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**"Leveraging engineering cloud solutions to cover burst capacities –
Challenges & Outlook"**

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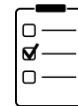
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Operations and DC



CAE/HPC

Agenda

1. Engineering cloud market
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3. Licenses – a real challenge of engineering clouds
4. Technical view
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1. Engineering cloud market

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About CPU 24/7

1

IT Service Provider

for Cloud-based High Performance Computing

2

Focus Engineering (CAx)

Specialized in applications and Engineering Workflows

3

Full-Level-Service und Support

Individual and personal

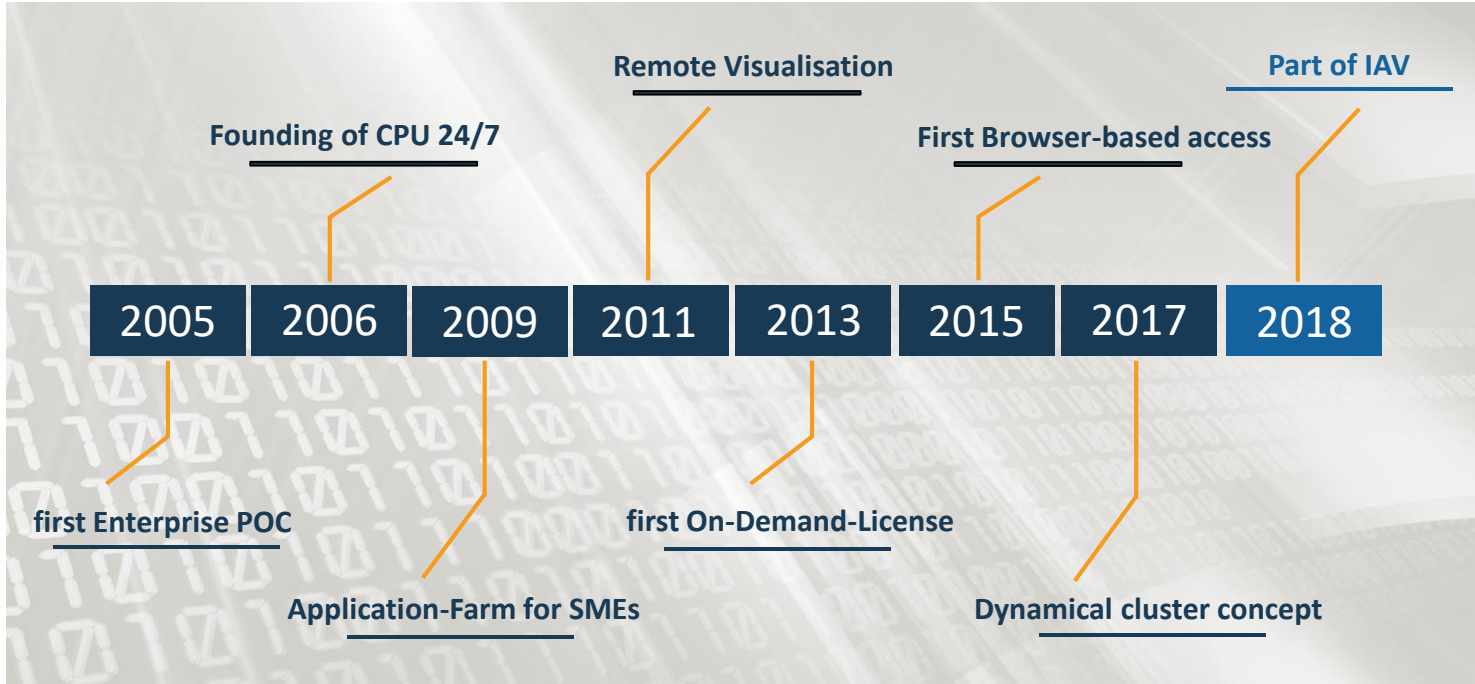


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References and customers



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Partners and key technology providers



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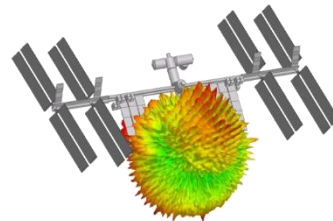
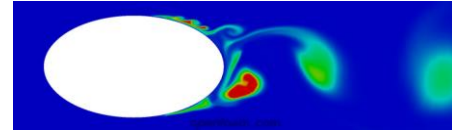
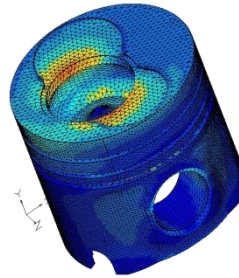
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Exemplary CAE applications for cloud workload

- CFD (fluid flow)
- Crash / deep drawing
- Structural analysis
- Durability analysis
- Acoustics (NVH)
- Ray tracing
- Electro-magnetics
- Combustion chemistry
- Material science



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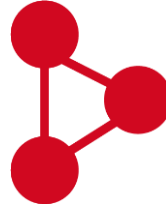
Top 3 major challenges in today's engineering

Complexity



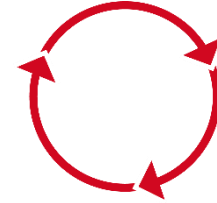
- Organisation
- Collaboration
- Simulation models

Resources



- Desktop vs. Workstation vs. Inhouse Cluster
- Budget
- Know-how

Flexibility & Agility



- Development Cycles
- Licensing
- Unpredictable Demands

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2. Targeted user groups of engineering clouds

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CAE as a Service – 3 targeted user groups



SINGLE USER



CLOUD BURSTING



ENTERPRISE CLOUD

~ 16-132 cores
for temporarily
usage

~ 2h - 30 d

~ 32-250 cores
temporarily
outsourced

~ 30 -180 d

>>1000 cores
outsourced

~ 1- 3 y

Why Brose Group uses HPC resources on CPU 24/7

brose
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“The number of necessary computing procedures is subject to significant – and sometimes spontaneous – fluctuations, which is why demands on computing resources are difficult to plan. To cope with internal HPC server peak loads we chose CPU 24/7.”

Thomas Resch, Head of Simulation,
Brose Group

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3. Licenses – a real challenge of engineering clouds

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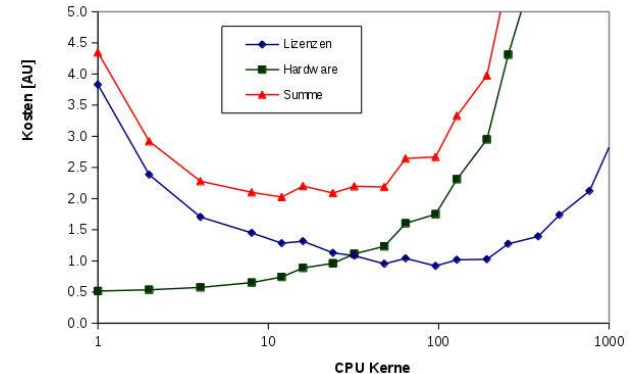
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Licensing of CAE solvers

- Licensing models
 - by thread (Powerflow, StarCD, Pam-Crash)
 - by a function of the threads (Ansys HPC-Pack, Abaqus)
 - independent of threads (site, campus, per job, open source)
 - by simulation type
 - for enabling GPU usage
- Timeframe
 - yearly, quarterly (hourly would be “cloud ready”)
 - how quickly can licenses be obtained (typically within a few months)
- License optimization
 - License model
 - License/HPC price
 - Benchmark results



Current status – lack of real cloud licence agreements!

Bring your own license



Mostly possible

License Management



Rarely implemented

On-demand & pay per use



Very rarely

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4. CAE aspects and challenges

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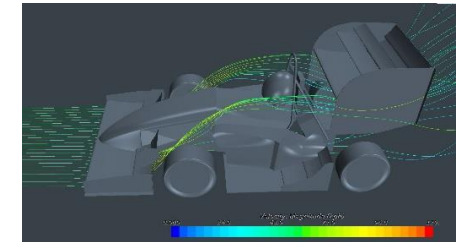
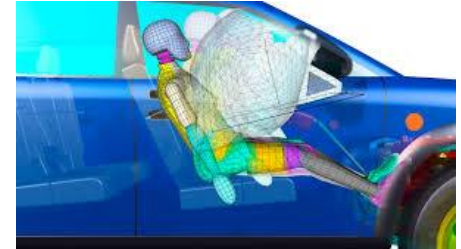
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CAE applications – typical bottlenecks

MBW – memory bandwidth
MLT – memory latency
FLOPS – Floating point operations per second
LLI - low latency interconnect
IOPS – IO Operations Per Second

- FEA
 - explicit (crash / deep drawing) → MBW + FLOPS + LLI
 - implicit (structural / durability)
 - CPU Frequency, memory capacity + MBW + LLI
 - frequency analysis (lanczos)
 - single node (local) IOPS
 - eg. Nastran reads matrices/files backwards
- CFD
 - stationary → MBW + LLI + FLOPS
 - in-stationary → IOPS and IO capacity and robust systems
 - dynamical mesh → requirements change during simulation



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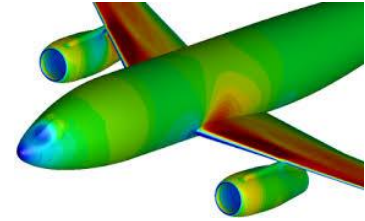
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- HPC systems tailored to customers needs
 - CPU, RAM, File System, ...

Multiphysics simulation: Coupling issues

- Two or more solvers are running simultaneously (or sequentially) and influence each other
 - Plane wing
 - Underhood / head lamp
 - Car to car crash



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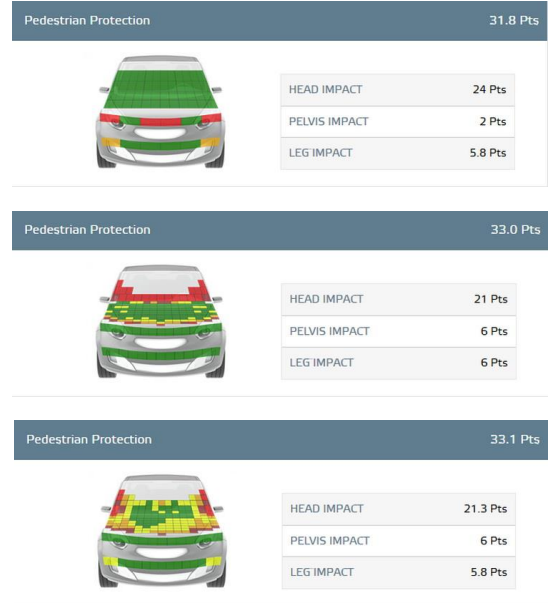
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- Different hardware
- Different licenses

CAE optimisation / variation

- Topology optimisation
- Taking different variances in production into account
 - thickness
 - composition
 - welding



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What does that mean for operations?

- Many simulations required
- Advantages due to workload automation

Engineering cloud challenges | operations view

1

Dynamics

- dynamical secure separation of customer clusters and data
 - networks
 - storage
 - nodes

3

Data gravity

- obstacle for new customers
- remote visualisation
- automation

2

Performance

- maintaining bare-metal performance (latency bandwidth)
 - Interconnect
 - Memory

4

Physical separation

- complete physical separation of network devices implies rewiring
 - slow and expensive

5. Outlook

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Outlook – Top 3 hypotheses

1

In 2030 every engineer will use simulation.

2

There will be no way around cloud solutions.

3

Pay per use will be standard for hardware & licenses.

Wrap up: Why engineering clouds solve most of CAE issues?

 Increase flexibility/availability of hardware and software

 Minimising risks

 Gain from Expertise

 Up-to-date infrastructure

 Faster results



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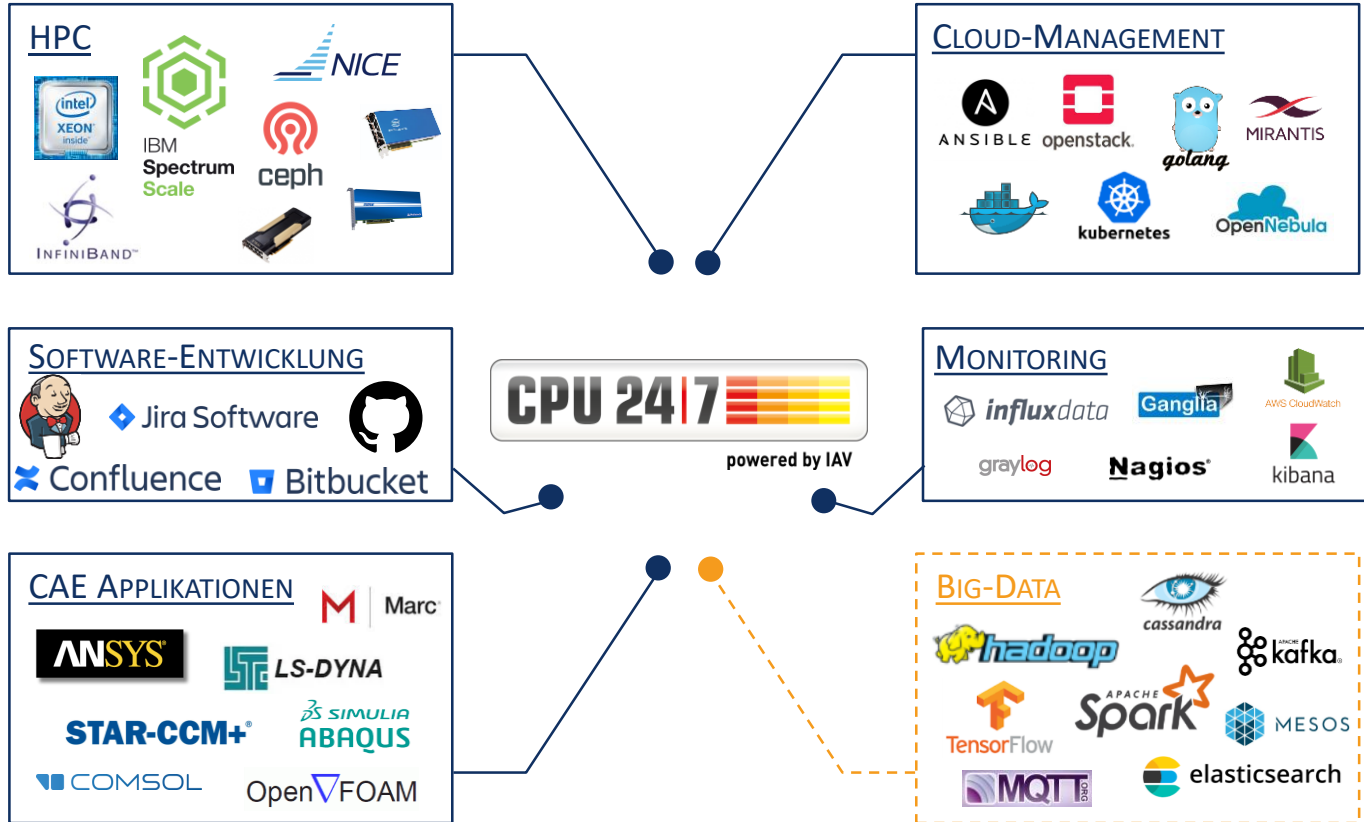


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Portfolio of different CPU 24/7 projects



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