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Staying connected in an evolving eResearch ecosystem

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Thursday 11th February
eResearch NZ 2021



Focus the science outcomes



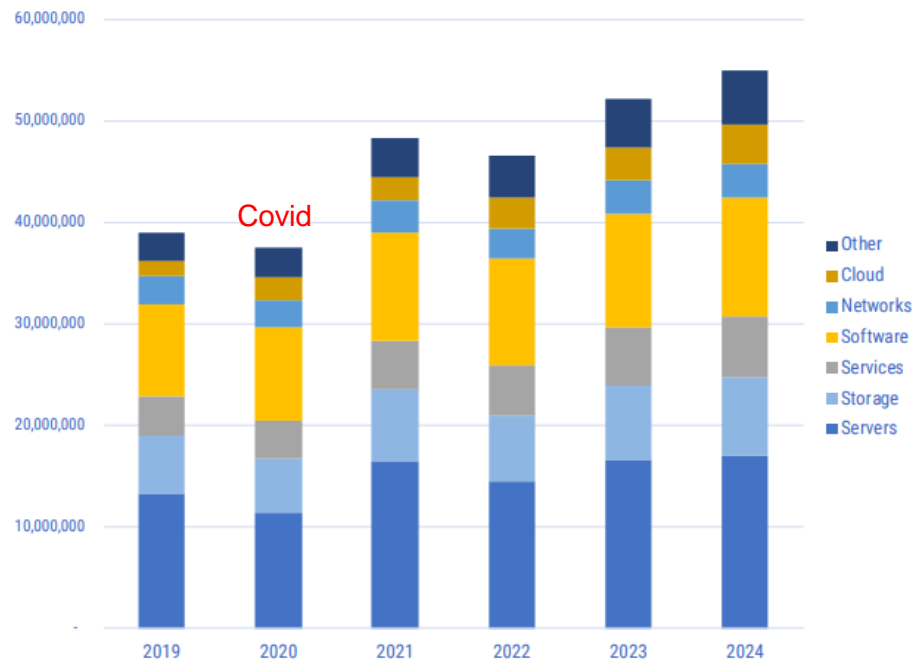


What are some drivers in the global HPC market?

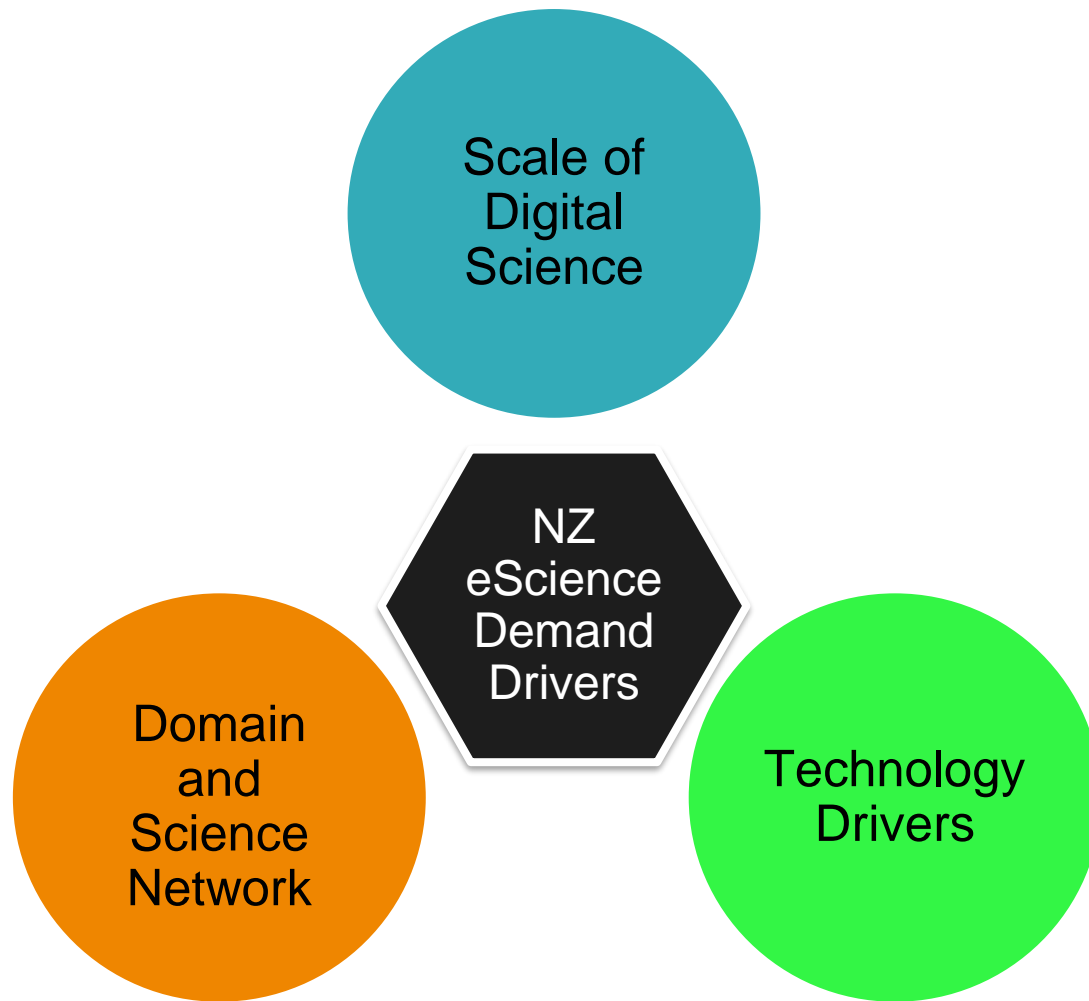
HPC market forecast to grow at CAGR **7%** to 2024

In addition to Hardware growth is seen in:

- Software
- Services
- HPC cloud

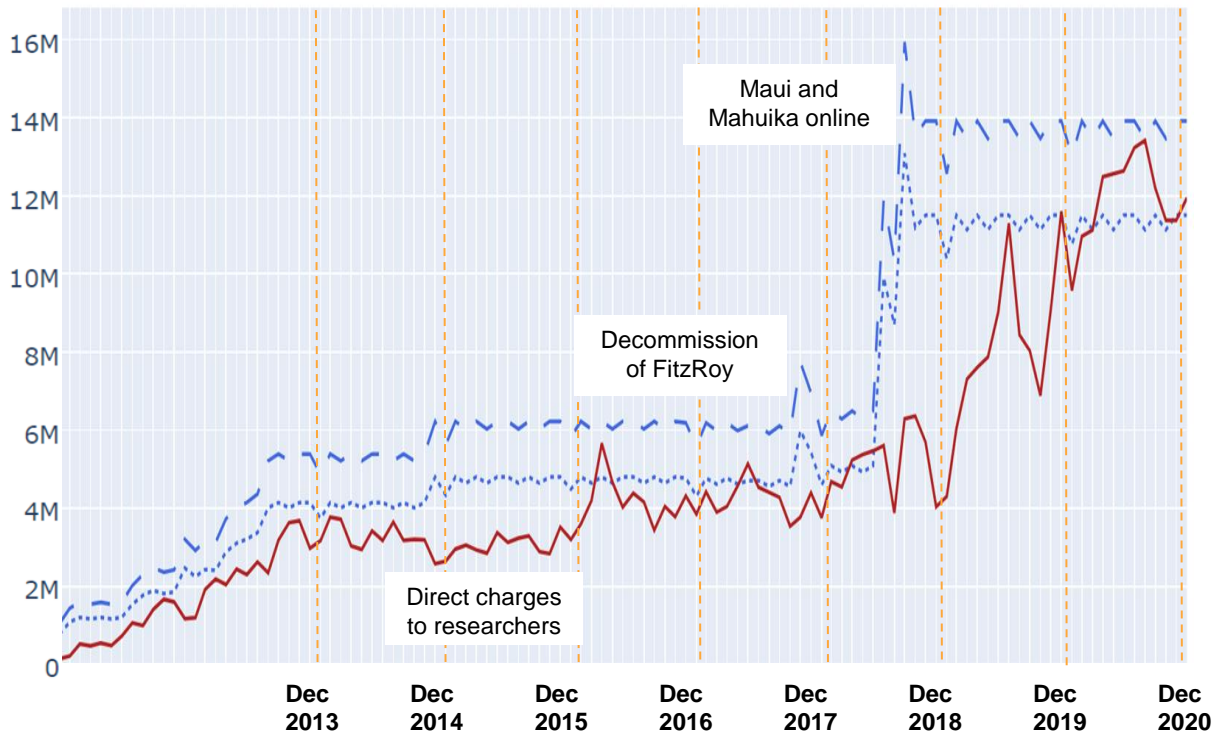


Source: HPC AI advisory council - Intersect 360, 2020



The Scale of Digital Science

Change in national core hours



Scale of
Compute

NZ eScience
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Drivers

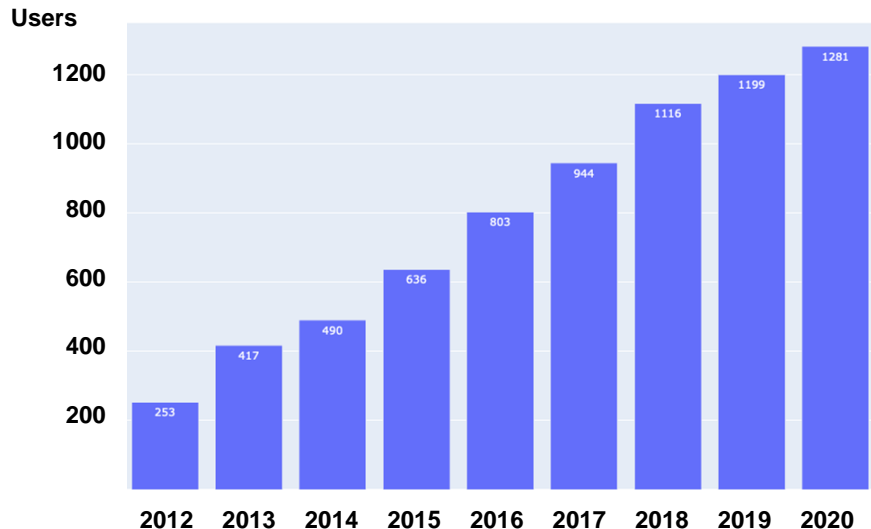
+58% compute growth

Core hours 2020 vs 2019

- NeSI theoretical core Available
- - - NeSI contracted core Available
- core hours used

The Scale of Digital Science

HPC User numbers in 2020 >1200



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NeSI project members **+6%**

Active HPC users **+15%**

NeSI Training reached almost 1000 attendees in both 2019 and 2020
Over 500 attendees across the 2 years covering Genomics courses supported
and enabled by NeSI's partnership with Genomics Aotearoa, driving high
uptake by new users

The Scale of Digital Science

HPC storage

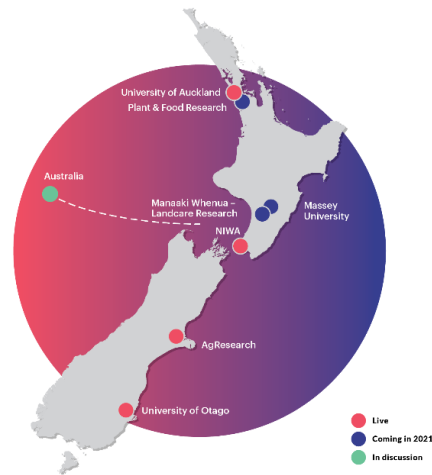
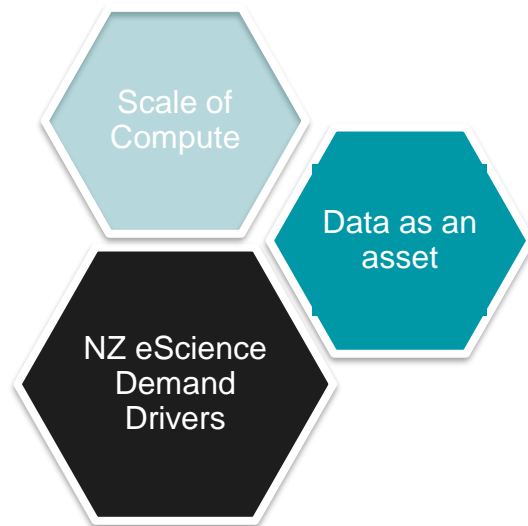
- Pressure on High performance storage
- Project storage (persistent backed-up disc) has grown **69%** 2020 vs 2019

Testing of Long Term **Tape Storage**

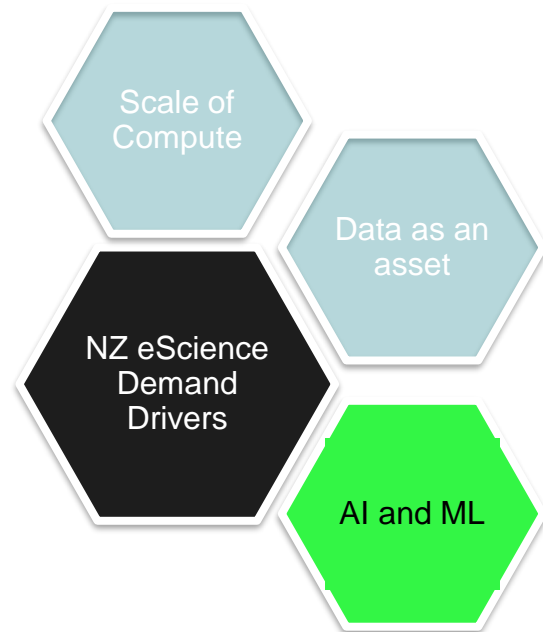
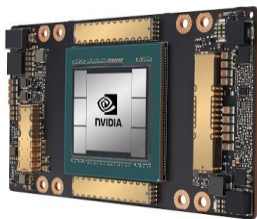
- 7.4 PB in use from a few test users!

Data Transfer Service

- New Endpoints
- 870TB transferred in 2020 up 138% on 2019
- 33% more users in 2020



Technology Drivers



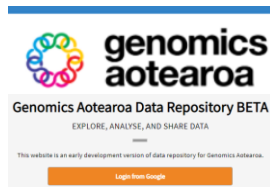
Technology Drivers



Web
interface



Containers



Virtual Labs and Clouds

Scale of
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Data as an
asset

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AI and ML

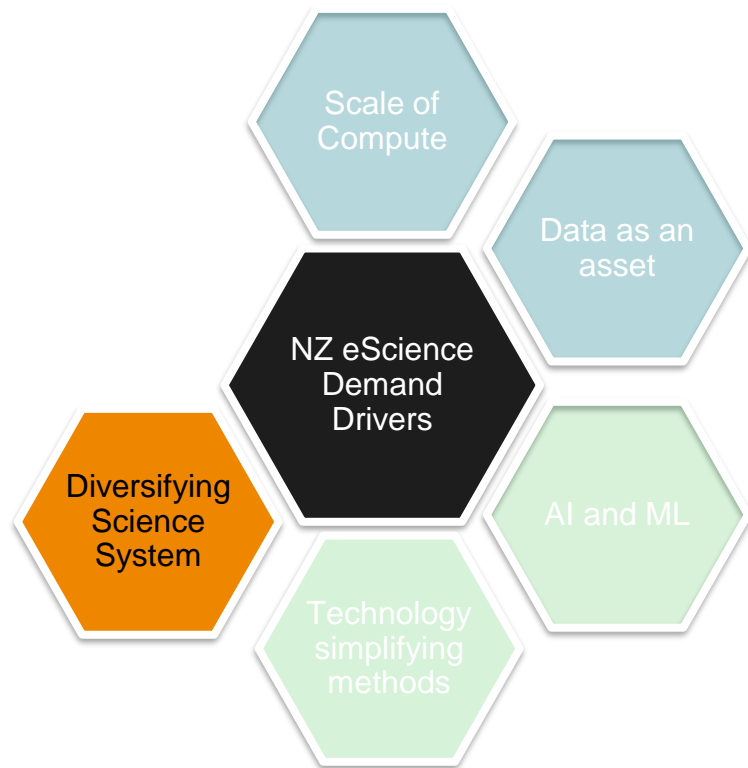
Technology
simplifying
methods

Domain & Science Network

Diversifying Science System

- More funded groups in the sector
- Commercial groups

**Institutions using NeSI up 20% in 2020 vs 2019
to 29**



Domain & Science Network

Science Community

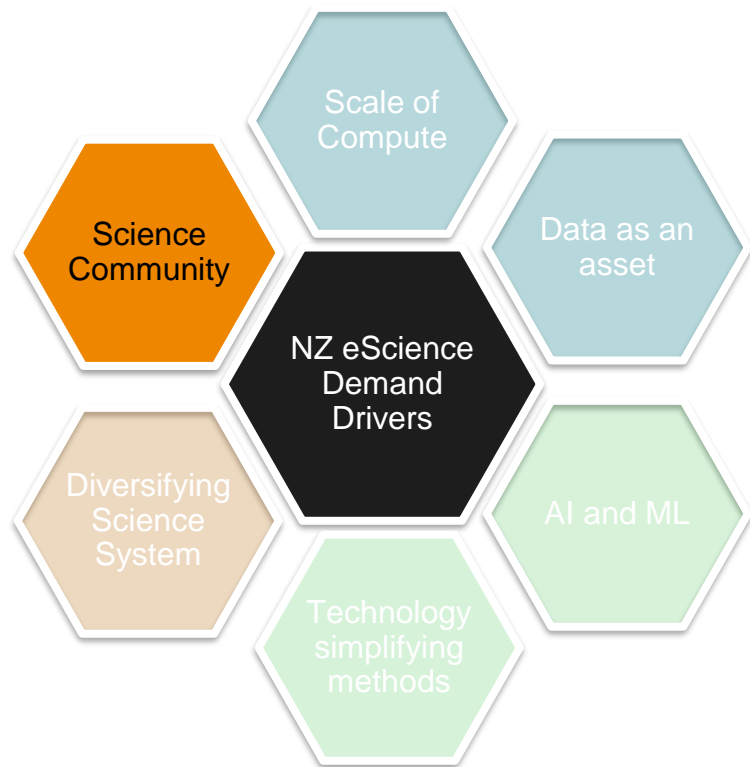
Research domain articulation of need is getting better:

e.g. Earth Sciences, Genomics, AI/ML, Medical

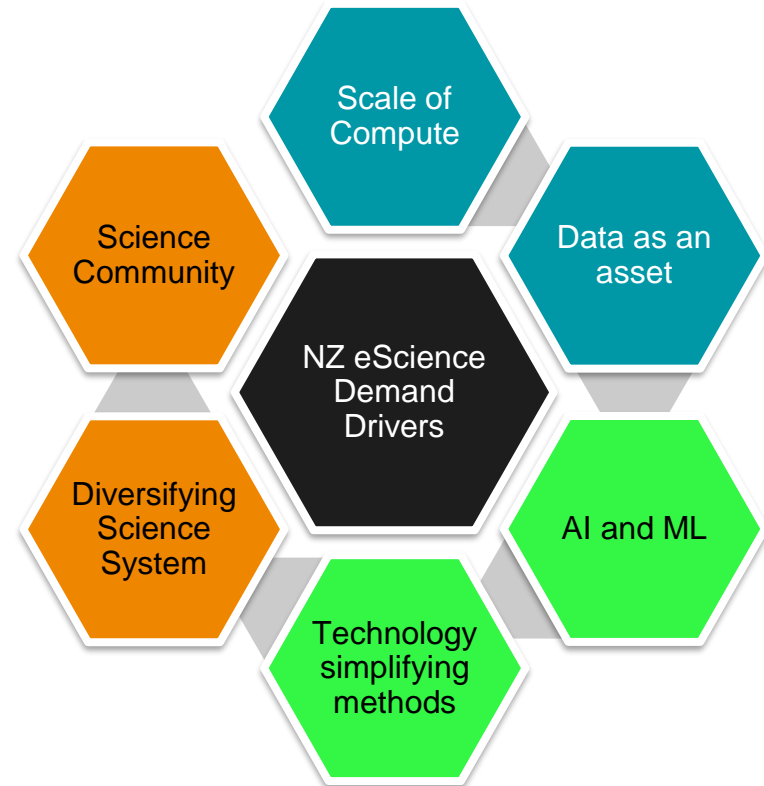
Specific deep needs such as the Genomics Data repository requires investment and time.

Research Software Engineering team work directly with Science teams, Their projects were up **24%*** to 36 long term projects.

*2020 vs 2019



Capturing the national need



NZ Research Software Engineers Conference

Spring 2021

Help us plan the programme!
Email events@nesi.org.nz to get involved.

Who attends:

- Researchers and academics who code
- Software engineers & system admins working in the research domain
- Generalists who bring together the research and technical domains
- Developers, IT managers, coding enthusiasts, and big data analysts from Crown Research Institutes, universities, and other public sector organisations



NeSI @ eResearch NZ - Talks & Workshops:



Wednesday 10 Feb

13:00 - 17:00 - Maxime Rio - Machine Learning on NeSI 101

13:20 - 13:40 - Jun Huh - Taonga: building a data repository for genomics research in New Zealand

13:20 - 13:40 - Dinindu Senanayake - Paving the way for Bioinformatics excellence in New Zealand

14:20 - 15:00 - Brian Flaherty - Moving data: getting up to speed with Globus and Science DMZ

15:50 - 16:50 - Jana Makar - Challenge Accepted: Responding to community feedback for supporting diversity in HPC & eResearch

Thursday 11 Feb

11:00 - 11:20 - Maxime Rio - Data science consultancies at NeSI: A whirlwind tour of case studies

13:30 - 13:50 - Chris Scott - GPUs on NeSI

13:50 - 14:10 - Georgina Rae - Building Partnerships for eResearch

14:10 - 14:30 - Wolfgang Hayek - NeSI Consultancies - Evolving a Scientific Programming Service

14:40 - 15:00 - Albert Savary - Software on NeSI

15:00 - 15:20 - Jeff Zais - Taking Advantage of Technology Innovations in the Next Generation of NeSI HPC Infrastructure

15:20 - 15:40 - Callum Walley - Virtual Desktops for HPC

Thursday 11 Feb (cont.)

15:20 - 15:40 - Robin Bensley - Staying connected in an evolving eResearch ecosystem

16:00 - 17:00 - Megan Guidry - Sowing the seeds of capability: Experience what Carpentries instructor training is all about

Friday 12 Feb

11:20 - 12:30 - Nick Jones - Future of eResearch

12:20 - 12:30 - José Filipe Gonçalves Higino - Coaching great practices of describing a problem

13:30 - 14:30 - Blair Bethwaite - Embracing cloud-native architectures

13:30 - 14:30 - Alexander Pletzer and Nooriyah Lohani - Who needs research software engineers?

13:30 - 14:30 - Georgina Rae - FAIR for Research Software



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