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JACK DONGARRA

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

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The Innovative Computing Laboratory now has 18 years under its wings and has seen many changes here at UTK and ORNL. This year (2007) has been particularly exciting for high performance computing with the NSF Track 2 award coming to UT/JICS and the DOE Leadership class system at ORNL becoming the largest open DOE computing facility. In addition, ICL has transitioned to the College of Engineering and is experiencing the merger of the Computer Science Department and the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department into the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department. With these changes our long term goal of leadership in enabling technologies for high performance computing is still of great interest and importance.

ICL is prepared to address some of the most important computational scientific issues of our time. Our plans for the future are founded on our accomplishments as well as our vision. That vision challenges us to be a world leader in enabling technologies and software for scientific computing. We have been and will continue to be providers of high performance tools to tackle science's most challenging problems and to play a major role in the development of standards for scientific computing in general.

Looking at the current state and the future of ICL, we continue to collaborate with leading researchers around the country and world to address the challenges of high performance computing in the manycore and petascale era. This is truly a time of great excitement in the design of software and algorithms for the next generation, and we will be part of the continuing evolution of the high performance computing ecology.

During these stimulating times, I am grateful to our sponsors for their continued endorsement of our efforts. My special thanks and congratulations go to the ICL staff and students for their skill, dedication, and tireless efforts in making ICL one of the best centers for enabling technology in the world.

Jack Dongarra

Director of the Innovative Computing Laboratory

## OVERVIEW

At the Innovative Computing Laboratory (ICL) our mission is simple. We intend to be a world leader in enabling technologies and software for scientific computing. Our vision is to provide leading edge tools to tackle science's most challenging high performance computing problems and to play a major role in the development of standards for scientific computing in general.

Since its inception in 1989, ICL has long been a part of the University of Tennessee's Computer Science Department. In July 2007, the Computer Science Department, originally part of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, part of the College of Engineering, merged to form the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS). With this merger, the new department is now solely part of the College of Engineering.

As a research center now affiliated with the College of Engineering, ICL is located at the heart of the Knoxville campus. Sustaining our history of success, we continue to lead the way as one of the most respected academic, enabling technology research centers in the world. Our commitment to excellence has been one of the keys to our many contributions to technological discovery in the HPC community.

Our importance to not only the University of Tennessee system and the state, but also our nation, is reflected by the Chancellor of the Knoxville campus, Dr. Loren Crabtree:

"On behalf of the entire university, it is a privilege to recognize the importance of the Innovative Computing Laboratory to the university's research mission. Led by Distinguished Professor Jack Dongarra, ICL continues to set the standard for academic research centers in the 21st century. As one of the university's most respected centers, the students and staff of ICL continue to demonstrate the dedication, leadership, and accomplishments that embody the university's ongoing efforts to remain one of the top publicly funded academic research institutions in the United States. Going forward, I also expect ICL to continue to play a major role in helping the university establish and foster national and international collaborations, including our ongoing partnerships with Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the construction in Tennessee of the NSF's new petascale supercomputing center. The future of research demands that academic institutions raise the bar for instruction and exploration. The University of Tennessee is proud to be the home of world-class centers such as ICL and we look forward to its continued contributions to our nation's research agenda."

## Background

ICL was founded in 1989 by Dr. Jack Dongarra who came to the University of Tennessee from Argonne National Laboratory upon receiving a dual appointment as Distinguished Professor in the Computer Science Department and as Distinguished Scientist at nearby Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), two positions he holds today. What began with Dr. Dongarra and a single graduate assistant has evolved into a fully functional center, with a staff of more than 40 researchers, students, and administrators. Throughout the past 18 years, ICL has attracted many post-doctoral researchers and professors from multi-disciplines such as mathematics, chemistry, etc. Many of these scientists came to UT specifically to work with Dr. Dongarra, which began a long list of top research talent to pass through ICL and move on to make exciting contributions at other institutions and organizations. Below we recognize just a few who have helped make ICL the respected center it has become.

Zhaojun Bai	The University of California, Davis	Richard Barrett	Oak Ridge National Laboratory
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Since its inception, ICL has produced many high value tools and applications that now compose the basic fabric of high performance, scientific computing. Some of the technologies that our research has produced include:

Active Netlib	ATLAS	BLAS	FT-MPI
HARNESS	LAPACK	LAPACK for Clusters (LFC)	LINPACK Benchmark
MPI	NetBuild	Netlib	NetSolve
PAPI	PVM	RIB	ScaLAPACK
Top500			

Our successes continue along with current ICL efforts such as Fault Tolerant Linear Algebra, Generic Code Optimization (GCO), HPC Challenge benchmark suite (HPCC), KOJAK, Multi-core and Cell effort, NetSolve/GridSolve, Open MPI, PAPI, SALSA, SCALASCA, and vGrADS. Many of our efforts have been recognized nationally and internationally, which includes many awards such as four R&D 100 awards; PVM in 1994, ATLAS and NetSolve in 1999, and PAPI in 2001.

## RESEARCH

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The ever changing landscape of enabling technology research places incredible demands on innovative thinking. In addition, the rapid evolution in computational technology presents enormous challenges to remaining at the forefront of discovery. Our successful research efforts of the past have provided the foundation for addressing these challenges and serve as catalysts for success in our ever growing research portfolio. Our vision, our expertise, and our determination continue to position ICL as a leader in academic research.

What originally began as in depth investigation of the numerical libraries that encode the use of linear algebra in software, our research portfolio has grown extensively. To address the changing shape of the computational science landscape and the challenging demands for enabling technology in high performance computing, we have evolved and expanded our research agenda. We now include work in high performance and distributed computing. As we have gained a solid understanding of the challenges presented in these domains, we have further expanded our research to include work in performance analysis and benchmarking for high-end computers. Finally, as a by-product of a long tradition of delivering high quality software produced from our research, coupled with our experience with the development of the Netlib repository, we have embraced new challenges in building robust, comprehensive, and well-organized asset management tools.





Demonstrating the range and diversity of our research, we will be engaged in more than 15 significant research projects during 2007-2008 across our four main areas of focus: numerical linear algebra, high performance distributed computing, performance analysis and benchmarking, and asset management. On the following pages, we provide brief summaries of our efforts in each of these areas.

## NUMERICAL LINEAR ALGEBRA

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### FPGAs

ICL is involved in the development and evaluation of innovative linear algebra (LA) algorithms for Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs). FPGAs are specialized semiconductor devices that can change their hardware function from moment to moment through a simple re-programmable mechanism. Their appeal is based on their power efficiency and on the fact that operations executed on them can be orders of magnitude faster than their software equivalents. We are interested in the use of FPGAs to speed up not only basic dense linear algebra algorithms, but also compute intensive kernels of complex scientific codes, especially as applied to electromagnetic wave propagation, computational fluid dynamics, and particle and radiation transport.

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### FT-LA

Addressing fault-tolerance for applications running on large processor counts requires multiple levels of effort. Besides the middleware efforts that enable applications to transparently survive process failures, there is a need for developing efficient recovery patterns for some specific kernel applications. The Fault Tolerant Linear Algebra (FT-LA) effort involves research to create new linear algebra algorithms that will efficiently handle several process failures. For iterative methods, our research has been focused on diskless checkpoint techniques. For dense methods, our research has been focused on ABFT techniques. One of the accomplishments for 2007 was to develop an extremely scalable, fault tolerant (dense) matrix-matrix multiply subroutine. Our future work in this area involves the implementation of a scalable fault-tolerant (dense)LU factorization.

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### LAPACK and ScaLAPACK

LAPACK and ScaLAPACK are libraries for solving dense linear algebra problems and are very widely used in the scientific community. ICL has been a major contributor to the development and maintenance of these two packages over the years. LAPACK is sequential, relies on the BLAS library, and benefits from multi-core BLAS library whereas the ScaLAPACK library is parallel distributed, relies on BLAS, LAPACK, MPI, and BLACS libraries. LAPACK 3.1.1 was released in February 2007. Recent work on LAPACK has evolved around variance of factorization, iterative refinement for symmetric positive definite systems, and porting to Windows. In 2007, a special effort was made to port LAPACK and ScaLAPACK under Windows natively, and thus LAPACK 3.1.1 for Windows and ScaLAPACK 1.8.0 for Windows have been released. ScaLAPACK 1.8.0 is expected to be released in April 2008, which will involve the externalization of the LAPACK routines; starting from 1.8.0, the LAPACK library will need to be installed on the machine in order to link/run a ScaLAPACK application.

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### Multi-core/Cell

As part of our multi-core effort, we have designed a class of tiled algorithms for multi-core processors, including LU, Cholesky and QR factorizations, which outperform vendor implementations, in particular Intel's MKL. The new algorithms utilize block data layout and process the input matrices by small, fixed-size tiles, which facilitates dynamic out-of-order scheduling of tasks and greatly reduces any idle time due to unnecessary stalls. By introducing inner-blocking of tiles, we have greatly minimized superfluous floating point operations that result from tiling.

Our work on the IBM Cell processor includes successful implementation of mixed-precision algorithms, which exploit the single precision speed of the chip, while still delivering full double-precision accuracy at

the end. We have successfully utilized the technique for solution of linear systems of equations using LU and Cholesky factorizations. As part of this effort, we have also developed two types of single precision matrix multiplication (SGEMM) kernels for LU factorization and for Cholesky factorization, respectively, using Cell (SPE) assembly language.

As of late 2007, we are working on utilization of both Cell processors in the QS20 blade by efficiently exploiting the NUMA architecture of the blade using libnuma library and ScaLAPACK-like block cyclic (1D) data partitioning. We are also planning an implementation of our recently designed tiled QR algorithm with internal blocking, which promises performance on the Cell processor close to that of matrix multiplication.

Additional work involves exploring the capabilities of the Cell-/SMP-SuperScalar environment to perform automatic thread-level (data-dependent) parallelization of code and dynamic task scheduling. As of late 2007 the results for SMP systems are very encouraging. The results for the Cell processor identify the scheduling mechanism as being a bottleneck when running on the PPE.

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## Nanotechnology

As part of our Department of Energy Nanotechnology effort, we are collaborating with several leading Physics groups on nanotechnology related problems. Nanotechnology, recognized by many as the driving force for the next "industrial revolution," is a multidisciplinary field for the study, manipulation and control of individual atoms and molecules on the nanometer scale. Numerical simulations, in order to correctly capture the physics on this scale, lead to very large computations, and thus easily require petascale (and beyond) computing resources and efficient software tools. We are involved in the development and tuning of new algorithms for the petascale regime, as well as profiling, performance modeling and automatic optimization of kernels. In particular, this includes iterative eigensolvers for certain interior eigenvalue problems, efficient preconditioning techniques for iterative eigensolvers of interest, dense LA kernels, as well as multiscale solvers, eigensolvers and preconditioners.

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## SALSA

Considerable progress has been made in the development of the Self-Adapting Large-scale Solver Architecture (SALSA) system for heuristic decision making in the context of linear and nonlinear system solving. The software functions as an increasingly powerful testbed for iterative linear system solvers, using the available methods from the PETSc library and attached packages such as Hypra. For internal use in the system, as well as for external use in matrix libraries or generally for communication between numerical software components, we have extended our metadata standard for matrix data that formalizes the matrix characteristics we analyze. We have continued to research different statistical and machine learning techniques to develop strategies that can successfully help us determine whether a solver is reliable or not, and when it is the most efficient choice for certain problems. Based on this research and various experimental results, we have developed a basic recommendation approach for selecting the most suitable methods for new problems. We are continuing to research different parameters and options to better tune our recommendation heuristics, as well as experimentation with new data.

## PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS AND BENCHMARKING

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### **Generic Code Optimization (GCO)**

Current empirical optimization techniques such as ATLAS and FFTW can achieve exceptional performance in part because the algorithms to be optimized are known ahead of time. We are addressing this limitation by extending the techniques used in ATLAS to the optimization of arbitrary code. Since the algorithm to be optimized is not known in advance, compiler technology is required to analyze the source code and generate the candidate implementations. The ROSE project from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory provides, among other things, a source-to-source code transformation tool that can produce blocked and unrolled versions of the input code. Combined with our search heuristic, we can use the ROSE LoopProcessor to perform empirical code optimization.

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### **HPCC**

The HPC Challenge (HPCC) benchmark suite has been designed to assess the bounds on the performance of many real applications. The main factor that differentiates the various components of the suite is the memory access patterns that, in a meaningful way, span the temporal and spatial locality space. The sustained floating point operation rate and memory bandwidth, the rate of random memory updates, and the interconnect latency and bandwidth are the major tests included in the suite. The recent version of the code was released earlier in 2007 and added a number of algorithmic variants of the tests. The additions prepare the code for the yearly HPCC competition whose results are announced at the annual SC conference. The competition features contestants who submit performance numbers from the world's largest supercomputer installations and implementations of the benchmark suite that use a vast array of parallel programming environments. The performance results submitted through the HPCC web site and for the competition are publicly available to help track the progress of both the high end computing arena as well as commodity hardware for parallel computing.

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### **KOJAK**

KOJAK is a package for automated performance analysis of message passing and shared memory programming paradigms. KOJAK's tracing system has already been ported to the Windows Compute Cluster platform to enable analysis of applications using Microsoft's MPI infrastructure. Recent work has been devoted to investigating techniques for coupling automated inefficiency pattern detection with manual trace visualization, highlighting inefficiency patterns in the visualized trace file. Work continues on the integration of KOJAK with the OpenUH compiler infrastructure and on developing Eclipse plug-ins, integrating performance tools into the popular development IDE.

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### **Performance API (PAPI)**

PAPI, the Performance API, has become the de facto standard within the High Performance Computing community for providing access to the hardware performance counters found on modern high performance computing systems. Provided as a linkable library or shared object, PAPI can be called directly in a user program or used transparently through a variety of 3rd party performance tools. PAPI continues to be ported to the most interesting new architectures, including the Cray X2 (Black Widow), IBM Cell and POWER6, and multicore offerings from Intel and AMD. Architecturally, PAPI has been restructured into a framework and multiple components. This allows access to both on-processor and off-processor counters and sensors simultaneously. Component PAPI is available as a technology pre-release with example components provided for limited network counter and thermal monitoring support.

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**PERI**

The Performance Engineering Research Institute (PERI) is a Department of Energy sponsored Scientific Discovery through Advanced Computing (SciDAC) project focusing on the performance modeling and automated tuning of parallel scientific applications. ICL's involvement in the automated tuning part of the effort builds on previous success of the ATLAS project, with the idea being to extend ATLAS's empirical tuning approach to additional library routines and key application kernels used by SciDAC codes. ICL also leads the application engagement "Tiger Team" for PERI's interactions with the Gyrokinetic Toroidal Code (GTC) development team, and ICL researchers have contributed to significant performance improvement of this code.

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**SCALASCA**

As a parallel trace analysis tool for message passing applications, based on the KOJAK approach, SCALASCA has a primary goal of scalability for the massive levels of parallelism of today's leadership class computers (tens of thousands of processors and beyond). Instead of sequentially analyzing a single global trace file, SCALASCA analyzes separate local trace files in parallel by replaying the original communication on as many CPUs as have been used to execute the target application itself. SCALASCA v0.5 was released as a technology preview edition in January 2007. V0.9, released in August 2007, incorporates a runtime summarization mode. Both summarization and tracing with SCALASCA have demonstrated to be effective tools up to 22,000 CPUs. Both SCALASCA and KOJAK are collaborative efforts with Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany.

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**TOP500**

For nearly 15 years now, a ranking of the top 500 fastest computers in the world has been compiled biannually with publication occurring in June and November. The basis for this list is computer performance running the numerically intensive LINPACK benchmark developed by ICL. While other benchmarks, including HPCC, have been developed to measure performance of HPC systems, the TOP500 still relies on the LINPACK benchmark and remains the de-facto ranking relied upon by commercial, industrial, government, and academic institutions. ICL continues to partner with ERSC/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the University of Mannheim, Germany to produce the rankings.

## ASSET MANAGEMENT

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**RIB**

The Repository in a Box (RIB) is an open-source software package for creating WWW metadata repositories. Metadata, from RIB's perspective, is information that describes reusable objects, such as software. RIB allows the user to enter metadata into a user friendly java applet which then sends the information to a RIB server via HTTP. The information is then stored in an SQL database where it is made available in a fully functional web site (catalog, search page, etc). Repositories which use similar data models can use the XML processing capabilities of RIB to share information via the Internet.

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**Netlib**

Created in 1985, the Netlib repository contains freely available software, documents, and databases of interest to the numerical, computational science, scientific computing, and other communities. The repository is maintained by AT&T Bell Laboratories, the University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and by colleagues world-wide. The multi-collection is replicated at several sites around the world, automatically synchronized, to provide reliable and network efficient service to the global community. There have been more than half a billion accesses to Netlib as of 2007.

## DISTRIBUTED AND GRID COMPUTING

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### **FT-MPI and OpenMPI**

Message Passing has become the dominant programming paradigm for high performance parallel applications. ICL's expertise in this area has led to the development of a leading edge MPI library called FT-MPI, which allows for flexible new models of fault tolerance and recovery that were previously impossible. Since the release of the FT-MPI runtime library at SC 2003, research in FT-MPI has mainly centered on system level software and environment management in order to enhance and improve its performance, robustness and scalability. This research covers diverse topics from self-healing networks to the fundamental understanding and modeling of group communications in a fault enabled environment. Many features from FT-MPI such as runtime design, point-to-point RDMA messaging, buffer management and tuned collective communication algorithms are currently being applied to a new open source MPI implementation known as OpenMPI as part of a collaborative effort involving several institutions including ICL. By the end of 2007, the fault tolerant mechanisms of FT-MPI will also be added to OpenMPI as a runtime user selectable module. Simultaneously, additional fault tolerance modules are being developed, shaping the OpenMPI library into the first MPI library supporting all existing models of fault tolerance: coordinated, uncoordinated and FT-MPI.

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### **GridSolve**

The purpose of GridSolve is to create the middleware necessary to provide a seamless bridge between the simple, standard programming interfaces and desktop Scientific Computing Environments (SCEs) that dominate the work of computational scientists and the rich supply of services supported by the emerging Grid architecture, so that the users of the former can easily access and reap the benefits (shared processing, storage, software, data resources, etc.) of using the latter. The GridSolve system is an RPC-based client-agent-server system that includes service registration, service discovery, load balancing and service level fault tolerance. A new release of GridSolve includes improved scheduling capabilities, new client interfaces (Octave and IDL), MySQL compatibility, performance enhancements, and bug fixes.

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### **vGrADS**

We are involved in the Virtual Grid Application Development Software (VGrADS) project, another multi-institution effort that addresses fundamental problems in effectively programing and using highly dynamic Grid systems. In order to adapt to changing Grid resources, an application describes its resource requirements (processors, connectivity, etc) as an abstract virtual grid. At runtime, the VGrADS Execution System (vgES) schedules the actual resources and monitors the execution. In order to accurately schedule the tasks in workflow applications, VGrADS implements a pseudo-reservation system by building on a statistical batch queue prediction technique. In recent work, a fault-tolerant scheduler has been added to enable deadline-based scheduling in the face of dynamic and unreliable resources and services.

## OTHER RESEARCH EFFORTS

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### **DoD HPCMP**

Since 1997, ICL has played a significant role in the Department of Defense's High Performance Computing Modernization Program (HPCMP). Specifically, ICL has been a lead center in the user Productivity Enhancement and Technology transfer (PET) program as part of the HPCMP. The PET program brings expertise from industry and academia to the DoD HPC user community, which is used to improve both performance and productivity within the DoD HPC centers. This improvement comes from efforts such as tool development, training, collaboration, and technology transfer. Technology transfer refers to efforts to ensure the latest technologies are available to the DoD HPC user community.

ICL currently leads the PET functional area known as Computational Environment (CE). Our CE team is responsible for ensuring there is a consistent, easy to use computational environment across DoD centers. This computational environment includes performance tools, debuggers, math libraries, data management tools, and problem solving environments. The CE team's duties revolve around enhancing and providing parallel programming tools and libraries as well as assisting DoD users with the use of these tools and libraries. On that front, the team spends much of its time working with users and user codes on activities including performance analysis, debugging, message passing issues, and parallel I/O. In addition, our CE team has provided training in areas such as MPI, parallel I/O, performance analysis, debugging, IPv6, compiler optimizations, and other topics.

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### **DOE SciDAC**

The Coordinated Infrastructure for Fault Tolerance Systems (CIFTS) is providing a coordinated infrastructure that will enable Fault Tolerance Systems to adapt to faults occurring in the operating environment in a holistic manner. CIFTS is a collaborative effort between Argonne National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Indiana University, Ohio State University, and University of Tennessee (ICL).

The Performance Engineering Research Institute (PERI) is conducting performance research designed to make the transition to petascale systems smoother, so that researchers can benefit quickly from these ultra-fast machines. PERI is a collaborative effort between Argonne National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Rice University, University of California at San Diego, University of Maryland, University of North Carolina, University of Southern California, and University of Tennessee (ICL).

The Center for Scalable Application Development Software (CScADS) for Advanced Architectures was created to facilitate the scalability of applications to the petascale and beyond while fostering the development of new tools by the computer science community through support of common software infrastructures and standards. CScADS is a collaborative effort between the Argonne National Laboratory, Rice University, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (ICL), and the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

## PEOPLE



ICL GROUP, 2007

Remaining at the forefront of research and discovery requires that we employ some of the brightest and most determined people. Therefore, our most important asset, as with most organizations, is our staff. Our success hinges on our ability to skillfully apply our expertise to the computing challenges that confront the ever changing HPC community. Invariably, one of our greatest strengths is the diversity of our full and part-time staff, which comprises individuals from all over the world including Austria, Bulgaria, China, France, Italy, Poland, and Thailand, as well as the U.S. Such diversity allows us to apply a variety of unique and innovative approaches to the challenges and problems inherent in world-class computing.

In addition, as part of an engineering college at a large research university, we have a responsibility to combine teaching and research. We have been, and will continue to be, very proactive in securing graduate and undergraduate internships and assistantships for those students who are motivated, hard working, and willing to learn. It is not uncommon for us to support more than a dozen students in an academic year.



# ICL Staff and Students

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## Visitors

Because our research is highly collaborative and because we have so many research collaborators and partners, we have numerous opportunities to host visitors from around the globe. Since our group was founded, we have routinely hosted many researchers, some who stay briefly to give seminars or presentations and others who remain with us for as long as a year collaborating, teaching, and learning. In addition, it is not uncommon to have students (undergraduate as well as graduate) from various universities study with us for months on end, learning about our approaches and solutions to computing problems. We believe the experience of sharing expertise between our visitors and ourselves during these visits has been extremely beneficial to us and we will continue providing opportunities for visits from our national and international colleagues in research.

## ICL Alumni

Over the 18 years of its existence, ICL has been proud to employ many outstanding students and staff. From undergraduate students to experienced research scientists, more than 150 individuals have passed through our doors, many of whom have gone on to both contribute and achieve great things in academia, government, and the private sector. In fact, many of our former students have gone on to apply their experience and knowledge to careers with many of the largest companies in the computing industry including AOL, Cray, Hewlett Packard, Hitachi, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Myricom, NEC, SGI, and many others. In addition, many of our former staff and students are now faculty at some of the most prominent academic institutions around the world.

ICL ALUMNI WITH LAST KNOWN AFFILIATION

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## PARTNERSHIPS

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Over the past 18 years, we have aggressively sought to build lasting, collaborative relationships with both domestic and international research institutions. These relationships within the high performance computing (HPC) community have played an important role in our success. Leveraging the incredible growth of computational science, we also routinely develop relationships with researchers whose primary focus is other scientific disciplines, such as biology, chemistry, and physics, which makes many of our collaborations truly multidisciplinary.

Leveraging the incredible number of collaborators that we have worked with over the years, we have built a strong portfolio of shared resources, both material and intellectual. In addition, we have forged numerous lasting relationships with application and tool vendors, many of who have utilized our work. These include Intel, Mathworks, Etnus, SGI, and Cray. In addition, Hewlett Packard, IBM, Intel, SGI, and Sun have all utilized our linear algebra work. The dense linear algebra portions of their libraries are based on the BLAS, LAPACK, and ScaLAPACK specifications and software developed by ICL. Below are lists that highlight many of the partners and collaborators that we have worked with over the years, most of which we are still actively involved with. As our list of government and academic partners continues to grow, we also continue to search for opportunities to establish partnerships with HPC vendors.

## Domestic Collaborators

ANL	Argonne National Laboratory	Microsoft Research	
BLAST	The Basic Linear Algebra Subprograms Technical Forum	MRA	MetaCenter Regional Alliance
CACR	California Institute of Technology Center for Advanced Computing Research	NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency	NCSA	The National Computational Science Alliance
DoD	The United States Department of Defense	NHSE	The National HPCC Software Exchange
DoD HPCMP	The DoD High Performance Computing Modernization Program	NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
DOE	The United States Department of Energy	NPACI	The National Partnership for Advanced Computational Infrastructure
Emory University		NSF	The National Science Foundation
Google		ORNL CSMD	Oak Ridge National Laboratory Computer Science and Mathematics Division
HiPerSoft	Center for High Performance Software Research	Rice University	
IBM	International Business Machines	SDSC	San Diego Supercomputing Center
Intel Corporation		SGI	Silicon Graphics Incorporated
Internet2		Sun Microsystems	
ISI	Information Sciences Institute	TACC	Texas Advanced Computing Center
I2-DSI	The Internet2 Distributed Storage Infrastructure	University of California, Berkeley	
JICS	The Joint Institute for Computational Science	University of California, San Diego	
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory	University of California, Santa Barbara	
LLNL	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	
MathWorks		University of North Carolina	

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 Intelligent Systems Design Laboratory, Doshisha University Kyoto, Japan	

## HARDWARE RESOURCES

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The heterogeneous nature of high performance computing requires inexhaustible knowledge about the hardware, software, and interconnects that comprise such machines. Thus, such a myriad of architectures presents unique challenges that require testing and development of applications that are often quite unique to the platform on which they reside. For this reason, it is imperative that we have access to a very wide range of computing resources in order to conduct our cutting-edge research. On this front, we have multiple, heterogeneous systems in-house. But we also have access to multiple architectures around the country due in large part to our many collaborators and partners. Locally, we maintain systems ranging from individual desktops to large, networked clusters. Below is a summary of the many computing resources used by ICL.



The following are the local systems that we use on a daily basis to test our work:

64 node Intel EM64T cluster connected with Myrinet 2000	64 node AMD Opteron cluster connected with Myrinet 2000
24 node AMD Opteron cluster connected with Silverstorm, Mellanox, and Myricom	16 node Intel Xeon connected with Gigabit Ethernet
8 node Intel Core2 Duo cluster with Gigabit Ethernet	Intel Itanium clusters

In addition to these resources, we have access to several server class machines and several HPC clusters in other departments. These clusters consist of multiple architectures and comprise over 100 machines with various architectures. All of our clusters are arranged in the classic Beowulf configuration in which machines are connected by low latency, high-speed network switches.

In addition, exclusive access to many remote resources, some that are regularly found in the Top500 list of the world's fastest supercomputers, help keep us at the forefront of enabling technology research. The recent modernization of the DOE's Center for Computational Sciences, just 30 minutes away at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), has enabled us to leverage our ORNL collaborations to take advantage of what is becoming the world's fastest scientific computing facility. The following are some of the remote systems and architectures that we utilize:

Cray X1, X1E, XT3, and XT4	HP XC system
IBM Power 4, 4+, 5, 5+, 6, Cluster 1600, BlueGene/L, and the Cell	Several large (256+ proc) Linux Clusters
SGI Altix	

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## Cyberinfrastructure Technology Watch

Since 2004, ICL has led a broad ranging publication effort called Cyberinfrastructure Technology Watch (CTWatch) in collaboration with the NSF funded Cyberinfrastructure Partnership (CIP), which includes the San Diego Supercomputing Center (SDSC) and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA). The goal of CTWatch has been to serve both as a forum for ideas and opinion on issues of importance to the cyberinfrastructure community as well as an ongoing source of information and analysis concerning the latest innovations in cyberinfrastructure technology.

To create the kind of productive mix of news, information, and dialogue that rapid progress in shared cyberinfrastructure today requires, CTWatch was developed along two complementary paths, one based on a more traditional publishing paradigm and the other including new types of non-traditional, Internet-based communication and publishing. On the conventional front, we created *CTWatch Quarterly*, an on-line serial publication modeled on a more traditional academic journal. Along a more experimental line, we created CTWatch Blog, an on-line Weblog that provides commentary and informative links on the most recent developments and ideas occurring in the national and international cyberinfrastructure community.



*CTWatch Quarterly* is designed to be published on-line and is made available in both HTML and in a high quality PDF format intended for printing on-demand. Each issue revolves around a particular area of interest for the cyberinfrastructure community and is organized by a guest editor who is a leader in that field. The focus topics (and corresponding guest editors) for 2007 included **The Promise and Perils of the Coming Multicore Revolution and Its Impact** (Jack Dongarra), **Socializing Cyberinfrastructure: Networking the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences** (David Theo Goldberg and Kevin D. Franklin), **The Coming Revolution in Scholarly Communications & Cyberinfrastructure** (Lee Dirks and Tony Hey) and **Software Enabling Technologies for Petascale Science** (Fred Johnson).

2007 marks the third and final year of the CTWatch effort. Over the past three years, an incredibly broad range of salient cyberinfrastructure topics have been highlighted via the Quarterly. From low-power, high performance computing to cyberinfrastructure in the social sciences, coverage has included both domestic and international efforts. The future of cyberinfrastructure could not be more exciting, and we are grateful for having been given the opportunity to lead the CTWatch effort. Many thanks go out to NSF, our collaborators at NCSA and SDSC, the guest editors, the article authors, the editorial board, and the entire production staff for successfully meeting the original goals of the *CTWatch Quarterly* and for playing an enormous role in increasing cyberinfrastructure visibility within academia, government, and industry.



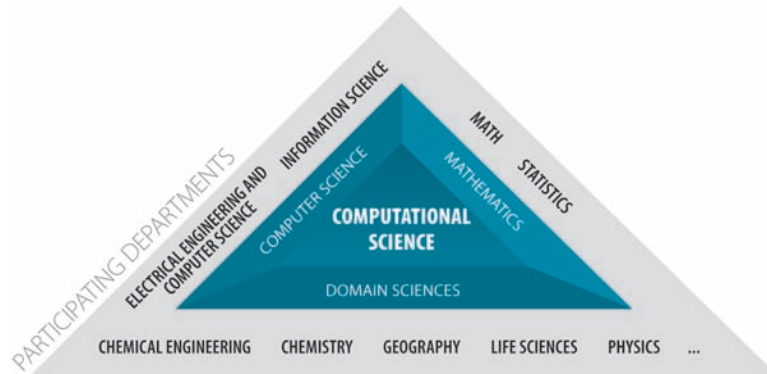
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## CENTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

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From its inception in the spring of 2001, the Center for Information Technology Research (CITR), directed by Dr. Jack Dongarra and co-located with ICL, has fulfilled all the expectations that the University of Tennessee (UT) had when it established the Research Center program. CITR's mission has been to develop and enhance opportunities for multi-disciplinary and innovative Information Technology Research (ITR) at the University of Tennessee.

## COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE: INHERENTLY INTERDISCIPLINARY



## IGMCS

Since first rate students and staff are indispensable to the success of such a research strategy, CITR is also working to help develop the kind of educational environment that can recruit and train the people that a top flight IT research university requires. In 2007, CITR worked with faculty and administrators from several departments and colleges to help establish a new, university wide program in Computational Science that supports advanced degree concentrations in this critical new area across the curriculum. Under the Interdisciplinary Graduate Minor in Computational Science (IGMCS), students pursuing advanced degrees in a variety of fields of science and engineering will be able to extend their education with special courses of study that teach them both the fundamentals and the latest ideas and techniques from this new era of information intensive research.

With enormous progress in IT capabilities during this first decade of the 21st century, Computational Science will continue to emerge as an essential component to academic research. Computational Science integrates elements that are normally studied in different parts of the traditional curriculum, but which are not fully covered or combined by any one of them. As more academic disciplines begin to realize the incredible potential Computational Science provides, the IGMCS program is expected to grow by adding new disciplines, new courses, and new faculty. At the beginning of Fall semester in 2007, there were 12 different departments contributing more than 75 courses to the program representing three of the largest colleges on the UT campus: Arts and Sciences; Communication and Information; and Engineering.

For more information about the IGMCS program, visit <http://igmcs.utk.edu/>.

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