# The U.S. D.O.E. Exascale Computing Project – Goals and Challenges

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### **Exascale Computing Project (ECP) Mission and Scope**

- As part of the National Strategic Computing initiative, ECP was established to accelerate delivery of a capable exascale computing system that integrates hardware and software capability to deliver approximately 50 times more performance than today's 20-petaflops machines on mission critical applications.
  - DOE is a lead agency within NSCI, along with DoD and NSF
  - Deployment agencies: NASA, FBI, NIH, DHS, NOAA
- ECP's work encompasses
  - applications,
  - system software,
  - hardware technologies and architectures, and
  - workforce development to meet scientific and national security mission needs.



### **Exascale Computing Project Execution**

- A collaborative effort of two US Department of Energy (DOE) organizations:
  - Office of Science (DOE-SC)
  - National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)
- A 7-year project to accelerate the development of a capable exascale ecosystem
  - Led by DOE laboratories
  - Executed in collaboration with academia and industry
  - emphasizing sustained performance on relevant applications



A capable exascale computing system will have a well-balanced ecosystem (software, hardware, applications)



### What is a capable exascale computing system?

A capable exascale computing system requires an entire computational ecosystem that:

- Delivers 50× the performance of today's 20 PF systems, supporting applications that deliver highfidelity solutions in less time and address problems of greater complexity
- Operates in a power envelope of 20-30 MW
- Is sufficiently resilient (perceived fault rate: ≤1/week)
- Includes a software stack that supports a broad spectrum of applications and workloads

This ecosystem will be developed using a co-design approach to deliver new software, applications, platforms, and computational science capabilities at heretofore unseen scale



## Four key technical challenges must be addressed by the ECP to deliver capable exascale computing

- Parallelism a thousand-fold greater than today's systems
- Memory and storage efficiencies consistent with increased computational rates and data movement requirements
- Reliability that enables system adaption and recovery from faults in much more complex system components and designs
- Energy consumption beyond current industry roadmaps, which would be prohibitively expensive at this scale



### ECP has formulated a holistic approach that uses codesign and integration to achieve capable exascale







### **High-level ECP technical project schedule**







### **Science and Industry Councils**

• The ECP is in the process of establishing two advisory bodies:

An Industry Council composed of ~20 representatives from end-user industries and software vendors

-- first meeting will be March 6-7

A Science Council composed of computer scientists, applied mathematicians, and computational scientists



## ECP Applications Deliver Broad Coverage of Strategic Pillars Current portfolio consists of 25 application efforts within six pillars

National Security	Energy Security	Economic Security	Scientific Discovery	Earth System	Health Care
<ul> <li>Stockpile Stewardship (3)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Turbine Wind Plant Efficiency</li> <li>Design/Commercialization of SMRs</li> <li>Nuclear Fission and Fusion Reactor Materials Design</li> <li>Subsurface Use for Carbon Capture, Petro Extraction, Waste Disposal</li> <li>High-Efficiency, Low- Emission Combustion Engine and Gas Turbine Design</li> <li>Carbon Capture and Sequestration Scaleup (S)</li> <li>Biofuel Catalyst Design (S)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Additive Manufacturing of Qualifiable Metal Parts</li> <li>Urban Planning (S)</li> <li>Reliable and Efficient Planning of the Power Grid (S)</li> <li>Seismic Hazard Risk Assessment (S)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cosmological Probe of the Standard Model (SM) of Particle Physics</li> <li>Validate Fundamental Laws of Nature (SM)</li> <li>Plasma Wakefield Accelerator Design</li> <li>Light Source-Enabled Analysis of Protein and Molecular Structure and Design</li> <li>Find, Predict, and Control Materials and Properties</li> <li>Predict and Control Stable ITER Operational Performance</li> <li>Demystify Origin of Chemical Elements (S)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accurate Regional Impact Assessments in Earth System Models</li> <li>Stress-Resistant Crop Analysis and Catalytic Conversion of Biomass- Derived Alcohols</li> <li>Metagenomics for Analysis of Biogeochemical Cycles, Climate Change, Environmental Remediation (S)</li> </ul>	Accelerate and Translate Cancer Research





Summary of current DOE Science & Energy application development projects



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Summary of current DOE Science & Energy and Other Agency application development projects





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Summary of current DOE Science & Energy application development seed projects

#### **Carbon Capture Chemical Science Urban Systems** Seismic (EERE, NE, NNSA) and Storage (FE) (BES) Science (EERE) Reliable earthquake Scaling carbon Design catalysts for Retrofit and improve hazard and risk capture/storage conversion of urban districts with laboratory designs of assessment in cellulosic-based new technologies. relevant frequency multiphase reactors chemicals into fuels. knowledge, and to industrial size ranges\* bioproducts tools\* **DOE Critical Facilities** Climate Action Plan: Climate Action Plan: **Energy-Water Nexus:** SunShot Initiative; **Risk Assessment:** SunShot: 2020 Smart Cities Initiative greenhouse gas/2030 urban area risk MGL assessment; carbon emission goals treaty verification



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#### Metagenomics (BER)

Leveraging microbial diversity in metagenomic datasets for new products and life forms\*

Climate Action Plan; Human Microbiome Project; Marine Microbiome Initiative



#### Astrophysics (NP)

Demystify origin of chemical elements (> Fe); confirm LIGO gravitational wave and DUNE neutrino signatures\*

2015 Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science; origin of universe and nuclear matter in universe



#### Power Grid (EERE, OE)

Reliably and efficiently planning our nation's grid for societal drivers: rapidly increasing renewable energy penetration, more active consumers\*

Grid Modernization Initiative; Climate Action Plan





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## **Example: NWChemEx: Tackling Chemical, Materials and Biomolecular Challenges in the Exascale Era\***

#### **Exascale Challenge Problem**

- Aid & accelerate advanced biofuel development by exploring new feedstock for efficient production of biomass for fuels and new catalysts for efficient conversion of biomass derived intermediates into biofuels and bioproducts
- Molecular understanding of how proton transfer controls protein-assisted transport of ions across biomass cellular membranes; often seen as a stress responses in biomass, would lead to more stress-resistant crops thru genetic modifications
- Molecular-level prediction of the chemical processes driving the specific, selective, low-temperature catalytic conversion (e.g., Zeolites such as H-ZSM-5) ) of biomass-derived alcohols into fuels and chemicals in constrained environments

#### Applications & S/W Technologies

#### Applications

• NWChemEx (evolved from redesigned NWChem)

#### Software Technologies Cited

- Fortran, C, C++
- Global arrays, TiledArrays, ParSEC, TASCEL
- Vislt, Swift
- TAO, Libint
- Git, svn, JIRA, Travis CI
- Co-Design: CODAR, CE-PSI, GraphEx

**Development Plan** 

#### **Risks and Challenges**

#### Unknown performance of parallel tools Y1: Framework with tensor DSL, RTS, APIs, execution state tracking; Operator-level NKbased CCSD with flexible data distributions & symmetry/sparsity exploitation Insufficient performance or scalability or large local memory requirements of critical algorithms Y2: Automated compute of CC energies & 1-/2-body CCSD density matrices; HT & DFT • Unavailable tools for hierarchical memory, I/O, and resource compute of >1K atom systems via multi-threading management at exascale Y3: Couple embedding with HF & DFT for multilevel memory hierarchies; QMD using HF & Unknown exascale architectures DFT for 10K atoms; Scalable R12/F12 for 500 atoms with CCSD energies and gradients using task-based scheduling Unknown types of correlation effect for systems with large number of electrons Y4: Optimized data distribution & multithreaded implementations for most time-intensive routines in HF, DFT, and CC. · Framework cannot support effective development 17 Exascale Computing Project, www.exascaleproject.org \*PI: Thom Dunning (PNNL)

### **Application Motifs\***

Algorithmic methods that capture a common pattern of computation and communication

#### 1. Dense Linear Algebra

- Dense matrices or vectors (e.g., BLAS Level 1/2/3)

#### 2. Sparse Linear Algebra

Many zeros, usually stored in compressed matrices to access nonzero values (e.g., Krylov solvers)

#### 3. Spectral Methods

 Frequency domain, combining multiply-add with specific patterns of data permutation with all-to-all for some stages (e.g., 3D FFT)

#### 4. N-Body Methods (Particles)

 Interaction between many discrete points, with variations being particle-particle or hierarchical particle methods (e.g., PIC, SPH, PME)

#### 5. Structured Grids

 Regular grid with points on a grid conceptually updated together with high spatial locality (e.g., FDM-based PDE solvers)

#### 6. Unstructured Grids

 Irregular grid with data locations determined by app and connectivity to neighboring points provided (e.g., FEM-based PDE solvers)

#### 7. Monte Carlo

- Calculations depend upon statistical results of repeated random trials

#### 8. Combinational Logic

- Simple operations on large amounts of data, often exploiting bit-level parallelism (e.g., Cyclic Redundancy Codes or RSA encryption)

#### 9. Graph Traversal

 Traversing objects and examining their characteristics, e.g., for searches, often with indirect table lookups and little computation

#### 10. Graphical Models

- Graphs representing random variables as nodes and dependencies as edges (e.g., Bayesian networks, Hidden Markov Models)

#### 11. Finite State Machines

 Interconnected set of states (e.g., for parsing); often decomposed into multiple simultaneously active state machines that can act in parallel

#### 12. Dynamic Programming

 Computes solutions by solving simpler overlapping subproblems, e.g., for optimization solutions derived from optimal subproblem results

#### 13. Backtrack and Branch-and-Bound

 Solving search and global optimization problems for intractably large spaces where regions of the search space with no interesting solutions are ruled out. Use the divide and conquer principle: subdivide the search space into smaller subregions ("branching"), and bounds are found on solutions contained in each subregion under consideration



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\*The Landscape of Parallel Computing Research: A View from Berkeley, Technical Report No. UCB/EECS-2006-183 (Dec 2006).

### **Survey of Application Motifs**

Application	Monte Carlo	Particles	Sparse Linear Algebra	Dense Linear Algebra	Spectral Methods	Unstructured Grid	Structured Grid	Comb. Logic	Graph Traversal	Dynamical Program	Backtrack & Branch and Bound	Graphical Models	Finite State Machine
Cosmology													
Subsurface													
Materials (QMC)													
Additive Manufacturing													
Chemistry for Catalysts & Plants													
Climate Science													
Precision Medicine Machine Learning													
QCD for Standard Model Validation													
Accelerator Physics													
Nuclear Binding and Heavy Elements													
MD for Materials Discovery & Design													
Magnetically Confined Fusion													



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Free Electron Laser Data Analytics													
Microbiome Analysis													
Catalyst Design													
Wind Plant Flow Physics													
SMR Core Physics													
Next-Gen Engine Design													
Urban Systems													
Seismic Hazard Assessment													
Systems Biology													
Biological Neutron Science													
Power Grid Dynamics													



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Excited State Material Properties													
Light Sources													
Materials for Energy Conversion/Storage													
Hypersonic Vehicle Design													
Multiphase Energy Conversion Devices													



### **ECP Co-Design Centers**

#### CODAR: A Co-Design Center for Online Data Analysis and Reduction at the Exascale

- Motifs: Online data analysis and reduction
- Address growing disparity between simulation speeds and I/O rates rendering it infeasible for HPC and data analytic applications to perform offline analysis. Target common data analysis and reduction methods (e.g., feature and outlier detection, compression) and methods specific to particular data types and domains (e.g., particles, FEM)

#### Block-Structured AMR Co-Design Center

- Motifs: Structured Mesh, Block-Structured AMR, Particles
- New block-structured AMR framework (AMReX) for systems of nonlinear PDEs, providing basis for temporal and spatial discretization strategy for DOE applications. Unified infrastructure to effectively utilize exascale and reduce computational cost and memory footprint while preserving local descriptions of physical processes in complex multi-physics algorithms

#### Center for Efficient Exascale Discretizations (CEED)

- Motifs: Unstructured Mesh, Spectral Methods, Finite Element (FE) Methods
- Develop FE discretization libraries to enable unstructured PDE-based applications to take full advantage of exascale resources without the need to "reinvent the wheel" of complicated FE machinery on coming exascale hardware

#### Co-Design Center for Particle Applications (CoPA)

- Motif(s): Particles (involving particle-particle and particle-mesh interactions)
- Focus on four sub-motifs: short-range particle-particle (e.g., MD and SPH), long-range particle-particle (e.g., electrostatic and gravitational), particle-in-cell (PIC), and additional sparse matrix and graph operations of linear-scaling quantum MD



### **Ongoing Training: Important for ECP Development Teams**

- Training for ECP Application Development and Software Technology project teams is crucial to keep them abreast of key emerging exascale technologies and productive in integrating them
  - Latest algorithms and methods, high performance libraries, memory and storage hierarchies, on-node and task-based parallelism, application portability, and software engineering design principles and best practices.
- ECP training project will offer both generic and focused training activities through topical workshops, deep-dives, hands-on hackathons, seminars, webinars, videos, and documentation
  - Leverage partnerships with the ASCR and NNSA facilities and complement their existing training programs
  - Model training events on previous facility events such as the ATPESC
  - Disseminate lessons learned, best practices, and other T&P materials to the ECP teams and to the general HPC community through the use of the ECP website.
- Early training activities have been focused on developing training and best practices for Agile software development tools and methodologies



### **Ensuring ECP Development Teams are Productive**

- ECP must assess, recommend, develop and/or deploy software engineering tools, methodologies, and/or processes for software development teams and to cultivate and disseminate software engineering best practices across the teams for improved scientific software development
- ECP is currently standing up a Productivity Project modeled in part on the recent ASCR IDEAS project
  - Includes participation from six DOE Labs and one University partner
- The productivity project team will first assess ECP AD and ST productivity needs and then address these needs through a combination of technical deep dives, implementation of software engineering tools, the development of "how to" documents, training, and one-on-one assistance.
- The productivity work will kick-off in January, 2017



### **ECP Software Technology Overview**

- Build a comprehensive and coherent software stack that will enable application developers to productively write highly parallel applications that can portably target diverse exascale architectures
- Accomplished by extending current technologies to exascale where possible, performing R&D required to conceive of new approaches where necessary
  - Coordinate with vendor efforts; i.e., develop software other than what is typically done by vendors, develop common interfaces or services
  - Develop and deploy high-quality and robust software products



### **Conceptual ECP Software Stack**

	Correctness		Visualiza	Data Analysis							
		Applica	tions	Co-Design							
Resilience	Programming N Development Env Runtime	Models, vironment,	Math	Libraries & Frameworks			orks Tools				
	System Softw Manag Threading, Schedu Cor	vare, Resourd gement, Iling, Monitor ntrol	ce ing and	Memory & Burst Buffer		Data Management, I/O & File System					
	Node OS, Low	v-level Runtir	ne								

### **Requirements for Software Technology**

### **Derived from**

- Analysis of the software needs of exascale applications
- Inventory of software environments at major DOE HPC facilities (ALCF, OLCF, NERSC, LLNL, LANL, SNL)
  - For current systems and the next acquisition in 2–3 years
- Expected software environment for an exascale system
- Requirements beyond the software environment provided by vendors of HPC systems



### Software Technology Requirements Nuclear Reactors

#### Programming Models and Runtimes

- 1. C++/C++-17, C, Fortran, MPI, OpenMP, Thrust, CUDA, Python
- 2. Kokkos, OpenACC, NVL-C
- 3. Raja, Legion/Regent, HPX

#### Tools

- 1. LLVM/Clang, PAPI, Cmake, git, CDash, gitlab, Oxbow
- 2. Docker, Aspen
- 3. TAU

#### Mathematical Libraries, Scientific Libraries, Frameworks

- 1. BLAS/PBLAS, Trilinos, LAPACK
- 2. Metis/ParMETIS, SuperLU, PETSc
- 3. Hypre

#### **Requirements Ranking**

- 1. Definitely plan to use
- 2. Will explore as an option
- 3. Might be useful but no concrete plans



### Software Technology Requirements Nuclear Reactors

### Data Management and Workflows

1. MPI-IO, HDF, Silo, DTK

2. ADIOS

### Data Analytics and Visualization

1. Vislt

2. Paraview

### System Software

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### Software Technologies

#### Aggregate of technologies cited in candidate ECP Applications

#### Programming Models and Runtimes

- Fortran, C++/C++17, Python, C, Javascript, C#, R, Ruby
- MPI, OpenMP, OpenACC, CUDA, Global Arrays, TiledArrays, Argobots, HPX, OpenCL, Charm++
- UPC/UPC++, Co-Array FORTRAN, CHAPEL, Julia, GDDI, DASK-Parallel, PYBIND11
- PGAS, GASNetEX, Kokkos, Raja, Legion/Regent, OpenShmem, Thrust
- PARSEC, Panda, Sycl, Perilla, Globus Online, ZeroMQ, ParSEC, TASCEL, Boost
- Tools (debuggers, profilers, software development, compilers)
  - LLVM/Clang,HPCToolkit, PAPI, ROSE, Oxbow (performance analysis), JIRA (software development tool), Travis (testing),
  - ASPEN (machine modeling), CMake, git, TAU, Caliper, , GitLab, CDash (testing), Flux, Spack, Docker, Shifter, ESGF, Gerrit
  - GDB, Valgrind, GitHub, Jenkins (testing), DDT (debugger)

#### • Mathematical Libraries, Scientific Libraries, Frameworks

- BLAS/PBLAS, MOAB, Trilios, PETSc, BoxLib, LAPACK/ScaLAPACK, Hypre, Chombo, SAMRAI, Metis/ParMETIS, SLEPc
- SuperLU, Repast HPC (agent-based model toolkit), APOSMM (optimization solver), HPGMG (multigrid), FFTW, Dakota, Zero-RK
- cuDNN, DAAL, P3DFFT, QUDA (QCD on GPUs), QPhiX (QCD on Phi), ArPack (Arnoldi), ADLB, DMEM, MKL, Sundials, Muelu
- DPLASMA, MAGMA, PEBBL, pbdR, FMM, DASHMM, Chaco (partitioning), libint (gaussian integrals)
- Smith-Waterman, NumPy, libcchem



### Software Technologies

#### **Cited in Candidate ECP Applications**

#### Data Management and Workflows

- Swift, MPI-IO, HDF, ADIOS, XTC (extended tag container), Decaf, PDACS, GridPro (meshing), Fireworks, NEDB, BlitzDB, CouchDB
- Bellerophon, Sidre, Silo, ZFP, ASCTK, SCR, Sierra, DHARMA, DTK, PIO, Akuna, GridOPTICS software system (GOSS), DisPy, Luigi
- CityGML, SIGMA (meshing), OpenStudio, Landscan USA
- IMG/KBase, SRA, Globus, Python-PANDAS

#### Data Analytics and Visualization

- Vislt, VTK, Paraview, netCDF, CESIUM, Pymatgen, MacMolPlt, Yt
- CombBLAS, Elviz, GAGE, MetaQuast
- System Software



### **Software Technology Projects Mapped to Software Stack**



### Hardware Technology Overview

**Objective:** Fund R&D to design hardware that meets ECP's Targets for application performance, power efficiency, and resilience

#### Issue *PathForward and PathForward II* Hardware Architecture R&D contracts that deliver:

- Conceptual exascale node and system designs
- Analysis of performance improvement on conceptual system design
- Technology demonstrators to quantify performance gains over existing roadmaps
- Support for active industry engagement in ECP holistic codesign efforts

### DOE labs engage to:

• Participate in evaluation and review of PathForward and PathForward II deliverables

• Lead Design Space Evaluation through Architectural Analysis, and Abstract Machine Models of PathForward/PathForward II designs for ECP's holistic co-design



### ECP's plan to accelerate and enhance system capabilities



### **Some Applications Risks and Challenges**

- Exploiting on-node memory and compute hierarchies
- Programming models: what to use where and how (e.g., task-based RTS)
- Integrating S/W components that use disparate approaches (e.g., on-node parallelism)
- Developing and integrating co-designed motif-based community components
- Achieving portable performance (without "if-def'ing" 2 different code bases)
- Multi-physics coupling: both algorithms and software
- Integrating sensitivity analysis, data assimilation, and uncertainty quantification technologies
- Understanding requirements of Data Analytic Computing methods and applications
  - Critical infrastructure, superfacility, supply chain, image/signal processing, in situ analytics
  - Machine/statistical learning, classification, streaming/graph analytics, discrete event, combinatorial optimization



### **Challenges for Software Technology**

- In addition to the usual exascale challenges -- scale, memory hierarchy, power, and performance portability -- the main challenge is the codesign and integration of various components of the software stack with each other, with a broad range of applications, with emerging hardware technologies, and with the software provided by system vendors
  - These aspects must all come together to provide application developers with a productive development and execution environment
- Creating a broadly adopted software stack for HPC
  - de facto standards



### **Next Steps in the Software Stack**

- Over the next few months, we will undertake a gap analysis to identify what aspects of the software stack are missing in the portfolio, based on requirements of applications and DOE HPC facilities, and discussions with vendors
- Based on the results of the gap analysis, we will issue targeted RFIs/RFPs that will aim to close the identified gaps



# ECP aims to transform the HPC ecosystem and make major contributions to the nation

- Develop applications that will tackle a broad spectrum of mission critical problems of unprecedented complexity with unprecedented performance
- Contribute to the economic competitiveness of the nation
- Support national security
- Develop a software stack, in collaboration with vendors, that is exascale-capable and is usable on smaller systems by industry and academia
- Partner with vendors to develop computer architectures that support exascale applications
- Train a large cadre of computational scientists, engineers, and computer scientists who will be an asset to the nation long after the end of the ECP



### **Questions?**

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