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# Building the European high-performance low-power microprocessor for supercomputing and AI inference

It will help solve sovereign strategic scientific societal and environmental challenges with a reduced carbon footprint



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CEO & Founder of SiPearl

## Our vision

Because major challenges for Europe in medical research, security, energy management or climate modelling require processing huge volumes of strategic data in a fraction of a second, SiPearl is building the high-performance low-power backdoor-free security microprocessor dedicated to supercomputing and AI inference.

We are thus contributing to the technological sovereignty of Europe in scientific, societal and environmental fields with a reduced carbon footprint.

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**Market**



Generative AI



Energy



Big problems **need** Big computers



Climate



Health



Supercomputers are essential to ensure Europe's technological sovereignty by addressing major scientific, societal and environmental challenges.

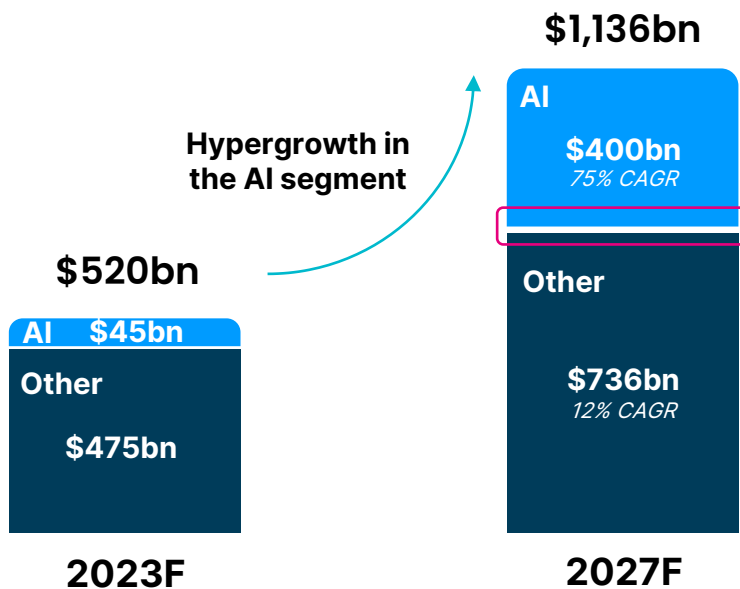
# Our business: the high-performance low-power microprocessor dedicated to HPC<sup>(1)</sup> and AI inference



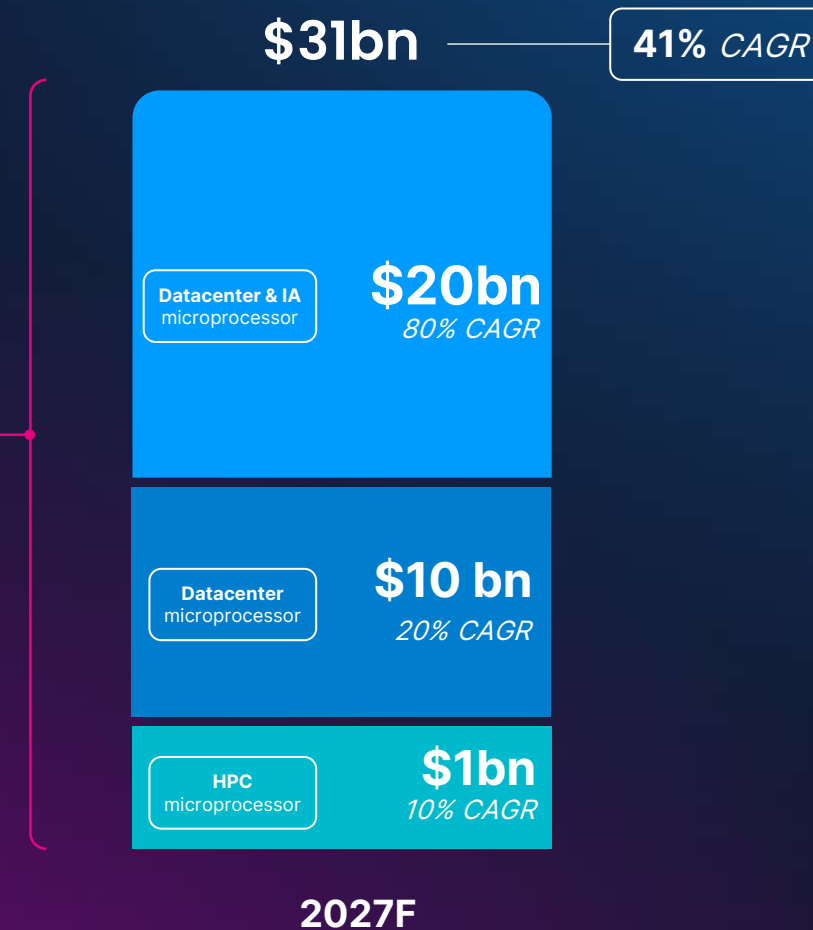
Tens of thousands of microprocessors in a supercomputer

# SiPearl's target market: 41% CAGR to reach \$31bn by 2027

## Global semiconductor sales<sup>(1)</sup>



## SiPearl markets



(1) Source: Semiconductor Industry Association (Dec-23), AMD (Dec-23), NewStreet Research (Jan-24), Statista (Jan-24), Silverpeak (Jan-24)



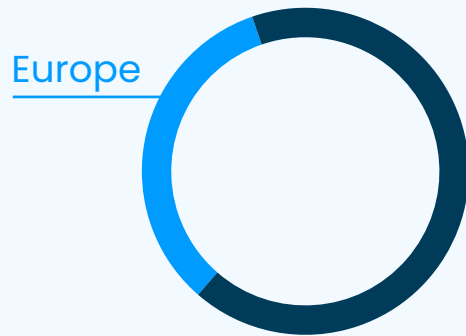
# Focus: European Union



# European Union behind the curve

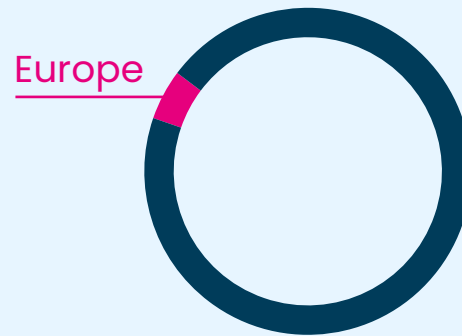
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of global supercomputing resources are consumed by Europe<sup>(1)</sup>.



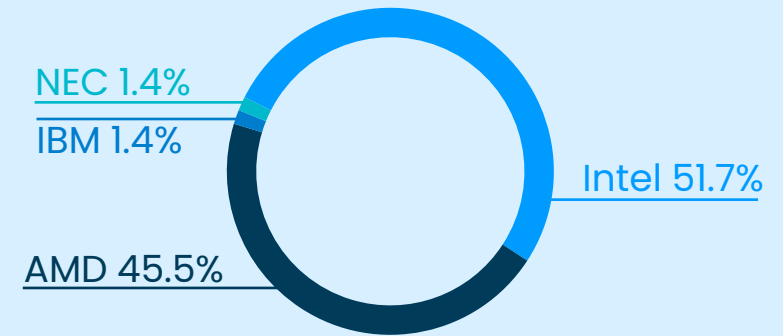
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of global supercomputing equipment are supplied by Europe<sup>(1)</sup>.



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of the microprocessors powering Europe supercomputers are European<sup>(2)</sup>.



This lack of homegrown technology has serious implications on Europe sovereignty, intellectual property and security.

# European Union response

September 2018



Launch of the EuroHPC JU backed by a €8bn budget to deploy in Europe a world class exascale<sup>(1)</sup> supercomputing infrastructure.

December 2018



Launch of a call for proposals in 2017 for developing a new generation of high-end European microprocessors

- Budget: €150m
- Target: high-performance and energy-efficiency

Coordinated by Bull (Atos Group), the European Processor Initiative (EPI) consortium won this call for proposals. It has currently 30 members:

- Scientists: research institutes, universities and supercomputing centres
- Industry: European leaders, IT, electronics and automotive specialists

June 2019



SiPearl is the private company created within the EPI to launch a strategic industry for Europe.

(1) Exascale: billion of billion calculations per second

# Supercomputing EU sovereignty is on track!

Thanks to the EuroHPC program: Europe ranked 3 supercomputers in the TOP10 most powerful supercomputers<sup>(1)</sup>



No5: LUMI in Finland  
379.7 million billion calculations / s



No6: Leonardo in Italy  
238.7 million billion calculations / s



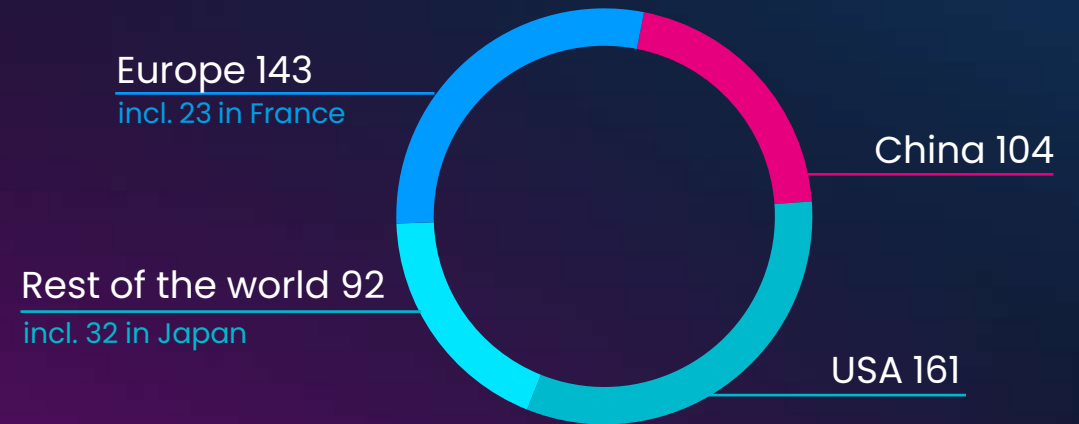
No8: MareNostrum5 in Spain  
138.2 million billion calculations / s

And also:  
Meluxina (Luxemburg, No71), Karolina (Czech Republic, No113),  
Discoverer (Bulgaria, No166), Vega (Slovenia, No198).

Copyright © SiPearl 2024 (1) Source: 62<sup>nd</sup> edition of the global Top 500 most powerful supercomputers - November 2023  
(2) Source: 52<sup>nd</sup> edition of the global Top 500 most powerful supercomputers - November 2018

November 2023

Europe ranks **143** supercomputers in the Global TOP500 vs **97<sup>(2)</sup>** before the launching of EuroHPC in 2018



# Soon, a "*designed in Europe*" microprocessor inside

to meet strategic scientific industrial and societal challenges  
for Europe sovereignty



## Health

Medical research, vaccine development, clinical trials, personalized medicine.



## Climate

Localized weather forecasts, prediction of storm pathways, climate change mitigation.



## Energy

Optimization of renewable energy parks, power grid management.



## Gen. AI

Generative AI inference, Large Language Model



## Engineering

Design of new land and air vehicles, crash test simulation, creation of greener materials.



## Security

Cybersecurity, armies, nuclear deterrent force.



## Academic

Fundamental and applied research



## Geology

Optimization of oil and gas prospecting and acquisition, early detection of earthquakes.



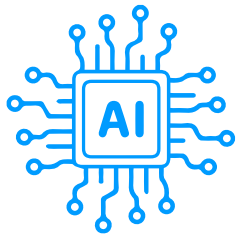
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**Company**

# At the nexus of the semiconductor industry's most powerful disruptive forces

## 1. Pervasive AI

Advanced compute  
is everywhere



### Opportunity for SiPearl

Semiconductor market for AI<sup>(1)</sup>

- +80% CAGR to \$400bn by 2027
- incl. \$20bn for SiPearl's segment

## 2. Sustainability

Energy efficiency  
is a must



### Opportunity for SiPearl

Arm architecture used by SiPearl

- Energy efficiency x 2  
for the same computing power

## 3. Sovereignty

Europe requires  
technology independence



### Opportunity for SiPearl

Strong EU & governmental support

- Captive market
- Access to capital

(1) Source: NewStreet Research (Janvier 2024)

# SiPearl in a nutshell

Building the European high-performance low-power microprocessor



## Incorporated

In June 2019



## Financing

Series-A (to date): €113m



# +190

## Employees

from



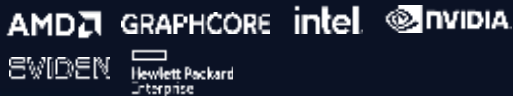
## Funded

By the European Union



## Key partnerships

Joint-offering with



## Arm architecture

Energy-efficiency quick time to market, proven ecosystem



## Identified customers

Server manufacturers based on user specifications: First, EuroHPC ecosystem before going global.

## 6 locations

Maisons-Laffitte (HQ), Barcelona, Duisburg, Grenoble, Massy, Sophia Antipolis



# Leadership

## Executive Committee



**Philippe Notton**  
CEO-founder



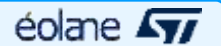
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CTO



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**Jean-Yves Quentel**  
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CFO



**Cornelia Emmerlich**  
Group General Counsel



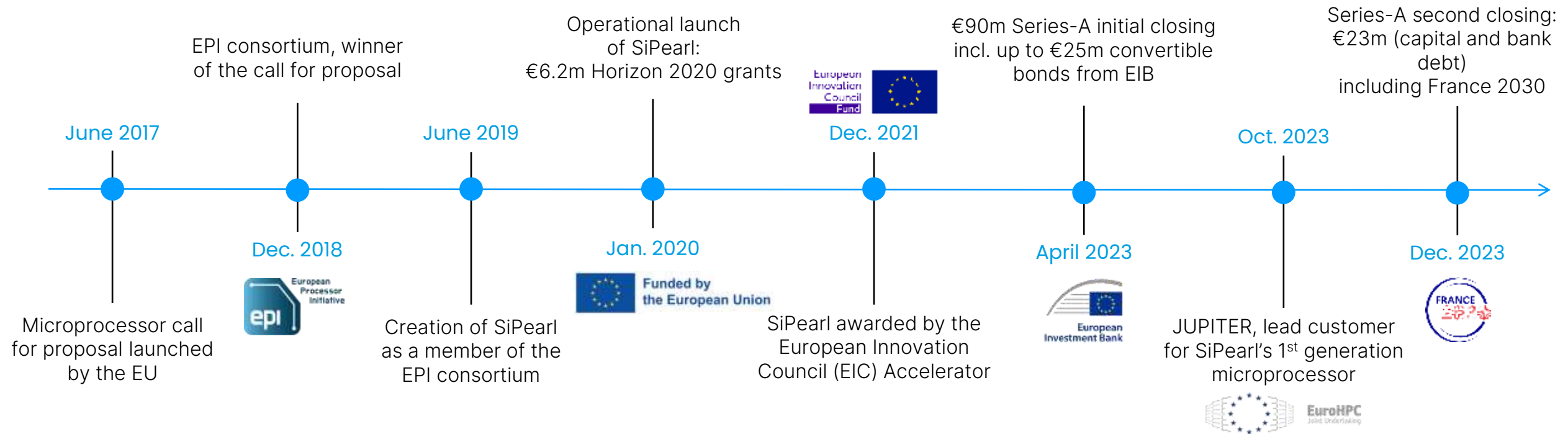
**Dominique Bordereaux**  
CIO





# From a European Union concern to SiPearl's ramp-up

Our common goal: fostering the return of high-performance, low-power microprocessor technologies in Europe.



# Our EPI partners, a powerful ecosystem

Close collaboration with our partners of the EPI consortium

**Scientists:** research institutes, universities and supercomputing centres.

**Industry:** European leaders, IT, electronics and automotive specialists.

A joint project involving 200 engineers since December 2018

- Development of elementary hardware and software technological bricks.

Stakeholders

- Privileged access to IP of European leaders and innovative startups.

End-users

- Supercomputing centres.



# Technology partnerships

with leading providers

## Partnership with Arm:

SiPearl, the only European licensee to use Neoverse V1 platform



The global semiconductor IP provider

A robust software ecosystem

→ Accelerated design of a very high-end offering in terms of both computing power and energy efficiency

## Other partnerships



EDA software



Hardware emulation with Veloce Strato emulation platform



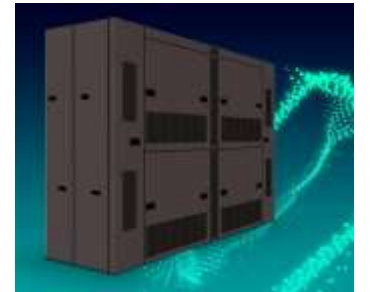
Validation of semiconductor power integrity,  
minimization of power consumption

Focus **Veloce Strato**

**128** new  
generation cards

Simulation speed: **x1000**

**Unique** in Europe



Manufacturing initially entrusted to the Taiwanese TSMC

1<sup>st</sup> independant semiconductor foundry

Etching: 6nm or better for next generations

# SiPearl sovereign design and data centre

**196**

Servers

108 in Eppes  
88 in Reims

**8,000** cores

**150** TB RAM

**41**  
networks (DC)

Switch / firewall

**22**  
Storage

12 storage  
10 synology

**1** PB

**5**  
Backup server

Cohesity & Veritas  
technologies  
Eppes & Reims



**Investment to date: €15m  
x2 in 2024**

# World leading industrial partnerships

Our ecosystem to accelerate Europe's adoption of exascale supercomputers

## Leading manufacturers

**EVIDEN**

Europe No1



**Hewlett Packard  
Enterprise**

Global leader



**Developing joint solutions for HPC applications**

## Acceleration specialists



Instinct™ accelerators  
with ROCm™ open software

**GRAPHCORE**

Intelligence Processing Unit (IPU), designed  
to support artificial intelligence workloads



GPU Ponte Vecchio  
with the open unified software stack oneAPI



Portfolio of world-leading accelerated  
computing and networking solutions

# JUPITER, lead customer

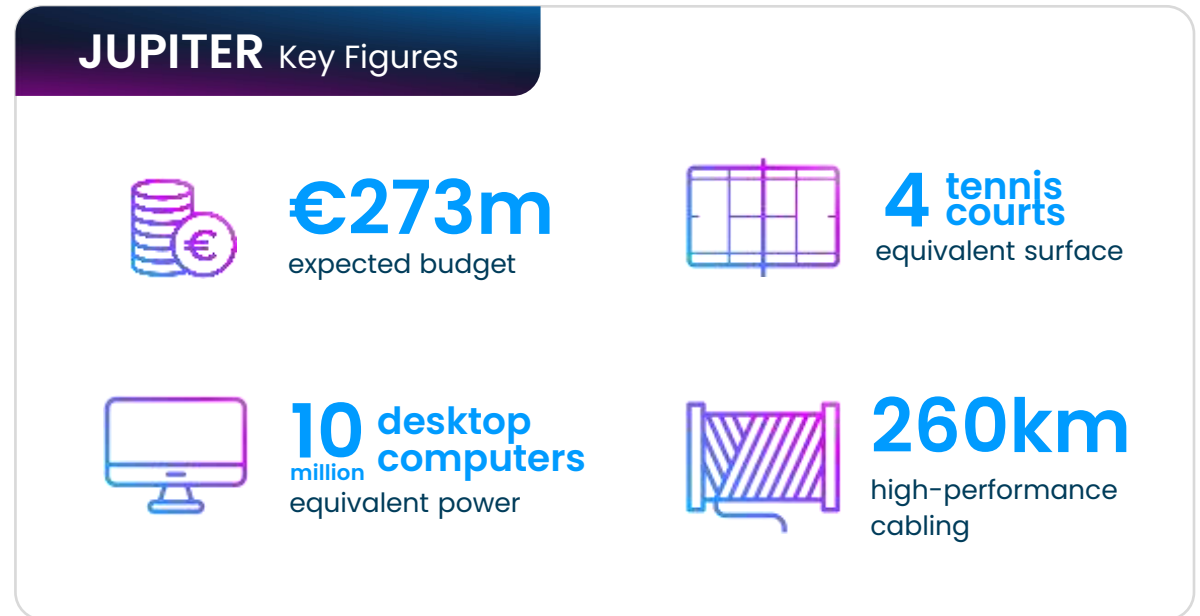
JUPITER, 1<sup>st</sup> European exascale supercomputer owned by EuroHPC, operated by Jülich (Germany)

## Built by a European consortium

- Eviden: the Atos Group business leading in advanced computing
- ParTec: the German modular supercomputing company

## General-purpose Cluster Module of JUPITER to be based on Rhea1

- Very high memory bandwidth
- Extraordinary compute performance and efficiency



This contract signs the return of high-performance, low-power microprocessor technologies in Europe.



**Offer**

# Rhea1, our 1<sup>st</sup> generation microprocessor



With its high-performance energy-efficient Arm Neoverse V1 platform, Rhea1 will meet the needs of all supercomputing and inference generative AI workloads

## Pre-integration with proven accelerator (AMD, Intel, Graphcore, Nvidia)

- More to come with quantum computing

## High performance per watt: Arm, global leader in the smartphone business

- Arm ISA power efficiency

## Very high memory bandwidth

### Unique memory architecture

- High Byte/Flop
- 2 first patents

### Built-in HBM

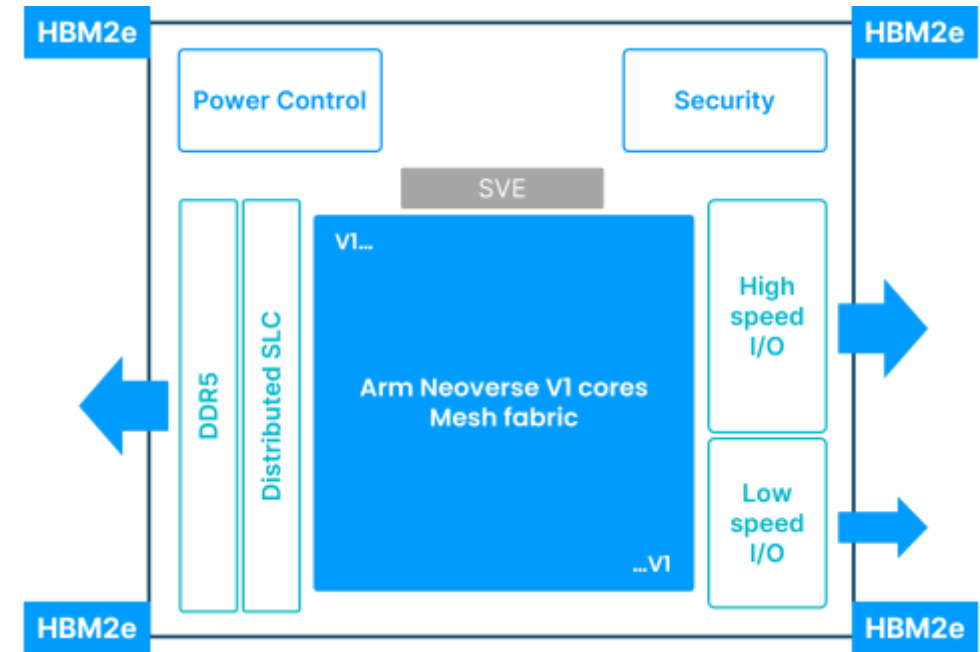
- Ideal performances for Generative AI inference

### Openness

- Arm ecosystem from IoT/edge to HPC and cloud
- Common platform – chiplet-based ecosystem

### Fully auditable – backdoor-free

## Block diagram



Rhea1 will deliver extraordinary compute performance and efficiency with an unmatched Byte/Flop ratio.



# Rhea1 in a nutshell

The European high-performance low-power microprocessor dedicated to HPC and AI inference.



## Sovereignty

To further Europe's technological leadership and independence.



## High Performance

To surpass the performance of 10,000,000 desktop computers.



## Energy-efficiency

To halve power consumption for equivalent computing power.



## Flexibility

Designed to work with any third-party accelerator (GPU, artificial intelligence, quantum).



## Backdoor-free security

To protect data with secure end-to-end network transmission.

Rhea1 sampling: 2024



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# Outlook

# SiPearl involved in core European projects to ensure sovereignty

## Cloud



Developing an open-source software ecosystem needed to optimize the efficiency of EPI hardware and facilitate the integration of SiPearl's microprocessors in the cloud.



Developing the 1<sup>st</sup> all-European RISC-V cloud server infrastructure, significantly enhancing Europe's open strategic autonomy.



Developing a custom cloud installation with the guarantee that an entirely European solution can be deployed reproducibly.

## Centres of Excellence



Making some of the most used HPC application suites in engineering and manufacturing work on exascale EuroHPC supercomputers based on SiPearl's microprocessors.



Developing materials modelling, simulations and discovery technologies, and making them accessible to a vast community of researchers.

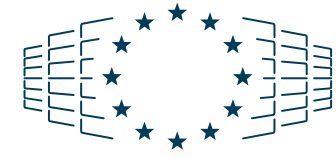


Promoting scientific and technological progress in key areas such as magnetic confinement fusion, industrial plasmas, medical applications...

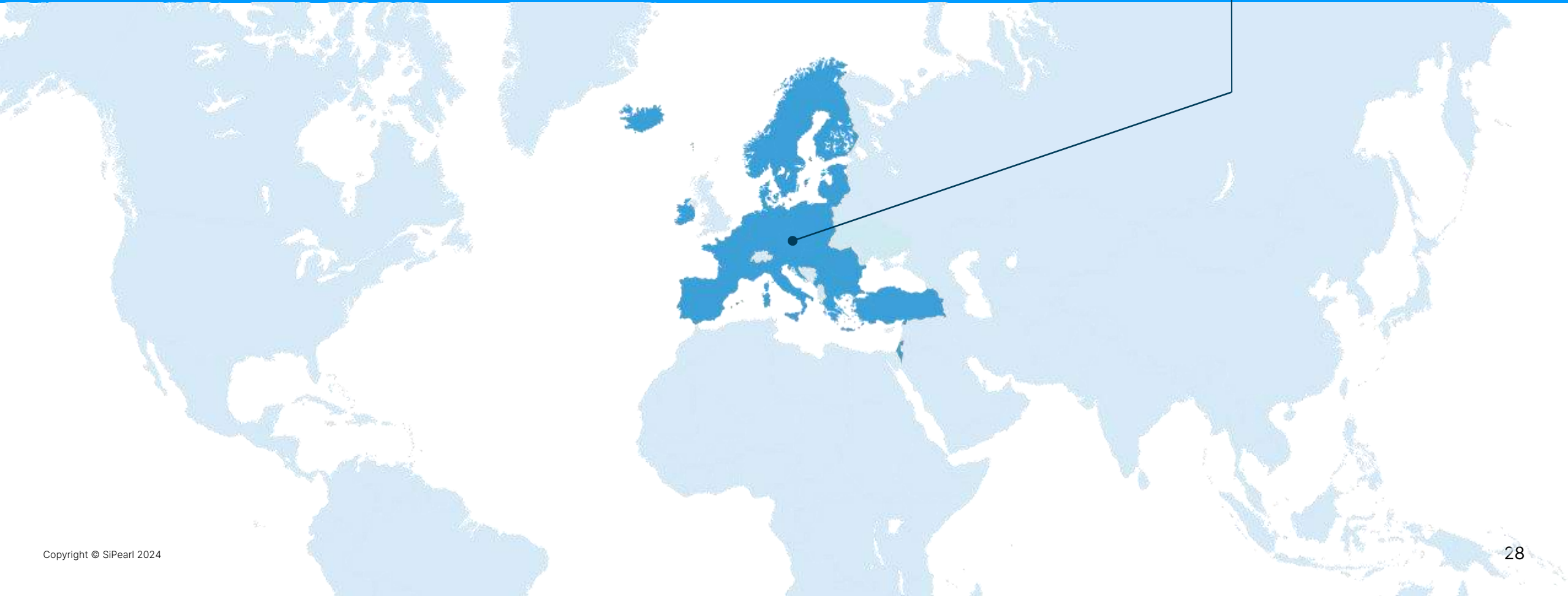
And also regional projects:  
Emopass (France), FlexFMM (Germany)

# Our strategy for Rhea

Deployment on the EuroHPC market,  
then worldwide



**EuroHPC**  
Joint Undertaking



# SiPearl corporate vision and strategy

A range of HPC & AI inference microprocessors with a reduced environmental footprint to conquer the European market and beyond

## HPC & AI inference

SiPearl entry business: European HPC & AI



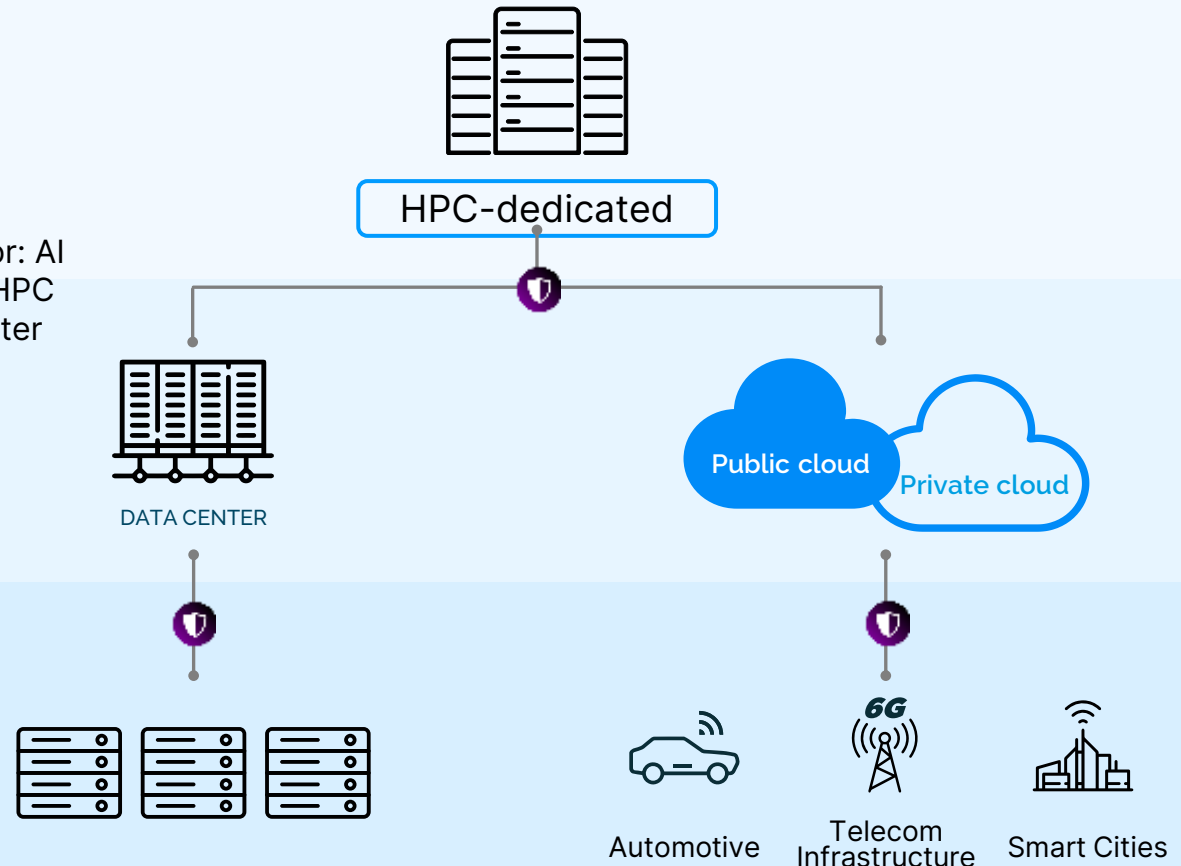
Growth vector: AI Inference in HPC and Data center

## Data center-Central

Data centers, private and public cloud

## Data center-Edge

Small Compute Farms around 6G infrastructure



## About... SiPearl

SiPearl is building the European high-performance low-power microprocessor dedicated to AI inference and supercomputing. This new generation of microprocessors will first target EuroHPC Joint Undertaking ecosystem, which is deploying world-class supercomputing infrastructures in Europe for solving major challenges in medical research, security, energy management and climate with a reduced environmental footprint.

SiPearl is working in close collaboration with its 30 partners from the European Processor Initiative (EPI) consortium - leading names from the scientific community, supercomputing centres and industry - which are its stakeholders, future clients and end-users.

SiPearl employs more than 190 people in France (Maisons-Laffitte, Grenoble, Massy, Sophia Antipolis), Germany (Duisburg) and Spain (Barcelona).



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