



# ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS AND SERVICES FOR BIG DATA

ScaDS – Competence Center for Scalable Data  
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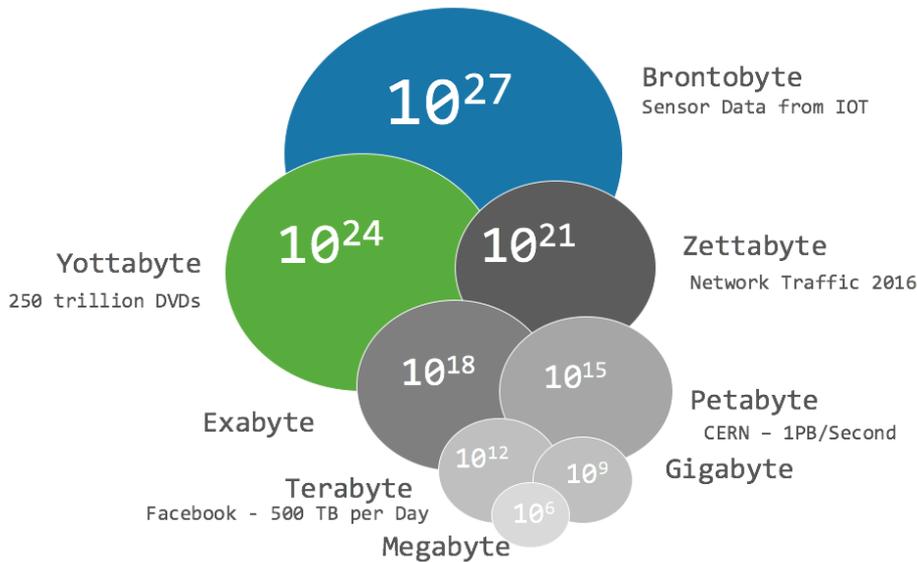
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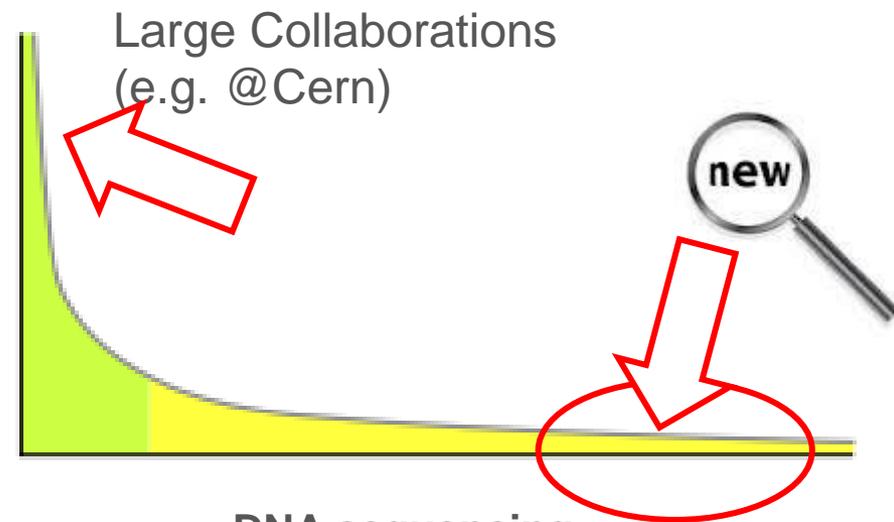
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## Increasing Data Sizes



## Long tail of “Science”



+Veracity, Velocity, Variety

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Engineering



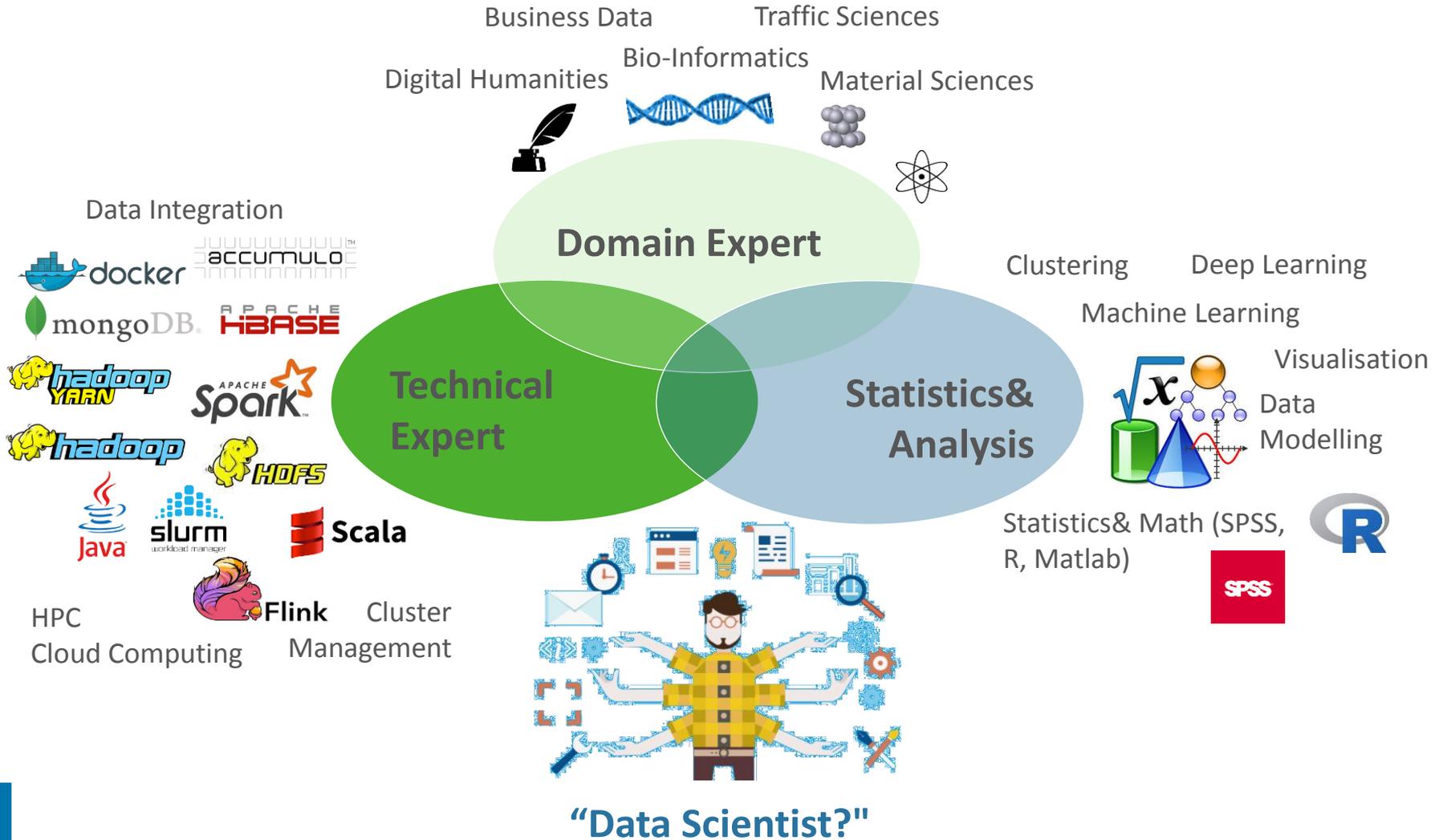
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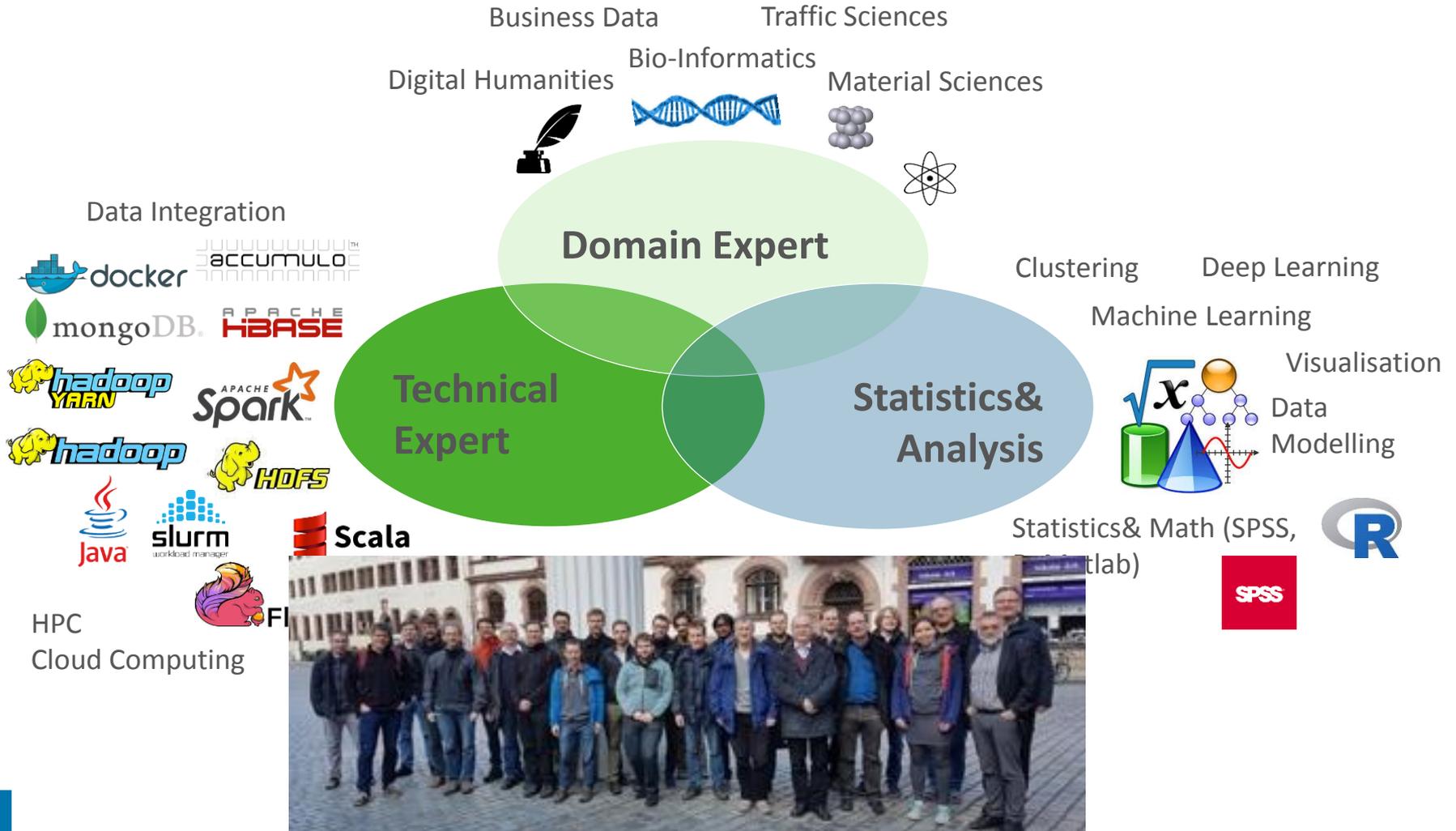
Transportation



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**Lets have a team of experts!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Big Data All-Hands-Meeting, Karlsruhe 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017

# NATIONAL BIG DATA COMPETENCE CENTER AND ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

Specialists from computer & domain sciences

Focal point for new research activities

Collaborative big data research

Associated Partners





Life Sciences

Material and Engineering Sciences

Environmental and Traffic Sciences

Digital Humanities

Business Data

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Big Data Life Cycle Management und Workflows

Data Quality/  
Data Integration

Knowledge Extraction

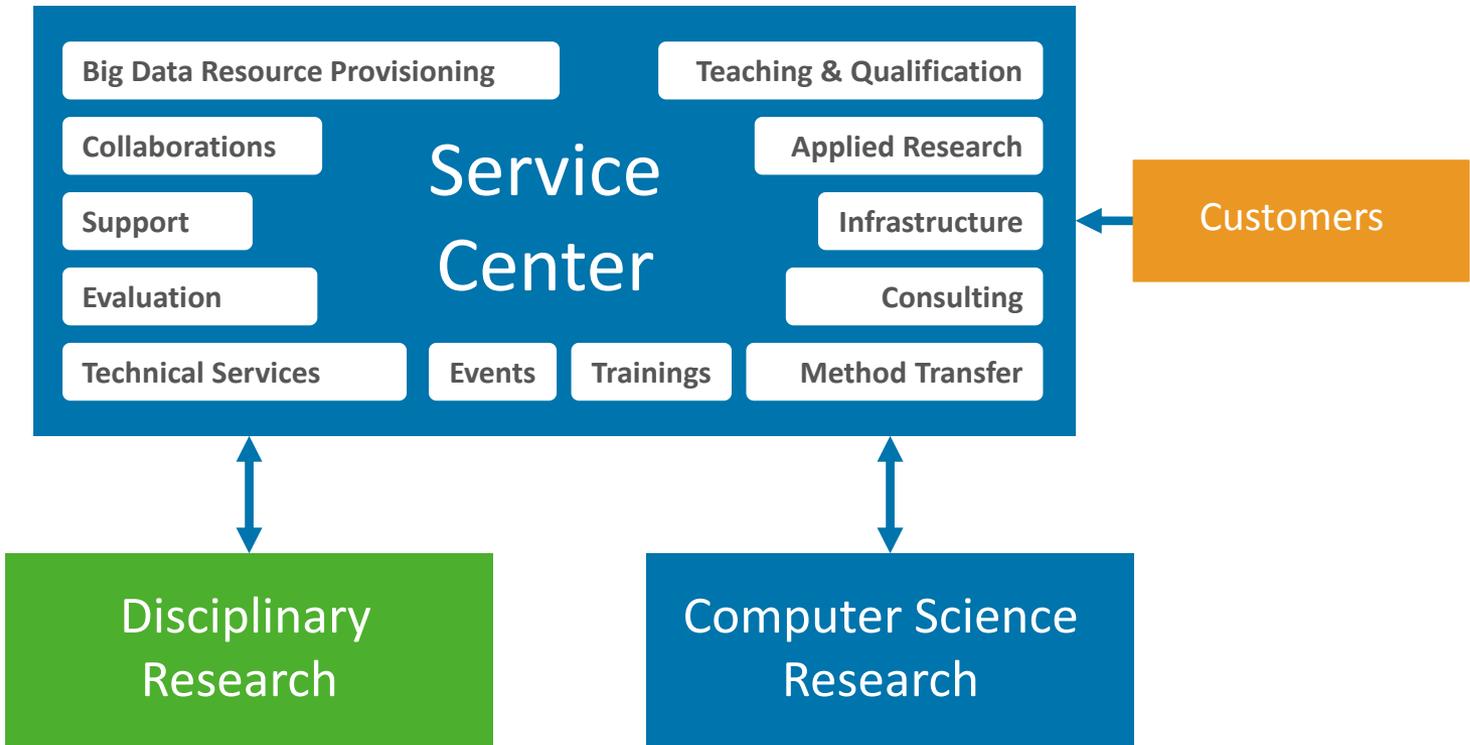
Visual Analysis

Efficient Big Data Architecture



- **Efficient Big Data Infrastructure**
  - Hardening computation infrastructure (Security)
  - Flexible cluster management
  - **Big Data Framework Execution & Monitoring on HPC**
  - Geo-temporal data storage
  - Cloud-based service support for analysis of travel data
- **Big Data Lifecycle and Workflows**
  - **Execution of large data-driven workflows** (KNIME-workflow integration @HPC)
  - Time series management and forecasting
- **Holistic data integration**
  - **Privacy-Preserving Data Matching**
  - Deduplication (in Graphs)
- **Visual Analysis**
  - Improve visualization of large particle data
  - **Multi-scale visualization for engineering data**
- **Knowledge Extraction**
  - Porting computer vision algorithms on GPUs
  - Knowledge Extraction on biological and environmental data
  - **Deep Learning & structure recognition in spatial planning**

See Talk of Prof. Rahm



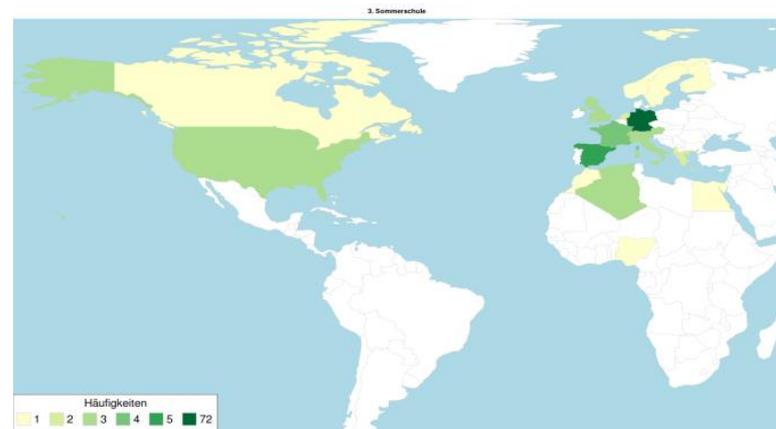
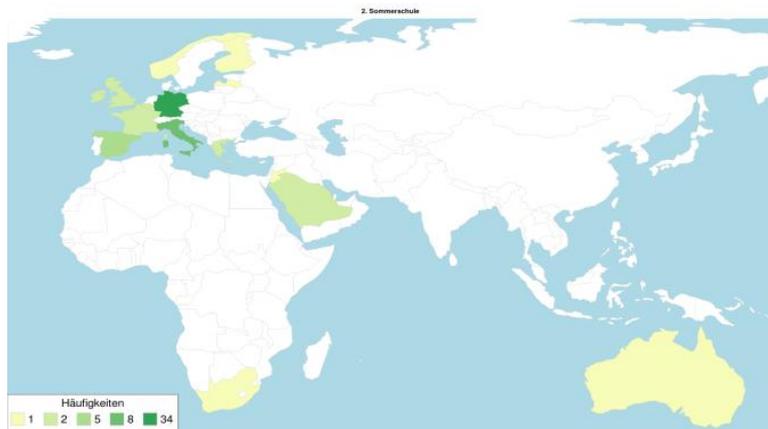
- 10 new projects contributing directly to ScaDS Dresden/Leipzig (new colleagues in ScaDS labs in Dresden and Leipzig)
- 13 further ScaDS-associated project acquisitions: 26 positions

- Goal: open services for scientific communities
- Starting as demonstration services
  - **Visualization for multiscale simulations in engineering**
  - Focus and context methods for point-based data
  - ECAST service
  - Entity-Augmentation
  - **Binary image segmentation**
  - Sierra Platinum: Peak-Calling
  - Imputation service
  - **Analytics service for time series**
  - Innoplan service
  - Wind anomaly detection
  - Text repository & mining services for Digital Humanities (CTS)
  - Graph Analytics Service

See Talk of Jan Frenzel



- 3 Big Data in Business (BiDiB) Workshops
- 3 successful international summer schools (Dresden, Leipzig, Munich)
  - more than 250 national/international guests
- Big Data All-Hands-Meeting in Dresden, June 2016
- 30 renowned experts in guest program (21 short-term, 6 mid-term, 3 long-term)



- >120 of publications, > 200 talks worldwide
- Industry talks: i.e. Data2Day, Bitkom Big Data Summit, Fosdem, Flink Forward



- Awards:
  - Best Science Paper Award der British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC) (Cooperation Prof. G. Myers und Prof. Carsten Rother)
  - Winner of SciVis-Contest IEEE VIS (Group of Prof. Gumhold)
  - Best Demo Award BTW 2017 (Gradoop), 3rd place Data Science Challenge
  - Staatspreis für Innovation, Category „Transfer“ Dr. Stefan Kühne





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# ARCHITECTURES FOR DATA ANALYTICS



- New machine room and HPC-infrastructure:  
HRSK-2 inauguration May 13<sup>th</sup> 2015
- Current HPC installation:  
> 1 PetaFlop/s, > 5 PB HDD, > 40 TB SSD  
> 130 TB main memory
- Further systems suited for various purposes:
  - SGI UV 2000 (Venus)
  - “Galaxy” cluster @Leipzig+Dresden;  
90 nodes “Shared-Nothing” architecture
  - Research-Cloud: 13 nodes with OpenStack  
(64 cores, 64GB RAM, 250GB lokal disk)



## Big Data / Data Analytics

- Active research field for almost all scientific domains
  - What insights can we get out of broad data base?
  - Usually only prototypic ideas/solutions
- Limited technological and methodical knowledge in domains present
- High **potential** to characterize value within data by using state-of-the-art methods within frameworks (Hadoop-Ecosystem, deep learning, statistics, ...)

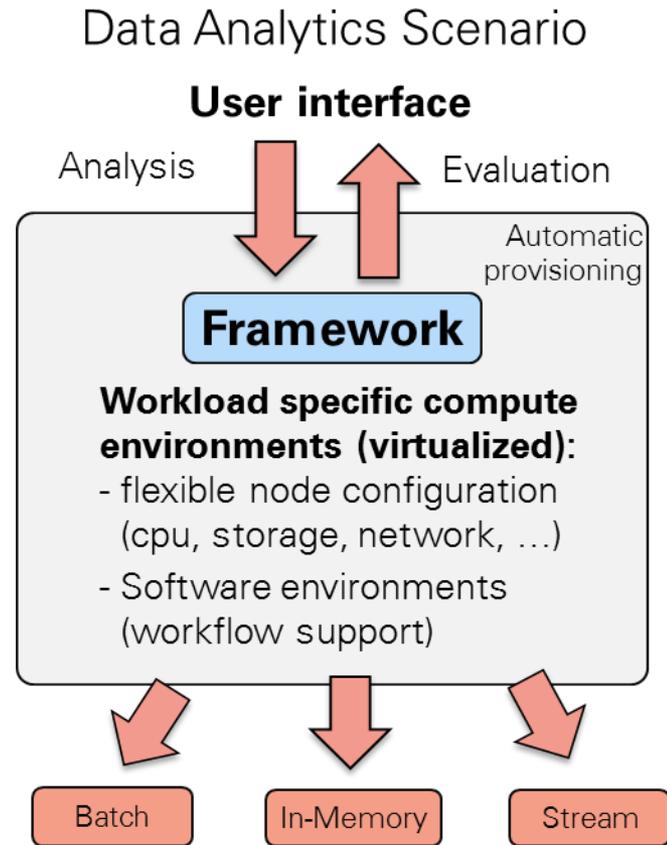
## HPC

- Highly **specialized hardware**; efficient use requires special knowledge
- Traditional **batch system** based interaction, hardly to be integrated into complex workflows – good for large parallel applications
- „**fixed system**“: no standard methods to shape environments for special needs
- Often mainly **centralized** storage

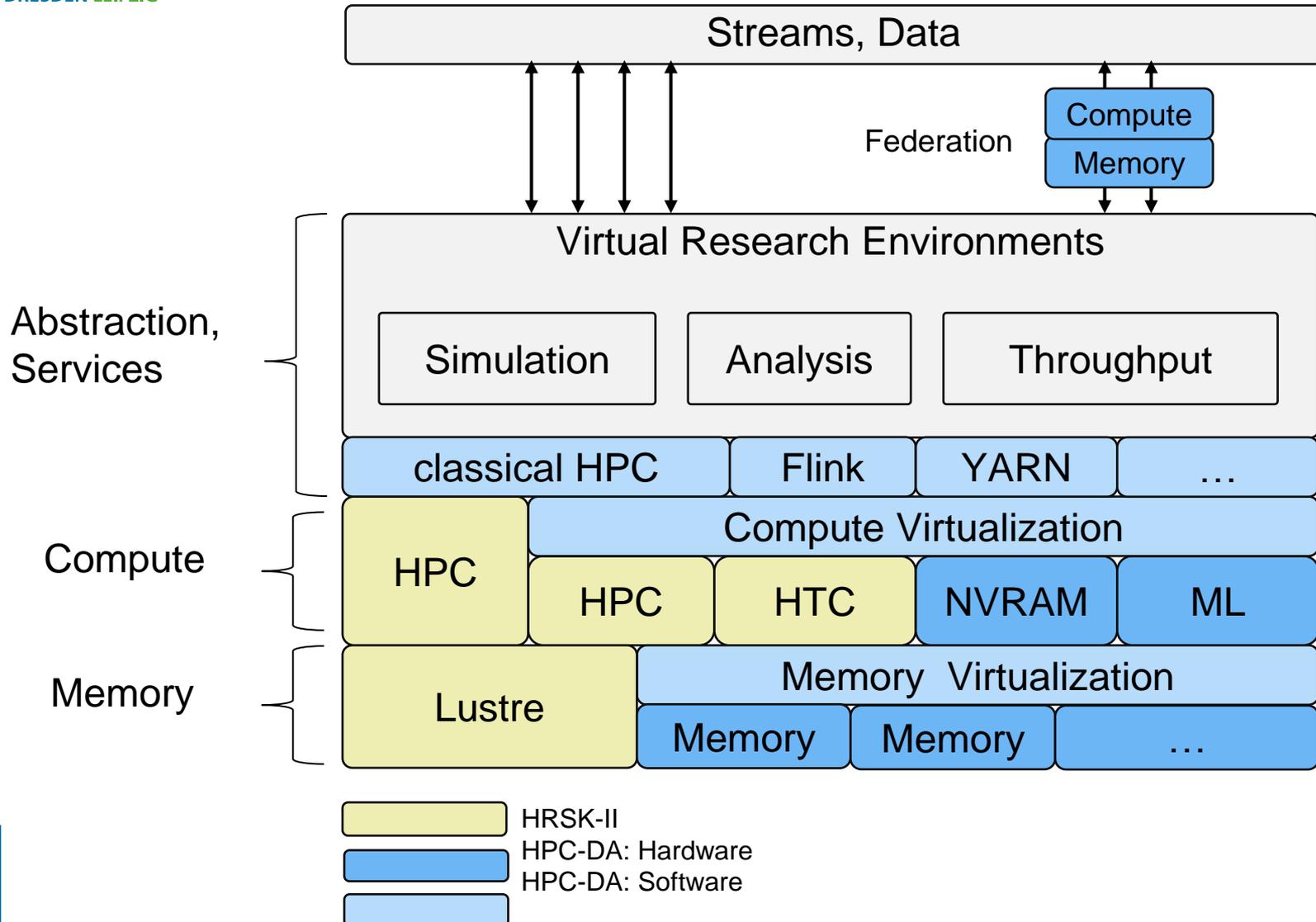
- HPC vs. Data Analytics
  - Bring computing to data, or data to computing (data mover)?
  - Systems and infrastructure should support users, not forcing them to follow rigid regiments
  - Let user pick up approach, which is best for individual use case
  - HPC: traditional rather monolithic usage, e.g. simulations
  - Big Data analytics: more data centric, but not all and every analysis is embarrassingly parallel, iterative models still induce large data movements
- There is no unique Big Data blueprint!
- From the users perspective – which way to follow?  
more HPC like approach or dynamic possibilities of big data frameworks?

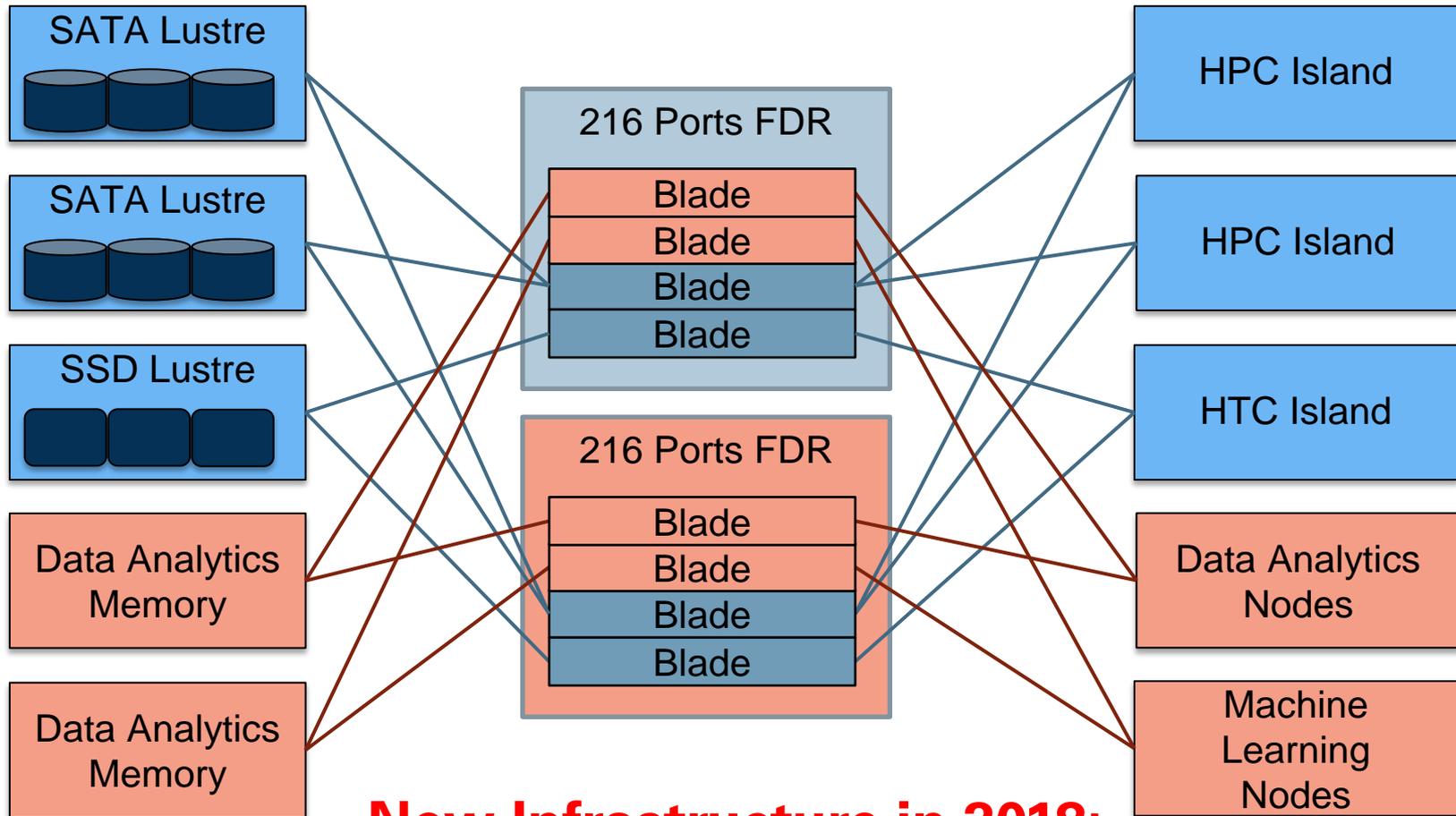
## Requirements to support Big Data workloads on HPC

- Support frameworks: more versatile software stacks
- Fast access to data: not just self-production of data (simulation), but also use 3<sup>rd</sup>-party data (open data, domain repositories)
- Support different data processing paradigms on very same system:
  - Batch vs. Streaming
  - In-Memory and iterations
- Better support of evaluation of (temporary) results, e.g. visualization frontends
- Service orientation (working environments)



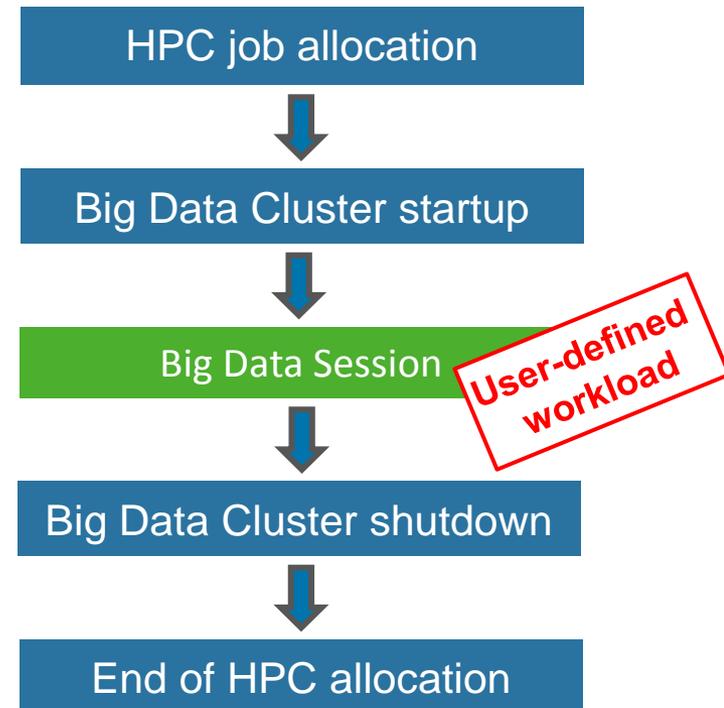
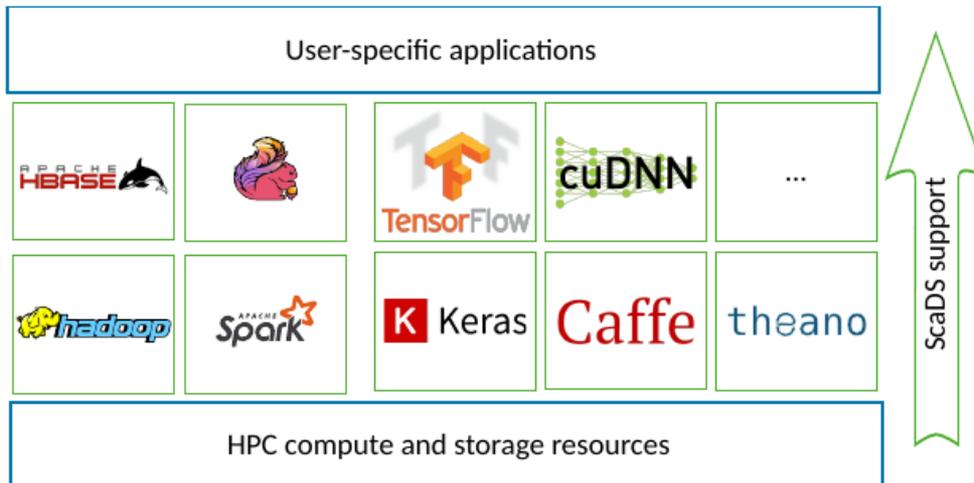
# EXTENSION OF HRSK-II FOR HPC DATA ANALYTICS (HPC-DA)





**New Infrastructure in 2018:  
data analytics and ML nodes**

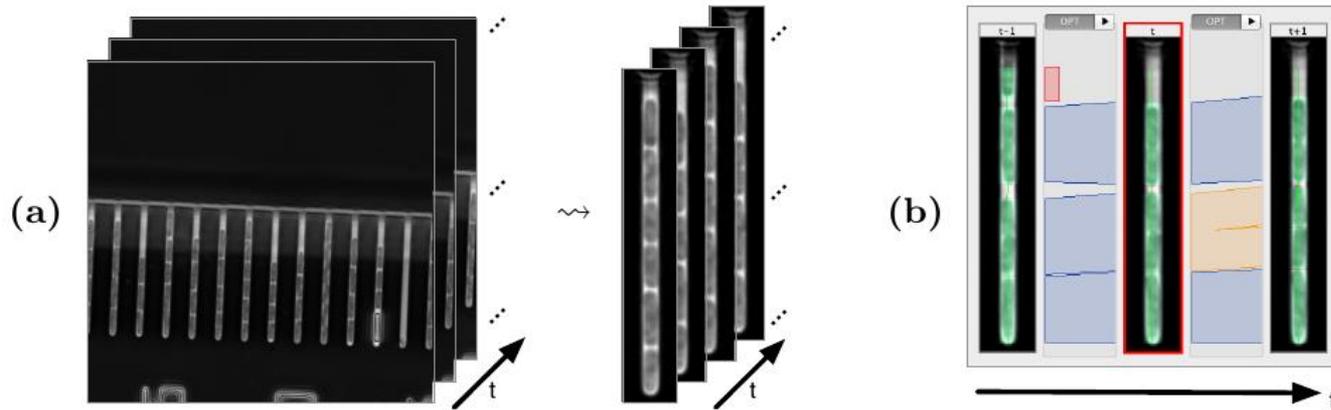
- Provisioning of required environments (Hadoop, Spark, Flink, ML-frameworks ...)
- Big Data session created on demand
- Run directly as analytics service at HPC site
- Adoptable to other frameworks/applications



# ANALYTICS USE CASES

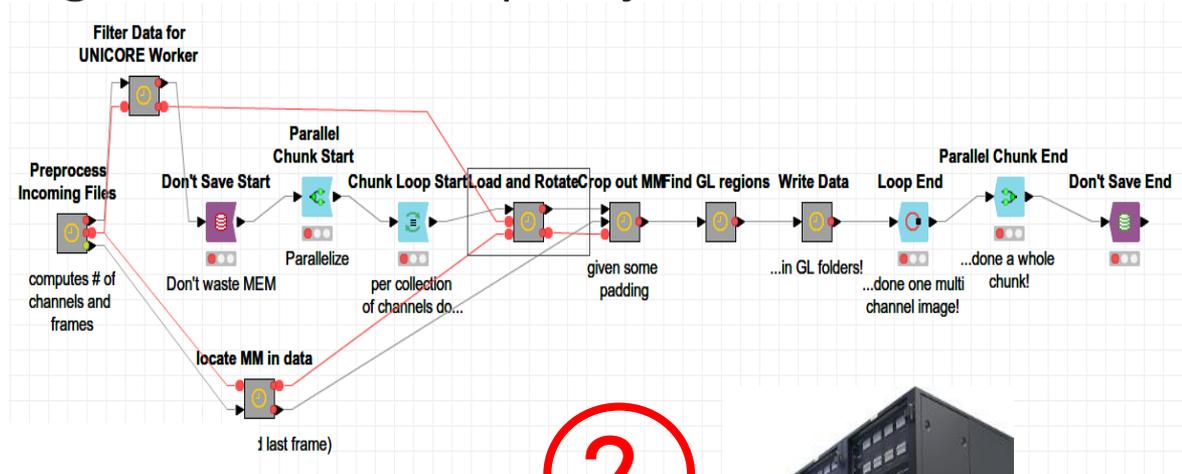


- Use Case: processing pipeline for cell tracking (bacteria E.coli) over time

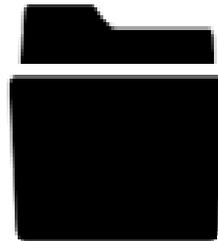


- Challenge: support execution of data-intensive user workflows in HPC environment
  - No prior HPC-knowledge required on user side
  - Formulation of workload directly in workflow environment
- Solution: combination of well-known and widely used tools
  - KNIME for workflow formulation
  - Middleware UNICORE used for HPC interaction

- First: export of workflow and its input data
- Second: automatic generation of compute jobs and execution on HPC system



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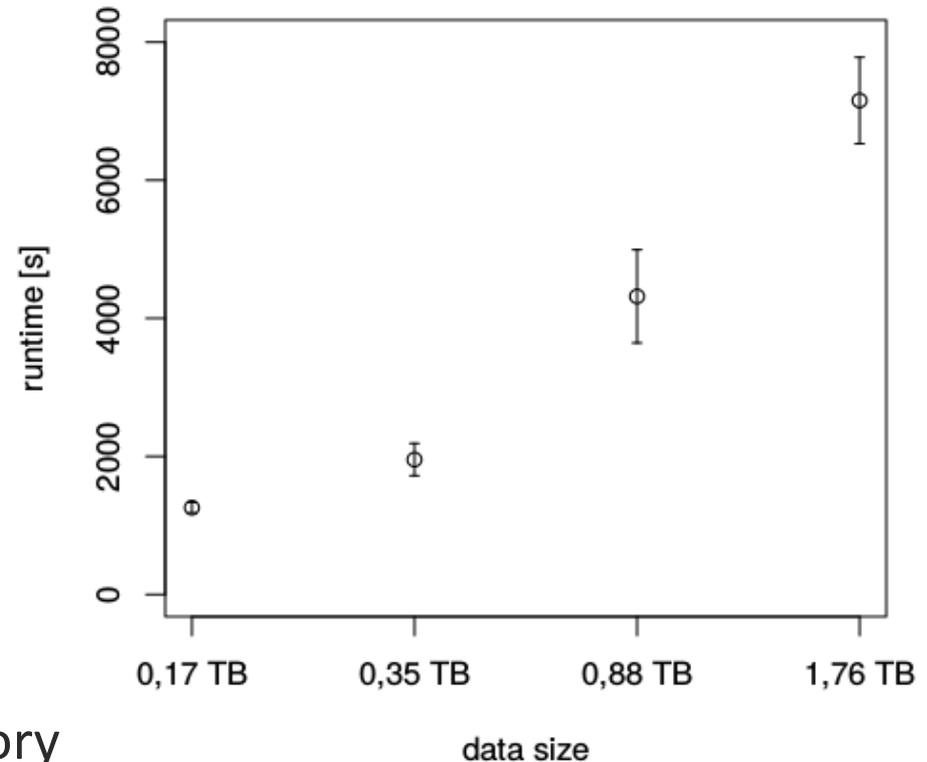


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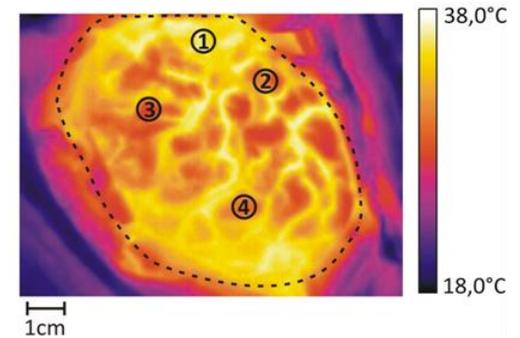
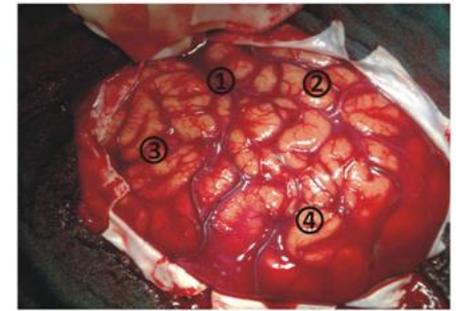


Automatic generation of thousands of computing jobs if required

- Evaluation data set:  
1,8 TB in ~7,5 M files
- Runtime improvement:  
previously 17d on 4 cores  
now 2h on 800 cores
- **200x** faster parallel  
execution
- Next steps:  
fully automated pipeline  
connecting microscope  
with HPC environment  
and research data repository

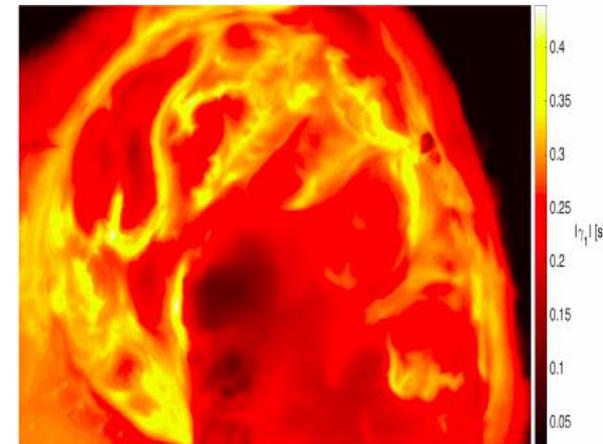
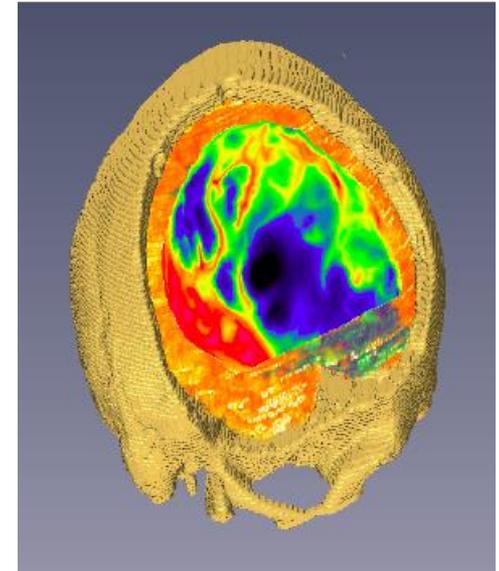


- Application area: low delay operation support using thermal imaging processing
- Quasi real-time data processing required in decision support during surgery – University Hospital Dresden (UKD)
  - Neural activity monitoring require long-term intraoperative measurements (~10 minutes)
  - Fast preprocessing required to decrease delay for subsequent analysis workflows and result presentations => minimize overall OP delay
  - Iterative process: 3000 frames (5.4 GB) have to be processed every minute (50 Hz sampling rate)

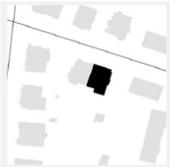
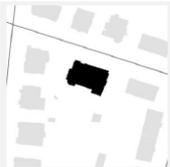


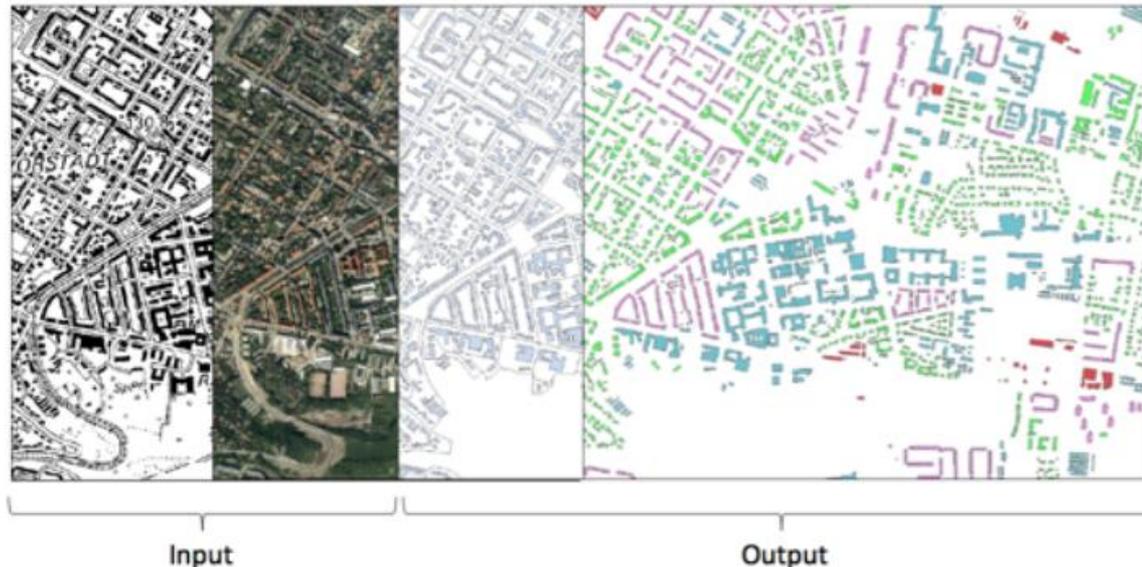
Thermal image of acute subdural hematoma

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- Solution: Provision of Spark-Cluster @HPC
  - Fast SSD-backend to speed-up IO; fail-safe storage of imaging data
- Runtime improvement:
  - UKD-workstation: ~7000s/30.000 images
  - Spark cluster @Taurus: ~32s/30.000 images→ ~220x faster

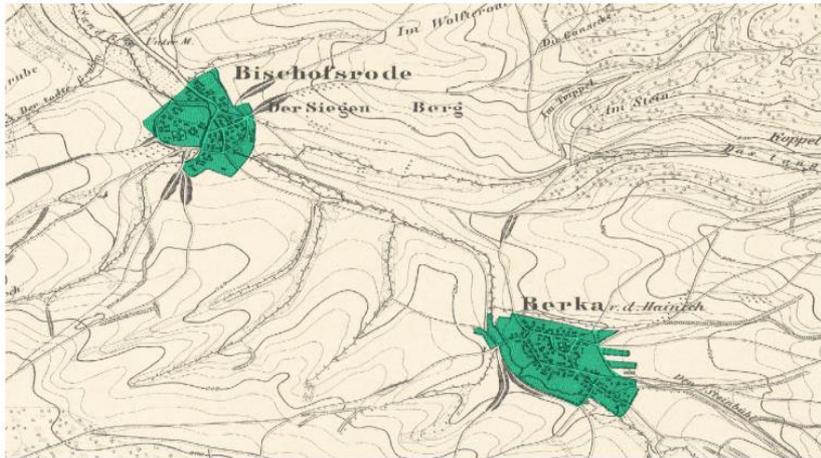


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- Challenges:
  - Analysis of maps to trace the development of settlement areas and their internal structure over time

Micro-Level		Meso-Level		Macro-Level
Single building	Building region	surrounding (100m search radius)	urban block	settlement body
				
e.g. Area, Perimeter, Height, Use	e.g. Area, Perimeter, No. of adjacent buildings	e.g. No. of buildings, mean distance from building to building	e.g. building coverage, ATKIS®-Land Use Information	z. B. area, perimeter, compactness



## Settlement area detection, Messtischblaetter 1875-1943



Collaboration between:

Computer Vision Lab Dresden (CVLD)

ZIH, TU-Dresden

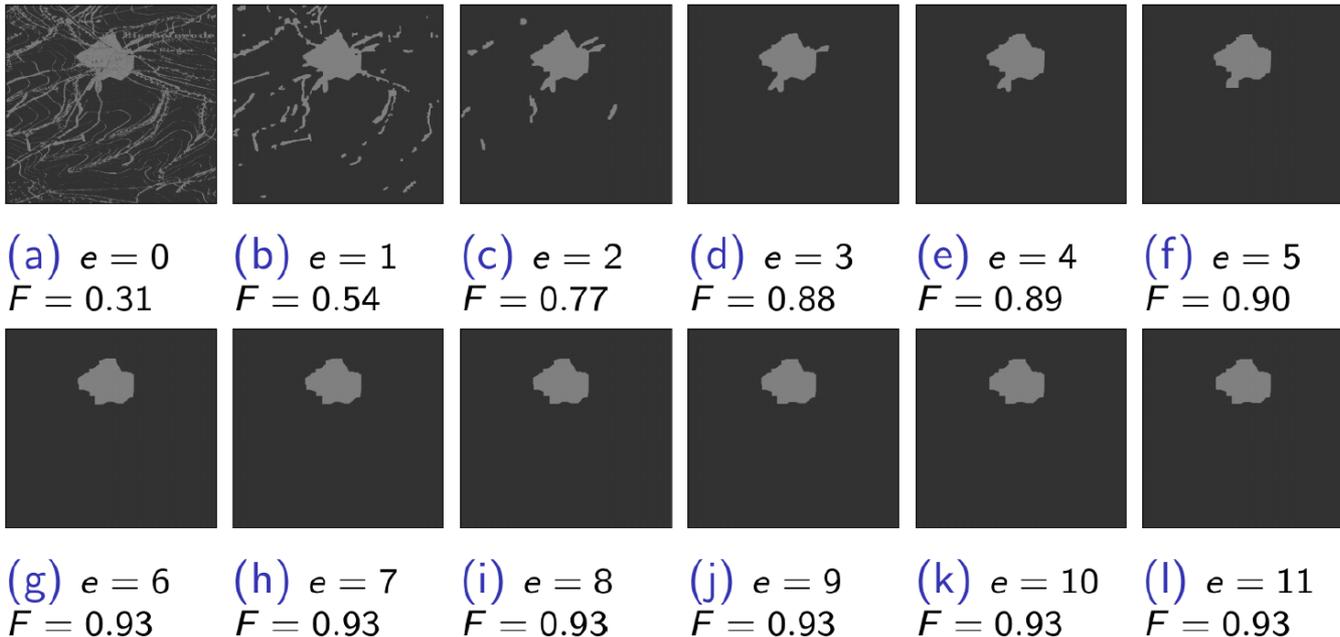
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  - Scenario:
    - Analysis of historic maps (“Messtischblätter”): Good coverage of Germany in 1:25000 scale (1875-1945)
    - Thorough evaluation is desired (over time)
    - Accurate training sets required
  - Solution
    - Usage of image segmentation algorithms in data processing
    - Avoid previously required labor intensive manual work



Example settlement areas

- Results:
  - Automatic and new method for settlement detection in historic maps available using Random Forest (RF) + Conditional Random Field (CRF)
  - Scalable data processing of large quantity of input maps possible



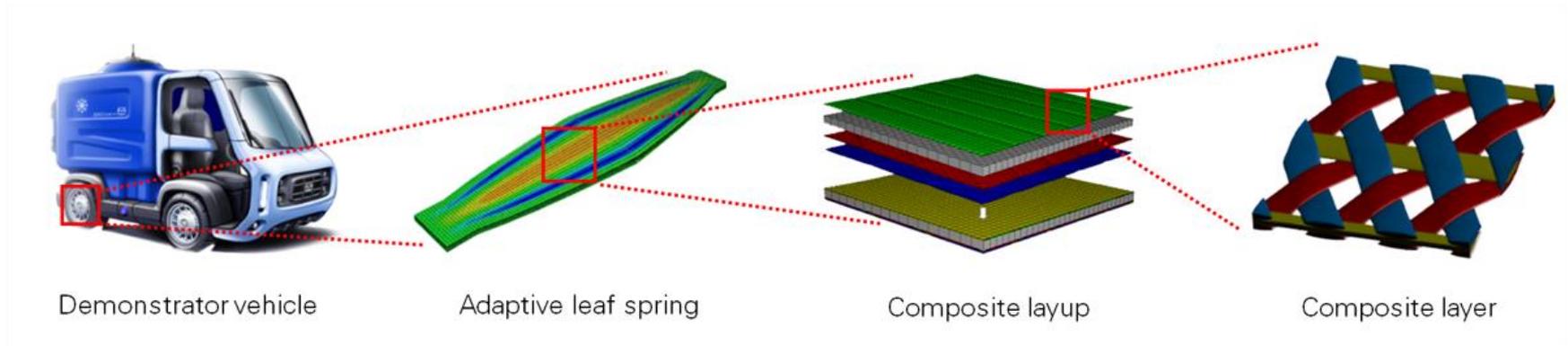
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  - serial processing on ordinary workstation: ~780 minutes (13 hours)
  - Parallel execution: <4min → ~200x faster



Input



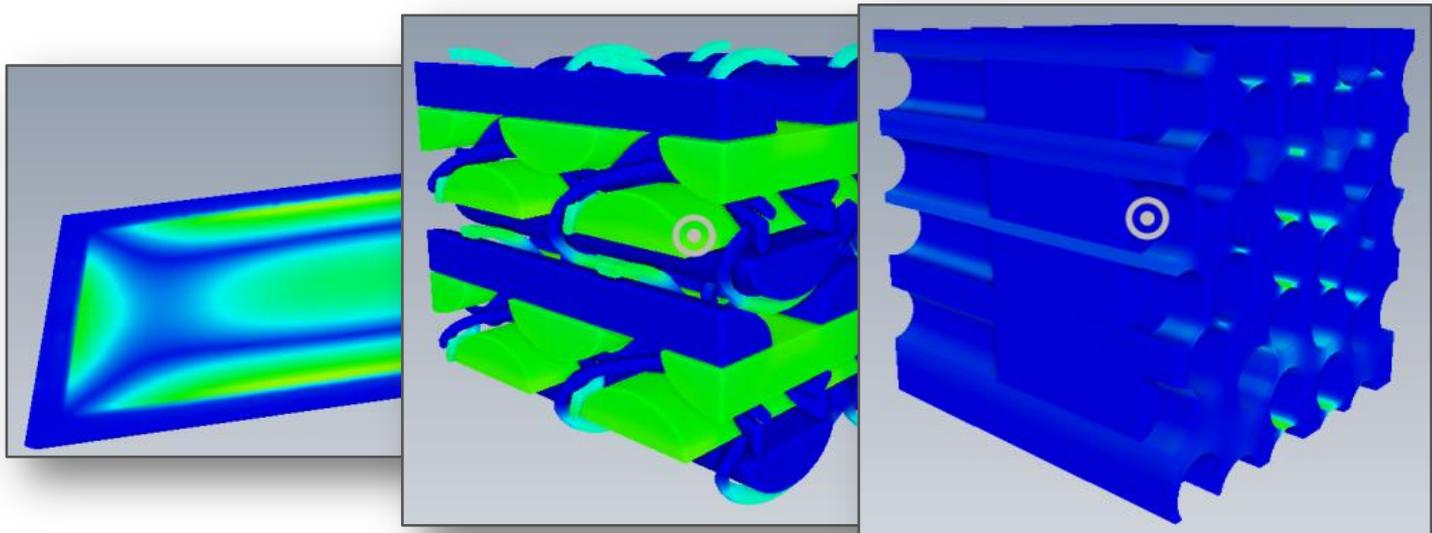
Correct output labels



- Follow simulation of processes over time on different scales
- Easy user-interface for direct interaction with data (web-browser based)
- Preparation of simulations on different scales at HPC-site and output presentation via visual analysis

## Methods:

- Time-dependent finite element simulation of complete component on 3 scales
- 200 time steps per scale using Abaqus tool; simulations need to be aligned



# Multi-scale visualization – The key for a deeper understanding of materials



Computer Graphics  
and Visualization



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DLR Projektträger

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# SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

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## **Strong scientific output and competence (>120 publications)**

i.a. Big Graph Analytics, Sierra Platinum , CTS, data intensive workflows for HPC, settlement recognition in historic maps, Interactive Multi-Scale Visualization...



## **Service Center for Big Data with high impact**

Numerous interdisciplinary big data application projects and industry collaborations & transfer in industry



## **Many project acquisitions**

> 11 Mio Euro (Exploids, BIGGR, TIQ-Graph, KOBRA, MASI, GERDIE, EMUDIG4.0..)



## **National & international outreach & visibility**

200 keynotes/talks worldwide , 3 successful summer schools, 30 proven experts in guest program, 3 successful Big Data in Industry workshops



## **Successful training and education program**

“Big-Data-Schwerpunkt”: lectures/ seminars/ trainings/ PhD seminars  
Hundreds of Graduates with Big Data Expertise (Master)  
>10 PhDs in Big Data close to finishing

- Convergence of HPC and Big Data offers great opportunities in data analysis
  - There is no unique big data usage pattern
    - Many different aspects are of interest (not just “volume”)
    - But: transparency for users is very important
  - HPC systems will support an extremely large main memory, which will result in huge input/output data (size and/or number of files)
  - Other, more distributed approaches still valid, e.g. for Hadoop-like workloads, but more iterative methods needed (machine learning)
  - Still depending on use-case requirements – user needs to adopt current workloads
- Big Data Analytics at the push of a button ... will take a while



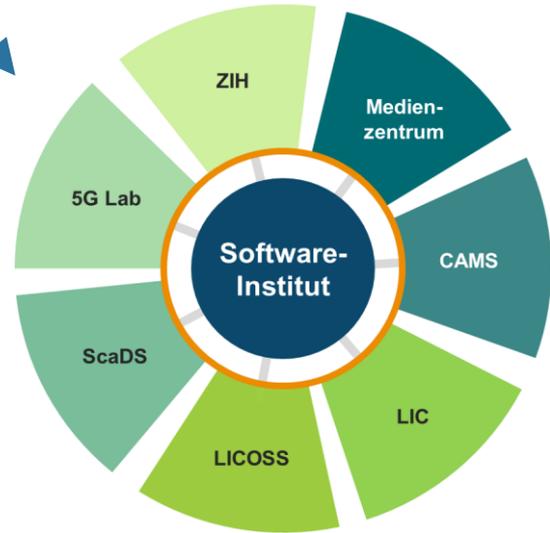
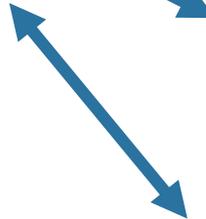


Opening of the HPC infrastructure for German Big Data Community



Smart Infrastructure Hub

Smart Systems Hub



Lehmannzentrum

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