

KAUST Activities in Extreme Computing

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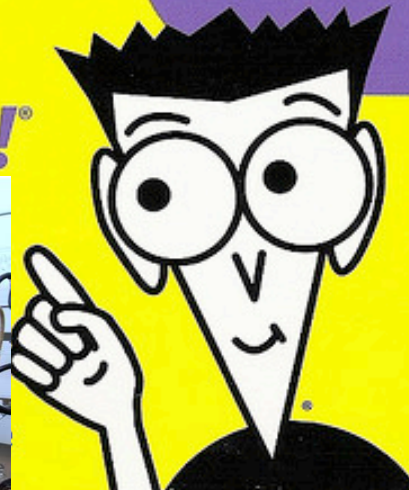
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Part I

KAUST's pillars, paradigms and strategies



KAUST is a research institution with four sustainability “pillars”:



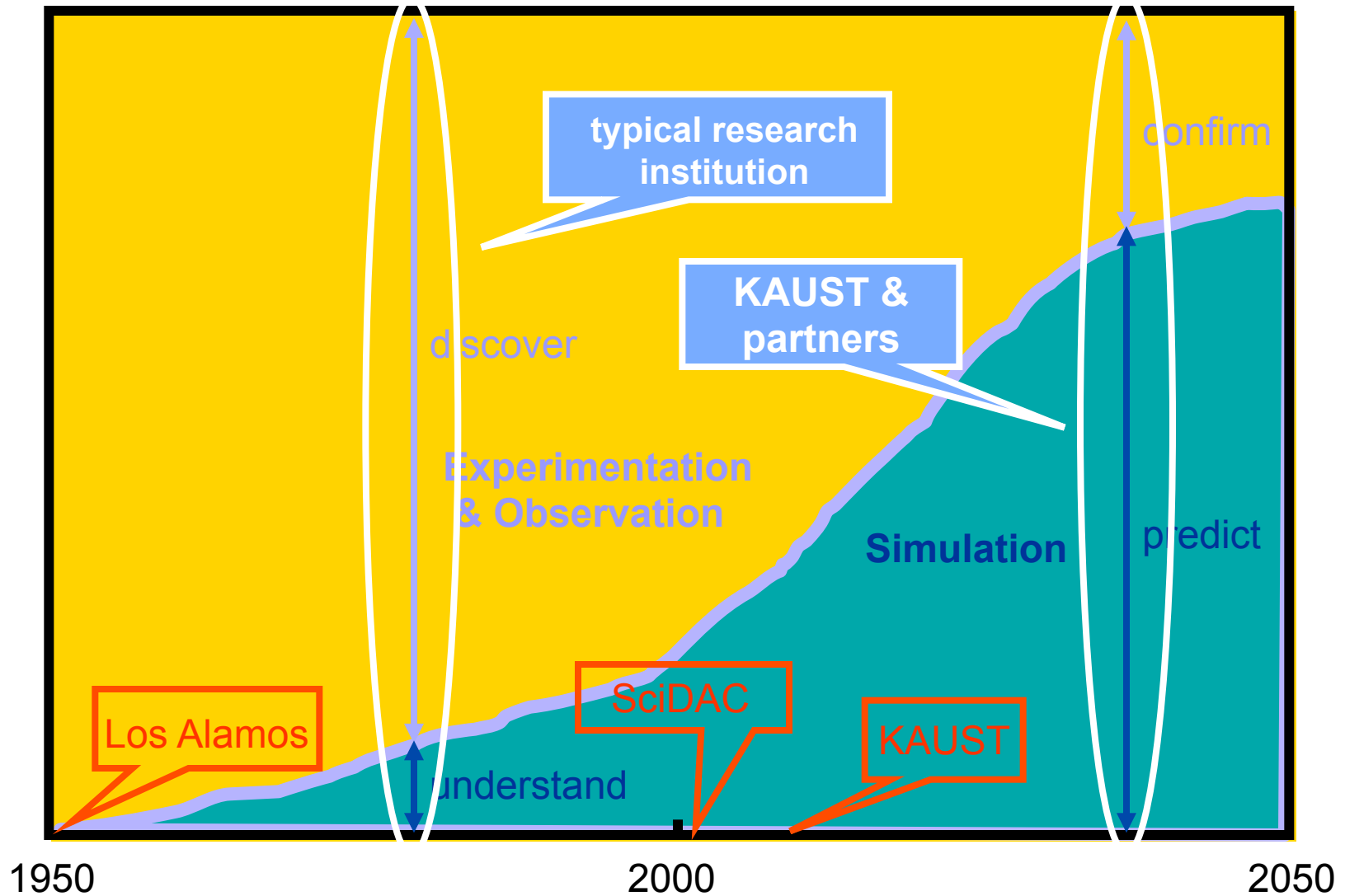
... and computational science as an “enabler”

... with four paradigms to employ



(many institutions are still firing on just two of the four cylinders)

Advance of the third paradigm



KAUST's three-fold mission

Advance science and technology through education and research

Catalyze diversification of Saudi economy through innovation and enterprise

Connect people to global best practices in academia (70 nationalities)

Community

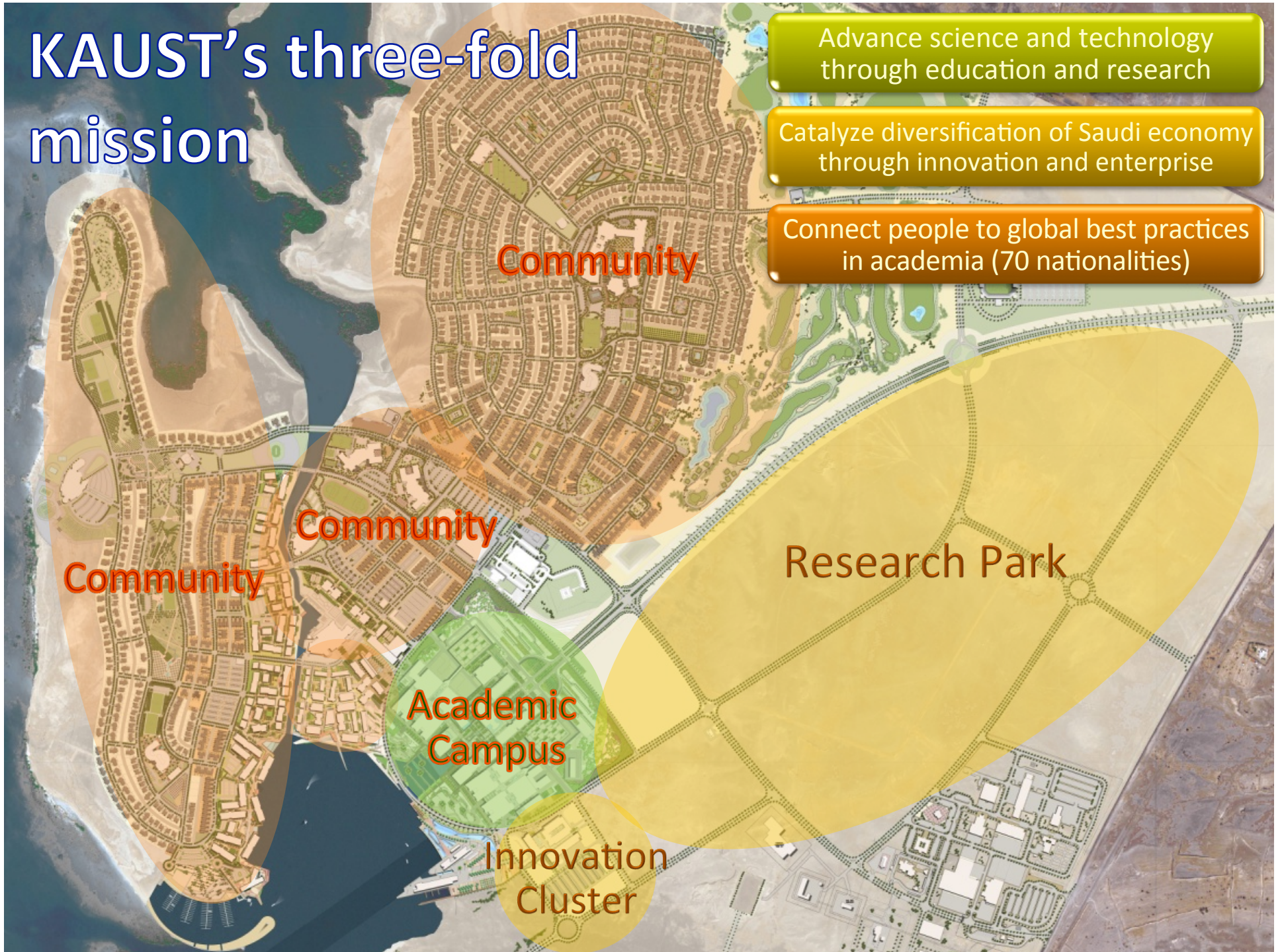
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Research Park

Academic Campus

Innovation Cluster



KAUST's overall strategy: leapfrog

KAUST faces two means to achieve its mission of

- Advancing science and technology
- Catalyzing economic diversification
- Connecting Saudi Arabia to best practices in research and academic culture

1. Patiently follow the leaders

- Do what they do, long and well, *or*

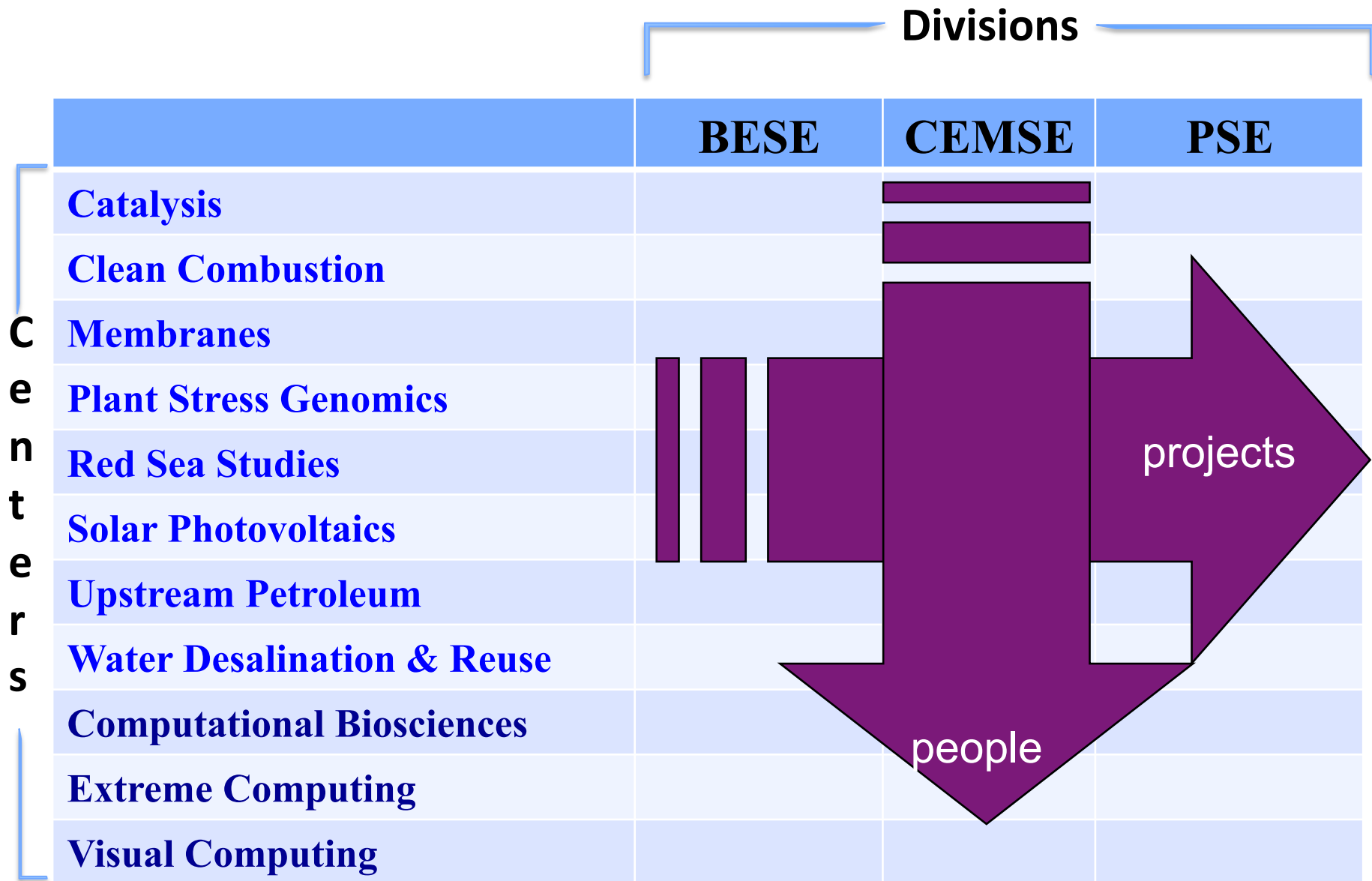
2. “Reinvent” the research university

- Emphasize what others may find less natural, being “trapped” in their success

KAUST's strategy #1: Multidisciplinarity

- **KAUST is structured to capitalize on neglected ground between traditional disciplines**
- **Science and engineering are administered together as equals**
- **Mission-driven research centers draw expertise required from any academic unit, by adding independent resources**
- **Disciplinary territoriality is reduced**
 - **no student credit hour-based budgeting**
 - **faculty lines assigned to serve missions**

KAUST's matrix structure, 2015



KAUST's strategy #2: Big Sisters *degree program founding partners*

Partner	Program
Stanford	Computer Sci
Stanford	Applied Math & Computational Sci
Berkeley	Mechanical Eng
Michigan	Electrical Eng
Texas	Earth Sci & Eng
Illinois	Environmental Sci & Eng
Woods Hole*	Marine Sci & Eng
Imperial College	Materials Sci & Eng
Cambridge	Biological Sci & Eng

* small partner

KAUST's strategy #2: Big Sisters *research program founding partners*








KAUST's strategy #3: Industry and Entrepreneurship



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- **KAUST aims that regional industrial demand will drive much on-campus research**
- **Faculty, post-docs, students are encouraged and enabled to be entrepreneurs with**
 - **short courses**
 - **industrial partners in residence**
 - **seed funding**
 - **expert staffing for IP, fund raising, etc.**

KAUST's strategy #3: Industry and Entrepreneurship Student and staff start-ups

				
Acadox	Touching Care	iDivers	Muse Tech	NOMADD
Social Network	Healthcare	Marine and Recreational Diving	Arts and Entertainment	Renewable Energy
Nedal Murad, Mustafa Nabulsi, Mohammad Alhareeqi – Graduate Students	Rawad Shiek – Graduate Student	Michael Berumen - Faculty	Steven Cutchin - Staff	Georg Eitelhuber - Staff
Community-based system facilitating academic life	Software tool customized for Alzheimer patients and caregivers	First underwater full functionality tool for iPad and iPhone devices	A photo-real 3D immersive environment for museums	Cost effective and environmentally friendly cleaning devise for desert-based solar installations

4 of first 5 start-ups are in domain of information technology

KAUST's strategy #4: Facilities

Seven state-of-the-art core labs

- *Supercomputing*
- *Scientific visualization*
- Nanofabrication
- DNA sequencing
- Imaging and characterization
- Marine science
- Machine fabrication



KAUST's strategy #4: Facilities





Shaheen II

KAUST Supercomputing Lab



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Shaheen II Specs

- 36 cabinets of Cray XC40 with Intel Haswell 2.3 Ghz with 16 cores
- 128 GB of RAM per node
- Number of nodes: 6192
- Number of cores: 198144
- Peak Performance: 7.3 PFlops/s
- LINPACK : 5.6 PFlops/s
- 2.8 MW at peak
- 17.4 PB of Parallel File System
- I/O throughput: over 500 GB/s
- Burst Buffer capacity: 1.5 TB
- Burst Buffer throughput: over 1.2 TB/s

Newly ranked:

#7 on HPL

#7 on HPCG

~2 GF/s/W





SIAM NEWS >

CSE 2009: The World's First CSE University

June 15, 2009

The King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, scheduled to welcome its first class of students in September, sponsored a reception in Miami on March 2, the first day of the SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering. David Keyes and Omar Ghattas, involved in different ways in the new venture, hosted the reception and made informal presentations to the assembled crowd.

Most readers will know something of KAUST, which for the record is a graduate-only (master's and doctoral) university being constructed in Saudi Arabia, on the eastern edge of the Red Sea, not far from Jeddah. Keyes, the inaugural chair of KAUST's Mathematical and Computer Sciences and Engineering Division, offered examples of research areas of particular interest to Saudi Arabia and the region that will be emphasized; among them are geophysics, seismology, reservoir modeling, CO2 sequestration, photovoltaics, stress-tolerant agriculture, desalination, catalysis, and materials, along with the applied mathematics and computer science required to support them.

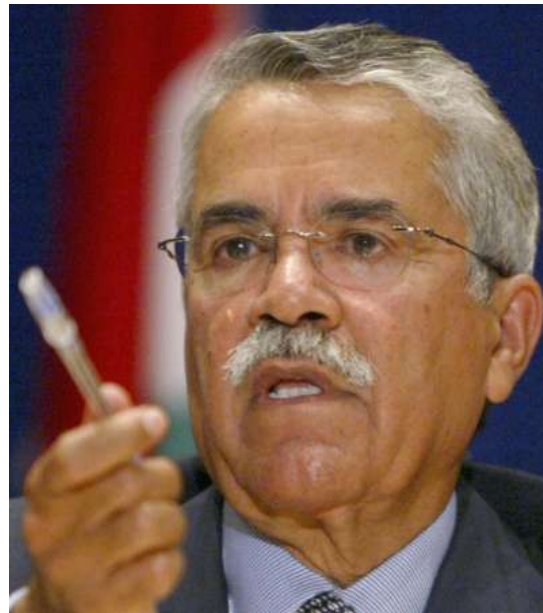
Sizeable recruitment ads for KAUST have appeared in many recent issues of *SIAM News* often side by side with ads placed by partners of the new university such as the

How we got here

The VISION



The EXECUTION



The DESIGN



KAUST in brief

- Language of instruction is English
- At maturity (ramping up over ten years), KAUST will have ~1,500 students (1/3 M.S. and 2/3 Ph.D.)
- At maturity, KAUST will have ~225 faculty members
- Full research community at KAUST will consist of ~1,500 people, in addition to the thesis students
- At maturity, the KAUST community will have 15,000 residents
- Holds one of the top few university endowments
- “Caltech-sized university on a Yale-sized endowment”

KAUST in brief

Graduate university governed by independent, self-perpetuating Trustees, operated off of an independently held endowment, with Western-style charter

Open to men and women from all over the world

Organized as a matrix of academic divisions and research centers

Globally connected at creation through KAUST-funded partnerships

Engaged in collaborative research with the private sector to advance economic development

Occupying a state-of-the-art, LEED-certified, environmentally responsible campus

2015 Leiden size-independent rankings

<http://www.leidenranking.com>



Rank	University	Country	Rank	University	Country	Rank	University	Country
1	MIT		26	Univ Massachusetts Med Sch		51	Vanderbilt Univ	
2	Harvard Univ		27	Univ Washington - Seattle		52	Leiden Univ	
3	Stanford Univ		28	Cornell Univ		53	Univ Southern Calif	
4	Univ Calif - Berkeley		29	Washington Univ - St Louis		54	Univ Dundee	
5	Princeton Univ		30	NYU		55	Univ Aberdeen	
6	Caltech		31	Duke Univ		56	Univ Wisconsin - Madison	
7	Univ Calif - Santa Barbara		32	Univ Coll London		57	Emory Univ	
8	Univ Calif - San Francisco		33	Imperial Coll London		58	Univ Maryland - College Park	
9	Rice Univ		34	Univ Exeter		59	Dartmouth Coll	
10	Weizmann Inst Sci		35	King's Coll London		60	Utrecht Univ	
11	London Sch Hyg & Trop Med		36	Johns Hopkins Univ		61	Univ Geneva	
12	Univ Calif - Santa Cruz		37	Icahn Sch Med - Mt Sinai		62	Univ Massachusetts Amherst	
13	Yale Univ		38	Boston Coll		63	Univ Edinburgh	
14	Univ Texas - Southwestern Med Ctr		39	Univ N Carolina - Chapel Hill		64	VU Univ Amsterdam	
15	Ecole Polytech Fed Lausanne		40	Univ Basel		65	Carnegie Mellon Univ	
16	Univ Calif - San Diego		41	Univ Lausanne		66	École Polytech	
17	Univ Oxford		42	Boston Univ		67	Univ Illinois - Urbana-Champaign	
18	Univ Chicago		43	Univ Bristol		68	Univ Amsterdam	
19	Columbia Univ		44	Univ Calif - Riverside		69	Univ York	
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21	Northwestern Univ		46	Univ Calif - Irvine		71	Katholieke Univ Leuven	
22	Univ Colorado - Boulder		47	Univ Texas - Austin		72	Paris Descartes Univ	
23	Univ Cambridge		48	Univ Michigan		73	Yeshiva Univ	
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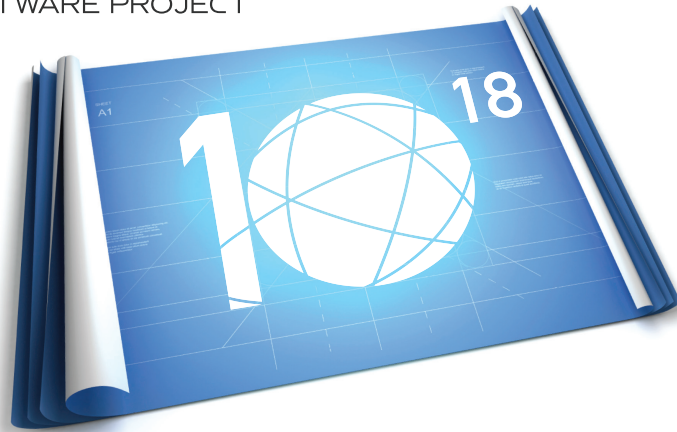
Part II

Extreme Computing



Roadmap for ECRC research

INTERNATIONAL
EXASCALE ROADMAP 1.0
SOFTWARE PROJECT



The International Exascale Software Roadmap,
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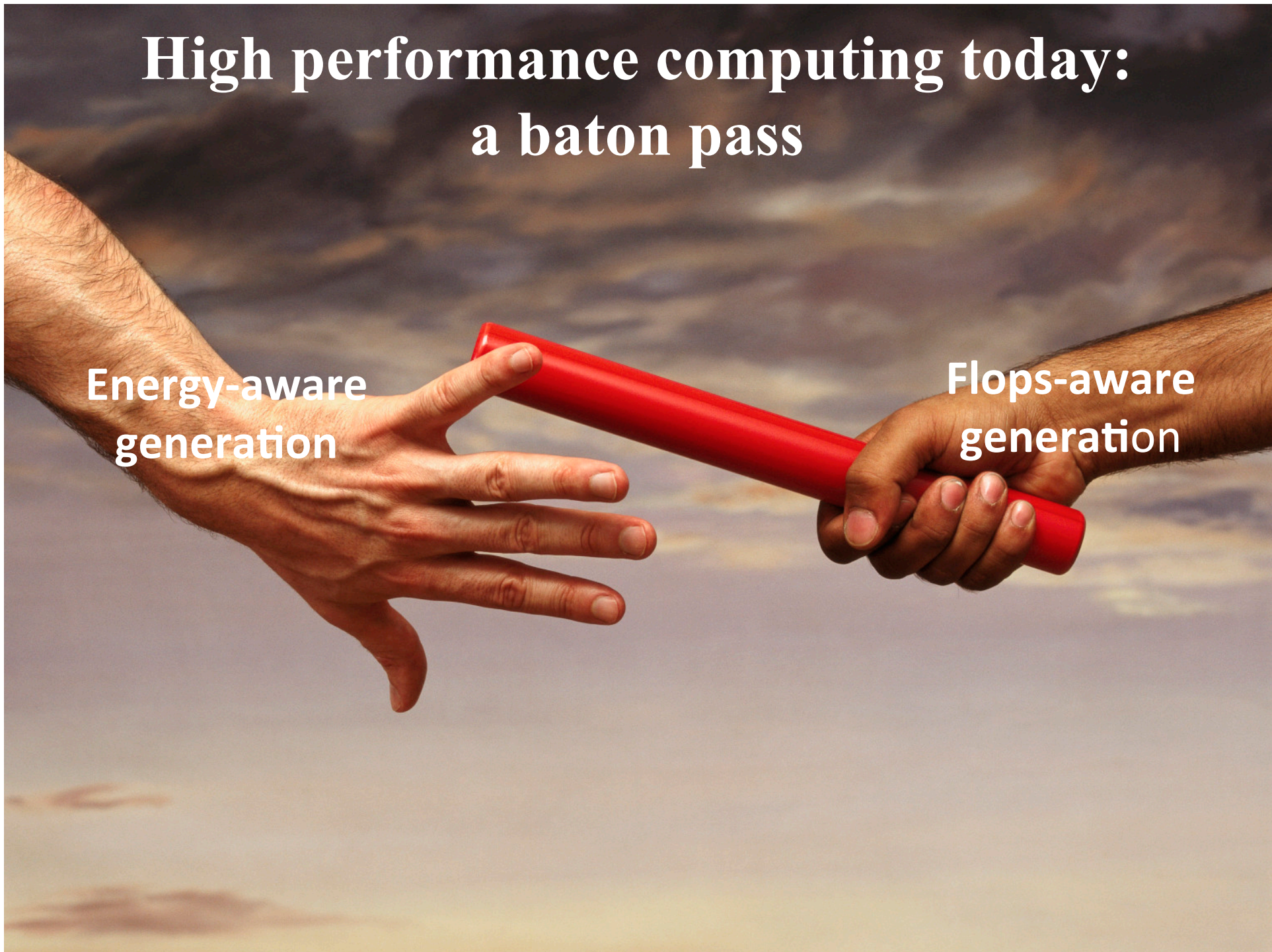
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generation



ECRC current students



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Huda
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ECRC student or post-doc alumni



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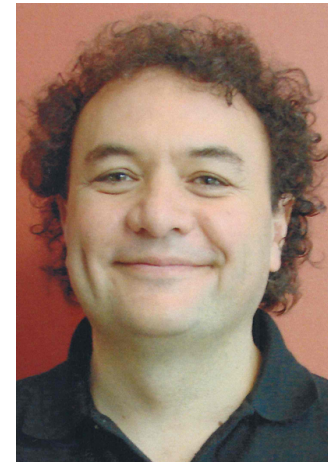
Other faces of the ECRC



George Turkiyyah
Research Scientist



Hatem Ltaief
Research Scientist



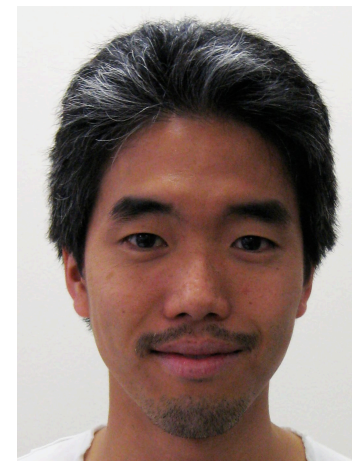
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Visiting Professor



Stefano Zampini
Research Scientist



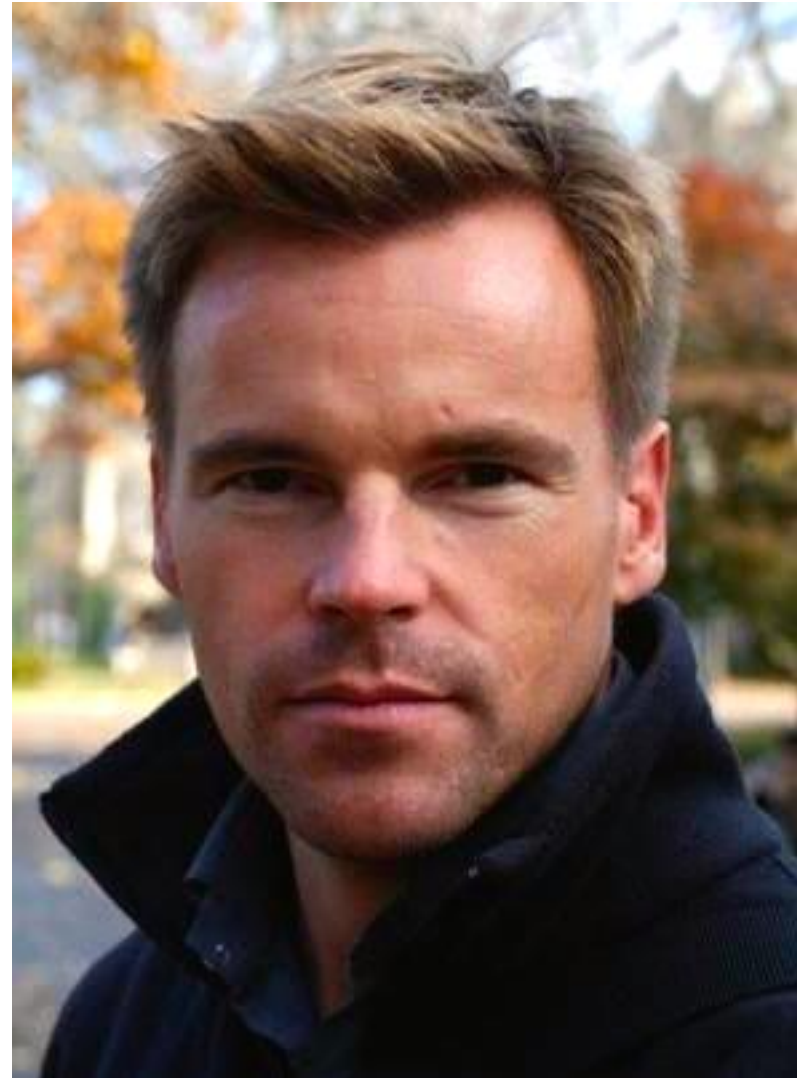
Alex Litvinenko
Research Scientist



Rio Yokota
Visiting Professor

ECRC's newest faculty appointees

- **Daniel Peter**
- **PhD, ETH, 2008**
- **Numerical methods for seismic wave propagation**
- **Applications of high performance computing**
- **Architect of SPECFEM3D_GLOBE**



ECRC's newest faculty appointees

- **Matteo Parsani**
- **PhD, Frije Universiteit Brussel, 2010**
- **Numerical methods for compressible and reacting flows**
- **Applications of high performance computing**
- **Co-designer of NASA's FUN3D design code**



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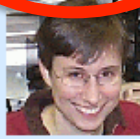
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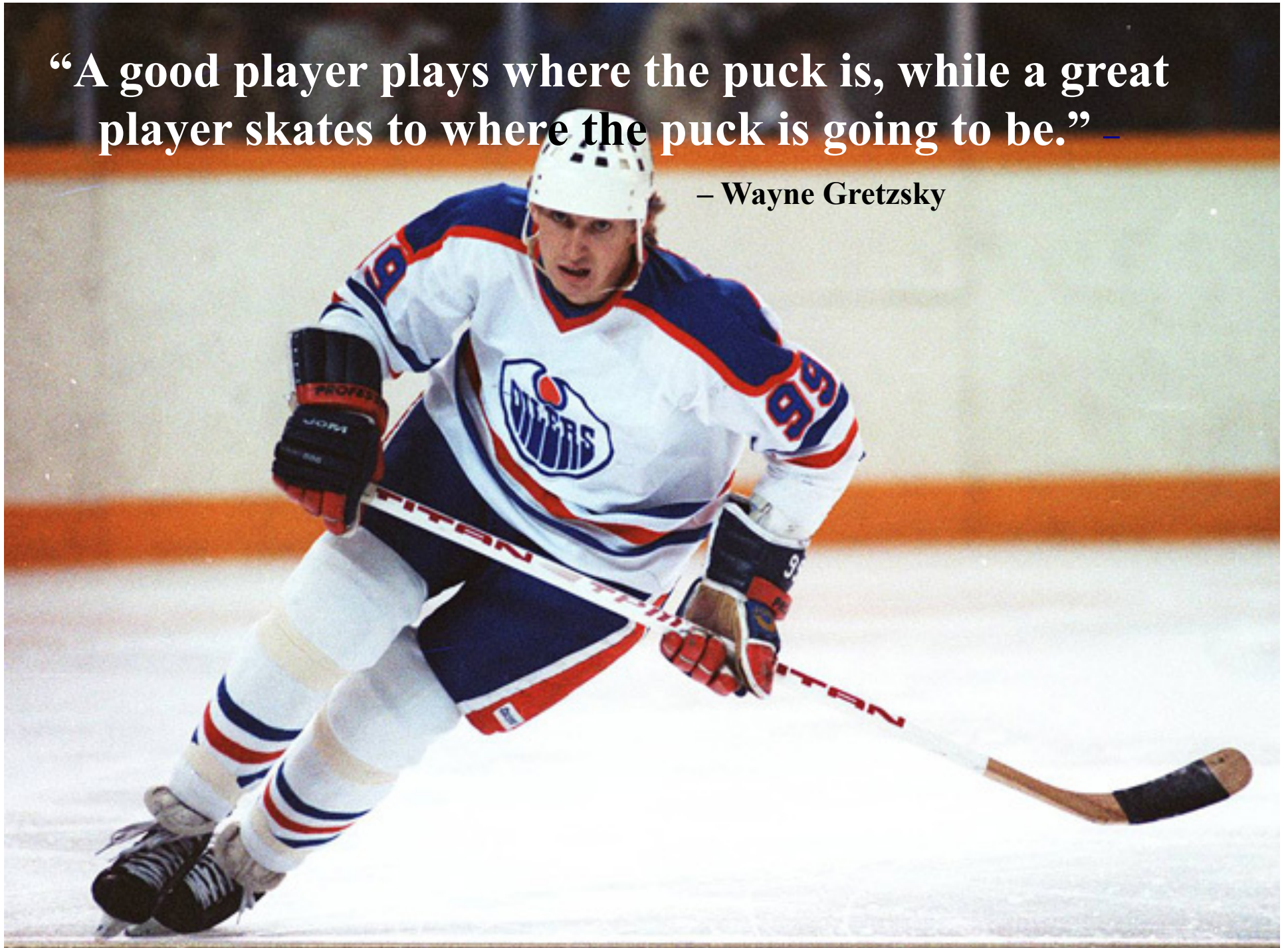
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“A good player plays where the puck is, while a great player skates to where the puck is going to be.” –

– Wayne Gretzky



ECRC aspiration

- To paraphrase Gretzky:

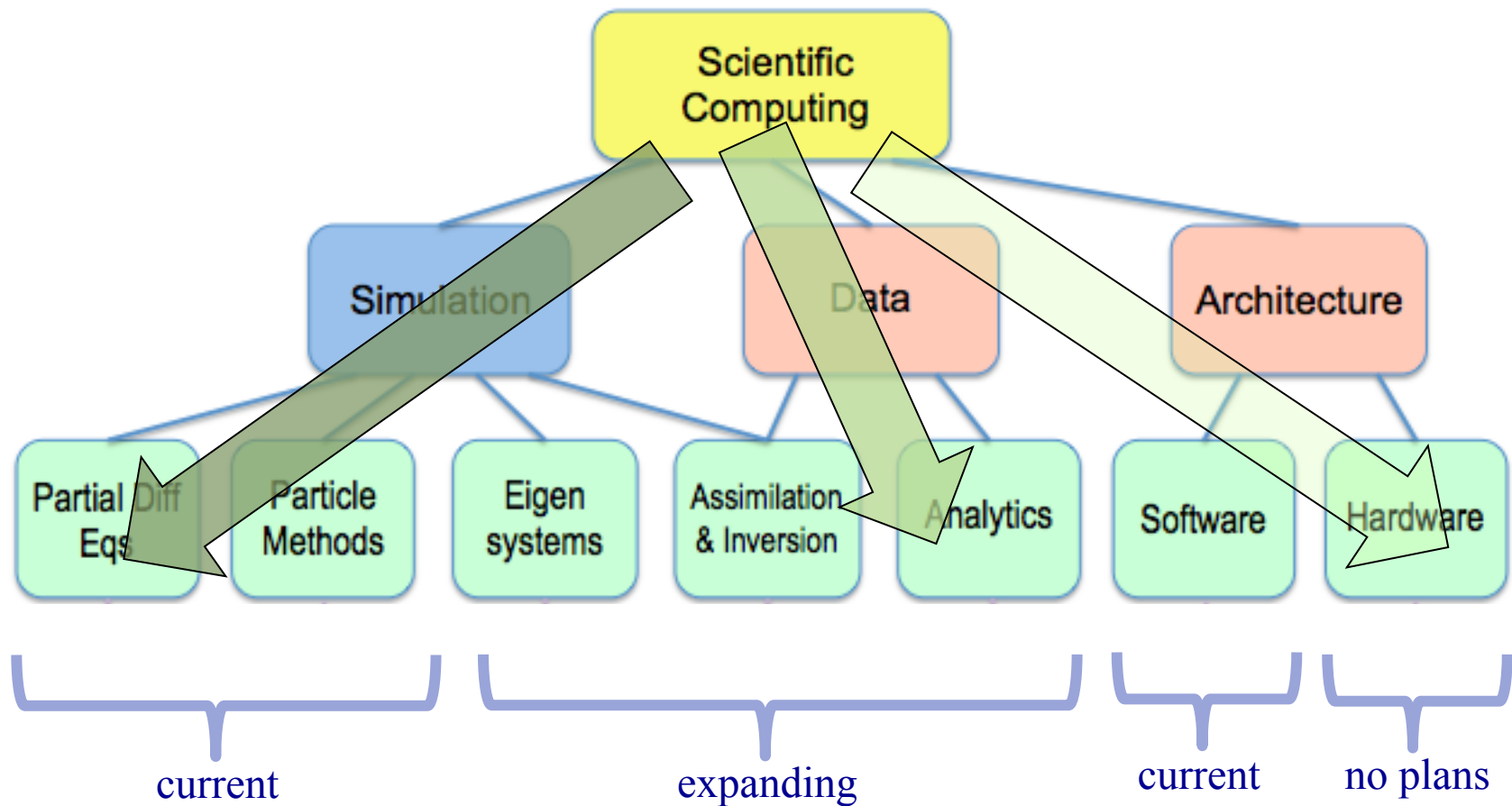
“Algorithms for where architectures are going to be”

Such algorithms may *or may not* be the best today; however, hardware trends can be extrapolated to their sweet spots.

ECRC's twin deliverables

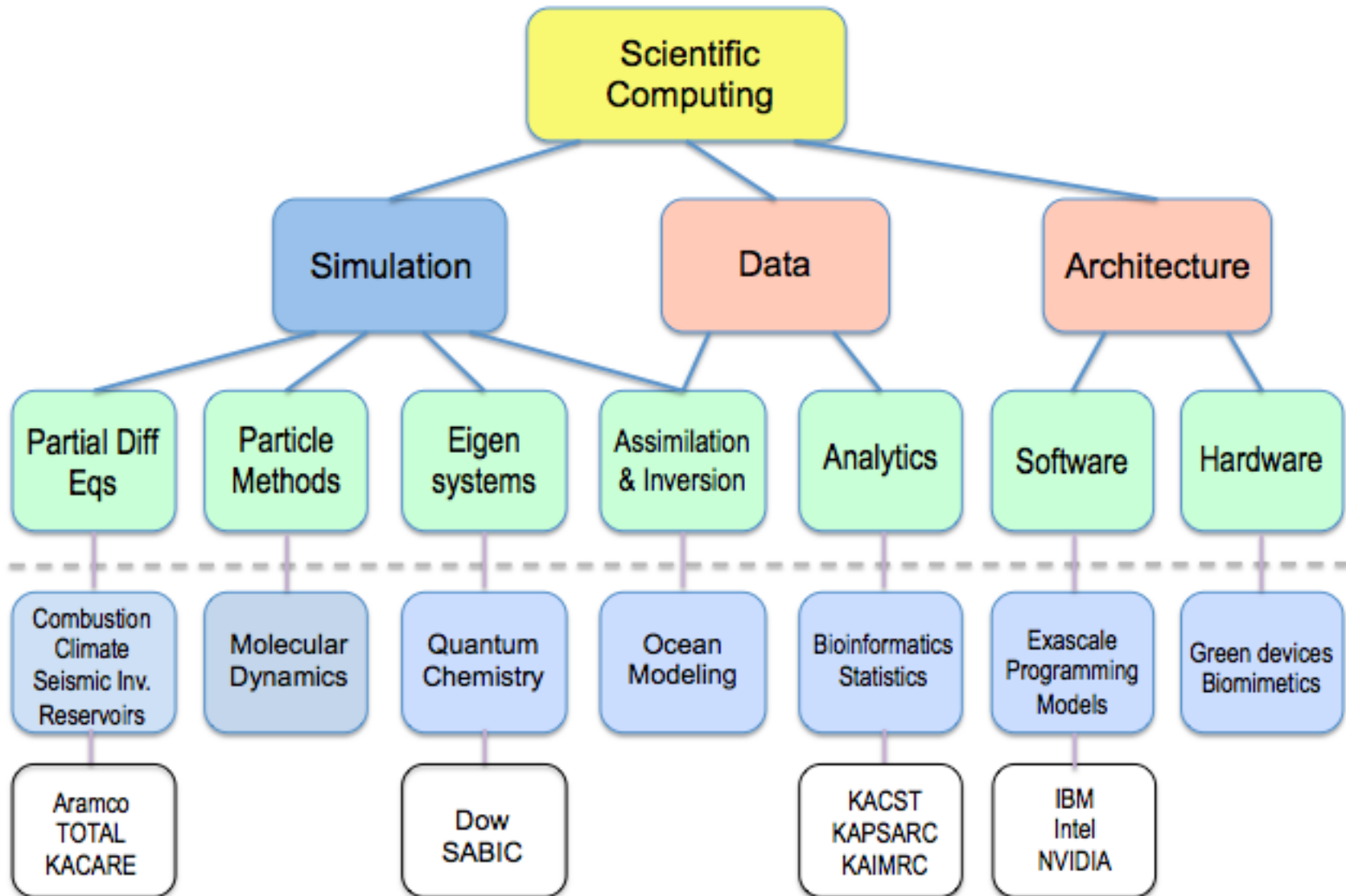
- **Develop and demonstrate algorithms for scientific simulation and data analytics at emerging architectural scales**
 - **most of today's scientific libraries are designed for a different environment (BSP) and need to be evolved**
- **Raise the impact and increase the reach of scientific simulation and data analytics at KAUST**
 - **pursuit of performance requires specialization complementary to expertise of computational scientists and engineers**

Vision for extreme computing at KAUST



Topical foci of the ECRC relative to the spectrum of scientific computing at KAUST today

Vision for extreme computing at KAUST



Required software enabling technologies

Model-related

- Geometric modelers
- Meshers
- Discretizers
- Partitioners
- **Solvers / integrators**
- Adaptivity systems
- Random no. generators
- Subgridscale physics
- Uncertainty quantification
- Dynamic load balancing
- Graphs and combinatorial algs.
- Compression

Development-related

- Configuration systems
- Source-to-source translators
- Compilers
- Simulators
- Messaging systems
- Debuggers
- Profilers

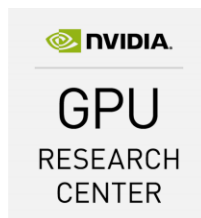
Production-related

- Dynamic resource management
- Dynamic performance optimization
- Authenticators
- I/O systems
- Visualization systems
- Workflow controllers
- Frameworks
- Data miners
- Fault monitoring, reporting, and recovery

High-end computers come with little of this stuff. Most has to be contributed by the user community

Relation to KAUST's economic mission

- **Enable advances through simulation for the KSA's largest industry today:**
 - seismic imaging for petroleum discovery
 - reservoir simulation for petroleum production
 - computational chemistry for downstream petroleum processing
- **Attract an important industry the KSA does not possess today:**
 - information technology



Collaborations within KAUST

- **Obvious center collaborations:**
 - **Combustion, Catalysis, Red Sea**
- **Possible center collaborations:**
 - **Water Desalination, Membranes, Computational Biosciences, Solar & Renewables**
- **Core laboratories:**
 - **Supercomputing Laboratory**
 - **Visualization Laboratory**

Collaborations within the KSA

- **Agencies/ministries:**
 - **KACARE, KACST, KAIMRC, KAPSARC**
- **Universities:**
 - **KFUPM, UQU**
- **Companies:**
 - **Aramco, SABIC**

Collaborations outside the KSA

- **Computational science and computer science programs at national laboratories of the U.S. DOE and European PRACE**
- **IT vendors:**
 - **Cray, IBM, Intel, NVIDIA, and others**
- **IT customers:**
 - **Total and others**
- **EU Horizon2020 institutions**
- **Other international universities**

Algorithmic agenda

- **New formulations with**
 - **greater arithmetic intensity (flops per byte moved into and out of registers and upper cache)**
 - ◆ **including assured accuracy with (adaptively) less floating-point precision**
 - **reduced synchronization and communication**
 - ◆ **less frequent *and/or* less global**
 - **greater SIMD-style thread concurrency for accelerators**
 - **algorithmic resilience to various types of faults**
- **Quantification of trades between limited resources**
- ***Plus* all of the exciting analytical agendas that exascale is meant to exploit**
 - **“post-forward” problems: optimization, data assimilation, parameter inversion, uncertainty quantification, etc.**

Optimal hierarchical algorithms

- At large scale, one must start with algorithms with optimal asymptotic scaling, $O(N \log^p N)$
- Some optimal hierarchical algorithms
 - Fast Fourier Transform (1960's)
 - Multigrid (1970's)
 - Fast Multipole (1980's)
 - Sparse Grids (1990's)
 - \mathcal{H} matrices (2000's)

“With great computational power comes great algorithmic responsibility.” – Longfei Gao

Examples being developed at the Extreme Computing Research Center at KAUST

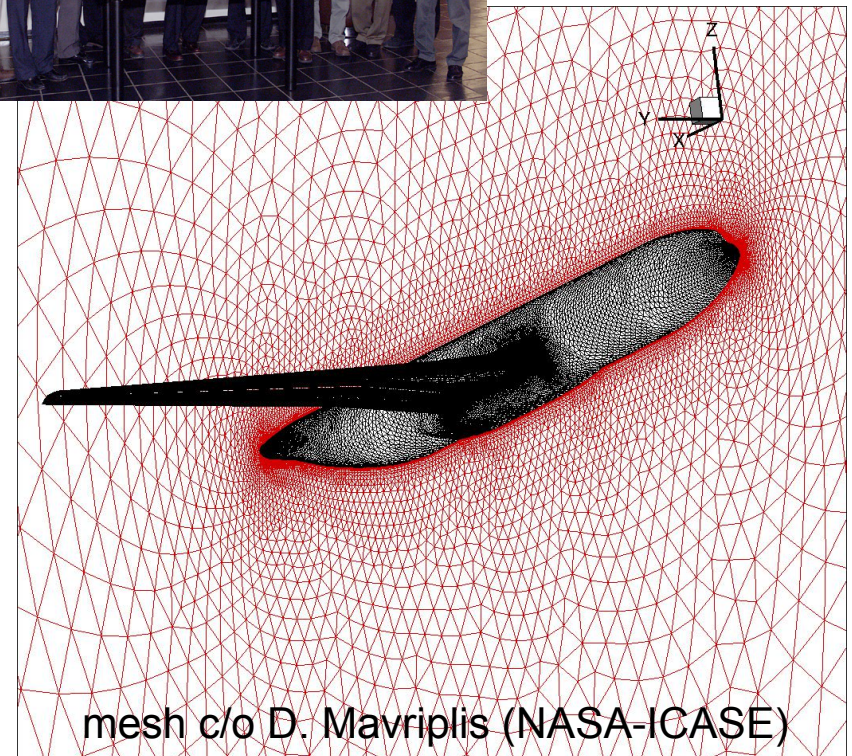
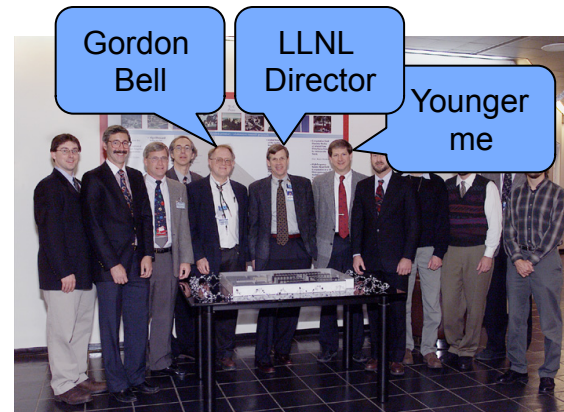
- **ACR**, a new spin on 45-year-old cyclic reduction that recursively uses \mathcal{H} matrices on Schur complements to reduce $O(N^2)$ complexity to $O(N \log^2 N)$
- **FMM**, a 30-year-old $O(N)$ solver for potential problems with good asymptotics but a bad constant when used at high precision, used in low precision as a FEM preconditioner
- **QDWH-SVD**, a 2-year-old SVD algorithm that performs more flops but generates essentially arbitrary amounts of dynamically schedulable concurrency, and beats state-of-the-art on GPUs
- **MWD**, a multicore wavefront diamond-tiling stencil evaluation library that reduces memory bandwidth pressure on multicore processors
- **BDDC**, a preconditioner well suited for high-contrast elliptic problems that trades lots of local flops for low iteration count, now in PETSc
- **MSPIN**, a new nonlinear preconditioner that replaces most of the global synchronizations of Newton iteration with local problems

Three thumbnails of ECRC research

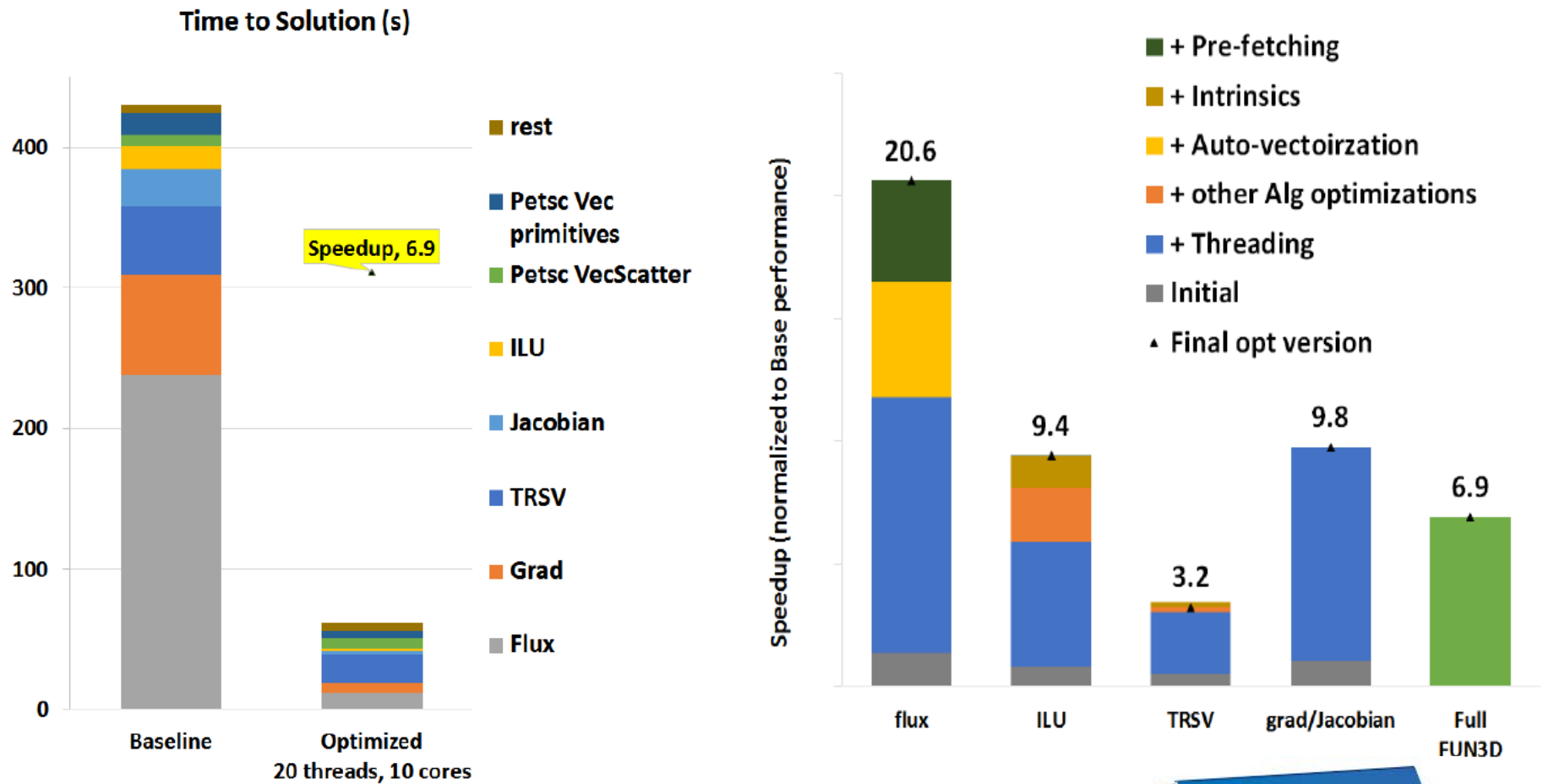
- **Collaboration with Intel on aerodynamics modeling**
- **Collaboration with *Observatoire de Paris* on adaptive optics for world's largest telescope**
- **Internal algorithmic research on “algebraic fast multipole”**

Computational aerodynamics

- **Our PETSc-FUN3D won an ACM Gordon Bell Prize in 1999 for distributed memory scaling of a fully implicit unstructured grid NASA external aircraft flow**
- **With Intel-Bangalore, we are porting this implicit unstructured grid code to Intel many-core chips for strong shared-memory scaling within a single compute node**



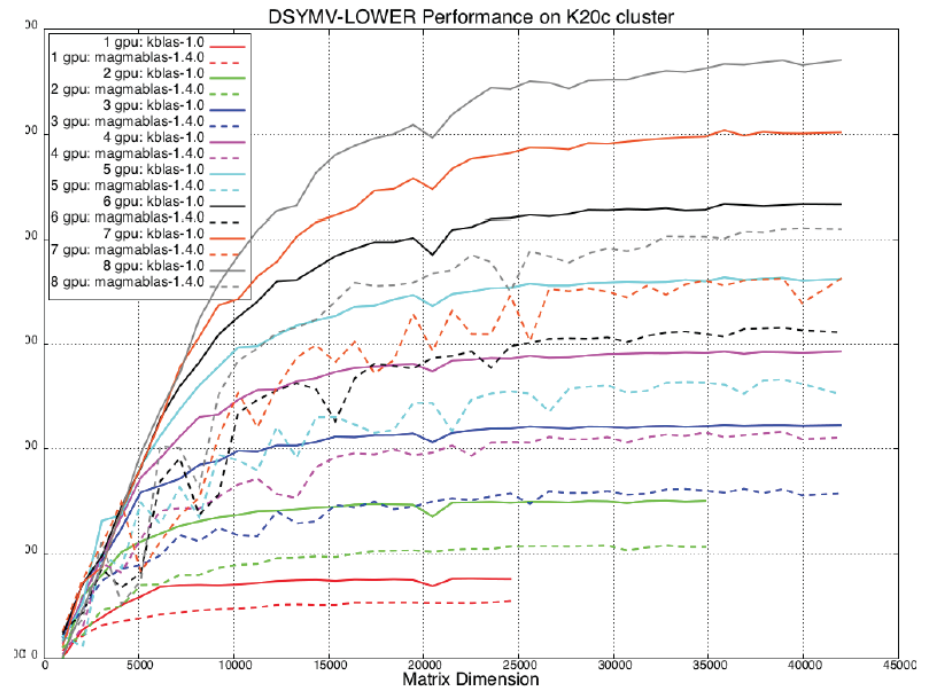
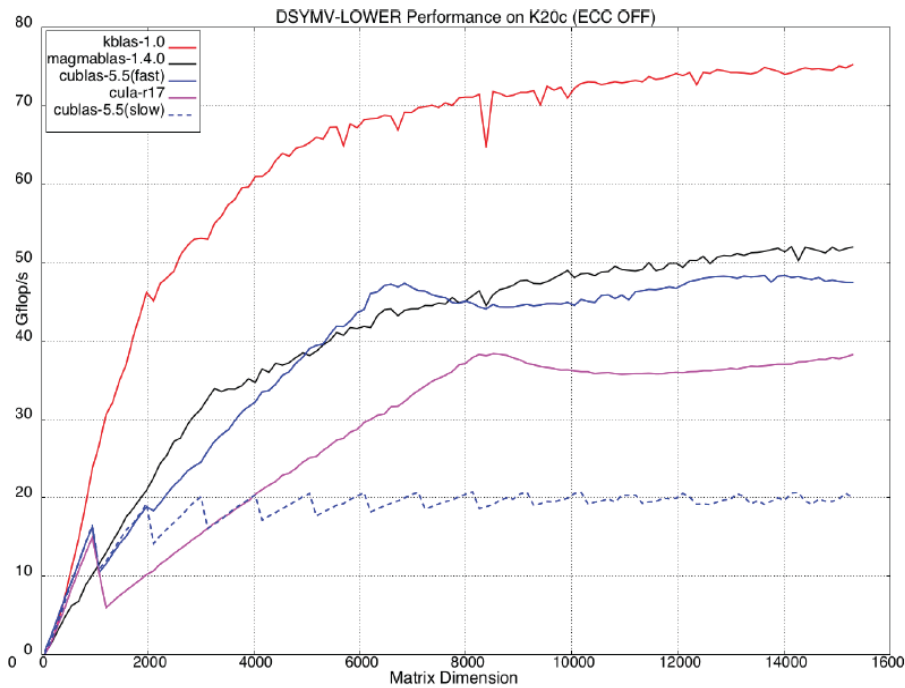
PETSc-FUN3D on Intel “Ivy Town”



c/o A. Deshpande (Intel), submitted to SC'14



KAUST's software in NVIDIA's CUBLAS



- Highly optimized GEMV/SYMV kernels
- NVIDIA has adopted for its CUBLAS 6.0 library



c/o Ahmad Abdelfattah (KAUST)



“KAUST inside”

DEVELOPER ZONE **CUDA TOOLKIT DOCUMENTATION**

CUDA Toolkit v6.0

cuBLAS

- 1. Introduction
 - 1.1. Data layout
 - 1.2. New and Legacy cuBLAS API
 - 1.3. Example code
- 2. Using the cuBLAS API
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 - 2.1.4. Results reproducibility
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 - 2.1.6. Parallelism with Streams
 - 2.1.7. Batching Kernels
 - 2.1.8. Cache configuration
 - 2.1.9. Device API Library
 - 2.2. cuBLAS Datatypes Reference
 - 2.2.1. cublasHandle_t
 - 2.2.2. cublasStatus_t
 - 2.2.3. cublasOperation_t
 - 2.2.4. cublasFillMode_t
 - 2.2.5. cublasDiagType_t
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 - 2.3.2. cublasDestroy()
 - 2.3.3. cublasGetVersion()
 - 2.3.4. cublasSetStream()

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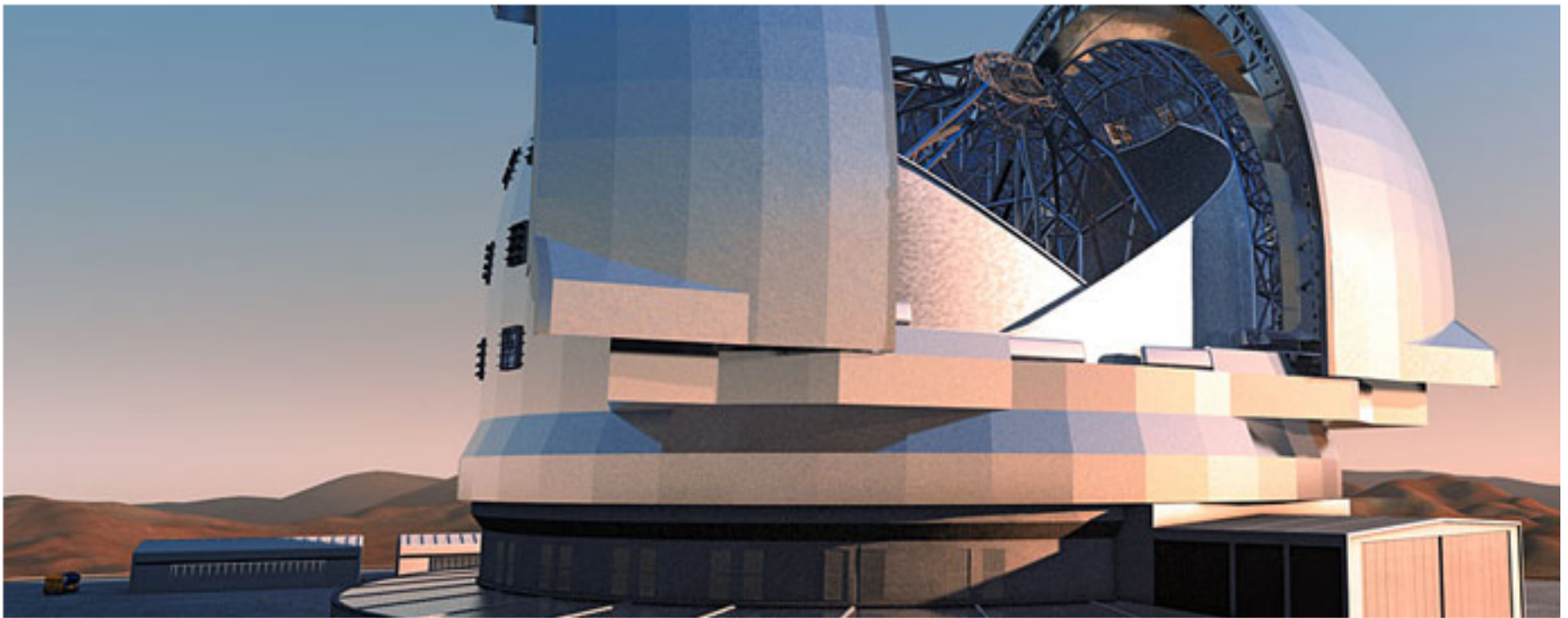
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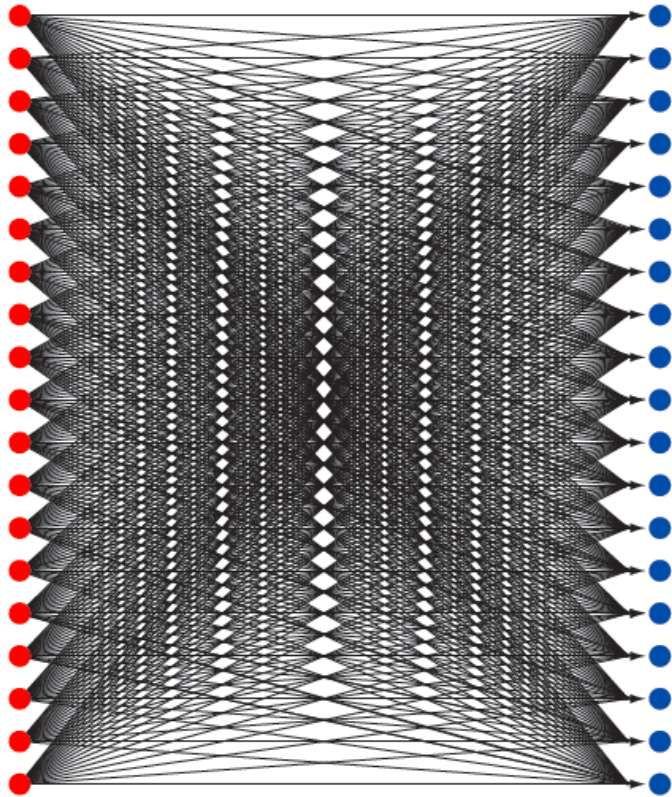


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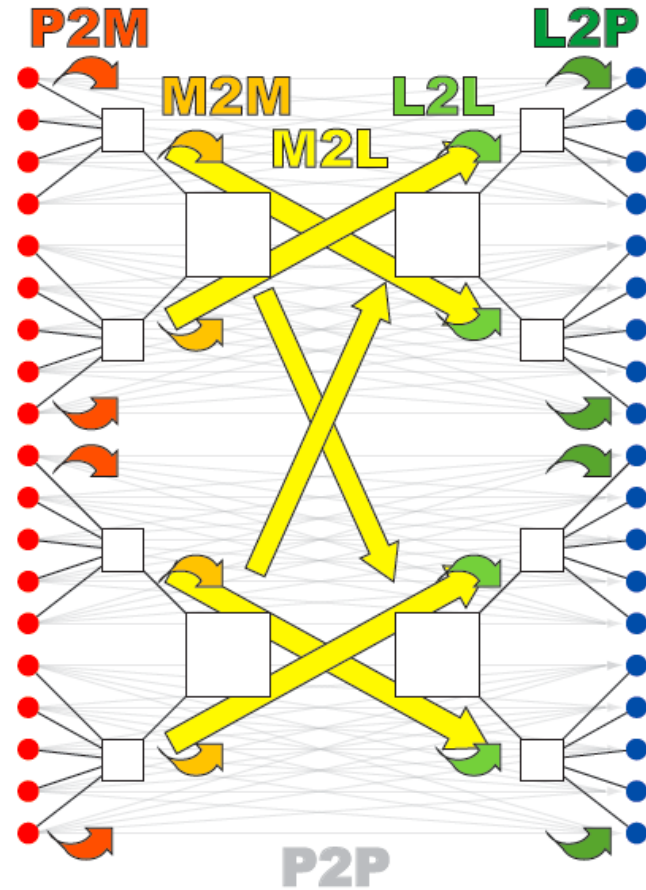
“Fast Multipole inside”

- **Fast Multipole is an optimal algorithm for a very frequently used specialized kernel in computational science (the “potential solve”)**
- **Fast Multipole, which has led to Gordon Bell prizes in astrophysics, molecular dynamics, materials science, arterial dynamics, etc. has been highly optimized by KAUST Research Scientist Rio Yokota in “ExaFMM”**
 - **Can we leverage its excellent architectural properties for more general operators in applied science?**

Fast Multipole communication schema



(a) Direct method



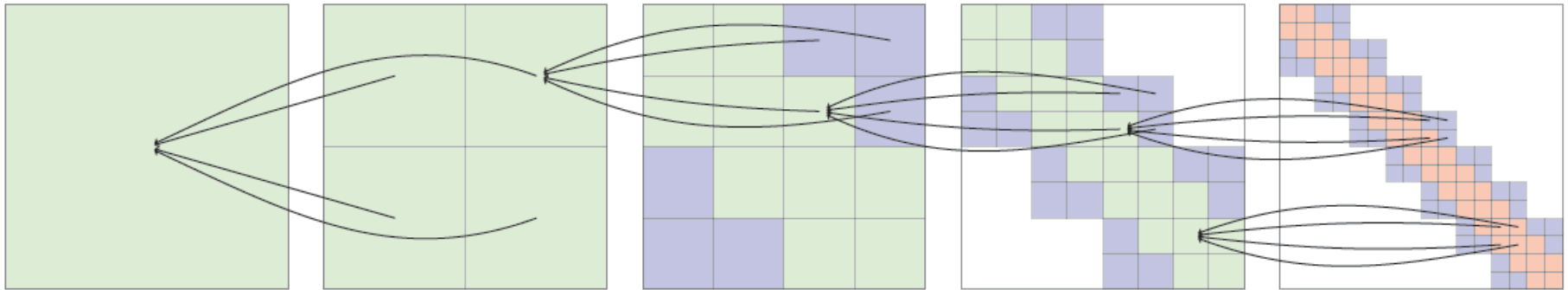
(b) Fast Multipole Method



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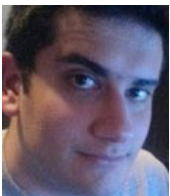
“Algebraic Fast Multipole” (AFM)

- We have cast general matrix operations (add, multiply, invert, etc.) in terms of the fast multipole recursive “tree-based” data structure

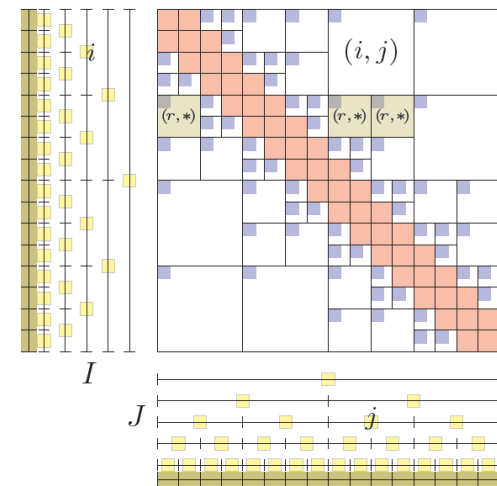


- We first significantly compress the matrix, saving storage and operations

- May offer breakthrough in application performance



c/o Wajih Boukaram (KAUST)



Part III

Large-scale Simulation at KAUST



Model for ECRC enablements

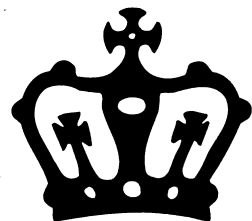
Mission: enable scientists and engineers to take advantage of petascale hardware by overcoming the scalability bottlenecks of traditional solvers, and assist users to move beyond one-off “forward” simulations to inversion, optimization, sensitivity, UQ, validation (\$32M/10 years, 2001-11, PI: D. Keyes)



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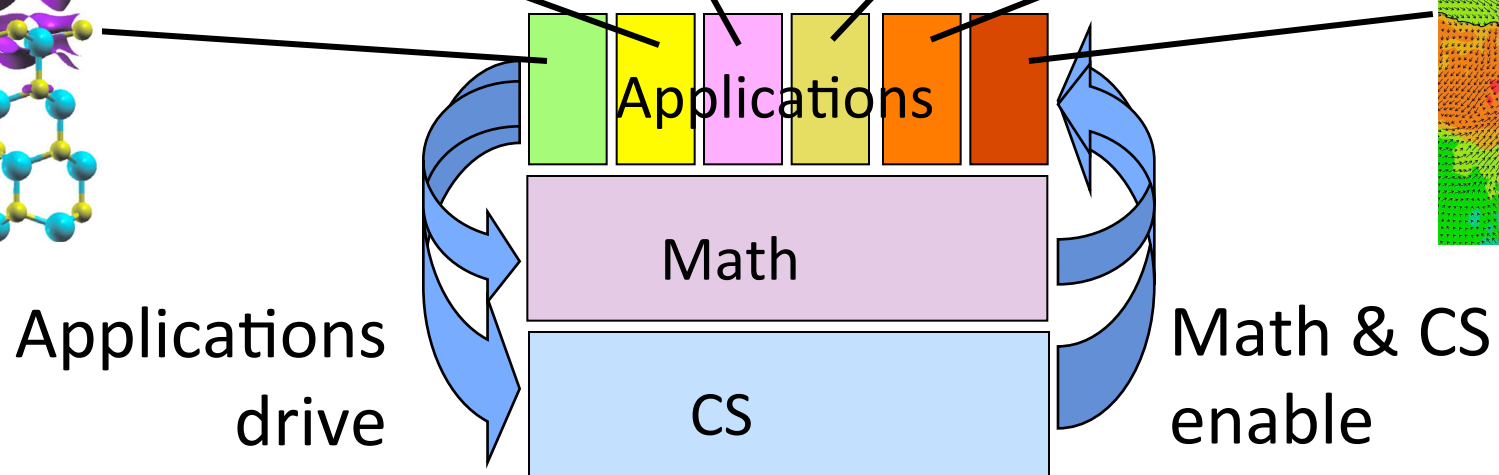
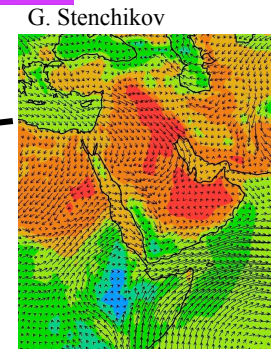
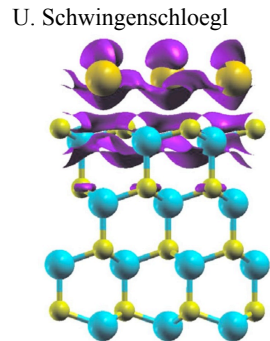
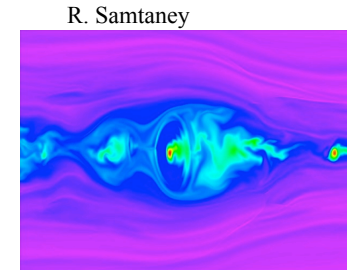
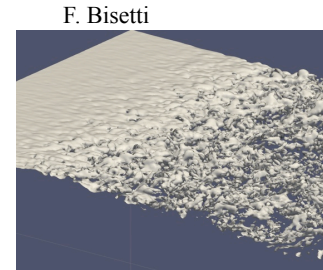
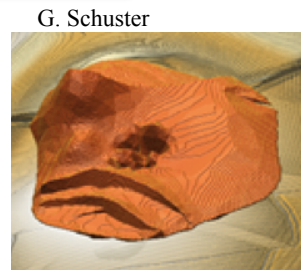
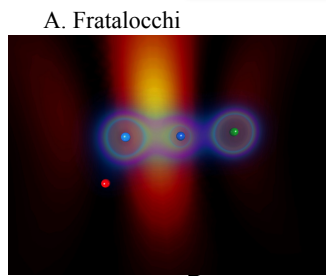
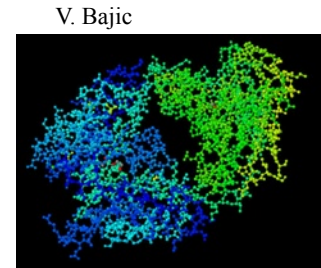
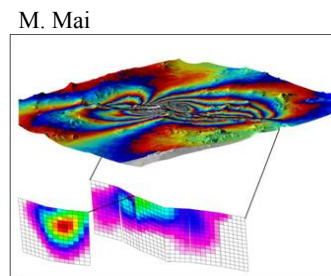
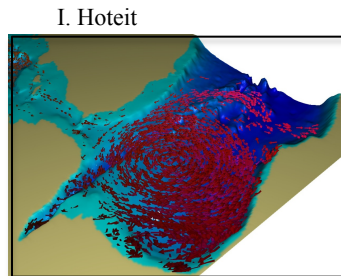


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SciDAC-like model for software investments



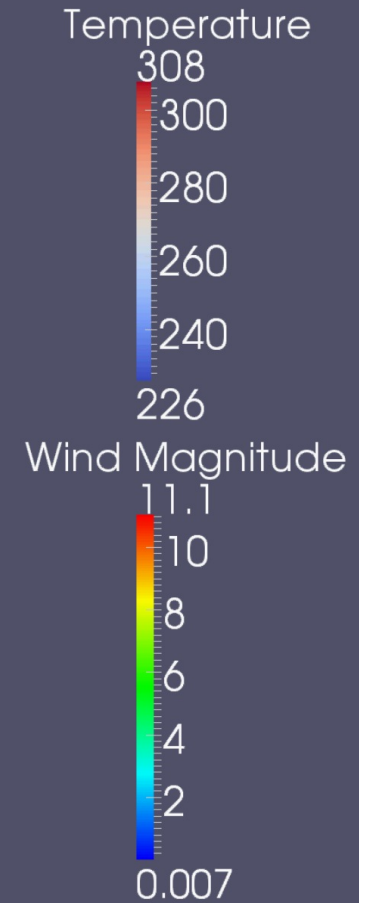
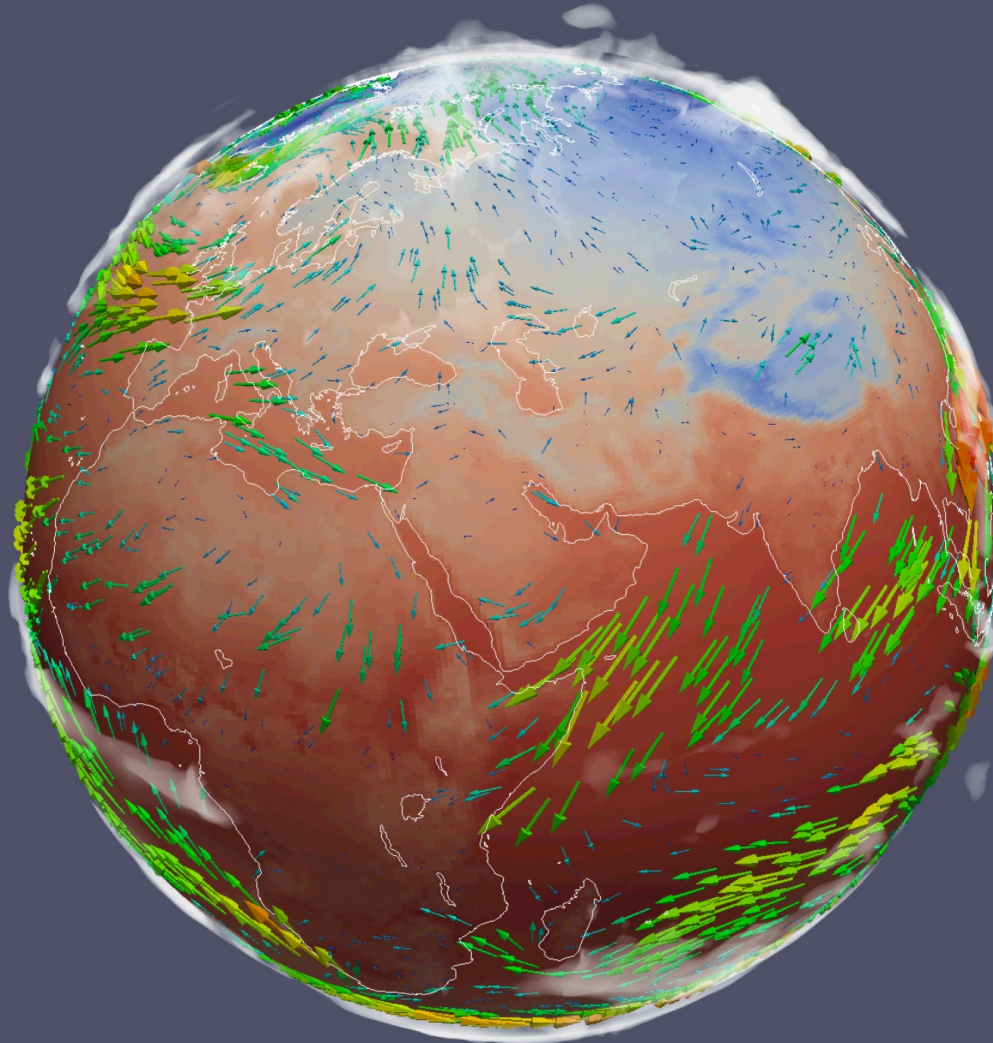
Professor Georgiy Stenchikov

Global climate simulation

Nobel Prize
(2007, shared)



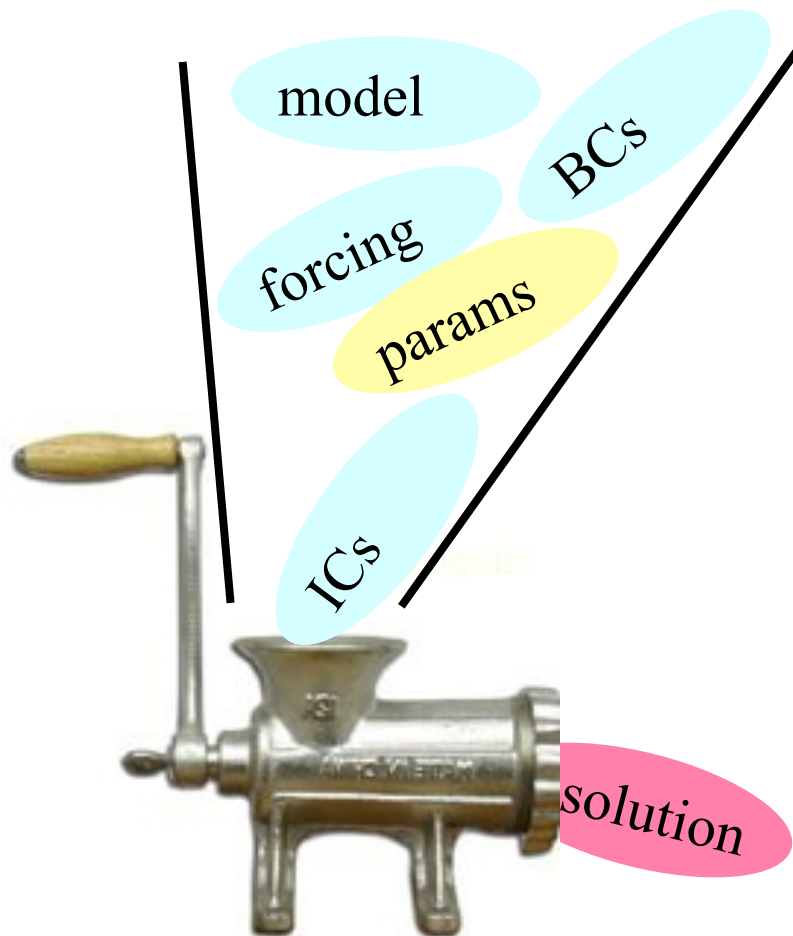
The KAUST focus within global climate modeling is the transport of aerosols (dust, fine sand, molecules) in the atmosphere. These are *carried* by the climate and, in turn, *affect* the climate.



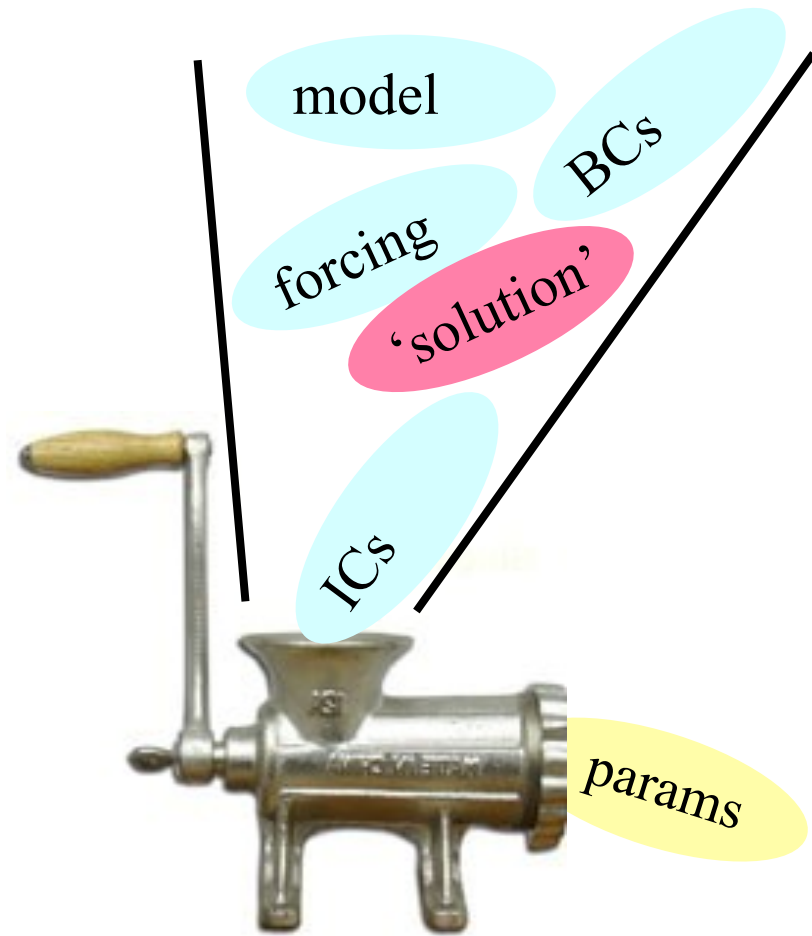
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Combining the 3rd and 4th paradigms: forward vs. inverse problems

forward problem



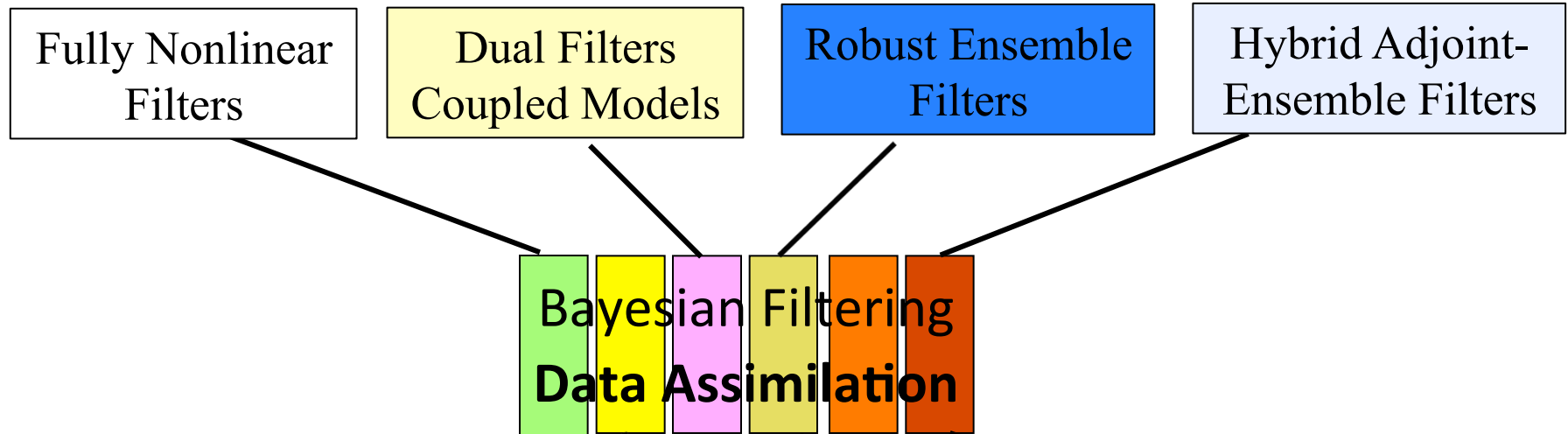
inverse problem



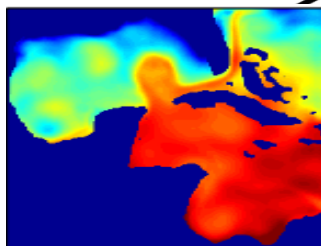
+ regularization

Combining the 3rd and 4th paradigms: data assimilation

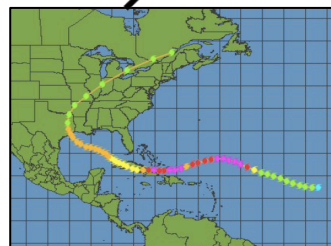
Theory



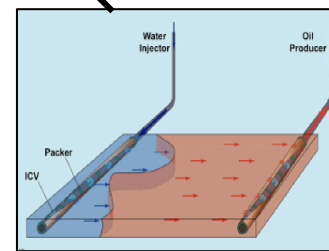
Applications



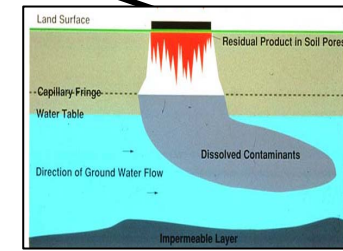
Ocean Circulation



Storm Surge Prediction



Reservoir Exploitation



Contaminant Transport

A photograph of Wayne Gretzky in a white and blue hockey uniform, wearing a white helmet, skating on an ice rink. He is leaning forward, looking intently towards the right side of the frame. The background shows the ice surface and the boards of the rink.

“A good player plays where the puck is, while a great player skates to where the puck is going to be.”

– Wayne Gretzky

Thanks to IESP and BDEC for attempting to ferret out and forge a consensus for productive research directions, and predicting where the puck is going to be.



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