



CENTER FOR  
HIGH THROUGHPUT  
COMPUTING

WISCONSIN  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

# *Accelerating Research Transformations*



- Development of distributed computing technologies like HTCondor
- Computing infrastructure for campus research
- Research Computing Facilitation





# CENTER FOR HIGH THROUGHPUT COMPUTING



*serving computational research across campus*



In the  
Last Year

## Quick Facts

400

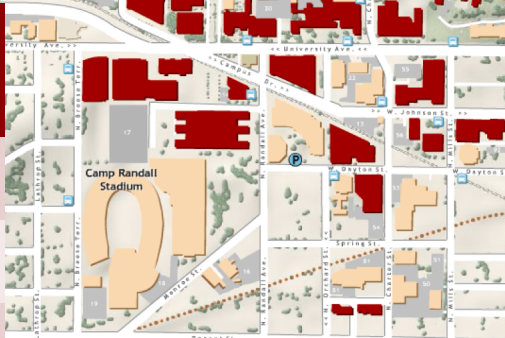
Million Hours Served

280

Research Projects

60

Departments



[chtc.cs.wisc.edu](http://chtc.cs.wisc.edu)

# Agile, Shared Compute Systems



*heterogeneous hardware, optimized compute modes*

## CHTC Pool

GPUs    high-memory  
single-core  
multi-core

*MPI*





# Agile, Shared Compute Systems



*high-throughput computing*

**>10,000**

*CPU hrs/day/user*



**CHTC Pool**

GPUs    high-memory  
single-core  
multi-core

**MPI**



**TC**Condor

**300,000+ jobs/day**

**400,000 hrs/day**

# Agile, Shared Compute Systems



*elasticity, high-utilization resource sharing*

Campus Grid

CHTC  
pool



Condor





# Agile, Shared Compute Systems



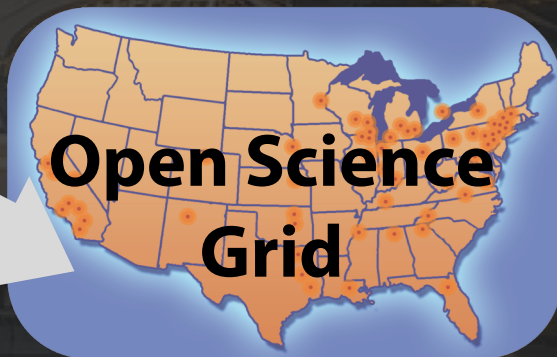
*“submit locally, run globally”*

**>200,000**  
*CPU hrs/day/user*

**Campus Grid**

**CHTC**  
**pool**

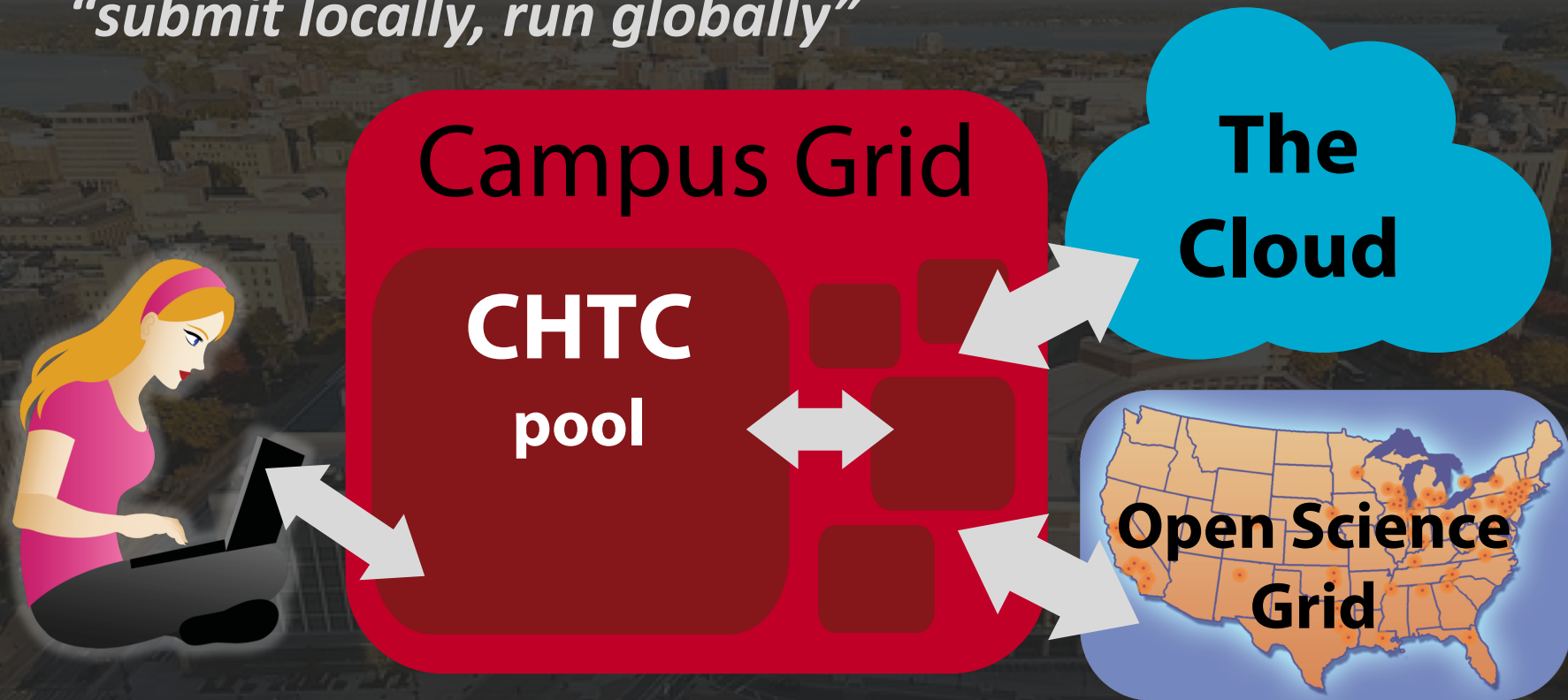
**>1 million hours**  
*delivered per day*



# Agile, Shared Compute Systems



*“submit locally, run globally”*

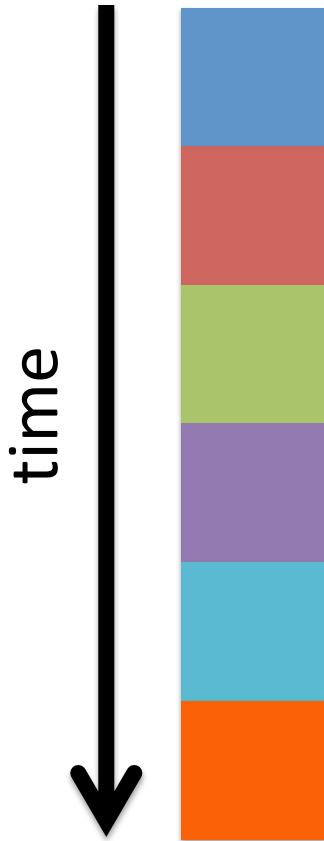




# Moving beyond the desktop

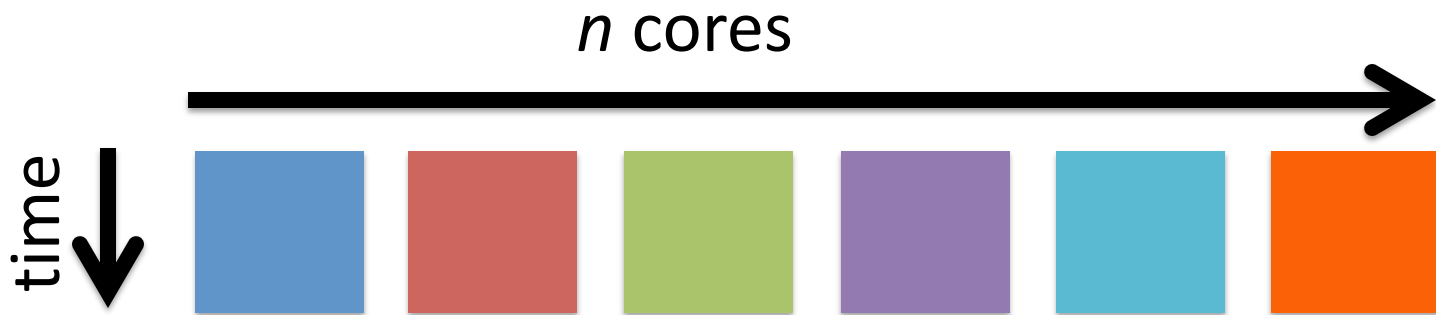
What many  
programs look like:

- *Serial* execution, running on one processor (CPU core) at a time
- Overall compute time grows significantly as individual tasks get more complicated (long) or if the number of tasks increases
- ***How can you speed things up?***



# High-Throughput Computing

- Parallelize!
- Independent tasks run on different cores





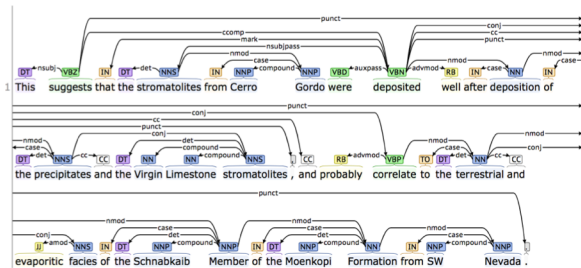
# An HTC Analogy



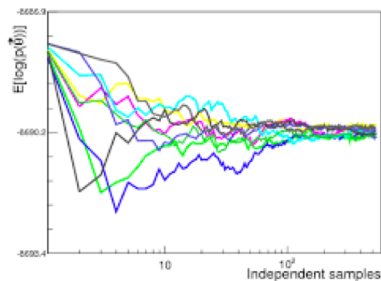
# HTC and the World's Largest Cake



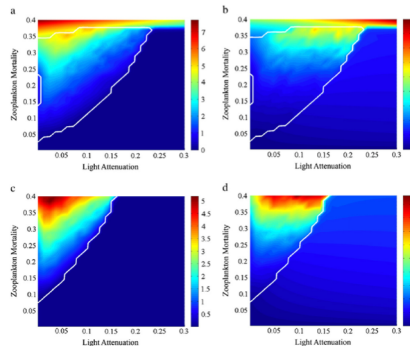
# HTC Examples



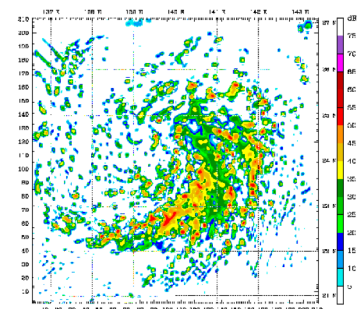
text analysis (most genomics ...)



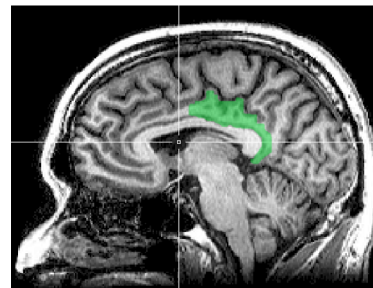
statistical model optimization  
(MCMC, numerical methods, etc.)



parameter sweeps



multi-start simulations



(multi-)image and  
sample analysis

# Research Computing *Facilitation*

*accelerating research transformations*



proactive engagement

personalized guidance

teach-to-fish training

technology agnostic

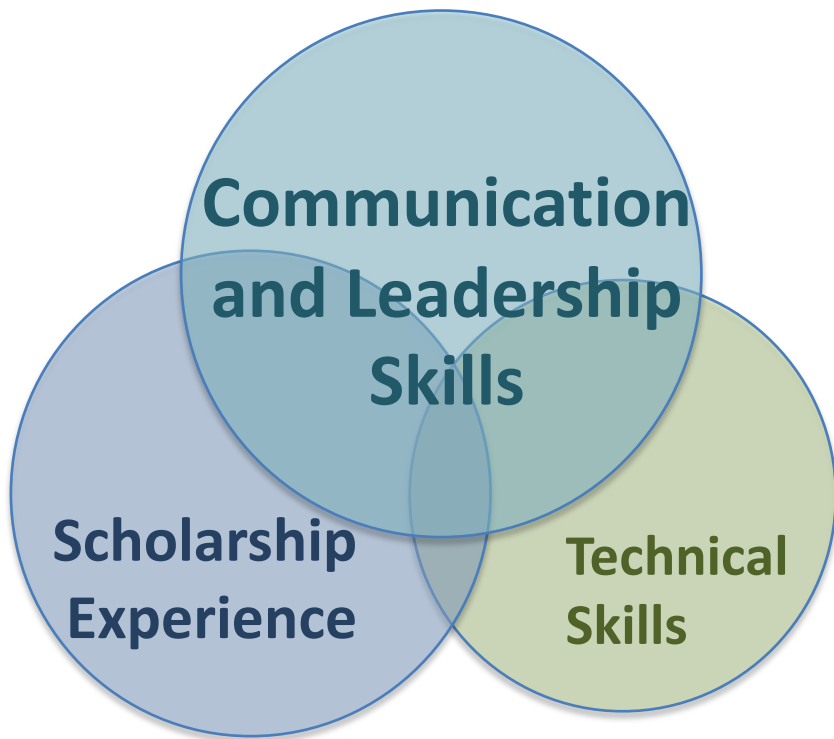
collaboration liaising

upward advocacy

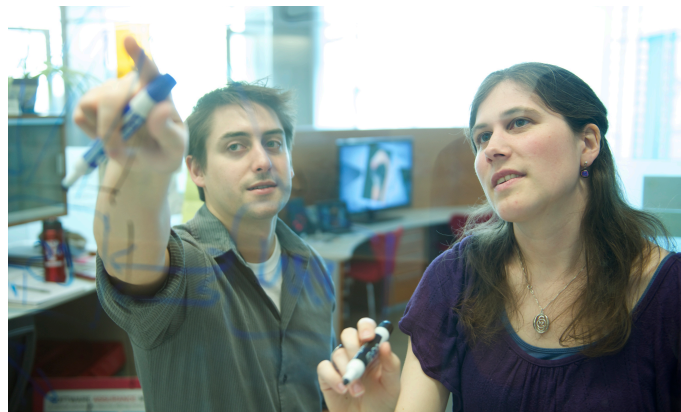




# Research Computing Facilitators



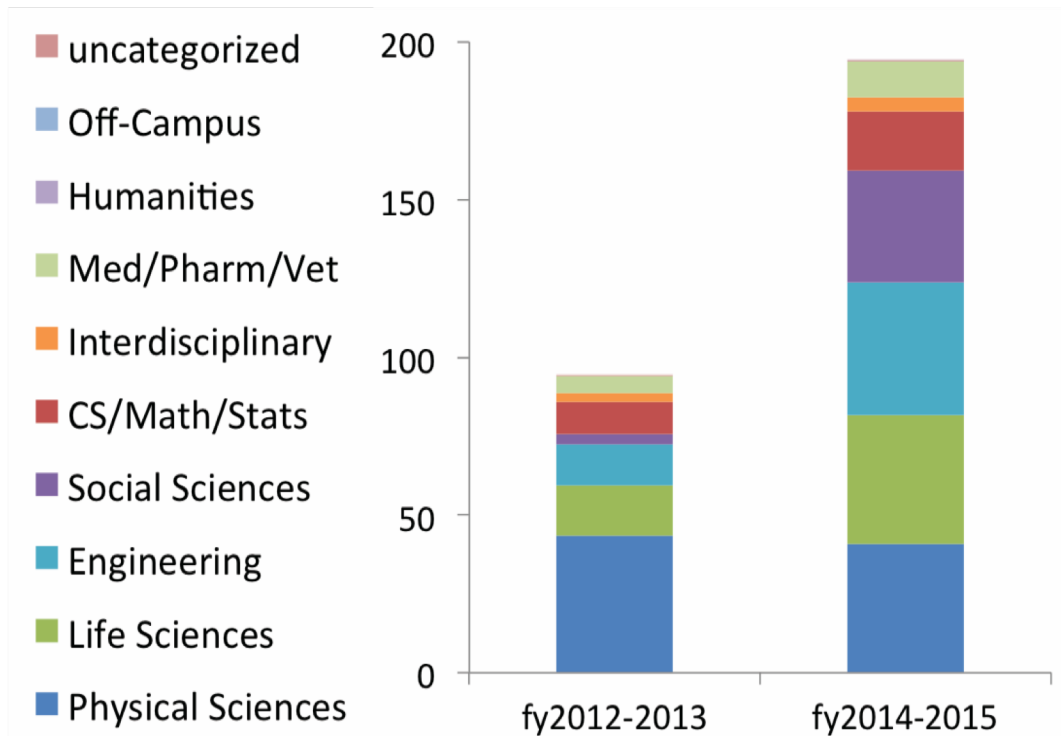
*designated, dedicated, deliberate*



# Impact Across Domains



## Millions of CPU Hours via CHTC

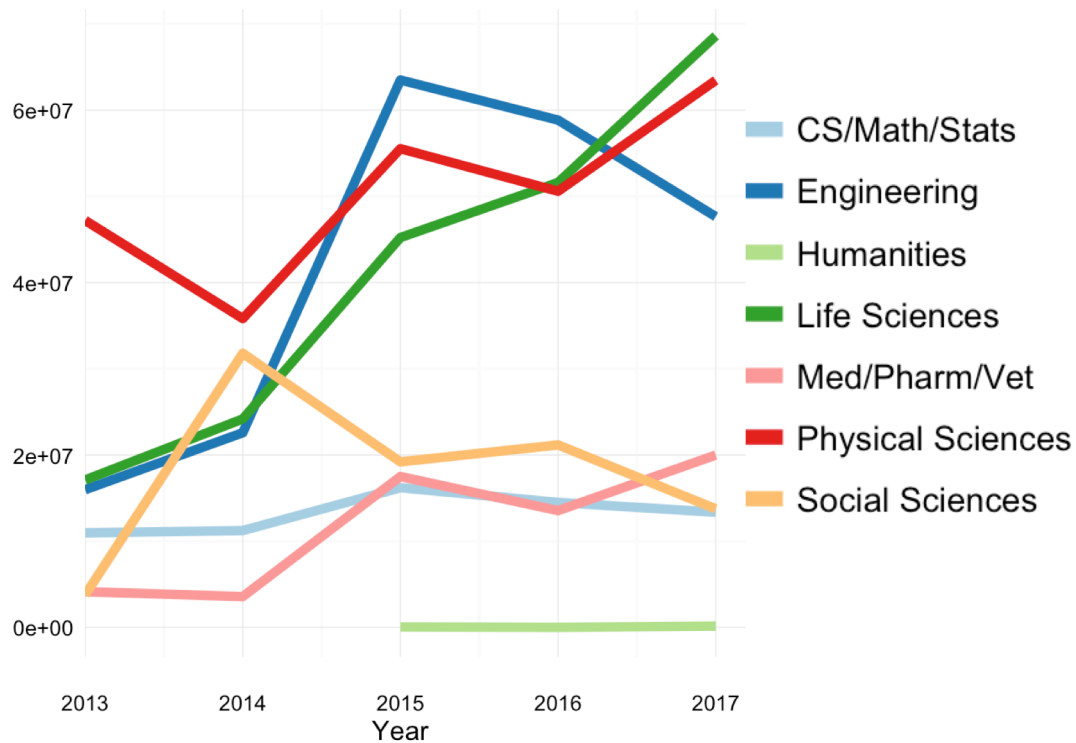


**Facilitators hired:  
Jan 2013, Nov 2014**

# Impact Across Domains



## CPU Hours via CHTC



**In 2018**

**Research Groups  
Supported**

**280**

**Researcher  
Consultations**

**495**

**Office Hours  
Visits**

**420**

# High-Throughput Machine Learning from Electronic Health Records

Ross Kleiman

Paul Bennett, Scott Hebring,  
Charles Kuang, Peggy Peissig,  
Michael Caldwell, David Page,  
Finn Kuusisto, Ron Stewart

## Predicting All Diagnoses

- Prior work: Individual disease models
  - How well can we predict **all** diagnoses?
  - **Given:** All EHR data ICD-9 Code
  - **Do:** Learn model to predict each ~~disease~~
  - Build a high-throughput machine learning pipeline
- >100 Years of Computing!

## KinderMiner

### Output Rank

1. Compute article count contingency tables
2. Filter terms by one-sided Fisher Exact test
3. Sort terms by  $\frac{\text{Key Phrase} \times \text{Term}}{\text{Term Total}}$

### Example

NANOG + "Embryonic stem cell" + 2004

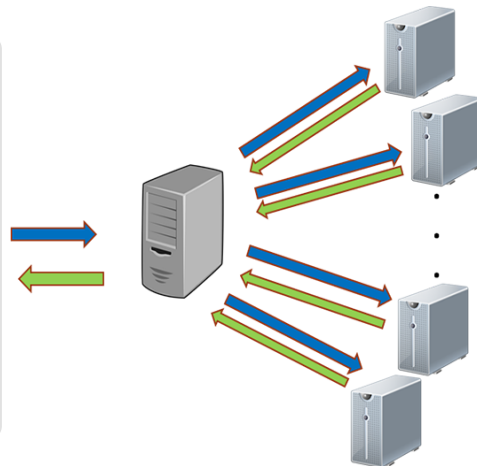
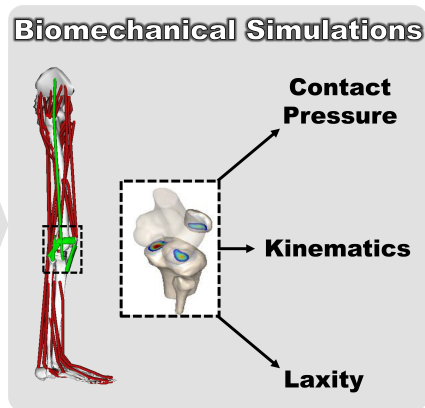
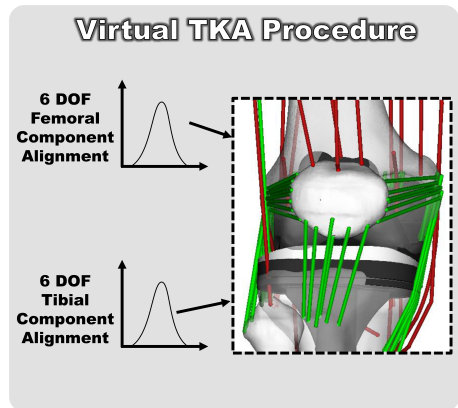
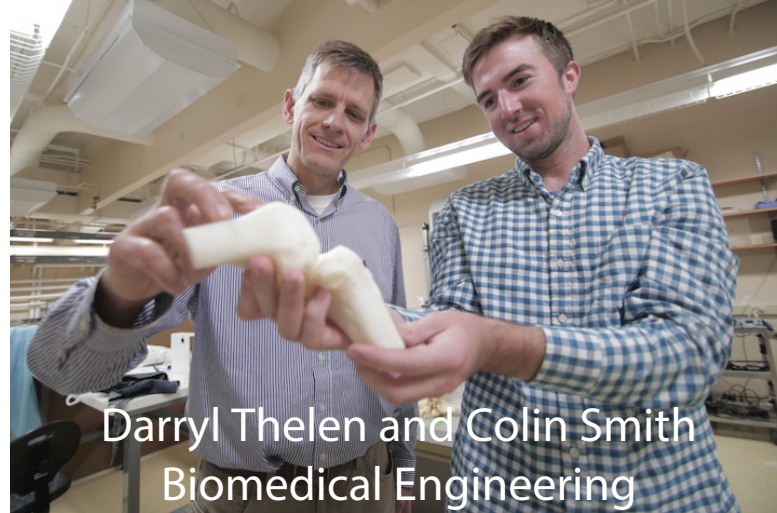
NANOG	Term	$\neg$ Term	Total
Key Phrase	15	2,012	2,027
$\neg$ Key Phrase	44	17,010,295	17,010,339
Total	59	17,012,307	17,012,366

One-sided FET p: 5.219e-46    Sort Ratio:  $\frac{15}{59} = 0.254$



# High-throughput computing plays pivotal role in knee biomechanics research

by [Ashley Osbourne](#) | February 24, 2017





## CCBCDeepDive Digital Research Library (CCBC-D3) Pilot Project

The Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), known internationally for groundbreaking work on children's literature, is teaming with data analytics experts from UW-Madison's Computer Sciences Department to study how race, ethnicity, gender, plot, location and character types vary across children's books. Project members are: **KT Horning**, director of the School of Education's CCBC; **Brenda Spychalla**, co-CIO for the School of Education; **Miron Livny**, a world renowned UW-Madison computer scientist; and **Lauren Michael** of the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery.

LEARNING CONNECTIONS, SCHOOL OF ED





EDITOR'S PICK TOPICAL

# 'Open the barn doors, Hal!': Artificial intelligence could one day run a dairy farm

ERIK LORENZSONN | The Capital Times | [erikl@madison.com](mailto:erikl@madison.com) | [@eriklorenzsonn](https://twitter.com/eriklorenzsonn)

May 4, 2017



UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN MADISON



CALS NEWS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL & LIFE SCIENCES

## UW team's "virtual dairy farm brain" aims to help farmers make smarter decisions

August 22, 2017 |

UW dairy scientists are no strangers to data management, but wrangling so many streams of disparate data in real time requires a specialized skill set. That's why they're collaborating with the UW's Center for High Throughput Computing.



**chtc@cs.wisc.edu**

**chtc.cs.wisc.edu > How To > Get Started**

lmichael@wisc.edu



**WISCONSIN**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON