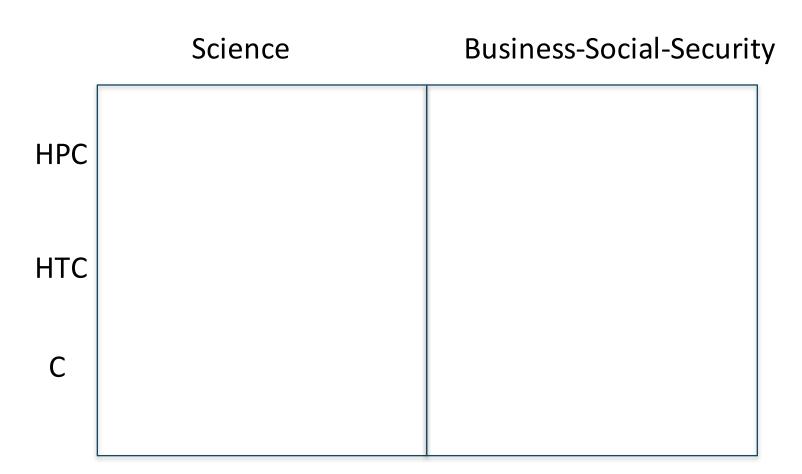
Science and High Performance are Orthogonal



Scientific, Engineering, Medical, Security, Societal, Business Applications





Application Challenge Areas

Experimental facilities

- Large data, streaming, some real-time
- Many experiments or few large ones
- Observational data from sensors (IoT)
 - Streaming, continuous, noisy
- Data fusion with multimodal analysis
 - Cancer, graphs, ...
- Science at boundary of simulation and observation
 - "Steering" experiment with simulation
 - Refining simulations with observations
 - Iterative science workflow (inference)





What is HPC?

- High Performance
- Computing

- Does not necessarily presume tight coupling
- Does not assume high flops





Math, Algorithms, (Software) Challenges

- Fusion, Coupling, Multi-modal, inverse problems
- Noisy, sparse, (systematically) biased
- New data types: Images, Genomes, Graphs, Time series
- Sharing, Security, Privacy





Application Wish List

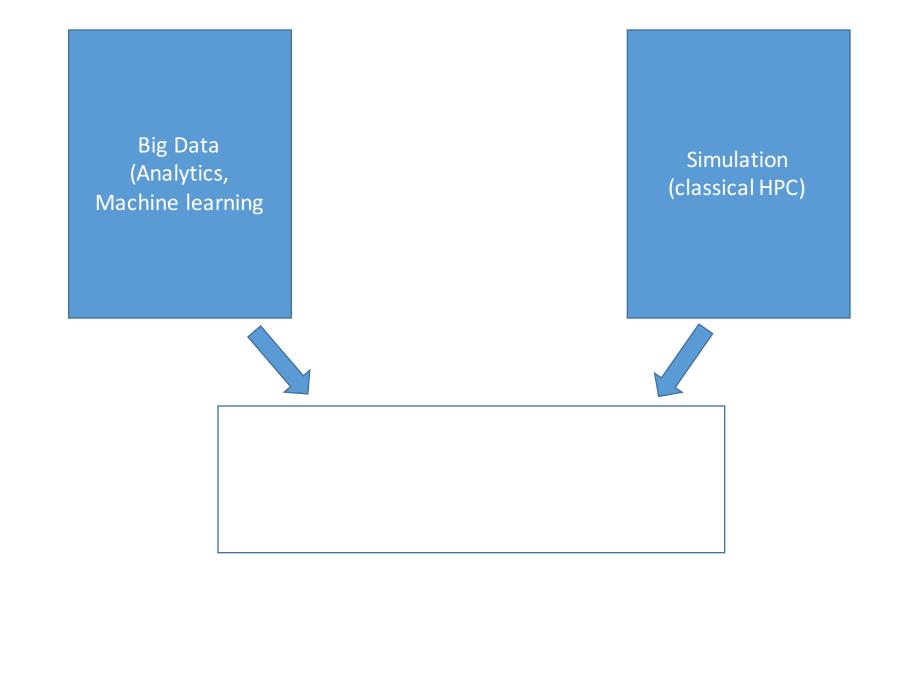
- Run complex software stack on demand
- Handle job stream failures
- Complex workflows with changing "width"
- Data-aware (intelligent) networks
- Whole system view of compute/data/storage ecosystem for inference
- Performance and usability
- Edge services: security, resource flexibility, etc.

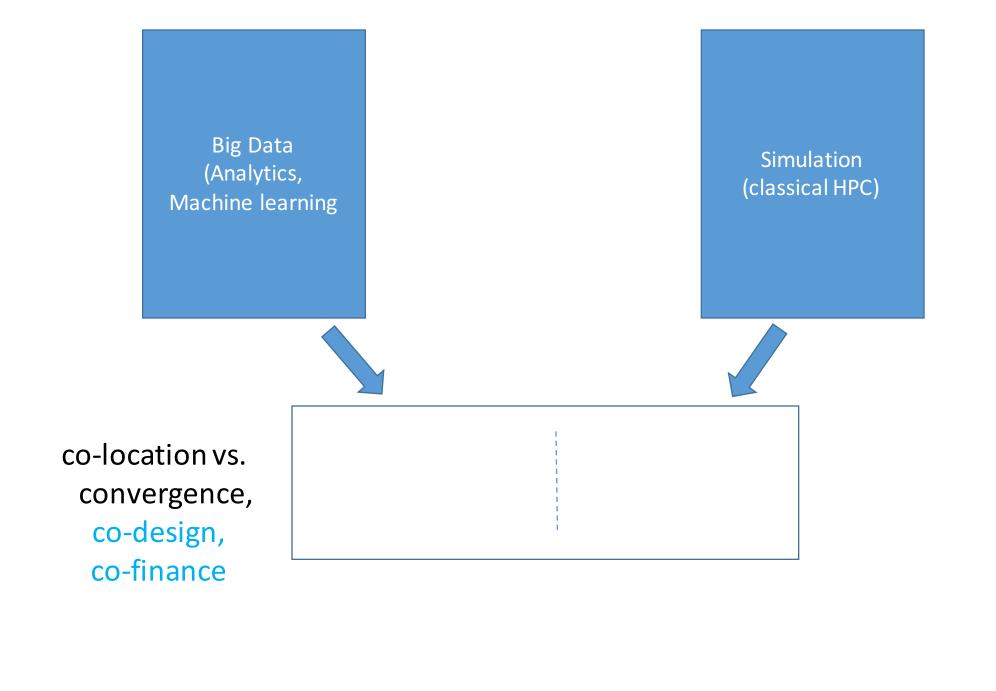


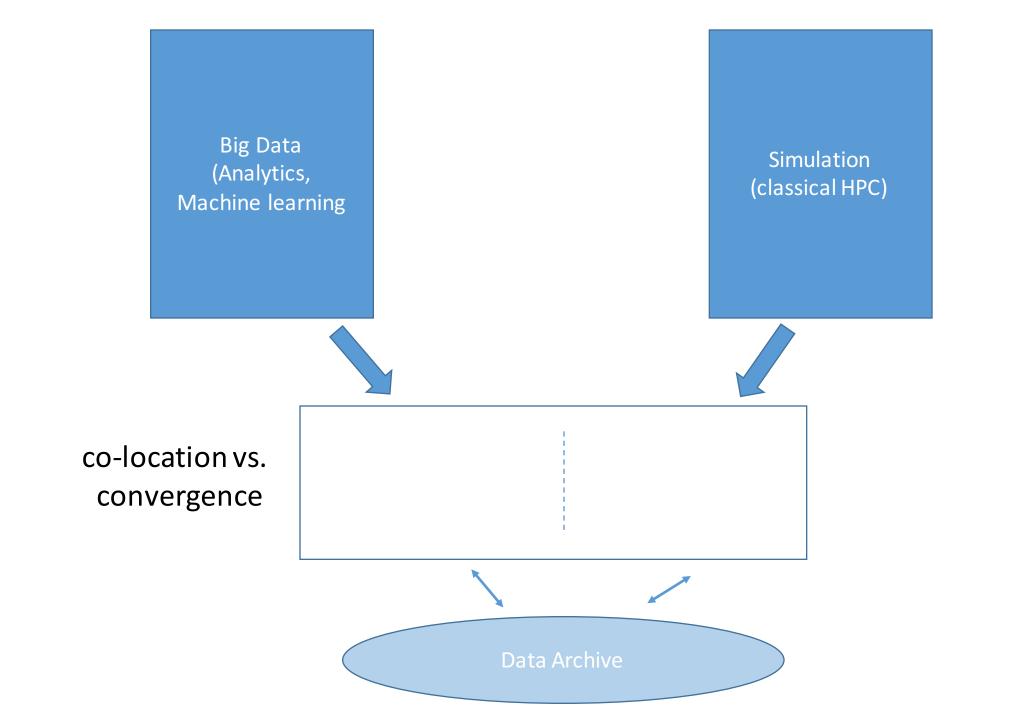


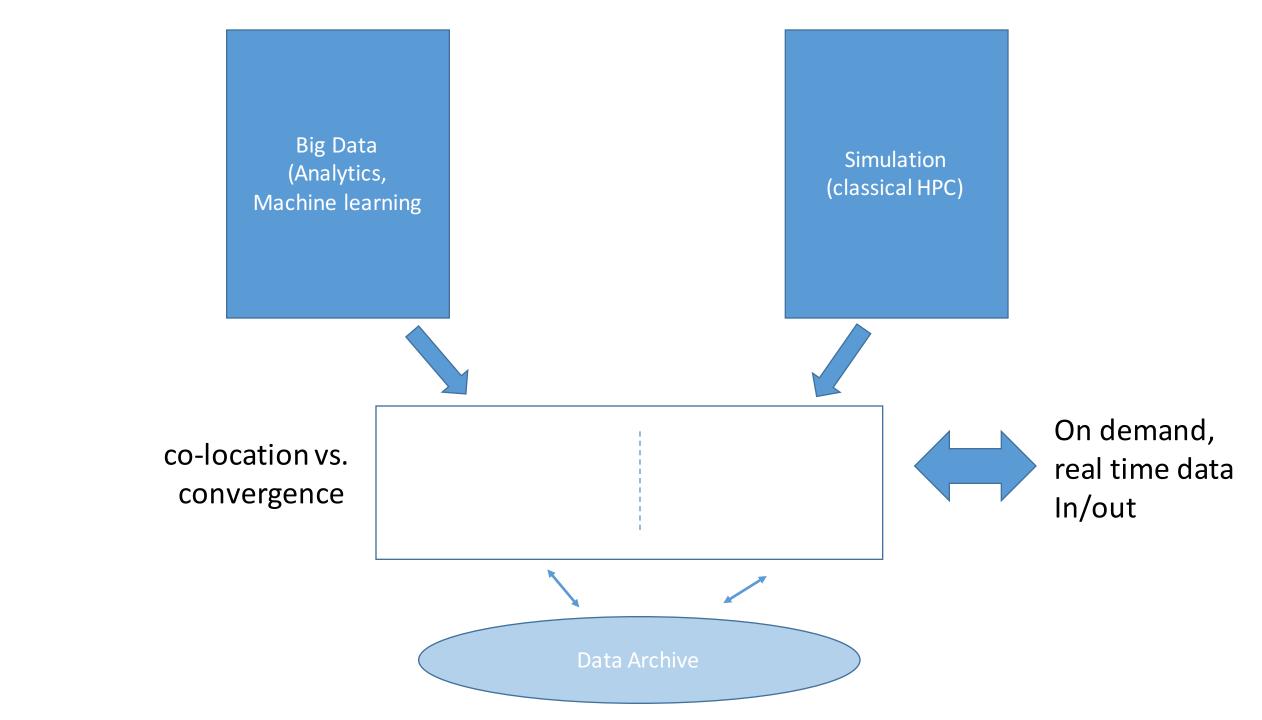
Given a clean slate, what particular I/F and/or defining problems should we target

Operations









We touched on these dimensions (1):

- What is the benefit of convergence, where are the advantages?
- What can you do that you could not do before?
- What is converged: Hardware, Management, Software stacks?
- Dynamics of tools and software evolutions much faster in BD
- Are there financial advantages (OPEX, APEX)?
- Difference of use and operations modalities (different user groups/experience)
- Security requirements differ and need acceptance
- Predictability differences (Data sources, formats, data flow peaks, etc)
- Data and machines use differences (1 user, static, vs many users, dynamic)
 - Need to handle complexity of jobs and workflows in converged mgmt.-structure
- Utilization differences
- Recovery/restart differences (especially in shared environment)

We touched on these dimensions(2):

- Is "operations" of a converged infrastructure becoming more complex (one team) or not (another team) ?
- Cost of convergence on application level much higher than on hardware level
- Tradeoff between operational cost and development cost
- Tradeoff between operational cost and operational efficiency

• Points of view: benefits from user's point of view vs. resource operator's view

Best options (for now):

Homogeneous (=converged) management on top of heterogeneous hardware

Summary of breakout - Software

Summary

Mission

- Not clear what problem we are trying to solve, the problem is ill-defined
- The 300K for 12 months question

Low-level services and capabilities

- Containers (deployment -- ease of use, consistency, reproducibility, extensibility)
- Programmability, QoS, SDN, SDX expose finer control of capabilities
- Resource management
- o On-demand
- o Multi-dimensional, look beyond nodes
- Understanding of monitoring systems data (complexity)

Higher-level capabilities

- Build a platform that adapts itself to application
- o We are usually adapting application to platform, but it should go the other way around as well
- Auto-tuning, adaptive behavior
- Support for fine-grained data streams and services (geo locating, etc.)
- o Edge computing
- Workflows (better interoperability, fine-grain management)
- Interoperability of data formats
- Programming models, efficient data analytics for HPC platforms
- Provenance

Content Distribution Network for scientific data

Economics and Incentives

- Economics of software: "Big Data" part of the world is much larger than "HPC", they will drive a lot of systems software that is not compatible with the way we run HPC systems HPC will end up as "the 1%", luxury end of computing
- Creating incentives: instead of charging users per service hour, charge them per data usage (i.e., create a charging model that will incentivize convergence)