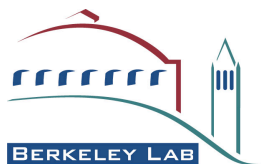


NERSC Workload Analysis

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Workload Analysis

- **Purpose**
 - **Understand NERSC User Requirements**
 - **Prioritize software library and tool optimization and deployment**
 - **Inform NERSC Sustained System Performance (SSP) Benchmark Selection**
 - **“Benchmarks are only useful insofar as they model the intended computational workload.”
Ingrid Bucher & Joanne Martin, LANL, 1982**
 - **Effective performance on SSP to reflect effective performance on NERSC workload**



Balancing Requirements

- **NERSC Workload overview**
 - ~3000 users
 - ~300 projects representing a broad range of science
 - ~700 codes (>2 codes per project on average!)
 - 15 science areas for 6 Office of Science divisions
- **Select a subset (<10) codes to represent the requirements of the workload**
 - Weight based on code's contribution workload? (workload coverage)
 - Weight equally for each area of science? (algorithm/science-area coverage)
- **Attempt to cover both dimensions**
 - Still daunting
 - Search for islands of coherence in the codes or algorithm selection by different scientific disciplines

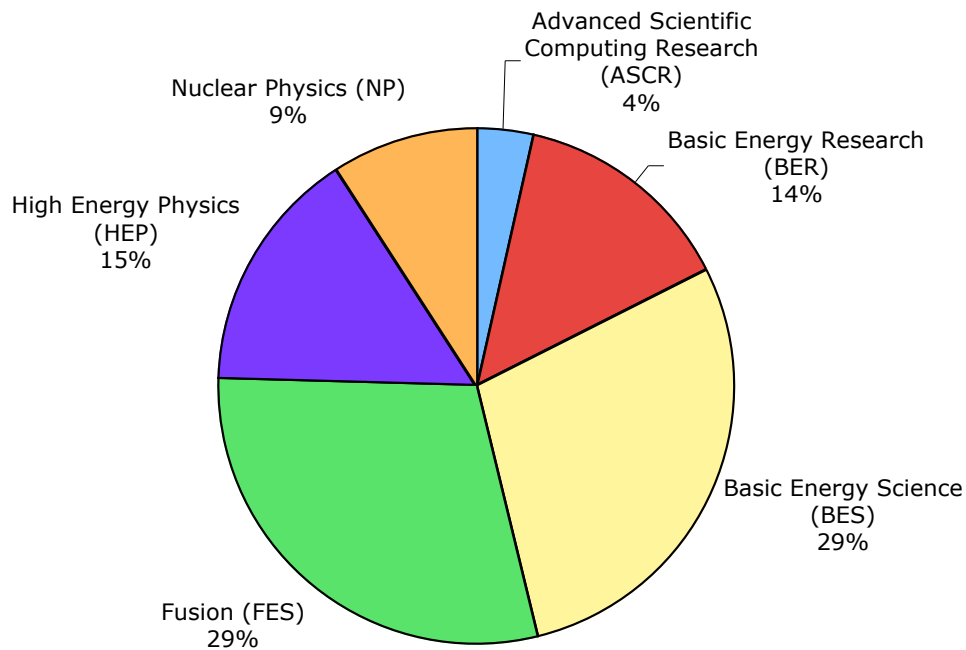
Workload Overview

Science Area	Data	DOE Office						Grand Total
		ASCR	BER	BES	FES	HEP	NP	
Accelerator Physics	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count			1020000 3		9768000 32	758000 9	11546000 44
Applied Math	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count	10107000 23		10000 1				10117000 24
Astrophysics	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count					9888000 42	2602000 6	12490000 48
Chemistry	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count	20000 1		22534000 106				22554000 107
Climate Research	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count	400000 1	15066000 44					15466000 45
Computer Sciences	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count	1400000 41						1400000 41
Engineering	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count	20000 2		1910000 7				1930000 9
Environmental Sciences	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count		170000 3					170000 3
Fusion Energy	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count	350000 2			40200990 135			40550990 137
Geosciences	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count			2704000 15				2704000 15
High Energy Physics	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count					500000 1		500000 1
Lattice Gauge Theory	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count					16910000 9	17463000 5	34373000 14
Life Sciences	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count	50000 1	11019000 27	40000 1				11109000 29
Materials Sciences	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count	570000 3		22640750 131				23210750 134
Nuclear Physics	Normalized Sum of MPP Request MPP Request Count	50000 1					12696000 31	12746000 32
Total Normalized Sum of MPP Request		12967000	26255000	50858750	40200990	37066000	33519000	200866740
Total MPP Request Count		75	74	264	135	84	51	683

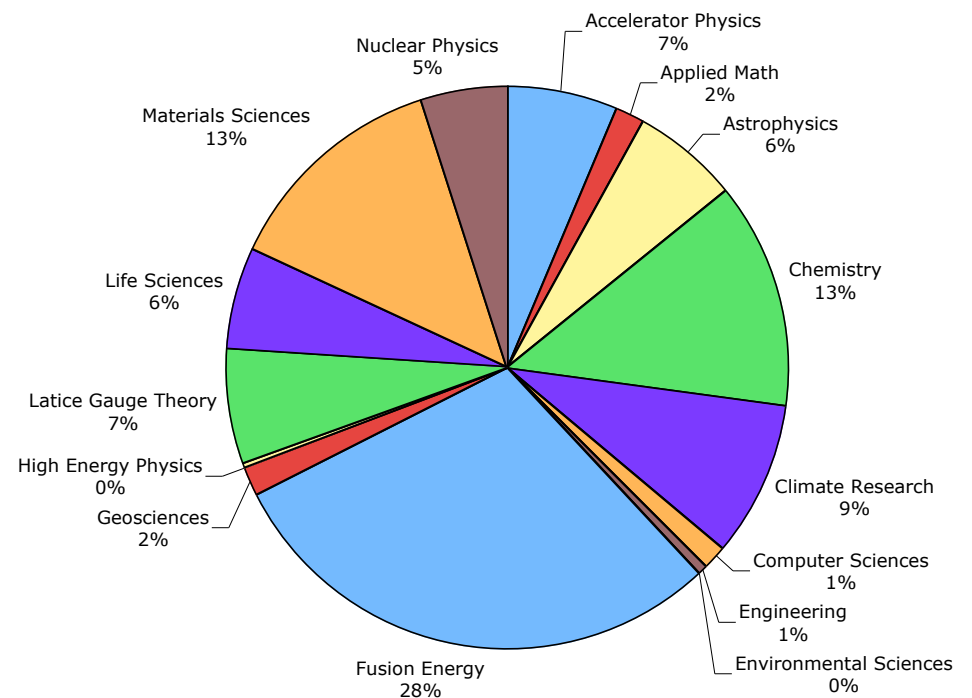


ERCAP Allocations 2007 By Office and Science Area

Awards by DOE Office

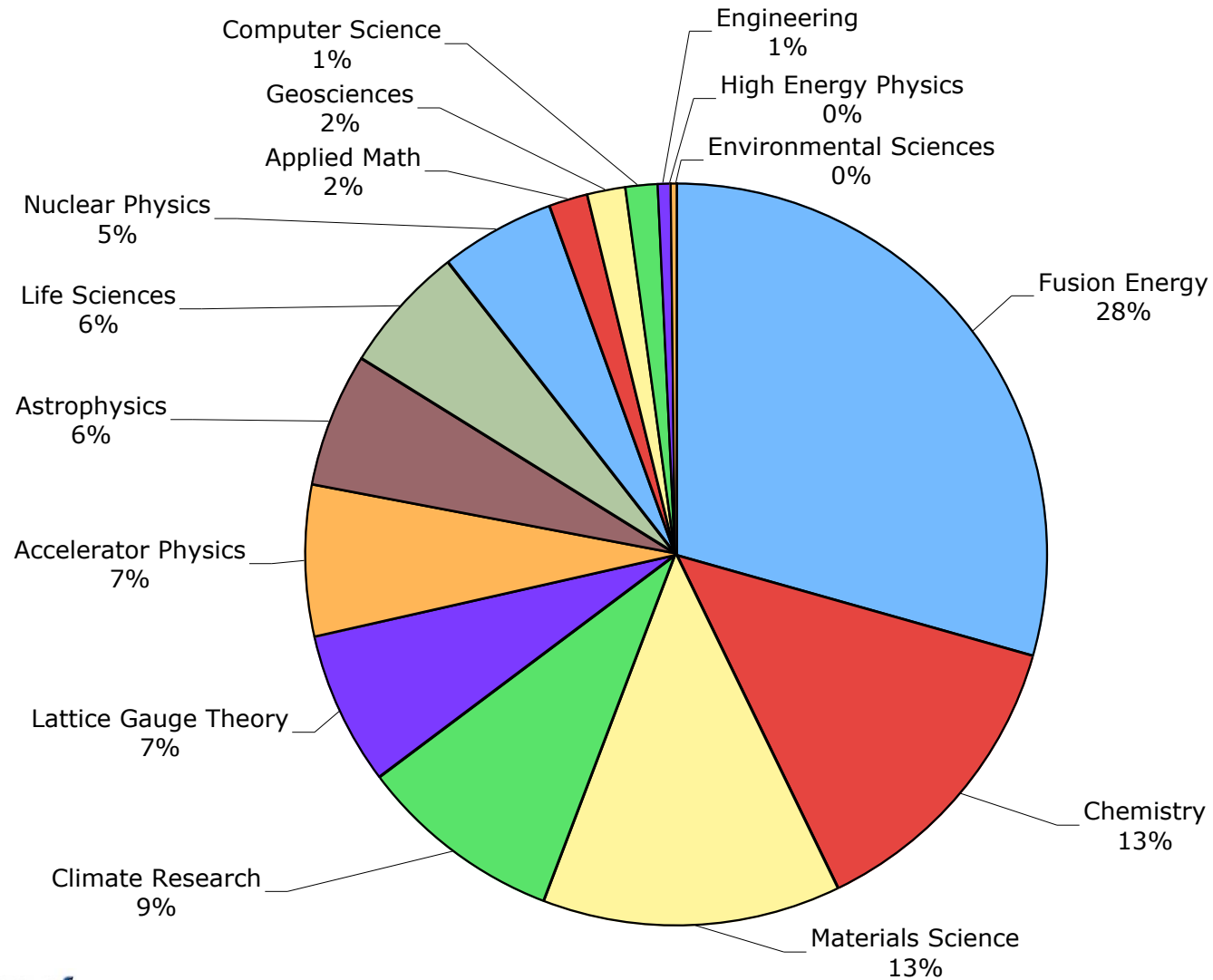


Awards By Science Area



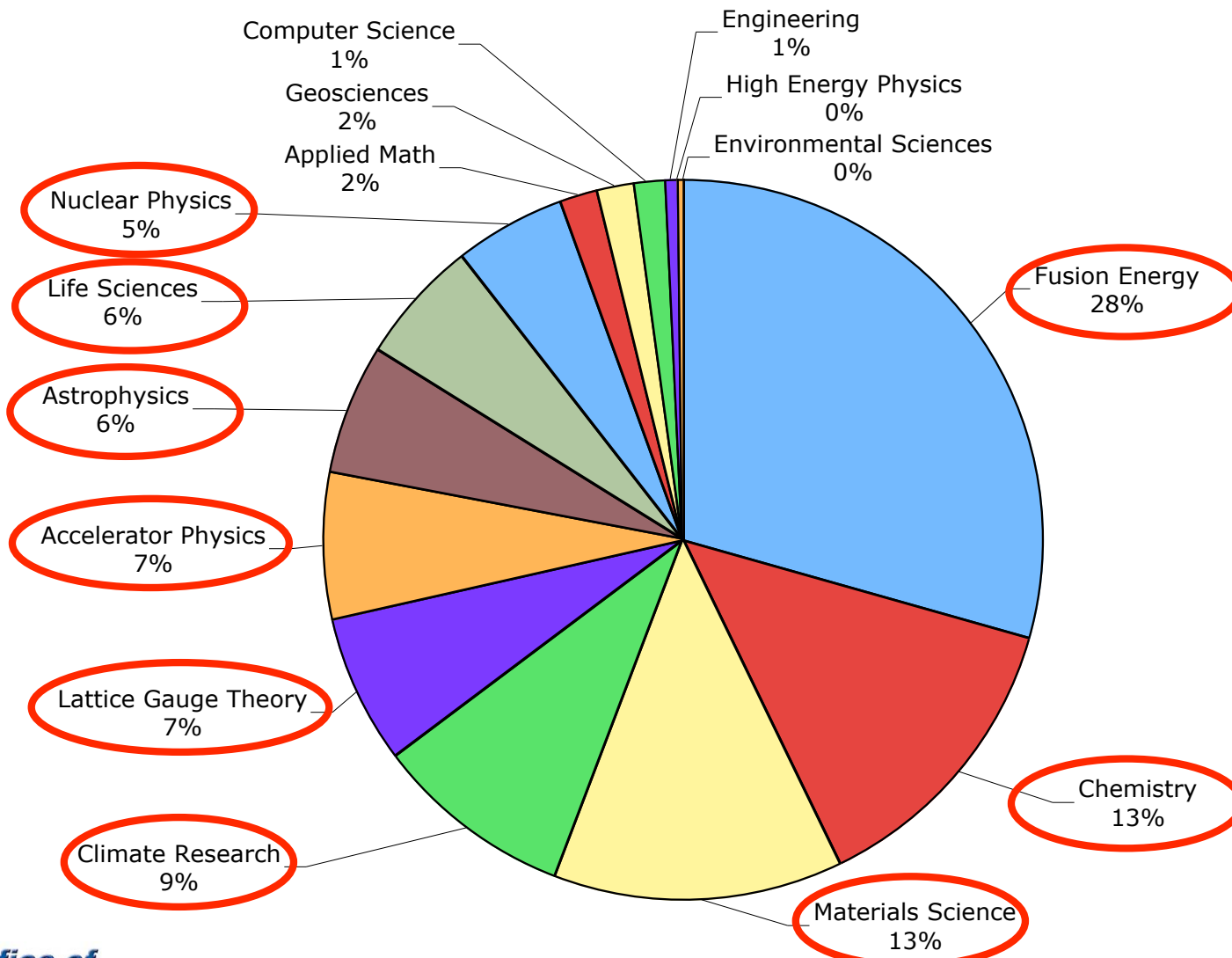


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Modeling the NERSC Workload

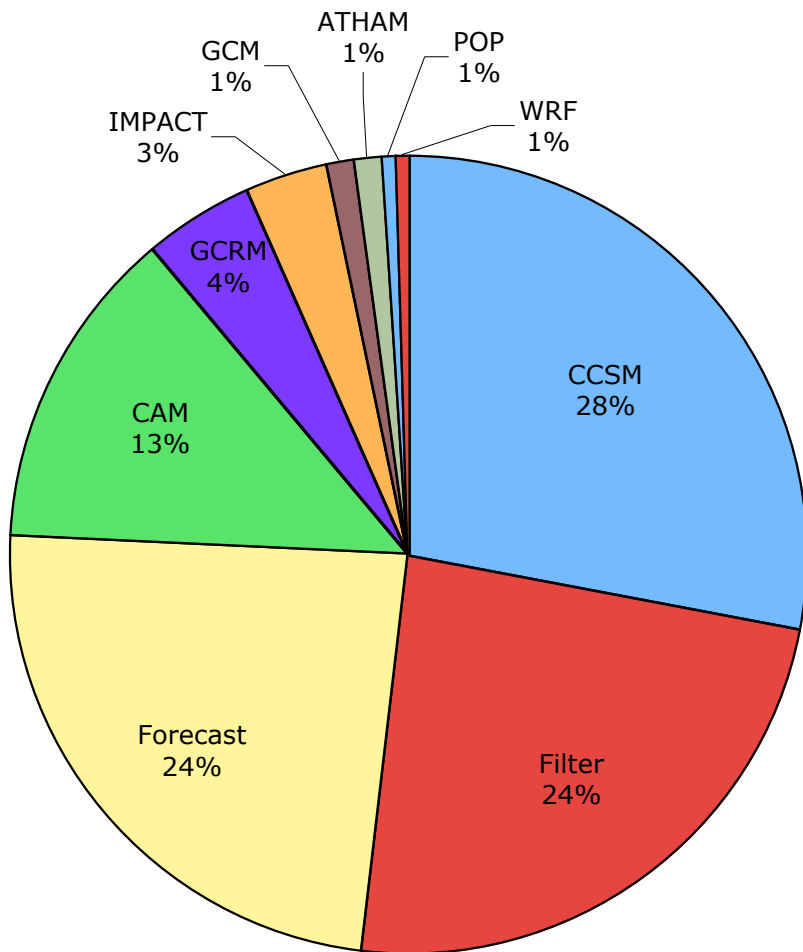
Science Category	Award MPP Hours	Number of Projects
Fusion Energy	16,509,000	51
Chemistry	7,405,000	41
Materials Science	7,385,000	58
Climate Research	4,911,000	29
Lattice Gauge Theory	3,812,500	6
Accelerator Physics	3,650,000	16
Astrophysics	3,319,000	16
Life Sciences	3,149,000	20
Nuclear Physics	2,790,000	16
Applied Math	930,000	10
Geosciences	920,000	6
Computer Science	731,500	13
Engineering	390,000	4
High Energy Physics	70,000	1
Environmental Sciences	24,000	1

- **Target: choose 6 representative applications from 288 projects, 684 code descriptions**

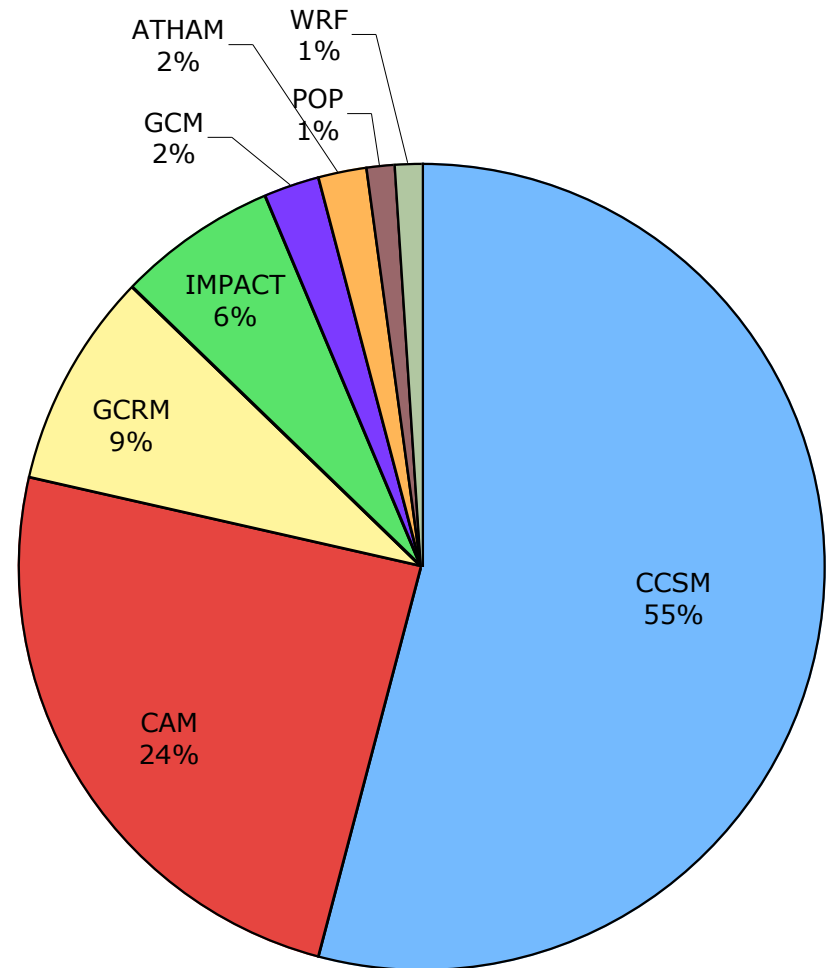


Climate Modeling (BER)

Climate with INCITE



Climate without INCITE

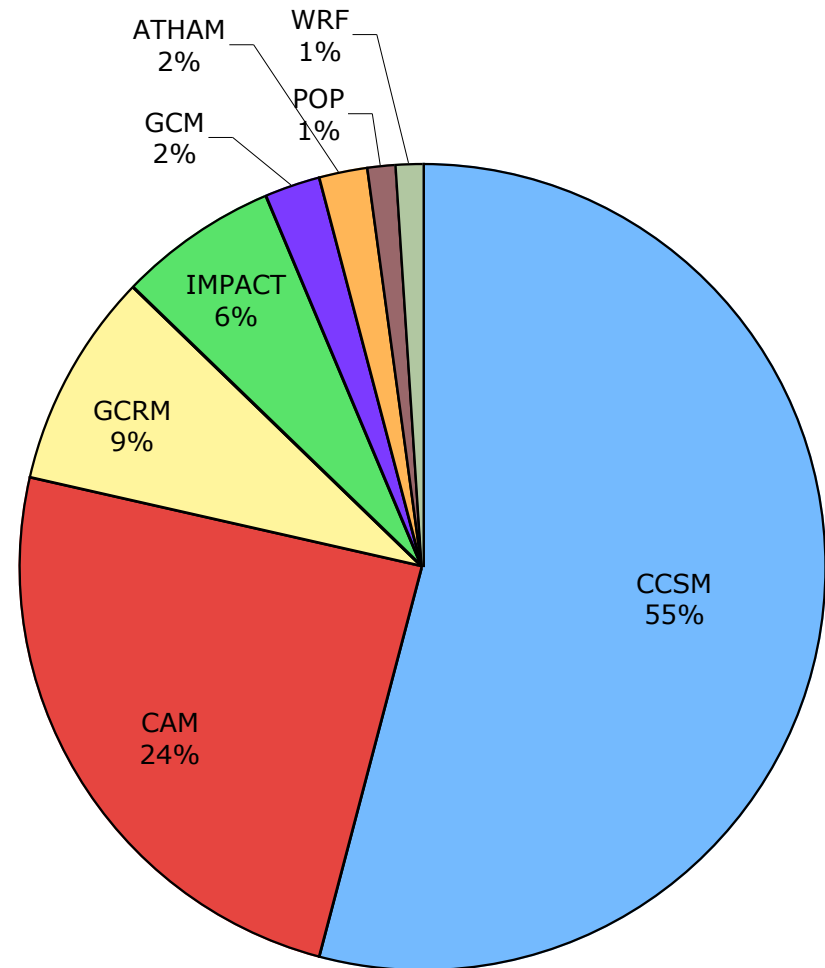




Climate Modeling (BER)

	Code	MPP Award	Percent	Cumulative%
1	CCSM	2,342,000	51%	51%
2	CAM	2,000,000	23%	74%
3	GCRM	2,000,000	8%	82%
4	IMPACT	1,085,000	6%	88%
5	GCM	375,000	2%	90%
6	ATHAM	280,000	2%	92%
7	POP	100,000	1%	93%
8	WRF	80,000	1%	94%

Climate without INCITE



•CAM and POP dominate CCSM computational requirements

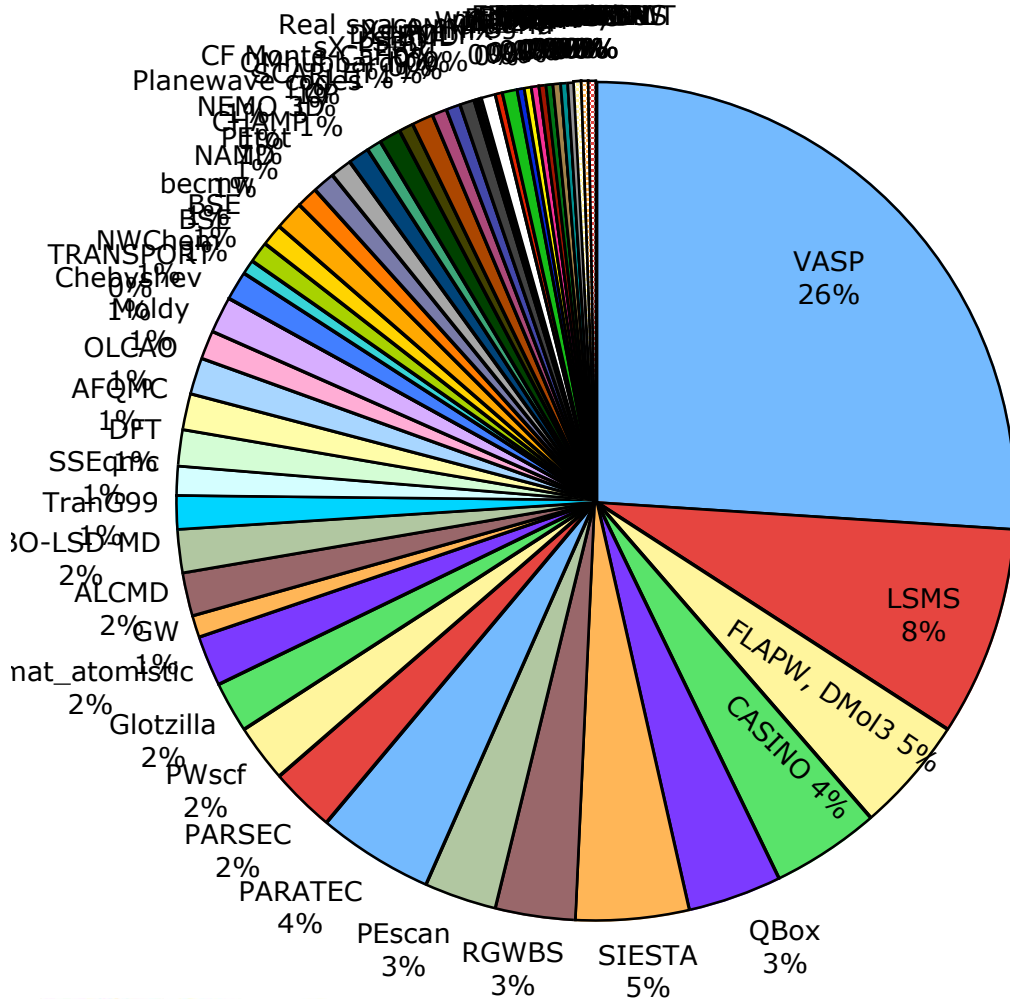
•FV-CAM increasingly replacing Spectral-CAM in future CCSM calculations

•FV-CAM with D-Mesh selected (coordinate w/NCAR procurement)



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- 62 codes, 65 users
- Typical code used in 2.15 allocation requests

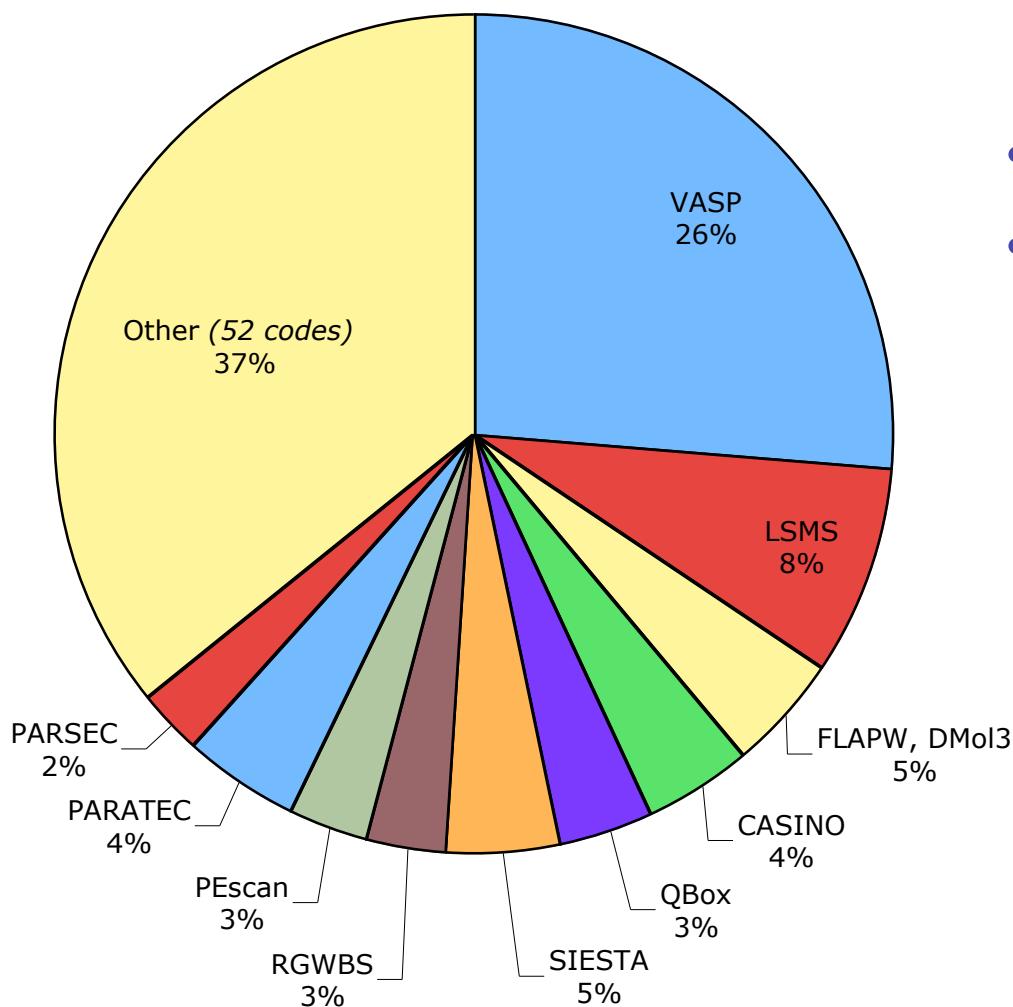


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1	VASP	1,992,110	26%	26%
2	LSMS	600,000	8%	34%
3	FLAPW, DMol3	350,000	5%	39%
4	CASINO	312,500	4%	43%
5	QBox	262,500	3%	46%
6	SIESTA	346,500	5%	51%
7	RGWBS	232,500	3%	54%
8	PEscan	220,000	3%	57%
9	PARATEC	337,500	4%	61%
10	PARSEC	182,500	2%	64%
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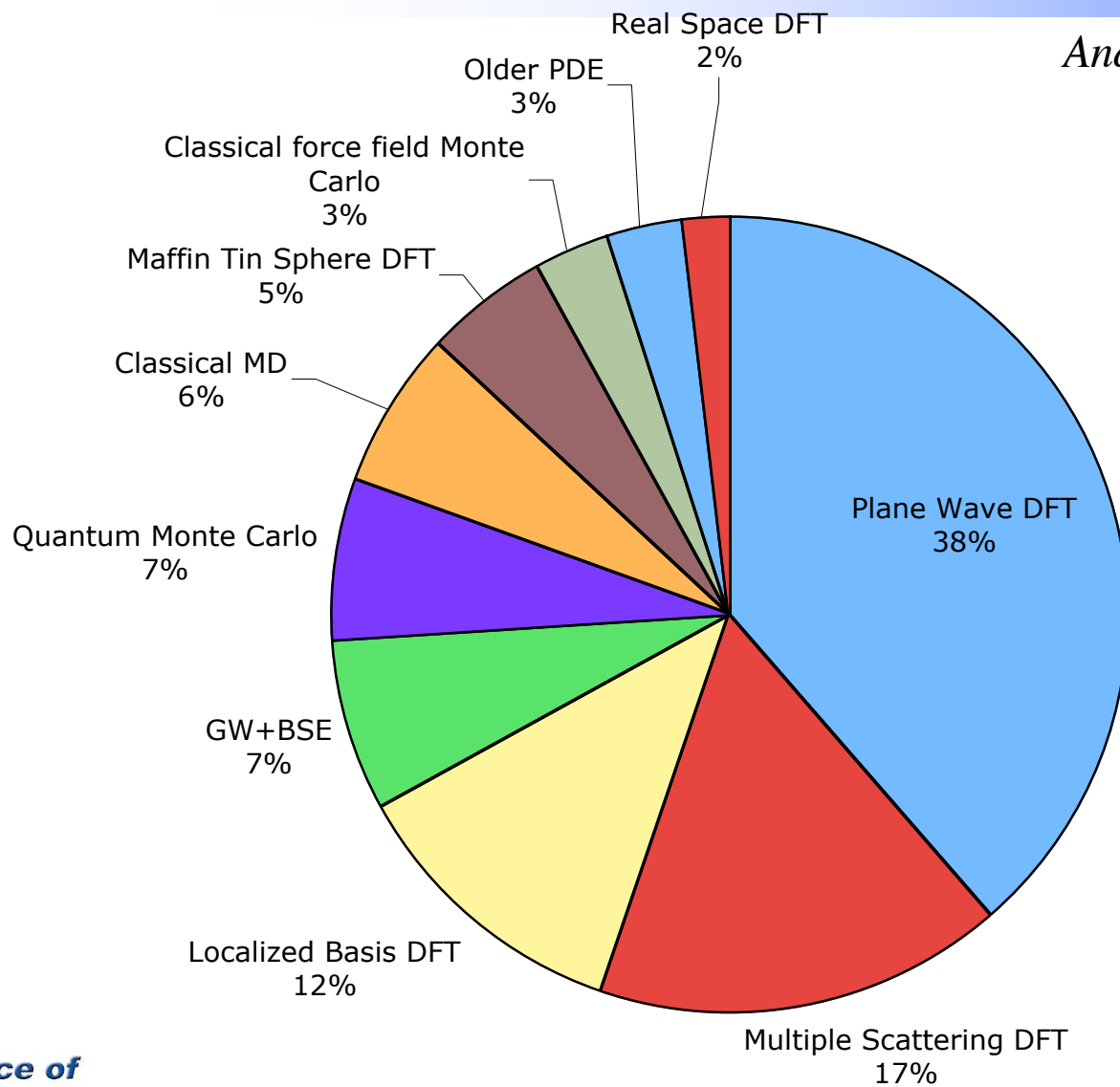


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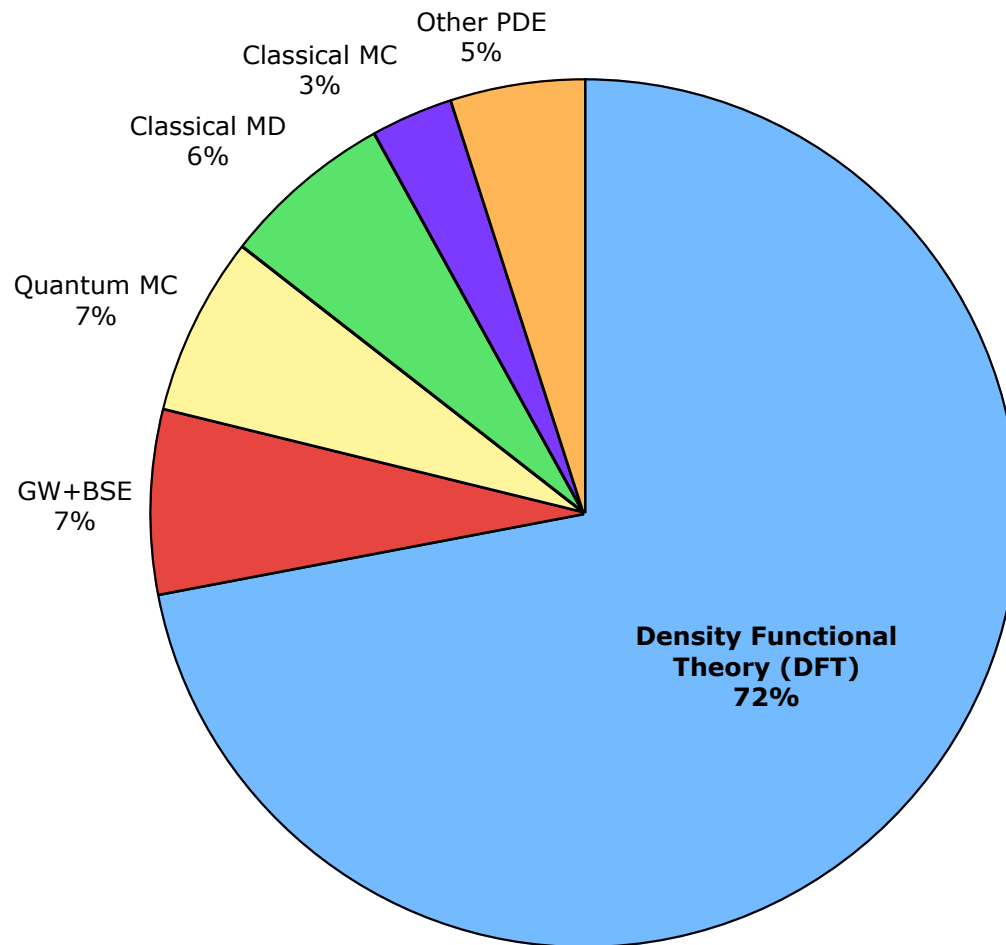
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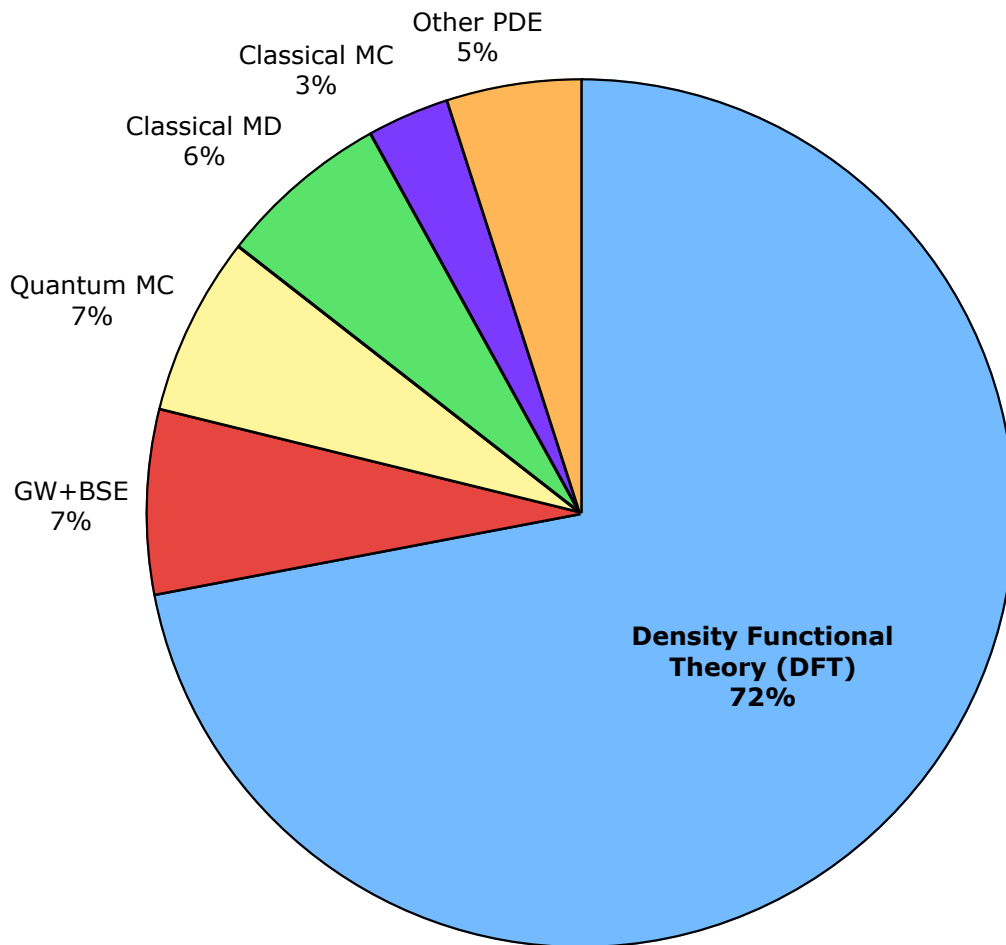
Materials Science (by algorithm category)

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Materials Science (by algorithm category)



- **Density Functional Theory codes**
 - >70% of the workload!
 - Majority are planewave DFT!
- **Common requirements for DFT**
 - 3D global FFT
 - Dense Linear Algebra for orthogonalization of wave basis functions
 - Dense Linear Algebra calculating pseudopotential
- **Dominant Code: VASP**
- **Similar Codes (planewave DFT)**
 - QBox
 - PARATEC
 - PETOT/PESCAN



Astrophysics

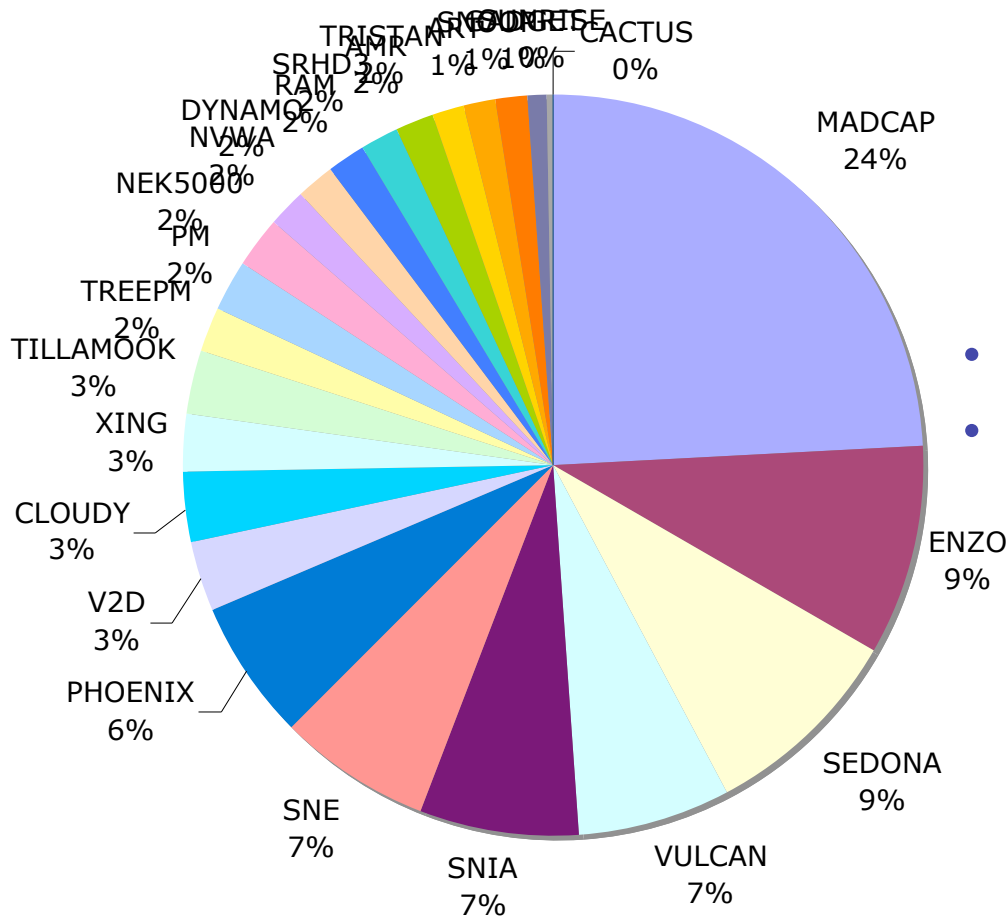
- **MADCAP: CMB Analysis Suite**

- Dominates allocations even though it is not INCITE
- I/O dominated: Now covered in separate I/O benchmarking tests

- **ENZO: INCITE AMR code**

- **SciDAC Astrophysics Codes dominant**

- Coverage of MHD + combustion
- Suggested to look at codes that use implicit methods rather than explicit timestepping (better representative of future codes)
- Might help with Fusion coverage





Other Application Areas

- **Fusion: 76 codes**

- 5 codes account for >50% of workload: OSIRIS, GEM, NIMROD, M3D, GTC
- Further subdivide to PIC (OSIRIS, GEM, GTC) and MHD (NIMROD, M3D) code categories

code	MPP Award	Percent	Cumulative%
OSIRIS	2,112,500	11%	11%
GEM	2,058,333	11%	22%
NIMROD	2,229,167	12%	34%
M3D	1,921,667	10%	45%
GTC	1,783,333	10%	54%

- **Chemistry: 56 codes for 48 allocations**

- INCITE award (S3D) eclipses other chemistry codes: put in separate category
 - Planewave DFT: VASP, CPMD, DACAPO
 - Quantum Monte Carlo: ZORI
 - Ab-initio Quantum Chemistry: Molpro, Gaussian, GAMESS
- Planewave DFT dominates (but already covered in MatSci workload)
- Small allocations Q-Chem category add up to dominant workload component

Code	Award	Percent	Cumulative%
ZORI	695,000	12%	12%
MOLPRO	519,024	9%	21%
DACAPO	500,000	9%	29%
GAUSSIAN	408,701	7%	36%
CPMD	396,607	7%	43%
VASP	371,667	6%	49%
GAMESS	364,048	6%	56%

- **Accelerator Modeling**

- 50% of workload consumed by 3 codes VORPAL, OSIRIS, QuickPIC
- Dominated by PIC codes

Code	MPP Award	Percent	Cumulative%
VORPAL	1,529,786	33%	33%
OSIRIS	784,286	16%	49%
QuickPIC	610,000	13%	62%
Omega3p	210,536	4%	66%
Track3p	210,536	4%	70%



Selecting Benchmarks

- **Coverage**
 - Cover science areas
 - Cover algorithm space
- **Portable**
 - Robust 'build' systems
 - Not architecture specific implementation
- **Scalable**
 - Do not want to emphasize applications that do not justify scalable HPC resources
- **Distributable**
 - No proprietary or export-controlled code
- **Availability of Developer for Assistance/Support**



Narrowing Selection

First Cut (**Primary** **Secondary** **Kernel**):

Fusion PIC	GEM (4.9) / GTC (4.4) / XGC (3.7) / SUMMIT (1.5)
Accelerator modeling	OSIRIS (2.9) / VORPAL (2.6) / IMPACTZT / BeamB3D / QuickPIC
Fusion MHD	M3D / NIMROD / GS2 / GYRO / BOUT / Dynamo
DFT	VASP / LSMS / PWscf / CPMD / PARATEC /
Quantum Chem	NWChem / SIESTA / CASINO / GAMESS / Gaussian
Climate	CAM / Forecast Model / IMPACT
LG Physics	MILC / RHMC
Other astro	MADCAP / SN1A / VULCAN / SRH3D / FLASH/MAESTRO
Combustion	S3D
LifeSci	BLAST / Forge / RepeatMasker



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Benchmark Summary

<i>Benchmark</i>	<i>Science Space</i>	<i>Algorithm Space</i>	<i>Proposed Concurrency</i>	<i>Parameters</i>	<i>Lang</i>	<i>Libraries</i>
CAM	Climate (BER)	Navier Stokes CFD, FFT	1024	Nx, ny	F90	netCDF
GAMESS	Quantum Chem (BES)	Dense linear algebra, DFT	512	# of electron/atoms	F90	DDI, BLAS
GTC	Fusion (FES)	PIC, finite difference	512, 2048	# of particles and grid points	F90	FFT (opt)
MILC	LG Physics (NP)	Conjugate gradient, sparse matrix	2048	# of grid points, steps per trajectory	C	None
PARATEC	Mat Science (BES)	DFT	512, 2048, 4096	# of atoms	F90	Scalapack
IMPACTZ ? VORPAL ?	Accelerator Physics (HEP)	Largely PIC, fft component Finite difference, PIC		# of particles, grid points	F90/ C++ C/C++	H5Part (HDF5) HDF5, aztec, lapack, petsc
FLASH ? MAESTRO ?	Astrophysics (HEP)	PPM, AMR Low Mach Hydro	1024, 2048	# of grid points	F90/C	HDF5, Para-mesh