



# Data-Model Convergence (DMC) Initiative

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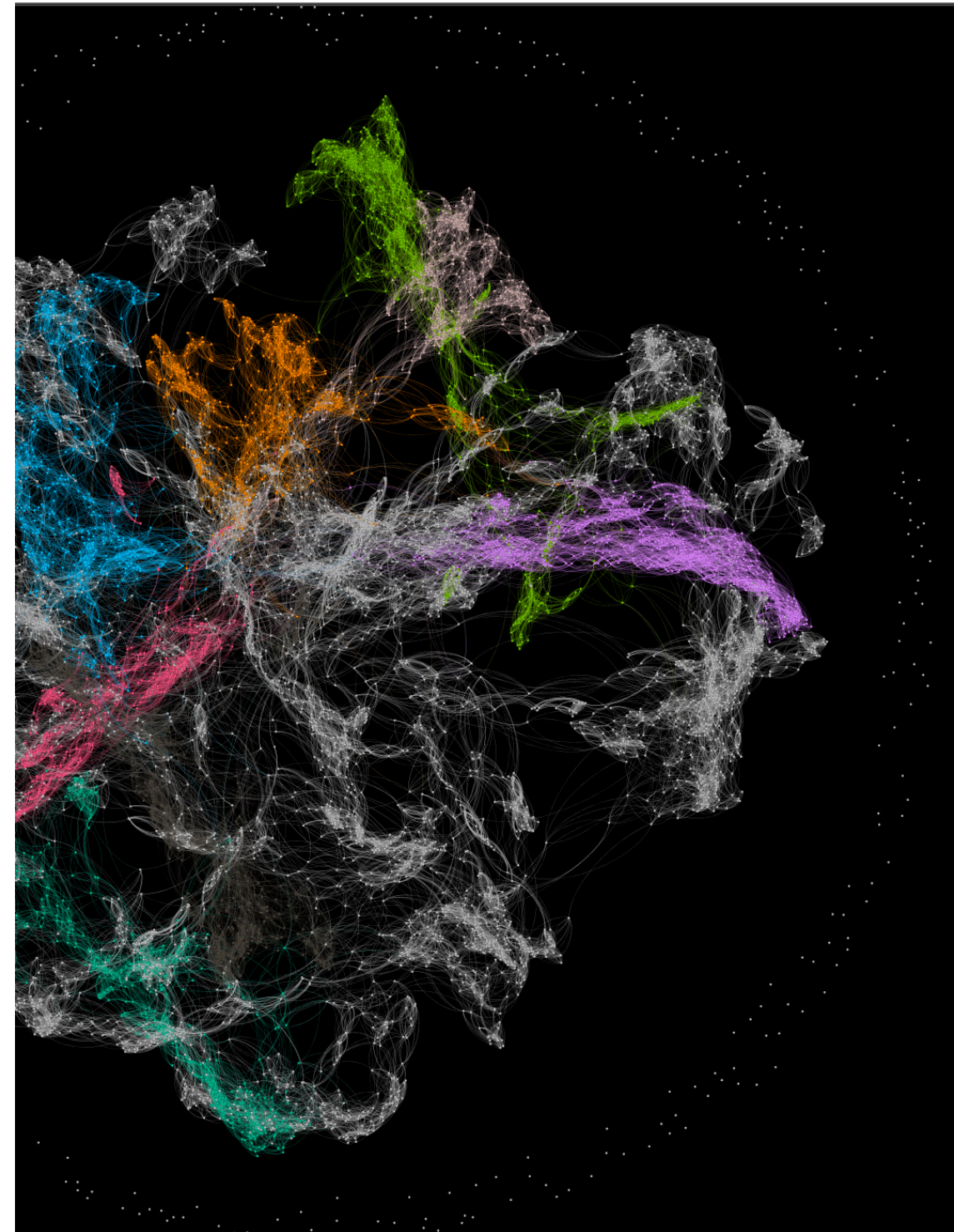
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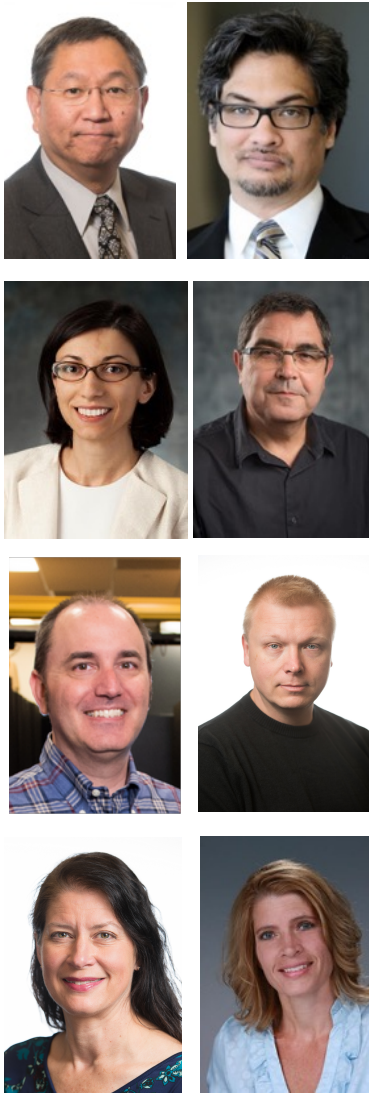
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# DMC Initiative Leadership Team



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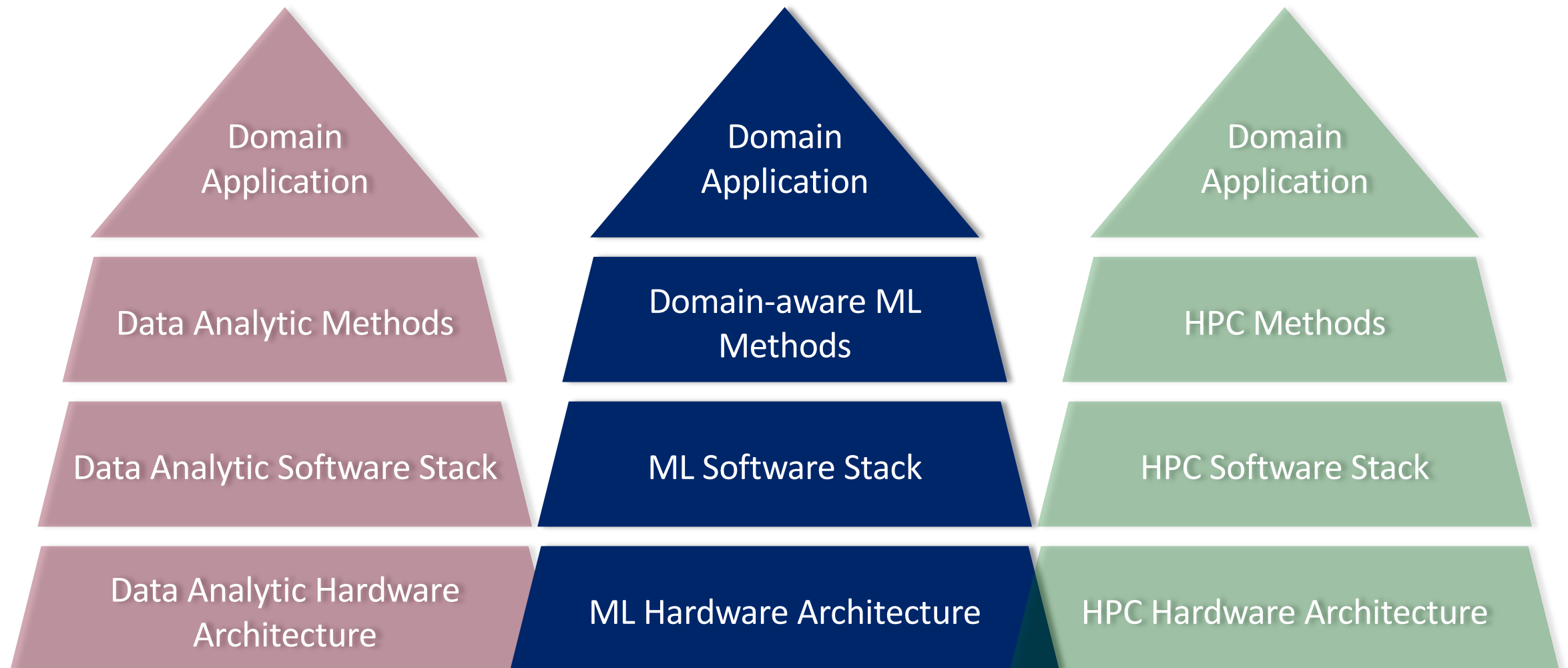
# Definition of DMC

- Many contemporary science and engineering problems facing PNNL and DOE—such as grid optimization or materials discovery—are best solved by integration of:
  - High performance computing
  - Large-scale data analytics
  - Machine learning methods
- We call this integration “Data-Model Convergence (DMC)”
- Supports directly PNNL Lab Objective:

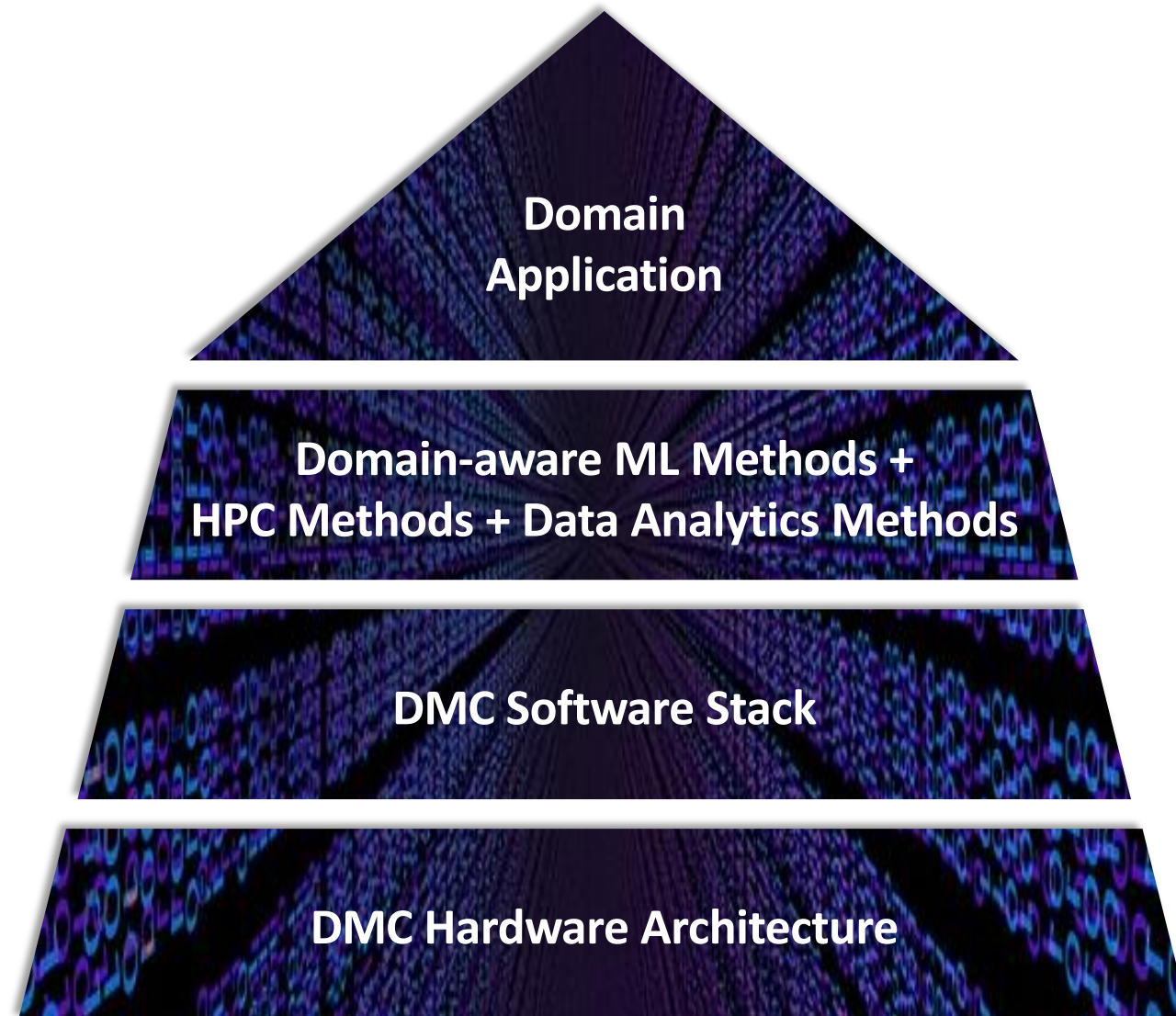
Accelerating Scientific Discovery through  
Extreme-Scale Data Analytics and Simulation



## Current Approach for DA, HPC, ML Computing Paradigms

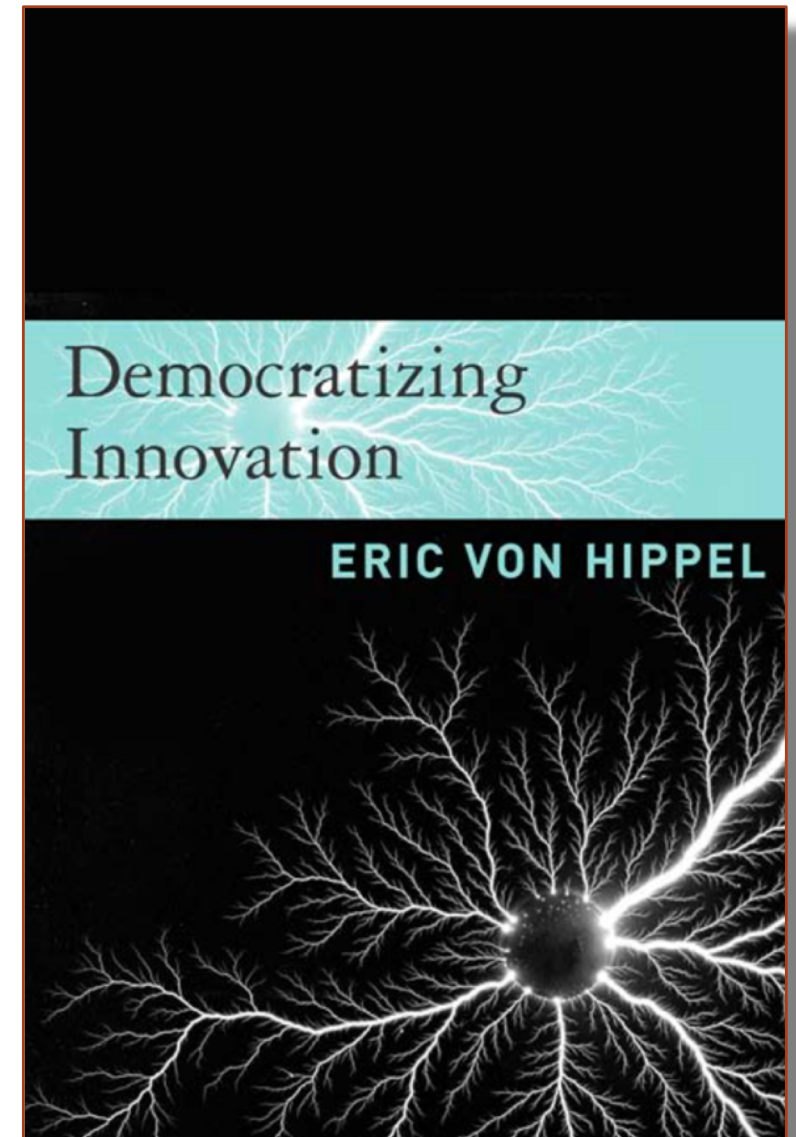


## DMC Approach for Converged Computing Paradigms



# Approach: The Lead User

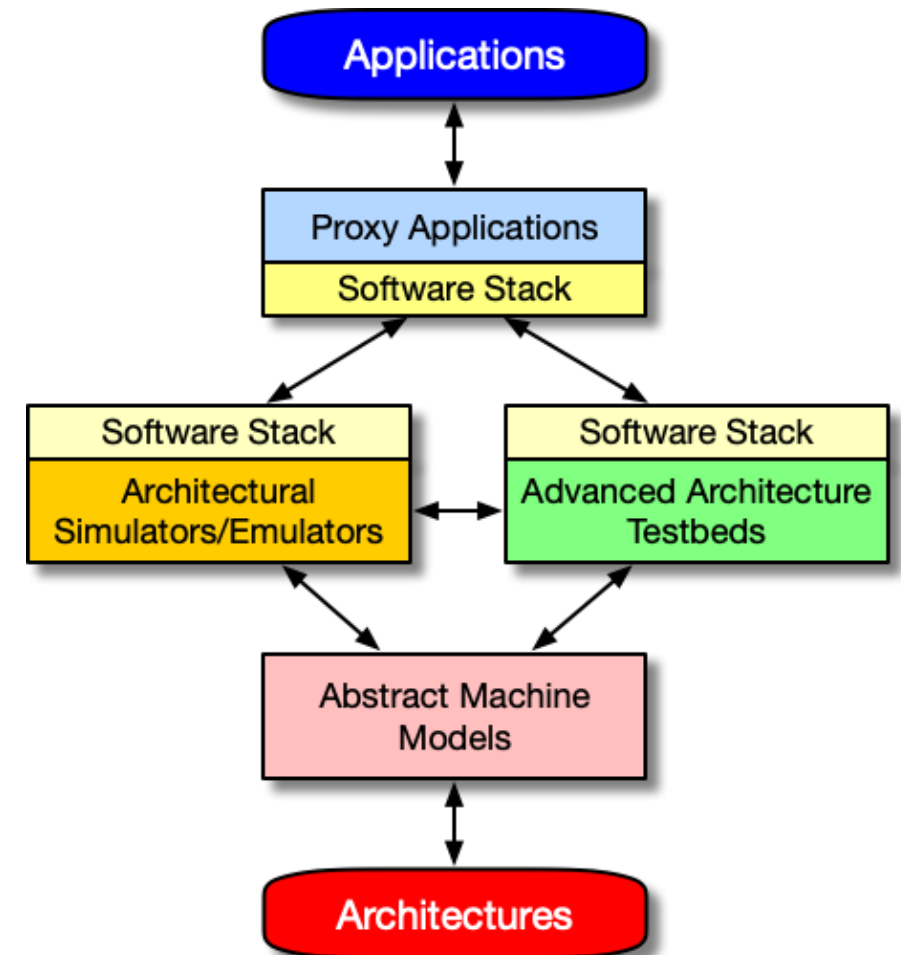
- Lead User is a key concept from *Democratizing Innovation* by Eric Von Hippel
- Lead Users are “a source of novel product concepts”
- With Open Source, innovation does not only come from manufacturers
- “Users are firms or individual consumers that expect to benefit from **using** a product or service. In contrast, manufacturers expect to benefit from **selling** a product or service.”





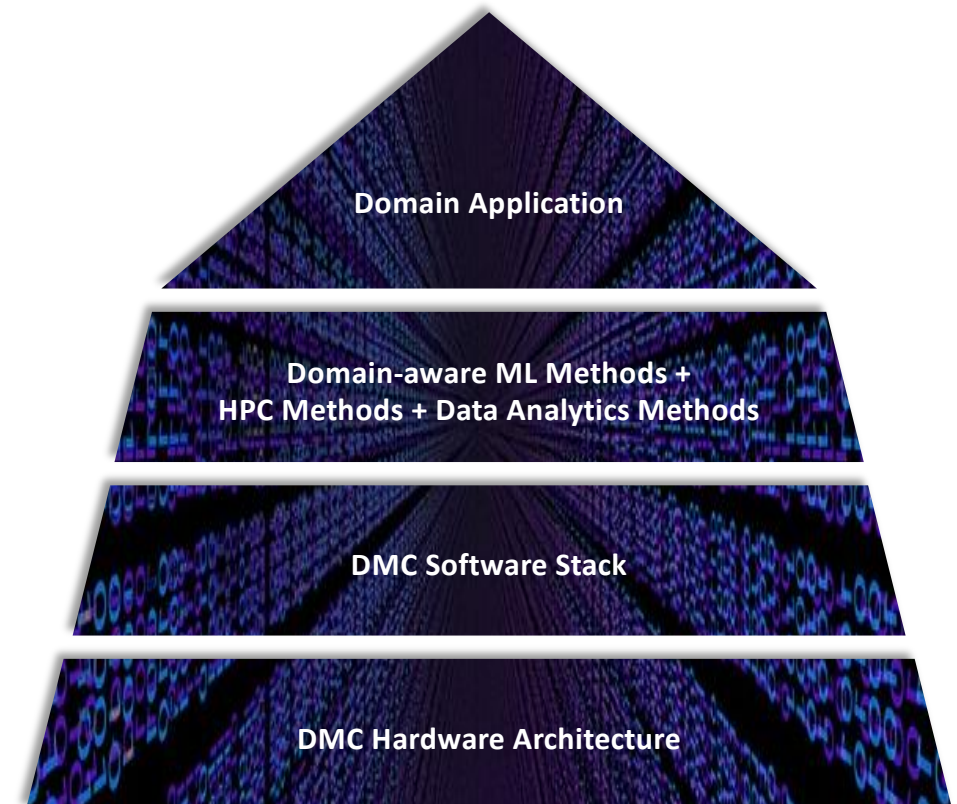
# Approach: Holistic Co-design

- We can be Lead Users
  - Our goal is to co-design and develop DMC computer architectures and software stack for DMC workloads
- Purpose-designed Hardware Specialization
  - Processor and Memory manufacturers don't have sufficient insight into our applications to know the most effective architectural innovations
  - As **Lead Users**, the DMC Initiative can establish multi-disciplinary collaborations to develop advanced design concepts



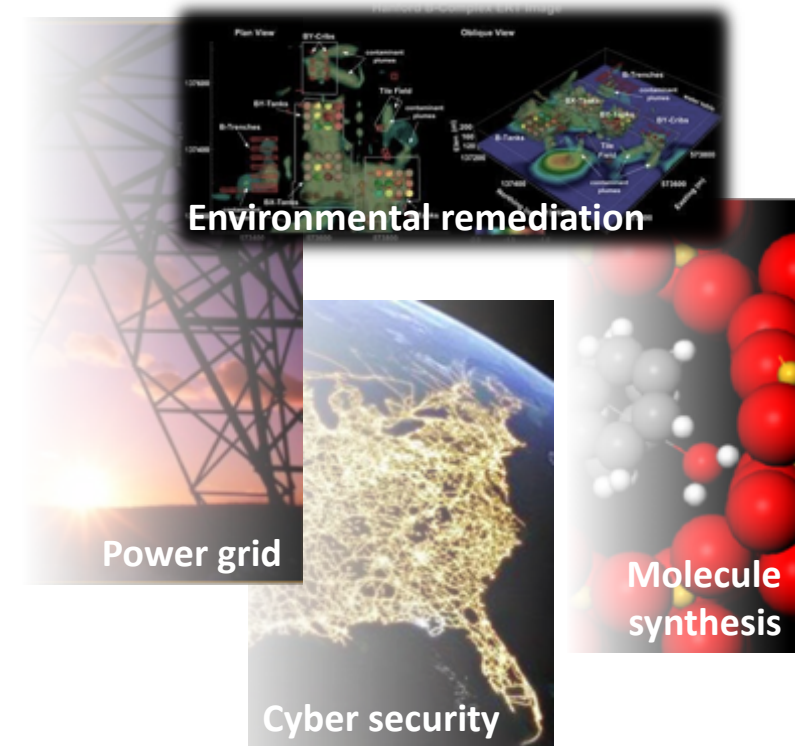
# Approach: DMC Initiative Thrusts

- Domain Applications
  - **Define** DMC challenge problems
  - **Deliver** DMC capabilities to domain scientists
- Domain-aware Machine Learning
  - **Address** gap between domain models and scalable approaches to scientific ML
  - **Deliver** new theory and tools
- Software Stack
  - **Address** need for single programming framework for developing combined data, HPC, and ML applications
  - **Deliver** scalable software framework to support next-generation applications on heterogeneous hardware
- Hardware Architecture
  - **Address** need for novel architectures to improve system efficiency and performance in DMC applications
  - **Deliver** tools, methods, and prototype designs for next-generation architectures



# Domain Applications: Research Areas of Interest

- Address decision making and discovery under uncertainty at the convergence of data analytics, high performance computing and machine learning
  - **Accelerate solutions to mathematical equations with hybrid dynamics.** Integrate purpose designed hardware specialization, advanced numerical solvers, and data-informed algorithms for real-time monitoring, performance forecasting and robust decisions
  - **Develop multi-agent decision systems.** Integrate data-informed optimization, dynamic system decomposition, hierarchical machine learning and leverage infrastructure graph architecture knowledge, and data-driven control
  - **Co-optimize design and control decisions.** Integrate combinatorial optimization methods with data-driven modeling for decision steering





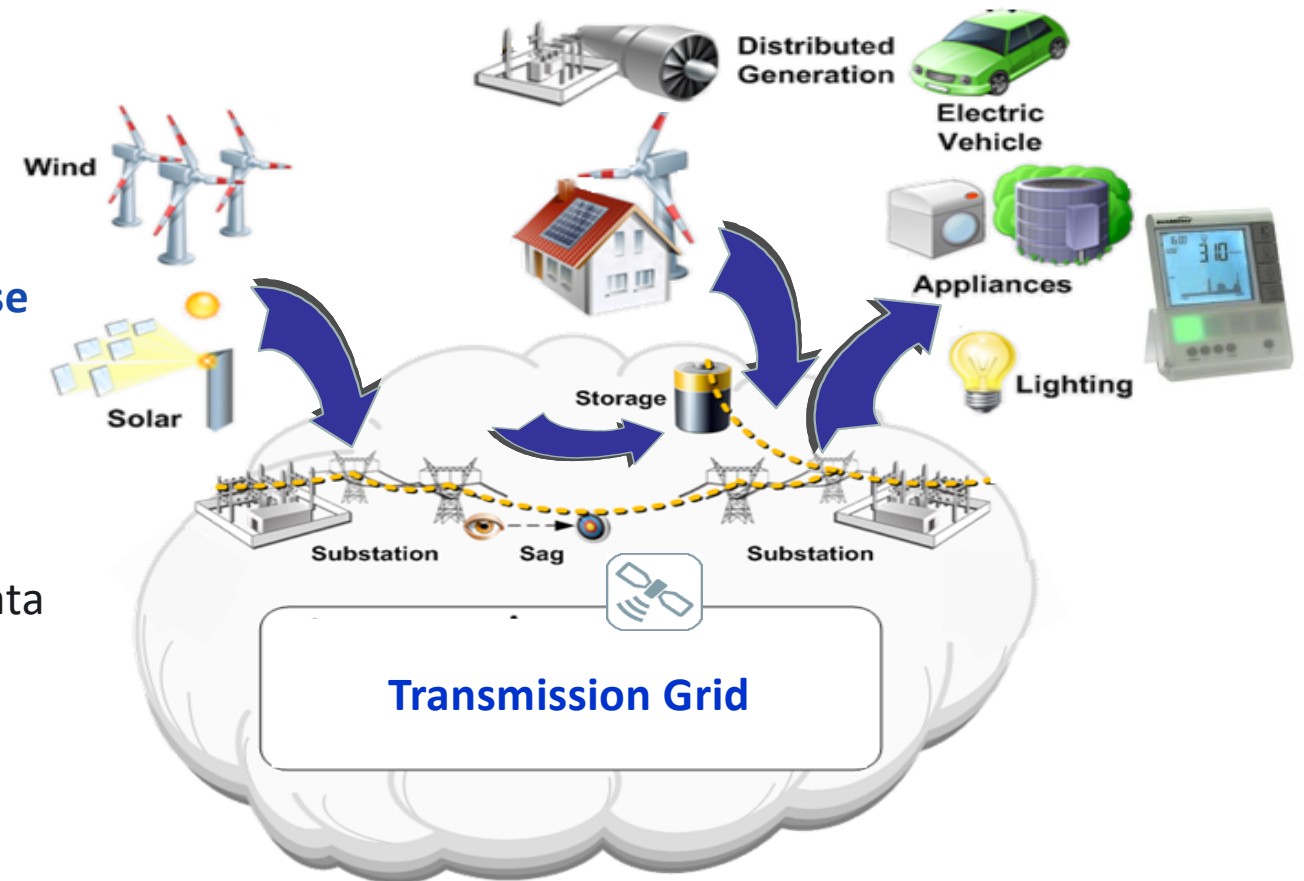
# Domain Application: Power Grid

## Goal

- Realizing a Secure, Flexible, and Resilient Electric Power System
  - DMC will enable real-time control of the future grid

## Challenges

- Grid dynamics Control and Analysis
  - **Data-driven short timescale response**  
(continuous to milliseconds)
  - **Operator-driven moderate timescale response**  
(seconds to minutes to 10s of minutes)
  - **Model-driven long timescale optimization**  
(months to decades)
- Data volumes
  - Grid edge devices and smart meters amass data surpassing **1 petabyte/year**
- Machine Learning
  - Training to Improve Grid Resilience
  - Inference for distributed embedded controls



# Domain-aware Machine Learning: Research Areas of Interest

- Embedding of Domain Knowledge
  - Knowledge representations for ML
  - Integration of domain knowledge
  - Data-driven scientific discovery
- Accelerated Learning
  - Methods to accelerate the convergence and stability of ML algorithms when (labeled) data are limited
  - Tools to speed-up the tuning and optimization of domain aware ML models

Accelerated  
Learning

Knowledge  
Embedding

Domain-Aware  
Machine Learning

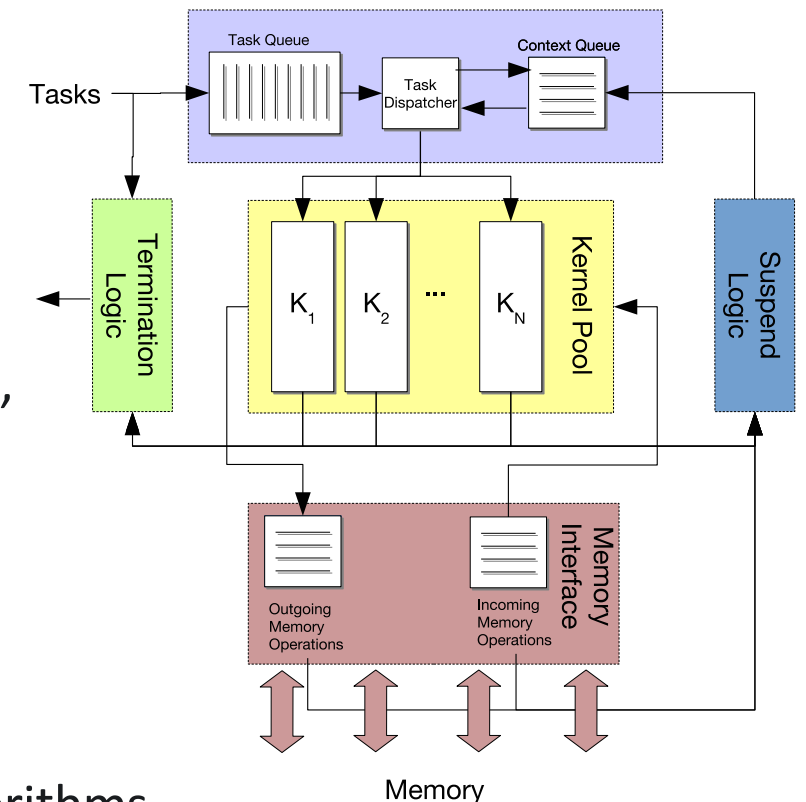
DMC Workloads  
and Kernels

Software Stack

Hardware Architectures

# Software Stack: Research Areas of Interest

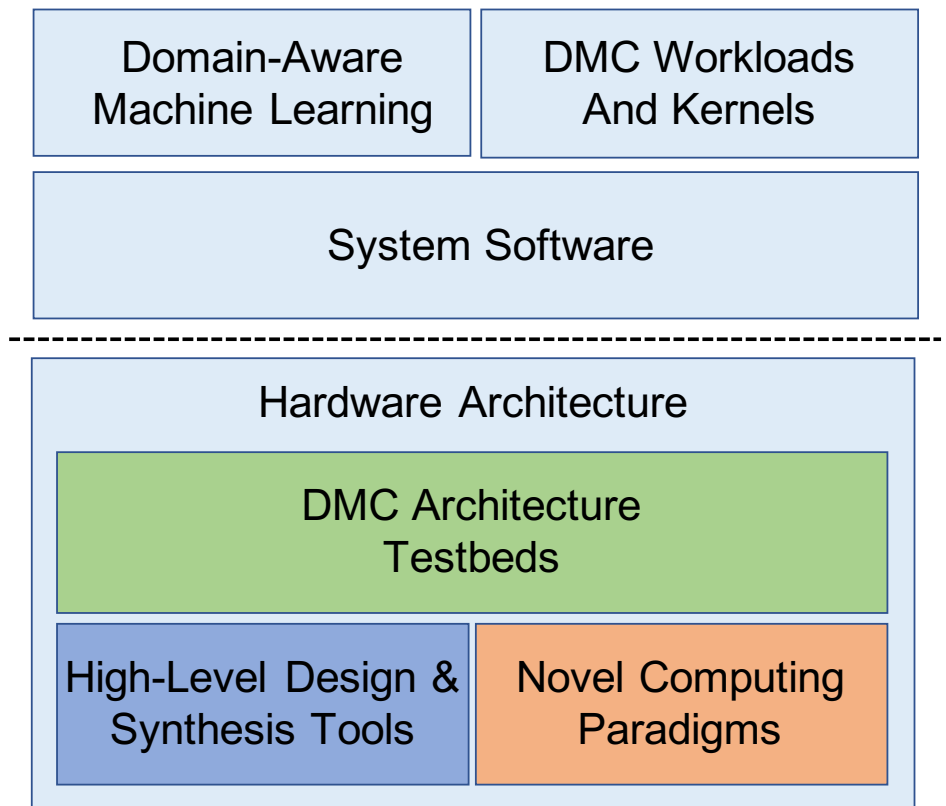
- DMC Software Runtimes
  - Asynchronous task-based, dataflow, functional, distributed actor-based methods
  - Support for processing-in-network, moving of compute to data (non von-Neumann)
  - Security and privacy mechanisms to support compliance
- Accelerator-based programming methodologies
  - Synthesis of custom hardware accelerators based on high-level algorithm specifications
  - Distributed coordination of workloads across heterogeneous, possibly non von-Neumann architectures
  - Provide efficient data movement (streaming, batch, parallel) to processing units
- Compiler or runtime synthesis and/or optimization of algorithms
  - Directive-based programming for parallel and streaming algorithms
  - Methods of discovering, exploiting, and maintaining parallelism in scientific codes





# Hardware Architecture: Research Areas of Interest

- Tools
  - *Rapid* high-level design and synthesis
  - Enable design-space exploration
- Architectures
  - Targeting performance-critical DMC kernels
  - New computing paradigms (e.g., Non-von Neumann)
- Testbeds
  - Supporting DMC thrust areas
  - Enable measurement and assessment of performance impact



# PNNL Strengths

Thrust Area	Leaders	Artifacts/Projects	Customers
Domain Applications	Carl Imhoff	Grid Modernization Lab Consortium	DOE/OE
	Henry Huang	ExaSGD, MMICCs: MACSER	ECP, ASCR, OE, CESER
	Jeff Dagle, et al	Dynamic Contingency Analysis Tool - DCAT	2018 R&D100 Awardee
Domain-aware Machine Learning	Nathan Baker	SciML BRN	ASCR
	Alex Tartakovsky	MMICCs: PhILMs	ASCR
	Court Corley, Nathan Hodas	Deep Science Agile Investment	PNNL LDRD
	Sutanay Choudhury, et al	StreamWorks	2018 R&D100 Awardee
	Hodas, Choudhury, Ang	ExaLearn	ECP, ASCR
Software Stack	Andrew Lumsdaine	MPI, PBGL, C++	ASCR, DoD, NSF
	Mark Raugas, John Feo	SHAD, CASS-MT	DoD/HPDA, DARPA
Hardware Architecture	Jim Ang	<a href="#">μelectronics BRN</a> , ECP/HT Director	DOE-SC, ECP
	Ang, Kevin Barker, Feo	P38, AGILE	DoD, IARPA
	Barker, Tallent, Marquez	CENATE	ASCR
	Antonino Tumeo	DAEDALuS	DoD/HPDA

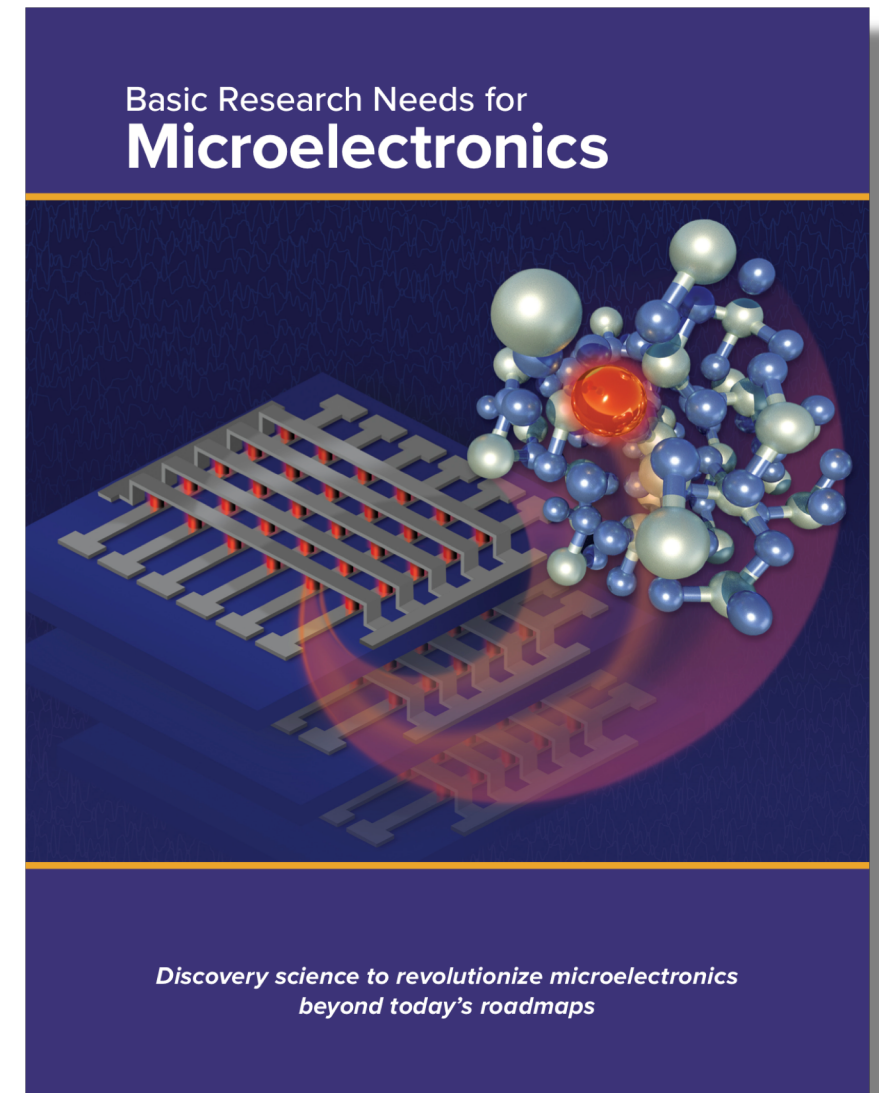
# DOE-SC Basic Research Needs for Microelectronics

## DOE's Long-term R&D Strategy for *Beyond Moore's Law*

### Priority Research Directions

- Flip the current paradigm: Define innovative material, device, and architecture requirements driven by applications, algorithms, and software
- Revolutionize memory and data storage
- Reimagine information flow unconstrained by interconnects
- Redefine computing by leveraging unexploited physical phenomena
- Reinvent the electricity grid through new materials, devices, and architectures

<https://science.energy.gov/ascr/community-resources/program-documents/>





# DMC Risks and Mitigations

- Technical Risks are expected / accepted to develop new game-changing capabilities
  - Concurrent development of Hardware Architecture and Software Stack creates moving targets
  - Holistic Co-design requires ongoing collaboration, not monthly or quarterly synchronization
  - DMC does not have direct control of open source projects that it may rely on
- The Leadership team has the responsibility to manage technical risk of the Overall DMC Initiative, through the selection and pruning of projects
  - Semi-annual project reviews and evaluation
  - Maintain queue of backup projects and tasks within projects
  - Agile Manifesto R&D approach leads to rapid test and evaluation of prototype capabilities by domain application users to inform project and initiative leaders

# DMC Exit Strategy

- Targets
  - DMC Computing R&D shifts to ASCR, DoD, DARPA, CS R&D programs
  - DMC Domain Application support shifts to OE, CESER, BER, EERE, DoD, DHS programs
- Approach
  - “Off-ramps” integrated into the DMC structure to ensure success and mitigate risks
  - Agile development with regular delivery of high-quality functional products to actively engage customers/collaborators
- Areas of Emphasis
  - Initial application focus: power grid, building on existing electric power system relationships and capabilities
  - PNNL responsibility for deployment of DMC Architecture can cultivate skills as a future ASCR system prototype facility with strong vendor collaborations



# PNNL Initiative Goals

- Development of enduring and game-changing capabilities
- Attract technical leadership to PNNL
- Pursue new opportunities
  - Program development
  - Academic partnerships
  - Strategic industry collaborations



# Thank You

*DMC will position PNNL to help define the Beyond Moore's Law computing world*

