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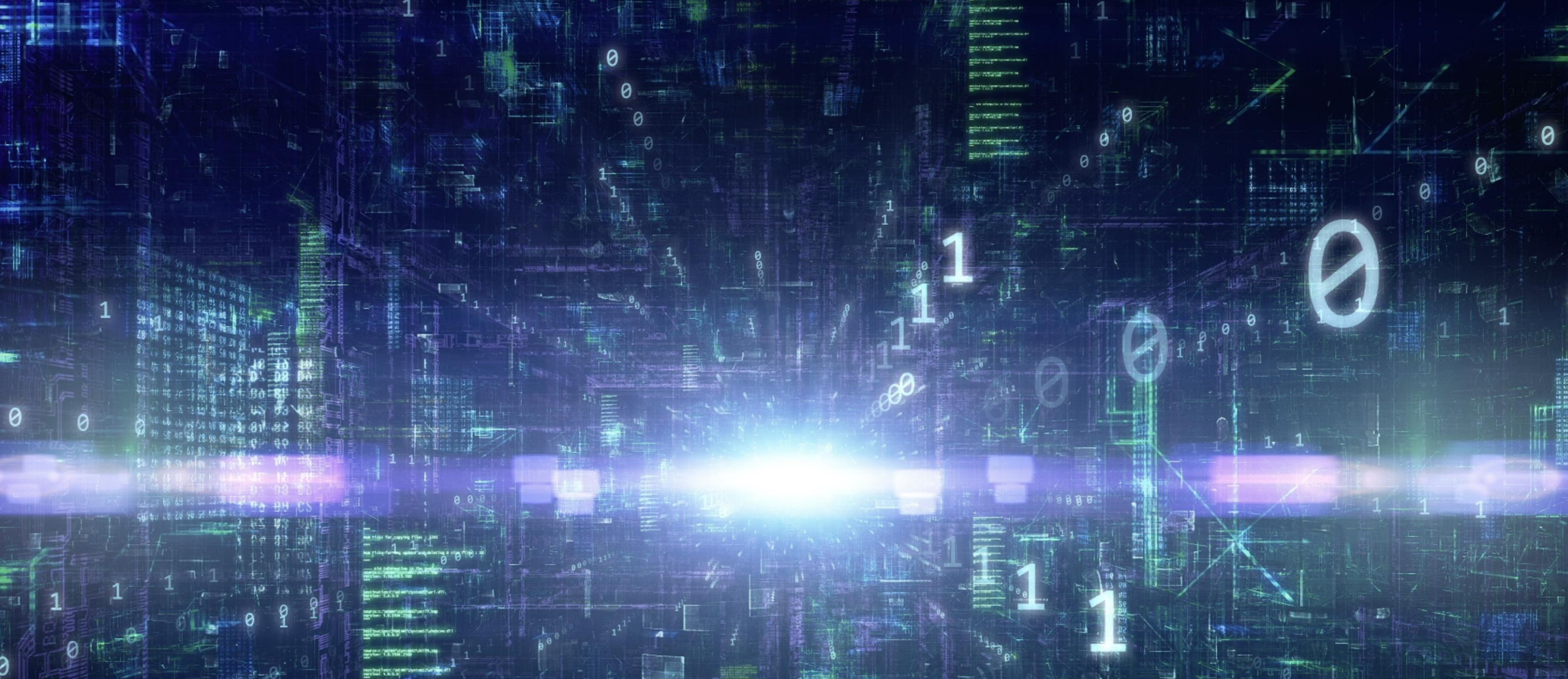
MACHINE LEARNING FOR REMOTE

SENSING BIG DATA

POWERED BY SUPERCOMPUTING

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TOPICS AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS TALK



HOW TO USE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR EARTH OBSERVATION AND EXTRACT INFORMATION IN A TIMELY MANNER WITH SUPERCOMPUTING?



ICELANDIC HPC COMMUNITY SIMULATION AND DATA LAB REMOTE SENSING

ICELANDIC HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING (IHPC)

Simulation and Data Lab Neuroscience

Simulation and Data Lab Computational Chemistry

Simulation and Data Lab Computational Fluid Dynamics

Simulation and Data Lab Remote Sensing

Simulation and Data Lab Electron, optical and transport properties of nanoscale systems – Computational Physics

Natural Language Processing Lab

Simulation and Data Lab Acoustic and Tactile Engineering

Simulation and Data Lab Health and Medicine

Algorithmic Mathematics Lab

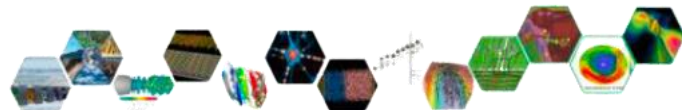
Simulation and Data Lab Software Engineering for HPC

Statistical Weather Lab

Quantum Simulation and Data Science Lab



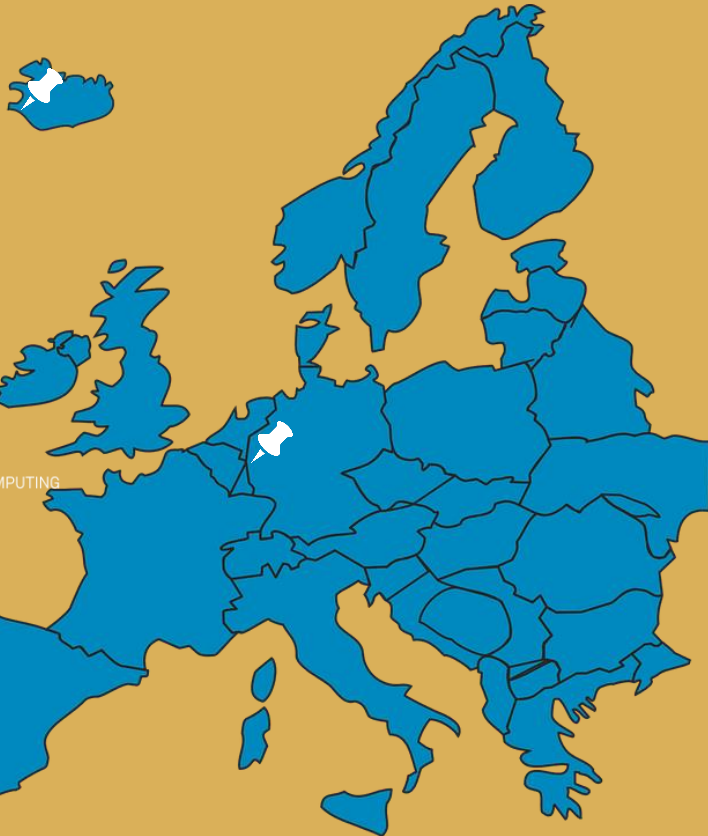
- The members of IHPC established the Icelandic Simulation and Data Labs (SDLs)
- These labs incorporate academic and industrial partners who are involved in activities related to Artificial Intelligence, data analytics, and sciences.
- In a bottom-up approach, the SDLs collectively form the IHPC National Competence Center (NCC) for HPC & AI in Iceland



IHPC National Competence Center (NCC) for HPC & AI in Iceland, <https://ihpc.is/>

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SIMULATION AND DATA LAB. IN REMOTE SENSING



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Morris Riedel

(plus 6 PhD students and 1 Postdoc)

- International cooperation with the Jülich Supercomputing Centre (Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany)
- Joint activities that include research projects, teaching courses, community support and supervision of students at different academic levels

Jülich Supercomputing Centre, Forschungszentrum Jülich, <https://www.fz-juelich.de/en/ias/jsc>

School of Engineering and Natural Sciences, University of Iceland, https://english.hi.is/school_of_engineering_and_natural_sciences

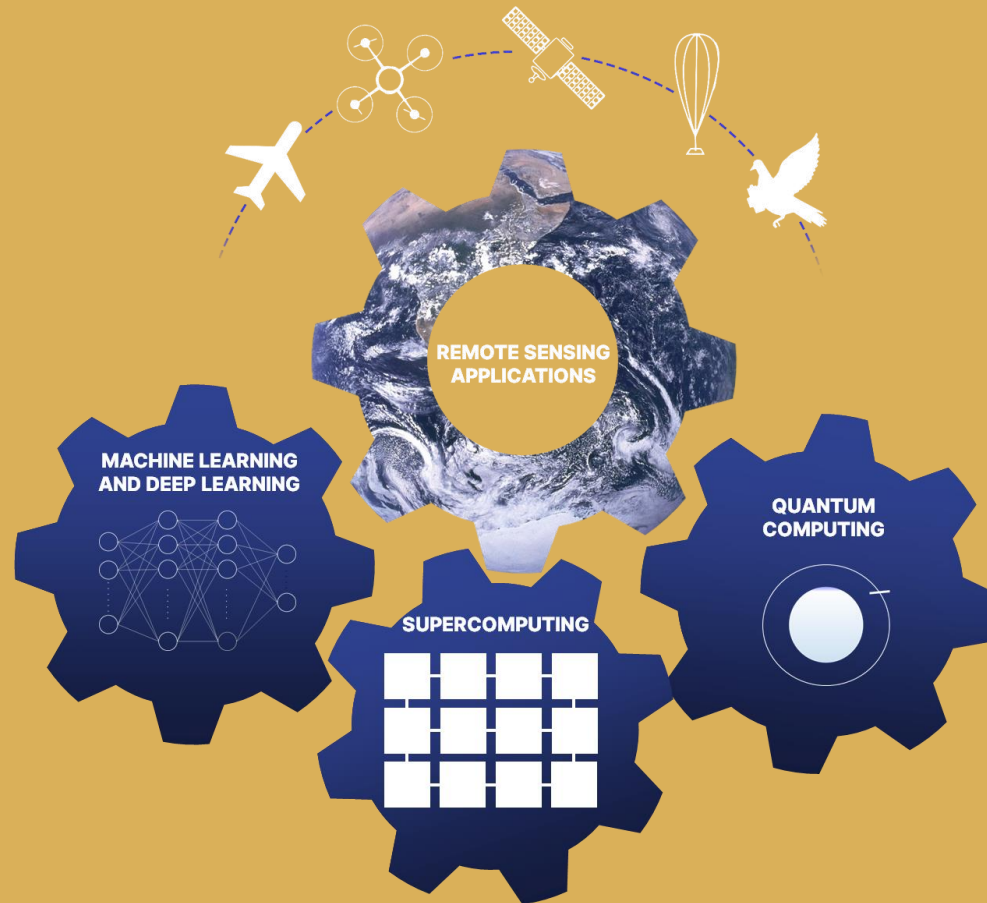
SDL AI and ML for Remote Sensing, <https://www.fz-juelich.de/en/ias/jsc/about-us/structure/simulation-and-data-labs/sdl-ai-ml-remote-sensing>

Simulation and Data Lab Remote Sensing, <https://ihpc.is/simulation-and-data-lab-remote-sensing/>

INTERDISCIPLINARY WORK AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



<https://ihpc.is/simulation-and-data-lab-remote-sensing/>



<https://eo4society.esa.int/projects/qc4eo-study/>



<https://www.grss-ieee.org/technical-committees/earth-science-informatics/>



<https://www.coe-raise.eu/>



<https://www.admire-eurohpc.eu/>



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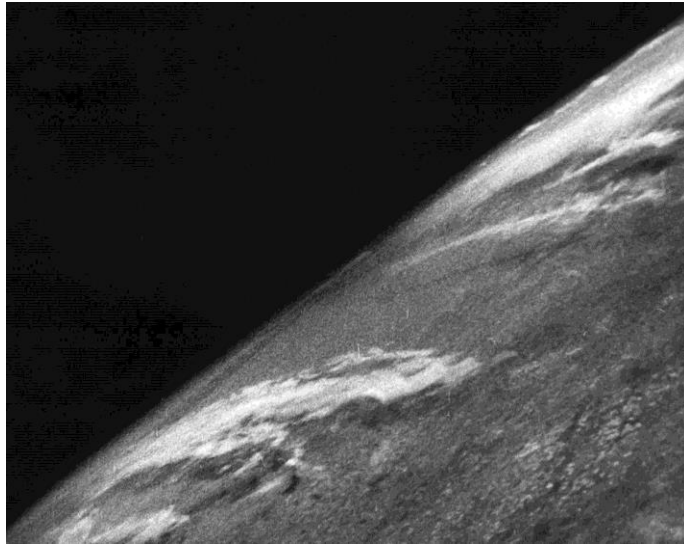
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REMOTE SENSING

FIRST IMAGE FROM SPACE

The first satellite image was taken on August 14, 1959, by the U.S. satellite Explorer 6



V-2 rocket (sub-orbital) - 1946

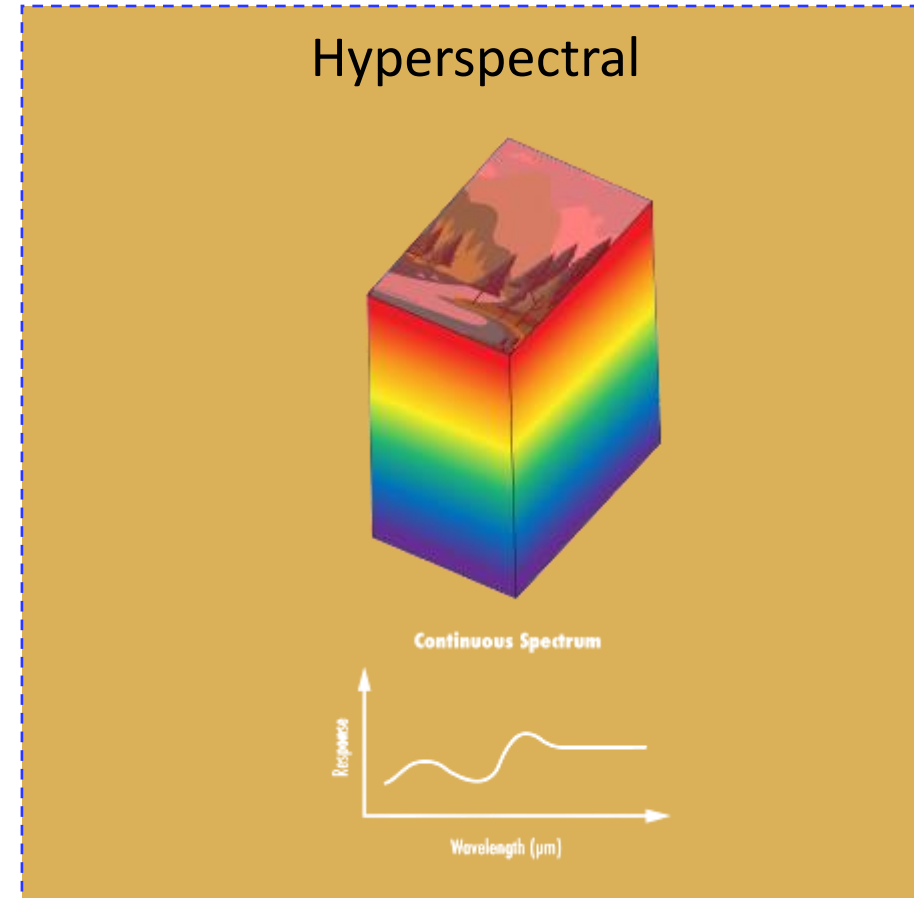
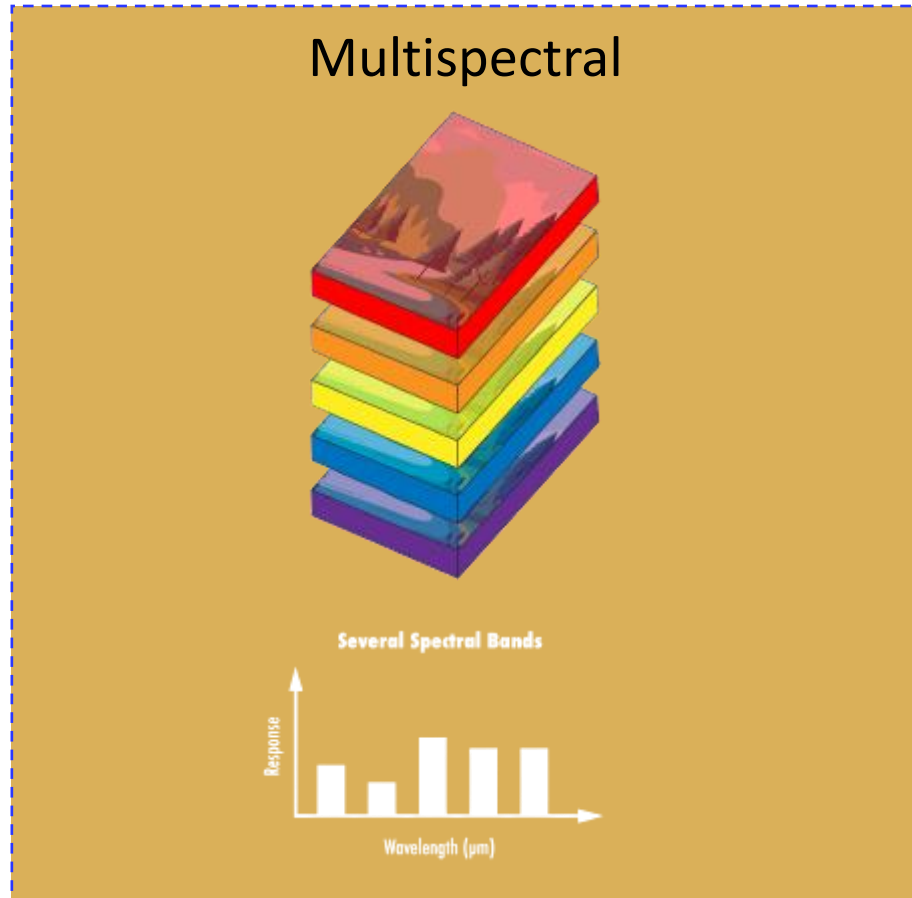


Explorer 6 (orbital, 27,000 Km) - 1959

Satellite imagery, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satellite_imagery#History

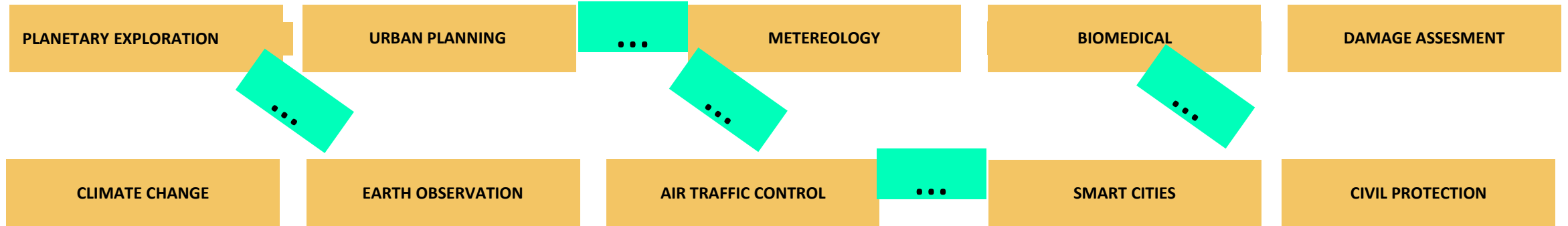
- The actual first images from space were taken during sub-orbital flights in 1946 by V-2 rockets
- Taken from a height five times greater than the previous record of 22 km, which was set by the Explorer II balloon mission in 1935
- The first satellite (orbital) photos, taken by Explorer 6, show a sunlit area of the Central Pacific Ocean and its cloud cover

MULTISPECTRAL VS. HYPERSPECTRAL



APPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING

Observing objects and phenomena from a distance without physical contact allows for numerous applications



- Non-invasive method in contrast to in situ or on-site observation
- Efficient and continuous observation of the Earth and its changes
- Satellite platforms provide repetitive and consistent view

SATELLITES ORBITING THE EARTH IN 2023

Individual satellites orbiting the Earth: 7389 (2021), 8261 (2022), 11330 (2023)



- Communications: 4823 satellites
- Earth observation: 1167 satellites
- Technology development/demonstration: 414 satellites
- Navigation/positioning: 155 satellites
- Space science/observation: 109 satellites
- Earth science: 25 satellites
- Other purposes – 25 satellites

ESA-DEVELOPED EARTH OBSERVATION MISSIONS



ESA dedicated to observing Earth from space ever since the launch of its first Meteosat weather satellite back in 1977

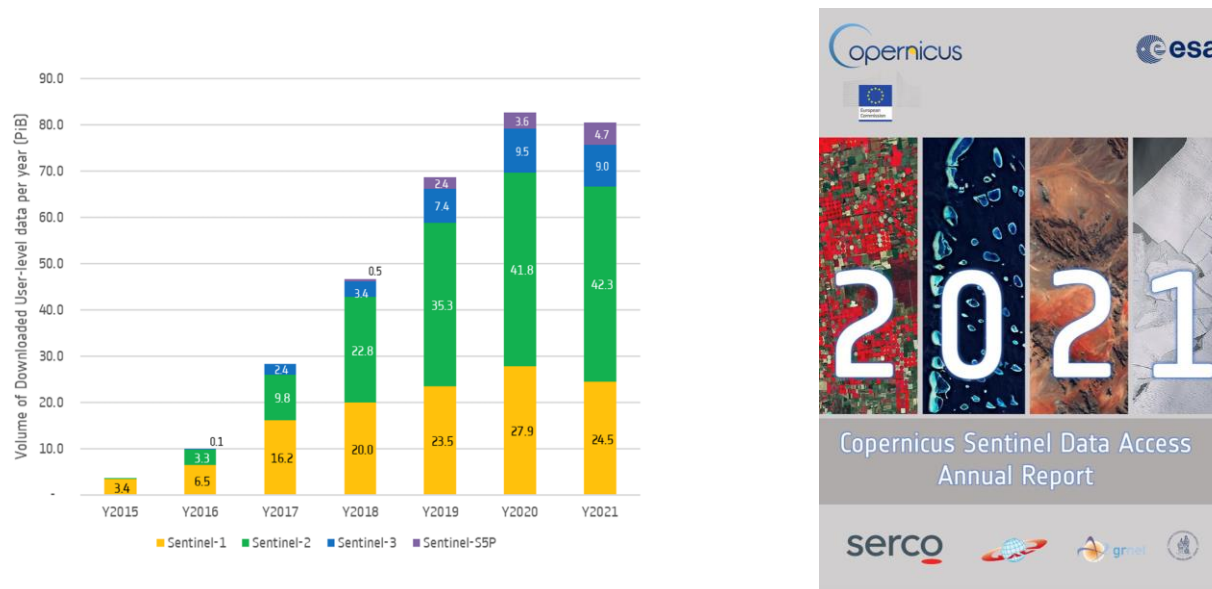


https://www.esa.int/ESA_Multimedia/Images/2019/05/ESA-developed_Earth_observation_missions

- ESA launched a range of different types of satellites over the last 40 years,
- The objective is to understand the complexities of our planet, particularly with respect to global change
- Applications: weather forecasting, Earth-science research, enhancing agriculture and maritime safety, aiding disaster response, etc.

COPERNICUS SENTINEL DATA

Sentinel data available for retrieval in 2021 was 41.86 PB, with a total download volume of 80.5 PB

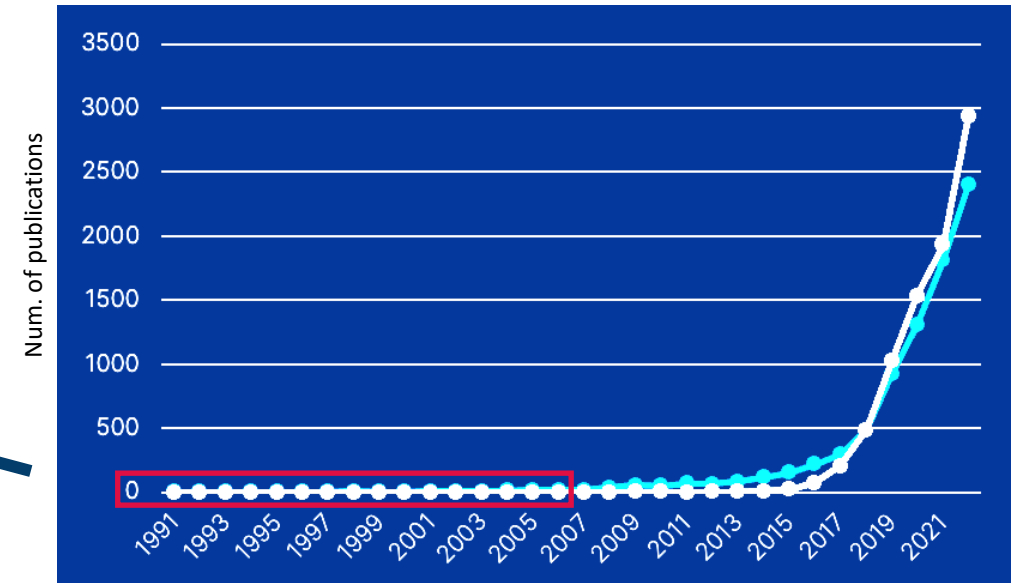
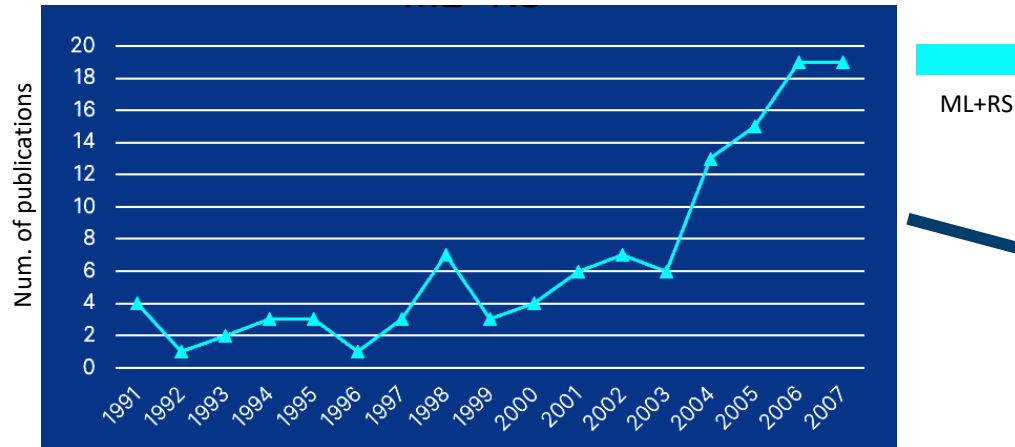


<https://scihub.copernicus.eu/twiki/do/view/SciHubWebPortal/AnnualReport2021>

- The Copernicus Open Access Hub provides complete, free and open access to Sentinel data
- Platforms: Sentinel-1, Sentinel-2, Sentinel-3 and Sentinel-5P user products
- 490,000 registered users with an average daily download volume of 203 TiB

MACHINE LEARNING AND DEEP LEARNING IN REMOTE SENSING

- Classical ML such as Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Random Forest (RF) since the '90s



- DL unleashed advances in the last decade
- Figures may differ depending on the source, but the overall trend remains consistent



**COMPUTING TECHNOLOGIES HAVE
EVOLVED IN RECENT DECADES**

Moore's Law

Drove the semiconductor industry to cram more and more transistors and logic into the same volume



End of Dennard's Scaling

Limits in how much it is possible to shrink voltage and current without losing predictability



Multi-Core Era

Triggered by the Instruction Level Parallelism (ILP) wall



Amdahl's Law

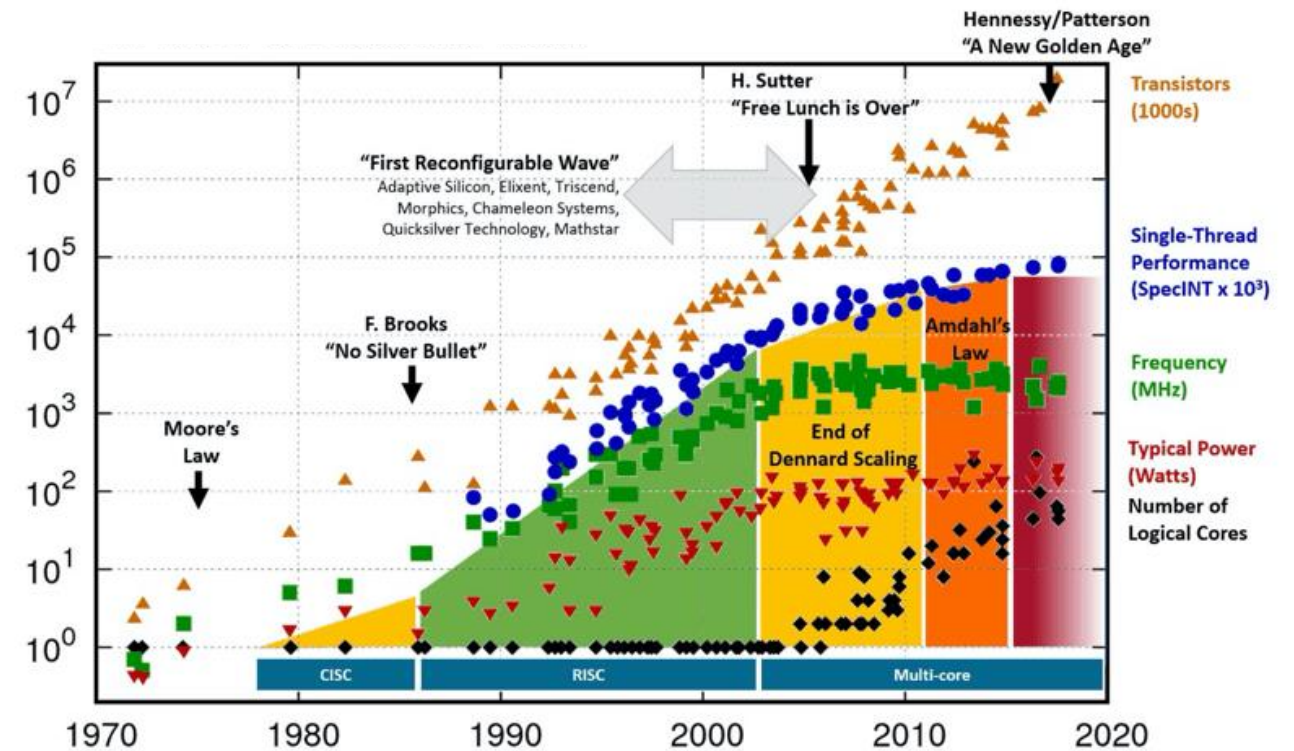
Challenges in terms of energy efficiency, thermal management and parallelizability



New Trends

To obtain the best performance-cost-energy tradeoffs for defined tasks

MICROPROCESSOR TREND DATA



J. L. Hennessy, D. A. Patterson, "A New Golden Age for Computer Architecture", in Communications of the ACM, vol. 62 no. 2, pp. 48-60, 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1145/3282307>

Hennessy and Patterson, Turing Lecture 2018, overlaid over "42 Years of Processors Data" <https://www.karirupp.net/2018/02/42-years-of-microprocessor-trend-data/>; "First Wave" added by Les Wilson, Frank Schirrmeyer Original data up to the year 2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten New plot and data collected for 2010-2017 by K. Rupp



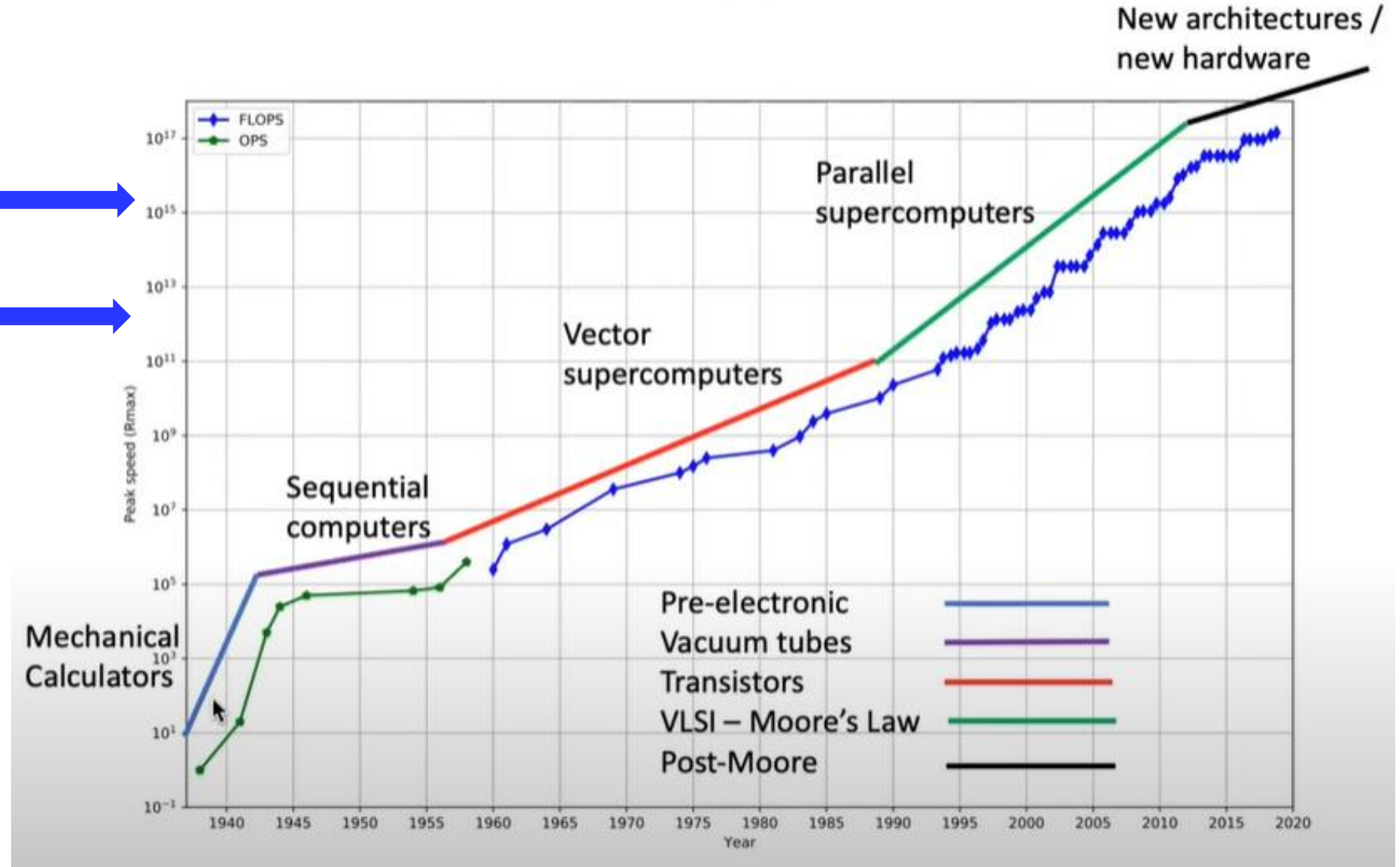
SUPERCOMPUTING

PERFORMANCE OF THE WORLD'S FASTEST SUPERCOMPUTERS



2008
First 1 PFLOP/s computer
(Roadrunner)

1997
First 1 TFLOP/s computer
(Intel ASCI Red/9152)



*floating point operations per second
(FLOPS, flops or flop/s)

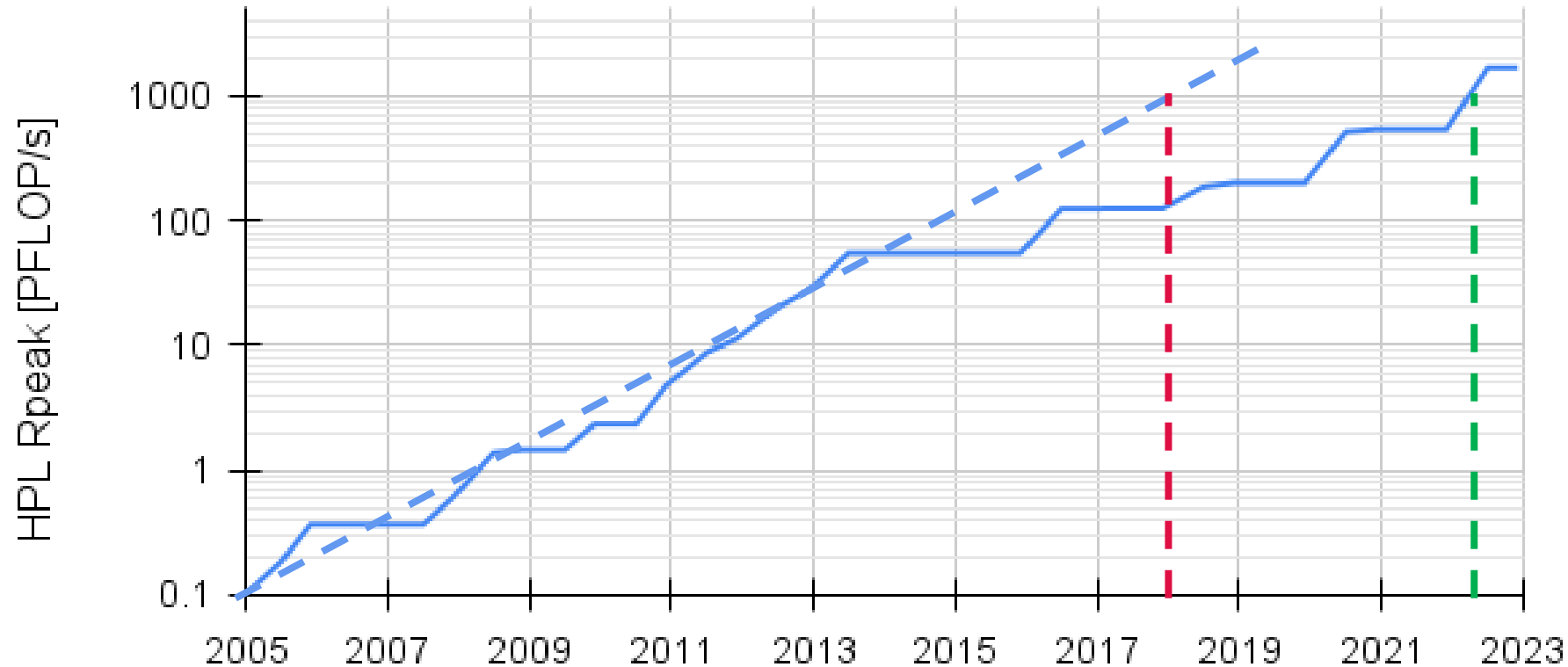


FROM PETASCALE TO EXASCALE COMPUTING

EXASCALE ERA



Top #1: HPL Rpeak [PFLOP/s]



- **1997:** First **1 TFLOP/s** computer:
(*Intel ASCI Red/9152*)
- **2008:** First **1 PFLOP/s** computer: (*Roadrunner*)
- So.... First **1 EFLOP/s** computer: **2018 !!**
 - Well... not really
- It took 4 more years... **2022**

<https://www.top500.org/>

FRONTIER
First Exascale System



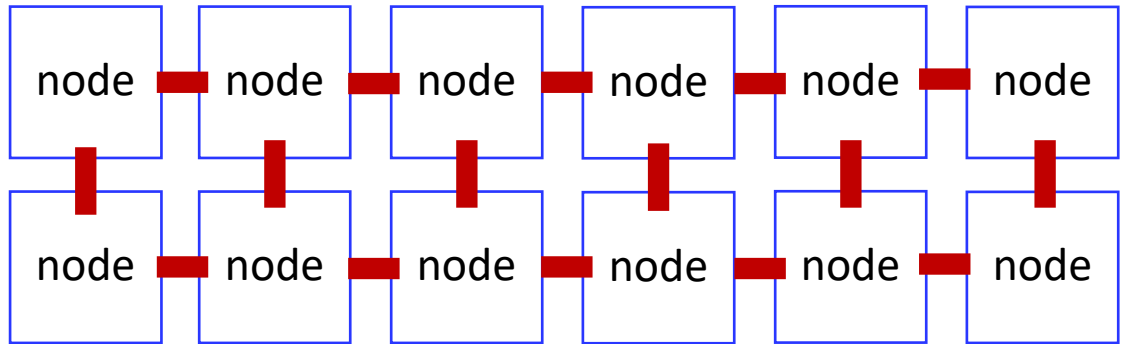
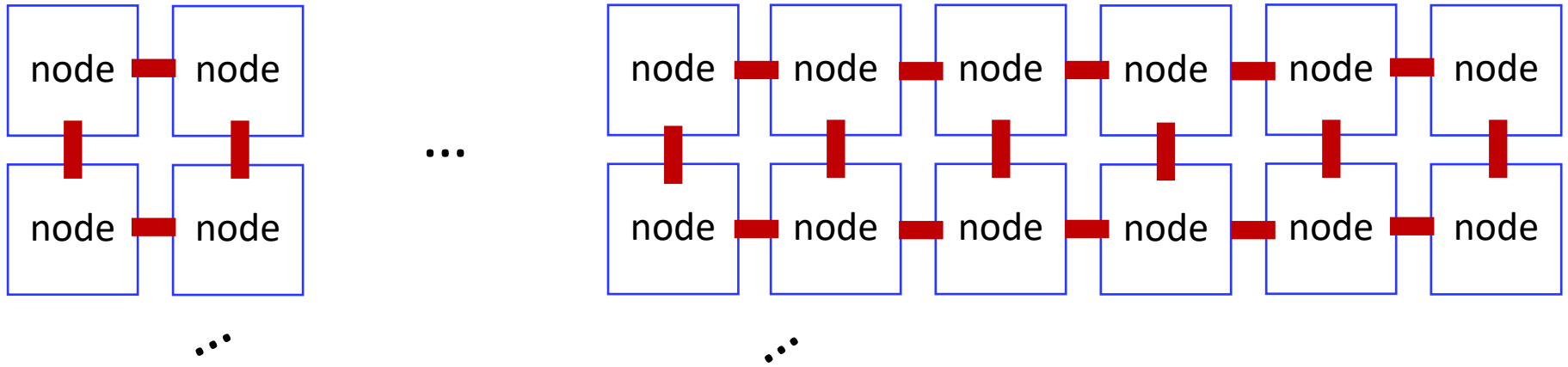
<https://www.ornl.gov/news/ornl-celebrates-launch-frontier-worlds-fastest-supercomputer>



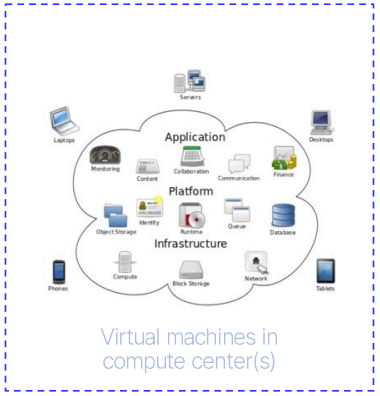
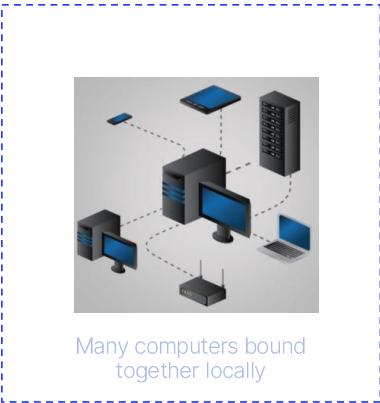
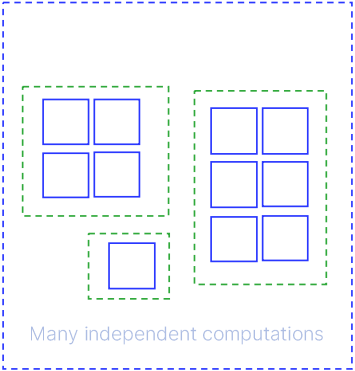


WHAT ACTUALLY IS A SUPERCOMPUTER?

HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING SYSTEMS

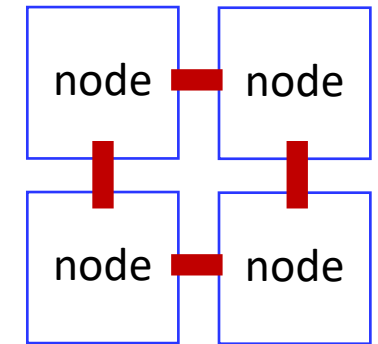
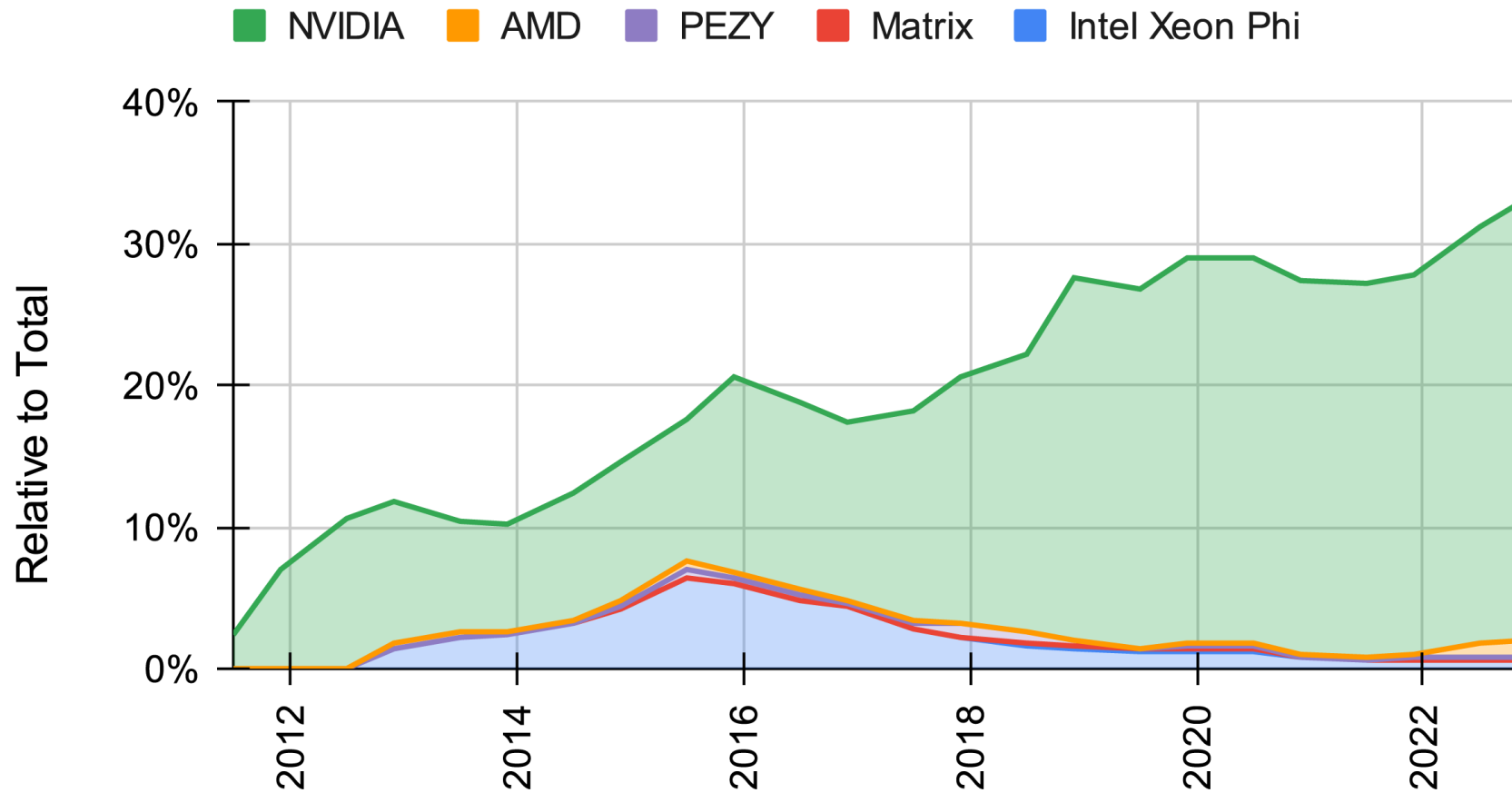


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- High number of **compute nodes**
- Vast amounts of memory
- **High-speed interconnects**

INSIDE MODERN SUPERCOMPUTERS





ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE A DRIVER OF COMPUTE TRENDS

LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS (LLM)

Chat GTP-4 Could Pass the Bar Exam

How Our Technology Evolves FAST



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AI chatbot's MBA exam pass poses test for business schools

ChatGPT earned a solid grade and outperformed some humans on a Wharton course

ChatGPT Passes Google Coding Interview for Level 3 Engineer With \$183K Salary

'Amazingly, ChatGPT gets hired at L3 when interviewed for a coding position,' reads a Google document, but ChatGPT itself says it can't replicate human creativity and problem-solving skills.



By [Emily Dreibelbis](#) February 1, 2023



AI Passes U.S. Medical Licensing Exam

— Two papers show that large language models, including ChatGPT, can pass the USMLE

by [Michael DePeau-Wilson](#), Enterprise & Investigative Writer, MedPage Today January 19, 2023

CURRENT POPULARITY OF AI SUPERCOMPUTERS



TPU v4: An Optically Reconfigurable Supercomputer for Machine Learning with Hardware Support for Embeddings

Industrial Product*

Norman P. Jouppi, George Kurian, Sheng Li, Peter Ma, Rahul Nagarajan, Lifeng Nai, Nishant Patil, Suvinay Subramanian, Andy Swing, Brian Towles, Cliff Young, Xiang Zhou, Zongwei Zhou, and David Patterson
Google, Mountain View, CA

Tech > Science

BABY STEPS Google artificial intelligence supercomputer creates its own 'AI child' that can outperform its human-made rivals

The NASNet system was created by a neural network called AutoML earlier this year

Mark Hodge

Published: 15:22, 5 Dec 2017 | Updated: 11:27, 6 Dec 2017

FORBES > INNOVATION > SUSTAINABILITY

Tesla's Biggest News At AI Day Was The Dojo Supercomputer, Not The Optimus Robot

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BUSINESS

Microsoft invests \$1 billion in OpenAI to pursue artificial intelligence that's smarter than we are



By Taylor Tetford

July 22, 2019 at 3:25 p.m. EDT

RESEARCH

Introducing the AI Research SuperCluster — Meta's cutting-edge AI supercomputer for AI research

January 24, 2022

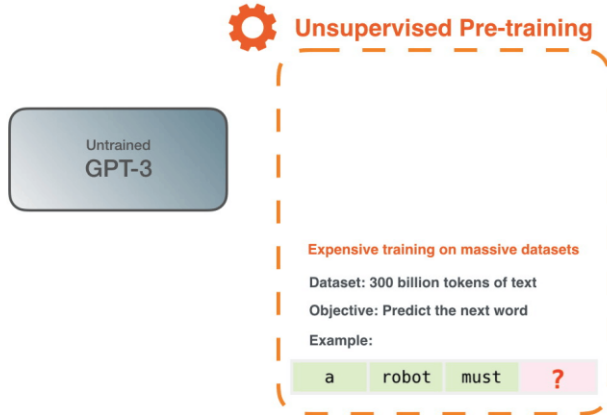


**AI FOUNDATION MODELS
FOR EARTH OBSERVATION**

TRAINING AI FOUNDATION MODELS



GPT-3

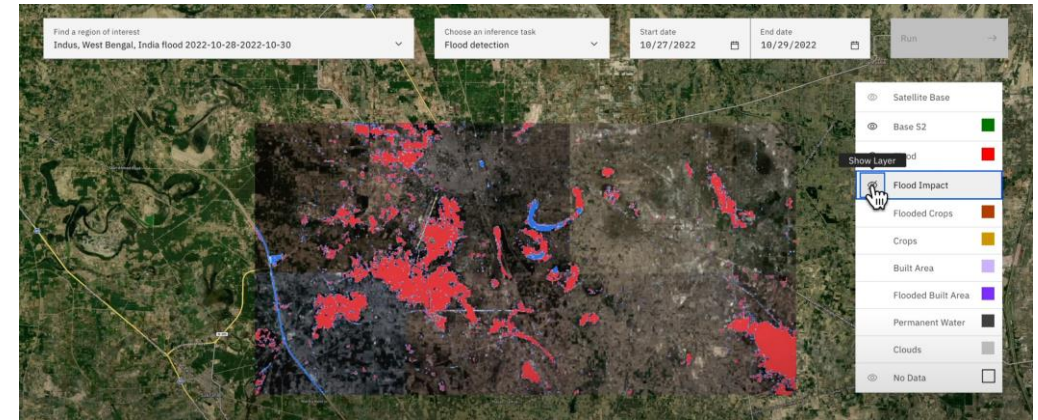


- Model size: 175B parameters
- Time: 100 years (one Nvidia A100 GPU)
- Cost*: >1M€
- Power consumption= ~385 [MWh]
CO2 footprint: >100 [tCO₂eq] = lifecycle of ~5 cars

<https://openai.com/blog/gpt-3-apps>

Jay Alammar, How GPT3 Works - Visualizations and Animations, <http://jalammar.github.io/how-gpt3-works-visualizations-animations/>

NASA/IBM Prithvi



- Model size: 100M parameters
- Time: 1 year (one Nvidia A100 GPU)
- Cost*: >10,000€
- Power Consumption= ~3,85 [MWh]

<https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/news/impact-ibm-hls-foundation-model>

IBM Research, IBM geospatial foundation model,
<https://youtu.be/9bU9eJxFwWc?si=0by1WdkFT23o0vY5>

*Cost for 8x A100 = 12 \$/hour on AWS (membership with best deal)

Stefan Kesselheim, "Large Language Models Training in Practice", Helmholtz AI, 2023

H. Touvron, et al, "LLaMA: Open and Efficient Foundation Language Models", 2023, <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2302.13971>

TRENDS TO PUSH COMPUTING BEYOND CURRENT LIMITS



Heterogeneous HPC

Energy Efficient Hardware

Exascale and beyond

Rise of non-x86 Architectures and Custom Chips

Lower Process Nodes

Energy-Aware Software

Cross Layer Energy Efficiency, Standards

Domain-Specific Stacks

Sub-threshold voltage designs

Neuromorphic Computing and other non-Von Neumann Systems

Quantum Computing

Thermodynamic Computing



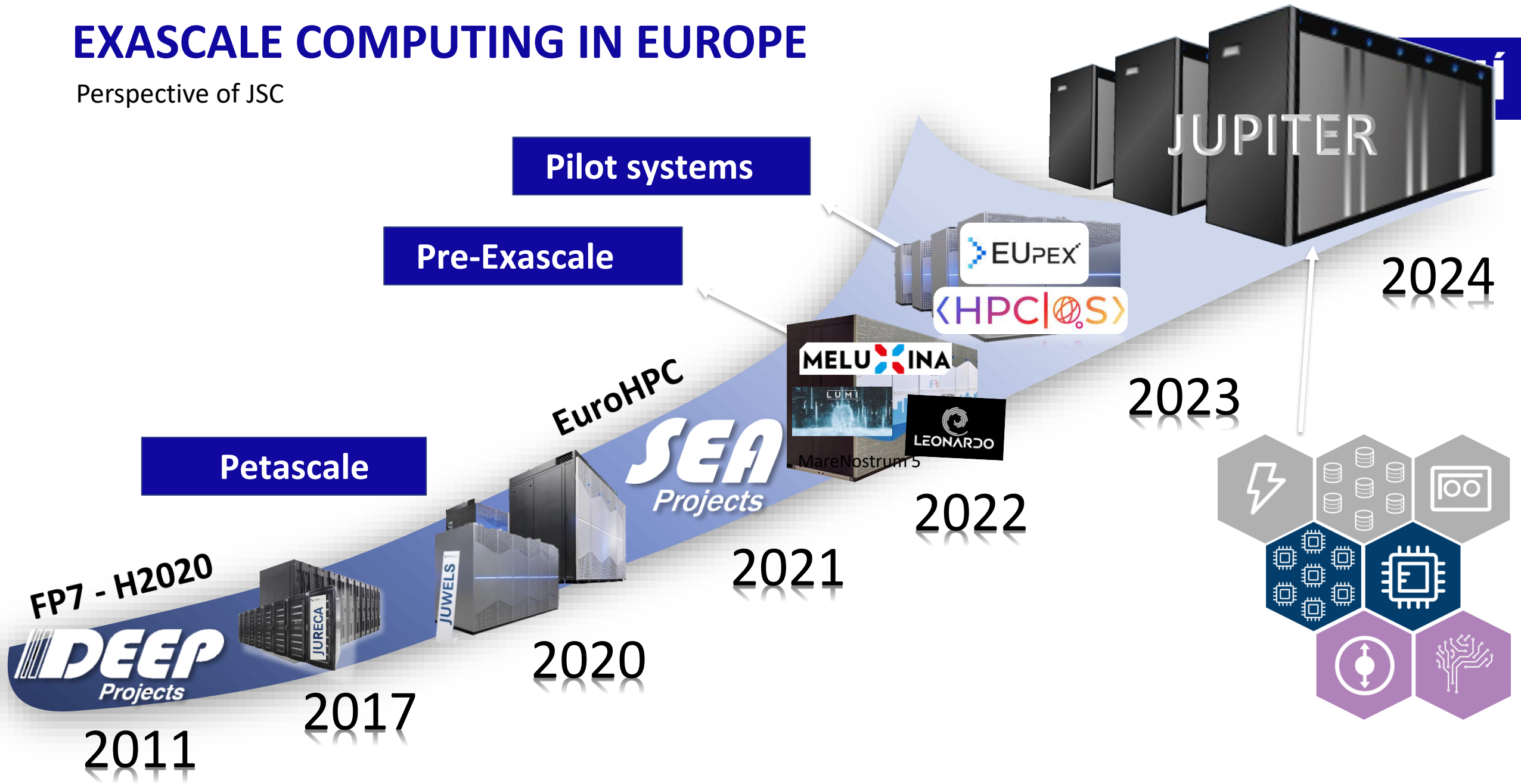
HETEROGENEOUS HPC

NON-X86 ARCHITECTURES

QUANTUM COMPUTING

EXASCALE COMPUTING IN EUROPE

Perspective of JSC





CONCLUSIONS

- Earth Observation (EO) serves as a key tool for scrutinizing land and ocean processes, understanding dynamic phenomena, and assessing the health of our planet
- EO has immensely benefited from a wealth of multi-source remote sensing (RS) data. Today, an expansive array of sensor data, including active, passive, and of various resolutions, is accessible not only to researchers and agencies but also to the general public
- The application of Deep Learning (DL) and other Machine Learning (ML) techniques has significantly shaped EO and RS. These techniques have been employed throughout data processing chains, from compression and transmission to image recognition and environmental predictions

- High-Performance Computing (HPC) systems can power large-scale DL models. This accelerates the extraction of critical information from complex RS data and reduces the time needed for model deployment and development
- The aim of these efforts is to increase the availability of useful data and enhance our understanding of complex relationships, leading to significant impacts. This includes everything from predicting and issuing timely warnings of potential natural disasters to forecasting the effects of human activities and natural processes on our environment and society

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