



# International Workshop on Software Gateways (IWSG 2017)

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# My Goals from this Workshop

- Listen!
- Share OAC's view on CI and software.
- What we learn here should inform our programs



# GATEWAYS





# Science Gateways Abound!

These are some that use XSEDE supercomputers

NSG Portal

The Neuroscience  
A Portal for Computational

 **DiaGrid**

**134,886,325 jobs run to date**

No Forms. No waiting. Just instant access to high-throughput computing

  
**The Materials Project**

Structural Prote

System Grid

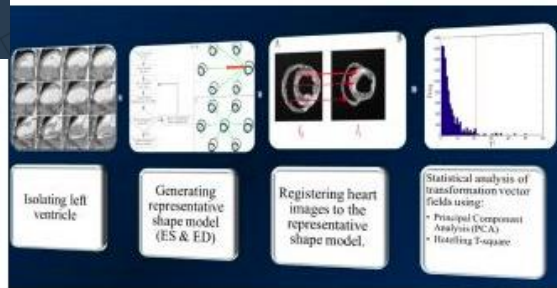
Virtual Laboratory  
and Planetary M

**Computational Anatomy Portal:**

Brain | | Heart

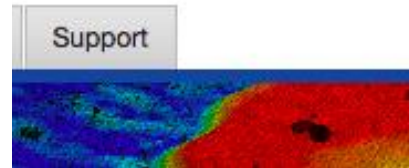
A Portal to High-Resolution  
Topography Data and Tools

ON AND MORE  
NOLOGY



Support

- Support
- Data



Data

**c Modeling Portal**

  
**CIG Seis**

Collaborative™ Empowering A New Plant Biology

 **CIPRES** SCIENCE GATEWAY

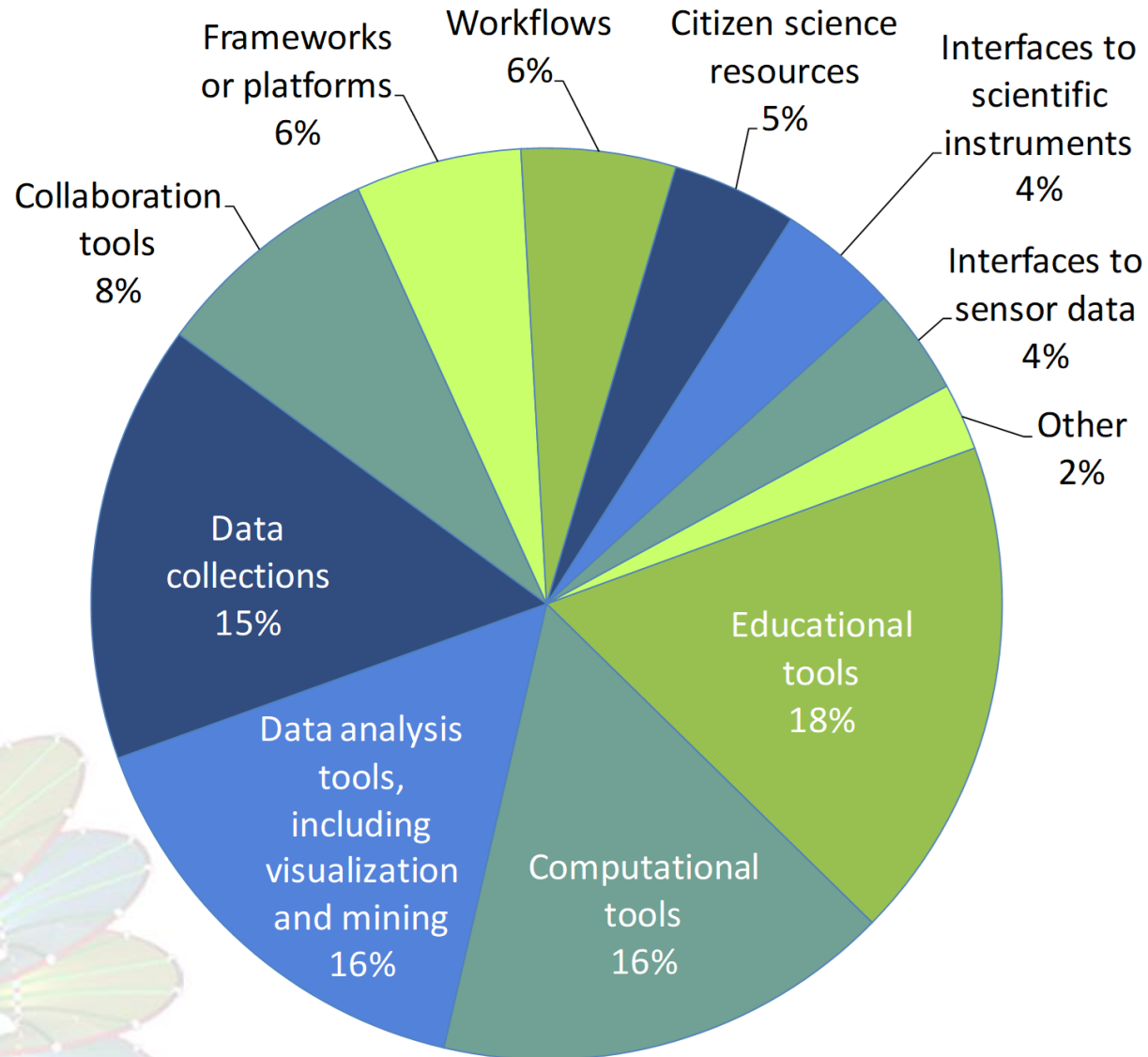
**IntegromeDB**

**Welcome to ROSIE**

Rosetta Online Server that Includes Everyone



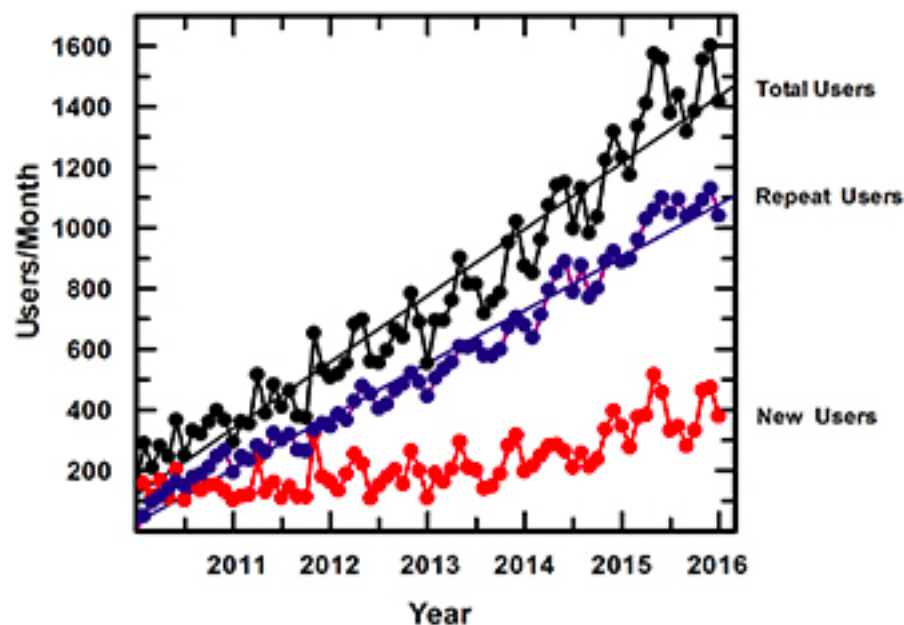
# Gateways are used for a variety of purposes





# Cyberinfrastructure for Phylogenetic Research (CIPRES)

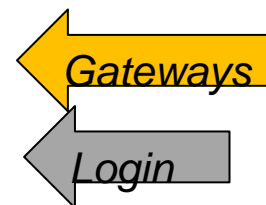
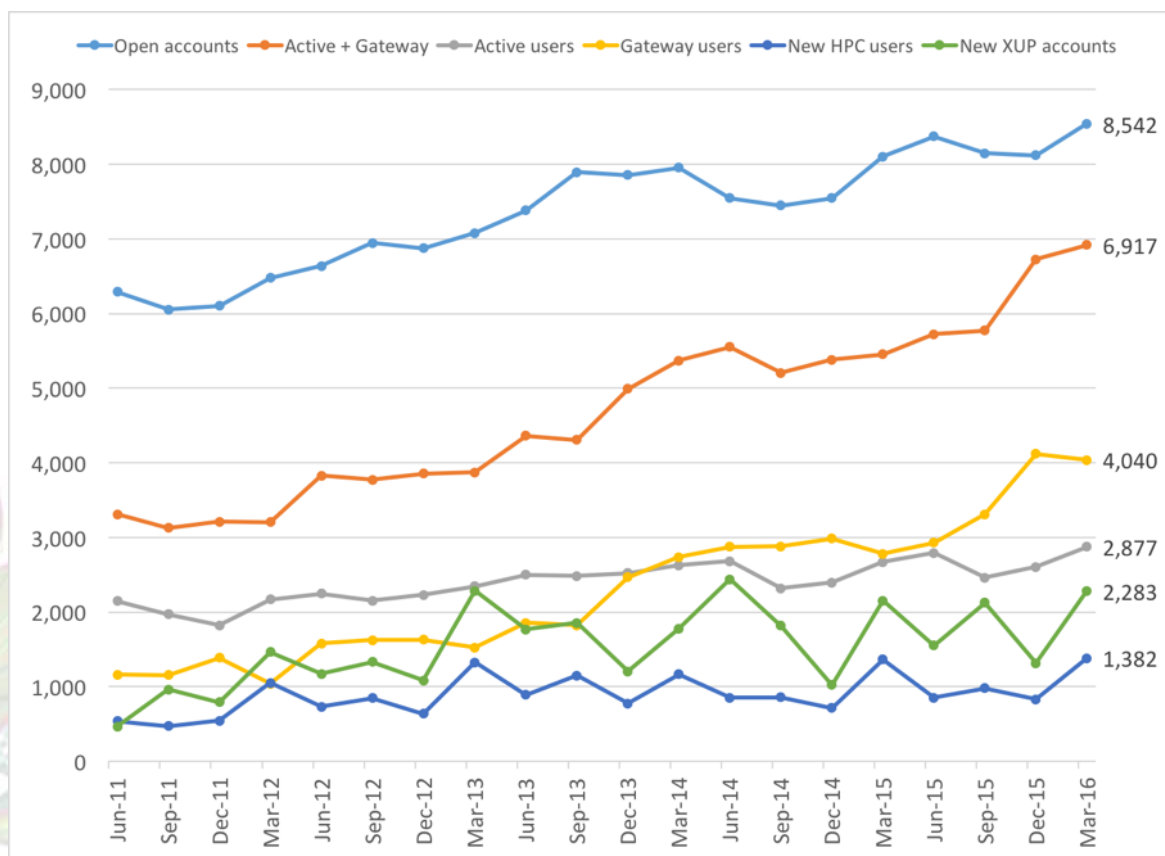
- 210 US research universities PI Mark Miller, SDSC, [www.phylo.org](http://www.phylo.org)
  - Harvard, Yale, UC Berkeley, Stanford, etc.
  - Non-PhD granting colleges (including one all-women's college, community colleges, and Hispanic-serving institutions)
- 3 K-12 school systems
- 43 non-governmental organizations,
  - Museums including the Smithsonian Institution, the American Museum of Natural History, and the Field Museum)
  - Botanical gardens, (e.g. Chicago, Rancho Santa Ana, and New York)
  - Institutes (e.g. JCVI and Broad)
- 10 US governmental agencies
  - Including NIH, USDA, NOAA, US Forest Service
- Curriculum delivery (76)
- 2000+ publications since 2010
- 47% of all XSEDE users in Q4 2015





# Gateway Usage Growth

Gateway usage surpasses command line users in XSEDE





# Gateways enable reproducibility



## The Whole Tale

### Merging Science and Cyberinfrastructure Pathways

Whole Tale will enable researchers to examine, transform, and then seamlessly republish research data that was used in an article. As a result, these "living articles" enable new discovery by allowing researchers to construct representations and syntheses of data.

# Gateways with ties to publishing!







# Gateways Enable Ecosystems!

1. Provide critical tools to scientists that accelerate time to science
2. Make complex techniques and technologies usable, while allowing for evolution and adaptation
3. Also enable: reproducibility, security, open science, citizen science etc.
4. Support collaborations – may even serve as the community water-cooler

**GATEWAYS ARE KEY FOR ACCELERATING ROBUST AND RELIABLE SCIENCE**



# **CYBER-INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS AT OAC**



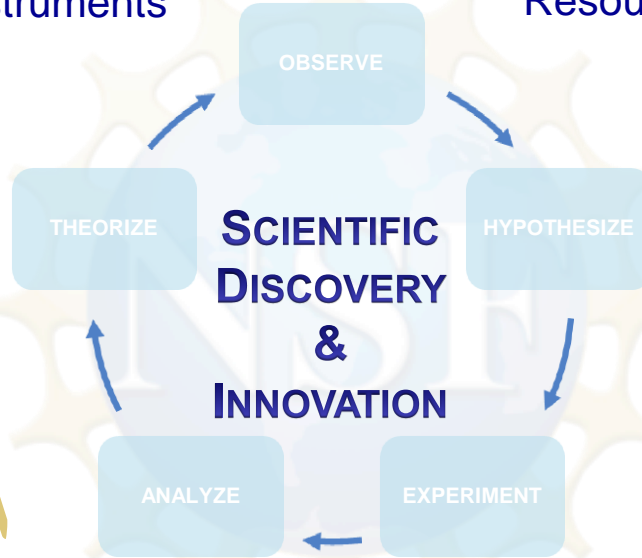
# NSF views cyberinfrastructure as driven by research priorities and evolving with the scientific process

CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE ECOSYSTEM

  
Scientific Instruments

  
Computational Resources

  
Data



  
Software



People, organizations, & communities



Networking & Cybersecurity



# And informed by community input and experiences

## Initial Vision (2007-2010)

## NSF-Wide Task Force Reports (2009-2011)

## National Academies Study

CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE VISION FOR 21ST CENTURY DISCOVERY

CI 2030

Release RFI  
Jan 5, 2017

Close RFI  
April 5, 2017

90 days

Spring 2017

Summer 2017



- ✓ DCL: Cleared
- ✓ Website: finalizing
- Engagement plan

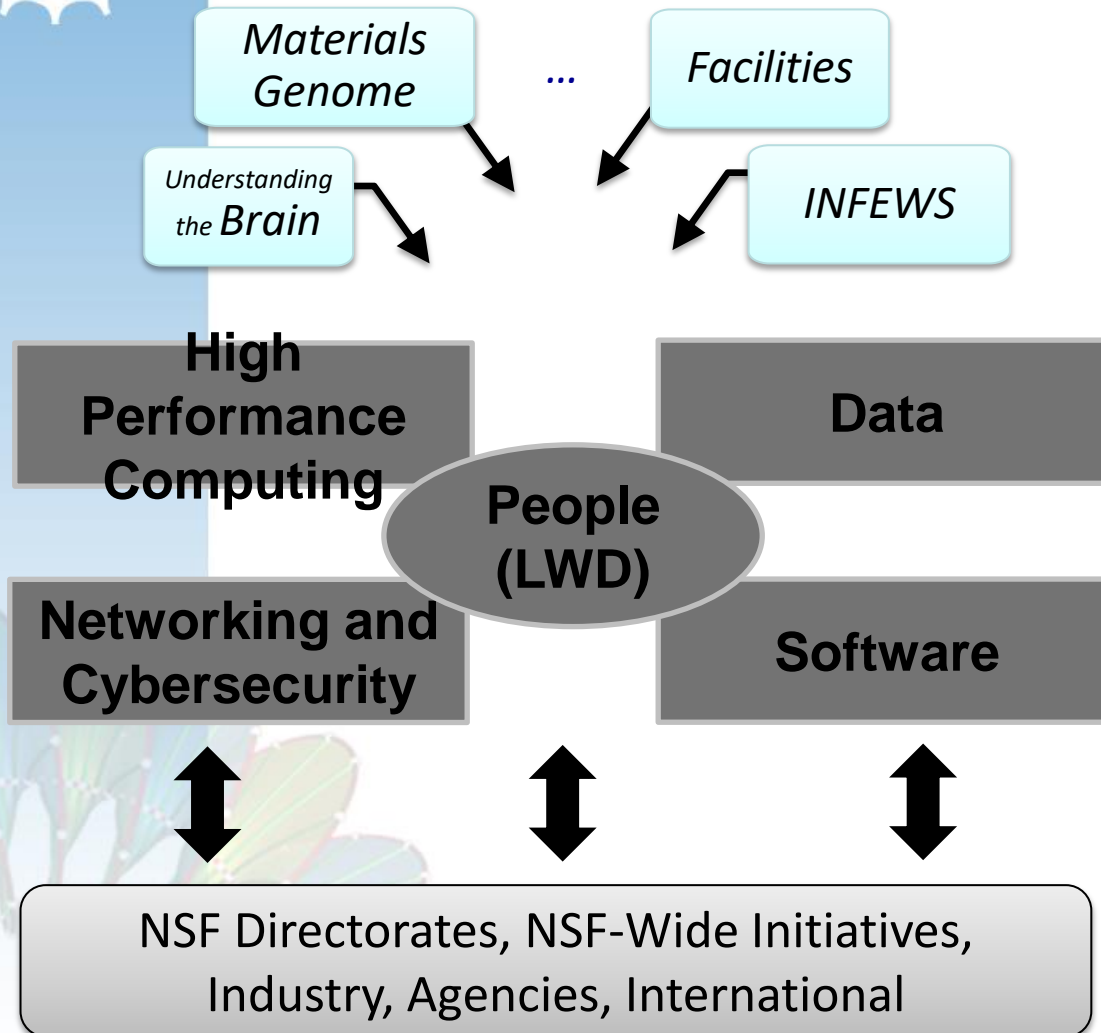
- Dissemination
- Monitor responses
- More outreach as needed.

- First peek, ACCI Meeting April 19-20
- Analyze → insights
- Post responses on NSF CI 2030 Website

- Finalize RFI Report and disseminate
- NSB Meeting? (Aug 15-16)
- Incorporate findings into NSF planning.

# OAC Operational View

*Supporting advanced CI to accelerate discovery and innovation*



## **Science Drivers**

*Constant exchange within ACI clusters, and with NSF Directorates, Divisions and Programs*

## **ACI investments**

*Convergent investments in technologies and communities to maximize impact*

**Leadership,  
Coordination,  
Partnership**



# CI Challenge: User-Centric Viewpoint

*Revolution in the scientific workflow: many interfaces to shared services*



Large Facilities



Collaboration Networks

Software



Shared Data/Software Gateway Resources

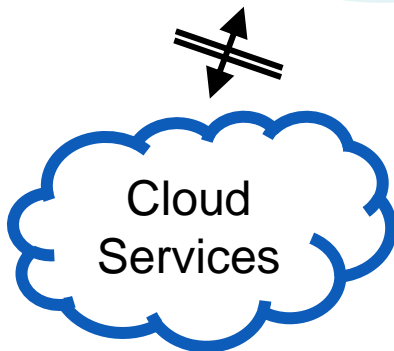


Researcher

Data



National Computing Resources



Cloud Services



Identities?  
Resources?  
Persistence?

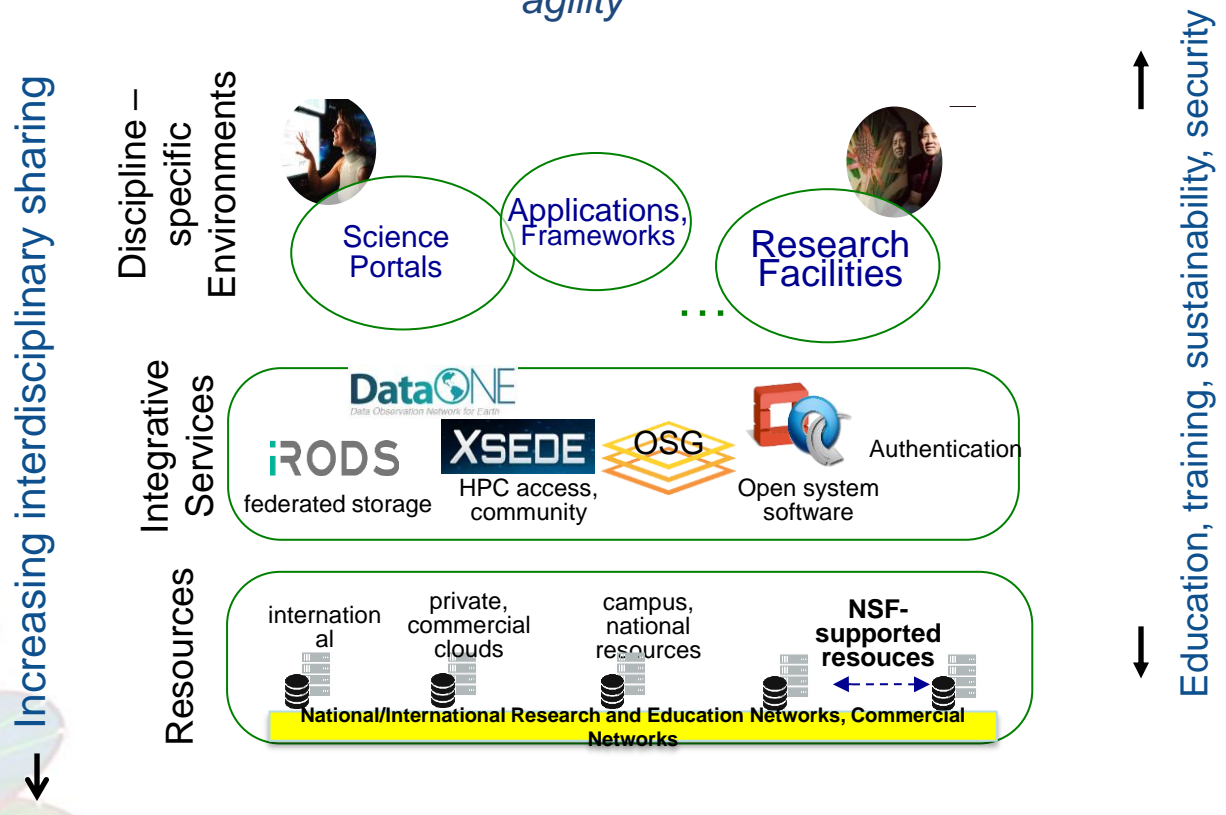




# Software in a Research Cyberinfrastructure Ecosystem

CIF 21 Vision: Integrated advanced computing, networks, data, software instruments, facilities to advance science and engineering

*A national research CI architecture for reuse and agility*



**Software: A primary modality for innovation and discovery permeating all layers of the Cyberinfrastructure**



# Goal of the Software Programs

*Catalyze* and support **unique**, innovative software-intensive **science ecosystems** in order to **advance science** and engineering

Scientific  
Software R&D

Foundational CI  
R&D

Community

Workforce







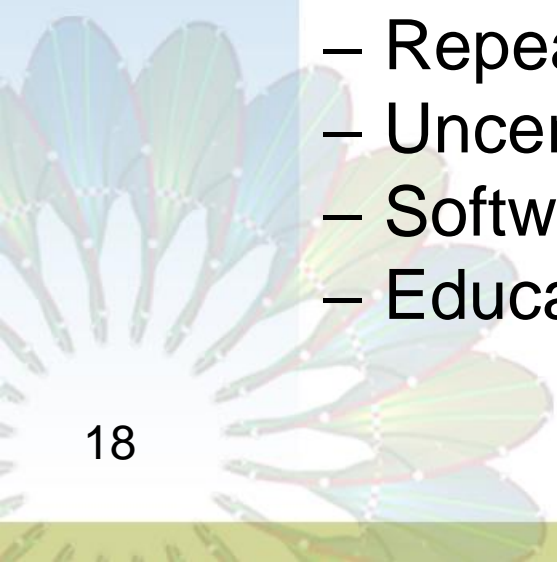
## Driver - NSF Big Ideas

- Understanding the Rules of Life: Predicting Phenotype
- Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Shaping the Future
- Mid-scale Research Infrastructure
- Windows on the Universe: The Era of Multi-messenger Astrophysics
- Navigating the New Arctic
- Harnessing Data for 21st Century Science and Engineering
- The Quantum Leap: Leading the Next Quantum Revolution
- Growing Convergent Research



# Drivers – A National CI Ecosystem for Robust and Reliable Science

- A National CI Ecosystem
  - Community establishment (directive to leverage Institutes)
  - Sustainability
  - Building on existing assets
  - Towards an infrastructure “platform”
- Enabling Robust and Reliable Science
  - Repeatability -> Replicability -> Reproducibility
  - Uncertainty quantification
  - Software publication, citation
  - Education





## Driver: Future of Computing – the 5 NSCI Objectives

1. Exascale computing system...
  - Foundational work on science, algorithms, programming environments, system software, architecture, and performance evaluation
2. Increasing coherence between ... simulation and data analytics...
  - Science and technology that use and enable applications involving both computational simulation and data analysis.
3. A viable path forward ... [in] the 'post-Moore's Law era'
  - Foundational work on new device technology, fabrication methods, computer architectures, software techniques.
4. An enduring National HPC ecosystem...
  - Develop, integrate, and deploy building blocks of an HPC ecosystem.
  - Advance the organization, architecture applications of such a system,
  - Enhance user productivity, broaden participation, skilled workforce.
5. Public-private collaboration...”
  - Existing programs, such as GOALI, SBIR/SBTT, and IUCRC
  - Technology transition to and from practice
  - Advance the use of HPC technology in the commercial sector



# Driver: Encouraging Convergence and Co-design Builds the Future Research Infrastructures

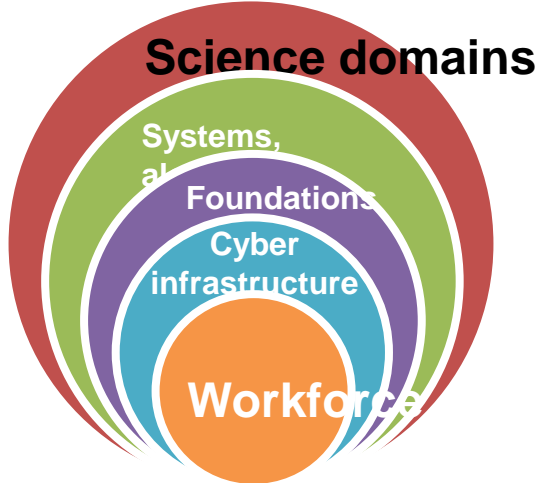
*Access  
Visualization  
Data Quality  
Collaboration  
Tools  
Exploratory  
Analysis*

**DATA**

**HYPOTHESES  
INFORMATION  
DATA IN  
CONTEXT**

*Analytics  
High Performance  
Computing  
Computational-  
Mathematical -  
Statistical  
Methods/Models*

**DISCOVERY**



*Experiments  
Data Collection  
Benchmark  
Data Sets*

**THEORY**

*Interpretation  
Model  
Validation  
Redesign*



# Driver: OAC Specific Priorities

- Multidisciplinary and omni-disciplinary software cyberinfrastructure
- Meaningfully integrate, leverage or build on other ongoing OAC-supported programs
- Integrated innovation and research
- Proposals that consider security, trustworthiness and reproducibility
- Proposals with objectives that align with and contribute to the NSCI.



## Driver: Directorate Specific Priorities

- CISE: CI for CISE research. Advancing SE.
- BIO: Of need to BIO + Other Directorates. .
- EHR: STEM learning and learning environments, workforce development, and broadening participation.
- ENG: Computational tools that enable in its research areas
- GEO: Serve the geosciences end-users. Integrate with prior investments – EarthCube, integrate CS and GEO researchers.
- MPS: Core research areas, MGI, science at the boundaries, broad application (DMS), Education, community Development
- SBE: SBE 2020, SBE + one other directorate



# Driver: Embedded Research in CI Projects Creates Robust Insights that help Build Academic Reputations

## Systems Integration:

- New integration techniques - auto-generation of integration code from interface specifications
- Studies of software engineering methods for s/w integration – DevOps, continuous deployment
- Studies of integrative methods for data science
- Empirical studies on software reuse in science
- Analytical models for understanding/evaluating performance, scalability, security during integration
- Service-based integration of data analytics and HPC system architectures

## HCI:

- Search based composition of services
- Human-computer interfaces and interaction design and evaluation during integration - e.g. when “surprise” is a given

## SBE:

- Ethnographic studies on how scientists actually work
- Economic and social aspects of reuse
- Economic and social aspects of integration
- Science of team science in dynamic situations

## Education:

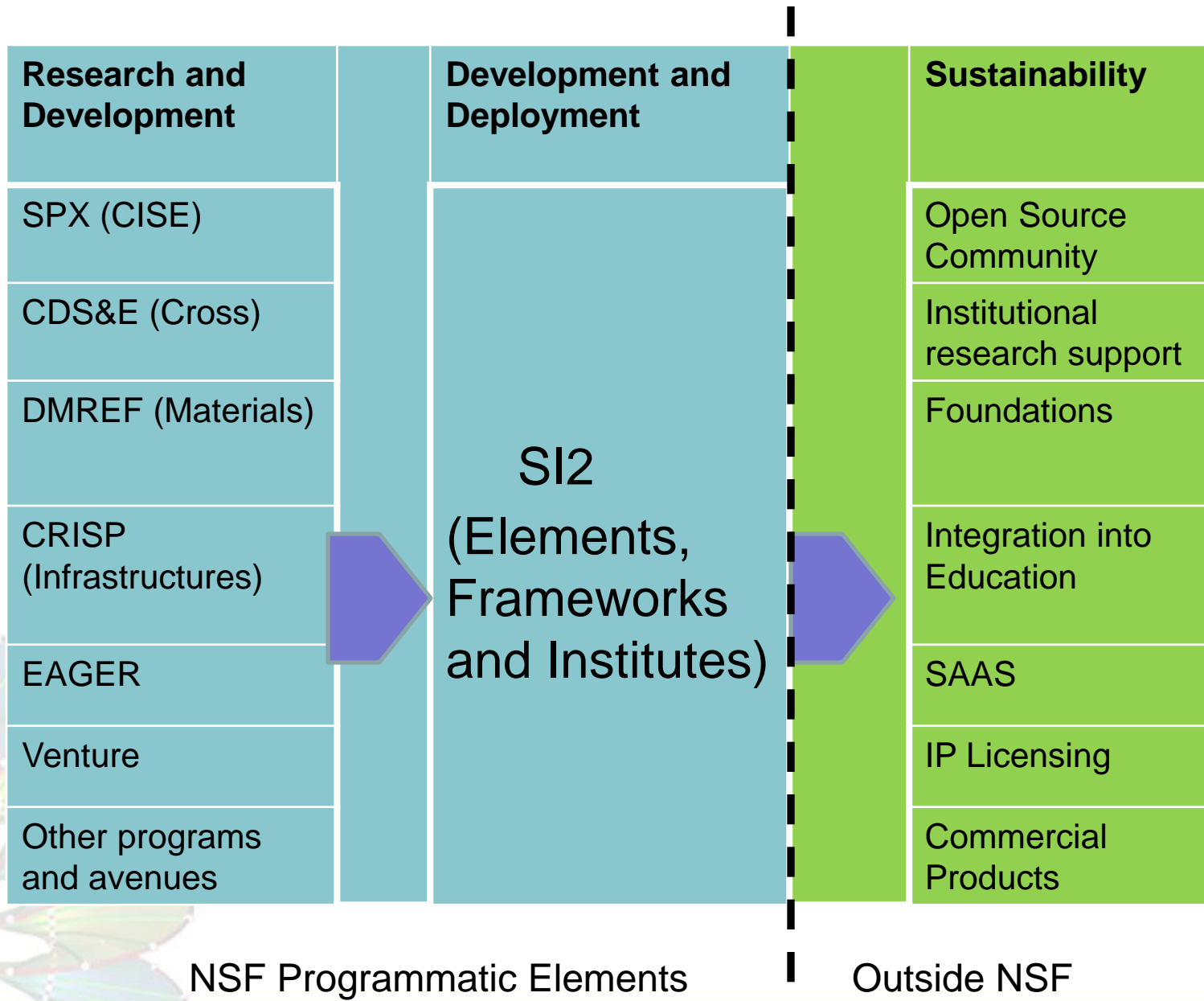
- Learning theories for "just-in-time" application (novice vs. expert learning)

## Domain science:

- End-to-end composition of models across scales (neuron->cognition, chip->data center)



# Structure: Software Cyberinfrastructure Pipeline







# Flagship Program – SI2

- Create a software ecosystem that scales from individual or small groups of software innovators to large hubs of software excellence
- 3 interlocking levels of funding

## Scientific Software Elements (SSE)

1–2 PIs, <\$500k, 3 years

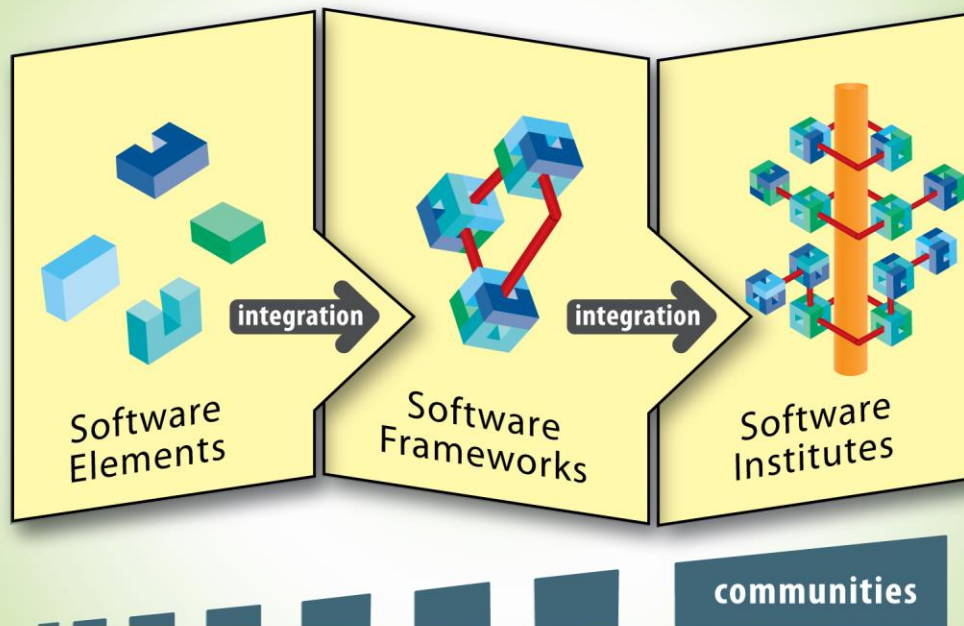
## Scientific Software Integration (SSI)

*For focused groups*

\$200k - \$1M per year, 3–5 years

## S<sup>2</sup>I<sup>2</sup> Conceptualization Awards

Planning awards aimed at organizing an interdisciplinary community and understanding its software requirements and challenges.





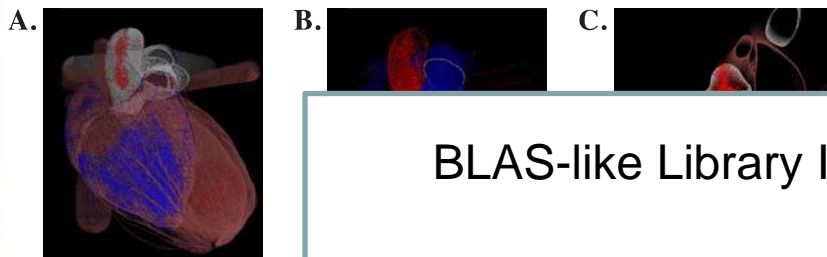
## Unique Criteria For SI2

- Fill a **recognized need** in the science community
- Create **innovative, robust and reliable** research **capabilities** in science and engineering for **researchers**
- **Embed research** and innovation into the project activities
- Use a **comprehensive** user-engaged management plan
- Resourced by **teams** with **credibility** in **engineering**, and **science**
- **Build community** through direct engagement
- Progress towards **sustainability** after NSF funding has ended
- Further a **national CI ecosystem** (reuse, integrate, adopt)



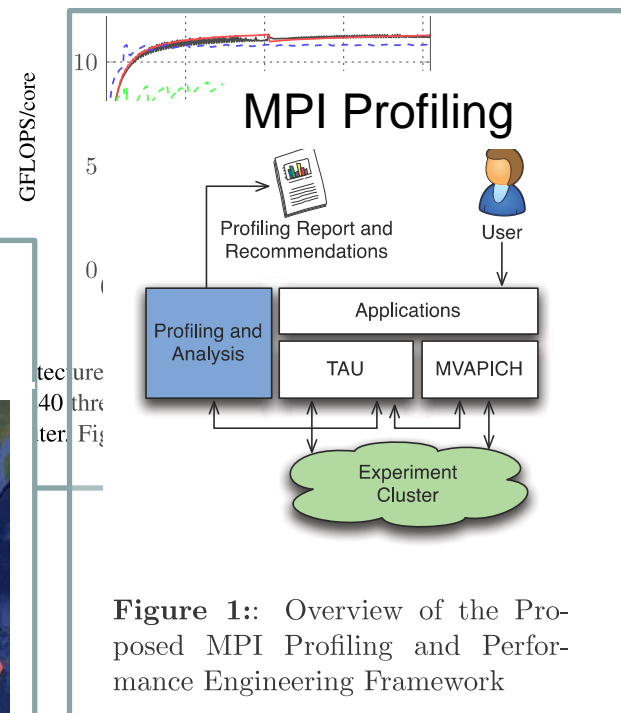
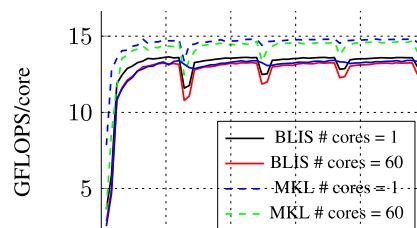
# Showcase – SI2 Projects Across the Stack

## Scalable Infrastructure for Multiscale and Multi-physics Applications



**Figure 2.** 3D FSI simulation of cardiac dynamics. A. Elastic and muscular fibers that model the motion of blood in the left (red) and right (blue) ventricles.

### BLAS-like Library Instantiation Software (BLIS)



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**Figure 1:** Overview of the Proposed MPI Profiling and Performance Engineering Framework

### Swift/E: Integrating Parallel Scripted Workflow





# Showcase – SI2 Software Institutes

Press Release 16-088

## NSF commits \$35 million to improve scientific software

Awards will support long-term hubs dedicated to strengthening scientific software ecosystem

### Science Gateways Community Institute

The second award, led by the University of California, San Diego, establishes the Science Gateways Community Institute, a multi-institutional consortium that will increase the sustainability of science gateways. Gateway access to the nation's shared cyberinfrastructure...

"Gateways foster collaborations and the open access, providing broad access to resources at research institutions," said Nancy Wilkins, principal investigator for the project. The project will concentrate on the novel, the challenging and the emerging community."

### The Molecular Science Software Institute

*Proposals of all types should seek to leverage Institutes, where appropriate.*

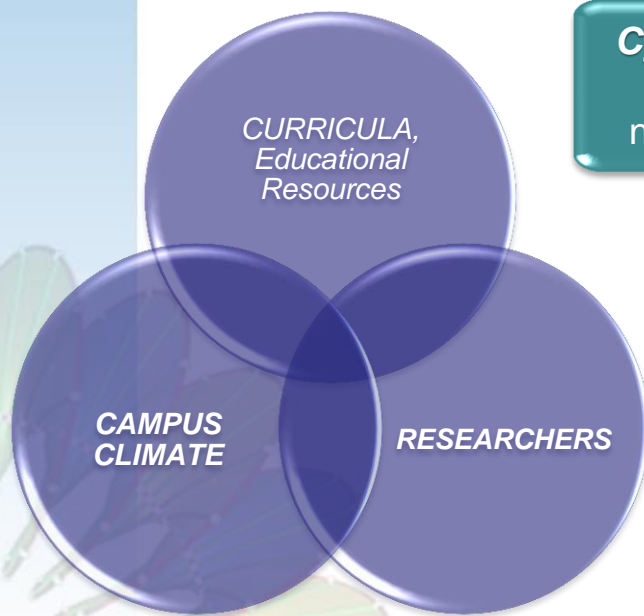
A collage of logos for various scientific software packages and institutes. The logos include: GADSSIA (yellow text), Dalton (grey text with a portrait of John Dalton), Ambe (yellow text), ORCA (black text with a red and white logo), TURBOMOLE (black text with a white logo), MOLPRO (red and blue text with a blue logo), GROMACS (blue text with a blue logo), GAMESS (black text with a blue logo), PSI4 (blue text with a blue logo), CHEM (blue text with a blue logo), and QUANTUM ESPRESSO (red and white logo). There is also a logo for 'NAME' and a logo for 'LAMMPS'.

Acknowledgement: Daniel Crawford, MolSSI



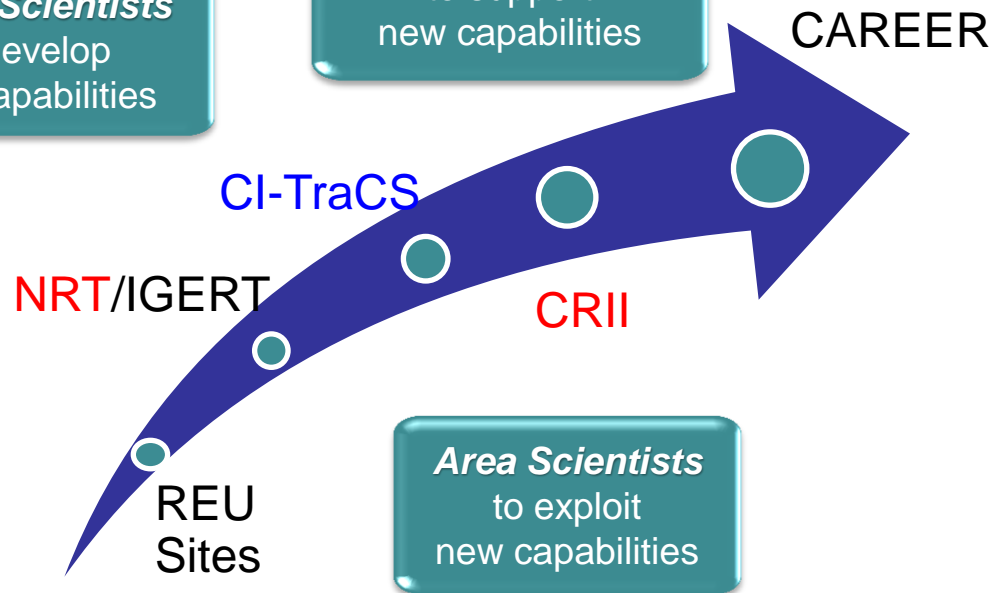
# Research Workforce is also Infrastructure - We Support The Career Pipeline

- Goal: Build robust careers paths in Cyber-Infrastructure (CI) and Computational and Data-enabled Science and Engineering (CDSE)
- Techniques: Leverage existing programs for early-stage researchers. Develop new programs in areas of need/challenge



*Cyber Scientists*  
to develop  
new capabilities

*Professional Staff*  
to support  
new capabilities



*Area Scientists*  
to exploit  
new capabilities

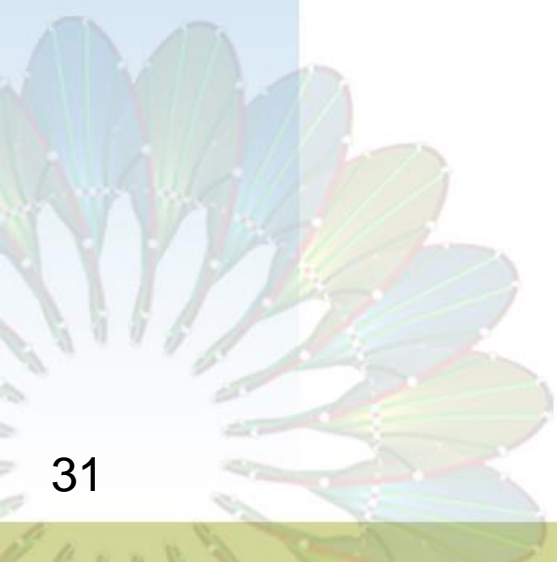


# State of the Software Programs

- Software is a critical part of the research cyberinfrastructure
- Demand for the software programs stays strong with several successful outcomes to report
- The software programs continue to be well-aligned with OAC, Directorate and NSF priorities



**BACK TO GATEWAYS!**





# Opportunities, Issues, Solutions (?)

## 1. Opportunities:

- Global science
- Broader funding and sustainability base
- Accelerated learning
- Embedded research
- Shared technology

## 2. Issues:

- Software licenses
- Intellectual property (laws)
- Are there tradeoffs with respect to openness?

## 3. Solutions?

- Contributed labor.
- Other quid pro quos?





# Actions

- Co-run this workshop with the SGCI and AU gateways conferences
- Propose a key science or education problem that would be transformed by a gateway with international requirements





Thanks!

