

Argonne National Laboratory: Computing at Argonne

Foundation Models for the Electric Grid Workshop
February 12, 2025

A Proud History

MAN ACHIEVED HERE
THE FIRST SELF-SUSTAINING CHAIN REACTION
AND THEREBY INITIATED THE
CONTROLLED RELEASE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY



Argonne was established in 1946 as a science and technology laboratory to develop peaceful uses for a revolutionary new source of energy: **nuclear power.**

Current One-of-a-Kind Facilities

Enabling science from nanoscale to exascale

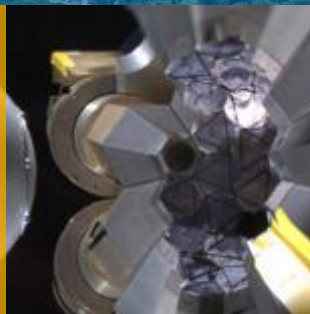
Advanced
Photon
Source

APS



Argonne
Tandem
Linear
Accelerator
System

ATLAS



Argonne
Leadership
Computing
Facility

ALCF



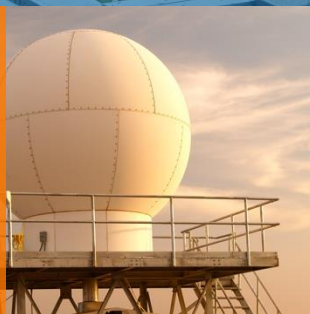
Center for
Nanoscale
Materials

CNM



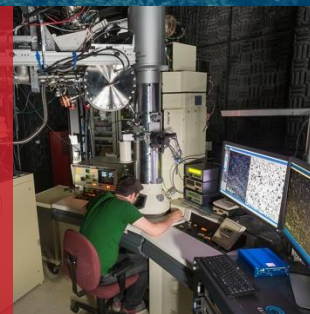
Atmospheric
Radiation
Measurement –
The Southern
Great Plains
and third ARM
mobile facility

ARM

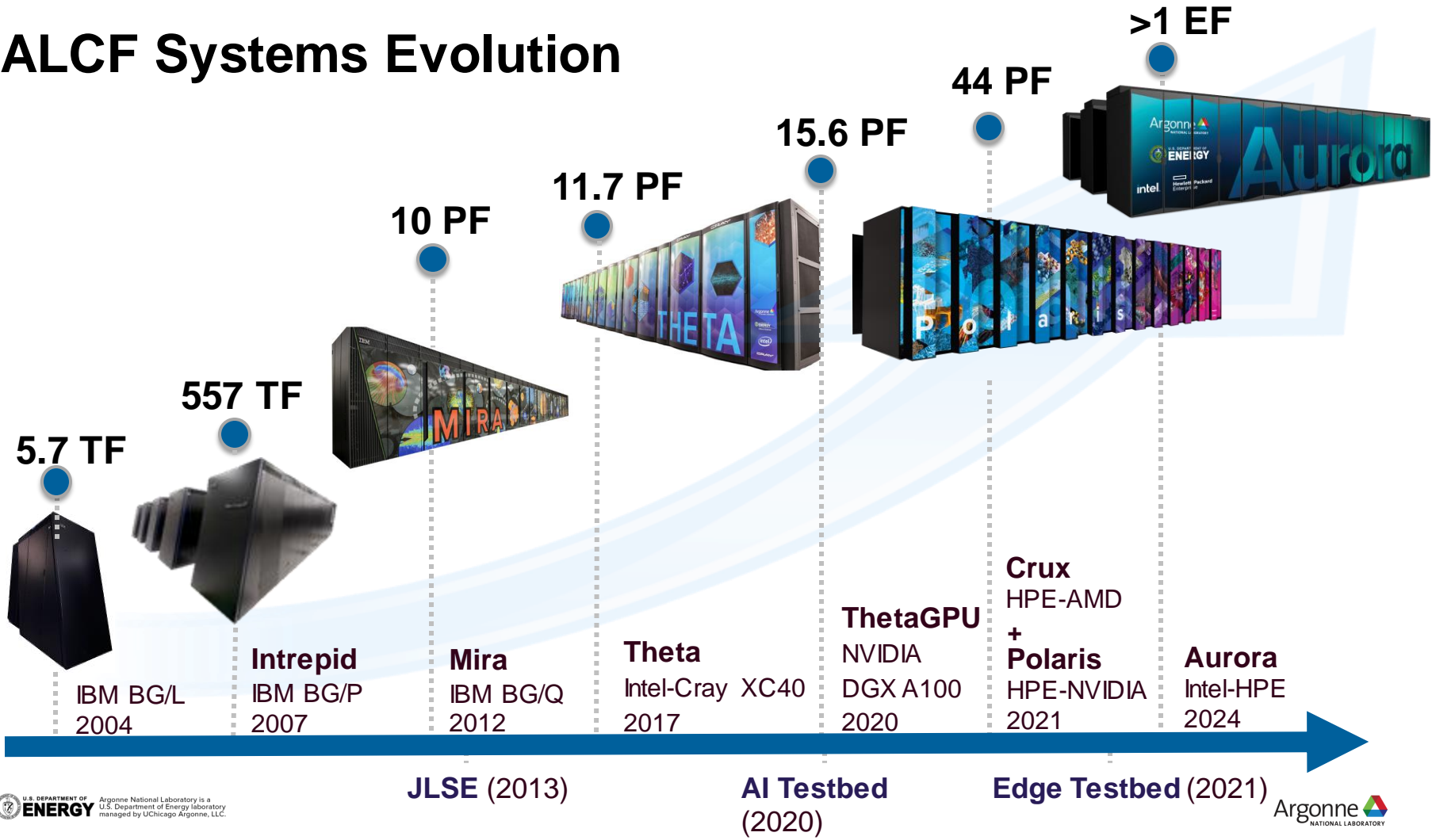


Intermediate
Voltage
Electron
Microscope

IVEM



ALCF Systems Evolution



ALCF AI Testbed

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/alcf-ai-testbed>



Cerebras CS-2



SambaNova DataScale
SN30



Graphcore
Bow Pod64



Habana
Gaudi1

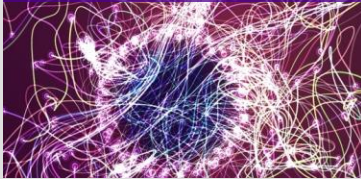


GroqRack

- Infrastructure of next-generation machines with AI hardware accelerators
- Provide a platform to evaluate usability and performance of AI4S applications
- Understand how to integrate AI systems with supercomputers to accelerate science

Current Strategic Initiatives

AI for science



Autonomous discovery



Carbon management



Circular economy



Climate action



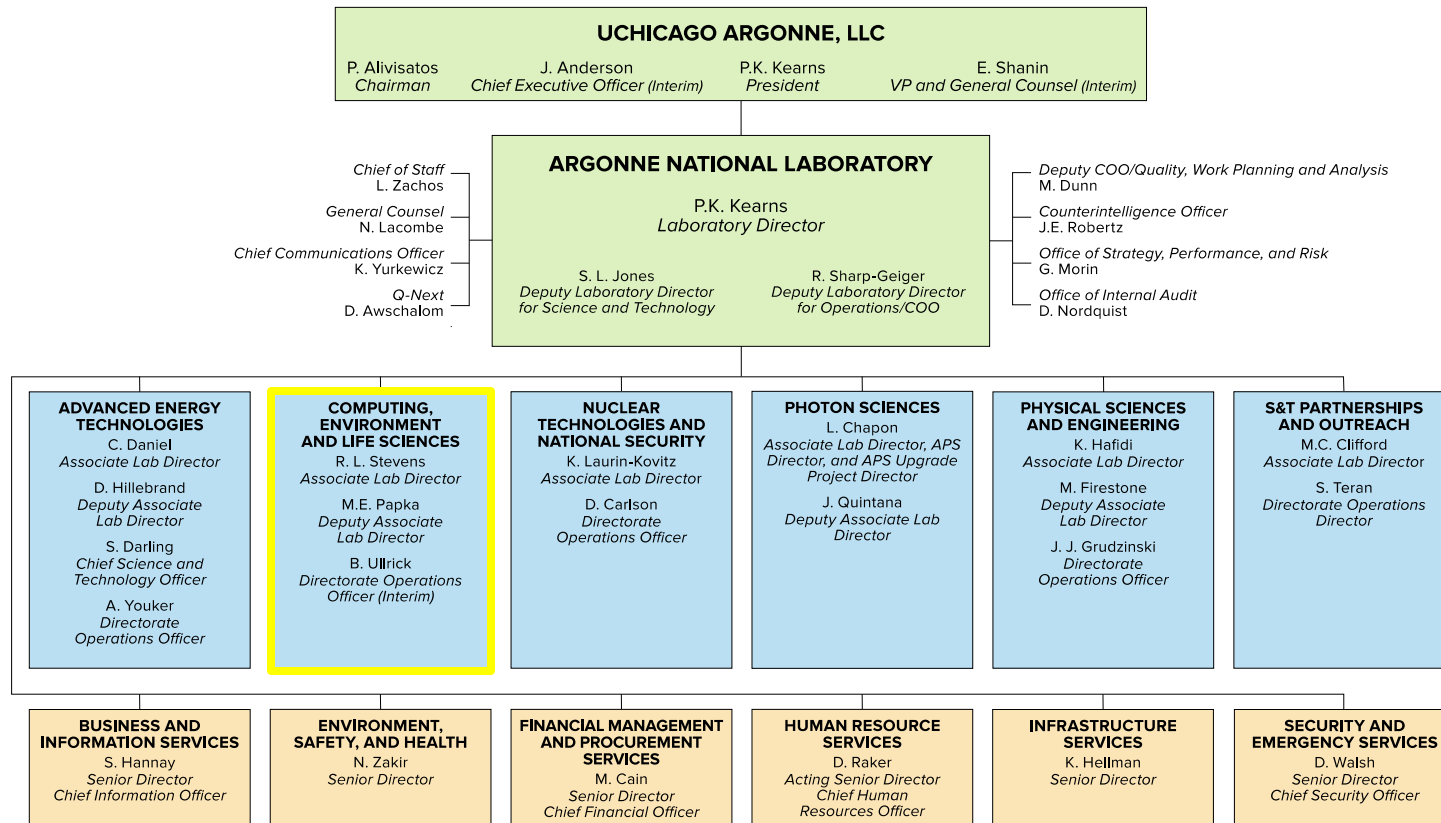
Coherent X-ray science



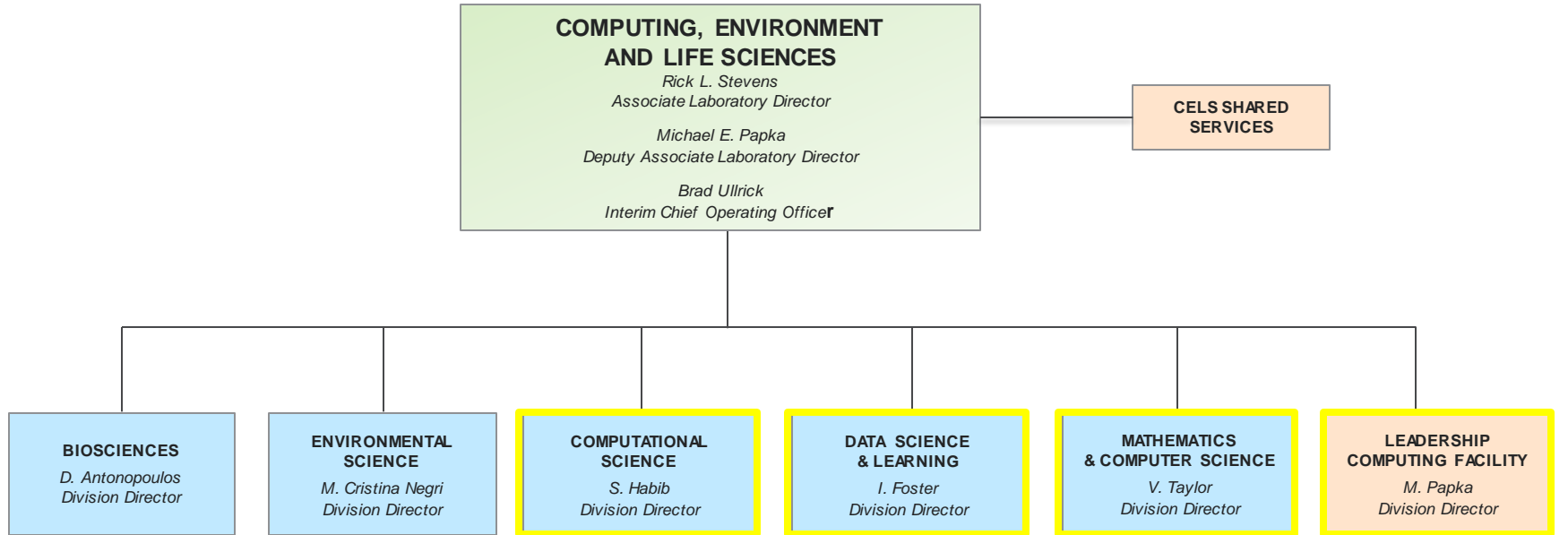
Imaging and detection of signatures



Argonne Organizational Chart



Computing, Environment and Life Sciences



Computing@Argonne

Computing@Argonne Leadership Team



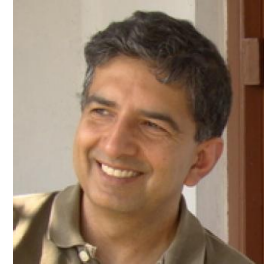
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Paul Hovland
Strategic Lead for
Research Partnerships

Computing Strategy: Strategic Areas (EAZQ)

Delivering on **exascale science**
(near term investments)

Creating world leading **AI** for
Science, Energy, Security
(10 year investments)

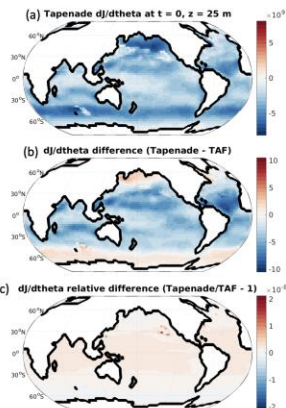
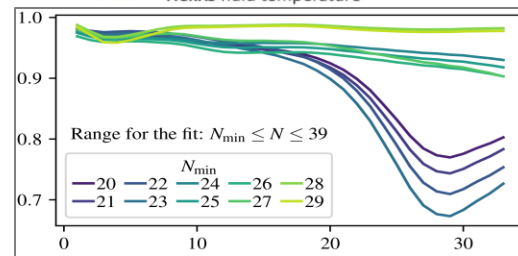
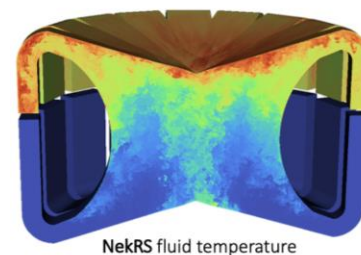
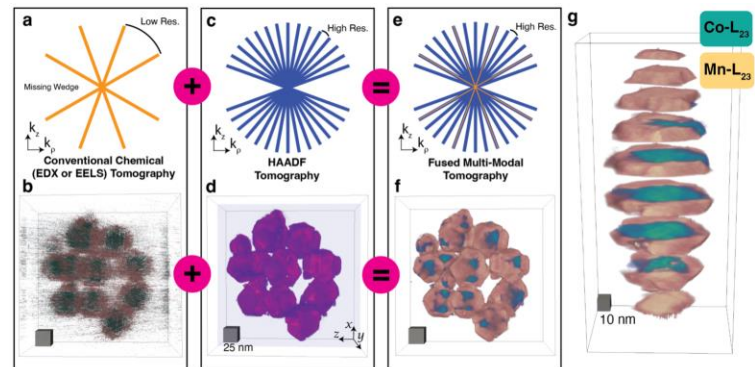
Pathways to **Zettascale**
(10-20 year investments)

Quantum computing and QIS
(20+ year investments)

Applied Mathematics, Numerical Software, and Statistics

Priority Research Directions

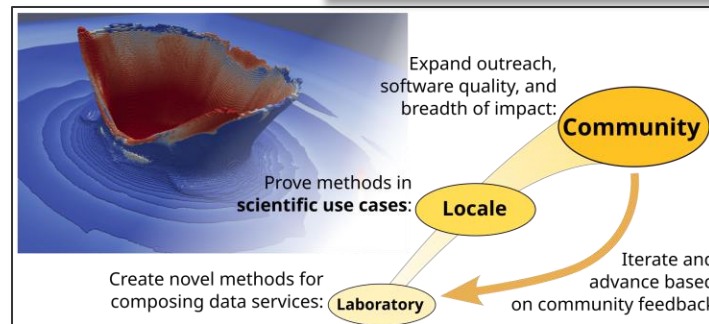
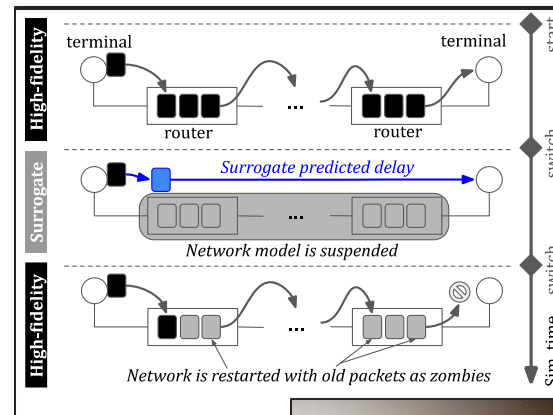
- Complex DOE Applications [EAZQ]** – Effectively integrating differential and algebraic equations, complex systems, experimental data, and uncertainties (UQ) toward SciML/AI
- Scalable Algorithms & Libraries [EAZQ]** – Solving problems modeled by ordinary/partial differential equations; exploiting spatiotemporal correlations for predictions & insights from experimental data toward energy efficiency
- Optimization for Decision [EAZQ]** – Models, theory, and algorithms for optimal design, decision, control, inverse problems of complex systems under UQ toward digital twins
- Math Foundations of NextGen Systems [EAZQ]** – Automatic differentiation, optimization for explainable AI/ML; control, compilers, & design of quantum systems/algorithms



Computer Science

Priority Research Directions

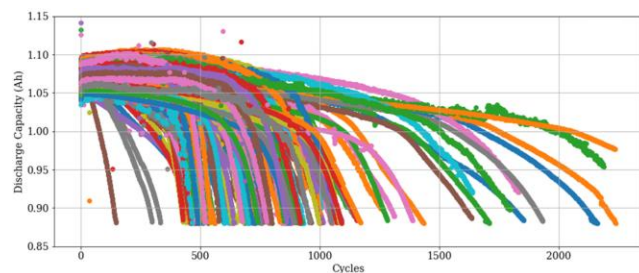
- **Transforming the Fundamentals of Computing [EAZQ]** – reimagining codesign; energy-efficient architectures and systems software; exploiting smart network and storage devices
- **Enhancing Scientific Programming and Trustworthiness in Computing [EAZQ]** – the science of scientific software; ensuring correctness in scientific computing; program synthesis for scientific computing; AI/LLM for scientific software development; FAIR data and workflows
- **Innovations in How We Represent Data [EAZQ]** – multivariate functional and AI-derived representations of data; privacy-preserving federated learning; error-bounded lossy compression of scientific data
- **Accelerating Science from Exascale to the Edge [EAZQ]** – science at the edge, in the cloud, and in the computing continuum



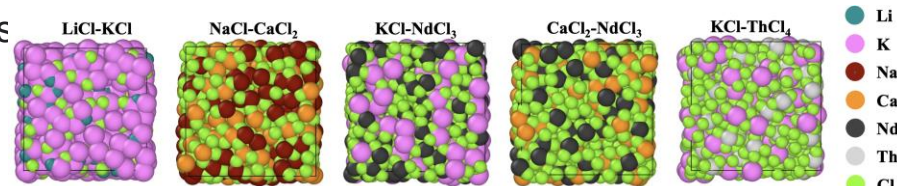
AI for Science

Priority Research Directions

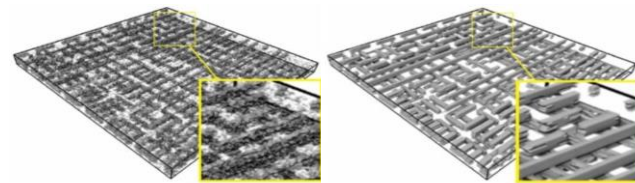
- **Pioneering new applications [EAZQ]** – Effectively incorporating scientific domain knowledge within AI methods across a broad spectrum of DOE SC problems
- **Scientific AI software systems [EAZQ]** – Making AI operational in science with composable services for AI at all scales
- **Robust foundations for AI [EAZQ]** – Understanding the capabilities and limits of current methods and developing new methods for robust, quantifiable, interpretable AI
- **Exploring the hardware basis for scientific AI [EAZQ]** – Understanding the interplay between evolving, emerging accelerators, and scientific AI performance



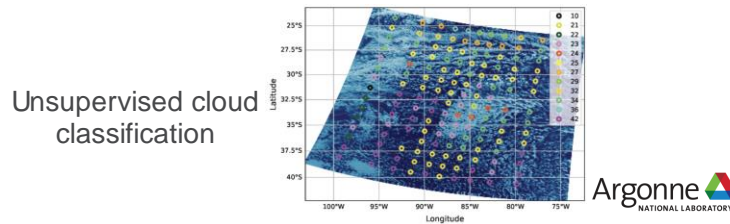
Battery capacity fade curve prediction



Machine-learning potentials for combinatorial molten salt mixtures



Joint ptycho-tomography with deep generative priors



Unsupervised cloud classification

AuroraGPT: A Foundation Model for Open Science

Priority Research Directions

- **General-purpose scientific foundation model [EAZQ]:** Trained on general corpora, scientific texts, science data
- **Explore pathways [EAZQ]** toward a “Scientific Assistant”
- **Multimodal [EAZQ]:** Images, tables, equations, proofs, time series, graphs, fields, etc.
- **Exascale Computing for AI [EAZQ]:** Exploit exascale systems to speed up model training and inference



Text-only Models
(2023/2024)

Basic Multimodal
Models (2024/2025)

Advanced Scientific
Multimodal Models
(2025/2026)

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3

Trillion Parameter Consortium

A*STAR

AI Singapore

AIST

Allen Institute For AI

Amazon Web Services, Inc. (AWS)

AMD

Argonne National Laboratory

Barcelona Supercomputing Center

Brookhaven National Laboratory

CalTech

CEA

CSCS

Cerebras Systems

CINECA

CSC – IT Center for Science

CSIRO

Deep Forest Sciences

ETH Zürich

Fermilab National Accelerator Lab

Flinders University

Fujitsu Limited

Groq

Harvard University

HPE

Indiana University

INESC TEC

Inria

Intel

Jülich Supercomputing Center

Kotoba Technologies, Inc.

LAION

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Leibniz Supercomputing Centre

Los Alamos National Laboratory

Microsoft Research

National Center for Supercomputing Applications

National Energy Technology Laboratory

National Renewable Energy Laboratory

National Supercomputing Centre, Singapore

NCI Australia

New Zealand eScience Infrastructure

Northwestern University

NVIDIA

Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Pawsey Institute

Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory

Princeton University

RIKEN

Rutgers University

SambaNova

Sandia National Laboratories

Seoul National University

SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

Sony Research

Stanford University

STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, UKRI

Stonybrook University

SURF

Texas Advanced Computing Center

Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility

Together AI

Tokyo Institute of Technology

Université de Montréal

University of Buffalo

University of California San Diego / SDSC

University of Chicago

University of Delaware

University of Illinois Chicago

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

University of Michigan

University of New South Wales

University of Southern California / ISI

University of Tokyo

University of Toronto / Acceleration Consortium

University of Utah

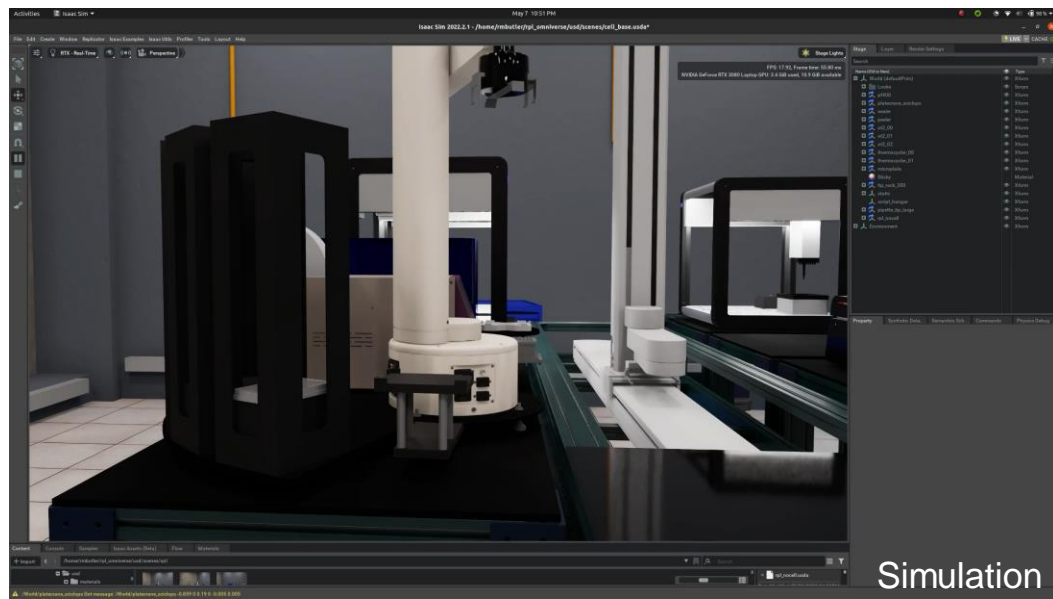
University of Virginia

University of Washington

Autonomous Discovery at Argonne

LDRD-funded projects engage scientists from CELS (ALCF, BIO, DSL, MCS) and PSE (CNM, MSD) to advance autonomous discovery

In our Rapid Prototyping Lab, we are developing and applying a modular hardware and software architecture, and engaging many students



DOE Recognitions



Lois McInnes
**2024 SC Distinguished
Scientist Fellow**



Rob Ross
**2020 Earnest Orlando
Lawrence Award**



Ian Foster
**2019 SC Distinguished
Scientist Fellow**

DOE AI FOR SCIENCE PROJECT

Privacy-Preserving Federated Learning for Science: Building Sustainable and Trustworthy Foundation Models

- **Project Lead:** Argonne (PI: Kibaek Kim)
- **Collaborating Institutions:** Brookhaven, Oak Ridge, Arizona State U., Rutgers U.
- **Objective:** Develop federated learning (FL) algorithms and AI foundation models that are sustainable, efficient, and privacy-preserving.
- **Use Cases:** Electric grid operations, scientific experiments (e.g., X-ray image science)
- **Deployment:** Running on DOE supercomputers and cloud systems for large-scale experiments.

Key Research Thrusts

Efficient FL Algorithms

Continual FL Lifecycle

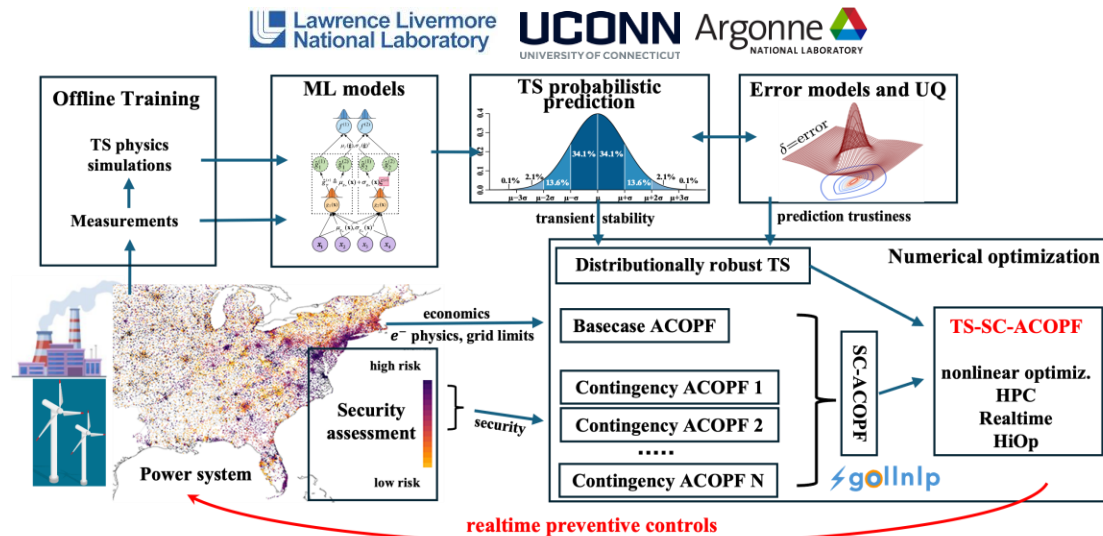
Scalable Privacy-Preserving Mechanisms

Privacy-Preserving Synthetic Data Generation

High-Performance Data Management

Scalable Learning and Optimization for Secure and Economic Grid Operations

- Address power grid operational challenges from increased weather disruptions, security threats, and the integration of distributed energy resources
- Combine physics-informed machine learning with statistical risk modeling in control loops, addressing the computational intractability of traditional high-fidelity stability simulations
 - Trustworthy ML algorithms for rapid stability risk assessment
 - Risk-averse optimization techniques for robust contingency management
 - End-to-end HPC framework on DOE LCF
- Enable real-time preventive controls that simultaneously optimize for security, economic efficiency, and resilience; transforming how operators manage power grid complexities in the face of multiple contingency scenarios



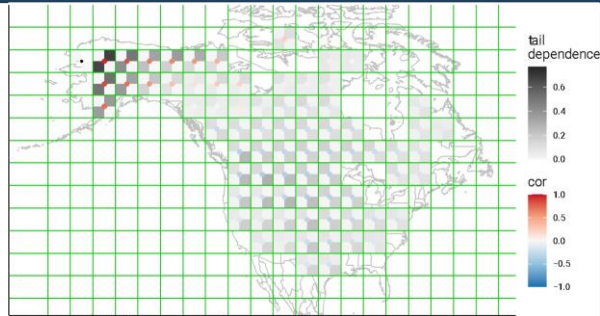
Grid Modernization Initiative -CASCDES

Project Objectives:

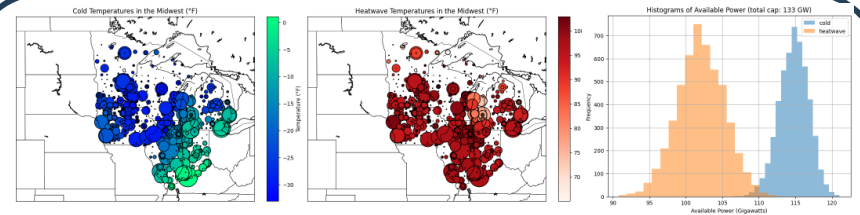
- Forecast the likelihood of wide-area extreme impacts and their impact to power market prices
- Assess the effectiveness of investment and market adaptations to mitigate this risk.
- Work with industry and stakeholders to develop tools/approaches that will become the industry standard for assessing climate risk for wide-area extremes

Potential Impact:

- Enhanced preparedness for wide-area extreme weather events on power systems improving power system resilience.
- Informed interregional network planning based on insights into the impacts of such events.
- Policy development and market adaptations to promote and enhance power system resilience and reduce outages.



Our approach captures abnormal correlations between Alaska and Illinois



Left: Extreme cold temperatures. Middle: Extreme hot temperatures. Radius is proportional to generator capacity. Right: Available power during the extreme event

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