

# Parallel Computing for Science & Engineering SSC 374/394c

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# TACC Mission & Strategic Approach

To enable discoveries that advance science and society through the application of advanced computing technologies.

- Resources & Services
  - Evaluate, acquire & operate world-class resources
  - Provide expert support via leading technology expertise
- Research & Development
  - Produce new computational technologies and techniques
  - Collaborate with researchers to apply advanced computing technologies in science projects

# TACC Technology Focus Areas

- High Performance Computing (HPC)
  - Applications
  - Performance and Architectures
  - Software Tools
- Visualization
  - Scalable Visualization Technologies
  - Visualization Interfaces and Technologies
- Advanced Computing Interfaces
  - Web and Cloud Services
  - Web and Mobile Applications

# THE GRAND CHALLENGE EQUATIONS

$$\begin{aligned}
 & B_i A_i = E_i A_i + \rho_i \sum_j B_j A_j F_{ji} & \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} & \vec{F} &= m \vec{a} + \frac{dm}{dt} \vec{v} \\
 & dU = \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial S} \right)_V dS + \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial V} \right)_S dV & \nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= \rho & Z &= \sum_j g_j e^{-E_j/kT} \\
 & F_j = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f_k e^{2\pi i j k/N} & \nabla^2 u &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} & \nabla \times \vec{H} &= \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \vec{J} \\
 & & p_{n+1} &= r p_n (1 - p_n) & \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 & P(t) &= \frac{\sum_i W_i B_i(t) P_i}{\sum_i W_i B_i(t)} \\
 & -\frac{\hbar^2}{8\pi^2 m} \nabla^2 \Psi(r,t) + V \Psi(r,t) = -\frac{\hbar}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial \Psi(r,t)}{\partial t} & & & & & -\nabla^2 u + \lambda u = f \\
 & \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \gamma \nabla^2 \vec{u} + \frac{1}{\rho} \vec{F} & \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &+ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = f
 \end{aligned}$$

• NEWTON'S EQUATIONS • SCHROEDINGER EQUATION (TIME DEPENDENT) • NAVIER-STOKES EQUATION •  
 • POISSON EQUATION • HEAT EQUATION • HELMHOLTZ EQUATION • DISCRETE FOURIER TRANSFORM •  
 • MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS • PARTITION FUNCTION • POPULATION DYNAMICS •  
 • COMBINED 1ST AND 2ND LAWS OF THERMODYNAMICS • RADIOSITY • RATIONAL B-SPLINE •

[Courtesy of San Diego Supercomputer Center]

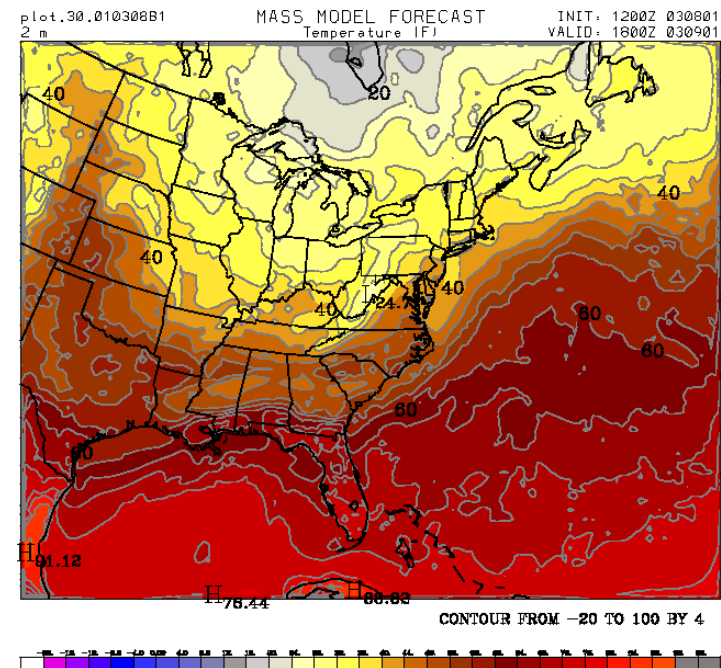
# Examples of Scientific Computing

*(it really is everywhere)*

## Aerospace

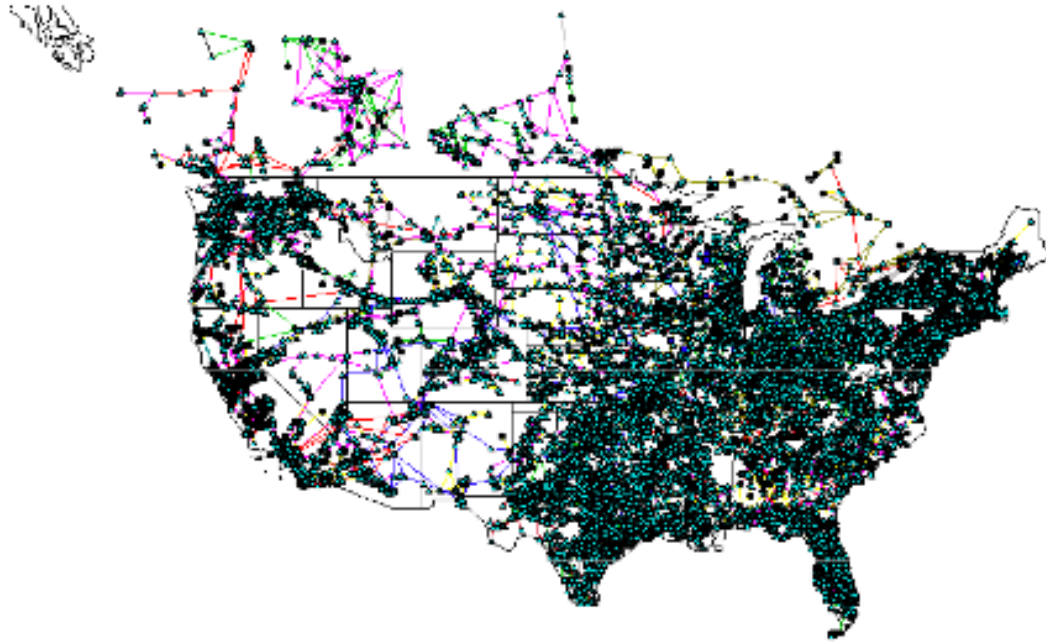


F18 Store Separation



## Weather Forecasting

# New kinds of computations



**The New York Times**

Thursday, September 4, 2008

## Report on Blackout Is Said To Describe Failure to React

By MATTHEW L. WALD

Published: November 12, 2003

A report on the Aug. 14 blackout identifies specific lapses by various parties, including FirstEnergy's failure to react properly to the loss of a transmission line, people who have seen drafts of it say.

A working group of experts from eight states and Canada will meet in private on Wednesday to evaluate the report, people involved in the

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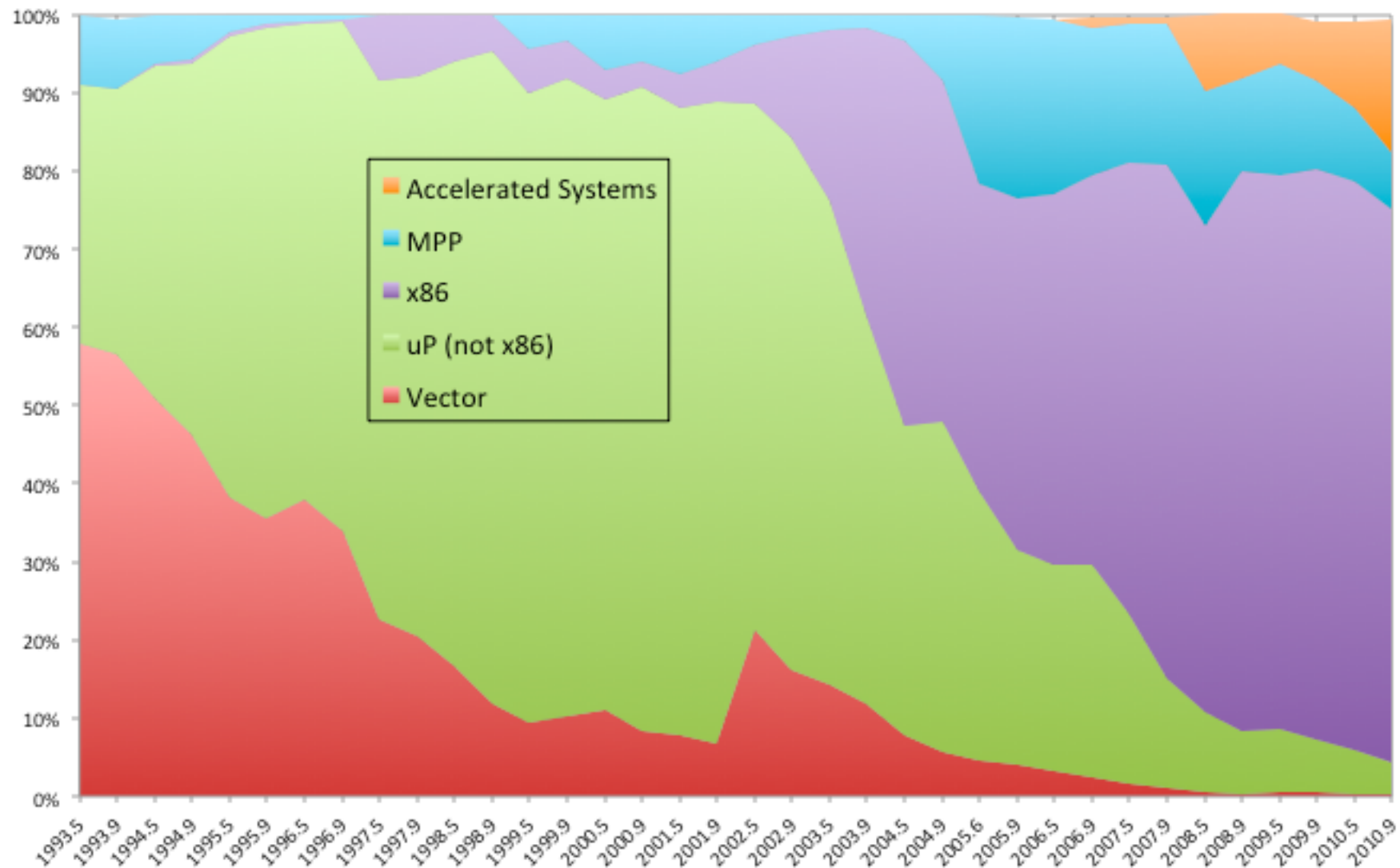
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# Top500 by Overall Architecture

Contribution of Various Architectures to TOP500 Aggregate Rmax



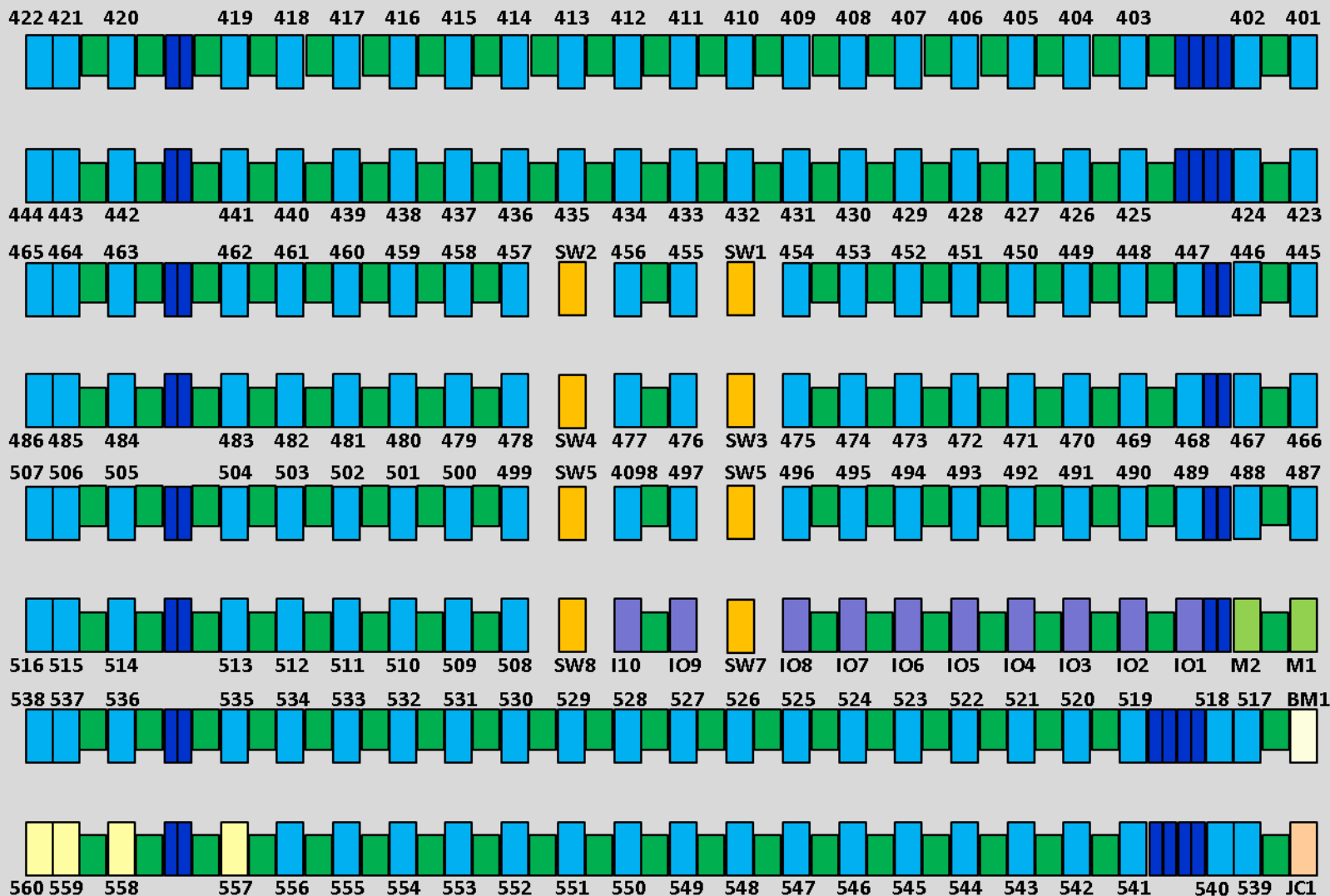
# Stampede



- NSF 11-511: “High Performance Computing System Acquisition: Enhancing the Petascale Computing Environment for Science and Engineering”
- Enable sustained petascale computational and data-driven science and engineering and provide an “innovative component”



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Ranger



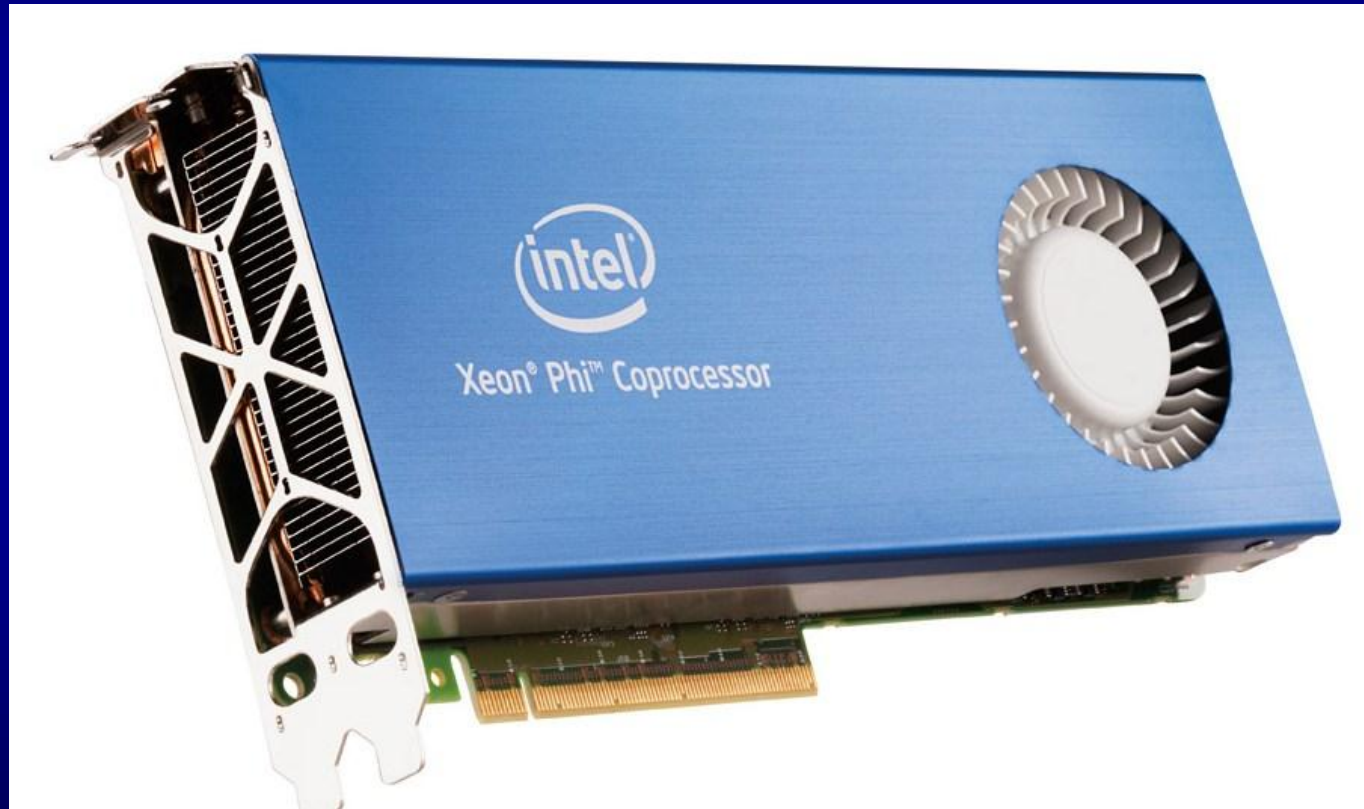
160 compute 4 development 1 big memory 10 IO 8 switch 150 IRC 32 PDU 1 JC  
in-row coolers pwr. dist. unit env. cntrl.

**TACC** Stampede consists of 182 48U cabinets.

# Cooling and Electrical Infrastructure



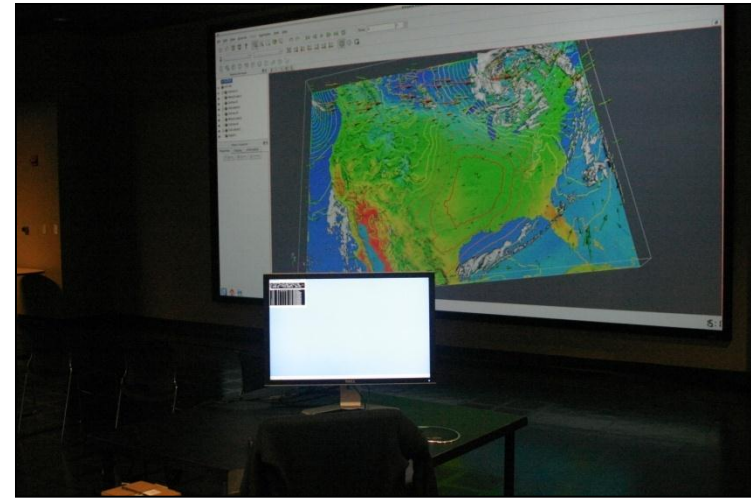
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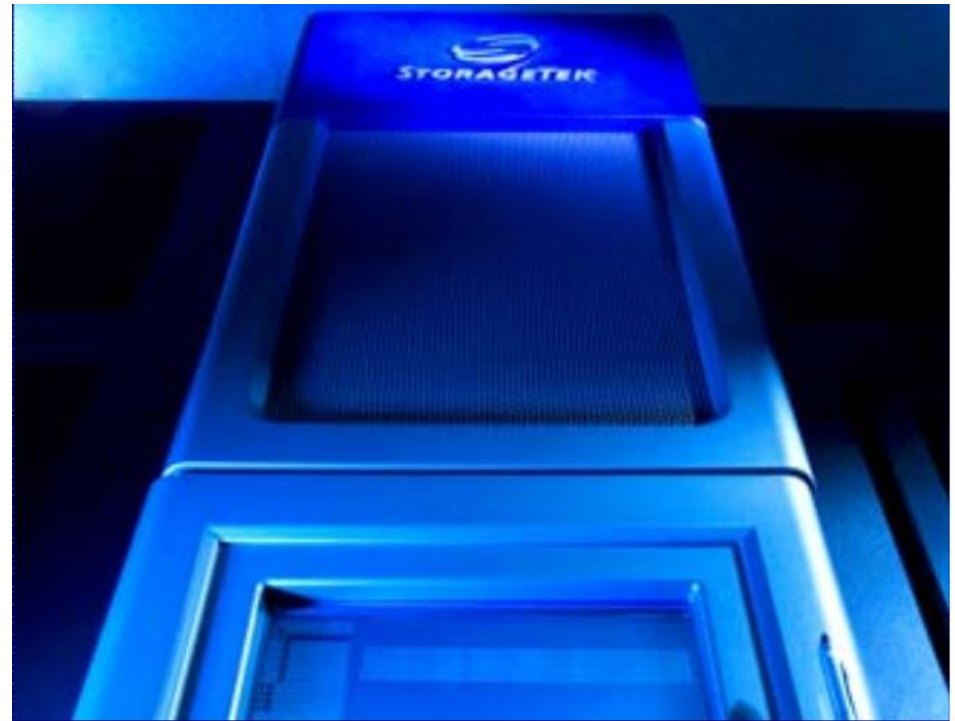
# TACC Advanced Visualization Systems

- Upgraded ACES Vislab
  - 16x5 Tiled Display Wall, 328 MPixels, Nvidia GPUs
  - SONY 9MPixel Projector, 20ft x 11ft display
  - High-end Dell Workstations
  - Collaboration/conference room
  - Tiled touch display
- Integrated visualization for remote sessions
  - Ranger: 7 GPU-based systems
  - Lonestar: 16 GPU nodes
  - Stampede: 128 GPU nodes + 16 large shared memory nodes with GPUs
- Longhorn
  - 256-node, 512-GPU system for remote vis and HPC on GPUs



# Ranch Archival System

- Sun StorageTek Silo
  - 10,000 - T1000B tapes
  - 6,000 - T1000C tapes
  - ~40 PB total capacity
  - Used for long-term storage



# Corral

- 6PB DataDirect Networks online disk storage
- 8 Dell 1950 servers
- 8 Dell 2950 servers
- 12 Dell R710 servers
- High Performance Parallel File System
  - Multiple databases
  - iRODS data management
  - Replication to tape archive
- Multiple levels of access control
- Web and other data access available globally



# TACC Support Services

- Technical documentation
  - <http://www.tacc.utexas.edu/> (user guides!)
- Training
  - <http://www.tacc.utexas.edu/services/training/>
  - Taught on-site, sign up at TACC User Portal
- Or – Everything through the TACC Portal (consulting)
  - <http://portal.tacc.utexas.edu/>

