Science Data and the NDN paradigm

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- Data volumes are increasing faster than Moore’s Law
- New algorithms and methods for analyzing data
- Infeasible to put a supercomputing center at every experimental facility
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Lots of data to move around

Bytes of Science Data Transferred Each Month by the Energy Sciences Network

August 2015: 29.13 PB
Lots of data to move around (contd.)
High-level objectives for scientific data: alignment with NDN approach

• Radically simplify how scientific users manage, move and manipulate large, distributed, science data repositories, but with high-throughput end2end

• Abstract the storage and network capability and location dependence from the user-data interaction

• Enable the ability for users to specify and retrieve portions of data the workflow needs

• Create a secure, scalable framework based on integrated data management and network transport
Researchers from Berkeley Lab and SLAC conducted protein crystallography experiments at LCLS to investigate photoexcited states of PSII, with near-real-time computational analysis at NERSC.

Use Case #2: LHCONE data – multiple replicas, global reach
Use Case #3: International Climate Data
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Perception of limitations of NDN motivating research questions

1. If I am moving 50TB of data through a single path, from an experiment to a storage facility, I really do not want to cache it at every intermediate NDN node
   – What is the right strategy for allocating disk resources to caching? What if one data transfer consumes all cache resources or there is not enough space?

2. What is the performance of the end-to-end data transfer? How can I get line rate throughput?

3. How do I leverage the knowledge of network capability in choosing the transfer path? How do I build in the knowledge of underlay into the NDN overlay?

4. How do I leverage network programmability to do the above?

5. And many other questions....
Where are we at?

• Collaboration with Christos and Colorado State – high-powered NDN devices between three representative climate sites as a testbed
  – Susmit working on answering some of the high-level objectives as described

• HEP and ASCR interest in NDN from a research perspective – paper earlier this year @ CHEP, and Phil will talk about next-steps right after

• Interest in expanding a federation of high-powered NDN devices with the right strategy for caching and data management

• Combining NDN with SDN – we have a next-gen SDN testbed across US and Europe – can we combine that to provide the right primitives for high-performance NDN?
  – Lets do iterative experimentation and improvement!!!!!!!!
ESnet SDN Testbed

Status Update:
• Testbed deployed at all locations
• QoS support verified, press release next week
• ENOS demo on Testbed @ SC

Deployed SDN Testbed node locations
Deployed SDN Testbed connectivity overlay (using OSCARS circuits)
Thank you!

- Please feel free to email me with questions, comments or arrows at imonga at es dot net