

# Computational Science Panel

## Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing

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# The mission of the Energy Department is to ensure America's security and prosperity by addressing its energy, environmental and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions



- Maintain a vibrant U.S. effort in science and engineering as a cornerstone of our economic prosperity
  - Biological science
  - Chemical science
  - Computing
  - Environmental science
  - Materials science
  - Physics
- Enhance nuclear security through defense, nonproliferation, and environmental efforts

Two main types of DOE labs:

- National Nuclear Security Administration: Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos, Sandia [2 locations], ...
- Office of Science: Argonne, Oak Ridge, Lawrence Berkeley, Pacific Northwest, ...



# Many important U.S. national missions depend on high-performance computing and simulation

- Nuclear and conventional weapons
- Global and regional climate
- Nonproliferation
- Counter-terrorism
- Cryptanalysis
- Energy Security
- Drug design
- Engineering design for economic competitiveness
- Data management for massive experiments
- Cyber security



# Supercomputing is key to the U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration's *Advanced Simulation and Computing Program*





# DOE Office of Science Leadership Class Facilities look to the future of HPC for breakthrough scientific discovery



## Argonne Leadership Class Facility

- Intrepid (IBM BG/P)
- Surveyor (IBM BG/P)



## Oak Ridge Leadership Class Facility

- Jaguar (Cray XT-5/XT-4)
  - TOP500 #1 at 2.3 PF Peak

## LBNL Large-Scale Computing Systems

### Franklin (NERSC-5): Cray XT4

- 9,532 compute nodes; 38,128 cores
- ~25 Tflop/s on applications; 356 Tflop/s peak

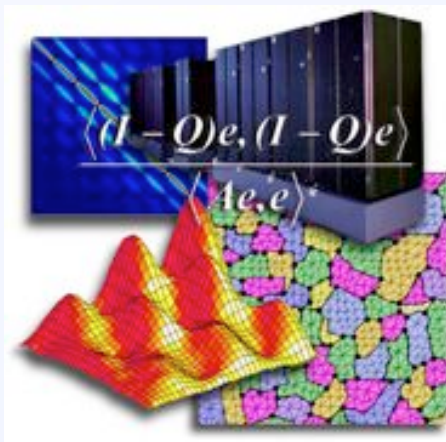
### Hopper (NERSC-6): Cray XE6

- Phase 1: Cray XT5, 668 nodes, 5344 cores
- Phase 2: > 1 Pflop/s peak



# Foundational mathematics and computer science research support our advances in high-performance computing

Scalable numerical algorithms for petascale scientific simulation

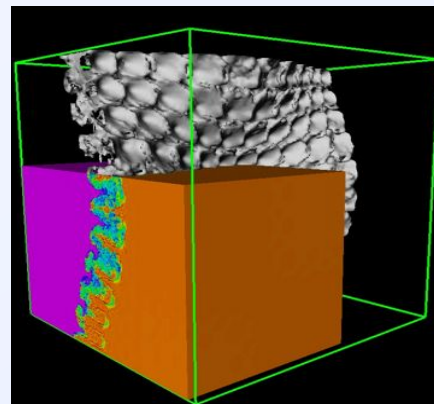


*Algorithms and software  
R&D leverage platform  
investments*



BlueGene/L

New tools and programming paradigms for portable performance on hundreds of thousands of processors



Interactive data exploration tools for petabyte-sized data sets

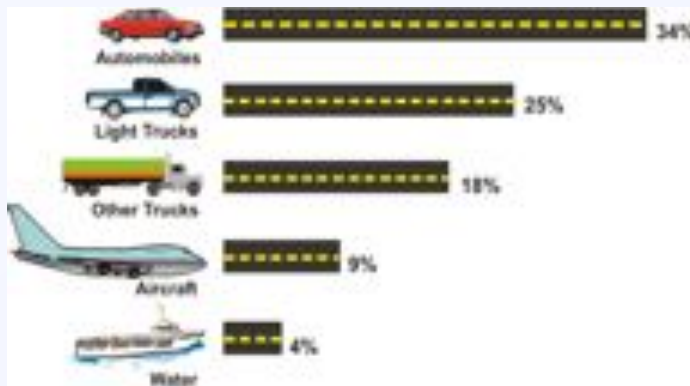


# Some examples of simulations and the innovation with and through them

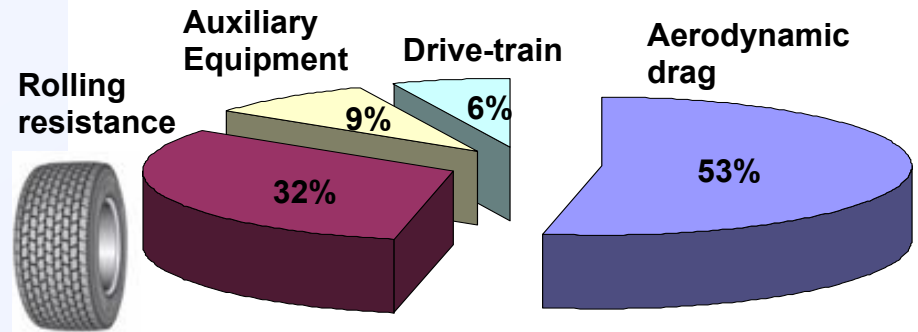
- **Aerodynamic drag reduction for heavy vehicles**
  - *HPC simulations helped design and understand wind tunnel tests*
  - **Provided guidance to industry to improve the fuel economy of class 8 tractor-trailers through the use of aerodynamic drag reduction**
- **Core collapse supernova modeling**
  - *Innovation in mathematics allowed never-before completed simulations*
- **Climate – hydrology coupling**
  - *Increasing complexity of simulation and employing HPC helps us understand effects of climate change*



# Class 8 tractor-trailers are responsible for 12-13% of total US petroleum consumption



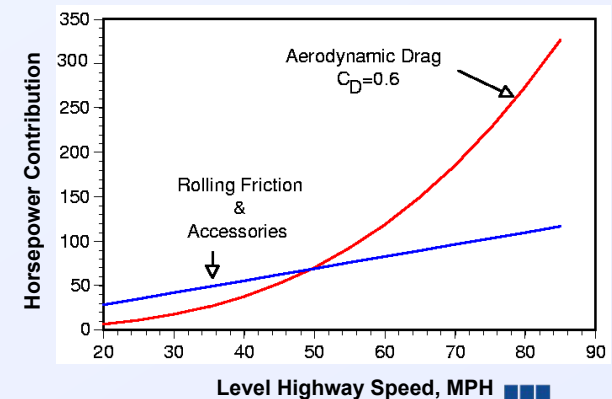
**Usable energy losses come mainly from aerodynamic drag and rolling resistance**



Wide-base single tires

**Aerodynamic drag breakdown on a typical truck**

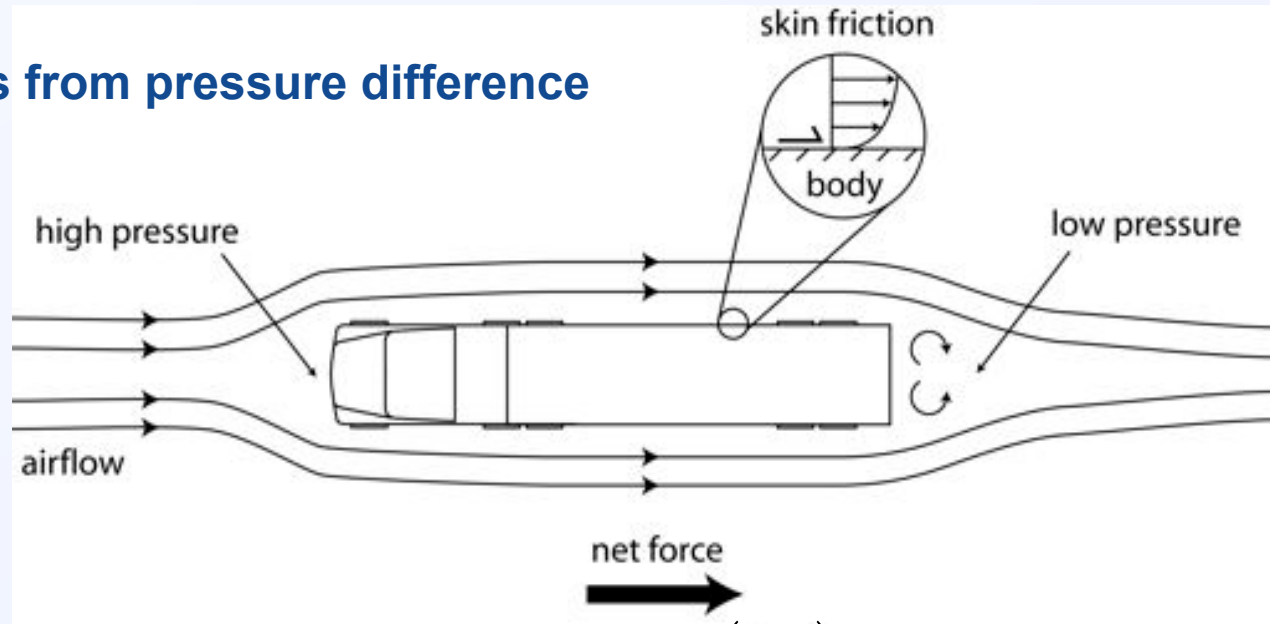
**Losses in nearly all categories can be reduced through presently available technology**





# Mathematical models help us understand aerodynamic properties

Most drag is from pressure difference



$$Drag = C_D \times S \times (1/2) \rho U^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta Fuel Consumption}{Fuel Consumption} = \eta \times \left( \frac{\Delta C_D}{C_D} + \frac{\Delta S}{S} + \frac{3\Delta U}{U} \right)$$

$\eta \sim 0.5-0.7$       shape      cross-section      speed

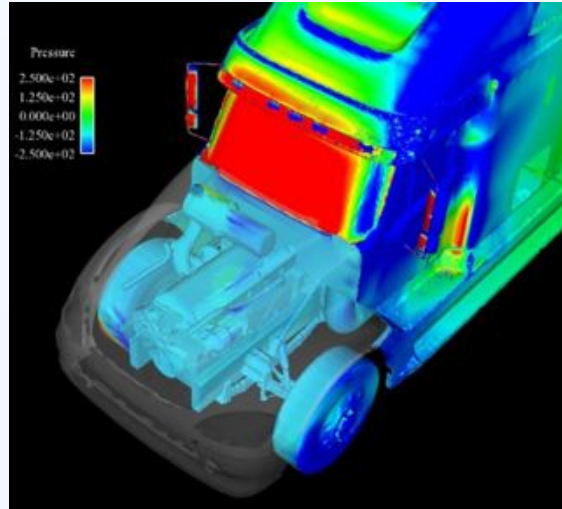


# Full-scale wind tunnel test at NASA NFAC facility: used to test drag reduction designs developed through simulation

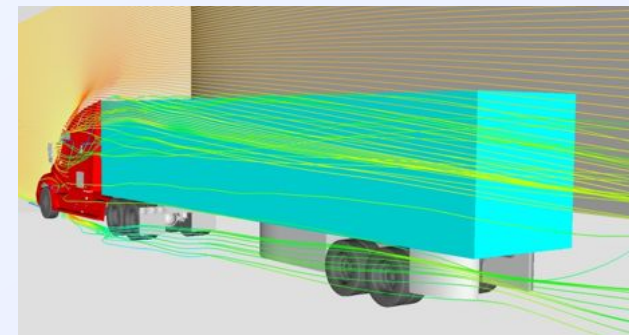
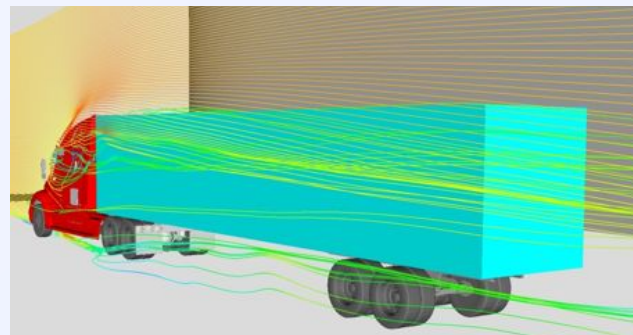
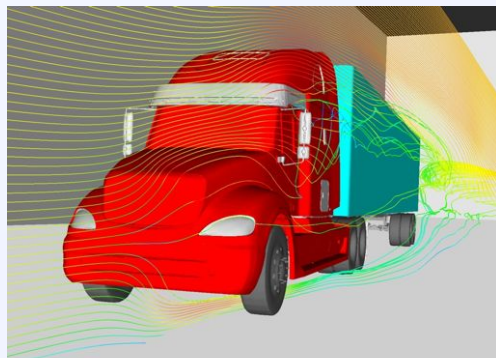
- Different combinations of tractors and trailers were tested
  - Two tractors
  - Three trailers
- Performed 140 wind tunnel runs
- Twenty-three aerodynamic drag reduction devices/concepts were tested
- Performed acoustic measurements on selected add-on devices
- Couldn't test everything with wind tunnel:
  - Boundary layers in the tunnel are not as seen on the road



# Design of full-scale wind tunnel test relied on high fidelity computational results



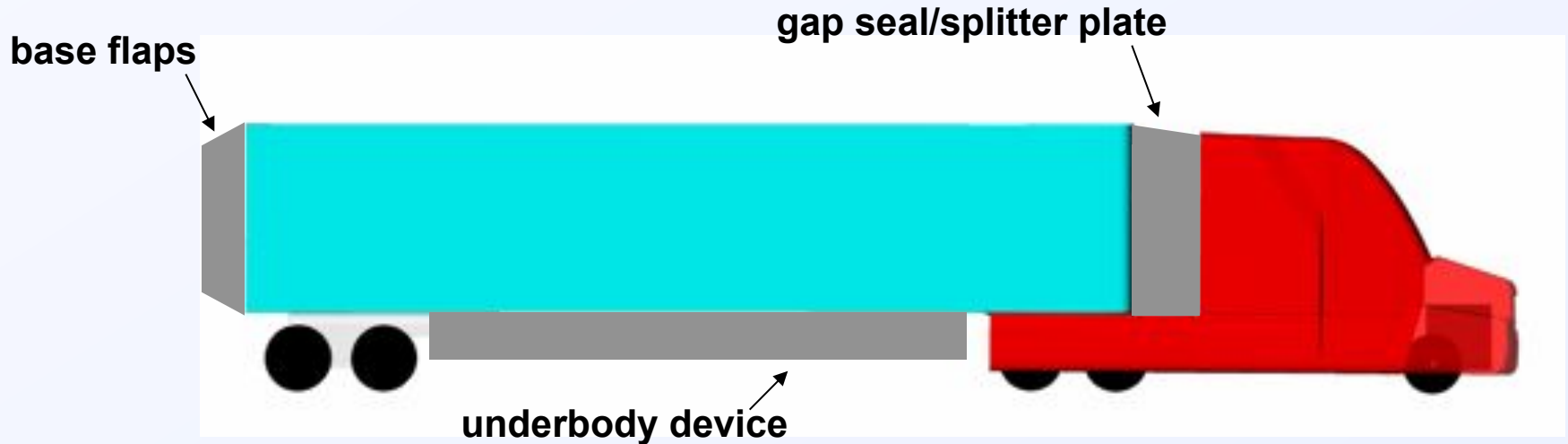
**Freightliner Columbia tractor**



**Velocity streamlines about a class 8 heavy vehicle in the wind tunnel**



# Performance of aerodynamic devices



- **Base flaps: 4-7% FEI (Fuel Economy Improvement)**
- **Underbody devices: 5-7% FEI**
- **Gap devices: 1-2% FEI**
- **Wide-base single tires: 4-5% FEI**

Kambiz Salari and Jason Ortega (LLNL), Ronald Schoon and Andrea Brown (Navistar International Corporation), Ralph Hulseman and Victor Abarotin (Michelin Americas Research Company), Mark Betzina and Christopher Hartley (NASA)

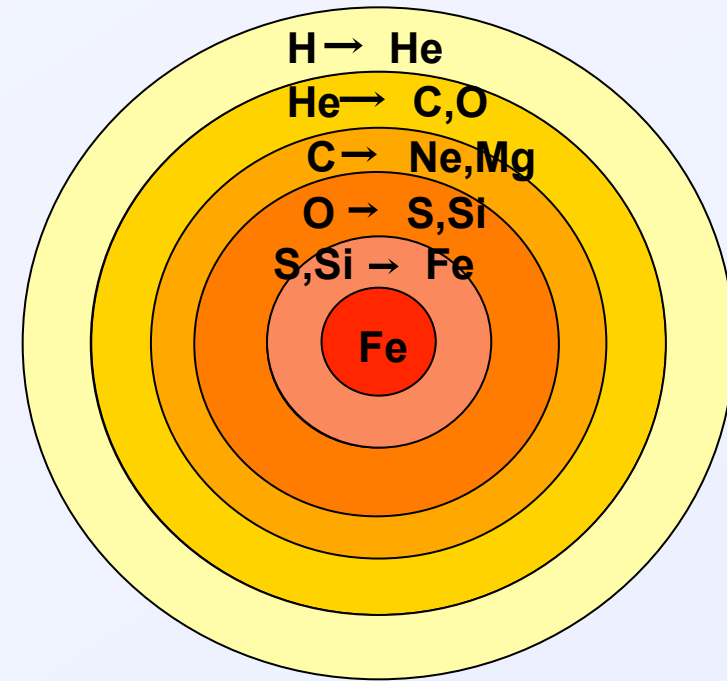
*Work sponsored by U.S. DoE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Vehicle Technologies Program*





# Stellar collapse simulations must deliver high accuracy over long time periods

- Evolve by fusion burning, iron core collapse, blow up, and neutrino radiation cooling
- Stellar collapse, supernova explosion, and neutron star formation is one of the most energetic, *but poorly understood*, phenomena in astrophysics
- Models: radiation transport, hydrodynamics & self-gravity
- Neutrinos carry off ~99% of energy; 1% is observed (have to model this)



**Onionskin-like structure**

$$\Delta t_{\text{CFL,core}}(10^{-7} \text{ s}) < \text{desired step} < \Delta t_{\text{CFL,shock}}(\sim 10^{-4} \text{ s}) < t_{\text{cooling}}(10 \text{ s})$$



# We model the hydrodynamics with a Lagrangian formulation and pose the discrete system as a Differential-Algebraic Equation

**Lagrangian Eqns  
(fluid flow)**

+

**Self-gravity**

+

**Conservation form**

=>

**Stellar collapse hydrodynamics model**

$$\frac{V(U_n) - V(U_{n-1})}{\Delta t} = \theta F(U_n) + (1 - \theta) F(U_{n-1}),$$
$$G(U_n) = 0, \quad \text{self - gravity}$$

**Implicit approach  
works for Eulerian  
forms as well**

**We apply Newton-Krylov to the space-  
discretized form of this DAE system  
using the SUNDIALS KINSOL package**

*w/. D. Reynolds (SMU) & D. Swesty (SUNY SB)*



# **We formulated a novel implicit approach to provide stability for longer time steps**

**Mathematical innovation was required:**

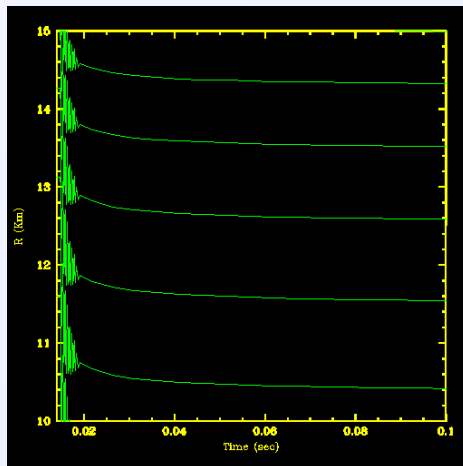
- **Non-smooth discretization method -> Freeze parameters in the solver to prevent oscillations**
- **Solver convergence was slow -> Developed an effective local accelerator**
- **Unknowns and equations at differing scales can cause difficulties with stopping criteria -> Use scale factors in convergence criteria**
- **Certain variables have positivity constraints which can be violated in nonlinear updates or differencing -> Apply a transform to ensure quantities remain positive**



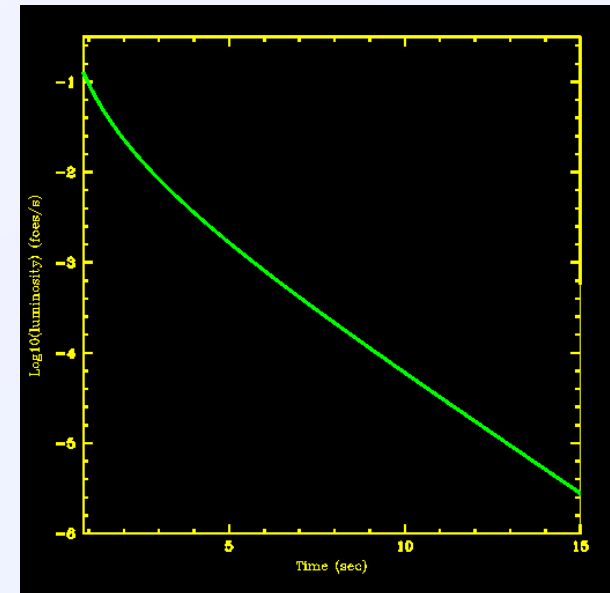
# Implicit approach enabled radiation-hydrodynamic modeling of an entire proto-neutron star cooling

- Initial central density:  $5 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Initial radiation distribution contributes  $\frac{1}{2}$  of pressure support in the star center and diminishes radially
- Star contracts as neutrinos diffuse out
- *Implicit for neutrino diffusion as well as hydrodynamics*

Mass contours show contraction



Neutrino cooling signal decays over 15s timescale



**Explicit CFL restriction:**

$\Delta t \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s} \Rightarrow 10^9 \text{ steps}$

*Implicit used  $\Delta t \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}$*

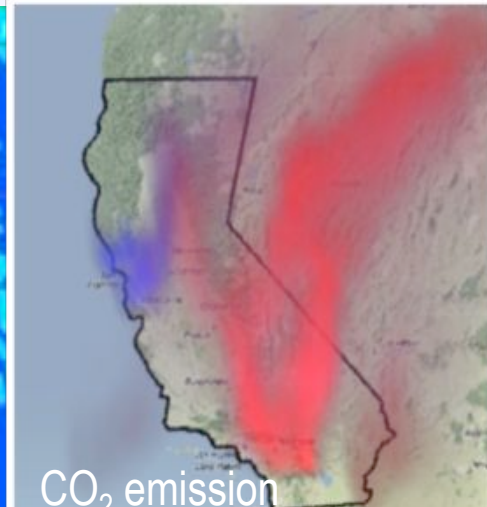
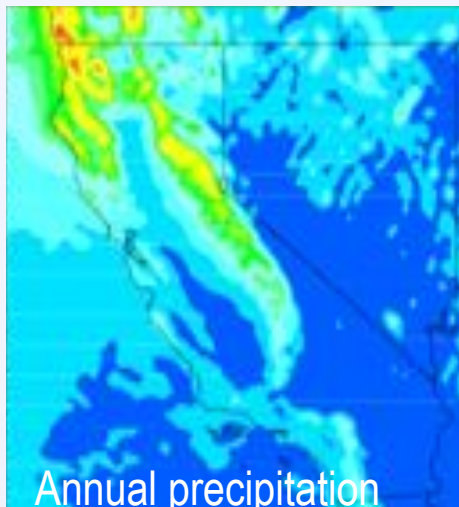
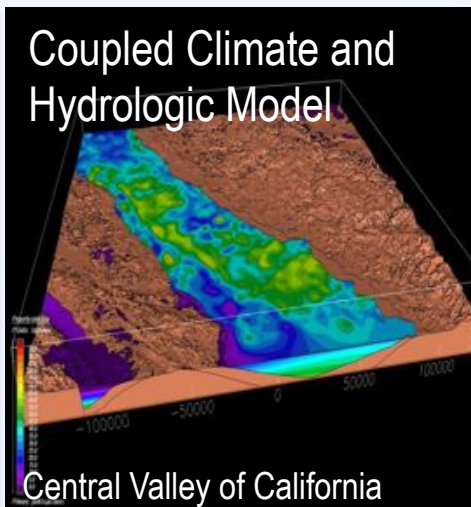
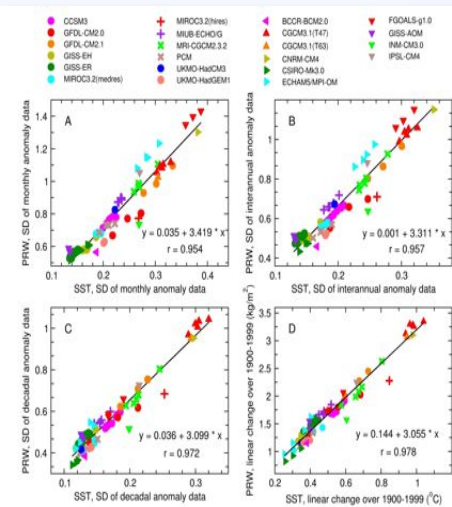
*0.1% of the number of explicit steps!*

*Reynolds, Swesty, and W., 2008*





# LLNL is working on the science for the next generation uncertainty-quantified climate system models



## Uncertainty Quantification

## Improved Physics Base

## Local/Regional Resolution

## Data at Scale (GHGIS)

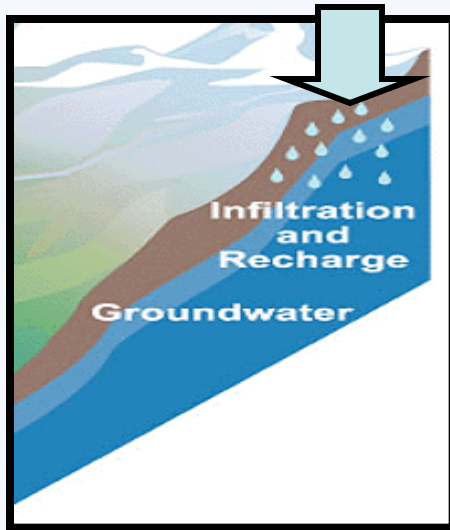
Understand parameter sensitivity in multi-dimensional space  
Understand feedbacks in the carbon cycle

Improved cloud, aerosol, **coupled climate-hydrology** and other capabilities

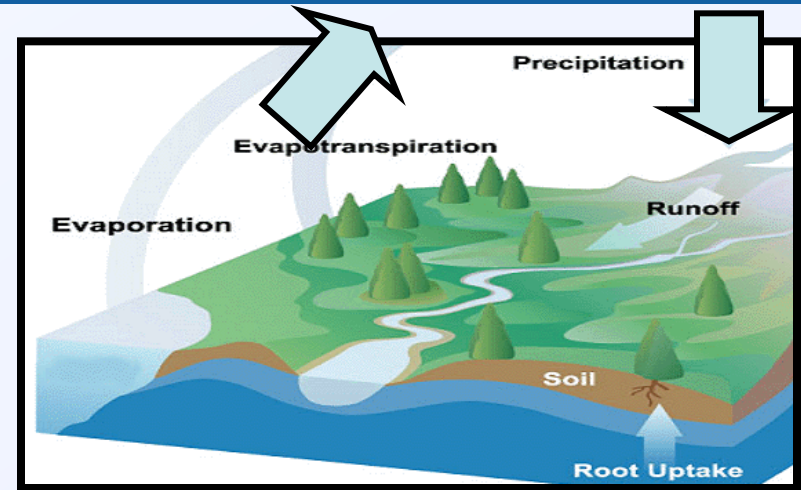
Novel algorithms for ultra-high resolution global climate on peta-exa scale platforms

Radiocarbon and satellite measurements for full earth system models and global validation of carbon emissions

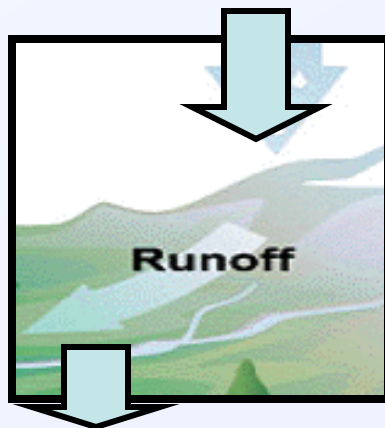
# The hydrologic cycle is usually simulated with disconnected processes each run separately



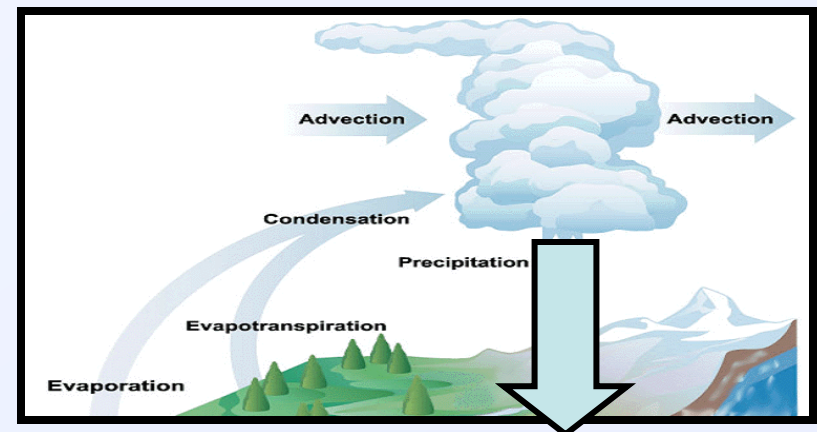
**Groundwater /  
Vadose Model**



**Land Surface Model**



**Surface Water Model**



**Atmospheric Model**




# We are developing a coupled simulation framework

- Variably saturated subsurface flow through ParFlow package – developed for HPC frameworks from the start, incorporated innovative solvers for very fast solution
- Coupled overland flow and routing from surface boundary
  - *Ran on > 16,000 processors of Julich IBM supercomputer and demonstrated ability to conduct watershed size simulations with resolutions of 1-10 m laterally and 0.01 - 0.1 m vertically*
- Recent work focused on coupling ParFlow and WRF
  - WRF: NCAR's Weather Research & Forecasting system
- *Targeting watershed-scale coupled subsurface-surface-climate simulations*



# Accurate coupled simulations are critical to wind power prediction and use as well as water resources management

- Intermittent nature of wind power => accurate wind forecasting is essential
  - Low-level winds significantly depend on land surface energy and moisture fluxes
  - Experiments show these fluxes are sensitive to soil moisture – must couple winds to surface
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- In the USA, we depend on climate for all renewable water resources
  - Changing climate potentially affects
    - Water demands & water quality
    - Amount, rate, and location of water inputs to the land surface and outputs to the atmosphere
  - Nature of water use feeds back to atm:
    - Ex: One acre of corn will transpire 4,000 gal of water per day





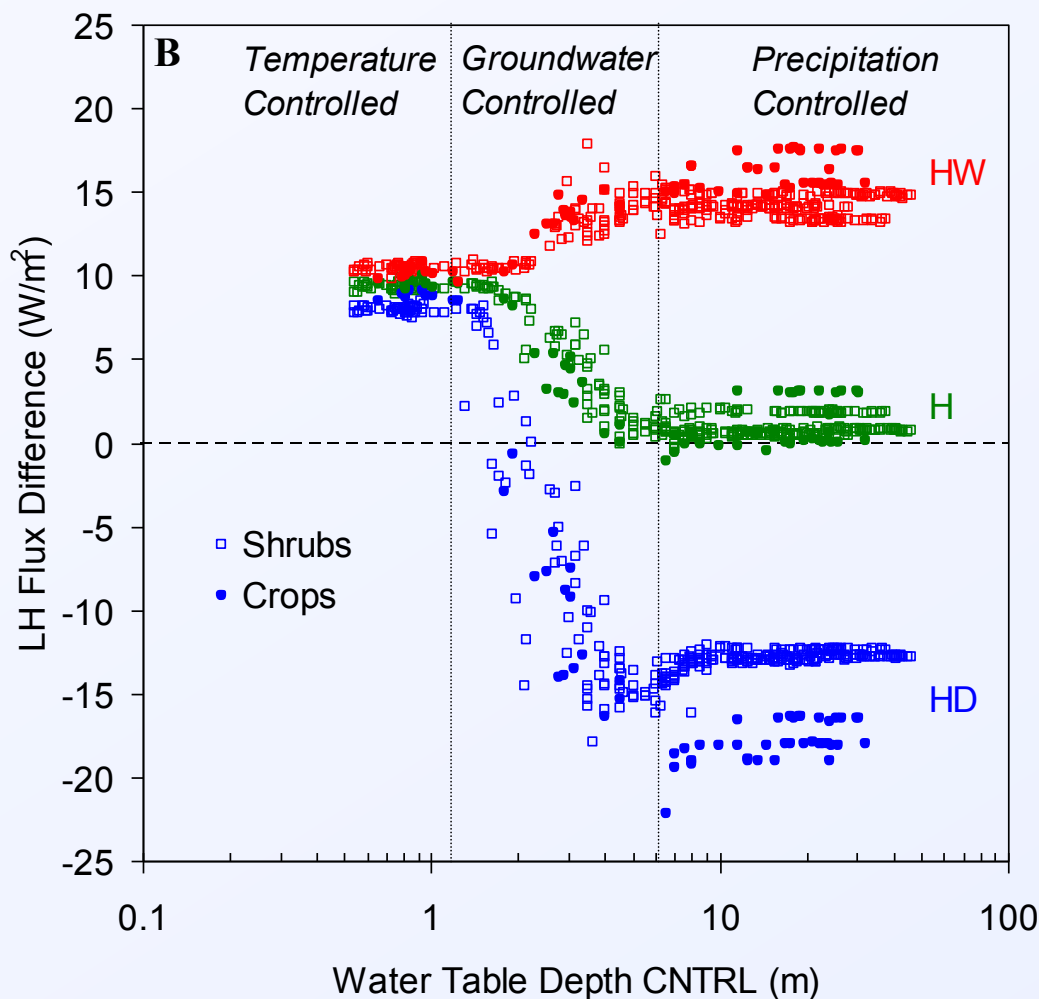
# Climate forcing scenarios can be used to understand watershed response under climate change

1. Control simulation based on WY1999 “CNTL”
2. “Hot” case **H**:  $T=T+2.5K$
3. “Hot+Wet” case **HW**:  $T=T+2.5K$ ,  $P=P*1.2$
4. “Hot+Dry” case **HD**:  $T=T+2.5K$ ,  $P=P*0.8$

Maxwell and Kollet; Nature Geo (2008)



# Initial coupled runs show definite areas of subsurface flow influence



## For latent heat:

- Deep water table: precipitation is primary control
- Very shallow water table: temperature is primary control
- For 1-10m water table: groundwater is significant

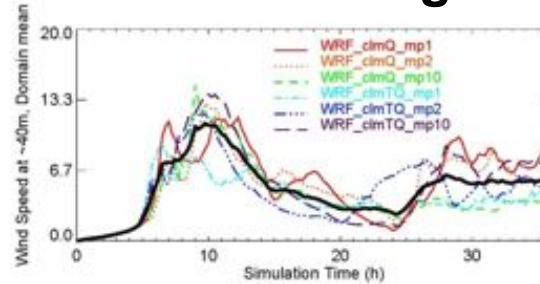
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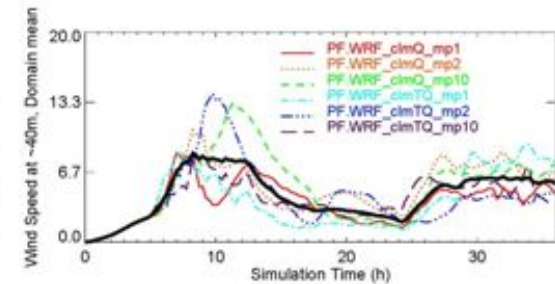
# Low-level winds are slower with coupled model due to cooler predicted surface temperatures

- 36 hr simulation
- Morning start
- 6 runs each
  - 3 microphysics
  - 2 temp. initializations
- Wind speed daily cycle
  - Max early evening
  - Decrease at night
- Daytime – convective heating dominates flow

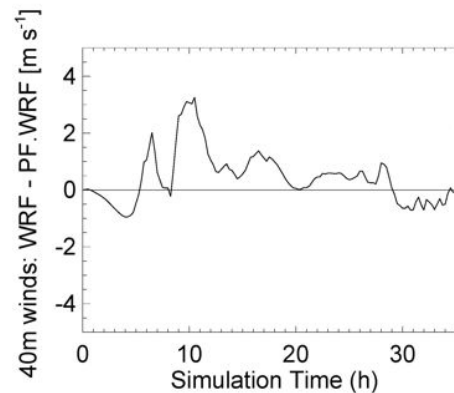
## Domain-averaged 40 m wind velocities



Weather simulation only



Weather & subsurface



**Difference in 40 m winds averaged over microphysics and domain**

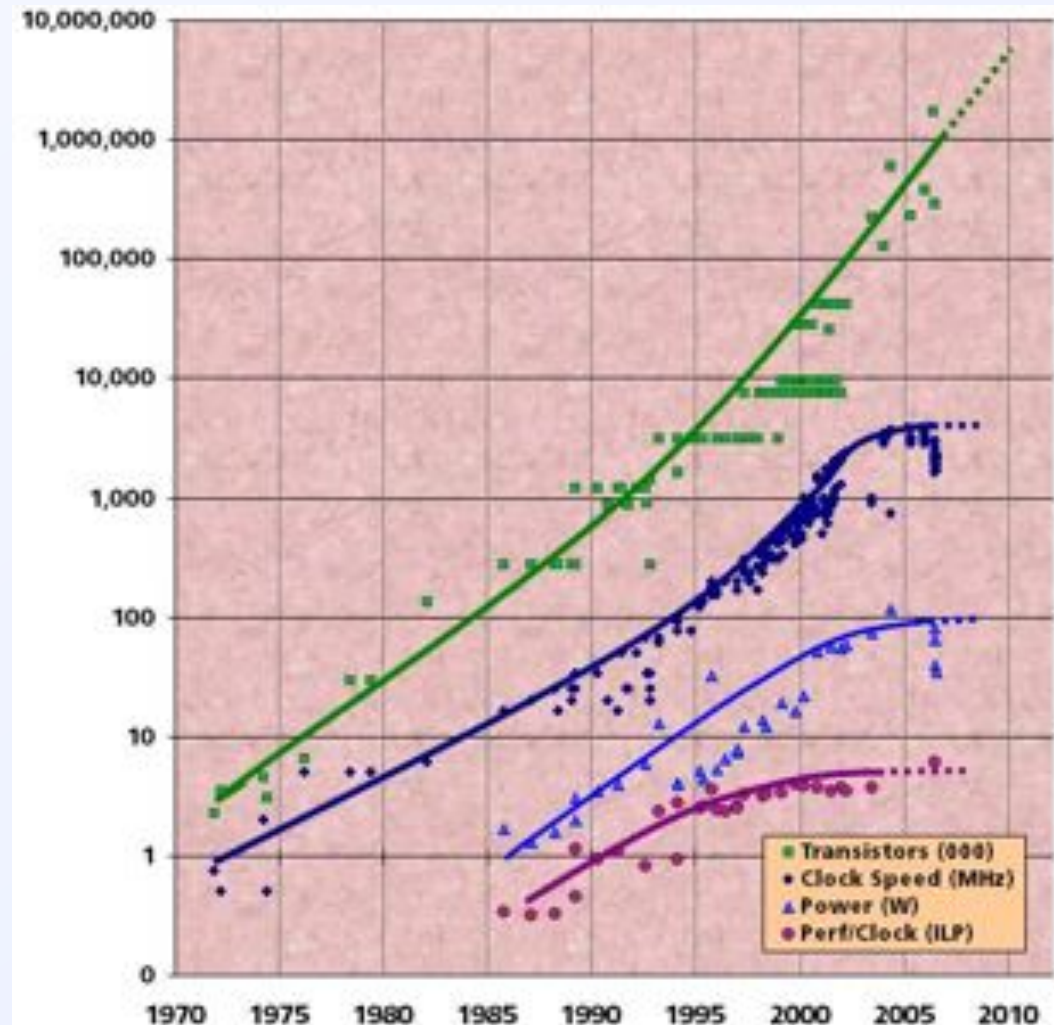
**Weather simulation-alone soil temps are ~5 deg higher giving stronger convective plumes and stronger horizontal winds**



# At the petascale performance increases through core count not clock rate: *we have reached a critical turning point in HPC design*

- New Constraints
  - 15 years of *exponential* clock rate growth has ended
- Moore's Law reinterpreted:
  - How do we use all of those transistors to keep performance increasing at historical rates?
  - Industry Response: #cores per chip doubles every 18 months *instead* of clock frequency!

*Need new programming models*





# Challenge to the applied math and computer science communities:

## Exascale $\neq$ Petascale X 1000

- Traditionally, PDE-based applications have expected 10x increase in resolution with each 1000x increase in compute capability, *but not this time*:
  - We won't have 1000x the memory available
  - The processors won't be 10x faster
  - Proportionally, we won't be able to move as much data on or off each processor
  - Introduction of massive parallelism at the node level is a significant new challenge (MPI is only part of the solution)
- However, exascale computing is an opportunity for...
  - **More Fidelity:** Incorporate more physics instead of increased resolution
  - **Greater Understanding:** Develop uncertainty quantification (UQ) to establish confidence levels in computed results and deliver predictive science



# What are critical exascale technology investments?

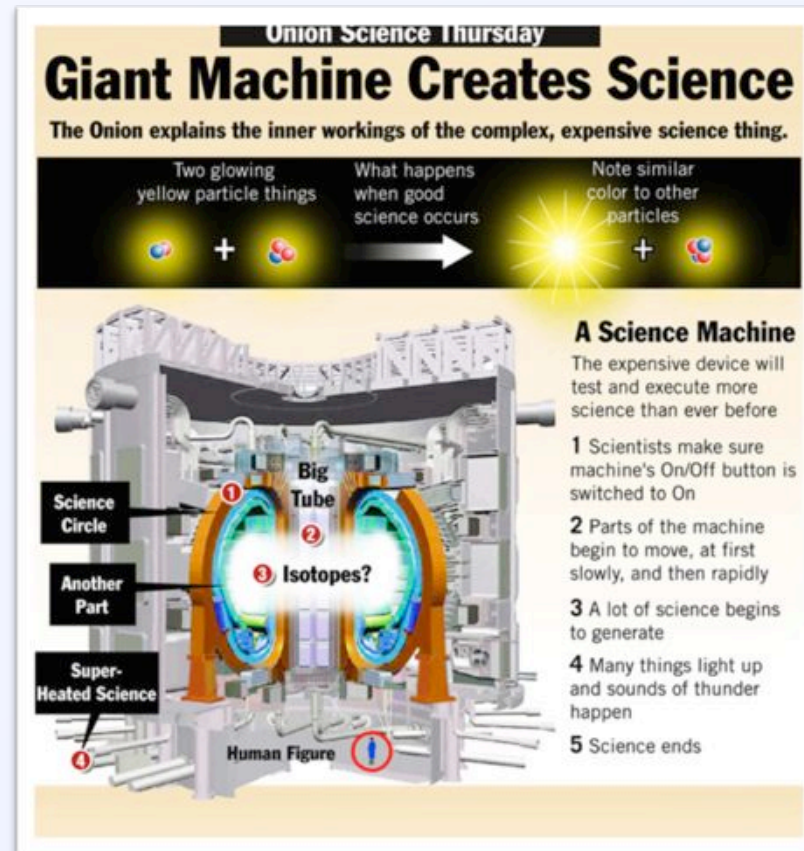
- **System power** is a first class constraint on exascale system performance and effectiveness.
- **Memory** is an important component of meeting exascale power and applications goals.
- **Programming model.** Early investment in several efforts to decide in 2013 on exascale programming model, allowing exemplar applications effective access to 2015 system for both mission and science.
- **Investment in exascale processor design** to achieve an exascale-like system in 2015.
- **Operating System strategy for exascale** is critical for node performance at scale and for efficient support of new programming models and run time systems.
- **Reliability and resiliency** are critical at this scale and require applications neutral movement of the file system (for check pointing, in particular) closer to the running apps.
- ***HPC co-design strategy and implementation requires a set of a hierarchical performance models and simulators as well as commitment from apps, software and architecture communities.***



**Now, Janine Bennett will speak on her  
experiences at SNL**



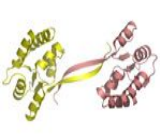
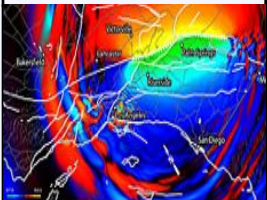

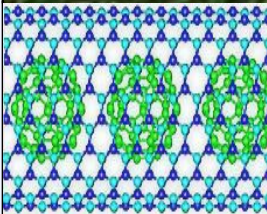
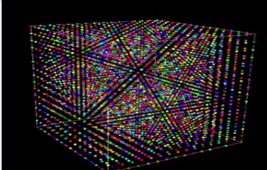
# Why do we need exascale computing?



<http://www.theonion.com/articles/scientists-ask-congress-to-fund-50-billion-science,2291/>



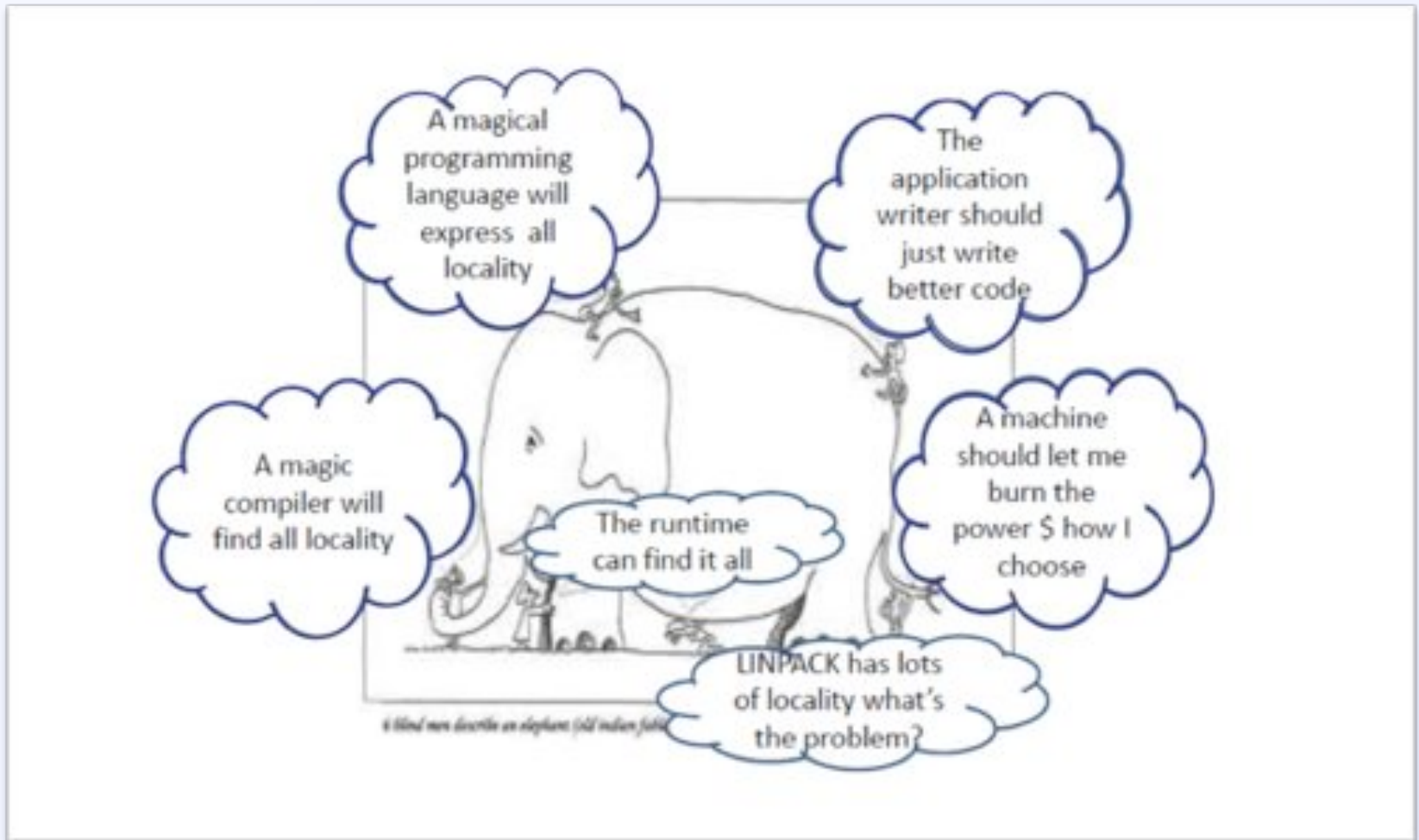
# Across science and engineering, challenging problems drive the need for continued advances in high performance computing capability

| Area   |   | Applications  | TeraFLOPS  | PetaFLOPS   | ExaFLOPS   |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|
|    | <b>Health,<br/>Life Sciences</b>  | Viral evolution, advanced threat characterization, disease spread prediction, host-pathogen response, drug design, protein function | Molecular docking<br>Macro molecular motions<br>Nanosecond resolution  | Molecular docking with few free energy calculations<br>Macro molecular motions with 2,000-atom chemistry calculations<br>Microsecond resolution | Free energy calculations<br>Macro molecular motions with ~20,000-atom chemistry calculations<br>Millisecond-scale resolution                   |
|    | <b>Environment:<br/>Agriculture,<br/>Natural Resources,<br/>Earthquake Analysis</b> | Earth motion dynamics; structural safety of buildings and levees; ocean, atmosphere, and land climate models                        | Greenhouse gas effects<br>100–1,000 multicentury coupled physical climate simulations<br>50-km resolution                      | Energy technology consequences<br>100–1,000 century-long earth system model simulations<br>50-km resolution                                     | High-resolution earth system<br>10 configurations of model, each run 100–1,000 times, century-long simulations<br>1-km resolution              |
|    | <b>Energy Production<br/>and Conservation</b>                                       | Turbulent combustion, prediction of fuel efficiency, more efficient solar cells   | Coupled hydrological, geomechanical, geochemical reservoir simulation  | Full reverse-time, elastic, anisotropic seismic simulation<br>3D volume equivalents   | Full reverse-time inversion, with coupled wave excitation, very large fold, in high resolution   |
|   | <b>Nanoscience</b>  | Development of new materials: faster, lower power semiconductors; drug development; fuel cells; better airport screening            | Band gaps in alloys, molecular behavior in simple fluids<br>10s of atoms with fully quantum mechanical, ab initio calculations | Molecular motion in confined geometries, kinetics of phase change<br>10s of thousands of atoms with ab initio codes                             | Interacting biological molecules, micron-scale machines<br>10s of millions of atoms with ab initio codes (would require algorithm development) |
|  | <b>Basic Science,<br/>Fundamental<br/>Physics</b>                                   | Physics of early universe, nuclei and nuclear reactions, supernovae   | QCD transition<br>$N\pi$ reactions<br>${}^6\text{Li}$<br>2D S-Nova   | QCD plasma<br>N-N reactions<br>${}^{12}\text{C}$ , ${}^{16}\text{O}$<br>3D S-Nova   | Electro-weak light nuclei<br>${}^{40}\text{Ca}$<br>Full 3D S-Nova  |





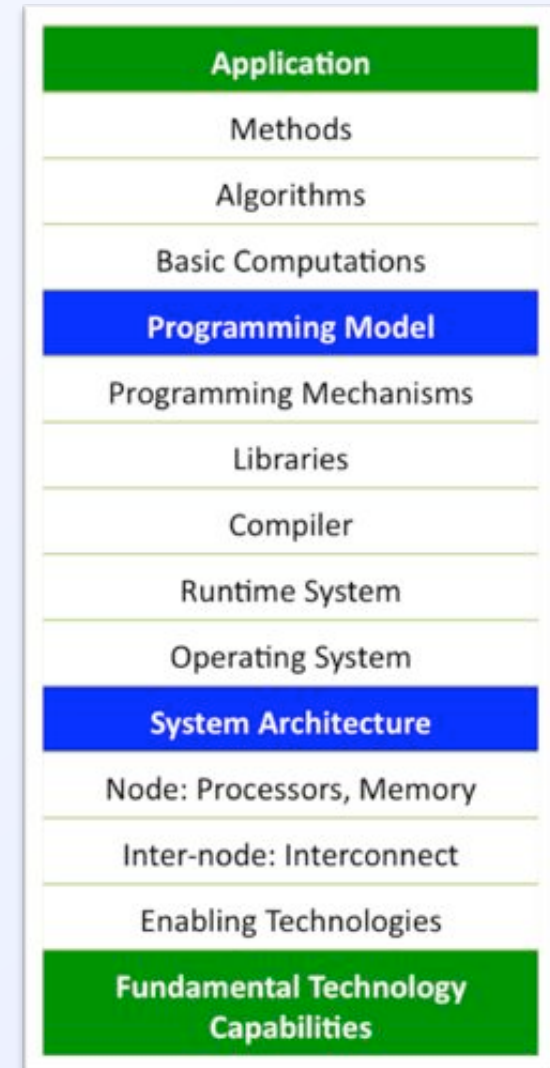
# How will we achieve exascale computing?



Acknowledgement: Allen Snively, San Diego Super Computer Center

# DOE SciDAC Exascale Co-design centers allow for unprecedented levels of collaboration between hardware and software researchers

- Create exascale-capable applications
  - Inform hardware design
  - Understand systems software requirements
  - Devise new algorithms
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- Center for Exascale Simulation of Advanced Reactors (CESAR)
  - Exascale Co-Design Center for Materials in Extreme Environments (ExMatEx)
  - Center for Exascale Simulation of Combustion in Turbulence (ExaCT)



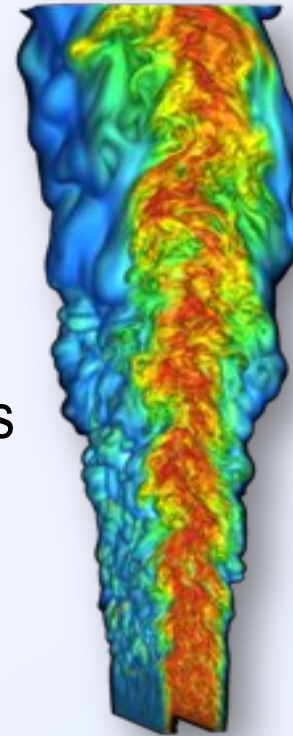
# ExaCT will determine the optimal design of combustion applications and exascale hardware



Director: Dr. Jacqueline Chen, SNL  
Deputy Director: Dr. John Bell, LBNL

Development goals:

- Combustion modeling & analysis capabilities
- Computer science tools
- Quantify hardware constraints at exascale



High-fidelity combustion simulations at the exascale are essential to gaining fundamental insights and providing validation for predictive models of 21<sup>st</sup> century fuels used in transportation, power generation, and industrial processes.



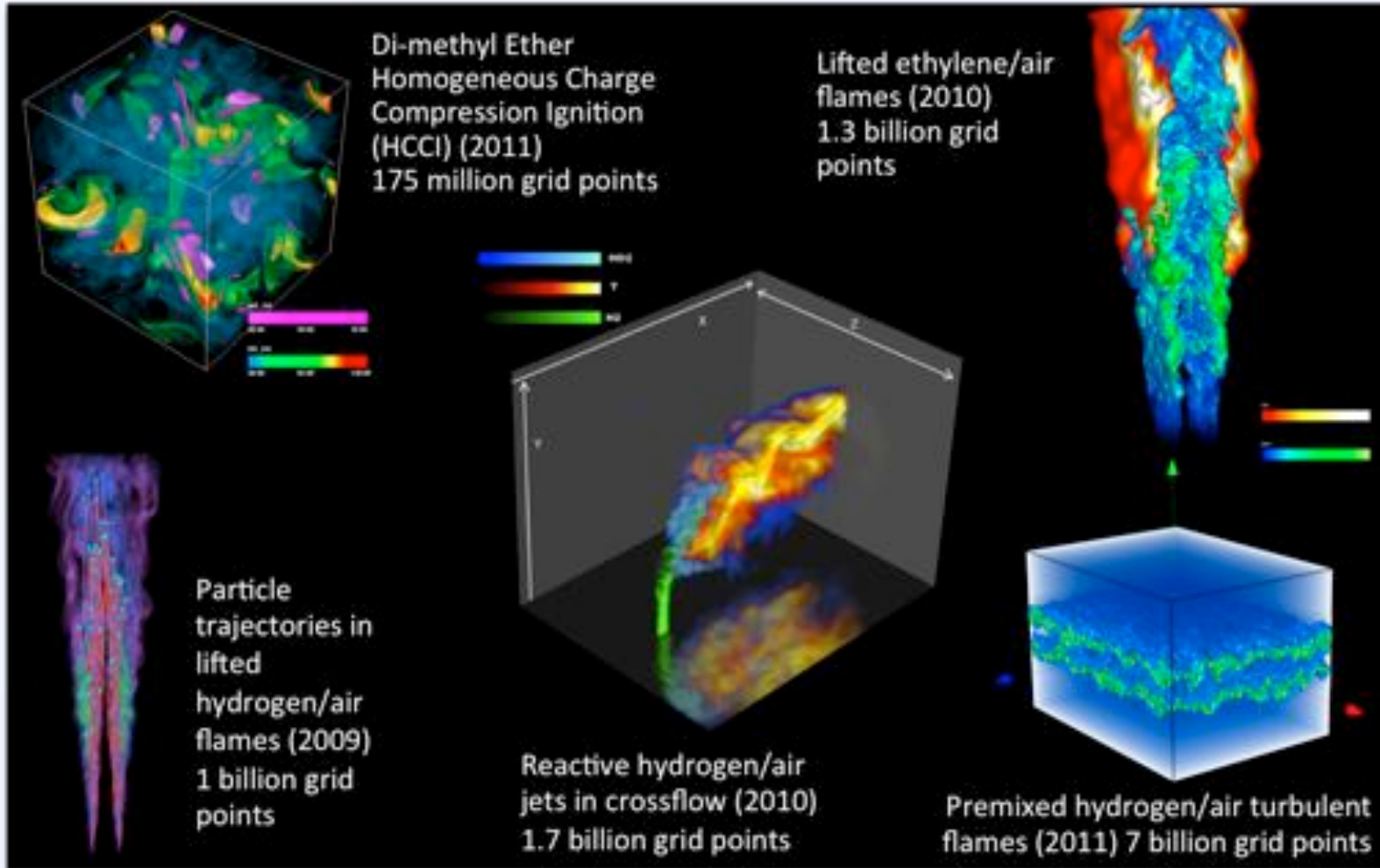
# Combustion research plays an important role in energy security

- Combustion accounts for a majority of energy used in the United States
- Computer simulations provide tools for design of efficient clean burning devices
- Sound scientific understanding is necessary to develop predictive, validated multi-scale models





# Combustion simulations generate large, complex data

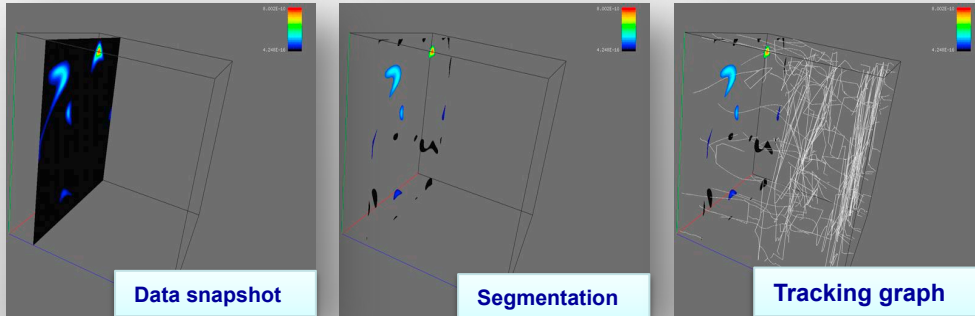


Recent direct numerical simulation (DNS) configurations performed using S3D, a DNS code written by Dr. Jacqueline Chen & her research group at the Combustion Research Facility, SNL.

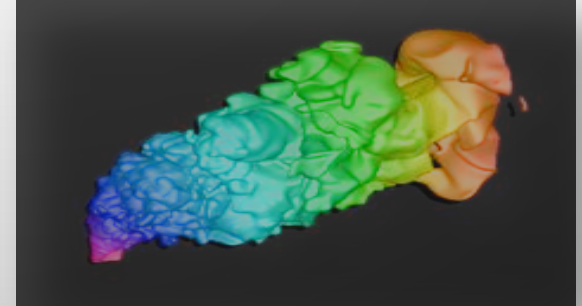




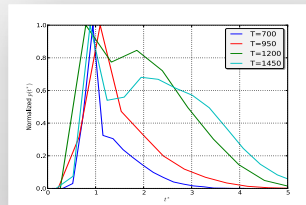
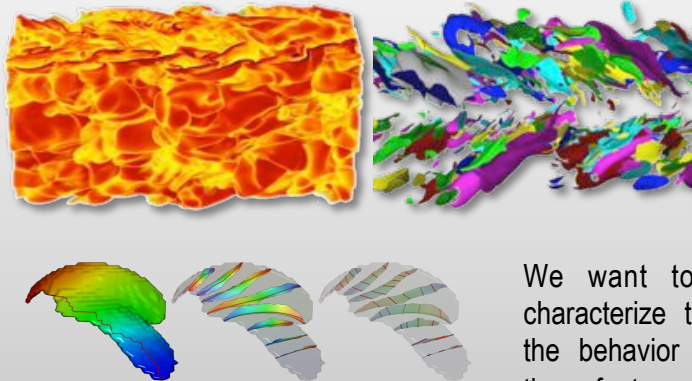
# We want to identify features of interest and analyze them in a variety of ways



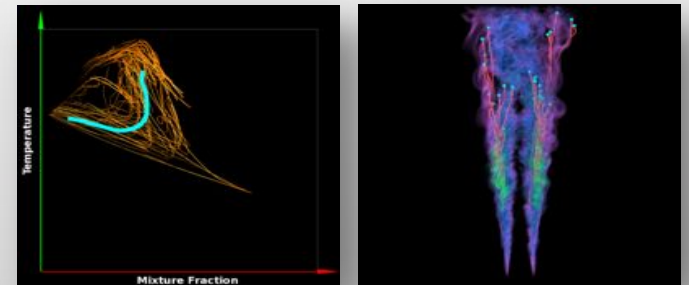
Tracking features in time



Jet-based coordinate systems allows for aggregation of statistics conditioned on bulk flame position



We want to identify features and characterize their shapes and analyze the behavior of other variables within these features

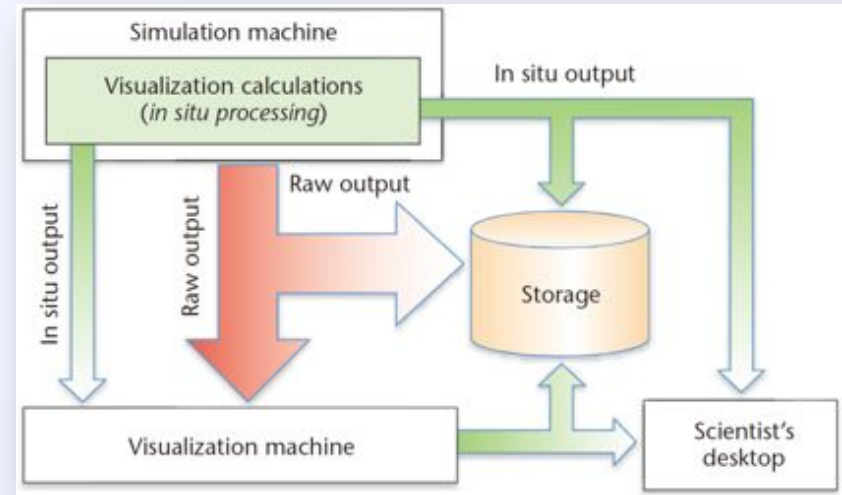


Studying particle trajectory information gives us insight into Lagrangian flow patterns



# At exascale data analysis must be done *in situ* because I/O operations will be too expensive

- Historically analysis has been performed as a post-process
- Due to I/O restrictions analysis will need to be done in lock-step with the simulation

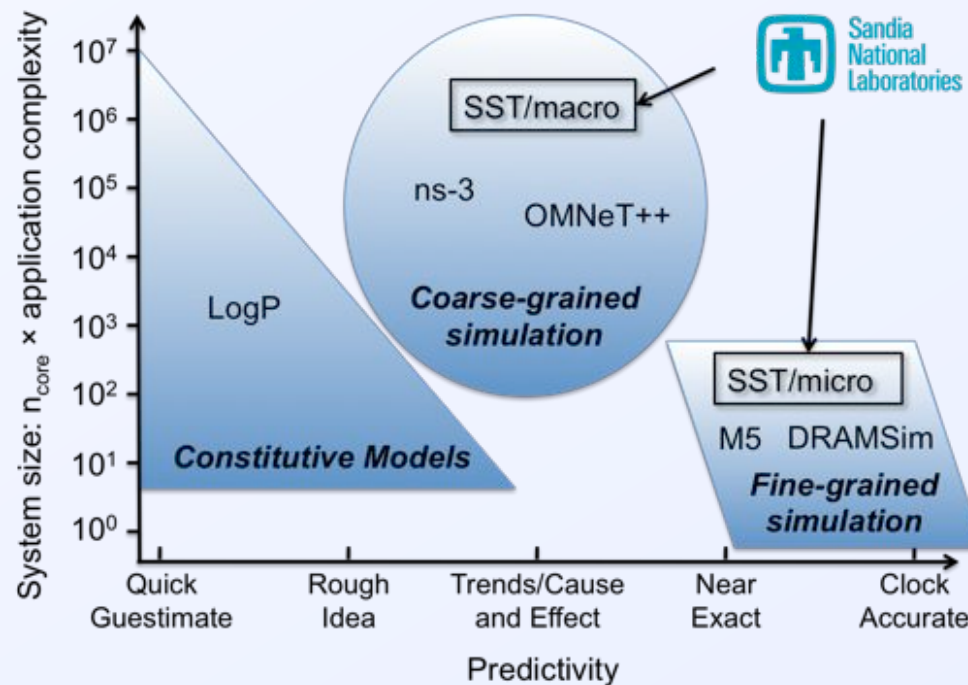


- *In situ* analysis challenges:
  - Sharing data structures between simulation and analysis codes
  - Developing scalable methods constrained to the simulation data partitioning
  - Developing methods that run at a very small fraction of simulation time



# As we develop these new algorithms, we need a method to test their behavior on potential architectures

Structural Simulation Toolkit (SST) – create a multi-scale computer architecture for design and procurement of large-scale parallel machines as well as in the design of algorithms for these machines.

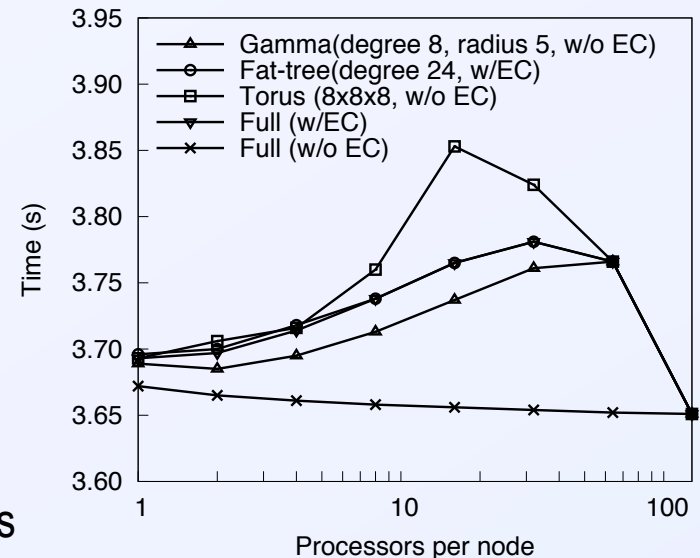


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# The Structural Simulation Toolkit developed at Sandia permits the study of future HPC systems

- Correctly identify causal relationships
  - Network topology
  - Node configuration
  - Noise/imbalance
  - Bandwidth
  - Latency
  - Resource contention
- Play “what if” games
  - Implementation effects for communication routines
  - Infinite performance in some components to stress others.
- Test changes to application, middleware, or resource management
  - Reordering code blocks, scheduling effects, etc.
- Test novel programming models
  - Fault-tolerant or fault-oblivious execution models
  - Alternatives to MPI, parallel runtime designs
  - Mixed programming models



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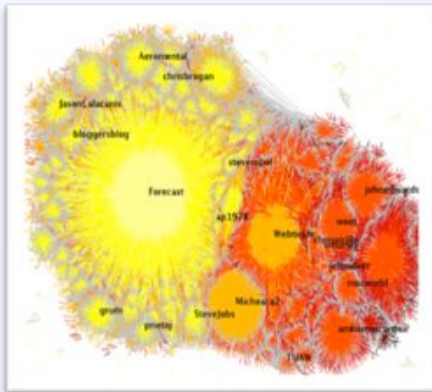


# Networks are everywhere



U.S. Power Grid  
[GENI]

Yeast-Protein  
interactions  
[Boardalier institute]



Twitter social network  
[Akshay Java, 20077]

- Physical networks
  - Defined by physical connections
  - Clearly defined for each system
  - Sandia's interest: Power, water, communication networks
- Functional networks
  - Defined by well-defined functional dependencies between entities
  - Complete information is available; Needs abstraction
  - Sandia's interest: supply chains, chemical reaction networks
- Interaction networks
  - Defined by interactions between entities
  - Information is incomplete and noisy; Needs abstraction
  - Sandia's interest: cybersecurity, counter terrorism, counter intelligence, epidemics

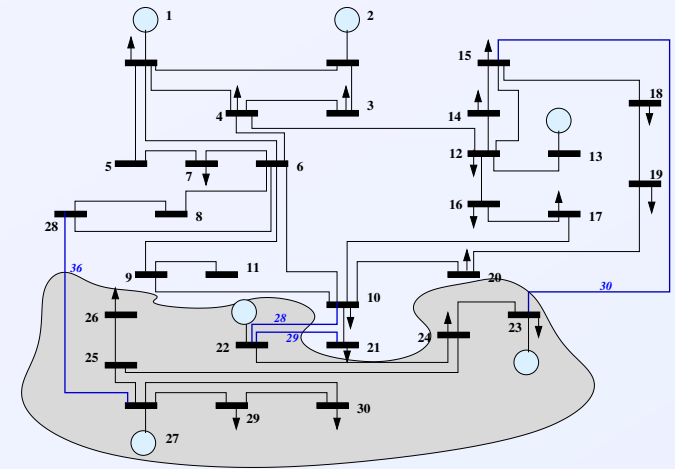
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# Graph analysis capabilities are needed to effectively support national security needs

- We are building basic capabilities to:
  - Pinpoint network vulnerabilities
  - Identify substructures similar to a specified pattern
  - Predict how networks will evolve in time
- These enabling technologies will be used to:
  - Quantifiably secure design & operations for critical infrastructure
  - Discover potential threats to national security by analyzing massive volumes of data
  - Characterize events for rapid and effective response



Vulnerability in the IEEE30-bus system



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# Good network models are essential for a variety of reasons

- Benchmarking algorithms and architectures
- Anonymization
  - Not all data can be shared
- Statistically significant data mining
- Predictive simulations
- Recovery of a network from limited observations
- Developing good models is extremely challenging task that requires combinatorics, linear algebra, optimization, and statistics

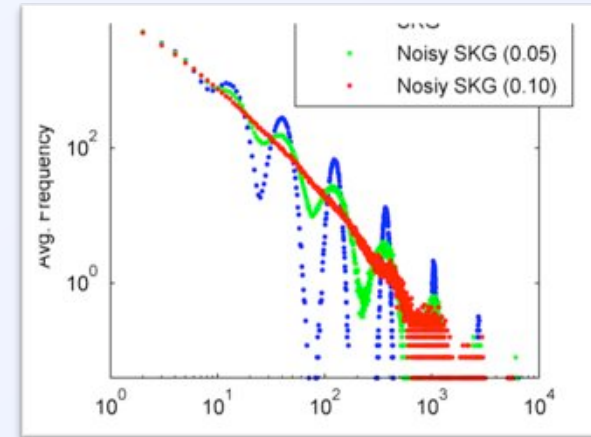


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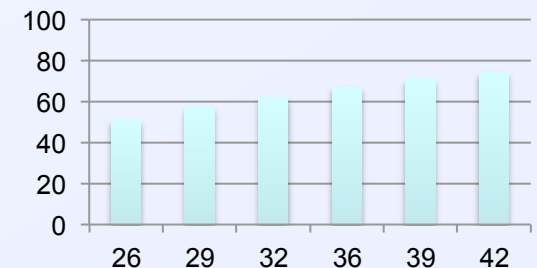


# Research at Sandia is improving the Graph 500 benchmark

- Graph500 benchmark is designed to represent data-intensive, analytic workloads that are significantly different than those of traditional 3D physics codes.
- Benchmark used R-MAT to generate graphs
- Two major results of our analysis:
  - Identified and fixed a significant problem with the degree distribution
  - Showed that up to 75% of vertices were isolated in last year's benchmark



Degree distribution is smoothed by randomization



% of isolated nodes in Graph500 graphs

***Graph500 will be updated based on our recommendations***

Work funded by ASCR [Seshadri, Pinar, Kolda in preparation]

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