

# NEXUS: INTEGRATED RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE AT ARGONNE

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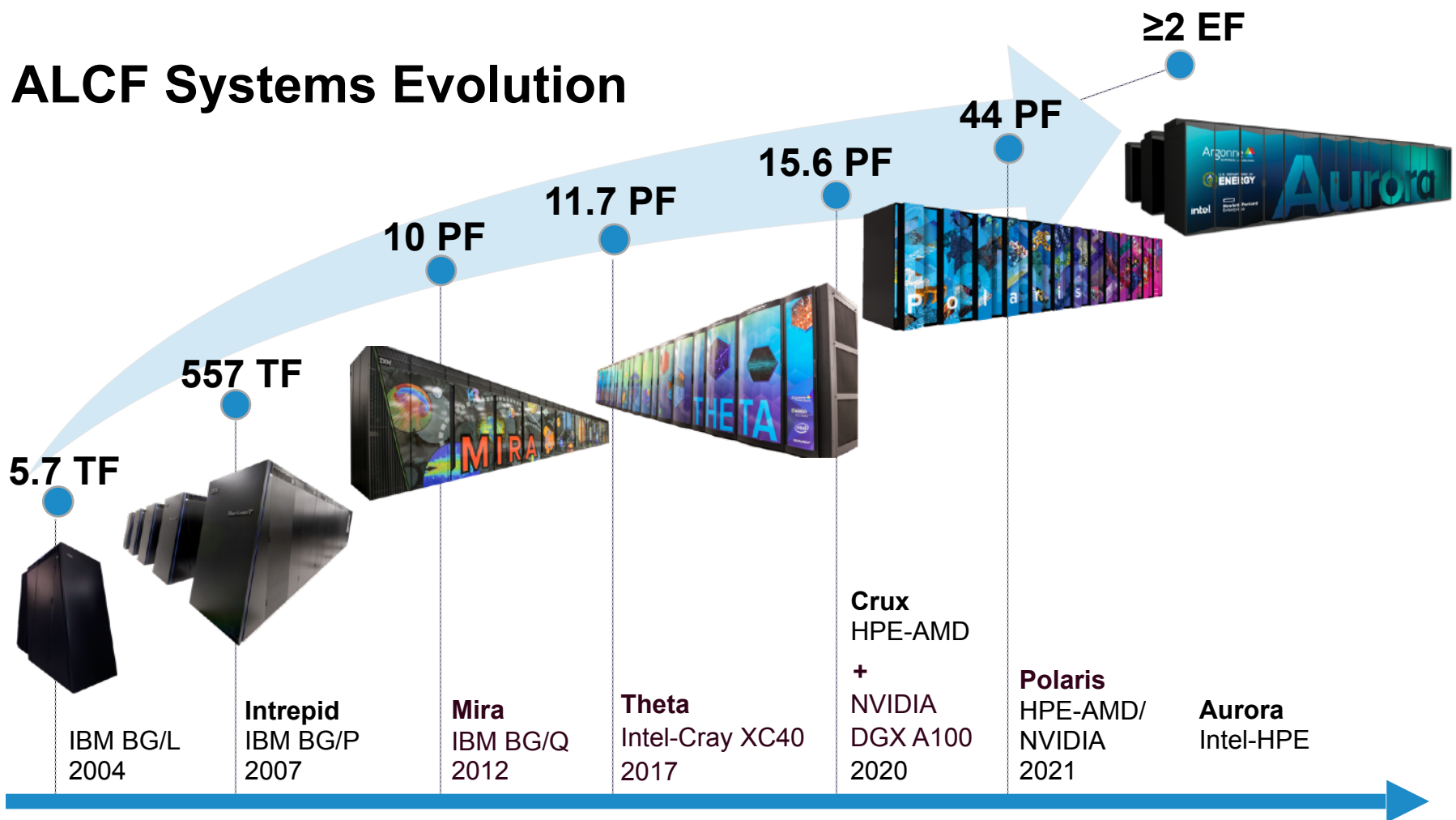
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# ALCF Systems Evolution



# DOE EXPERIMENTAL USER FACILITIES

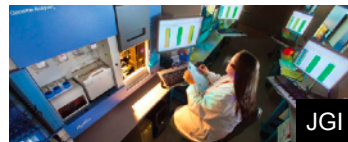
- DOE operates 24 experimental user facilities
- Similar to the computing facilities, some of them are undergoing upgrades
- Their data rate and their computing needs will increase accordingly



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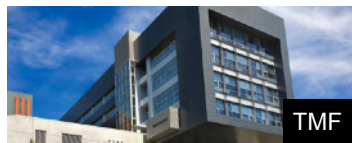
DIII-D



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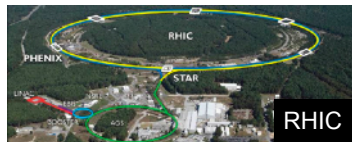
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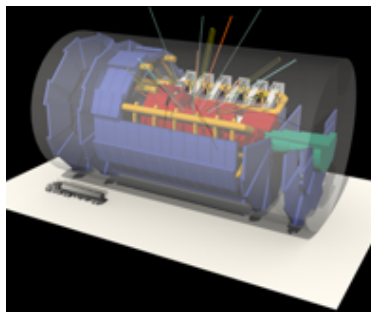
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# ALCF SUPPORT FOR EXPERIMENTAL SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING

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Technologies: Balsam Workflows, Cobalt Scheduler, Globus Transfer

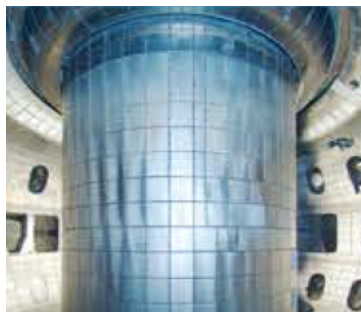
## HEP - ATLAS



2015-16

Hundreds of millions of core hours of simulation and analysis for ATLAS (DD, ADSP, ESP)

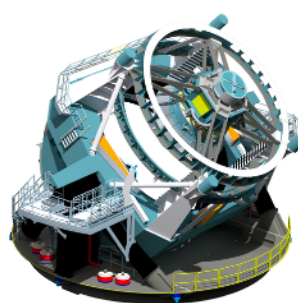
## FES - DIII-D



2017

Near real-time analysis of DIII-D fusion experiment data, powered by Balsam workflows (DD); deep learning for fusion (ESP)

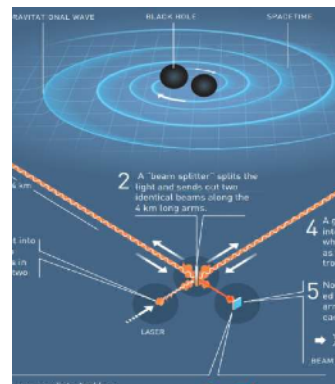
## HEP/NP



2017-18

Simulation and analysis of telescope images for LSST-DESC (ADSP)

## HEP - LIGO



2018-19

Deep learning for gravitational wave detection with LIGO (ADSP)

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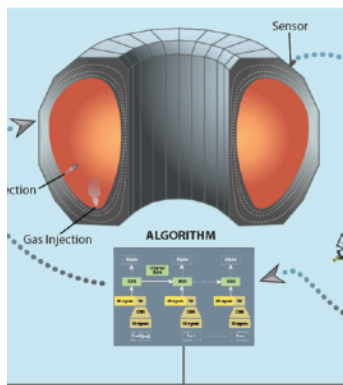
## BES/OTHER



2018-

3D Reconstruction of mouse brain from electron microscopy images at Argonne (DD, ADSP, ESP)

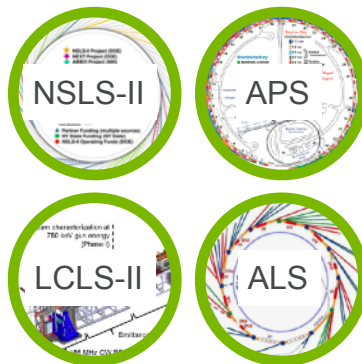
## FES



2018-

Hyperparameter tuning at exascale to predict and mitigate disruption events (ESP)

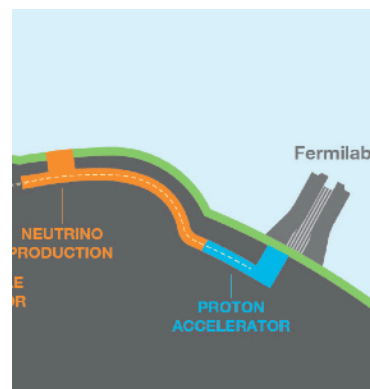
## BES - LS



2019-

Online analysis of experiment data from multiple light sources using near-real-time queue on Theta (ADSP)

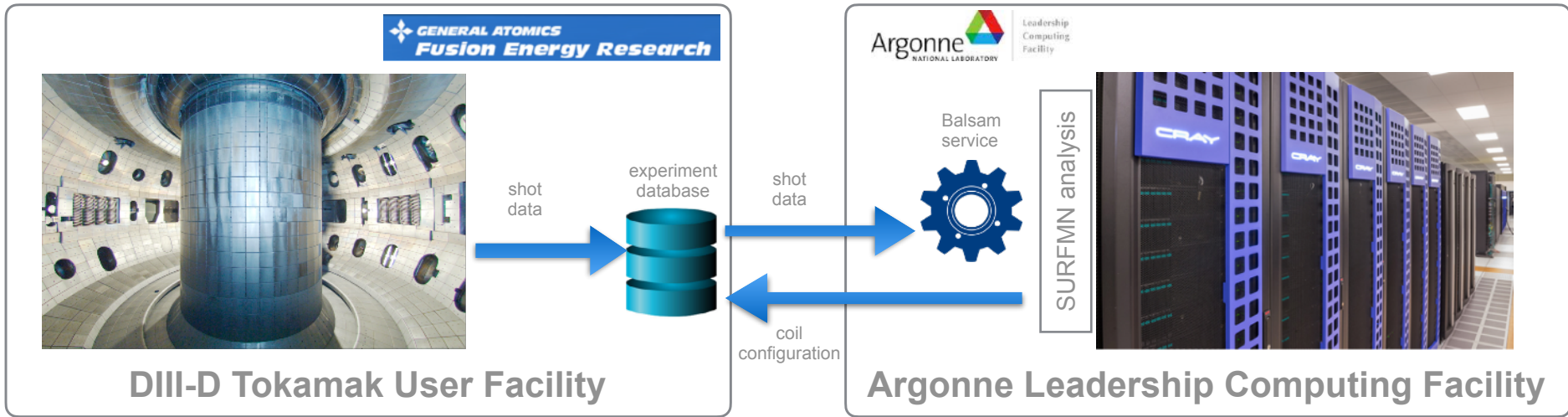
## HEP - SBND



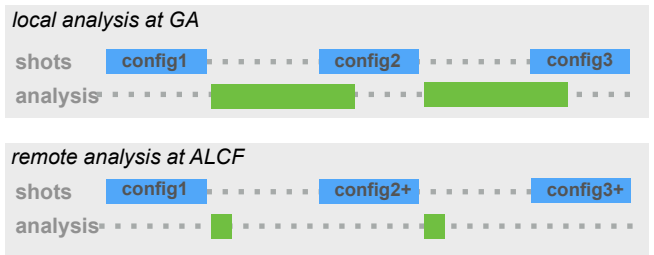
2019-

Large-scale simulation and deep learning for SBND/ DUNE (DD, ADSP)

# Automatic Between-shot Analysis of DIII-D Experimental Data



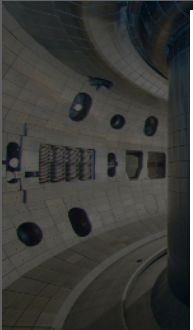
- ▶ Scientists configure experimental “shots” every 20 minutes
  - A shot is an attempt to magnetically confine high temperature plasma
  - The timing/current of magnetic coils are configured to control the plasma during a disruption to avoid damage to the containing vessel (applicable to DIII-D and future reactors)
  - Analyses indicate how to optimize coil configuration for confinement
- ▶ Each shot triggers an automatic, near real-time analysis job at ALCF
- ▶ GA scientists integrate analysis results into configuration for next shot
- ▶ Analysis at ALCF enables more complex analyses (16x resolution) to be completed faster, improving the accuracy of results and allowing analyses to inform every shot instead of



*Faster analysis time allows analysis results to be integrated into magnet configuration for subsequent shots. Higher resolution analyses improve configuration accuracy.*



# Automatic Between-shot Analysis of DIII-D Experimental Data



## local analysis at GA



## remote analysis at ALCF



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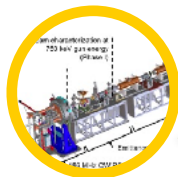
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# ALCF SUPPORT OF LIGHT SOURCE COMPUTING

- Remote computing from four-three light sources at ALCF
- Computing demands are increasing

## ALCF Theta (11.7 PetaFLOPs)

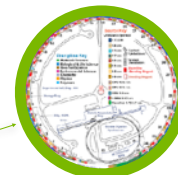
### LCLS-II



SPI workloads reaching 1-100PF by 2024

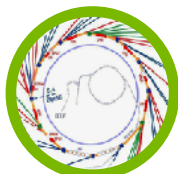


### APS



XPCS workloads reaching 0.1PF by 2024

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### ALS

XPCS workloads reaching 2.5PF by 2024



### NLS-II

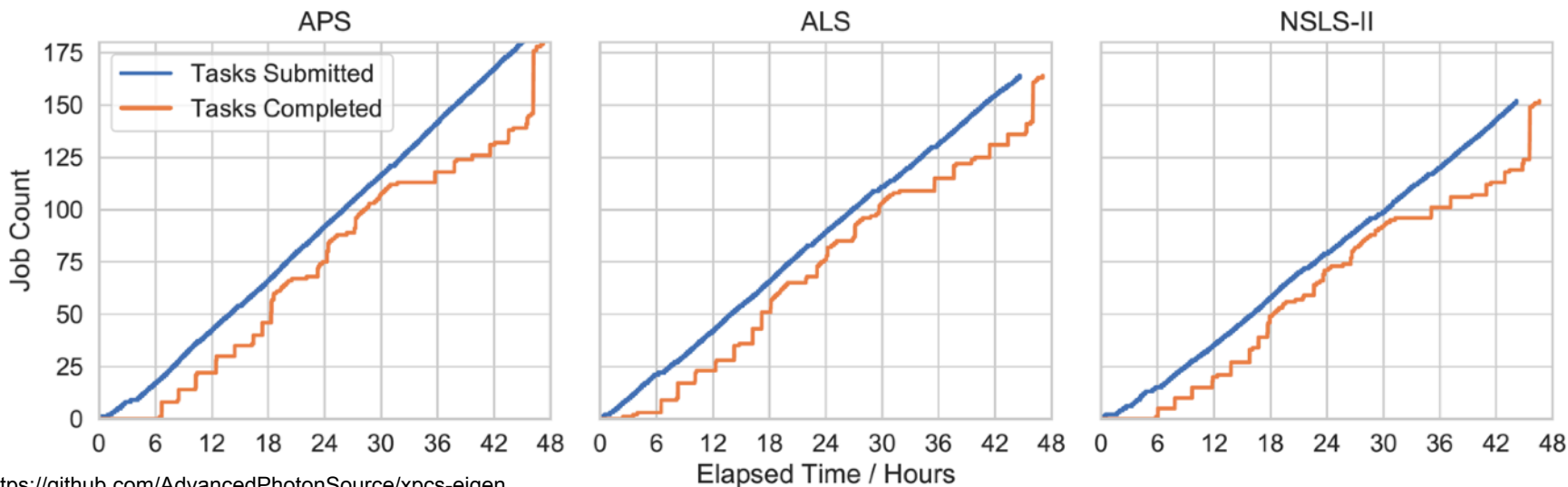
# NEAR REAL-TIME PROCESSING OF WORKLOADS FROM THREE LIGHT SOURCES AT ALCF

## Experiment

- Transfer 40GB input dataset from APS, ALS, NSLS-II
- Analyze data in near real-time with XPCS-Eigen\* using **backfill queue** on Theta
- Transfer results to originating light source

## Results

- Continuously executed for **48+ hours**
- Transferred 23TB input data from APS/ALS/NSLS-II to ALCF
- Analyzed 500+ datasets
- Transferred 179GB output data from ALCF to APS/ALS/NSLS-II

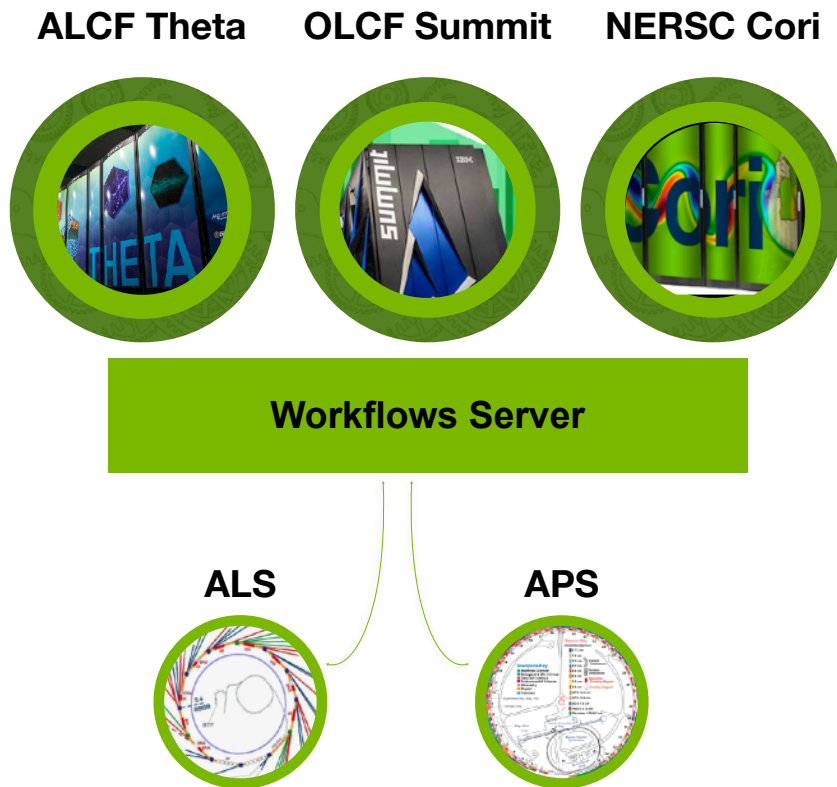


\* <https://github.com/AdvancedPhotonSource/xpcs-eigen>

# XPCS WORKFLOW BETWEEN TWO LIGHT SOURCES AND THREE COMPUTE FACILITIES

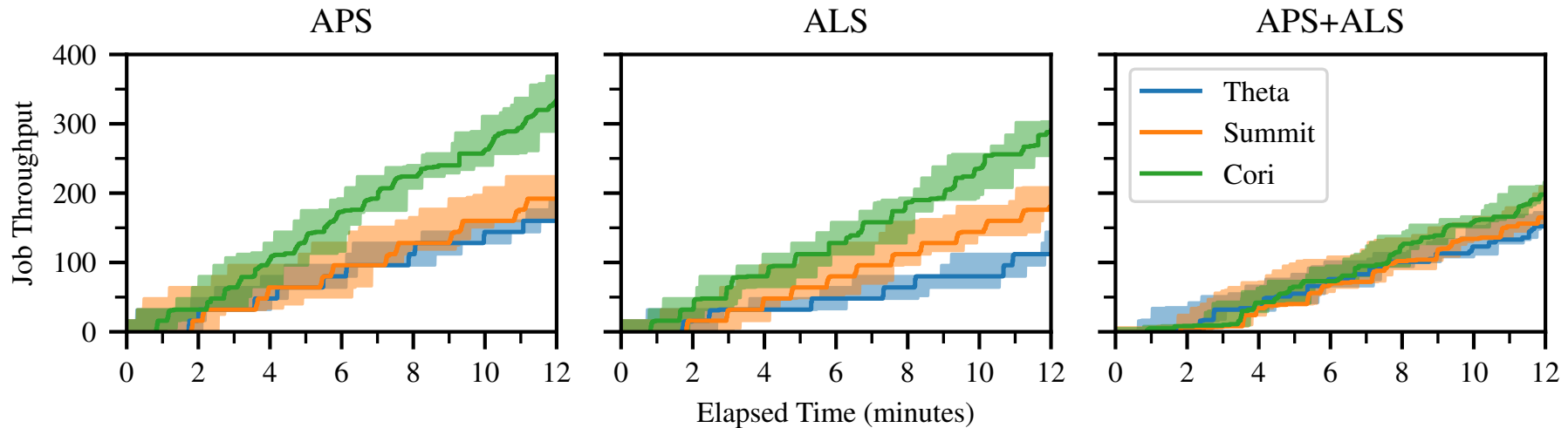
Balsam enabled analysis of data originating at two light sources (APS and ALS) to run at three DOE compute facilities (ALCF, OLCF, and NERSC)

- A Balsam Site agent runs at each compute facility, interfacing closely with the local job scheduler.
- The Balsam Workflows Server exposes a **public API** used to define jobs to run at each Site.
- XPCS jobs were injected from the light sources, targeting one of the compute facilities. Job throughput was monitored to **intelligently direct subsequent job submissions**.
- Data transfers were conducted using Globus, using a batched approach to optimize throughput.
- Job failures were synthesized to demonstrate Balsam's ability to recover by redirecting jobs to other sites.



# Automated analysis between two light sources and three compute facilities

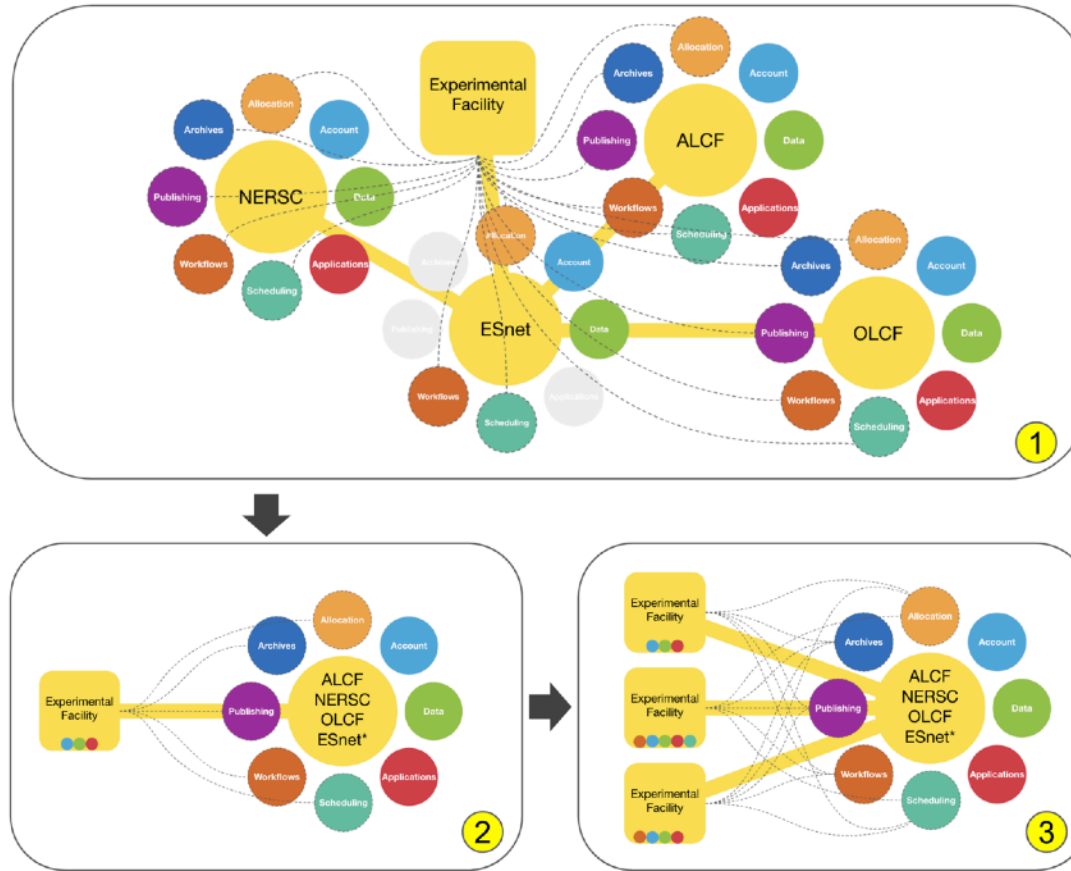
- Jobs and data transfers scheduled with single Python call
- XPCS dataset (878MB) transferred from APS to Theta/Summit/Cori (left), ALS to Theta/Summit/Cori, and APS/ALS to Theta/Summit/Cori
- Pool of nodes maintained for fast injection of jobs on arrival, and immediate return of results to originating site



# IRI White Paper March 2021

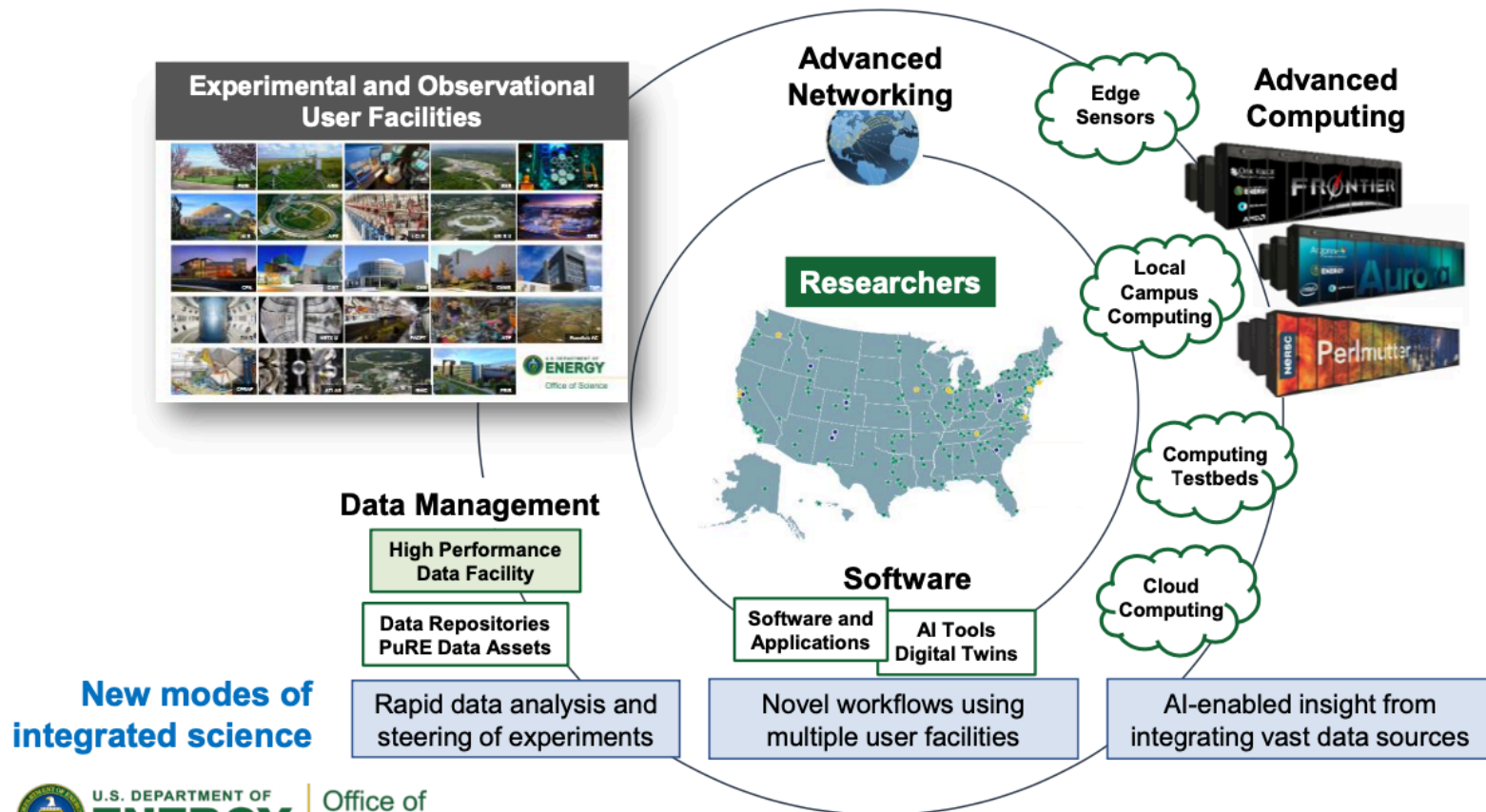
Depiction of the integration of experimental facilities with computational facilities, across the range of services provided, in contrast with the one-to-one approach required today.

1. Today, an experimental facility must arrange separate bespoke interactions with individual HPC/HPN facilities.
2. A future paradigm with common interfaces could simplify integration of an experimental facility with multiple HPC/HPN facilities.
3. In turn, these common interfaces could support expansion and integration **across multiple experimental facilities and HPC/HPN facilities.**



# 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*



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## IRI Science Patterns (3)

**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.

## IRI Practice Areas (6)

**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).





Pioneering new approaches to integrating scientific facilities, supercomputing capabilities and data technologies.

Computational scientific research is evolving rapidly with faster data acquisition rates, larger datasets, and increasingly complex processing workflows. Advanced research instruments like the X-ray light sources across the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) national laboratory system produce vast amounts of data. Automating these interconnected research processes is critical to fully utilize the power of supercomputing and leading-edge data storage and technologies to drive breakthrough science

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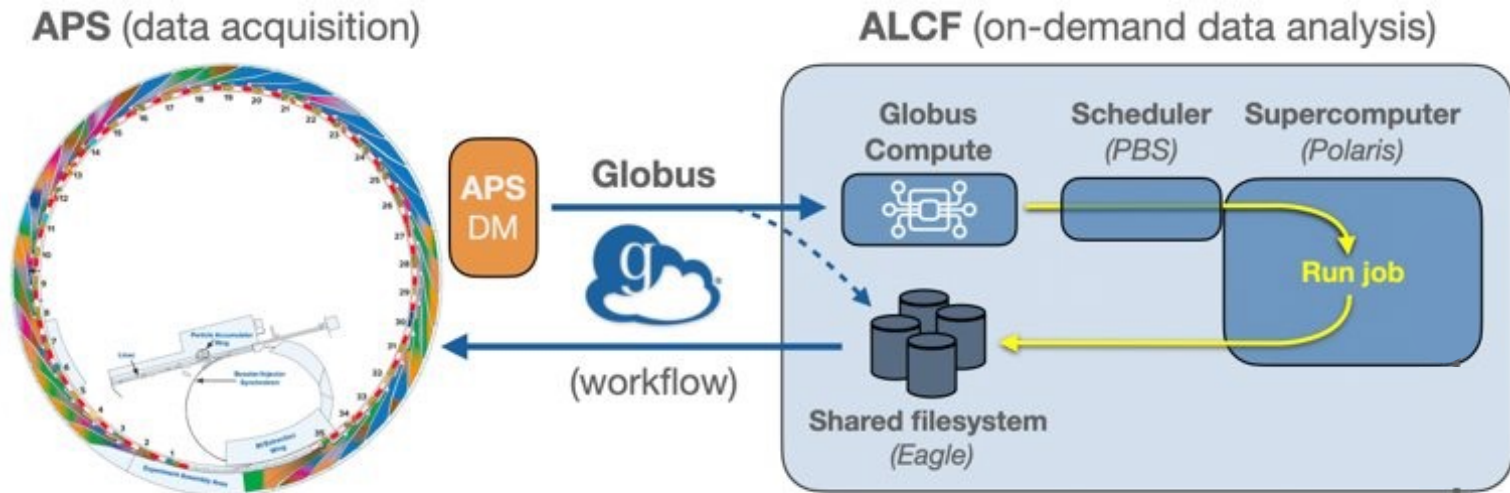
# ARGONNE NEXUS

- The **Nexus** initiative at Argonne enables experimental facilities to leverage supercomputing facilities for experiment-time data analysis
- Nexus goals align with the DOE vision for integrated research infrastructure (IRI)
  - Simplify access to DOE computing resources (accounts, job submission)
  - Automate data transfer and workflows triggered by experiment events
  - Provide robust, generalizable solutions, not tailored to a single experiment/facility
  - Support interactive inspection and provenance of data and derived products
  - Publish data for community access, citation, and archiving

# ARGONNE NEXUS SERVICES

- Demand Queue
  - Deployed now on Polaris: reduces queue wait time for experiment-time analysis; backfilled by preemptable jobs
- Service Accounts
  - Provides experiment-specific accounts for running analyses in a controlled environment
- Eagle Data Sharing (100PB filesystem)
  - Users can define collections of data to share publicly or with designated Globus users, without an ALCF account
  - Leveraged in ALCF-HEP cosmology data sharing portal
- Globus Infrastructure
  - Distributed compute, transfer, and web-based monitoring
- ALCF Community Data Cooperative (ACDC)
  - Layer atop Eagle data sharing to enable more sophisticated metadata-based navigation and search
  - Metadata extraction and capture services
- Dedicated Web Applications
  - Foundation for user-driven access to data and analysis
  - Developing in collaborations with APS and Argonne-HEP for extension to other science areas

# ARGONNE NEXUS: LIGHTSOURCE AUTOMATION



- Integration with the data management (DM) system at APS allows workflow to begin as soon as data is taken
- Workflow moves data from the APS beamline to ALCF and submits job to demand queue on Polaris
- Results are written to Eagle, where they're reachable via Jupyter, and also returned to APS for evaluation

## One-time configuration at ALCF

## APS experiments

### Using user accounts

### Humans involved in the workflows

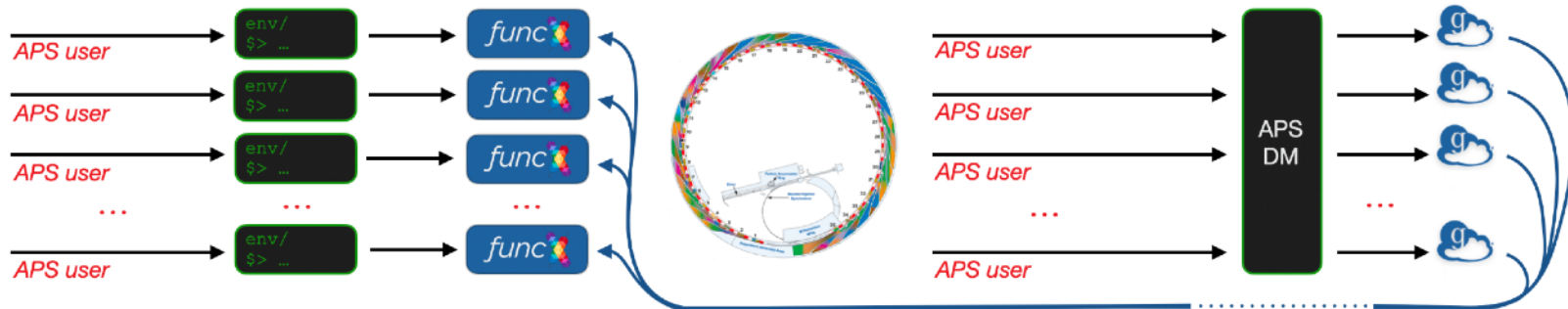
APS requests user accounts at ALCF

ALCF creates user accounts

APS users setup their **personal environment** and funcX endpoint

APS users log into DM system using **personal credentials**

DM system starts Globus flows involving **specific funcX endpoints**



## One-time configuration at ALCF

## APS experiments

### Using a service account per beam line

### No human involved in the workflows

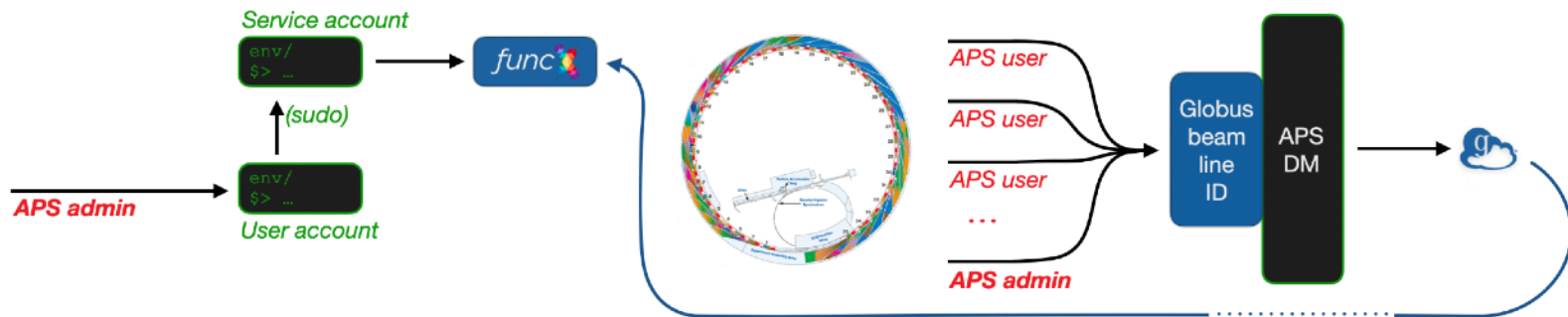
APS requests service account at ALCF

ALCF creates service account

APS admin user setups a **shared environment** and funcX endpoint

APS users log into DM system using **shared Globus identity**

DM system starts Globus flows involving **shared funcX endpoint**



# NEXUS SUPPORTS SEVERAL APS BEAMLINES

## Several APS beamlines have run production experiments with Globus Compute

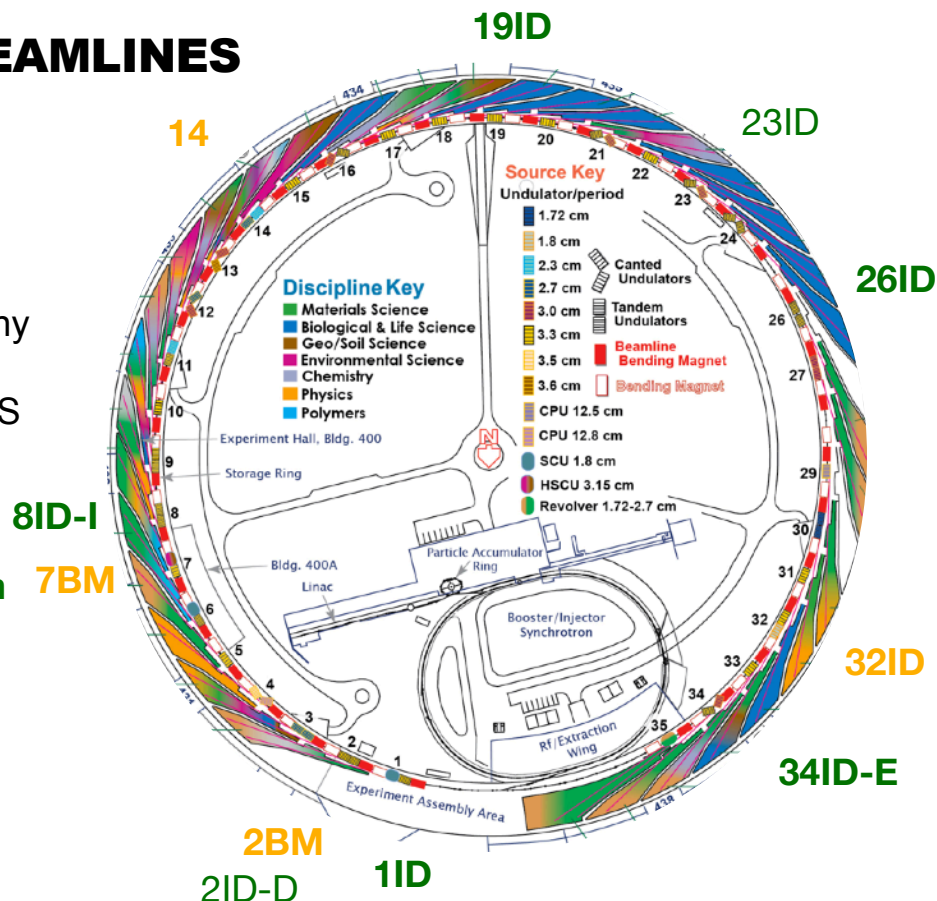
- 8ID-I: X-ray Protein Crystal Spectroscopy (XPCS)
- 19ID: Serial Crystallography (SSX) at the structural biology center (SBC), using DIALS for crystallography analysis
- 1ID: High energy diffraction microscopy using MIDAS for tomography and ptychography
- 34ID-E: Laue Micro-diffraction spectroscopy
- 26ID: Ptychography with Ptychodus and Tike

## Other beamlines are running but have not yet run in production

- 23ID: GM/CA using crystfel toolset (+AlphaFold)
- 2ID-D: X-ray fluorescence image processing using XRF-Maps

## Ramping up

- 14: BioCARS using crystfel
- 2BM, 7BM, 32ID: Tomography using tomocupy



running, in production  
 running, ready for production  
 starting up

# Leveraging Globus Tools

**Compute:** A managed service that implements a universal computing fabric

Local **Transfer** and **Compute** agents provide global footprint for actions

**Auth** provides federated identities and distributed authorization with delegation

**Flows** orchestrates actions across the computing continuum

**UIs** to monitor, manage, inspect it all



Flows

Runs Library Deploy a Flow <sup>Help</sup>

List of flow runs you may view or manage.

filter run list

QUICK FILTERS  STARTED BY ME  ACTIVE  WAITING  FAILED  COMPLETED [Advanced Filters](#)

List Update in 8

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RUN STATUS	STARTED	STARTED BY

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XPCSBoost flow

Overview **Event Log** Roles Definition

Started: 5/17/2023, 03:54 AM  
Duration: 2 minutes 31 seconds

Sort Download 18 Log Entries

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✓	PublishIngest - ActionCompleted (10 seconds)	View details
✓	PublishIngest - ActionStarted (0 milliseconds)	View details
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# ALCF Community Data Co-Op

Providing Researchers Data Sharing Capabilities

**APS 2ID XRF**  
X-Ray fluorescence imaging for a variety of applications

Private

Search This Project

**APS HEDM**  
High-Energy Diffraction Microscopy (HEDM) is a 3D technique which resolves the structures and strains of individual grains within bulk polycrystalline materials.

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**APS Ptychography**  
A computational method of microscopic imaging by processing many coherent interference patterns

Private

**APS XRF**  
X-ray Photon Spectroscopy technique to study materials at nanoscale. Identifying correlations between series of area detectors.

Private

**DLHub**  
A multi-tenant system that provides both model repository and serving capabilities with a focus on science applications

Public Data

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## Results

1983 datasets found

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Experiment	xray
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### Sample VS480

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Acquisition Date	Nov 2017

- ACDC provides data publication interface backed by Eagle filesystem
- Data tagged with application metadata to facilitate searching
- Data-specific plots and visualizations can be included via templates
- One-click access to transfer datasets via Globus



## Data from MiraTitanU Snapshots

The Mira-Titan Universe simulation suite was carried out on Mira, a supercomputer at the Argonne Leadership Computing Facility, and Titan, at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The simulations cover a range of cosmological models including models with a dynamical dark energy equation of state parameterized via  $w_0$  and  $w_a$ . Each simulation covers a  $(2.1 \text{ Gpc})^3$  volume and evolves  $3200^3$  particles. We provide outputs for 27 redshifts, between  $z=4$  and  $z=0$ , including halo information and down-sampled particle information.

Please select one or more models from the list below, then select all the relevant redshifts and data products. The Submit/Transfer button will indicate the number and overall size of the selected files that you aim to transfer. This button will lead you to the Globus interface. The Search box at the top allows you to narrow the model selection by specifying a model number or a numerical value for any cosmological parameter.

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- Nexus infrastructure aims to include support for project-developed data applications
- Data catalogs resident on Eagle filesystem, searchable via user-provided metadata
- Community analysis of data supported via back-end integration of workflows on Polaris
- Reusable components can be deployed and customized for future science domains

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Questions...

- about Nexus? We are looking to expand into new experimental and observational science areas, and would like to talk with you.
- about IRI? This DOE-led effort is formulating what future infrastructure should look like, and will be better informed if you describe your science case.