

*Computational Science in the  
Office of Biological and  
Environmental Research*

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# ***BER Needs for Computation and Simulation***

- Complex Environmental Systems that Are Impossible to Study in a Laboratory
- Massive Volumes of Biological Data that Need to Be Searched and Analyzed (Genome, Protein, Molecular, etc)
- Molecular and Biomolecular Simulation for Environmental and Biological Applications

# ***BER Approach: Interdisciplinary and Multi- disciplinary Partnerships***

- State-of-the-Art Computational Capabilities Required for BER to Meet Its Mission
- Historically Good Relationships with ASCR and Other Agencies (Molecular Science, Climate Simulation, Genome, Structural Biology)

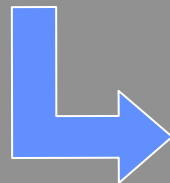
# ***BER Partnerships with ASCR Computational Facilities***

- National Energy Research Supercomputer Center - Shared by all Office of Science Programs - 512 Proc IBM SP (.41 TFLOP/s peak); 644 Proc Cray T3E-900 (.62 TFLOP/s peak)
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory - 20 % BER Investment in 736 Proc IBM SP (1.0 TFLOP/s peak)
- Los Alamos National Laboratory - 18 % BER Investment in 2048 Proc SGI Origin 2000 (1.0 TFLOP/s peak)
- EMSL Computing Facility \*\*\*\*\*

# How does biology “happen”?

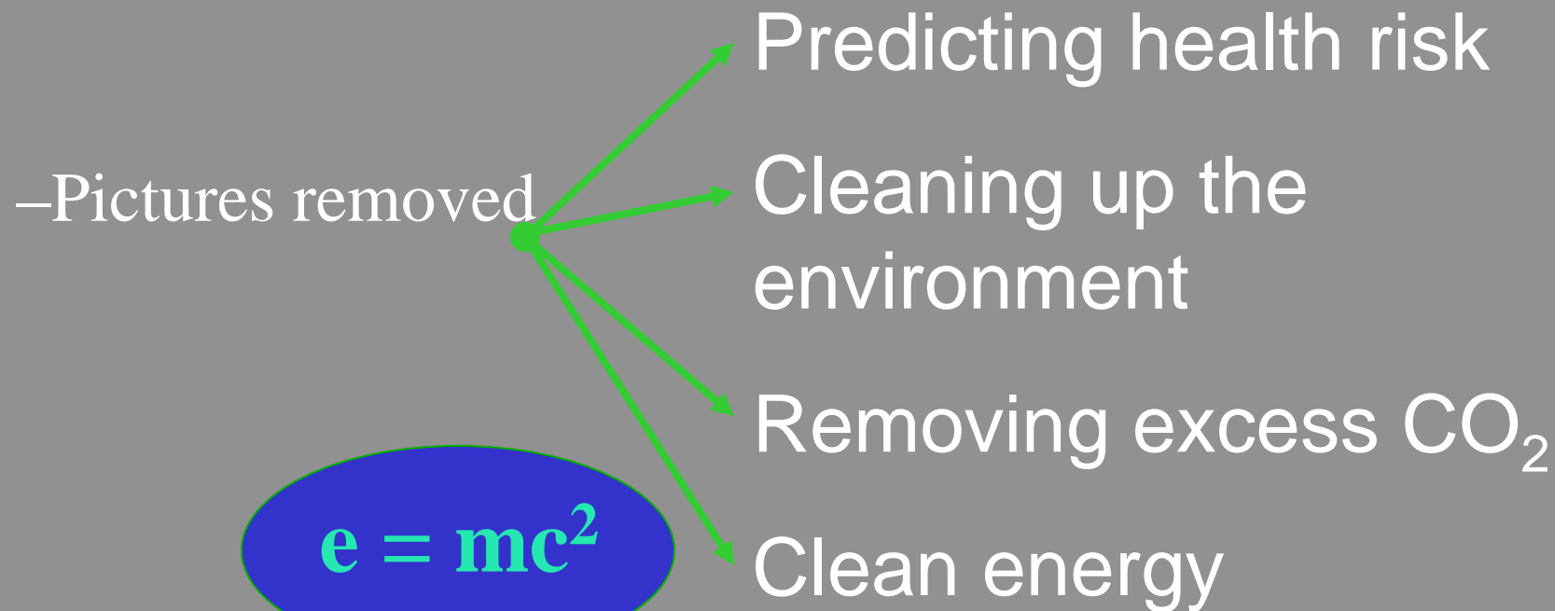
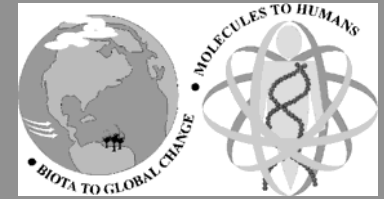
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- Instructions for making proteins
- On/off switches for genes
- Coordination of gene expression
- Protein function/behavior/interaction

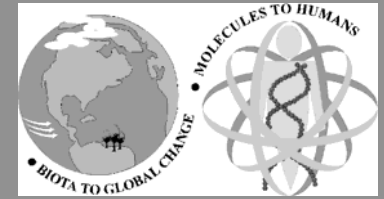


## Biology

# Bringing the genome to life



# Bringing the Genome to Life Requires Many Areas of Computational Biology



Assembly and analysis of genome sequences

Prediction of protein structure

Molecular modeling of biochemical reactions

Process simulation of biological systems

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ATCTCCGC
  CGCTAGCTAA
    AATATG
      GCTAGCTAATA
        TCTCCGCTA
          ATCTCCGCTAGCTAATATG
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Consensus DNA sequence from shotgun sequencing

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Predicted structure for DNA clamping protein

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Enzymatic activation of environmental mutagen

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Portion of amino acid synthetic pathways

Each of these types of modeling requires advances in simulation techniques and computer hardware

# *High Performance Computers Will be Needed for Each Component of Cell-level Simulations*

## **Genome assembly:**

>10 TeraFlops sustained speed required to keep up with expected sequencing rates

## **Protein structure prediction (using threading):**

>100 TeraFlops speeds required to model all proteins in a microbial genome in a day

## **Classical Molecular Dynamics (molecular mechanics force field):**

100 TeraFlops for 1 day to simulate DNA-protein interaction (20000 atoms for 2 ms)

## **First Principles Molecular Dynamics (Quantum mechanical force field):**

1 PetaFlops for 1 day to simulate reaction in enzyme active site (200 atoms for 1 ns)

## **Simulations of biological networks:**

>10 TeraFlops speeds required to perform simple correlation analysis for small biological network (100 genes, 500 molecular components, 10 compartments)

**Computational biology is characterized by its need for continuous high performance computing, rather than periodic large scale simulations**





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**Research Mission**

. . . conduct fundamental research on the physical, chemical and biological processes that underpin environmental issues.

. . . advance molecular science in support of the long-term missions of the U.S. Department of Energy.

**National Scientific User Facility Mission**

. . . provide unique research and computational resources to scientists engaged in research on environmental problems.

. . . educate young scientists in the molecular and computational sciences to meet current and future environmental challenges facing DOE and the Nation.



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## Research Capabilities in the EMSL

- Focus on developing a molecular-level understanding of the physical, chemical, and biological processes that underlie:
  - contaminant fate and transport in the subsurface
  - processing and disposal of stored wastes
  - cellular response to environmental contaminants
  - atmospheric chemistry
- Capitalize on experimental, theoretical, and computational advances to address the complex molecular-level interactions critical to solving the problems described above.
- Develop integrated research programs that take advantage of the full complement of EMSL capabilities to address DOE needs.



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## **Molecular Science Computing Facility**

- The Molecular Science Computing Facility (MSCF) provides EMSL users and staff with production computing needs, advanced molecular modeling software, and production facilities for visualization and analyses of complex data sets.
- The facility contains a 512-processor IBM RISC System/6000 Scalable POWERparallel computer with 262 gigabytes of memory and 5 terabytes of online disk, a 20-terabyte EMASS data storage system, and a 96-processor IBM SP for software research.
- EMSL staff developed new molecular modeling software (the Molecular Sciences Software Suite - MS<sup>3</sup>) for use on high-performance parallel computing systems. MS<sup>3</sup> includes NWChem, the Extensible Computational Chemistry Environment, and ParSoft.



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## **Molecular Science Software Suite (MS<sup>3</sup>)**

- **Northwest Computational Chemistry Software (NWChem)**

Molecular modeling software capable of single or combined quantum mechanics and molecular-mechanics simulations. Scalable to problem size and machine size on a wide range of parallel computing systems.

- **Extensible Computational Chemistry Environment (Ecce)**

A domain-encompassing, problem-solving environment for molecular modeling, analysis and simulation. Functions include integrated use of computational chemistry methods, molecular computation data management, and molecular property data analysis and visualization.

- **Parallel Software Development Tools (ParSoft)**

Provides high-performance parallel computing libraries and tools to enable NWChem to run on a wide variety of parallel computing systems. Includes the Global Array toolkit.



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## **Computational Research at the EMSL**

- **Density Functional Theory Used to Show How the Ligand Tetramethoxycalix[4]arene Selectively Binds to Cesium-137 and Provides Criteria for Enhanced Ligand Design for Use in Tank Waste and Groundwater Remediation.**
- **Calculations Establish a Key Mechanism in the Radiolysis of Nitrite Ion in Alkaline Solutions, and Provide Insights to Reactions in High Level Wastes.**
- **High Level *ab initio* Calculations Show that C -H...O=C Hydrogen Bonding Interactions Contribute to Protein Conformation.**
- **Dynamical Nucleation Theory Used to Predict Nucleation Rates of Molecules involved in the Formation of Atmospheric Aerosols.**
- **Computational and Experimental Studies Provide Insights into the Reaction Mechanisms of Important Catalysts for Hydrocarbons (Zeolites).**



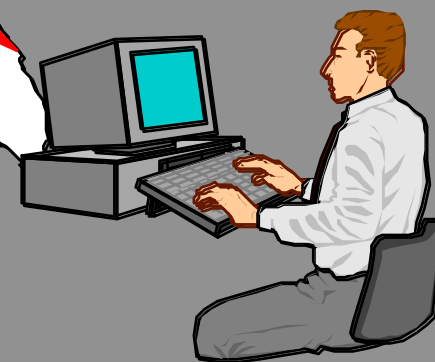
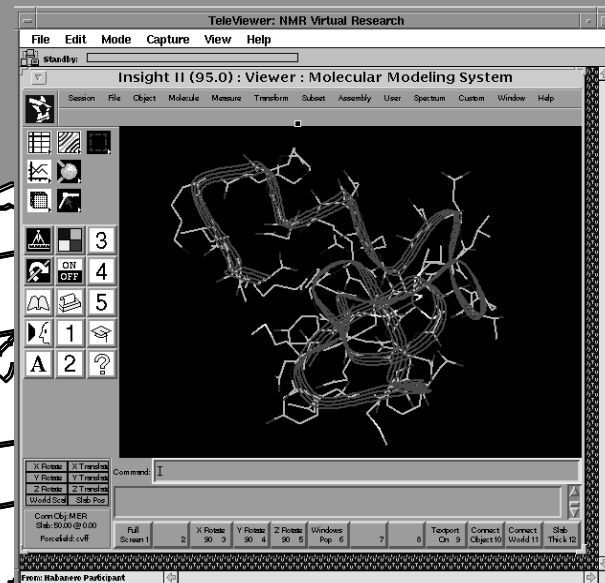
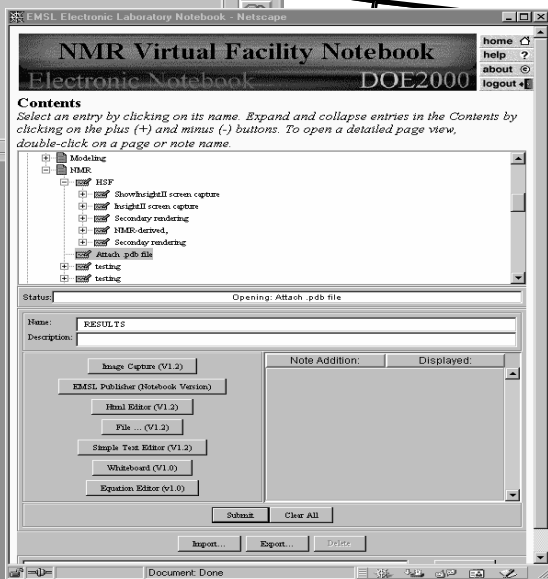
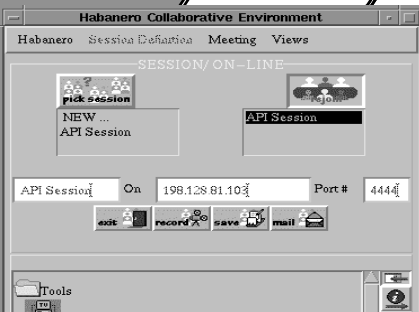
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# EMSL Collaboratory

The Virtual NMR Facility provides remote access to EMSL's NMRs





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### **Web Addresses**

- **Theory, Modeling and Simulation Directorate**  
<http://www.emsl.pnl.gov:2080/homes/tms/>
- **Molecular Science Computing Facility (High Performance Computing Center, Molecular Sciences Software Suite, Graphics and Visualization Laboratory)**  
<http://www.emsl.pnl.gov:2080/capabs/mscf/index.htm>

### **Points of Contact**

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# Demands on Climate Models

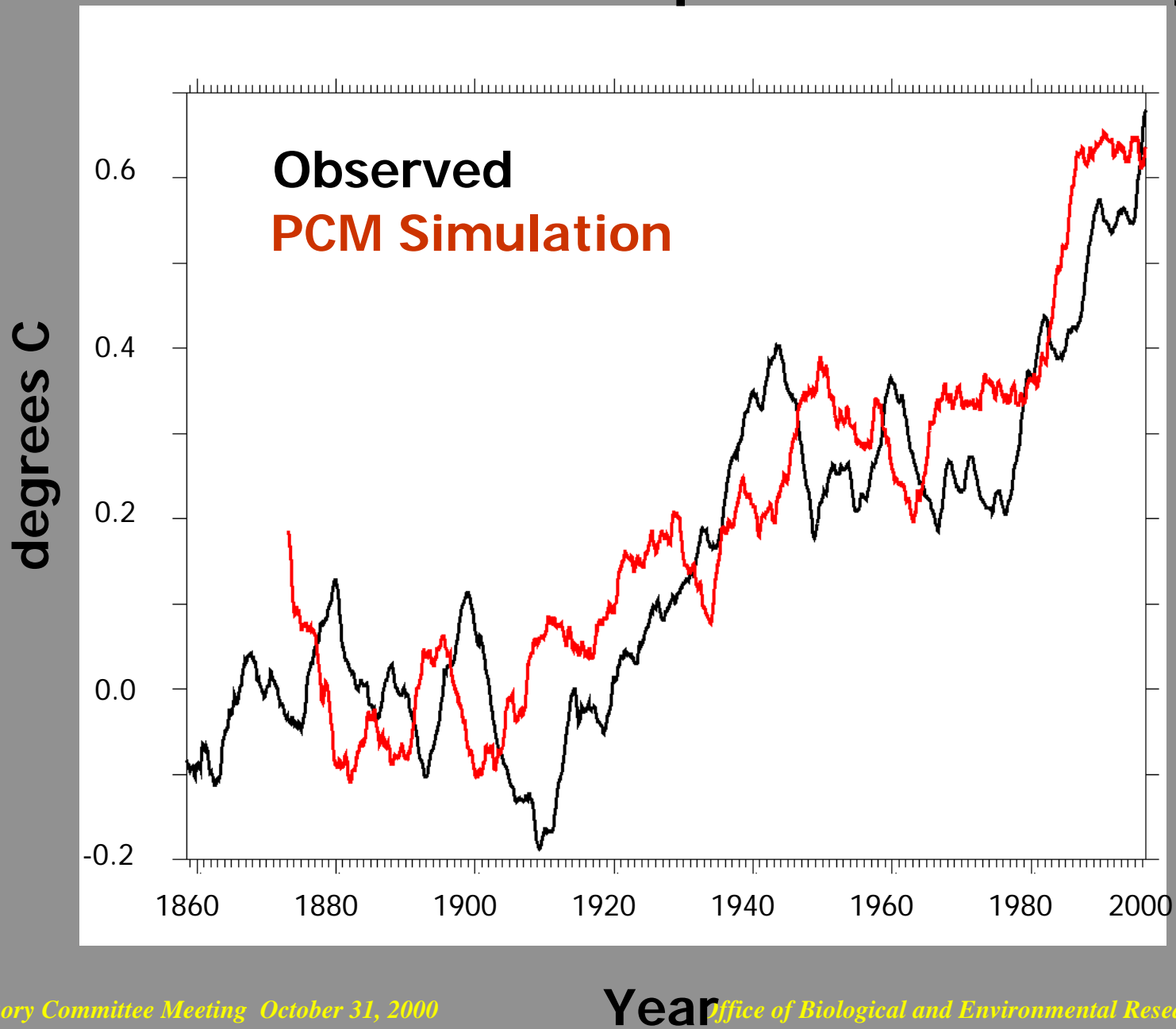
- 1990-1992. Bounding global climate change: Is there a problem?
  - A few, coarse resolution equilibrium model runs
- 1993-1998. Estimating future climate change: How big is the problem?
  - ~10 medium resolution time-dependent runs
- 1999-2003. Predicting details of greenhouse gas scenarios: How to manage the problem?
  - Requires many (~1000) high resolution, time-dependent runs



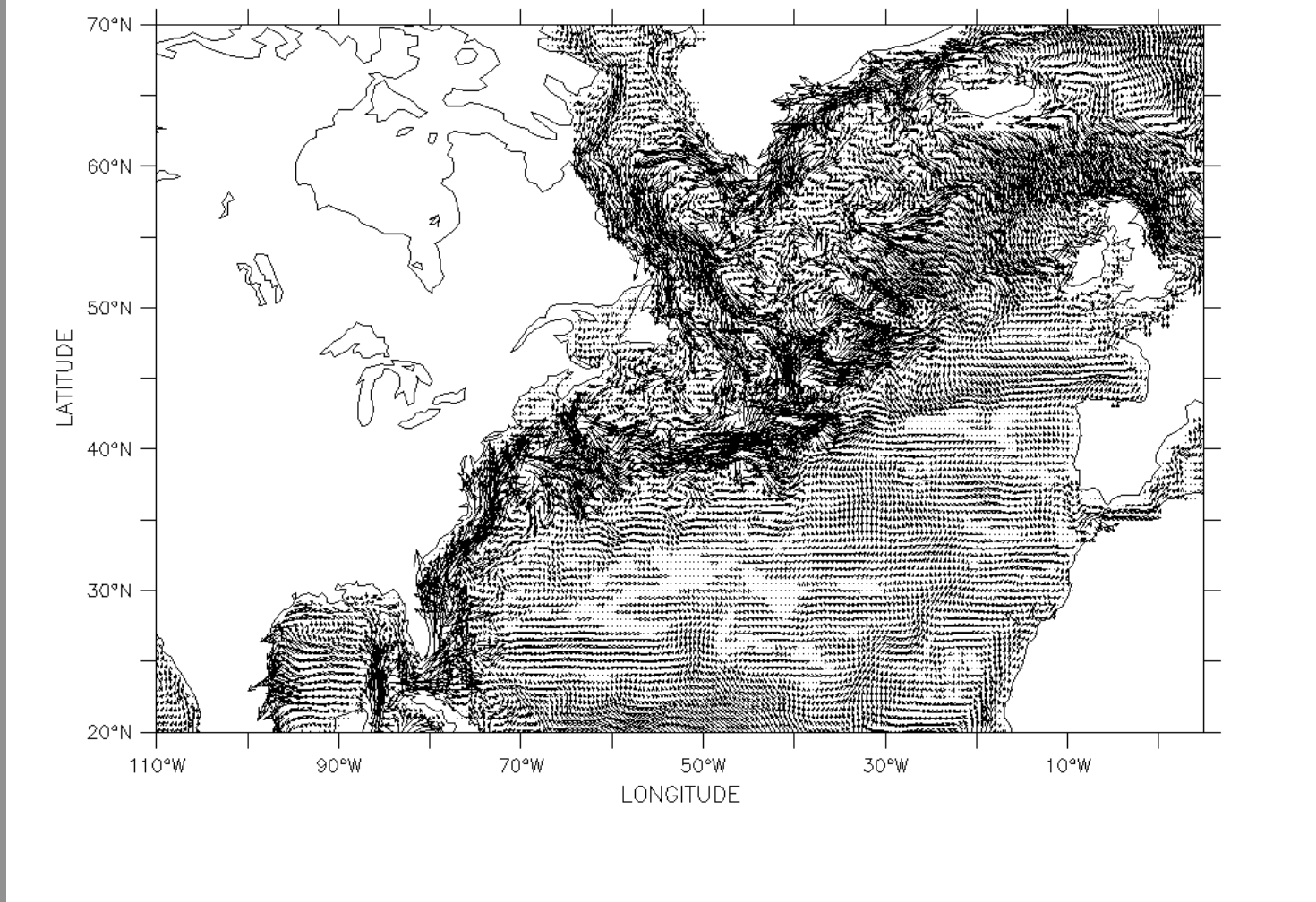
# Climate Prediction Products

- Accurate and verifiable projections of climate change at regional resolution
- Statistically meaningful measures of natural variability
- Multiple scenarios to evaluate emission reduction strategies
- Completion of IPCC assessment by 2005

# Global Surface Temperature Anomaly



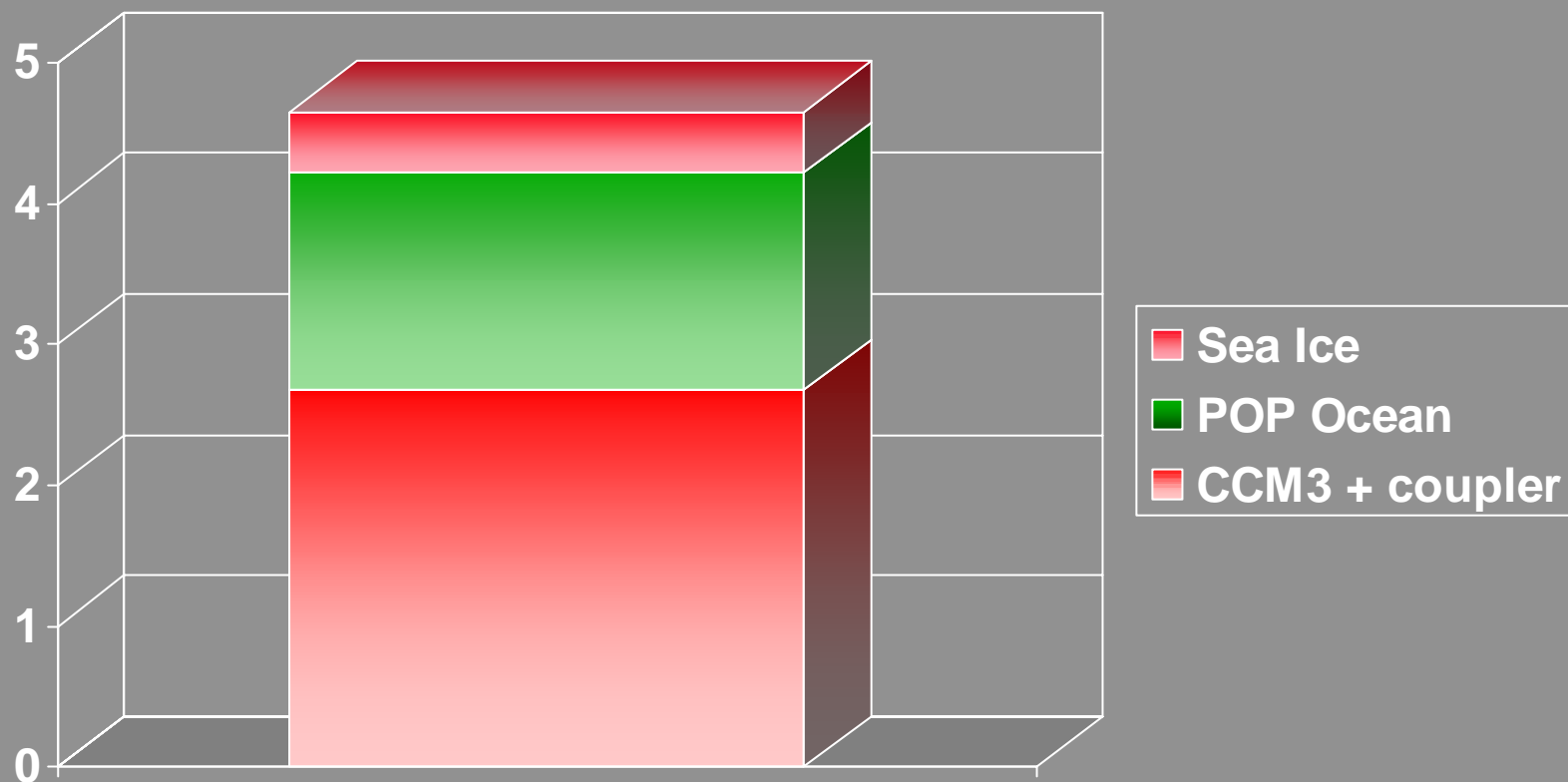
## Ocean Surface Currents





# PCM Total Wall Time

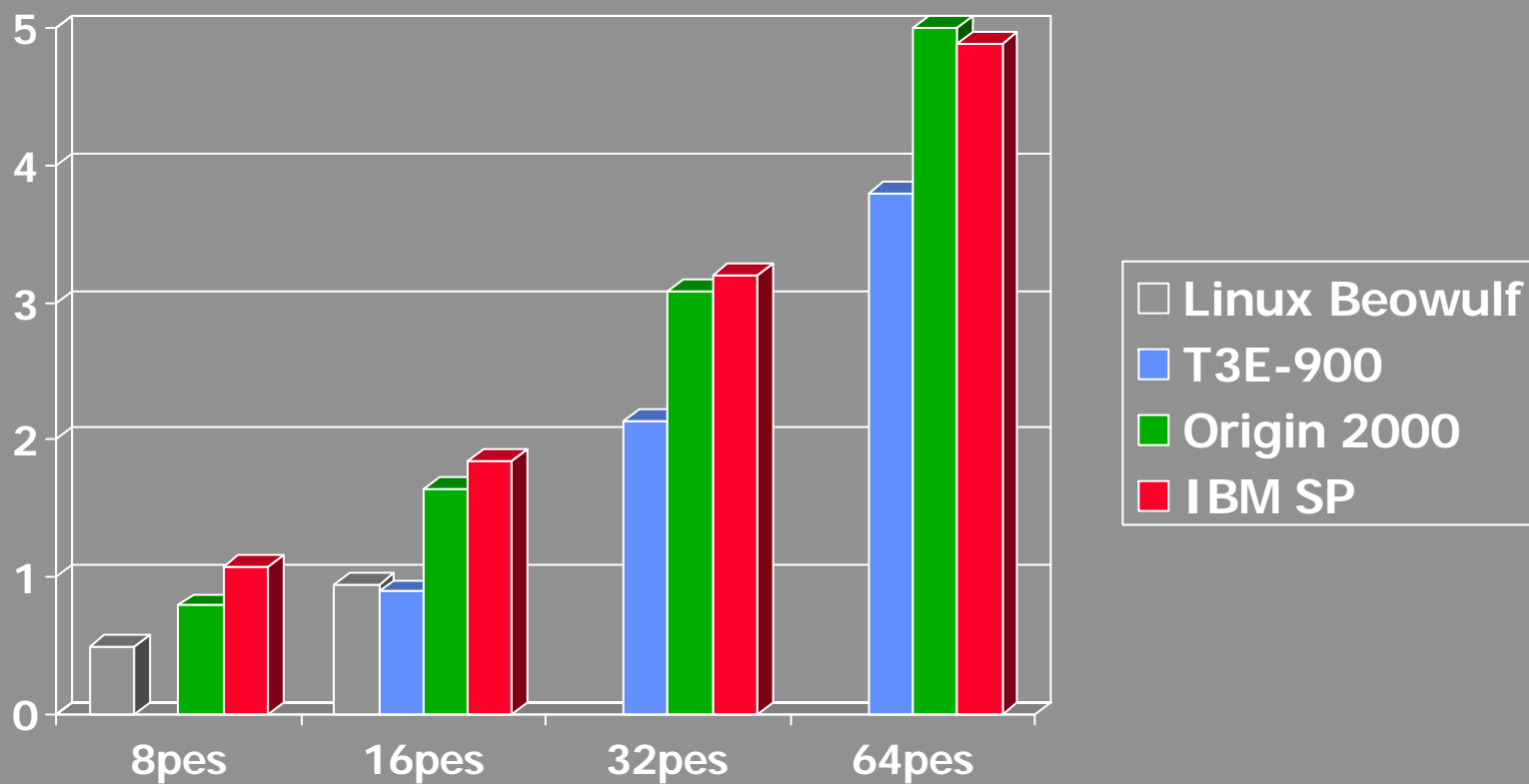
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Wallclock Time (hours) per Simulated Year

# *PCM Performance*

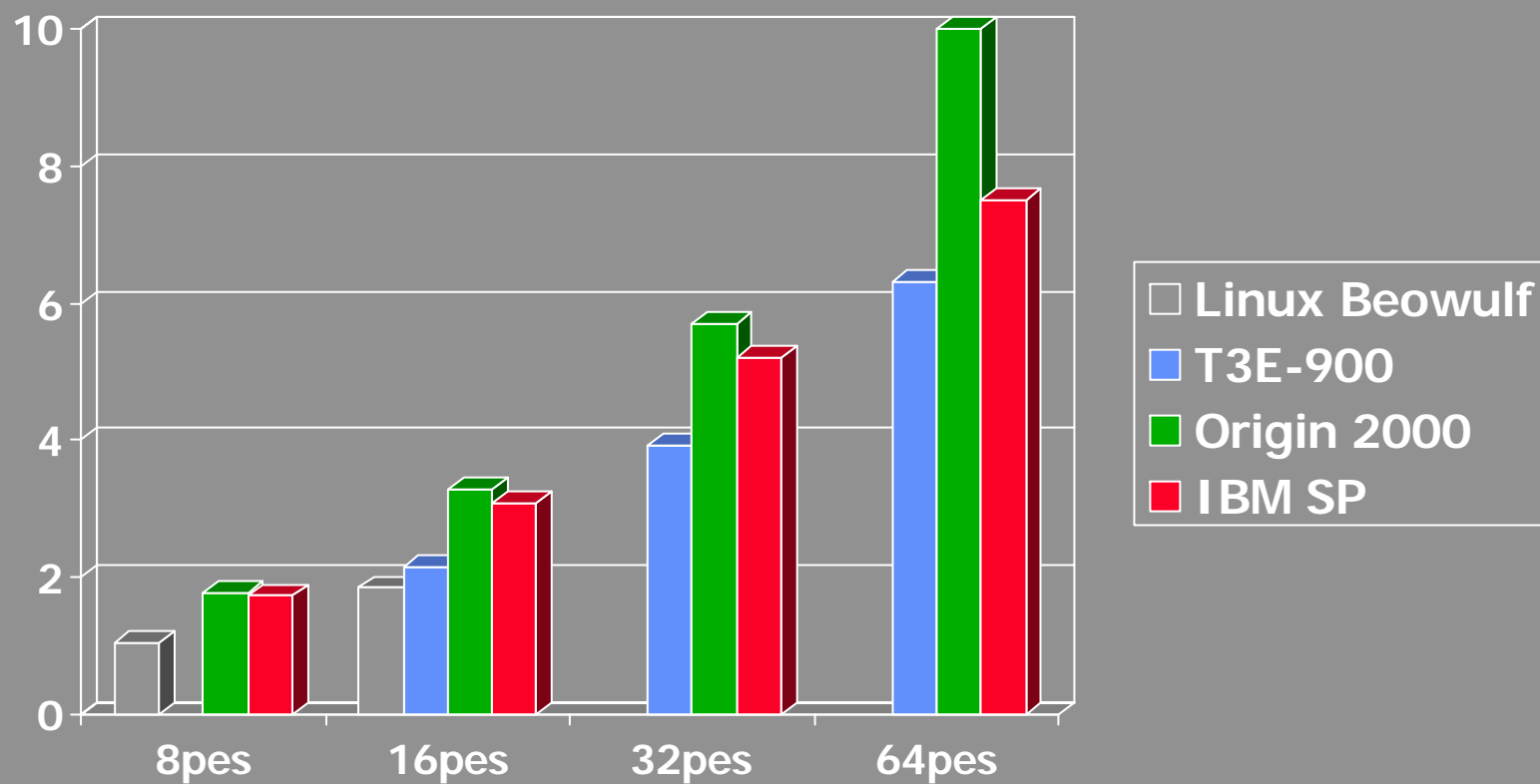
## Full Model



Simulated Years per Wallclock Day

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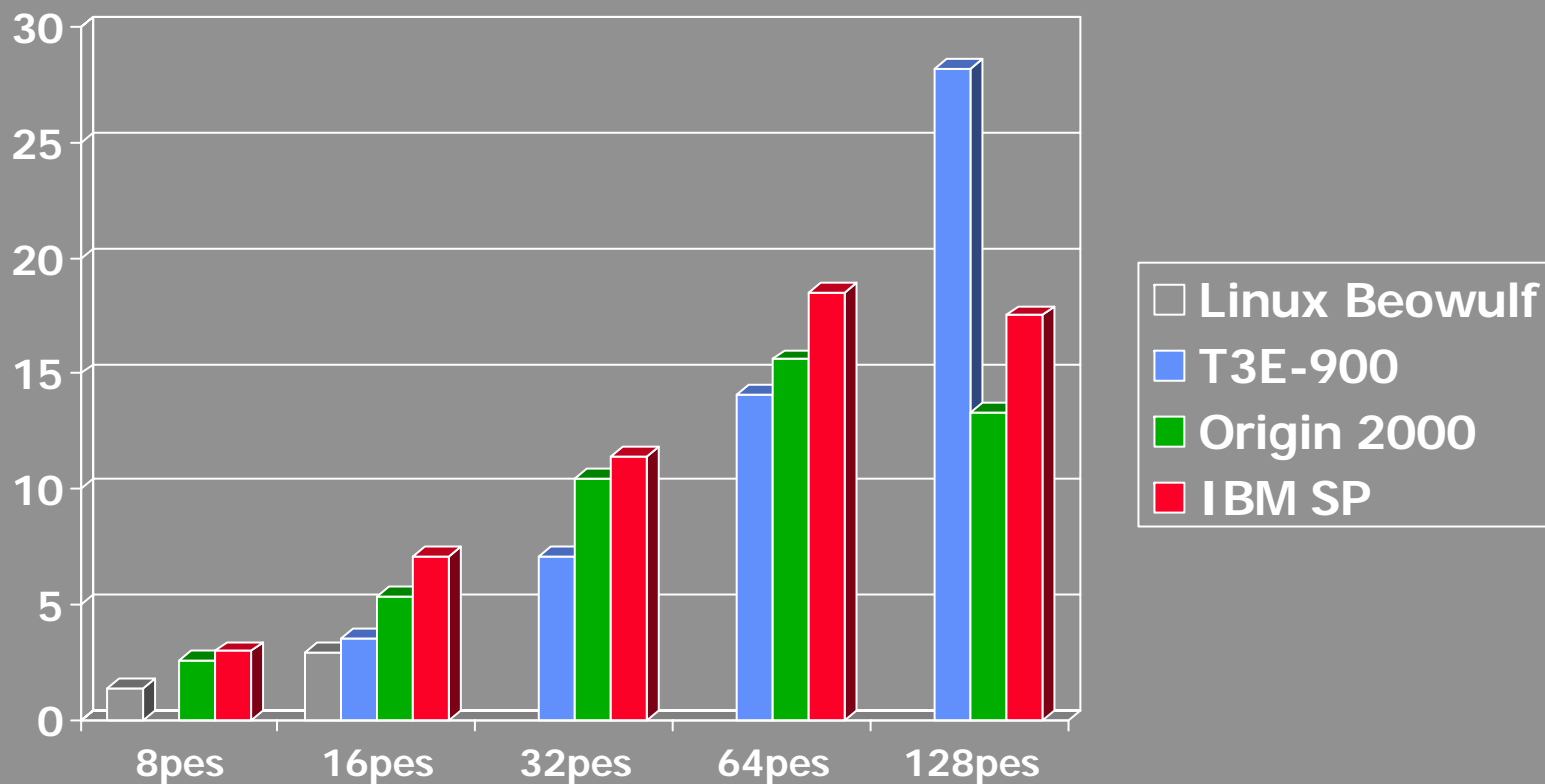
CCM3 plus coupler



Simulated Years per Wallclock Day

# PCM Performance

POP Ocean

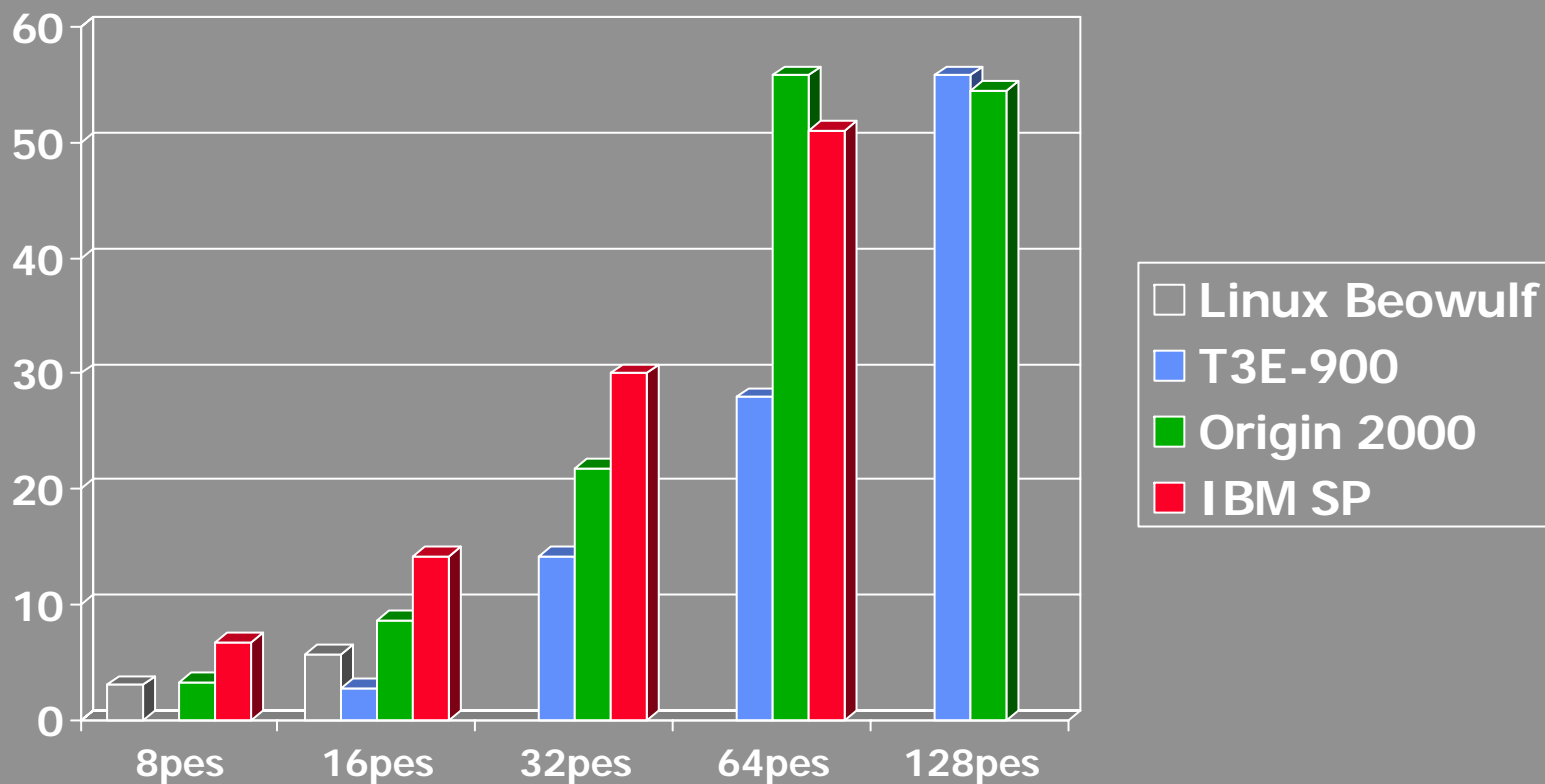


Simulated Years per Wallclock Day



# PCM Performance

## Sea Ice



Simulated Years per Wallclock Day

# *Initial BER SciDAC Application - the Accelerated Climate Prediction Initiative (ACPI)*

## *Goals*

- To accelerate progress in climate model development and application;
- To substantially reduce the uncertainties in decade-to-century model-based projections of climate change; and
- To increase the availability and usability of climate change projections to the broader climate change research and assessment communities.

# *Estimated Computing Needs: 10-40 TFLOPS Sustained*

## *Weather Scale Resolution*

Ocean	10 km
Atmosphere	30 km
Land surface	1 km

## *Ensemble Runs*

10 scenarios
10 realizations/ scenario

## *Processes*

Cloud-radiation interaction

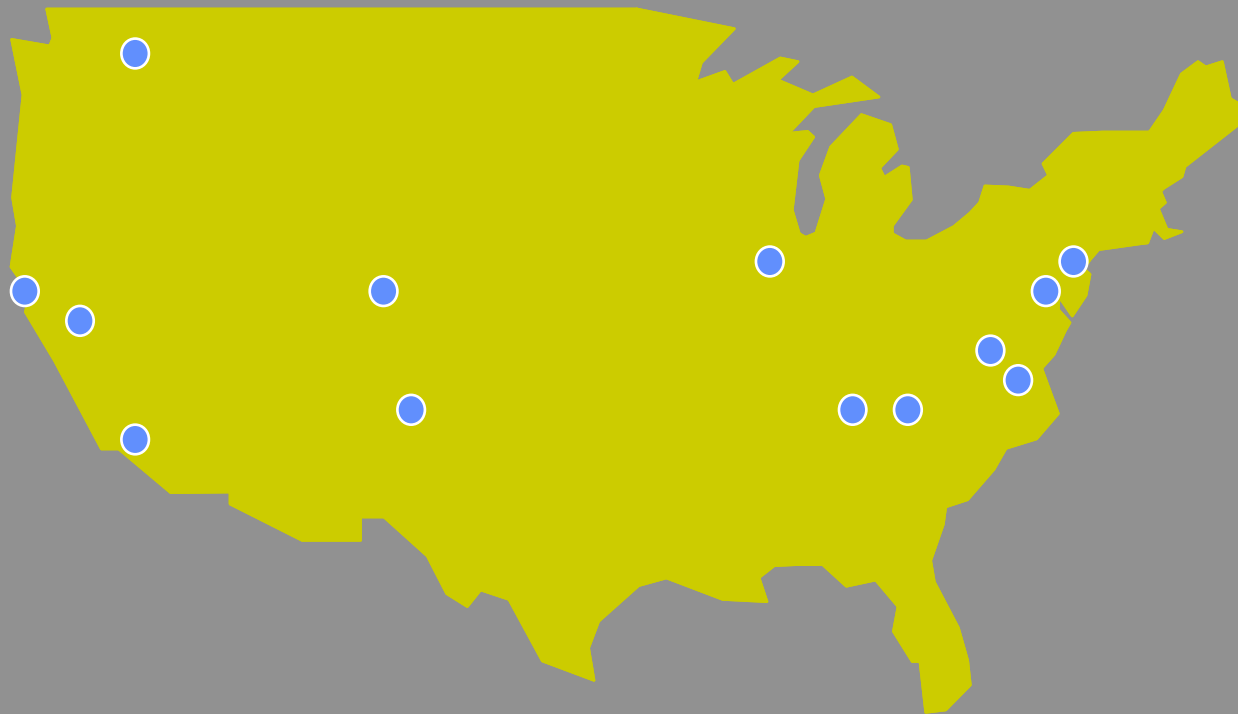
Biogeochemistry and hydrology

Aerosols and non-CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gases

Surface-atmosphere exchange

# ACPI Technical Approach

Create Multi-Agency, Multi-Institution Model  
Development Collaboration linked by Network  
Fabric



# *Partnerships through SciDAC will provide Infrastructure and Environments*

- Virtual Laboratory Collaboration Fabric
  - Advances in storage, analysis and visualization of petabyte datasets
  - Multi-institutional problem solving environment
  - Regional collaboratories for assessment and impacts research
- Terascale Computing Systems
  - Better numerical and computational methods for parallel systems
  - Breakthroughs in scaling for parallel systems

# *ACPI FY 2000 “Quick-Start” Activities*

- Pilot End-to-End Project led by Tim Barnett
- Computational Science/Engineering Collaboration on the NCAR CCSM

# *Relationship Between CSM and CCPP*

- Common Interests
- Cooperation on model development at the PI and Project Leader level
- CCPP owns computer resources
- CCPP focus on Dec-Cen and ACC simulations
- CCPP focus on advanced computing systems and computational science
- Some friction is inevitable and healthy

# *Characteristics of Model Consortium*

- Requires true collaboration among participants - not dominated by any one discipline or organization (science, computational science, computer science)
- Little precedent in climate and weather, has worked in other disciplines, e.g. computational aerodynamics
- Must work toward identified milestones in cooperation with other SciDAC elements