Past, Present and Future of HPC at the CMA

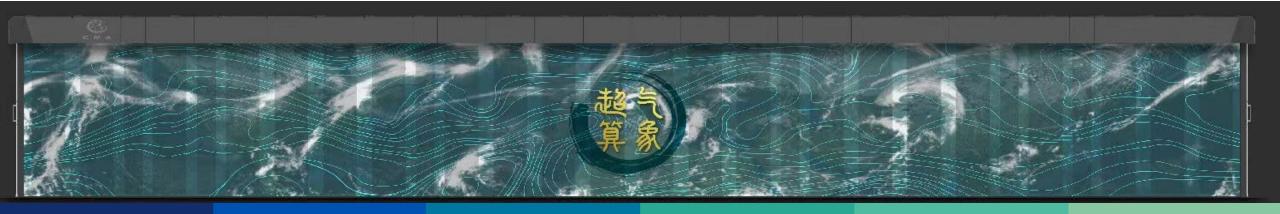
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The main responsibility includes:

- Develop HPC systems capacity
- Develop HPC-Supportive platforms
- Maintain system operations
- Track cutting-edge tech







The Evolution of HPC at the CMA



HPC-Supportive Platforms



Track Cutting-edge Tech

Modern weather forecasting is a comprehensive system encompassing meteorological observation, information infrastructure, numerical models, analysis and forecasting, and meteorological services.

Meteorological Observation

China has basically established a comprehensive meteorological observation system.



Established a robust foundation of data, platforms, and security support.



Numerical Models

Established a comprehensive operational numerical forecasting system.



Analysis & Forecasting

Forecast results are generated through forecasters' comprehensive analysis and forecast discussions.



Meteorological Services

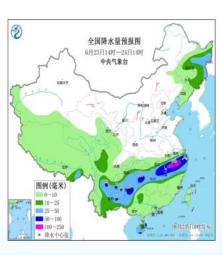
Provide a variety of meteorological services, including public services, industry services, and decision-making services.





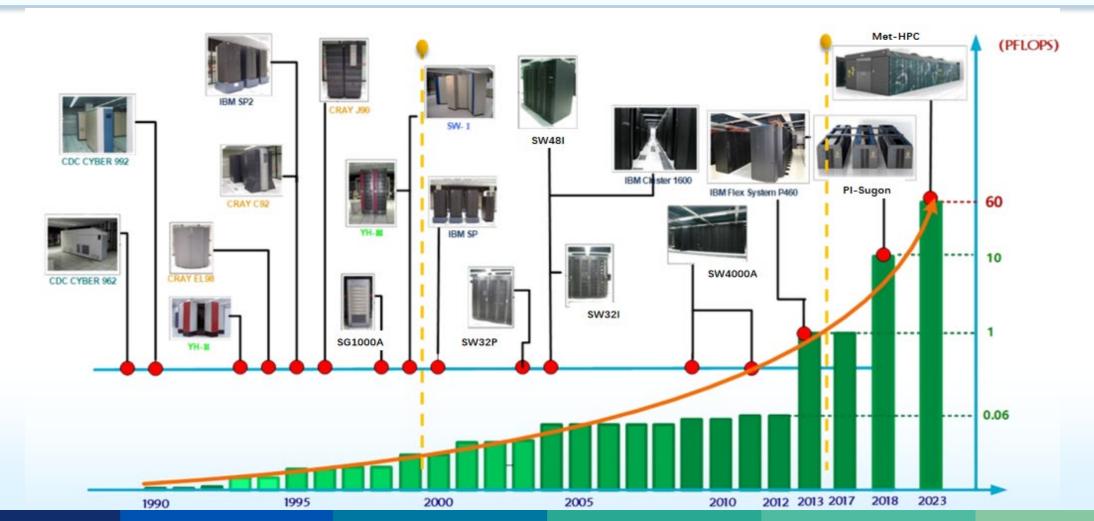






The Evolution of HPC

The development of supercomputing at the China Meteorological Administration began in 1985, making it the earliest department in China to adopt supercomputing system.



Layout of CMA HPC System

- ➤ 4 subsystems located in Beijing
 - Pi-HPC: 2 subsytems
 - Met-HPC: 2 subsytems
- 1 subsytem located in Neimenggu
 - Met-HPC: 1 subsytem
- > 60PFlops





Pi HPC System

- Located in Beijing, built in 2018
- Consists of 2 subsystems: meteorological operational system and meteorological R&D system, backup for each other
- Meteorological Operational System of Pi: top rank 74 in TOP500(2018), Xeon Gold 6142 16C 2.6GHz, Infiniband EDR
- Meteorological R&D System of Pi: top rank 68 in TOP500(2018), Xeon Gold 6142 16C 2.6GHz, Infiniband EDR, NVIDIA Tesla P100



Met-HPC System

- ➤ Named as Meteorological HPC system, built in 2023
- Consists of 3 subsystems:
 operational system and R&D system in Beijing backup system in Neimenggu, interconnected with Beijing via high-speed networks

Large-Scale Distributed
Parallel File System

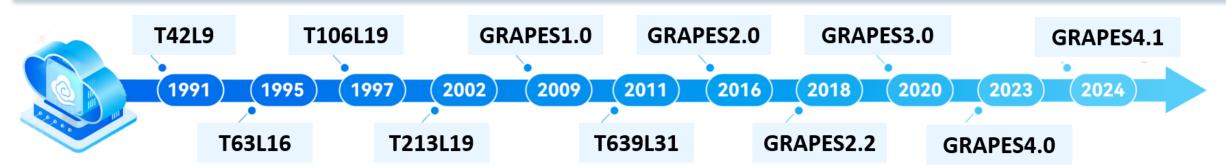
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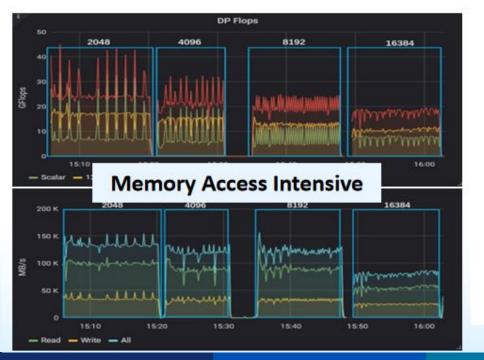




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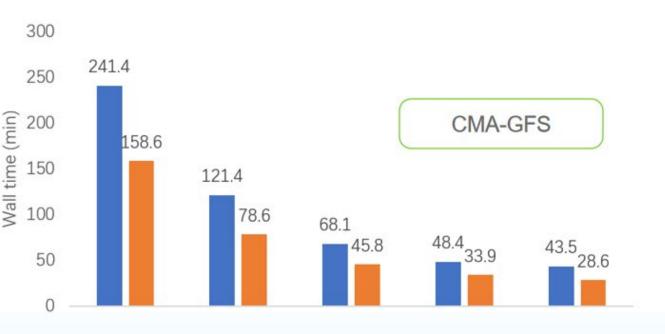
The iterative upgrades of supercomputing systems have propelled the rapid advancement of numerical forecasting operations.







Test results for the scalability of the NWP models across different HPC systems.







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HPC-Supportive Platforms

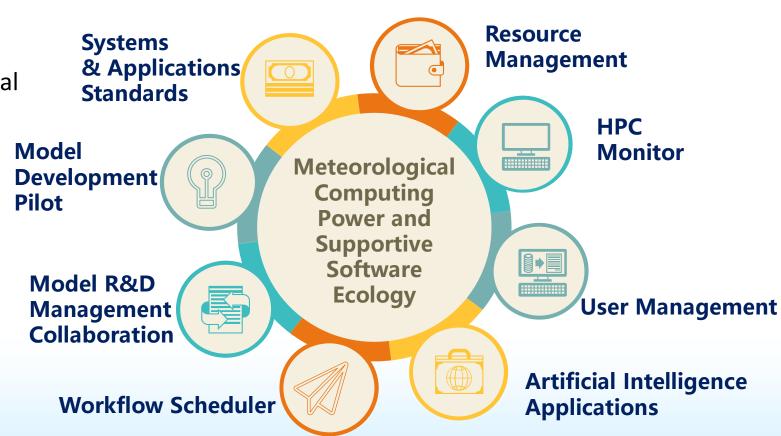


Track Cutting-edge Tech

Meteorological Computing Power and Supportive Software Ecology

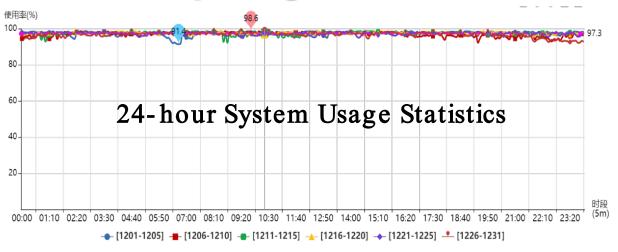
Preliminarily established the application support software ecology of meteorological computing power resources.

- ✓ System operation and management
- ✓ Model operation
- ✓ Scientific research support

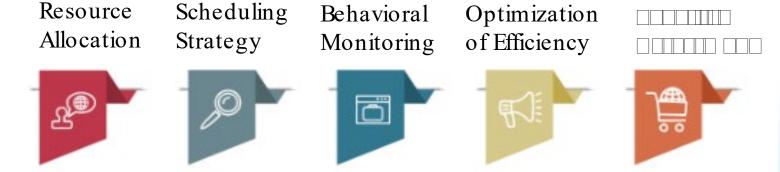


Management Analysis of Computing Resource

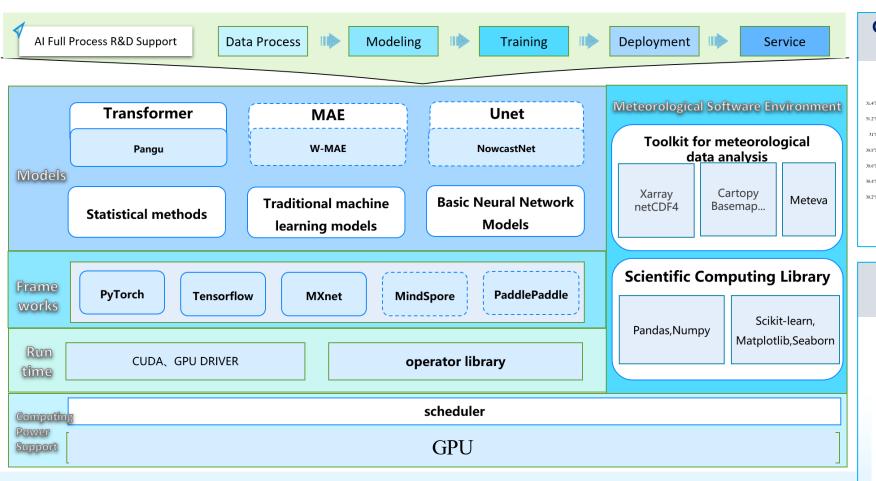




Scientific management of supercomputing resources



AI Weather Support Platform

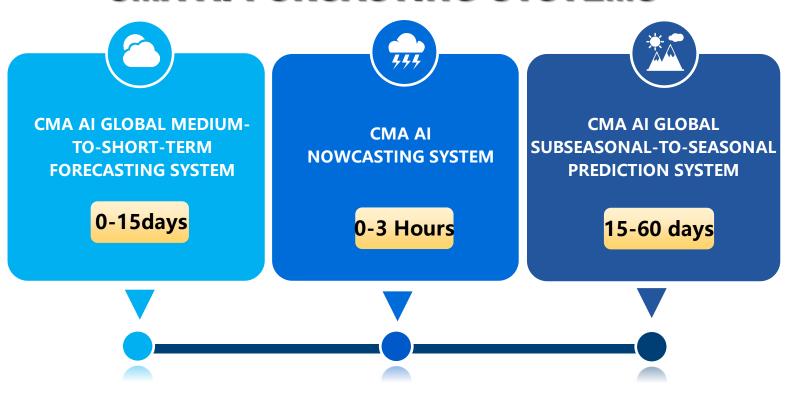


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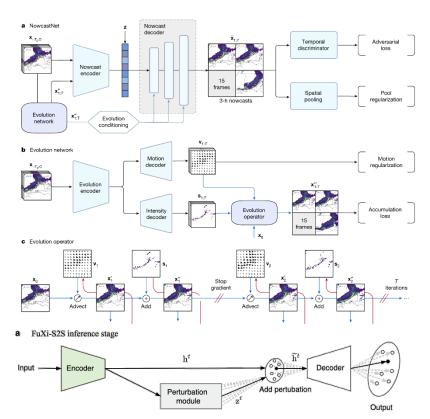
CMA AI FORCASTING SYSTEMS



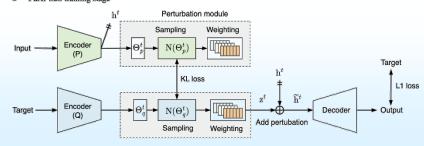
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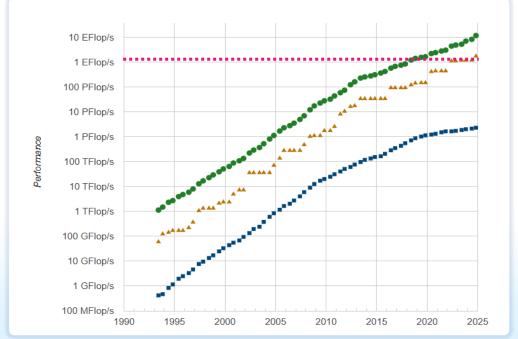


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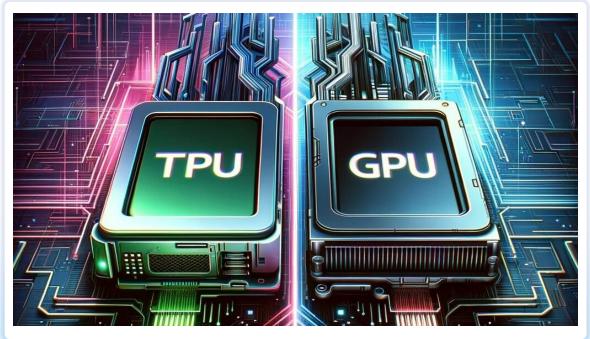


In the post-Moore's Law era, processor performance growth has slowed, while the demand for computing power in high-performance computing and artificial intelligence continues to rise. Simultaneously, to further reduce system energy consumption and save costs, supercomputing systems are gradually evolving toward heterogeneous architectures, ushering in the exascale era.

The computational power of the world's supercomputing systems continues to advance, with the performance of the most advanced computer systems now exceeding exascale.

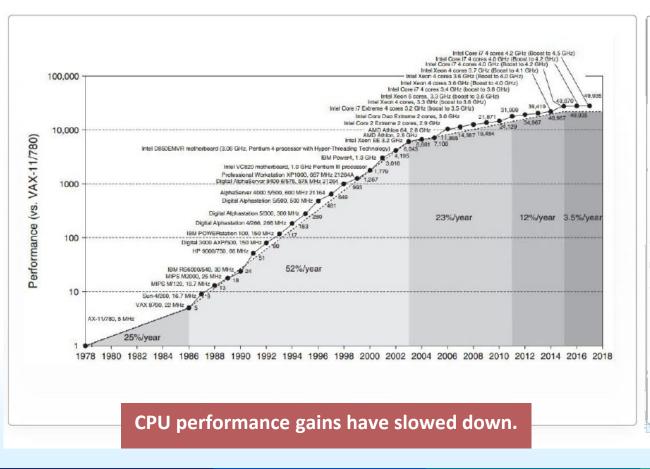


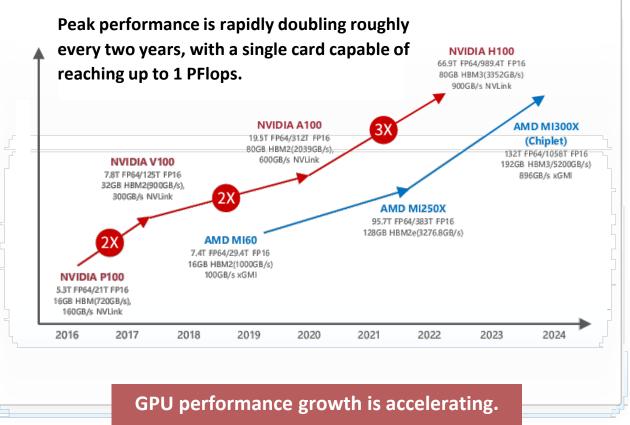
Supercomputing systems are gradually transitioning toward heterogeneous architectures that deliver high computational performance with low energy consumption.

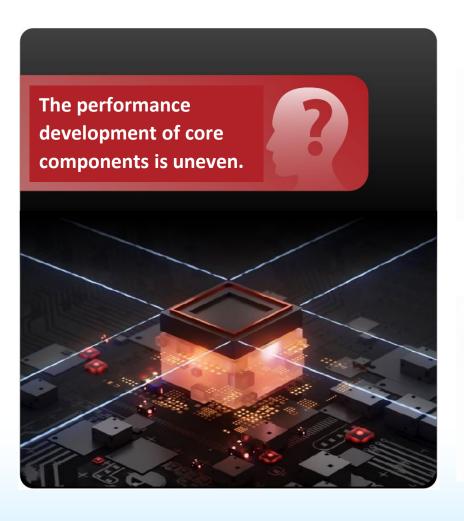


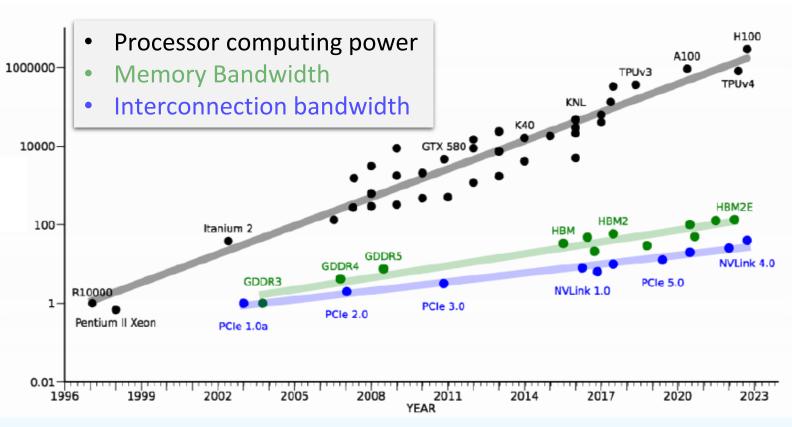
Track Cutting-edge Tech

The explosive growth of artificial intelligence models has triggered a surge in demand for GPU computing power. The development focus of computing power itself has begun shifting from pure CPUs toward GPUs, with the trend toward supercomputing intelligent-computing fusion emerging.

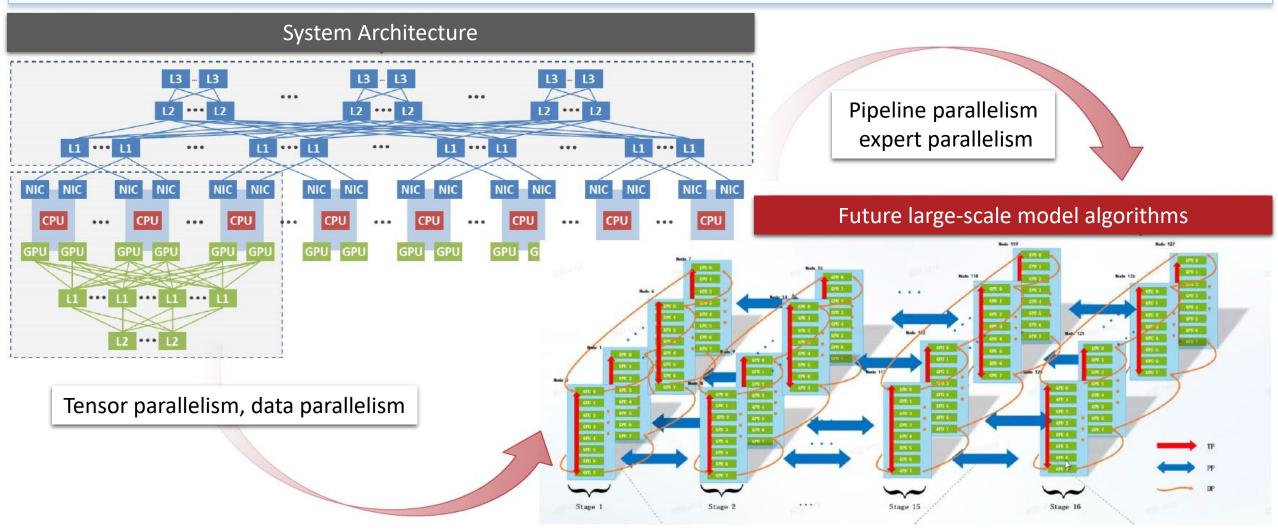








The supercomputing intelligence-computing fusion architecture must be highly compatible with the distributed algorithms of future large models.





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