THE EXASCALE SOFTWARE CENTER

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IESP/ESC Preface

- Software Stacks in use
  - First initial draft (thanks Bernd)
  - We understand the space
  - Can now make it formal...

- ESC Application Inventory for exascale
  - Initial version collected from DOE
  - Time to widen and make formal...

- ESC Software R&D Plans
  - Initial draft presented today
  - Working on international dependencies
    - MOUs?
    - Funding plans?
    - Reliable milestones for joint work?
Context: Planning for Exascale

Cross-cutting Metrics, Objectives, Initiative Goals

Platforms
~2015/2016
~2018/2019

Cross-cutting Technologies

Co-Design Application Teams
• Materials
• HEDP
• Nuclear Energy
• Chemistry
• Fusion

Exascale Software

Goal: Ensure successful deployment of coordinated exascale software stack on Exascale Initiative platforms
Exascale Software Center

Responsible for success of software:

- Work with DOE mission applications, co-design centers, research community, platform partners to:
  - Identify required software capabilities
  - Identify gaps
- Design and develop open-source software to provide capability
  - Create new components
  - Evolve existing components
  - Includes maintainability, support, verification
- Ensure functionality, stability, and performance
- Partner with platform and software vendors to deploy software
- Coordinate outreach to the broader open source community
- Ensure milestones are met
Exascale Software Center

• Scope
  – Identify software capability gaps, research & develop solutions, test and support deployment
  – Deliver high quality system software for exascale platforms
    • Platforms in 2015/201 and 2018/2019
  – Increase the productivity and capability and reduce the risk of exascale deployments

• Cost: scale up to significant development teams
  – Applied R&D with distributed teams
  – Large, primarily centralized QA, integration, and verification team

• Schedule Overview
  – 2010 – Q1 2011: Planning and technical reviews
  – Spring 2011: Launch Exascale Software Center!
Breadth of Software

- Dialog with Vendors required to help determine breadth
- Dialog with Applications required to help determine breadth

Exascale System Software

Number of Applications Needing Software

- All
- Many
- One

Vendor Software

OS, Run-time, I/O Clients, etc

Tools, Math Libraries, Analysis, I/O libraries, etc

Application Capabilities
Depth of Software

- Broad CS and Applied Math Research
- Targeted R&D for Exascale Deployment
- Prototypes, QA
- Deployment
- ExaPlatform Support
- Commercialization / Productization

Exascale System Software

This process is heavily weighted to targeted development and applied to key applications and platforms.
The Exascale Software Center

1. **Platform Architects (vendors)**
2. **R&D Software Community**
3. **Co-Design Centers**

- **Identify Needs**
- **Identify Gaps**
- **Research**
- **Initial Prototypes**
- **Test & QA**
- **Integration, Deployment, Support**

**Applied Research and Development**

**Initial System Design**

**Refining Design**
SoZware Research and Development Team

QA, Integration, and Support Team

Software Research and Development Team

Write functionality, performance, unit, and regression tests

Perform Integrated Testing

Assist Facilities with Deployment

Provide Tier-2 Support

Design and develop novel solutions for exascale

DOE Exascale Facilities

Deploy system, assist with exascale science goals, support users

Exascale Software Center

Assist with Deployment

Tier-2 Support

Exascale Software Center

Perform Integrated Testing

Facilities
Process for identifying gaps and development targets

• Bottom up (Application Inventory):
  – Provides snapshot of what is currently in use to help frame discussion
  – Provides backdrop for discussion with vendors and applications

• Top down:
  – Application:
    • Science → Capability → Technology → Software
  – Architecture:
    • Design → Functionality → Software
  – Computer Science and Applied Math
    • Algorithm/ProgMod/Technique → Capability → Technology → Software
Current Planning...

• Operating Systems and Run-Time
  – Ron Brightwell
• Programming Models
  – Barbara Chapman
• Tools
  – Bronis R. de Supinski
• Math Libraries
  – Jack Dongarra
• Data and Analysis
  – Rob Ross
• Application Inventory
  – Al Geist
ESC Operating System and Runtime

Participants
ANL: Pete Beckman, Kamil Iskra
SNL: Ron Brightwell
ORNL: Barney Maccabe
Operating System and Runtime are Critical for Exascale

- Resource allocation and management are critical for any system
- Resource challenges
  - Power
  - Massive Intra-node parallelism
  - Memory hierarchy
  - Heterogeneity
  - Resiliency
- Application challenges
  - Expanded paradigms
    - Many-task, analysis-driven, data-driven
- Usage model
  - Space-shared, pipelined, data flow
OSR Components

• Linux integration (Iskra)
• Advanced OS functionality (Brightwell)
• Lightweight threading (Brightwell)
• I/O forwarding and global services (Iskra)
• OS development environments (Brightwell)
Linux Integration

• Motivation – Exascale OS challenges
  – Scalability, memory hierarchy management, heterogeneity, application complexity, power, hardware failures

• Approach
  – Use Linux
  – Asymmetric kernel
    • Replace time sharing with space sharing
    • Subset of cores dedicated to system services
    • Kernel need not scale across all cores
  – Memory management
    • Large memory pages
  – Scheduling
    • Eliminate preemption and migration
    • Reduce OS noise
Linux Integration (cont’d)

• Collaboration
  – Re-use techniques developed within ZeptoOS
  – ASCR research projects
  – BSC High-Performance Linux project
  – Flash HEDP Co-Design Center
  – Vendors

• Support and Integration
  – Base changes on long-term supported Linux distribution such as RHEL
  – Vendors provide first level of support
  – ESC responsible for second level for ESC components
Advanced OS Functionality

• Motivation
  – Need standard APIs for
    • Memory management
      – Stacked DRAM, on-package SDRAM, NVRAM
      – Hardware managed (cache), software managed (scratchpad)
      – Multiple NUMA domains, coherent, non-coherent
    • Power measurement and control
  – Resiliency within the OS itself
  – New application and system usage models
    • In-situ storage and analysis
    • Many-task model
Advanced OS (cont’d)

• Approach
  – Develop portable APIs for enhanced memory management
  – OS/Runtime interfaces for power management capabilities
  – Characterize OS reliability assumptions and explore alternative strategies
  – Develop mechanisms for functional partitioning of system and compute cores
Advanced OS (cont’d)

• Collaboration
  – ASCR research projects
  – ESC programming models and resilience activities
  – Vendors

• Support
  – ESC supported
Lightweight Threading

• Motivation
  – Exascale systems will have massive amounts of on-node parallelism
  – Lightweight cores need lightweight threads
  – Scheduling and locality challenges

• Approach
  – Develop Sandia Qthreads into well-defined API
  – Explore hardware support mechanisms for lightweight synchronization
I/O Forwarding and Global Services

- **Motivation**
  - I/O expected to be a key challenge
  - I/O spans multiple types of nodes, networks, and software layers
  - This component addresses need for a unified communication layer that supports efficient and consistent communication among compute and I/O nodes

- **Approach**
  - Based on existing IOFSL work
  - I/O offloading to system cores
  - Asynchronous I/O, handling I/O transfers in background
  - Burst buffer management of on-node storage
I/O Forwarding (cont’d)

• Collaboration
  – Leverage software developed in IOFSL project
  – NoLoSS project
  – Flash HEDP Co-Design Center
  – Vendors

• Support
  – Expect vendors will fork off reference baseline ESC code and provide first-level support
  – ESC responsible for second-level support
OS Development Environments

• Motivation
  – Access to test beds and prototype systems will be limited
  – Need environments to support exascale OS development and exploration

• Approach
  – Leverage Sandia SST simulation framework and virtualization technology
OS Development (cont’d)

• Collaboration
  – SST and Palacios researchers

• Support
  – ESC will support use of SST as a supported target
  – SST modules contributed back to SST and supported by ESC
  – ESC will work with Palacios team to integrate new capabilities
ESC-Software Stack

Programming Models

Participants:
• University of Houston: Barbara Chapman
• Rice University: John Mellor-Crummey
• UIUC: William Gropp
• ANL: Rajeev Thakur, Pavan Balaji, Ewing Lusk
• LBL (UC Berkeley): Kathy Yelick, Paul Hargrove
• ORNL: Al Geist

IESP meeting-April 2011
A Critical Matter

• MPI-everywhere model no longer viable
  – Hybrid MPI+OpenMP already in use
• Models and their implementation must take account of:
  – System scale, node parallelism, coherency domains
  – Power concerns, memory hierarchy, locality
  – Fault tolerance
  – Heterogeneity
  – Legacy code, interoperability
Approach

• Ensure availability of programming models most requested by applications developers
  – Make sure that they perform well on exascale systems
• Contribute to enhancement of programming models via participation in standardization / community efforts
• Enable interoperability between programming models
• Develop production-quality resilience model
• Collaborate with tools, OS partners for full solution
• Closely monitor other efforts (research, vendor models)
  – Respond as needed
R&D Topics

• Advanced Programming Models
  – OpenMP
  – CAF
  – UPC

• PLUM Programming Model Interoperability Infrastructure

• MPI

• Resilience and Fault Tolerance
OpenMP
Shared memory model instead of MPI everywhere

• Leader: Barbara Chapman

• Enables direct programming of threads and tasks
  – Reduces memory footprint via sharing of data

• Contribute to standardization of extensions that meet needs of exascale applications
  – Expression of affinity, locality; more powerful task construct
  – Support for heterogeneous nodes, hybrid programming

• Efficient implementation based on OpenUH compiler

• Interact with project partners to:
  – enable interoperability with other models
  – support resilience and fault tolerance
  – provide support for tools
PGAS Programming Models
Global address space within or across nodes

- Leaders: John Mellor-Crummey, Kathy Yelick
- Provides explicit user control of data layout and communication
- Coarray Fortran (CAF)
  - Rice University’s CAF extensions (CAF 2.0) and CAF translator
  - Process teams, communication topology, support for overlapping computation and communication, additional synchronization mechanisms
  - Extensions for communication between teams, multithreading, parallel I/O, support for deeper memory hierarchies; Implicit support for offloading computation to heterogeneous cores
- Unified Parallel C (UPC)
  - Starting point is UPC 1.2 specification, Berkeley UPC compiler (BUPC)
  - Explicit asynchronous data movement for overlapping communication with computation, point-to-point synchronization
  - Non-blocking and subset collectives
- Interface to mechanisms that support fault tolerance and resilience; interoperability
Plum: Interoperability Infrastructure

• Leaders: Pavan Balaji and Paul Hargrove

• Problem statement
  – While there are many programming models available today, applications have to pick exactly one model to use
  – Primary reason: different models do not interoperate with each other (either because of semantic or resource management mismatches)

• Goal
  – Composable programming with MPI, OpenMP, UPC, and CAF
    • Can we have an infrastructure where a UPC application can use a PETSc library written with MPI?
    • Can CAF and OpenMP thread tasking models interoperate with each other on the limited computational resources on the node?
Plum Plans

- Plum will develop a runtime infrastructure for communication libraries and threading that will allow MPI, UPC, CAF and OpenMP to interoperate.

- ESC will focus on (1) productizing this runtime infrastructure, (2) platform-specific hardening of the runtime, and (3) integration into DOE exascale codesign and other applications.

- There are many research challenges that need to be addressed for the broader problem of interoperability including resource management issues, tasking model requirements, etc., which is expected to be separately funded.
International Collaborations

• Advanced Programming Models
  – Collaboration with XcalableMP (XMP) effort at University of Tsukuba, Japan (Prof. Sato)
  – Many interactions with Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC), Spain on OpenMP language and runtime support
  – Collaboration with Chinese Academy of Sciences with regard to UPC and OpenMP programming models
  – Collaboration with Tsinghua University on deployment and testing of OpenMP
  – Interactions with TU Dresden and German Supercomputing Centre Juelich on compiler support for OpenMP tools

• Plum Programming Model Interoperability Infrastructure
  • Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC) - EU
MPI

• Leaders: Rajeev Thakur, Rusty Lusk, Bill Gropp
• ESC’s application survey results
  – They intend to continue to primarily use MPI in the future, together with some shared-memory model within a node (MPI + X hybrid)
• All vendors also view MPI as a critical piece of software they need to provide on future HPC systems
What is needed in MPI for Exascale

- Performance scalability
- Reduced memory consumption at scale
- Better support for hybrid programming
- And all the good stuff from MPI-3 and future versions of the MPI standard
MPI-3

• Currently being defined by the MPI Forum
• Expected to be released late next year (2012)
• New Features
  – Better support for hybrid programming
  – New and improved RMA functionality
  – Fault tolerance
  – Nonblocking collectives
  – Sparse (memory optimized) collectives
  – Better support for parallel tools
  – Fortran 2008 bindings
  – Others
MPI in ESC

• ESC will develop a robust, tuned MPI-3 implementation for exascale based on MPICH
• Continue current collaboration model between MPICH group and vendors

• Note that the research needed to scale MPI and MPICH to exascale is expected to be performed in other projects supported by the DOE ASCR base program or other parts of the DOE exascale initiative, not in ESC
• ESC will deliver the hardened, production-quality implementation
MPICH Group’s International Collaborations

• Europe
  – Guillaume Mercier, Univ of Bordeaux, France
    • Was a postdoc at Argonne and did some of the core work in MPICH2. We consider him a member of the MPICH team.
  – Jesper Larsson Träff, Univ of Vienna, Austria
    • Long-time collaborator. Several joint publications with Thakur, Gropp, Lusk, and others.
  – Franck Cappello, INRIA, France
    • Fault tolerance

• Japan
  – Yutaka Ishikawa, Univ of Tokyo
    • MPI optimizations for new 10PF K supercomputer
  – Satoshi Matsuoka, Tokyo Tech
    • Fault tolerance
MPICH Group’s International Collaborations

• China
  – Pavan Balaji from Argonne visited China for 2 months (Nov 2010 – Jan 2011)
  – He has established active collaborations with
    • Yunquan Zhang, Mingyu Chen, and Guangming Tan, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
    • Yutong Lu, NUDT
    • Gaojin Wen, Shenzhen Inst. of Advanced Technologies
  – Joint papers submitted to ICPP and SC11
  – Argonne will host a summer student from China
Resilience and Fault Tolerance

- Leader: Al Geist
- Fault tolerance of ESC software components is critical for exascale
- Need coordinated effort from all parts of the software stack for fault detection, localization, notification, and recovery
- We will leverage the experience and results of the DOE CIFTS project
 Creation of a Fault Model
(A programming model for resilience)

The key to making application and system components resilient lies in creating a well-defined fault model that identifies:

• What types of faults or performance degradations will be detected
• What and how the components will be notified
• What supported actions will be available to the components to recover or adapt to degradations of different types
• Quality of service and/or reliability needs of component

In collaboration with the International community, the ESC will develop:

• a holistic fault model
• prototype API, and
• fault-test environment

that allows the behavior of algorithms and mini-applications to be studied in the presence of faults defined in the resilience model.
International Collaborations in Fault Tolerance

• Europe
  – Franck Cappello, INRIA

• Japan
  – Satoshi Matsuoka, Tokyo Tech
ESC Tools

Bronis R. de Supinski, Allen Malony, John Mellor-Crummey, Jeffrey S. Vetter
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
Our solutions will provide scalable insight for application issues

• Overall strategy
  – Build and extend existing tool community efforts
  – Provide components that support rapid prototyping to address exascale-specific and application-specific tool needs
  – Integrate to support common usage scenarios
    • Large-scale debugging
    • On-node correctness issues
    • Scalable performance analysis
Our flexible toolbox will support application-specific tools

• Wide range of tool component capabilities
  – Execution control
  – Asynchronous measurement
  – Synchronous measurement
  – Problem-focused measurement
  – Correctness introspection
  – Measurement data management
  – Analysis
  – Introspection APIs
  – Presentation
Our underlying infrastructure will solve critical exascale issues

- Coordination to ensure tool requirements are met
  - Across ESC team: Programming Models, I/O and OS
  - With vendors: particularly focused on architectural advances

- Infrastructure components
  - PAPI
    - Support for new processor architectures
    - Network and power counters
    - Programming model-centric metrics (i.e., MPIT)
  - Rose
  - Portable introspection and control
  - Scalable infrastructure
    - LaunchMon
    - MRNet: investigate merging with IOSFL
  - Novel architecture features and heterogeneous tool infrastructure
    - Static and dynamic/JIT instrumentation
    - Data collection
Our integrated correctness and performance tools will provide insight into root causes

• Correctness tools
  – Identify relationships between behavior equivalence classes to guide root cause analysis
  – Detect programming model semantic errors

• Performance analysis tools
  – Text-based reports and GUI-based front-ends
  – Node-based and communication measurements
  – Attribute bottlenecks to underlying causes
    • SPMD programs
    • Communication
  – Scalable analysis and presentation
We will build on existing tool efforts

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Our approach facilitates tool community collaboration

• Expect component contributions from the entire HPC software tools community
  – Annually adopt at least one mature research solution
  – Provide framework for further research efforts

• Potential EESI contributions
  – Marmot/MUST for scalable MPI correctness checking
  – Scalasca: late sender analysis component?
  – Many others possible
Math Libraries & Frameworks

ANL, LLNL, SNL, UCB, & UTK

Barry Smith, Rob Falgout, Mike Heroux, Jim Demmel, & Jack Dongarra
Math Library Software

• We are relying on the algorithms for exascale systems to be develop in other programs, e.g.,
  – DOE Math/CS Institutes.
  – Exascale Co-Design center collaborations.
  – SciDAC.
  – External community efforts.

• This is not an algorithms research effort.

• This is a software delivery effort.
What Areas to Cover?

• From Phil Colella’s “Seven Dwarfs”
  – Structured grids (including locally structured grids, e.g. Adaptive Mesh Refinement)
  – Unstructured grids
  – FFTs
  – Dense LA
  – Sparse LA
  – Monte Carlo
  – Particle/N-Body methods
Survey Apps

1. Molecular dynamics (mat)
2. Electronic structure
3. Reactor analysis/CFD
4. Fuel design (mat)
5. Reprocessing (chm)
6. Repository optimizations
7. Molecular dynamics (bio)
8. Genome analysis
9. QMC
10. QCD
11. Astrophysics

- Structured grids
  - 3, 5, 6, 11
- Unstructured grids
  - 3, 4, 5, 6, 11
- FFTs
  - 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9
- Dense LA
  - 2, 3, 5
- Sparse LA
  - 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11
- Monte Carlo
  - 4, 9
- Particle/N-Body methods
  - 1, 7, 11
Prioritize the Areas to Cover

- First priority
  - Dense LA
    - $Ax = b$ and $Ax = \lambda x$
  - Sparse LA
    - $Ax = b$ and $Ax = \lambda x$
    - Direct and iterative

- Second priority
  - FFTs
  - Structured grids
  - Unstructured grids

- Third priority
  - Monte Carlo
  - Particle/N-Body methods

Funding levels and needs will determine what we work on.
- The more funding the more priorities can be developed.
Key Challenges at Exascale

• Levels of parallelism
  – $O(100M \text{ and beyond})$
• Hybrid architectures
  – Node composed of multiple multicore sockets + accelerators
• Bandwidth vs Arithmetic rate
  – Most approaches assume flops expensive
• Storage Capacity
  – Issue of weak scalability in future systems
• Fault occurrence; shared responsibility
  – Process failure recovery

• Power Management
  – API for fine grain management
• Language constraints
  – Fortran, C & MPI, Open-MP
• Autotuning
  – Systems complex and changing
• Bulk Sync Processing
  – Break fork join parallelism
• Lack of reproducibility; unnecessarily expensive (most of the time)
  – Can’t guarantee bitwise results
• Need for effective scheduling of tasks
Potential Impact on Software Components

• Efficient libraries of numerical routines

• Agnostic of platforms

• Self adapting to the environment

• Libraries will be impacted by compilers, OS, runtime, prog env, etc

• Standards needed: FT, Power Management, Hybrid Programming, arch characteristics
How to Frame Evolutionary & Revolutionary

• For the 10 Petaflops systems will begin with the current base of software adapting for optimization.

• For the 100 Petaflops systems will replace key components with evolving research prototypes

• For the Exascale systems we envision a complete overhaul of the libraries
Numerical Libraries

• Uniquely exascale
  • Async methods
  • Hybrid and hierarchical based algorithms (eg linear algebra split across multi-core and gpu, self-adapting)
  • Algorithms that minimize communications and synchronization
  • Fault oblivious, Error tolerant software

• Exascale + trickle down
  • Autotuning based software
  • Standardization activities
  • Energy efficient algorithms
  • Mixed arithmetic
Adaptivity for architectural environment

- Objective is to provide a consistent library interface that remains the same for users independent of scale and processor heterogeneity, but which achieves good performance and efficiency by binding to different underlying code, depending on the configuration.
- Deal with the complexity of discovering and implementing the best algorithm for diverse and rapidly evolving architectures.
- Automating the process, both for the sake of productivity and for correctness.
Auto-Tuning

- Best algorithm implementation can depend strongly on the problem, computer architecture, compiler,…

- There are 2 main approaches
  - Model-driven optimization
    [Analytical models for various parameters;
     Heavily used in the compilers community;
     May not give optimal results ]
  - Empirical optimization
    [ Generate large number of code versions and runs them on a given platform to determine the best performing one;
     Effectiveness depends on the chosen parameters to optimize and the search heuristics used ]

- Natural approach is to combine them in a hybrid approach
  [1st model-driven to limit the search space for a 2nd empirical part ]
  [ Another aspect is adaptivity – to treat cases where tuning can not be restricted to optimizations at design, installation, or compile time ]
Scalability: Need Algorithms with Minimal Communication

- Communication (moving data) is increasingly bottleneck
- Goal: use algorithms that minimize communication & synchronization
  - Dense Direct
    - Incorporate known optimal algorithms for case of homogeneous machines, one-copy of data overall
    - As needed, add algorithms that communicate less by using more memory per processor (helps strong scaling)
    - As needed, extend to heterogeneous case
  - Sparse Direct
    - Fewer optimal algorithms known (Cholesky), add as needed
  - Sparse Iterative
    - Incorporate known optimal Krylov subspace methods
    - Target problem needs (eg bottom-solvers in multigrid, preconditioning)
Increasing the Level of Asynchronous Behavior

- DAG level description of methods
  - expressing parallelism explicitly in DAGs, so that scheduling tasks dynamically, support massive parallelism, and apply common optimization techniques to increase throughput.

- Scheduler needed

- Standards
Mixed Precision & Reproducibility

• Single Precision is 2X faster than Double Precision
  – With GP-GPUs 8x
• Power saving issues
• Reduced data motion
  – 32 bit data instead of 64 bit data
• Higher locality in cache
  – More data items in cache
• Want to provide way to guarantee reproducibility
  – May increase the time to solution
ESC-EESI Collaborations

• Università di Roma, Salvatore Fillipone
  – OO Fortran Libraries
• ETH – Zurich, Peter Arbenz
  – Scalable Preconditioners.
• Barcelona group
  – StarSs (SMPSs)
• Bordeaux group
  – StarPU
• NAG Ltd
  – Numerical library
Numerical Libraries & Frameworks

Numerical Libraries
- Dense LA
- Sparse LA
- FFTs
- Structured grids
- Unstructured grids
- Monte Carlo
- Partial


Architectural transparency
Self Adapting for performance
Scaling to billion way
Fault tolerant
Self adapting for precision
Energy aware
Std: Fault tolerant
Std: Energy aware
Std: Hybrid Progm
Std: Arch characteristics

Complexity of system
The Exascale Software Center: Data Storage and Analysis

Jim Ahrens (LANL)  Rob Ross (ANL)
Shane Canon (LBNL)  Galen Shipman (ORNL)
Hank Childs (LBNL)  Lee Ward (SNL)
Gary Grider (LANL)
What are the Exascale Data Challenges?

• **Bulk data movement**
  – Eliminating/minimizing data movement to external storage when possible
  – Eliminating unnecessary synchronization in movement to external storage

• **Efficient data triage and analysis**
  – Perform as much analysis/reduction as possible before writing data to external storage
  – In situ requires application to expose in-memory data structures, motivating standard APIs
  – Co-processing requires hooks into I/O middleware or storage software

• **Data management**
  – Very large numbers of files (i.e., namespace)
  – Metadata and provenance capture
  – End-to-end data integrity

• **Input data staging**
  – Pre-staging of input datasets onto storage in the system
  – Includes dynamic loading of libraries

• **Scalable, high productivity interfaces to data**
  – Libraries that provide high productivity interfaces to storage
  – Future interfaces and semantics of storage, coordination and synchronization
Evolutionary and Revolutionary Improvements

• Both evolutionary and revolutionary work contribute to solutions
  – Evolutionary research can result in new software products in existing technology areas (e.g., a new application interface)
  – Revolutionary research can result in new technologies that provide alternative paths to required capabilities (e.g., a new storage model)

• A plan for Exascale data that only leverages evolutionary R&D carries great risk

• We advocate two development tracks through the 2016 time frame
  – Evolutionary track technologies can be used in interim system deployment with appropriate enhancements, may be viable for Exascale
  – Revolutionary track develops new storage prototype, provides risk mitigation for Exascale systems

• Critical decision point in 2016 time frame used to choose most promising approaches to specific challenges
Some Assumptions

• Rotating media capacity and performance will continue on roughly the same curve as from the last five years
• Community will continue to depend on and invest in vendor-supplied parallel file systems and archive solutions, resulting in modest scalability improvements
• Solid-state storage will be integrated into compute system architectures in the interim system time frame
• Research efforts in related areas (e.g., ADIOS, Damsel, GLEAN) will be tracked and considered for integration into plan when appropriate
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  - Assessment of enterprise archival storage viability
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Opportunity for International Collaboration

• One opportunity for continued international collaboration is in **portable I/O forwarding software**

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