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JUMP 2.0 Theme 2: Communications and Connectivity

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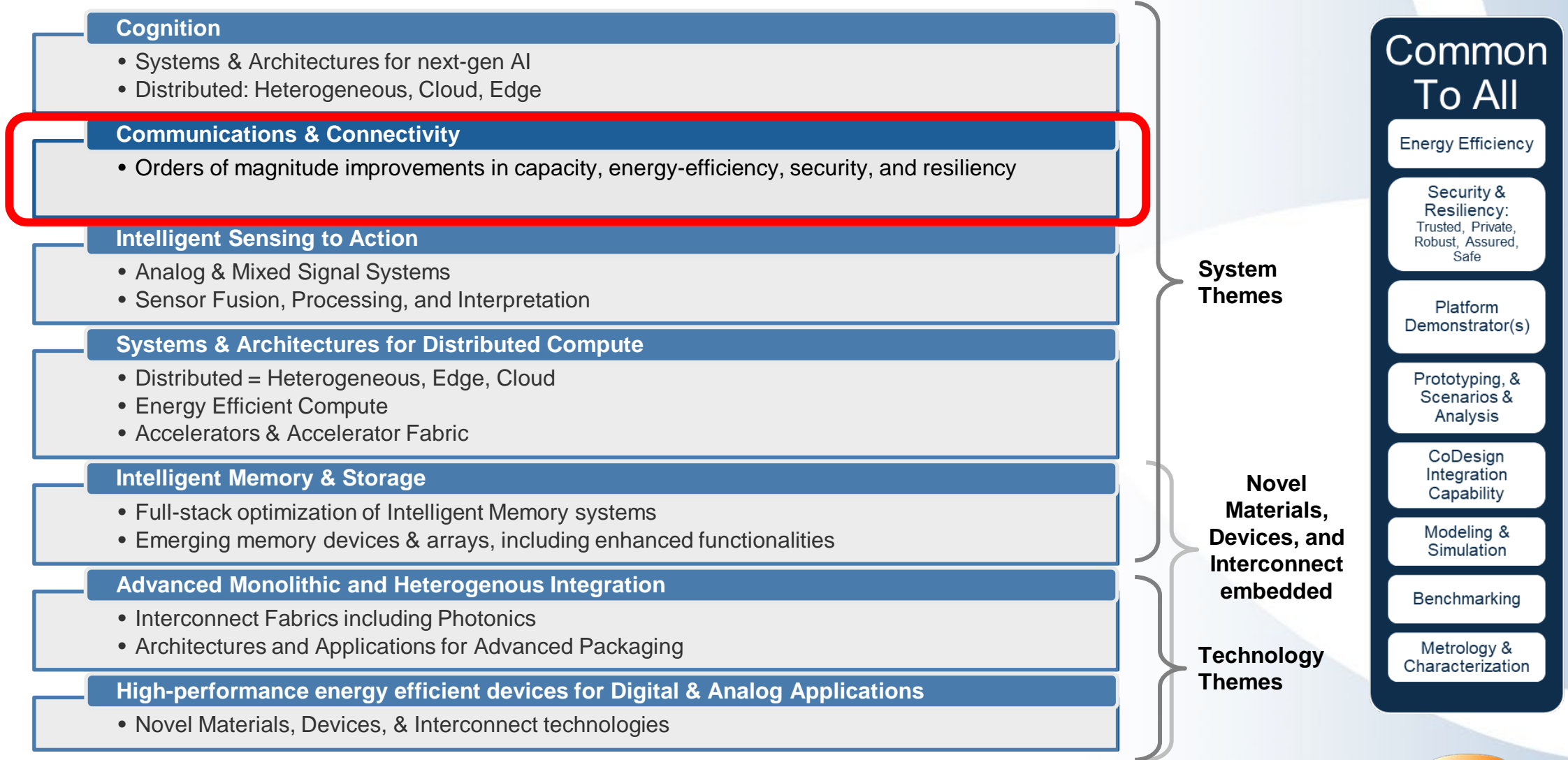
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SRC e-Workshop: CUbiC Center Plan and Vision

JUMP 2.0: Seven Research Themes



Agenda

- Challenges & CUbiC's Vision
- Research Plan
 - Theme 1: Connectivity Networks and Systems
 - Theme 2: Wireline and Lightwave Interconnects
 - Theme 3: wireless Circuits and Technology
- Integration & System Testbed Platforms
- Summary

Edge to Cloud Connectivity Challenges

Explosive Growth in Data Communication Demands

Cloud Connectivity Challenges:

- Orders of magnitude gap between on-chip/off-chip BW
- Strong distance-dependent communication energy
- Scalability limited by energy and bandwidth tapering
- Massive heterogeneity – compute/memory/accelerator

Edge Connectivity Challenges:

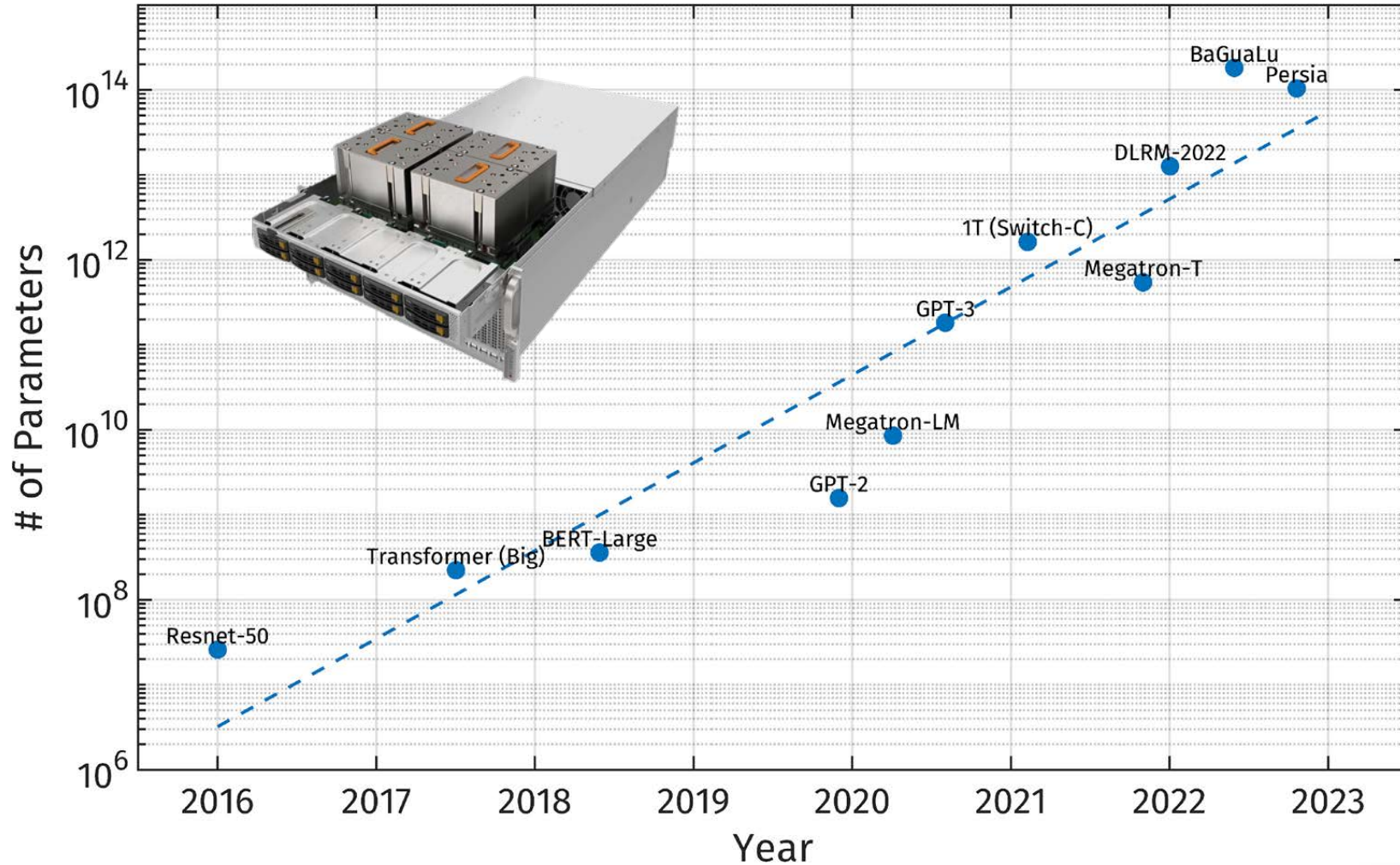
- Driving mm-Wave capacity to meet data demand with robustness, reliability, mobility, and low cost
- Massive densification, power, loss, thermal cooling
- Long-range links - back-haul, long range front-haul, airborne links - limited by output power



System Connectivity Challenges:

- Seamless connectivity between edge and cloud for optimized cross-layer performance
- Reconfigurable, adaptable connectivity to accelerate heterogeneous applications
- Secure and resilient connectivity across edge and cloud

AI Applications Driving Ever Larger Models in Cloud

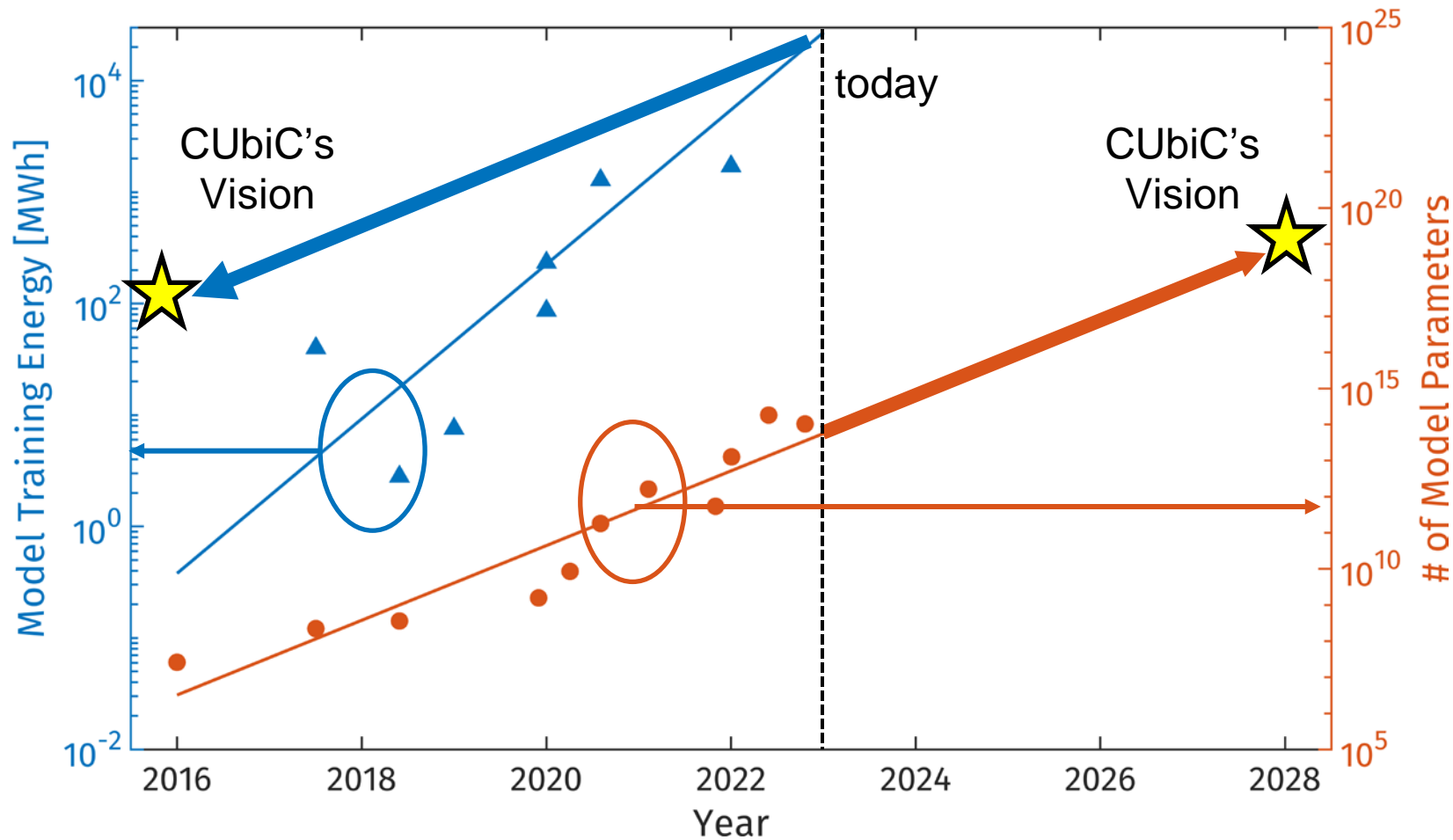


Model size increases one order of magnitude per year

> 100 Trillion parameters

Exceeding memory capacity of any single compute socket

Cloud Performance Scaling with Reduced Energy



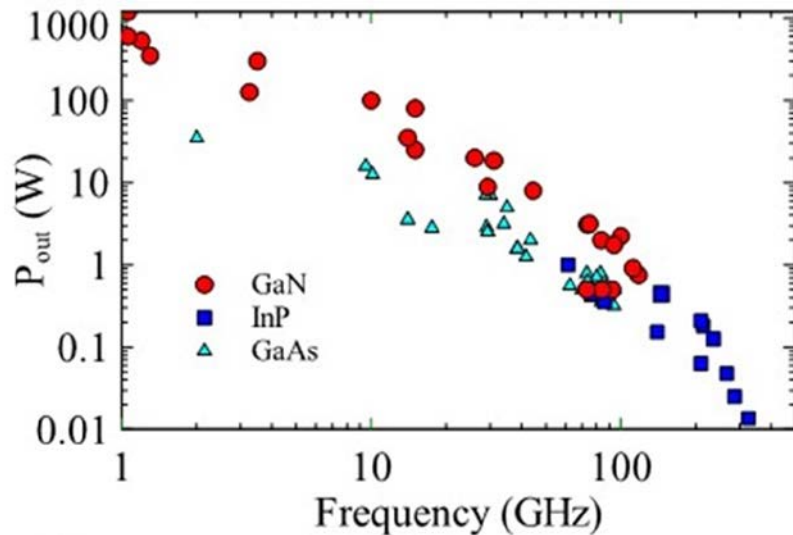
CUBiC enables:

- Scale Performance while
- reducing energy by > 100 X
- Flattened BW/energy across the system by bringing photonics into the socket
- System wide flexible photonic connectivity for accelerating AI/ML/HPC applications

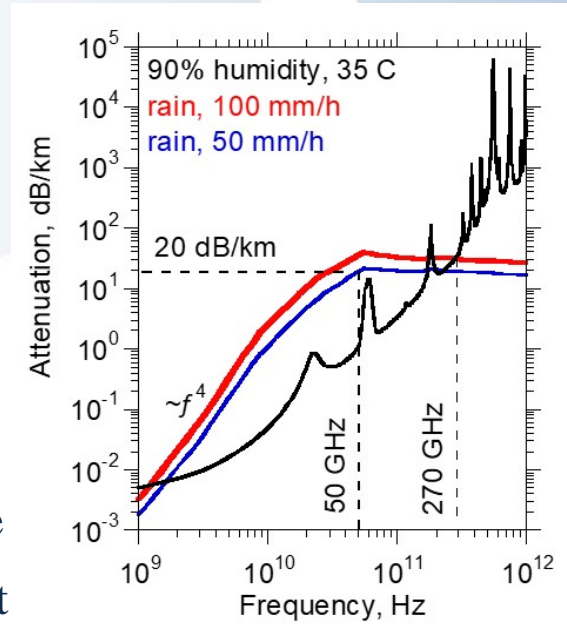
Wireless Edge: Challenges Moving to Higher Frequencies

- High Frequency Millimeter-Wave Wireless:
 - More available spectrum; Higher data rates per beam
 - Massive spatial multiplexing; Compact arrays

- Key Deployment Challenges – even at 5G



- High atmospheric and λ^2/R^2 losses; limited range
- Massive densification required to provide coverage
- Closely-spaced base stations; high deployment cost
- Extending range requires arrays with many (10^2 - 10^3) elements
- Dense $\lambda/2$ array pitch; higher power per element; high cost
- Thermal cooling limits practical antenna count and footprint
- Long range applications limited by output power (CMOS/SiGe cannot offer watt level power efficiently) need GaN / III-V



Road to the Next-G Wireless Connectivity

- **Accelerate Adoption:**
 - Increase 5G systems capacity; all-digital massive MIMO both 28 GHz and 100+ GHz
 - Advanced efficient DSP algorithms for multi-user MIMO
 - Cost-effective densification via O-RAN (low-cost remote radio heads and backhaul)
- **Longer Range, High Capacity, with Low DC Power, and Low Cost:**
 - Massive 2-D arrays with advanced semiconductors and high-density packaging
 - Large-scale, inexpensive CMOS mm-wave arrays
 - Smaller active arrays plus massive steerable passive retroreflectors
- **Highly Flexible, High Spectral Efficiency, Robust Systems:**
 - Favorable to O-RAN distributed architectures; routing massive data efficiently
 - Systems inherently robust to interference in the RF/analog domain; not relying on digital baseband
- **High Frequency GaN Devices:** high output power, thermal cooling, favorable to wireless applications



CUbiC Vision

Flatten the computation-communication gap at both the Edge and the Cloud to deliver seamless Edge-to-Cloud connectivity with transformational reductions in the global system energy consumption.

Grand Challenge:

Realize robust, scalable Edge to Cloud connectivity at > 10 Tbps with sub-pJ/bit energy efficiencies while enhancing bandwidth densities by >100X over capacity-constrained channels

CUbiC Team: 23 PIs from 13 Universities



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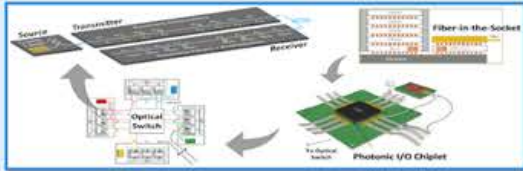


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CUbiC Research Plan

Vertically Integrated Research Organization

Theme 2: Wireline and Lightwave Interconnects



2.1 Systems & Algorithms for Connectivity

2.2 Circuits & Architectures for Links

2.3 Circuits & Architectures for Switches

2.4 Photonic Devices for Connectivity

Theme 1: Connectivity Networks and Systems



1.1 Terabit/s PHY Systems

1.2 Cross-layer Design of Terabit/s Networks

1.3 Security and Resiliency

1.4 System Connectivity Platforms

SoSFab

ReACT

Theme 3: Wireless Circuits and Technology

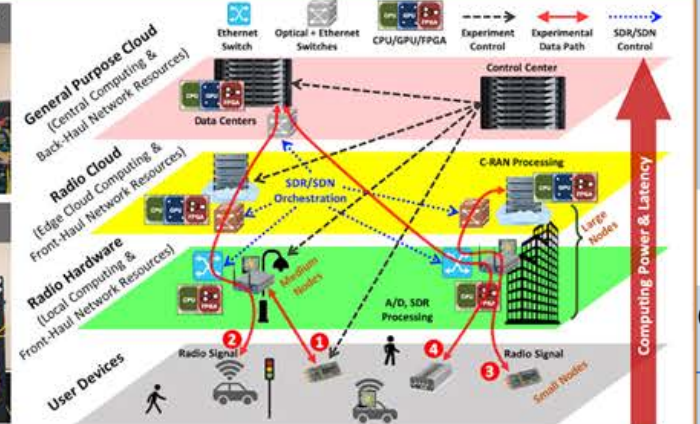
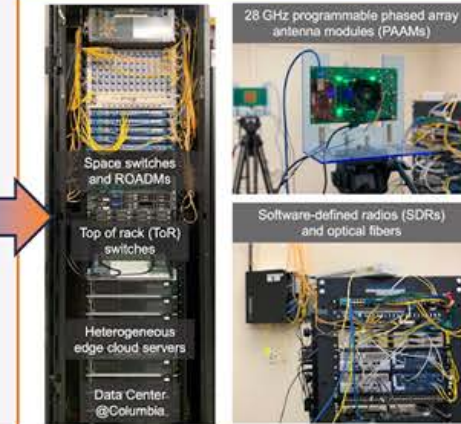
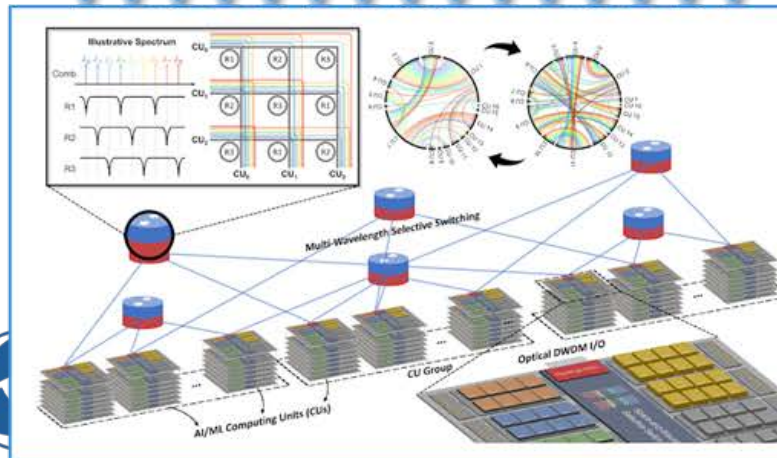


3.1 Large-Scale Millimeter-wave Arrays

3.2 Wideband HDR Analog Signal Processing Interfaces

3.3 High-Dimensional DSP for Emerging Wireless

3.4 Heterogeneous Technologies for Next Generation Wireless

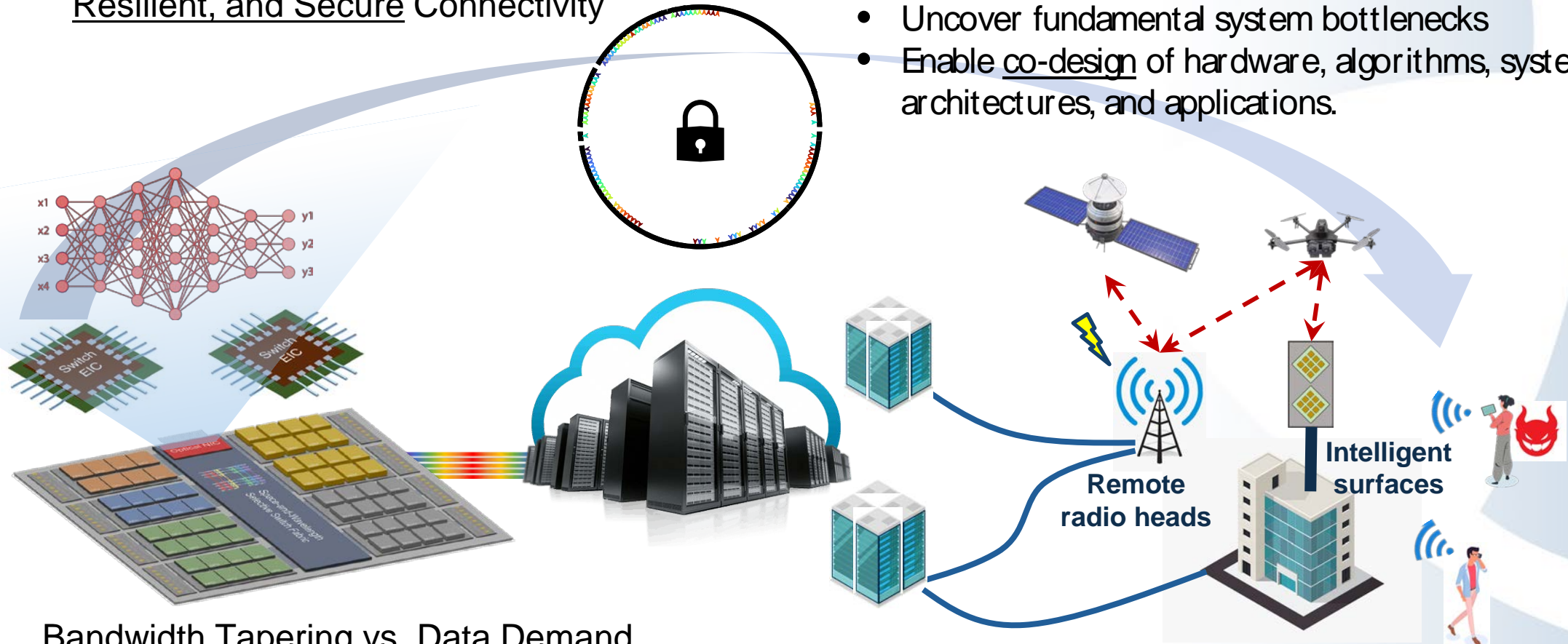


Theme 1: Addressing System Connectivity Challenges

Enabling Cross-Layer Seamless, Adaptable, Resilient, and Secure Connectivity

System applications driven connectivity challenges:

- Inform and drive technologies in Themes 2 and 3
- Uncover fundamental system bottlenecks
- Enable co-design of hardware, algorithms, system, network architectures, and applications.



Bandwidth Tapering vs. Data Demand
Informing Theme 2

Edge Ubiquity vs. High-Frequency Challenges
Informing Theme 3

Theme 1: Task Organization

1.1 Terabits/s PHY Systems

Task 1.1.1: Flexible Photonic Accelerated Computing (FlexPAC)
Bergman, Ghobadi, Lipson

Task 1.1.2: Signal Processing Architectures for Terabit/s Scaling (SPATS)
Madhow, T. Chen, Zhang

Task 1.1.3: Millimeter Wave Networking at Extreme Mobility and Range (MiNxMoR)
Madhow, Ghasempour, Krishnaswami, Rodwell

1.2 Cross-layer Design of Terabit/s Networks

Task 1.2.1: Application-aware Links for Edge and Cloud (ALfrEd)
Ghobadi, Zhang, Stojanovic, Mahdavifar

Task 1.2.2: Cross-Layer Resource Allocation for Terabit vRANs (CLaRA)
T. Chen, Madhow, Ghasempour

Task 1.2.3: User Tracking and Propagation Mapping for Seamless Connectivity (UTraP)
Ghasempour, Madhow, T. Chen

1.3 Security and Resilience

Task 1.3.1: Lightweight Forward Error Correction (LiteFEC)
Mahdavifar, Zhang, Shanbhag

Task 1.3.2: Coding for Authenticated Secure Connectivity (CAsEC)
Mahdavifar, Ghasempour

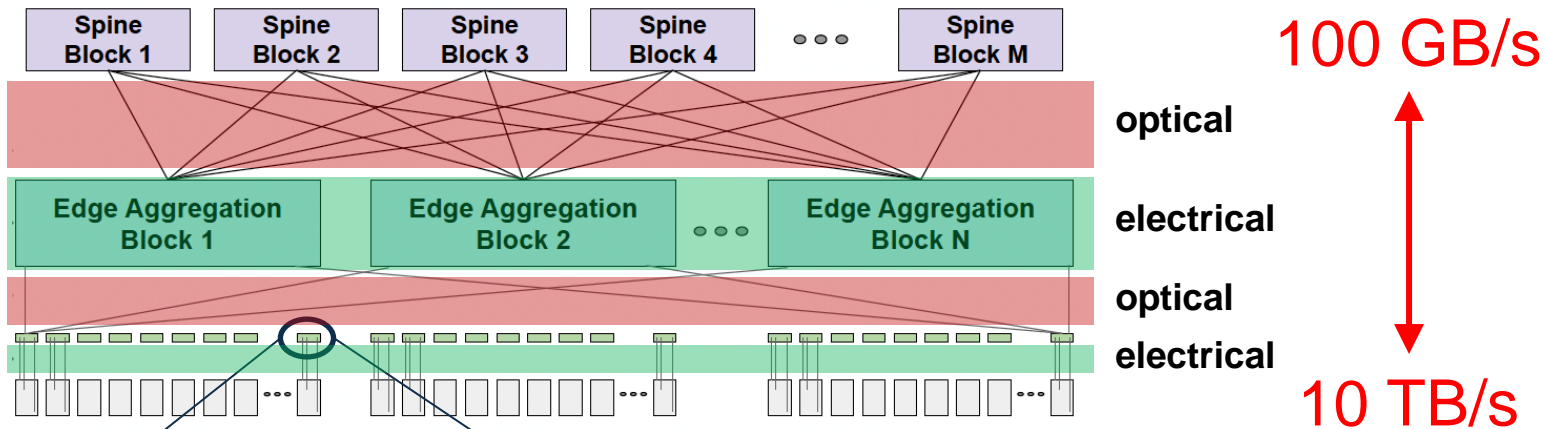
Task 1.3.3: Secure Cross-layer Network Architectures (SeCNA)
Ghasempour, Mahdavifar, Madhow, T. Chen

1.4 Platforms/Testbeds

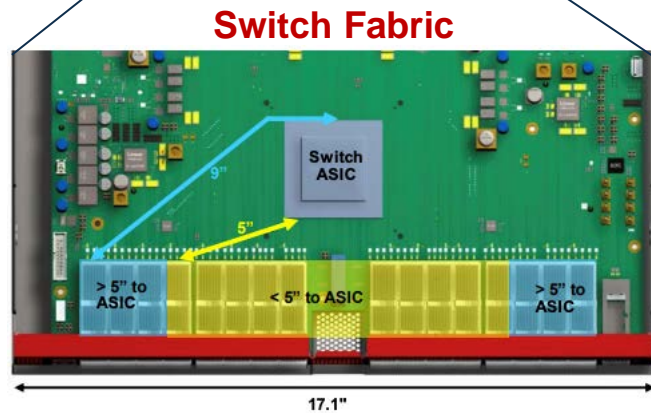
Task 1.4.1: Socket-to-Socket Distributed AI/ML/HPC Fabric Platform (SoSFab)
Ghobadi, Stojanovic, Bergman, Wu

Task 1.4.2: CUbiC Real-time Antenna-to-Compute Testbed (ReACT)
T. Chen, Krishnaswamy, Niknejad, Ghasempour

Theme 2: Addressing Connectivity Challenges Within the Cloud

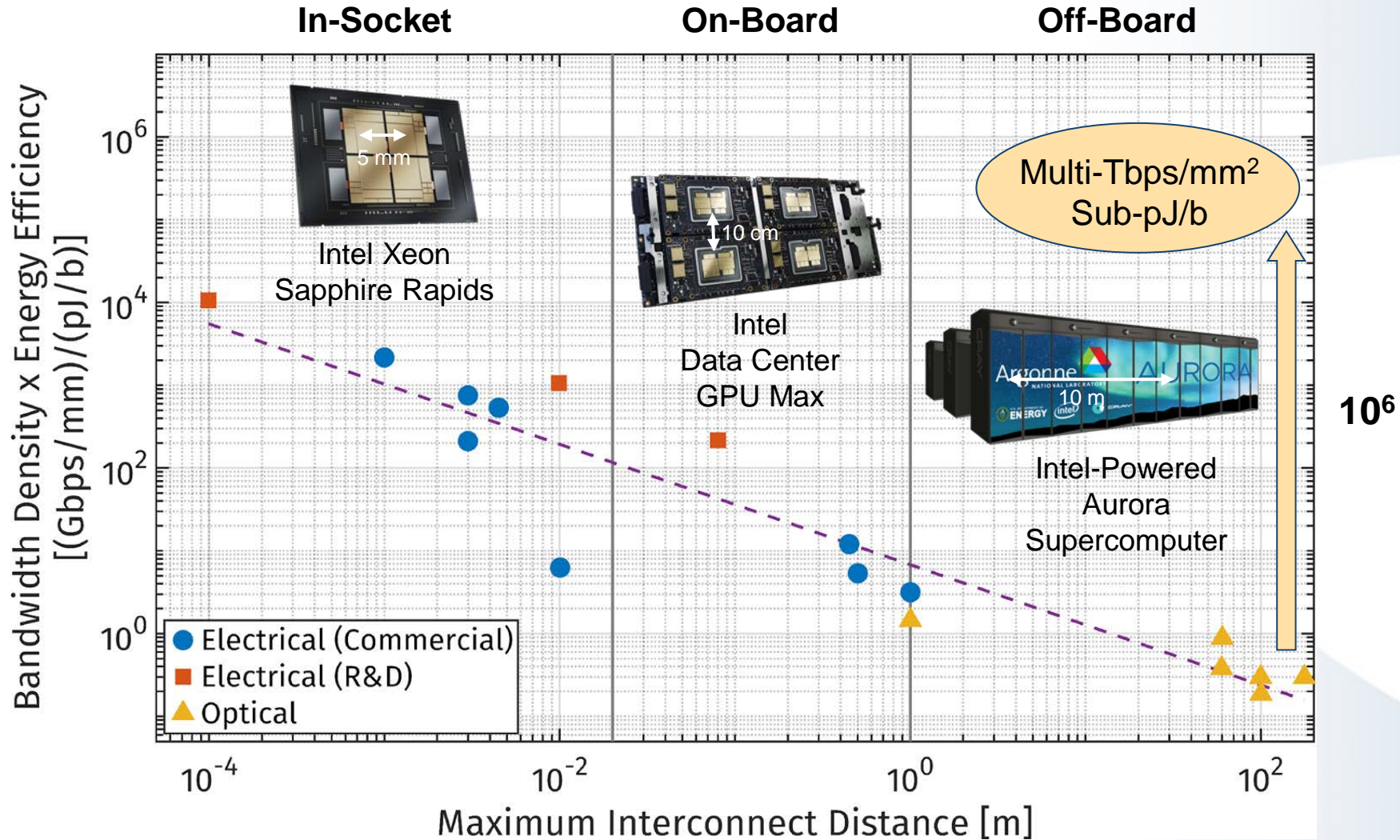


Transform wireline technologies:
electrical and optical connectivity
to address **bandwidth tapering**



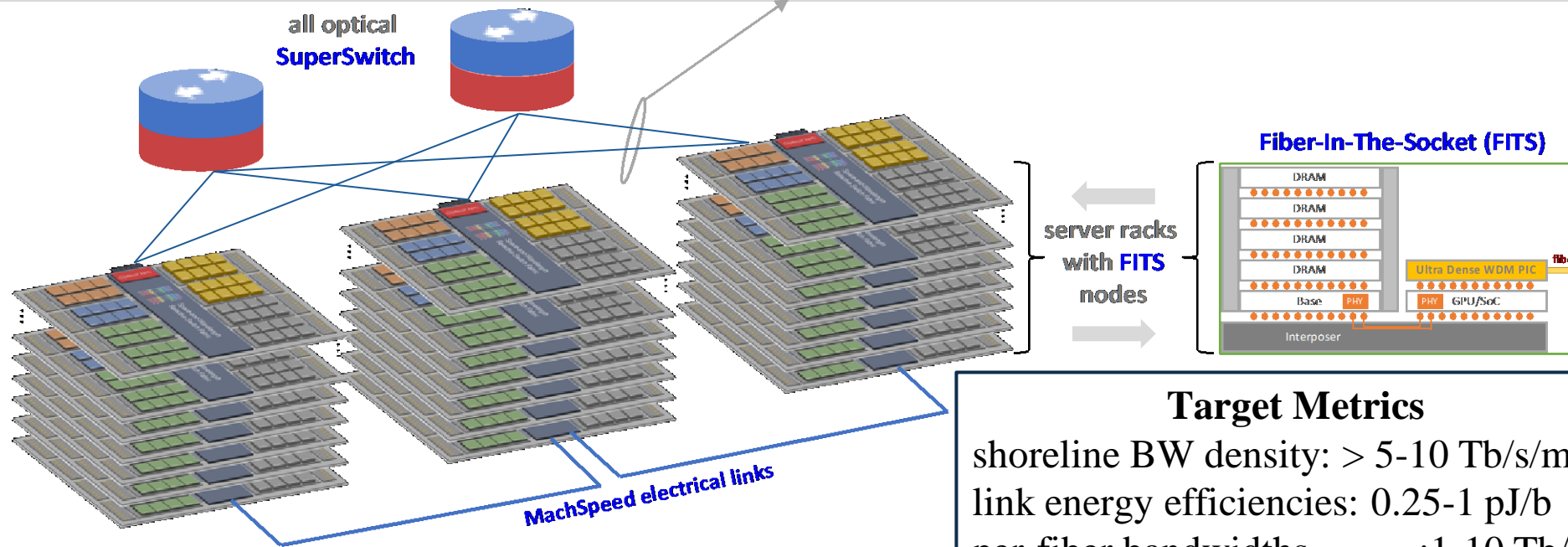
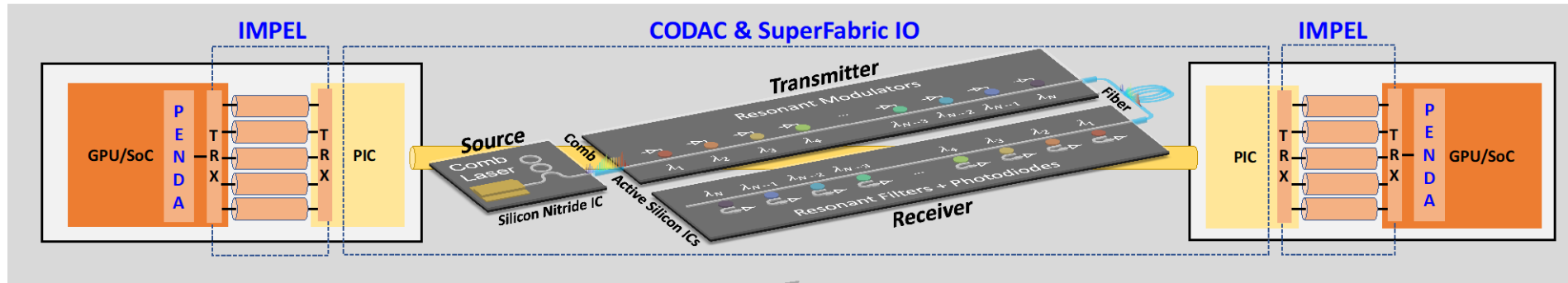
- AI/ML applications & heterogeneous integration drive ever increasing **BW requirements**;
- Application-level efficiency and performance limited by huge compute vs. comm. gap in **BW (10^2X)** and **energy efficiency (10^3X)**

Theme 2: Bringing Photonics to the Socket



Theme 2: Wireline and Lightwave Interconnects

pervasive system-wide socket-to-socket photonics-based connectivity



Theme 2: Task Organization

2.1 Systems & Algorithms for Connectivity

Task 2.1.1: Algorithms for Energy-efficient Connectivity (ALEC)

Shanbhag, Hanumolu, Madhow

Task 2.1.2: Programmable Energy-efficient DSP Architectures (PENDA)

Shanbhag, Hanumolu, Zhang

Task 2.1.3: Adaptive Low-Cost High-Speed ADC (ALoHA)

M. Chen, Niknejad, Shanbhag, Hanumolu

2.2 Circuits & Architectures for Links

Task 2.2.1: SuperFabric IO

Stojanovic, Wu, Ghobadi, Hanumolu

Task 2.2.2: Coherent Optics in the Data Center (CODAC)

Hanumolu, Shanbhag, Bowers, Stojanovic

Task 2.2.3: Integrated Massively Parallel Electrical Links (IMPEL)

Hanumolu, Shanbhag, Bergman, Bowers

Task 2.2.4: Machine Learning-inspired High-Speed Links (MachSpeed)

Anand, Mahdavi

2.3 Circuits & Architectures for Switches

Task 2.3.1: SuperSwitch – A high-radix silicon photonic switch

Wu, Stojanovic, Ghobadi

Task 2.3.2: SuperSwitch Controller – A controller for SuperSwitch

Stojanovic, Wu, Ghobadi

Task 2.3.3: Optical Packaging of SuperSwitch and SuperSwitch Controller

Wu, Stojanovic, Bergman, Ghobadi

2.4 Photonic Devices for Connectivity

Task 2.4.1: Fiber-In-The-Socket (FITS)

Bowers, Bergman, Stojanovic

Task 2.4.2: High-bandwidth Mode Coupling (HaMoC)

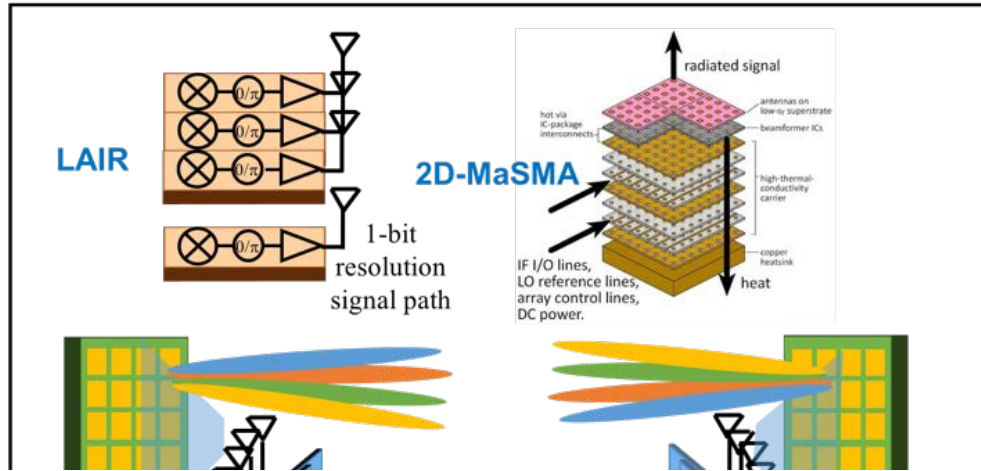
Lipson, Bergman

Task 2.4.3: Photonic Resonators for Ultra High-Bandwidth and Efficiency (PRUnE)

Lipson, Krishnaswamy

Theme 3: Wireless Circuits and Technology

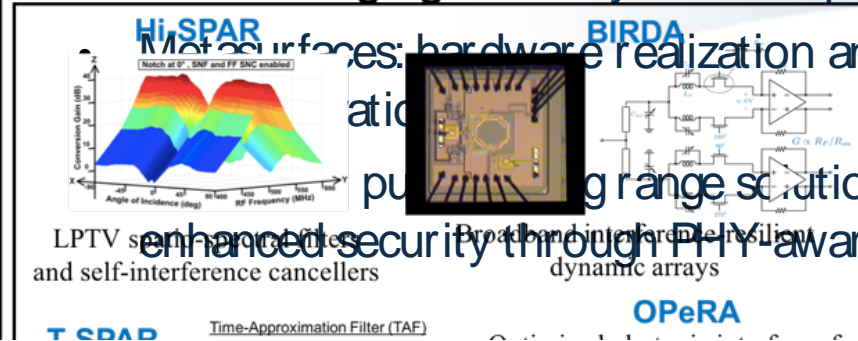
Large-Scale Millimeter-Wave Arrays



- Drive innovation in III-V technology for higher gain, output power and efficiency
- Thermal cooling to enable compact integrated solutions at sub-wavelength pitch

Wideband High-Dynamic Range Analog Signal Processing Interfaces and High-Dimensional Digital Signal Processing for

- Massive 1D and 2D Wireless



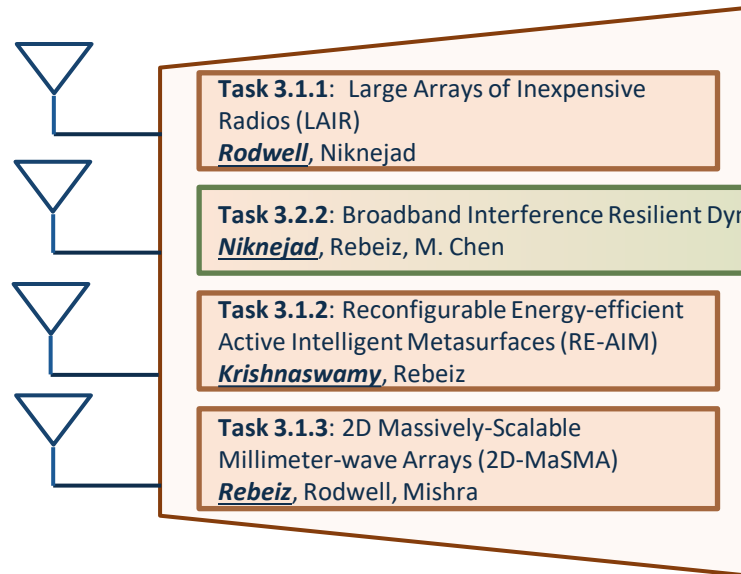
Emerging Wireless
 Hardware realization and system-
 ation
 pushing range scenarios with
 enhanced security through PHY-aware O-RAN



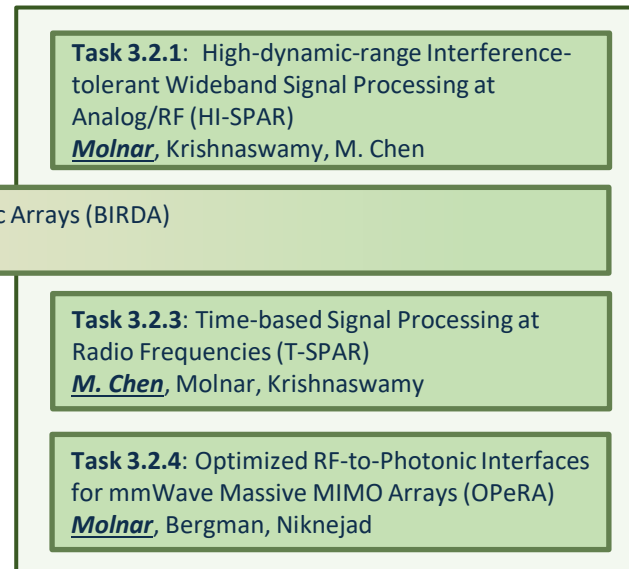
Heterogeneous Technologies for Next Generation Wireless

Theme 3: Task Organization

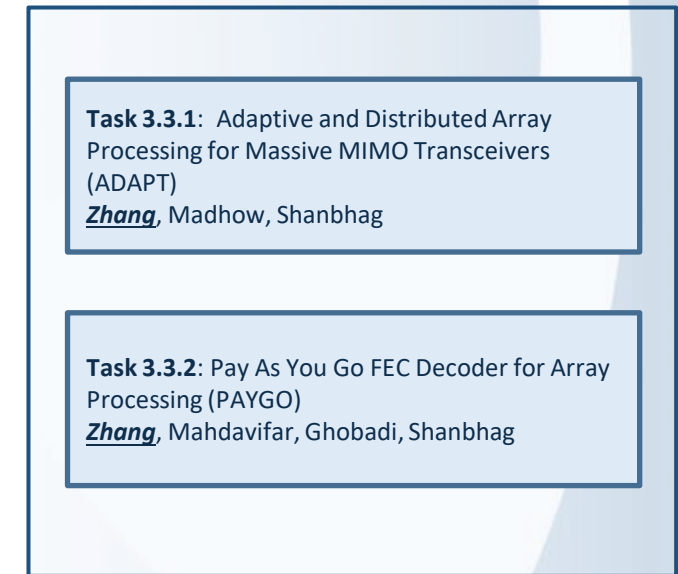
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CUbiC Integration & System Testbed Platforms

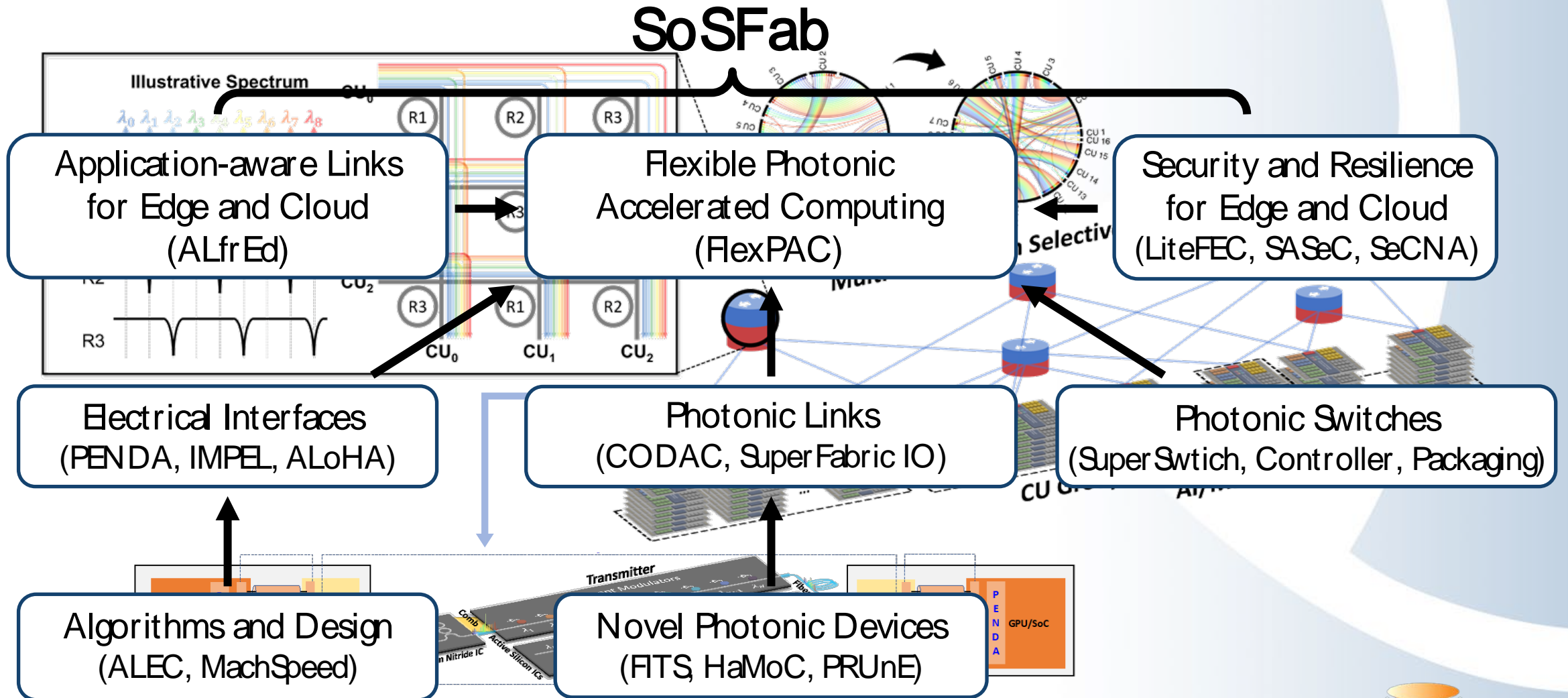
CUbiC System Connectivity Platform 1: SoSFab: Distributed AI/ML/HPC Fabric

- **Vision:** A system-wide energy-efficient demonstration of CUbiC data center platform
- **Approach:** Co-optimize and co-design from applications to devices to exploit synergies across the system stack, application requirements, and device capabilities.
- **Outcome:** End-to-end application demonstration CUbiC's ubiquitous connectivity that scales to meet the needs of emerging distributed data-centric applications, such as machine learning training and inference.



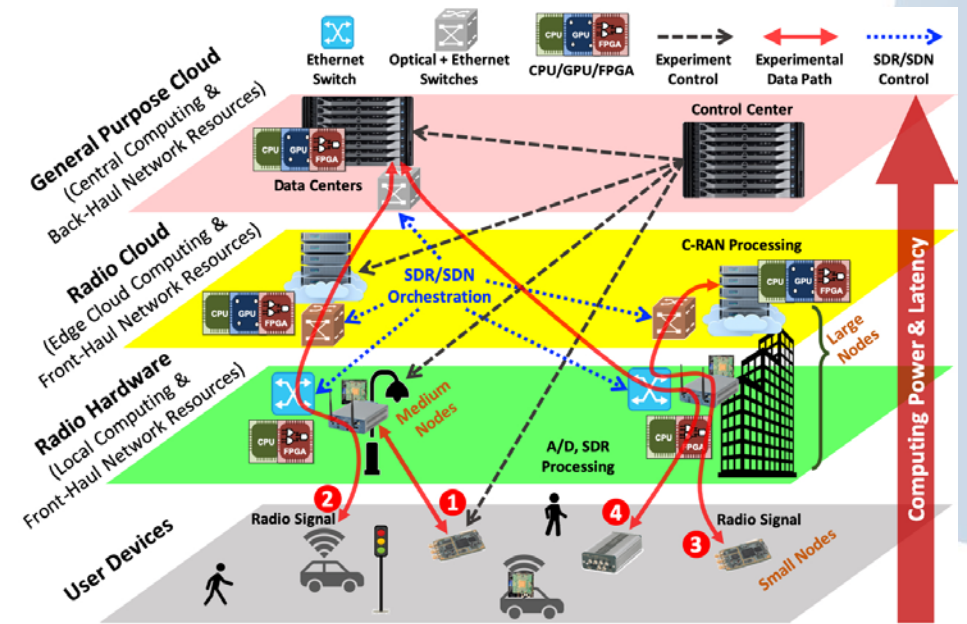
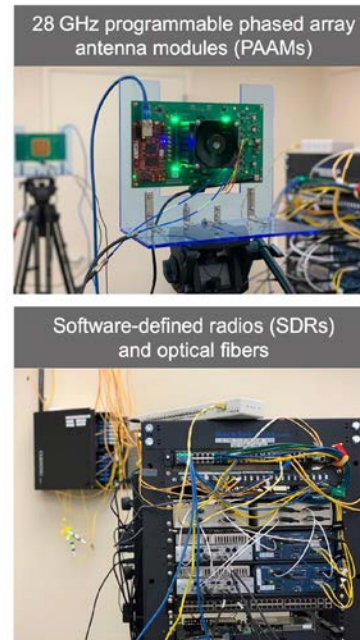
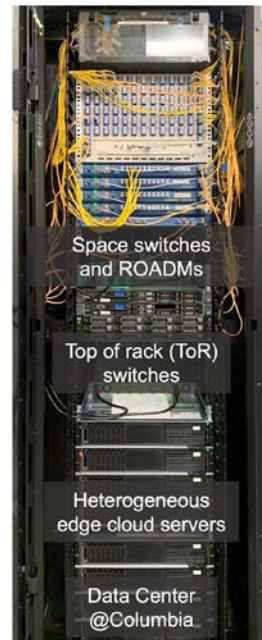
- Only known platform that enables adjusting the network topology, communication collective, parallelization strategy, and workload scheduling for AI/ML/HPC workloads.
- Potential for cooperation with the JUMP2.0 ACE Center (UIUC)

SoSFab: Distributed AI/ML/HPC Fabric

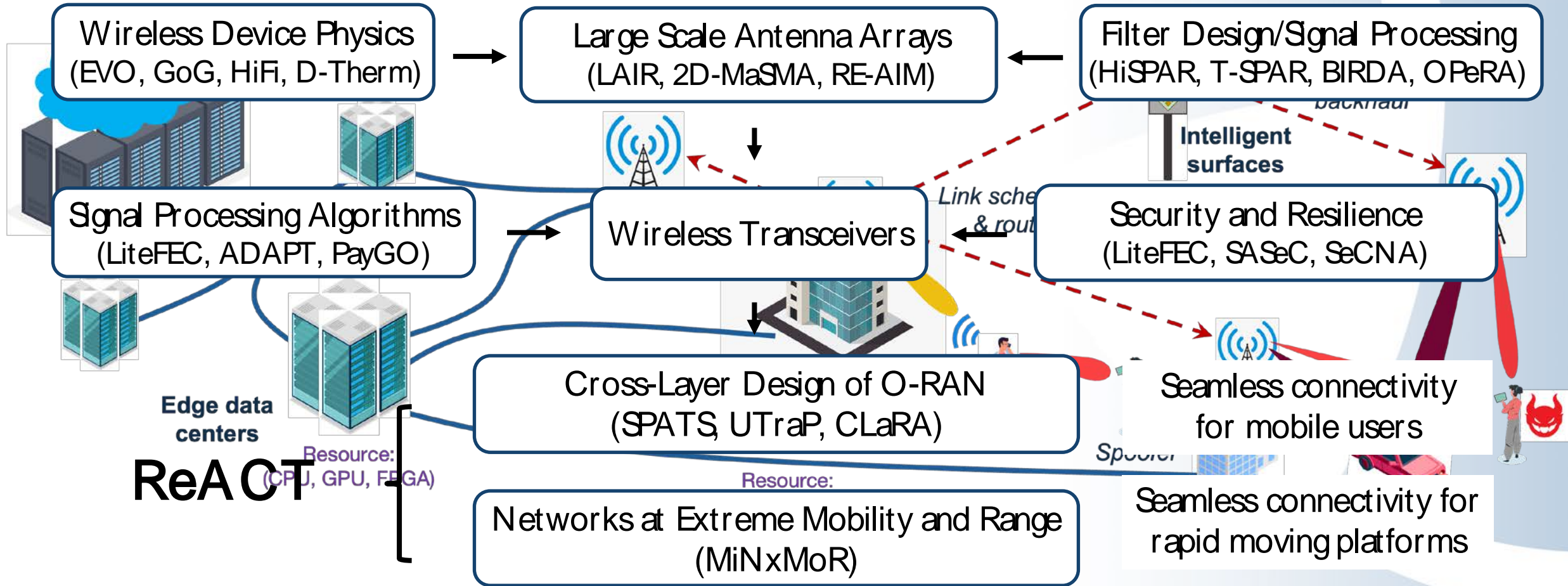


CUbiC System Connectivity Platform 2: ReACT: Realtime Antenna to Compute

- **Vision:** a center-wide demonstrations of wireless connectivity from antenna to compute
- **Approach:** translation from advanced mm-Wave ICs developed in CUbiC labs to a programmable radio platform, O-RAN for system-level evaluation and network-level experimentation.
- **Outcome:** center-wide demonstrations that will take a holistic system approach to integrate the unique mm-Wave frontend and digital circuits, and provide the evaluation of the advanced algorithms and control plane – robust, secure



Connectivity Platform 2 – ReACT: Realtime Antenna to Compute



Cross-Center Collaboration

Jump 2.0 Centers	Topics of Interactions
Cognition COCOSYS (GaTech)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data movement and communication challenges in next-Gen AI systems Naresh Shanbhag
Communications and Connectivity CUbiC (Columbia)	
Intelligent Sensing to Action CogniSense (GaTech)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analog and mixed signal; massive array technology AI Molnar
Systems & Architectures for distributed Compute ACE (UIUC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photonic interconnection networks in distributed computing architectures; SoSFab testbed Manya Ghobadi and Zhengya Zhang
Intelligent Memory and Storage PRISM (UCSD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High bandwidth photonic connectivity to memory; deeply disaggregated connectivity architectures
Advanced Monolithic and Heterogeneous Integration CHIME (Penn State)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced heterogeneous assembly and packaging; initiated joint effort on models (Shanbhag/Hanumolu) Michal Lipson
High-Performance Energy-Efficient Devices for Digital and Analog Applications SUPREME (Cornell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced materials and GaN devices for wireless

Summary

- CUbiC will strive to flatten the computation-communication gap, delivering seamless Edge-to-Cloud connectivity with transformational reductions in the global system energy consumption.
- Vertically integrated research agenda cross-cutting 3 technical themes
- Outstanding team of 23 PIs from 13 Universities
- 37 Research Tasks
- Expected: >85 graduate students per year
- June 27-28 CUbiC Annual Review

CUbiC's Integrated Team



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Theme 2: Wireline and Lightwave Interconnects

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 Vladimir Stojanovic Berkeley	 John Bowers UCSB	 Ming Wu Berkeley
 Michal Lipson Columbia	 Mike Chen USC	

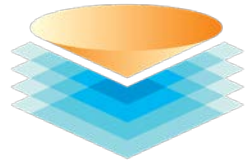
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Theme 3: Wireless Circuits and Technology

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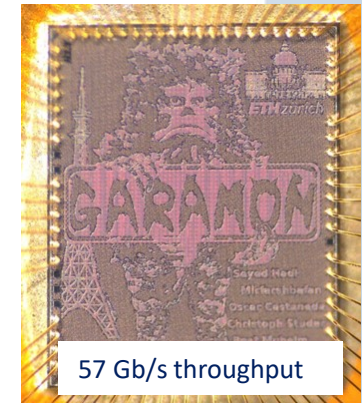
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Building on ComSenTer Groundbreaking Outcomes

- Validation of core mmW ave technology
 - 100+ GHz doable in CMOS, CMOS+ III/V for increased range
 - RF and Fully digital beamforming for massive antenna arrays
 - 140 GHz Hub demo; Beam-space ICs

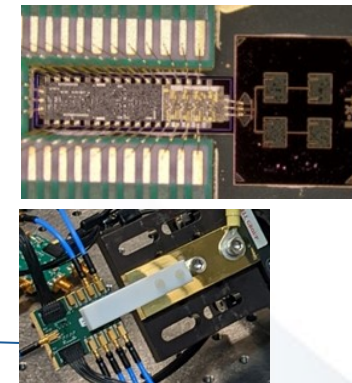
MIMO Hub Digital Beamformer ICs



57 Gb/s throughput

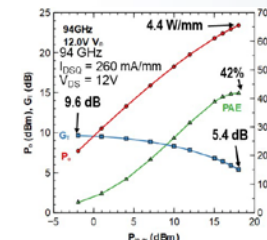
Molnar, Cornell
Madhow, UCSB
Studer, Cornell (ETHz)

200 GHz MIMO backhaul modules

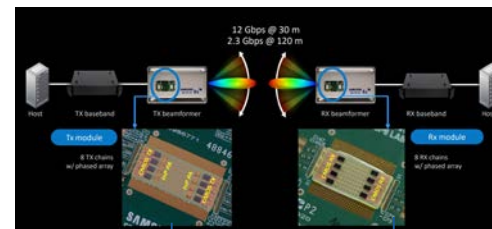


Record power, efficiency GaN

Mishra, UCSB

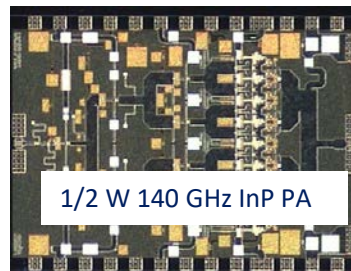


ComSenTer 140 GHz demo



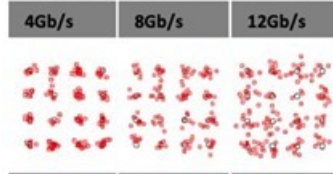
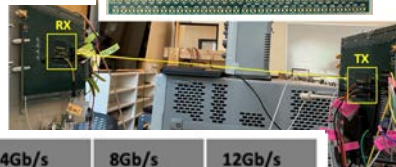
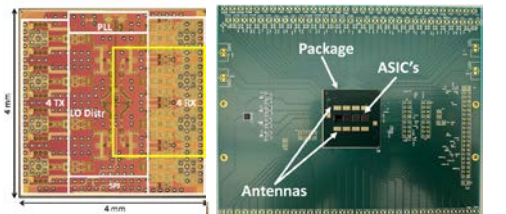
140 GHz InP/CMOS hub arrays

Rodwell, UCSB



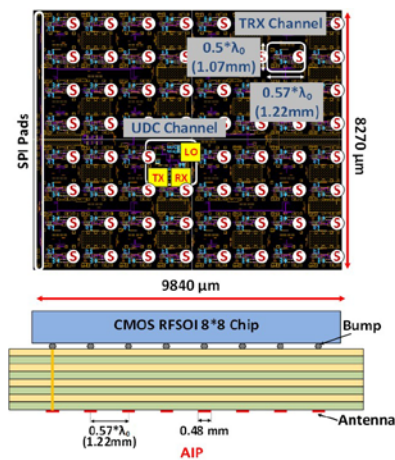
1/2 W 140 GHz InP PA

All-CMOS 140GHz MIMO hub modules & demo



Niknejad, UCB

140 GHz 8x8 Wafer-Scale TRX Array



Rebeiz, UCSD