



**6<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the Los Alamos Computer Science Institute: LACSI 2005 ♦ 11 - 13 October**

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Symposium Site: Eldorado Hotel, 309 West San Francisco Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501

The 6<sup>th</sup> Symposium offers participants a wide variety of opportunities to discuss and learn about technical and policy issues in high-performance computing.

**Monday, Oct. 10: REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN**  
**North Concourse 2 PM – 7:00 PM**

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**TUESDAY, OCT. 11: WORKSHOPS & TUTORIALS**

Workshops on subjects of special interest will be held at either the Eldorado or the Hilton.  
Room assignments will be available at Check-in.

**REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN North Concourse 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Eldorado--North Concourse 8:00 – 9:30**

**WORKSHOPS & TUTORIALS**

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| (1) High Availability & Performance Computing                        | full day | 9:00 – 12:30 |
| (2) Advanced Numerical Methods for PDEs                              | full day | 9:00 – 12:30 |
| (3) Performance & Productivity of Extreme-Scale Parallel Systems     | full day | 9:00 – 12:30 |
| (4) Models & Simulations for Large-scale Socio-Technical Systems     | full day | 9:00 – 12:30 |
| (5) High Performance Computing in Beam Physics & Astrophysics        | full day | 9:00 – 12:30 |
| (6) Automatic Tuning of Whole Applications                           | full day | 9:00 – 12:30 |
| (7) Algorithm Acceleration with Reconfigurable Hardware              | full day | 9:00 – 12:30 |
| (8) Parallel Programming with Charm++ and AMPI                       | full day | 9:00 – 12:30 |
| (9) LinuxBIOS Summit   | full day | 9:00 – 12:30 |
| (10) Application Development Using Eclipse & Parallel Tools Platform | full day | 9:00 – 12:30 |

**AM BREAK Eldorado / Hilton 10:30: - 11:00**

**LUNCH (on your own) 12:30 – 2:00**

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| (1) High Availability & Performance Computing                        | concluded | 2:00 – 5:30 |
| (2) Advanced Numerical Methods for PDEs                              | concluded | 2:00 – 5:30 |
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**PM BREAK Eldorado / Hilton 3:30 – 4:00**

**WELCOME RECEPTION/POSTER EXHIBIT Anasazi Ballroom South 6:00 – 7:00**

# WORKSHOPS & TUTORIALS (11 OCT., TUESDAY)

**NOTE: All workshops will be held at the Eldorado OR the Hilton (across the street).  
Room assignments available at Check-in.**

## **(1) High Availability and Performance Computing**

*Chokchai Box Leangsuksun, Louisiana Tech University ([box@latech.edu](mailto:box@latech.edu))*

High availability & performance computing has recently become a recognized important combination to those organizations that require tremendous computing power to solve their important problems such as Energy, Climate, Fusion, Biology, & Nanotechnology. These non-trivial problems are usually characterized by massive & long running applications; therefore, Reliability, Availability, & Serviceability (RAS) management will become an increasingly paramount aspect in many computing environments. RAS management goals are to maximize uptime & therefore undoubtedly complement High End Computing (HEC) objectives by preventing performance degradation & spectrum availability. High Availability (HA) Computing has always played a critical role in commercial mission critical applications. Likewise, High Performance Computing (HPC) has equally been a significant enabler of the R&D community because of their scientific discoveries. Serviceability aims toward effective means by which corrective & preventive maintenance can be performed on a system. Higher serviceability improves availability & helps retain quality, performance, & continuity of services at expected levels. The combination of HA, Serviceability, & HPC will clearly lead to even more benefits to critical shared major HEC resource environments. This third annual WS (HAPCW2005) is a forum for the discussion of topics related to the issues affecting HAPC.

## **(2) Advanced Numerical Methods for PDEs**

*Oleg Boyarkin, University of Houston ([boyarkin@math.uh.edu](mailto:boyarkin@math.uh.edu))*

Participants in WS2 will discuss new developments & challenges in construction, investigation, & applications of new numerical methods & algorithms for the solution of partial differential equations relevant to LANL applications. New discretization methods for PDEs on arbitrary polyhedral meshes, their stability & accuracy, & efficient preconditioned solvers for underlying large-scale algebraic systems as well as interface reconstruction algorithms are among the major topics.

## **(3) Performance & Productivity of Extreme-Scale Parallel Systems**

*Darren J. Kerbyson, LANL ([djk@lanl.gov](mailto:djk@lanl.gov))*

In WS3 we will be concerned with the interplay across system architecture, network, applications, & system software design. The invited speakers, leaders in these fields, will cover these areas & also address the state-of-the-art in methodologies for performance analysis & optimization including benchmarking, modeling, tools development, tuning & steering, as well as metrics for productivity. We envision WS3 to be composed of 4 sessions of 3 talks each.

## **(4) Models & Simulations for Large-scale Socio-Technical Systems**

*Stephan J. Eidenbenz, LANL ([eidenben@lanl.gov](mailto:eidenben@lanl.gov))*

Complex socio-technical systems consist of millions of interacting physical, technological, & human /societal components. Examples of such systems include transportation systems, national commodity markets, telecommunication & computing systems including the Internet, & public healthcare systems. High-fidelity simulations capable of representing & analyzing such complex systems require the use of high performance computing platforms & tools. WS4 aims to bring together some of the leading researchers with the goal of identifying fundamental issues in designing, implementing, & using such simulations on high-performance computing architectures. Topics include the following: scalable HPC oriented design of such simulations; distributed algorithms & their implementations; & large-scale discrete event simulation systems.

## **(5) High Performance Computing in beam Physics & Astrophysics**

*Salman Habib, LANL ([habib@lanl.gov](mailto:habib@lanl.gov))*

Particle-based codes are among the most widely used high performance computing tools today, essential components of the state-of-the-art in fields, such as astrophysics & cosmology, compressible & incompressible fluid dynamics, & plasma & beam physics. Several large-scale applications are now at a threshold where they can be used as precision tools rather than as quantitative indicators of system behavior. Certain target problems in beam physics & astrophysics & cosmology have very stringent error control requirements for next-generation simulation frameworks & tools ranging from sub-percent to parts per million. Additionally, the success of major projects (e.g., the International Linear Collider) & large-scale cosmological surveys (e.g., the Joint Dark Energy Mission, Dark Energy Survey, & Large Synoptic Survey Telescope) depends on accurate & truly predictive simulations. That these projects represent a multi-billion dollar science investment further underscores the importance of high-performance simulation tools to their

success. In WS5 we will aim to bring together researchers in these fields to discuss the future challenges in high-performance simulations for beam physics & astrophysics. WS5 will enable researchers to share successful strategies that have worked in their subdisciplines & to outline the areas where more work is clearly needed. A joint strategy for attacking these problems will be a major aim of WS5.

## **(6) Automatic Tuning of Whole Applications**

*Ken Kennedy, Rice University ([ken@rice.edu](mailto:ken@rice.edu))*

For many years, retargeting of applications for new architectures has been a major headache for high performance computation, requiring many person-months (or even years) of effort to retune each new architecture, & even each new model of an established architecture. Automation of this retuning process has now become a fertile area of computer science research. Most of this work is based on the strategy of using large amounts of computation time to explore a space of different variants of a loop nest, running each variant on the target architecture, & picking the best one. One example of this strategy is the Atlas system, which uses substantive amounts of computation to provide versions of a computational linear algebra kernel that are tuned in advance to different machines. If this approach can be extended more generally to components & whole programs, it would help avoid the enormous human costs involved in retargeting applications to different machines. A major research issue is how to bring the tuning time to manageable levels, given that the number of variants in a complete application can be enormous. WS6 will report on the ongoing research efforts in this area, solicit feedback from & collaboration with the application development community, & exchange ideas on future directions for this work. One specific subgoal will be to initiate an activity to develop a standard set of benchmarks for use in automatic tuning research.

## **(7) Algorithm Acceleration with Reconfigurable Hardware**

*Maya Gokhale ([maya@lanl.gov](mailto:maya@lanl.gov); 505-665-9095)*

Over the past 15 years, direct execution of algorithms in reconfigurable hardware has demonstrated speedup of 1-2 orders of magnitude over equivalent software. Reconfigurable Computers (RC) using Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA) as processors have emerged as co-processors to augment microprocessors in workstations, clusters, & supercomputers. While RC offers remarkable opportunities for performance, research challenges abound:

- designing system architectures that balance conventional & reconfigurable processors
- developing analysis & compiler tools to automatically map
- algorithm kernels to hardware
- minimizing communications costs between hardware & software
- designing highly parallel, fine-grained computational elements for direct hardware execution
- scheduling & managing reconfigurable computing elements in large systems

The purpose of WS7 is to discuss successes & challenges of reconfigurable supercomputing. The AM session will present introductory topics & applications; the PM session will include research topics in FPGA-based architectures, systems, tools, & future directions.

## **(8) Parallel Programming with Charm++ and AMPI**

*Celso L. Mendes, University of Illinois ([cmendes@cs.uiuc.edu](mailto:cmendes@cs.uiuc.edu))*

Adaptive MPI (AMPI), Charm++ and the frameworks built upon them have emerged as powerful parallel programming systems in recent years. By allowing programmers to divide the computation into a large number of entities that are mapped to the available processors by an intelligent runtime system, Charm++ enables a separation of concerns between the programmers & the computing system. This approach leads to both improved programmer productivity & higher system performance. WS8 will focus on showcasing leading research in parallel processing based on Charm++ & its frameworks. Topics will include tutorial-level introduction to Charm++ & AMPI, followed by case studies of applications developed using the frameworks, as well as advances in AMPI/Charm++ technology itself. Authors & attendees will be encouraged to share their experiences & plans for the systems built upon Charm++/AMPI.

## **(9) LinuxBIOS Summit**

*Ron Minnich, LANL ([rminnich@lanl.gov](mailto:rminnich@lanl.gov))*

WS9 will include a structured set of talks & a less structured discussion period. We will explore the current status of LinuxBIOS, including presentations by vendors on how they are using or plan to use LinuxBIOS in their products. We will discuss successes as well as problems & draw lessons learned from both. We will try to determine where LinuxBIOS should be taken next & to set goals & figure out how to meet them. We plan to close by producing a consensus document on the next steps needed over the coming year.

## **(10) Application Development Using Eclipse & Parallel Tools Platform**

*Gregory Watson, LANL (gwatson@lanl.gov; 505-665-0726)*

Eclipse is an extensible, open-source integrated development environment (IDE) meant to be a full-featured, commercial-quality platform for development of highly integrated software tools. Eclipse offers many features: syntax-highlighting editor, incremental code compilation, thread-aware debugger, code & class navigator, file/ project manager, interfaces to standard source control systems, & support for Java, C, C++, Fortran, & other languages. The Parallel Tools Platform (PTP) is an official Eclipse Foundation Technology Project that focuses on integrating parallel tools into the Eclipse environment for enhanced application development. PTP supports a range of architectures & runtime systems & simplifies interaction with parallel systems. WS10 will introduce Eclipse & PTP, provide hands-on experience at managing & developing software, demonstrate both C/C++ & Fortran Development Toolkits, & present PTP tools. Participants will be able to use their own laptops (Linux or OS X) with supplied Eclipse & PTP software to maximize the hands-on time at software development activities.

### **WELCOME RECEPTION/POSTER EXHIBIT Anasazi Ballroom South 6:00 – 7:00**

**POSTER EXHIBITS:** Posters set up in Anasazi Ballroom South between 3 and 5 pm, 11 Oct.

#### ***Parallel Space-Filling Curve Generation for Dynamic Load Balancing***

Justin Luitjens, Tom Henderson, and Martin Berzins (University of Utah)

#### ***Adaptive Performance Monitoring and Profiling On Large Scale Systems***

G. Todd Gamblin, Ying Zhang, and Daniel A. Reed (Renaissance Computing Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

#### ***Support for Simultaneous Multiple Substrate Performance Monitoring***

Kevin London, Shirley Moore, Daniel Terpstra, and Jack Dongarra (University of Tennessee)

#### ***PathScale InfiniPath Interconnect Performance***

Greg Lindahl (PathScale, Inc.)

#### ***An Initial Implementation of the Program Database Toolkit Using the Open64 Compiler***

Oscar Hernandez and Barbara Chapman (University of Houston); Sameer Shende (University of Oregon)

#### ***Improving Adaptive Compilation with Truncated Execution and Loop Unrolling***

Jeff Sandoval, Keith Cooper, and Tim Harvey (Rice University)

#### ***Compiling for Memory Constraints on Short Vector Machines***

Yuan Zhao and Ken Kennedy (Rice University)

#### ***Adaptive Inlining***

Todd Waterman and Keith Cooper (Rice University)

#### ***Using Cache Models and Empirical Search for Automatic Tuning of Applications***

Ken Kennedy, John Mellor-Crummey, Apan Qasem, (Rice University)

#### ***Scout: A GPU-Accelerated Language for Visualization and Analysis***

Patrick McCormick, Jeff Inman, and James Ahrens (Los Alamos National Laboratory); Greg Roth and Chuck Hansen (University of Utah)

#### ***A Multi-platform Co-Array Fortran Compiler for High-Performance Computing***

Yuri Dotsenko and Cristian Coarfa (Rice University)

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12: KEYNOTE ADDRESS & RESEARCH PAPERS

(Sessions convene in Anasazi Ballroom; registration/check-in continues in North Concourse.)

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**                      **North Concourse**                      **8:00 – 9:30**

**Welcome:** Andy White, LANL, & Ken Kennedy, Rice University, LACSI Co-Directors   **9:00 – 9:30**

**Keynote: *New Architectures for a New Biology***                      **9:30 – 10:30**  
David E. Shaw, D. E. Shaw Research and Development and Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Columbia University

**AM BREAK**    **North Concourse**                      **10:30 – 11:00**

**RESEARCH PAPERS: SYSTEMS**    **11:00 – 12:30**

*An Extensible Message-Oriented Offload Model for High-Performance Applications*  
Patricia E. Gilfeather and Arthur B. Maccabe, University of New Mexico

*Cluster Security with NVisionCC: The Forseti Distributed File Integrity Checker*  
Adam J. Lee, Gregory A. Koenig, William Yurcik, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Near-Real-time Availability Monitoring and Modeling for HPC/HEC Runtime Systems*  
Hertong Song, Chokchai Box Leangsuksun, Narasimha Raju Gottumukkala, Raja Nassar, Louisiana Tech University; Stephen L. Scott, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL); Andy Yoo, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)

**LUNCH**    **(on your own)**    **12:30 – 2:00**

**RESEARCH PAPERS: PERFORMANCE**    **2:00 – 3:30**

*A Framework for Analyzing Linux System Overheads on HPC Applications*  
Sushant Sharma, Patrick G. Bridges, and Arthur B. Maccabe, University of New Mexico

*Scalable Cross-Architecture Predictions of Memory Hierarchy Response for Scientific Applications*  
Gabriel Marin, John Mellor-Crummey, Rice University

*Exploring Application Performance: a New Tool for a Static/Dynamic Approach*  
Lamia Djoudi, JT Acquaviva, Christophe Lemuet, William Jalby (LRC ITACA, CEA/DAM and Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin, France); Denis Barthou (PRISM, Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin, France); Patrick Carribault (BULL SA, Les Clayes Sous Bois, France)

**PM BREAK**    **North Concourse**    **3:30 – 4:00**

**RESEARCH PAPERS: ALGORITHMS AND APPLICATIONS**    **4:00 – 5:30**

*Performance Analysis, Modeling and Enhancement of Sandia's Integrated TIGER Series (ITS) Coupled Electron/Photon Monte Carlo Transport Code*  
Mahesh Rajan, Brian Franke, Robert Benner, Ron Kensek and Thomas Laub, Sandia National Laboratories

*Using Space-filling Curves for Computation Reordering*  
Guohua Jin, John Mellor-Crummey, Rice University

*Towards an Automatic and Application-Based Eigensolver Selection*  
Yeliang Zhang, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Xiaoye S. Li, Osni Marques, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

**ADJOURNMENT**    **5:30**

## THURSDAY, OCT. 13: PANEL DISCUSSIONS

(Panels convene in Anasazi Ballroom; registration/check-in continues in North Concourse.)

### CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

North Concourse

8:00 – 9:30

#### Panel I: The Impact of ASC on Computer Science Research

9:00 – 10:30

**Panelists:** Sally McKee, Cornell University

Peter Eltgroth, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Patrick Bridges, University of New Mexico

David Womble, Sandia National Laboratories

Ken Kennedy, Rice University

Rod Oldehoeft, Los Alamos National Laboratory

### AM BREAK

North Concourse

11:00 – 12:30

Panel II: TBD

### LUNCH: Closing event - everyone is welcome (South Concourse)

12:30 – 2:00

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#### LACSI 2005: Keynote Address

##### *New Architectures for a New Biology*

David E. Shaw

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for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Columbia University

Some of the most important outstanding questions in the fields of biology, chemistry, and medicine remain unsolved as a result of our limited understanding of the structure, behavior, and interaction of biologically significant molecules. The laws of physics that determine the form and function of these biomolecules are well understood. Current technology, however, does not allow us to simulate the effect of these laws with sufficient accuracy, and for a sufficient period of time, to answer many of the questions that biologists, biochemists, and biomedical researchers are most anxious to answer. This talk will describe the current state of the art in biomolecular simulation and explore the potential role of high-performance computing technologies in extending current capabilities. Efforts within our own lab to develop novel architectures and algorithms to accelerate molecular dynamics simulations by several orders of magnitude will be described, along with work by other researchers pursuing alternative approaches. If such efforts ultimately prove successful, one might imagine the emergence of an entirely new paradigm in which computational experiments take their place alongside those conducted in "wet" laboratories as central tools in the quest to understand living organisms at a molecular level, and to develop safe, effective, precisely targeted medicines capable of relieving suffering and saving human lives.