Outline of the Earth Simulator Project

1. Mission and Basic Principles of the Earth Simulator

The Earth Simulator was developed for the following aims. The first aim is to ensure a bright future for human beings by accurately predicting variable global environment. The second is to contribute to the development of science and technology in the 21st century. Based on these aims, the principles listed below are established for the projects of the Earth Simulator.

1) Each project should be open to researches in each research field and to the public, rather than it is confined within the limited research society.
2) In principle, the research achievements obtained by using the Earth Simulator should be promptly published and returned to the public.
3) Each project should be carried out for peaceful purposes only.

2. Earth Simulator Research Project

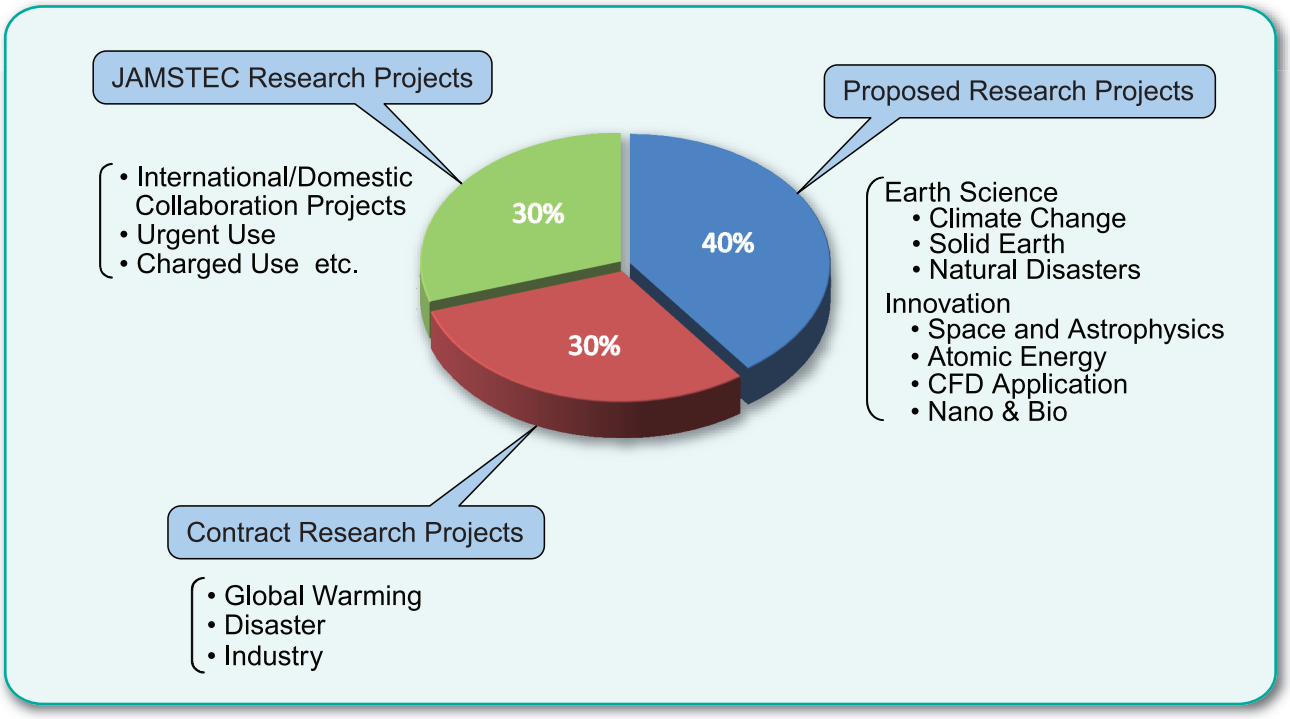
There are two fields of Earth Simulator Research Projects, as follows:

- Earth Science
- Epoch-making Simulation

The allocation of Earth Simulator resources for each research field in FY2012 was decided to be as shown in following graph.

Public project recruitment for Earth Simulator Research Projects in FY2012 was held in February 2012, and 32 research projects were selected by the Selection Committee.

The Allocation of Resources of the Earth Simulator in FY2012



Authorized Project List in FY2012

Earth Science (20 projects)

	Project Name	Name of Project Representative	Professional Affiliation of Project Representative
1	Understanding Roles of Oceanic Fine Structures in Climate and its Variability	Wataru Ofuchi	ESC, JAMSTEC
2	Simulations of Adaptation-Oriented Strategy for Climate Variability	Keiko Takahashi	ESC, JAMSTEC
3	Development of a High-quality Climate Model for Global Warming Projection Study	Akira Noda	RIGC, JAMSTEC
4	Simulations of Atmospheric General Circulations of Earth-like Planets by AFES	Yoshiyuki Hayashi	Graduate School of Science, Kobe University
5	Study on the Diagnostics and Projection of Marine Ecosystem Change Associated with Global Change	Michio Kishi	RIGC, JAMSTEC
6	Development of a Numerical Model of Urban Heat Island	Yasunobu Ashie	National Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management
7	Study of Cloud and Precipitation Processes using a Global Cloud-system Resolving Model	Masaki Sato	RIGC, JAMSTEC/Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, The University of Tokyo
8	Study on the Predictability of Climate Variations and Their Mechanisms	Yukio Masumoto	RIGC, JAMSTEC
9	Simulation and Verification of Tropical Deep Convective Clouds using Eddy-permitting Regional Atmospheric Models	Kozo Nakamura	RIGC, JAMSTEC
10	Improved Ocean State Estimation and Sensitivity Analysis Experiments for the Optimal Observing System, by using a 4D-VAR Ocean Data Assimilation System	Shuhei Masuda	RIGC, JAMSTEC
11	Global Elastic Response Simulation	Seiji Tsuboi	DrC, JAMSTEC
12	Simulation Study on the Dynamics of the Mantle and Core in Earth-like Conditions	Yozo Hamano	IFREE, JAMSTEC
13	Numerical Simulation of Seismic Wave Propagation and Strong Ground Motions in 3-D Heterogeneous Media	Takashi Furumura	Center for Integrated Disaster Information Research, Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, The University of Tokyo/Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo
14	Development of Advanced Simulation Tools for Solid Earth Sciences	Mikito Furuichi	IFREE, JAMSTEC
15	Numerical Simulations of the Dynamics of Volcanic Phenomena	Takehiro Koyaguchi	Earthquake Research Institute, The University of Tokyo
16	Space and Earth System Modeling	Kanya Kusano	Space and Earth System Modeling Laboratory Unit, Laboratory for Earth Systems Science, JAMSTEC
17	Numerical Experiments with Multi-models for Paleo-environmental Problems	Ayako Abe	Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, The University of Tokyo
18	Model-observation Integration Study of the Middle-atmosphere Dynamics Using a High-resolution Climate Model and the Antarctic PANSY radar	Shingo Watanabe	RIGC, JAMSTEC
19	Predictability Variation in Numerical Weather Prediction	Takeshi Enomoto	Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University

	Project Name	Name of Project Representative	Professional Affiliation of Project Representative
20	Research on the climate change mechanisms in the Arctic regions based on improvements of the cold-region processes and validations of the Arctic climate reproducibility using global climate models	Yoshiki Komuro	RIGC, JAMSTEC

Epoch-making Simulation (12 projects)

	Project Name	Name of Project Representative	Professional Affiliation of Project Representative
21	Large-scale Simulation on the Properties of Carbon-nanotube	Satoshi Nakamura	Research Organization for Information Science & Technology
22	Large-scale Simulation for a Terahertz Resonance Superconductors Device	Mikio Iizuka	Research Organization for Information Science & Technology
23	Direct Numerical Simulations of Fundamental Turbulent Flows with the World's Largest Number of Grid-points and Application to Modeling of Engineering Turbulent Flows	Takashi Ishihara	Graduate School of Engineering, Nagoya University
24	A Large-scale Post-genome Analysis using Self-Organizing Map for All Genome and Protein Sequences	Toshimichi Ikemura	Nagahama Institute of Bio-Science and Technology
25	Development of a Fluid Simulation Approach by Massively Parallel Bits-operations with a New Viscosity Control Method	Hiroshi Matsuoka	Research Institute of Electrical Communication, Tohoku University
26	Development of Adaptive High Accuracy Libraries	Hidehiko Hasegawa	Faculty of Library, Information and Media Science, University of Tsukuba
27	Theoretical Study of Drug Resistance Mechanism Based on the Fragment Molecular Orbital Method	Shigenori Tanaka	Graduate School of System Informatics, Kobe University
28	Research Project of Biomedical Unsteady Fluid-structure Interaction Analysis for Cerebral Aneurysm and Other Organs	Tadashi Tanuma	Joint Program Center, Teikyo University
29	Development of the Next-generation Computational Fracture Mechanics Simulator for Constructing Safe and Sustainable Society	Ryuji Shioya	Faculty of Information Sciences and Arts, Toyo University
30	Precise Calculations for Few-Body Atomic Systems using the Gaussian Expansion Method and Applications to Cold Atoms	Emiko Hiyama	RIKEN Nishina Center for Accelerator-Based Science
31	Strongly Nonlinear Response Analyses on Building Structures with Large-scaled and Super-detailed Numerical Modeling	Yoichi Mukai	Graduate School of Engineering, Kobe University
32	Development of MHD heat transfer database at design conditions of advanced blanket system in fusion reactor	Yoshinobu Yamamoto	University of Yamanashi

JAMSTEC : Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology
IFREE : Institute for Research on Earth Evolution
ESC: The Earth Simulator Center
RIGC : Research Institute for Global Change
DrC : Data Research Center for Marine-Earth Sciences

3. Collaboration Projects

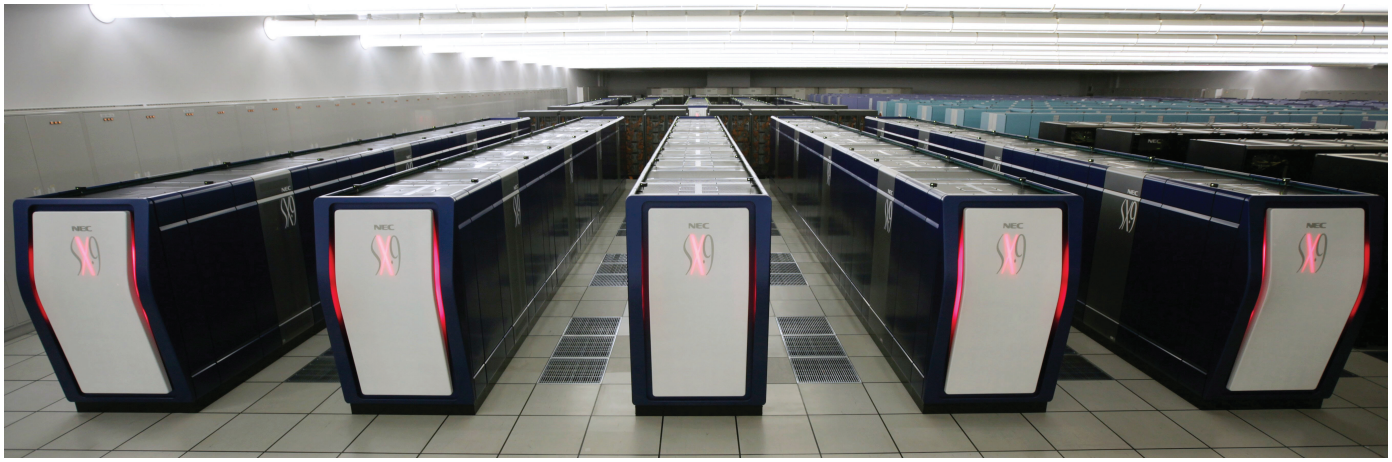
Collaboration Projects in FY2012

• Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer (IFREMER), Département d'Océanographie Physique et Spatiale, France
• Ernest Orlando Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, University of California (LBNL), USA
• Korean Ocean Research & Development Institute (KORDI), Korea
• The National Oceanography Centre, Southampton (NOCS), UK
• The large-scale numerical simulation of the weather/oceanographic phenomena for international maritime transportation : Kobe University
• Research and development for MSSG calculation performance optimization in the next-generation supercomputer system : RIKEN
• Collaborative research on the sophistication of the computational simulation software toward constructing the platform for the leading industrial research and development : Institute of Industrial Science, the University of Tokyo

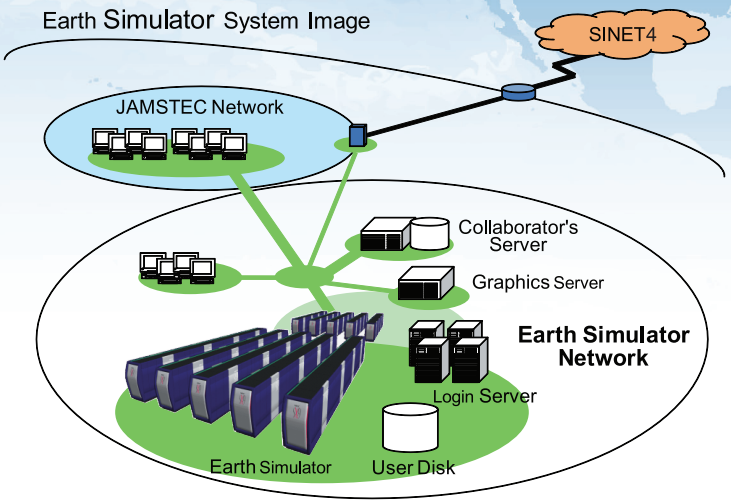
4. System Configuration of the Earth Simulator

The Earth Simulator
- New Earth Simulator System of Ultra High-speed Vector Parallel Super Computer -

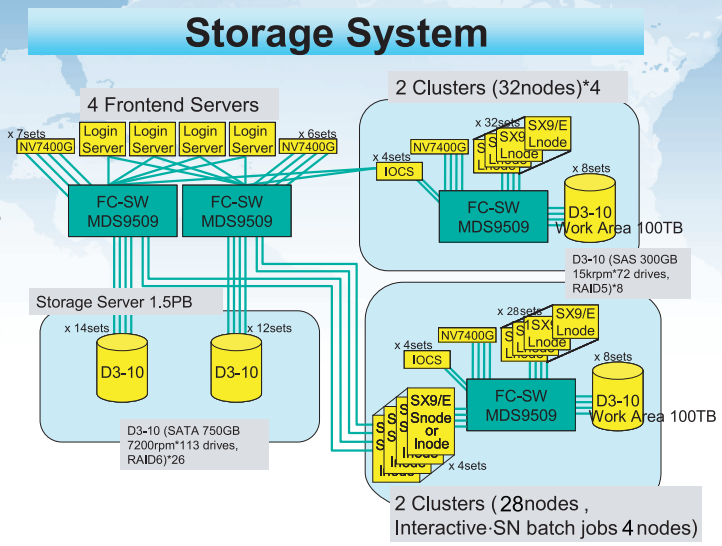
The Earth Simulator is the upgraded system of the previous Earth Simulator, which has significantly contributed to the development of a simulation culture in the area of earth science and related technical fields, and introduces new features to bring accurate and high-speed analysis and projections of global-scale environmental phenomena. The ES is also used to produce numerical simulations for advanced research fields that are beyond the scope of other computing systems.



ES System Outline



Storage System



Features of the Earth Simulator for operation and control

(1) Clustering of nodes to control the system (transparent for uses) .
A cluster consists of 32 nodes.
Most of them are for batch jobs (batch clusters).
(2) Providing special nodes for TSS and small batch jobs.
(3) Configuration of the TSS cluster.
1. TSS nodes [1 nodes],
2. Nodes for SN (Single Node) batch jobs [3 nodes],
(4) Configuration of the batch cluster.
1. Nodes for MN (Multi-Nodes) batch jobs,
2. System disks for user-file staging,
(5) Storage of user files for batch jobs on a mass-storage system.
Automated file recall (Stage-In) and migration (Stage-Out).
(6) Connection of all the clusters to a mass-storage system

Real Applications Benchmark Performance

Application	ES initial (# of CPUs)	ES current (# of CPUs)	Speed up
PHASE	135.3 sec (4096)	62.2 sec (1024)	2.18
NICAM-K	214.7 sec (2560)	109.3 sec (640)	1.97
MSSG	173.9 sec (4096)	86.5 sec (1024)	2.01
SpecFEM3D	96.3 sec (4056)	45.5 sec (1014)	2.12
Seism3D	48.8 sec (4096)	15.6 sec (1024)	3.13

Harmonic Mean of Speed up Ratio : 2.22