Introduction to Numerical Software

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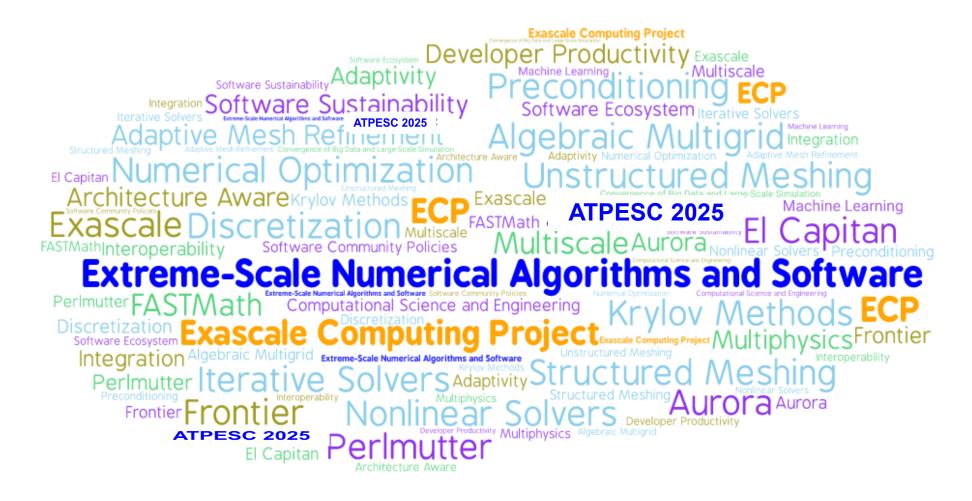






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- Intro to numerical algorithms and software for extreme-scale science



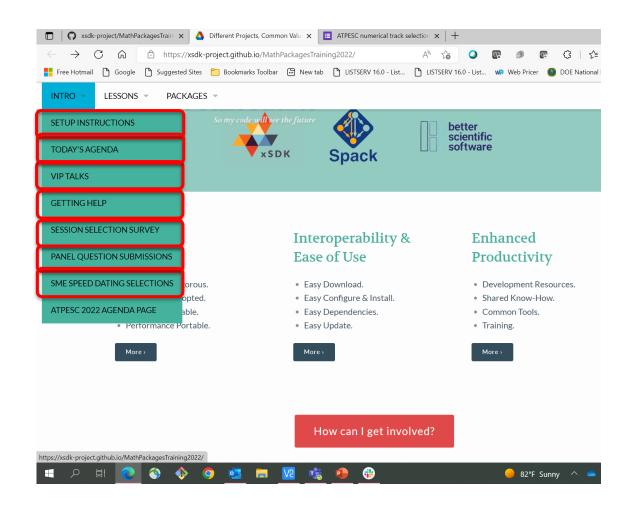


Your home bases for the day: ATPESC Track 5 Numerical Algorithms and Software for Extreme-Scale Science

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- Math Packages Training Site
 - session abstracts, links to parallel breakout rooms, hands-on lessons, more
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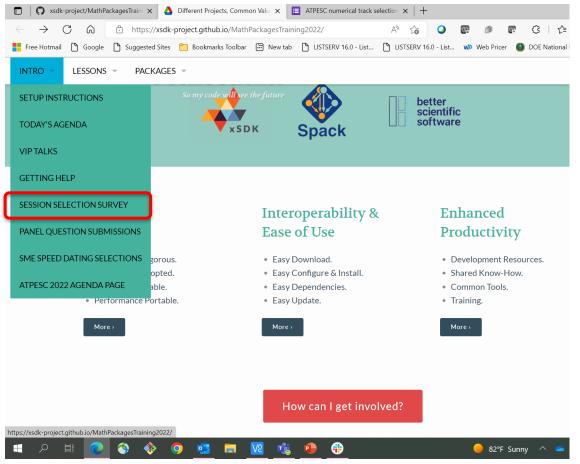
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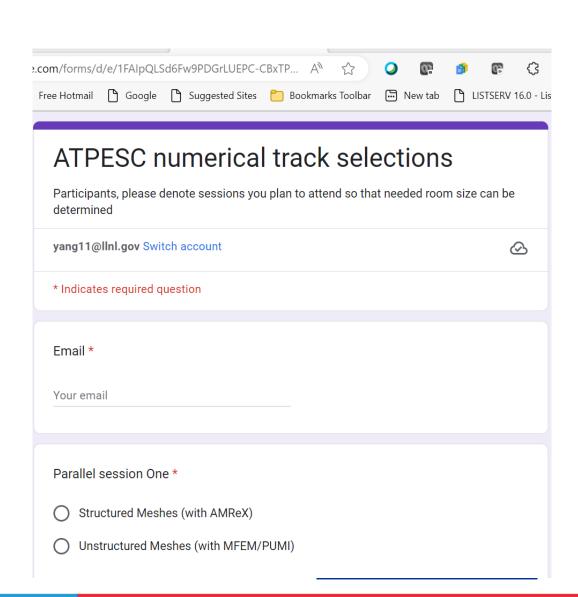
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Choose which lecture you want to attend!

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Block-structured adaptive mesh refinement framework. Scalable support for hierarchical mesh and particle data, with embedded boundaries.

Capabilities

- Support for PDEs on a hierarchical adaptive mesh with particles and embedded boundary representations of complex geometry
- Support for multiple modes of time integration
- Support for explicit and implicit single-level and multilevel mesh operations, multilevel synchronization, particle, particle-mesh and particle-particle operations
- Hierarchical parallelism
 - hybrid MPI + OpenMP with logical tiling on multicore architectures
 - hybrid MPI + GPU support for hybrid CPU/GPU systems (NVIDIA CUDA, AMD HIP, Intel SYCL)
- Native multilevel geometric multigrid solvers for cell-centered and nodal data
- Highly efficient parallel I/O for checkpoint/restart and for visualization native format supported by Visit, Paraview, yt

Open source software

- Used for diverse apps, including accelerator modeling, astrophysics, combustion, cosmology, multiphase flow, phase field modeling, atmospheric modeling and more
- Source code and development hosted on github with rigorous testing framework
- Extensive documentation, examples and tutorials





Examples of AMReX applications

https://www.github.com/AMReX-Codes/amrex



MFEM



Free, lightweight, scalable C++ library for finite element methods. Supports arbitrary high order discretizations and meshes for wide variety of applications.

Flexible discretizations on unstructured grids

- Triangular, quadrilateral, tetrahedral and hexahedral meshes.
- Local conforming and non-conforming refinement.
- Bilinear/linear forms for variety of methods: Galerkin, DG, DPG, ...

High-order and scalable

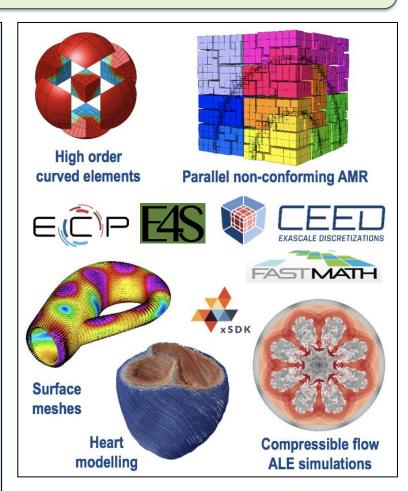
- Arbitrary-order H1, H(curl), H(div)- and L2 elements. Arbitrary order curvilinear meshes.
- MPI scalable to millions of cores and includes initial GPU implementation. Enables application development on wide variety of platforms: from laptops to exascale machines.

Built-in solvers and visualization

- Integrated with: HYPRE, SUNDIALS, PETSc, SUPERLU, ...
- Accurate and flexible visualization with Vislt and GLVis

Open source software

- BSD with thousands of downloads/year worldwide.
- Available on GitHub, also via OpenHPC, Spack. Part of ECP's CEED co-design center.



https://mfem.org



Parallel Unstructured Mesh Infrastructure

Parallel management and adaptation of unstructured meshes.

Interoperable components to support the development of unstructured mesh simulation workflows

Core functionality

- Distributed, conformant mesh with entity migration, remote read only copies, fields and their operations
- Link to the geometry and attributes
- Mesh adaptation (straight and curved), mesh motion
- Multi-criteria partition improvement
- Distributed mesh support for Particle In Cell methods

Designed for integration into existing codes

- xSDK package; installs with Slack
- Permissive license enables integration with open and closed-source codes

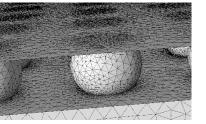
In-memory integrations developed

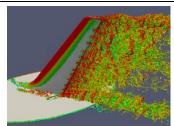
- MFEM: High order FE framework
- PetraM: Adaptive RF fusion
- PHASTA: FE for turbulent flows
- FUN3D: FV CFD
- Proteus: Multiphase FE
- ACE3P: High order FE for EM
- M3D-C1: FE based MHD
- Nektar++: High order FE for flow
- Albany/Trilinos: Multi-physics FE



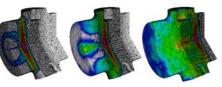








Applications with billions of elements: flip-chip (L), flow control (R)

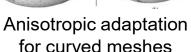


Mesh adaptation for evolving features





RF antenna and plasma surface in vessel.



Source Code: github.com/SCOREC/core User Guide: doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.16412599 Paper: doi.org/10.1145/2814935



Omega_h Parallel Unstructured Mesh Adaptation on GPUs

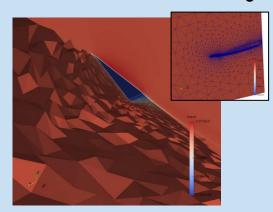
Parallel adaptation of unstructured meshes on GPUs. Support the development of unstructured mesh simulation workflows on leadership systems.

Core functionality

- Distributed, conformant mesh adaptation (coarsening past initial mesh + refinement)
- Manycore and GPU parallelism using Kokkos
- Runs on NVIDIA, AMD, and Intel GPUs
- Supports complex geometric models via Gmsh and Simmetrix SimModSuite

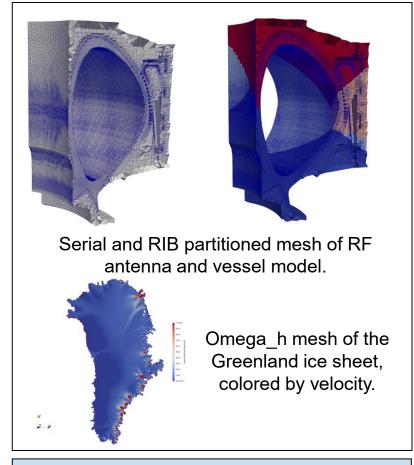
Applications Supported

- GITRm: impurity transport
- XGCm: core+edge fusion plasma physics
- MFEM: finite element framework specializing in high-order methods
- PetraM: RF Fusion
- MALI: land ice melting





'Crinkle clip' view of wing's top surface after adaptation (main) and wake on symmetry surface (inset).



Source Code: github.com/SCOREC/omega_h **Thesis:** hdl.handle.net/20.500.13015/1817



PUMIPIC Parallel Unstructured Mesh Infrastructure for Particle-in-Cell

Parallel management of unstructured meshes with particles. Framework for GPU accelerated particle-in-cell applications using unstructured meshes.

Core functionality

- Unstructured mesh-based approach
 - Particles accessed through mesh
 - Particle search through mesh adjacencies
 - Effective coupling to PDE solvers
 - Partitioning using bounding flux surfaces, graph, or geometric methods
 - PICpart: owned elements + copied elements from topologically or spatially neighboring processes
 - Stored on GPU using Omega_h library: github.com/SNLComputation/omega_h

Particles

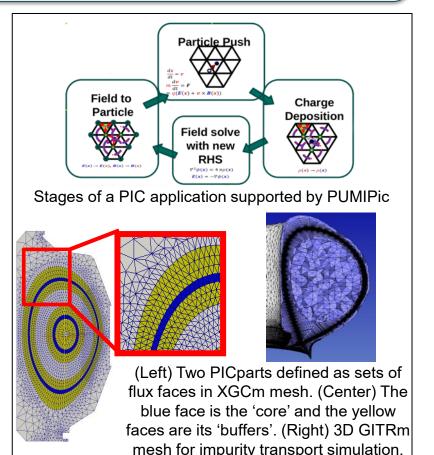
- Supports multiple species
- Particle storage choices: Sell-C-Sigma [Kreutzer 2014], COPA Cabana, and DPS.
- DPS storage optimized for applications with tens of particles per mesh element.
- Parallel kernel launch function abstracts underlying particle and mesh storage
- Supports NVIDIA and AMD GPUs

Applications Supported

- GITRm: impurity transport
- XGCm: core+edge fusion plasma physics
- PolyMPO: GPU polygonal meshbased material point operations
- PUMI-Tally: supports Monte Carlo neutral particle transport
- Weak scaling on up to 24,000
 GPUs of Summit with 1.15 trillion particles running push, particle-to-mesh, and mesh-to-particle operations with an XGCm tokamak mesh and domain decomposition







Source Code: github.com/SCOREC/pumi-pic Paper: doi.org/10.1016/j.jpdc.2021.06.004



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hypre

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Highly scalable multilevel solvers and preconditioners. Unique user-friendly interfaces. Flexible software design. Used in a variety of applications. Freely available.

Conceptual interfaces

- Structured, semi-structured, finite elements, linear algebraic interfaces
- Provide natural "views" of the linear system
- Provide for efficient (scalable) linear solvers through effective data storage schemes

Scalable preconditioners and solvers

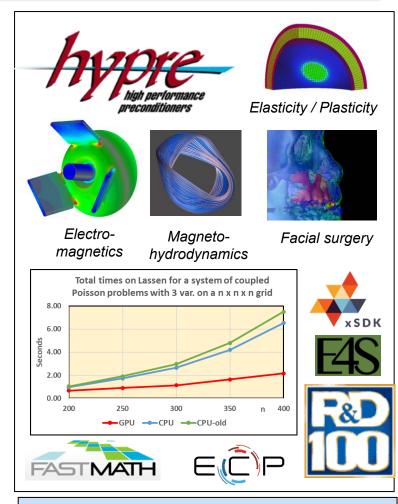
- Structured and unstructured algebraic multigrid solvers
- Maxwell solvers, H-div solvers
- Multigrid solvers for nonsymmetric systems: pAIR
- Multigrid reduction (MGR) for systems of PDEs
- Matrix-free Krylov solvers
- ILU and FSAI preconditioners

Exascale early systems GPU-readiness

Nvidia GPU (CUDA), AMD GPU (HIP), Intel GPU (SYCL)

Open-source software

- Used worldwide in a vast range of applications
- Can be used through PETSc and Trilinos
- Available on github: https://www.github.com/hypre-space/hypre



http://www.llnl.gov/CASC/hypre



SuperLU





Supernodal Sparse LU Direct Solver. Flexible, user-friendly interfaces. Examples show various use scenarios. Testing code for unit-test. BSD license.

Capabilities

- Serial (thread-safe), shared-memory (SuperLU_MT, OpenMP or Pthreads), distributed-memory (SuperLU_DIST, hybrid MPI+ OpenM + CUDA/HIP).
 - Written in C, with Fortran interface
- Sparse LU decomposition (can be nonsymmetric sparsity pattern), triangular solution with multiple right-hand sides
- Incomplete LU (ILUTP) preconditioner in serial SuperLU
- Sparsity-preserving ordering: minimum degree or graph partitioning applied to A^TA or A^T+A
- User-controllable pivoting: partial pivoting, threshold pivoting, static pivoting
- Condition number estimation, iterative refinement, componentwise error bounds

Exascale early systems GPU-readiness

- Available: Nvidia GPU (CUDA), AMD GPU (HIP)
- In progress: Intel GPU (SYCL)

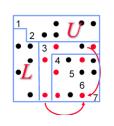
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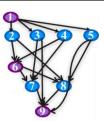
- Factorization strong scales to 32,000 cores (IPDPS'18, JPDC'19)
- Triangular solve strong scales to 4000 cores (SIAM CSC'18, SIAM PP'20, SC'23)

Open-source software

- Used in a vast range of applications, can be used through PETSc and Trilinos, ...
- available on github











ITER tokamak

quantum mechanics

Widely used in commercial software, including AMD (circuit simulation), Boeing (aircraft design), Chevron, ExxonMobile (geology), Cray's LibSci, FEMLAB, HP's MathLib, IMSL, NAG, SciPy, OptimaNumerics, Walt Disney Animation.





https://portal.nersc.gov/project/sparse/superlu/



STRUMPACK

Structured Matrix Package



Hierarchical solvers for dense rank-structured matrices and fast algebraic sparse solver and robust and scalable preconditioners.



Dense Matrix Solvers using Hierarchical Approximations

- Hierarchical partitioning, low-rank approximations
- Hierarchically Semi-Separable (HSS), Hierarchically Off-Diagonal Low-Rank (HODLR), Hierarchically Off-Diagonal Butterfly (HODBF), Block Low-Rank (BLR), Butterfly
- C++ Interface to ButterflyPACK (Fortran)
- Applications: BEM, Cauchy, Toeplitz, kernel & covariance matrices, ...
- Asymptotic complexity much lower than LAPACK/ScaLAPACK routines

Sparse Direct Solver

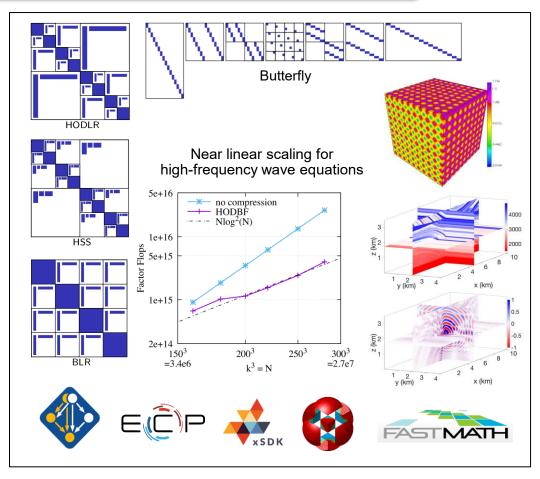
- Algebraic sparse direct solver
- GPU: CUDA, HIP/ROCm, DPC++ (in progress)
- Orderings: (Par)METIS, (PT)Scotch, RCM

Preconditioners

- Approximate sparse factorization, using hierarchical matrix approximations
- Scalable and robust, aimed at PDE discretizations, indefinite systems, ...
- Iterative solvers: GMRES, BiCGStab, iterative refinement

Software

- **BSD** license
- Interfaces from PETSc, MFEM, Trilinos, available in Spack



github.com/pghysels/STRUMPACK



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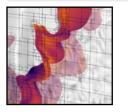


Adaptive time integrators for ODEs and DAEs and efficient nonlinear solvers Used in a variety of applications. Freely available. Encapsulated solvers & parallelism.

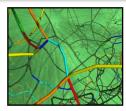
ODE and DAE time integrators:

- CVODE: adaptive order and step BDF (stiff) & Adams (non-stiff) methods for ODEs
- ARKODE: adaptive step implicit, explicit, IMEX, and multirate Runge-Kutta methods for ODEs
- IDA: adaptive order and step BDF methods for DAEs
- CVODES and IDAS: provide forward and adjoint sensitivity analysis capabilities
- **Nonlinear Solvers:** *KINSOL* Newton-Krylov; accelerated Picard and fixed point
- Modular Design: Easily incorporated into existing codes; Users can supply their own data structures and solvers or use SUNDIALS provided modules
- Support on NVIDIA, AMD, and Intel GPUs:
 - Vectors: CUDA, HIP, OpenMP Offload, RAJA, SYCL (DPC++)
 - Linear solvers: cuSOLVER, MAGMA, matrix-free Krylov methods
- Open Source: BSD License; Download from LLNL site, GitHub, or Spack
 - Supported by extensive documentation; user email list with an active community
 - Available through MFEM, AMReX, deal.II, and PETSc

SUNDIALS is used worldwide in applications throughout research and industry



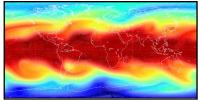




Combustion (Pele)

Cosmology (Nyx)

Dislocation dynamics (ParaDiS)





Atmospheric Dynamics (Tempest)

Subsurface flow (ParFlow)









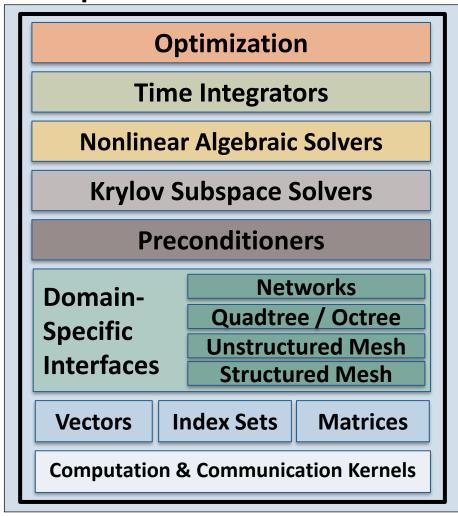
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Portable, Extensible Toolkit for Scientific Computation / Toolkit for Advanced

Scalable algebraic solvers for PDEs. Encapsulate parallelism in high-level objects. Active & supported user community. Full API from Fortran, C/C++, Python.



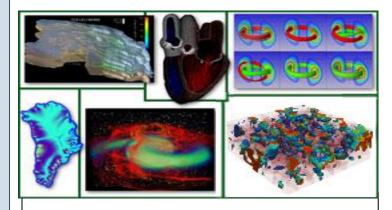
Easy customization and composability of solvers <u>at</u> runtime

- Enables optimality via flexible combinations of physics, algorithmics, architectures
- Try new algorithms by composing new/existing algorithms (multilevel, domain decomposition, splitting, etc.)

Portability & performance

- Largest DOE machines, also clusters, laptops; NVIDIA, AMD, and Intel GPUs
- Thousands of users worldwide





PETSc provides the backbone of diverse scientific applications. clockwise from upper left: hydrology, cardiology, fusion, multiphase steel, relativistic matter, ice sheet modeling





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Trilinos/Belos

Iterative Krylov-based solvers. Templated C++ allows for generic scalar, ordinal, and compute node types.

Ability to solve single or sequence of linear systems

- Simultaneously solved systems w/ multiple-RHS: AX = B
- Sequentially solved systems w/ multiple-RHS: $AX_i = B_i$, i=1,...,t
- Sequences of multiple-RHS systems: $A_iX_i = B_i$, i=1,...,t

Standard methods

- Conjugate Gradients (CG), GMRES
- TFQMR, BiCGStab, MINRES, fixed-point

Advanced methods

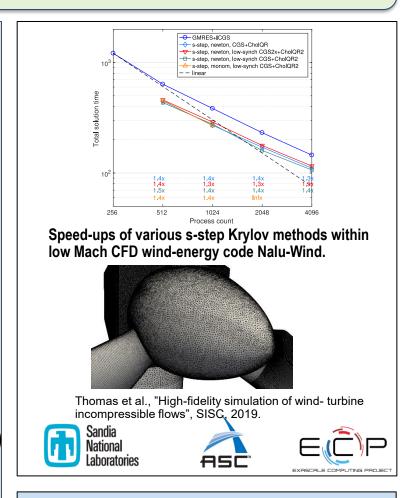
- Block GMRES, block CG/BICG
- Hybrid GMRES, CGRODR (block recycling GMRES)
- TSQR (tall skinny QR), LSQR
- Pipelined and s-step methods
- Stable polynomial preconditioning

Performance portability via Kokkos (CPUs, NVIDIA/Intel/AMD GPUs, Phi)

Ongoing research

Communication avoiding methods

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https://trilinos.github.io/belos.html



Trilinos/MueLu

Structured and unstructured aggregation-based algebraic multigrid (AMG) preconditioners

Robust, scalable, portable AMG preconditioning critical for many large-scale simulations

- Multifluid plasma simulations
- Shock physics
- Magneto-hydrodynamics (MHD)
- Low Mach computational fluid dynamics (CFD)



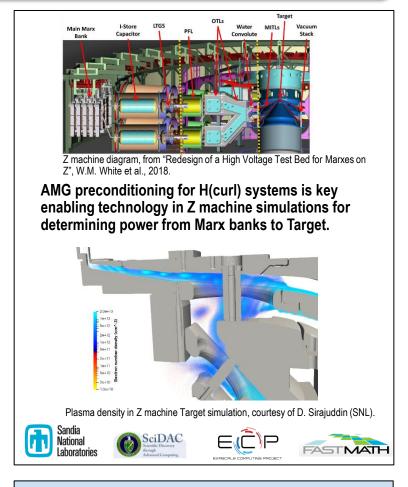
Capabilities

- Aggregation-based coarsening
- Smoothers: Jacobi, GS, /1 GS, polynomial, ILU, sparse direct
- Load-balancing for good parallel performance
- Structured coarsening, geometric multigrid
- Setup and solve phases can run on GPUs.
- Performance portability via Kokkos (CPUs, NVIDIA/Intel/AMD GPUs, Xeon Phi)

Research Areas

- AMG for multiphysics
- Multigrid for coupled structured/unstructured meshes
- Algorithm selection via machine learning

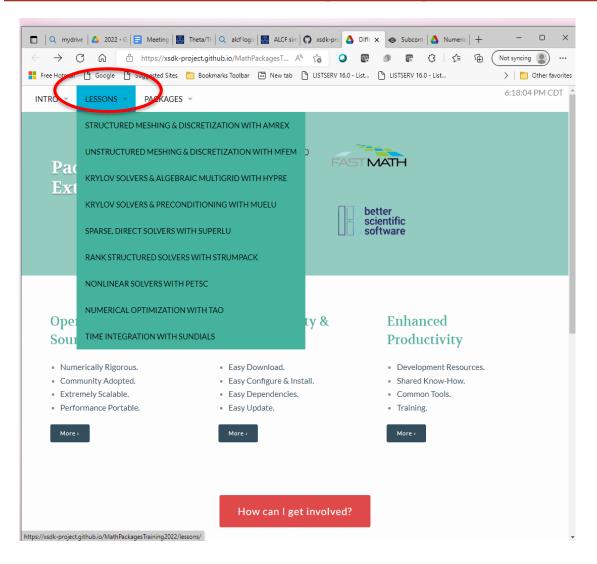
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https://trilinos.github.io/muelu.html



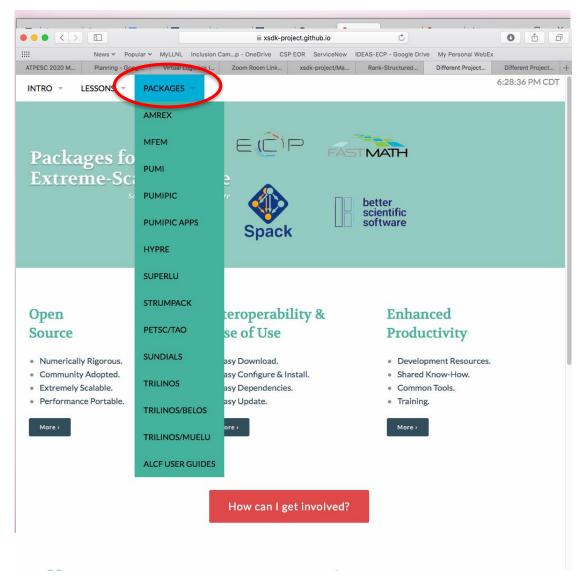
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12:30 - 1:30	Lunch, SME Selections, Panel Questions	
1:30 - 2:45	Nonlinear Solvers (PETSc) – Richard Mills	Time Integration (SUNDIALS) – David Gardner
2:45 - 3:15	Break, SME Selections, Panel Questions Due	
3:15 - 4:30	Optimization (TAO) – Toby Isaac	Iterative Solvers & Algebraic Multigrid (Trilinos/ Belos/MueLU) – Christian Glusa, Graham Harper
4:30 - 5:15	Panel: Extreme-Scale Numerical Algorithms and Software	
5:15 - 6:30	Optional Activity: SME Speed-dating	
6:30 - 7:30	Dinner	
, 7:30 - 9:00	After-Dinner Talk: Jim Demmel	

Panel: Extreme-Scale Numerical Algorithms and Software

- Q&A Session: ATPESC learners ask questions about working with numerical packages and the community of numerical package developers
 - Questions in #numerical slack channel and via Question Submission Form
- Panelists



Andrew Myers, LBL



Ulrike Yang, LLNL



Mark Stowell, LLNL



Yang Liu, LBL

Moderator



Toby Isaac, Nvidia

Panel Question Submission Form

Please enter here a question you would like to ask our panelists during the 45 minute panel session.

We ask that you please include your name in case we may need to call upon you to clarify your question.



Next steps: https://xsdk-project.github.io/MathPackagesTraining2025/agenda

- Panel: Main Room @ 4:30 pm
- SME Speed Dating: @5:15pm
- During breaks and lunch
 - Provide Panel QuestionsDue: 4:30 pm
 - Sign up for discussions with numerical software developers (optional)
 - Your email address

Due 5:00 pm



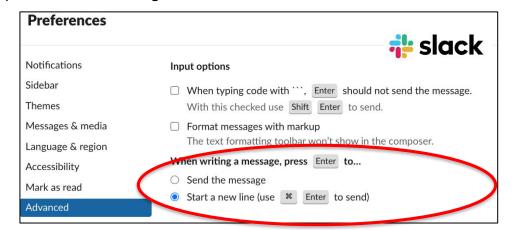


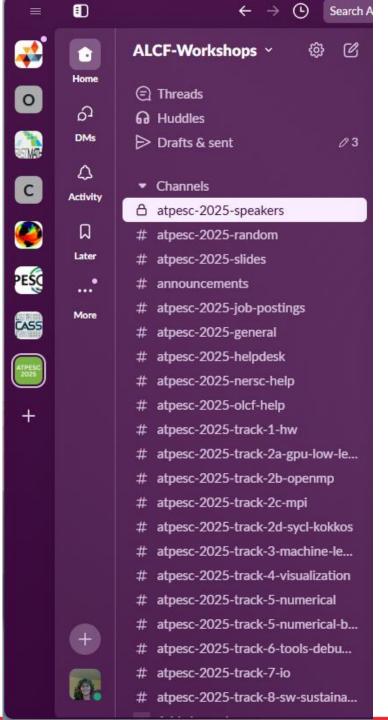
Using Slack



- Recommend using the desktop app, but browser ok too
- # atpesc-2025-track-5-numerical channel
- # atpesc-2025-helpdesk channel
 - For all chat during presentations
 - For all chat outside any specific parallel session
 - For general help
 - Recommend using the thread option to help keep track of discussions on subtopics

Tip: Consider setting Preferences to customize when to send





VIPs of ATPESC Extreme-Scale Numerical Software Track



- Paul Fisher, Argonne National Laboratory [bio]
 - Scaling Computational Fluid Dynamics to Exascale and Beyond
 - ATPESC 2025, Monday, July 28, 7:30pm



- Jack Dongarra, Univ of Tennessee [bio]
 - Growing up at Argonne National Laboratory
 - ATPESC 2025, Monday, August 4, 7:30pm
 - Adaptive Linear Solvers and Eigensolvers, ATPESC 2019 [video]



- Jim Demmel, UC Berkeley [bio]
 - Communication-Avoiding Algorithms for Linear Algebra, Machine Learning and Beyond
 - ATPESC 2025, Wednesday, August 5, 7:30pm
 - ENLA Seminar, June 2020 [video]

The ATPESC Team 2025

Extreme-scale numerical algorithms and software Integrated lectures and hands-on examples, panel session, individual discussions ... and more!



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Christian Glusa, SNL



David Gardner, LLNL



Andrew Myers, LBL



Graham Harper, SNL



Weiqun Zhang, LBL



Richard Mills, ANL



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Track 5: Numerical Algorithms and Software: Tutorial Goals

1.

Provide a basic understanding of a variety of applied mathematics algorithms for scalable linear, nonlinear, and ODE solvers, as well as discretization technologies (e.g., adaptive mesh refinement for structured and unstructured grids) and numerical optimization

2

Provide an overview of software tools available to perform these tasks on HPC architectures ... including where to go for more info

3.

Practice using one or more of these software tools on basic demonstration problems



This presentation provides a high-level introduction to HPC numerical software

- How HPC numerical software addresses challenges in computational science and engineering (CSE)
- Toward extreme-scale scientific software ecosystems
- Using and contributing: Where to go for more info

Why is this important for you?

- Libraries enable users to focus on their primary interests
 - Reuse algorithms and data structures developed by experts
 - Customize and extend to exploit application-specific knowledge
 - Cope with complexity and changes over time
- More efficient, robust, reliable, scalable, sustainable scientific software
- Better science, broader impact of your work

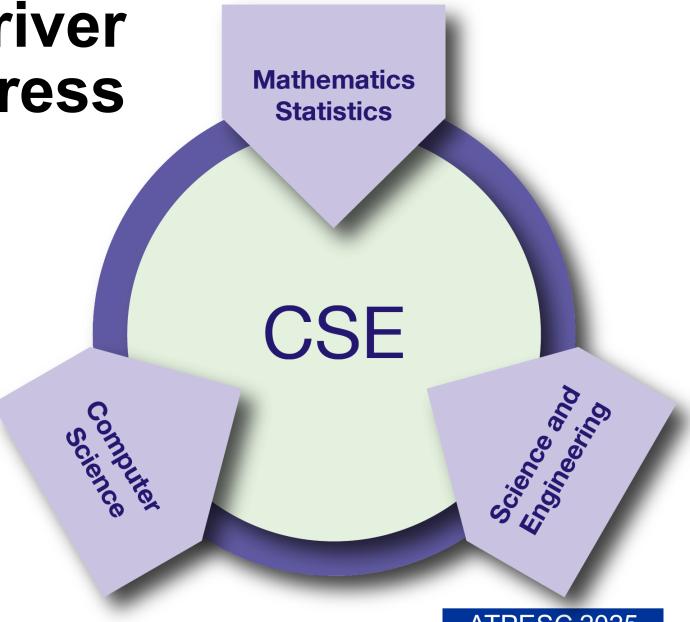


CSE: Essential driver of scientific progress

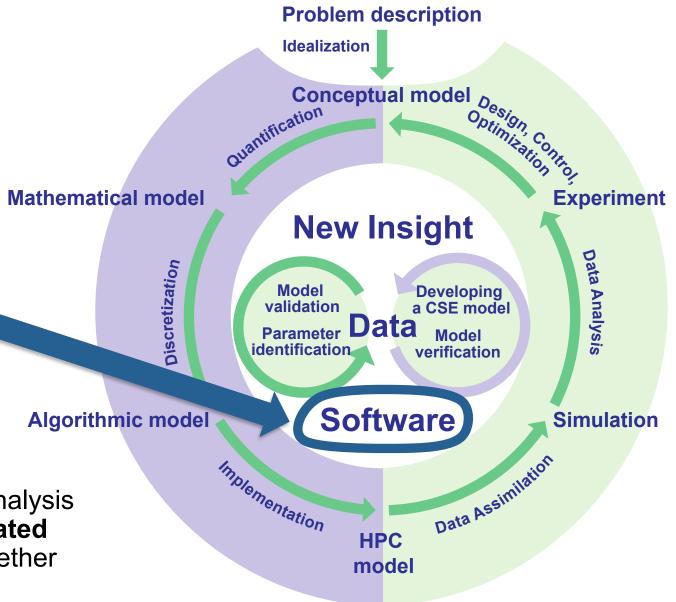
CSE = Computational Science & Engineering

Development and use of computational methods for scientific discovery

- all branches of the sciences
- engineering and technology
- support of decision-making across a spectrum of societally important applications



Software is the foundation of sustained CSE collaboration and scientific progress.



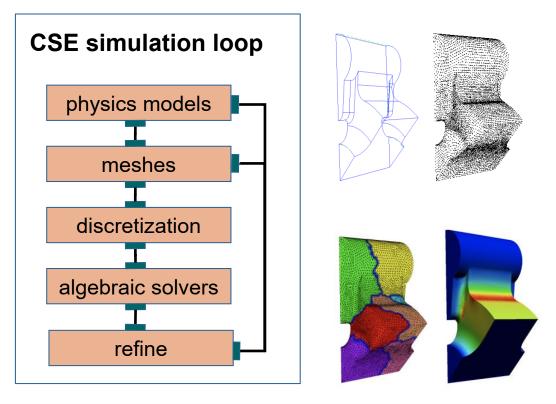
CSE cycle: Modeling, simulation, and analysisSoftware: independent but interrelated

elements for various phases that together enable CSE



CSE simulation starts with a forward simulation that captures the physical phenomenon of interest

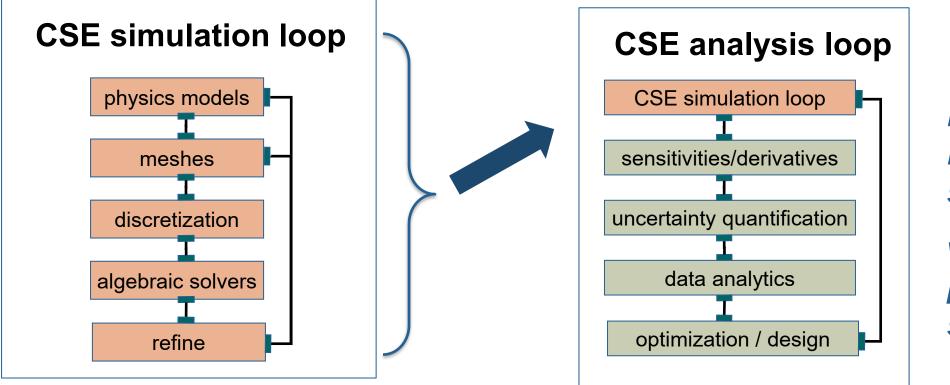
- Develop a mathematical model of the phenomenon of interest
- Approximate the model using a discrete representation
- Solve the discrete representation
- Adapt and refine the mesh or model
- Incorporate different physics, scales



Requires: mesh generation, partitioning, load balancing, high-order discretization, time integration, linear & nonlinear solvers, eigensolvers, mesh refinement, multiscale/multiphysics coupling, etc.



CSE analysis builds on the CSE simulation loop ... and relies on even more numerical algorithms and software



Beyond interpretive simulations ...

working toward predictive science

Requires: adjoints, sensitivities, algorithmic differentiation, sampling, ensembles, data analytics, uncertainty quantification, optimization (derivative free & derivative based), inverse problems, etc.



First consider a very simple example

- 1D rod with one end in a hot water bath, the other in a cold water bath
- Mathematical model

$$\nabla^2 T = 0 \in \Omega$$

$$T(0) = 180^{\circ} \quad T(1) = 0^{\circ}$$



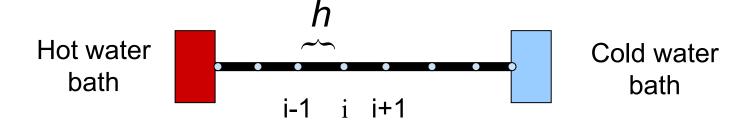


The first step is to discretize the equations

- Approximate the derivatives of the continuous equations with a discrete representation that is easier to solve
- One approach: Finite differences

$$\nabla^2 T \approx (T_{i+1} - 2T_i + T_{i-1})/h^2 = 0$$

$$T_0 = 180^\circ \qquad T_n = 0^\circ$$



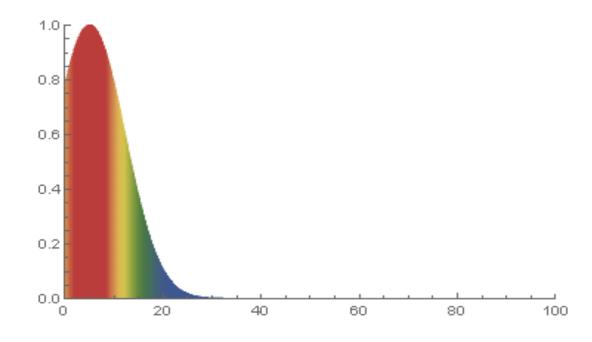


Then you can solve for the unknowns T_i

- Set up a matrix of the unknown coefficients
 - include the known boundary conditions
- Solve the linear system for T_i

$$\begin{pmatrix}
2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\
-1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\
0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\
& & & & & & \\
T_{3} & & & & \\
& & & & \\
T_{n-1} & & & 0
\end{pmatrix}$$

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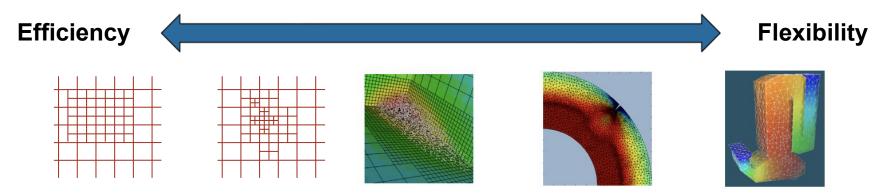


Visualize and analyze the results



As problems get more complicated, so do the steps in the process

Different discretization strategies exist for differing needs



- Most problems are time dependent and nonlinear
 - Need higher algorithmic levels than linear solvers
- Increasingly combining multiple physical processes
 - Interactions require careful handling
- Goal-oriented problem solving requires optimization, uncertainty quantification



This work is founded on decades of experience and concerted team efforts to advance numerical software ...





- FASTMath SciDAC Institute
- Exascale Computing Project (ECP)
- Developers of xSDK packages

... While improving software productivity & sustainability as key aspects of advancing overall scientific productivity



- IDEAS Software Productivity Project
- Better Scientific Software Community

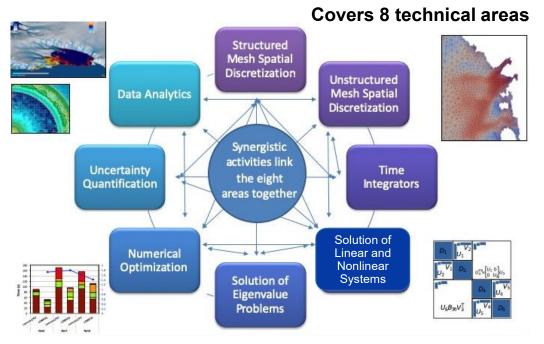
See also Track 8:
Software Sustainability (Aug 8)





FASTMath: Frameworks, Algorithms & Scalable Technologies for

Mathematics https://scidac5-fastmath.lbl.gov/



FASTMath Goals:

- **Develop advanced numerical techniques for DOE** applications
- **Deploy high-performance software on DOE** supercomputers
- Demonstrate basic research technologies from applied mathematics
- **Engage and support of the computational science** community

AMReX

100's of person years of experience building math software

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50+ researchers from 6 DOE labs and 6 universities





























SuperLU







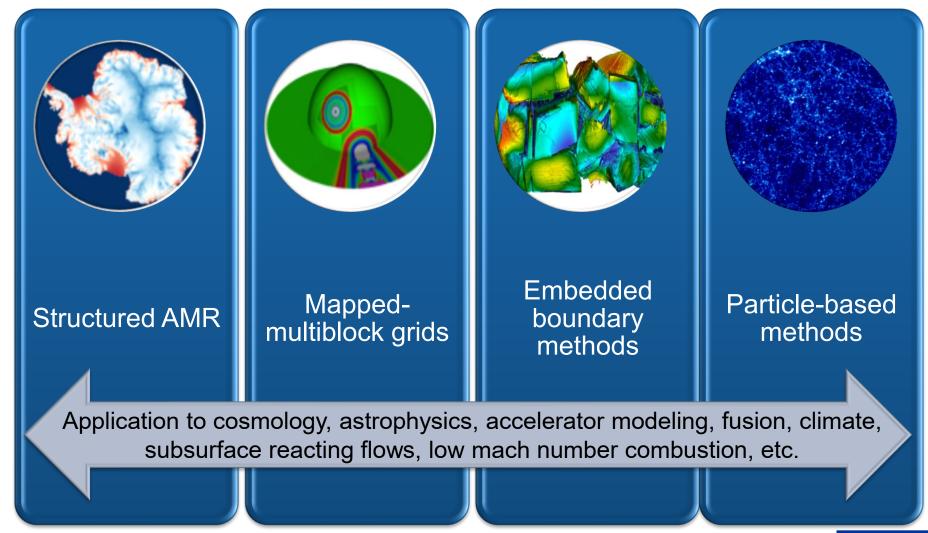




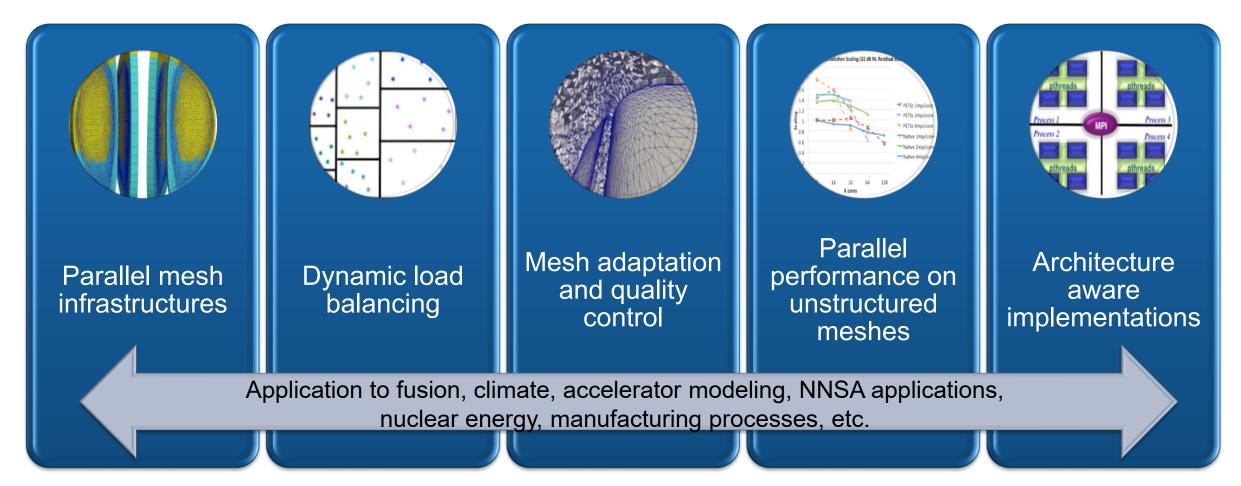




Structured grid efforts focus on high-order, mapped grids, embedded boundaries, AMR, and particles

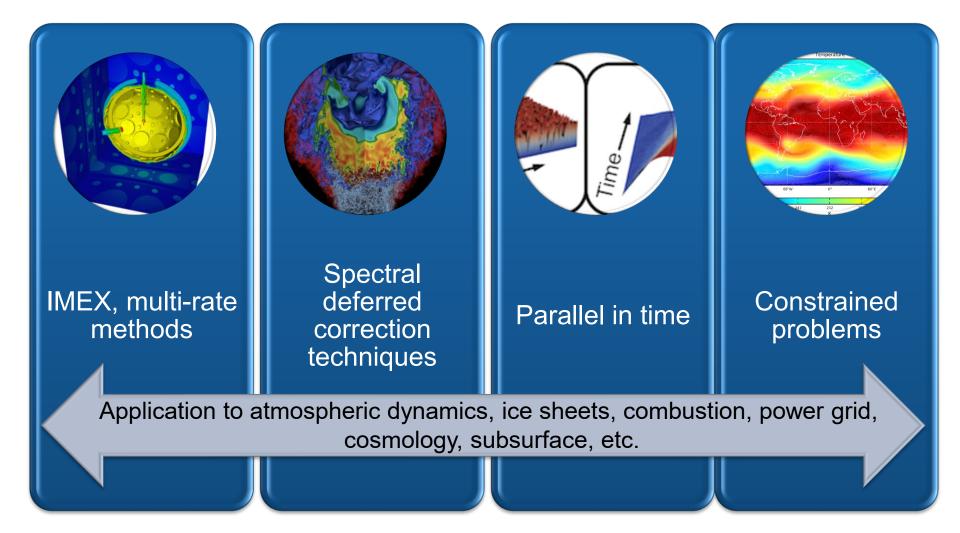


Unstructured grid capabilities focus on adaptivity, highorder, and the tools needed for extreme scaling



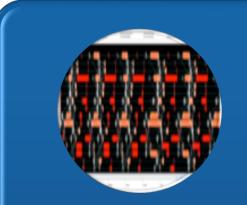


Time discretization methods provide efficient and robust techniques for stiff implicit, explicit and multi-rate systems

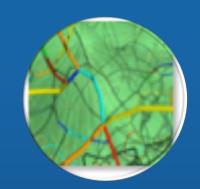




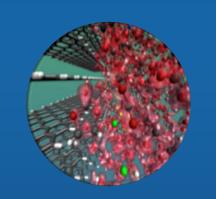
Research on algebraic systems provides key solution technologies to applications



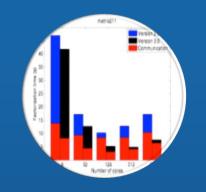
Linear system solution using direct and iterative solvers



Nonlinear system solution using acceleration techniques and globalized Newton methods



Eigensolvers using iterative techniques and optimization



Architecture aware implementations

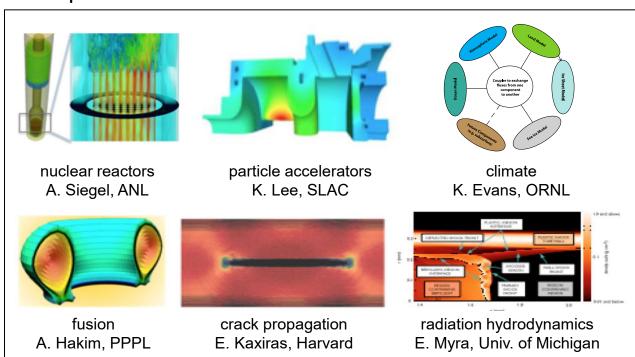
Application to fusion, nuclear structure calculation, quantum chemistry, accelerator modeling, climate, dislocation dynamics etc,



Multiphysics: A primary motivator for exascale

Multiphysics: greater than 1 component governed by its own principle(s) for evolution or equilibrium

Also: broad class of coarsely partitioned problems possess similarities



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Multiphysics simulations: Challenges and opportunities

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The Exascale Computing Project was designed to help launch the exascale era

ECP funded teams spanned national labs, universities, and industry

\$1.8B over 7 years in a formal Department of Energy 413.3B project

Funded by DOE's Office of Science and NNSA programs

81 Total research, development, and deployment projects

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







15US DOE Labs, 6 of which are

Core Partners

57 University Partners

36Industry
Organizations

- A unique collaboration brought together some of the brightest application, software, and computational experts from coast to coast
- Best practices and lessons learned for how to program GPUs – moving the nation forward
- 1000+ researchers trained and ready for acceleratorbased computing
- 1000+ students introduced to HPC and Exascale computing through ECP's outreach, training, and workforce development initiatives

Technical work was largely complete as of Dec 31, 2023

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

Next 18 slides courtesy of Lori Diachin



The Exascale Computing Project was started in 2016 and tasked to meet four DOE mission needs in high performance computing

Deliver a long-term,
sustainable software
ecosystem that can be
used and maintained for
years to come

Promote the health of the US HPC industry

Ensure that exascale systems can be used to deliver mission-critical applications

Maintain international leadership in HPC

To meet mission needs, the ECP was organized into three technical focus areas partnered with formal project management experts

Performant mission and science applications at scale

Aggressive RD&D project

Mission apps; integrated S/W stack

Deployment to DOE HPC Facilities

Hardware technology advances

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





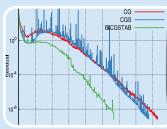
Richard Gerber, HI Director Susan Coghlan, HI Deputy Director

ECP invested Emphasis for this presentation

ology areas















Programming Models & **Runtimes**

- Enhance and get ready for exascale the MPI and OpenMP programming models (hybrid programming models, deep memory
- 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

Development Tools

- Continued. multifaceted capabilities in portable, opensource 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

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

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

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

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



Jeff Vetter







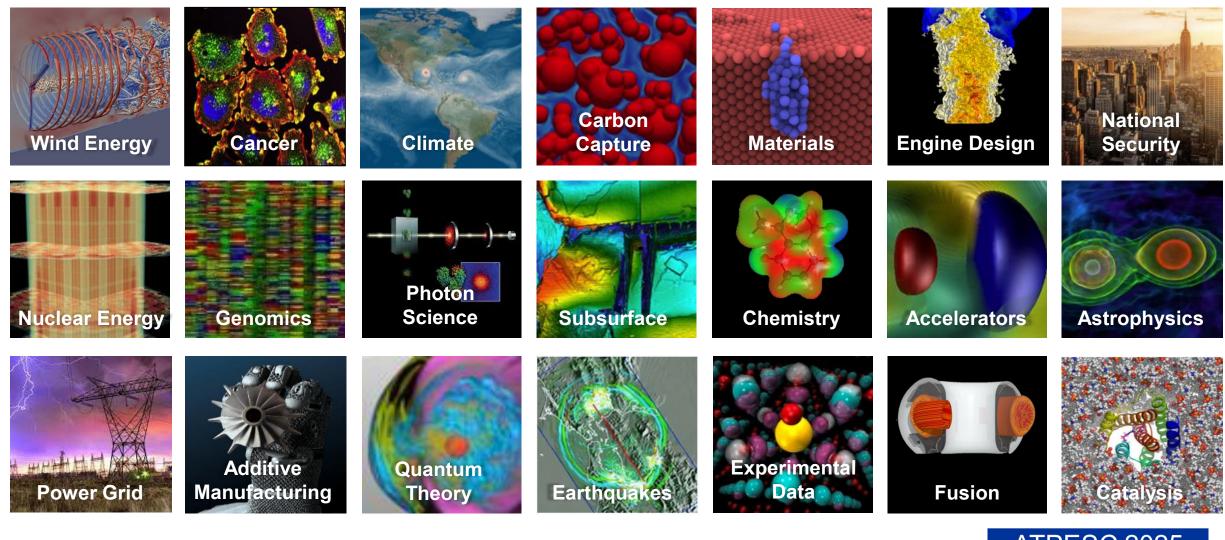




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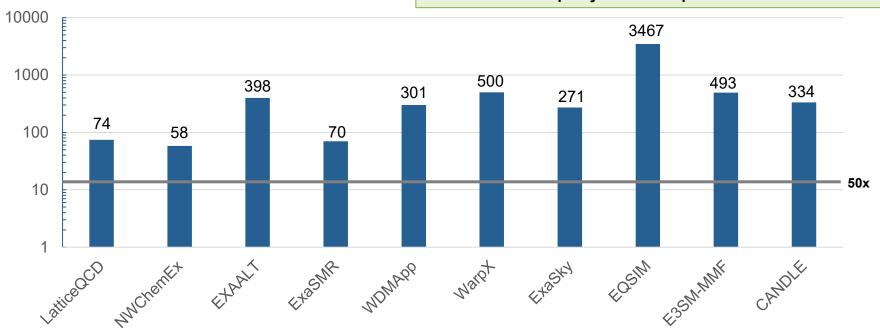
ECP invested in a broad range of critical application areas; some with limited HPC experience at project inception





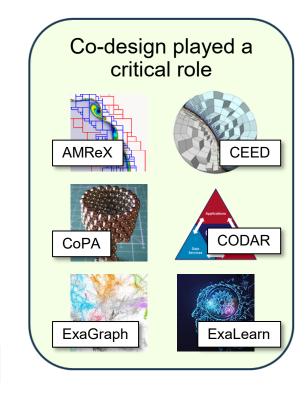
ECP application results exceeded expectations

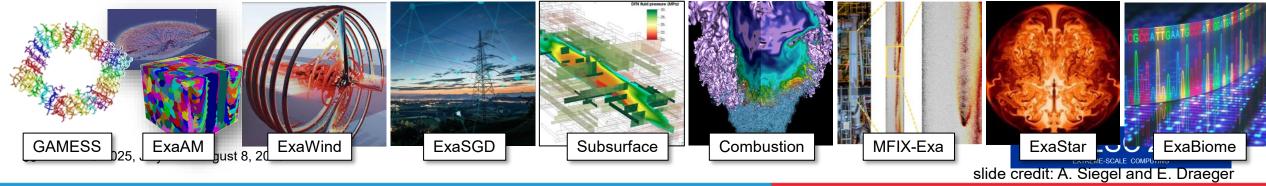
10 out of 11 projects surpassed an ambitious 50x performance target



9 out of 10 new HPC science projects completed exascale capability demonstrations

3 out of 4 NNSA applications demonstrated exascale readiness



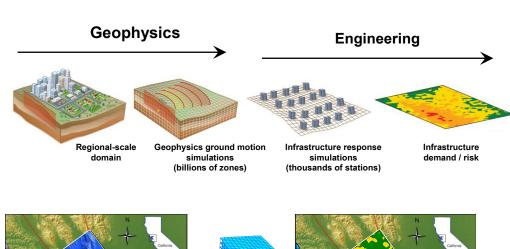


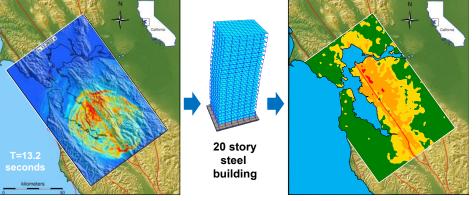
One example EQSIM: exascale-capable code redesign had massive impact EQSIM PI: Dave McCallen, LBNL

• **Starting point**: CPU-only code written in C by physicists. Code had complex nested loops (fourth-order finite difference stencil) that the compiler struggled to optimize, find SIMD.

ECP accomplishments

- Algorithmic improvements using curvilinear mesh refinement improved scientific work-rate by a factor of 2.85
- Rewrote code in C++ with RAJA, with ZFP data compression to save sufficient data to maintain adequate precision in stored data
- Infrastructure simulations now include strong coupling with OpenSees soil/building modeling and using in soil-structure interaction models; help gain insight into areas of maximum risk.





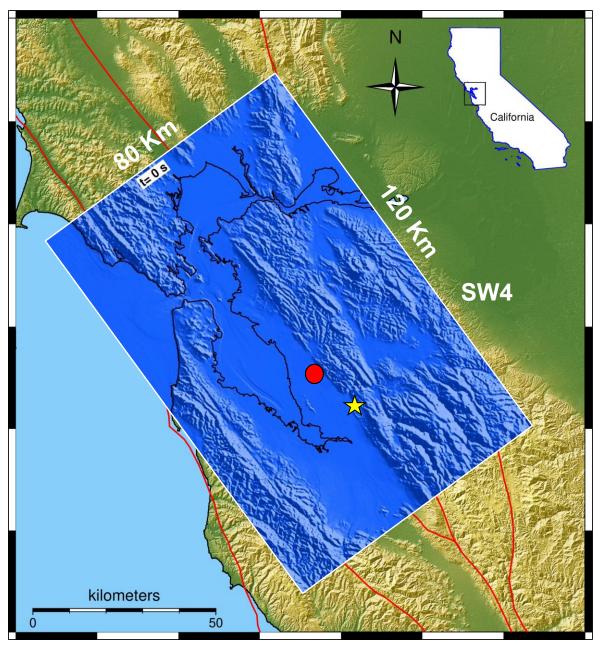
Achieved a **3500X improvement in computational performance** compared to initial baseline on Cori (~30 PF KNL system); Simulation of regional-scale ground motions at frequencies of engineering interest (5-10 Hz) now within reach.

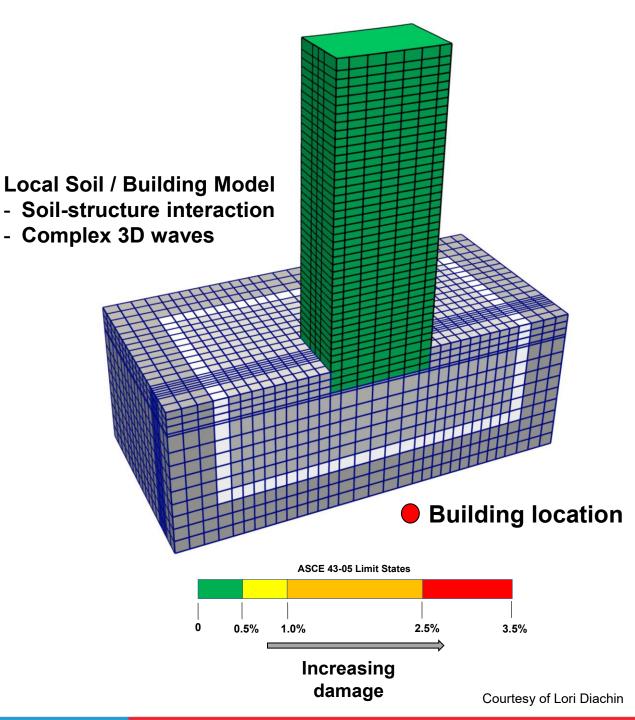






Regional Geophysics Model Fmax 10 Hz Vsmin 140 m/s (M7 Hayward fault earthquake) 391 Billion grid points





There where several key ingredients required for a successful ECP Application Development Project







Algorithmic innovation

Porting

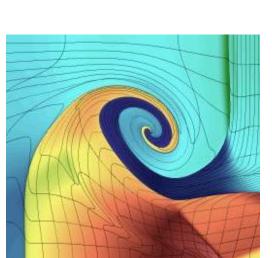
Integration

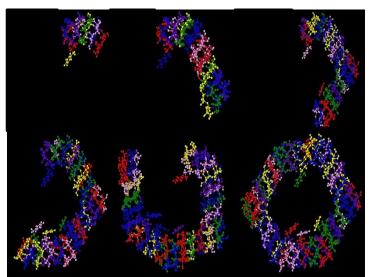


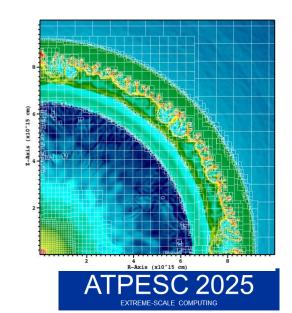
Algorithmic innovation: domain-driven adaptations critical for making efficient use of exascale systems



- Inherent strong scaling challenges on GPU-based systems
 - Ensembles vs. time averaging
 - Fluid dynamics, seismology, molecular dynamics, time-stepping
- Increase dimensions of (fine-grained) parallelism to feed GPUs
 - Ray tracing, Markov Chain Monte Carlo, fragmentation methods
- Localized physics models to maximize "free flops"
 - MMF, electron subcycling, enhanced subgrid models, high-order discretizations
- Alternatives to sparse linear systems
 - Higher order methods, Monte Carlo
- Reduced branching
 - Event-based models

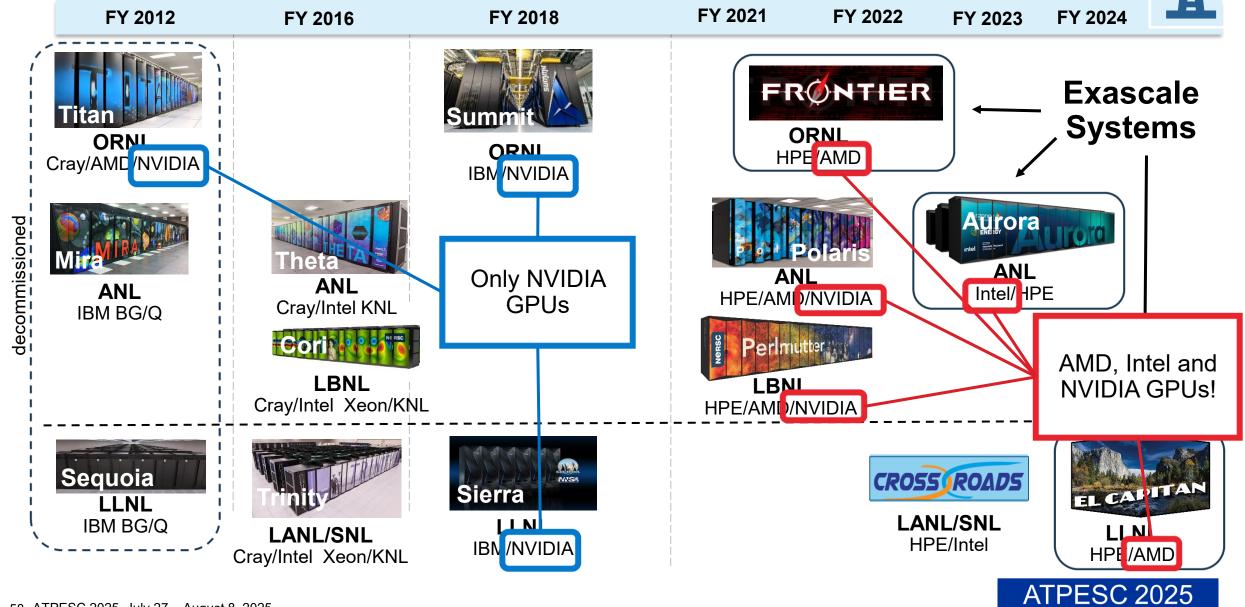






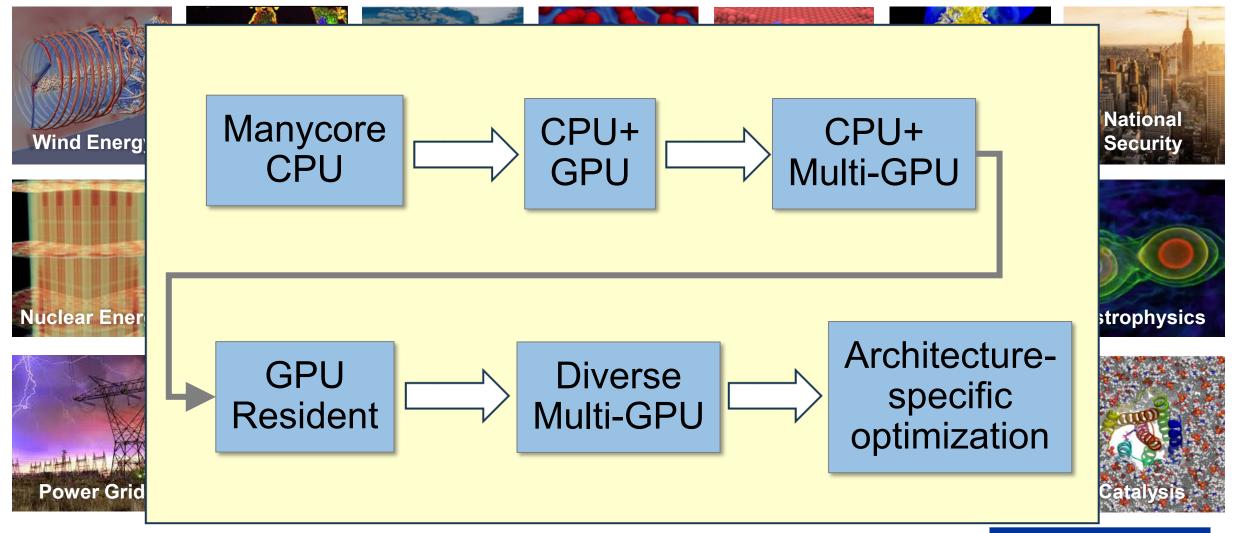
HPC systems have come a long way since ECP's inception





Exascale applications were designed to be flexible and adaptive





ECP applications teams used several different programming models to achieve performance portability

GPU-specific kernels

- Isolate the computationally-intensive parts of the code into CUDA/HIP/SYCL kernels.
- Refactoring the code to work well with the GPU is the majority of effort.

Loop pragma models

- Offload loops to GPU with OpenMP or OpenACC.
- Most common portability strategy for Fortran codes.

C++ abstractions

- Fully abstract loop execution and data management using advanced C++ features.
- Kokkos and RAJA developed by NNSA in response to increasing hardware diversity.

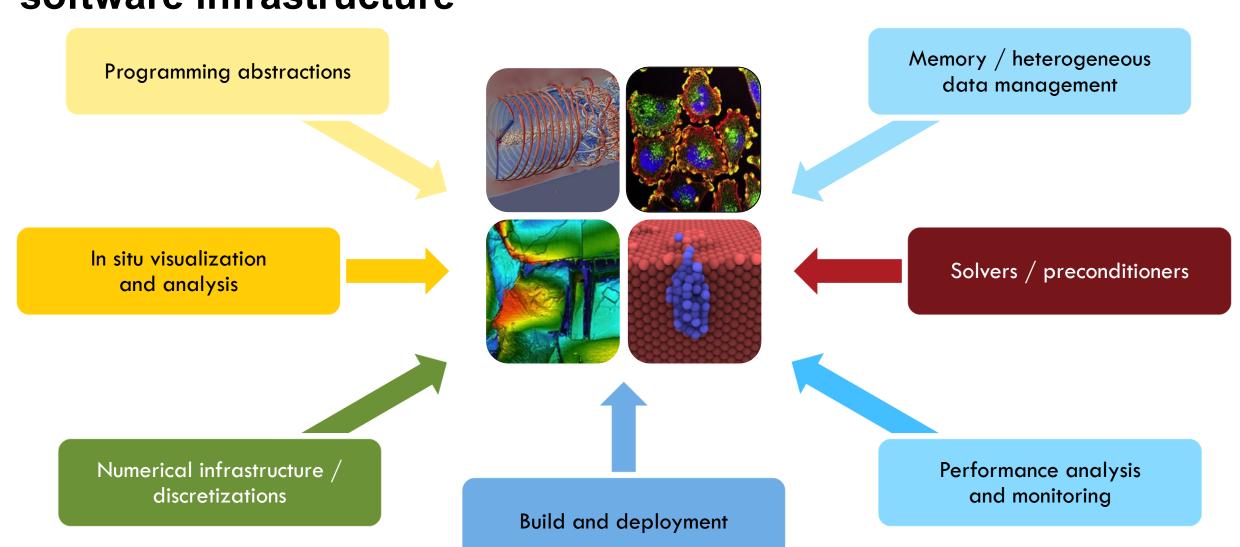
Co-design frameworks

- Design application with a specific motif to use common software components
- Depend on co-design code (e.g. CEED, AMReX) to implement key functions on GPU.



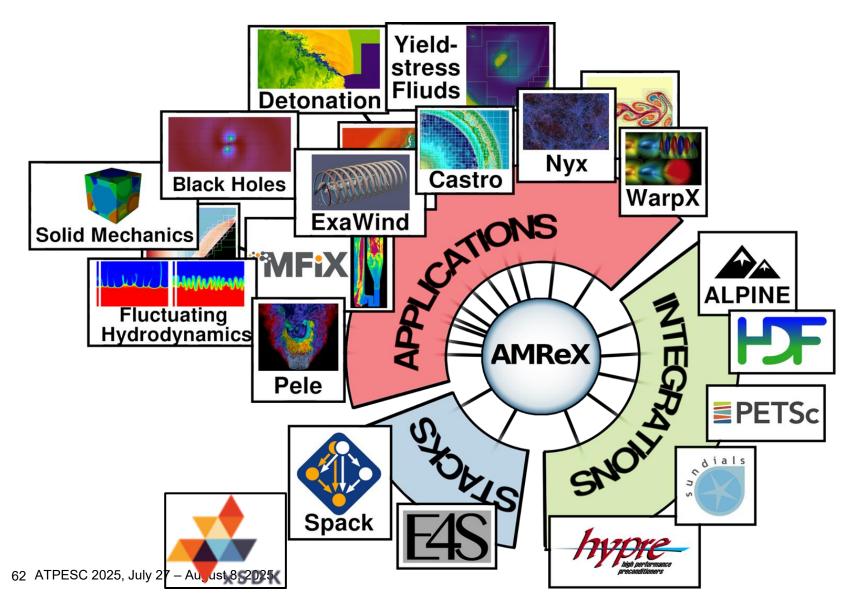
The success of exascale applications relied on significant software infrastructure





Integration of multiple technologies allow users of higher-level frameworks, e.g., AMReX, access many different technologies





Software Integrations:

- SUNDIALS Chemical reactions, time integrators
- hypre, PETSc Linear solvers on mesh data
- In-situ: Ascent, Sensei
- Offline visualization: VisIt, Paraview, yt
- IO: HDF5, ADIOS

Software Stacks:

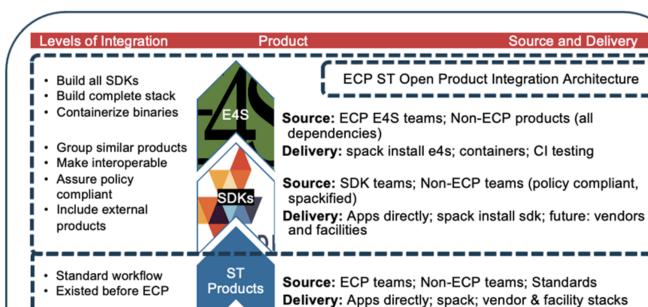
- Spack
 - Smoke test CUDA,
 AMD HIP
- xSDK
- E4S



ECP software technologies were broadly deployed through the Extreme Scale Scientific Software Stack (E4S)



- ECP Software Technology lead: Mike Heroux (SNL)
- 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
- Not a commercial product an open resource for all
- Supported by DOE and commercial entities (Paratools)
- Growing functionality: November 2023: E4S 23.11 100+ full release products





Community Policies
Commitment to SW quality

Curated collection

The end of dependency hell



DocPortal Single portal to all E4S product info

Quarterly releases



Portfolio testing Especially leadership platforms



Build caches 10X build time improvement

https://e4s.io

E4S lead: Sameer Shende (U Oregon)



Turnkey stack
A new user experience



https://e4s.io



Post-ECP Strategy LSSw, ASCR Task Force



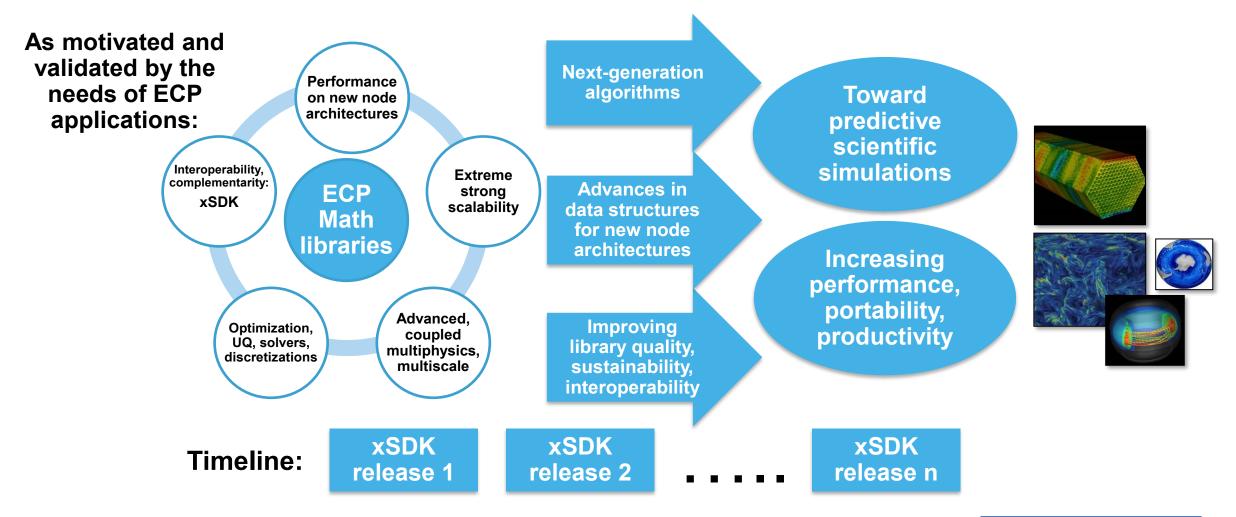
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ECP ST Individual Products

Spack lead: Todd Gamblin (LLNL)

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





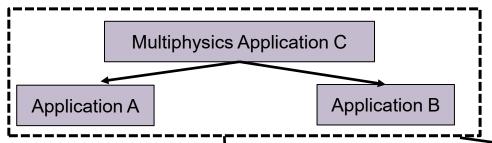


xSDK Version 1.1.0: November 2024

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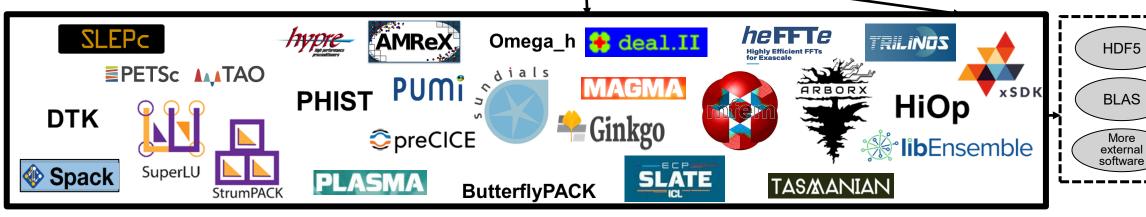
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Each xSDK member package uses or can be used with one or more xSDK packages, and the connecting interface is regularly tested for regressions.



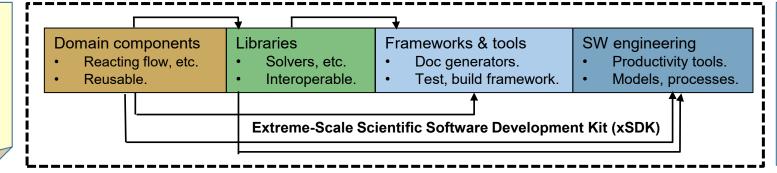
xSDK functionality, Nov 2024

Tested on Linux work stations



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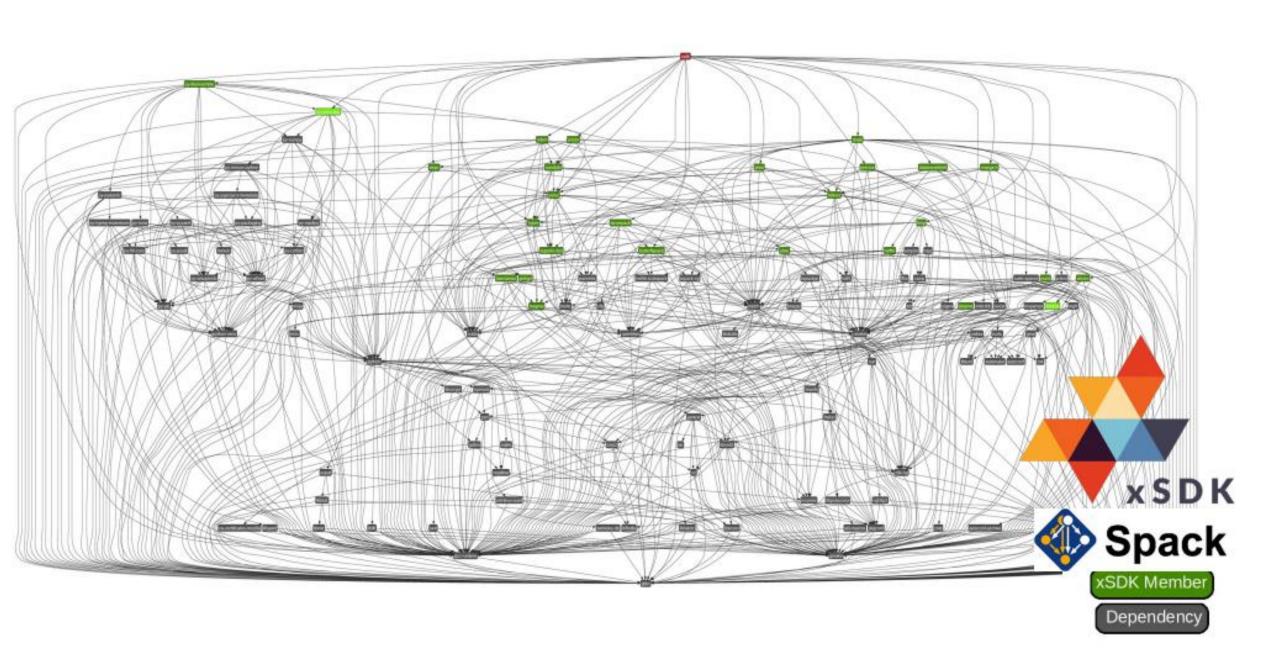
- 25 math libraries
- 17 mandatory xSDK community policies
- Spack xSDK installer



Impact: Improved code quality, usability, access, sustainability

Foundation for work on performance portability, deeper levels of package interoperability







xSDK: https://xsdk.info

Building the foundation of an extreme-scale scientific software ecosystem

xSDK community policies: Help address challenges in interoperability and sustainability of software developed by diverse groups at different institutions

https://github.com/xsdk-project/xsdk-community-policies

xSDK compatible package: must satisfy the mandatory xSDK policies (M1, ..., M17)

Topics include configuring, installing, testing, MPI usage, portability, contact and version information, open-source licensing, namespacing, and repository access

Also specify **recommended policies**, which currently are encouraged but not required (R1, ..., R8)

Topics include public repository access, error handling, freeing system resources, and library dependencies, documentation quality

xSDK member package:

- (1) Must be an xSDK-compatible package, and
- (2) it uses or can be used by another package in the xSDK, and the connecting interface is regularly tested for regressions.

xSDK policies 1.0.0: Feb 2023

 Facilitate combined use of independently developed packages

Impact:

- Improved code quality, usability, access, sustainability
- Foundation for work on deeper levels of interoperability and performance portability

We encourage feedback and contributions!



The Exascale Computing Project has delivered on its mission needs

Deliver a long-term, sustainable software ecosystem that can be used and maintained for years to come

- E4S deployed at HPC facilities around the US and the world
- 76 HPC products available for computing at all scales
- Performance portability tools developed and widely used

Promote the **health of the US HPC industry**

- Six vendors funded under PathForward; outcomes realized in exascale systems
- Accelerator-based computing lowers cost of energy across the board
- The ECP Industry and Agency Council stimulates consumption of HPC resources

Ensure that exascale systems can be used to deliver mission-critical applications

- ECP applications demonstrate outstanding performance and capabilities at exascale
- Previously unattainable results in real-world challenge problems
- ECP lessons learned pave the way for many additional applications to leverage accelerator-based computing

Maintain international leadership in HPC

- El Capitan is the world's first exascale machine, Frontier the world's second exascale system – in part due to ECP/ECI investments
- Aurora is the world's third exascale system
- 1000+ researchers trained in GPU computing



HandsOn Lessons

- Structured meshing & discretization
- Unstructured meshing & discretization
- Krylov solvers & preconditioners
- Sparse direct solvers
- Nonlinear solvers
- Time integration
- Numerical optimization



ATPESC 2025 Hands On Lessons

Meshing and Discretization with AMReX	A Block Structured Adaptive Mesh Refinement Framework
Unstructured Meshing & Discretization with MFEM	Finite Elements and Convergence
Krylov Solvers and Algebraic Multigrid with hypre	Demonstrate utility of multigrid
Iterative Solvers & Algebraic Multigrid (with Trilinos, Belos & MueLu)	Introduction to Krylov Solvers and Preconditioning with emphasis on Multigrid
Sparse, Direct Solvers with SuperLU	Role and Use of Direct Solvers in III-Conditioned Problems
Rank Structured Solvers with STRUMPACK	Using STRUMPACK for dense and sparse linear systems
Nonlinear Solvers with PETSc	Introduction to Nonlinear Solvers: Newton-Krylov Methods and Nonlinear Preconditioning

And more ...

Github pages site:

https://xsdk-project.github.io/MathPackagesTraining2025/lessons/



If you haven't yet done so, please choose which session you plan to attend!

Time	Room?	Room?
8:30 - 9:30	Introduction to Numerical Software – Ulrike Yang	
9:30 - 10:45	Structured Discretization (AMReX) – Andrew Myers, Weiqun Zhang	Unstructured Discretization (MFEM/PUMI) – Mark Shephard, Cameron Smith, Mark Stowell
10:45 – 11:15	Break, Subject Matter Expert (SME) Selections, Panel Questions	
11:15 – 12:30	Iterative Solvers & Algebraic Multigrid (hypre) – Daniel Osei-Kuffuor, Ulrike Yang	Direct Solvers (SuperLU, STRUMPACK) – Sherry Li, Yang Liu
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch, SME Selections, Panel Questions	
1:30 – 2:45	Nonlinear Solvers (PETSc) – Richard Mills	Time Integration (SUNDIALS) – David Gardner
2:45 - 3:15	Break, SME Selections, Panel Questions Due	
3:15 - 4:30	Optimization (TAO) – Toby Isaac	Iterative Solvers & Algebraic Multigrid (Trilinos/ Belos/MueLU) – Christian Glusa, Graham Harper
4:30 - 5:15	Panel: Extreme-Scale Numerical Algorithms and Software	
5:15 - 6:30	Optional Activity: SME Speed-dating	
6:30 - 7:30	Dinner	
7:30 - 9:00	After-Dinner Talk: Jim Demmel	



Room Choice

- Please raise your hand if you want to attend
 - Structured meshing



Unstructured meshing

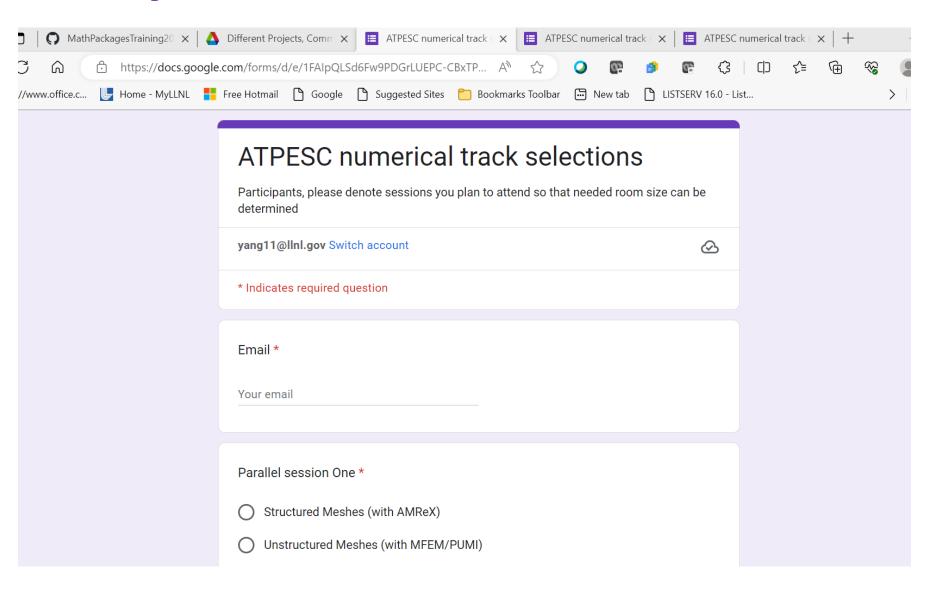






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ATPESC numerical track selections

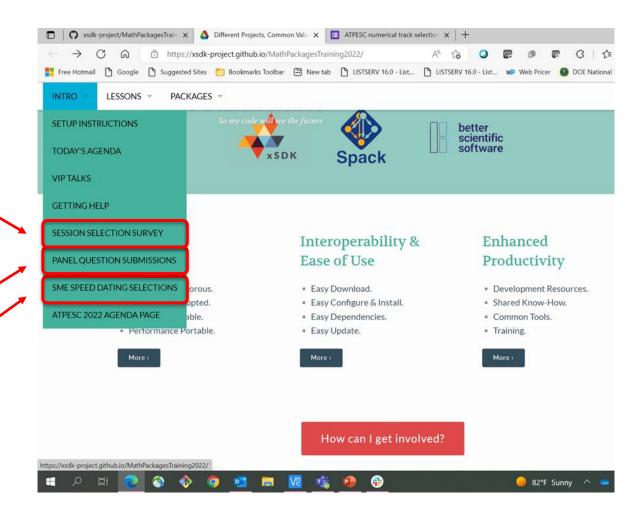




Next steps

- If you haven't done so
 - Choose which session you will attend!

- During breaks and lunch
 - Submit questions for panelists (optional)
 - Sign up for discussions with numerical software developers (optional)
 - Your email address
 - Complete by 4:30 pm CDT





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