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# The TeRABIT project

Terabit network for Research and  
Academic Big data in Italy

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## AGENDA

- TeRABIT in a nutshell
- the evolution of the 3 Research Infrastructures
- Project management
- Expected impact
- Synergy and impact for ET



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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)
Unfunded participants	: Consortium GARR, CINECA
Principal Investigator INFN	: Mauro Campanella
Principal Investigator OGS	: Stefano Salon
Funding	: 41 ME
Personnel to be hired with fixed-term contracts	: INFN 23 persons + 1 infrastructure manager : OGS 4 persons + 10 PhD + 6 Masters
Unfunded effort	: 21 PM GARR, 25 PM CINECA
Start date	: 1 January 2023
Duration	: 30 month (end date 30 June 2025)





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## Vision

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

The environment will leverage, federate and strengthen the three **Research Infrastructures**, existing and in operation **GARR-T, PRACE-Italy and HPC-BD-AI (HPC – Big-Data – Artificial Intelligence)**. The three RIs are in the list of the National Plan for RI (PNIR) and are already **connected to other national and European RIs (and data spaces) through GÉANT**

## Main objectives

1. Enable widespread **data transfer, up to Terabits per second**, and services on a national scale in Italy, with particular focus on its southern regions and islands, 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” and cloud interoperability



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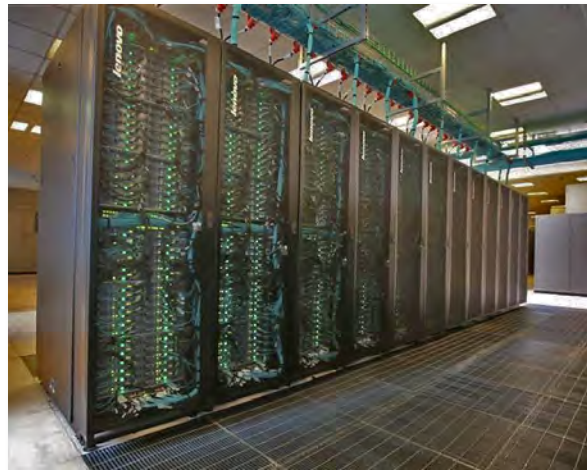


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## The Research Infrastructures involved (as of today)

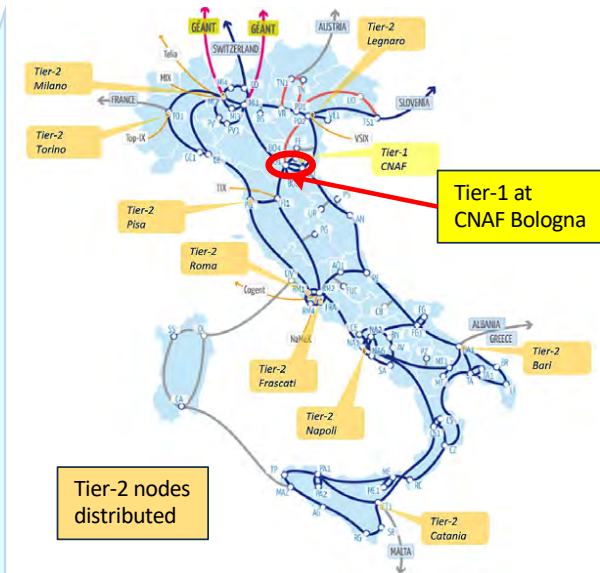


Galileo100 - HPC, Hosted by CINECA - Bologna

**PRACE-Italy**



**GARR-T**



**HPC-BD-AI**



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## Use of PRACE-Italy

### Geographic distribution of institutions

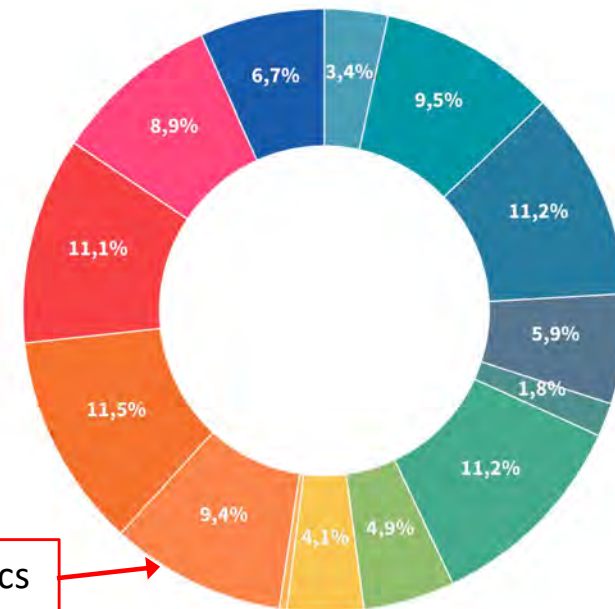
67% of the total number of users works for an Italian institution, clustered in the Emilia Romagna region (19%), Lombardia region (18%), and Lazio (16%). While going to city level, Milan, Rome, Bologna and Trieste, in the order, have a user's percentage going from 15% to 11%.

On the international side, the higher concentration of users is in Europe: the more represented foreign countries are Germany with 5% and the United Kingdom, France and Spain with 3% each, mainly working for universities and public or non-profit organizations.



### 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, following a strict peer review, the resource allocated were 109,3%

Astrophysics and Plasma

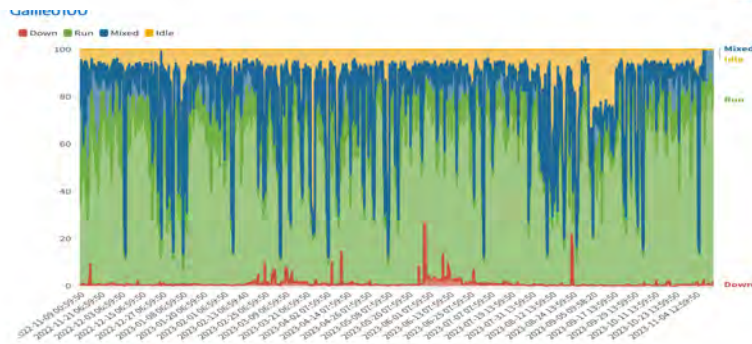


Figure 1: Galileo10 Utilization from November 2022 until November 2023.



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## PRACE-Italy capacity at TeRABIT end (2025)

Cloud	HPC	Storage
OpenStack Cloud partition	564 computing nodes (CPU/GPU, 0.5 to 2TB SSD)	Ceph Block, Object
7000 vCPUs	28.000 CPUs	22PB

	NET INCREASE
Capacity	x 4.0
Storage	x 2.5

Cloud	Storage
OpenStack Cloud partition	Ceph Block, Object
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HPC – CPU partition: 280+ comp. nodes, 70000+ cores, 3+ PFlops</li> <li>Cloud – GPU partition: 70+ comp. nodes, 20000+ cores, GPU HBM: 20+ GB/GPU, DDR: 2x aggregated HBM</li> </ul>	
100.000 vCPUs	34 PB

Integrated in TeRABIT infrastructure, access to federated services

Community advantages:

- [New user communities => expected increase of users benefitting](#)
- TeRABIT user exploitation and use cases (e.g. sensors to HPC-Bubbles to G100++ to ICSC)
- Synergy within TeRABIT consortium for user training and support
- [Move HTC workloads from HPC to Cloud, reducing pressure on HPC queues](#)



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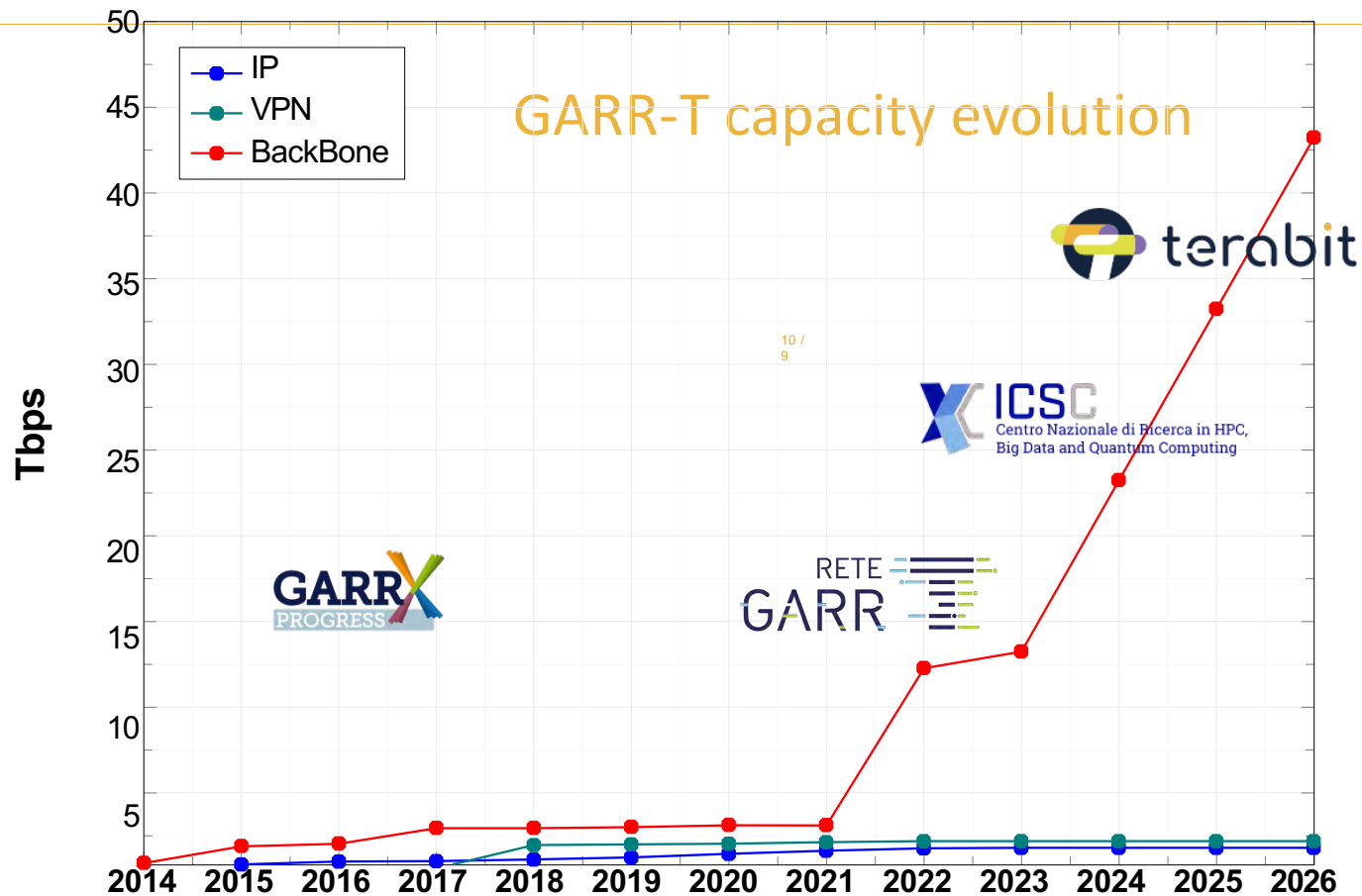
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Dark Fibre 12,000 km

Submarine 1,000km (TeRABIT)

Backbone 30T, 50T+

Access 100G+, 400G+, 1T+

Global Connectivity

Experimental Infrastructure





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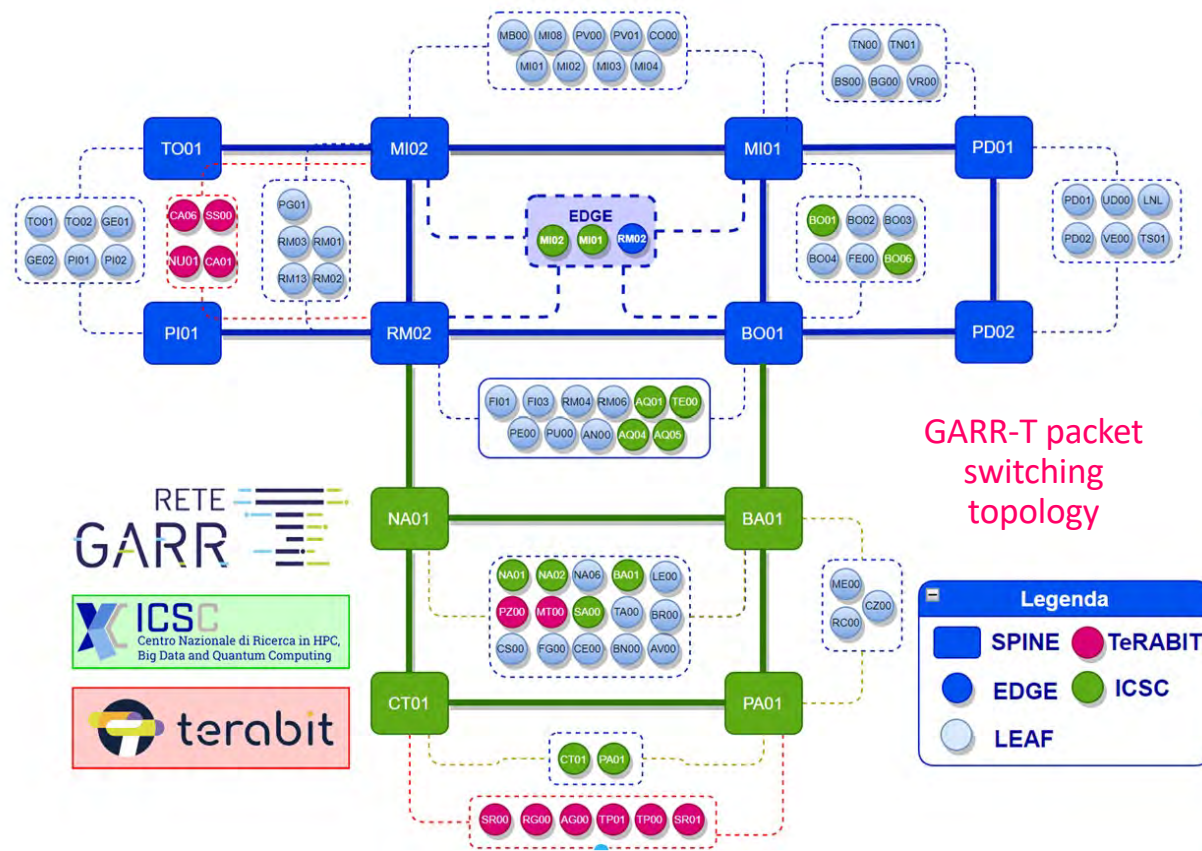
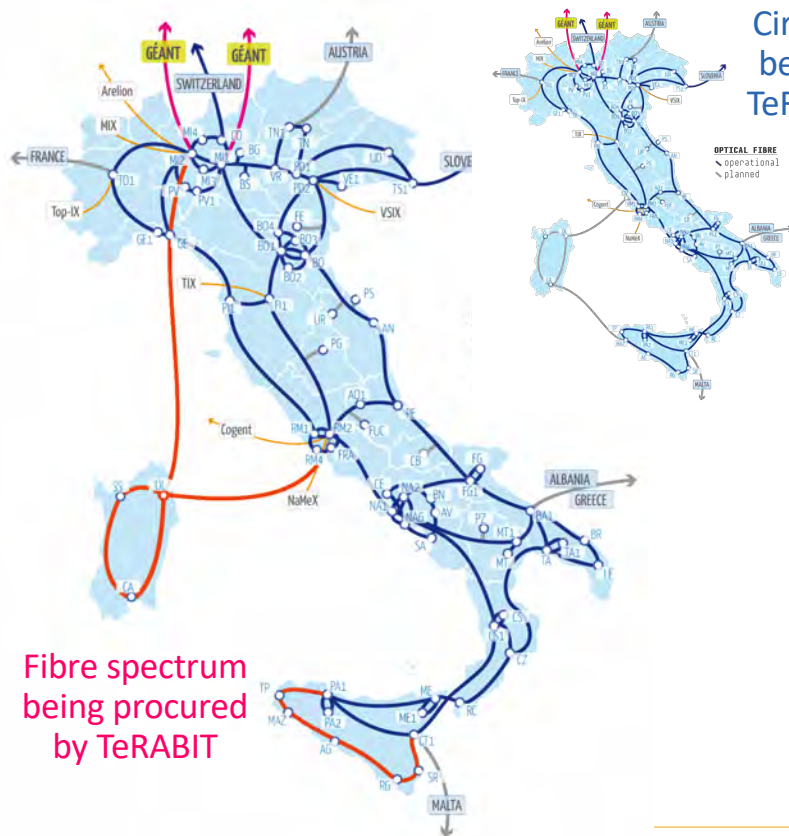


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## GARR-T Infrastructure evolution





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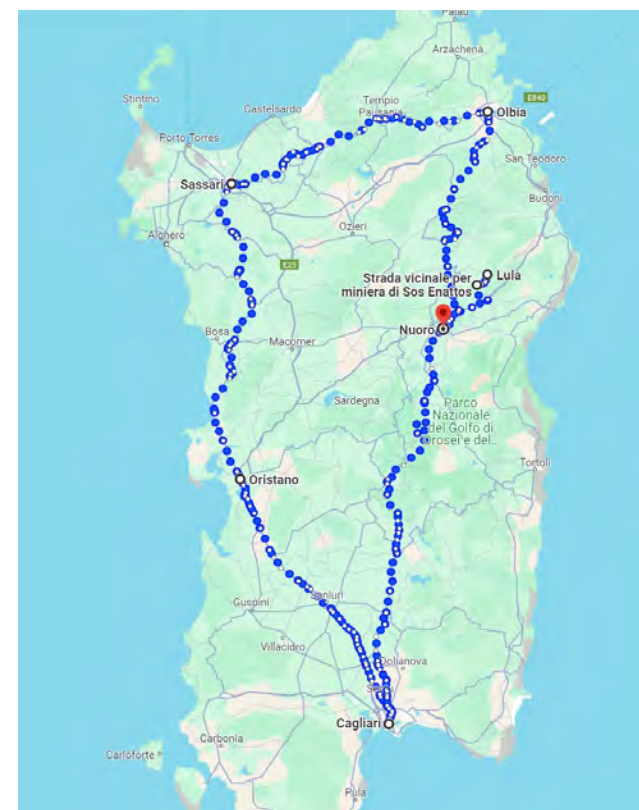


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## Sardinia submarine cable map and planned new GARR-T Topology





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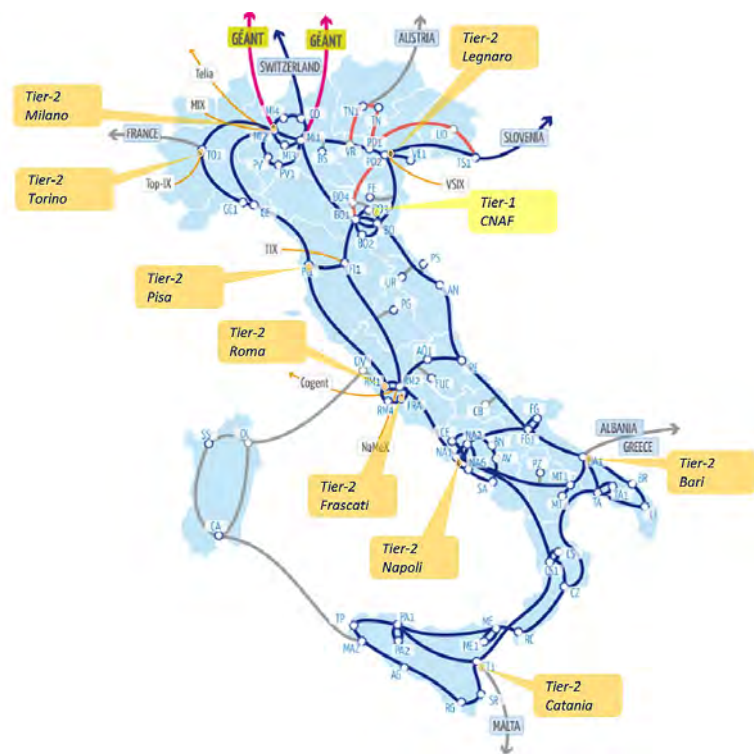
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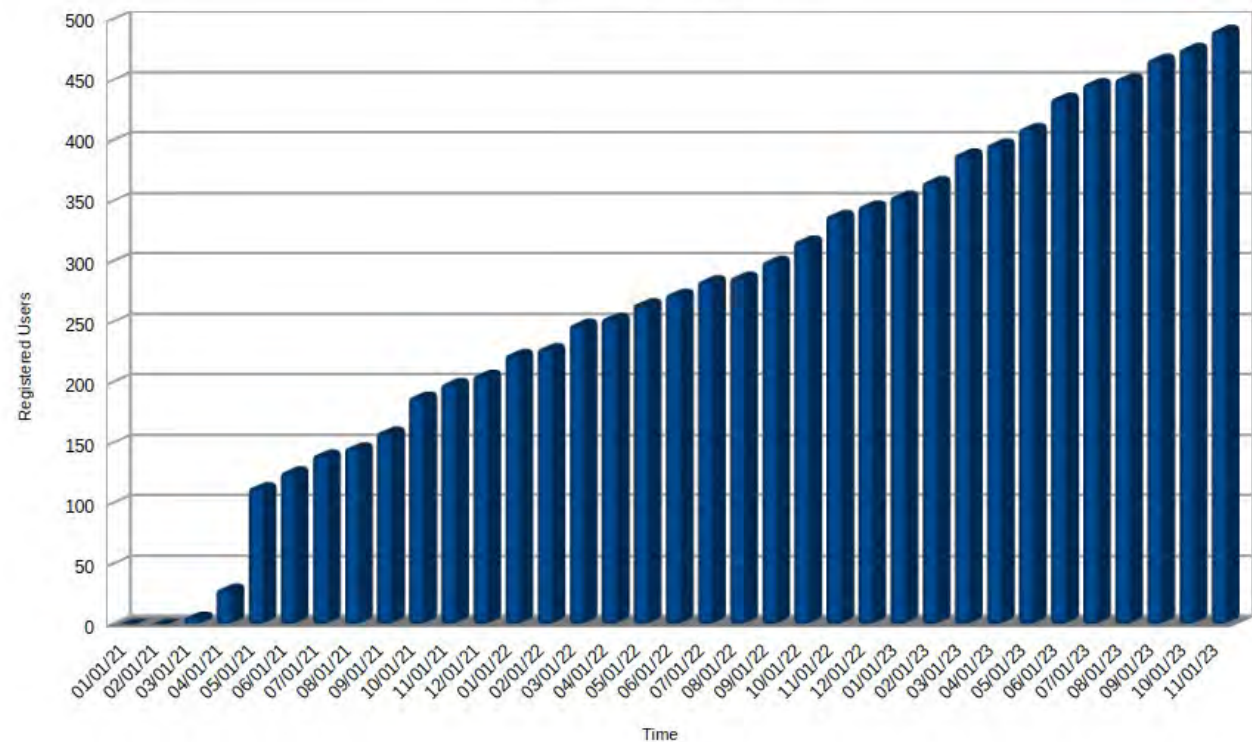
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## HPC-BD-AI user growth for cloud service from May 2021 to today



INFN Cloud user growth





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## HPC-BD-AI evolution

HPC bubbles  specification and locations

HPC bubbles :  
HW types

- Type 1 : CPU only
- Type 2 : CPU + GPU,
- Type 3 : CPU + FPGA

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

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





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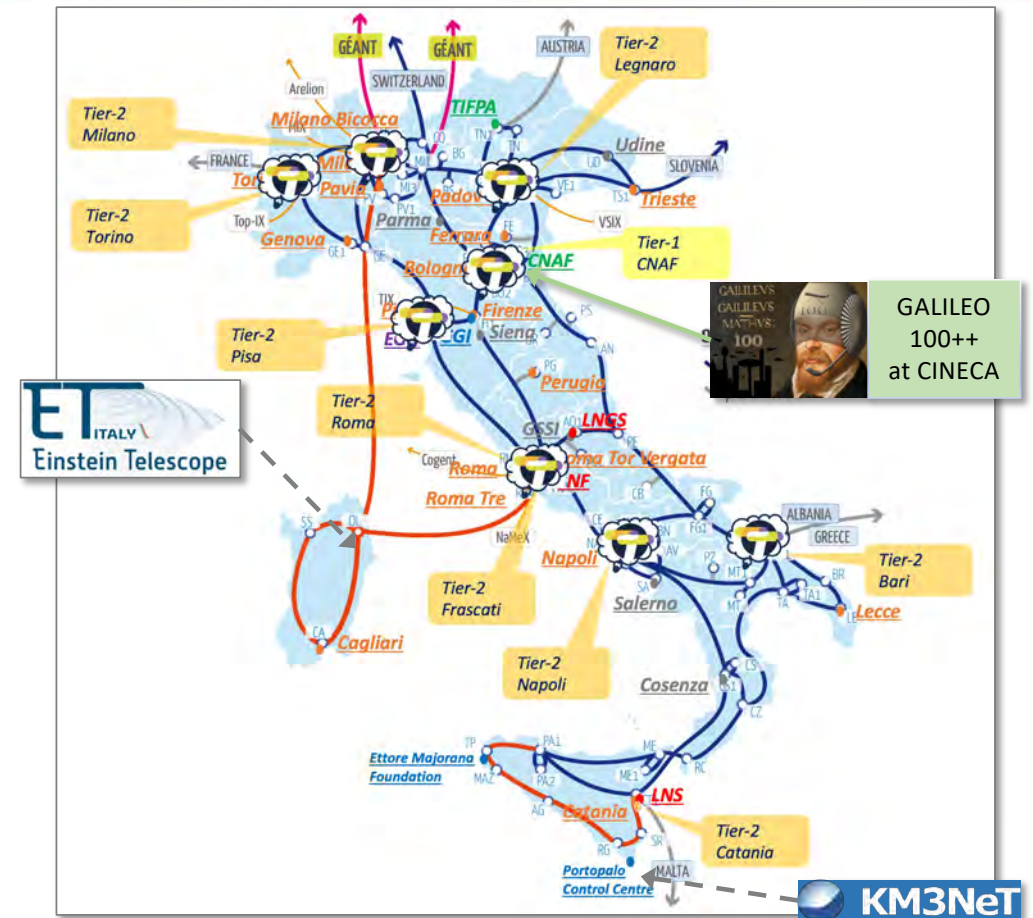


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## TeRABIT final Infrastructures

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

- GARR-T with (in red) the new fibres
- HPC-BD-AI with the HPC Bubbles locations
- PRACE-ITALY with the upgraded GALILEO 100 hosted at CINECA





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## Project management

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Infrastructure Manager

### Financial Officer



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Alessandro Lonardo INFN



Susanna Corti CNR ISAC

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#### WP4 - Dist. HPC Cloud



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#### WP5 - Training & dissemination



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## Work Packages and activities

INFN	INFN	OGS	INFN	OGS
<b>WP 1 Project management</b>	<b>WP 2 Italian Terabit network</b>	<b>WP 3 PRACE Italy</b>	<b>WP 4 Distributed federated cloud</b>	<b>WP 5 Training and dissemination</b>
A1.1 Project Management	A2.1 Acquisition of Optical Fibre and Marine spectrum	A3.1 HPC infrastructure requirements and codesign	A4.1 Deployment of HPC bubble (North)	A5.1 Exploitation and training of TeRABIT integrated infrastructure.
A1.2 Scientific Management	A2.2 Transmission layer and Open Line system	A3.2 HPC infrastructure evolution and deployment	A4.2 Deployment of HPC bubble (South)	A5.2 Dissemination of TeRABIT integrated infrastructure
	A2.3 Packet Network and Network control		A4.3 Implementation of the PaaS orchestration layer	
	A2.4 Control and Services tailoring provision		A4.4 Deployment of flexible cache solutions	



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## Users: higher education and dissemination

Case  
studies



Enhancement of the HPC-TRES (HPC Training and Research for Earth Sciences) network coordinated by OGS and the participation of research groups (e.g., CNR, INGV, CMCC, Politecnico Torino, ICTP, etc.)

training  
of young  
technologists



- organization of **2 workshops** lessons on different computing technologies and hands-on sessions.
- organization of **1 hackathon** => the TeRABIT infrastructure services will be tested and demonstrated by use cases proposed by the participants.

HPC Master  
and PhDs



Higher education: doctoral and master HPC students who will use TeRABIT services

Students

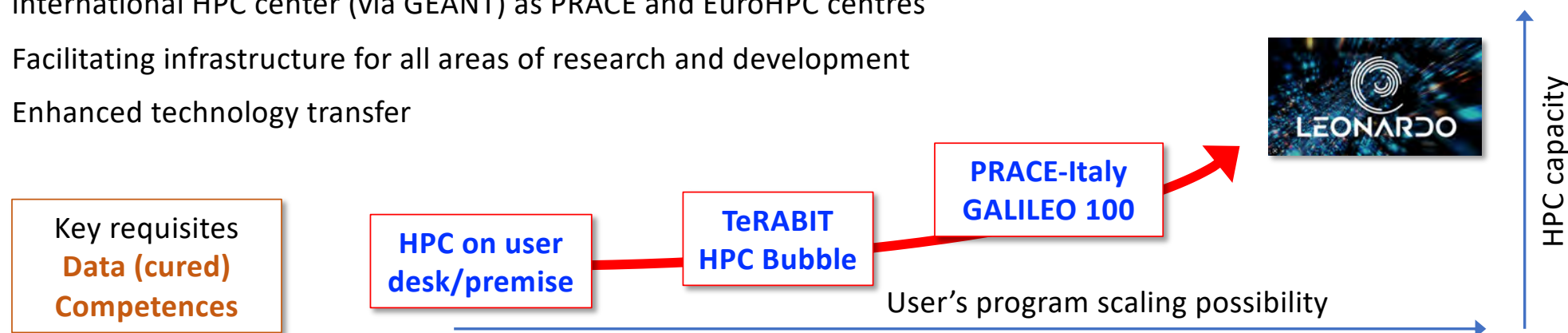


- Planning of sessions to present the TeRABIT project in High Schools distributed in Italy
  - ✓ Train young researchers and technologists of the future



## Planned impact of the project

- Infrastructures **strengthening**
- **Tighter integration** between network, data and HPC services with common services
- **Innovative HPC services** (bubbles), modular and increasing HPC/ML capacity between the "edge", where the users and its 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 center (via GÉANT) as PRACE and EuroHPC centres
- Facilitating infrastructure for all areas of research and development
- Enhanced technology transfer





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## Synergies and impact on ET Research Infrastructure

- Connectivity
  - **Dedicated optical fibre** from GARR PoP to Sos Enattos
  - **High capacity packet services** (Tens of Gbps up to Tbps) connected to Europe/World
  - Availability/feasibility of **non IP services** (spectrum, ultraprecise time distribution e.g.) and **advanced expertise in optical transmission**
- **Unconstrained access to HPC community** resources
  - from lab, to PRACE to Leonardo (EuroHPC)
  - testing cloud-HPC interaction
  - testing “mini” HPC centre (Bubble HPC)
- **Dissemination**



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# Thank you

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## OGS as user of PRACE-Italy

- Operational oceanography and digital twins in the Mediterranean Sea and North Adriatic in the Copernicus context
- Climate change scenarios and multi-scale effects on marine, coastal and lagoon ecosystems
- Regional Earth System modelling for carbon cycle analysis
- Regional seismic monitoring (also through GNSS data processing), probabilistic risk assessment and production of damage scenarios
- 3D simulation of seismic wave propagation in complex geological structures

