

THE NATIONAL IT INFRASTRUCTURE

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Big Data Processing in Astronomy & EO
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About SURF

Infrastructure & Services

SURF IS A TOP LINE EXPERTISE AND RESEARCH CENTER
WE DEVELOP IT SERVICES FOR DUTCH EDUCATION AND RESEARCH



Service Provider

ICT infrastructure
& services
(ISO 27001)



Innovator

Push digital
innovation &
transformation



Association

Knowledge sharing:
Expertise, training,
meeting & support



Goals

Acceleration of
member goals by
collaboration

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A note on the infrastructure

Data center: 100%
renewable energy

GDPR data privacy
ISO 27001 information
security

More than
200 Gbps High bandwidth
network

More than
100.000 cores &
150PB storage



A note on the services

Storage & Data
management

Compute

Security

Identity & Access
management

Network connectivity

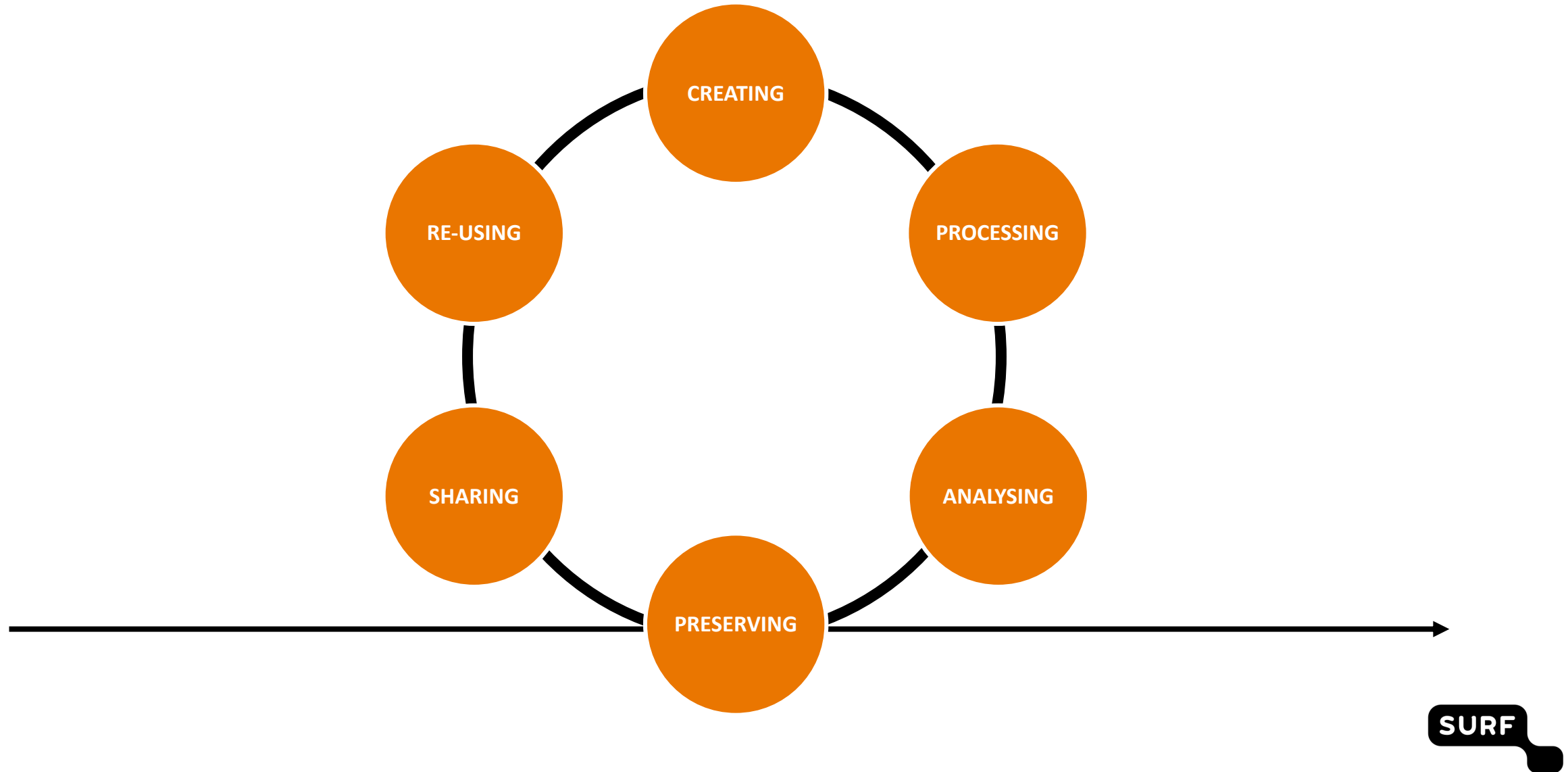
Procurement &
Contracting

Storage & data management

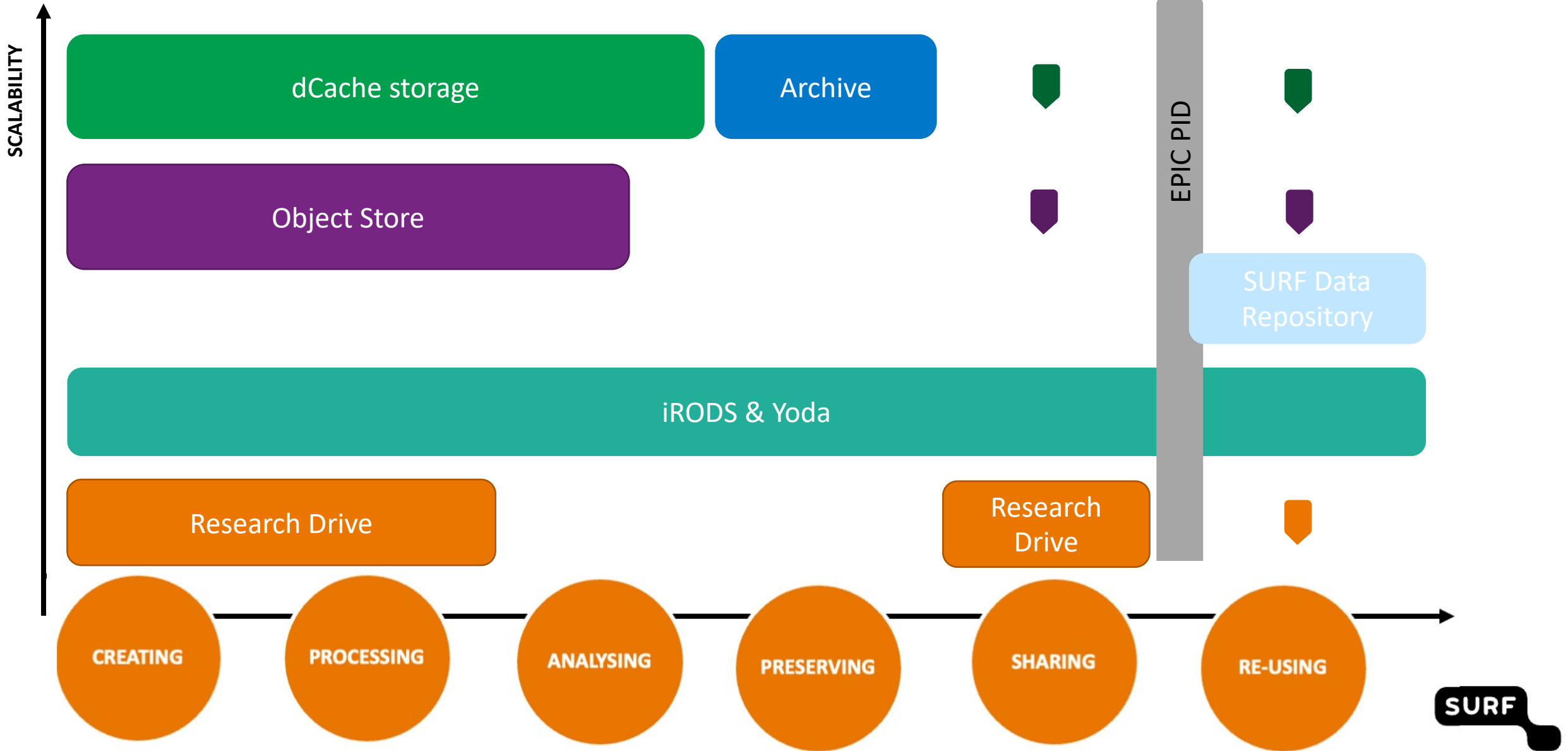


New tape library 2022

Data Life Cycle – the holy grail of Research Data Management



SURF Data Services



COMPUTE



Snellius national supercomputer

High Performance Computing (Snellius)

Simulations and modelling that not only demand a lot of computing power and memory but also a lot in terms of communication between the various processors

Superfast:

Powerful HPC system
(peak performance
14petaflop/s)

Machine Learning:

AI workloads on fast
processors and GPUs
with offered
consultancy

Energy efficiency and
sustainability are key
drivers

Large collection of
tools and libraries

Many cores (predominantly AMD)
Large symmetric multi-processing nodes
High memory nodes (4 TB and 8 TB)
Fast interconnects
A lot of work-space on disk
or a fast I/O subsystem
Phase 2 with higher CPU capacity

Data processing (Grid, Spider)

Data intensive projects processing instrument data from sensors, sequencers, telescopes, and satellites during the entire mission lifetime

Data volumes:
parallel processing
of large amounts of
data, from many TB's
to PB's

Processing pipelines:
steady production
workflows with semi-
continuous data
flows

Project organisation:
international
collaborations
working on a shared
set of data and sw

Ecosystem:
modern cloud-based
solutions with
automated
deployment

Built on the internal, elastic Cloud (OpenStack)
Fast network to external sources/dCache (1200
Gbit/s EVPN)

External connectivity for each compute node
(2x25Gbit)

Fast local disks (up to 12 TB NVME SSD)
Powerful compute nodes (64 core, up to 1TB RAM)
GPUs: 16 A100 and 20 A10 GPU's

Spider Architecture




Interactive data processing
Interactive data visualization
Interactive monitoring



Interactivity

Event-driven processing
Customizable frameworks
Software portability & containers



Scientific workflows

Role-based project spaces
Data publication & redistribution
Access federation



Collaboration

User-facing utilities


Fast local disks
for high I/O

Scalable
Petabyte
staging storage

Data Archive
storage

External Scalable
Distributed storage

Storage integration



Scalable batch
processing cluster




Private
project-tailored
clusters




Private
project-tailored
nodes



ANSIBLE
Platform Deployment



Elastic Cloud



Terraform
Resource Provisioning




SURF Research Cloud (SRC)

Portal for building virtual research workspaces
(preconfigured or custom)

**Virtualisation
On-demand
Flexibility
Self-service
Broker**



SRC environment


 Research Cloud [Dashboard](#) [Profile](#) [Wallet](#) [Catalog](#) [Help](#) Natalie Danezi ▾

Welcome to your SURF research cloud dashboard

^ Quick actions


Workspace access setup

Set up time-based password and/or ssh on the profile tab to access your workspaces.

[GO TO PROFILE](#)


Create new workspace

Start here to create everything you need for a workspace.

[CREATE NEW](#)

Create new storage

Start here to create everything you need for storage.

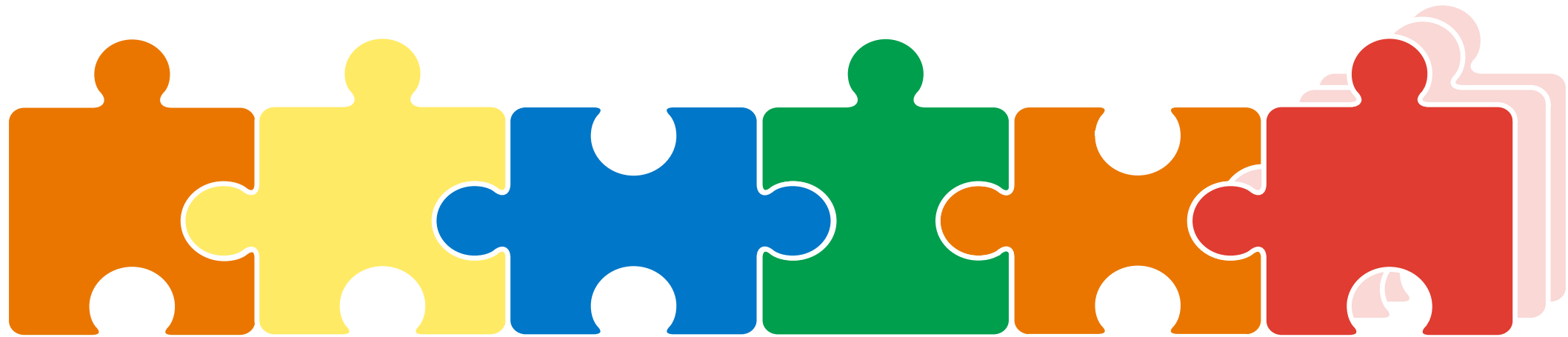
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[Workspaces](#) [Storage](#) [IP addresses \(advanced\)](#) [Networks \(advanced\)](#)

Cloud Research Consultancy (CRC)

- Tailor-made solutions
- Co-development
- Private, public or hybrid cloud infrastructure
- Long-term, sustainable production support

CRC Development Environment



Object store

Serverless
Functions
Containers

Queues

Streaming

APIs

Other managed
components

Open call for scientific
pilot project on the public
cloud



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Space Research Examples



LOFAR



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WLCG/CERN



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Volkskrant.nl

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BINNENLAND | CULTUUR | ECONOMIE | REIZEN | WETENSCHAP & GEZONDHEID | OPMERKELIJK

'Tranen van geluk, Higgs-boson bestaat'

04/07/12, 12:03 - bron: ANP

VERWANT NIEUWS

- Higgs: nooit 04/07/12
- Higgs of niet ontdekking

MEER OVER

Wetenschap

- Ruimtetes oit
- 100 jaar nad beroemde E geborgen
- Vulkanoloog vulkaan en r

© EPA. Applaus tijdens de persconferentie van het CERN.

UPDATE 'Wat een geweldige ontlading nu we weten dat Higgs-boson bestaat', zegt Jos Engelen vanuit Genève. Engelen is voorzitter van de Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO) en was voorheen directeur van het Europees Centrum voor Kernonderzoek (CERN) in Genève.

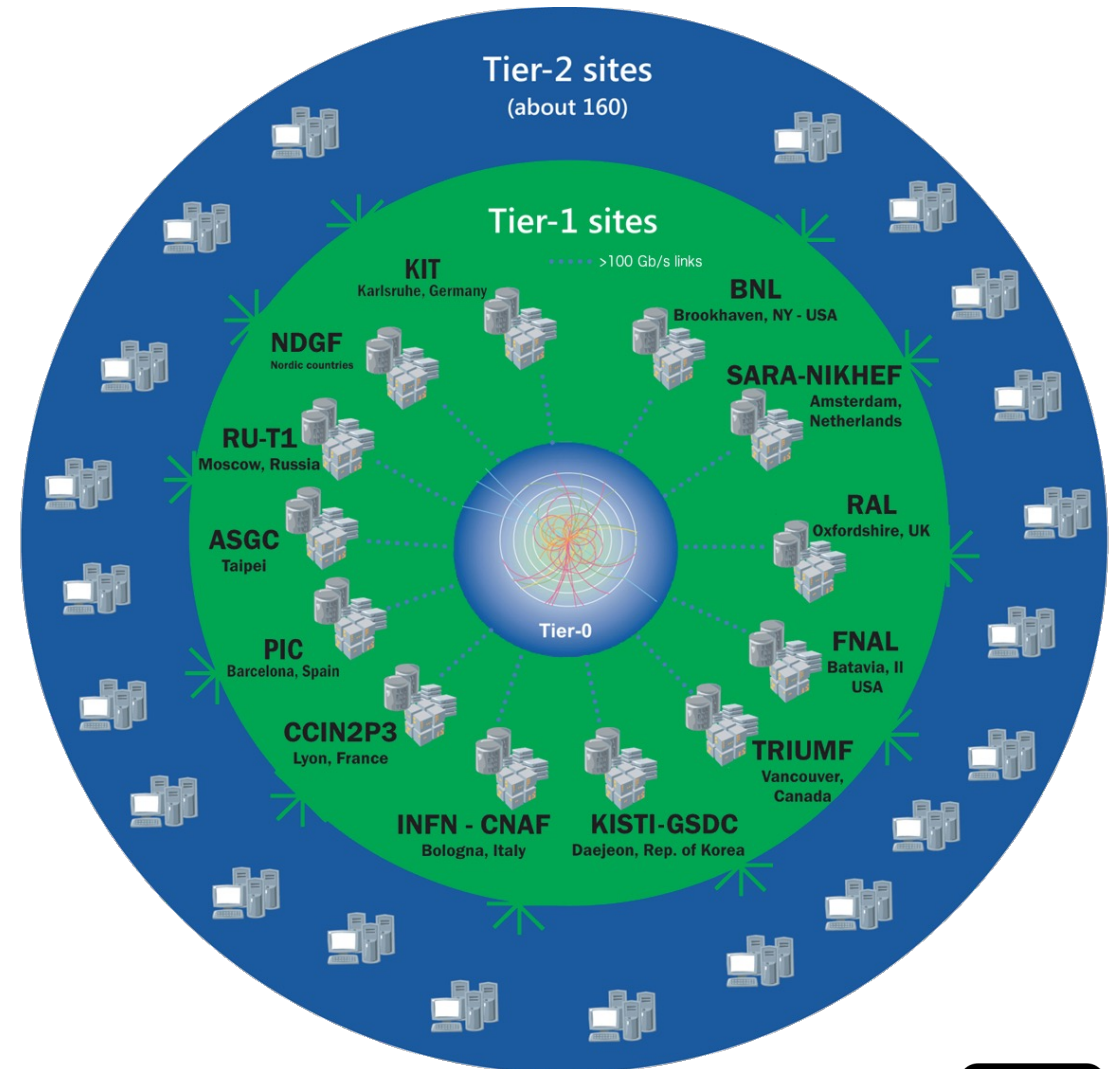
LHC experiments:
ALICE
ATLAS
CMS
LHCb

170 sites – Worldwide
42 countries
1.4M cores
2EB storage
12 000 physicists

SURF contribution to CERN

Compute, storage, services
SURF and NIKHEF are a tier 1 site
Connected with dedicated, private, high-
bandwidth network

Allocations 2023:
Core hours: 37M @SURF, 40M @Nikhef
Storage: 37PB tape + 13PBdisk @SURF, 3.5disk
@Nikhef



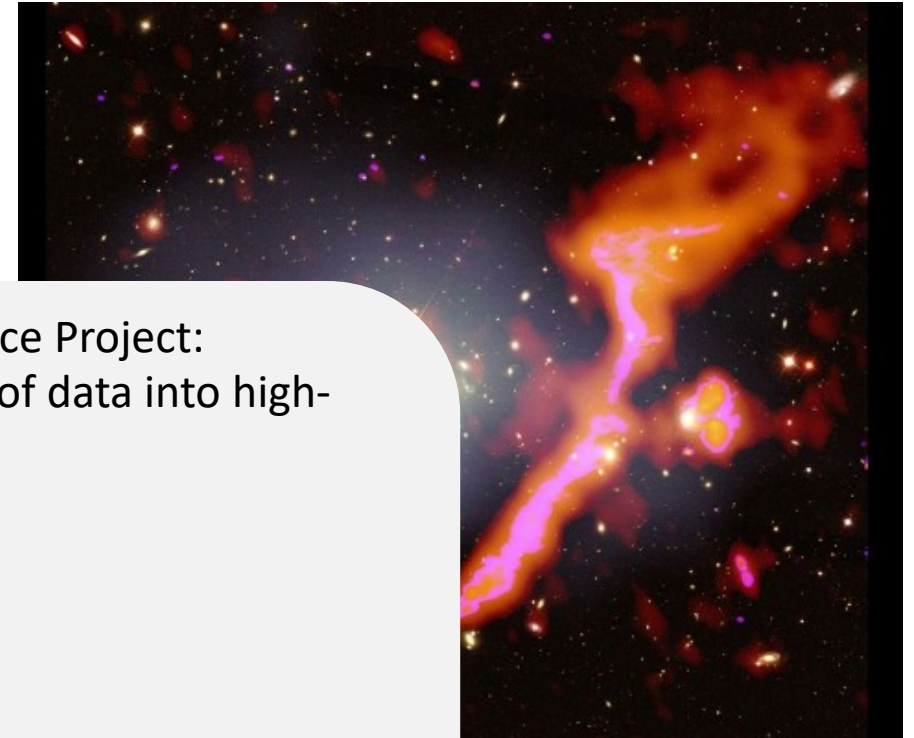
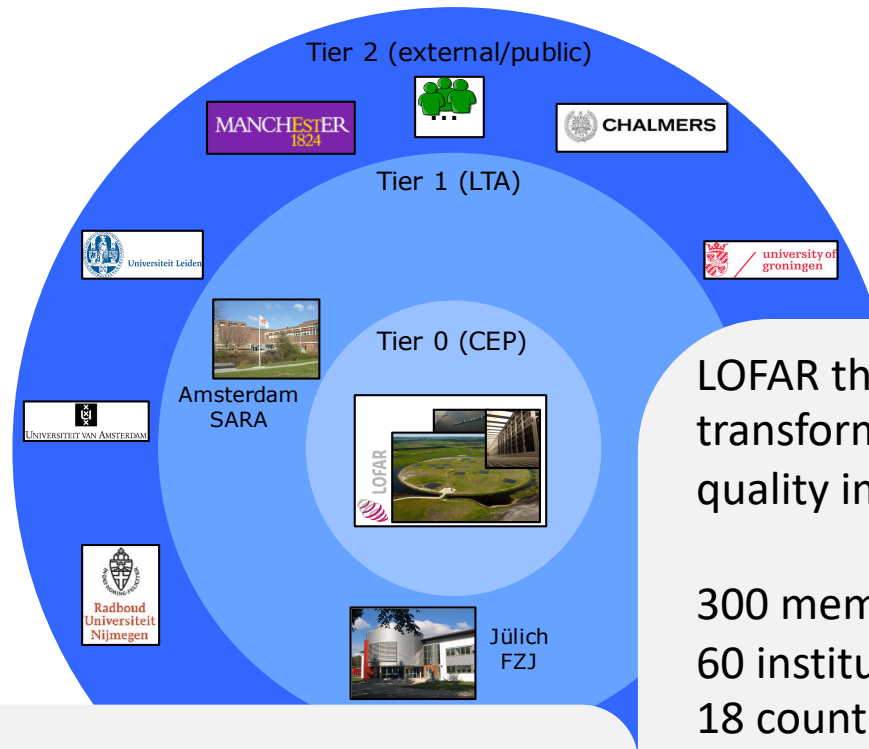
LOFAR

International LOFAR Telescope (ILT)

- Radio telescope for high-resolution, low-frequency observations of the Universe
- Data distributed to Long Term Archive (SURF, Jülich & Poznan)
- Multi-purpose data: Surveys Key Science Projects, Transients, Pulsars, etc
- Pathfinder for SKA
- Largest astronomy archive in the world
But looking forward to SKA 😊



SURF contribution to LOFAR



Compute, storage, services
30 PB stored at SURF
High-speed connection to the LTA
Processing power: Grid, Spider, Snellius

LOFAR the Surveys Key Science Project:
transform massive amounts of data into high-quality images

300 members
60 institutes
18 countries
175 papers

Distribution of data products
Processed over 1000 LOFAR observations (4M core hours, 300TB disk and 700TB tape)
Science ready data products: publicly available through SURF data repository

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA (LVK)



First GW signal from colliding neutron stars
Nobel Prize Physics 2017
Heavy computational load involved
10% of the processing on the Dutch Grid
Worldwide collaboration
Access to local & federated compute

SURF contribution to LVK

Compute, storage, services

Data retrieved from international cache servers
Hosting data distribution server for derived data

Allocation 2024:

Core hours: 24M @SURF and @Nikhef
Storage: 200TB disk @SURF and @Nikhef



The four gravitational wave detectors in the LVK scientific collaboration: LIGO at Hanford in the USA (top left), LIGO at Livingston in the USA (bottom right), Virgo in Italy (bottom left) and KAGRA in Japan (top right).

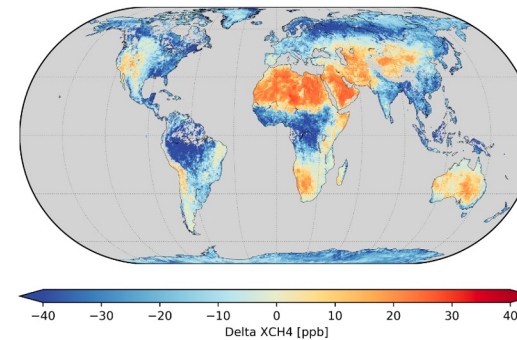
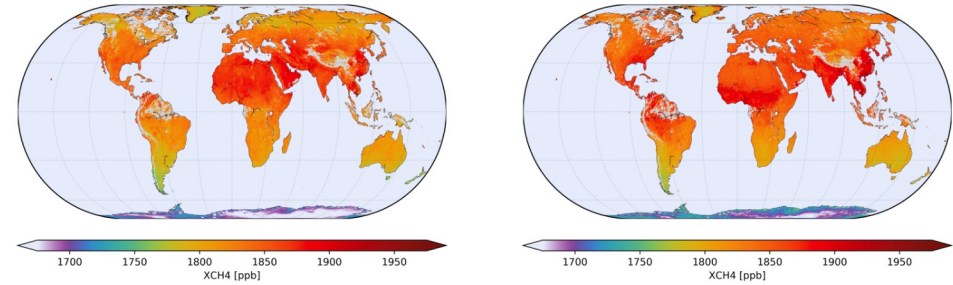
Tropomi

SRON and SURF collaborate on the scientific interpretation of the data by processing of incoming daily Sentinel-5P data and additional reprocessing

Detecting trace gases and aerosols in sub-city scale resolution

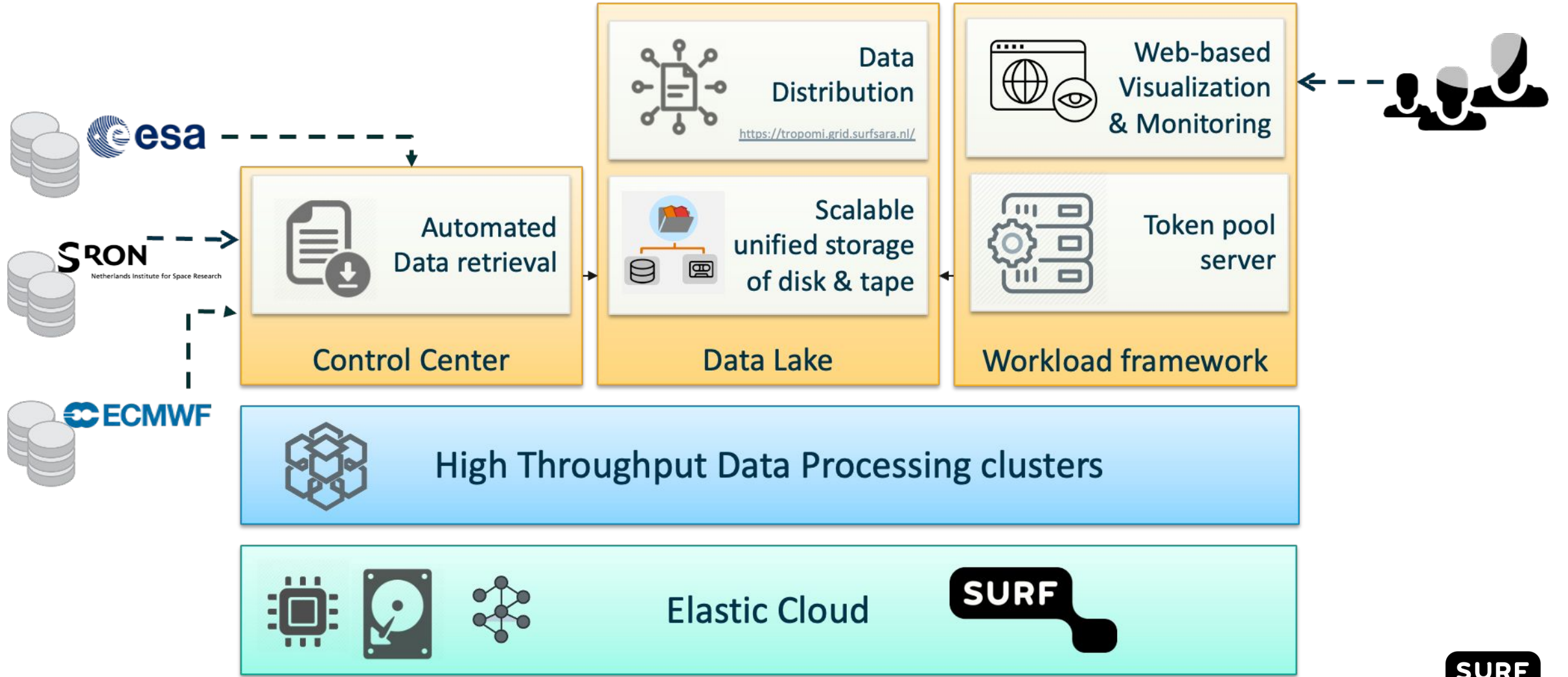
Extension of ESA products and extraction of as much scientific information as possible

Feedback to ESA proposing changes to the standardised data-processing algorithms



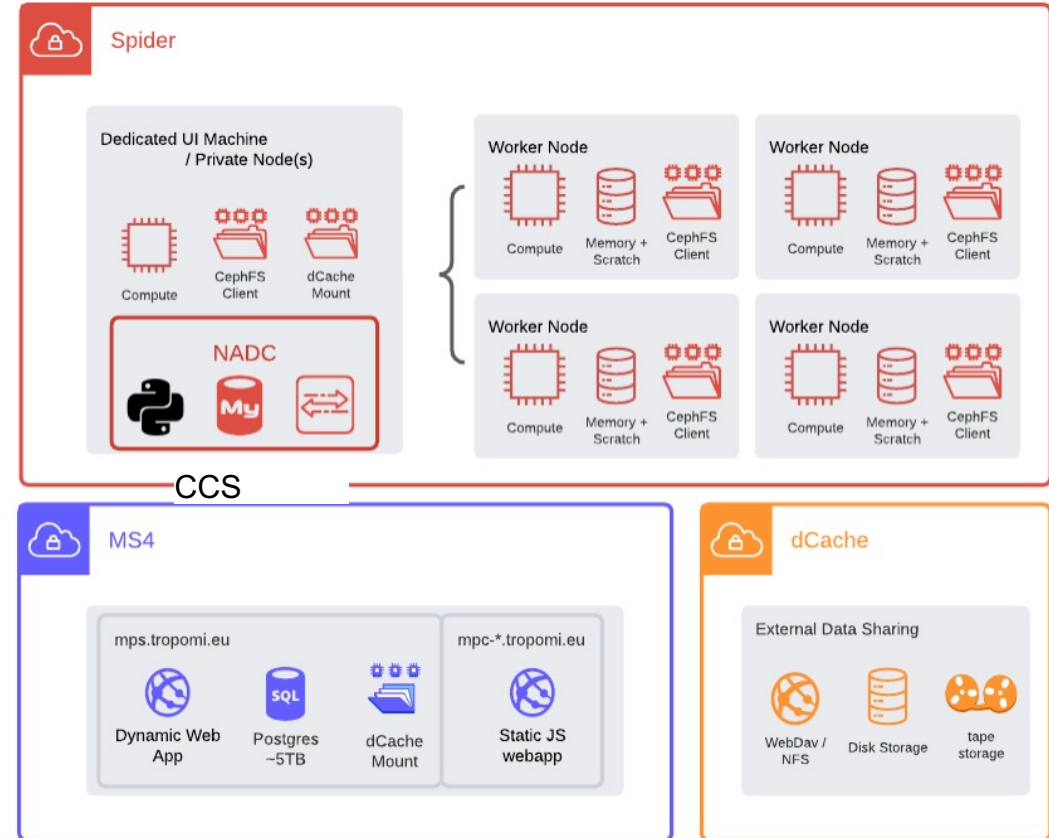
A. Lorente et al.: *Methane retrieved from TROPOMI: improvement of the data product and validation of the first two years of measurements, 2020*

SURF contribution to Tropomi



KNMI Tropomi Spider/CRC processing

Custom platform
L1B/L2 satellite data processing
Integration of multiple services
Interoperable
Serving a large community
Fully automated batch processing
(data driven and time driven)



ROUTES TO SURF

1. NWO

Free at the point of use,
including dedicated
consultancy and storage



2. INNOVATION

SURF Labs – collaborations
for the future



3. NATIONAL / EU / GLOBAL PROJECTS

SURF supports national (DCC, Roadmap), EU
(C-SCALE) & global collaborations



4. CONTRACTS

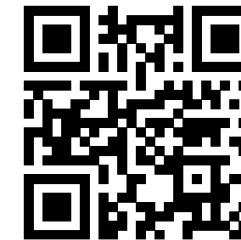
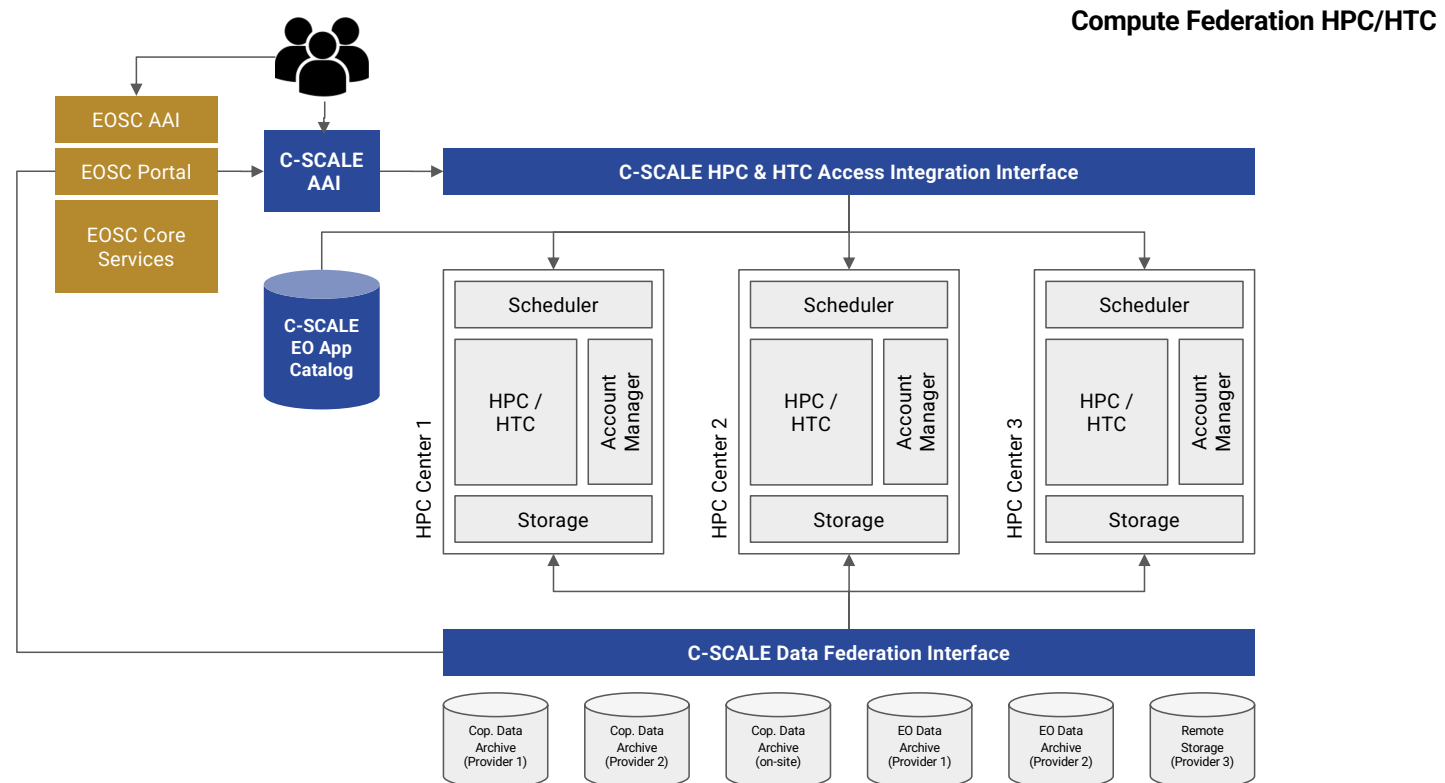
There are (limited) possibilities
to purchase (pre-)paid
resources from SURF



National/EU/Global projects



C-SCALE & SURF: A new HPC & HTC federation



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Experimental Technologies Platform (ETP)

Explore the newest ICT technologies and methodologies that will shape the future of scientific applications. Experiment areas:

- Benchmarking (FPGAs, graphics cards from AMD and Intel, smart NICs, data processing units)
- Workflow design and end-to-end optimization
- Architecture, provisioning, and orchestration



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Emerging technologies: processors, accelerators, storage and networking

 Seminar

Seminar: Hardware innovation technologies for IT in research

In this seminar, SURF will present a number of hardware experiments that we are exploring with partners. These experiments aim to accelerate data-intensive research by exploring and testing developments in existing and new IT technologies.

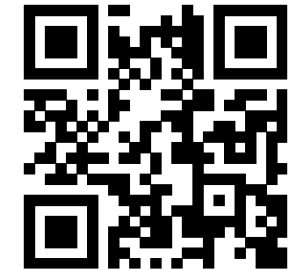
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 05 Mar 2024

 11:00 - 17:00

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Create a ticket
Requests, problems or questions →

Useful resources

- SURFcua portal**
Manage your Snellius/Data Archive/Spider login
- Status of our systems**
See which systems are up and running and which are down
- Sign up for training**
Sign up for a training on of our systems

Apply for access

- Small NWO request (EINF)**
Apply here directly for an EINF grant →
- On institute contract**
Only available for the UvA, VU, GCC and TUE →

Additional information

- Knowledge base**
Information about the systems and services
- NWO requests**
How to request a NWO or EINF grant



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Thank you

The SURF logo is a black speech bubble with the word "SURF" in white, bold, uppercase letters. It is positioned in the upper center of the slide, floating above a grayscale satellite image of the Earth's surface.

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