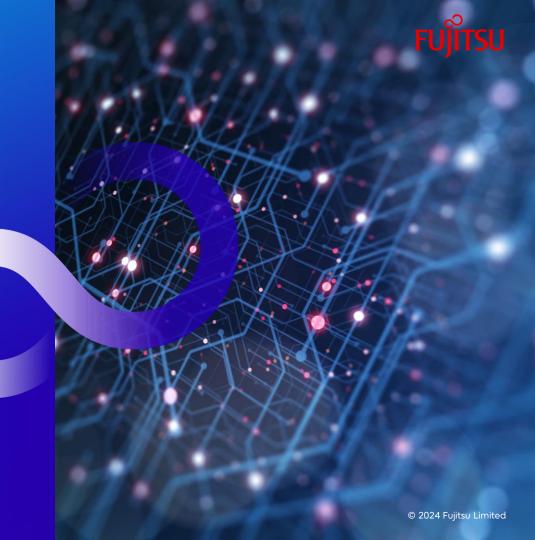
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From Past to Future:
The Legacy and Hypothesis of
Supercomputing

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#### Naoki Shinjo

He Joined Fujitsu Limited in 1987. He belonged to the large-scale computer development division and was involved in supercomputer hardware development.

In 2006, he participated in the conceptual design of K computer, and from 2007, he was engaged in the development of K computer. After K computer development was completed, he participated in Fugaku feasibility studies from 2012.

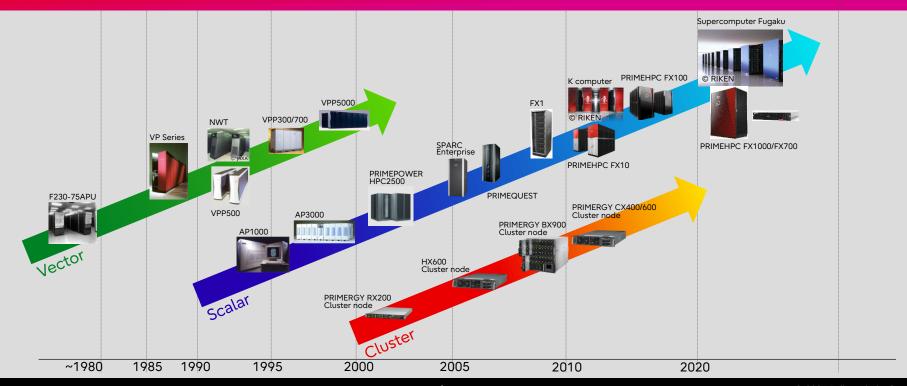
In 2014, he became Head of Next Generation Technical Computing Unit and engaged in the development of Fugaku. Current position since April 2023.



# Fujitsu's History in Supercomputer Development

# Fujitsu's Supercomputers Released to World FUJITSU

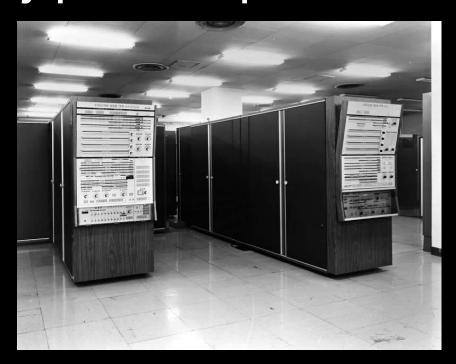
Fujitsu has continuously developed and delivered world-class supercomputers



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# FACOM230-75 APU (1977) Japan's first provision of supercomputers



- FLOPS:22 MFLOPS (Add FP32) / 11 MFLOPS (Mul FP32)
- Innovative Features (at that time):
  - Vector Processing
  - APU (Array Processing Unit)
- Activity:

National Aerospace Laboratory of Japan(NAL)

\*NAL; a predecessor of JAXA

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# FUĴITSU

# VP series (1982~) First "Giga scale" supercomputer in world \*1



- FLOPS:1.142 GFLOPS \*1
- Innovative Features (at that time):
  - Static RAM
  - Fast data sorting and conditional operations
- > Activity:

Nagoya University Plasma Research Center \*2

\*1 VP-400 \*2 VP-100 1997 1982 <mark>1988</mark> 1993 1995 1999 2002 2008 2011 2012 2014 2019 2020



# VP2000 series (1988) Supercomputer with UNIX



- FLOPS:
  5G FLOPS \*VP2600 maximum configuration
- > Innovative Features (at that time):
  - Virtual Machine (Enable UNIX)
  - Variety of product variations
- Activity :

Rich industrial applications

1997 1982 1988 <mark>1993</mark> 1995 1999 2002 2008 2011 2012 2014 2019 2020

# **NWT (1993)**

# FUJITSU

#### Ranked 1st in TOP500, Nov '93 and Nov '94-'95.



- FLOPS:280 GFLOPS (1.68 GFLOPE/PE)
- Innovative Features (at that time):
  - GaAs LSI chips
  - distributed memory parallel vector computer architecture
- > Activity:

National Aerospace Laboratory of Japan (NAL) (Developed jointly by NAL and Fujitsu)

\*NAL; a predecessor of JAXA

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# VPP500 (1993)



#### Commercial HPC developed from NWT.



- FLOPS:
  355 GFLOPS (1.68 GFLOPE/PE) \*maximum configuration
- ➤ Innovative Features (at that time) :
  - GaAs LSI chips
  - distributed memory parallel vector computer architecture
- Activity:

National Laboratory for High Energy Physics in Japan (KEK)\*,

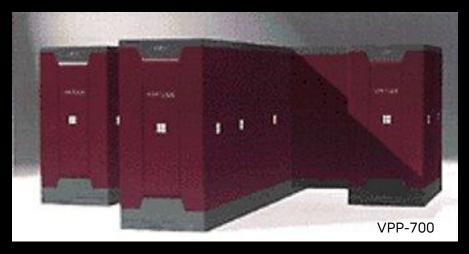
Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute(JAERI) and more.

<sup>\*</sup>KEK; a predecessor of High Energy Accelerator Research Organization in Japan \*JAERI; a predecessor of Japan Atomic Energy Agency

1997 1982 1988 1993 <mark>1995</mark> 1999 2002 2008 2011 2012 2014 2019 2020



# VPP300 / VPP700 (1995~) Successor to VPP500 using CMOS technology



- FLOPS:
  1,126 GFLOPS (2.2 GFLOPS/PE) \*VPP700 maximum configuration
- > Innovative Features (at that time):
  - CMOS technology
  - Sell widely by lowering prices
- > Activity:

LRZ,

Kyushu University and more

# Fujitsu's last Vector-type supercomputer



VPP5000 (1999)

- FLOPS: 4,915 GFLOPS (9.6 GFLOPS/PE) maximum configuration
- Innovative Features (at that time):
  - Fastest single CPU performance in the world
  - High execution efficiency(LINPACK 96.4%)
- Activity: Nagoya University, Europe and more

1997 1982 1988 1993 1995 1999 <mark>2002</mark> 2008 2011 2012 2014 2019 2020

# PRIMEPOWER HPC2500 (2002)

# **FUJITSU**

#### Dawn of Scalar-type supercomputer era



- FLOPS:
  85.1 TFLOPS (5.2 GFLOPS/CPU) \*Maximum configuration
- Processor
  SPARC64V: 1core, 1.30GHz, 130nm process
- Innovative Features (at that time):
  - Scalar-type Supercomputer
  - Fusion of HPC and UNIX server technology
- > Activity:

National Aerospace Laboratory of Japan, Nagoya University, Kyoto University and more 1997 1982 1988 1993 1995 1999 2002 <mark>2008</mark> 2011 2012 2014 2019 2020

# FX1 (2008)



## Advanced many-core architecture



- FLOPS:
  110.6 TFLOPS (40 GFLOPS/CPU) \*|AXA system
- Processor
  SPARC64VII: 4cores, 2.5GHz, 65nm process
- > Innovative Features (at that time):
  - Many-core architecture
  - highly-functional switch
  - High execution efficiency(LINPACK 91.19%)
- Activity:
  JAXA, Nagoya university

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- FLOPS:
  10.51 PFLOPS (128 GFLOPS/CPU)
- Processor
  SPARC64VIIfx: 8cores, 2GHz, 45nm process
- Innovative Features (at that time):
  - Tofu Interconnect
  - Water cooling
- Activity:

**RIKEN** 

(Developed jointly by RIKEN and Fujitsu)

1997 1982 1988 1993 1995 1999 2002 2008 2011 **2012** 2014 2019 2020

# **PRIMEHPC FX10 (2012)**



### Commercial HPC that operates seamlessly 365 days.



- FLOPS:
   23.2 PFLOPS (236.5 GFLOPS/CPU) \*Maximum configuration
- Processor SPARC64IXfx: 16cores, 1.848GHz, 40nm process
- Innovative Features (at that time) :
  - High reliability Technology
  - From academia to industry
- Activity:
   University of Tokyo, Kyushu university,
   Nagoya University and more

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## **PRIMEHPC FX100 (2014)**

## Ambitious commercial HPC developed from K.



- FLOPS: over 100 PFLOPS (1.126 TFLOPS/CPU) \*Maximum configuration
- Processor SPARC64XIfx: 32+2cores, 2.2GHz, 20nm process
- Innovative Features (at that time):
  - HMC
  - Tofu Interconnect 2 (optical communication)
- Activity:

National Institute for Fusion Science, JAXA, Nagoya university and more

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# **FUJITSU**

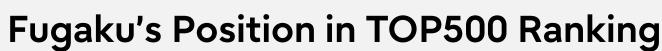
# Supercomputer Fugaku (2020) Ranked 1st in TOP500, Jun 2020 to Nov 2021.



- > FLOPS: 537.2 PFLOPS (3.38 TFLOPS/CPU)
- Processor A64FX: 48cores, 2.2GHz, 7nm process
- Innovative Features (at that time):
  - Arm SVE architecture
  - HBM2
  - Energy Efficiency
- > Activity:

RIKEN
(Developed jointly by RIKEN and Fujitsu)

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#### **TOP500 No.1**

Jun 2020 ~ Nov 2021

#### Graph500 No.1

Jun 2020 ~ Jun 2024

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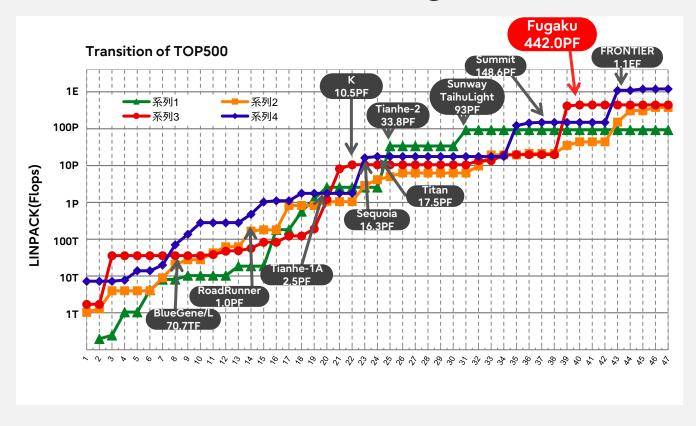
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#### Green500 No.1

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\* Fugaku prototype



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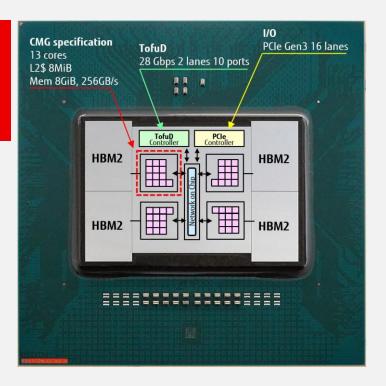
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# Fujitsu Arm-based CPU A64FX



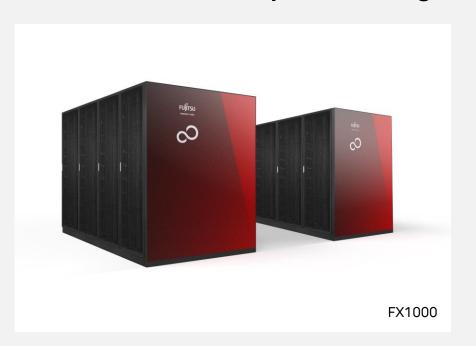
The A64FX CPU, independently developed by Fujitsu, is the heart of Fugaku, the world's fastest supercomputer. With approximately 160,000 A64FX CPUs interconnected, Fugaku achieved the highest performance at the time.

- Arm Architecture Extended for HPC
  - Lead partner in the development of Scalable Vector Extensions (SVE)
  - World's first implementation of a high-performance core supporting SVE
- Architecture for High Application Performance:
  - 512-bit SIMD
  - High memory bandwidth with HBM2
- Enhanced AI Computing Capabilities:
  - Supports FP16, INT16,INT8



# PRIMEHPC FX1000 / FX700 (2019)

#### Commercial HPC capable of large-scale configuration beyond Fugaku.



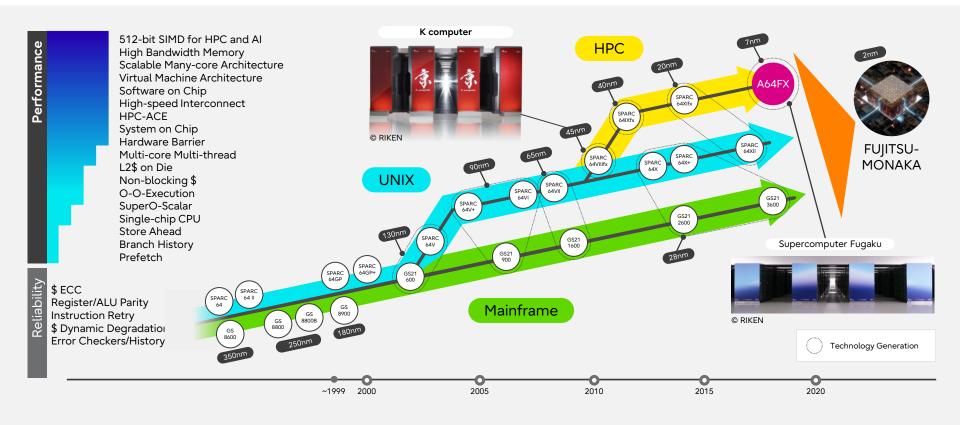
- > FLOPS: \*FX1000 1.328 EFLOPS (3.38 TFLOPS/CPU) maximum configuration
- Processor A64FX: 48cores, 2.2GHz, 7nm process
- Innovative Features (at that time):
  - large-scale configuration (FX1000)
  - Fujitsu software Stacks (FX1000)
  - Software stacks leveraging OSS(FX700)
- Activity:

Japan Meteorological Agency, University of Tokyo,

Nagoya University and more

# Fujitsu Processors Supporting HPC







# FUJTISU-MONAKA: Green Data Center Solution Rooted in Supercomputer Technology

## Fujitsu Arm based Processor





#### development goals

Performance

x2

Compared to other companie

Power efficiency

x2

Compared to other compani

#### To be shipped in 2027

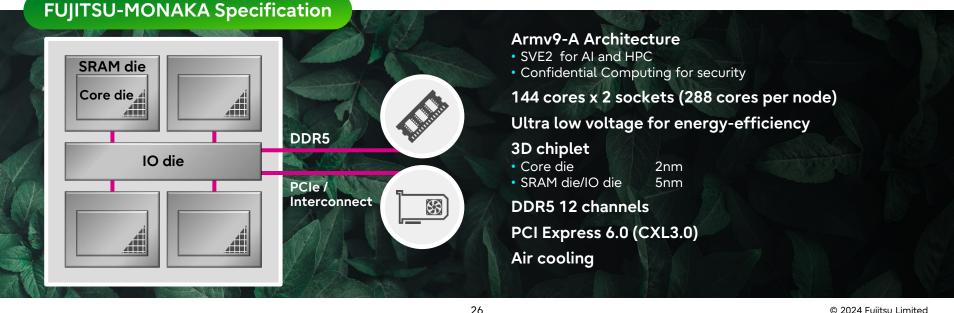
Create a sustainable digital society by developing the energy-efficient processor.

#### Hardware overview



#### FUJITSU-MONAKA adopts the innovative 3D many-core architecture

- 3D stacking of Core die and SRAM die via TSV enables more cores, low latency, and high throughput.
- By using different process sizes for Core die and SRAM die, the utilization rate of expensive fineprocess technology is suppressed to 30%, achieving cost-efficiency.

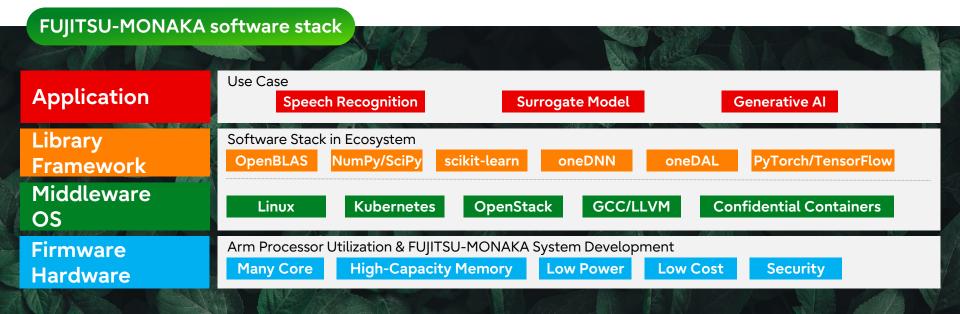


#### **Software Overview**



#### FUJITSU-MONAKA focuses on open-source software in its software stack.

- Supports industry standard software
- Working on the standard tools (Python/Java/LLVM) to provide higher performance.
- Enabling smooth transition of customer assets and continuously enhancing performance



#### Leveraging Supercomputer Technology for Energy Efficient

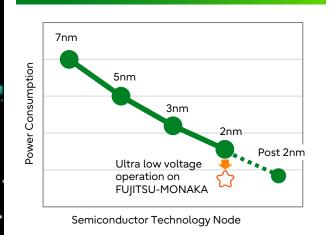


#### Exceed vendor voltage, achieve next-gen efficiency.



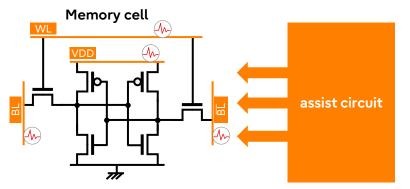
- Operate at a lower voltage than vendor-guaranteed, achieving power efficiency one generation ahead.
- This initiative alone is expected to achieve a 20% power reduction. Combined with other technologies, FUJITSU-MONAKA ultimately aims for double the power efficiency of other

#### power development



# Energy efficient technology example: Ultra low voltage SRAM

SRAM circuits are the initial bottleneck for low-voltage operation. Fujitsu's innovative assist circuit design addresses this challenge, enabling stable operation at lower voltages.



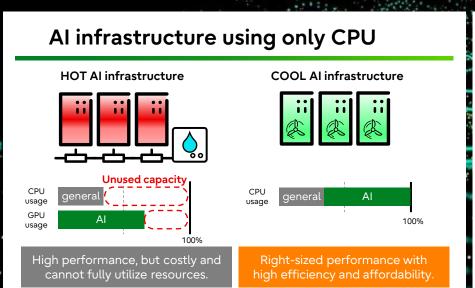
#### Leveraging Supercomputer Technology for AI Workload



#### **Economical and Right-sized AI infrastructure solution**



- GPU clusters are costly and hinder business growth.
- FUJITSU-MONAKA, an air-cooled AI processor, offers a cost-effective and scalable solution.
- This will be achieved through AI/ML technologies cultivated by Fugaku.



#### Al solution example: Surrogate Model × OpenFOAM preprocessing post-processing 800 using only CPU Fluid Surrogate Model Fluid Simulation x49 400 **OpenFOAM** 200 Interactive execution with High-precision final verification using visualization. approximate parameters Acquire approximate from the surrogate model. parameters.

#### Leveraging Supercomputer Technology for OSS



#### Co-development with open-source communities to build an ecosystem

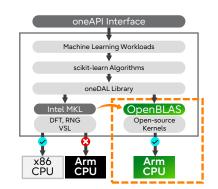


- Expand the scope of the software stack to datacenter systems
- Building software stack using real applications
- Promoting expansion of the Arm ecosystem

#### **Key contributions to OSS Community** Open-source collaboration, including mission-critical systems and Fugaku, drives FUJITSU-MONAKA development. Linux kernel for KVM and OpenStack, Automotive Grade Linux, Mission Critical Virtualization Kubernetes Yocto, Arm Linux on Server Supercomputer Fugaku Expand Arm software ecosystem In • Feature development Quality enhancement progress Linaro

## Latest example: First successful Arm enablement for oneDAL

Successfully replaced MKL MATH functions with optimized opensource compute kernels of OpenBLAS



Fujitsu enabled core technology of oneDAL

#### Fujitsu's Contribution to Carbon Neutrality



The development of FUJITSU-MONAKA is under NEDO program<sub>(\*1)</sub>. NEDO aims energy savings of 40% or more in datacenters by 2030 to realize a carbon-neutral society.

# Fujitsu will contribute to the project by developing an energy-efficient CPU, FUJITSU-MONAKA.



Refine Fujitsu's proven leading-edge microarchitecture.



Cooperate with other technologies such as low-power consumption accelerator, photoelectric fusion device, wideband SSD, photonics smart NIC and disaggregation.

 $(details\ on\ Fujitsu\ press\ release, \underline{https://www.fujitsu.com/global/about/resources/news/press-releases/2022/0225-01.html}\ )$ 

#### (\*1) NEDO program

"Technology Development of the Next Generation Green Data Center" for the "Green Innovation Fund Project/Construction of Next Generation Digital Infrastructure"

- NEDO is "New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization", a national research and development agency in Japan.
- Fujitsu has been selected for the national initiative along with NEC Corporation, AIO Core Co., Ltd., KIOXIA Corporation, Fujitsu Optical Components Limited and KYOCERA Corporation.

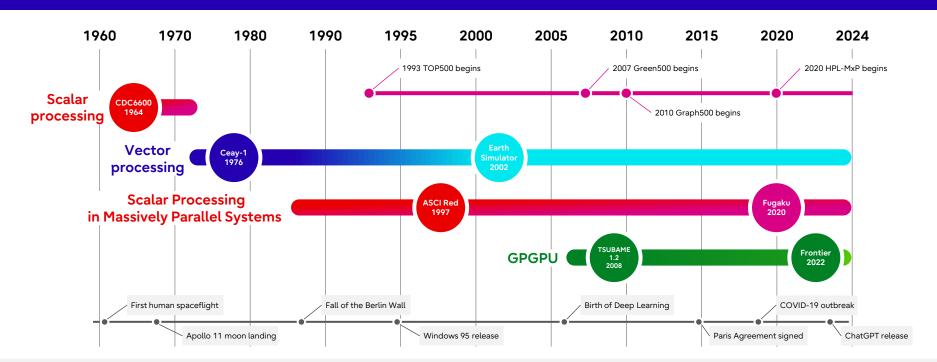


# Look Back at History of Supercomputer Architecture

# **Technology Trend Overview**



From the CDC 6600, often considered the first supercomputer (1964), to today, supercomputer architecture has been driven by the relentless pursuit of parallelization. This journey has witnessed three major turning points.



#### Scalar processing

Vector processing

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Heterogeneous Computing

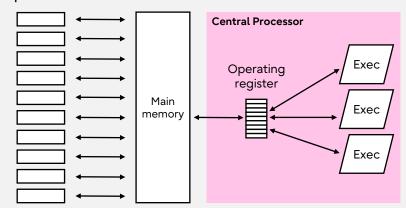


The CDC 6600 (1964), often considered the first supercomputer, was a groundbreaking machine that laid the foundation for modern supercomputing. It employed a scalar processor architecture, meaning it processed instructions one at a time, rather than in parallel like later vector processors.

- First supercomputer (1964):
  - Utilized a scalar processor architecture.
- Unique architecture:
  - Central Processor (CP) for instruction execution and calculations.
  - Peripheral Processors (PPs) for I/O operations, freeing the CP.
  - Main Memory shared by CP and PPs.
- Efficient parallel processing despite scalar architecture.
- Innovative features:
  - RISC-like design with a simplified instruction set.
  - SMT precursor for handling multiple instruction streams concurrently.
- Paved the way for future supercomputer advancements.

#### Configuration diagram

#### **Peripheral Processors**



#### **Vector processing**

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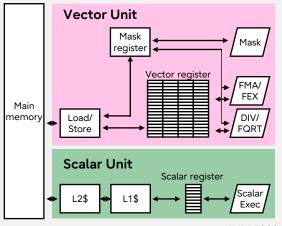
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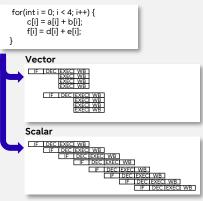
The 1970s witnessed the emergence of vector processing, revolutionizing scientific computing. Pioneered by machines like the Cray-1 (1976) and Fujitsu's FACOM 230-75 APU (1977), vector processors boasted specialized hardware for accelerating computationally intensive tasks.

- Vector Registers & Units: Efficient manipulation of data elements in arrays.
- **Bulk Data Access:** Fetching entire vectors from memory with a single instruction.
- Enhanced Parallelism: Executing multiple instructions concurrently, boosting processing power.
- Loop Optimization: Vector units targeted loop-bound computations, while scalar units handled other tasks.
- This combination of hardware and efficient data handling made vector processors ideal for scientific applications involving large datasets and repetitive operations. They paved the way for further advancements in supercomputing architecture.

#### Example of configuration diagram



#### Image of instruction pipeline



\*VPP5000

#### **Vector processing**

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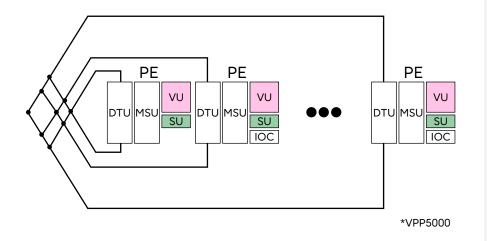
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- Multi-vector-unit approach: This approach increased parallelism, boosting performance.
- memory exploration: Companies experimented with unique memory configurations for optimal performance and resource utilization.

- Fujitsu's VPP Architecture: distributed memory parallel computer
  - Multiple processors with independent memory access eliminate the central memory bottleneck, enhancing scalability.
  - Flexible allocation of tasks and data among vector units for optimal resource utilization.
  - Enabled construction of powerful and efficient supercomputers.

VPP demonstrated the effectiveness of distributed memory architectures, which were a notable approach in early supercomputers.



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# Scalar Processing in Massively Parallel Systems

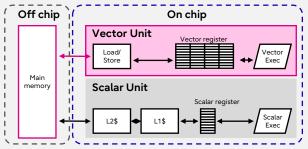
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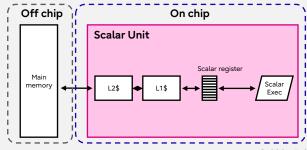
The relentless pursuit of performance in supercomputing led to the development of specialized vector processors. However, the increasing cost and complexity of vector architectures, coupled with the rapid advancements in scalar processor technology, eventually shifted the landscape towards scalar-based supercomputers.

- Cost-effectiveness: Scalar processors surpassed vector processors in price-to-performance ratio, becoming a more attractive option for HPC applications.
- On-chip integration: Unlike vector processors, which faced bottlenecks due to off-chip components, scalar processors benefited from on-chip integration of key performance elements, aligning with Moore's Law for lower cost and higher performance.
- Large cache capacity: On-chip caches reduced the need for main memory accesses, further boosting performance.
- These factors, in contrast to the limitations of vector processing, enabled the development of more powerful and efficient supercomputing systems based on readily available, cost-effective, and highly scalable scalar processors. This shift marked a turning point in supercomputing architectures.

#### **Vector processing**



#### Scalar processing



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# Scalar Processing in Massively Parallel Systems

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• Around 2010, the end of Moore's Law began to be discussed, marking the slowdown of performance improvements through frequency scaling. This shift led to the exploration of new parallelism approaches, as exemplified by the development of Fugaku.

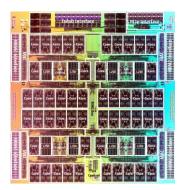
#### Large-Scale CPU Parallelization

- Interconnecting numerous general-purpose processors through high-speed communication networks.
- Fujitsu's Tofu interconnect technology, with its 6D mesh/torus structure, enabled the connection of 393,216 nodes (1,024 racks) in the FX1000 supercomputer.
- This approach offered high inter-node communication speeds and fault tolerance.



#### **Multi / Many Core Processors**

- The A64FX processor itself is a prime example of a multi-core processor, featuring 48 cores per chip. This design allows for increased parallelism within each node of Fugaku.
- This approach is driven by advancements in packaging technology, cooling solutions, and the present-day demand for cost-efficient cloud computing, where multiple virtual machines can be run on a single processor.

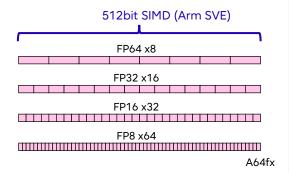


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A64fx

#### SIMD Instructions

- Equipping scalar processors with vector-like instructions to enhance parallel processing capabilities.(Examples include ARM SVE, x86 AVX, and RISC-V RVV.)
- For instance, the A64FX can perform 8 FP64 operations or 64 FP8 operations simultaneously per core, demonstrating the potential of SIMD for accelerating various types of calculations, including those involving different precision levels.



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## **Heterogeneous Computing**



Heterogeneous computing, the use of multiple types of processors to achieve high performance, has become increasingly prevalent in supercomputing. Among the various forms of heterogeneous computing, the use of Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) has been particularly significant.

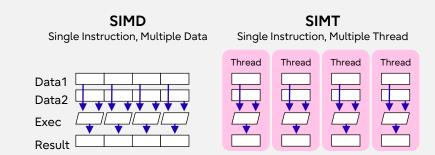
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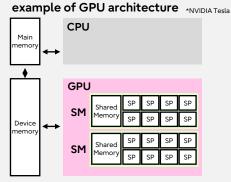
#### The Rise of GPGPU:

- GPGPU gained traction in the early 2000s, leveraging GPUs for general-purpose computations.
- Large-scale HPC systems like TSUBAME1.2 and Tianhe-1 adopted GPUs around 2010.

#### Driving Factors:

- NVIDIA's CUDA platform (2007) made GPUs more accessible to HPC users.
- Deep learning and cryptocurrency mining fueled GPU development.
- HPC adapts to GPU: GPU vendors have made HPC advancements like FP64 support. However, specialized architectures like NVIDIA's SIMT may not be ideal for HPC. Users may need to adapt their workflows.
- Impact on Supercomputing: GPUs have significantly impacted supercomputing, enabling more powerful and efficient systems.





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### **Heterogeneous Computing**



The growing demand for AI, particularly deep learning and LLMs, has driven advancements in supercomputing architectures. This focus has spurred advancements in both specialized AI architectures and traditional HPC architectures, exemplified by Frontier, the world's first exascale supercomputer with an AMD CPU+GPU architecture.

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#### • Al Workloads and Heterogeneous Computing:

- Al workloads often rely on low-precision floating-point arithmetic, which benefits from GPUs.
- This focus on AI continues to lead to improvements in HPC workloads due to shared advancements in parallelism and memory technology.

#### Convergence of CPU and GPU:

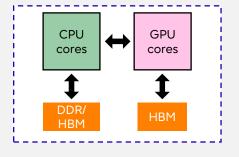
 Vendors are introducing solutions that integrate CPUs and GPUs within a single package to further optimize performance.

#### Impact on Supercomputing:

- Al continues to significantly influence supercomputing architectures, leading to advancements in parallelism, memory bandwidth, and heterogeneous computing.
- These advancements enable the development of more powerful and versatile supercomputers for both traditional HPC and emerging AI workloads.

## **Discrete GPU GPU** GPU НВМ НВМ GPU GPU **HBM HBM CPU**

#### Packaged GPU



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## **TOP10 Architectures (Jun 2024)**



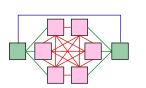
#### 1.Frontier (2022~)

- 1.206.0 PFLOPS (70.3%)
- 22.79 MW
- 9,408 nodes
- 1 cpu + 4 gpu / node
  - AMD FPYC
- AMD MI250X



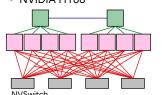
#### 2.Aurora (2023~)

- 1012.0 PFLOPS (51.1%)
- 38.7 MW
- around 11,000 nodes \*1
- 2 cpu + 6 gpu / node
  - Intel Xeon CPU Max
- Intel Data Center GPU MAX



#### 3.Eagle (2023~)

- 561.2 PFLOPS (66.2%)
- N/A MW
- around 1800 nodes \*1
- 2 cpu + 8gpu / node
  - Intel Xeon Platinum
- NVIDIA H100



#### 4.Fugaku (2020~)

- 442.0 PFLOPS (82.2%)
- 29.9 MW
- 158,976 nodes
- 1 cpu / node
- A64FX



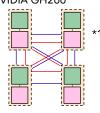
#### 5.LUMI (2022~)

- 379.7 PFLOPS (71.4%)
- 7.11 MW
- 2.978 nodes
- 1 cpu + 4 gpu / node
  - AMD EPYC
  - AMD MI250X



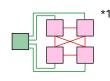
#### 6.Alps (2024~)

- 270.0 PFLOPS (76.3%)
- 5.19 MW
- 2,688 nodes
- 4 x (cpu + gpu) / node
  - NVIDIA GH200



#### 7.Leonardo (2022~)

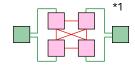
- 241.2 PFLOPS (78.7%)
- 7.49 MW
- 3,456 nodes
- 1 cpu + 4 gpu / node
- Intel Xeon Platinum
- NVIDIA A100



#### 8.MareNostrum 5 ACC

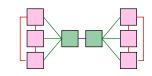
(2023~)

- 175.3 PFLOPS (70.2%)
- 4.16 MW
- 1,120 nodes
- 2 cpu + 4 gpu /node
  - Intel Xeon Platinum
- NVIDIA H100



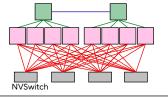
#### 9.Summit (2018~)

- 148.6 PFLOPS (74%)
- 10.1 MW
- 4,608 nodes
- 2 cpu + 6 gpu / node
  - IBM POWER9
  - NVIDIA GV100



#### 10.Eos NVIDIA DGX SuperPOD (2023~)

- 121.4 PFLOPS (64.3%)
- N/A MW
- 576 nodes \*1
- 2 cpu + 8 gpu / node
  - Intel Xeon Platinum
  - NVIDIA H100



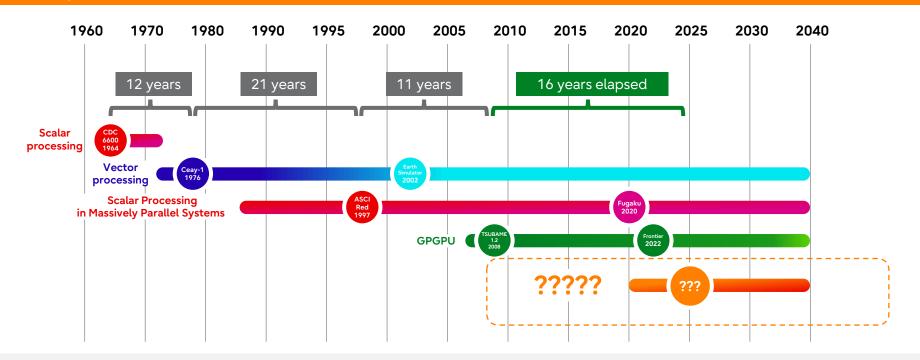


## From Historical Review to Future Speculation

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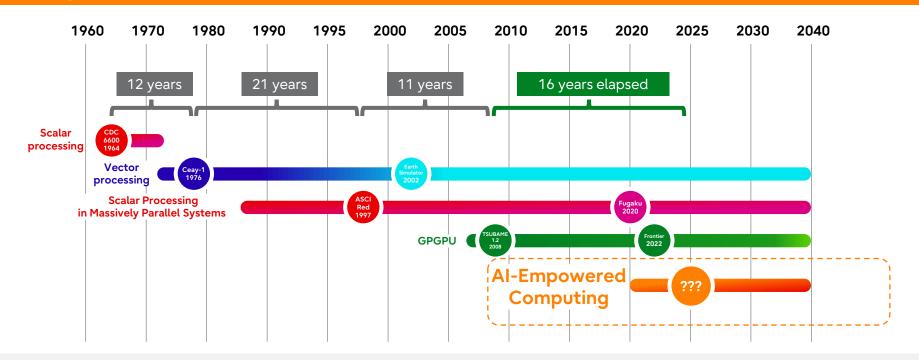
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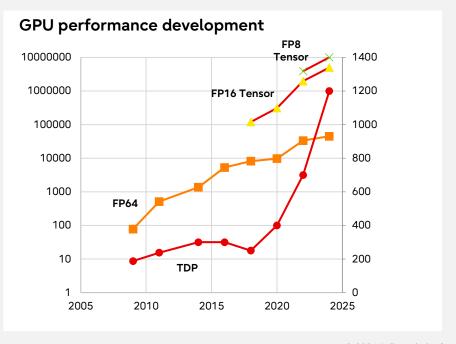
## The focus of GPGPU is shifting towards Al.



Al is a lucrative market, driving industry focus towards low-precision computing. Double-precision computing, essential for scientific research, is neglected. Scientists must adapt to this shift by exploring alternative solutions.

- 1 Slowdown in FP64 Performance development
- 2 Rapid TDP Increase
- Increased Complexity
  due to Mixed Vector and Matrix Units

While low-precision computing advances rapidly, FP64 stagnates, and rising TDP limits its future.
This necessitates exploring alternative solutions, including leveraging low-precision instructions for high-precision scientific computing.



## What Should HPC Users Do?



#### Software

- Explore the development of new libraries that use low-precision computing to achieve high-precision results.
- Develop applications like HPL-MxP that inherently use mixed-precision computing.
- Explore new AI solutions like surrogate models for high-precision computing.

#### Hardware

- Focus on the improved FP64 performance of CPUs and consider a return to CPUbased computing when necessary.
- Pressure GPU vendors to improve the FP64 performance of GPUs.

## **Practical Examples of AI-Empowered Computing**



I believe that AI for HPC, which incorporates AI workloads into simulations, will become mainstream. In particular, I see potential in combining surrogate models with simulations, where the majority of the processing is done with a rough preprocessing using deep learning, and the parameters obtained there are used to improve the accuracy with FP64 instructions. With numerous successful precedents emerging, this approach is likely to become widely adopted in the near future.

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#### **GPGPU**

- Conducts countless scientific simulations with high-precision calculations until convergence is achieved.
- Requires high-fidelity models to be computed with high precision to obtain promising results.

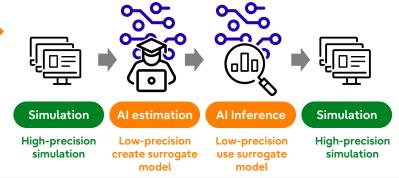
# Simulation

**High-precision** 

simulation

#### **AI-Empowered Computing**

- Leverages low-precision calculations in a preprocessing stage to refine approximate values, followed by high-precision scientific simulations in a post-processing stage.
- Performs the majority of calculations with low precision using a simplified model (surrogate model), leading to enhanced computational efficiency.

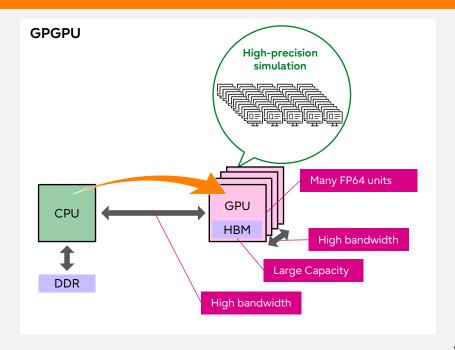


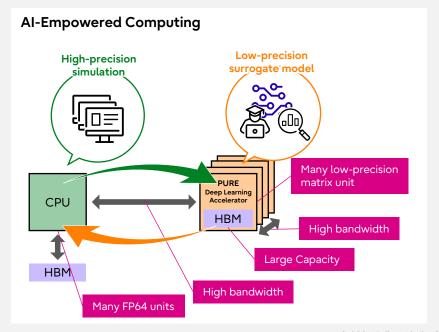
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## Architectures suitable.



In pursuit of high-performance and energy-efficient architectures, the ideal form will diverge from the present. The market will demand PURE Deep Learning Accelerators, stripped of unnecessary AI features. Additionally, reduced high-precision computations will enable efficient execution on CPUs, leading to a resurgence in CPU performance requirements.





## Conclusion



- Fujitsu's supercomputing legacy, from early machines to Fugaku, continues to influence data center technology like the FUJITSU-MONAKA.
- Supercomputer architecture has undergone several major transitions, driven by the need for increased performance and efficiency.
- The market is changing, and supercomputing is once again at a major turning point.
   It presents both challenges and opportunities.
- Looking ahead, advancements in AI and other technologies will drive exciting new possibilities for supercomputing.



## Thank you

