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# DDA : National Trade organisation for Data Centers

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We represent 90+% of the national data center capacity

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Activities: Public Affairs work and Promotion & Marketing

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Focus: Energy & Sustainability, Education & Employment, Digital Economy and Resilience

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Established: 2014, 10 FTE

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Member of EUDCA

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Member of EU & National Working Group on DC Standards

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KickStart Europe, Green Data Center Conference, Touch Down

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Datacentered magazine, Data Center Platform

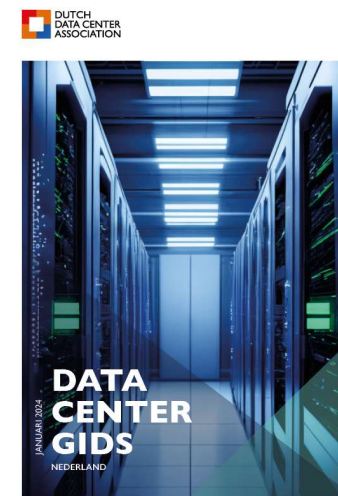
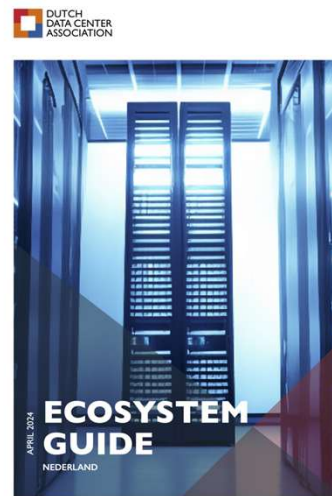
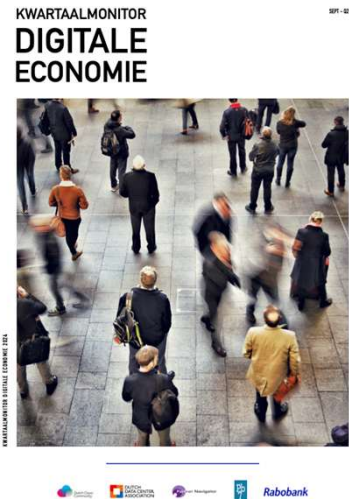
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2022: Start of BDIA in Belgium, DigitalX

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*“Our mission is to  
grow the sector in  
a sustainable,  
healthy, and  
stable manner”*

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# Every minute...

Users now submit 6,944 ChatGPT prompts

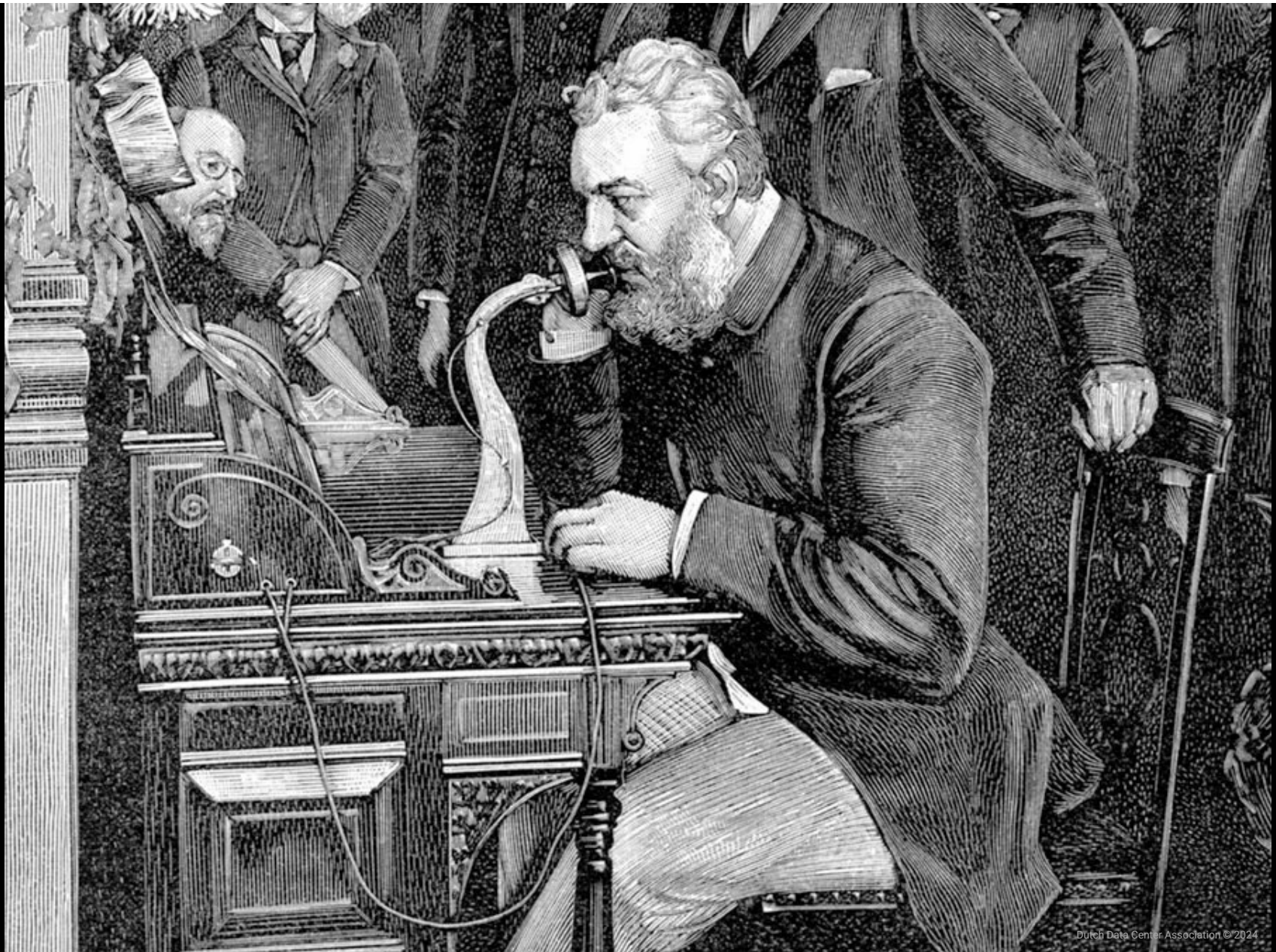
for 526.600 minutes a year

By 2025, it's estimated that 463 exabytes of data will be created each day globally – that's the equivalent of 212,765,957 DVDs per day!

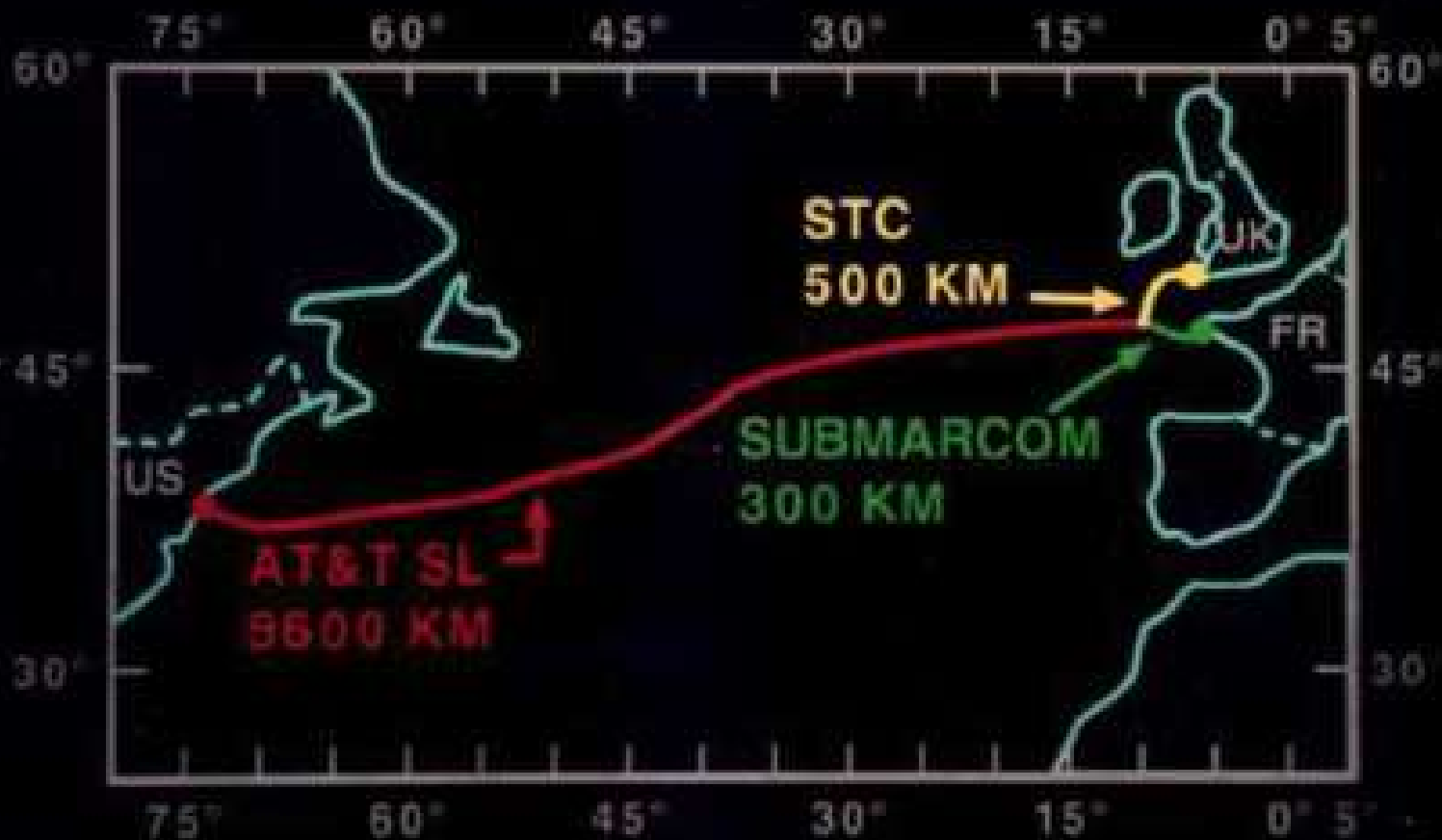
This is 181 zettabytes per year!







# TAT 8 TRANSATLANTIC SYSTEM





From: Stephen Wolff  
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 1988 8:28 AM  
To: HOSTMASTER@SRI-NIC.ARPA; rick@seismo.CSS.GOV  
Subject: Re: [HOSTMASTER@SRI-NIC.ARPA: Re: mcvox internet connection]

- > Thanks for the additional information re: CWI-ETHER, net
- > #192.16.184.
- >
- > This is to let you know that we have changed the status of this
- > network to connected.

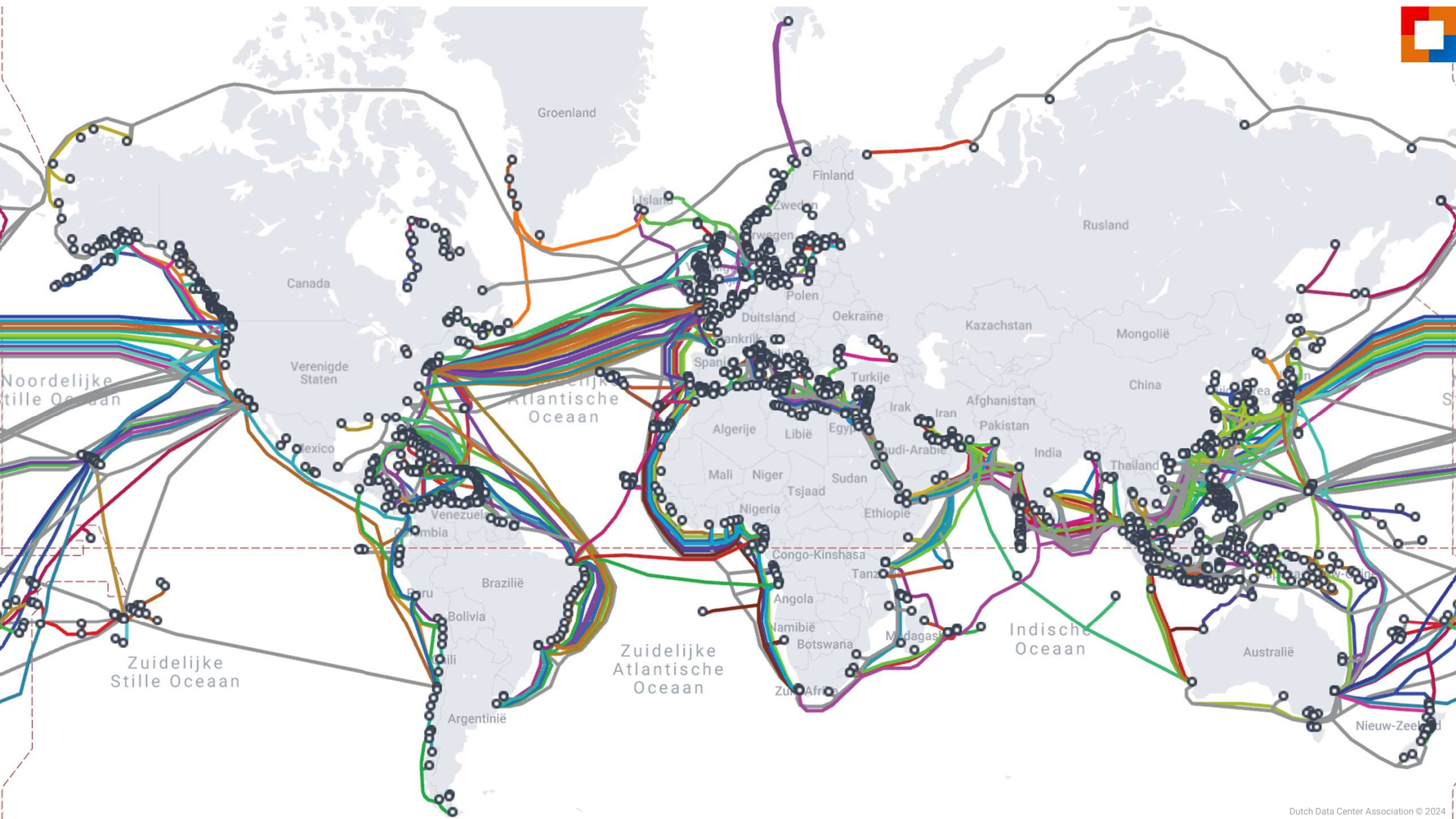
Sue - Thanks!

Rick - Go!

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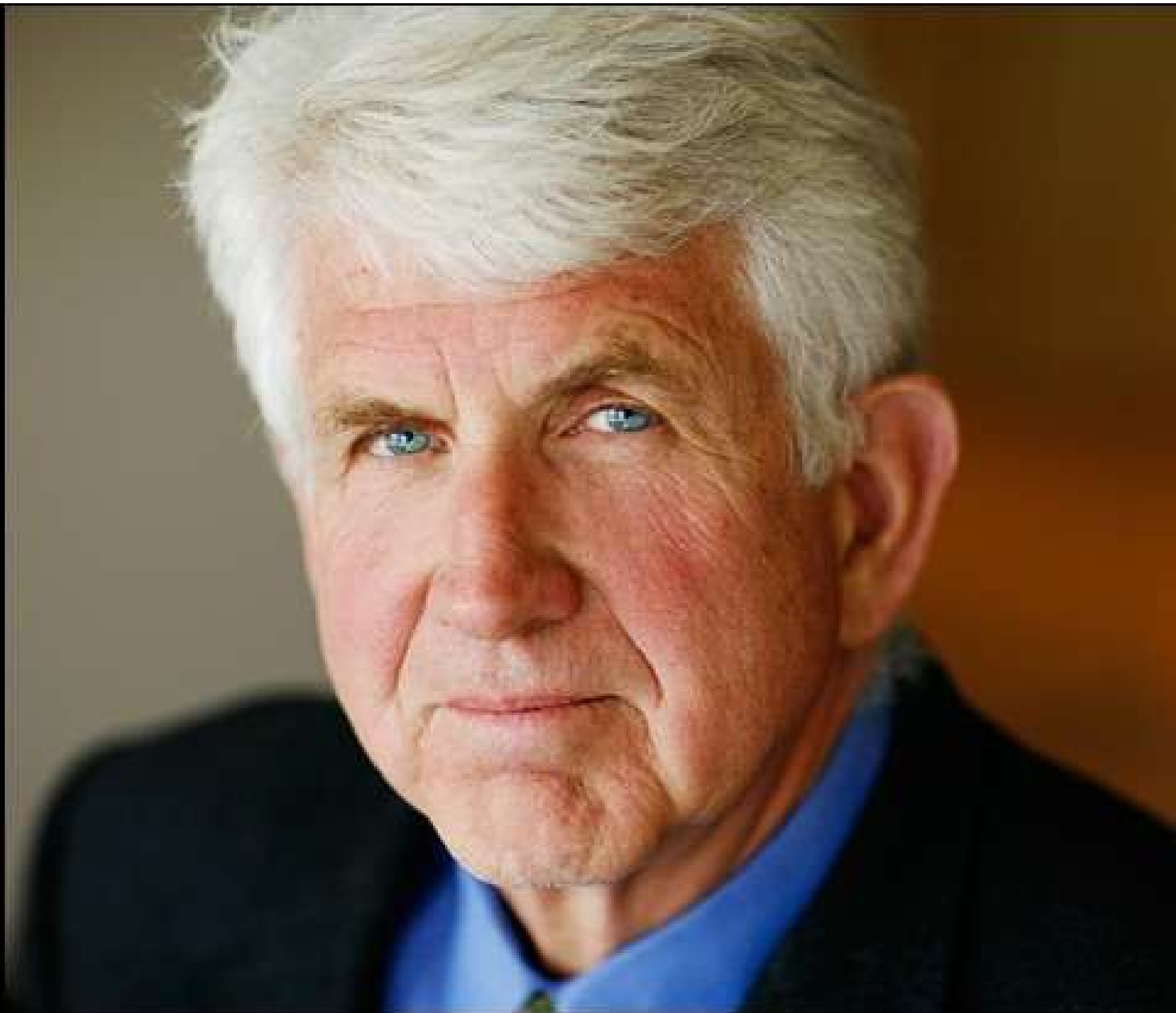
*Eerste e-mail over de eerste niet-militaire  
transatlantische internet-verbinding!*

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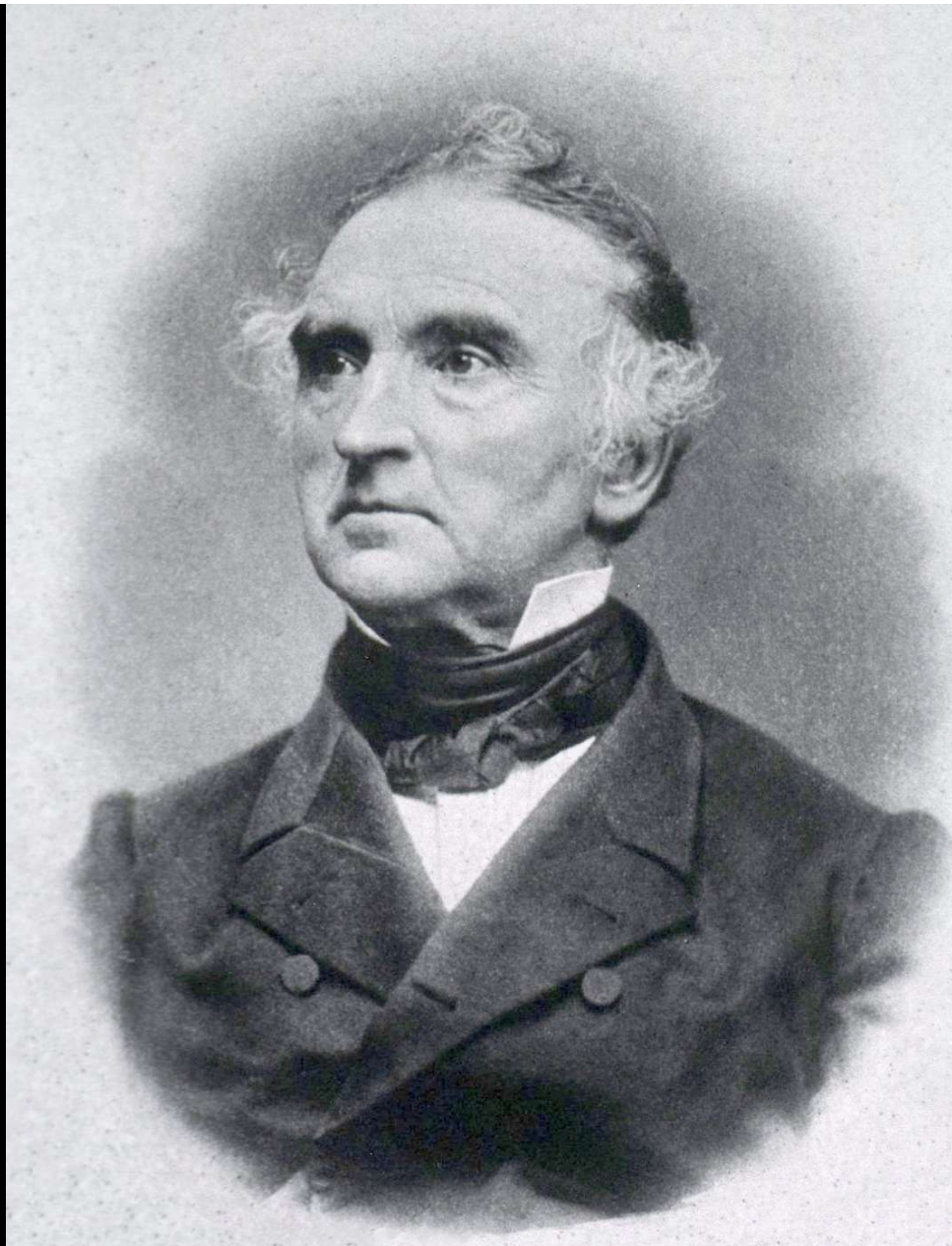








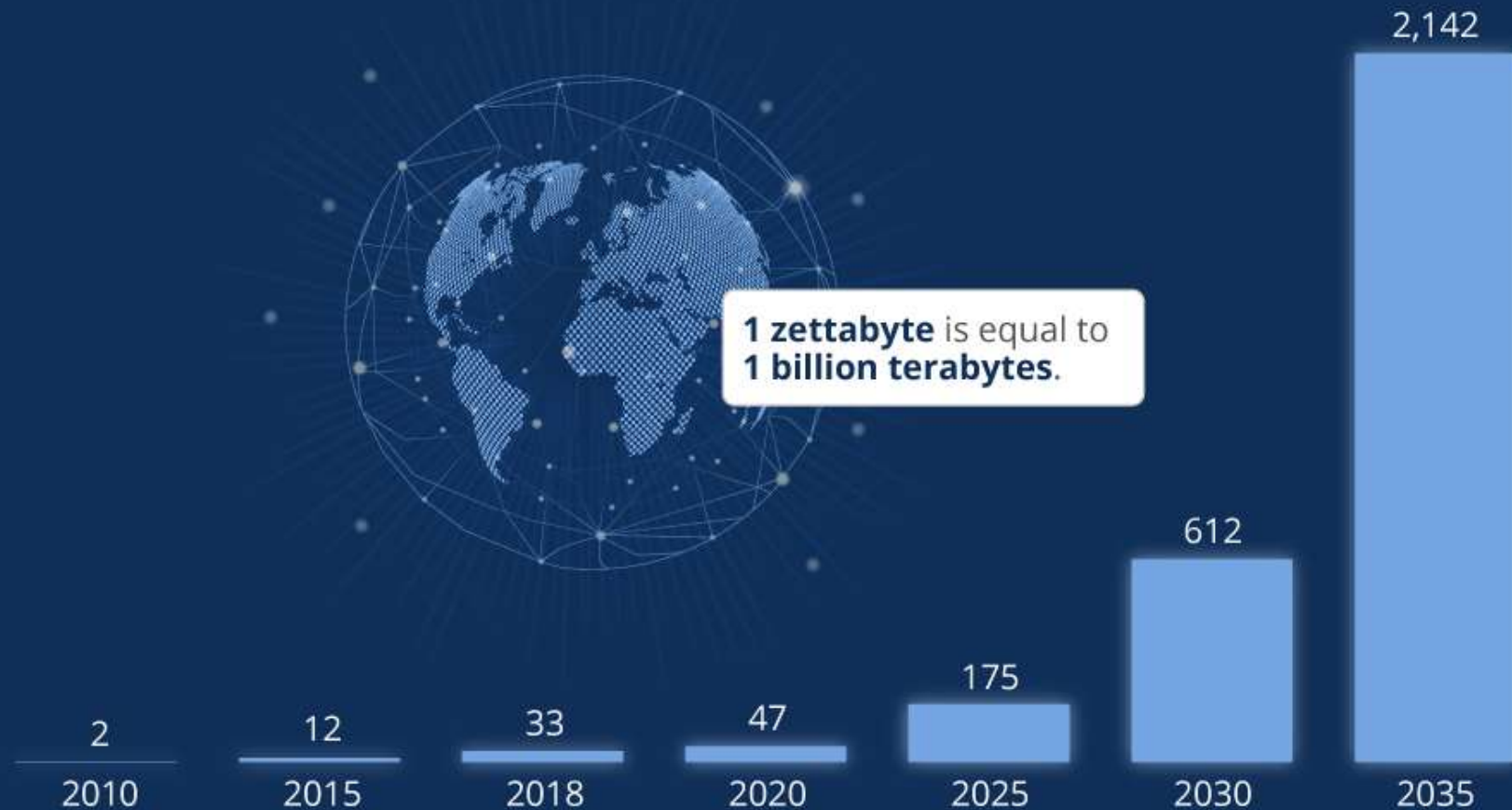






# Global Data Creation is About to Explode

Actual and forecast amount of data created worldwide 2010-2035 (in zettabytes)

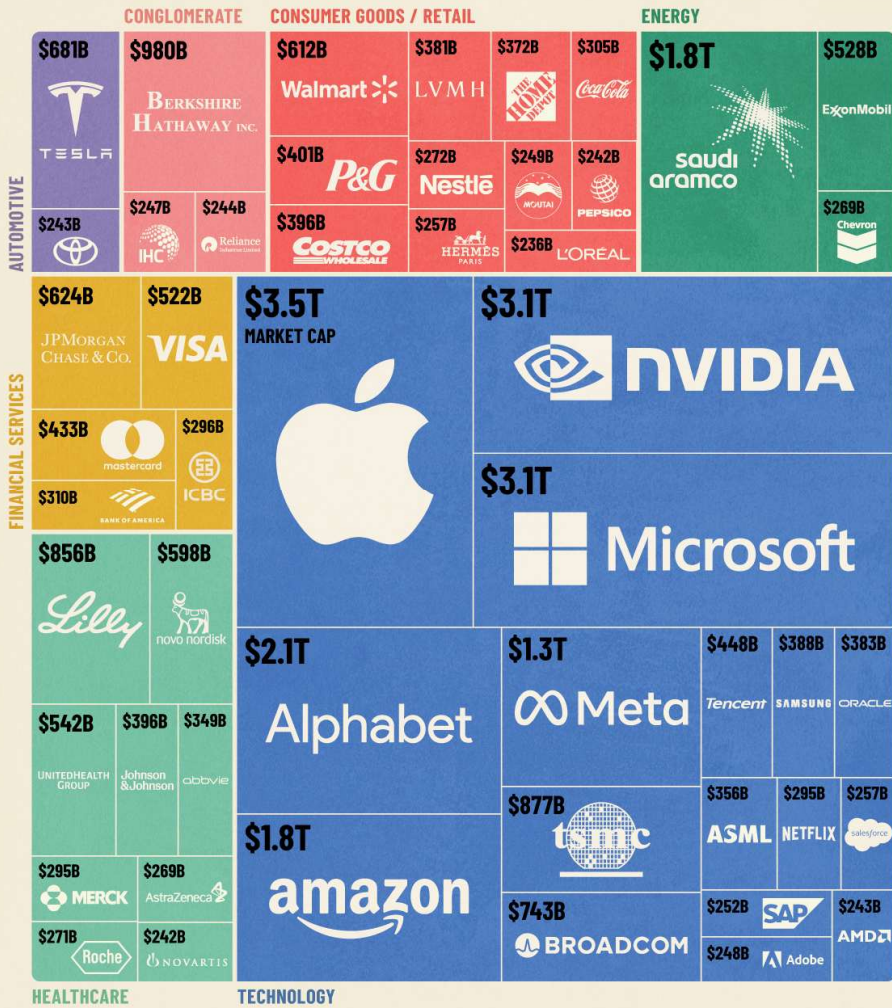


@StatistaCharts

Source: Statista Digital Economy Compass 2019

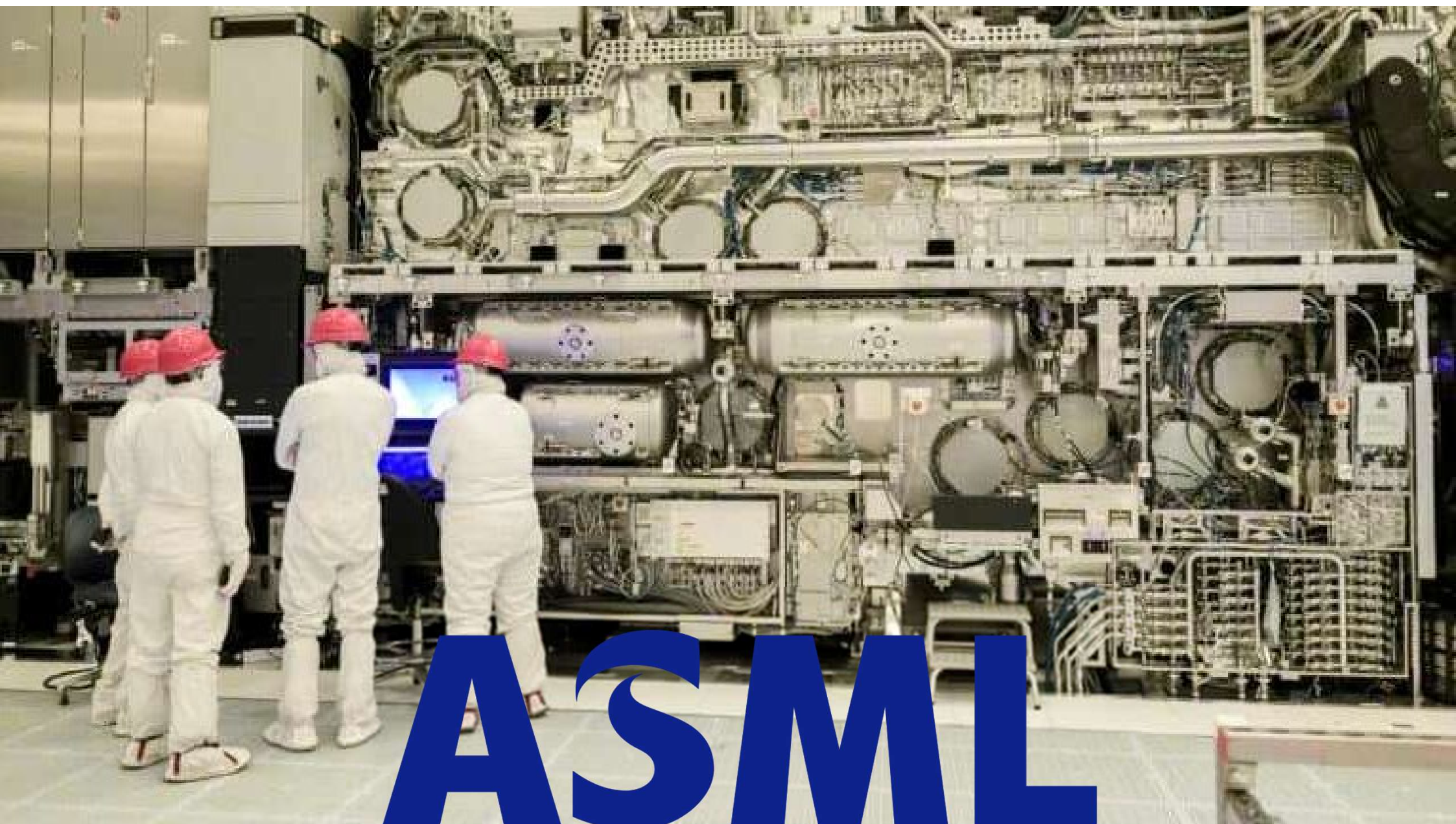
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# THE WORLD'S 50 Most Valuable Companies

































Figures rounded. Valuations as of Aug 26, 2024 | Source: Companiesmarketcap.com

Rank	Company	Industry	Market Cap (\$B)
1	US Apple	Technology	\$3,454
2	US NVIDIA	Technology	\$3,111
3	US Microsoft	Technology	\$3,073
4	US Alphabet	Technology	\$2,055
5	US Amazon	Technology	\$1,842
6	SA Saudi Aramco	Energy	\$1,803
7	US Meta	Technology	\$1,318
8	US Berkshire Hathaway	Conglomerate	\$980
9	TW TSMC	Technology	\$877
10	US Eli Lilly	Healthcare	\$856
11	US Broadcom	Technology	\$743
12	US Tesla	Automotive	\$681
13	US JPMorgan Chase	Financial Services	\$624
14	US Walmart	Consumer Goods	\$612
15	DK Novo Nordisk	Healthcare	\$598





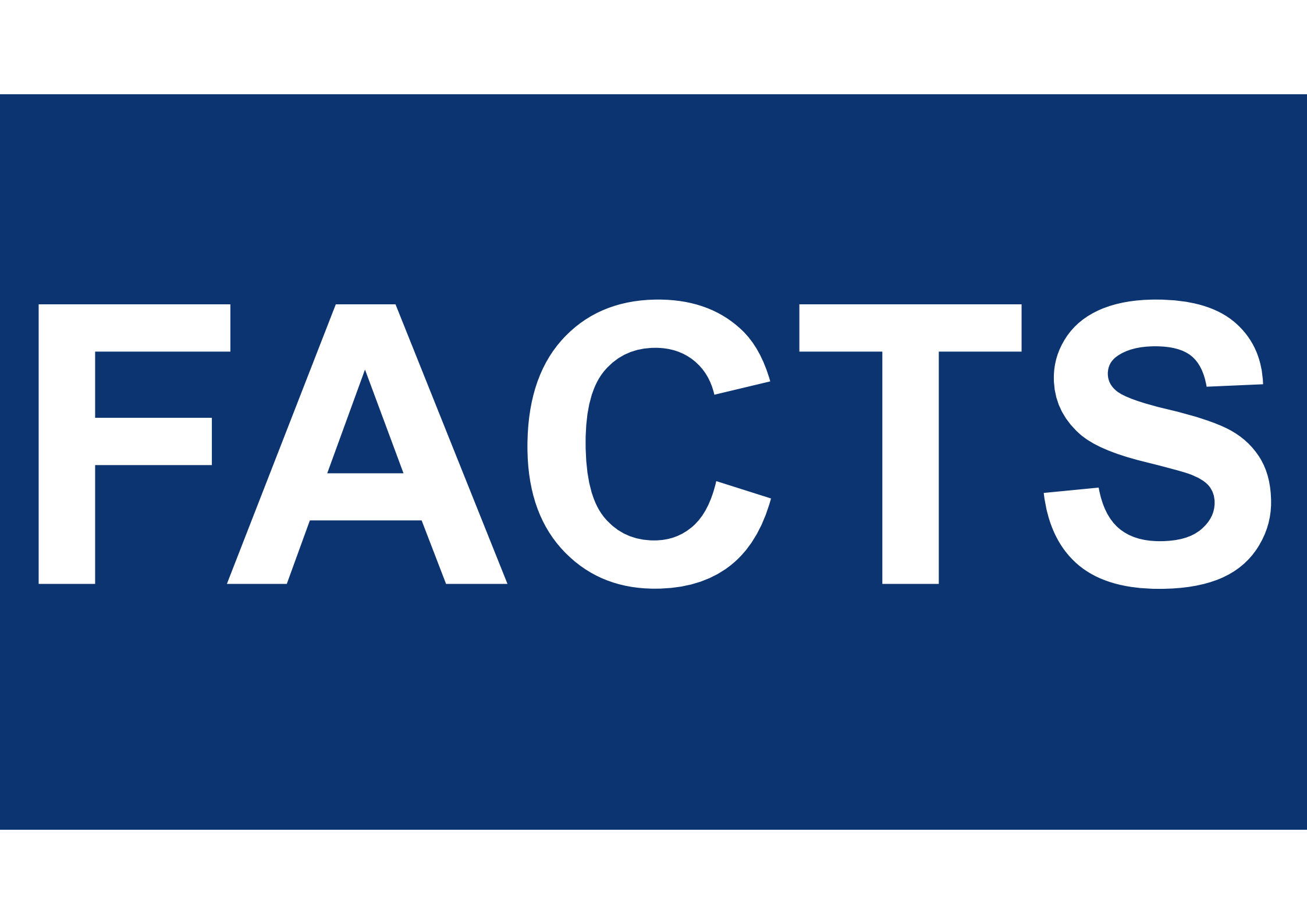
Rank	Name	Market Cap	Price	Today	Price (30 days)	Country
☆ 1	 <b>Novo Nordisk</b> NVO	\$ 499.24 B	\$109.72	▼ 1.98%		 Denmark
☆ 2	 <b>LVMH</b> MC.PA	\$ 330.22 B	\$657.00	▼ 0.64%		 France
☆ 3	 <b>SAP</b> SAP	\$ 272.71 B	\$232.83	▼ 0.12%		 Germany
☆ 4	 <b>ASML</b> ASML	\$ 268.37 B	\$671.16	▼ 0.53%		 Netherlands
☆ 5	 <b>Hermès</b> RMS.PA	\$ 237.32 B	\$2,253	▼ 0.19%		 France
☆ 6	 <b>Accenture</b> ACN	\$ 214.88 B	\$343.90	▼ 0.51%		 Ireland
☆ 7	 <b>L'Oréal</b> OR.PA	\$ 202.37 B	\$376.89	▲ 0.41%		 France
☆ 8	 <b>Prosus</b> PRX.AS	\$ 188.58 B	\$43.16	▲ 1.51%		 Netherlands
☆ 9	 <b>Inditex</b> IDEXY	\$ 176.32 B	\$28.32	▼ 0.35%		 Spain
☆ 10	 <b>Siemens</b> SIE.DE	\$ 156.37 B	\$199.65	▲ 1.04%		 Germany



# **Draghi report**

**Innovation,  
Decarbonization,  
Competitiveness, and  
Security**





FACTS

# Our **new economy** is impossible without **new foundation**

New Economy = Open, Inclusive, Socially Conscious, Sustainable & Digital

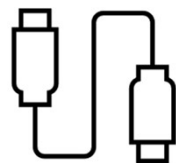
Over the past 20 years, digitization has become the main driver of progress and growth. This role is becoming increasingly important.

[IDC](#) expects that this year about 65% of the global economy (the GDP) will be digitized.

A strong digital infrastructure is essential for continued competitiveness, innovation and growth of our economy.

**The more we digitize, the more digital infrastructure we need.**

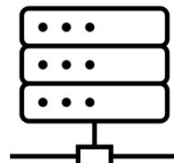
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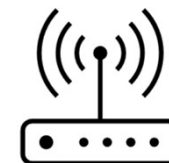
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PROVIDERS



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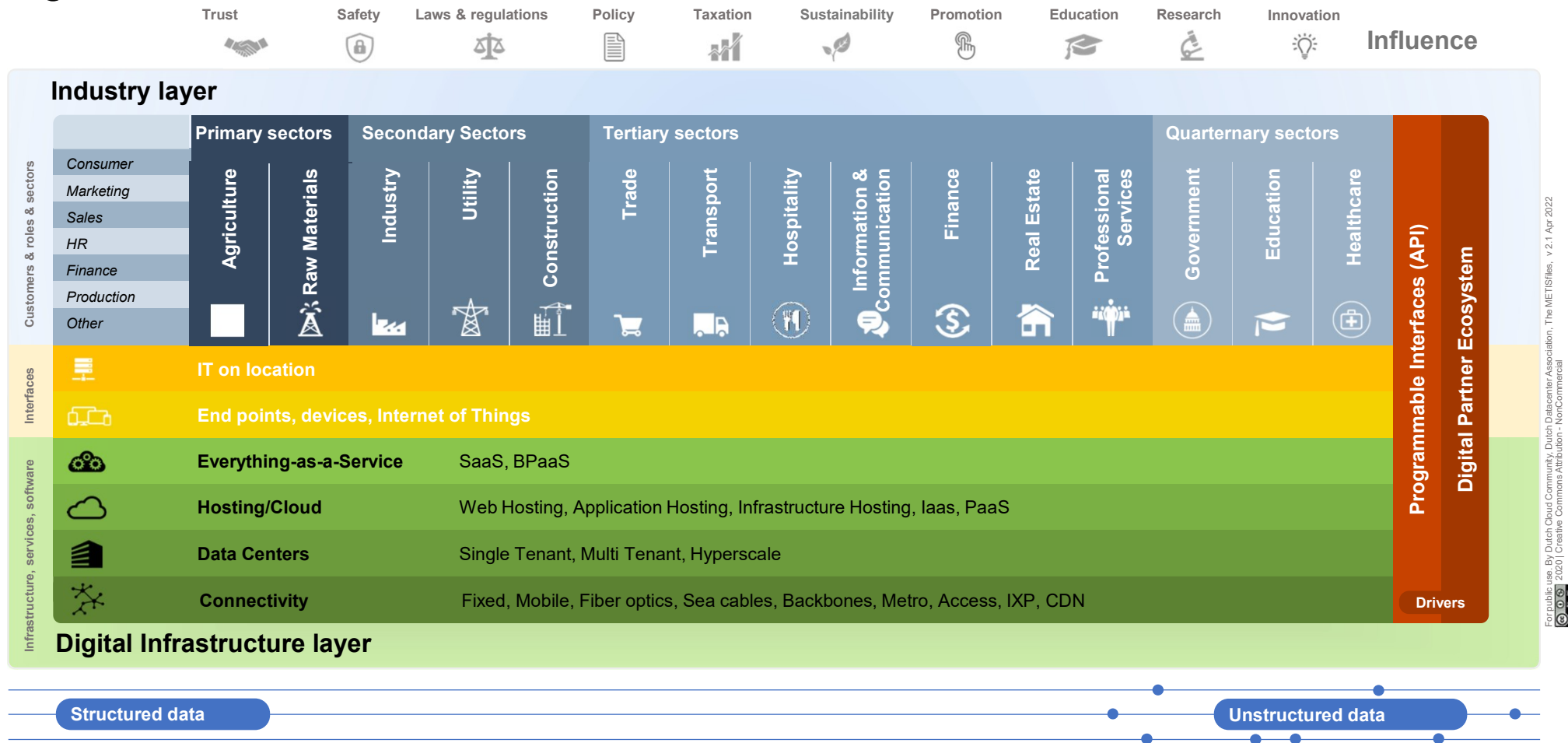


DEVICES



# The Digital Economy Model

## Digital infrastructure as the foundation of all economic activity



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# No earning capacity without data centers

Digitization's impact on the economy continues to grow



Source: <sup>1</sup> CPB 2019, <sup>2</sup> IDC Futurescape 2021, <sup>3</sup> CBS 'Measuring the Internet Economy' 2017, <sup>4</sup> PB7 Economical impact data centers 2019

# Number of data centers in The Netherlands

Most recent figures from research

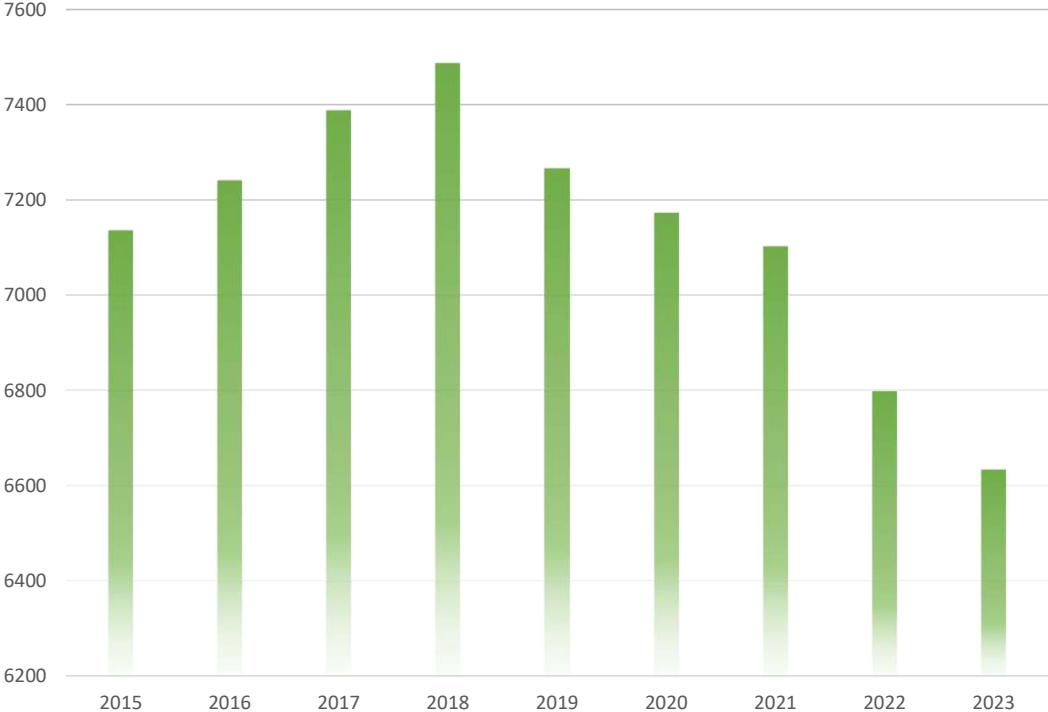
COLOCATION FACILITIES



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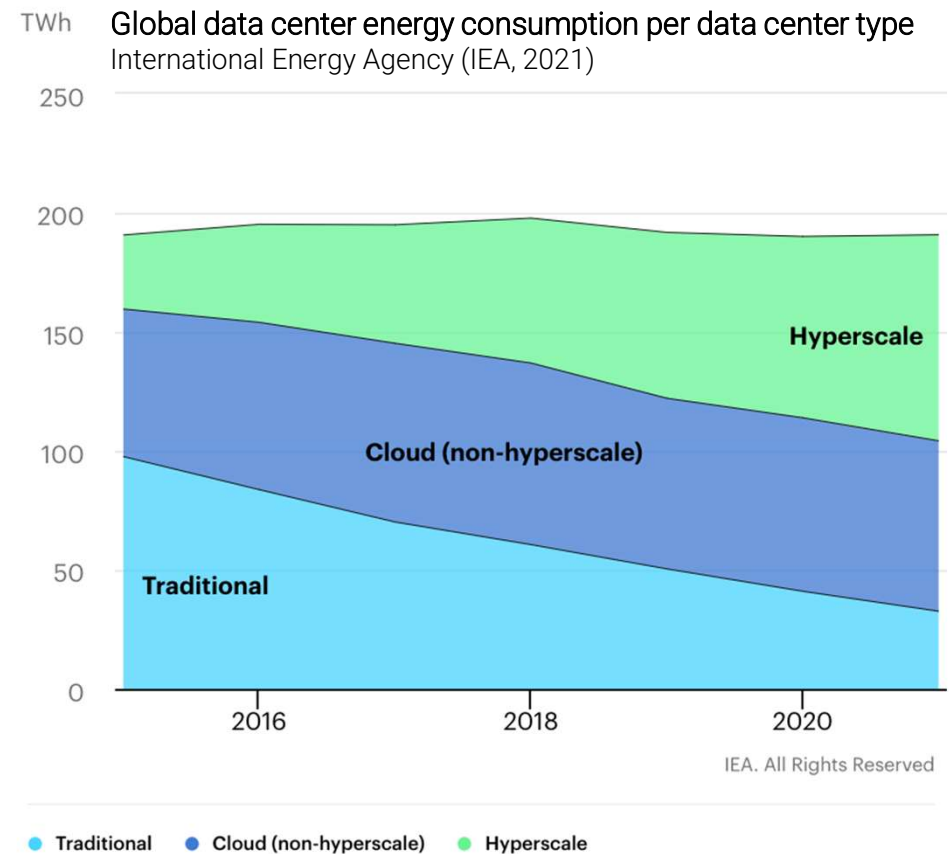


TOTAL FACILITIES



# The larger the data center, the more energy-efficient

- Outsourcing and growth of hyperscale cloud solutions have kept global energy consumption stable for more than 10 years.
- Migrating to professional data centers and the public cloud saves energy
- Dutch government consolidated from 64 data centers to 5, as a result halving its energy consumption.

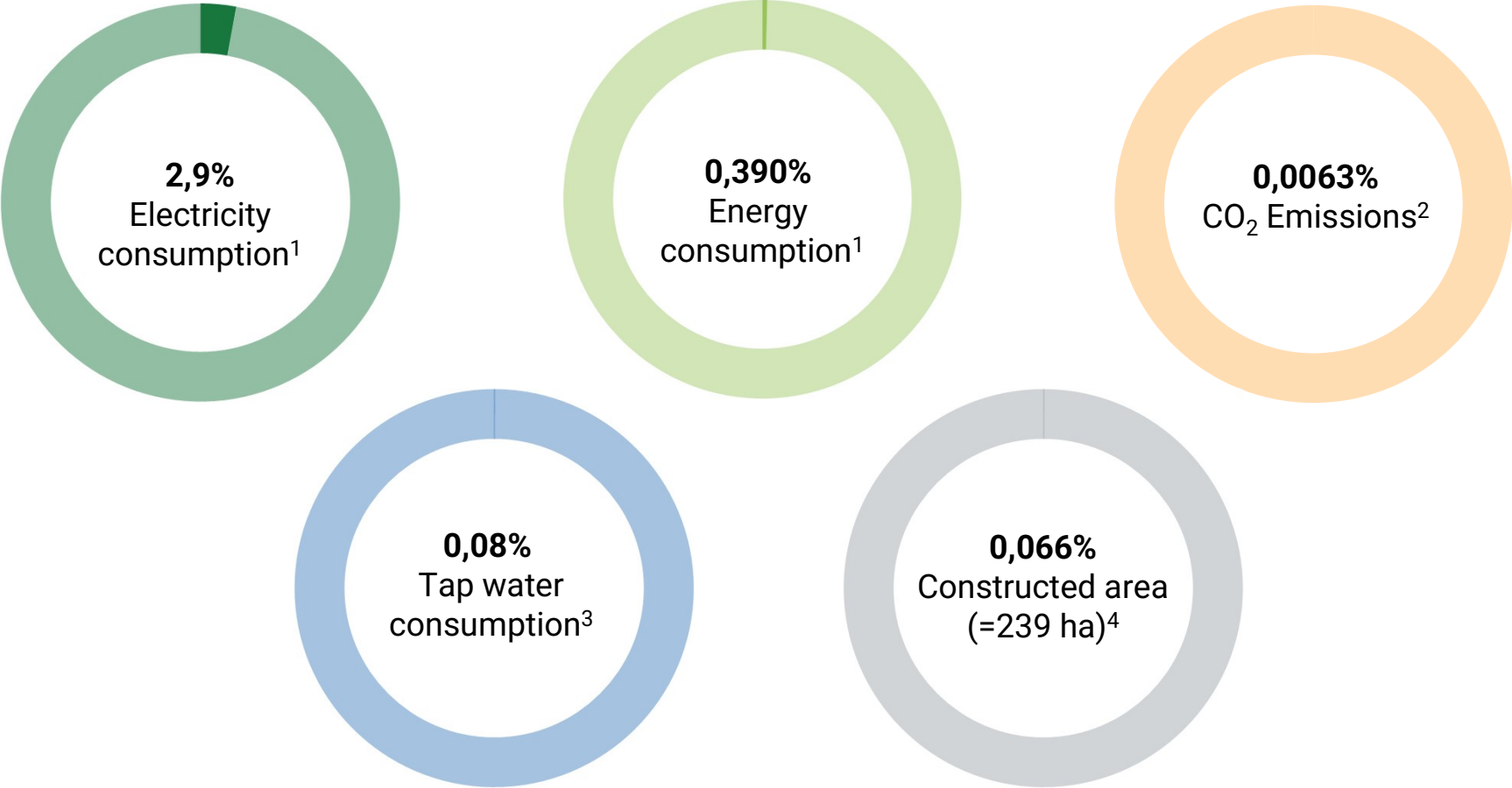


Source: IEA 2021, <https://www.iea.org/commentaries/data-centres-and-energy-from-global-headlines-to-local-headaches>  
RijksCloud, <https://www.agconnect.nl/artikel/datacenterconsolidatie-rijk-nu-op-tweederde>



# Impact data centers in The Netherlands

Most recent figures from publicly available sources



Bron: <sup>1</sup>CBS 2021, <sup>2</sup>NEA 2021, <sup>3</sup>CBS 2021, <sup>4</sup>CBS 2020, DDA 2021, MJA RVO, - See all sources at <https://www.dutchdatacenters.nl/dashboard/>

# Data centers create **significant employment** opportunities

Employment impact of digital infrastructure on the digital economy



11.000 FTE

In & around data centers



109.000 FTE

In & around tech companies

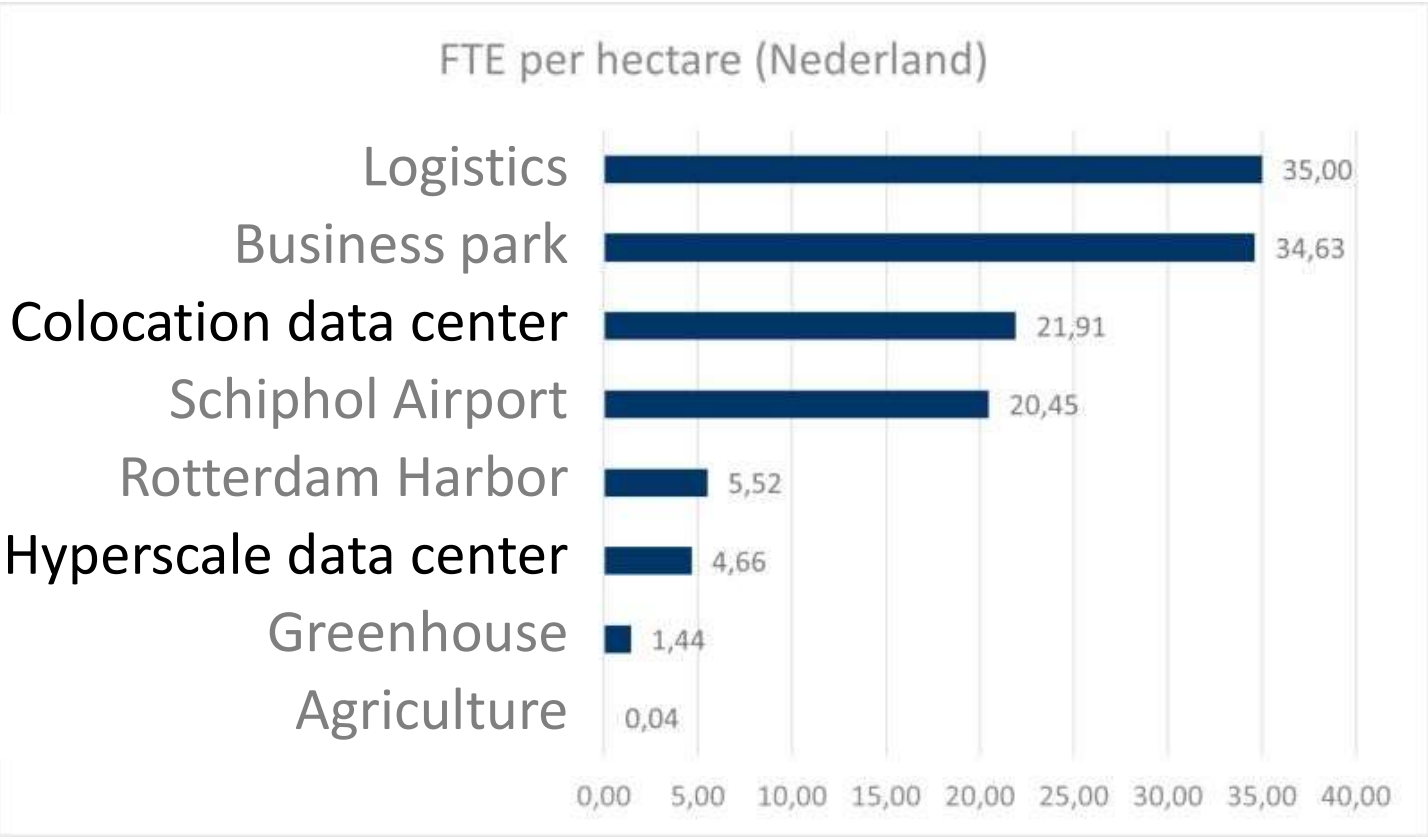


2,1 MLN FTE

Employees work digitally

# Data centers create **significant employment opportunities**

FTE impact of digital infrastructure on the digital economy per hectare



**FACT:**  
The Hyperscale data center of Google is the biggest employer of Noord Groningen



**CHANGE**

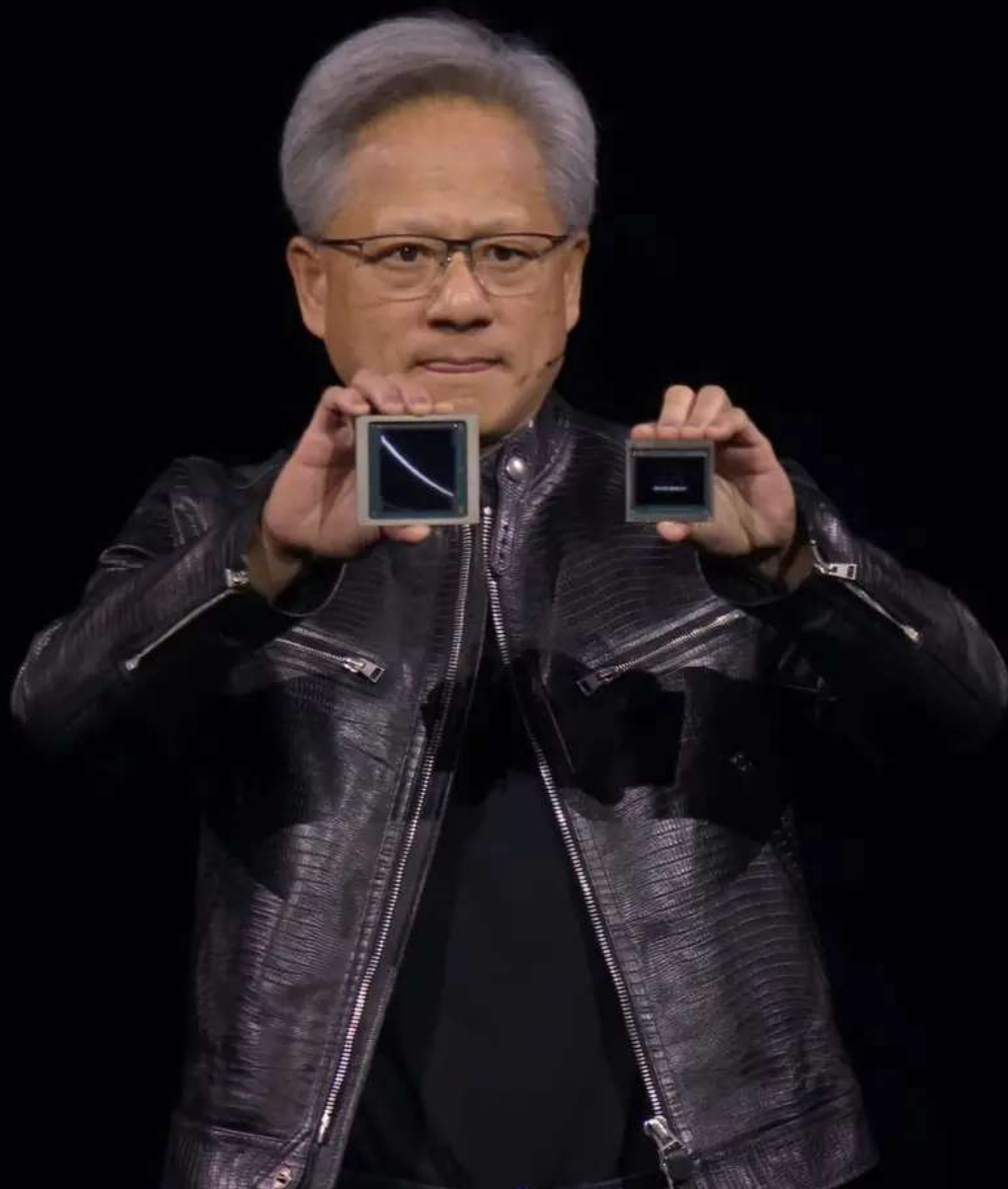


**AI**

'This is a once-in-a-generation moment'









## **Sam Altman's latest essay, The Intelligence Age**

It is possible that we will have superintelligence in a few thousand days (!); it may take longer, but I'm confident we'll get there.

> <https://ia.samaltman.com/> - Sam Altman, September 24 2024

## **Understanding the Accelerating Rate of Change**

"We're entering an age of acceleration."

"The 21st century will be equivalent to 20,000 years of progress at today's rate of progress; organizations have to be able to redefine themselves at a faster and faster pace."

> <https://www.thekurzweillibrary.com/understanding-the-accelerating-rate-of-change> – Ray Kurzweil, May 2 2003



> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmA4z24I7Xc&t=938s> – Daily Show, September 24 2024



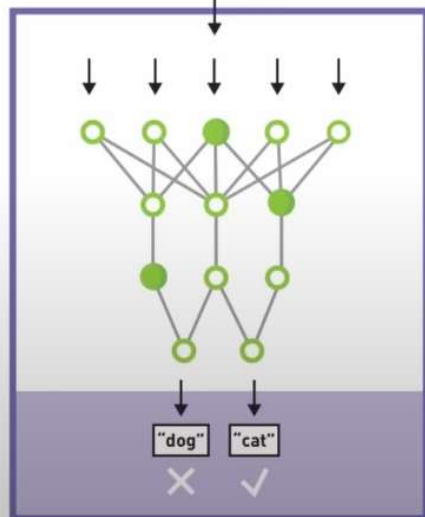
## TRAINING

Learning a new capability  
from existing data

**Untrained**  
Neural Network Model

Deep Learning  
**Framework**

**TRAINING  
DATASET**



**Trained Model**  
New Capability

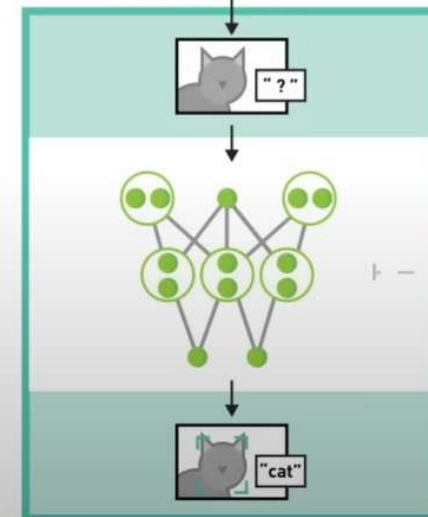


## INFERENCE

Applying this capability  
to new data

**App or Service**  
Featuring Capability

**NEW  
DATA**

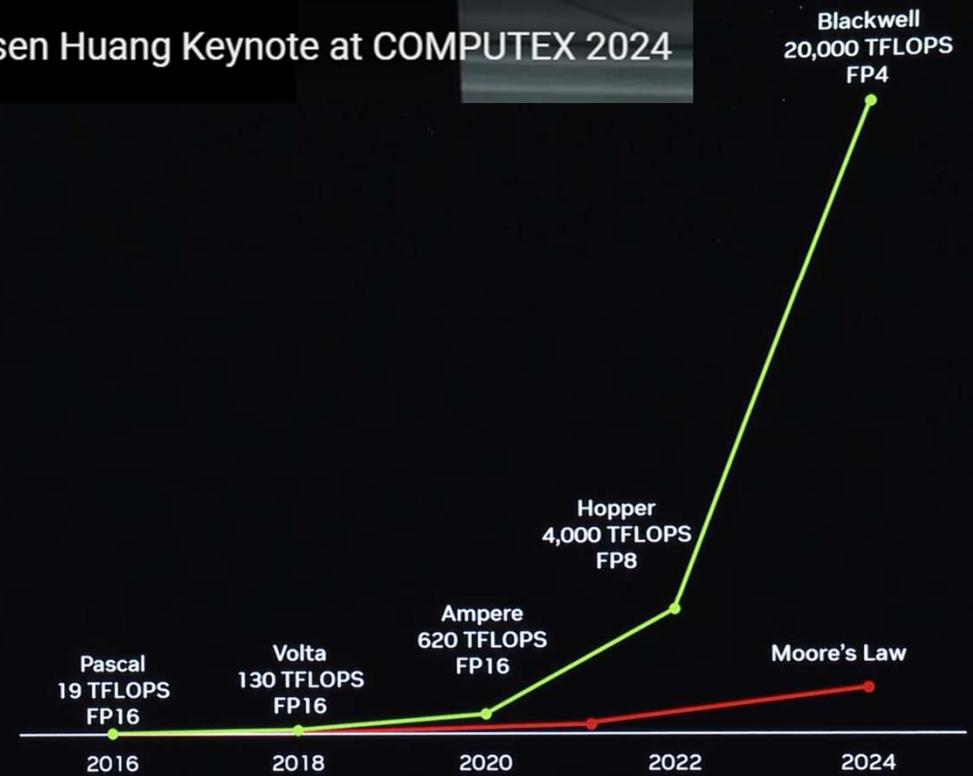


**Trained Model**  
Optimized for  
Performance





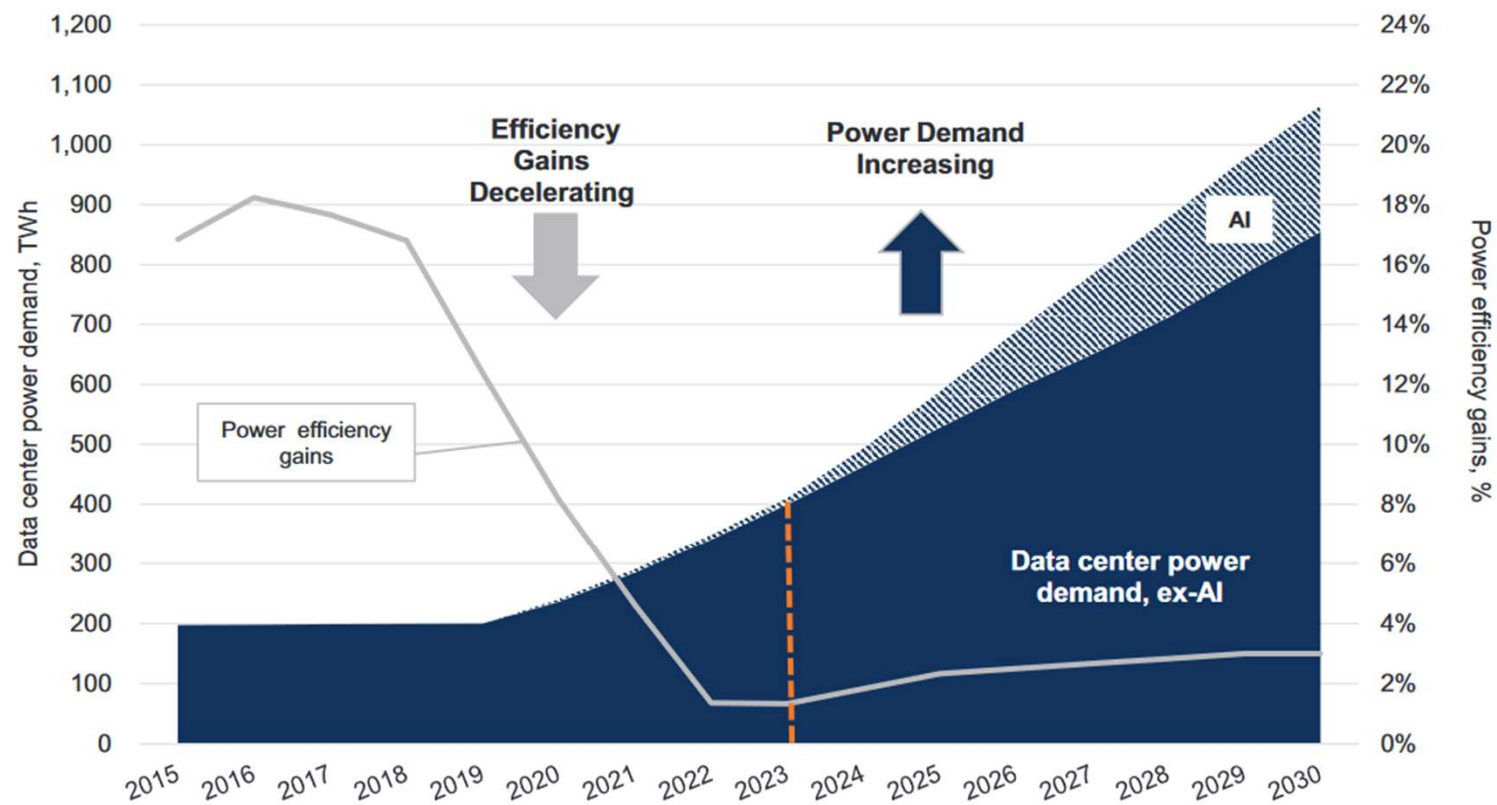
## NVIDIA CEO Jensen Huang Keynote at COMPUTEX 2024



8 年內 1,000X 的人工智慧運算  
1,000X AI COMPUTE IN 8 YEARS

**Exhibit 1: As efficiency gains have decelerated, data demand growth is driving a surge in data center power use, with an AI kicker on the way**

Data center electricity consumption, TWh (LHS) and power efficiency gains ex-AI, % (RHS)



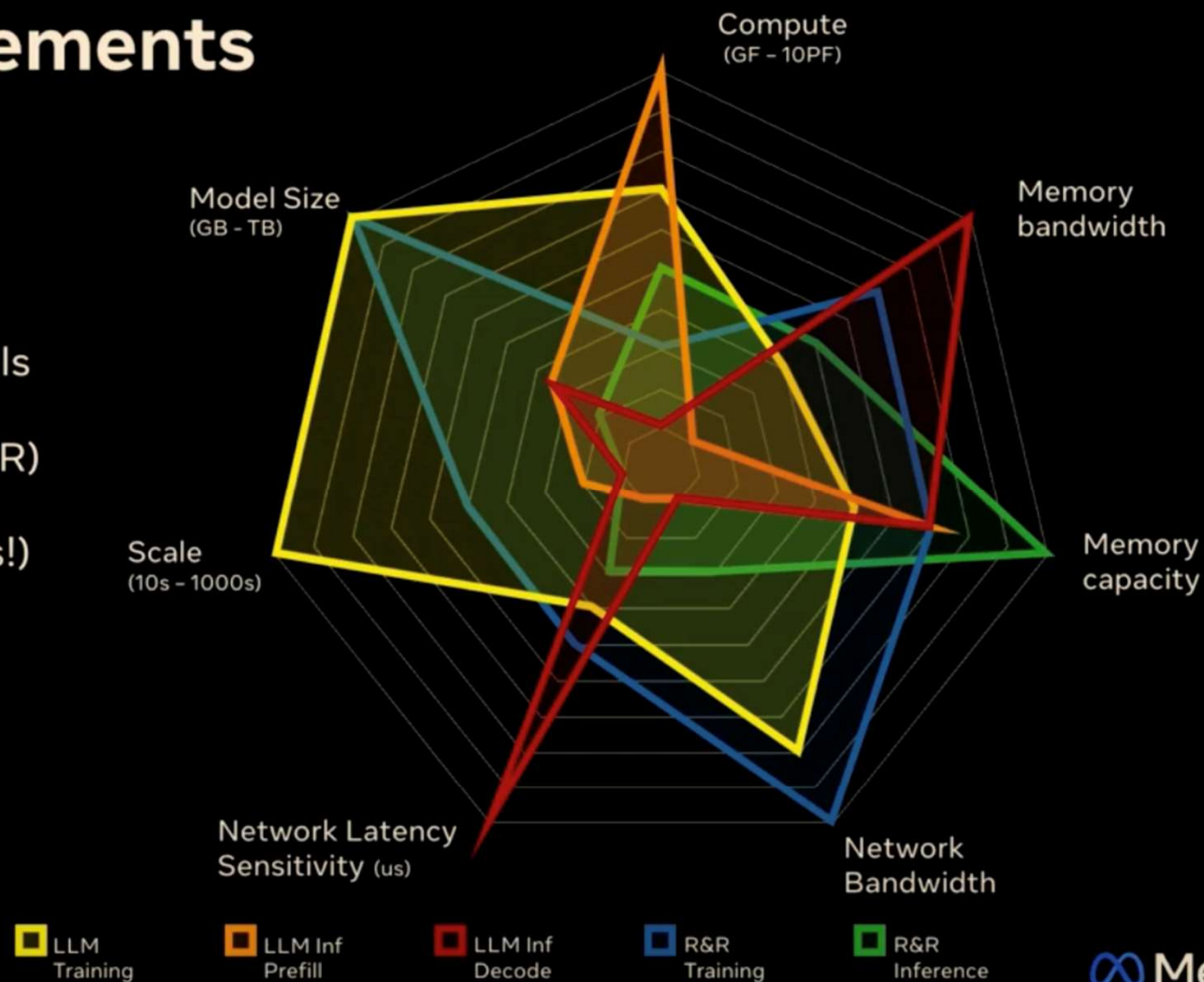
Source: Masanet et al. (2020), IEA, Cisco, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

# Diverse requirements

## Differences

- Large language models (LLMs) vs. ranking & recommendation (R&R)
- Training vs. inference (even different stages!)

Difficult to cover all requirements with single solutions





## **Last week (1) AI news**

- MGX 100 Billion AI Fund announced
- Microsoft Three Mile Island Nuclear reactor restart
- Bain report: Market for AI services could reach up to \$990B by 2027
- EU, US and UK sign landmark AI safety treaty
- Biden warns about AI's 'risks,' forces of 'retreat' in final UN address



## **Meta stelt AI- modellen open voor Amerikaanse leger**

**Virale deepfake-advertentie van  
beroemdheden waarschuwt voor AI  
die je niet wil laten stemmen**

Deze kunstenares geeft elkaar het  
jawoord en geeft haar A.I.  
Hologram-vriendje het jawoord in  
een Nederlands museum

In het verslag-Draghi wordt gewezen op een  
kritieke lacune in het vermogen van de EU  
om op wereldschaal te concurreren, met  
name bij de ontwikkeling en toepassing van  
geavanceerde AI-technologieën.





## New technologies require additional digital infrastructure

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- The emergence of AI and Quantum Computing requires a stronger digital infrastructure
- Resources for additional infrastructure are scarce:
  - Full electricity grid
  - Limited available space
  - Not In My Backyard (NIMBY) attitude toward data centers

# Our new economy is impossible without data centers

- New Economy = Open, Inclusive, Socially Conscious, Sustainable & Digital
- We have to change, act, and take responsibility.
- Politics and governments want and need to act. And therefore, we see more and more regulation.
- For the young tech sector regulation has major consequences.

**ACTION**

# The sector's next steps concerning climate crisis

More initiatives to reduce and green energy consumption



Energy Efficiency



Clean Energy



Water



Circular Economy



Heat Recycle



Monitoring & Report

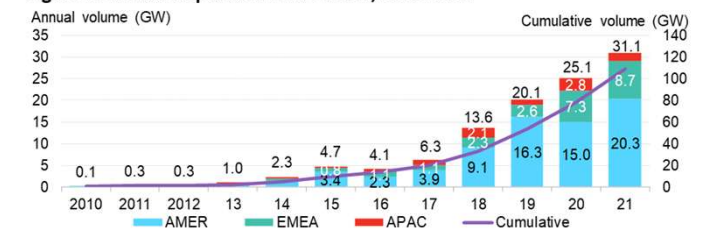


Communication  
TaskForce

# Data centers on their way to 100% green power

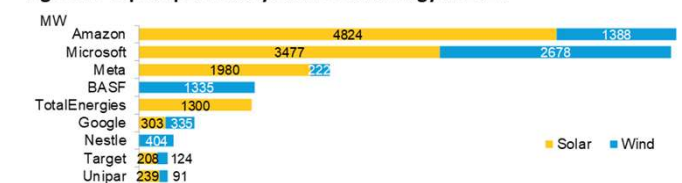
- About 99% of data centers in the Netherlands now purchase their electricity from sustainable sources.
- Data centers lead in the use of renewable energy compared to almost all other industries.
- There is a trend towards more electricity generated in the Netherlands, from offshore wind farms and an increasing number of 'hourly-based' solutions
- With the 'Climate Neutral Data Centre Pact', the European data center sector has jointly and on its own initiative advocated being climate neutral by 2030.
- Data centers are drivers of green energy projects through PPAs
- 50% of the global share in PPAs, promoting additional sustainable generation, are related to data centers

**Figure 1: Global corporate PPA volumes, 2010-2021**

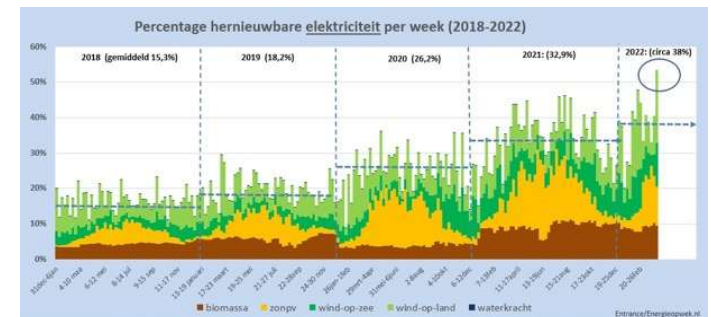


Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Onsite PPAs excluded. APAC volume is an estimate. Pre-reform PPAs in Mexico and sleeved PPAs in Australia are excluded. Capacity is in MW DC.

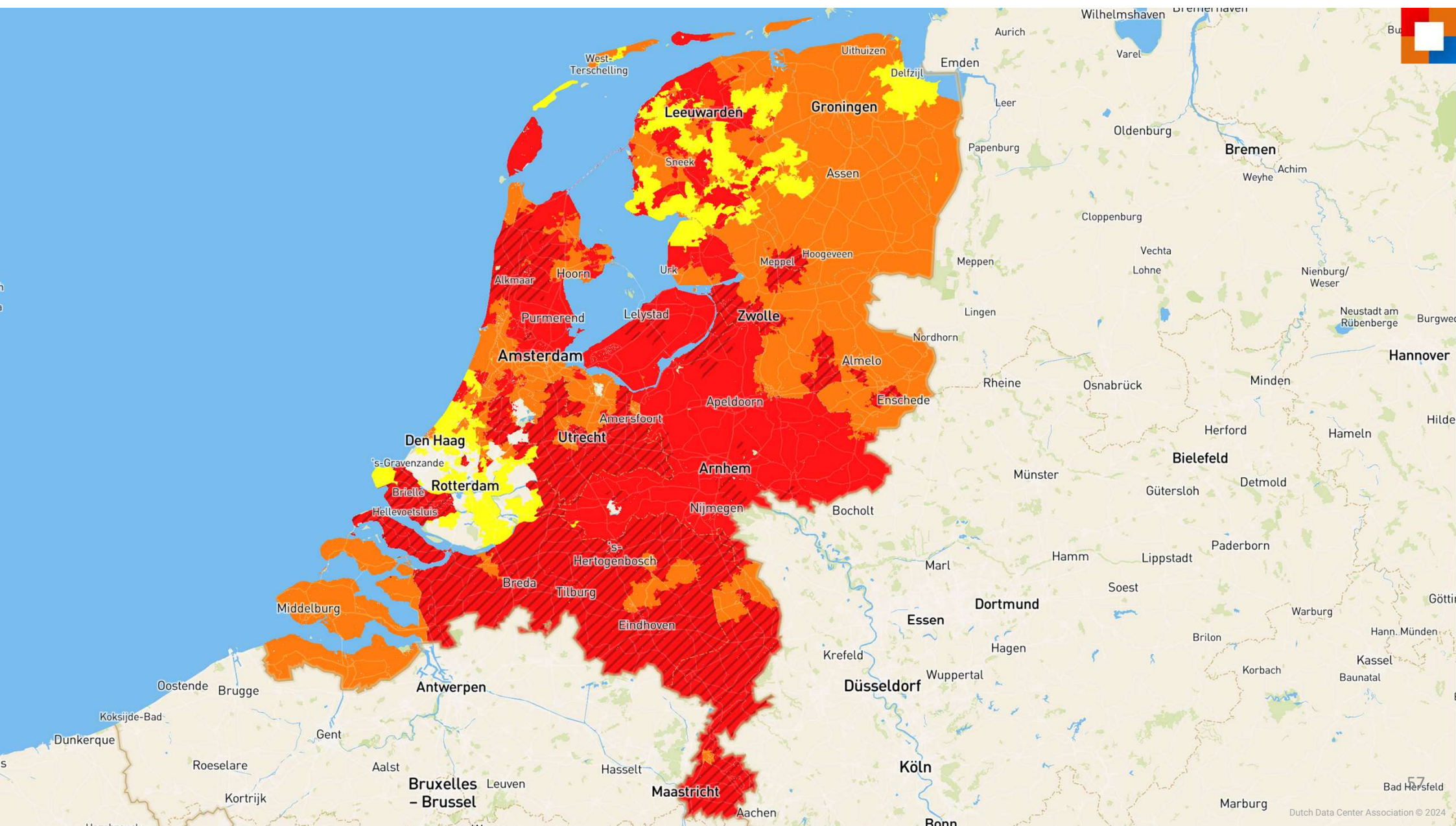
**Figure 2: Top corporate buyers of clean energy in 2021**



Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Onsite PPAs excluded. Data is based on publicly available information.

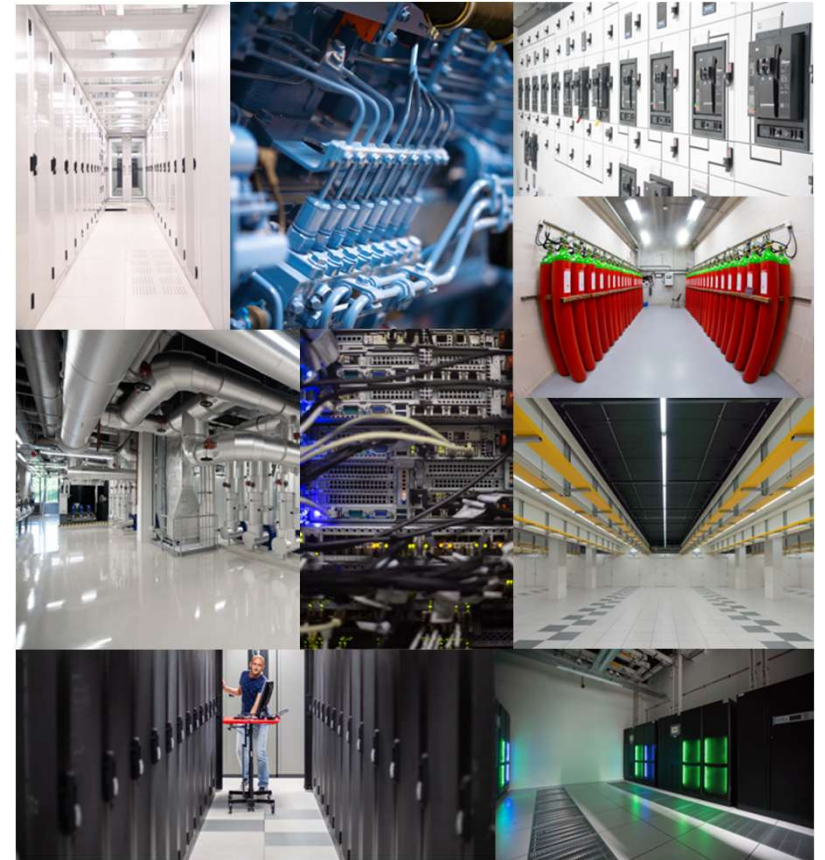






# Creating opportunities for necessary data center growth

- Focus on the broad added value of data centers
  - Essential for economy & society
    - Magnet for start-ups
    - Digital frontrunner
  - Twin transition: Sustainability and digitalization assist one another
  - Implementation of residual heat
  - Help balance the electricity grid
  - Utilize green energy, help achieve sustainability goals
- Bring together relevant parties
  - Local and national government
  - Electricity Grid & Heat Network operators



# GRID: Energy transition + Fast digitization + Integration

## **Use the sector's unique emergency power potential**

Smartly use the sector's potential emergency power that is geographically spread across the whole of the Netherlands. Link and green the capacity with hydrogen distribution.

## **Stimulate direct connections**

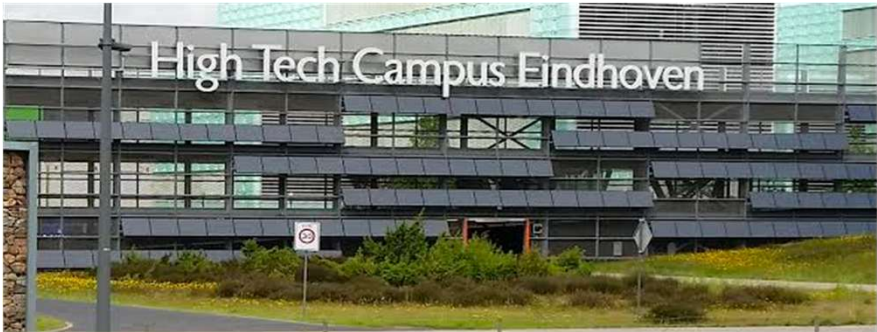
Make it easier to let data centers interact with the power grid or make direct connections to renewable energy sites to reduce the burden on the power grid.

## **Smart spatial planning policies**

Use smart and national spatial planning, especially for Hyperscales and International Clusters, so that there is clarity regarding expansions of data centers and maximum efficiency in economic ecosystem planning, focused grid investment, and optimal use of residual heat. Limit the amount of data center policies to one central national policy.



# Data center residual heat makes Netherlands independent from gas



Eindhoven =  
50 offices



Amsterdam =  
1300 apartments



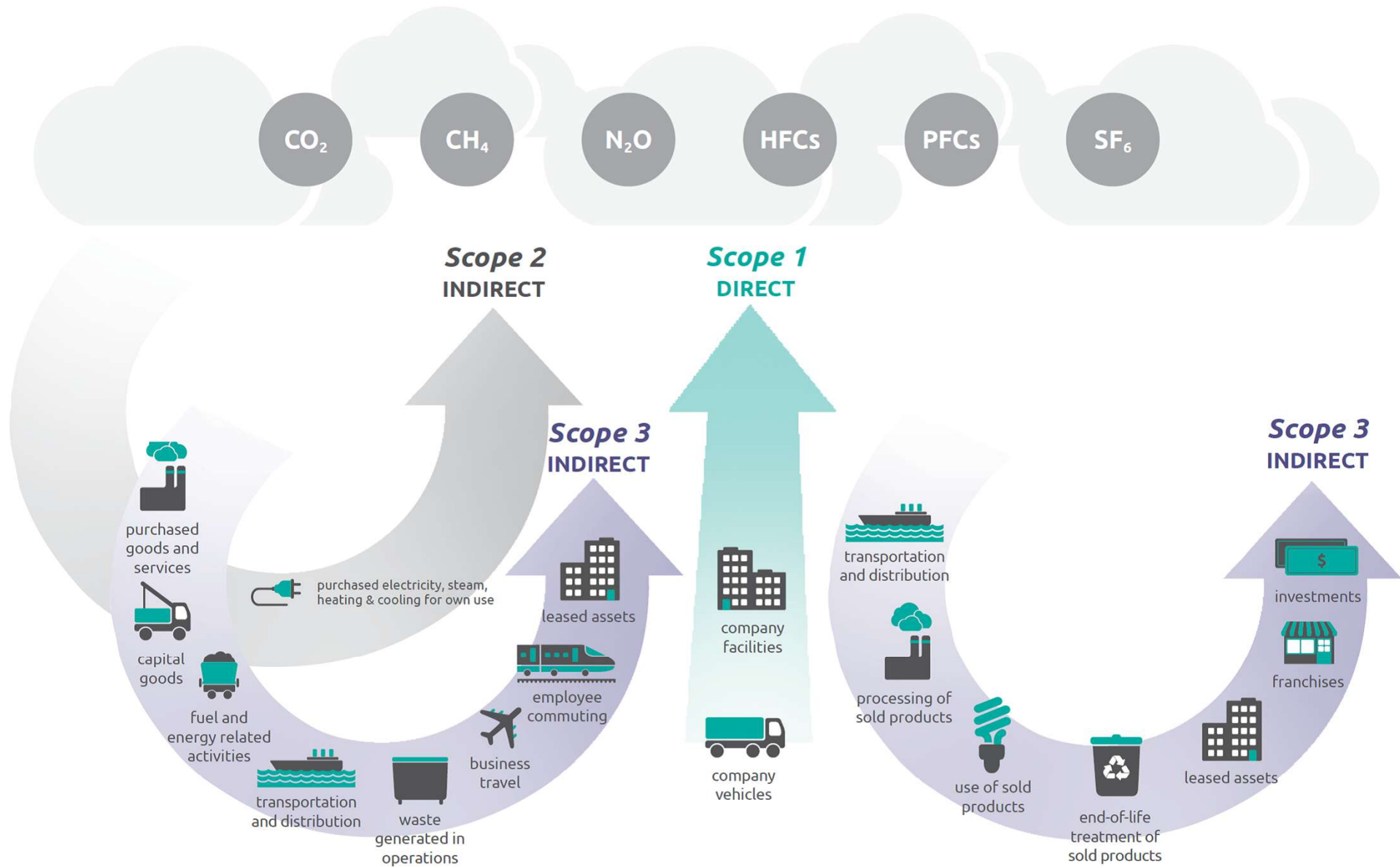
## Completed and/or ongoing projects:

Aalsmeer	Farm, School, Swimming Pool
Amsterdam	University Campus
Amsterdam	1300 Apartments
Amsterdam	25.000 Residences
Amsterdam	500 Residences
Ede	Event Center
Eindhoven	High Tech Campus
Groningen	5000-10.000 Residences
Haarlem	Business Area
Rotterdam	10.000 Residences
Rotterdam	Van Nelle Factory
Schiphol-Rijk	Business Area

# Only solution forward: Working smarter together





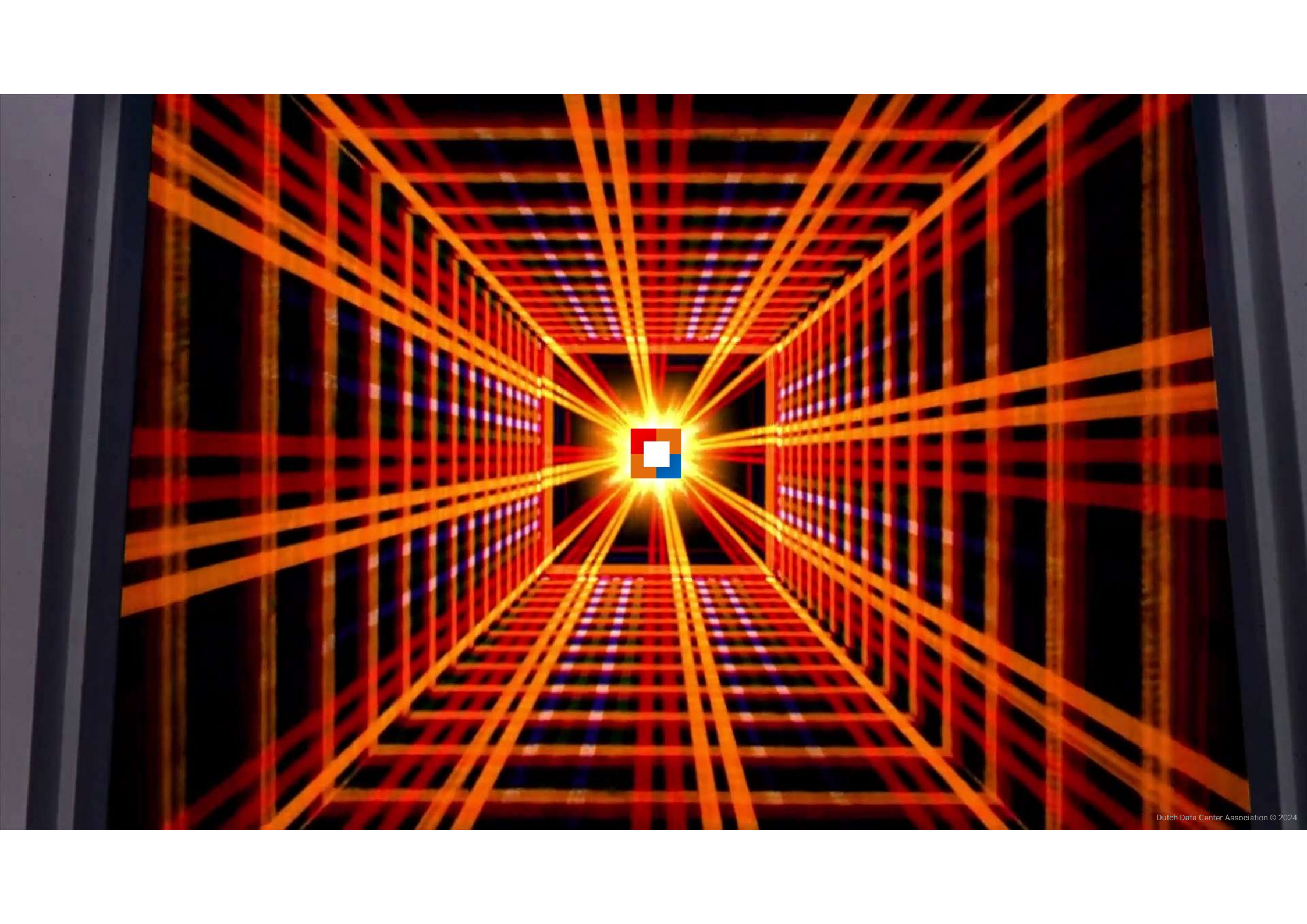




"Wait, didn't we rethink what was possible last week?!"











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