### Sierra: Science on a Mission

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  - Biological modeling of Cancer
  - Neutron lifetime
  - Extreme-scale RANS modeling
- Future directions: AI/ML in scientific computing



## LLNL's Mission Requirements for Extreme-scale Computing





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#### Nuclear security and the Stockpile Stewardship Program



- Assess annually the safety, security, reliability and, effectiveness of the stockpile
- Extend life of stockpile warheads; adapting safety and security features to evolving requirements
- Strengthen underpinning science, technology, and engineering
- Nuclear nonproliferation and counterterrorism

The Stockpile Stewardship Program has successfully maintained the nuclear stockpile without explosive nuclear testing since 1992

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Life extension programs can improve safety and security while providing no new military capabilities (consistent with policy)



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### Nuclear security is more than nuclear weapons





## Providing simulation capabilities to the end user involves a large, integrated ecosphere



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# High-performance computing (HPC) is central to sustaining the nuclear stockpile in the absence of additional nuclear tests



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### What drives super-exascale requirements is 3D high resolution, enhanced physics calculations done in an uncertainty quantification regime



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### LLNL has a long history of fielding Top500 systems

Courtesy of Erich Strohmaier (LBL) SC'17 Invited talk https://www.top500.org/static/media/uploads/presentations/top500\_ppt\_invited\_201711.pdf

# Site	e	Country	Norm-HPL		
1 LLN	L	USA	1,466		
2 LAN	L	USA	810		
3 ORM	NL	USA	737		
4 SNL		USA	652		
5 NSC	C Guangzhou	China	449		
6 RIKE	EN AICS	Japan	354		
7 NAS	A/Ames	USA	352		
8 FZ J	ülich	Germany	333		
9 JAM	ISTEC	Japan	325		
10 NER	SC	USA	303		
11 ANL		USA	298		

#### **Dominant Sites**

What is not captured here is the derivative. Like a "moving average", this will change over the next decade as *non*-US/DOE sites dominate the top 3 positions.





### Sierra System Overview





Sierra is a 125 Petaflop peak system based in the Department of Energy's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory supporting national security mission advancing science in the public interest



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System performance		Each node has	The system includes			
<ul> <li>Peak performance of 125 petaflops for modeling and simulation</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>2 IBM POWER9 processors</li> <li>4 NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs</li> <li>320 GiB of fast memory</li> <li>256 GiB DDR4</li> <li>64 GiB HBM2</li> <li>1.6 TB of NVMe memory</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>4,320 nodes</li> <li>2:1 tapered Mellanox EDR InfiniBand tree topology (50% global bandwidth) with dual-port HCA per node</li> <li>154 PB IBM Spectrum Scale file system with 1.54 TB/s R/W bandwidth</li> </ul>			

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### What makes Sierra so effective?

**GPUs:** Sierra links more than **17,000** deep-learning optimized NVIDIA GPUs with the potential to deliver exascale-level performance (a billion-billion calculations per second) for AI applications. **High-Speed Data Movement:** High-speed Mellanox interconnect and NVLink highbandwidth technology built into all of Sierra's processors supply the nextgeneration information superhighways.

**CPUs:** IBM Power9 processors to rapidly execute serial code, run storage and I/O services, and manage data so the compute is done in the right place.

**Memory:** Sierra's sizable memory gives researchers a convenient launching point for data-intensive tasks, an asset that allows for greatly improved application performance and algorithmic accuracy as well as AI training.



#### **IBM Power9 Processor**

- Up to 24 cores
  - Sierra's P9s have 22 cores for yield optimization on first processors
- PCI-Express 4.0
  - Twice as fast as PCIe 3.0
- NVLink 2.0
  - Coherent, high-bandwidth links to GPUs
- 14nm FinFET SOI technology
  - 8 billion transistors
- Cache
  - L1I: 32 KiB per core, 8-way set associative
  - L1D: 32KiB per core, 8-way
  - L2: 256 KiB per core
  - L3: 120 MiB eDRAM, 20-way





### **NVIDIA Volta Details**

	Tesla V100 for NVLink	Tesla V100 for PCIe
	DOUBLE-PRECISION 7.8 TeraFLOPS	DOUBLE-PRECISION 7 TeraFLOPS
Performance with NVIDIA GPU Boost	single-precision 15.7 TeraFLOPS	single-precision 14 TeraFLOPS
	DEEP LEARNING 125 TeraFLOPS	DEEP LEARNING 112 TeraFLOPS
Interconnect Bandwidth Bi-Directional	NVLINK <b>300</b> gb/s	PCIE 32gb/s
	САРАСІТУ 16GB нвм2	
Memory CoWoS Stacked HBM2	ed HBM2 BANDWIDTH 900gB/s	



### Lassen

Lassen is an unclassified system similar to Sierra, but smaller in size.

Its peak performance is 20.9 petaflops vs. Sierra's 125 petaflops peak performance.

Multiple programs and institutional users will use Lassen for leading-edge science, such as predictive biology, computeraided drug discovery, or exploring novel materials, on a world-class system.

System Details (subject to change on final install)	Lassen
Zone	CZ (Unclassified)
Nodes	720
POWER9 Processors per Node	2
GV100 (Volta) GPUs per Node	4
Node Peak (tFLOP/s)	29.1
System Peak (pFLOP/s)	20.9
Node Memory (GiB)	320
System Memory (PiB)	0.225
Interconnect	2x IB EDR
Off-Node Aggregate b/w (GB/s)	45.5
Compute Racks	40
Network and Infrastructure Racks	4
Storage Racks	4
Total Racks	48
Peak Power (MW)	~1.8

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### The Need to Pivot Toward Exascale





## Advancements in HPC have happened over three major epochs, and we're settling on a fourth (heterogeneity)





## The drive for more capable high-end computing is driving disruption in HPC application development







### **Processor trends tell the parallelism story....**



New plot and data collected for 2010-2017 by K. Rupp





## The LLNL/ASC procurement strategy relies on long-lived partnerships with HPC vendors



- Long lead times in procurements allow vendor roadmaps to be clear enough to bid, but still fungible
- Use of target requirements reduces risk to vendor, and thus cost to the Program
- Testbed architectures make up the unofficial 3<sup>rd</sup> tier of the ASC platform strategy: evaluation of competing and potential future technologies at smaller scale



## Application Preparation and the Sierra Center of Excellence





### Predicting the life cycle behavior of nuclear warheads requires simulation at a wide range of spatial and temporal scale



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# Large, Integrated multi-physics Codes provide the basic simulation capabilities for broad range of application domains







# Sierra Represents a Major Shift For Our Mission-Critical Applications on Advance Architectures

- IBM BlueGene, along with copious amounts of linux-based cluster technology dominate the HPC landscape at LLNL.
  - Apps scale to unprecedented 1.6M MPI ranks, but are still largely MPI-everywhere on "lean" cores
  - Heterogeneous GPGPU-based computing begins to look attractive with NVLINK and Unified
  - Memory (P9/Volta)
  - Apps must undertake a 180 turn from BlueGene toward heterogeneity and large-memory nodes





Heterogeneous computing is here to stay, and *Sierra* gives us a solid leg-up in preparing for exascale and beyond



2004 -

2014

present







## Application enablement through the Center of Excellence – the original (and enduring) concept



### **High level goals of the Center of Excellence**



To <u>train ASC and LLNL institutional application teams</u> in the art and science of developing high performance software on the Sierra architecture



To have our flagship <u>applications utilizing advanced features</u> of Sierra as soon as the machine is generally available, and fully optimized (4-6x improvement over Sequoia) for the architecture within 1-2 years of deployment



To develop <u>performance-portable solutions</u> that allow application teams to focus on maintaining a single source code that will be effective on platforms deployed at our sister laboratories



To build <u>strong ties with our vendor partners</u> as a key element of our co-design strategy – leveraging their deep knowledge of the hardware and algorithmic approaches specific to their platform, and informing them of our long-term application requirements as they will impact future machine designs

Specific strategies for each of these goals were captured in an "Execution Strategy" document and used to guide our implementation

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### **Applications on Sierra**





# High resolution ICF simulations help us understand yield degradation mechanisms







### Taking Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF) simulations to a higher level

#### Chris Clouse LLNL

Until recently, 3D simulations were often run as a double check on routinely employed 2D approximations. These 3D simulations were computationally expensive and, as a result, were run as sparingly as possible. Design and analysis in LLNL's National Ignition Facility (NIF) Program until today relied primarily on 2D approximations because 3D simulations could not be turned around quickly enough to make them a useful routine design tool.

Sierra's architecture, which is expected to bring speed-ups on the order of 10X for many of our 3D applications, will be able to process these crucial simulations efficiently, changing the way users compute by making the use of 3D routine.



"Sierra provided an unprecedented (98 billion cell) simulation of two-fluid mixing in a spherical geometry. Understanding hydrodynamic instability and the transition to turbulence process is important in inertial confinement fusion and High Energy Density (HED) Physics."

-Chris Clouse

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# Developing the next generation of algorithms and codes

#### Rob Rieben LLNL

To maximize the full potential of new computer architectures like Sierra's, we are developing new algorithms that play to the strengths of the machine specifically the high intensity of compute operations available to data that remain local.

We are also developing next-generation simulation codes for inertial confinement fusion and nuclear weapons analysis that employ high-order, compute-intensive algorithms that maximize the amount of computing done for each piece of data retrieved from memory. These schemes are very robust and should significantly improve the overall analysis workflow for users. These advanced simulation tools enabled by Sierra will improve throughput along two axes: faster turnaround and less user intervention.



"The combination of our next generation, compute intensive, high-order algorithms with the processing power of Sierra will deliver an exciting new era in multi-physics simulations." —Rob Rieben



## **Early Science Applications**

**Early Science** - That time between when the system is first booted up ( $^3/1/18$ ) and when it is transitioned to the classified network for Programmatic use ( $^1/20/19$ ) when friendly users help "shake down" the system.

**Characteristics**: Buggy or incomplete software stack, random bad hardware, rebooted on a whim, nursing problems along through the night, etc...

**Benefits**... when it's up, you can sometimes get the whole system to yourself for as long as you can keep things running. Invaluable feedback to the facility and vendors, and a one-time shot for open science apps








## Sierra advances resolution of earthquake simulations

## Arthur Rodgers

The character of strong earthquake shaking near a fault is highly variable and poorly constrained by empirical data. Supercomputers enable simulation of earthquake motions to investigate the hazard and risk to buildings and infrastructure before damaging events occur. The large scale (~100 km) and fine detail (~10 m) of high frequency waves (>5 Hz) from damaging earthquakes require today's most powerful computers.

Using SW4-RAJA, a 3D seismic simulation code ported to GPU hardware, LLNL researchers are able to increase the resolution of earthquake simulations to span most frequencies of engineering interest on regional domains with rapid throughput to enable sampling of various rupture scenarios and sub-surface models.



"Sierra's thousands of GPU-accelerated nodes allow SW4-RAJA to compute earthquake ground motions with 100's of billions of grid points in shorter run times so we can resolve high-frequency waves and investigate different rupture scenarios or earth models."

-Arthur Rodgers

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### **Computational Domain and Rupture**



#### Modeling a 7.0 quake on the hayward fault (SF Bay Area)



Courtesy: Artie Rogers, LLNL



### National Lab HPC resources we run on: Cori-II at LBNL/NERSC and Sierra at LC/LLNL



Cori Phase-II at LBNL/NERSC #10 on Top 500 27 PetaFLOPS (peak)

68 Intel Xeon Phi (CPUs) per node



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SW4 port to GPU



Sierra at LLNL #3 on Top 500 119 PetaFLOPS (peak) 2 IBM POWER (CPU) per node and 4 NVIDIA GPUs per node



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Future platforms will rely heavily on GPU's



### Summer 2018 Hayward Fault M<sub>w</sub> 7.0 runs



SW4 (CPU) f <sub>max</sub> = 5.0 Hz on Cori-II	SW4-RAJA (GPU) f <sub>max</sub> = 5.0 Hz on Sierra
v <sub>Smin</sub> = 500 m/s	v <sub>Smin</sub> = 500 m/s
PPW = 8	PPW = 8
T = 90 s	T = 90 s
h <sub>min</sub> = 12.5 m	h <sub>min</sub> = 12.5 m
N <sub>points</sub> = 25.8 billion	N <sub>points</sub> = 25.8 billion
N <sub>time-steps</sub> = 63,063	N <sub>time-steps</sub> = 63,063
Checkpointing every 4000 time-steps	No checkpointing
Ran on 8192 nodes (85%) of Cori-II (524,288 cores CPUs)	Ran on 256 nodes (6%) of Sierra (1024 GPUs)
Solver time 10.3 hours	Solver time 10.3 hours



### Verification of SW4 and SW4-RAJA: Peak Ground Velocity maps



### Verification of SW4 and SW4-RAJA: Waveforms agree to single precision (SAC files)





## Comparison of near-fault accelerations for a range of resolutions (f<sub>max</sub> = maximum frequency)



### GMIM's versus distance with ASK (2014) GMM



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## Perspective on previous regional-scale Hayward Fault runs on various machines





### Joint Design of Advanced Computing Solutions for Cancer

A collaboration between DOE and NCI







### **Oncogenic RAS is responsible for many human cancers**

93% of all pancreatic
42% of all colorectal
33% of all lung cancers
1 million deaths/year world-wide
No effective inhibitors



Simanshu, Cell 170, 2017



Nature Reviews | Molecular Cell Biology

Pathway transmits signals

RAS is a switch oncogenic RAS is "on"

RAS localizes to the plasma membrane

RAS binds effectors (RAF) to activate growth





# Essential strategy: utilize appropriate scale methodology for each component







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### 1. Identify regions of interest using AI techniques

- Use variational autoencoder to learn reduced order model (ROM) of system
- Map every region of simulation into this ROM
- Rank every patch in the simulation by distance from others ("uniqueness") in ROM
- Identify the most unique patches as the most interesting









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### **Preliminary Results**

- 50nm X 50nm high-res study w/ 2 RAS proteins (40 μs)
- Investigate phenomena witnessed originally in μm X μm scale simulation
- Aggregation/repulsion of charged lipids (PAP6, PAPS, DIPE, CHOL) following "collision" of RAS
- Results demonstrate importance of time and length-scale for simulation



POPC



2

1.5

1

0.5



DIPE



PAP6

CHOL

NIS





### **The Neutron Lifetime on Sierra Early Science**

Pavlos Vranas LLNL, André Walker-Loud LBNL, et. al. (CalLat Collaboration)

The lifetime of a neutron is ~15 min. (~881 sec), and its value has a profound effect on the mass composition of the universe.



In the known theory of physics (QCD) neutrons decay to protons. Beam experiments count how many protons emerge from a beam of neutrons.

Bottle experiments trap neutrons in a "bottle" and measure how many are left after a period of time. If neutrons also decay to other new unknown particles (? dark matter ?) results will not agree with the known theory of physics (QCD).

<ul> <li>These two methods result in measurements of the lifetime that have a 99% probability of being incompatible - why?</li> <li>Is there an unaccounted for systematic?</li> <li>Or more exciting, is there new physics causing them to disagree?</li> <li>Which method is consistent with the prediction from the Standard Model?</li> <li>Answering this question requires access to leadership class supercomputers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Using Sierra the team simulated the fundamental theory of Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) and calculated the lifetime to an unprecedented theoretical accuracy (blue bar). This preliminary result has an uncertainty that is 4 times smaller than the next best result in the field (equivalent to a factor of 16 times more data).</li> <li>This early science time allowed us to form a concrete plan to further reduce the uncertainty and achieve a discriminating level of precision in the theoretical prediction.</li> </ul>
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Courtesy: Pavlos Vranas, LLNL



#### The Neutron Lifetime on Sierra Early Science



#### Nature 558 (2018) no. 7708, 91-94

#### Sierra Early Science (preliminary)

- The vertical gray band denotes the physical value of pion mass these points are significantly more expensive than the rest to compute - but the most valuable for the final predictions
- The green point in our publication cost as much computing time as all the other points combined
- □ The green point from Sierra has **10x** more statistics than our publication
- The red point from our publication was not useful
- □ The red point from Sierra came from an entirely new calculation and is now very useful
- The blue point from Sierra was entirely unattainable from previous computers (it still needs more statistics to be useful)





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## We ran a massive turbulent fluid mixing simulation on Sierra in October 2018







# Future simulations for complex systems will be guided by machine learning



### The Virtuous Circle of HPC Simulation and Machine Learning







### **Cognitive simulation integrates machine learning with simulation at multiple levels**





### Scientific computing challenges differ from industry challenges



- Different type of scaling
- Data augmentation techniques
- Image classification defined by fine features
- Laws of physics



Goal is to leverage industry advancements and specialize when needed. Validation needs to be a part of this!



### **Open Research Questions for Machine Learning in Science**

Physics Constraints	<ul> <li>Results must honor laws conservation (e.g. energy, mage)</li> </ul>	ass)
Sparse Data	<ul> <li>It is sometimes intractable to generate sufficient train</li> </ul>	ing data
Explainability	<ul> <li>Interpretability of results necessary for predictive scie</li> </ul>	nce
Data Collection	<ul> <li>Lots of data with no standards for specification or sharing</li> </ul>	
These are all critical research areas to pursue if we are to demonstrate the value of AI techniques in the pursuit of predictive science		
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## Intelligence built into HPC simulations will change how we tackle problems that have overwhelming amounts of data



Sierra will allow us to research and explore the possiblities



# Surrogate models to increase simulation coupling for multi-scale problems

- Multi-scale problems are difficult to model
  - -Often solved using low-fidelity table lookups
  - -More accurate models are user-intensive and/or computationally expensive
- Surrogate models can be trained on high-fidelity physics models

-Expensive calculations may be reduced to function calls

Ab-initio	Atoms	Long-time	Microstructure	Dislocation	Crystal	Continuum
Inter-atomic forces, EOS, excited states	Defects and interfaces, nucleation	Defects and defect structures	Meso-scale multi- phase, multi-grain evolution	Meso-scale strength	Meso-scale material response	Macro-scale material response
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### The ATOM partnership is exploring new active learning approaches to accelerate drug design



private partnership -Lead with computation

supported and validated by targeted experiments -Data-sharing to build models using everyone's data

Partners: LLNL, GSK, NCI,

Product: An open-source framework of tools and

25 FTE's in shared Mission Bay, SF space

**R&D started March 2018** 



### ADAPD: Advanced Data Analytics for Proliferation Detection







### LLNL's Data Science Institute (established 2017)

Big Machines. Big Data. Big Ideas.





### **Strengthening the LLNL Data Science Workforce**

Fostering a sense of community

- Strengthen and sustain LLNL's data science workforce
- Enhance internal coordination and communication of the data science workforce across disciplines and programs
- Promote and expand the visibility of data science work at LLNL
- Evolve strategic data science vision and guide S&T investments

Data	Science
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- Inform S&T investments
- Communication

Workforce Development

- Reading groups
- Courses
- Summer Program

- Web Presence
- External/Internal website
- Mailing list

Slack

Outreach

- Academic engagement
- Info sessions
- Recruiting

- Seminar Series/ Workshop
- Invited speakers
- UC/LLNL multiday workshop







#### **Data Science Summer Institute**

The Focus is the Future

#### 12-week flexible internship focused on data science

Students funded 50% to work on solutions to challenge problems, attend courses and seminars, and strengthen skills.



#### 1000+ applicants in FY18

#### 50 total students in FY17+FY18

- 26 students in FY18
- 24 students in FY17

#### **Visiting Faculty**

- James Flegal, UC Riverside
- Robert Gramacy, Virginia Tech

#### **Challenge Problems**

- Topology Optimization
- Machine Vision
- Multimodal Data Exploration
- Cyber



### Conclusions

- The 125 PF Sierra system is currently being stood up for use in the Stockpile Stewardship mission of the NNSA
- Preparation for the pivot to heterogenous computing was difficult, but is demonstrating significant benefits in computational results
- The Open Science period for Sierra allowed open applications significant allocations to demonstrate cutting-edge science results
- LLNL is pursuing an application strategy that will encompass both traditional exascale computing needs, as well as the burgeoning AI/ML trends.

### The following two talks will complete the story – stay tuned!





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