

Evolution of Distributed Systems: Cluster Computing, Grid Computing, and Cloud Computing

*“A generation which ignores history
has no past – and no future.” - Robert
A Heinlein*


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Multiscale Networked Systems

The Multiscale Networked System (MNS) group researches the emerging architectures that can support the operations of multiscale systems across the Future Internet.



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Data centric processing

Our research investigates an alternative to the current approach to model complex scientific experiments as workflow of dependent tasks, in this approach scientific data is interlinked through data processing transformations which can be discovered and used to create the data processing workflow and not the way around.


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Why eScience

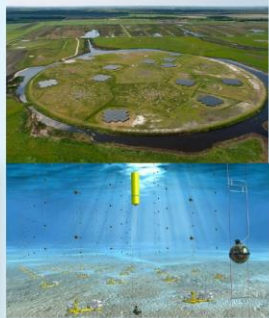
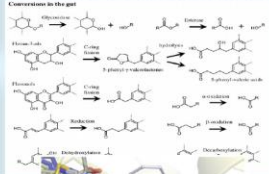
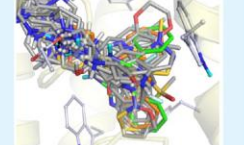


Bridging the gap between:
science and infrastructure
science and computer science
scientific domains

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so far: ~150 projects
(on many different topics)

<p>Humanities & Social Sciences</p> <p>incl. SMART cities, text analysis, creative technologies</p>	<p>Physics & Beyond</p> <p>incl. astronomy, high-energy physics, advanced materials</p>
<p>Sustainability & Environment</p> <p>incl. climate, ecology, energy, logistics, water management</p>	<p>Life Sciences & eHealth</p> <p>incl. bio-imaging, next generation sequencing, molecules</p>

10,00 x 5,62 in

Questions to be “answered” in this talk

Rank	System	Cores	Rmax (PFlop/s)	Rpeak (PFlop/s)	Power (kW)
1	Frontier - HPE Cray EX235a, AMD Optimized 3rd Generation EPYC 64C 2GHz, AMD Instinct MI250X, Slingshot-11, HPE DOE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory United States	8,699,904	1,194.00	1,679.82	22,703

Source <https://www.top500.org/statistics/perfdevel/>



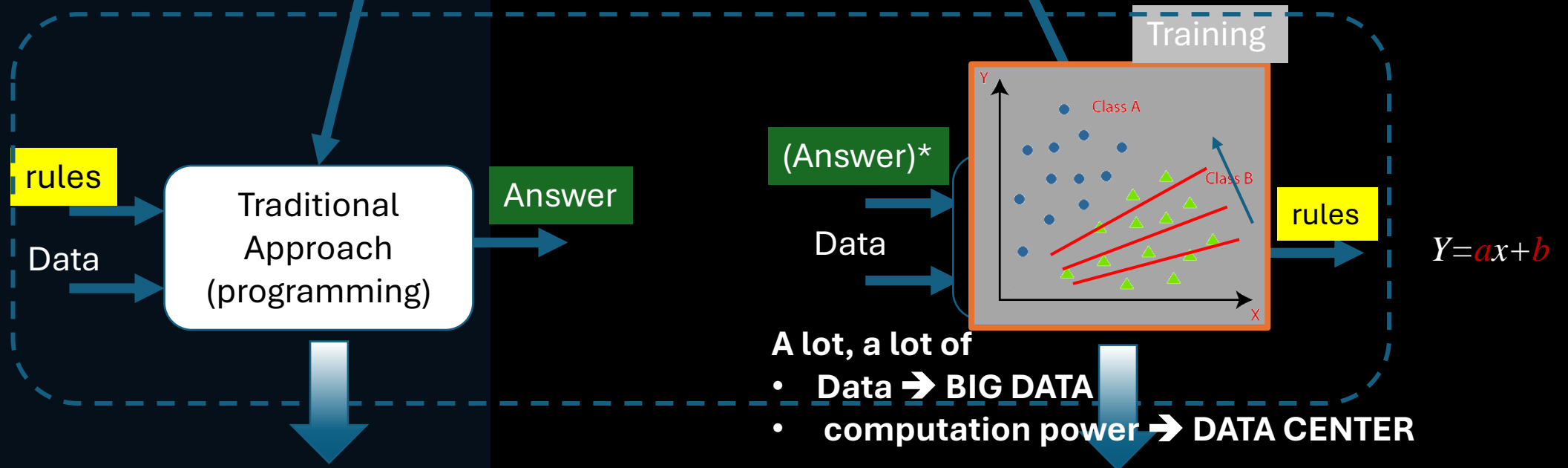
- Why do we need more and more computing power?
 - Does more CPUs imply faster execution time?
 - Do you always need a supercomputer to run programs faster?
- How can we build system beyond Supercomputer?

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- What is Big data?
 - A Terabyte of **Storage Space**?
 - How much does it take to **sort** one Terabyte?
 - How much does it take to **move** Terabyte/Exabyte over the internet?
- What is the connection between AI and Bigdata?

Using Computer: Tablet /laptop/Desktop/supercomputer ...

How can we make a computer do something useful?



Two approaches to make a computer do something useful (what is the best approach?)

Programming

the "Hello, World!" program was popularized in 1972 by Brian Kernighan in the book "A Tutorial Introduction to the Language B,

Linux assembler
code



```
section .text
global _start
_start:
    ;tell linker entry point

    mov edi, len ;message length
    mov esi, msg ;message to write
    mov ebx, 1 ;file descriptor (stdout)
    mov eax, 4 ;system call number (sys_write)
    int 0x80 ;call kernel

    mov ebx, 1 ;system call number (sys_exit)
    int 0x80 ;call kernel

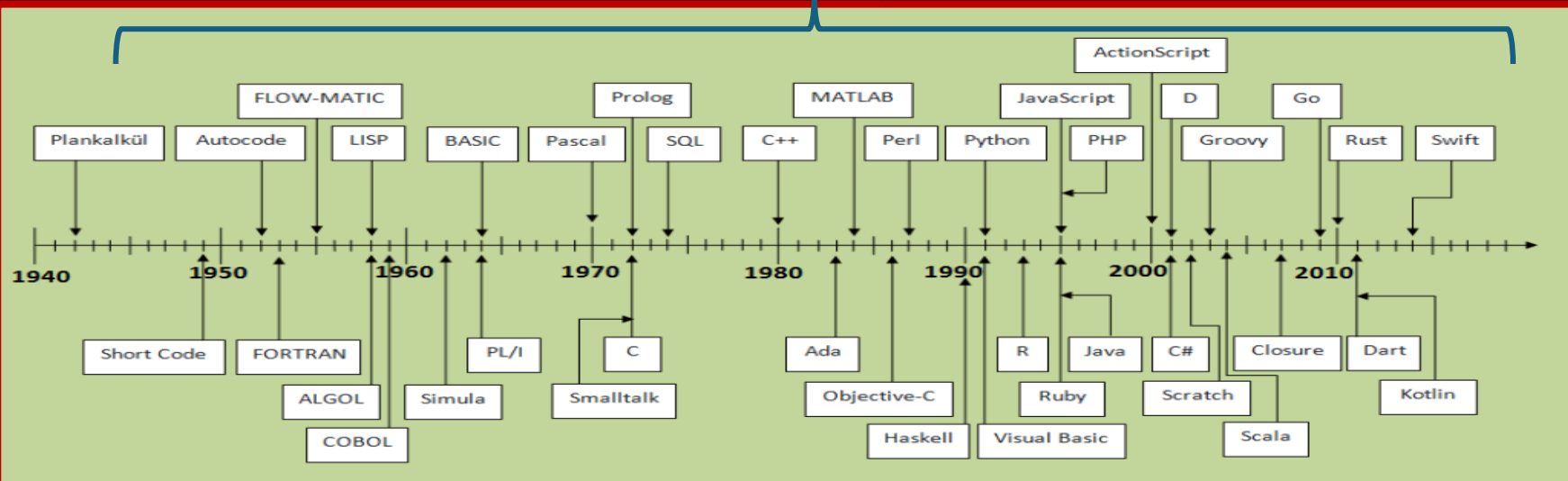
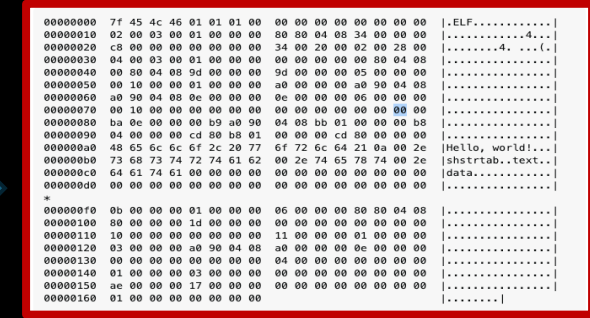
section .data
msg db "Hello, world!",0xa ;our dear string
len equ $ - msg ;length of our dear string
```

High -level languages

```
#include <stdio.h>

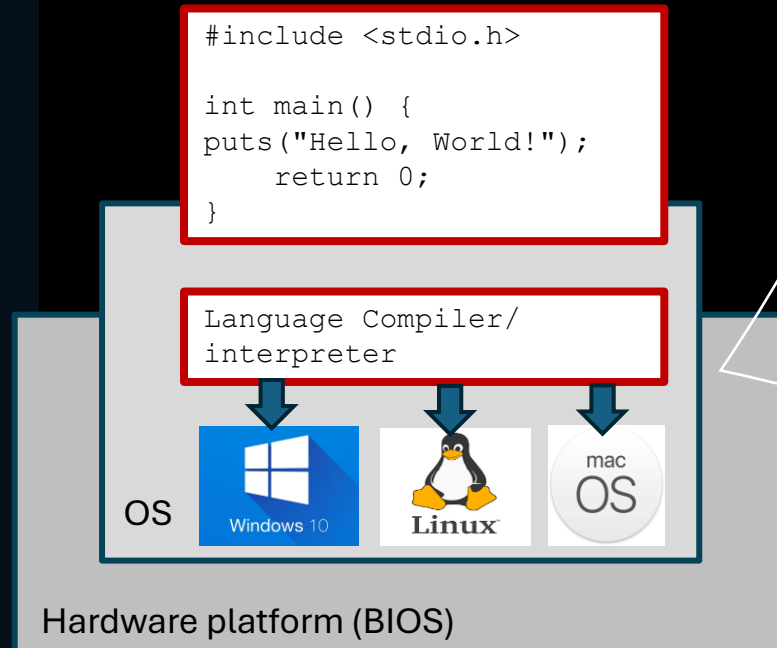
int main() {
    print("Hello, World!");
    return 0;
}
```

32-bit Linux, compilation
results in binary of 360
bytes



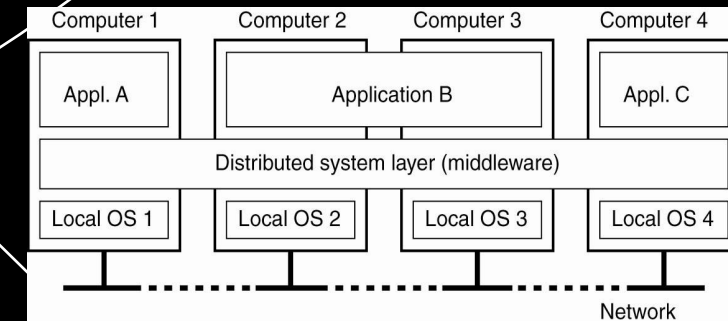
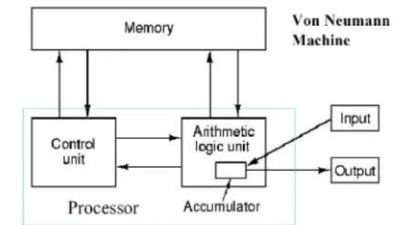
Computer Architecture

- Applications
 - ❑ Libraries ...
 - ❑ Compilers ...
- Operating Systems
 - ❑ Abstraction
 - ❑ Isolation
- Hardware
 - ❑ CPU architectures



VON NEUMANN ARCHITECTURE

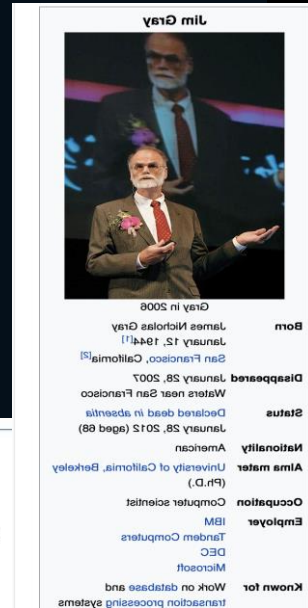
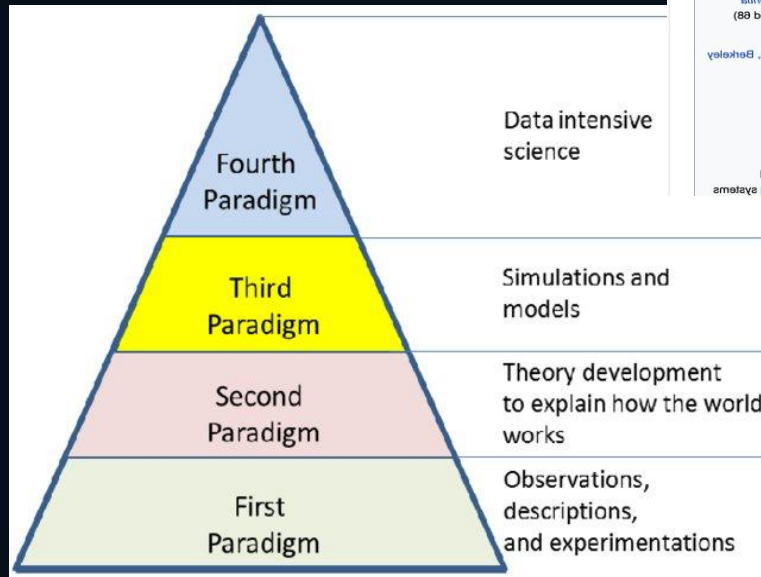
1945



Fourth paradigm

Data-Intensive Science

Big data



“We have to do better at producing tools to support the whole research cycle—from data capture and data curation to data analysis and data visualization **Today, the tools for capturing data both at the mega-scale and at the milli-scale are just dreadful. tools for both data curation** After you have captured the data, you need to curate it before you can start doing any kind of data analysis, and **we lack good and data analysis.**”

“Then comes the **publication** of the results of your research, and the published literature is just the tip of the data iceberg. By this I mean that people collect a lot of data and then reduce this down to some number of column inches in Science or Nature—or 10 pages if it is a computer science person writing **So what I mean by data iceberg is that there is a lot of data that is collected but not curated or published in any systematic way**”.

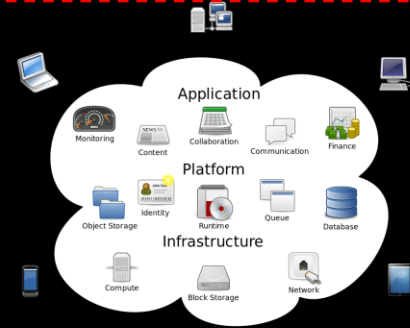
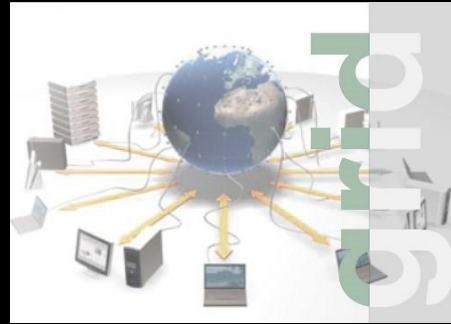
Based on the transcript of a talk given by Jim Gray to the NRC-CSTB1 in Mountain View, CA, on January 11, **2007**

Distributed systems

Grid - Cloud

Question "If the problem size cannot be processed neither on **one** computer nor on **one** cluster, how do we solve this problem?"

Unreliable not very fast network



central control

Virtualisation

Abstraction

No central control

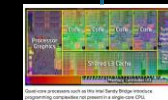
Reliable fast network



central control



central control



←--Virtual machine -->

←-Containers->

90's

00's

10's

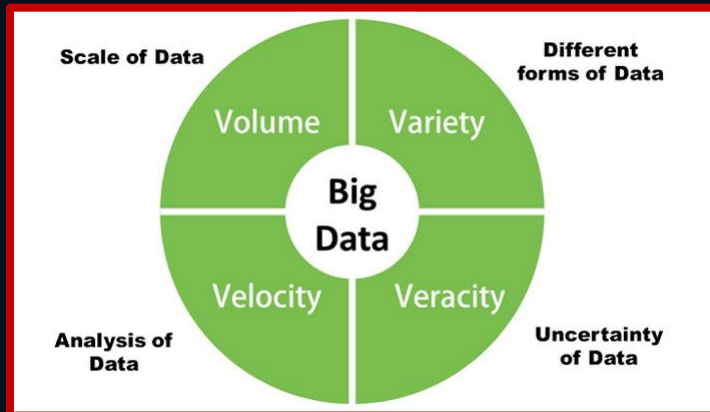
20's

Cluster computing →

← Grid Systems -->

Cloud System →

Content



- Big Data
 - **V**olume
 - **V**elocity
 - **V**ariety
 - **V**eracity
 - ...

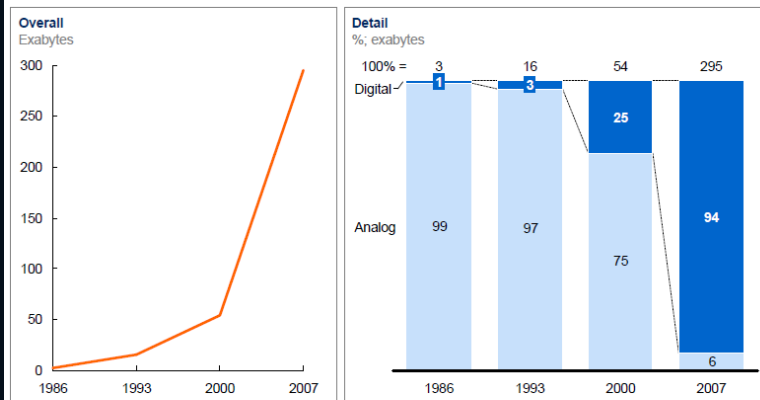
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Yuval Noah Harari

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Global installed, optimally compressed, storage

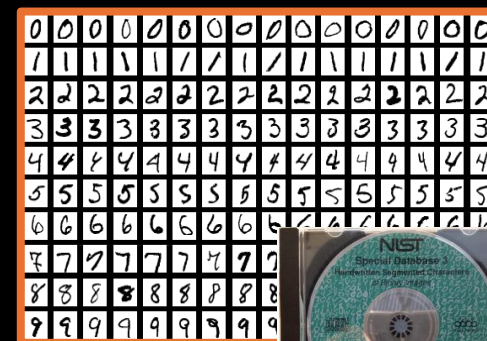
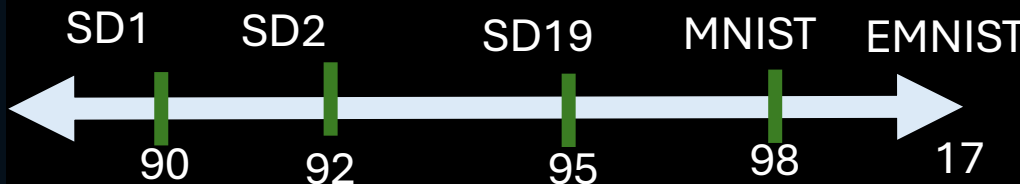
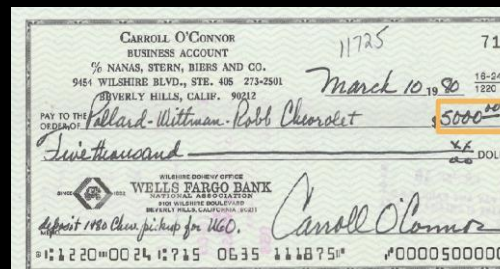
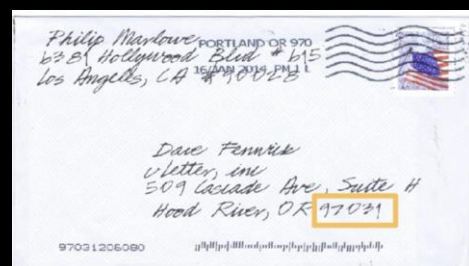
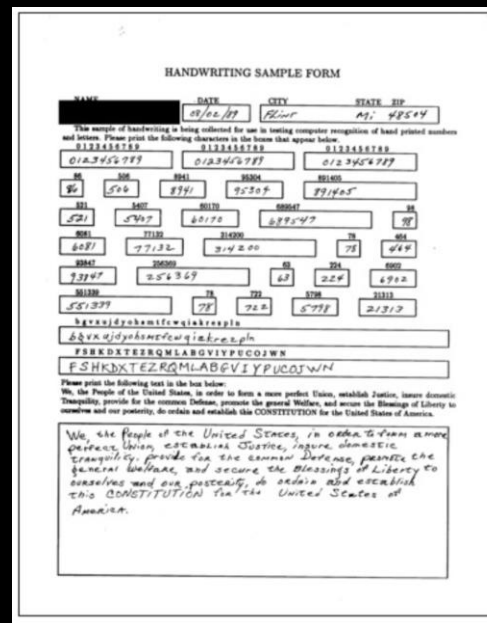


NOTE: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.
SOURCE: Hilbert and López, "The world's technological capacity to store, communicate, and compute information," Science, 2011

Data collection in 90s

NIST

- Handwriting character recognition
- What Accuracy number do you trust?
- Need a baseline (calibrated ground truth)



LeCun, "The MNIST DATABASE", <http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/>.

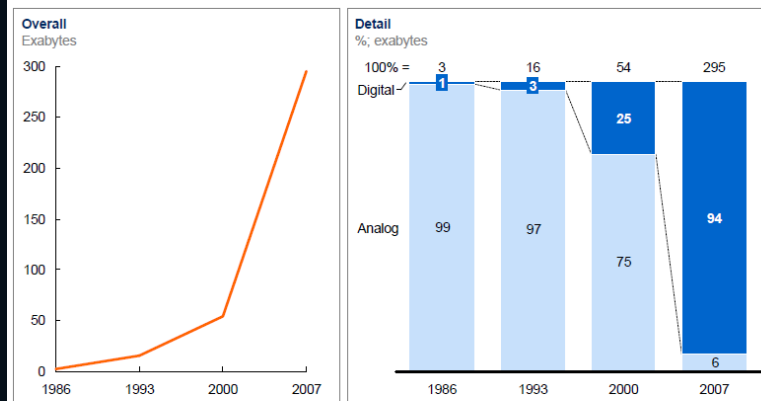
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Data collection in 2010+

Tackle your next project with Kaggle

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385K DATASETS **1.2M** NOTEBOOKS **8,700** MODELS

Datasets → View all

385K high-quality public datasets. Everything from avocado prices to video game sales.

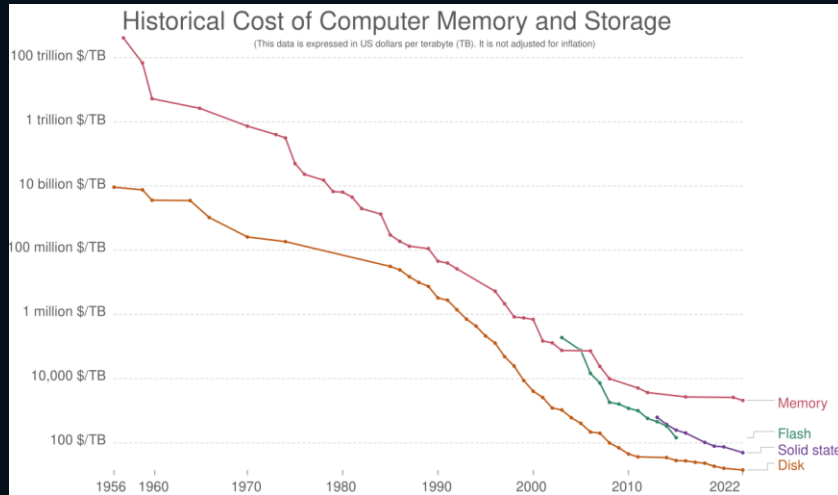
- Bitcoin Historical Data**
Usability 10.0 - 93 MB
Bitcoin data at 1-min intervals from select exchanges, Jan 2012 to Present
- Fruits-360 dataset**
Usability 8.8 - 1GB
A dataset with 94110 images of 141 fruits, vegetables and nuts
- International football results from 1872 t...**
Usability 10.0 - 1MB
An up-to-date dataset of over 47,000 international football results
- Formula 1 World Championship (195...**
Usability 10.0 - 6 MB
F1 race data from 1950 to 2024

A Storage Capacity

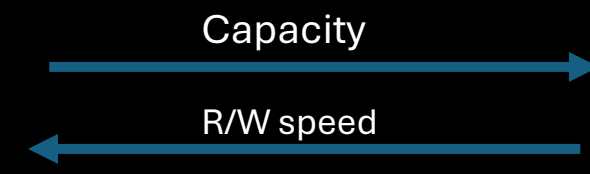
128 GB - 30 TB

- **Storage**
- **Movement**
- **Processing**

Note: Kilo is exactly $1024 \sim 1000$



YottaByte (YB) = 10^{24} Byte
 ZetaByte (ZB) = 10^{21} Byte
 ExaByte (EB) = 10^{18} Byte
 PetaByte (PB) = 10^{15} Byte
TeraByte (TB) = 10^{12} Byte
 GigaByte (GB) = 10^9 Byte
 MegaByte (MB) = 10^6 Byte
 KiloByte (KB) = 10^3 Byte
 Byte = 8 bits



CERN > one million terabytes of disk space at its data centers

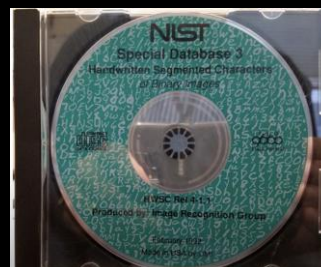
magnetic tapes (3MB - 16TB) HDD disks (3MB - 16TB)



Floppy disk 2,4 MB



CD/DVD/blueray
700 MB - 25 GB



USB (MB - 2 TB)



SSD (100GB - 100 TB)



1951 -

1957 -

1972

1997 -

1990 -

2000 -

Capacity / time →

A Terabyte of Storage Space: How Many ...?

- Storage
- Movement
- Processing



personal usage

- ~200,000 average songs, High-Quality Compressed Audio
(~17,000 hours of music)
- ~256 Standard DVD Movies 120 minutes long
(~500 hours of movies)
- ~310,000 Standard-Resolution Photos

Note: 1 TB = 1,000 (10^3) gigabytes (GB) or 1,000,000 (10^6) megabytes (MB)

Source: <https://aimblog.uoregon.edu/2014/07/08/a-terabyte-of-storage-space-how-much-is-too-much/>

Data collected / generated

In Industry and science around 2009

- Storage
- Movement
- Processing

Google processes

Wayback Machine has 3 PB

Facebook has 2.5 PB of data

eBay has 6.5 PB of user data

CERN's Large Hadron

Collider - generates

→ 20 PB a day

→ 100 TB/month

→ +15 TB/day

→ 50 TB/day

→ 15 PB/year

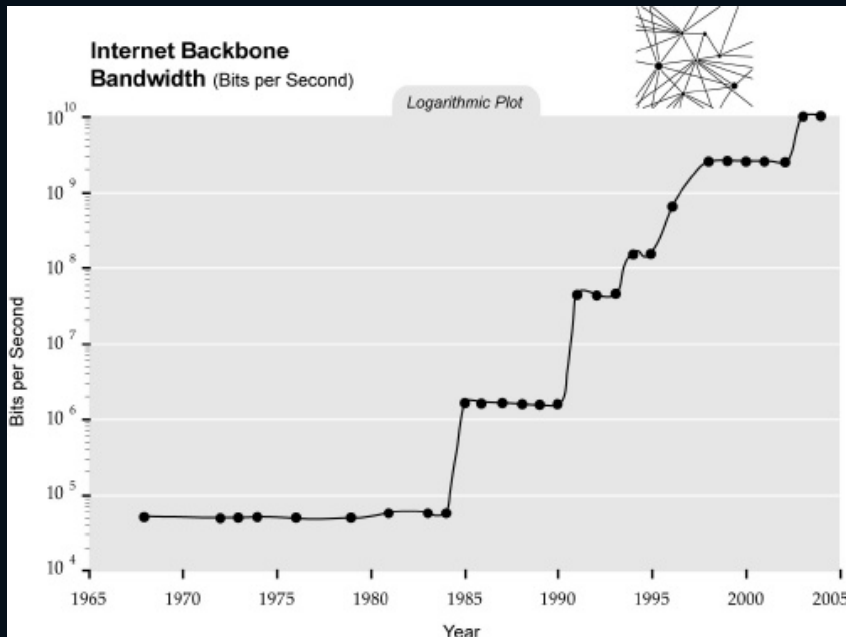


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Network Bandwidth

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Source : <https://www.singularity.com/charts/page81.html>

- Storage
- Movement
- Processing

“If you're looking to transfer **hundreds of gigabytes** of data, it's still—weirdly—faster to ship hard drives via FedEx than it is to transfer the files over the internet.”

- Total internet traffic ~**167 terabits per second**.
- **FedEx** fleet 654 aircraft capacity of 26.5 Mpounds daily.
- SSD drive weighs ~78 grs / hold up to a TByte.
- **FedEx** can transfer 150 EBytes of data per day, or

14 Pbit/second ~ a hundred times the throughput of the internet in 2013

By [Jamie Condliffe](#) Published February 5, 2013

Source: <http://gizmodo.com/5981713/how-fedex-has-more-bandwidth-than-the-internetand-when-thatll-change>

How much Time does it take to move TBs over the internet ?

- Storage
- Movement
- Processing

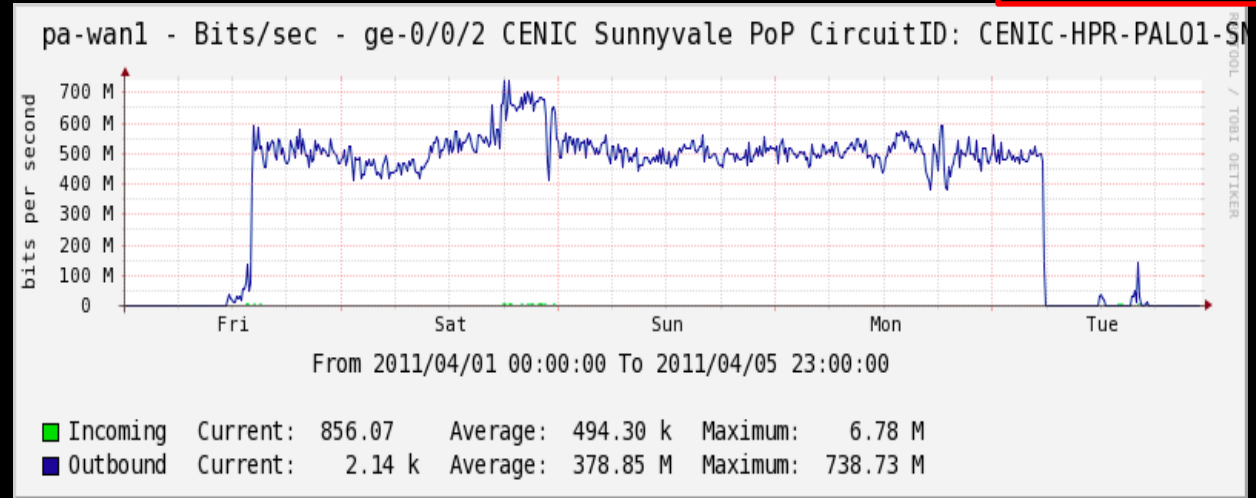
moving 60 human genomes from Mountain View - Chicago.

Approximately 18 TB on 1G link.



moving Flight inf, tech statistics, sensor reading

Approximately ~ TB on 100G link (light path)



Credit: Robert Grossman University of Chicago Open Data Group, November 14, 2011

1 TB over normal internet **30 hours**
1 TB over light path (100 Gps) ~ **2mn**



Credit: Cees de Laat University of Amsterdam SNE Group, super Computing, 2017

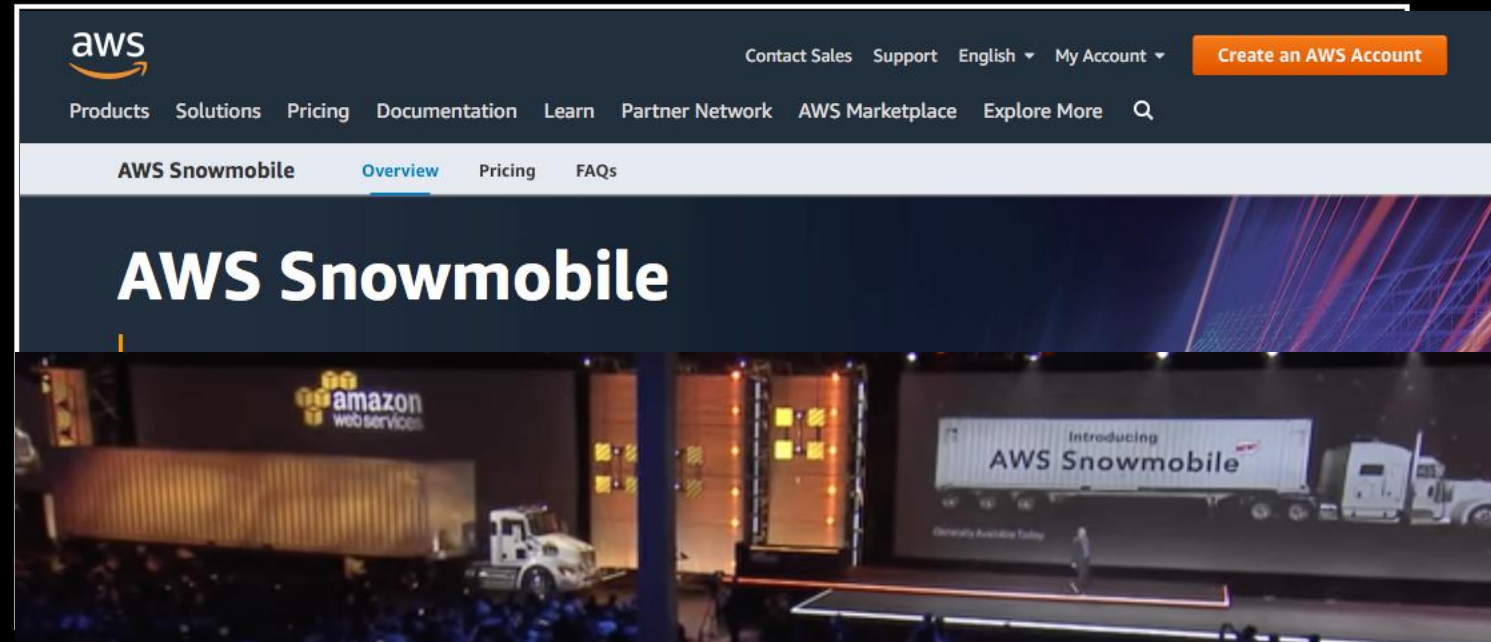
How much Time does it take to move 1 exa-byte over the internet ?

- Storage
- Movement
- Processing

Over **10Gbs** line it will take ~ **26 years**

Note: 1 exa-Byte =

1,000 (10^3) petabytes
or 1,000,000 (10^6) terabytes
or 1,000,000, 000 (10^9) gigabytes
or 1,000,000, 000, 000 (10^{12}) megabytes



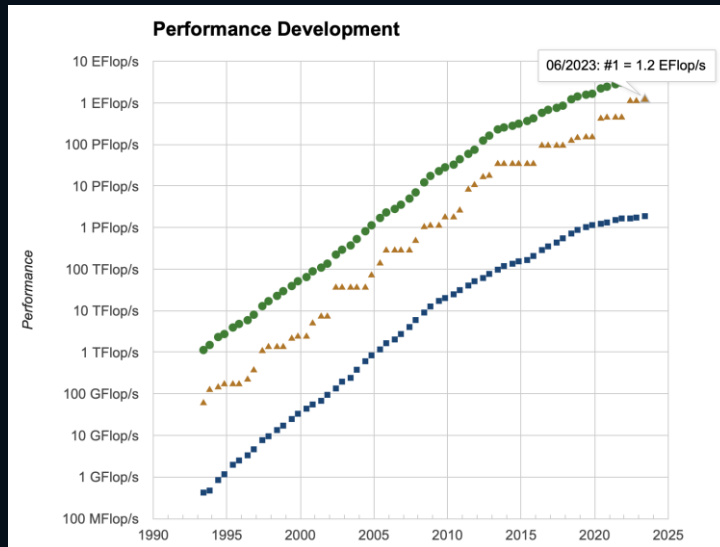
[AWS Snowmobile – Move Exabytes of Data to the Cloud in Weeks | AWS News Blog \(amazon.com\) 2016](#)

Computation Power

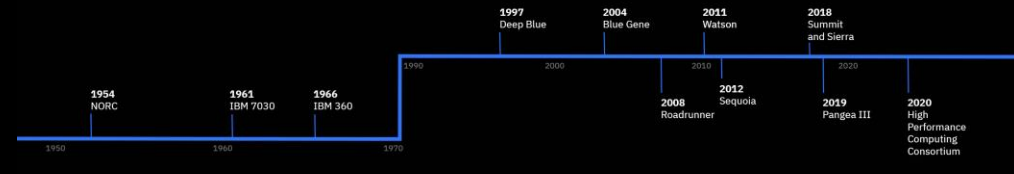
- Storage
- Movement
- Processing

ExaFlops = 10^{18} Byte
 PetaBytes = 10^{15} Flops
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Flops = Floating Operation per second



IBM Supercomputing timeline



<p>1954 The Naval Ordnance Research Calculator helped forecast weather and performed other complex calculations.</p>	<p>1961 The IBM 7030 was capable of 2 million operations per second.</p>	<p>1966 The IBM 360 and its successors helped power NASA's Apollo program.</p>	<p>1997 Deep Blue wins its match with chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov.</p>	<p>2004 Blue Gene ushers in a new era of high-performance computing as it helps biologists explore gene development.</p>	<p>2008 Built for Los Alamos National Laboratory, Roadrunner is the first super-computer in the world to reach petaflop speed.</p>	<p>2011 Watson beats human competitors on Jeopardy!, earning a million-dollar jackpot for charity.</p>	<p>2012 Sequoia, the third-generation Blue Gene system, reaches speeds of 16.32 petaflops.</p>	<p>2018 Summit begins work at Oak Ridge National Laboratory; a sister machine, Sierra, launches at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.</p>	<p>2019 IBM builds Pangea III, the world's most powerful commercial super-computer, for Total to accurately locate new energy resources.</p>	<p>2020 IBM helps launch the COVID-19 High Performance Computing Consortium to research the COVID-19 virus and its potential cures.</p>
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Note:

Capacity / time

- Storage
- Movement
- Processing

How much time does it take to process 1 TB?

Estimate:
 read 100MB/s, write 100MB/s
 no disk seeks, instant sort
341 minutes → ~ 5:40 hours

The terabyte benchmark winner (2008):
209 seconds (3.48 minutes)
 November 2008 (*)
68 seconds

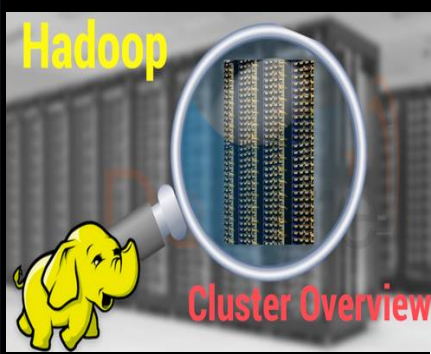
<http://sortbenchmark.org/>

(*)<https://googleblog.blogspot.com/2008/11/sorting-1pb-with-mapreduce.html>

The screenshot shows the MAPR Technologies cluster management interface. The main title is 'Cluster Heat Map - 1003 Nodes'. Below the title, there are two rows of node status indicators: '3: /control' and '1000: /hmsort'. The heat map itself is a large grid of green squares, indicating that all nodes are in a healthy state. To the right of the heat map, there are small images of a laptop and a desktop computer. Below the heat map, there is a partially visible text box that says 'odes x', 'l-core', 'ssors, 4', and 'er Overview'.

This is a smaller version of the screenshot shown above, focusing on the 'Cluster Heat Map - 1003 Nodes' and the green grid of node status indicators.

Using more CPUs
imply faster execution
times!



- Storage
- Movement
- Processing

- Speedup

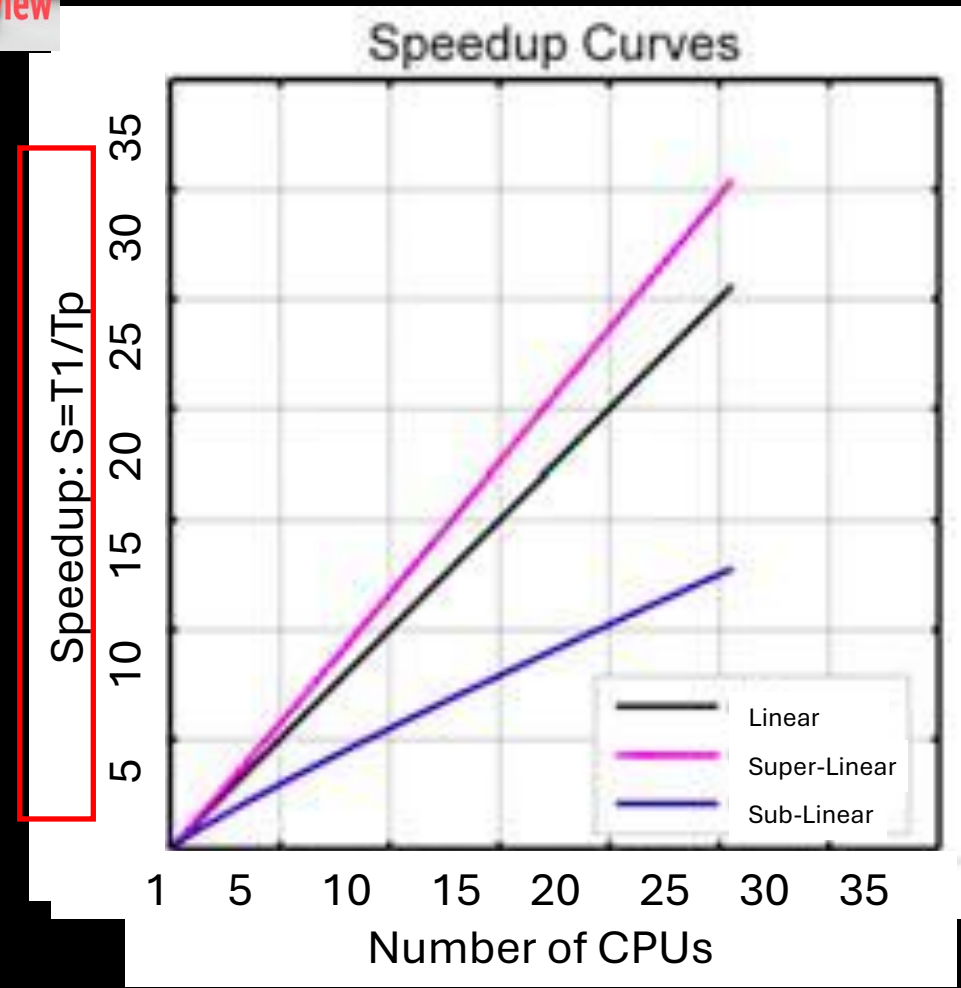
- Best
- Superlinear
 - Linear
 - Sublinear
 - Other?

Worst

You must learn Parallel
programming (*)

Or

Using specialized AI libraries
like TensorFlow, PyTorch



Credit: Jon Johansson Academic ICT Copyright © 2006
University of Alberta

(*)Computer Science profile

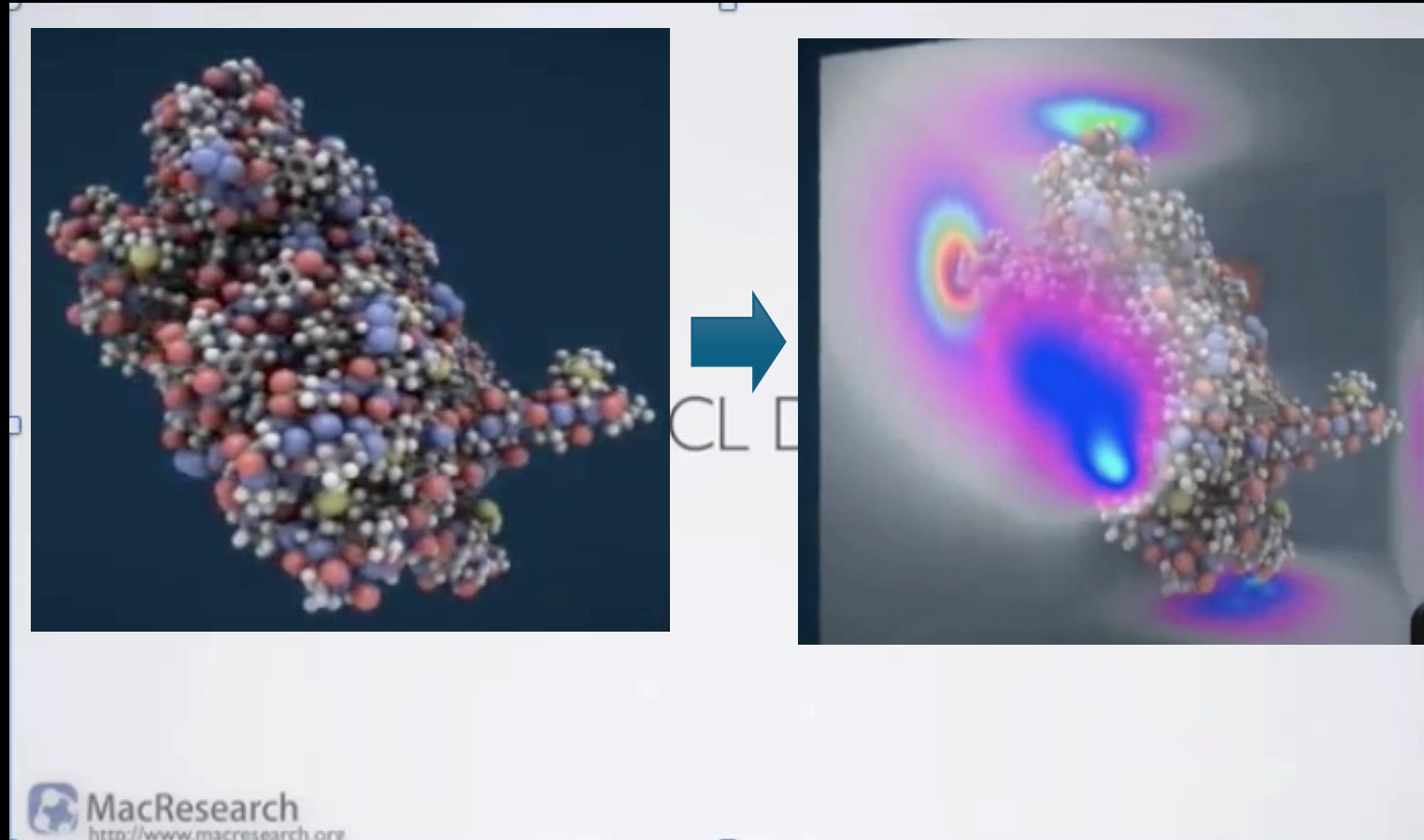
Do we always need a Supercomputer to get some Speedup?



- Demo: Software the electrostatic properties of biological molecules
 - **Usage:** drug discovery
 - **Calculation** of the boundary value condition (quite slow).
 - **GPU :** EVGA GeForce GTX 285 1GB(~ 400\$)
 - Programming Language: OpenCL

- **Storage**
- **Movement**
- **Processing**

- Not necessary → Do you have a Game computer?



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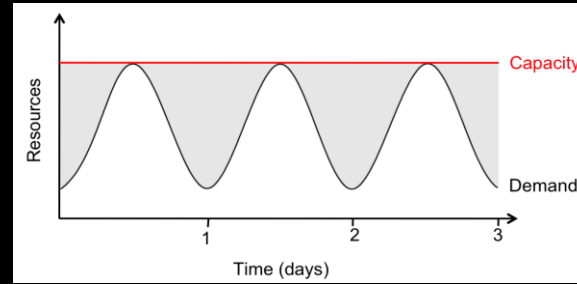


Why we need Supercomputers ?
Big Data

SuperComputers for everyone
Cloud systems

The provisioning problem

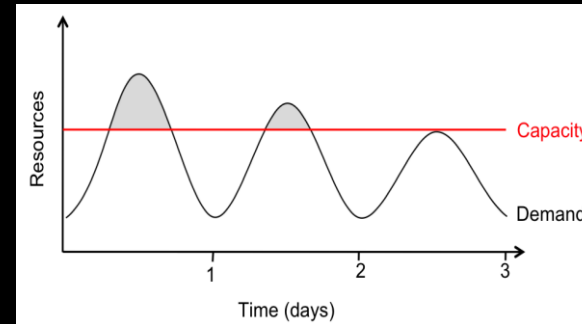
Capacity vs Demand



Users



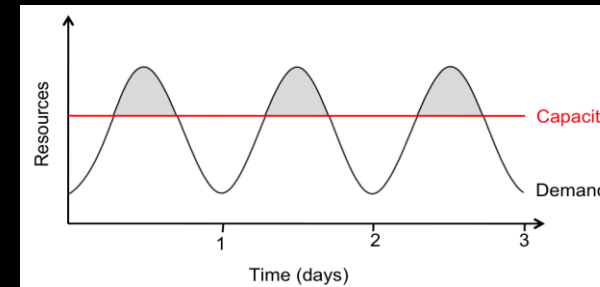
providers



Users



providers



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providers



The provisioning problem

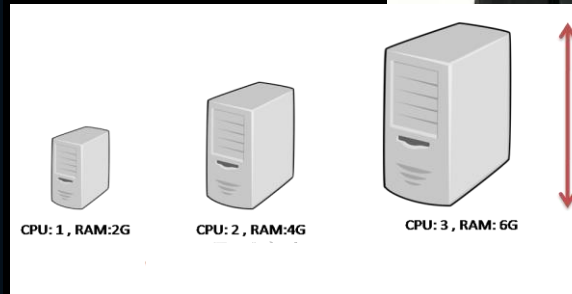
Traditional provisioning vs. Cloud provisioning

Expand your Infrastructure!
Buy **new servers***, provision more datacenter capacity!!

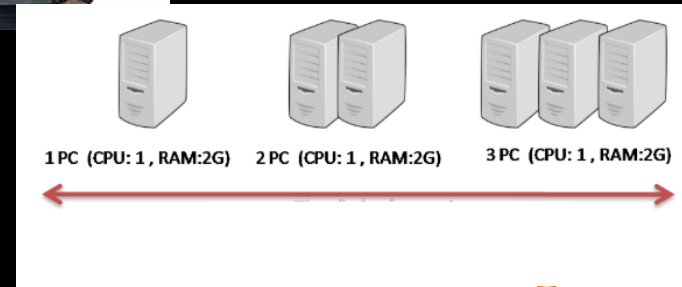
*increase software costs

Look to the cloud!
Pay for the **bandwidth** and **server resources** that you need*.

*When your process is done turn the whole thing **off!**



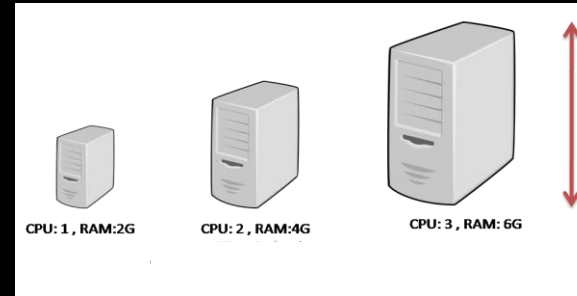
Vertical scaling / scale up



horizontal scaling / scale out

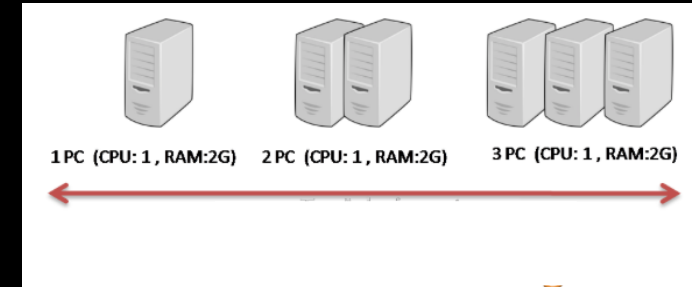
The provisioning problem

Elastic approach
to
resource provisioning



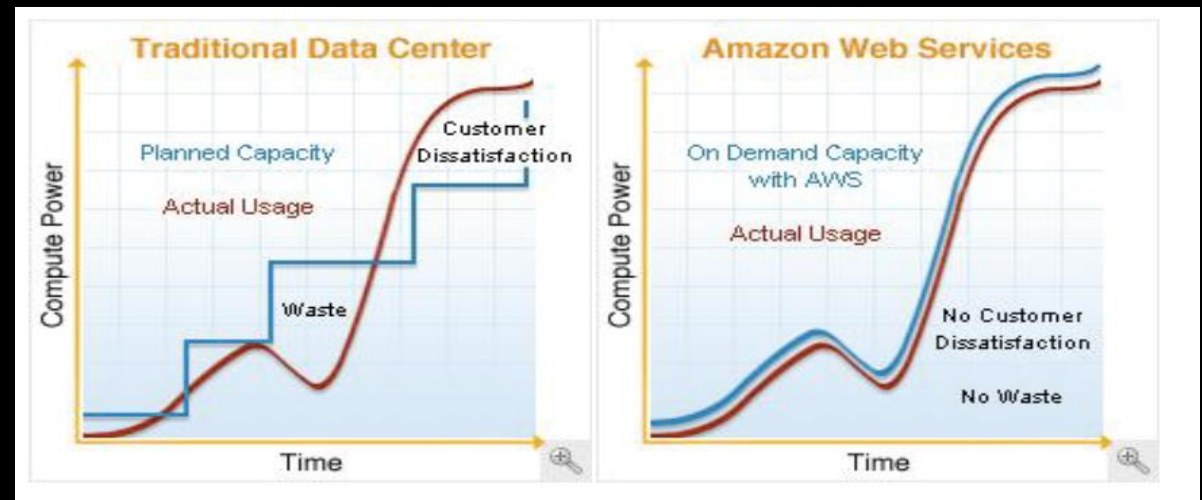
Vertical scaling / scale up

Months to years



horizontal scaling / scale out

Clouds → Seconds to minutes



Amazon Web Services

The Pioneer in Cloud Computing

Amazon History



Jeff Bezos



Bezos visits LAAF B SMC in 2019

Born Jeffrey Preston Jorgensen
January 12, 1964 (age 58)
Albuquerque, New Mexico, U.S.

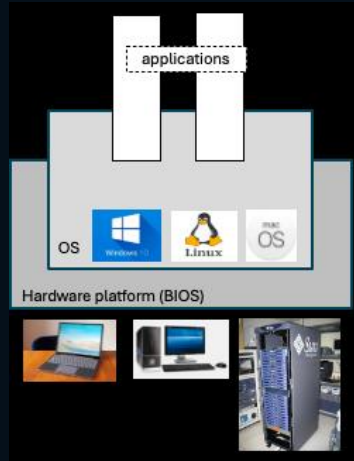
Education Princeton University (BSE)

Occupations Entrepreneur · media proprietor · investor · computer engineer

Years active 1986–present

Title Founder and executive chairman of Amazon
Founder of Blue Origin
Founder of Bezos Expeditions

Cloud Systems



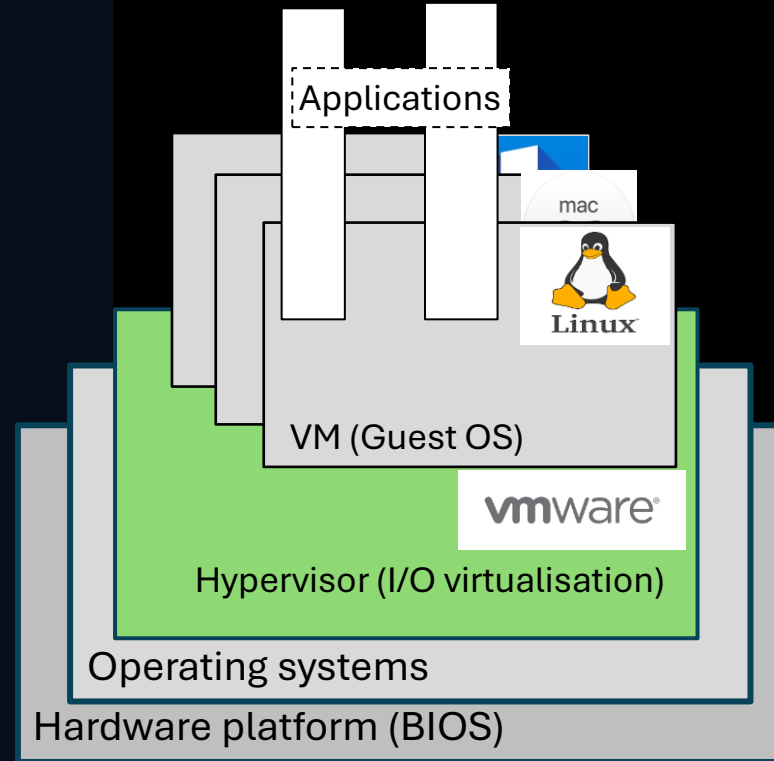
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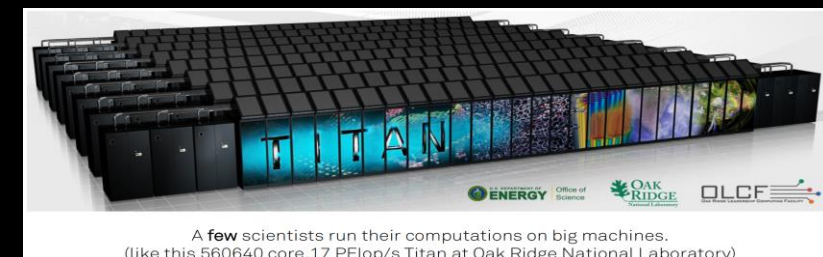
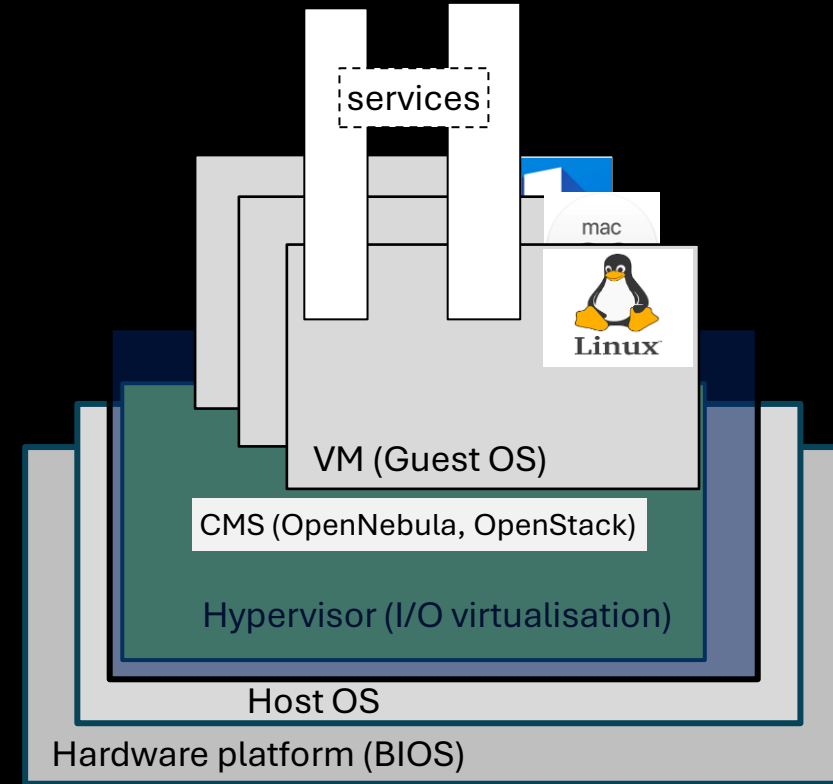

Entrance to campus headquarters, Palo Alto, California

Type	Public
Traded as	NYSE: VMW (Class A) Russell 1000 component
Industry	Cloud computing Virtualization Computer software
Founded	February 10, 1998; 24 years ago Palo Alto, California, U.S.
Founders	Mendel Rosenblum Diane Greene Scott Devine Ellen Wang Edouard Bugnion
Headquarters	Stanford Research Park Palo Alto, California, U.S.
Key people	Michael Dell (chairman) Rangarajan Raghuram (CEO)

Virtualization



Simple Virtualization model



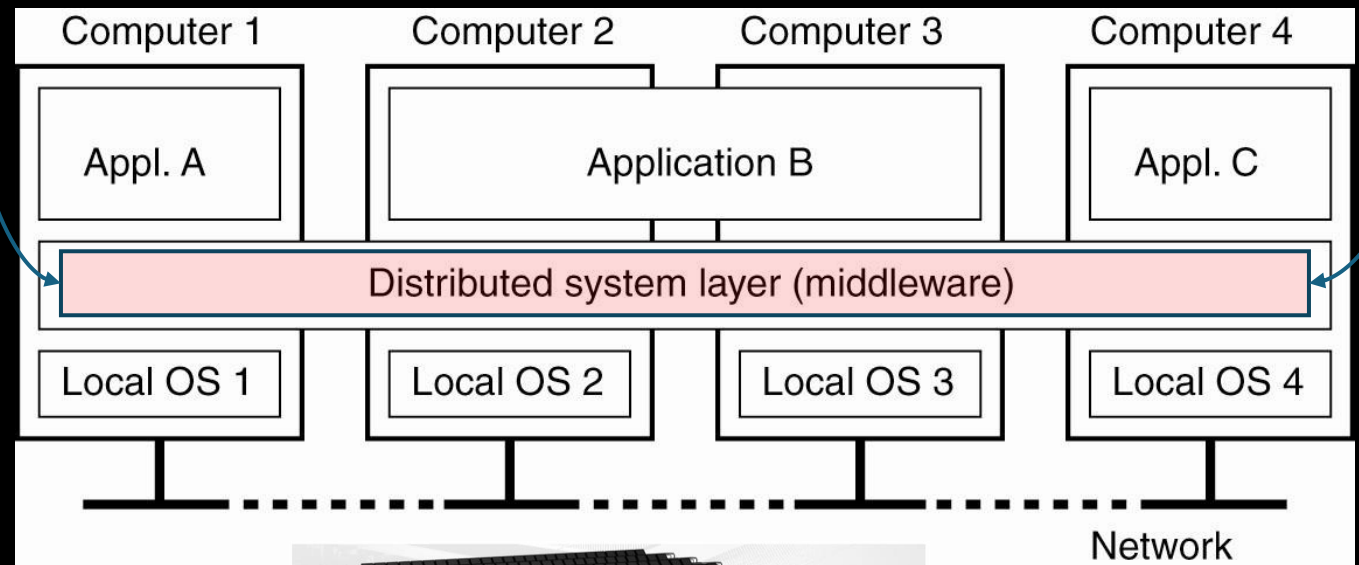
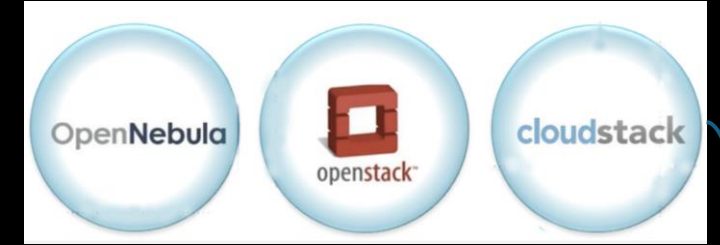
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Cloud Services model

Cloud Systems

Cloud platforms

- Open source
- Public cloud*

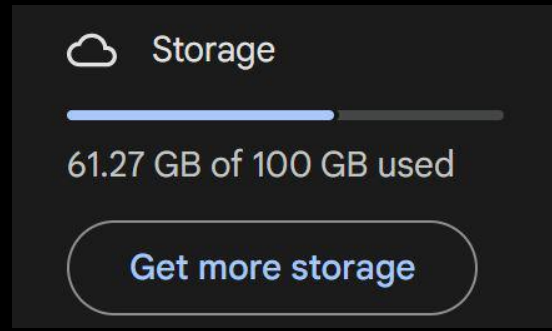
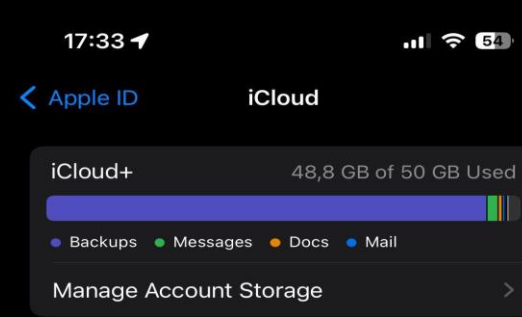
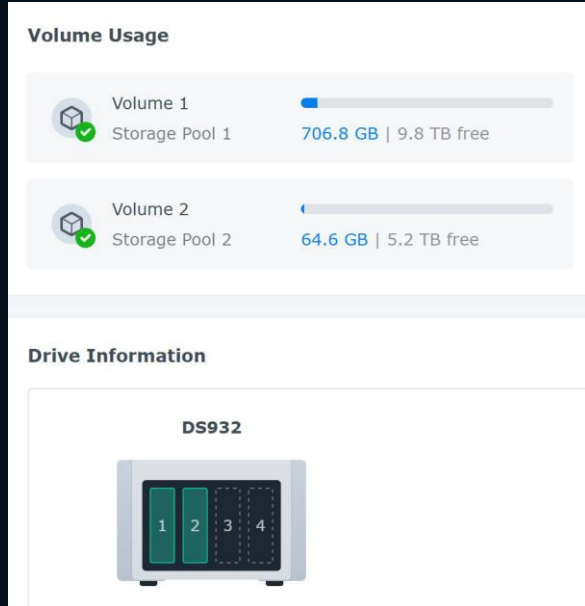
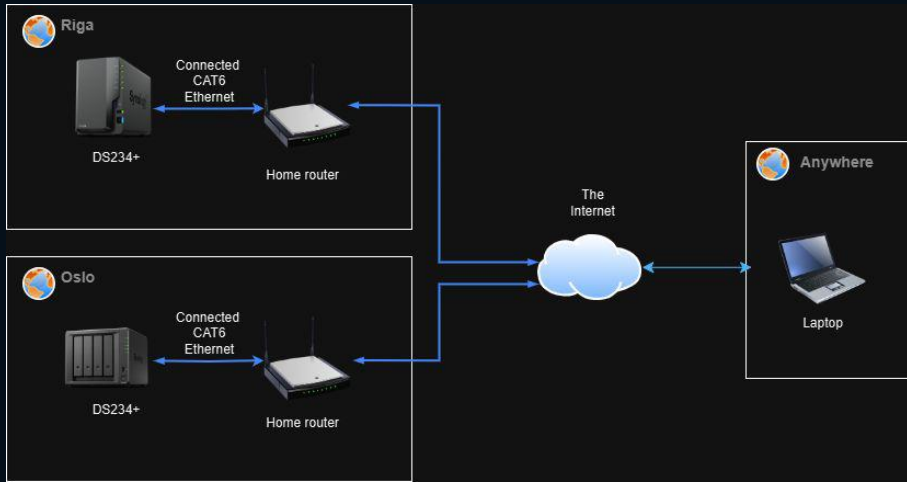


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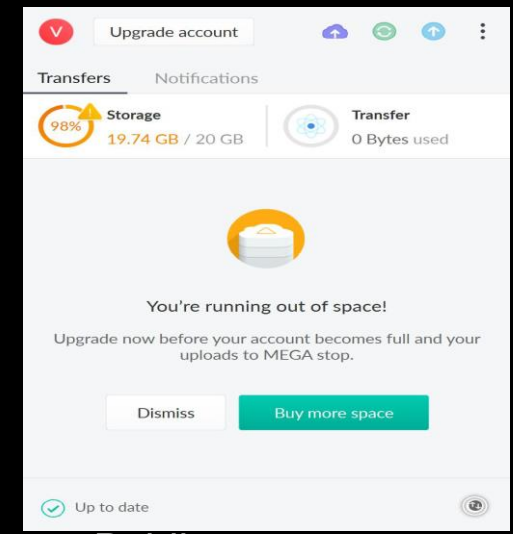
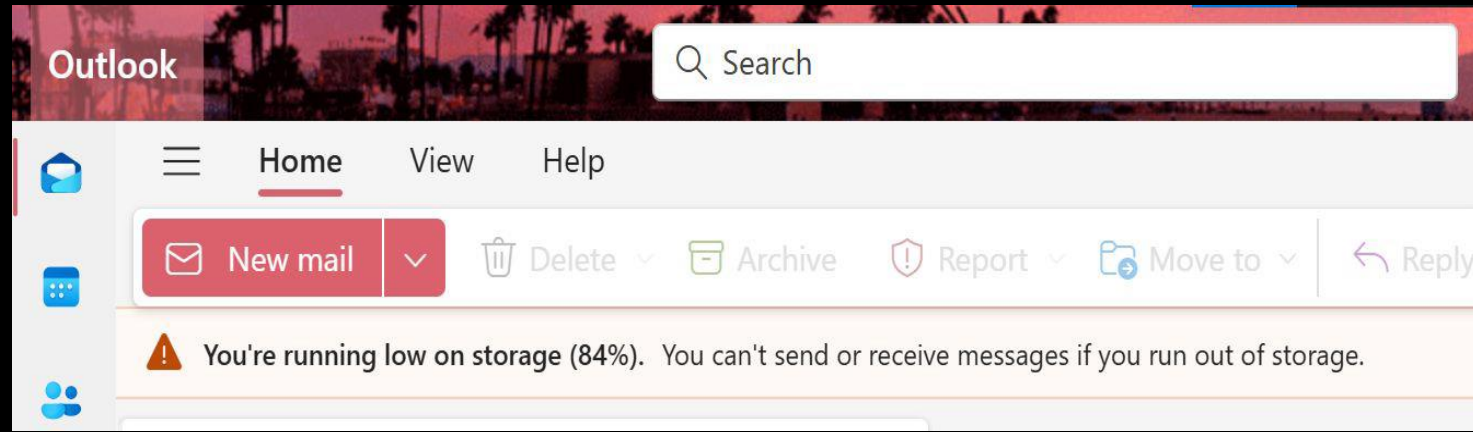
Cloud provider landscape

Cloud Marketplace	    ...
Cloud Broker Platform	  ...
Cloud Management	       ...
SaaS, PaaS, and IaaS	    ...
	    ...
Cloud Platform	      ...
Virtualization Software/Mgmt	         ...
Hardware	         ...
	    ...

A Storage Capacity



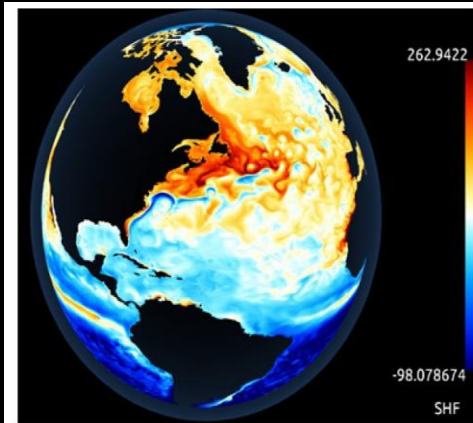
- **Storage**
- **Movement**
- **Processing**



Victor Wie "A Comparative Study of Self-Hosted NAS Solutions versus Public Storage Services"

Example

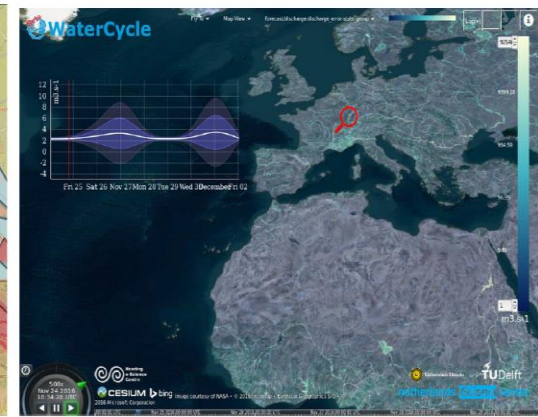
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eSalsa



Summer in the city



eWaterCycle

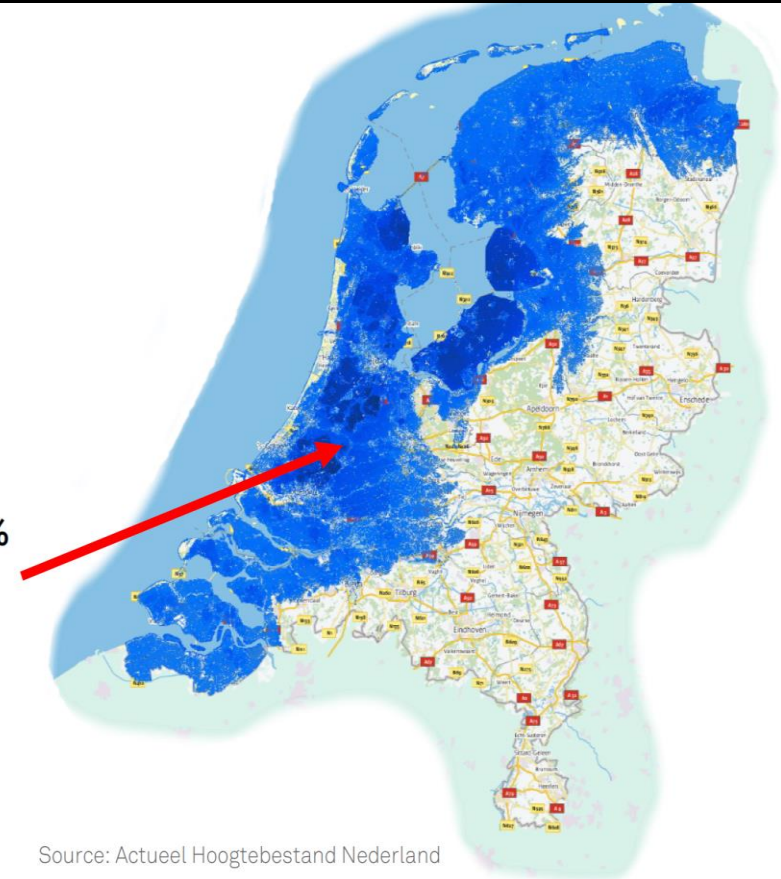
Many of our “traditional HPC” projects have a climate focus. They need to increase the resolution of their simulations, couple models, integrate observation data, after which they have trouble with load balancing or the large amounts of data they need to store

Regional sea-level changes (caused by climate change)

The eSalsa Project

Gain insight into **regional** sea-level changes (caused by climate change) by simulating the oceans with an unprecedented level of detail.

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Source: Actueel Hoogtebestand Nederland

Sea levels are changing...

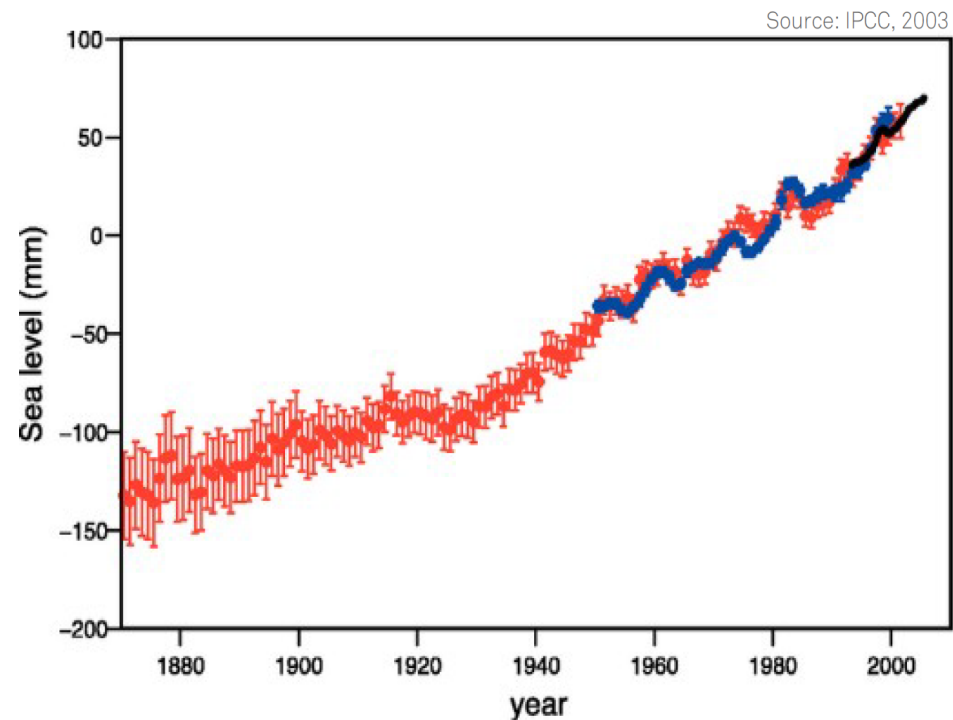
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red -- historical records

blue -- tidal gauges

black -- satellite observations

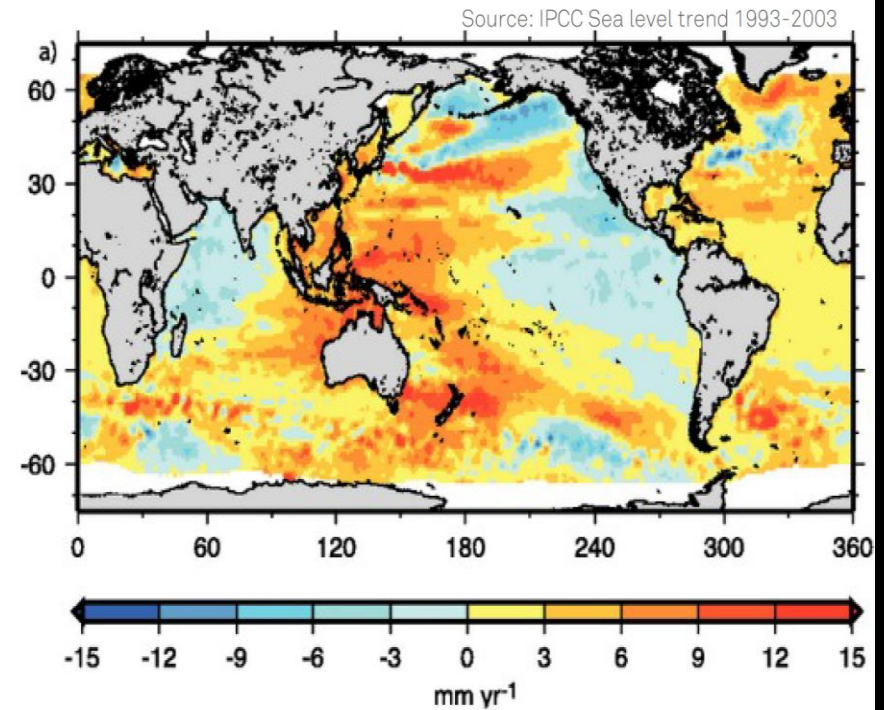
All data show an upward trend!



Regional sea-level changes (caused by climate change)

...but the change is not uniform!

Satellite observations show large regional variations in sea-level change.



Regional sea-level changes (caused by climate change)

Sea level varies regionally

Caused by large ocean currents which are driven by temperature, and salinity differences and wind.

Meridional Overturning Circulation (MOC)



Source: NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center Scientific Visualization Studio

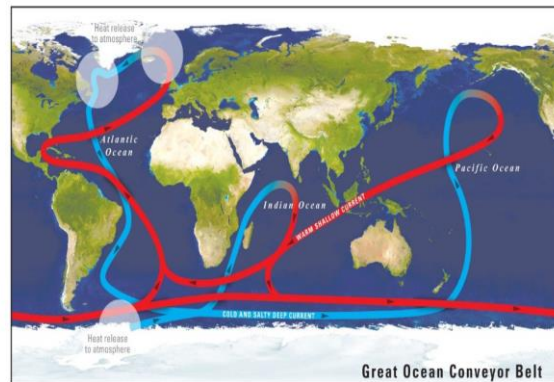
Meridional Overturning Circulation

Water transport:
20 billion liters/sec.

Heat release:
500 GigaWatt

What is the effect
of climate change
on the MOC?

Use simulations to
gain more insight

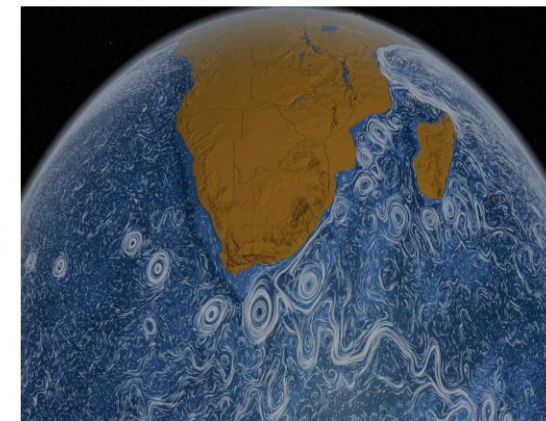


Source: IPCC, 1996

What are eddies ?

'Whirlpools', up to
300 km in diameter
and 4 km deep.

They have a large
effect on ocean
behavior.



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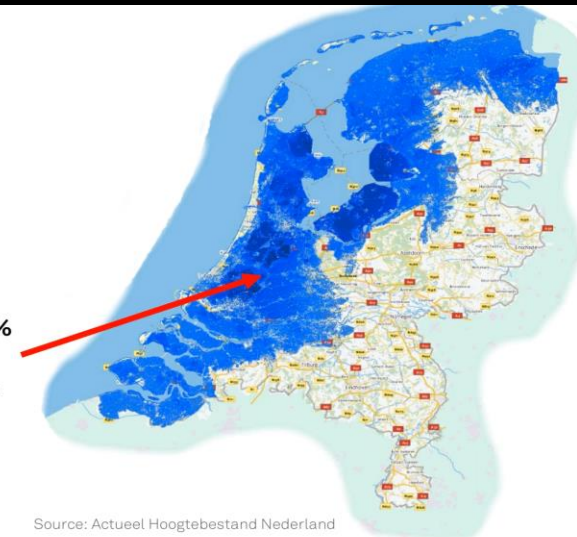
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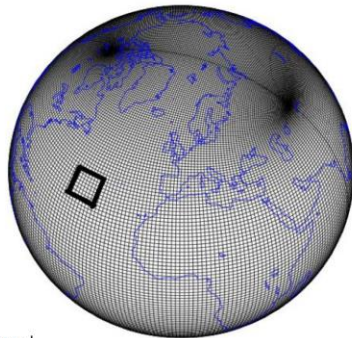
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Parallel Ocean Program (POP)

“The POP ocean model is a level-coordinate ocean general circulation model that solves the three-dimensional primitive equations for ocean dynamics”

Resolution is important for the results:
1° resolution (100x100 km) was the norm.
0.1° resolution (10x10 km) is **eddie permitting**

Direct relation between resolution and compute time!



Source: Los Alamos National Laboratory

How we run our ocean simulations?

SURFsara Cartesius
40960 cores
117 TB memory
1.0 PFlop/s

1 simulation of 100 years
at 0.1° resolution (10x10 km)
takes **20 days** on O(1000)
cores and produces
10+ TB output.

(but there is more!)



Source: SURFsara

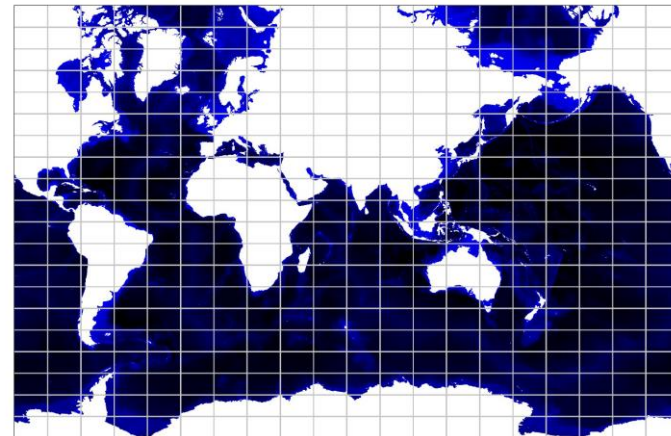
How does POP work ?

Fortran/MPI application (1992)
26 years old!!!

POP divides the world into a grid,
which is divided into blocks.

These blocks are **distributed** over
many **processes** (= cores) using
MPI.

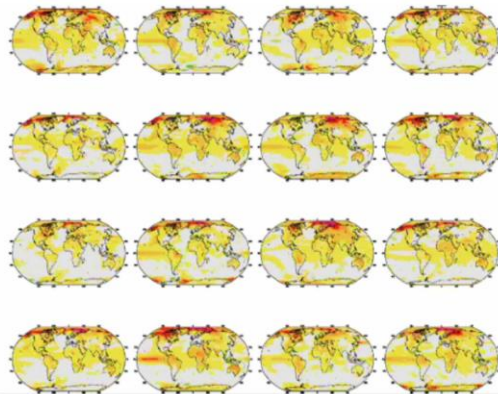
Traditionally a **cartesian**
distribution is used that
assigns one block to each
MPI process.



Regional sea-level changes (caused by climate change)

Ensembles

We don't run 1 simulation but an **ensemble** of 16, each using a slightly different forcing.



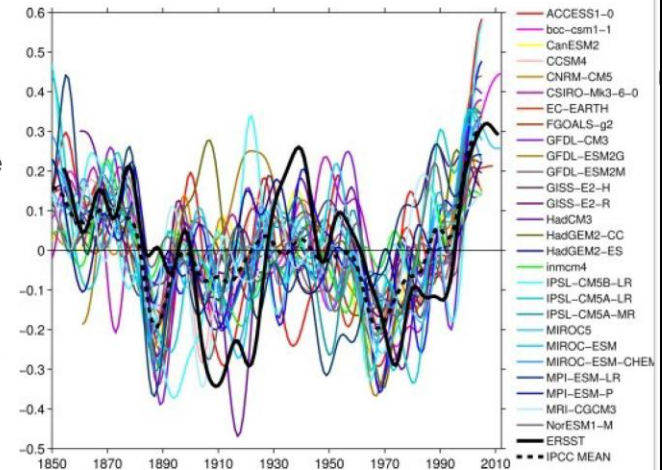
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16x increase in compute time

Why ensembles?

Climate is a chaotic system: a small change in forcing, model or starting conditions may change the outcome significantly.

By running many simulations and/or different models, we get many results and do statistics on them to determine the certainty of the results.



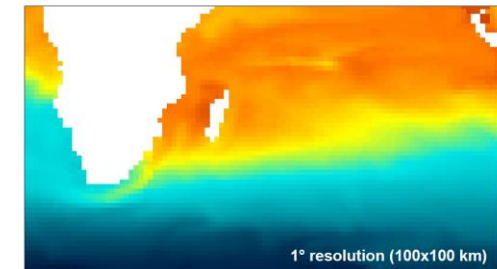
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Higher Resolution

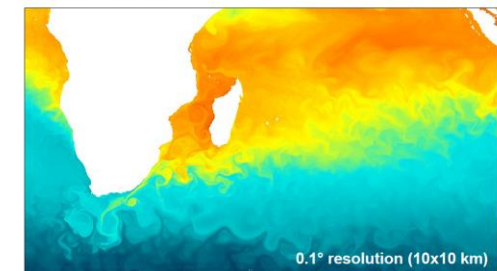
0.1° resolution (10x10 km) is only the start! We want to increase the model resolution even further to get more detailed results.

Ultimate goal (last time I asked):
0.01° resolution (1x1 km)
(fully eddy resolving)

100x increase in compute time!



1° resolution (100x100 km)



0.1° resolution (10x10 km)

Source: eSalsa results

GÉANT Open Cloud eXchange (gOCX)

Super Computing 2011, Seattle , WA

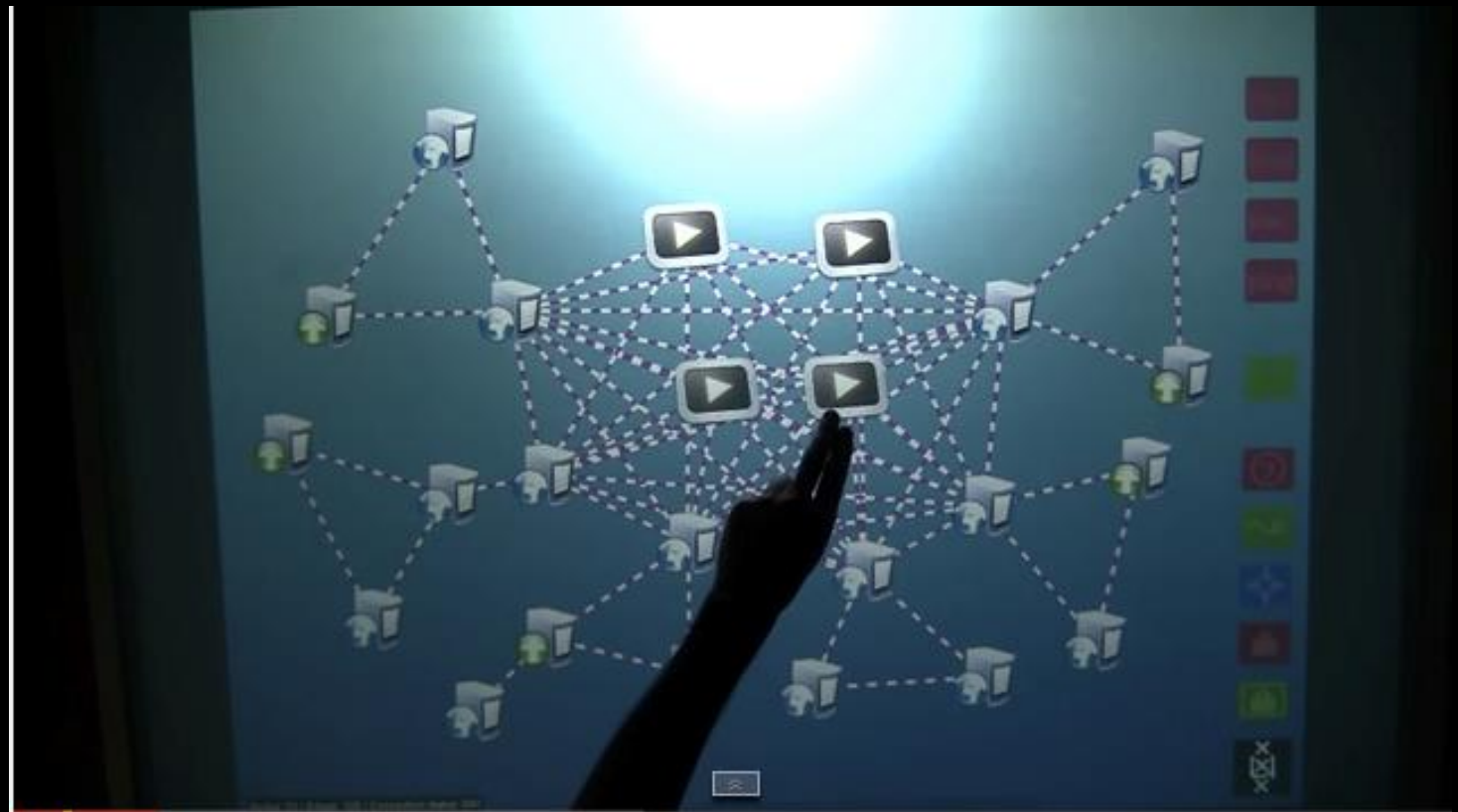


Video available on YouTube →

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7IAAFUcTY0>

Interactive Networks: creation of the virtual network in which the video streams can be manipulated

GÉANT tv, Augut 2014,



Video available on youtube

→ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGljMqqCUVA>

Other demos around Data management

- policy Auditing in **Data Exchange Systems**.
<https://dl4ld.nl/2021-02-10/ICT-demo-Xin.mp4>
- User Friendly **Data**
<https://delaat.net/sc/sc19/demo02/movie-s.m4v>

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