

# Radar Networking in Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere (CASA): State of the Art & Research Challenges

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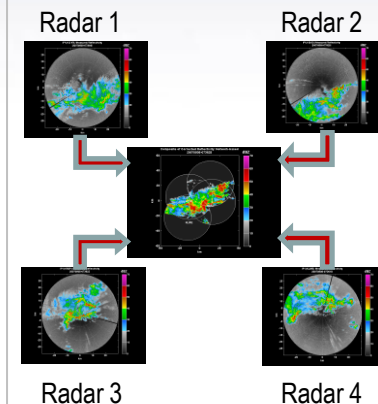
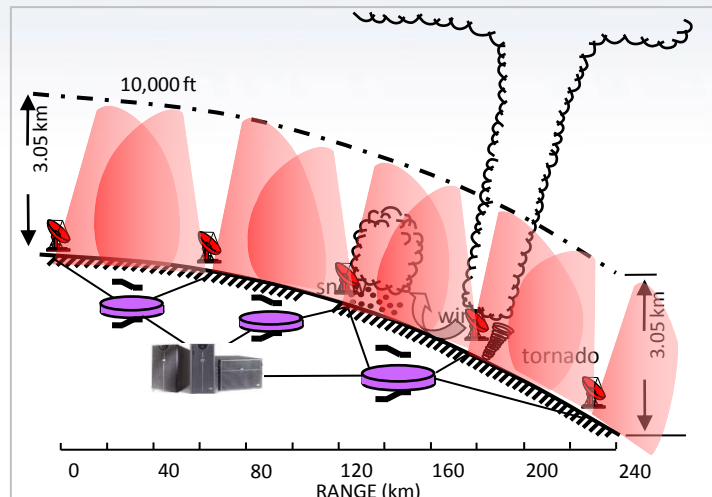
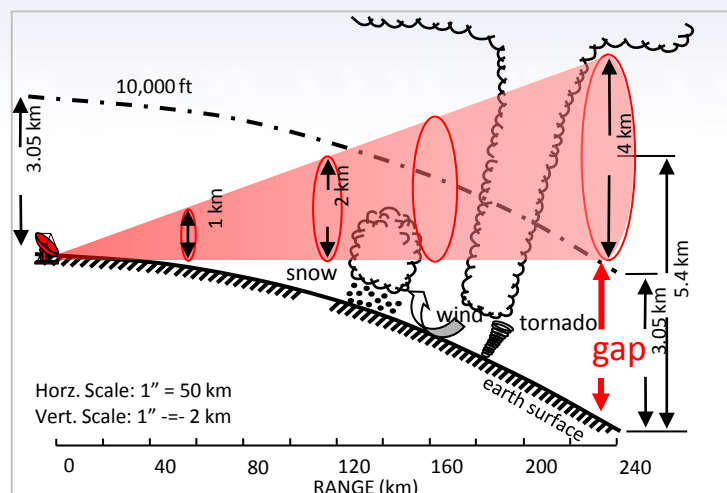


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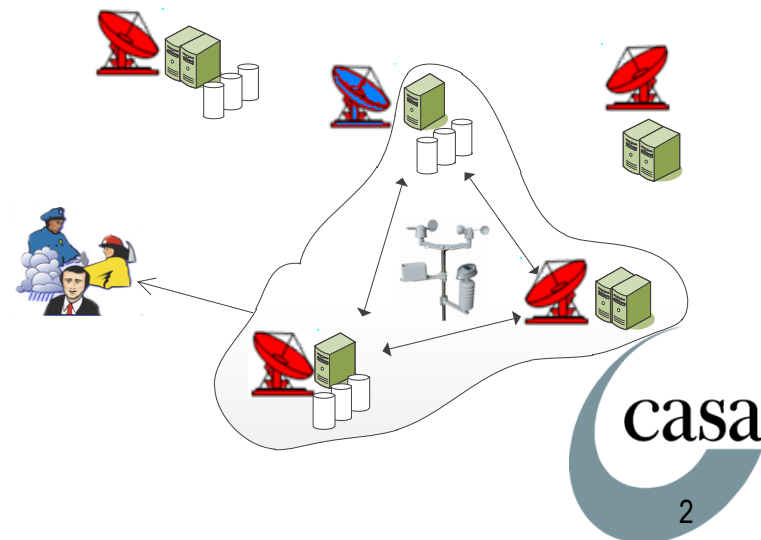
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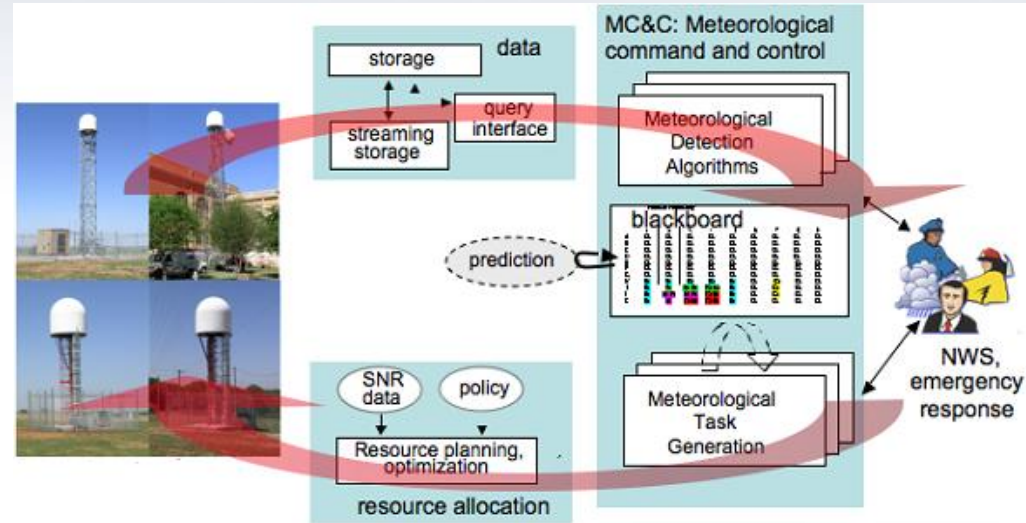
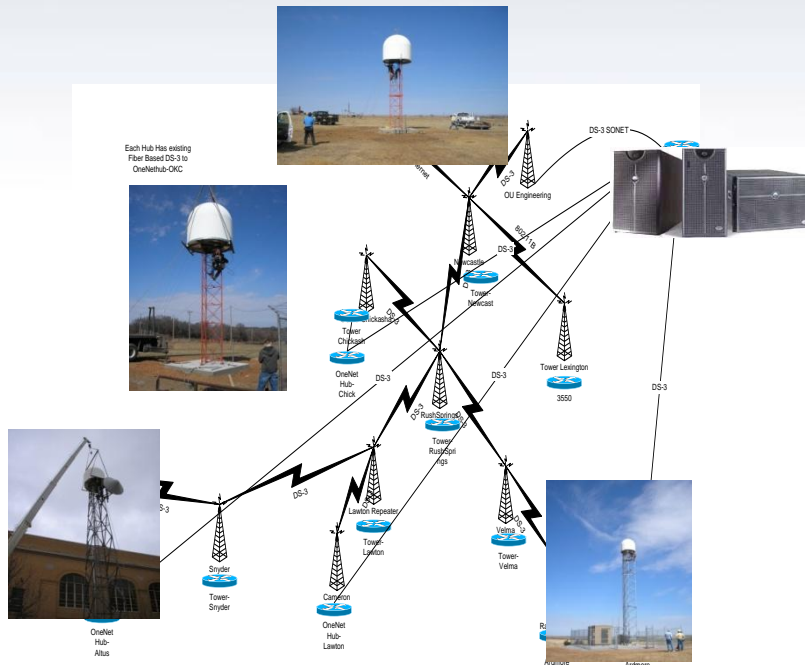
# Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere (CASA)



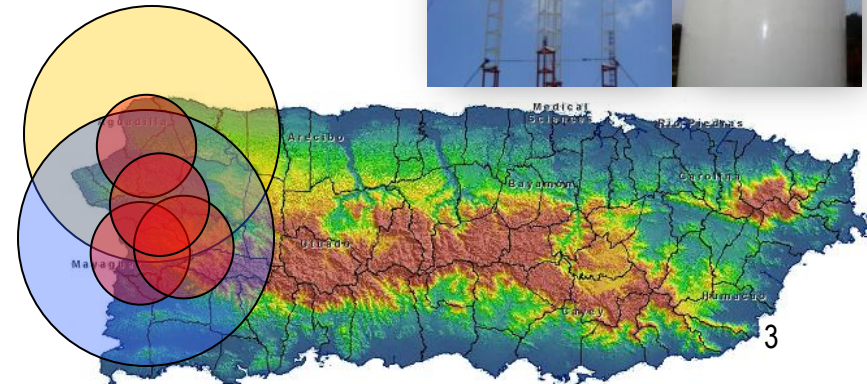
- Collaborating & adapting radars
  - Improved sensing, detection, & forecasting
- Aggregates distributed groups of resources as & when needed
  - 10,000 radars to cover U.S.
  - High data rate – 800 Mbps
  - Heterogeneous, dynamic, & distributed
  - Real-time – 30 sec heart beat



# CASA Test Beds



- Oklahoma test bed
  - 7,000 km<sup>2</sup>, 40 km range, 30 km spacing
  - Connected to the Internet
  - Data pull – 30 sec heart beat
  - Being moved to Dallas-Fort Worth
- Puerto Rico student test bed
  - Solar powered
  - Wireless connections



# CASA Applications & End Users

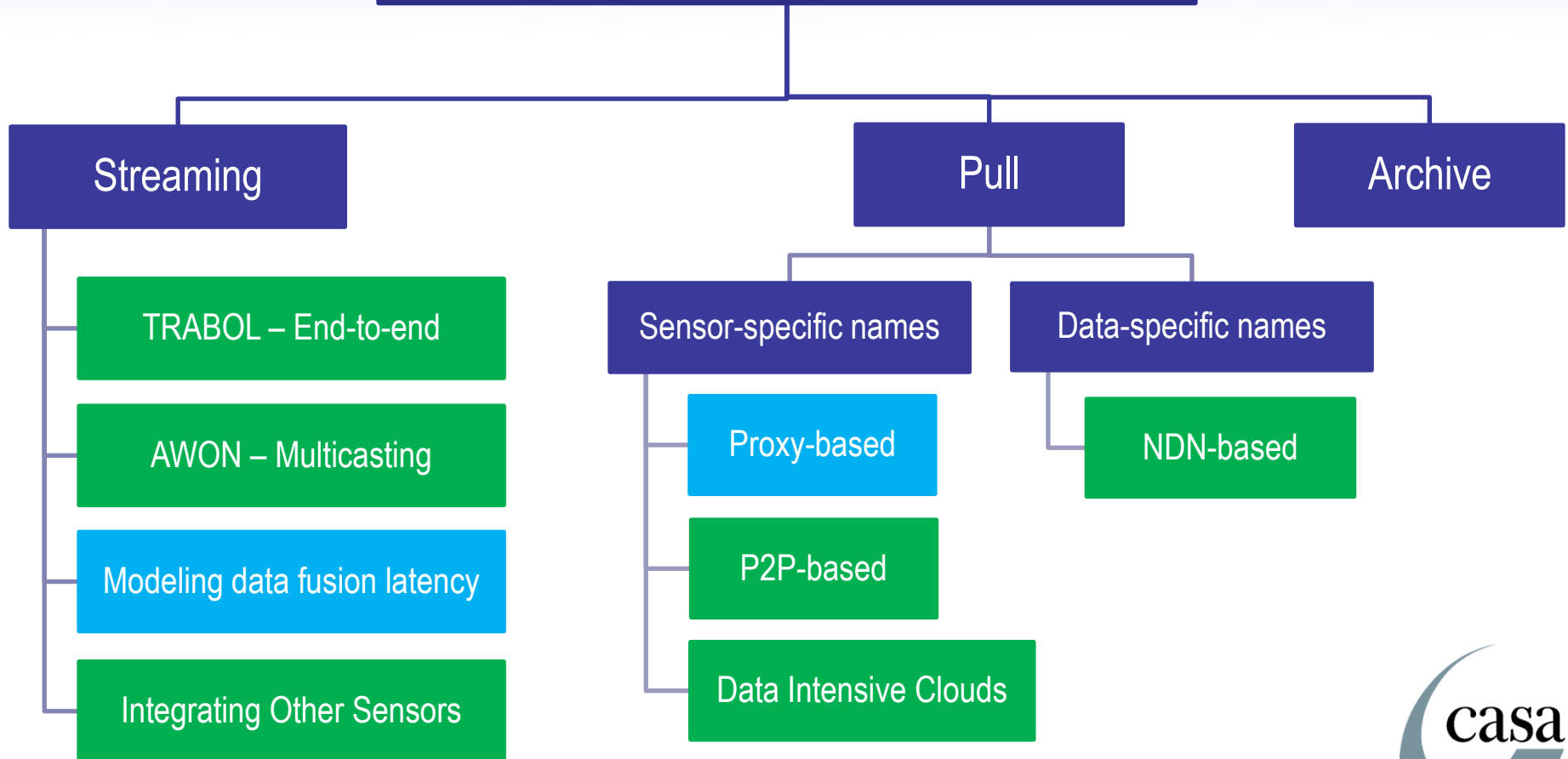
Application	Description	No of Radars	Data Type(s)
Reflectivity	Reflectivity of clouds	1	Reflectivity
Velocity	Wind velocity	2-3	Doppler velocity, reflectivity
Network-Based Reflectivity Retrieval (NBRR)	Reflectivity of clouds detected using multiple radars	3+	Reflectivity
Nowcasting	Short term (10-30 min) high resolution forecasts of active weather events	1-3	Reflectivity
Tornado tracking	Detect & track a tornado as it forms & moves	2+	Doppler velocity, reflectivity

End user	Description	Applications	Rule Trigger	AOI	Sampling Interval
National Weather Service (NWS)	Responsible for issuing warnings	Reflectivity	Periodic	Counties under jurisdiction	1 min
		Velocity			
		NBRR, nowcasting, QPE	High reflectivity	Area of active weather	
		Tornado tracking	Rotating wind, ground spotters		
Emergency Managers (EMs)	Siren blowing, helping first responders, act as spotters	Reflectivity	Periodic	Counties under jurisdiction	1 min
		Velocity			
		NBRR, nowcasting, QPE	High reflectivity	Area of active weather	2 min
		Tornado tracking	Rotating wind, ground spotters		1 min
Researchers	To understand physical properties of weather events, test new algorithms	Reflectivity	Periodic	Area of active weather	1 min
		Velocity	High wind		30 sec
		NBRR, nowcasting, QPE	High reflectivity		1 min
		Tornado tracking	Rotating wind		30 sec

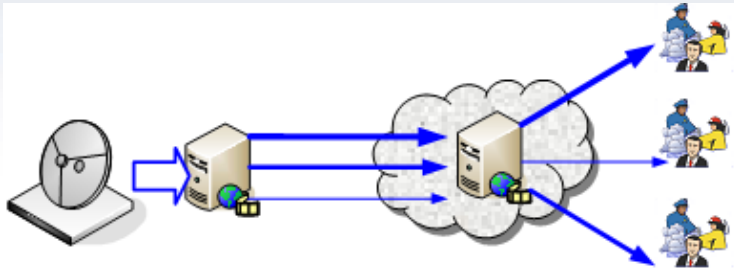
- Same data accessed by multiple applications & end users

# Data Transfer & Fusion

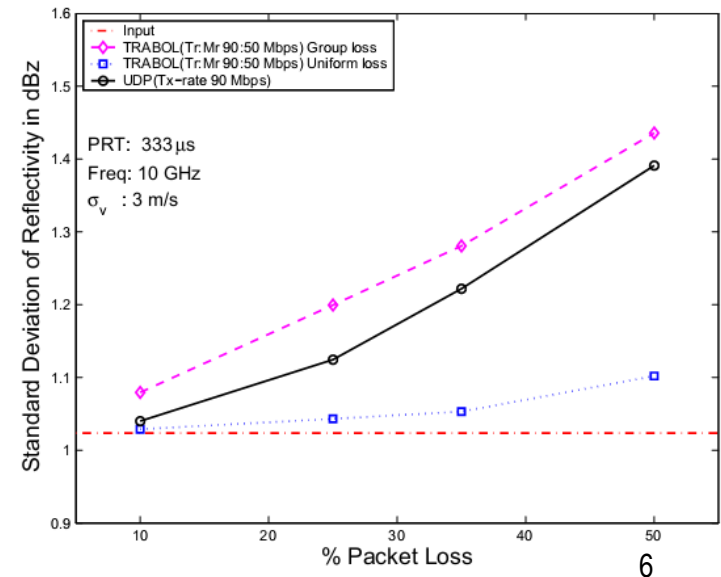
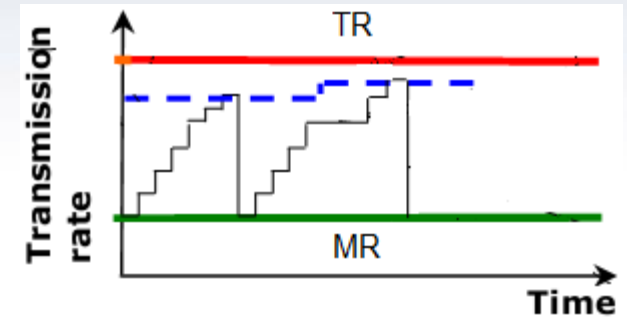
## Data Transfer & Data Fusion



# Streaming – TCP friendly Rate Adaptation Based On Loss (TRABOL)

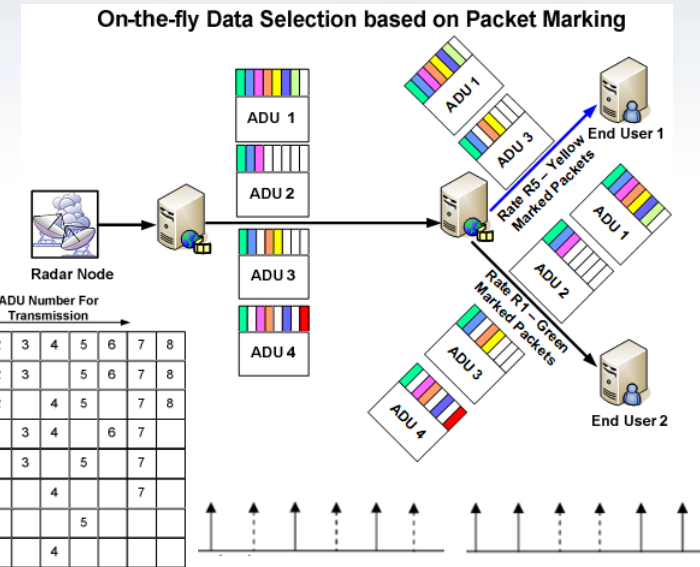
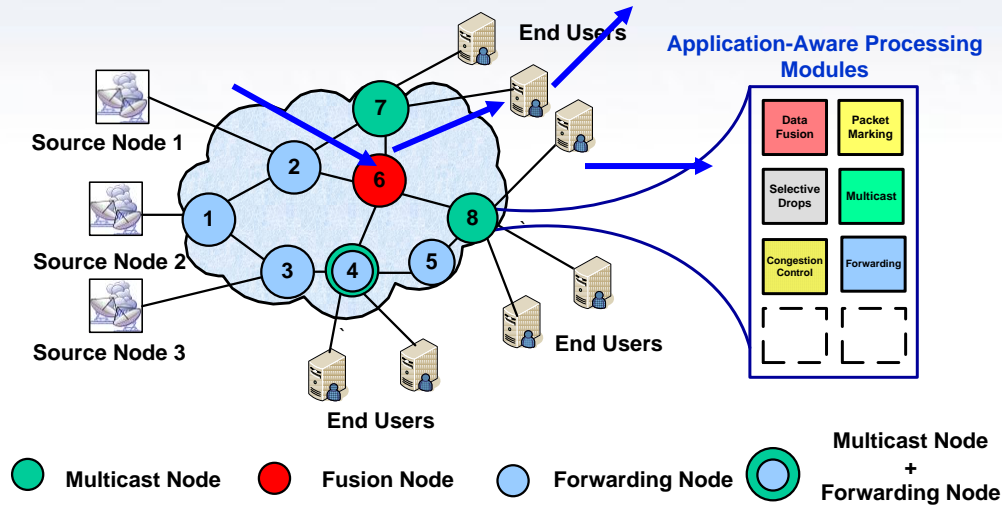


- Target Rate (TR)
  - Users prefer to receive all relevant data
- Minimum Rate (MR)
  - Most important data
- TCP & UDP inadequate
- TRABOL
  - Application-layer solution
  - Application-aware packet drop
  - Enhance quality of received data

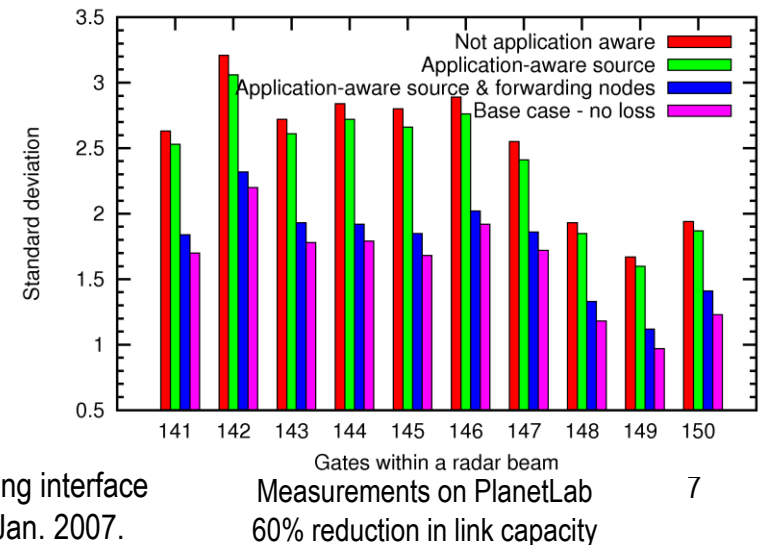




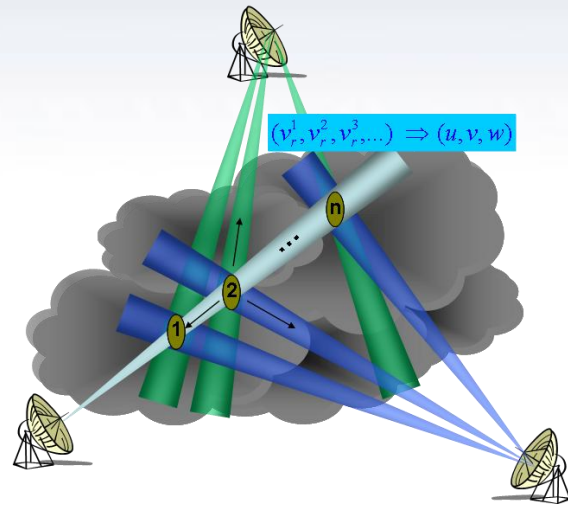
# Multicasting – Application-Aware Overlay Networks (AWON)



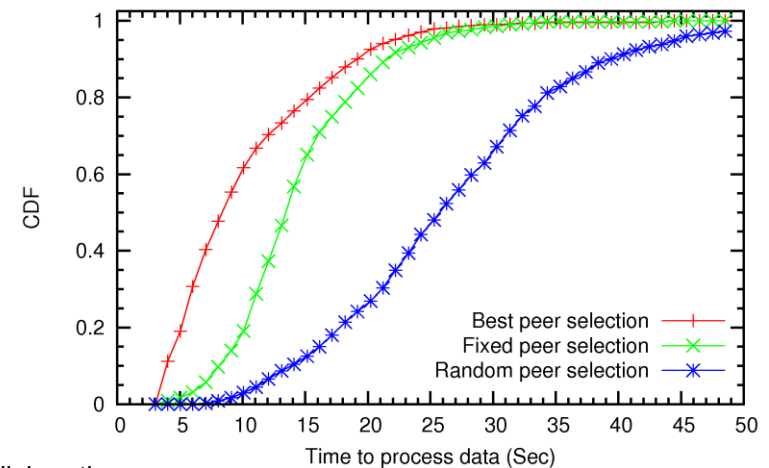
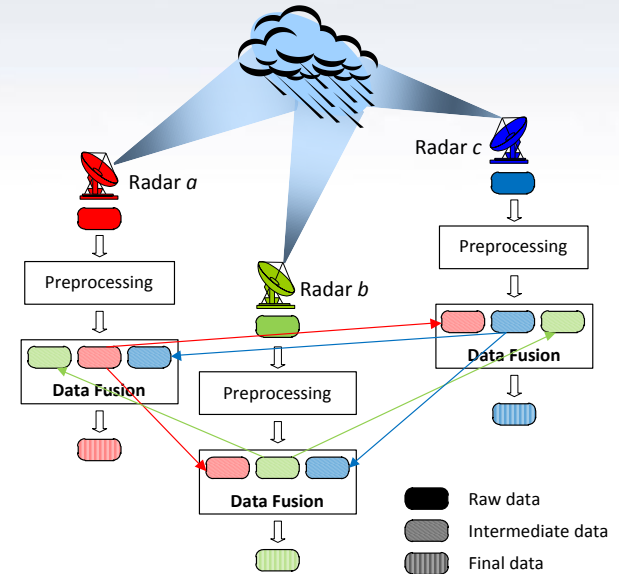
- API for application-aware service deployment
- Application-aware
  - Packet marking
  - Data delivery under varying network conditions



# Data Fusion – Peer-to-Peer Collaboration Framework

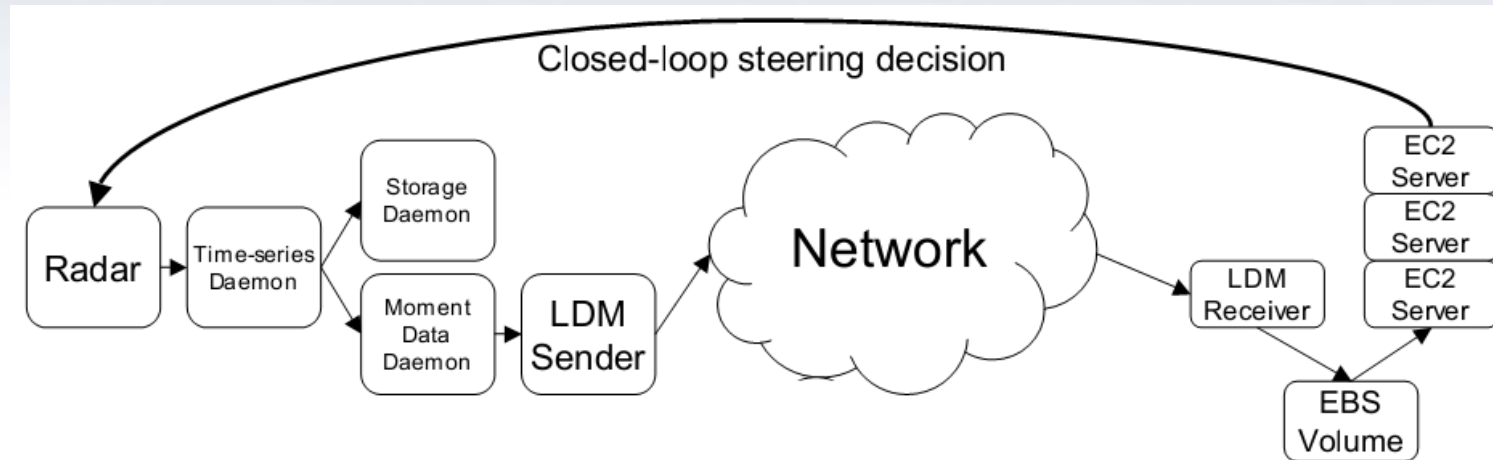


- Radars depend on each other's data to correct/detect errors
  - Subscribe to neighbors
- Best peer selection
  - Peers with relevant data
  - Peers with lowest data delivery time
    - Computation + transmission





# Data Fusion – Data Intensive (DI) Clouds

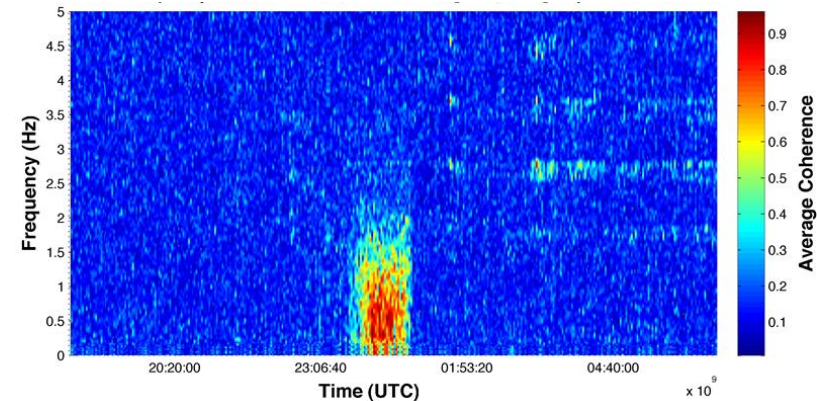
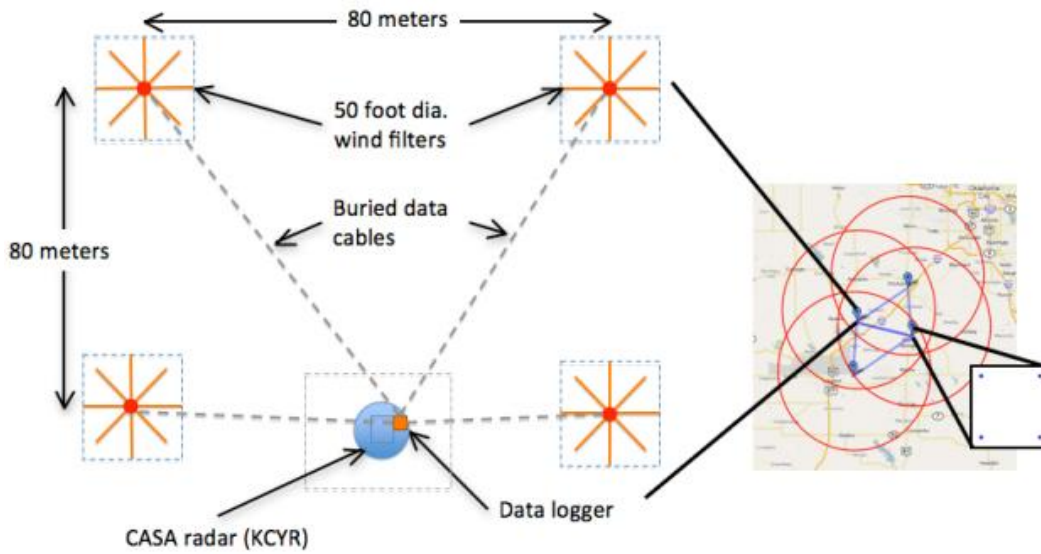


- Infrequent peak demands
- Cloud computing is a good fit
- Enable data-intensive experiments/workflows from start to finish
  - Radars, weather stations, & cameras
    - Virtualized access to sensors
    - Developed under GENI ViSE project
  - Processing & storing in Amazon cloud



# Data Fusion – Integrating Infrasound Sensors

- Tornados & their precursors produce infrasound ( $< 20$  Hz)
- Increase accuracy of detection, warning time, & localization



May 22, 2011 at Cyril site



# Multi-User, Multi-Application, & Multi-Sensor Data Fusion Over Named Data Networks (NDN)

Geographic location & weather event specific names

Content dependent names

• /Anaheim/Reflectivity/10:30/

Decouple data, security, & access from sensor

Decouple identity, security, & access from end point

Load balancing, resilience, & security

Better reliability & security

Pull based

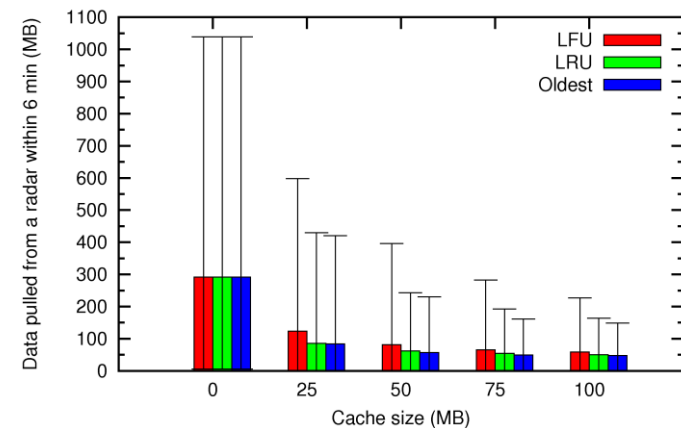
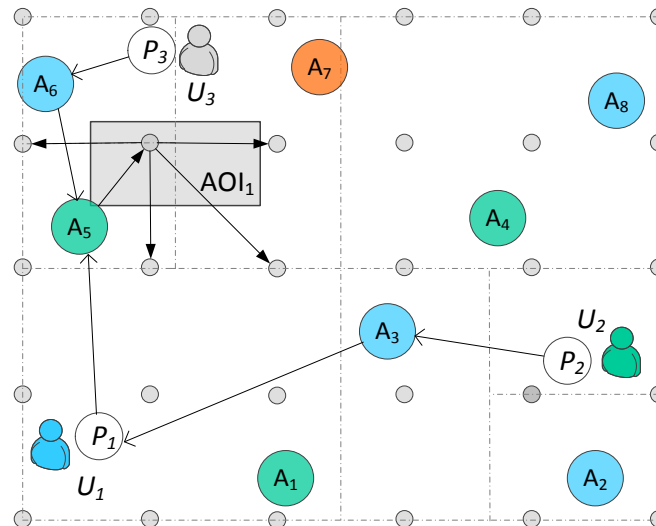
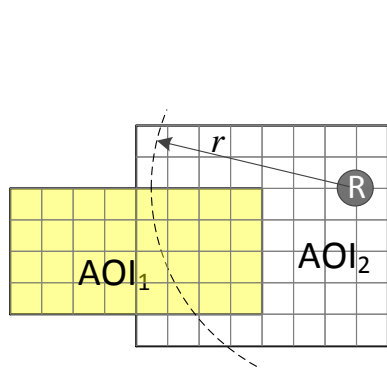
• Users determine how resources are used

Receiver driven communication

• On demand data generation

High temporal & spatial locality

Exploit temporal & spatial locality



# Research Opportunities & Challenges

- Integrating diverse sensors
  - CASA, solid state, long-range, special purpose, & mobile radars
  - Micro weather stations, pressure sensors, wind profilers, etc.
  - How to transfer & process?
    - Different data types, generation patterns, processing, & bandwidth requirements
- Aggregating distributed groups of resources
  - As & when needed
  - Heterogeneous, distributed, dynamic, & multi-attribute resources
  - Real time & distributed resource matching, binding, & compensation
- Data intensive clouds
  - Transferring data in/out of clouds
    - On demand virtual networks across ISPs
  - Rapid resource deployment
  - Cloud-based processing strategies for weather data
    - Models to understand performance & cost benefits

# *Questions/Comments*

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