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NCC Iceland at a Glance & Collaboration







Icelandic National Infrastructure for HPC

- * HPC hardware funds by RANNIS; now via roadmap IReiP
- Proposals yearly required to obtain funds still
- ❖ Joint proposal from IHPC community



EuroHPC EuroCC National Competence Center for HPC & AI

- ❖ EU Project (09/2019-08/2021), 2 years
- Building Simulation and Data Labs (SDLs) of the IHPC Community of Users
- Supports industry engagement in HPC







IHPC Community of Users

- Organized around RANNIS proposals
- ~53 scientific experts & research group
- Uolceland/UoReykjavik, Iceland Geo Survey ÍSOR, Met Office & industry: Matis, etc.

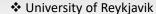




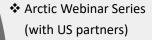
- Supercomputer funded by Finland, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Iceland, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland
- ❖ Co-Funds by EC and Iceland participation funds from: Uolceland, UoReykjavik, and Hannes Jonsson & Egill Skulason











❖ Digital/Horizon Europe MSc in HPC







International Cooperations

- * Tactical: ~4 Joint PhDs with Juelich Supercomputing Centre in Germany (#1 HPC System in Europe)
- ❖ Tactical: EC Projects like DEEP-EST, EOSC-Nordic, RAISE Center of Excellence (CoE)
- Strategic: Plans of building an Icelandic National Lab with international cooperation together with Industry (e.g. Kaiser Global, other investors)



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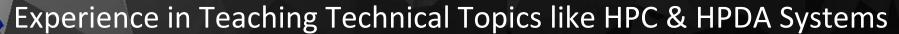


The Competences of the NCC at a Glance

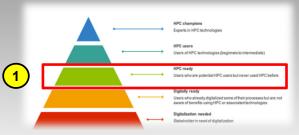


Competence category	Level of HPC readiness of users						
	Digitalization needed	Digitally ready	HPC ready	HPC users	HPC champions		
Awareness creation							
Expert technical consultancy			Experience in teaching technical topics like HPC & HPDA systems	Experience in Modular Supercomputing Architecture Technologies	Experience in parallel & 3 distributed training of HPDA / AI models		
Services and products				Application Experience in HPDA & Remote Sensing (#6 in the world)			
Business & project consultancy							
Technological assessment and PoCs					Experience in Quantum Computing (i.e., quantum annealing)		
Mastering the EU HPC ecosystem				Experience in forming Simulation & Data Labs (science & industry partners)			

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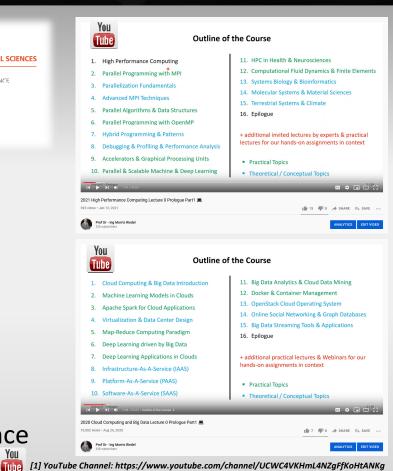








- Expert Technical Consultancy
 - → HPC ready users
 - E.g. **High-Performance Computing Course** (Advanced Scientific Computing)
 - E.g. Cloud Computing & Big Data Course
 (Parallel & Scalable Machine & Deep Learning)
 - E.g. Natural Language Processing (NLP)
 - Selected domain-specific courses with HPC relevance



Example Competence 1 – PhD Students



Experience in Teaching Technical Topics like HPC & HPDA Systems

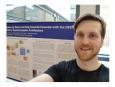




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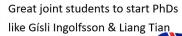


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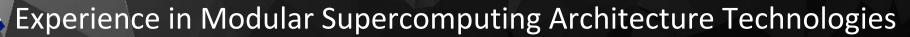


Guiding & Recruiting MSc Students















Expert Technical Consultancy → HPC users



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Europe #1 HPC System in Top500

Application Co-Design





Exascale system in Europe

Potentially first



[3] DEEP Series of Projects Web Page

 ${\bf JUWELS~Booster-A~Supercomputer~for}$ Large-Scale AI Research

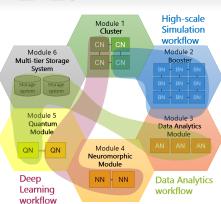
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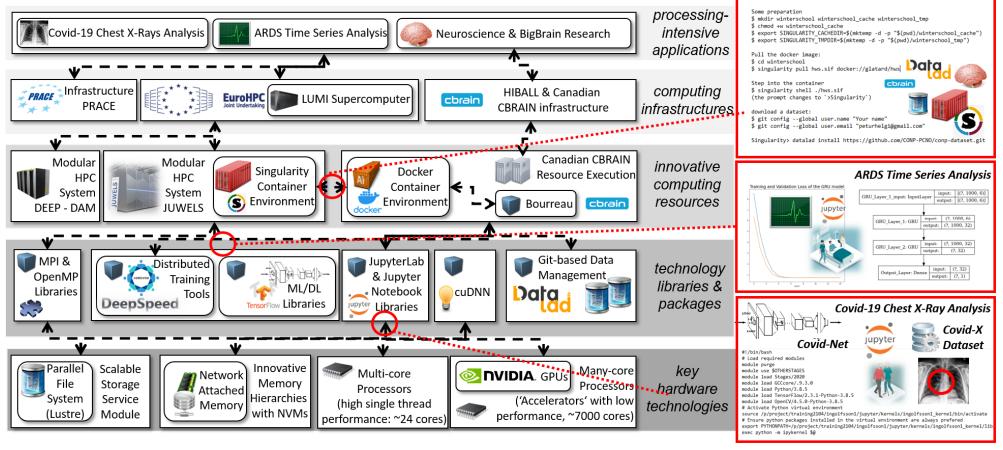
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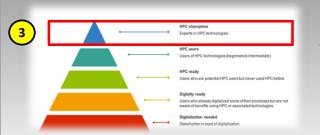


Experience in Modular Supercomputing Architecture Technologies

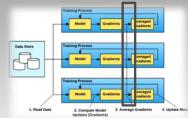


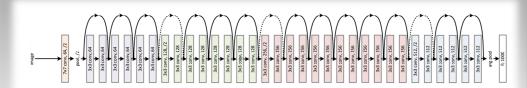














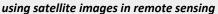






Expert Technical Consultancy

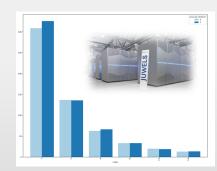
- → HPC Champions
- E.g. using Horovod to scale-up **TensorFlow & Keras for Deep Learning**
- E.g. with remote sensing applications (land cover analysis)
- E.g. with health sciences applications (Covid-19 Xray analysis)



Healthy Patient

Covid-19 Patient





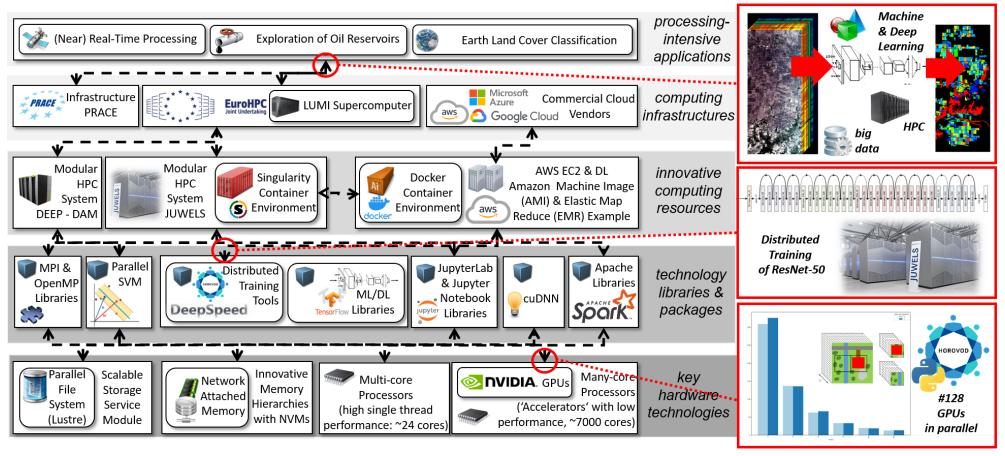
24 nodes x 4 GPUs = 96 GPUs

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Example Competence 3 – Summary



Experience in Parallel & Distributed Training of HPDA / Al Models



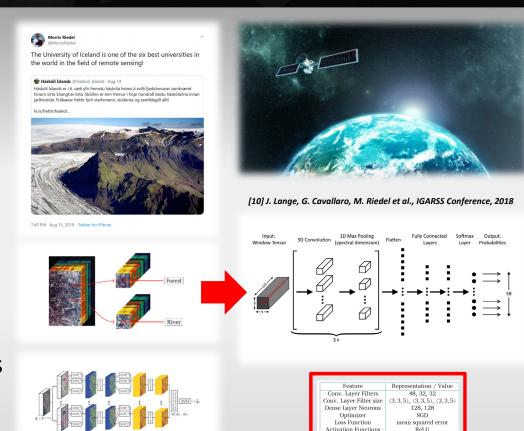
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Application Experience in HPDA & Remote Sensing (#6 in the world) **EURO**





- Services and Products
 - → HPC Users
 - E.g. Feature Selection & Engineering Methods
 - E.g. Transfer-Learning expertise with successful deep learning networks
 - E.g. Combination of traditional machine learning & new deep learning models



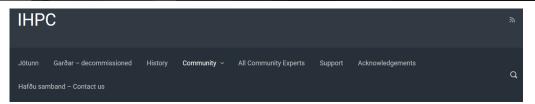
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Training Epochs Batch Size Learning Rate

 5×10^{-6}

Example Competence 4 – Contacts





Simulation and Data Lab Remote Sensing













Example: Land cover classification

General information

The Simulation and Data Lab Remote Sensing (SimDataLab RS) leads to increase the visibility on interdisciplinary research between remote sensing and advanced computing technologies and parallel programming. This includes high-performance and distributed computing, quantum computing and specialized hardware computing. The SimDataLab RS is based at the University of Iceland and works together with the High-performance and Disruptive Computing in Remote Sensing (HDCRS) working group of the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (GRSS). Together with HDCRS, the SimDataLab RS disseminates information and knowledge through educational events, special sessions and tutorials at conferences and publication activities.

Members

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Dr. -Ing. Gabriele Cavallaro



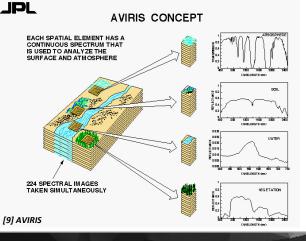
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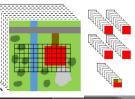




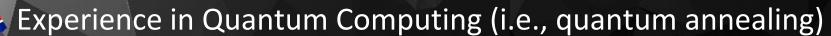




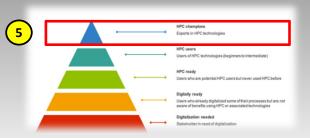




Challenges: mixed pixels unbalanced land cover classes

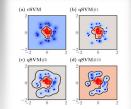












ID	Sensor	Data points	Train Samples	Classes
Im16	Landsat	200×200×7	500	2
Im40	Landsat	200×200×7	500	2

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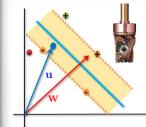
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- Technological assessment & PoCs
 - → HPC Champions
 - **Experience with D-Wave Quantum Annealer** System
 - **Cutting-edge IEEE Training Events**









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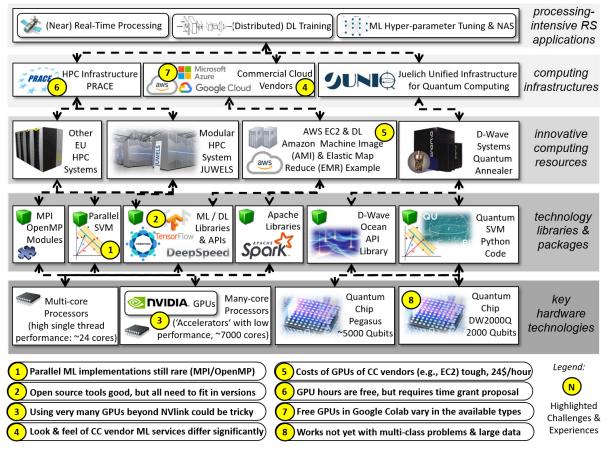
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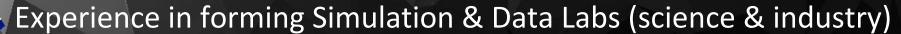
Example Competence 5 – Challenges



Experience in Quantum Computing (i.e., quantum annealing)



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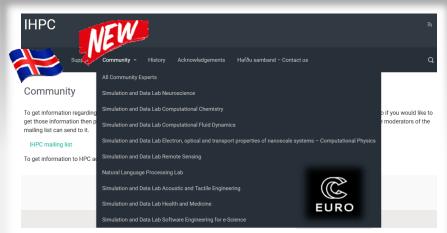
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- Mastering the EU HPC ecosystem
 → HPC Users
 - Experience in establishing Simulation & Data Labs (SimDataLabs) for Community Building
 - Based on experience over 15 years











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Example Competence 6 – SMEs

Experience in forming Simulation & Data Labs (science & industry)



Simulation and Data Lab Acoustic and Tactile Engineering

the development of wearable assistive devices for visually impaired persons and cochlear implant recipients. We are also working on other projects, such as solutions for delivering virtual acoustics (i.e., sounds generated by computers) as realistically as possible and on multi-channel recording/playback.

Some of our current collaborations include; Oticon Medical, DTU (Technical University of Denmark), University of Southampton and Treble technologies

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Dr. Runar Unnthorsson is a Professor (100%) at the faculty of Industrial engineering, Mechanical engineering, and Computer Science at the University of Iceland nar's main research interests are in performance engineering and the engineering application of acoustics / vibrations for sensory substitution, destructive evaluations, tactile/acoustic displays and product design.

Prof. Runar Unithorsion, coordinated the 4M€ H2020 RIA project Sound of Vision (no. 643636) which was carried out in the years 2015-2017. The project received the EC's 2018 Innovation Radar Prize in the category Tech for Society for the development of an assistive device or the visually impaired in 2017, the lab was awarded the 2nd prize for its tactile display at the University of Iceland's Science and Innovation Awards. The ACUTE lab is currently working on the development of the tactile display - with support from the Technology Development Fund (tths.is)



Dr. Finnur Pind received his MSc in accustical engineering in 2013 from the Technical University of Denmark (DTU), and his PhD from the same instituti 2020. His PhD research was centered on virtual acoustics and was done in collaboration with the architectural studio Henning Larsen. Between his MSc and PhD studies. Finnur was an acoustic consultant in the building industry for some three years, and before entering the world of acoustics he was a software engineer the telecom industry. His research interests include wave-based (numerical) acoustic simulations, acoustic virtual reality, room surface modeling, highperformance computing and spatial audio. He is currently a postdoctoral researcher at the ACUTE (Acoustics and Tactile Engineering) group at the University of celand and co-founder / CEO of Treble Technologies, which develops state-of-the-art virtual acoustics software



ectrical and computer engineering at the University of Iceland in 2020, having spent time as an exchange student at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU taking acoustical engineering courses. He is currently a PhD student in industrial engineering at the University of Iceland, working with the ACUTE group and ocusing on audio-tactile integration.



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[23] EuroCC Project



[21] RAISE Center of Excellence Web Page

Natural Language Processing Lab

General information

The Natural Language Processing Lab (NLP Lab) connects a community of researchers in NLP. The main focus is on large language models that require highperformance distributed computing environments to train efficiently

The NLP Lab is based at the University of Iceland and works together with startups and companies on research projects and innovation. Currently, the lab is working with Nordverse and Miðeind. The NLP Lab disseminates information and knowledge through educational events, special sessions, and tutorials at conferences and publication activities.

Members

Prof. Dr. Hafsteinn Einarsson

Hafsteinn is an assistant professor at the School of Engineering and Natural Sciences of the University of Iceland. He received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from ETH in 2018. He has worked on applied ML solutions for startups and in the Icelandic banking sector. He is currently focused on natural language processing, interpretable ML methods and optimization problems.

Vésteinn Snæbjarnarson

Vésteinn is a researcher at language technology co and an MSc student at the School of Engineering and Natural Sciences of the University of Iceland. He works in machine translation, language moquestion answering.

SME

We create software that simplifies complex health information to empower valuable human care.

Nordverse is a Nordic based health tech startup created in 2019 by two medical doctors and a PhD computer scientist. Nordverse has received numerous grants and awards as well as having built a strong team to delive high-quality software originating from clinical experience and aimed to deliver real clinical value



















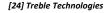












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Topics of interest for networking

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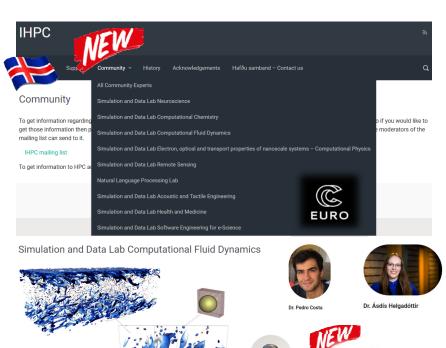
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- Simulation & Data Lab Communities
 - Get in contact w.r.t. domain-specific topics
- Technology Topics
 - Interest to work together w.r.t. Modular
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The Simulation and Data Lab computational fluid dynamics (SimDataLab CFD) is leading parallel computing in Computational fluid dynamics in Iceland at the University of Iceland. The SimDataLab is lecland's representative in the international projects in CFD and parallel computing, SimDataLab CFD aims to develop parallel code applications in CFD and support users who have already developed parallel application codes. SimDataLab CFD participates in the European project network in parallel computing and has an Infrastructure and access to powerful parallel systems in-memory optimization, processing system architecture, high scalability, and have performance optimization computer nodes.

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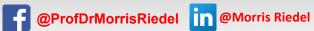
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