

Design Consideration for Data Assimilation in Post K Supercomputer

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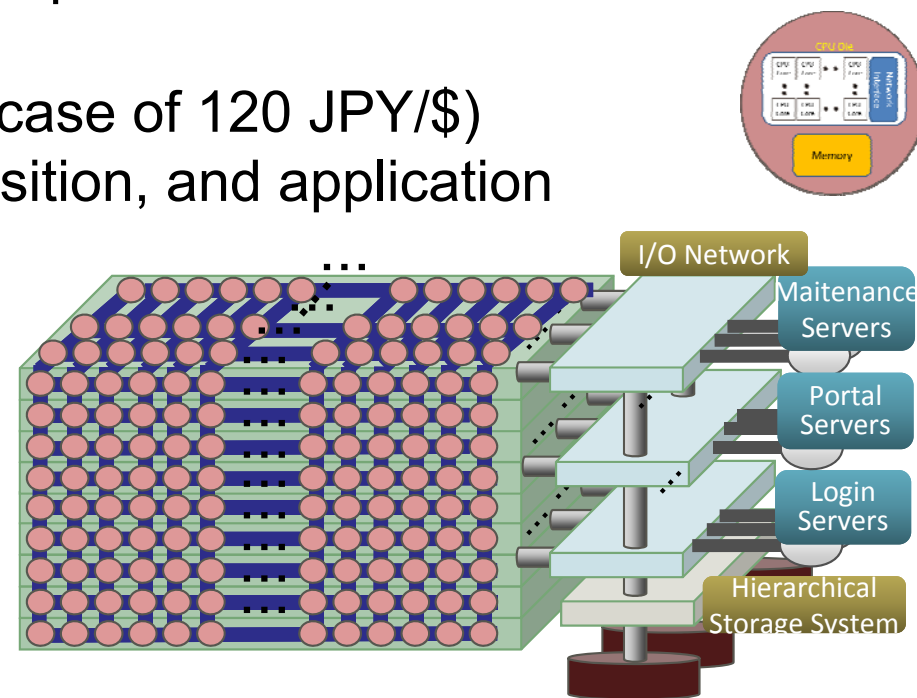
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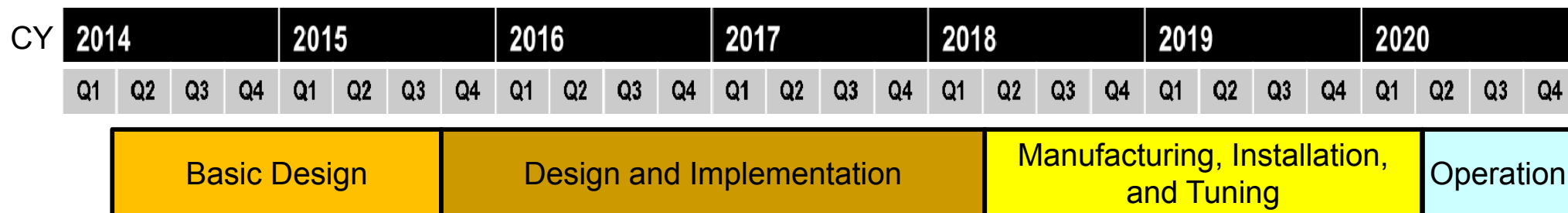
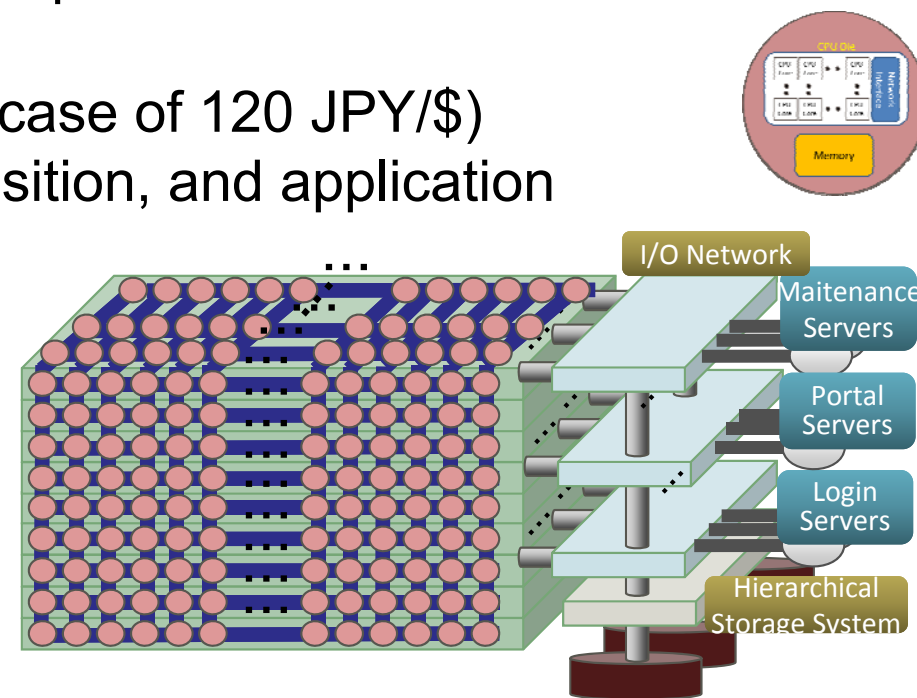
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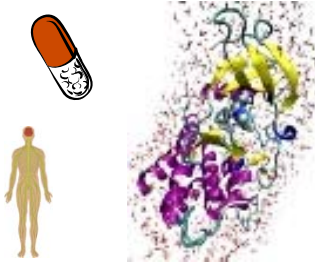
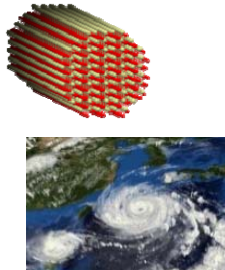
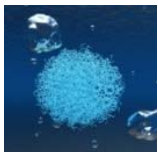
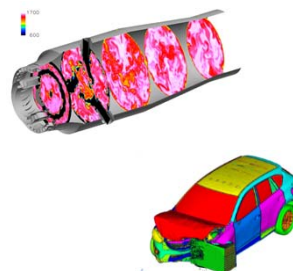
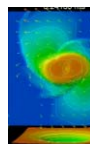
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□ Hardware and System Software

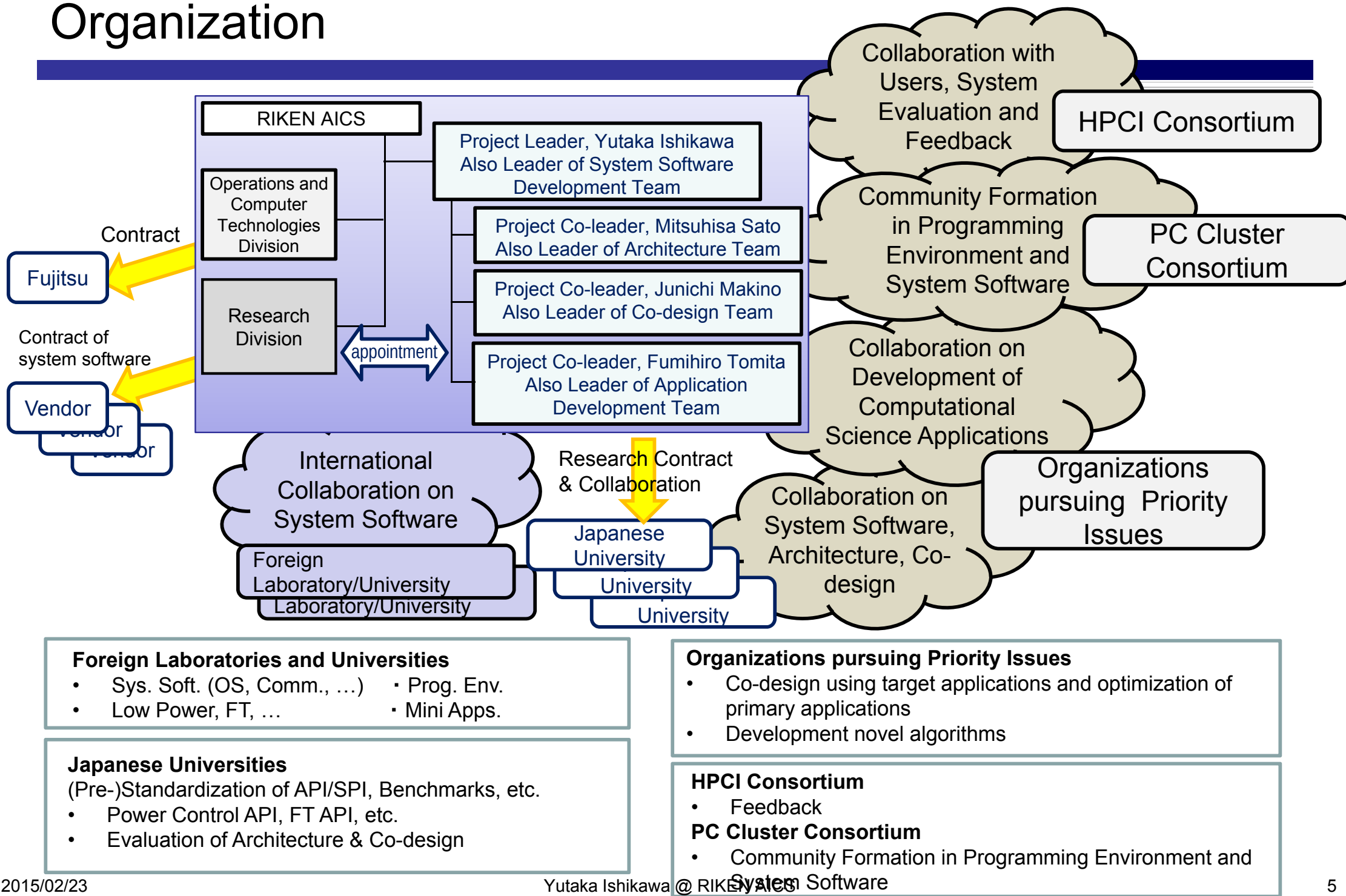
- Post K Computer
 - RIKEN AICS is in charge of development
 - Fujitsu is vendor partnership



Social and scientific priority issues

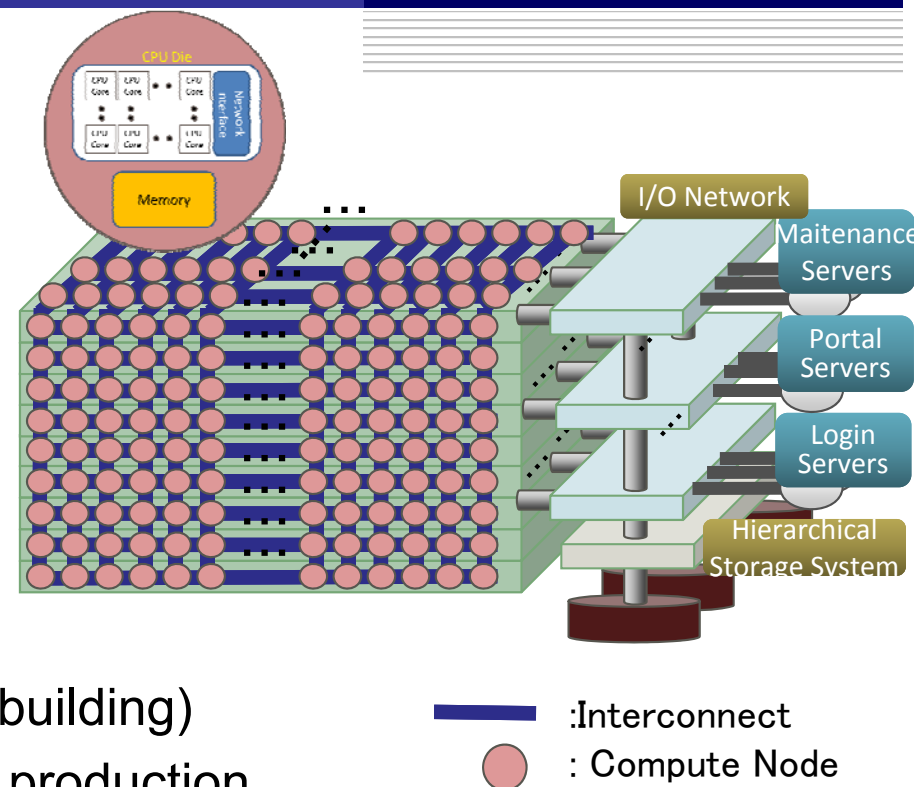
Category	Priority issues	
Achievement of a society that provides health and longevity	① Innovative drug discovery infrastructure through functional control of biomolecular systems	
	② Integrated computational life science to support personalized and preventive medicine	
Disaster prevention and global climate problem	③ Development of integrated simulation systems for hazard and disaster induced by earthquake and tsunami	
	④ Advancement of meteorological and global environmental predictions utilizing observational "Big Data"	
Energy problem	⑤ Development of new fundamental technologies for high-efficiency energy creation, conversion/storage and use	
	⑥ Accelerated Development of Innovative Clean Energy Systems	
Enhancement of industrial competitiveness	⑦ Creation of new functional devices and high-performance materials to support next-generation industries	
	⑧ Development of Innovative Design and Production Processes that Lead the Way for the Manufacturing Industry in the Near Future	
Development of basic science	⑨ Elucidation of the fundamental laws and evolution of the universe	

Organization



An Overview of Post K

- ✓ CPU
 - Many-core with Interconnect interface
 - Power Knob feature
- ✓ Interconnect
 - TOFU (mesh/torus network)
- ✓ Constraints
 - Power capacity (about 30MW)
 - Space for system installation (in Kobe AICS building)
 - Budget (money) for development (NRE) and production
 - ... some degree of compatibility to the current K computer.
- ✓ The system should be designed to maximize the performance of applications in each computational science field.
 - "Co-design" is a keyword!



Co-design Elements in Architecture

	Target Application		Co-design elements
	Program	Brief description	
①	GENESIS	MD for proteins	Local and collective comm. and floating point(FP) performance
②	Genomon	Genome processing (Genome alignment)	Workflow and file I/O
③	GAMERA	Earthquake simulator (FEM in unstructured & structured grid)	Comm. and memory bandwidth
④	NICAM+LETK	Weather prediction system using Big data (structured grid stencil & ensemble Kalman filter)	Comm. and memory bandwidth, SIMD, file I/O
⑤	NTChem	molecular electronic (structure calculation)	FP perf., SIMD, collective comm.
⑥	FFB	Large Eddy Simulation (unstructured grid)	Comm. and memory bandwidth, SIMD
⑦	RSDFT	an ab-initio program (density functional theory)	FP perf., collective comm.
⑧	Adventure	Computational Mechanics System for Large Scale Analysis and Design (unstructured grid)	Comm. and memory bandwidth, SIMD
⑨	CCS-QCD	Lattice QCD simulation (structured grid Monte Carlo)	Comm. and memory bandwidth, Local and collective comm.

File I/O for Big data: An Example

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“Innovating Big Data Assimilation technology for revolutionizing very-short-range severe weather prediction”

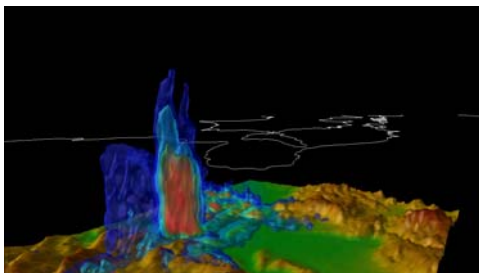
An innovative 30-second super-rapid update numerical weather prediction system for 30-minute/1-hour severe weather forecasting will be developed, aiding disaster prevention and mitigation, as well as bringing a scientific breakthrough in meteorology.



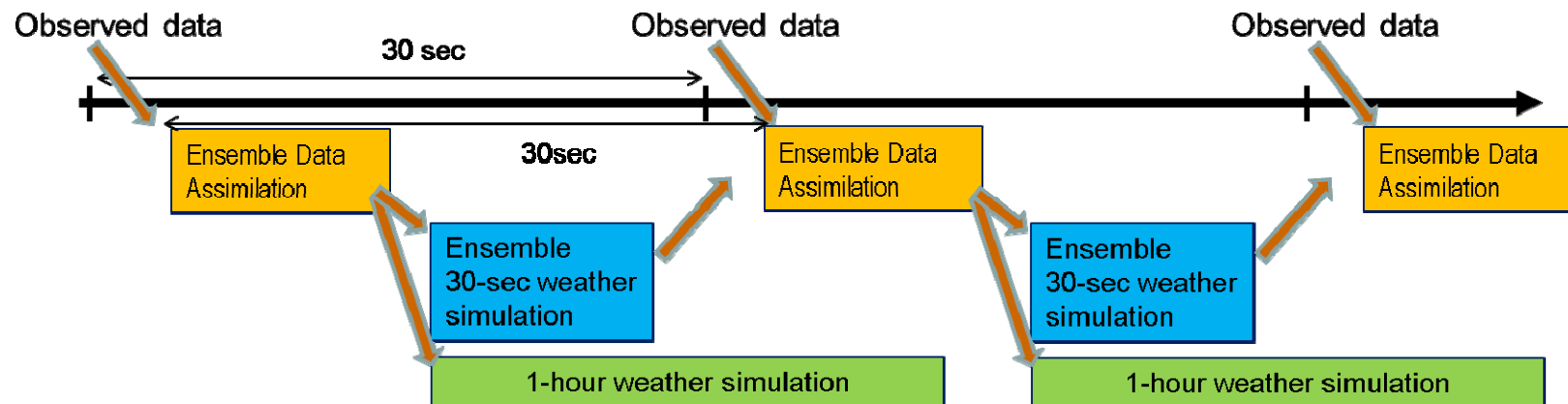
Phased array weather radar
151.2 MB/30sec



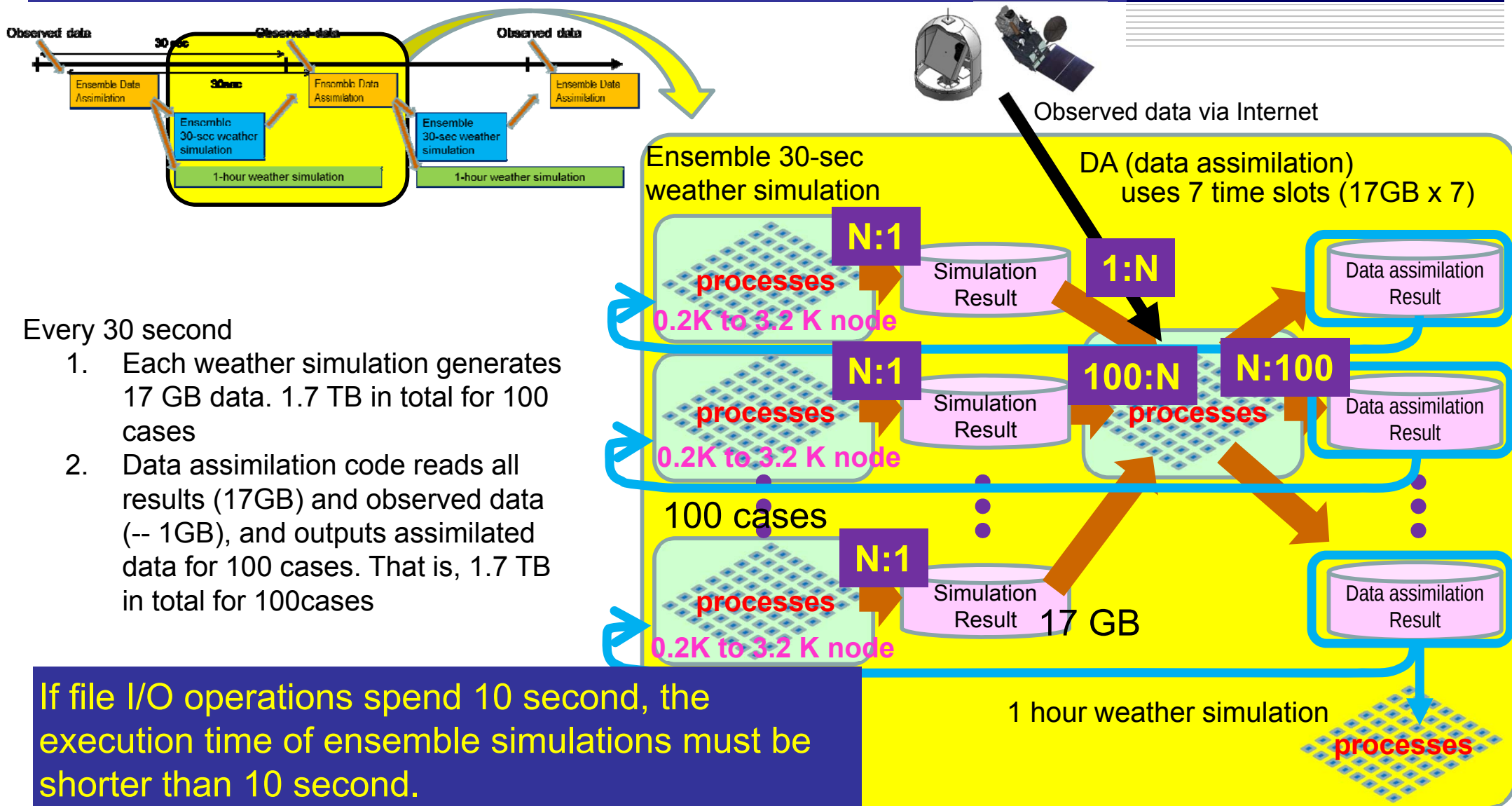
Satellite
500 MB/2.5min



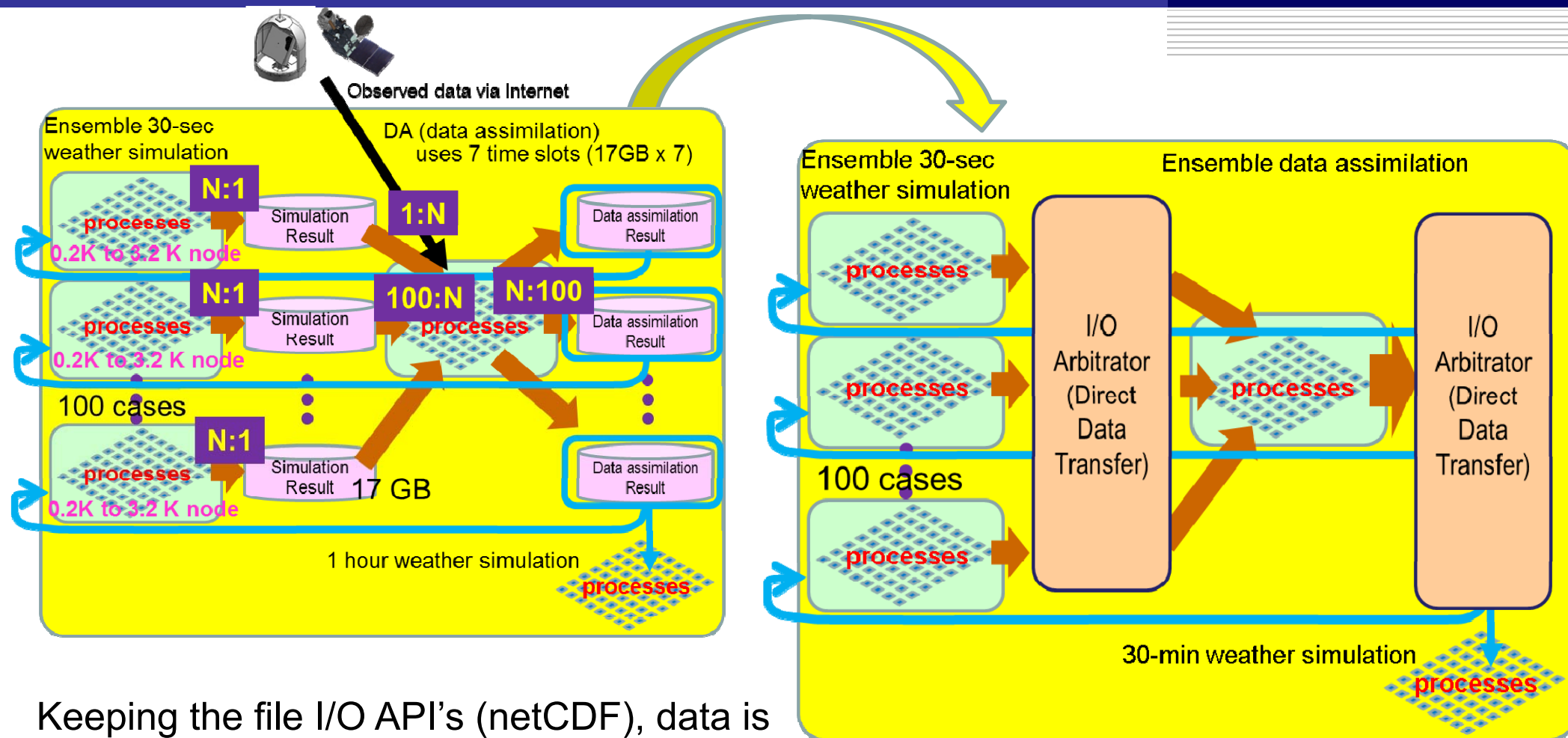
Rain particle



File I/O patterns in Ensemble simulation and data assimilation



Approach: I/O Arbitrator

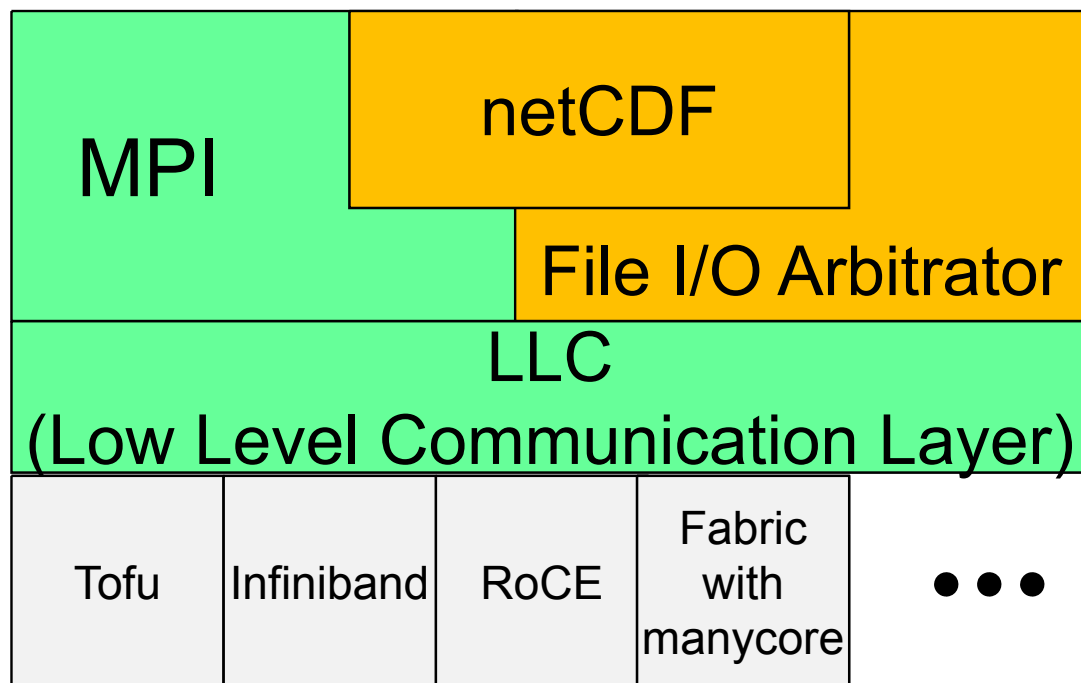


- Keeping the file I/O API's (netCDF), data is transferred from the ensemble simulation jobs to the data assimilation job without storing/loading data to/from the file system
 - Application programs are not modified

Note: the current prototype system extends netCDF

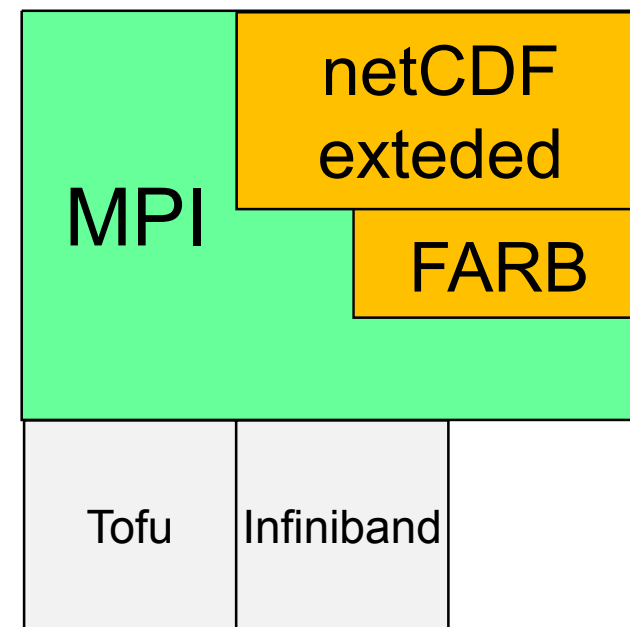
Communication Architecture

Target Communication Architecture



- MPICH: MPI Implementation at Argonne National Laboratory, USA
- Low Level Communication Layer: developed by RIKEN AICS under the Post K project

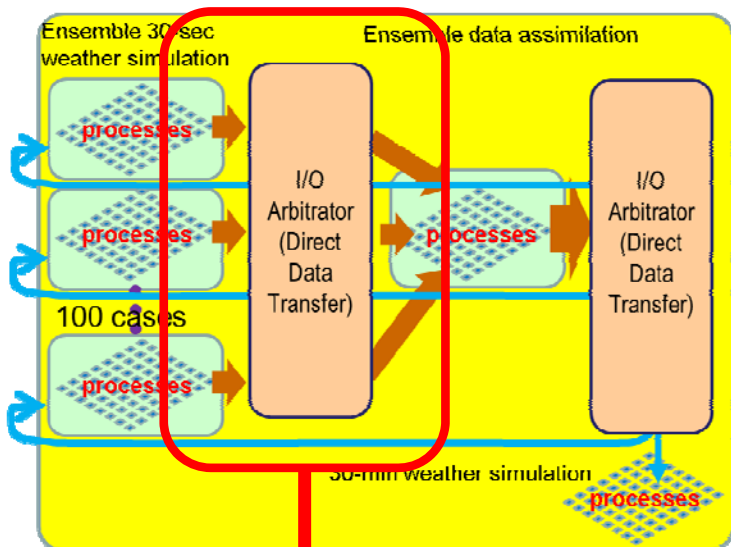
Prototype System



- A prototype system extends the netCDF API. It has been implemented using the MPI communication library because LLC has not been available.
- The prototype system runs with any MPI implementations, such as MPICH and OpenMPI.

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Experimental Results



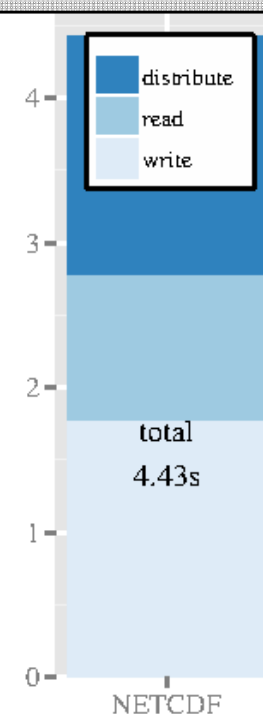
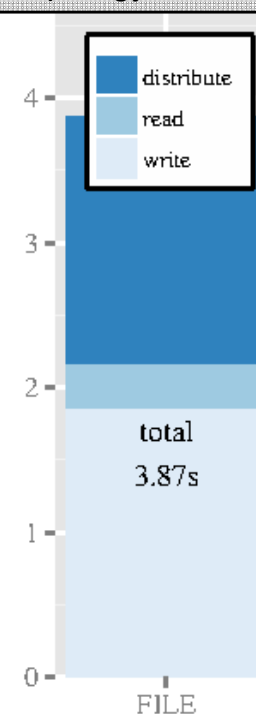
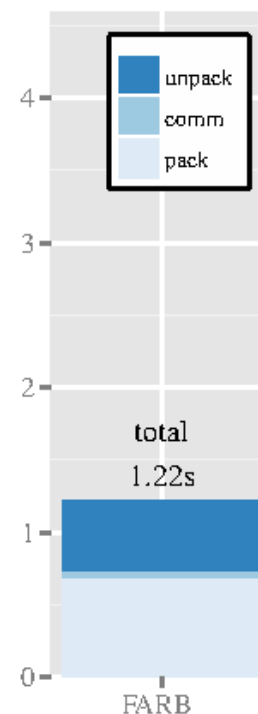
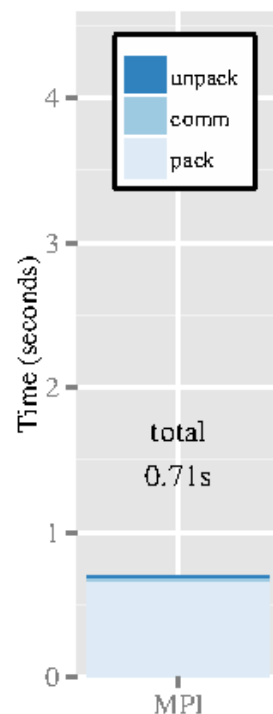
- A benchmark program, performing the same communication pattern of data assimilation, has been implemented
- Four implementations:
 - FARB: using the proposed system
 - MPI: The same communication pattern is realized by MPI communication library
 - FILE: data is transferred via files
 - NETCDF: data is transferred via netCDF

Evaluation Environment
Oakleaf-fx (University of Tokyo)

CPU	SPARC64 IXfx
Number of Cores	16
Clock	1.848 GHz
Memory	32 GB
Network Link	5 GB/sec
Topology	6-D Mesh/Torus

netCDF	FARB	FILE
4.43 sec	1.22 sec	3.87 sec

MPI implementation does not have overheads to interpret the communication pattern requested by the benchmark code, and thus it is the best performance



Concluding Remarks

- Based on experiments of the prototype system, a direct data transfer between jobs in netCDF will be developed
- The design of observed data transfer via Internet is also important to meet the requirement of real-timeness

