

NSF Transforming Science: Computational Infrastructure for Research



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NSF CORE MISSION: SUPPORT FUNDAMENTAL OPEN RESEARCH ACROSS ALL DISCIPLINES



\$7.1 billion FY 2014
research budget

94% funds research,
education and
related activities

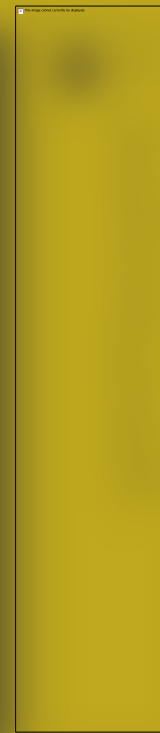
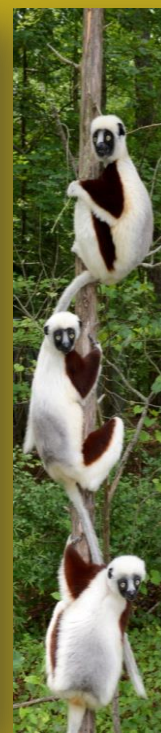
50,000
proposals

11,000
awards funded

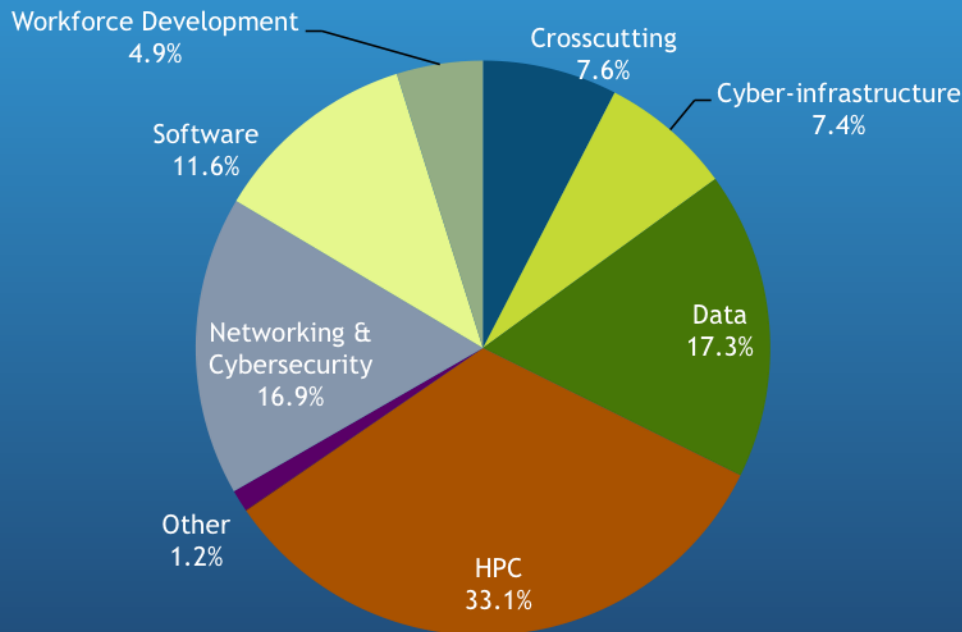
2,000
NSF-funded institutions

300,000
NSF-supported
researchers

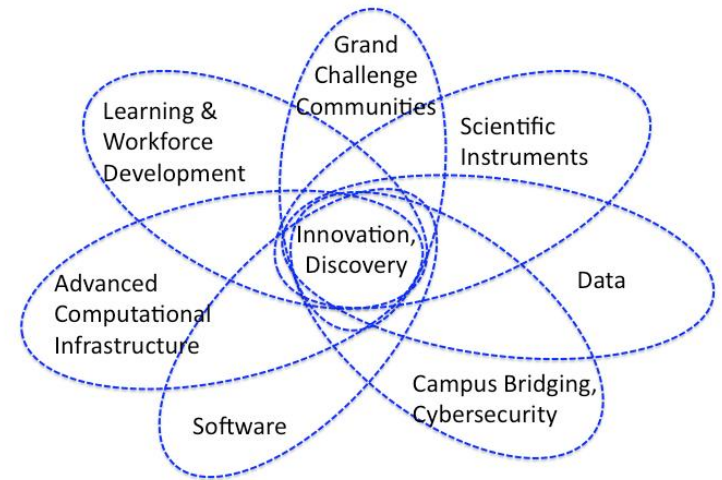
Fundamental Research



ACI FY2013 investments reflect a balance across Cyberinfrastructure categories consistent with NSF's CI strategy (CIF21)



CIF21: cyberinfrastructure as an ecological system



Total ACI FY 2013 funding = \$210,772,572

In 2012 NSF published its Advanced Computing Infrastructure Vision and Strategy (12-051) following several years of community input



- Vision: Position and support the entire spectrum of NSF-funded communities at the cutting edge of advanced computing technologies, hardware, and software
- Strategies
 - Foundational research to fully exploit parallelism and concurrency
 - Application research and development in use of high-end computing resources
 - Building, testing and deploying resources into a collaborative ecosystem
 - Development of comprehensive education and workforce programs
 - Development of transformational and grand challenge communities

National Academies Study launched in 2013: Future Directions for NSF Advanced Computing Infrastructure to support US Science in 2017-2020



- **Bill Gropp/University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
- **Robert Harrison/Stony Brook University**
- Mark Abbott/Oregon State University
- David Arnett/University of Arizona
- Robert Grossman/University of Chicago
- Peter Kogge/University of Notre Dame
- Padma Raghavan/Penn State University
- Dan Reed/University of Iowa
- Valerie Taylor/Texas A&M
- Kathy Yelick/UC Berkeley

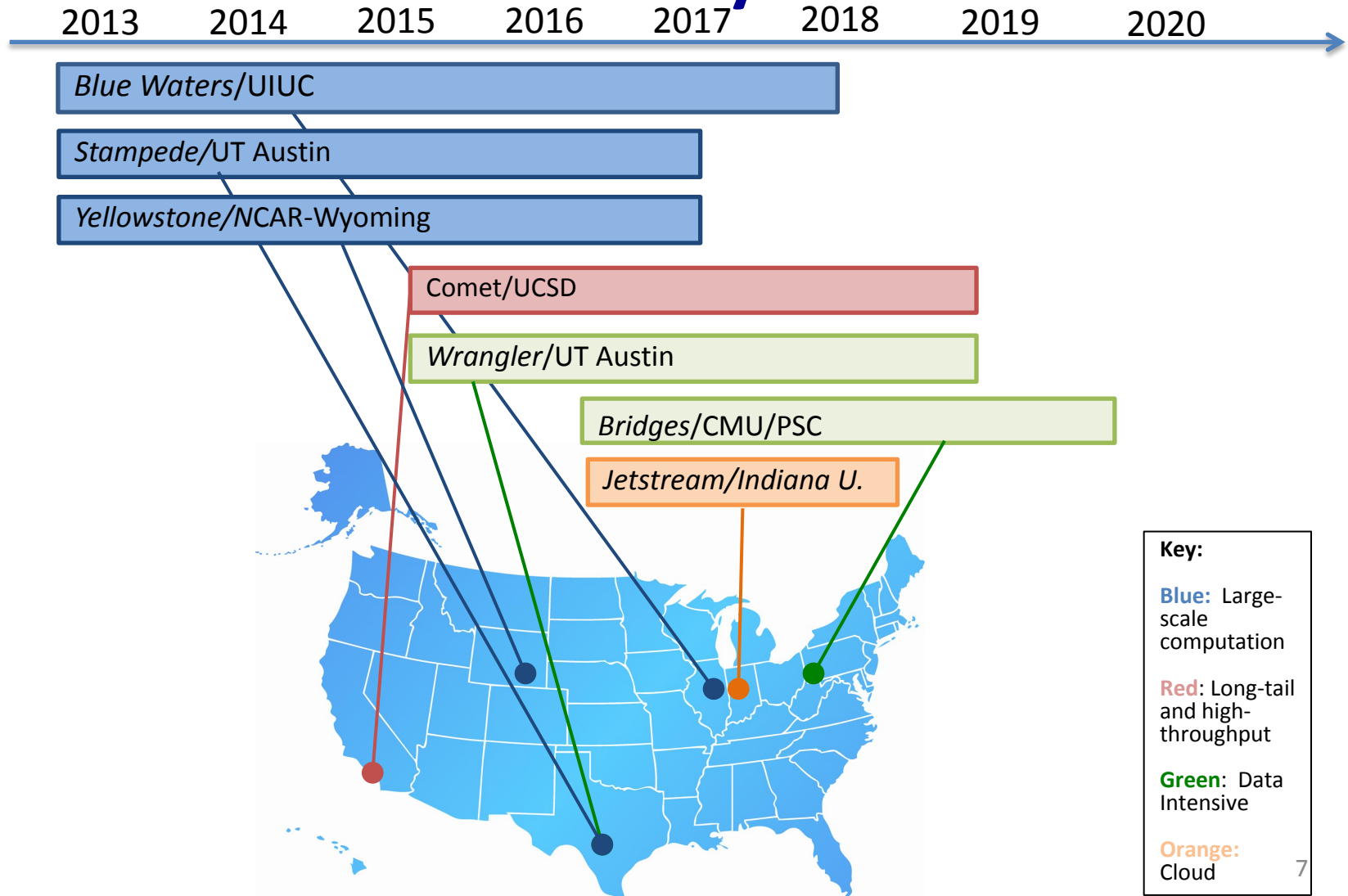
http://sites.nationalacademies.org/CSTB/CurrentProjects/CSTB_087924

Goals for this Study- Final Report

By Summer, 2015, the final report will yield insights such as:

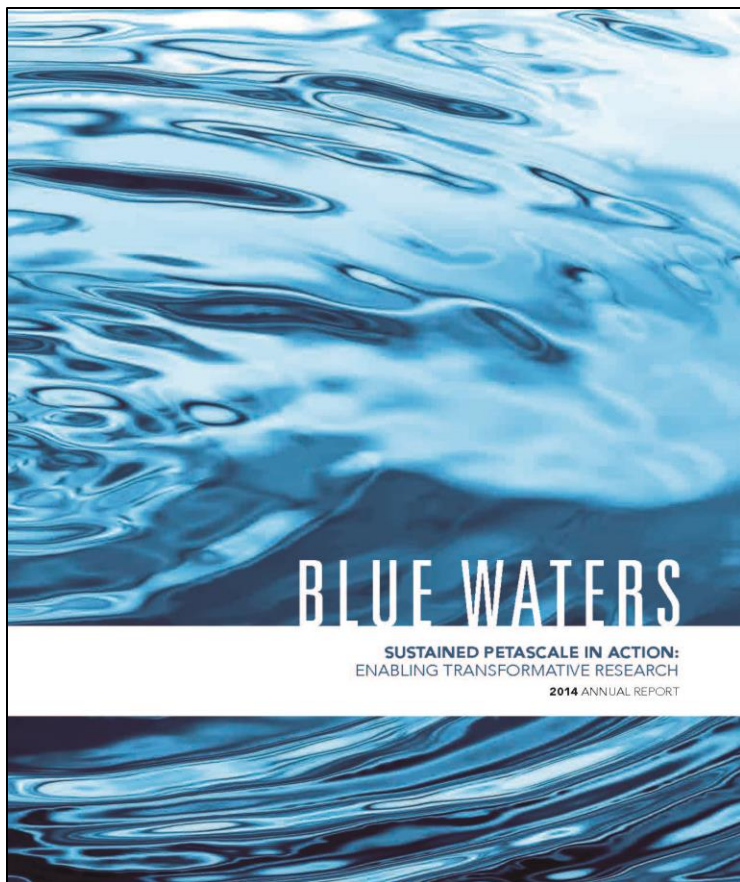
- The contribution of high end computing to U.S. leadership and competitiveness in basic science and engineering, the roles that NSF can play in sustaining this leadership, and how leadership can be measured, benchmarked, and monitored.
- Expected future national-scale computing needs across the full range of basic science and engineering research supported by NSF.
- Tradeoffs among investments in computing, software, data, and networking infrastructure and between those that advance the computational frontiers vs. those that focus on delivering more aggregate computing capacity.
- The roles of different models for advanced computing infrastructure, including NSF centers and consortia, campus-based infrastructure, and the commercial marketplace.
- Technical challenges to delivering needed computing capabilities, and what research and development may be needed to deliver expected future capabilities.

Recent NSF-Supported Computational Investments Reflect Increasing National Diversity



Blue Waters: Gaining New Insights via Sustained Petascale Performance

*Enabling science in many disciplines
and researchers from many institutions*



- **DiMatteo (CMU)** Modeling formation of the first quasars
- **Jordan (USC)** 3-D Physics-based earthquake forecasting models
- **Stein (MSU)** *Ab Initio* models of solar activity
- **Reed (Cornell) & Wood (Princeton)** Advancing space-based earth science using petascale design and management of satellite assets
- **Wuebbles (UIUC)** High-resolution climate simulations

Blue Waters: > 120 projects and 700 users, at 50 institutions, in 35 states

Distribution of annual usage per general discipline area across all science teams

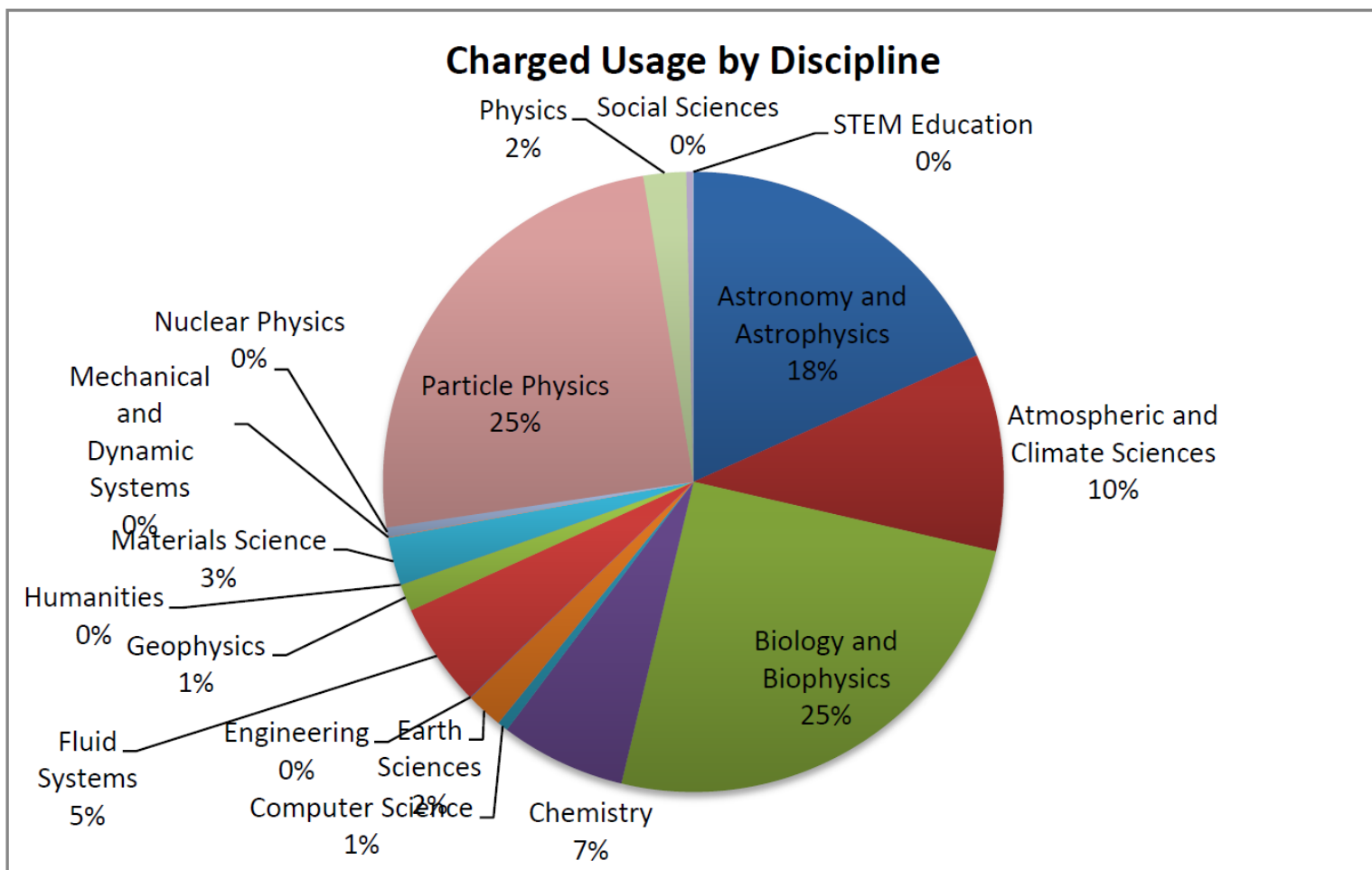
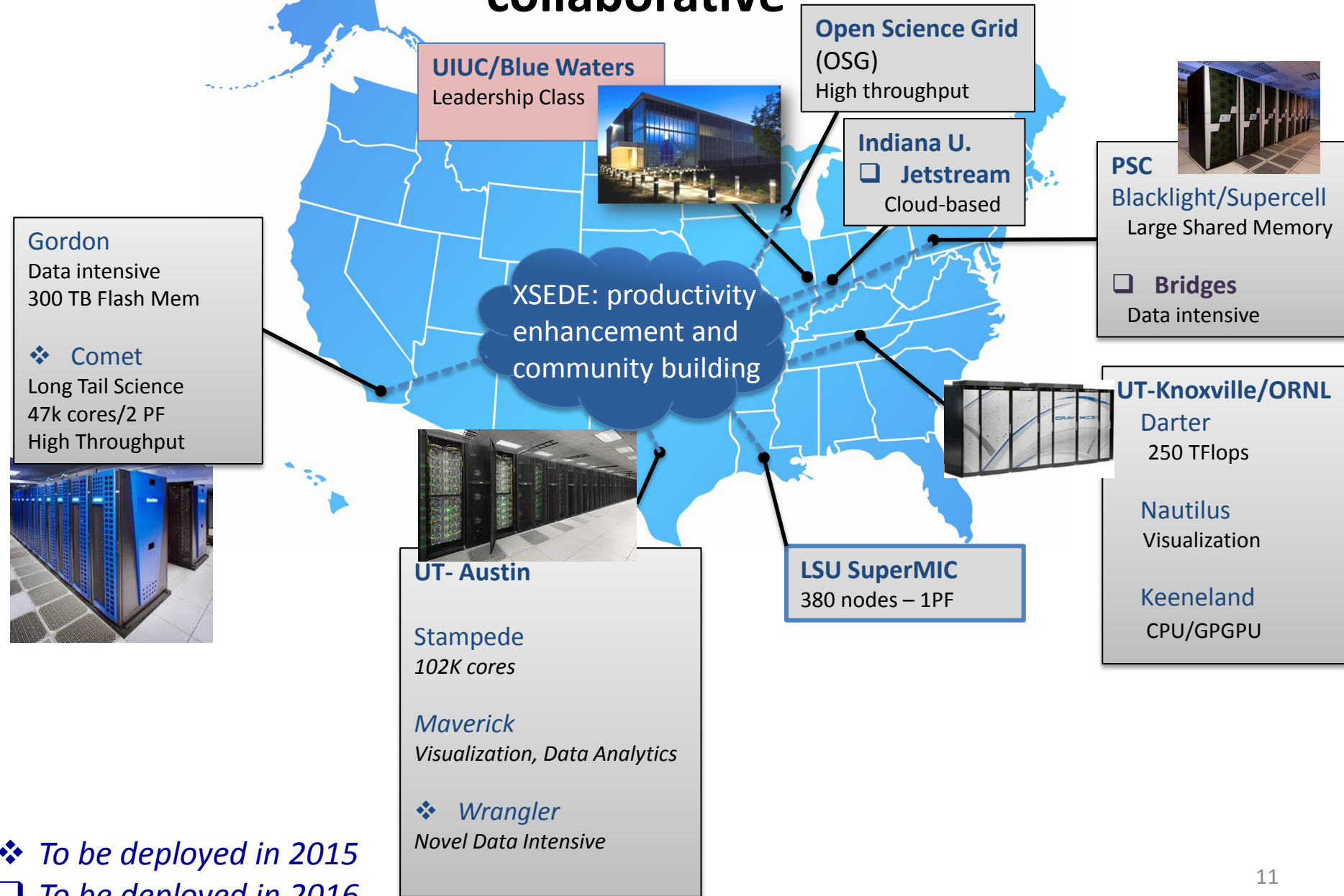


Figure 15 Distribution of charged usage per general discipline area across all allocated projects

ACI supported resources are increasingly diverse yet collaborative

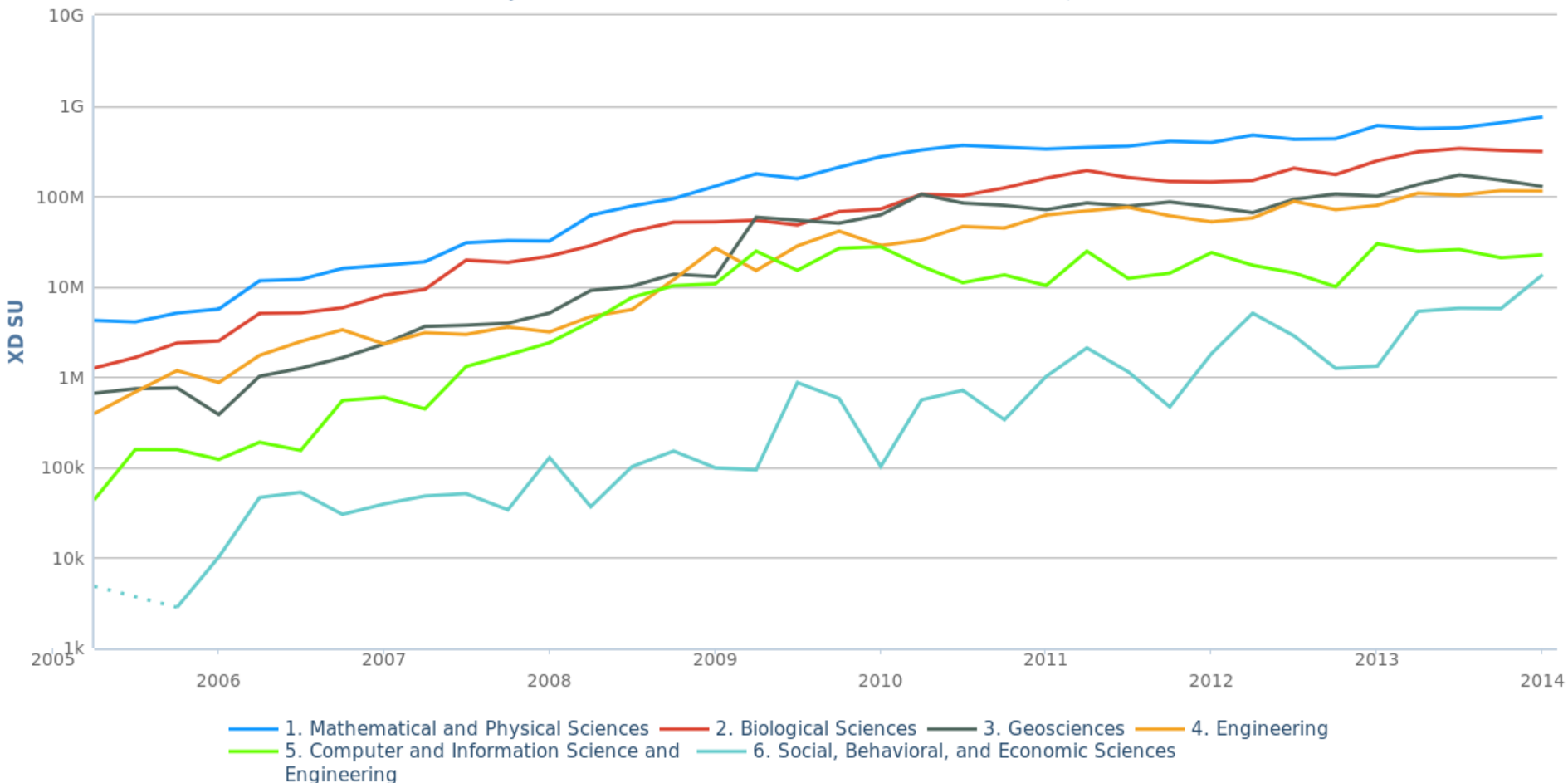


TG-> XD: Growing Demand

All disciplines are increasing use of national computational resources

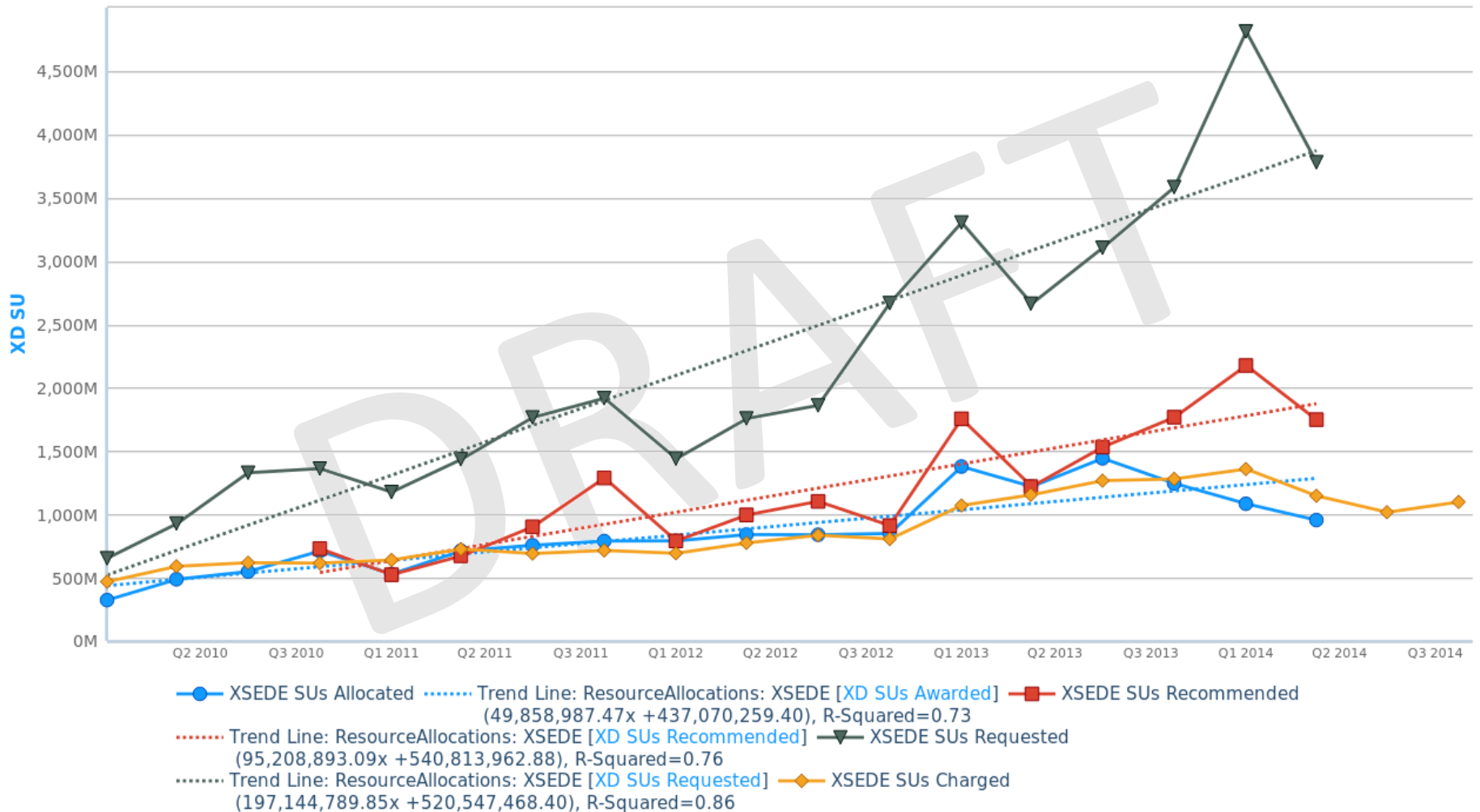
Usage by NSF Directorate (Log scale)

NSF Directorate = (Biological Sciences, Computer and Information Science and Engineering, Engineering, Geosciences, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences)



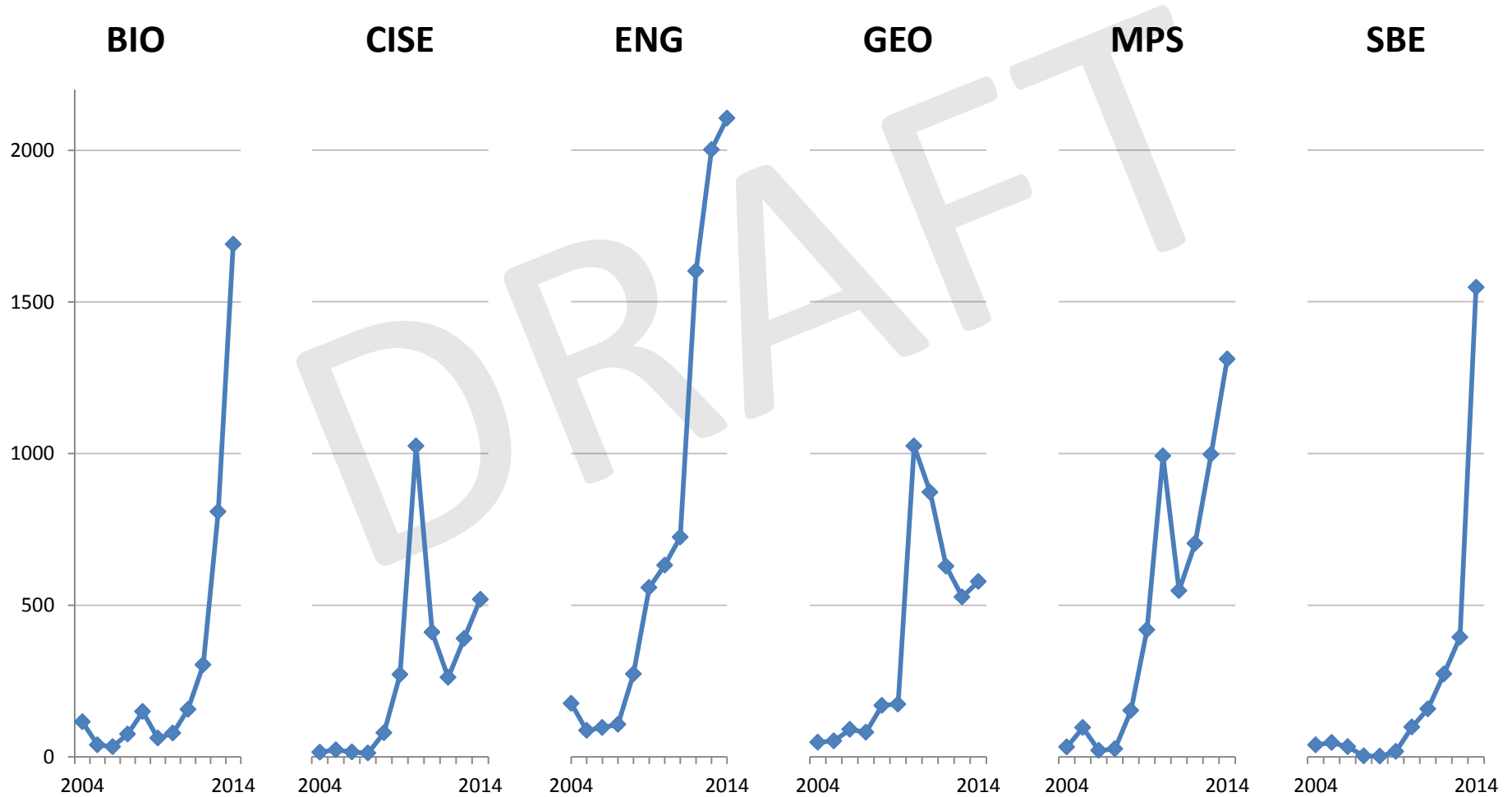
XSEDE: Characterizing Trends

Consistent trend in requests vs. reviewer recommended allocations but recommendation are outpacing availability .



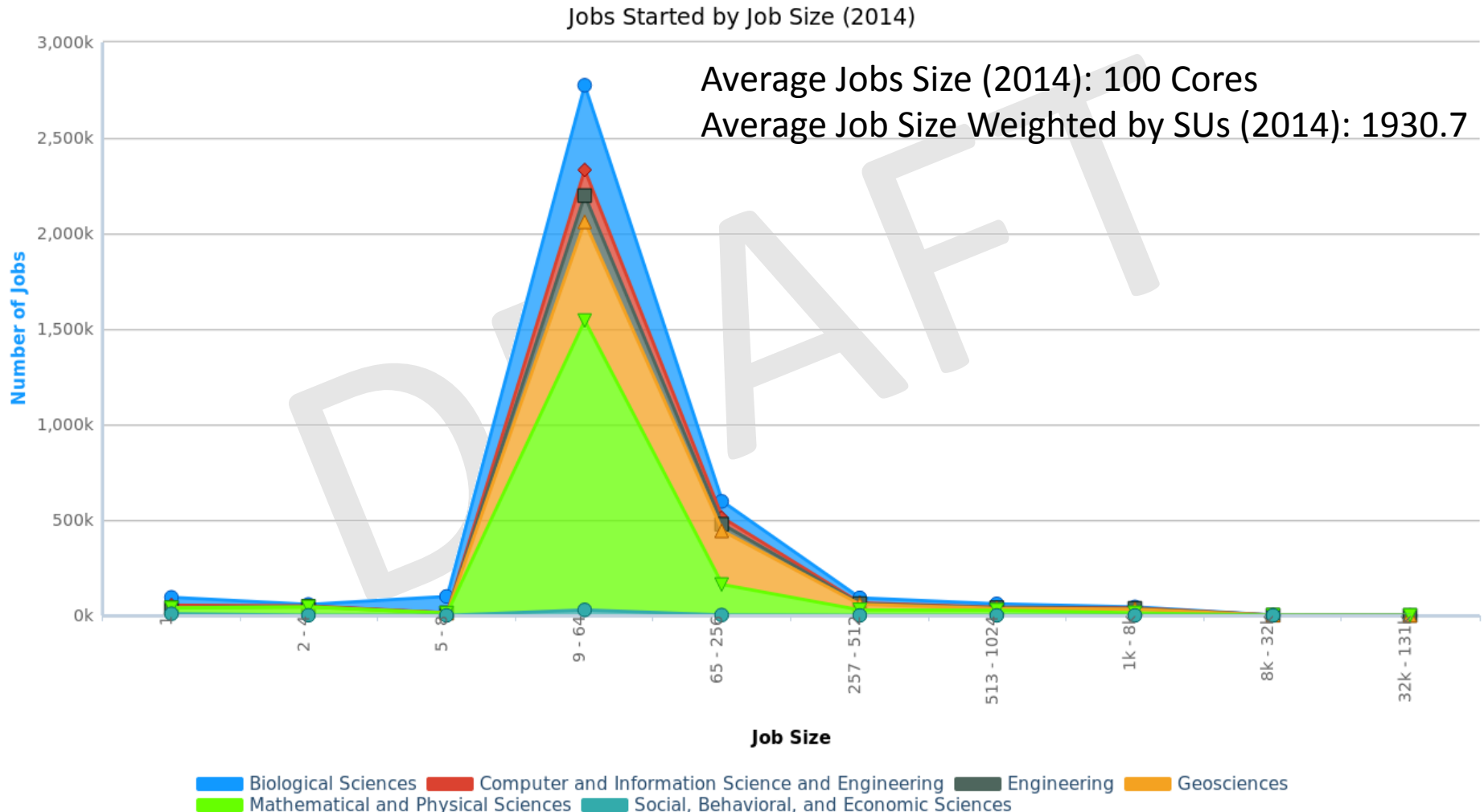
Characterizing Workload

XDMOD shows job sizes within XSEDE are increasing across all disciplines



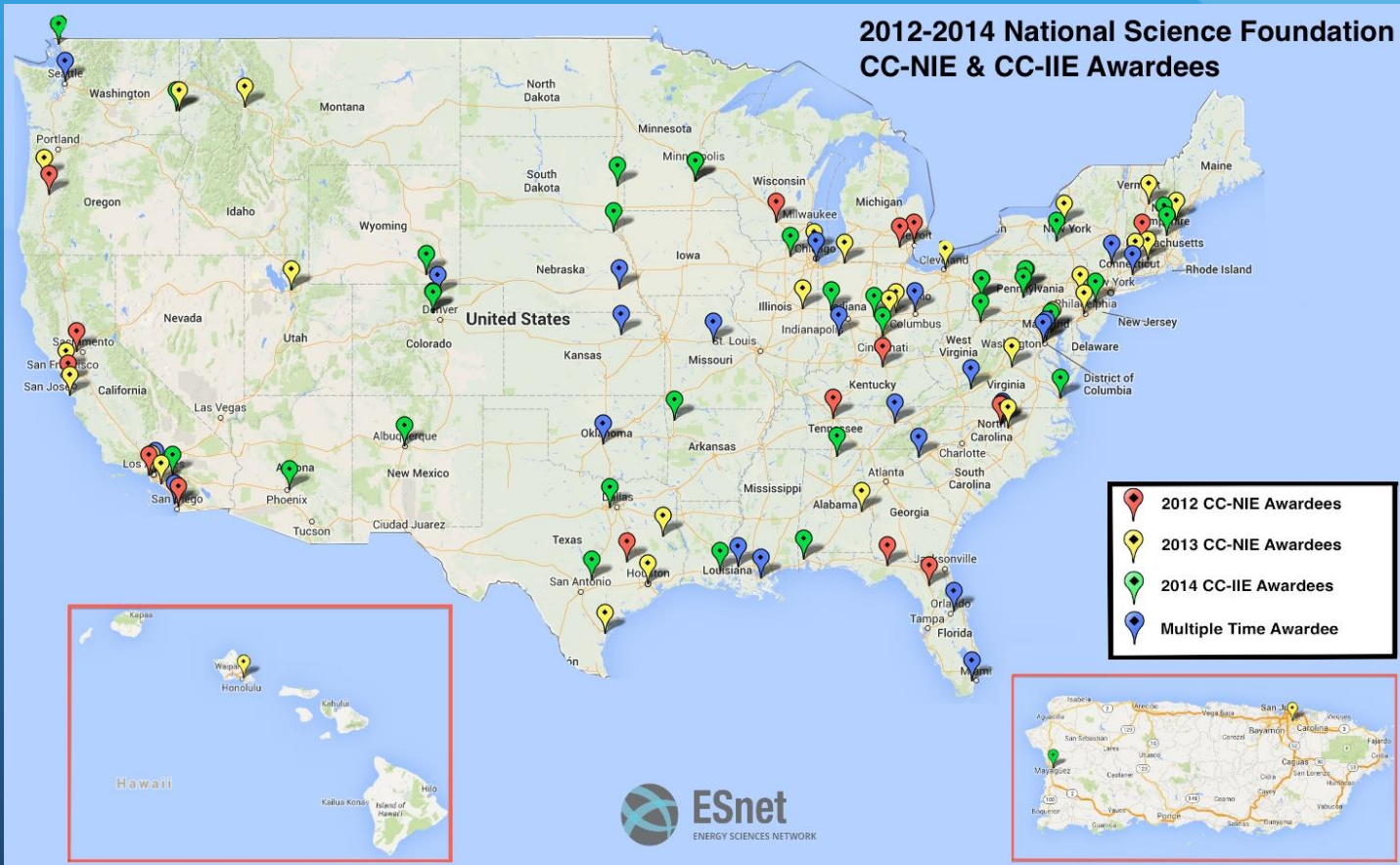
XSEDE: Characterizing Workloads

2014 Distinctly different from Blue Waters workload , further examination of trends in process



Stimulating Innovation on Campus

CC*IIE Award Map 2012-2014



Utah CC-NIE Integration project: *Science Slices* (NSF #ACI-1341034)

PI: S. Corbató; co-PIs: A. Bolton, T. Cheatham, R. Ricci, K. Van der Merwe;

SP: J. Breen, S. Torti

Premise (Rob Ricci): What if we flipped the concept and built our Science DMZ on top of SDN infrastructure, rather than just plugging our SDN testbed into the DMZ?

1) Building a *dynamic Science DMZ on top of an SDN-based framework (GENI)*

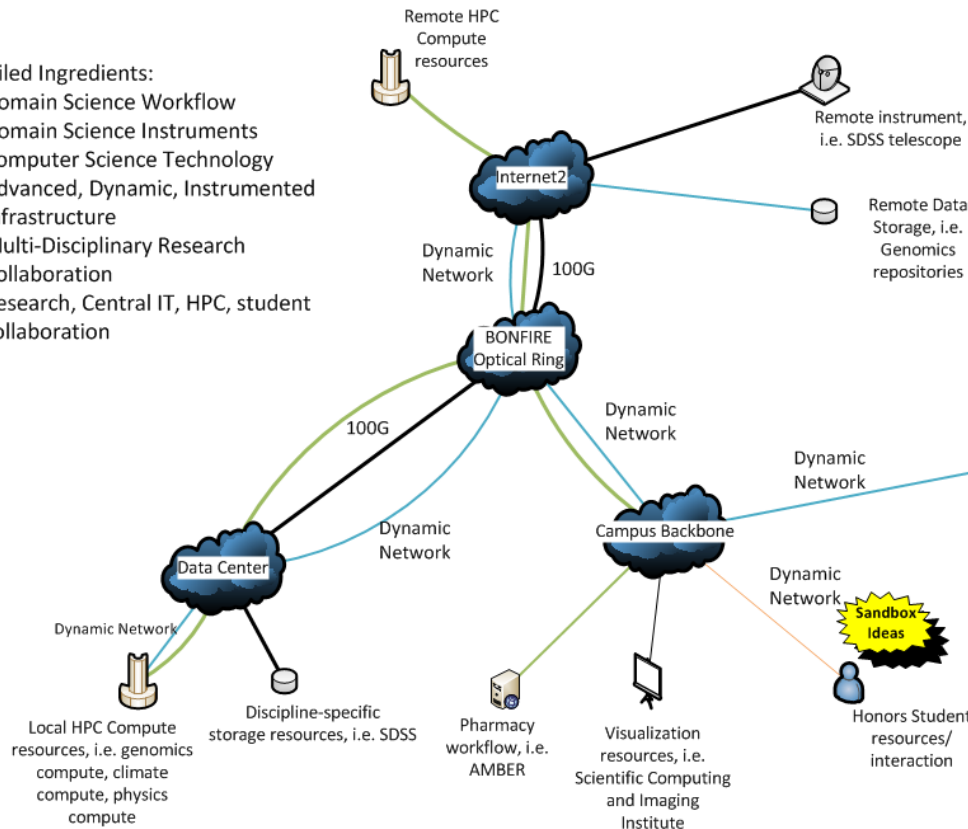
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2) Extending slices to key campus labs, HPC center, and the Honors residential community

3) Working closely with central IT, campus IT Governance, and Utah Education Network

Detailed Ingredients:

- Domain Science Workflow
- Domain Science Instruments
- Computer Science Technology
- Advanced, Dynamic, Instrumented Infrastructure
- Multi-Disciplinary Research Collaboration
- Research, Central IT, HPC, student collaboration



Target areas:

- Molecular dynamics
- Astrophysics data
- Genomics
- Network/systems research
- Honors students

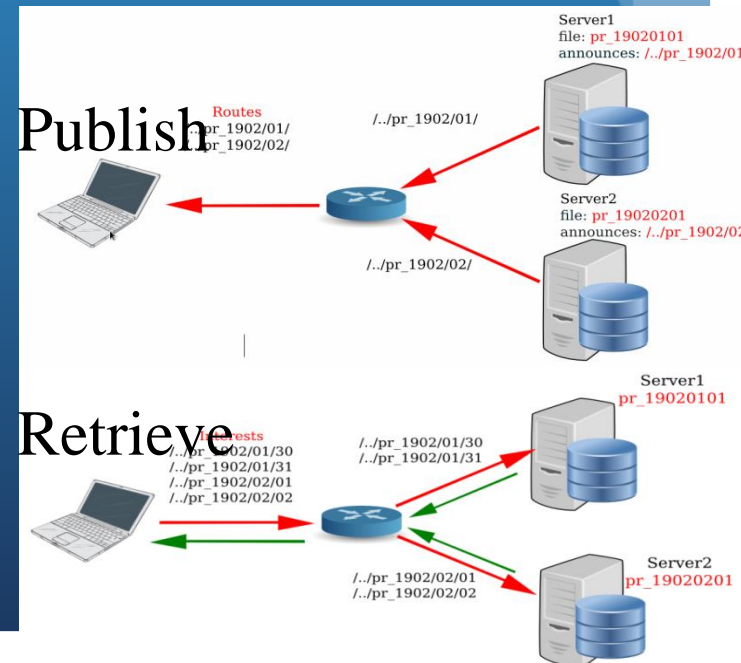
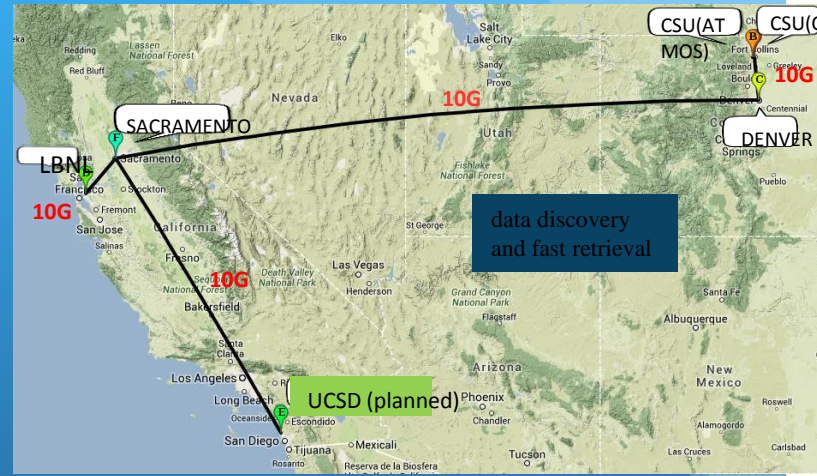
Leverages new infrastructure:

- Downtown Data Center
- Utah Optical Network (BONFIRE)
- NSF MRI for novel cluster (Apt)
- Campus Net Upgrade

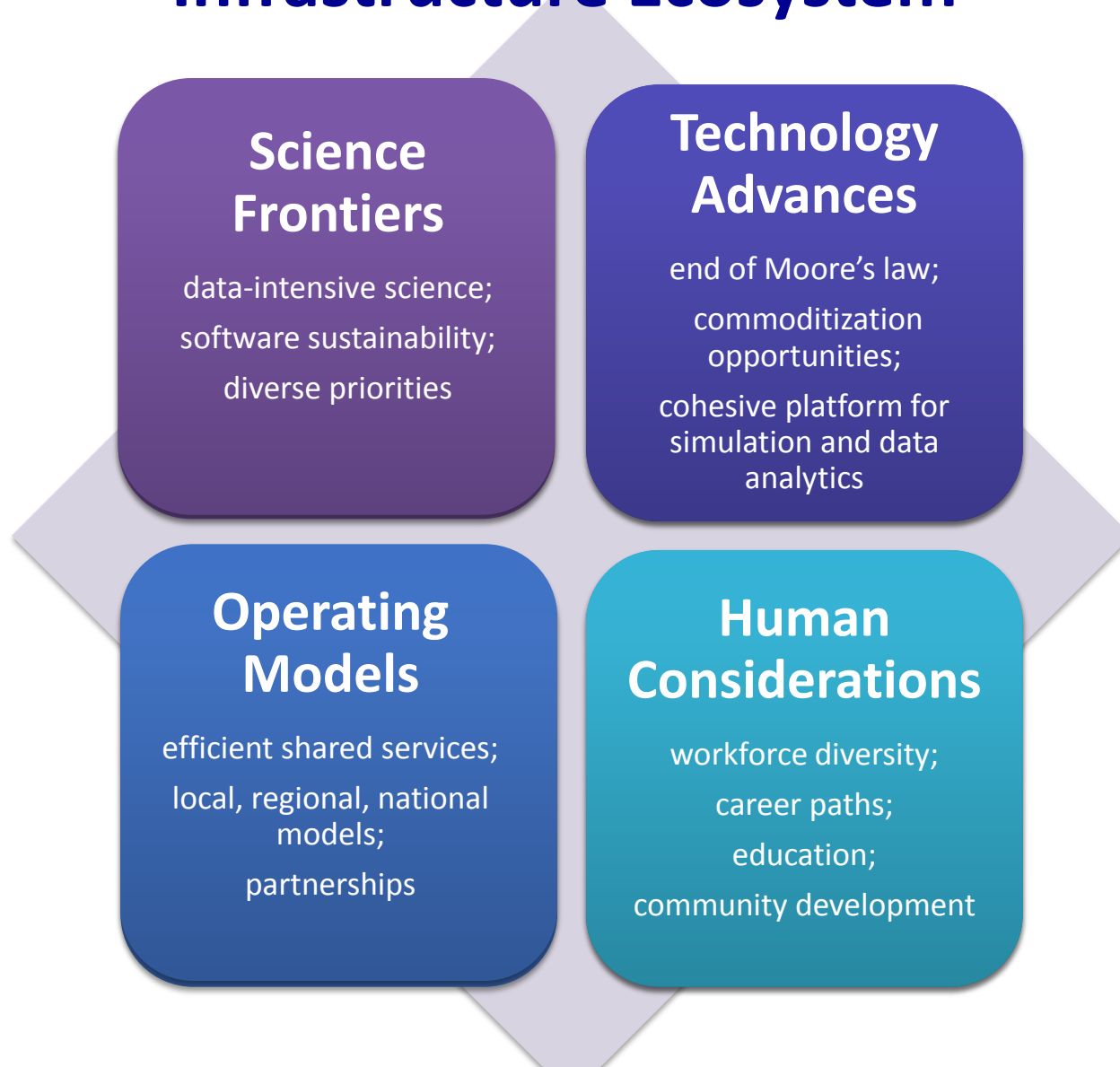
CC*IIE award #1340999 - Supporting Climate Applications over NDN (PI: Papadopoulos, CSU)



- ❖ **Need:** climate and other big data applications have overwhelmed existing networking and data management solutions
 - Data size and diversity
 - Naming, discovery, retrieval, sharing, etc.
- ❖ **Approach:** migrate workflows to NDN
 - Name based rather than host based paradigm
 - Easy migration: automatically translate existing ad-hoc names to structured NDN names
 - Evaluate over state-of-the-art NDN testbed deployed in partnership with ESnet
- ❖ **Benefit:** vastly simplified application and networking environment
 - Robustness and speed: in-network caching, efficient content distribution, automatic failover, security, etc.
 - Simplified management: highly structured, standardized naming across applications



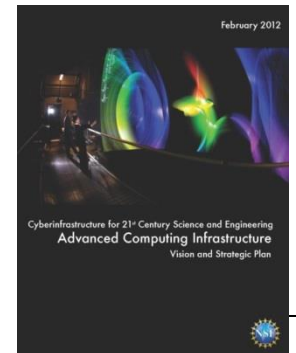
Optimizing NSF's Role in an Evolving Research Infrastructure Ecosystem



Continuing Community Engagement

Accelerating Science into the Future during a Period of Transition

- **NSF Advanced Computing Infrastructure for 21st Century Science and Engineering: Vision and Strategic Plan (Feb 2012)**
 - Position, support spectrum of NSF-funded communities at cutting edge of advanced computing technologies, hardware, software, services
- **Future Directions of NSF Advanced Computational Infrastructure to Support US Science in 2017 – 2022**
 - National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
 - Interim Report (Oct 2014), Final Report (Summer 2015)
- **OSTP-led interagency strategic initiative**
 - Motivation: HPC essential to U.S. security, economic competitiveness, and scientific discovery



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