

High-Performance Computing and Distributed Systems

Some Observations from TeraGrid

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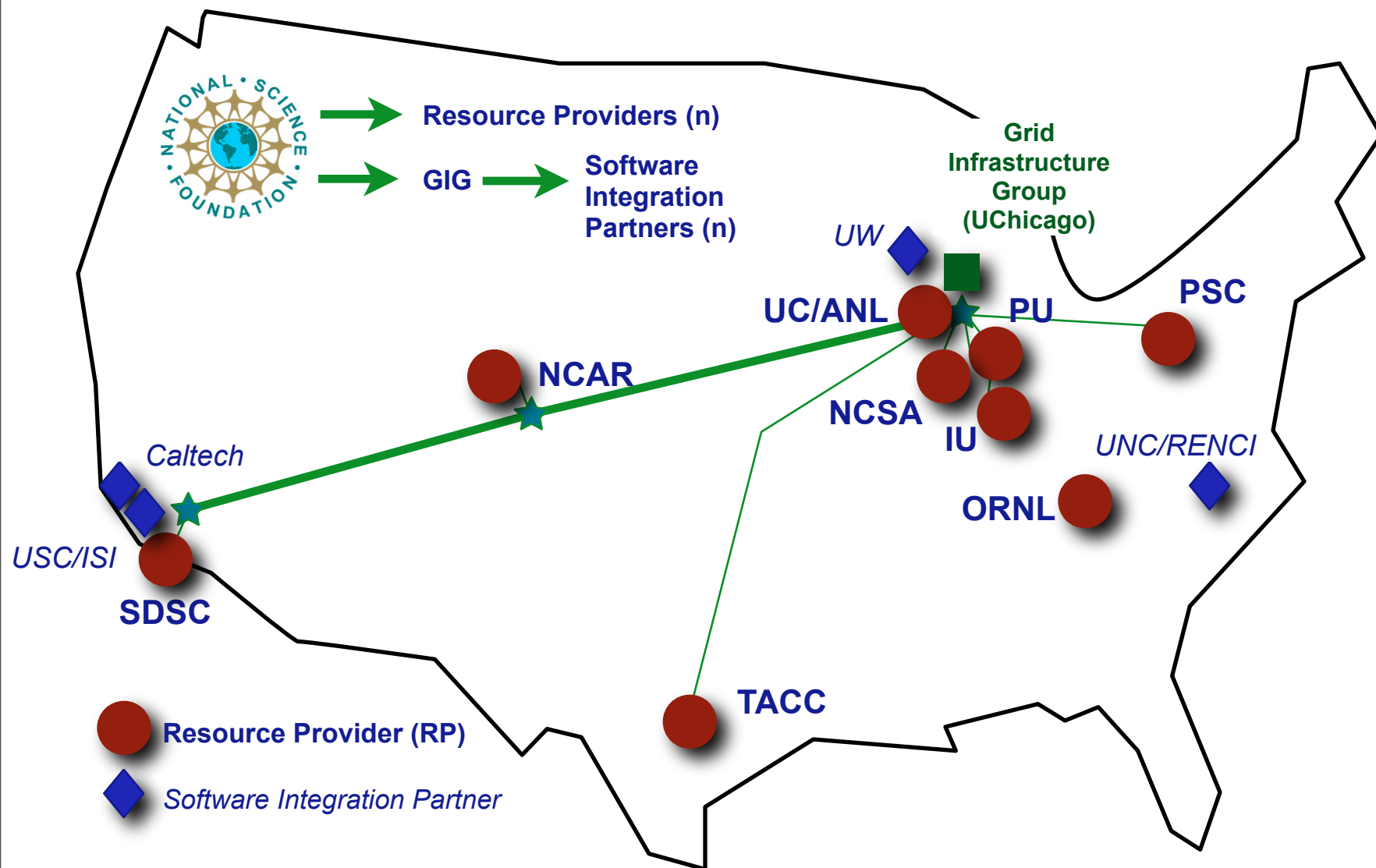


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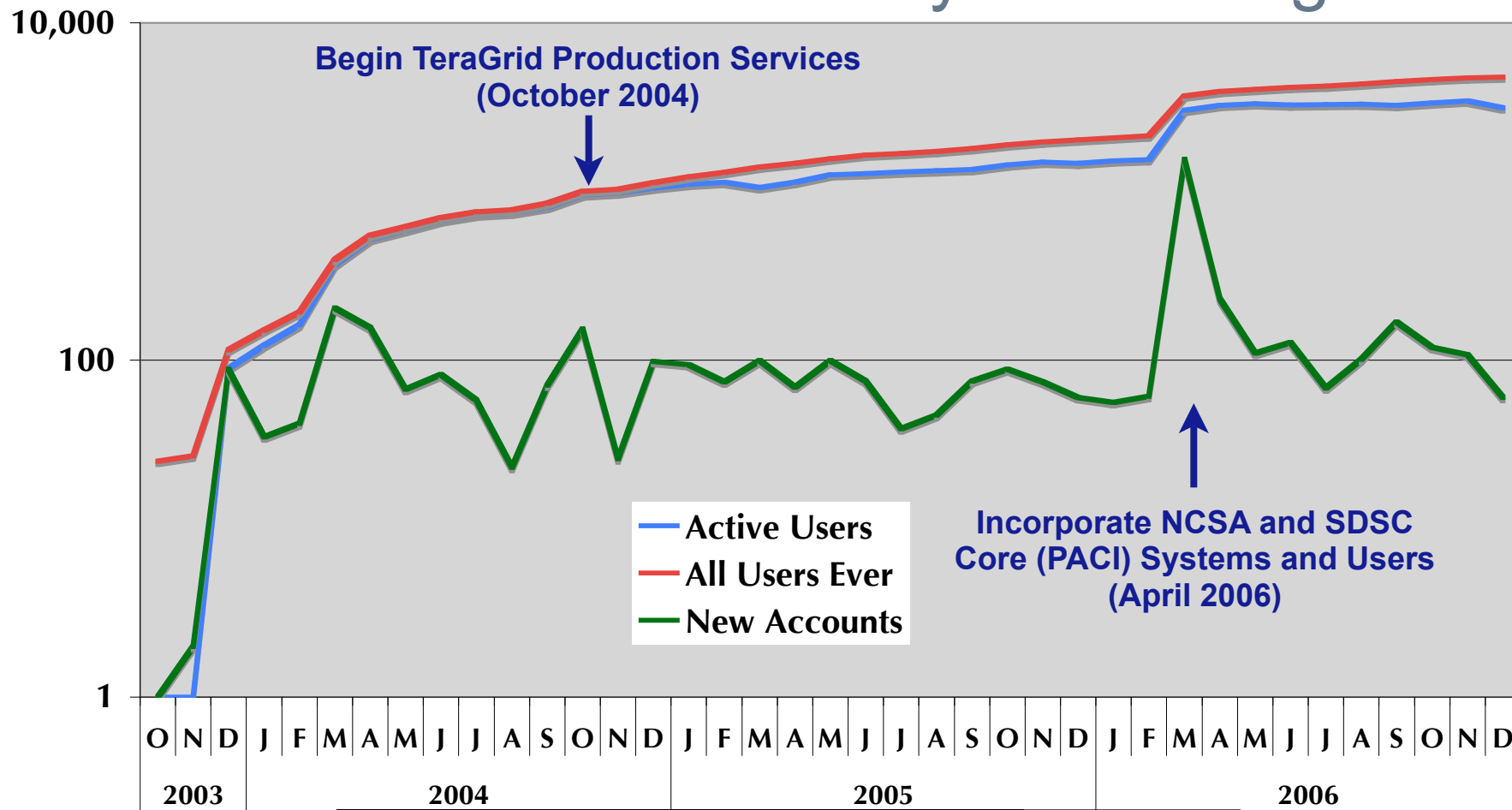
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9 Resource Providers, One Facility



HPC User Community is Growing



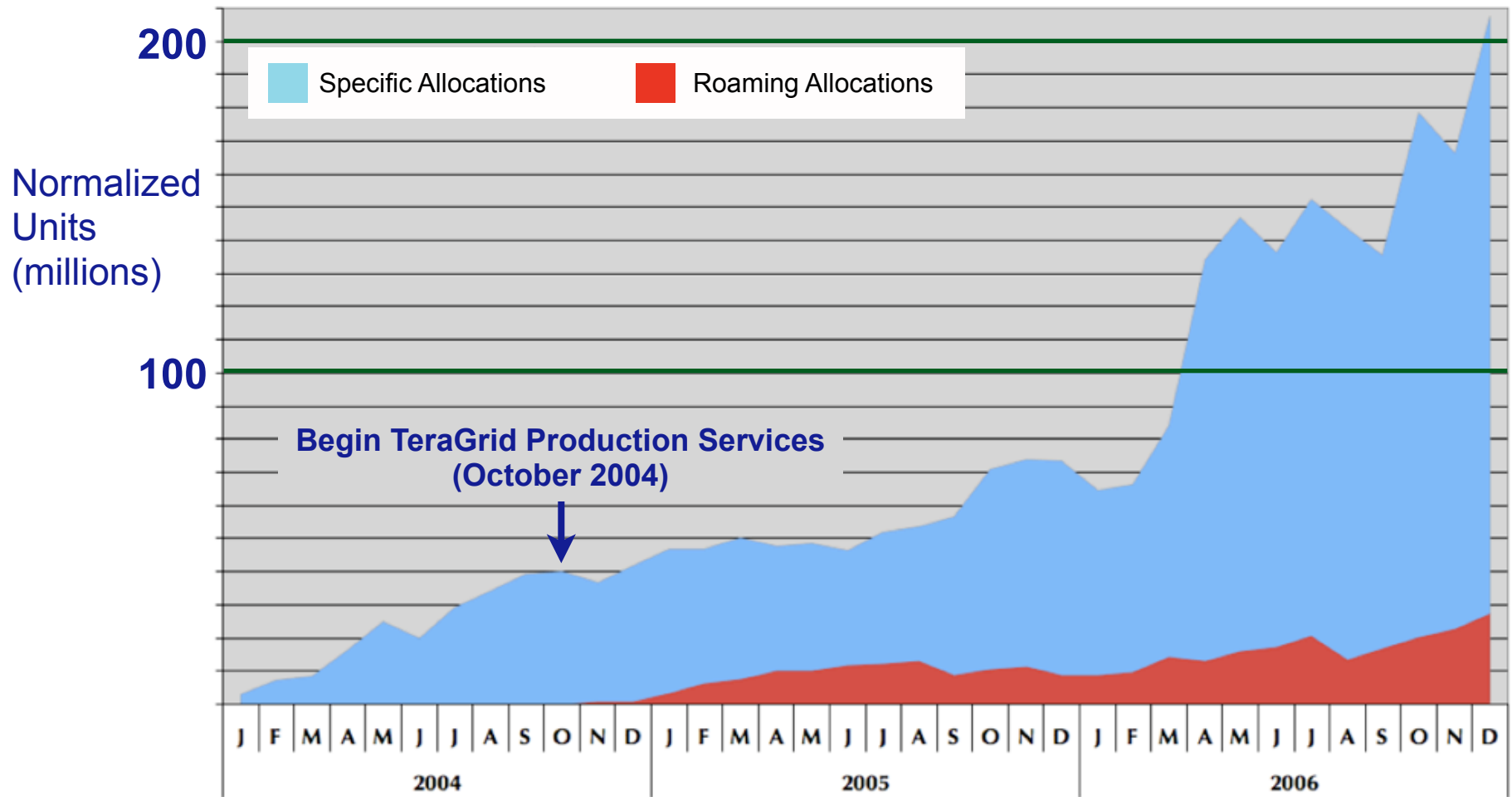
Decommissioning of systems typically causes slight reductions in active users. E.g. December 2006 is due to decommissioning of Lemieux (PSC).

	<i>FY05</i>	<i>FY06</i>
New User Accounts	948	2,692
Avg. New Users per Quarter	315	365*
Active Users	1,350	3,228
All Users Ever	1,799	4,491

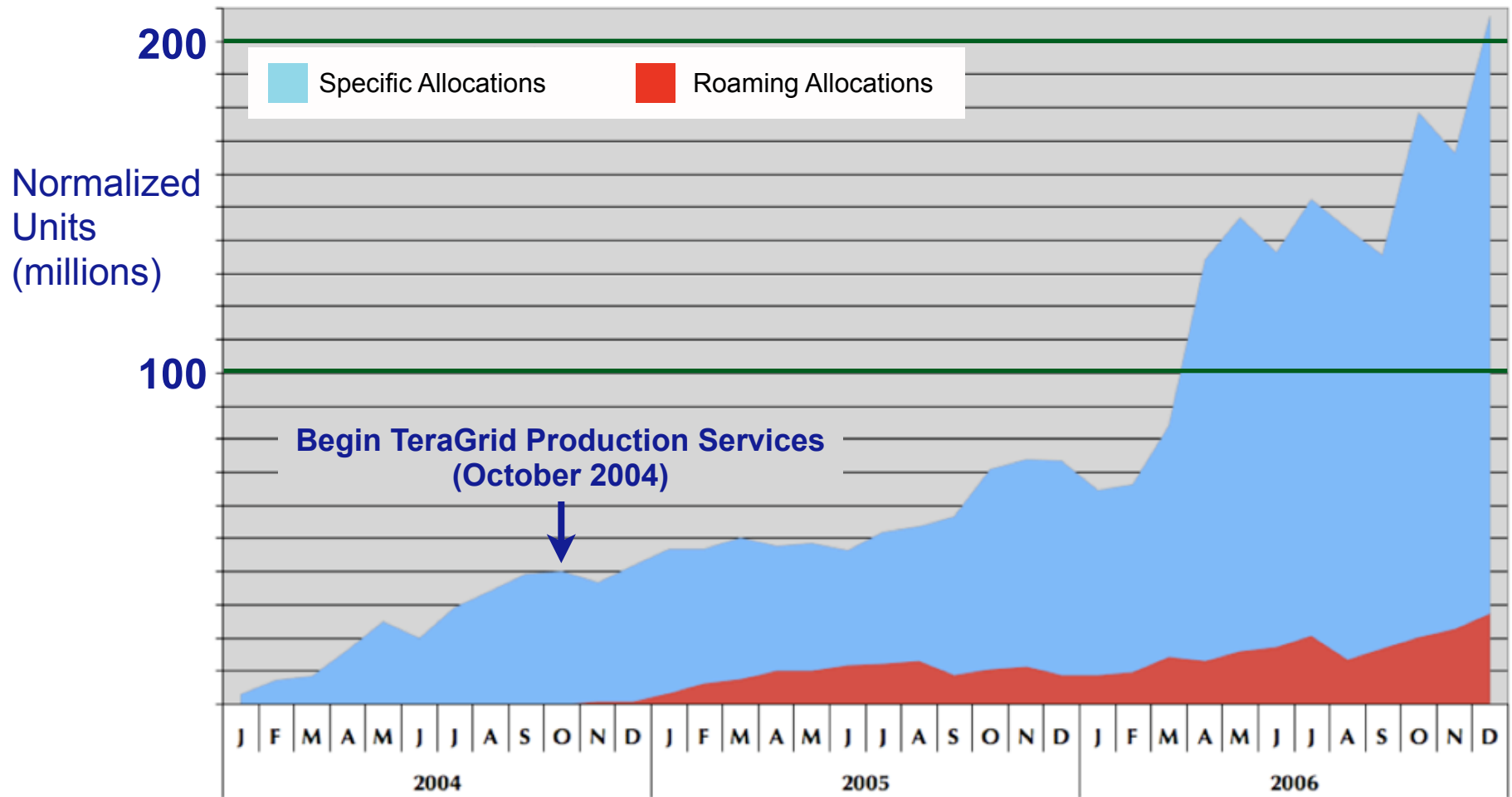
Does not include gateway users (expecting >10x)



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... and an increasing number of users prefer not to be tied to a specific machine.

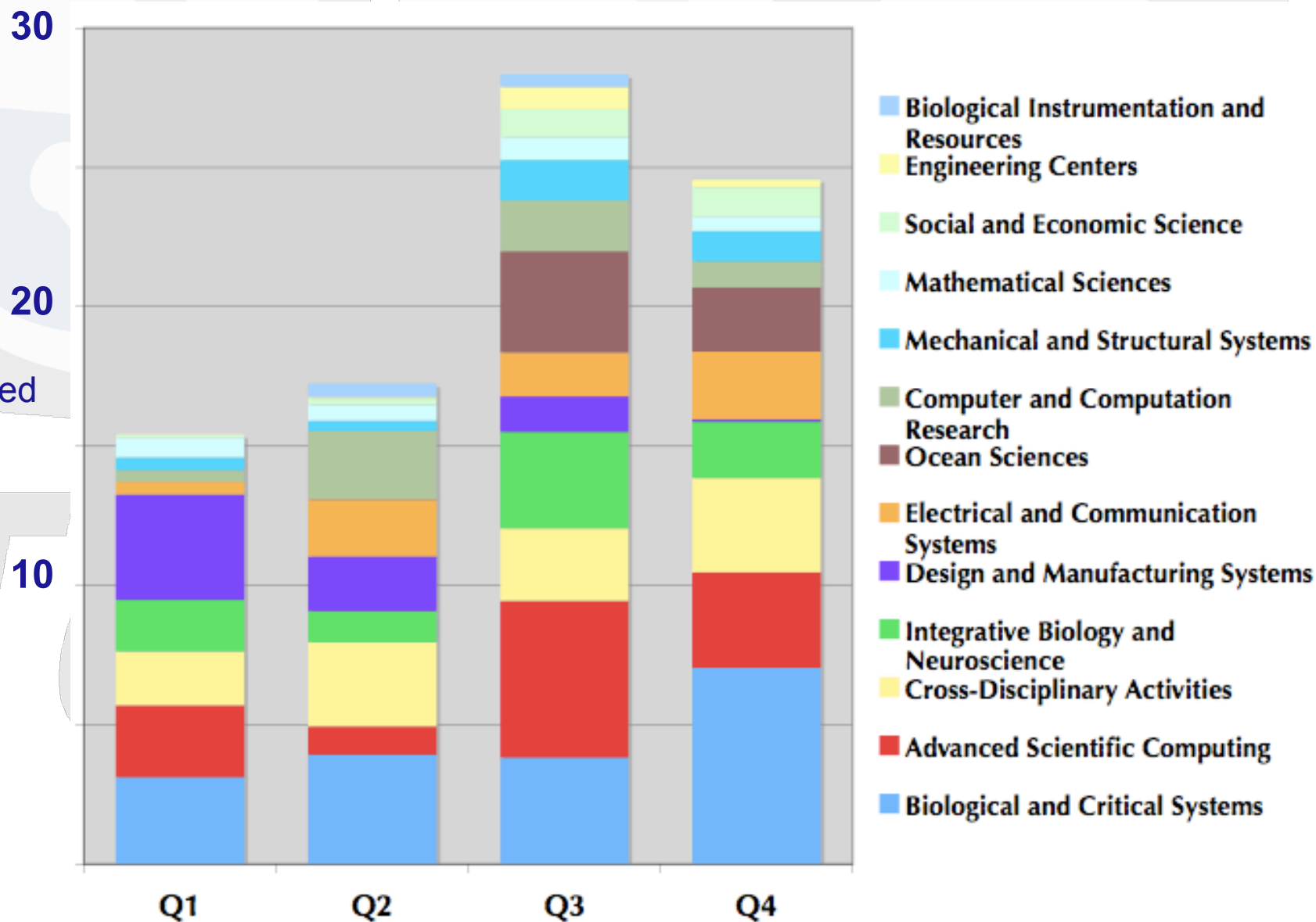




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FY06 Quarterly Usage by Discipline

Normalized
Units
(millions)



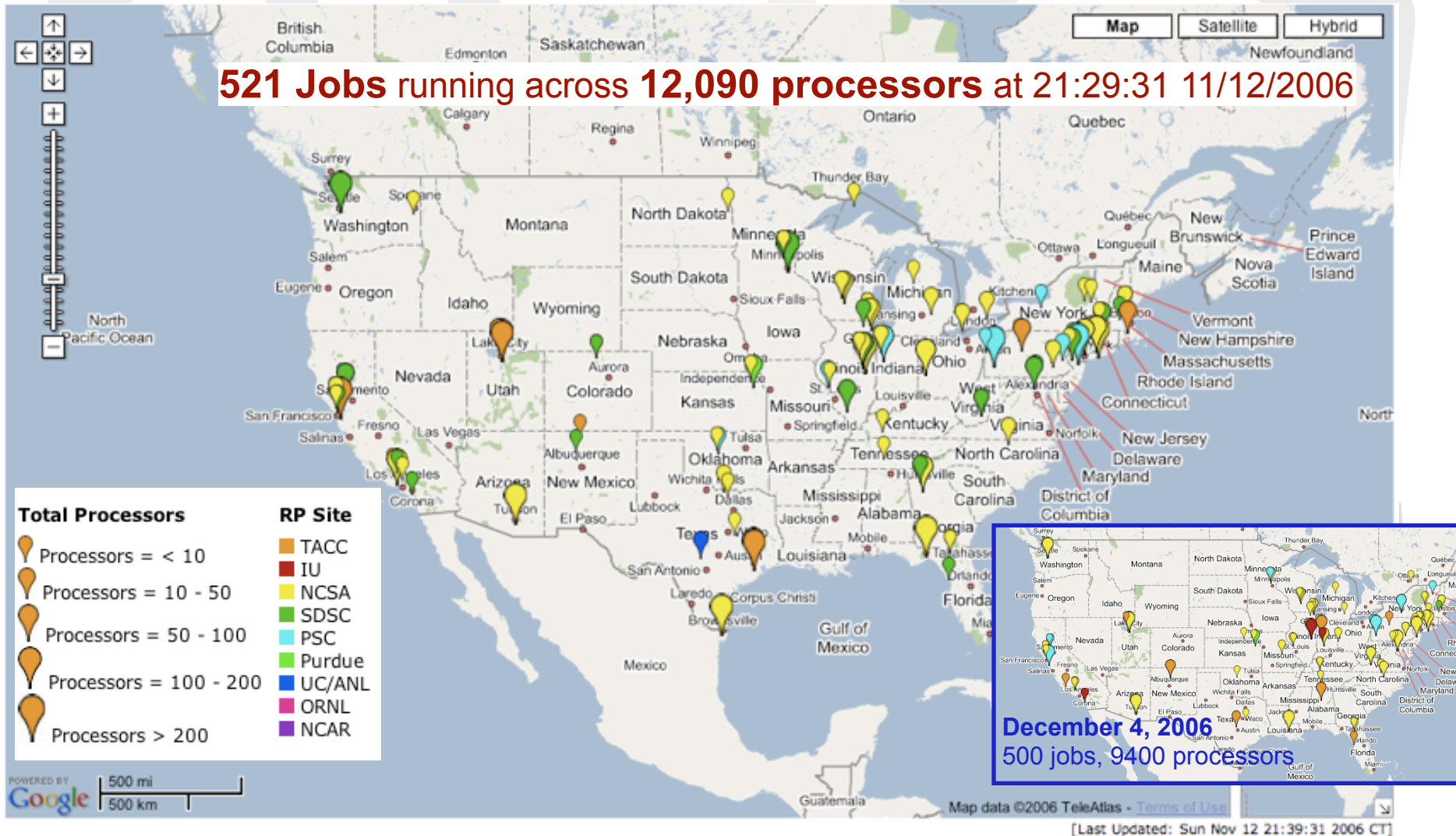
TeraGrid Projects by Institution



TeraGrid allocations are available to researchers at any US educational institution by peer review. Exploratory allocations can be obtained through a biweekly review process. See www.teragrid.org.

Real-Time Usage Mashup

521 Jobs running across 12,090 processors at 21:29:31 11/12/2006

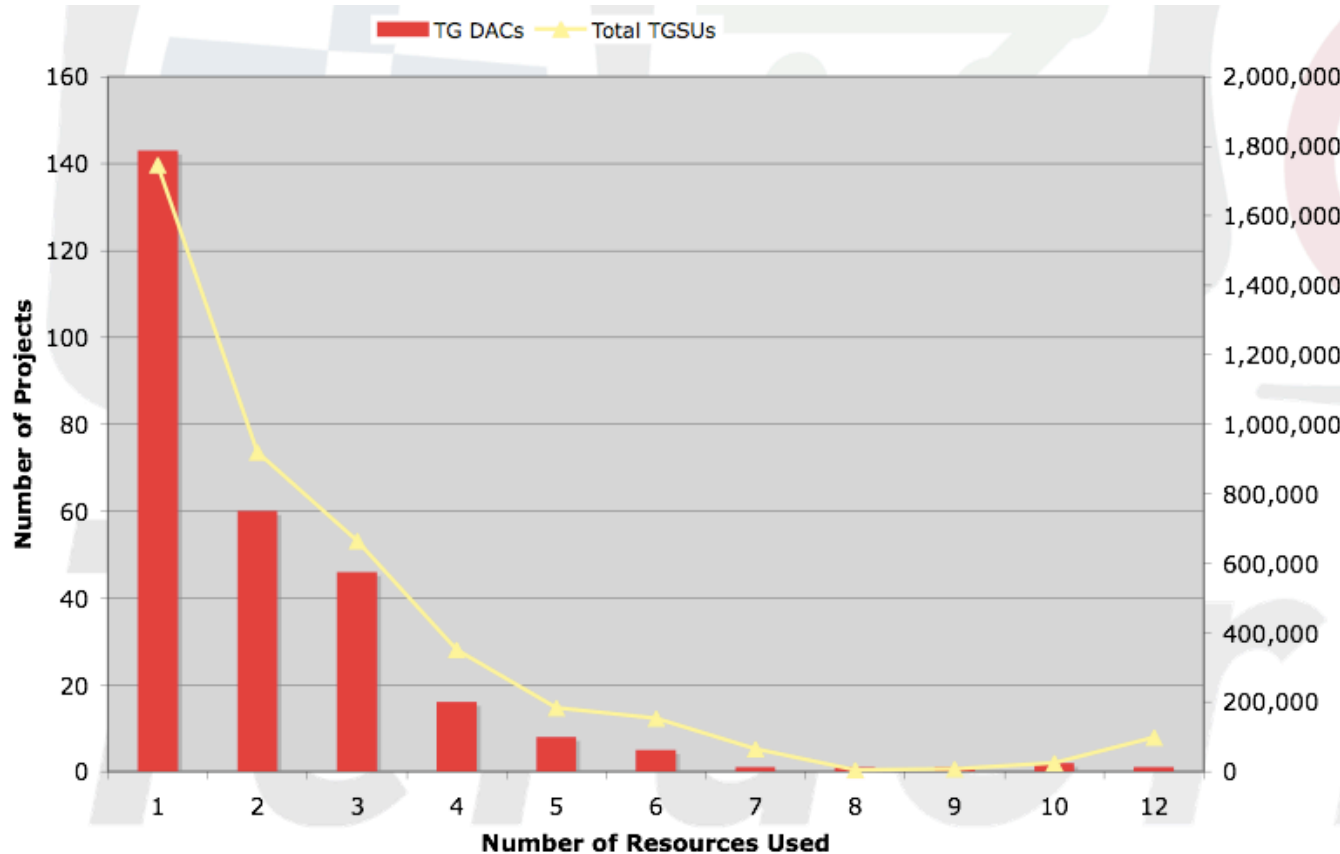


December 4, 2006
500 jobs, 9400 processors

The TeraGrid job map displays the current running jobs across TeraGrid. Each pin location denotes the location of the job owner, the color of the pin denotes the RP site of the job(s), the size of the pin denotes the total number of processors for the jobs. By clicking on the pin you can see the user's job information - RP site, total number of jobs running, total number of processors - in addition to the user's location, department, and institution.



Is a coordinated user environment across many resources useful to new users?



Resources Used	Projects	Usage (SUs)
1	143	1,745,314
2	60	919,461
3	46	664,231
4	16	351,340
5	8	183,271
6	5	153,083
7	1	64,270
8	1	3,878
9	1	6,979
10	2	25,121
12	1	97,774
Total	284	4,214,722

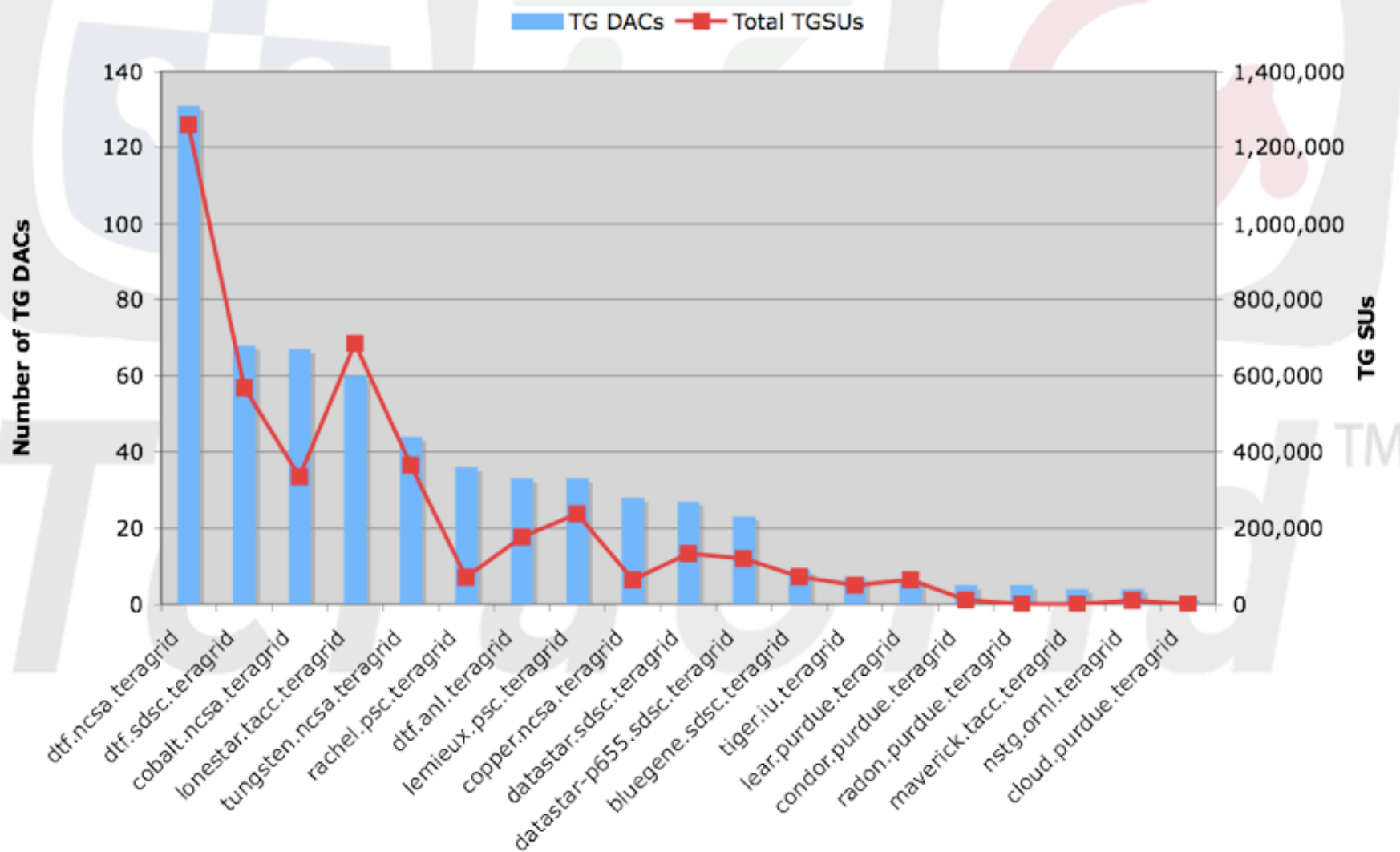
DAC - Development Allocations - new users with up to 30k hour allocations for exploring TeraGrid, porting codes, benchmarking. DAC allocations can be used on any TeraGrid resource. This chart shows the DAC awards sorted by the number of resources they have used (e.g. trying out various machines).

321 DACs used resources **EVER** !!

(only 37 before 2006)



Do new users take advantage of freedom to choose from many resources?

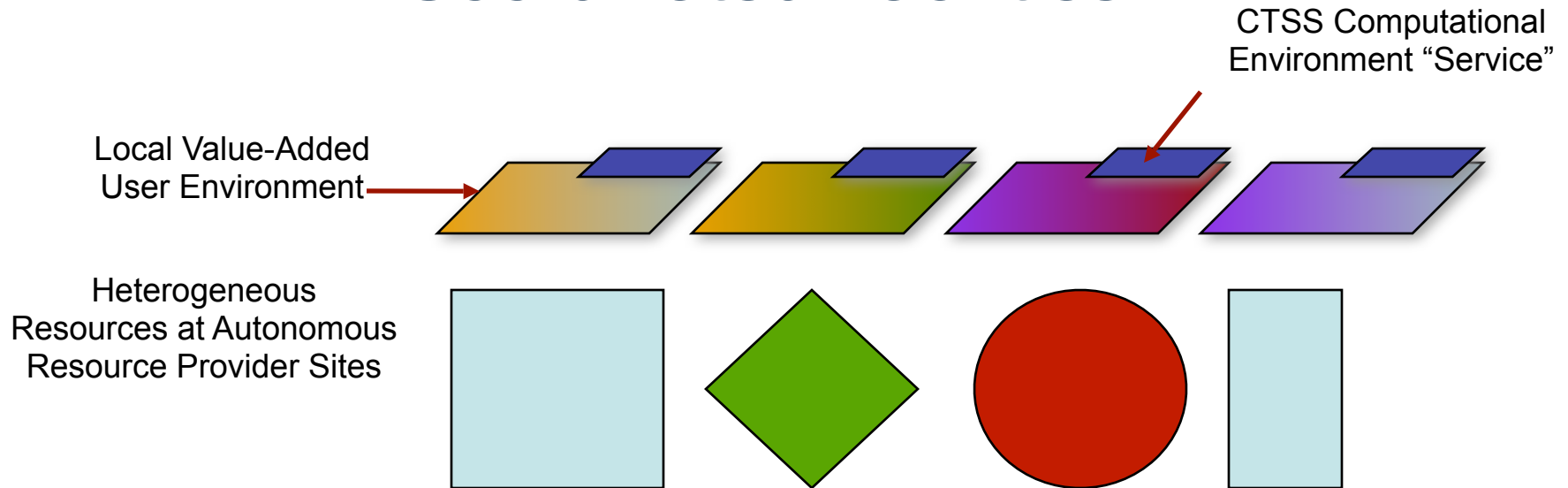


There are many ways to provide an integrated, distributed facility...but supercomputers are heterogeneous and they are operated by autonomous (competing) organizations.

Heterogeneity and Autonomy must be leveraged - this requires agreement about services, central coordination, and ***local control***



Coordinated Facilities

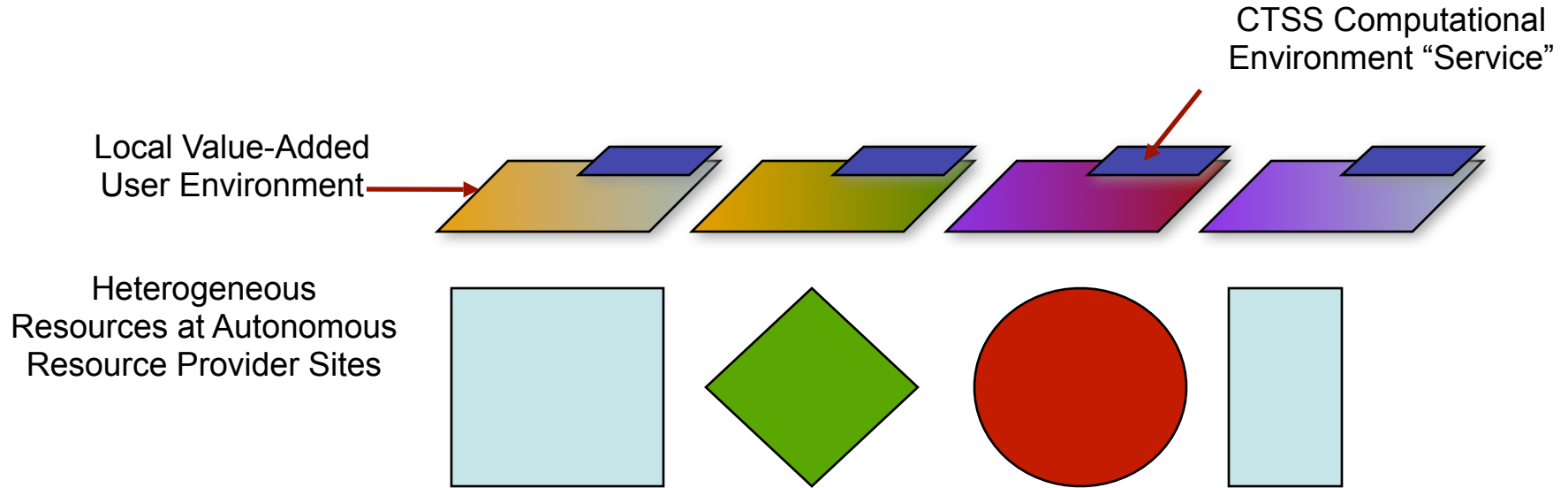


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- **A common allocation and accounting infrastructure** that includes a currency usable on all systems, while preserving the need to provide specific machine access to users with specific needs.
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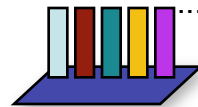
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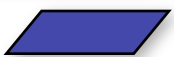
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CTSS v4 (6/07): Small core plus optional "kits"



CTSS v2 (slightly smaller)



CTSS v3 (add web services, even smaller)



CTSSv4 Core Integration Capability Kit

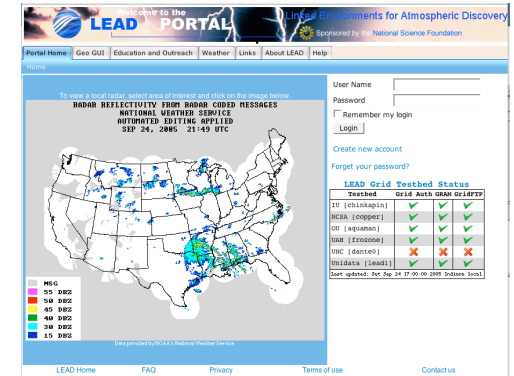
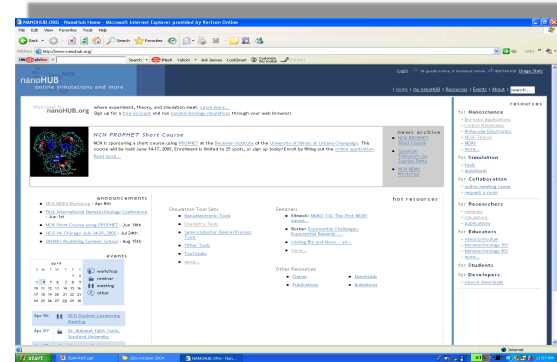
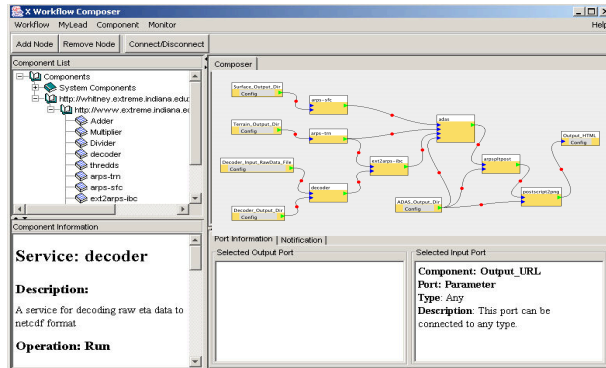
- The only mandatory CTSS kit
 - Provides the capabilities that are absolutely necessary for a resource to meet the most basic integrative requirements of the TeraGrid.
- *Significantly smaller than the set of “required” CTSSv3 components.*
 - **Security** – Identity, Authentication, Authorization, Auditing
 - **Information** – Capability and Service Registry, System & Service Description, Usage Monitoring & Profiling
 - **Verification & Validation** – System Status and Testing
 - **Software Deployment** – Deployment Tools, Build & Test Capability
- The other CTSS 4 kits will be deployed on the resources where they are appropriate. Some will be widespread, others more specialized.
 - Initial optional kits include:
 - Remote Login
 - Remote Compute
 - Data Movement
 - Data Management
 - Science Workflow Support
 - Parallel Application Support
 - Application Runtime & Development Suite



A service-oriented approach enables entire communities to share software and infrastructure, creating a facility that enables users to innovate w.r.t. grid capabilities and that can be used to educate and grow the scientific workforce.



Science Gateways: Service-Oriented Approach



Web Services

Grid-X



Grid-Y



Grid-Z





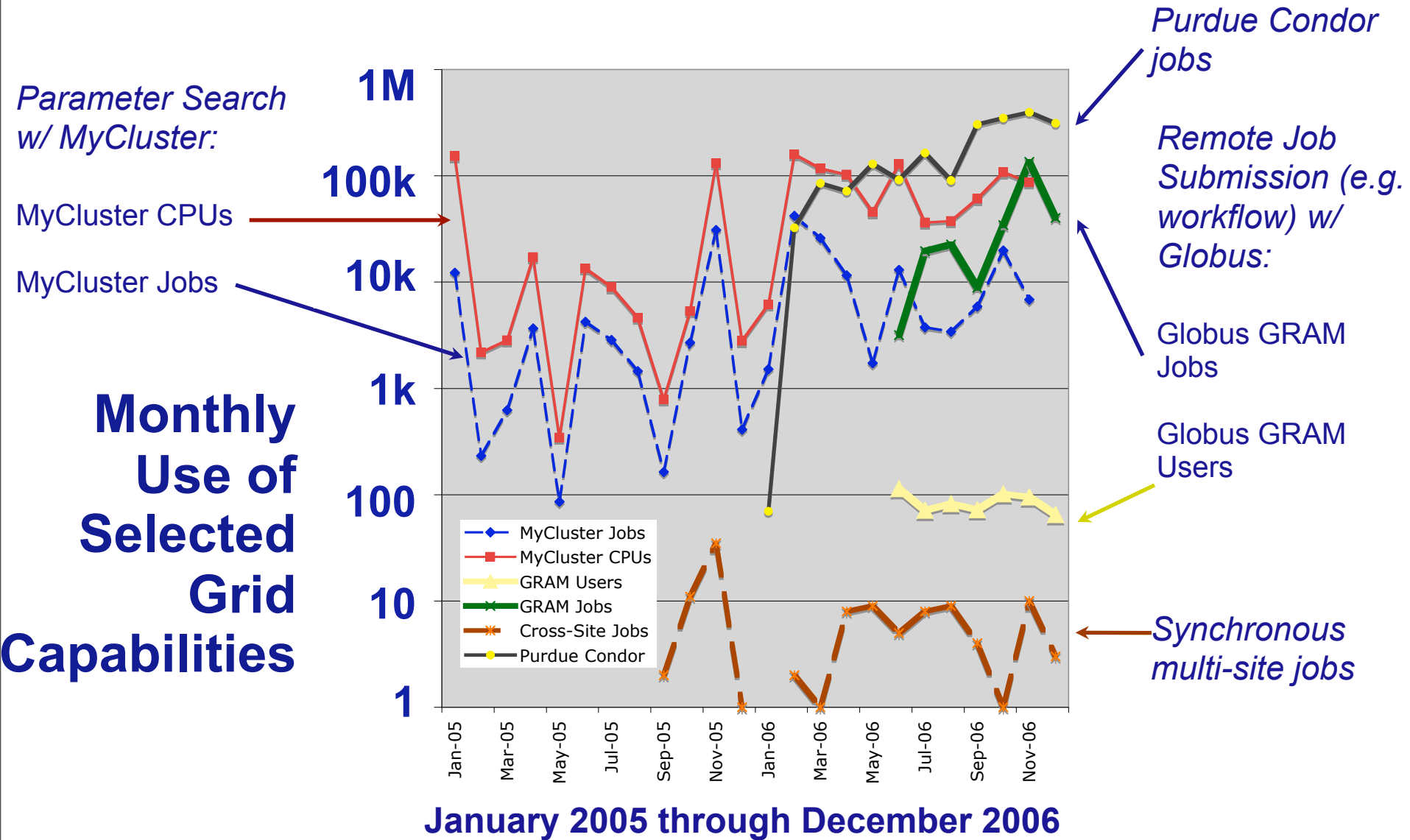
We've built a distributed facility with exponential user growth and usage growth.

Are people really using this grid stuff?

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YES



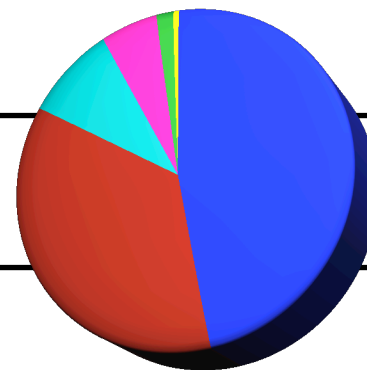
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With a service oriented infrastructure, users and community infrastructure providers can begin to build advanced capabilities (rather than waiting for us to do it).

Consider what hooks, knobs, and outlets to provide - let a broader community build the bells and whistles they need.



Co-Scheduling? Advanced Reservation?



TeraGrid™ User Portal

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Welcome, Guest User

HomeResourcesDocumentationConsultingAllocations

System MonitorScience GatewaysData CollectionsQueue Prediction

Deadline Prediction

Deadline prediction helps you answer the following question: With a 95% confidence, if I submit my job on 'X' # of nodes and a run time of 'Y' minute(s) or hour(s) to machine 'Z' what probability will it start within my specified deadline of 'H' minute(s) or hour(s) ?

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Job Information

Number of Nodes:

Runtime: Minute(s) ▾

Deadline: Hour(s) ▾

Predict Deadline

Wait Time Prediction

The predicted wait time query can help you answer the following question: With a 'X' % quantile, if I submit my job on 'A' # of nodes, a run time of 'B' minute(s) or hour(s) on machine 'C', the answer you get back will tell you with a 95% confidence that X % of the jobs submitted to the queue with your specified node will take less than that time to exit the queue.

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Quantile: 95 %

Predict Wait Time



Current Campus Partnership Areas

- **Integrated Authorization & Authentication**
 - Improve CI usability for scientists and engineers on campuses, simultaneously increasing the security of CI
 - S. Goasguen (Clemson), J. Kyriannis (NYU), C. McMahon (LSU)
 - Testbeds at Purdue, University of Chicago using Shibboleth
- **Federated HPC and Data Management**
 - Develop and deploy frameworks to support access to the increasingly powerful campus and national HPC investments, providing both capability and capacity services, and a storage and data management infrastructure to support open, extensible, evolvable science and engineering data collections
 - J. Boisseau (TACC), V. Agarwala (PSU), S. Corbato (Utah/Internet2)
 - Partnership with Open Science Grid, University of Wisconsin

