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Oh, \$#*@! Exascale!

The effect of emerging architectures on data science

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Exascale Programming Challenges



- At some point, domain decomposition fails
 - Too many halo cells, too much communication
- Possible new architectures and programming models
 - GPU accelerators hate decomposition
- Threaded (OpenMP) programming is easier than distributed (MPI) programming.
 - Threading needs careful planning for memory affinity (inherent in distributed)
 - Sharing memory locations invites read/write collisions (explicit in distributed)
 - PGAS will save us? I'm skeptical.
- Best practice approach: Parallel Functor application (Map, Visitor)
 - Multiple DOE projects underway: Dax (ASCR), PISTON (ASC), EAVL (LDRD)
 - If successful, minimal impact on applications
 - Might be some changes in scope of what can be done



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Interconnect 10PB/s – 100PB/s

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Off-Line Visualization

Embedded Visualization

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Space of Solutions



	Capability	Coupling	Footprint	Transfer	Interactive
Tightly Integrated	Low	Tight	Low	None	No
Embedded	High	Tight	High	Possible memcpy	No
Hybrid	High	Tight	Medium	Subset Hi Speed Transfer	Yes
Co- Scheduled	High	Loose	~5% Extra Nodes	Hi Speed Transfer	Yes
Off-Line	High	Loose	None	Slow Persistent Storage Cost	Yes