

Last Year's HPC Opening



Today (Sept 2023)

- HPC is always about performance, but also often about problem size
- HPC is dominated (currently) by cluster-based architectures of commodity technologies (with some extra engineering for very large-scale systems)
- Cloud HPC is still a fraction of on-prem HPC, but top cloud vendors are comparable to onprem vendors in annual revenue!
- HPC is commonly used in financial services:
 HFT, fraud detection, risk analysis, portfolio optimization, more!

Tomorrow (Sept 2023)

- Acceleration of Accelerators
 - For power efficiency & reduced opex
 - For HPC for Al
- Cloud HPC continues to grow % of TAM
- Digital twins of complex systems
- Sustainability/power sources
- Beyond Exascale emphasis begins
- Quantum computing is here/imminent/coming soon (single digit years?)...

HPC Landscape Today



- Arm processors and Al accelerators are both fully mainstream
- Al is enabled by HPC, integrated with HPC, advancing HPC
- Power issues larger than ever, but...
- Power generation sources are still largely carbon-based need more effort in green data centers
- Cloud % of HPC still growing
 - Limited by interconnects, costs, but
 - Fueled by AI, hyperscalers
- Hyperscalers have increased influence on silicon design, adoption
- Quantum computing hype exploded in 2024 (more later)

HPC Horizon



Likely:

- Al continues driving HPC near term: mixed precision, algorithms, more
- Hyperscalers drive their own silicon into mainstream (e.g. Graviton, TPUs)
- RISC-V starts to gain traction, at least in research
- Quantum computing continues weekly press releases of groundbreaking results! © (more later)

Maybe/hoping:

- Power availability/cost drives green energy for data center a bit more
- Power availability drives more edge computing
- More fluid (if not seamless) use of hybrid multicloud? (OK, 2026-27...)
- Quantum computing gets a 'real' quantum advantage result (if not quantum value yet)