



The 2019 T-shirt contains a number of LBNL-related symbols: the cosmic microwave background map of the universe showing the remnant heat of the Big Bang (representing cosmology); DNA (representing biosciences); graphene (representing the molecular foundry), the ALS beamline map; the Earth and Environmental Sciences globe; various local namesake transuranic elements created at the lab, and a Runaround participant.

The T-shirt also contains numerous references to “The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy”, a five-book comedy science fiction series written around 1980 by Douglas Adams. It has been translated into 30 different languages and adopted to a TV series and a movie. The story centers around earthman Arthur Dent and his adventures around the universe with a number of alien beings. The mantra “don’t panic” is used when things look insanely complicated. In his travels, Arthur comes to learn that the Earth was actually a giant supercomputer built by hyperintelligent, pan-dimensional beings to understand why the answer to the “Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything” was “42”.