

TACC AND NHERI: COMPUTING FOR THE ENDLESS FRONTIER



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TACC AT A GLANCE



Personnel

175 Staff (~70 PhD)

Facilities

12 MW Data center capacity
Two office buildings, Three
Datacenters, two visualization
facilities, and a chilling plant.

Systems and Services

Two Billion compute hours per year
5 Billion files, 75 Petabytes of Data,
Hundreds of Public Datasets

Capacity & Services

HPC, HTC, Visualization, Large scale
data storage, Cloud computing
Consulting, Curation and analysis,
Code optimization, Portals and
Gateways, Web service APIs, Training
and Outreach

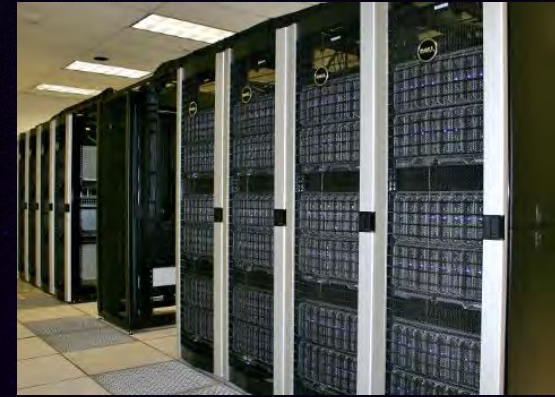




A BIT OF HISTORY ABOUT THE TEXAS ADVANCED COMPUTING CENTER (TACC)

TACC LAUNCHED IN JUNE, 2001 AFTER EXTERNAL REVIEW

- ▶ Original HPC effort launched by Hans Mark as System initiative in 1986 at \$30M
 - ▶ Passed between Austin and System several times over next 15 years.
- ▶ In 2001, budget of \$600k staff of 12 (some shared).
- ▶ 50GF computing resource (1/200,000th of the current system).



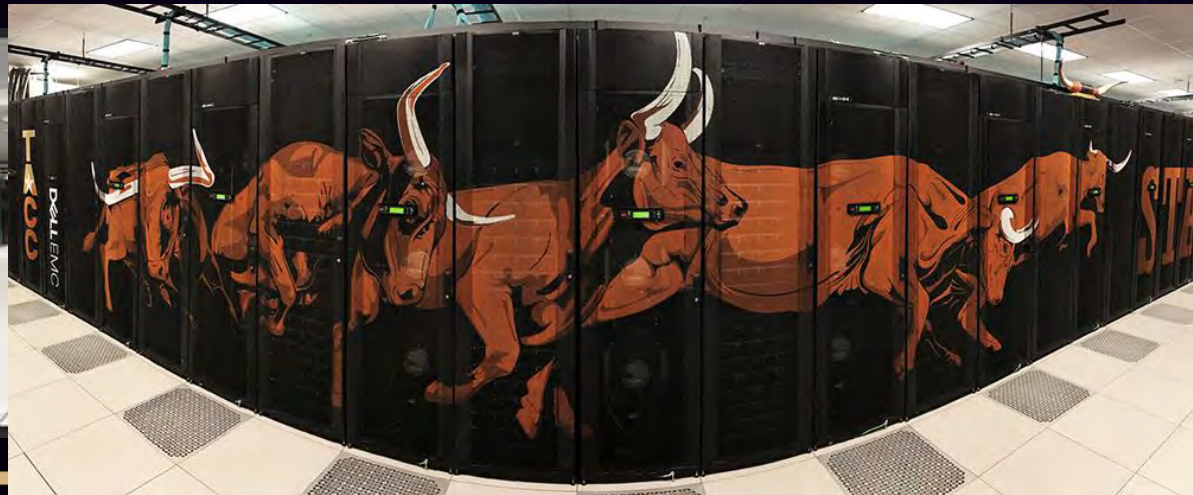
RAPID GROWTH FROM THEN TO NOW...

- ▶ 2003 – First Terascale Linux cluster for open science (#26)
- ▶ 2004 – NSF funding to join the Teragrid
- ▶ 2006 – UT System Partnership to provide Lonestar-3 (#12)
- ▶ 2007 - \$59M NSF award – largest in UT history – to deploy **Ranger, the world's largest open system (#4)**
- ▶ 2008 – funding for new Vis software and launch of revamped visualization lab.
- ▶ 2009 - \$50M iPlant Collaborative award (largest NSF bioinformatics award) moves a major component to TACC, life sciences group launched.
 - ▶ In 2009, we reached, 65 employees.



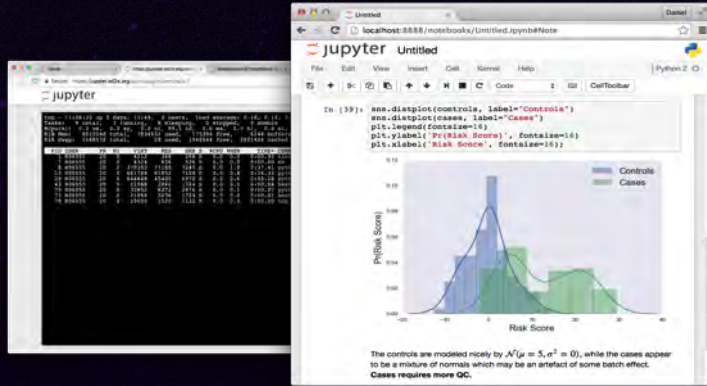
NOW, A WORLD LEADER IN CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶ 2010, TACC becomes a core partner (1 of 4) in XSEDE, the TeraGrid Replacement
- ▶ 2012, Stampede replaces Ranger with new \$51.5M NSF Award
- ▶ 2013, iPlant is renewed, expanded to \$100M
- ▶ 2015, Wrangler, first data intensive supercomputer is deployed.
- ▶ 2015, Chameleon cloud is launched
- ▶ 2015, DesignSafe, the cyberinfrastructure for natural hazard engineering, is launched.
- ▶ 2016 Stampede-2 awarded the largest academic system in the United States, 2017-2021.



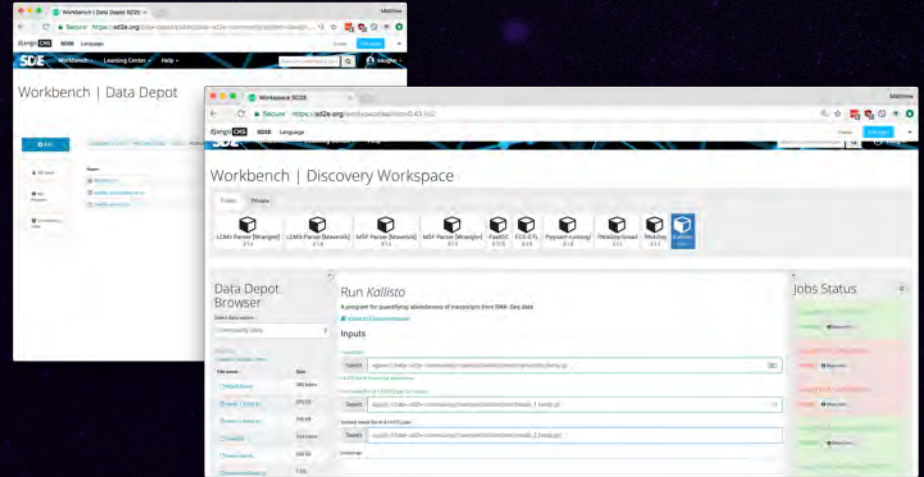
HPC DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT USED TO...

HPC-Enabled Jupyter Notebooks
Narrative analytics and exploration environment



Event-driven Data Processing
Extensible end-to-end framework to integrate planning, experimentation, validation and analytics

Web Portal
Data management and accessible batch computing



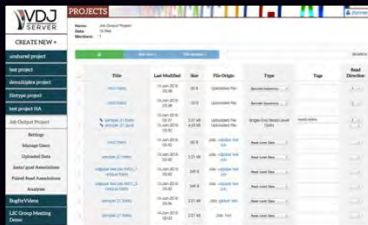
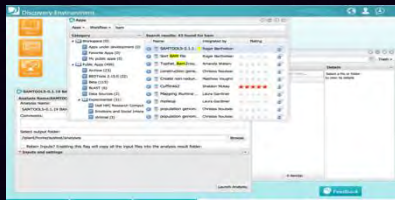
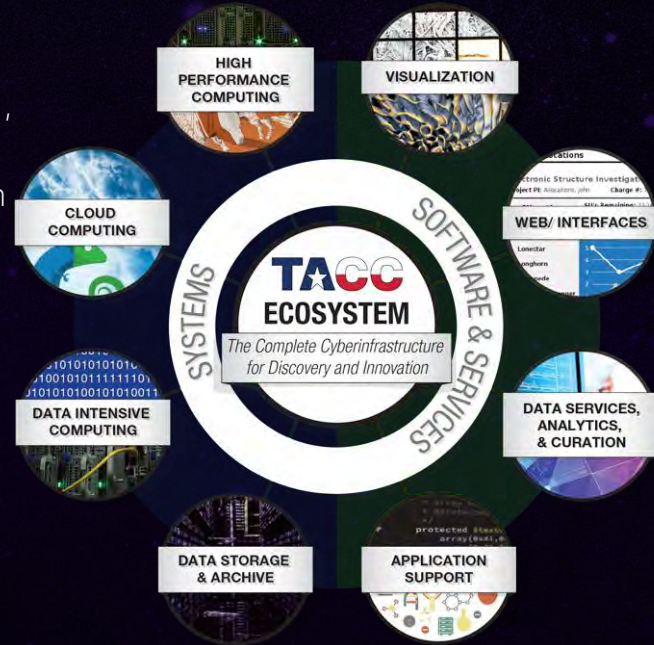
From Batch Processing and single simulations of many MPI Tasks – to that, plus new modes of computing, automated workflows, users who avoid the command line, reproducibility and data reuse, collaboration, end-to-end data management,

- Simulation where we have models
- Machine Learning where we have data or incomplete models

And most things are a blend of most of these. . .

SUPPORTING AN EVOLVING CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶ Success in Computational/Data Intensive Science and Engineering takes more than systems.
- ▶ Modern Cyberinfrastructure requires many modes of computing, many skillsets, and many parts of the scientific workflow.
 - ▶ Data lifecycle, reproducibility, sharing and collaboration, event driven processing, APIs, etc.
- ▶ Our team and software investments are larger than our system investments
 - ▶ Advanced Interfaces – Web front ends, Rest API, Vis/VR/AR
 - ▶ Algorithms – Partnerships with ICES @ UT to shape future systems, applications and libraries.



MODERN COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE

Simulation

Computationally query our
mathematical models of the world

Machine Learning/AI
Computationally query our
data sets

(depending on technique,
also called deep learning)

Analytics
Computationally analyze our
experiments

(driven by instruments that produce
lots of digital information)

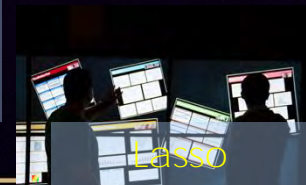
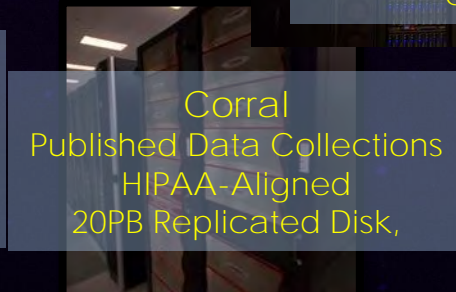
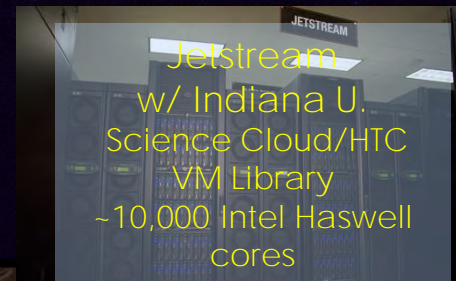
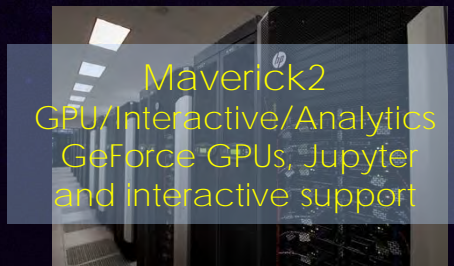
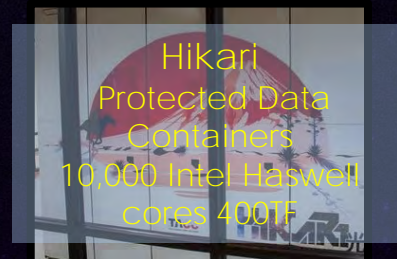
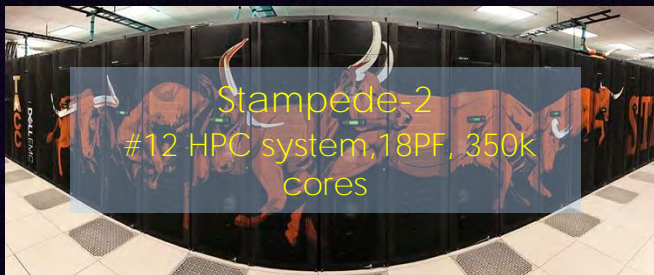
I would argue that modern science and engineering combine all three

HIGH PERFORMANCE WORKLOADS

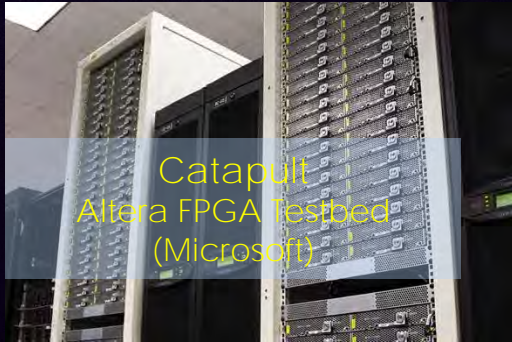
THE THREE CASES WHERE YOU NEED A SUPERCOMPUTER

- ▶ TOO BIG (Capability) – Single problems that *won't fit* on a smaller machine.
- ▶ TOO MANY (Capacity) – Thousands of small problems that need to be solved to answer a question, that would take too long on a smaller machine
- ▶ REAL TIME – Hard deadline for completion, i.e. hurricane forecasting

AN ECOSYSTEM FOR EXTREME SCALE SUPERCOMPUTING



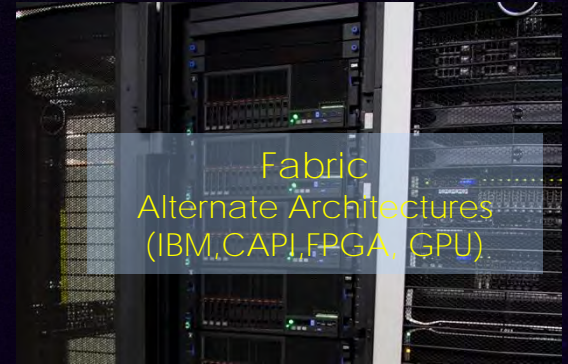
EXPERIMENTAL SYSTEMS



Catapult
Altera FPGA Testbed
(Microsoft)



Chameleon
w/U. Chicago/Argonne
Computer Science
Testbed



Fabric
Alternate Architectures
(IBM, CAPI, FPGA, GPU)



Discovery
New Processor/Storage
Benchmarking



Rustler
Object Storage Testbed

AN EXEMPLAR PROJECT – SD2E

SDE

Log in

Synergistic Discovery and Design Environment (SD2E)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None at present

PLATFORM OVERVIEW PROJECT DATA ANALYTICAL ENVIRONMENTS

Workspace Jupyter Notebooks Reactors CLISDK

User Data
Project Data
SD2E Resources
Data-Intensive Computing

Web Services
Analysis Environments

jupyter

- ▶ DARPA – “*Synergistic Discovery and Design (SD2)*”
- ▶ Vision: to “develop data-driven methods to accelerate scientific discovery and robust design in domains that lack complete models.”
- ▶ Initial focus in synthetic biology; ~six data provider teams, ~15 modeling teams, TACC for platform
- ▶ Cloud-based tools to collect, integrate, and analyze diverse data types; Promote collaboration and interaction across computational skill levels; Enable a reproducible and explainable research computing lifecycle; Enhance, amplify, and link the capabilities of every SD2 performer

TACC SUPPORTS AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT & DIVERSITY OF RESEARCH

- Our request rate (NSF Sytems) continues to be about 5-10x what we can deliver
 - More than 2,000 unique users run jobs in any given month (Stampede2)
 - (More than 12k people have run in production on Stampede2, spanning 3,500+ projects).
 - 2+ **million** successful jobs last year.
 - We estimate well Over 35,000 use TACC systems via Web or API.

COSMOS GRAVITATIONAL WAVES STUDY

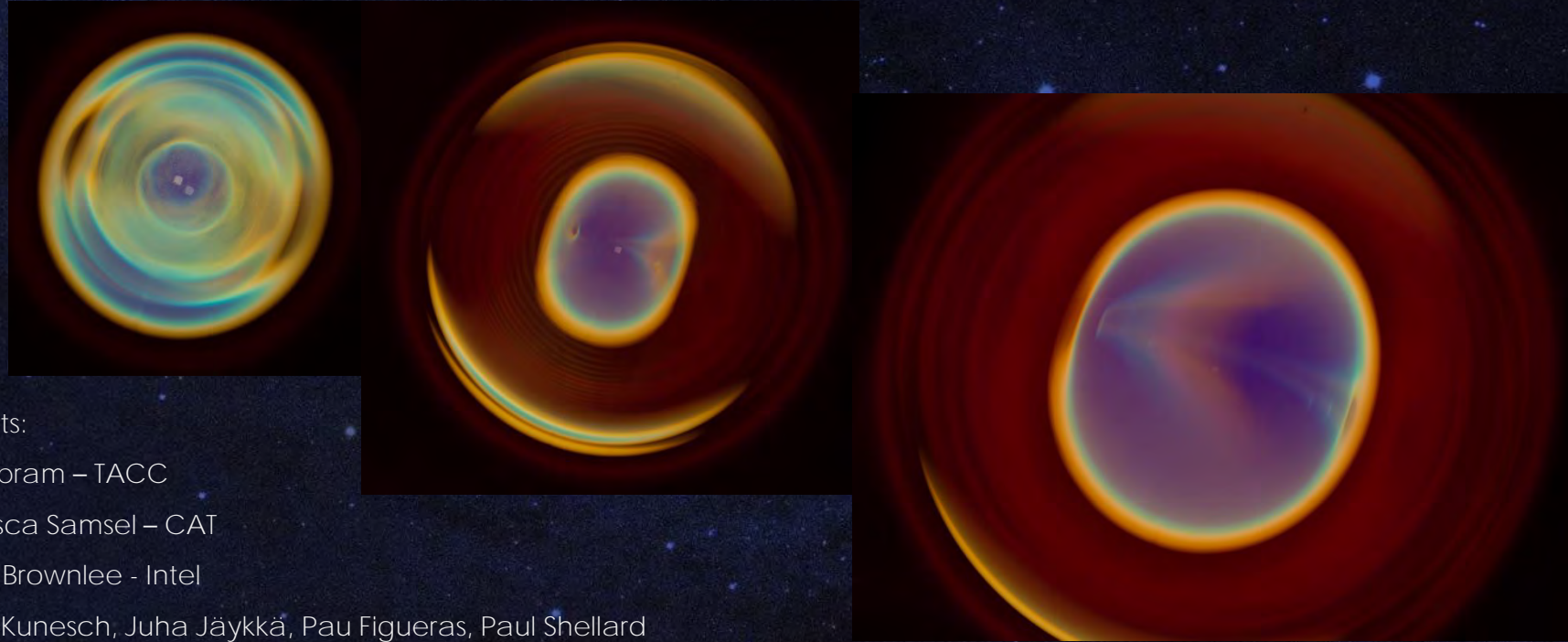


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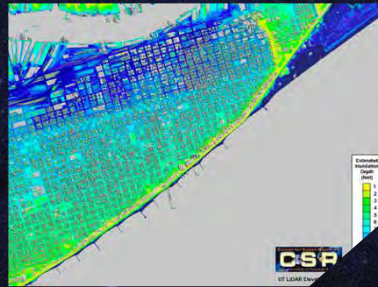
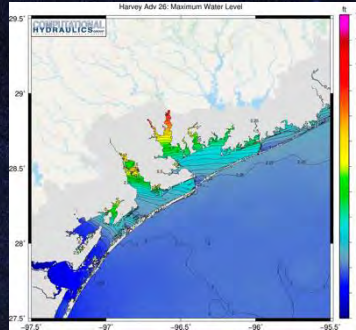
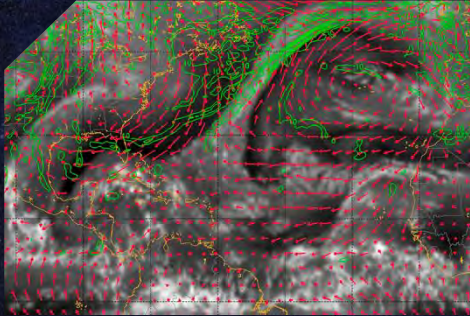
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HARVEY

- ▶ Next Generation Storm Forecasting (with Penn State)
- ▶ Storm Surge Modeling (with Clint Dawson UT Austin)
- ▶ Preliminary river flooding and inundation maps (David Maidment UT Austin)
- ▶ Remote Image Integration and Assimilation (Center for Space Research, UT Austin)

MASSIVE DATA SET WORTHY OF ROSS ICE SHELF ITSELF

TACC partners with Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO) to host for one of the country's largest earth sciences data collections

- Managing hundreds of TB using Stampede2, Corral, and Ranch: storage, provenance, visualization, and public access
- Achieved 10x workflow speedup by moving to TACC (from 50 hrs down to 5 hrs for transfer and analysis tasks)



"...partnership...with TACC shows [it's] possible to manage...this level of data in a cost-effective, user-friendly and easily accessible manner..."

Image courtesy Oceanwide Expeditions.

PI Lingling Dong, Columbia University
XSEDE support to multidisciplinary, multi-institutional Rosetta project

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"Using commodity HPC servers...the time to data-driven discovery is reduced and overall efficiency can be significantly increased." (Niall Gaffney, TACC)

RECORD ACHIEVED ON AI BENCHMARK

TACC, Berkeley, Cal Davis collaborate on large-scale AI runs

- Research demonstrating the potential of commodity hardware for AI
- Skylake ImageNet benchmark: (100 epochs, 11 min, 1024 nodes) -- fastest result at time of publication
- Knights Landing ImageNet benchmark (90 epochs, 20 min, 2048 nodes) – 3x faster than Facebook, with higher large-batch accuracy

Graphic credit Andrej Karpathy

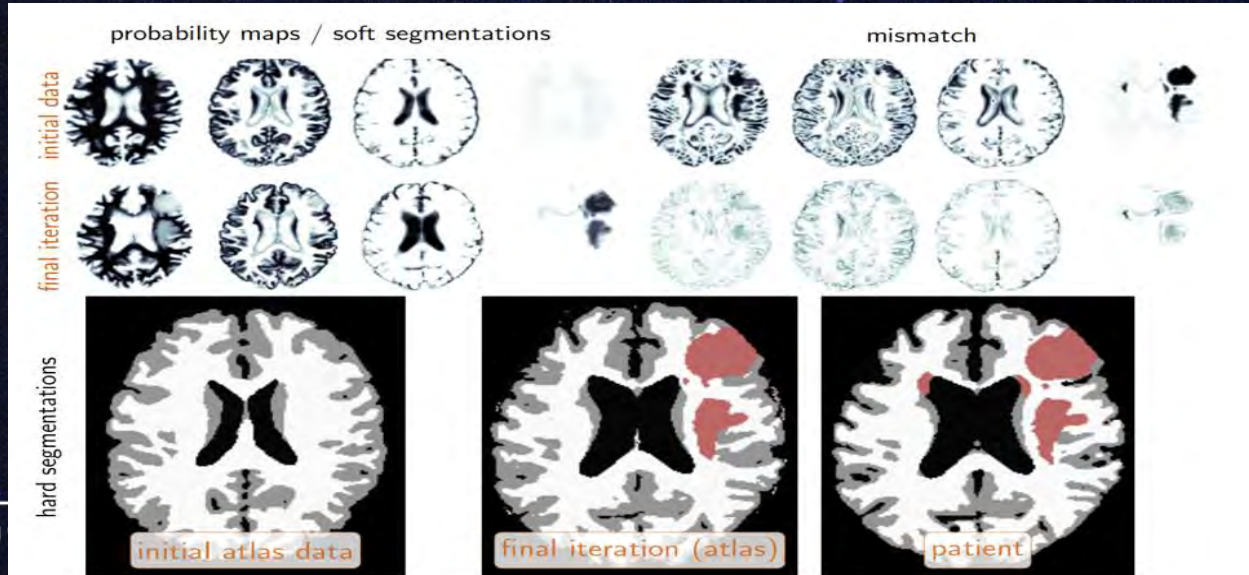


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BRAIN TUMOR SEGMENTATION

- ▶ A team of researchers led by George Biros from The University of Texas at Austin scored in the top 25% of participants in the Multimodal Brain Tumor Segmentation Challenge 2017 (BRaTS'17) enabled by Stampede2 and other TACC resources.
- ▶ In the challenge, research groups presented methods and results of computer-aided identification and classification of brain tumors, as well as different types of cancerous regions.
- ▶ The team's method combined biophysical models of tumor growth with machine learning algorithms for the analysis of Magnetic Resonance imaging data of glioma patients.



FRONTERA SYSTEM --- PROJECT

- ▶ *A new, NSF supported project to do 3 things:*
- ▶ Deploy a system in 2019 for the largest problems scientists and engineers currently face.
- ▶ Support and operate this system for 5 years.
- ▶ Plan a potential phase 2 system, with 10x the capabilities, for the future challenges scientists will face.



FRONTERA SYSTEM --- HARDWARE

- ▶ Primary compute system: DellEMC and Intel
 - ▶ 35-40 PetaFlops Peak Performance
- ▶ Interconnect: Mellanox HDR and HDR-100 links.
 - ▶ Fat Tree topology, 200Gb/s links between switches.
- ▶ Storage: DataDirect Networks
 - ▶ 50+ PB disk, 3PB of Flash, 1.5TB/sec peak I/O rate.
- ▶ Single Precision Compute Subsystem: Nvidia
- ▶ Front end for data movers, workflow, API



DESIGN DECISIONS - PROCESSOR

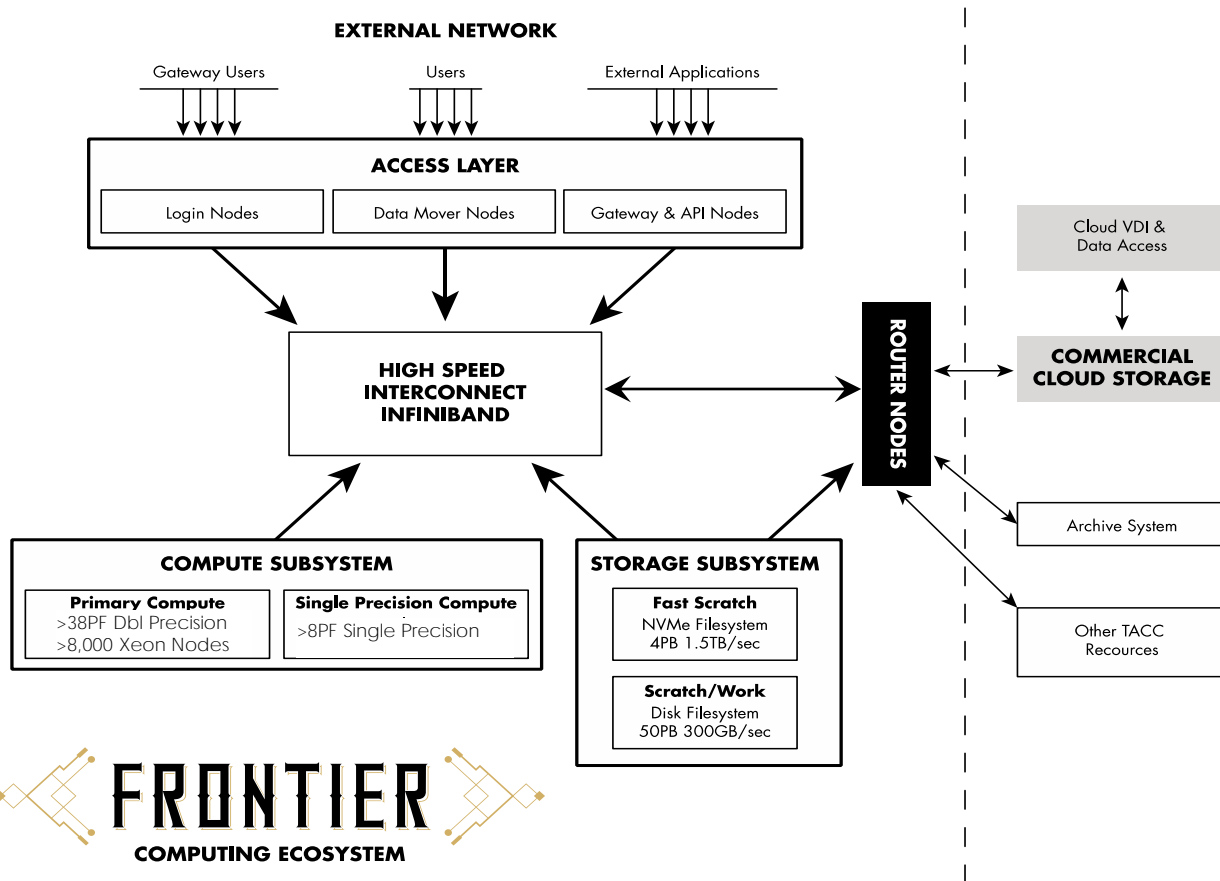
- ▶ The architecture is in many ways “boring” if you are an HPC journalist, architect, or general junkie.
 - ▶ We have found that the way users refer to this kind of configuration is “useful”.
- ▶ No one has to recode for higher clock rate. We have abandoned the normal “HPC SKUS” of Xeon, in favor of the Platinum top bin parts – the ones that are 205W per socket.
 - ▶ Which, coincidentally, means the clock rate is higher on every core, whether you can scale in parallel or not.
 - ▶ Users tend to consider power efficiency “our problem”.
 - ▶ This also means there is *no* air cooled way to run these chips.
- ▶ Versus Stampede2, we are pushing up clock rate, core count, and main memory speed.
 - ▶ This is as close to “free” performance as we can give you.



DESIGN DECISIONS - FILESYSTEM

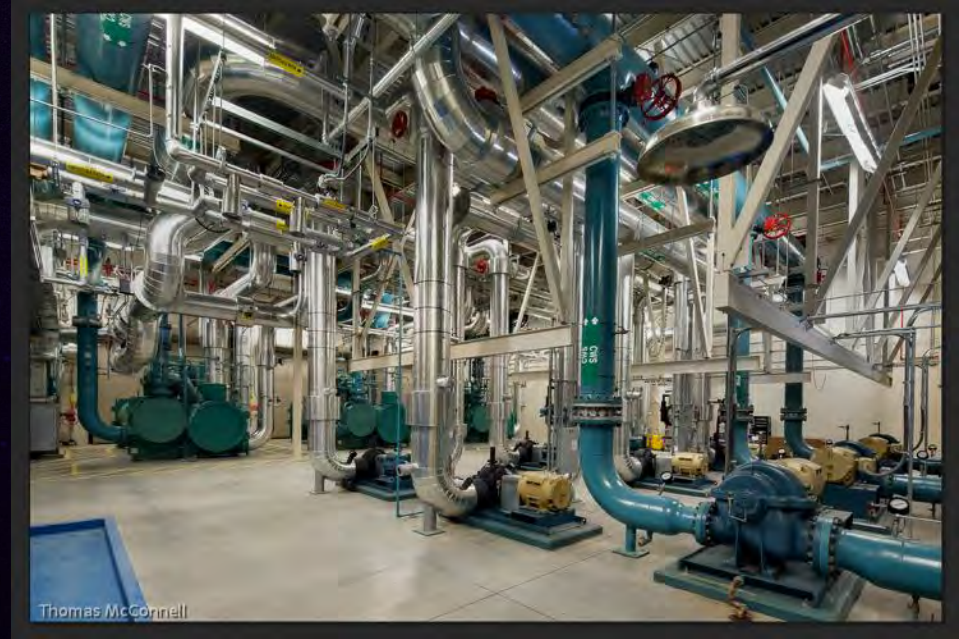
- ▶ Scalable Filesystems are always the weakest part of the system.
 - ▶ Almost the only part of the system where bad behavior by one user can affect the performance of a *different* user.
- ▶ Filesystems are built for the aggregate user demand – rarely does one user stress *all* the dimensions of filesystems (Bandwidth, Capacity, IOPS, etc.)
- ▶ We will divide the "scratch" filesystem into 4 pieces
 - ▶ One with very high bandwidth
 - ▶ 3 at about the same scale as Stampede, and divide the users.
- ▶ Much more aggregate capability – but no need to push scaling past ranges at which we have already been successful.
 - ▶ Expect higher reliability from perspective of individual users
 - ▶ Everything POSIX, no "exotic" things from user perspective.

ORIGINAL SYSTEM OVERVIEW



FRONTERA SYSTEM --- INFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶ Frontera will consume almost 6 Megawatts of Power at Peak
- ▶ Direct water cooling of primary compute racks (CoolIT/DellEMC)
- ▶ Oil immersion Cooling (GRC)
- ▶ Solar, Wind inputs.



TACC Machine Room Chilled Water Plant

THE TEAM - INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Operations: TACC, Ohio State University (MPI/Network support), Cornell (Online Training), Texas A&M (Campus Bridging)
- ▶ Science and Technology Drivers and Phase 2 Planning: Cal Tech, University of Chicago, Cornell, UC-Davis, Georgia Tech, Princeton, Stanford, Utah
- ▶ Vendors: DellEMC, Intel, Mellanox, DataDirect Networks, GRC, CoolIT, Amazon, Microsoft, Google



PHASE 2 PROTOTYPES

- ▶ Allocations will include access to testbed systems with future/alternative architectures
 - ▶ Some at TACC, e.g. FPGA systems, Optane NVDIMM, {as yet unnamed 2021, 2023}.
 - ▶ Some with partners – a Quantum Simulator at Stanford.
 - ▶ Some with the commercial cloud – Tensor Processors, etc.
- ▶ Fifty nodes with Intel Optane technology will be deployed next year in conjunction with the production system
 - ▶ Checkpoint file system? Local checkpoints to tolerate soft failures? Replace large memory nodes? Revive "out of core" computing? In-memory databases?
- ▶ Any resulting phase 2 system is going to be the result, at least in part, of actual users measured on actual systems, including at looking at, what they might actually *want* to run on.
- ▶ Eval around the world – keep close tabs on what is happening elsewhere (sometimes by formal partnership or exchange – ANL, ORNL, China, Europe).



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMERCIAL CLOUDS

- ▶ Cloud/HPC is *not* an either/or. (And in many ways, we are just a specialized cloud).
- ▶ Utilize cloud strengths:
 - ▶ Options for publishing/sustaining data and data services
 - ▶ Access to unique services in automated workflow; VDI (i.e. image tagging, NLP, who knows what. . .)
 - ▶ Limited access to *every* new node technology for evaluation
 - ▶ FPGA, Tensor, Quantum, Neuromorphic, GPU, etc.
 - ▶ We will explore some bursting tech for more “throughput” style jobs – but I think the first 3 bullets are much more important. . .

THE BROADER TACC ECOSYSTEM DISCOVERY SCIENCE AT ALL SCALES

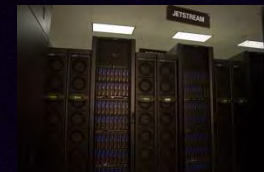


Leadership/Discovery
Science

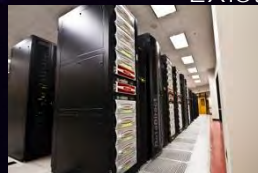
Longhorn
IBM Power 9 + GPU
400+ Nvidia V100s
AI/ML/DL @ Scale

Testbeds
Catapult (Upgrade)
Non-Volatile Memory
Quantum
Future . . .

Existing TACC Computing Systems



Existing TACC Storage Systems



DESIGNSAFE-CI

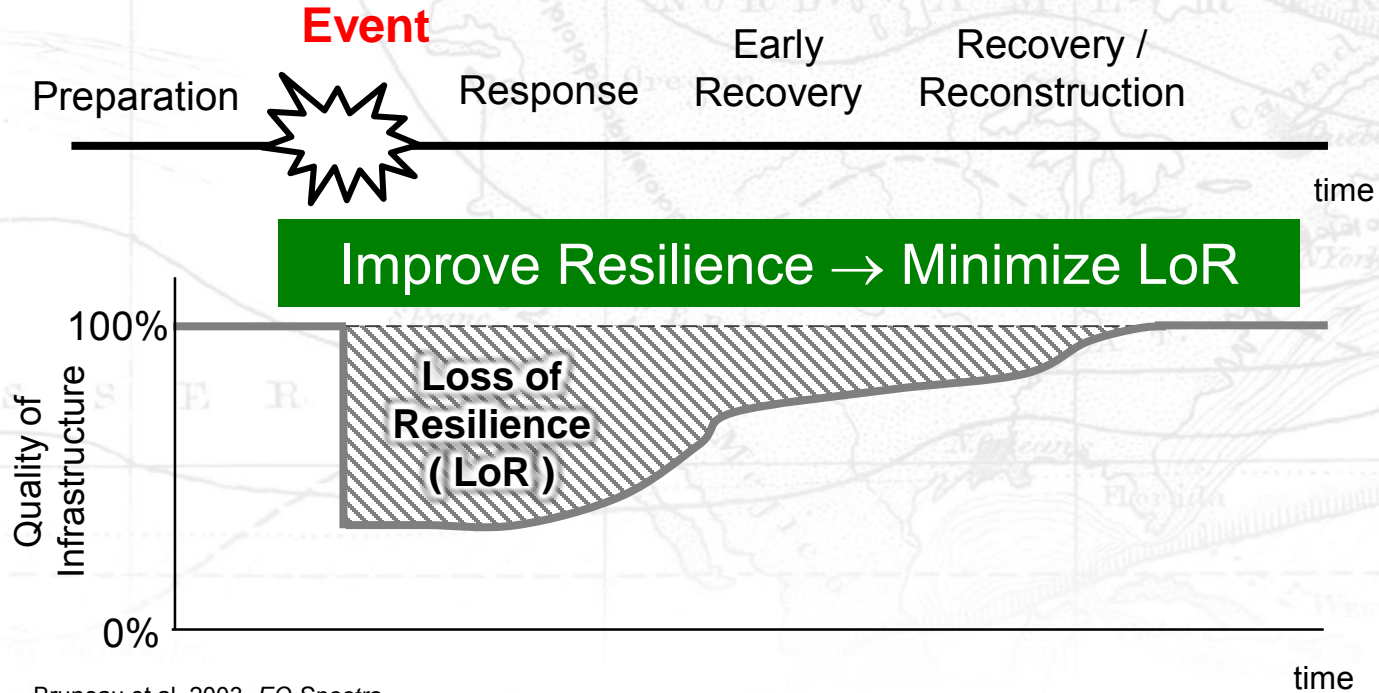
A NATURAL HAZARDS
ENGINEERING COMMUNITY



Using Cyberinfrastructure to Reduce the
Impacts of Natural Hazards

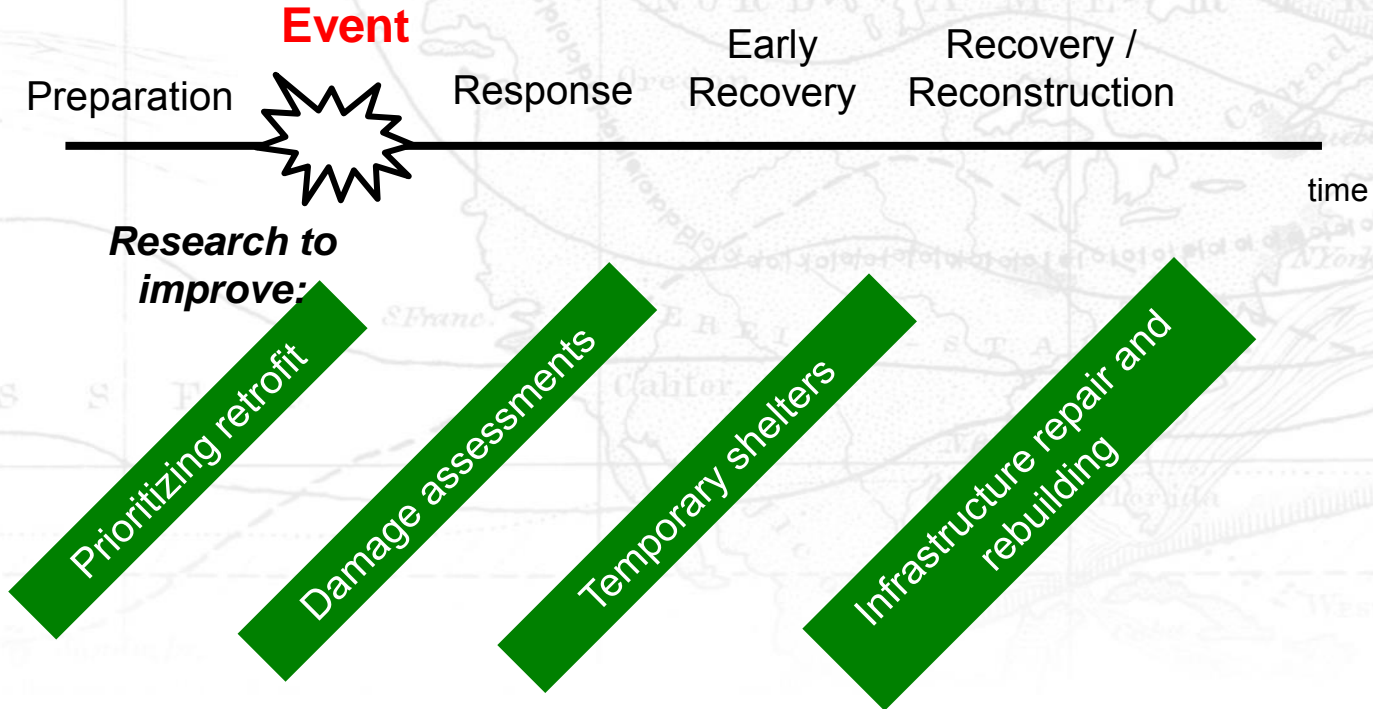


Disaster Resilience



Bruneau et al. 2003, *EQ Spectra*

Improving Resilience



Improving Resilience - Impediments



- Limited availability of data
 - Damaging effects of previous disasters and the resulting response/recovery/rebuilding
 - Experimental data investigating engineering solutions
 - Simulation data predicting effects of natural hazards
- Why is little data available?
 - Researchers may collect data but do not share it broadly
 - After data are used by a researcher, it is “filed away”
 - No mechanism to reward data sharing

Improving Resilience - Impediments



- Integrating diverse datasets is cumbersome
 - Data sets from different fields are found in different places
 - Large data sets are hard to move
 - Visualization is often needed



What is DesignSafe?

- A web-based research platform that provides computational tools to manage, analyze, and understand critical data for natural hazards research

DesignSafe Vision

- A CI that is an integral part of research discovery
 - Support end-to-end research workflows and the full research lifecycle, including data sharing/publishing
 - Cloud-based tools that support the analysis, visualization, and integration of diverse data types
- Amplify and link the capabilities of natural hazards researchers in the US and abroad

NHERI: Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure

- NSF-funded, shared-use research infrastructure for research in natural hazards engineering
 - Network Coordinating Office (NCO)
 - Cyberinfrastructure (CI)
 - Seven experimental facilities (EF)
 - Post-disaster, rapid response research facility (RAPID)
 - Computational Modeling and Simulation Center (SimCenter)
- Replaces similar program for earthquake engineering (NEES) but expanded to include windstorms and associated hazards

NHERI Facilities





DesignSafe is the web-based research platform of the NHERI Network that provides the computational tools needed to manage, analyze, and understand critical data for natural hazards research.



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[NHERI Five-Year
Science Plan](#)



NHERI REU students sitting on the Liquidator mobile shaker at the NHERI at the University of Texas site.

[Feb 1, 2019 deadline approaches for NHERI REU applications](#)

NHERI's Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program is a rich opportunity for students to discover the facets of natural hazards engineering. During our ten-week summer research program, selected participants will work with a faculty mentor to conduct research at one of 11 research facilities located around the country.

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DesignSafe Components

- Research Workbench
 - Data Depot
 - Reconnaissance Portal
 - Discovery Workspace
- Learning Center
 - Training resources and student engagement
- NHERI Facilities
 - Access to information about all NHERI facilities
- NHERI Community
 - News and online Slack community

Data Depot Features



- Different areas:
 - My Data (Private)
 - My Projects (Semi-Private, Collaborative)
 - Published (Publicly accessible, curated)
 - Community Data (Publicly accessible, uncurated)
- Upload files/folders via computer, cloud service providers, or bulk transfer (Globus)
- Manage, preview files within Data Depot
- Data curation and publishing

Tag
Rename
+
Move
Copy
Preview
Preview Images
Download
Share
Move to Trash

[+ Add](#)

- My Data
- My Projects**
- Shared with Me
- Box.com
- Dropbox.com
- Google Drive
- Published

Projects

 Shake Table Test of A Two-story Mass Timber Building with Post-tensioned Rocking walls	shiling pei (spei)	12/7/18 9:59 PM
 Simulations of Slope Displacement using LS-Dyna	Ellen Rathje (erathje)	12/7/18 1:53 PM
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 NGA-East Geotechnical Working Group Seismic Site Response Simulation Database	Youssef Hashash (hashash)	9/24/18 9:05 AM

***A space to share files/data/results with collaborators
and to eventually publish for public use***

Data Curation Philosophy



- Allow users to easily store, share, document, and publish data throughout the life of a research project
- Flexible data models and interactive curation
 - Allows researchers to decide how to represent their research
 - Support different types of data (experimental, simulation, field)
 - Consider what is needed for data to be understandable by others for data reuse



Published Projects

[Add](#) Published PRJ-1693

Published
Community Data

[Curation Tutorials](#)
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PRJ-1693: CENTRIFUGE MODELLING OF VARIABLE RATE CONE PENETRATION IN LOW-PLASTICITY SILTS

PI	Boulanger, Ross	View Team Members	DOI	doi:10.17603/DS2J67J	Citation
Date of Publication	Apr/17/2018		Award	CMMI-1300518	
Project Type	Experimental		Keywords	centrifuge, intermediate soils, silt, CPT	
Associated Projects	Direct simple shear testing for silica silt and kaolin mixtures - PRJ-1689				

Description

This experimental program supports a broader project toward validating methods for the mechanics-based development of relationships between cone penetration test measurements and the engineering properties of intermediate soils.

Experiment ABP03s - Centrifuge Modelling of Variable Rate Cone Penetration in 80S20K Silt-Clay Mixture (80g) ^

ABP03s - Centrifuge Modelling of Variable Rate Cone Penetration in 80S20K Silt-Clay Mixture (80g)

Authors	Price, Adam; Boulanger, Ross; DeJong, Jason;	DOI	doi:10.17603/DS2DD46	Citation
Experimental Facility	Center for Geotechnical Modeling, UC Davis			
Experiment Type	Centrifuge			
Equipment Type	1m Radius Dynamic Geotechnical Centrifuge			
Date of Publication	Apr/17/2018			

Description

Centrifuge test with in-flight variable rate cone penetration soundings in a slurry deposited silt-clay mixture of 80% silica silt and 20% kaolin clay by dry mass (80S20K) with a plasticity index of 6. The test was performed at a centrifugal acceleration of 80g. Cone soundings were performed using a 6-mm diameter cone penetrometer.

Accelerating Research: Data Re-Use

- **Formal publishing** of well-documented/valuable data sets for re-use must be recognized as scholarly work
- Data needs a permanent, **digital location (DOI)** similar to journal article, not just a URL
- Formally cite data **in your reference list** of your papers using DOI, citation language as indicated in DesignSafe

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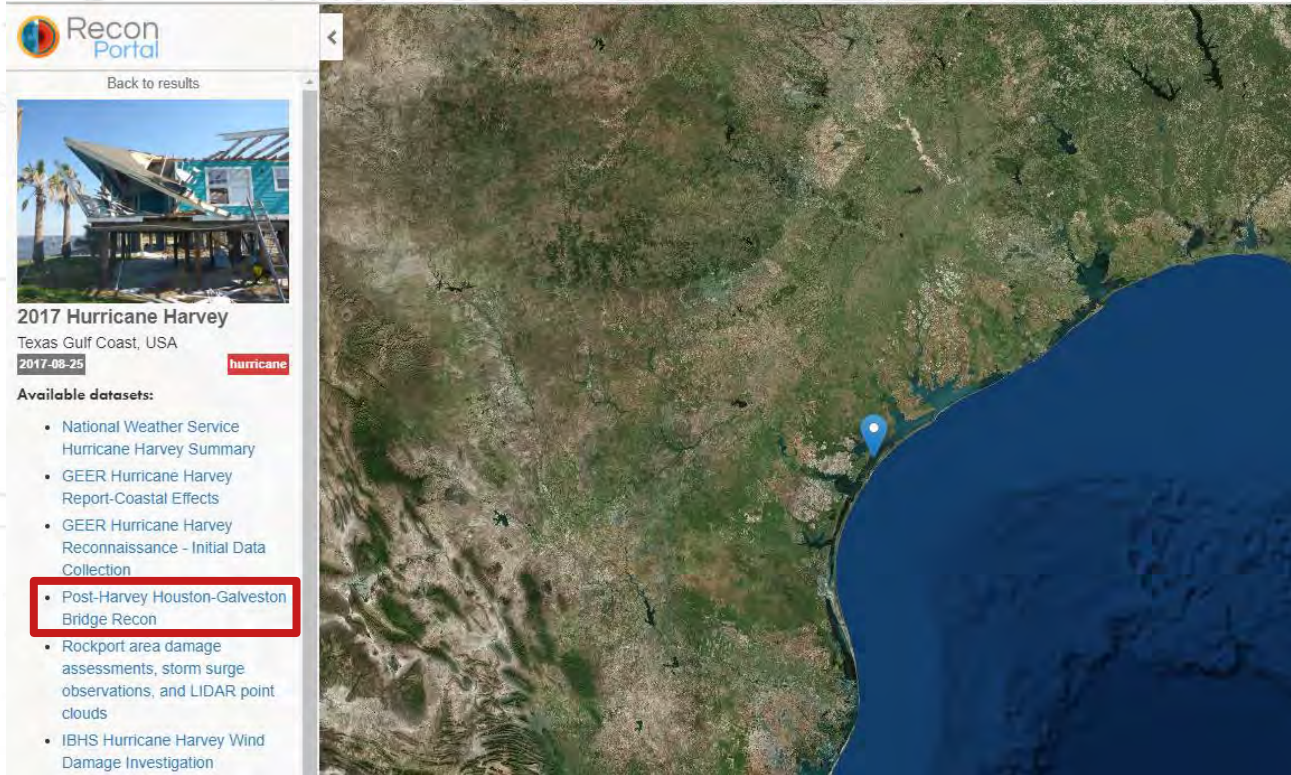
Reconnaissance Portal

Identifying Archived Datasets from Recon Events

The Recon Portal interface displays a list of disaster events on the left side and a world map on the right side. The map shows several blue location pins indicating the geographic locations of the events listed in the sidebar.

Event Name	Location	Date	Category
2019 Southeast US Tornadoes	Southeast US	2019-01-19	tornado
2019 Sunda Strait, Indonesia Tsunami	Sunda Strait, Indonesia	2018-12-22	tsunami
2018 Anchorage Earthquake	Anchorage, AL	2018-11-30	earthquake
2018 Hurricane Michael	Florida Panhandle	2018-10-08	hurricane
2018 Haiti Earthquake	19 km northwest of Port-de-Paix, Haiti	2018-10-06	earthquake
2018 Palu Earthquake and Tsunami	Suwalesi, Indonesia	2018-09-28	tsunami

Reconnaissance Portal



The screenshot displays the Reconnaissance Portal interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with the portal logo and a list of available datasets. The main area shows a satellite map of the Texas Gulf Coast with a blue location pin. The dataset list includes:

- National Weather Service Hurricane Harvey Summary
- GEER Hurricane Harvey Report-Coastal Effects
- GEER Hurricane Harvey Reconnaissance - Initial Data Collection
- **Post-Harvey Houston-Galveston Bridge Recon**
- Rockport area damage assessments, storm surge observations, and LIDAR point clouds
- IBHS Hurricane Harvey Wind Damage Investigation

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PRJ-1900: GEER HURRICANE IRMA - CAPE CORAL TO KEY WEST (INITIAL DATA COLLECTION)

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Date of Publication	Apr/19/2018		Award	NSF CMMI-1266418 (GEER)	
Project Type	Other		Keywords	reconnaissance, geotechnical, coastal, Hurricane Irma 2017	

Description

Hurricane Irma was a category 5 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane wind scale. Irma developed from a tropical wave around the Cape Verde Islands. The National Hurricane Center started monitoring it on August 26, and it was classified as a tropical storm named Irma on August 30. Moving across the Atlantic Ocean, Irma increased in strength. On September 5, Irma was classified as a category 5 hurricane with wind speeds up to 175 mph (280 km/h). Irma made landfall in the U.S. on Cudjoe Key (near Big Pine and Summerland Keys) in the morning of September 10, still being a category 4 hurricane, and made a second landfall on Marco Island, south of Naples, on the same day as a category 3 hurricane. In preparation for Hurricane Irma, more than 6.5 million people were ordered to evacuate (<http://www.pbs.org>). 134 fatalities were associated to the storm, and damages were recorded of more than \$50 billion (<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-41231323>, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane_Irma). Two teams from the Geotechnical Extreme Events Reconnaissance (GEER) Association, supported by the National Science Foundation, were deployed to investigate geotechnical impacts of flooding, storm surge and wave forcing in Florida in response to Hurricane Irma in September of 2017. The teams worked collaboratively with federal, state, and local organizations in Florida. This initial data collection presents the field observations of the GEER team made during the field reconnaissance from September 24 to 28, 2017. The survey region extended along the coastal zone from Cape Coral to Key West.

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READ ME_GEERIrma.pdf	305.8 kB	4/19/18 3:50 PM

Discovery Workspace

- Cloud-based tools for use in research
- Access to files in the Data Depot

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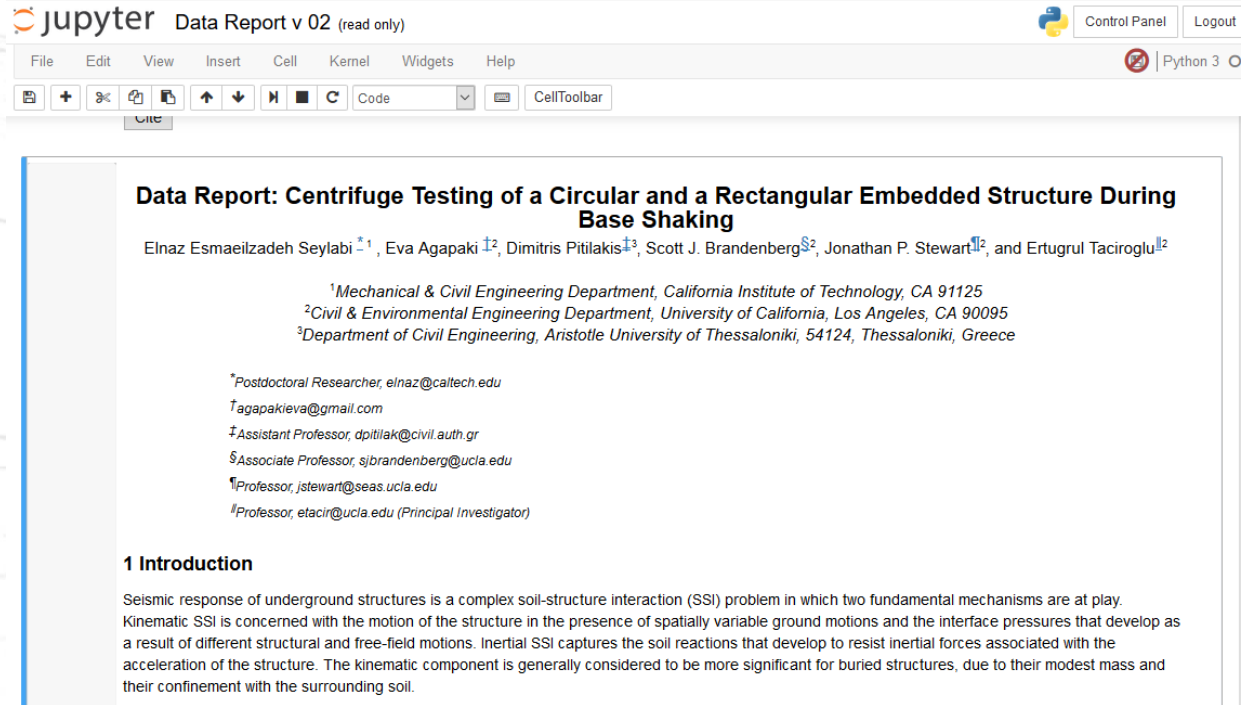
[Learn About the Workspace.](#)

The screenshot shows the Discovery Workspace interface. At the top, there are several tabs: Simulation [15], Visualization [7], Data Processing [3], Partner Data Apps [4], Utilities [2], and My Apps [6]. Below these tabs are three application cards: Jupyter, MATLAB R2017b, and MATLAB. The Jupyter card shows the Jupyter logo, the MATLAB cards show the MATLAB logo. To the right of these cards is a large grey area with the text 'AN APP' and a vertical 'Jobs Status' bar on the far right. Below the application cards is a file browser section with the text 'Browsing: /erathje' and a list of files: .ipynb_checkpoints and .Trash. To the right of the file browser is a large grey area with the text 'Select an application from the tray above.' and a paragraph: 'The Workspace allows users to perform simulations and analyze data using popular simulation codes including OpenSees, ADCIRC, and OpenFOAM, as well as data analysis and visualization tools including Jupyter, MATLAB, Paraview and VisIt.'

DesignSafe Discovery Workspace

- Data analysis in the cloud
 - Matlab: data analysis and plots
 - Jupyter : electronic notebook that supports Python and R
- Computational simulation codes
 - OpenSees: finite element code for structures and soil
 - ADCIRC: storm surge modeling
 - OpenFOAM: computational fluid dynamics
 - LS-DYNA: available via Bring Your Own License
- Visualization in the cloud
 - Potree: View and analyze point cloud data
 - QGIS: geospatial data analysis

Electronic Data Report



Data Report: Centrifuge Testing of a Circular and a Rectangular Embedded Structure During Base Shaking

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1 Introduction

Seismic response of underground structures is a complex soil-structure interaction (SSI) problem in which two fundamental mechanisms are at play. Kinematic SSI is concerned with the motion of the structure in the presence of spatially variable ground motions and the interface pressures that develop as a result of different structural and free-field motions. Inertial SSI captures the soil reactions that develop to resist inertial forces associated with the acceleration of the structure. The kinematic component is generally considered to be more significant for buried structures, due to their modest mass and their confinement with the surrounding soil.

Published Analysis Scripts



Application of Probabilistic Framework for Flexible Sliding Displacements

Vector (PGA, PGV) Approximation

Site Location: W -121.99 and N 37.18, Santa Clara County, California

Deaggregation Source: (<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/hazards/interactive/>) - Vs30 = 760 m/s

Mean and standard deviations of ground motions (ie. PGA and PGV) Source: NGA_Models_Version2.4.xls

MRE for PGA obtained from deaggregation Correlation coefficient between PGA and PGV, $\rho_{\text{hpgagpy}} = 0.6$ Correlation coefficient between k_{maxz} and k_{vmaxz} , $\rho_{\text{hokmaxkmax}} = 0.6$ Logic tree consists of 27 branches: 9 for Ts and ky (correlated) and 3 for Tm

Reference: Rathje, E.M., Wang, Y., Stafford, P.J., Antonakos, G. and Saygılı, G., 2014. Probabilistic assessment of the seismic performance of earth slopes. Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering, 12(3), pp.1071-1090.

Site Location

Out[4]:



DesignSafe Workflow Example

What addresses will be inundated on Galveston Island by storm surge from the impending hurricane?

- Compute storm surge water levels with ADCIRC
- Convert output to shapefile format
- Import results into a GIS along with elevation and property data
- Identify addresses that are inundated by simulated water levels

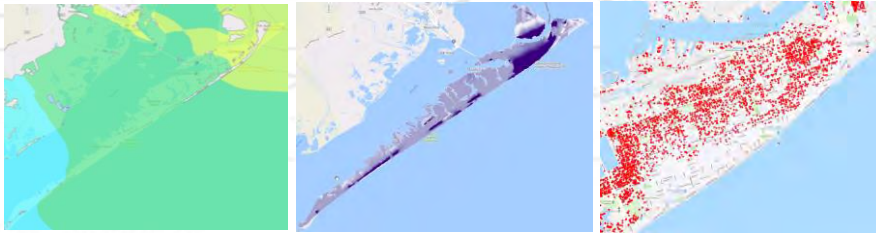
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Kalpana python script used to convert ADCIRC output files to shapefiles. Executed within a Jupyter notebook in DesignSafe



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Humphry Davy

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