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# DOE's Integrated Research Infrastructure

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# My goal for this presentation is to provide context for DOE's Integrated Research Infrastructure (IRI) effort

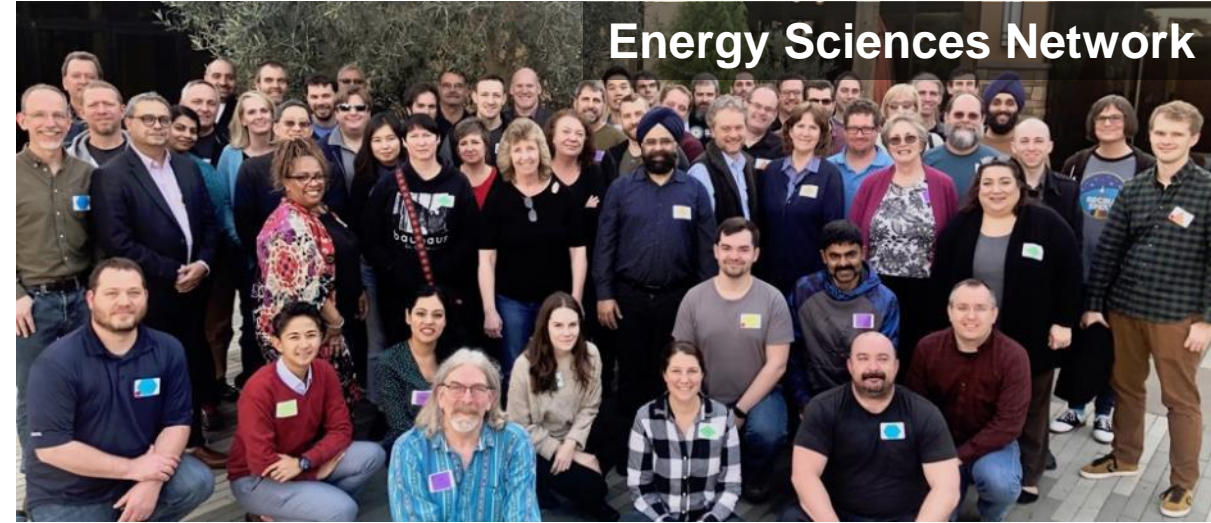
- The development of the IRI Vision
- The IRI Framework (developed through the 2022 IRI Blueprint Activity)
- 2023 Look ahead

ASCR looks forward to engaging with BERAC and BER in any way that would be helpful.

# The people of the ASCR Facilities: Providing high performance Research Computing, Data, and Networking for DOE and the Nation



Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility



Energy Sciences Network



National Energy Sciences Supercomputing Center

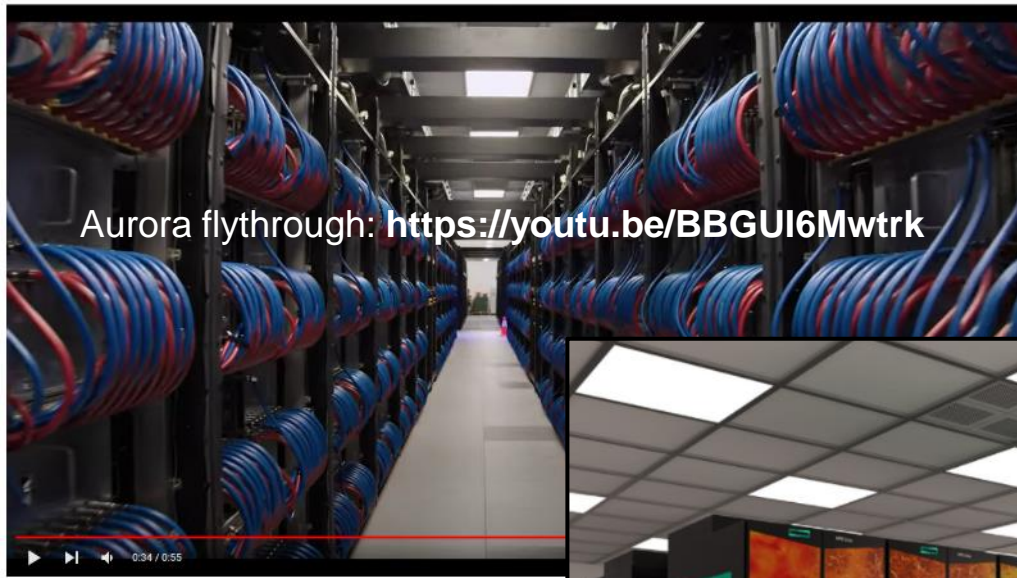


Argonne Leadership Computing Facility

# ASCR Facilities today:

Exascale systems!  
Perlmutter!  
ESnet6!

Aurora at ANL



Aurora flythrough: <https://youtu.be/BBGUI6Mwtrk>

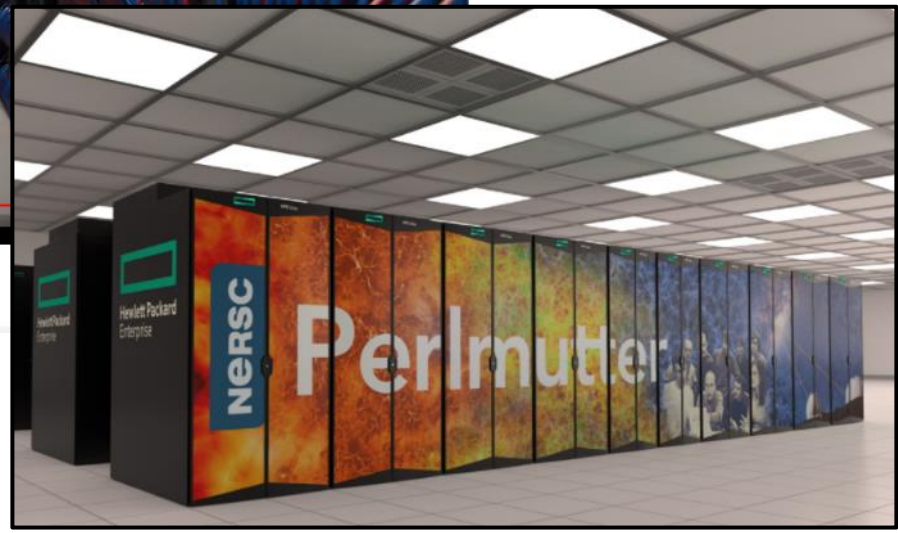
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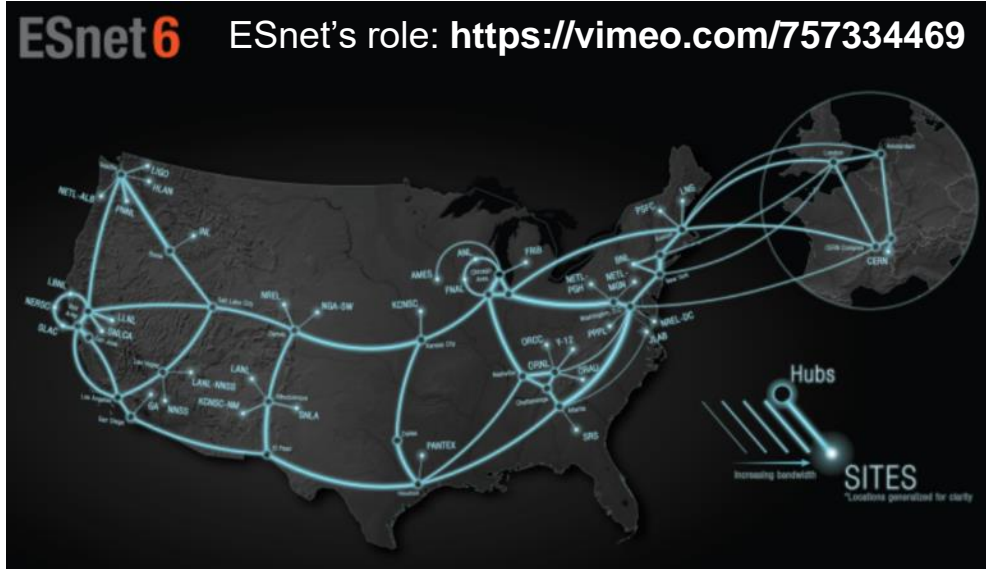
Power/cooling/space: <https://youtu.be/HmQjMEPhfDM>  
The promise of exascale: <https://vimeo.com/720503659>

Frontier at ORNL

Perlmutter at LBNL



ESnet6, managed by LBNL



DOE is positioned to lead the new era of **integrated science** within the US Government and the world.

Linking **distributed resources** is becoming paramount to modern collaborative science.

The challenges of our time call upon DOE and its national laboratories to be an open innovation ecosystem:

Accelerating discovery & innovation

Democratizing access

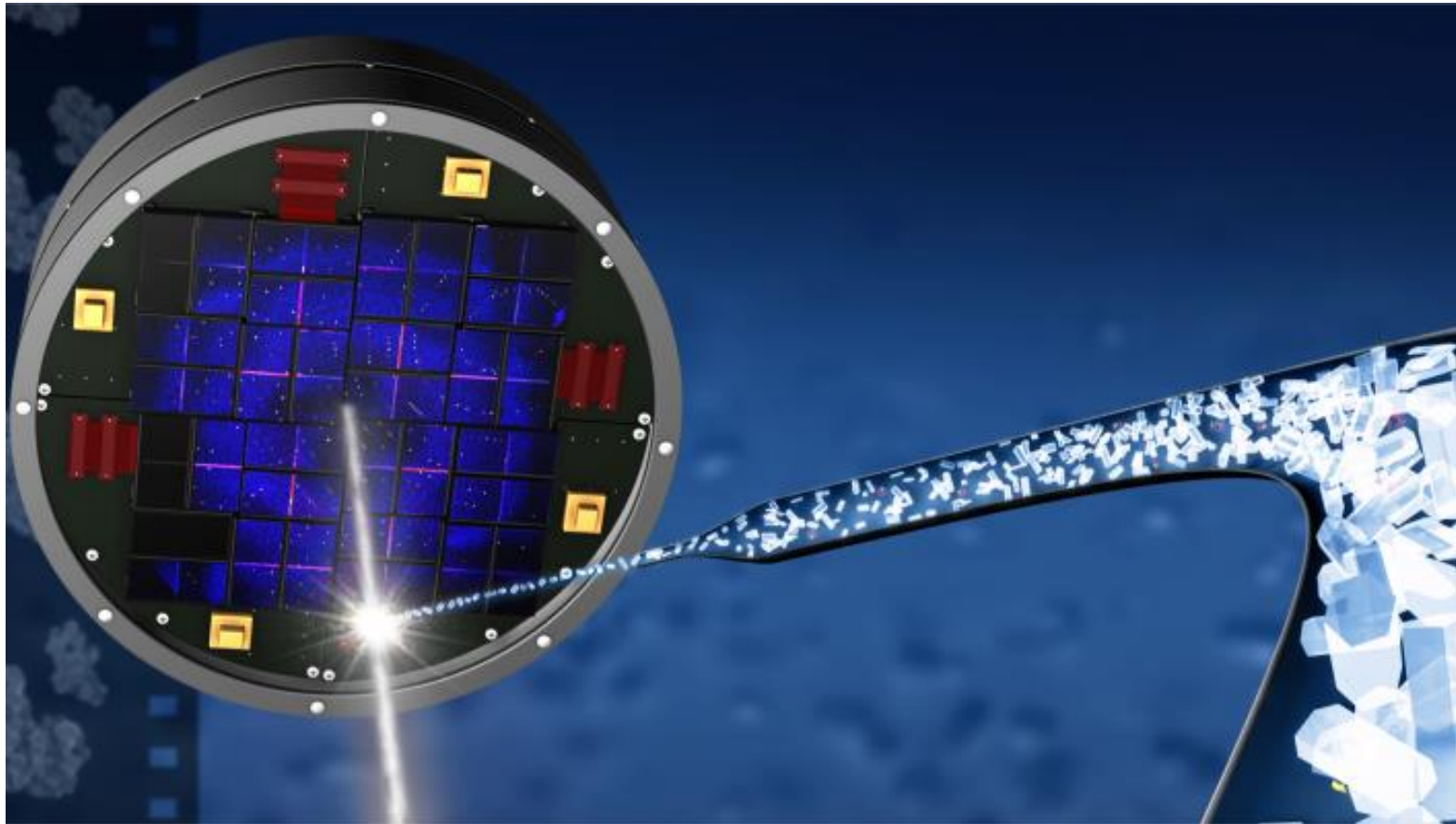
Drawing new talent

Advancing open science



# An IRI case: Pharmaceutical research for COVID vaccines

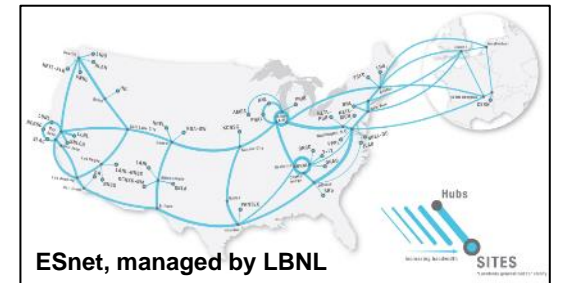
This artist's rendering depicts x-ray crystallography at SLAC's Linac Coherent Light Source. LCLS partnered with NERSC and ESnet to perform real-time image analysis for research of the SARS-CoV-2 virus structure.



Linac Coherent Light Source at SLAC



NERSC at LBNL

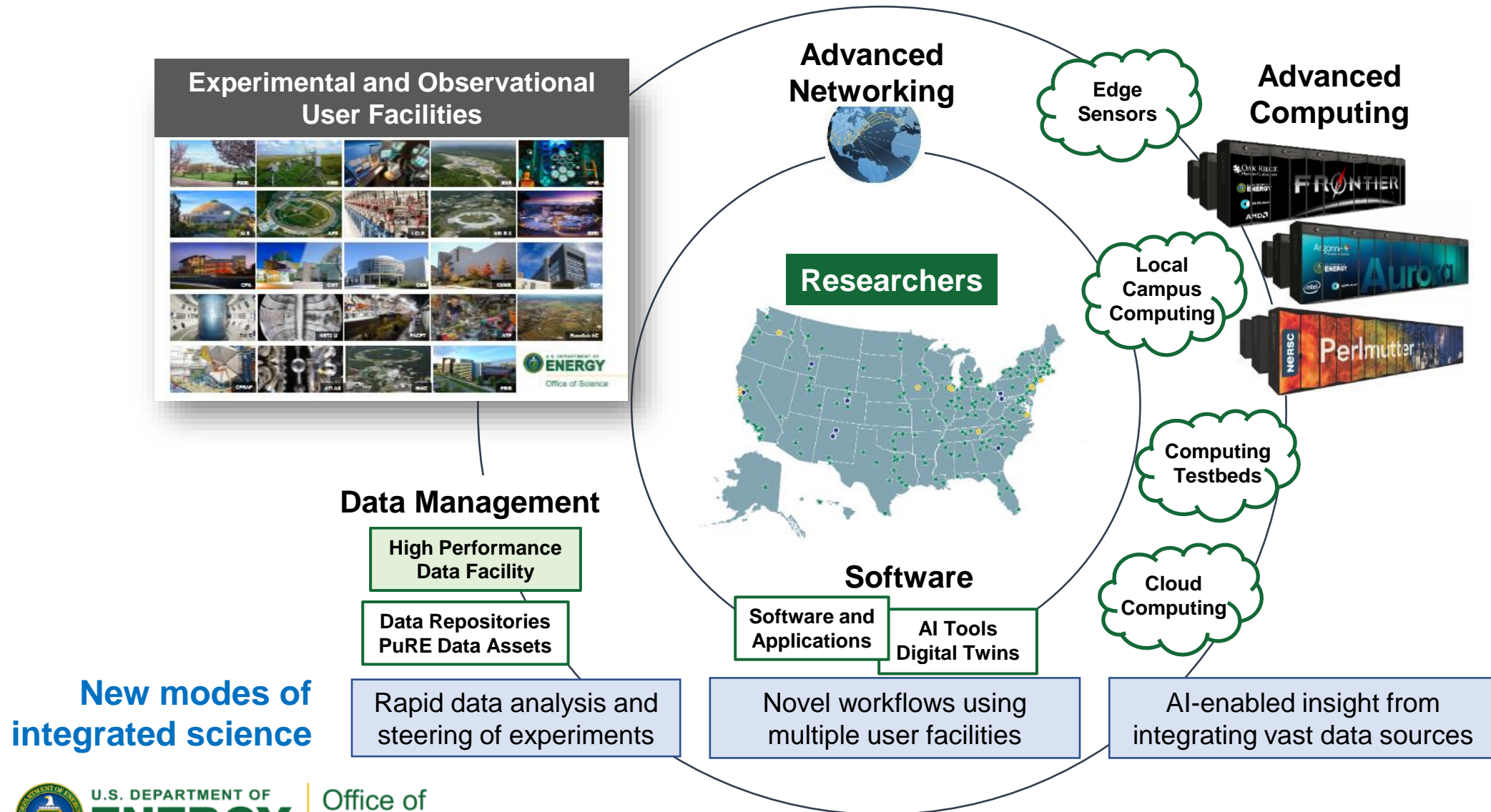


ESnet, managed by LBNL

SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

# DOE's Integrated Research Infrastructure (IRI) Vision:

*To empower researchers to meld DOE's world-class research tools, infrastructure, and user facilities seamlessly and securely in novel ways to radically accelerate discovery and innovation*



**BER is a longstanding leader  
in integrated science!**



**Technologist  
Perspective**

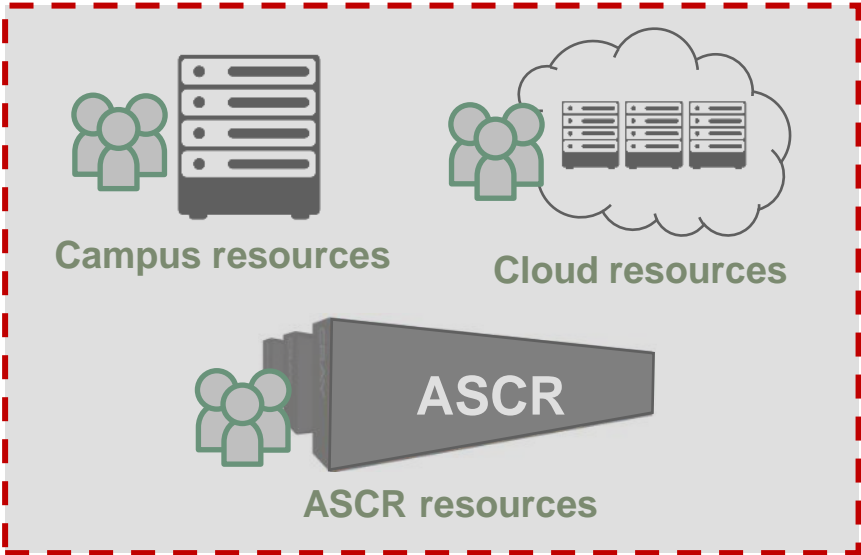
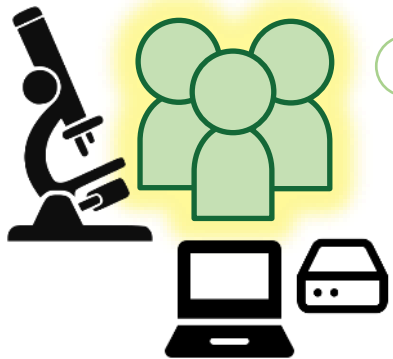
**Researcher  
Perspective**

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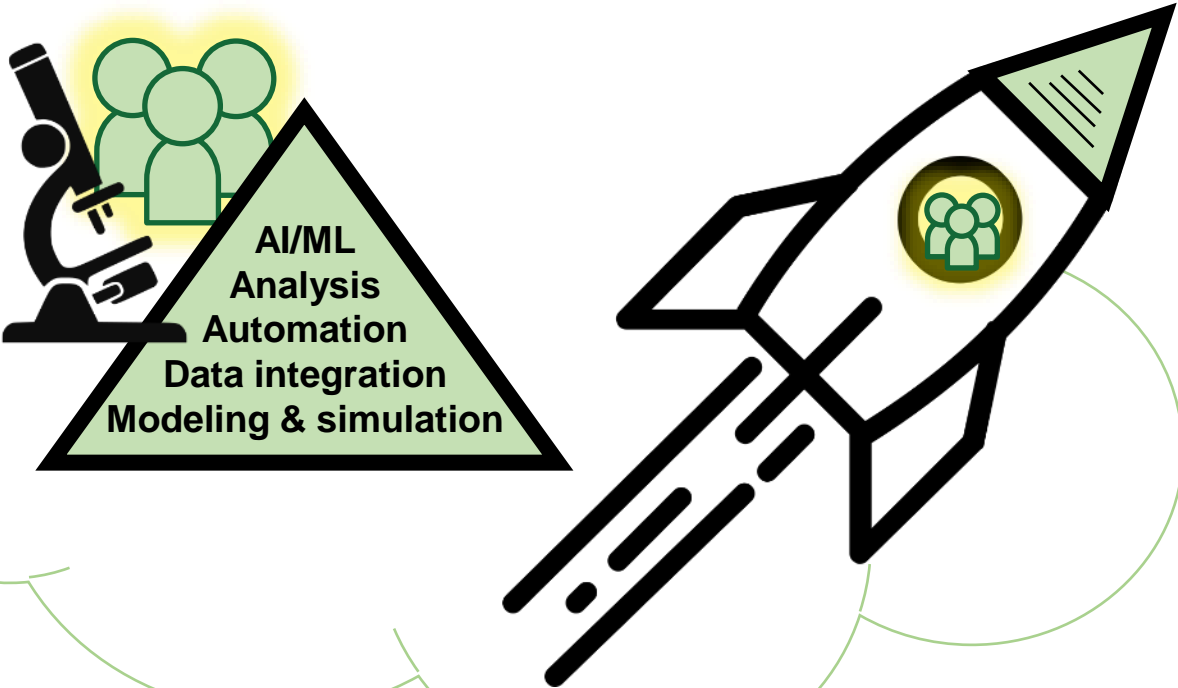
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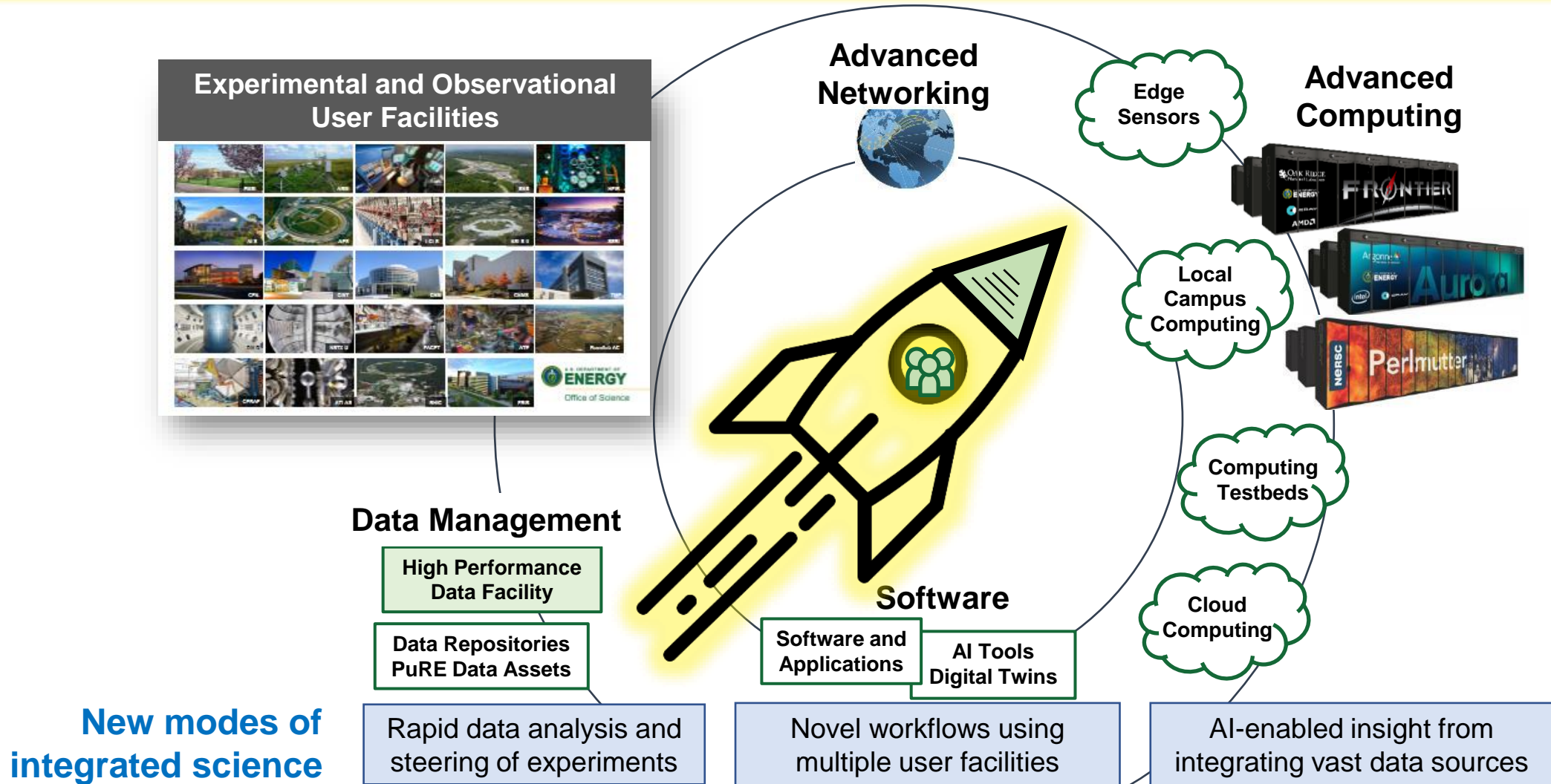
# From the researcher view, “integration” – melding specialized infrastructure and resources – is about risk and reward.



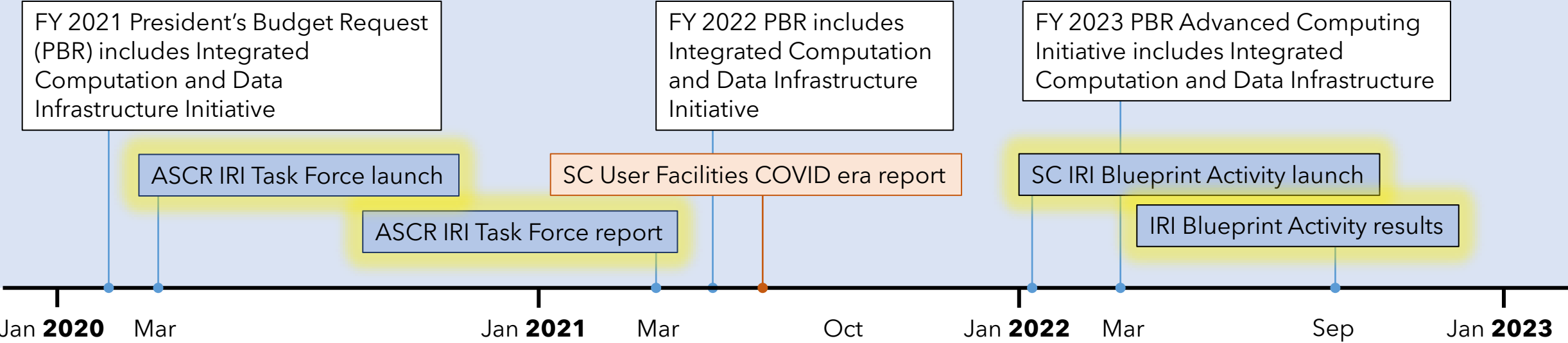
Access to computing and data resources could accelerate our research!



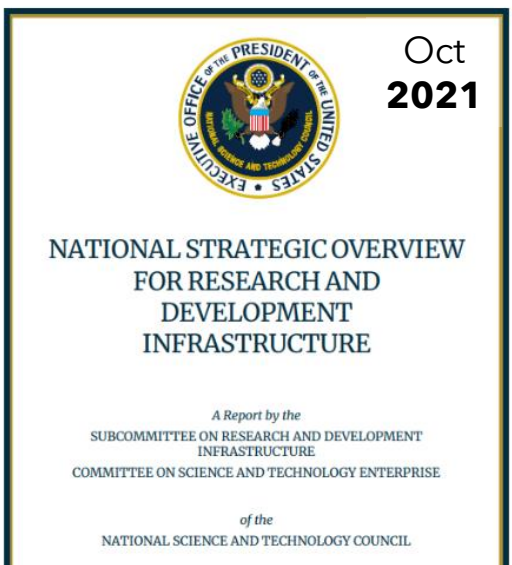
**“Simple and powerful” is the mantra:** researchers will benefit from an operational environment that is intuitive and simple to use yet extraordinarily powerful in accelerating discovery.



# Timeline of key IRI activities, 2020-22



Integration of instrumentation, data, and computing infrastructure are essential requirements for national R&D objectives



# In 2020-21, the ASCR IRI Task Force organized the ASCR Facilities' thinking and approach

ASCR Integrated Research Infrastructure Task Force

March 8, 2021

## Toward a Seamless Integration of Computing, Experimental, and Observational Science Facilities: A Blueprint to Accelerate Discovery

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### About the ASCR Integrated Research

There is growing, broad recognition that integration of experimental research infrastructure holds enormous potential to accelerate discovery.<sup>1</sup> The complexity of data-intensive modeling/simulation or experimental/observational—posed challenges to the research community writ large.

Within the Department of Energy's Office of Science (OS), Computing Research (ASCR) will play a major role in developing integrated computational and data research infrastructure. Essential high end computing, high performance networks to advance the SC mission and broader Departmental goals. The ASCR Facilities are already working with other SC approaches to complex, data-intensive research workflows.

**Flexibility**.....

assembly of resource workflows is facile; complexity is concealed

**Performance**.....

default behavior is performant, without arcane requirements

**Scalability**.....

data capabilities without excessive customizations

**Transparency**.....

security, authentication, authorization should support automation

**Interoperability**....

services should extend outside the DOE environment

**Resiliency**.....

workloads are sustained across planned and unplanned events

**Extensibility**.....

designed to adapt and grow to meet unknown future needs

**Engagement**.....

promotes co-design, cooperation, partnership

**Cybersecurity**.....

security for facilities and users is essential



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# In late 2021, SC Leadership charged ASCR to devise and lead the Office of Science IRI Architecture Blueprint Activity

*Devised, organized, and implemented the IRI ABA*

## HQ Executive Leadership



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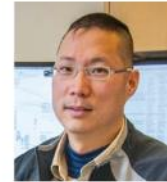
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## IRI-ABA Leadership Group

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- BES** Tom Russell
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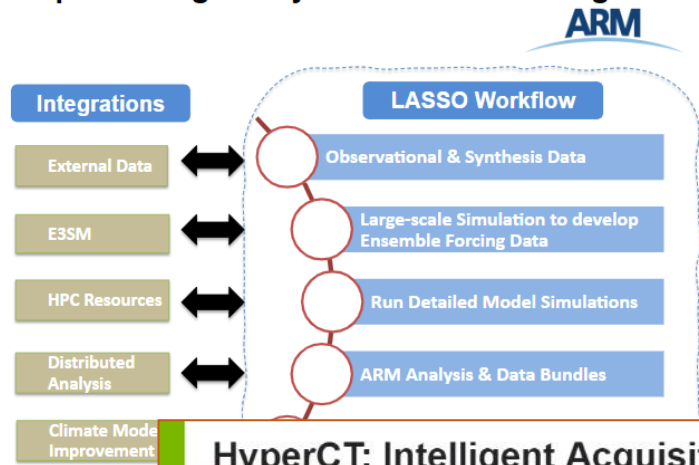
- *Exchanged on urgent IRI needs, priorities, & commonalities across programs.*
- *Engaged and provided feedback at key points on Activity progress and outputs.*

Convened over **150 DOE national laboratory experts** from **all 28 SC user facilities** across **13 national laboratories** to consider the **technological, policy, and sociological challenges** to implementing IRI.

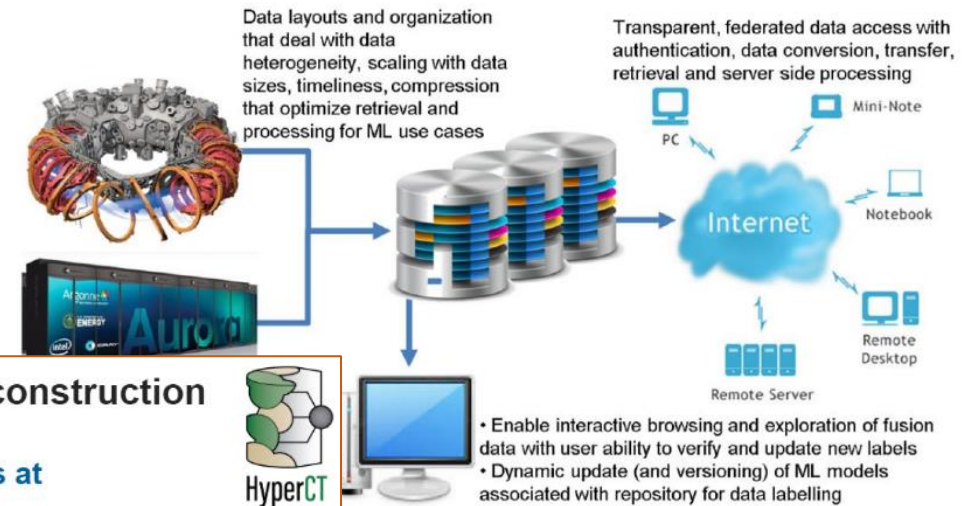
# Finding: SC Programs are grappling with integration in many venues

## Workflows to Integrate ARM Outputs, Model Runs, HPC Resources, and Distributed Analysis to Improve Large Eddy Simulation Modeling

- Allowing projects and facilities to leverage integrated resources using a unified identity
  - Example: ARM high-resolution modeling (LASSO) workflow and analysis using resources from multiple facilities
- Leveraging DOE Leadership Computing and commercial Cloud Capabilities with single identity
- Preserve user metrics requirements, citation credits, and user communications

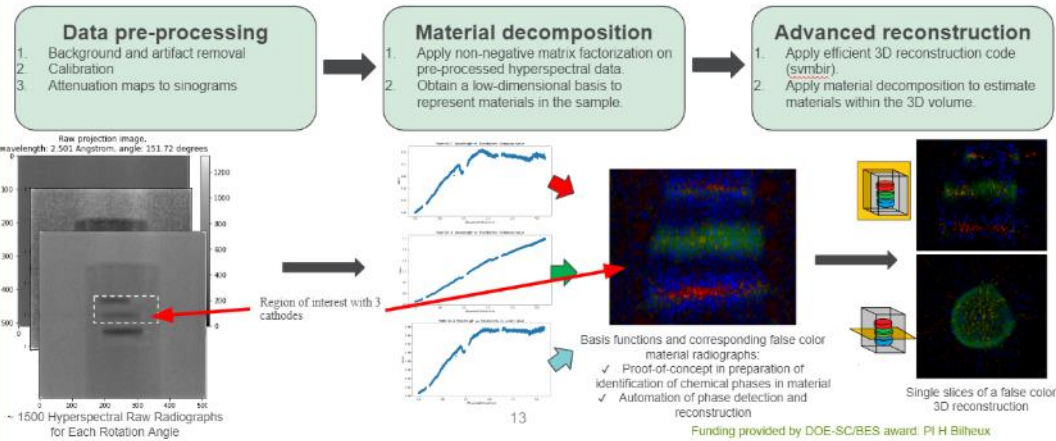


## Fusion Data Platform envisions a unified solution for fusion experimental and simulation data



## HyperCT: Intelligent Acquisition and Reconstruction for Hyperspectral Tomography Systems

### Implementation of AI-driven experimental setups at SNS/ORNL & NSLS-II/BNL



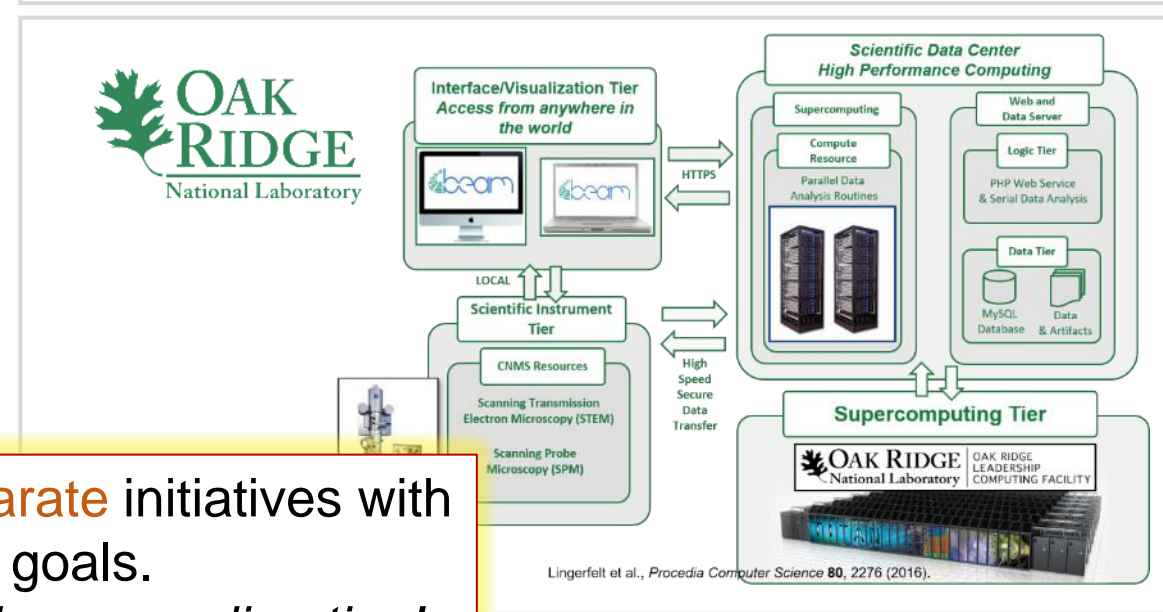
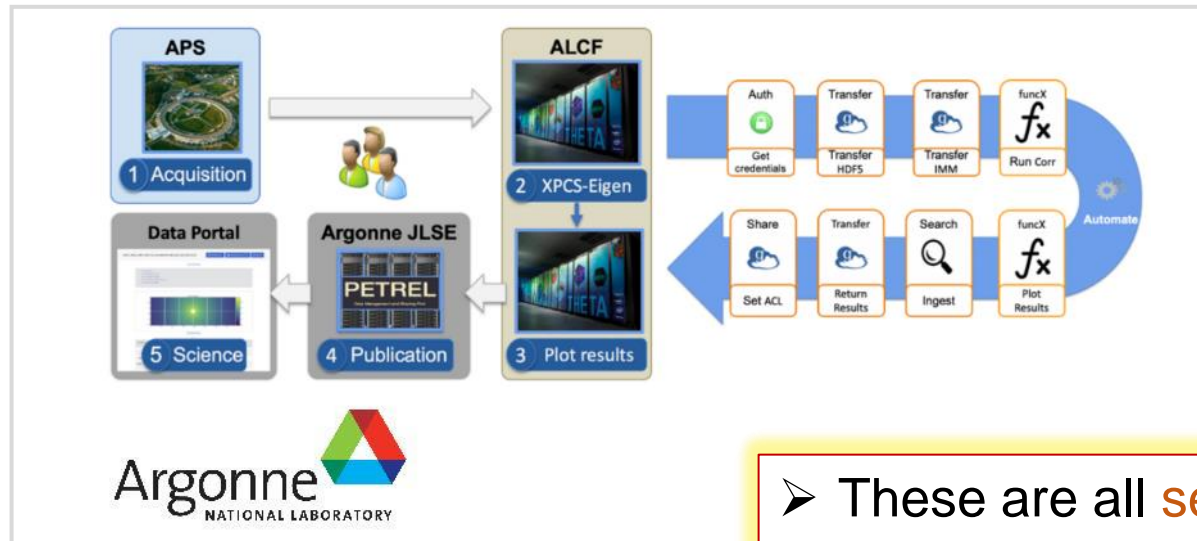
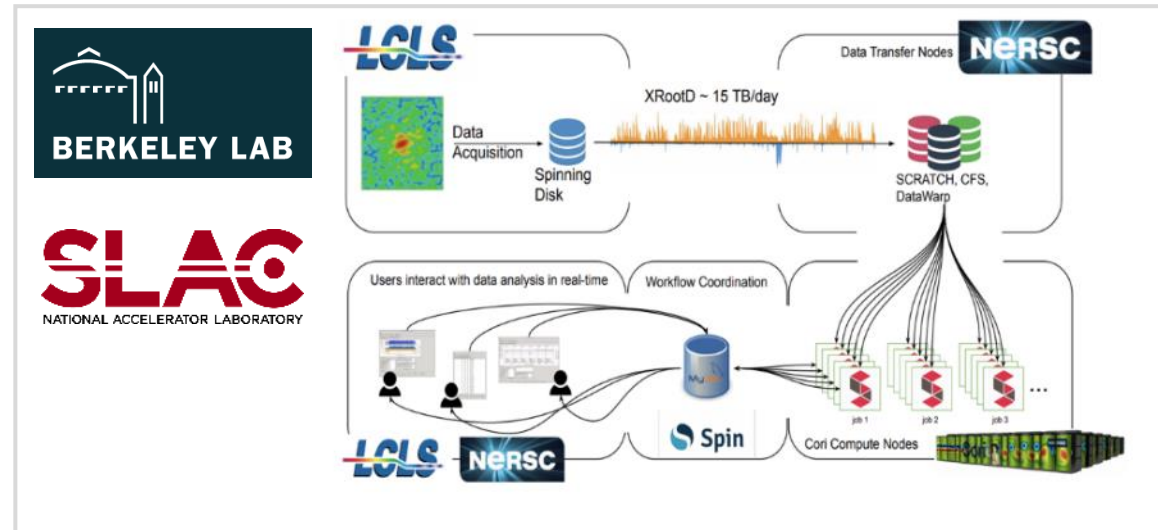
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# Finding: Across DOE, innovators have been taking concerted steps towards integration through research, partnerships, and lab-level projects

LBNL's Superfacility project  
 ORNL's INTERSECT initiative  
 ANL's ALCF-APS Balsam software project  
 NERSC-LCLS LLANA software project  
 ECP ExaWorks & ExaFEL projects  
 BES DISCUS Light Source Data Working Group project  
 BES-ASCR CAMERA applied math center  
 BER joint EMSL-JGI FICUS joint-allocation program  
 ... and more



➤ These are all **separate** initiatives with **similar** integration goals.  
*Let's now row in the same direction!*

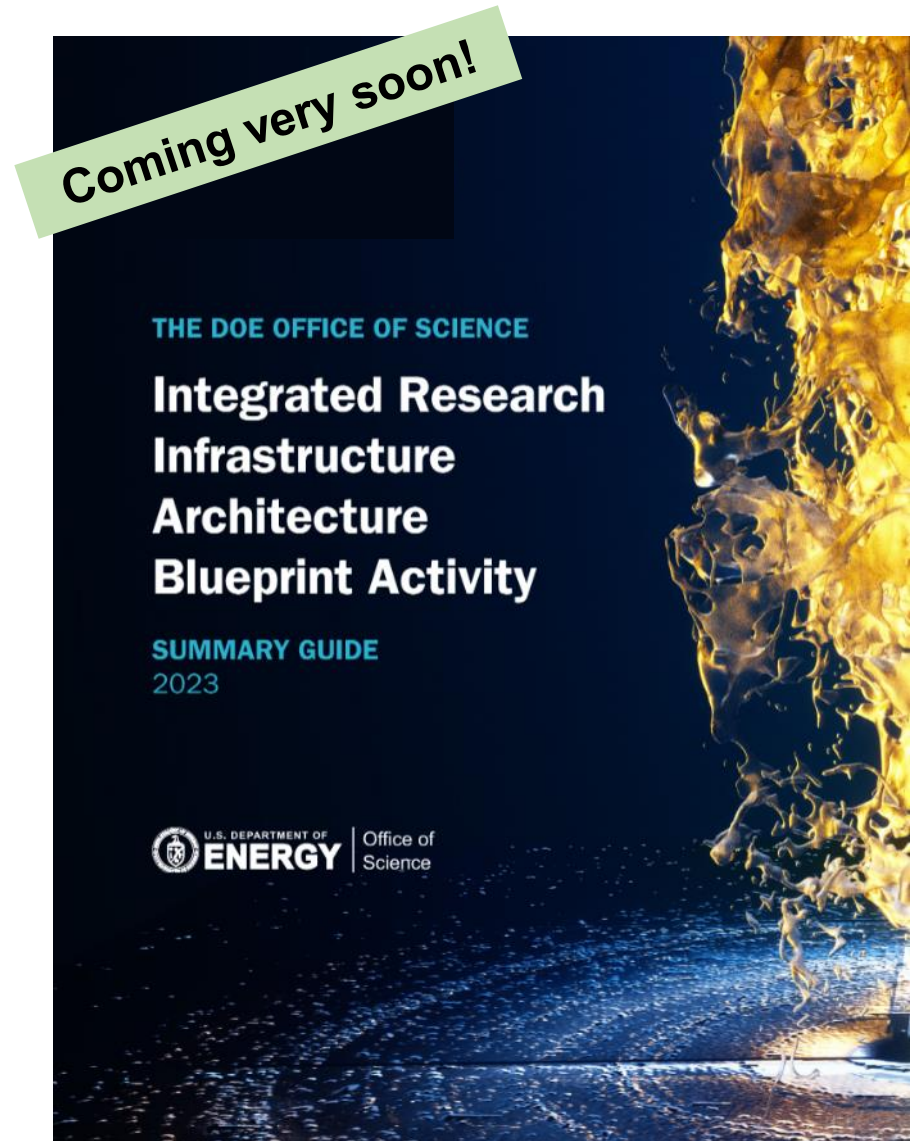
Lingerfelt et al., *Procedia Computer Science* 80, 2276 (2016).

# IRI Blueprint Activity Key Results

We now possess a reference framework to inform a coordinated, SC-wide strategy for IRI.

The key organizing elements of the IRI Framework are Science Patterns and Practice Areas:

- > **IRI Science Patterns** that represent integrated science use cases across DOE science domains and
- > **IRI Practice Areas** that will support the realization of a DOE-integrated IRI ecosystem.





# The IRI Framework: Science Patterns

**IRI Science Patterns** are broad classes of integrated research workflows with common driving features. Each Science Pattern represents a spectrum of DOE science domains and will benefit from a strategic and coordinated approach to design and solution. A given workflow case may span several Science Patterns.

**Time-sensitive pattern** has *urgency*, requiring real-time or end-to-end performance with high reliability, e.g., for timely decision-making, experiment steering, and virtual proximity.

**Data integration-intensive pattern** requires combining and analyzing data from multiple sources, e.g., sites, experiments, and/or computational runs.

**Long-term campaign pattern** requires sustained access to resources over a long period to accomplish a well-defined objective.

# The IRI Framework: Practice Areas

**IRI Practice Areas** are cross-cutting communities of practice whose efforts will be essential to advance robust and extensible IRI designs and solutions.

**User experience practice** will ensure relentless attention to user perspectives and needs through requirements gathering, user-centric (co)-design, continuous feedback, and other means.

**Resource co-operations** practice is focused on creating new modes of cooperation, collaboration, co-scheduling, and joint planning across facilities and DOE programs.

**Cybersecurity and federated access practice** is focused on creating novel solutions that enable seamless scientific collaboration within a secure and trusted IRI ecosystem.

**Workflows, interfaces, and automation practice** is focused on creating novel solutions that facilitate the dynamic assembly of components across facilities into end-to-end IRI pipelines.

**Scientific data life cycle practice** is focused on ensuring that users can manage their data and metadata across facilities from inception to curation, archiving, dissemination, and publication.

**Portable/scalable solutions practice** is focused on ensuring that transitions can be made across heterogeneous facilities (portability) and from smaller to larger resources (scalability).

# IRI in the FY 2024 President’s Budget Request

## ASCR Facilities

“In FY 2024, the ASCR facilities will continue planning and begin implementation to advance DOE’s Integrated Research Infrastructure (IRI) so that researchers can seamlessly and securely meld DOE’s unique data, user facilities, and computing resources to accelerate discovery and innovation.”

## High Performance Data Facility (HPDF) project

“The proposed HPDF will serve as a foundational element in enabling the DOE Integrated Research Infrastructure; will provide crucial resources to Office of Science programs to attack fundamental problems in science and engineering that require nimble shared access to large data sets, increasingly aggregated from multiple sources; will partner and operate in concert with other ASCR Facilities and potentially other DOE laboratory computing resource providers to provide a high availability high performance computing ecosystem for a wide variety of applications; will serve as a ‘Hub’ enabling ‘Spoke’ sites to deploy and orchestrate distributed infrastructure to enable high priority DOE mission applications.”

See DOE Lab Funding Announcement LAB 23-3020 for more information.

<https://science.osti.gov/grants/Lab-Announcements/Open>

# IRI Look Ahead for 2023

- Release of **IRI Blueprint Activity** final report
- Release of **ESnet Requirements Reviews IRI meta-analysis**
- Release of the ASCR Facilities' **IRI Testbed** whitepaper
- **High Performance Data Facility project**
- **Convening event(s)**
  - IRI Testbed: describing what it is and how to engage
  - Early IRI partnerships: identifying and forging
  - Steering/governance of the IRI Program: growing into our shoes
  - Authentication/Authorization exploratory activity

