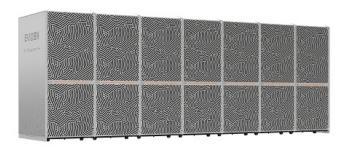


Al in France











GENCI May 2024



GENCI, A FRENCH HPC RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

Serving yearly 1700 research projects in HPC and AI (academia, industry)



















TGCC/CEA - Ile de France

- Hosting Site for the 2nd Exascale system (EuroHPC) within Jules Verne consortium (FR, NL)
- Hosting Site for the 1st hybrid HPC
 + Quantum computing
 infrastructure (HQI, HPCQS,
 EuroQCS-France)

IDRIS/CNRS - Ile de France

- 1st FR converged HPC/Al system (#AIForHumanity)
- Bring sovereign computing facilities / services to Al research community
- >1000 yearly projects in Al allocated in 2023!
- > 3700 GPUs in 2024

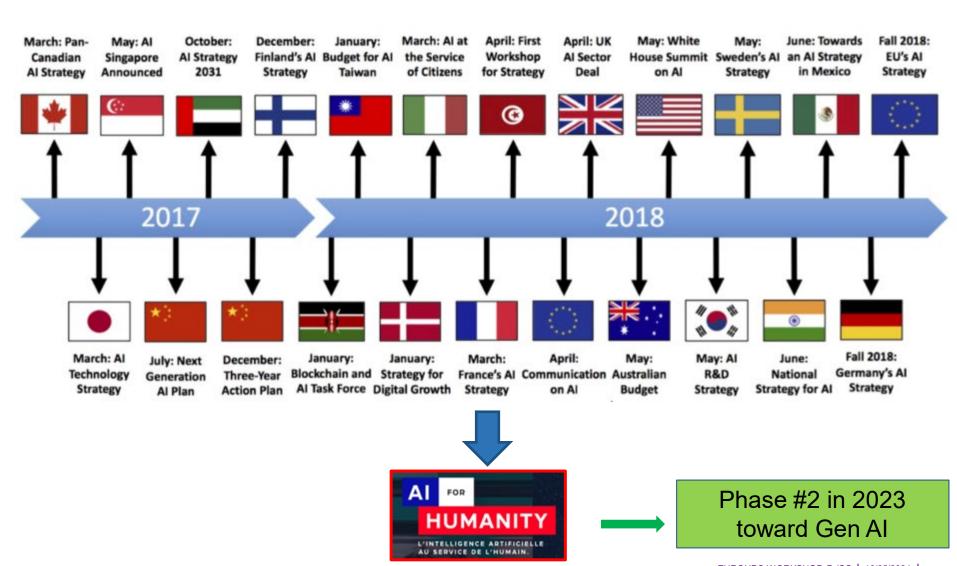
CINES/FU - Montpellier

- > 70 PF with AMD next gen GPUs (>1400) & CPUs (>100k)
- Next step before
 French Exascale
 system

#3 500

THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY FOR US

First Al announcements





ET VOILA JEAN ZAY AT IDRIS (CNRS)!

A converged supercomputer for HPC & Al



Objectives

- Bring sovereign HPC facilities for the FR AI community
- Foster collaboration between HPC and AI





☐ Converged supercomputer

■ HPC, AI & HPC/AI > 3700 GPUs











☐ With new access modes and tools

- Al software stack, containers, notebooks,
- Repository of models and datasets

☐ Some milestones

- Sept 2019 : Jean Zay in production
- Mid 2020 and Q1 2022 : 2 successive evolutions
- Q2 2024 : New extension (H100) provided by EVIDEN

☐ More than **1000 projects in IA** supported in 2023

- NLP, vision, multi modality, explainable AI, robotics...
- Al For Science : biology/health, energy, material science...

□Computing facilities

- Scalar partition
 - 720 nodes, 1440 CPU Intel CSL, 28 800 cores, 1x OPA
- Converged partitions
 - 396 nodes quad GPU → 1584 GPU V100 SXM2 16/32GB, 4xOPA
 - 83 nodes octo GPU → 664 GPU V100 or A100, up to 768 GB mem, 4xOPA
 - 364 nodes quad GPU → 1456 GPU H100 SXM5 80GB, 512 GB mem, 4xNDR

Storage

- 4.3 PB @ 1.2 TB/s full Flash (N1)
- 39 PB @ 300 GB/s rotative (N2)
- Up to 100 PB tapes (N3)

☐ And the support

25p with 13p dedicated for Al



SOME RESULTS ON HPC AND AI CONVERGED WORKLOADS

In academia and industry



Use of AlphaFold for Identifying new coronaviruses



(RNA polymerase domain)



• Experimental result
• Computational prediction

Al model for playing bridge toward explainable Al





World first-ever :
Full engine
combustion model
using 13k cores on
Joliot Curie

Update: Introducing The World's Largest Open Multilingual Language Model - BLOOM **

- Training on Jean Zay of the biggest open NLP model
- Global collaboration (>1500 researchers), 47 natural and 13 programming languages
- 176B parameters, more than 400 GPUs used (3 months)





NEW ACCESS MODES AS A KEY OF SUCCESS

Dynamic access (and soon strategic access)

☐Before Jean Zay

- Regular access (twice a year) for large HPC allocations
- Preparatory access (cut-off every month) for code porting / dev.



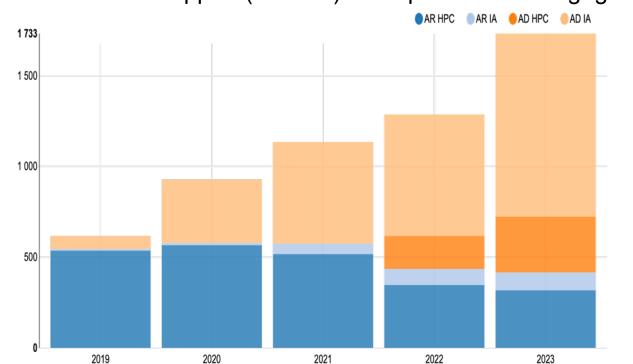
Not fitted for Al needs

■With Jean Zay

 Dynamic access: permanent access, in few clicks and few days access to up to 50k GPU hours or 500k CPU hours for 1 year



■ IDRIS' user support (HPC/AI) for improved user engagement







SOME ONGOING AND NEXT ACTIVITIES

Improving support and fostering synergies between HPC and Al

- ☐ Maintaining and increasing user support (HPC and AI)
- □ Developing strategic access
 - Mix of regular and dynamic access : large and fast dedicated allocations
 - Only for limited projects (strategic) per year
- ☐ Implementing a sovereign AI Cloud in France
 - CLUSSTER project federating public (GENCI, CEA, CNRS, Inria) and private actors (OVHCloud, ATOS, CS, Qarnot and more to come)
 - Offering a full continuum of facilities and services from learning, fine tuning to inference at scale
 - Use of the NIMBIX (ATOS/Eviden) Cloud layer
- ☐ Going converged HPC / AI (and hybrid Quantum) Exascale with EuroHPC
 - Jules Verne consortium (France and Netherlands)
 - Leveraging from national experience (GENCI, CEA, SURF)





- 15k to 20k next gen GPUs coupled if possible to EU CPU technologies in 2025/6
- Strong interested on EC Al Factories