

Lessons Learned by the DOE Exascale Computing Project



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The Exascale Computing Project was designed to launch the exascale era




The ECP funded teams that spanned national labs, universities, and industry

\$1.8B over 7 years in a formal DOE 413.3B project

Funded by DOE SC and NNSA programs

81 Total research, development, and deployment projects

- 6 Co-Design Centers
- 25 Application Development
- 35 Software Technology
- 17 Hardware and Integration

 <p>15 US DOE Labs, 6 of which are Core Partners</p>	 <p>57 University Partners</p>	 <p>36 Industry Organizations</p>
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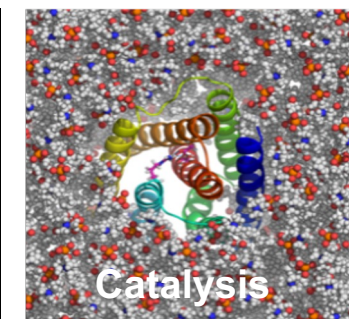
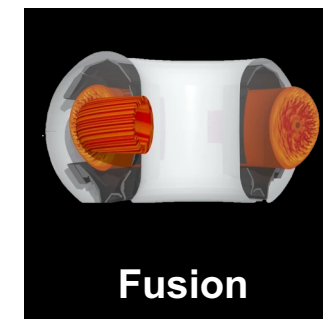
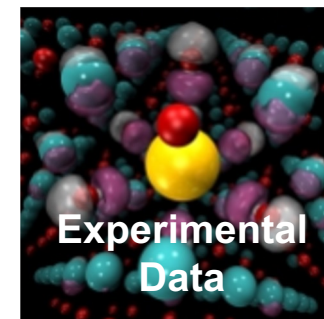
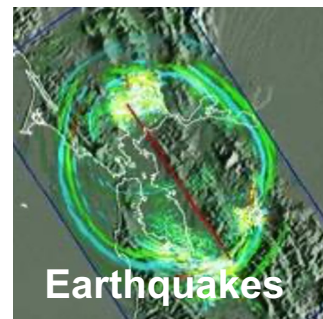
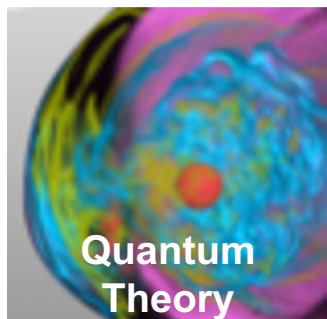
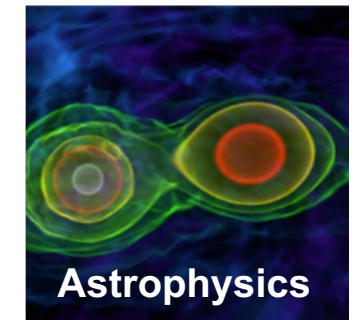
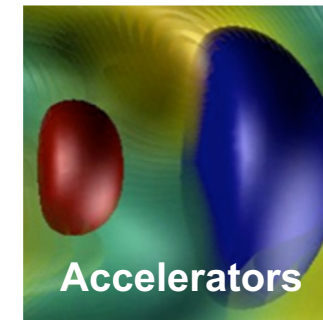
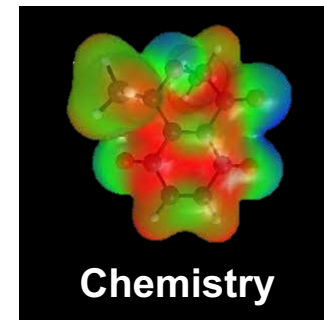
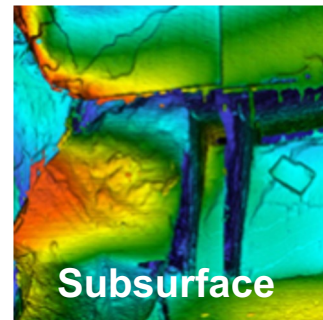
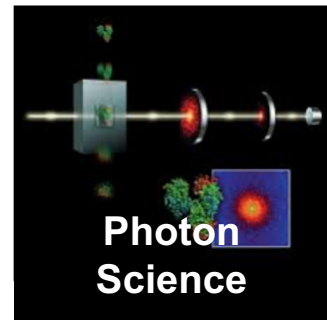
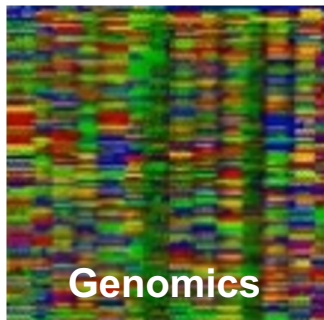
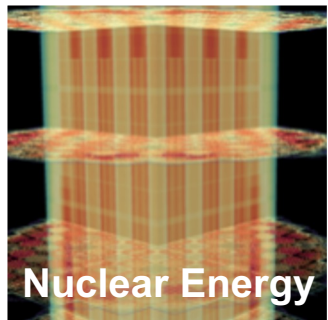
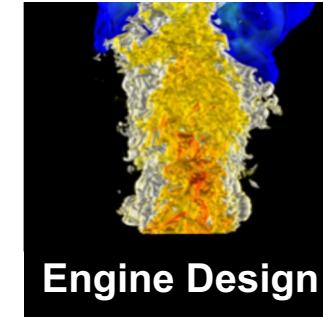
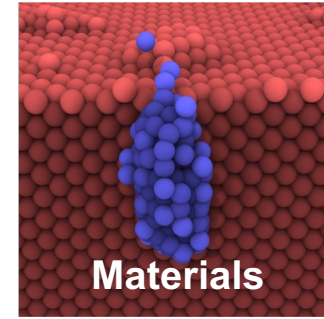
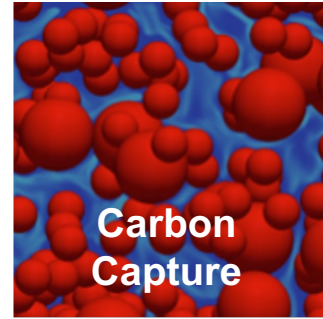
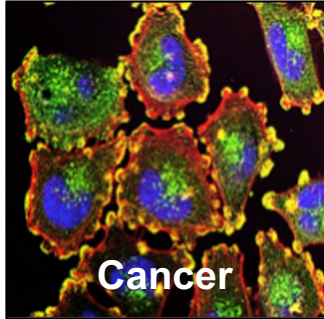
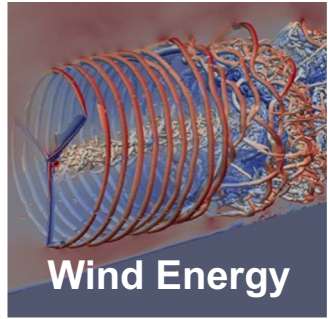
- A **unique collaboration** brought together some of the brightest application, software, and computational experts from coast to coast
- **Best practices and lessons learned** for how to program GPUs – moving the nation forward
- **1000+ researchers** trained and ready for accelerator-based computing
- **1000+ students** introduced to HPC and Exascale computing through ECP’s outreach, training, and workforce development initiatives

Technical work was largely complete as of Dec 31, 2023

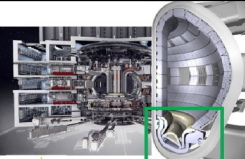
Project leadership team is now working to close out the formal DOE 413.3B project

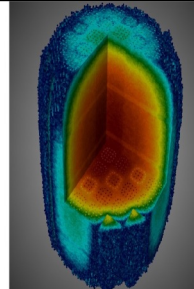
Science and beyond: Applications and discovery in ECP

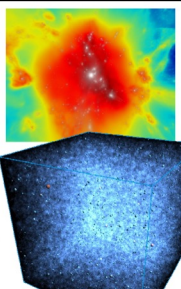
- And more:
- 25 applications
 - 6 co-design centers
 - 70 software products

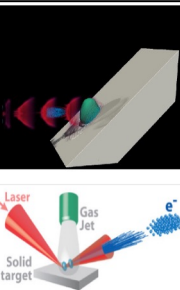


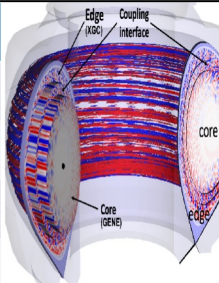
ECP software technologies power diverse applications across multiple architectures

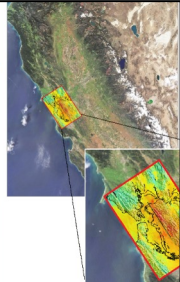
Project/PI	EXAALT: Molecular Dynamics Danny Perez	
Challenge Problem	Damaged surface of Tungsten in conditions relevant to plasma facing materials in fusion reactors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100,000 atoms • T=1200K 	
FOM Speedup	398.5	
Nodes Used	7000	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP Demo: Kokkos, CoPa	

Project/PI	ExaSMR: Small Modular Reactors Steve Hamilton	
Challenge Problem	NuScale-style Small Module Reactor (SMR) with depleted fuel and natural circulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 213,860 Monte Carlo tally cells/6 reactions • 5.12×10^{12} particle histories/cycle, 40 cycles • 1098×10^6 CFD spatial elements • 376×10^9 CFD degrees of freedom • 1500 CFD timesteps 	
FOM Speedup	70	
Nodes Used	6400	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP Demo: CEED Additional: Trilinos	

Project/PI	ExaSky: Cosmology Salman Habib	
Challenge Problem	Two large cosmology simulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gravity-only • hydrodynamics 	
FOM Speedup	271.65	
Nodes Used	8192	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP demo: none Additional: CoPa, VTK-m, CINEMA, HDF5.0	

Project/PI	WarpX: Plasma Wakefield Accelerators Jean-Luc Vay	
Challenge Problem	Wakefield plasma accelerator with a 1PW laser drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.9×10^{12} grid cells • 14×10^{12} macroparticles • 1000 timesteps/1 stage 	
FOM Speedup	500	
Nodes Used	8576	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP Demo: AMReX, libEnsemble Additional: ADIOS, HDF5, VTK-m, ALPINE	

Project/PI	WDMApp: Fusion Tokamaks Amitava Bhattacharjee	
Challenge Problem	Gyrokinetic simulation of the full ITER plasma to predict the height and width of the edge pedestal	
FOM Speedup	150	
Nodes Used	6156	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP Demo: CODAR, CoPa, PETSc, ADIOS Additional: VTK-m	

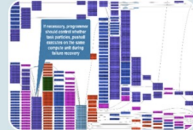
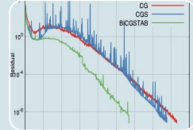
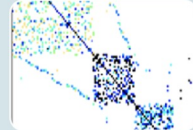
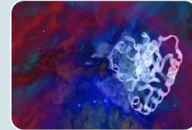


Project/PI	EQSIM: Earthquake Modeling and Risk Dave McCallen	
Challenge Problem	Impacts of Mag 7 rupture on the Hayward Fault on the bay area.	
FOM Speedup	3467	
Nodes Used	5088	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP Demo: RAJA, HDF5	



ECP Software Technologies

- Prepare SW stack for scalability with massive on-node parallelism
- Extend existing capabilities when possible, develop new when not
- Guide, and complement, and integrate with vendor efforts
- Develop and deliver high-quality and robust software products

70 software products across 6 technical areas

					
Programming Models & Runtimes • Enhance and get	Development Tools • Continued, multifaceted capabilities in	Math Libraries • Linear algebra, iterative linear solvers, direct linear solvers, integrators	Data and Visualization • I/O via the HDF5 API	Software Ecosystem • Develop features in Spack necessary to support ST products	NNSA ST • Open source NNSA Software projects • Projects that have both mission-rele

Thank you

<https://www.exascaleproject.org>

Thank you to all collaborators in the ECP and broader computational science communities. **The work discussed in this presentation represents creative contributions of many people who are passionately working toward next-generation computational science.**



EXASCALE COMPUTING PROJECT

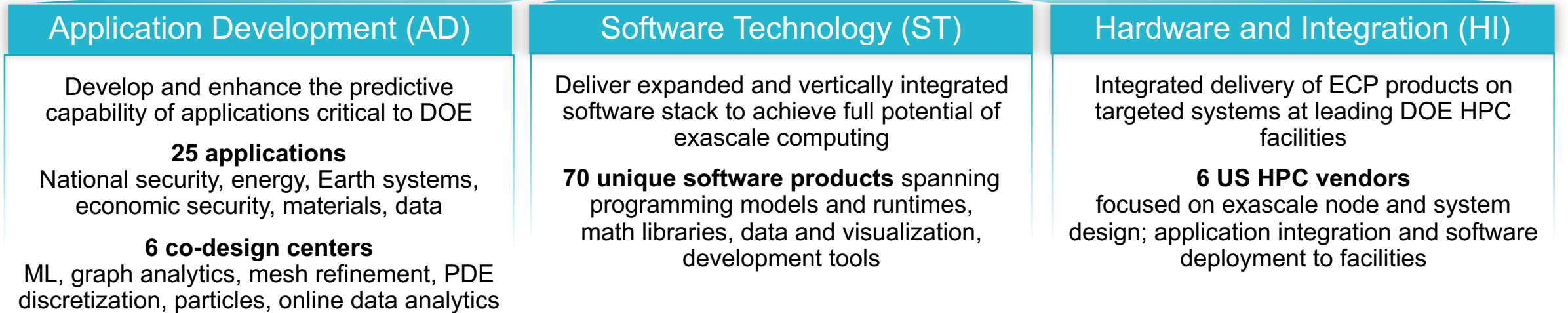
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ECP Deputy Director: Ashley Barker
Former ECP Director: Doug Kothe



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ECP's Technical Focus Areas

Providing the necessary components to meet national goals



Andrew Siegel, AD Director
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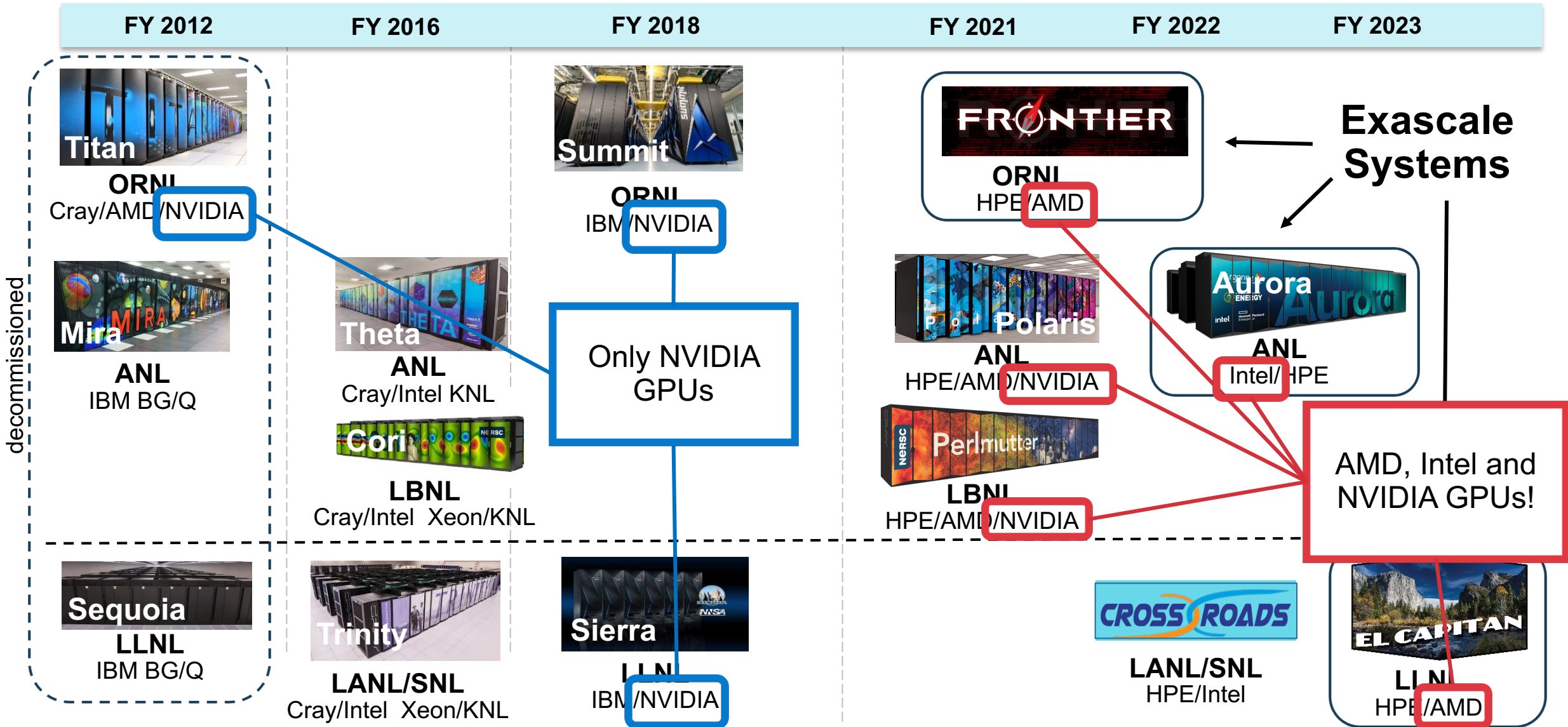


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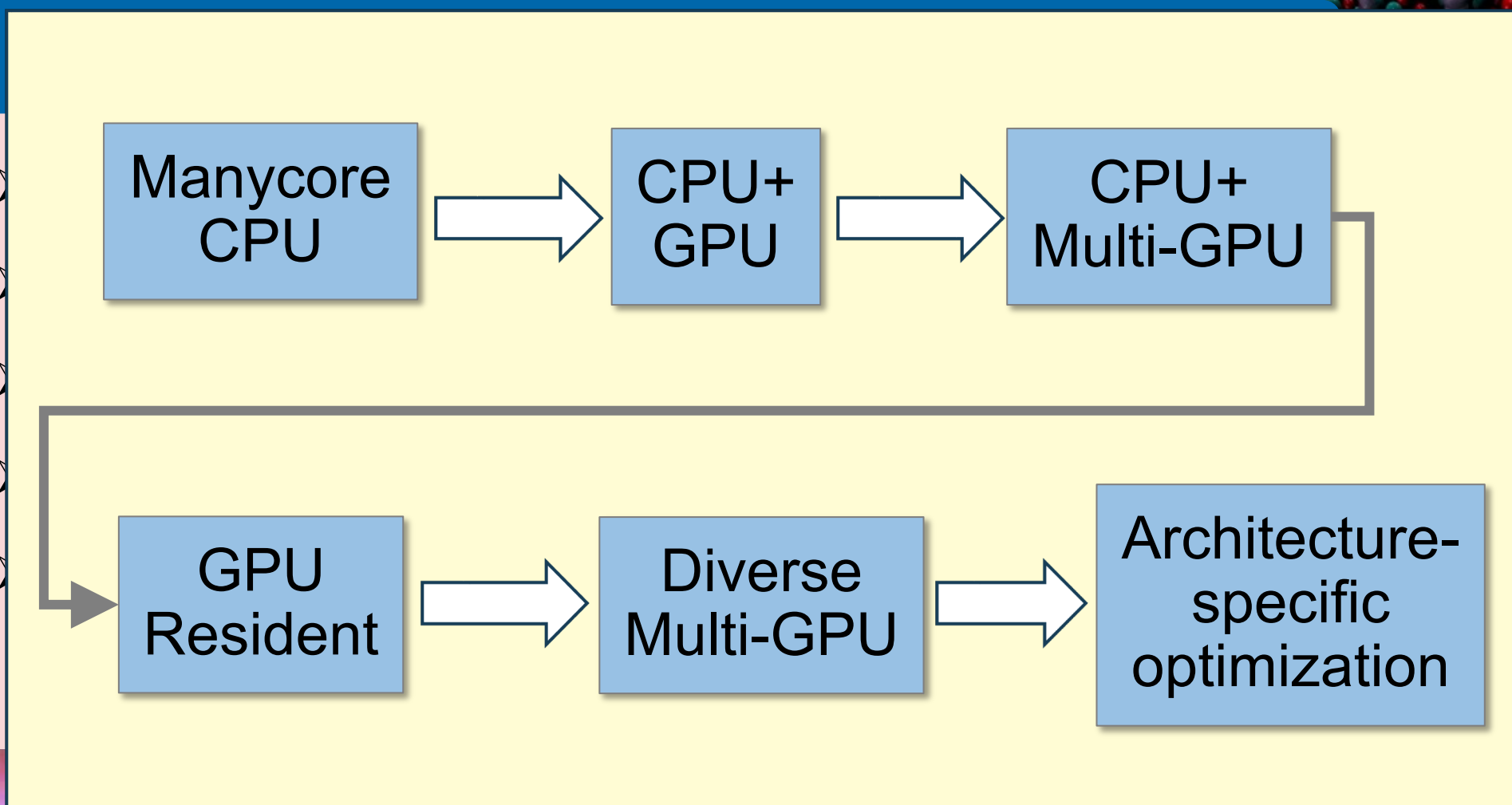
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HPC systems have come a long way since ECP's inception



ECP set ambitious capability and performance goals across a diverse application space

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Power Grid

Additive Manufacturing

Climate

Earthquakes

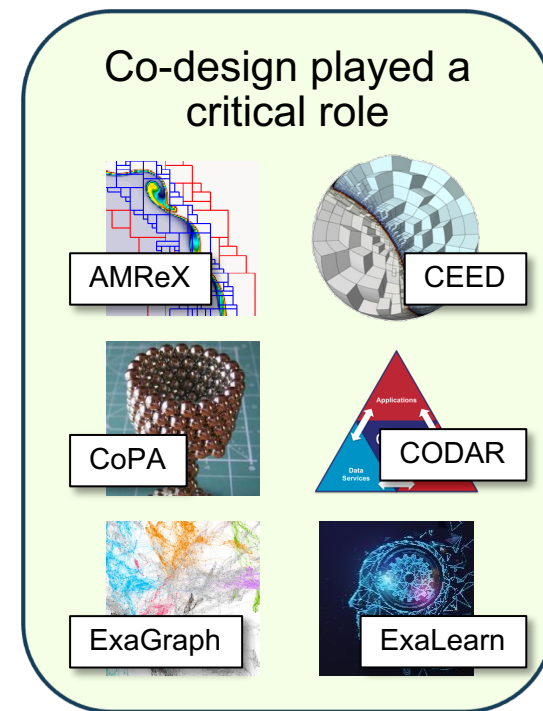
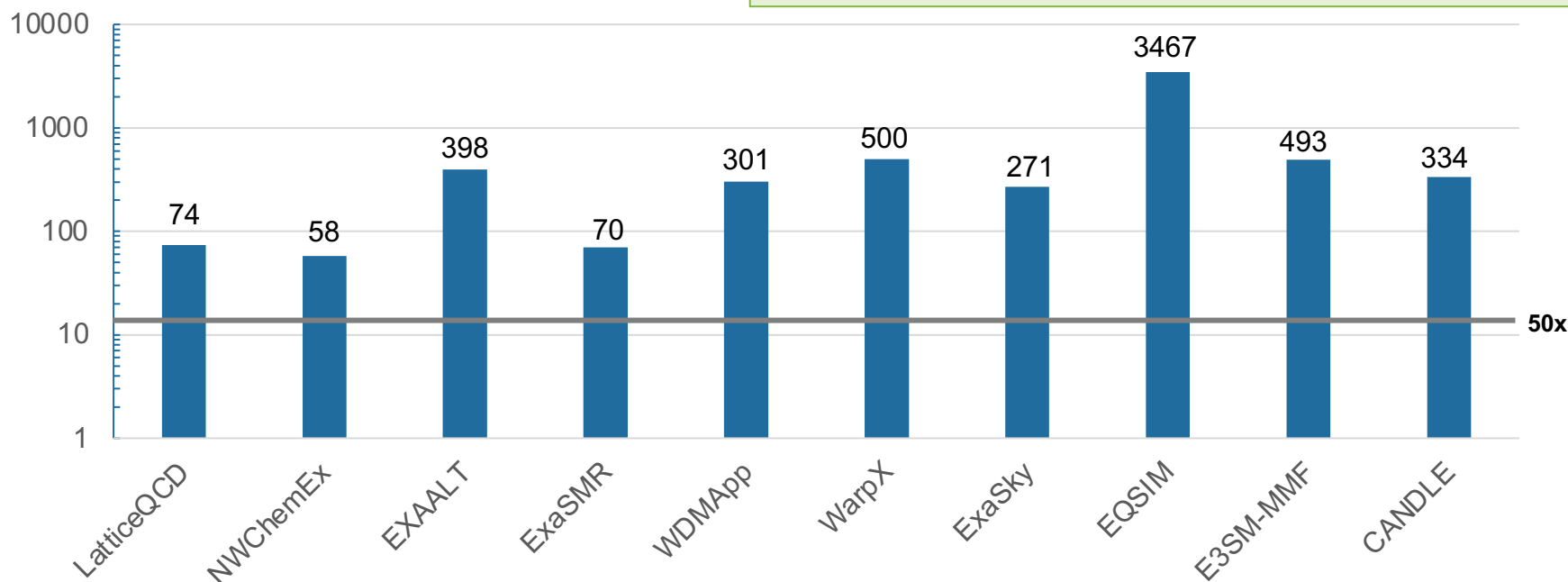
Combustion

Fusion

Catalysis

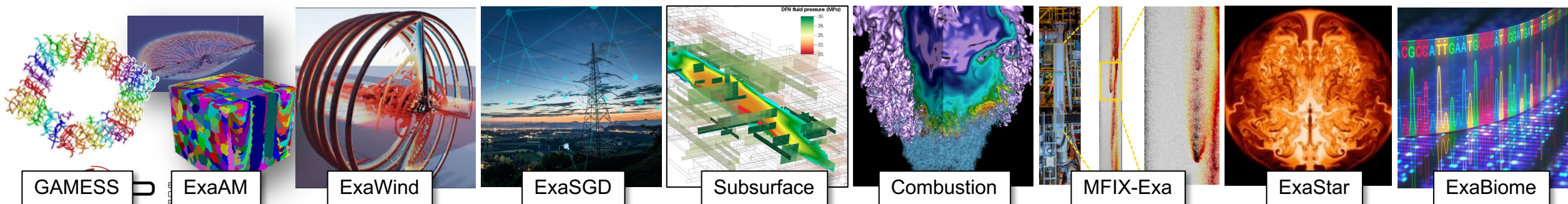
ECP application results exceeded expectations

10 out of 11 KPP-1 projects surpassed ambitious 50x performance target



9 out of 10 science KPP-2 projects completed exascale capability demonstrations

3 out of 4 NNSA KPP-2 applications demonstrated exascale readiness



ExaSMR developed first-of-a-kind simulations of advanced nuclear reactors such as small modular reactors

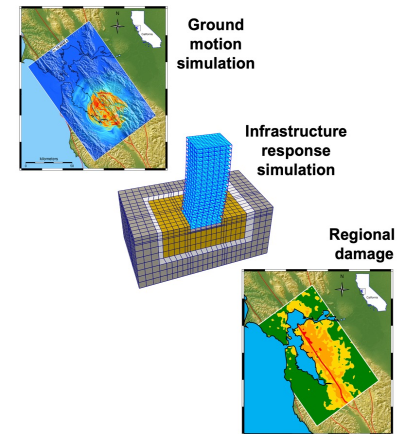
- **Objective:** Help DOE meet its goal of an operational small modular reactor (SMR) in 10 years, a key part of the Department's goal to develop safe, clean, and affordable nuclear power options
- Accomplishments:
 - First fully coupled, fully resolved simulation of nuclear reactor core with coupled Monte Carlo neutron transport and CFD; achieved nearly 100X overall performance improvements in the science work rate
 - Allows study of evolution of nuclear fuel for the first time
 - **Gordon Bell Finalist – SC23!**
- Deliver experiment-quality simulations of reactor behavior to enable the design and commercialization of advanced nuclear reactors and fuels at significant savings in time (from years to months) and money



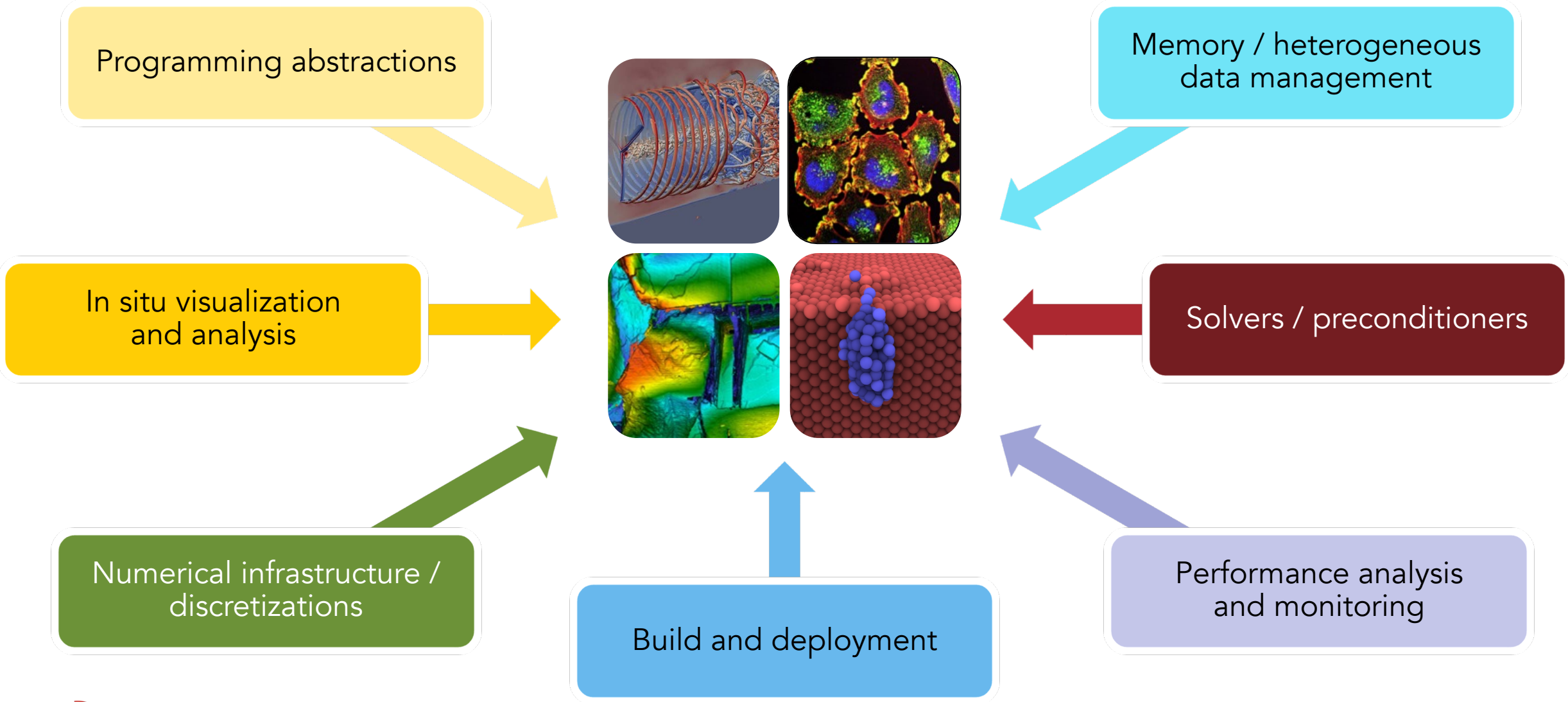
Small modular reactor. Image reproduced with permission of NuScale

EQSIM developed a framework that advances the ability to predict and use site-specific ground motions in earthquake risk assessment

- **Objective:** Create high-performance simulation tools that establish a coupled assessment of earthquake hazard (ground motion) and earthquake risk (infrastructure demands) at regional scale
- Accomplishments:
 - Increased the resolution of earthquake ground motion frequencies from 2Hz to 10Hz
 - Simulations now include strong coupling between regional geophysics and local soil/building models
 - Achieved more than 1000X improvement in computational performance compared to all previous San Francisco Bay Area simulations
- This is a transformational tool for addressing questions of earthquake risk to buildings, energy systems, and other critical infrastructure spanning an entire region



Exascale applications require significant software infrastructure



Achievements in new application science would not have been possible without a robust software stack

- **E4S**: HPC software ecosystem – a curated software portfolio built on software development toolkits (SDKs)
- A **Spack-based** distribution of software tested for interoperability and portability to multiple architectures
- Available from **source, containers, cloud, binary caches**
- Not a commercial product – an open resource for all
- Supported by DOE and commercial entities (ParaTools)
- Growing functionality: February 2024: E4S 24.02 – 120+ full release products

<https://spack.io>

Spack lead: Todd Gamblin (LLNL)



<https://e4s.io>

E4S lead: Sameer Shende (U Oregon)

	Community Policies Commitment to SW quality		DocPortal Single portal to all E4S product info		Portfolio testing Especially leadership platforms
	Curated collection The end of dependency hell		Quarterly releases		Build caches 10X build time improvement
	Turnkey stack A new user experience		https://e4s.io		Post-ECP Strategy LSSw, ASCR Task Force

One of the largest impacts of ECP

- Deployed on Frontier, Aurora, and Perlmutter
- Used on DoD, NOAA, NSF, and many other systems

ECP Software Technology (ST)

Goal

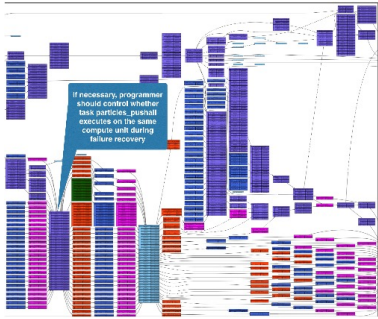
Build a comprehensive, coherent software stack that enables application developers to productively develop highly parallel applications that effectively target diverse exascale architectures

Prepare SW stack for scalability with massive on-node parallelism

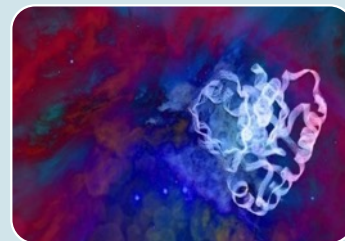
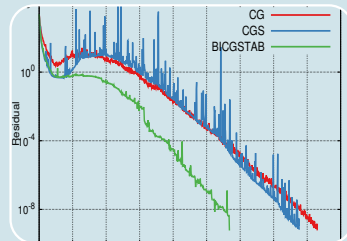
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ECP ST six technical areas



Programming Models & Runtimes

- Enhance and get ready for exascale the MPI and OpenMP programming models (hybrid programming models, deep memory copies)
- Develop performance portability tools (e.g., Kokkos and Raja)
- Support alternate models for potential benefits and risk mitigation: PGAS (UPC++/GASNet), task-based models (Legion, PaRSEC)
- Libraries for deep memory hierarchy and power management



Rajeev Thakur

Development Tools

- Continued, multifaceted capabilities in portable, open-source LLVM compiler ecosystem to support expected ECP architectures, including support for F18
- Performance analysis tools that accommodate new architectures, programming models, e.g., PAPI, Tau



Jeff Vetter

Math Libraries

- Linear algebra, iterative linear solvers, direct linear solvers, integrators and nonlinear solvers, optimization, FFTs, etc
- Performance on new node architectures; extreme strong scalability
- Advanced algorithms for multi-physics, multiscale simulation and outer-loop analysis
- Increasing quality, interoperability, complementarity of math libraries



Sherry Li

Data and Visualization

- I/O via the HDF5 API
- Insightful, memory-efficient in-situ visualization and analysis
- Data reduction via scientific data compression
- Checkpoint restart



Jim Ahrens

Software Ecosystem

- Develop features in Spack necessary to support ST products in E4S, and the AD projects that adopt it
- Develop Spack stacks for reproducible turnkey software deployment
- Optimization and interoperability of containers for HPC
- Regular E4S releases of the ST software stack and SDKs with regular integration of new ST products



Todd Munson

NNSA ST

- Open source NNSA Software projects
- Projects that have both mission role and open science role
- Major technical areas: New programming abstractions, math libraries, data and viz libraries
- Cover most ST technology areas
- Subject to the same planning, reporting and review processes



Kathryn Mohror

ST L4 Teams

- WBS
- Name
- PIs
- PCs – Project Coordinators

ECP ST Stats

- 250 staff
- 70 products
- 35 L4 subprojects
- 30 universities
- 9 DOE labs
- 6 technical areas
- 1 of 3 ECP focus areas

WBS	WBS Name	CAM/PI	PC
2.3	Software Technology	Heroux, Mike, McInnes, Lois	
2.3.1	Programming Models & Runtimes	Thakur, Rajeev	
2.3.1.01	PMR SDK	Shende, Sameer	
2.3.1.07	Exascale MPI (MPICH)	Guo, Yanfei	
2.3.1.08	Legion	McCormick, Pat	
2.3.1.09	PaRSEC	Antz, Hartwig	
2.3.1.14	Pagoda: UPC++/GASNet for Lightweight Communication and Global Address Space Support	Hargrove, Paul	Hargrove, Paul
2.3.1.16	SICM	Pakin, Scott	Turton, Terry
2.3.1.17	OMPI-X	Barnholdt, David	
2.3.1.18	RAJA/Kokkos	Stott, Christian Robert	Trujillo, Gabrielle
2.3.1.19	Argo: Low-level resource management for the OS and runtime	Beckman, Pete	Gupta, Rinku
2.3.2	Development Tools	Vetter, Jeff	
2.3.2.01	Development Tools Software Development Kit	Miller, Barton	Tim Haines
2.3.2.06	Exa-PAPI++: The Exascale Performance Application Programming Interface	Wong, David	Jagode, Heike
2.3.2.08	Extending HPCToolkit to Measure and Analyze Code Performance on Exascale Platforms	Mellor-Crummey, John	Meng, Xiaozhu
2.3.2.10	PROTEAS-TUNE	Vetter, Jeff	
2.3.2.11	SOLLVE: Scaling OpenMP with LLVM for Exascale	Chandrasekaran, Sunita	Vergara, Veronica
2.3.2.12	FLANG	Wick, Pat	Perry-Holby, Alexis
2.3.3	Mathematical Libraries	Li, Sherry	
2.3.3.01	Extreme-scale Scientific xSDK for ECP	Yang, Ulrike	
2.3.3.06	Preparing PETSc/TAO for Exascale	Munson, Todd	
2.3.3.07	STRUMPACK/SuperLU/FFTX: sparse direct solvers, preconditioners, and libraries	Woodward, Carol	
2.3.3.12	Enabling Time Integrators for Exascale Through SUNDIALS/ Hypre	Anzt, Hartwig	
2.3.3.13	CLOVER: Computational Libraries Optimized Via Exascale Research	Prakopanko, Andrey	
2.3.3.14	ALExa: Accelerated Libraries for Exascale/ForTrilinos	Yajama, Ramin	Trujillo, Gabrielle
2.3.3.15	Sake: Solvers and Kernels for Exascale	Ahrens, James	
2.3.4	Data and Visualization	O'Leary, Patrick	
2.3.4.01	Data and Visualization Software Development Kit	Klasky, Scott	
2.3.4.09	ADIOS Framework for Scientific Data on Exascale Systems	Riley, Robert	Stoss, Rob
2.3.4.10	DataLib: Data Libraries and Services Enabling Exascale Science	Moreland, Kenneth	Moreland, Kenneth
2.3.4.13	ECP/VTK-m	Cappello, Franck	Ehling, Scott
2.3.4.14	VeloC: Very Low Overhead Transparent Multilevel Checkpoint/Restart/Sz	Wu, John	Bagha, Neelam
2.3.4.15	ExaIO - Delivering Efficient Parallel I/O on Exascale Computing Systems with HDF5 and UnifyFS	Wang, Jie	Turton, Terry
2.3.4.16	ALPINE: Algorithms and Infrastructure for In Situ Visualization and Analysis	ZFP	
2.3.5	Software Ecosystem and Delivery	Munson, Todd	
2.3.5.01	Software Ecosystem and Delivery Software Development Kit	Willenbring, James M	Willenbring, James M
2.3.5.09	SW Packaging Technologies	Gamblin, Todd	Gamblin, Todd
2.3.5.10	ExaWorks	Laney, Dan	Laney, Dan
2.3.6	NNSA ST	Mohror, Kathryn	
2.3.6.01	LANL ATDM	Randles, Tim	Turton, Terry
2.3.6.02	LLNL ATDM	Springmeyer, Becky	Gamblin, Todd
2.3.6.03	SNL ATDM	Stewart, Jim	Trujillo, Gabrielle

- ~250 staff
- ~70 products
- 34 teams
- ~30 universities
- ~9 DOE labs
- 6 technical areas
- 1 focus area of 3 in ECP



A Sampler of Products

MPICH is a high performance portable implementation of the Message Passing Interface (MPI) standard.



RAJVA

- No two projects alike
- Some personality driven
- Some community driven
- Small, medium, large



OpenMP



ECP Software Technology works on products that apps need now and in the future

Key themes:

- Focus: GPU node architectures and advanced memory & storage technologies
- Create: New high-concurrency, latency tolerant algorithms
- Develop: New portable (Nvidia, Intel, AMD GPUs) software product
- Enable: Access and use via standard APIs

Legacy: A stack that enables performance portable application development on leadership platforms

Software categories:

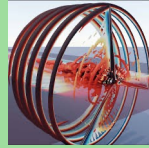
- **Next generation established products:** Widely used HPC products (e.g., MPICH, OpenMPI, PETSc)
- **Robust emerging products:** Address key new requirements (e.g., **Kokkos, RAJA, Ginkgo, Spack**)
- **New products:** Enable exploration of emerging HPC requirements (e.g., **Variorum, zfp**)



Example Products	Engagement
MPI – Backbone of HPC apps	Explore/develop MPICH and OpenMPI new features & standards
OpenMP/OpenACC –On-node parallelism	Explore/develop new features and standards
C++ Performance Portability Abstractions	Lightweight APIs for compile-time polymorphisms
LLVM/Vendor compilers	Injecting HPC features, testing/feedback to vendors
Perf Tools - PAPI, TAU, HPCToolkit	Explore/develop new features
Math Libraries: BLAS, sparse solvers, etc.	Scalable algorithms and software, critical enabling technologies
IO: HDF5, MPI-IO, ADIOS	Standard and next-gen IO, leveraging non-volatile storage
Viz/Data Analysis	ParaView-related product development, node concurrency

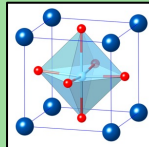
ECP applications would not have been successful without close collaboration with software technology developers

ExaWind: advanced wind farm modeling



Sparse linear solvers optimized for strong scaling and GPU performance **from hypre and Trilinos**

QMCPACK: quantum Monte Carlo for materials



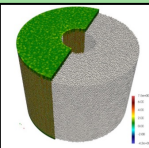
Batched dense linear algebra kernels significantly improved GPU performance **from SLATE**

ExaSGD: power grid optimization



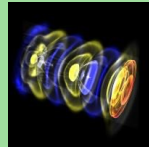
Optimize sparse indefinite solvers developed and optimized for large-scale grid problems **from SuperLU and Ginkgo**

ExaSMR: small modular reactor modeling



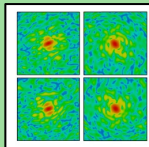
Custom discretization designed and tuned for specific reactor assembly **from CEED**

WarpX: plasma wakefield accelerator design



Adaptive mesh data structures and solvers highly optimized for GPU performance **from AMReX**

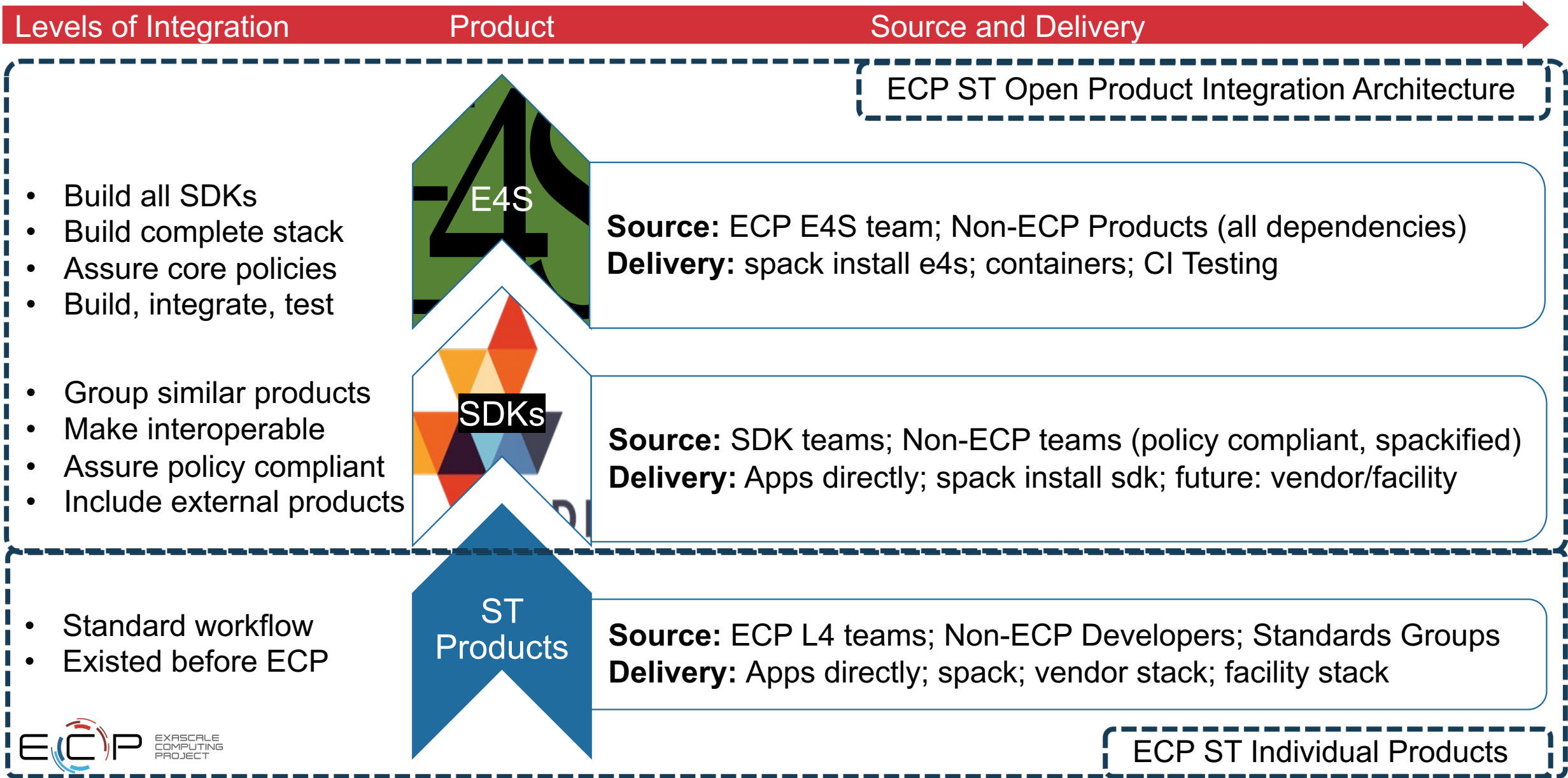
ExaFEL: real-time light source analysis and reconstruction



Non-uniform FFTs designed to minimize data motion **from FFTX**

Delivering an open, hierarchical software ecosystem

More than a collection of individual products



E4S and SDKs as platforms are providing tremendous value

Activity	SDKs	E4S
Planning	Transparent and collaborative requirements, analysis and design, delivery – better plans, less effort, improved complementarity	Campaign-based portfolio planning coordinated with Facilities, vendors, community ecosystem, non-DOE partners
Implementation	Leverage shared knowledge, infrastructure, best practices	ID and assist product teams with cross-cutting issues
Cultivating community	Within a specific technical domain: Portability layers, LLVM coordination, sparse solvers, etc.	Across delivery and deployment, with software teams, facilities' staff, with non-DOE users in industry, US agencies
Resolving issues, sharing solutions	Performance bottlenecks and tricks, coordinated packaging and use of substrate, e.g., Desul for RAJA and Kokkos	Build system bugs and enhancements, protocols for triage, tracking & resolution, leverage across & beyond DOE
Improving quality	Shared practice improvement, domain-specific quality policies, reduced incidental differences and redundancies, per-commit CI testing of portfolio	Portfolio-wide quality policies with assessment process and quality improvement efforts, documentation portal, portfolio testing on many platforms not available to developers. Address supply chain needs
Path-finding	Collaborative exploration and development of leading-edge tools and processes	Exploration and development of leading-edge packaging and distribution tools and workflows that provide capabilities and guidance for others
Training	Collaborative content creation and curation, coordinated training events for domain users, deep, problem-focused solutions using multiple products	Portfolio installation and use, set up of build caches, turnkey and portable installations, container and cloud instances
Developer experience	Increased community interaction, increased overhead (some devs question value), improved R&D exploration, e.g., variable precision	Low-cost product visibility via doc portal, wide distribution via E4S as from-source/pre-installed/container environment
User experience	Improve multi-product use, better APIs through improved design, easier understanding of what to use when	Rapid access to latest stable feature sets, installation on almost any HPC system, leadership to laptop
Scientific Software R&D	Shared knowledge of new algorithmic advances, licensing, build tools, and more	Programmatic cultivation of scientific software R&D not possible at smaller scales
Community development	Attractive and collaborative community that attracts junior members to join, establishes multi-institutional friendships & careers	Programmatic cultivation of community through outreach and funded opportunities that expand the sustainable membership possibilities



xSDK: Primary delivery mechanism for ECP math libraries' continual advancements

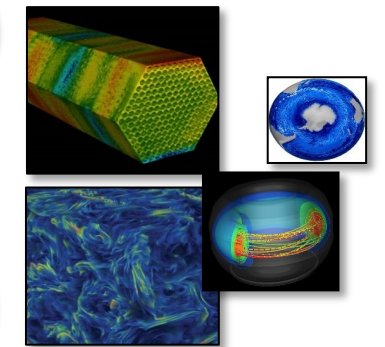
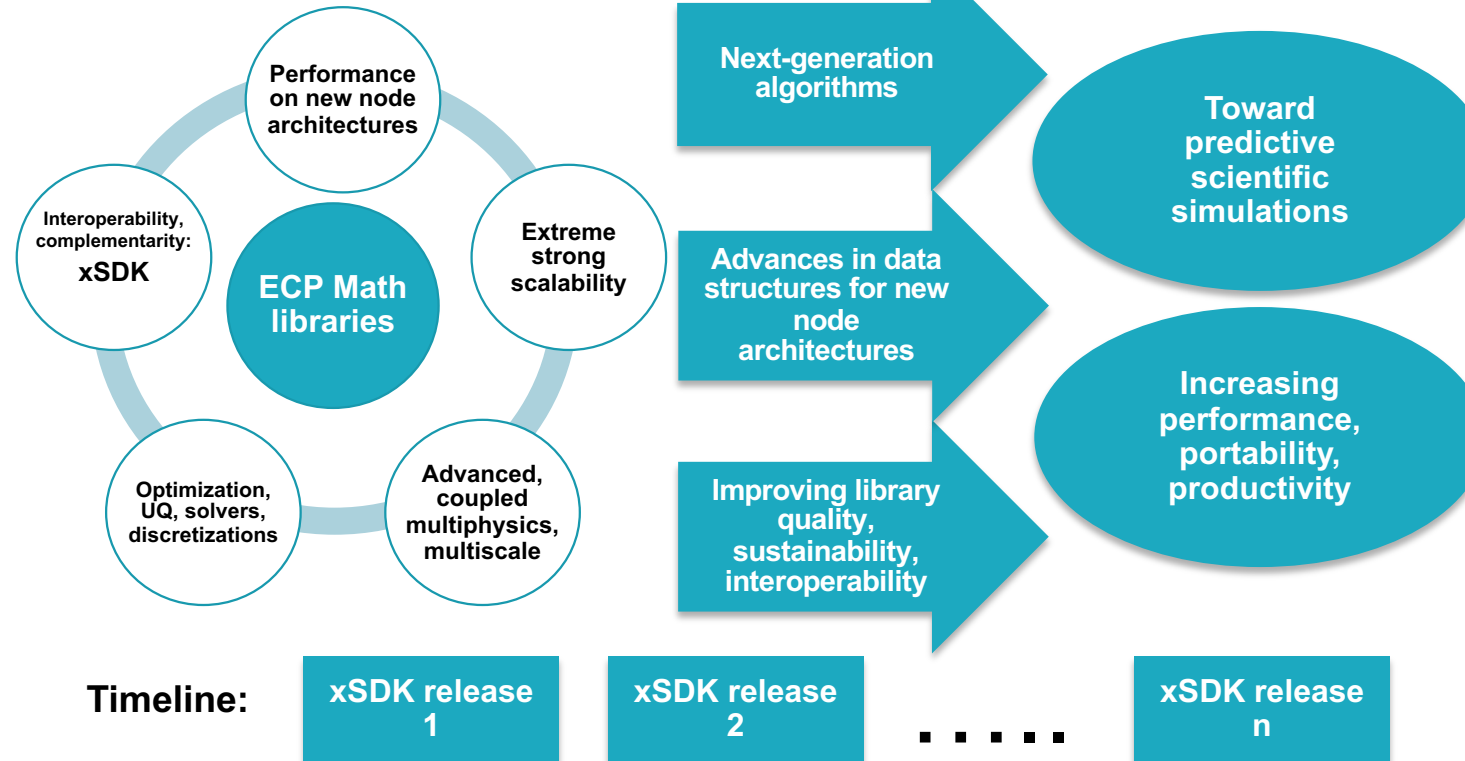


xSDK lead: Ulrike Meier Yang (LLNL)
xSDK release lead: Satish Balay (ANL)

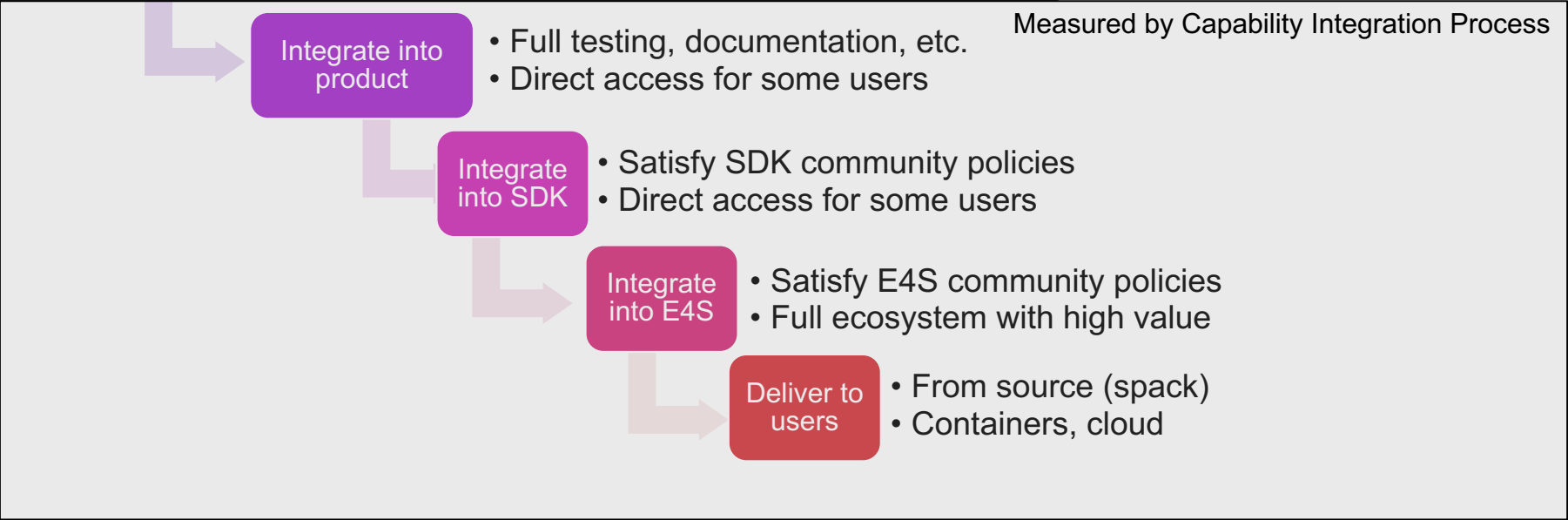
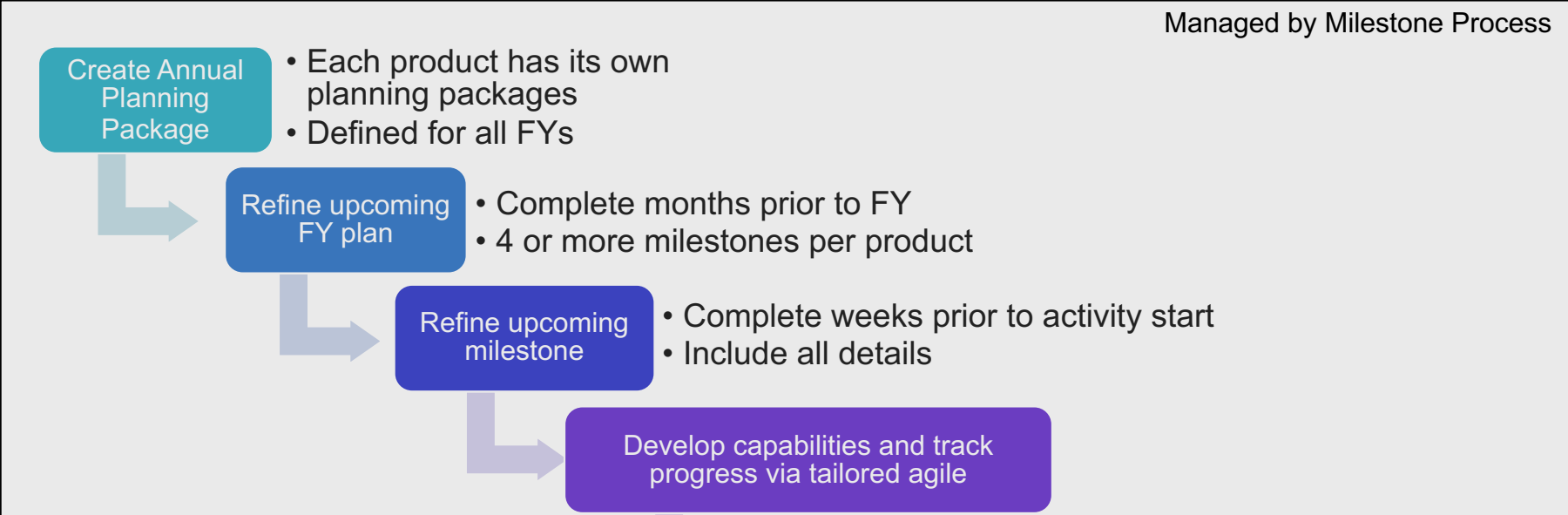
xSDK release 1.0.0 (Nov 2023)

- hypr
 - PETSc/TAO
 - SuperLU
 - Trilinos
 - AMReX
 - ArborX
 - ButterflyPACK
 - DTK
 - ExaGO
 - Ginkgo
 - heFFTe
 - HiOp
 - libEnsemble
 - MAGMA
 - MFEM
 - Omega_h
 - PLASMA
 - PUMI
 - SLATE
 - Tasmanian
 - SUNDIALS
 - Strumpack
 - Alquimia
 - PFLOTRAN
 - deal.II
 - preCICE
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- } from the broader community

As motivated and validated by the needs of ECP applications:



Macro-engineering lifecycle summary



E4S Business Model: Optimize Cost & Benefit Sharing



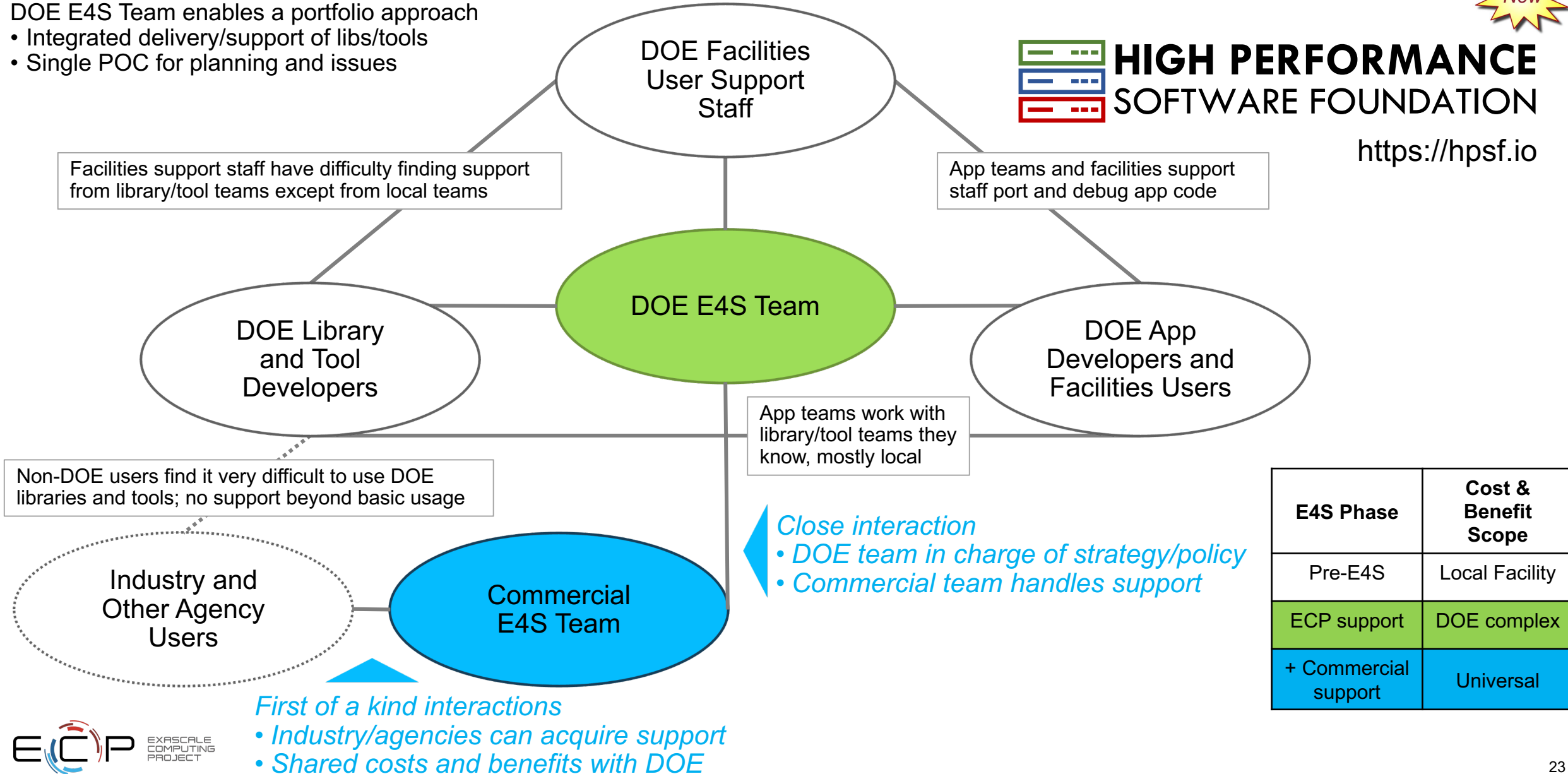
DOE E4S Team enables a portfolio approach

- Integrated delivery/support of libs/tools
- Single POC for planning and issues

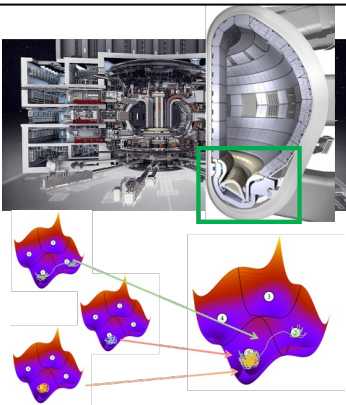


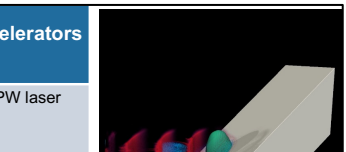
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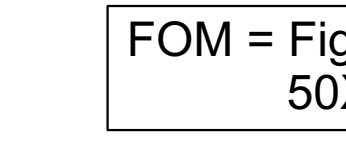
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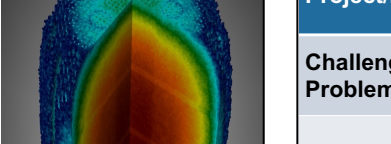


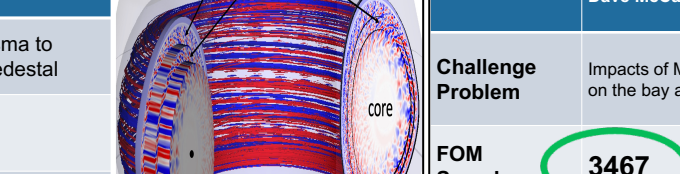
100X Demonstrated: ECP-sponsored application FOMs

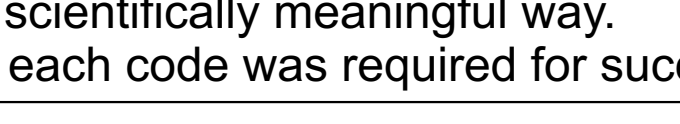
Project/PI	EXAALT: Molecular Dynamics Danny Perez	
Challenge Problem	Damaged surface of Tungsten in conditions relevant to plasma facing materials in fusion reactors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100,000 atoms T=1200K 	
FOM Speedup	398.5	
Nodes Used	7000	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP Demo: Kokkos, CoPa	

Project/PI	ExaSMR: Small Modular Reactors Steve Hamilton	
Challenge Problem	NuScale-style Small Module Reactor (SMR) with depleted fuel and natural circulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 213,860 Monte Carlo tally cells/6 reactions 5.12×10^{12} particle histories/cycle, 40 cycles 1098×10^6 CFD spatial elements 376×10^9 CFD degrees of freedom 1500 CFD timesteps 	
FOM Speedup	70	
Nodes Used	6400	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP Demo: CEED Additional: Trilinos	

Project/PI	ExaSky: Cosmology Salman Habib	
Challenge Problem	Two large cosmology simulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gravity-only hydrodynamics 	
FOM Speedup	271.65	
Nodes Used	8192	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP demo: none Additional: CoPa, VTK-m, CINEMA, HDF5.0	

Project/PI	WarpX: Plasma Wakefield Accelerators Jean-Luc Vay	
Challenge Problem	Wakefield plasma accelerator with a 1PW laser drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.9×10^{12} grid cells 14×10^{12} macroparticles 1000 timesteps/1 stage 	
FOM Speedup	500	
Nodes Used	8576	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP Demo: AMReX, libEnsemble Additional: ADIOS, HDF5, VTK-m, ALPINE	

Project/PI	WDMApp: Fusion Tokamaks Amitava Bhattacharjee	
Challenge Problem	Gyrokinetic simulation of the full ITER plasma to predict the height and width of the edge pedestal	
FOM Speedup	150	
Nodes Used	6156	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP Demo: CODAR, CoPA, PETSc, ADIOS Additional: VTK-m	

Project/PI	EQSIM: Earthquake Modeling and Risk Dave McCallen	
Challenge Problem	Impacts of Mag 7 rupture on the Hayward Fault on the bay area.	
FOM Speedup	3467	
Nodes Used	5088	
ST/CD Tools	Used in KPP Demo: RAJA, HDF5	

FOM = Figure of Merit: Speedup in a scientifically meaningful way.
50X or more improvement for each code was required for success.

Advancing scientific productivity through better scientific software

Reducing technical risk by building a firmer foundation for computational science

Addressing a National Imperative

The Exascale Computing Project is an aggressive research, development, and deployment project focused on delivery of mission-critical applications, an integrated software stack, and exascale hardware technology advances.

Application
Development



Software
Technology



Hardware &
Integration

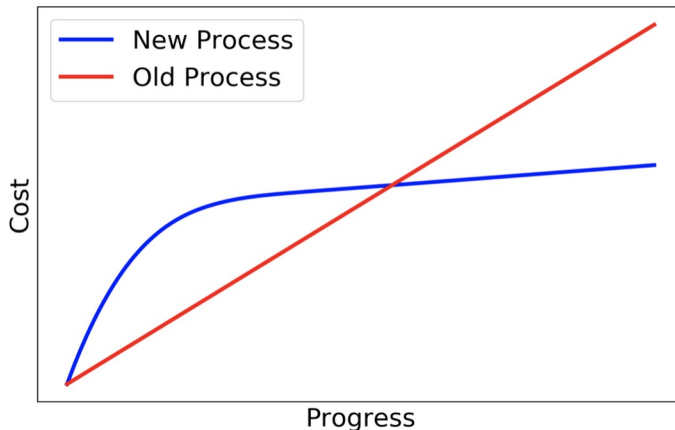


Training and Productivity

Lead: Osni Marques, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

For applications to take full advantage of exascale hardware and software, a robust developer training and productivity program keeps application and software team members, staff, and other stakeholders abreast of emerging technologies and key technologies of importance to ECP. These projects are done in close collaboration among the computing facilities, vendors, and the ECP community.

< Hardware & Integration



Improving developer productivity and software sustainability:
Nurturing a culture of continual improvement in software practices

Recognizing that change requires investment but pays off over time

Impact: Helping ECP teams to achieve:

- **Better:** Science, portability, robustness, composability
- **Faster:** Execution, development, dissemination
- **Cheaper:** Fewer staff hours and lines of code

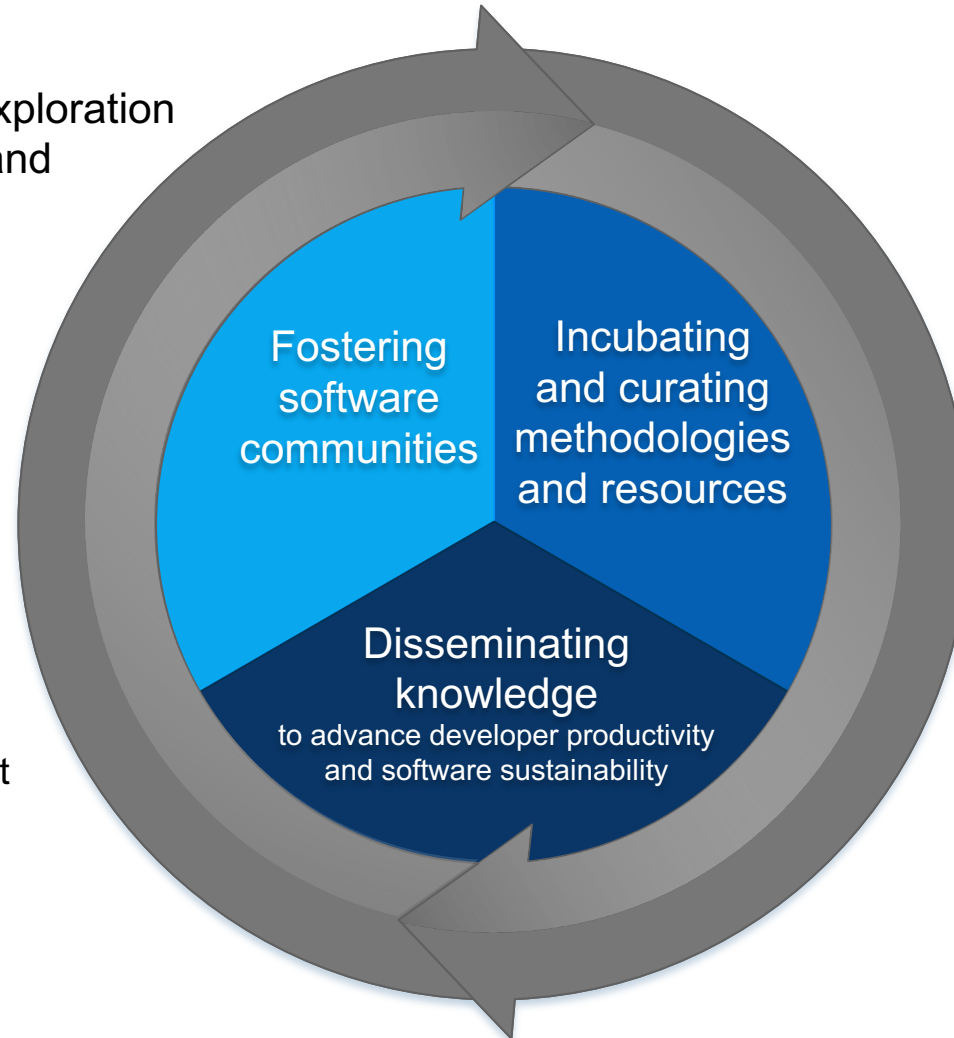
IDEAS
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Advancing scientific productivity through better scientific software

Science through computing is only as good as the software that produces it.

- Accelerating design space exploration
- Advancing quality, usability and interoperability, while respecting team autonomy
- Software community policies
- Software Development Kits (SDKs) and E4S
 - xSDK, CAT-SDK, DAV-SDK, SWAS, etc
- Webinar Series:
 - HPC Best Practices
 - HPC Workforce Development and Retention
- Tutorials on Practices for Better Scientific Software



- Productivity and Sustainability Improvement Planning (PSIP)
- *Team of teams* concepts
- Better Scientific Software (BSSw.io) website
- BSSw Fellowship Program
- Panel Series:
 - Strategies for Working Remotely
 - Performance Portability
- Events: BOFs, workshops, and more

Moving Forward

We believe that IDEAS has been an important catalyst for the scientific software community in ECP and beyond, but two further elements are essential for continued qualitative growth...

- Increasing focus on **research software science**
 - Applying our experience with hypothesis-driven science to improve our understanding of how scientific software is developed and used
 - Social-, cognitive-, hard-science, and engineering viewpoints needed
- Changing the prevailing attitude that scientific software productivity, sustainability, and trustworthiness are not just “nice to have” but **“must-have”**
 - Innovators and early adopters are there
 - But many still prioritize more scientific results at the expense of beneficial investments in the software behind them



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Science through computing is,
at best,
as credible as the software that produces it!





A key message of the BSSw tutorials


Consortium for the Advancement of Scientific Software


DOE Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR)
Next-Generation Scientific Software Technologies
Post-ECP: Collaboration among Software Stewardship Organizations (SSOs)


<https://cass.community>


 **PESO:** Stewarding, evolving and integrating a cohesive ecosystem for DOE software


 **RAPIDS & FASTMath:** Stewardship, advancement, integration for math, data/vis, and ML/AI packages.

 **SWAS:** Stewardship and project support for scientific workflow software and its community

 **S4PST:** Stewardship, advancement and engagement for programming systems.

 **STEP:** Stewardship, advancement of software tools for understanding performance and behavior.

 **COLABS:** Training, workforce development, and building the RSE community.

 **CORSA:** Partnering with foundations to provide onboarding paths for DOE-funded software.

Addressing the stewardship needs of the ASCR scientific software ecosystem

Member organizations have distinct and complementary foci with the goal of ensuring the long-term viability of the ASCR software ecosystem so that it may continue to serve as the base for future DOE-funded research.

PESO: Partnering for Scientific Software Ecosystem Stewardship Opportunities



Stakeholders:
Applications Community
Commercial HPC Companies
Industrial Users
US Agencies

DOE Computing Facilities:
ALCF NERSC
OLCF

CRLC: Computational Research Leadership Council: ANL, BNL, LBNL, LLNL, LANL, ORNL, PNNL, SNL

PESO Advisory Board
Reps from ANL, LBNL, LLNL, LANL, ORNL, SNL

S3C Consortium
PESO, COLABS, CORSA, OASIS, STEP, SWAS, S4PST

DOE Program Managers
ASCR: Hal Finkel, Ben Brown, Saswata Hier-Majumder, Robinson Pino, Bill Spotz, David Rabson
NNSA: Si Hammond

PESO: Partnering for Scientific Software Ecosystem Stewardship Opportunities

Mike Heroux, SNL - PI

Lois Curfman McInnes, ANL - Co-PI

PESO Partnerships

Stakeholder Engagement
(Mike Heroux, SNL)

Partnerships Coordinator
(Terece Turton, LANL)

Community Development
(Lois Curfman McInnes, ANL)

Strategic engagement with consortium partners, applications, facilities, industry and agencies (in collaboration with and co-funded by SSOs)

- William Godoy, ORNL, On-node programming systems (w. S4PST)
- Rajeev Thakur, ANL, Inter-node programming systems (w. S4PST)
- Sameer Shende, Univ of Oregon, Tools (w. STEP)
- Sherry Li, LBNL, Math libraries (w. OASIS)
- Berk Geveci, Kitware, Data and viz (w. OASIS)
- Lavanya Ramakrishnan, LBNL, Workflows (w. SWAS)
- Mahantesh Halappanavar, PNNL, AI/ML (w. OASIS)

Unfunded partners: Strategic engagement with NNSA, communities of practice, applications, facilities, industry, agencies

- David Bernholdt, ORNL, RSE engagement (funded by COLABS)
- Addi Malviya-Thakur, ORNL, Foundation engagement (funded by CORSA)
- Elaine Raybourn, SNL, Consortium-wide community development (funded by CORSA)
- Ulrike Yang, LLNL, NNSA software (funded by NNSA)
- Partners at ALCF, NERSC, OLCF (funded by facilities, SW integration)

Broadening Participation Initiative

- Mary Ann Leung, Sustainable Horizons Institute, PIER planning, lead of Sustainable Research Pathways (SRP)
- Daniel Martin, LBNL, lab lead of Sustainable Research Pathways
- Suzanne Parete-Koon, ORNL, lead of HPC Workforce Development and Retention Action Group

Better Scientific Software (BSSw) Fellowship Program

- Elsa Gonsiorowski, LLNL, Coordinator of BSSw Fellowship Program
- Erik Palmer, LBNL, Deputy Coordinator of BSSw Fellowship Program

PESO Services

Integration Coordinator
(Jim Willenbring, SNL)

Software portfolio management and integration (in collaboration with and co-funded by SSOs)

- Damien Lebrun-Grandie, ORNL, On-node prog systems (w. S4PST)
- Hui Zhou, ANL, Inter-node programming systems (w. S4PST)
- Bill Hoffman, Kitware, Tools (w. STEP)
- Satish Balay, ANL, Math libs (w. OASIS)
- Patrick O'Leary, Kitware, Data & viz (w. OASIS)
- Matteo Turilli, BNL, Workflows (w. SWAS)
- Sam Browne, SNL, NNSA software (funded by NNSA)

SQA & Security
(David Bernholdt, ORNL)

- Ross Bartlett (SNL)
- Berk Geveci (Kitware)
- Jim Willenbring (SNL)

PESO Products

E4S
(Sameer Shende, U Oregon)

- Luke Peyralans, Erik Keever, Wyatt Spear, Jordi Rodriguez

Spack (Todd Gamblin, LLNL)

- Greg Becker, LLNL
- Tammy Dahlgren, LLNL

Port & Test Platforms
(Gamblin & Shende)

- In partnership with Univ of Oregon, Cloud, etc.

BSSw.io Content (w. COLABS)

- Ross Bartlett, SNL
- Keith Beattie, LBNL
- Patricia Grubel, LANL
- Mark Miller, LLNL



Strategy & Integration – Members are part of other SSO teams, NNSA, for tight collaboration



ECP has been very active in outreach to industry and other US Government agencies

NOAA collaboration points

- E4S use on the cloud
- Allowed first successful run of GFLD Earth system model on the cloud
- Exploring Spack-stack builds

DoD collaboration points

- E4S deployment on five DoD systems (Cray EX, HPE SGI 8600)
- Spack tools extensively used
- Deep dive evaluation of 16 E4S packages (Ascent, Exaworks, Flux, Kokkos, RAJA, PETSc, LAMMPS, etc.)

TAE Technologies collaboration points

- Adopted WarpX, AMReX, Adios, Ascent, for fusion framework
- Extending WarpX with new physics models
- Went from ALCF Theta CPUs to Perlmutter GPUs



Date	ECP/IAC Events
April 11, 2023	NASA/AD deep dive
July 18, 2023	NASA/ST deep dive
August 17, 2023	IAC Quarterly Call
October 3, 2023	Continuous Integration Workshop
October 25, 2023	Final in-person meeting of the IAC members
November 16, 2023	Impact of Exascale on Industry Panel at SC23
January 31-Feb 1	Final in-person meeting of the IAC tech reps

ECP created programs to train the next generation pipeline for the DOE HPC workforce

Sustainable Research Pathways

<https://shinstitute.org/sustainable-research-pathways>

Summer 2022

- 61 participants at 9 labs: 13 student track, 16 faculty track (+29 students), 3 self-funded students
- 82% of overall participants represent at least 1 element of diversity

Summer 2023

- Multi-lab CRLC program spanning ECP and other computational and data science projects
- 189 faculty & students at 10 labs (120 funded thru ECP, 69 funded thru labs)

Summer 2024

- ECP launch via SRP Matching Workshop, Oct 31-Nov 3, 2023
- Targeting @ 100 participants



Intro to HPC Bootcamp

- Hosted at NERSC, August 7-11, 2023
- 60 students from 22 states
 - 48% first-generation scholars
- 14 project leaders & trainers (ANL, LBL, ORNL)
- 7 group projects: HPC topics related to energy justice
- Many have now applied to be part of SRP matching workshop for 2024
- **Website:** <https://shinstitute.org/introduction-to-high-performance-computing-bootcamp>

Argonne Training Program on Extreme-Scale Computing (ATPESC)

- Incorporated into ECP at project inception; 2-week training program at ANL focused on late graduate career, postdocs, early career scientists
- *“There are numerous HPC-related training offerings available across the community, but ATPESC is truly the standard by which all others are measured.”* -- Eric Neilsen, NASA Langley, Lead of FUN3D

ECP investments enabled a 100X improvement in capabilities

- **7 years** building an **accelerated, cloud-ready** software ecosystem
- Positioned to utilize **accelerators from multiple vendors** that others cannot
- **Emphasized software quality**: testing, documentation, design, and more
- Prioritized **community engagement**: Webinars, BOFs, tutorials, and more
- **DOE portability layers** are the credible way to
 - Build codes that are sustainable **across multiple GPUs** and
 - **Avoid vendor lock-in**
 - **Avoid growing divergence** and hand tuning in your code base
- ECP software can **lower costs** and **increase performance** for **accelerated** platforms
- Outside of AI, industry has not caught up
 - DOE enables an entirely different class of applications and capabilities to use accelerated nodes
 - In addition to AI
- **ECP legacy: A path and software ecosystem for others to leverage**

Software Ecosystem Lessons Learned

- **A hierarchical, process-driven approach to scientific library & tool development can work**
 - ECP produced a large collection of products that provide portable access to GPU-based systems
 - Working across labs, facilities, universities, vendors was extremely success, never done before for software
- **Software as a facility has promise**
 - ECP enabled us to operate a software organization as a facility for several years
 - A single organization with connections to all other HPC entities enabled DOE software to be a first-order entity in the organizational ecosystem
 - Many fruitful relationships grew out of this model



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ECP Software Technology Capability Assessment Report V3.0

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Performance Portability Lessons Learned

- **Node-level performance portability is possible**
 - Library approaches like Kokkos, RAJA, others can work well
 - Offer the first real possibility that apps can have one source code base, with perhaps some device-specific kernels
 - Markup approaches (OpenMP, OpenACC), vendor-specific (CUDA, HIP, SYCL) needed
 - But are best used underneath Kokkos and RAJA (so far)
- **Library support for diverse application node programming choices is possible**
 - Regardless of which choice the apps make (Kokkos, RAJA, OpenMP, OpenACC, CUDA, HIP, SYCL)
 - ECP libraries and tools can be compiled and configured to support that choice
- **ECP investments in node-parallel algorithms, libraries, and tools have broad impact**
 - All mainstream energy-efficient computing requires use of accelerator devices
 - ECP investments provide capabilities for NVIDIA, AMD, and Intel GPUs
 - ECP software strategies also greatly reduce the time and effort for porting to future accelerators

Software Governance Lessons Learned

- **ECP as a 413.3b project with tailored EVM provided a clear process for software governance**
 - **Hierarchical organizational structure with deep domain leadership enabled robust decision making**
 - **Structure gave ECP the ability to proactively manage cost, scope, schedule:**
 - Manage and adjust budgets: Annual reviews, plus ups, reductions
 - Coach underperforming teams: Better ECP alignment, better software practices
 - Off-ramp chronically mis-aligned or underperforming projects
 - Identify and address functionality gaps:
 - Iteratively plan, execute, track, and assess toward project goals
 - **Holistic scope established software libraries and tools as first-class entity in the HPC ecosystem**
 - SDK/E4S communities and products
 - Coordinated planning with computing facilities
 - Collaboration with vendor software teams, US agencies, international partners
- Post-ECP governance is still emerging but learning from ECP experiences

Concluding Remarks:

- **Scientific software ecosystems** are critical for the future of computational science – at all scales of computing
- **ECP legacy: A path and software ecosystem for others to leverage**
- **More than one way to leverage 100X**
 - 100X can be realized as exciting new science capabilities at the high end
 - Fundamental new science on leadership platforms
 - New opportunities on affordable machines that fit in current data centers
 - **But can also reduce costs**
 - Migration to accelerated platforms can be used to
 - Migrate a problem from an HPC cluster to a deskside or laptop systems
 - Lower your AWS monthly charges – E4S is available for container/cloud
 - Keep energy costs in check while still growing computing capabilities
 - **Biggest ECP impact will be accelerating GPU transition – at all levels**
 - **Transitioning software stacks to GPUs is essential**
 - CPU-based HPC systems realize only modest energy efficiency improvements
 - Migrating to GPUs is key to improving HPC environmental impact

We are capturing and sharing our lessons learned in technical, collaboration, and project management areas

slide credit: L. Diachin

Lessons Learned: Technical

- Performance portability, programming models, strategies for increasing arithmetic intensity, refactoring code, new algorithm design, etc..
- Strategies for moving from GPU-accelerated to GPU-resident
- When facing an inflection point in the HW, S/W investment must be a first class citizen
- Node-level solutions apply at all levels of computing

Lessons Learned: Collaboration

- The value of diverse, multi-disciplinary teams
- Collaborative solutions can't be dictated but they can be incentivized
- Build integration into project structure and measures of success
- High-quality software is the foundation for collaboration in scientific computing
- Open, frequent communication (good/bad/ugly) is imperative with sponsors, stakeholders, staff

Lessons Learned: Project Management

- Projectizing R&D works if agile project management and aggressive change control are in place
- Empower the leadership team then hold them accountable
- Understand and manage external dependencies
- Highly functioning diverse leadership team are a must
- Good centralized project management tools do not guarantee success but bad ones can sure impede progress
- Stability and long term planning results in remarkable innovation

Thank you

Abstract

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Exascale Computing Project (ECP) recently successfully completed its work in developing a capable exascale computing ecosystem comprising applications, software technologies, and deployment and integration capabilities. We discuss major accomplishments and lessons learned by the ECP community over the course of seven years on the development of an integrated scientific computing software stack (which enables and fosters success on a wide variety and scales of computers) and the demonstration of new physics capabilities in a wide variety of scientific applications. We emphasize issues in creating the exascale ecosystem, particularly in algorithm design and implementation for accelerator-based compute nodes, performance portability across a range of platforms, fostering strong collaborations across multidisciplinary teams, and managing and measuring the success of a computational science project of this scale.

ISC 2024 Workshop:

First International Workshop on Readiness of HPC Extreme-scale Applications

- <https://pop-coe.eu/news/events/readiness-of-hpc-extreme-scale-applications>