



Towards a Modular Supercomputing Architecture for Exascale

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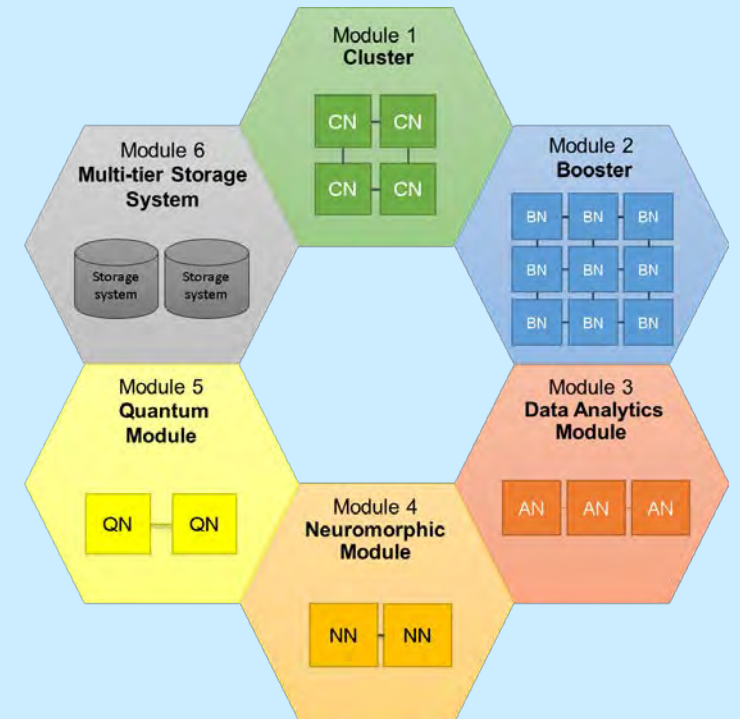
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 - Homogeneous vs. heterogeneous clusters
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The DEEP Projects

- **DEEP**
 - Introduced the **Cluster-Booster** architecture
- **DEEP-ER**
 - Added **I/O** and **resiliency** functionalities
- **DEEP-EST:**
 - Extends the concept to a **Modular Supercomputer Architecture**

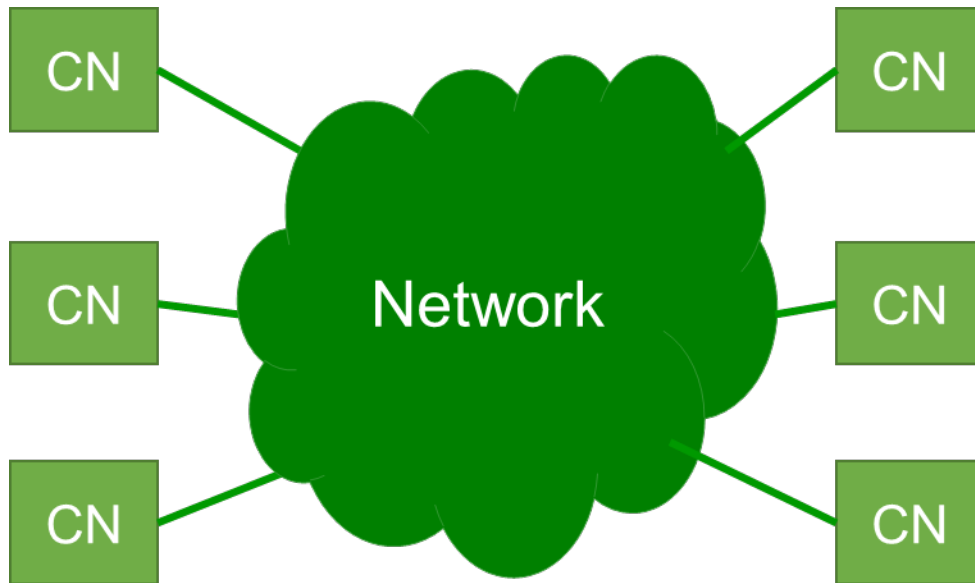
Co-design
Hardware
Software
Applications

27 partners
Time: 2011 - 2021
EU funding: 30 M€



Homogenous cluster

General purpose CPUs attached to a high-speed network

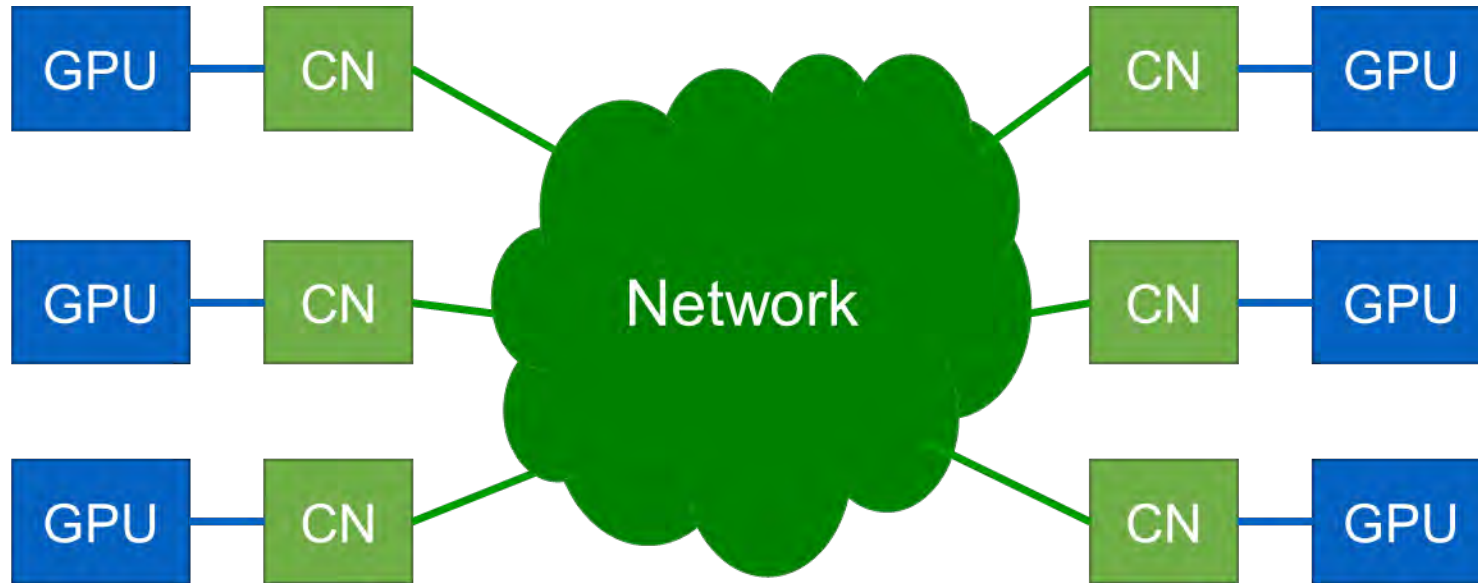


- + : Easy to use
- + : Very flexible
- : Power hungry

CN: Cluster Node (general purpose processor)

Traditional heterogeneous cluster

Attach accelerators (e.g. GPUs) to each CPU



- + : Energy efficient
- + : Easy management
- : Static assignment accelerators-CPU
- : Expensive scale-up

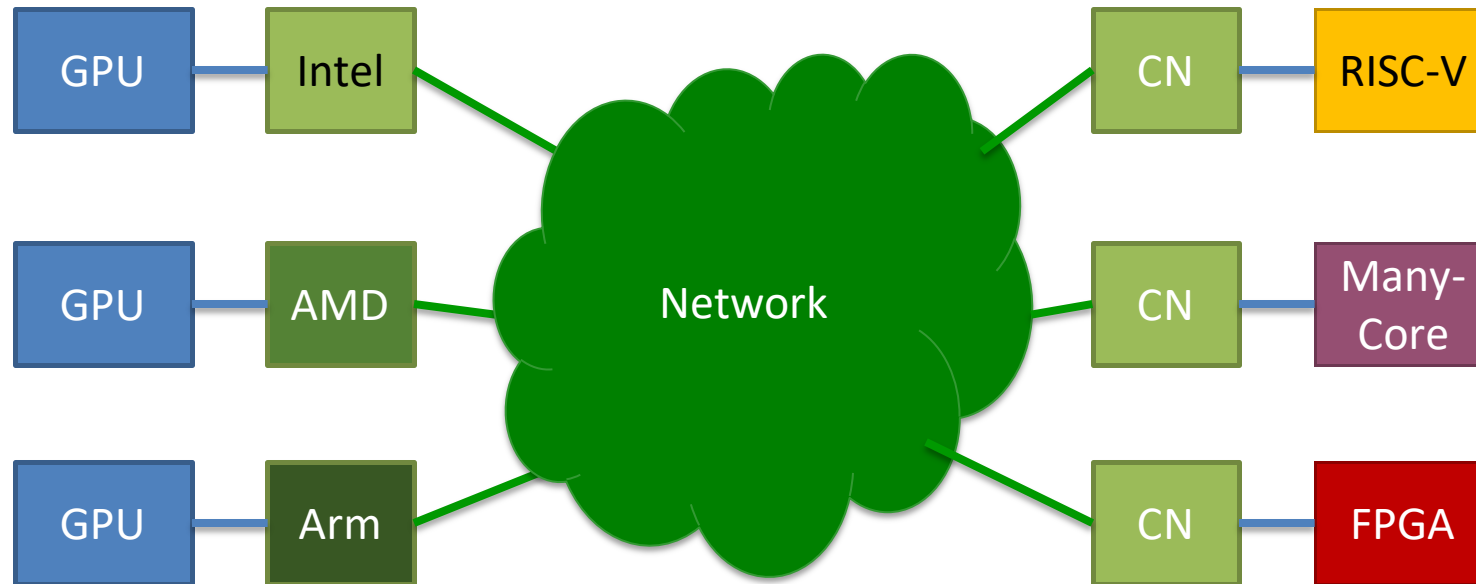
CN: Cluster Node (general purpose processor)

GPU: Graphics Processing Unit (or any other accelerator)



Highly heterogeneous cluster

Many different general purpose and acceleration devices

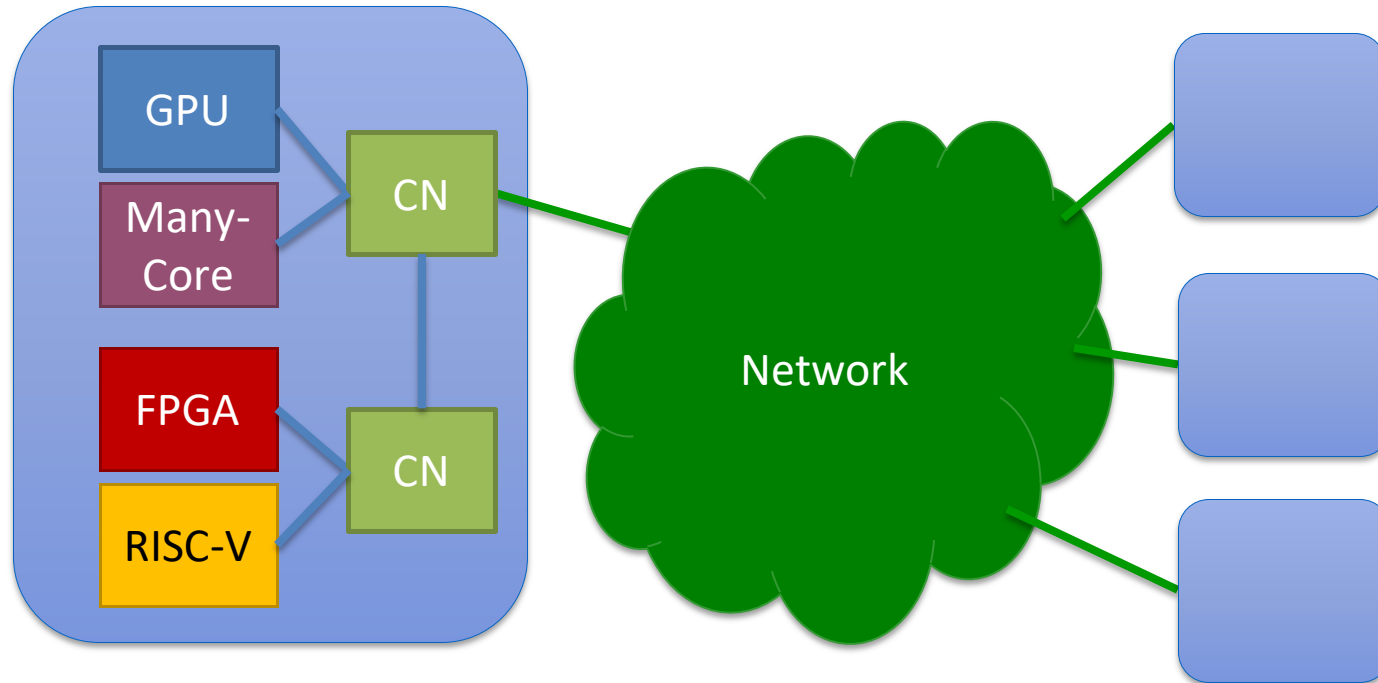


How to organize and orchestrate this heterogeneity?



Highly heterogeneous cluster

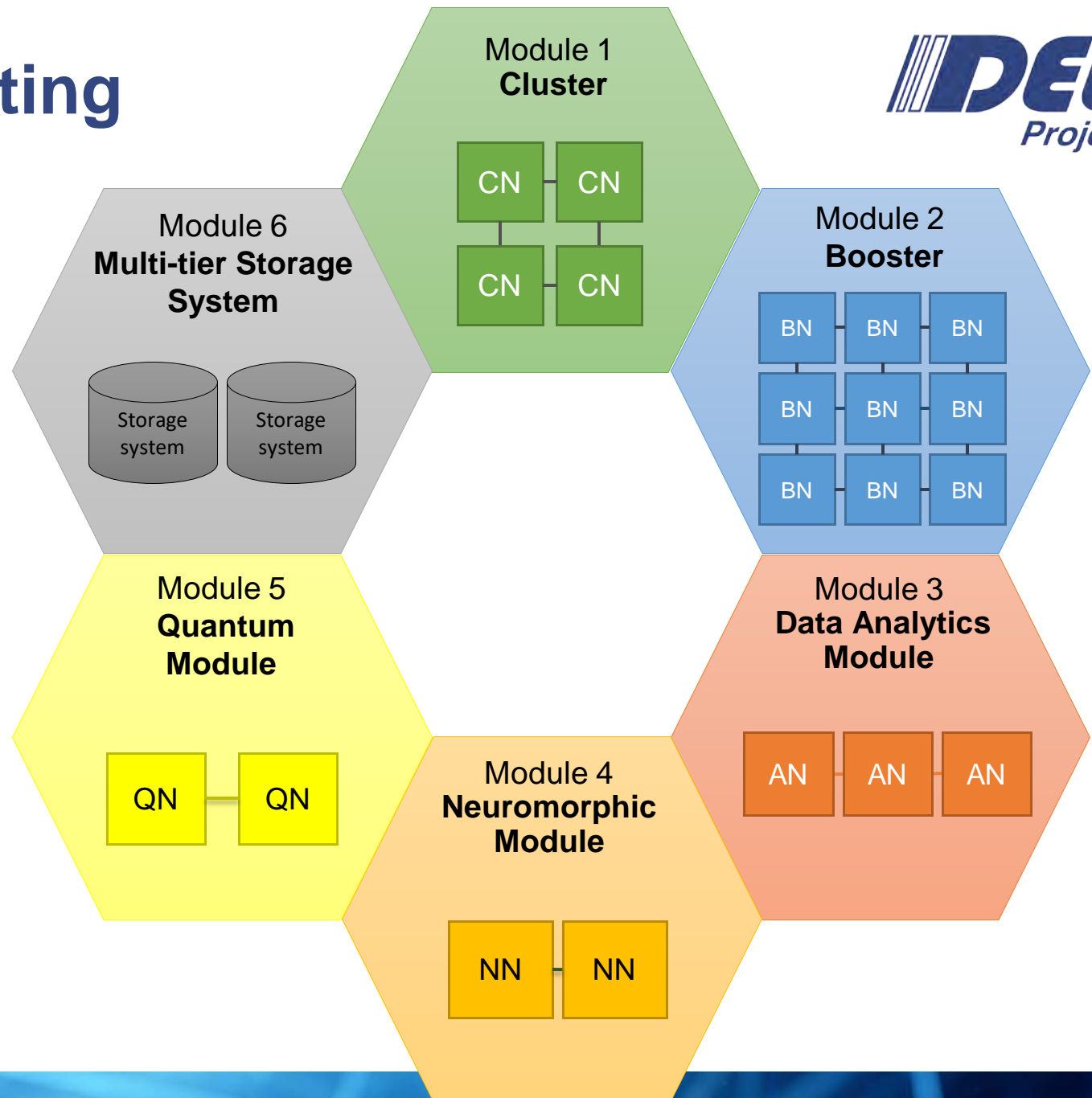
Heterogeneous node



Modular Supercomputing

Composability of heterogeneous resources

- Cost-efficient scaling
- Effective resource-sharing



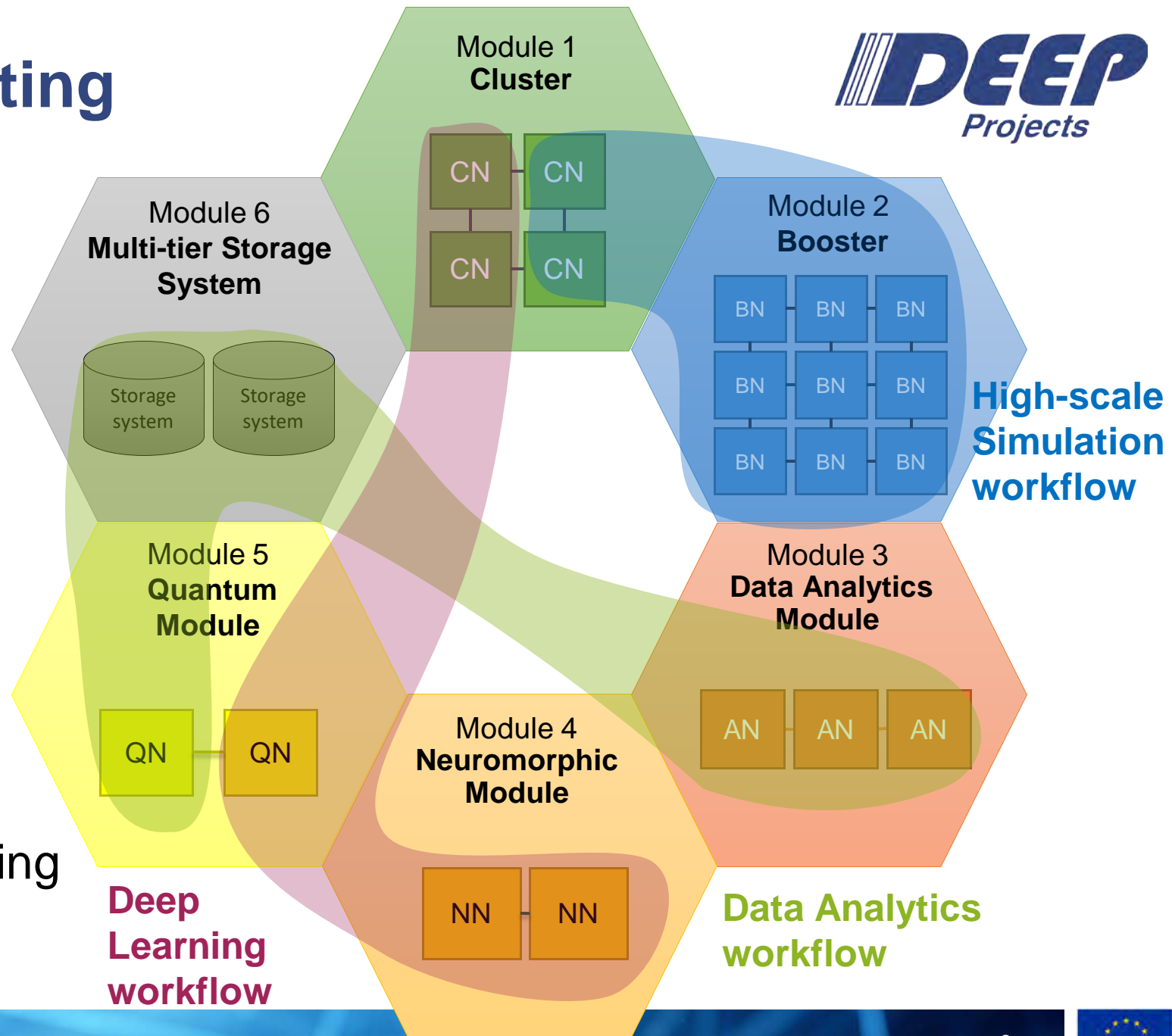
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Modular Supercomputing

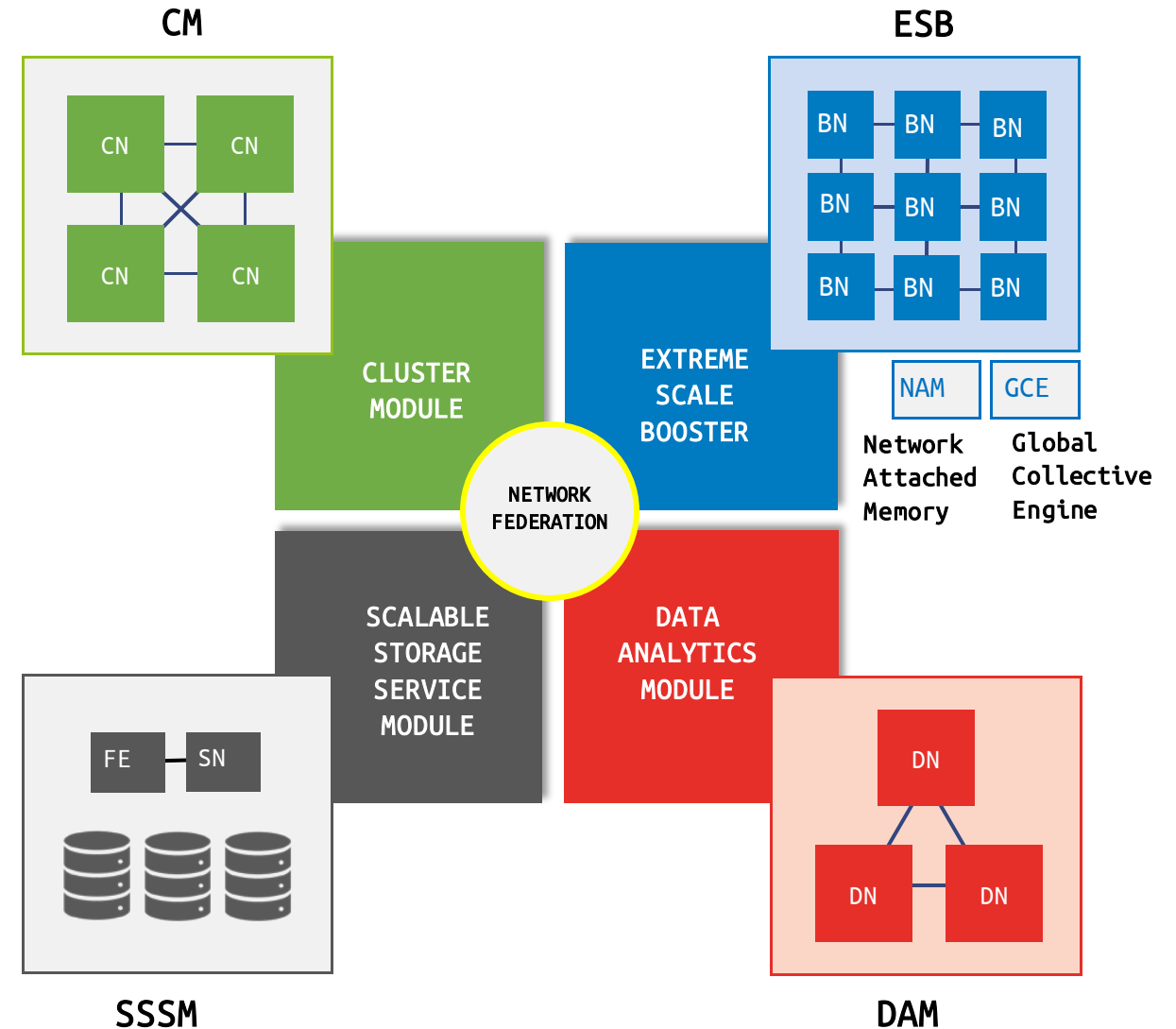
Composability of heterogeneous resources

- Cost-efficient scaling
- Effective resource-sharing
- Fit application diversity
 - Large-scale simulations
 - Data analytics
 - Machine- and Deep Learning
 - Artificial Intelligence



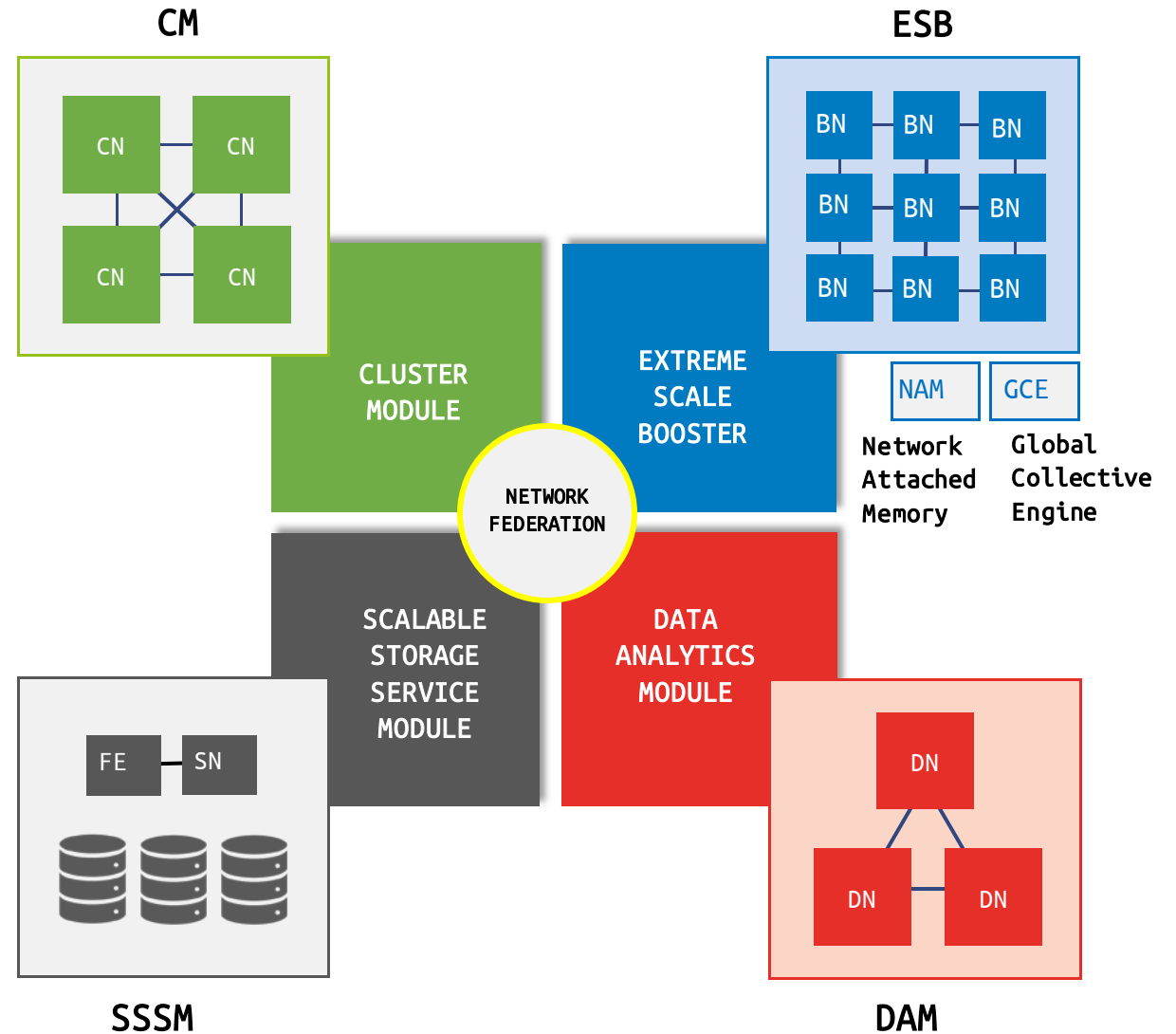
DEEP-EST modular prototype

- **Cluster Module (CM)**
 - 50x Xeon Skylake
 - InfiniBand EDR
- **Extreme Scale Booster (ESB)**
 - 75x Intel Xeon (weak SKU)
 - 75x NVIDIA V100 GPU
 - EXTOLL (100Gbit/s)
- **Data Analytics Module (DAM)**
 - 16x Xeon Cascade Lake (+NVM)
 - 16x NVIDIA GPU
 - 16x FPGA (Intel)
 - 40Gb Ethernet + 100Gb EXTOLL



DEEP-EST modular prototype

Source: DEEP Projects



Early-Access Program
<https://www.deep-projects.eu/access.htm>



MSA in production

a) JURECA Cluster



b) JURECA Booster



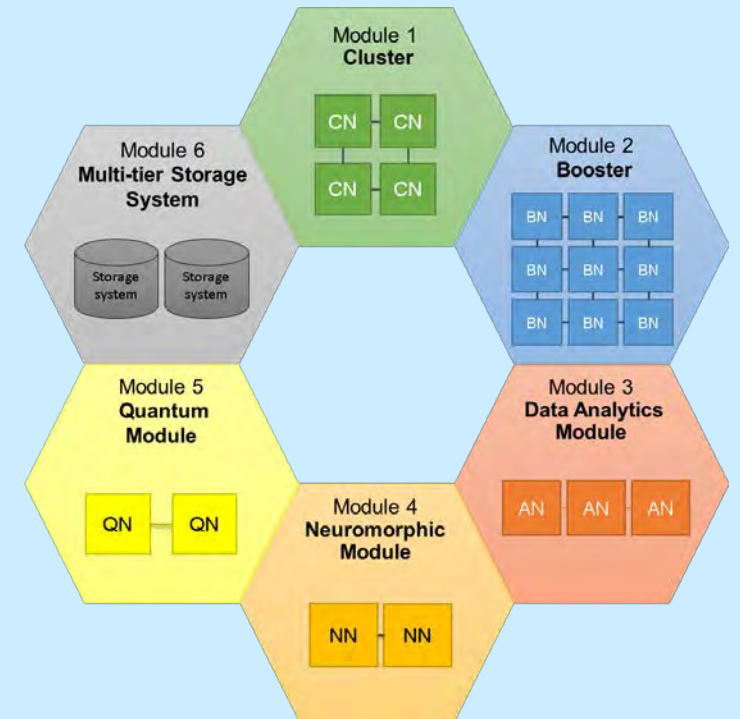
	Cluster	Booster
Processor	Intel Xeon (Haswell)	Xeon Phi (KNL)
Interconnect	InfiniBand EDR	OmniPath
Node count	1,872	1,640
Peak Perf. (PFlops)	1,8 (CPU) + 0.4 (GPU)	5



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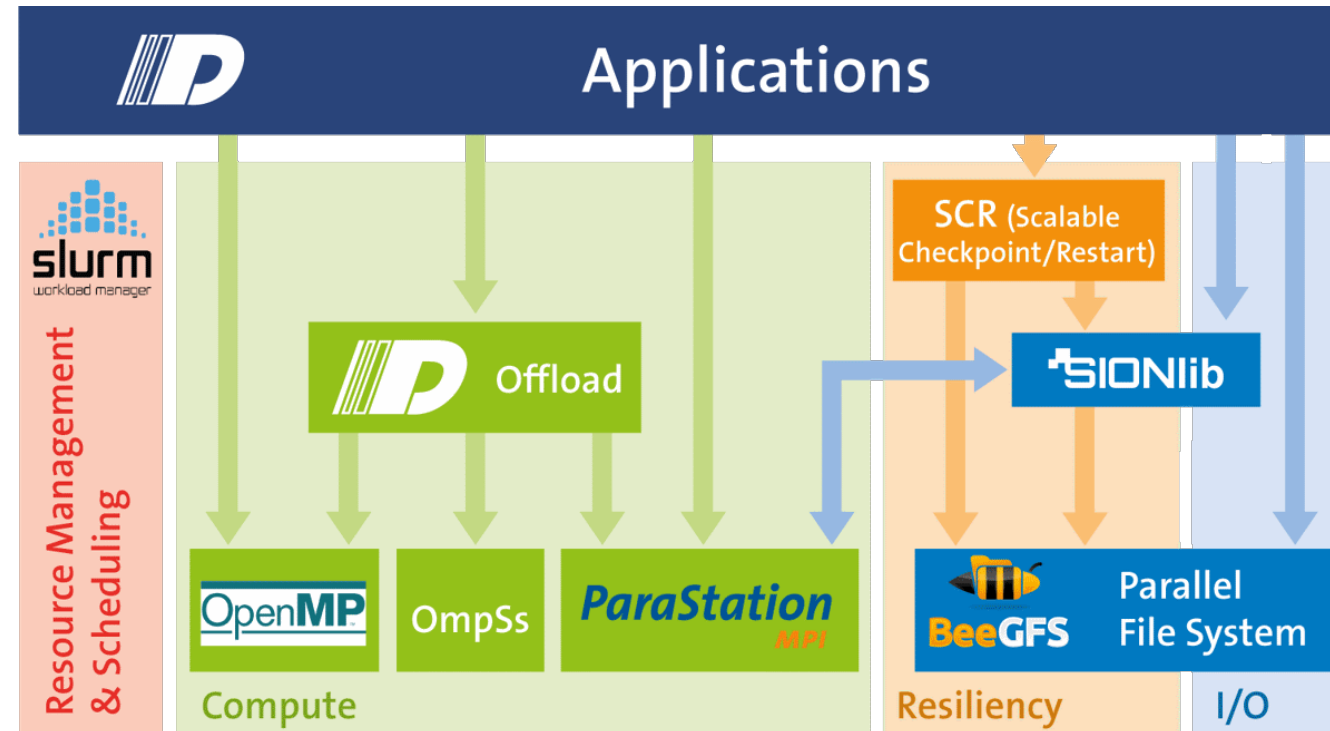
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Software environment

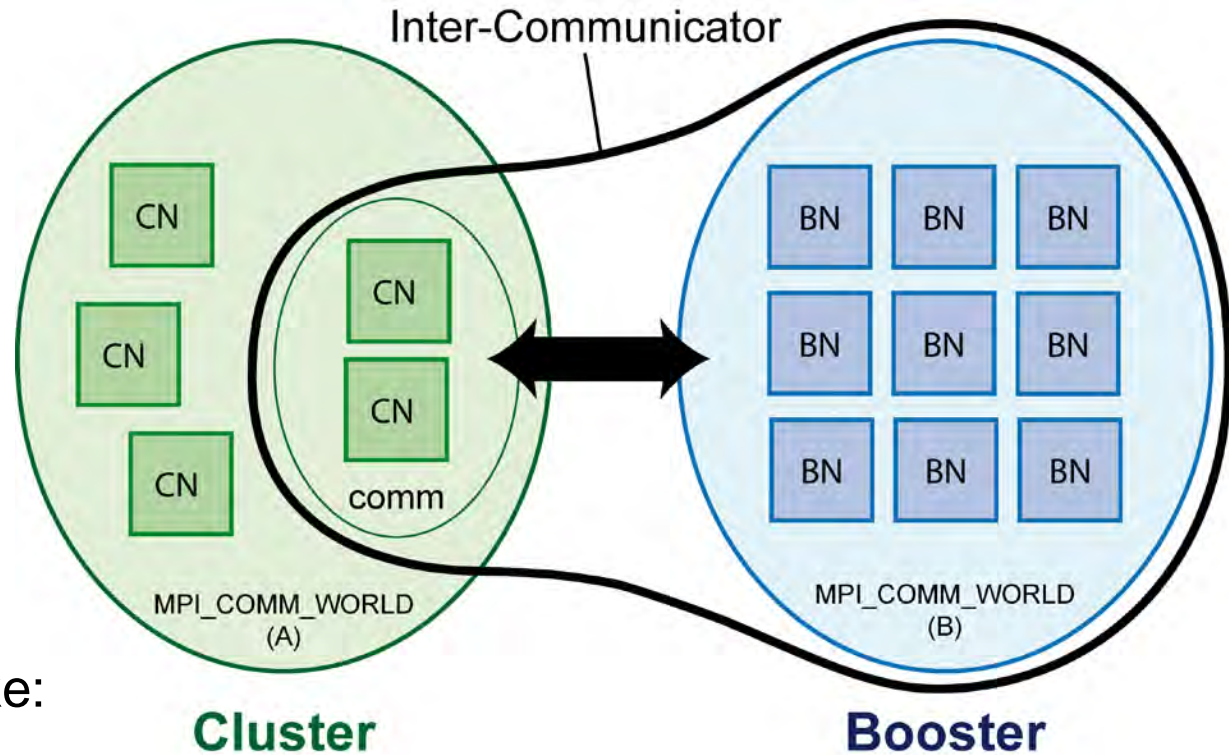
- **Low-level SW:** Cluster-Booster protocol
- **Scheduler:** SLURM
- **Filesystem:** BeeGFS
- **Compilers:** Intel, gcc, PGI
- **Debuggers:** Intel Inspector, TotalView
- **Programming:** ParaStation MPI (mpich), OpenMP, OmpSs
- **Performance analysis tools:** Scalasca, Extrae/Paraver, Intel Advisor, VTune...
- **Benchmarking tools:** JUBE
- **Libraries:** SIONlib, SCR, HDF5...



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Programming Environment

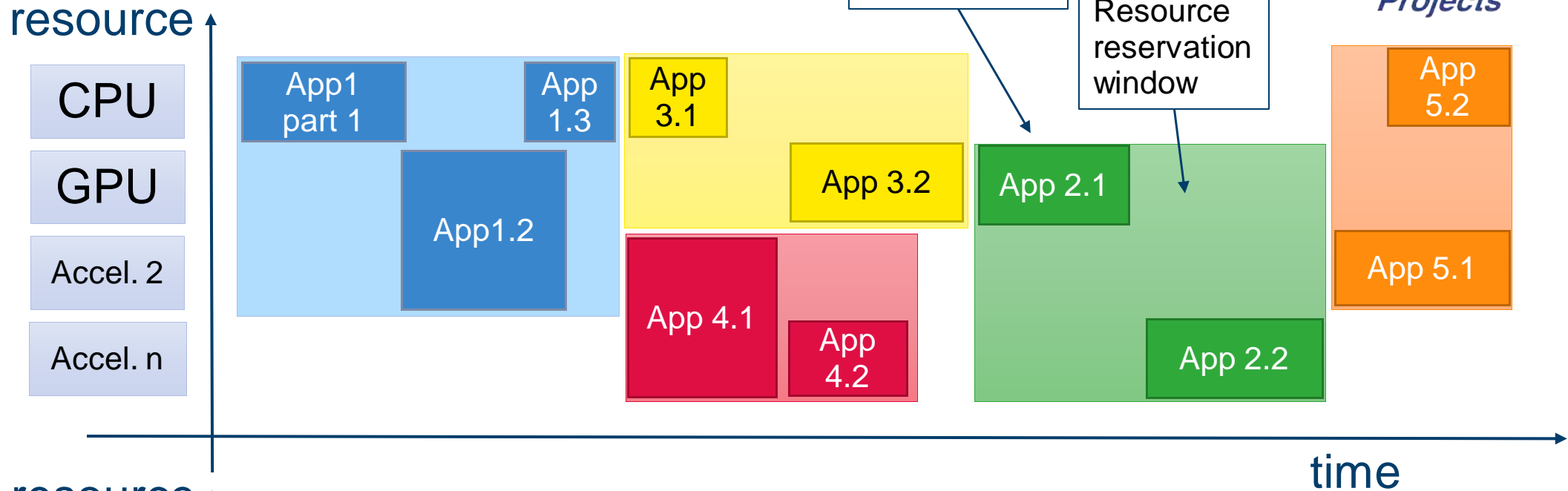
- One application can run:
 - Using only Cluster nodes
 - Using only Booster nodes
 - Distributed over Cluster and Booster
 - *In this case two executables are created*
 - Collective offload process
- ParaStation Global MPI
 - Enables distributing code
 - Uses MPI standard collective instructions like:
 - `MPI_Comm_spawn()`
 - `MPI_Connect()`
 - `MPI_Comm_Split()`
 - Inter-communicator
 - *Connects the 2 MPI_Comm_worlds*



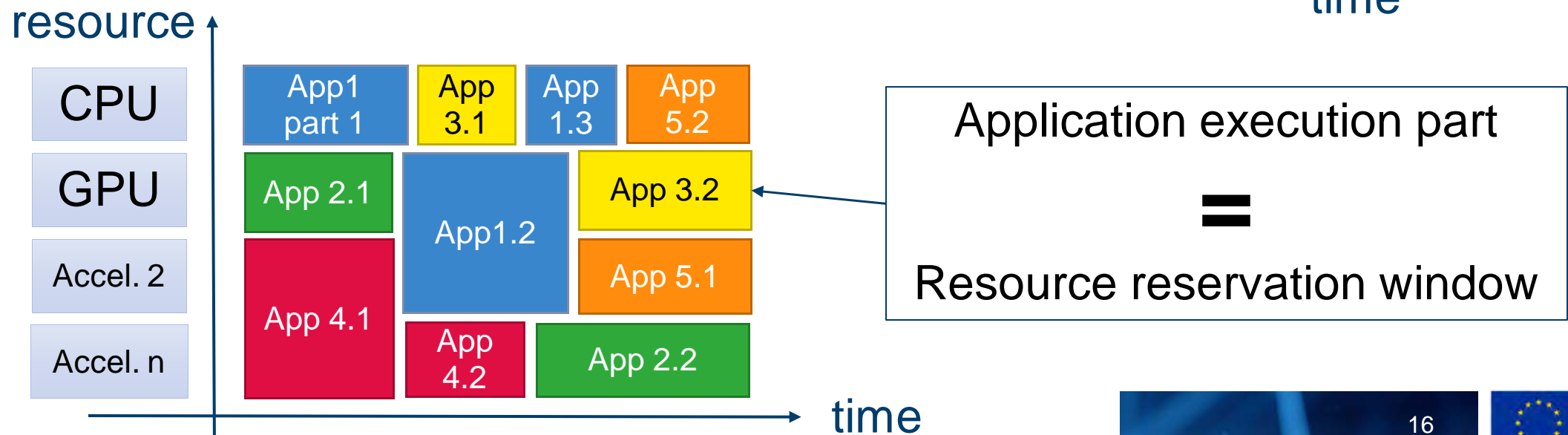
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Resource management

Current behaviour



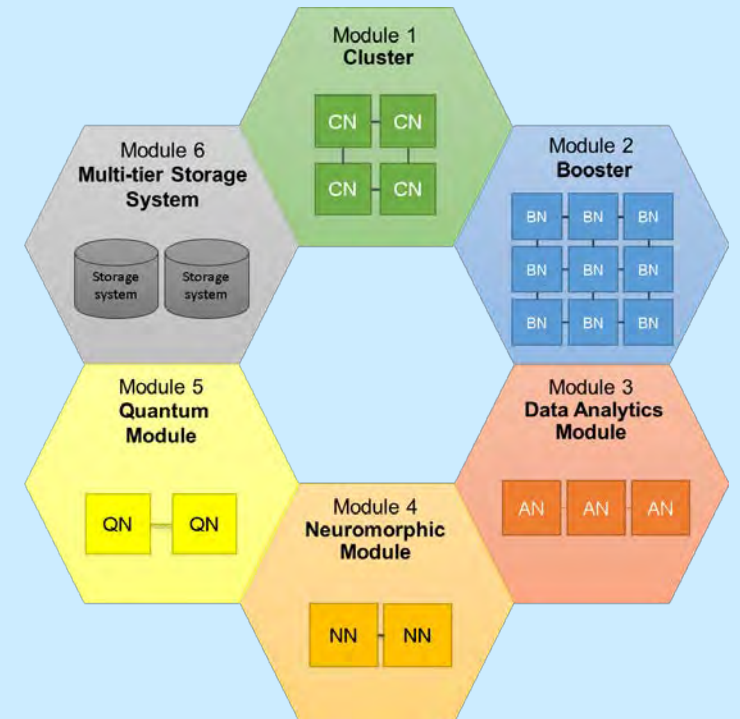
Ideal behaviour



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Architecture Use-Modes



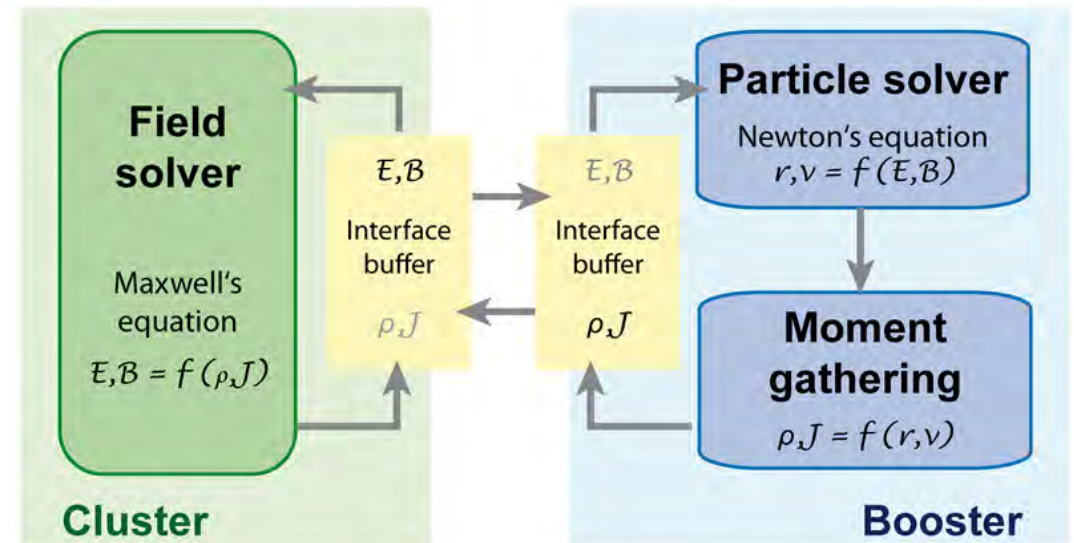
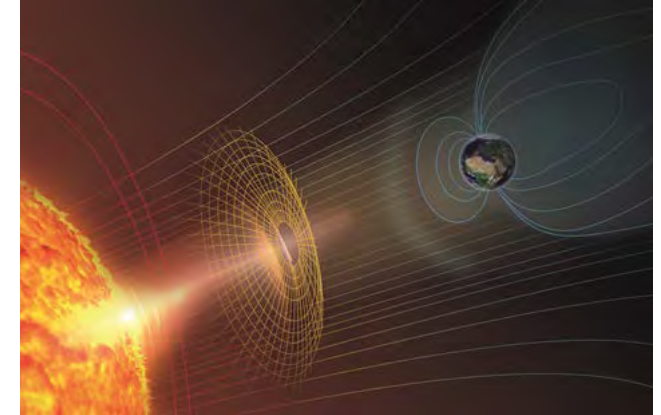
Cluster-Booster
use mode

Code partition
Workflow
I/O forward

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Application use case: xPic

- **Space Weather simulation**
 - Simulates plasma produced in solar eruptions and its interaction with the Earth magnetosphere
 - Particle-in-Cell (PIC) code
 - Authors: KU Leuven
- **Two solvers:**
 - **Field solver:** Computes electromagnetic (EM) field evolution
 - Limited code scalability
 - Frequent, global communication
 - **Particle solver:** Calculates motion of charged particles in EM-fields
 - Highly parallel
 - Billions of particles
 - Long-range communication



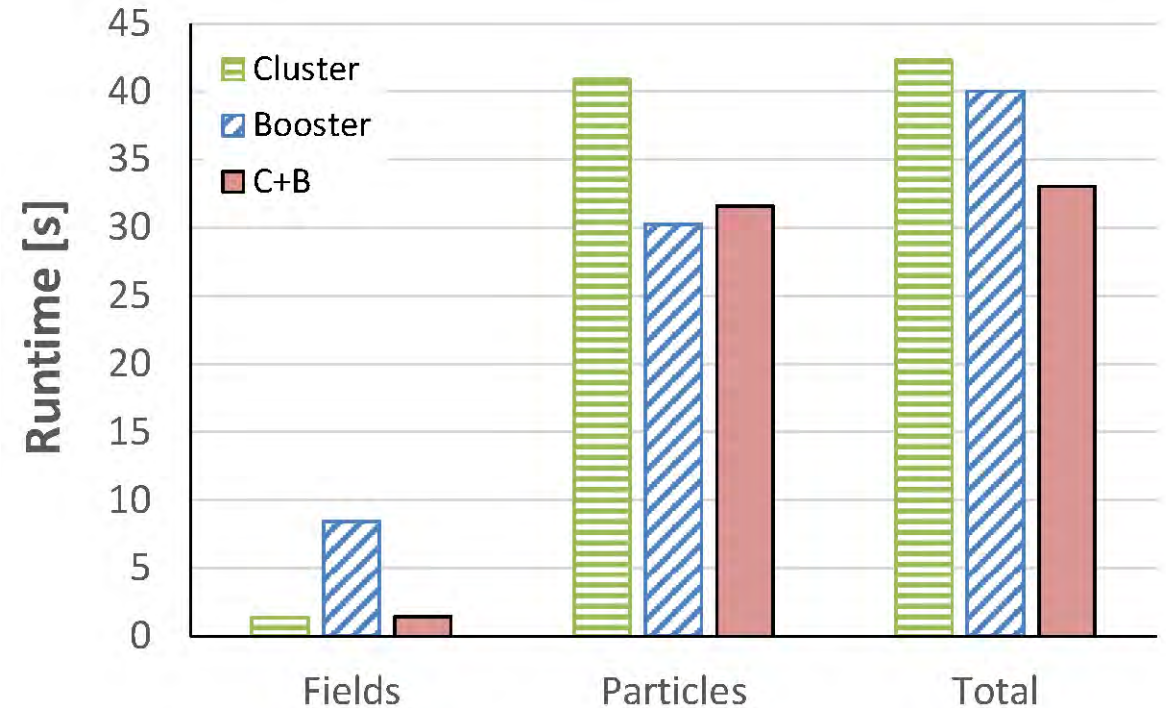
xPic – (1-node) Performance Results

- **Field solver:** 6x faster on **Cluster**
- **Particle solver:** 1.35 x faster on **Booster**
- **Overall performance gain:**

1x node 28% x gain compared to Cluster alone
21% x gain compared to Booster alone

8x nodes 38% x gain compared to Cluster only
34% x gain compared to Booster only

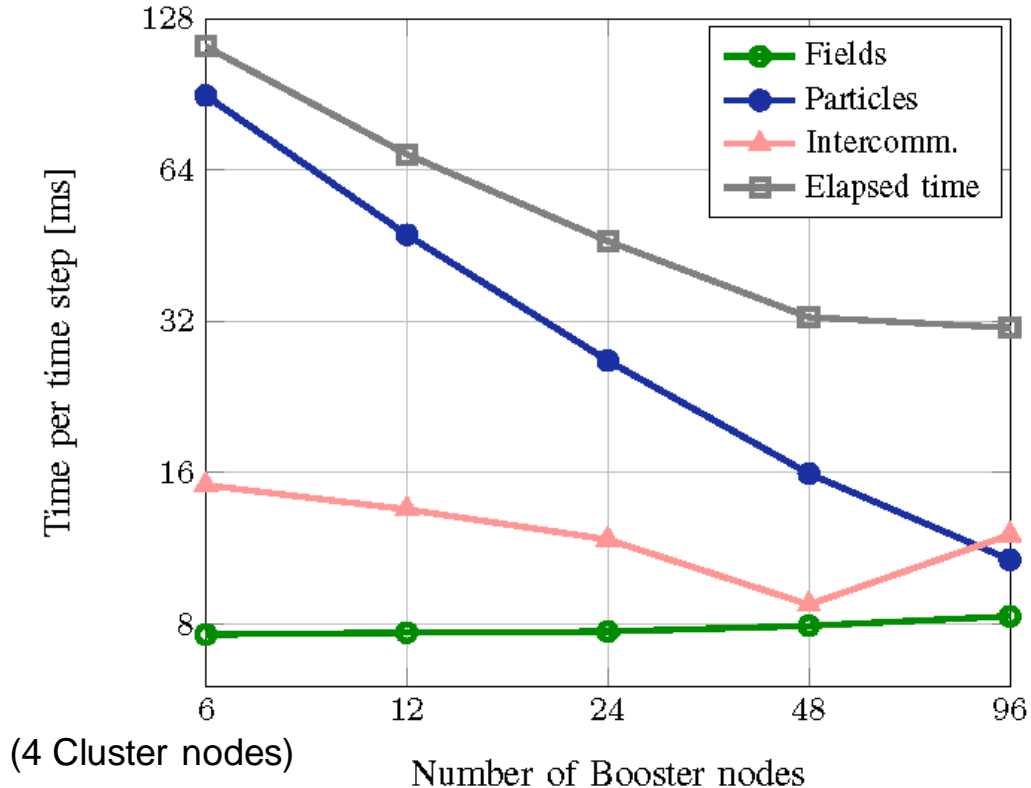
- 3%-4% overhead per solver for C+B communication (point to point)



#cells per node	4096
#particles per cell	2048
Compilation flags	-openmp, -mavx (Cluster) -xMIC-AVX512 (Booster)

xPic – strong scaling on JURECA

Variable-ratio modular strong scaling



- Code portions can be scaled-up independently
 - **Particles** scale almost linearly on **Booster**
 - **Fields** kept constant on **Cluster (4CNs)**
- A configuration is reached where same time is spent on Cluster and Booster
 - Additional 2x time-saving can be enabled via overlapping

#cells per node	36864
#particles per cell	1024
#blocks per MPI process	12, 32 or 64
Compilation flags	-maxx (Cluster) -openmp, xMIC-AVX512 (Booster)

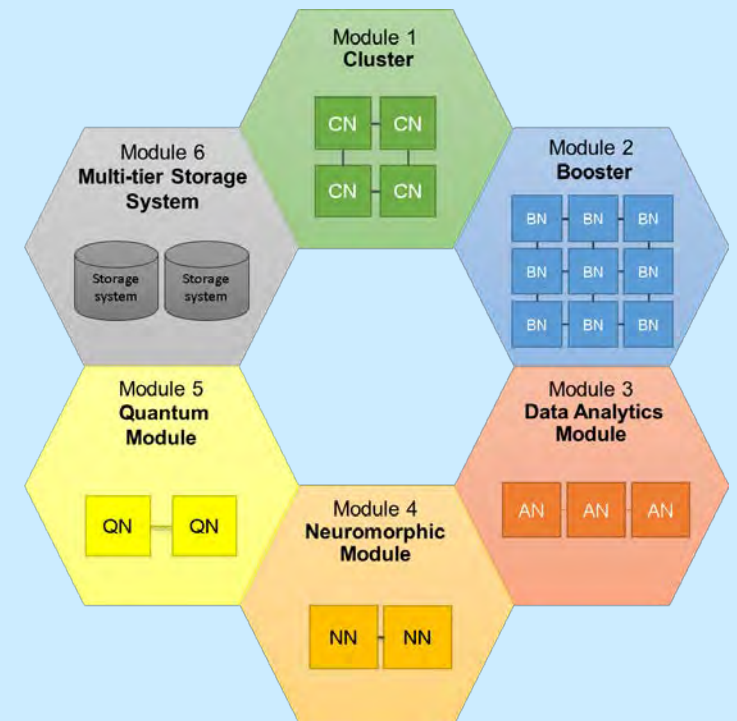
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Conclusions

- **The Modular Supercomputing Architecture (MSA)**
 - Orchestrates heterogeneity at system level
 - Allows scaling hardware in economical way
 - *Booster → Exascale*
 - Serves very diverse application profiles
 - *Maximum flexibility for users, without taking anything away*
 - *Still can use modules individually*
- **Distribute applications to run each code-part on suitable hardware**
 - Straight-forward implementation for [workflows](#)
 - Partition at MPI-level interesting for [multi-physics / multi-scale codes](#)
 - Monolithic codes can run inside the best suited module, without code-division



NEXT steps

- **Software development**

- Develop tools to map applications to hardware
- Improve support for malleability and dynamical resource allocation
- Better scheduling of heterogeneous jobs/workflows
- Facilitate exploitation of new memory technologies
- Modularize more codes

- **Current / Upcoming implementations of MSA**

- DEEP prototypes, JURECA, JUWELS (in 2020)
- MeluXina (Luxembourg EuroHPC Petascale system)
- Leonardo (Italy EuroHPC Pre-Exascale system)
- Tianhe-3 (*heterogeneous flexible architecture*)
 - <https://www.r-ccs.riken.jp/R-CCS-Symposium/2019/slides/Wang.pdf>
- Pilot system (as pre-Exascale demonstrator)
- And if everything goes well, then.... **Exascale!**



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