

Future Technologies and NWP

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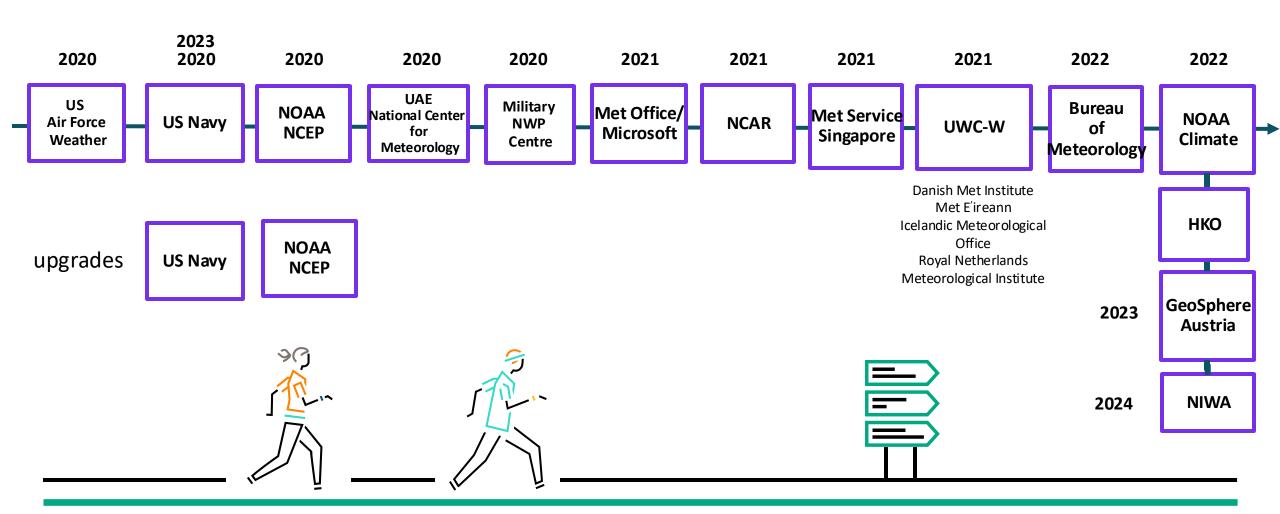
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New HPE Cray Supercomputers for WEATHER, CLIMATE and OCEANOGRAPHY



HPE Leadership in HPC systems for Weather Prediction

Supporting Operational NWP

AFW HPC11 at ORNL

- AMD CPUs
- NVIDIA A100 GPUs
- ClusterStor
- Slingshot interconnect

UAE NCMS

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Bureau of Meteorology

- Intel SPR
- Slingshot interconnect

NIWA

- HPE, NVIDIA
- VAST Data

US Navy

- AMD Genoa CPUs
- 128 MI300A APUs
- 24 NVIDIA L40 GPUs
- ClusterStor
- Slingshot interconnect

Met Office in Azure

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NOAA WCOSS

(Cactus and Dogwood)

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UWC-W

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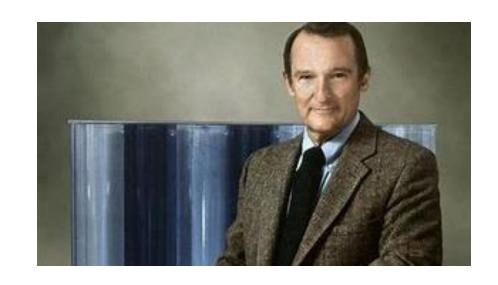
Met Service Singapore

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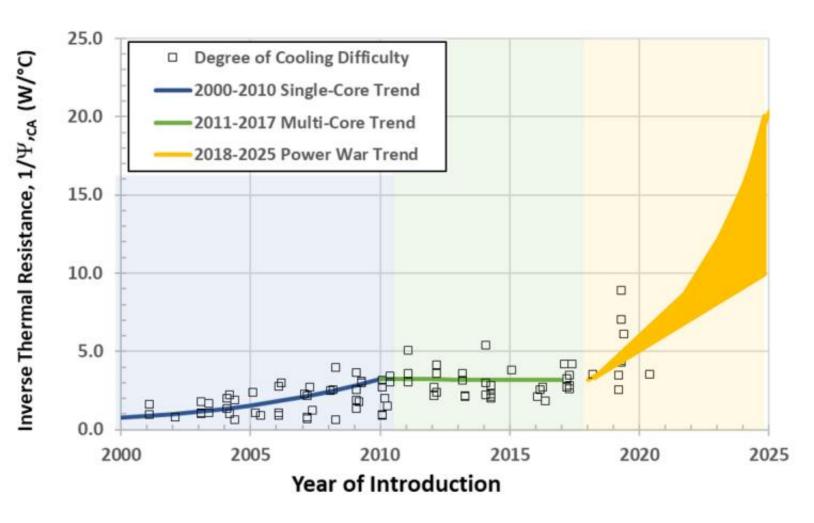
Anyone can build a fast CPU. The trick is to build a fast system.

Seymour Cray



Changing Chip Designs

COOLING MATTERS MORE THAN EVER



ASHRAE Technical Committee (TC) 9.9, Mission Critical Facilities, Data Centers, Technology Spaces, and Electronic Equipment White Paper: Emergence and Expansion of Liquid Cooling in Mainstream Data Centers

CPU thermals are dramatically increasing

Increasing power levels will stretch the limits of existing datacenters, and require long lead time to retrofit Power & Cooling

HPC/AI customers will need to need to Sacrifice Performance or Adapt

This is not even considering the uptake of GPUs!

Many Datacentres are perpetually behind

2013 - Intel Haswell/Broadwell

Top Bin = 145W

~30kW - 72 Nodes/rack w/rich config

2015 - Intel Skylake/Cascade Lake
Top Bin = 205W
~42kW - 72 Nodes/rack w/rich config

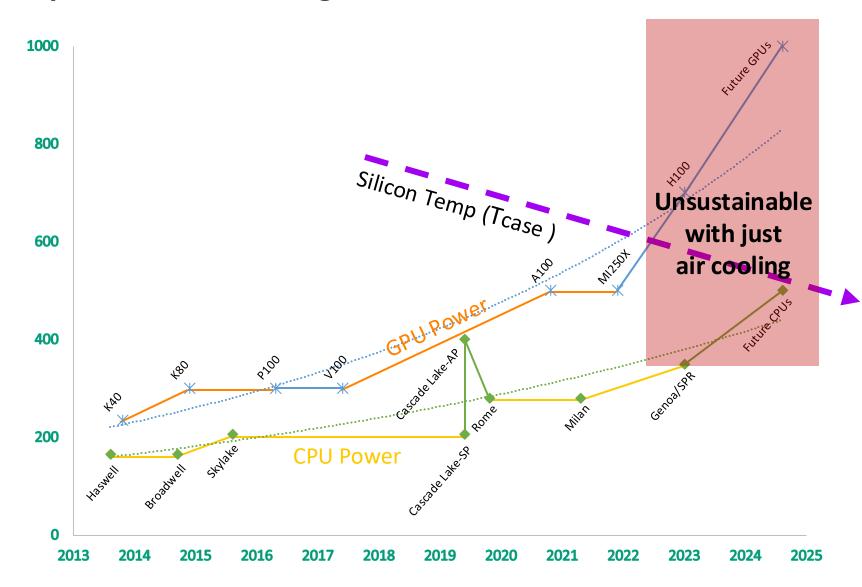
Many customers still stuck with 10-15kW/rack datacenters, some have upgraded to 25-40kW/rack

2019 - AMD Rome/Milan
Top Bin = 280W
>50kW - 72 Nodes/rack of HPC

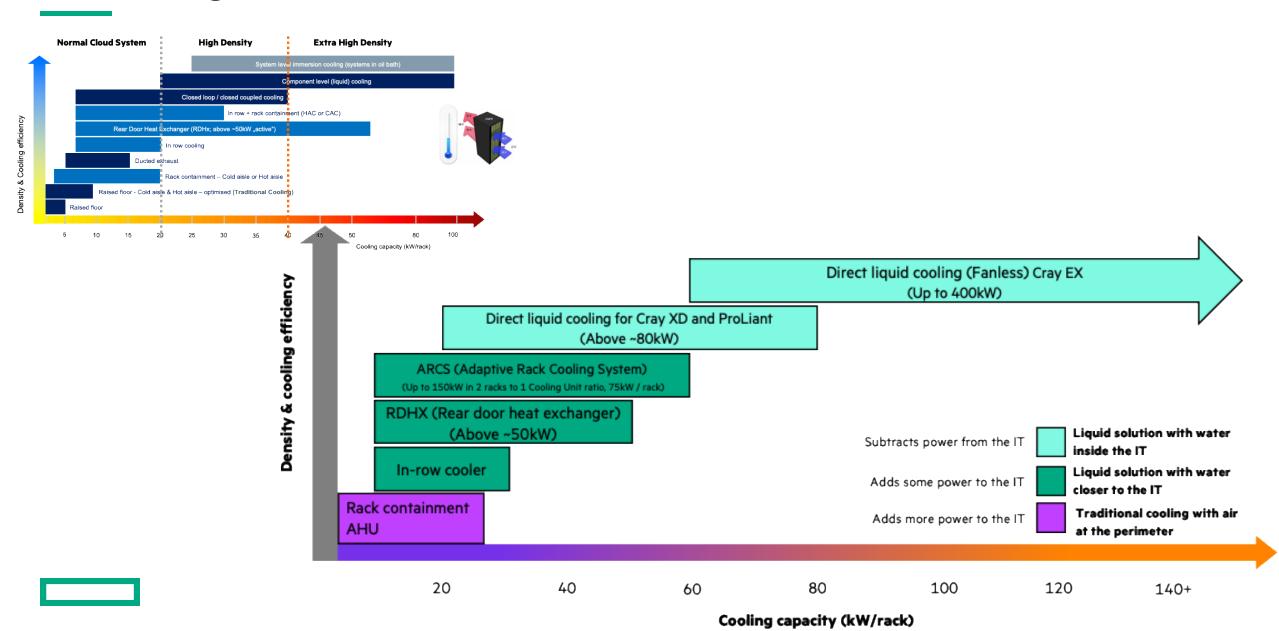
2023 - AMD Genoa / Intel Sapphire
Rapids
Top Bin = 350W or greater
>60kW - 64 Node/rack w/Slingshot

30-40kW/rack datacenters will struggle with air cooling

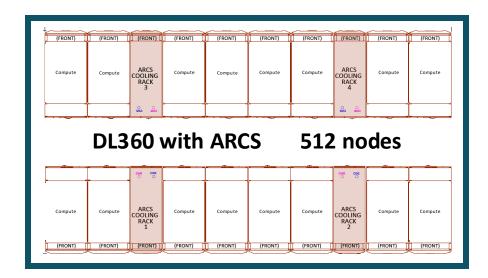
Processor Temperature – Cooling Dilemma

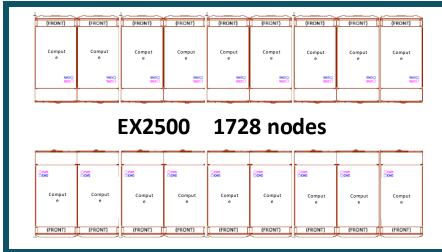


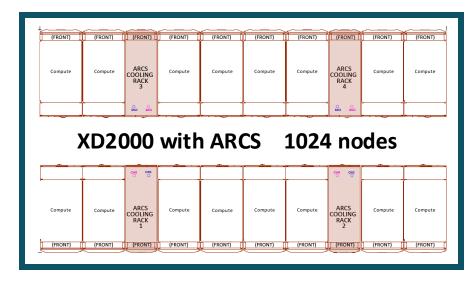
HPE Cooling Solutions

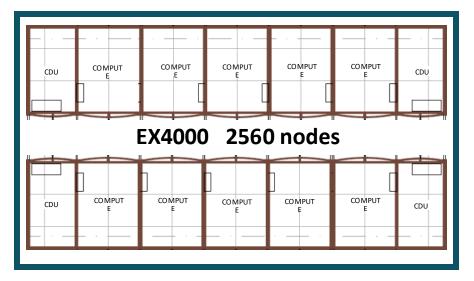


What difference does Packaging make – 4.26m x 7.9m comparison









Trends and conditions affecting HPC for NWP

Processor diversity

- Many CPU choices, lots of SKUs
- Huge range of core counts
- dense/classic, Pcores/E-cores

Performance/socket driven by power (TDP)

- Lots of memory channels
- Lots of cores
- cache/core

GPU diversity

- Architectures
 - Al-optimized
 - FP64-optimized
- Software stacks

Costs & supply chain Performance/\$?

Performance
Portability for Fortranbased NWP and ES
models on GPUs

- OpenACC challenges
- DSLs

Workload evolution

- Rapid increase in AI/ML work
- Explosion in full forecast system emulators, new neuralGCMs

Will emulators replace GPU-accelerated loops?

Big Uncertainties
Rapid change
Lots of choices



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- "dense" vs. "classic","P-cores vs. E-cores"
- X86 and Arm

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As number of cores/socket increases, the number of choices increases:

Processors in 2025 will range from 8 to 192 cores with many variants

- Memory system differences
- Clock speed differences
- Impossible benchmark all options

Use performance modeling to understand application characteristics and trim choices.

NWP and **ESM** codes

- scale well & can use more cores to deliver performance
- need memory bandwidth and cache, not clock speed
- have no license costs (can use more cores)

How much memory/core do you need?

- Beware searching for the optimal SKU for a fixed workload
 - Complex optimization problem
 - Costs are unknown until last minute
 - Lifespan of optimal solution can be short – workload changes
- Aim for generally good

Beware of price and power increases in next-generation systems!

Name	# of CPU Cores	# of Threads	Max. Boost Clock	Base Clock	L3 Cache	Default TDP
AMD EPYC™ 9754S	128	128	Up to 3.1 GHz	2.25 GHz	256 MB	360W
AMD EPYC™ 9754	128	256	Up to 3.1 GHz	2.25 GHz	256 MB	360W
AMD EPYC™ 9734	112	224	Up to 3 GHz	2.2 GHz	256 MB	340W
AMD EPYC™ 9684X	96	192	Up to 3.7 GHz	2.55 GHz	1152 MB	400W
AMD EPYC™ 9654P	96	192	Up to 3.7 GHz	2.4 GHz	384 MB	360W
AMD EPYC™ 9654	96	192	Up to 3.7 GHz	2.4 GHz	384 MB	360W
AMD EPYC™ 9634	84	168	Up to 3.7 GHz	2.25 GHz	384 MB	290W
AMD EPYC™ 9554P	64	128	Up to 3.75 GHz	3.1 GHz	256 MB	360W
AMD EPYC™ 9554	64	128	Up to 3.75 GHz	3.1 GHz	256 MB	360W
AMD EPYC™ 9534	64	128	Up to 3.7 GHz	2.45 GHz	256 MB	280W
AMD EPYC™ 9474F	48	96	Up to 4.1 GHz	3.6 GHz	256 MB	360W
AMD EPYC™ 9454P	48	96	Up to 3.8 GHz	2.75 GHz	256 MB	290W
AMD EPYC™ 9454	48	96	Up to 3.8 GHz	2.75 GHz	256 MB	290W
AMD EPYC™ 9384X	32	64	Up to 3.9 GHz	3.1 GHz	768 MB	320W
AMD EPYC™ 9374F	32	64	Up to 4.3 GHz	3.85 GHz	256 MB	320W
AMD EPYC™ 9354P	32	64	Up to 3.8 GHz	3.25 GHz	256 MB	280W
AMD EPYC™ 9354	32	64	Up to 3.8 GHz	3.25 GHz	256 MB	280W
AMD EPYC™ 9334	32	64	Up to 3.9 GHz	2.7 GHz	128 MB	210W
AMD EPYC™ 9274F	24	48	Up to 4.3 GHz	4.05 GHz	256 MB	320W
AMD EPYC™ 9254	24	48	Up to 4.15 GHz	2.9 GHz	128 MB	200W
AMD EPYC™ 9224		9004 Serie	es Processors 9004	Series with 3D \	/-Cache™ Tech	nology 973

Portfolio

Overview

Partner Solutions

Specifications

Support & Resources

AMD Genoa – LOTS of choices (Turin has even more!)

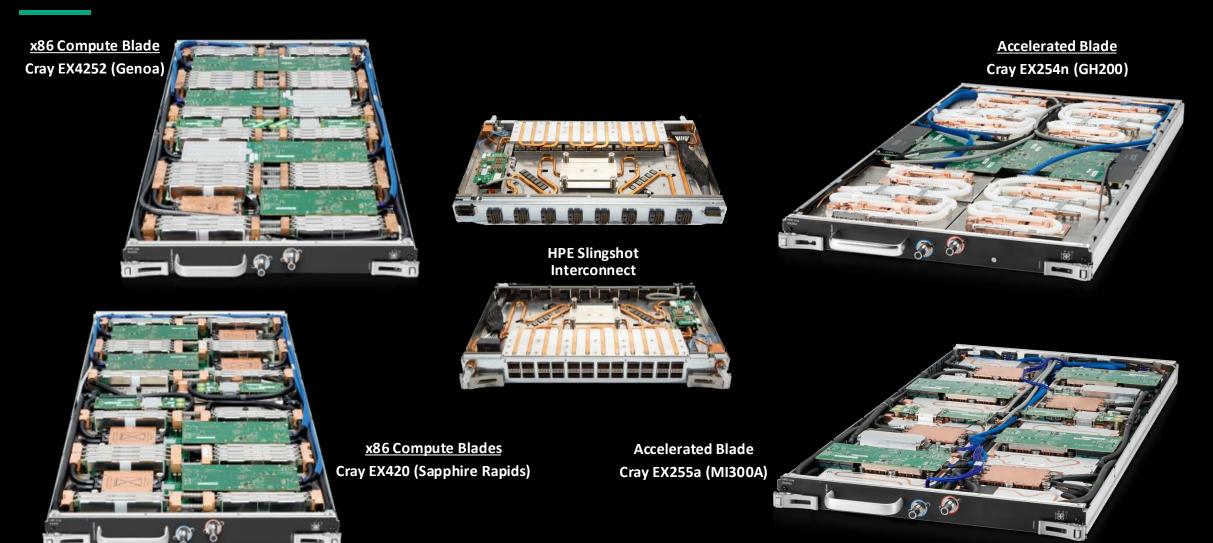
97x4 Processors

8004 Series Processors

AMD EPYC™ 9184X
AMD EPYC™ 9174F
AMD EPYC™ 9124

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HPE Cray EX Supercomputer Blades – Direct Liquid Cooling



GPUs for LLMs is changing the landscape of HPC for Scientific Computing

Impact of HUGE commercial purchases

- Cost of data center space
- Availability of power for data centers
- Cost of GPUs
- Lead time for GPUs

Elon Musk wants to purchase 300,000 Blackwell B200 Nvidia Al GPUs — Hardware upgrades to improve X's Grok AI bot



By Aaron Klotz published June 3, 2024

Nvidia's B200 GPUs will be used to boost the X platform's Al capabilities

Zuckerberg's Meta Is Spending Billions to Buy 350,000 Nvidia H100 GPUs

In total, Meta will have the compute power equivalent to 600,000 Nvidia H100 GPUs to help it develop next-generation AI, says CEO Mark Zuckerberg.



By Michael Kan January 18, 2024



Microsoft has a target to amass 1.8 million Al chips by the end of the year, internal document shows

Trends and conditions affecting HPC for NWP and ESM - GPUs

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Performance Portability for Fortranbased NWP and ESMs on GPUs

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Rapidly changing roadmaps for GPUs, driven by Al investments

- Designed for transformer models
- What GPU/CPU ratio?
- How much HBM do you need?
- Costs and TDPs are eye-watering!
 - Performance/\$?
 - Performance/Watt?

Coupled ESMs have some components that aren't likely to be efficient on GPUs

- need enough CPU resources to run them
- should they share node? If so, how much memory do they need?
- Will they run optimally on nodes designed for LLM training?



Trends and conditions affecting HPC for NWP - ML

Rapid Workload evolution driven by advances in ML methods

- A few years ago
 - Emulators trained offline for specific parameterization
 - Post-processing/bias correction
- 2022-2023
 - Explosion in full forecast system emulators
 - Trained on ERA5 data
 - Inference starting from the analysis extremely fast
- 2024 stochastic models, diffusion models
 - neuralGCMs with dynamics solver combined with ML physics with online physics training
 - Mesoscale models
 - ML for DA &/or inferencing directly from observations
 - Foundation models

Collaborations between meteorologists at Met services with companies like Google, Microsoft, NVIDIA

Increasing value of high temporal and spatial resolution authoritative data from weather services.

Increasing asks for AI-optimized storage in addition to traditional PFS



Hybrid Cloud and agility for Al

On-prem/dedicated single-tenant

Best match for well-understood, stable applications and workflows

- Optimize the architecture and configuration for apps
 - Traditional (lengthy) procurement processes, benchmarks
- Include some generally applicable AI technology for inhouse development and exploration, especially for training with large data produced by your own models and online training

Cost-savings + full control

Multi-tenant commercial cloud

- Low commitment
- Quick access to the most diverse set of architectures and configurations
- Enables exploration of AI methods using latest technologies
- Expensive to store and/or egress large volumes of data
 - Scientists like to save everything "just in case"
 - Massive, potentially ephemeral data -> reduce in time & space -> expand to create derived variables
 - Only curated open datasets get cheap/subsidized storage rates

Procure an optimized hybrid cloud solution





Open Source vs. Proprietary Software

Open Science Requirements

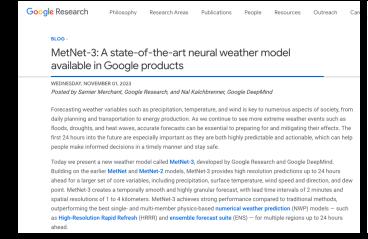
- Journals have moved towards demanding that results are reproducible (statistical, not bit-wise)
 - Suggests proprietary components must have an open-source alternative or be freely distributable
- Major AI frameworks are already open-source with highly permissive licences
- Some popular software moving to closed licenses (MongoDB, Redis, etc.), historically followed by development of open source alternatives

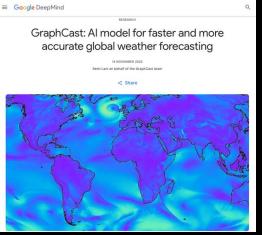
Collaboration Requirements

- Containerized applications for multiple platforms
- Do compilers need to be multi-platform?

Proprietary for Performance, Open-source for sharing

Global Weather Forecast - GOOGLE





MetNet-3

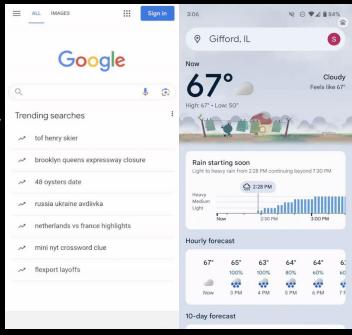
- Regional forecast
- Traditional neural network
- High resolution and accuracy
- Operational

GraphCast

- Global forecast
- Graph Neural Network
- ~4 weeks training on 32 Cloud TPUv4
- 6 variables at 37 levels plus 5 surface variables (0.25 degree, 28x28km at eq.)

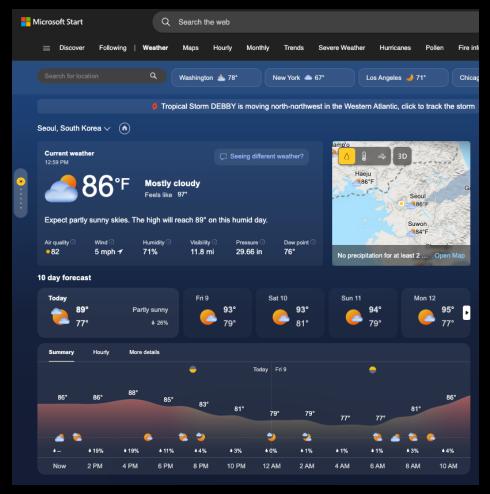
Real-time update
Personalization
Accuracy and Reliability

Data collection + Data Processing + Data Visualization





Global Weather Forecast - Microsoft





Weather from Microsoft Start

- Ambassador of NOAA's Weather Ready Nation
- A part of UN's Early Warnings for ALL

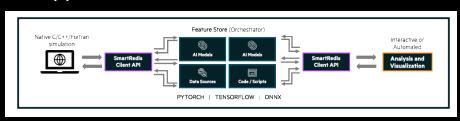
ClimaX

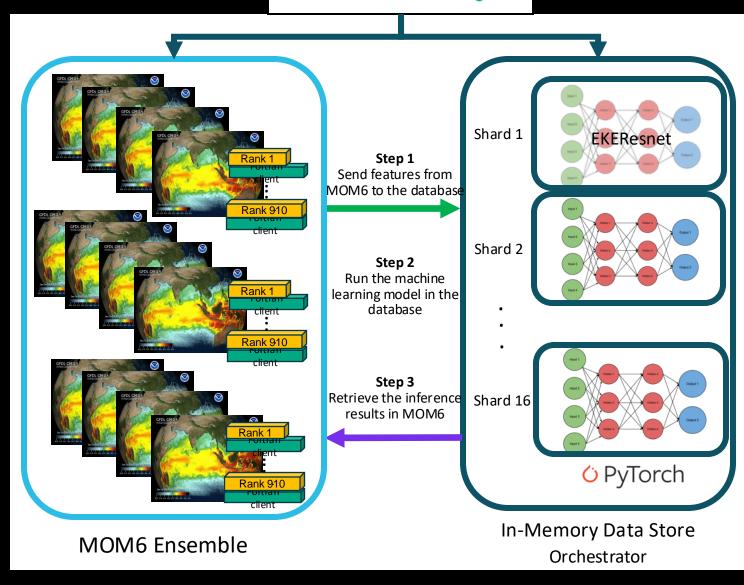
- Developed by Microsoft
- Built as a foundation model, trained on CMPI6 climate model output, can be fine tuned with other data at different scales
- Source code in github



Hybrid AI Models

- "Cognitive Simulation" or "CogSim" →
 Model Physic + Al
 - Emulators for complex physical parameterizations
 - Challenging to integrate one ML parametrization into a larger model and maintain stability
- Bias correctors inside time-stepping (ECMWF IFS and 4DVAR)
- SmartSim from HPE (open source)
 enables Fortran + data science in one
 application









Thank you

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