BOLOGNA TECHNOPOLE

CINECA

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ABOUT US

CINECA

Cineca stands as one of Italy's **largest** computing centers and is globally recognized for its leadership in **High Performance Computing** (HPC).

Simultaneously, Cineca serves as a crucial provider of solutions and **services** for universities, research centers, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of University and Research, and other institutions.



NOT-FOR-PROFIT CONSORTIUM

Since 1969 Cineca supports the Italian Academic System



118 MEMBERS

2 Ministries, 70 Universities,46 Academic and Research Institutions



5 OFFICES

Bologna, Milan, Rome, Naples, Chieti



~ 1100 Employees



~ 130 MLN € Yearly Revenue in 2021



LEONARDO AT THE TECHNOPOLE

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Leonardo is hosted in the new Cineca datacenter, located in the Bologna Technopole.

Besides Leonardo, the Technopole also houses the supercomputer of the **European Centre for Medium-term Weather Forecasts** (ECMWF) and in a second stage the Tier-1 system of the **INFN** for processing data produced by the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) experiment at CERN.



AN ITALIAN DATA VALLEY



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ECMWF Data Center

CINECA & INFN Exascale Supercomputer Center Conference and Education Center

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Innovation Center

Competence Center Industry 4.0

Civic Protection and Agency for Development and Innovation

Meteo National Agency

University Centers

Biobank and Life Science

ENEA Center

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HISTORY AND TRANSFORMATION OF THE BULDING

The complex of the **Ex – Manifattura Tabacchi** of Bologna, built in **1952** on a project by **Eng. Pier Luigi Nervi** is the home of the new Technopole, a center of innovation and experimentation for industrial research and technology transfer.

Symbol of the reconstruction of the city after the World War II, the building is part of the **Italian cultural heritage**, and the **redevelopment** project is characterized by **respect** for the architecture designed by Nervi.

The project to transform the area into a large scientific center of excellence in supercomputing brings together, in about 100,000 square meters, research activities and infrastructures with high computing performance, among the most powerful in the world.



TECNOPOLO



C2 Barrel

TECNOPOLO



C2 Section

on the **first floor** there are the four power stations dedicated to the transformation and distribution of electricity.

the space dedicated to Leonardo, the "**white space**", is located on the **ground floor**

in the **basement** there are four independent **tunnels** for cooling



LEONARDO TECHNICAL INFO

LEONARDO HPC SYSTEM

Leonardo is a step forward towards providing exascale computing capabilities to researchers across Italy and Europe. Leonardo aims at maximum performance and can be classified as a **top tier supercomputing system in Europe**.

The system combines the most advanced computing components to be able to address even the most complex computational workflows, possibly involving HPC, AI, high-throughput, and visualization applications.



Leonardo system is capable of nearly **250 PFlops** and equipped with over **100 PB** of storage capacity.



LEONARDO HPC SYSTEM





Leonardo Supercomputer: Key Features

Booster Module

1 x CPU Intel Xeon 8358 32 cores, 2,6 GHzbooster

- 512 (8 x 64) GB RAM DDR4 3200 MHz
- 4 X Nvidia custom Ampere GPU 64GB HBM2
 2 x NVidia HDR 2×100 Gb/s cards
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High-Performance Storage

DDN Exascaler-based storage system with fast and capacity tiers for efficient data access.

Visualization Nodes

Dedicated nodes for highperformance visualization tasks.

Energy Efficiency

Bull Energy Optimizer and Bull Dynamic Power Optimizer for dynamic power management.

Advanced Interconnect

Nvidia Mellanox network with Dragonfly+ topology for high-speed, low-latency communication.

Data Centric Module

2x Intel Sapphire Rapids, 56 cores, 4.8 GHz
512 (16 x 32) GB RAM DDR5 4800 MHz
3xNvidia HDR cards 1x100Gb/s cards

8 TB NVM

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability as a core principle: Environmental impact considered throughout the project.

Advanced cooling system: Utilizes warm water cooling and adiabatic drycoolers for energy efficiency.

Reduced energy consumption: Avoids traditional refrigeration cycles, leading to lower energy usage.

Efficient air conditioning: Closed-circuit piping system for optimal temperature control.

Innovative approach: State-of-the-art cooling technology demonstrated in a dedicated video.



LEONARDO COOLING SYSTEM



Air Cooled Water Cooled



