

# Cracking open the network 'black-box'

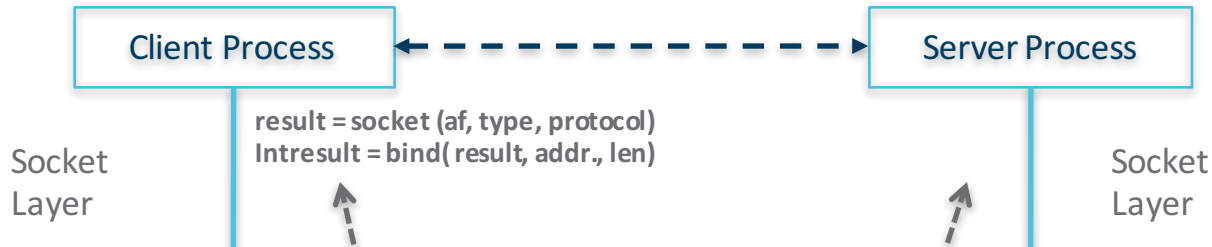
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# Socket Interface: Most successful data plane abstraction

## Forces the network to be a black box to applications



- Gives file system like abstraction to the capabilities of the network
- Hides the complexity of the network and its operation



Complexity:  
7000+ IETF RFCs  
ITU-T  
IEEE  
GSM  
Others...

# High-performance science network user facility

## Optimized for enabling big-data science

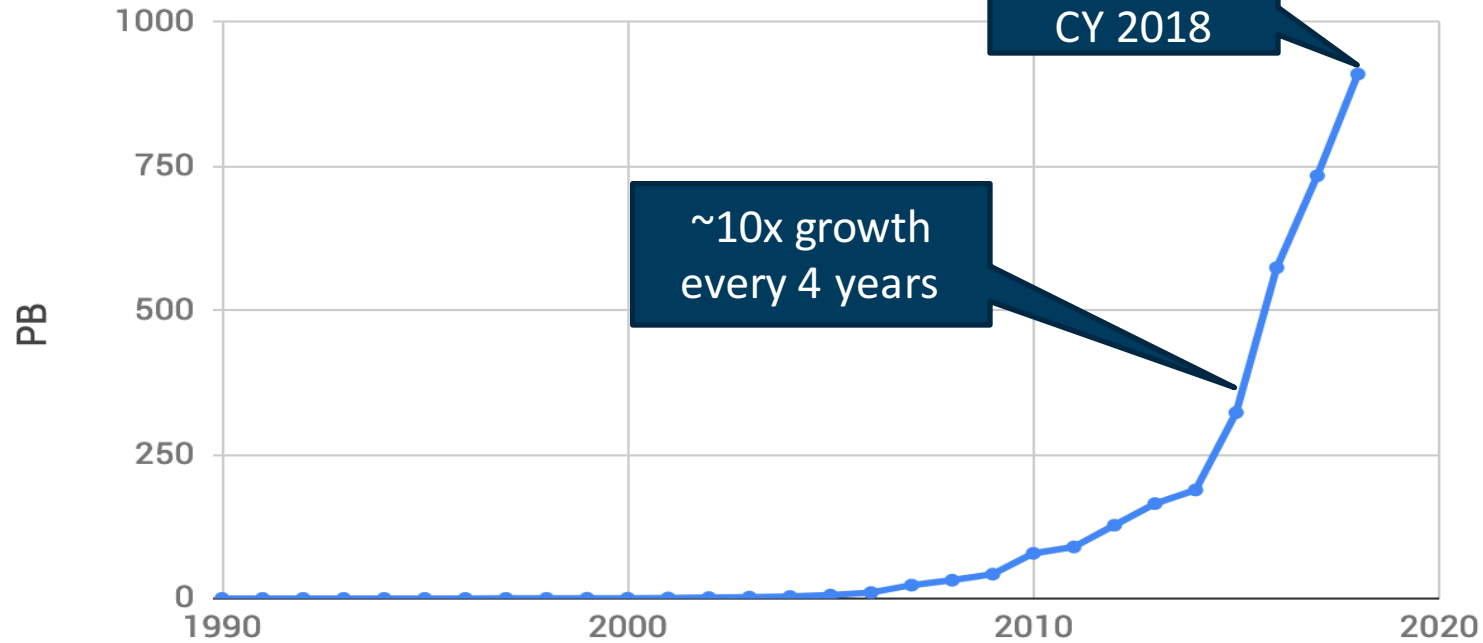


Provides connectivity to all of the DOE labs,  
experiment sites, & user facilities (> 34417 users)



# An ~exabyte scale network today

## Data Moved (in PB) vs. Year



exponential traffic growth over past 28 years  
*measures ingress or egress only, not traffic per link*




# New instruments, more data: NCEM 4D-Stem

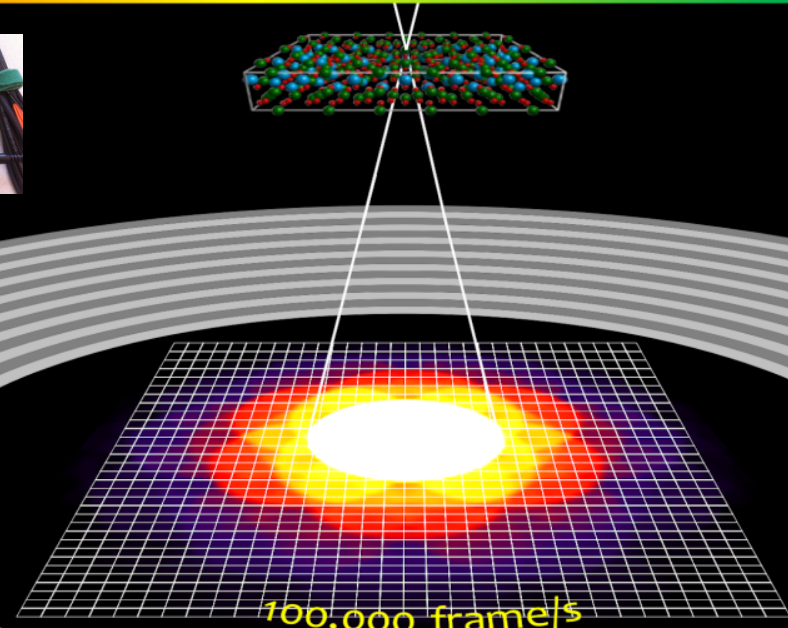
MOLECULAR  
FOUNDRY 



400 –  
1 Tb/s



100,000 frames/s  
Pixilated Detector



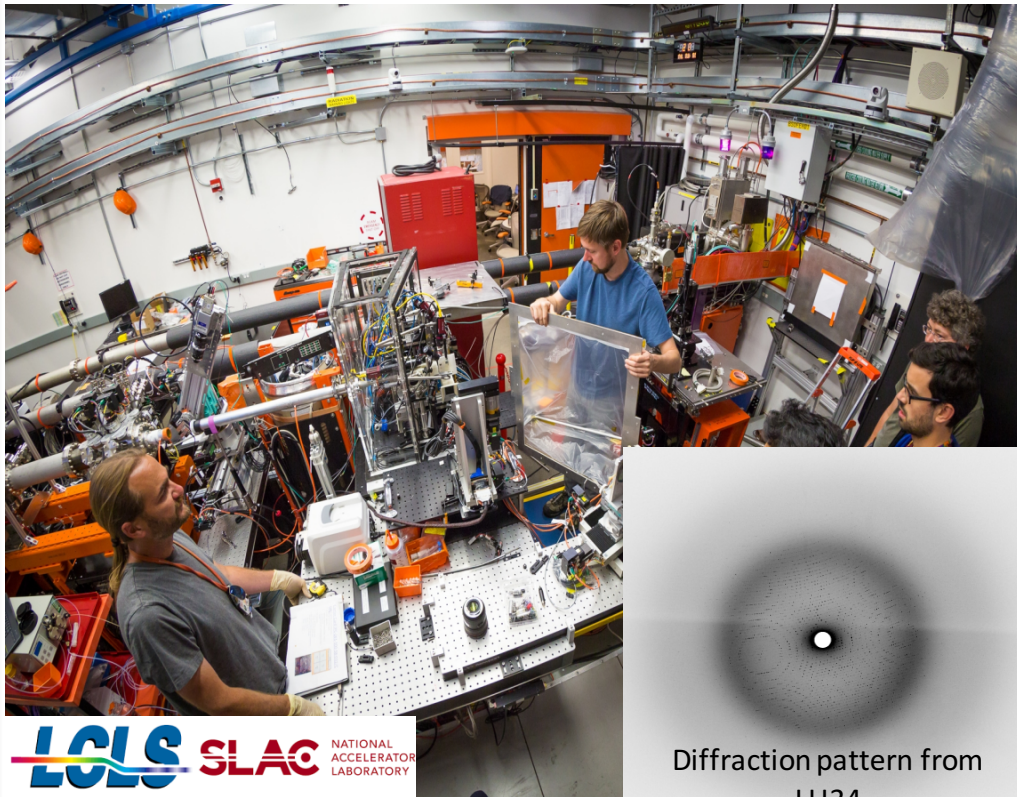
The central diagram features a large, multi-layered circular structure with concentric rings. In the center is a grid-based detector showing a bright, circular spot with a color gradient from white to purple. Two white lines converge at the top of the grid, pointing to a small rectangular tray filled with colorful spheres (red, green, blue, yellow) representing a sample.

Segmented HAADF Detector



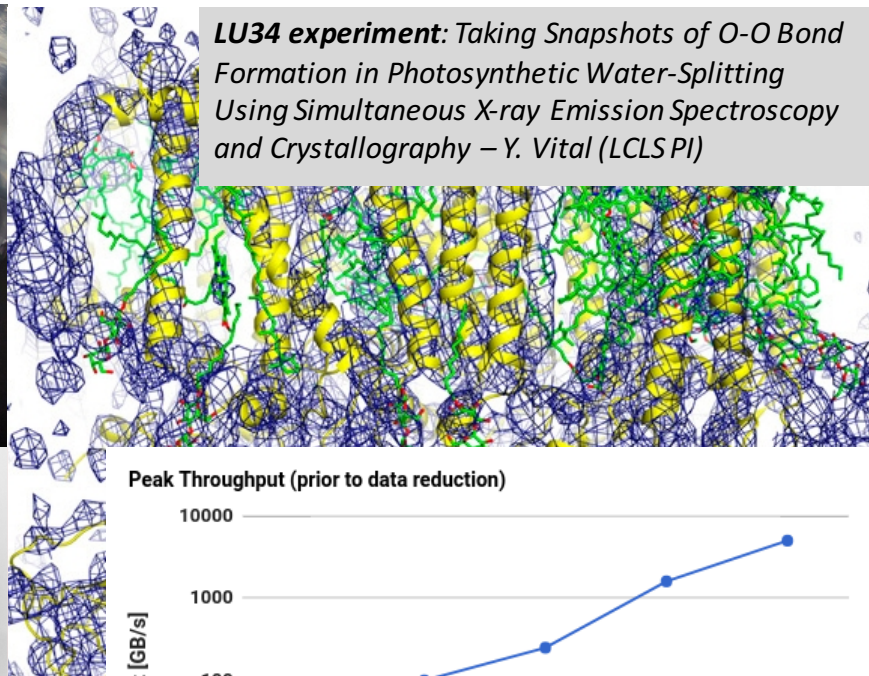
The image shows a curved wall display with several panels. The leftmost panel has the 'CoriSyn' logo. The middle panels show a person's face and several circular heatmaps with red and blue spots. The rightmost panel has the text 'N6 RSC'.

# New instruments, more data : LCLS-II



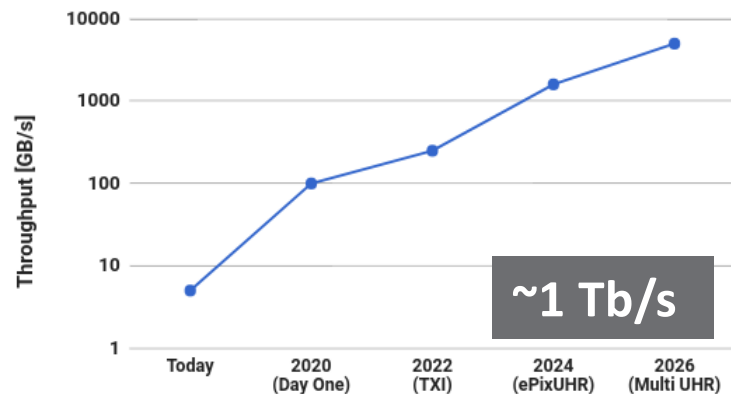
**LCLS SLAC** NATIONAL ACCELERATOR LABORATORY

Diffraction pattern from LU34



*LU34 experiment: Taking Snapshots of O-O Bond Formation in Photosynthetic Water-Splitting Using Simultaneous X-ray Emission Spectroscopy and Crystallography – Y. Vital (LCLS PI)*

Peak Throughput (prior to data reduction)



**~1 Tb/s**

# Science DMZ architecture [ESnet] has been impactful around the world and adopted by {Pacific, National, Asia} Research platforms

Petascale DTN Project

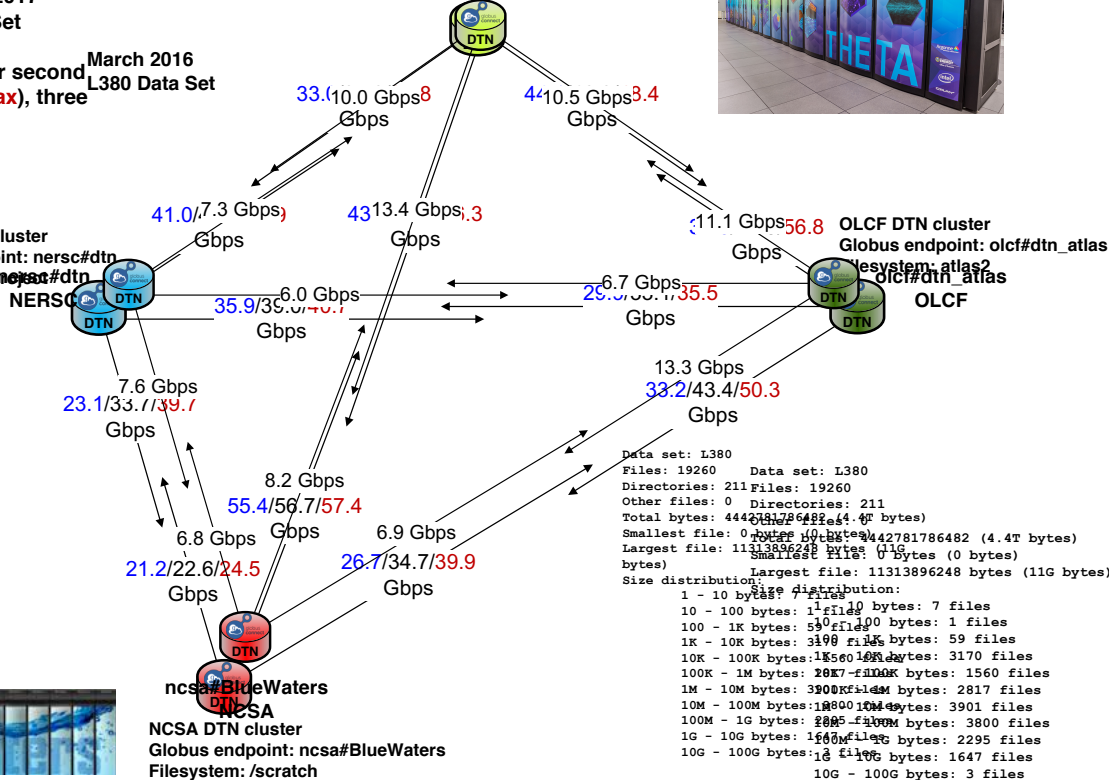
November 2017  
L380 Data Set

March 2016  
Gigabits per second (min/avg/max), three transfers

NERSC DTN cluster  
Globus endpoint: nersc#dtm  
Filesystem: /nrsn#dtm



ALCF DTN cluster  
Globus endpoint: alcfdtn\_mira  
Filesystem: /projects



Data courtesy of Eli Dart

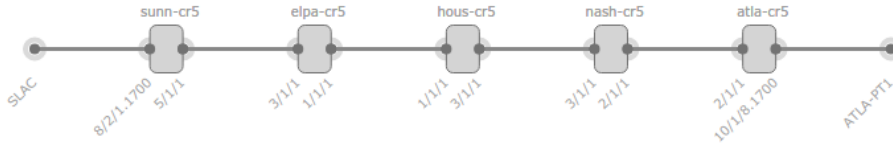




# Data movement software keeps on improving: from 1 PB/week to 1 PB/day (approx.)

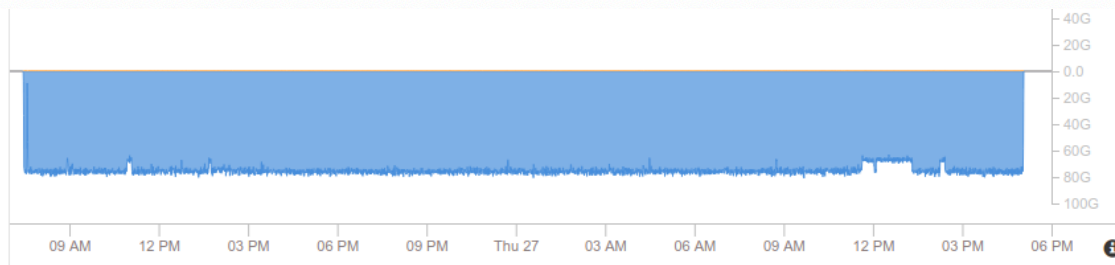
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SLAC latency loop - 1 of 2 - OVERRIDE - VLAN 1700



## ESnet's Network, Software Help SLAC Researchers in Record-Setting Transfer of 1 Petabyte of Data

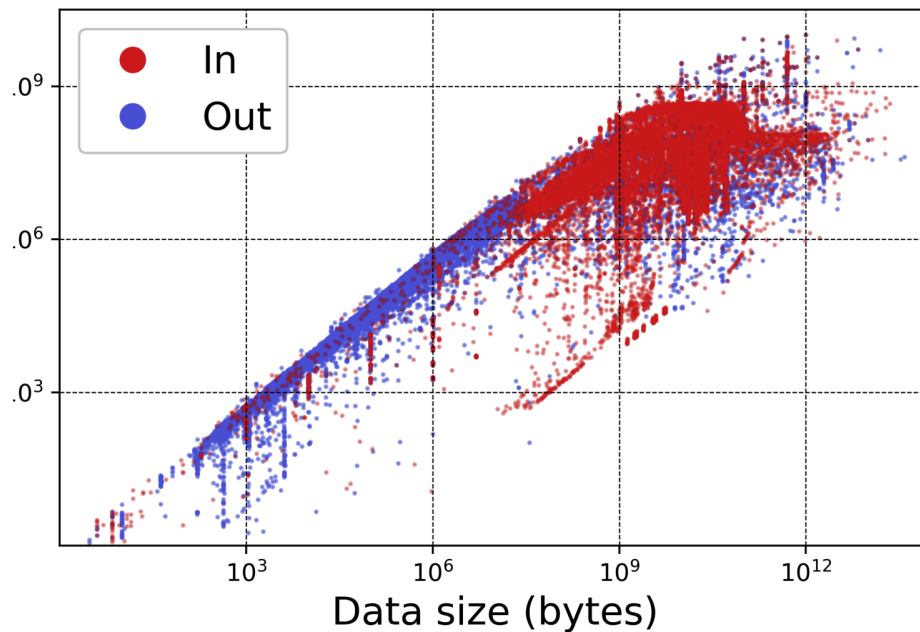
Using a 5,000-mile network loop operated by ESnet, researchers at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory (SLAC) and Zettar Inc. (Zettar) recently transferred 1 petabyte in 29 hours, with encryption and checksumming, beating last year's record by 5 hours, almost a 15 percent improvement.



But, from an application perspective, what happens when your network data transfer fails?



# Even well tuned infrastructure does not get consistent service



Nine orders of  
variability

(d) Petrel

Chard K, Dart E, Foster I, Shifflett D, Tuecke S, Williams J. (2018) The Modern Research Data Portal: a design pattern for networked, data-intensive science. *PeerJ Computer Science*4:e144 <https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj-cs.144>

# How to 'crack open the network black box' without destroying the power of the abstraction?

1. High-precision telemetry
2. Scalable analytics infrastructure
3. Model-based approach to request network services
4. Network prediction using machine learning techniques



# 1. High-precision telemetry: deep insight into flows



Jupiter with the naked eye



Jupiter Close Up

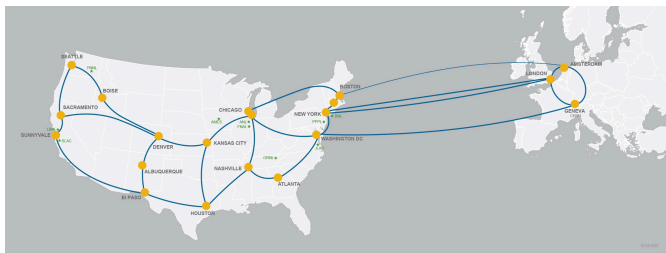
## Per flow, high-precision telemetry

- Per packet-metadata tracking (e.g. timestamp, ingress location, etc)
- 10 ns precision in timing

Use high-fidelity data to get better insights and analytics:

- Packet Microbursts
- Path deviations ( RTT and Delay )
- Security / anomaly detection
- Head of Queue Blocking
- Many others...

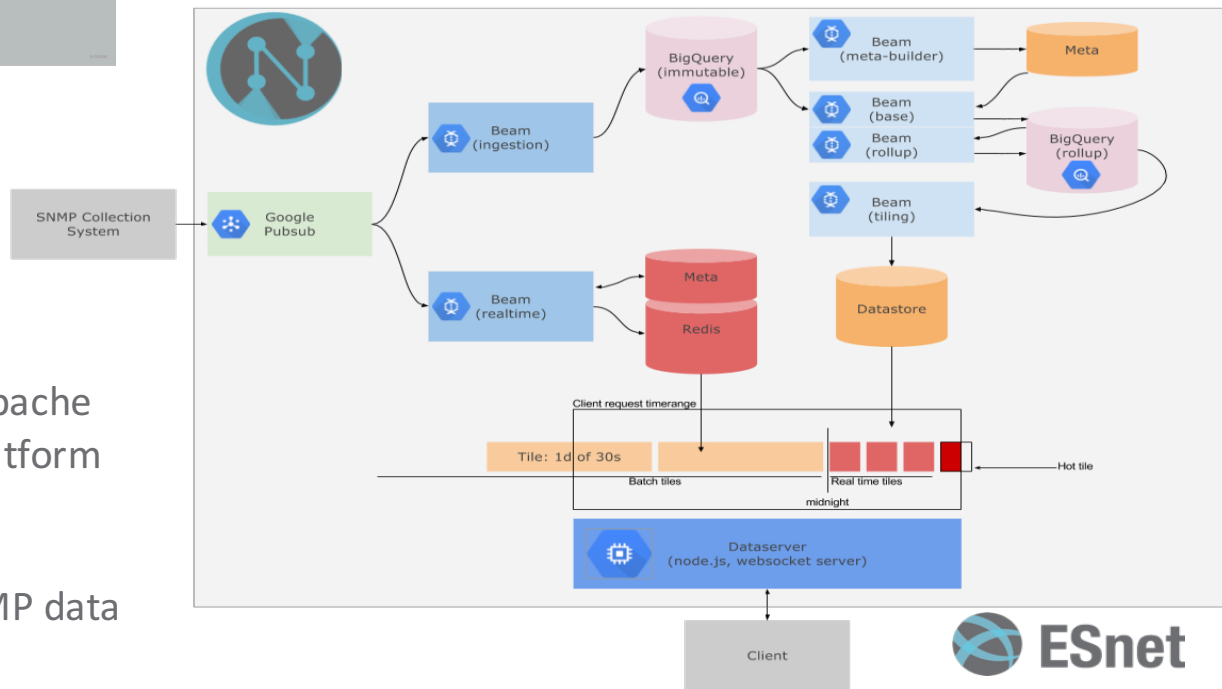
## 2. Scalable analytics infrastructure



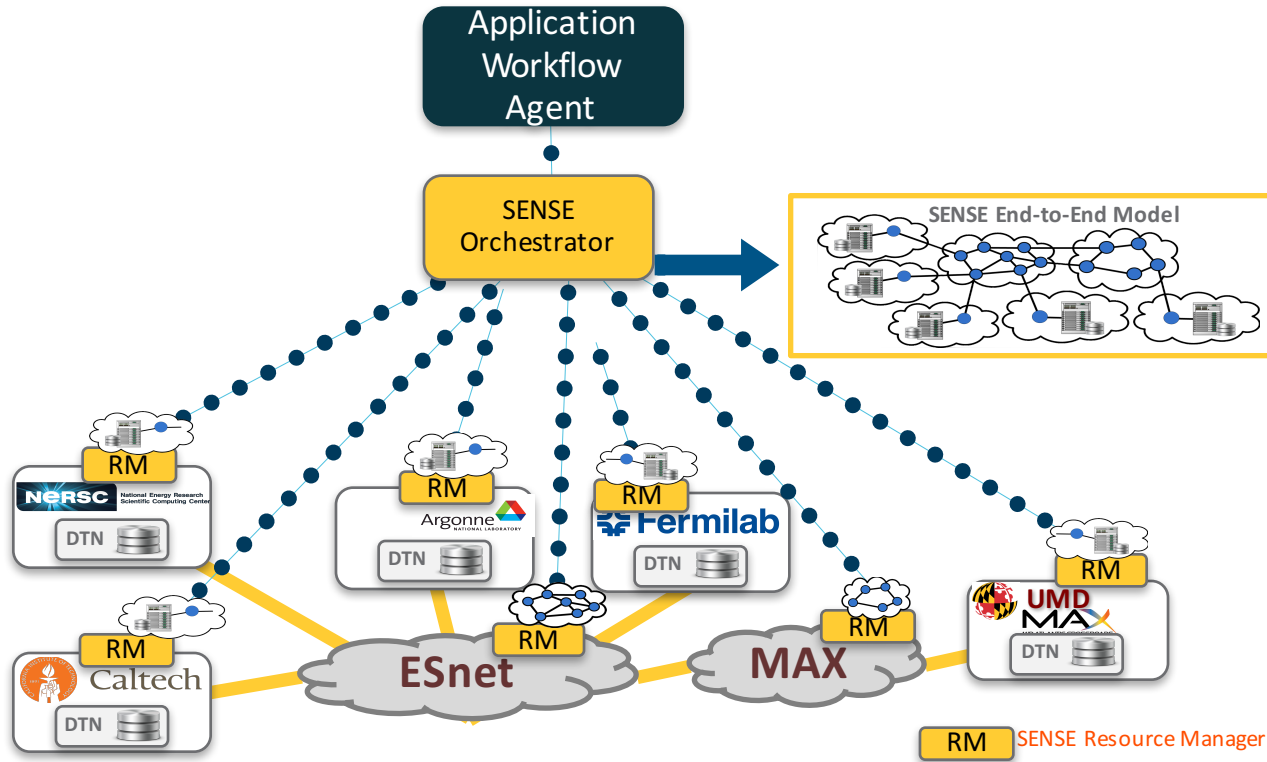
Streams telemetry

On-demand analytics infrastructure

- Real-time telemetry from the network
- **netbeam** platform: Using Apache BEAM and Google Cloud Platform
- Both Batch and Stream processing in parallel
- In production for ESnet SNMP data



### 3. Model based approach to request network services

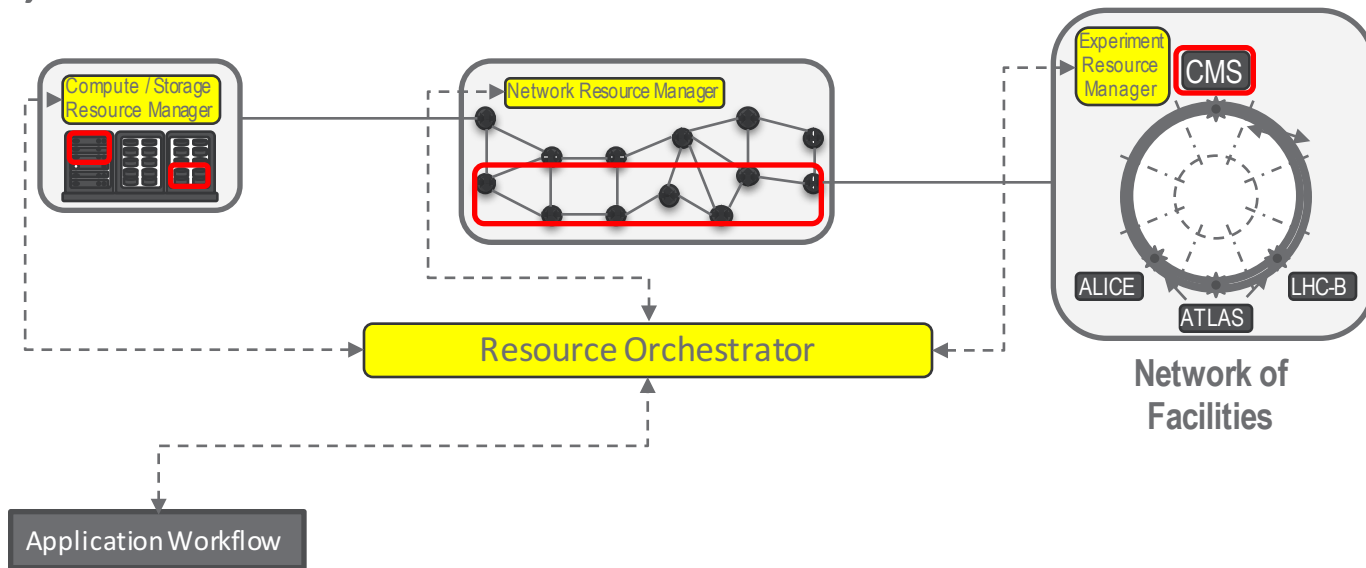


Multi-resource models abstracts the network specifics away and allows for higher-level service request

*SENSE project is a research project funded by ASCR, DOE, US*

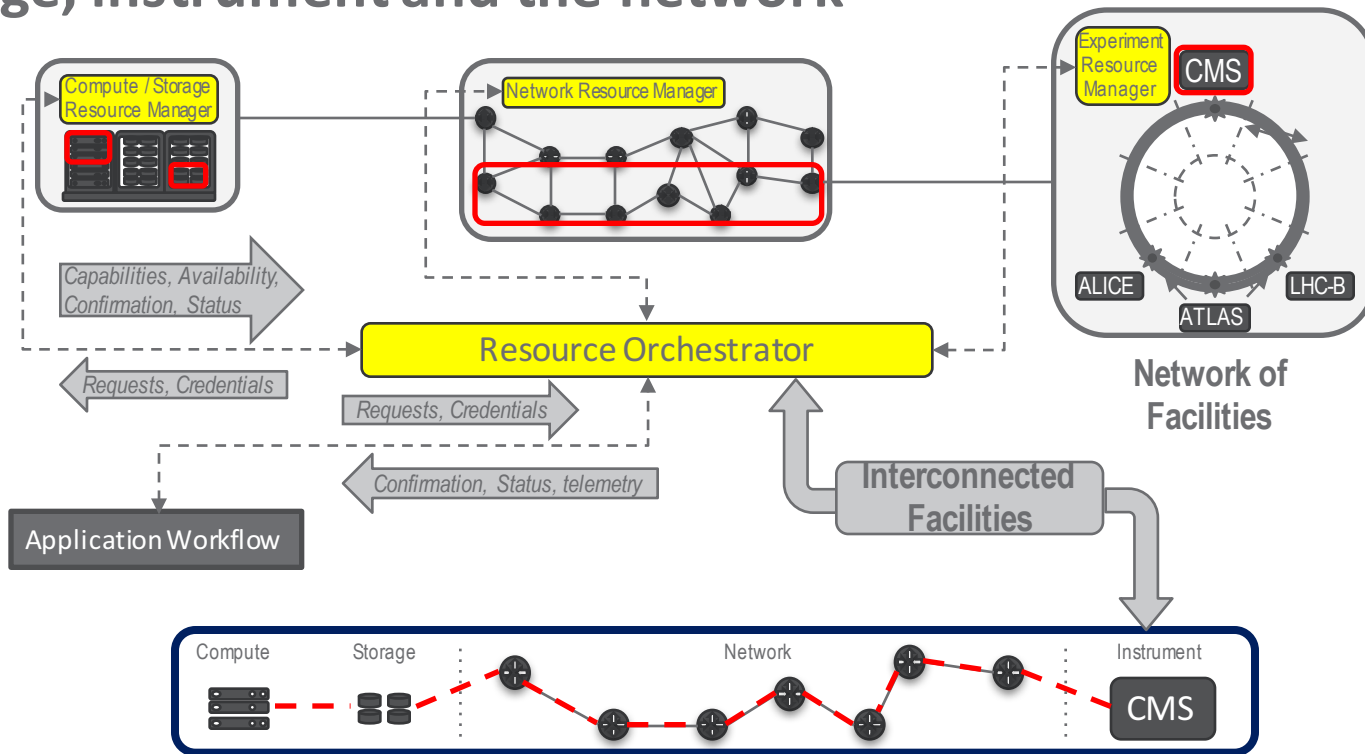
*Realtime system based on Resource Manager developed infrastructure and service models*

### 3. Enables an end-to-end service model that includes compute, storage, instrument and the network



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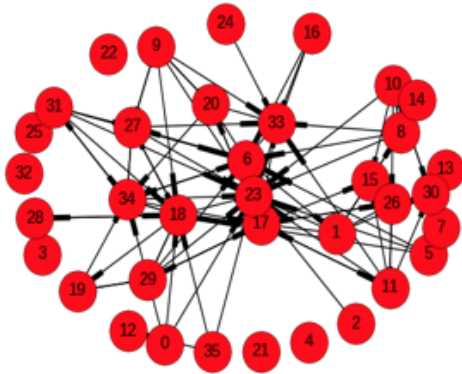
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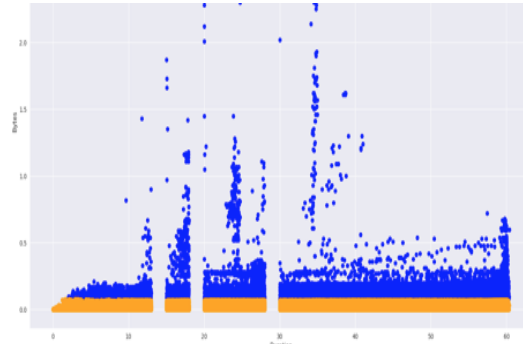
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# 4. Network prediction using Machine Learning techniques

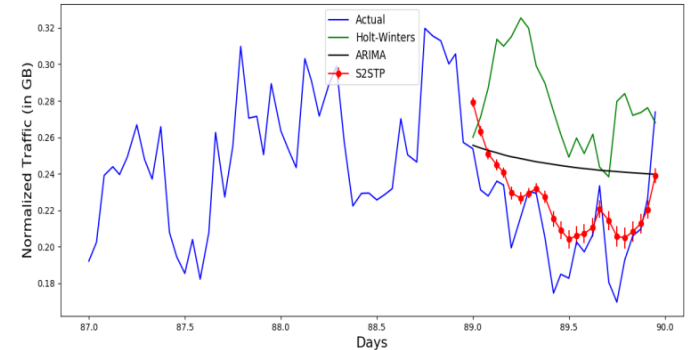
*Understanding which sites are busiest at different times*



*High-Speed classifying of big and small flows to redirect packet routes*



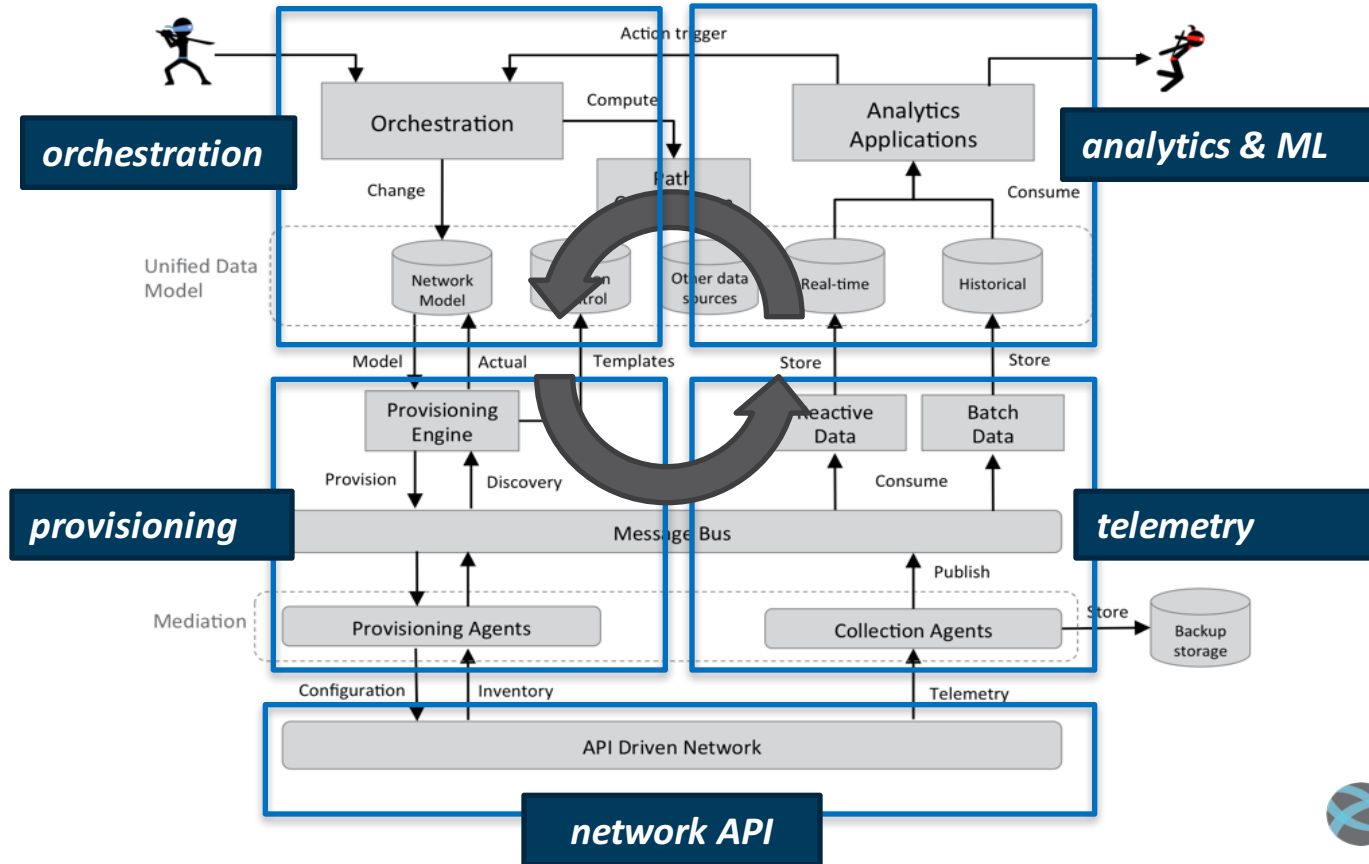
*Prevent congestion and links failures by anticipating traffic 24 hours in advance*



Network traffic prediction will help us bring route and engineer flows appropriately and on-the-fly

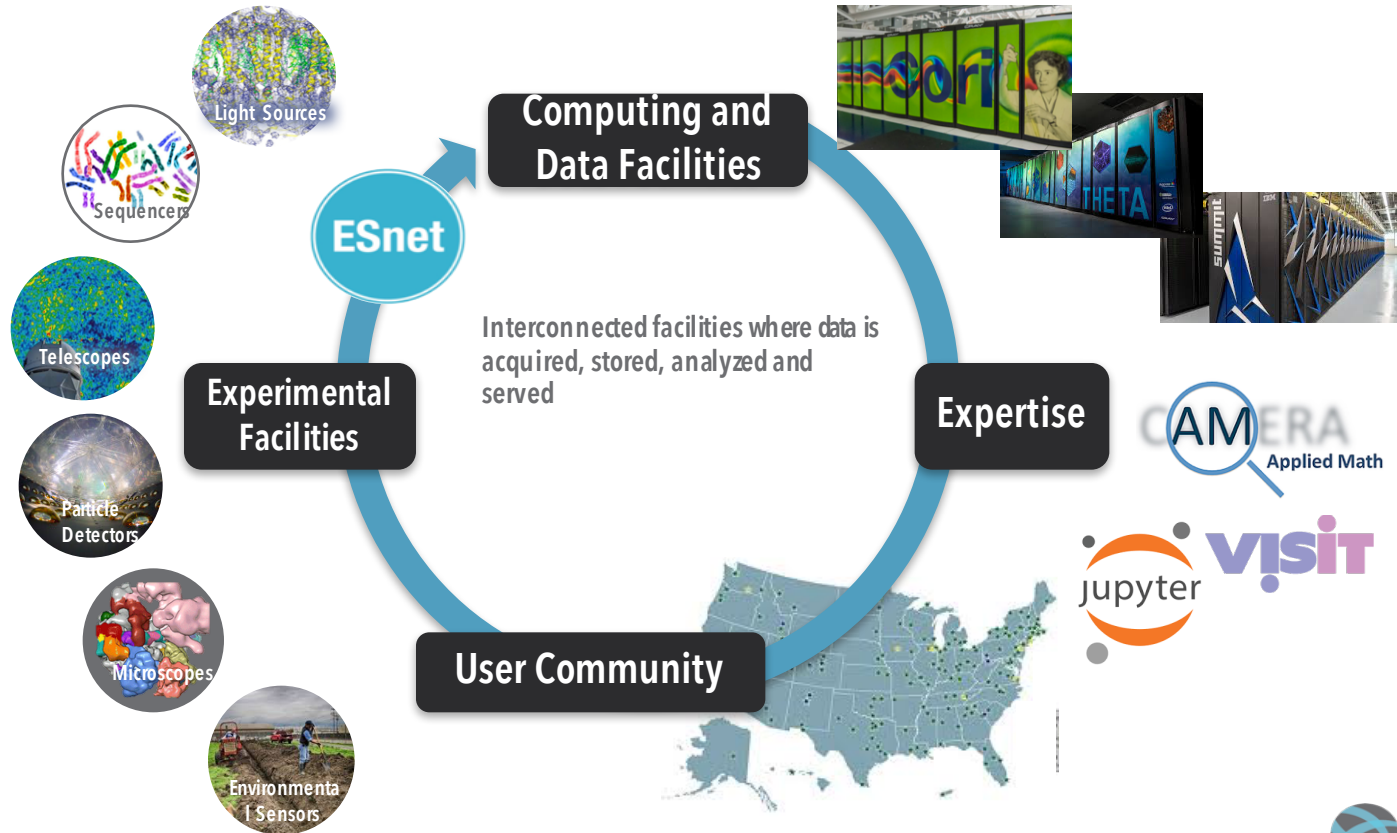
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# ESnet's next-generation (ESnet6) software architecture



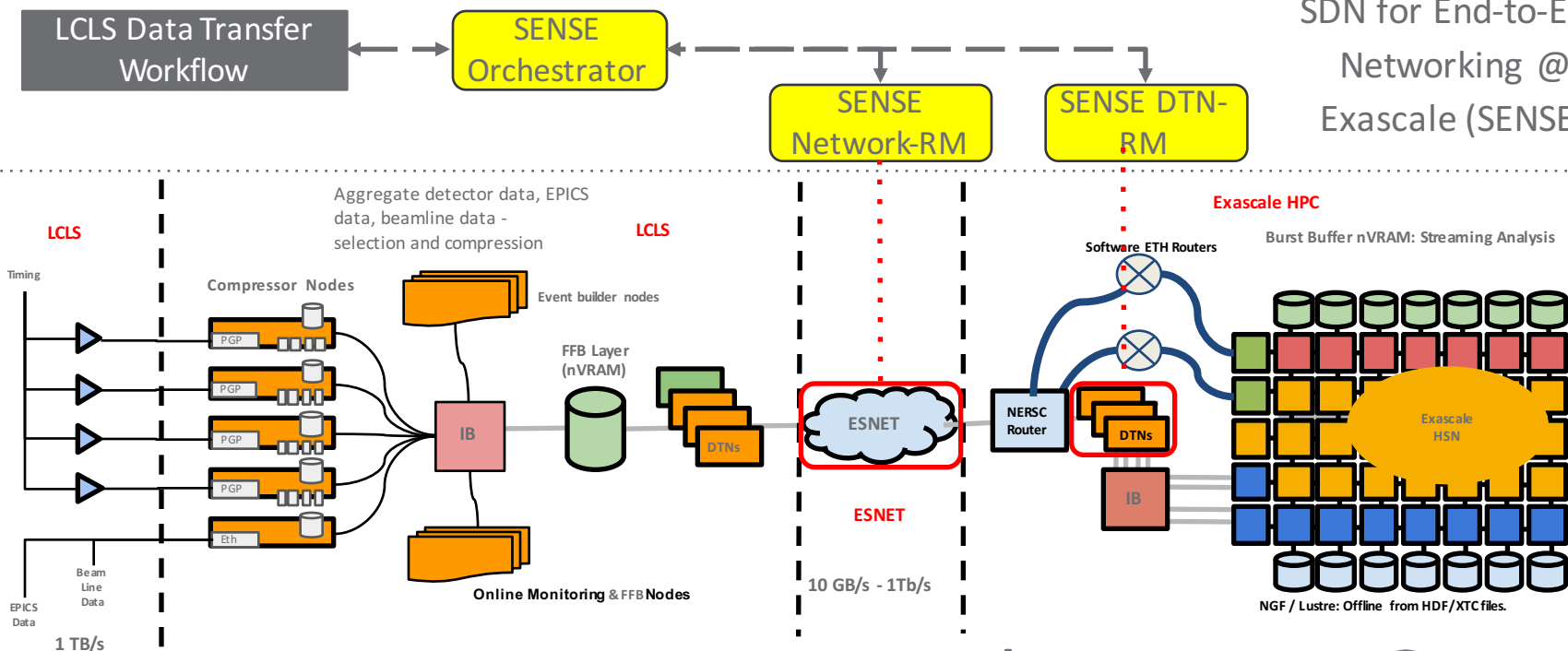


# Superfacility model for productive, reproducible science



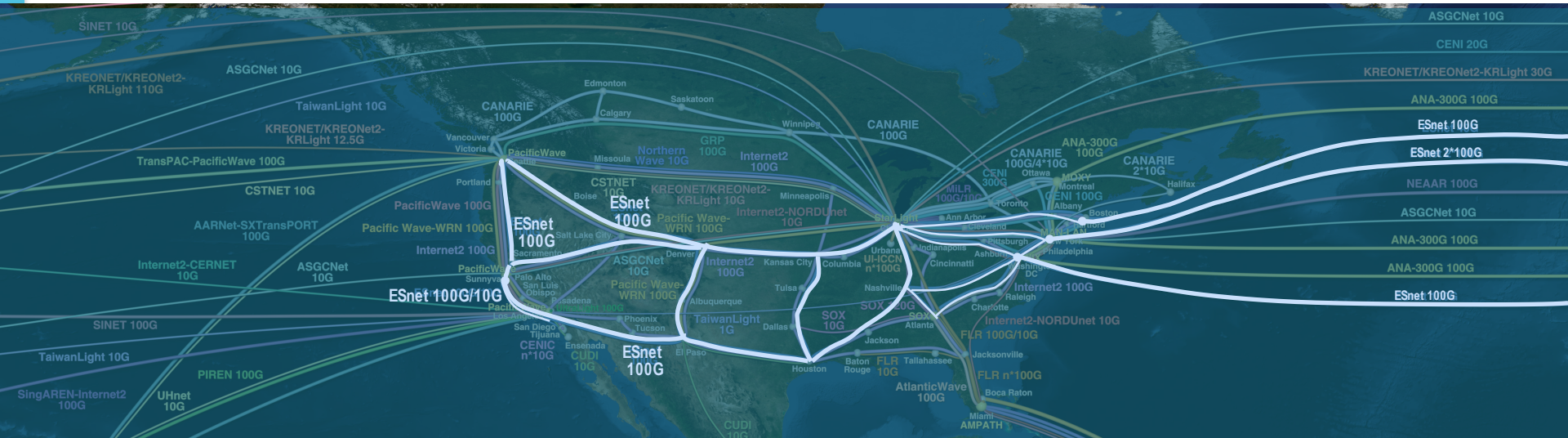
# ExaFEL: A science example of the Superfacility model

SDN for End-to-End  
Networking @  
Exascale (SENSE)



ExaFEL Data Flow

# The circulatory system for DOE collaborative science



- **Networking tailored to meeting science demands**
  - Bandwidth reservations, performance monitoring, Science “DMZ” model for the last mile,...
- An effective **network design and application interaction** is extremely important to meet the needs of next-generation of data science

**Thank you.**

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