

Polaris

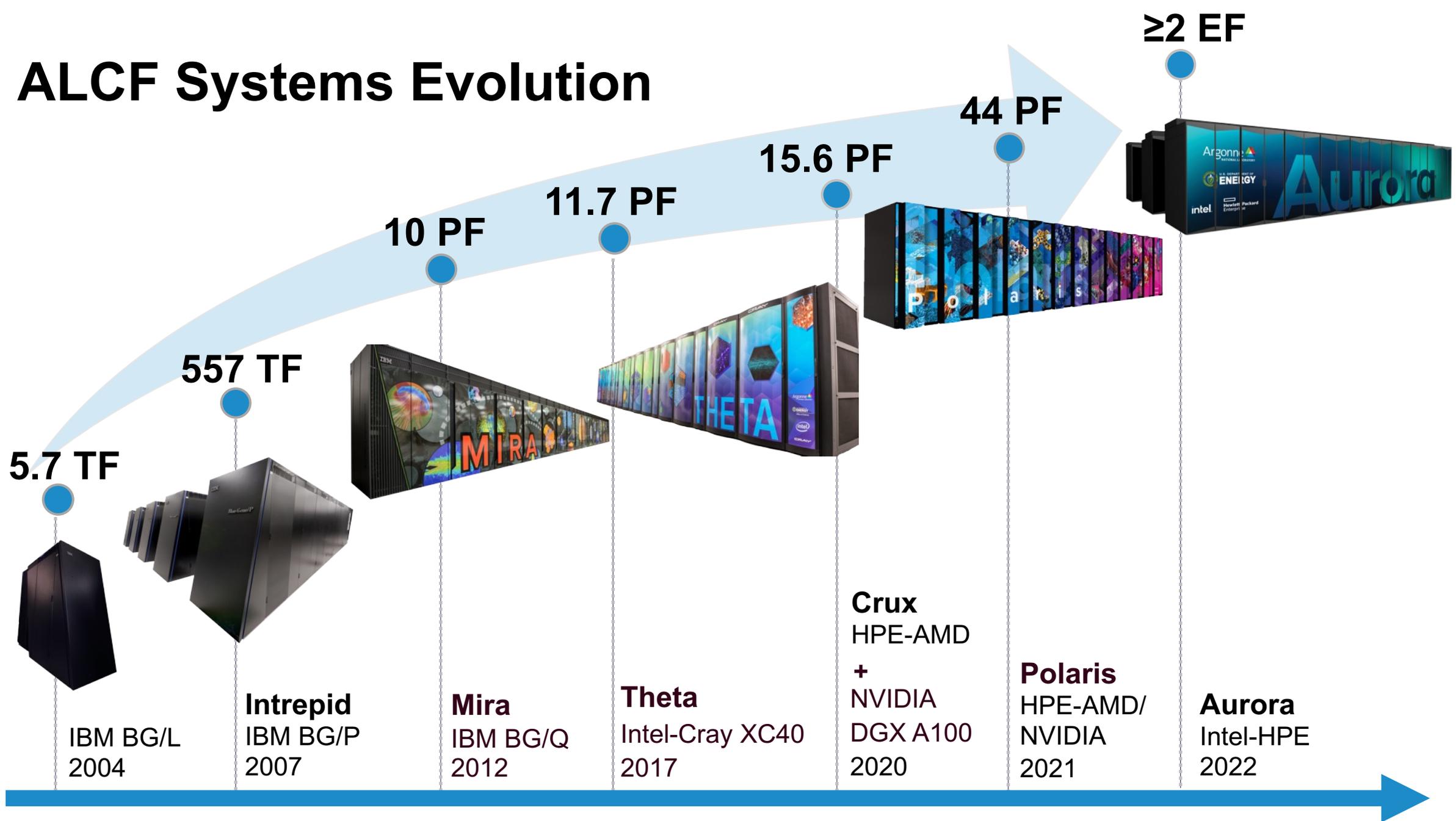
A Scalable Testbed Towards Aurora

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ALCF Systems Evolution





Aurora

Leadership Computing Facility
Exascale Supercomputer

PEAK PERFORMANCE

≥ 2 Exaflops DP

Intel GPU

Ponte Vecchio

Intel Xeon PROCESSOR

**Sapphire Rapids wt
HBM**

PLATFORM

HPE Cray-Ex

Compute Node

2 SPR+HBM processor;
6 PVC; Unified
Memory Architecture; 8 fabric
endpoints;

GPU Architecture

Xe arch-based "Ponte Vecchio"
GPU
Tile-based chipllets
HBM stack
Foveros 3D integration

System Interconnect

HPE Slingshot 11; Dragonfly
topology with adaptive routing

Network Switch

25.6 Tb/s per switch, from 64–200
Gb/s ports (25 GB/s per direction)

Node Performance

>130 TF

System Size

>9,000 nodes

Aggregate System Memory

>10 PB aggregate System Memory

High-Performance Storage

220 PB @ EC16+2, ≥ 25 TB/s DAOS

Programming Models

oneAPI, MPI, OpenMP, C/C++,
Fortran, SYCL/DPC++



Polaris

Polaris will provide a platform utilizing several of the Aurora technologies and similar architectures to provide ALCF staff and users a platform for early scaling and testing purposes.

PEAK PERFORMANCE

44 Petaflop DP

NVIDIA GPU

A100

AMD EPYC PROCESSOR

Rome*

PLATFORM

HPE Apollo Gen10+

Compute Node

1 AMD EPYC 7532* processor;
4 NVIDIA A100 GPUs; Unified
Memory Architecture; 2 fabric
endpoints; 2 NVMe SSDs

GPU Architecture

NVIDIA A100 GPU; HBM stack

Processor Interconnects

CPU-GPU: PCIe
GPU-GPU: NVLink

System Interconnect

HPE Slingshot 10*; Dragonfly
topology with adaptive routing

Network Switch

25.6 Tb/s per switch, from 64–200
Gb/s ports (25 GB/s per direction)

Programming Models

CUDA, MPI, OpenMP, C/C++,
Fortran, DPC++

Node Performance

78 TF

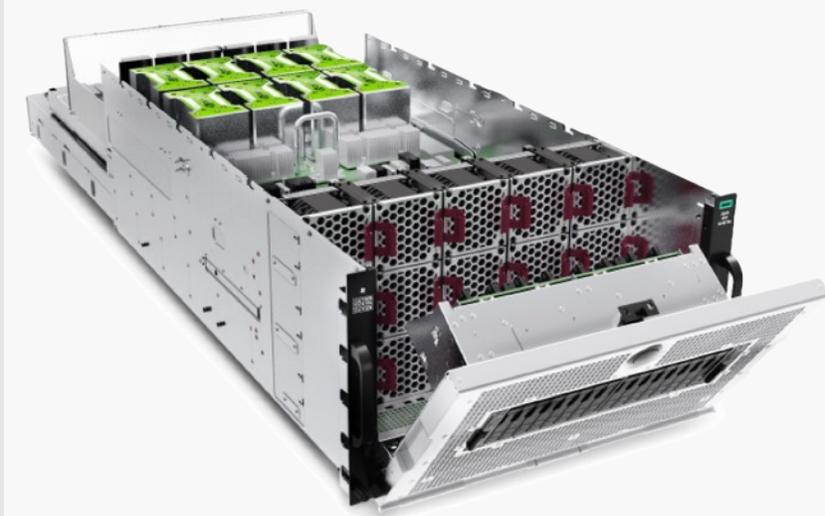
Aggregate Memory

368 TB

System Size

560 nodes, 1.78 MW

*Initial technology to be upgraded later



Storage

Polaris will be connected to existing ALCF storage resources

- Grand – Global/Center-wide file system providing main project storage
 - 100 PB @ 650 GB/s
 - Accessed via Lustre LNET routers using Polaris gateway nodes
- Eagle – Community file system providing project storage that can be shared externally via Globus sharing
 - 100 PB @ 650 GB/s
 - Accessed via Lustre LNET routers using Polaris gateway nodes
- Home – shared home file system for convenience not for performance or bulk storage

Preparing Users for Exascale

Early Science Program (ESP)

- ALCF conducts ESP to ensure the facility's next-generation systems are ready for science on day one
- Provides research teams with critical pre-production computing time and resources
 - prepares applications for the architecture and scale of a new supercomputer
 - solidifies libraries and infrastructure for other
 - production applications to run on the system



Bridging ESP Projects to Aurora

- To be ready for Early Science runs, projects must
 - Demonstrate INCITE level computational readiness (**scaling**, use GPUs, ready proposed problem in short order)
 - **Complete model validations, preliminary studies, parameter-setting exercises**
 - **Finish integrating complex workflows for Data and Learning projects with realistic data**
- Portability of applications, components, and workflows to Polaris

Simulation components

- OpenMP 4.5+
- Kokkos
- SYCL
- PETSc, math libraries
- *Many apps have explicit NVIDIA implementations*

Data components

- Spark
- HDF5
- ADIOS
- MPI-IO
- Databases
- Numba
- Python

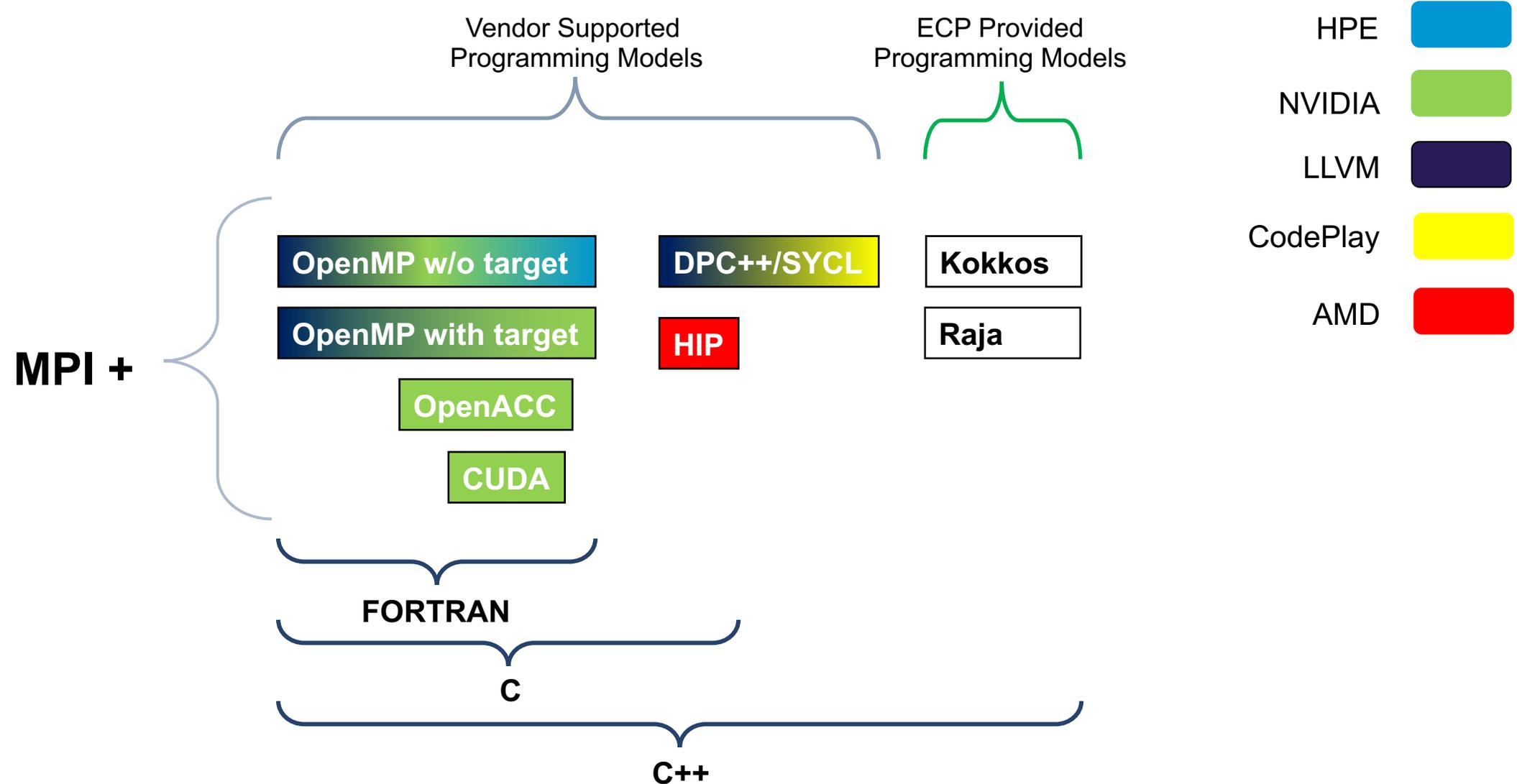
Learning components

- TensorFlow
- PyTorch
- Distributed DL (eg., Horovod)
- Scikit Learn
- JAX
- Julia

Workflows

- Containers
- Balsam
- funcX/Parsl
- Python-based workflows

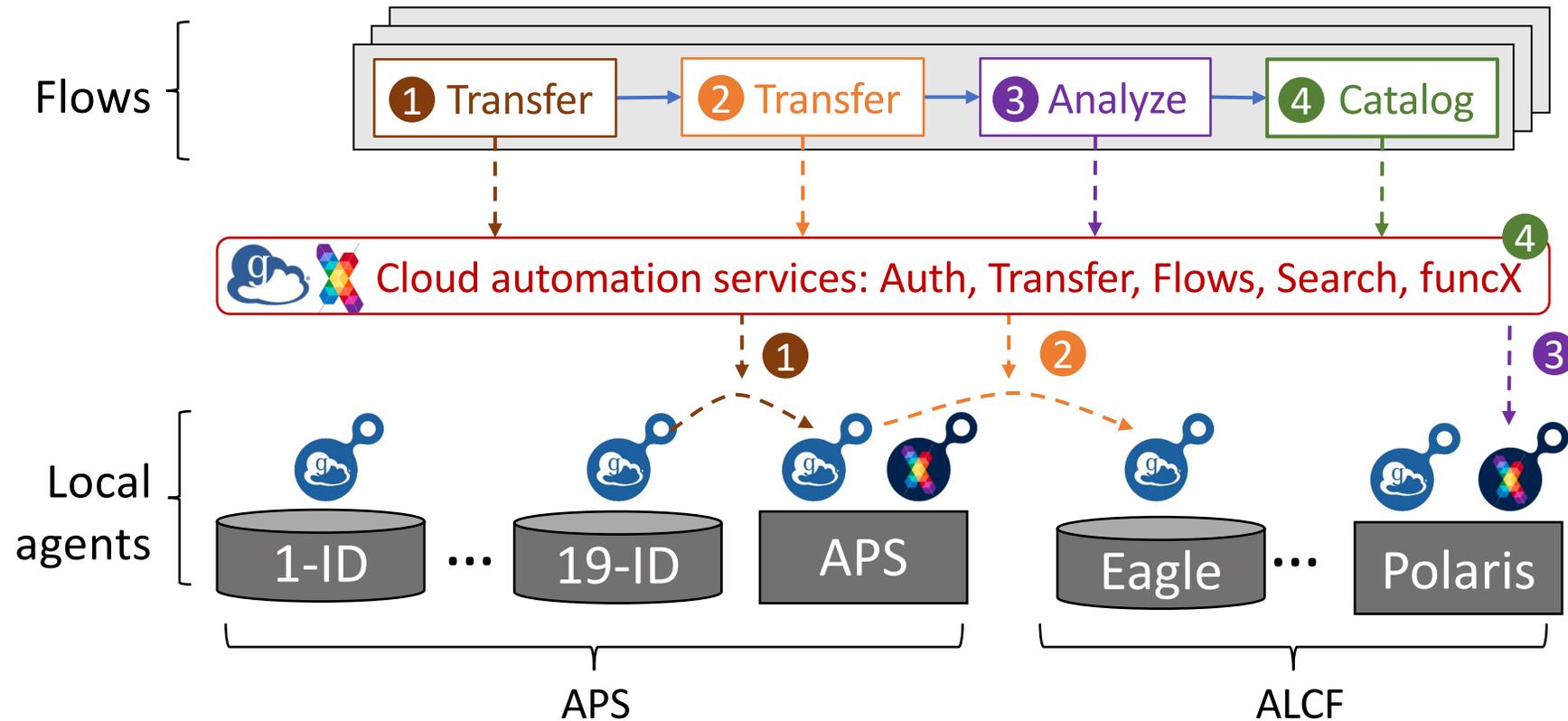
Programming Models



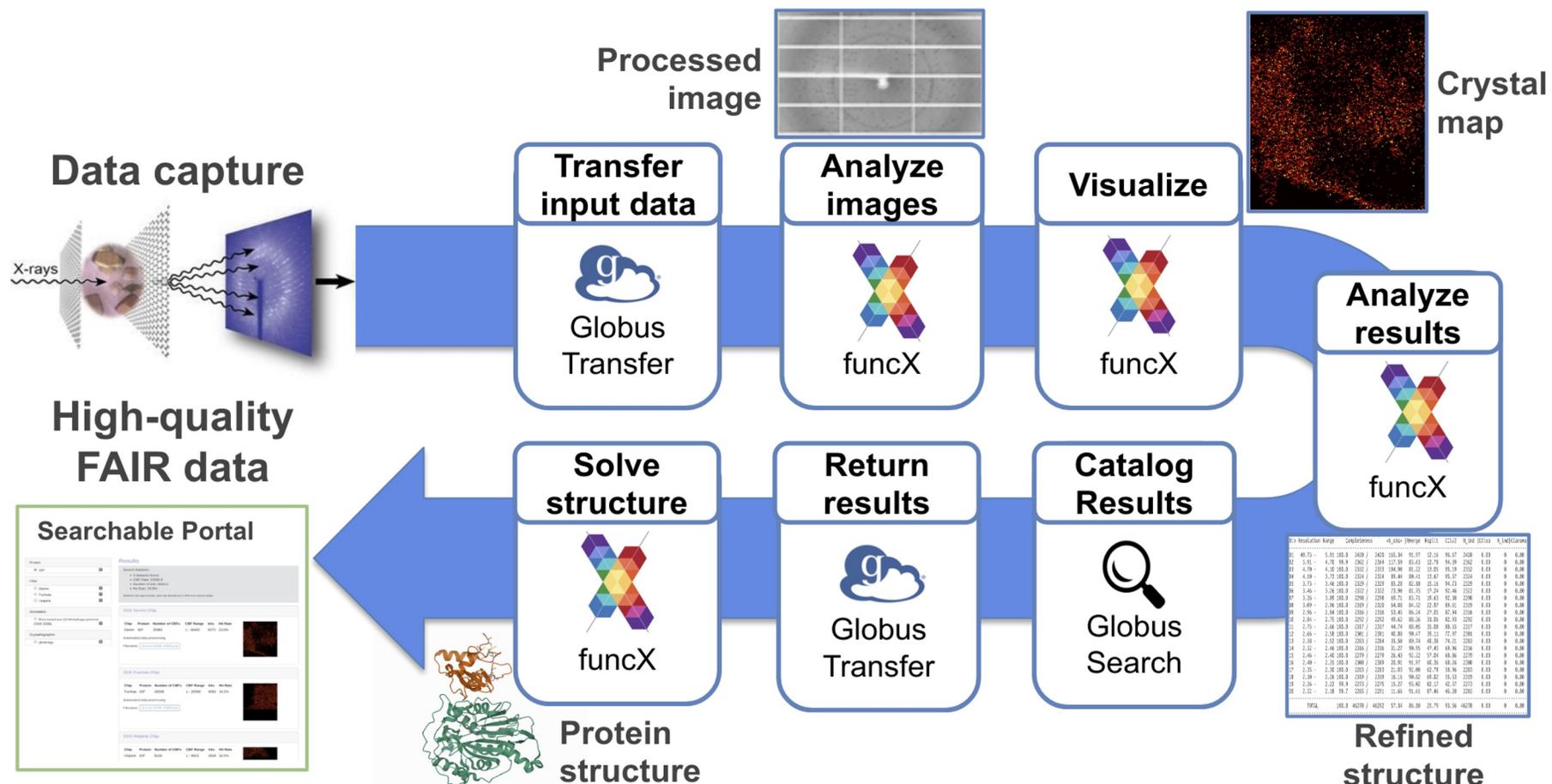
Bridge to Aurora

Component	Polaris	Aurora
System Software	HPCM	HPCM
Programming Models	MPI, OpenMP, DPC++, Kokkos, RAJA, HIP, CUDA, OpenACC	MPI, OpenMP, DPC++, Kokkos, RAJA, HIP
Tools	PAT, gdb, ATP, NVIDIA Nsight, cuda-gdb	PAT, gdb, ATP, Intel VTune
MPI	HPE Cray MPI, MPICH	HPE Cray MPI, MPICH, Intel MPI
Multi-GPU	<i>1 CPU : 4 GPU</i>	<i>2 CPU : 6 GPU</i>
High-Speed Network (HSN)	HPE Slingshot	HPE Slingshot
Data and Learning	DL frameworks, Cray AI stack, Python, Numba, Spark, Containers, RAPIDS	DL frameworks, Cray AI stack, Python, Numba, Spark, Containers, oneDAL
Math Libraries	cu* from CUDA	oneAPI

Experimental Instrument Workflows

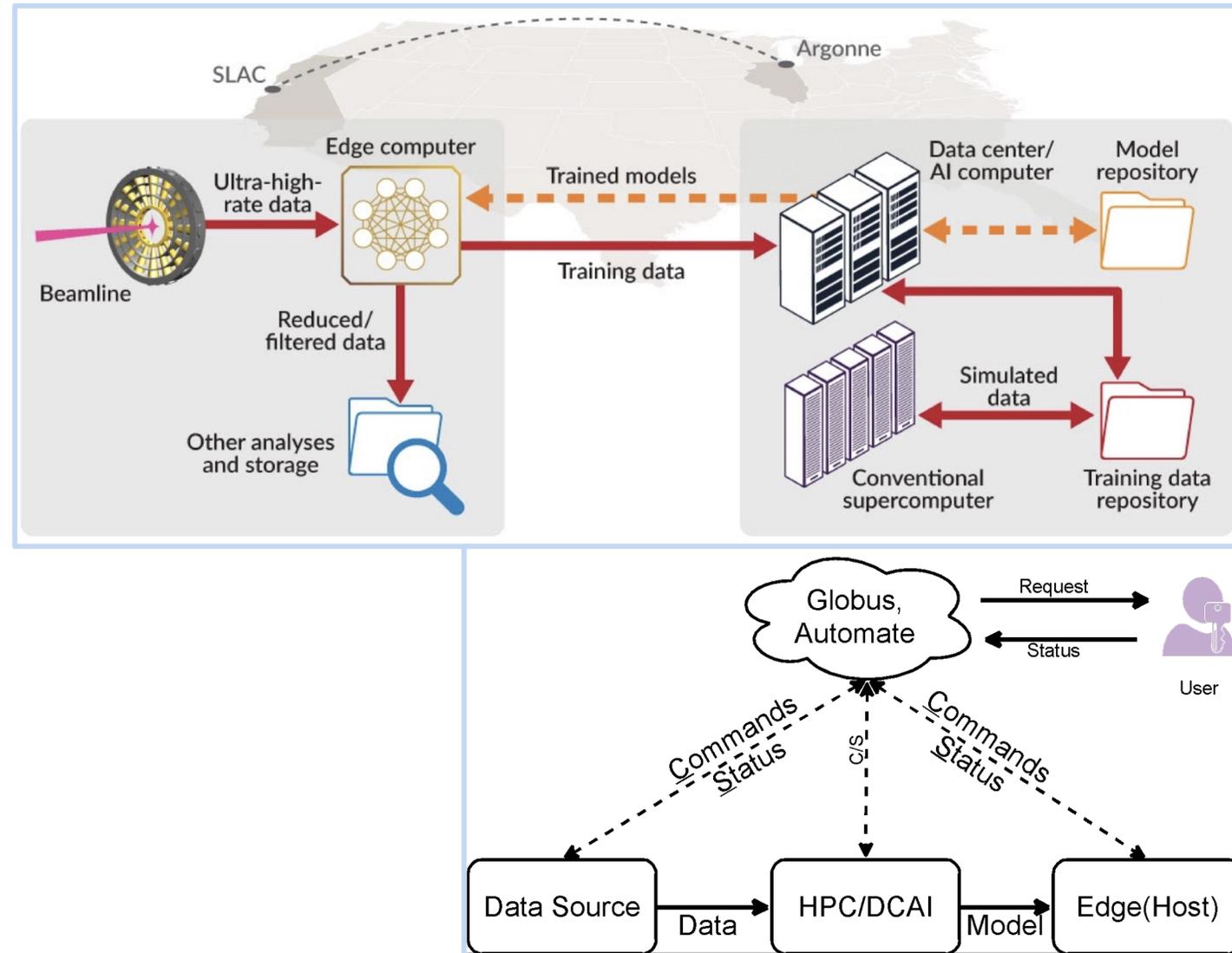


Experimental Instrument Workflows



Example: Rapid Training of Deep Neural Networks using Remote Resources

- DNN at the edge for fast processing, filtering, QC
- Requires tight coupling with simulation and training with real-time data
- Near real-time steering of the experiment towards points of interest



Upcoming

- Upgrade CPUs and HSN
 - AMD Rome → AMD Milan
 - SS-10 NICs → SS-11 NICs
 - Later this year
- Production Full User Access
 - INCITE, ALCC, ADSP, DD Allocations
 - Mid-Summer 2022



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