

The Challenge and Promise of Scientific Computing

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Outline

- **Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Center for Computational Science (CCS)**
- **Promise of the Computational Scientist; Their Software Development Activities and Application**
- **Challenge of Delivering Leadership Class Petascale Computers**
- **Promise of Massively Parallel Vector Architectures (Cray X1, X2, ...)**

Center for Computational Sciences

DOE's Advanced Computing Research Testbed



Center for Computational Sciences

Established 1992 as part of DOE HPCRC program

- **Partnership in Computational Science**
 - A proposal to meet challenges of DOE HPCC program
- **One of two HPCRC centers (along with Los Alamos)**
- **User Facility designation (1994)**
- **Principal resource for SciDAC**



**Dr. Marburger,
Dr. Decker, and
Dr. Nelson at the
dedication of CCS**

Goals of the Center for Computational Sciences

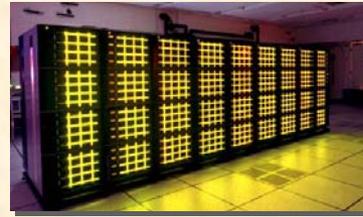
- Evaluate new computer hardware for science
- Procure the largest scale systems (beyond vendors design point) and develop software to manage and make them useful
- Deliver leadership-class computing for DOE science
 - By 2005: 50x performance on major scientific simulations
 - By 2008: 1000x performance
- Educate and train next generation computational scientist



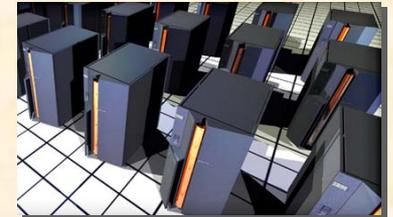
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(1954–60)



Cray X-MP
(1985)



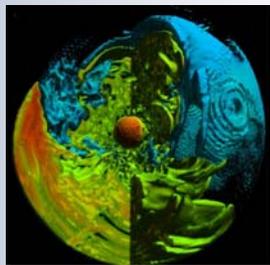
Intel XP/S 150
(1995)



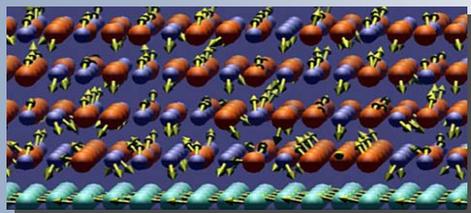
IBM
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Focused on grand challenge scientific applications

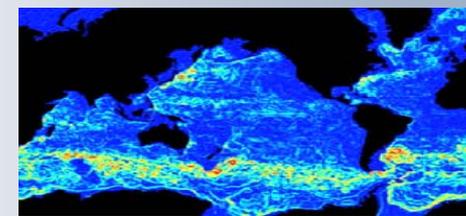
**SciDAC
Astrophysics**



**Genomes
to Life**

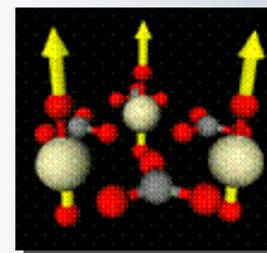


**Nanophase
Materials**

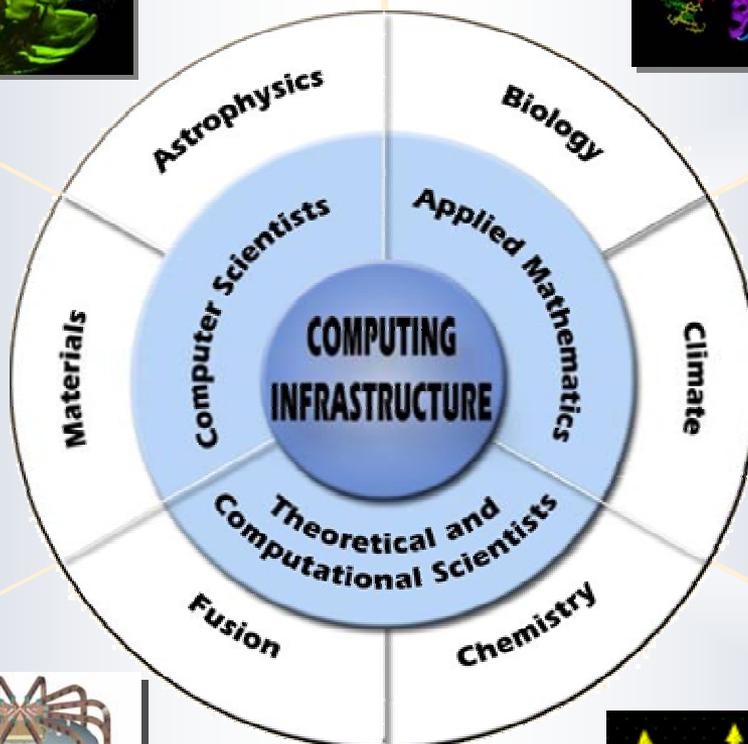


**SciDAC
Climate**

**SciDAC
Fusion**

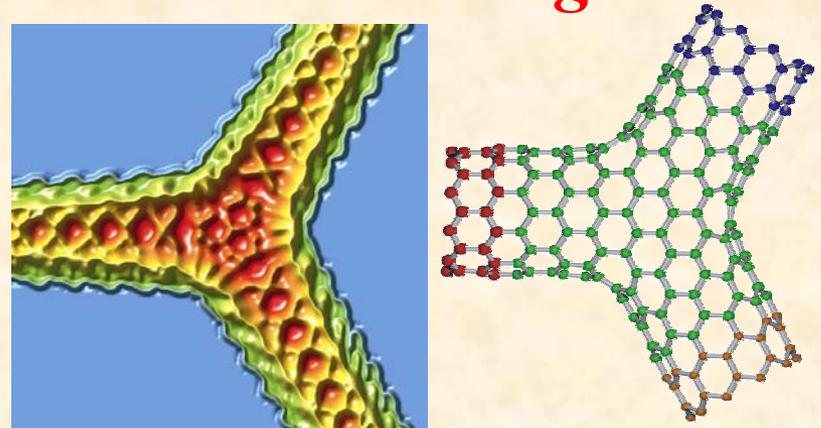


**SciDAC
Chemistry**



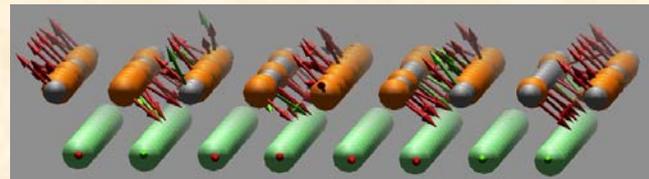
ORNL's Computational Materials Research Program

- Move from modeling bulk materials and film heterostructures modeling to modeling of 0D and 1D nanostructures
 - Predictive modeling of new data storage technology (magnetic / molecular)
 - Exploring and applying quantum effects
- Solve “big” materials science problems
 - Mechanism of high temperature superconductivity
 - Fundamental question on transport in 1D systems
- Move towards open source community codes / reorganize and integrate major codes and methods (multiscale modeling, physics at all length scales, integrate manybody and DFT methods)



Carbon nanotubes are quasi 1D quantum wires

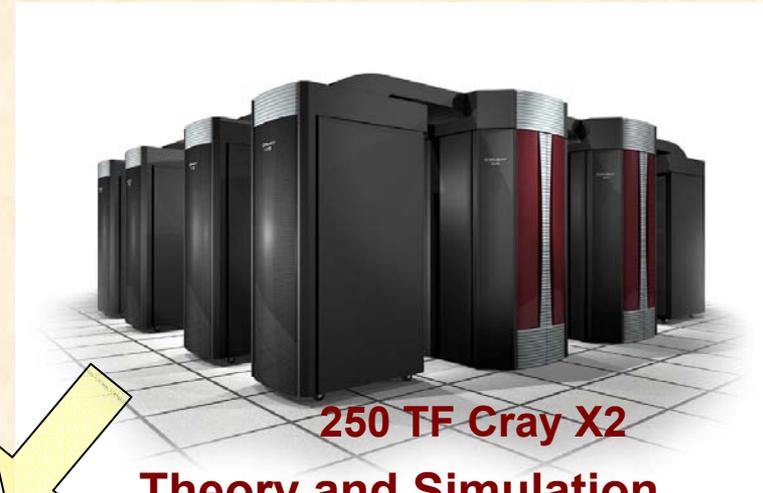
- Expected growth in nanosciences within DOE
 - 2003 \$133M
 - 2004 \$197M
 - 2005 \$217M
 - 2006 \$239M
- CNMS-NTI and Computational Nanoscience call are part of this



Spin structure of FeMn in proximity of Co 1D quantum wires

Nanoscience projections - unique opportunities for modeling

Spallation Neutron Source (SNS)
Center for Nanophase Materials Science (CNMS)

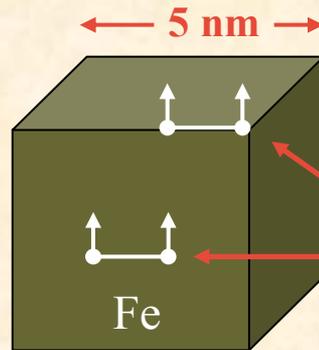


250 TF Cray X2

Theory and Simulation

Synthesis & Characterization

- ~ 12,000 atoms
- ~ 4,000 surface +sub



$$J_{ij}^{Bulk} \neq J_{ij}^{Surface}$$

Surfaces and interfaces are important; new quantum confinement phenomena require quantum description

First principles simulation size

Current largest 2176-atoms (3 TF)



Real device size

Nano dot: 5x5x5 (6TF)

Nano-wire: 10x10x60 (250TF)

New algorithms

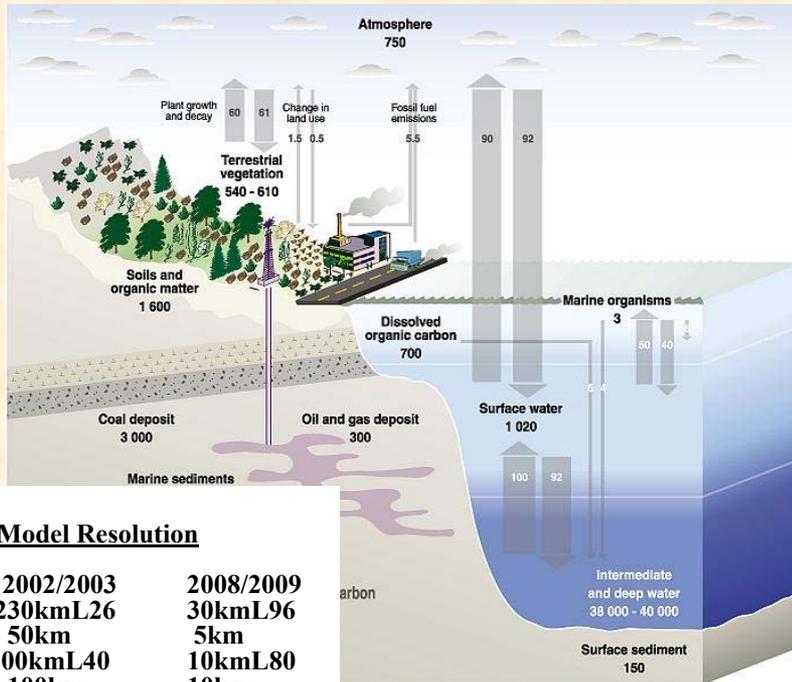


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Climate (CCSM) simulation resource projections

At current scientific complexity, a century simulation requires 12.5 days
 Single researcher transfers 80Gb/day and generates 30TB storage each year

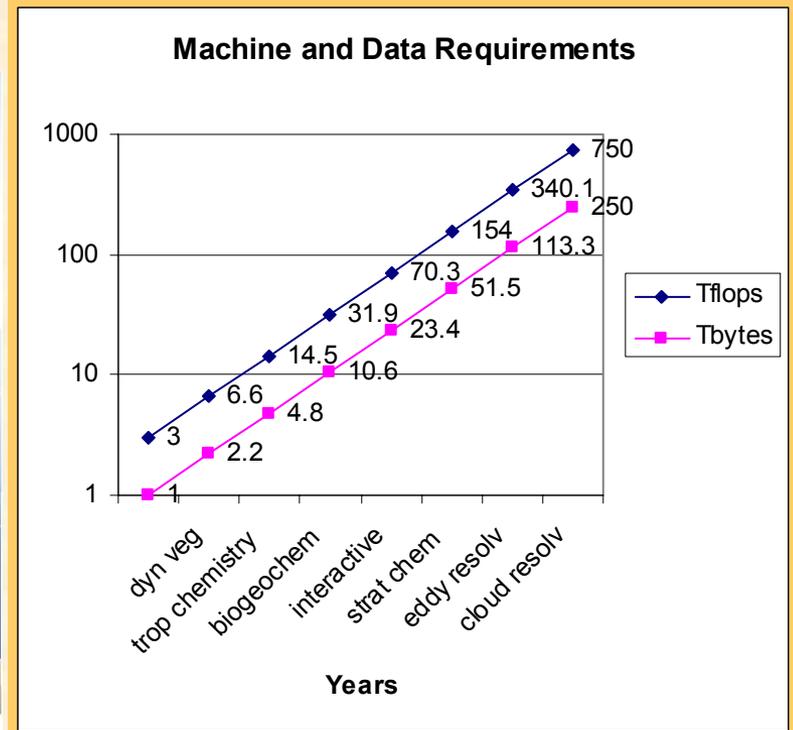
Science drivers: regional detail / comprehensive model



University of Wisconsin at Madison; Okanagan university college in Canada, state change 1995. The science of climate change, contribution of working group 1 to change, UNEP and WMO, Cambridge press university, 1996.

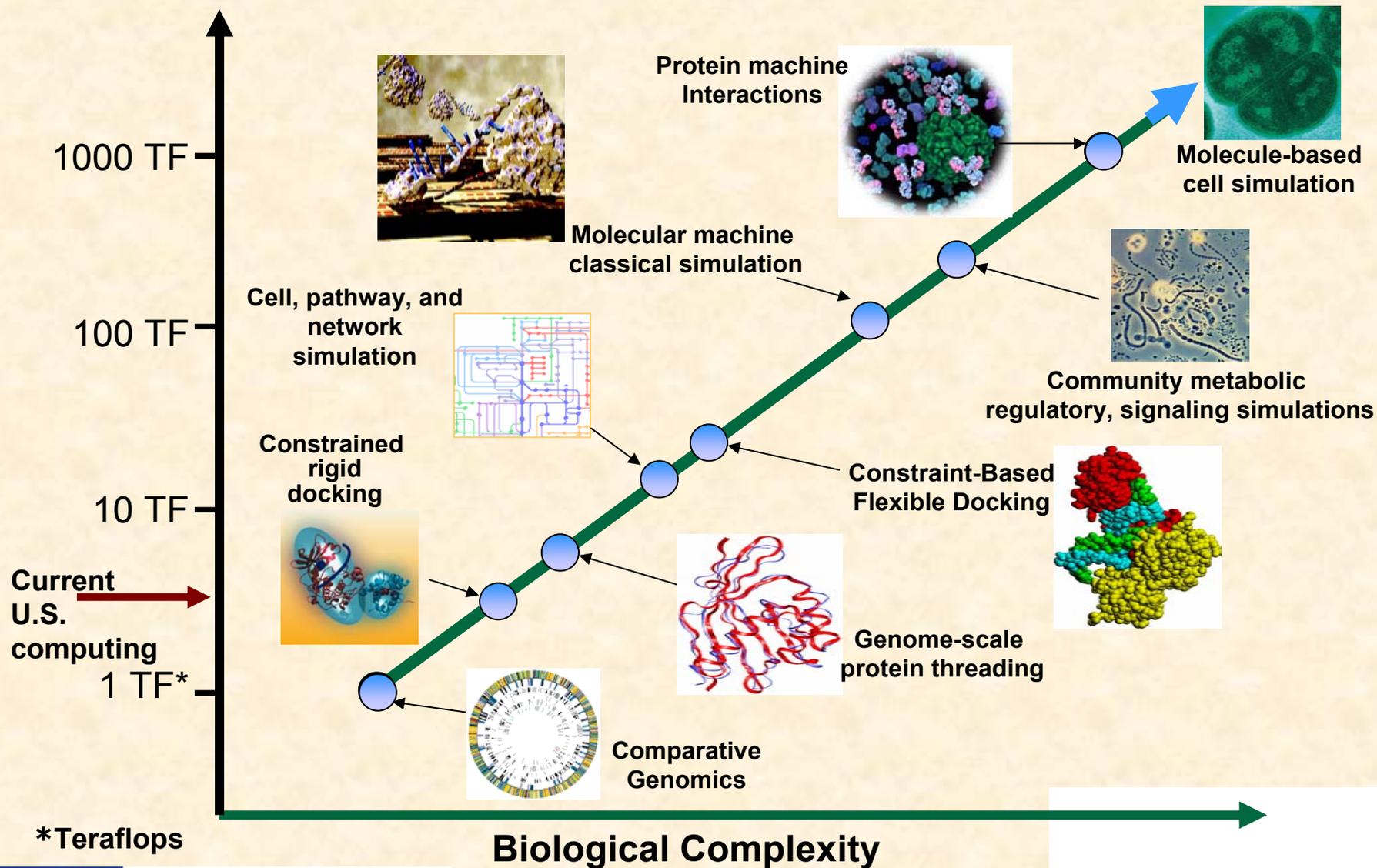
CCSM Coupled Model Resolution

Configurations:	2002/2003	2008/2009
Atmosphere	230kmL26	30kmL96
Land	50km	5km
Ocean	100kmL40	10kmL80
Sea Ice	100km	10km
Model years/day	8	8
National Resource (dedicated TF)	3	750
Storage (TB/century)	1	250



- Blue line represents total national resource dedicated to CCSM simulations and expected future growth to meet demands of increased model complexity
- Red line shows data volume generated for each century simulated

GTL resource projections



Proposed GTL Facilities: Computational Needs and Tools

Facility 1: Production and Characterization of Proteins (\$200M)

Computer tools to make sense of the data, develop reliable rules to guide production, characterization, labelling sites

- genome annotation
- regulatory element and operon identification
- metabolic pathway analysis

Facility 2: Whole Proteome Analysis (\$175M)

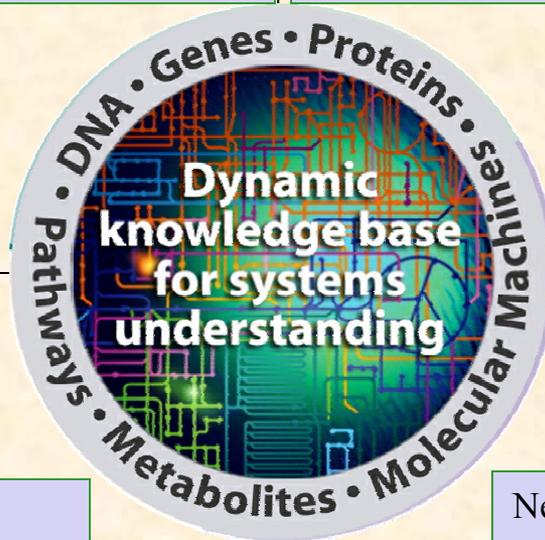
New computational tools for interpretation and modeling whole proteome data

- mass spec data analysis
- expression analysis and clustering
- metabolic and regulatory network modeling

Facility 3: Characterization and Imaging of Molecular Machines (\$225M)

Modeling and simulation of molecular machines, protein interaction mapping and image analysis

- image analysis
- mass spec analysis
- protein / machine modeling
- docking and molecular dynamics



Facility 4: Analysis and Modeling of Cellular Systems (\$285M)

New tools & infrastructure for analyses of cell state coupling experiment, analysis, and theory in a recursive fashion to reveal networks, function

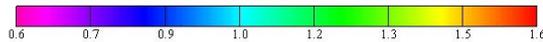
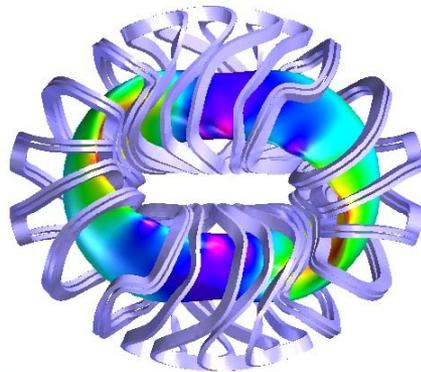
- metabolic simulation
- regulatory simulation
- cell modeling and simulations

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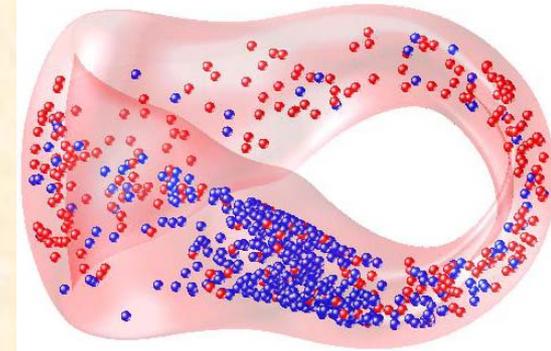
Compact stellarator science discoveries enabled by CCS computers

- **Advanced computation and modeling plays a critical role in fusion research**
 - Historical usage of super-computers, solving “Grand Challenge” problems. NERSC began existence as MFECC (Magnetic Fusion Energy Computer Center)
 - Fusion funded projects in SciDAC
- **CCS is already providing an increasing fraction of fusion computing – plasma turbulence problems (General Atomics, PPPL), MHD stability (PPPL, U. Wisc.), stellarator analysis (ORNL, PPPL), plasma waves (ORNL, MIT, PPPL)**

Physics/engineering based parallel optimizations used to synthesize innovative compact QPS stellarators



Massively parallel particle simulations for physics analysis



- **We expect the fusion program to grow (~FY05) and fusion computing to grow**
 - Presidential announcement of commitment to fusion energy
 - US rejoining ITER negotiations
 - OFES planning a new round of SciDAC projects (\$3M in FY04)
 - Planning a major initiative – Fusion Simulation Project (FSP), ~\$20M/yr for 5 yr, joint between OFES and OASCR
 - Ann Davies has announced that OFES SciDAC projects will be oriented toward laying basis for FSP
- **ORNL has strengths and can play major roles (fusion physics, computer science, computer hardware) in ongoing fusion computing, SciDAC, and FSP**

TeraScale Supernova Initiative

- Find the supernova explosion mechanism(s).
- Predict supernova element synthesis.
- Significantly advance the nuclear theory/particle theory frontier.
- Make it possible to use supernovae as nuclear and particle physics labs.
 - *Supernova models are bridge between observations and such discovery.*
- Predict supernova gravitational wave emission.
 - *The first LIGO detection may be of waves from a supernova!*
- Motivation and guidance for existing and proposed experimental facilities.
 - RIA; to better understand the nuclear physics of the r-process
 - National Underground Science Laboratory; site of a next generation supernova neutrino detection capability (1/2 Mton, extra-Galactic)
 - SNO; pivotal role in future supernova neutrino detection and analysis
 - RHIC; to characterize the properties of high density nuclear matter critical to our understanding of stellar core bounce dynamics

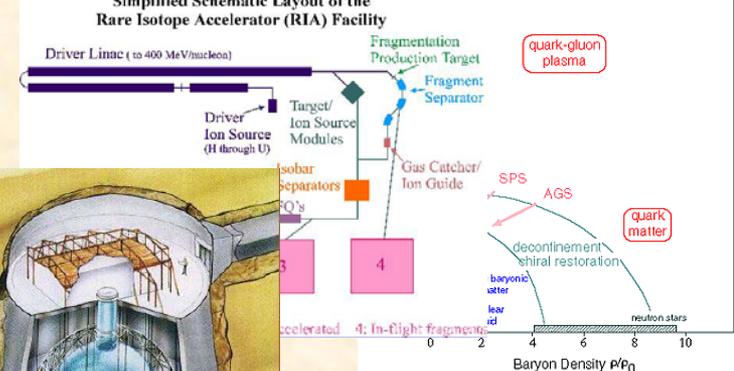
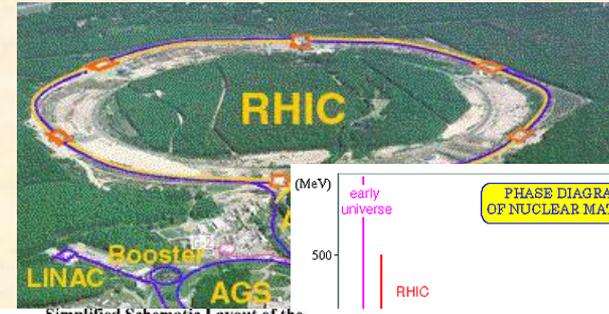
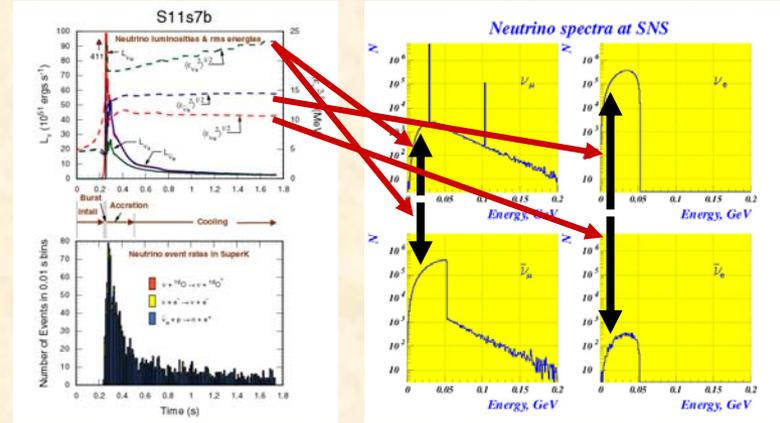


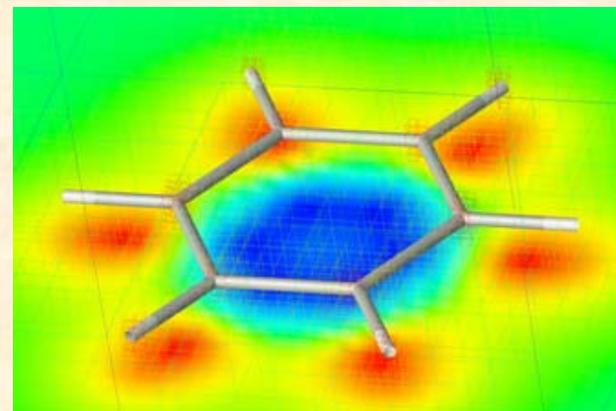
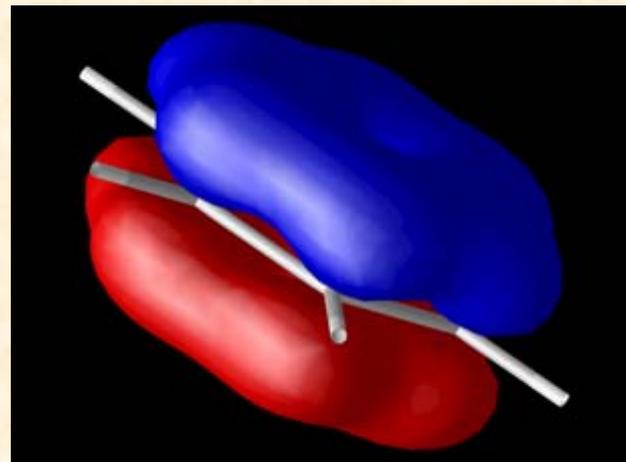
Figure III.1: Phase diagram of nuclear matter.



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Chemistry projections: advanced methods for electronic structure

- Objectives:
 - $O(N)$ methods free of basis set error
 - Functioning DFT, HF, gradients, TDDFT
 - Investigating correlated models
- Distinguishing features
 - Multiresolution in multiwavelet bases
 - Near-spectral precision
 - Efficient computation in high dimensions
- Impact
 - Fast methods with guaranteed precision
 - Reliable description of excited states, response properties, ...
 - Possible path to $O(N)$ electron correlation
 - New framework for chemical computation
- Requirements
 - Fully quantitative coupled cluster for catalysis or combustion
 - $O(10^2)$ TB memory, $O(10^3)$ TB disk
 - Decades of TFLOP/s of computation



A decade of firsts (1992-2002)

1992

First Paragon XP/35
KSR1-64
CCS formed



1993

PVM used to create
first International
Grid

1994

PVM wins R&D 100

1995

Install Paragon XP/150
Worlds fastest computer
Connected by fastest
network OC-12 to Sandia

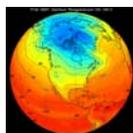


1996

ORNL-SNL create first
high-performance
computational Grid



First OSC TeraFLOP peak system



2000

Longstanding climate simulation milestone
first met on CCS Compaq

2001



First IBM Power 4
SciDAC leadership
Human Genome

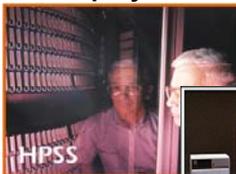
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Design changes for
X2 based on ORNL-
Cray partnership

Construction starts
on new CCS building
World class DOE
facility

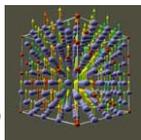
1997

R&D 100 Award for
successful development
and deployment of HPSS



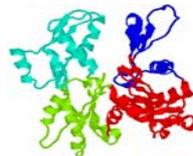
1998

Developed first
application to
sustain 1 TF



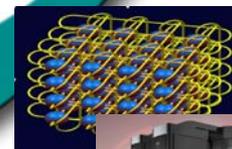
1999

NetSolve wins R&D 100
ATLAS wins R&D100



2002

IBM Blue Gene CRADA
to develop super scalar
algorithms begins



Partnership with
Cray on X1 begins

U.S. HPC community: Where are we? CoGS

- **Clusters of General-purpose SMPs**
- **Clusters**
 - Multiple independent systems
 - Interconnected
- **General purpose**
 - Not designed specifically for HPC
- **SMPs**
 - Multiple processors per system
 - Shared memory

CoGS dominate U.S. HPC

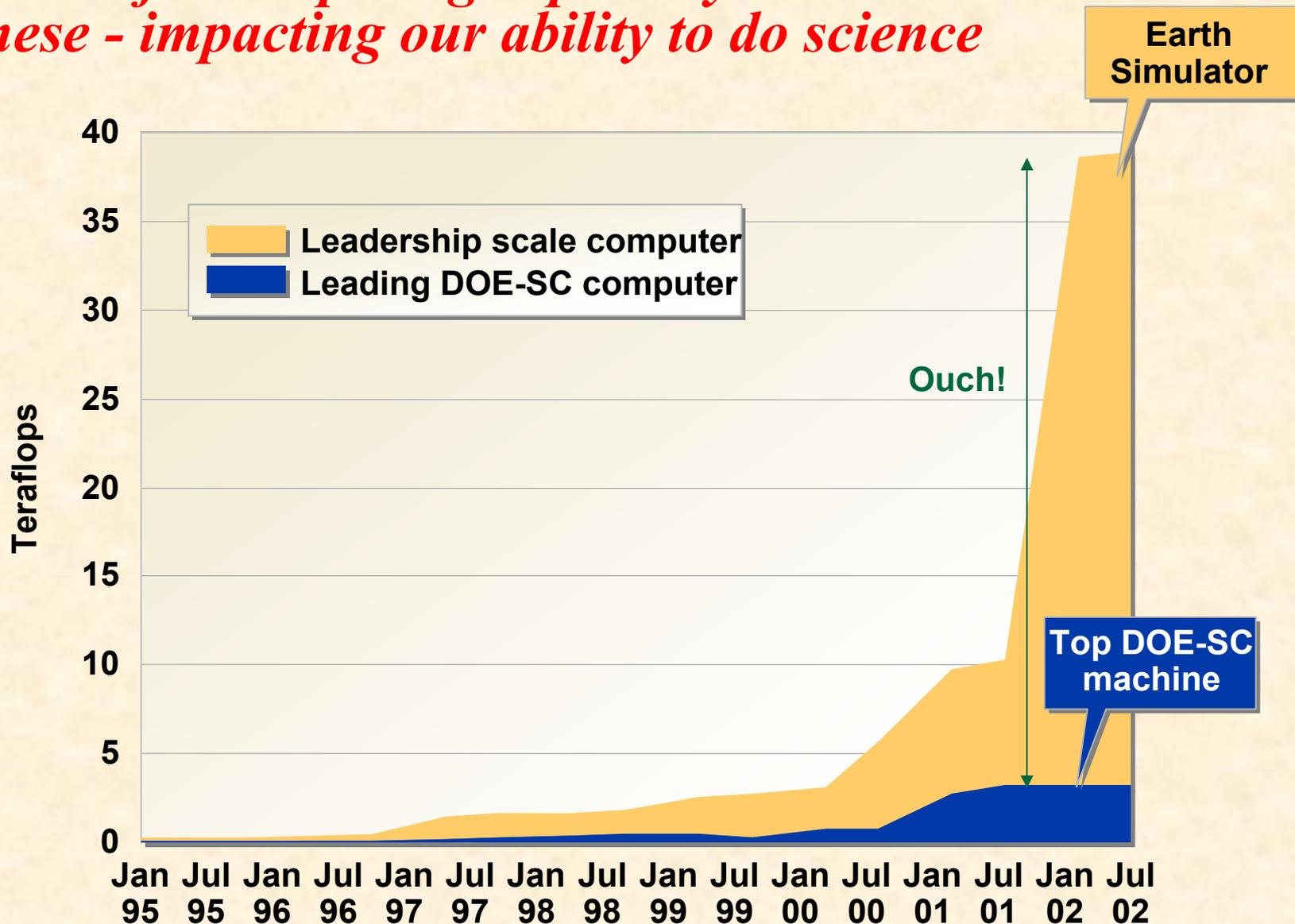
- Largest DOE systems
 - **NNSA: LANL (HP), LLNL (IBM, Intel)**
 - **SC: LBL (IBM), ORNL (IBM), ANL (Intel), PNL (Intel)**
- Largest NSF systems
 - **PSC (HP), NCAR (IBM), SDSC (IBM), NCSA (Intel)**
- Largest (**known**) DOD systems
 - **NAVO (IBM), ARL (IBM)**
- Largest of other US agencies
 - **NOAA (Intel), NASA (HP)**
- Largest state systems
 - **LSU (Intel), SUNY (Intel), FSU (IBM), NCSC (IBM)**

CoGS example



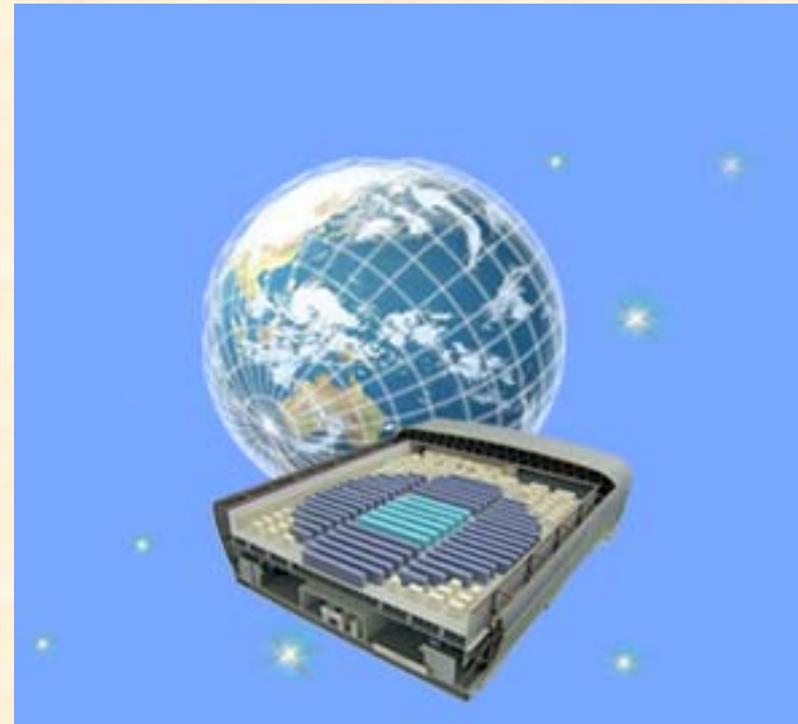
- **ORNL CCS Cheetah**
- **27 IBM p690 systems**
 - **32 processors each (1.3 GHz Power4)**
 - **32-128 GB of shared memory**
- **IBM Switch2 interconnect**
- **4.5 TF of peak performance**

U.S. scientific computing capability is 20x behind the Japanese - impacting our ability to do science



What is the Earth Simulator?

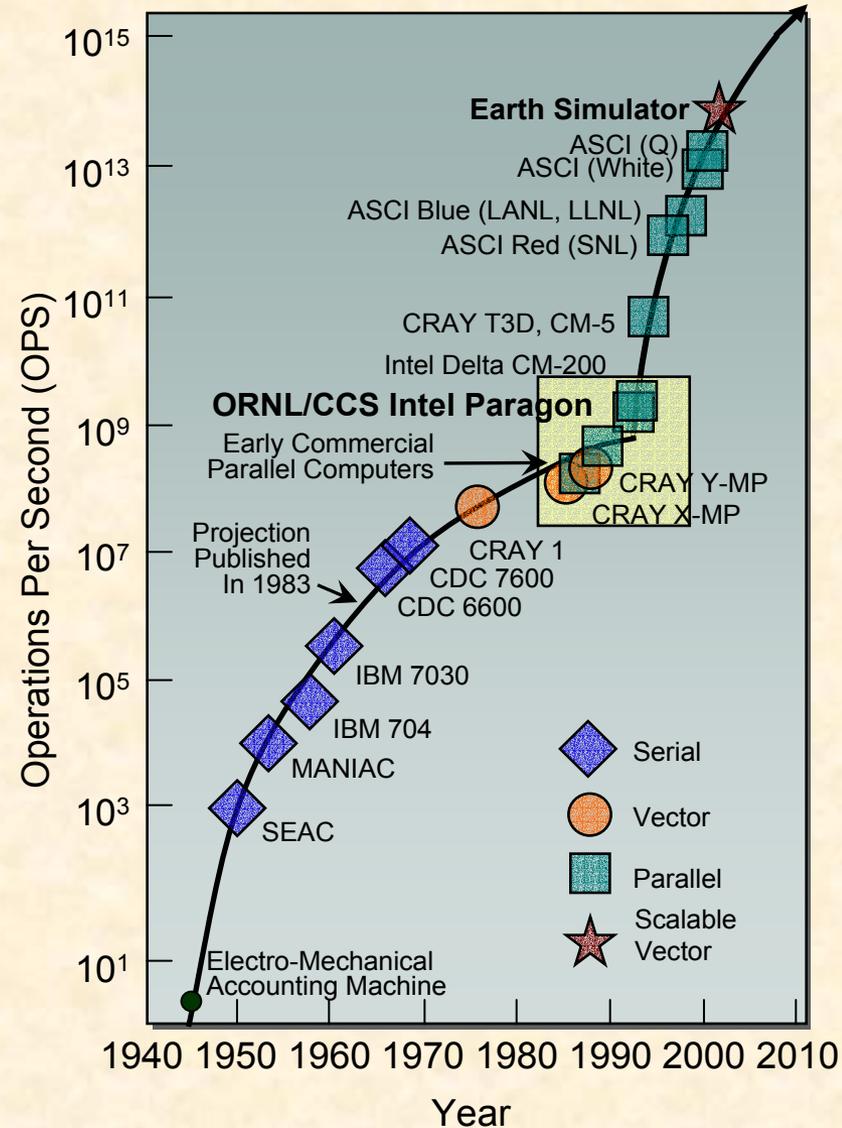
- **A building**
- **An SMP cluster!**
 - **640 NEC SX-6 systems**
 - **8 processors each**
 - **16 GB of shared memory each**
- *Not* **general purpose**
 - **Vector processors**
 - **Ultra-high memory and interconnect bandwidths**



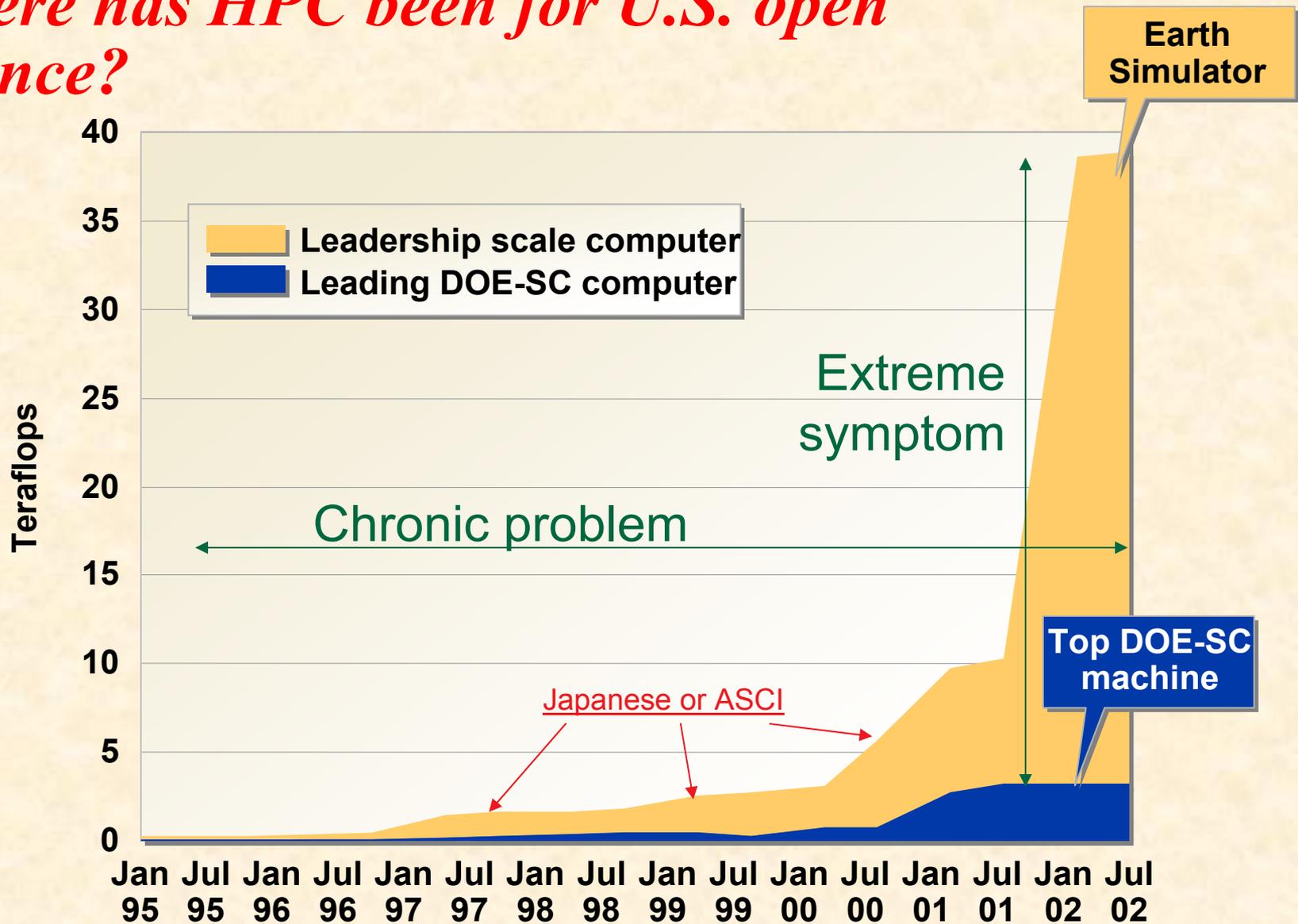
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Where have we been?

- HPC crisis in late 1980's
- HPCRC program advanced massively parallel processing (MPP)
- CoGS took over in 1990's
 - Adaptation of general-purpose systems
 - Attrition and consolidation of vendors
- Behind!



Where has HPC been for U.S. open science?



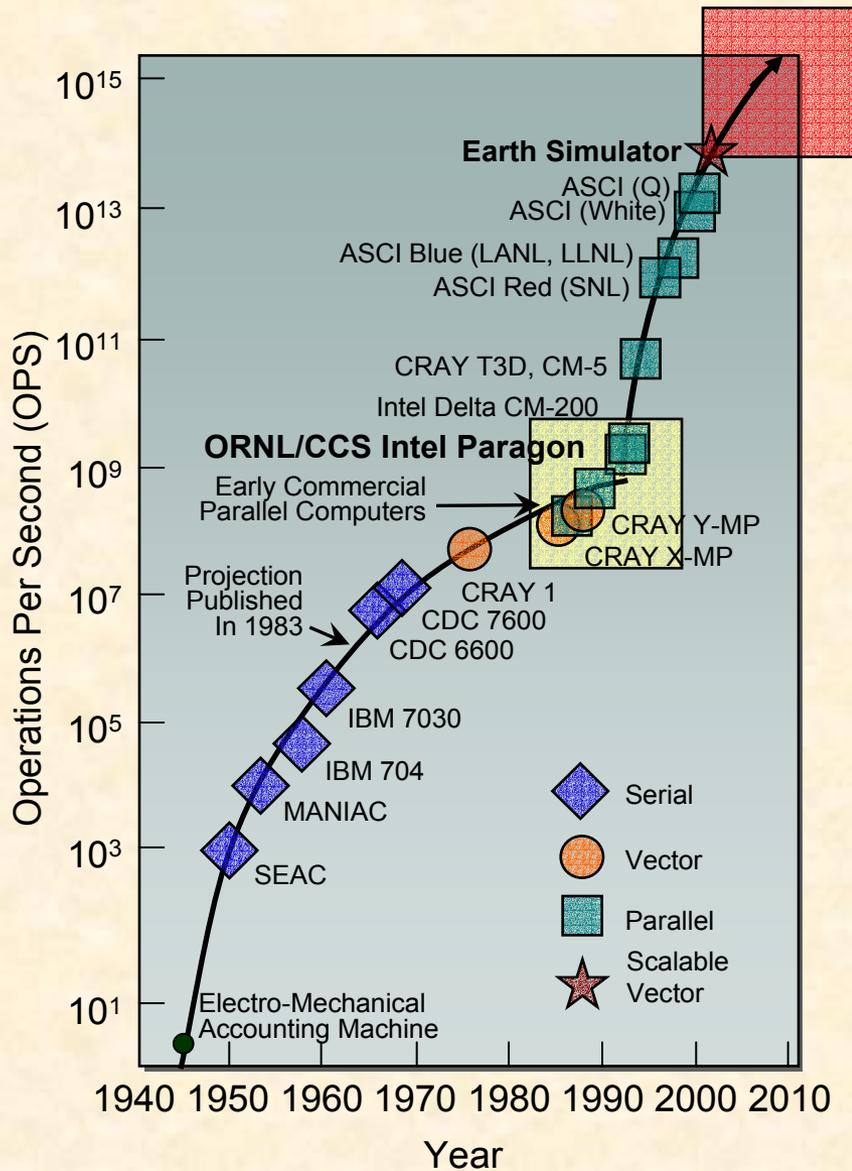
Even though clusters of general purpose SMPs dominate U.S. HPC....

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- Largest (**known**) DOD systems
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- Largest of other US agencies
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... the research community we serve and our users found:

- **Increasing**
 - **Processor speed**
 - **Parallelism**
 - **Algorithm efficiency**
 - **Computational requirements for scientific simulation**
 - **Relative memory and interconnect latencies**
 - **Power consumption**
 - **Heat generation**
 - **System complexity**
 - **Software complexity**
- **Decreasing**
 - **Relative memory bandwidth**
 - **Relative interconnect bandwidth**
 - **Relative I/O speed**
 - **% of peak performance**

Our users requested a balanced, leadership-class system based on science needs



How do we get there? DOE is the agency that has the experience to provide leadership in scientific computing for the nation.

- 30 years of experience operating the world's largest computing facilities
- Mission goal to solve computational grand challenges in nanotechnology, biology, and climate among others
- Office of Science Labs foster multidisciplinary teams required for large science
- SC culture provides the organizational framework needed for development of community codes
- SciDAC initiative supplies the needed software infrastructure for large scale scientific computing

Charge from Dr. Orbach

- **U.S. cannot afford to be behind in an enabling tool with broad impact in U.S. Scientific Leadership in areas such as nanotechnology, biotechnology, fusion and climate by a factor of 10 to 50 or more**
- **Review “. . . current state of the national computer vendor community relative to high performance computing”**
- **“. . . Vision for what realistically should be accomplished in the next five years within the Office of Science in high performance computing”**

**Ray Orbach, Director
Office of Science**



Office of Science Vision: FY04 - FY08

Scientific Discovery Through 21st Century Computation

- Develop computer architectures that will dramatically improve hardware performance on DOE scientific problems.
- Develop scientific simulation codes to fully exploit the capabilities of terascale computers for DOE problems.
- For Simulation of:
 - Climate
 - Nano-Materials
 - Protein Folding
 - Cell Functions via Genomes to Life
 - Origins of Mass (QCD)
 - Quark-Gluon Plasma
 - Fusion Confinement
 - Combustion

Revolutionary New Materials Through Nanoscience

- Five Nanoscale Research Centers linked to large scientific research instruments at the DOE National Labs to enable:
 - High Efficiency energy storage & conversion.
 - Miniature sensors.
 - Nanocatalysts with enhanced specificity and reactivity.
 - Novel materials that are light weight, strong and conductive.
 - Low cost, high-efficiency photovoltaic cells.
 - Low activation materials for high-temperature applications

National Security, a Clean Environment & Energy Security Through Basic Research

- Demonstrate the scientific and technical feasibility of fusion energy on ITER by 2020.
- New materials for lighter weight vehicles, more efficient engines, more efficient photovoltaic cells.
- Harnessing microbes, microbial communities and other organisms to produce energy, sequester carbon, and remediate hazardous waste sites.

Uncovering the Origins of Time and Matter

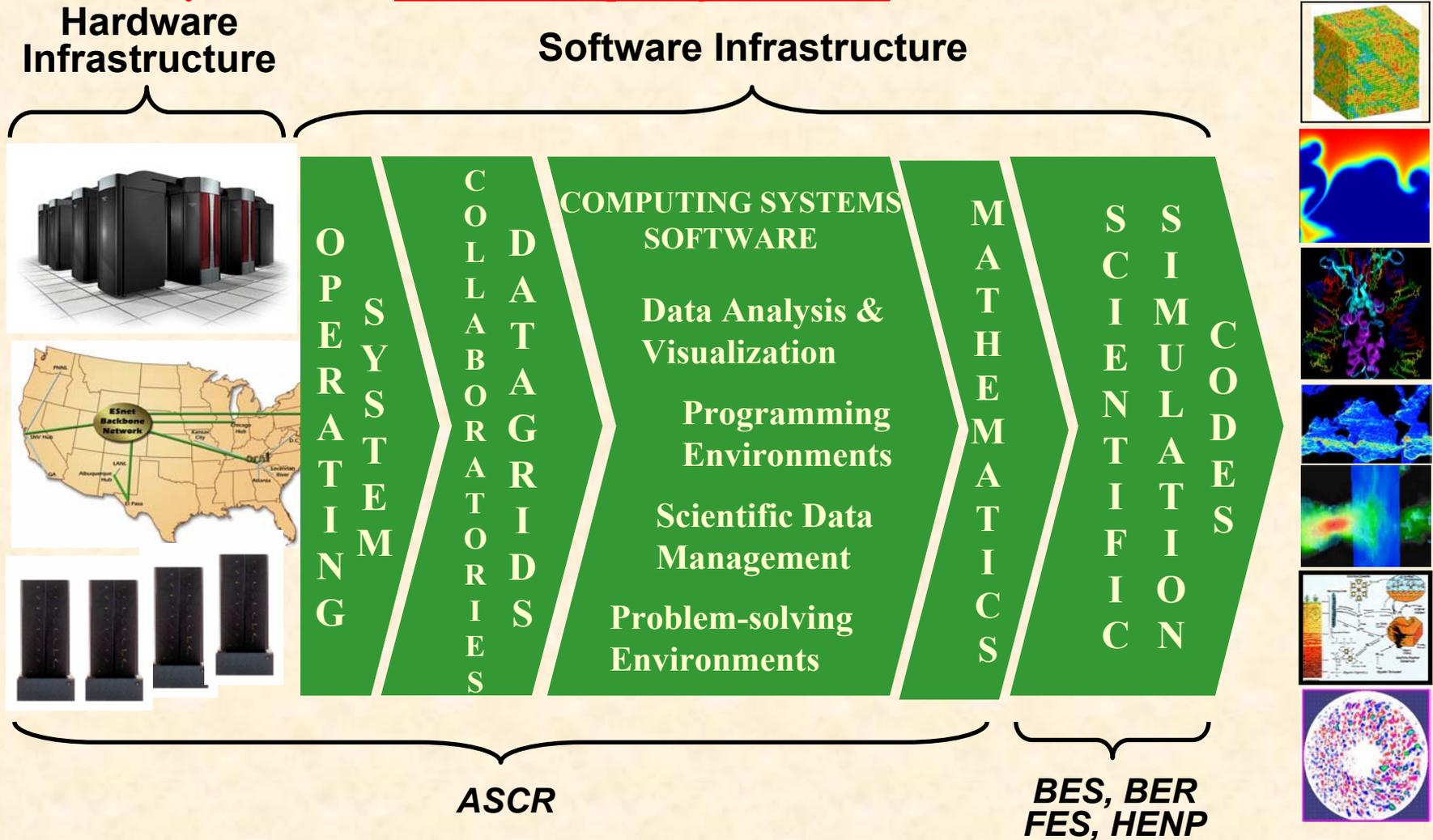
- Understand the origins of the Universe:
 - Mass
 - Accelerating Universe
 - Beginning of Time
 - Dominance of Matter over Anti-matter
- Create the quark-gluon plasma that existed immediately after the "Big Bang", providing fundamental insights in the evolution of the early universe.
- Nature of Quarks and Gluons: internal structure of protons and neutrons.

Tomorrow's Science and Technology Capabilities

- By 2004: Initiate pilot "Laboratory Science Teacher Professional Development Program".
- By 2006: Provide hands-on experience in science and math research to 2,500 K-14 teachers each year.
- By 2006: Complete Spallation Neutron Source for improved drugs and materials.
- By 2008: Complete 5 unique Nanoscience Research Centers, providing the tools for nanoscale machines, designer materials & medical advances.
- By 2009: Construct a Linear Coherent Light Source, providing the ability to image atoms.

SciDAC provides the foundation

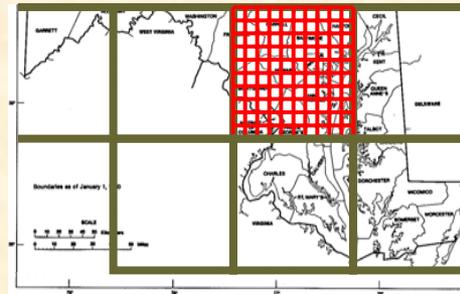
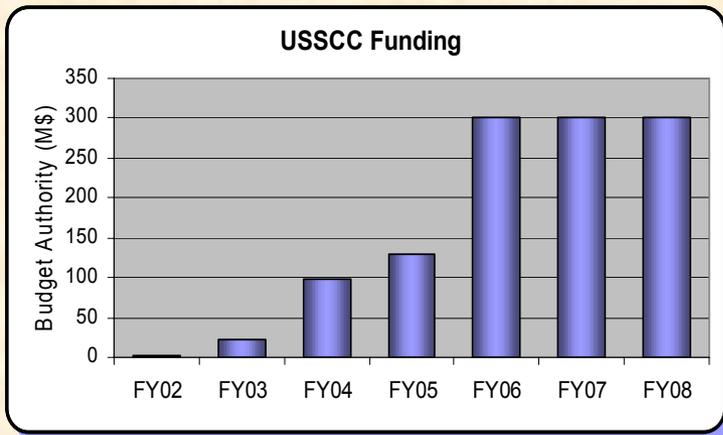
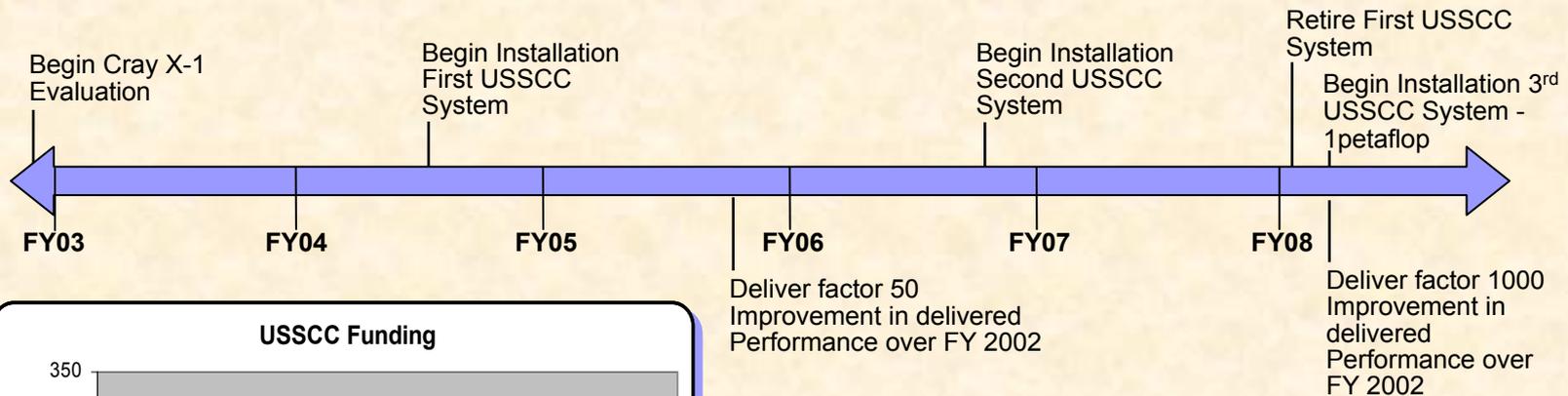
Community Models on SciDAC Computing Resources



Office of Science proposed a plan to provide leadership in scientific computing for the Nation

GOALS: Deliver UltraScale Scientific Computing Capability (USSCC):

- By 2005: Deliver computational performance 50 times greater than now achieved for selected scientific modeling problems
- By 2008: Deliver computational performance a 1,000 times greater than is now achieved for selected scientific modeling problems



DOE-SC has a unique opportunity and responsibility to provide leadership in computational science

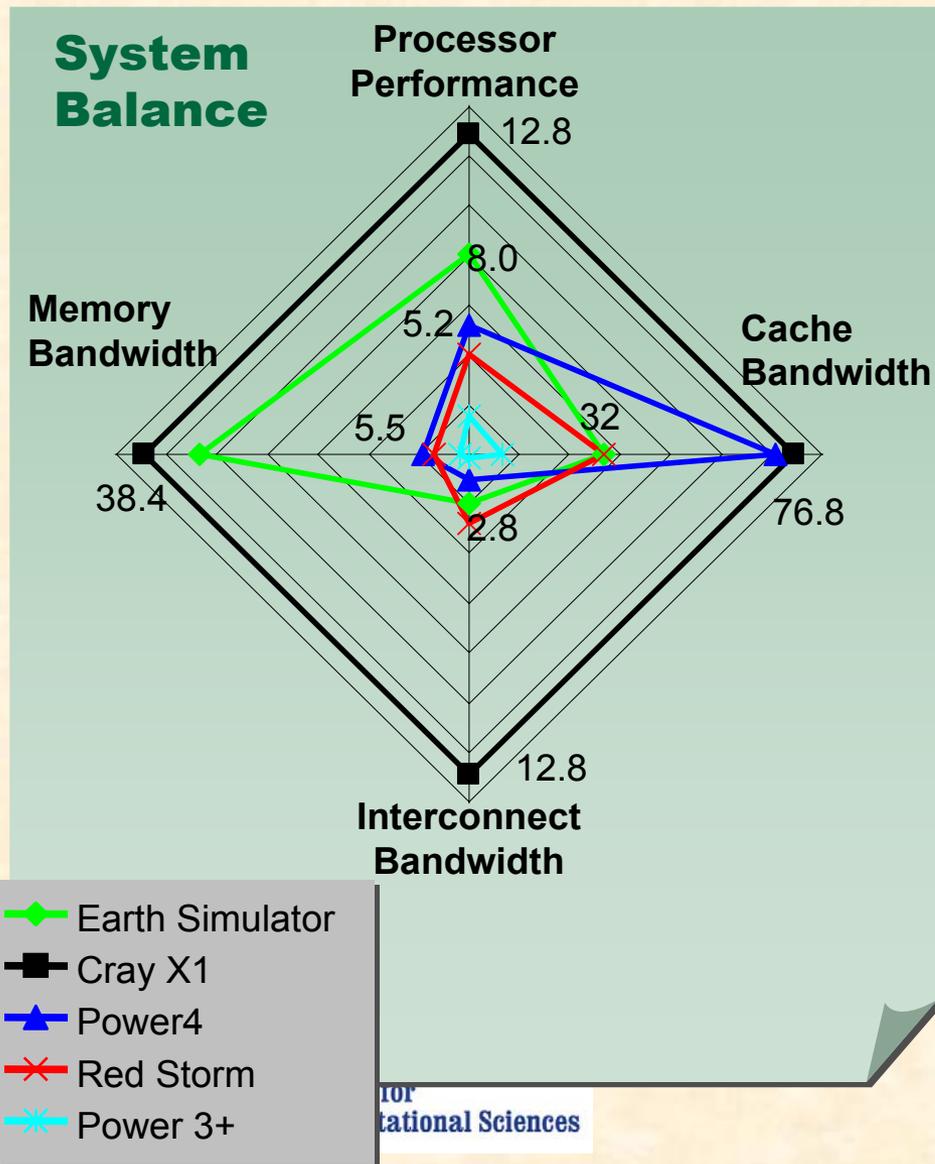
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Implementing Actions

- **Begin Cray X-1 Evaluation at ORNL**
- **Begin Installation First Leadership Class System**
 - **Deliver factor 50 Improvement in delivered Performance over FY 2002**
 - **Cray X-1 is the best U.S. option for such a system**

Our users requested a balanced system based on science needs



Cray X1



- 12.8 gigaflops processor
- 64 processors per cabinet
- Cray X1 offers best opportunity for delivered performance in scientific computation
- **Limitations: Unproven system**
 - Scaling problems to overcome
 - Stability of system software

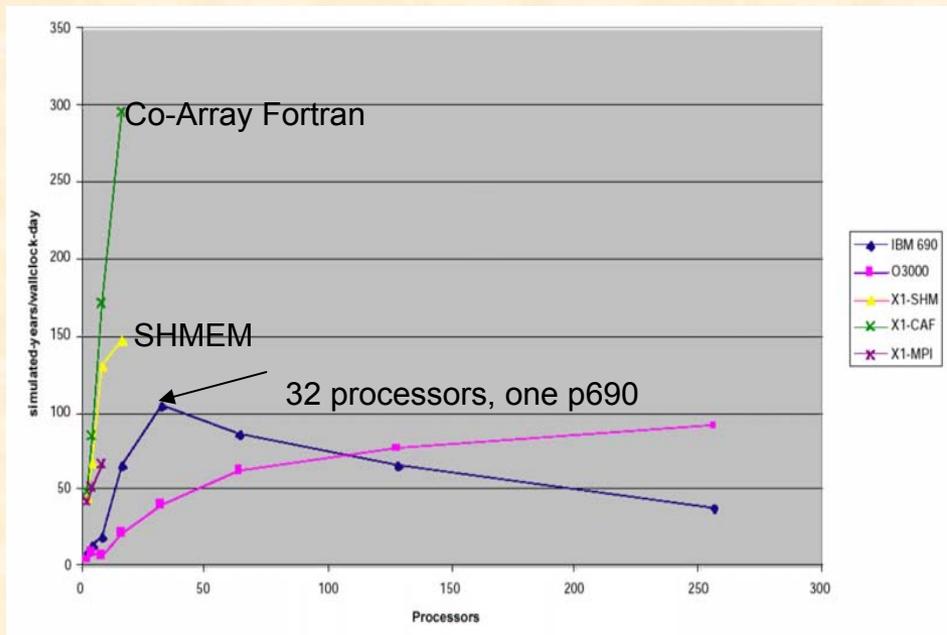
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Preliminary X1 evaluation promising

	SX6 (MFlops)	X1 (MFlops)
Climate code 	3,400	5,100
Matrix Multiply	4,000	10,000
Ocean Model		
Kernel A	3,900	4,400
Kernel B	2,500	2,700
Kernel C	1,000	700
Kernel D	1,800	1,400
FE Weather Code		
Kernel A	84	540
Kernel B	2,000	5,900
Kernel C	150	5,300
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Kernel A	2,700	4,900

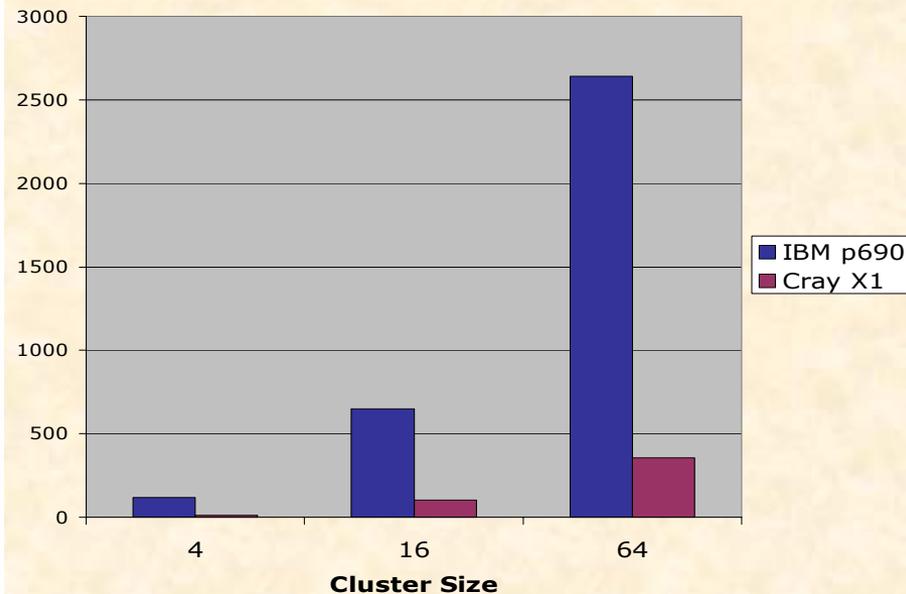
Preliminary climate and materials performance on Cray X1 promising

Climate



POP Performance (higher is better)

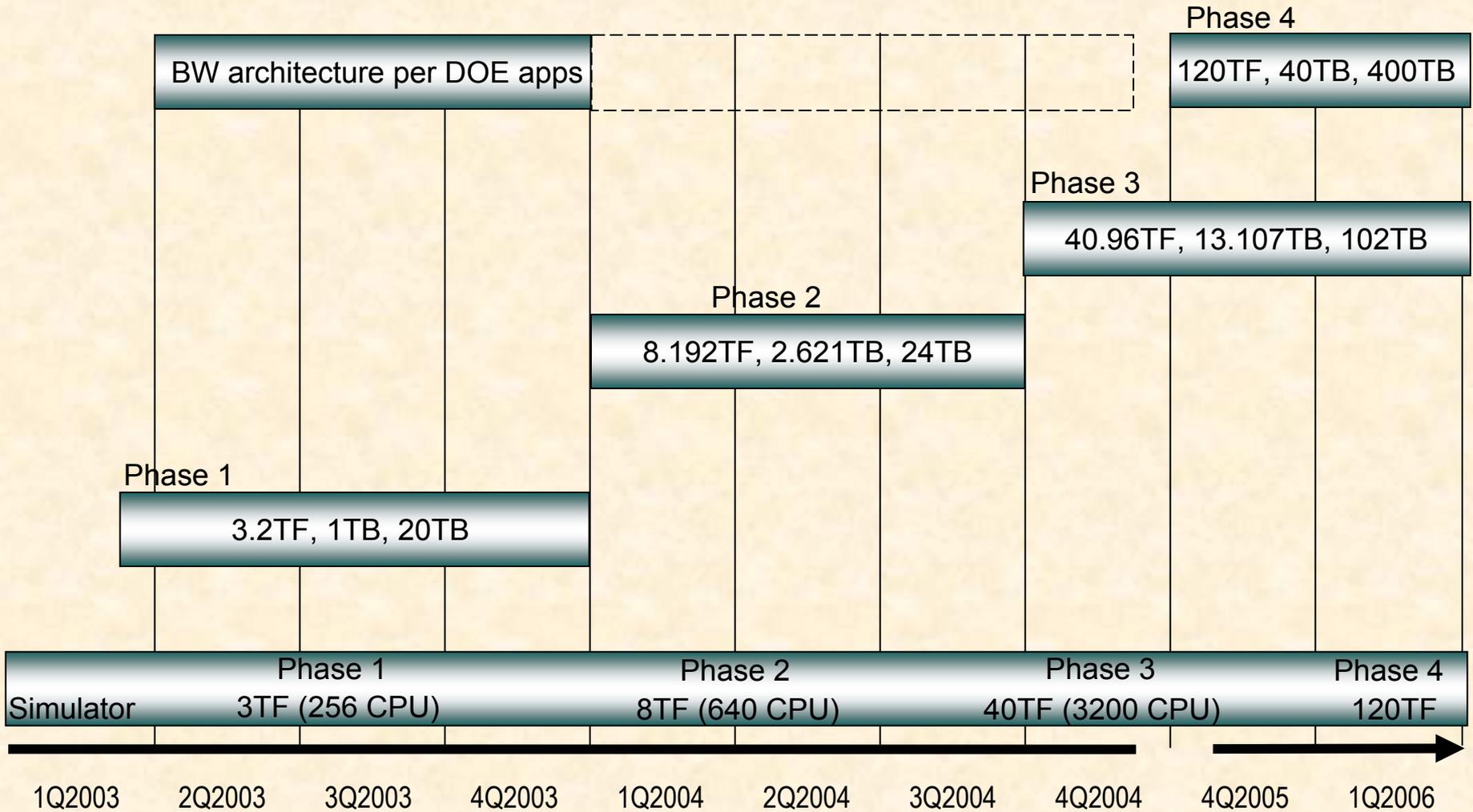
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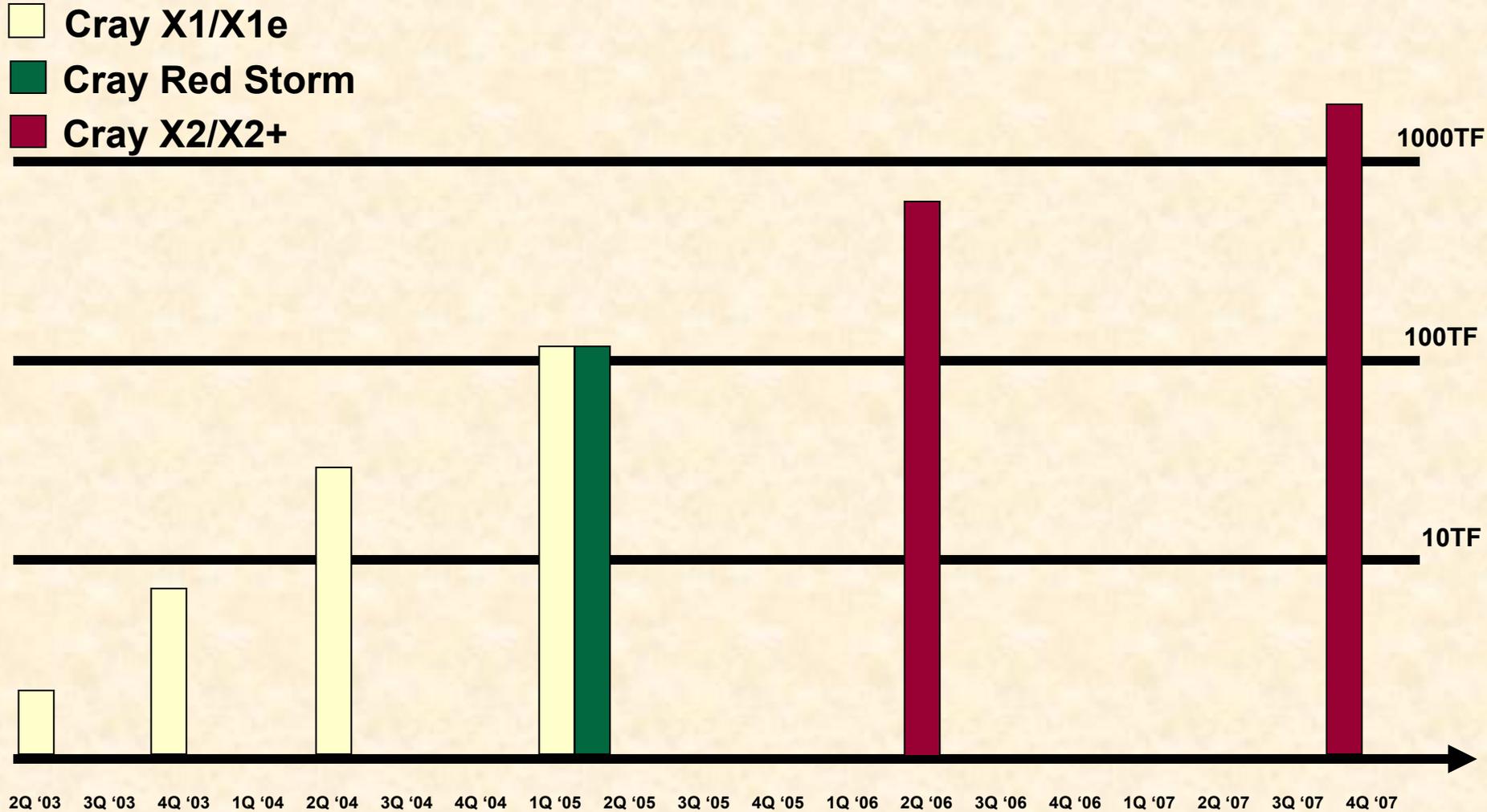
QMC Performance (smaller is better)
55% of time spent generating formatted output!

Cray X1/Black Widow

4 phase evaluation and deployment



ORNL/Cray proposed plans and path forward for a petascale computing capability for science



What does a petascale system require in 2008?

- **Based on estimates of IBM, Cray, HP**
- **20,000 to 33,000 processors (ES has 5,120!)**
- **200 to 300 cabinets**
- **30,000 ft² to 35,000 ft² including CPUs, disks, cooling room, archival storage**
- **12 to 18 MW of power**

Requirements drove construction of a new world class facility capable of housing petascale computers

- Space and power for world class facilities
 - 40,000 ft² computer center
 - 36" raised floor; 18 ft. deck-to-deck
 - 8 megawatts of power (expandable)
- Office space for 400 staff members
- Classroom and training areas for users
- High ceiling area for visualization lab (Cave, Power Wall, Access Grid, etc.)
- Separate lab areas for computer science and network research
- Strong university partnerships



University partnerships help us achieve our goals research, education and training

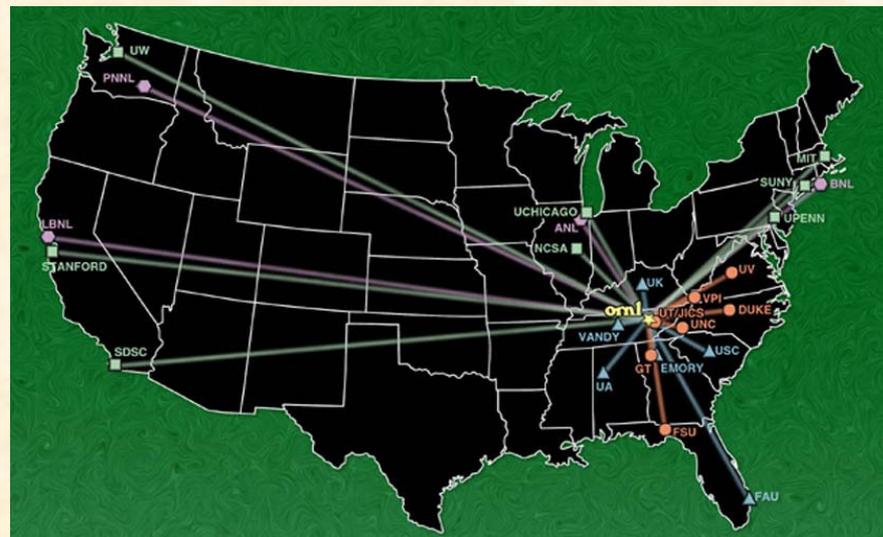
- Establish a strong student and postdoctoral program; graduate program in computational science
- Develop new initiatives/capabilities
- Hire scientists and engineers jointly
- Expand Research Alliance for Minorities
- Build the Joint Institute for Computational Sciences for expanded collaborations



- Computational Sciences Initiative with UT (~\$1M)
 - Faculty release time
 - Graduate students and post-docs
- 12 Joint faculty appointments with UT
- 12 Joint faculty appointments with Ga. Tech
- 12 Joint faculty appointments with Va. Tech



State-of-the-Art network connectivity to the Nation's three principal scientific networks (ESnet, Internet 2, NSF Backbone)



In Summary:

- **DOE Office of Science has a unique opportunity with the people, programs, facilities and partners to deploy a leadership class petascale computer**
- **Computational scientists have been developing software tools and are uniquely poised to apply them against DOE's grand challenge problems**
- **Leadership class petascale computers are on the horizon**
- **Cray X1/X2 massively parallel vector architectures are arriving soon**