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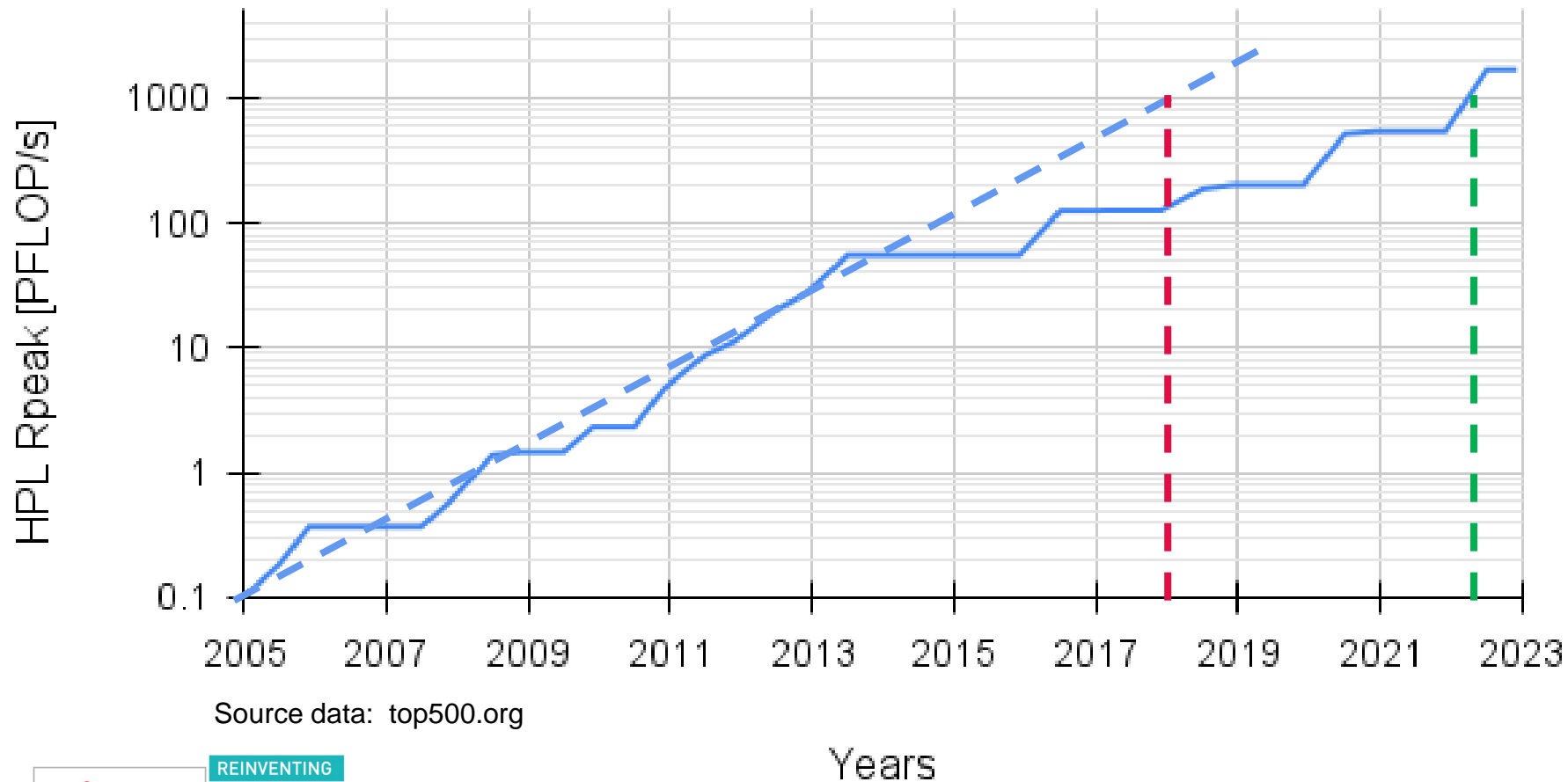
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# HPC Performance Evolution – Slower than Expected

## Top #1: HPL Rpeak [PFLOP/s]



**1997:** First **1TFlop/s** computer:  
(*ASCI Red/9152*)

**2008:** First **1 PFlop/s** computer: (*Roadrunner*)

So.... First **1 EFlop/s** computer: **2018 !!**

– Well... not really

It took 4 years longer....

**2022**  
for *Frontier* to appear

# Exascale Challenges Addressed

- **Application parallelism**

- Applications must support billions of individual threads
- Lower-scaling applications / parts of applications should not run on a full Exascale system



- **Truly scalable systems**

- Huge numbers of devices need to exchange data with each other
- Collective communication operations are “slowing down” due to larger system sizes
- Network contention and reliability become worries



- **Energy efficiency**

- Accelerators clearly beat CPUs for many (most?) codes
- System heterogeneity is a must
- Yet – portable accelerator programming is hard



- **Memory and storage**

- Ever growing gap between compute throughput and memory bandwidth
- New technologies like HBM suffer from capacity limitations & high energy consumption



- **Workload diversity**

- Exascale centers must run a wide variety of HPC, AI and data analytics workloads with highest energy efficiency
- One size does not fit all



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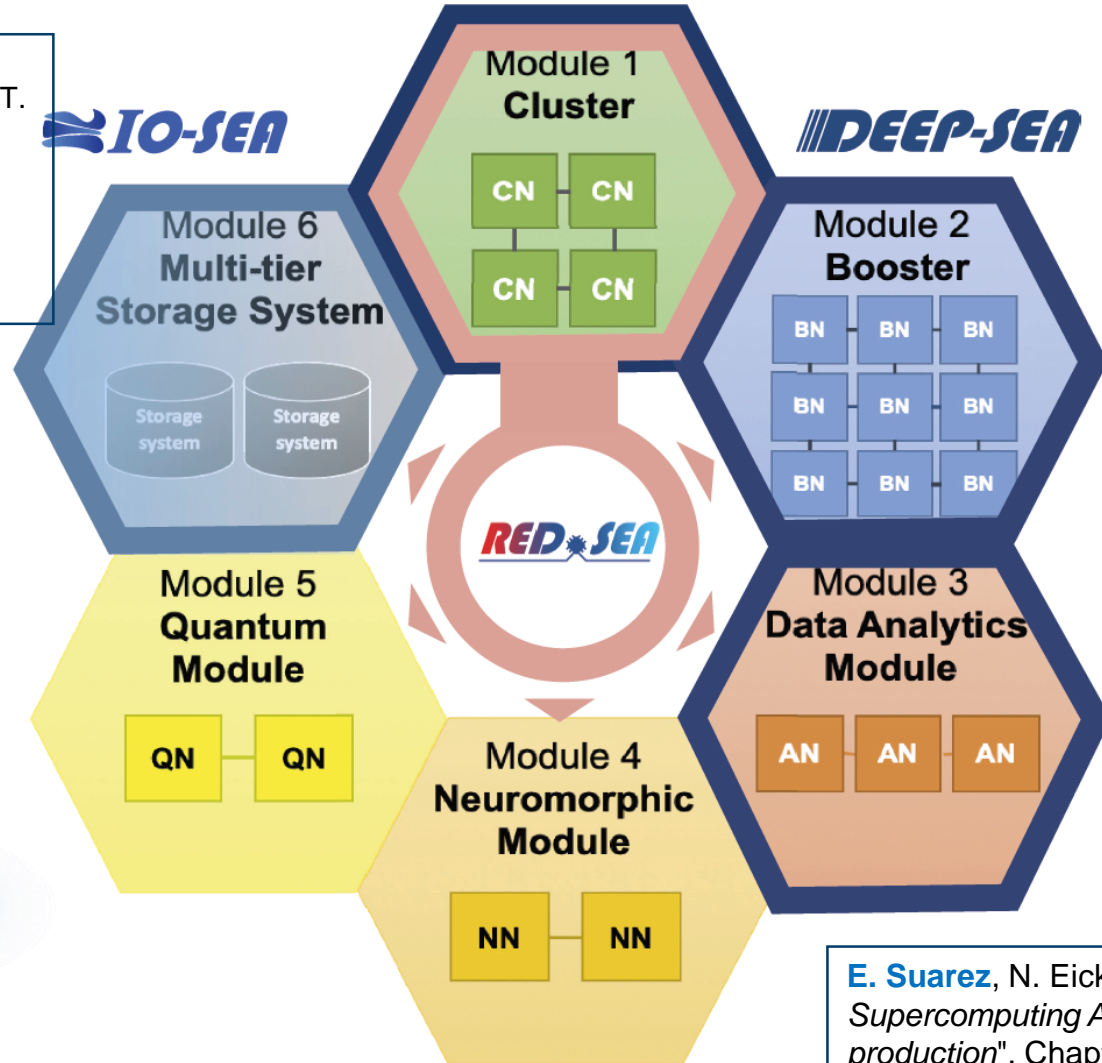
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# Modular Supercomputing Architecture

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<https://www.etp4hpc.eu/white-papers.html#msa>.

Composable  
heterogeneous  
resources



**DEEP-SEA**

Software stack and  
programming model for  
Exascale heterogeneity

**IO-SEA**

I/O Software stack for  
Exascale

**RED SEA**

Network solutions for  
Exascale systems

E. Suarez, N. Eicker, Th. Lippert, "Modular Supercomputing Architecture: from idea to production", Chapter 9 in Contemporary High Performance Computing: from Petascale toward Exascale, Volume 3, p 223-251, CRC Press. (2019)

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# Acknowledgements

You can learn more on the SEA projects in the next three presentations and at these Websites

- <https://sea-projects.eu/>
- <https://deep-projects.eu/>
- <https://iosea-project.eu/>
- <https://redsea-project.eu/>

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