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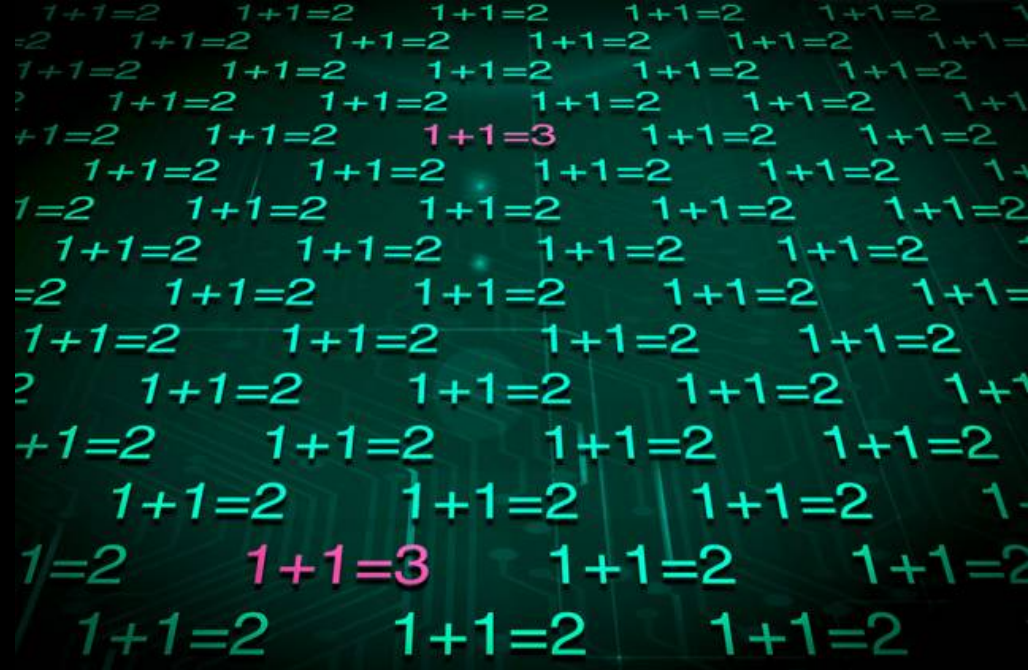


Uranium emitting radiation in a cloud chamber

Data-Driven Decision Making in Resilience

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LANL System Data Analytics (Reliability Focus)



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- What do we have?
- What do we do with it?
- What are we sharing?

LANL Supercomputers

- Over a dozen production supercomputers:

**Capacity Technology
Systems**



**Advanced
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LANL Supercomputers

- Systems of this scale crash at times

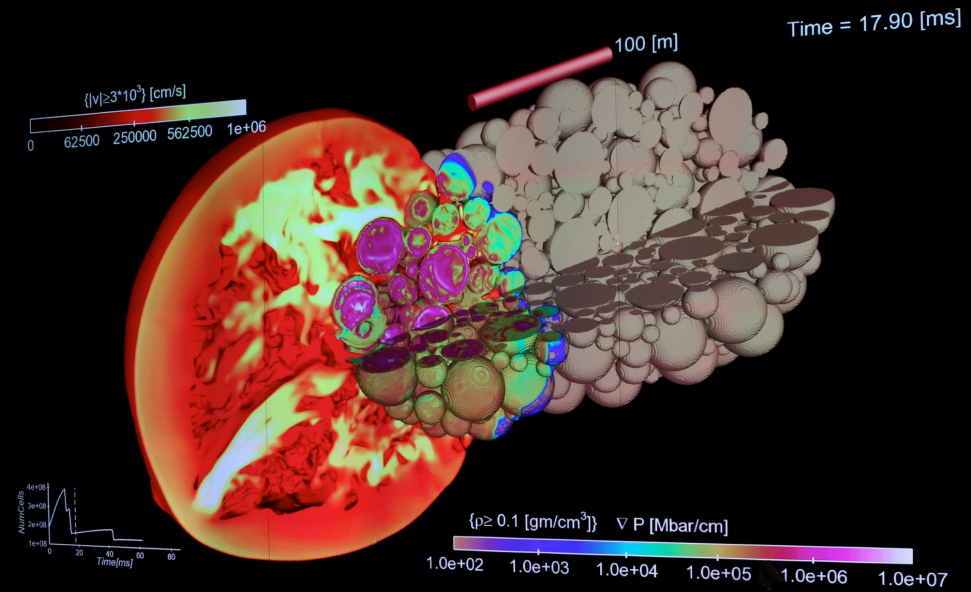
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What Can We Learn?

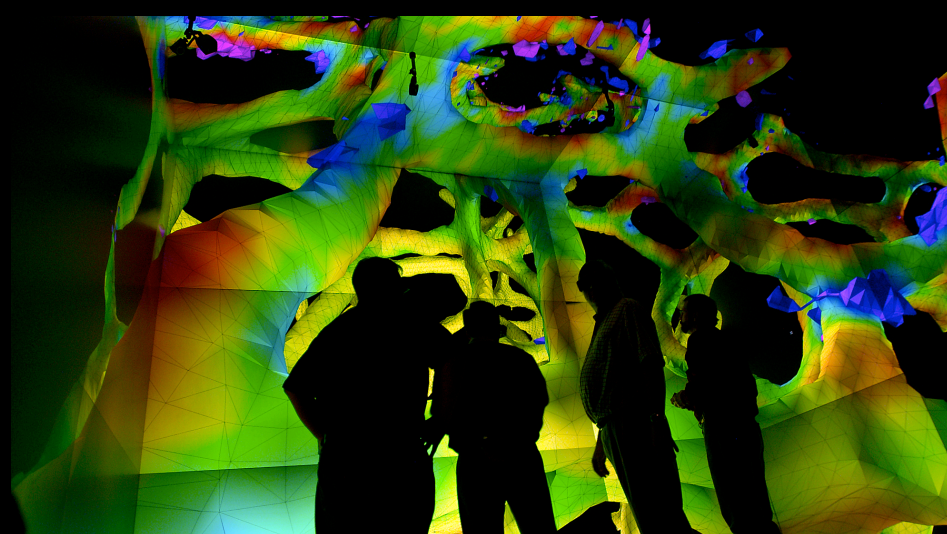
- Logs – memory, CPU, disk, network, scheduler, resource manager, hardware replacements, as well as full syslog
- Lots of sensitive data
- All data has to be curated before sharing externally
- Very time consuming process
 - Potentially beneficial



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How Can I Get Some LANL System Data?

- Collaboration
- U.S. citizenship almost a requirement
- Send us your students to process the data (they can't take the data home)
- Have us run your tools on our data internally
- All of these are challenging as analytical results are not guaranteed to be releasable
- Almost a guarantee that new raw field data will not be released
- **This is where the open sciences communities need to be contributing more – NSF, Office of Science, universities, etc.**




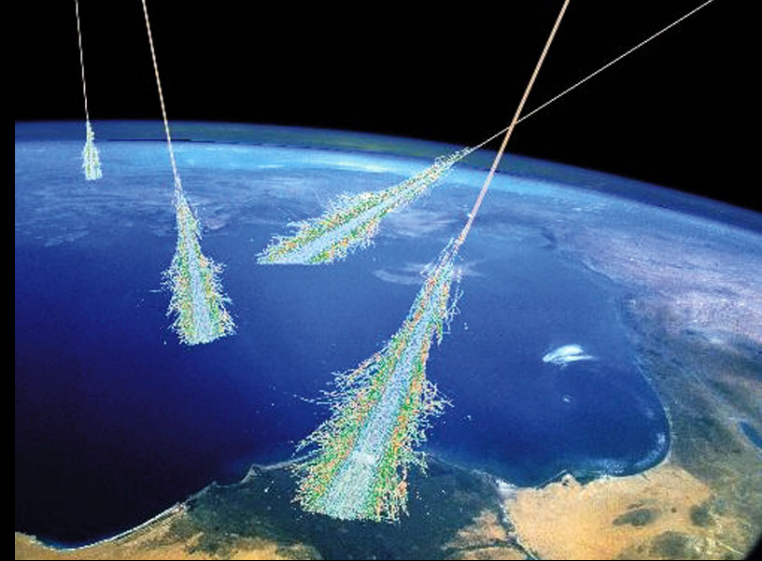
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What Can You Do With This Data?

- Let's look at a sampling of results!

Our Systems are Aggressively Maintained

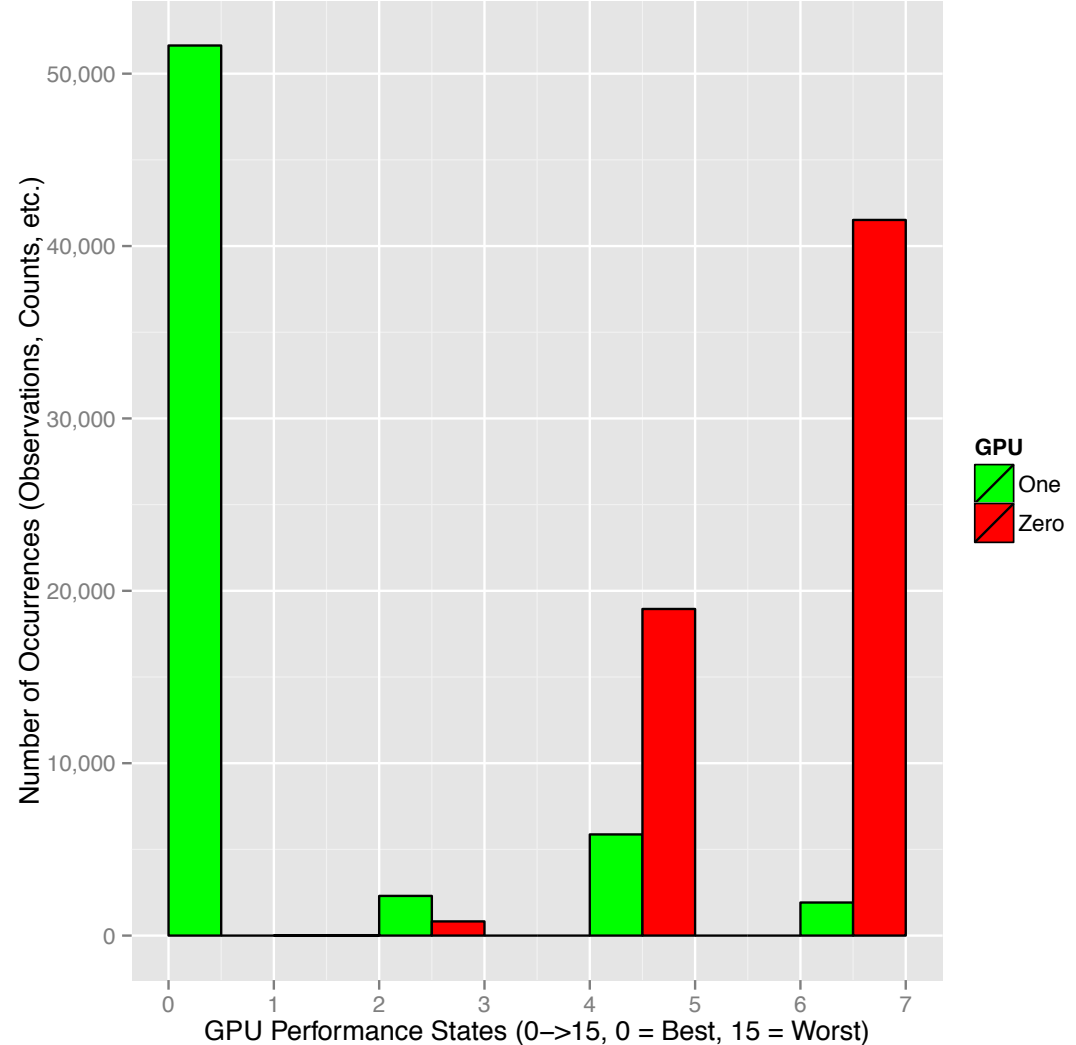
- Cielo – ~ 0.3 correctable errors / min ← 
- Hopper – ~ 1 correctable error / min
- Titan – ~ 1.4 correctable errors / min
- BlueWaters (DSN2014) – ~ 4.2 correctable errors / min
- This is an artifact of hardware log monitoring and aggressive replacement of failing hardware



Tightly Coupled GPUs

- Tightly coupled numerical codes run at the speed of the slowest component
- 2 GPUs on a node are running in different pStates (throttling)

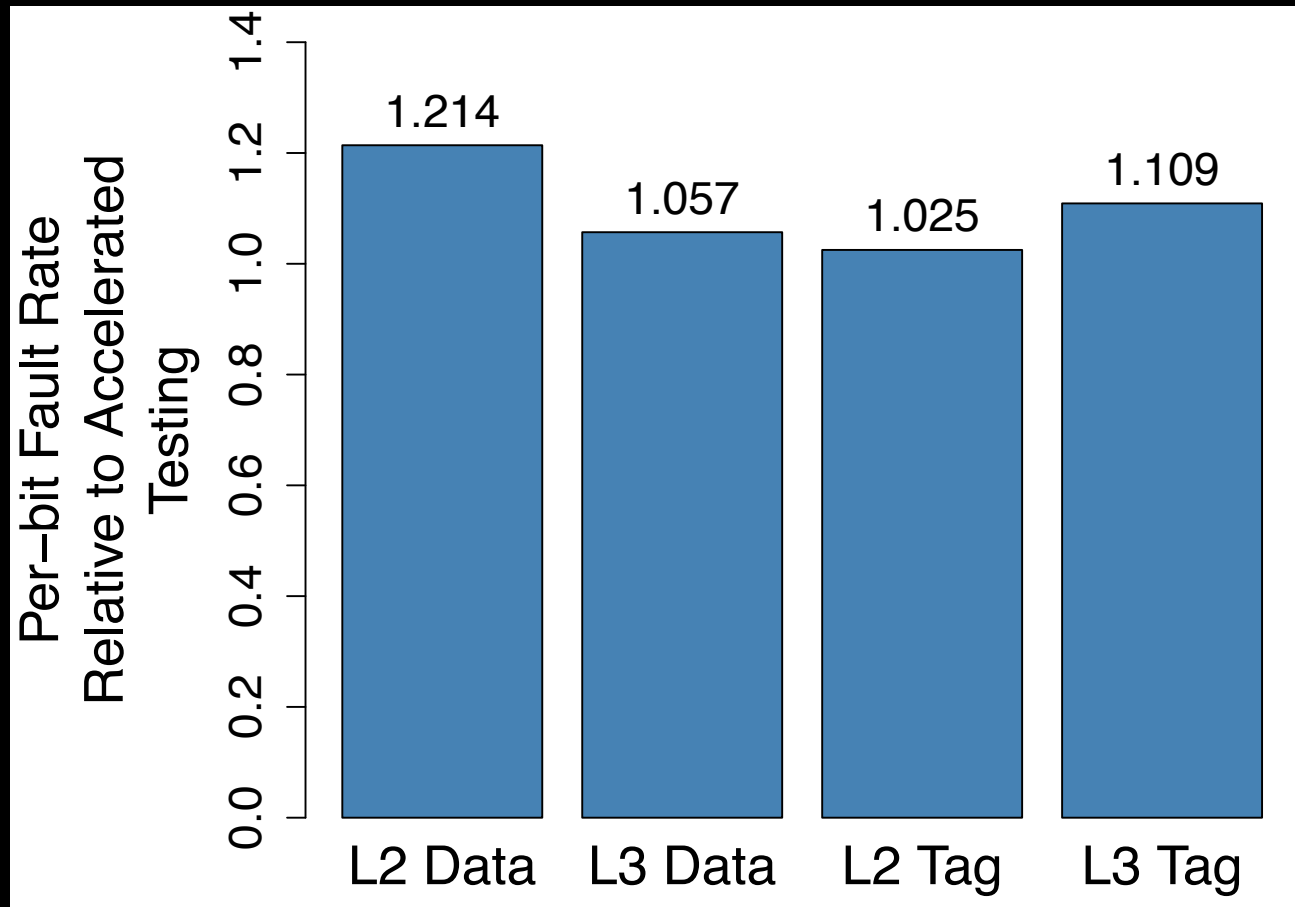
moonlightM2090: Varying Performance States Between GPUs on the Same Node



Neutron Beam Testing is Good

Approximation for Field Experiences

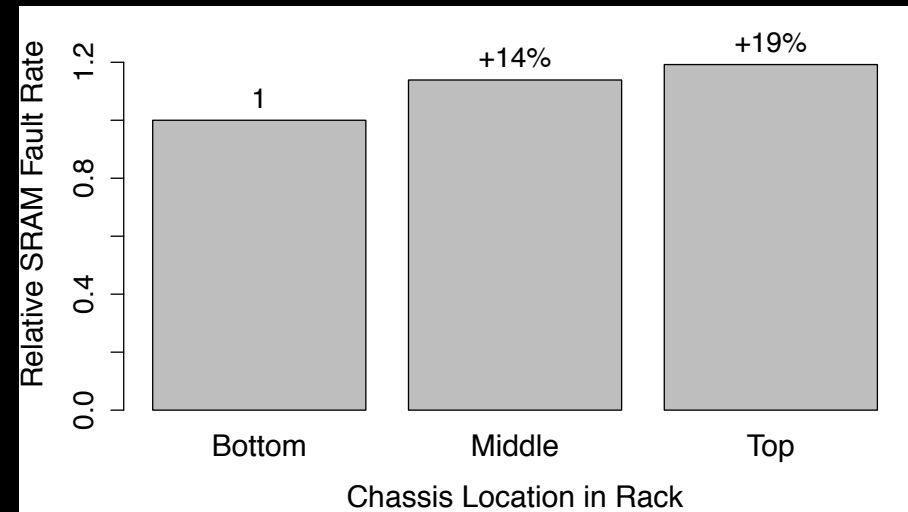
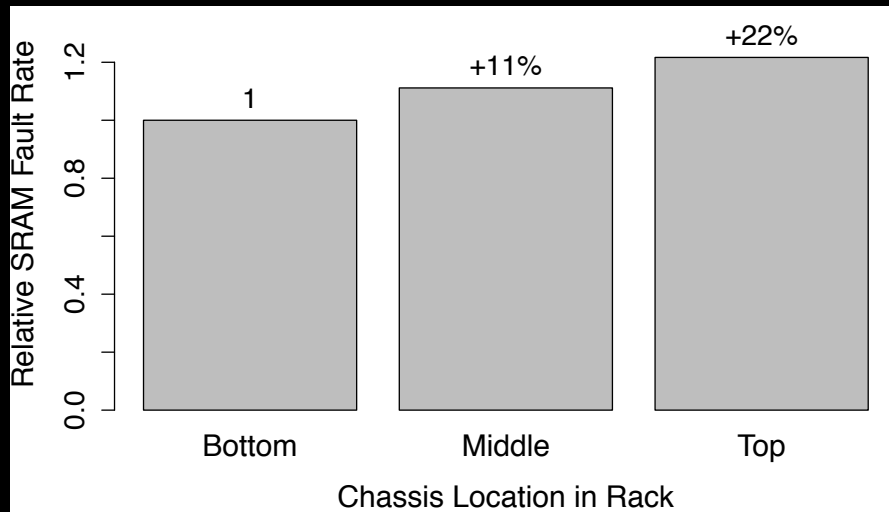
- Working with AMD we find that years of field data from supercomputers lines up reasonable well with neutron beam experiments



Memory Errors in Modern Systems: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly,
Vilas Sridharan, et. al., ASPLOS 2015

More Faults Higher in the Rack

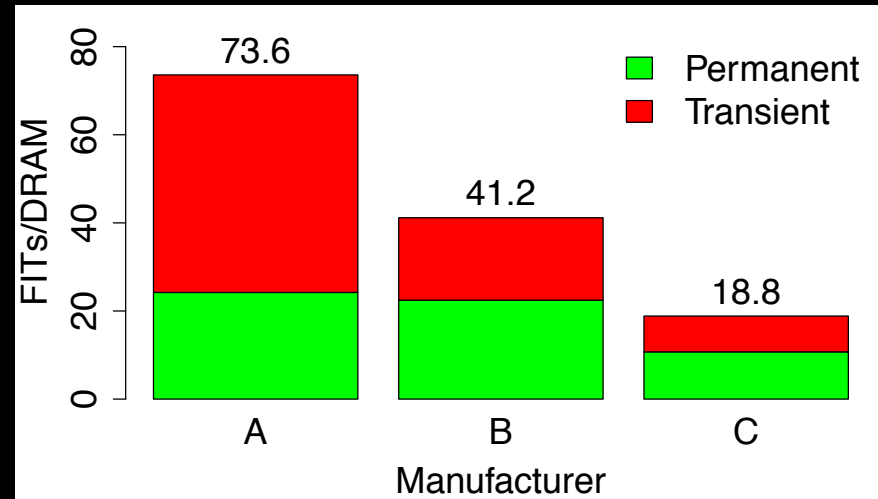
- ~10% increase in SRAM fault rates at each chassis level
- Temperature?
- Cosmic radiation shielding?



Feng Shui of Supercomputer Memory, Vilas Sridharan, et. al., SC 2013

Not all DRAM Vendors are Created Equal

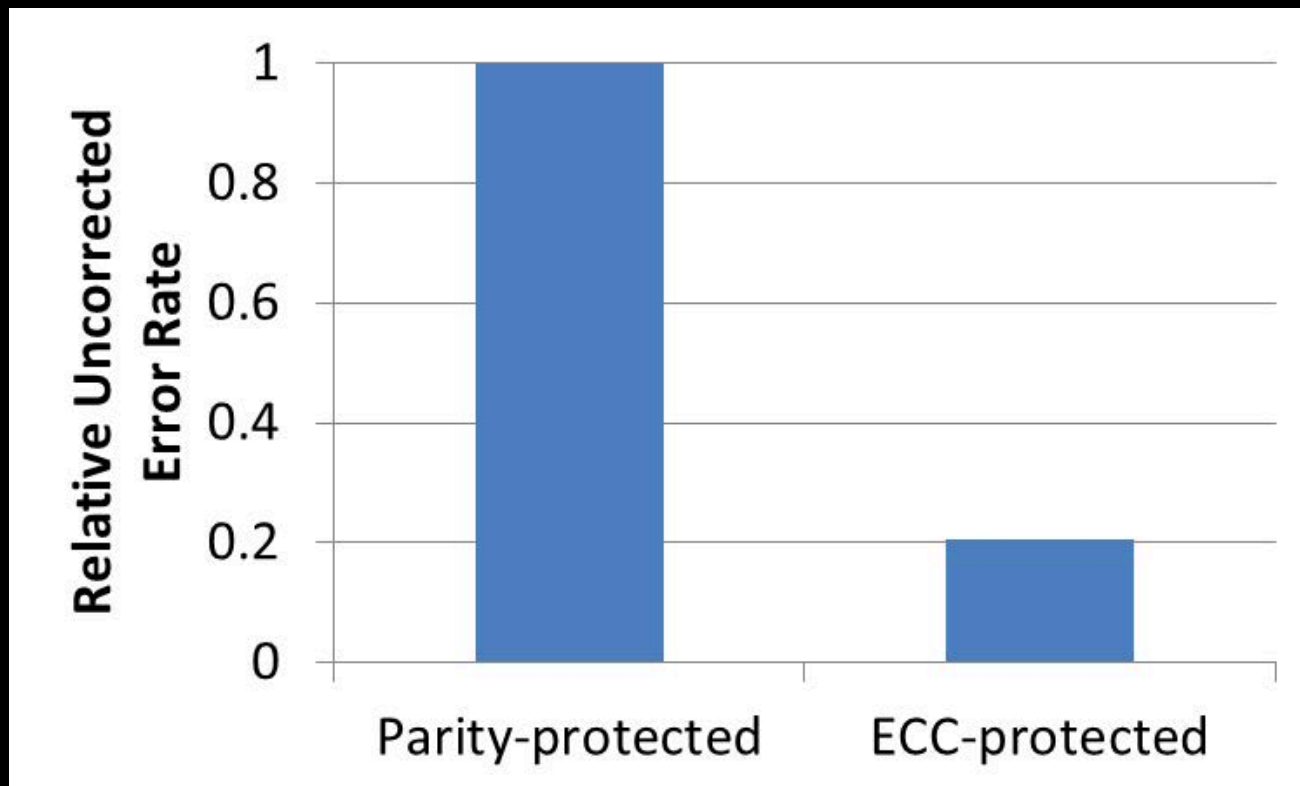
- Must study your DRAM by vendor, not just faults alone
- All 3 vendors about the same wrt permanent errors
- Vendor A has transient error problems



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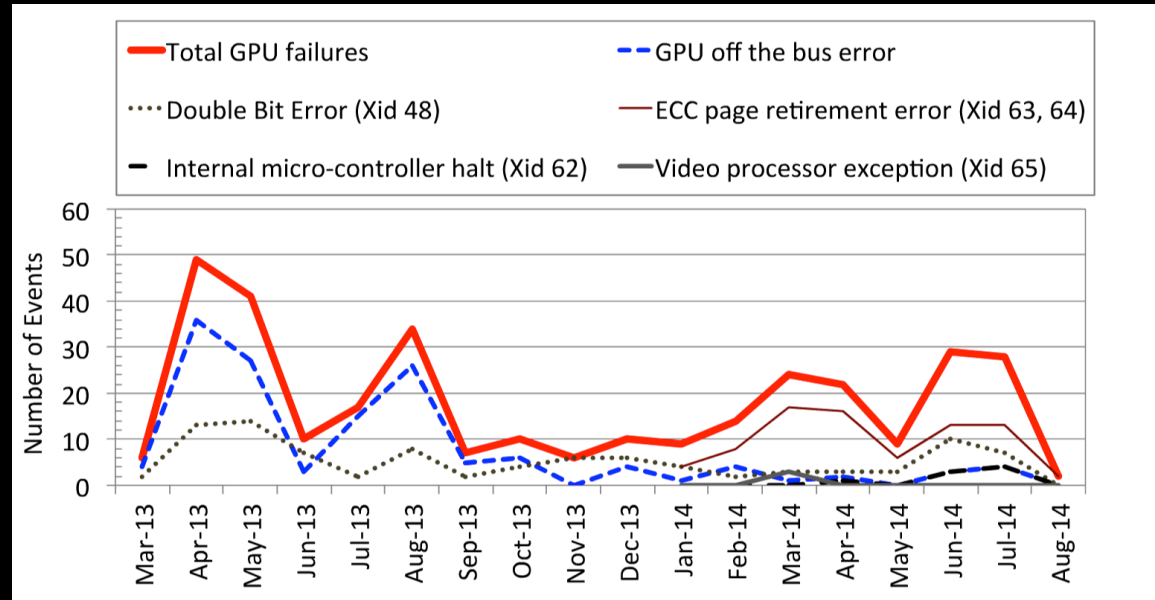
SRAM Uncorrected Error Rates

- Studying the rates of ECC protected ECC compared to parity-protected can provide insights on required error protection levels



GPU Failure Rates on Titan

- ~1 GPU failure per day on Titan
- Better than previous generation but not good enough for exascale
- DOE needs 1 failure / day across the *SYSTEM* not 1 component



Understanding GPU Errors on Large-scale HPC Systems and the Implications for System Design and Operations, Devesh Tiwari, et. al., HPCA 2015

Conclusions

- Data is valuable
- We work *very* closely with hardware vendors and supercomputer integrators to:
 - Understand how the systems are behaving
 - Work to improve current systems through configuration
 - Work to improve next generation systems through insights from trends
- Working with us is hard, but we would welcome more collaboration
- Strongly encourage more open groups to share their data openly