An End-to-End Campus-Scale High Performance Cyberinfrastructure for Data-Intensive Research

Campuses are experiencing an enormous increase in the quantity of data, generated by scientific instruments and computational clusters, which are stored in massive data repositories. The shared Internet, engineered to enable interaction with megabyte-sized data objects is not capable of dealing with the gigabytes to terabytes of modern scientific data. Instead, a high performance end-to-end cyberinfrastructure built on 10,000 Mbps optical fibers is emerging to support data-intensive research. I will give examples of early prototypes which integrate scalable data generation, transmission, storage, analysis, visualization, and sharing, driven by applications as diverse as genomics, medical imaging, cultural analytics, earth sciences, and cosmology.

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