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FROM THE DIRECTOR

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Innovative Computing Laboratory (ICL).

Looking back over this 20-year period, the evolution and growth of the technology for computing has been truly astonishing. In an environment where technology changes every 18 months, ICL cannot afford to stand still. In the past 20 years we have seen Gigaflop computing with around 10 processors turn into Teraflop computing with 1,000 processors to Petaflop computing with greater than 100,000 processors. We see the horizon and it's clear in the next 10 years we will be at Exascale computing with greater than 10,000,000 processors. The challenges are great, different than the current set of challenges, and exciting research problems await us. ICL's research agenda has never been stagnant; we have always taken leadership roles in enabling technologies for high performance computing.



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1989
Jack Dongarra

Standards and efforts such as PVM, MPI, LAPACK, ScaLAPACK, BLAS, ATLAS, Netlib, Top500, PAPI, NetSolve, and the Linpack Benchmark have all left their mark on the scientific community. We can be proud of the recognition and use our software systems receive. We are continuing these efforts with PLASMA, MAGMA, HPC Challenge, BlackJack, Open MPI, and MuMI, as well as other innovative computing projects.

The Innovative Computing Laboratory continues to address some of the most important computational scientific issues of our time. Our plans for the future are founded on our accomplishments as well as our vision. That vision challenges us to be a world leader in enabling technologies and software for scientific computing. We have been and will continue to be providers of high performance tools to tackle science's most challenging problems and to play a major role in the development of standards for scientific computing in general.

We are building from a firm foundation. Over the past 20 years, we have developed robust research programs, attracted some of the best and brightest students and researchers, and created leading-edge research programs. The ICL staff's ongoing ability to apply the latest technologies to provide advanced services and

solutions for the scientific computing community underscores the ICL's leadership role. We continue to grow in terms of the resources we have at our disposal. We have two of the most powerful Petaflop computing systems at our doorstep with ORNL's Jaguar and UTK's Kraken systems. We have ongoing efforts to strengthen our organization and to ensure the proper balance and integration of research and projects. The pace of change will continue to accelerate in the coming years.

This is truly a time of great excitement in the design of software and algorithms for the next generation, and we will be part of the continuing evolution of the high performance computing ecology.

During these exciting times, I am grateful to our sponsors for their continued endorsement of our efforts. My special thanks and congratulations go to the ICL staff and students for their skill, dedication, and tireless efforts in making the ICL one of the best centers for enabling technologies in the world.

- Jack Dongarra, Director of the ICL

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

TWENTY YEARS AGO in the summer of 1989, the Innovative Computing Laboratory (ICL) was established by Dr. Jack Dongarra, who came to the University of Tennessee (UT) from Argonne National Laboratory. At that time, Dr. Dongarra received a dual appointment as a Distinguished Professor in the Computer Science Department here at UT and as a Distinguished Scientist at nearby Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). Since that date, ICL has grown from two grad students and two Post-docs to a fully functional research center, with a staff of more than 40 researchers, students, and administrators. What began in a small office in one of UT's oldest academic buildings, ICL now occupies a large portion of a 70,000 sq. ft. wing of the newer Claxton building located in the heart of the Knoxville campus.

In 2007, ICL and our UT colleagues in Computer Science joined the faculty of Computer and Electrical Engineering to form the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) department in College of Engineering. Our commitment to excellence has been one of the keys to our success as we strive to make a substantial impact in the high performance computing community. We continue to lead the way as one of the most respected academic research centers in the world.

As we celebrate 20 years, our mission has remained unchanged since day one: being a world leader in enabling technologies and software for scientific computing. Our goals of providing leading edge tools to tackle science's



1989

3 of the 5 original members of ICL are included in this group of researchers in front of Ayres Hall. L to R: Sven Hammarling, ICLer Zhaojun Bai, Anne Greenbaum, ICLer Ed Anderson, Alan McKenney, ICL founder Jack Dongarra, Jeremy DuCroz (standing), Jim Demmel (sitting)

most challenging high performance computing problems and playing a major role in the development of standards for scientific computing in general continue.

Since 1989, we have attracted many post-doctoral researchers and professors from multi-disciplines such as mathematics, chemistry, etc. Many of these experts came to UT specifically to work with Dr. Dongarra, which began a long list of top research talent to pass through ICL and move on to make exciting contributions at other institutions and organizations. See our timeline on the following page for the list of some of the experts who have passed through ICL on their way to distinguished careers at other organizations and academic institutions.

1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

Original ICL Logo



1989
ICL Established
Ayres Hall

ICL LANDMARKS



2000
Move from Ayres Hall to
new Claxton Building

2007
Merger of CS and ECE
depts. to form EECS

1989
PVM
Level 3 BLAS

1992
LAPACK
BLACS

1994
MPI

1997
NetSolve
ATLAS
RIB

2000
HPL

2003
LAPACK for Clusters
HPCC

2008
PLASMA
MAGMA

1993
TOP500

1995
ScaLAPACK

1999
PAPI
HARNESS

2002
FT-MPI
GCO

2006
Open MPI
FT-LA



1994 R&D100 PVM

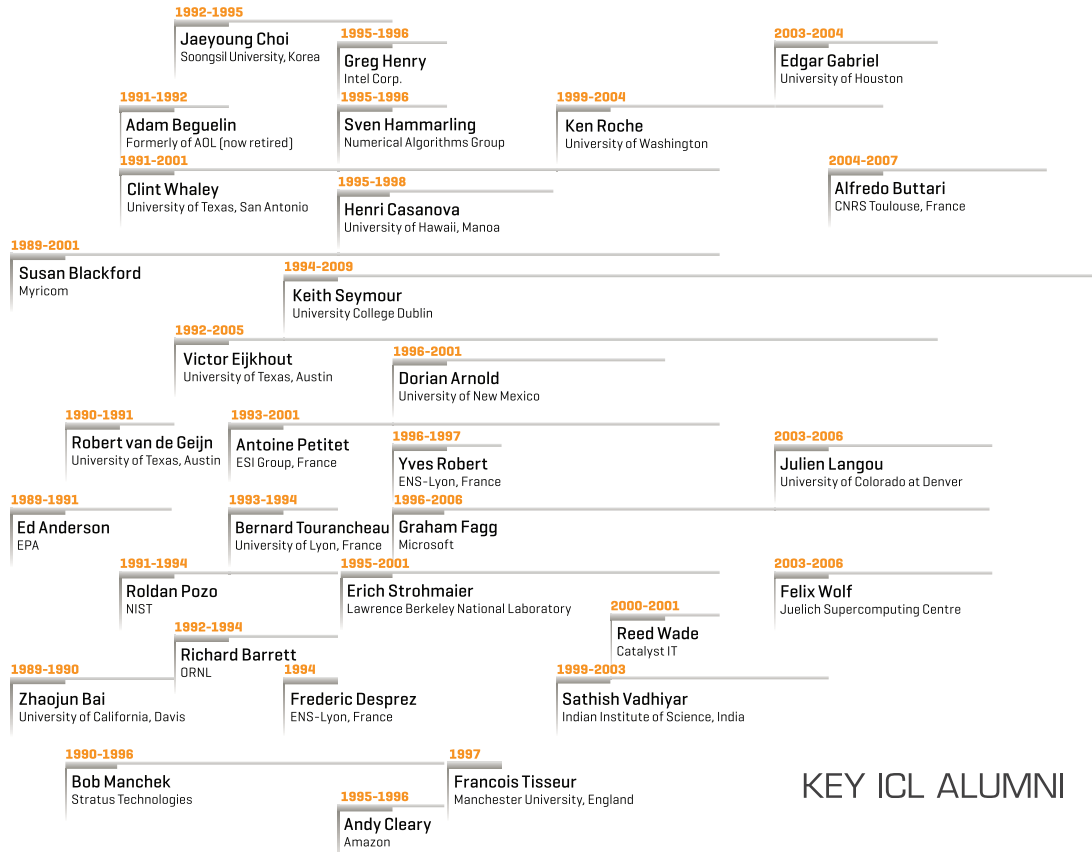


1999 R&D100 ATLAS &
NetSolve



2001 R&D100 PAPI

ICL RESEARCH



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RESEARCH

Remaining at the forefront of computational research requires the ability to adapt to an ever changing landscape in high performance computing.

Increased efforts to keep pace with the evolution in HPC hardware and software represent unique challenges that only a handful of enabling technology researchers are capable of addressing successfully. Our cutting-edge research efforts of the past have provided the foundation for addressing these challenges and serve as catalysts for success in our ever growing research portfolio. Our vision, our expertise, our determination, and our track record continue to position ICL as a leader in academic research.

What originally began 20 years ago as in-depth investigations of the numerical libraries that encode the use of linear algebra in software, our research portfolio has grown extensively. We have evolved and expanded our research agenda to accommodate the aforementioned evolution of the HPC community. We now include work in high performance parallel and distributed computing. As we have gained a solid understanding of the challenges presented in these domains, we have further expanded our research to include work in performance analysis and benchmarking for high-end computers.

Demonstrating the range and diversity of our research, we will be engaged in more than 20 significant research projects during 2009-2010 across our main areas of focus: numerical linear algebra, high performance distributed computing, and performance analysis and benchmarking. On the following pages, we provide brief summaries of some of our efforts in each of these areas. For more detailed information about our research, visit our website - <http://icl.eecs.utk.edu/>.

BLACKJACK

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<http://icl.eecs.utk.edu/blackjack/>

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Modern computing architectures change rapidly and exhibit high levels of complexity and heterogeneity. Developing compilers that can boost productivity while producing efficient code for these rapidly evolving targets is a difficult challenge that most existing compiler systems are unable to address in a comprehensive way. Blackjack is addressing the problem of characterizing target architectures in a rigorous and systematic manner, providing a comprehensive list of benchmarks and applications that can stress and evaluate the compilers as well as assess the productivity benefits of such compiler systems. Our Blackjack project is part of the DARPA AACE [Architecture-Aware Compiler Environment] effort, which aims to produce modular compilers that can discover their environment and automatically adapt to it, so that it can efficiently optimize programs without user involvement or expertise.

FT-LA

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Fault-tolerance has never been so paramount with distributed machines currently reaching up to 300K cores. The scientific community has to tackle the problem from two directions. First, efficient middleware needs to be designed to detect failures. Second, the numerical applications have to be flexible enough to permit the recovery of the lost data-structure. At ICL, we have successfully developed Fault Tolerant MPI [FT-MPI] middleware and, more recently, a Fault Tolerant Linear Algebra [FT-LA] library that will efficiently handle several process failures.

We have also fully integrated FT-LA in the Coordinated Infrastructure for Fault Tolerant Systems [CIFTS] environment [see p. 12] to provide better communication and fault management between the system's software components and scientific applications. Our future work in this area involves the development of scalable fault-tolerant, one-sided [Cholesky, LU and QR] and two-sided [Hessenberg, tri-diagonalization and bi-diagonalization] factorizations in the context of tile algorithms [PLASMA]. In case of failures, the core idea would be to restart the computation by mostly using critical information already present in the directed acyclic graph generated by those factorizations, which will considerably decrease the checkpoint sizes.

FT-MPI AND OPEN MPI

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<http://icl.eecs.utk.edu/ftmpi/>
<http://www.open-mpi.org/>

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Message Passing has become the dominant programming paradigm for high performance parallel applications. ICL's expertise in this area has led to the development of a leading edge MPI library called FT-MPI, which allows for flexible new models of fault tolerance and recovery that were previously impossible. Since the release of the FT-MPI runtime library at SC 2003, research in FT-MPI has mainly centered on system level software and environment management in order to enhance and improve its performance, robustness and scalability. This research covers diverse topics from self-healing networks to the fundamental understanding and modeling of group communications in a fault enabled environment. Many features from FT-MPI, such as point-to-point messaging, tuned collective communication algorithms and a heterogeneous data-type engine, have been integrated to the open source production quality MPI implementation known as Open MPI, which is part of a collaborative effort involving several institutions including ICL. Additionally, some fault tolerant mechanisms designed in the context of FT-MPI are currently considered by the MPI Forum for inclusion in the next version of the MPI standard [MPI 3.0].

GCO

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Empirical optimization [or auto-tuning] has emerged as an effective technique for addressing the limitations of traditional compiler technology while achieving performance levels competitive with hand tuning. Current empirical optimization techniques such as ATLAS and FFTW can achieve exceptional performance in part because the algorithms to be optimized are known ahead of time. We are addressing this limitation by extending the techniques used in ATLAS to the optimization of arbitrary code. Since the algorithm to be optimized is not known in advance, compiler technology is required to analyze the source code and generate the candidate implementations. We have developed an empirical tuning infrastructure that works in conjunction with existing code generators such as the ROSE LoopProcessor from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and POET from the University of Texas, San Antonio. Our most recent research has involved investigating different search heuristics and a parallel search strategy to improve the process of finding the best code implementation.

GRIDSOLVE

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The goal of the GridSolve project is to provide an easy-to-use Grid middleware infrastructure that will enable users to solve complex scientific problems on remote Grid resources while using simple interfaces from their preferred Scientific Computing Environments [SCEs]. The GridSolve system is a GridRPC-based, client-agent-server system that includes service registration, service discovery, load balancing and service level fault tolerance. Recent work in GridSolve has focused on workflow management, where a workflow is inferred from a sequence of service calls, and the data movement is transparently managed between server machines. The current GridSolve software release includes automatic workflow inference and execution, improved scheduling capabilities, improved client interfaces [Matlab, Octave, IDL, C and Fortran], and various performance enhancements.

HPC CHALLENGE

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The HPC Challenge (HPCC) benchmark suite has been designed to assess the bounds on the performance of many real applications. The main factor that differentiates the various components of the suite is the memory access patterns that, in a meaningful way, span the temporal and spatial locality space. The sustained floating point operation rate and memory bandwidth, the rate of random memory updates, and the interconnect latency and bandwidth are the major tests included in the suite. The most recent version of the code was released in 2007 and added a number of algorithmic variants of the tests. The additions prepare the code for the yearly HPCC competition where results are announced at the annual SC conference. The competition features contestants who submit performance numbers from the world's largest supercomputer installations and implementations of the benchmark suite that use a vast array of parallel programming environments. The performance results submitted through the HPCC web site and for the competition are publicly available to help track the progress of both the high end computing arena as well as commodity hardware for parallel computing.

HPL

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HPL is a software package that solves a [random] dense linear system in double precision [64 bits] arithmetic on distributed-memory computers. Nearly four years since the last stable release, HPL 2.0 was released in September 2008. Besides including major bug fixes and accuracy enhancements that have been reported by users since 2004, the major focus of this release was to improve accuracy of reported benchmark results and ensure scalability of the code on the largest supercomputer installations with hundreds of thousands of computational cores. Written in a portable ANSI C and requiring an MPI implementation as well as either the BLAS or VSIBL library, HPL is often one of the first programs run on large computer installations to produce a result that can be submitted to the TOP500 list of the world's most powerful supercomputers.

LAPACK AND SCALAPACK

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<http://www.netlib.org/lapack/>

<http://www.netlib.org/scalapack/>

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LAPACK and ScaLAPACK are libraries for solving dense linear algebra problems and are very widely used in the scientific community. ICL has been a major contributor to the development and maintenance of these two packages over the years. LAPACK is sequential, relies on the BLAS library, and benefits from the multicore BLAS library whereas ScaLAPACK is parallel distributed and relies on BLAS, LAPACK, MPI, and BLACS libraries. LAPACK 3.2.1 was released in April 2009. Recent work on LAPACK has revolved around the implementation of Rectangle Full Packed format, QR updating, LDLT with rook pivoting, variance of factorization, several iterative refinement routines and much more. ScaLAPACK 1.8.0 was released in April 2007. Recent work on ScaLAPACK has focused on the externalization of the LAPACK routines and the addition of new drivers. Since 2007, a special effort has been made to release and maintain LAPACK, CLAPACK and ScaLAPACK under Windows, natively. Maintenance releases for LAPACK are expected to be released by the end of 2009. ScaLAPACK 1.9.0 is also scheduled to be released in late 2009, which includes the addition of the MRRR algorithm.

MAGMA

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MAGMA's (Matrix Algebra on GPU and Multicore Architectures) goal is to create a new generation of linear algebra libraries that achieves the fastest possible time to an accurate solution on heterogeneous/hybrid systems, using all available processing power within given energy constraints. The main focus is the development of a dense linear algebra library for multicore+GPU systems. MAGMA is designed to be similar to LAPACK in functionality, data storage, and interface, in order to allow scientists to effortlessly port any of their LAPACK-relying software components to take advantage of the new architectures.

In addition, MAGMA is being designed to run on homogeneous x86-based multicores and to take advantage of GPU components (if available). This is achieved by developing a class of hybrid algorithms that split the computation into tasks of varying granularity (e.g., large for available GPUs) and dynamically scheduling their execution. In addition to increasing the performance proportionally to the computational characteristics of the GPUs used, MAGMA overcomes bottlenecks associated with memory-bound operations (as in the two-sided factorizations) leading to speedups exceeding even an order of magnitude.

MUMI

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Coming soon

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MuMI, the Multicore Application Modeling Infrastructure, is an effort to develop a unifying framework within which an understanding of performance and performance-power tradeoffs can be developed for modern multicore architectures. This project is focused on developing a framework to facilitate systematic measurement, modeling, and prediction of performance, power consumption and performance-power tradeoffs for multicore systems. In addition to this development work, MuMI will be used to model, analyze and optimize performance and power consumption of key benchmarks and applications on multicore systems. MuMI combines the strengths of our current PAPI effort with Texas A&M's Prophecy performance modeling interface and Virginia Tech's Power-Pack, a power-performance measurement and analysis system.

PAPI

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Phil Mucci

PAPI, the Performance API, has become the de facto standard within the HPC community for providing access to the hardware performance counters found on modern high performance computing systems. Provided as a linkable library or shared object, PAPI can be called directly in a user program or used transparently through a variety of 3rd party tools. PAPI continues to be ported to the most interesting new Cray and IBM architectures, as well as multicore offerings from Intel and AMD.

Architecturally, PAPI has also been restructured to allow simultaneous access to both on-processor and off-processor counters and sensors. Component PAPI, or PAPI-C, is provided with components for limited network counter and system health monitoring support. Additional components are in development by 3rd parties around the world. Development support documentation is available at the PAPI website.

PLASMA AND MULTICORE

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Jakub Kurzak	

PLASMA [Parallel Linear Algebra Software for Multicore Architectures] is ICL's flagship project for multicore computing. PLASMA is designed to give high efficiency on homogeneous multicore processors and multi-socket systems of multicore processors. As of 2009, the majority of such systems are on-chip symmetric multiprocessors with classic super-scalar processors as their building blocks [x86 and alike] augmented with short-vector SIMD extensions [SSE and alike]. PLASMA is being engineered with the objective to eventually supersede LAPACK and ScaLAPACK, principally by restructuring the software to achieve much greater efficiency, where possible, on modern computers based on multicore processors. PLASMA also relies on new or improved algorithms. PLASMA can solve dense systems of linear equations and linear least squares problems and associated computations such as matrix factorizations, matrix multiplication and the like. Unlike LAPACK, PLASMA currently does not solve eigenvalue or singular value problems and does not support band matrices. For all supported types of computation the same functionality is provided for real and complex matrices in single precision and double precision.

TOP 500

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<http://www.top500.org/>

ICL TEAM

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For 15 years now, a ranking of the top 500 fastest computers in the world has been compiled biannually with published results released in June and November. The basis for this list is computer performance running the numerically intensive High Performance LINPACK [HPL] benchmark developed by ICL. While other benchmarks, including HPCC, have been developed to measure performance of HPC systems, the TOP500 still relies on the HPL benchmark and remains the de-facto ranking relied upon by commercial, industrial, government, and academic institutions. ICL continues to partner with NERSC/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the University of Mannheim, Germany to produce the rankings.

OTHER RESEARCH EFFORTS

DOE SciDAC PERI

URL
<http://www.peri-scidac.org/perci/>

The Performance Engineering Research Institute (PERI) is conducting performance research designed to make the transition to petascale systems smoother, so that researchers can benefit quickly from these ultra-fast machines. The effort involves performance modeling, development of an automatic tuning system, and application engagement. PERI is a collaborative effort between Argonne National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Rice University, University of California at San Diego, University of Maryland, University of North Carolina, University of Southern California, University of Utah, and University of Tennessee [ICL].

DOE SciDAC CIFTS

URL
<http://www.mcs.anl.gov/research/cifts/>

The Coordinated Infrastructure for Fault Tolerant Systems (CIFTS) is providing a coordinated infrastructure that will enable Fault Tolerant Systems to adapt to faults occurring in the operating environment in a holistic manner. CIFTS is a collaborative effort between Argonne National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Indiana University, Ohio State University, and University of Tennessee [ICL].

DOE SciDAC CSCADS

URL
<http://cscads.rice.edu/>

The Center for Scalable Application Development Software (CScADS) for Advanced Architectures was created at Rice University to facilitate the scalability of applications to the petascale and beyond while fostering the development of new tools by the computer science community through support of common software infrastructures and standards. CScADS is a collaborative effort between the Argonne National Laboratory, Rice University, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Tennessee [ICL], and the University of Wisconsin.

NSF KEENELAND

URL
<http://keeneland.gatech.edu/>

As part of a new NSF-funded effort, nicknamed Keeneland, ICL is partnering with Georgia Tech, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), UTK's National Institute for Computational Sciences (NICS), Hewlett-Packard (HP) and NVIDIA Corporation in developing and deploying innovative and experimental high-performance computing (HPC) systems. Current HPC systems are designed using hundreds or thousands of central processing units (CPUs), the processor type used for performing calculations in modern day computers. These new HPC systems will be hybrids in which graphical processing units (GPUs) will work in tandem with CPUs to take advantage of two important GPU characteristics: next-generation GPU peak FLOP (floating point operation per second) rates are significantly higher than for CPUs and GPUs have proven to be more energy efficient than CPUs. A critical component of this project, which will be one of the foci of our efforts, is the development of mathematical libraries that leverage NVIDIA Corporation's CUDA-based (compute-unified device architecture) GPUs.

NSF POINT

URL
<http://www.nic.uoregon.edu/point/>

The Productivity from Open, INtegrated Tools (POINT) project is integrating, hardening, and deploying an open, portable, robust performance tools environment for the NSF-funded high-performance computing centers. Entry points to the tools for users at different levels of expertise are available, and the project has a comprehensive outreach and training component. POINT is a collaborative effort between the University of Oregon, the University of Tennessee (ICL), the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, and the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center.

NSF FUTUREGRID

URL
<http://www.futuregrid.org/>

FutureGrid is a high performance grid test bed that will allow scientists to work collaboratively to develop and test novel approaches to parallel, grid, and cloud computing. The FutureGrid test bed will be composed of a high-speed network connected to distributed clusters of high performance computers and will be linked to the TeraGrid—the NSF's national cyberinfrastructure of high performance computing resources for scientific research. Led by Indiana University, FutureGrid is a collaborative effort that includes the University of Tennessee (ICL), Purdue University, San Diego Supercomputer Center at University of California San Diego, University of Chicago/Argonne National Labs, University of Florida, University of Southern California Computing Center, University of Virginia, and the Center for Information Services and GWT-TUD from Technische Universtit Dresden.

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PEOPLE

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Our most important asset, as with most organizations, is our staff.

Our success continues to hinge on our ability to skillfully apply our expertise to the computing challenges that confront the ever changing HPC landscape. With a staff of top researchers from all around the world, we can apply a variety of unique and innovative approaches to the challenges and problems inherent to world-class, scientific computing.

In addition, as part of an engineering college at a top 50 public research university, we have a responsibility to combine exemplary teaching with cutting-edge research. As such, we regularly employ more than a dozen bright and motivated graduate and undergraduate students. We have been, and will continue to be, very proactive in securing internships and assistantships for those students who are hard working and willing to learn.



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2003



2004



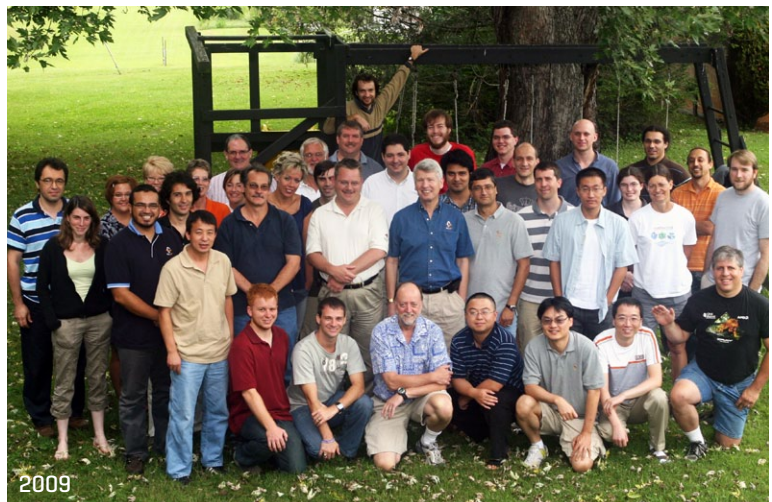
2005



2006



2007



2009



























2008

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VISITORS

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY RESEARCH agendas in the HPC landscape increasingly require collaborative initiatives to be successful. For this reason, our list of research collaborators and partners continues to grow. A byproduct of our relationship with multiple institutions is the enormous opportunities to host and work with researchers from all around the world. Since ICL was founded, we have routinely hosted many visitors, some who stay briefly to give seminars or presentations and others who remain with us for as long as a year collaborating, teaching, and learning. In addition, it is not uncommon to have students [undergraduate as well as graduate] from various universities study with us for months on end, learning about our approaches and solutions to computing problems. We believe the experience of sharing expertise between our visitors and ourselves during these visits has been mutually beneficial and we will continue providing opportunities for visits from our national and international colleagues in research.

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ALUMNI

OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, ICL has employed many students and staff from multiple backgrounds and academic disciplines. From undergraduate students to experienced research scientists, nearly 200 individuals have passed through our doors, many of whom have gone on to both achieve and contribute great things in academia, government, and industry. Many of our former staff and students are now faculty members at some of the most prestigious academic institutions in the US and around the world.

In addition, many of our former students have gone on to apply their experience and knowledge to careers with many of the largest companies in the computing industry including Amazon, Cray, Google, Hewlett Packard, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Myricom, and NEC just to name a few. And many have even gone on to form companies of their own. See our 20 year timeline on page 5 for more information about former ICLers.

Aebischer, Carolyn 1990-2005
 Agrawal, Bivek 2003-2006
 Agrawal, Sudesh 2000-2006
 Allgeyer, Jennifer 1993
 Anderson, Ed 1989-1991
 Andrzejewski, Daniel 2007
 Angskun, Thara 2003-2007
 Arkhurst, Papa 2003
 Arnold, Dorian 1996-2001
 Baboulin, Marc 2006-2008
 Bai, Zhaojun 1989-1990
 Balakrishnan, Ashwin 2002
 Barrett, Richard 1992- 1994
 Bassi, Alex 2000-2001
 Battle, David 1990-1992
 Beck, Micah 1997-2001
 Beguelin, Adam 1991-1992
 Benzoni, Annamaria 1991
 Berry, Tom 1991
 Betts, Scott 1997-1998
 Bhatia, Nikhil 2003-2005
 Black, Laura 1996
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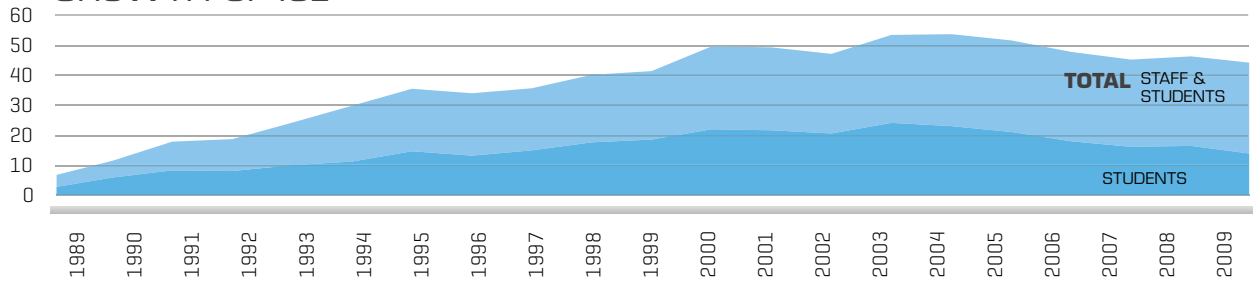
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 Casanova, Henri 1995-1998
 Chakrabarty, Ramkrishna '05-'06
 Chambers, Sharon 1998-2000
 Chen, Zizhong 2000-2006
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 Chrabakh, Wahid 1999
 Clarkson, Eric 1998-1999
 Cleary, Andy 1995-1996
 Clinard, Michelle 1989-1991
 Cortese, Tom 2002-2009
 Coti, Camille 2007-2009
 Cox, Jason 1993-1997
 Deane, Cricket 1998-1999
 Delmas, Remi 2006
 Desprez, Frederic 1994
 Ding, Jun 2001-2003
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 Ding, Ying 2000-2001
 Do, Martin 1993-1994
 Dong, Leon 2000-2001
 Doolin, David 1997
 Dongarra, Nick 2000
 Downey, Andrew 2000-2003

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 Driggs, Julio 2002-2004
 Drum, Brian 2001-2004
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 Eijkhout, Victor 1992-2005
 Ellis, Brett 1994-2005
 Ericson, Shawn 2004-2005
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 Fagg, Graham 1996-2006
 Feng, Shengzhog 2005-2006
 Finger, Mike 1997
 Fischer, Markus 1995-1998
 Fu, Xiaoquan 2003-2004
 Fuentes, Erika 1999-2007
 Fuerlinger, Karl 2007-2008
 Fuller, Megan 2006-2008
 Gabriel, Edgar 2003-2004
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 Gelfend, Boris 1993
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 Green, Stan 1992-1996
 Gregory, Alice 2004-2006
 Gurley, Jason 1997-1998
 Hadri, Bilel 2008-2009

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 Halloy, Christian 1996-1997
 Hammarling, Sven 1995-1996
 Hammond, J. Mike 1994-1995
 Hastings, Chris 1994-1996
 Henderson, David 1999-2001
 Henry, Greg 1995-1996
 Hicks, Holly 1993-1994
 Hill, Sid 1994-2000
 Ho, George 1998-2000
 Horner, Jeff 1994-1999
 Huang, Yan 2000-2001
 Hurt, Chris 2002
 Jacobs, Paul 1991-1992
 Jeannot, Emmanuel 2006
 Ji, Weizhong 2000
 Jiang, Weicheng 1992-1995
 Jin, Song 1997-1998
 Jolly, Sean 1997-1998
 Jones, Jan 1992-2008
 Jones, Kim 1996-1997
 Kakani, Venkata 2007-2009
 Kalhan, Ajay 1995
 Kannan, Balajee 2000-2001
 Karnowski, Larry 1998
 Kasam, Madhuri 2007-2008
 Katz, David 2002
 Kelly, Joshua 2000-2001
 Kilambi, Supriya 2008
 Kim, Youngbae 1992-1996

PEOPLE

GROWTH OF ICL



ICL STAFF/STUDENT NATIONALITIES

TOTAL COUNTRIES REPRESENTED **28**



Kolatis, Michael 1995-1996
 Krintz, Chandra 1999-2001
 Kyle, Coire 2005
 Laake, Amanda 2003-2004
 Langou, Julien 2003-2006
 Larkin, Jeff 2002-2005
 LaRose, Brian 1990-1992
 Lee, DongWoo 2001-2002
 Letsche, Todd 1993-1994
 Lewis, Sharon 1994-1995
 Li, Yinan 2006-2008
 Li, Weiran 2002
 Li, Xiang 2001-2003
 Liu, Chaoyang 2000-2001
 London, Kevin 1996-2005
 Longley, Matt 1999
 Lucio, Daniel 2005-2008
 Luczak, Richard 2000-2001
 Manchek, Robert 1990-1996
 Marwah, Tushti 2004
 McCasland, Donald 1994
 McMahan, Paul 1994-2000
 Meek, Eric 2002-2006
 Meyering, James 1991-1992
 Millar, Jeremy 1999-2002
 Miller, Michelle 1999-2003
 Mitchell, Cindy 2001-2002
 Monty, Stuart 1993
 Moore, Erik 2000
 Moore, Keith 1991-2007

Morgan, Robert 1990-1991
 Motheramgari, Kishan 1997
 Moulton, Steven 1989 -1993
 Naby, Matthew 1998-2008
 Narasimhaswami, Shankar '04-'05
 Newton, Peter 1994-1995
 Oestergaard, Jakob 2000
 Papadopoulos, Caroline 1997-1998
 Parker, Leelinda 2002
 Patlolla, Dilip 2007-2008
 Pearson, Andy 1989-1991
 Pepin, Theresa 1994
 Petitet, Antoine 1993-2001
 Pjesivac, Vlado 2008
 Pjesivac-Grbovic, Jelena '03-'07
 Plank, James S. 1991
 Poore, Tim 2009
 Pozo, Roldan 1991-1994
 Pulatova, Farzona 2005-2006
 Race, Tammy 1999-2001
 Raman, Ganapathy 1998-2000
 Ramani, Kamesh 2003
 Ran, Mei 1999-2004
 Rattan, Arun 1997
 Reagan, Sheri 1995-1996
 Reynolds, Mike 1994
 Richardson, Jon 1990-1991
 Robert, Yves 1996-1997
 Roche, Ken 1999-2004
 Rogers, Andrew 1997-1999

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 Rowan, Tom 1993-1995
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 Samanta, Supratik 1998-1999
 Sams, Evelyn 1998-1999
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 Seymour, Keith 1994-2009
 Shahnaz, Farial 2001
 Shi, Zhiao 2001-2007
 Shinkarev, Sergei 2005-2007
 Sidani, Majed 1991-1992
 Singhal, Shilpa 1998
 Skinner, Matt 2008-2009
 Soendergaard, Peter 2000
 Spencer, Thomas 1999-2001
 Strohmaier, Erich 1995-2001
 Sun, Xiaobai 1995
 Swany, Martin 1996
 Talley, Judi 1993-1999
 Tang, Yuan 2005-2006
 Teranishi, Keita 1997-1998
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 Thurman, John 1997-1999
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 van de Geijn, Robert 1990-1991
 Vawter, Chad 1995

Venckus, Scott 1994-1995
 Wade, Reed 1990-1996
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 Walters, Michael 2000-2005
 Waltz, Mike 1999
 Waltz, Robert 1990-1991
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 Whaley, R. Clint 1991-2001
 Whisnant, Jody 1997-1998
 White, James 1999
 Whitmire, Scotti 1995-1996
 Wo, Ling 2000-2001
 Wolf, Felix 2003-2005
 Wu, Jiayi 2004-2007
 Xia, Qiu 2003-2005
 Xu, Tinghua 1998-2000
 Yang, Tao 1999
 You, Haihang 2004-2009
 Zhang, Yuanlei 2001-2005
 Zhao, Junlong 2002
 Zheng, Yong 2001
 Zhou, Long 2000-2001
 Zhou, Min 2002-2004

PARTNERSHIPS

From the beginning, ICL has fostered relationships with many other academic institutions and research centers. In addition, we have aggressively sought to build lasting, collaborative partnerships with both HPC vendors and industry leaders here and abroad.






























These businesses and institutions have helped us build a solid foundation of meaningful and lasting relationships that have significantly contributed to our efforts to be a world leader in enabling technology research. Leveraging the incredible growth of computational science research, we also routinely develop relationships with researchers whose primary focus is other scientific disciplines, such as biology, chemistry, and physics, which makes many of our collaborations truly multidisciplinary.

Together with these partners, we have built a strong portfolio of shared resources, both material and intellectual. In addition, many application and tool vendors have utilized our work. These include Intel, MathWorks, Etnus, SGI, and Cray. In addition, Hewlett Packard, IBM, Intel, SGI, and Sun have all utilized our linear algebra work. The dense linear algebra portions of their libraries have been based on the BLAS, LAPACK, and ScaLAPACK specifications and software developed by ICL. On the following page, we recognize many of the partners and collaborators that we have worked with over the years, most of which we are still actively involved with. As our list of government and academic partners continues to grow, we also continue to search for opportunities to establish partnerships with HPC vendors.

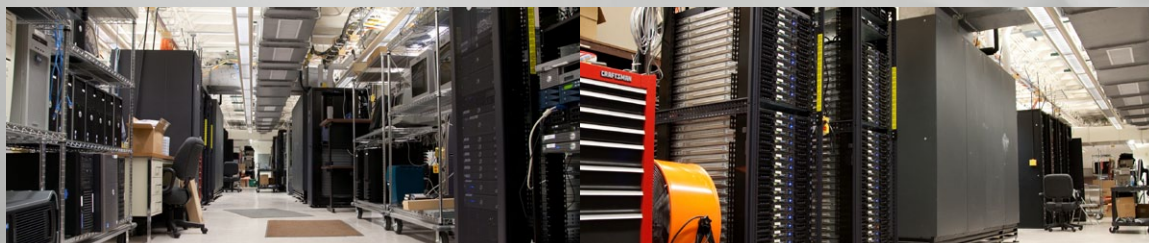
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATORS

 Danish Computing Center for Research and Education Lyngby, Denmark	 Dept of Mathematical and Computing Sciences Tokyo Institute of Technology	 University of Manchester Manchester, England	 European Centre for Research and Advanced Training in Scientific Computing Toulouse, France
 École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne Lausanne, Switzerland	 Fakultät für Mathematik und Informatik, Universität Mannheim Mannheim, Germany	 Forschungszentrum Jülich Central Institute for Applied Mathematics Jülich, Germany	 High Performance Computing Center Stuttgart (HLRS) Stuttgart, Germany
 Institut ETH Zentrum Zurich, Switzerland	 International Exascale Software Project	 Intelligent Systems Design Laboratory, Doshisha University Kyoto, Japan	 Istituto per le Applicazioni del Calcolo "Mauro Picone" Rome, Italy
 Kasetsart University Bangkok, Thailand	 Laboratoire de L'Informatique du Parallelisme, Ecole Normal Supérieure de Lyon Lyon, France	 Mathematical Institute, Utrecht University Netherlands	 Numerical Algorithms Group Ltd Oxford, England
 Parallel and HPC Application Software Exchange Tsukuba, Japan	 Laboratoire RESAM, Université Claude Bernard de Lyon Lyon, France	 Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Oxford, England	 Soongsil University Seoul, South Korea
 Technische Universitaet Wien Vienna, Austria	 University of Umeå Umeå, Sweden	 Virtual Institute High-Productivity Supercomputing Germany	

DOMESTIC COLLABORATORS

 ANL Argonne National Laboratory	 Cray	 DARPA Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency	 DoD The United States Department of Defense
 DOE United States Department of Energy	 Emory University	 Georgia Institute of Technology	 Hewlett Packard
 IBM International Business Machines	 Indiana University	 Intel Corporation	 ISI Information Sciences Institute
 JICS The Joint Institute for Computational Science	 LANL Los Alamos National Laboratory	 LLNL Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	 The MathWorks
 Microsoft Research	 MRA MetaCenter Regional Alliance	 NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration	 NCSA The National Computational Science Alliance
 NICS National Institute for Computational Sciences	 NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology	 NSF The National Science Foundation	 NVIDIA Corporation
 ORNL CSMD Computer Science and Mathematics Division, Oak Ridge National Lab.	 Rice University	 SDSC San Diego Supercomputing Center	 SGI Silicon Graphics Incorporated
 Sun Microsystems	 University of California, Berkeley	 University of California, San Diego	 UTK-EECS Univ. of Tennessee Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

HARDWARE RESOURCES



EECS/ICL Machine Room

Changes in the landscape of high performance computing reflect constant new developments in hardware and technologies that give HPC machines their computational power.

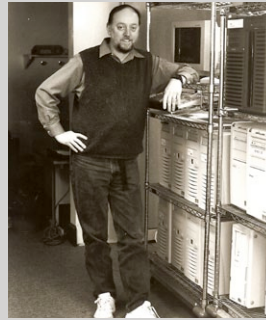
But the programming tools, applications, and algorithms that form the backbone of the ever growing need for greater performance are equally as important. Such myriad hardware/software configurations present unique challenges that require testing and development of applications that are often quite unique to the platform on which they reside. For this reason, it is imperative that we have access to a very wide range of computing resources in order to conduct our cutting-edge research. On this front, we have multiple, heterogeneous systems in-house. But we also have access to multiple architectures around the country, due in large part to our many collaborators and partners. Locally, we maintain systems ranging from individual desktops to large, networked clusters. Below is a summary of the many computing resources used by ICL.

The following are the local systems that we use on a daily basis to test our work:

64 node [128 cores] Intel EM64T cluster connected with Myrinet 2000
62 node [124 cores] AMD Opteron cluster connected with Myrinet 2000
24 node [96 cores] AMD Opteron cluster connected with Silverstorm and Mellanox Infiniband
8 node [16 cores] Intel Core2 Duo cluster with GigE
8 node [128 cores] AMD Opteron cluster connected with Myrinet 10G
5 node [10 cores] Intel Itanium cluster
SiCortex [72 cores] SC072-PDS

In addition to these resources, we have access to several server class machines and several HPC clusters within the EECS department. These clusters consist of multiple architectures and comprise over 100 machines

CELEBRATING
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YEARS



TORC Cluster, 2000
ICL's first cluster:
8 Dual PIII 550Mhz/512MB RAM
100Mbit, Myrinet, Giganet



Cray XT5 Jaguar at Oak Ridge National Laboratory



Cray XT5 Kraken at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

with various architectures. All of our clusters are arranged in the classic Beowulf configuration in which machines are connected by low latency, high-speed network switches.

Also, access to many remote resources, some that are regularly found in the TOP500 list of the world's fastest supercomputers, help keep us at the forefront of enabling technology research. The recent modernization of the DOE's Center for Computational Sciences, just 30 minutes away at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), has enabled us to leverage our ORNL collaborations to take advantage of what is becoming the world's fastest scientific computing facility. UT's National Center for Computational Sciences (NCCS) at ORNL houses Kraken, UT's Cray XT5 system that is now the fastest open-science supercomputer in the

world, as well as Jaguar, another Cray XT5 that was the second fastest supercomputer in the world in 2009. The following are some of the remote systems and architectures that we utilize:

Cray X1E, XT3, XT4, and XT5
HP XC system
IBM Power 5, 5+, 6, Cluster 1600, BlueGene/L, BlueGene/P and the Cell
Several large [512+ proc] Linux Clusters
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JAN 13 Columbus, OH Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) CELL/Multicore Programming Tutorial	JAN 21 Argonne, IL Coordinated Infrastructure for Fault Tolerance Systems [CIFTS] Meeting	JAN 29-30 Oak Ridge, TN FastOS Meeting
FEB 6 Atlanta, GA HARNESS Meeting	FEB 9-11 San Jose, CA MPI Forum	FEB 16-20 Juelich, Germany 3rd VI-HPS Tuning Workshop
FEB 25-27 Louisville, KY ORTE and FastOS Meeting	MAR 2-6 Miami, FL SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering [CSE09]	MAR 9-12 Boulder, CO 10th LCI International Conference on High-Performance Clustered Computing
MAR 19-20 Albuquerque, NM 2009 Fault Tolerance Workshop	MAR 23 Blacksburg, VA Virginia Tech Network Dynamics and Simulation Sciences Laboratory Seminar	MAR 23-26 Pittsburgh, PA PSC/Intel Multi-core Programming and Performance Tuning Workshop
MAR 25-27 Marina del Rey (Los Angeles), CA PERI All Hands Meeting, Spring 2009	APR 7-8 Santa Fe, NM International Exascale Software Project	APR 4-6 Chicago, IL MPI Forum and STCI Meeting
APR 13-16 Oak Ridge, TN ORNL NCCS/NICS 2009 Cray XT5 Quad-core Workshop	MAY 3-8 Dagstuhl, Germany Fault Tolerance in High-Performance Computing and Grids	MAY 4-7 Atlanta, GA Compute the Future
MAY 12-14 Austin, TX 2009 PET Technical Overview	MAY 13-15 Knoxville, TN Scheduling for Large-scale Systems	MAY 19-21 Monterey and Mountain View, CA Baseline Configuration Team / parCFD
MAY 25-27 Baton Rouge, LA International Conference on Computational Science 2009	JUN 1-5 Portland, OR SC09 June	JUN 8-10 Menlo Park, CA MPI Forum

Every year, our research staff regularly attend national and international conferences, workshops, and seminars.

These meetings provide ample opportunities to present our research, share our knowledge, and exchange ideas with leading computational science researchers from around the world. On these pages is a listing of the most recent events we have participated in.

JUN 9 Arlington, VA DARPA AACE Characterization Meeting	JUN 14-18 San Diego, CA Scientific Discover Through Advanced Computing [SciDAC 2009]	JUN 15-18 San Diego, CA DoD Users Group Conference [USG] 2009
JUN 22-25 Arlington, VA TeraGrid 09	JUN 23-26 Hamburg, Germany International Supercomputing Conference ISC '09	JUN 28-29 Paris, France International Exascale Software Project [IESP] Workshop
JUL 27-29 Chicago, IL MPI Forum	AUG 3-5 Athens, GA International Association for Mathematics and Computers in Simulation	AUG 6 Nashville, TN DoD MOS/HPTi PETTT Transition Meeting
AUG 10-12 Houston, TX CScADS 2009, Workshop on Libraries and Autotuning for Petascale Applications	AUG 20 Woodbridge, VA DoD HPCMP Utility Server Requirements Gathering Meeting and Engineering [CSE09]	AUG 31-SEP 4 New Orleans, LA IEEE Cluster Conference
SEP 1-4 Lyon, France International Conference on Parallel Computing 2009	SEP 2-10 Espoo, Finland Euro PVM/MPI 2009	SEP 9 Edinburgh, UK Scottish Computational Mathematics Symposium
SEP 14-15 Dresden, Germany 3rd Parallel Tools Workshop	SEP 13-16 Wroclaw, Poland 8th International Conference on Parallel Processing and Applied Mathematics [PPAM]	SEP 24 Oak Ridge, TN MPI I/O Meeting
SEP 29-30 College Park, MD DOE PERI All Hands Meeting	OCT 2-3 Indianapolis, IN FutureGrid All-Hands Meeting	OCT 13-14 Santa Fe, NM Los Alamos Computer Science Symposium
OCT 17-21 Tsukuba, Japan International Exascale Software Project [IESP] Workshop	NOV 11-13 Portland, OR MPI-Forum	NOV 14-20 Portland, OR SC09

OTHER EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES



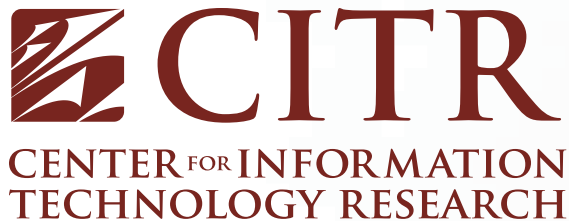
<http://www.exascale.org/>

As next generation computing ushers in new hardware architectural designs that include hundreds of thousands of nodes and millions of cores, the demands on the software infrastructure necessary to address the computationally and data intensive work demanded by tomorrow's scientists and engineers are certain to increase. Closing the gap between the existing software infrastructure and these new demands requires an unprecedented level of coordination and cooperation within the worldwide open source software community. To address this issue, the IESP was created in 2009 with the guiding purpose of empowering ultrahigh resolution and data intensive science and engineering research through the year 2020 by developing a plan for 1) a common, high quality computational environment for peta/exascale systems and for 2) catalyzing, coordinating, and sustaining the effort of the international open source software community to create that environment as quickly as possible.

In its inaugural year, the IESP held three workshops at different locations around the globe, which ICL helped organize: San Antonio, TX [USA]; Paris, France; and Tsukuba, Japan. The agendas for each workshop were structured in order to provide progressively greater definition for the components of the IESP plan, with each successive meeting building on the results of the previous meeting. The goal of the first year workshops was to conduct an application needs assessment and then develop a coordinated roadmap to guide open source HPC development with better coordination and fewer missing components. More information about the IESP including meeting notes, whitepapers, and presentations can be found by visiting the project website at <http://www.exascale.org/>.

In addition to the development of tools and applications, ICL is regularly engaged in other activities and efforts that include leading conferences and workshops as well as teaching and outreach.

Having a leadership role in the HPC community requires that we be engaged with the community and actively share our vision for the next generations of computing that lie just beyond the horizon. In this section are some of the activities that we are participating in or have a leadership role in.



<http://citr.cs.utk.edu/>

As one of the nine Centers of Excellence at the University of Tennessee, the Center for Information Technology Research (CITR) was established in the spring of 2001 to drive the growth and development of leading edge Information Technology Research (ITR) at the University. ITR is a broad, cross-disciplinary area that investigates ways in which fundamental innovations in Information Technology affect and are affected by the research process.

The mission of CITR is twofold. One, it is to build up a thriving, well-funded community in basic and applied ITR at UT in order to help the university capitalize on the rich supply of research opportunities that now exist in this area. And two, it is to grow an interdisciplinary Computational Science program as part of the University curriculum that enables graduate students to augment their degree with computational knowledge and skills from disciplines outside their major.

IGMCS

<http://igmcs.utk.edu/>

Interdisciplinary Graduate Minor in Computational Science

Since first rate students and staff are indispensable to the success of any academic research strategy, CITR worked with faculty and administrators from several departments and colleges in 2007 to help establish a new university-wide program in Computational Science that supports advanced degree concentrations in this critical new area across the curricula. Under the Interdisciplinary Graduate Minor in Computational Science (IGMCS), students pursuing advanced degrees in a variety of fields of science and engineering will be able to extend their education with special courses of study that teach them both the fundamentals and the latest ideas and techniques from this new era of information intensive research.

Computational Science integrates elements that are normally studied in different parts of the traditional curriculum, but which are not fully covered or combined by any one of them. As computational power continues to increase and data storage costs decrease, the potential for new discoveries using Computational Science is greater than ever. And as more academic disciplines begin to realize and exploit the incredible benefits Computational Science provides, the IGMCS program is expected to grow by adding new disciplines, new courses, and new faculty. As of late 2009, there were 15 different departments from four university colleges contributing nearly 100 courses to the program. In addition, the IGMCS student enrollment has doubled over the past year.

NVIDIA CUDA Center of Excellence

In late 2009, ICL was awarded a CUDA Center of Excellence (CoE) by NVIDIA Corporation, a world-wide leader in technologies for visual computing and inventor of the graphical processing unit (GPU). As part of the award and CoE designation, ICL received hardware, financial support, and other resources from NVIDIA. Joining a very small and select group of CUDA CoEs such as labs at Harvard University, the University of Utah, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, UT's CoE will focus on the development of linear algebra libraries for CUDA-based hybrid architectures. Our work on matrix algebra on GPU and multicore architectures (MAGMA) will further enable and expand our CUDA-based software library efforts, especially in the general area of high-performance scientific computing.



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Jülich Supercomputing Centre

Technische Universität München,
Chair for Computer Architecture

Technische Universität Dresden, Center for Information
Services and High Performance Computing

University of Tennessee
Innovative Computing Laboratory

University of Stuttgart,
High Performance Computing Centre

VI-HPS

In mid-2007, ICL became part of a new collaboration for HPC research called the Virtual Institute High Productivity Supercomputing (VI-HPS), whose mission is “to improve the quality and accelerate the development process of complex simulation programs in science and engineering that are being designed for the most advanced parallel computer systems.” The new institute, comprised of institutions in Germany plus ICL, unites some of the brightest minds in HPC research who are committed to helping engineers and domain scientists become more efficient and effective users of HPC applications.

ICL’s membership and contributions have already proven invaluable to the success of the institute and we look forward to working with the other partners in the development of leading-edge tools. According to Felix

Wolf, spokesman and member of the VI-HPS Steering Board,

“The VI-HPS is proud to have had ICL’s partnership from the very beginning. ICL stands for best-of-breed HPC software, satisfying the highest quality standards. Collaborating with ICL for many years now on the Scalasca project, a performance tool specifically designed for large-scale parallel systems, has been a very enjoyable and productive experience. Moreover, with PAPI, a well-recognized and widely-used performance-counter library, ICL contributes one of their flagship products to the VI-HPS tool suite, complementing the remaining tools in an ideal way. Finally, with their involvement in many leading HPC projects in the US, ICL represents an important link in the transatlantic cooperation needed to address today’s challenges in scalable computing.”

<http://www.vi-hps.org/>

2009/2010 REPORT

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