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# **Ecosystems are the future!**

**SC21 BOF: Software Engineering and Reuse in Modeling,  
Simulation, and Data Analytics for Science and Engineering  
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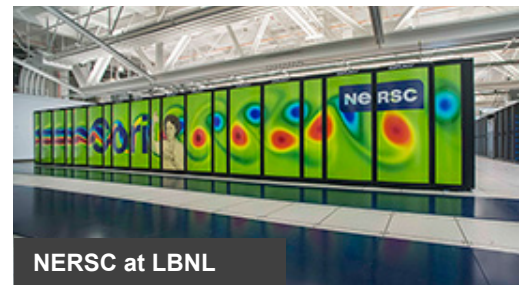
# ASCR High Performance Computing and Networking Facilities

World leading capabilities spanning supercomputing, data analysis, data transport & testbeds



## Leadership Computing: Extreme-scale resources for the nation

- ALCF and OLCF provide two HPC architectures for technological diversity
- ~3,000 users per year; multiple #1 Top500 rankings over program history
- Emphasis on science and technology applications that use full system capability
- Resources allocated predominantly by competitive merit review
- Current upgrade projects: OLCF-5 **Frontier** (2021) and ALCF-3 **Aurora** (2022)



## High Performance Production Computing: A dedicated SC resource

- NERSC's legacy of enabling DOE research with HPC stretches back to 1974
- ~8,000 users per year; NERSC also provides a 200 PB data storage archive
- Emphasis on support for the broadest set of science applications
- Resources allocated predominantly by SC Science Programs to their grantees
- Current upgrade project: NERSC-9 **Perlmutter** (2021)

## Advancing U.S. Competitiveness

Every ASCR HPC system procurement includes R&D to drive innovation across the U.S. vendor community.

LCFs constitute a global competitive HPC advantage.



## High Performance Networking: A superhighway for extreme-scale data

- Connects all DOE national laboratories and other DOE sites to global research networks, cloud providers, and the internet
- Many tens of thousands of individual users; ESnet provides DOE the ability to move massive data losslessly
- An open network with high capacity (400+ Gbps), low latency, and innovative services tuned for extreme-scale data
- Transmitted more than one Exabyte (one billion Gigabytes) in the last 12 months; ESnet Testbed enables open R&D
- Current upgrade project: **ESnet6** (2023), a Terabit-scale network with software programmable service orchestration



# The people of the ASCR Facilities

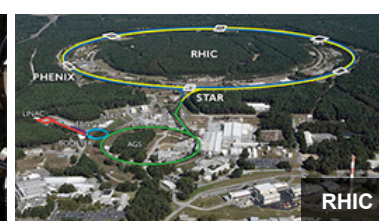
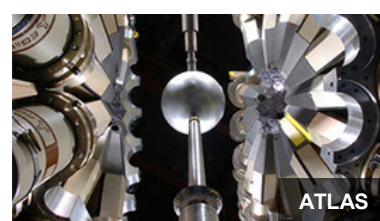
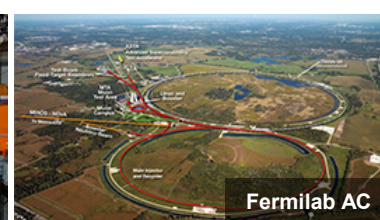
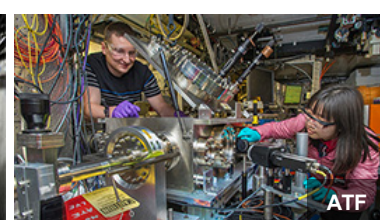
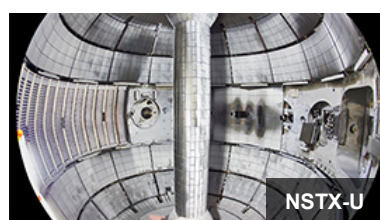
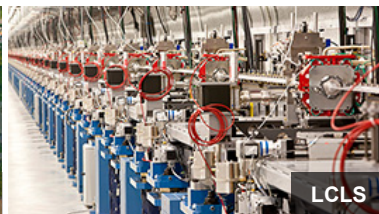
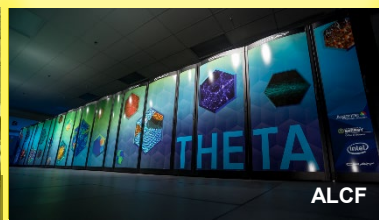


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**FY 2021**  
**28 scientific**  
**user facilities**  
**36,000+ users**



Acronym decoder at <https://science.osti.gov/User-Facilities>



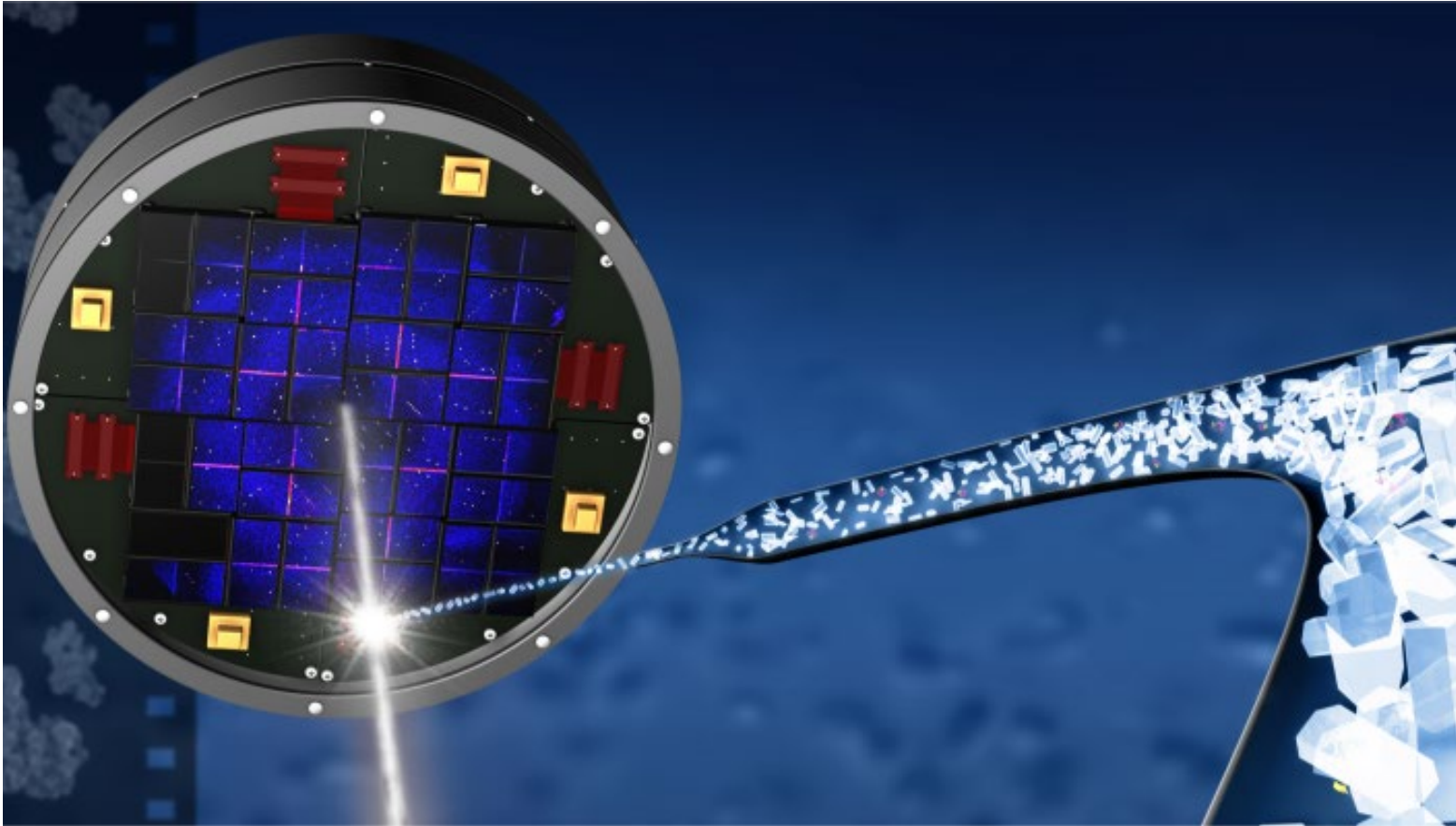
# On September 29 I presented my vision for the ASCR Facilities enterprise to the Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee



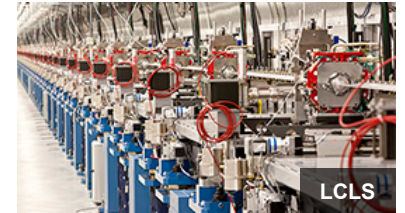
<https://youtu.be/ltYuCtS4QH4?t=4971>

# A complex workflow addressing extraordinary national need

This artist's rendering depicts x-ray crystallography at SLAC's Linac Coherent Light Source. LCLS partnered with NERSC and ESnet to perform real-time image analysis for research of the SARS-CoV-2 virus structure.



SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory



Don't miss Bronson Messer's  
COVID-19 HPC Consortium talk,  
Thursday at 11:05am ET.



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Today we are entering not only the exascale era,  
but also a new era of complexity in  
advanced scientific computing.



# Today the ASCR Facilities enterprise is contending with new complexity. We are entering a new era of advanced scientific computing.

The practice of science is evolving. Couplings between modeling/simulation, experimental/observational data, advanced algorithms, and AI/ML tools have the power to accelerate discovery and innovation.

**Where we once focused on batch jobs and bulk data transfer, we now have [complex workflows](#).**

Computing technology is evolving along multiple trajectories. General purpose computing is but one market segment. **Managing risk and opportunity in our hardware choices is increasingly complex.**

The [people](#) of the ASCR Facilities enterprise are making extraordinary impacts today; their expertise and efforts are sought by many. And yet many talented individuals do not participate.

**Our workforce challenges are significant.**

Institutions, programs, and researchers are under pressure to provide/obtain computing and data resources.

**Our users, our partners, and we ourselves crave shared clarity of insight and intent.**

**Our challenge today is to confront this complexity and arrive at a strategy that maximizes the impact of ASCR, Office of Science, and DOE investments—to be greater than the sum of the parts.**

# Vision for the ASCR Facilities: Thriving together

**A complementary system of facilities, each thriving, each possessing agency, collectively driving innovation in advanced scientific computing across DOE and beyond.**

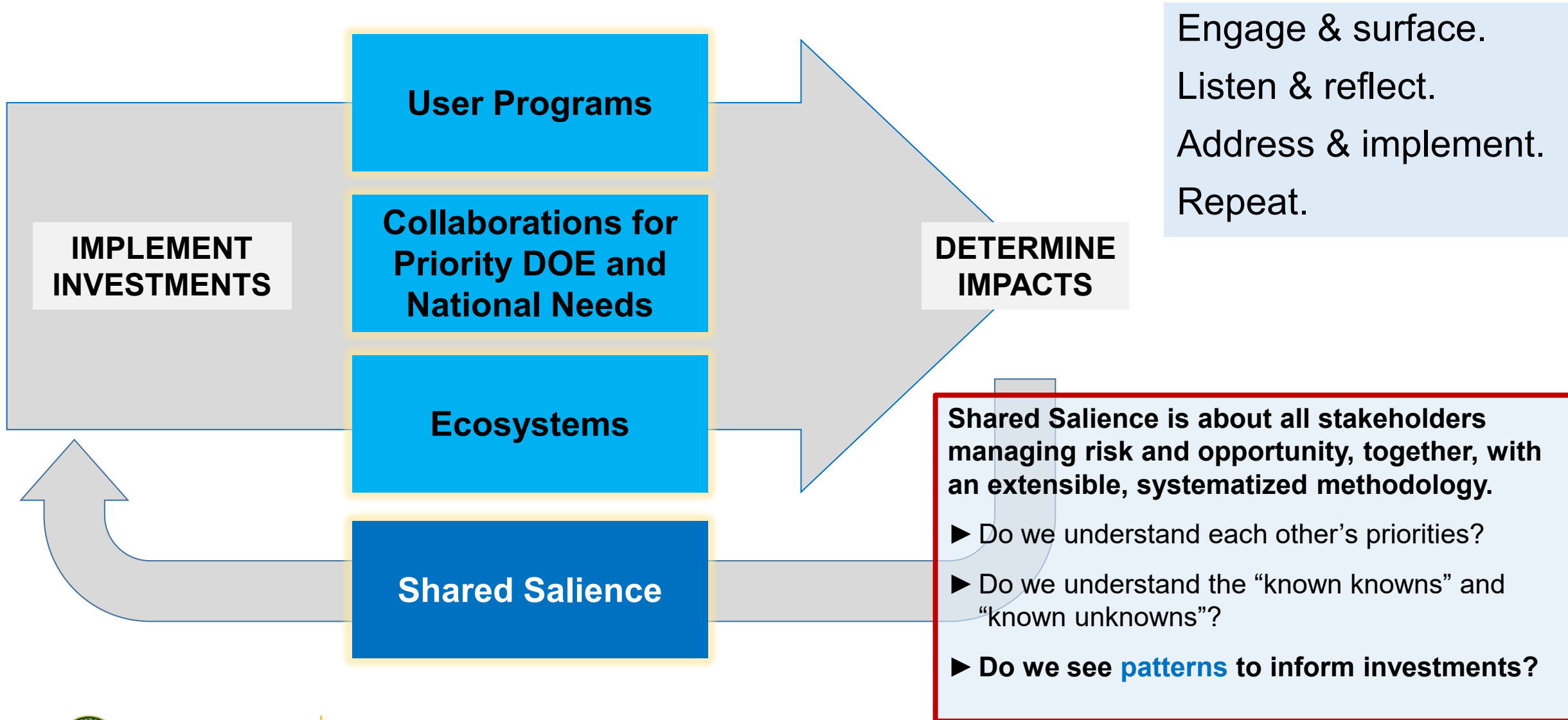
- ▶ Driving the state-of-the-art with the ASCR research and vendor communities
- ▶ Catalyzing discovery and innovation
- ▶ Responding to national needs
- ▶ Delivering on stakeholder priorities, with balance and equity
- ▶ Fostering scientific ecosystems
- ▶ Broadening the diversity of individual, institutional, and domain participation
- ▶ Demonstrating excellence in project management and operations



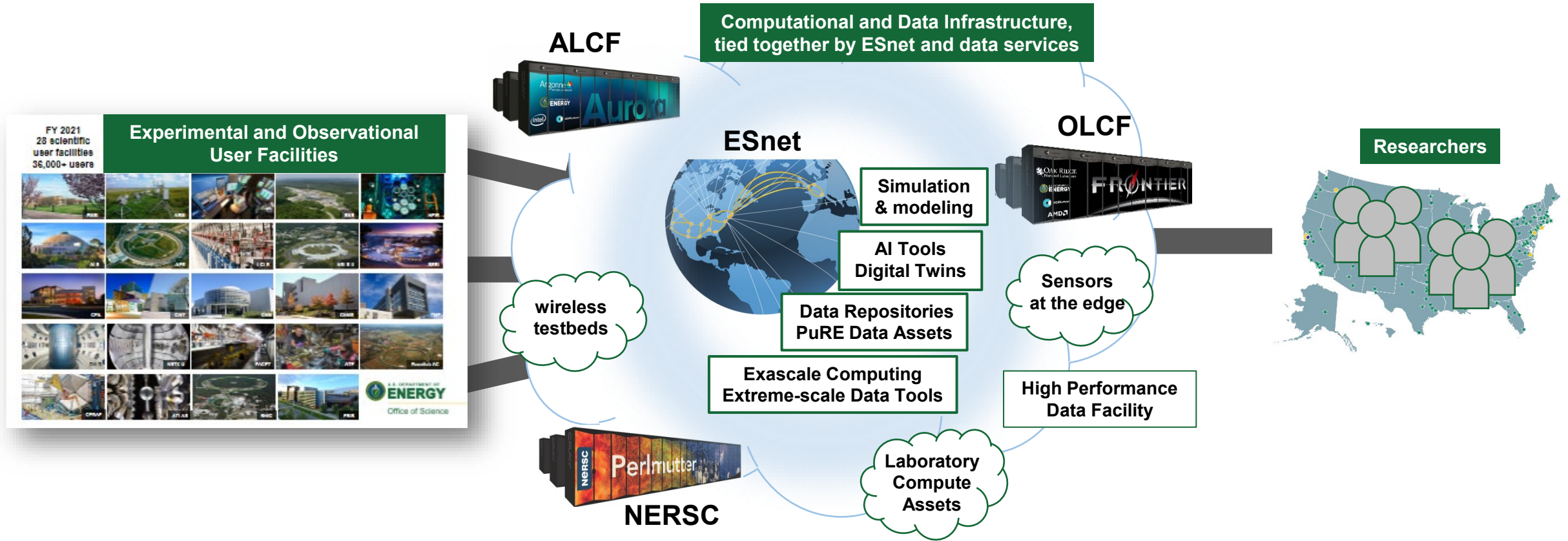
**... a system in which we (HQ & Facilities) manage enterprise risk and opportunity together and facilitate our stakeholders' abilities to do so effectively.**



# Vision for the ASCR Facilities: How we will thrive together

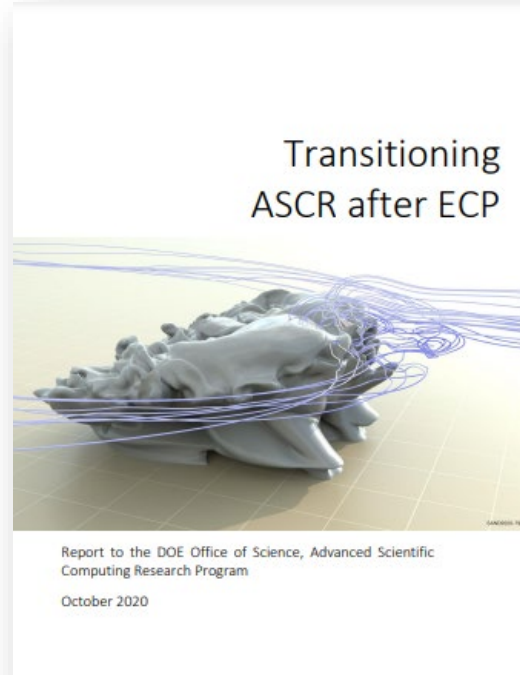


# Incipient ecosystem: Office of Science User Facilities





# Incipient ecosystem: Scientific software



“ECP has created a well-designed software ecosystem for development, curation, and distribution of exascale systems and application software. This ecosystem integrates the fruits of years of basic research in: mathematics, computer science, applications, and systems software.

**In particular, the ecosystem greatly reduces barriers for ASCR fundamental research maturation and impactful delivery at the facilities and with users.** Several of our recommendations focus on realizing the potential of this new ecosystem.”

## The Importance of Stewardship and Sustainability of Research Software in the Office of Science

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# Software ecosystems are research infrastructure!

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