

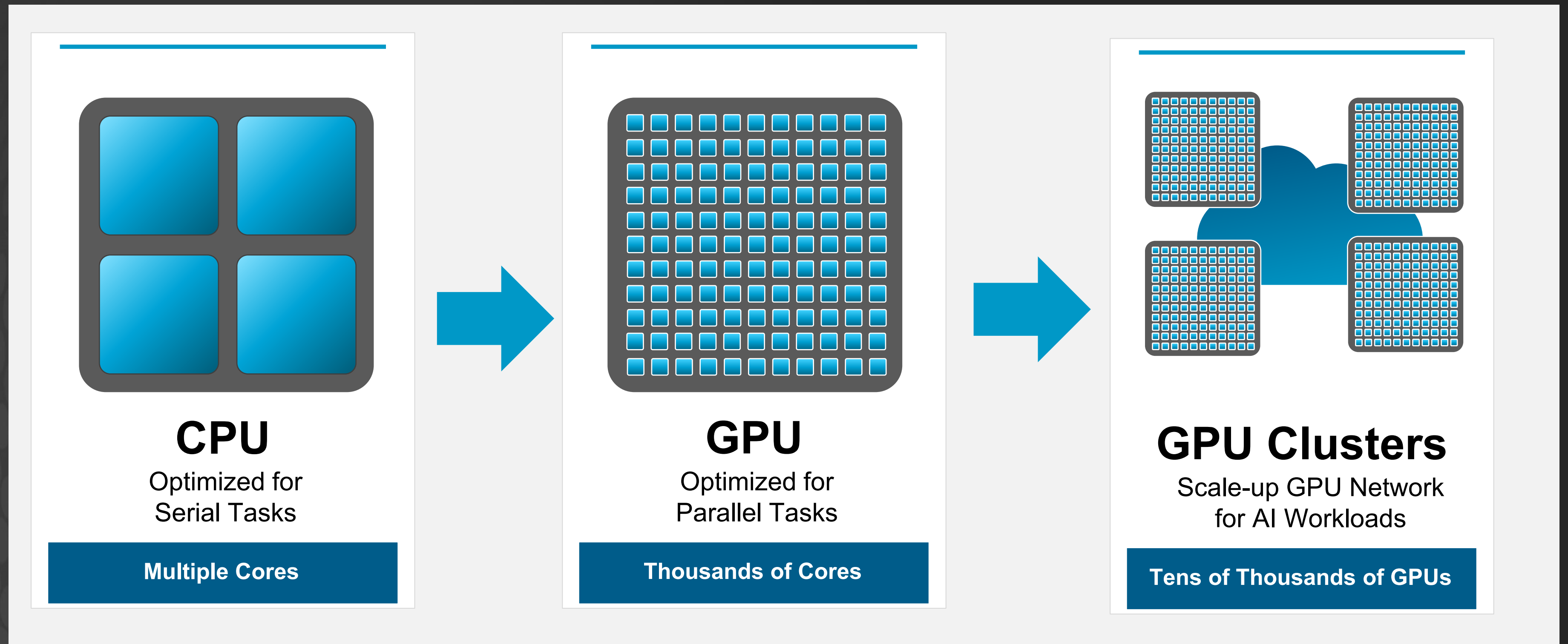
ENABLING AI Infrastructure

Ethernet for AI @ Scale

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Exponential Acceleration of Compute for AI



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THE NETWORK IS THE COMPUTER

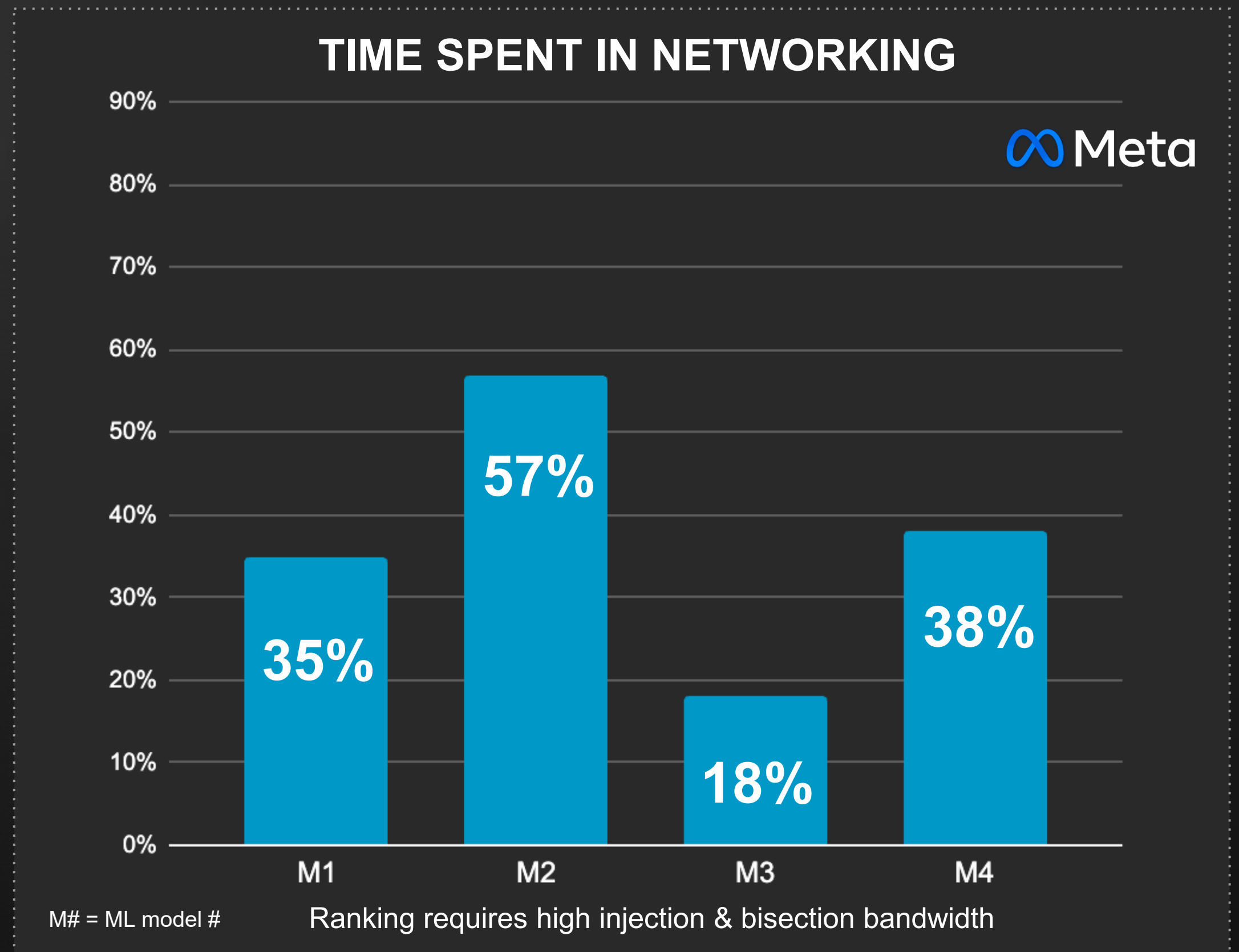
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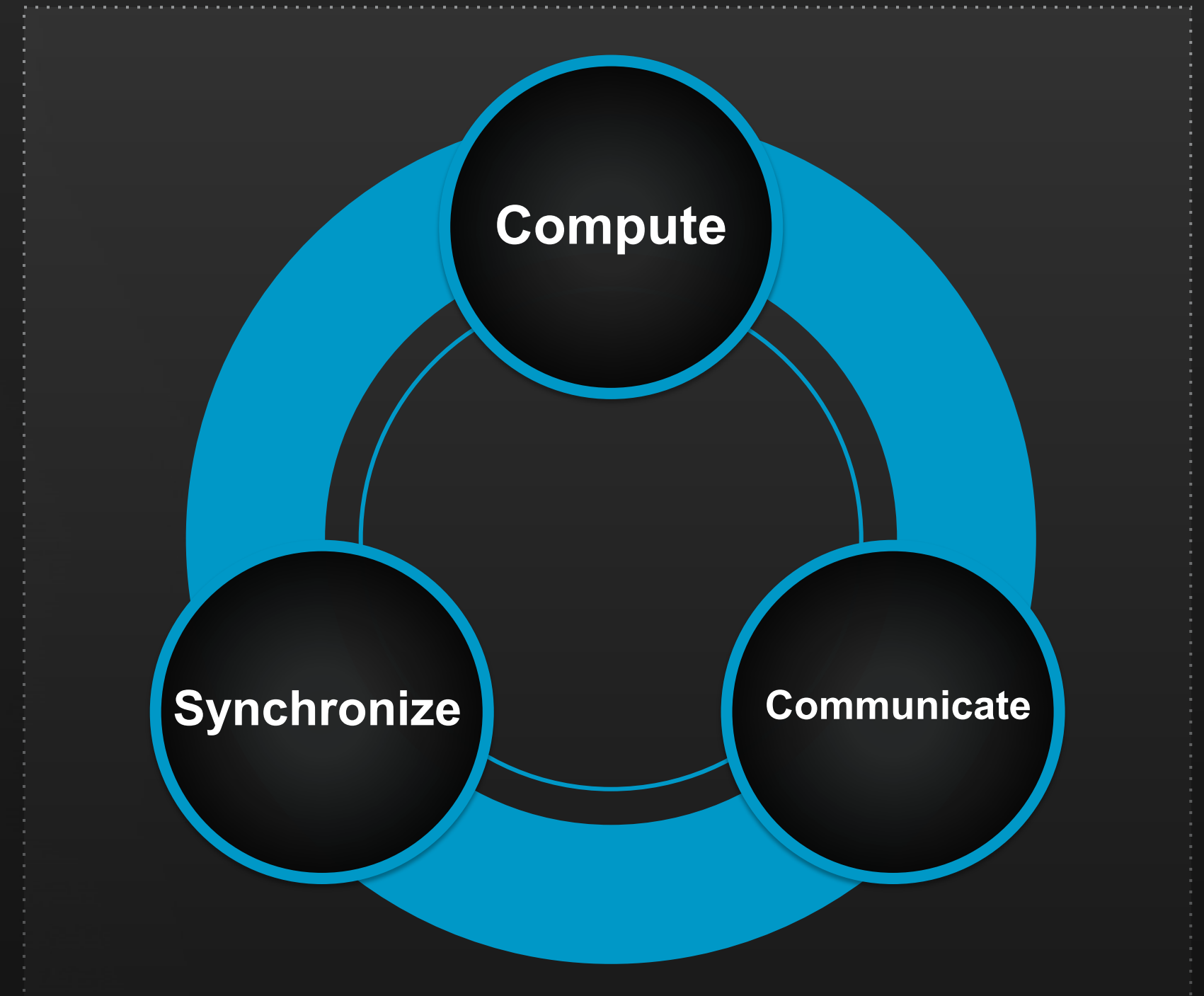
“**Network I/O is Key
for Recommendation
Workloads.**”

OCP keynote by Alexis Bjorlin
at 2022 OCP Global Summit

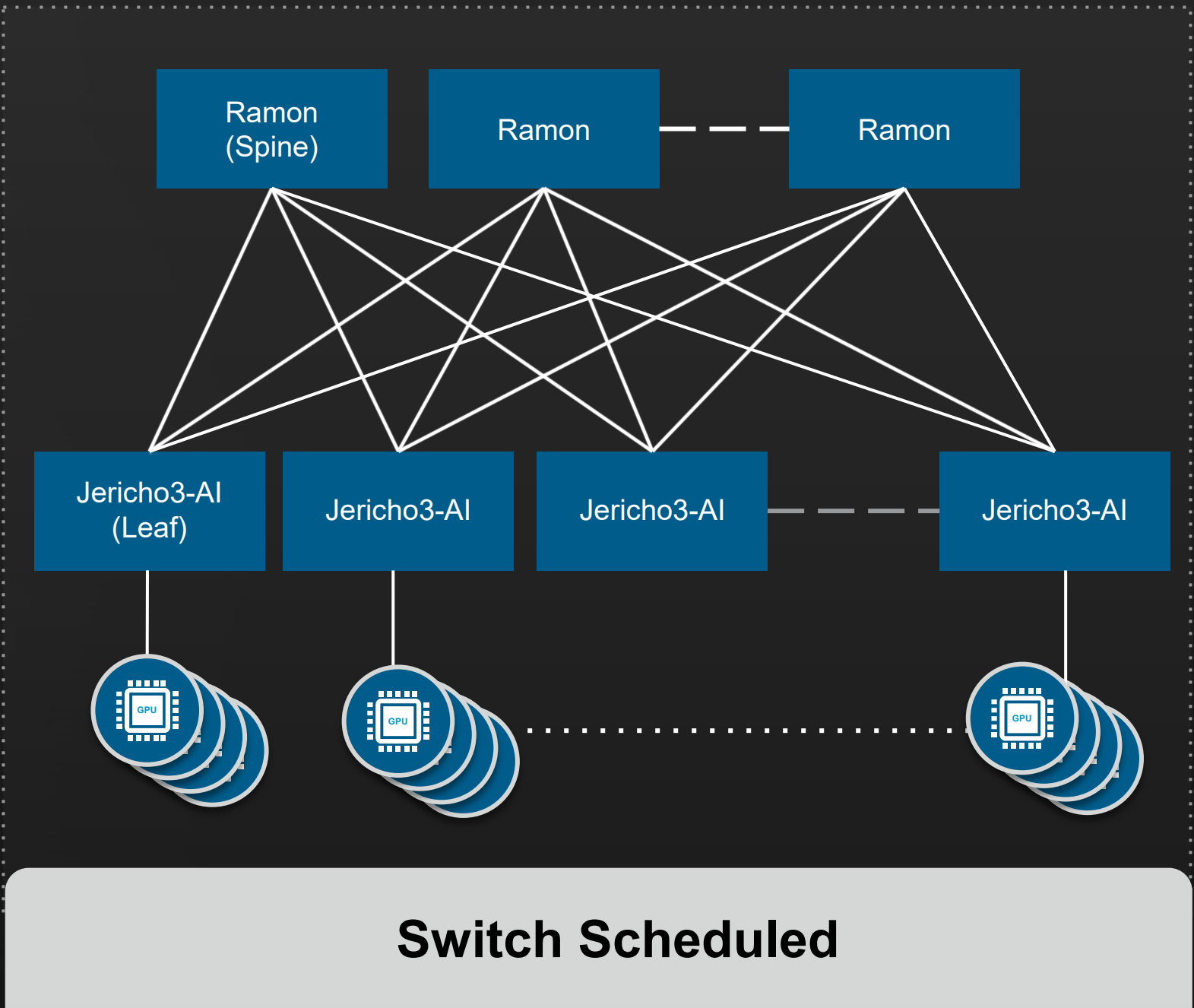
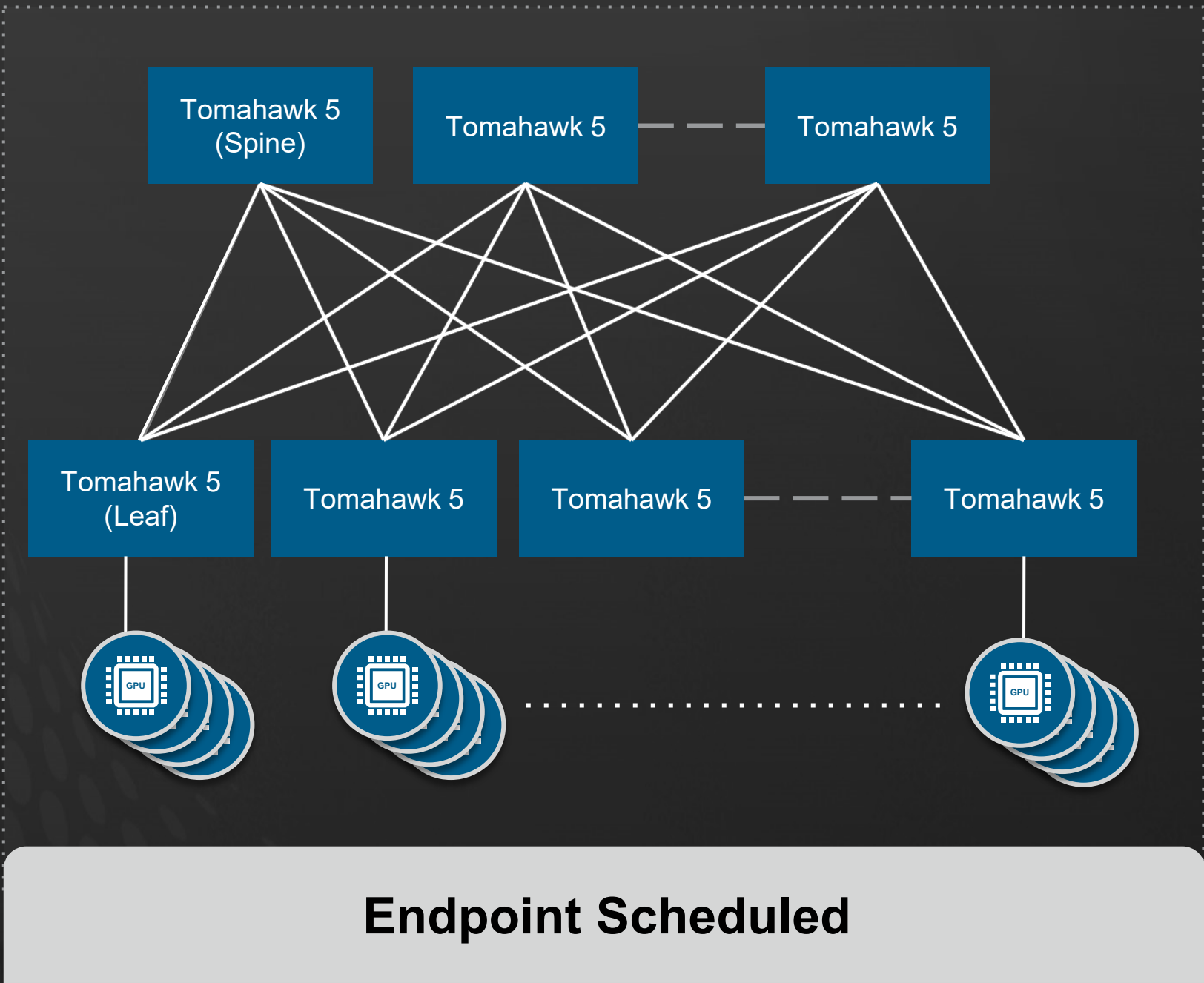


What Makes AI Networks Unique?

- Very high bandwidth
- RDMA traffic → Bulk data transfers
- Intermittent data surges
- Straggler data significantly impacts job completion time
- Training jobs run over long durations (hours, days)

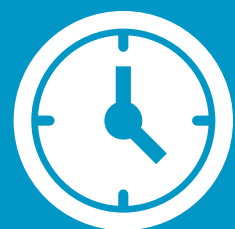
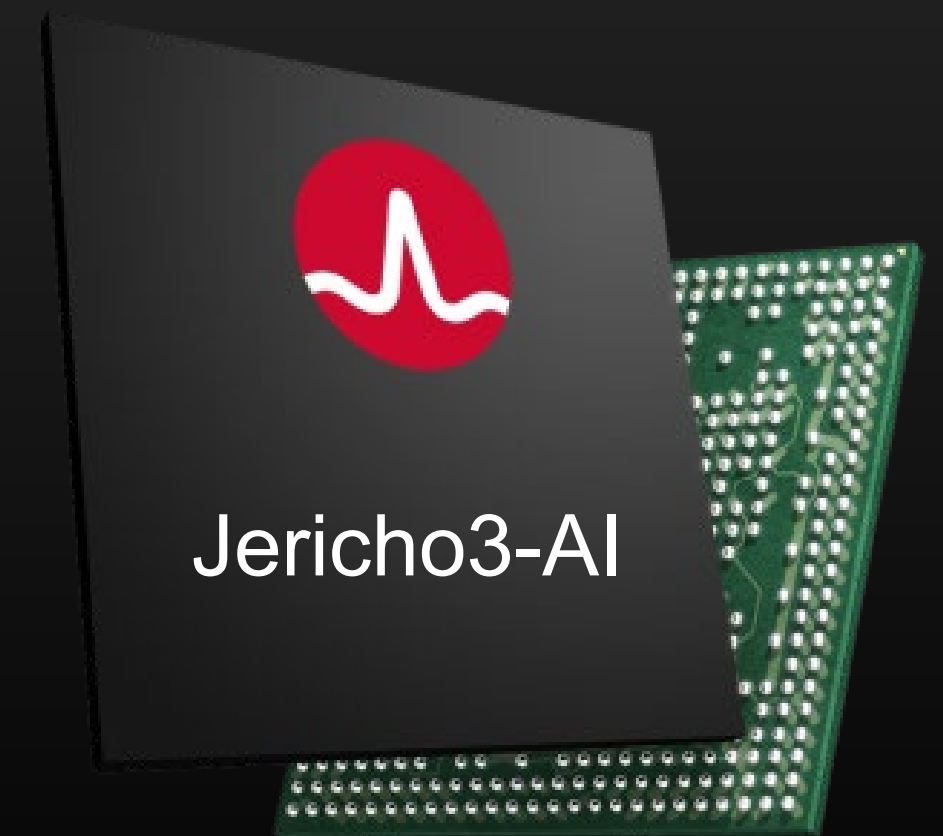
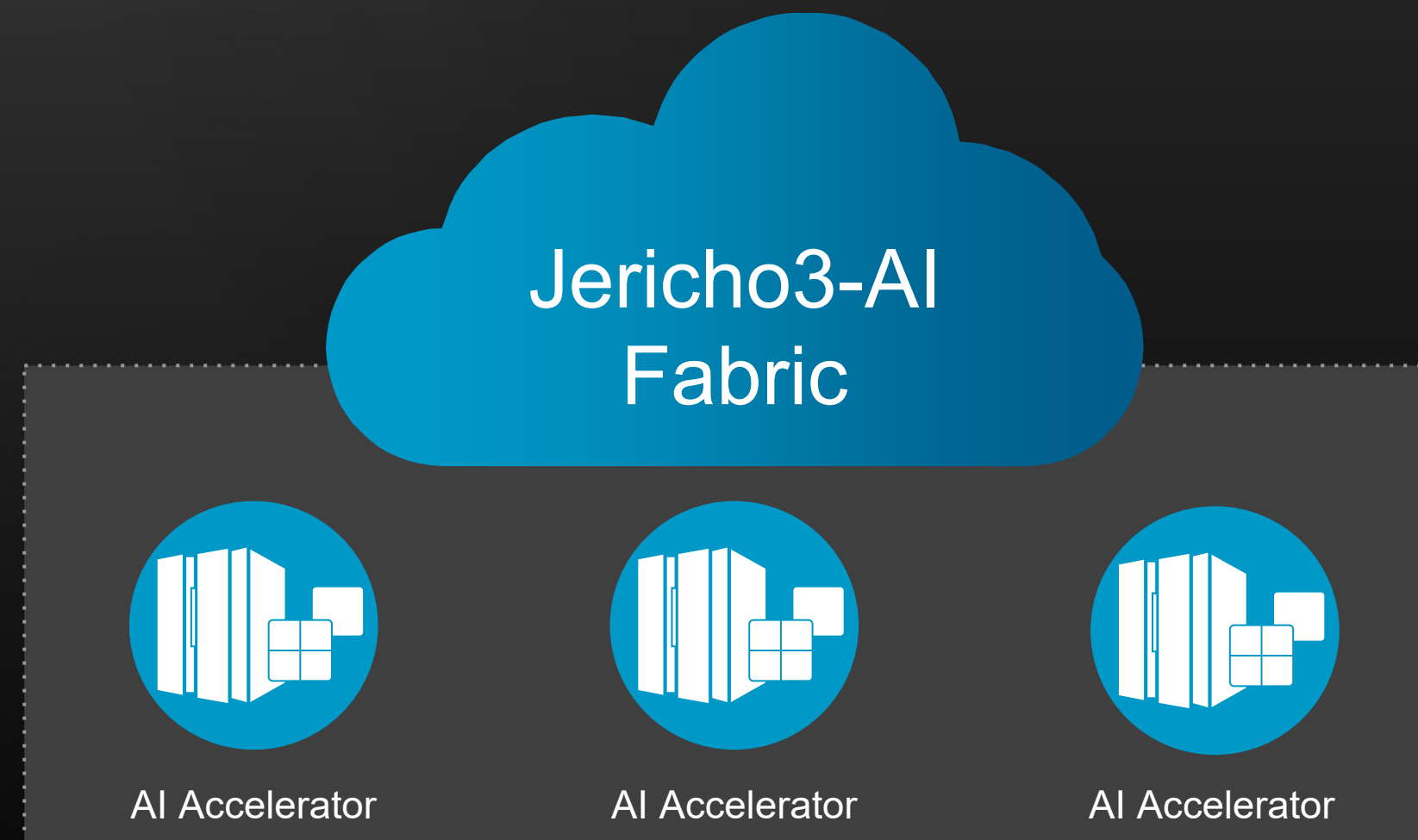


Broadcom's AI Network Solutions



Jericho3-AI Fabric: Switch Scheduled Ethernet Network

10% Performance improvement = network more than pays for itself

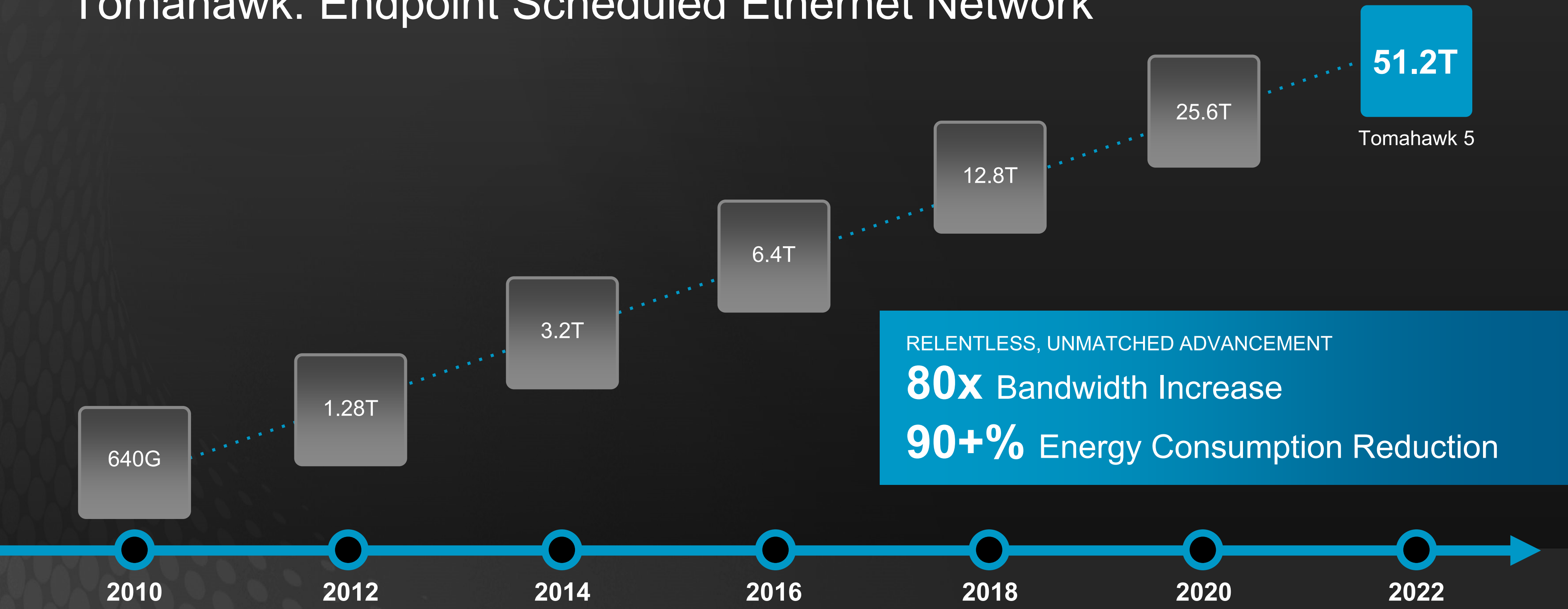


32,000 AI Accelerators at 800Gbps each
Lowest time spent in networking

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Tomahawk: Endpoint Scheduled Ethernet Network



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Tomahawk 5

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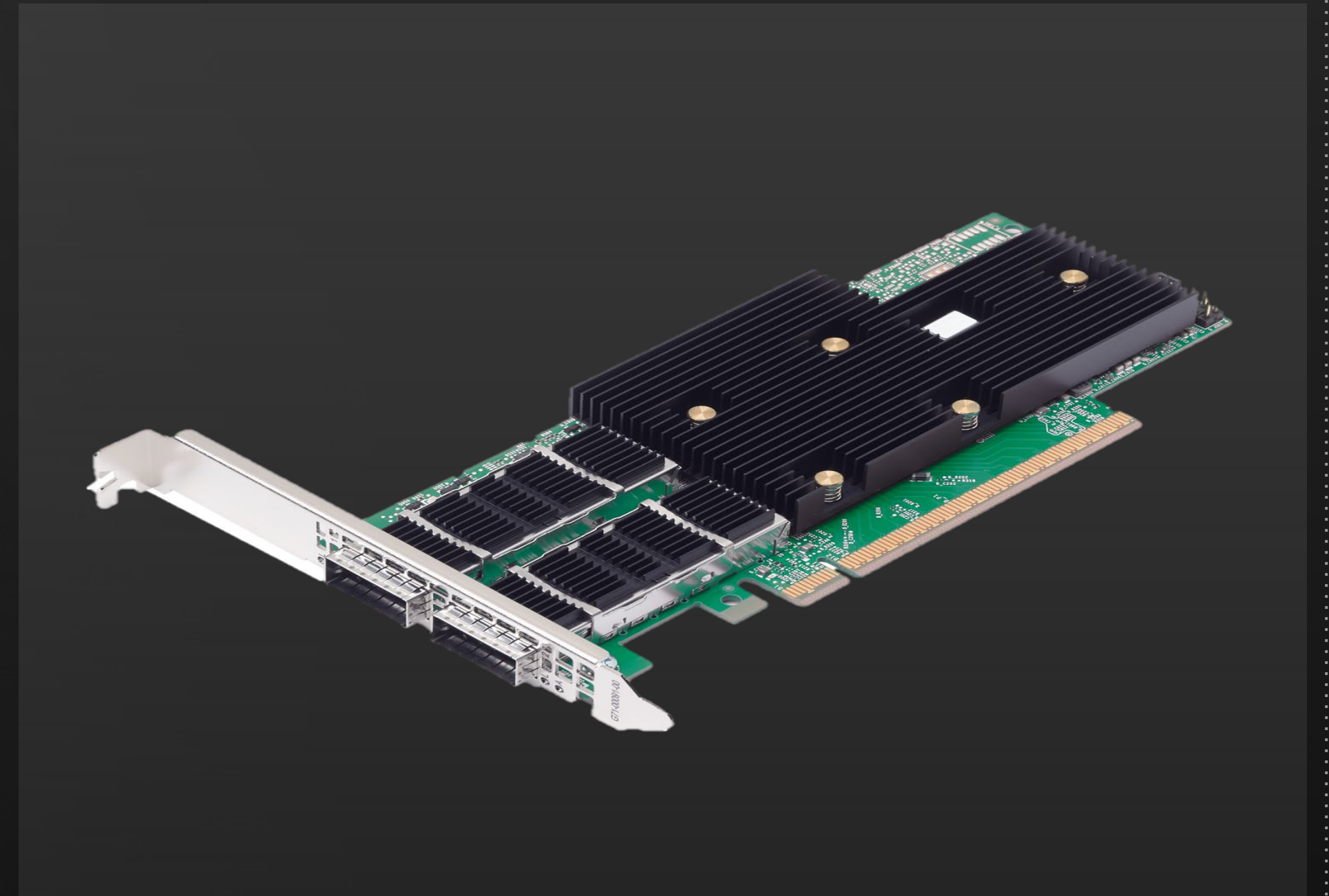
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Introducing THOR2: AI Optimized NIC

THOR2

- 400G high-performance NIC
- High-scale RDMA
- Industry's lowest power
- Longest reach 100G Serdes

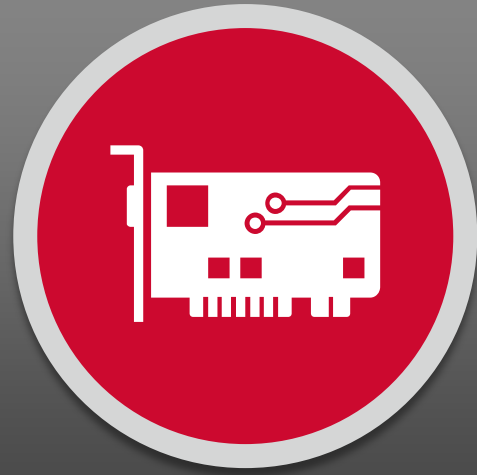


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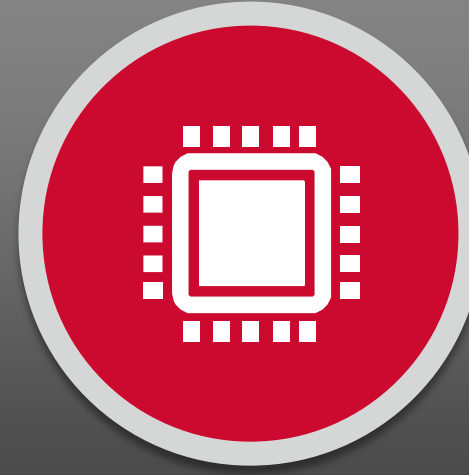
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THOR2 Consumption Models



Board

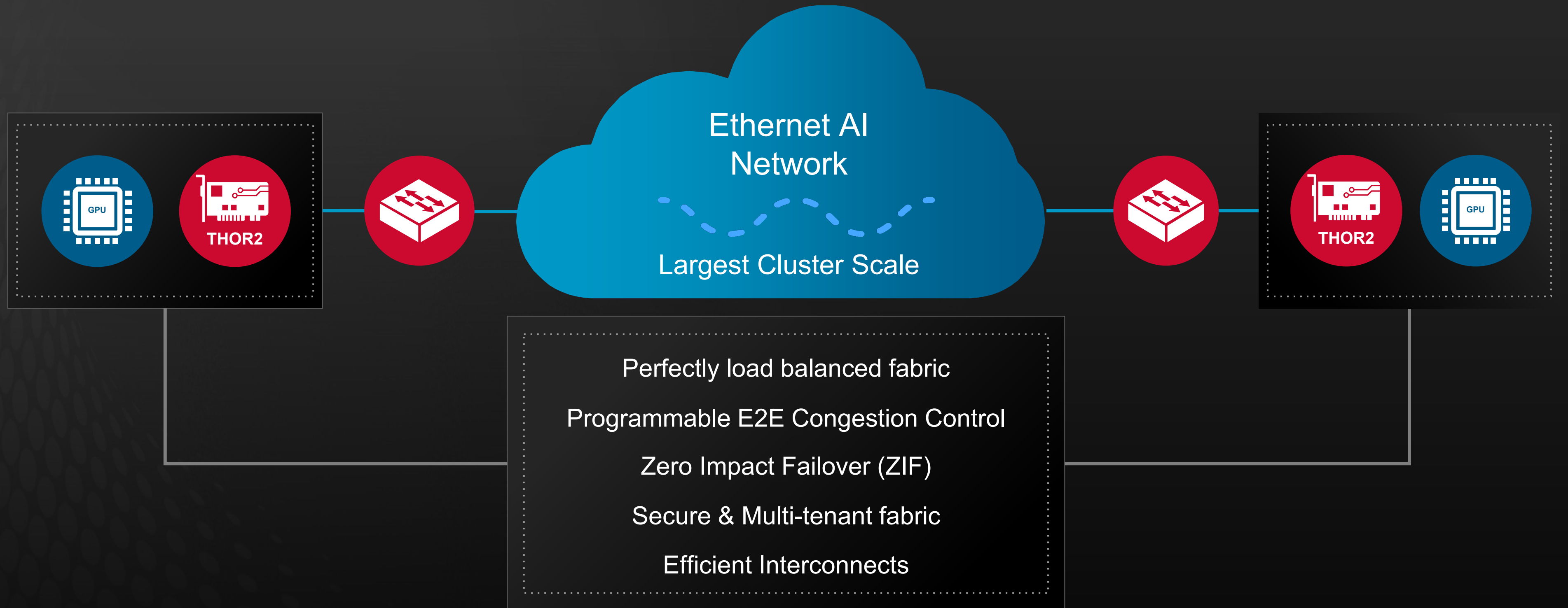


Chiplet

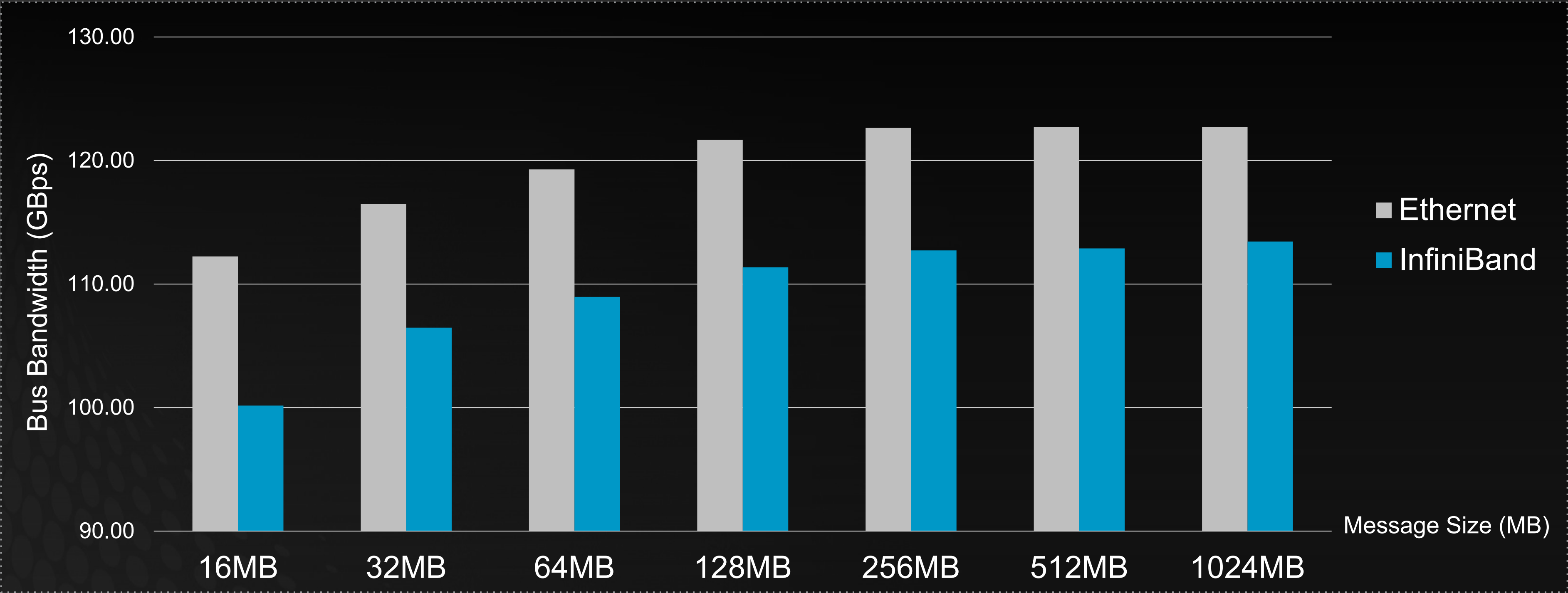


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End-to-End High Performance Ethernet AI Network



Ethernet Beats InfiniBand: 10+% Improvement in Job Completion Time



Ethernet Provides 30x Faster Failover than InfiniBand

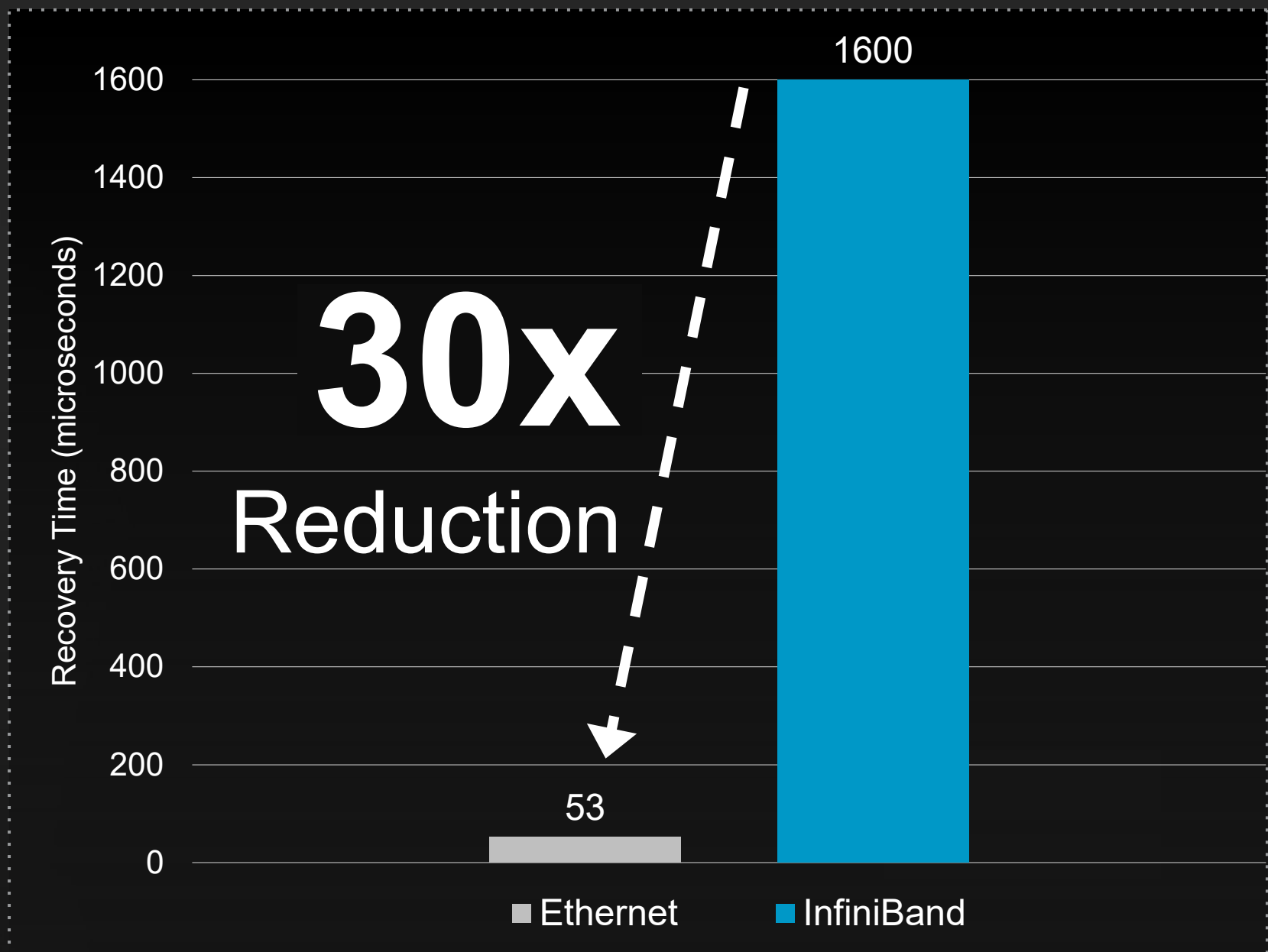
2%

Optics Annual Failover Rate*



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Failures per Month**



Fast recovery reduces job completion time

* Typical industry failure rate. ** Assuming 4K node cluster using 9.2K optic modules

Reducing AI Interconnect Cost and Power

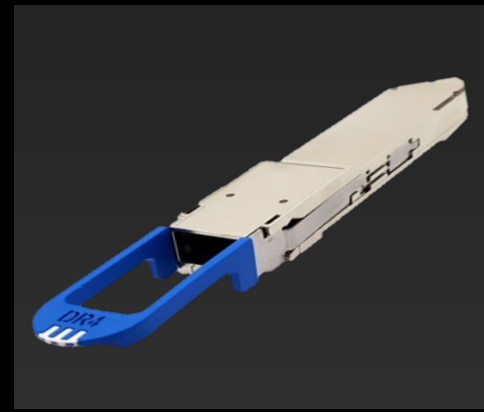
Extended Reach for
Copper Cables

4m+ DAC (2x IEEE spec)



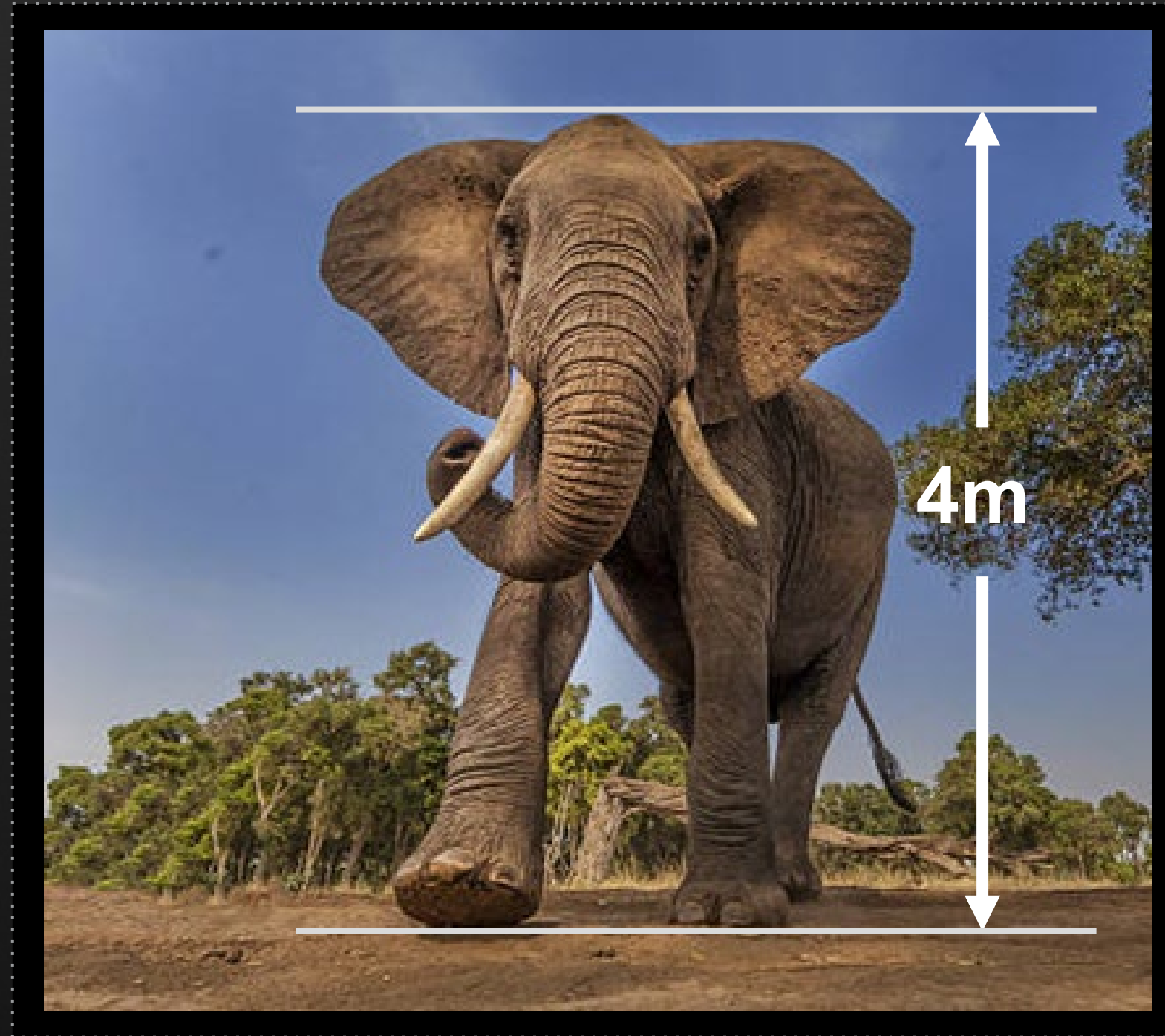
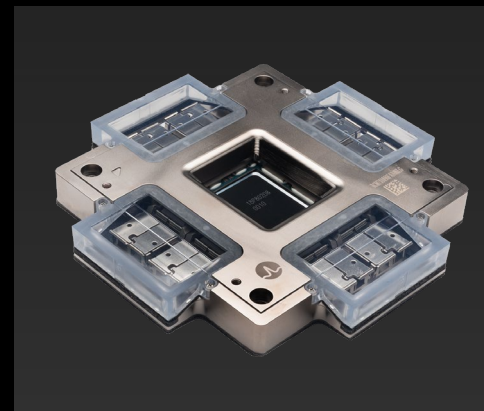
Linear Pluggable
Optics

33% Lower Power

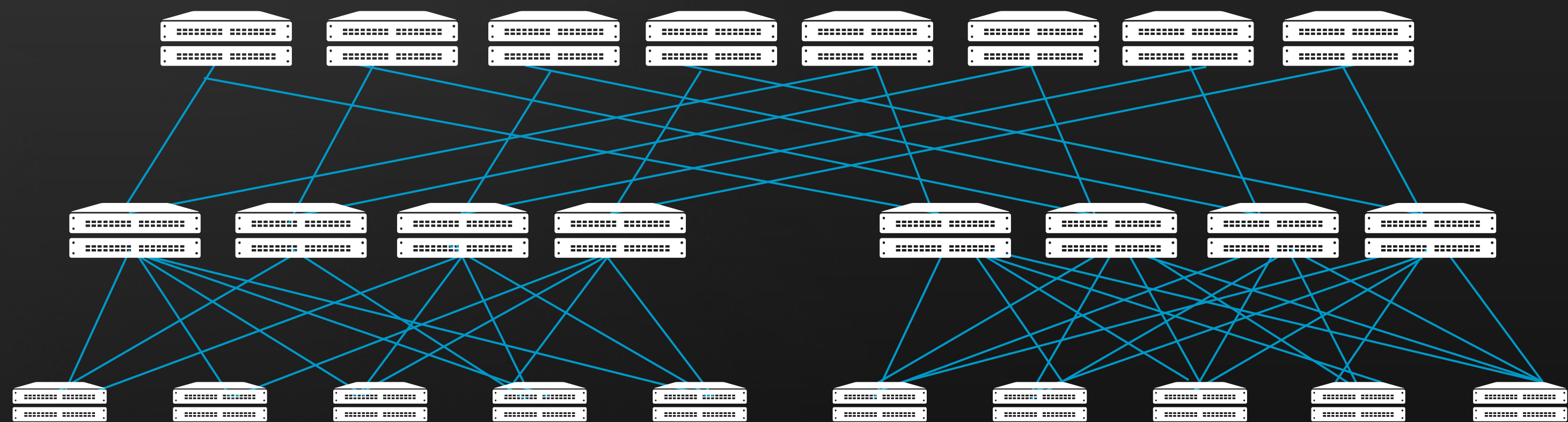


Co-Packaged
Optics

Lowest Power & Cost



Ethernet is the De-facto AI Network



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Large Ethernet AI Clusters



60,000+



30,000+



20,000+

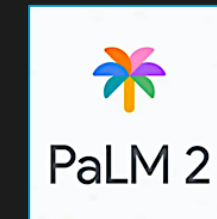
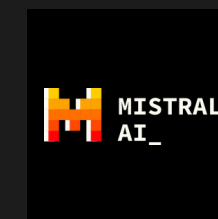
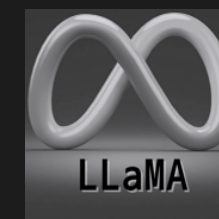
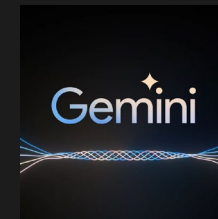
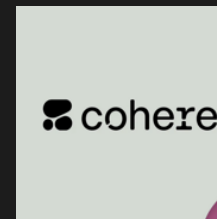


10,000+

New AI Models → 100X+ Scale → Distributed Computing

1 Million

AI Accelerators



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Ultra Ethernet: AI at Scale

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Incredibly Strong Industry Reception: 55+ companies





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Modernizing RDMA...

Classic RDMA

-  In-order packet delivery
-  Go-back-n → inefficient
-  No multipathing
-  DCQCN → hard to tune

UltraEthernet

Out-of-order placement,
in-order message completion

Selective Ack and retransmit

Packet-level multipathing

Configuration-free congestion control

Ethernet for AI Networks



Pervasively deployed, Open & standards-based technology



Highest RDMA performance for AI fabrics



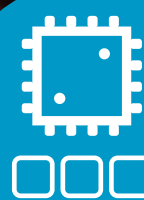
Lowest cost compared to proprietary technologies



Provides deployment consistency across front-end, back-end, storage and management networks ... no technology islands



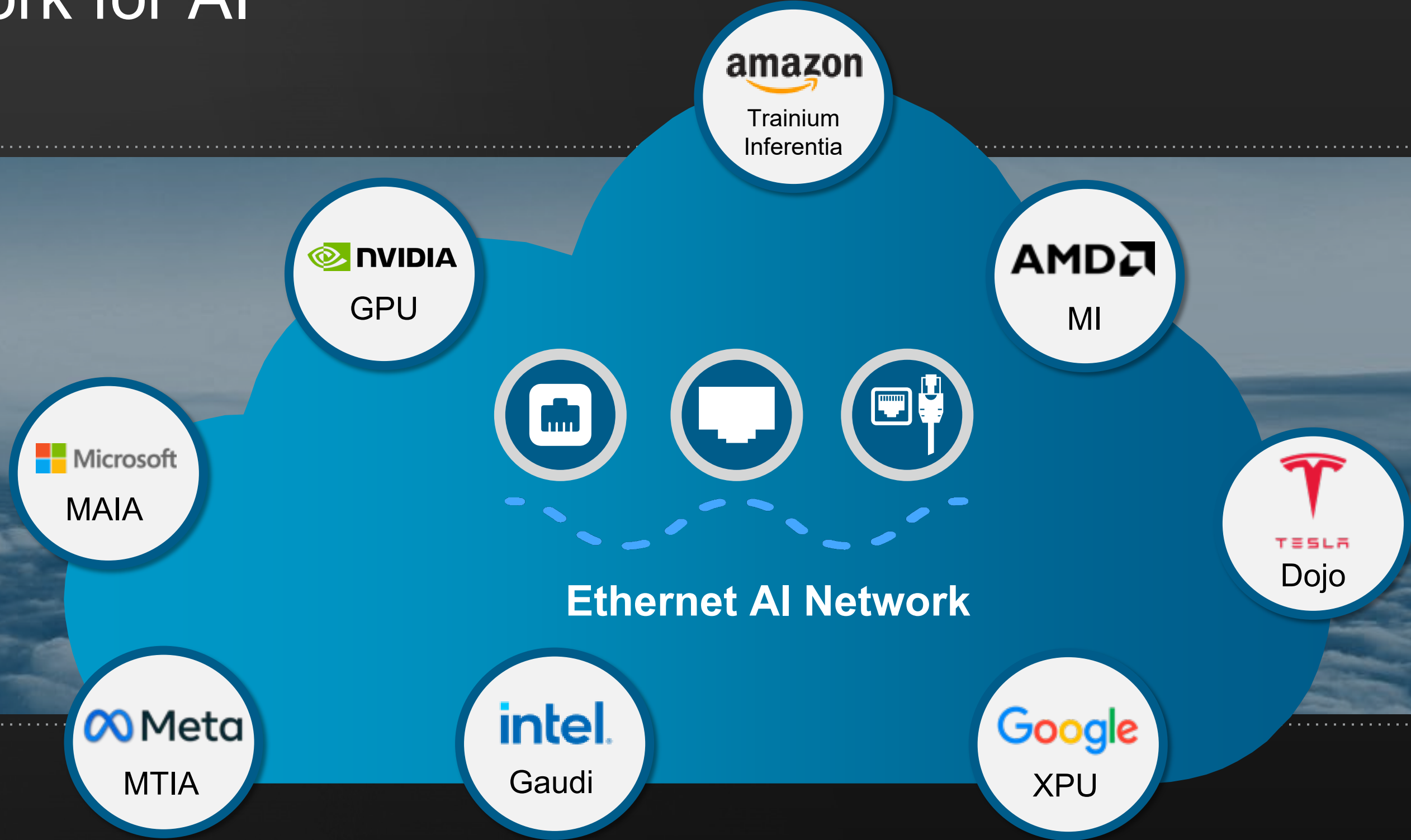
Highly available, reliable and easy to use



Broad silicon, hardware, software, automation, monitoring & debugging tools ecosystem ... staffing and operational skills widely available

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Ethernet Network for AI



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Comprehensive Ethernet Portfolio and Ecosystem

Network Control & Automation



Operation System



Hardware Platform



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