

CSIRO Computational Science

Breakthrough Science on GPUs

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About CSIRO

People 5500

Locations 58

Flagships 9

Budget \$1B+



Top 1% of global research institutions in 14 of 22 research fields

Top 0.1% in 4 research fields

62% of our people hold university degrees

2000 doctorates

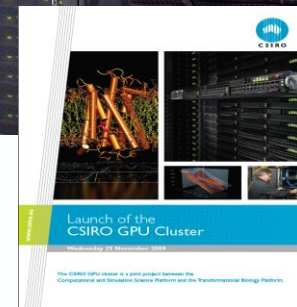
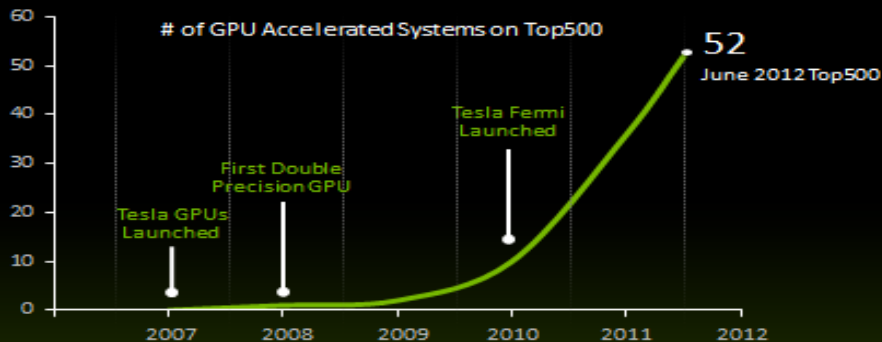
500 masters

In partnership with universities, we develop **650** postgraduate research students

2009: CSIRO Bragg Cluster Launch, first of its kind in AU



GPU Supercomputer Momentum

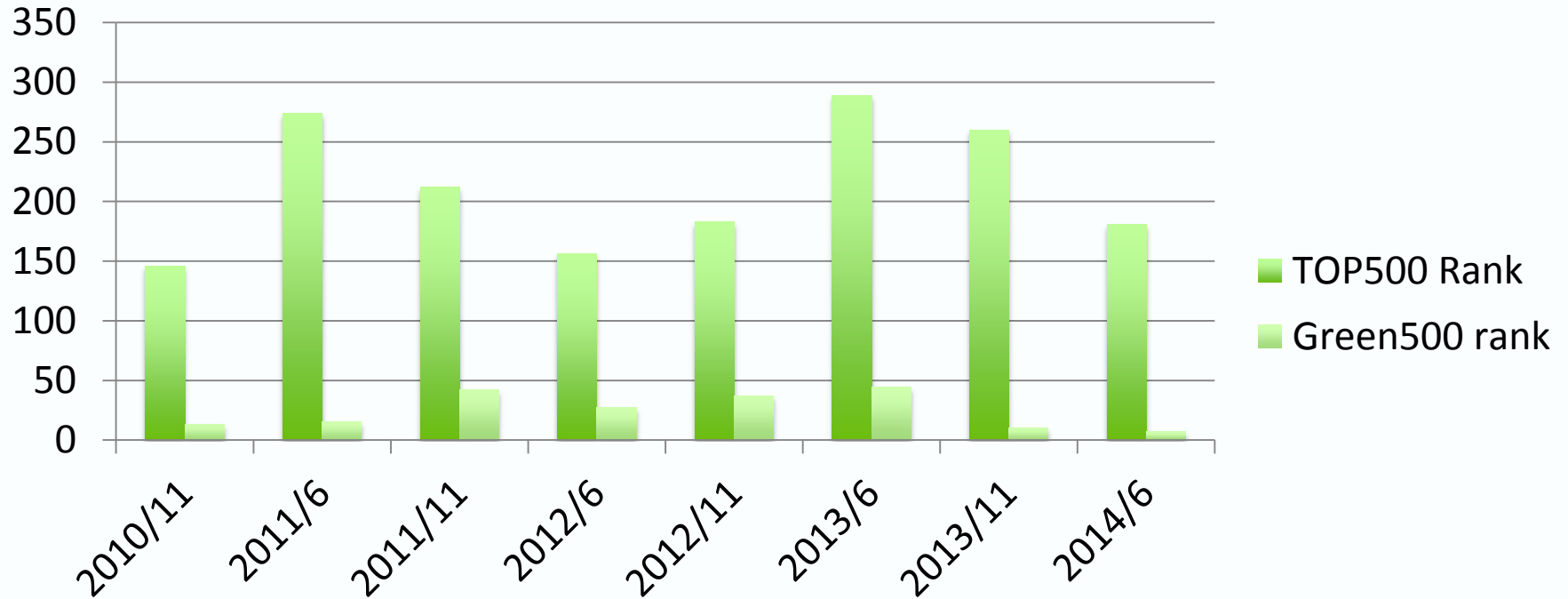


2013: Bragg upgrade to latest generation GPU, 384 Kepler K20M GPUs

June 2014:
#181 TOP500 List
#8 Green500 List

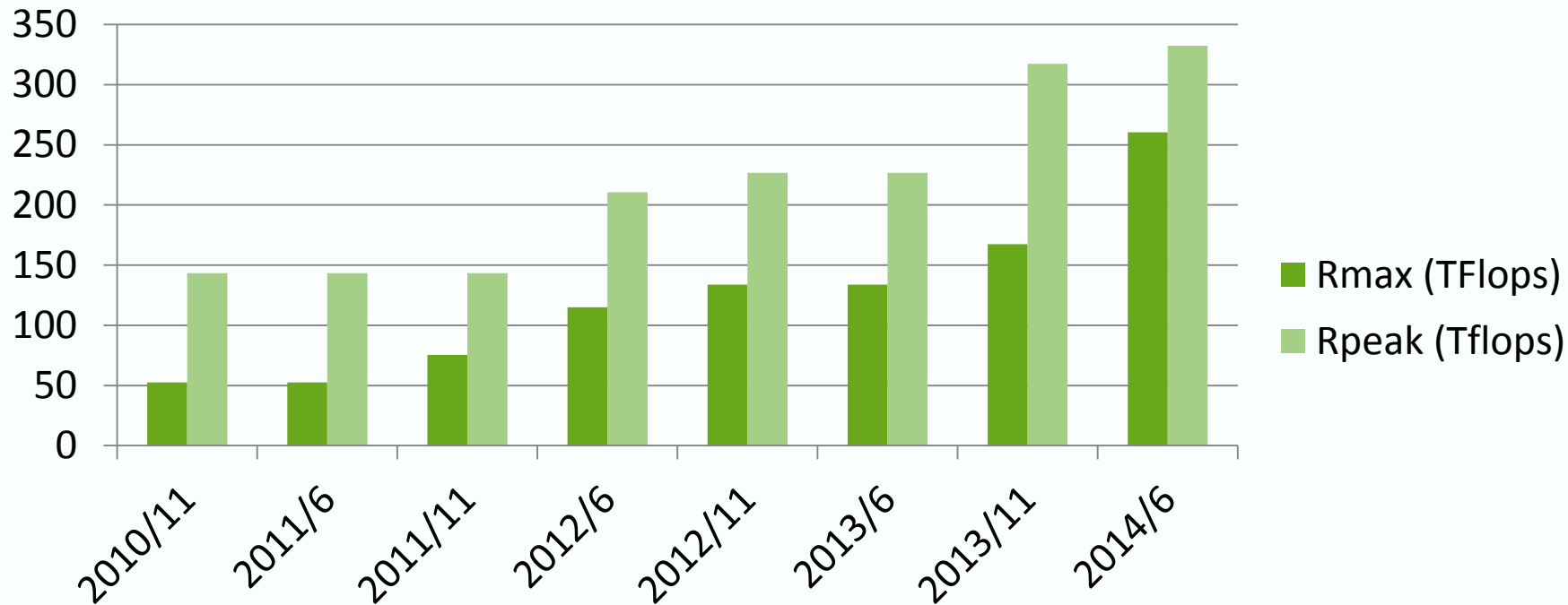
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TOP500 and Green500 Rankings



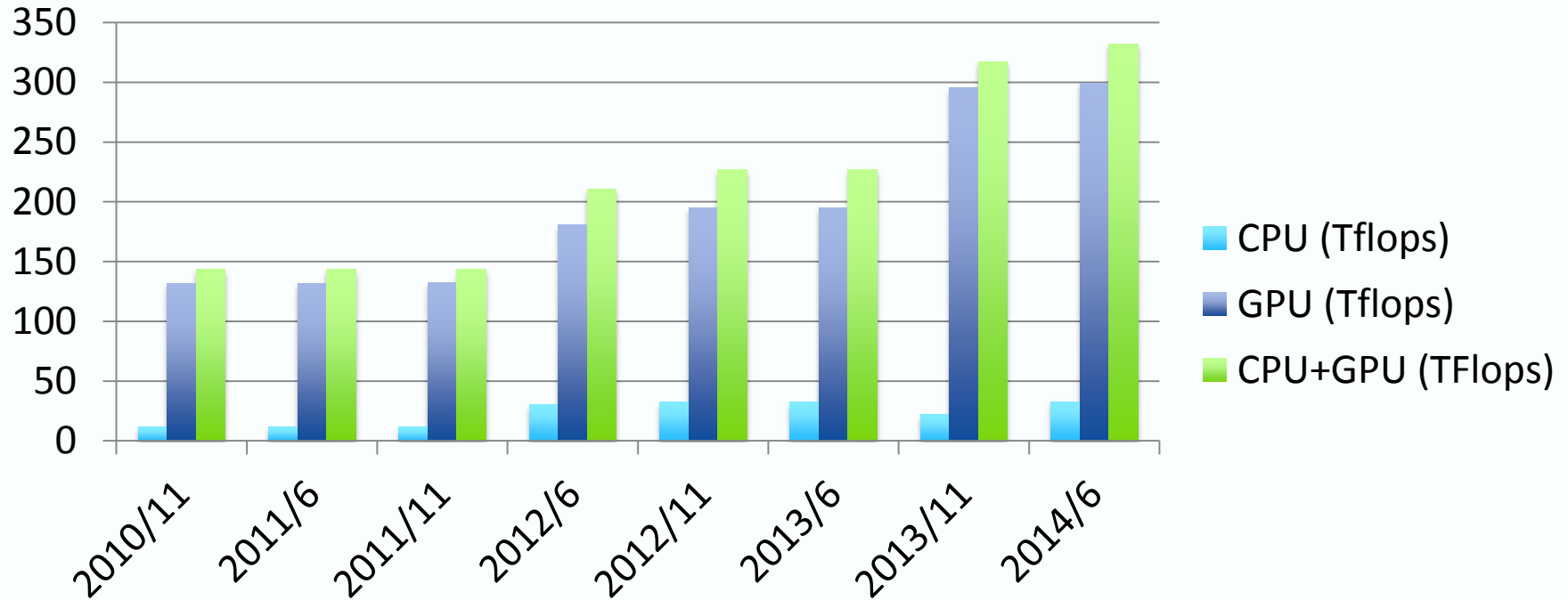
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TOP500 Performance



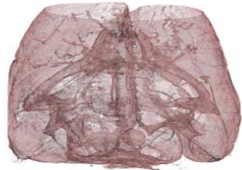
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Peak performance from CPU and GPU

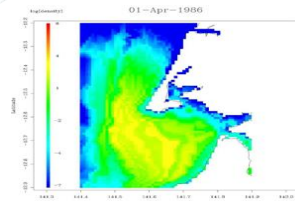


CSS Capability Development Platforms

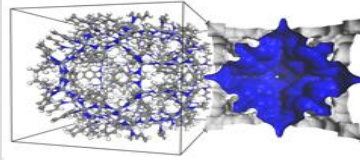
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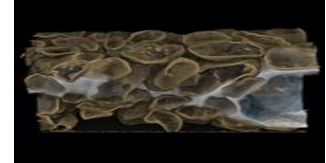
Imaging
Processing
& Visualisation



Model Data
Fusion &
Spatial Modelling



Computational
Material Design

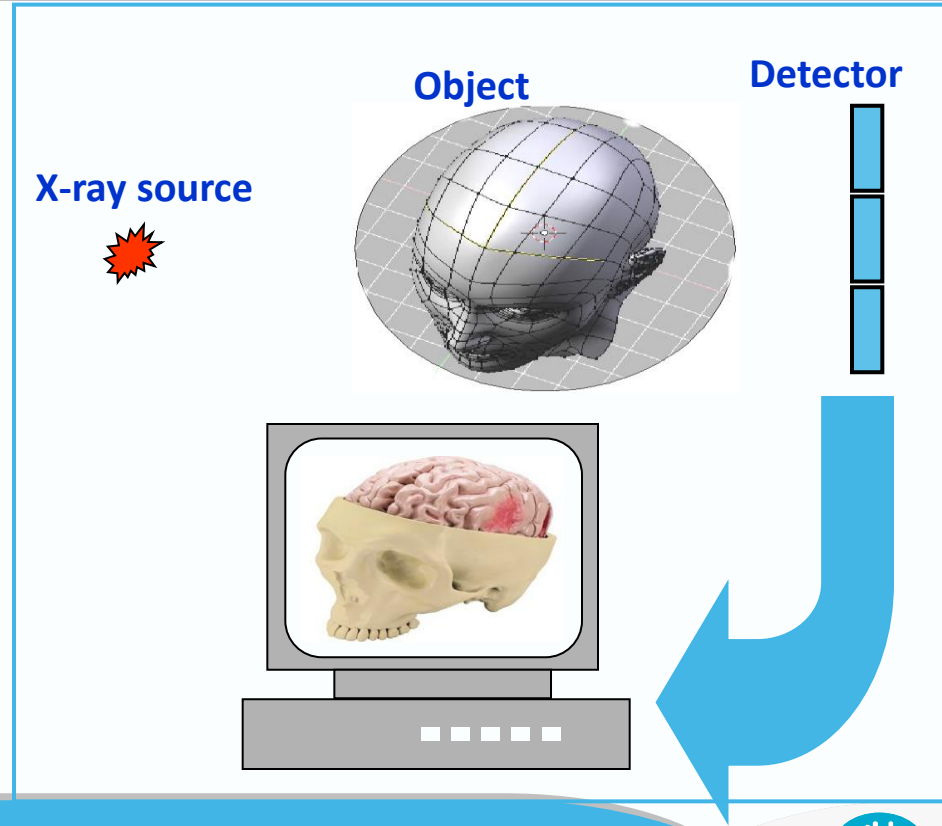


Data Constrained
Materials Modelling

- Developing core, domain specific, computational capability
- Developing generic computational tools to aid domain work across CSIRO
- Deploying GPU capability/tools back into Flagships

Principles of X-ray Computed Tomography (CT)

- Typical experimental set-up involves an X-ray source, a sample on a rotation stage and a 2D position-sensitive detector
- Images of the sample are collected at many different rotation angles spanning 180 or 360 degrees
- Acquired images are processed in a computer to produce a 3D representation of the internal structure of the sample





X-TRACT synchrotron map

Canadian Light Source
(Saskatoon)

European Synchrotron
Radiation Facility (Grenoble)

Elettra Synchrotron
(Trieste, Italy)

Shanghai Synchrotron
Radiation Facility

Singapore Synchrotron
Light Source

Australian Synchrotron
(Melbourne)

Radiation therapy applications

Modern radiation therapy is to a large extent a computational discipline and can greatly benefit from use of task- and data-parallelism. Some applications were demonstrated on GPUs already:

- CT reconstructions
- Image registrations
- Treatment planning
- Dose computations (e.g. X Gu, U Jelen et al 2011 PMB 56)

Need for speed: imaging and treatment verification can be used as feedback to improve the treatment ([adaptive radiotherapy](#)), currently offline (mostly population-based), one day online.

Particle (proton/carbon ion) therapy with raster scanning @ University of Marburg:

- most precise external beam technique (only 5 centers worldwide: 3 active, 2 to start)
- increased precision = increased need for verification (more computations)
- longer computational times (small head case: 1 hour on single-thread)

Collaborative project between CSIRO and University of Marburg



Plan robustness in radiation therapy

Automatic discovery of robust beam setups.

Results (mean and sd for a single beam):

- 4-core Intel Xeon W3530 2.8GHz 12GB RAM + NVIDIA Tesla C2050 3GB RAM
- 10 skull base cases, 42 beams directions (10 runs each for timing stats)
- 4k-40k pencils of 120-350 samples, 2 mm analysis radius (0.5 mm step)
- Single-precision floating-point operations only (sufficient precision)

<i>mean(sd) ms</i>	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	Pool
Native (1 thread)	21299 (6628)	9891 (2837)	6258 (1485)	15768 (4959)	4342 (1136)	10888 (3179)	10117 (2849)	5464 (1470)	8155 (2195)	11388 (3936)	10357 (5941)
GPU OpenCL	219 (109)	122 (51)	88 (38)	148 (56)	61 (24)	160 (65)	151 (64)	52 (22)	109 (46)	126 (61)	124 (75)
Gain	119 x (36)	98 x (34)	87 x (30)	123 x (36)	83 x (25)	81 x (24)	82 x (30)	124 x (42)	90 x (31)	106 x (29)	99 x (36)
CPU OpenCL	6498 (1996)	2552 (615)	1898 (438)	4810 (1495)	1324 (331)	3280 (944)	3051 (841)	1396 (310)	2481 (649)	2935 (818)	3022 (1798)
Gain	3.3 x (0.0)	3.8 x (0.4)	3.3 x (0.0)	3.3 x (0.0)	3.3 x (0.0)	3.3 x (0.0)	3.3 x (0.0)	3.9 x (0.4)	3.3 x (0.0)	3.8 x (0.4)	3.5 x (0.3)

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- Accepted for journal publication in **IOP JPCS** (upcoming)



Cloud Based Image Analysis and Processing Toolbox

Available now → www.cloudimaging.net.au



CloudBased
**Image Analysis
& Processing Toolbox**

Image Analysis and Processing for *for everyone*.

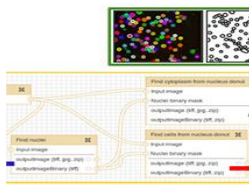
The Cloud-based Image Analysis and Processing Toolbox project provides access to existing biomedical image processing and analysis tools via remote user-interface using the NeCTAR cloud.

Use Toolbox



Use [project's free server](#)

Demo

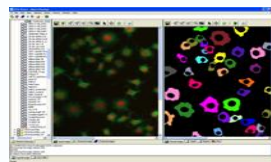


Watch other [demos](#)

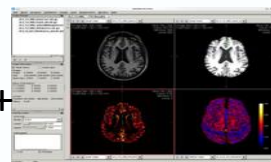
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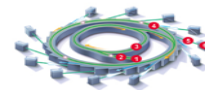
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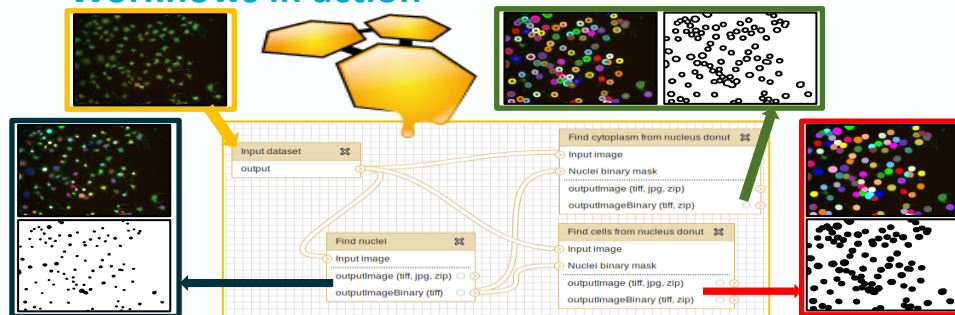
MILXView



X-TRACT



Workflows in action



Create and Share your imaging workflows with other scientists.

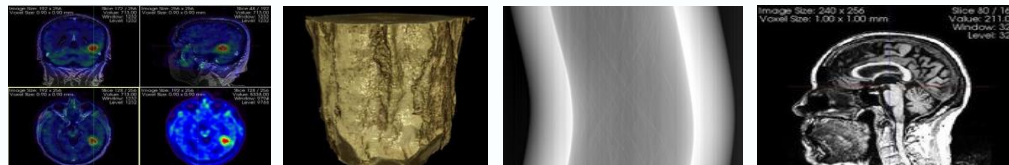
Connect various imaging functions to create more complex imaging algorithms.

Visualise the results.

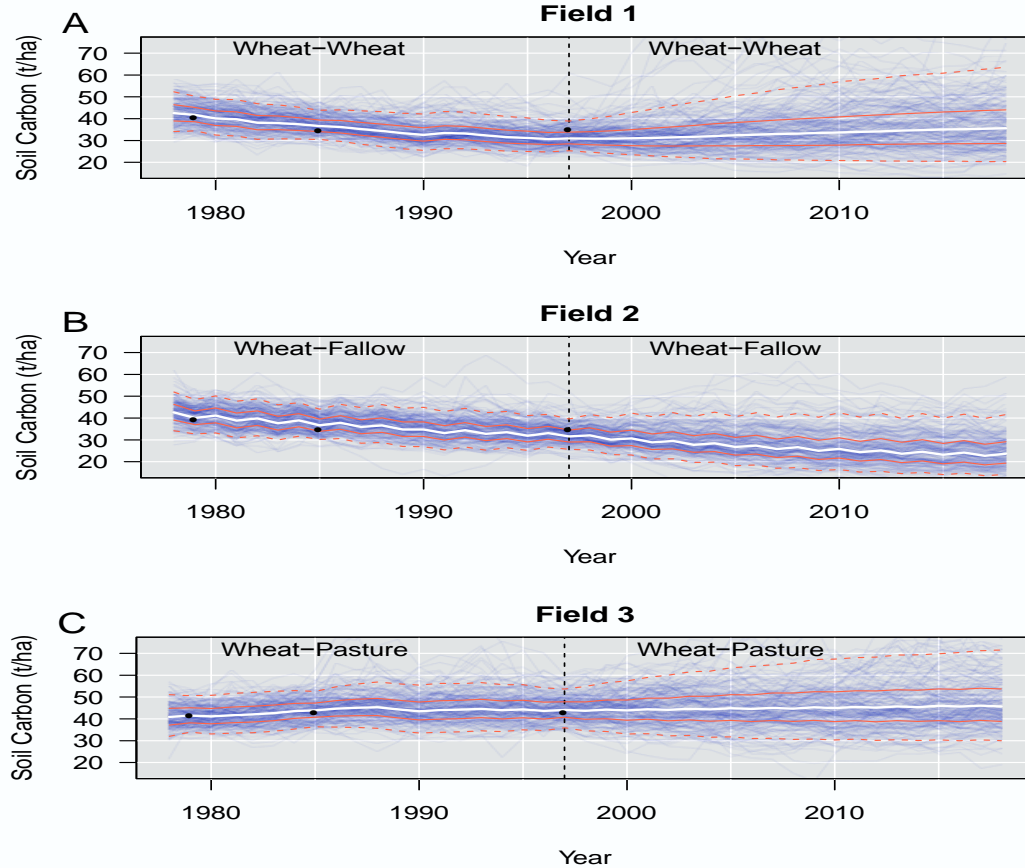
Reuse the workflows on different datasets.

Adjust the parameters whenever required.

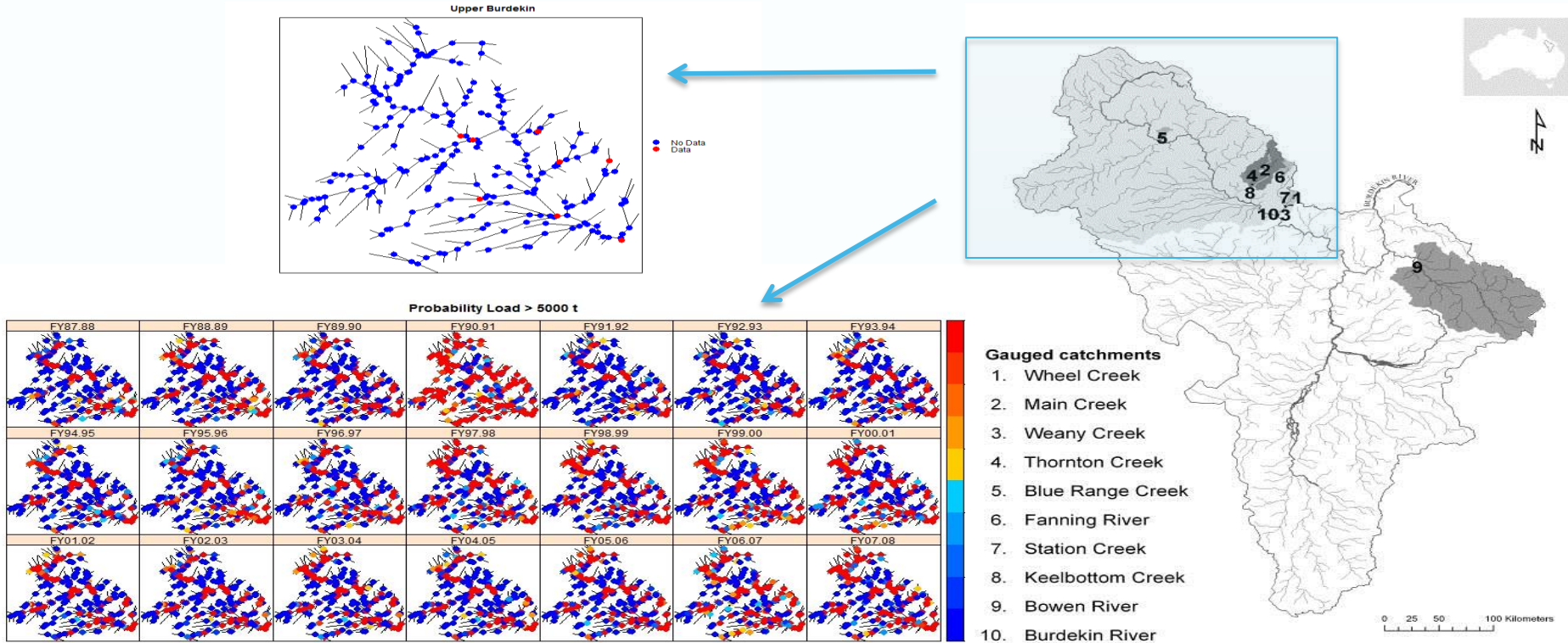
Open for Australian scientists.



Quantifying Uncertainty and in Soil Carbon Dynamics



Quantifying sediment loads to the Great Barrier Reef



Simulated Nanostructure Assembly (SNAP)

Adding Distributed Parallelism to Support Larger Simulations

Nanoparticle assembly modelling

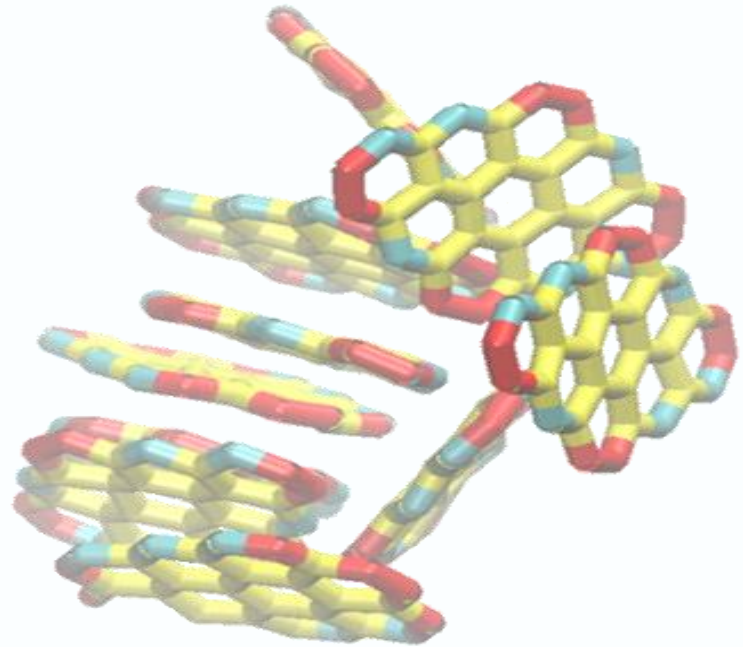
- Mesoscale particle descriptions (~100 - 1000 nm)
- Original serial code had performance limitations

One project developed a GPU port of SNAP

- 3 to 5x speedup over original code
- Limited GPU memory was restricting the number of particles in a simulation

A follow-up project addressed the simulation size limitations

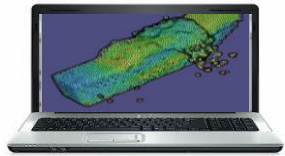
- Optimisation of GPU memory layout
 - Enables simulations 25 times larger on each GPU
- MPI used to distribute the simulation over multiple compute nodes for tackling even larger problems



GPU Accelerated Meshing Workflow

CSIRO's Workspace Framework coordinates distributed execution of OpenCL-based meshing operations

www.csiro.au/workspace



Researcher

VNC with
VirtualGL



Workspace UI
IM&T Remove Viz

CSIRO GPU Cluster



Workspace
Distributed
Execution
(Via PBS Job System)

OpenCL GPU
Accelerated Workspace
Operations



Surface Mesh Generation for Particle Simulations

Improving Performance with OpenCL and GPUs

3D fluid dynamics particle simulations

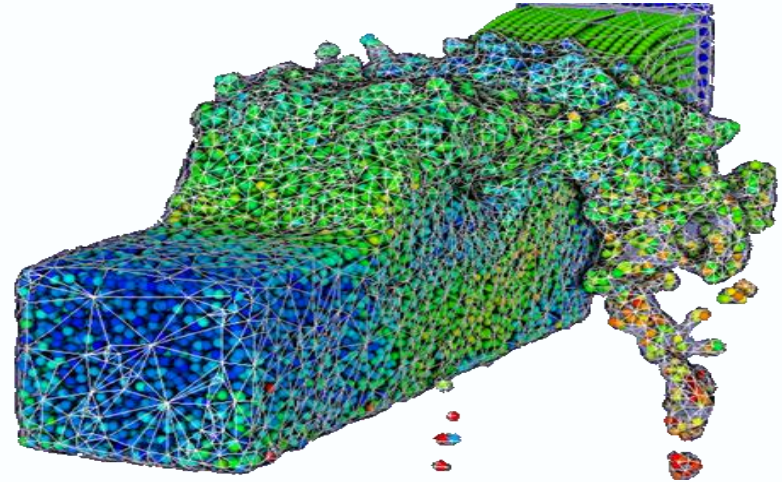
- Simulations approaching 100 million particles

Changed to per-particle volumetric calculations

New OpenCL atomic operations were effective

- Integer based `atomic_max()` used with floating point data
- ~10x faster than memory area locking code
- ~5x speedup overall

Future Work - Should be scalable to multiple GPUs

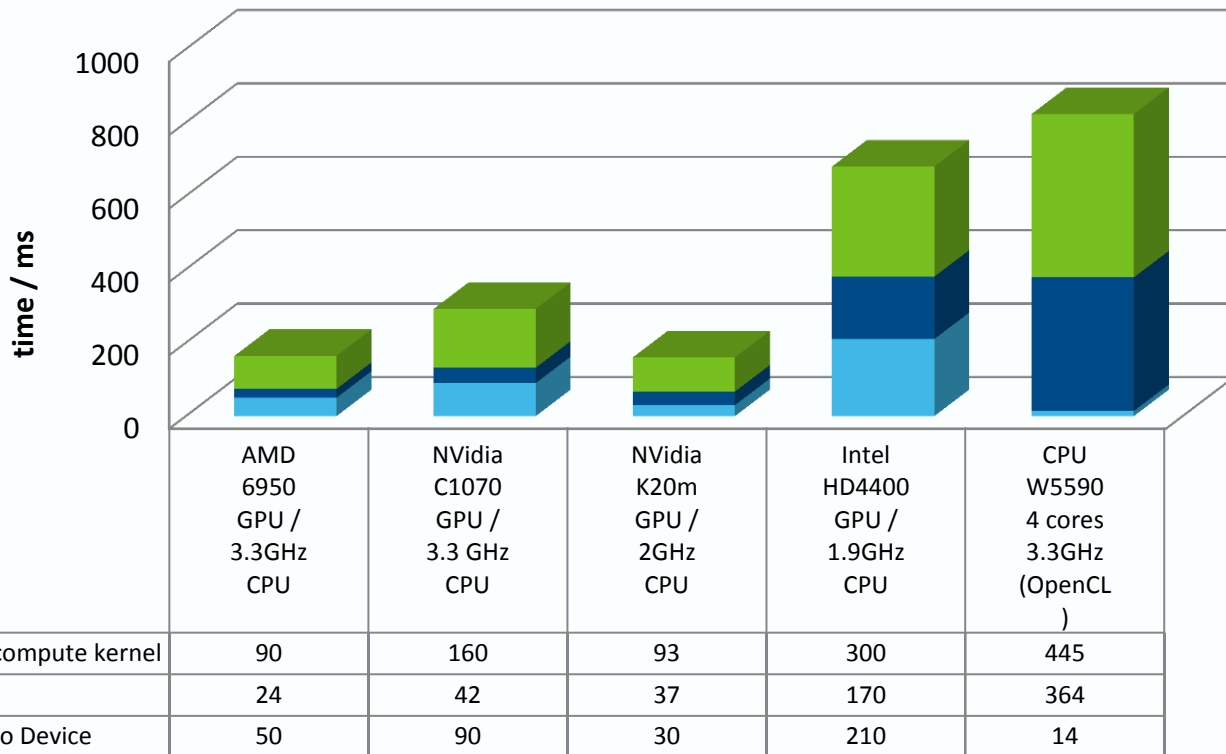


AWRA Requirements:

- C# codebase
- AWRAkernel – independent computations on a per pixel basis, with lots of computation
 - Indicated GPUs should be useful for calculations
- Required `max()` `min()` and `exp()/log()` transcendental functions to be available
- Able to be run on CPU for Bureau of Meteorology implementation
- Possibility of integration with R research code base.
- OpenCL meets these requirements

Timing - Data movements and Kernel computation

- AWRA DA kernels computation and data transfer
- Three kernel computations required per time step taking approx. 45% of original time.
- Murrumbidgee catchment dataset, single precision.
- Original C# single core implementation of “Kernel Computation” takes around 1.5 seconds using W5590 CPU.



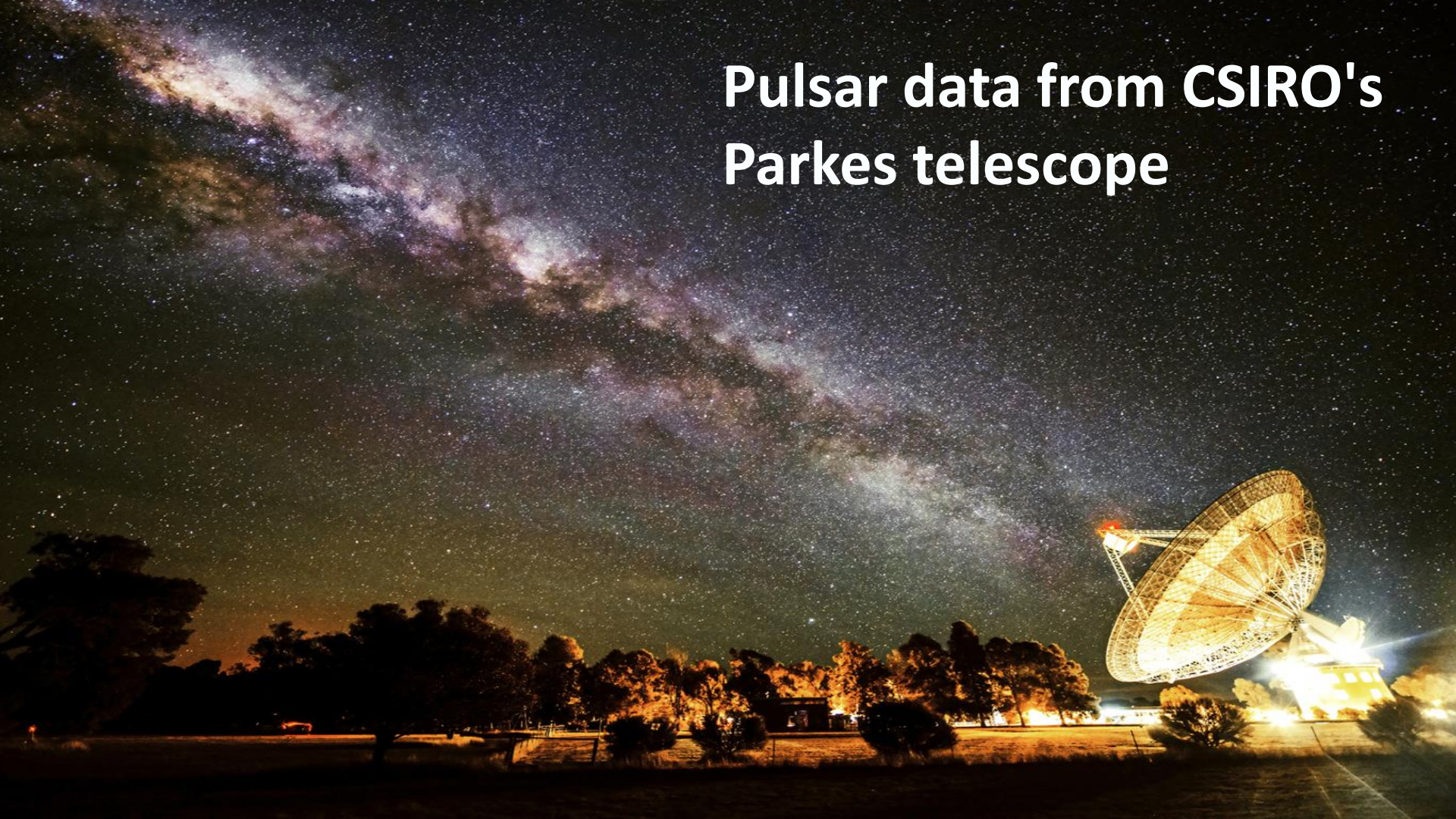
CSIRO Collaboration Platform



The CCP has been successfully licensed to Corporate Initiatives in August 2013

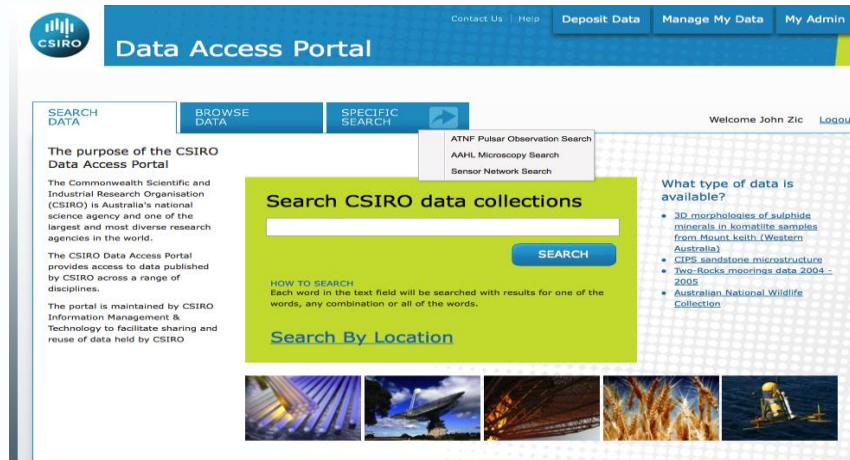


Pulsar data from CSIRO's Parkes telescope



PPTA-HPC progress to date

Opportunity? Providing external collaborators access to **internationally significant science data + compute to process = “Science as a Service”**



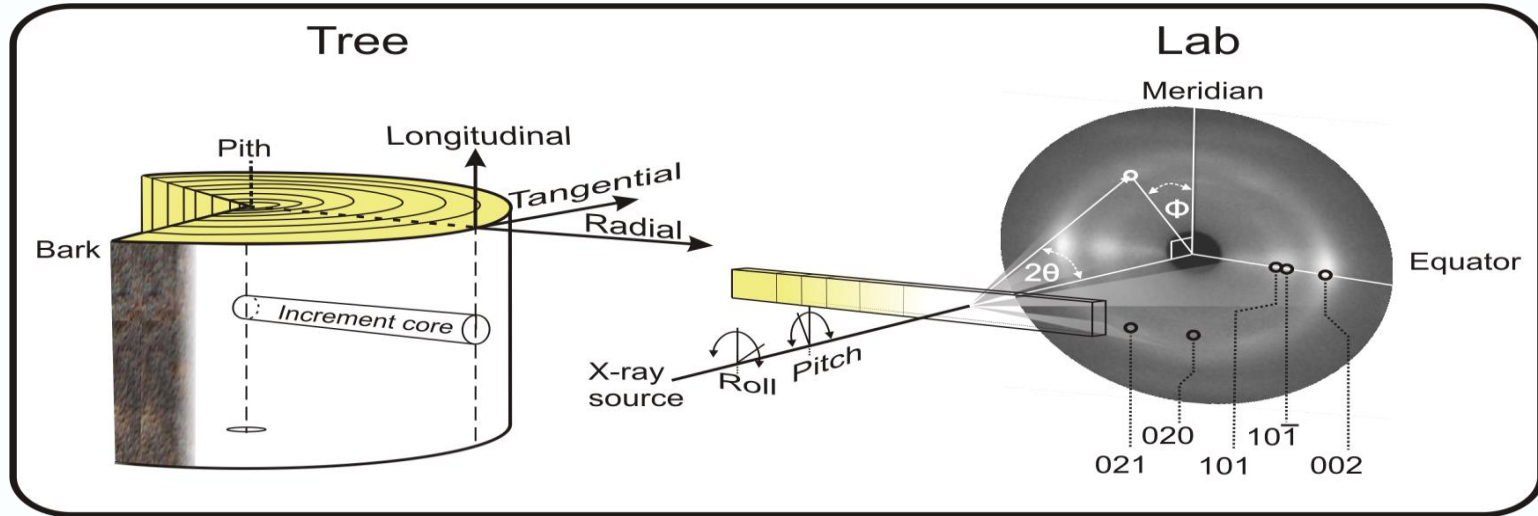
The screenshot shows the CSIRO Data Access Portal (DAP) interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the CSIRO logo and navigation links: Contact Us, Help, Deposit Data, Manage My Data, and My Admin. Below the header, the main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a 'SEARCH DATA' section with a search bar and a 'SEARCH' button. To the right of the search bar, there are tabs for 'BROWSE DATA' and 'SPECIFIC SEARCH'. Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'The purpose of the CSIRO Data Access Portal' which explains that CSIRO is Australia's national science agency and one of the largest and most diverse research agencies in the world. The portal provides access to data published by CSIRO across a range of disciplines. Below this, there is a section titled 'HOW TO SEARCH' which states that each word in the text field will be searched with results for one of the words, any combination or all of the words. To the right of the search bar, there is a section titled 'What type of data is available?' which lists several data collections: 3D morphologies of sulphide minerals in komatite samples from Mount Keith (Western Australia), CIPS sandstone microstructure, Two-Rocks moorings data 2004 - 2005, and Australian National Wildlife Collection. At the bottom of the page, there are five small images representing different scientific fields: a satellite, a satellite dish, a satellite in space, a field of wheat, and a satellite in space.

DAP pulsar repository



Compute on Bragg Cluster

Data Source: SilviScan 3 wood properties analysis

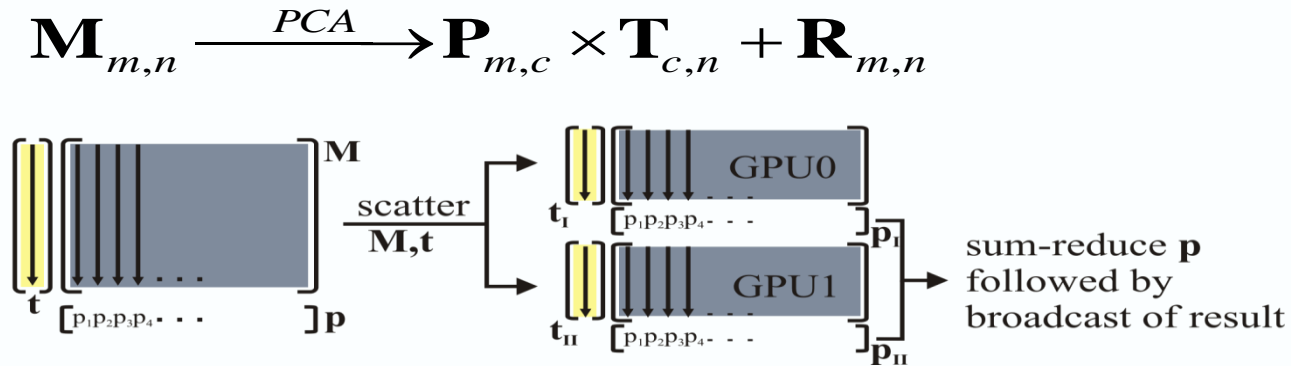


- Diffractometer provides microfibril angle, fiber angular information, crystallinity and cellulose crystal width (work in progress).
- Data requirements
 - High spatial resolution imaging at 200 um steps
 - Can collect ~2000-8000 images per day up to 16 GB uncompressed

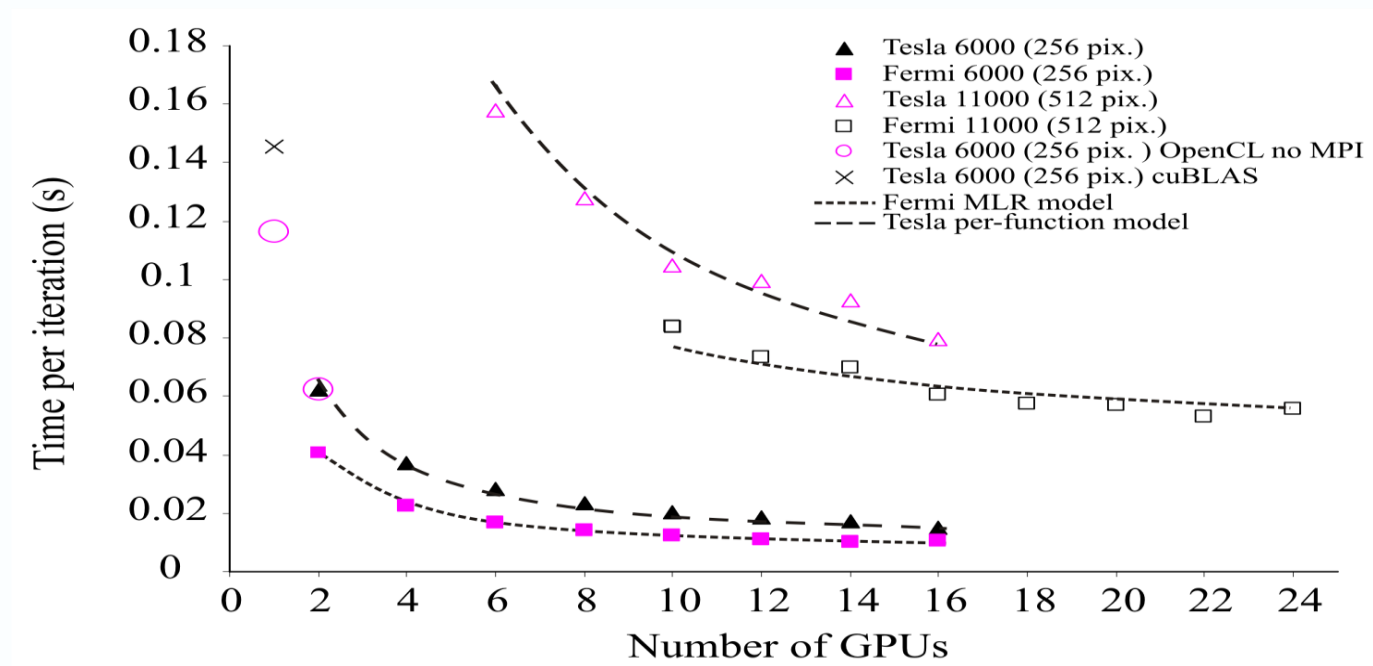
PCA of larger data sets – Requires multiple distributed GPUs

Statistical methods for interrogating large data sets

- Principal component analysis (PCA):
 - Useful for preliminary and exploratory data analysis
 - Also used in machine learning, outlier detection, regression and prediction procedures
- NIPALS: An iterative method for finding principle components
 - Developed in 1960's by H. Wold

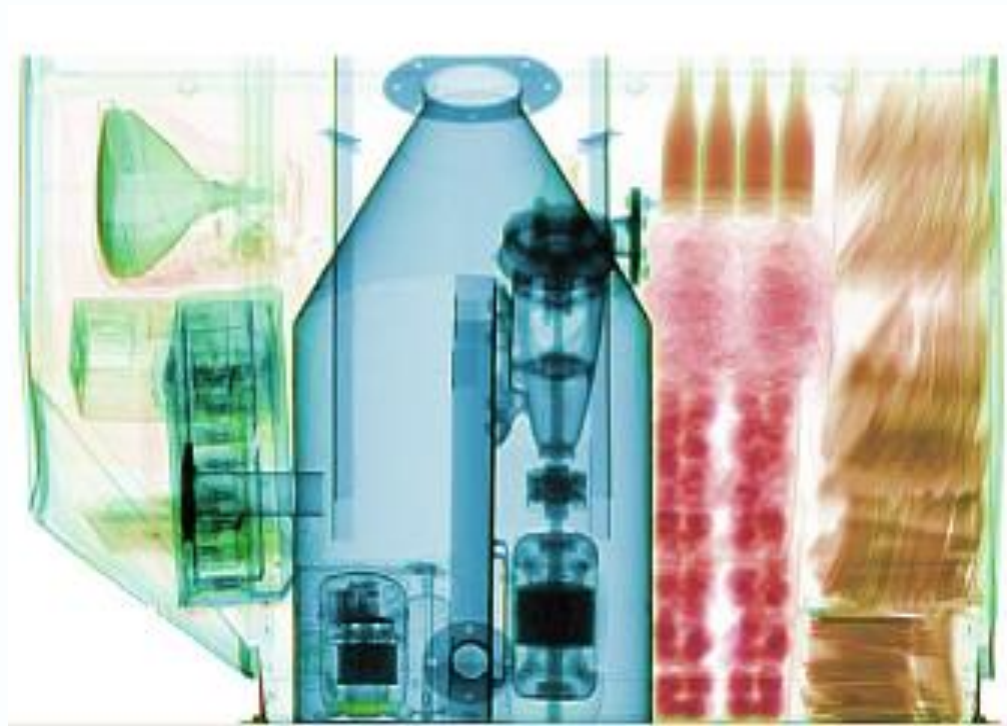


Principal Component Analysis with NIPALS using GPU clusters



Instrument Design

“We’ve started to use the GPU cluster to speed up modelling of nuclear analysers such as CSIRO’s air cargo scanner. The speed is up to 5,000 to 10,000 times that of a normal desktop computer if we use most of the cluster. With this performance increase, simulations that normally take hours can be run interactively in real-time. We expect this interactivity to significantly benefit the design and optimisation of new nuclear instruments.”



Future of HPC

“The exciting part is that MIC and GPU foreshadow what will be on the CPU in the future. The work that scientists are putting in now to optimize codes for these processors will pay off. It’s not whether you should adopt them; it’s whether you want to get a jump on the future.”

Dan Stanzione, Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to build Stampede.

Thank you

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