# Idaho National Laboratory

# Microbiological and Geological Systems

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### **Complexity**

Unique capabilities such as the geocentrifuge allow us to accomplish temporal scaling

Metabolic pathway models are at the forefront of predictive biology



Vision: By 2015 INL will lead the science to understand, predict, and control microbial metabolic systems in complex geologic environments.

Physical processes such as pore scale fluid flow will be linked to microbial metabolic activity





Microbial communities within complex environments possess diverse capabilities

**Systems** Microbiology

> Experimental Geoscience



DNA provides the blueprint for microbial function

Intermediate scale column experiments bridge the gap between molecular scale processes and field scale observations

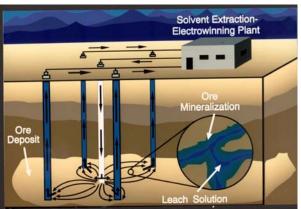
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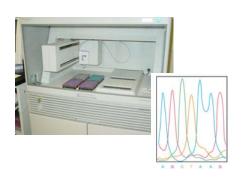




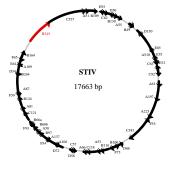


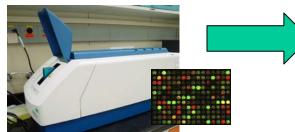


### **The INL Bioinformatics Pipeline**









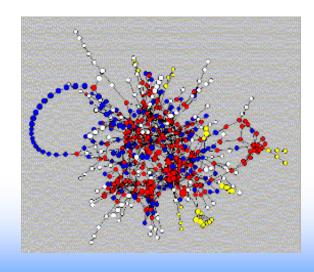


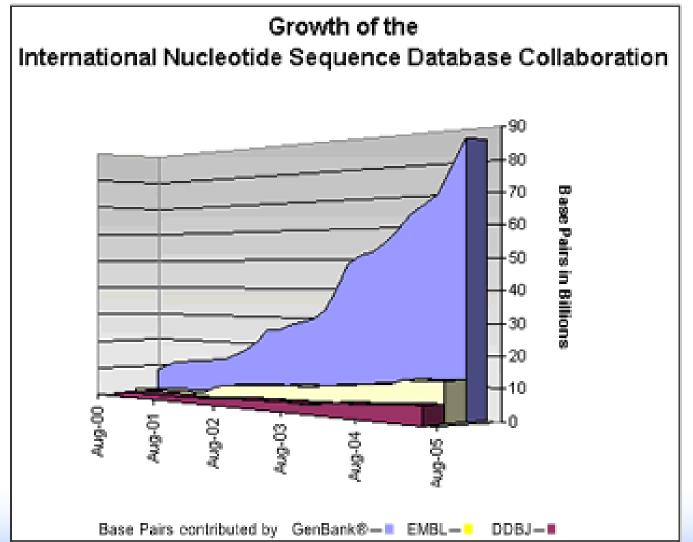
Scientific Results





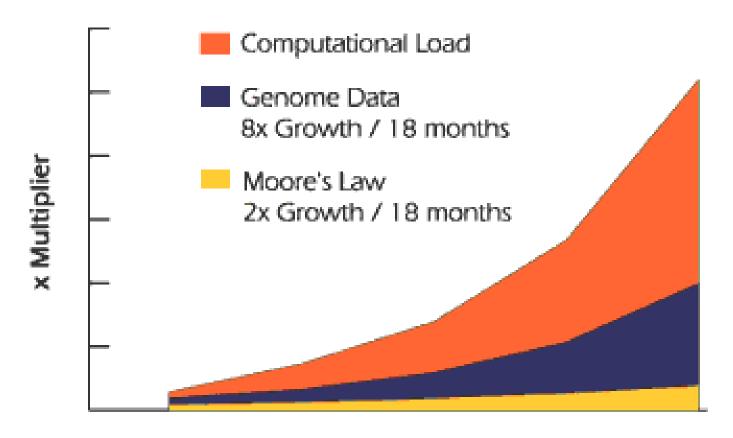








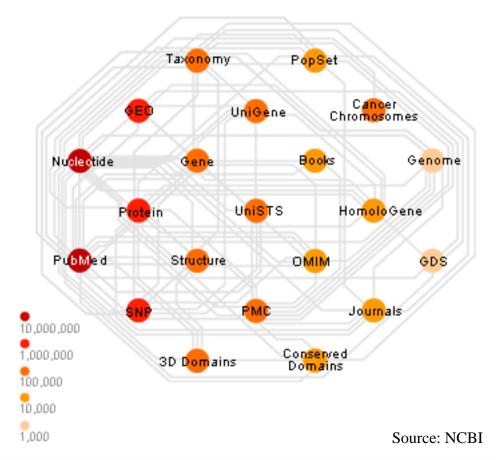
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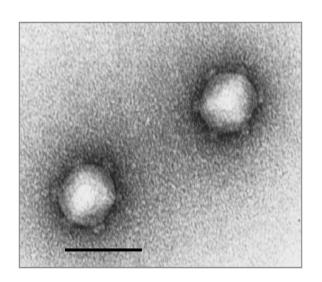
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## Integration and Relationships between Different Types of Biological Information



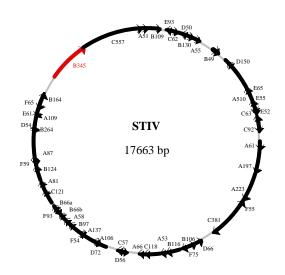


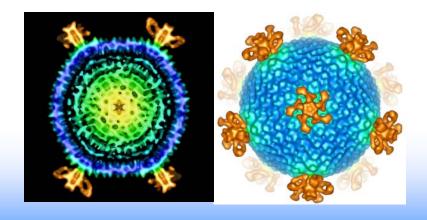


STIV (Sulfolobus Turreted Icosahedral Virus) –and other novel thermoacidophilic viruses from Yellowstone

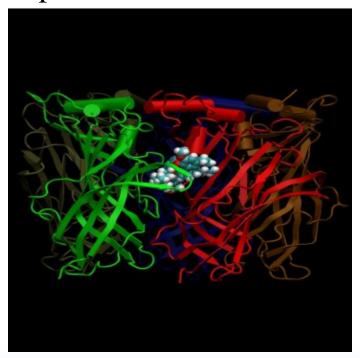
- 17663 bp
- 36% GC content
- 50 ORF's larger than 40 aa
- Largest ORF 138 kD
- Smallest ORF 5.1 kD
- Coat Protein 37.8 kD
- Most viral ORFs are unidentified/hypothetical







Estimates (Head-Gordon and Wooley, 2001, IBM Systems Journal) for *ab initio* calculation of 100 amino acid protein folding in water (10,000 atoms) exceed 11.5 days for a 100 Tflop machine.





### **CAMS** support for the signature

- Porting, integration and tuning of current bioinformatics tools in the genomics and proteomics "pipelines" (C. Permann)
- Procurement of tailored system in FY06
- Future HPC needs included in outyear planning

