



# CyberTools

*Advancing Science through  
co-development of  
Cyberinfrastructure and  
Scientific Applications*





# Background

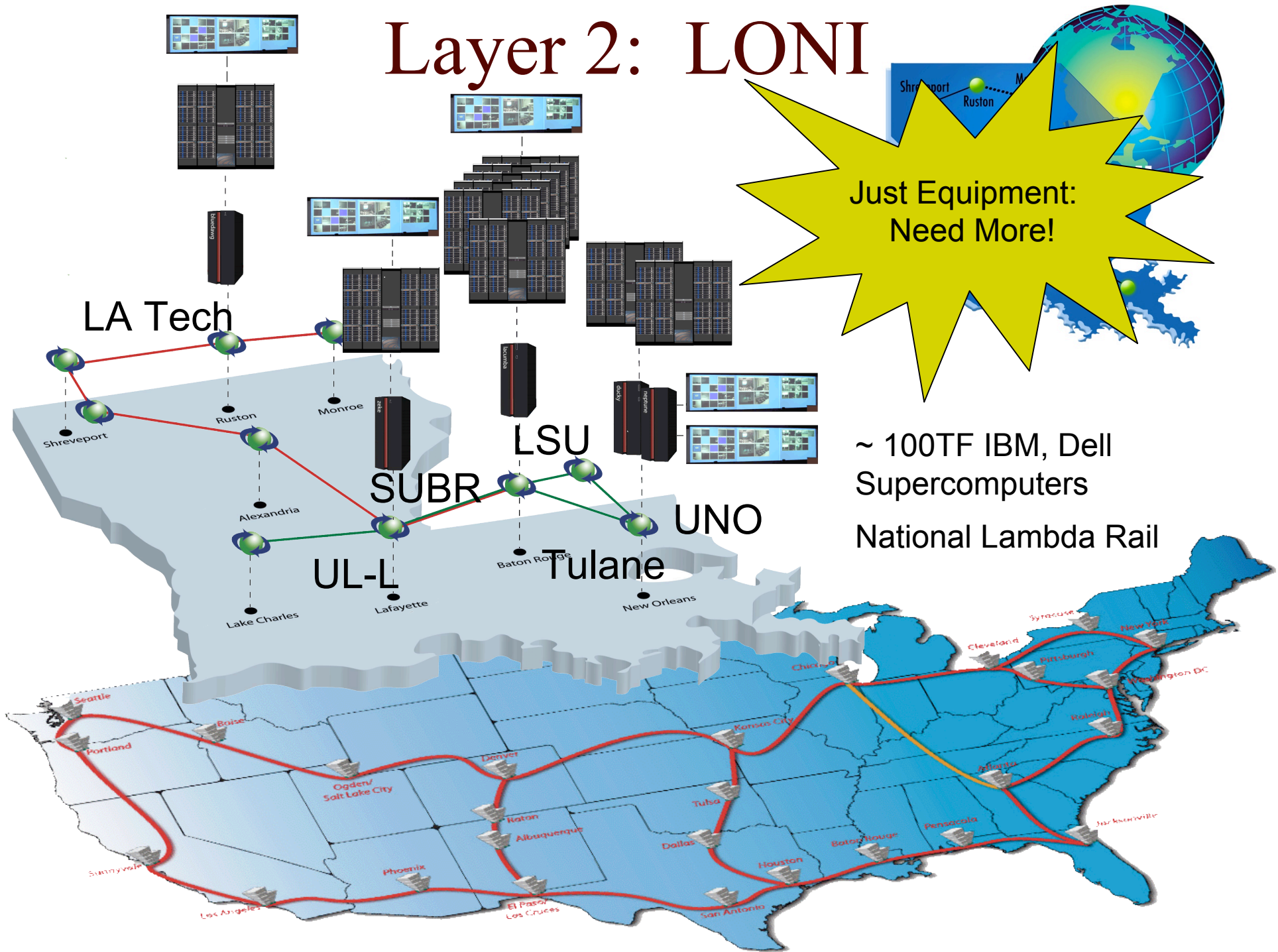
## *Four Layers: Each Reinforces the Next*

- Layer 1. 2001-3: Gov. Foster Vision 2020
  - Bio Initiative
  - \$5.7M one time capital outlay; \$2.75M recurring
  - IT Initiative: \$25M annual across 5 campuses
    - 2003: CCT, \$9M annual at LSU
- Layer 2. 2004: LONI and its impact
  - Gov. Blanco: \$40M + \$10M infrastructure
  - NLR Membership
- Layer 3. 2007: CyberTools
  - \$12M Statewide NSF/EPSCOR CI project
- Layer 4. 2007: LONI Institute and beyond
  - \$15M Statewide project to recruit people



*Catalyzed many new hires, funding, additional investments*

# Layer 2: LONI





# LONI Creates a Regional Environment

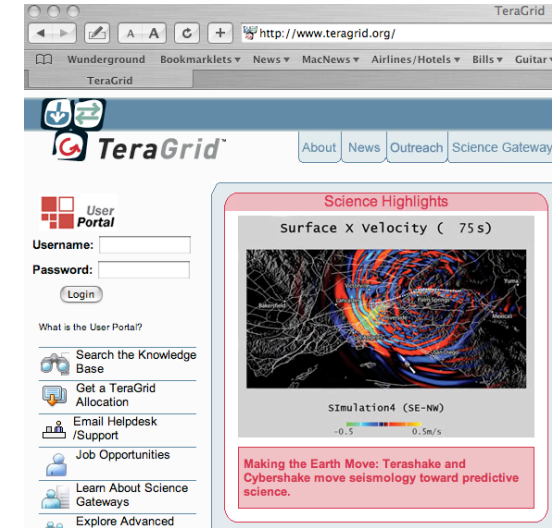
- Suddenly collaborative, competitive
  - Meetings, collaborations between universities: most important!
- Many new multisite projects built on top of LONI
  - NSF ESPCOR RII: CyberTools
    - Common software infrastructure for MD, CFD, Experiment
    - Viz services, data services, computing services, co-scheduling, portals
  - DOE EPSCOR: UCoMS
  - NSF MRI: PetaShare, VizTangibles
  - NIH LBRN, Enlightened, HD Classes, etc...
  - BoR PKSFI: Security CyberSpace Center, LONI Institute





# National Infrastructure

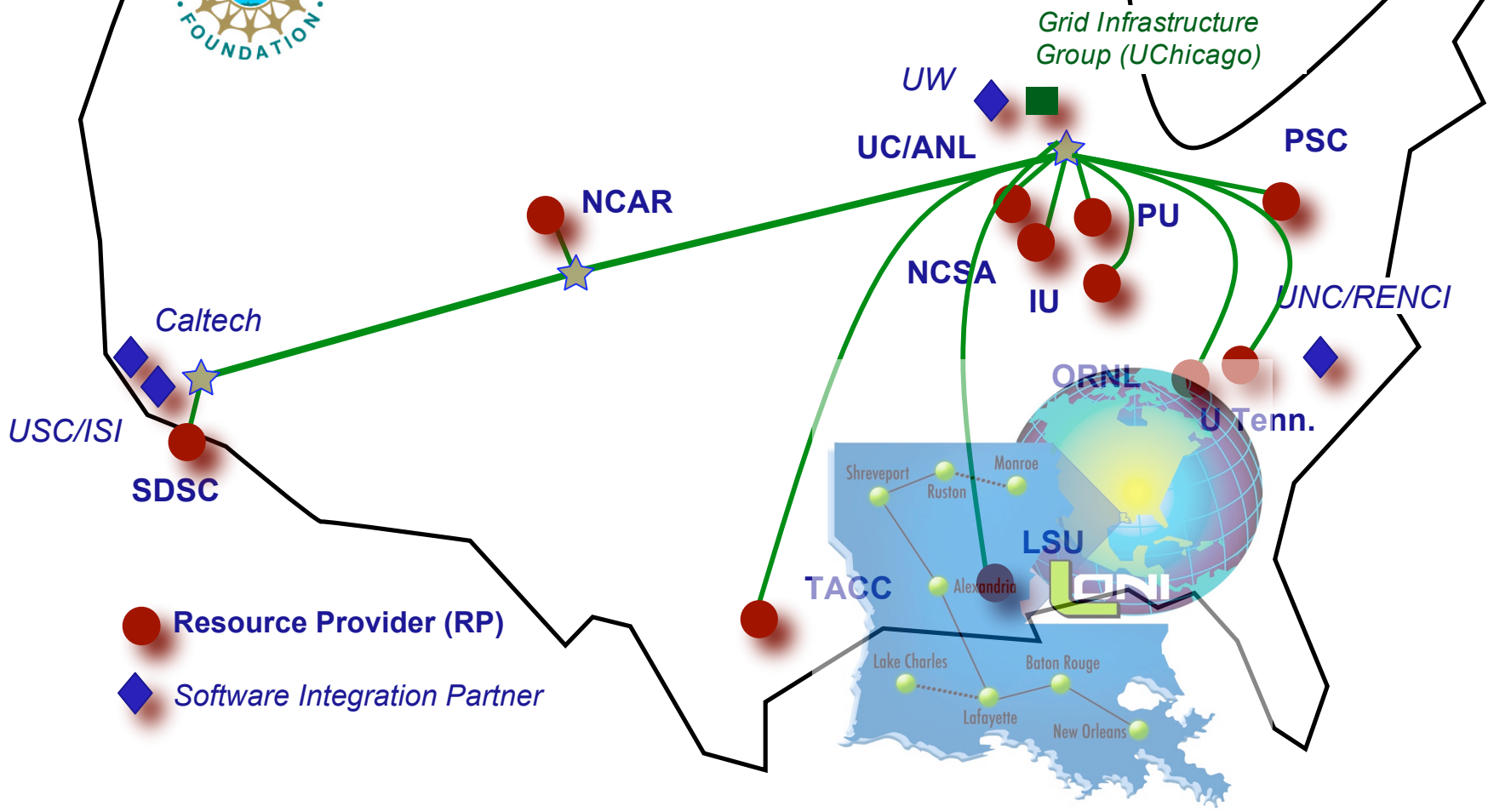
- NSF \$2.2M HPCOPS Award
  - LONI joins TeraGrid (Jan08)
  - 7 new HPC staff
  - NCSA subcontracted to support
- NSF \$208M Track 1 PetaScale Award
  - LSU partners with NCSA; 10PF-class computer
  - LSU focus on applications, tools, outreach
- CCT submitting new \$30M NSF Track 2c



*We are working to ensure that Louisiana researches can take advantage of all this!*



# LONI and TeraGrid





# Layer 4: LONI Institute

- \$15M, 5-year project
  - \$7M BoR, \$8M from LA Tech, LSU, SUBR, Tulane, UNO, UL-Lafayette
  - 12 new faculty, 18 grads, 6 CI staff!
- Built on LONI infrastructure, create bold new inter-university superstructure
  - Faculty, staff, students focus on CS, Bio, Materials, but all disciplines impacted; digital art & media!
  - Promote collaborative research at interfaces for innovation
- Draws on, enhance strengths of all universities
  - Strong groups recently created; collectively world-class
  - Much stronger recruiting opportunities for all institutions
- Create University-Industry Research Centers (UIRC)s
  - Economic development!



# Original LONI Vision



- Build LONI infrastructure - create *bold new inter-university superstructure*
  - *All disciplines impacted* -- EPSCoR RII focuses on the development of computational tools in collaboration with biosensor and fluid transport process researchers
  - Promotes collaborative research at interfaces for innovation
- Draw on, enhance strengths of all universities
  - Strong groups recently created; *collectively world-class*
  - Much stronger recruiting opportunities for all institutions
- Transform our state
  - Such committed cooperation between sites extraordinary



# State Cyberinfrastructure



RII Science  
Drivers

LONI  
Institute

SCIENCE

CyberTools

LONI

TeraGrid





# CyberTools

- We have an emerging website!
- <http://cybertools.loni.org>
- Thanks Ana!



## Latest News

### First 'All-hands' Meeting

An All-hands Meeting for the NSF RII award, of which CyberTools is part, is tentatively scheduled in Baton Rouge for Thursday, October 18th. This meeting will include presentations to the EPSCoR committee and the RII External Advisory Board.

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## CyberTools Summary

Computation joins theory and experiment as the third pillar of scientific investigation and around the world computation is now recognized as essential technology for nations in terms of scientific leadership, economic competitiveness and national security. Computational science --- the use of advanced computing capabilities to understand and solve today's complex problems in science, engineering and the humanities --- requires significant advances in hardware, software, algorithms, visualization, as well as the underlying domains. The state of Louisiana has responded to this need by providing advanced infrastructure, through the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative, to its researchers who now have access to over 100 TFlops of compute power connected to each other, and the rest of the nation, via high speed optical networks. The state has also funded new initiatives such as LSU's Center for Computation & Technology and ULL's LITE Center to develop the projects and supporting infrastructures needed for interdisciplinary research.

The CyberTools project brings together leading researchers in computational science from across Louisiana to develop an advanced cyberinfrastructure which provides the software tools to leverage the LONI resources for scientific research. Now funded by the NSF through the EPSCoR Research Infrastructure program, CyberTools will work with targeted application groups to integrate, extend, and deploy a range of coordinated services necessarily for next generation applications. Organized into four workpackages, CyberTools is a collaboration of nine Louisiana research institutions.



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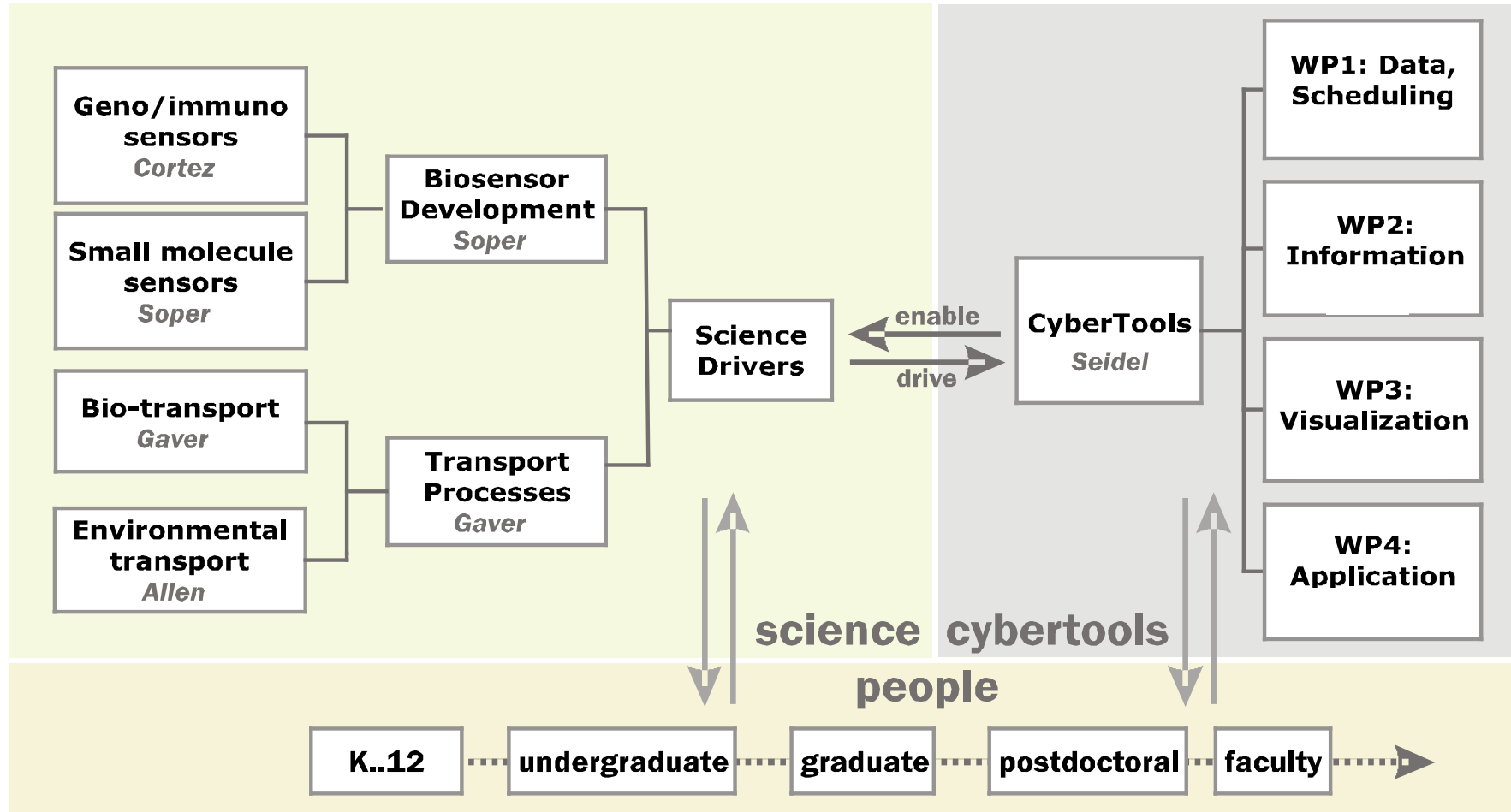
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# Integrated with Science Drivers





# Science Driver Needs

- Bio-Sensors:
  - Molecular Dynamics (MD) Simulations
  - CFD –Newtonian and Non-Newtonian Fluids; Chemical interactions at surfaces (MD); CFD Flow Simulations (mixed-scale)
- Bio-Transport
  - Multiscale large scale simulations, Boltzmann/Particle simulations in capillaries (non-continuum)
  - Mesoscopic simulations for property evaluation (coarse-graining)
  - Coupled atomistic-continuum hybrid model, new hybrid atomistic/coarse-grained/continuum models
- Environmental Transport:
  - Storm Surge Simulations: dynamic code coupling, resource allocation, drives DDDAS toolkit development, coupling Cactus-ADCIRC
  - Decision algorithms implemented in toolkits
- All
  - Data storage, management, retrieval, visualization



# Building on our Strengths in Enabling Software

*Very ambitious, could not be done without these*

- ❑ Cactus Framework
- ❑ HARC Co-allocator
- ❑ PetaShare Data Management
- ❑ Parallel CFD Toolkit
- ❑ HA-Oscar Cluster
- ❑ SAGA Grid Toolkit
- ❑ GridSphere Portal Framework



## Leveraging New and Existing Collaborations:

SPRUCE Urgent Computing (ANL)  
Charm++ (Illinois)  
Globus (Chicago/ANL)  
Condor (Wisconsin)



# Synergistic CyberProjects

*Partial list...all multinstitutional*

- NSF CFD IGERT
- PKSFI LONI Institute
- PKSFI CyberSpace
- NSF TeraGrid
- NSF TangViz
- DOE/BOR UCOMS
- DoD/BOR Epscor
- NSF DynaCode
- DOE UCoMS
- NSF XiRel
- NSF Alpaca
- ...





# WPs in a Nutshell

## **WP1: Scheduling and Data Services (Dua, Kosar)**

Infrastructure deployment & high availability; scheduling; data archiving & retrieval; metadata

## **WP3: Visualization Services (Cruz-Neira, Ullmer)**

Data/Viz integration; HD streaming viz; advanced viz facilities; integration with application toolkits

## **WP2: Information Services and Portals (Allen)**

Information services (infrastructure, apps, experiments); application interfaces for scientists; portals for information gathering

## **WP4: Application Toolkits (Jha)**

Development of toolkits to support all simulation codes (CFD, MD, other); app manager; SAGA interfaces



# WP 1: Data & Scheduling

## *Dua/Kosar*

- Activities
  - Deployment (Katz, GA)
  - Data generation and management for simulation and experimental data (Kosar/Allen, .5PD\*, **Soper, .5GA**)
  - Resource scheduling/co-scheduling (Kosar/Allen, .5PD\*)
  - High availability for on-demand resources (Box, GA)
  - Metadata and information management (Dua, .5PD, Iyengar, GA)
- Challenges: Management, retrieval, categorization, mining, scheduling & co-scheduling, metadata, ontologies
- Components: Core Grid software, PetaShare, HARC, Spruce, ROAR, task farming, HA-OSCAR

\* Mehmet Aktas (Fox student)



# WP 2: Info Services & Portals

*Allen*

- Activities:
  - Reliable and up-to-date information services (Dua, .5PD)
  - Portals for discovering, monitoring, and providing information about resources and applications (Allen, GA\*, Soper, .5GA, Acharya, .5GA)
- Challenges: Application monitoring, steering, production environments, information schema
- Components: GridSphere portals for applications and services on LONI

\* Kate Stamou, KTH



# WP 3: Visualization Services

*Cruz-Neira, Ullmer*

- Activities:
  - Data and visualization integration (Cruz/Jindal, GA, Ullmer, GA)
  - HD streaming visualization (Venkataraman, GA, Jana/Ullmer, .5PD, Cruz/Jindal, .5PD)
  - Advanced facilities (Jana/Ullmer, .5PD, Cruz/Jindal, .5PD)
  - Application toolkits (Iyengar/Karki, GA)
- Challenges: Data formats and descriptions, HD streaming visualization, leveraging advanced facilities, integrating with application toolkits
- Components: LITE, data integration architecture, automation, training, tangibles.

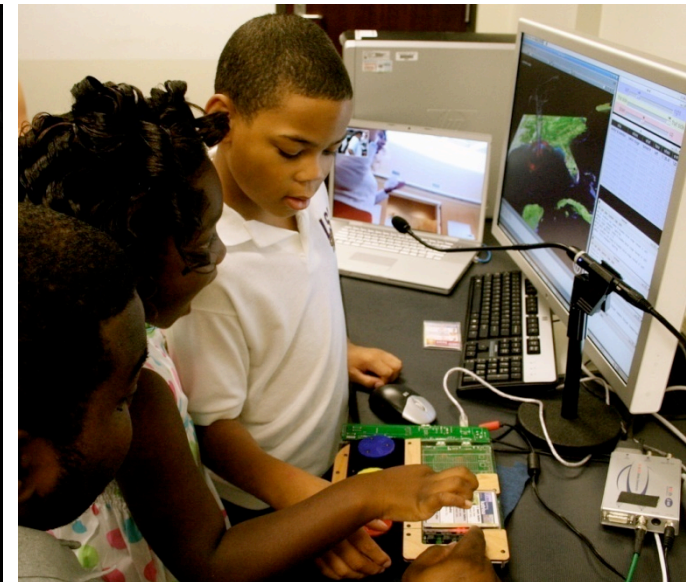


# Viz Tangibles



**Collaborative interaction devices for visualization; developed w/ NSF MRI for ~8-site deployment.**

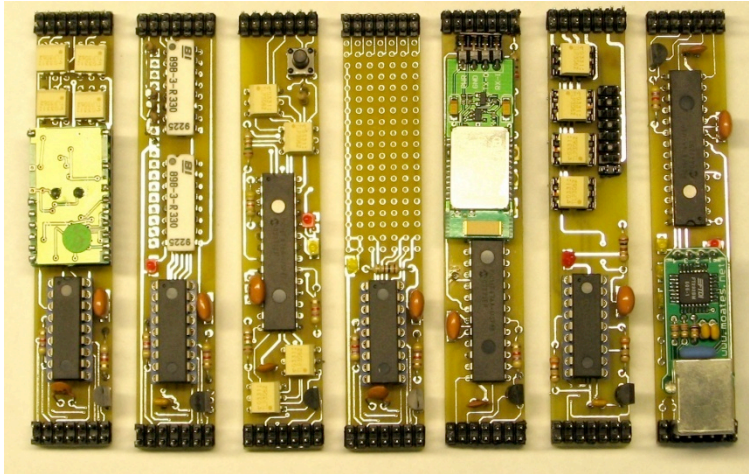
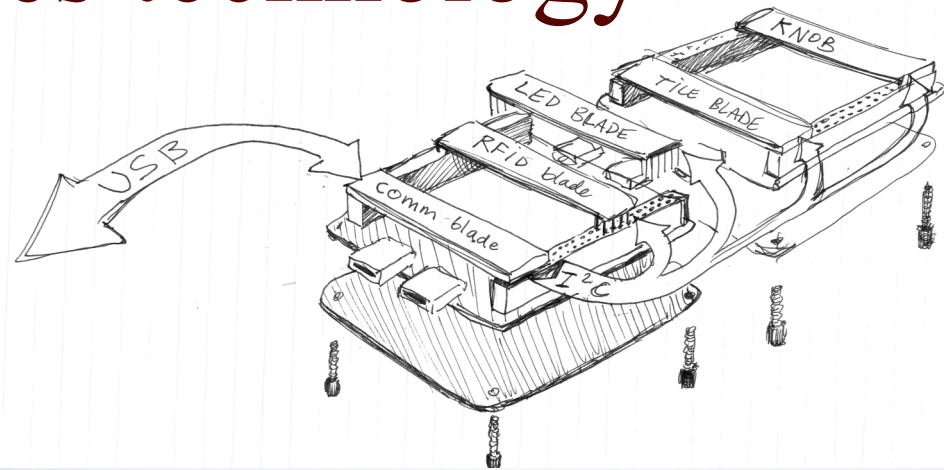
*Above:* device for data, parameter control. *Right:* use with video conferencing, immersion/CAVEs, outreach activities



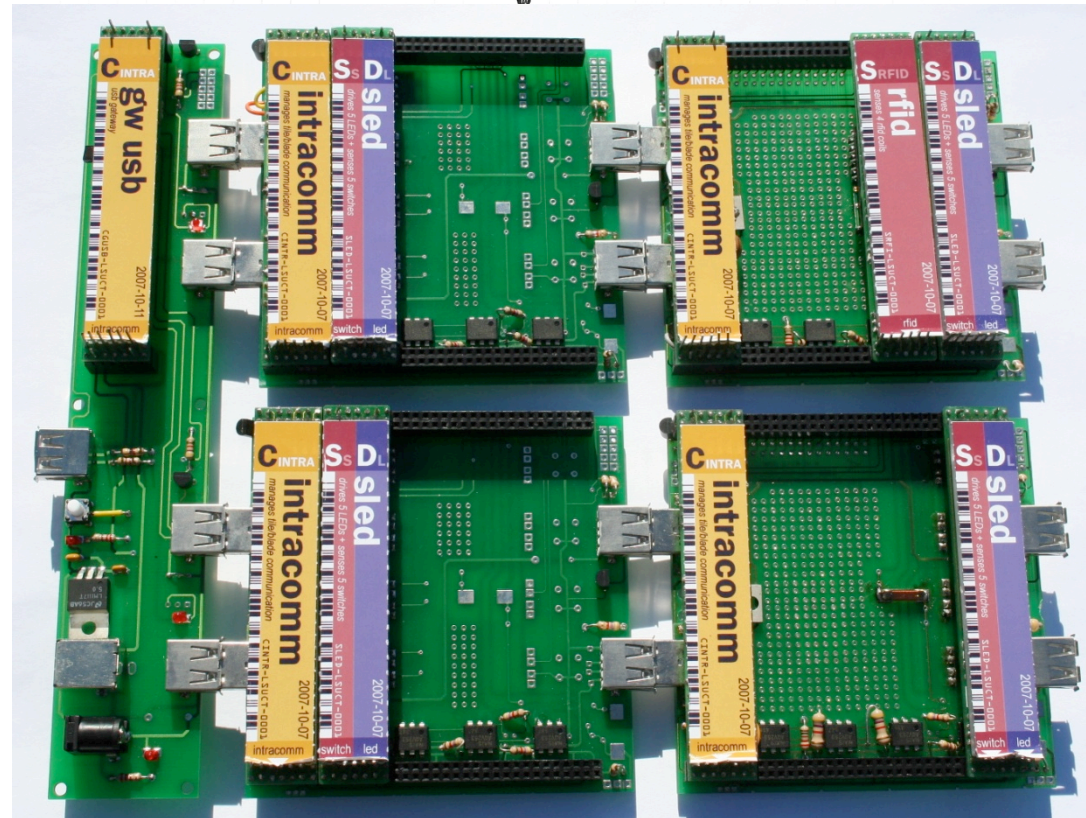




# Viz tangibles technology



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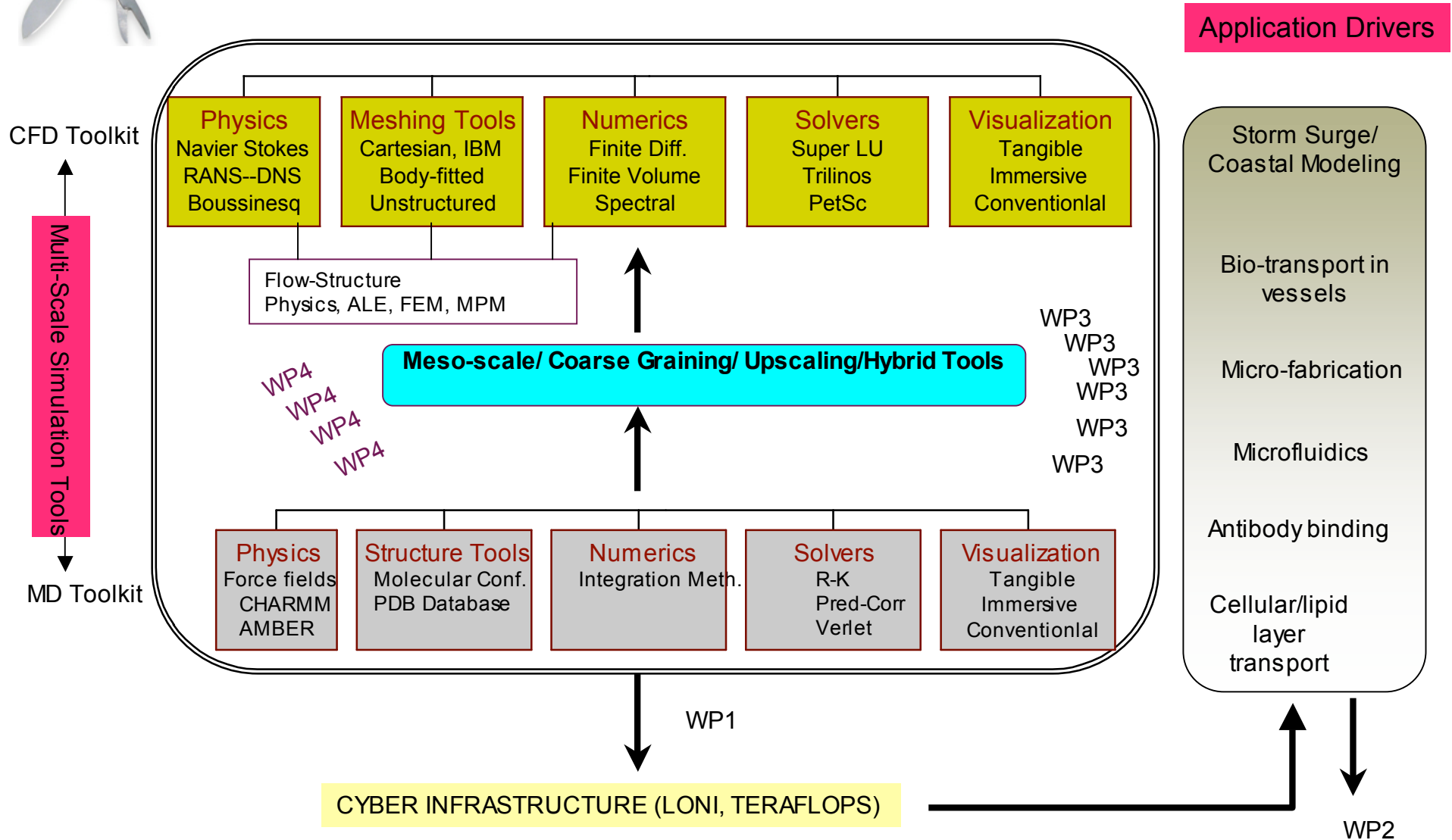
# WP 4: Application Toolkits

*Jha*

- Activities:
  - Cactus CFD Toolkit (Allen, .5PD\*, GA, Acharya .5PD, .5GA, Gaver, .5GA, Cortez, .5GA)
  - Molecular dynamics toolkit (Allen, .5PD\*, Jha, GA, Others)
  - Application manager (Kaiser, CCT GAs)
  - SAGA adaptors/Cactus SAGA thorns (Allen, GA, Jha, GA)
- Challenges: Interfaces for CFD, integration of Cactus and Charm++, application manager.
- Components:
  - Cactus framework, Charm++, SAGA, CFD Toolkit, partner codes.



# The Cactus Toolkit- A Unifying Framework for Parallel Computing







# Management & WorkPlans

- Collaboration
  - Our WP teams will meet regularly
    - In person, AG, HD (WP3!)
    - Already had WP4 meetings...
  - Collaborative code development
    - CVS, Cactus design, abstraction
  - All hands meetings for real team development
    - WPs, science drivers together for extended period
- Deployment, Training, & Outreach
  - LONI, LONI Institute, TeraGrid staff to deploy tools
  - Carry out statewide training to broaden impact
  - Outreach Program: CyberTools down to secondary schools
    - E.g., LIGO portal, high school playstations, Anitra Wilson specifically working on WP3-4 outreach
- Metrics for success will be monitored carefully!





# Summary

- State has made major investments in information technologies
  - Working hard to make them resonate across state
- NSF is also making major investments
  - We are working hard to align state, prepare for future national CI
- CyberTools is a critical layer
  - It is backed by many ongoing projects, and by numerous experienced staff and faculty at CCT, LITE and CS departments across the state
  - Integrates local CI development with local science projects, national CI
  - Will require much (!) coordination