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The TeRABIT project

Terabit network for Research and Academic Big data in Italy

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AGENDA

- TeRABIT project at a glance ; Why, Who and What
- Research Infrastructures involved
- Project vision, goals and status
- The SHAKE use case example
- Challenges
- Training, collaboration
- Q&A



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Why TeRABIT: innovate and scale Infrastructures for Research

Data Centric in every discipline (STEM, humanistic, human activity) requiring



Data handling and analysis implying significant IT resources, with software and hardware evolving very fast.

Ultra fast communication channels.

Up to Terabits per second (1 Tbps = 1.000 billions of bits per second)



Brett Ryder



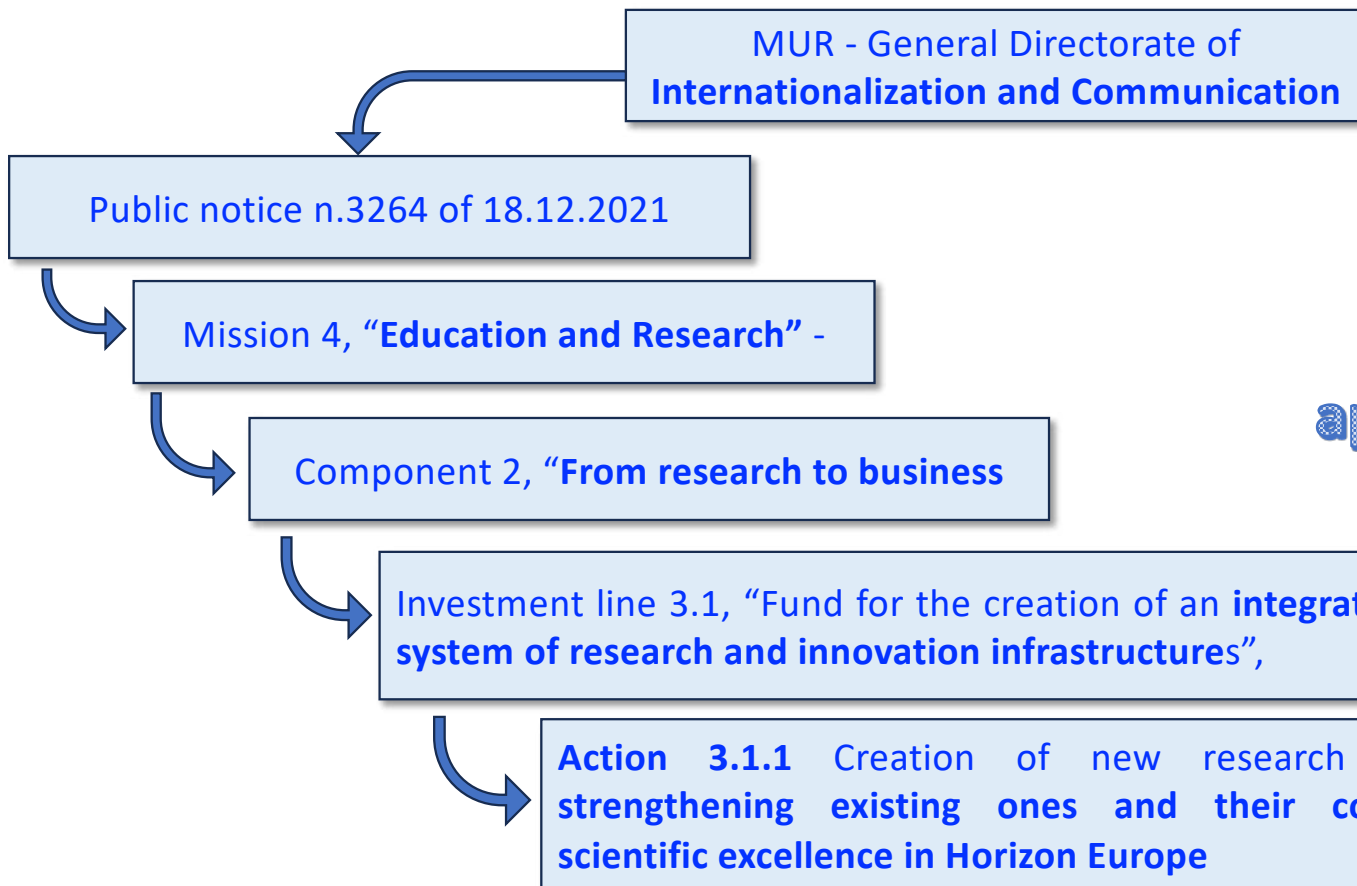
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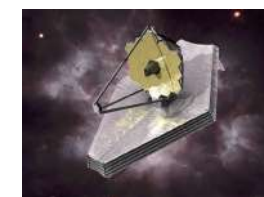
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TeRABIT in a nutshell

Applicant	: INFN (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare)
Coapplicant	: OGS (Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale - OGS)
Other participants	: Consortium GARR, CINECA
Principal Investigator INFN	: Mauro Campanella (Milano)
Principal Investigator OGS	: Stefano Salon (Trieste)
Infrastructure Manager INFN	: Silvia Calegari (CNAF Bologna)
Funding	: 41 ME (34.5 in assets, 4.1 personnel, 2.4 other)
Personnel hired with fixed-term contracts or grants	: INFN 25 persons + 1 infrastructure manager : OGS 8 persons + 11 PhD + 4 master HPC
Unfunded effort	: 21 PM GARR, 25 PM CINECA
Start date	: 1 January 2023
Duration	: 30 months (end date 30 June 2025) extension requested to 31 Dec 2025





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The project participants



Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare

is the national public research body, supervised by the Ministry of University and Research (MUR), dedicated to the study of the fundamental constituents of matter and the laws that govern them. It carries out theoretical and experimental research in the fields of subnuclear, nuclear and astroparticle physics.



OGS
Istituto Nazionale
di Oceanografia
e di Geofisica
Sperimentale

is a public research body, supervised by MUR, which operates internationally in the field of physical, chemical, biological and geological oceanography, experimental and exploration geophysics, seismology and applied seismology to engineering.



is the very high capacity national network dedicated to the education, research and culture community. The GARR network is designed and managed by the GARR Consortium, a non-profit association founded under the aegis of the Ministry of University and Research by CNR, ENEA, INFN and the CRUI Foundation



is a Consortium between Universities, amongst the largest computing centers in Italy and one of the most advanced in the world for High Performance Computing - HPC. It is a key supplier of solutions and services for universities, research centers, the Ministry of Education and Merit and the Ministry of University and Research.



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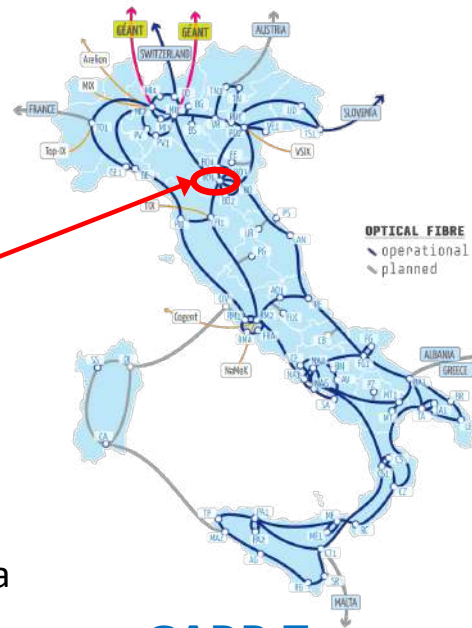
Exploit complementarity of three Research Infrastructures in operation recognized as Priorities by PNIR (2021-2027)

status of the RIs in 2023

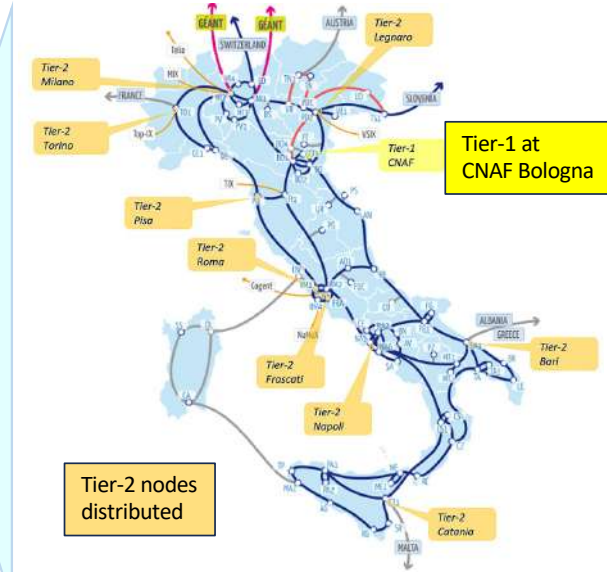


Galileo100 - HPC, Hosted by CINECA - Bologna

PRACE-Italy



GARR-T



HPC-BD-AI



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Vision

Create a **distributed, hyper-connected, hybrid HPC-Cloud environment** that offers services designed to meet the evolving needs of research and innovation.

The environment will federate and strengthen the three **existing RIs GARR-T, PRACE-Italy and HPC-BD-AI (HPC-Big Data-Artificial Intelligence)** and with **ICSC national centre**.

Leverage their existing of **connections to other national and European research infrastructures** and data spaces through the **GÉANT backbone**.

Main objectives

1. Enable widespread **data transfer, up to Terabits per second**, and services on a national scale in Italy, with particular focus on southern and island regions, all connected to Europe
2. **Innovate the central HPC node of PRACE-Italy**, maintaining the Tier-1 level.
3. **Innovate the HPC services** offered to researchers, beyond the centralized calculation model, adding distributed **"HPC-Bubbles"**



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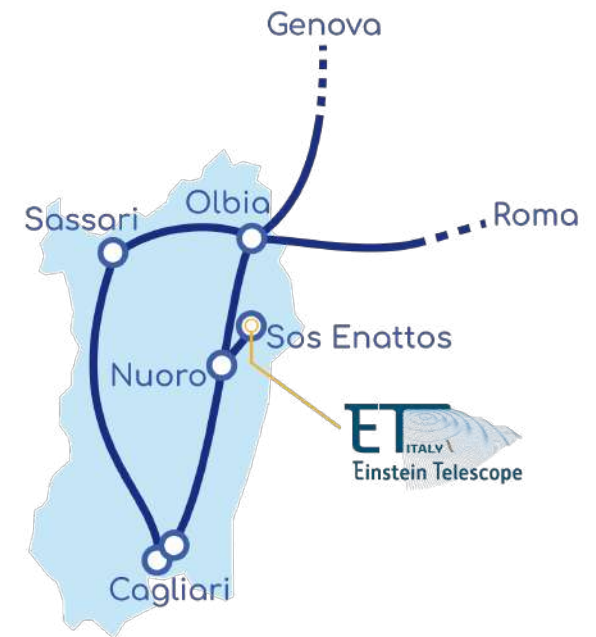
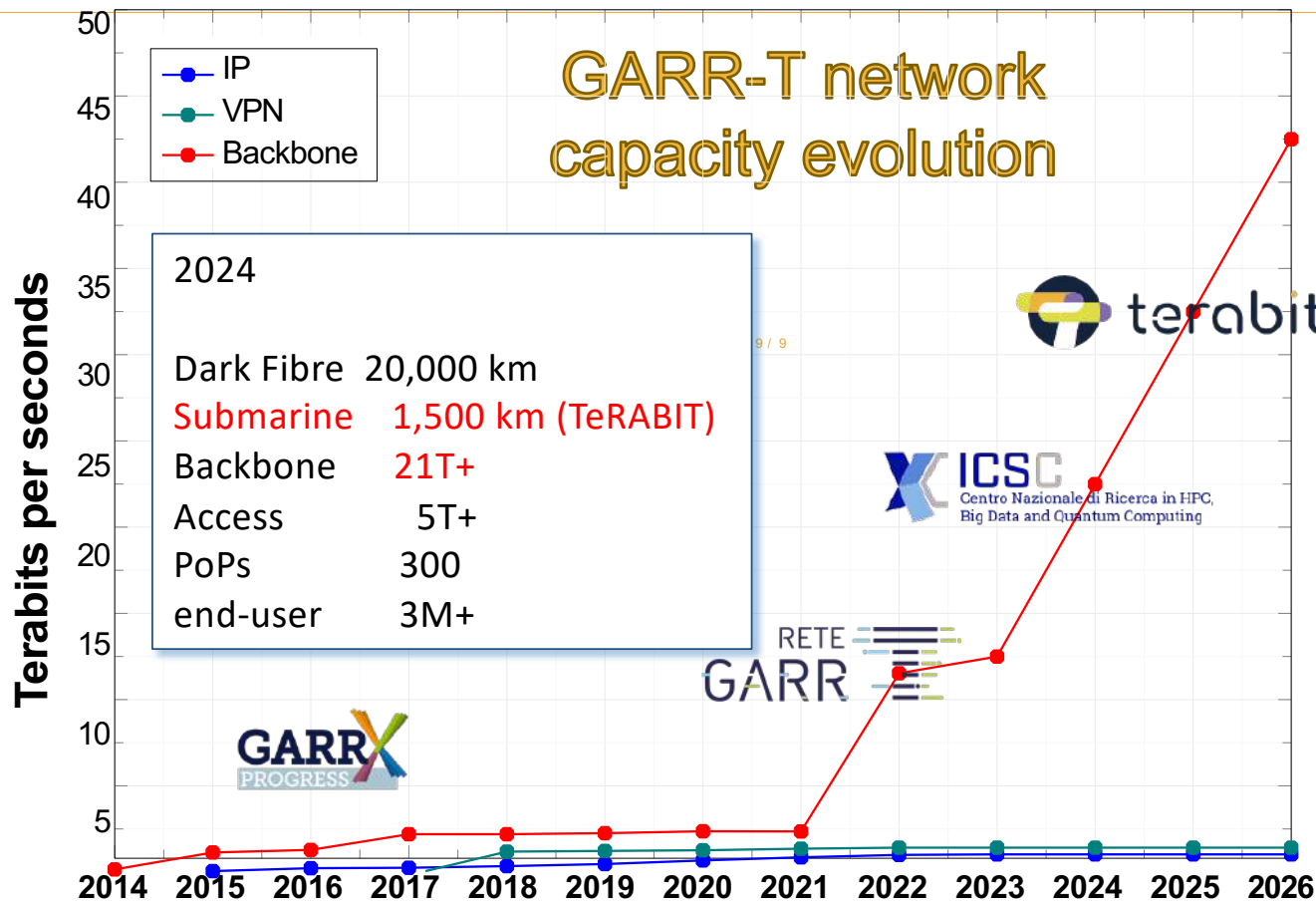
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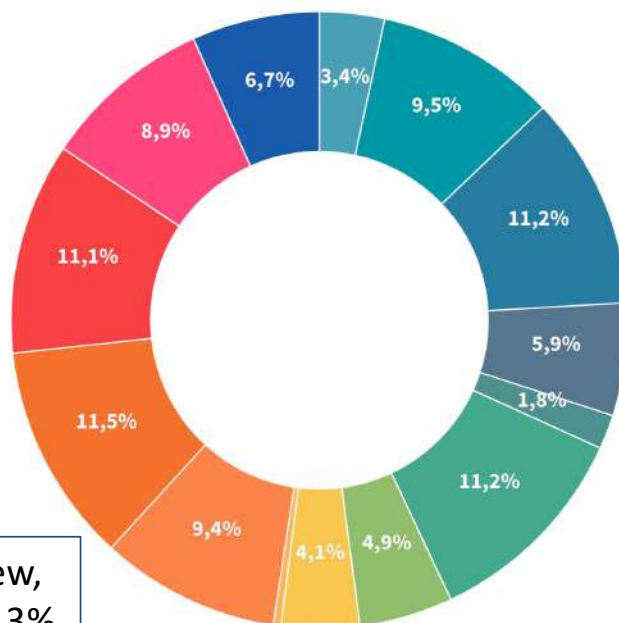


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Scientific domains

Scientists use Cineca computational resources within all scientific disciplines. The most represented three are Computational Chemistry, Condensed Matter Physics and Computational Fluid Dynamics, with about 11% each, followed by Nuclear Fusion (10%), Computational Engineering, Astrophysics, and Plasma Physics with more than 9% each.

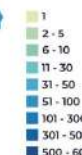


In 2022, after a strict peer review, the resource allocated were 109.3%

Use and upgrade of PRACE-Italy



2022 HPC PRACE user distribution



TeRABIT upgrade	NET INCREASE
Capacity (notes)	~ x 5.0
Storage	~ x 2.5



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HPC-BD-AI evolution

HPC bubbles  add to the existing distributed cloud infrastructure, as very compact, yet powerful, computing nodes with diverse HW

Nodes
Type 1 : CPU (192 cores)
Type 2 : CPU + GPU (4x NVIDIA H100)
Type 3 : CPU + FPGA

Sites: CNAF, Bari, LNGS, Milano Bicocca, Napoli, Padova, Pisa, Roma 1, Torino

Additional Storage:
Mass storage : CNAF
High performance storage : CNAF, Bari





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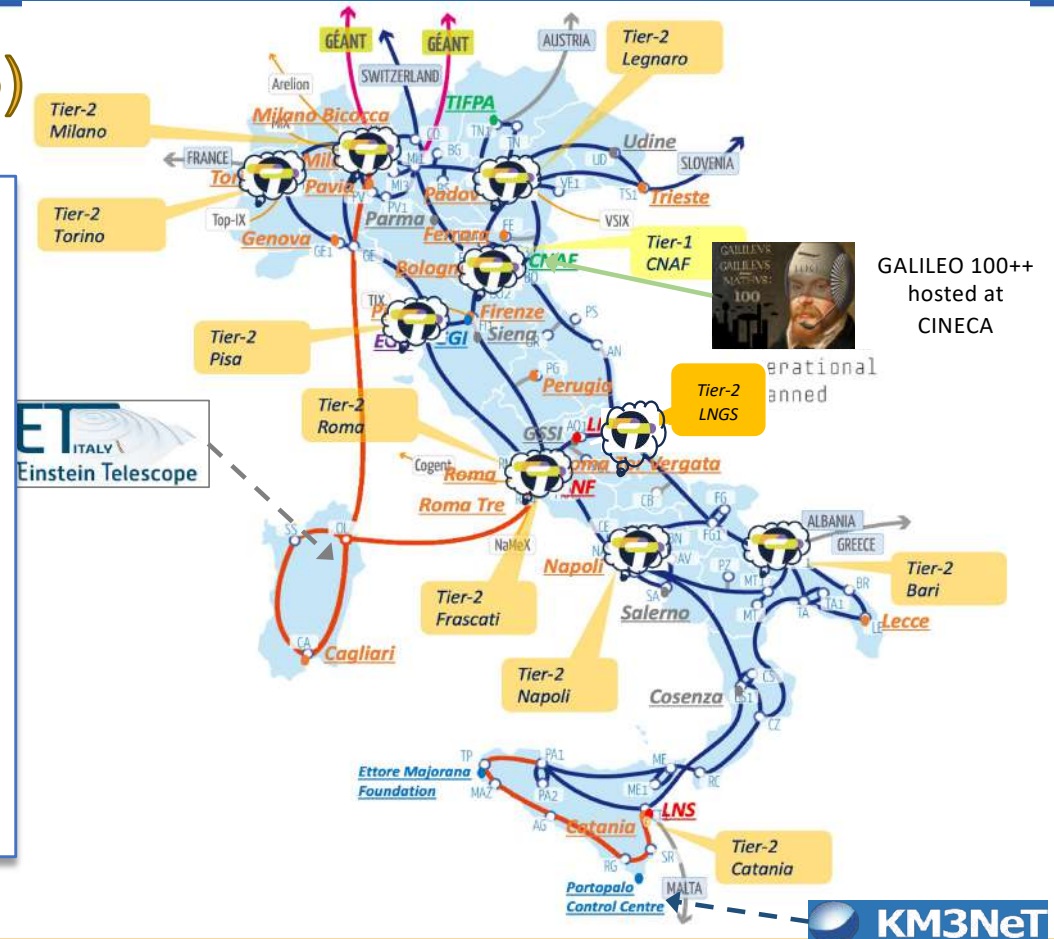
TeRABIT final Infrastructures (2025)

The image shows the overlap of the expected combined final physical topologies of all three Research Infrastructures:

- GARR-T with (in red) the new fibres (islands)
- HPC-BD-AI with the HPC Bubbles locations
- PRACE-ITALY with the upgraded GALILEO100 hosted at CINECA

Developments are in close collaboration with ICSC

TeRABIT network extension will support other RIs (e.g. ET and KM3NeT)





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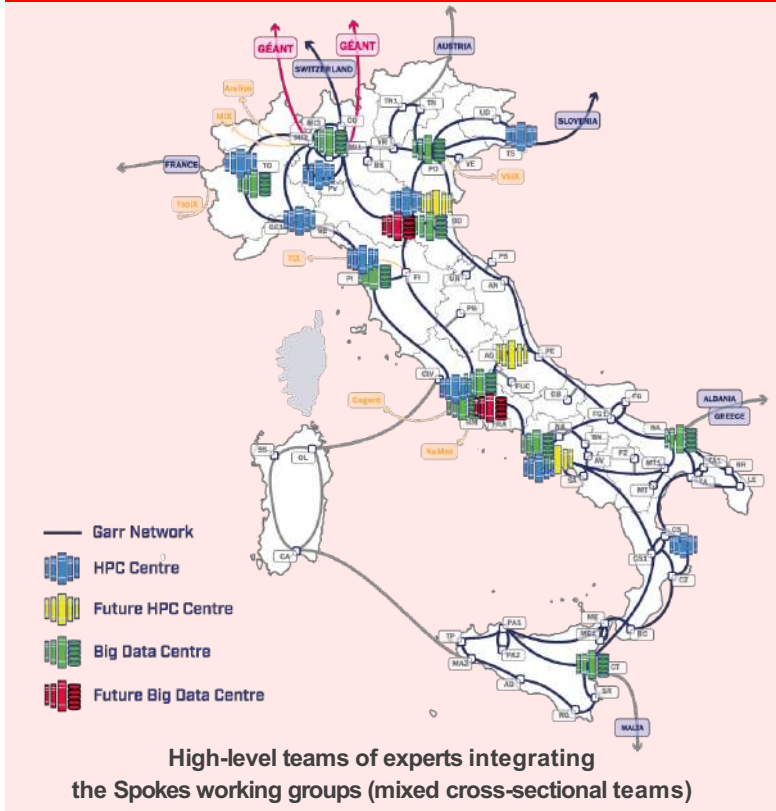
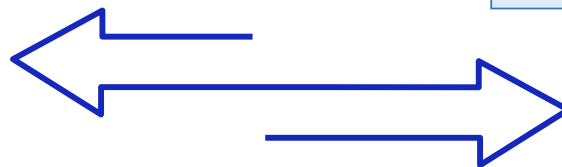
0 SUPERCOMPUTING INFRASTRUCTURE

ICSC
Centro Nazionale di Ricerca in HPC, Big Data and Quantum Computing

ICSC is made of

- 10 thematic spokes
- 1 spoke for the infrastructure

ISTRUZIONE E FORMAZIONE, IMPRENDITORIALITÀ, TRASFERIMENTO DI CONOSCENZE, POLICY, OUTREACH



<p>1</p> <p>FUTURE HPC & BIG DATA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH & SPACE ECONOMY</p>
<p>3</p> <p>ASTROPHYSICS & COSMOS OBSERVATIONS</p>	<p>4</p> <p>EARTH & CLIMATE</p>
<p>5</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL DISASTERS</p>	<p>6</p> <p>MULTISCALE MODELING & ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS</p>
<p>7</p> <p>MATERIALS & MOLECULAR SCIENCES</p>	<p>8</p> <p>IN-SILICO MEDICINE & OMICS DATA</p>
<p>9</p> <p>DIGITAL SOCIETY & SMART CITIES</p>	<p>10</p> <p>QUANTUM COMPUTING</p>

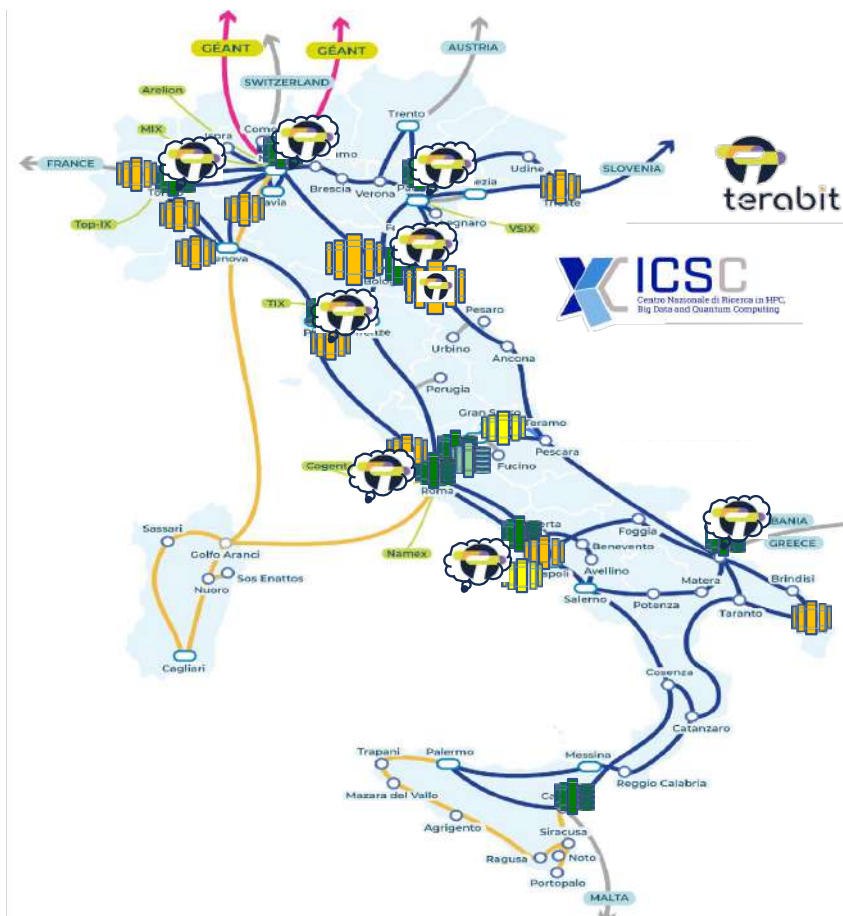
National computing research infrastructure

ICSC and TeRABIT plan the creation of the national federated computing infrastructure for research

Access to resources should be transparent for the end-user

Main actors are: **INFN**, **CINECA**, **GARR**, **OGS**

And also: CMCC, ENEA, SISSA, IIT, Univ. TO, Univ. Roma Sapienza, ...





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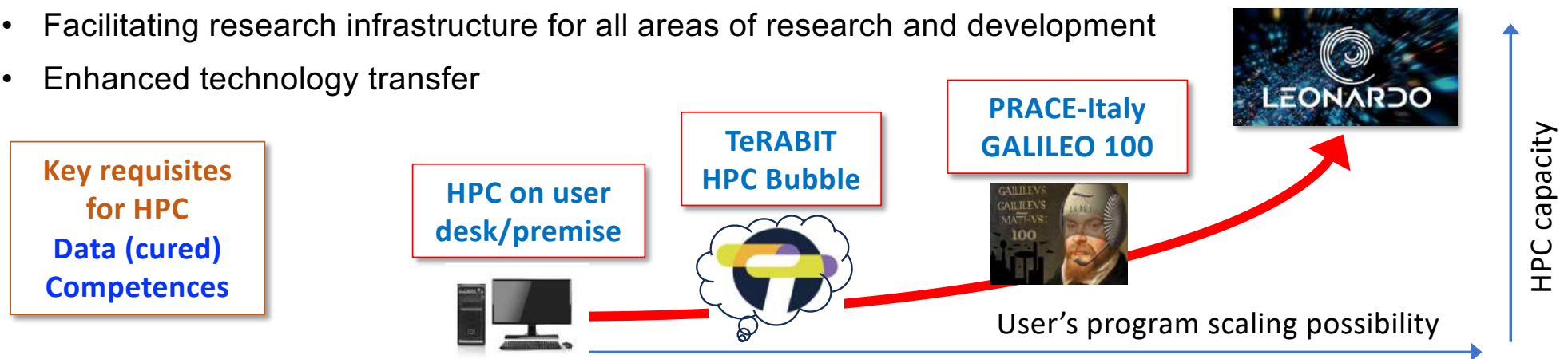
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Objectives / Innovation / Expected impact of the project

- Infrastructures **strengthening to answer scaling and new requirement of research**
- **Tighter integration** between network, data and HPC services with common, federated services
- **Innovative HPC services** (bubbles), modular and increasing HPC/ML capacity between the "edge", where the users and their data are, and PRACE-Italy, in synergy with ICSC (Leonardo)
- **Federation** and communication between HPC Infrastructures with close collaboration with the national and international HPC centres (via GÉANT) as PRACE and EuroHPC centres
- Facilitating research infrastructure for all areas of research and development
- Enhanced technology transfer





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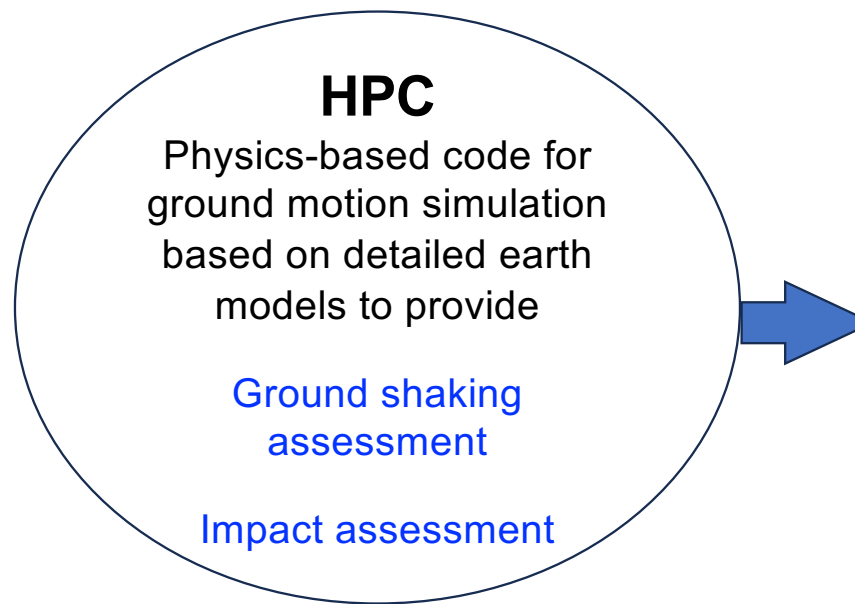
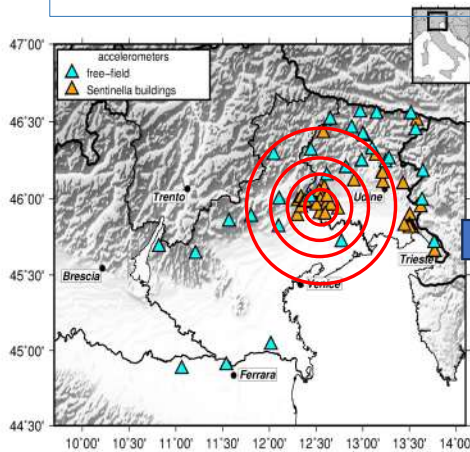


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Uses case: SHAKE (Supercomputing for earthQuAKE rapid damage assessment)

OGS SMINO network
Sensors on soils and buildings (currently 400+)



Civil Defence
(Protezione Civile)

Challenge :

Use HPC infrastructures to provide a prompt assessment of eventual damage



Uses case SHAKE : implication for the RIs

REAL-TIME APPLICATION / SERVICE

Time-bounded results expected

Urgent computing service type

No pre-allocated HPC resources



Consider **Parallel executions** on different infrastructures (Galileo100, HPC Bubbles) for resiliency and different parameter to produce slightly delayed, but more precise results

The preferred HW



Offer diverse HPC capabilities (CPU, GPU, FPGA)

Simple and automated User Access



Set-up a **Federated AAI**, considering both **traditional HPC and Cloud systems** and a single **workflow** with storage sharing

Adequate network capabilities at all times, resiliency



Uses case SHAKE : challenges for the user

REAL-TIME APPLICATION / SERVICE
Time-bounded results expected

OPTIMIZATION OF CODE AND BEST USE OF RESOURCES

Parallelizing code (i.e. mesh, UCSB synthetic seismograms generation, post-processing)

Pre-computing input territory data assess mesh size /Green functions

Choice of code language, libraries and **profiling**

Scalability tests for choice of n.of nodes, memory use , data storage size

First results: the code can be **significantly** optimized and the computation time is reduced adding nodes. The response time, *for the fastest simulations*, can now target minutes, instead of hours



Use of HPC: challenges for TeRABIT

NON TECHNICAL

- Digital Data-centric evolution in research (data use policies, new data analysis paradigms)
- Data preparation and maintenance (FAIR)
- Skills, permanent education, Talent retention
- Policies and Trust between RIs, Thematic infrastructures and National organization
- Cost of operation (electrical power)
- Cybersecurity
- Digital Divide

TECHNICAL

- Federated authentication and authorization
- Rapid ICT evolution lead by commercial players, e.g. Large Language Models
- Storage (data) access and data management
- Upgrade and federate the IRs in production
- Digital divide
- **Create a Trusted Research Environment (TRE)**



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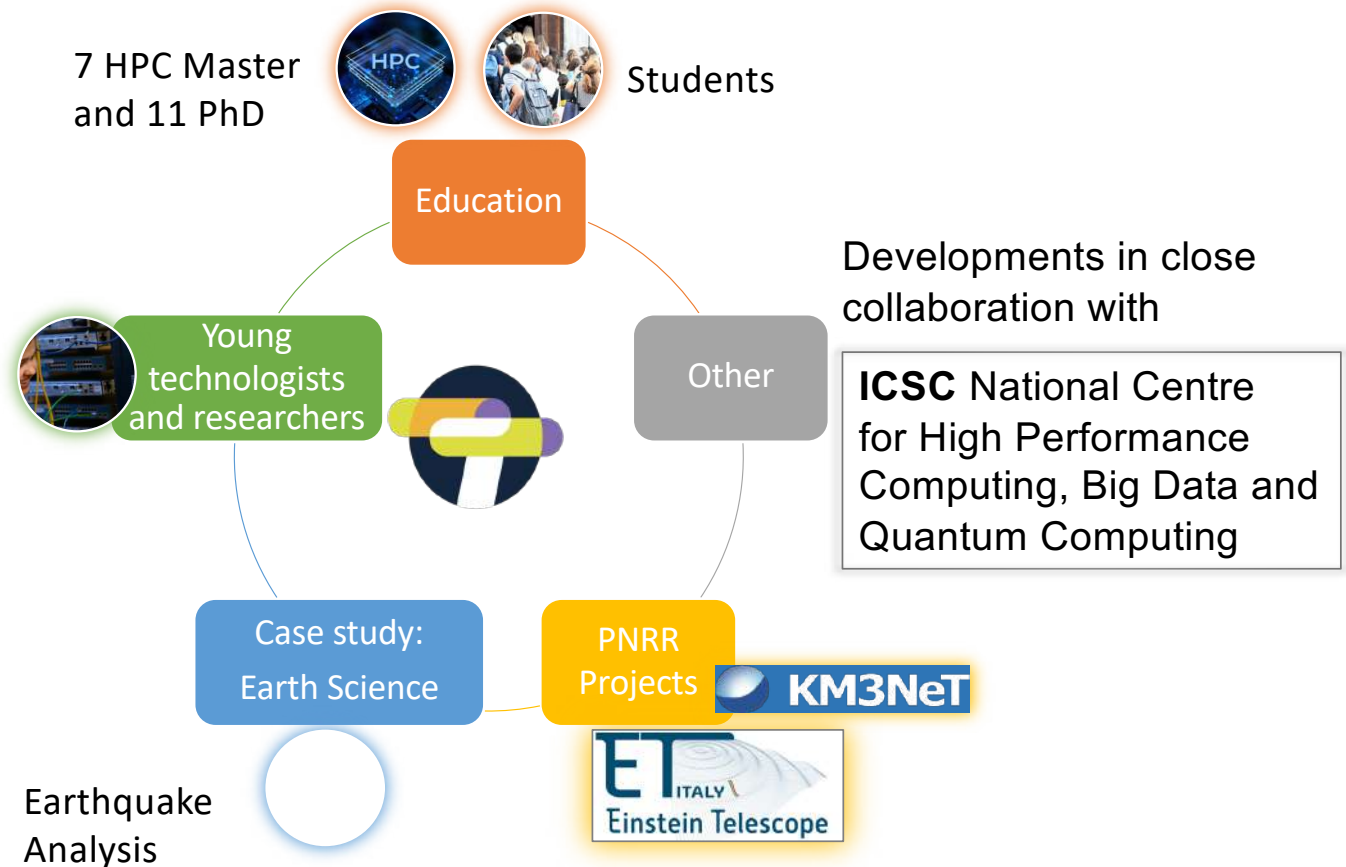


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A Communities-based Project





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Users: higher education and dissemination

Case studies



Enhancement of HPC Training and Research for Earth Sciences and the participation of other research areas experts

training of young technologists



- organization of **2 workshops (1st in June 2024)**
- organization of **1 hackathon**



HPC Master and PhD



Doctoral and master HPC students

Students



- Sessions to present the TeRABIT project in High Schools distributed in Italy
 - ✓ Train young researchers and technologists of the future



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A Collaboration Plan Design Model

How to engage a collaboration?

As a function of the scope, your organization may collaborate with TeRABIT's partners or ICSC:

With Partners in TeRABIT

- INFN, OGS, GARR and CINECA have well defined user access policies for research and Industry, when possible. E.g. the GARR network can be used by consortium members for research only

With ICSC

- Strengthening the bridge between Academia and Industry.
✓ MoU to be agreed between ICSC and TeRABIT.



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Thank you. Questions ?

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