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# Memory-Driven Computing

A vision for the future of computing

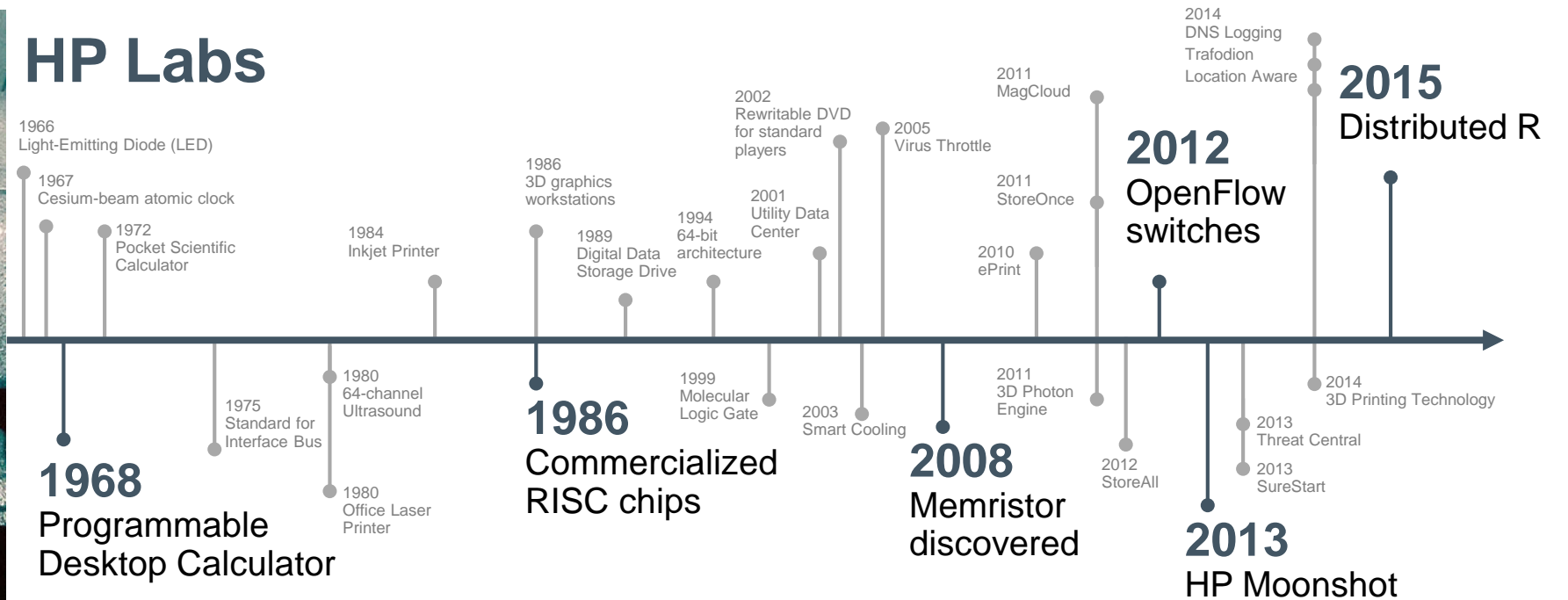
Dejan Milojicic, Distinguished Technologist  
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With contributions with many, many people from HPE

# Innovation is our legacy and our future



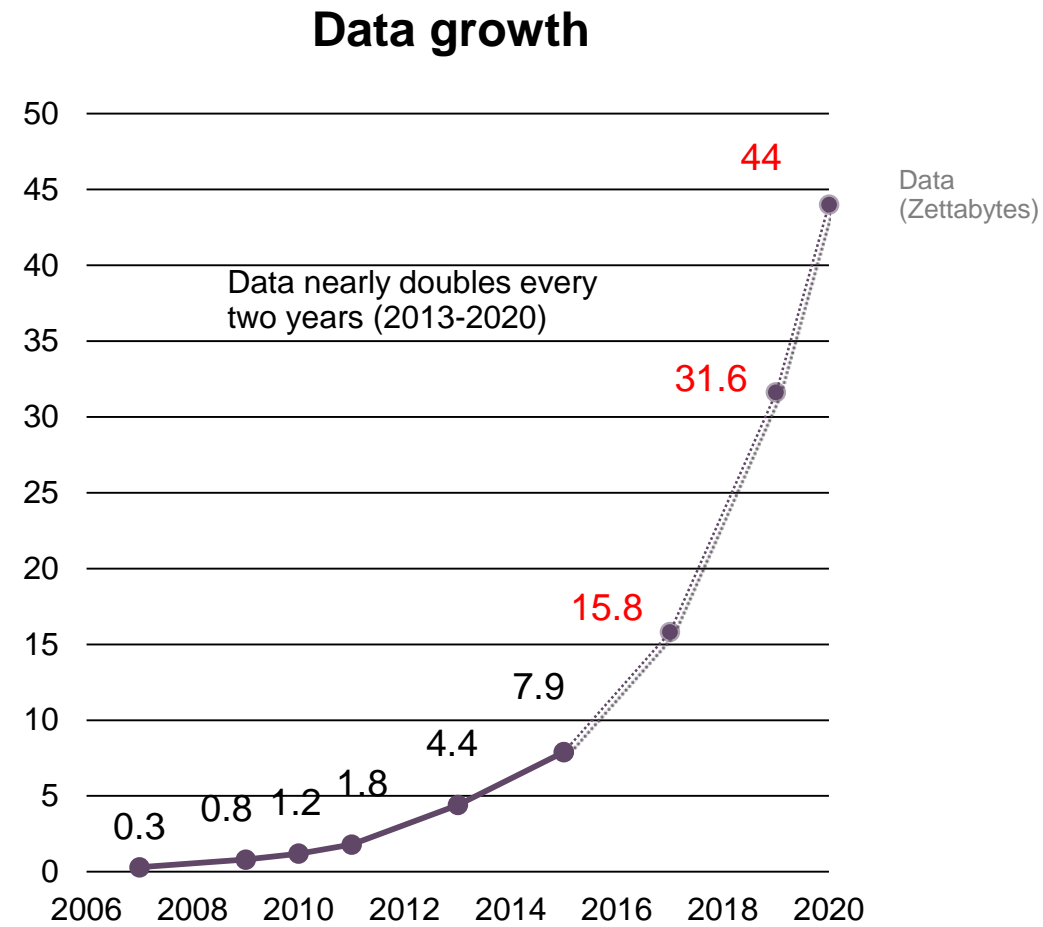
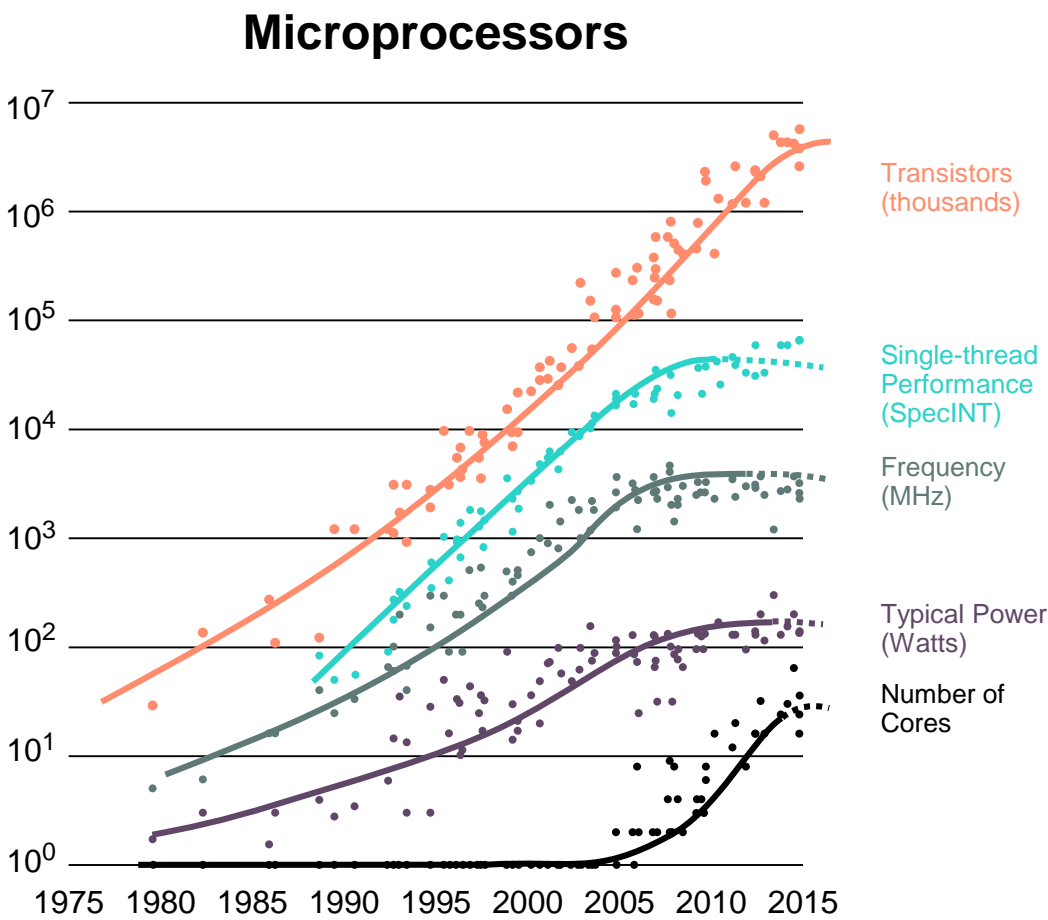
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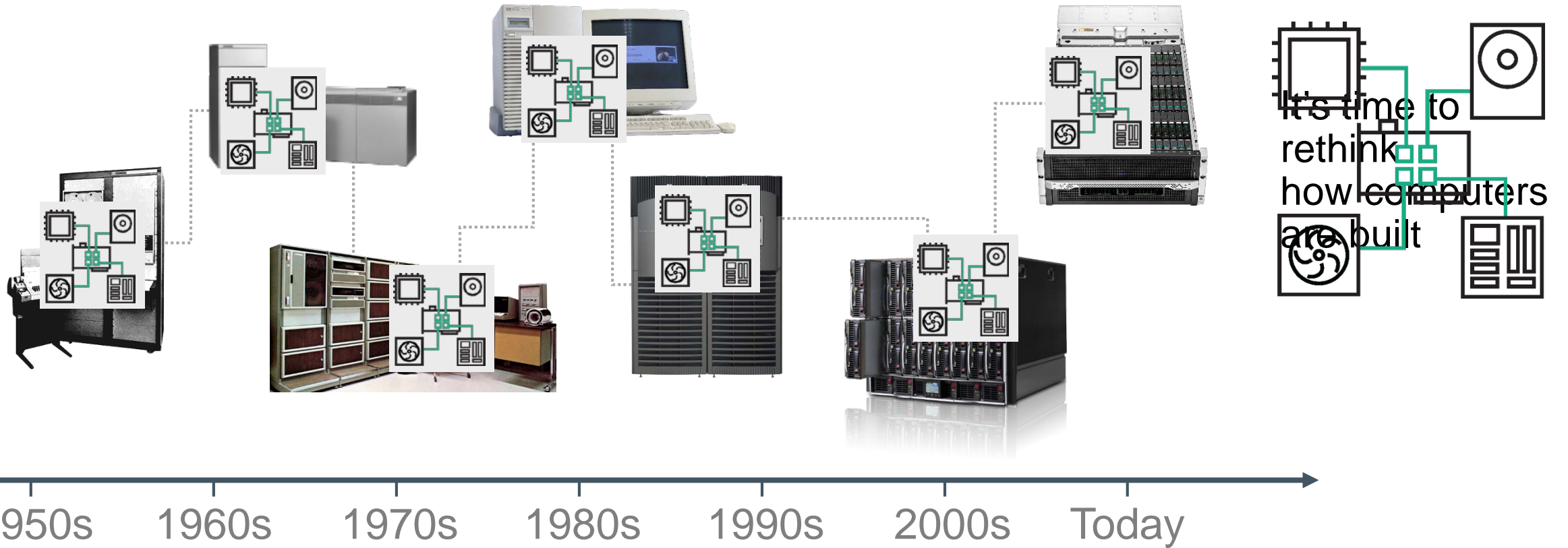


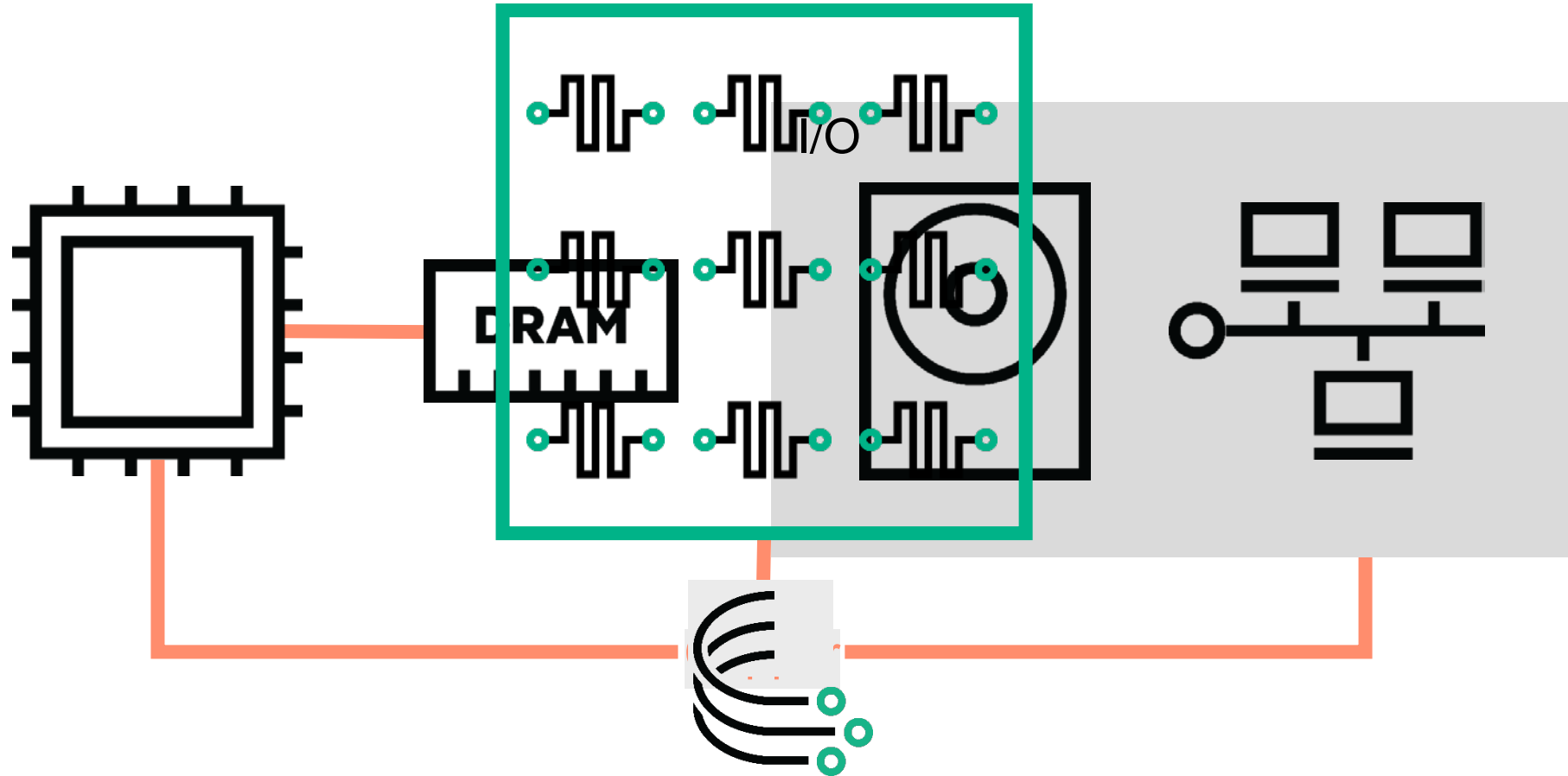
# The New Normal: Compute is not keeping up



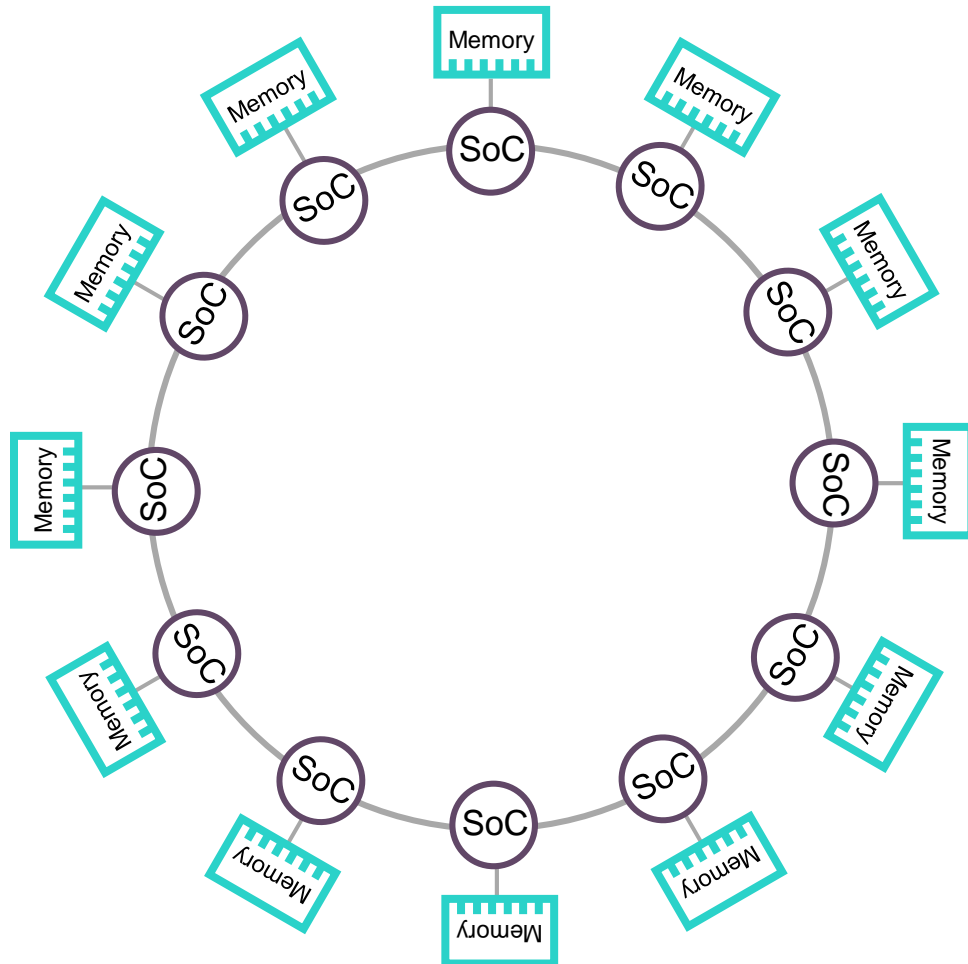


# The Past 60 Years

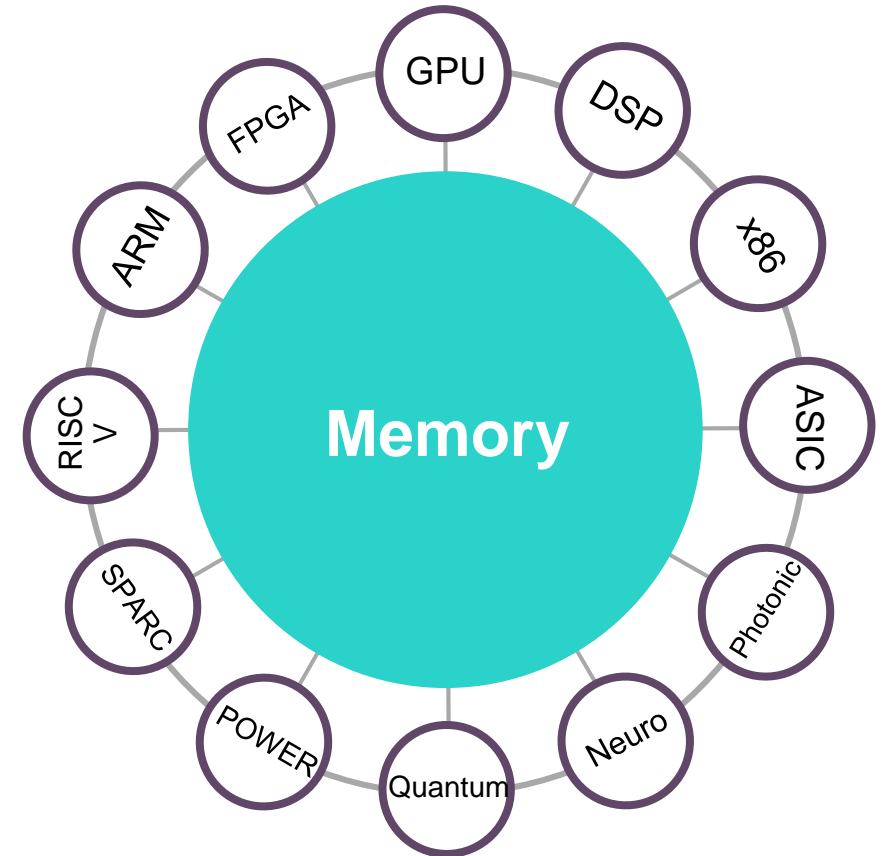




## Today's architecture From processor-centric computing



## Future architecture Memory-Driven Computing



# Core Memory-Driven Computing components

**Fast, persistent  
memory**

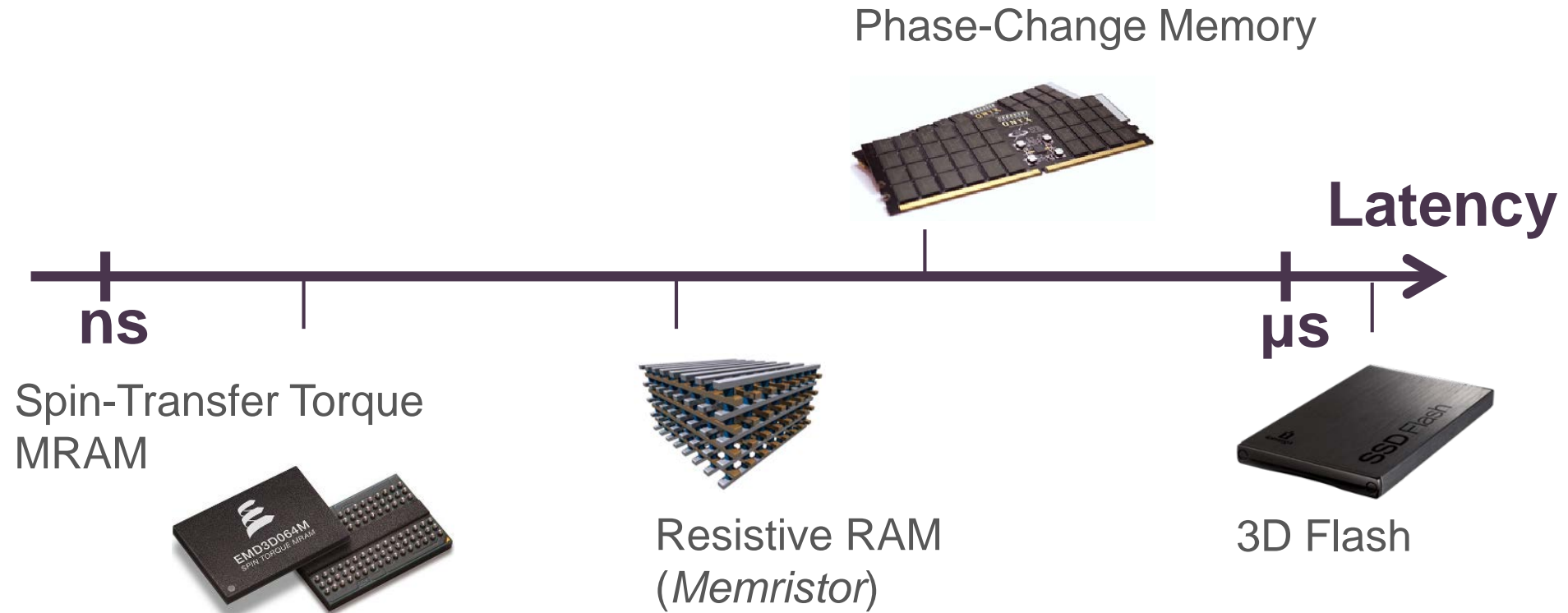
**Fast memory fabric**

**Task-specific  
processing**

**New software**



# Non-Volatile Memory (NVM)



- Persistently stores data
- Access latencies comparable to DRAM
- Byte addressable (load/store) rather than block addressable (read/write)
- More energy efficient and denser than DRAM

Haris Volos, et al. "Aerie: Flexible File-System Interfaces to Storage-Class Memory," *Proc. EuroSys 2014*.

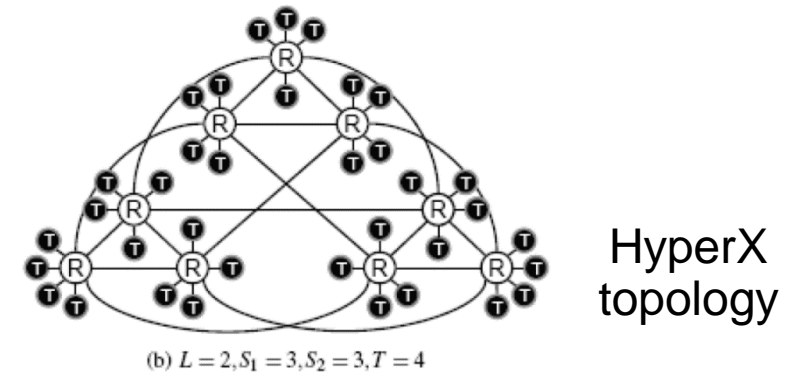
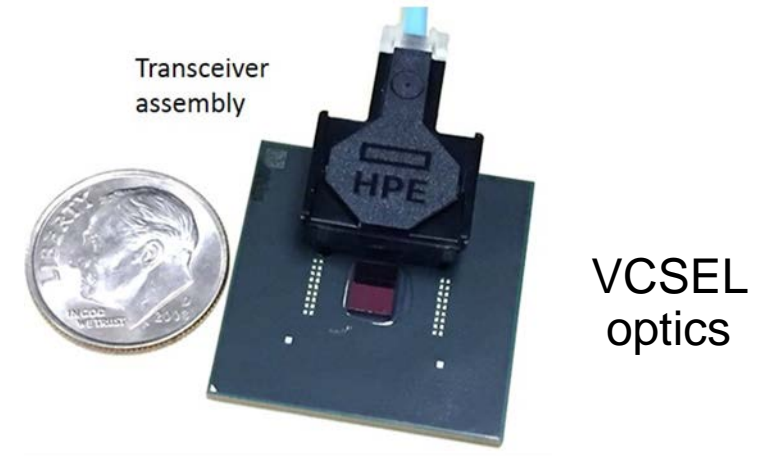
# Interconnect advances

## – Photonic interconnects

- Ex: Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Lasers (VCSELs)
- 4  $\lambda$  Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing (CWDM)
- 100Gbps/fiber; 1.2Tbps with 12 fibers
- Low power  $\sim < 5\text{pJ/bit}$  (target)
- Low cost  $\ll \$1/\text{Gbps}$

## – High-radix switches enable low-diameter network topologies

- Pooled NVM will appear at near-uniform low latency



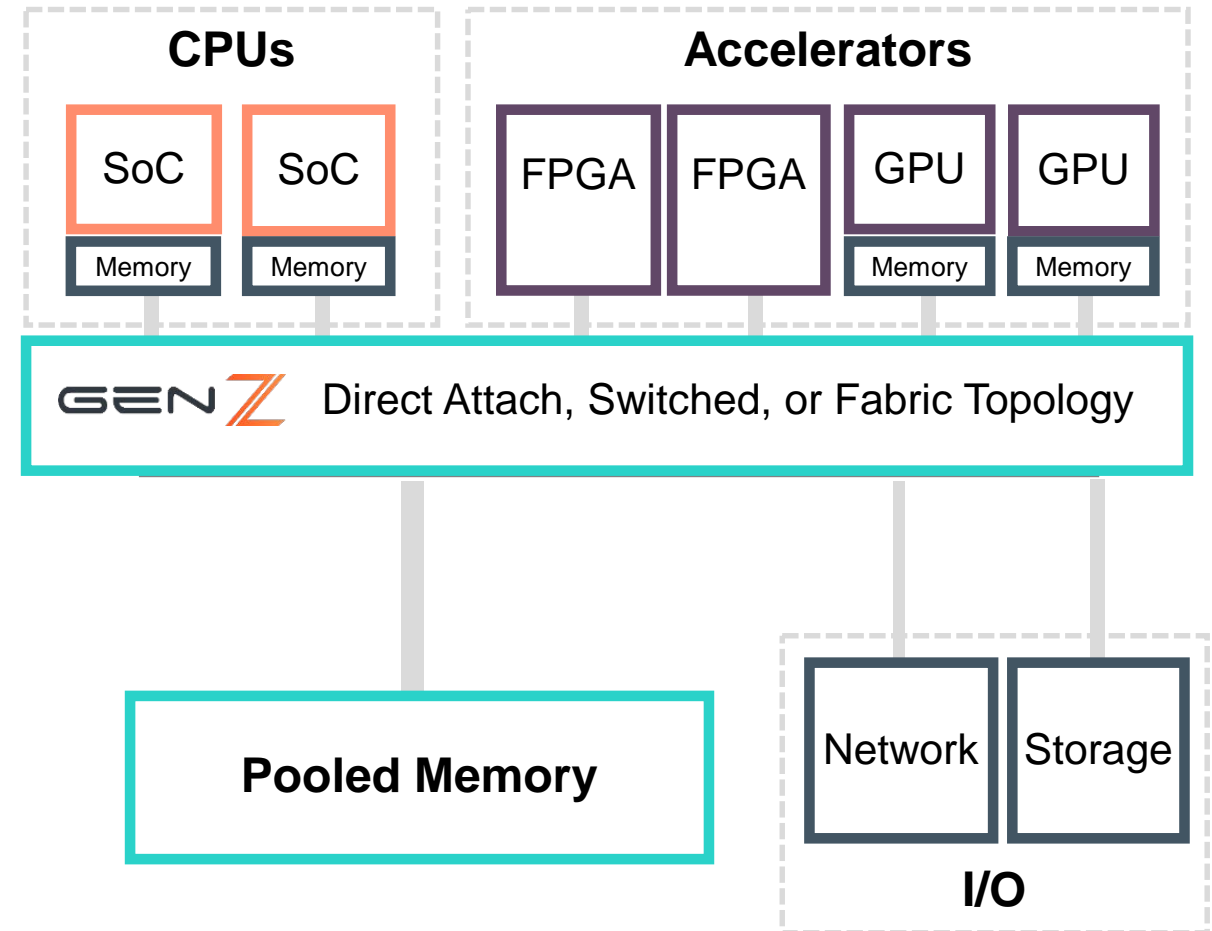
Source: J. H. Ahn, et al., "HyperX: topology, routing, and packaging of efficient large-scale networks," *Proc. SC*, 2009.

# Gen-Z: open systems interconnect standard



<http://www.genzconsortium.org>

- Open standard for memory-semantic interconnect
- Members: ~50 companies covering SoC, memory, I/O, networking, mechanical, system software, etc.
- Motivation
  - Emergence of low-latency storage class memory
  - Demand for large capacity, rack-scale resource pools and multi-node architectures
- Memory semantics
  - All communication as memory operations (load/store, put/get, atomics)
- High performance
  - Tens to hundreds GB/s bandwidth
  - Sub-microsecond load-to-use memory latency
- *Spec available for public download*



# Open Consortium With Broad Industry Support (48)



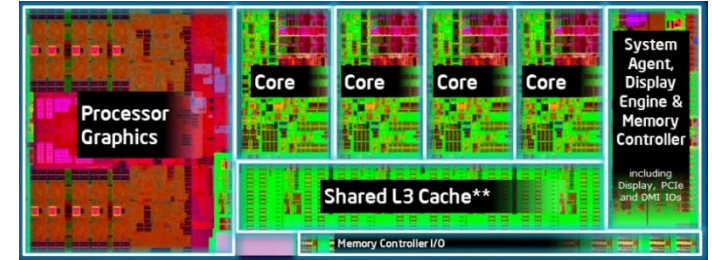
## GEN Z Consortium Members

- Alpha Data
- AMD
- Amphenol
- ARM
- Avery Design Systems
- Broadcom
- Cadence
- Cavium
- Cray
- Dell EMC
- Everspin
- FIT
- Hirose
- HP Enterprise
- Huawei
- IBM
- IDT
- IntelliProp
- Jabil
- Jess Link
- Keysight
- Lenovo
- Lotes
- Luxshare-ICT
- Mellanox
- Mentor Graphics
- Micron
- Microsemi
- Mobiveil
- Molex
- NetApp
- Nokia
- Numascale
- PLDA Group
- Qualcomm
- Red Hat
- Samsung
- Seagate
- Senko Advanced Comp
- SK hynix
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- Toshiba Memory Corp
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- Western Digital
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# Heterogeneous compute

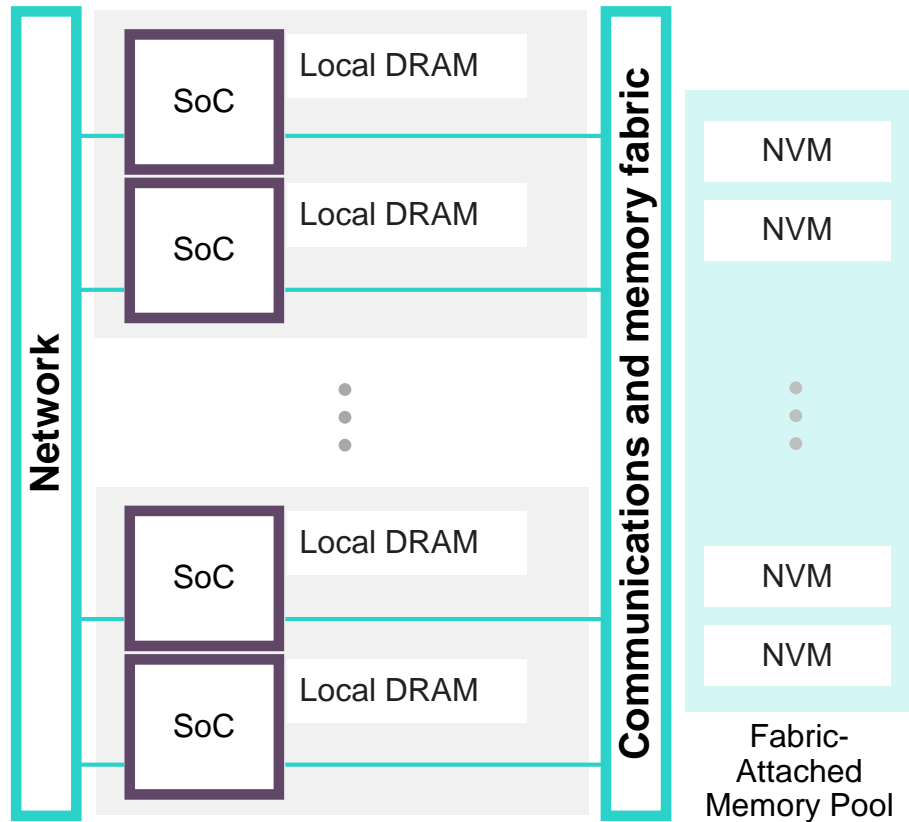
- Dark silicon effects
  - Microprocessor designs are limited by power, not area
  - Solution: combination of function blocks that are selectively activated
- Task-specific accelerators augment CPU compute
  - Examples: GPUs, FPGAs, ASICs
  - Enables higher energy efficiency



HPE Edgeline  
ProLiant m710x

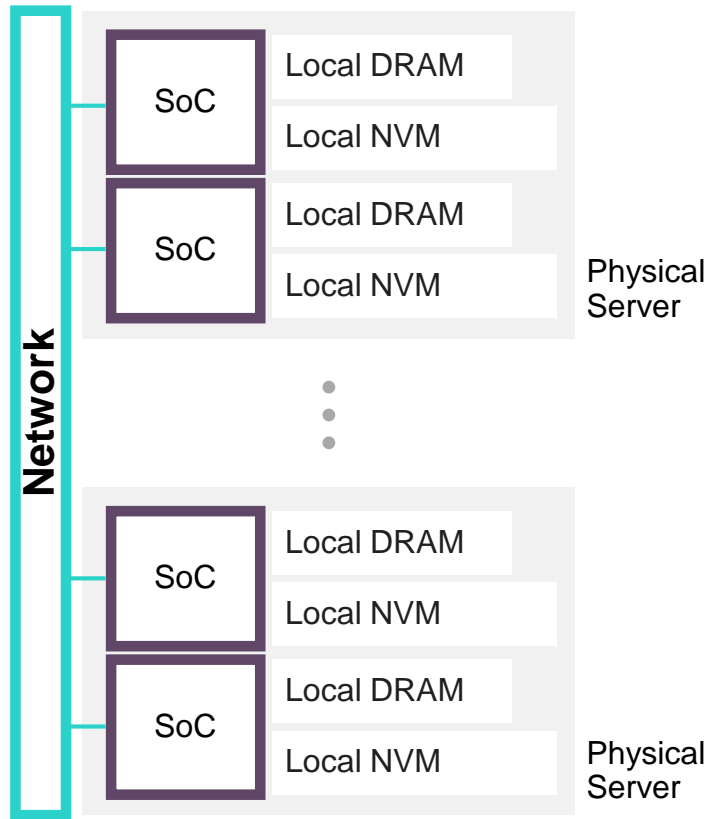


# Putting it all together: Memory-Driven Computing

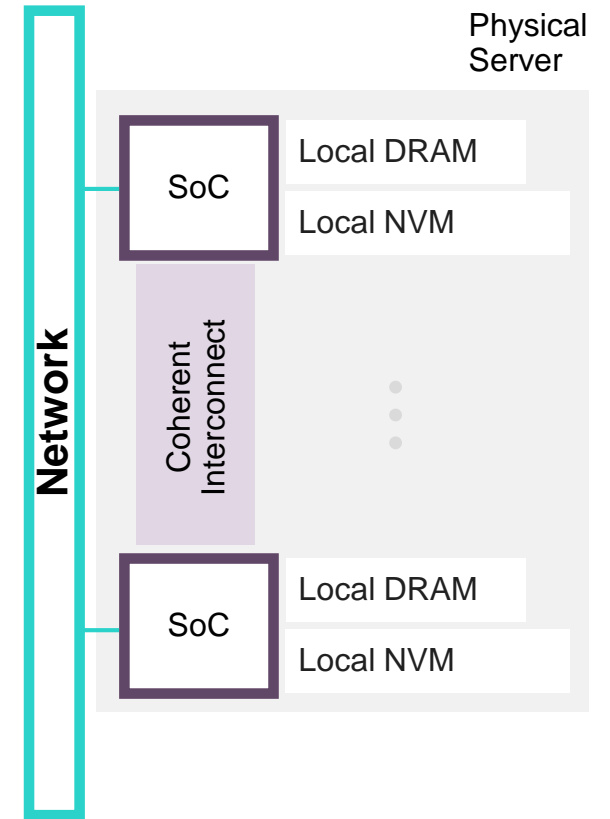


- **Converging memory and storage**
  - Byte-addressable NVM replaces hard drives and SSDs
- **Resource disaggregation leads to high capacity shared memory pool**
  - Fabric-attached memory pool is accessible by all compute resources
  - Low diameter networks provide near-uniform low latency
- **Distributed heterogeneous compute resources**
- **Local volatile memory provides lower latency, high performance tier**
- **Software**
  - Memory-speed persistence
  - Direct, unmediated access to all fabric-attached NVM across the memory fabric
  - Non-coherent accesses between compute nodes

# Memory-Driven Computing in context

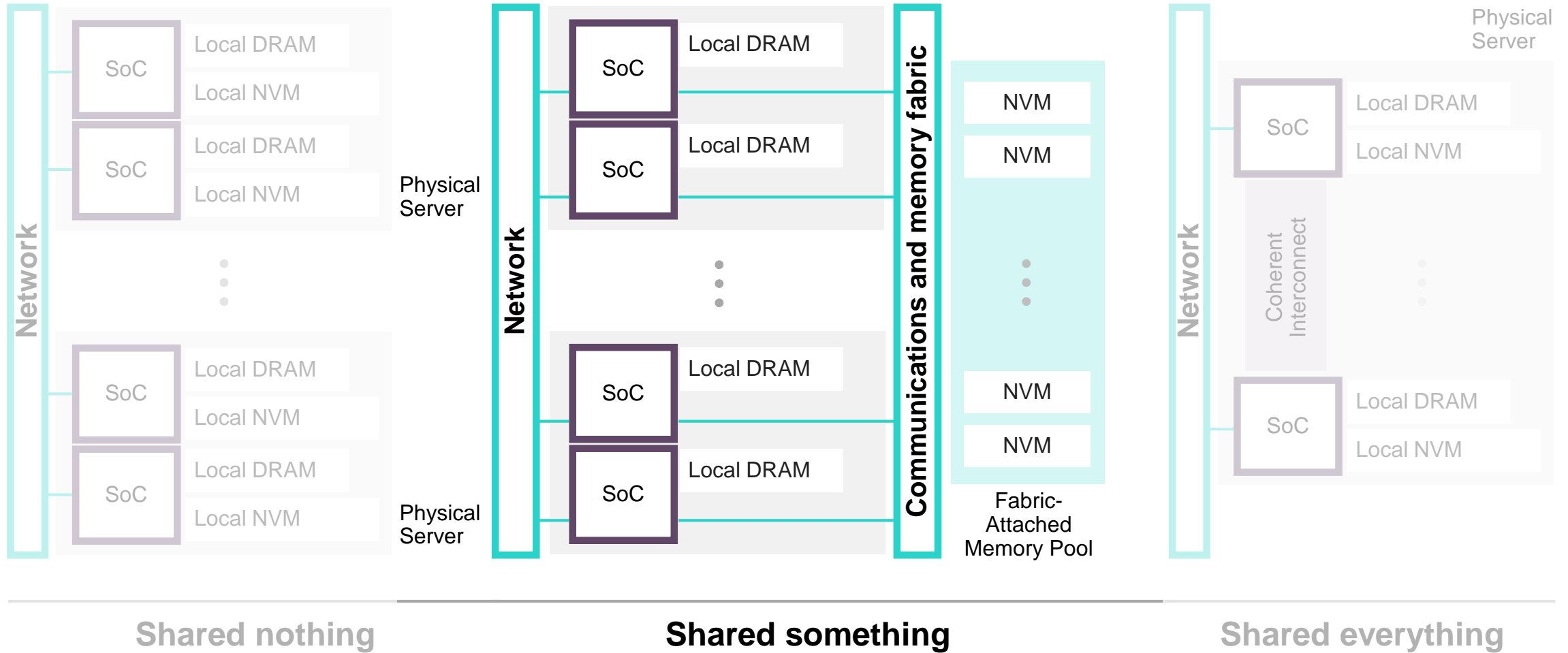


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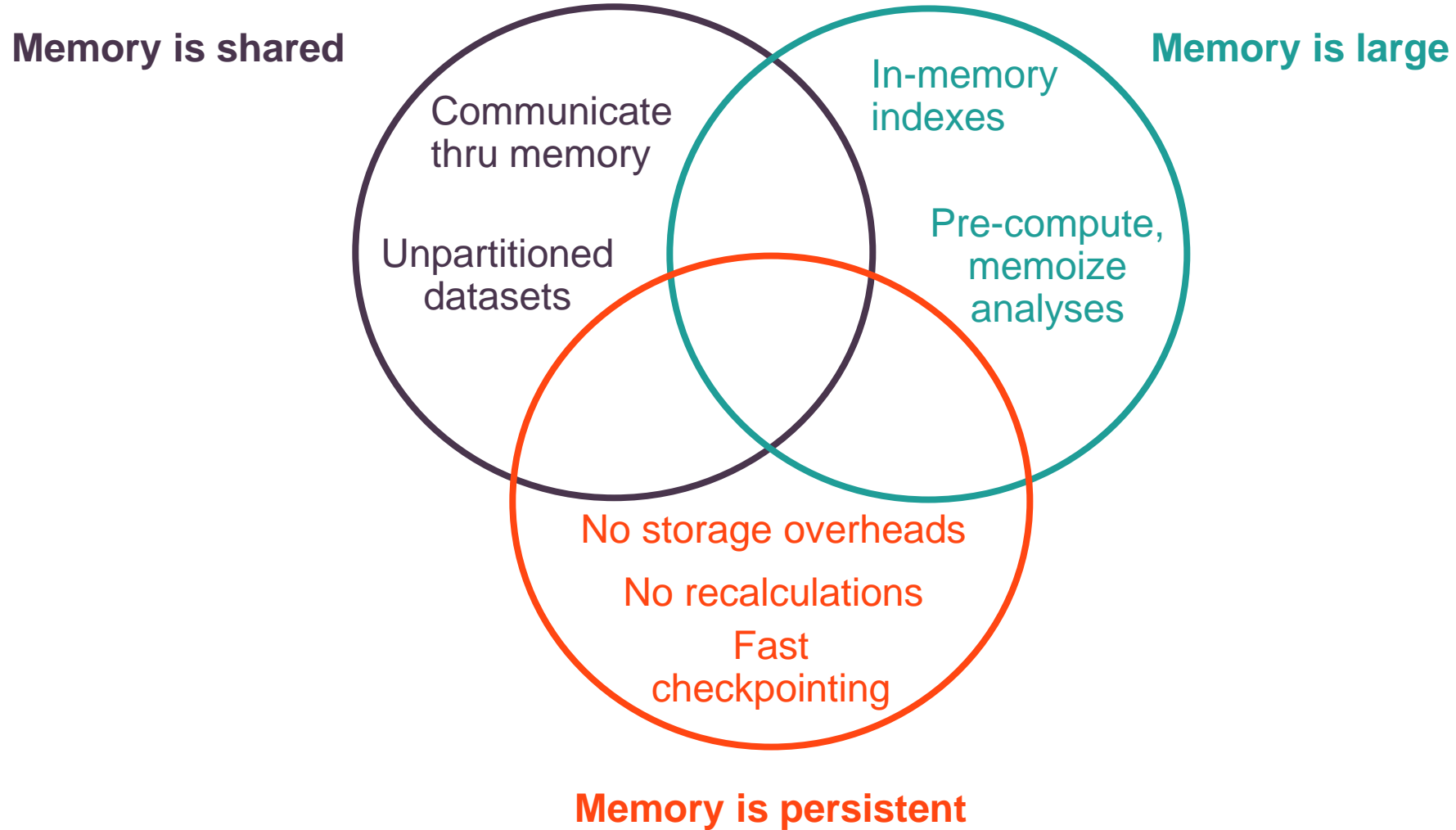
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# Memory-Driven Computing in context





# Memory-Driven Computing benefits applications



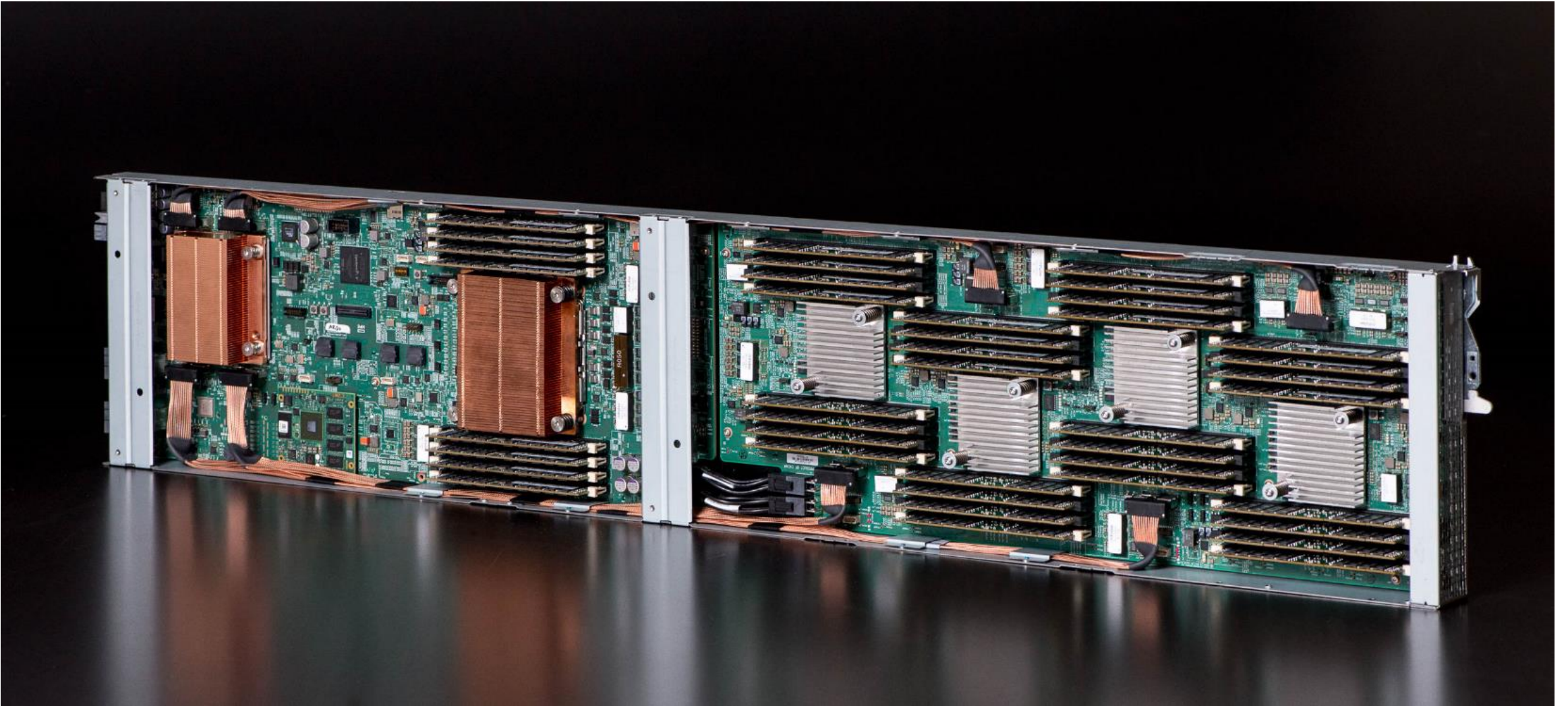
# HPE introduced the world's largest single-memory computer

The prototype contains 160 terabytes of memory

- 160 TB of shared memory spread across 40 physical nodes, interconnected using a high-performance fabric protocol.
- An optimized Linux-based operating system running on ThunderX2, Cavium's flagship second generation dual socket capable ARMv8-A workload optimized System on a Chip.
- Photonics/Optical communication links, including the new X1 photonics module, are online and operational.
- Software programming tools designed to take advantage of abundant of persistent memory.

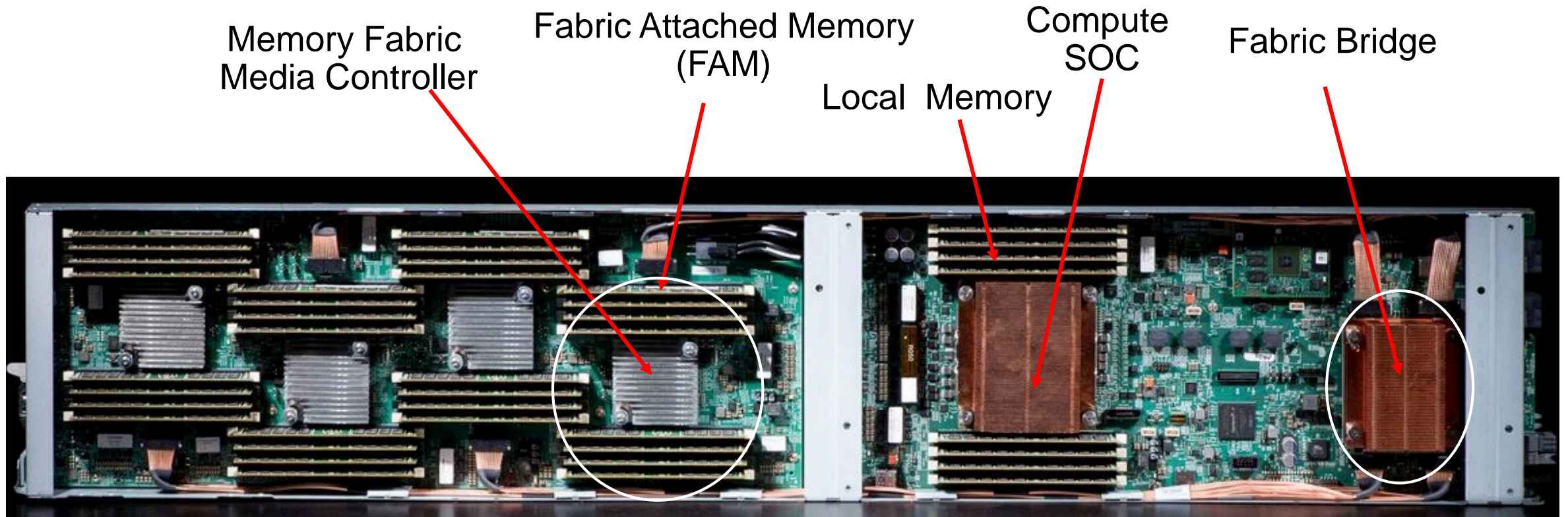


# The Machine program: Memory fabric testbed



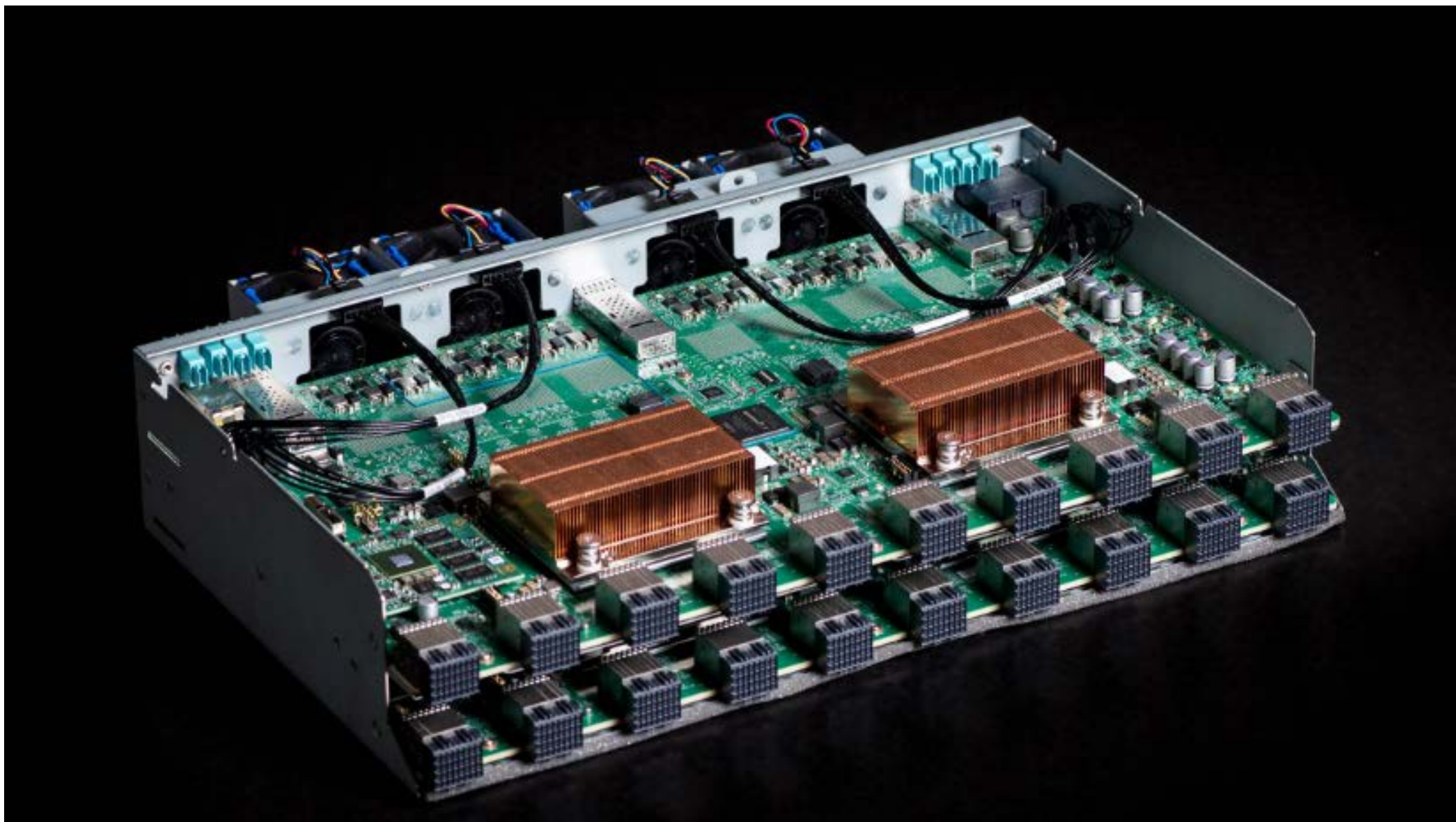


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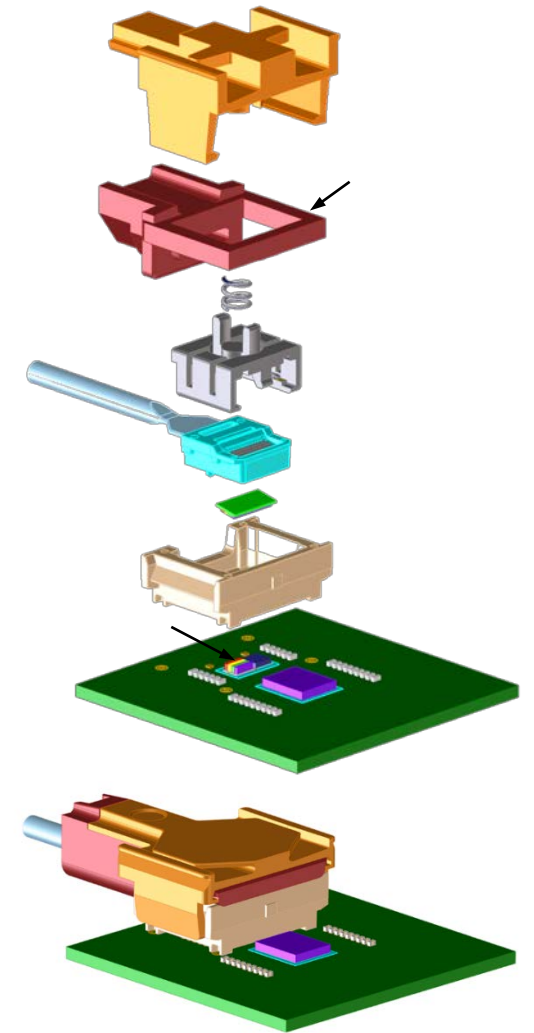




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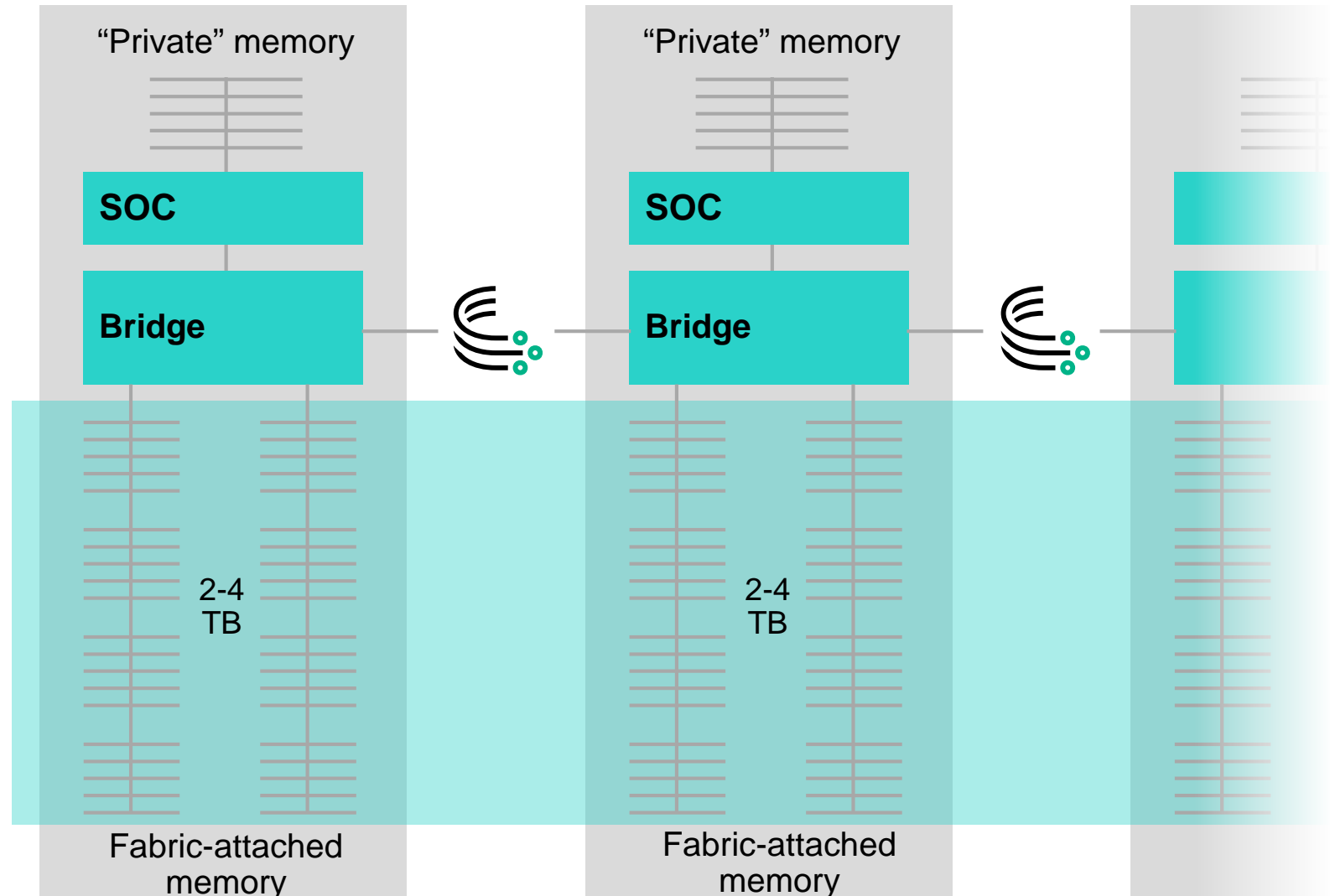


# HPE's X1: Fully integrated photonics interconnect chip module



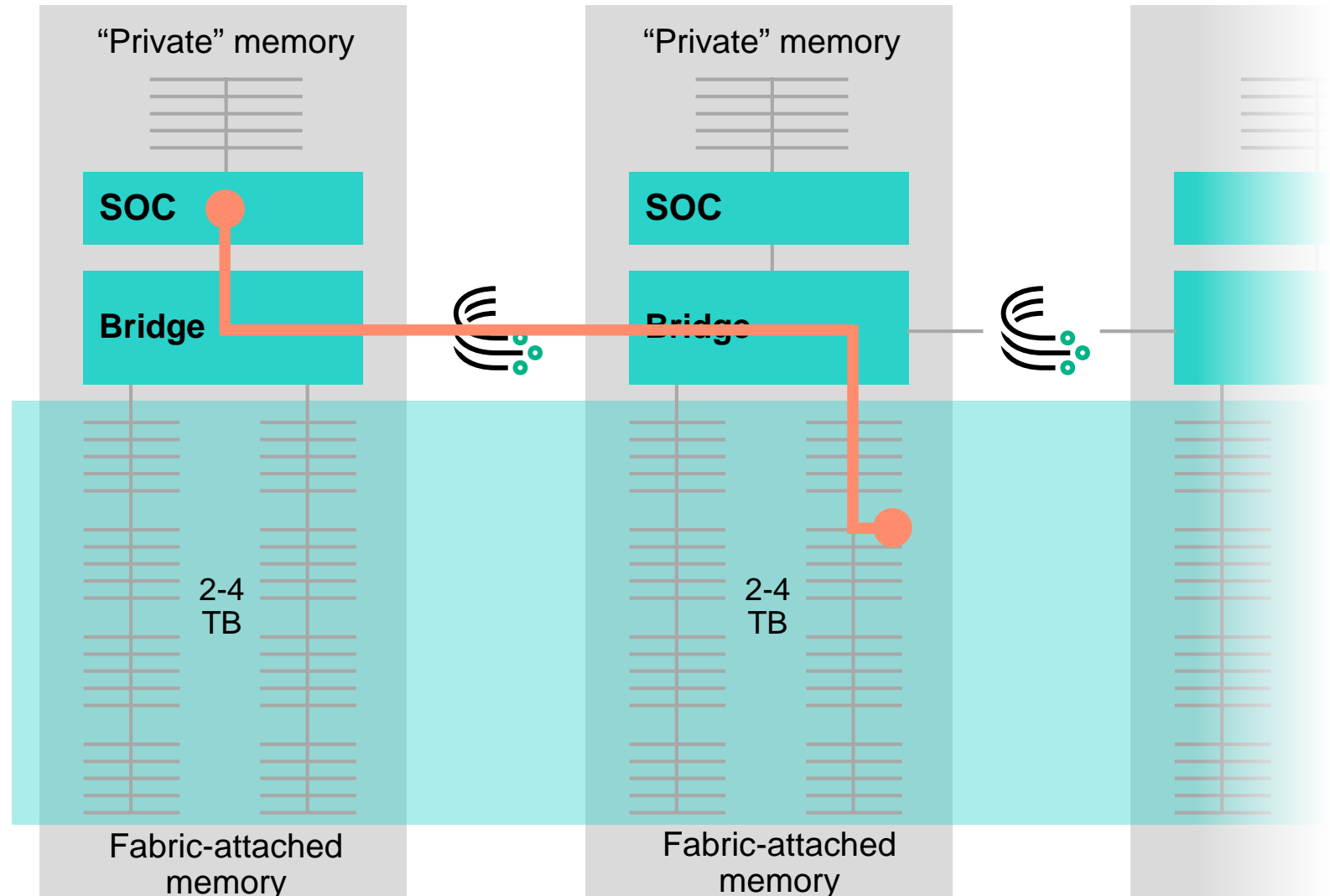
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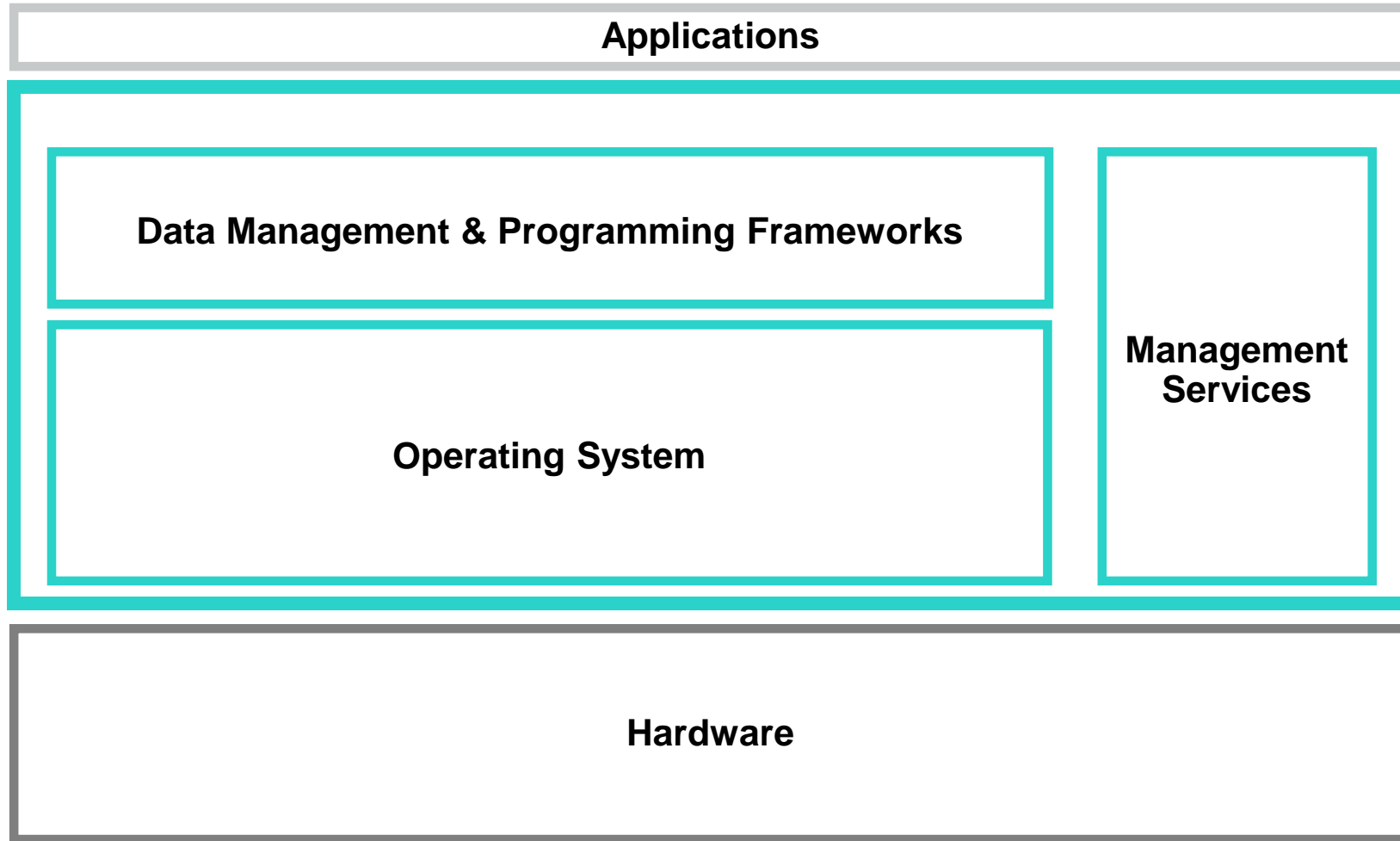
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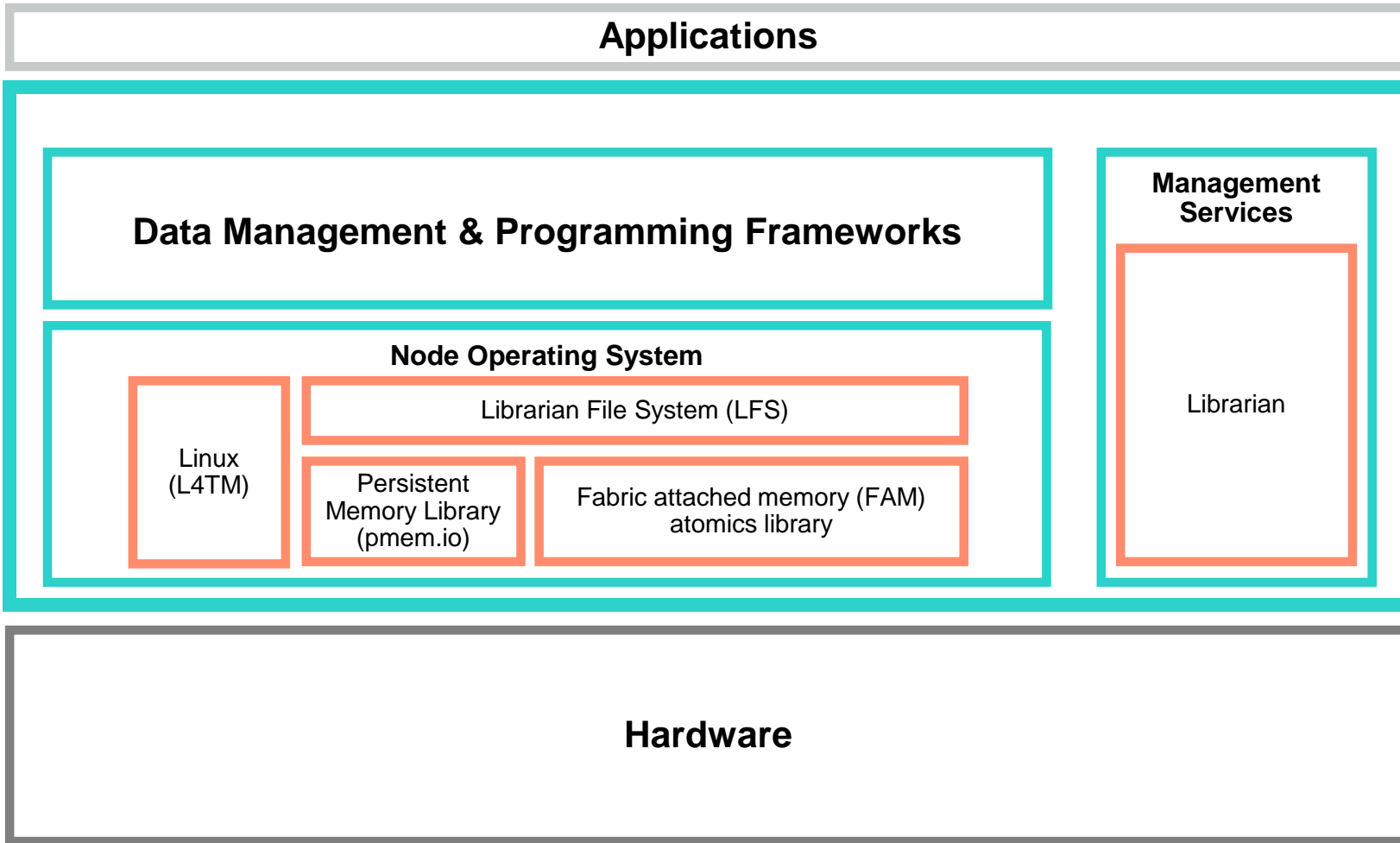




# Opportunities to rethink the whole software stack



# Linux for The Machine

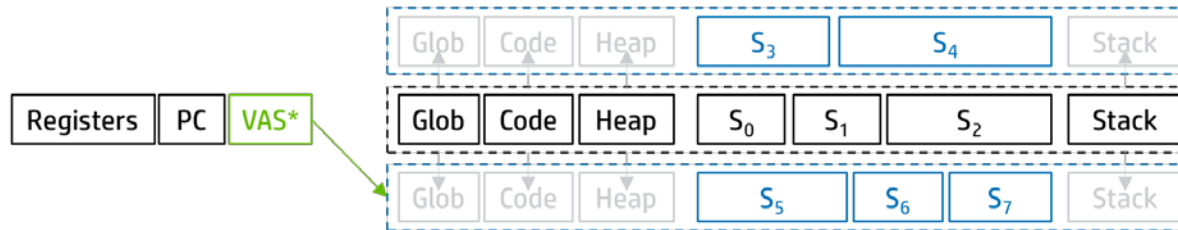


- L4TM: Linux modifications to support fabric-attached persistent memory
- FAM atomics primitives to handle sharing across nodes
- Pmem.io modifications to support non-coherent access
- LFS exposes fabric-attached memory as mmap'd shared FS
- Librarian for cross-node fabric memory allocation

# SpaceJMP: Programming with Multiple Virtual Address Spaces

- Virtual address space as first-class citizen
- Process can have multiple virtual address spaces

**New Process Abstraction:** {PC, registers, **VAS\***, {VAS}}



- Efficient safe programming and sharing for **huge** memories
- Data sharing and communication between processes
- Versioning and checkpointing
- Co-design between OS, programming languages, compilers, and runtimes
- Prototype implementations in BSD, Linux, and Barrelfish

I. El Hajj, et al. "SpaceJMP: Programming with Multiple Virtual Address Spaces," *Proc. Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)*, 2016.

# Managed Data Structures (MDS)

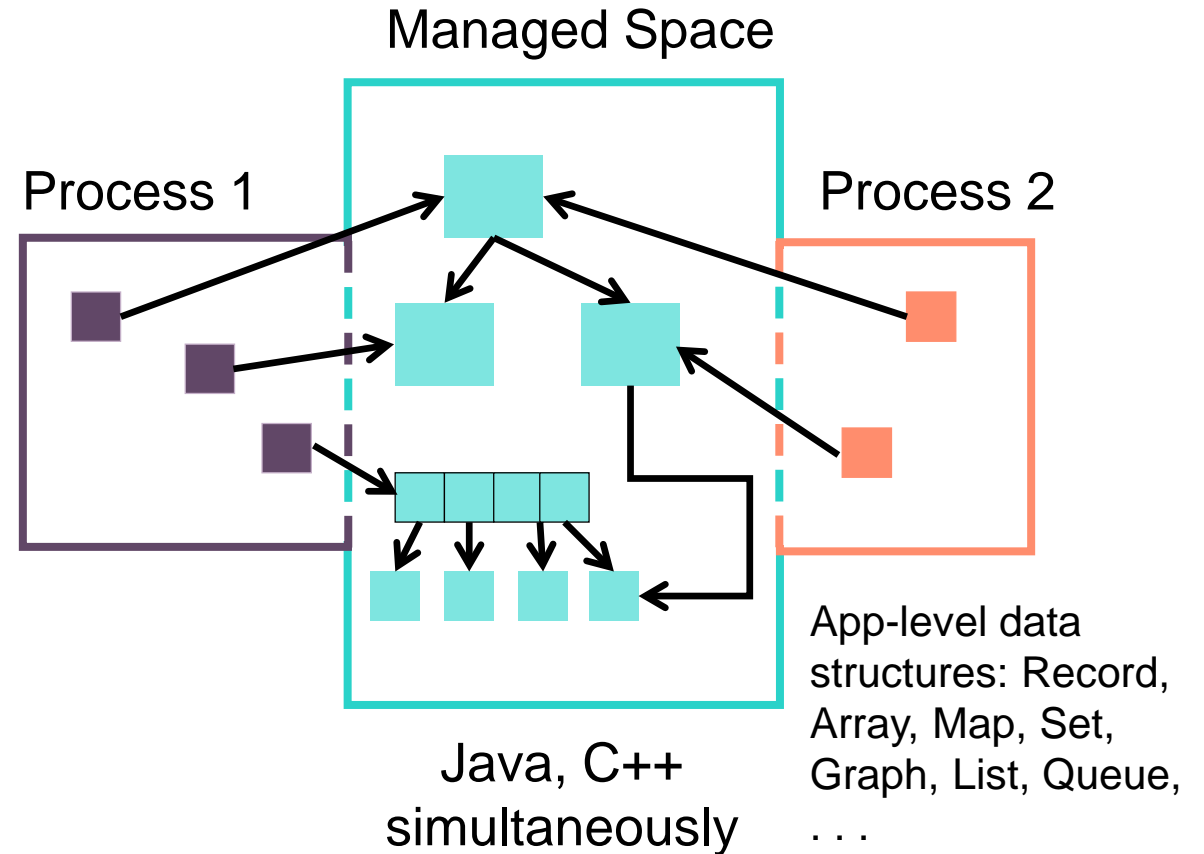
Simplify programming on persistent in-memory data

## – Ease of Programming

- Programmer manages only application-level data structures
  - MDS data structures are automatically persisted in NVM
- APIs in multiple programming languages: Java, C++
  - Programmer access through references to data
  - Direct reads and writes

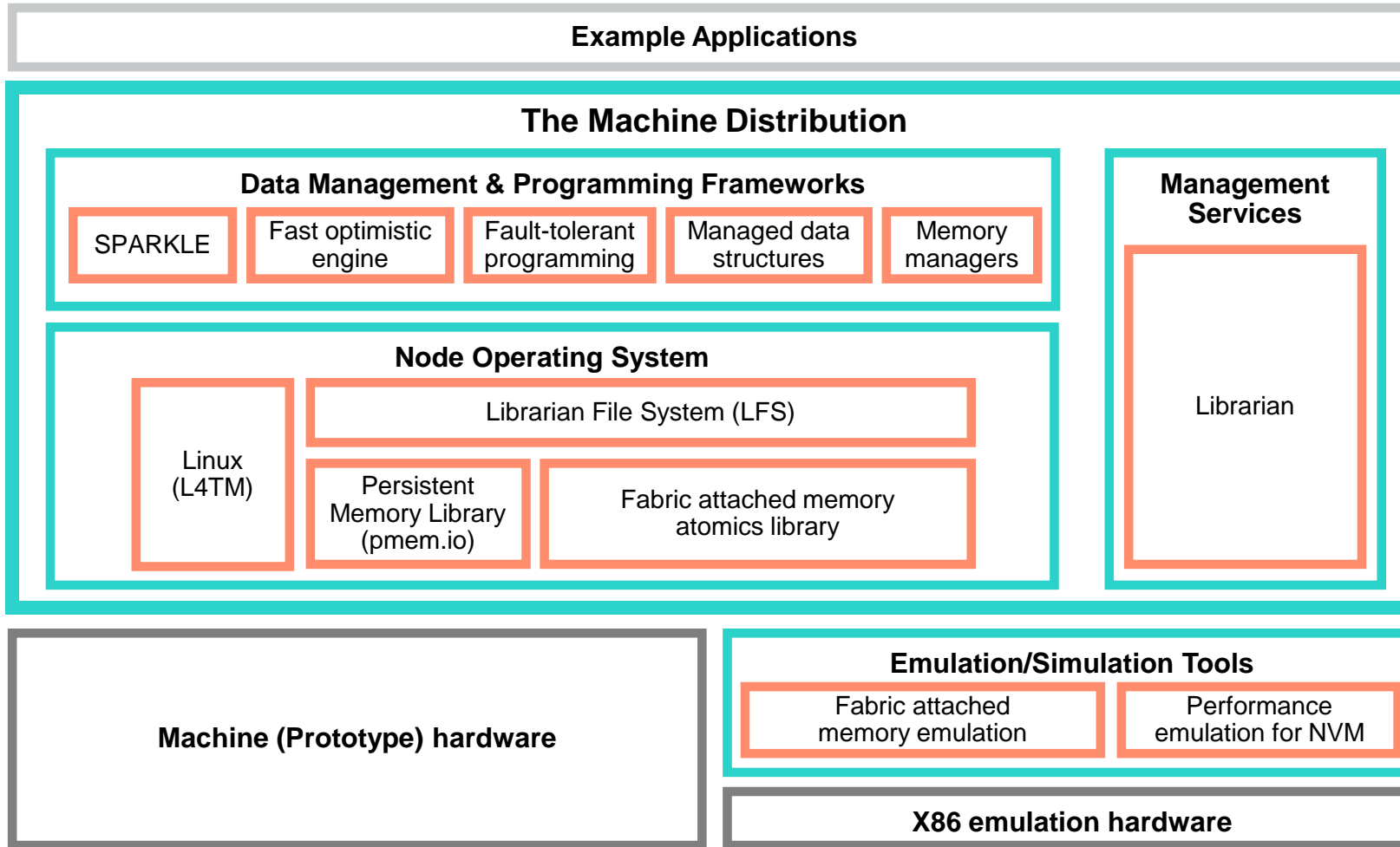
## – Ease of Data Sharing

- Just pass a reference
  - Each program treats the data as if it was local to the program
- High-level concurrency controls
  - Ensure consistent data in the face of data sharing by multiple threads/processes



# The Machine Distribution

## Software stack for Memory-Driven Computing



Programming and analytics tools

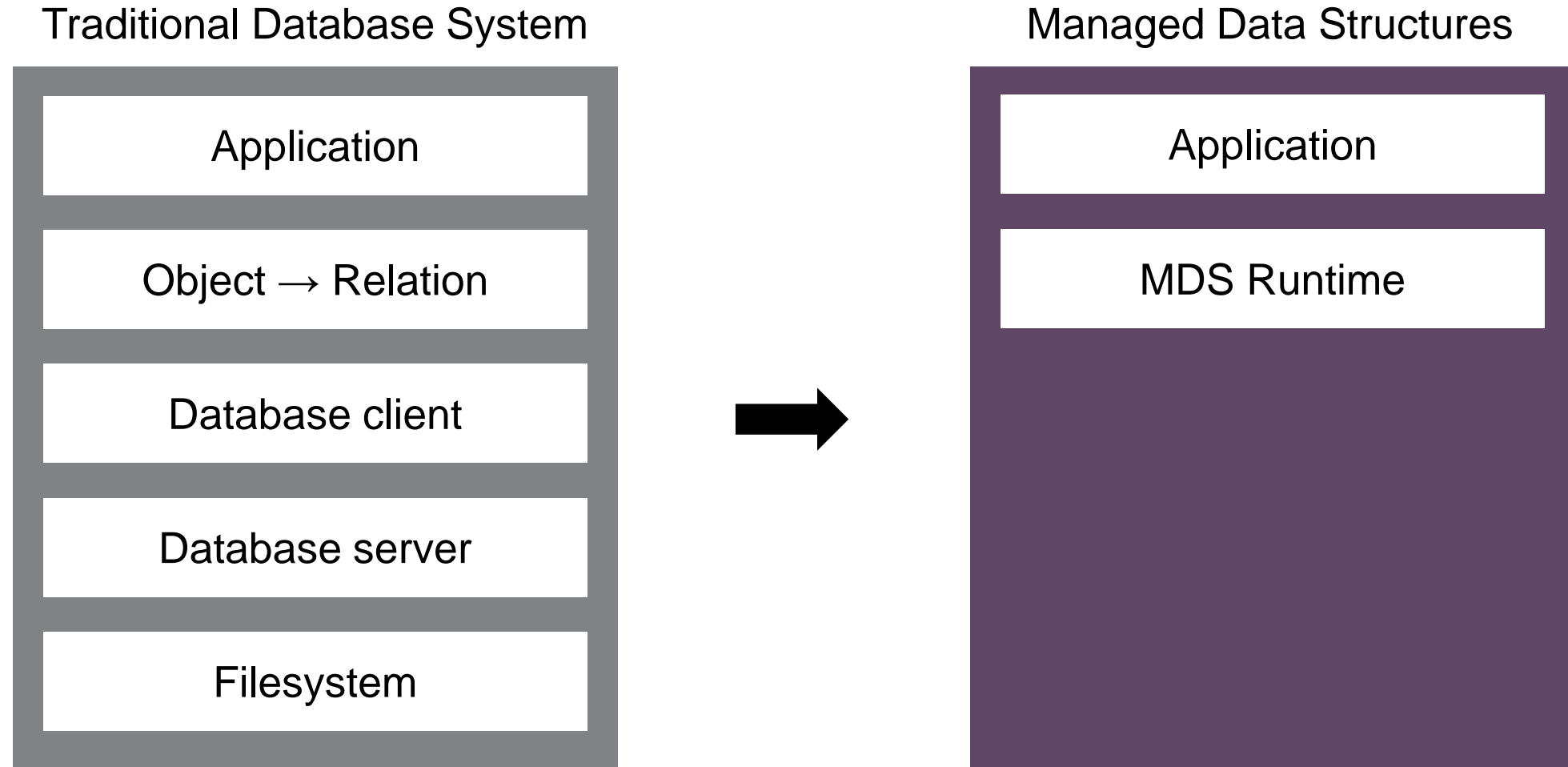
Operating system support

Emulation/simulation tools

 Open sourced components



# Fewer software layers



Open source code at <https://github.com/HewlettPackard/mds>

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# Memory-Driven Computing – Driving innovation to product

Scale	<div> MDC testbed Rack scale MDC development continues Exascale computing research Commercial petascale systems Prototype exascale systems MDC Edge computing </div>			
Phases	Realized	Just Realized (2017)	Near to Longer Term (2018-2019)	Future State (2020)
Non-volatile memory	<b>DRAM-based persistent memory technology launched</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant performance gains with today's apps</li> </ul>	<b>Extended DRAM-based persistence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build on performance gains</li> </ul>	<b>True non-volatile memory</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enabling high-performance data-intensive analytics</li> </ul>	<b>Non-volatile memory realized</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used across multiple product categories</li> </ul>
Fabric	<b>Demonstrated photonic interconnects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low-cost, high-performance</li> <li>Future-proofing for HPE Synergy</li> </ul>	<b>Select product integration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photonics enablement</li> <li>Data Fabric for software-defined storage across any system</li> </ul>	<b>Extending photonics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storage fabrics</li> <li>Fabric-attached memory</li> </ul>	<b>Photonics for short and long-distance applications realized</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gen-Z fabric from Edge to data center</li> </ul>
Ecosystem enablement	<b>Building community for Memory-Driven Compute</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joined Gen-Z consortium</li> <li>Demonstrated improved performance using MDC software</li> </ul>	<b>Large-scale MDC proof points</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impressive performance gains using Memory-Driven software</li> </ul> <b>MDC dev toolkit in open source</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building developer community</li> </ul>	<b>Next-gen analytics and applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MDC Ecosystem Thriving in Open Source</li> </ul>	<b>Memory-Driven Computing ubiquitous</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gen-Z ecosystem established</li> </ul>
Security	<b>Secure fabrics and E2E integrity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gen-Z: security built-in, not bolted-on</li> <li>Memory fabric with data encrypted in flight and at rest demonstrated</li> </ul>	<b>Security, a first class requirement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systems with built-in security, data integrity, and resiliency</li> <li>Integrity assurance, custom recovery, app integration</li> </ul>	<b>Secure containers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security and agility for rapid app development</li> </ul>	<b>Scalable security from Edge to Core</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-protecting data</li> </ul>



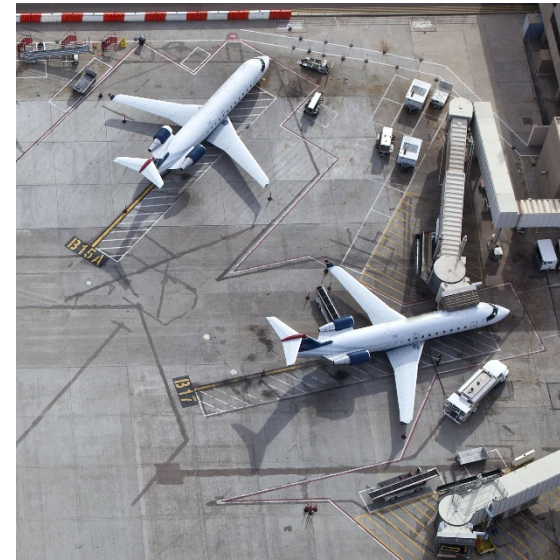
# How Memory-Driven Computing benefits applications

# Transform performance with Memory-Driven programming

Modify existing  
frameworks

New algorithms

Completely rethink



In-memory analytics

Similarity search

Large-scale  
graph inference

Financial models

**15x**  
faster

**40x**  
faster

**100x**  
faster

**10,000x**  
faster





# How Memory-Driven Computing influences HPE business and customers

# U.S Department of Energy works with HPE to design a Memory-Driven SuperComputer

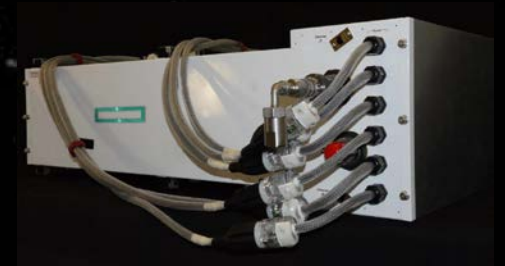
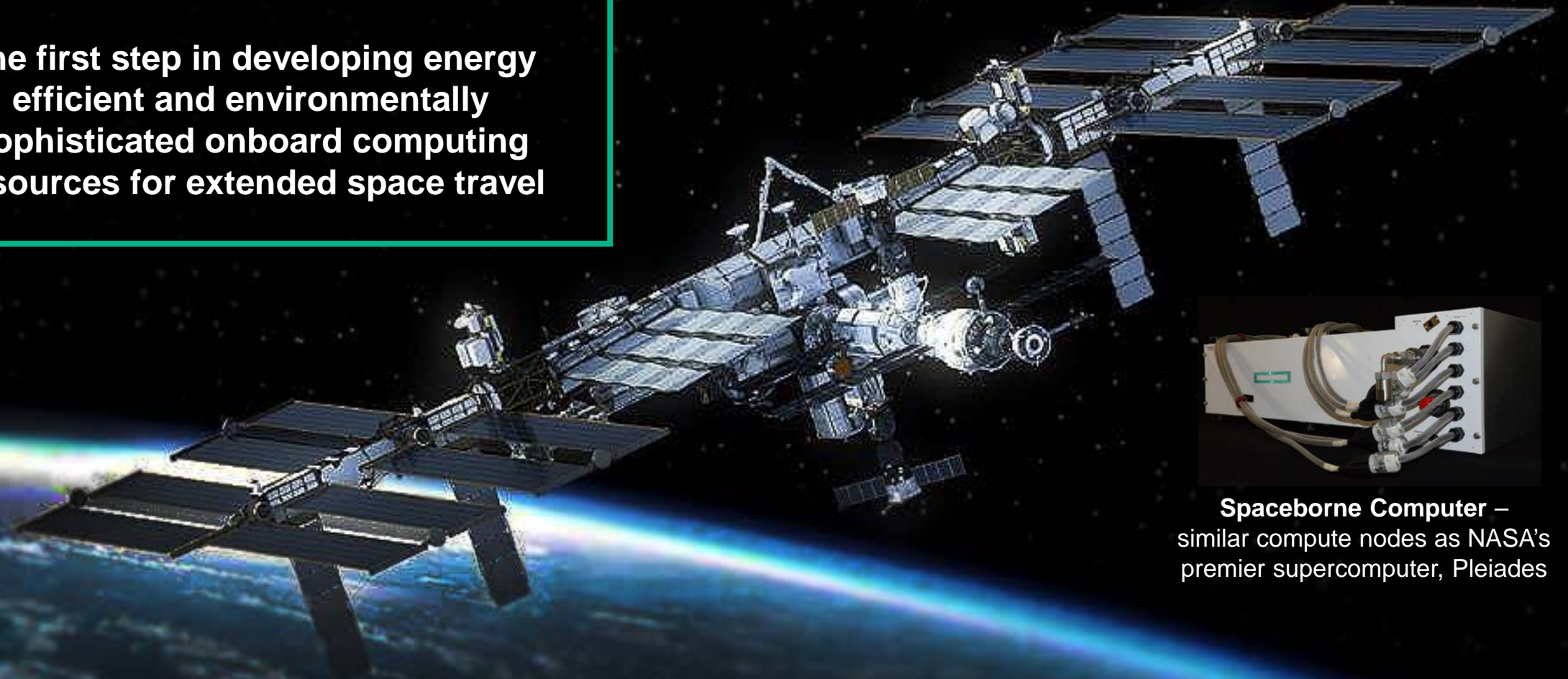
- Develop a reference design for an exascale supercomputer that will enable a broad set of modeling and simulation applications unachievable today
- Accelerating breakthroughs in science, medicine, technology, engineering and many other fields.
- Scientific applications would impact nearly every corner of research, from the physics of star explosions to precision medicine for cancer.

*“We see this DOE grant as a vote of confidence in the ability of HPE and Hewlett Packard Labs to help overcome daunting technology challenges that are impeding everyone’s progress toward exascale computing,” - Steve Conway, IDC research vice president of high performance computing*



# HPE Spaceborne Supercomputer to accelerate mission to Mars

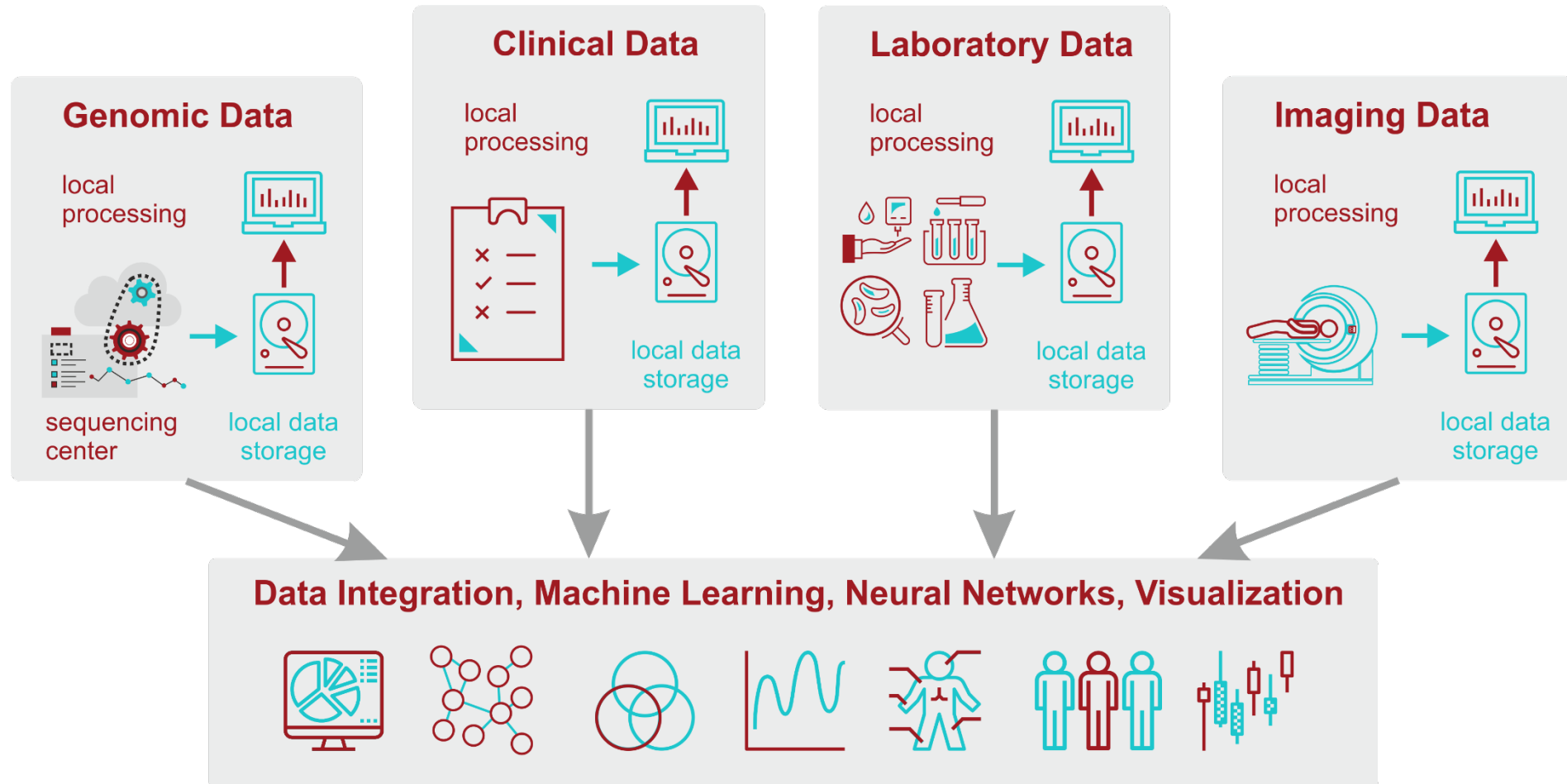
The first step in developing energy efficient and environmentally sophisticated onboard computing resources for extended space travel



**Spaceborne Computer** – similar compute nodes as NASA's premier supercomputer, Pleiades



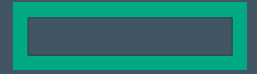
# What we envision for one DZNE site



Memory-Driven Computing will help us to  
- integrate different medical data locally



# Memory-Driven Computing helps outpace the global time bomb of neurodegenerative disease



DZNE discovered HPE's Memory-Driven Computing — and saw unprecedented computational speed improvements that hold new promise in the race against Alzheimer's

60%

power reduction  
cuts research costs

101x

increase in analytics speed  
blasts research  
bottlenecks, leading to  
shorter processing time —  
from 22 minutes to **13** seconds

# HPE Superdome Flex

Turn critical data into real-time business insights

## Turn data into actionable insights in real time

- Unparalleled scale 4-32 sockets, 768GB-48TB+ memory
- Highly expandable for growth ultra fast fabric

## Keep pace with evolving business demands

- Unique modular 4-socket building block, 45% lower cost at 4s entry point
- Open management and hard partitioning for hybrid IT consumption

## Safeguard mission-critical workloads

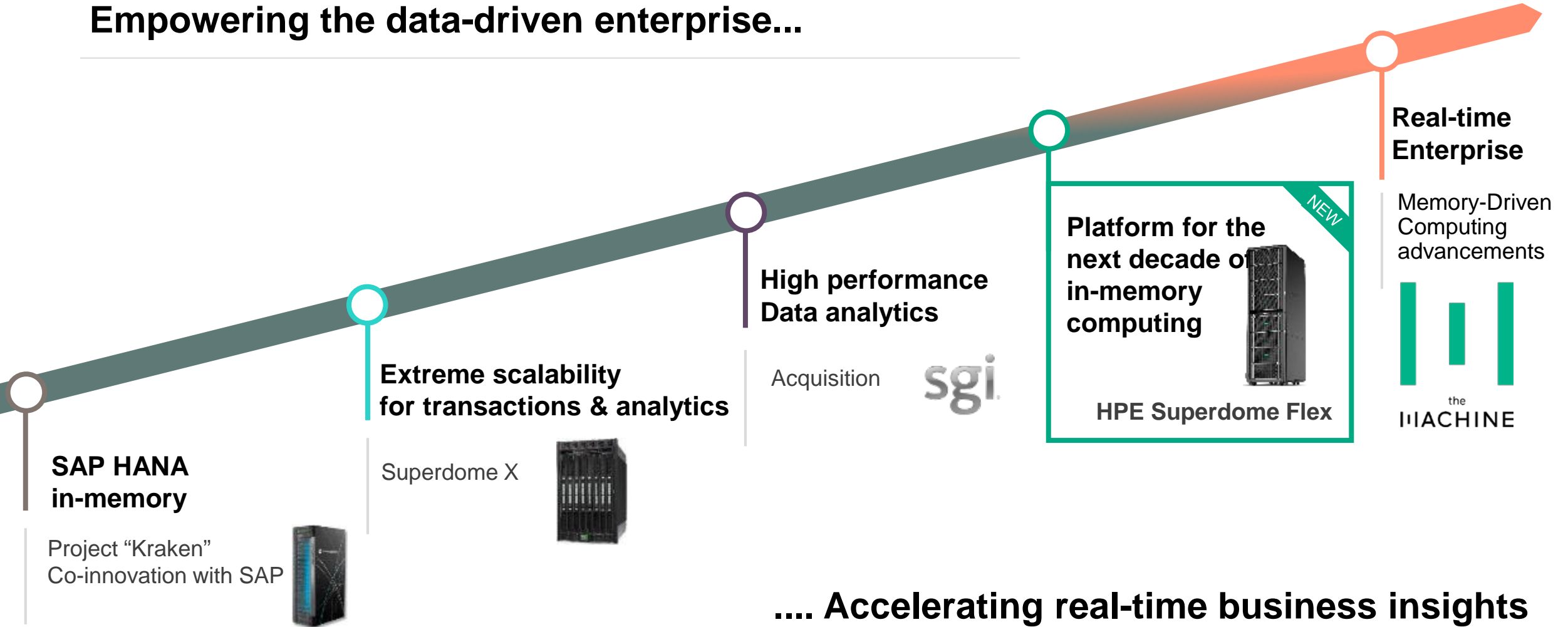
- Proven Superdome RAS with 99.999% single system availability
- Mission critical expertise with HPE Pointnext services



Designed with Memory-Driven Computing principles

# Advancing the real-time enterprise journey

Empowering the data-driven enterprise...



.... Accelerating real-time business insights

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# How to get started with Memory-Driven Computing

- To get the latest updates on The Machine project and Memory-Driven Computing, visit [www.hpe.com/themachine](http://www.hpe.com/themachine)
- Join The Machine User Group at <https://www.labs.hpe.com/the-machine/user-group>
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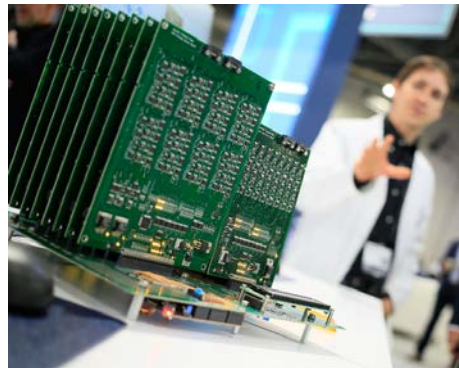
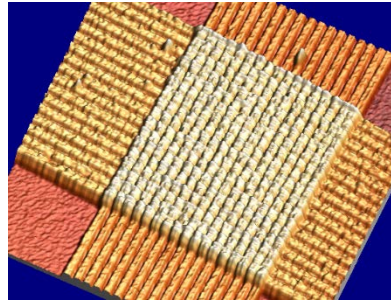
# Beyond Moore's Law

Further into the future: unconventional accelerators

## Neuromorphic computing:

Dedicated hardware for brainlike computing

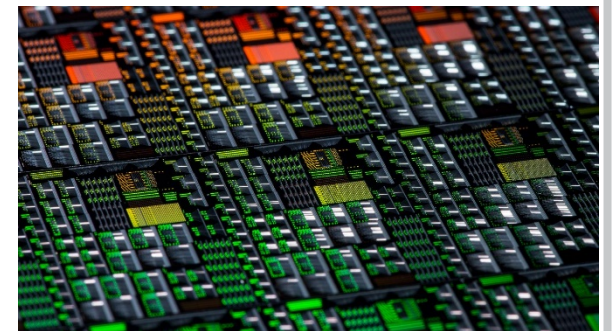
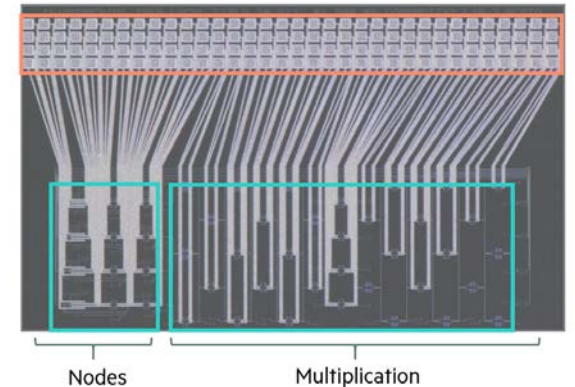
- Neuromorphic computing can **quickly handle tasks that take trained computers several hours**
- **Dot Product Engine** is our testbed using **vector-matrix multiplication** and studying which algorithms and applications benefit the most from using this speedup architecture



## Optical Computing:

Computing at the speed of light

- Pushing limits of photonic chip design
- Pushing complex computations through light to boost speed and save energy
- Typical circuits are <10 components. **We're integrating over 1,000 optical parts in a chip** – the largest photonic components working together to compute.





# Thank you!