

STUDENT CLUSTER COMPETITION (SCC)

學生叢集競賽



What is SCC

- 比賽團隊運用一個叢集電腦, 在有限的時間及電量之下, 完成越多的計算工作執行數量(Throughput), 或是達到越快的工作執行時間(Performance)



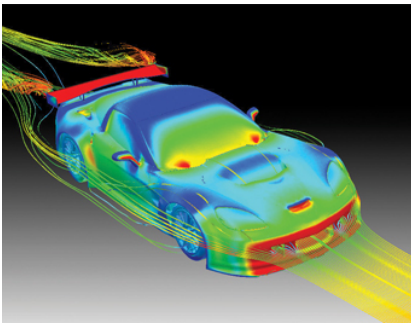
What are the Competitions

	Since	Date	Location	Event	Organizer
ASC	2013	April	China	Supercomputer center tour	Inspur
ISC	2012	June	Germany	ISC Conf. & Show	Academia/ National Lab
SCC	2006	November	US	SC Conf. & Show	Academia/ National Lab
*TSCC	2012	May	Taiwan		台灣國網中心

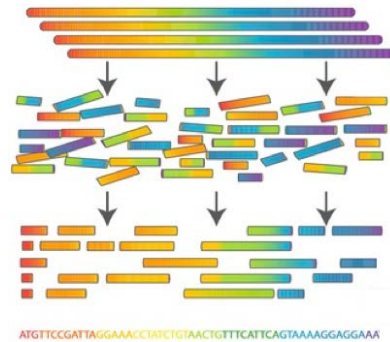
- ASC: 一半是中國大陸的參賽隊伍, 會使用全世界最快的超級電腦
- ISC: 與ISC學術會議共同舉辦, 也有結合歐洲的電腦公司產品展示
- SC: 與主導高效能計算(HPC)的學術會議共同舉辦, 結合全世界電腦公司產品展示, 也是第一個比賽的舉辦單位. **24 hours non-stop.**
- TSCC: 僅限台灣的大專院校參加

What Types of Computing Tasks

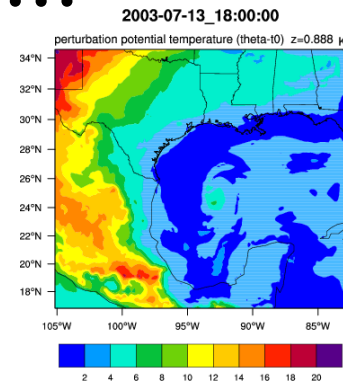
- Scientific Computing
- Deep Learning
- Others: Matlab, Decryptions...



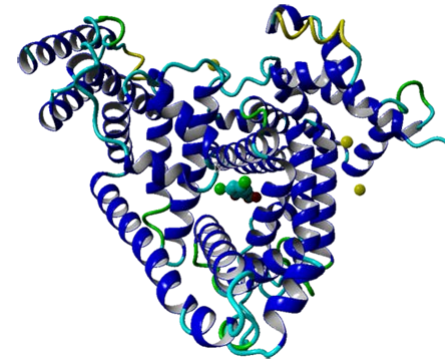
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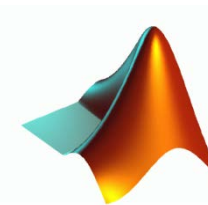
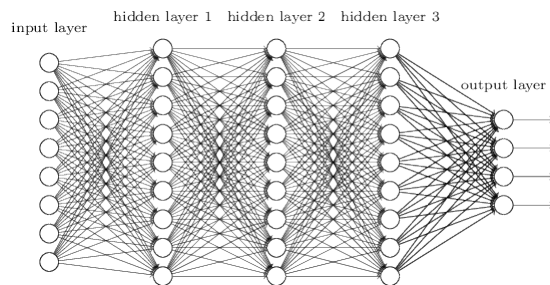
基因定序



氣象模擬



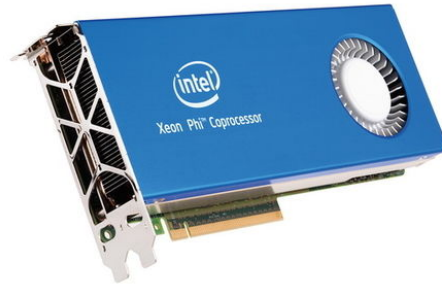
分子模擬



MATLAB

ANYTHING THAT TAKES TIME

What are the Computer Systems



What You Have to Do

- Build a system from the ground up
 - ▣ Pick your hardware
 - How many nodes?
 - GPU, Xeon Phi, FPGA?
 - ▣ Install OS, compilers, libraries, and applications
 - ▣ Be familiar with system administrator commands, like controlling the **fan speed** and **CPU/GPU frequency**
- Study applications
 - ▣ How to run it?
 - ▣ Can it use accelerator?
 - ▣ How is its scalability?
 - ▣ How much power it consumes?

What You Have to Do

- Modify codes (if possible or if required)
 - ▣ Profile program to find performance bottleneck
 - ▣ Port to GPU or other new computer architecture
 - ▣ Rewrite algorithm
 - ▣ Implement parallel computing techniques, like scheduler, pipeline computation, asynchronous I/O, etc.

- Solve problems by **teamwork** under pressure
 - ▣ Time scheduling and resource allocation
 - ▣ Unexpected application behaviors
 - ▣ **Mystery application**

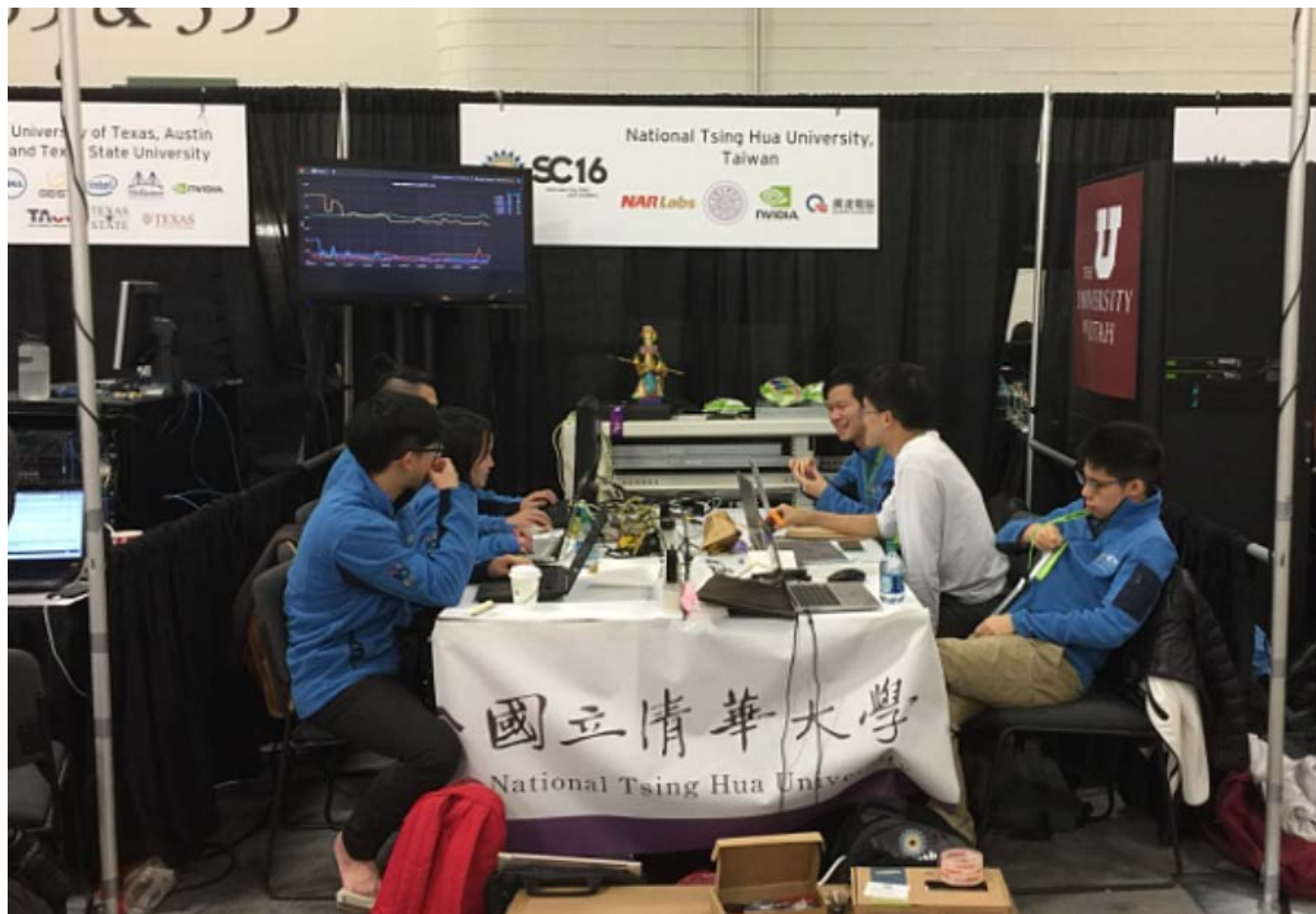
Why It is Exciting

- You will have **hands-on experience** in computer systems from hardware to software
- You will have a chance to touch those expensive and **cutting edge technologies**
- You will know what are the **computing problems in real life**, and solve them by yourself
- You will learn parallel computing, performance benchmarking, and **advanced knowledge**

組裝電腦



進行比賽



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The “Show”



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頒獎典禮



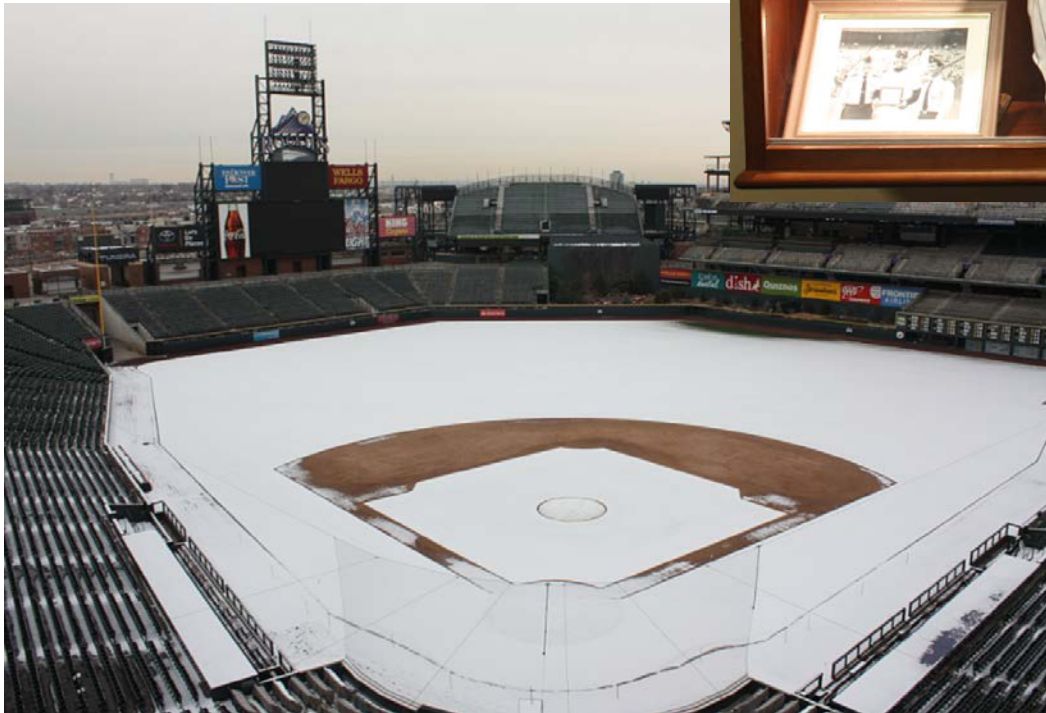
Make Friends



Salt Lake City



Denver



Fly Home...

- Take home the experience, the knowledge, and the award



Team Advisors

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Hope everyone enjoy the class & the summer!



Parallel Computing

Programming Models & Skills

Performance & Optimization