

High Performance Computing

ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING

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Scientific Visualization & Scalable Infrastructures

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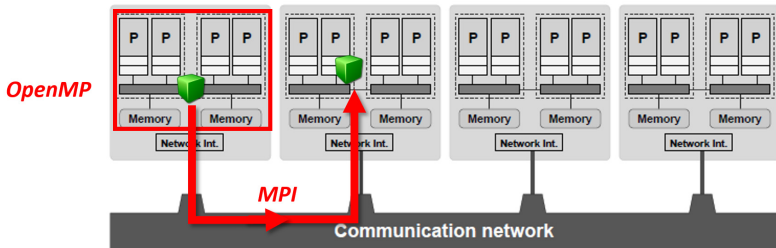


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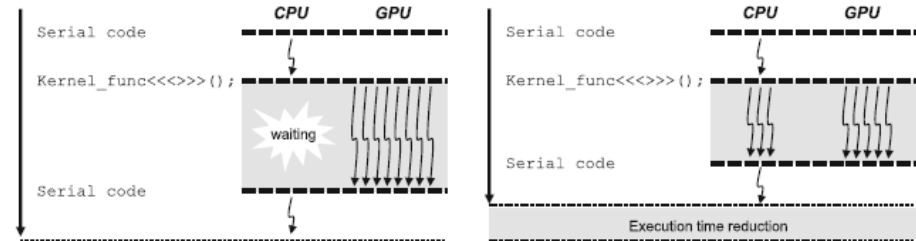


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Review of Lecture 10 – Hybrid Programming & Patterns

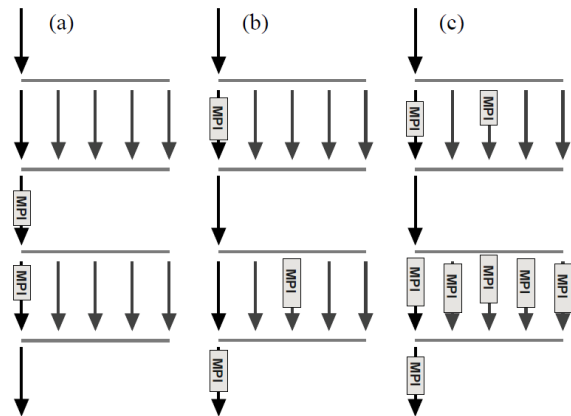


(traditional hybrid programming using OpenMP & MPI)

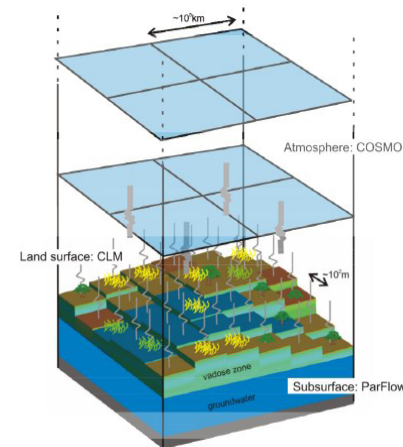
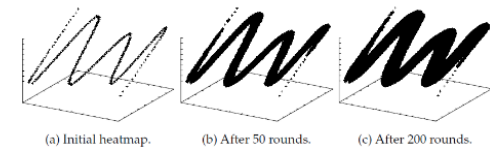
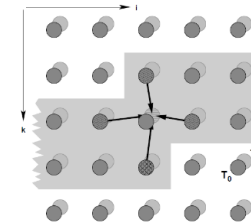
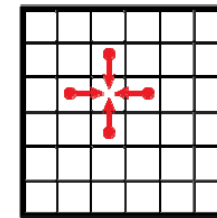


(emerging hybrid programming using CPU & GPU at the same time)

(vector mode recommended for beginners)



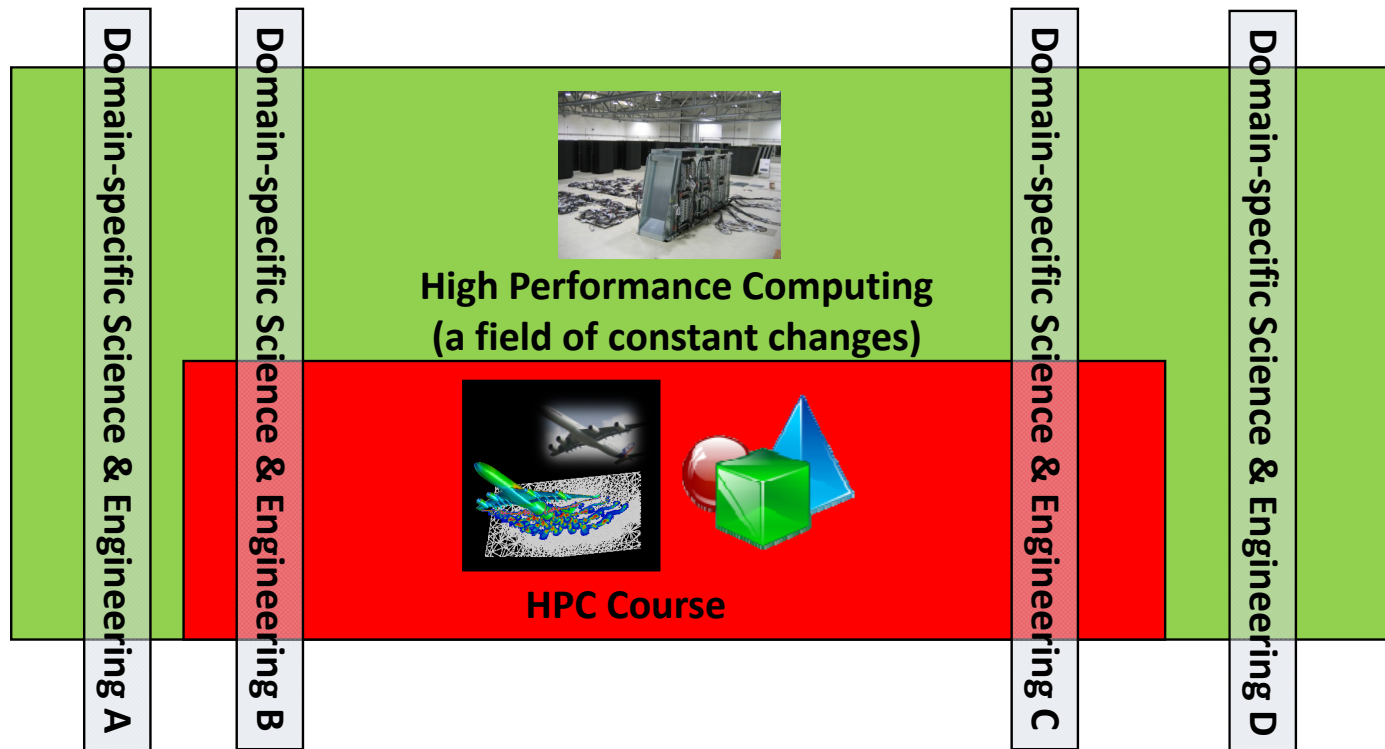
| | Vector mode | Task mode |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| Improved/easier load balancing | ✓ | ✓ |
| Additional levels of parallelism | ✓ | ✓ |
| Reliable overlapping of communication and computation | ✗ | ✓ |
| Improved rate of convergence | ✓ | ✓ |
| Re-use of data in shared caches | ✓ | ✓ |
| Reduced MPI overhead | ✓ | ✓ |



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HPC-A[dvanced] Scientific Computing (cf. Prologue) – Second Part

- Consists of techniques for programming & using large-scale HPC Systems
 - Approach: Get a **broad understanding what HPC is** and what can be done
 - Goal: Train **general HPC techniques and systems** and selected details of **domain-specific applications**



Outline of the Course

1. High Performance Computing
2. Parallel Programming with MPI
3. Parallelization Fundamentals
4. Advanced MPI Techniques
5. Parallel Algorithms & Data Structures
6. Parallel Programming with OpenMP
7. Graphical Processing Units (GPUs)
8. Parallel & Scalable Machine & Deep Learning
9. Debugging & Profiling & Performance Toolsets
10. Hybrid Programming & Patterns

11. Scientific Visualization & Scalable Infrastructures

12. Terrestrial Systems & Climate
13. Systems Biology & Bioinformatics
14. Molecular Systems & Libraries
15. Computational Fluid Dynamics & Finite Elements
16. Epilogue

+ additional practical lectures & Webinars for our hands-on assignments in context

- Practical Topics
- Theoretical / Conceptual Topics

Outline

■ Scientific Visualization & Computational Steering

- Motivation & Objectives for Visualizations in Scientific Computing
- Understanding different HPC Simulation Data & Data Types
- Selected Visualization Tools & Technologies arranged in a Stack
- Multi-scale Visualization & Interactive HPC with JupyterHub
- Computational Steering & Scientific Wave Application Example

- Promises from previous lecture(s):
- *Lecture 1 & 5:* Lecture 11 will give in-depth details on scalable approaches in large-scale HPC infrastructures and how to use them with middleware

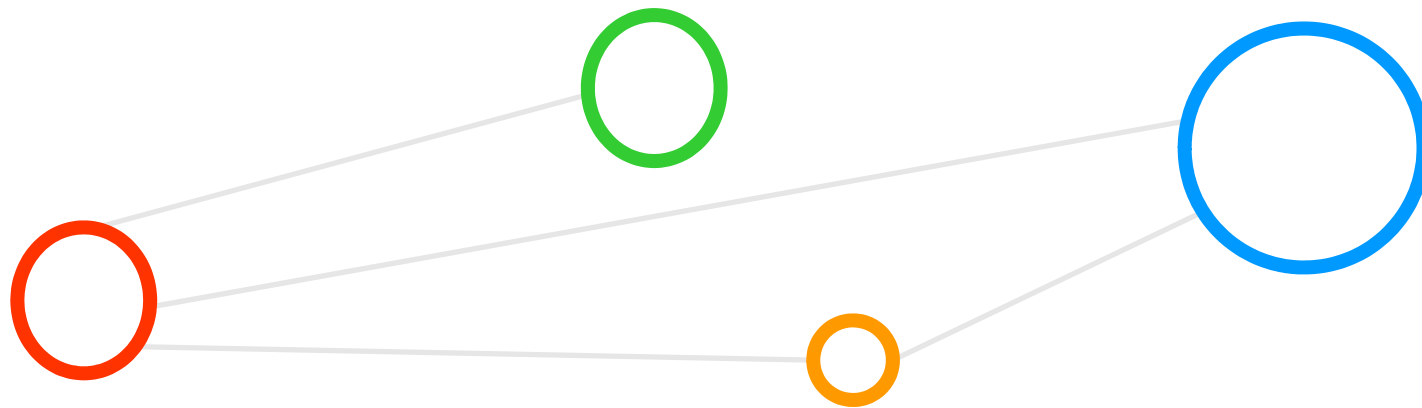
- Note that this lecture is only a short lecture that usually needs a full course
- The goal is to understand selected HPC application fields & provide a few pointers to other advanced related university courses/topics/tutorials

■ Scalable Infrastructures

- Large Scale HPC Infrastructures & PRACE Research Infrastructure
- e-Science & Grid Computing Infrastructures for Resource Sharing
- Single System View with Grid Middleware Systems & UNICORE Example
- Scientific Workflows & Ice Dynamic Model Application Example
- Collaborative Data & Cloud Infrastructures

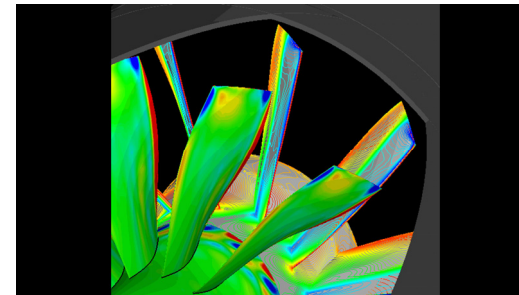
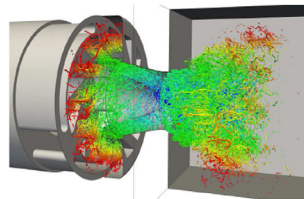
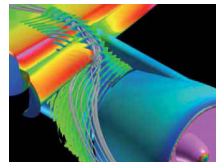
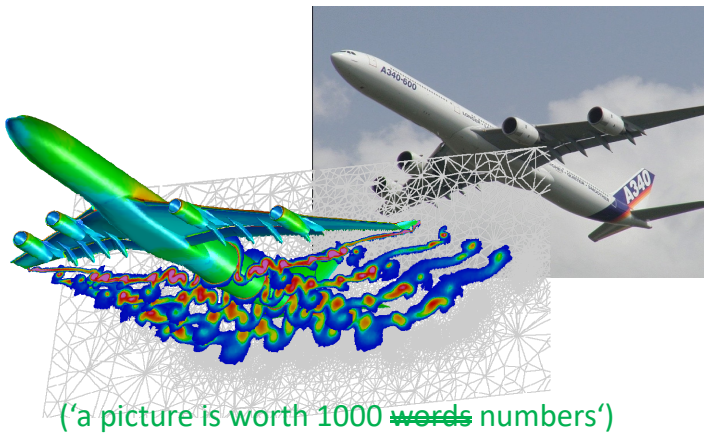


Scientific Visualization & Computational Steering

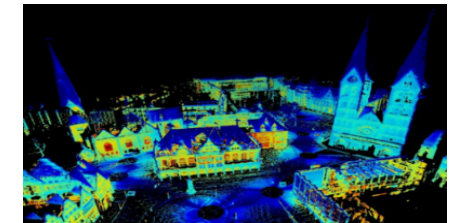
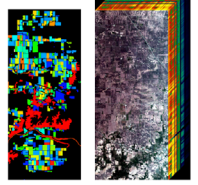
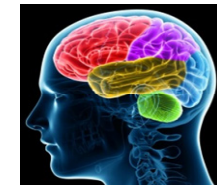


Scientific Visualization – Motivation

- Graphically illustrate scientific data based on HPC simulations
 - Enable scientists to **understand and glean insights** from simulation data & machine learning datasets
 - Provides feedback for simulation models **derived** from known physical laws or data measurements
 - Mostly applied in a **post-processing** step in simulations or **visualization during run-time of simulations**



(visualization over time is crucial)



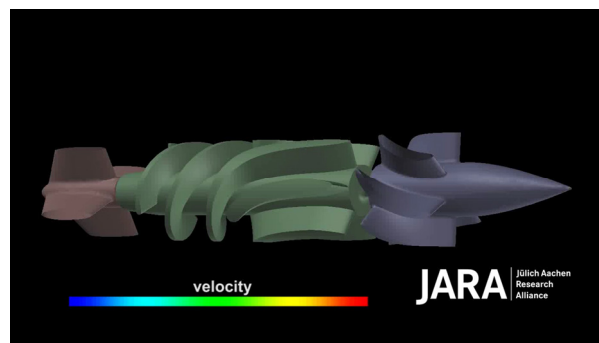
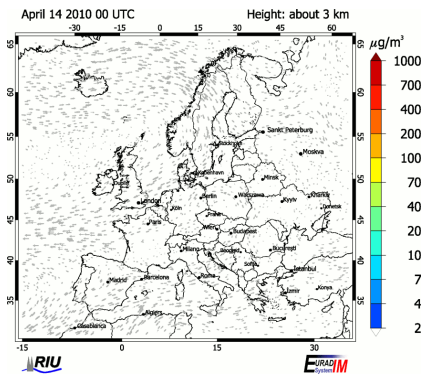
- Scientific Visualization is an interdisciplinary branch of science and a research field of its own
- It is primarily concerned with the visualization of multi-dimensional phenomena where the emphasis is on realistic renderings of volumes, surfaces, etc. with a dynamic time component

modified from [5] 'Scientific Visualization', Wikipedia

Scientific Visualization – Objectives in HPC

■ Selected objectives

- **Analyze** data and explore information: Easier to get patterns, regularity, and associations
- **Reduces time** to understand complex data
- **Improve comprehension** of complex phenomena and processes
- Find **new meanings** and interpretations
- **Make visible** the invisible
- **Check quality** of HPC simulations & measures
- **Make effective presentation** of information and results (brief & efficiently)

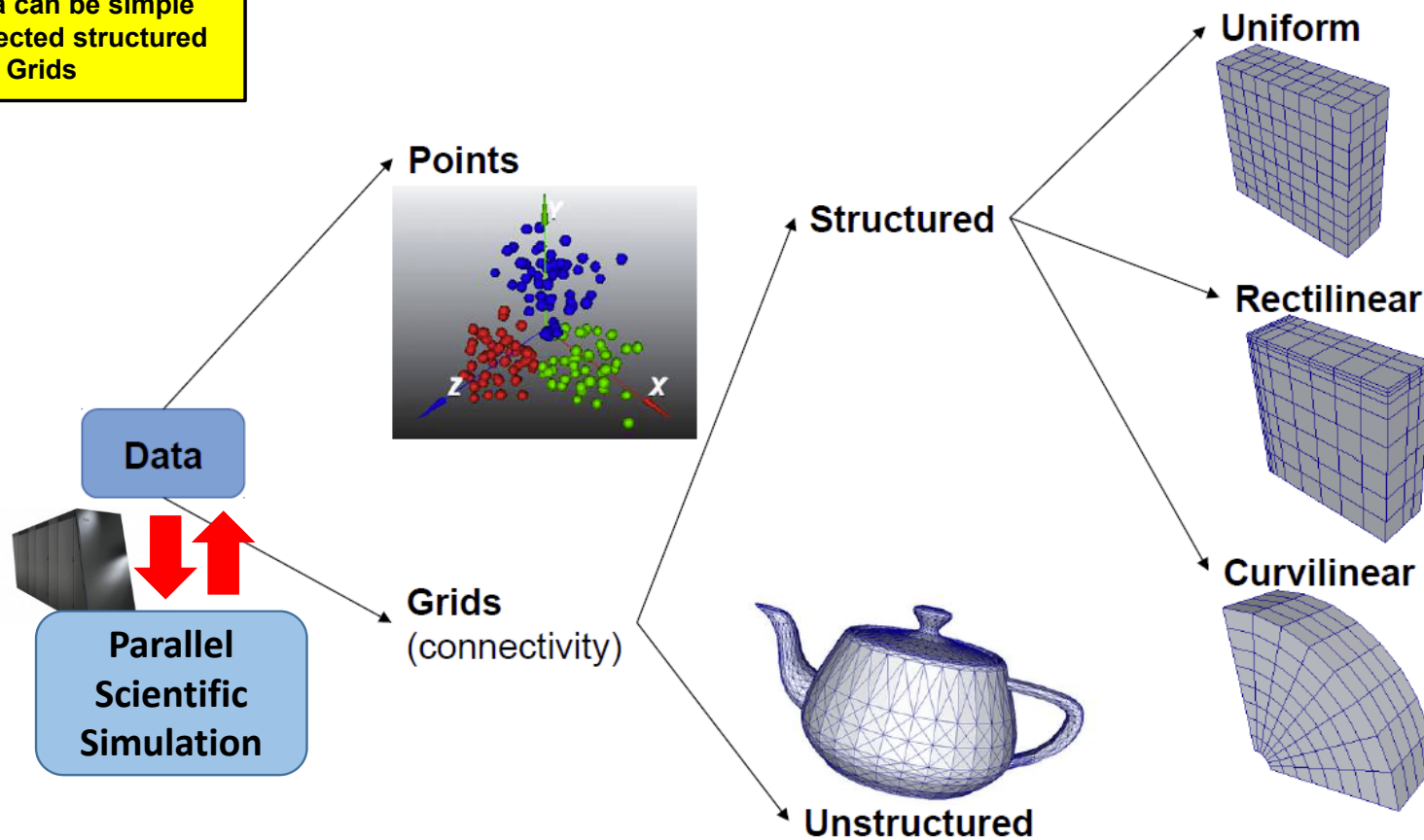


- Key objectives of scientific visualization in HPC are to (a) analyse/explore & (b) present and communicate scientific data

[6] CINECA – Scientific Visualization Training

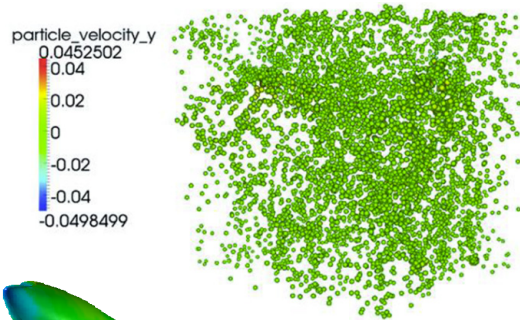
Scientific Visualization – Understanding HPC Data

- Simulation data can be simple Points or connected structured & unstructured Grids

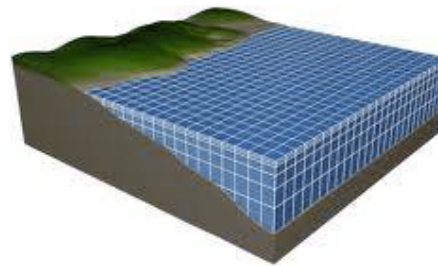


Scientific Visualization – Selected HPC Simulation Data Types

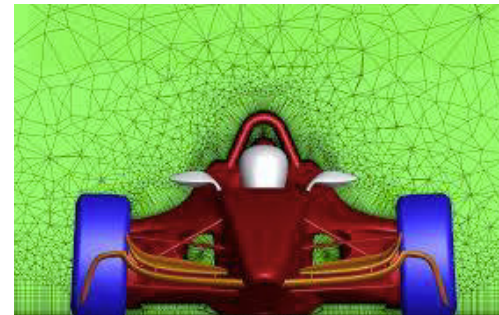
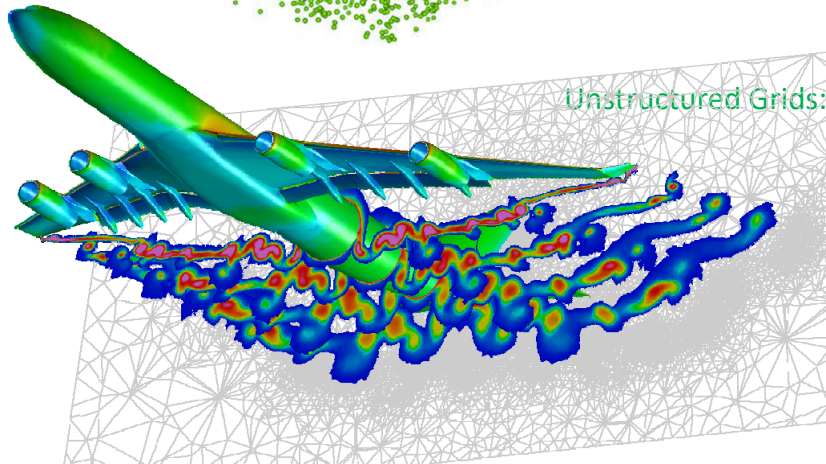
Points: e.g. in particle simulations



Rectilinear Grid: e.g. in oceanographic or medical simulations



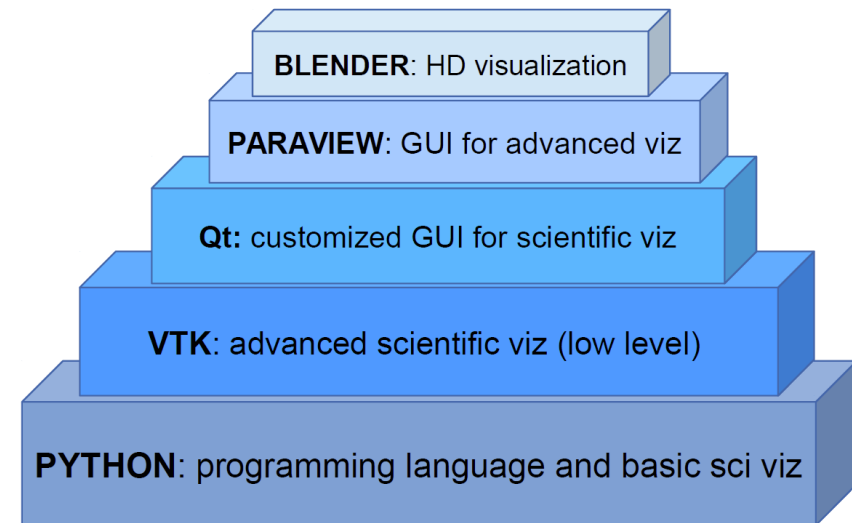
Unstructured Grids: e.g. in computational fluid dynamics or aerodynamics



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Visualization Tools & Technology – Different Stacks

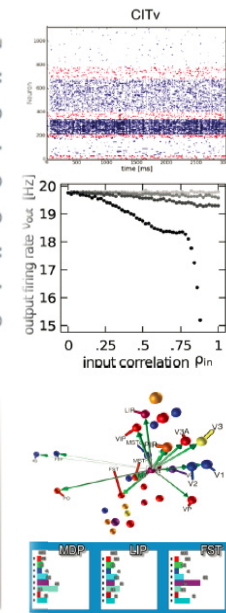
- A wide range of tools and technologies exist ([small selection](#))
 - Examples stand for [several different tools](#) on the same level
 - Many free [open source tools](#) are available
 - Range of [commercial tools](#) offer massive amounts of visualization support
 - Supercomputing centres offer [training courses](#) and employ typically also some [visualization experts](#)



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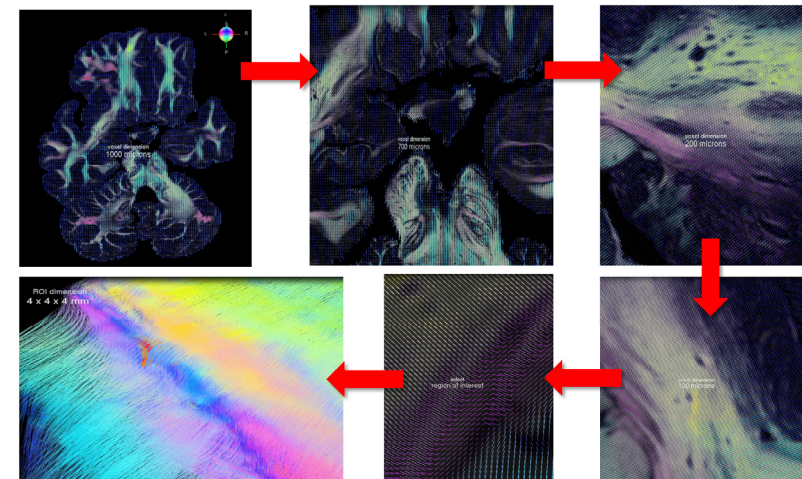
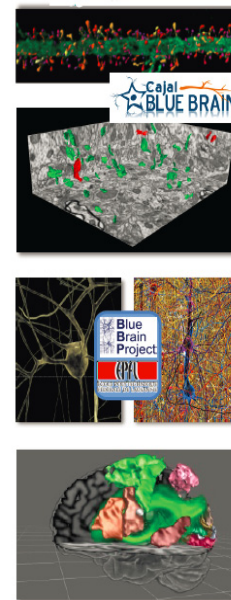
- A wide variety of tools & techniques exists for scientific visualization starting from low-level programming languages support and customizable GUIs to high level GUIs and HD visualization

Multi-Scale Visualization



(data from reality
as guiding design
for simulations)

- Multiple modalities
- Multiple scales
- Multiple sources



modified from [13] M.Axer

modified from [8] T.Kuehlen

Computational Steering of (Iterative) Parallel Algorithms via MPI (cf. Lecture 5)

■ Particle Simulations using PEPC library (see above)

- E.g. research star cluster dynamics in astrophysics or particle acceleration simulations via laser pulses
- E.g. Iterations over time using **nbody6++ parallel algorithm**
- Steering: changing parameters during the run-time of simulation

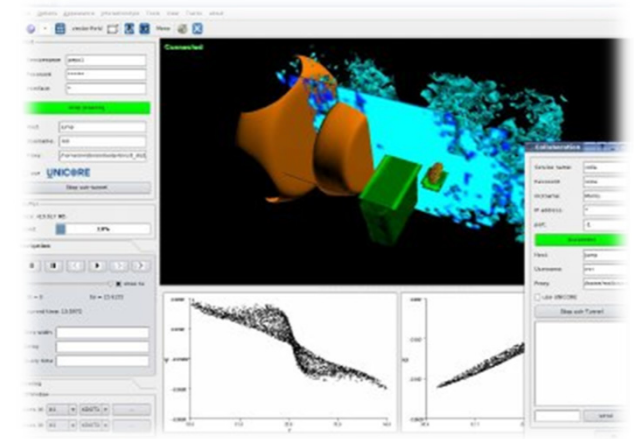
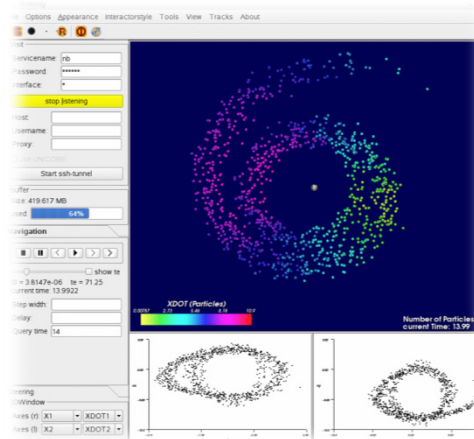
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computational steering, 2007

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call flvisit_nbody2_steering_recv(  
& VISITDPARM1,VISITDPARM2,VISITDPARM3,  
& VISITDPARM4,VISITIPARM1,VISITIPARM2,...)  
...  
if (LVISIT_ACTIVE.eq.1) Then  
  VDISTANCE=VISITDPARM4  
  write(*,*) 'VISCON: VDISTANCE=',VDISTANCE  
endif  
...  
IF (VISITDPARM2.gt.0) THEN  
  DTADJ = VISITDPARM2  
END IF  
IF (VISITDPARM3.gt.0) THEN  
  DELTAT = VISITDPARM3  
END IF
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CALL MPI_BCAST(DTADJ,1,MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,  
0,& MPI_COMM_WORLD,ierr)  
CALL MPI_BCAST(VISITDPARM3,1,  
MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,0,& MPI_COMM_WORLD,...)
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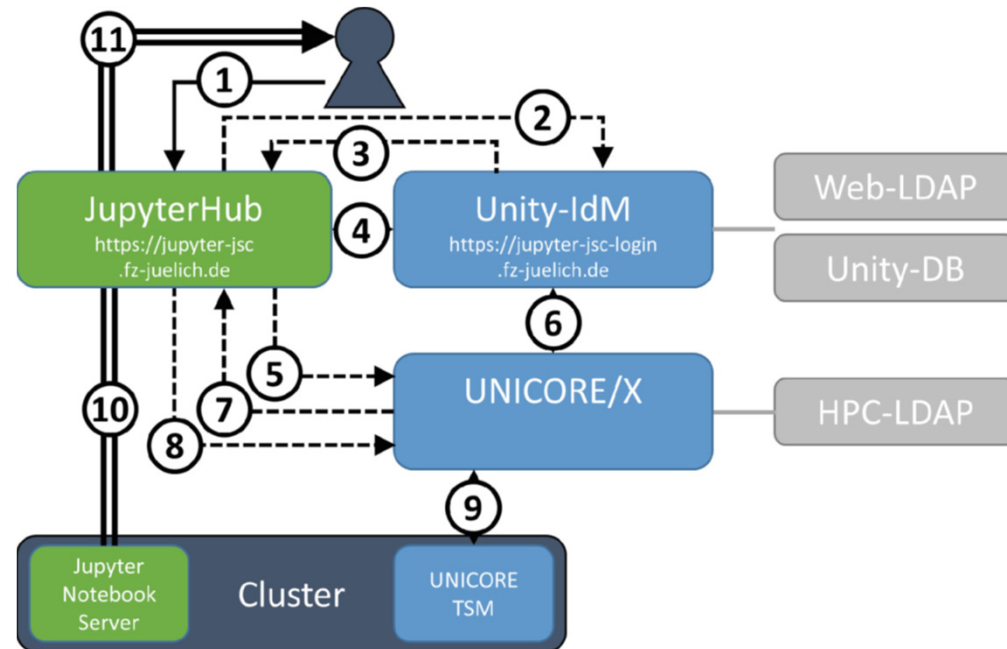
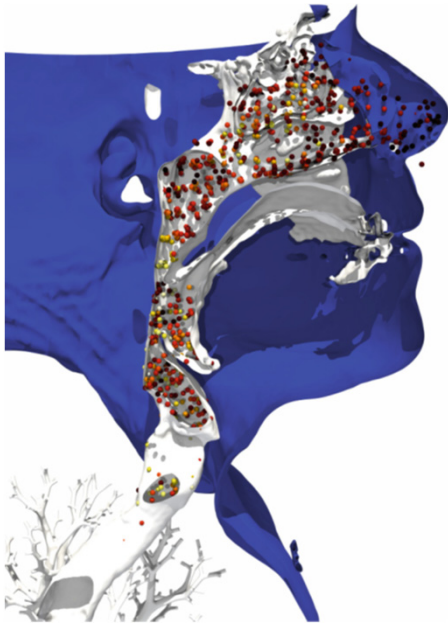
←
**change
parameters
interactively**

→
**visualize
status**



- Computational steering is the technique of manually intervening with an HPC simulation in order to change its outcome by the manipulation of certain parameters computed
- It requires the visualization during runtime (online) in order to properly steer parameters
- Computational steering is an old term, recently more used is 'interactive simulations'

Scheduling vs. Emerging Interactive HPC Applications (cf. Lecture 1)



▪ JupyterHub is a multi-user version of the notebook designed for companies, classrooms and research labs

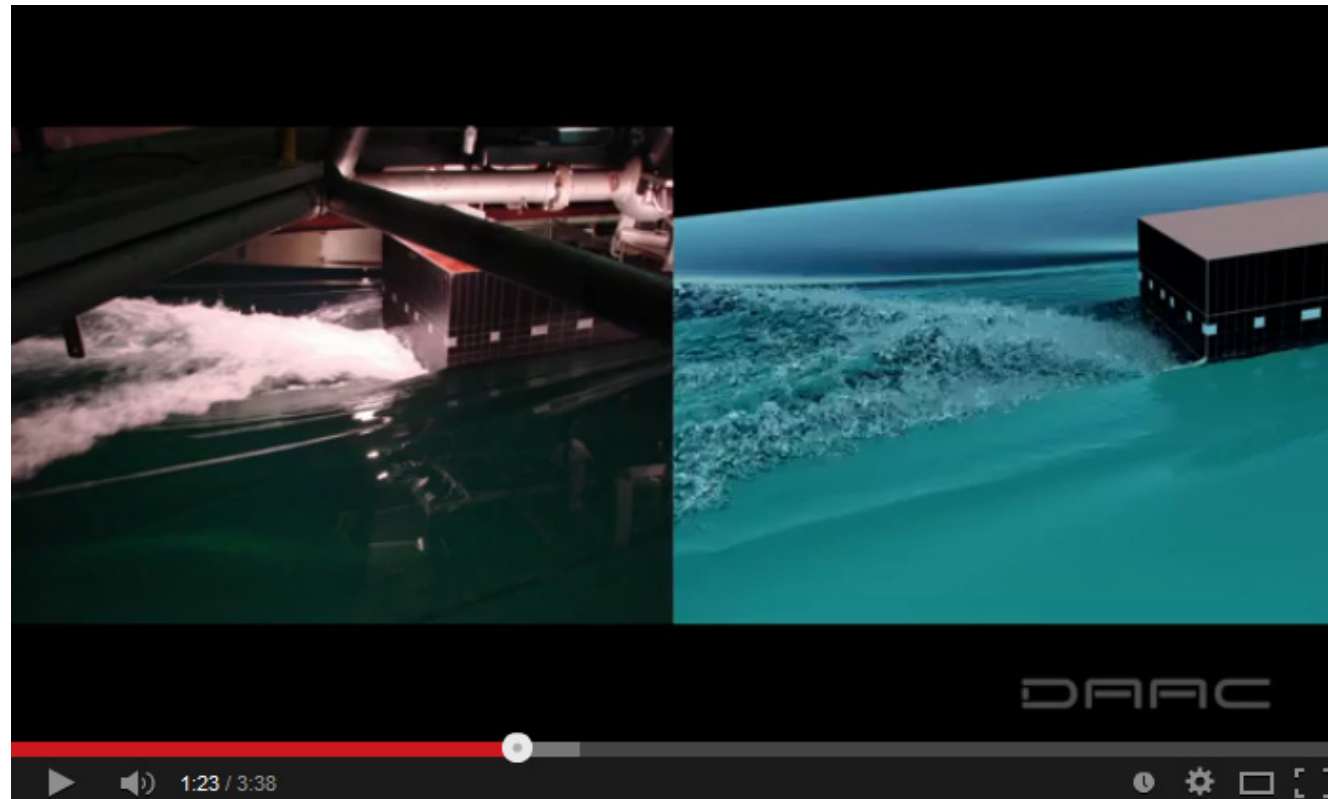


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[10] A. Streit & M. Riedel et al., 'UNICORE 6 – Recent and Future Advancements'

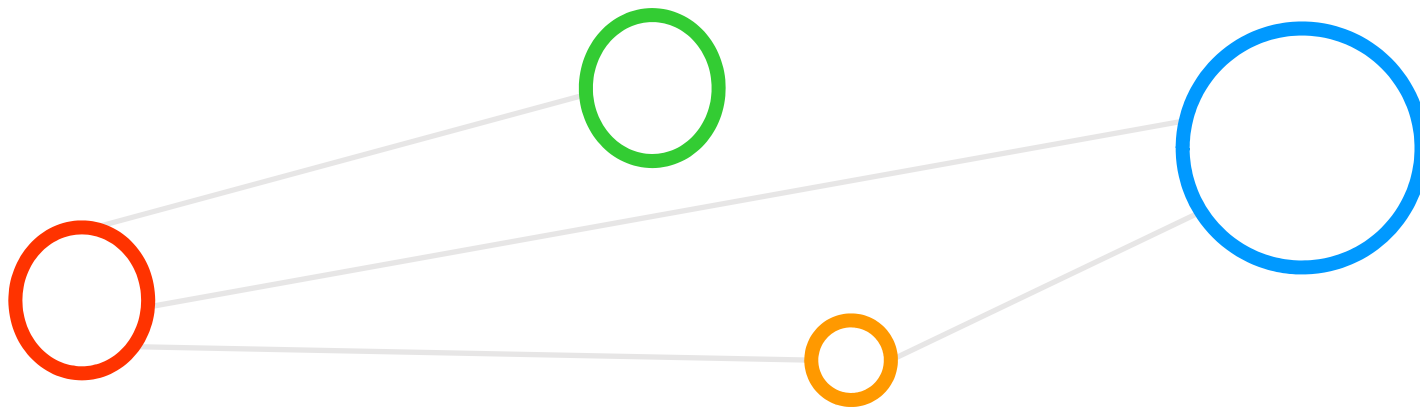
[12] Project Jupyter Web page

[Video] Scientific Visualization with Wave Application Example



[7] YouTube Video, WaveAnimations

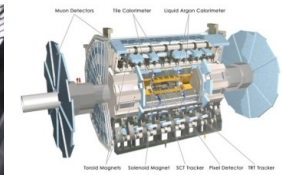
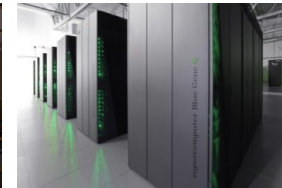
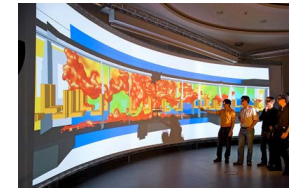
Scalable Infrastructures



The Power of ‘Scalable Infrastructures’

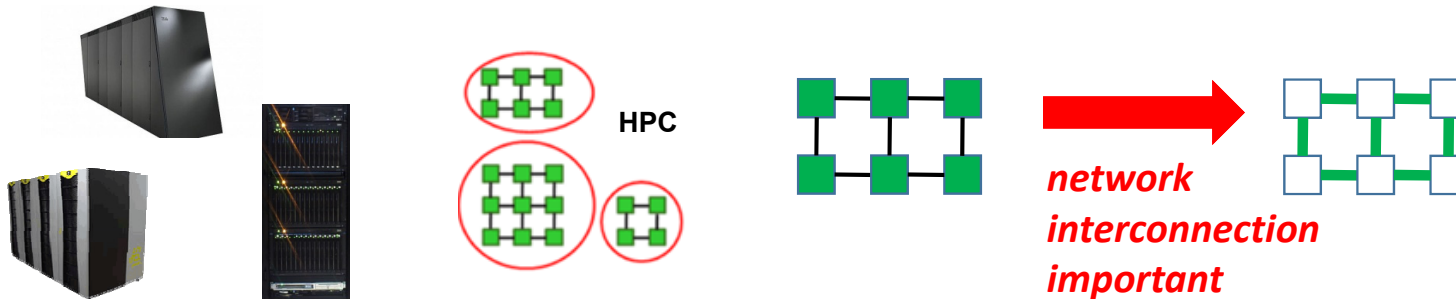
- **Parallel computing** can be done **within one or across n computers**
 - Perform calculations, visualizations, and data processing...
 - ... at an incredible, ever-increasing speed... **as part of infrastructures**
- Solutions of (scientific) problems often also require ‘**resources**’ that are **not locally available**
 - Academic: Global collaborations that **jointly perform research**
 - Industry: Companies with different branches **share (customer) information**

- **A resource is a specific hardware or software system such as a parallel computer, a disk or tape storage, 3D display capabilities, or a (scientific) measurement instrument like a telescope**
- **Parallel computing infrastructures enable the parallel use of such resources with many others**



Different Computing Paradigms Drive Infrastructure Design

- A High Performance Computing (HPC) – driven infrastructure is based on computing resources that enable the efficient use of parallel computing techniques through specific support with dedicated hardware such as high performance cpu/core interconnections



- A High Throughput Computing (HTC) – driven infrastructure is based on commonly available computing resources such as commodity PCs and small clusters that enable the execution of 'farming jobs' without providing a high performance interconnection between the cpu/cores



➤ The complementary Cloud Computing & Big Data – Parallel Machine & Deep Learning Course focusses on High Throughput Computing

Large Scale HPC Infrastructure – Major Concepts & PRACE Tier-0 Example

■ Tier-X design

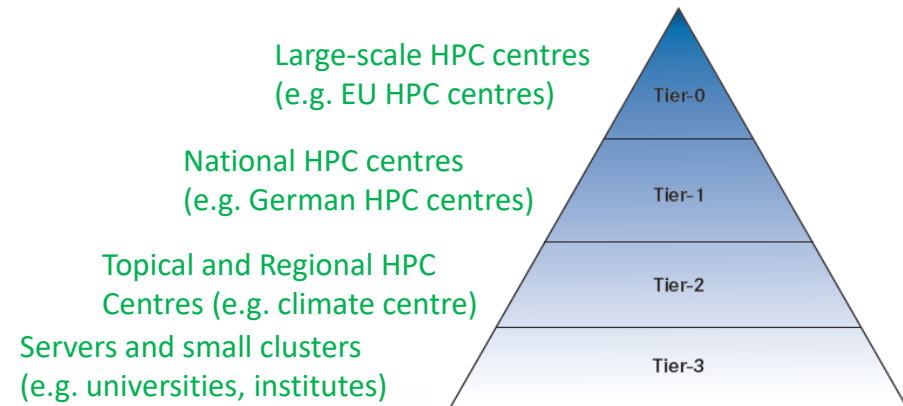
- Based on different levels of **computational power**
- Needs to be synchronized with EU, national, or regional **funding streams** and partner as HPC machines are costly resources

■ Scientific Peer-review

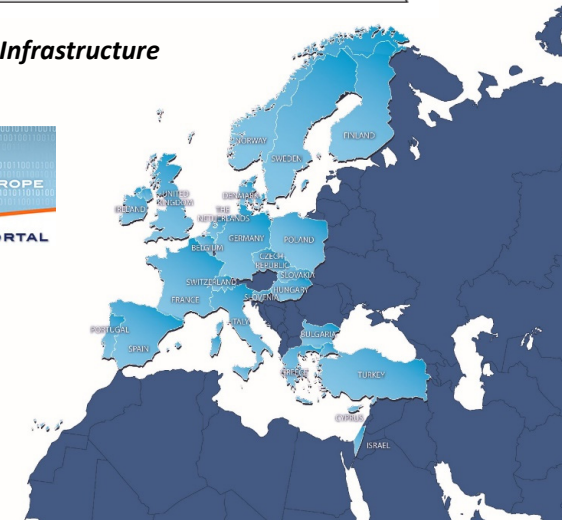
- Roundtable of known experts **judge proposals** to receive computing time
- Achieves ‘greatest minds get most valuable and costly resources’

■ Common Tools & Training Approach

- Idea of a common basic set of **MPI/Open/application libraries**
- Emerging same set of modules for data sciences (e.g. **TensorFlow**)
- Idea ‘common production environment’ (e.g. **change systems**)



[14] PRACE Research Infrastructure



Large Scale HPC Infrastructure – PRACE Example

■ Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE)

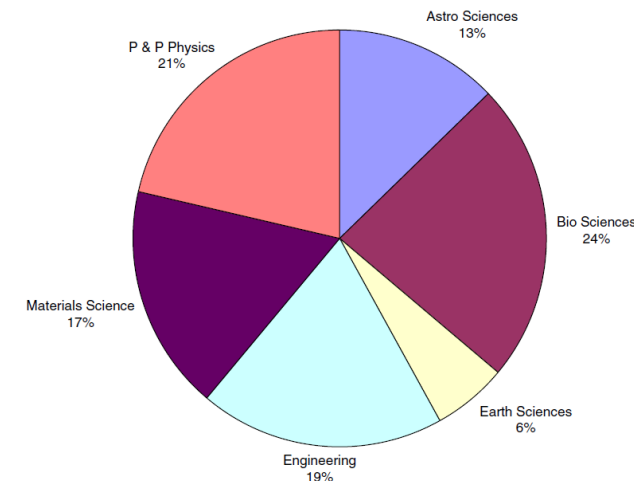
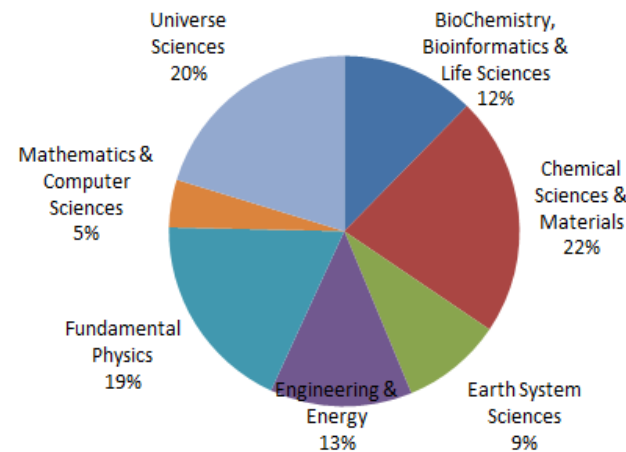
- European multi-disciplinary HPC-driven infrastructure
- Many European countries are members of this research infrastructure
- Provides computational resources to a **wide range of scientific disciplines**

■ Different ‘time grant’ models

- Preparatory access (prepare projects)
- Project access (after peer-review)
- Multi-year access (for large communities)

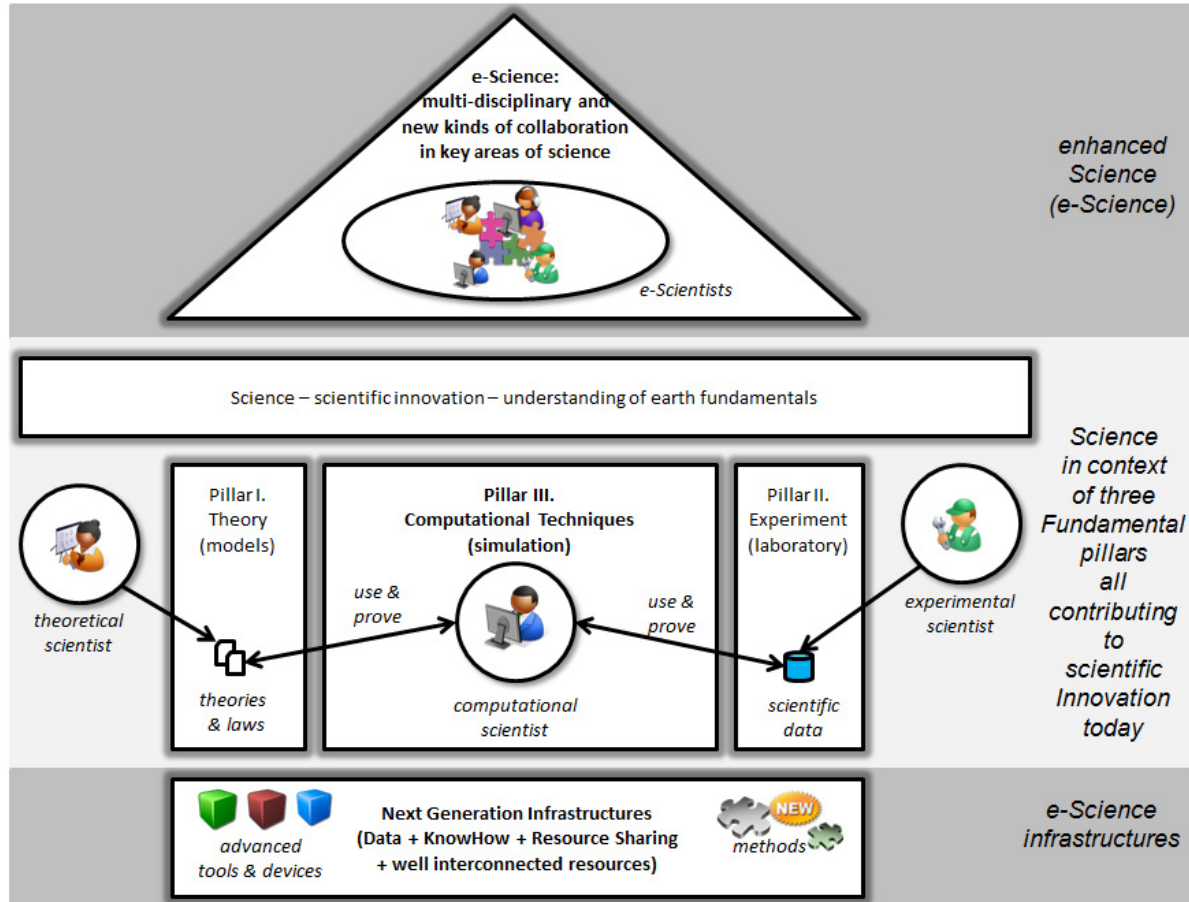
■ Follow-on to **earlier infrastructure efforts**

- E.g. Distributed European Infrastructure for Supercomputing Applications (**DEISA**)



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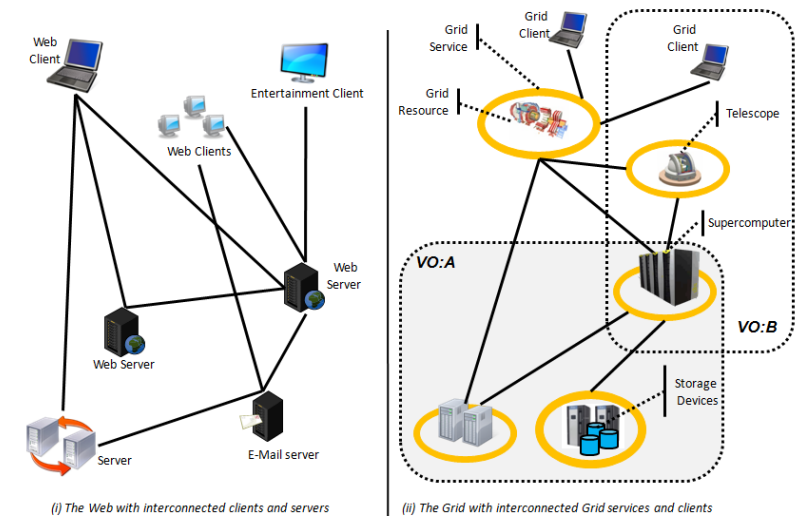
Next Generation 'e-Science' Infrastructures & Virtual Organizations



- **'e-Science is about collaboration in key areas of Science and the next generation infrastructure that will enable it.'**

[17] Taylor, 'Enhanced-Science (e-Science) Definition', 2000

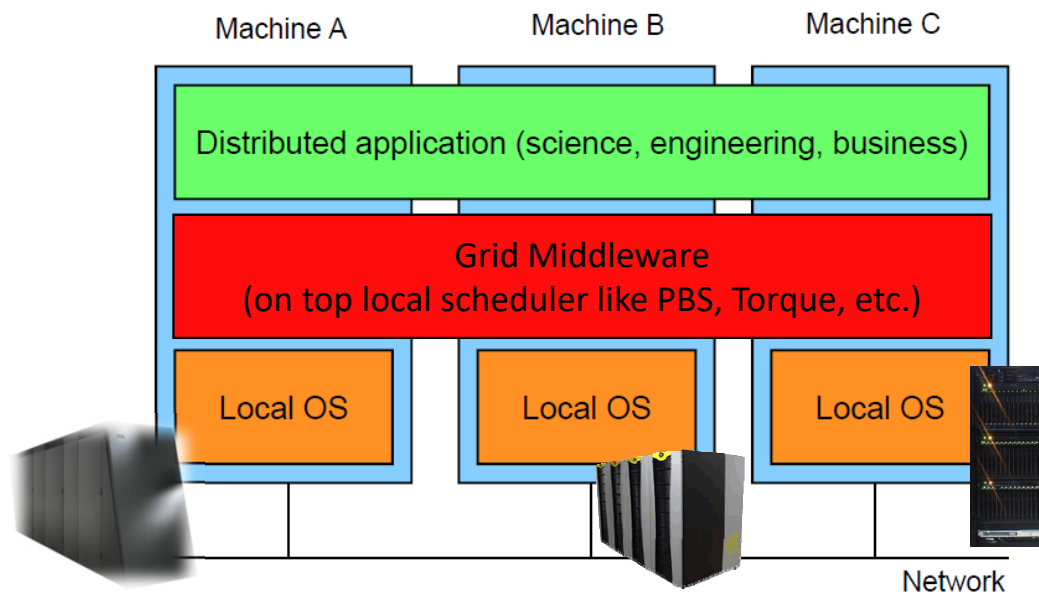
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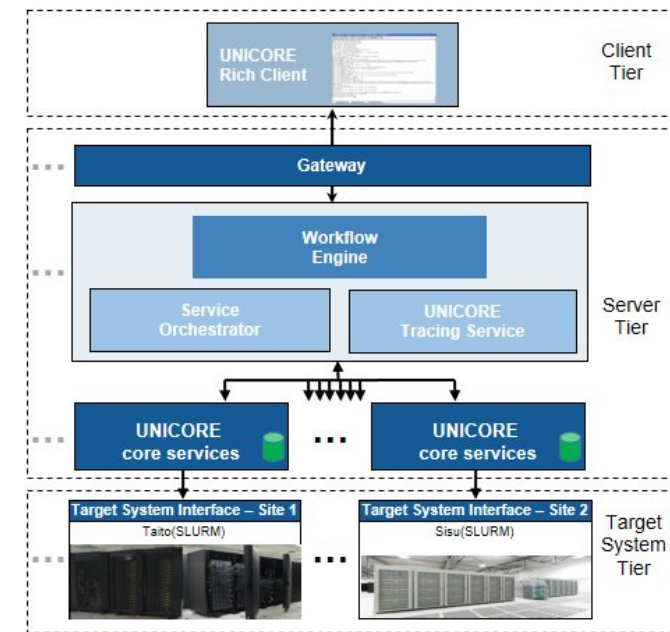
- **A virtual organization (VO) enables a secure sharing of a wide variety of geographically distributed resources across different organizational boundaries (e.g. time limited, dynamic add/remove)**

Grid Middleware to Access used in e-Science, Grid & HPC Infrastructures

- Specialization of a general ‘middleware in distributed systems’
 - Establishes a ‘single system view’ for users including security
 - Example: [UNICORE Grid Middleware System](#) (open source)

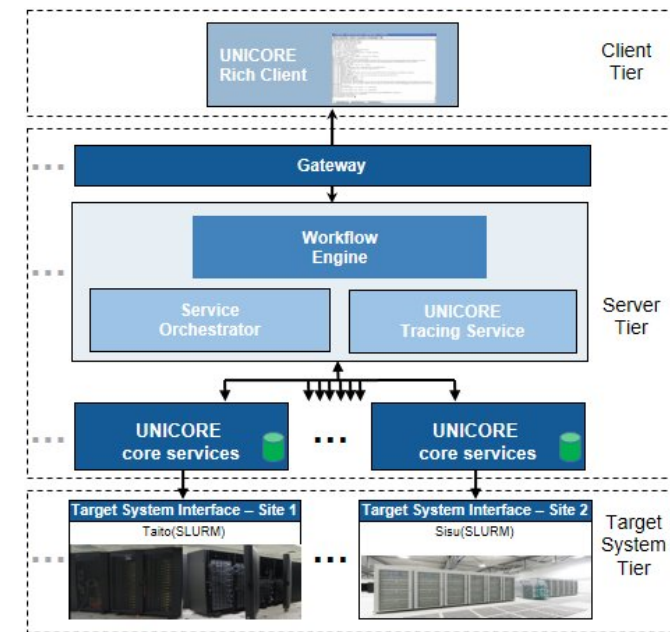
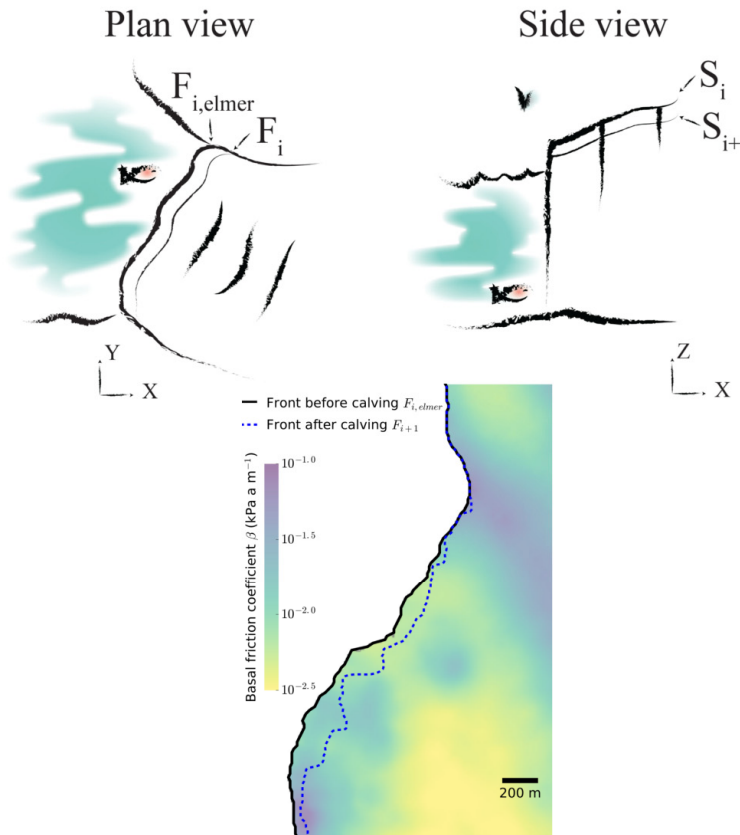
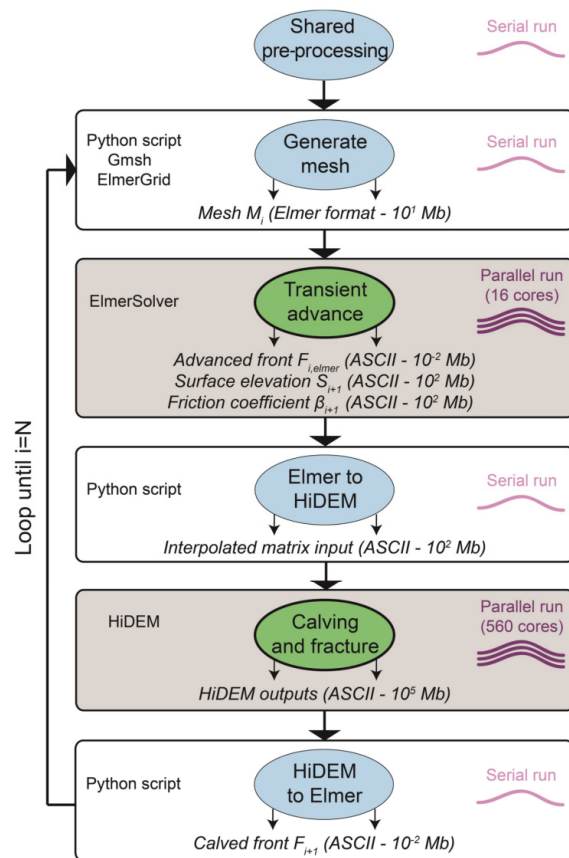


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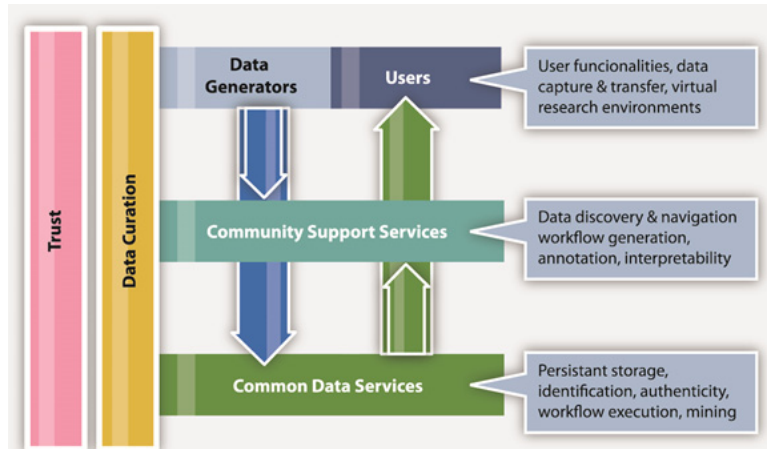
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Scientific Workflows using UNICORE Middleware on HPC Infrastructures



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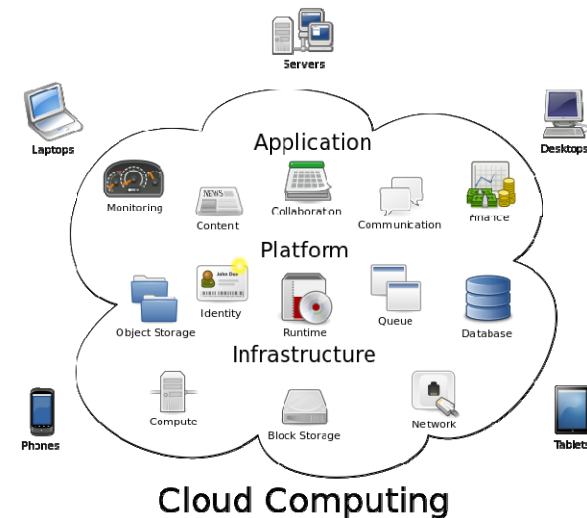
Collaborative Data & Cloud Infrastructures



[21] High Level Expert Group on Scientific Data, Riding The Wave – How Europe can gain from the rising tide of scientific data, 2010

- A collaborative data infrastructure combines the massive amount of unique resources of large multi-disciplinary data and computing centers with strong domain-specific centers (e.g. climate)

- Grid computing can be seen as the major precursor of industry-driven Cloud computing : Inspired many technology approaches used in clouds & virtualization (e.g. in their backend infrastructures)



[22] Wikipedia 'Cloud computing'

➤ Complementary Cloud Computing & Big Data – Parallel Machine & Deep Learning Course offers more on Clouds & Data Infrastructures

Large-scale Computing Infrastructures (cf. Lecture 1)

- Large computing systems are often embedded in infrastructures
 - Grid computing for **distributed data storage and processing** via middleware
 - The success of Grid computing was renowned when being mentioned by Prof. Rolf-Dieter Heuer, CERN Director General, in the context of the Higgs Boson Discovery:
- Other large-scale distributed infrastructures exist
 - Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE) → EU HPC
 - Extreme Engineering and Discovery Environment (XSEDE) → US HPC

■ 'Results today only possible due to extraordinary performance of Accelerators – Experiments – Grid computing'



[16] Grid Computing Video

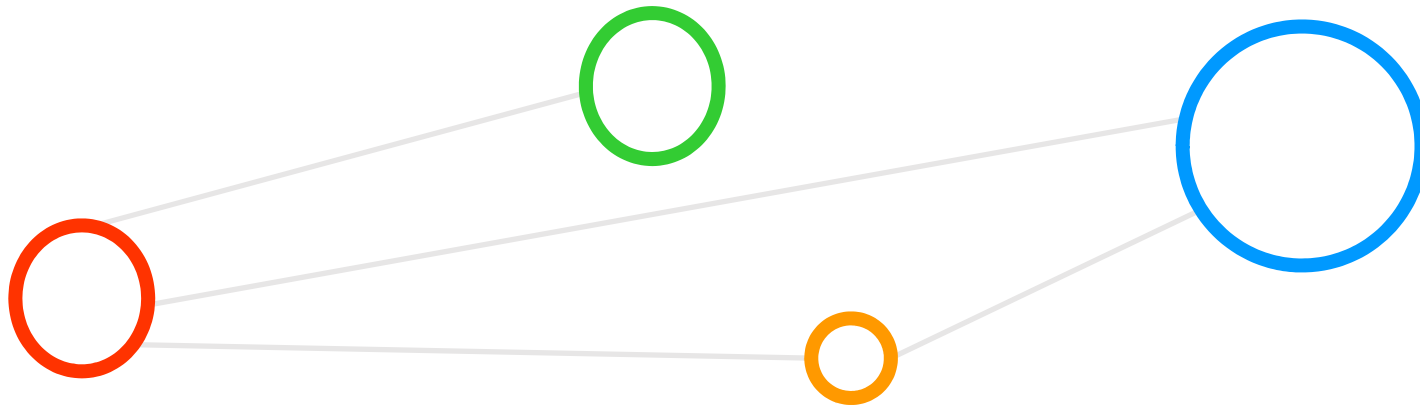
➤ Complementary Cloud Computing & Big Data – Parallel Machine & Deep Learning Course uses Large-Scale Computing Infrastructures

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