

Cyberinfrastructure Framework for 21st Century Science & Engineering (CF21)

NSF-wide Cyberinfrastructure Vision
People, Sustainability, Innovation, Integration

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Framing the Question

Science is Radically Revolutionized by CI

❖ Modern science

- Data- and compute-intensive
- Integrative

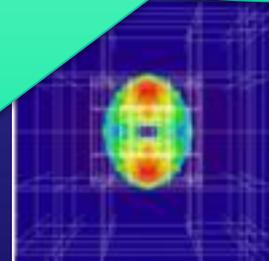
❖ Multiscale Collaboration

for Computational Science

- Integrative, multiscale
- 4 centuries of constancy, 4 decades 10^9 - 10^{12} change!

...But such radical change cannot be adequately addressed with (our current) incremental approach!

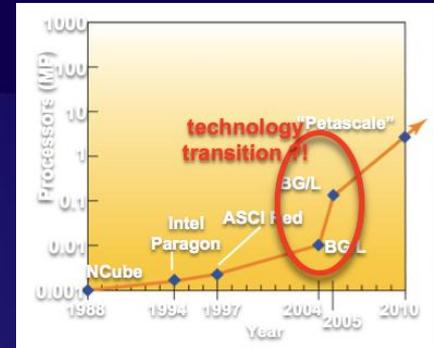
We still think like this...



Five Crises

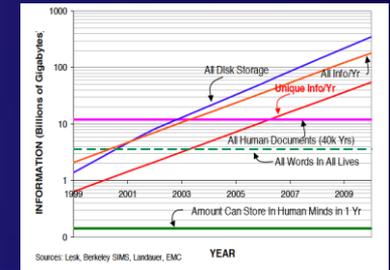
❖ Computing Technology

- Multicore: processor is new transistor
- Programming model, fault tolerance, etc
- New models: clouds, grids, GPUs,... where appropriate



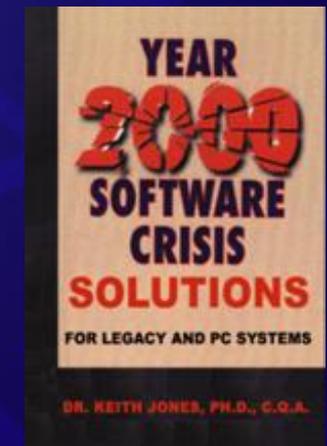
❖ Data, provenance, and viz

- Generating more data than in all of human history: preserve, mine, share?
- How do we create “data scientists”?



❖ Software

- Complex applications on coupled compute-data-networked environments, tools needed
- Modern apps: 10^6+ lines, many groups contribute, take decades



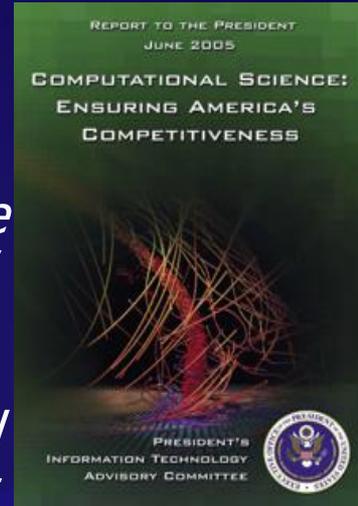
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❖ Organization for Multidisciplinary Computational Science

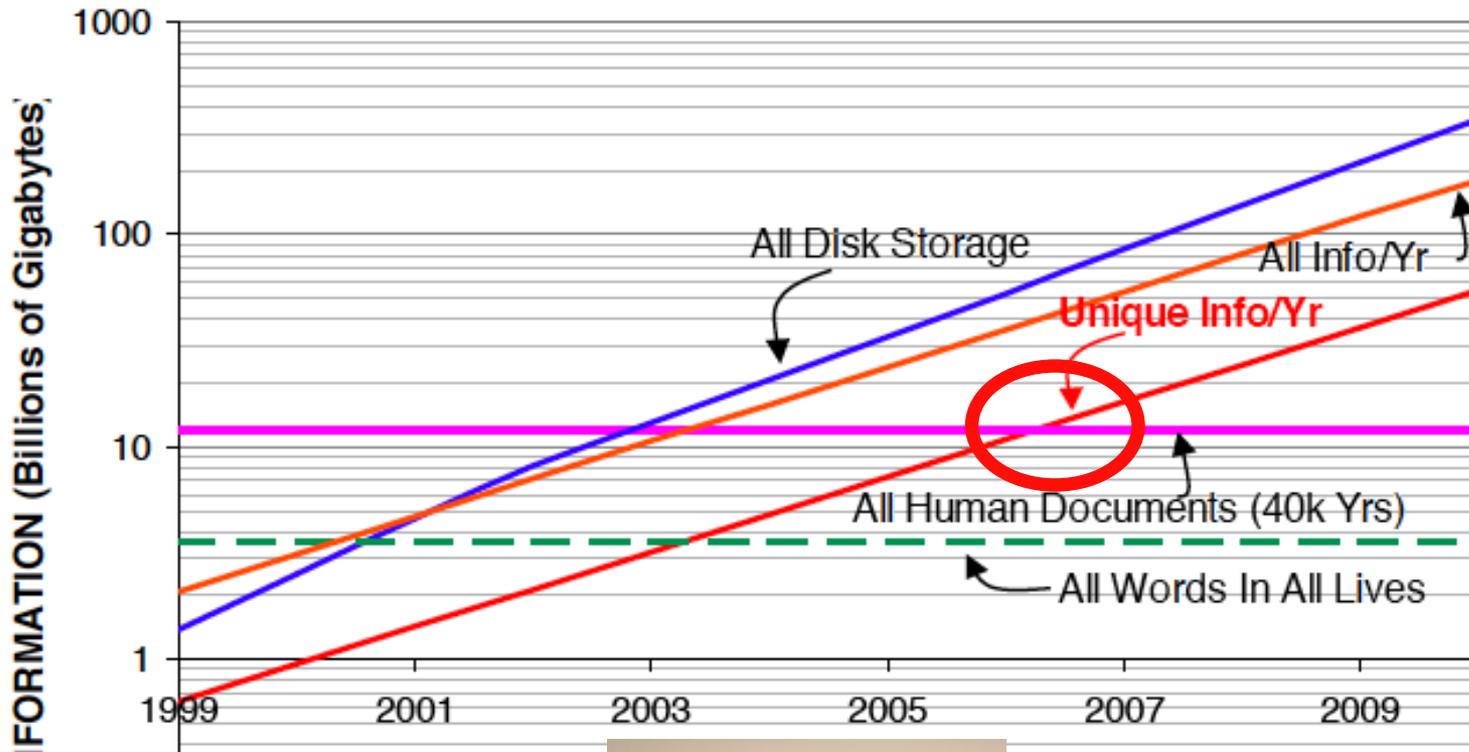
- *"Universities must significantly change organizational structures: multidisciplinary & collaborative research are needed [for US] to remain competitive in global science"*
- *"Itself a discipline, computational science advances all science...inadequate/outmoded structures within Federal government and the academy do not effectively support this critical multidisciplinary field"*

❖ Education

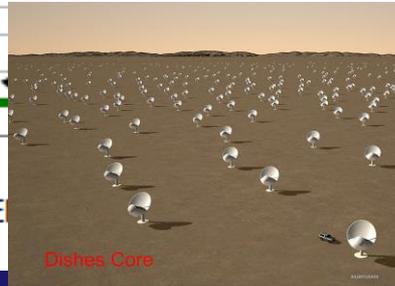
- The CI environment is becoming more complex and more fundamental for research
- How do we develop a workforce to provide leadership, expertise and support ?



Aside on Data



berkeley SIMS, Landauer, E



Information in Human Minds in



Some observations

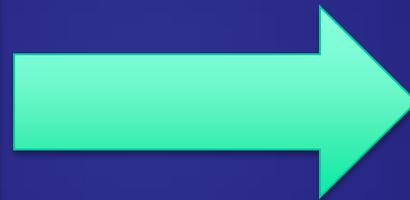
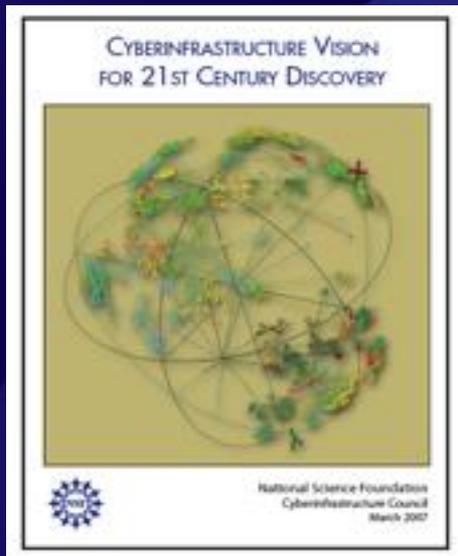
- ❖ Science and Scholarship are team sports
 - Competitiveness and success will come to those who can put together the best team, and can marshal the best resources and capabilities
- ❖ Collaboration/partnerships will change significantly
 - Growth of dynamic coalitions and virtual organizations
 - International collaboration will become even more important
- ❖ Ownership of data plus low cost fuels growth and number of data systems
 - Growth in both distributed systems and local systems
 - More people want to access more data
 - Federation and interoperability become more important

More observations

- ❖ More discoveries will arise from search approaches
 - Mining vast amounts of new and disparate data
 - Collaboration and sharing of information
- ❖ Mobility and personal control will continue to drive innovation and business
- ❖ Gaming, virtual worlds, social networks will continue to transform the way we do science, research, education and business
- ❖ The Internet has collapsed six degrees of separation and is creating a world with two or three degrees.

What is Needed?

An ecosystem, not components...



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Cyberinfrastructure Ecosystem



Maintainability, sustainability, and extensibility

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- ❖ A goal of Virtual Proximity – as though you are one with your resources
 - Continue to collapse the barrier of distance and remove geographic location as an issue
 - ALL resources (including people) are virtually present, accessible and secure
 - Instruments, HPC, Vis, Data, Software, Expertise, VOs, etc

End-to-End Integrated Cyberinfrastructure

Science, discovery, throughput and usefulness become the metrics

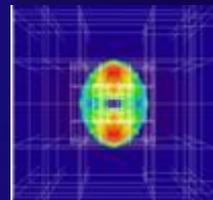
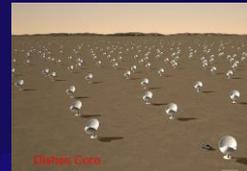
Driving Forces

- ❖ Need to support the efficient pursuit of S&E
 - Multi-domain, multi-disciplinary, multi-location
 - Leading edge CI network capabilities
 - Seamless integration
- ❖ Need to connect Researcher to Resource
 - Access to major scientific resources and instruments
 - CI resource availability – at speed and in real-time
 - (HPC, MREFC, Data Center, Vis center, Clouds, etc)
 - Campus environment including intra-campus
 - State, regional, national and international network and infrastructure transparency

CF21: Cyberinfrastructure Framework...



- ❖ High-end computation, data, visualization, networks for transformative science; *sustainability, extensibility*
 - Facilities/centers as *hubs of innovation*
- ❖ MREFCs and collaborations including large-scale NSF collaborative facilities, international partners
- ❖ Software, tools, science applications, and VOs critical to science, integrally connected to instruments
- ❖ Campuses fundamentally linked end-to-end; clouds, loosely coupled campus services, policy to support
- ❖ People. Comprehensive approach workforce development for 21st century science and engineering



CF21 and HPC

- ❖ Critical metric is sustained APPLICATION performance
 - Tera/Peta/Exascale applications
 - Lead and follow the science and engineering researchers
 - Partnerships with other US and international agencies
- ❖ How to address sustainability, user requirements
 - Balance and integration of:
 - Leadership, production and experimental systems
 - Different types or classes of resources (compute, data; national, local)
 - Alternate models of computing:
 - Clouds, grids, commercial providers? Pay per service?
- ❖ How to build on existing and planned CI?
 - Development and integration of advanced services
 - Connect out to MREFCs, across to campus and regional resources
- ❖ Developing the computational science program at scale

HPC example

❖ Leadership: Petascale-to-Exascale

- Sustainable facilities
- Multi-agency cooperation discussions
- Long term



UIUC Petascale Facility

❖ Advanced capabilities

- Sustainable hubs of Excellence/Innovation; a focus on people and expertise
- Sustainable data and compute-intensive centers (major machines every 4 years), broader array of services
- Medium term

❖ Experimental

- 1-2 awards every year to explore new architectures, coupled with application/software dev

Networking Infrastructure Example

- ❖ Major Scientific Facility Interconnects
 - Networking infrastructure focus
- ❖ High Performance End-User Access
 - Address at-speed connection at desktop
 - Usefulness and User throughput
 - Pilots and prototypes
- ❖ Experimental Research Networks
 - Multi layer, hybrid networks including cybersecurity
 - Applications with end-to-end focus
- ❖ Digital Divide issues
 - Geographically remote, rural areas, community colleges, etc
 - On campus, off campus

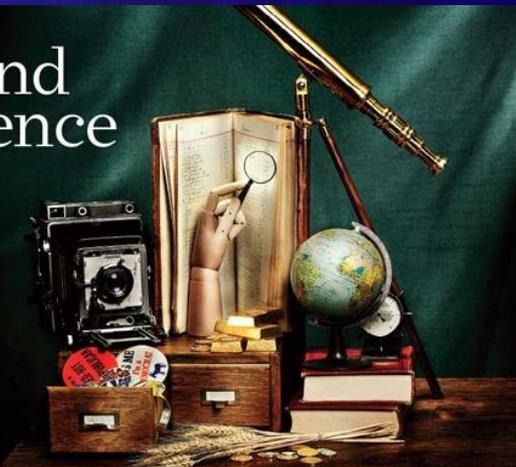
The Shift Towards Data *Implications*

- ❖ All science is becoming data-dominated
 - Experiment, computation, theory
- ❖ Totally new methodologies
 - Algorithms, mathematics
 - All disciplines from science and engineering to arts and humanities
- ❖ End-to-end networking becomes critical part of CI ecosystem
 - Campuses, please note!
- ❖ How do we train “data-intensive” scientists?
- ❖ Data policy becomes critical!



The End of Science

The quest for knowledge used to begin with grand theories. Now it begins with massive amounts of data. Welcome to the Petabyte Age.

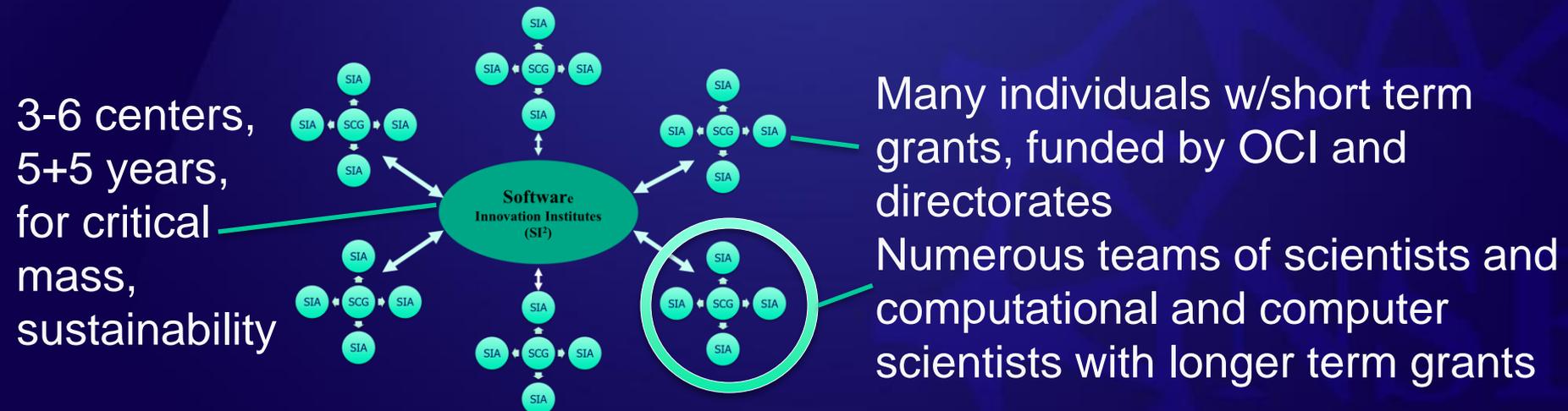


Data Example

- ❖ Provide reliable digital preservation, access, integration, and analysis capabilities for science/engineering data over decades-long timeline
- ❖ Achieve long-term preservation and access capability in an environment of rapid technology advances
- ❖ Create systems and services that are economically and technologically sustainable
- ❖ Empower science-driven information integration capability on the foundation of a reliable data preservation network

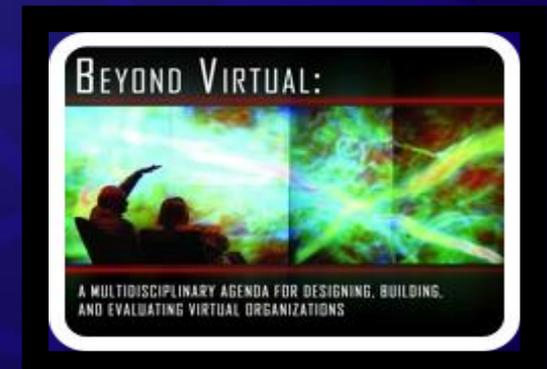
Software Institutes Example

- ❖ Transform innovation into sustainable software
- ❖ Significant multiscale, long-term program
 - Perhaps \$200-300M over a decade
 - \$10M identified in FY10
 - \$14M+ annual in OCI in future years
 - Connected institutes, teams, investigators
 - Integrated into CF21 framework with Directorates



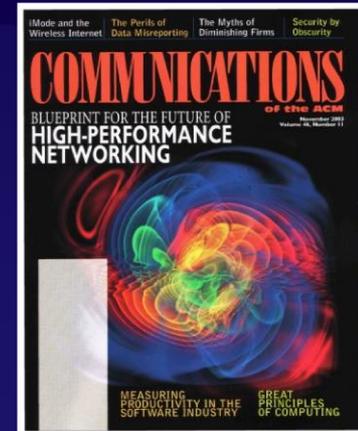
Virtual Organizations Example

- ❖ What constitutes effective virtual organizations? How do they enhance research and education; what about production and innovation?
- ❖ Multi-disciplinary
 - Anthropology, complexity sciences, CS, decision and management sciences, economics, engineering, organization theory, organizational behavior, social and industrial psychology, public administration, sociology
- ❖ Broad variety of qualitative and quantitative methods
 - Ethnographies, surveys, simulation studies, experiments, comparative case studies, network analyses.
- ❖ Grounded in theory, rooted in empirical methods



Critical Factors

- ❖ Science and society profoundly changing
- ❖ Comprehensive approach to CI needed to address complex problems of 21st century
 - All elements must be addressed, not just a few
 - Many exponentials: data, compute, collaborate
- ❖ Data-intensive science increasingly dominant
 - Modern data-driven CI presents numerous crises, opportunities
- ❖ Academia and Agencies must addressed
 - New organizational structures, rebalanced investments, educational programs, policy
- ❖ End-to-end; researcher to resources



ACCI Task Forces

Campus Bridging:
Craig Stewart, IU
(BIO)

Data & Viz: Shenda
Baker, Harvey Mudd
(MPS); Tony Hey,
(CISE)

- ❖ Completion by end of year
- ❖ Advising NSF
- ❖ Conducting Workshop(s)
- ❖ Recommendations
- ❖ Input to NSF informs CF21 programs, 2011-12 CI Vision Plan

Software: David
Keyes,
Columbia/KAUS
T (MPS)

Computing: Thomas
Zacharia,
ORNL/UTK (DOE)

Education & Workforce:
Alex Ramirez, CEOSE

Grand Challenge
Communities/VOs:
Tinsley Oden, Austin
(ENG)

CF21 DRAFT Plan

- ❖ Incorporate and integrate existing ACCI Task Forces Recommendations and input
- ❖ CF21 Colloquium (C²) – in process
- ❖ Plan to establish CF21 group at NSF
- ❖ Development of a CI requirements template
- ❖ Develop a CF21 budget building exercise for FY12
- ❖ Complete draft by 1st Quarter, 2011

CI requirements Template (Draft)

- ❖ CI requirements to meet science and engineering challenges over the next 10 years
 - Scientific instruments, facilities, MREFCs, etc
 - Data, collections, libraries, access, curation, preservation, etc
 - Software, application, middleware, etc
 - Compute resources, data centers, clouds, grids, etc
 - Networking, end-to-end, cybersecurity, campus, national, international, etc
 - Organizations, labs, universities, VOs, communities, etc.
 - Expertise, education, workforce development, collaboration

Challenges

- ❖ Foundational substrate for research and education
- ❖ Involves user interacting with CI capabilities
 - ❖ Data, software, visualization, HPC, clouds, organizations, etc
- ❖ Involves entire CI 'stack' – transparency of desktop to world capabilities
- ❖ Throughput and usefulness to the end-user is the metric
- ❖ New "world view" and culture for research infrastructure