

# Debian Science Blend

## Scientific research using Debian

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# Some URLs

`http://wiki.debian.org/DebianScience:`

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`http://blends.alioth.debian.org/science/tasks/:`

*Tasks overview*

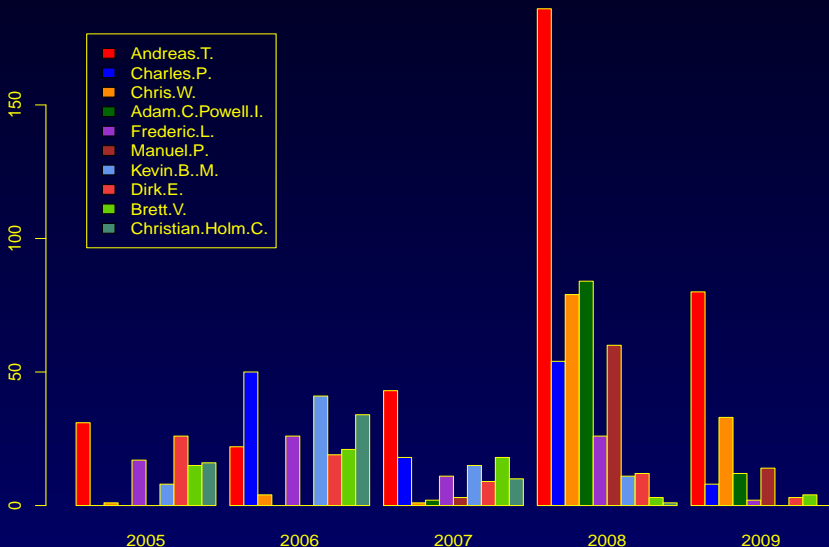
`http://debian-med.alioth.debian.org/:`

*Future web features like in Debian Med possible*



# Top 10 posters on [debian-science@lists.debian.org](mailto:debian-science@lists.debian.org)

## List activities for science list



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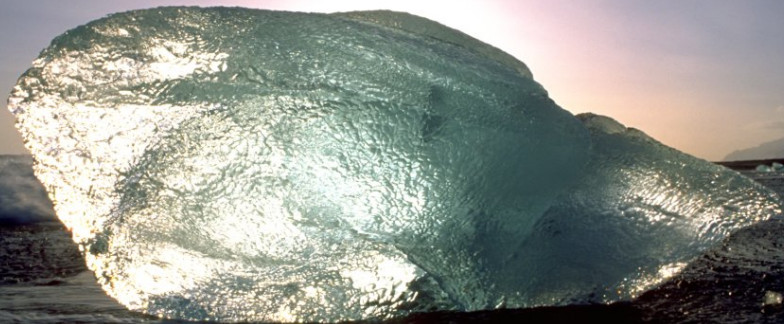
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