

# Cloud – The New Frontier of Scientific Research

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# What **research** has been successful in the cloud

and why

# Key Strengths of AWS for Scientific Discoveries

## Time to discovery

- Availability of resources, scalability, right-sizing
- Experiment fast
- Avoid undifferentiated work

# Availability of resources: We're off to a cute start ...



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## Adaptation and conservation insights from the koala genome

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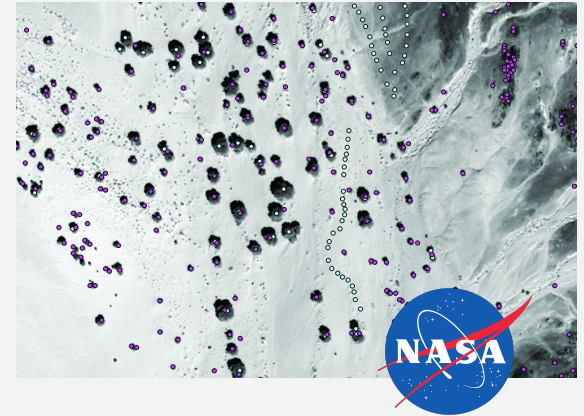
The koala, the only extant species of the marsupial family Phascolarctidae, is classified as 'vulnerable' due to habitat loss and widespread disease. We sequenced the koala genome, producing a complete and contiguous marsupial reference genome, including centromeres. We reveal that the koala's ability to detoxify eucalypt foliage may be due to expansions within a cytochrome P450 gene family, and its ability to smell, taste and moderate ingestion of plant secondary metabolites may be due to expansions in the vomeronasal and taste receptors. We characterized novel lactation proteins that protect young in the pouch and annotated immune genes important for response to chlamydial disease. Historical demography showed a substantial population crash coincident with the decline of Australian megafauna, while contemporary populations had biogeographic boundaries and increased inbreeding in populations affected by historic translocations. We identified genetically diverse populations that require habitat corridors and instituting of translocation programs to aid the koala's survival in the wild.

length of the reads at the 60% percentile was calculated as 10,889 bp. The FALCON assembly was run on **Amazon Web Service** Tokyo region using r3.8xlarge spot instances as compute node, with the number of instances varying from 12 to 20 depending on availability.

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/saving-koalas-using-genomics-re>

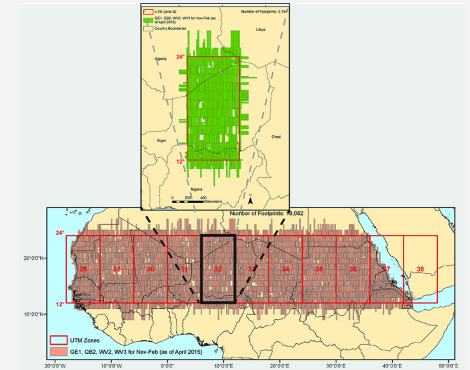
# Availability of resources: NASA – Climate Research

- Mosaicking 2,500+ QuickBird satellite images into 100-km x 100-km tiles, which are then broken into 25-km x 25-km sub-tiles for processing.
- Orthorectifying and mosaicking all satellite data in ADAPT
- Identifying trees and shrubs using adaptive vegetation classifier algorithms. Estimating biomass. Incorporating algorithms to calculate tree and shrub height for biomass estimates.



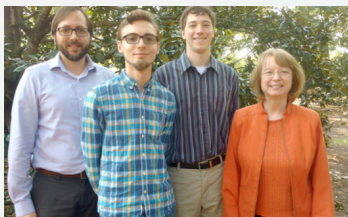
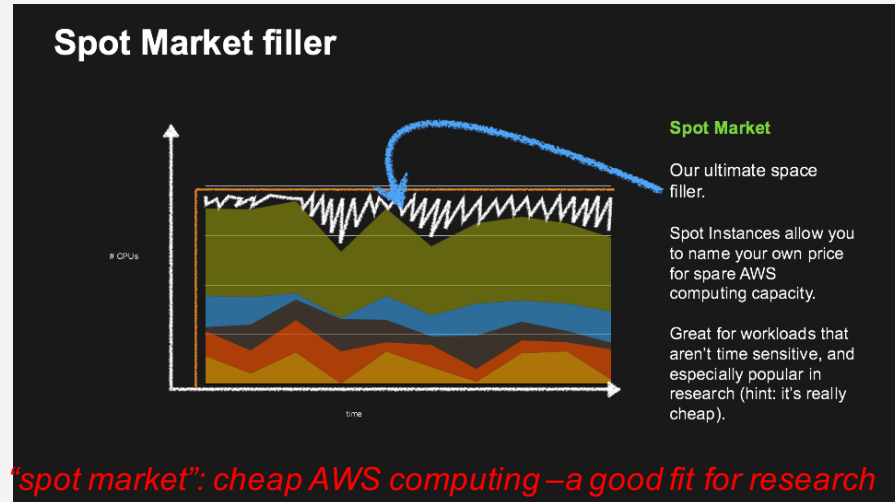
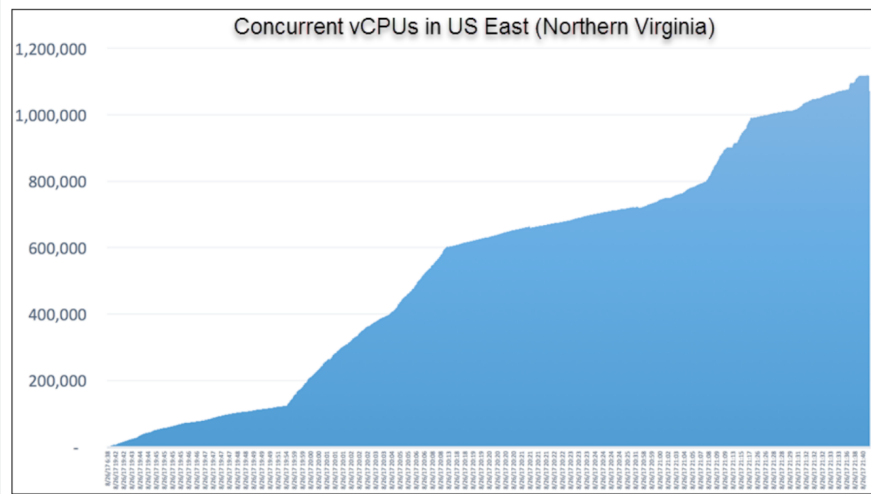
*The combined resources of ADAPT and AWS reduce total processing time from 10 months to less than 1 month*

<https://www.nas.nasa.gov/SC15/demos/demo31.html>



# Availability of resources: Natural Language Processing at **Clemson University**

## 550,000 cores using EC2 Spot Instances



*"I am absolutely thrilled with the outcome of this experiment. The graduate students on the project [...] used resources from AWS and Omnibond and developed a new software infrastructure to perform research at a scale and time-to-completion not possible with only campus resources."* – Prof. [Amy Apon](#), Co-Director of the Complex Systems, Analytics and Visualization Institute

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/natural-language-processing-at-clemson-university-1-1-million-vcpus-ec2-spot-instances/>

# Right-sized resources: Genomics processing on FPGA Accelerators

## Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Edico Genome Achieve Fastest-Ever Analysis of 1,000 Genomes



Orlando, Fla., Oct 19, 2017 – The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and Edico Genome today set a new scientific world standard in rapidly processing whole human genomes into data files usable for researchers aiming to bring precision medicine into mainstream clinical practice. Utilizing Edico Genome's DRAGEN™ Genome Pipeline, deployed on 1,000 Amazon EC2 F1 instances on the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud, 1,000 pediatric genomes were processed in two hours and 25 minutes.



... Available in "AWS App Store" (AWS Marketplace) for ~\$24 / genome

# Moving quickly with managed services

## SageMaker: managed ML in notebooks



## DNA Sequencing using AWS container services

AWS DATA



Send raw reads from genome sequencers to AWS.

S3 & LAMBDA



Lambda function responds to the arrival of data in S3 and submits AWS Batch jobs.

AWS BATCH



Using AWS Batch, configure resources and schedule when to run your secondary analysis workflow.

BIG DATA



Complete your mapping, alignment, QC, and variant calling jobs based your AWS Batch configuration.

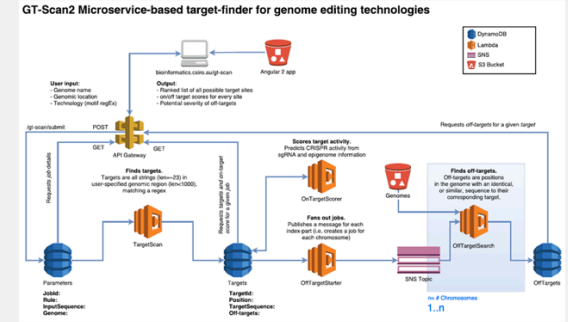
STORAGE



Archive results.

# Serverless computing

CSIRO have built quickly scaling genomics analysis on AWS Lambda





# Moving quickly with managed services: **CSIRO** & CRISPR prediction



CSIRO is the federal government agency for scientific research in Australia

CSIRO used AWS Lambda **Serverless Computing** functions to completely re-engineer a cluster **HPC workload** to identify optimal gene editing sites for personalized treatment.

The job runtime varies from 1 second to 5 minutes, because the complexity of the targeted gene can vary dramatically. And the number of simultaneous jobs is unpredictable.

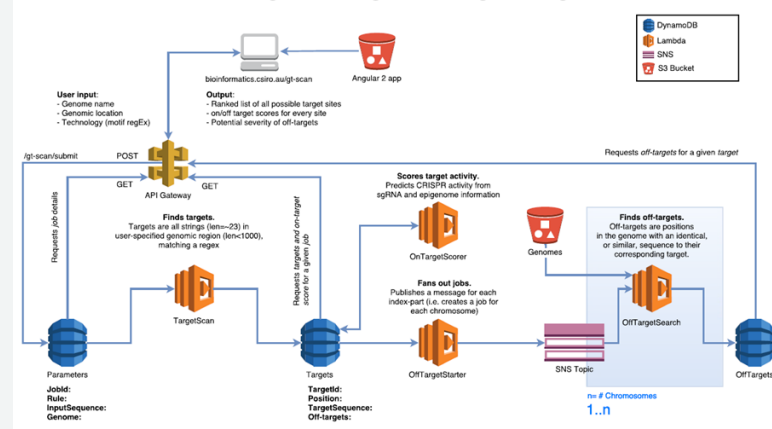
Server-based solutions can't handle the variability with quick turn-around – either you have lots of servers sitting idle, or you have to wait minutes for new servers to spin up.

With the Serverless microservices architecture, the GTScan-2 runtime is stable at a few minutes **per complete job**, no matter how many jobs (i.e. genetic samples) are sent to it.

Re-architecting the entire application took **only 3 weeks**.



GT-Scan2 Microservice-based target-finder for genome editing technologies



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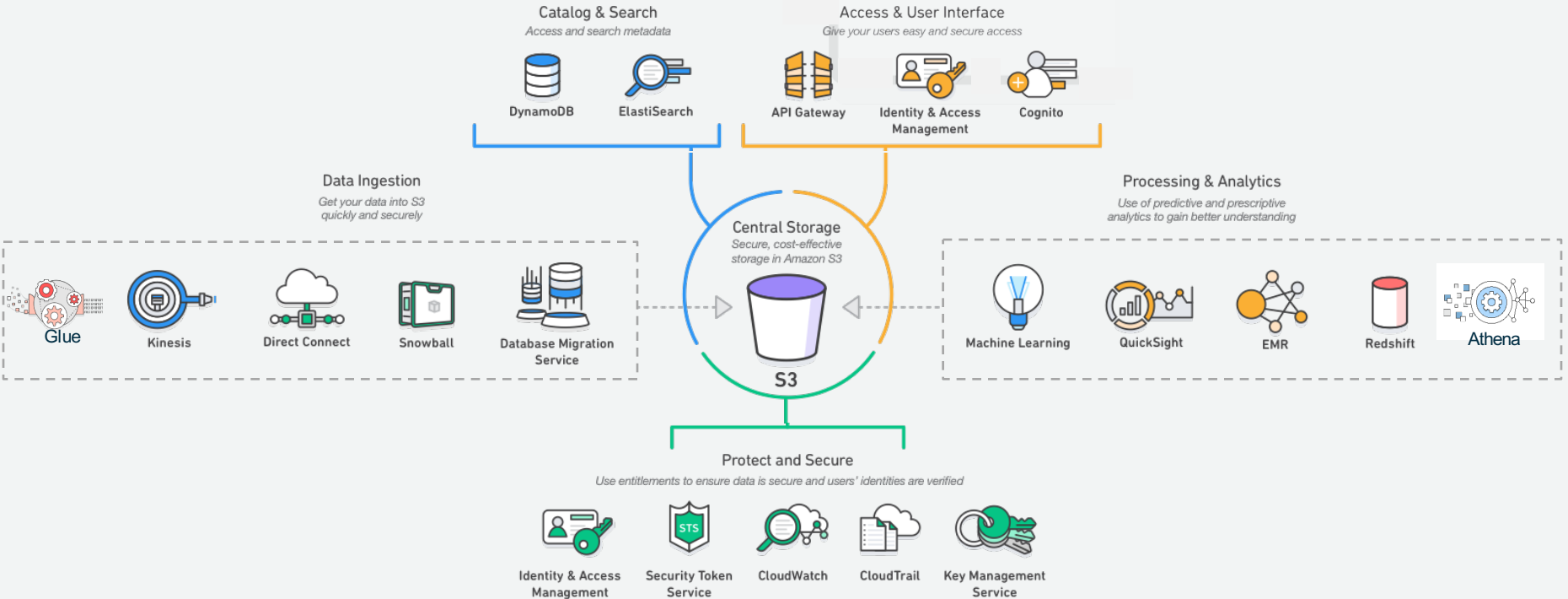
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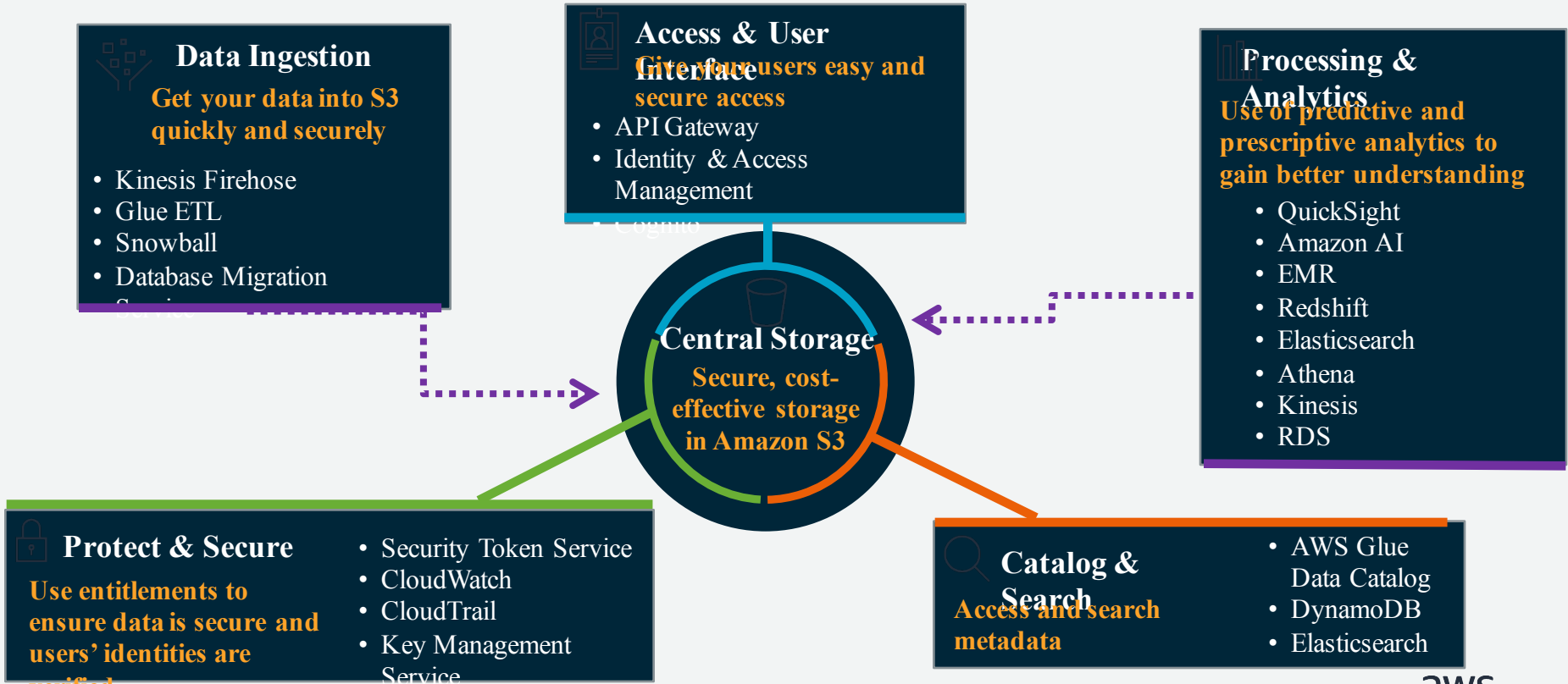
## Collaboration

- Data lake model
- Security & compliance
- Sharing
- Infrastructure, ML, Analytics

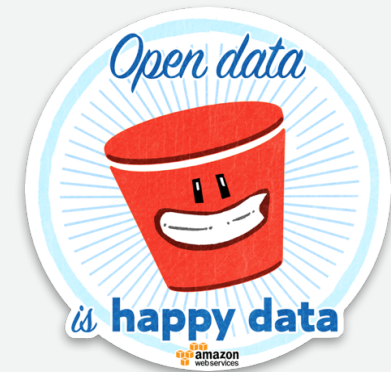
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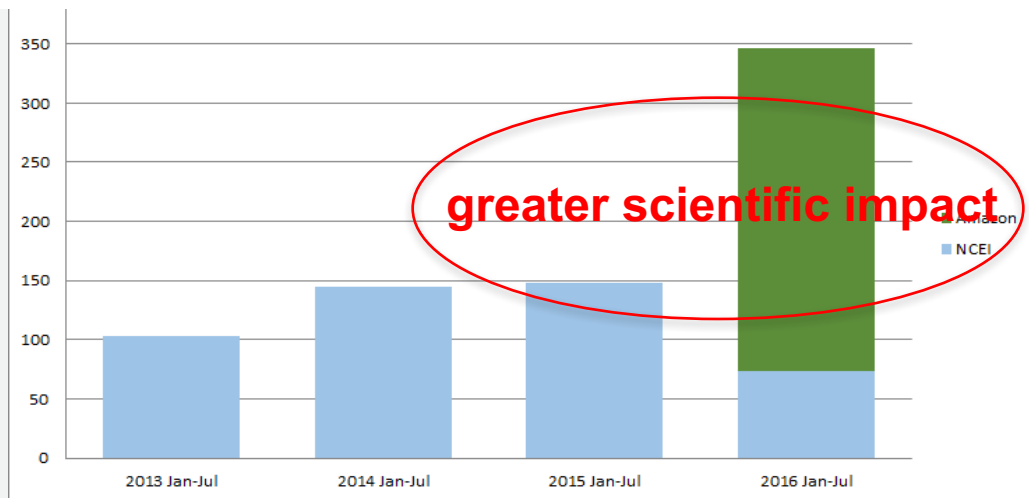
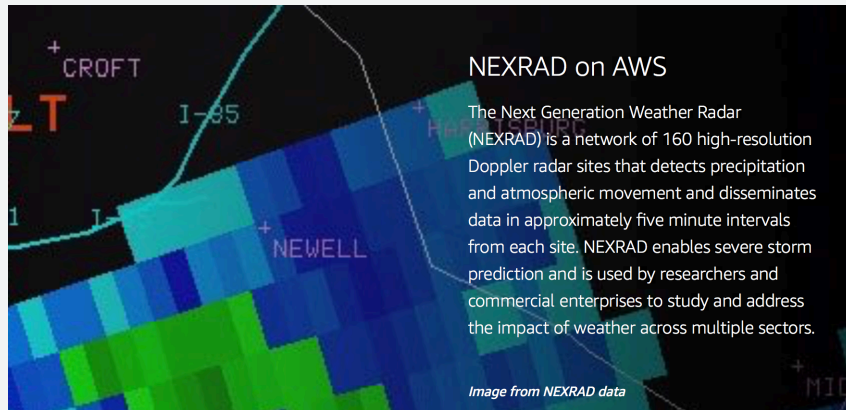
# Getting Value Out of Your Data



# Collaborating on scientific data in the cloud



## NOAA - NEXRAD on AWS S3, usage increased 2.3x



# Collaborating on scientific data in the cloud

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## Seasonal abundance and survival of North America's migratory avifauna determined by weather radar

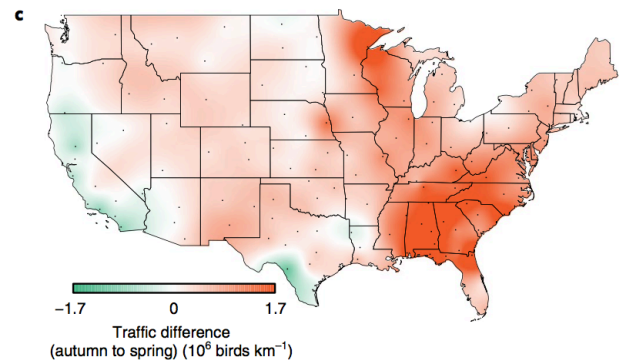
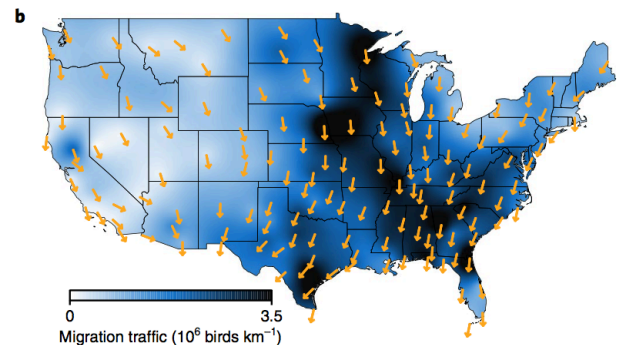
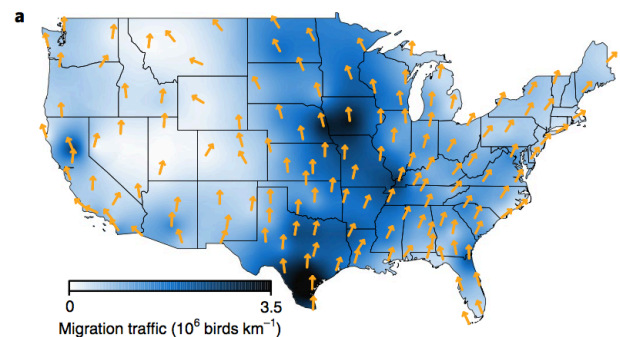
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Recently, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud made available one of the largest datasets describing animal movement ever compiled<sup>20</sup>; the Next Generation Weather Radar (NEXRAD) archive. The NEXRAD network contains 143 WSR-88D weather radars in the contiguous

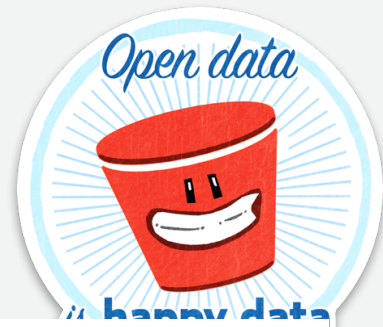
### NEXRAD on AWS

The Next Generation Weather Radar (NEXRAD) is a network of 160 high-resolution Doppler radar sites that detects precipitation and atmospheric movement and disseminates data in approximately five minute intervals from each site. NEXRAD enables severe storm prediction and is used by researchers and commercial enterprises to study and address the impact of weather across multiple sectors.

Image from NEXRAD data



## Funded projects to create collaborative environments on cloud



- Access and analyze 11,000 TCGA samples without having to download data
- Upload your own data for analysis

Data



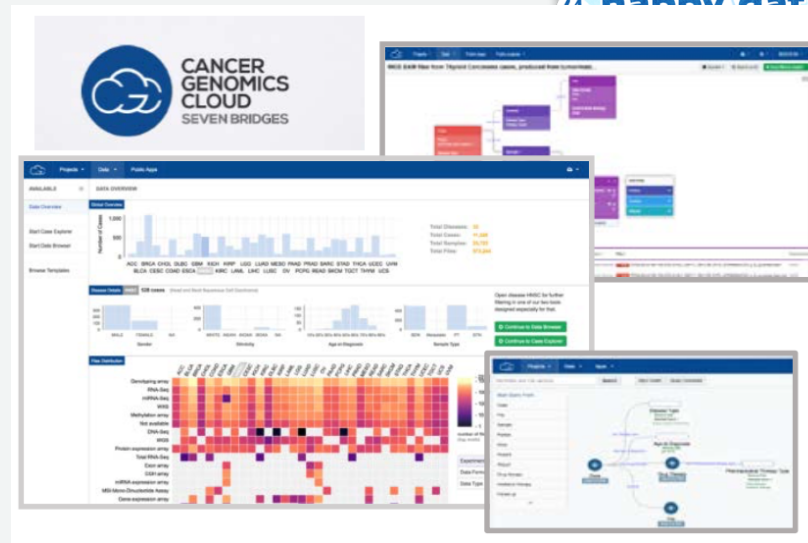
- Perform large scale analysis using the elastic compute power of commercial cloud platforms

Compute



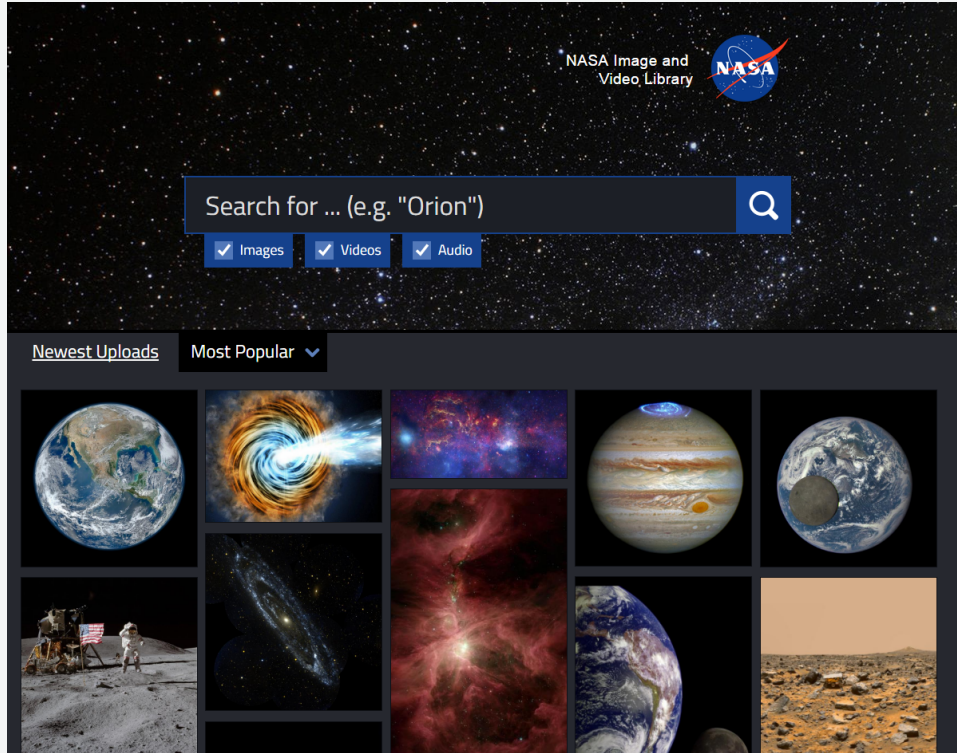
- dbGaP-authorized users can access controlled TCGA data
- Systems meet strict Federal security guidelines

Security



<http://www.cancer-genomics-cloud.org>

# NASA Image and Video Library



- Easy Access to the Wonders of Space. Fully compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.

- Built-in **Scalability**. “On-demand scalability will be invaluable for events such as the solar eclipse that’s happening later this summer— both as we upload new media and as the public comes to view that content,” says Bryan Walls, Imagery Experts Deputy Program Manager at NASA.

- Good Use of Taxpayer Dollars. By building its Image and Video Library in the cloud, NASA **avoided the costs** associated with deploying and maintaining server and storage hardware in-house. Instead, the agency can simply pay for the AWS resources it uses at any given time.



## U.K. Met Office Uses AWS to Deliver Tailored Meteorological Data



“We are using the AWS Cloud to drive the mass-market availability of customizable weather information.

**James Tomkins**  
Head of Enterprise IT Architecture  
Met Office



The Met Office has been a widely respected national weather service in the United Kingdom for 160 years.

- Needed the means to send weather data to device users and third-party customers.
- Deployed Amazon ElastiCache to respond to peak demands.
- Attracted more than half a million users with its **WeatherCloud** app.
- Scaled data storage tenfold and reduced solution costs by 50 percent.
- Enabled innovation of big data services in a competitive landscape.

<https://aws.amazon.com/solutions/case-studies/the-met-office/>

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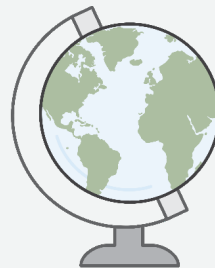
# Open Data on AWS

To stimulate innovation, AWS hosts a selection of datasets that anyone can access for free. Data in our public datasets is available for rapid access to our flexible and low-cost computing resources.



## Life Science

- **TCGA & ICGC** (used at OICR)
- 1000 Genomes
- Genome in a Bottle
- Human Microbiome Project
- 3000 Rice Genome



## Earth Science

- Landsat
- NEXRAD
- NASA NEX



## Internet Science

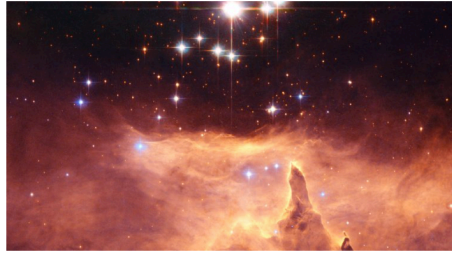
- Common Crawl Corpus
- Google Books Ngrams
- Multimedia Commons

<https://aws.amazon.com/public-datasets/>

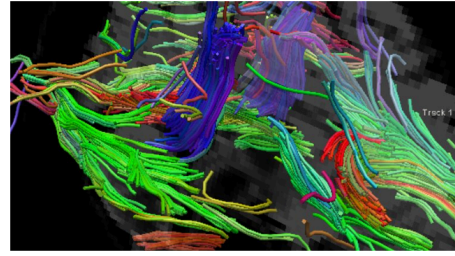
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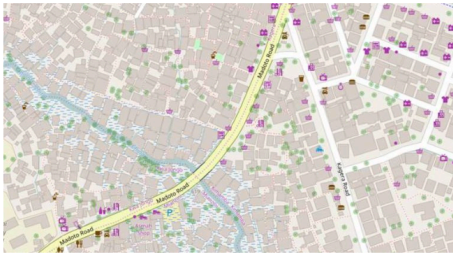
Visit **Earth on AWS** to learn about building planetary-scale applications in the cloud with open geospatial data.



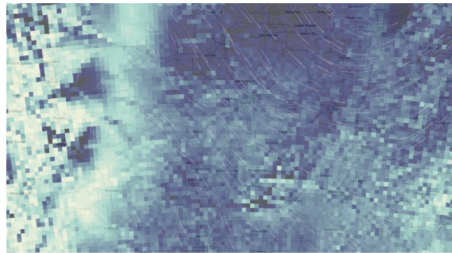
All public data from the **Hubble Space Telescope's** active instruments are available for large-scale analysis on Amazon S3.



The **Allen Institute for Brain Science** and the **University of Washington** provided students with 35TB of data with Amazon S3.



You can query billions of **OpenStreetMap** features with Amazon Athena without needing to download data or set up a server.



The **National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)** makes a 500 TB open weather model dataset available to the world on Amazon S3.

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sv.alternateallele ,
sv.genotype0 ,
sv.genotype1
FROM demo.samplevariants sv
CROSS JOIN
(SELECT count(1) AS numsamples
 FROM
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  FROM demo.samplevariants
  WHERE sampleid LIKE 'NA12K%'))
JOIN demo.clinvar cv ON sv.chromosome = cv.chromosome
AND sv.startposition = cv.startposition - 1
AND sv.endposition = cv.endposition
AND sv.referenceallele = cv.referenceallele
AND sv.alternateallele = cv.alternateallele
WHERE assembly='GRCh37'
AND cv.clinicalsignificance LIKE '%response%'
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Learn how to prepare **1000 Genomes** data for fast interactive analysis using Amazon Athena.

A man with dark hair and a light beard, wearing a tan V-neck sweater over a light blue collared shirt and dark jeans, stands in the center of a server room aisle. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The aisle is lined with rows of black server racks on both sides. The racks on the right are filled with server hardware and a dense network of white cables. The floor is a light-colored grid pattern. The lighting is bright and even, creating a clean, professional atmosphere.

# Making Fast & Reliable HPC Possible

Akanksha Balani  
Intel® Software

# HPC Enables Insight and Fuels Innovation

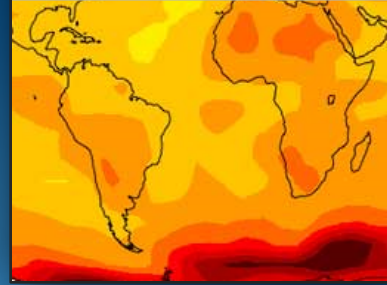
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Manufacturing



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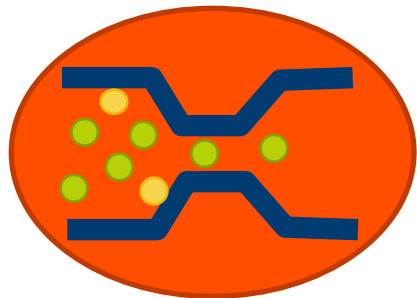


Security



# The growing challenge in hpc

System Bottlenecks Divergent Workloads  
“The Walls”



Memory | I/O | Storage  
Energy Efficient Performance  
Space | Resiliency |  
Unoptimized Software

Machine learning  
hpc ↔ Big Data  
visualization

Resources Split Among Modeling  
and Simulation | Big Data Analytics |  
Machine Learning | Visualization

Barriers to  
Extending Usage



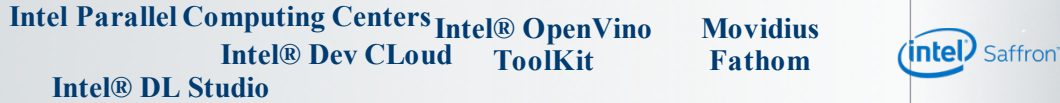
Democratization at Every Scale  
| Cloud Access | Exploration of  
New Parallel Programming  
Models

# Intel accelerating high performance computing

## applications



## platforms



## Frameworks



## libraries



## Software Tools hardware



Compilers – C/C++/Fortran      Analysis Tools – Vtune, Advisor, Inspector  
 Libraries – Math Kernel Library, TBB, IPP, DAAL, MPI      Cluster Checker and Trace analysis tools



Compute



Memory & Storage



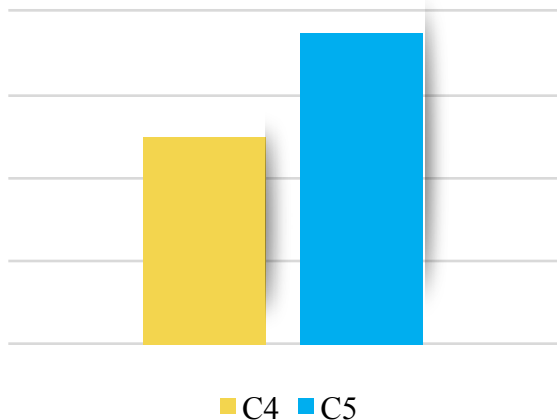
Networking

\* Future

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# C5: Compute-optimized instances based on Intel Skylake

25% price/performance improvement over C4



- › Based on 3.0 GHz Intel Xeon Scalable Processors (Skylake)
- › Up to 72 vCPUs and 144 GiB of memory (2:1 Memory:vCPU ratio)
- › 25 Gbps NW bandwidth
- › Support for Intel AVX-512

**NETFLIX**

“We saw significant performance improvement on Amazon EC2 C5, with up to a 140% performance improvement in industry standard CPU benchmarks over C4.”

**GRAIL**

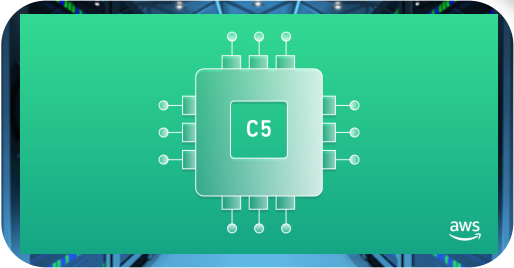
“We are eager to migrate onto the AVX-512 enabled c5.18xlarge instance size... We expect to decrease the processing time of some of our key workloads by more than 30%.”



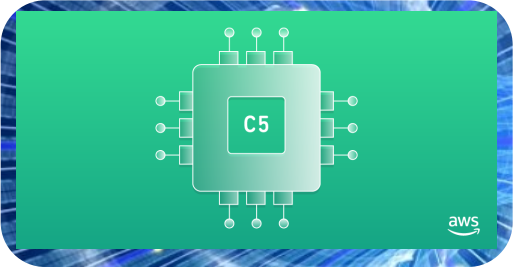
# Performance Drivers for HPC applications



Compute



Bandwidth



SW Optimizations



# Intel software suite for HPC & Compute

Edge to DC to Cloud



Manuf., Retail, Drones, Robots...

Smart Cities, Auto. Driving, Gaming... Fast, Dense, High Quality Transcoding

Technical & Enterprise compute, HPC, AI



Take advantage of deep system-wide insight & analysis for system & embedded apps



## Optimization Tools, SDKs

Create solutions using Computer Vision – OpenVino Toolkit, Deep Learning, Graphics, Libraries, Media, OpenCL™, & more



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BigDL

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Intel® Distribution of Python

# Intel® Parallel Studio XE - Create Faster Code...Faster



Cluster

## Composer Edition

### BUILD

Compilers & Libraries

C / C++ Compiler  
Optimizing Compiler

Intel® MKL  
Fast Math Kernel Library

Fortran Compiler  
Optimizing Compiler

Intel® IPP  
Image, Signal & Data Processing

Intel® TBB  
C++ Threading Library

Intel® DAAL  
Data Analytics Library

Intel® Distribution for Python\*  
High Performance Scripting

## Professional Edition

### ANALYZE

Analysis Tools

Intel® VTune™ Amplifier  
Performance Profiler

Intel® Inspector  
Memory & Thread Debugger

Intel® Advisor  
Vectorization Optimization  
& Thread Prototyping

## Cluster Edition

### SCALE

Cluster Tools

Intel® MPI Library  
Message Passing Interface Library

Intel® Trace Analyzer & Collector  
MPI Tuning & Analysis

Intel® Cluster Checker  
Cluster Diagnostic Expert System

Intel® Architecture Platforms

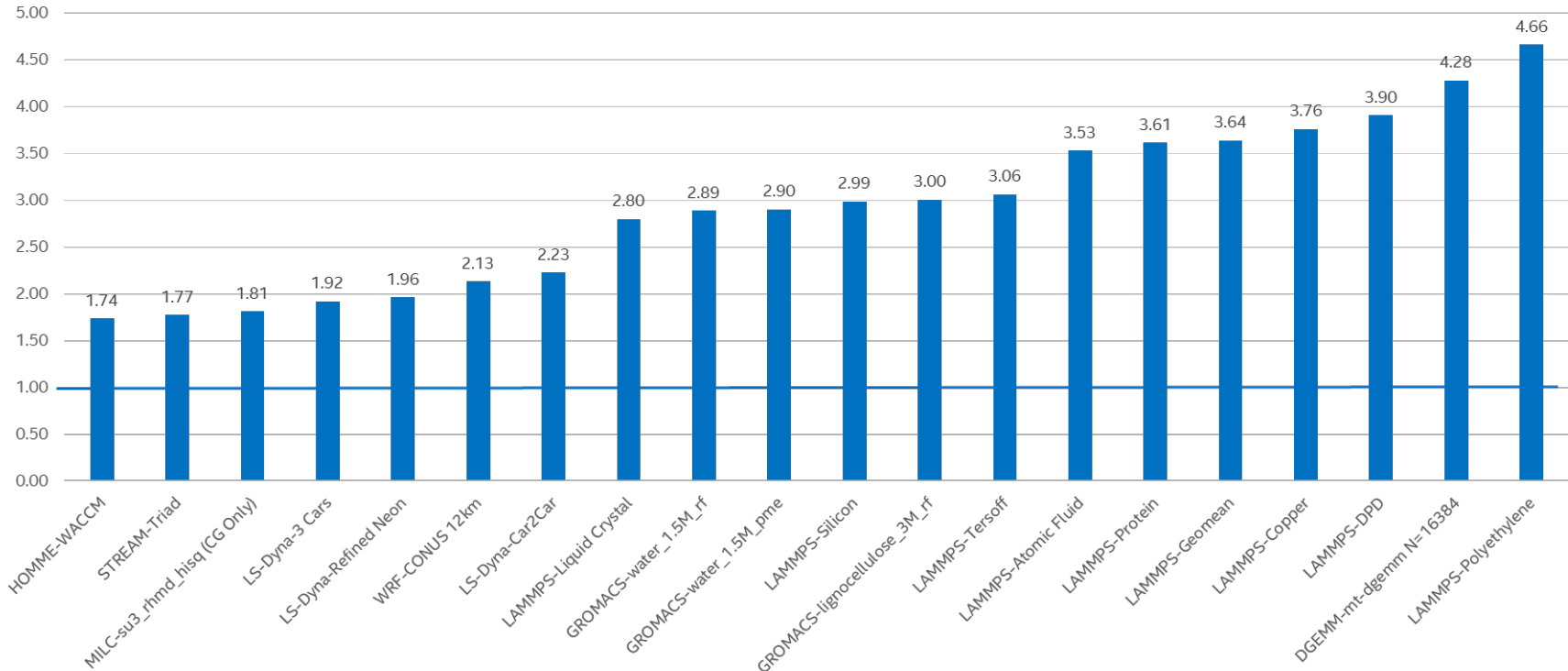
Operating System: Windows\*, Linux\*, MacOS<sup>1</sup>\*



More Power for Your Code - [software.intel.com/intel-parallel-studio-xe](https://software.intel.com/intel-parallel-studio-xe)

# Application-Workloads - Performance:

C5/C4 Performance  
(Higher is Better)



Testing conducted on HPC applications and workloads comparing AWS C4.8x vs C5.18x instances. Testing by Intel. For complete testing configuration details, see the Configuration Details section (slide 5).

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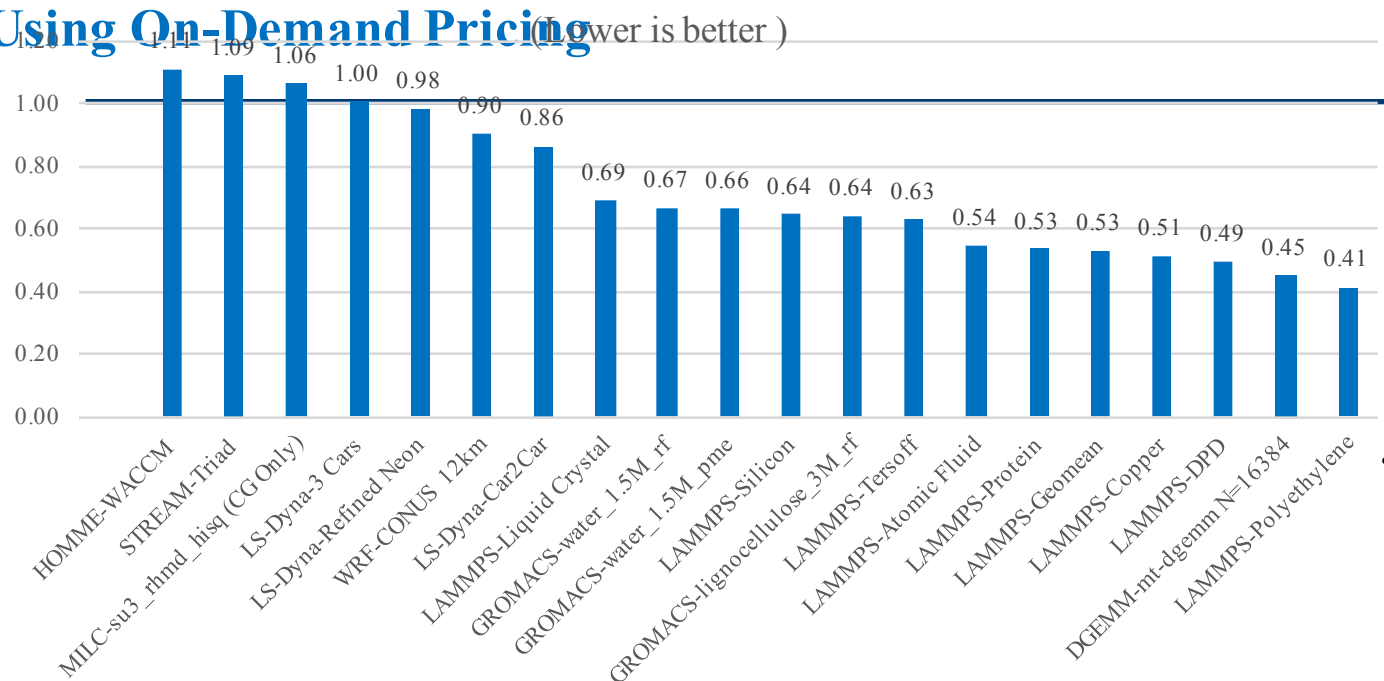


# Application-Workloads –

# TCO

## Using On-Demand Pricing

AWS C5/C4 TCO



↑ Higher TCO with C5

↓ Reduced TCO with C5

- TCO model: Given Cost: C5=\$3.06/Hr, C4=\$1.59/Hr. Cost Ratio C5/C4=1.92. TCO Ratio between C5/C4= Cost Ratio(C5/C4) / Perf Ratio (C5/C4). C5/C4 perf ratio needs to be > 1.92 to be cost efficient

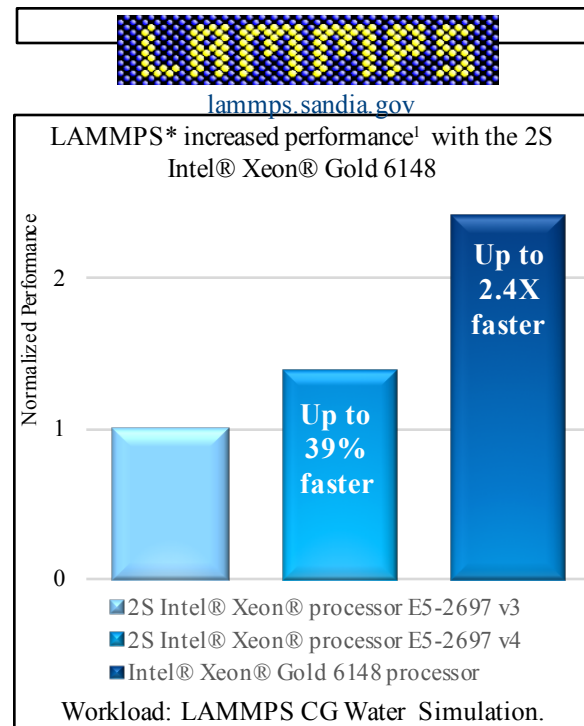
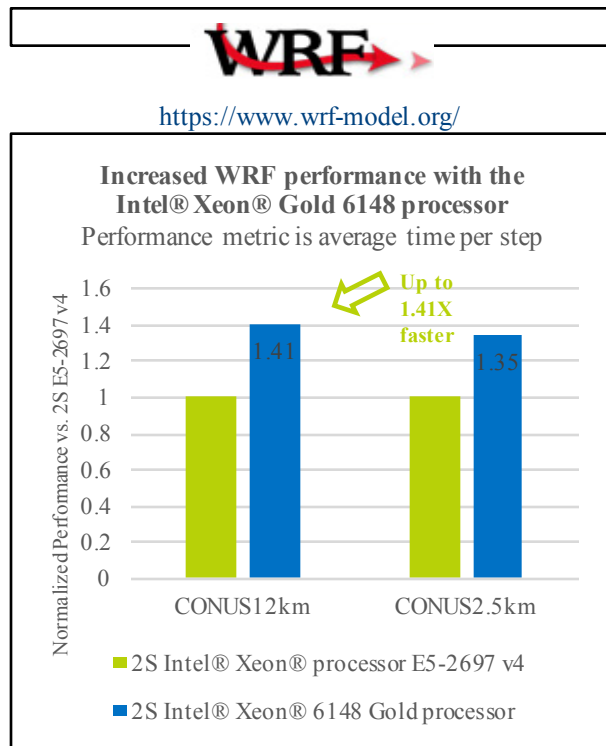
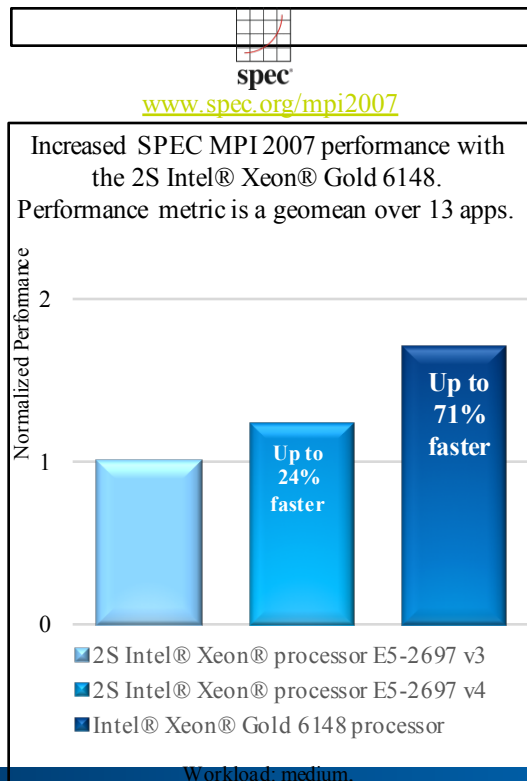
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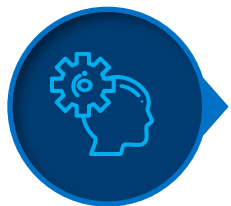


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