

# Overview of TACC

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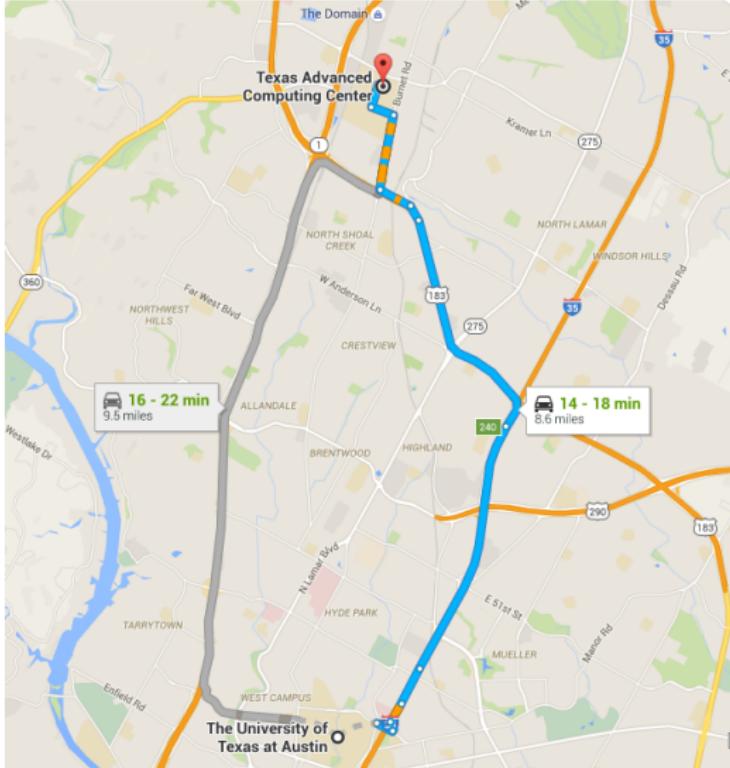
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work at the  
Texas Advanced Computing Center

# So where is TACC?



# How do you get to TACC?



# Pickle Campus

Formerly Balcones Research Center,  
location of some of the best wildflowers in Austin.



# TACC

- Started in 2001 with 10-ish people, now 130
- UT has had computing centers before; in 2001 TACC became independent unit: falls under VP for research.
- First major supercomputer in 2008: Ranger.
- Currently: Stampede2, #12 in the world and largest academic computer in the U.S.

# TACC now

- 130-ish people, divided in Systems, High Performance Computing, Big Data, Visualization, Outreach (and more) groups.
- 15 platforms
- 200 public data collections
- 30 web portals with 35k users
- new 10MWatt data center
- second new building in 10 years

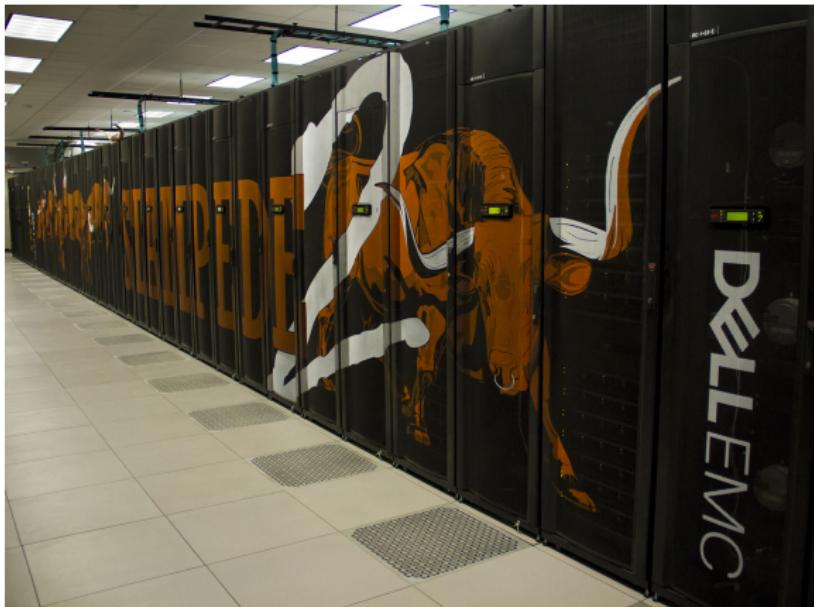
# Stampede2

- Our current biggest machine: cost \$50M
- 4000 nodes with Intel 'Knights Landing' Xeon phi;  
1700 nodes with two Skylake server processors about to be installed.
- 75 miles of cabling, up to 4.5Mwatt power
- TACC's machines are popular and reliable:  
Stampede1 was used by 5000 users, up 98% of the time,  
8 million jobs over its lifetime.

# Stampede1



# Stampede2



# Stampede cabling



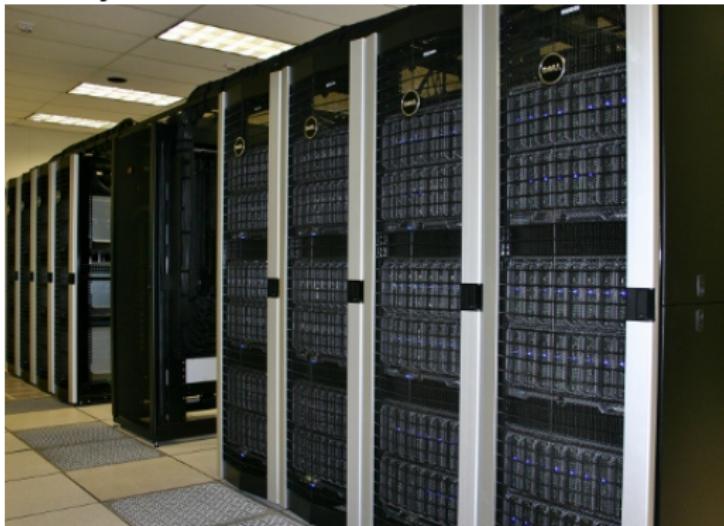
# Maverick

GPU machine



# Lonestar4

Finally been turned off...



# Lonestar5

Our new Cray



# Hikari



# Hikari cooling



# Big data

- Wrangler: big data machine with lots of SSDs
- Rustler: hadoop cluster
- Stockyard: 20Pbyte spinning disc (shared between all clusters)
- Ranch: 50Pbyte of tape

# Wrangler



# Clouds

- Rodeo: early cloud machine
- Chameleon: cloud research
- Jetstream: for educational use

# Jetstream



# Catapult

Microsoft FPGA machine learning platform



# Stockyard

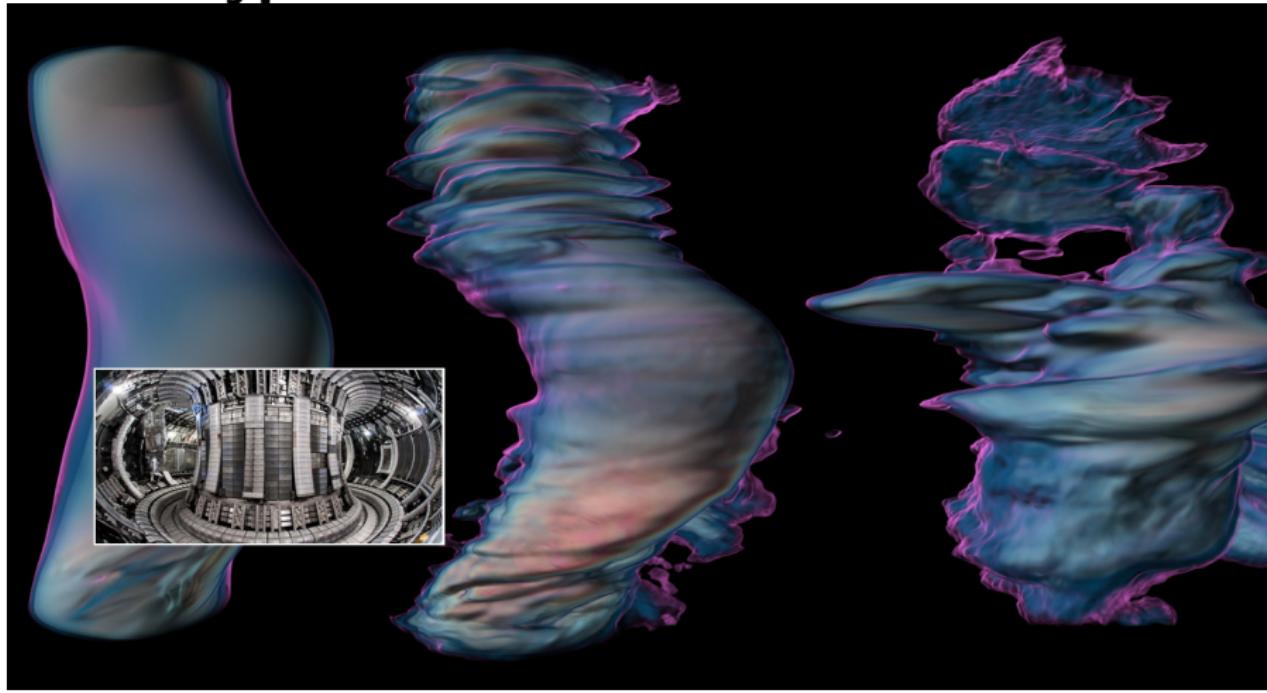
Mass storage



# Visualization lab (POB)



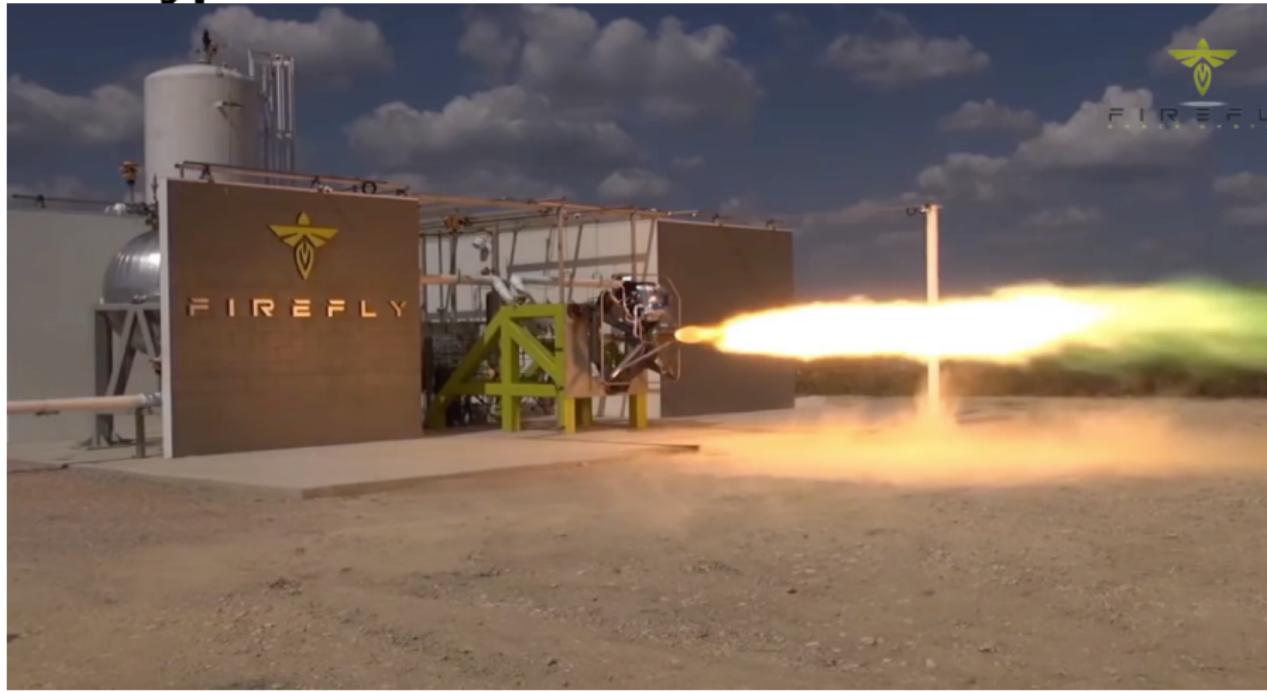
# Typical academic customer



# Non-typical academic customer



## Typical non-academic customer



FIREFLY

# We're very hands-on



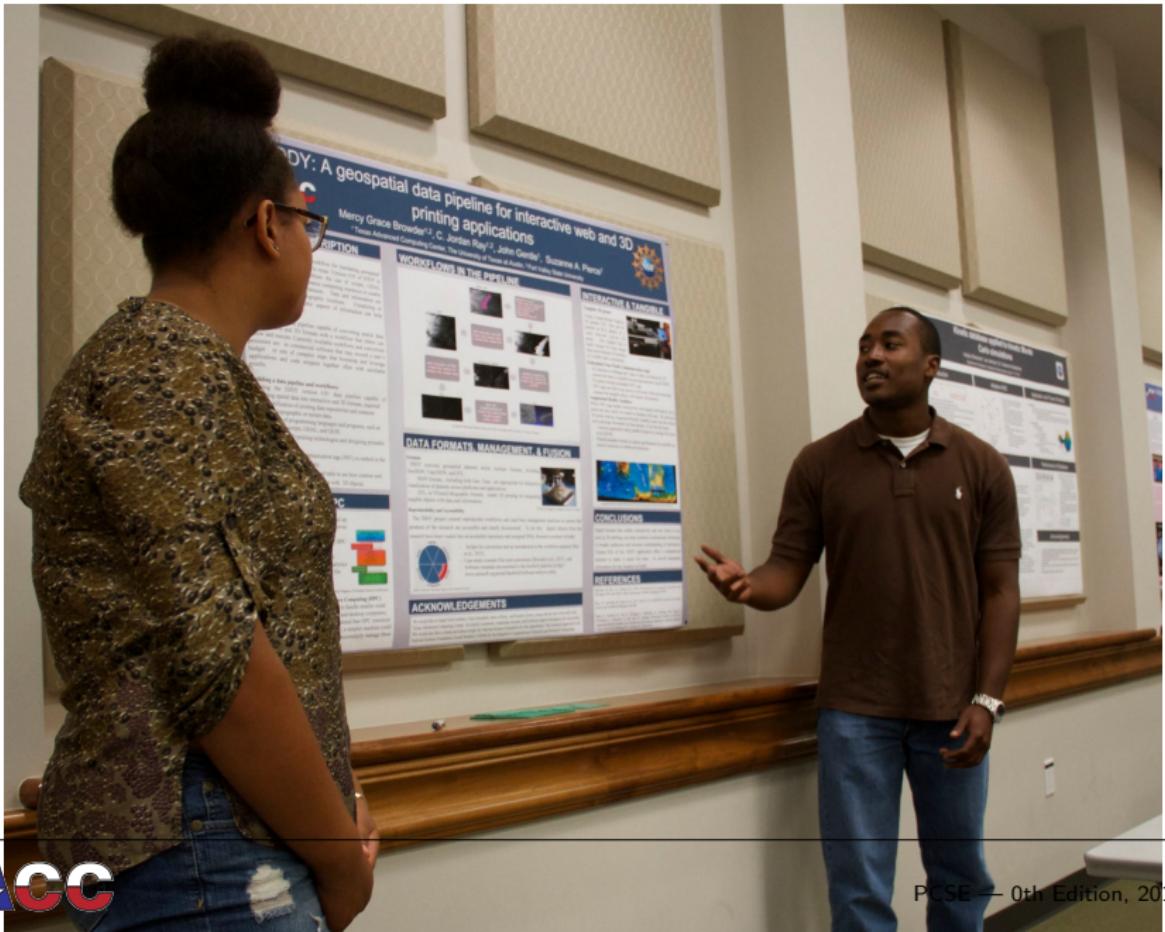
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# Student activities: REU



# Student cluster competition



# Outreach: Code at TACC



# A good year ago...



# Our new building



# TACC is a nice place to be

