









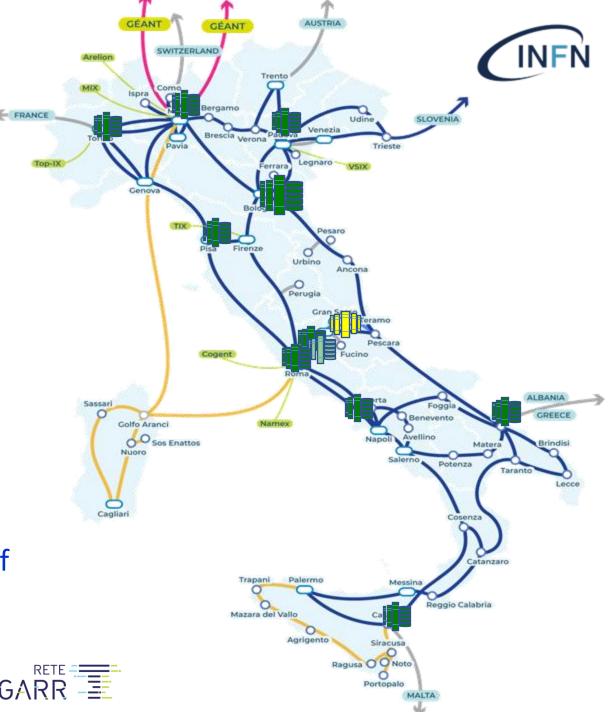




INFN DataCloud Infrastructure for Scientific Computing

- Tier-1 (CNAF)
- Tier-2's (BA, CT, LNF, LNL/PD, NA, MI, PI, RM1, TO)
- INFN Cloud
 - Backbone and federated clouds
- HPC4DR (LNGS)
- (Tier-3)

DataCloud was born to address the needs of INFN research activities, but it is serving several external projects







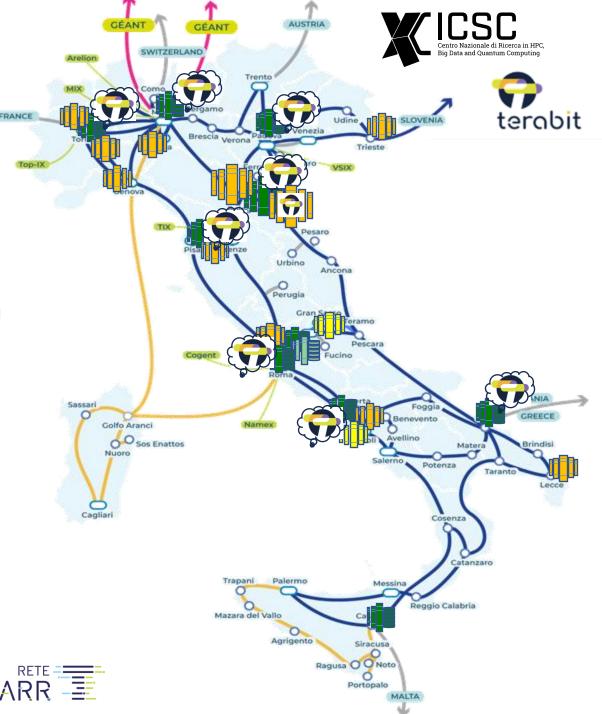
Building the Italian Cloud Federation

In the framework of the NRRP projects, in particular ICSC and TeRABIT, the INFN DataCloud model is the basis for the creation of the Italian Cloud Federation

Special focus on enhanced privacy platforms in DARE

The goal is to access all Italian scientific computing resources through uniform interfaces

Main players: CINECA, GARR, INFN









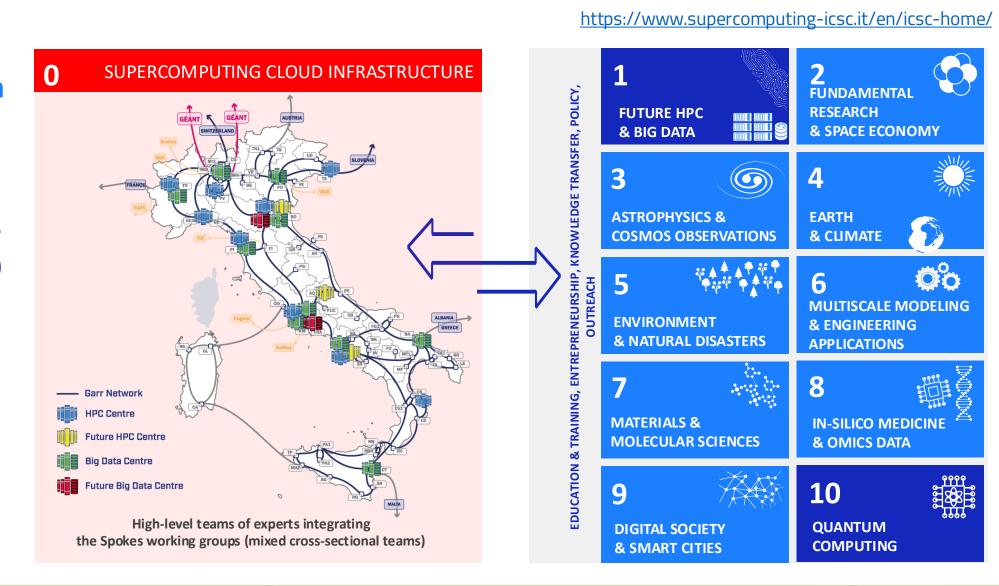


National Research Centre in HPC, Big Data and Quantum Computing

10 thematic spokes 1 infrastructure spoke (CINECA, GARR, INFN)

25 universities12 research institutes14 strategic privatecompanies

320 M€ budget











https://www.terabit-project.it/

TeRABIT: Terabit Network for Research and Academic Big Data in ITaly

TeRABIT is a Research Infrastructure project synergic with ICSC

Partners are the same of the ICSC Spoke-0 (Supercomputing Cloud Infrastructure):

INFN, CINECA and GARR

Covers areas complementary to those of the ICSC infrastructure 41 M€ budget















https://www.fondazionedare.it/en/

DARE (DigitAl lifelong pRevEntion)

DARE is an initiative that aims to leverage data to enhance health promotion and prevention throughout the lifespan. It aims to use digital technologies to create a data-driven healthcare ecosystem

Funded through the "Piano nazionale per investimenti complementari al PNRR"

124 M€ budget (3.5 M€ for INFN)

INFN has the responsibility to deploy and manage part of the computing infrastructure

Leverages the EPIC (Enhanced Privacy and Compliance Cloud) INFN infrastructure









Acquired resources

HTC servers and storage by ICSC:

- ~600 kHS06, ~120 PBN
- Library + N*100 PB tapes

Coming:

~300 kHS06, ~50 PBN

HPC Bubbles by TeRABIT, ICSC, DARE

160 CPU nodes

61 GPU nodes

10 FPGA nodes

118 storage nodes





	CPU node	192 physical cores 1.5TB RAM DDR5 IB NDR 400G 20TBL (SSD) + system disks
T	GPU node	As CPU + 4x NVIDIA H100 SXM5 with 80GB and HBM2e memory
	FPGA node	32core RAM 768GB DDR5 IB NDR 440G 4 x XILINX U55C o 4 x TerasicP0701
	Storage node (CEPH Bricks)	64 physical cores 1TB RAM DDR5 384 TBL HDD + 25.6 TBL NVMe
	Accessories	Switch IB, Switch ETH cables IB, cables ETH Transceivers











Leonardo + Lisa High level architecture

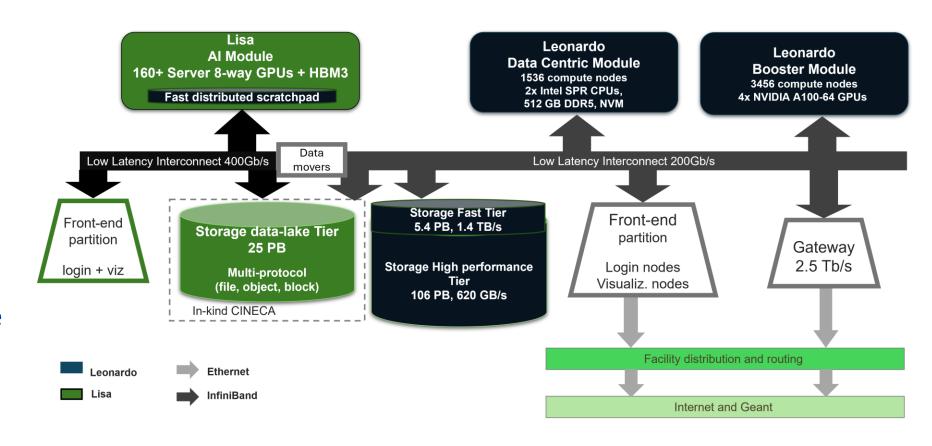
Total ~100 Pflop/s (theoretical peak)

1 compute module

Best of market Interconnect

In-kind data-lake storage

Al oriented benchmarks



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CINECA

Al supercomputer

In-kind or external

CINECA AI Factory proposal (approved)

Frontend access

AI modeling and applied AI

backend processing partition (training, tuning, inference)

tightly coupled accelerator processing units

CINECA Cloud

Applied Al Science

External Cloud

Applied Al Service

fast storage

data storage

datalake









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CINECA

Al modeling and Al applied partition

batch processing (training, tuning, inference)

tightly coupled accelerator processing units

750-1000 PFLOPS 50-60 EFLOPS FP8 2000-3000 servers 120-160 racks **13-17 MW** peak 8-10 MW ops DLC/AIR: 70/30 -90/10 32-26 °C





Network

GARR-T evolution:

Reach new areas: Sardinia and Abruzzo

Upgrade and integrate network in the South of Italy

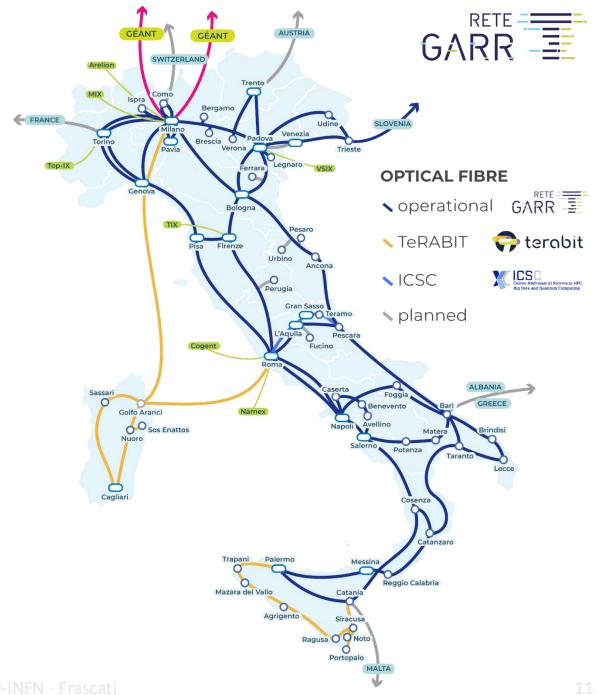
GARR-T reaches the goal to become a fully unified and pervasive network for R&E community in the whole country

End User Benefits

9 New POPs

Doubling of POPs in 6 cities

Distributed 100G access, with 400G available









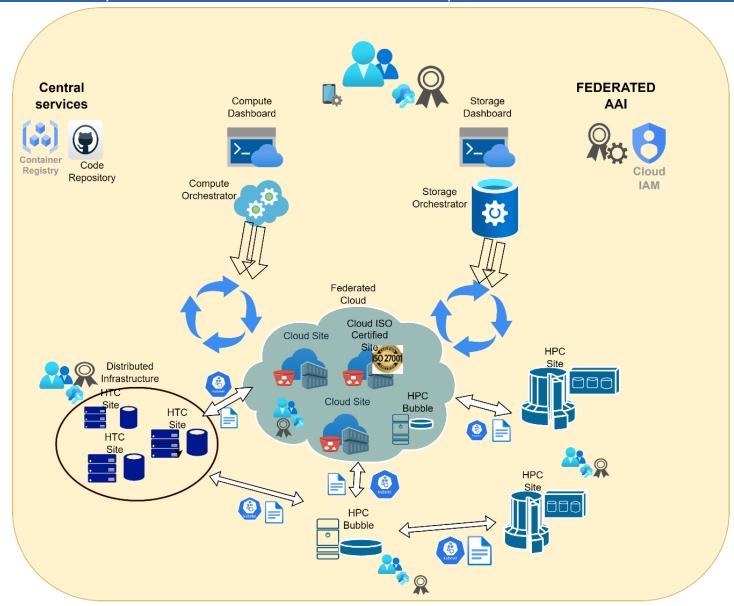


Heterogeneity

Enables to efficiently tackle diverse applications

- complex simulations
- high-throughput data processing
- Interactive analysis
- data storage and data access
- IOT integration
- critical data management
- ...

There is no «one size fits all»!











A data lake for research

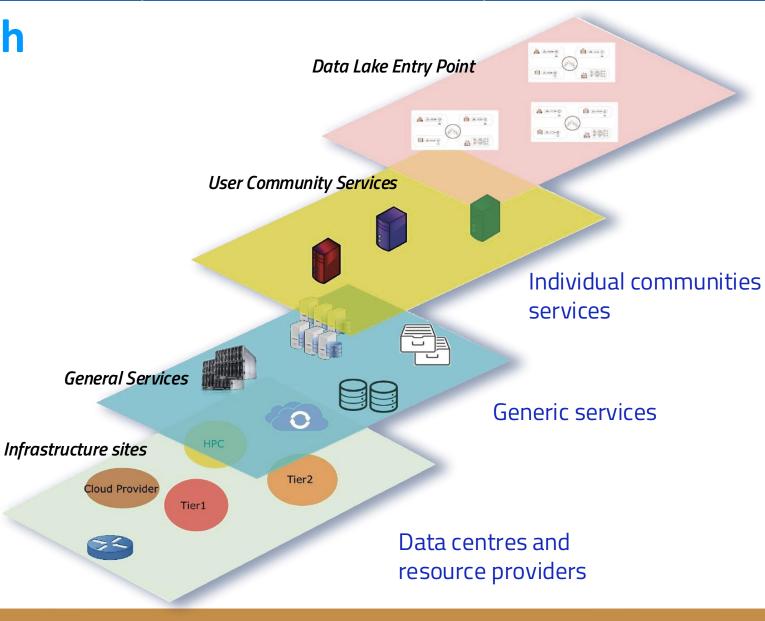
Existing infrastructures aggregation, upgraded and made available to scientific domains

A dynamic model, where infrastructures and domains can also be temporary

A clear separation between the physical and the logical levels

A high-speed network interconnection to hide the actual resource locations

A unified vision (when needed) of an Italian research data-lake









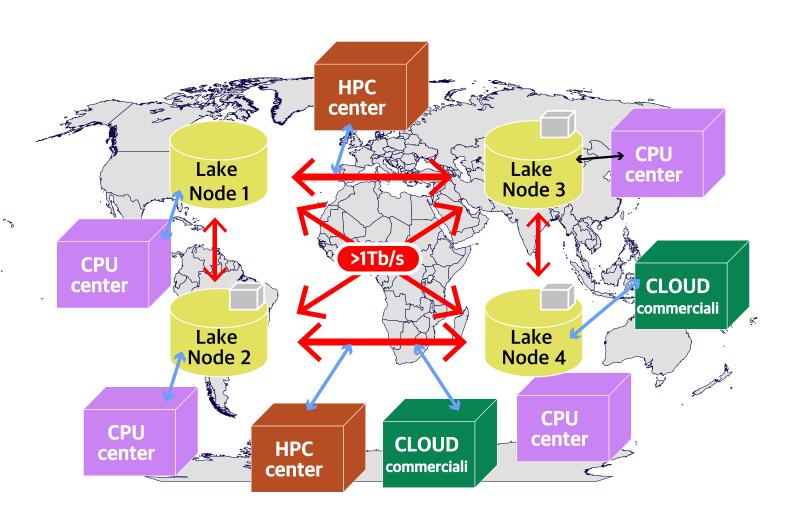


Data-centric model

Decouple storage and CPU

Storage nodes interconnected with high bandwidth network

Heterogeneous computing nodes can access data wherever they are











Inclusivity

The federation will include data centres that are already in production, and part of international communities

The procedures for joining the federation must be non-intrusive

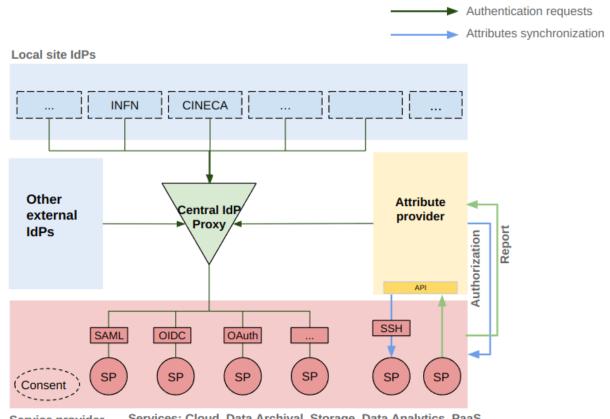
Standard must be used whenever possible, and developed when missing

The federation will serve users of several fields and organizations

The procedures for user's onboarding must be as simple as possible

E.g.: use of Identity Federations

INDIGO IAM



Service provider

Services: Cloud, Data Archival, Storage, Data Analytics, PaaS ...







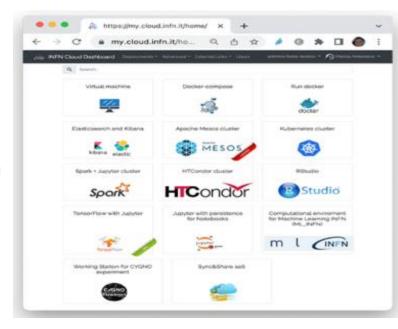


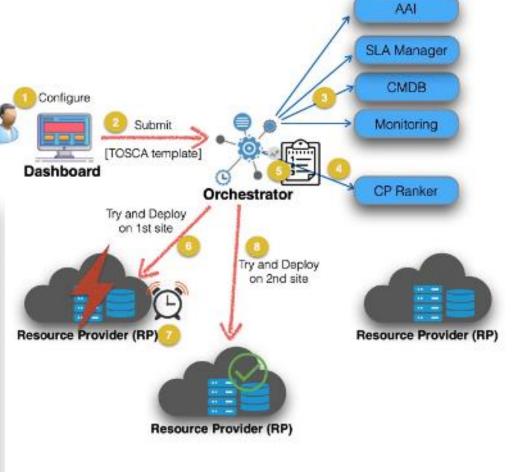
Ease of use

The federation will serve users with different computing competences

Complexity of the underlying infrastructure hidden to the end user

Support field experts in developing platforms that enable the effective exploitation of the infrastructure through composition of services and resources





INDIGO PaaS orchestrator







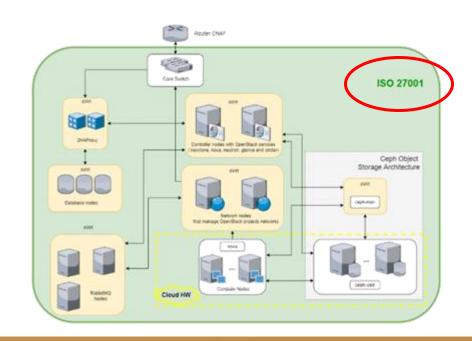


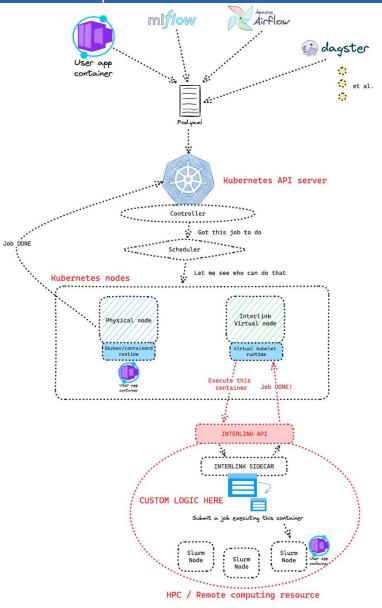
Flexibility

Support multiple access methods to the resources, oriented to:

- a. Transparency and ease of use
- b. Efficiency and effectiveness

Support applicationspecific requirements E.g. enhanced privacy













First Proof of Concept of the Italian Federation

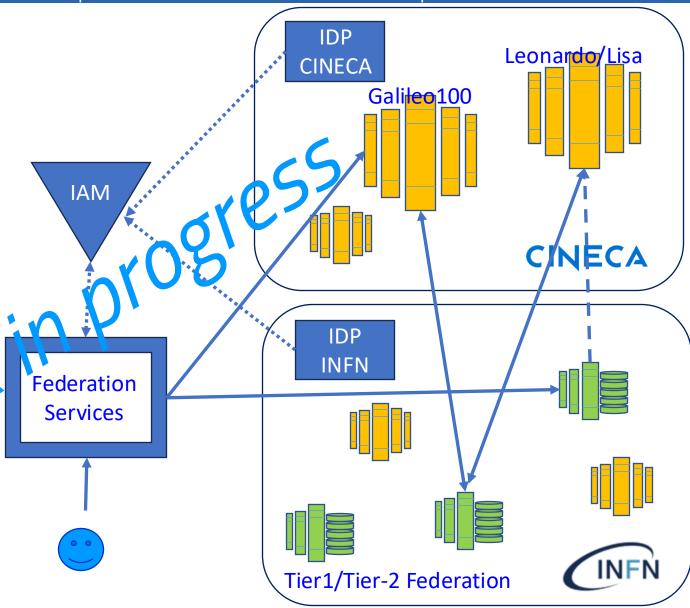
INDIGO IAM to federate CINECA and INFN IdPs

INDIGO PaaS Orchestrator to transparently access CINECA and INFN OpenStack-based resources

InterLink offloading to reach CINECA's Leonardo

Supercomputing

RUCIO to federate CINECA and INFN storage systems











Conclusions

The PNRR projects brought new resources (inside and outside INFN) usable also by INFN research projects but brought also new user communities

Increased heterogeneity

of resources → flexible allocation model

of users → user support reorganization

DataCloud is evolving to be able to address this new scenario

Cloud model to be able to hide complexity to the vast majority of end users

Support for different allocation models to maintain efficiency and effectiveness