

# Scientific software ecosystems and communities:

Why we need them and how each of us  
can help them thrive



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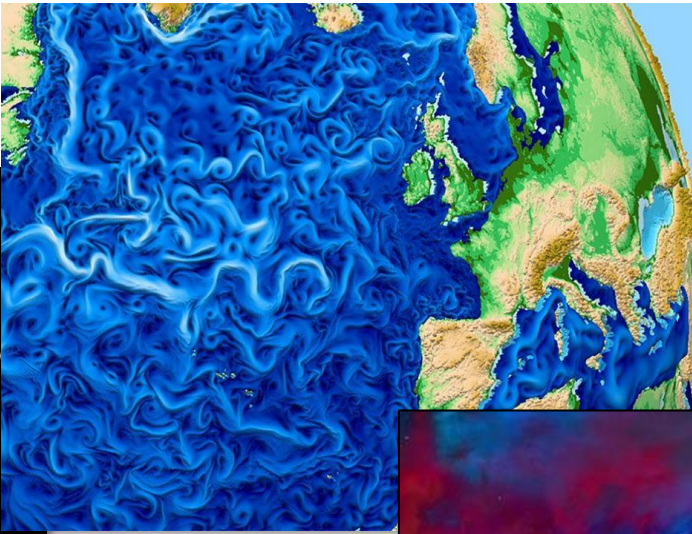
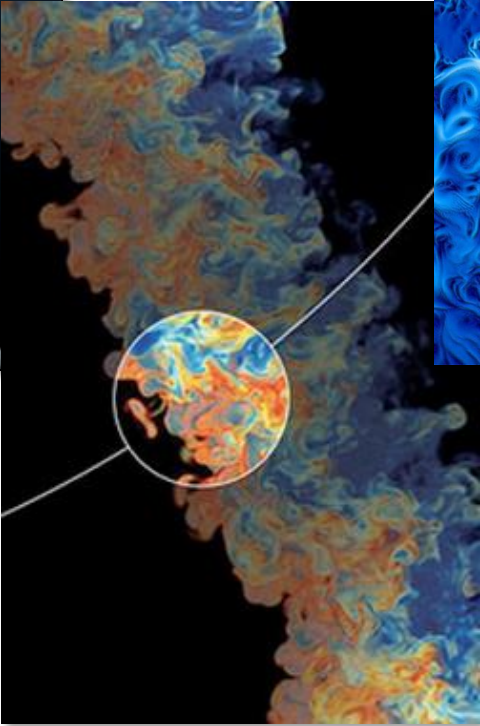
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# Science and beyond: Applications and discovery in ECP

- And more:
- 24 applications
- 6 co-design centers



National security

Energy security

Economic security

Scientific discovery

Earth systems

Health care

Thank you to ECP applications teams and their collaborators in software technologies

# Software quality is a critical component of quality science.

## Focus: The fundamental roles of scientific software ecosystems and communities ... ... and how each of us can help them thrive



Ann Pachett essay: *Fact vs Fiction*

“Every story you read, you realize that the writer has made a decision for what to include, and what to leave out. It doesn’t mean that he or she isn’t telling the truth, it means events can’t be recorded exactly. They can only be interpreted.

Even a photograph reveals only part of the picture. The frame is defined by its own 4 edges. Whom do you choose to leave out of the portrait? Whom do you choose to include?

You realize that one answer is not enough and that you have to look at as many sources as are available to you so that you can piece together a larger picture.

Everyone adds a chip of color to the mosaic and from there some kind of larger portrait begins to take shape.

**We each tell 1 version of a complicated story.”**

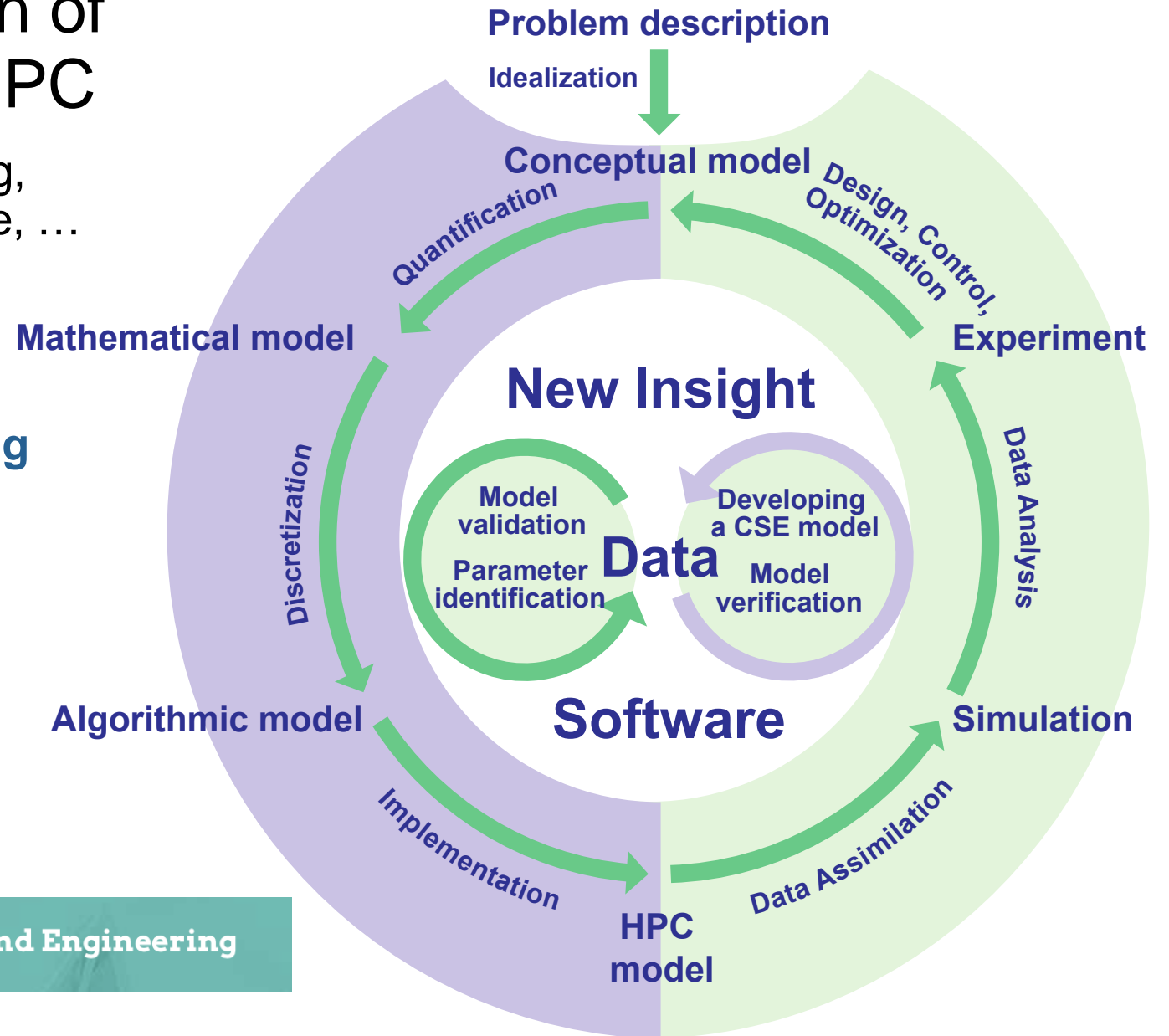
# Software is the foundation of sustained collaboration in HPC

- computational science and engineering, data science, learning/AI, infrastructure, ...

**HPC = High-performance computing**  
**CSE = Computational science and engineering**

Ref: [Research and Education in Computational Science and Engineering](#),  
U. Rude, K. Willcox, L.C. McInnes,  
H. De Sterck, **SIAM Review**, 2018

SIAM Activity Group on Computational Science and Engineering

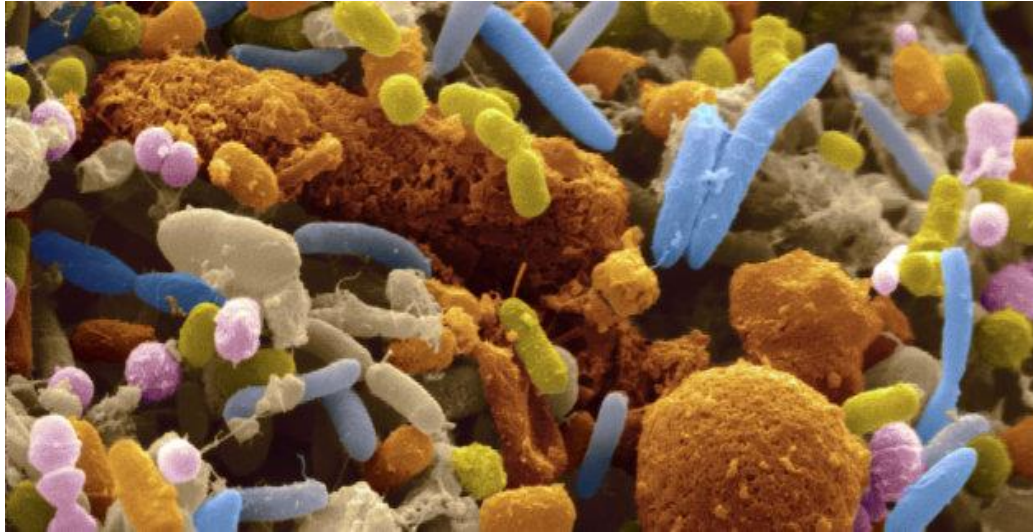


# Audience query: HPC software and YOU

- Do you **develop** HPC software?
  - That you **use yourself**
  - That you **provide to others**
    - In your research group
    - In the broader community
- Do you **use** HPC software developed by others?
- Do you **contribute to teams** who develop and use HPC software?
  - Strategy, planning, logistics, raising funds, ...
- Do you **lead projects or organizations** where teams develop and use HPC software?
- Are you a **stakeholder or supporter** of projects that develop and use HPC software?
- Are you a **fan** of HPC software?



**Ecosystem:** A group of independent but interrelated elements comprising a unified whole



**Diversity** is essential for an ecosystem to thrive.



- No element functions in isolation.
- Each element fulfills unique roles.
- The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

# We must explicitly consider **community software ecosystem perspectives** for next-generation computational science

- **Complex, intertwined challenges**
  - Technical and sociological
- **Need community efforts ... and each of us!**
  - Improve software sustainability
  - Change research culture
- **Building an ECP software ecosystem**
  - While advancing scientific productivity through better scientific software
- **Get involved!**


## Why? Reduce technical risk

 **Provide a firmer foundation for science at exascale and beyond**

## nature computational science

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### **How community software ecosystems can unlock the potential of exascale computing**

Lois Curfman McInnes , Michael A. Heroux, Erik W. Draeger, Andrew Siegel, Susan Coghlan & Katie Antypas

*Nature Computational Science* 1, 92–94(2021) | [Cite this article](#)

[Metrics](#)

**Emerging exascale architectures and systems will provide a sizable increase in raw computing power for science. To ensure the full potential of these new and diverse architectures, as well as the longevity and sustainability of science applications, we need to embrace software ecosystems as first-class citizens.**

<https://dx.doi.org/10.1038/s43588-021-00033-y>

# Thank you to my collaborators and communities



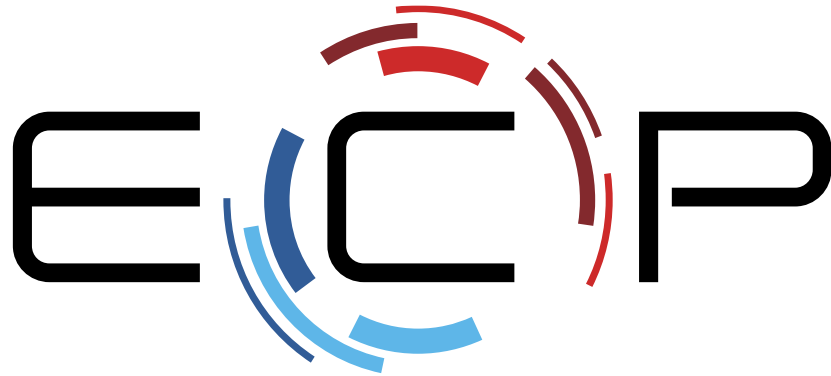
- DOE Exascale Computing Project
- DOE Advanced Scientific Computing Research – Applied Math Program
- Argonne National Lab (MCS Division)
- SIAM Activity Group on CSE
- Developers of E4S and xSDK
- IDEAS Productivity Project
- Better Scientific Software (BSSw) community
- PETSc / TAO developers and users
- Sustainable Horizons Institute



# 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.**



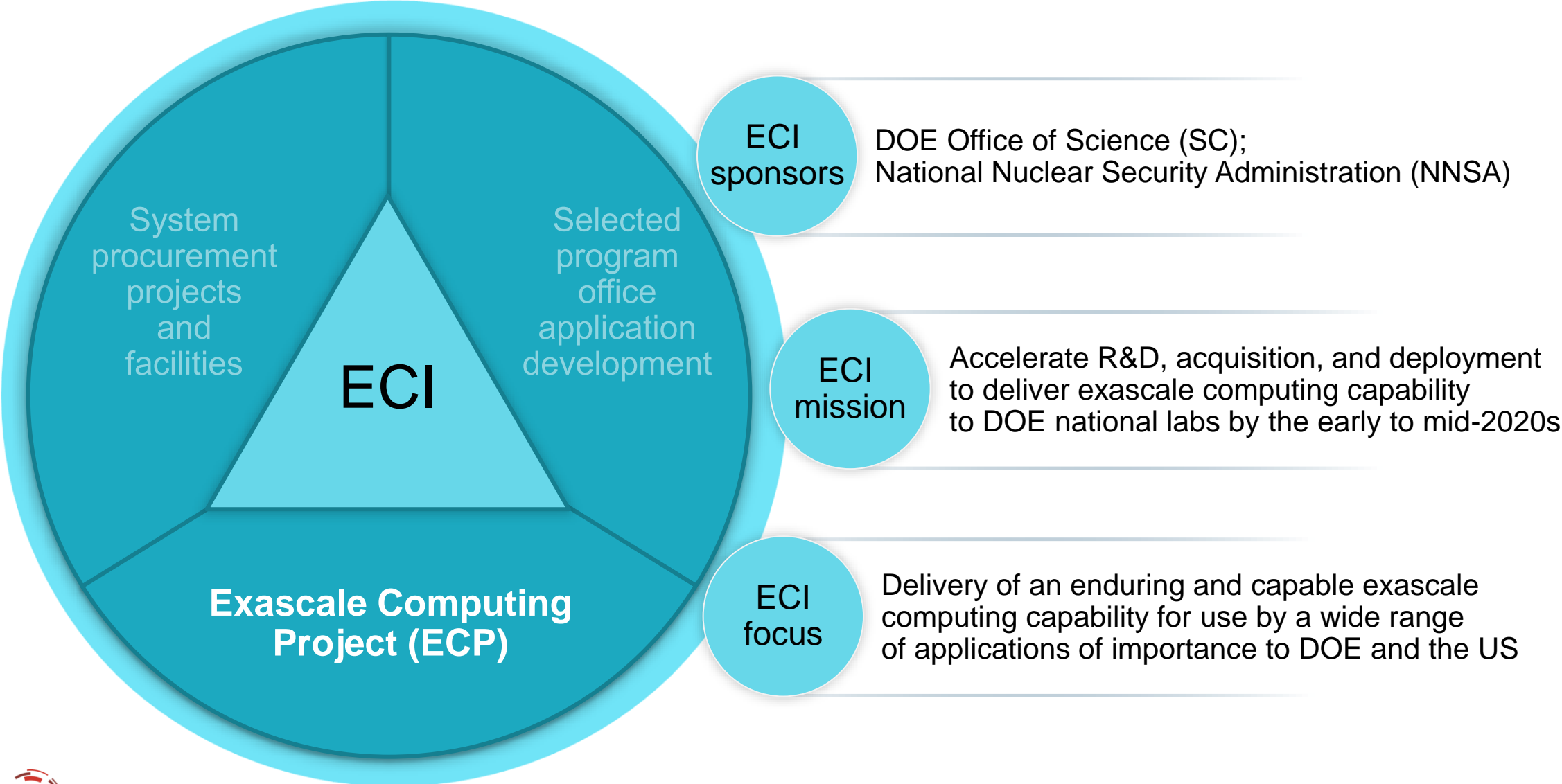
EXASCALE COMPUTING PROJECT

ECP Director: Doug Kothe  
ECP Deputy Director: Lori Diachin



*This research was supported by the Exascale Computing Project (17-SC-20-SC), a joint project of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science and National Nuclear Security Administration, responsible for delivering a capable exascale ecosystem, including software, applications, and hardware technology, to support the nation's exascale computing imperative.*

# DOE Exascale Computing Initiative (ECI)



# ECP by the numbers

7  
YEARS  
\$1.8B

A seven-year, \$1.8B R&D effort that launched in 2016

6  
CORE DOE  
LABS

Six core DOE National Laboratories: Argonne, Lawrence Berkeley, Lawrence Livermore, Oak Ridge, Sandia, Los Alamos

- Staff from most of the 17 DOE national laboratories take part in the project

3  
FOCUS  
AREAS

Three technical focus areas: Hardware and Integration, Software Technology, Application Development supported by a Project Management Office

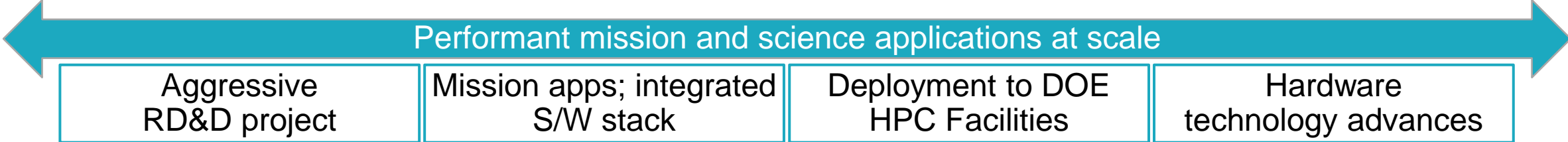
80+  
R&D TEAMS  
1000  
RESEARCHERS

More than 80 top-notch R&D teams

Hundreds of consequential milestones delivered on schedule and within budget since project inception



# ECP's holistic approach uses co-design and integration to achieve exascale computing



## Application Development (AD)

Develop and enhance the predictive capability of applications critical to DOE

**24 applications**

National security, energy, Earth systems, economic security, materials, data

**6 co-design centers**

ML, graph analytics, mesh refinement, PDE discretization, particles, online data analytics



Andrew Siegel, AD Director  
Erik Draeger, AD Deputy Director

## Software Technology (ST)

Deliver expanded and vertically integrated software stack to achieve full potential of exascale computing

**70 unique software products** spanning programming models and runtimes, math libraries, data and visualization, development tools



Mike Heroux, ST Director  
Lois Curfman McInnes, ST Deputy Director

## Hardware and Integration (HI)

Integrated delivery of ECP products on targeted systems at leading DOE HPC facilities

**6 US HPC vendors**

focused on exascale node and system design; application integration and software deployment to Facilities



Katie Antypas, HI Director  
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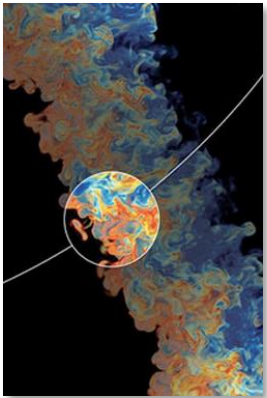
# Science and beyond: Applications and discovery in ECP

## National security

Next-generation, **stockpile stewardship** codes

**Reentry-vehicle**-environment simulation

Multi-physics science simulations of **high-energy density physics** conditions



## Energy security

Turbine **wind plant** efficiency

Design and commercialization of **SMRs**

Nuclear fission and fusion reactor **materials design**

Subsurface use for **carbon capture**, petroleum extraction, waste disposal

High-efficiency, low-emission **combustion engine** and gas turbine design

Scale up of **clean fossil fuel** combustion

**Biofuel** catalyst design

## Economic security

**Additive manufacturing** of qualifiable metal parts

Reliable and efficient planning of the **power grid**

**Seismic** hazard risk assessment



## Scientific discovery

**Cosmological probe** of the standard model of particle physics

Validate fundamental laws of nature

**Plasma wakefield accelerator** design

Light source-enabled **analysis of protein and molecular structure** and design

Find, predict, and control materials and properties

Predict and control **magnetically confined fusion plasmas**

Demystify **origin of chemical elements**

## Earth systems

Accurate regional impact assessments in **Earth system models**

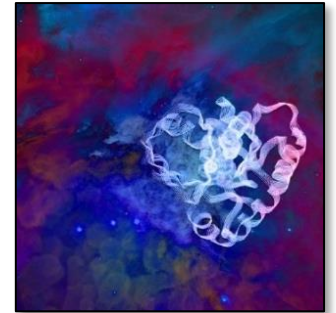
Stress-resistant crop analysis and catalytic conversion of **biomass-derived alcohols**

**Metagenomics** for analysis of biogeochemical cycles, climate change, environmental remediation



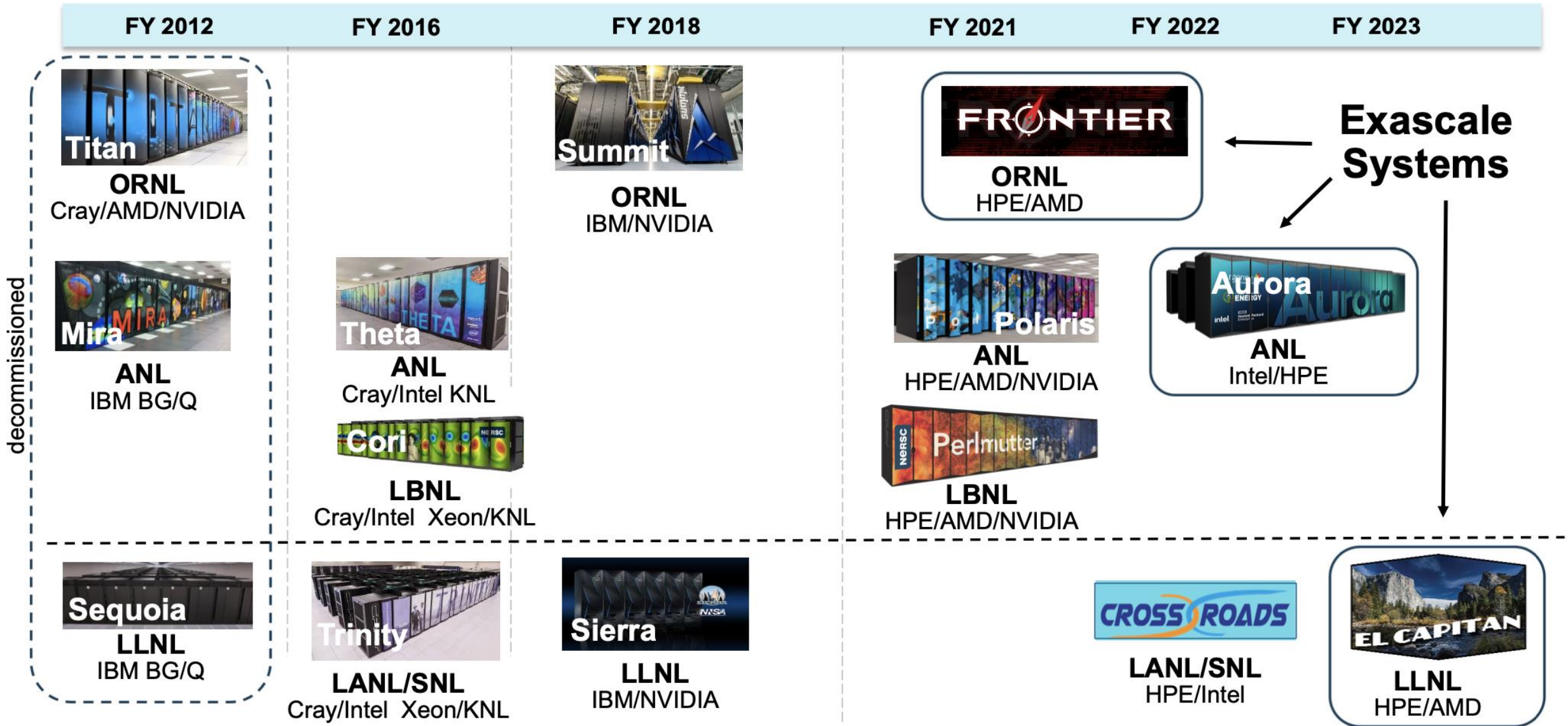
## Health care

Accelerate and translate **cancer research** (partnership with NIH)



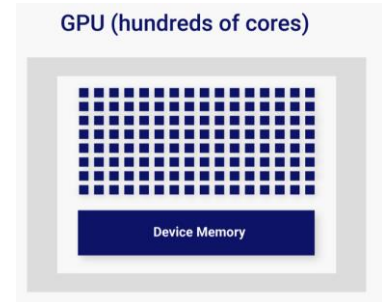
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# DOE HPC Roadmap to Exascale Systems



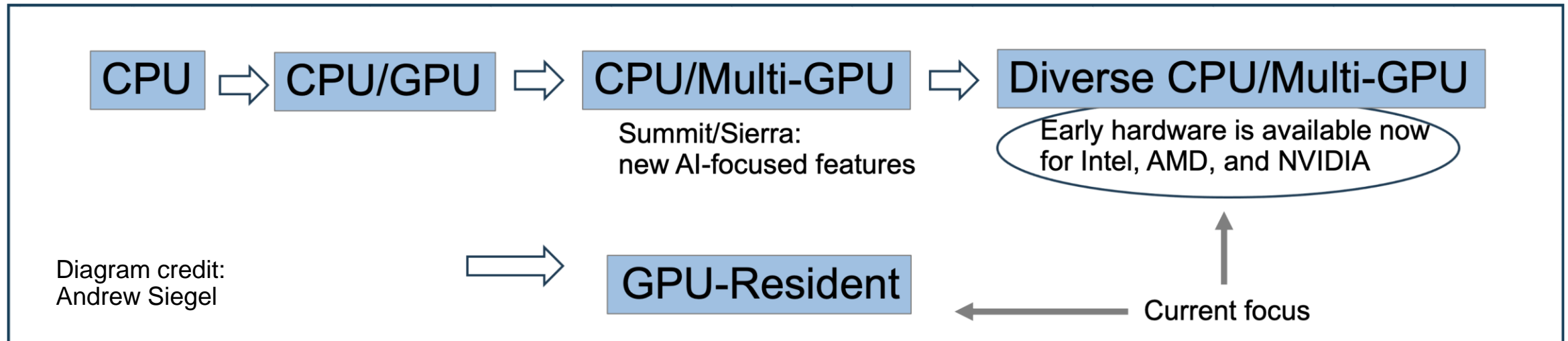
# Heterogeneous accelerated-node computing

**Accelerated node computing:** Designing, implementing, delivering, & deploying agile software that effectively exploits heterogeneous node hardware



- Execute on the largest systems ... AND on today and tomorrow's laptops, desktops, clusters, ...
- We view *accelerators* as any compute hardware specifically designed to accelerate certain mathematical operations (typically with floating point numbers) that are typical outcomes of popular and commonly used algorithms. We often use the term GPUs synonymously with accelerators.

Text credit: Doug Kothe



Ref: [A Gentle Introduction to GPU Programming](#), Michele Rosso and Andrew Myers, May 2021

# New science opportunities at extreme scale

## Beyond interpretive simulations ... working toward predictive science

- Multirate, multiscale, multicomponent, multiphysics simulations
- Simulations involving stochastic quantities, sensitivities, UQ, optimization
- Coupling of simulations, data analytics and learning ... HPC / AI
- Complex workflows among DOE facilities (compute and scientific / observational)

– Ref: [Ben Brown, DOE ASCAC Meeting, Sept 2021](#)

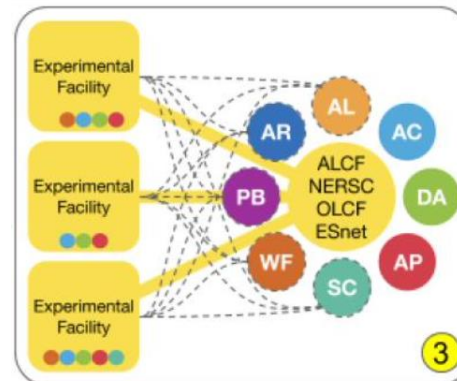
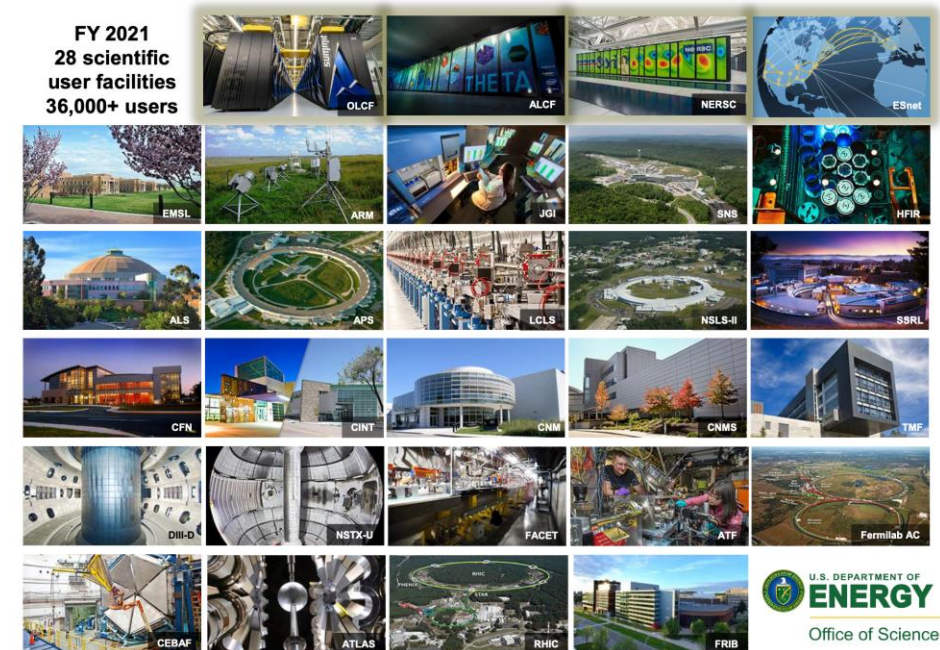
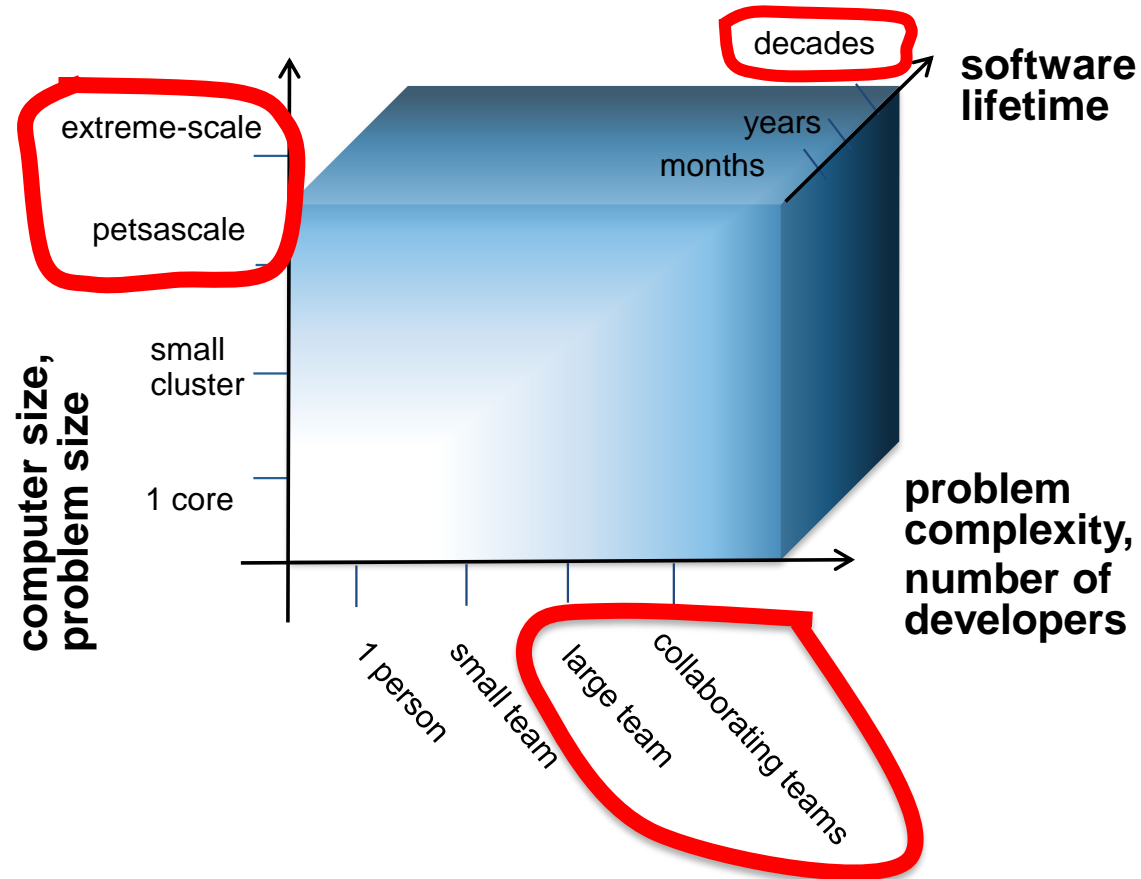


Diagram credit: ASCR Integrated Research Infrastructure Task Force, C. Adams et al., March 2021



# Community software ecosystems require high-quality software

## Complex, intertwined challenges



### 12 scientific software challenges

- Incentives, citation/credit models, and metrics
- Career paths
- Training and education
- Software engineering
- Portability
- Intellectual property
- Publication and peer review
- Software communities and sociology
- Sustainability and funding models
- Software dissemination, catalogs, search, and review
- Multi-disciplinary science
- Reproducibility

All are tied together



Ref: D.S. Katz, *Software in Research: Underappreciated and Underrewarded*, 2017 eResearch Australasia conference, <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.5518933>

# Challenges of scientific software

## Technical

- All parts of the cycle can be under research
- Requirements change throughout the lifecycle as knowledge grows
- Importance of reproducibility
- Verification complicated by floating point representation
- Real world is messy, so is the software

## Sociological

- Competing priorities and incentives
- Limited resources
- Perception of overhead with deferred benefit
- Need for interdisciplinary interactions

**Technical debt:** The implied cost of additional rework caused by choosing an easy (limited) solution now instead of using a better approach that would take longer.

- Wikipedia

# Community organizations: Resources and opportunities to get involved

- Research Software Alliance: <https://www.researchsoft.org>
- Software Sustainability Institute: <https://www.software.ac.uk>
- US Research Software Sustainability Institute: <https://urssi.us/>
- NumFOCUS: <https://www.numfocus.org>
- WSSSPE: <http://wssspe.researchcomputing.org.uk/>
- Software Carpentry: <https://software-carpentry.org>
- Research Software Engineering (RSE) movement:  
<https://society-rse.org>    <https://us-rse.org>
- IDEAS Productivity: <https://ideas-productivity.org>
- Better Scientific Software: <https://bssw.io>
- And more ...



Ref: [Community Organizations: Changing the Culture in Which Research Software Is Developed and Sustained](#), D.S. Katz, L.C. McInnes, et al, **IEEE CISE**, 2019

Building an ECP software ecosystem ...

... While advancing scientific productivity through better scientific software



# 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

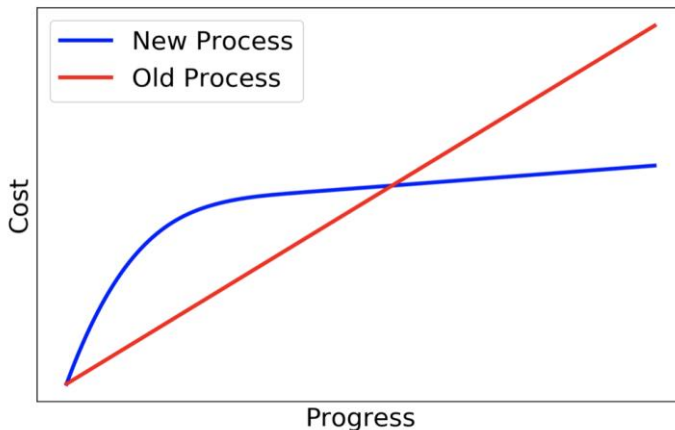


### Training and Productivity

Lead: Ashley Barker, Oak Ridge 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 between the 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

# ECP applications rely on ST products across all technical areas


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## Consider ECP software technologies needed by 5 ECP applications:

**ExaWind: Turbine Wind Plant Efficiency**

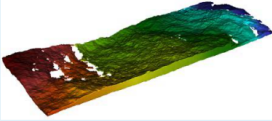
Harden wind plant design and layout against energy loss susceptibility; higher penetration of wind energy



Lead: NREL  
DOE EERE

**Subsurface: Carbon Capture, Fossil Fuel Extraction, Waste Disposal**


Reliably guide safe long-term consequential decisions about storage, sequestration, and exploration



Lead: LBNL  
DOE BES, EERE, FE, NE

**WDMApp: High-Fidelity Whole Device Modeling of Magnetically Confined Fusion Plasmas**

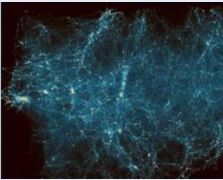
Prepare for ITER experiments and increase ROI of validation data and understanding; prepare for beyond-ITER devices




Lead: PPPL  
DOE FES

**ExaSky: Cosmological Probe of the Standard Model of Particle Physics**

Unravel key unknowns in the dynamics of the Universe: dark energy, dark matter, and inflation

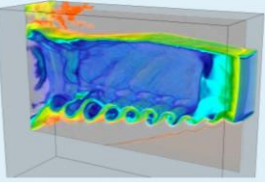


Lead: ANL  
DOE HEP

 **The MARBL Multi-physics Code**

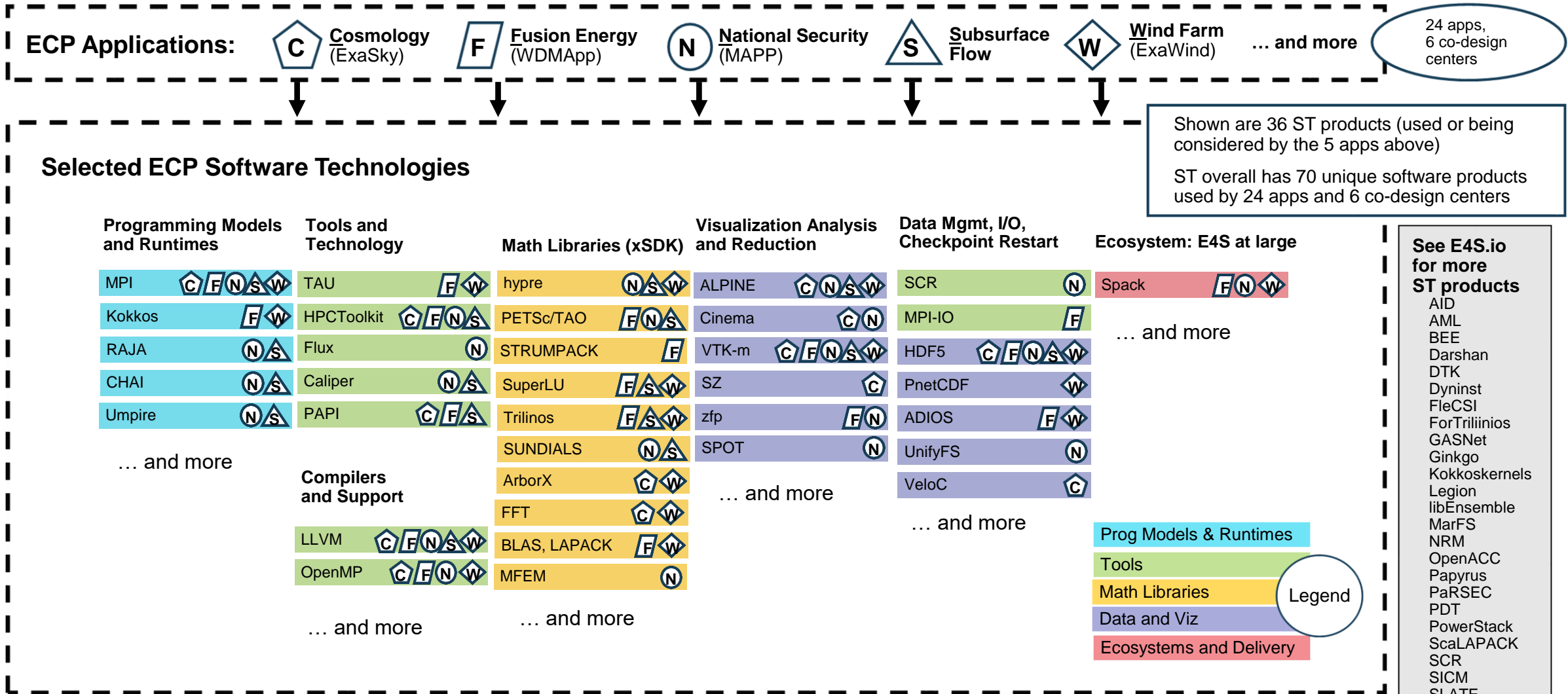
Multi-physics simulations of high energy-density physics and focused experiments driven by high-explosive, magnetic or laser based energy sources

- Magneto-radiation-hydrodynamics at the exascale
- Next-generation pulsed power / ICF modeling
- High-order numerical methods



Lead: LLNL

# ECP applications require consistency across the software stack



ECP apps rely on multiple software technologies; some software products contribute to multiple distinctly developed components of a multiphysics app (such as fusion energy modeling) that must run within a single executable.

# ECP Software Technology (ST)

## Goal

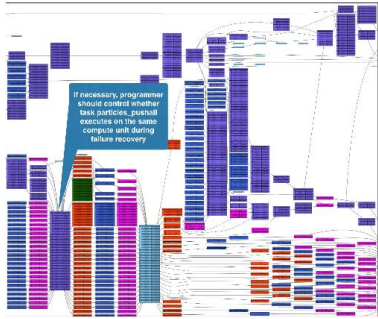
Build a comprehensive, coherent software stack that enables application developers to productively develop highly parallel applications that effectively target diverse exascale architectures

Prepare SW stack for scalability with massive on-node parallelism

Extend existing capabilities when possible, develop new when not

Guide, and complement, and integrate with vendor efforts

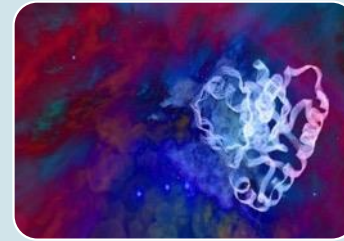
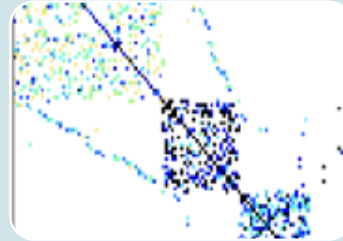
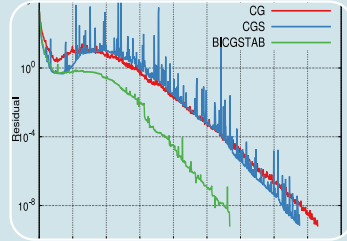
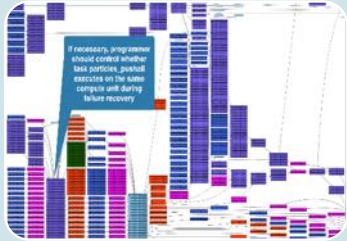
Develop and deliver high-quality and robust software products





# ECP ST has six technical areas

ECP ST Director: Mike Heroux  
ECP ST Deputy Director: L.C. McInnes



## 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



Area Leads: 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

- 35 L4 subprojects
- 11 PI/PC same
- 24 PI/PC different
- ~27% ECP budget

| WBS      | WBS Name   | CAM/PI                             | PC                       |
|----------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2.3      | <b>Software Technology</b>   | <b>Heroux, Mike, McInnes, Lois</b> |                          |
| 2.3.1    | <b>Programming Models &amp; Runtimes</b>   | <b>Thakur, Rajeev</b>              |                          |
| 2.3.1.01 | PMR SDK  | Shende, Sameer                     | Shende, Sameer           |
| 2.3.1.07 | Exascale MPI (MPICH)   | Balaji, Pavan                      | Guo, Yanfei              |
| 2.3.1.08 | Legion   | McCormick, Pat                     | McCormick, Pat           |
| 2.3.1.09 | PaRSEC   | Bosilica, George                   | Carr, Earl               |
| 2.3.1.14 | Pagoda: UPC++/GASNet for Lightweight Communication and Global Address Space Support            | Hargrove, Paul                     | Hargrove, Paul           |
| 2.3.1.16 | SICM   | Lang, Michael                      | Vigil, Brittney          |
| 2.3.1.17 | OMPI-X   | Bernholdt, David                   | Grundhoffer, Alicia      |
| 2.3.1.18 | RAJA/Kokkos  | St, Christian Robert               | Trujillo, Gabrielle      |
| 2.3.1.19 | Argo: Low-level resource management for the OS and runtime                                     | Leckman, Pete                      | Gupta, Rinku             |
| 2.3.2    | <b>Development Tools</b>   | <b>Vetter, Jeff</b>                |                          |
| 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 with Modern Runtimes    | Miller, Barton                     | 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                       | Glassbrook, Dick         |
| 2.3.2.11 | SOLLVE: Scaling OpenMP with LLVM for Exascale  | Chapman, Barbara                   | Kale, Vivek              |
| 2.3.2.12 | FLANG  | Leckman, Pat                       | Perry-Holby, Alexis      |
| 2.3.3    | <b>Mathematical Libraries</b>  | <b>Li, Sherry</b>                  |                          |
| 2.3.3.01 | Extreme-scale Scientific xSDK for ECP  | Yang, Ulrike                       | Yang, Ulrike             |
| 2.3.3.06 | Preparing PETSc/TAO for Exascale   | Munson, Todd                       | Munson, Todd             |
| 2.3.3.07 | STRUMPACK/SuperLU/FFTX: sparse direct solvers, preconditioners, and FFT libraries              | Li, Sherry                         | Li, Sherry               |
| 2.3.3.12 | Enabling Time Integrators for Exascale Through SUNDIALS/Hypre                                  | Woodward, Carol                    | Woodward, Carol          |
| 2.3.3.13 | CLOVER: Computational Libraries Optimized Via Exascale Research                                | Dongarra, Jack                     | Carr, Earl               |
| 2.3.3.14 | ALExa: Accelerated Libraries for Exascale/ForTrilinos  | Turner, John                       | Grundhoffer, Alicia      |
| 2.3.3.15 | Sake: Scalable Algorithms and Kernels for Exascale   | Delamar, James                     | Trujillo, Gabrielle      |
| 2.3.4    | <b>Data and Visualization</b>  | <b>Ahrens, James</b>               |                          |
| 2.3.4.01 | Data and Visualization Software Development Kit  | Atkins, Chuck                      | Bagha, Neelam            |
| 2.3.4.09 | ADIOS Framework for Scientific Data on Exascale Systems  | Klasky, Scott                      | Grundhoffer, Alicia      |
| 2.3.4.10 | DataLib: Data Libraries and Services Enabling Exascale Science                                 | Moore, Rob                         | Moore, Rob               |
| 2.3.4.13 | ECP/VTK-m  | Moreland, Kenneth                  | Moreland, Kenneth        |
| 2.3.4.14 | VeloC: Very Low Overhead Transparent Multilevel Checkpoint/Restart/Sz                          | Cappello, Franck                   | Ehling, Scott            |
| 2.3.4.15 | ExalIO - Delivering Efficient Parallel I/O on Exascale Computing Systems with HDF5 and UnifyFS | Byva, Suren                        | Byva, Suren              |
| 2.3.4.16 | ALPINE: Algorithms and Infrastructure for In Situ Visualization and Analysis/ZFP               | Byva, Suren                        | Byva, Suren              |
| 2.3.5    | <b>Software Ecosystem and Delivery</b>   | <b>Munson, Todd</b>                |                          |
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| 2.3.5.09 | SW Packaging Technologies  | Gamblin, Todd                      | Gamblin, Todd            |
| 2.3.5.10 | ExaWorks   | Laney, Dan                         | Laney, Dan               |
| 2.3.6    | <b>NNSA ST</b>   | <b>Mohror, Kathryn</b>             |                          |
| 2.3.6.01 | LANL ATDM  | Mike Lang                          | Vandenbusch, Tanya Marie |
| 2.3.6.02 | LLNL ATDM  | Becky Springmeyer                  | Gamblin, Todd            |
| 2.3.6.03 | SNL ATDM   | Jim Stewart                        | Trujillo, Gabrielle      |

• ~250 staff

• ~70 products

• 34 teams

• ~30 universities

• ~9 DOE labs

• 6 technical areas

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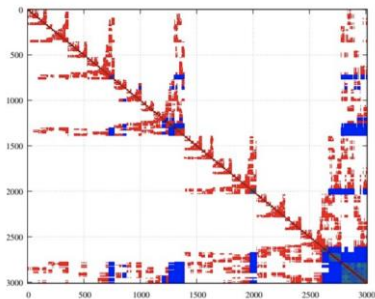


# Recent advances in ECP software technologies as driven by needs of ECP apps

## Scalable Solvers

### Speeding sparse algorithms on CPUs and GPUs

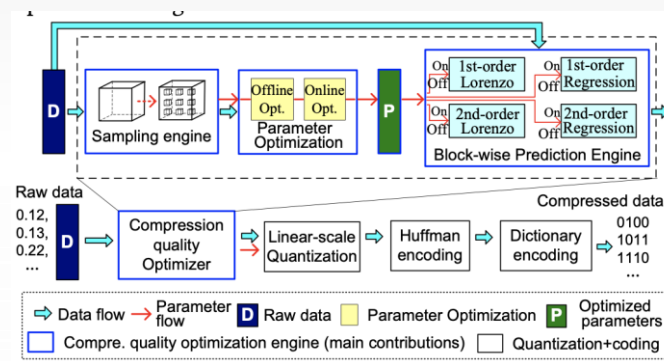
- The STRUMPACK team has developed new capabilities for multifrontal rank-structured preconditioning.
- **Impact:** STRUMPACK provides robust and scalable factorization-based methods for ill-conditioned and indefinite systems that arise in multiscale, multiphysics simulations.
- **More info:** <https://www.exascaleproject.org/highlight/strumpack-speeds-sparse-algorithms-on-cpus-and-gpus>



## Lossy Compression

### Optimizing lossy compression methods to manage data volumes

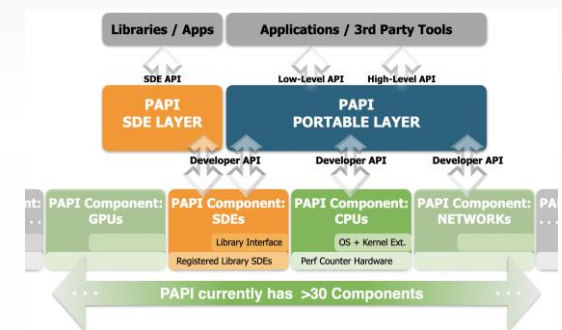
- The VeloC-SZ team has optimized SZ, an error-bounded prediction-based lossy compression model.
- **Impact:** SZ reduces dataset size while meeting users' speed and accuracy needs by storing the most pertinent data during simulation and experiments.
- **More info:** Significantly Improving Lossy Compression for HPC Datasets with Second-Order Prediction and Parameter Optimization, HPDC20, K. Zhao et al.



## Performance Monitoring

### Advancing performance counter monitoring capabilities for new ECP hardware

- The Exa-PAPI team provides a consistent interface and methodology for the use of low-level performance counter hardware found across the entire system (CPUs, GPUs, on/off-chip memory, interconnects, I/O system, energy/power, etc).
- **Impact:** Exa-PAPI enables users to see, in near real time, relations between software performance and hardware events.
- **More info:** <https://icl.utk.edu/exa-papi>





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

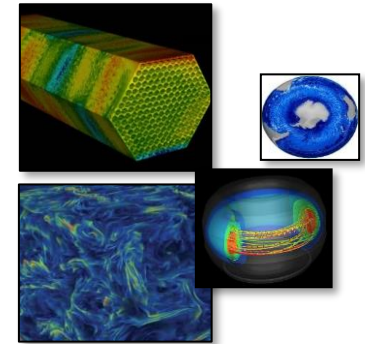
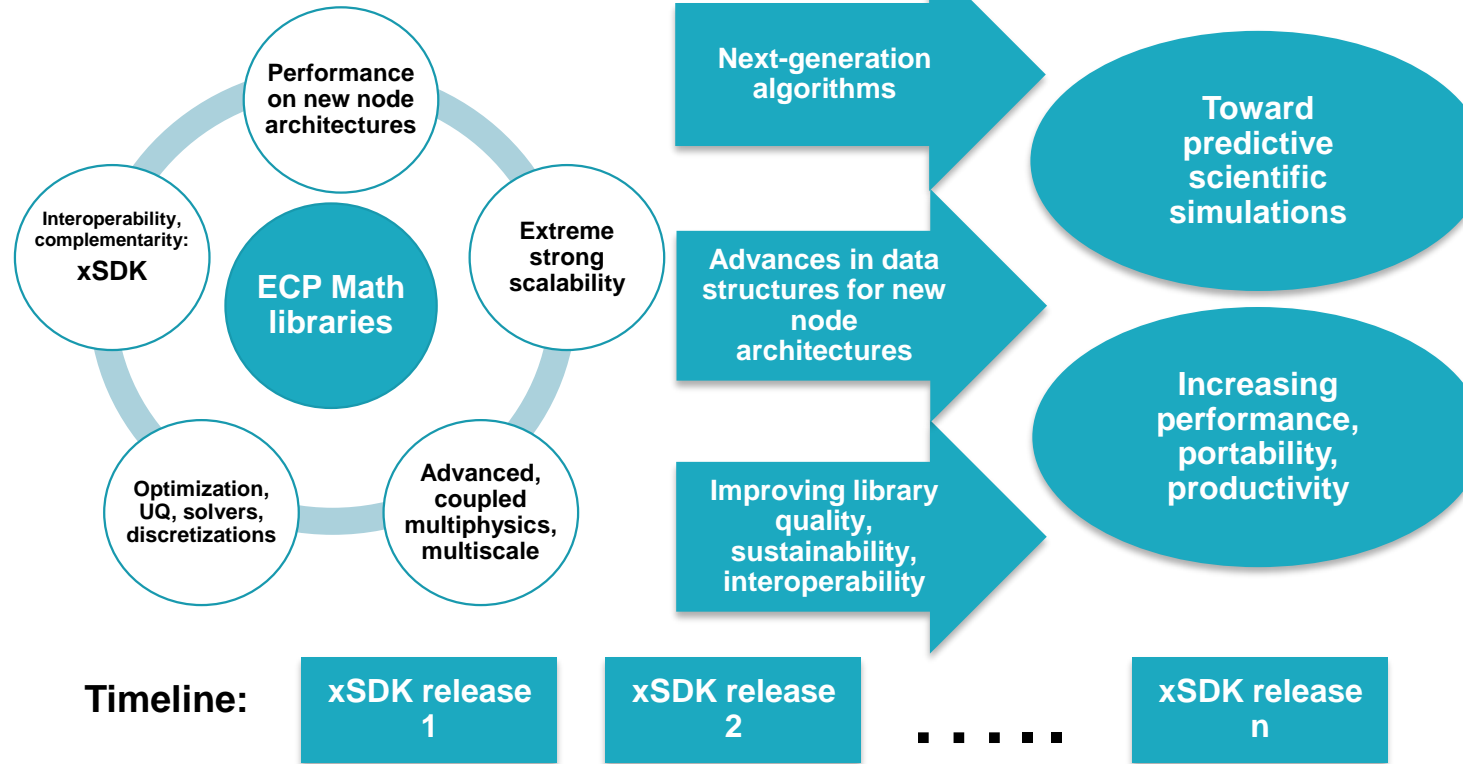


xSDK lead: Ulrike Meier Yang (LLNL)  
xSDK release lead: Satish Balay (ANL)

## xSDK release 0.7.0 (Nov 2021)

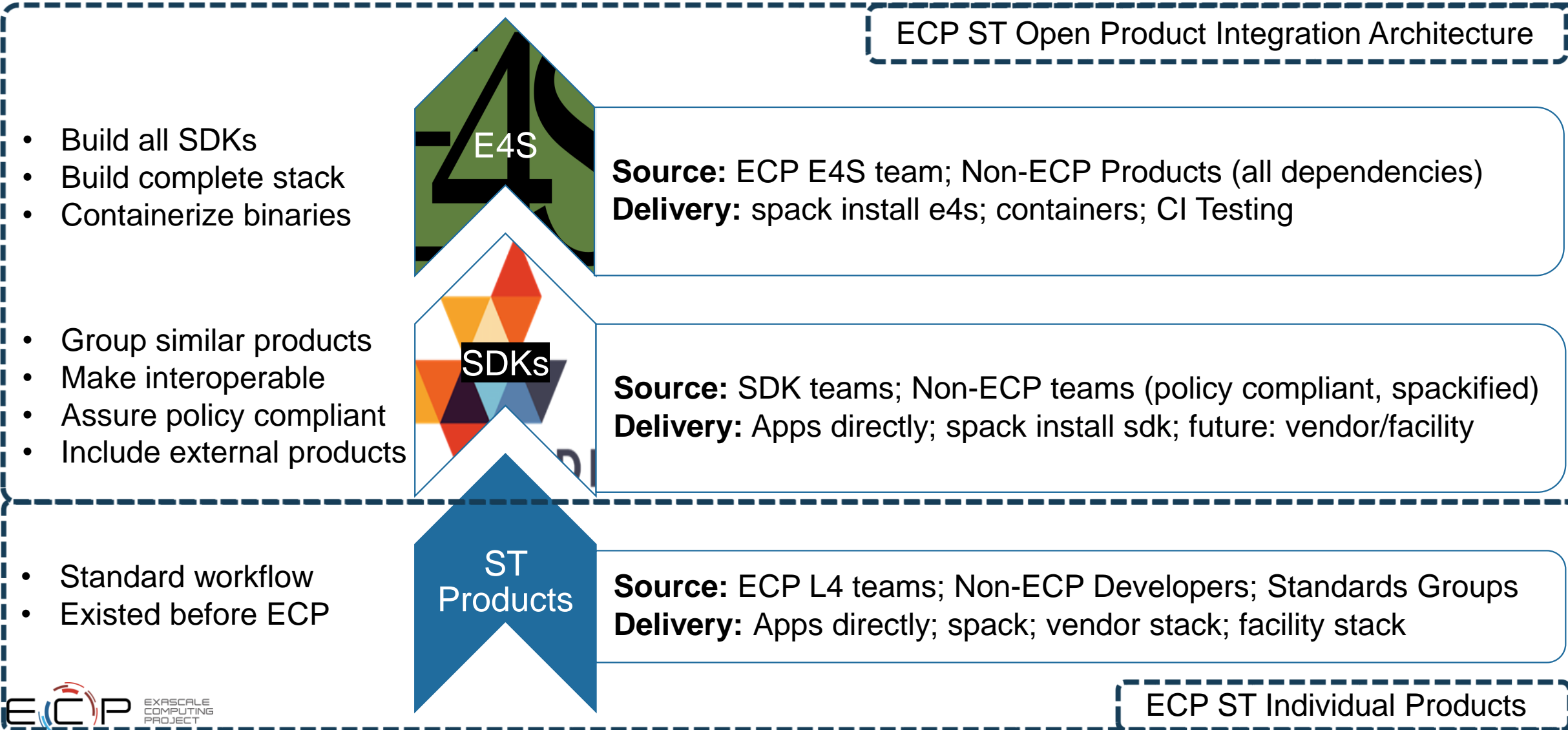
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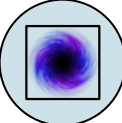







Ref: [xSDK: Building an Ecosystem of Highly Efficient Math Libraries for Exascale](#), **SIAM News**, Jan 2021

# Delivering an open, hierarchical software ecosystem



# Extreme-scale Scientific Software Stack (E4S)

- E4S: HPC software ecosystem – a curated software portfolio
- A **Spack-based** distribution of software tested for interoperability and portability to multiple architectures
- Available from **source, containers, cloud, binary caches**
- Leverages and enhances SDK interoperability thrust
- Not a commercial product – an open resource for all
- Growing functionality: Nov 2021: E4S 21.11 – 91 full release products

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| <br>Community Policies<br>Commitment to software quality | <br>DocPortal<br>Single portal to all E4S product info | <br>Portfolio testing<br>Especially leadership platforms         |
| <br>Curated collection<br>The end of dependency hell    | <br>Quarterly releases<br>Release 1.2 – November      | <br>Build caches<br>10X build time improvement                  |
| <br>Turnkey stack<br>A new user experience             | <br><a href="https://e4s.io">https://e4s.io</a>      | <br>E4S Strategy Group<br>US agencies, industry, international |



<https://spack.io>

Spack lead: Todd Gamblin (LLNL)



<https://e4s.io>

E4S lead: Sameer Shende (U Oregon)



Also includes other products, e.g.,  
**AI:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Horovod  
**Co-Design:** AMReX, Cabana, MFEM

# E4S Community Policies: *A commitment to quality improvement*



- Purpose: Enhance sustainability and interoperability
- Will serve as membership criteria for E4S
  - Membership is not required for *inclusion* in E4S
  - Also includes forward-looking draft policies
- Modeled after xSDK community policies
- Multi-year effort led by SDK team
  - Included representation from across ST
  - Multiple rounds of feedback incorporated from ST leadership and membership



SDK lead: Jim Willenbring (SNL)

## Policies: Version 1

<https://e4s-project.github.io/policies.html>

- **P1: *Spack-based Build and Installation***
- **P2: *Minimal Validation Testing***
- **P3: *Sustainability***
- **P4: *Documentation***
- **P5: *Product Metadata***
- **P6: *Public Repository***
- **P7: *Imported Software***
- **P8: *Error Handling***
- **P9: *Test Suite***

**P1 Spack-based Build and Installation** Each E4S member package supports a scriptable *Spack* build and production-quality installation in a way that is compatible with other E4S member packages in the same environment. When E4S build, test, or installation issues arise, there is an expectation that teams will collaboratively resolve those issues.

**P2 Minimal Validation Testing** Each E4S member package has at least one test that is executable through the E4S validation test suite (<https://github.com/E4S-Project/testsuite>). This will be a post-installation test that validates the usability of the package. The E4S validation test suite provides basic confidence that a user can compile, install and run every E4S member package. The E4S team can actively participate in the addition of new packages to the suite upon request.

**P3 Sustainability** All E4S compatibility changes will be sustainable in that the changes go into the regular development and release versions of the package and should not be in a private release/branch that is provided only for E4S releases.

**P4 Documentation** Each E4S member package should have sufficient documentation to support installation and use.

**P5 Product Metadata** Each E4S member package team will provide key product information via metadata that is organized in the *E4S DocPortal* format. Depending on the filenames where the metadata is located, this may require *minimal setup*.

**P6 Public Repository** Each E4S member package will have a public repository, for example at GitHub or Bitbucket, where the development version of the package is available and pull requests can be submitted.

**P7 Imported Software** If an E4S member package imports software that is externally developed and maintained, then it must allow installing, building, and linking against a functionally equivalent outside copy of that software. Acceptable ways to accomplish this include (1) forgoing the internal copied version and using an externally-provided implementation or (2) changing the file names and namespaces of all global symbols to allow the internal copy and the external copy to coexist in the same downstream libraries and programs. This pertains primarily to third party support libraries and does not apply to key components of the package that may be independent packages but are also integral components to the package itself.

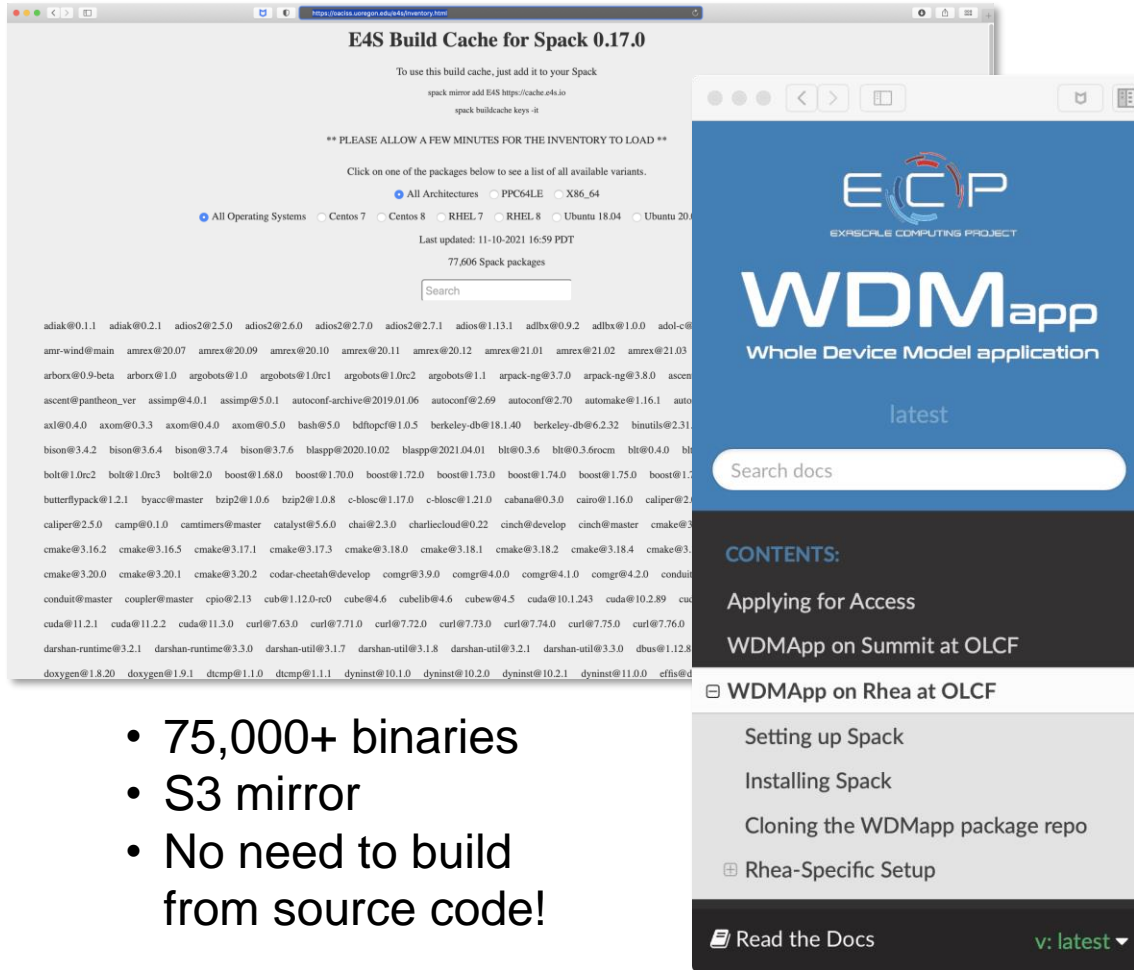
**P8 Error Handling** Each E4S member package will adopt and document a consistent system for signifying error conditions as appropriate for the language and application. For e.g., returning an error condition or throwing an exception. In the case of a command line tool, it should return a sensible exit status on success/failure, so the package can be safely run from within a script.

**P9 Test Suite** Each E4S member package will provide a test suite that does not require special system privileges or the purchase of commercial software. This test suite should grow in its comprehensiveness over time. That is, new and modified features should be included in the suite.

We welcome feedback. What policies make sense for your software?

# Speeding up bare-metal installs using the E4S build cache

<https://oaciss.uoregon.edu/e4s/inventory.html>



**E4S Build Cache for Spack 0.17.0**

To use this build cache, just add it to your Spack

```
spack mirror add E4S https://cache.e4s.io
spack buildcache keys -it
```

**\*\* PLEASE ALLOW A FEW MINUTES FOR THE INVENTORY TO LOAD \*\***

Click on one of the packages below to see a list of all available variants.

All Architectures  PPC64LE  X86\_64

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**WDMapp**  
Whole Device Model application

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- 75,000+ binaries
- S3 mirror
- No need to build from source code!

**Note**

The E4S project has created a build cache of many packages as precompiled binaries to save time. To use it:

```
$ wget https://oaciss.uoregon.edu/e4s/inventory.html
$ spack gpg trust e4s.pub
$ spack mirror add E4S https://oaciss.uoregon.edu/e4s/inventory.html
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## Building WDMapp

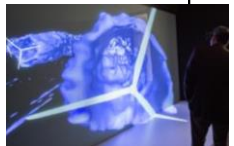
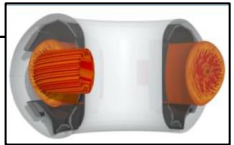
You should be able to just follow the instructions in [WDMAPP](https://wdmapp.readthedocs.io/en/latest/machines/rhea.html).

## Using E4S WDMapp docker container

Alternatively, the E4S project has created a docker image that mirrors the Rhea environment, which can be used for local development and debugging. To run this image, you need to have docker installed and then do the following:

## E4S Spack build cache:

- **Fusion plasma:**
  - WDMapp added E4S mirror
  - Speedup: 10X
- **Turbine wind plant:**
  - ExaWind (Nalu-Wind)
  - 6 minutes with build cache
  - Up to 4 hours without



Special thanks to Sameer Shende, WDMapp and ExaWind teams

<https://wdmapp.readthedocs.io/en/latest/machines/rhea.html>



# E4S summary

## What E4S is not

- A closed system taking contributions only from DOE software development teams.
- A monolithic, take-it-or-leave-it software behemoth.
- A commercial product.
- A simple packaging of existing software.

## What E4S is

- Extensible, open architecture software ecosystem accepting contributions from US and international teams.
- Framework for collaborative open-source product integration for ECP & beyond, including AI and Quantum.
- Full collection of compatible software capabilities **and**
- Manifest of a la carte selectable software capabilities.
- Vehicle for delivering high-quality reusable software products in collaboration with others.
- New entity in the HPC ecosystem enabling first-of-a-kind relationships with Facilities, vendors, other DOE program offices, other agencies, industry & international partners.
- Hierarchical software framework to enhance (via SDKs) software interoperability and quality expectations.
- Conduit for future leading edge HPC software targeting scalable computing platforms.

Building an ECP software ecosystem ...

... While advancing scientific productivity through better scientific software

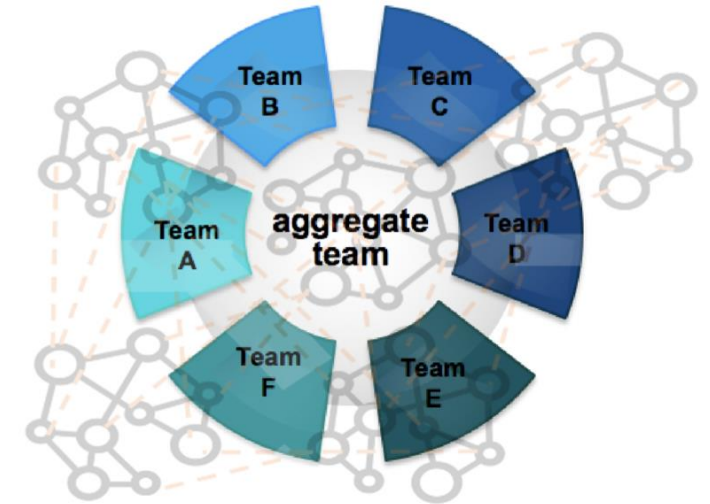


# ECP: A “team of teams”

An aggressive research, development and deployment project, focused on delivery of mission-critical applications, an integrated software stack, and exascale hardware technology advances

## Multilayered collaboration across the ECP community

- Ref: [Scaling productivity and innovation on the path to exascale with a “team of teams” approach](#), E. Raybourn et al, 2019



Networked teams, at scale. Multidisciplinary expertise, such as:



# A shout-out to 4 terrific RSEs on the forefront of work toward exascale ... among many more terrific RSEs working in research labs, universities and industry



## Lisa Childers

**Technical Development Lead  
Argonne, ALCF**

**Focus:** Workload and resource management (and tracking) on extreme-scale machines; facilitating user interactions with extreme-scale machines to improve productivity in scientific pursuits.

## Rinku Gupta

**Research Software Specialist  
Argonne, MCS**

**Focus:** HPC software design, development, leadership (for resource management, fault tolerance, checkpointing); improving software productivity and sustainability; editor-in-chief of the Better Scientific Software website ([BSSw.io](https://BSSw.io)); lead of RSE movement at Argonne.

## Ken Raffenetti

**Principal Software  
Development Specialist  
Argonne, MCS**

**Focus:** Parallel programming models and communication libraries; definition of the Message Passing Interface (MPI) standard and key maintainer of MPICH; member of PMIx Administrative Steering Committee.

## Junchao Zhang

**Software Engineer  
Argonne, MCS**

**Focus:** Developer of PETSc, focusing on software scalability, maintainability, and user support, with emphasis on communication and computation efficiency on heterogeneous architectures with GPUs.

**Advancing scientific productivity through better scientific software**  
*Science through computing is only as good as the software that produces it.*

## 1 Customize and curate methodologies

- Target scientific software productivity and sustainability
- Use workflow for best practices content development

## 2 Incrementally and iteratively improve software practices

- Determine high-priority topics for improvement and track progress
- *Productivity and Sustainability Improvement Planning (PSIP)*



## 3 Establish software communities

- Determine community policies to improve software quality and compatibility
- Create Software Development Kits (SDKs) to facilitate the combined use of complementary libraries and tools

## 4 Engage in community outreach

- Broad community partnerships
- Collaboration with computing facilities
- Webinars, tutorials, events
- *WhatIs* and *HowTo* docs
- Better Scientific Software site (<https://bssw.io>)



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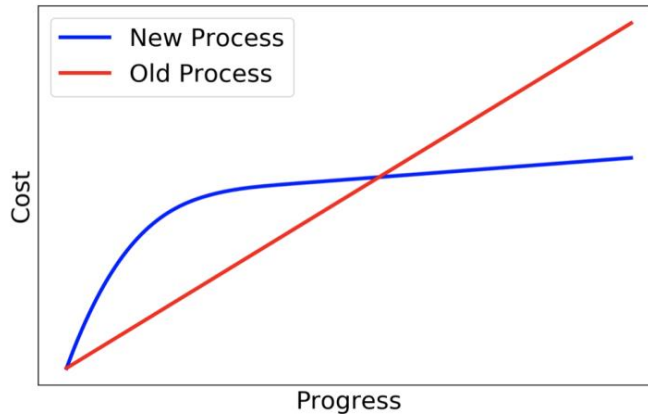


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Ref: Research Software Science: A Scientific Approach to Understanding and Improving How We Develop and Use Software for Research, M. Heroux, 2019

# Productivity and sustainability improvement planning: Recent successes with PSIP on HDF5

<https://bssw.io/psip>



**HDF5 improvement goals** - achieved by using PSIP progress tracking cards (PTC)

- Modernize processes for handling **documentation** (PTC)
- Move HDF5 from a THG managed Bitbucket instance to **GitHub** (PTC)
- Define and adopt a set of consistent **coding standards** (PTC)

“The PSIP project had an immediate impact on our community. With the GitHub move we see increasing amounts of small but very valuable contributions to make HDF5 code and documentation better.” – **Elena Pourmal, Director of Engineering, The HDF Group**

## Refs:

- Using the PSIP Toolkit to Achieve Your Goals – A Case Study at The HDF Group, E. Pourmal, R. Milewicz, E. Gonsiorowski, webinar, June 2020 [ [recording](#) / [slides](#) ]
- [Recent successes with PSIP on HDF5](#), M. Miller, E. Pourmal, E. Gonsiorowski, Nov 2020
- Automating Software Productivity Planning: Lightweight Tools for Upgrading Team Practices, E. Raybourn et al, the International Conference on Software Engineering Research & Practice, SERP'21, July 2021

The video player shows a slide titled 'Conclusion' with the main message: 'PSIP allows you to realize process improvements with minimal disruption to any current development.' The slide lists several bullet points: 'By now you should understand ...', 'A practice that can help your team mitigate technical risk and develop software with confidence. (PSIP)', 'How to identify topics for improvement by rating your project', 'Progress tracking cards (PTC)', 'Online resources such as RateYourProject and the PTC Catalog', and 'Integrating PTCs into your projects'. The PSIP logo is displayed on the right side of the slide, along with the tagline 'Enabling Software Quality' and the URL 'https://bssw.io/psip/'. The video player interface at the bottom shows a progress bar at 58:05 / 59:40 and various control icons.

# IDEAS Outreach

Lead: David Bernholdt

## Better Scientific Software Tutorials

- Covering issues of developer productivity, software sustainability and reliability, with a special focus on the challenges of complex, large-scale HPC
  - software design, agile methodologies, Git workflows, reproducibility, software testing, continuous integration testing, refactoring, and more
- <https://bssw-tutorial.github.io>
- Recent venues
  - Supercomputing (2016-2021)
  - SEAS's Improving Scientific Software (2021)
  - ECP Annual Meeting (2017-2021)
  - ISC (2017-2019, 2021), ATPESC (2016-2021)

[BSSw Tutorial](#)  
@ SC21, Nov 15

Mailing list to follow IDEAS-led events (webinars, panels, BOFs, etc.): <http://eepurl.com/cQCyJ5>



## Webinar Series: Best Practices for HPC Software Developers (HPC-BP)

- Covering topics in software development and HPC
- <https://ideas-productivity.org/events/hpc-best-practices-webinars>
- Lead: Osni Marques
- Presented by the community to the community
- Monthly series, since May 2016 (offered live and archived)
  - [Best Practices for HPC Software Developers: The First Five Years of the Webinar Series](#), O. Marques and D. Bernholdt, Oct 2021



# IDEAS Outreach

Lead: David Bernholdt

## Technical Meetings and Birds of a Feather Sessions

- Creating opportunities to talk about software development, productivity, and sustainability
- <https://ideas-productivity.org/events>
- Minisymposia
  - SIAM CSE, SIAM PP (2015-2022), PASC (2018, 2019)
  - Ref: [A Look at Software-Focused Topics at SIAM CSE21](#), March 2021
- Thematic poster sessions
  - SIAM CSE (2017, 2019, 2021)
- BOF sessions
  - Software Engineering and Reuse in Modeling, Simulation and Data Analytics for Science and Engineering
    - Supercomputing (2015-2021), ISC (2019)
- [Collegeville Workshop Series on Scientific Software](#),
  - Ref: [Software Team Experiences and Challenges](#), K. Beattie et al, Oct 2021

## Panel Series: Performance Portability & ECP

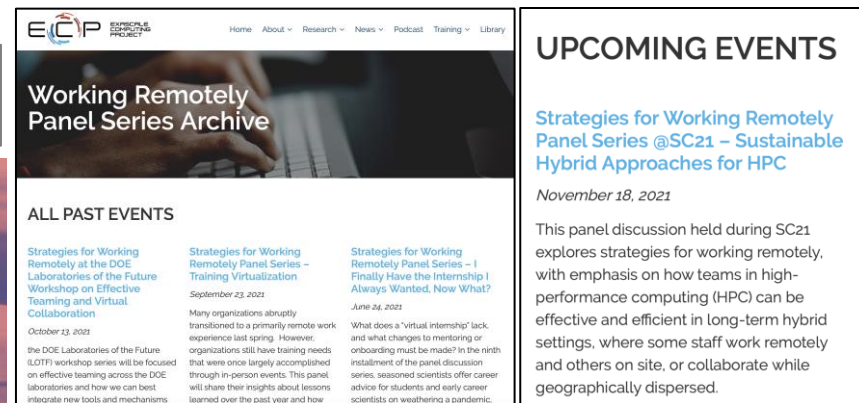
- Lead: Anshu Dubey (2020 series). Refs:
  - [Performance Portability in the Exascale Computing Project: Exploration Through a Panel Series](#), A. Dubey et al, IEEE CiSE, Sept 2021
  - SIAM CSE21 minisymposium: <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.c.5321441>
  - Minisymposium accepted for ECCOMAS 2022

## Panel Series: Strategies for Working Remotely

- Exploring strategies for working remotely, with emphasis on how HPC teams can be effective and efficient in long-term hybrid settings
- <https://www.exascaleproject.org/strategies-for-working-remotely>
- Lead: Elaine Raybourn
- Quarterly series, since April 2020 (offered live and archived)
- Ref: [Why We Need Strategies for Working Remotely: The ECP Panel Series](#), E. Raybourn, SC20 State of the Practice, Nov 2020

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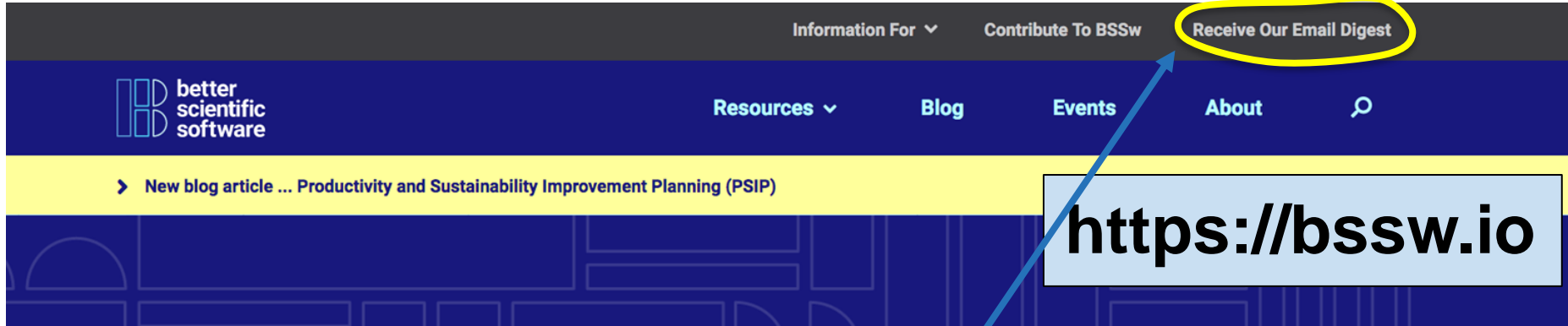
[Strategies for Working Remotely Panel Series @SC21 – Sustainable Hybrid Approaches for HPC](#)

November 18, 2021

This panel discussion held during SC21 explores strategies for working remotely, with emphasis on how teams in high-performance computing (HPC) can be effective and efficient in long-term hybrid settings, where some staff work remotely and others on site, or collaborate while geographically dispersed.

#### ALL PAST EVENTS

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## What is BSSw?

Community-based hub for sharing information on practices, techniques, and tools to improve developer productivity and software sustainability for computational science.

**We want and *need* contributions from the community ... Join us!**

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2018 - 2021

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# Working to broaden participation of underrepresented groups in HPC

**ECP Broader Engagement Task Force:** Multipronged HPC initiative to complement and leverage existing lab programs in workforce development

- Across DOE labs: Share experiences & best practices, “Intro to HPC” training/outreach, internships w. mentoring/community
- More info: <https://www.exascaleproject.org/hpc-workforce>
- Partnership with Mary Ann Leung, founder & president of [Sustainable Horizons Institute](#)



SRP-HPC Internship Program: Expand [Sustainable Research Pathways](#) program across ECP teams

## Sustainable Research Pathways: Basic Idea

- Build relationships centered on research collaborations
- Recruit
  - Faculty working with underrepresented students
  - Students from underrepresented groups
- Provide opportunities for staff scientists
  - Research collaborations
  - Learn/contribute to diversity and inclusion efforts
- Supplement existing D&I Laboratory programs



Nominee in 2021 for the HPCWire Reader's Choice Award in the **Workforce Diversity and Inclusion** category

Challenges and Lessons Learned in Expanding Participation in Computational Science and Engineering

Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee  
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# SRP-HPC Internship Program

Sustainable Research Pathways for HPC

Broadening participation of underrepresented groups

Application deadline: December 31, 2021

See: <https://www.exascaleproject.org/hpc-workforce>

## Collaborate with ECP teams

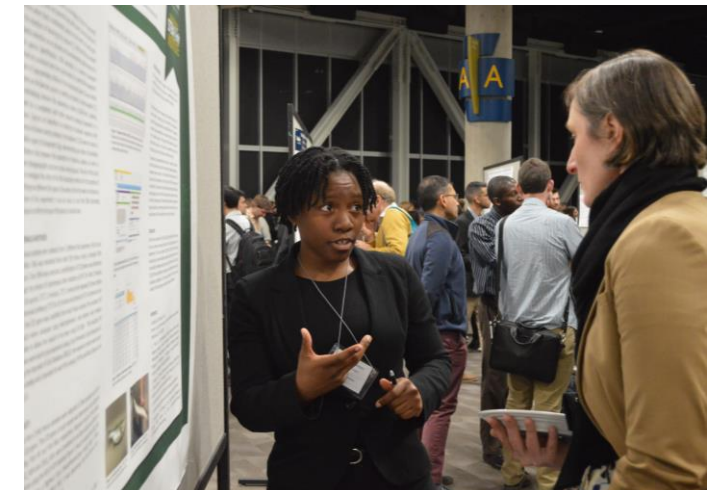
### Two tracks\*

- Faculty/student teams
- Students on their own

### Includes:

- Matching workshop to explore possible research collaborations
- Onboarding & welcome at 2022 Exascale Computing Project (ECP) Annual Meeting, including the start of professional/career development activities
- Summer research experience
- Participation in 2023 ECP Annual Meeting to present research results and engage in the HPC community
- Community building throughout and ongoing

\* **Students from (and faculty working with) underrepresented groups** (Black or African American, Hispanic/Latinx, American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders, women, and persons with disabilities) **are strongly encouraged to apply.**



# We must explicitly consider **community software ecosystem perspectives** for next-generation computational science

- What software ecosystems do you want to use and be a part of?
- E4S (<http://e4s.io>) is an extensible, open architecture software ecosystem; contributions and feedback are welcome!
- Software ecosystems require high-quality software, but many complex, intertwined challenges exist.
- Community efforts are working to overcome technical and sociological challenges in scientific software ... **Get involved!**

Investment in software quality pays off (better, faster, cheaper).



# Software quality is a critical component of quality science.

## Call to action for the HPC community:

*Each of us must change our expectations and behavior. To consider:*

- **Do you develop and use HPC software?**
  - Investigate resources for software improvement
  - Advocate for and lead change in your projects
  - Disseminate insights about software improvement from your own work (blogs, presentations, posters, papers, etc)
  - Check out community activities, such as the Research Software Engineering (RSE) movement
- **Do you lead projects or organizations where teams develop and use HPC software?**
  - Encourage continual software quality improvement
  - Provide clear career paths and mentoring for scientific software professionals, such as RSEs
- **Are you a stakeholder or supporter of projects that develop and use HPC software?**
  - Incorporate expectations of software quality and sustainability, including funding for people to do this important work
  - Incorporate expectations for transparency and reproducibility
- **Everyone**
  - Work toward changes in software citations/credit models, metrics
  - Work toward changes in incentives, training and education

# Working toward software sustainability: Join the conversation

## Leadership Scientific Software (LSSw) Portal <https://lssw.io>

*The LSSw portal is dedicated to building community and understanding around the development and sustainable delivery of leadership scientific software*

- LSSw Town Hall Meetings (ongoing)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, 3 – 4:30 pm Eastern US time
- Slack: Share your ideas interactively
- Whitepapers: Written content for LSSw conversations
  - We need your ideas (2-4 page whitepapers)
  - Submit via GitHub PR or attachment to [contribute@lssw.io](mailto:contribute@lssw.io)
- References
  - Help us build a reading list
  - Submit via GitHub PR or email to [contribute@lssw.io](mailto:contribute@lssw.io)

## Workshop on Research Software Science

Software is an increasingly important component in the pursuit of scientific discovery. Both its development and use are essential activities for many scientific teams. At the same time, very little scientific study has been conducted to understand, characterize, and improve the development and use of software for science.



The screenshot shows the website for the 'Workshop on the Science of Scientific-Software Development and Use'. The header includes navigation links: Home, Agenda, Position Paper Submission, and Contacts. A 'Register Now' button is visible in the top right corner, with a link for 'Already Registered?'. The main content area features the workshop title, sponsorship by the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research, and the dates: December 13 - 15, 2021, from 12 - 5 PM Eastern Time. The background of the website has a light blue and white pattern with faint code snippets.

- Info and registration at: <https://www.ornl.gov/SSSDU2021>
- Whitepaper deadline: Nov 19, 2021



# Recent software-related events at SC21 ... Get involved!



| Day/Time                                    | Event Type      | Event Title (see linked program page for full details)  |
|---|-----------------|---|
| Sunday, Nov. 14<br>8:00am-5:00pm CST        | Tutorial        | <a href="#">Managing HPC Software Complexity with Spack</a>   |
| Sunday, Nov. 14<br>9:00am-5:30pm CST        | Workshop        | <a href="#">P3HPC: 2021 International Workshop on Performance, Portability, and Productivity in HPC</a>                       |
| Monday, Nov. 15<br>8:00am-5:00pm CST        | Tutorial        | <a href="#">Better Scientific Software</a>  |
| Monday, Nov. 15<br>9:00am-5:30pm CST        | Workshop        | <a href="#">RSE-HPC-2021: Research Software Engineers in HPC: Creating Community, Building Careers, Addressing Challenges</a> |
| Tuesday, Nov. 16<br>2:15pm-3:00pm CST       | Invited<br>Talk | <a href="#">The Importance of Diverse Perspectives in Advancing HPC</a>   |
| Tuesday, Nov. 16<br>5:15pm-6:45pm CST       | BOF             | <a href="#">Software Engineering and Reuse in Modeling, Simulation, and Data Analytics for Science and Engineering</a>        |
| Tuesday, Nov. 16<br>5:15pm-6:45pm CST       | BOF             | <a href="#">Strengthening Reproducibility for SC21 and Beyond</a>   |
| Wednesday, Nov. 17<br>12:15pm-1:15pm<br>CST | BOF             | <a href="#">Words Matter! Promoting Inclusion through Language in Advanced Research Computing</a>                             |
| Wednesday, Nov. 17<br>1:30pm-2:15pm CST     | Invited<br>Talk | <a href="#">Powering HPC Discoveries through Scientific Software Ecosystems and Communities</a>                               |



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# Recent software-related events at SC21

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| Day/Time                                | Event Type | Event Title (see linked program page for full details)  |   |
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| Wednesday, Nov. 17<br>1:30pm-3:00pm CST | Panel      | <a href="#">Performance and Correctness Tools for Extreme-Scale Computing</a>                             | Correctness Performance System Software and Runtime Systems                       |
| Wednesday, Nov. 17<br>5:15pm-6:45pm CST | BOF        | <a href="#">HPC Carpentry: Introducing New Users to HPC</a>   | Data Analytics Professional Development Software Engineering                      |
| Thursday, Nov. 18<br>12:15pm-1:15pm CST | BOF        | <a href="#">Ethics in HPC</a>   | Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI)  |
| Thursday, Nov. 18<br>12:15pm-1:15pm CST | BOF        | <a href="#">Spack Community BoF</a>   | HPC Community Collaboration Reproducibility and Transparency Software Engineering |
| Thursday, Nov. 18<br>12:15pm-1:15pm CST | BOF        | <a href="#">Towards FAIR for Machine Learning (ML) models</a>   | Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence                                      |
| Thursday, Nov. 18<br>3:30pm-5:00pm CST  | Panel      | <a href="#">Strategies for Working Remotely: Sustainable Hybrid Approaches for HPC</a>                    | Workforce   |
| Friday, Nov. 19<br>8:30am-12:00pm CST   | Workshop   | <a href="#">Correctness 2021: 5th International Workshop on Software Correctness for HPC Applications</a> | In cooperation with<br>IEEE computer society TCHPC                                |
| Friday, Nov. 19<br>10:30am-12:00pm CST  | Panel      | <a href="#">Reproducibility in HPC: Passing Fad or a Work in Progress?</a>                                | Reproducibility and Transparency  |

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# More info about the impact of ECP software technologies

## • ECP News

- [An Exascale Day Interview with ORNL's Doug Kothe, Director of ECP](#)
- [ECP-funded team investigates NVM techniques to improve data storage & performance speed](#)
- [ECP-funded researchers enable faster time-to-science with novel I/O processing method](#)
- [ECP project optimizes lossy compression methods to manage big science data volumes](#)
- [ALPINE project tests novel algorithm for in situ exascale data analysis](#)
- [Workflow technologies impact SC20 Gordon Bell COVID-19 award winner & two of three finalists](#)
- [The Extreme-Scale Scientific Software Stack \(E4S\): A new resource for computational and data science research](#)

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- [LLVM Holds the Keys to Exascale Supercomputing](#)
- [ECP Leads the Way to Cross-Platform Tested and Verified Compilers for HPC and Exascale Architectures](#)
- [RAJA Portability Suite Enables Performance Portable CPU and GPU HPC Codes](#)
- [A New Approach in the HYPRE Library Brings Performant GPU-based Algebraic MultiGrid to Exascale Supercomputers and the General HPC Community](#)
- [Clacc – An Open Source OpenACC Compiler and Source Code Translation Project](#)
- [The ECP SuperLU Library Speeds the Direct Solution of Large Sparse Linear Systems on HPC and Exascale Hardware](#)
- [ECP Provides TAU, a CPU/GPU/MPI Profiler, for All HPC and Exascale Machines](#)
- [HeFFTe – A Widely Applicable, CPU/GPU, Scalable Multidimensional FFT That Can Even Support Exascale Supercomputers](#)

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A few highlights ... Check back for the latest ECP news

## • Let's Talk Exascale Podcast:

- [Sunita Chandrasekaran Reflects on Teaching Supercomputing and Leading the ECP SOLLVE Project](#)
- [Supporting Scientific Discovery and Data Analysis in the Exascale Era](#)
- [ECP Leadership Discusses Project Highlights, Challenges, and the Expected Impact of Exascale Computing](#)
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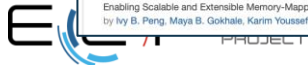
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# ST Capability Assessment Report (CAR)

- ST software products discussed in this presentation are presented with more detail and further citations.
- We classify ECP ST product deployment as broad, moderate, or experimental.
  - Broad and moderate deployment is typically suitable for collaboration.
  - Web links are available for almost all products.
  - All ECP ST products are available as part of the Extreme-scale Scientific Software Stack (E4S) <http://e4s.io>.

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# Advancing Scientific Productivity through Better Scientific Software: Developer Productivity & Software Sustainability Report

Disruptive changes in computer architectures and the complexities of tackling new frontiers in extreme-scale modeling, simulation, and analysis present daunting challenges to software productivity and sustainability.

This report explains the IDEAS approach, outcomes, and impact of work (in partnership with the ECP and broader computational science community).

Target readers are all those who care about the quality and integrity of scientific discoveries based on simulation and analysis. While the difficulties of extreme-scale computing intensify software challenges, issues are relevant across all computing scales, given universal increases in complexity and the need to ensure the trustworthiness of computational results.



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Thank you





# Abstract

HPC software is a cornerstone of long-term collaboration and scientific progress, but software complexity is increasing due to disruptive changes in computer architectures and the challenges of next-generation science. Thus, the HPC community has the unique opportunity to fundamentally change how scientific software is designed, developed, and sustained—embracing community collaboration toward scientific software ecosystems, while fostering a diverse HPC workforce who embody a broad range of skills and perspectives. This webinar will introduce work in the U.S. Exascale Computing Project, where a varied suite of scientific applications builds on programming models and runtimes, math libraries, data and visualization packages, and development tools that comprise the Extreme-scale Scientific Software Stack (E4S). The webinar will introduce crosscutting strategies that are increasing developer productivity and software sustainability, thereby mitigating technical risks by building a firmer foundation for reproducible, sustainable science. The webinar will also mention complementary community efforts and opportunities for involvement.