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ENERGY CRISIS IMPACT ON HPC CENTRES

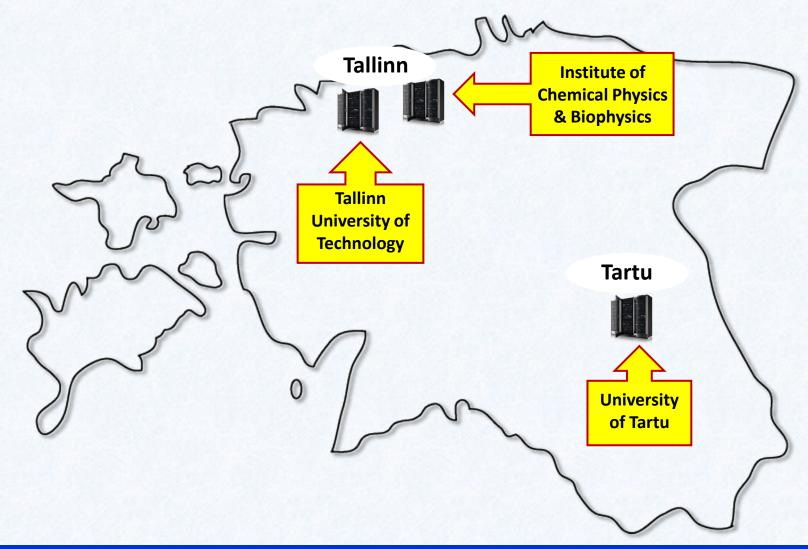
Case study:

HPC centre of the University of Tartu

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There are three major HPC service providers in Estonia

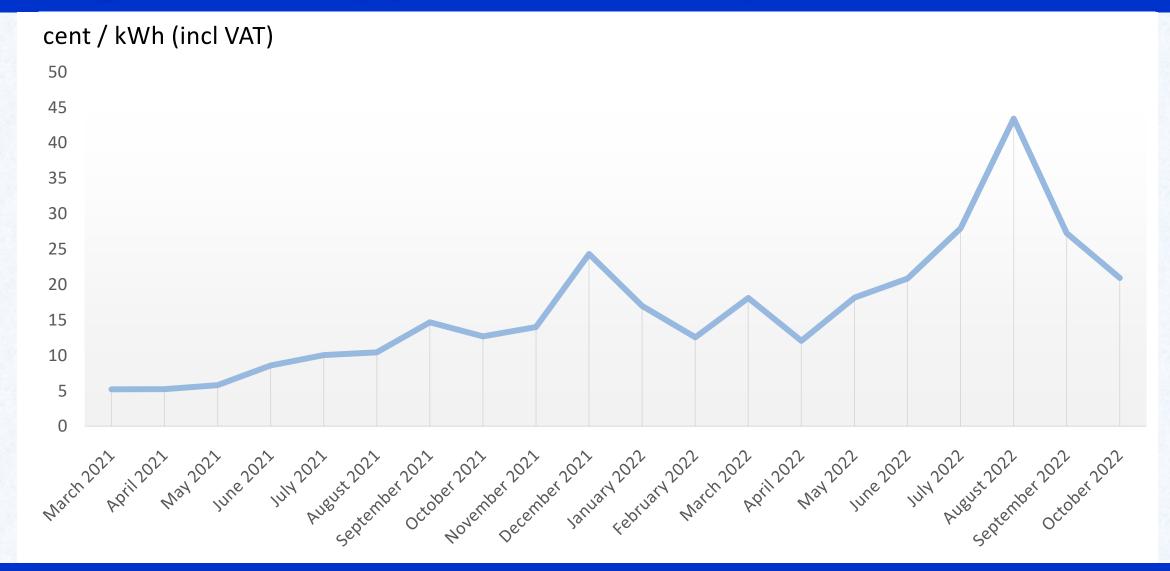








Average electricity price in Estonia (Mar 2021 - Oct 2022)









HPC center of the University of Tartu

- Established in 2008
- Currently the largest HPC center in the Baltics
- 30 employees
- Services are open for scientific researchers, industry, SMEs, and the public sector
- Two computer clusters: "Rocket" and the large memory machine "Atlas"
- 12 000 cores, 50 GPUs





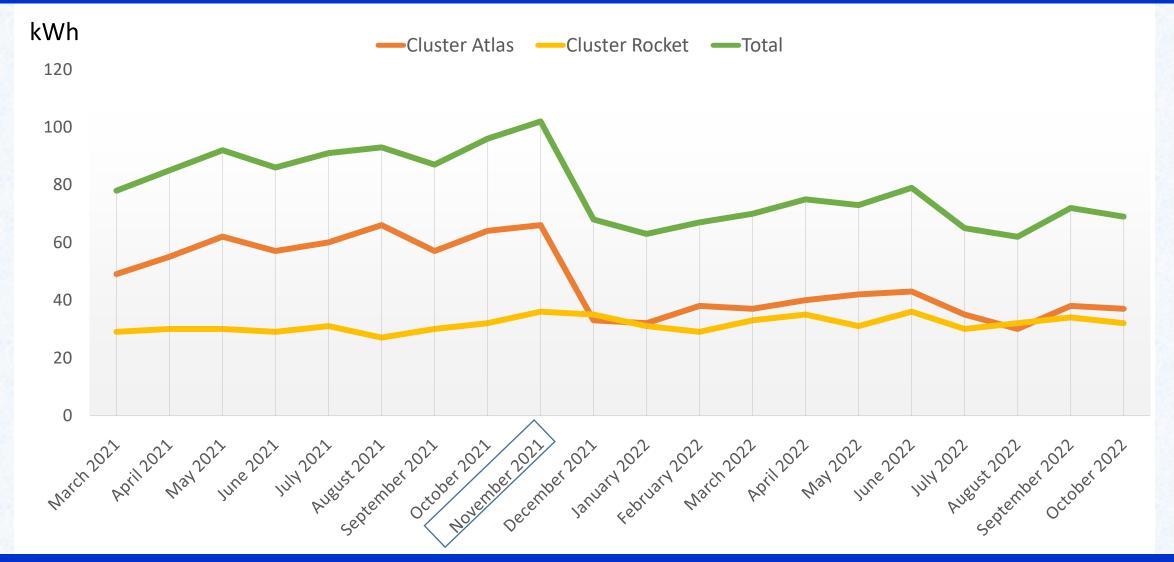








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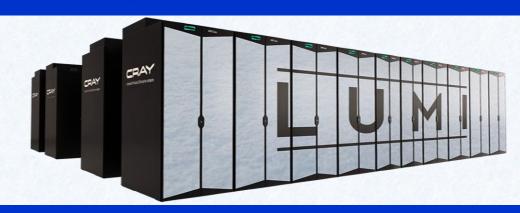
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Never let a good crisis go to waste (Winston Churchill)

How to make HPC technology greener?

The waste energy of **LUMI supercomputer** produces 20 % of the district heat of the city of Kajaani!









Thank you!





















