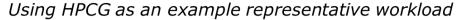
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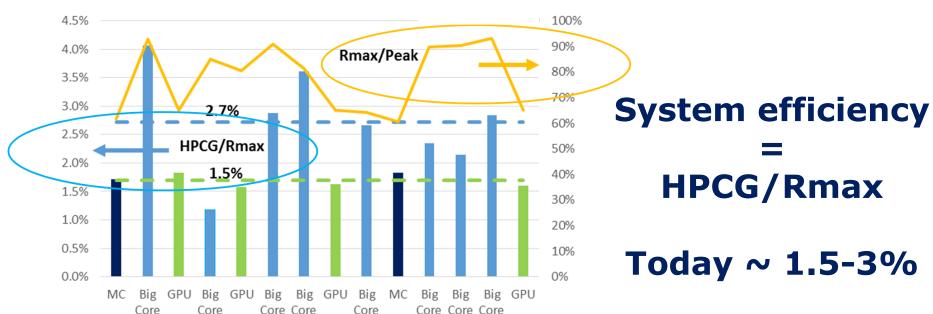


Projection

Original	Scaled
17 PF	153 PF
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	25 MW
	\$260 M
	17 PF 8 MW MW MW

Must Improve System Efficiency





System efficiency 39%

Performance (Rmax) HPCG	49 PF 19 PF
Power	9 MW
Cost	\$100 M

System efficiency 13%

Performance (Rmax) HPCG	141 PF 19 PF
Power	25 MW
Cost	\$290 M

Summary

- Business-as-usual is not an option
- Acknowledge past & upcoming shifts
- Embrace new promising approaches
- Must improve system efficiency

Exascale by 2021/23 is a Truth or a Myth?