

# Science Solutions through Supercomputing

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# Computing in Science and Engineering

Computers are used to understand things that are:

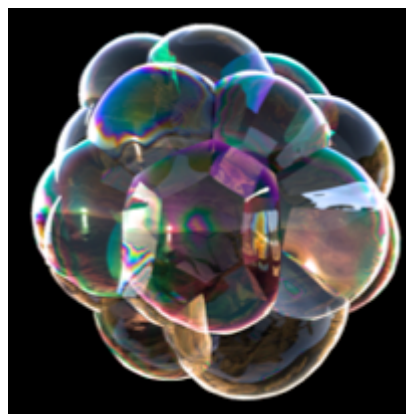
- too big
  - too small
  - too fast
  - too slow
  - too expensive or
  - too dangerous
- for experiments



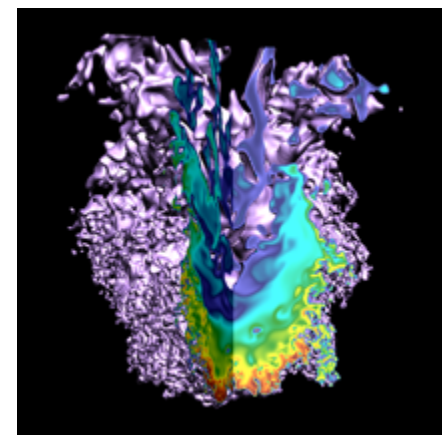
Understanding the universe



Proteins and diseases like Alzheimer's



Industrial products and processes



Energy-efficient combustion engines



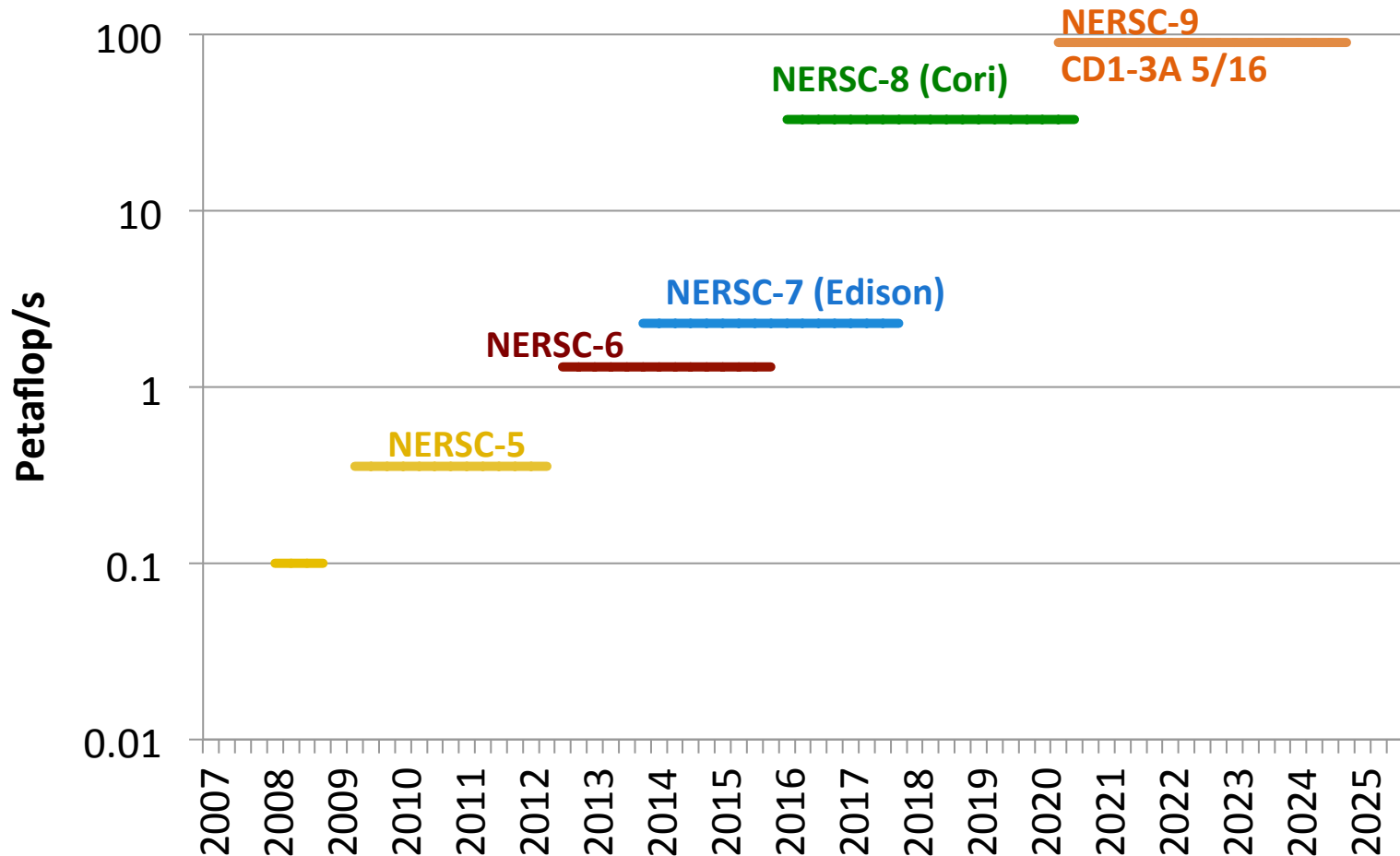
# Deploy Exascale Systems at NERSC



**NERSC: the broadest, most open, widely used computing center in DOE**

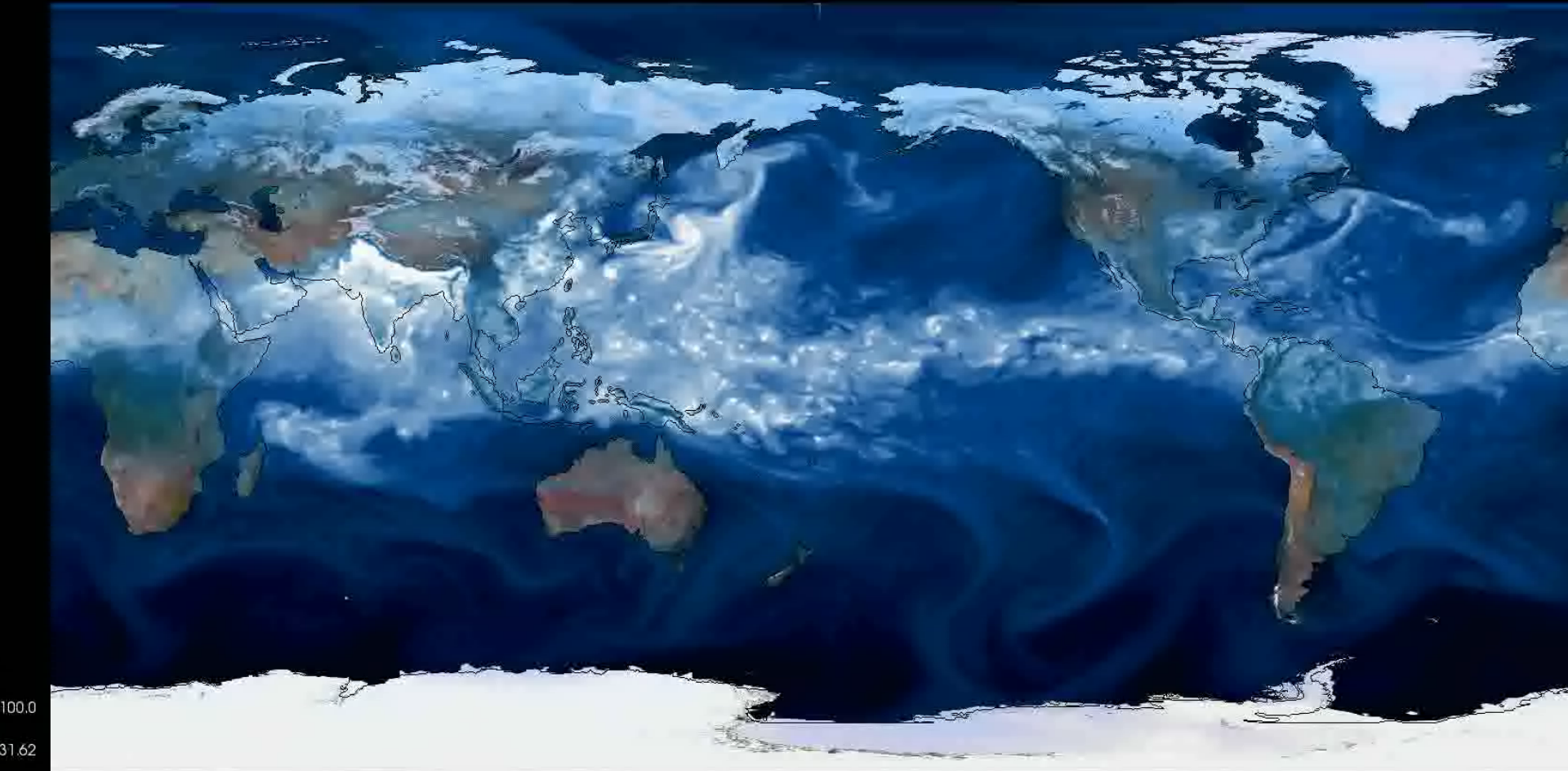
- **5000+ users, 1900+ publications, 700 codes, 5 associated Nobels**
- **Exascale in 2025: necessary for Office of Science mission**
- **Needs strong vendor ecosystem with multiple vendors/architectures**

# NERSC Systems Roadmap



NERSC-8 (Cori) will be the fastest computer in the US; Run at > 90% utilization

# Simulations Show the Effects of Climate Changes in Hurricanes



Michael Wehner and Prabhat, Berkeley Lab

August 3 1979

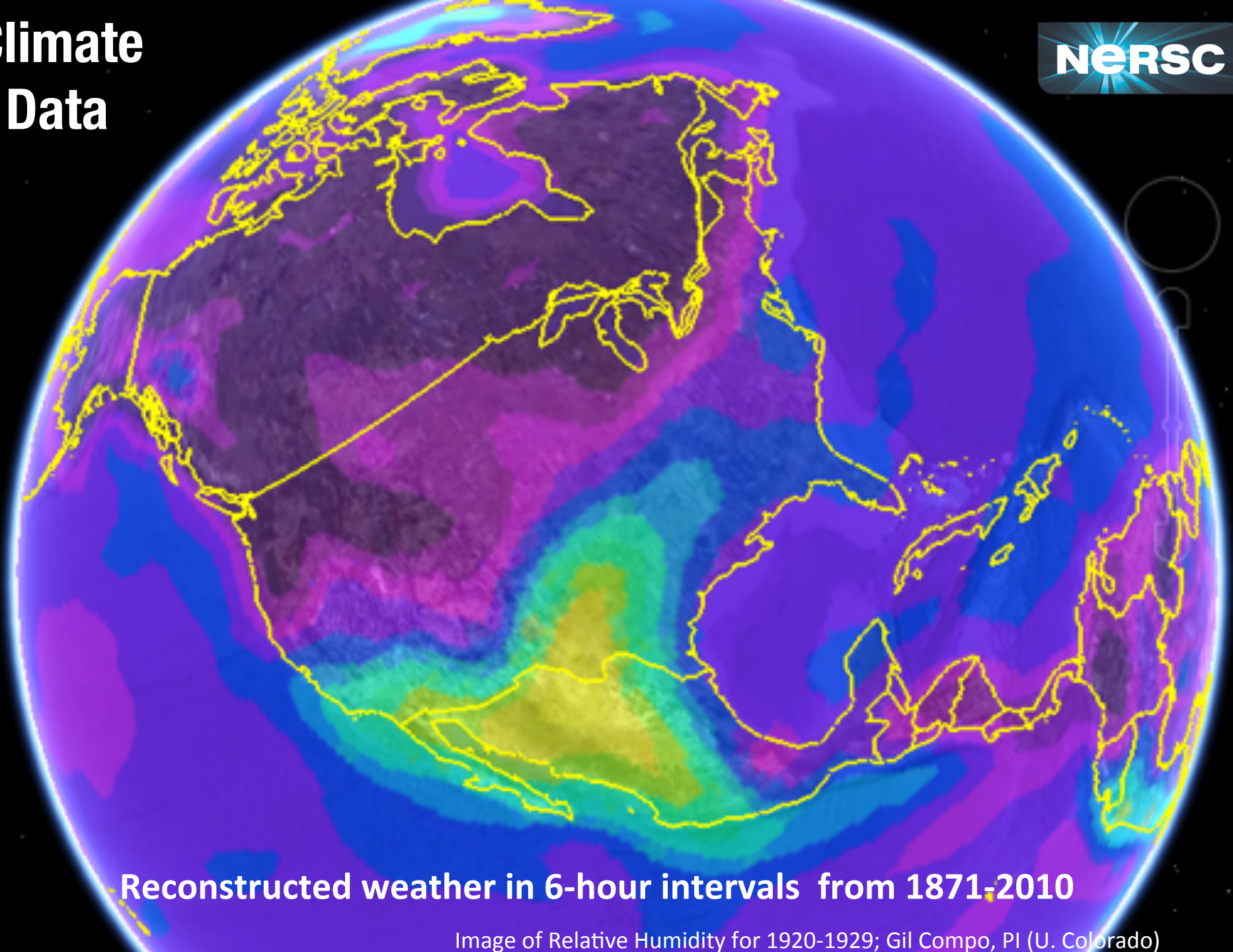


# Climate Data

**NERSC**

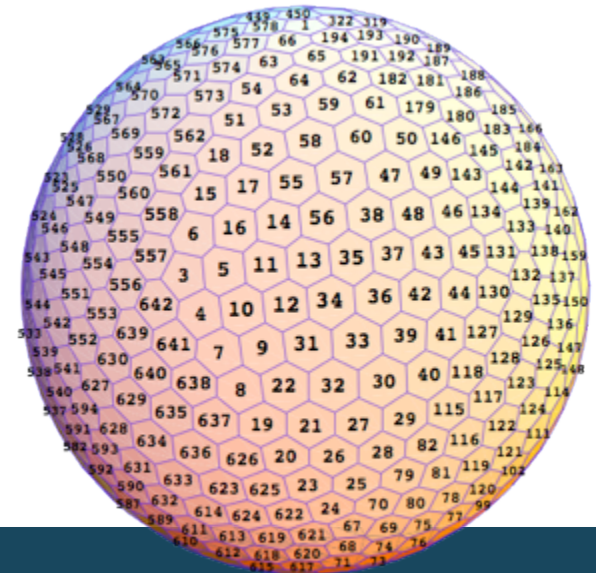
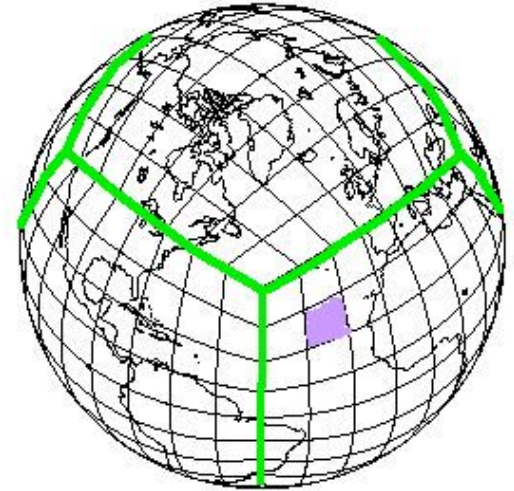
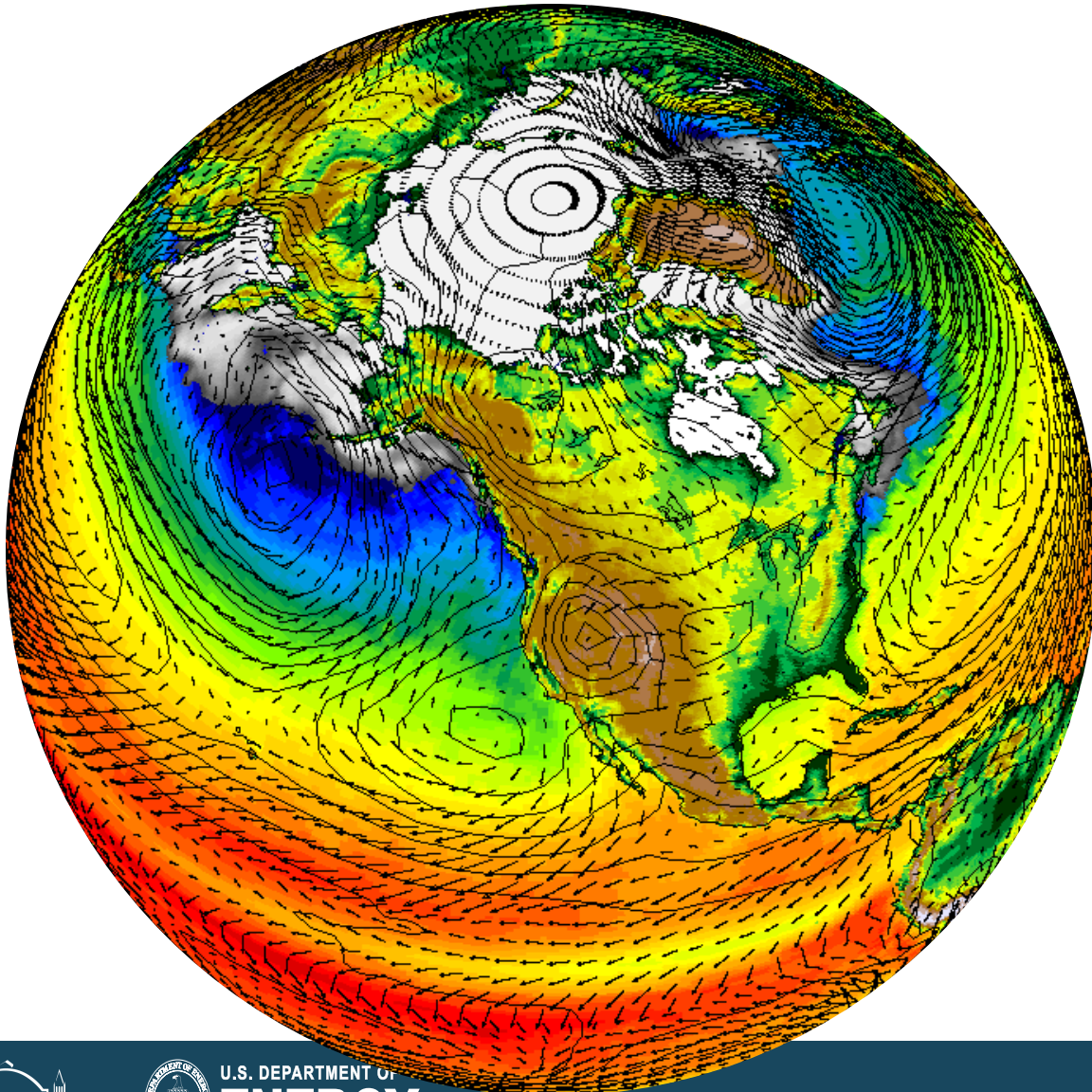
**Reconstructed weather in 6-hour intervals from 1871-2010**

Image of Relative Humidity for 1920-1929; Gil Compo, PI (U. Colorado)

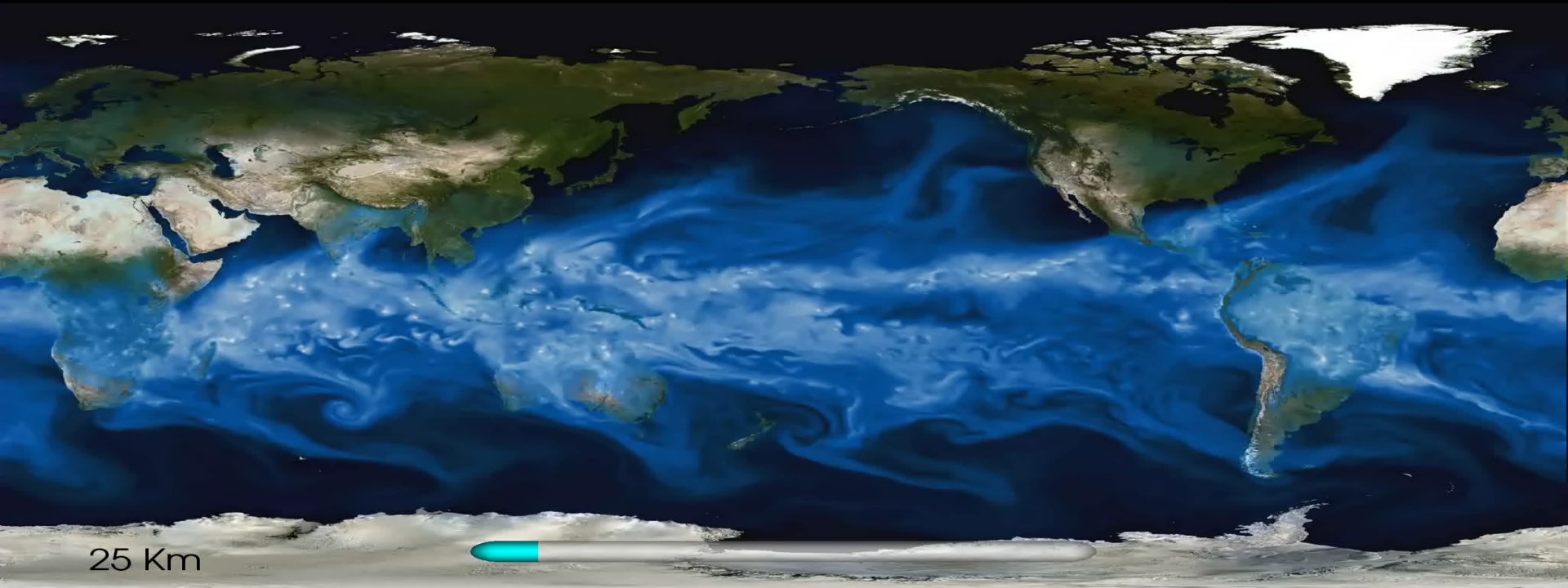
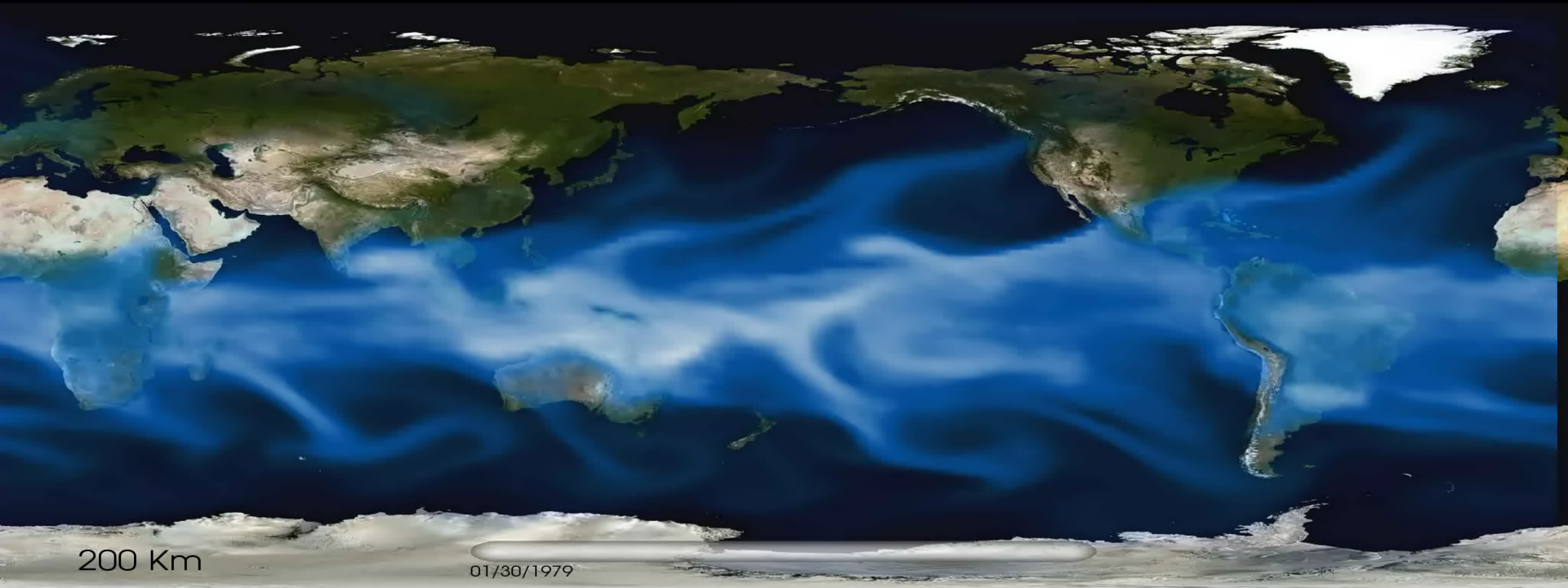




# Data Structures for Simulations









**EARLY UNIVERSE SIMULATION**

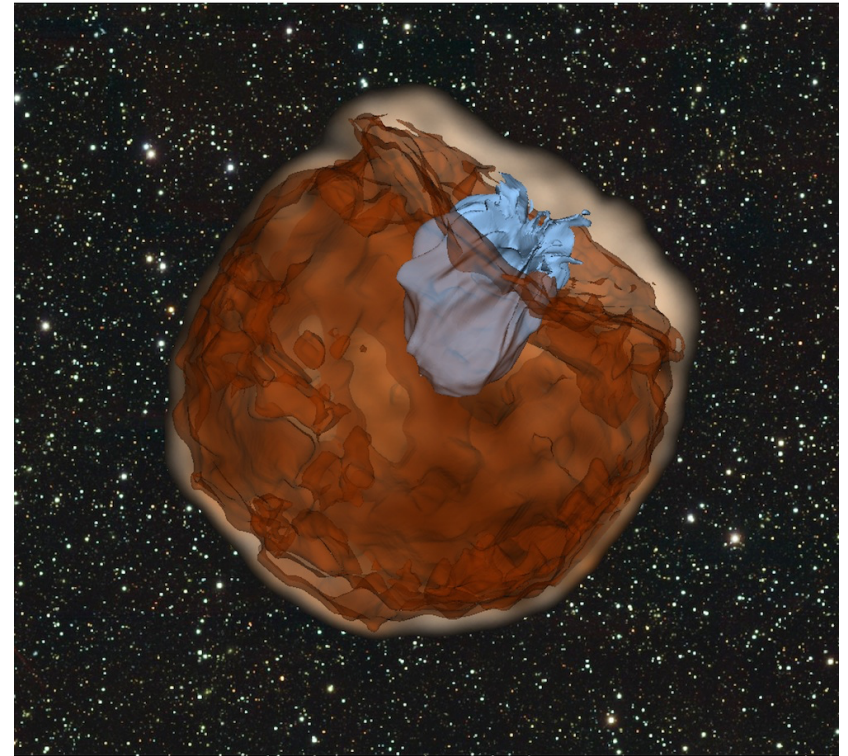
# Astrophysics

## Astrophysics

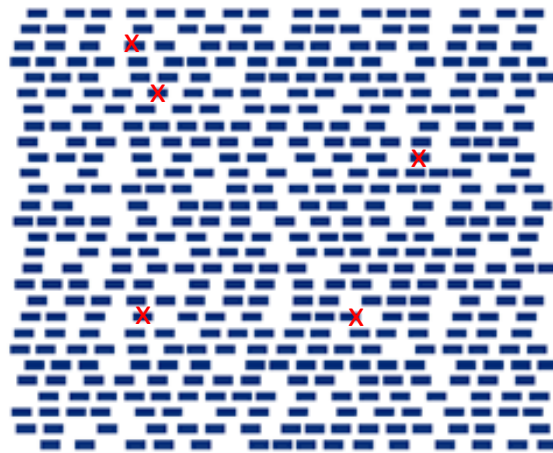
**What is the source of the heaviest elements? Improve understanding of the rapid neutron capture process (the r-process).**

### Simulation Challenge Problems

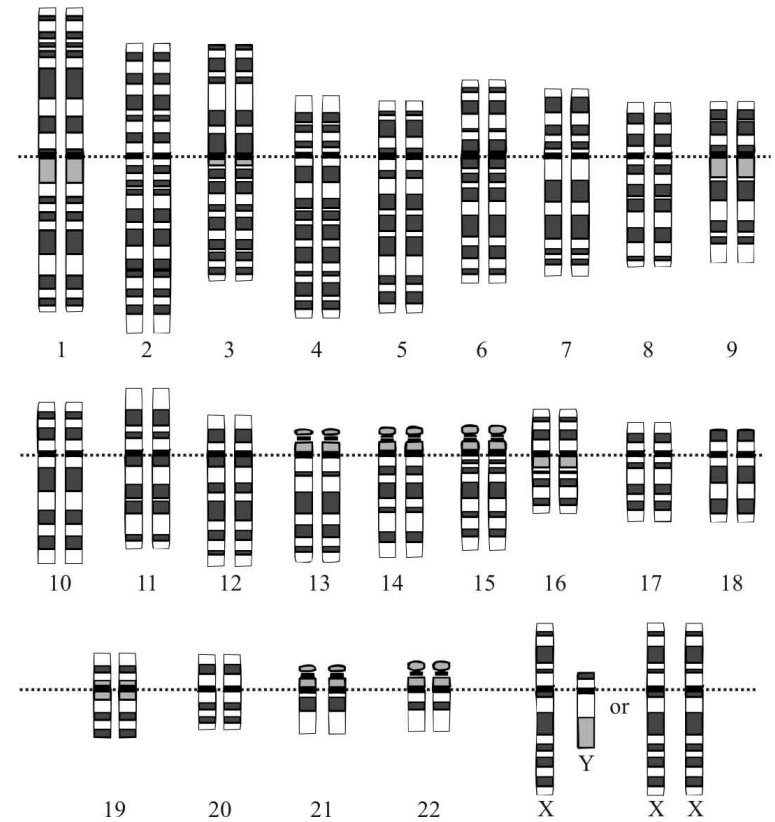
- ✓ Fully self-consistent calculations of all of the main proposed r-process scenarios: core-collapse supernovae, neutron star mergers, and accreting black holes
- ✓ Calculation of related stellar explosions: novae, x-ray bursts and thermonuclear supernovae
- ✓ Requires advanced multi-group neutrino radiation transport



# Genome Assembly



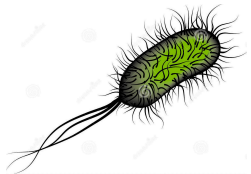




$\gg 10^9$  sequencing reads  
36 bp - 1 kb



3 Gb



# Genomes vary in size

Organism	Genome size (in billion bases)	Typical read data size
E. Coli 	0.5	3 Gb
Hagfish 	1.5	300 Gb
Human 	3	650 Gb
Wheat 	17	1200 Gb
Salamander 	20	1400 Gb

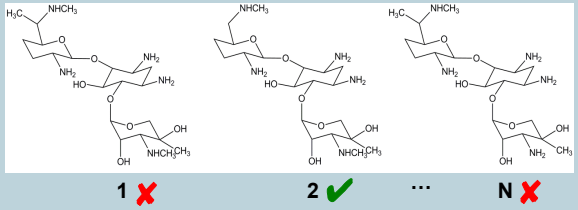
# Metagenome Analysis



# Biofoundry: Rapid Production of Antimicrobials



New antibiotic-resistant pathogen



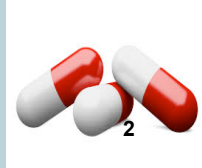
Screen drug variants for efficacy



Stockpiled vials of cells to produce drug variants



Distributed fermentation drug production facilities



Rapid surge production of effective drug variant

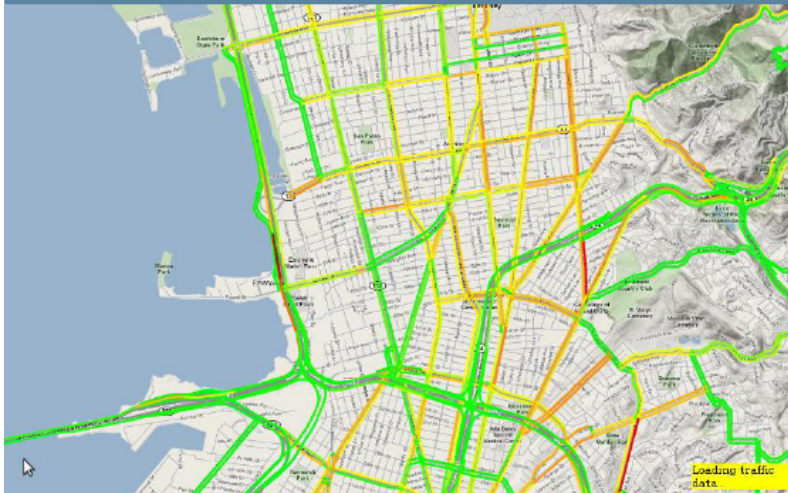
## Grand Challenge:

- Discover new and improved antimicrobials for human, animal, and plant pathogens
- Rapidly identify an effective antibiotic and surge its production at distributed sites



# Science in embedded sensors: Internet of Things

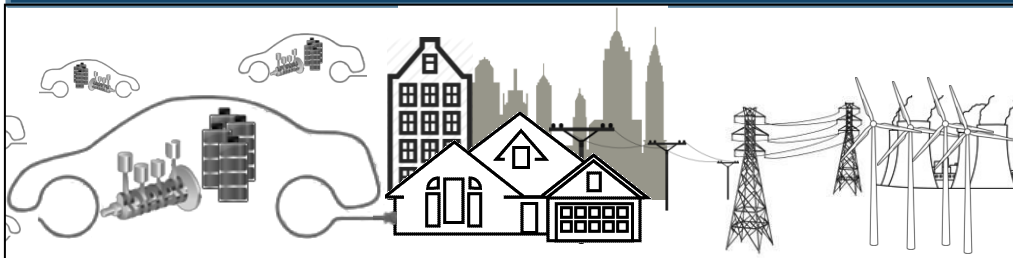
## Transportation Modeling



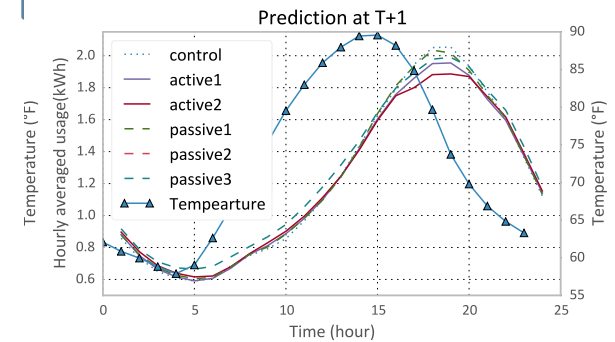
## Power Grid Modeling



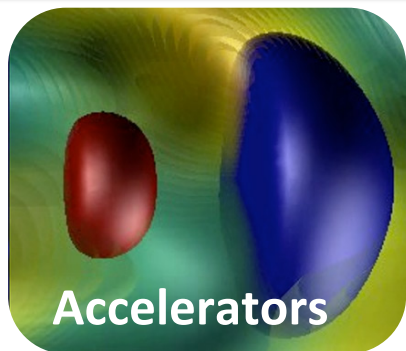
## Scenario Prediction, Planning



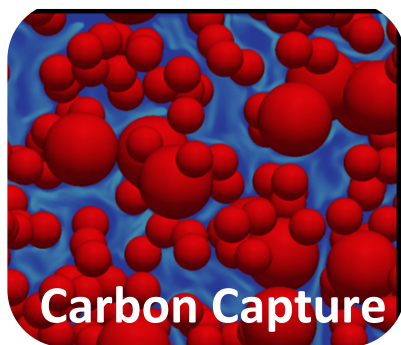
## Decision Science



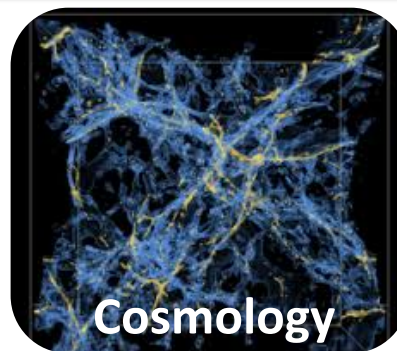
# Use Math Leadership to Maximize Exascale Science



Accelerators



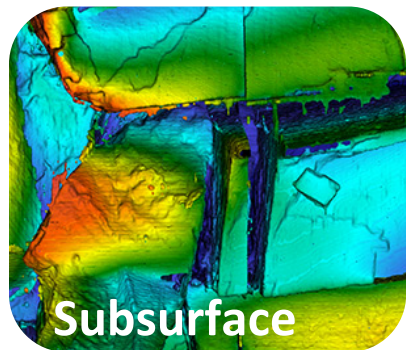
Carbon Capture



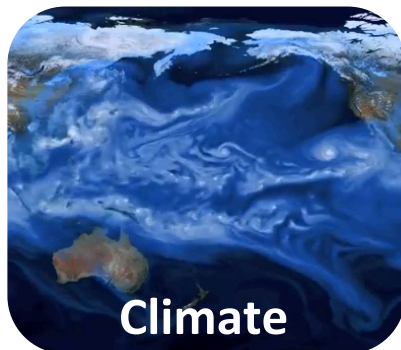
Cosmology



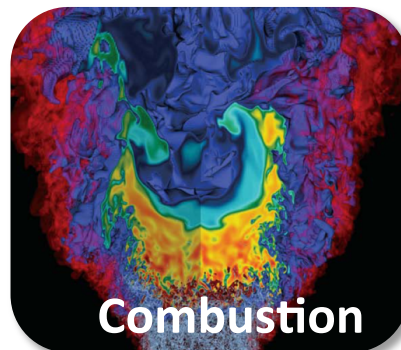
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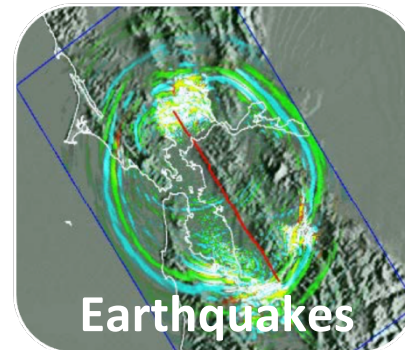
Subsurface



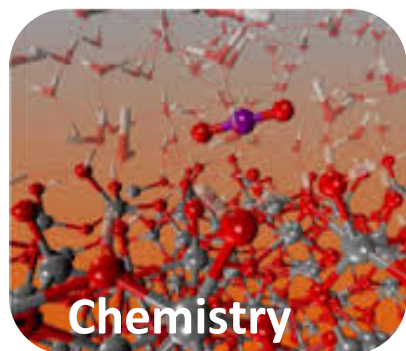
Climate



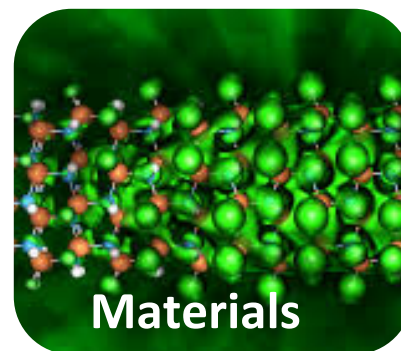
Combustion



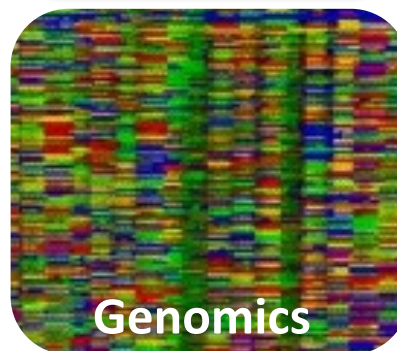
Earthquakes



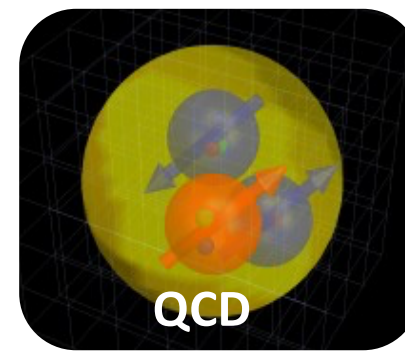
Chemistry



Materials



Genomics



QCD

# Discovery unconstrained by geography via ESnet



Transform global science networks.



Create information and tools for optimal network use.



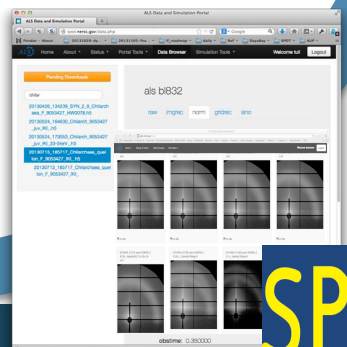
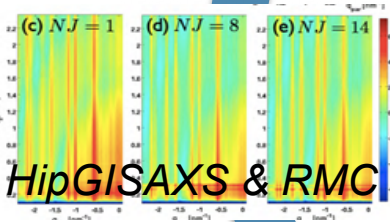
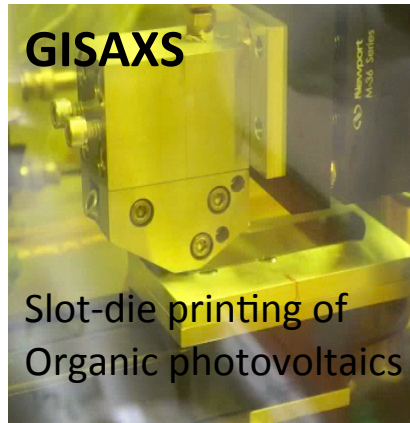
Pioneer architectures, protocols, applications.



DMZ image credit: SDSC



# Changing Science through a “Superfacility”





# Enabling New Scientists



*17-year-old Brittany Wegner creates breast cancer detection tool that is 99% accurate on a minimally invasive, previously inaccurate test.*

**Machine Learning + Online Data + Cloud Computing**