



CSC Finland: 52 years of leadership in European HPC

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Non-profit state
organization with
special tasks



Volume
in 2022

75M€



Headquarters in
Espoo, datacenter
in Kajaani



Owned by state **(70%)**
and all Finnish higher education
institutions **(30%)**



Over
600
employees
today

MISSION
CSC as part of the national research system develops, integrates and offers high-quality ICT services for research, education, culture, public administration and companies

VISION 2030
Together we build world-class environments for research, learning and innovation

PURPOSE
We catalyze our customers' success

VALUES
We advance expertise as a community with assurance and integrity

PROMISE
We harness our expertise, networks and IT to boost our customers' success and benefit society at large

STRATEGIC TARGETS

Competitive advantage in research ecosystems

Digitality makes daily life better

Benefits from well-managed data

MEGATRENDS
Demographic changes
Quantum technology disruption
AI disruption
Climate and ecological change
Open and restricted data
Mobility



Information technology and service development solutions in different areas of expertise



Research

Expertise and scalable ICT solutions for supporting research



Education

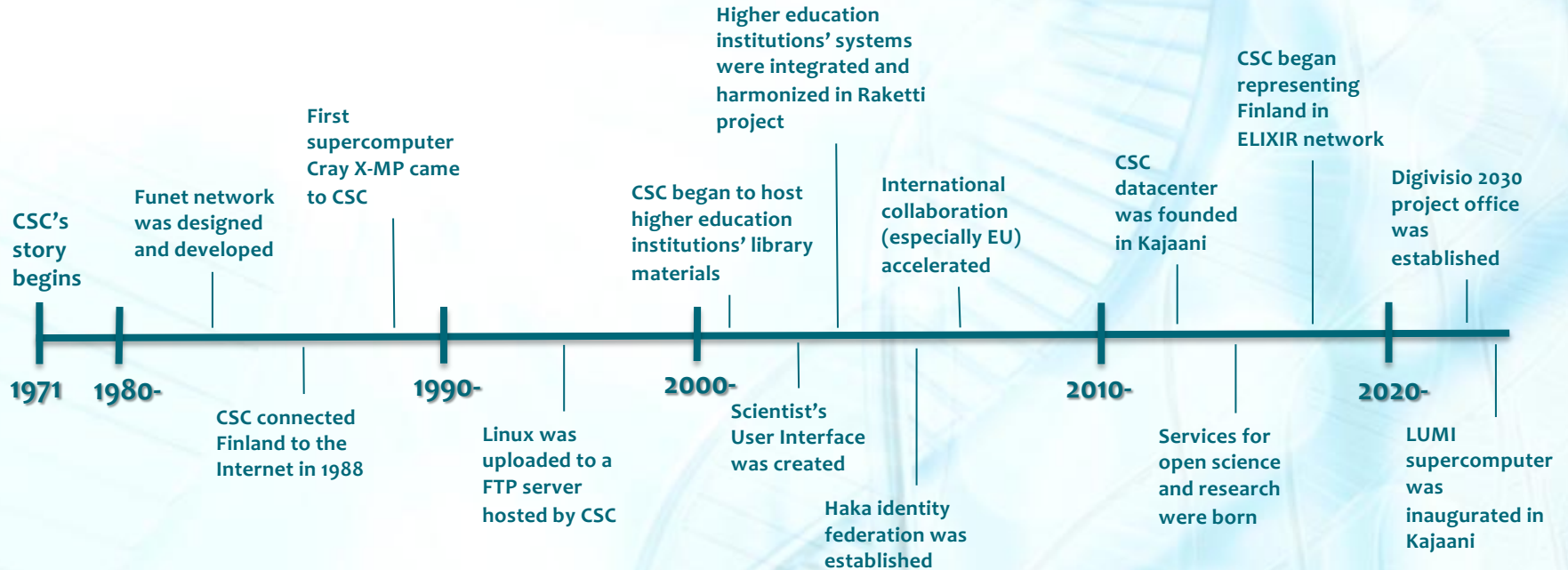
Reliable partnership in advancing education and teaching



Culture and Public Administration

Interoperable information systems tailored to the diverse range of customer needs

CSC's history



Finnish scientific computing infrastructure

National (DL2021)



For all use cases in scientific computing in Finland

- Large (tier-1) scale simulations
- High throughput computing
- High-performance data analytics
- Data streams

EuroHPC/LUMI



- Most resource-intensive projects (Tier-0)
- Science and innovation policy priorities (flagships, CoEs)
- Artificial intelligence
- Support for large research infras
- Collaboration with industry
- International collaboration

LUMI: one of the fastest supercomputers in the world

- LUMI is an **HPE Cray EX** supercomputer manufactured by **Hewlett Packard Enterprise**
- HPL performance over **309 petaflop/s** makes the system one of the world's fastest
 - #3 Top500, #2 HPL-MxP, #3 HPCG
 - #1 in Europe



1 system

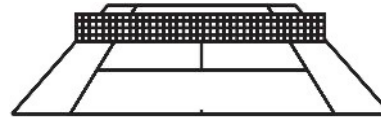
309
Pflop/s

Sustained performance

Computing power
equivalent to

1 500 000

Modern laptop computers



Size of two tennis
courts

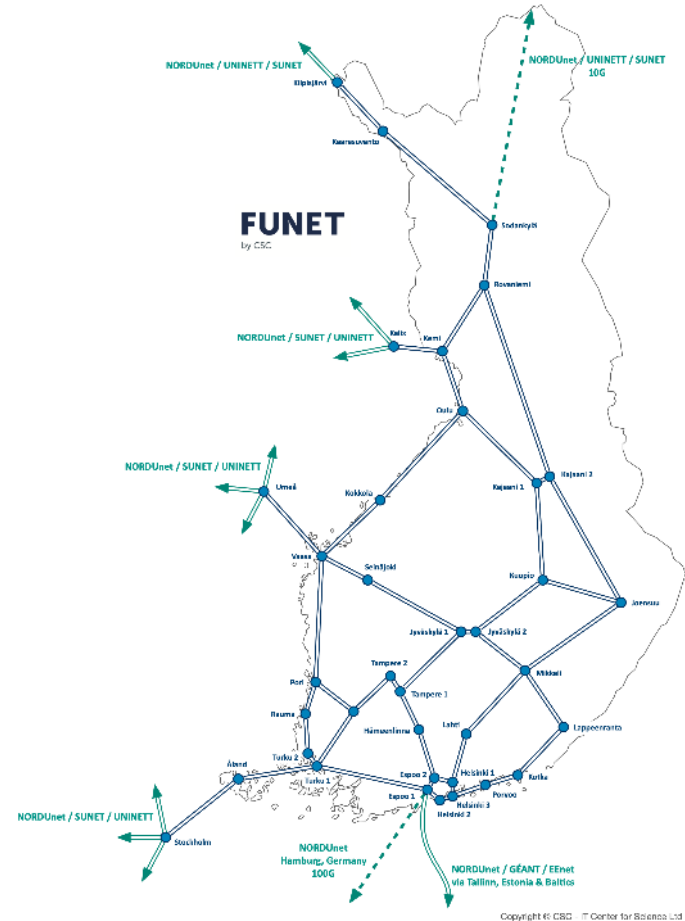
Modern platform for

High-performance
computing,
Artificial intelligence,
Data analytics

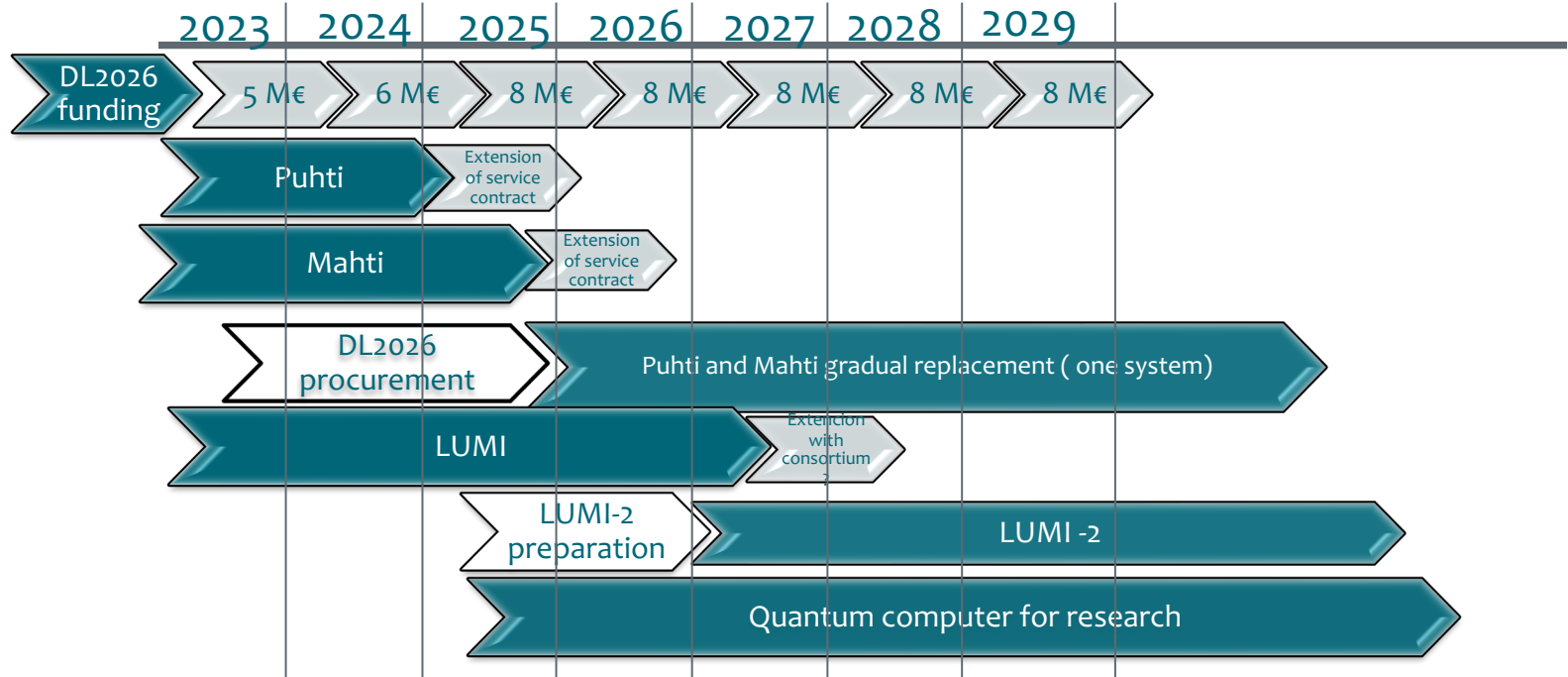
Based on GPU technology

The reliable high-speed data communications networks of the data center are designed specifically for HPC

- LUMI research infrastructure is a **direct part of the Nordic backbone**
- Scalability for multi-terabit transmission needs already today, and readiness for future transmission technologies
- The Funet 2020 network supports the EuroHPC installation perfectly **without needs for additional investments**
- The next-generation NORDUnet connects the Kajaani LUMI site to GÉANT, ensuring European-wide availability of any HPC resources installed in Kajaani



Roadmap (tentative)



Green Deal for HPC

100% hydroelectric energy up to 200 MW

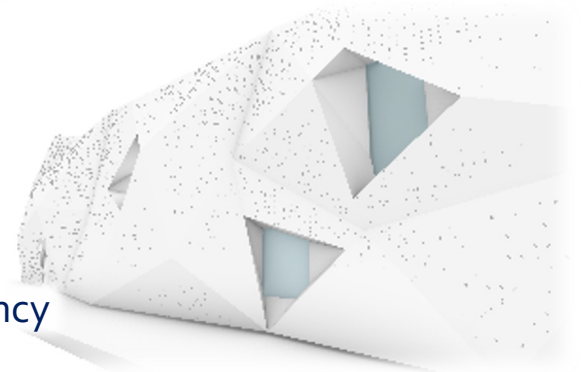
Very reliable power grid: Only one outage in 40 years

100% free cooling available, PUE 1.02 (air cooled)

Waste heat reuse: effective energy price reasonable,
negative CO₂ footprint: 13500 tons reduced every year

Extreme connectivity: Kajaani DC is a direct part of the Nordic backbone. 4x100 Gbit/s to GÉANT, can be easily scaled up to multi-terabit level

Elevated security standards guaranteed by ISO27001 compliancy



Renforsin Ranta Business Park, Kajaani Finland

Greenfield (200 ha)

 National grid substation (1000 MW)

 Excess heat utilisation to district heat network

3 x  →

230 MW existing transformer capacity

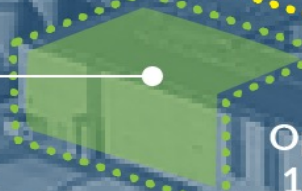
LUMI

 CSC national HPC data centers

Kajaani Future Scalability

LUMI

10 MW

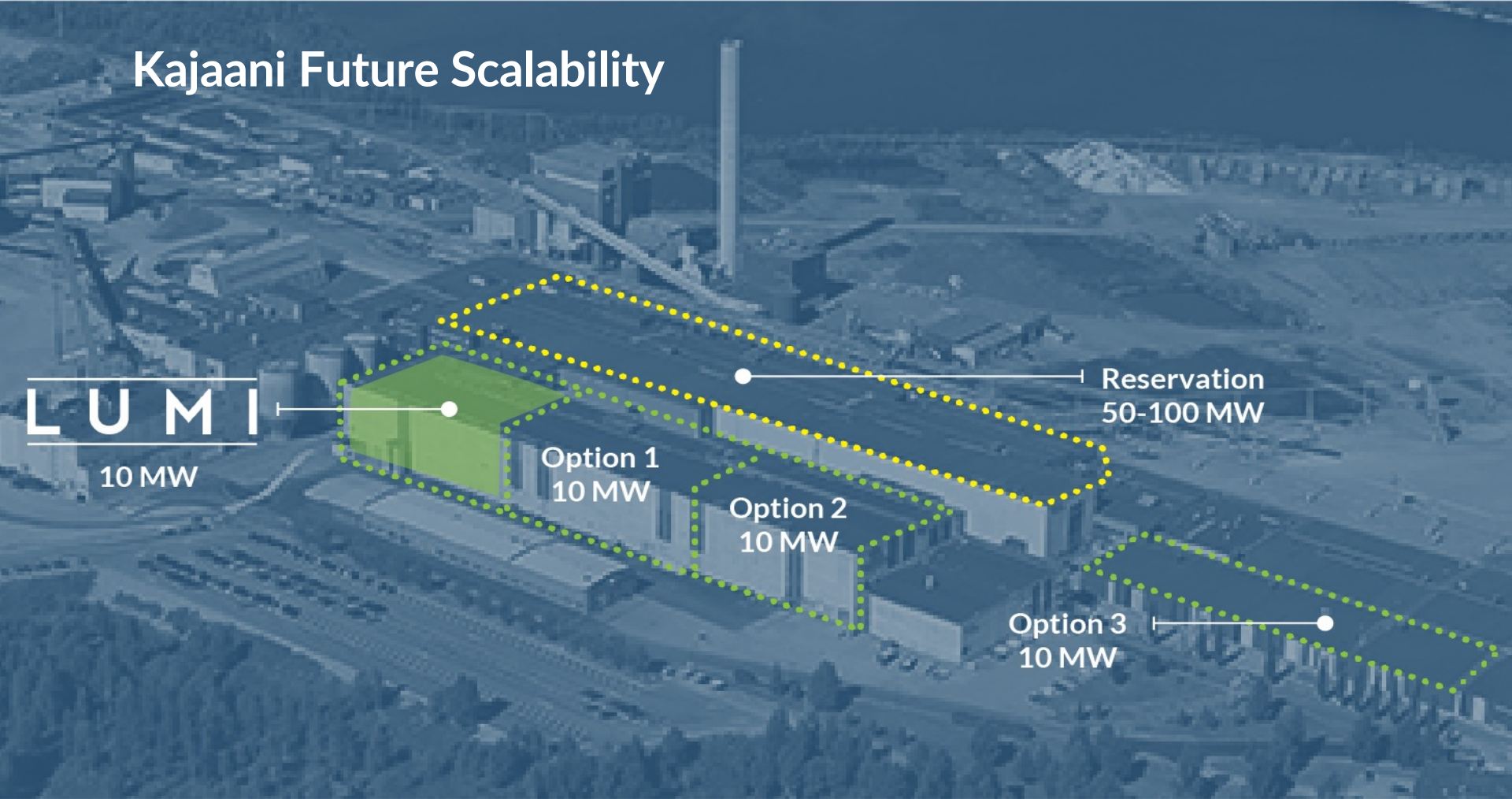


Option 1
10 MW

Option 2
10 MW

Option 3
10 MW

Reservation
50-100 MW



Global collaboration

State-level cooperation

- leveraging state-level agreements and statements e.g. Joint Statements

Organization-level collaboration

- based on areas of common interest e.g. collaborative projects.

EU-level structures for global cooperation

- e.g. Team Europe Initiatives and EU funded projects

Utilizing international/global networks

- e.g. Research Data Alliance to define areas of collaboration and identifying key partners



Building on bilateral and other MoUs focusing on areas such as HPC, green transition or topics like artificial intelligence, quantum.



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