



**Scalable Software Services
for Life Science**

Improving the Usage of eInfrastructures for Life Science Researchers

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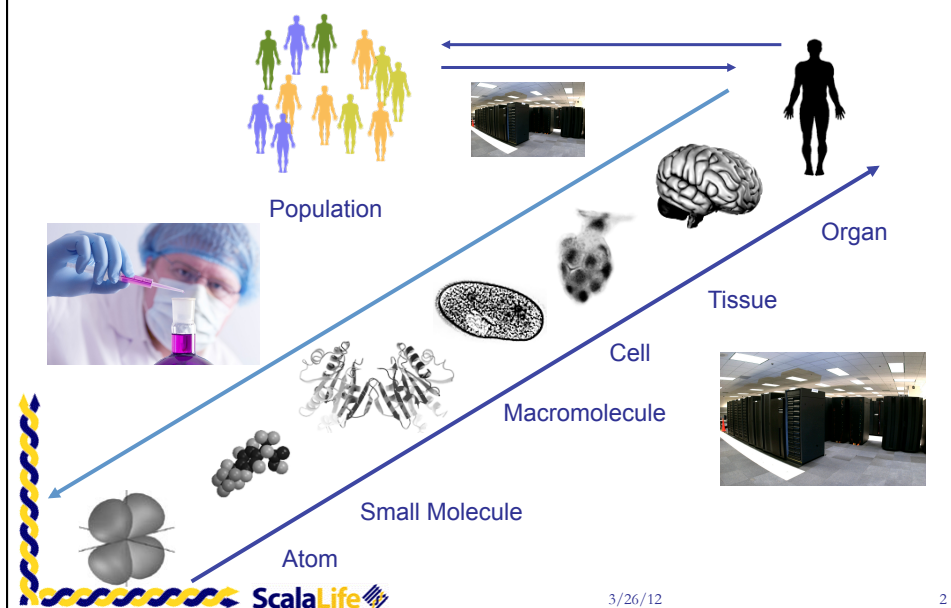


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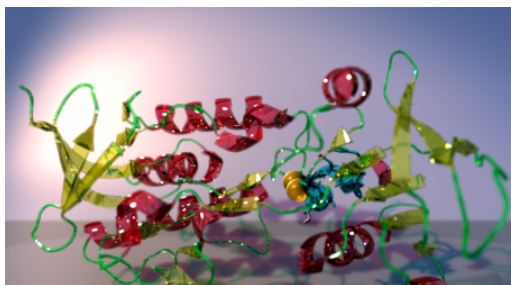
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Computing in Life Sciences

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- Molecular modeling
- Bioinformatics
- Medical imaging
- Neuroinformatics
- Data Mining (Patient data, biobanks, ...)
- ...



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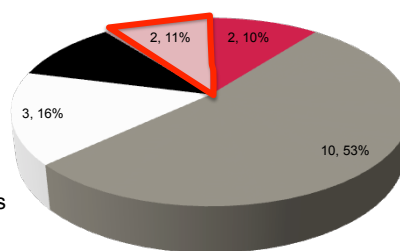
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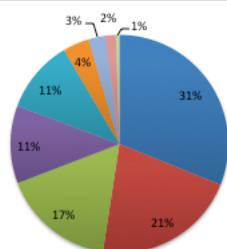
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- A large fraction of EC research funding is directed to Life Sciences

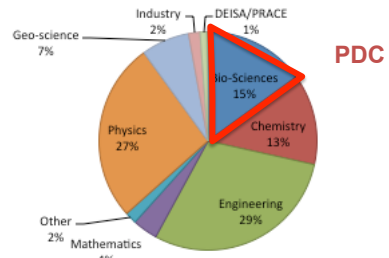
- PRACE**
- Materials
 - Physical Sciences and Engineering Environmental Sciences
 - Energy
 - Biological and Medical Sciences



EGI
(HEP = 93%)



- Astrophysics
- Life Sciences
- Others Disciplines
- Multidisciplinary VOs
- Comput. chemistry
- Unknown Discipline
- Infrastructure
- Fusion
- Earth Sciences



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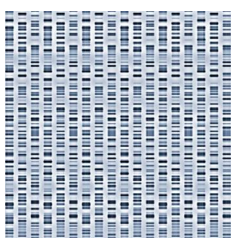
Life Science is not a major user of
eInfrastructures

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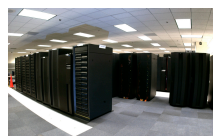
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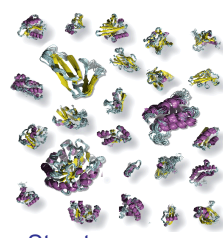
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Increasing Life Science Computations



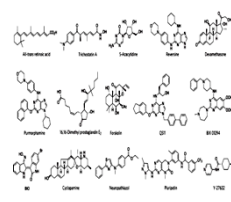
Genomes



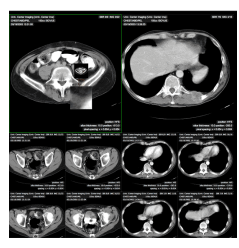


Structures

Integration!



Molecules




Images

Data

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Cancer Genome
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International Cancer Genome Project

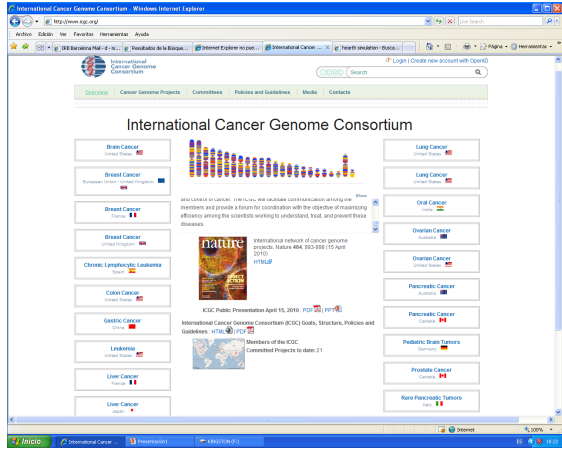
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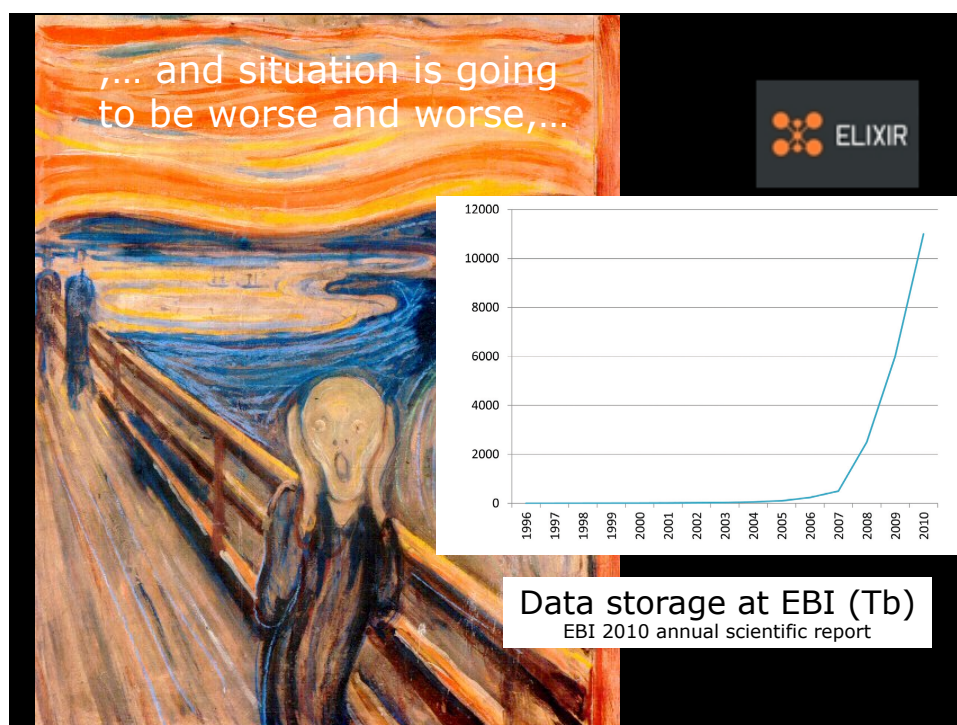
Experimental data 1 patient < 1 day
Primary analysis 1 patient → 5 days!
Secondary analysis 1 patient → months!

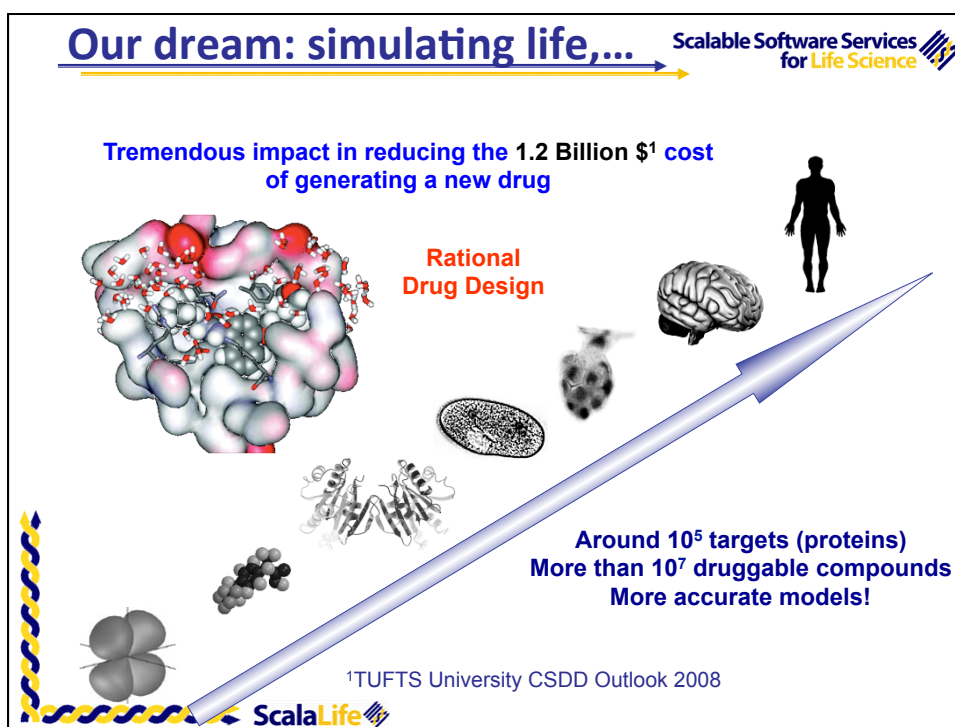
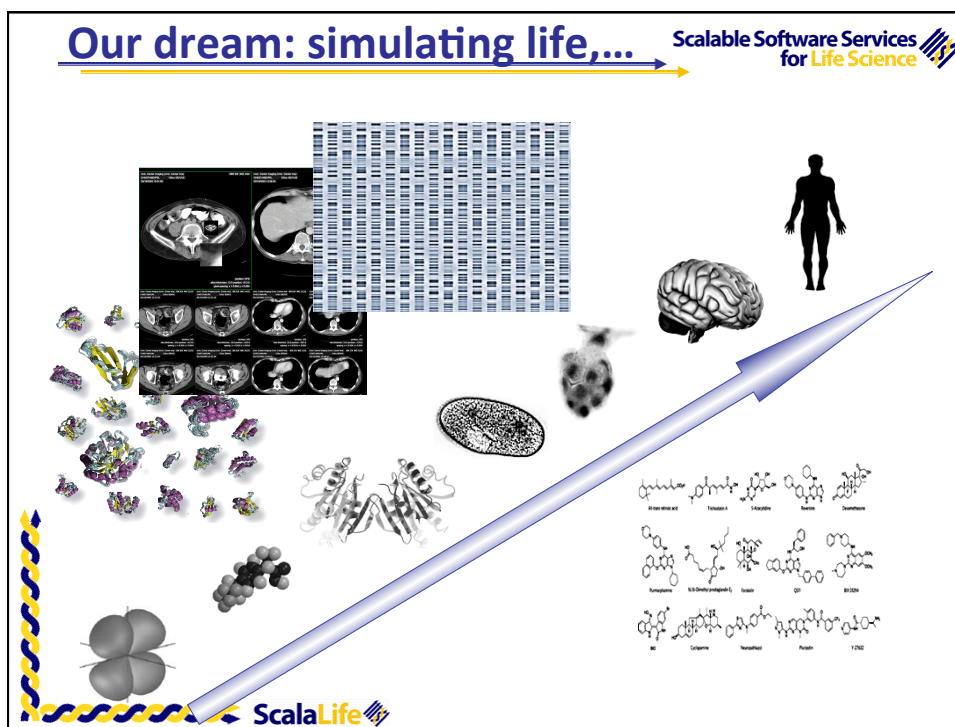
50 cancers
25000 cancer
genomes

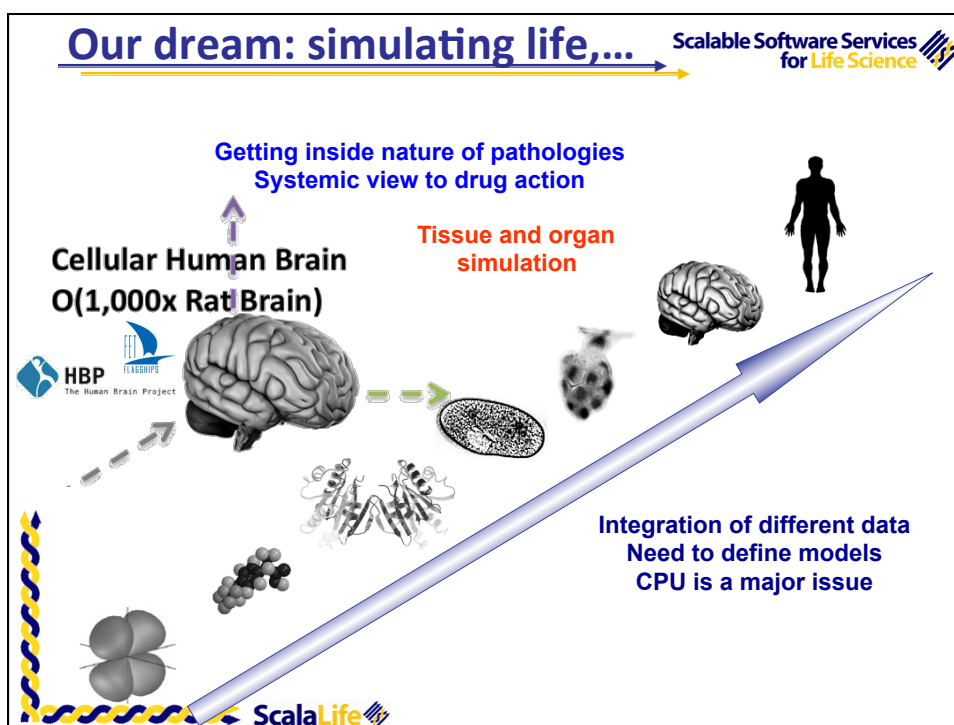
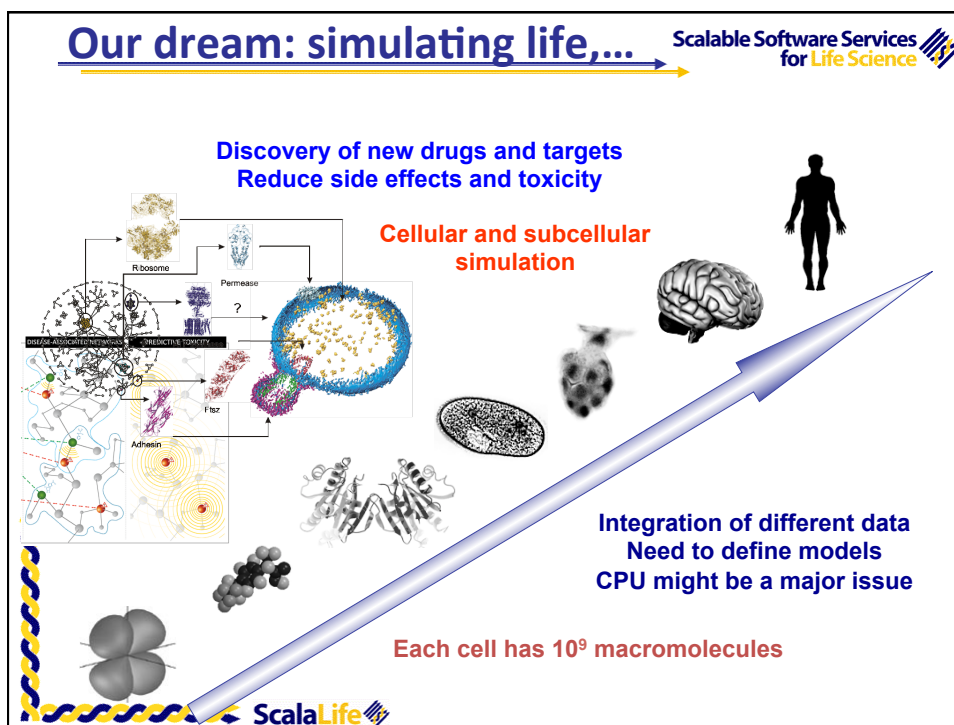


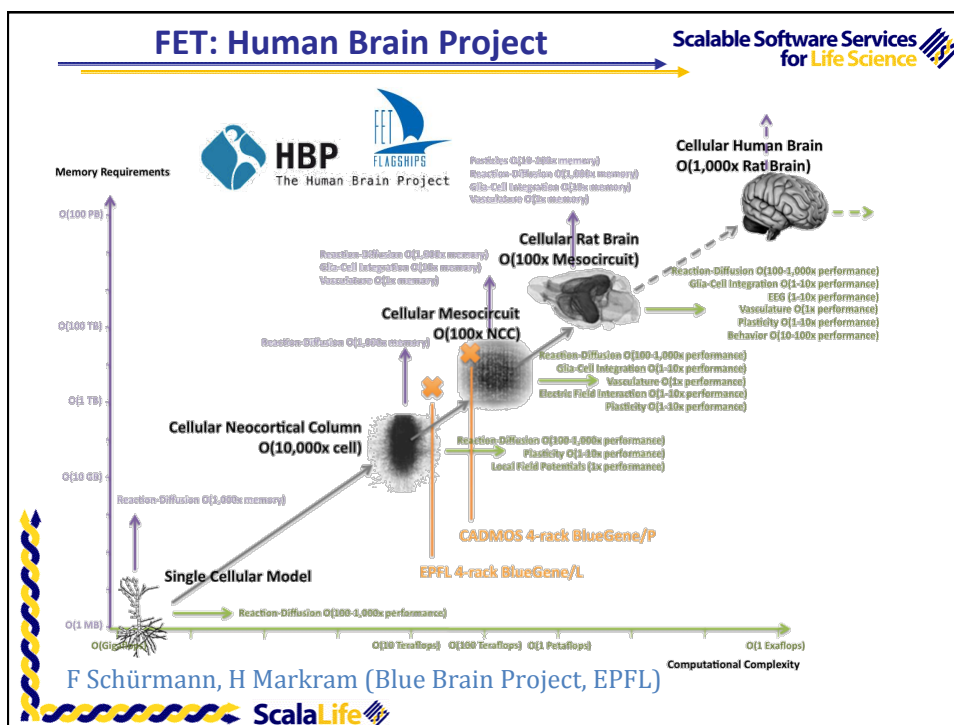


Puente et al., Nature 2011









Major European Efforts

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- ELIXIR, Bioinformatics community
- EMBL-EBI
- INSTRUCT
- Research consortia: ENCODE, ICGC, iHEC
- FET Flagships: Personalized Medicine, Human Brain Project.
- EGI, PRACE
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Software

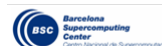
Life-Science needs Exascale

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Main conclusions of the EESI Life Science panel



- ❑ Life science requirements for HPC are enormous and grow exponentially. There is not question that Life Sciences community has ExaScale needs.
- ❑ Lack of HPC resources will simply kill several of the most important projects in Life Sciences, including several EU Flagship ones (Human Brain, Personalized Medicine).
- ❑ Many other issues rather than FLOPS are important in Life Sciences, often more important.
- ❑ **Exascale** should be the keyword, not ExaFlop.
- ❑ The experts propose Co-development programs to deploy Exascale to Life Sciences



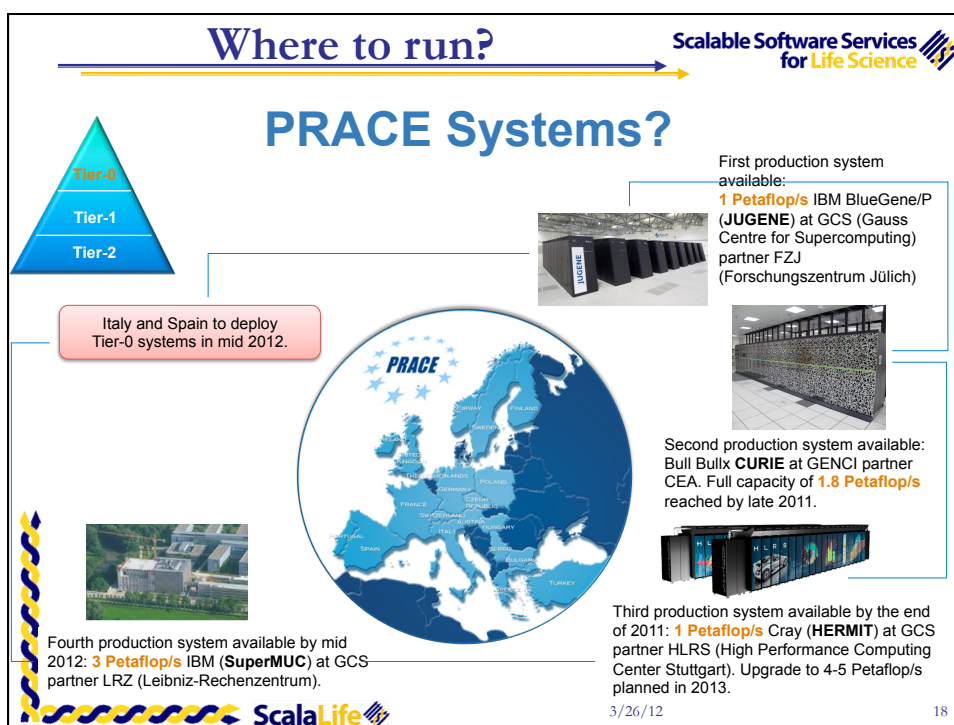
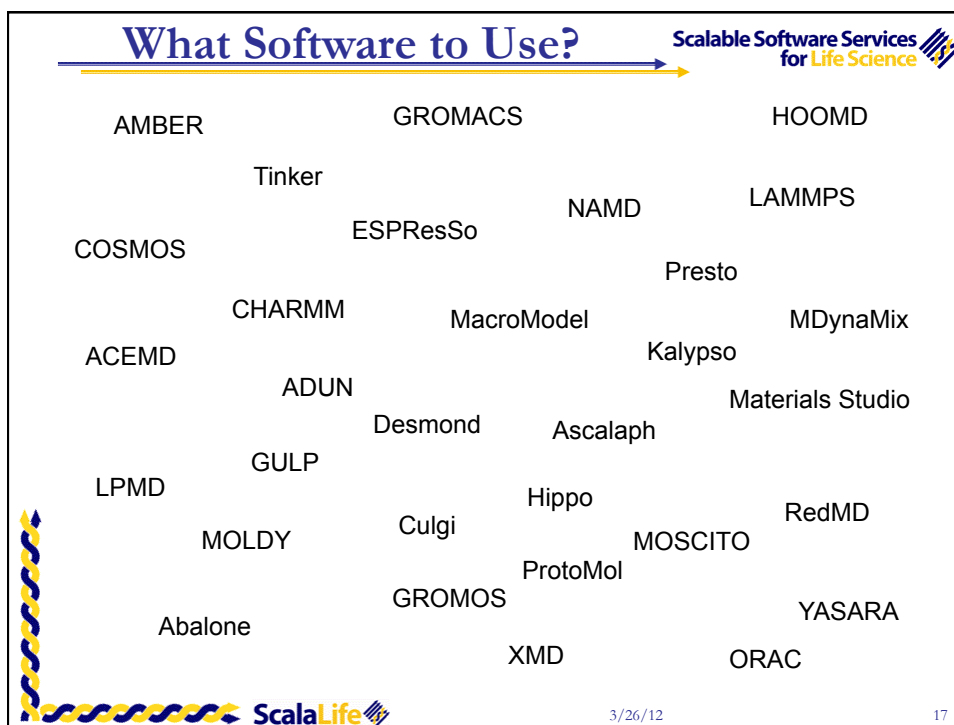
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But what's the typical situation of a Researcher
in Life Science today?



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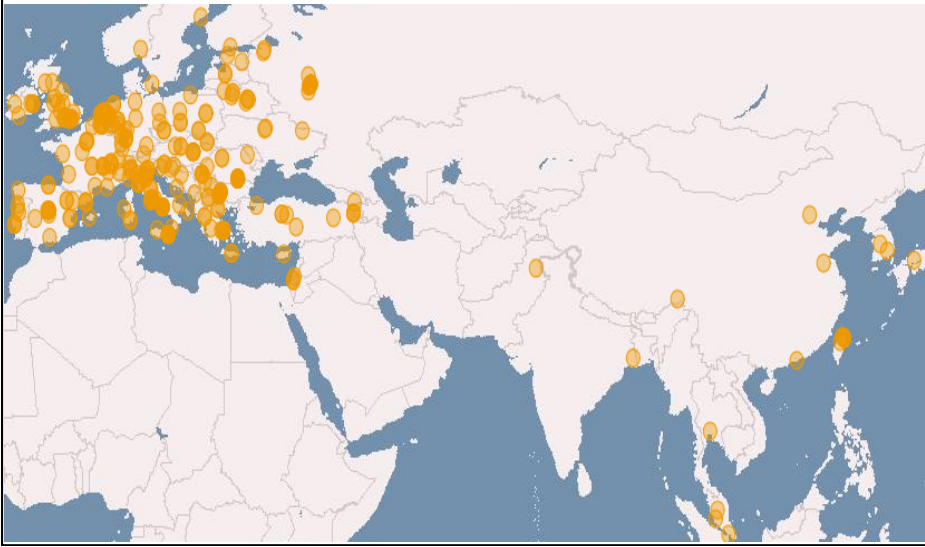
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Where to run?

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EGI?

A world map with a light beige background and blue oceans. Numerous orange circular markers are distributed across the map, representing EGI nodes. There is a high concentration of these markers in Western Europe, particularly in the British Isles and France. Other markers are scattered across North America, South America, Africa, and Asia, with a notable cluster in East Asia (China/Japan area). The markers are semi-transparent, allowing the map's borders to be seen through them.

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Your local computing center?

A photograph of a server rack in a data center. The rack is black with a blue door on the left. The front of the rack is covered in a large, multi-panel image of a scenic landscape featuring a body of water, rocky shorelines, and small wooden houses. The KTH logo is visible on the left side of the rack. The rack is on wheels and is part of a larger system.

The ScalaLife logo, which consists of a stylized blue and yellow wave-like pattern followed by the text "ScalaLife" in a sans-serif font.

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And More Questions ...

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Which architecture?

I need extra functionality in Y software, who can implement?

How to get help with PRACE? Where to run?

How can I run on EGI? How to get access to the X system?

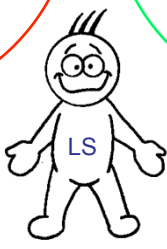
Which software fits best to my problem?

What is the best way of compiling and running the specific Y code on X system?

I want to use GPGPUs for software Y, but how? My application is not scaling, what to do?


The expert at center X needs help with software Y, can you help him/her? What is the best way of data handling for my problem?

What is performance analysis and who/how to do it?





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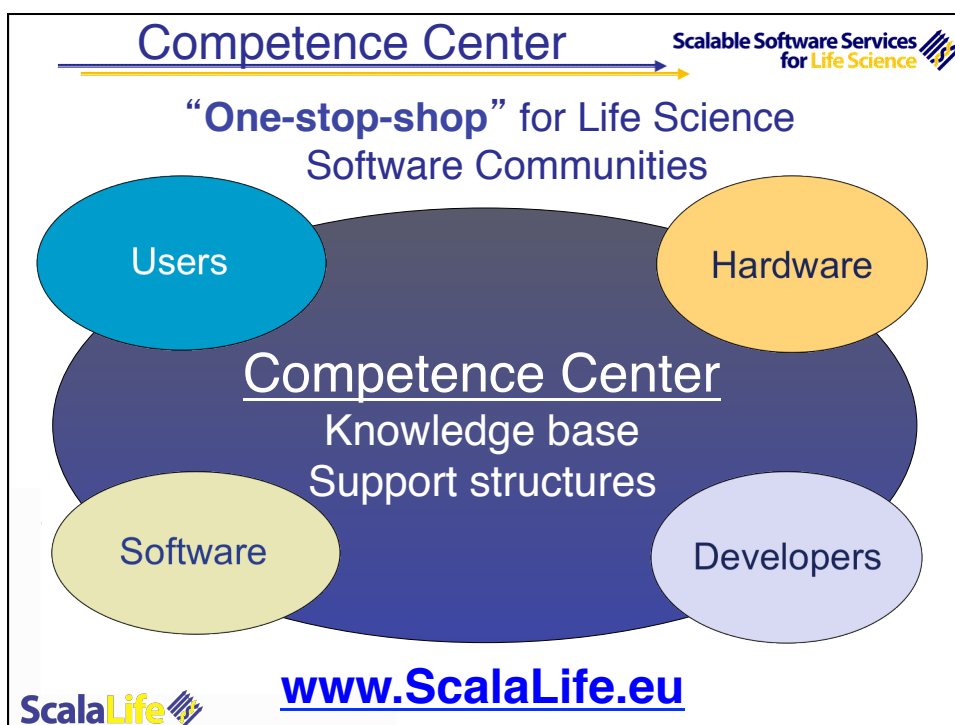
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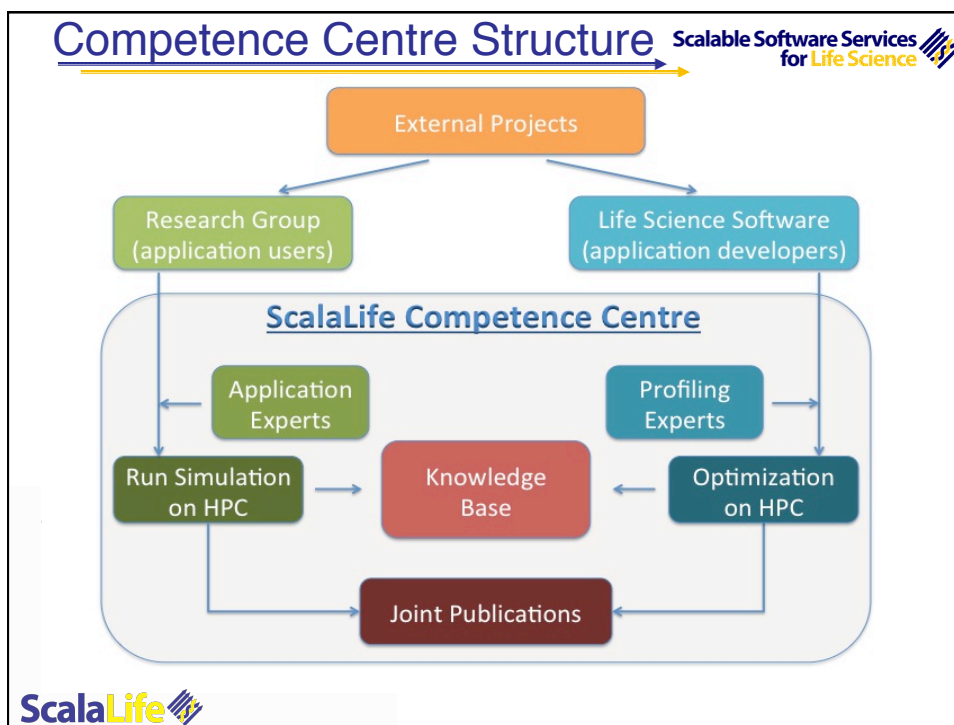
ScalaLife provides 

- A **Competence Centre** as one-stop-shop for the computational Life Science community providing
 - Optimized simulation codes
 - Advise on usage of e-Infrastructure
 - Expert support
- The Competence Centre extends much beyond the lifetime of ScalaLife and is expected to turn into a **long lasting structure**

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ScalaLife delivers Scalable Software Services for Life Science

- Hierarchical **parallelization** of key European open source codes
- **Ensemble & high-throughput** techniques for multi-core and streaming architectures to parallelize in the problem domain
- Establish **open software standards** for data storage and exchange
- Implement, document, and maintain such techniques in pilot **European open-source codes** – using licenses that allow code reuse

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ScalaLife and EGI

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- ScalaLife delivers training to EGI via training market place; partly in collaboration with we-nmr
- Help making software available
- Collaborate with LSGC/HealthGrid on supporting users
 - Exchange of expertise, information, and user support

we-nmr

HealthGrid

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ScalaLife and PRACE

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- Provide support PRACE/DECI Life Science users
- Provide software and support to PRACE centers
- Provide benchmark results to help with evaluation of applications
- Collaborate on (peta)scaling of Dalton and GROMACS

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Case Studies



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GPUs and FPGAs

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- What impact can new hardware trends have?
- GPUs have a great promise – but can they really be used?
- What about FPGAs – should one invest time into them?



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Feasibility study, Gromacs on FPGA

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- The non-bonded forces of GROMACS has been ported to FPGAs.
- This non-bonded forces calculation covers roughly 70% of the execution time.
 - Maximum speed-up 3X.



Gene Amdahl

- Assumes each node has a CPU and one or many FPGAs connected over PCI-E .



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Gromacs Results

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Rough initial results (Mega atom pair interactions/s)

- 300 M/s - 4 core CPU with hyperthreading
- 960 M/s - 4 core CPU with hyperthreading, using SSE
- 3125 M/s - using an C2075 GPU
- 4000 M/s - AC3611 (medium size Altera FPGA)
- Theoretically 32 000 M/s - Convey system, HC-1ex (4 very large Xilinx FPGAs, room for 2 modules per FPGA).

Performance:

- We need approximately 2 Gbyte/s for each module, the PCI-E connection would be able to handle 2 modules.
- The HC-1ex is not limited by the PCI-E connection.
- Need to accelerate outside the non-bonded forces to get a speed-up better than 3X. (use one FPGA to non bonded forces and one FPGA to other calculations)



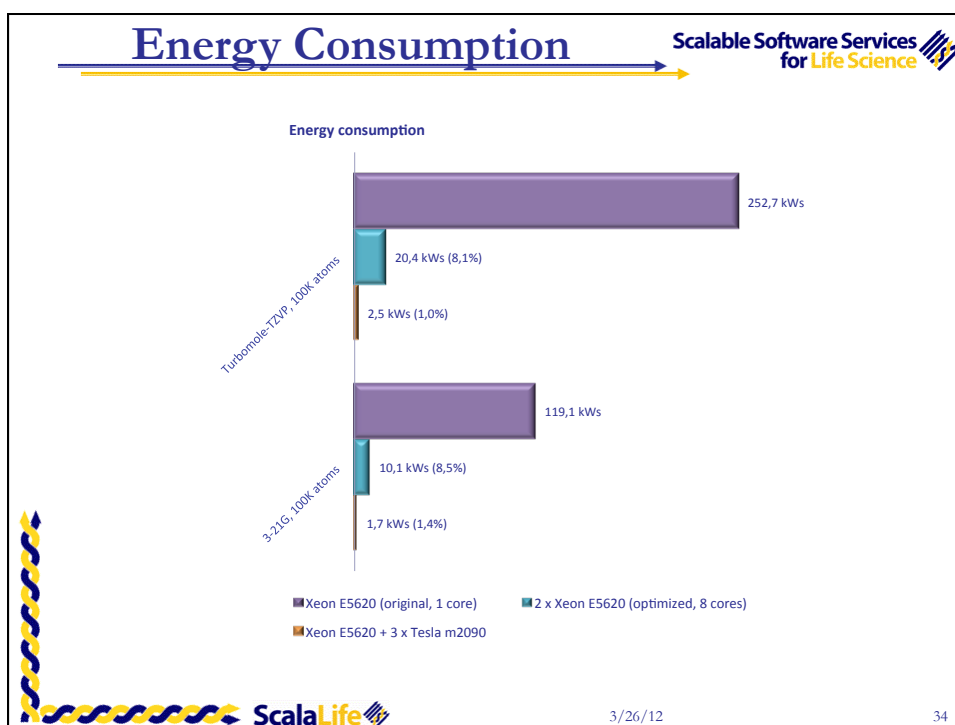
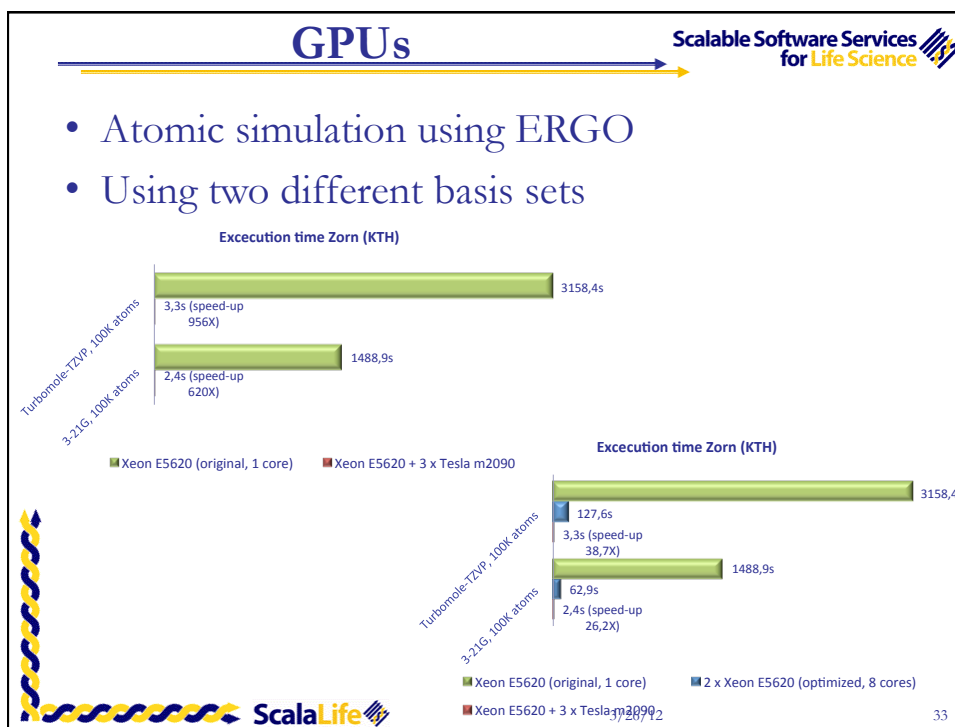
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Findings

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- FPGAs seems to be a suitable platform for molecular dynamics simulations
 - Expertise in FPGAs is limited
 - Hard to find experienced engineers
- GPUs provide some additional speedup over optimized multicore
 - But at expense of portability and coding effort
- Load balancing is a big issue in hybrid architectures (CPU and accelerator)



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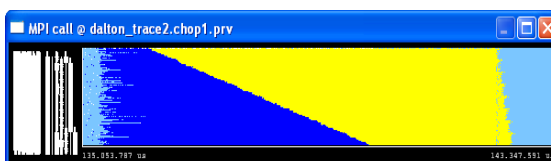
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Performance Tools

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- Use Performance Tools to identify bottlenecks and improve program structure
- E.g. Master/Slave with MPI_Recv_Any:

– OPENMPI



– MVAPICH2



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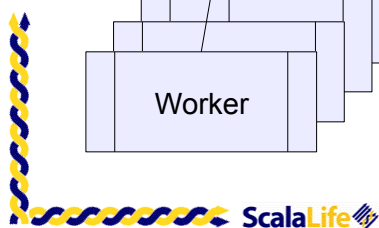
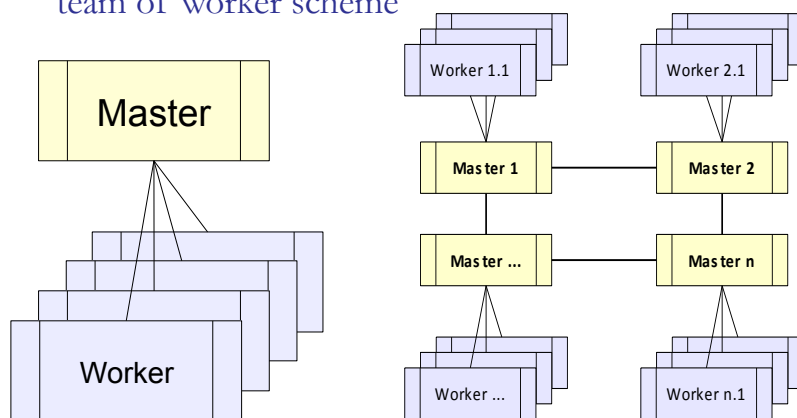
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Exploit Nested Parallelism

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- Joint work with PRACE (Dalton)
 - Turn Master/Worker scheme into a multiple Master/team of worker scheme



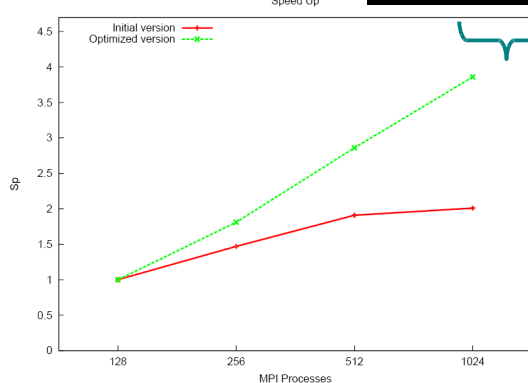
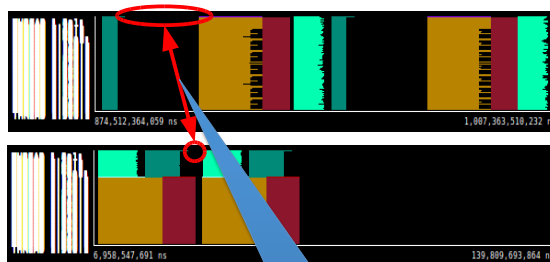
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Improvements

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- Single m/w
- 2 m/w



Reduce sequential phase
through sequential code
optimization

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Hybrid Parallelization

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- Explore the effect of combined MPI and OpenMP parallelization on multi-core architectures
- Collaboration with PRACE
- Parallelization of GROMACS particle mesh Ewald (PME) method



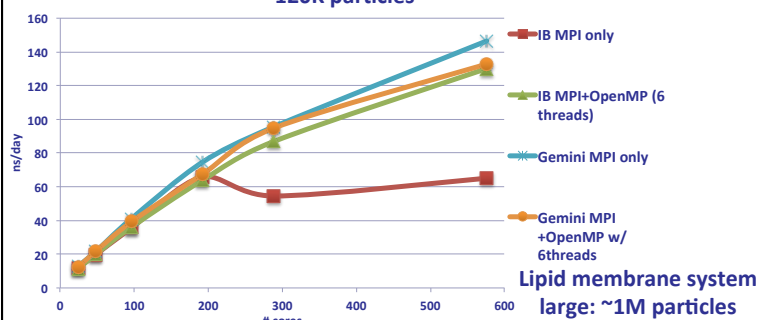
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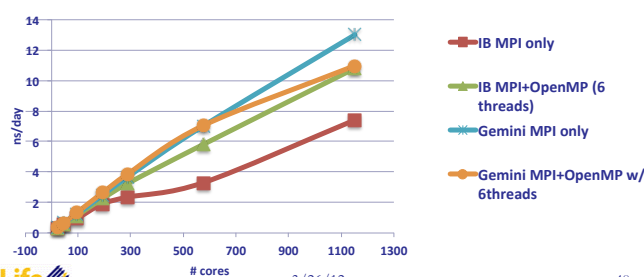
Performance on IB and Cray

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KV12 protein system
~120K particles






Lipid membrane system
large: ~1M particles



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Findings



- Hybrid Parallelization beneficial for larger core counts
- Enable to scale to larger machine setups
- Highly optimized networks (like e.g. Cray Gemini) diminish the benefit

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Summary



- Life Science community is increasingly dependent on eInfrastructures
- Using eInfrastructures efficiently is a big hurdle for the average Life Science Researcher
 - Different codes
 - Different computer architectures
 - Different simulation strategies
- ScalaLife aims to help Life Science Researchers by providing experiences, best practices, and expert support
- But I haven't talked about Data Integration!

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Help LifeScience Researchers to go

from today's situation

to smiling eInfrastructure users

