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# DynAX X-Stack Project Overview

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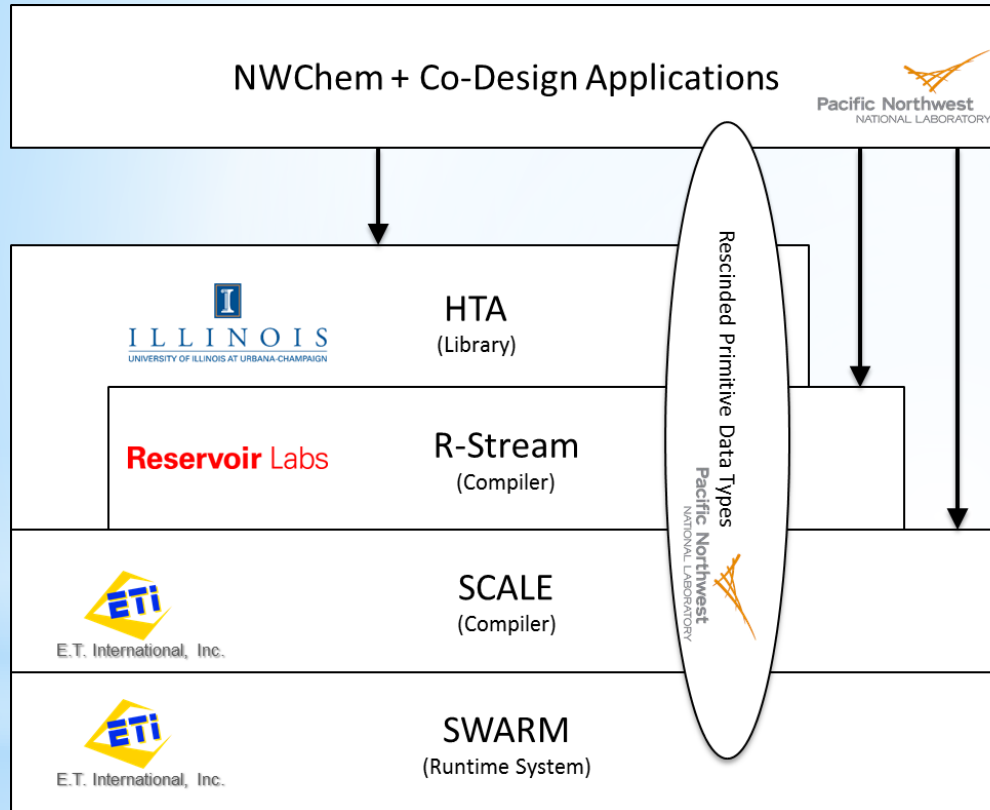
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# DynAX X-Stack

## Software Stack



## Overview

### Challenges:

- Scalability
- Locality
- Programmability
- Portability
- Energy efficiency
- Resiliency
- Interoperability
- Co-Design Applications

### Approach:

- Enhance scalability and locality with codelet execution model
- Address locality using data/memory-aware techniques
- Enhance productivity, portability and energy efficiency with novel compilation and runtime technology
- Focus on X-Stack co-design applications

# DynAX X-Stack: Progress/Results

- Applications **(On Track)**
  - Completed codelet design and optimization of NWChem SCF module
  - Completed codelet design and optimization of Cholesky Decomposition
  - Development of translator to convert NWChem TCE equations to Codelet source code
- High-Level Programming Model for Codelets: HTA **(On Track)**
  - Developed HTA as a C library and a compiler that compiles HTA programs into ETI SCALE.
  - Preliminary performance evaluation conducted on shared memory machine using NAS Parallel Benchmarks implemented in HTA notation
- R-Stream Compiler Targeting Codelets **(On Track)**
  - Auto-parallelization to SWARM implemented and work well
  - Optimally scalable synchronization for codelets implemented and tested for feasibility
  - Communication layer optimization scheme in place
- Adaptive SWARM Runtime for Performance/Energy Optimization **(On Track)**
  - Power-Efficient Data Abstraction Layer (PEDAL) designed and tested for feasibility
  - By Group Locality (GL) designed and tested for feasibility
  - Compiler/Runtime Toolchain on SWARM in place

# Sponsor's Instructions

- One slide with the vision of your project, showing how application developers use the technologies that you are researching and developing in order to write new applications and/or migrate existing ones to exascale platforms. Please include a visual representations of the vision.
- One “use case” slide, showing how at least one application benefits from the technologies under R&D.
- One slide showing the status of your project, overlaid with your vision slide.
- One slide comparing your new technologies with the current state-of-the-art, particularly MPI+OpenMP programming. We need to crisply identify advantages over current state-of-the-art.

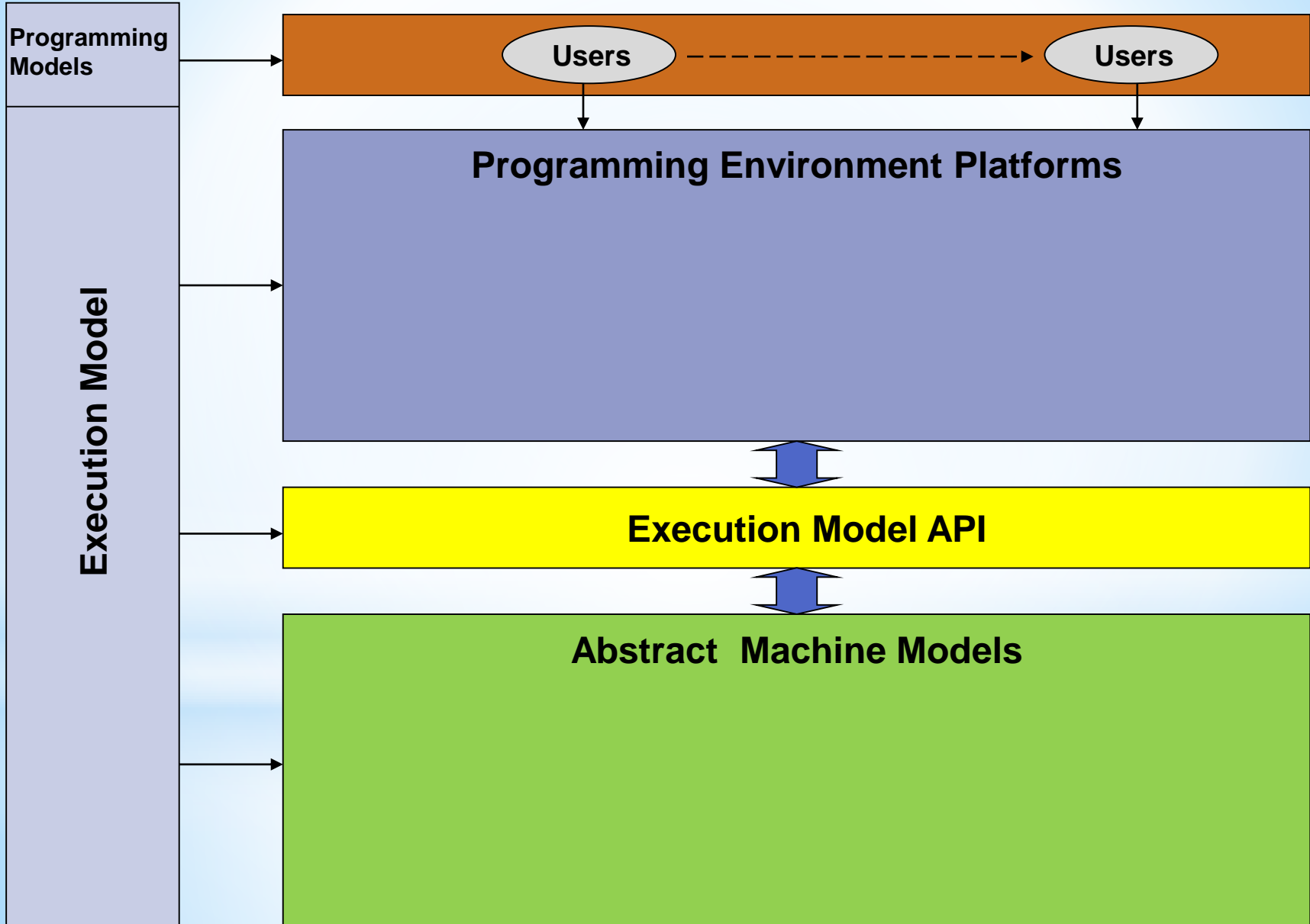
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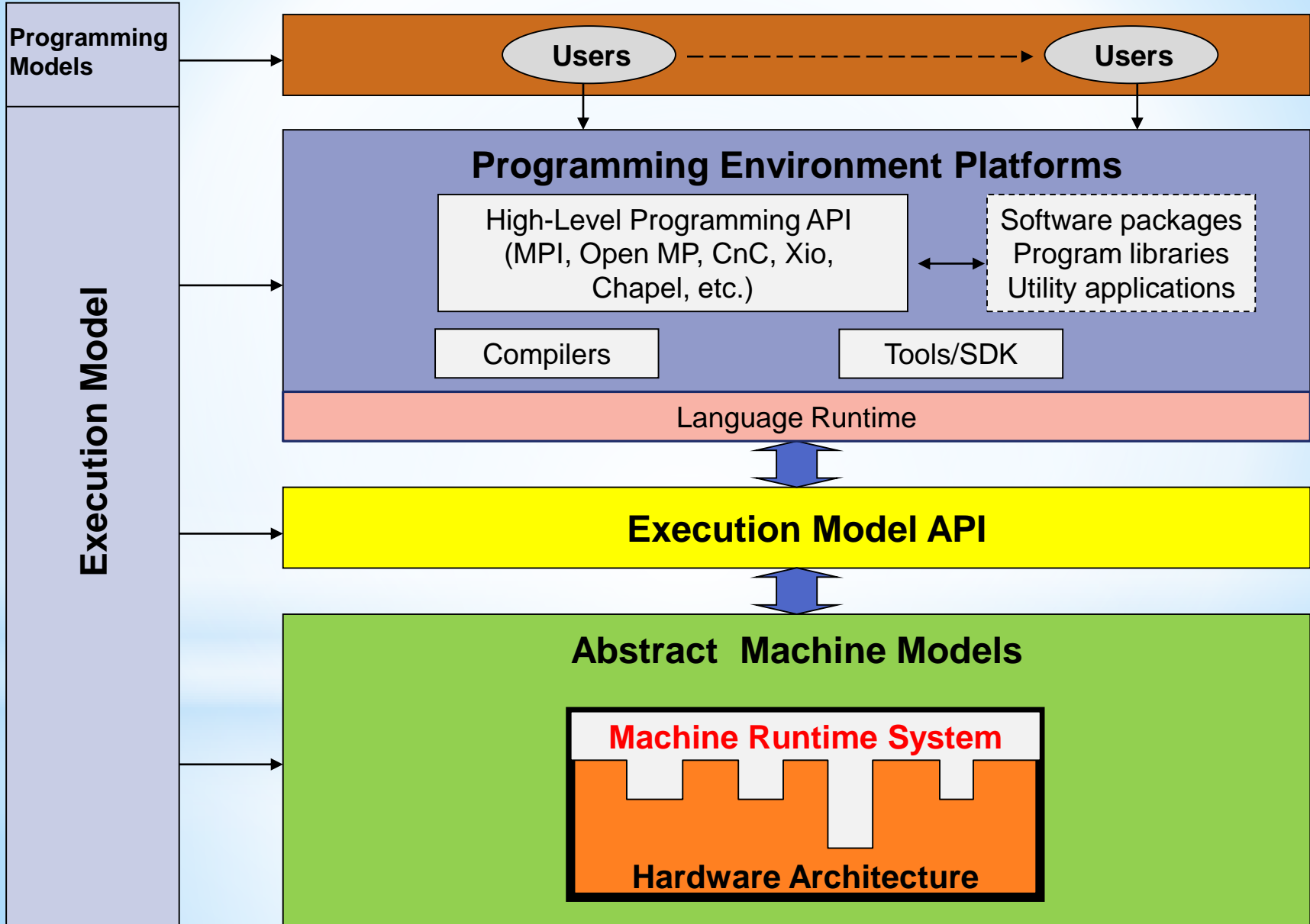
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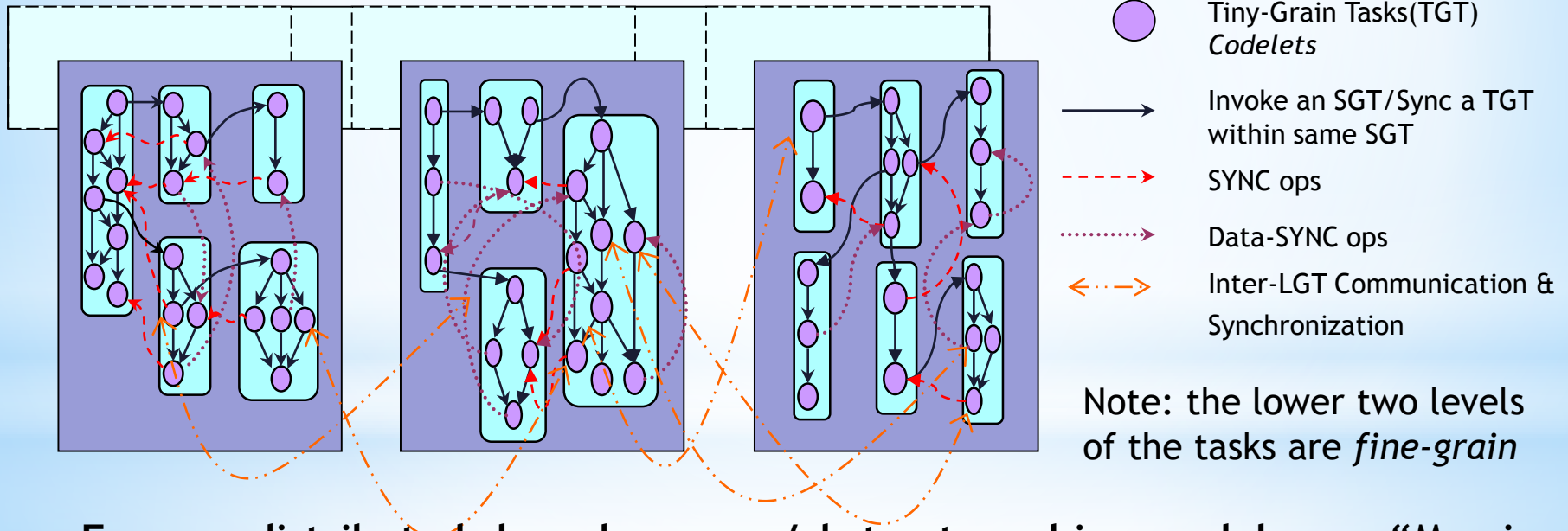
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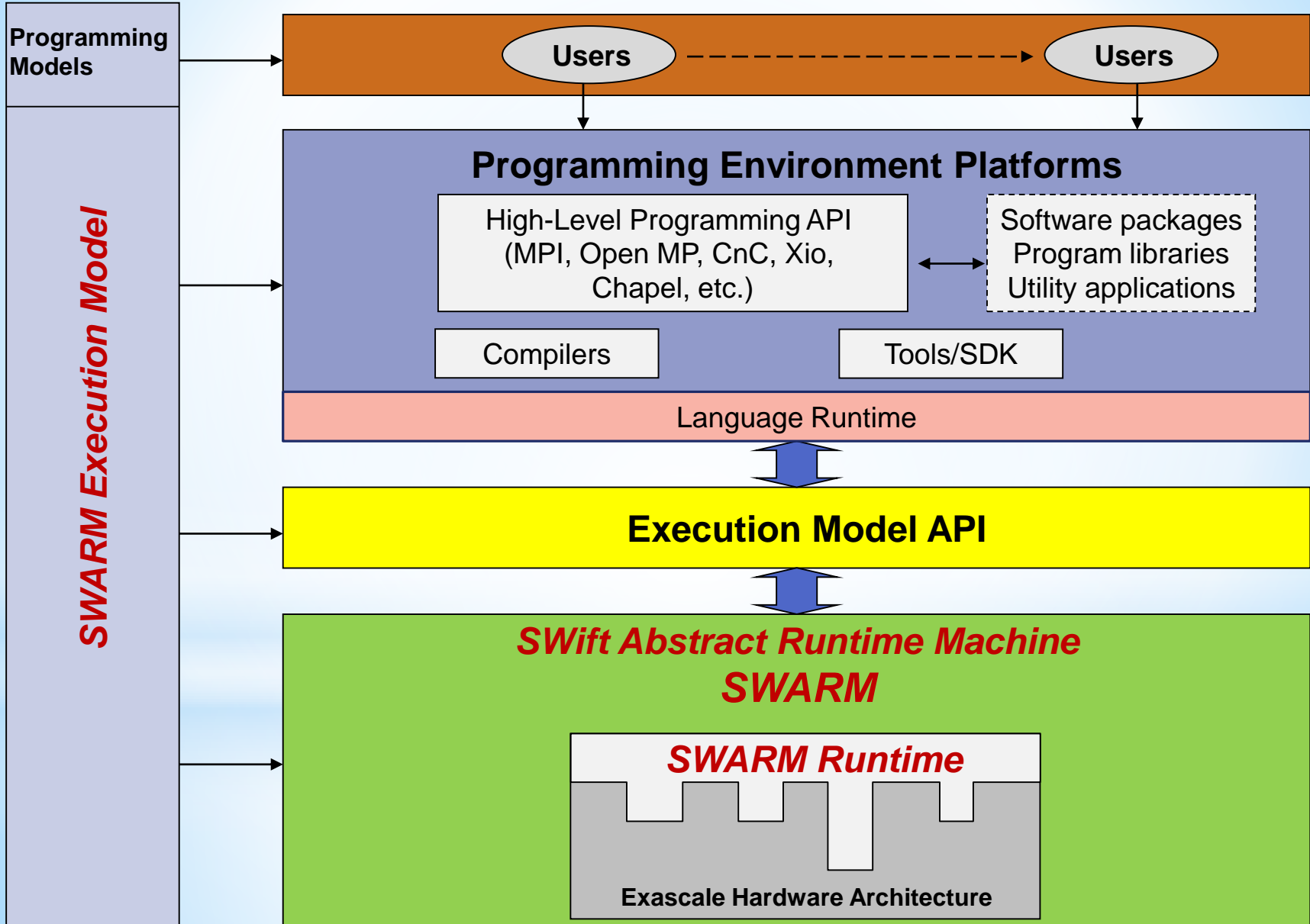
# A Dynamic Multithreaded Execution Model and Abstract Machine

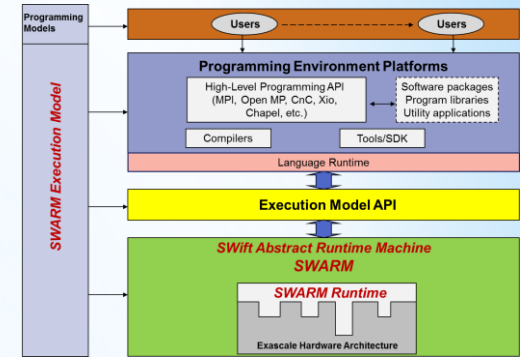
Global Distributed Shared Address Space  
Tree of “trunks”

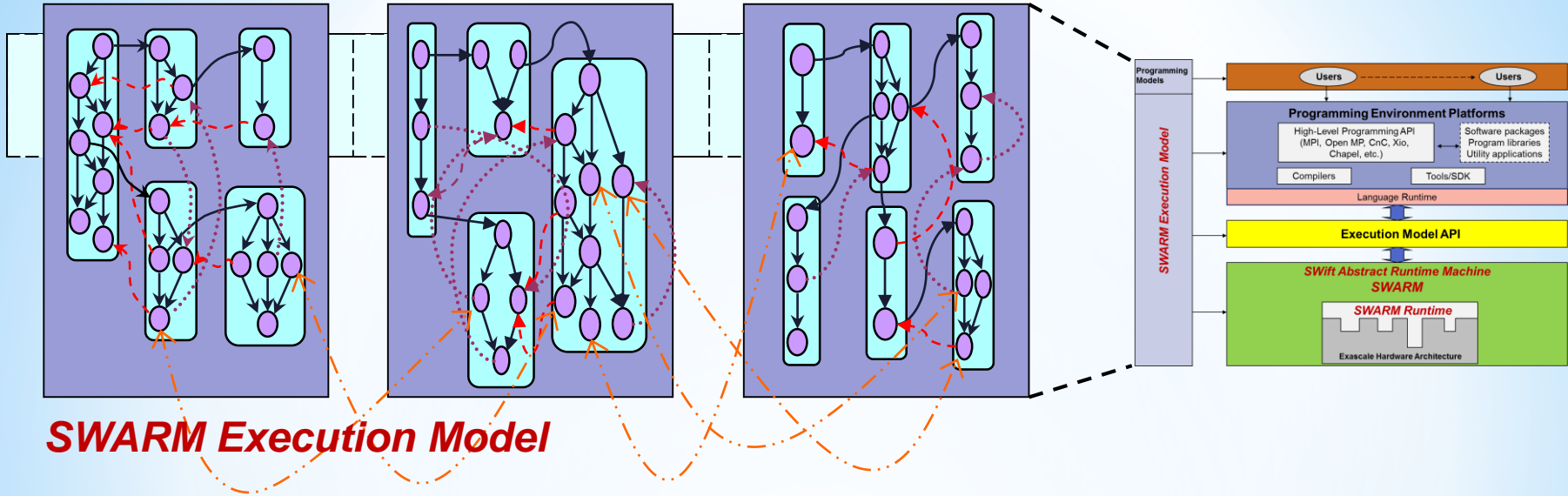
“write-once semantics” + LC model



For our distributed shared memory/abstract machine model - see “Massive Multi-Core System and Virtual Memory”, [Gao et.al 2011]Dennis and Gao [2011, 2014].







# SWARM Execution Model



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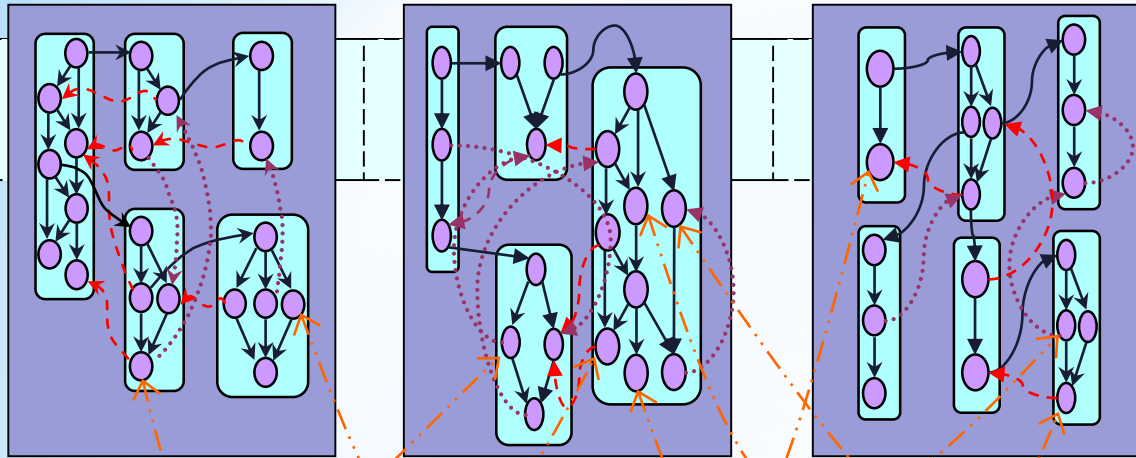
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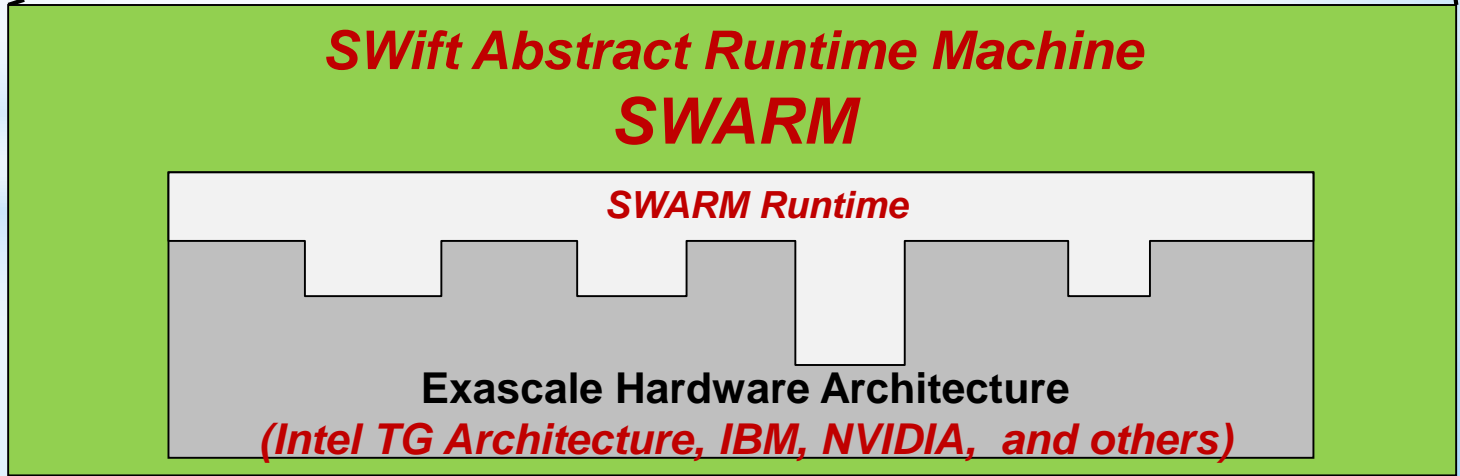
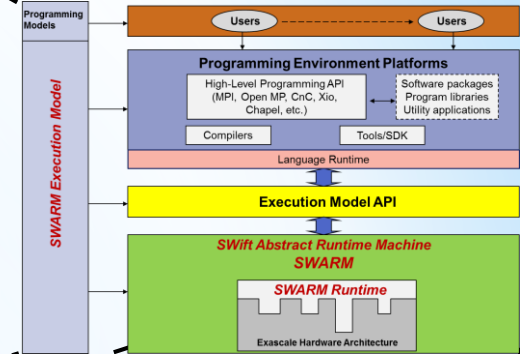
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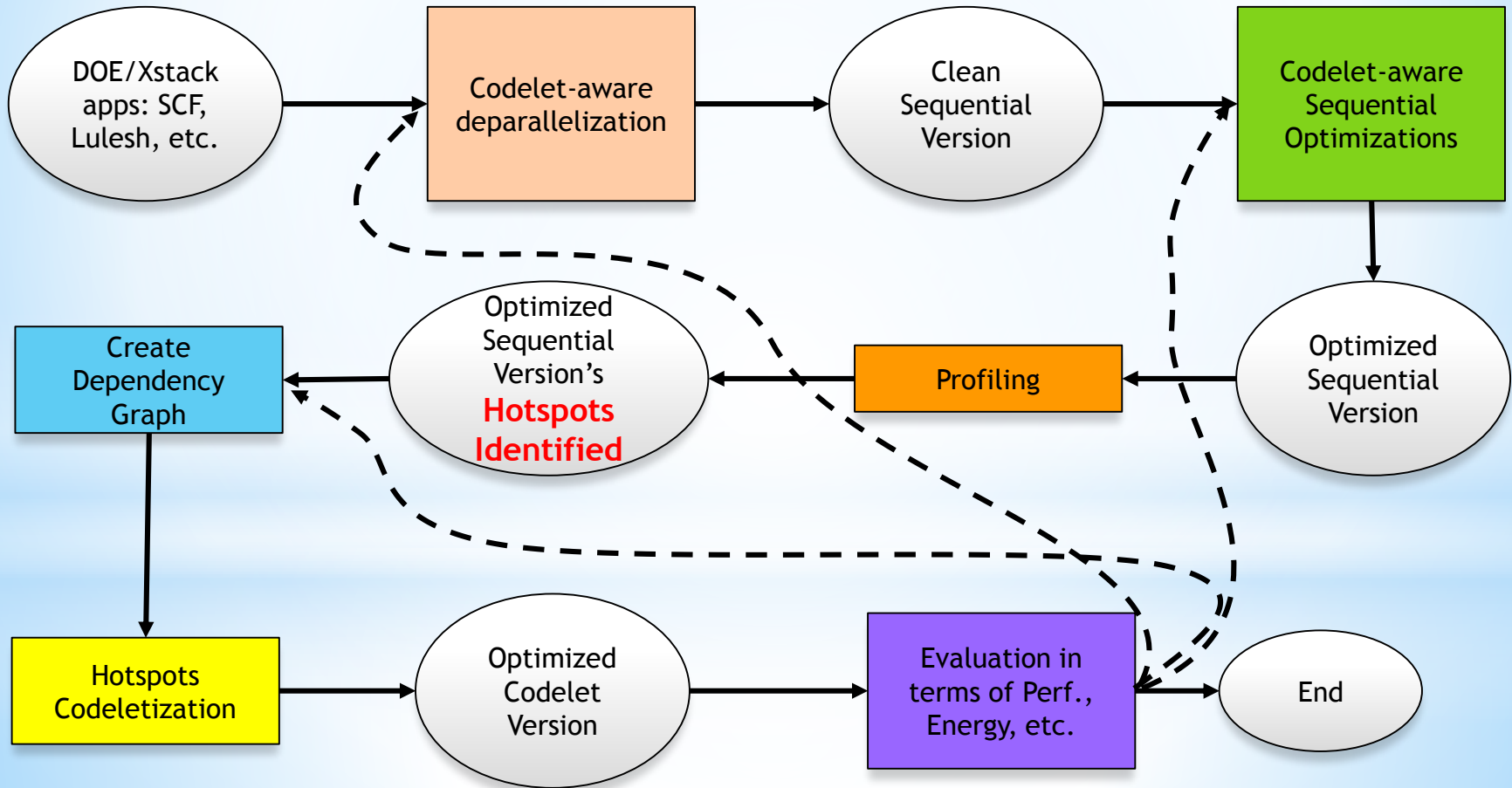


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# Toward A Generic Re-Engineering Procedure

## Migration: *MPI/OpenMP to Codelets*





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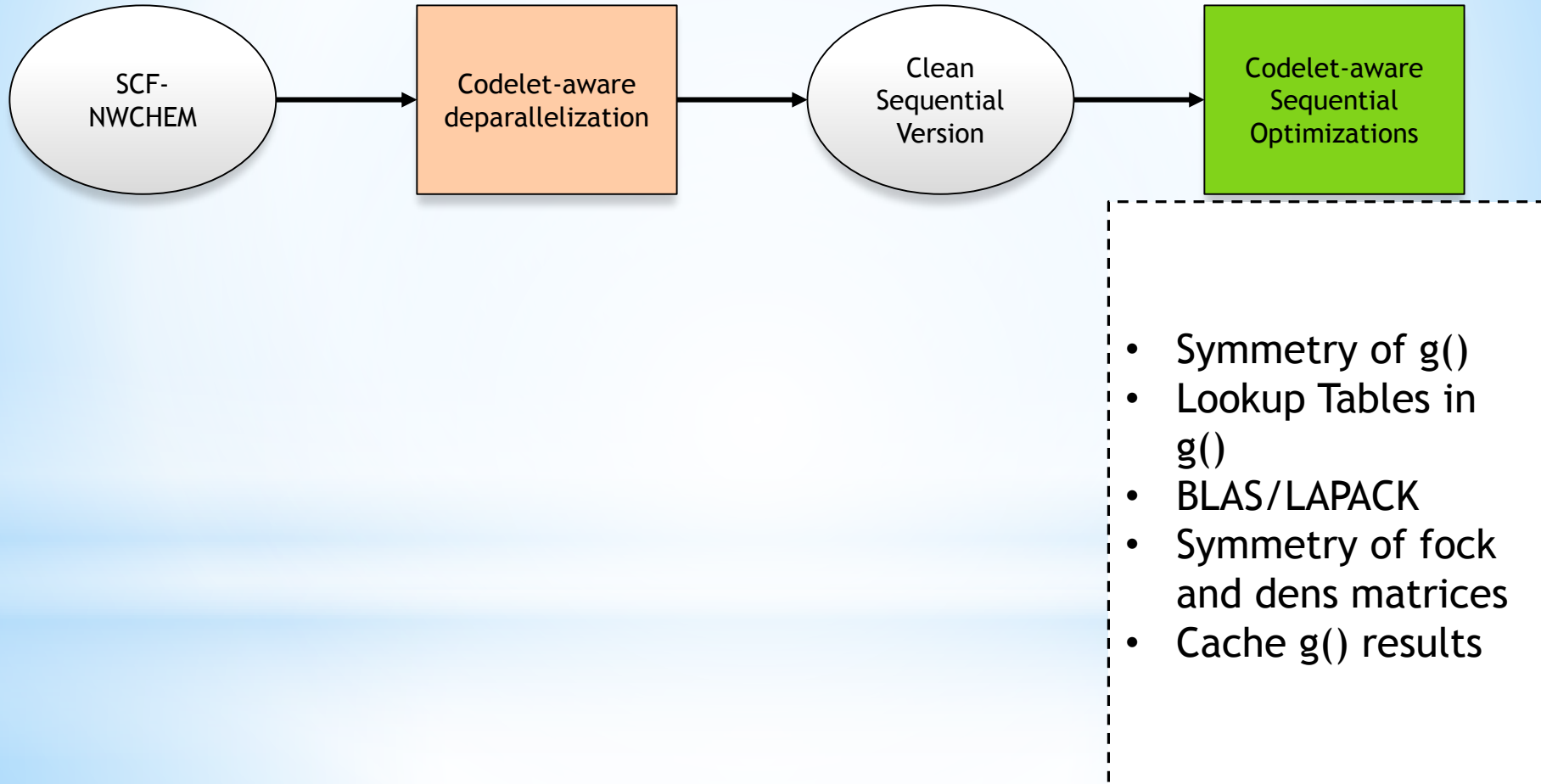
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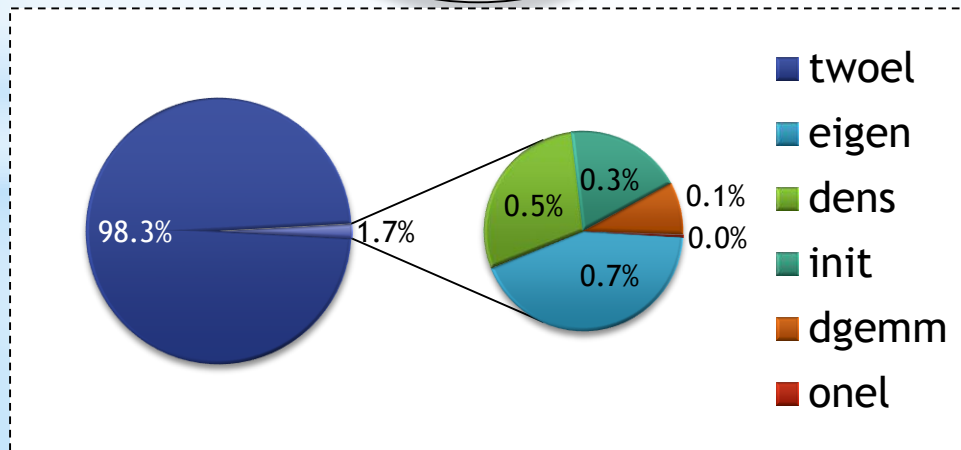
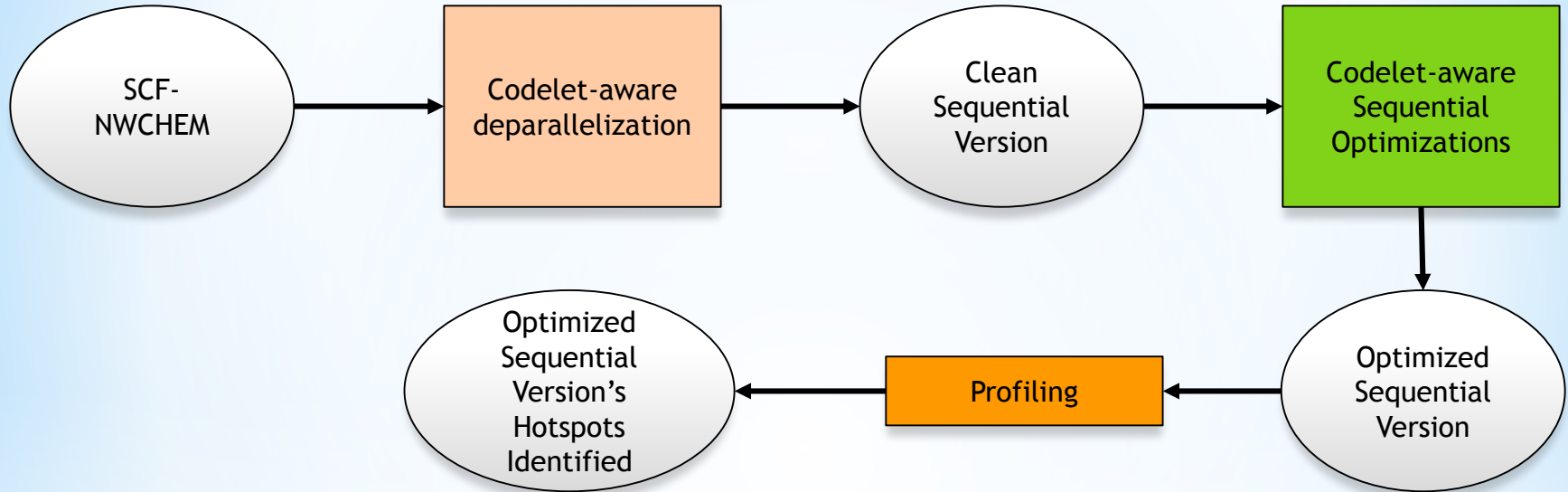


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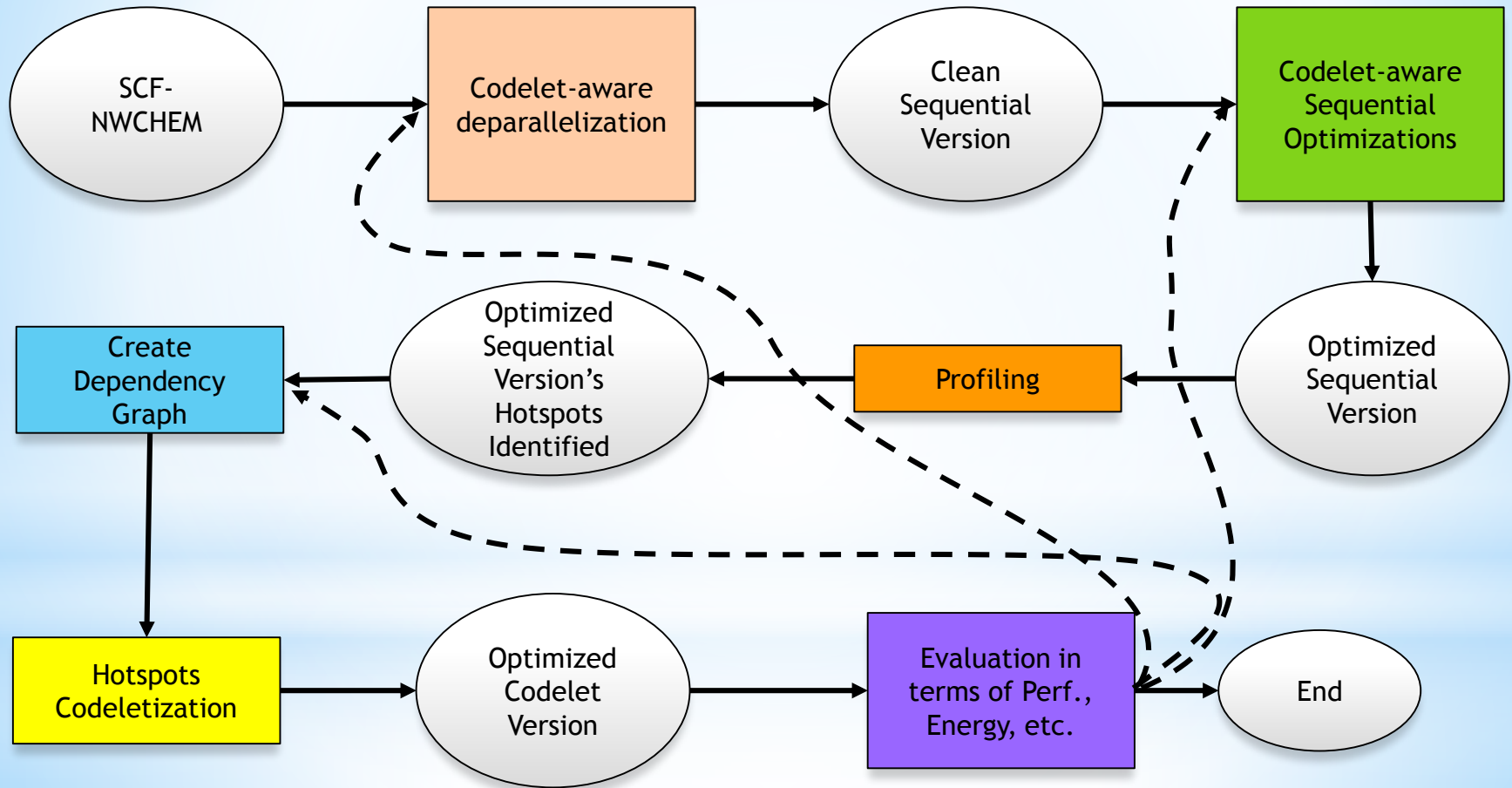
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# More About The Case Study

- The migration path/principle demonstrated should have a broad applicability to other DOE applications.
- It is important to realize that this path stressed the following principles:
  - Component reusability
  - Plug-and-Play
  - Portability
  - Interface to modern compiler technology
- Toward a smooth path to *interoperability* and *co-existensibility* with state-of-the-art MPI/OpenMP programming execution environment

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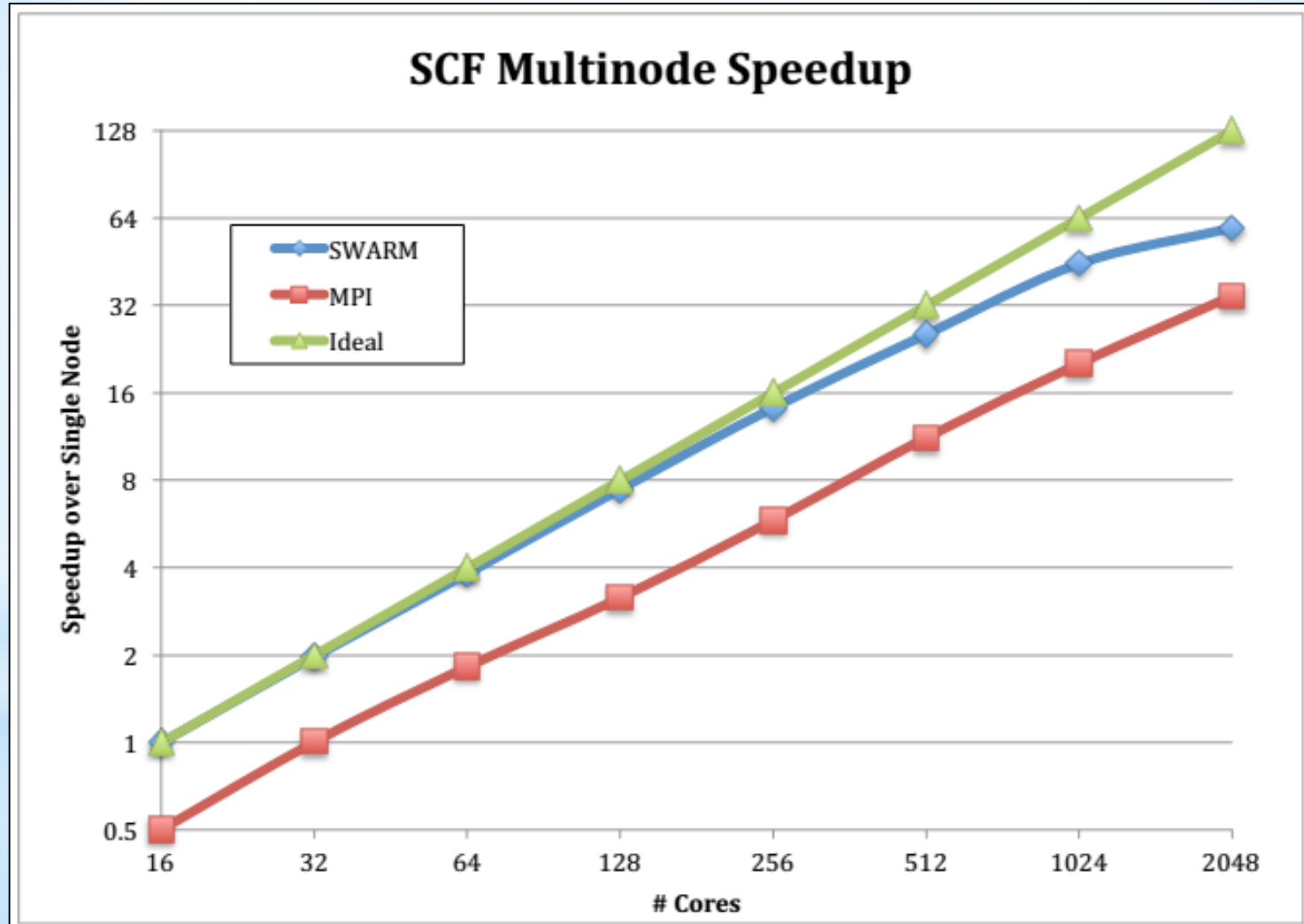
- General re-engineering method established and demonstrated successfully mapping DOE applications under codelet execution model and SWARM runtime
- Programmability & Productivity: Enabling the conjunction of high-level programming in HTA with low-level parallelization and optimization through R-Stream and SWARM/SCALE.
- Automatic communication reduction and avoidance through the use of smart abstract communication layers (PEDAL, Virtual DMAs) working with adaptive SWARM runtime
- DynAX project has already produces positive influence on other X-Stack runtime design (e.g., cross-pollination with OCR)
- Demonstrate the value of participation by US based small businesses (like Reservoir and ETI) in technology innovation and commercialization (like successful SBIR)



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# Multi Node Parallelization of twoel()



# Dynax Technology vs. MPI/OpenMP – Our Position

- The Codelet model based technology have unique features that differentiate it from the BSP model (MPI/OpenMP)
- These features can and should be productively exploited in the Exa-Scale landscape to reach certain goals beyond that are reachable with BSP model alone.
- Codelet runtime can co-exist with MPI/OpenMP runtime
- We have demonstrate a migration path from MPI/OpenMP programs to exploit the codelet model

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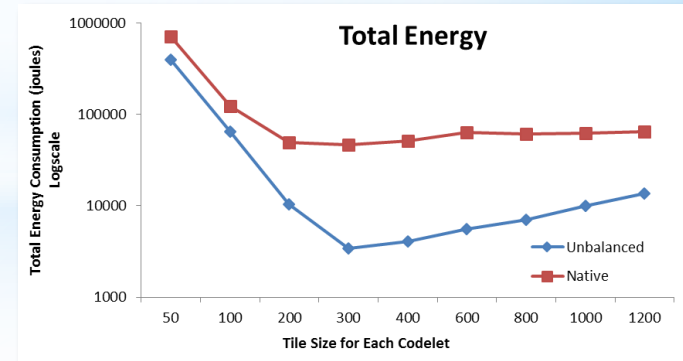
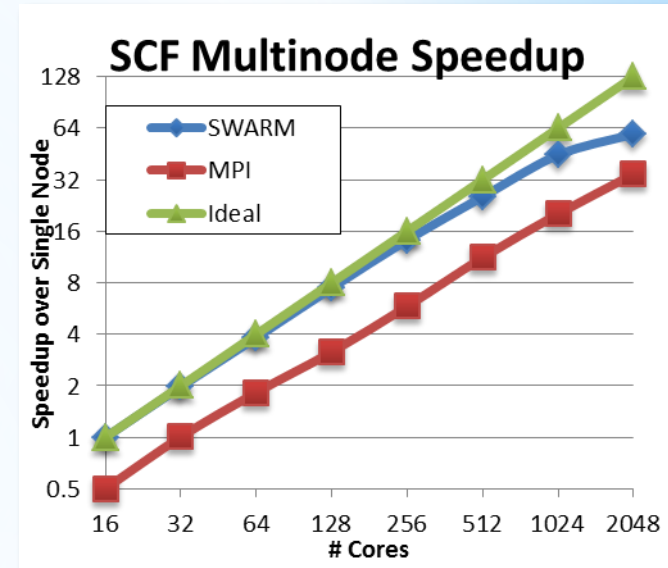
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# Summary and Questions

# Any Questions?

# DynAX: Addressing Exa-Scale Application Challenges - Towards A Dynamic/Adaptive Runtime Machine

- Problem
  - Applications for Exascale are facing scalability and productivity challenges
- Solution
  - Enhance scalability with codelet execution model
  - Enhance productivity and efficiency with novel compilation and runtime technology
  - Focus on X-Stack co-design applications
- Accomplishments
  - Demonstrate increased performance and efficiency for SCF co-design app
  - Show greater power efficiency and performance using data/memory-aware techniques
- Impact
  - General re-engineering methods to apply codelet execution model to more relevant applications
  - Codelet ideas have positive influence on other runtime design (e.g., cross-pollination with OCR)
  - A DOE SBIR phase-I award for exploring commercial impact



*Boeing's BCSSTK36 Dataset SWARM Cholesky Factorization native (red) versus ACDT (blue)*