| SC Annual User Meeting 2009: | 20 |  |
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| 10 | Anniversary Celebration |  |
| 10:10-10:35 | Jennifer Irish | "Hurricane Surge Response Functions" |
| 10:35-11:00 | Raffaele Montuoro | "Boosting Productivity with Advanced User Services" |
| 11:10-11:35 | Perla Balbuena | "Computational Catalysis and Electrocatalysis" |
| 11:35-12:00 | Roland Allen | "Supercomputing Studies of Light-Matter Interactions in <br> Materials and Molecules" |
| 1:00-2:00 | Lennart Johnsson | "HPC: Challenges, Opportunities and the Pain Ahead" |
| 2:00-2:25 | J.N. Reddy | "Computational Mechanics: A Powerful Scientific <br> Methodology" |
| 2:25-2:50 | Renyi Zhang | "Numerical Simulations of Atmospheric Chemistry and its <br> Impacts on Weather and Climate" |
| 2:50-3:15 | Tahir Cagin | "Characterization and Design of Materials for Engineering <br> Applications" |

## Faculty Steering Committee (reports to Provost)

## Voting:

Lee Panetta, Chair, Atmospheric Sciences
Guy Almes, Telecommunications Academy
Wolfgang Bangerth, Mathematics
Tahir Cagin, Chemical Engineering
Pierce Cantrell, VP \& Associate Provost for IT
Mike Hall, Chemistry
Lawrence Rauchwerger, Computer Science

## Non-voting:

Spiros Vellas, Associate Director CIS (for Supercomputing) Pete Marchbanks Jr., Interim Executive Director for CIS Steve Johnson, Institute for Scientific Computing

## Founder \& Key Supporter

- 1986 Bahram Nassersharif (BN) becomes Assistant Professor of Nuclear Engineering
- 1987 Nassersharif wins NSF's Presidential Young Investigator (PYI) award
- 1988 Herb Richardson, Dean \& Vice Chancellor of Engineering, supports BN's idea to set up the Supercomputing Facility and A\&M to buy a Cray supercomputer
- 1988 BN becomes the facility's first director


Herb Richardson, Dean \& Vice Chancellor of Engineering

## Cray Y-MP2/116 Delivery

- $1^{\text {st }}$ Texas University to install a Cray YMP
- July 31, 1989



## The Cray Y-MP2/116



- 1 (out of 2) vector processor active only
- 16 MB of vector memory
- 8 64-word (64-bit) vector registers
- 6 nanosec clock
- Peak MFLOP/s 333


## Early users



The original recipients of Cray Research Grants were (first row, left to right) R. Lee Panetta (Meteorology), Ralph White (Chemical Engineering), Gerald North (Meteorology), (second row, left to right) John C. Slattery (Chemical Engineering), Edward Mascorro (Civil Engineering), Photios Papados (Civil Engineering), Roland Allen (Physics), Jan Gryko (Physics), Gamal Akabani for John W. Poston (Nuclear Engineering), Bahram Nassersharif (Nuclear Engineering), Darrell Fannin (Rural Sociology), and Michael Hall (Chemistry).

## Early Uses

| Name | Department | Project Title |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Roland Allen | Physics | Theoretical Studies of Real Materials |
| Ping Chang | Oceanography | Ageostrophic Wave-mean Flow Interaction: Equatroial Layer Dynamics |
| Siu Chin | Physics | Hamiltonian Lattice Calculations \& Microscopic Nuclear Many-Body Problems |
| Michael Hall | Chemistry | Theoretical Inorganic \& Organometallic Chemistry |
| Yassin Hassan | Nuclear Engineering | Turbulence Modeling using the Finite Element Method |
| George Kattawar | Physics | A Theoretical Study for Obtaining the Speed of Sound, Temperature \& Salinity Remotely in the Open Ocean by Brillouin \& Raman Scattering |
| Robert Lucchese | Chemistry | Studies of Electron-Molecule Collisions |
| Bahbram Nassersharif | Nuclear Engineering | Visual Neutron Particle Transport Using Cellular Automata |
| Gerald North |  <br> Oceanography | Application of Information Theory in Climate Predictability Using a General Circulation Model |
| Lee Panetta | Meteorology | Numerical Investigation of Jets in Quasi-Geostrophic Turbulence |
| Theodore Parish | Nuclear Engineering | A Fuel Scoping Program for Boiling Water Reactors |
| Paul Roschke | Civil Engineering | Failure Prediction of Thin Beryllium Sheets Used in Spacecraft Structures |
| John Slattery | Chemical Engineering | The Physics of Spreading Films |
| Ralf White | Chemical Engineering | Mathematical Modeling of Electrochemical Systems \& Simulation of Batteries |

## Original Staff



Michael Bolton
Manager


Victor Hazlewood UNICOS Systems Programmer


Spiros Vellas
Sr. Systems Analyst


Don Curtis
UNICOS Systems Administrator

## Current Supercomputer Facility Staff

## Director:

Admin Asst:
Analysts:

Spiros Vellas
Greta Thomas
Francis Dang
Keith Jackson
Tae Sung Kim
Ping Luo
Xiangong Meng
Raffaele Montuoro
Michael Thomadakis

Gants (Help Desk):

Videsh Sadafal Jie Meng

Cray Y-MP2/116 (1989)


## Apple Macbook Pro (2008)

QuickTime ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ and a
TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor are needed to see this picture.

1 cpu
16 MB memory
0.333 Gflops — X $60 \longrightarrow 20$ Gflops
\$5 M
\$400k/yr maint

2 cpus
4 GB memory \$2 K
(+ 3 yr maint)

## Supercomputer Facility hardware over the years

| Cray Y-MP(1) | Vector | 1 cpu | 333 <br> Mflops | $\$ 5 \mathrm{M}$ <br> $(1989)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SGI Power <br> Challenge | SMP | 24 cpu |  |  |
| Cray J90 | Vector | 16 cpu |  |  |
| SGI Origin 2000 | SMP | 32 cpu |  |  |
| SGI Origin 3200 | SMP | 64 cpu |  | $(2002)$ |
| IBM p690 <br> Regatta | SMP | 32 cpu |  | (13 |
| SGI Altix 3700 | SMP | 128 cpu | 0.665 <br> Tflops | $(2004)$ |$\times 10$

## Cosmos Usage

Total Jobs


Total CPU Time


| $\square$ Engineering | $\square$ Science |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ Agriculture $\quad \square$ Supercomputing/Other |  |
| $\square$ Geoscience |  |

## Batch Job Statistics by CPU Factor

## System: cosmos

Date Range: 2008-09 to 2009-05

Total Jobs


Total CPU Time


| $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ to 4 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square 5$ to 8 | $\square 9$ to 16 |
| $\square 17$ to 32 | $\square 33$ to 64 |
| $\square 65$ to 128 | $\square 129$ to 256 |
| $\square 257$ to 592 |  |

## Hydra Usage



## Batch Job Statistics by CPU Factor

System: hydra
Date Range: 2008-09 to 2009-05

Total Jobs


Monthly Batch Statistics for Hydra


