

# Cognitive Simulation: combining simulation and experiment with artificial intelligence

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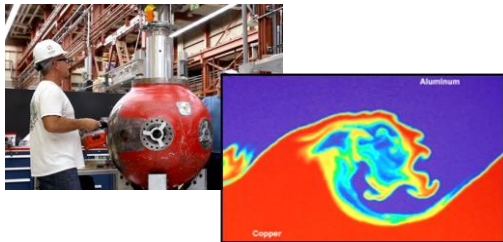


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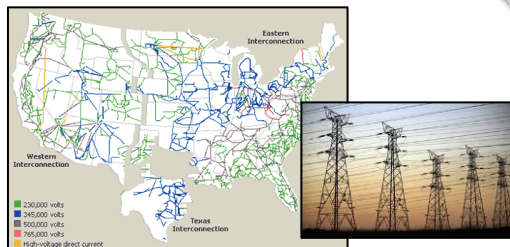


# We're developing solutions for complex data problems across LLNL's national security missions

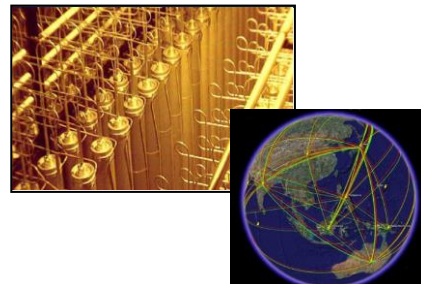
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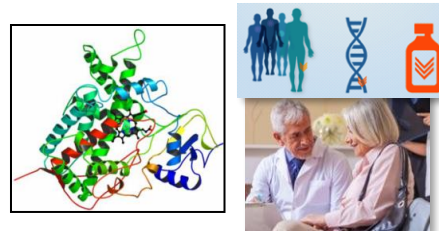
## Protecting our national critical infrastructure



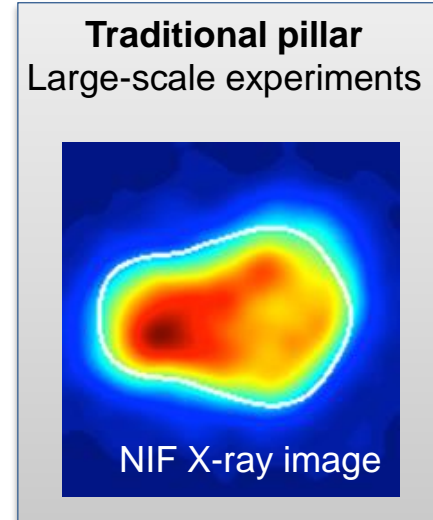
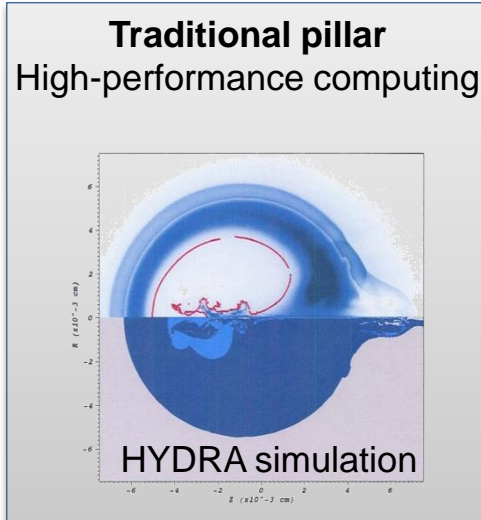
## Detecting and preventing nuclear proliferation



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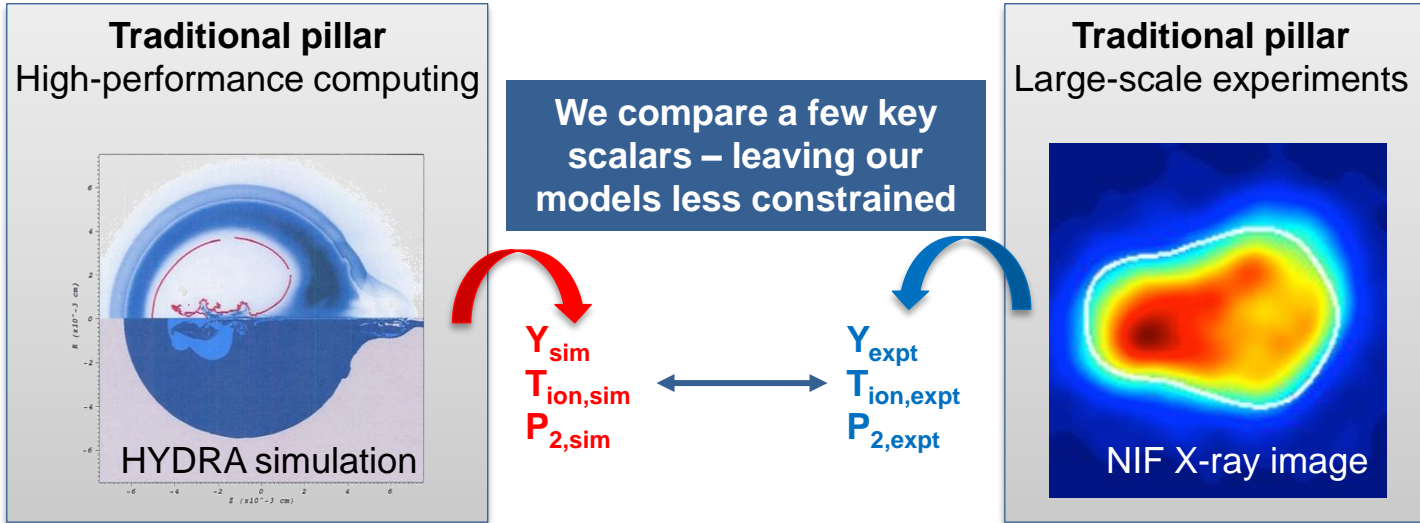


# We advance our understanding by challenging our simulations with experimental observation



**Our successes have yielded data of overwhelming size and complexity**

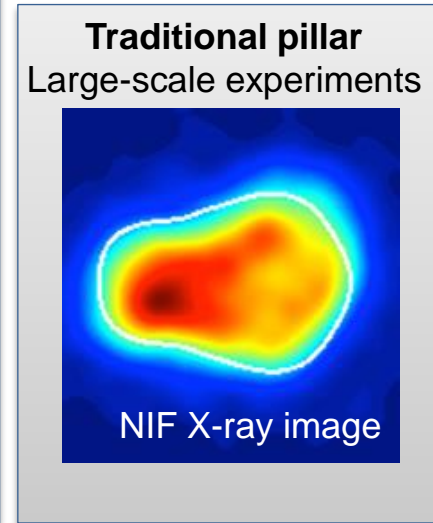
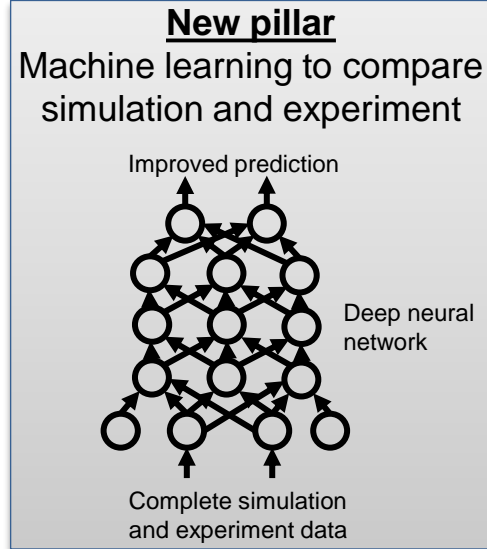
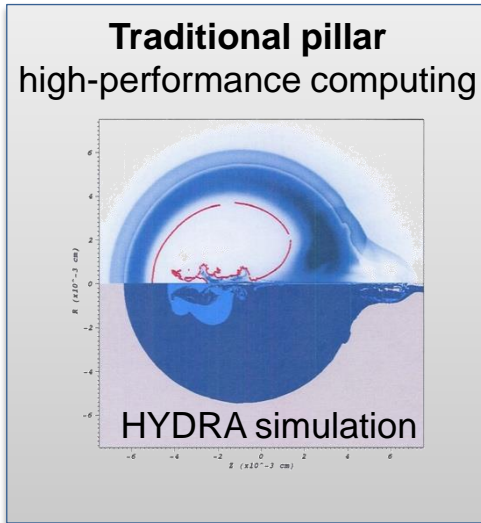
# Traditional analysis techniques are ill-suited for modern research environments



We need new techniques that improve our predictions in the presence of experimental evidence



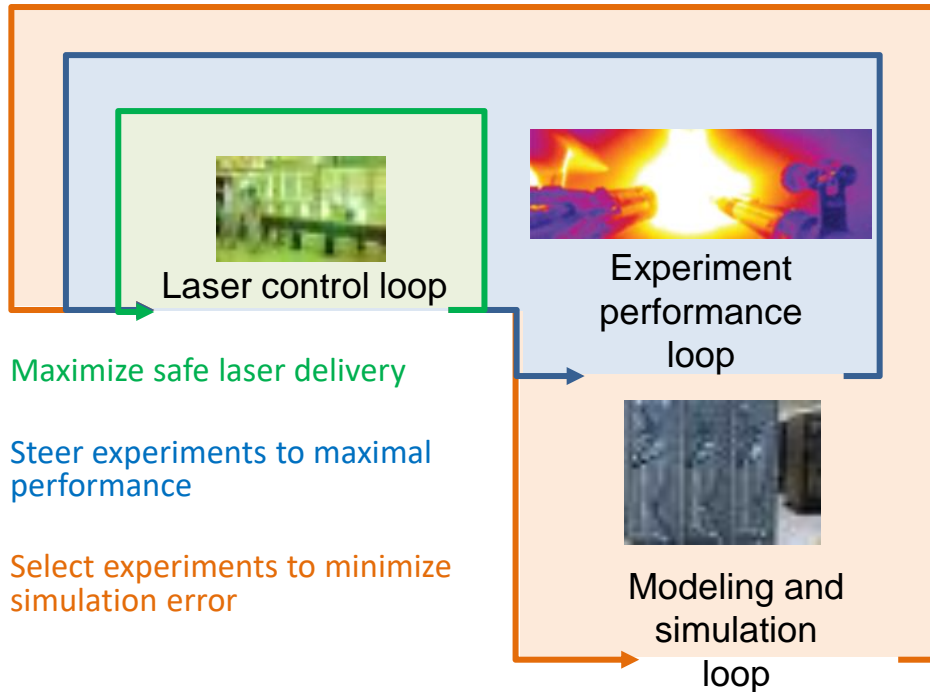
# Machine learning allows us to improve predictive modeling across applications



**Machine learning will allow us to use our full data sets to make our models more predictive**

# What would it take to revolutionize the way that HED science data is captured and consumed?

Self-driving laser selects a new, optimal experiment at 3 Hz



- Essential capabilities
  - Ability to use all the data
  - Quantify uncertainty in predictions
  - Detect and remove bias between simulation and experiment
  - Compute on time scales commensurate with experiment
  - Optimization strategies to seek out desired performance

CogSim brings this within reach for a new class of self-driving experimental facilities

# We need three technological advances to transform our approach to predictive science

- We need improved models
  - That fully utilize available data sets
  - That estimate uncertainty
  - That improve by exposure to experimental data
- We need software tools to develop and guide those models
- We need computational platforms that support the advancement of these predictive tools

Simulation, experiment, and deep learning

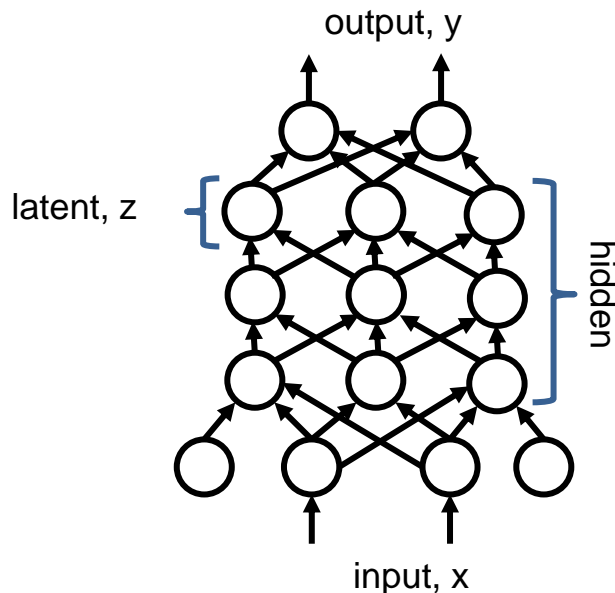
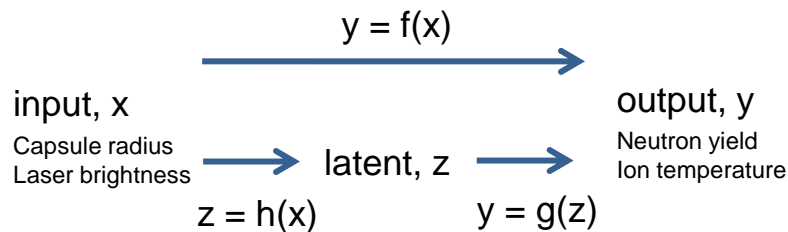
Computational workflows and big data

Heterogeneous exascale computers

These advances can improve the modeling chain across programs and missions

# Deep learning allows us to learn structure in data

- We use deep neural net models to map inputs to outputs
- Deep neural networks better capture rich data structure
  - Hidden layers build representation of data
  - Called a latent (or feature) space spanned by latent variables
  - Learn by minimizing the loss function (prediction matches truth)

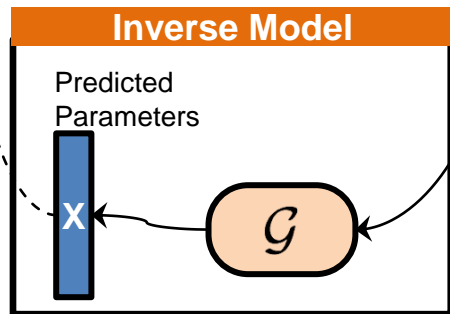
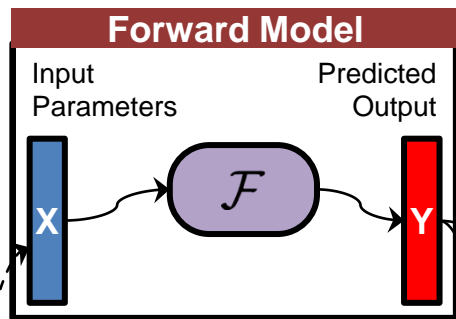


Engineering and exploiting the latent space is one of our key strategies

Contemporary deep learning: a guide for practitioners in the physical sciences [arXiv:1712.08523](https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.08523)

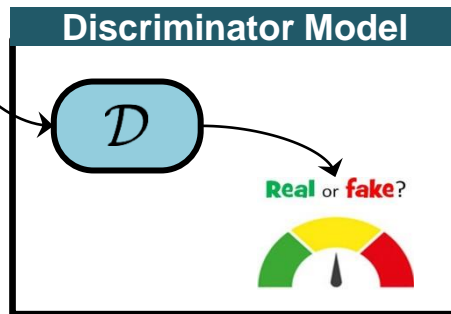
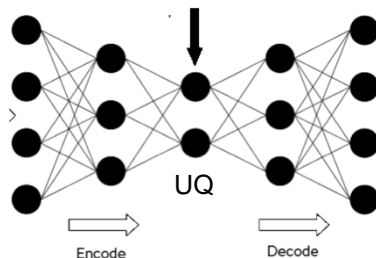


# We developed a cyclic system of sub-networks to engineer required performance features



③ **Cycle Consistency Loss**

① **Multimodal autoencoder**  
Learn a metric for comparing outputs



② **Physical Consistency Loss**

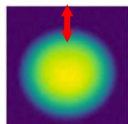
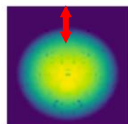
## Performance features

1. **Uses all the data**  
engineers the latent space
2. **Enforces physical consistency**  
predictions look like training examples
3. **Enforces self consistency**  
regularizes ill-posed inverse

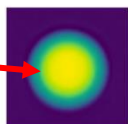
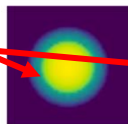
# The learning system reproduces and recovers key physics information

Integral features are predicted without explicit programming

Position in frame

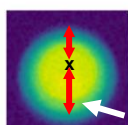
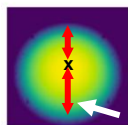


Edges



Size

Emission centering



Miss some gradients

True Simulation  
Outputs

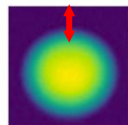
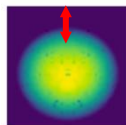
Predicted using  
Forward Model

The network performance requirements have led to successful prediction

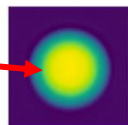
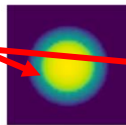
# Variational extensions have equipped all output quantities with uncertainty measures

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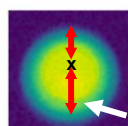
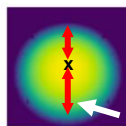


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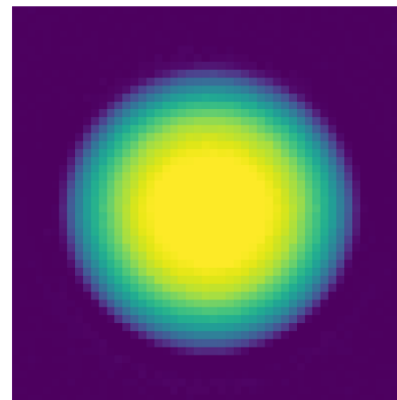


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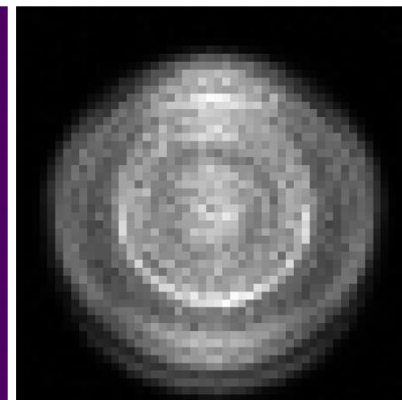
True Simulation Outputs

Predicted using Forward Model

Predicted image and its error map



Predicted image  
(pixel value)

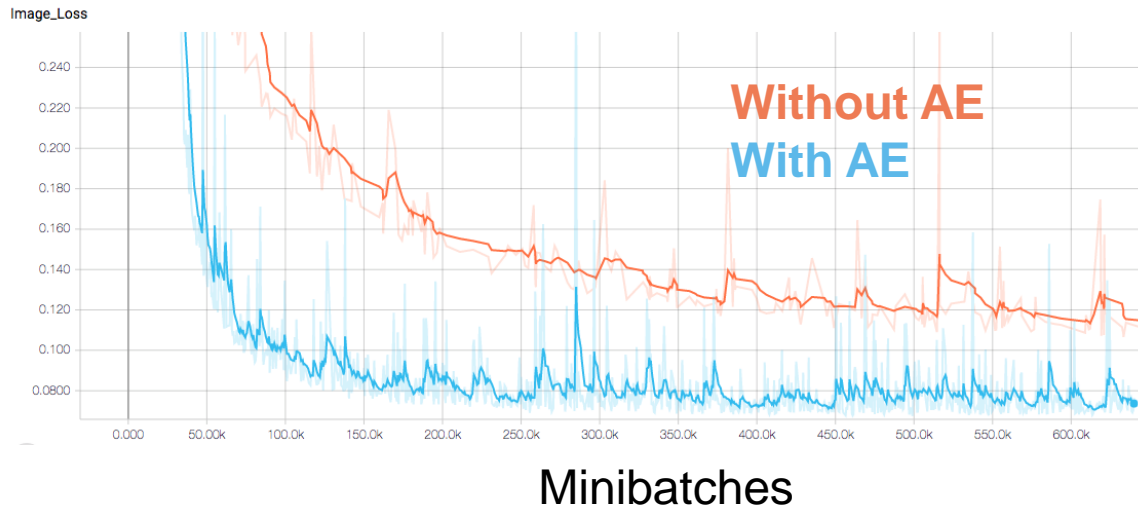
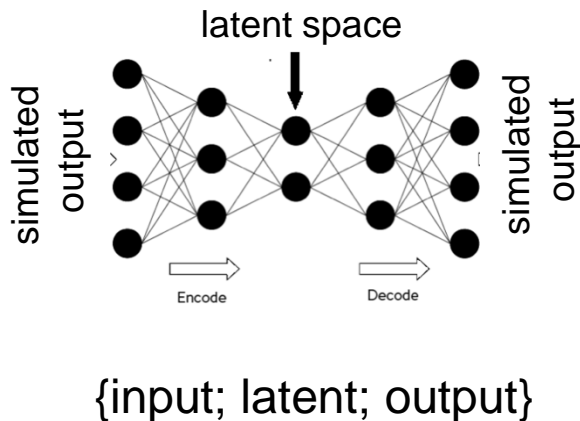


Error map  
(pixel-wise variance)

Our predictive tools are prepared for statistical comparison with experiment

# Combining data through the autoencoder leads to faster training and more accurate models

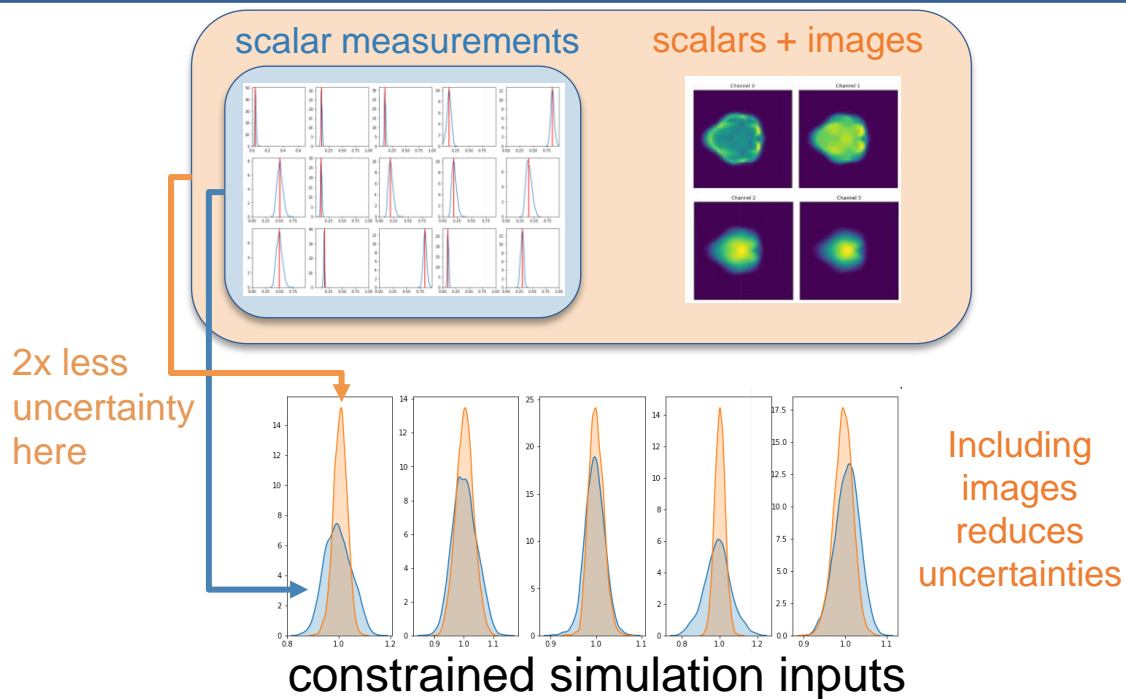
unsupervised methods  
inject useful correlations  
from multimodal  
training data



We've confirmed our hypothesis that capitalizing on correlations in observables improves models

# New Cognitive Simulation techniques allow us to use experimental data more effectively

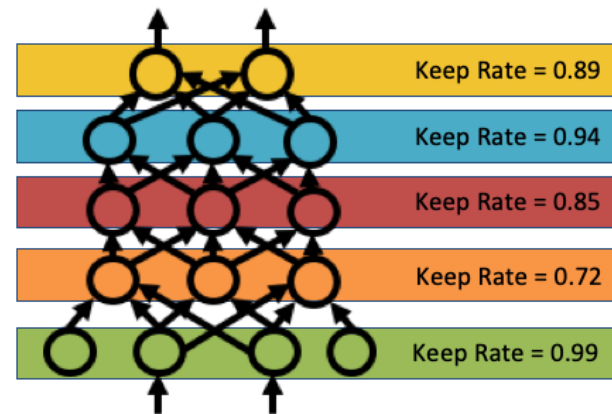
- Deep learning combines scalars and complete images
- Reduces uncertainties in key parameters
- Quantifies the value of new data
  - more images
  - more experiments



We're applying these techniques, developed in ICF, to other security missions

# UQ for high-consequence applications requires new capabilities and scrutiny of existing ones

- Existing uncertainty analyses are uncalibrated!
- UQ models require validation against test data
- We need more parameters to tailor all confidence intervals
- This is complex and compute intensive
  - Search for the right combination of parameters
  - LBANN for optimal parameter search
  - Sierra for training during the search
  - Sierra or an accelerator for high-speed testing

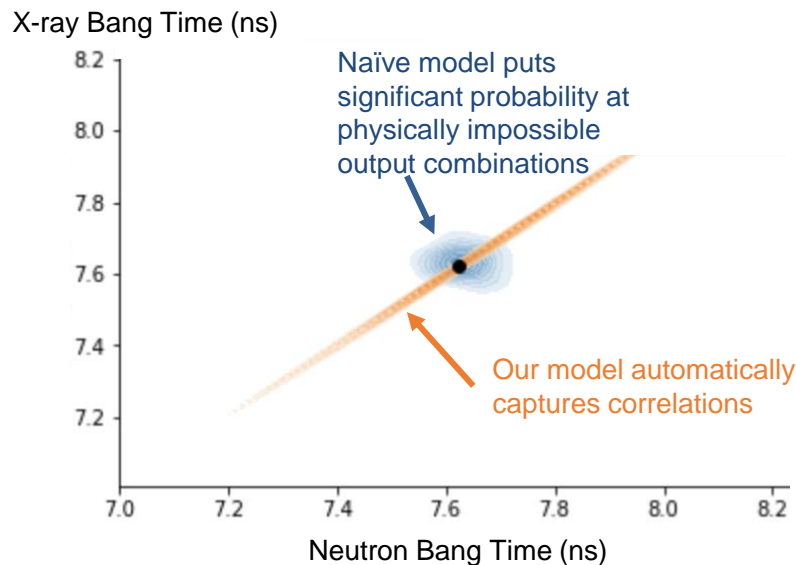


You can't even think about this kind of high-precision UQ without our flagship resources

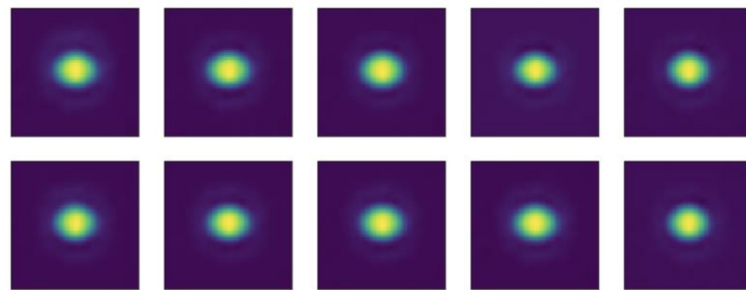


# Our CogSim UQ framework is both *calibrated* and *physically realistic*

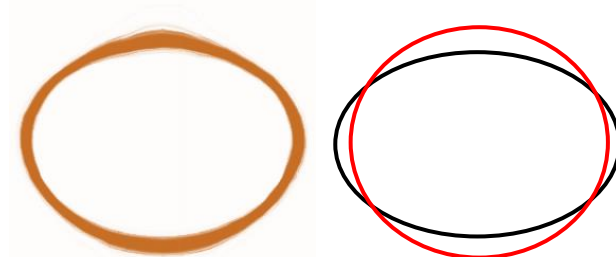
**CogSim UQ allows only observations that are physically consistent with underlying simulations**



**Physically constant pixel-to-pixel correlations preserve important features**



CogSim UQ methods capture shape variation for NIF shot N180128



These UQ methods are widely applicable across missions

# Depending on the situation, networks can avoid or inherit human bias

- Learned models know what they're taught, and only what they're taught
- Humans (even scientists and engineers) can be distracted by context

## Audience interaction

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Find the toothbrush in 1 second!

From Heather Murphy Oct. 6, 2017 NYTimes



## Audience interaction

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Is there a parking meter present?







# Audience interaction

Trained neural nets recognize large targets.

Humans often miss giant targets\*.

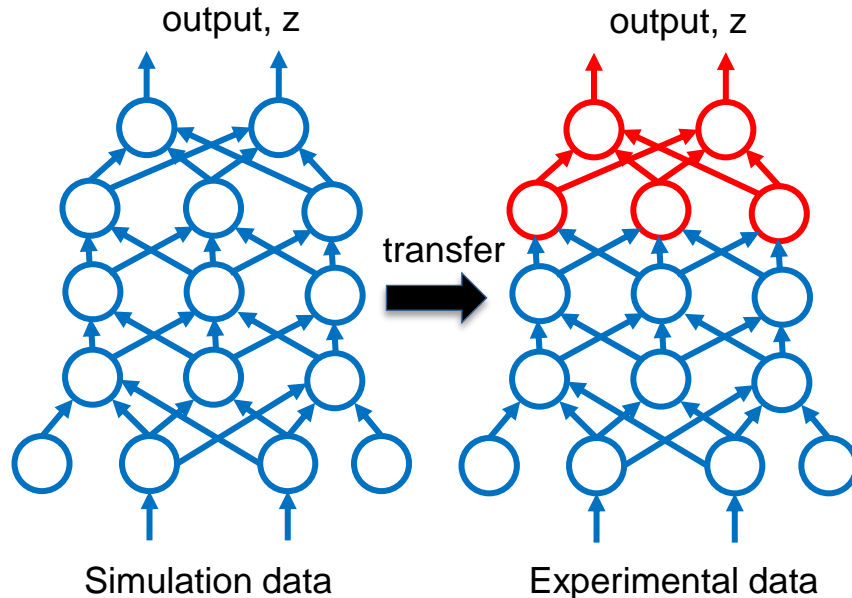
Expectations (e.g., about scale) sometimes prevent us from finding obvious patterns.

But, what if we've used our simulations to build in bias?

\* "Humans, but Not Deep Neural Networks, Often Miss Giant Targets in Scenes"  
Miguel P. Eckstein, Kathryn Koehler, Lauren E. Welbourne, Emre Akbas

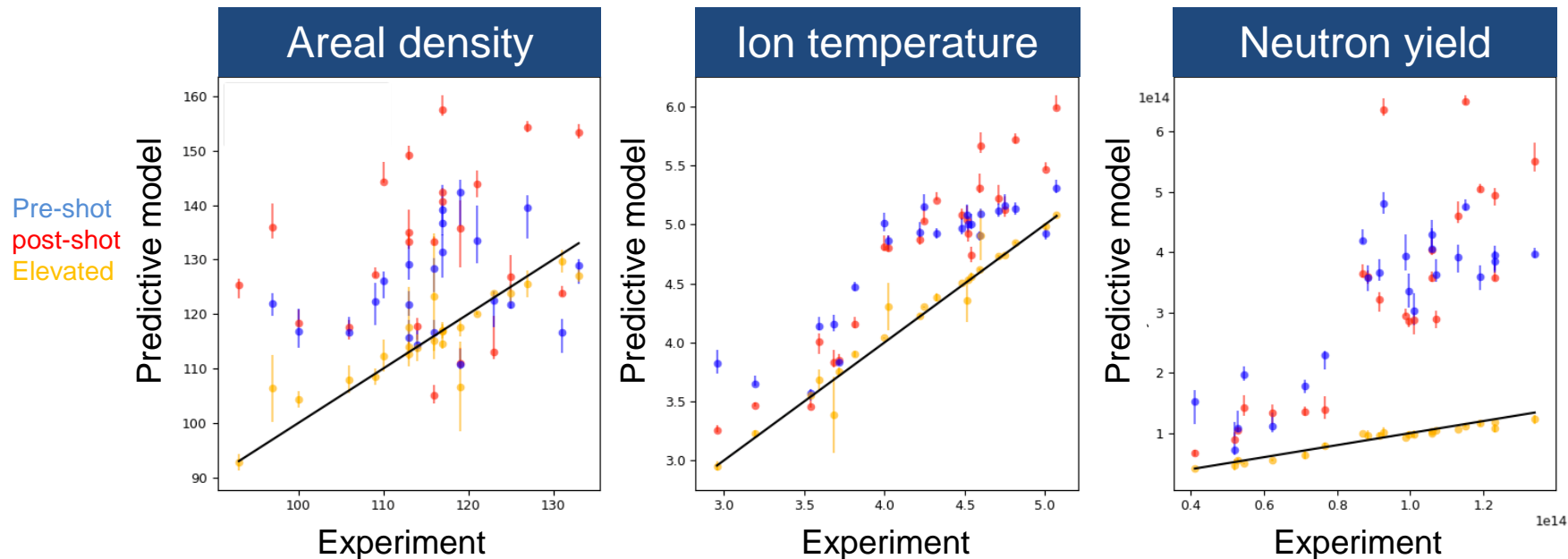
## Next, we turn to transfer learning to remove simulation bias and better match experimental data

- Train the network on simulated data
- Re-train networks to predict experimental data
- Well-suited to ICF data
  - Improves prediction accuracy
  - Requires **much less data** than initial training
  - Measures discrepancy as a function of input parameters



Transfer learning produces elevated models that incorporate simulation and experiment

# We can adapt our learned models to experimental data to enhance their predictive capability



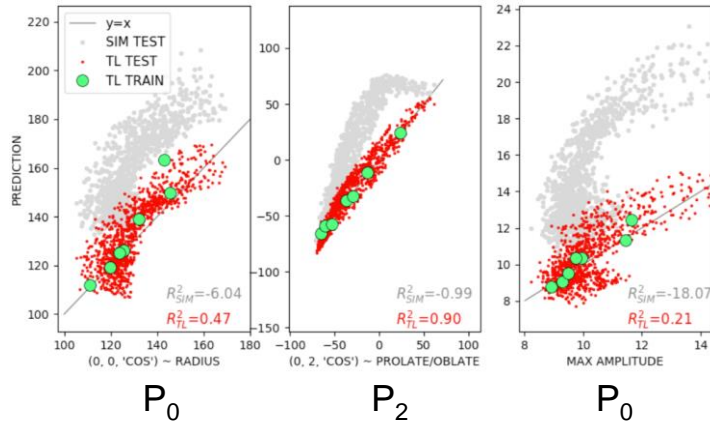
Experimental data from LLE 1D campaign

A single model holds across all shots and all observables

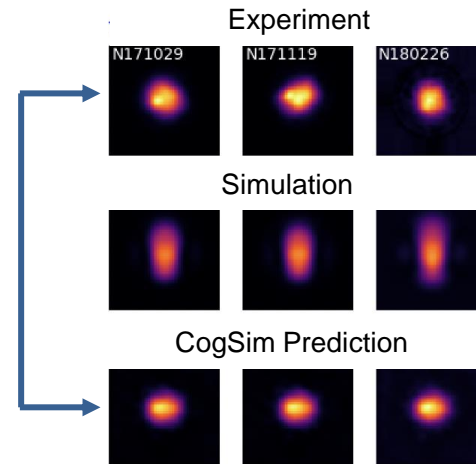
# Recent CogSim advances can predict a broad range of scalars and images for more challenging NIF data

- Better model predictions with fewer NIF experiments – reduced experiment demand
- Predicts more measurement types with challenging discrepancies

Nearly unlimited scalars with strong nonlinearities

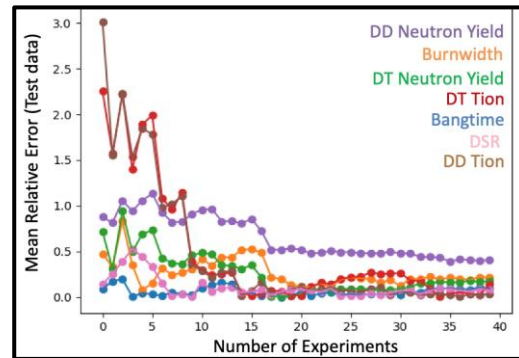
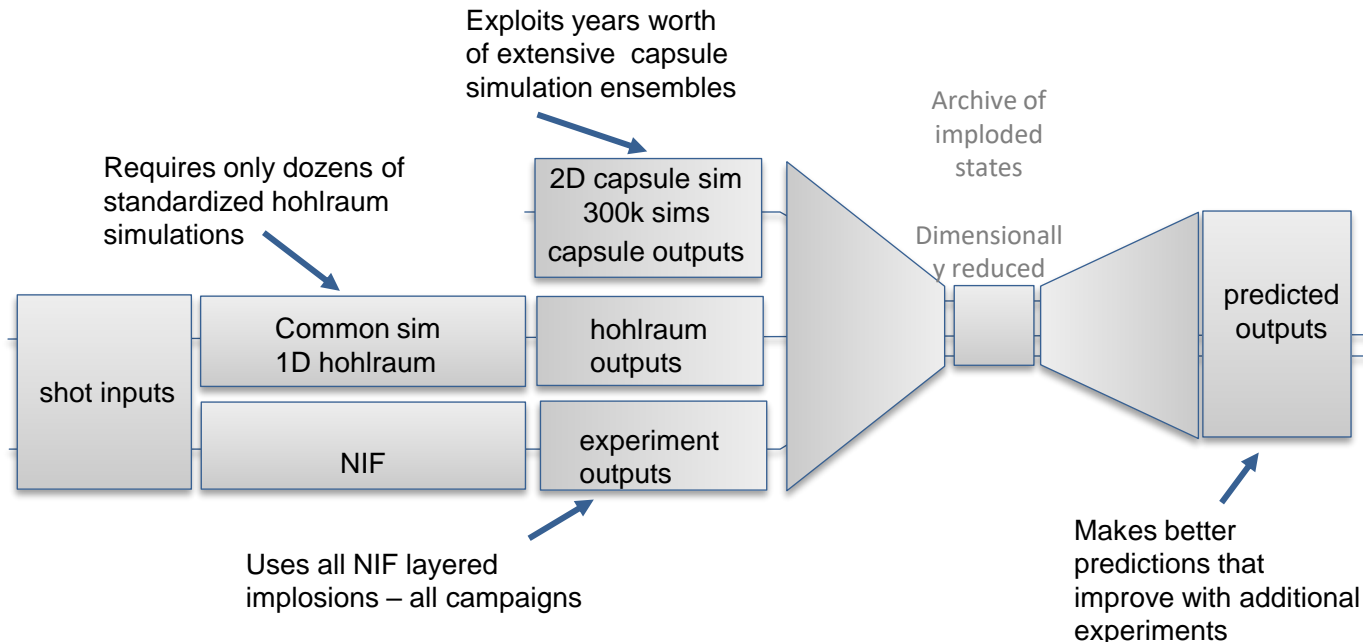


Extending to full X-ray image



# We've adapted our S&T tools to deliver new ICF program capabilities

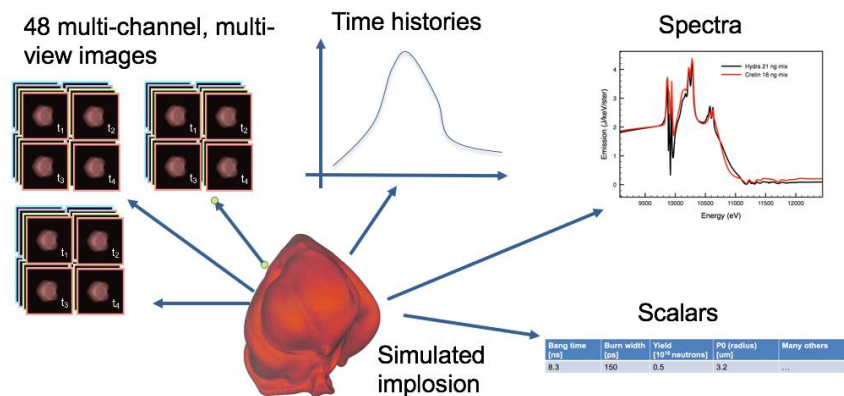
CogSim model pipeline corrects a common simulation model using data from ALL existing NIF ignition campaigns



Provides a framework for tracking predictive modeling progress for both traditional simulations and CogSim models

# Our newest, largest computers are enabling machine learning at an unprecedented scale

- Generated 100 million ICF implosion simulations
  - 1.5 billion scalar outputs
  - 4.8 billion images
- Built a state-of-the-art machine learning solution
- Hosting a shareable data set for scientific machine learning
- Sharing challenging and meaningful problems unique to the scientific ML community



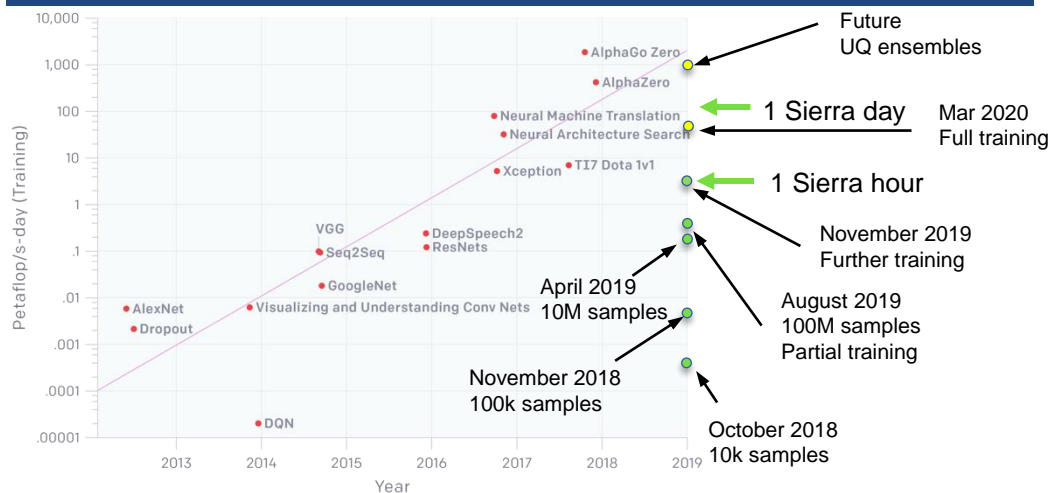
We have released this data for sharing:  
<https://data-science.llnl.gov/open-data-initiative>



# Lab technologies are operating at singular scales for applied scientific AI

- Computing needs are exploding in machine learning – doubling every 3.5 months
- Merlin, LBANN, and Sierra provide a unique capability
  - 100M simulations
  - 1.2B images and 1.5B scalars
  - Largest multi-modal network ever trained
  - Total compute rising to state-of-the-art

Models trained on Sierra have put LLNL at the state of the art



We've demonstrated AI training on all of Sierra ~ 17000 GPUs

# What commerce wants from a next-generation computer may not match what science wants



Tens of billions of dollars

Infrequent, high-cost training  
Frequent, low-cost evaluation

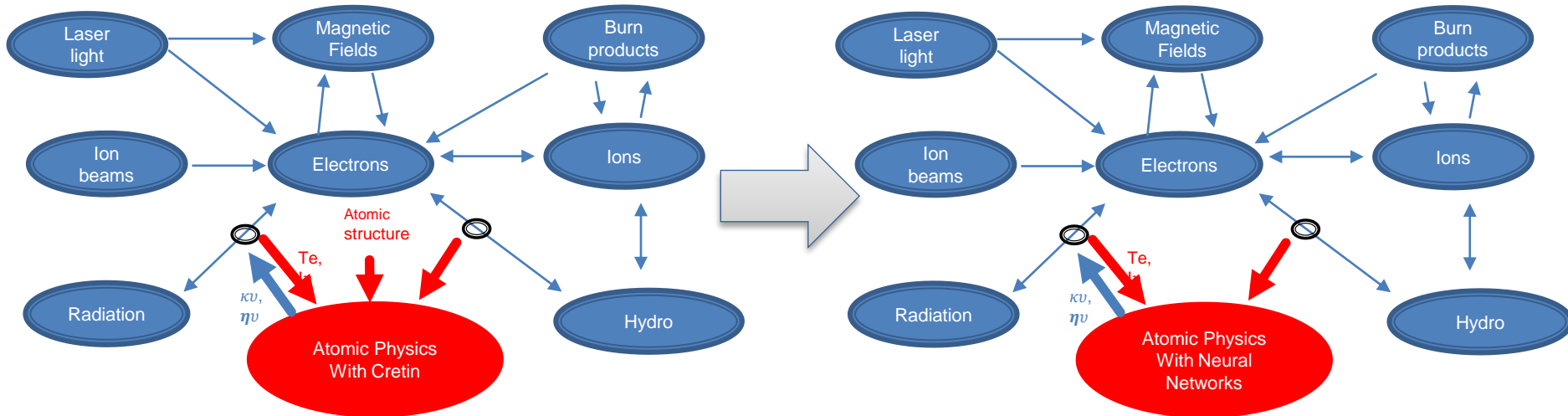


Frequent, low-cost training  
Less-frequent evaluation?

We are using our shareable data sets to engage in co-design with vendor partners to develop machines appropriate for science

# New AI-driven computing methods may change the computing architectures we're used to

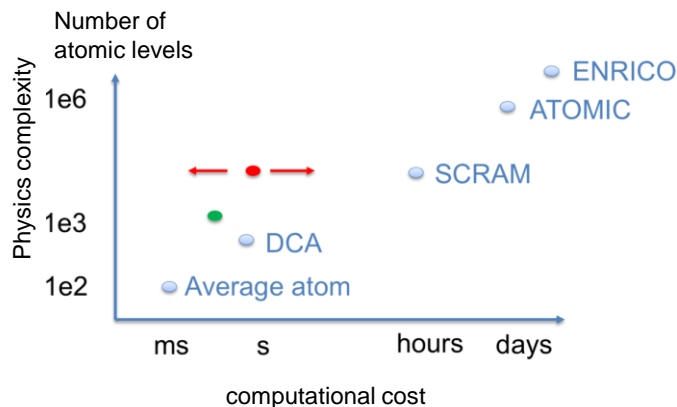
Multiscale, multiphysics simulations are expensive



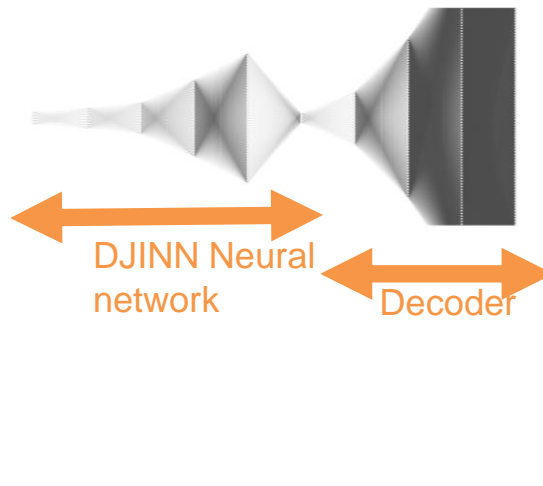
Replace expensive finite-difference physics calculation with fast AI surrogate

# AI can accelerate our computing and improve our physics predictions at the same time

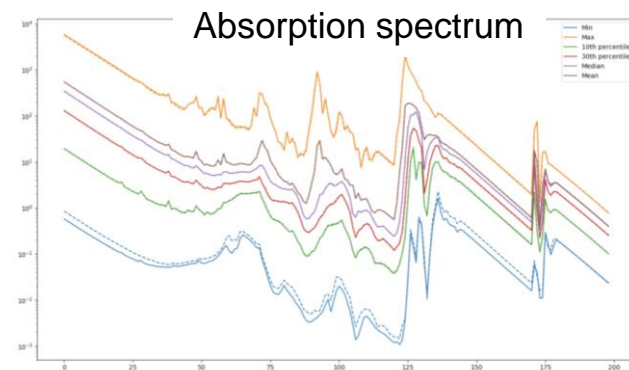
Atomic physics models are expensive



Deep neural networks learn the model



Radhydro code calls the fast DNN



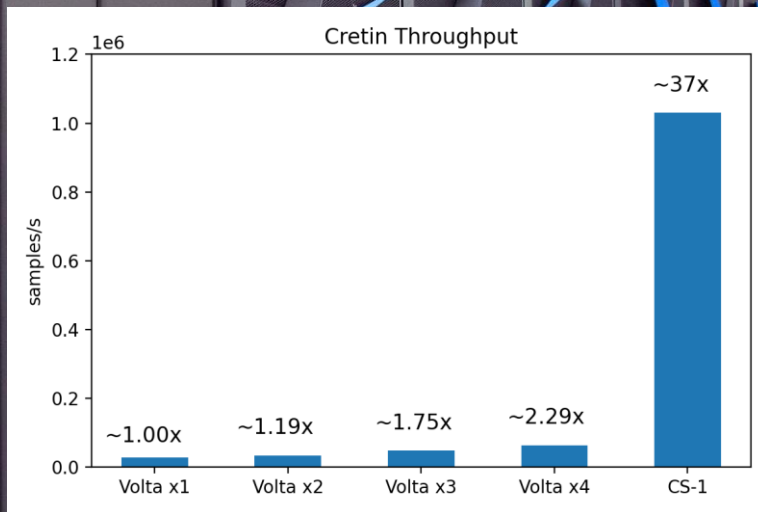
HYDRA test hohlraum simulation: **6.5x speed up**

Novel processor architectures could revolutionize the way we train and deploy this kind of model

# Integrating the Cerebras CS-1 with Lassen will give the NNSA ASC Program one of the world's leading cognitive systems.

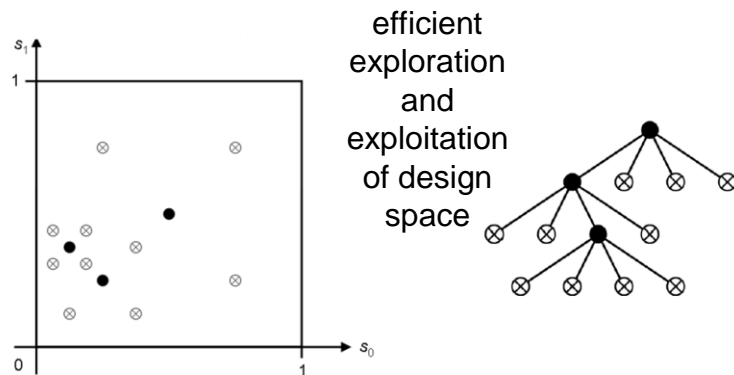


CS-1 returns CogSim physics data much faster than Sierra GPU hardware



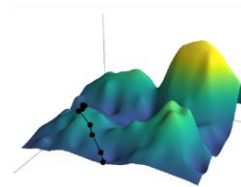
# CogSim design optimization strategies will enable faster design in rich design spaces that humans can't navigate

**New methods to optimize complex designs in higher dimensions**

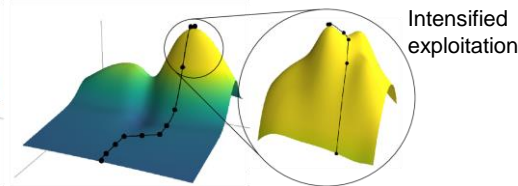


efficient  
exploration  
and  
exploitation  
of design  
space

**New primed CogSim models that support advanced design optimization**



Naïve CogSim  
model



Primed CogSim models  
for  
exploration/exploitation

Design optimization benefits numerous projects and long-range plans

HRR lasers, ICF, stockpile projects, therapeutics design , and more



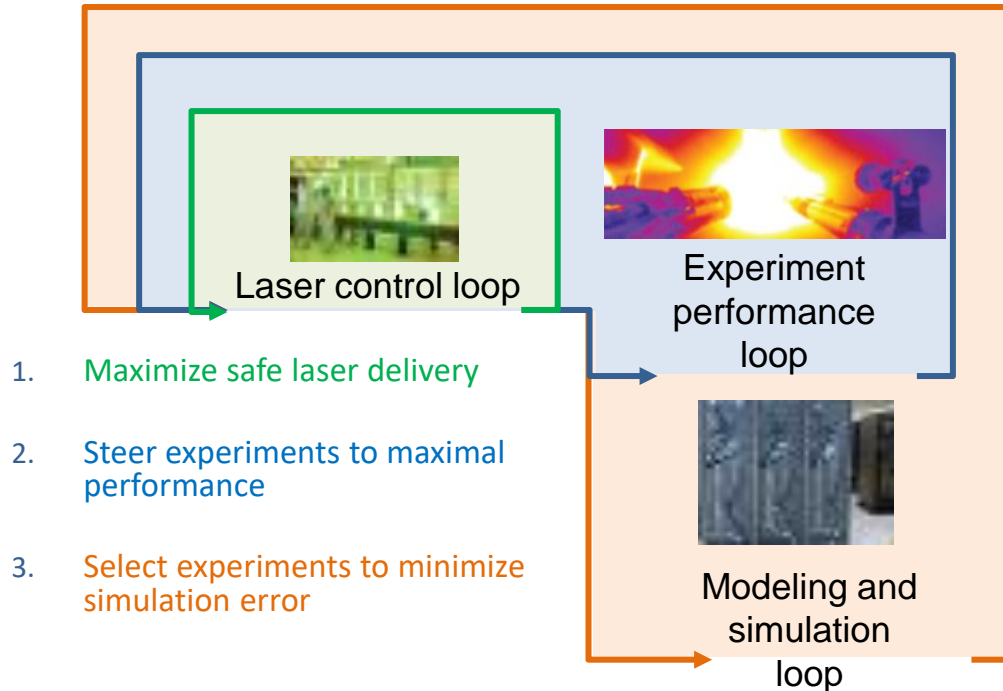
# Our CogSim leadership helped capture funding for an ambitious project in high-repetition-rate lasers – *project snowball*

## ■ Essential capabilities

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Now the hard part:  
bolting this together to do science

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# The LLNL Data Science Institute focuses on growing and strengthening LLNL's Data Science workforce.

- Data Science Summer Institute
- Data Science Institute endorsed training programs and courses
- Targeted recruiting and university collaboration
- Community outreach through seminar series, workshops, competitions, and web presence



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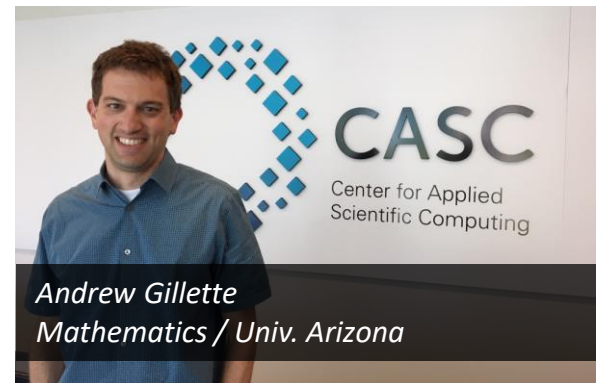
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& Mathematical Engineering

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JACOBS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

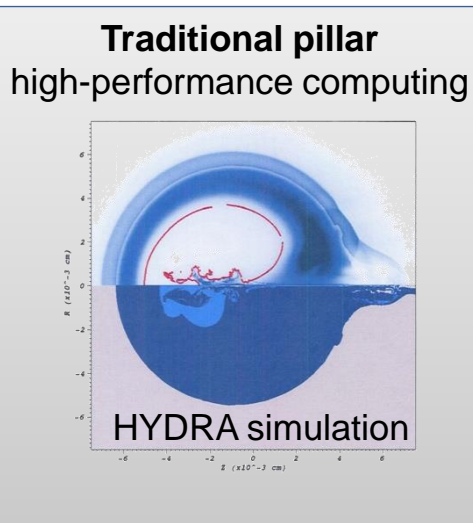
# New pilot Faculty Mini-Sabbatical Program

- Designed to increase the number of faculty–staff research partnerships and strengthen our S&T by bringing in top academic talent
  - Faculty hired 1–3 months
  - Hosted by staff scientist and approved by committee
  - Paid a monthly salary and travel costs
  - Faculty learns new research capabilities and gains greater knowledge set
- LLNL has an existing sabbatical program for staff
  - Salary paid for up to 1 year to visit universities




For more information visit <https://st.llnl.gov/about-us/university-relations/faculty-sabbatical-program>

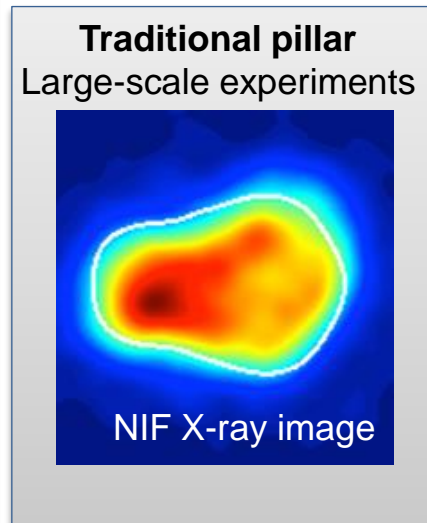


# We are advancing the way we develop predictive models using large-scale scientific machine learning



**New pillar**  
Machine learning to improve predictive science

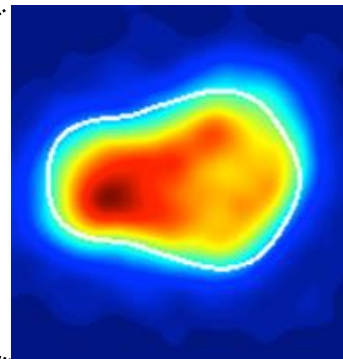
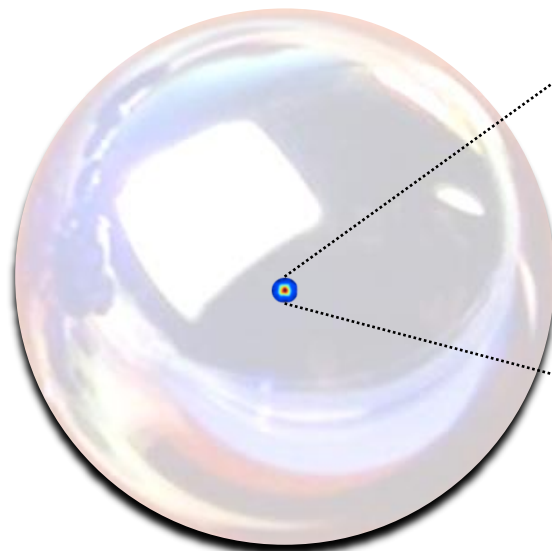
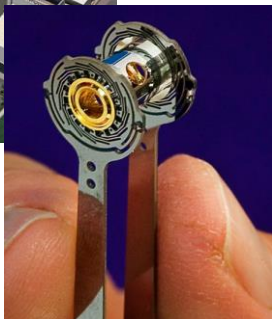
-  Deep learning to improve prediction
-  Advanced workflows to support learning
-  New architectures for modern computation



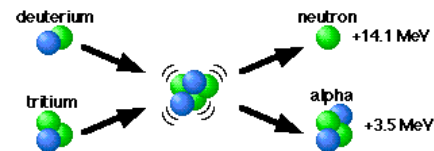
**We're developing these techniques for a range of critical missions, and we need more of the best and the brightest**

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# Inertial confinement fusion (ICF) is a perfect testbed for our AI development



~2 mm diameter



We use incredibly sophisticated simulations and experiments to understand laser-driven fusion

# I am proud to present the work of a wonderful team

## Machine-learned Predictive Models PI, Brian Spears

### Machine Learning Element Timo Bremer

#### Architectures

Jay Thiagarajan  
Rushil Anirudh  
Shusen Liu

#### Elevation and UQ

Jim Gaffney  
Bogdan Kustowski  
Gemma Anderson  
Francisco Beltran  
Michael Kruse

#### Large-scale Learning

Sam Ade Jacobs  
Brian Van Essen  
David Hysom  
Jae-Sung Yeom

### Workflow Element Luc Peterson

#### Workflow Tools

Peter Robinson  
Jessica Semler  
Luc Peterson  
Ben Bay  
Scott Brandon

#### Intelligent Sampling

Vic Castillo  
Bogdan Kustowski  
Kelli Humbird  
David Domyancic  
Richard Klein

#### In-situ tools

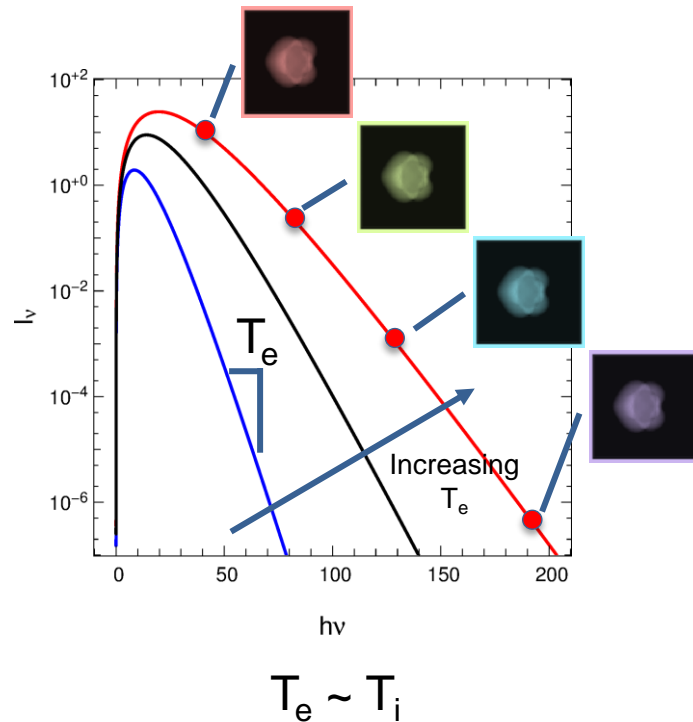
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#### Data Harvesting

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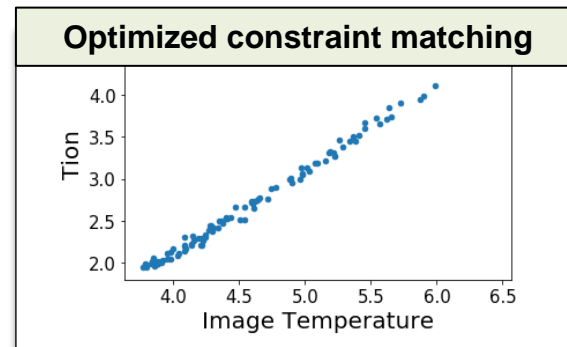
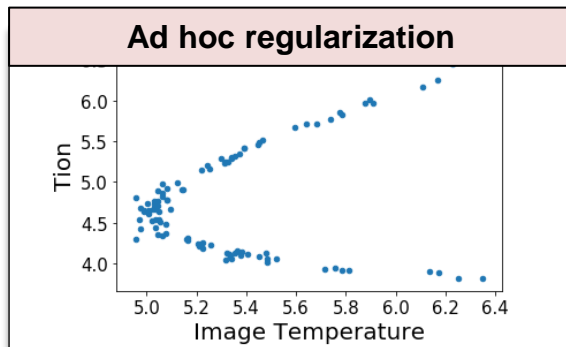
# What does it mean for an AI prediction to be “physical”?

- The prediction should
  - Get the right answer
  - Respect physical laws
- An example
  - Predictions match simulations
    - Predicted images look like simulated images
    - Predicted Tion is close to simulated Tion
  - Predictions are physical
    - Temperature inferred from *predicted* images matches *predicted* Tion





# Physical relationships can guide performance improvement



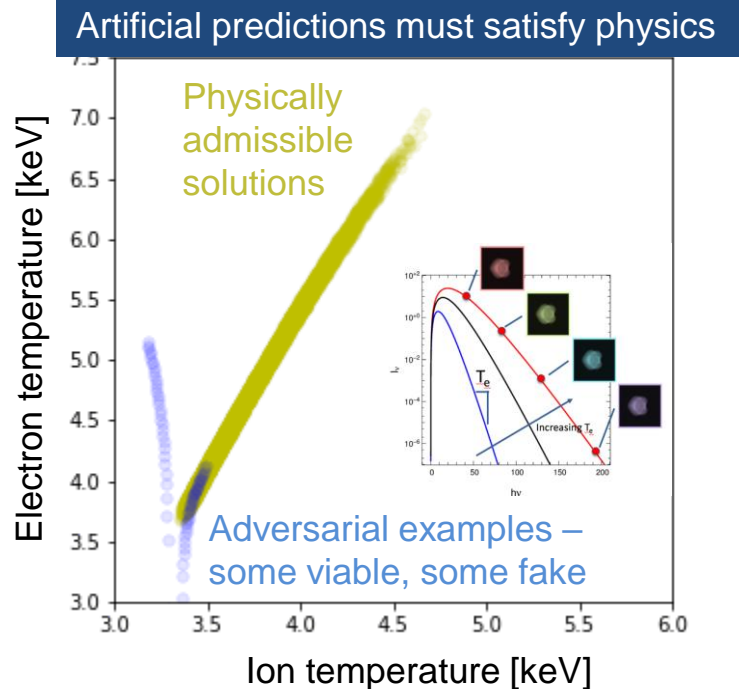
$$\text{Loss} = \text{reconstruction} + \lambda_1 * \text{adversary} + \lambda_2 * \text{cycle}$$

- Can we formulate physical constraints that we demand to be respected?
- Can we force models to respect physical constraints exactly?
- Should we force models to respect these constraints?

# We can both generate and detect physics “deepfakes”



- We're interrogating exceptionally complicated neural networks to make them interpretable for physics
- Some model states are accessible by simulation, some aren't
- We aim to place constraints *inside* the model



# Deep learning needs big data, so we'd better be able to produce it



Hierarchical Ensembles  
of HPC Simulations

In-situ  
postprocessing

Deep Learning  
at Scale

Intelligent  
Sampling

Scalable Data  
Exploration

Merlin is a custom workflow tool for driving large-scale simulation and machine learning  
<https://github.com/LLNL/merlin>



**Merlin:** Cross-machine dynamic task coordination



**Maestro:** Intuitive workflow description



**Flux:** Scalable HPC scheduling

Scientist describes  
workflow with maestro



**maestro**

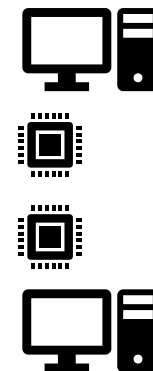
Merlin sends workflow  
to persistent server



Merlin workers pull  
tasks from server



flux coordinates work  
on HPC resources

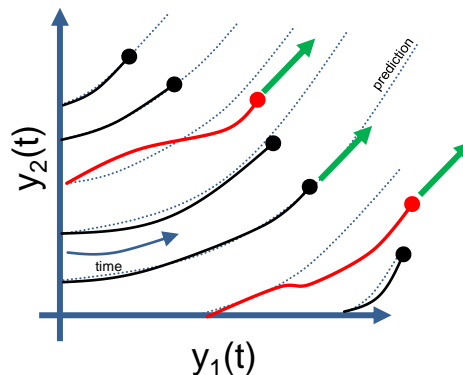


Workers on a GPU allocation join the fun

# Even at very large scale, we must choose carefully which simulations to execute

## Speculative sampling

- During the run, is the simulation evolving as predicted?
  - Yes? No new information. Terminate. Invest in a new simulation.
  - No? **Unpredicted behavior!** Continue.
- Speculate on many more simulations than we can finish.
- More completely probe parameter space for further cost reduction.



Speculative sampling may require far less data than random sampling

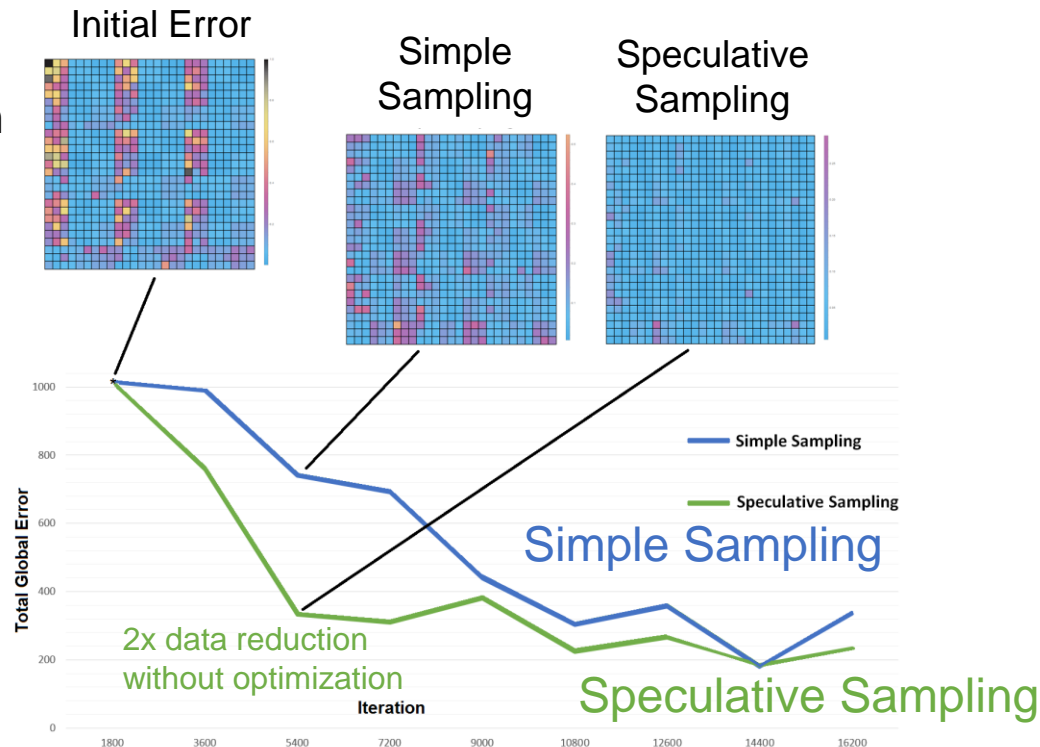
# Initial speculative sampling experiments delivered better learned models for much less data

Agent-based exploration  
Deep Mind, November, 2017

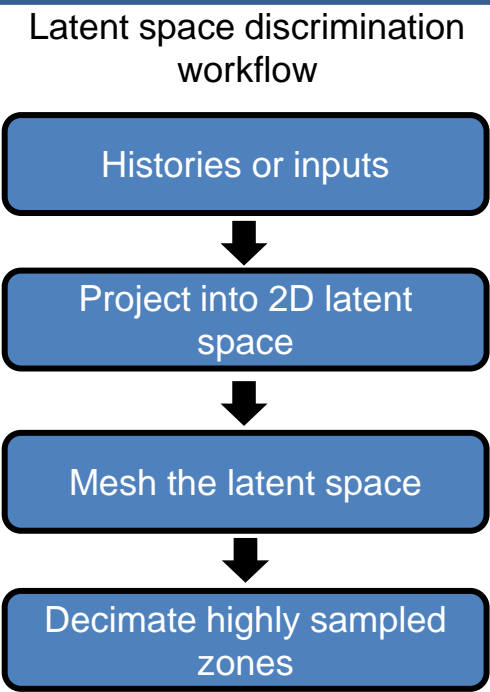
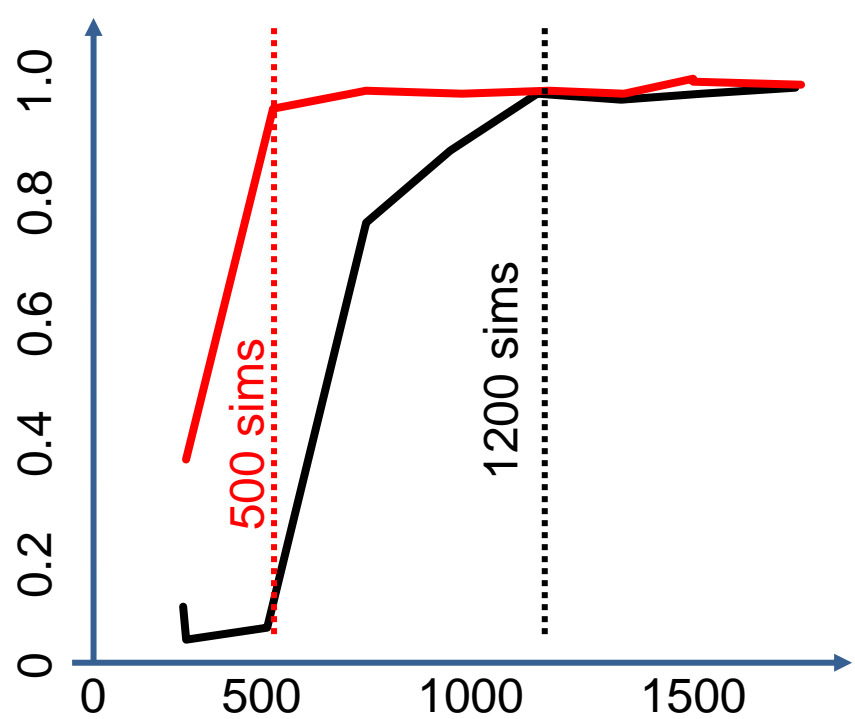
Model error in  
local regions



Total Global  
Model Error  
vs Iteration



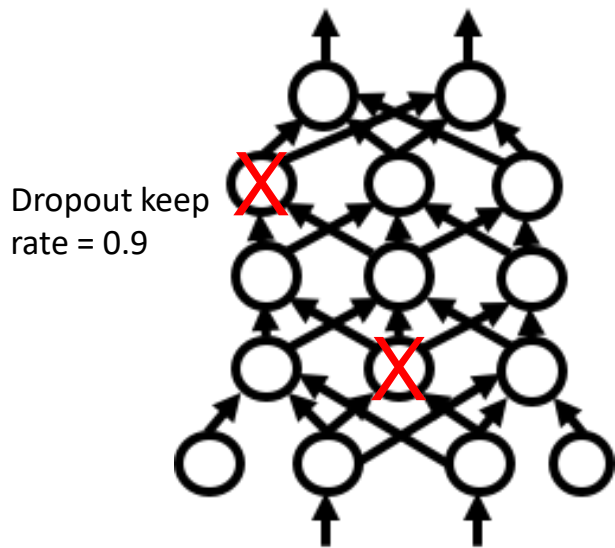
# We've applied speculation to in-flight radiation hydrodynamics simulations



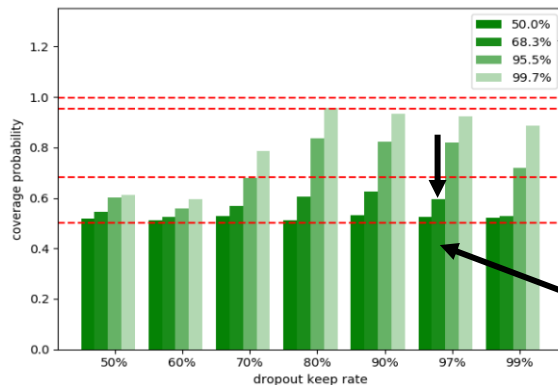
Speculative sampling requires 60% fewer radhydro simulations

# UQ for science requires new capabilities and scrutiny of existing ones

- Existing uncertainty analyses are uncalibrated!
- UQ models require validation against test data



Predicted confidence intervals must be tuned to be correct



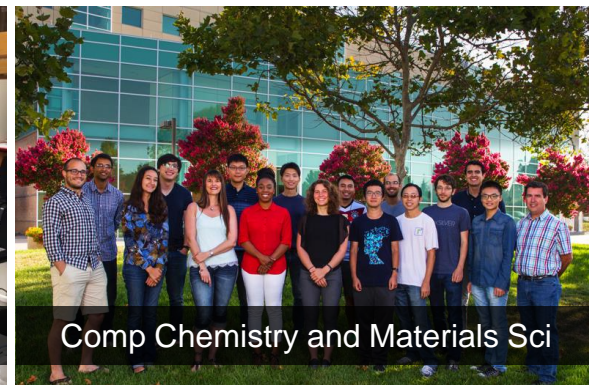
Predictive model believes that 68.3% of the time values will fall within a specified range

In testing, values fall within the 68.3% confidence interval only 52% of the time.



# In 2019, more than 1,150 students engaged in research at LLNL that focused on our core mission areas

- Nuclear Forensics Summer Program
- Data Science Summer Institute
- Computational Chemistry and Materials Science Summer School
- Computation Scholar Program
- HED Science and WCI Summer Programs
- DHS Global Security Summer Program
- DOE Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI)
- Science undergraduate lab interns



# LLNL postdoc program

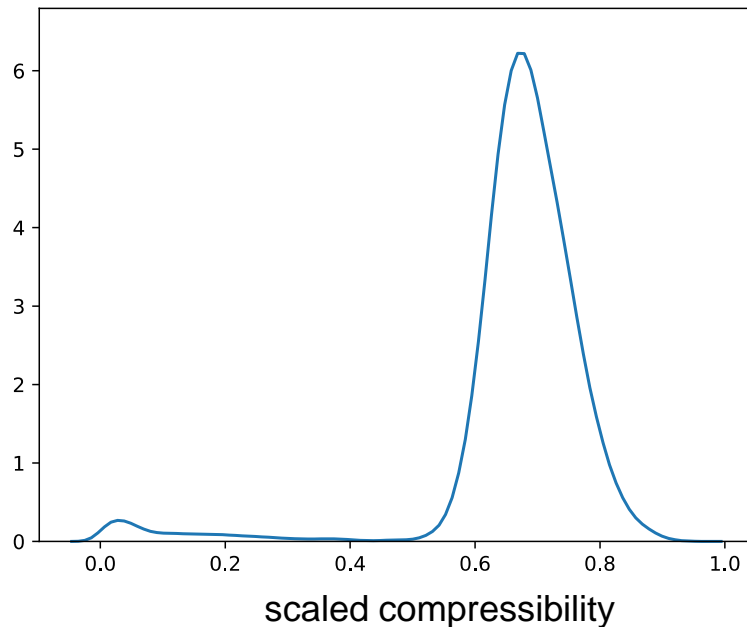
- Professional development
  - Research that is complementary to funded project
  - Maintain university collaborations
  - Travel and professional training activities
- LLNL culture
  - Networking and team building
  - Postdocs allowed to PI grants
  - Publishing is a priority
- Emphasis on mentoring
  - One-on-one meetings to help postdocs succeed



For more information email [kulp1@llnl.gov](mailto:kulp1@llnl.gov) or visit <https://st.llnl.gov/opportunities/postdocs>

# Coupling model elevation and calibrated UQ represents a capstone achievement for cognitive simulation

Inference and UQ for uncertain physics parameters



Elevated AI model that matches data AND is consistent with inferred physics

