

DATA, DEVICES AND INTERACTION LABORATORY

BIG IDEAS

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- **Who has active research projects?**
- **What are NIU CS faculty interests?**
- **Where do I get more information?**
- **How do I get involved?**



BIT ABOUT ME (EDUCATION)

- ▶ Northern Illinois University - Physics (BS)
- ▶ University of Illinois @ Chicago - Computer Science (MS)
- ▶ University of Chicago - Computer Science (MS, PhD)
- ▶ Continuously learning in other areas
 - ▶ University of Chicago - Business School (SLLP)
 - ▶ Harvard University - Business School (GMP)
 - ▶ Stanford University - Hasso Plattner Institute of Design (Design Thinking)

BIT ABOUT ME (CAREER)

- ▶ Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Undergraduate/Graduate)
- ▶ Argonne National Laboratory
- ▶ Northern Illinois University

BIT ABOUT ME (RESEARCH)

- ▶ Advanced Display Environments and Collaboration Technology
- ▶ High Performance Computing (Systems and Environments)
- ▶ Internet of Things (Computing Continuum) [Edge Computing]
- ▶ Information and Scientific Visualization
- ▶ Data Analysis
- ▶ Augmented/Virtual Reality

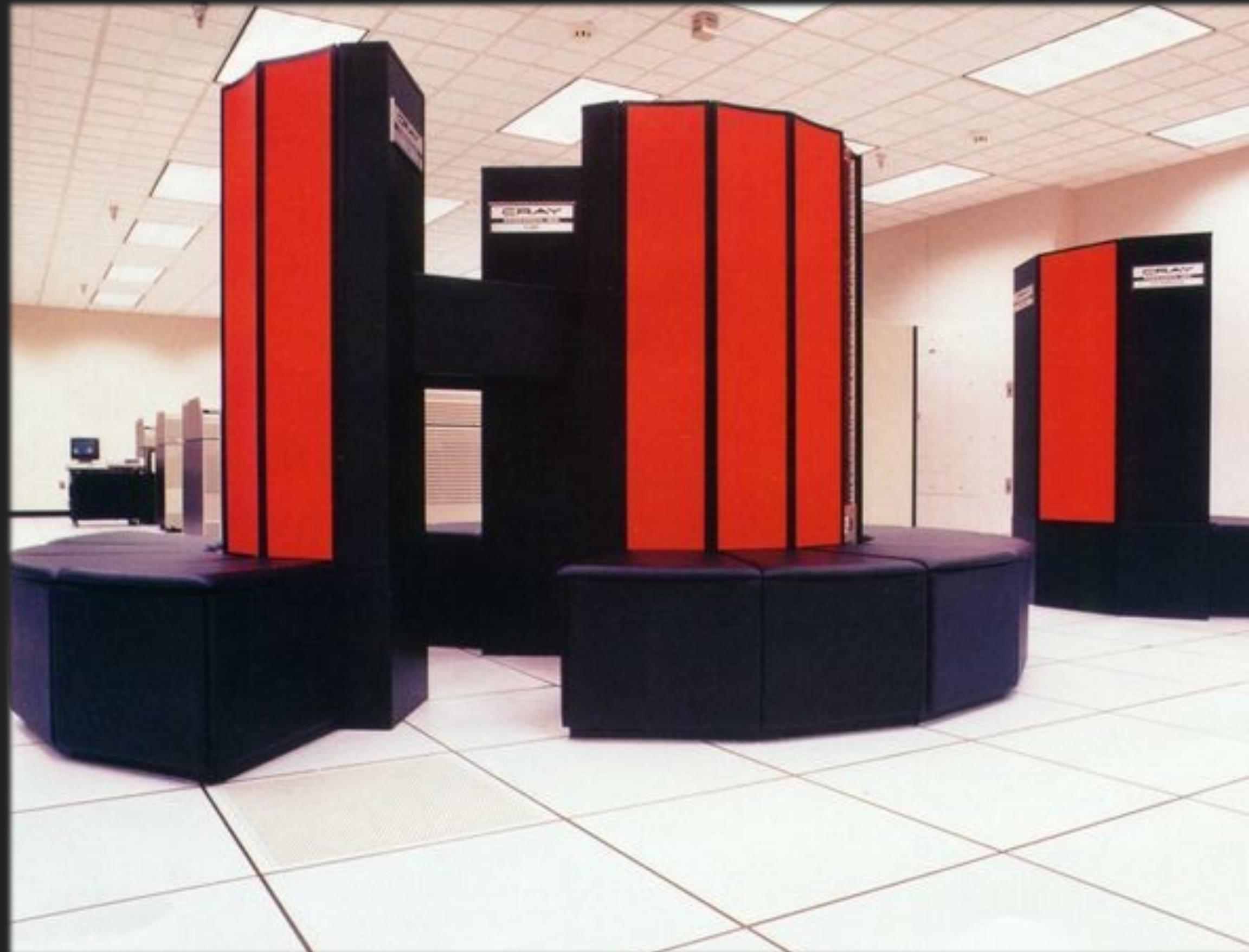
BIT ABOUT THE ddiLAB

- ▶ Joint with **School of Art and Design** and co-directed with Professor Joseph Insley (Time Arts)
- ▶ Focused on **visualization** and **data analysis** coupled to **high-performance computing** in the support of **science**, with side efforts involving the *Internet of Things* (edge computing) and interdisciplinary activities connected to computing
- ▶ Students
 - ▶ - 1 PhD (Information Visualization)
 - ▶ - 2 MS (HPC log analysis, machine learning/edge computing)
 - ▶ - 8 Undergraduates (IoT, VR, and HPC)

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SUPERCOMPUTERS



Cray X-MP/4 supercomputer, 1985
www.computerhistory.org/revolution/supercomputers/10/25/23

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Argonne's Aurora Supercomputer, 2022/23

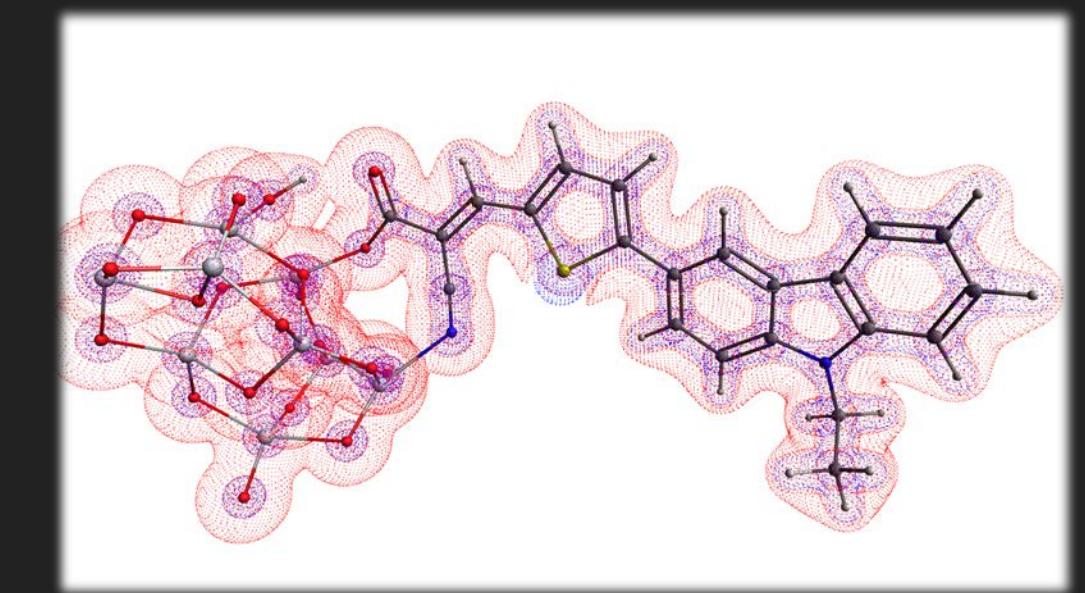
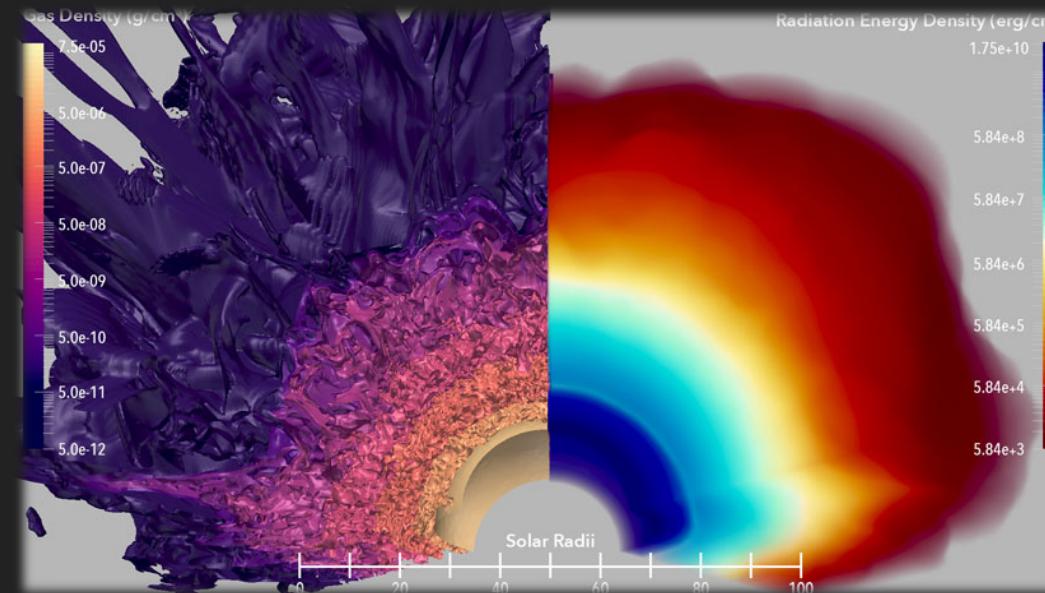
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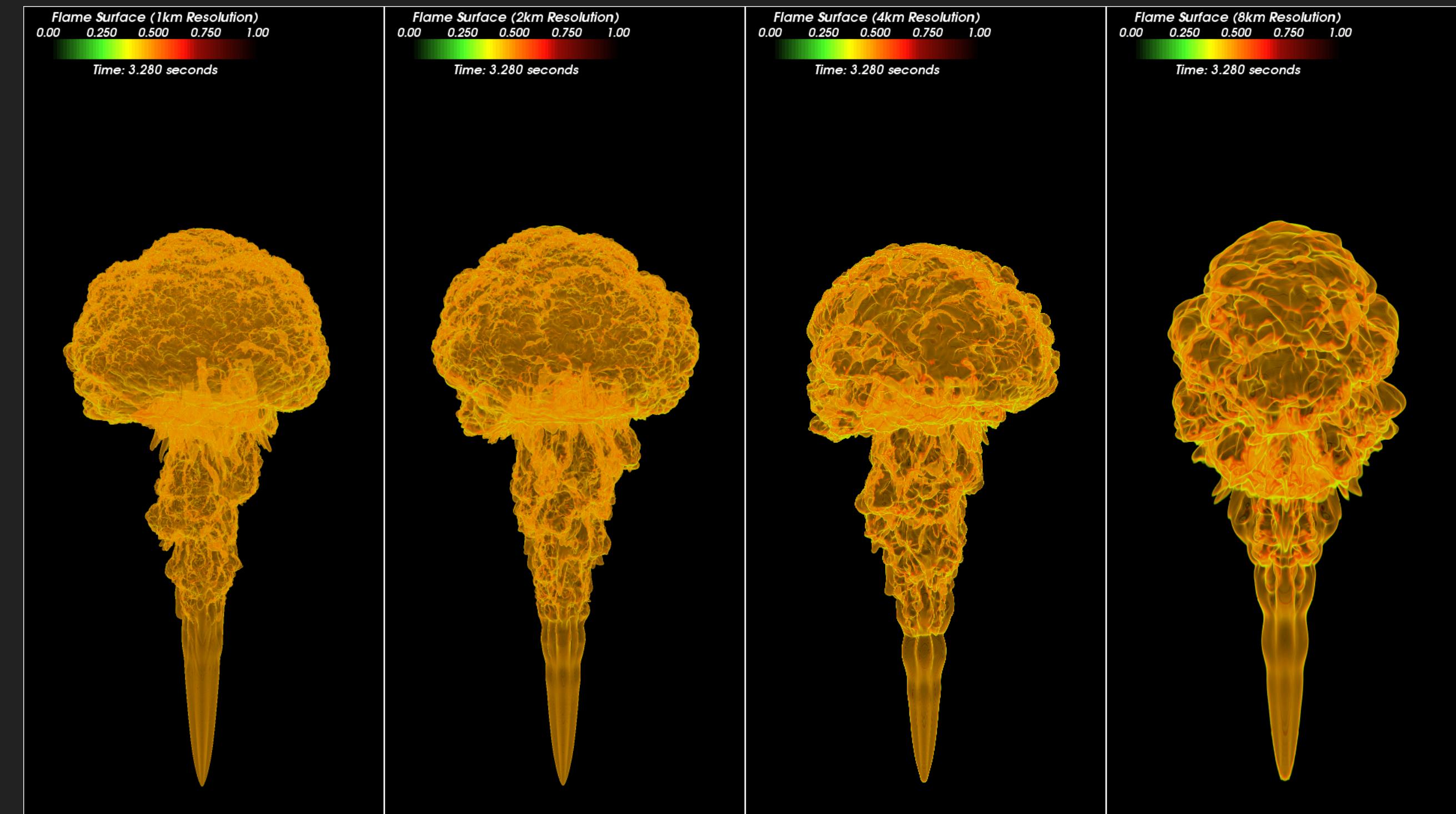
SO WHAT DOES ALL THAT COMPUTE POWER ENABLE?

- ▶ Large-Scale Computing on the Connectomes of the Brain
- ▶ Global Radiation MHD Simulations of Massive Star Envelopes
- ▶ Molecular Design of Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells
- ▶ Real-time Computing in support of DIII-D National Fusion Facility



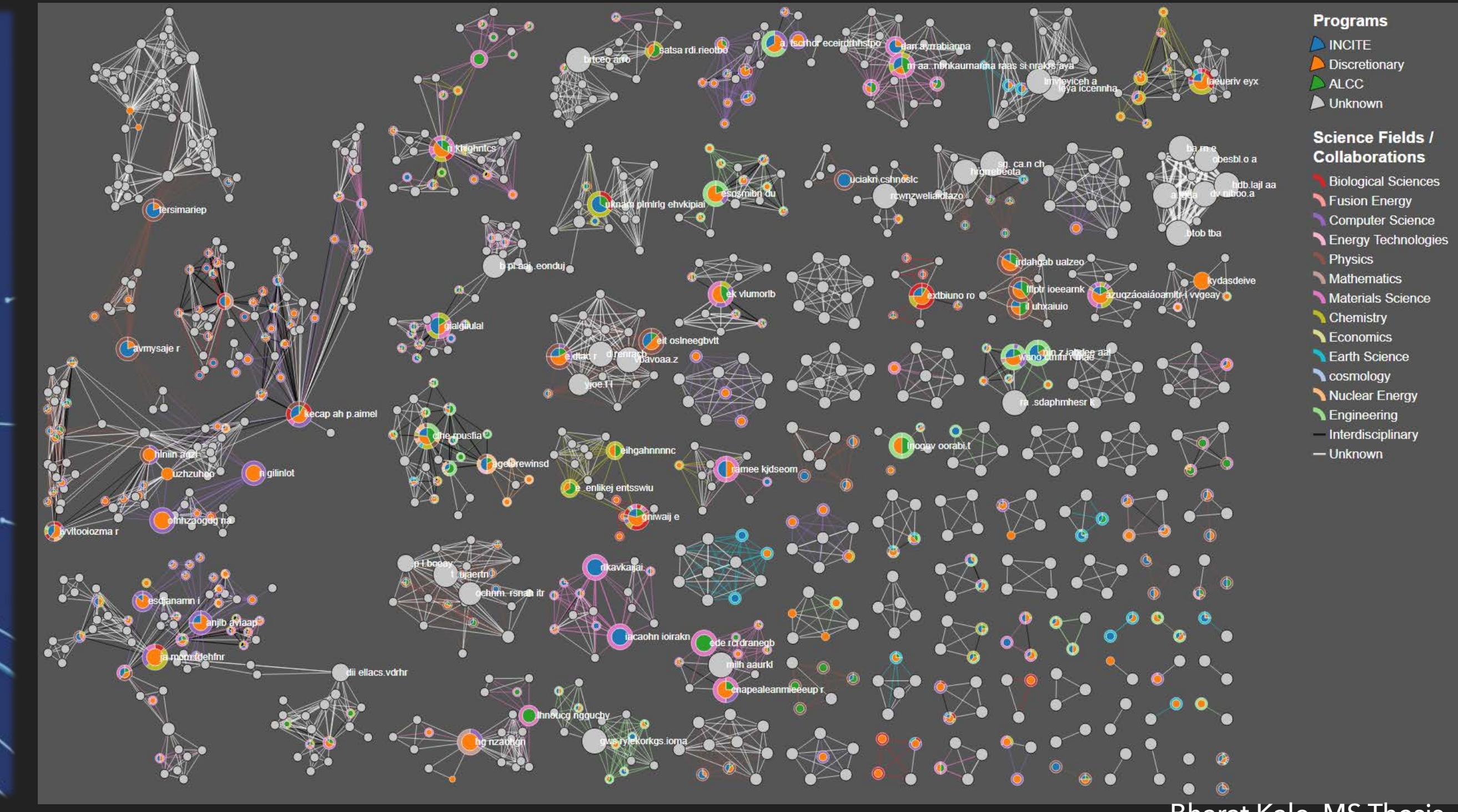
HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ How do you translate theory into simulation?



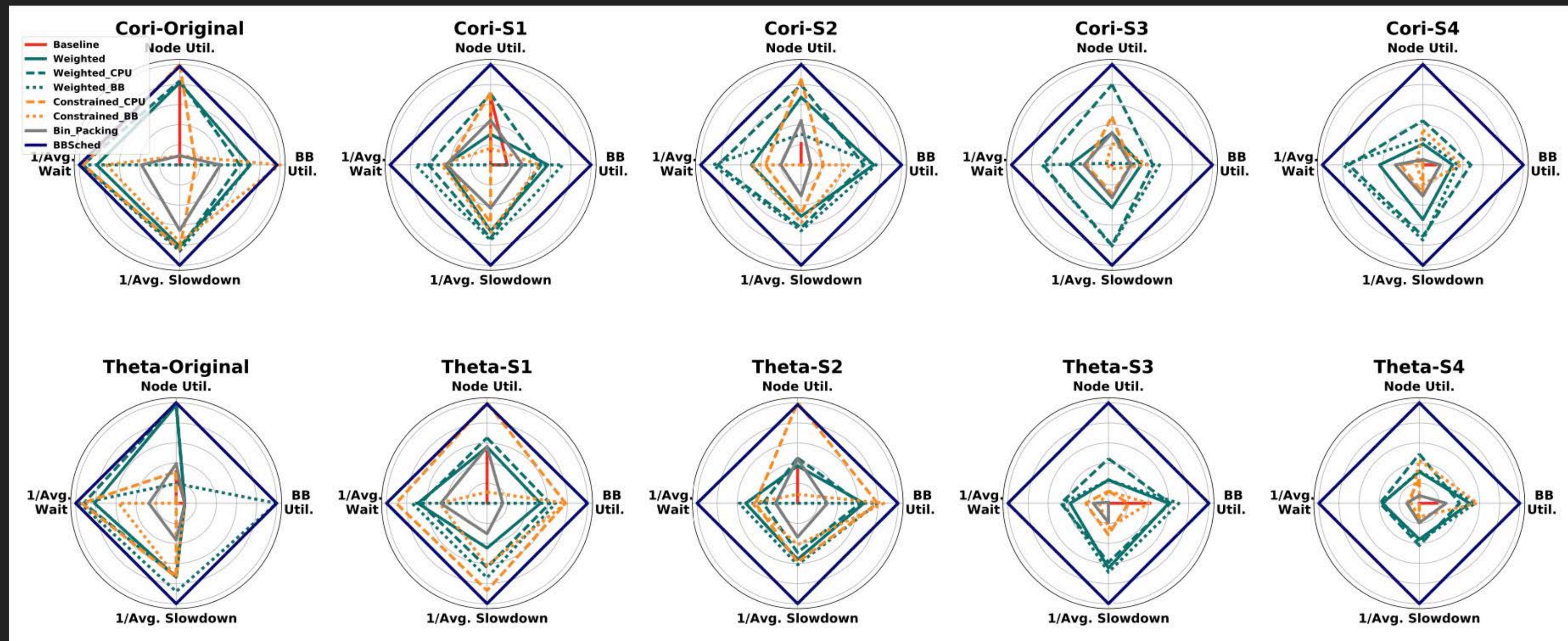
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- ▶ How do you more efficiently operate a facility?



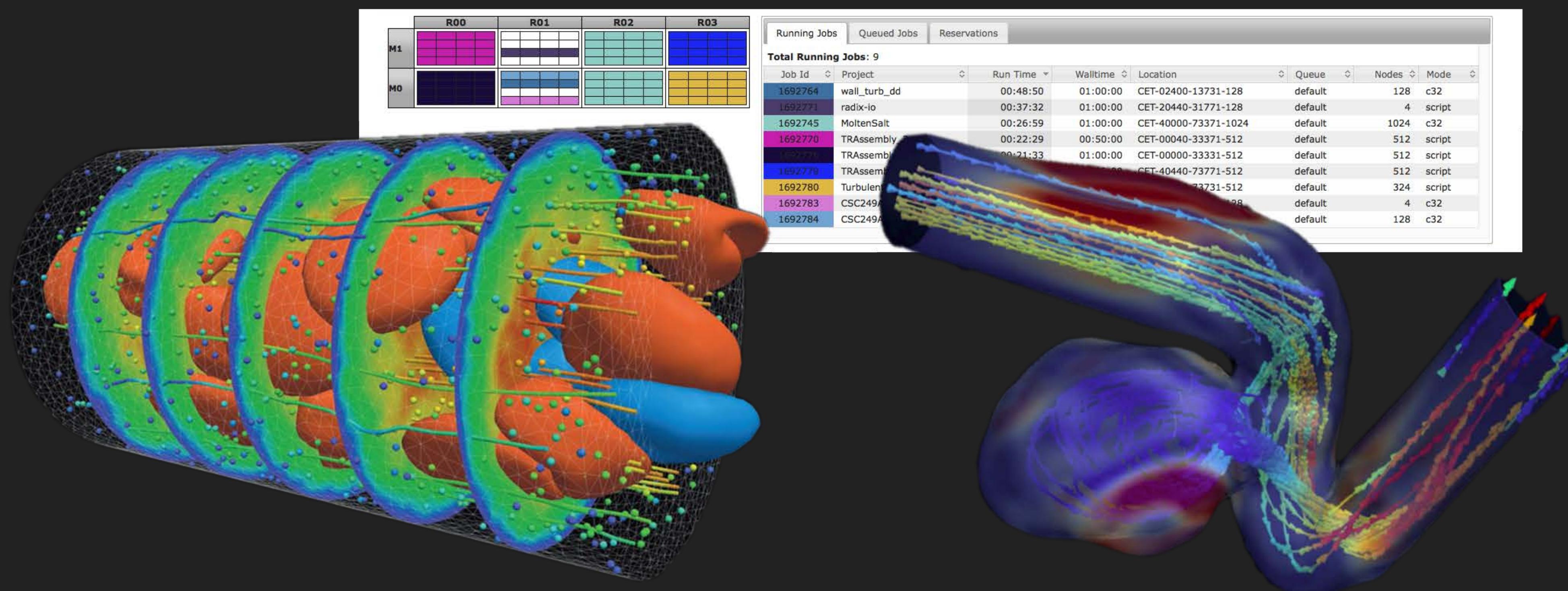
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- ▶ How do you effectively schedule and operate a resource?



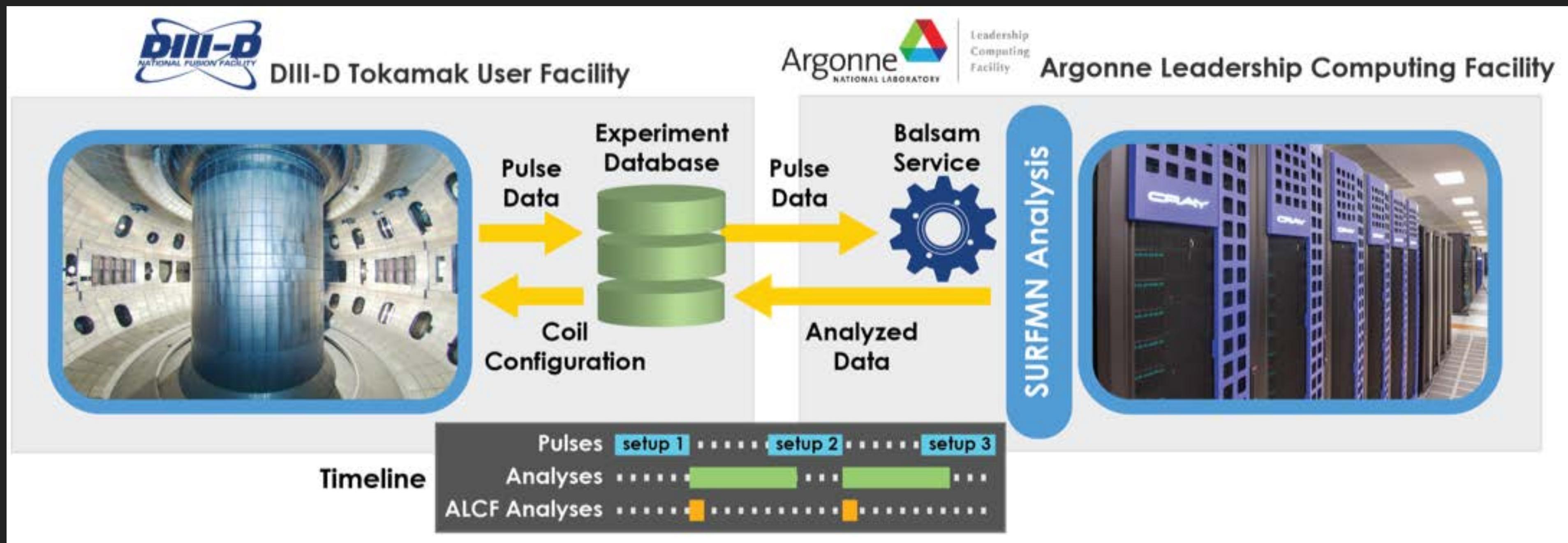
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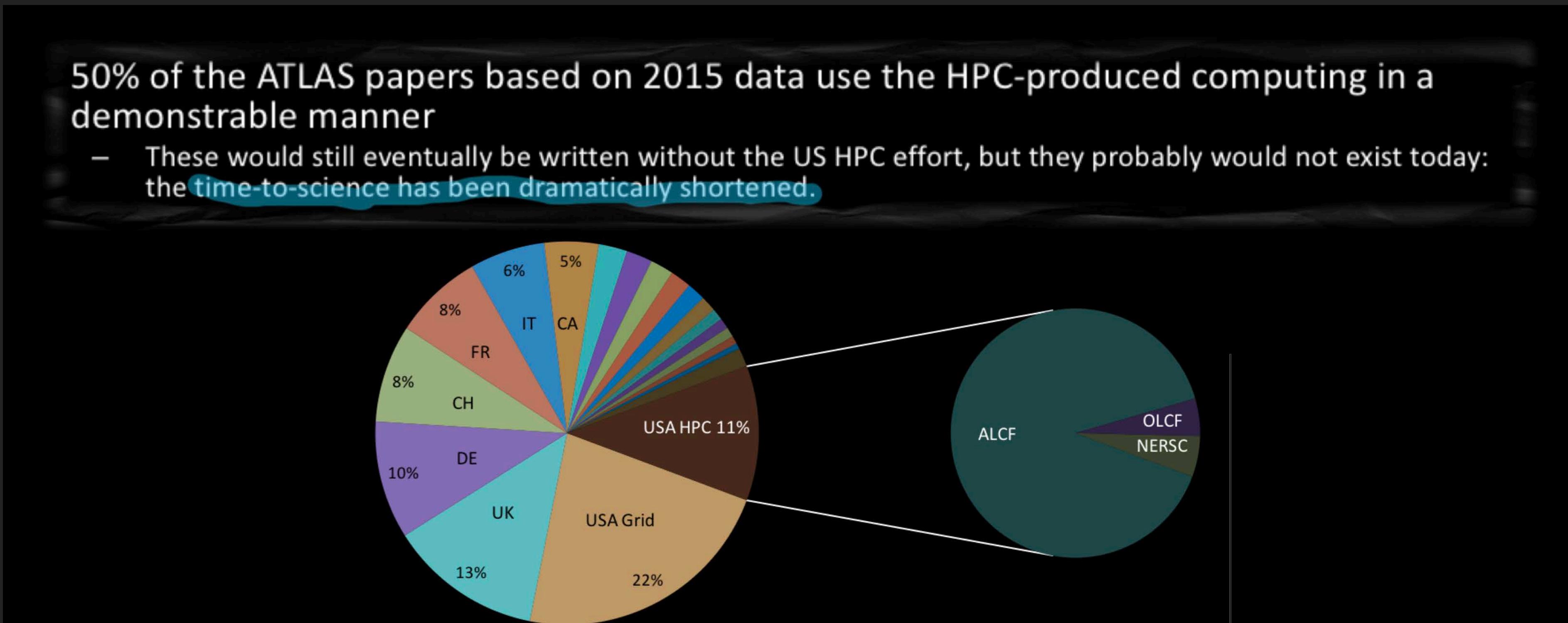
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- ▶ How do you evolve traditional HPC environment to address real-time needs?



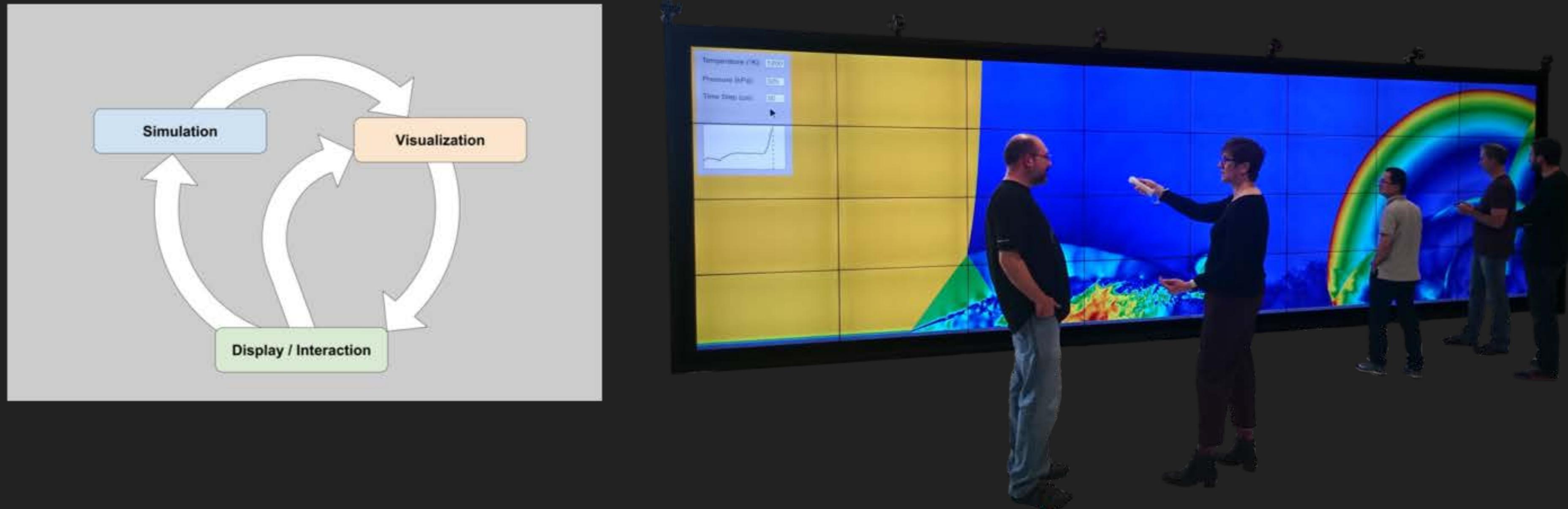
HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

► How do you evolve traditional HPC environment handle complex workloads?



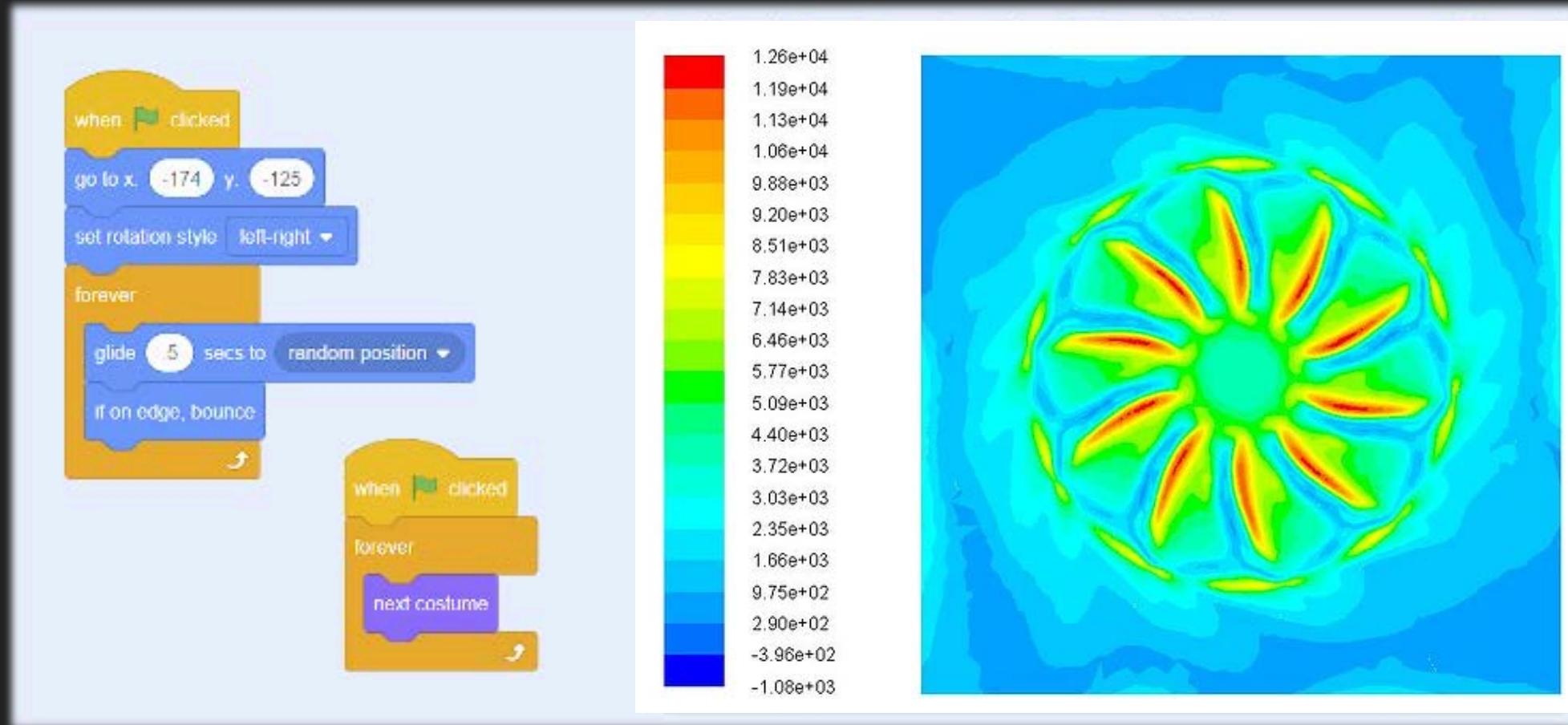
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- ▶ How do you evolve traditional HPC environment to increase engagement?



HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ How do we **enable** scientists to be the most **productive** from **start to finish**?
- ▶ How do we improve **usability**?
- ▶ How do we **simplify** supercomputing?

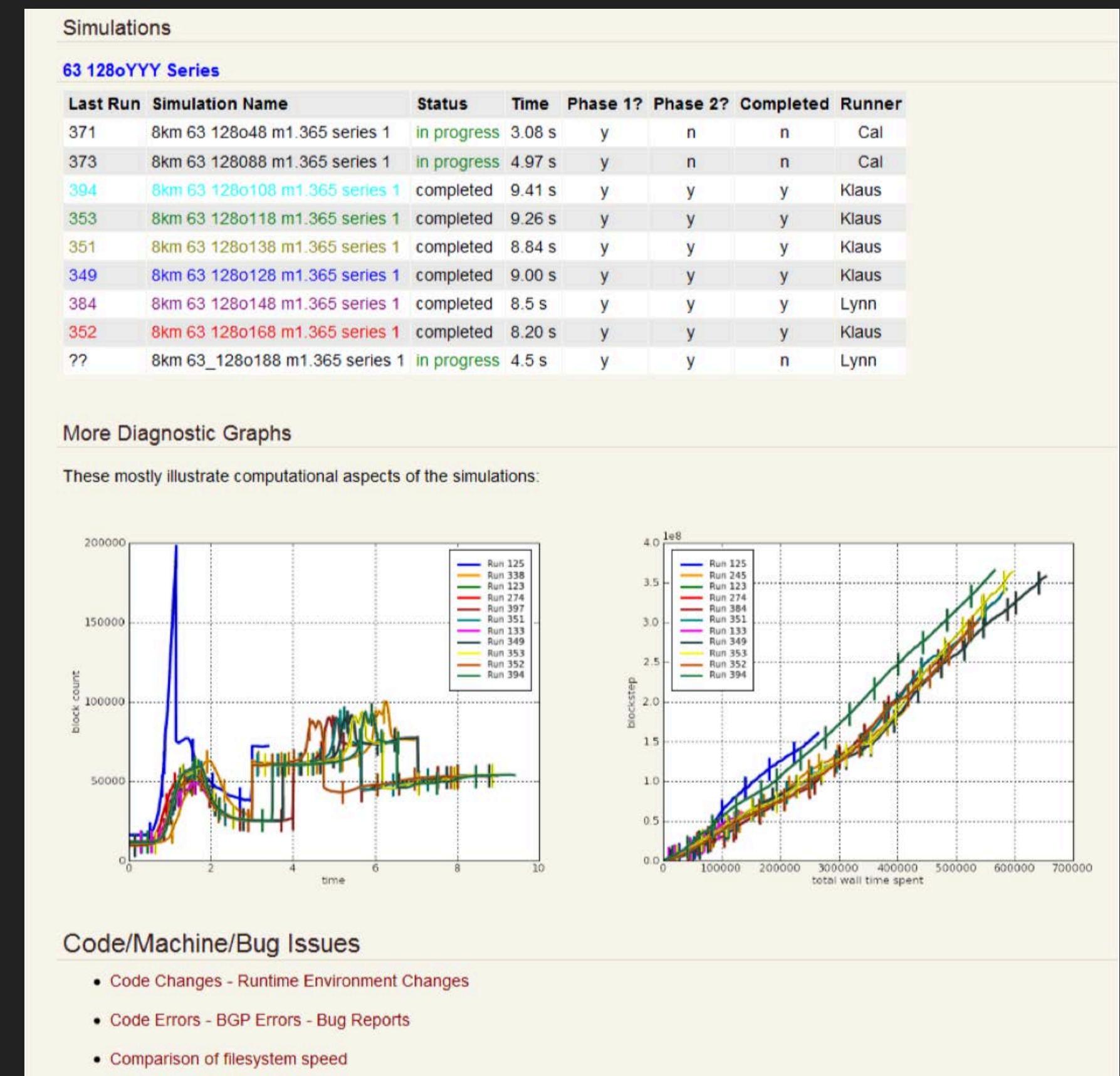


HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ How do we enable scientists to be the most productive from start to finish?
- ▶ Problems with science management:
 - ▶ Tracking simulations and output: **burdensome**
 - ▶ Finding and reproducing old simulations: **difficult**
 - ▶ Monitoring live simulations: **inconvenient, idiosyncratic**
 - ▶ Post-processing, analysis and archival of results: **haphazard**
 - ▶ Assessing simulation behavior/performance: **challenging**

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ How do we enable scientists to be the most productive from start to finish?
- ▶ Simulation management and analysis system for Flash (Smaash)
 - ▶ Tracking and coordination of data (simulation and meta)
 - ▶ Run-time monitoring of simulations and automated analysis of simulation output
 - ▶ Method for managing / executing common workflows



HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ How do we enable scientists to be the most productive from start to finish?

The figure displays three screenshots of the Smaash/HACC web interface, showing different aspects of the simulation process:

- Model: MiraU / M019 / L2100**: A log-log plot of the primordial power spectrum $P(k)$ versus wavenumber k . The y-axis ranges from 10^{-1} to 10^5 , and the x-axis ranges from 10^{-2} to 10^1 . Multiple curves represent different power spectrum models, labeled on the right.
- Run: MiraU / M019 / run001 / L2100**: A table of simulation timesteps. The table includes columns for Timestep, Run, Model, Simulation, Date, and Size. The data shows 210 entries, all from run001, dated 1 day, 16 hours ago, with sizes ranging from 1 to 1 MB.
- Run: MiraU / M019 / run000 / L2100**: A detailed view of the `indat.params` file. The file contains cosmological parameters like Ω_{CDM} , Ω_{DE} , and σ_8 , along with other simulation settings such as `Z_IN` and `TRANS`.

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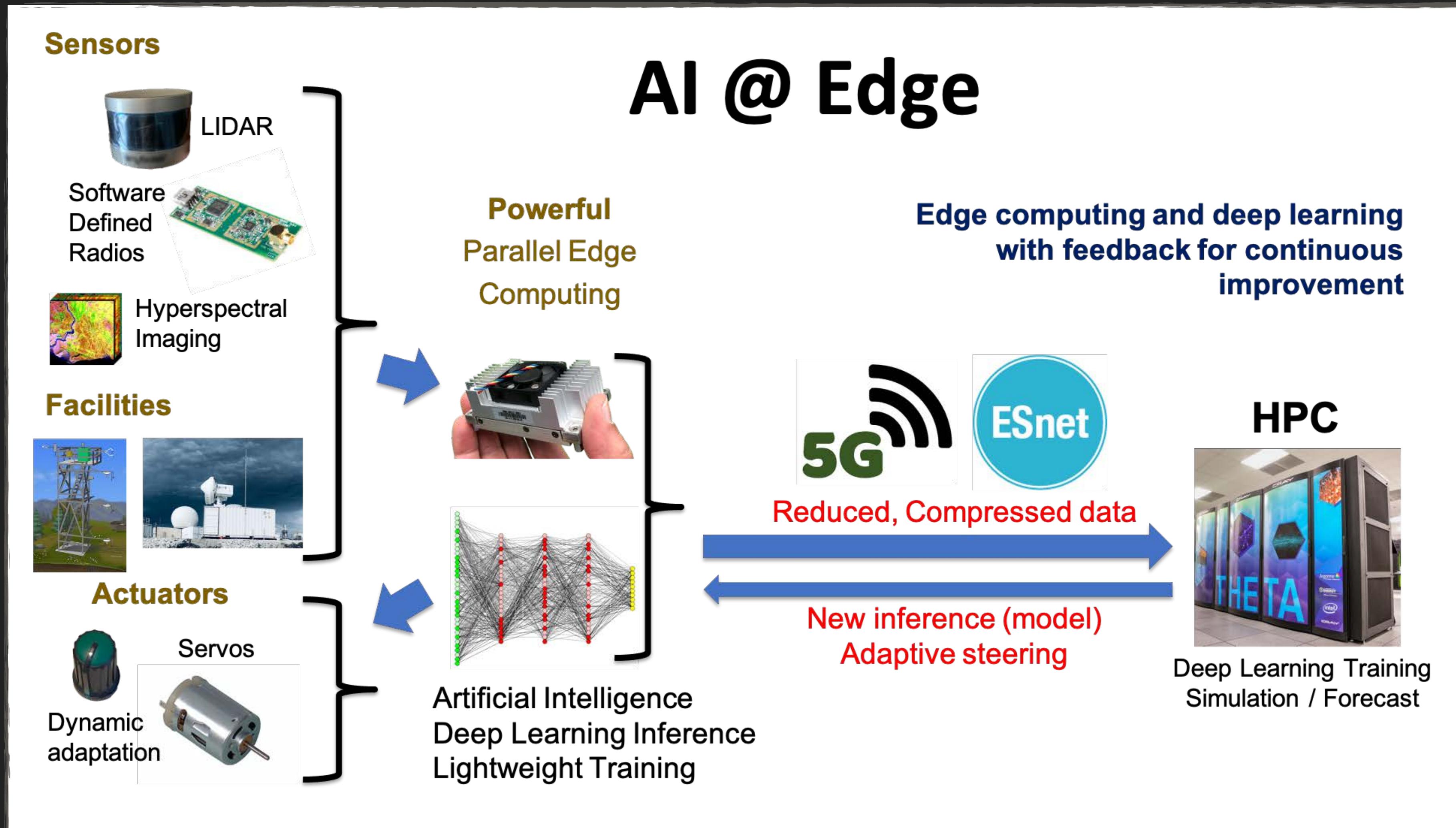
The collage illustrates the Argonne HPC visualization interface, showing various tools and job management features:

- Left Panel:** A dashboard featuring four visualization types:
 - Basic Overview:** A general overview visualization.
 - Feature-Based:** A single movie that provides an overview and highlights individual features.
 - Fly-Through:** Generates a video with a general view around the data.
 - Time-Varying Data:** Visualizes the time-based evolution of your data.
- Middle Left:** A grid of job status cards. Some are labeled "Complete" (e.g., APS Basic Job Jan. 15, 2016, 11:47 a.m.) or "In Progress" (e.g., APS Basic Job Jan. 15, 2016, 11:41 a.m.).
- Middle Right:** A grid of thumbnail images, likely representing processed data or intermediate frames.
- Right Panel:** A detailed job card for a HA_tube5 test job.

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job_type	Basic
job_creator	oculus
time_received	Dec. 8, 2015, 6:14 p.m.
time_modified	Dec. 9, 2015, 10:04 a.m.
Snapshots	60
Comments	None

Buttons include "Add Comments", "Download Files", and a download icon.

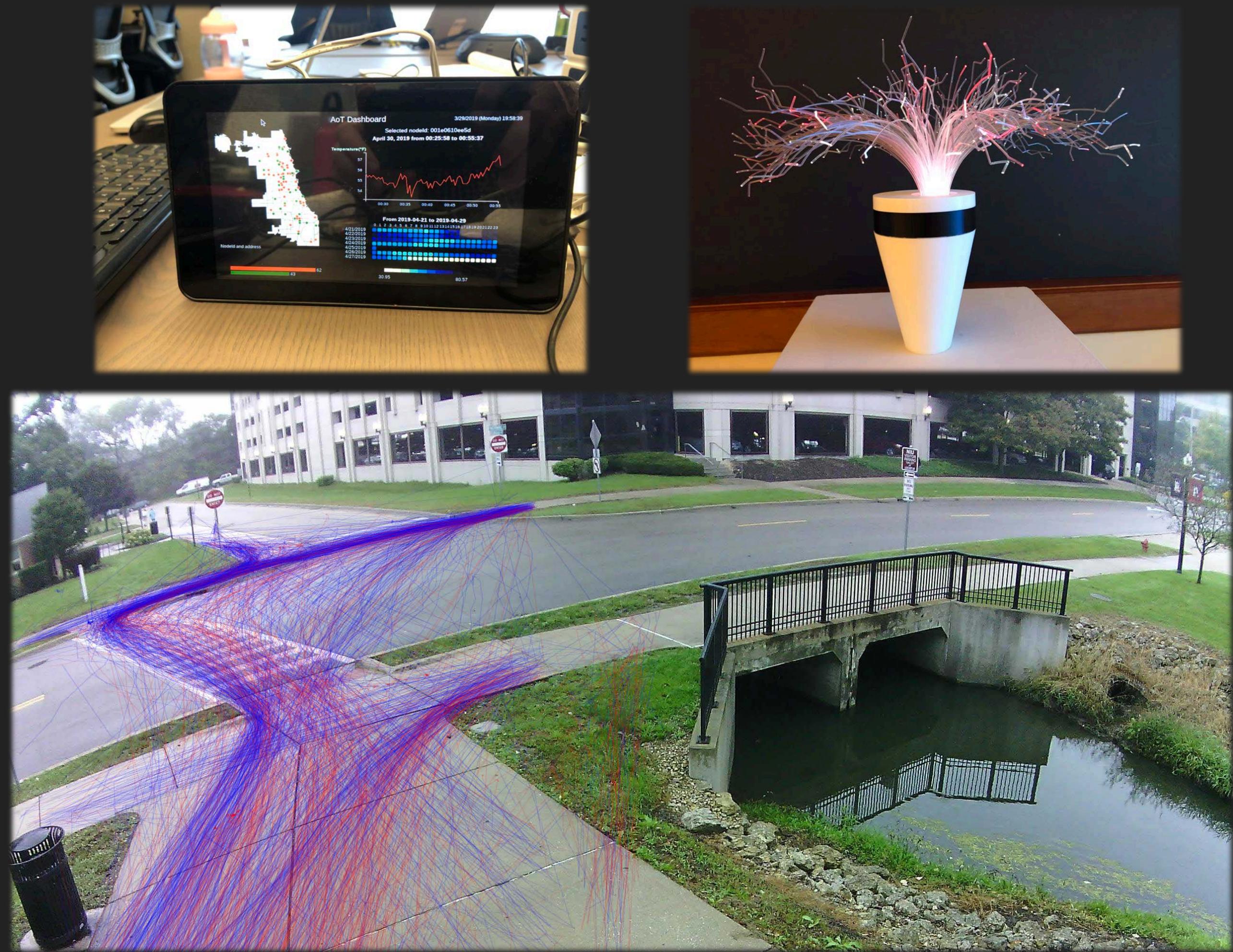
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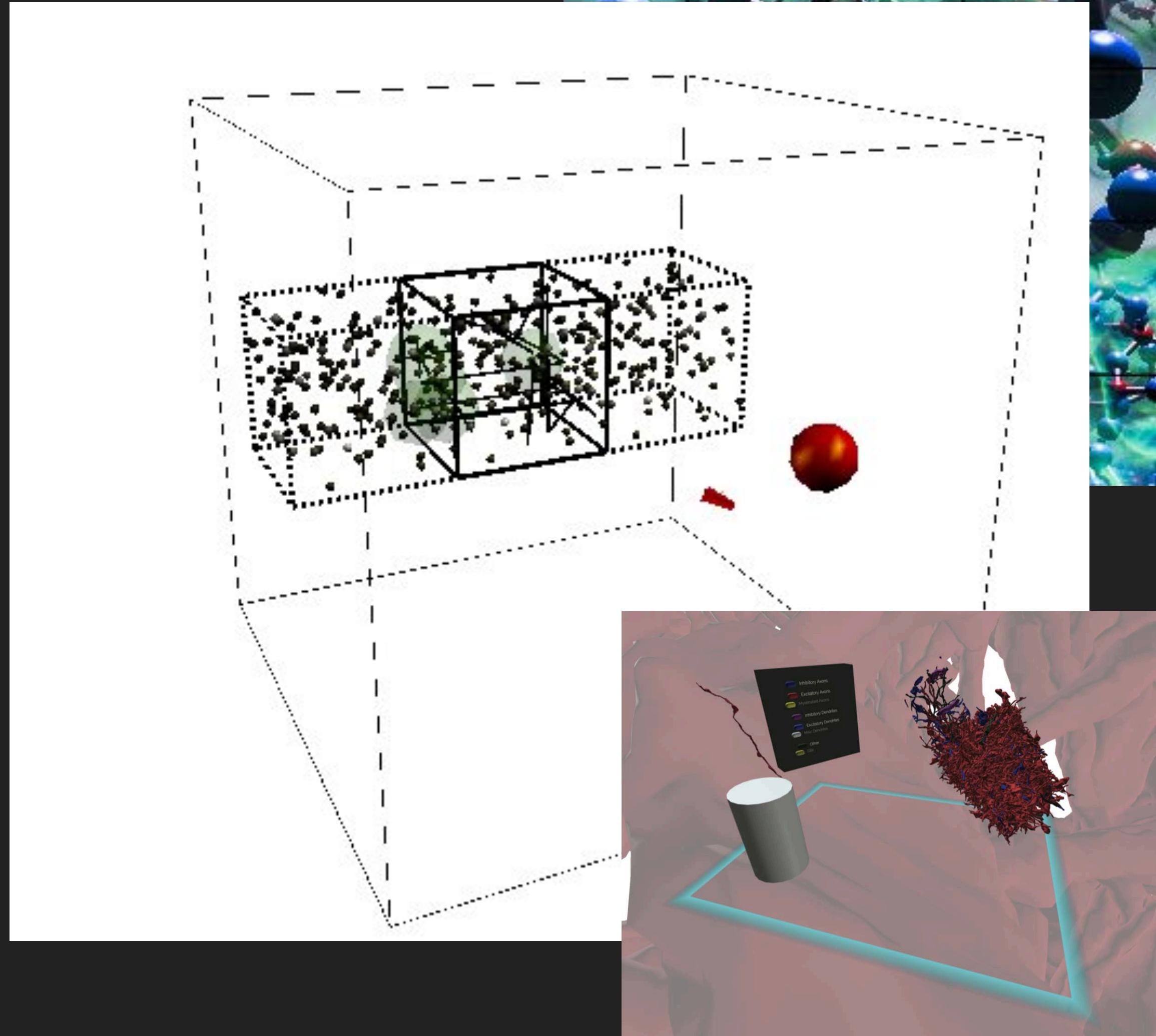
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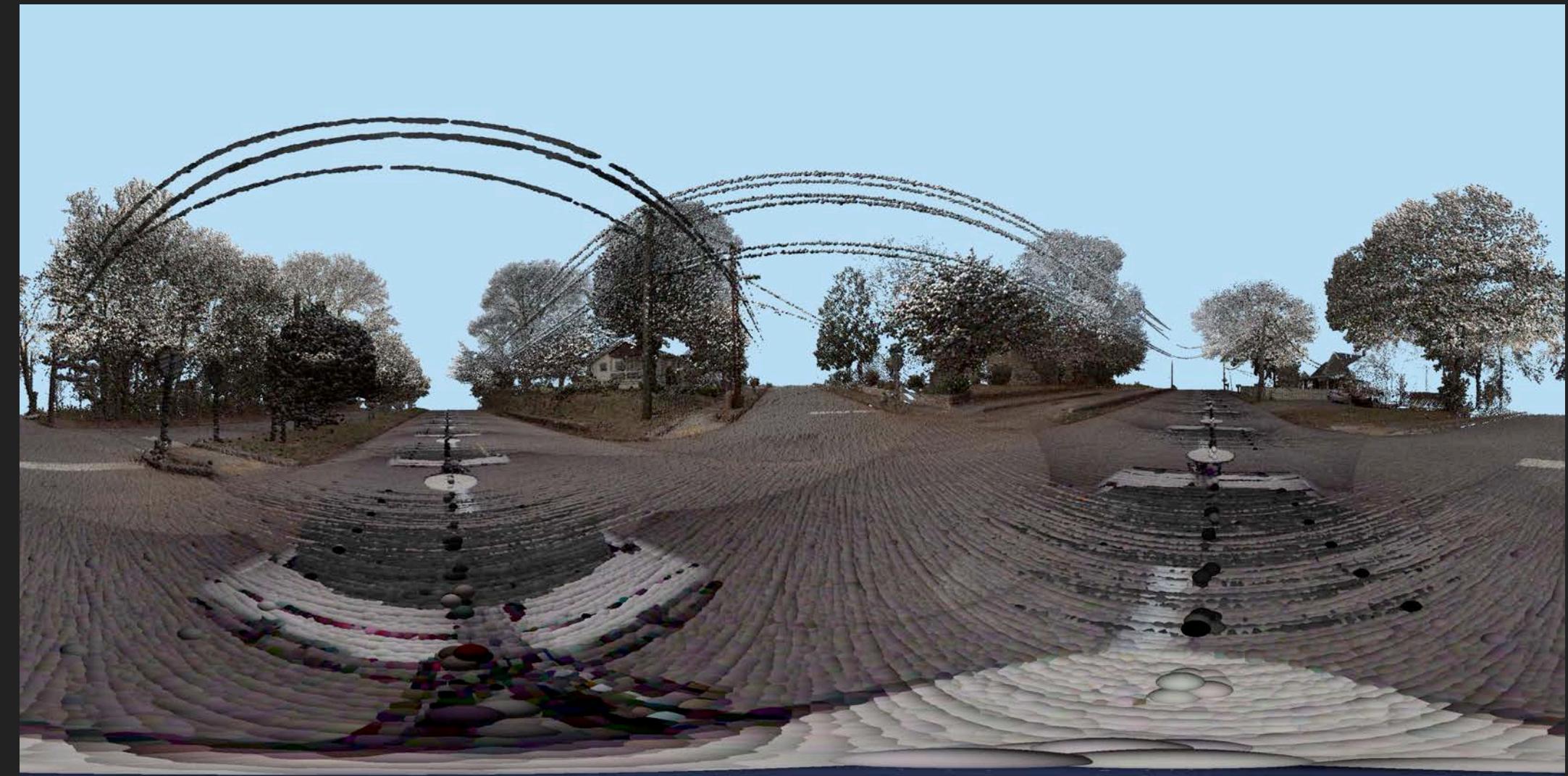
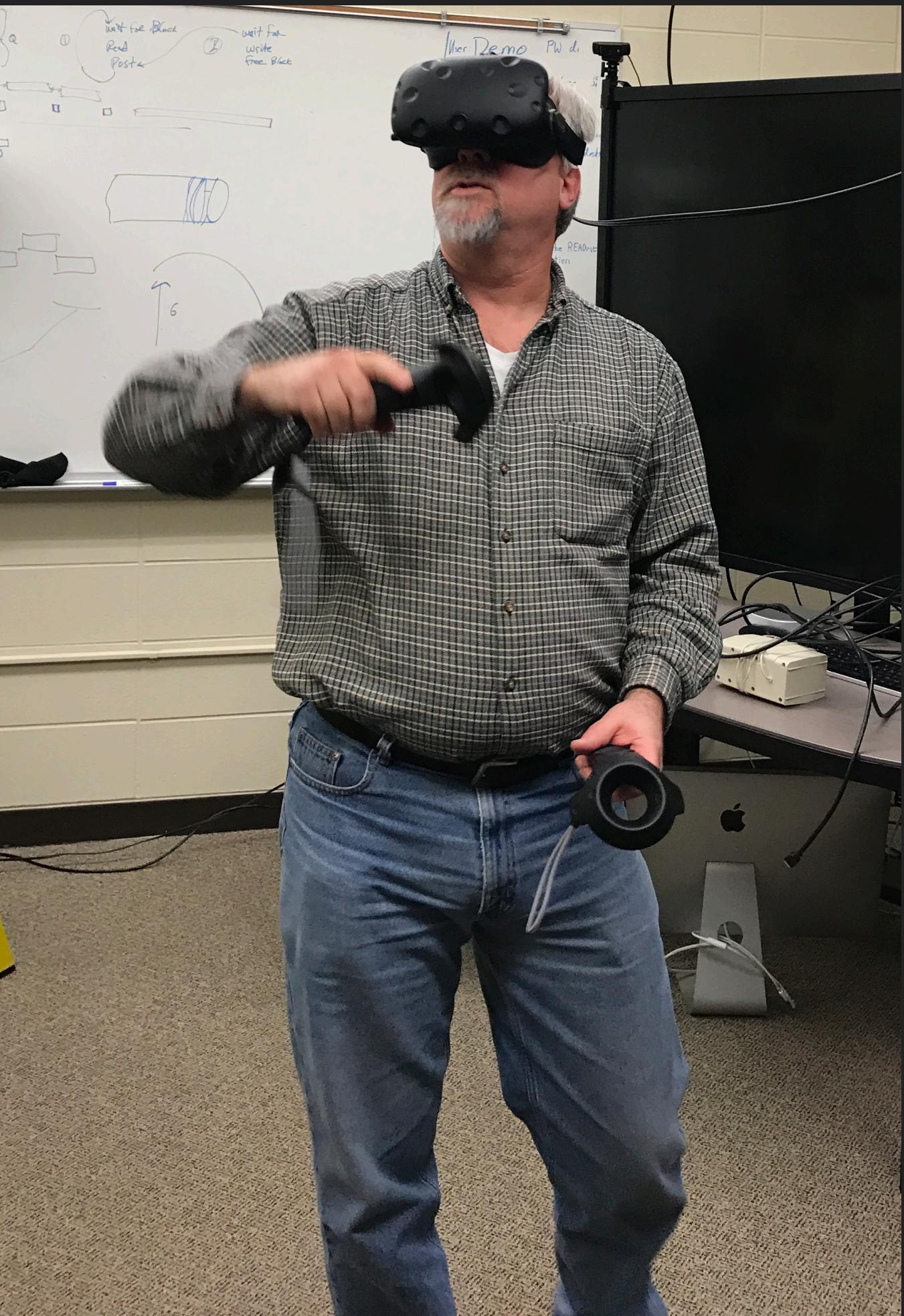
VIRTUAL REALITY



Use of **Virtual Reality** in Science

- ▶ Usability, virtual interactions
- ▶ Rendering, realistic data in VR time

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SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES (IN PERSON NORMALLY, CURRENTLY VIRTUAL)



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If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.

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Sir Isaac Newton

