

Computing Sciences at Berkeley Lab

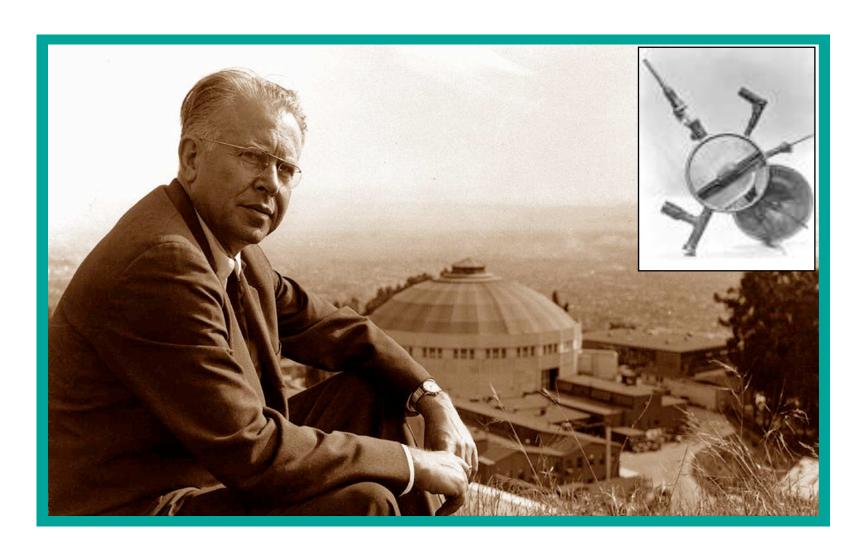
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Founded in 1931 on the Berkeley Campus Moved to Current Site in 1940





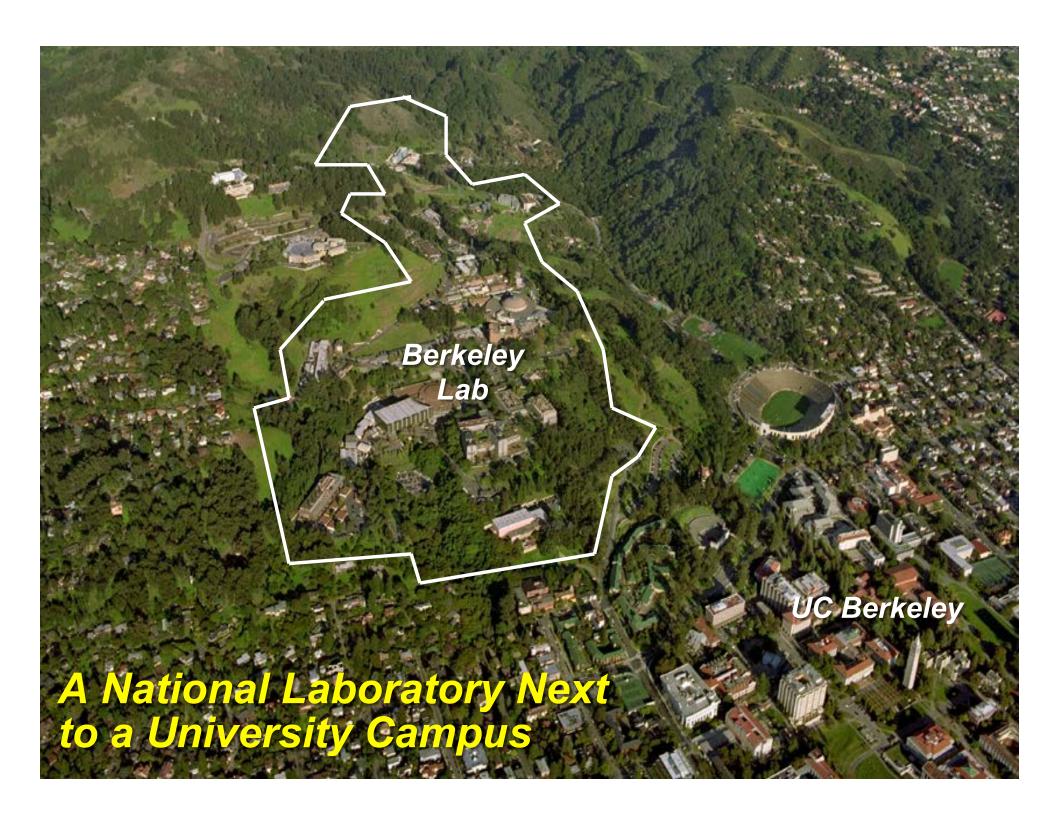


... as from the beginning the work has been a team effort involving many able and devoted co-workers in many laboratories. As I am sure you will appreciate, a great many diverse talents are involved in such developments and whatever measure of success is achieved is dependent on close and effective collaboration.

Ernest O. Lawrence The evolution of the cyclotron Nobel Lecture, December 11, 1951







Berkeley Lab's Major Scientific Facilities Serving Universities, Industry, and Government



88-Inch Cyclotron



National Center for Electron Microscopy





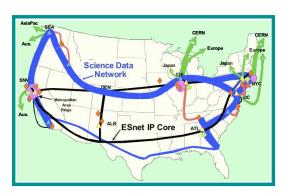


National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center

Joint Genome Institute



Molecular Foundry



Energy Sciences Network (ESnet)







NERSC National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center



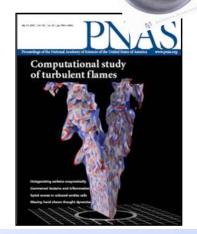


National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center is enabling new science

- Serves the entire scientific community
 - Universities use 50% of time
- Focus on large-scale computing
- ~3000 users
- ~400 projects
- ~500 codes









nature

Background to a flat Universe





Cray XT-4 "Franklin"



38,288 compute cores356 Tflop/sec peak76 TB memory436 TB usable disk space

50 PB storage archive

14,000 x



10 x









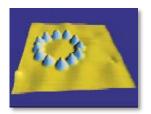
Computational Research Division



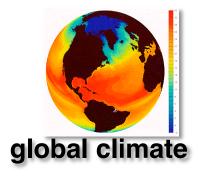


Computational Science Mission

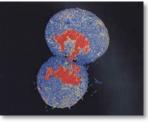
The Computational Research Division is engaged in computational science collaborations, creating techniques and tools that will enable *science-based predictive* computational modeling and simulation leading to new discoveries and understanding in areas such as:



nano systems

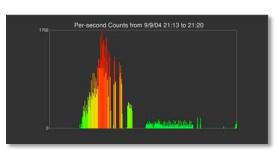


biological systems





Astrophysics



cyber security



combustion processes



Experiments vs. Computational Science







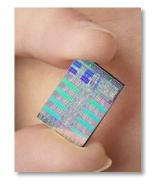
4.5 inches diameter

27 km circumference, \$4B US



400 operations/s





200 Billion operations/s, \$400

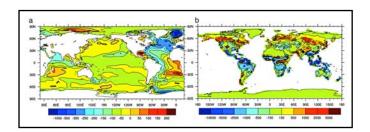




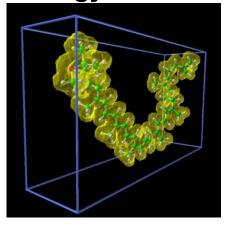
SciDAC - First Federal Program to Implement Computational Science and Engineering

- SciDAC (Scientific Discovery through Advanced Computing) program created in 2001
- SciDAC 2 new competition in 2006
 - About \$60M annual funding
 - Berkeley (LBNL+UCB) largest recipient of SciDAC funding in both SciDAC1 and SciDAC2

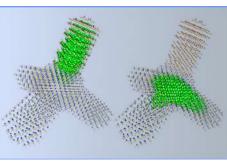
Global Climate



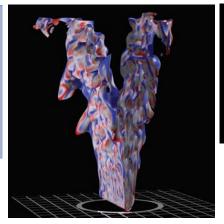
Biology



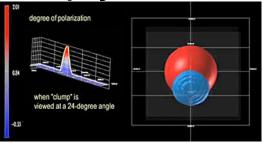
Nanoscience



Combustion



Astrophysics

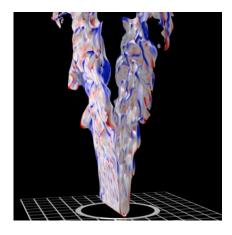


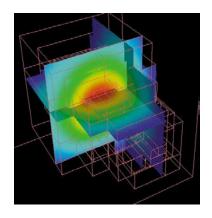


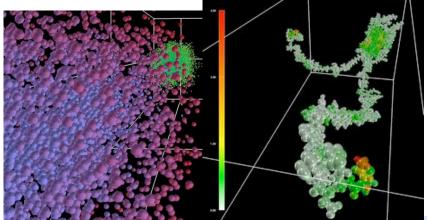


High Performance Computing Research Department

conducts research and development in mathematical modeling, algorithmic design, software implementation, and system architectures, and evaluates new and promising technologies.







Juan Meza, Department Head

- Applied Numerical Algorithms, Phil Colella
- Center for Computational Sciences and Engineering, John Bell
- Future Technologies, Erich Strohmaier
- Mathematics, James Sethian
- Scientific Computing, Esmond Ng
- Scientific Data Management, Arie Shoshani
- Visualization, Wes Bethel

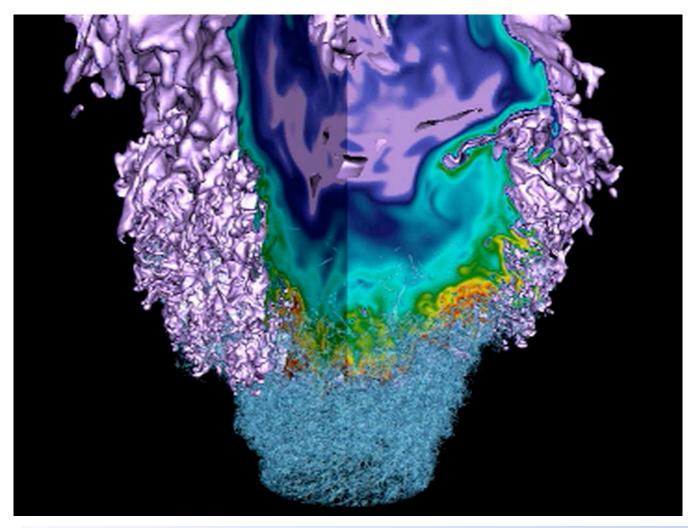
Total Staff: 140





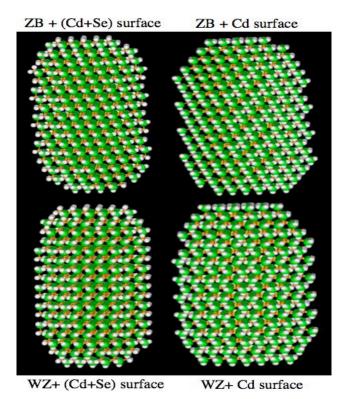
Simultaneous rendering of OH and vorticity

John Bell, LBNL





New Linear Scaling Density Functional Method for Electronic Structure Calculations



Simulation of CdSe nanorods. The green atoms are Cd, yellow atoms are Se, and white atoms are surface hydrogen. (top) the potential on the central axis; (bottom) the electron state (red) and hole state (green) isosurfaces with an isovalue of 0.0002 e/Bohr³.

J. Meza, L.-W. Wang, Z. Zhao, LBNL, Nanoscience-Math

- A new linear scaling three dimensional fragment (LS3DF) method for electronic structure calculations now makes possible the simulation of nanostructures with the same accuracy as a direct ab initio method.
- The LS3DF method is based on the observation that the total energy of a given system can be broken down into two parts:
 - Long-range electrostatic energy
 - Short-range quantum mechanical energy
- LBNL researchers have used a divide and conquer approach to study the total dipole moments of CdSe quantum dots.





Satellite formation during pinchoff of a drop

- Fundamental new approach: Embed interface and potential fluid flow in higher dimensions
- Can pass through the topological/splitting change: study microdynamics
- Mixed boundary integral/level set method/fast multipole boundary solver

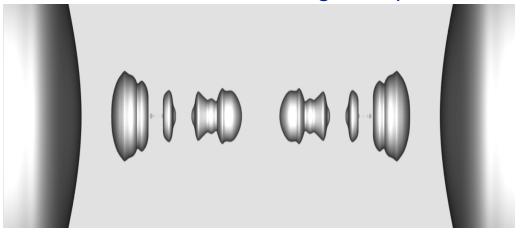
$$u = \nabla \psi \text{ in } \Omega_d(t)$$

$$\Delta \phi(r, z) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega_d(t)$$

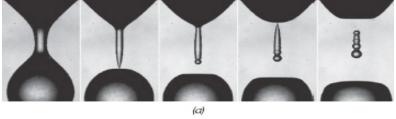
$$\Phi_t + u_{\text{ext}} \cdot \nabla \Phi = 0 \text{ in } \Omega_D$$

$$G_t + u_{\text{ext}} \cdot \nabla G = f_{\text{ext}} \text{ in } \Omega_D$$

Results showing fluid pinch-off: Comparison with Experiment



All equations are extended and embedded throughout domain, allowing seamless study of breaking and microdroplets



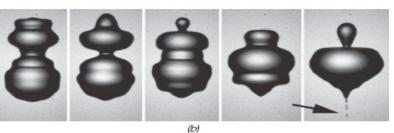


Figure 2: (a) Satellite formation during the pinch-off of a drop from a 5 mm nozzle. (b) Sequence shows the ejection of 30 mm micro-droplets which emerge at 10 m/s.

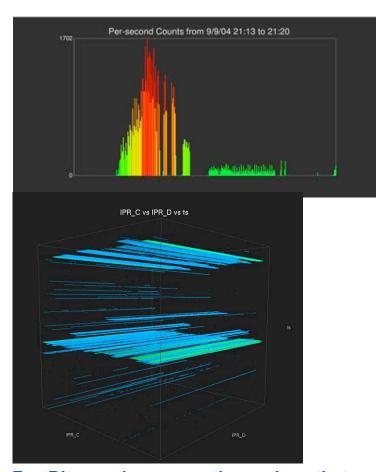
Experiment: Thoroddsen, 2007, 2008

Computed result: Garzon, Gray, Sethian 2009





Scientific Data Indexing Used for Identifying Malicious Network Attacks



FastBit reveals consecutive regions that represent coordinated attacks.

ENERGY Office of Science

K. Wu, K. Stockinger, D. Rotem, A Shoshani, E. Bethel, LBNL, Base CS & SciDAC SDM

- Network traffic at an average government research laboratory may involve tens of millions of connections per day, comprising multiple gigabytes of connection records between network hosts.
- A new tool, based on an LBNL patented fast bit indexing algorithm has been developed that can help reveal a coordinated network attack.
- FastBit has been applied to several other application domains, including finding flame fronts in combustion data, searching for rare events from billions of high-energy physics collision events and to facilitate query-based visualization.



Summary

- Large-scale mission-focused research in basic sciences
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities
- Proximity to one of the best universities in the world

Great climate!





