High Performance Computing

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Scientific Computing Needs at UW

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Scientific Computing Initiates eScience @ UW 2007 : Astro/INT/Physics

http://staff.washington.edu/nfabbi/pdf/PerspAutumn08_final.pdf

(science that links many computers). The

Office of Research joined with the College

of Arts and Sciences to provide \$700,000

believing this would work," says Kaplan.

departments willing to invest in the

project. In the end, three A&S units

The computer is housed in the UW's

ponied up: the Department of Astronomy,

the Department of Physics, and the INT.

Center for Experimental Nuclear Physics

Brain Power to Harness Computing Power

Athena's power equals 133 high-end PC

servers working in close communication.

or about ten trillion calculations per

second. But how that power and speed

are harnessed, and how those PCs com-

municate, is complicated. So complicated,

in fact, that the team would not consider

purchasing Athena without hiring a com-

"Scientists may know how to program

putational science expert to program it.

their desktop, but programming a super-

computer requires a whole other set of

skills because it is doing many tasks

The remaining funding came from

"They gave a lot of money up front,

for the project.

"That took vision."

and Astrophysics.

Athena Unleashed

Athena doesn't look like much. Just a bunch of black computing towers, punctuated by cooling units, in a nondescript room. But looks can be deceiving.

Named for the Greek goddess of wisdom, Athena is currently the most powerful computer on the UW campus, helping physicists and astronomers tackle fundamental questions about our universe.

The push to acquire Athena was spearheaded by David Kaplan, director of the Institute for Nuclear Theory (INT), Tom Quinn, professor of astronomy, and Richard Coffey, director of IT for physics and astronomy. They were responding to what can be a frustrating Catch-22 for scientists whose research involves complex calculations-a field known as computational science. Scientists can apply for time on a huge computer at a national lab, but they will likely be turned down if they cannot demonstrate expertise at using such machines efficiently. The team envisioned a UW super-

computer-not nearly as powerful as the machines at national labs, but about 1,000 times more powerful than an individual computer workstation-that could push existing research projects to new extremes and familiarize scientists with working with computers on a grand scale. After several failed attempts to fund

Athena through grants, Kaplan tarned to the UW's Office of Research, which was looking for ways to support e-Science

simultaneously," says Kaplan. "Careful choreography is required so that individual computations can be done in the right order and assembled into something useful, in a way that takes advantage of the speed of the machine.

That's where Jeff Gardner comes in. Gardner received a Ph.D. in astronomy at the UW and then spent five years at the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center (PSC), programming one of those massive national computers, before returning to the UW as a senior research scientist to help with Athena

"A truly amazing part of this collaboration was the hiring of Jeff," says Coffey, who led the national search for the position. "Three departments pooled their limited resources to hire an expert in the field, filling this often overlooked gap between the science and the computing. Gardner is currently working with

faculty on about a dozen research projects. that use Athena. Some faculty meet with him sporadically, others weekly. All pay for his time through research grants. "Every project, every scientific code

It calculates at nearly ten teraflops (Tflops), is different, so it has to be parallelized in a different way," says Gardner. "You need a set of tools and experience to figure out how to go about it." Gasdner also assists in writing grant

proposals, "because that's where plans formulate," he explains. "What we don't want is for faculty to propose something that our technology can't do."

Computing Complex Interactions

What Athena can do is impressive. Research projects range from the grandest scale-studying the universe-to the smallest, looking at atomic interactions What all have in common is the complexity of interactions being studied.

Jeff Gardner (left) and Tom Quinn discuss approaches for using
Athena for Quinn's research. Photo by Mary Levi

David Kaplan [left] and Richard Coffey stand in the "hot aisle" of
Athena's two long rows of computer hardware.
Photo by Mary Levin.

One example is Tom Quinn's study of structure formation in the universe. Quinn looks at the creation of our galaxy and neighboring galaxies. He does this, in part, by gathering measurements of remote objects-dating back to when the universe was about 100,000 years old-and comparing them to the galaxies we see today. factoring in the role of gravity. "That sort of calculation can't be done

on the back of an envelope," says Quinn, massively understating the computational He has the luxury of time for testing challenge. "With pencil and paper, you can because his department has part ownership figure out how three objects interact with in the computer. And if a result leads to gravity. But the universe has billions of additional questions, he can pursue those objects in each galaxy." Clearly Quinn needs tremendous

computing power to handle such calculations. But just having multiple processors do the math simultaneously won't work. "The issue is how to get all those processors More Power, More Grants. to work together," says Quinn. "It's not a problem I can easily divide up, because the calculations are all very interconnected."

using a massive computer at a national center. But before he can tap into that resource, he needs to devise algorithms -with Gardner's help-that will work on a multi-processor system.

Quinn. With Athena, he is able to try different algorithms and compare results.

Athena By the Numbers

10 trillion calculations. In one second, Athena can compute 10 trillion calculations. compared to 10 billion on the average PC. 9 months. From conception to deployment, it took nine months to get the Athena cluster in place.

power to Athena. 1024 cores. Most modern computers have 2 cores; Athena has 1,024.

One quarter. That's the fraction of the

purchase price used to cool and provide

immediately.

son of thing."

"It happens fluidly," says Quinn.

"National centers aren't set up to do that

When Athena was proposed, the units

20.7 billion pages. That's the amount of data Athena is able to store.

Some challenges remain. While programming and maintaining the tem have been manageable, the administration involved in sharing the computer and related personnel across departments has been daunting. Yet all agree that the benefits of Athena overshadow any administrative headaches.

"In 2001, the fastest computer on the planet for unclassified research was six teraflops," says Gardner, "and thousands of scientists across the country had to compete with one another for time on it.

Athena is ten tendlops and is shared among just three departm "It is truly remarkable that we have

access to so much computing right on campus." +

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> 40 hairdryers. Athena's heat output is equivalent to 40 hairdryers, all blowing at once.

15 minutes. Without an integrated cooling system, the room housing Athena would overheat in just 15 minutes. +

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funding the project believed it would eventually pay for itself by helping to generate Much of Quinn's research requires new grants. Within months of its arrival, that already started to happen. Several major NSF grants tied to Athena have been funded, with others pending. "I need something I can test on," says

eScience Institute @ UW Launched in Nov 2008 to enhance the Domain Sciences

Lessons I Learned:

- Domain Scientists (DS) and CS have different agendas
- DS simply want to optimize scientific output requires large HPC resources
- CS (and AM) need DS to justify/acquire large resources little intrinsic need of their own

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HYAK PIs (=HYAK funder)

<http://www.washington.edu/itconnect/research/hpc/>

Chance Reschke

UW-IT

Evaluation

Broad representation in sciences, engineering, bio

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4 Observe the ``usual'' ~Log-Normal distribution of use seen at other centers - long tail.

•Needs are Exa-scale and beyond in essentially all areas

- Some are Capability
- Some are Capacity
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he Climate Science workshop was held November 6-7, 2008 in Washington, DC Warren Washington from NCAR was the Chair

the Understanding the Occasion Universe and the Role of Computing at the Extreme Scale (F The High Energy Physics extreme scale workshop was held December, 9-11, 2008 at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Menio Park, CA The Chair was Roger Blandford from KIRAD/SLAD, Co-Chairs were Young-Kee Kim from FNAL and oman Christ, Columbia

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lear Physics Workshop Report @ (3.6M3)

and Challenges in Fusion Energy Sciences and the Role of Computing at the Extreme Scale (F The Fusion Energy Sciences workshop was March 18-20, 2009 in Washington, DC Bill Tang from PPPL was the Chair and David Keyes from Columbia was Co-Chair

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Becurity Workshop Report @ (2.1M)

he Biology workshop was August 17-19, 2009 in Chicago, IL rofessor Rick Stevens, ANL/University of Chicago) was Chair and Professor Mark Ellisman from the riversity of California San Diego was the Co-Chair

the Grand Challengea in National Security: the Role of Computing at the Extreme Scale (F he National Security workshop was October 6-8 , 2009 in Washington, DC.

5 • Capacity areas are a superset of capability areas,including what is called "big-data" (in reality: generally small data)

- **• Capability resources provided by Leadership-Class facilities through peer-reviewed allocation process**
- **• Capacity essentially not provided**
	- XSEDE, NERSC but way too few cycles
	- US is not providing the necessary pyramid of resources required for projects

- **Need for Capability BUT Bigger need for midscale Capacity** (e.g. 1K, 4K,16K cores)
	- Limited ``big-data'' needs just not seeing significant usage of the cloud by UW researchers - demand is at the few-nodes level - this will likely change, but not sure when or how

``The Speed of Science''

- **Need access to hardware to allow for new ideas to be explored asap.**
	- e.g., if NERSC allocation runs out after 6 months, then have to wait 6 months to have more capacity computing time to develop idea
	- •Hyak gives immediate access all-year round

• Clear need for a local mid-scale resource that is on-demand for

- testing ideas
- rapid development of new codes for Capability running
- Needs to be big enough with necessary characteristics to be useful
- Needs to be within a capable cyberinfrastructure
- 40% of HYAK is used in this area

``Preparing for Capability Production''

- **Need on-demand resources for code development for production at scale.**
- Needs a "representative environment"
- Needs to be within a capable cyberinfrastructure
- 40% of HYAK is used in this area

``Cloud Ain't Secure'' - despite what some might say!

- **Need on-demand resources for Cloud Computing that is secure**
	- local control over permissions etc not NSA readable.

``Big Data Pipelines''

- **Need on-demand resources to handle large data sets generated with capability or capacity resources, or experiment.**
	- efficient data movement, storage and retrieval
		- fast connection to outside world, within the university, to leadership class and capacity computing centers.
- Semi-real-time processing data from high-throughput instruments
- Needs to be within a capable cyberinfrastructure
- Needs good network-infrastructure
- 20% of HYAK is used in this area

UW Needs mid-scale Capacity Computing with Capability-Computing Hardware

More mid-scale capacity machines would meet the current need, e.g., 100K, 50K, 10K core machines (Hyak currently has 11K cores and 48 GPUs)

Hardware needs to match the user characteristics at the UW

- small number of capability and large number of small job size
- CPUs at the 99% level few GPU capable users
- science per unit time is the criterion
- configurable hardware options

UW Needs more HPC-capable FTEs to be embedded in projects to port and continually evolve codes to rapidly changing architectures.

e.g., PNNL-UW collaboration in Nuclear Physics (Ken Roche) is a very successful demonstration of such a collaborative effort.

SciDAC projects work - need them for UW/WA research

(eScience Institute was supposed to do this - it does not)

standardized core-hours

A (very) few Science Cases

Bioinformatics

Raw data is collected from the environment or *in vitro* mimics of environmental conditions, then collated, assembled and analyzed.

Lidstrom Lab

As an example, two data sets consisting of 60 million unattributed RNA sequences are run against 10 million known protein sequences.

The goal is to identify proteins that may be derived from the RNA sequences.

pdqBLAST (created by Dave Beck) provides an infrastructure for running such queries on Hyak, taking advantage of **Hyak's** significant storage capacity, bandwidth and computational power.

The query ran on 70 nodes, with 8 cores per node, for 20 days : requiring 268,800 core-hours.

pdqBLAST applied to queries of this sort is well suited to Hyak. **Specifically, Hyak offers the ability to perform week-long queries over large numbers of nodes. Tasks of this sort are difficult to arrange on existing systems at national supercomputer centers.**

As bioinformatics workloads of this sort scale up, **Hyak** serves as a valuable development platform for the next generation of pre-exascale data intensive computers currently under development.

Genomics

Scatterplot of Project Talent Psychometric Test Scores (9th Grade)

 $y = \sum g_i x_i + \sum g_i g_j z_{ij} + \mathcal{O}(g^3) + \epsilon$

 \bullet Linear Algebra common to many other fields

• linear solvers - collaboration with AM/CS/Physics is crucial

•Requires Big-Data, Capacity and Capability Computing

• predict height, intelligence with precision

Designer Proteins

CONTROL OF REPEAT-PROTEIN CURVATURE BY COMPUTATIONAL PROTEIN DESIGN

Park, K. et al. Nat Struc Mol Biol 22, 167-74 (2015)

Shape complementarity is an important component of molecular recognition, and the ability to precisely adjust the shape of a binding scaffold to match a target of interest would greatly facilitate the creation of high-affinity protein reagents and therapeutics. Here we describe a general approach to control the shape of the binding surface on repeat-protein scaffolds and apply it to leucine-rich-repeat proteins. First, self-compatible building-block modules are designed that, when polymerized, generate surfaces with unique but constant curvatures. Second, a set of junction modules that connect the different building blocks are designed. Finally, new proteins with custom-designed shapes are generated by appropriately combining building-block and junction modules. Crystal structures of the designs illustrate the power of the approach in controlling repeat-protein curvature.

Building block module design

- Junction module design
- General module assembly

- Monte-Carlo strings of molecular subunits to minimize energy.
- Single core size jobs in general, runs on multi-cores on **HYAK**, also runs on BG/P and BG/Q through INCITE allocations.
- Not GPU/Phi-capable at present
- **Hyak** is MUCH cheaper compute platform than any other

Baker's Lab :<http://www.bakerlab.org/index/index.html>

Designer Proteins

Kemp eliminase

Esterase

 $\text{D}_0 = \text{D}_1 \text{L}_0 \cdot \text{L}_0 \text{D}_0 \hspace{1cm} \text{L}_1 \text{L}_1 \text{D}_2 \cdots \text{L}_1 \text{L}_2 \cdots \text{L}_n \text{L}_n$

impact on the world. Baker's Lab :<http://www.bakerlab.org/index/index.html>

Protein Design

Improve the physical model and the sampling methodology underlying the prediction and design calculations in **Rosetta**.

On the structure calculation side, strive for consistent near-atomic resolution *ab initio* structure prediction for small proteins, and work towards atomic level structure determination for proteins greater than 200 amino acids.

Focus on membrane proteins and other systems for which obtaining high resolution experimental data is difficult—this is where our approach are likely to contribute the most.

Extend data guided structure determination to biological assemblies.

Extend the methodology to non natural amino acids and cofactors to try to leapfrog over the limitations nature has faced with the limited set of twenty amino acids. Design a complete pathway for fuel production from CO2 using solar generated reducing equivalents.

Develop and test methods for designing high affinity binders/ inhibitors for any specified surface patch on a protein of known structure.

Develop new biomolecules with new functions—inhibitors, enzymes, endonucleases, and vaccines—that can have a positive

Molecular Science

Jim Pfaendtner's research group in Chemical Engineering specializes in computational molecular science and engineering applied to a wide range of interesting systems and technological problems in soft matter, biophysics, biocatalysis, and reaction engineering.

Current areas of interest include protein/surface interactions and the interactions of enzymes with novel solvents.

Main computational tool is molecular dynamics.

One of the few efforts on UW campus that can utilize GPUs.

Without Hyak, Jim would not have come to the UW ! Hyak is important for recruiting and retaining for junior scientists.

Nuclear Physics Lattice QCD and Nuclear Many-Body

Lattice QCD - USQCD collaboration
32³x256 anisotropic clover on 1024 BG/P cores

Configuration : e.g.,

Vol = 32 x 32 x 32 x 256 lattice sites Vol x 4 x 8 = 268 Million independent real numbers to define $U_{\mu}(x)$ (generally double precision)

Propagator : e.g.,

32 x 32 x 32 x 256 lattice sites \sim 100 Million x 100 Million complex sparse matrix (to invert and take determinant)

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Nuclear Many-Body (Bulgac (UW)+Forbes(WSU)+Roche(PNNL))

Sample Nuclear Code Comparisons (4-component qwfs)

Over 1 million time-dependent 3D nonlinear complex coupled PDEs

Astronomy and Astrophysics

The N-Body Shop Tom Quinn (UW)

UW's Climates Impact Group College of the Environment

Summary

UW research programs have a long-standing, wellestablished and compelling need for larger capability and capacity computing resources.

- A small number of capability users, a large number of capacity users
- ~log-normal distribution of jobs (same as any platform)
- CPU are main hardware, accelerators have not been adopted at any significant level.
- UW research need more of both types of compute resources
- Limited, but specific, need for cloud-type computing

Since 2007

- infrastructure has been planned and deployed to address the mid-scale and smallscale capacity
- needed for code development and small-scale production
- support from UW admin. has been critical

More HPC-savvy people are needed at UW

Summary

UW should be a Center for Scientific Computing

WA State should be a leader in Scientific Computing

Main Session

Talk Order

Hoisie - PNNL Reschke - UW Mailhiot - WSU Savage - UW Mailhiot - WSU Hoisie - PNNL

> Mailhiot - WSU Hoisie - PNNL Pfaendtner - UW

2) What, from your prospective, could be the scope and scale of a UW-WSU-PNNL Alliance in computing: computing resources, technical support resources, educational resources?

 $3:45 4:00$ Coffee Break