

# Quantum Testbeds Stakeholder Workshop

Sandia's ASC NNSA Testbed Project

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# Advanced Architecture Testbed Project

## Goals

- Reduce impact on mission labs in a rapidly changing technology environment
  - Significant PRODUCTION code rewrite or modification may be required
- Go through all the pain up front so the transition for full codes is made easier
- Eliminate or reduce missteps

*... to be a scout for future computer architecture*

## Philosophy

- Hardware and Software intended (and has proven) to be highly dynamic
- INTENTIONALLY closer to prototypes than production
- Systems are NOT for production capability/capacity cycles
  - Priority is to explore a wide and diverse set of merging architectural alternatives



## Current state of technology **REQUIRES** exploratory R&D of:

- Alternative Programming Models
- Architecture-aware algorithms
- Advanced memory sub-system development
- Energy-efficient hardware, runtime, systems software and APPLICATIONS

## FACTS

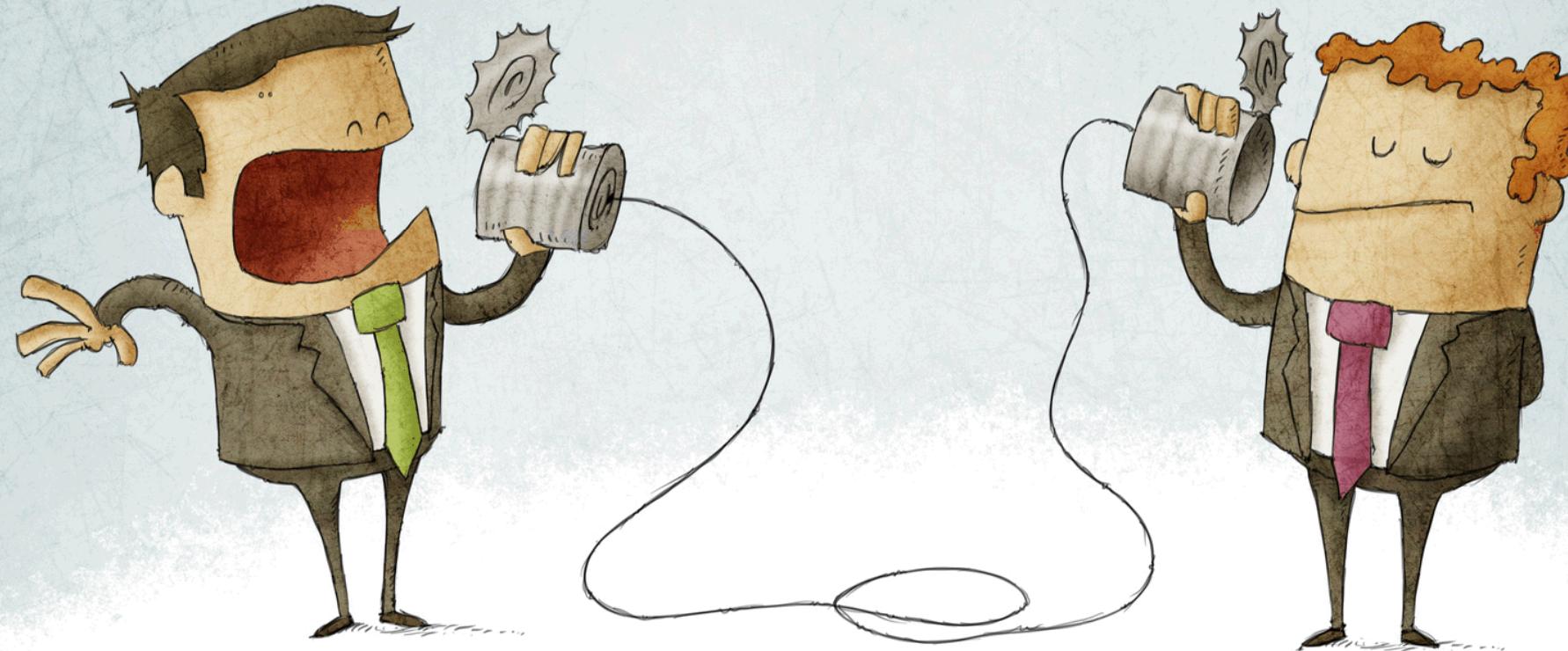
- Significantly impacted the vendor offerings procurements
- Significantly improved *performance-portability*
- Dramatically increased the maturity of the vendor software stack (especially compilers) - more efficient use of delivered hardware
- Provides environment for accelerated development of next-generation algorithms and programming models

# Communication

- The Test Bed program leveraged Sandia's existing reputation as **THE** Engineering/Architecture laboratory
  - ASCI Red
  - Cplant
  - Red Storm
- Developed extremely close collaborative relationships beneficial to all participants



- **Most important lesson, testbeds act as a conduit for MEANINGFUL conversation and co-design**
  - In our case, labs, technology providers and universities
- Conversation not limited by duration of single procurement
- Identify your stakeholders and ensure goals, philosophy and your implementation facilitate the conversation

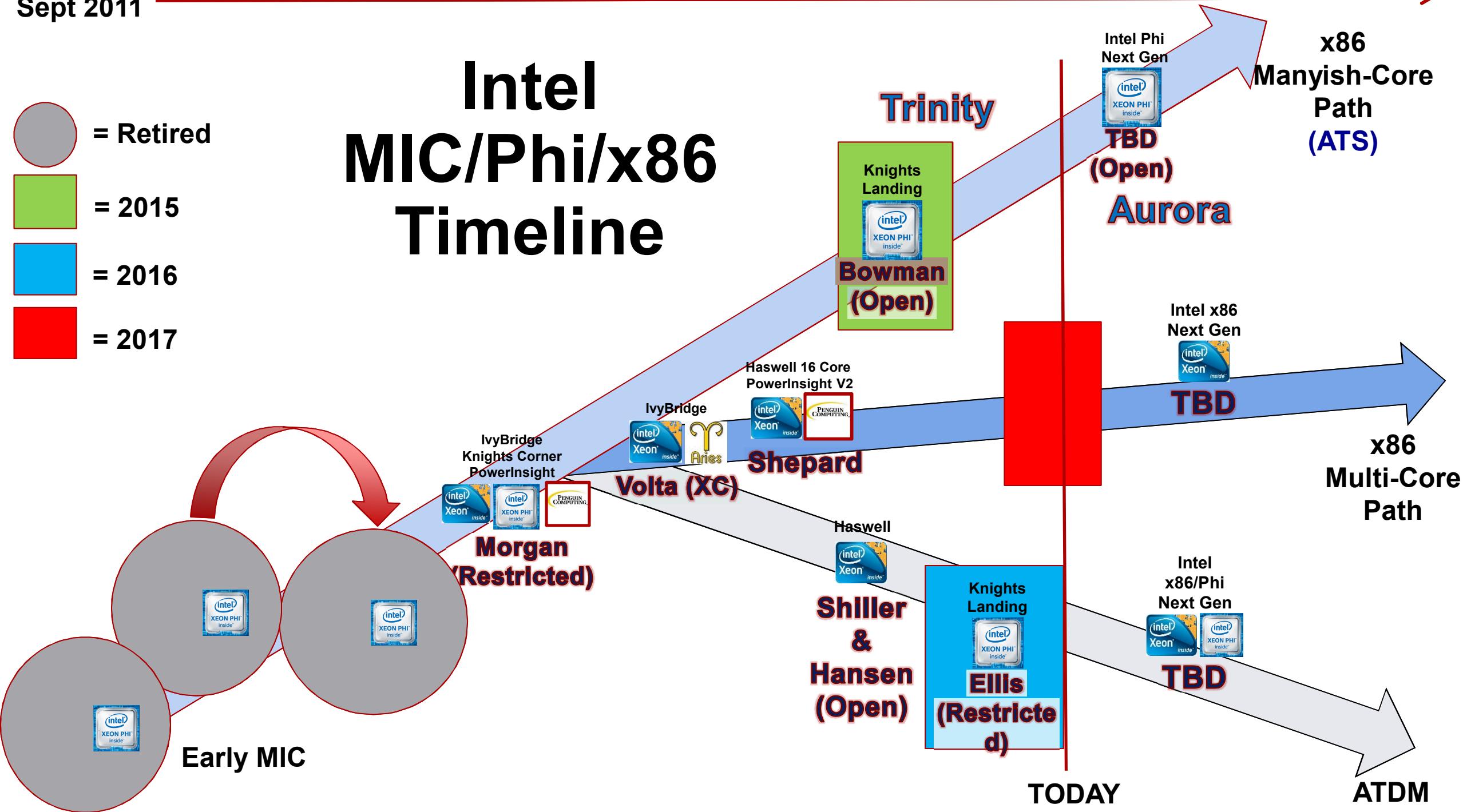




## TECHNOLOGY TIMELINES

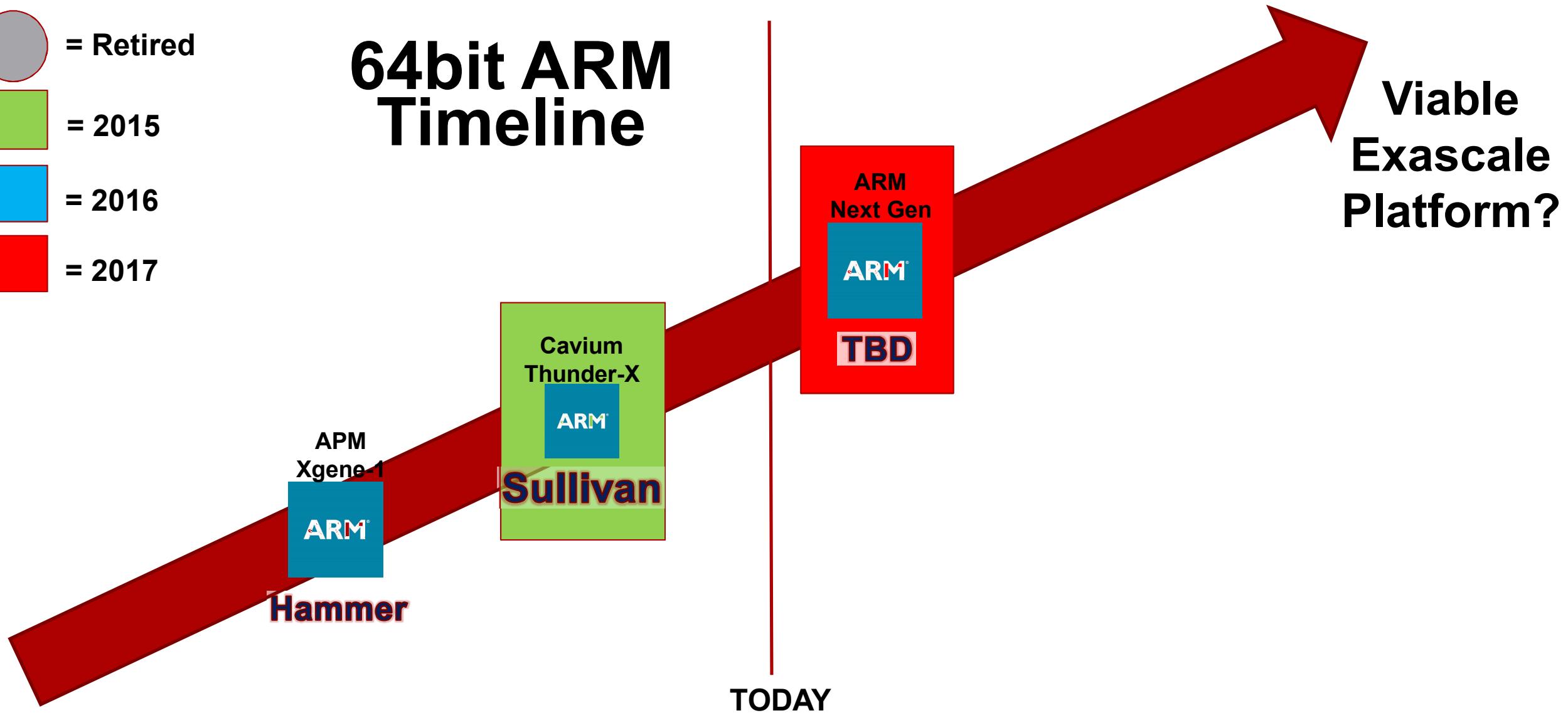
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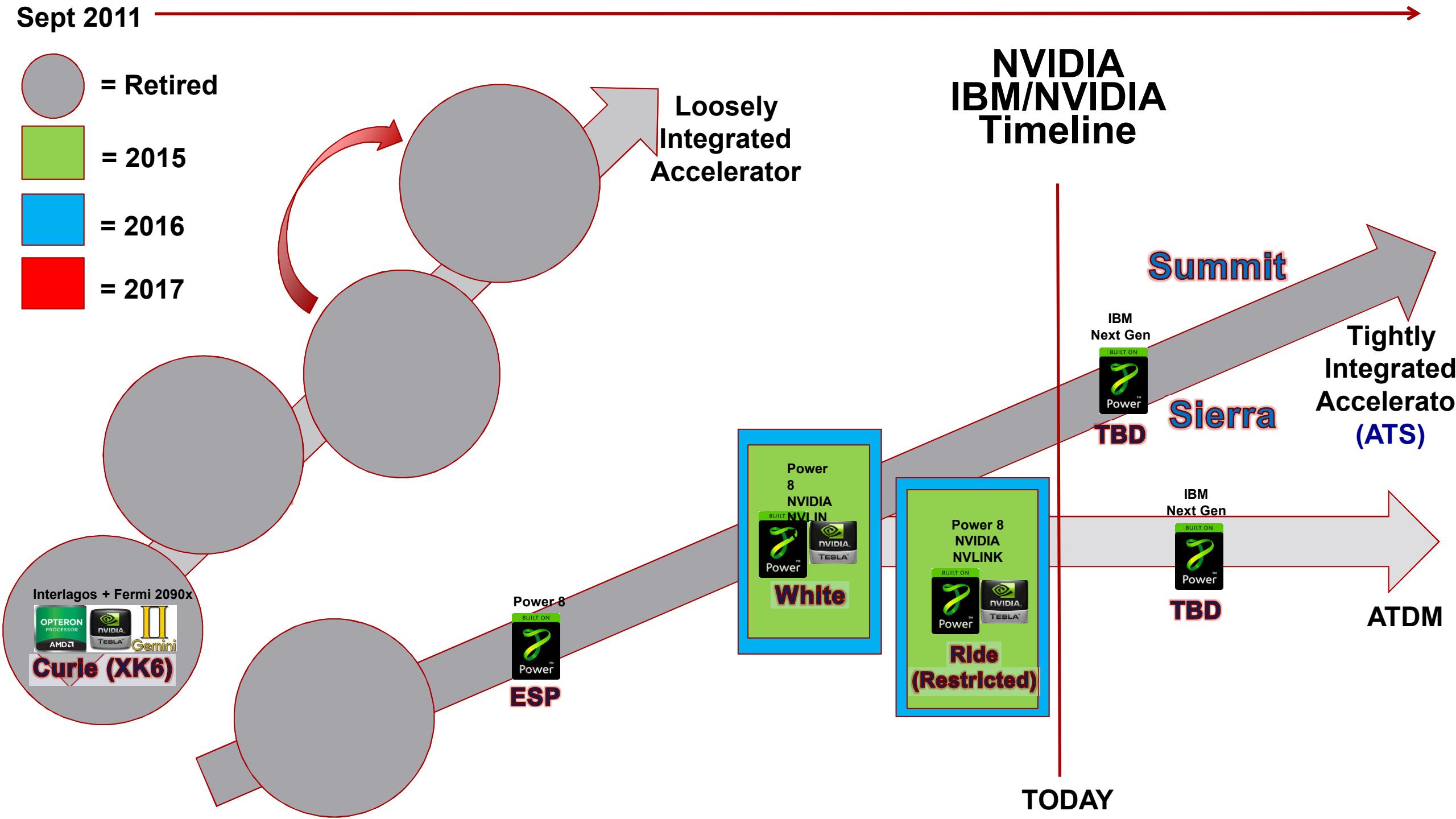
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# 64bit ARM Timeline





# AMD Timeline

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