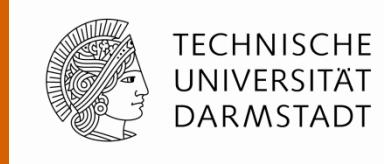
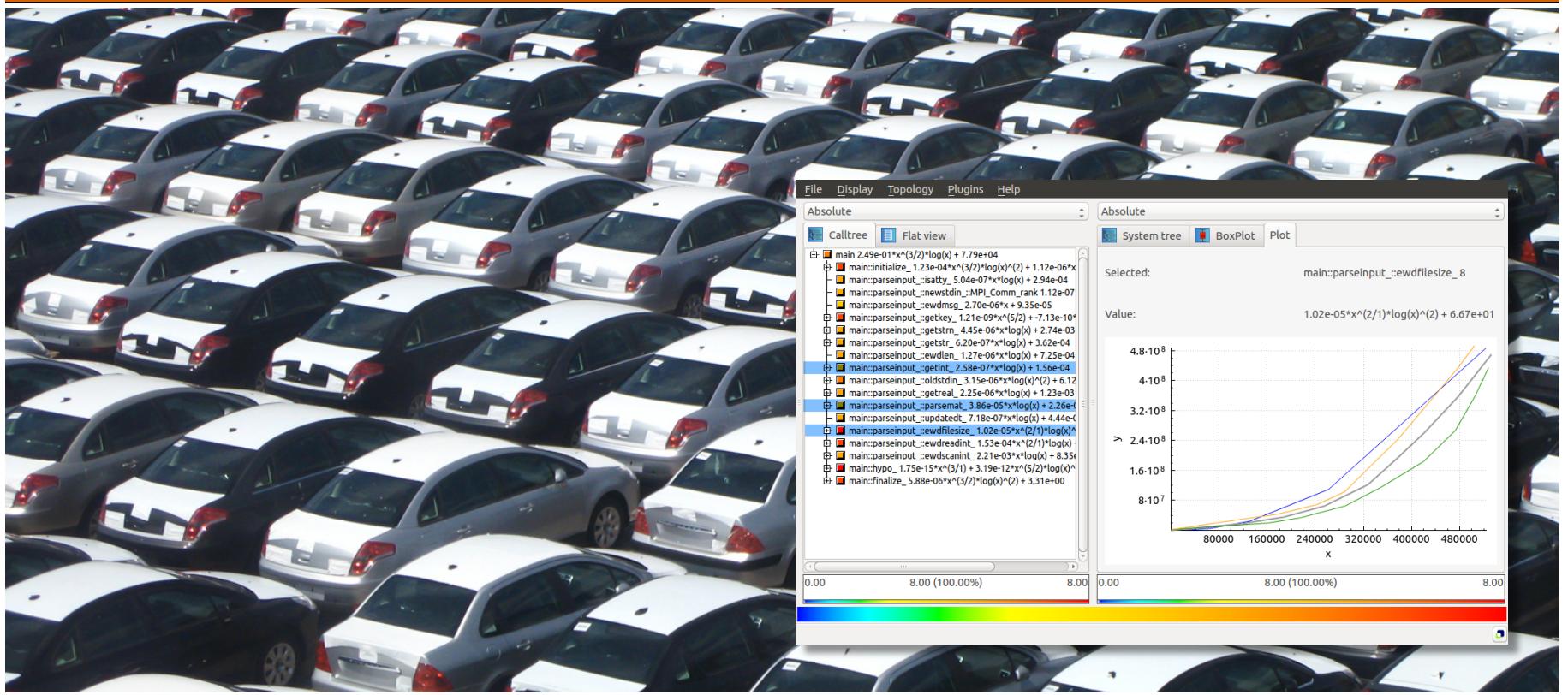


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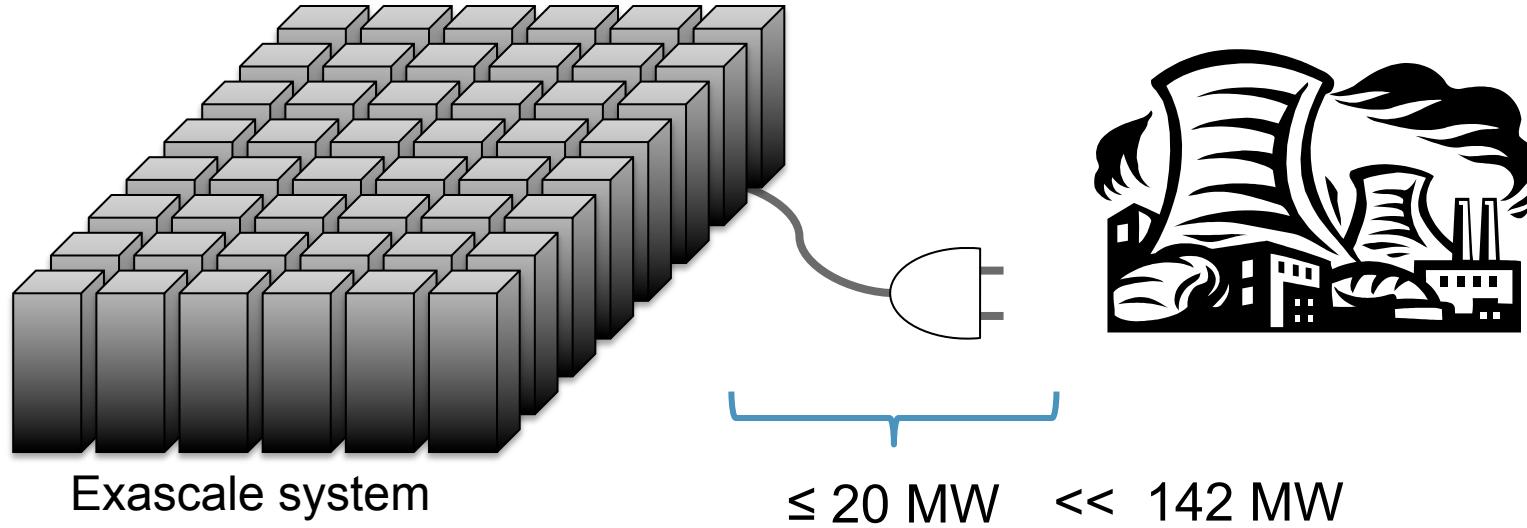


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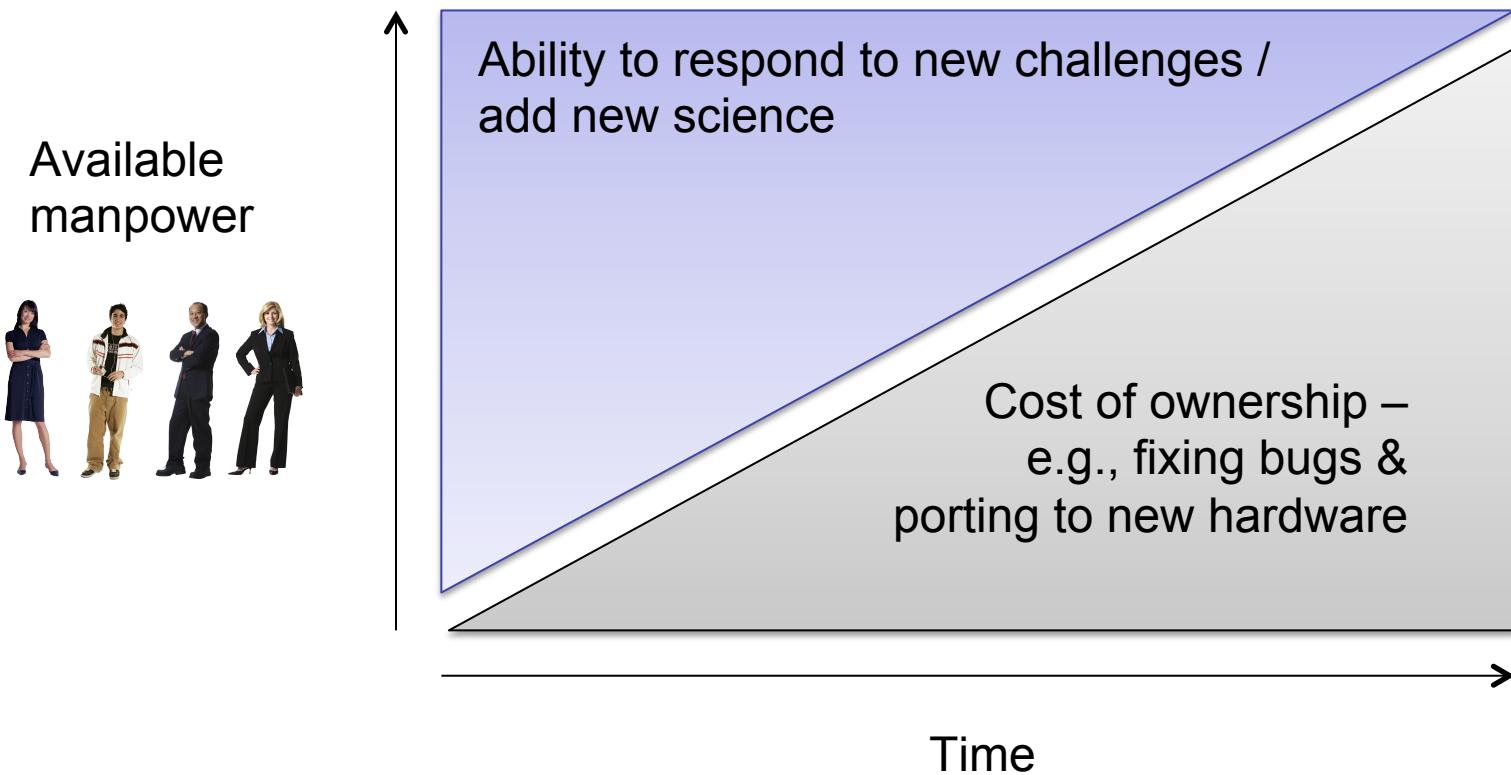


# Power envelope of hardware



Green 500 # 1	
GFLOPS/W	7.03
Site	RIKEN
Computer	Shoubu - ExaScaler
Total Power (kW)	50.32

# Manpower envelope of software



# Electrical power vs. manpower



Energy costs	
Power	20 MW
Price per kWh	0.1 €
Hours per year	5,000 h
Energy costs per year	10 M€



200 FTEs  
(50k€ per FTE)

To amortize the investment, one FTE needs to tune the workload by **0.5%**

# Electrical power vs. manpower



Energy costs	
Power (DARPA estimate)	60 MW
Price per kWh	0.1 €
Hours per year	5,000 h
Energy costs per year	30 M€



600 FTEs

To amortize the investment, one FTE needs to tune the workload by **0.15%**

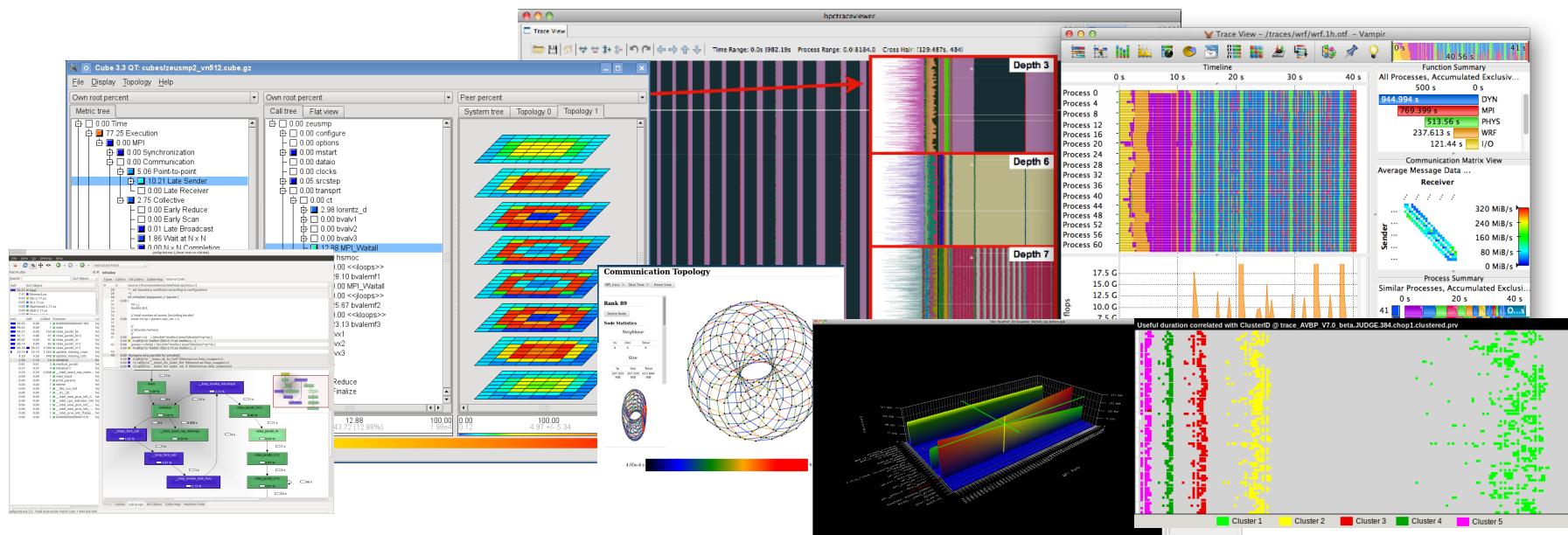
- Potential in trading hardware for brainware\*
- Productivity of staff can be further increased through performance tools
- Early resolution of performance issues maximizes benefit

\* C. Bischof et al.: Brainware for green HPC, Computer Science-Research and Development, Springer

# Traditional performance tools



Provide insight into measured performance behavior



Scale of insight = scale of experiment

# Latent scalability bugs

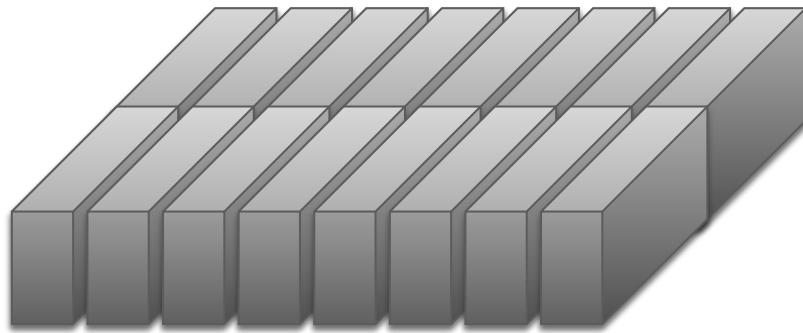
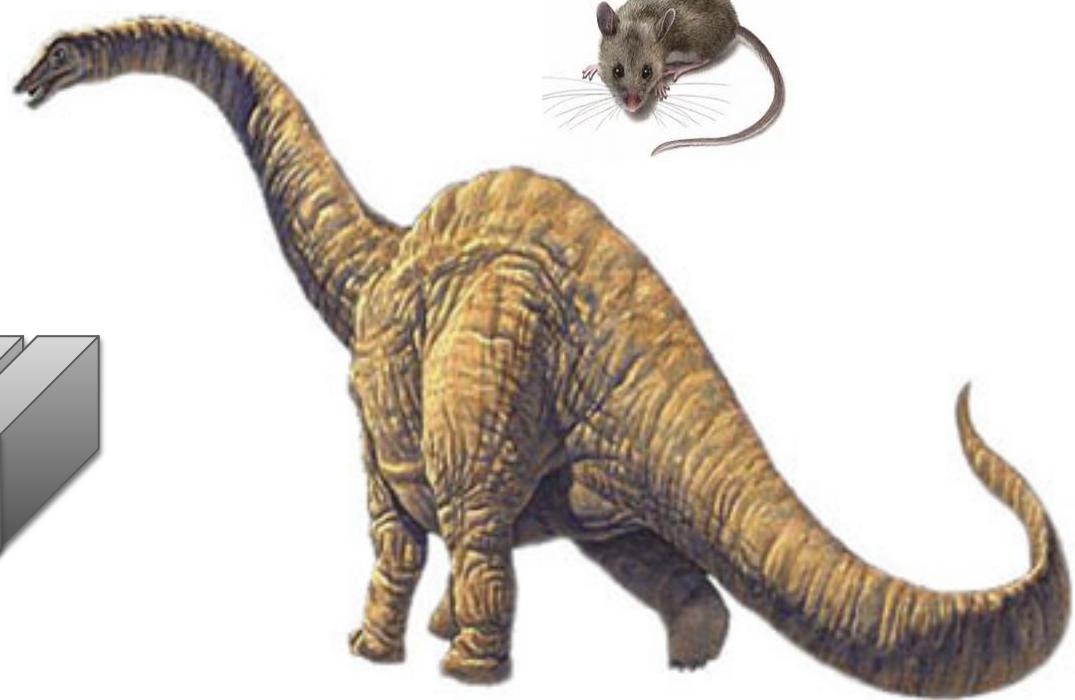


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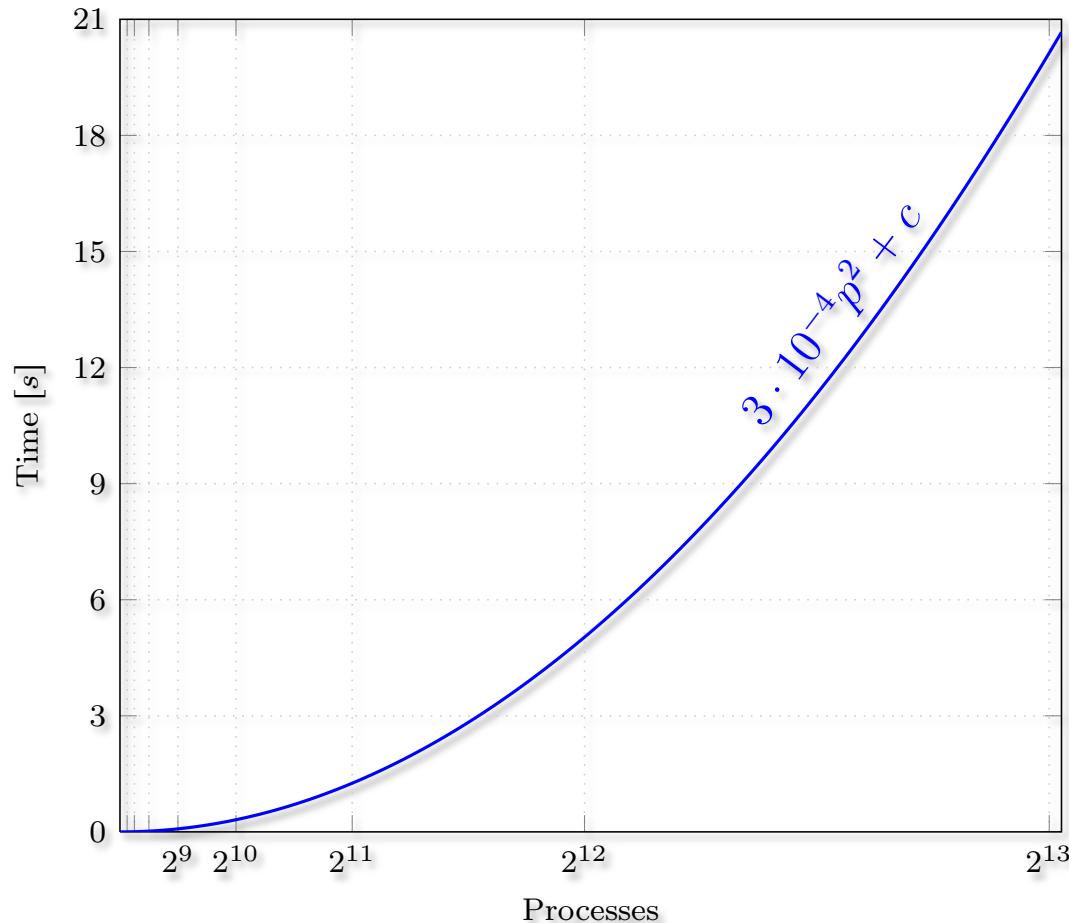
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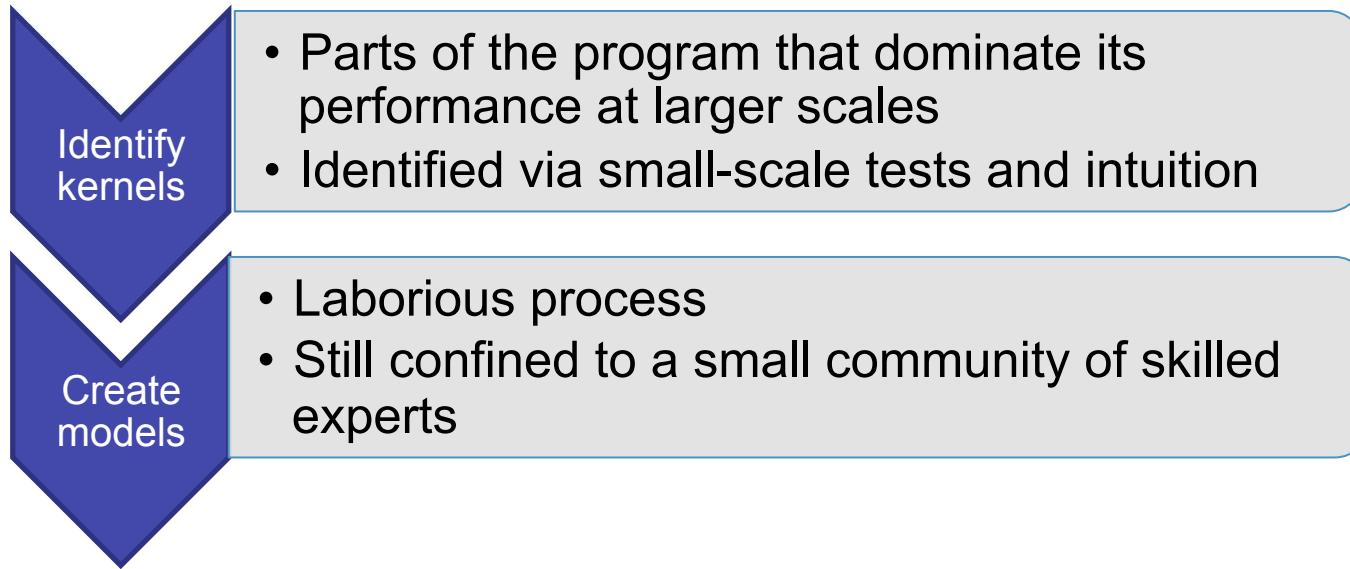
Execution time



# Scalability model



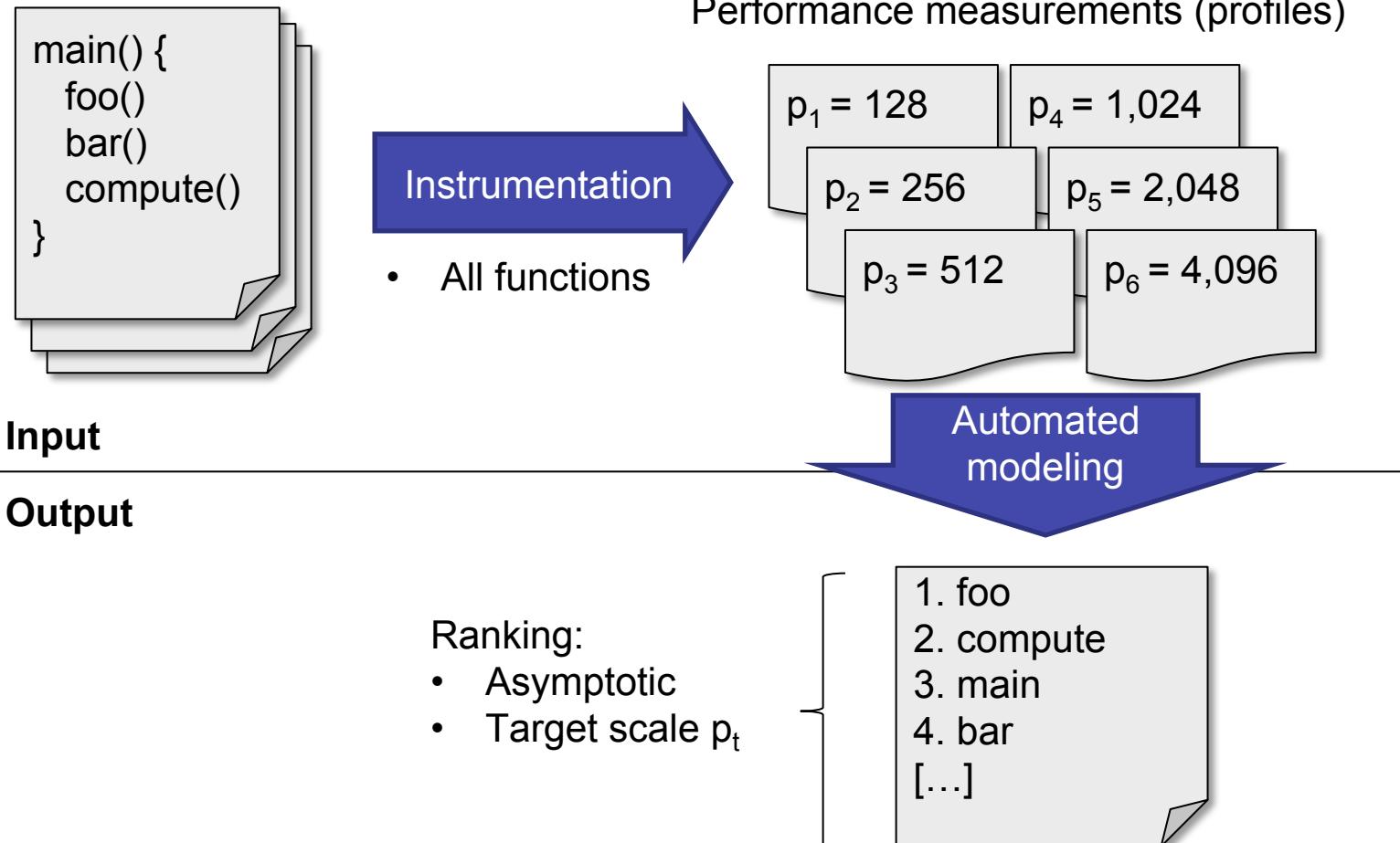
# Analytical scalability modeling



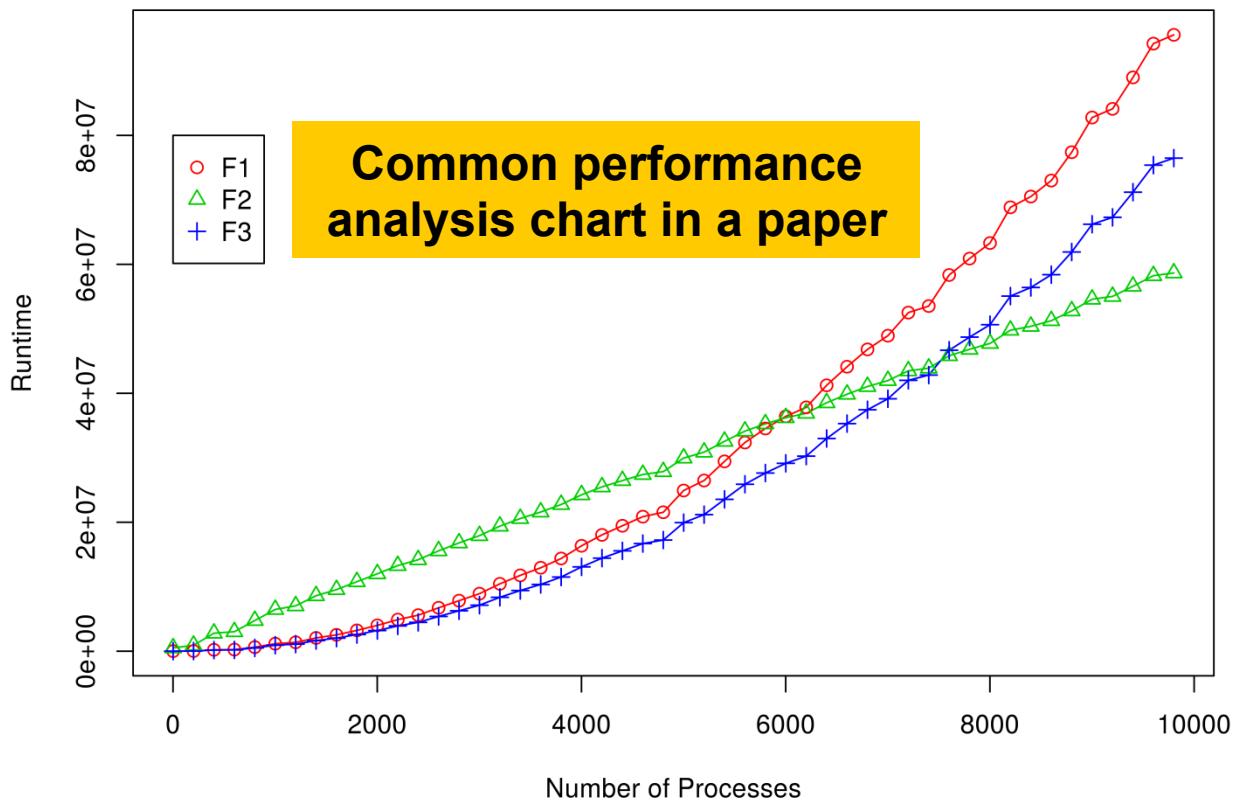
## Disadvantages

- Time consuming
- Danger of overlooking unscalable code

# Automated empirical modeling (2)



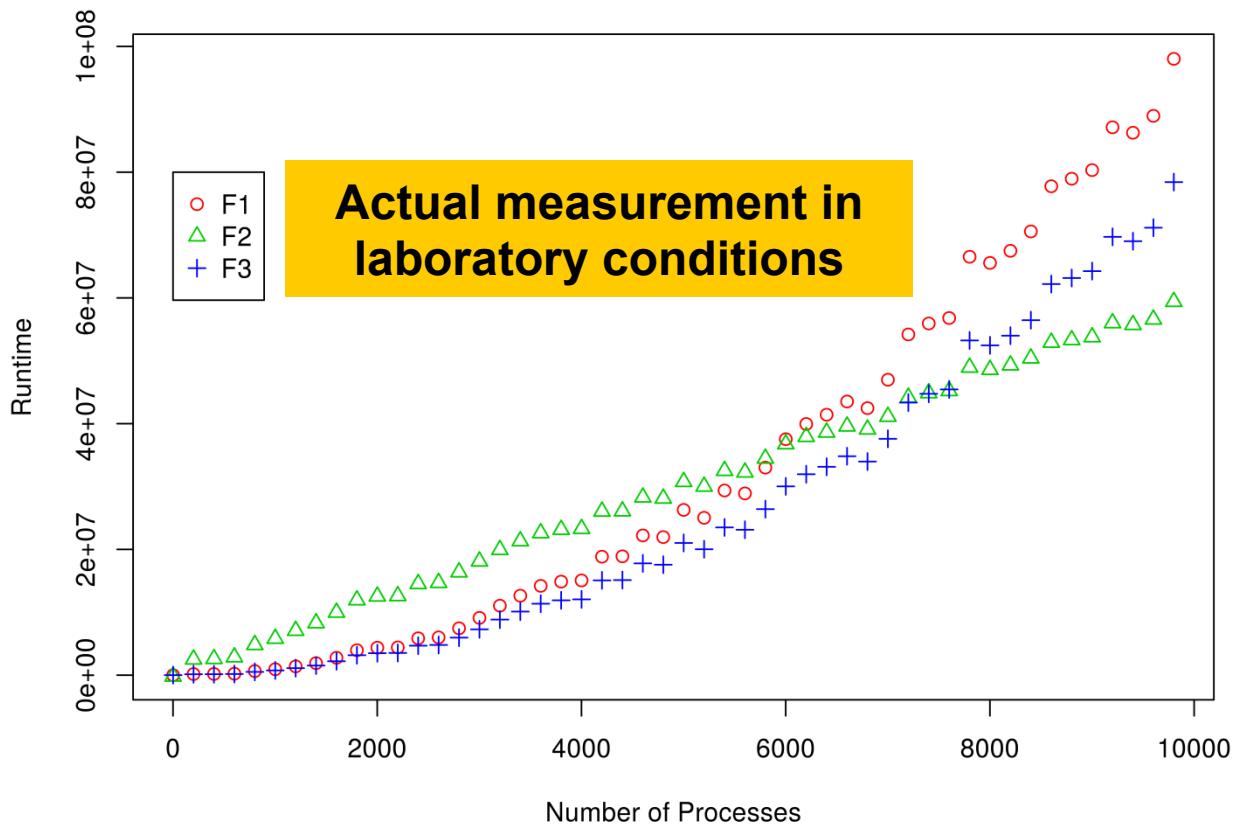
# Primary focus on scaling trend



Our ranking

1.  $F_1$
2.  $F_3$
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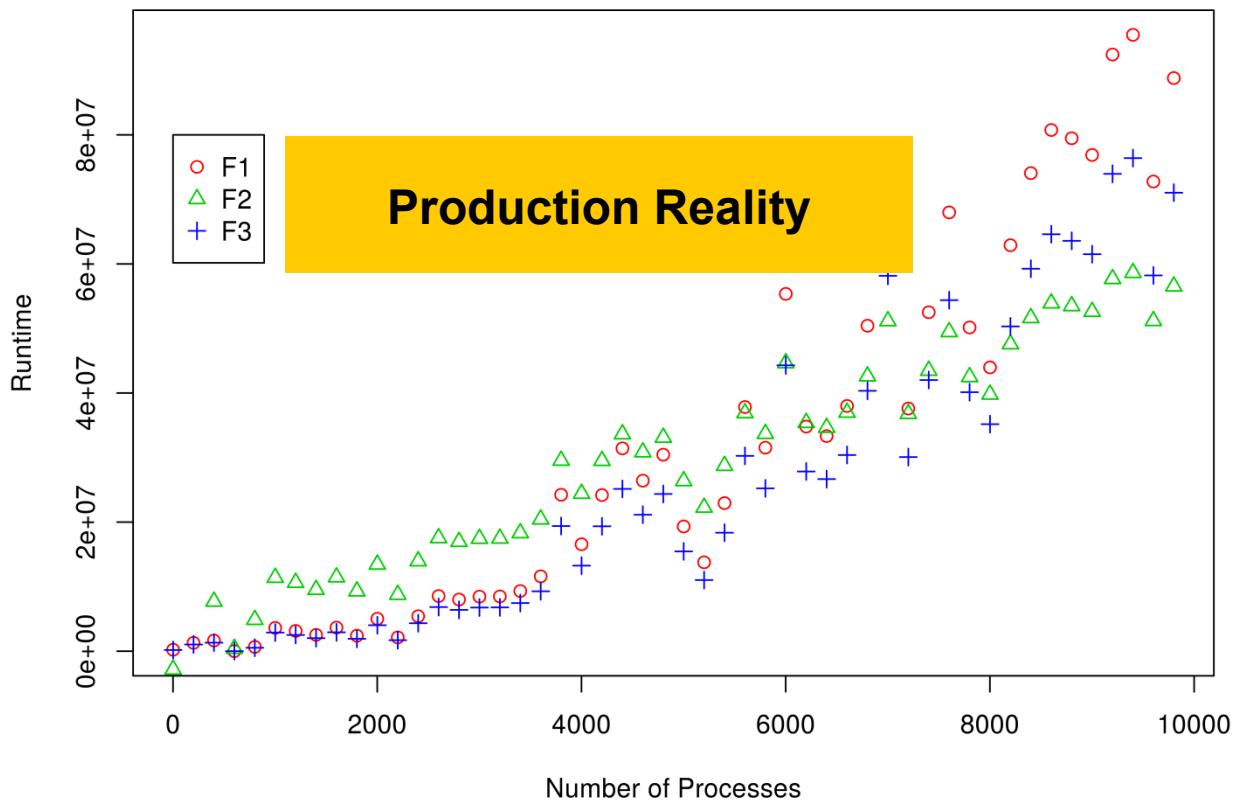
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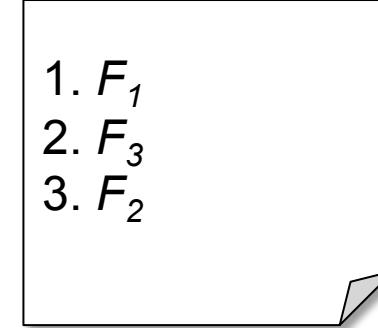
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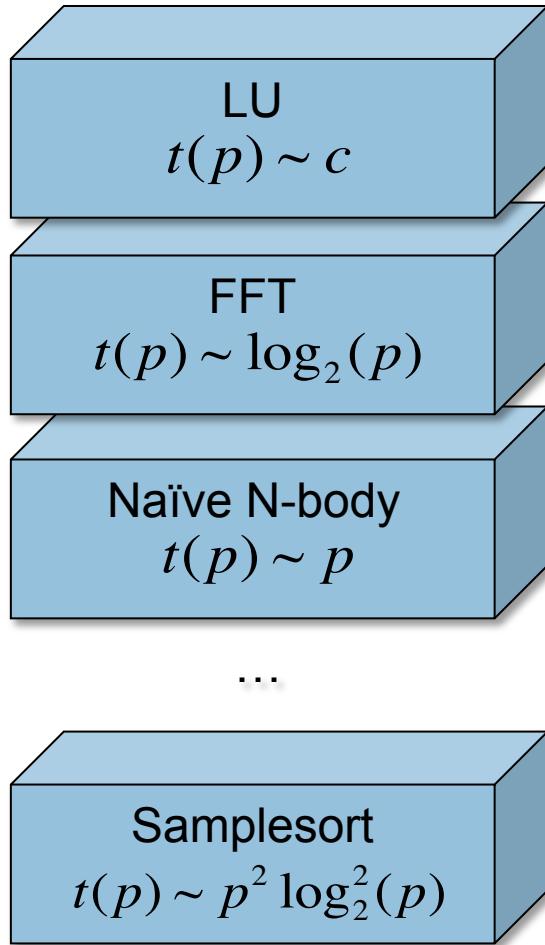


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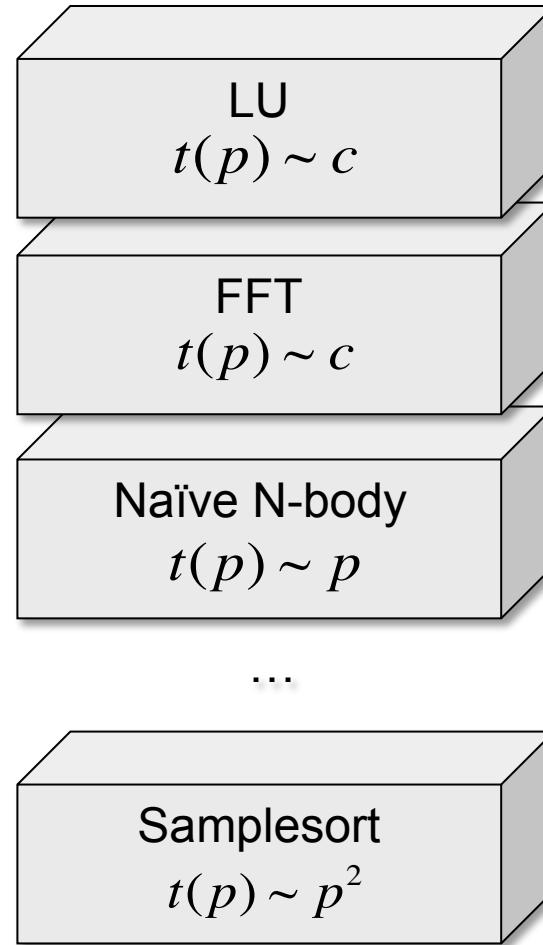
# Model building blocks



Computation



Communication



# Performance model normal form



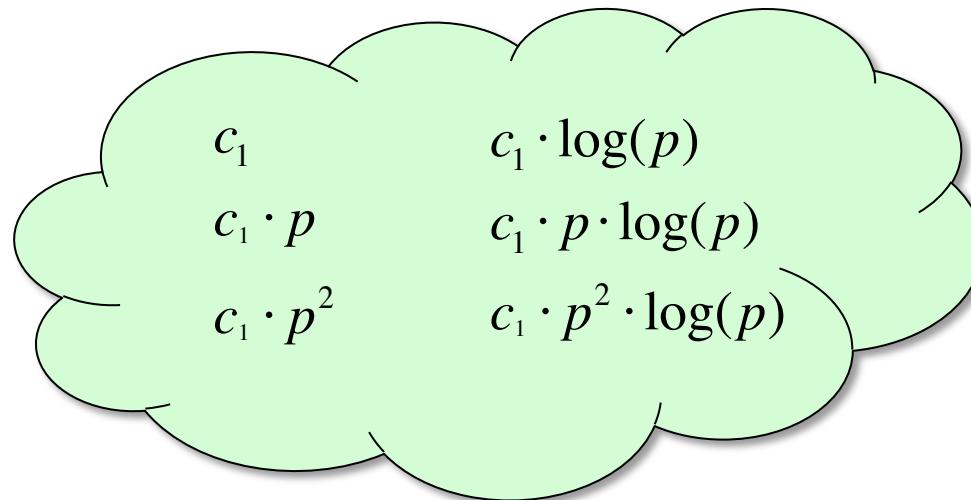
$$f(p) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \cdot p^{i_k} \cdot \log_2^{j_k}(p)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n &\in \mathbb{N} \\ i_k &\in I \\ j_k &\in J \\ I, J &\subset \mathbb{Q} \end{aligned}$$

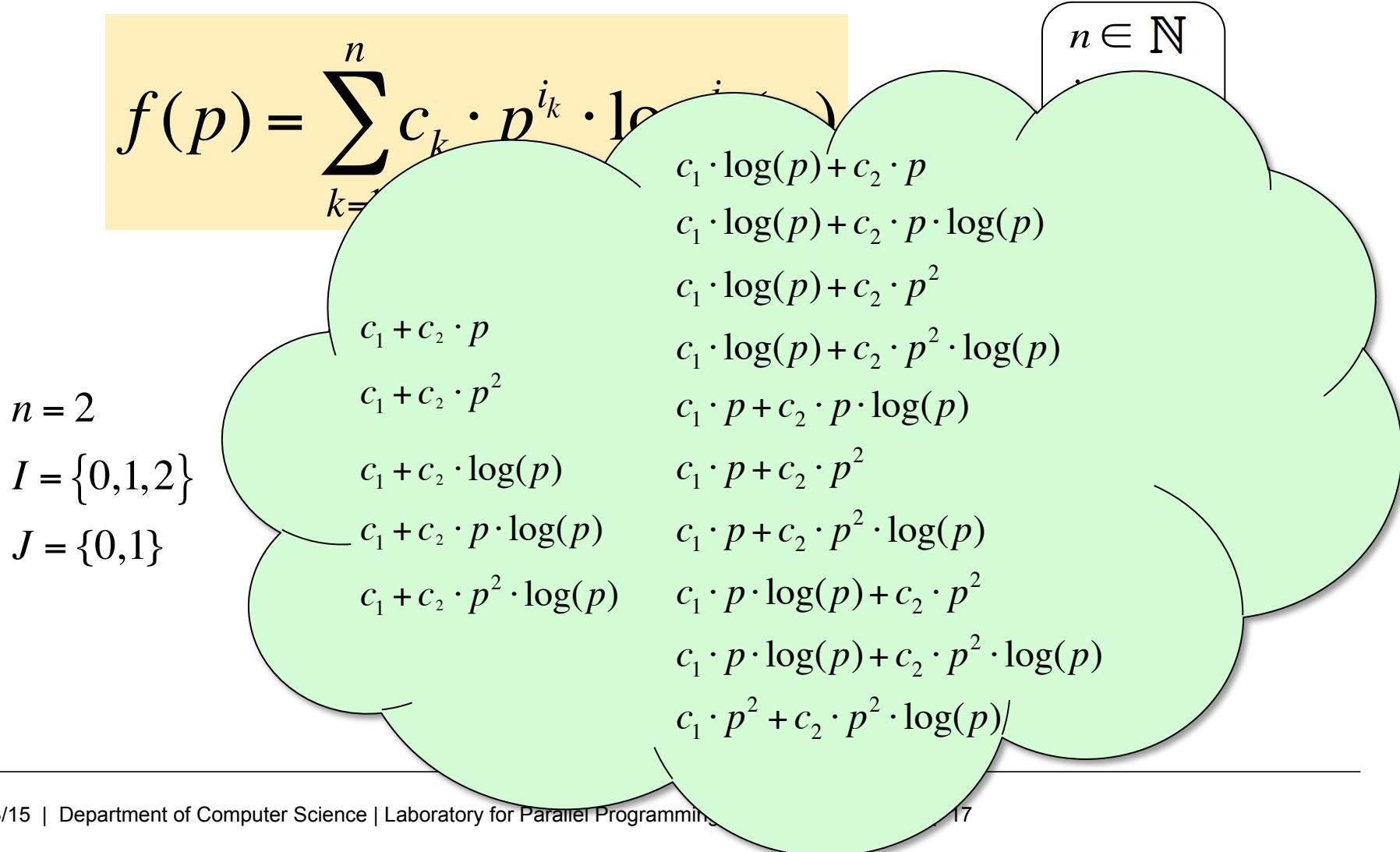
$$n = 1$$

$$I = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

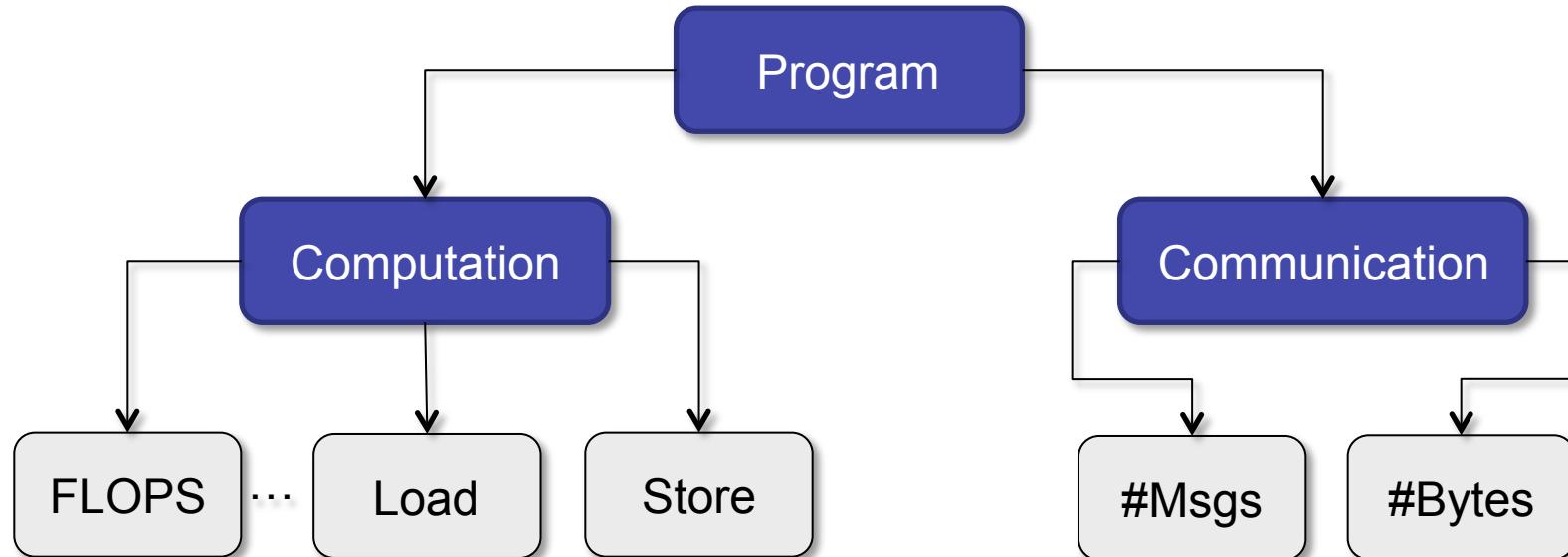
$$J = \{0, 1\}$$



# Performance model normal form



# Modeling operations vs. time



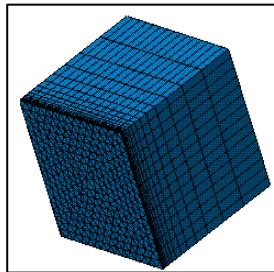
Disagreement may be indicative of wait states



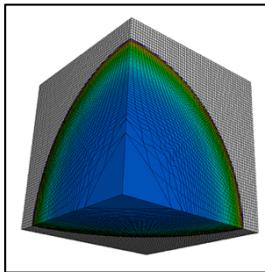
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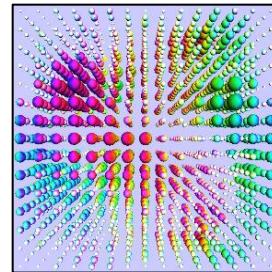
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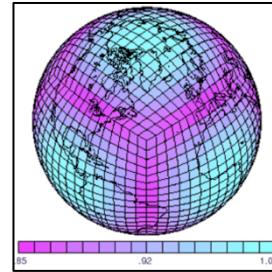
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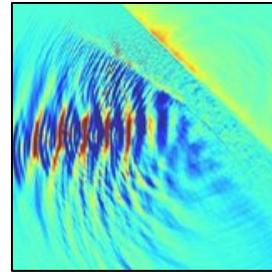
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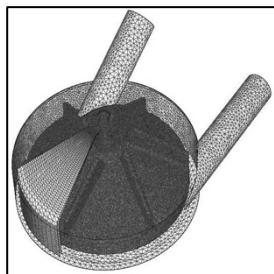
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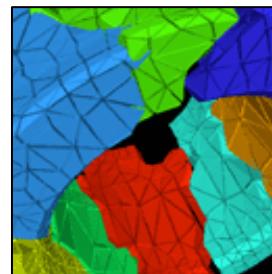
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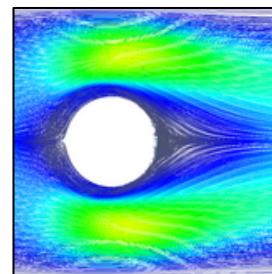
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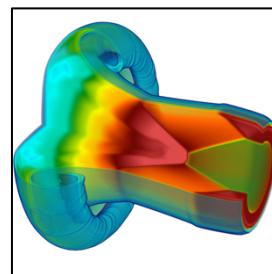
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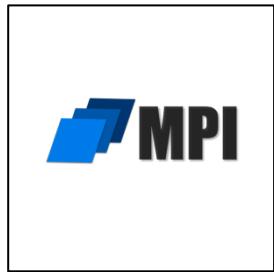
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MP2C



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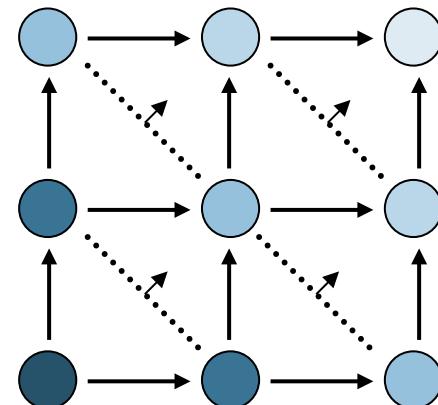
# Sweep3D - Neutron transport simulation



- LogGP model for communication developed by Hoisie et al.

$$t^{comm} = [2(p_x + p_y - 2) + 4(n_{sweep} - 1)] \cdot t_{msg}$$

$$t^{comm} = c \cdot \sqrt{p}$$



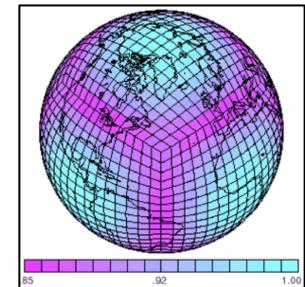
Kernel [2 of 40]	Model [s] $t = f(p)$	Predictive error [%] $p_t=262k$
sweep → MPI_Recv	4.03 $\sqrt{p}$	5.10
sweep	582.19	#bytes ≈ const. #msg ≈ const. $p_i \leq 8k$

# HOMME – Climate



## Core of the Community Atmospheric Model (CAM)

- Spectral element dynamical core on a cubed sphere grid



Kernel [3 of 194]	Model [s] $t = f(p)$	Predictive error [%] $p_t = 130k$
box_rearrange → MPI_Reduce	$0.026 + 2.53 \cdot 10^{-6} p \cdot \sqrt{p} + 1.24 \cdot 10^{-12} p^3$	57.02
vlaplace_sphere_vk		49.53
compute_and_apply_rhs		48.68

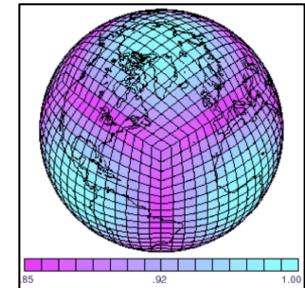
$$p_i \leq 15k$$

# HOMME – Climate



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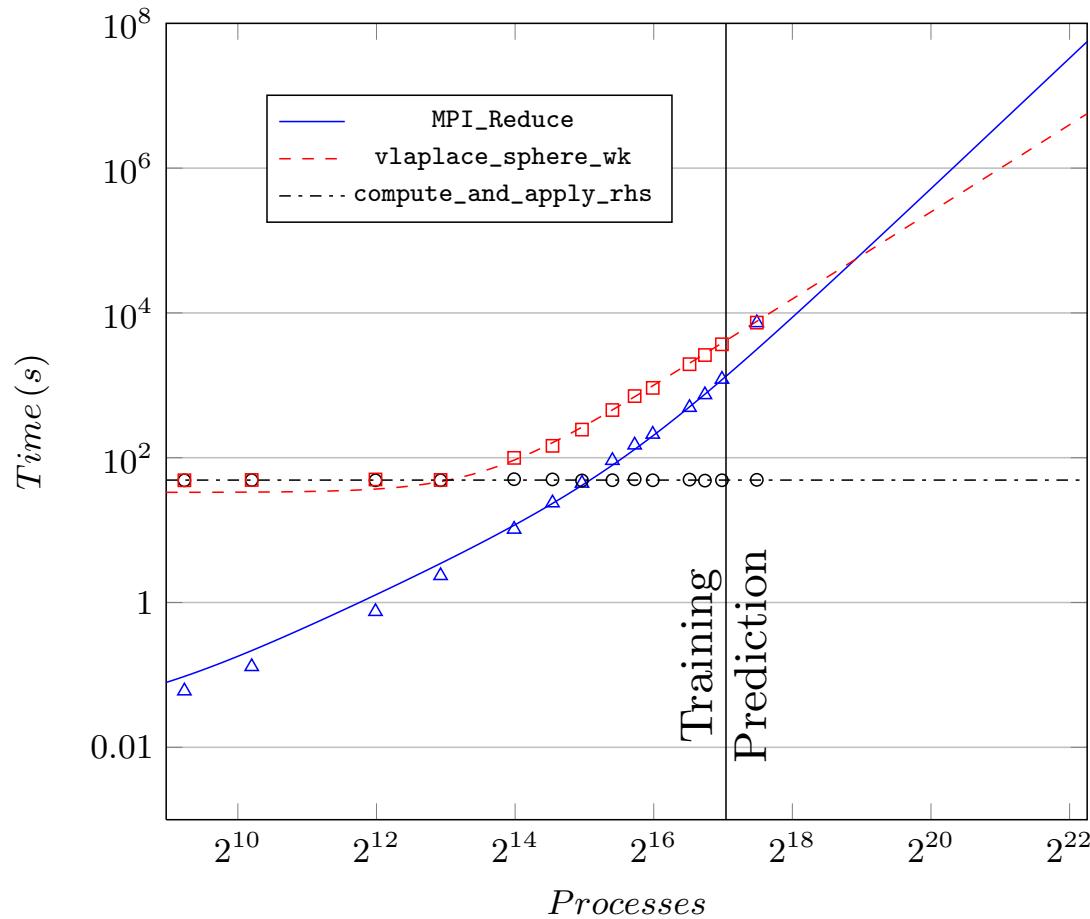
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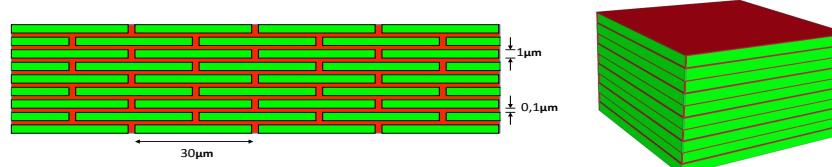


Kernel [3 of 194]	Model [s] $t = f(p)$	Predictive error [%] $p_t = 130k$
box_rearrange → MPI_Reduce	$3.63 \cdot 10^{-6} p \cdot \sqrt{p} + 7.21 \cdot 10^{-13} p^3$	30.34
vlaplace_sphere_vk	$24.44 + 2.26 \cdot 10^{-7} p^2$	4.28
compute_and_apply_rhs	49.09	0.83

$$p_i \leq 43k$$

# HOMME – Climate (2)





- Numerical framework for grid-based solution of partial differential equations (~500,000 lines of C++ code, 2,000 kernels)
  - Application: drug diffusion through the human skin
- In general, all kernels scale well
  - Multigrid solver kernel (MGM) scales logarithmically
  - Number of iterations needed by the unpreconditioned conjugate gradient (CG) method depends on the mesh size
    - Increases by factor of two with each refinement
    - Will therefore suffer from iteration count increase in weak scaling

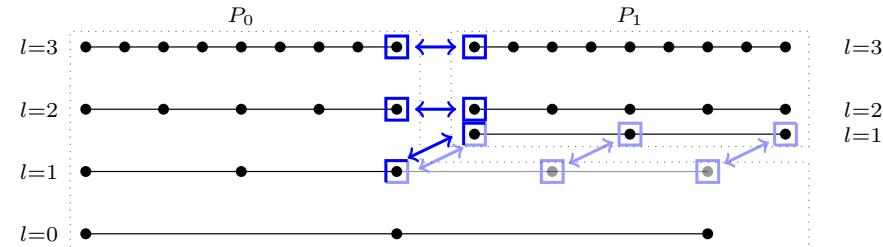
Kernel	Model (time [s])
CG	$0.227 + 0.31 * p^{0.5}$
MGM	$0.219 + 0.0006 * \log^2(p)$

# Issue with MPI communicator group creation



- Create MPI communicator groups for each level of multigrid hierarchy
- Exclude processes that do not own a grid part on that level
- *Before:* Membership info communicated using MPI\_Allreduce with array of length  $p$  - non-scalable  $p * O(MPI\_Allreduce)$  complexity
- *Now:* MPI\_Allreduce replaced by MPI\_Comm\_split - enhanced algorithms of which are known to have  $O(\log^2 p)$  complexity

(C. Siebert, F. Wolf: Parallel sorting with minimal data. Recent Advances in the Message Passing Interface, 2011)



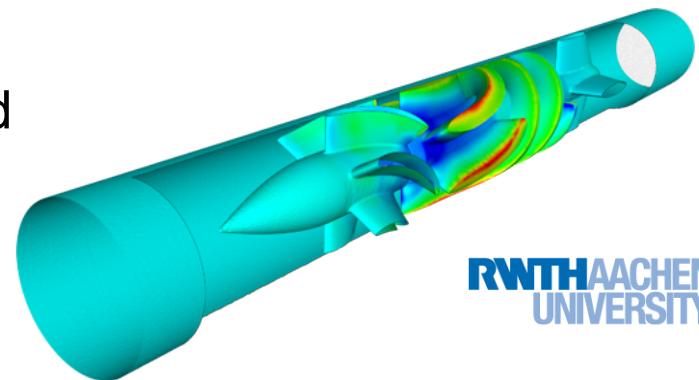


# Weak vs. strong scaling

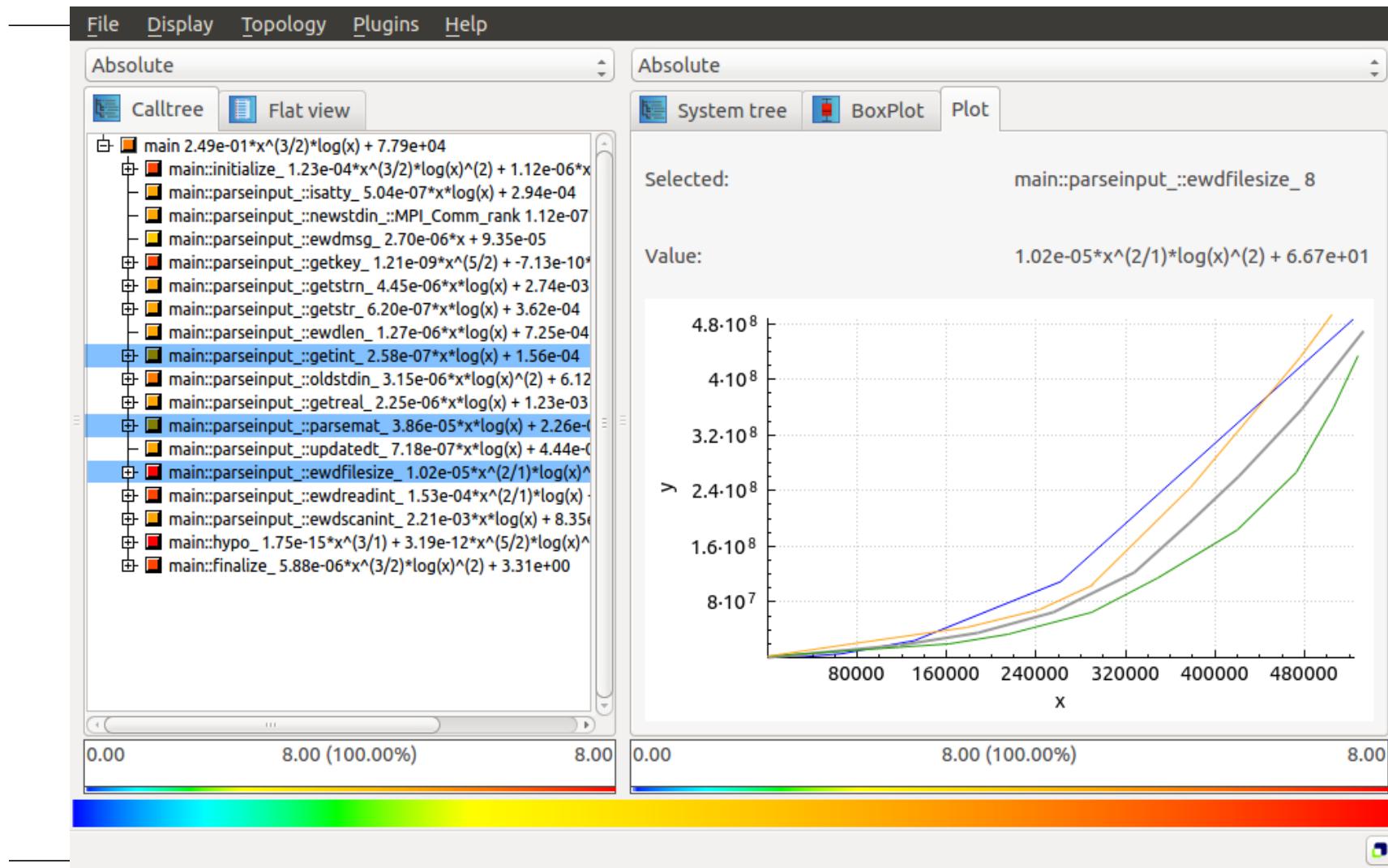
- Wall-clock time not necessarily monotonically increasing under strong scaling
  - Harder to capture model automatically
  - Different invariants require different reductions across processes

	Weak scaling	Strong scaling
Invariant	Problem size per process	Overall problem size
Model target	Wall-clock time	Accumulated time
Reduction	Maximum / average	Sum

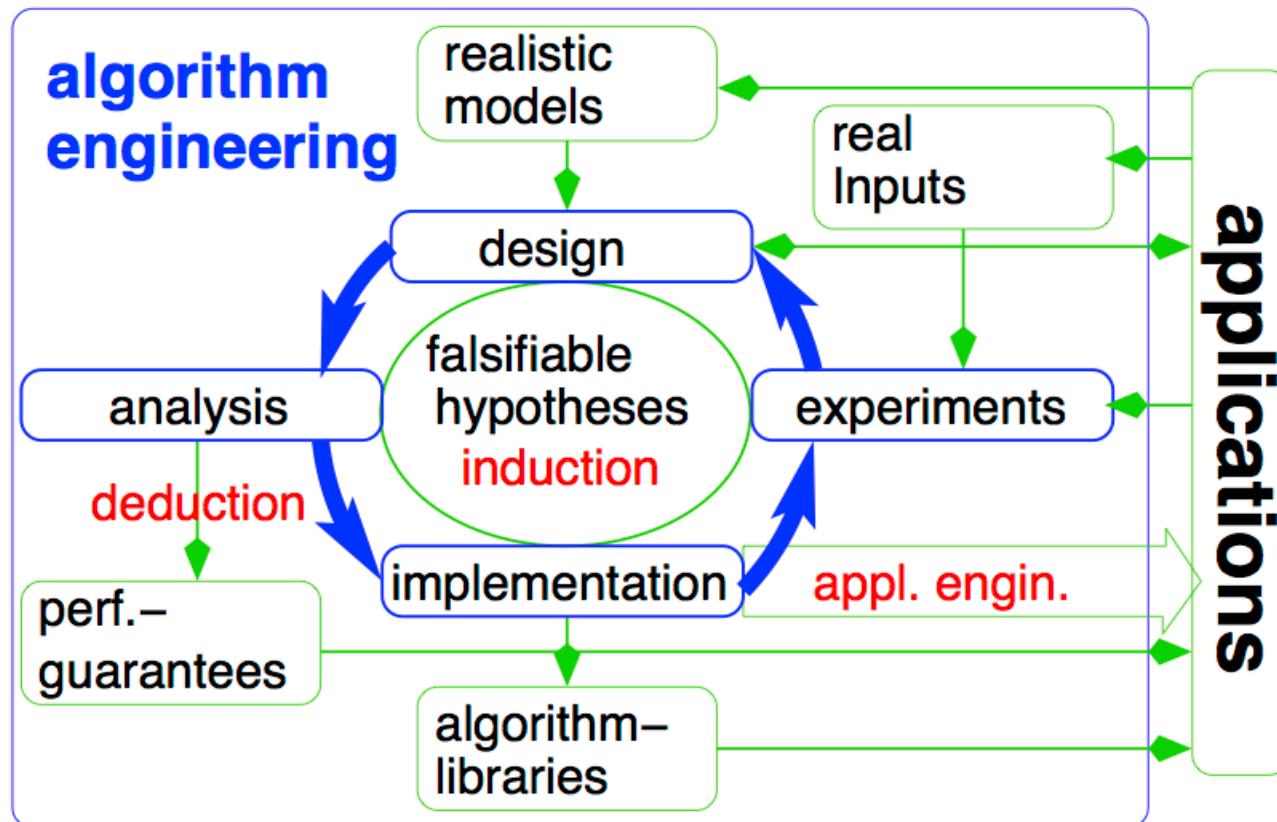
- Finite element flow simulation
- Strong scaling analysis using accumulated time across processes as metric



Kernel	Runtime[%] $p=128$	Runtime[%] $p=4096$	Model [s] $t = f(p)$
ewdgennprm->MPI_Recv	0.46	51.46	$0.029 \cdot p^2$
ewddot	44.78	5.04	$\#bytes = \sim p$ $\#msg = \sim p$



# Algorithm engineering



Courtesy of Peter Sanders, KIT

# How to validate scalability in practice?



Program

Small  
text book  
example

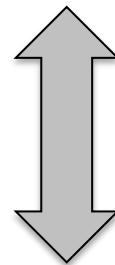
Real  
application

Expectation

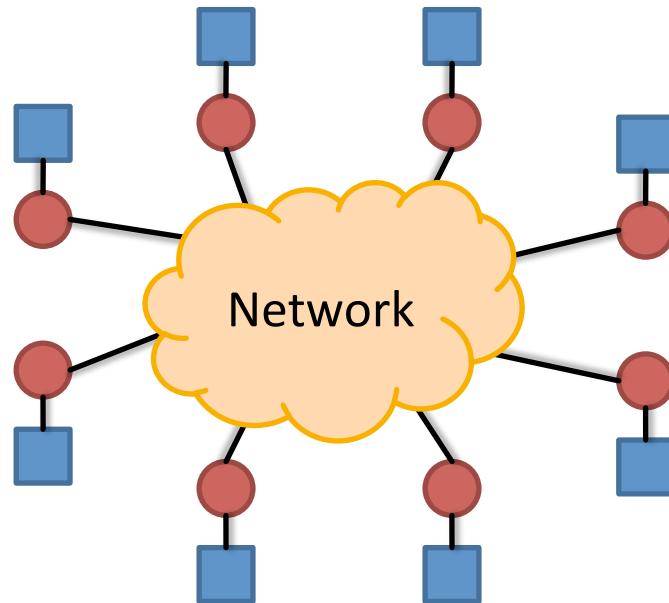
Verifiable  
analytical  
expression

$$\#FLOPS = n^2(2n - 1)$$

$$\#FLOPS = O(n^{2.8074})$$

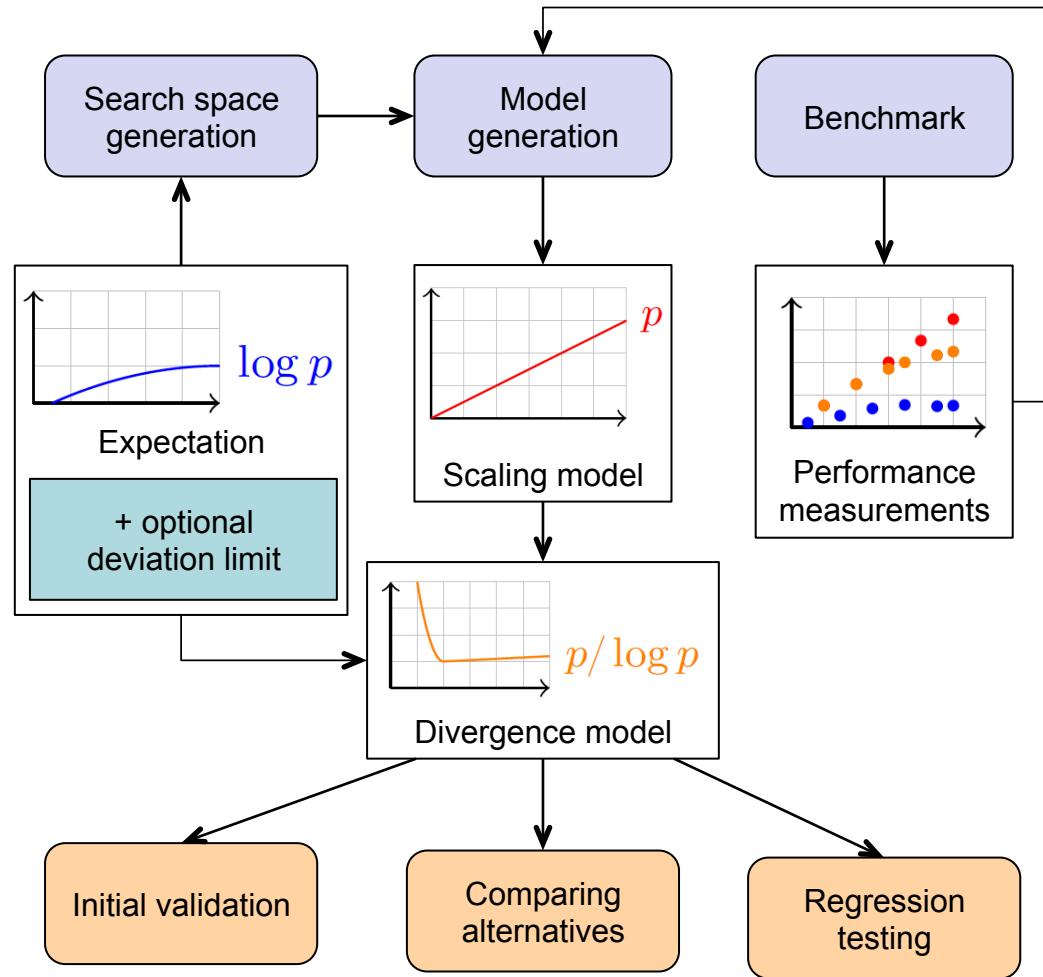


- Focus on algorithms rather than applications
- Theoretical expectations more common
- Reuse factor makes scalability even more important



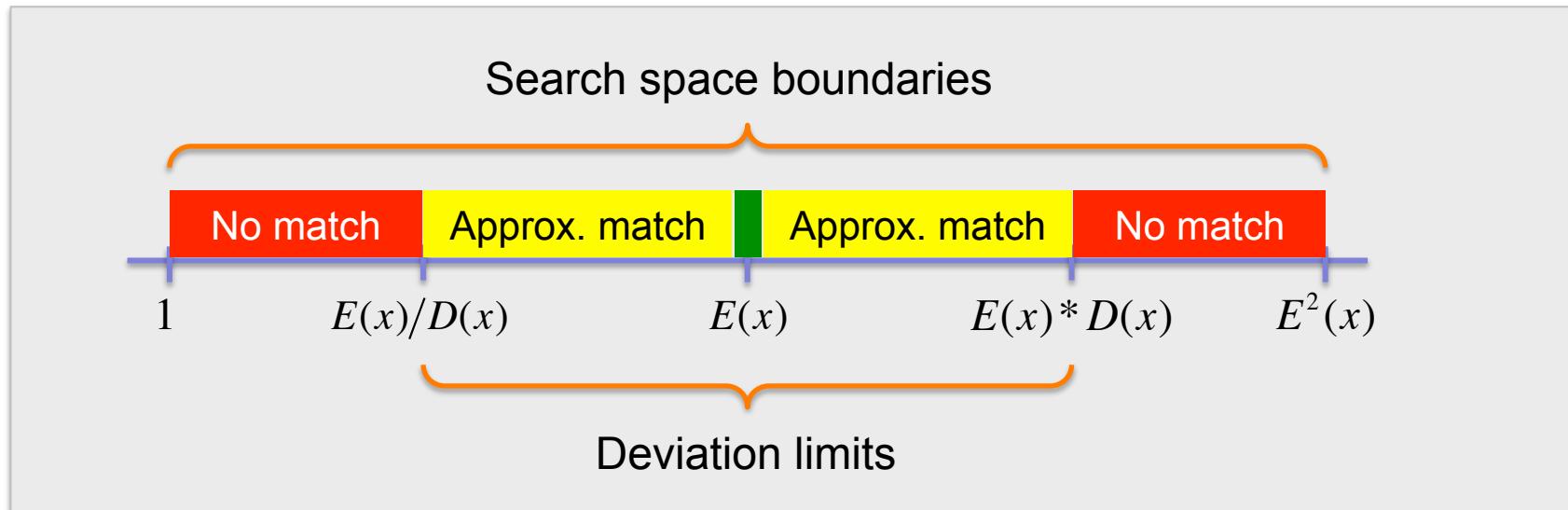
Example:  
MPI communication library

# Scalability evaluation framework



# Customized search space

- Constructed around expectation
- Supports wider range of model functions than original PMNF



# Test systems



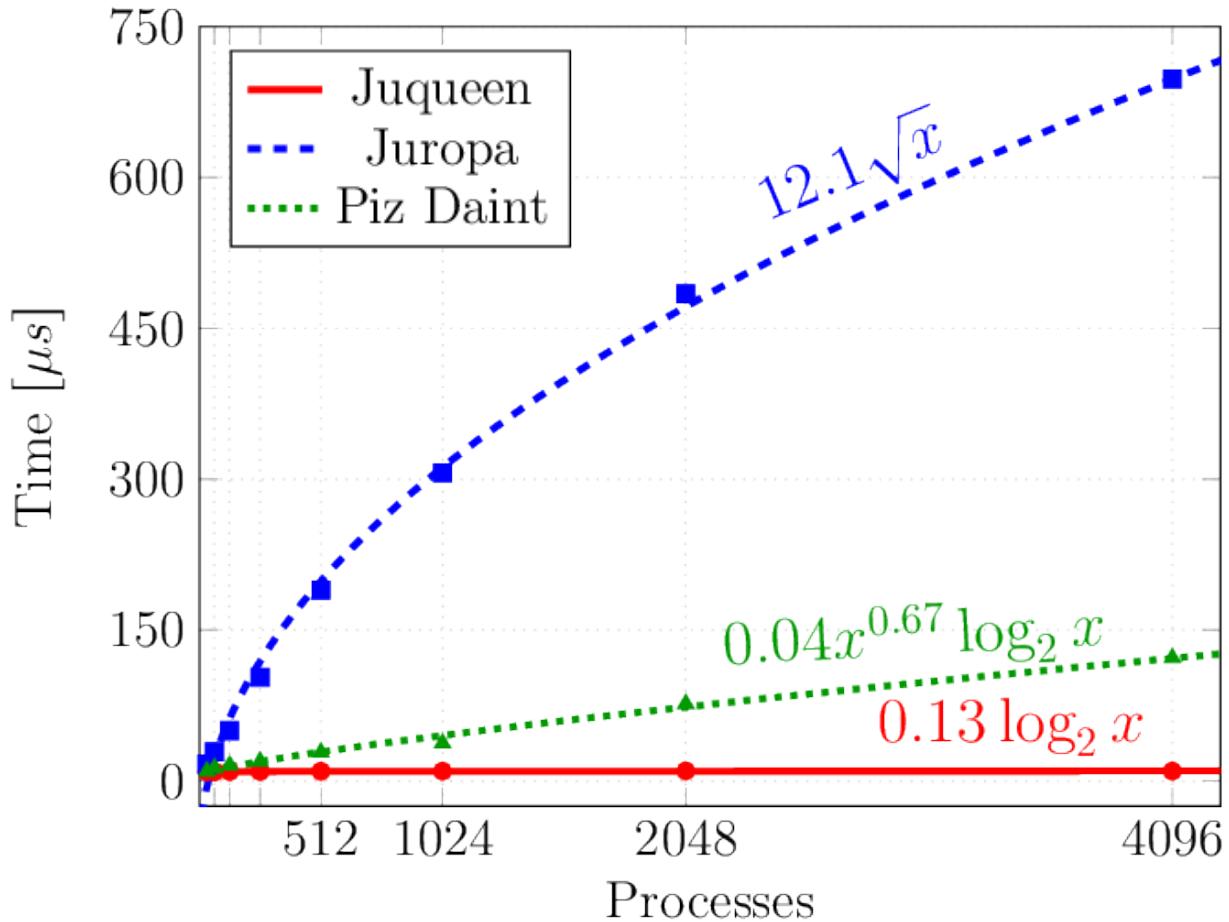
Platform	Topology	Nodes	CPU	Cores*	Memory*	MPI
Juqueen (BG/Q)	5D torus	28,672	PPC A2	16	16 GB	PAMI
Juropa (Intel)	Fat tree w/ IB	3,288	X5570	8	24 GB	ParTec
Piz Daint (Cray-XC30)	Dragonfly	5,727	E5-2670	8	32 GB	Cray

\* Per node



Platform	Platform	Juqueen	Juropa	Piz Daint	Daint
Barrier [s]					$O(\log p)$
Model	Allreduce [s]			Expectation: $O(\log p)$	$\log p$
R <sup>2</sup>	Model	$O(\log p)$	$O(p^{0.5})$	$O(p^{0.67} \log p)$	
Divergence	R <sup>2</sup>	0.87	0.99	0.99	)
Match					
Bcast [s]	Divergence	0	$O(p^{0.5}/\log p)$	$O(p^{0.67})$	Expectation: $O(p)$
Model					)
R <sup>2</sup>	Match	✓	~	X!	)
Divergence	Comm_dup [B]			Expectation: $O(1)$	)
Match					
Reduce [s]	Model	2.2e5	256	$3770 + 18p$	Expectation: $O(p)$
Model	R <sup>2</sup>	1	1	0.99	)
R <sup>2</sup>	Divergence	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(p)$	)
Divergence					)
Match	Match	✓	✓	X	)

# Allreduce results

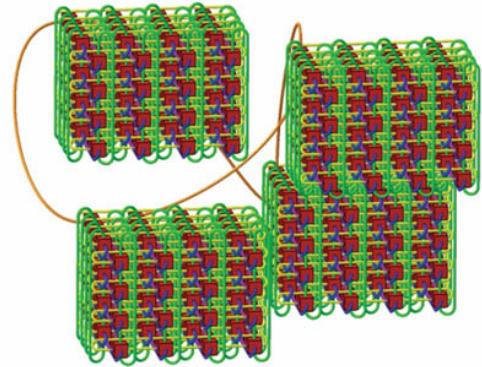


Divergence on Piz  
Daint is  $O(p^{0.67})$ , the  
highest of all three

# Potential reasons for discrepancies



1. Expectations based on simplified network models (in reality: IB, N-D torus)



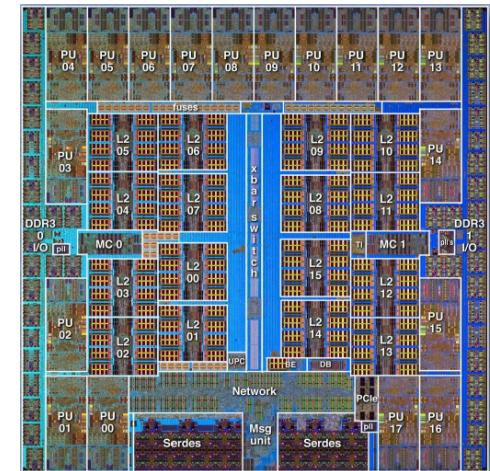
2. Nodes allocation, node's neighborhood

A. Bhatele, K. Mohror, S. H. Langer, and K. E. Isaacs.

There Goes the Neighborhood: Performance Degradation Due to Nearby Jobs,  
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3. Network hardware differences (MU on BG/Q)

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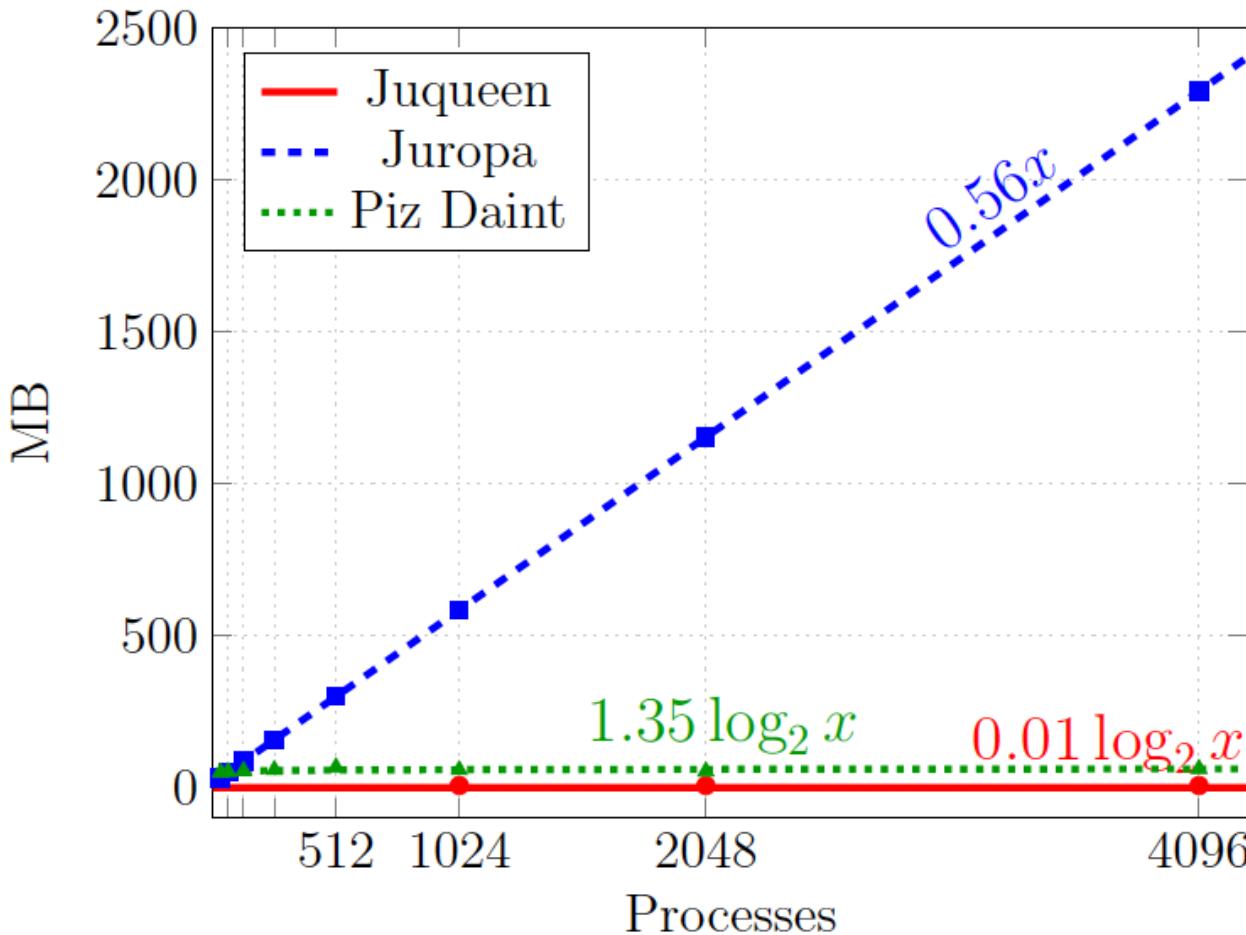


[computing.llnl.gov/tutorials/bgq](http://computing.llnl.gov/tutorials/bgq)

# MPI memory consumption on all three systems



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Linear memory  
consumption on  
Juropa

ParaStation MPI  
uses RC over IB

Sub-space clustering code used in data-mining

- Cluster dimensionality  $k$  is the model parameter
- Result: observed behavior matched the expectations

	gen	dedup	pcount	unjoin
Expectation	$O(k^3 2^k)$	$O(k^4 2^k)$	$O(k 2^k)$	$O(k^3 2^k)$
Model	$O(k^4 2^k)$	$O(k^4 2^k)$	$O(k 2^k)$	$O(k^2 2^k)$
Divergence	$O(k)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1/k)$
Match	$\sim$	✓	✓	$\sim$

# Mass-producing performance models



- Is feasible
- Offers insight
- Requires low effort
- Improves code coverage



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