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Deep-Learning and HPC to Boost Biomedical Applications for Health

An introduction to the project

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DEEPHEALTH, a H2020 European innovation Project that aims to push the use of technology for Health to boost new and more efficient biomedical image applications for the diagnose, monitoring and treatment of diseases.

A Project coordinated by **NTT DATA**



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Some key facts

Means to reach the goals



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Duration: 42 months
Starting date: Jan 2019



Budget 14.642.366 €
EU funding 12.774.824 €



22 partners from **9 countries**:
Research centers, Health organizations,
large industries and SMEs



Research Organisations



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Barcelona
Supercomputing
Center
Centro Nacional de Supercomputación



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UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI
MODENA E REGGIO EMILIA



Karolinska
Institutet



CRS4
IDEAS BECOME LIFE



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO



OTTO VON GUERICKE
UNIVERSITÄT
MAGDEBURG



Stockholms läns landsting

Health Organisations



Fundación para el Fomento de la
Investigación Sanitaria y Biomédica
de la Comunitat Valenciana



SPITALUL CLINIC
PROF. DR. THEODOR BURGHELE
BUCUREȘTI

Large Industries

NTT DATA PHILIPS

THALES

SIMAVI
Software Imagination & Vision

SMEs

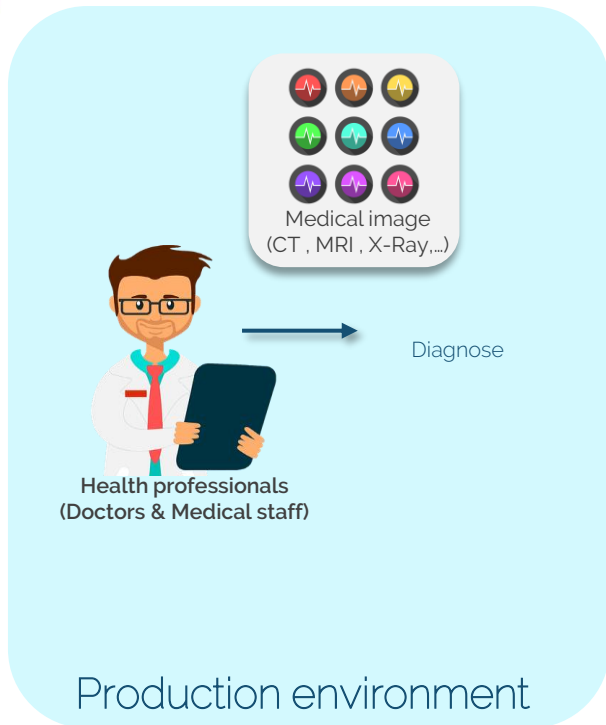


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The scenario & Context

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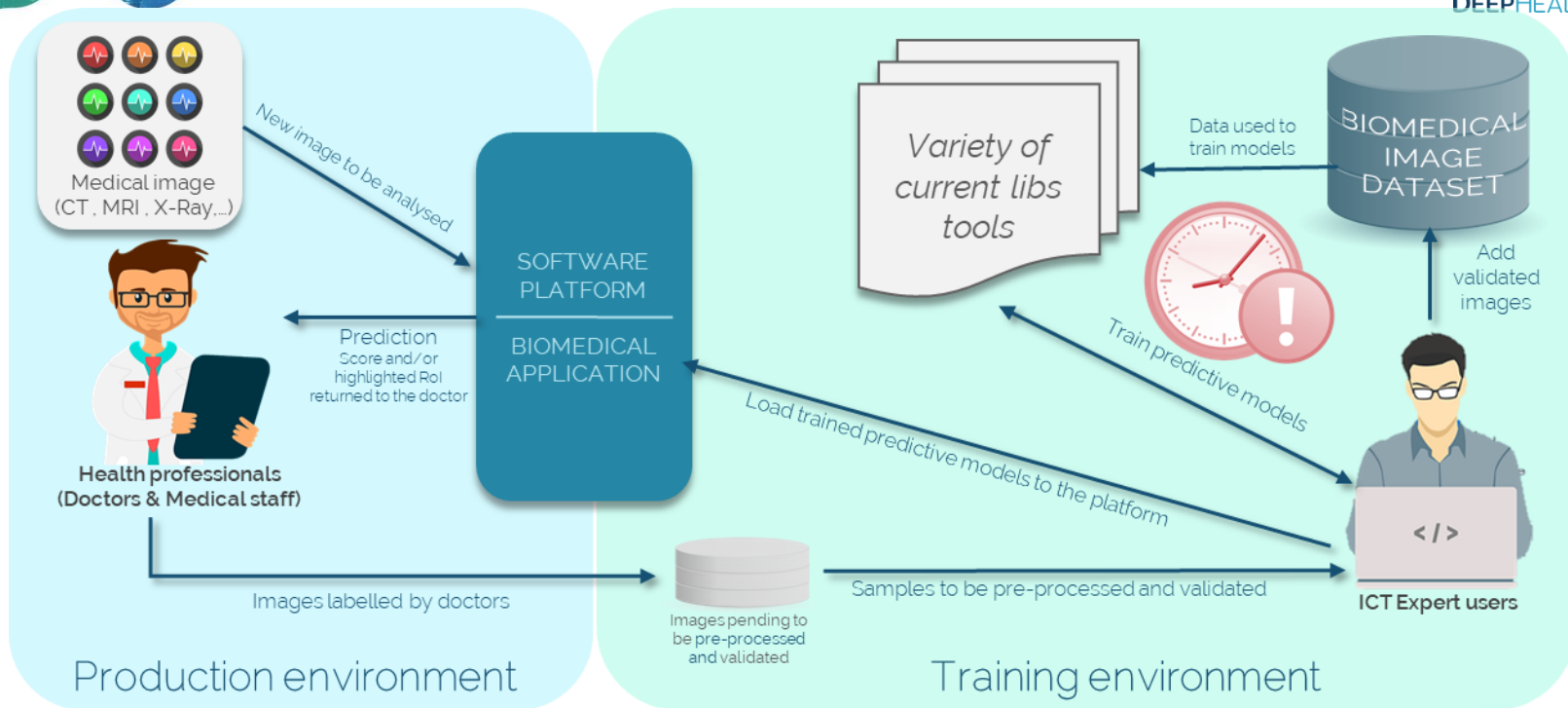
- **Healthcare:** key sector in the global economy
- Public health systems generate **large datasets of biomedical images** and other data
 - Large **unexploited** knowledge database
 - Interpretation of the clinical expert manually

The scenario: Use AI-DL

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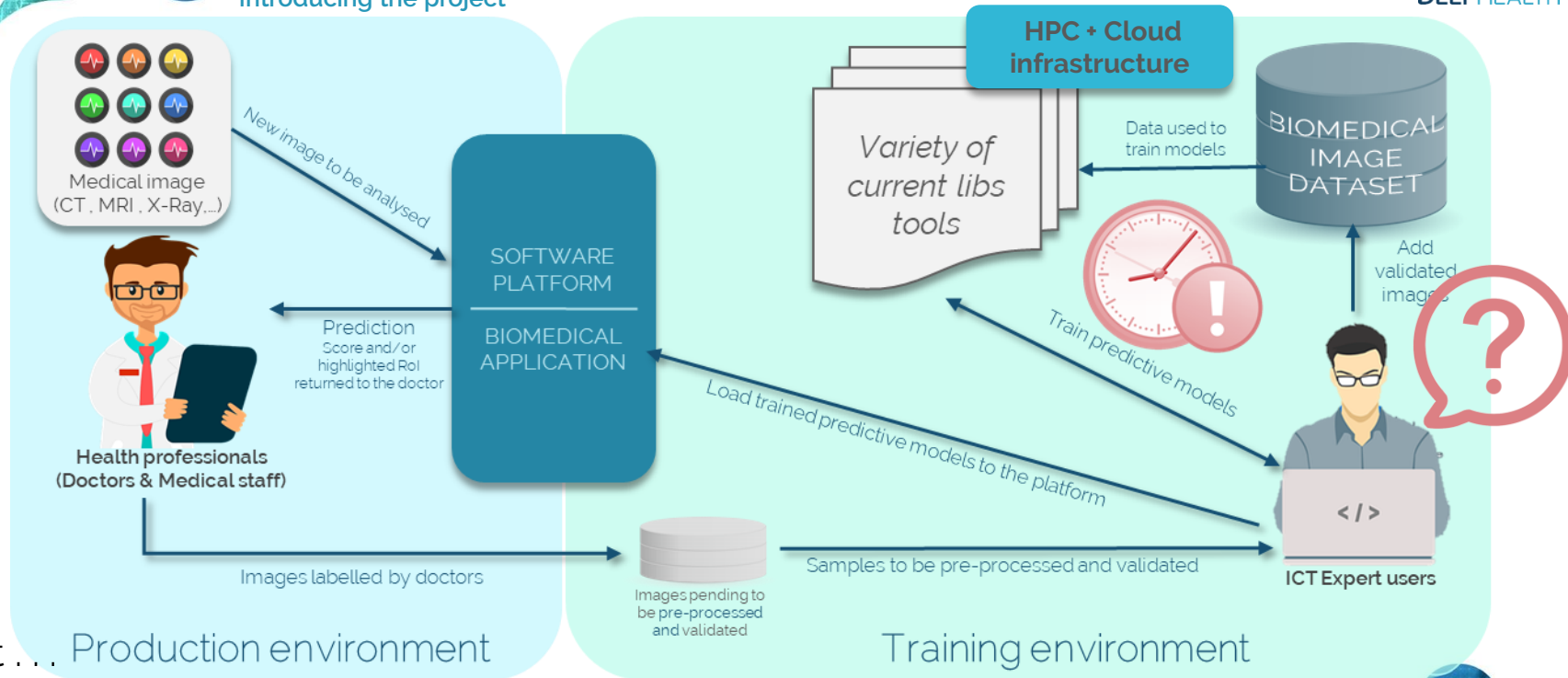
- Need for advanced skills in AI and in different technologies and tools
- Expensive processes in time and resources – Computational expensive algorithms & big data workloads

The scenario: Use AI-DL & HPC



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- How to leverage HPC for DL purposes?
- How to make it easy for health-application developers to exploit HPC resources?



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Aim and Goals

Project Objectives



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GLOBAL

Put High Performance Computing power at the service of biomedical applications with DL and CV needs to support new and more efficient ways of diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of diseases.

AI PERSPECTIVE

- Increase the **productivity** of IT professionals in terms of **training** image-based **predictive models** without the need of combining numerous tools. *(AI objective)*

AI + HPC PERSPECTIVE

- Offer a **unified framework** adapted to exploit underlying heterogeneous **HPC and cloud infrastructures** for supporting state-of-the-art and next-generation DL (AI) and CV algorithms *(AI + HPC objective)*

REACHING THE INDUSTRY AND SOCIETY

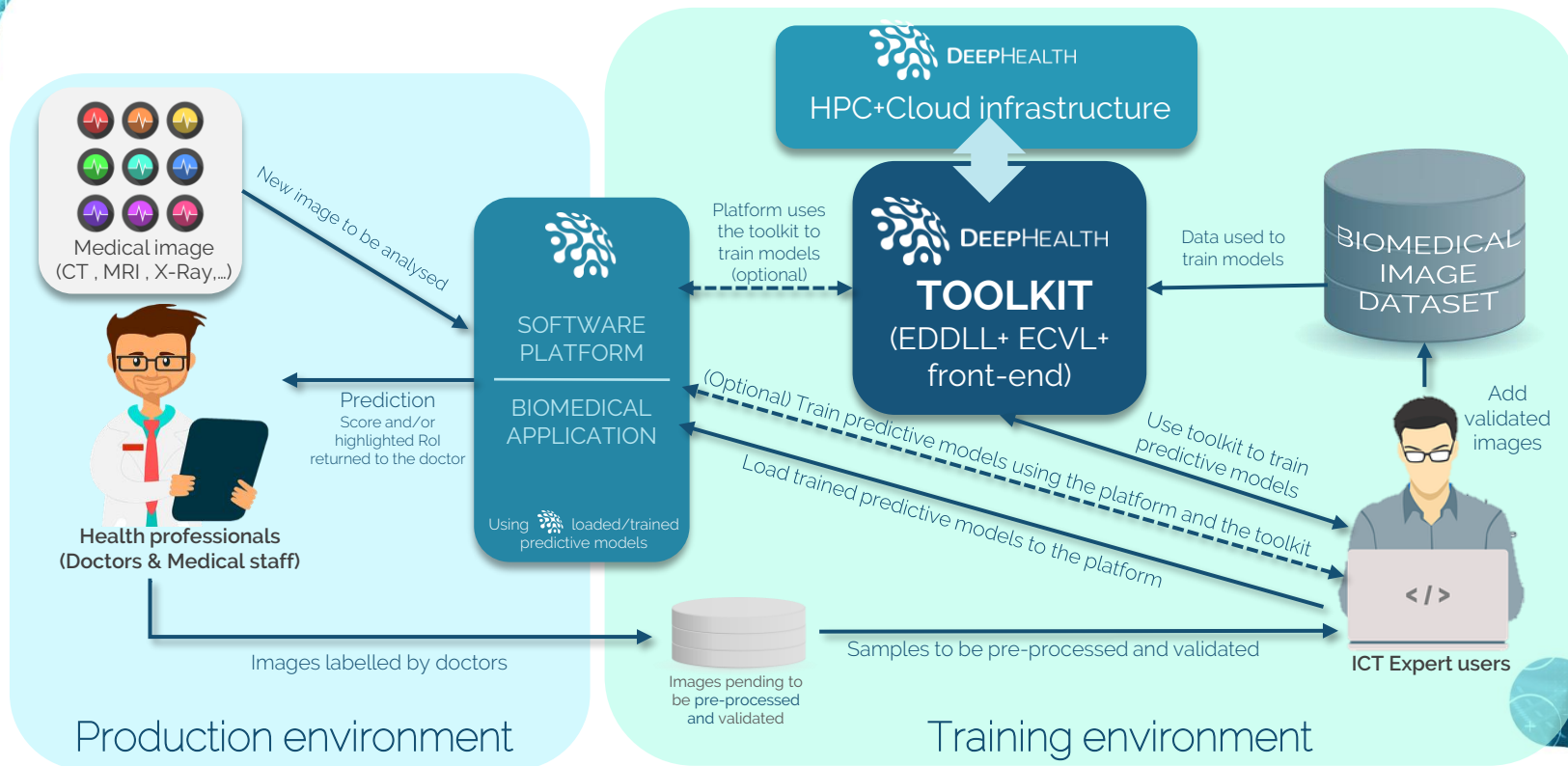
- Work towards **reducing the gap** between the availability of **cutting-edge technologies** and its **extensive use for medical imaging** - enhance European-based medical software platforms. *(reaching the industry and the society).*

The Concept

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Developments & Expected Results



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The DeepHealth toolkit: Open Source libraries to leverage HPC/Cloud infrastructures to train AI/ML models using distributed computing. (+ back-end & front-end)

EDDLL: The European Distributed Deep Learning Library

ECVL: the European Computer Vision Library



HPC infrastructure support for an efficient execution of the libraries, making use of heterogeneous hardware in a transparent way (usability) and promoting portability. .



Integration of DeepHealth libraries into seven biomedical and AI software platforms to improve their potential (end-users: clinical and health data scientists)



Validation in 14 use cases (training DL models, inference)

Developments & Results

- The DeepHealth libraries



Available on
[GitHub](#)

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C++ and
Python

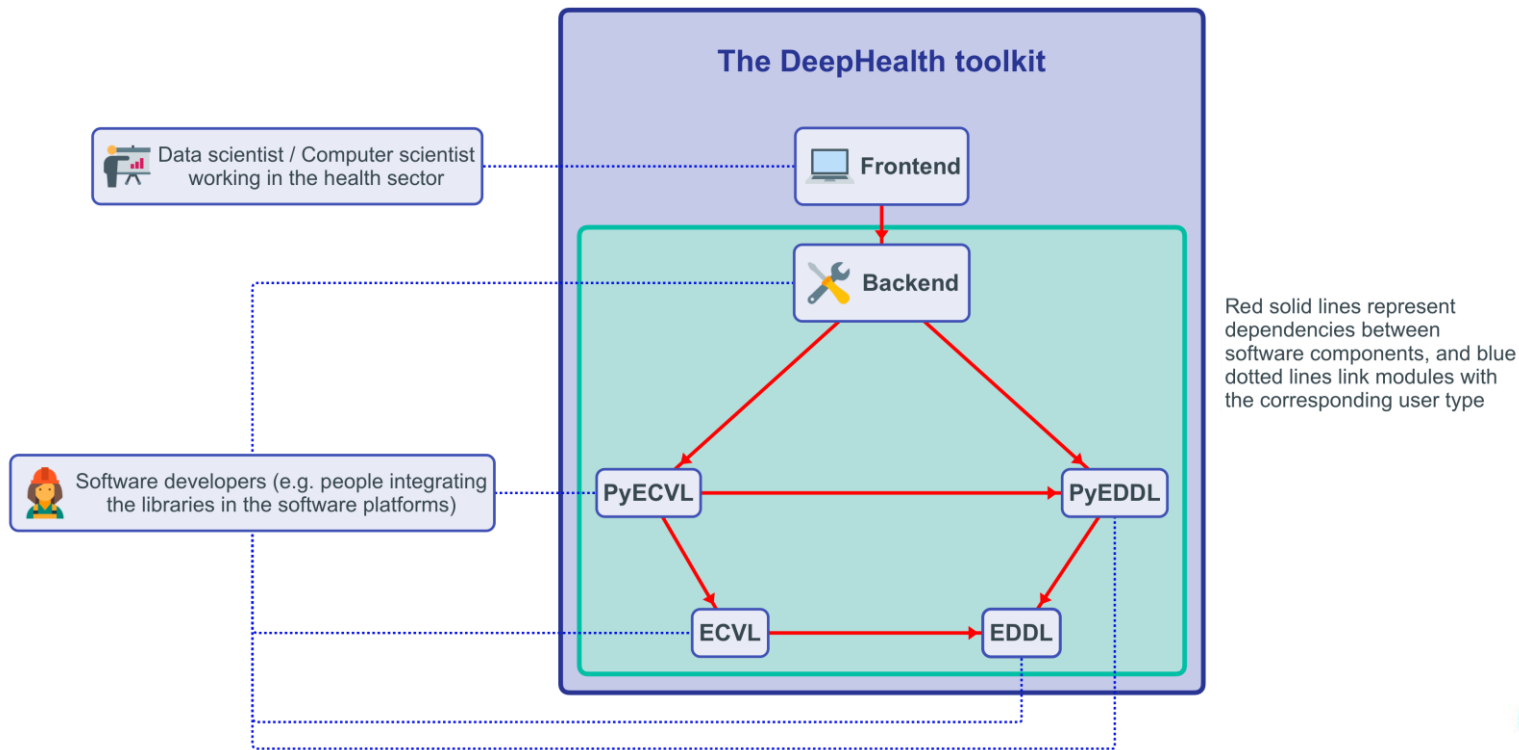
- **Distributed versions** that fully benefit from the performance capabilities of heterogeneous HPC infrastructures and compatibility with cloud technologies
 - **Parallelizing the training operations of AI/ML** use-cases models on top of HPC infrastructures.
 - Providing **layers that abstract** the parallel execution from the underlying infrastructure (COMPS-BSC, StreamFlow-Univ. Torino).
 - Promoting a "**cloudified approach**" to HPC
- Specific adaptations and optimizations to HW accelerators (GPU, FPGA) and cloud architectures
- Supporting back-end to load and transform images on the fly + GUI to ease their use.

Developments & Results

The DeepHealth toolkit



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Developments & Results

- **HPC infrastructure support** for an efficient execution of the libraries
 - Target heterogeneous HPC architectures:
 - Supercomputers (CPU based – Marenstrum BSC)
 - Clusters featuring GPU and FPGA-based accelerators
 - Hybrid cloud-HPC computing infrastructure.
- Focus on **usability** (hiding HPC complexities for developers), promoting **portability** and lock-in avoidance
- 3 main areas:
 - Improved-Tailored **SW architecture** (set of **run-times / Resource Managers**) to orchestrate the distributed and parallel execution on the whole HPC and cloud-based computing infrastructure – integrated in a common development framework
 - Optimization of heterogeneous computing units (CPU, GPU, FPGA) to libraries
 - HPC **communication optimizations** for efficient training





Developments & Results

- Integration of DeepHealth libraries into seven **biomedical and AI software platforms** provided by NTT Data, PHILIPS, THALES, UNITO, WINGS, CRS4 and CEA to improve their potential
 - Platforms usage for inference (used by physicians)
 - Platforms usage for training and inference (used by health data scientists)
- **Validation** in 14 use cases (training DL models, inference), evaluation in terms of **time** and **accuracy**.

Neurological diseases

UC1. Migraine and Seizures prediction
UC7. Major depression
UC8. Dementia
UC9. Study of structural changes in lumbar spine pathology
UC10. Population model for Alzheimer's Disease
UC13. Epileptic seizures detection
UC14. Objective fatigue assessment for Multiple Sclerosis patients

Tumor detection and early cancer prediction

UC4. Chest cancer detection
UC6. Prostate tumor diagnosis
UC12. Skin cancer melanoma detection

Digital pathology and automated image annotation

UC2. Classification of whole-slide histological images of colorectal biopsy samples
UC3. CT brain perfusion maps synthetization
UC5. Deep Image Annotation
UC11. Image Analysis and prediction for Urology

Key Performance Indicators

time-of-pre-processing-images

time-to-model-in-production

time-to-train-models

Speedup

Efficiency of parallelism

Specific KPIs of use cases



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Expected impact

For IT experts:



- **Increase the productivity of IT staff** working in the health sector by allowing them to design, train and test many more predictive models in the same period of time
- **Facilitate IT experts work** ease use/train of Deep Neural Networks on HPC with no profound knowledge on Deep Learning, HPC, distributed or cloud computing.

Health impact:



- Increase **early diagnosis and improving treatments**
- Extend the knowledge about diseases and pathologies
- Save direct and indirect **healthcare costs**

Beyond Health – Contributing to increase AI impact on the society



- **Applicable to other sectors** and applications
- Turn **AI + HPC as an enabling technology for Science**
- **Eases adoption by the industry**, following the trend **AI+HPC as a service** for increasing number of applications
- Other DL-based applications & Graph-based applications such as data-discovery, digital Twins and more...





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