“UCI-National Labs Connections”

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Los Alamos National Lab
@ UCI
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Introduction by:
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Goal:
Connect UCI faculty and students across disciplines and across schools to the National Labs to increase collaboration, educational opportunities, and workforce development in critical areas of research of national interest.

Motivated by a bigger vision....
SoCal National Labs Hub = “SoCal Hub”

Realization:
-- Currently, there are more opportunities for the north CA campuses to interact with NLs due to proximity and investment
-- Building a similar level of interaction between SoCal UCs and NLs is desirable to advance research and workforce development for the benefit of all.

The time has come for a “SoCal Hub”

… to enhance research and educational opportunities between Southern UC campuses and UC managed National Laboratories in areas of national interest

“SoCal Hub” is spearheaded by UCI VCR Pramod Khargonekar, VCRs of other SoCal campuses and the Deputy Directors of the UC managed labs (see next slide).
“SoCal Hub” Concept Evolution

2018
Leadership of UCOP/UCNL visit to UCI; initial ideas formed

Visioning & planning sessions by faculty & leadership of UCI, UCLA, UCSD, LLNL, LANL, and LBNL

2019
Proposal for a pilot year submitted to UCNL by UCI, UCLA, UCSD, LLNL and LANL

2020

SoCal Hub Pilot Year
4 virtual workshops (UCLA, 2UCI, UCSC)

2021
SoCal Hub Year 2
UCR joined as partner
Plans and activities

SoCal Hub Year 2
Fund “seedling” proposals to expand collaborations
Convene new and follow-on workshops
Enhance engagement of UC students, Lab staff visits, and recruiting
Develop plan for Hub strategy, governance, and communications

SoCal Hub Pilot Year Workshops
1. Nuclear and Materials Collaborations Workshop (UCLA)
2. Frontiers in Machine Learning for the Physical Sciences (UCI)
3. Computational Mechanics & Sciences Virtual Workshop (UCSD)
4. Pipeline and Recruiting Workshop (UCI)
Research at LANL: Opportunities for UCI faculty and students

Dr. John Sarrao
Deputy Director for Science, Technology and Engineering, LANL

December 2, UCI
Theme 1: Climate and environmental systems modeling  
(Co-leads: UCI: Tirtha Banerjee, Efi Foufoula-Georgiou, and Jim Randerson; LANL: Andy Wolfsberg)  
Includes prediction of regional extremes such as floods, droughts and fires, climate change impacts in vulnerable environments such as coasts and the arctic, watershed and ecosystem management solutions, AI/ML for global climate modeling, and climate adaptation strategies.

Theme 2: Renewable energy research, development and deployment  
(Co-leads: UCI: Iryna Zenyuk, Plamen Atanassov, and Jack Brouwer; LANL: Rod Borup)  
Includes clean energy technologies, fuel cells, hydrogen production and storage, high energy physics, and hard-to-decarbonize materials.

Theme 3: Materials and chemical research  
(Co-leads: UCI: Lorenzo Valdevit, Stacy Copp, and Voja Stamenkovic; LANL: Andrew Dattelbaum)  
Includes materials of the future, performance and controllability, nanomaterials, manufacturing science, electrochemistry, materials for renewable energy and extreme environments.
Research at Los Alamos National Laboratory and Opportunities for UCI Faculty and Students

John Sarrao
Deputy Director, Science, Technology & Engineering

Dec. 2, 2021

Outline
- Some facts & figures
- Our mission (what)
- Our strategy (why)
- Discussion
By way of introduction…

• UC Irvine was the first UC I knew (Grew up in Mission Viejo)
  • Undergrad: Stanford; Grad Student: UCLA
    – First exposure to National Lab: LLNL, ~ two weeks, ~1988
    – First exposure to LANL: Summer, 1990
    – “Grad school” @ LANL 6/91 - 12/93
• Postdoc: UCSD … Magnet Lab @ Florida State University
• LANL: 1997-present
  – Full-time research, 1997 - ~2002
  – Part-time research, 2002 - ~2007
  – Zero-time research (i.e., Full-time Manager), 2007 →
    • Materials research; Program Manager & Scientific Facility planning;
      Theory, Simulation & HPC
    • Today: Deputy Director: ~ 4,000 people; ~ $2B/year
Faculty from UC southern campuses and researchers from UC managed national Labs collaborate for high-impact science and engineering research and advance national and state agendas.

Create pathways for other UC campuses and LBNL to join SoCal Hub activities.

Harness the great commitment to diversity and inclusion at UC campuses to educate a diverse workforce of scientists and engineers for work at national labs.

A robust financial model with base support from UCOP and grants from external sources.

Leveraging of virtual collaboration tools for greater effectiveness of the Hub.
Our Goal: Realizing the Potential of the SoCal Hub

What defines success?

The mature SoCal Hub will be:

➢ A catalyst for new ideas, partnerships and deeper engagement *that*

➢ Enables multiple large scale, externally funded research initiatives that cross-cut the campuses and Labs *and*

➢ Deepens student and faculty engagement between Labs and campuses that support the UC National Labs in their efforts to build the diverse workforce of the future *and*

➢ Provides and shares enabling tools to foster initial partnerships that advance the growth and vitality of the research collaborations.
Los Alamos delivers national security solutions

• We are dedicated to addressing complex national security issues and the world’s most difficult challenges
  – By applying multidisciplinary science, technology & engineering capabilities
  – In unique experimental, computational, and nuclear facilities
  – With an agile, responsive, and innovative workforce
  – And by partnering with peer institutions for mission success

LANL Statistics

- $4B budget
- 40 square miles, 47 technical areas
- 1,280 bldgs., 9M sq ft,
- 11 nuclear facilities
- 13,000 workers on site
- 9,900 career employees
- 1,600 students, 490 postdocs

Employee average age: 43

- 65% male; 35% female
- 45% minorities
- 40.4% of employees are native New Mexicans
Los Alamos is one of 17 Department of Energy national laboratories
LANL is a key part of the U.S. nuclear security enterprise

National laboratories and test sites

Los Alamos National Laboratory*
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
Nevada National Security Site
Sandia National Laboratories*

Production complexes

Kansas City National Security Campus
Pantex Plant
Savannah River Site
Y-12 National Security Complex

*Also production facilities
Budget, employee numbers continue to grow

FY22 LANL
Programmatic Portfolio (est.) = $4,019M*

NNSA Weapons Programs $2,896M 72%
NNSA Nonproliferation $371M / 9%
DOE Office of Science $124M / 3%
DOE Energy & Other Programs $76M / 2%
DOE Environmental Management $32M / 1%
NNSA Safeguards & Security $180M / 5%
Strategic Partnerships $340M / 8%

*$276M more than FY21

LANL Hires and Attrition (FY13–21)

Fiscal Year

Hires 281 341 436 517 530 619 917 746 571
Attrition 36 33 56 74 94 103 125 115 127
Headcount 317 374 493 591 624 720 872 885 998

Hires & attrition
Regular & term employees

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Focus on people

- Hybrid student program successfully realized in 2021
- Summer schools are a unique pipeline to recruit students in key technical areas
- Rigorous postdoc conversion process leads to talented early career staff with key mission skills
- Student programs, pipeline initiatives boost diversity in student pipeline
  - See e.g., [women.lanl.jobs](#)
LANL Organization structure

DOE/NNSA

Triad Board of Directors

Director, Laboratory Staff
Frances Chadwick

Laboratory Director
Thomas Mason

Laboratory Director's Office

Deputy Director, Science, Technology, & Engineering
John Sarrao

Mission & Enabling ST&E

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Irene Qualters

ALD, Weapons Physics
Charlie Nakhlleh

ALD, Weapons Engineering
James Owen

ALD, Weapons Production
David Dooley (A)

Director, Actinide Ops
Stacy McLaughlin (A)

ALD, Plutonium Infrastructure
Mark Anthony

ALD, ESHQSS
Michael Hazen

ALD, Capital Projects
Kathye Segala

ALD, Business Management
LeAnne Stribley

ALD, Facilities & Operations
Bret Simpkins

Weapons Mission

Deputy Director, Weapons
Bob Webster

Mission Operations

Deputy Director, Operations
Kelly Beierschmitt

Deputy Director, Laboratory Staff
Frances Chadwick
DDSTE stewards institutional capabilities for the Laboratory

Deputy Director, Science, Technology & Engineering
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Office of Laboratory Directed Research & Development
William Priedhorsky

Office of Partnerships & Pipeline
Nancy Sauer

Office of ST&E Strategy & Integration
Jon Schoonover

Science Resource Office

National Security Education Center
Dave Clark

Student and Postdoc Programs

External Assignments Office

Feynman Center for Innovation
Kathleen McDonald
Our national security mission is broad and important — and motivates and is enabled by ST&E discoveries

Ensure the safety, reliability, and performance of the U.S. nuclear stockpile

- Physics & Design
- Engineering & Weaponization
- Production

Preventing and countering efforts of proliferants to acquire, develop or disseminate materials and expertise necessary for nuclear weapons

Excellence in nuclear security to ensure the nation’s nuclear deterrent through theory, modeling and simulation, and experimentation

Energy security
- Sustainable Nuclear Energy
- Resilient Materials
- Complexity in Energy Systems

Supporting the DoD, IC, and other national security partners to execute multidomain operations across land, air, sea, space, and cyber
Modern stockpile stewardship differs radically from last-century stewardship

• LANL is the design laboratory for 4 of the 7 weapons systems in the nation’s on-alert deterrent

• Stewardship today involves testing facilities, surveillance, simulation and supercomputing, and nuclear material facilities

• Multidisciplinary science and engineering underpin all LANL programs, as experiments enrich our nation’s confidence in the stockpile

• LANL collaborates exclusively with DOE labs and industry to perform R&D for federal sponsors
LANL is modernizing three weapon systems and beginning development of the first new system since the Cold War

- The W76-1 and W76-2 Life Extension Programs are nearly complete, refreshing the backbone of the US deterrent
- The W88 ALT 370, high explosive refresh, and ALT 940 will modernize the balance of the seaborne deterrent
- The B61-12 LEP will consolidate four B61 weapons into a modernized, sustainable system with enhanced accuracy
- The new W93 program will deliver the next-generation of sea-launched warhead to meet evolving military needs
LANL is also responsible for the production of essential weapon components

- LANL serves as the **production agency** for:
  - Detonators, Power supplies, Pits

- We serve as **technical reachback** for:
  - High explosives, Cases, Gas systems

- Our **enhanced pit production mission** (from boutique R&D capability to sustained 30 pits per year) is a major focus of the entire Laboratory

- LANL is the **NNSA Center of Excellence for Plutonium**:
  - NASA radiothermal generator production
  - Plutonium science and metallurgy
  - Americium production for the Office of Science
We execute significant scope beyond NNSA-weapons that contributes to national security and enhances NW capabilities

GLOBAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

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- Applied Energy: 15%
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- SPP - NFE (FCI): 10%
Our Global Security portfolio is responsive to national needs and answers “Why LANL?”

- “It takes a weapons lab to find a weapons lab”
- The Laboratory as a testbed: experimentally validated intelligence

**GLOBAL SECURITY PROGRAMS**

- **WEAPONS PROGRAM**
  - Design & large-scale simulation
  - Weapons engineering
  - Science of special nuclear materials
  - Nonproliferation & counterproliferation

- **Foreign weapons & program assessments**
  - Nuclear counterterrorism

- **Improvised nuclear devices & nuclear emergency response**
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Los Alamos has a history of research in climate science, clean energy, and decarbonization

- Interface of energy, climate, environment, human health, and national security
  - Energy security
  - Climate resilience

- From basic to applied

- From planet to region to networks to new sustainable materials & devices
Los Alamos translational work in climate science has civilian and national security foci

- Predictions for coastal resiliency
- Emergency infrastructure response to extreme weather
- Detection and attribution of climate manipulation
- Permafrost vulnerability, sea level rise
- Impacts of climate, extreme weather, fire, regional forest mortality on water resources
- Disease forecasting using satellite imagery, clinical surveillance data, climatological data, demographic data, and google search queries
Nuclear energy efforts span Office of Nuclear Energy and beyond…

- Current strong support for the next generation of reactors, including robust microreactors, compact space systems, small modular, and advanced molten salt, gas-cooled, etc.
- Partnership is multi-agency (not just civilian)
  - DoD, NASA, industry, DOE joint interagency agreements, with NNSA engagement
- Growth of nuclear energy is true under a range of futures:

Our goal is to maintain LANL as a key partner in synergistic R&D: reactor design and safeguards, nuclear data and modeling/simulation, advanced ceramic fuels, and sub-scale proof-of-principle nuclear experiments.
LANL contributes broadly to DOE’s energy portfolio

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
- Bioenergy Technologies
- Hydrogen & Fuel Cells Technologies
- Vehicle Technologies
- Geothermal Technologies
- Solar Energy Technologies
- Wind Energy Technologies
- Advanced Manufacturing

Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E)
- Transformational energy projects

Office of Electricity (OE)
- Advanced Grid Research & Development
- Energy Storage
- Microgrid Research & Development
- Grid Modernization Laboratory Consortium

Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER)
- Cybersecurity for Energy Delivery Systems
- Infrastructure Security & Energy Restoration

Office of Fossil Energy (FE)
- Carbon Storage
- Carbon Capture
- Unconventional Technologies
- Advanced Energy Systems
- Cross-cutting Research (rare-earth elements; materials in extreme conditions)
We leverage our scientific and technical capabilities to contribute to multi-institutional energy collaborations.

- National Risk Assessment Partnership (NRAP)
- Carbon Capture Simulation for Industry Impact (CCSI²)
- Bio-Optimized Technologies to keep Thermoplastics out of Landfills and the Environment (BOTTLE)
- Feedstock Conversion Interface Consortium (fcic)
- Million Mile Fuel Cell Truck (M2FCT)
- Grid Modernization Laboratory Consortium (GMLC)
LANL has a >$100M/year Office of Science portfolio spanning the breadth of SC

Office of Science FY21
$132.1M BA

- Advanced Scientific Computing Research: 22%
- Biological & Environmental Research: 30%
- Basic Energy Sciences: 20%
- Isotopes: 11%
- Fusion Energy Sciences: 5%
- High Energy Physics: 3%
- Nuclear Physics: 8%
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Simultaneous excellence: Balance between operations and mission

Design, produce, and certify current and future nuclear weapons and reduce global nuclear threats

Execute sustained operations that are reliable and responsive to mission needs

Deliver scientific discovery and technical breakthroughs that support DOE & NNSA missions

Sustain and enhance LANL’s partnership with the community across Northern New Mexico

How we do our work is as important as what we do
HOW we do our work is as important as WHAT we do

• Safety Culture
  - 8 Safe Conduct of Research (SCoR) principles

• Commitment to diversity, inclusion, and belonging
  “Diversity is a fact, inclusion is a behavior, but belonging is the emotional outcome that people want in their organization.”
  – Christianne Garofalo, Heidrick & Struggles

• Expectations of Managers and Mentors defined to provide meaningful and safe student experiences
  - Managers shall actively manage student count, consistent with space and mentor capacity
  - Managers shall have regular, meaningful interactions with each student
  - Mentors shall create an opportunity for each student to present his/her work and outcomes in some broader forum
# FY21 Lab Agenda

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Long-term ST&E stewardship is based on Capability Pillars

- Our capability pillars define six key areas of science, technology, and engineering in which we must lead

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Materials for the Future Strategy links leadership areas through science themes to achieve overarching goals

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NPF encompasses a broad range of capabilities necessary for LANL to complete its national security science mission

NPF Pillar is composed of four focus areas:

- **Nuclear, Particle, Astrophysics, and Cosmology (NPAC)**
  - The origin and evolution of the universe and the most extreme environments in the universe

- **Applied Nuclear Science and Engineering (ANSE)**
  - The application of nuclear science to national security

- **High-Energy-Density Plasmas and Fluids (HEDPF)**
  - The hydrodynamics, thermodynamics, and kinetic behavior of fluids and plasmas

- **Accelerator Science, Engineering & Technology (ASET)**
  - A foundational capability needed to meet our national security mission with connections to basic science activities as well.

The primary goals of the NPF Pillar are to steward, develop, and integrate our foundational capabilities in particle physics, accelerators, applied and fundamental nuclear physics, fluid dynamics, plasma physics, astrophysics, and cosmology to solve the nation’s most difficult challenges.
The 10-year goals for the IS&T Pillar are being defined in a strategic planning process

- **Transform Simulation**
  - Develop innovative, multi-physics, multi-scale methods and solutions that increase simulation fidelity, are efficient on modern architectures, and are suitable to applied problems of national interest

- **Data-driven Scientific Discovery**
  - Engineer a full toolchain of artificial intelligence, data management, streaming, interactive, and large-scale data analysis mechanisms targeted to routinely extracting enhanced knowledge and achieving the 10-year goals of other LANL pillar goals

- **Information Integrity**
  - Develop methods to assure the integrity of data, information, and analytical tools including artificial intelligence to ensure the correctness of scientific inferences, discoveries, and decisions made from data

- **Quantum Computing**
  - Execute applications of mission relevance on large, fault-tolerant, modular quantum computers; Be recognized as a major influence in quantum algorithm development across the entire software stack for both fault-tolerant quantum computers and NISQ devices

We believe “physics-informed” machine learning is a differentiator
Science of Signatures (SoS) Pillar science themes address challenges

• Discover signatures that (in complex environments) can
  – Be extracted to detect and characterize chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives threats

• Revolutionize measurements through
  – New technologies, methodologies, or strategies that enable transformational advance in performance of measurement systems and derived information
  – Systems that exploit novel data-to-knowledge approaches
  – Measure new phenomena (signatures)

• Deploy to unusual or extreme field environments through
  – Engineering and applied science for prototyping, demonstration, field deployment, and technology transfer to public, private, and government sectors
  – Transformational resource reduction (size, weight, power, communications) while maintaining or even increasing system performance

Address challenges in national security, energy/climate, and health
CNES is organized into three strategic challenges

• Challenge #1 - Explain the complex interactions and resulting impacts between natural environments and human actions from nuclear threats
  - 10-year goal: Understand and predict the effects of nuclear events on natural environments (Earth’s core to space)

• Challenge #2 - Design, build, protect, predict and control engineered systems
  - 10-year goal: Develop sufficient predictive ability to enable improved resilience in design of engineered systems or, where applicable, to develop the means to maintain positive control even outside of design lifetime or specification

• Challenge #3 - Explain the complex interactions and resulting impacts between natural environments and human actions involving non-nuclear threats
  - 10-year goal: Establish science-based models and systems of human-environment interactions representing natural threats and anthropogenic non-nuclear threats that inform national policy and decision makers
Weapons Systems Pillar focuses on integrated, systems-level, weapons physics, engineering, and manufacturing

The most recent Nuclear Posture Review foreshadows a transformation

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<td>Aging to many decades not considered in original design (LEPs needed)</td>
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R&D Focus Areas:
• Design & system integration
• Production/Design for manufacture
• Systems analysis
LDRD, invested through the pillars, is an important mechanism to ensure capability health

Baseline LDRD Program
FY22 Budget: $180M

Exploratory Research
27%
Innovate at the frontiers of technical disciplines

Directed Research
45%
Create multidisciplinary solutions to complex problems defined by Lab strategy

Director’s Initiatives
7%
Invest in the Lab Agenda with the rigor and creativity of LDRD

Reserve (unencumbered)
4%

Early Career Research
5%
Develop next-generation technical leaders

Postdoctoral R&D
4%
Attract and recruit top-quality talent into the Lab’s pipeline

Mission Foundations
5%
Translate discovery into novel mission solutions

Centers Research
4%
Incubate emerging ideas and talent in areas defined by the Lab’s Strategic Centers

LDRD fosters mission agility, technical vitality and workforce development
Partnerships & Pipeline Office (PPO) was formed to enhance our internal coordination and external outreach

**Pipeline Mechanisms:**
- Student Programs: Education opportunities for high school, undergraduate, and graduate students
- Postdoctoral Programs: Postdocs contribute to research efforts, enhance our STE capabilities

**Partnership Opportunities:**
- National Security Education Center Strategic Centers: Scientific centers of excellence with high international visibility that innovate strategic new science and education programs
- New Mexico Consortium Coordination: Creative mechanisms for collaboration with NM research universities through joint appointments and unique facilities
- Feynman Center for Innovation: From “tech transfer” to innovation asset stewardship with strategy driven through Innovation Asset Strategic Council
National Security Education Center Strategic Centers are a key window to the outside world

- **Center for Nonlinear Studies**
  - Interdisciplinary science of complex systems

- **Center for Space and Earth Science**
  - Astrophysical, space, earth, & climate sciences & their signatures

- **Engineering Institute**
  - UCSD collaboration in Structural health monitoring, cyberphysical systems

- **Information Science & Technology**
  - Education, collaboration, research in IS&T

- **Institute for Materials Science**
  - Advancement of interdisciplinary materials science

- **Seaborg Institute**
  - Actinide science & Plutonium Center of Excellence

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