

**Minho  
Advanced  
Computing  
Center**

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para a Ciência  
e a Tecnologia

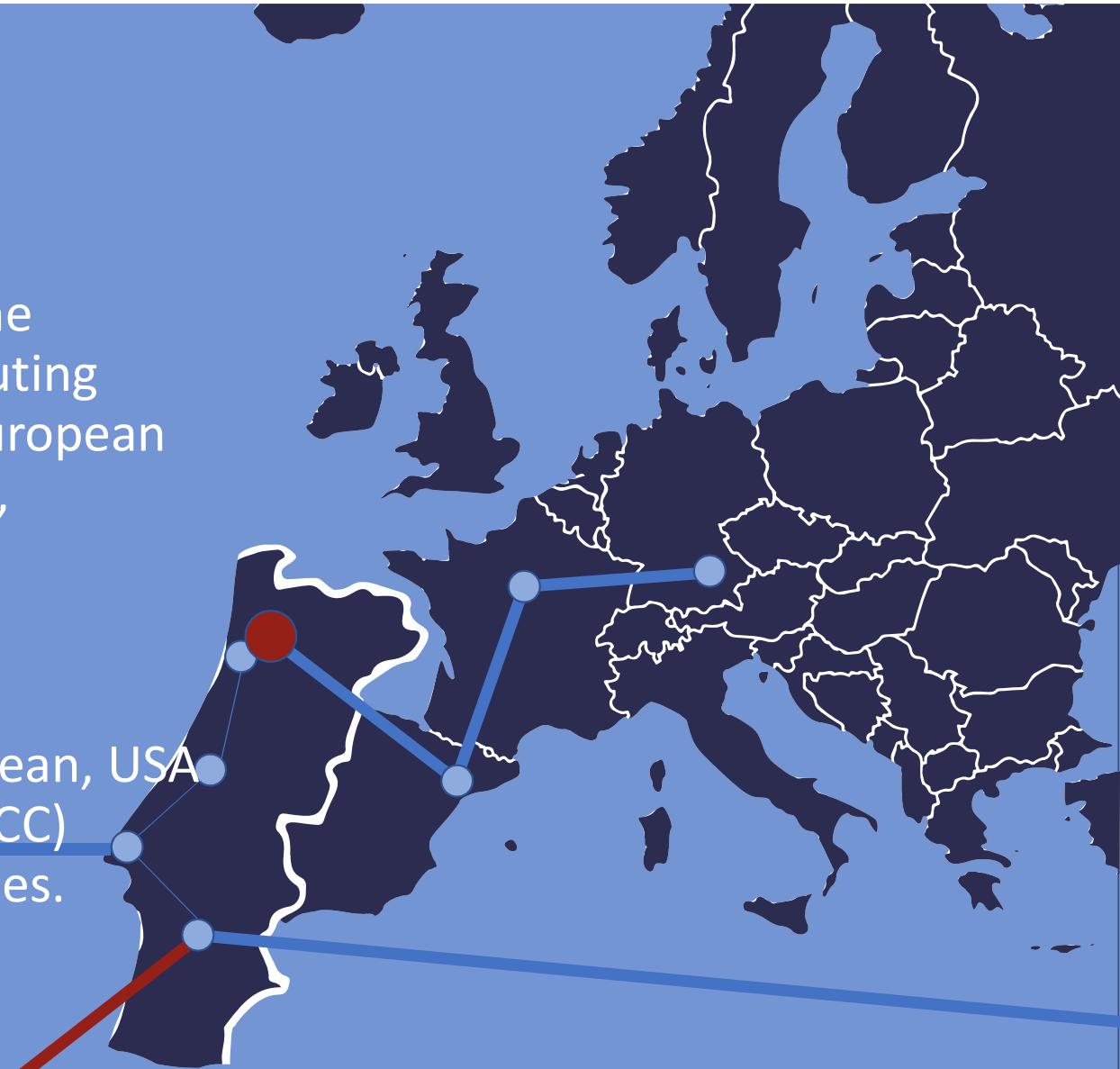
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# Objectives

- National collaborative infrastructure to promote and support **Open Science initiatives on super computing, data science and visualization;**
- Sustainable computing and data infrastructure **catering to national scientific and industrial communities** and complementary to international partners;
- Prominent node of the **AIR Centre Data Intelligence Network;**
- Node of the **EuroHPC Joint Undertaking.**

# Global locus

- Effective participation in the European advanced computing initiatives: EuroHPC and European Exascale Computer, PRACE, European Cloud Initiative;
- Reinforcement of global collaboration on advanced computing between European, USA (TACC), South America (LNCC) and Asia (PRAGMA) facilities.



# Global locus



# MACC

Riba d'Ave  
28.mar.19



# Activity

- High Performance Computing "as a Service"
  - Traditional job submission queues
  - Specific application domain portals
  - Program parallelization and optimization research and consultancy
- Data Science
  - Life-cycle dataset management
  - SaaS for statistics, machine learning, deep learning, etc.
  - Cognitive computing portals
  - Jupyter Notebooks
- Cloud Computing
  - Computing resources – persistent and on-demand
  - Data storage – file-oriented, *tuple e object stores*
  - System and application “cloudification” development and consultancy
- Visualisation
  - Visualization “*as a service*”
  - Research and Education Support Facility
  - Data Visualization Tools and ResourcesCognitive Visualization Portals

# Activity - HPC

- **Bioinformatics:** Molecular Dynamics, MPI-HMMER, mpiBLAST
- **Fluid Dynamics:** ReFRESCO, OpenFOAM
- **Environment:** EC-Earth, WRF, MM5, POP, ROMS, GADGET
- **Materials:** Gamess, Octopus, VASP, Alya
- **Molecular:** Desmond, GROMACS, NAMD, OpenAtom, SIESTA, LAMMPS, CHARMM, Amber
- **Physics:** ALPGEN, CLHEP, CORSIKA, DataMelt, DD4Hep, EGS, fads, FLUKA, FREEHep, Gaudi, GEANT4, GenFit, HepMC, HepSim, HERWIG, LarSoft, Lattice QCD, LHAPDF, MADGRAPH, npfinder, ProMC, PYTHIA, Rivet, ROOT, SHERPA, StatShape, TMVA, UrQMD, VDT
- **Chemistry:** Gaussian, Molpro, CP2K

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# Activity – Data Science

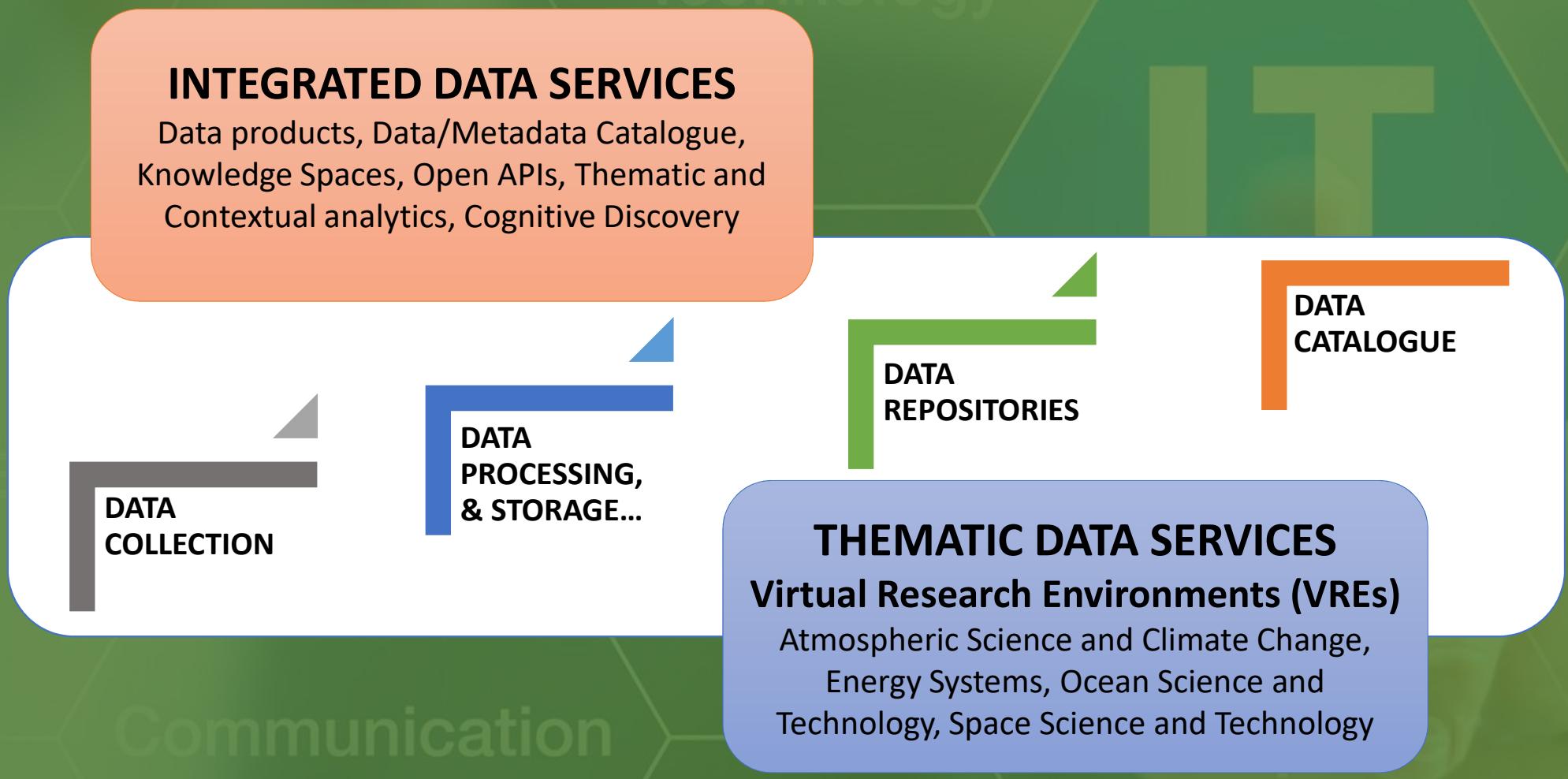
- **Storage:** HDFS, HiBD
- **Database:** Apache HBase, MongoDB, Riak, Apache/DataStax Cassandra, Redis, ElasticSearch, Neo4J, CouchDB, HiBD, InfluxDB
- **Distributed Computing:** Map Reduce, Spark, Storm, Flink, Tez, Apache Flume, HiBD
- **Message Queues:** Kafka, RabbitMQ, ActiveMQ, Krestel
- **Data Warehouse:** SnowFlake, RedShift, Apache Hive, Spark SQL, Cloudera Impala, Facebook Presto, Apache Tajo, Apache Drill
- **Modeling:** R, MathWorks, Pandas, Julia, NumPy, SAS, SciPy
- **AI/ML/DL :** Apache Mahout, Weka, TensorFlow, Caffe2, Keras, Apache MXnet, Theano, HiDL
- **Visualization:** Qlik, Tableau, Dataiku

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# AIR Center focused

- Digital Modelling
  - Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences
  - Space oriented advanced materials, nanostructures and Nanofabrication
  - Isolated and small-scale island energy systems
- Data Science
  - Climate data, ocean geo data, fisheries, Earth observation, etc.
- Secure Analytics
  - Confidentiality-aware analytics over federated data
- AIR Data Foundry

# AIR Data Foundry



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Information  
Technology

## AIR CENTER DATA COLLECTION

Sensors and  
Data  
Generator

Data processing, storage and retrieval

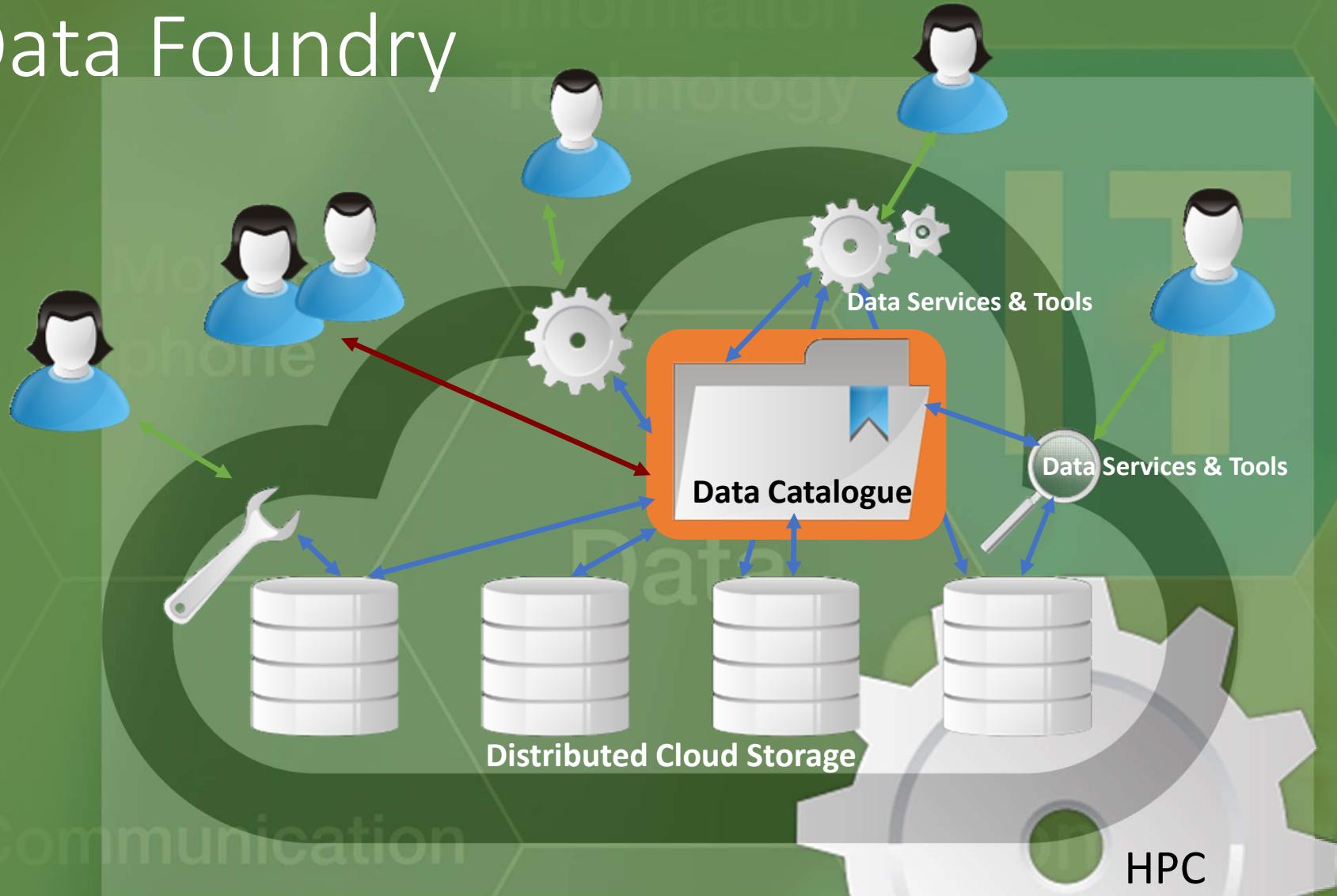
Services and  
Tools (VREs)

Data Catalogue

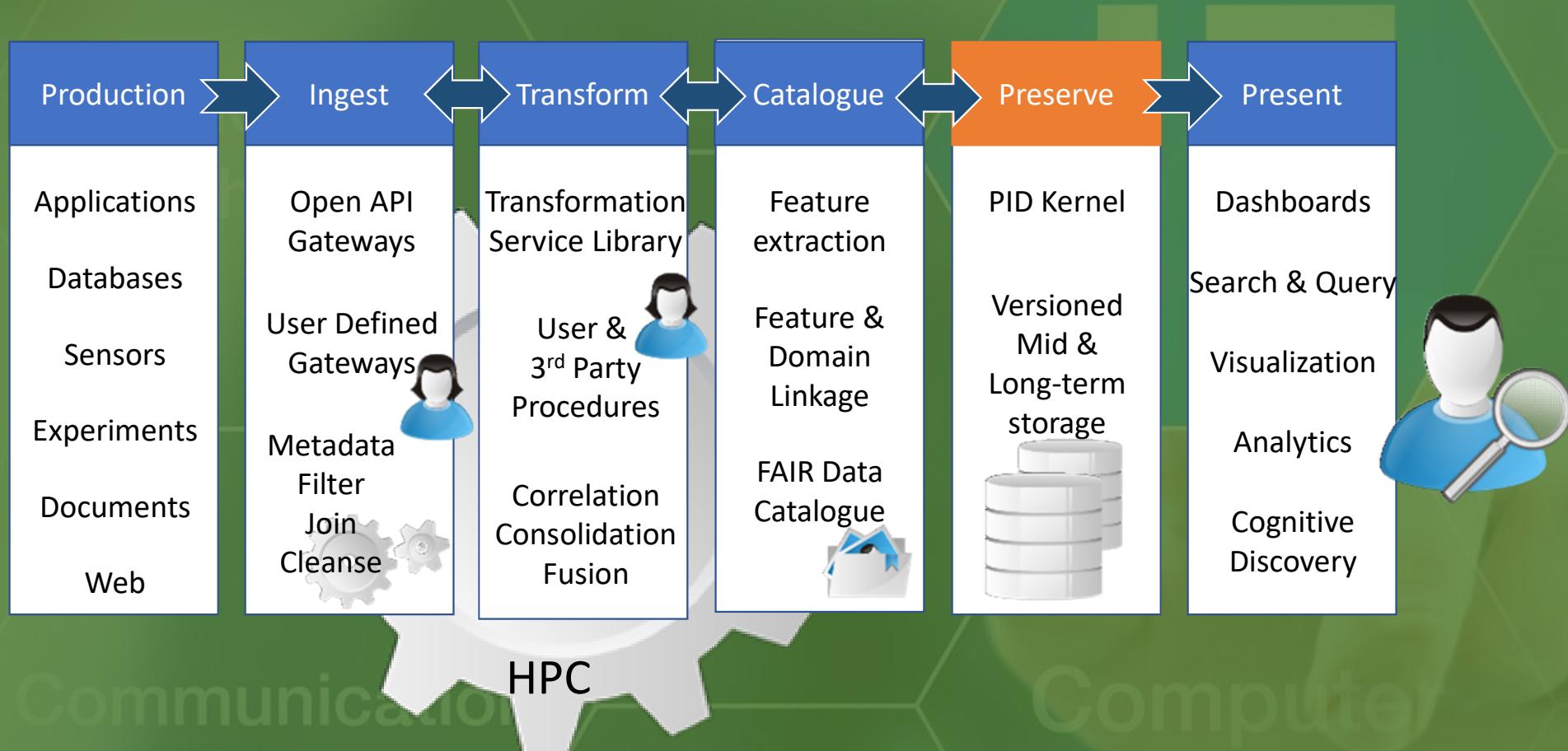


FAIR data/metadata catalogue

# AIR Data Foundry



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# Resources – Petascale System (possible configuration)

Backup



X86 HPC/HPAI

ARM HPC/HPAI

Cloud Computing  
system

High speed  
Interlink

High speed  
Interlink

High speed  
Interlink

Storage

UEP  
+  
Mgmt

# Resources – Petascale System

PHASE I – April 2019  
(StampUM HW)

x86 HPC  
(~1PFlop)

PHASE II – 1Q 2020

X86 HPC/HPAI

ARM HPC/HPAI

Cloud Computing  
system



# Resources – Visualisation

- Visualization Computing cluster
  - render raw data /intermediate representation into high resolution multidimensional visual representations
- 100 Mpixel multiview display
  - Data exploration, collaborative work, demonstration
- AR / touchless interfaces
  - e.g., Oculus Rift, Leap Motion, Hololens, ...



April 2019

# Visualization Lab

April 2019

Data and Scientific Visualization :

the art and science of creating visual representations of complex data, rendering it intelligible, navigable and usable, facilitating the gaining of insight on the processes and phenomena represented by that data.

# Visualization Lab: Mission

- **to promote and support research, education, knowledge transfer on data visualization and visual analytics;**
- **to foster adoption of visualization techniques among industrial and corporate communities;**
- **Visualization infrastructure and services catering to national scientific and industrial communities;**

# Visualization Lab: Activity

- Visualization “*as a service*”
- Research and Education Support Facility
- Data Visualization Tools and Resources
- Cognitive Visualization Portals
- Visualization Applications Development and Consulting

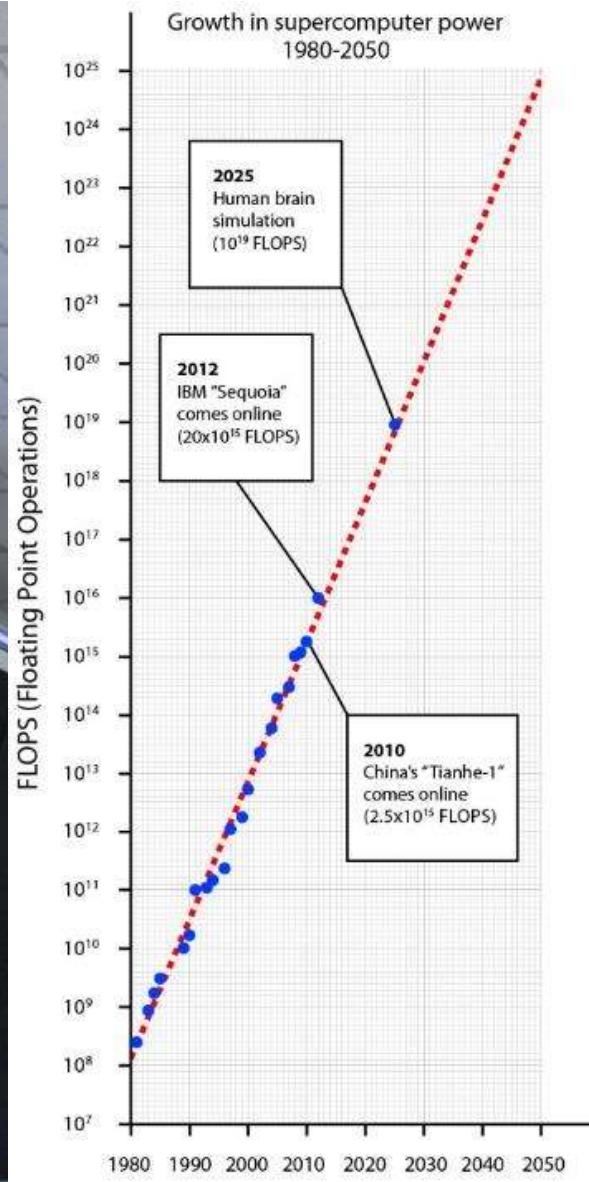
# Visualization Lab: Resources

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information technologies





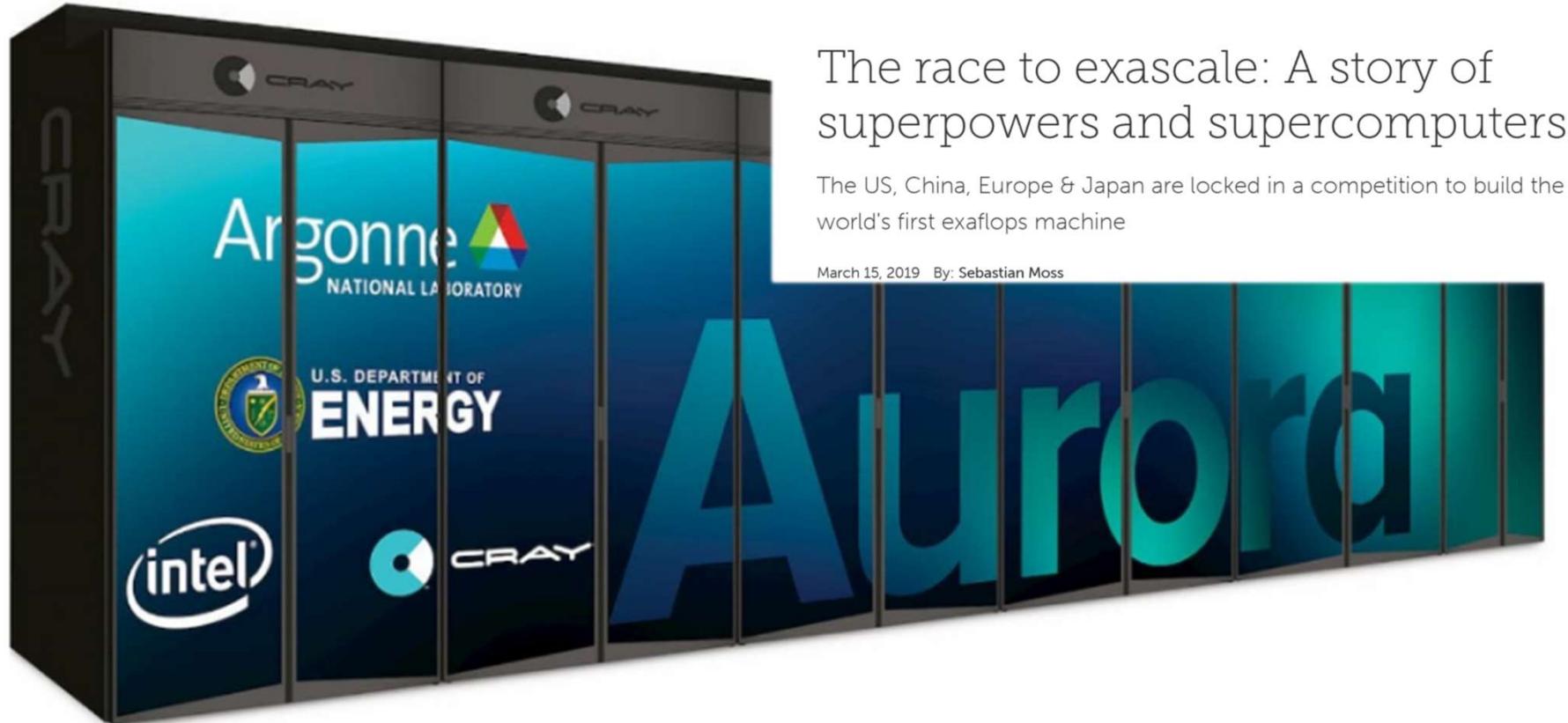


# Intel will build the first exascale supercomputer in the US

Aurora will help advance cancer research and climate modeling, Sec. Perry said.



Kris Holt, @krisholt  
03.18.19 in [Gadgetry](#)



## **Supercomputación europea**

su primera convocatoria para financiar máquinas de supercomputación destinadas a impulsar el futuro del continente



dores MareNostrum se han instalado hasta ahora en la capilla de Torre Girona

**Supercomputing Center-Centro Nacional de Supercomputación (BSC-CNS)** presentará a principios de abril su candidatura para construir un **superordenador** cofinanciado por la Unión Europea que no pierda competitividad respecto a Estados Unidos y Japón en capacidad de cálculo.

### Más potencia

**La capacidad de cálculo del futuro**

MareNostrum 5 multiplicará por más de 20 la potencia de la máquina actual

### **Apoyo político y económico**

**La candidatura barcelonosa tiene el apoyo de los gobiernos de Catalunya, España y Portugal**

La selección de las candidaturas empezará con una evaluación técnica y continuará con una negociación política antes de la decisión final, que debe anunciarse el 7 de junio.

Para la fase técnica, el BSC-CNS cuenta con la baza de haber sido una de las cinco instituciones fundadoras en 2009 –al igual que la italiana Cineca– de la red europea de supercomputación Prace. A ello se suma que el director del BSC-CNS, Mateo Valero, que ya trabaja más como embajador de la supercomputación que como informático, fue en 2017 uno de los principales artífices de que la CE adoptara la iniciativa EuroHPC.

## Estratégia Ibérica para a supercomputação

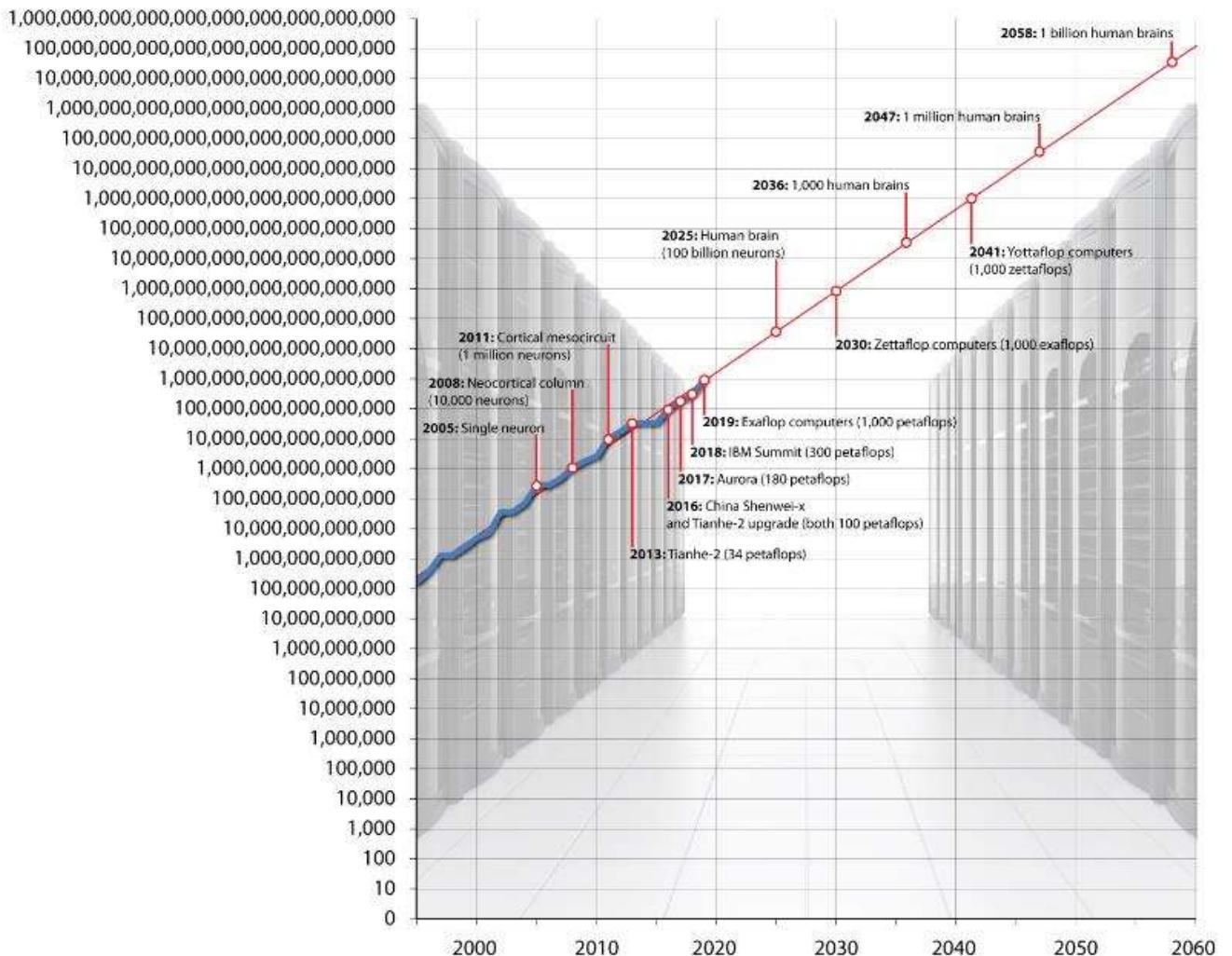
No contexto, dos avisos em curso, ou a abrir brevemente, da iniciativa EuroHPC, o acordo entre os dois países prevê:

- uma candidatura conjunta a uma máquina pre-exascale a instalar em Barcelona
- o apoio do BSC a uma candidatura portuguesa, através da FCT (Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia) e do MACC a um supercomputador petascale.

A candidatura ibérica, liderada pelo BSC, terá uma participação portuguesa de 10%, o que se traduzirá num esforço financeiro português deste nível e na correspondente disponibilização de tempo de computação.

Floating-point operations per second (FLOPS)

### Exponential growth of supercomputing power, 1995-2060 (logarithmic scale)

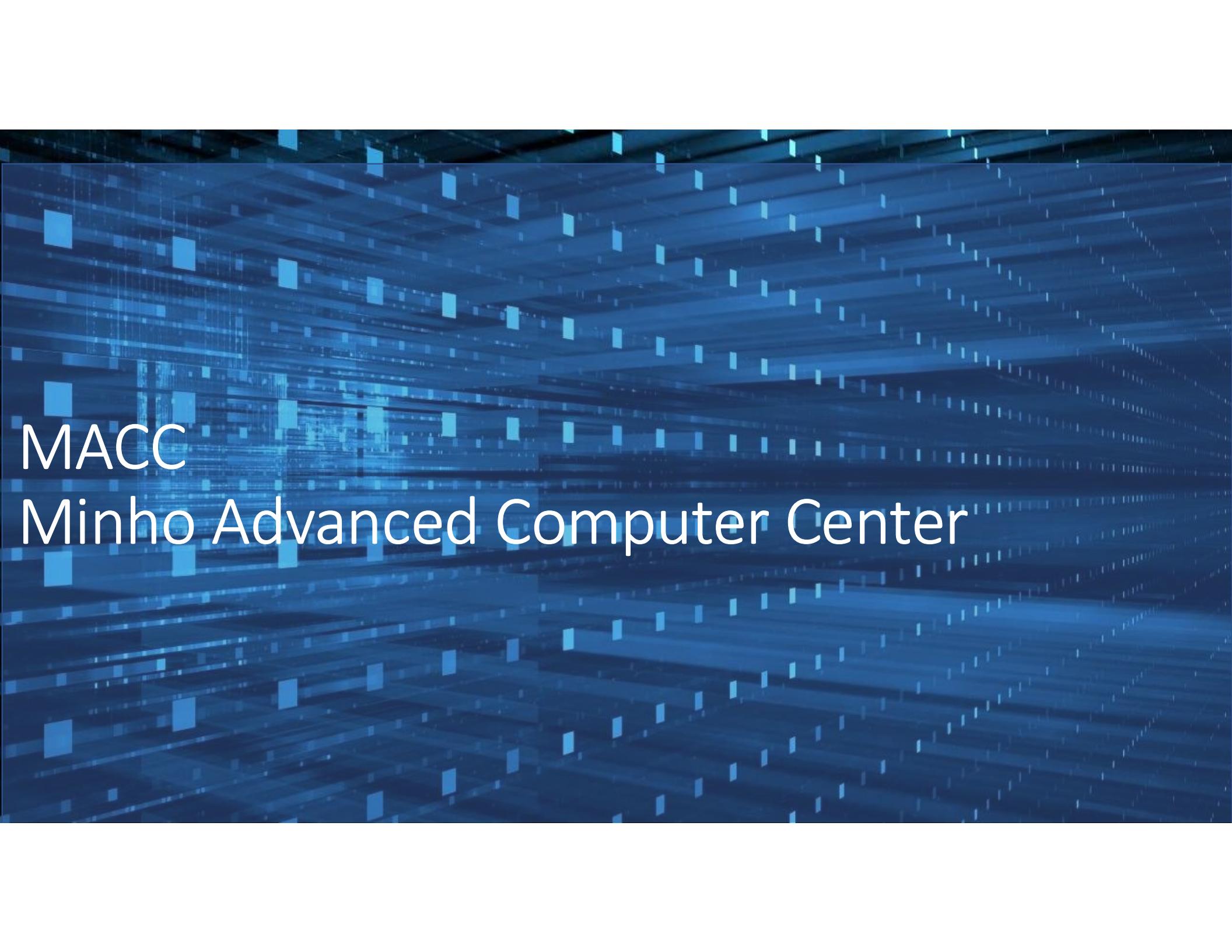


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Peta

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