Sustainability in HPC: Vision and Opportunities

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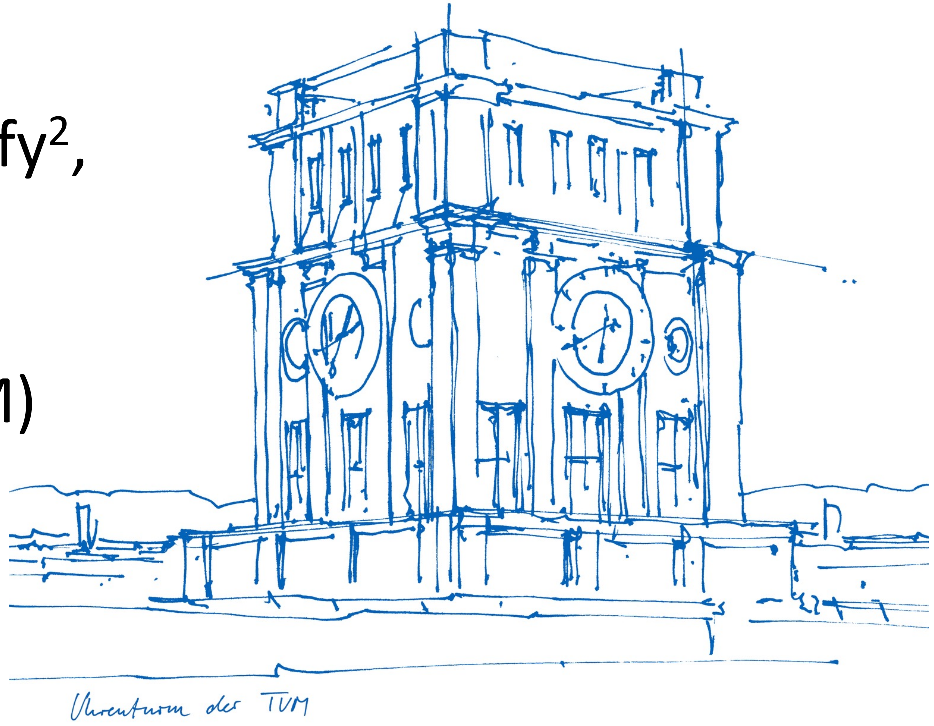

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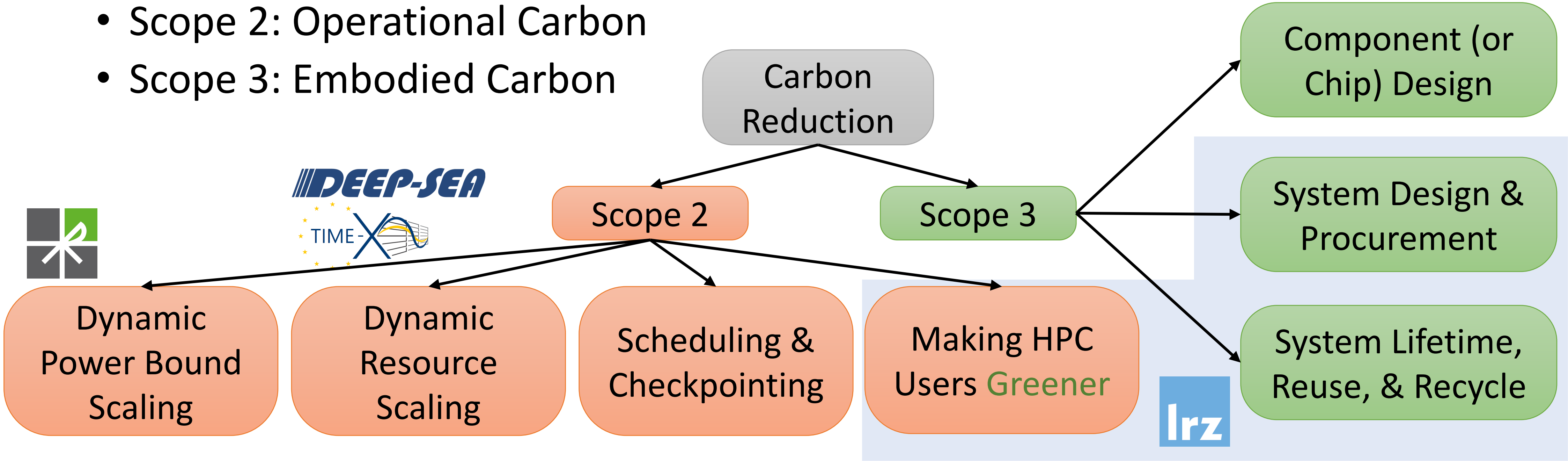
Executive Summary

We will discuss potential solutions to reduce the carbon footprint of supercomputers from various perspectives (this is a position paper)

- Carbon Emission = ~~Direct (Scope 1)~~ + Indirect (Scope 2/3)
- Scope 2: Operational Carbon
- Scope 3: Embodied Carbon



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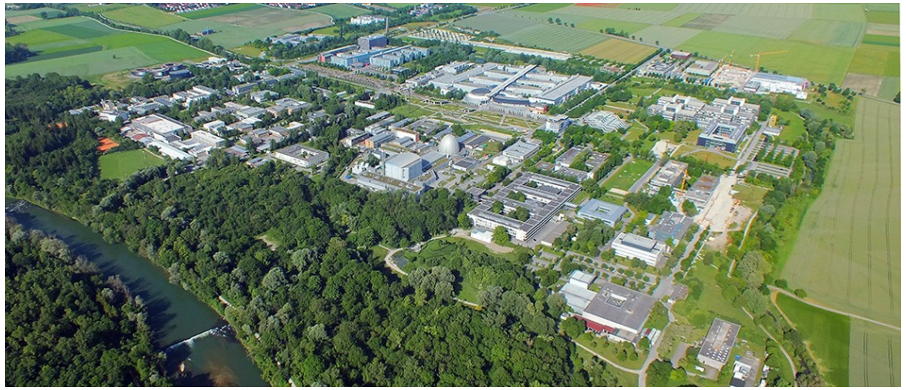

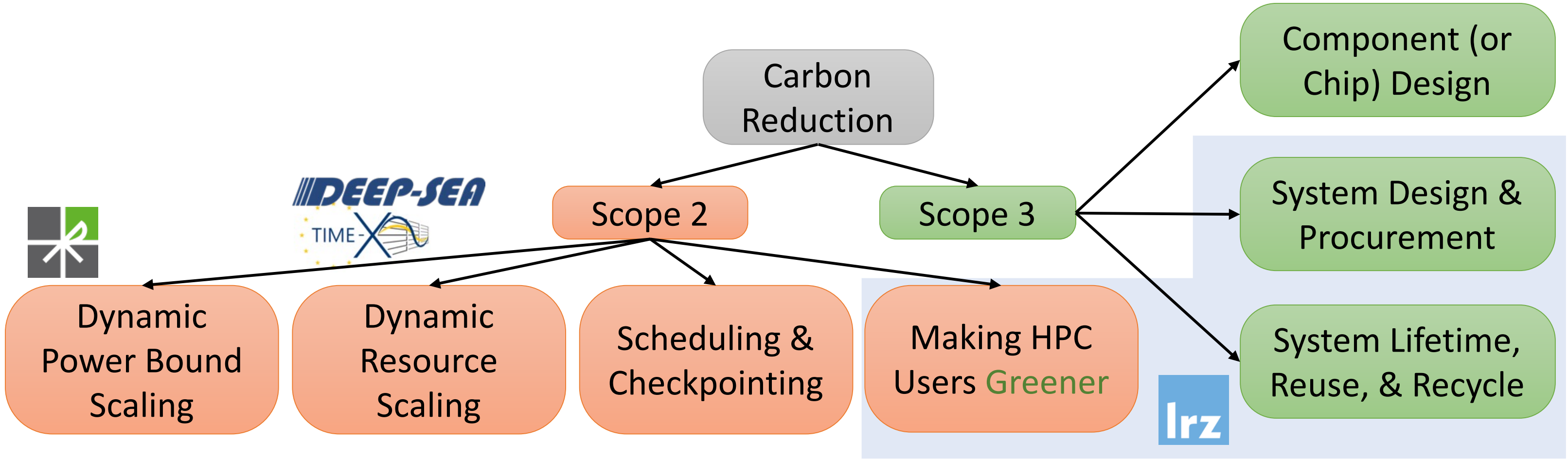

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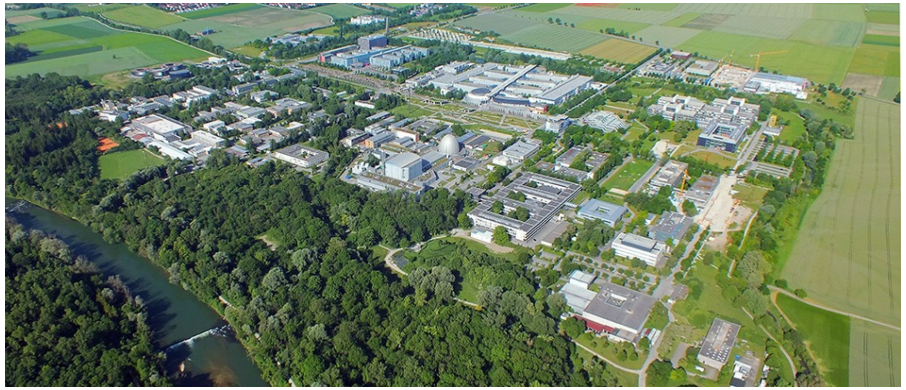
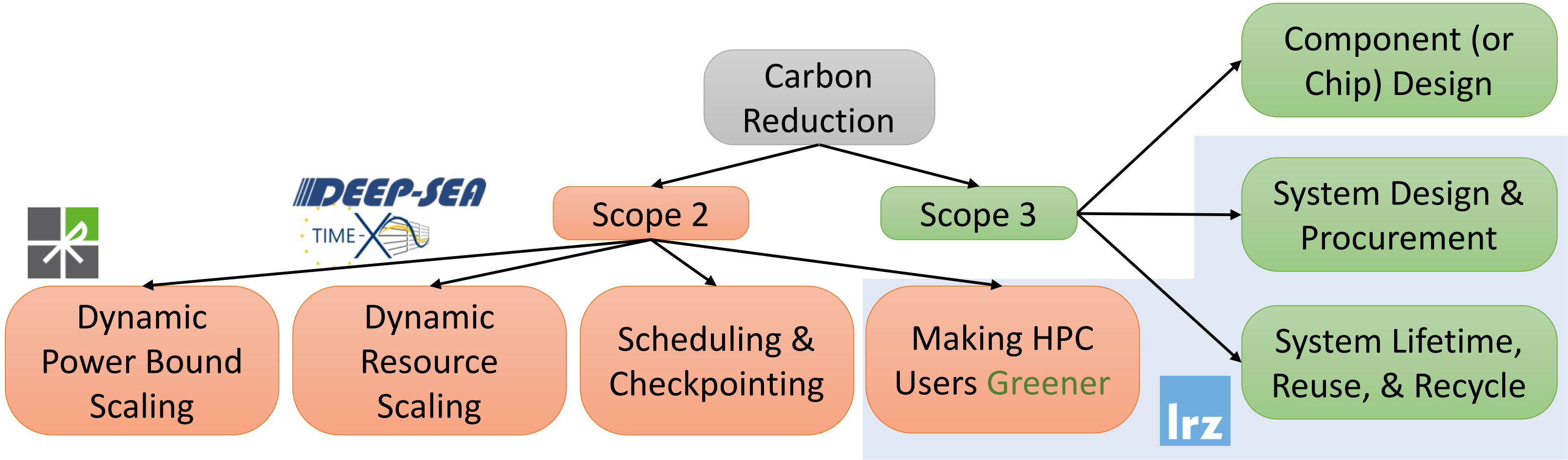




Needs for Carbon-awareness in Supercomputing

- Supercomputers indirectly account for a tremendous amount of carbon emissions
  - Mainly due to the scale: **(1)** consist of over 100K of components; **(2)** consume few 10s MW of power
- Need to limit their carbon emissions while following the GHG (Green House Gas) protocol

GREENHOUSE
GAS PROTOCOL

Carbon Awareness

Fugaku
0.44Exa @30MW

Frontier
1.2Exa @23MW

Aurora
2Exa? @60MW?

Future Green Supercomputers
(Image generated by deep AI)

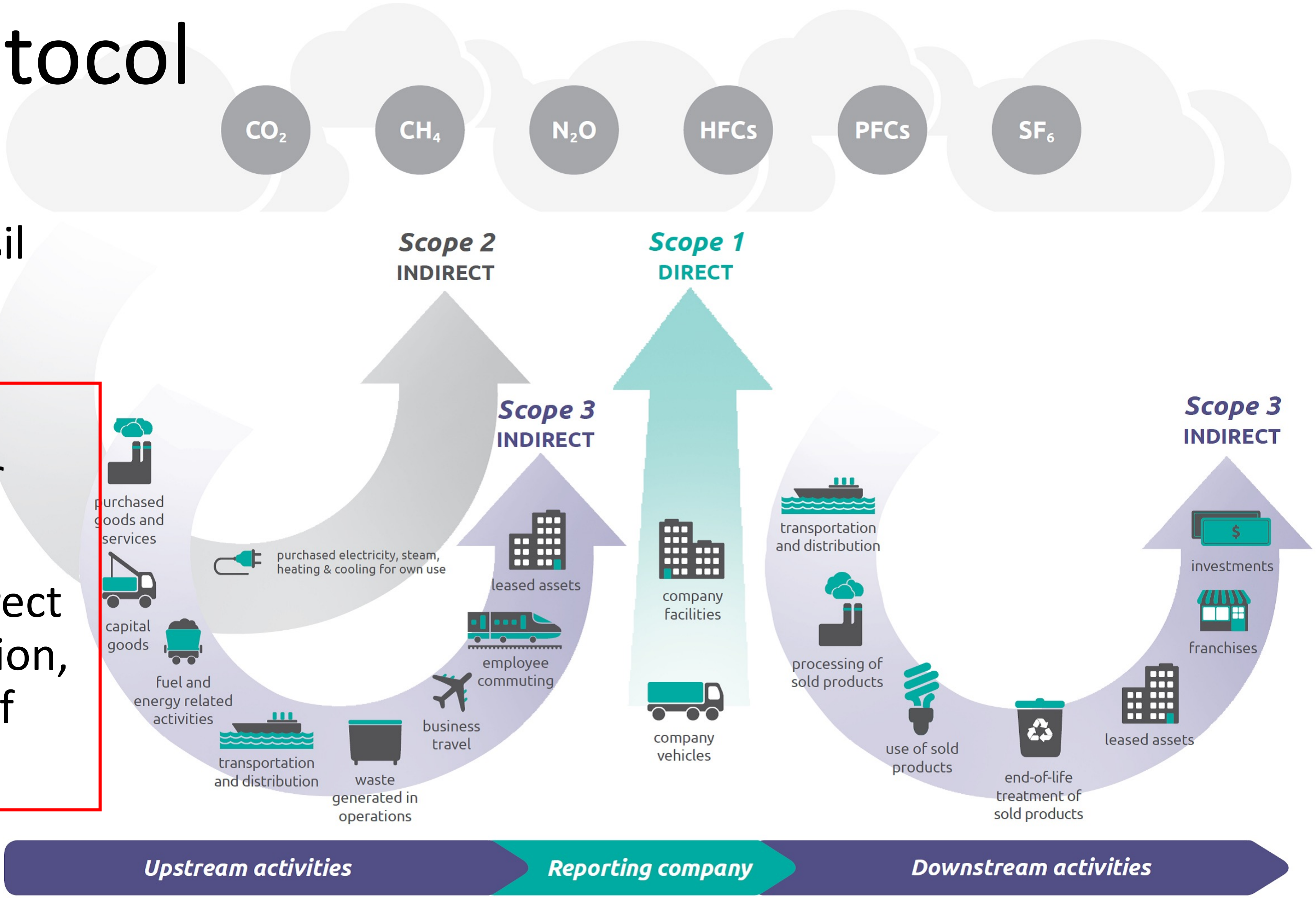
The GHG Protocol

Scope 1: Relevant if fossil fuels are burnt on site (usually not the case)

Scope 2: Electricity, heating, cooling, etc. for the site operation

Scope 3: The other indirect emissions, e.g., production, shipping, and disposal of system components

Our Focus



Source: https://ghgprotocol.org/sites/default/files/standards/Corporate-Value-Chain-Accounting-Reporing-Standard_041613_2.pdf

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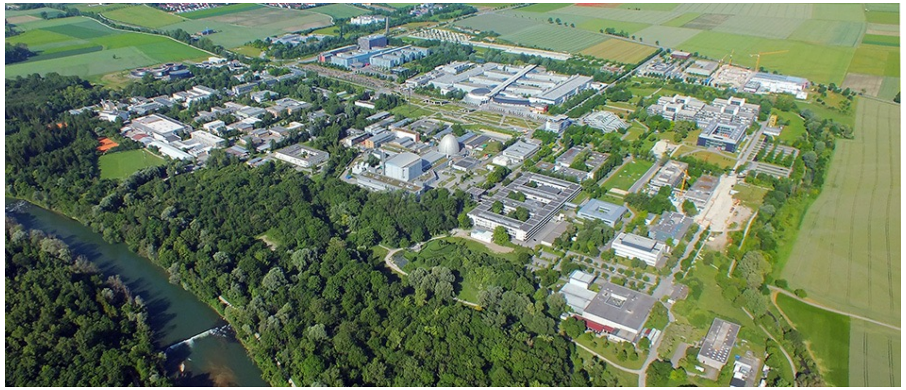
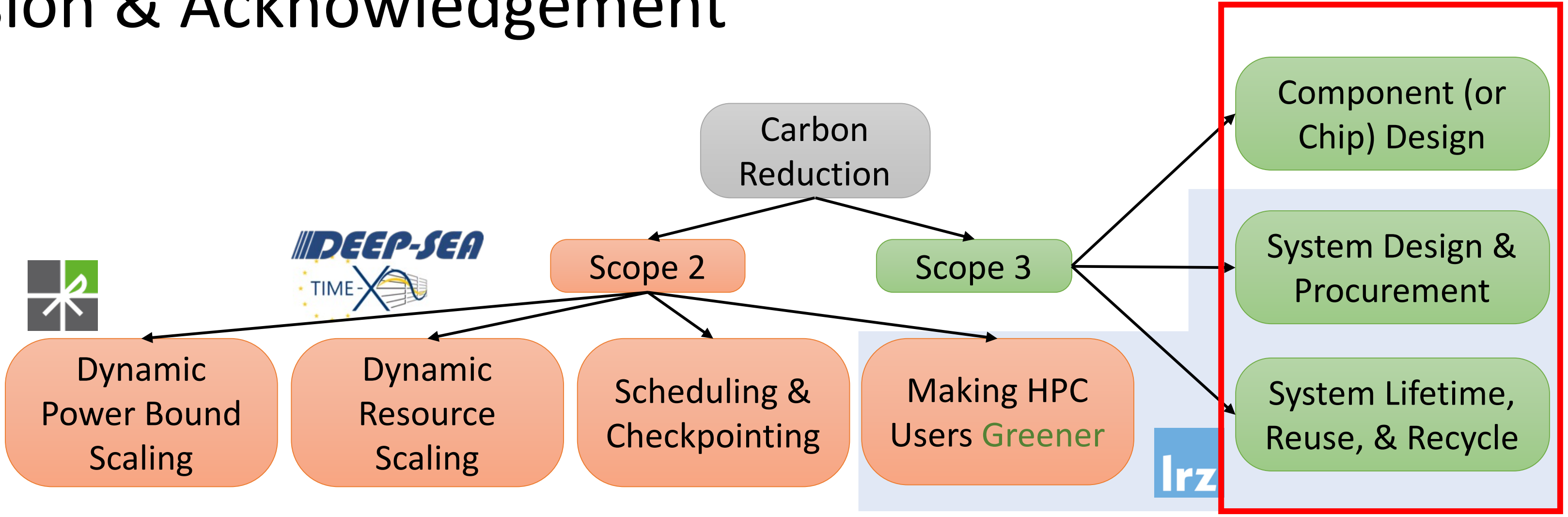
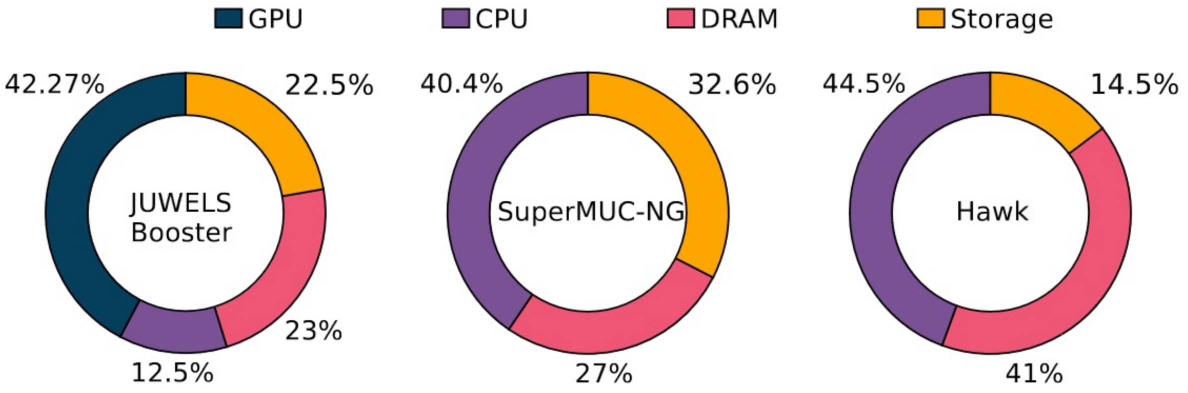




Reducing Embodied Carbon (Scope 3)

- Embodied carbon consists of production, transportation, & disposal
  - The production part (manufacturing + packaging) is dominant [U. Gupta+ ISCA’22]
  - The embodied carbon trend differs across different systems
    - The system architecture & procurement (incl. product choices for components) matter
- **Promising Approaches for Embodied Carbon Reduction:**
  1. Carbon-aware Component Design
  2. Carbon-aware System Architecture & Procurement
  3. System Lifetime Extension & Reuse/Recycling



Estimated Embodied Carbon Footprint Breakdowns
Calculated based on a prior study [B. Li + SC’23]

Designing Carbon-efficient HPC Components

Conventional Chip Design:

max Perf(W, d)
s.t. Pow(W, d) ≤ Pow_{Target}
Cost(d) ≤ $Cost_{Target}$
d ∈ D
In: W, Out: d_{opt} (∈ D)

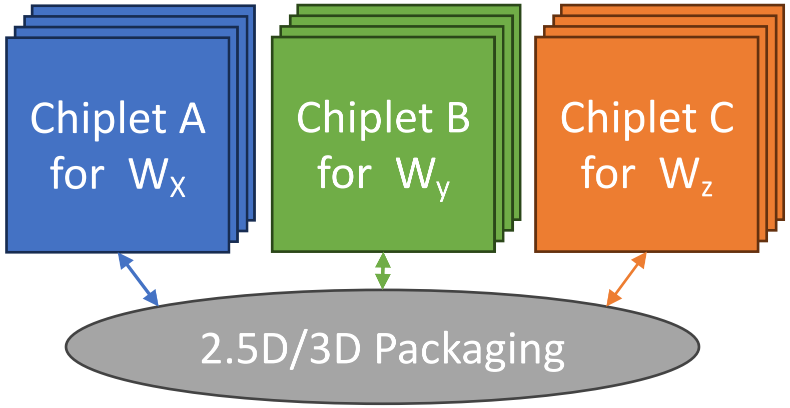
Carbon-aware Chip Design:

max Perf(W, d)
s.t. Pow(W, d) ≤ Pow_{Target}
Cost(d) ≤ $Cost_{Target}$
EmCrbn(d) ≤ $EmCrbn_{Target}$
OpCrbn(W, d, CI) ≤ $OpCrbn_{Target}$
d ∈ D
In: W, CI, Out: d_{opt} (∈ D)

W: Target workloads or proxy apps
D: A set of design points to explore
d (∈ D): A set of design parameters
X_{Target}: Target value for metric X
EmCrbn/OpCrbn: Embodied/operational carbon
CI: Typical carbon intensity of the target system

Alternative design goals [U. Gupta+ ISCA'22]:
Carbon-delay product
Carbon-delay^2 product

Hierarchical Optimization for 2.5D/3D Integrations:



Embodied Carbon in Production ≃ Manufacturing + Packaging

Both inter- and intra-chiplet optimizations matter!
* inter: manufacturing part, intra: packaging part

System Architecture and Procurement

System Optimization

Goal: Max SystemThroughput(Workloads)

Constraints:

Embodied Carbon Constraint

$$\sum_{All\ C} EmbodiedCarbon_i \leq Target$$

Best in Performance

The optimal system design will change by taking carbon into account!

The decision will be even harder due to the emerging architectures/devices!

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Embodied Carbon Budget + Operational Carbon Budget

Trade-off

$\propto$ System's Energy Budget

Perf: 1.5, Pow: 1
Cost: 1, EC: 1

The same procedure goes for all the other components

Best in Embodied Carbon

System Lifetime, Reuse, and Recycling

System Lifetime: Typically 4-6 years

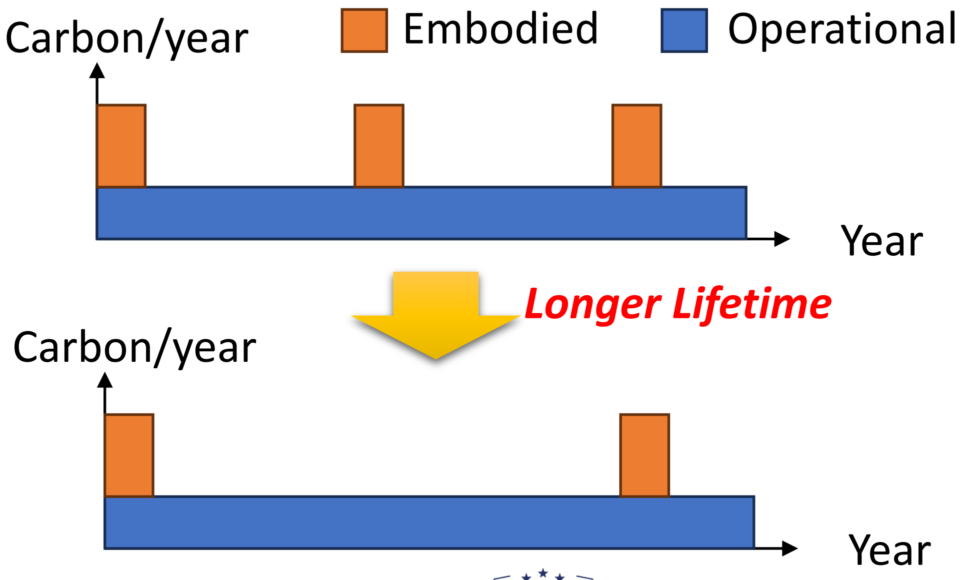
- Extending the lifetime will contribute to the embodied carbon reduction (right fig)

Reuse & Recycling: for reducing the carbon emissions in disposal & production

- **Reuse:** LRZ offers decommissioned machines to other public institutions for free
- **Recycling:** DRAM chips (DDR4=>DDR5), heat pipes, etc.

HPC System	Start of Operation	Decommissioned
SuperMUC	2012	2018
SuperMUC Phase2	2015	2019
SuperMUC-NG	2019	2024
SuperMUC-NG Phase2	2023	–

4-6yrs



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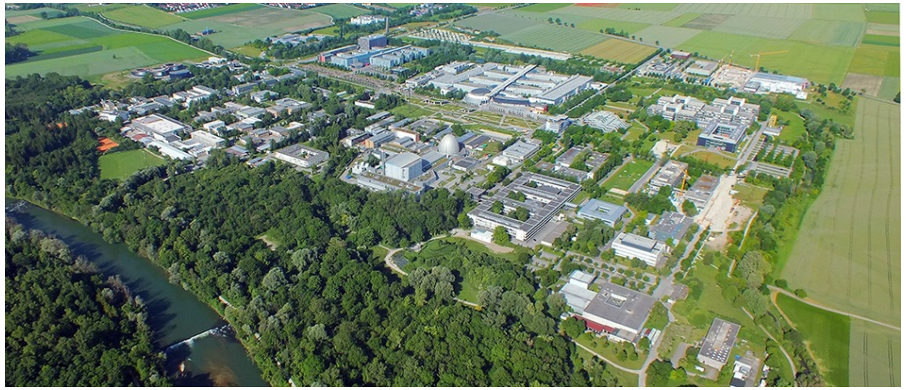
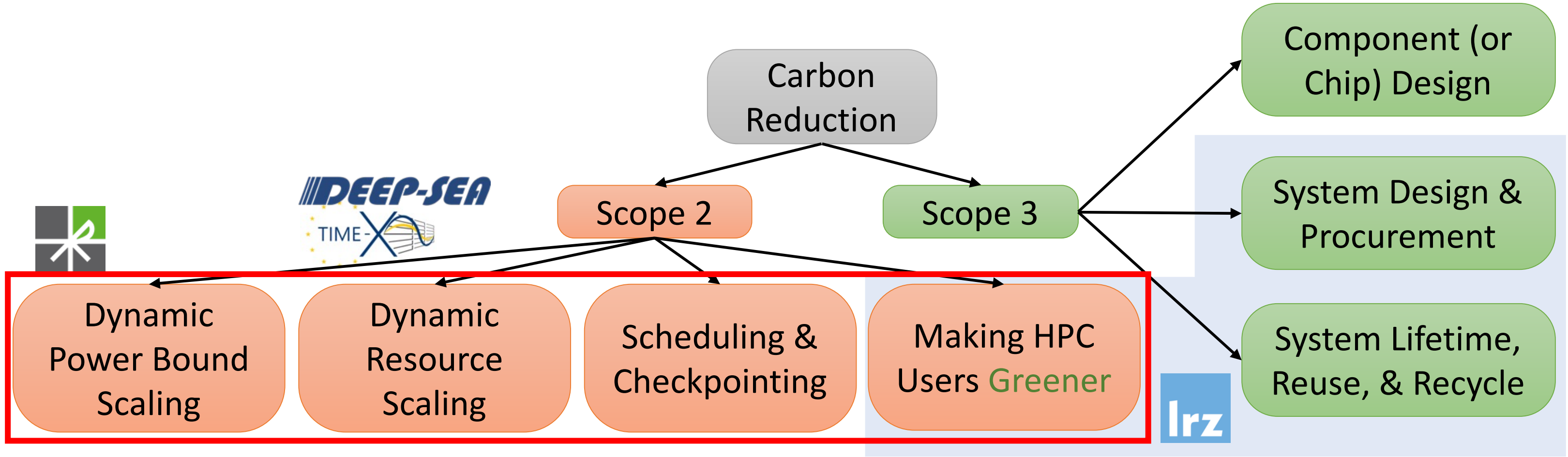
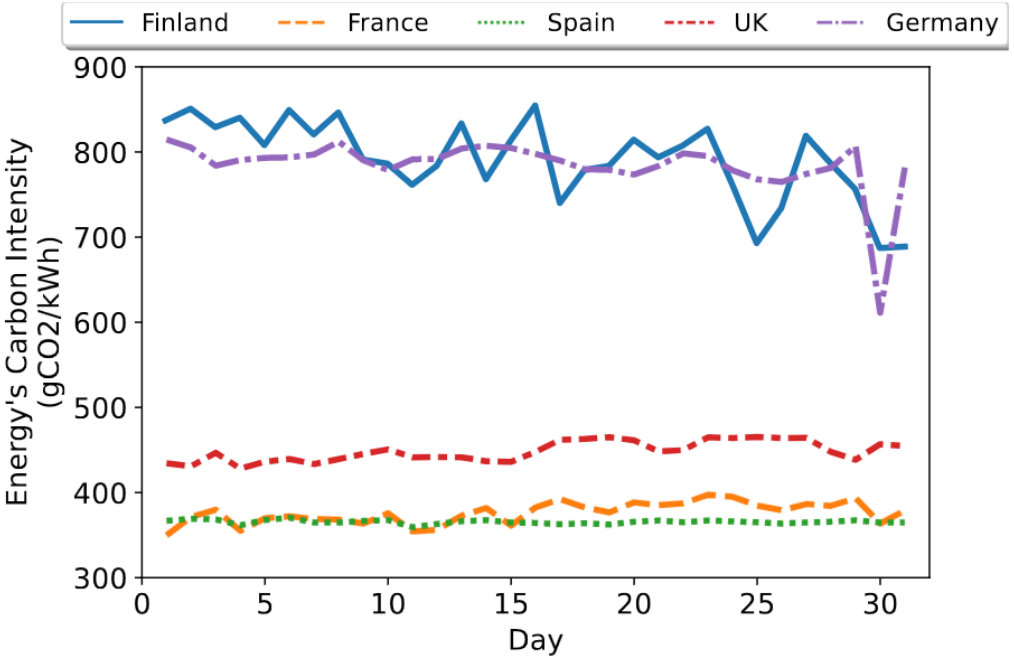




Reducing Operational Carbon (Scope 2)

- Operational Carbon Footprint = $\int CarbonIntensity * PowerConsumption\, dt$
- Carbon intensity depends on the location and can ***change over time***
- **Promising Approaches:** Scaling or shifting the following properties in accordance the carbon intensity
  1. System Power Bound
  2. System Scale (# of nodes)
  3. Peak Load

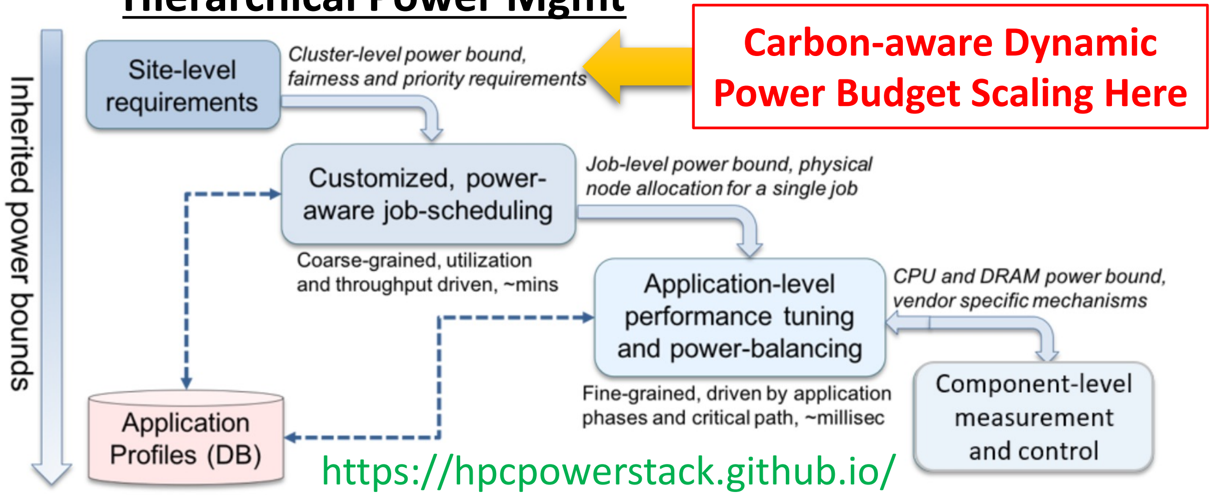
  * Existing energy/power reduction techniques generally ignore the carbon intensity



Carbon-aware Dynamic Power Budget Scaling

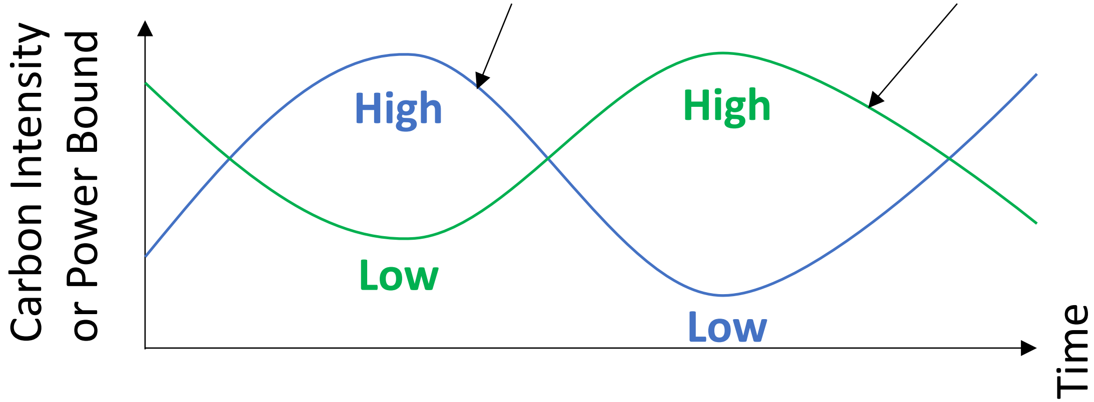
- A new use case of HPC PowerStack
- Scaling up/down the total system power bound based on the carbon intensity
  - Goal: to limit the operational carbon footprint within a given target

Hierarchical Power Mgmt

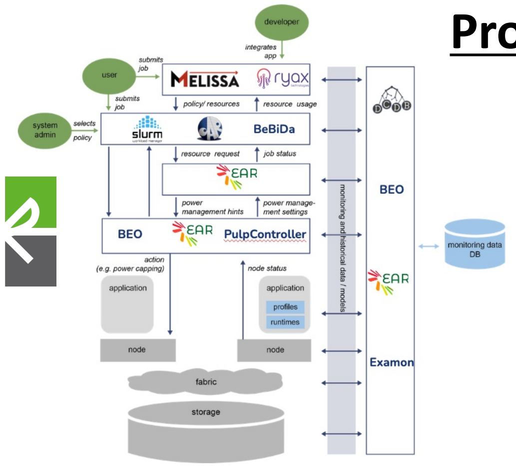


https://hpcpowerstack.github.io/

The Concept



Promising Solution



REGALE PowerStack

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e.g., watttime

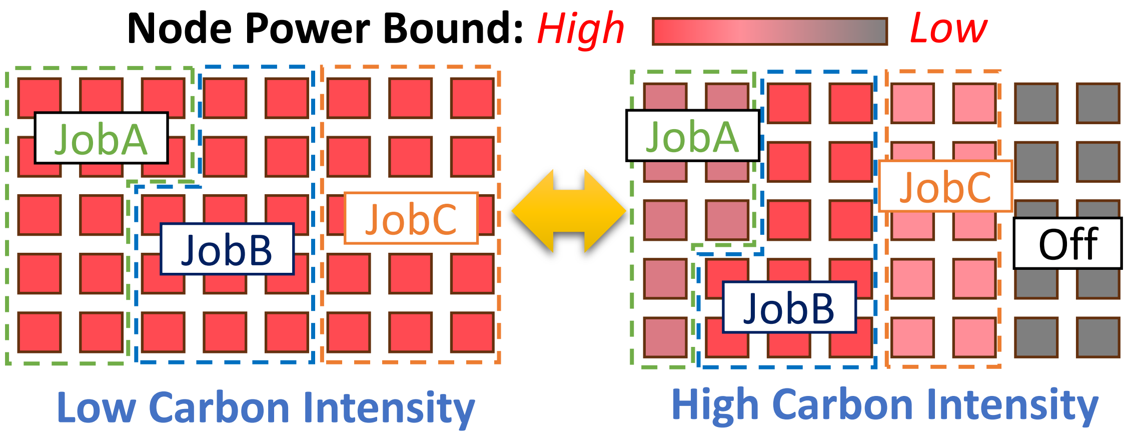
https://www.watttime.org/

Carbon Intensity Estimation Tools

Carbon-aware Dynamic Resource Scaling

- Dynamically adapt the system scale in accordance with the carbon intensity
- Change the resource assignments to running jobs – known as **malleability**
  - Should cooperate with **power budgeting**

Hierarchical/Dynamic Res. & Pow Mgmt



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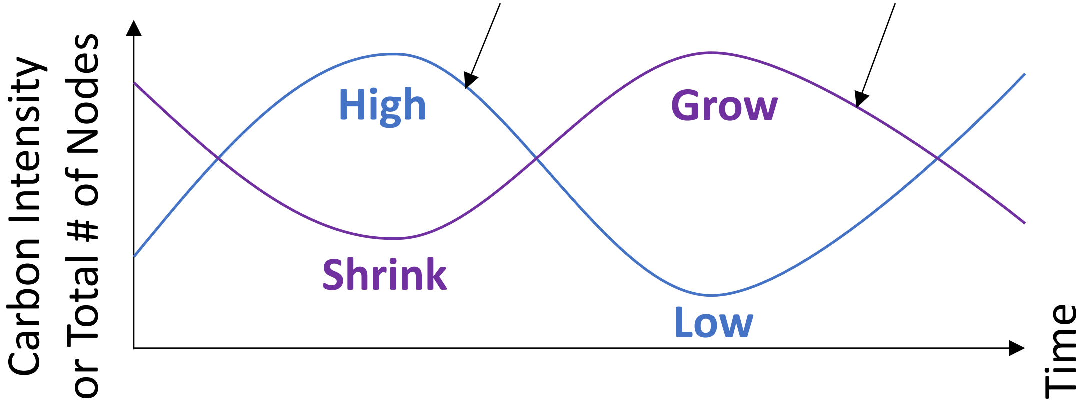

Ongoing Efforts toward Malleability Support

Closs Layer Support:

MPI + PMIx + slurm workload manager flux

Our Projects:

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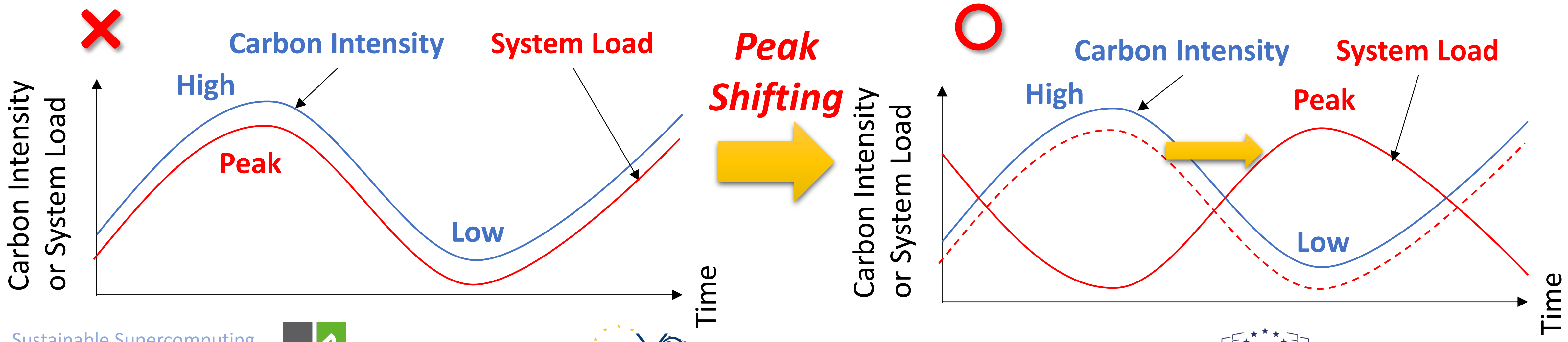
Carbon-aware Scheduling and Checkpointing

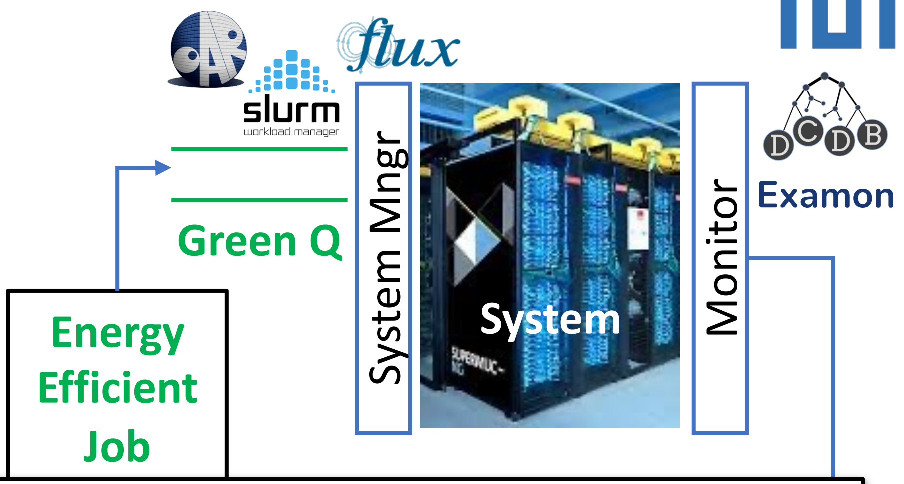
Concept: Adapt the system loads so as to have less jobs/loads when the carbon intensity is higher

Promising Solution: *Peak Load Shifting*

- **Proactive:** ***predict*** the duration of ***green*** ***(low carbon intensity) period*** and optimize the scheduling decisions (e.g., green period-aware backfilling)
- **Reactive:** suspending, checkpointing, and restarting (large) jobs



Making HPC Users Greener



- Users can also contribute to *peak shifting* & *energy footprint reduction*

Current HPC: Time is money and money is time

Future HPC: Carbon is money and money is carbon

Your job accounted for the same amount of CO_2 emissions as xxxxx, and as a result it consumed yy% of quota assigned to your project! You could save zz% of the quota consumption by simply following the steps below…

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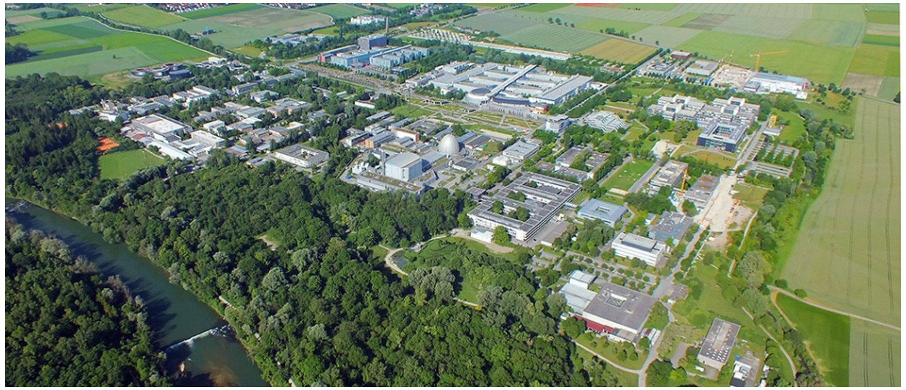
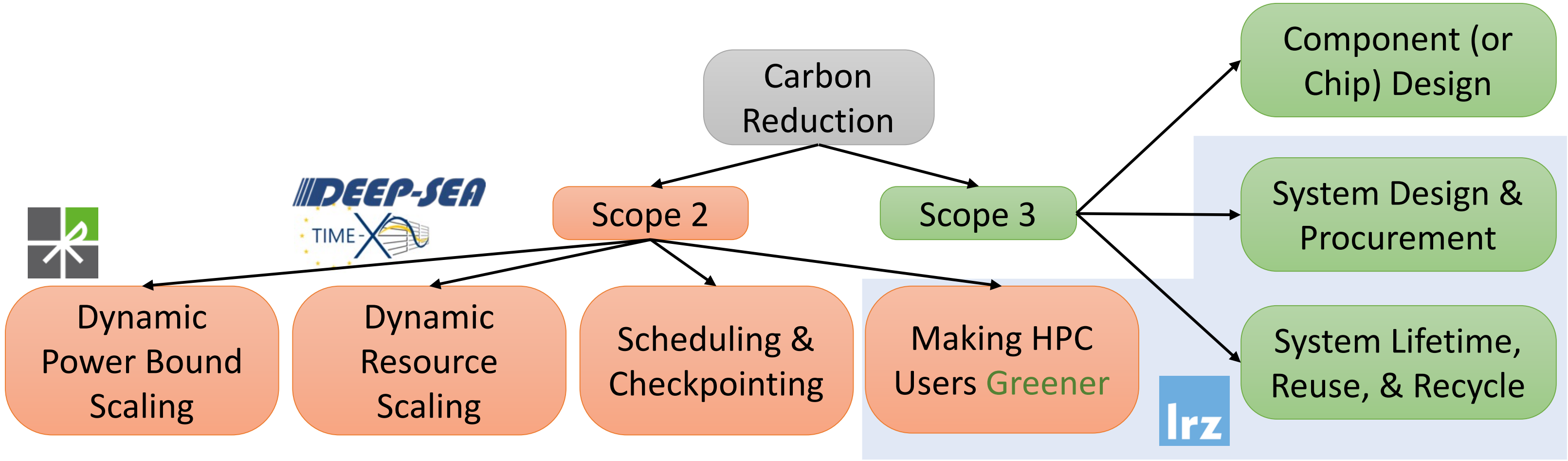
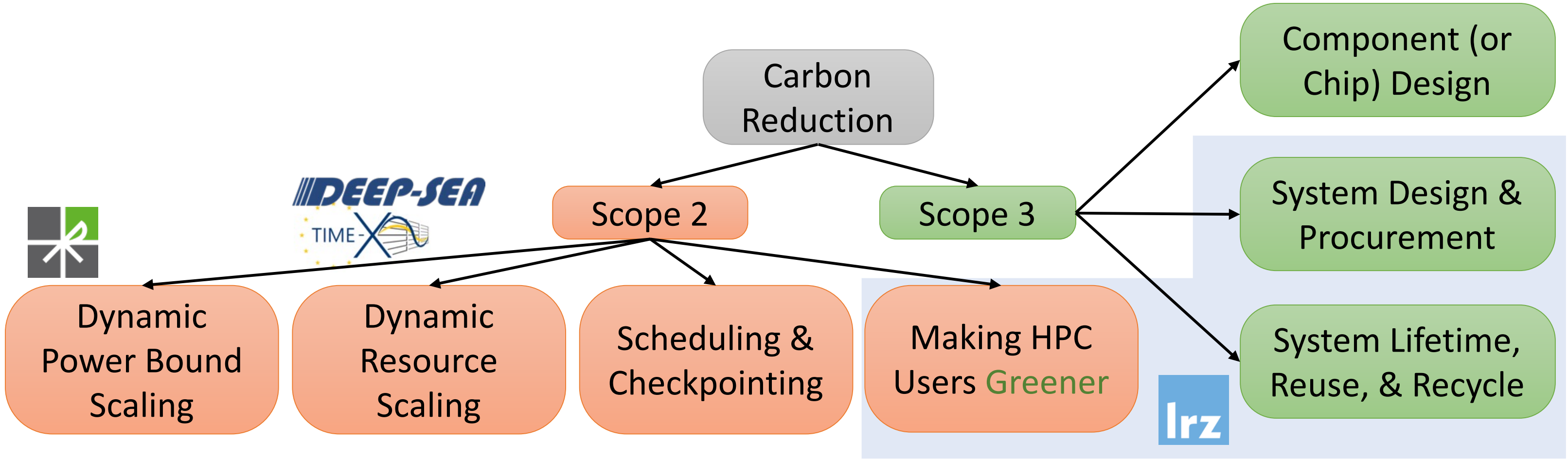




Concluding Remarks

- Carbon-aware supercomputing ≠ power-/energy-aware supercomputing!
- **Embodied Carbon Reduction (Scope 3):** Needs an end-to-end carbon-aware optimization from chip to system, and even procurement
- **Operational Carbon Reduction (Scope 2):** Needs (1) adaptive power, resource, & job management, and also (2) **green users**



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