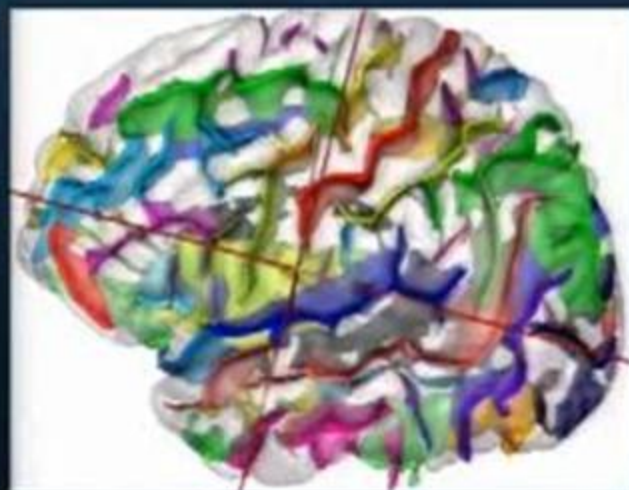




Scaling Open Systems for Future Computational Challenges

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The Coming Era of Big Software

or

How I Learned to Stop Worrying and
Love the
Software Complexity Barrier

Why Software Is Eating The World

Marc Andreessen – WSJ, 2011

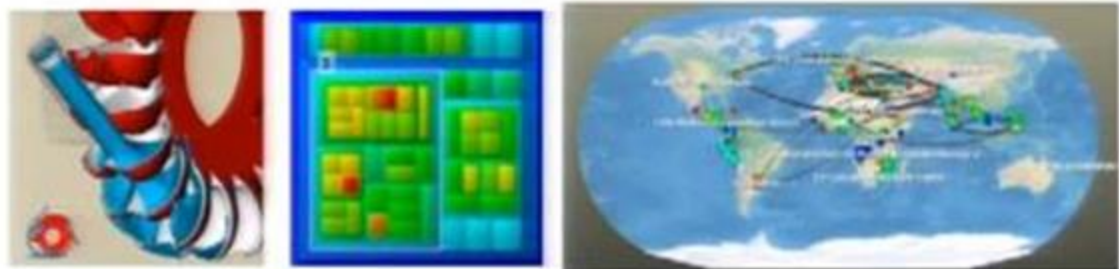
“Six decades into the computer revolution, four decades since the invention of the microprocessor, and two decades into the rise of the modern Internet, all of the technology required to transform industries through software finally works and can be widely delivered at global scale.”

Agenda

- Part 1: Drivers
- Part 2: Remedies

Part 1: Drivers

- Big Data
- Growing Computational Demands
- The Parallel Computing Challenge
- Overwhelming Abundance
- Reproducibility

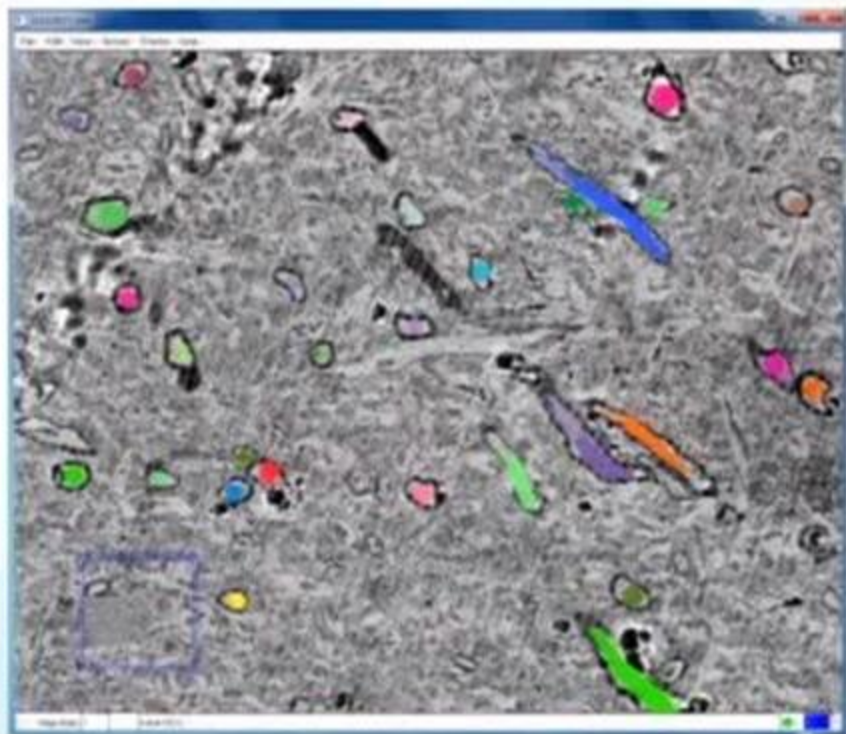


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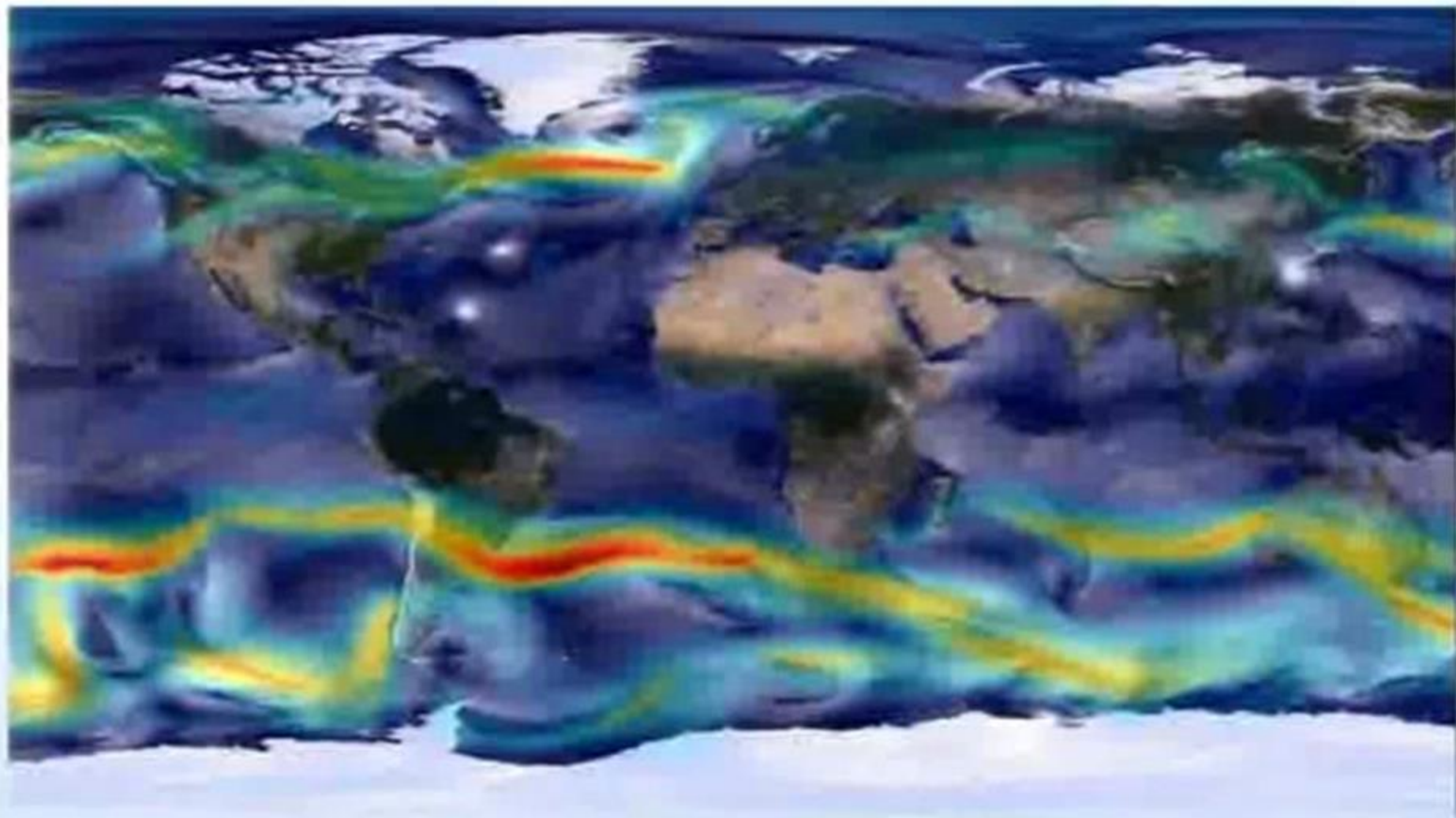
BIG DATA

Large Experimental Data

- Mouse connectome
- ~10 Nanometer resolution (Electron microscopy)
- Petabyte scale
 - per 1 cubic mm of brain tissue

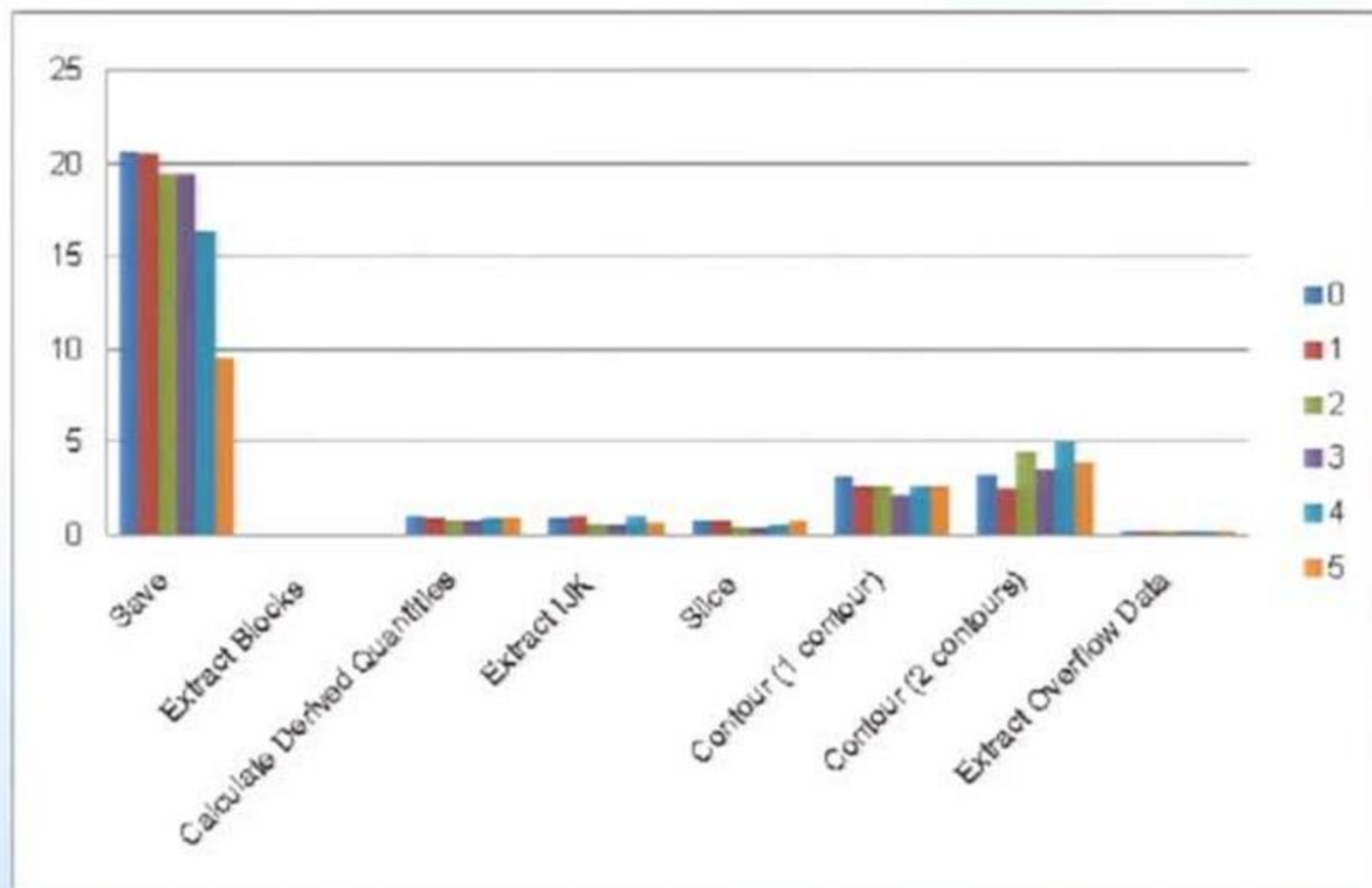


Large Computational Data



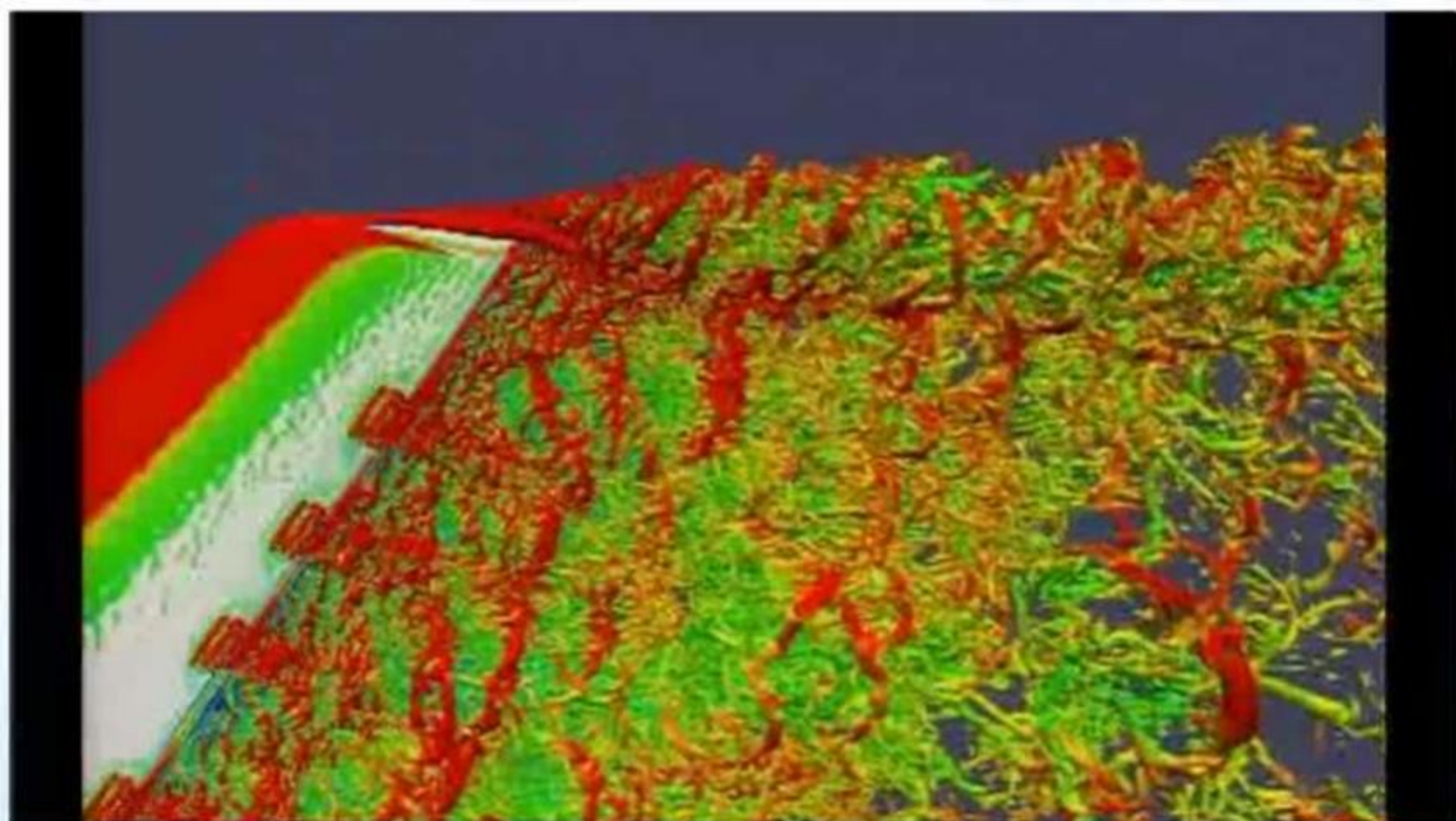
NASA

Cost of IO



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GROWING COMPUTATIONAL DEMAND

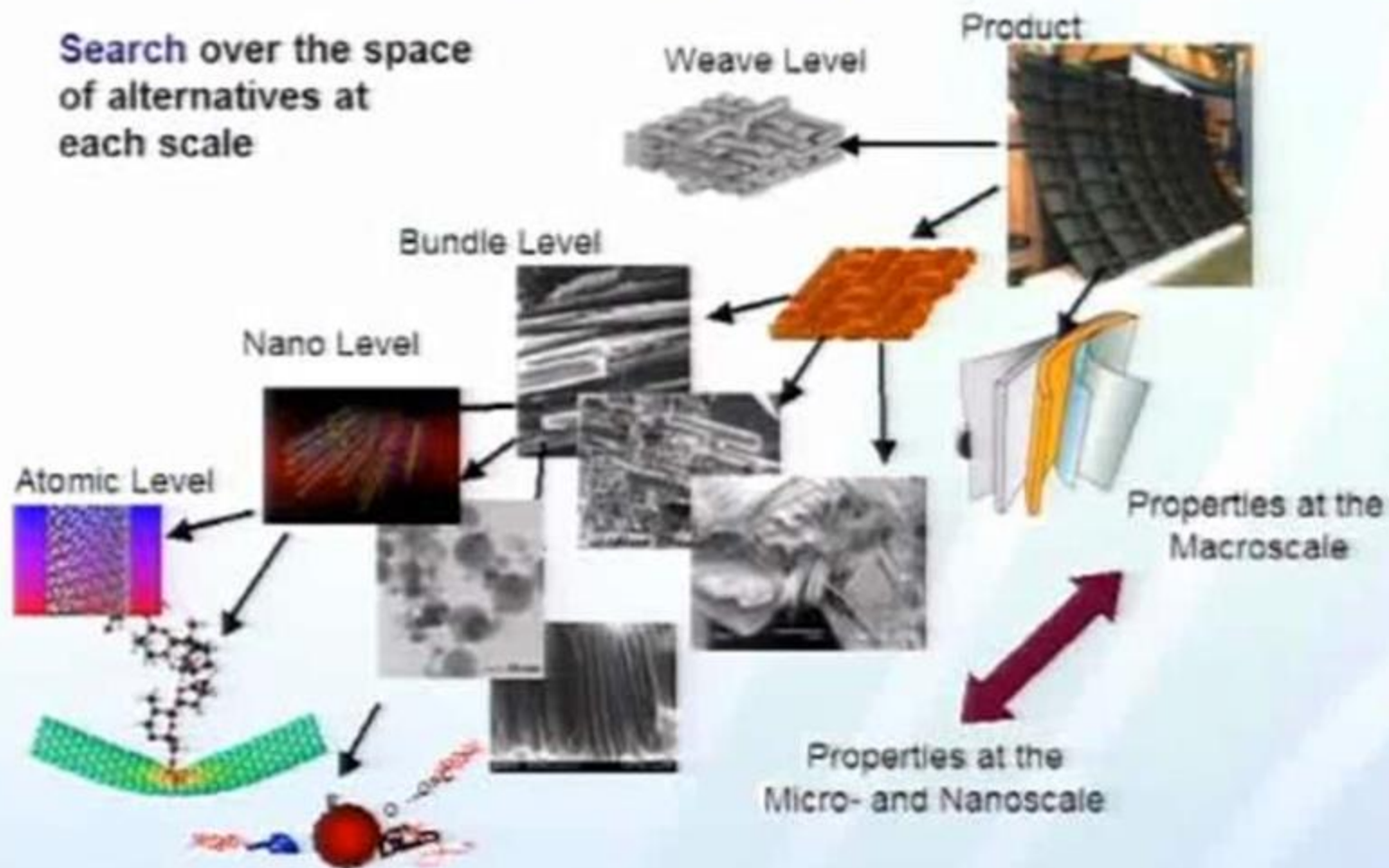


PHASTA / CATALYST Blue Gene Q / MIRA

Ken Jansen at UC Boulder, Argonne ALCF

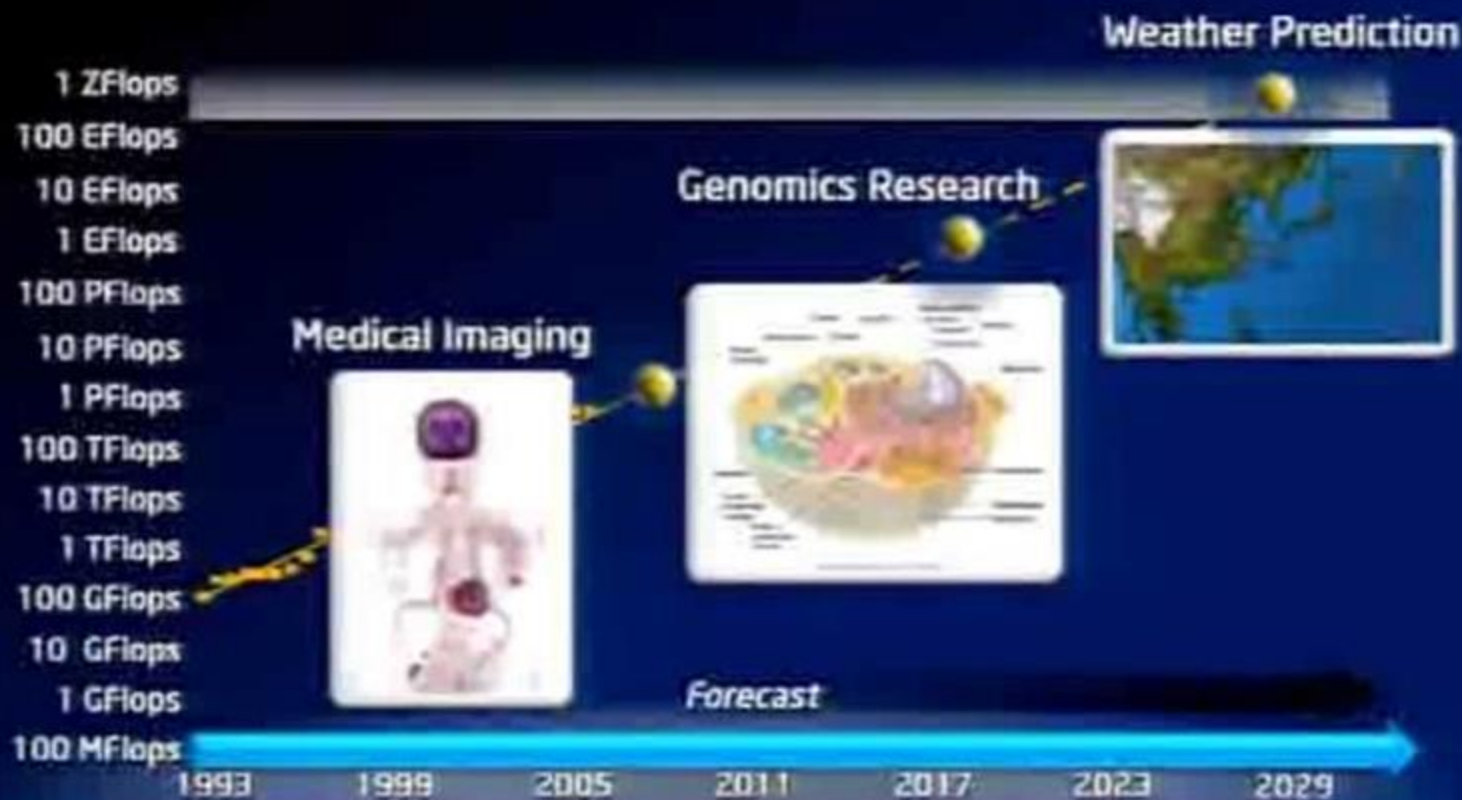
Multiscale Design

Search over the space of alternatives at each scale



Courtesy SCOREC RPI

An Insatiable Need For Computing



Exascale Problems Cannot Be Solved Using the Computing Power Available Today

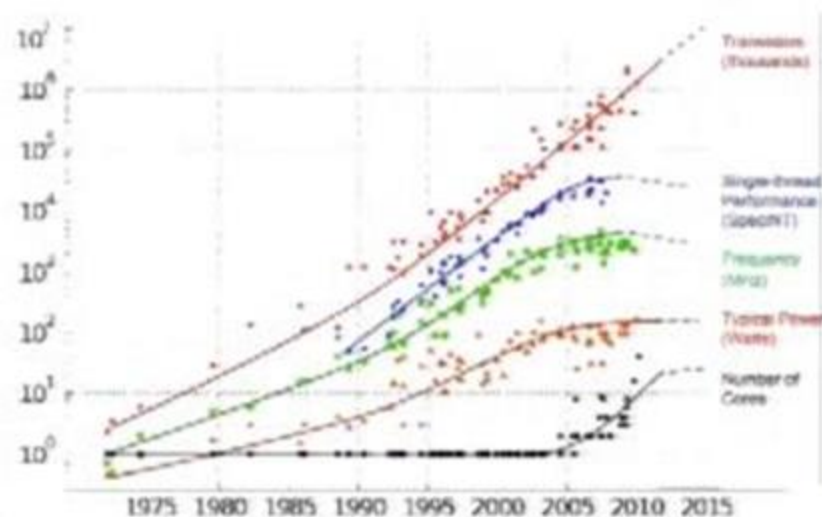
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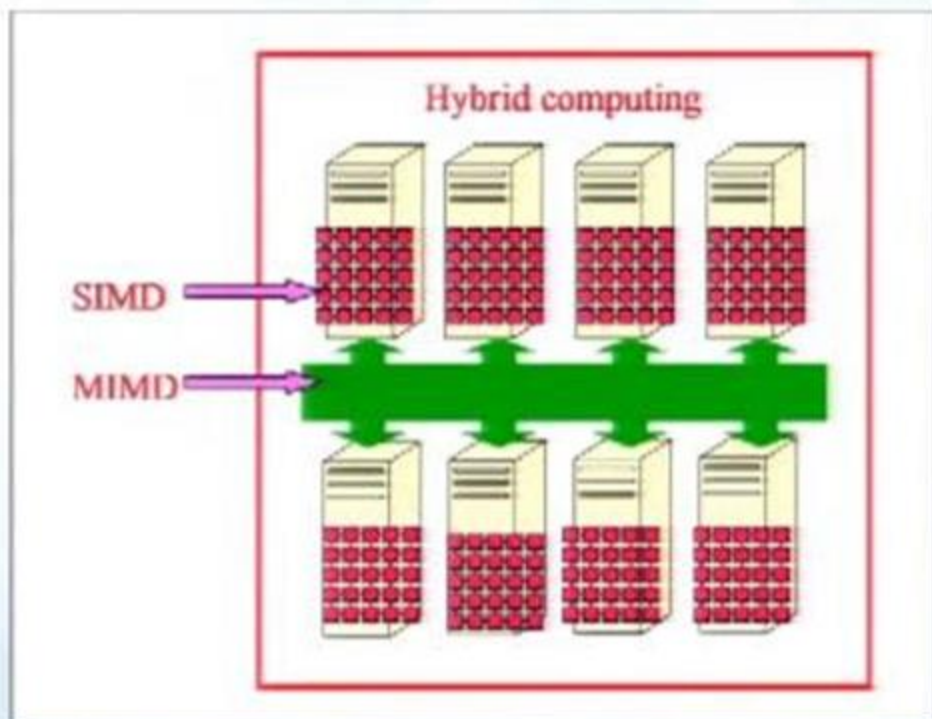
THE PARALLEL COMPUTING CHALLENGE

Result: The End of Historic Scaling



Original data collection and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, D. Shammah, K. Oskouti, L. Hammond and G. Betler
Dotted line extrapolations by C. Moore

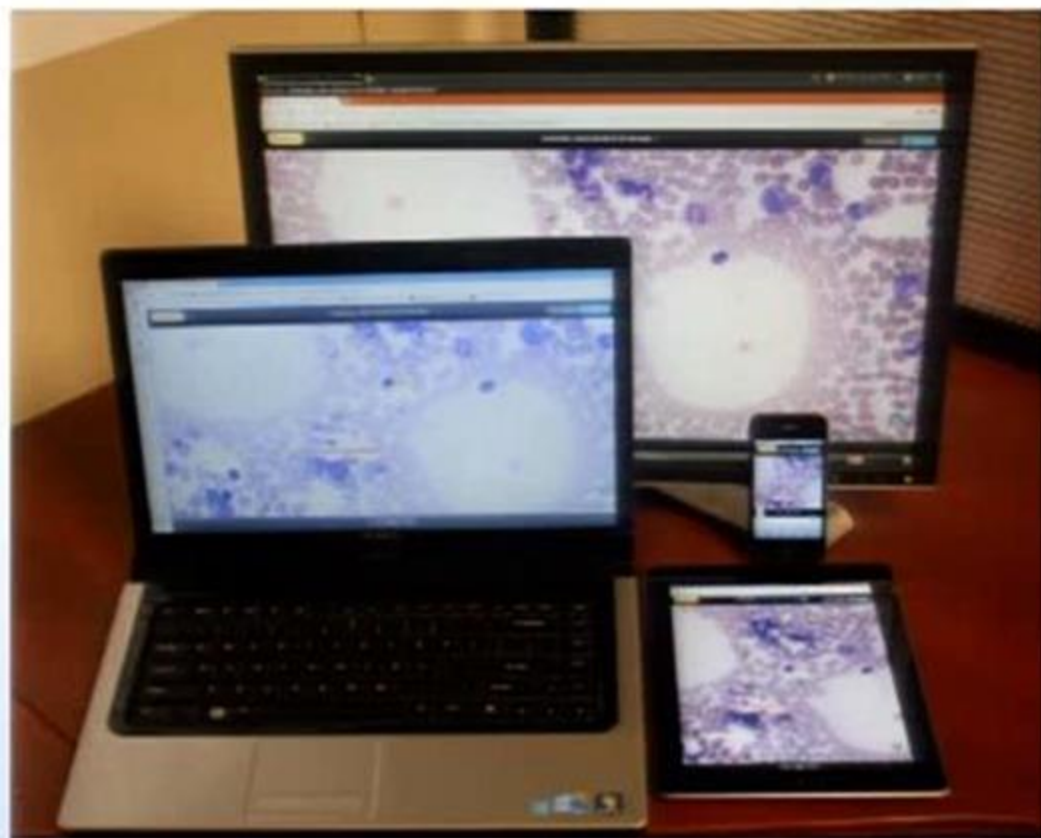
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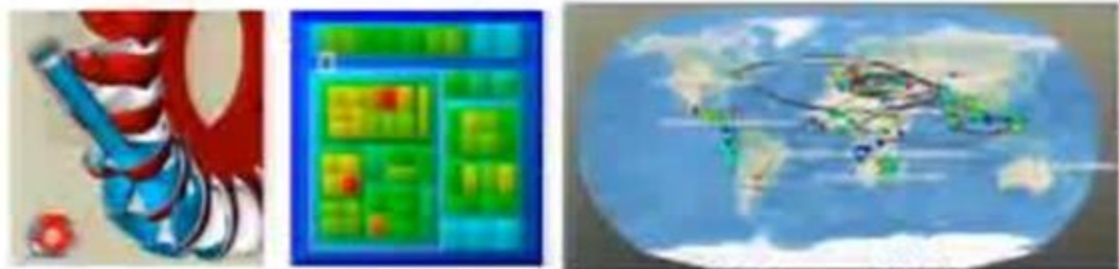
DRIVERS:

OVERWHELMING ABUNDANCE

- MYRIAD DELIVERY PLATFORMS
- PROLIFERATION OF SOFTWARE SYSTEMS



*From mobile to
supercomputer*



DRIVERS:

REPRODUCIBILITY

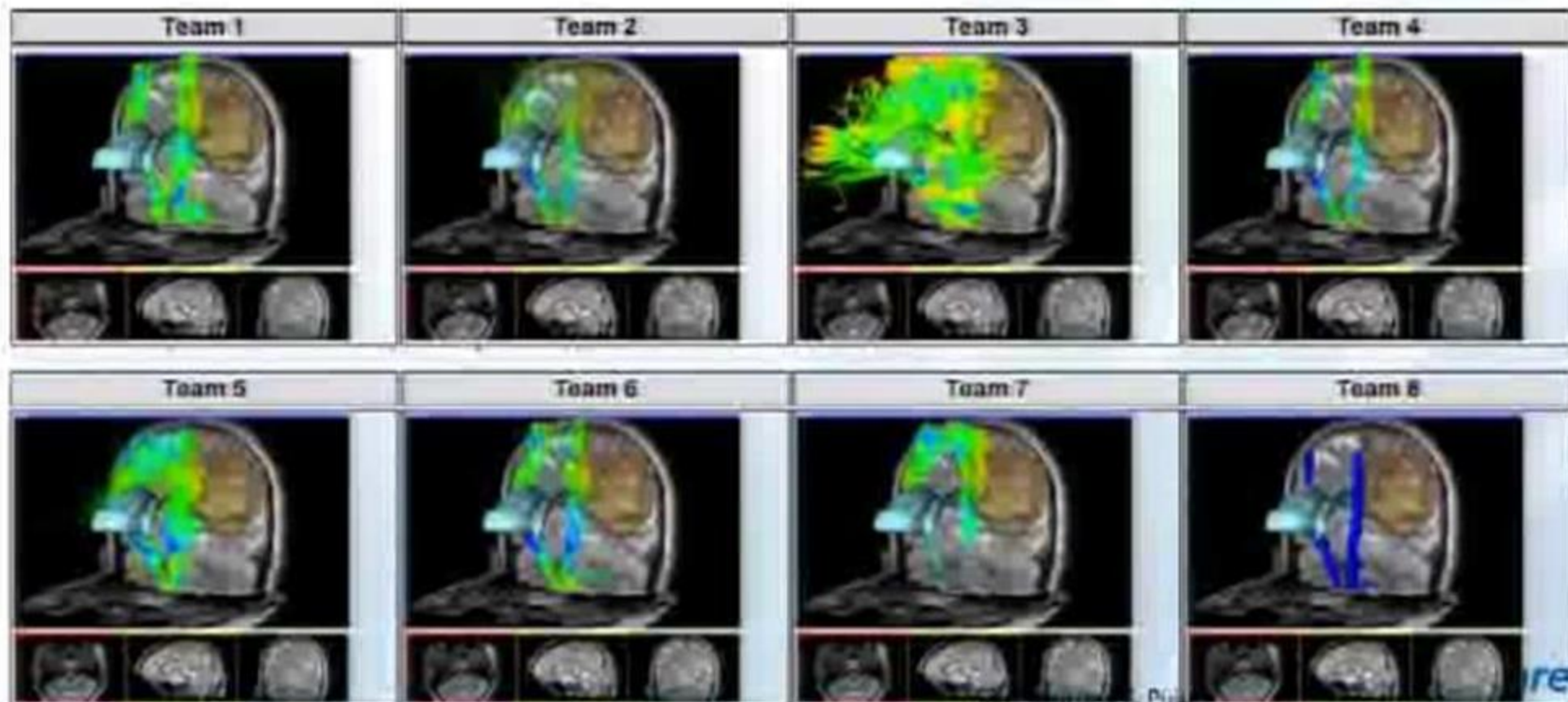
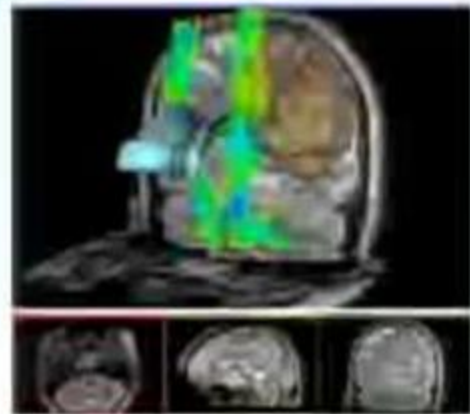
Failure of Reproducibility

- *Nature* (March 2012)
 - Glenn Begley, former head of cancer research at pharma giant Amgen
 - Lee M. Ellis, cancer researcher at the University of Texas

Found that more than 90% of papers published in science journals describing "landmark" breakthroughs in preclinical cancer research, are not reproducible, and are thus just plain wrong.

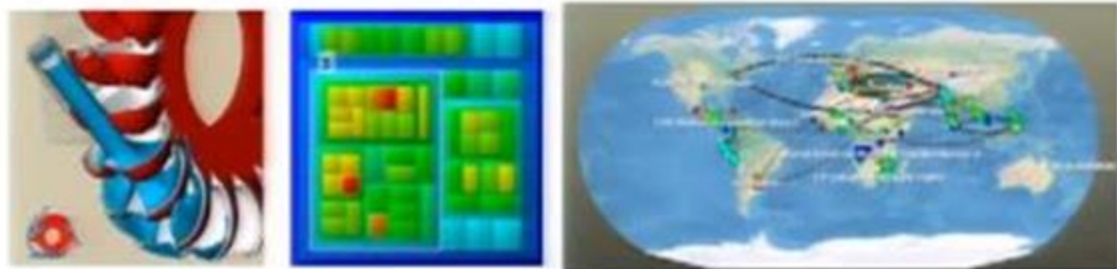
MICCAI Workshop Results

- Large **inter-algorithm** variability in finding the CST (cortico-spinal tract)
- How to compare?



Part 2: Remedies

- Integrative architectures
- Rethinking parallel computing
- Community
- New business models



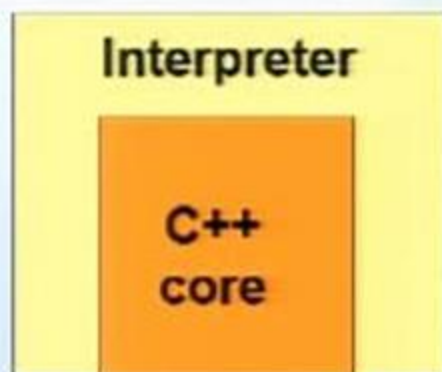
REMEDIES:

INTEGRATIVE ARCHITECTURES

- MODULES NOT MONOLITHS
- WRAPPING

VTK Architecture

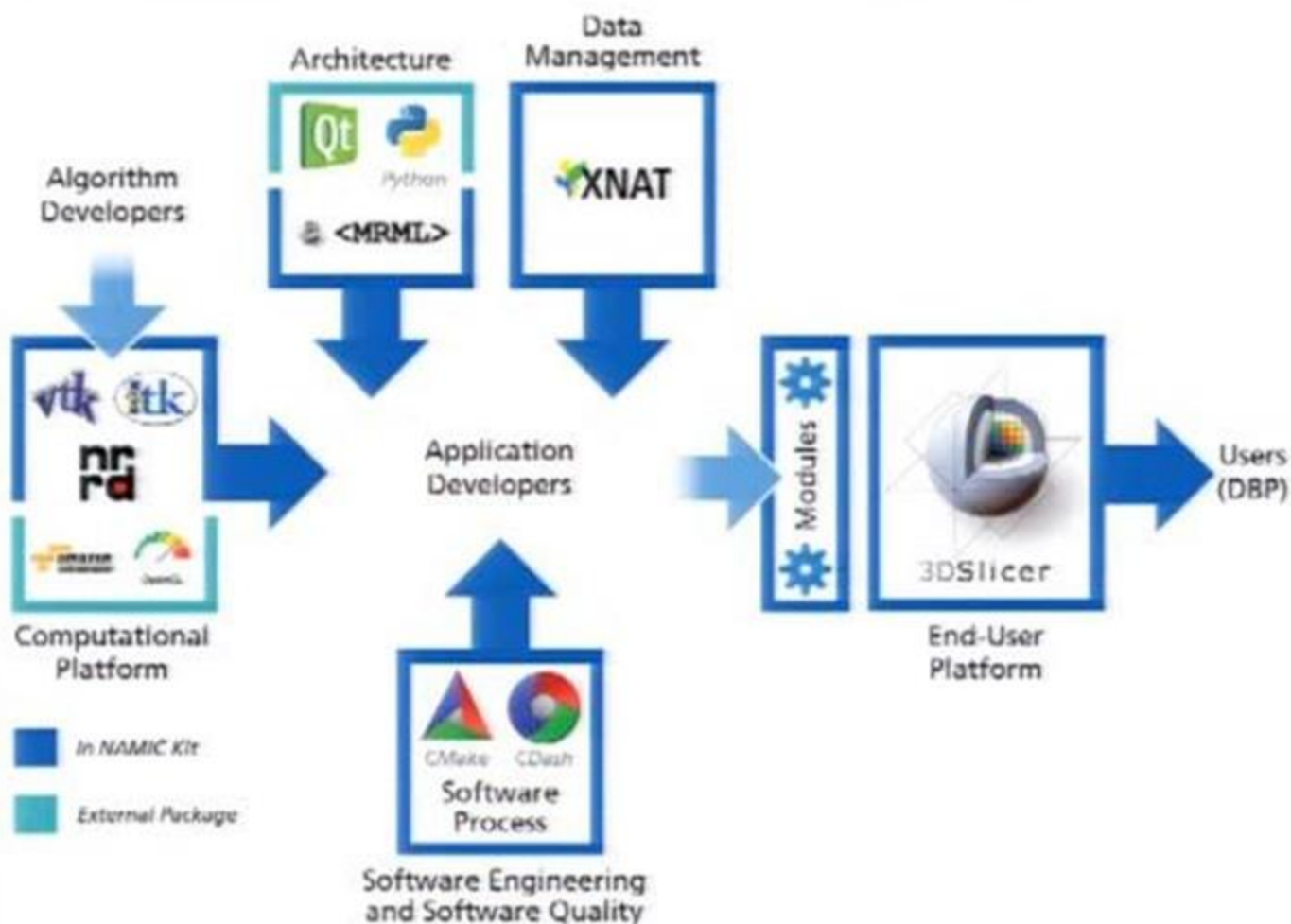
- Hybrid approach
 - Compiled C++ core (faster algorithms)
 - Interpreted applications (rapid development)
 - Interpreted layer generated automatically

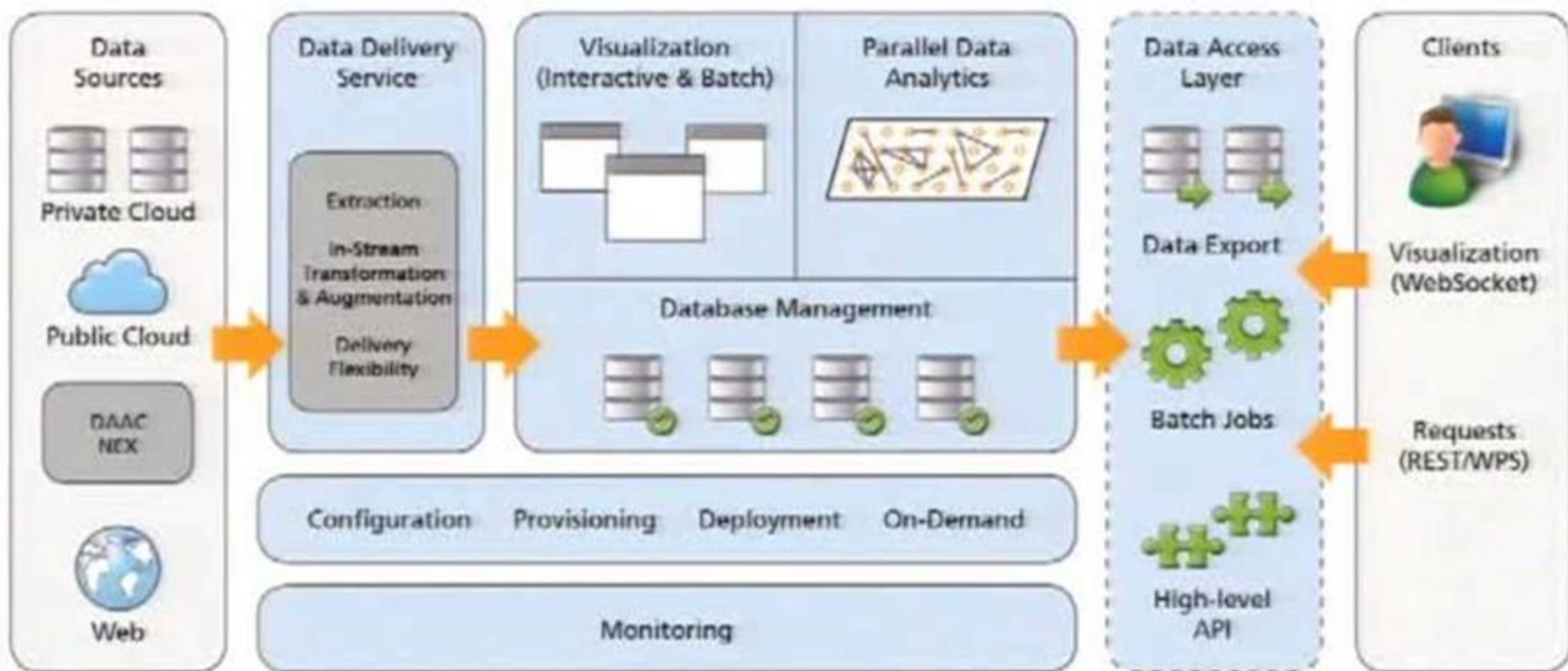




National Alliance for Medical Image Computing

A National Center for Biomedical Computing
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REMEDIES:

RETHINKING PARALLEL COMPUTING



$$\rho \frac{D\vec{v}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{v}$$

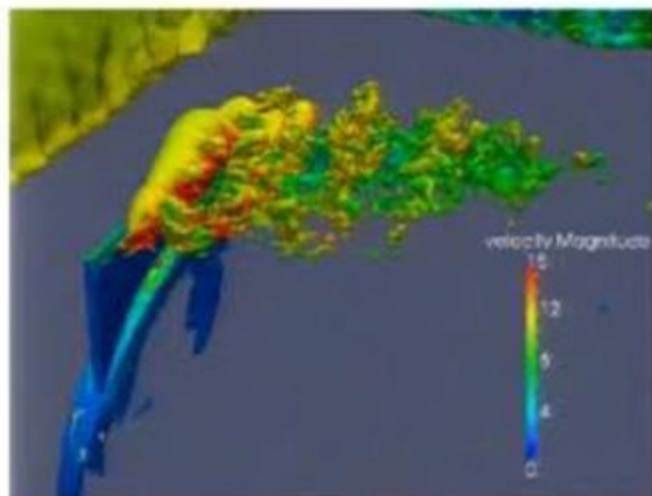


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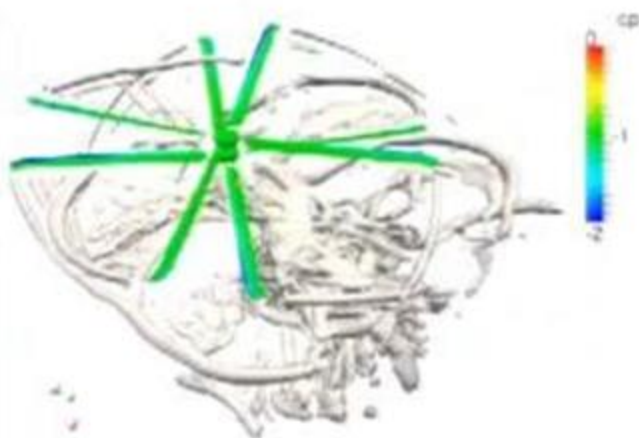
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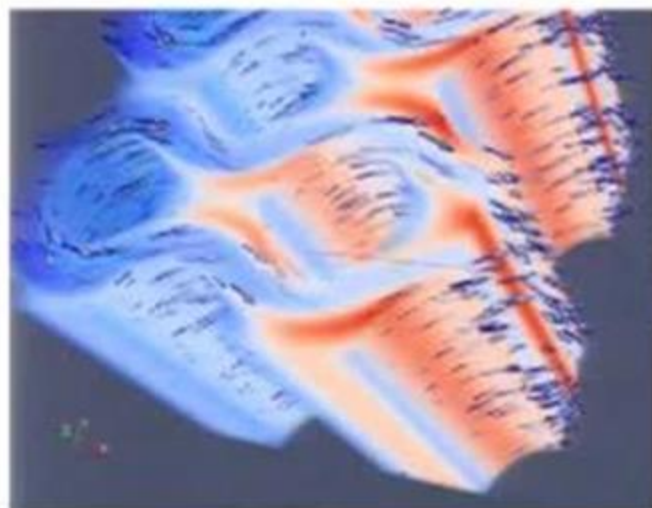
ParaView Catalyst Examples



(a) PHASTA



(b) Helix



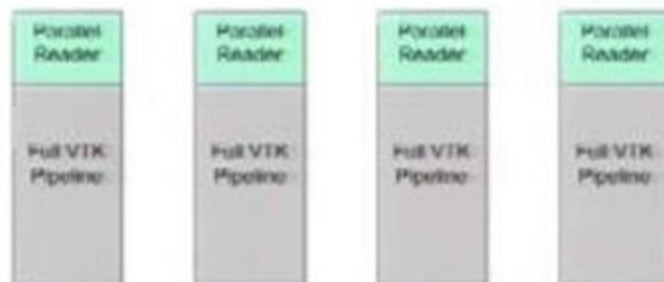
(c) Code Saturne



(d) CTH

VTK: Parallel Support

- Data Parallel



- vtkSMPTools

- Abstract wrapper around Intel TBB, X-Kaapi, Simple, Sequential

- VTK-m

VTK-m Project Goals

- A single place for the visualization community to collaborate, contribute, and leverage massively threaded algorithms.
- Make it easier for simulation codes to take advantage these parallel visualization and analysis tasks on a wide range of current and next-generation hardware.



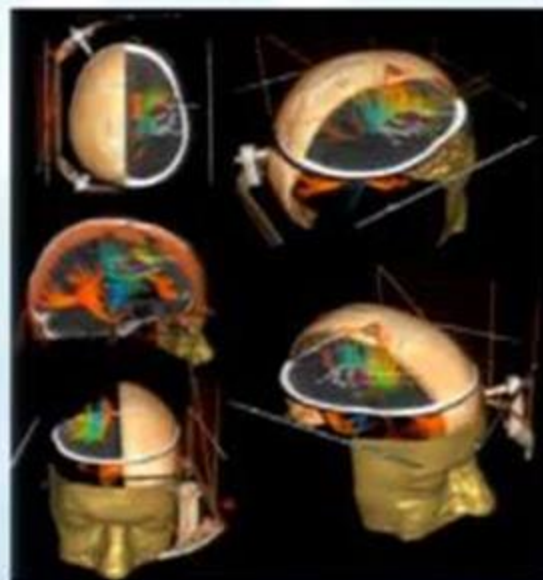
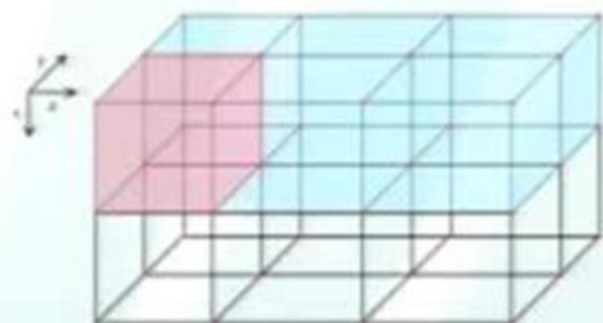
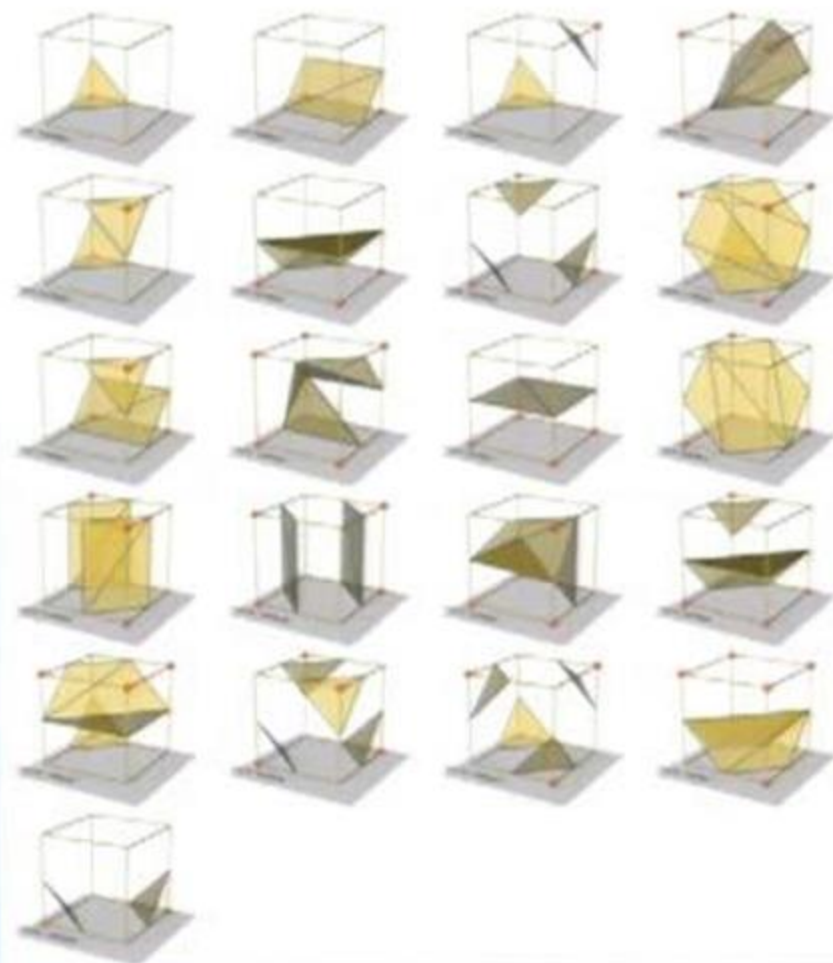
VTK-m Architecture

- Combines strengths of multiple projects:
 - EAVL, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
 - DAX, Sandia National Laboratory
 - PISTON, Los Alamos National Laboratory

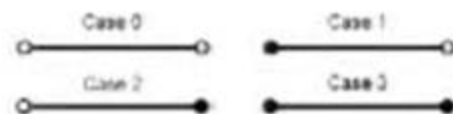


Rethinking Algorithms

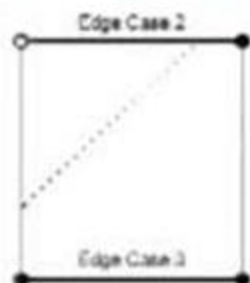
- Marching Cubes



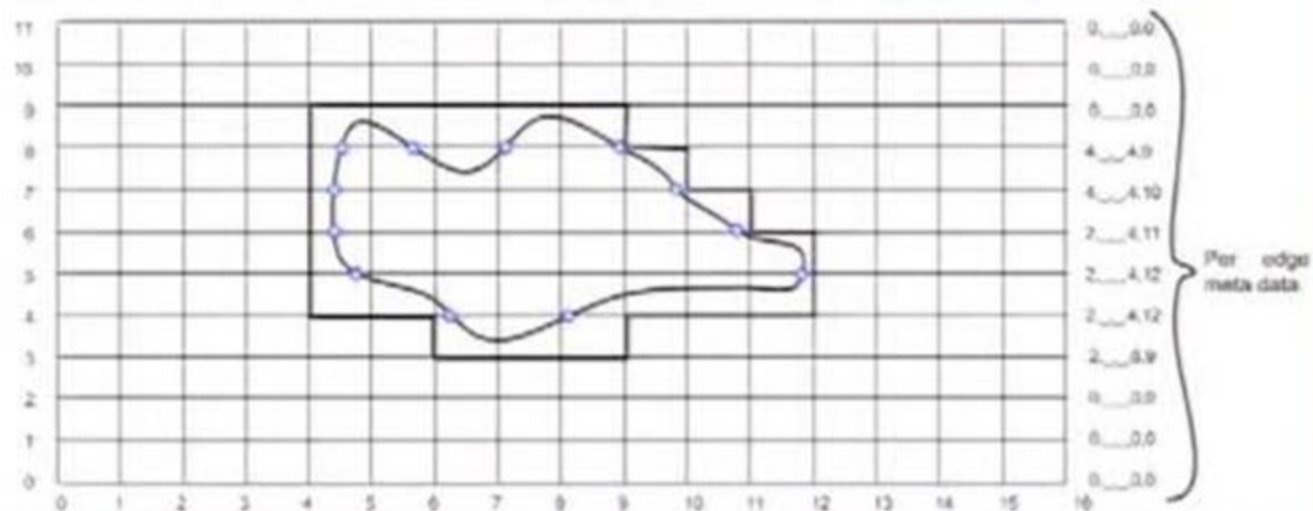
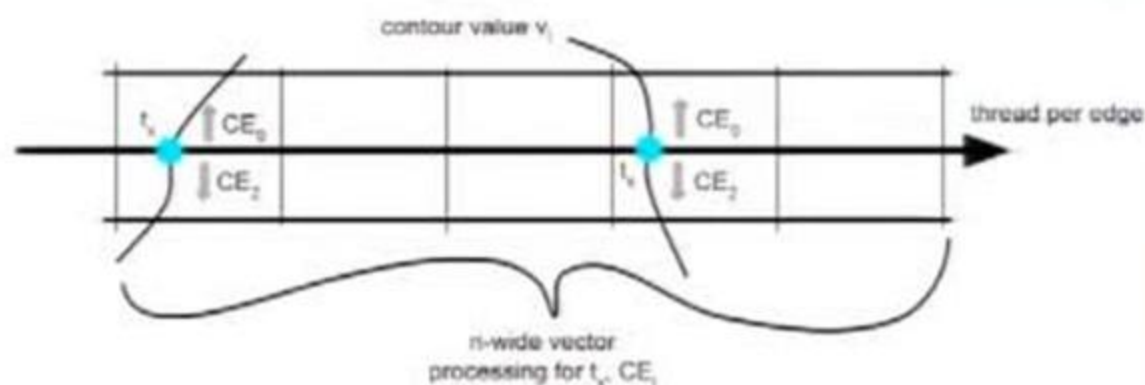
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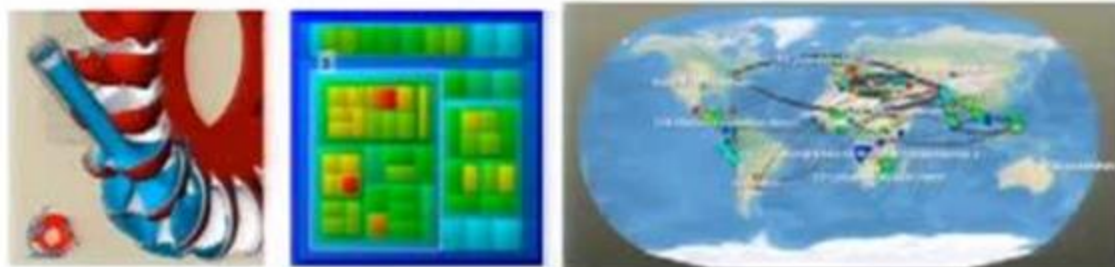


Edge-based case table. Each x-cell edge is assigned one of our different values.



Edges are combined to produce a cell case value.





REMEDIES:

COMMUNITY

- OPEN SYSTEMS
- BUILDING COMMUNITIES
- SOFTWARE PROCESS

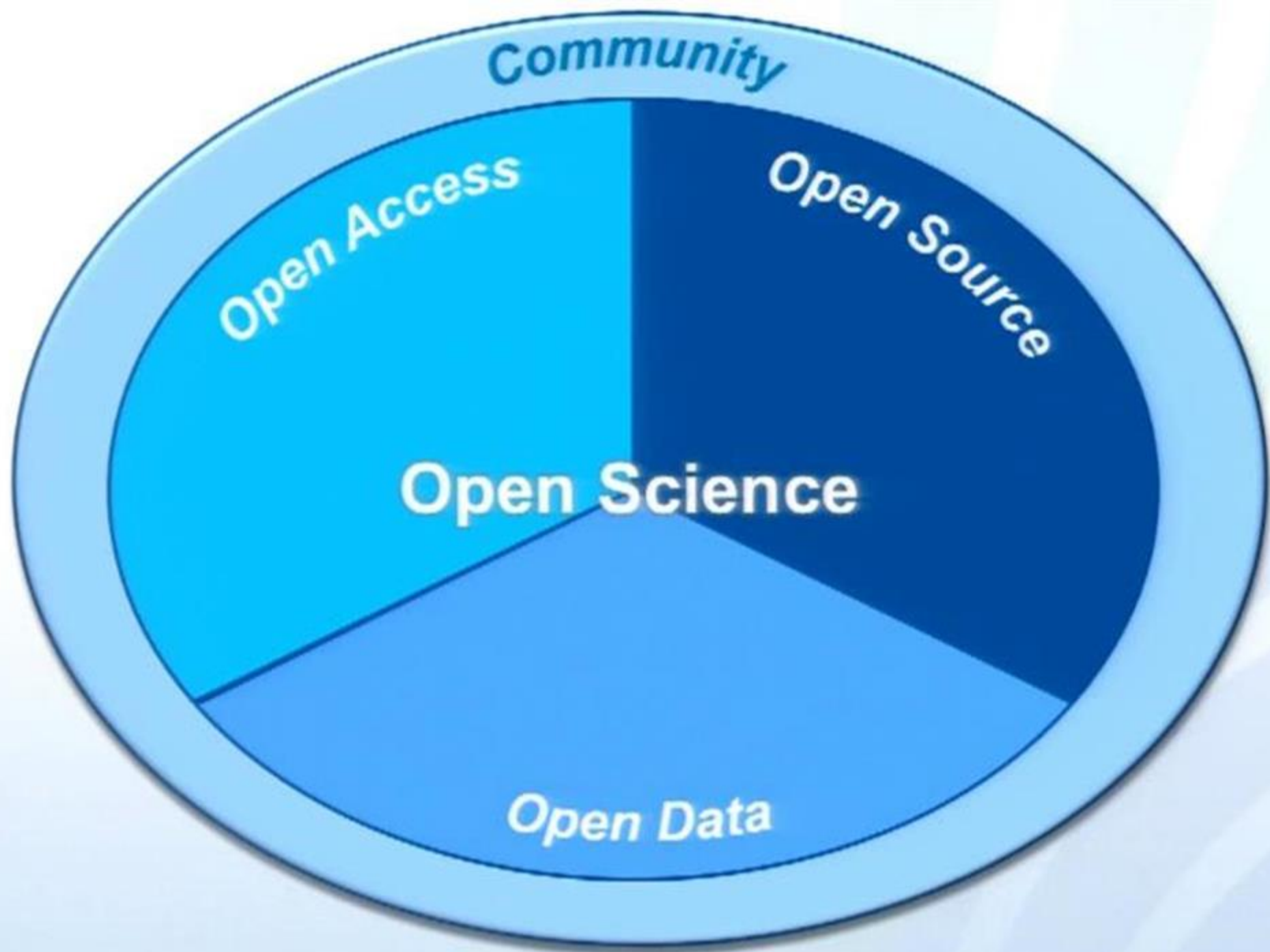
Reproducible Science

Open Access, Open Data, Open Source

Nullius in Verba



"take nobody's word for it"
Royal Society 1660



Naïve View of Open



Innovation View of Open



Software is a Manifestation of Community



Bigger Science Requires Bigger Communities

- Science
 - Larger teams, more disciplines, more countries

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Many of the issues in developing sustainable software are social, not technical

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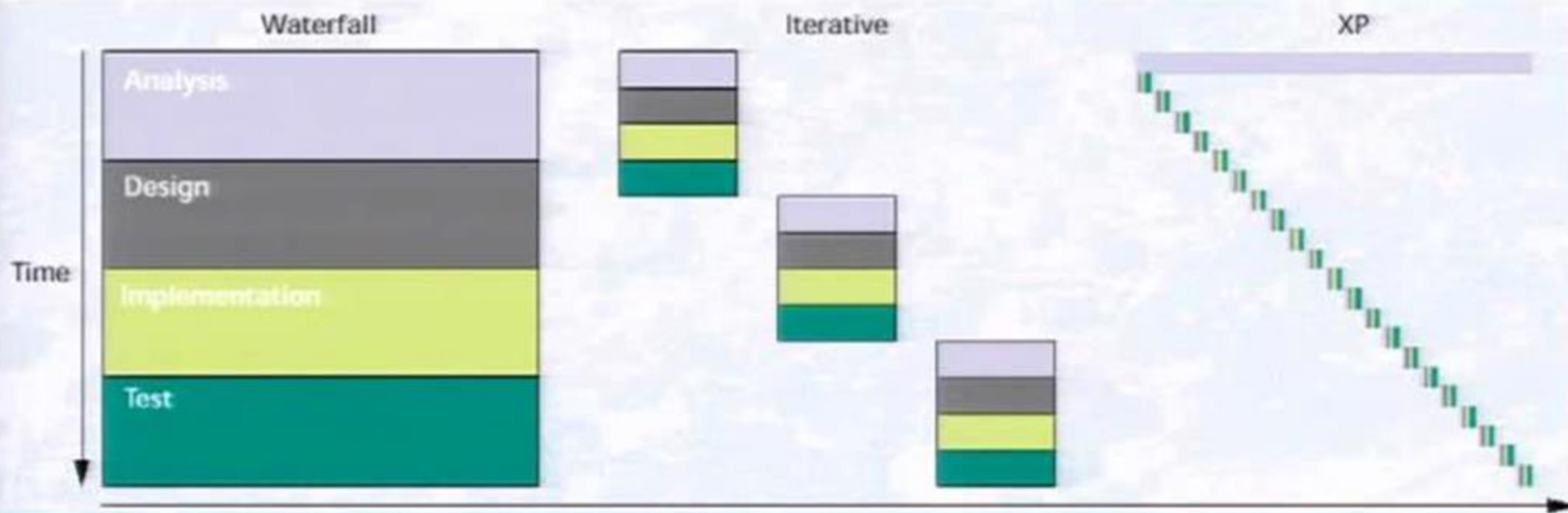
Open Source as a Trusted Foundation

- High-quality building blocks
 - Can be deployed rapidly
- Transparent
 - See what's going on, debug easier
 - Interface to open systems more readily
- Avoid vendor lock-in
 - Enable competitive bidding



Open Software Process

- Who does waterfall anymore?
- Now: Agile, test-driven development, etc.



Software Quality Process



CDash Dashboard www.cdash.org

The screenshot shows the CDash CMAKE Dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for DASHBOARD, CALENDAR, PREVIOUS, CURRENT, NEXT, and PROJECT. Below this, the dashboard title "CMAKE Dashboard" is displayed. The main content area is divided into two sections: "Nightly Checked" and "Nightly Expected".

Nightly Checked

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Nightly Expected

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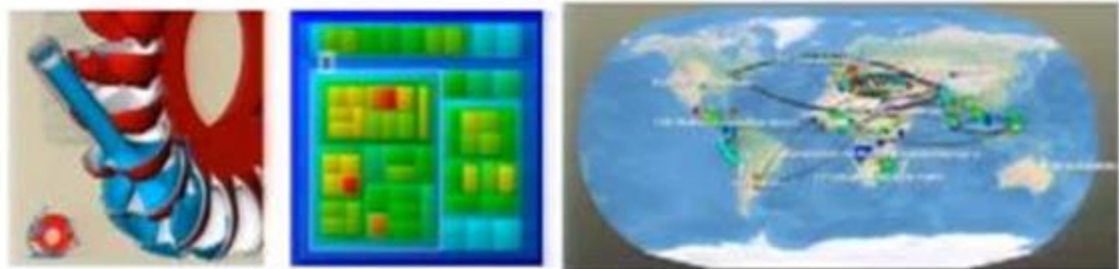
Trilinos (Multi-Package Dashboard)

<http://trilinos-dev.sandia.gov/cdash/index.php>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the CDash dashboard for the Trilinos project. The dashboard is divided into sections for the main project and sub-projects. A yellow box highlights the 'Main Project' section, and another yellow box highlights the 'Sub Projects' section. The 'Main Project' section shows a table with columns for 'Configure' (Error, Warning, Pass) and 'Build' (Error, Warning, Pass) phases, along with 'Test' results (Not Run, Fail, Pass) and the 'Last submission' time. The 'Sub Projects' section shows a similar table for various sub-projects, including 'Trilinos', 'STCp', 'ScaLAPACK', 'Epetra', 'Zoltan', 'Ginkgo', and 'Amgcl'. The 'Trilinos' project is circled in red, and the sub-projects are circled in blue. A yellow box labeled 'Sub Projects' is placed over the sub-projects table.

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ScaLAPACK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2009-04-30 17:01:00
Epetra	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	108	2009-04-30 17:01:14
Zoltan	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	9	2009-04-30 16:06:12
Ginkgo	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	20	2009-04-30 17:02:09
Amgcl	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	2009-04-30 17:10:38



REMEDIES:

NEW BUSINESS MODELS

- PLATFORM STRATEGY
- DITCH THE IP
- FUNDING STRATEGIES

Platform Strategy



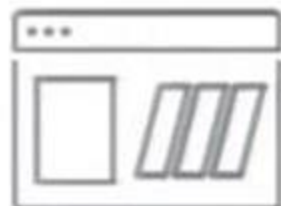
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ParaView Python



ParaView HPC



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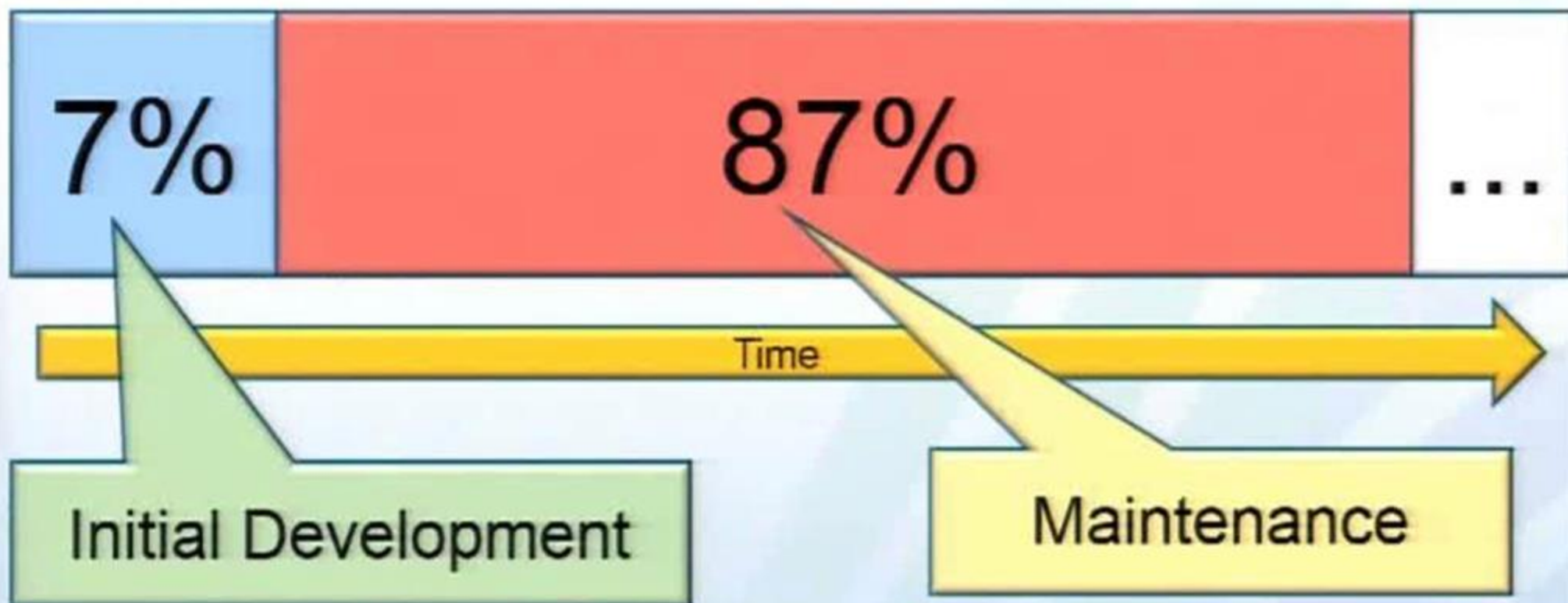


ParaView Immersive



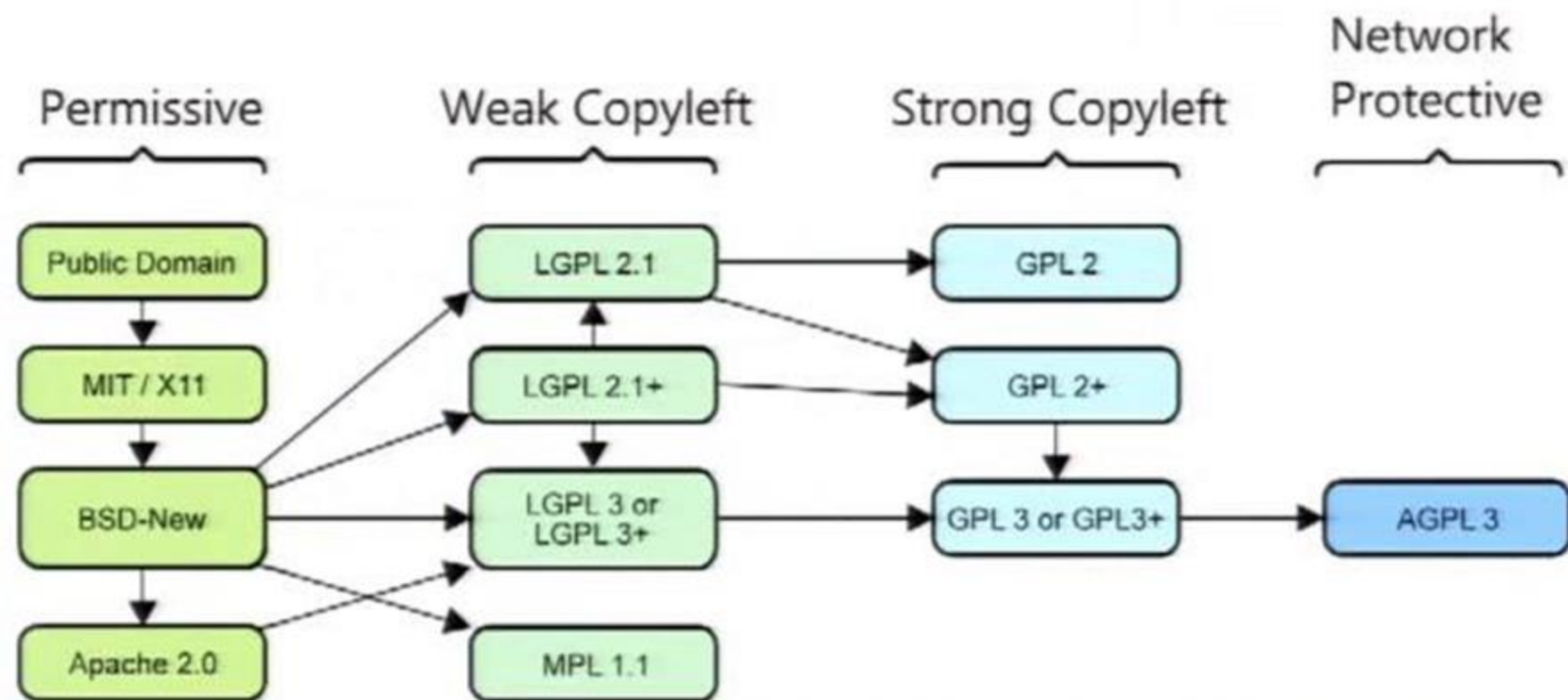
VeloView

The Cost of Software

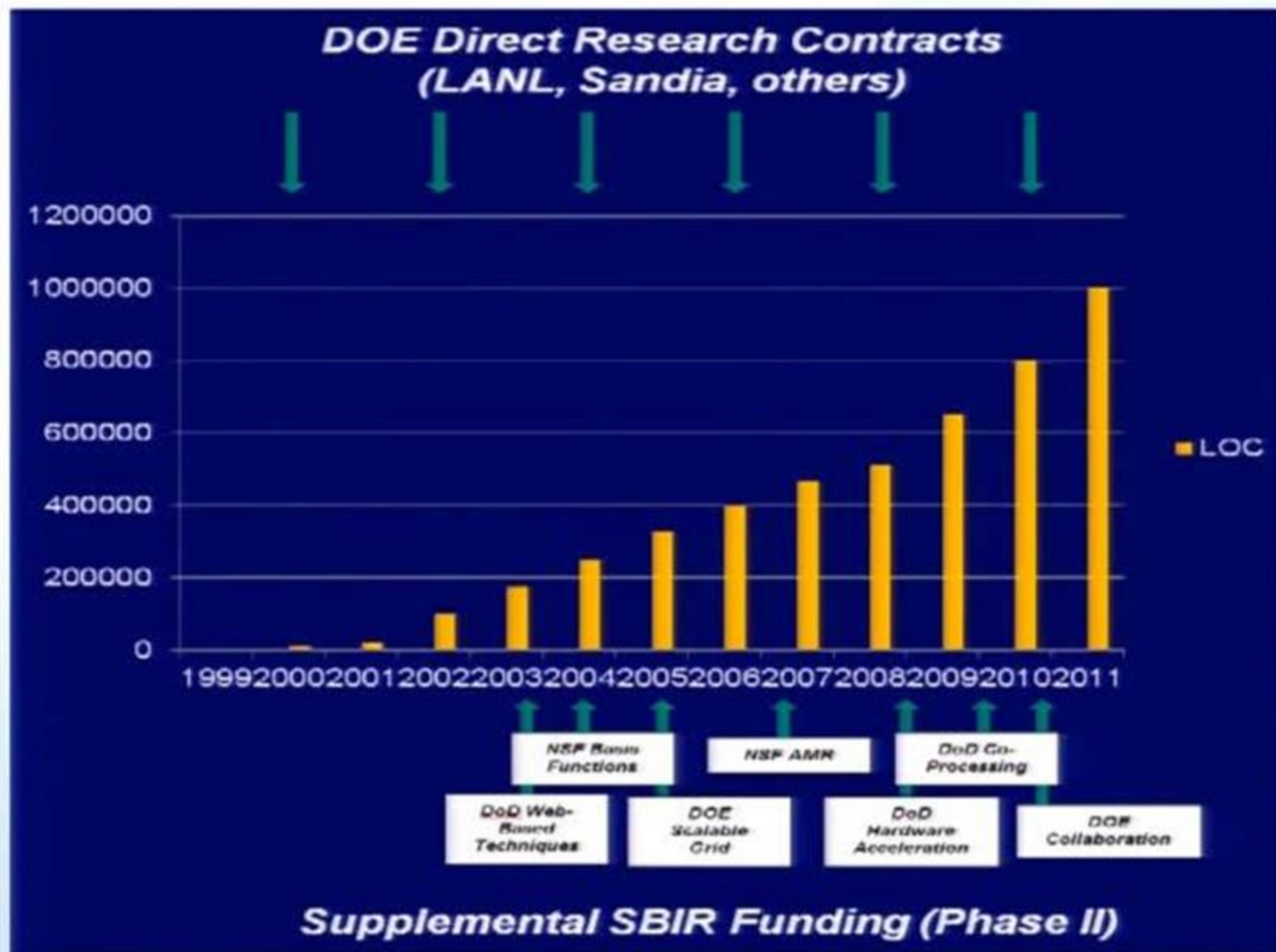


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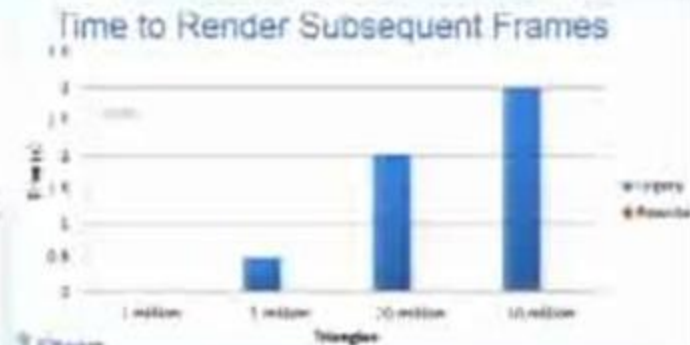
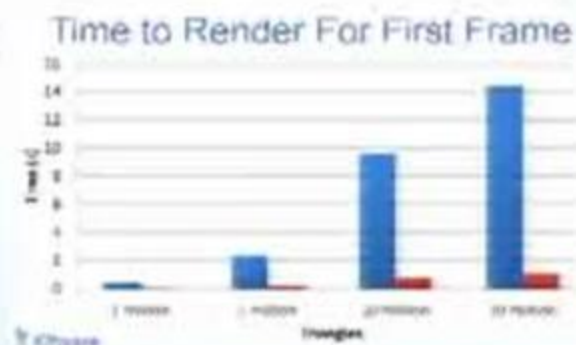


Funding Productive Work

- Platforms



- Infrastructure



- Community



Learning to Love Software Complexity

- Integrative architectures
 - Embrace contributions from everywhere
- Rethinking parallel computing
 - Build simple, core operations
 - A golden algorithmic age
- Community
 - Open your systems and solve tough problems
 - Build communities and make new friends
 - Software process to ensure a stable foundation
- New business models
 - Shield users from chum via the platform strategy
 - Ditch the IP: stop building toll gates
 - Funding strategies: build for the long term



Questions?

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