

Square Kilometre Array

Status Report



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21st Century Observatories



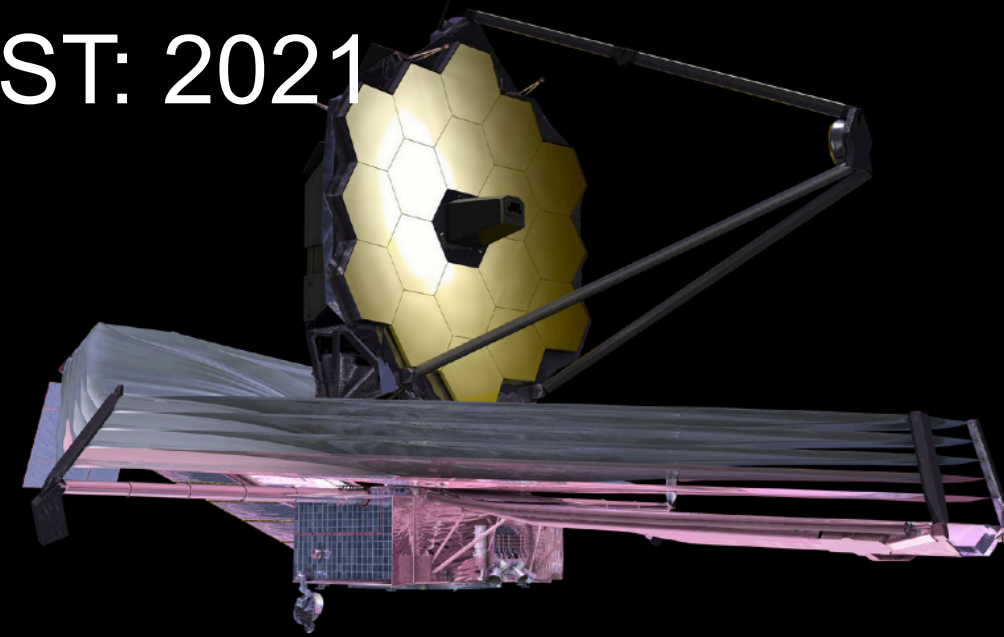
LIGO/VIRGO:
operational/++

Observes GWs through
optical interferometry!

KM3NeT:2020s

Observes neutrinos
through photon flashes!

JWST: 2021



ATHENA: 2032



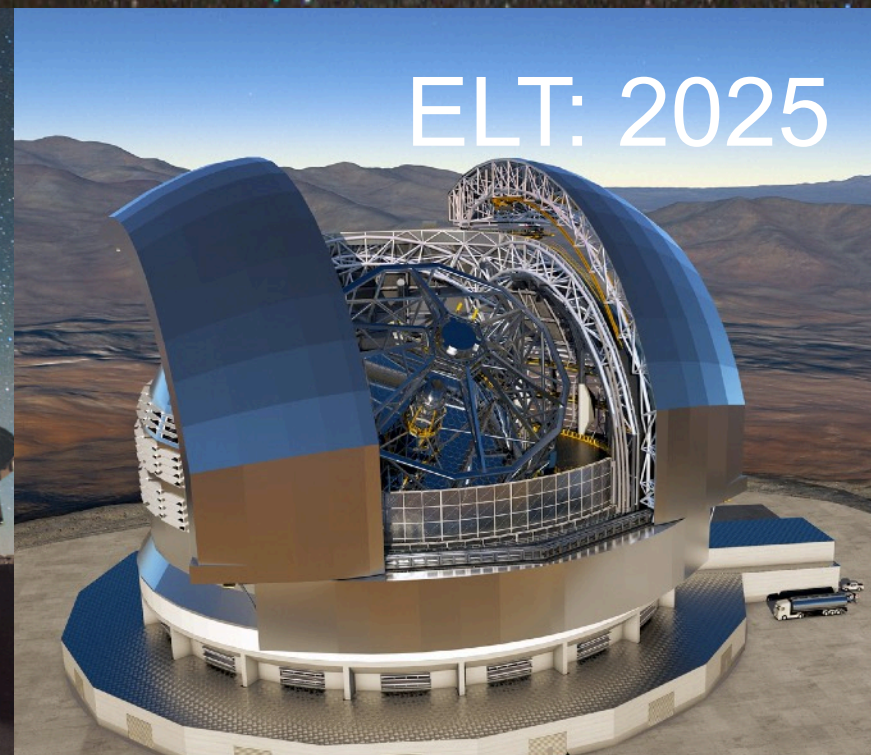
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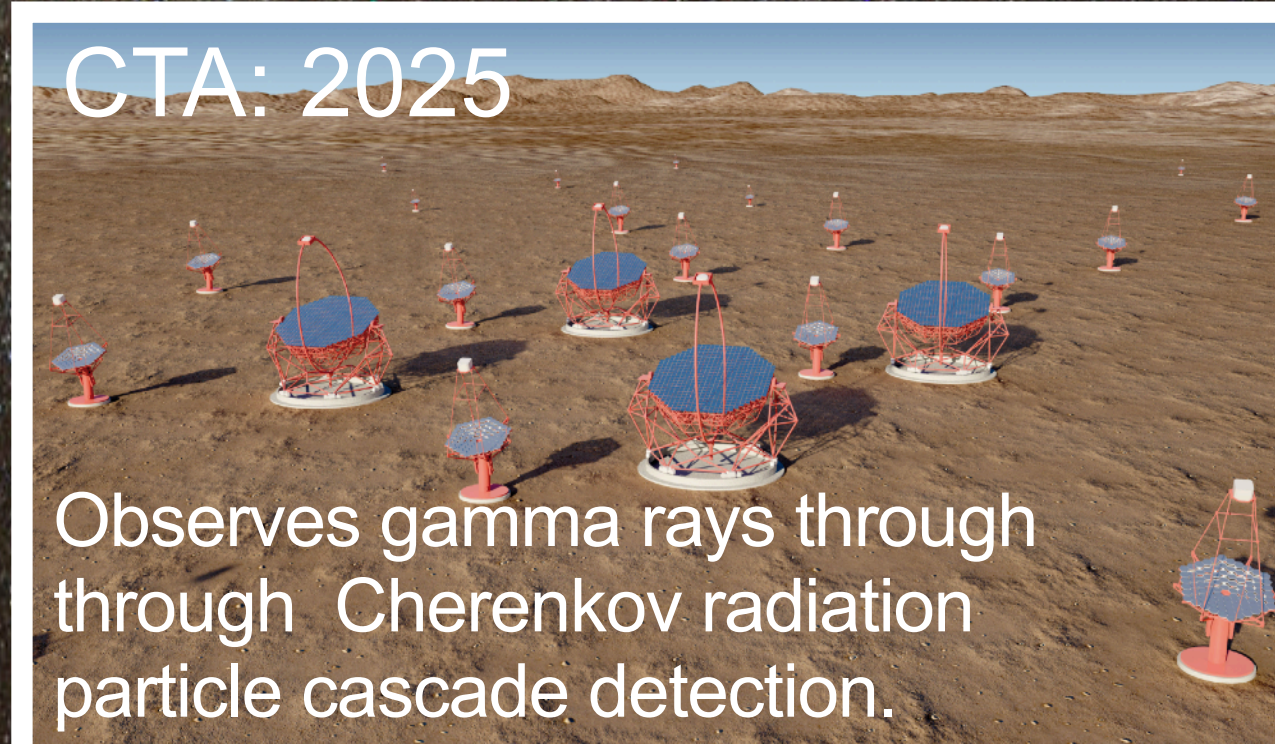
ALMA: operational



ELT: 2025



CTA: 2025



Observes gamma rays through
Cherenkov radiation
particle cascade detection.

Radio waves

Microwaves

Infrared



Ultraviolet

X-rays

Gamma





SKA Key Science Drivers: The history of the Universe



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Testing General Relativity
(Strong Regime, Gravitational Waves)

Cosmic Dawn
(First Stars and Galaxies)

Galaxy Evolution
(Normal Galaxies $z \sim 2-3$)

Cradle of Life
(Planets, Molecules, SETI)

**Broadest range of
science of any facility,
worldwide**

Cosmic Magnetism
(Origin, Evolution)

Cosmology
(Dark Energy, Large Scale Structure)

Exploration of the Unknown

SKA1 Telescopes



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**Two world-leading
telescopes**

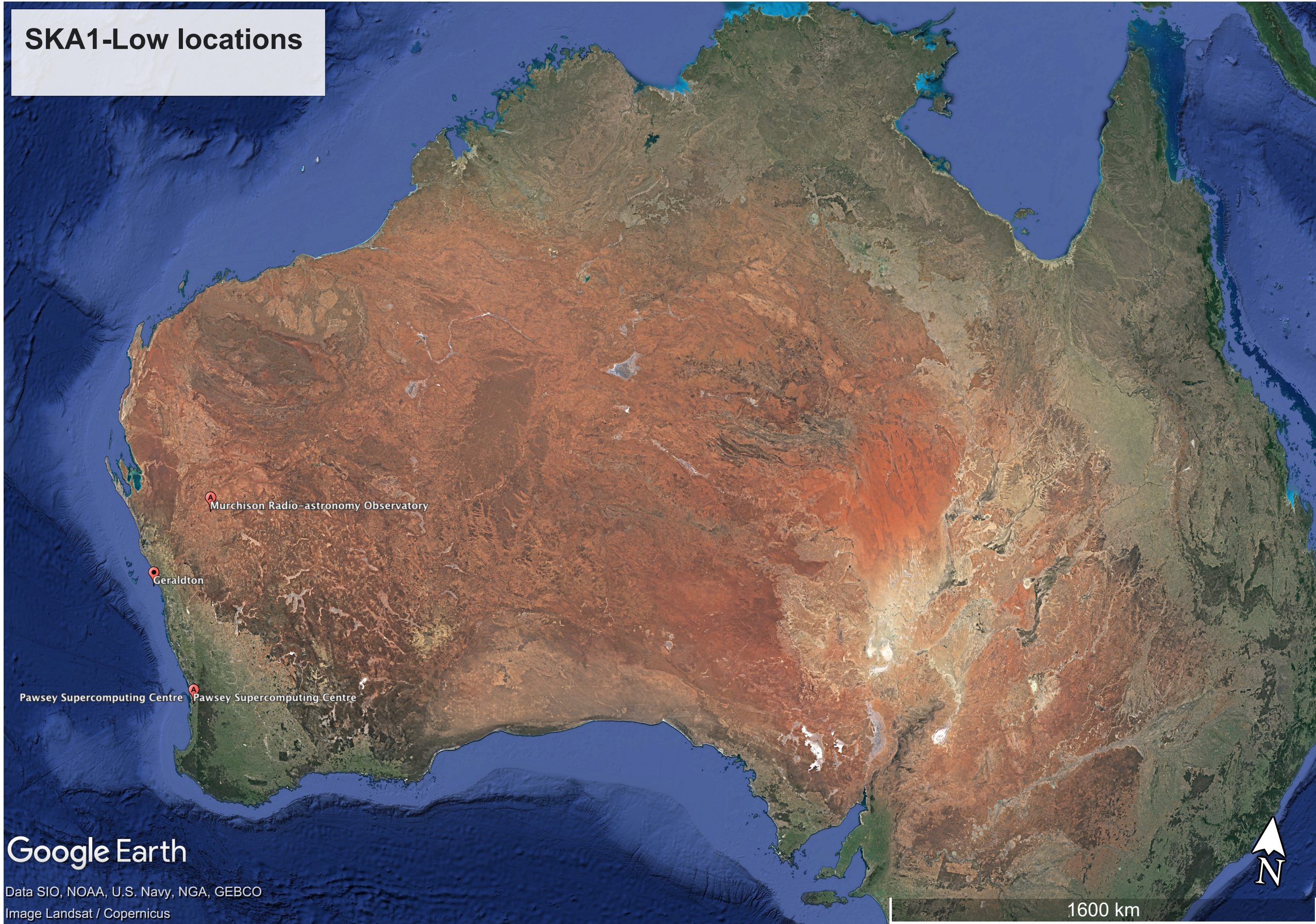
**Acting as world-
leading observatory**



SKA1 Sites



SKA1-Low locations



SKA1-Mid locations




SKA1-Low



 Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory

 Geraldton

 Pawsey Supercomputing Centre

SKA1-Low



300 km

Murchison Radio Astronomy Observatory

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Perth

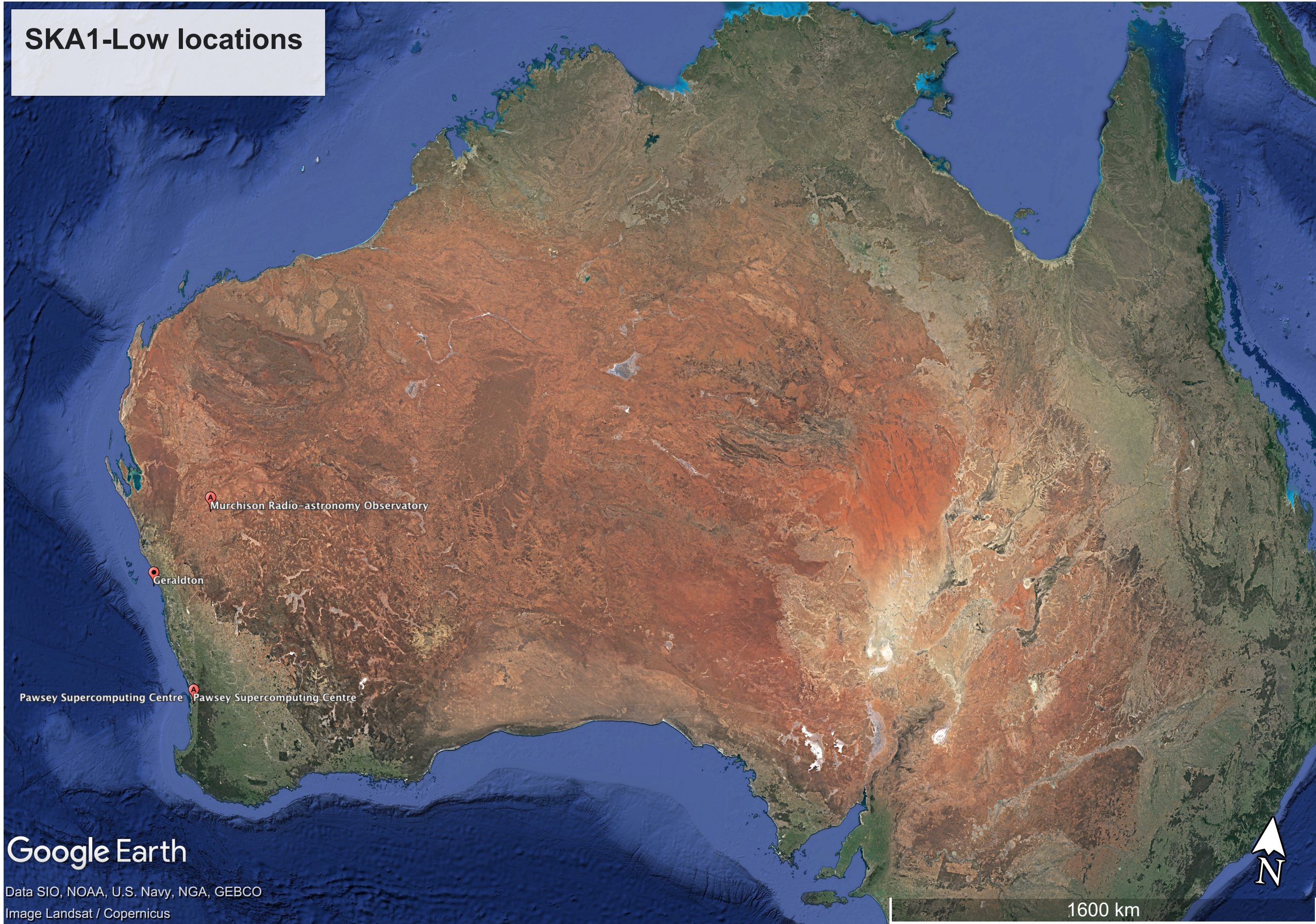
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SKA1-Mid site (Karoo dessert)
Carnarvon Carnarvon

Cape Town

Google Earth

Image Landsat / Copernicus



SKA1-Mid



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Canarvon

500 km

Cape Town

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SKA HQ: Jodrell Bank, UK



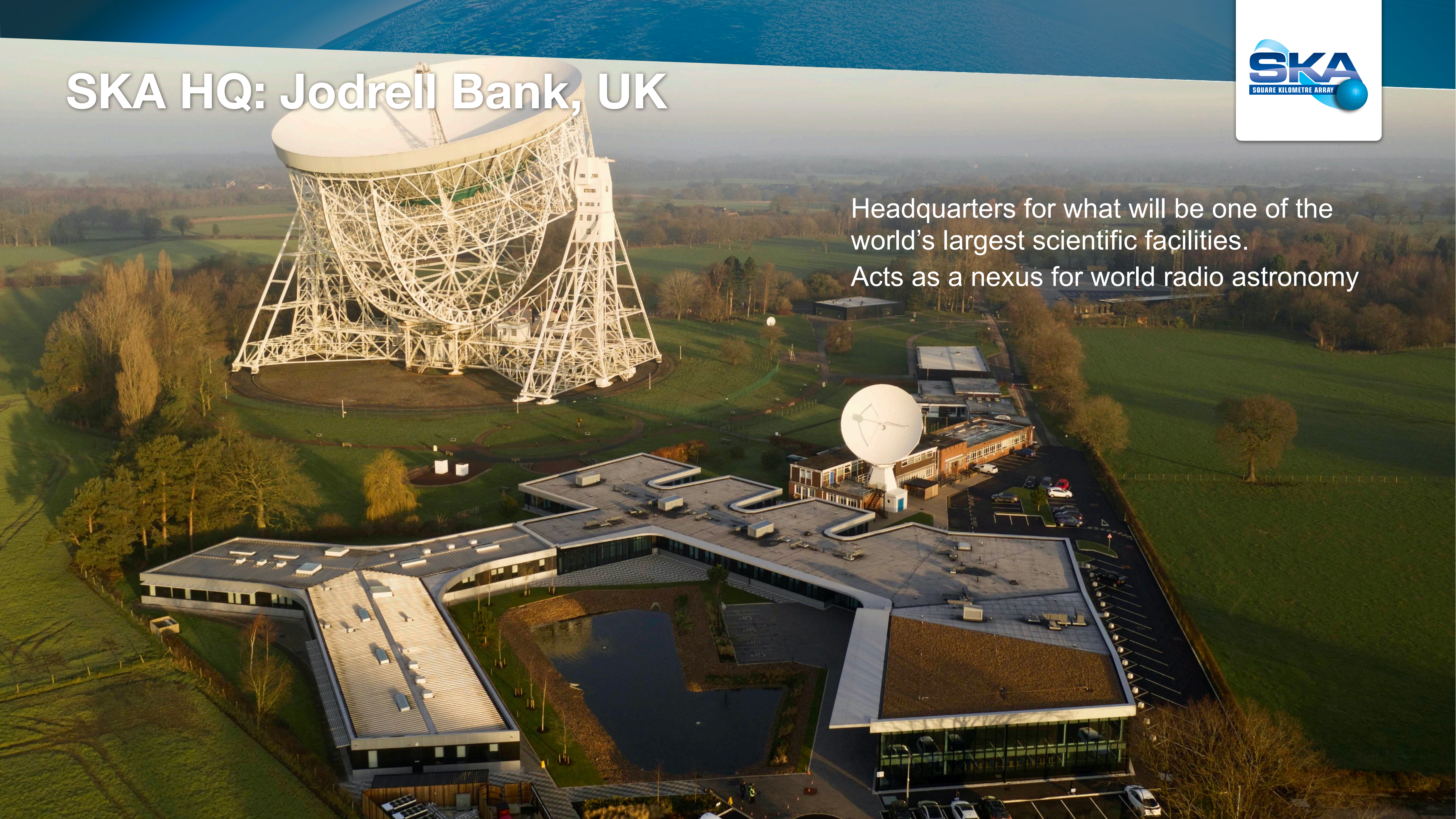
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Headquarters for what will be one of the world's largest scientific facilities.
Acts as a nexus for world radio astronomy



SKA HQ: Council Chamber



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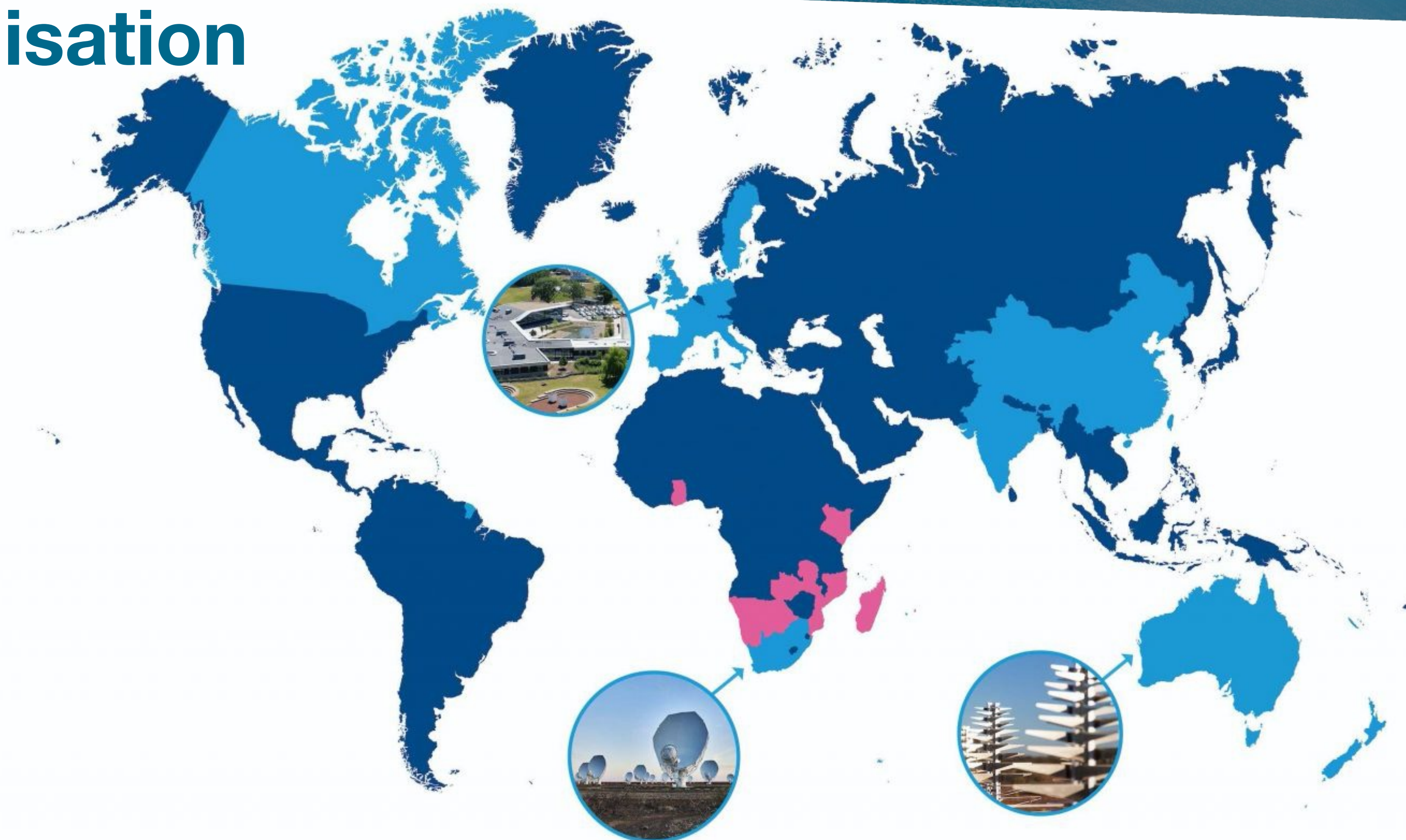
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(Almost there!)



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Hoping to have Council 1
on January 2021!

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 - Jan-Mar 2020: Critical Design Review
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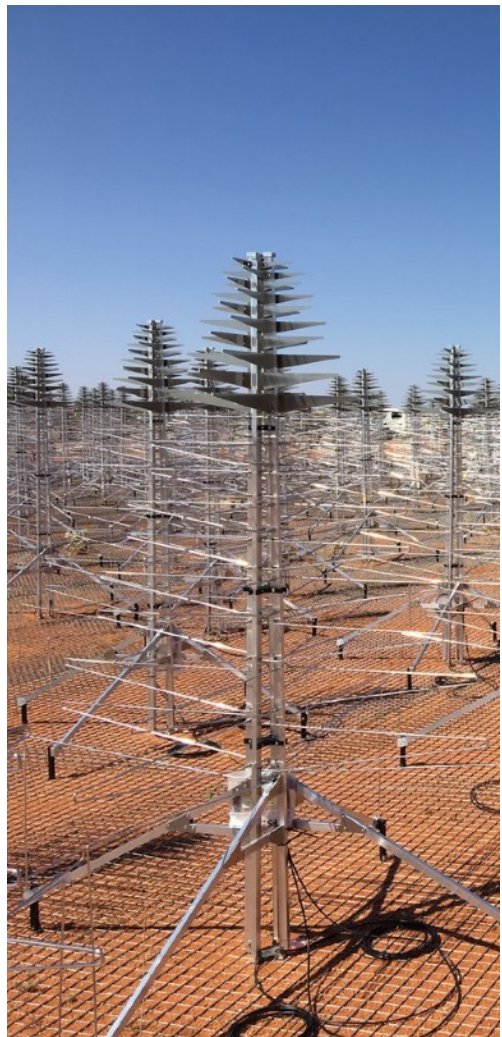


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 - Construction Proposal & Observatory Establishment and Delivery Plan endorsed by the SKA Board.



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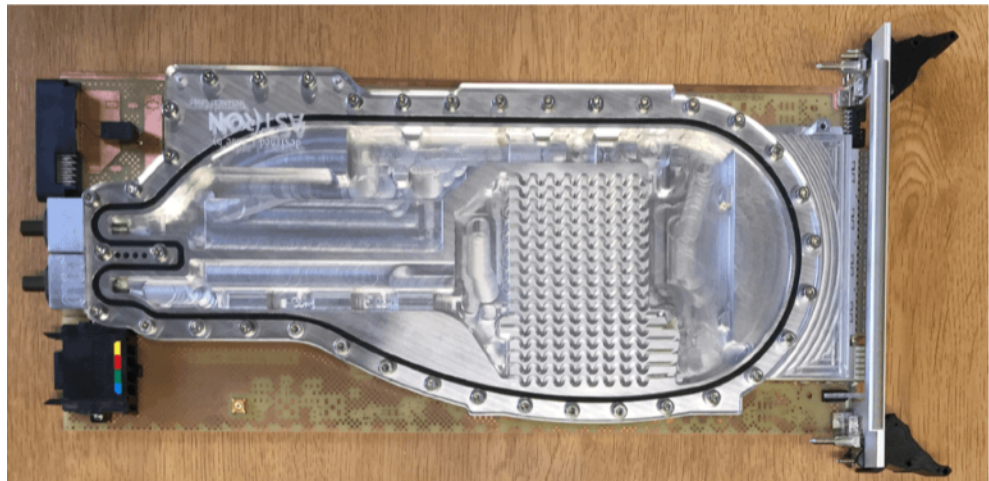


Few km

~7 Tb/s



Low Central Signal Processor



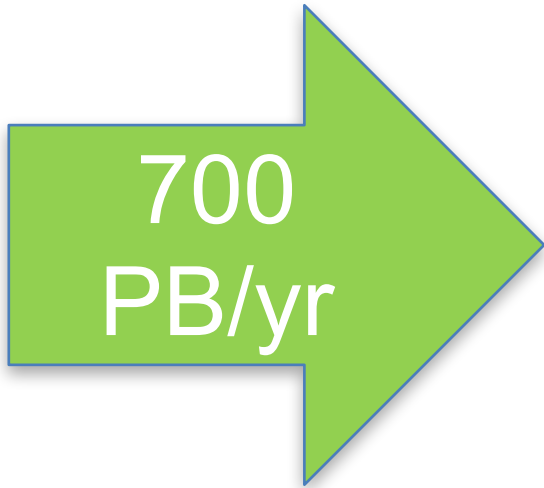
800 km

Perth Supercomputer

~5 Tb/s



130 Pflops



~8 Tb/s



Mid Central Signal Processor



Few km

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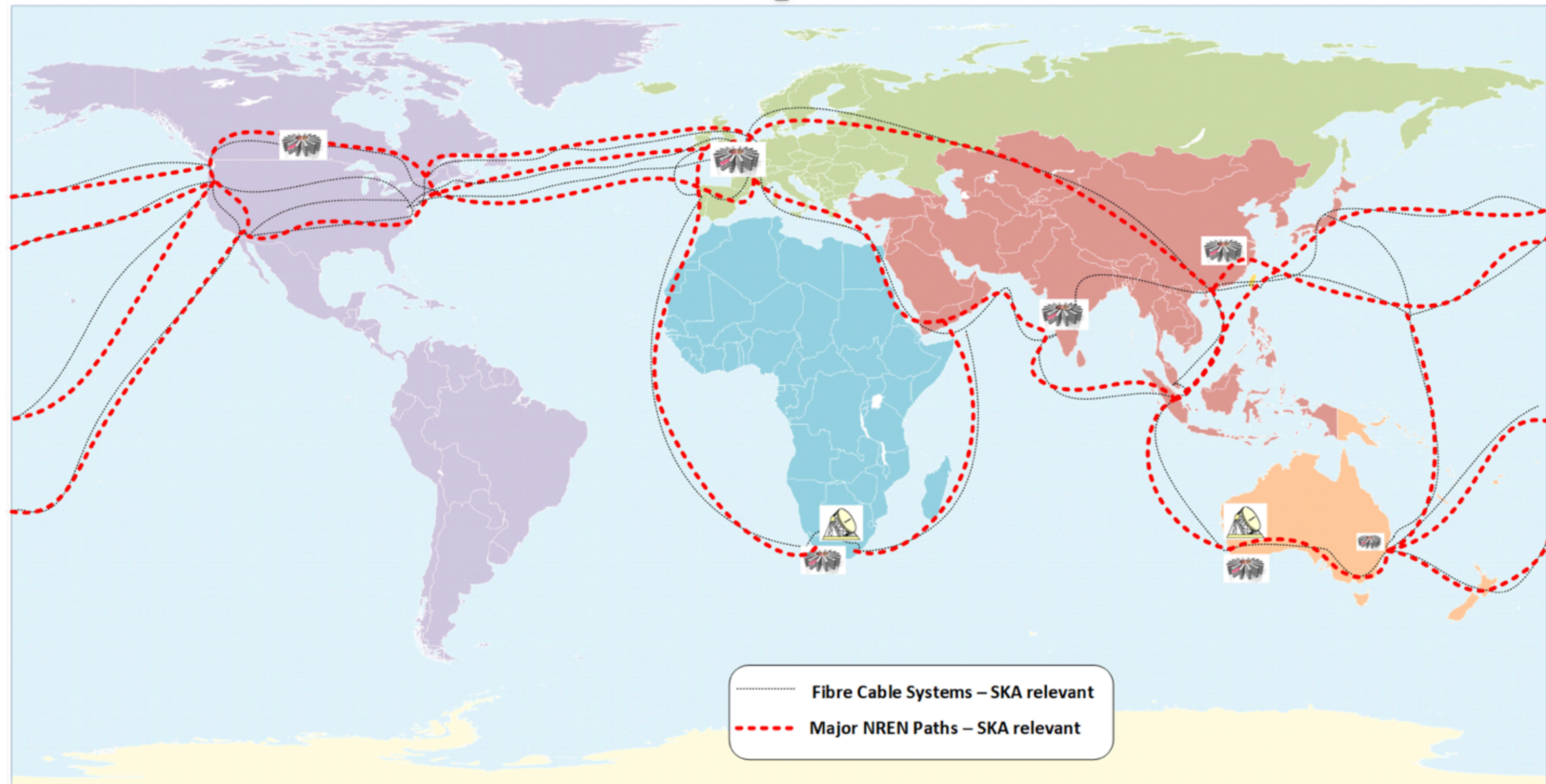
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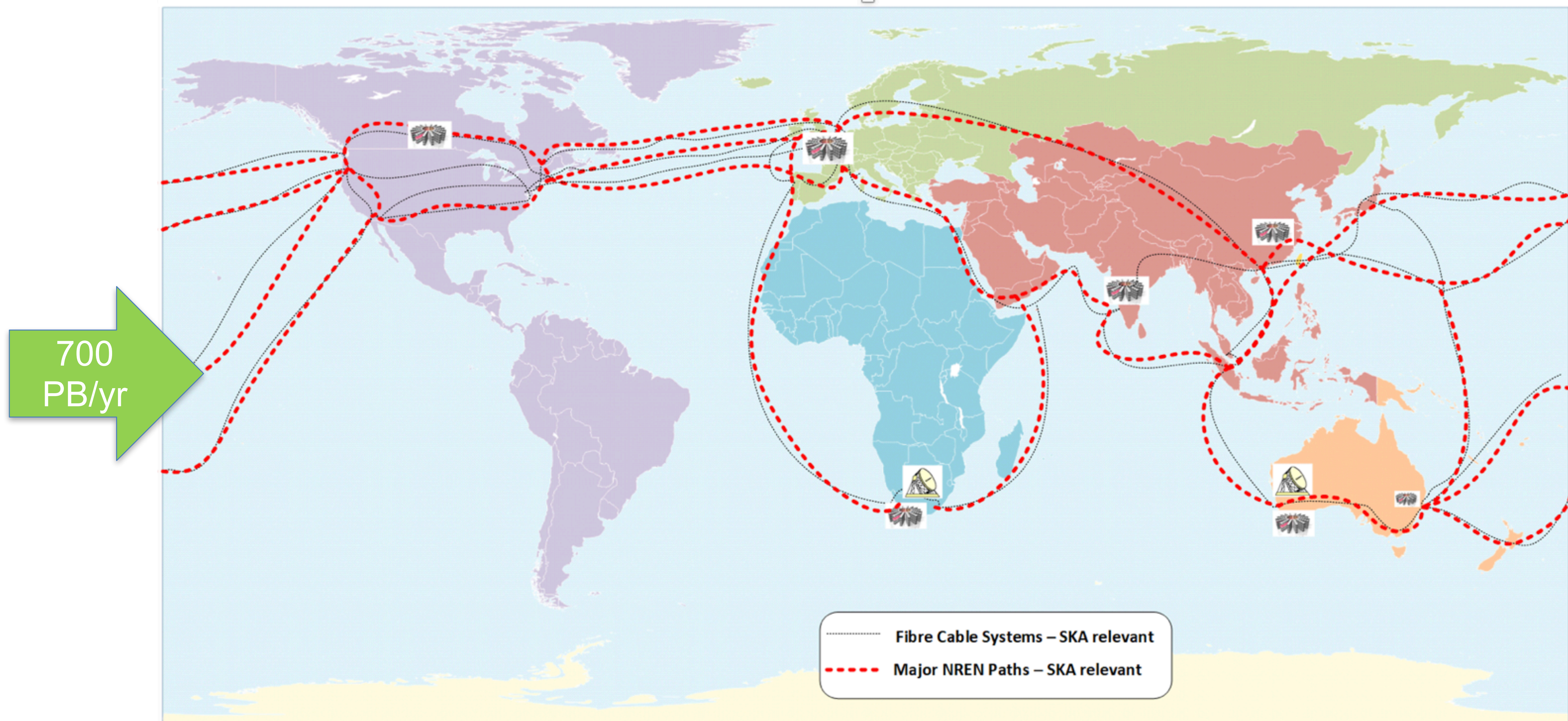
Cape Town Supercomputer

600 km

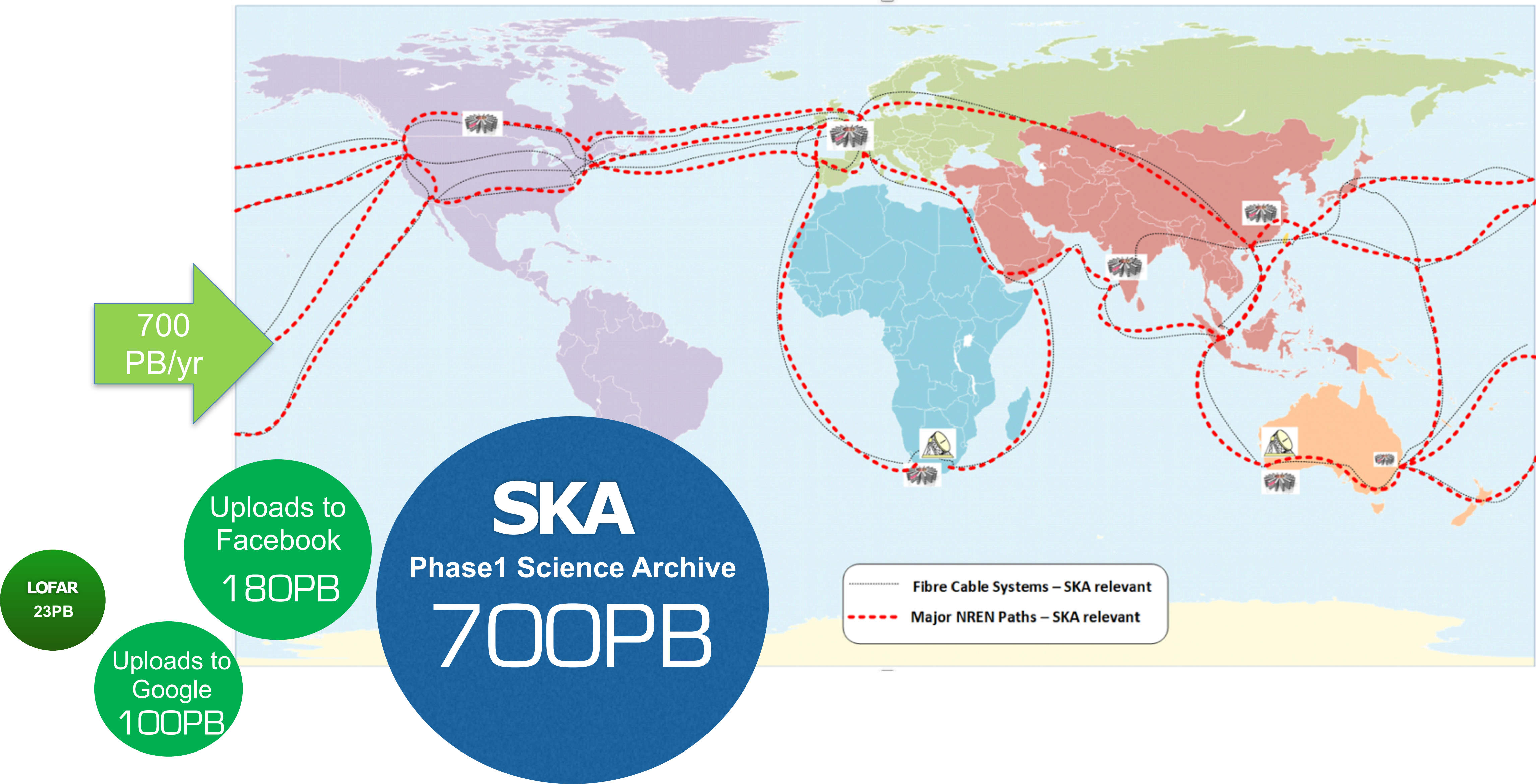
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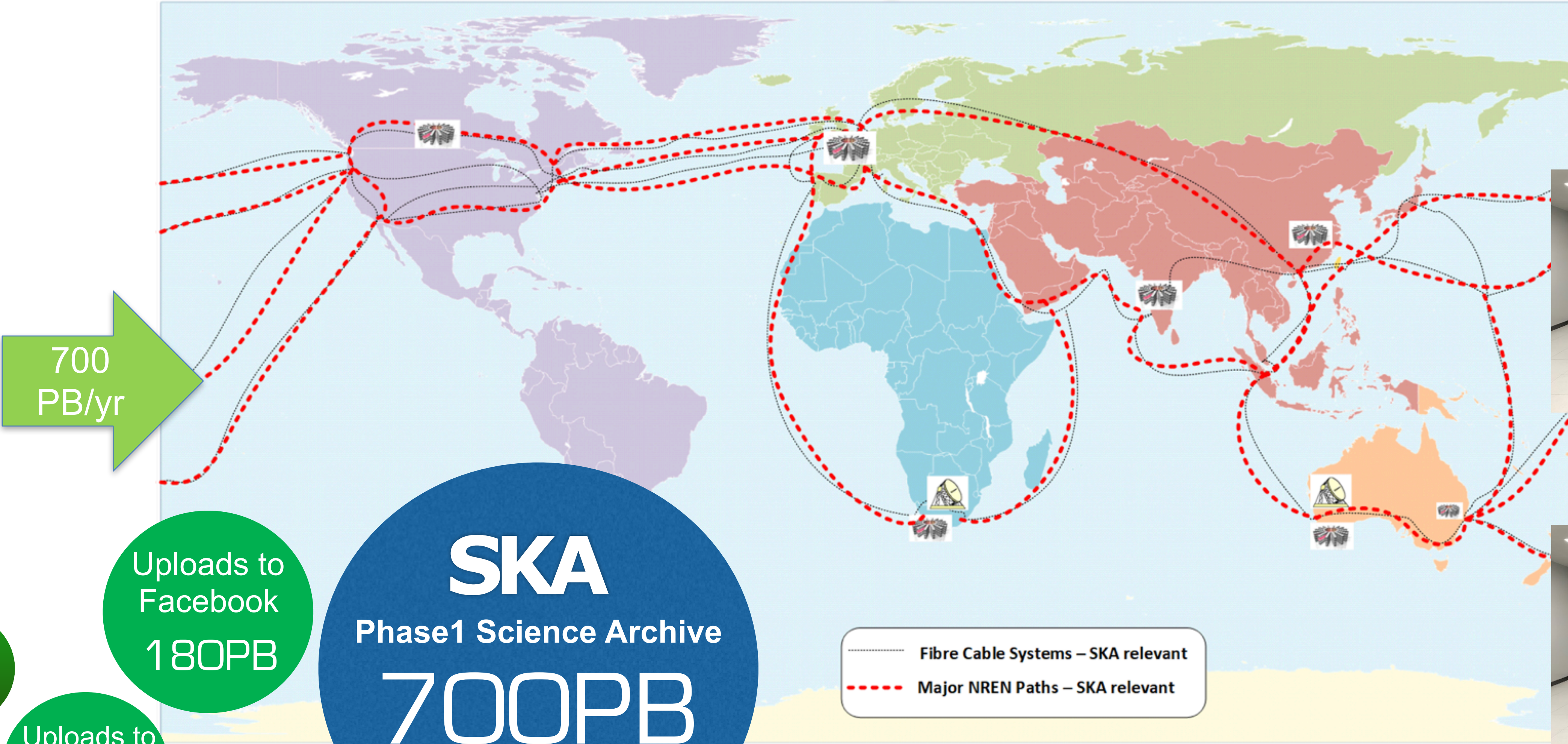
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Difficulties in coordinating software development



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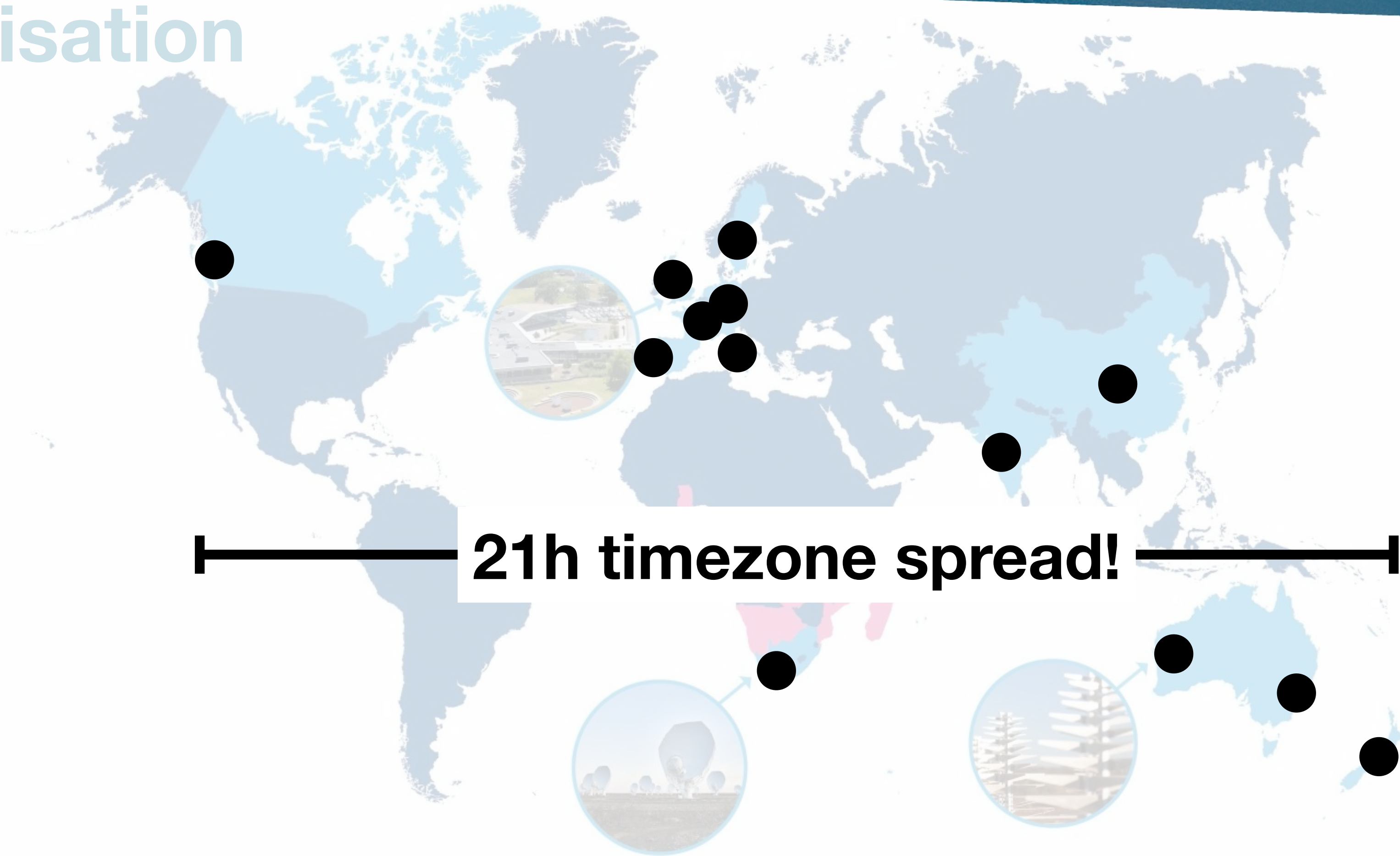


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Or how to provide the right level of information and decision making delegation?



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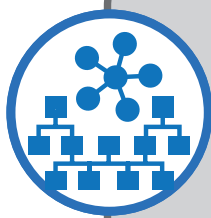
Test Driving SAFe®



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Organizational
Agility



Lean Portfolio
Management



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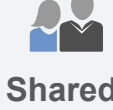
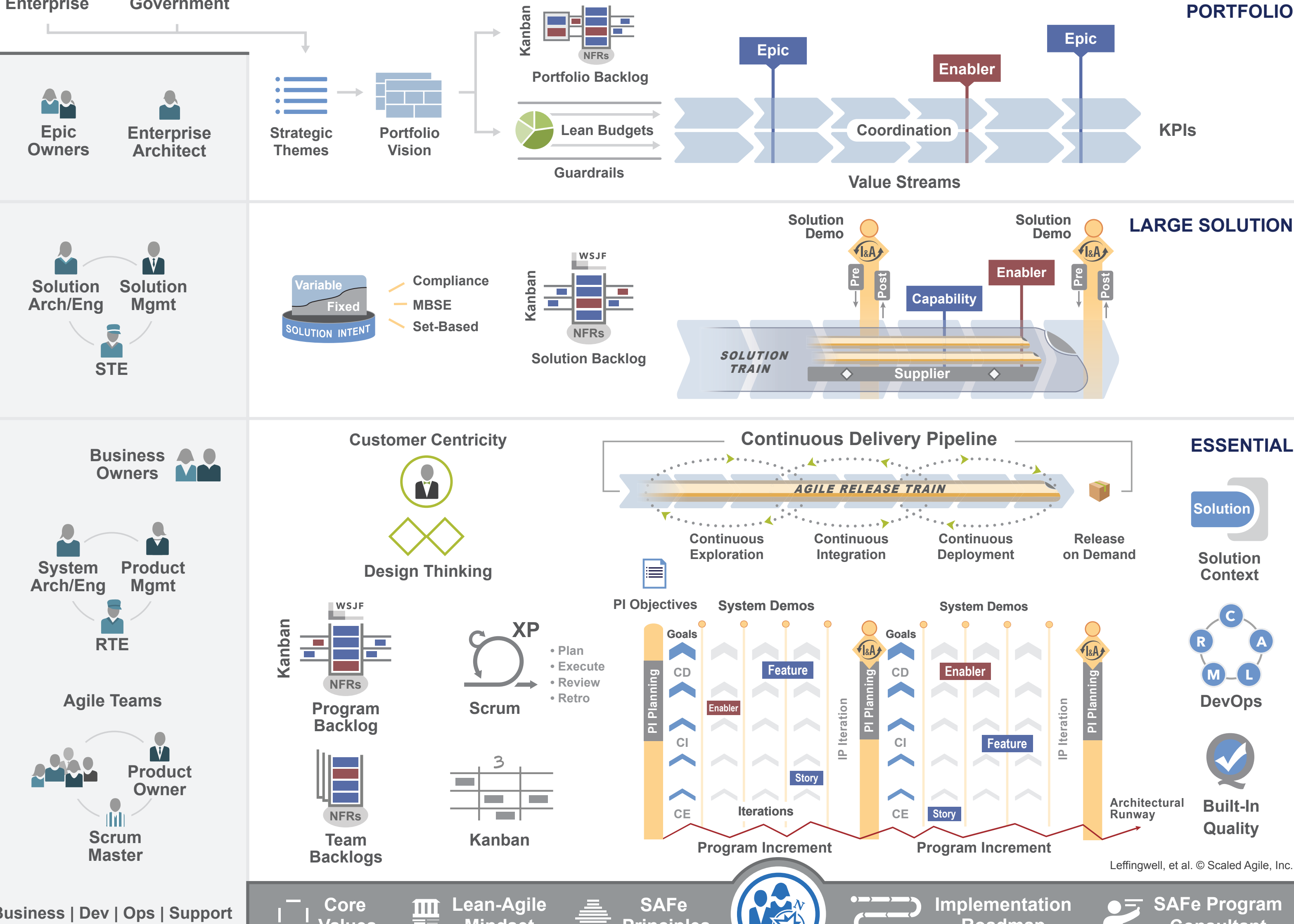
Team and
Technical
Agility



Continuous
Learning
Culture



Business Agility



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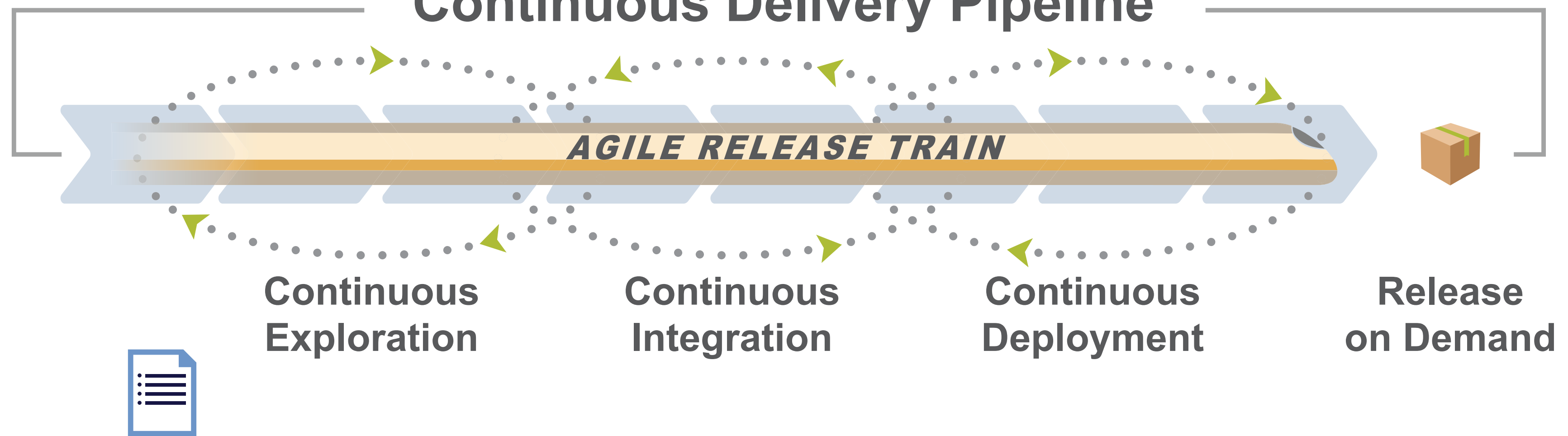
Lean-Agile Leadership

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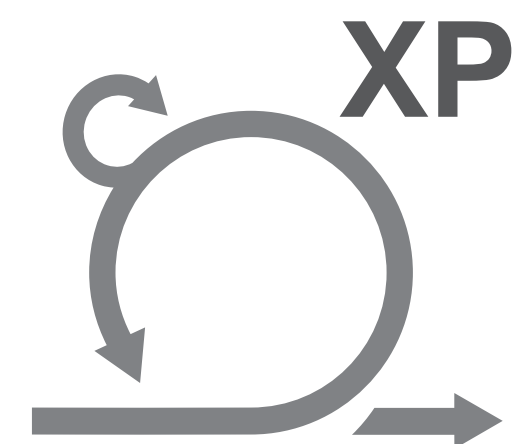
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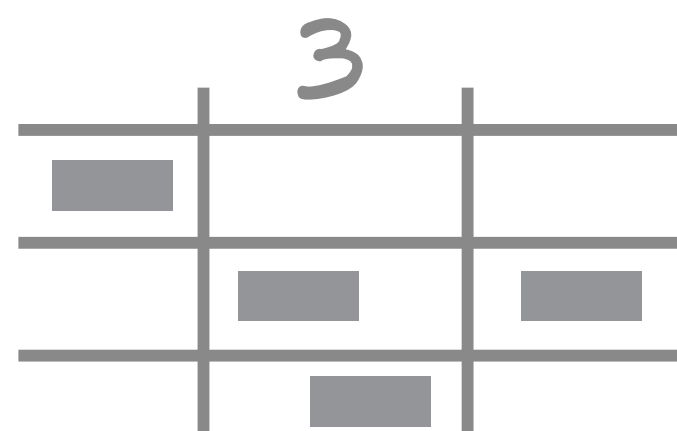
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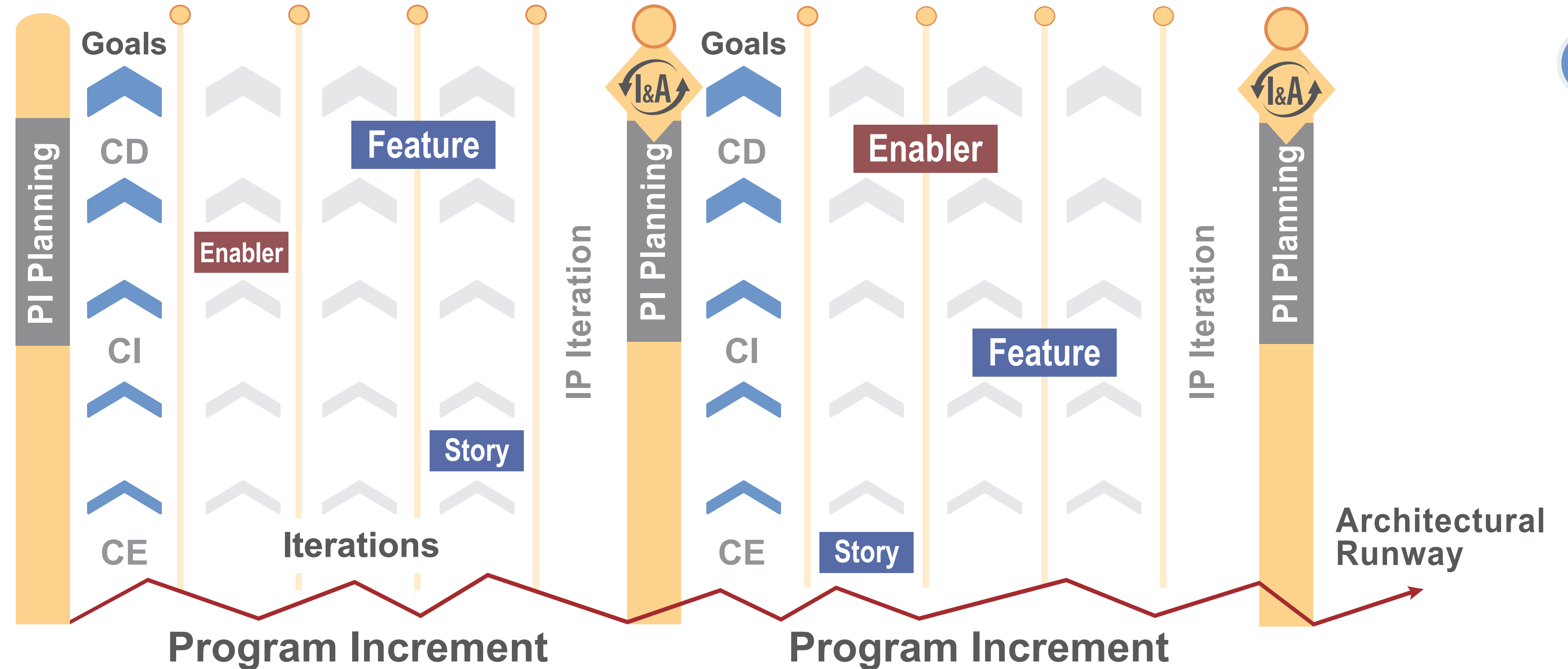


- Plan
- Execute
- Review
- Retro

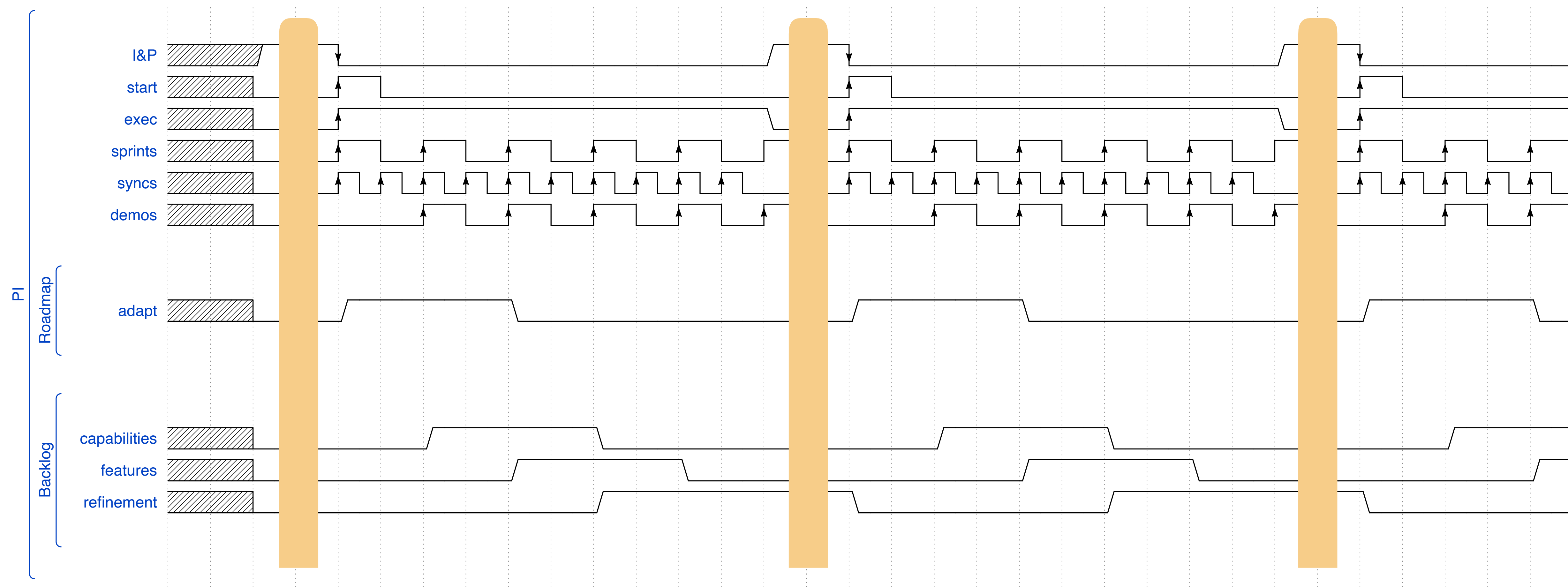
Scrum



Kanban



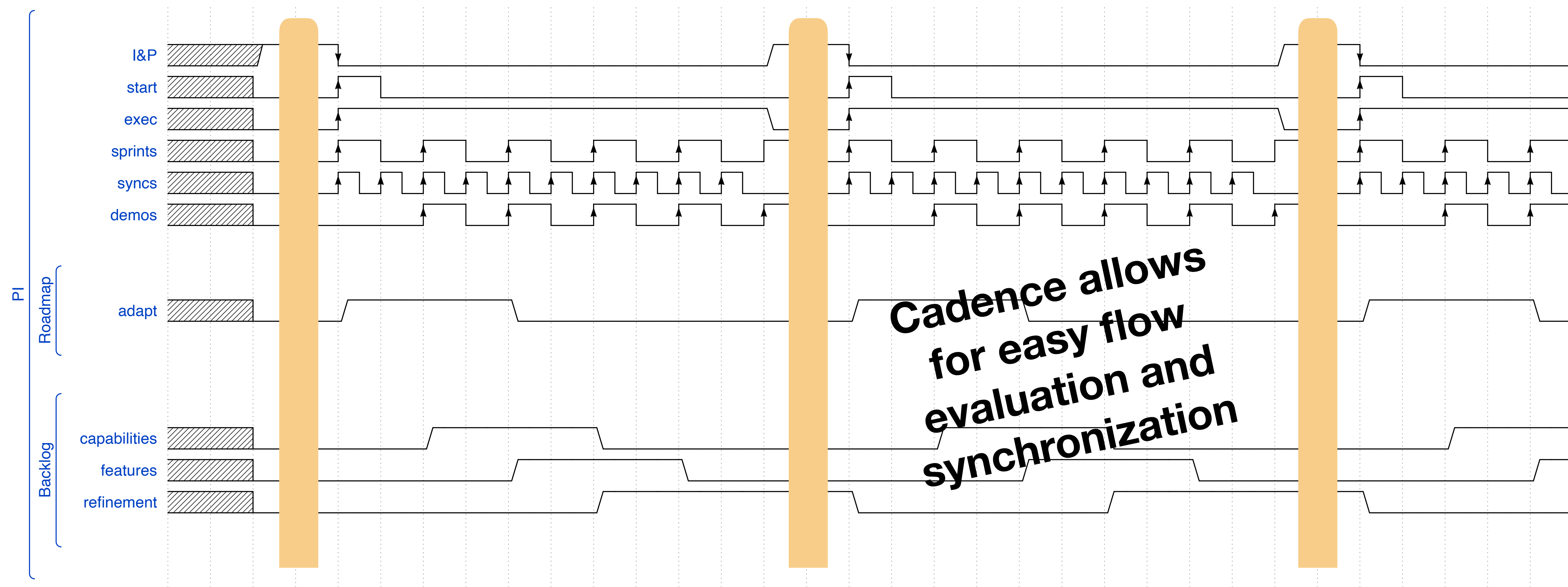
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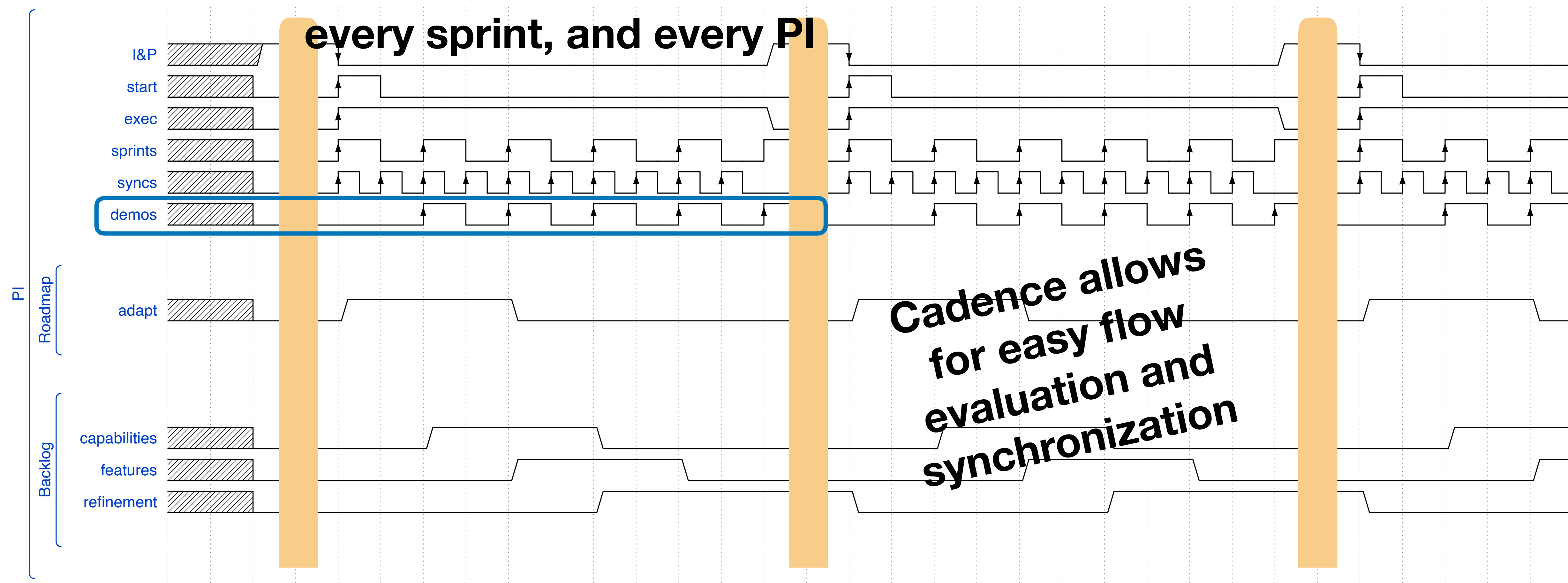
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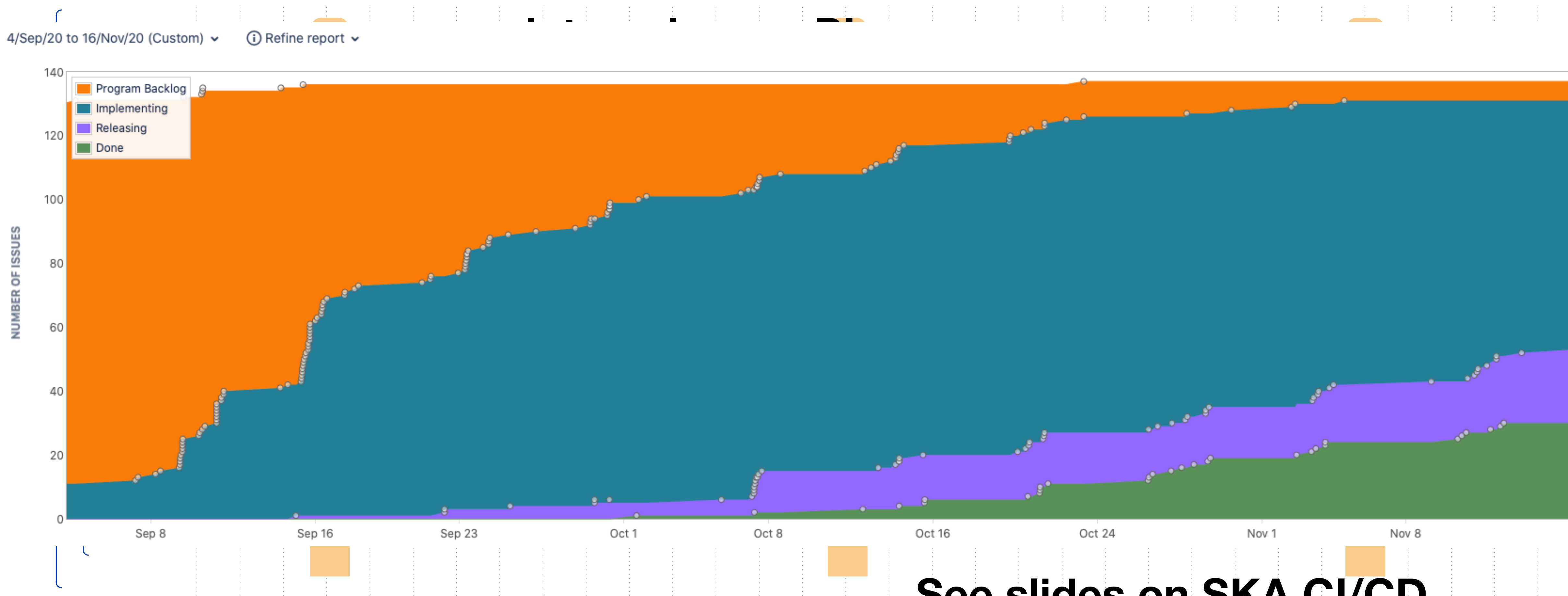
The PI, Sprint, and Sync Cadence

**Software demonstrated
every sprint, and every PI**



The PI, Sprint, and Sync Cadence

Software demonstrated



**See slides on SKA CI/CD
on Wed 18, 9:20 GMT+1**

The background features a large, light blue, semi-transparent SKA logo. The 'S' and 'K' are stylized, with the 'K' having a unique geometric shape. To the right of the letters is a globe with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. Below the main text, there is a horizontal bar with the text 'SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY' in white capital letters.

What about COVID-19?

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The background features a large, light blue, semi-transparent SKA logo. The 'S' and 'K' are stylized, with the 'K' having a unique geometric shape. To the right of the logo is a faint, light blue globe with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. The text "We did not miss a beat!" is centered in a bold, dark blue font.

We did not miss a beat!

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A large, light blue watermark of the SKA logo is visible in the background. It consists of the letters 'SKA' in a stylized font, with 'S' and 'K' being larger and more prominent than 'A'. Below the letters, the words 'SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY' are written in a smaller, sans-serif font.

We did not miss a beat!

Thanks to the distributed infrastructure, wonderful people, and the effort to make even more things possible in a remote way...

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TANGO-related updates



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Or the part that you probably care more about 🤗



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SKA Control: TANGO



- Decided in March 2015
- Control Harmonisation Project started March 2016 → **CS_Guidelines**
- Good uptake from the community
- INAF, SKA SA, and SKAO are now members of the TANGO Controls Organisation

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Tango Controls executive body is the Steering Committee. It makes strategic decisions about core developments in the Tango collaboration. There is one representative from each institute who has signed the Tango Controls Collaboration Contract. The representative is the person who is highest in each institutes's hierarchy and has sufficient technical knowledge about Tango. This representative should have enough power to decide on allocating resources to developing software for Tango. To ensure that the right decisions are made and match those of the user community, advice must be sought by the committee from their respective users and developers on a regular basis.

There are 2 types of members of the Tango Controls Steering Committee Members:

1. *Core members* - contribute financially to the maintenance of Tango and commit at least 6 months of an engineer annually to develop and commit source to the Tango Controls core projects
2. *Contributing members* - contribute to the financing of the maintenance of Tango.

Both members normally use Tango and write and share Tango device classes with the community.

The current Tango Controls Steering Committee member representatives are:

Chairman:	Andy Götz (ESRF)
Coordinator:	Jean-Michel Chaize (ESRF)
ALBA (core)	Guifre Cuni
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SKA Control: TANGO



- Decided in March 2015
- Control Harmonisation Project started March 2016 → **CS_Guidelines**
- Good uptake from the community
- INAF, SKA SA, and SKAO are now members of the TANGO Controls Organisation

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Tango Controls executive body is the Steering Committee. It makes strategic decisions about core developments in the Tango collaboration. There is one representative from each institute who has signed the Tango Controls Collaboration Contract. The representative is the person who is highest in each institutes's hierarchy and has sufficient technical knowledge about Tango. This representative should have enough power to decide on allocating resources to developing software for Tango. To ensure that the right decisions are made and match those of the user community, advice must be sought by the committee from their respective users and developers on a regular basis.

There are 2 types of members of the Tango Controls Steering Committee Members:

1. *Core members* - contribute financially to the maintenance of Tango and commit at least 6 months of an engineer annually to develop and commit source to the Tango Controls core projects
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Both members normally use Tango and write and share Tango device classes with the community.

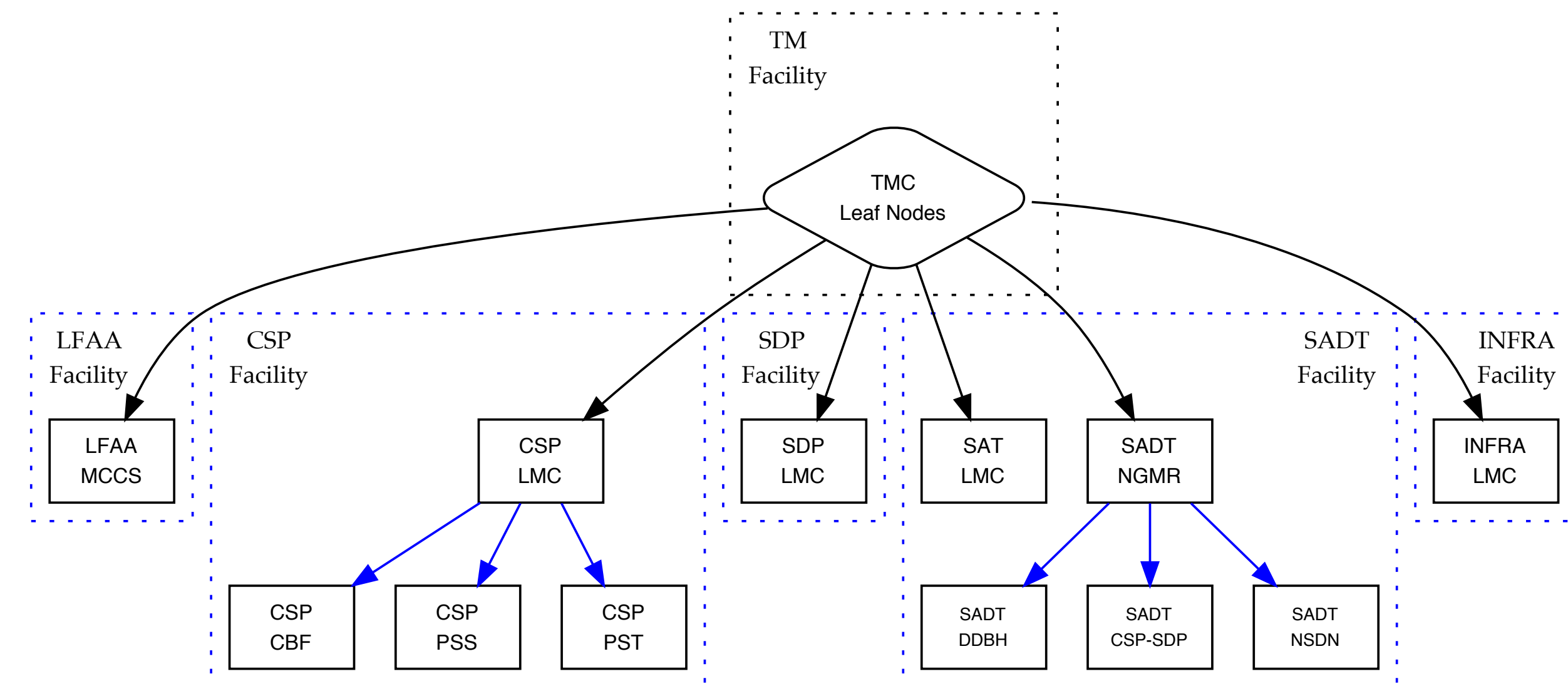
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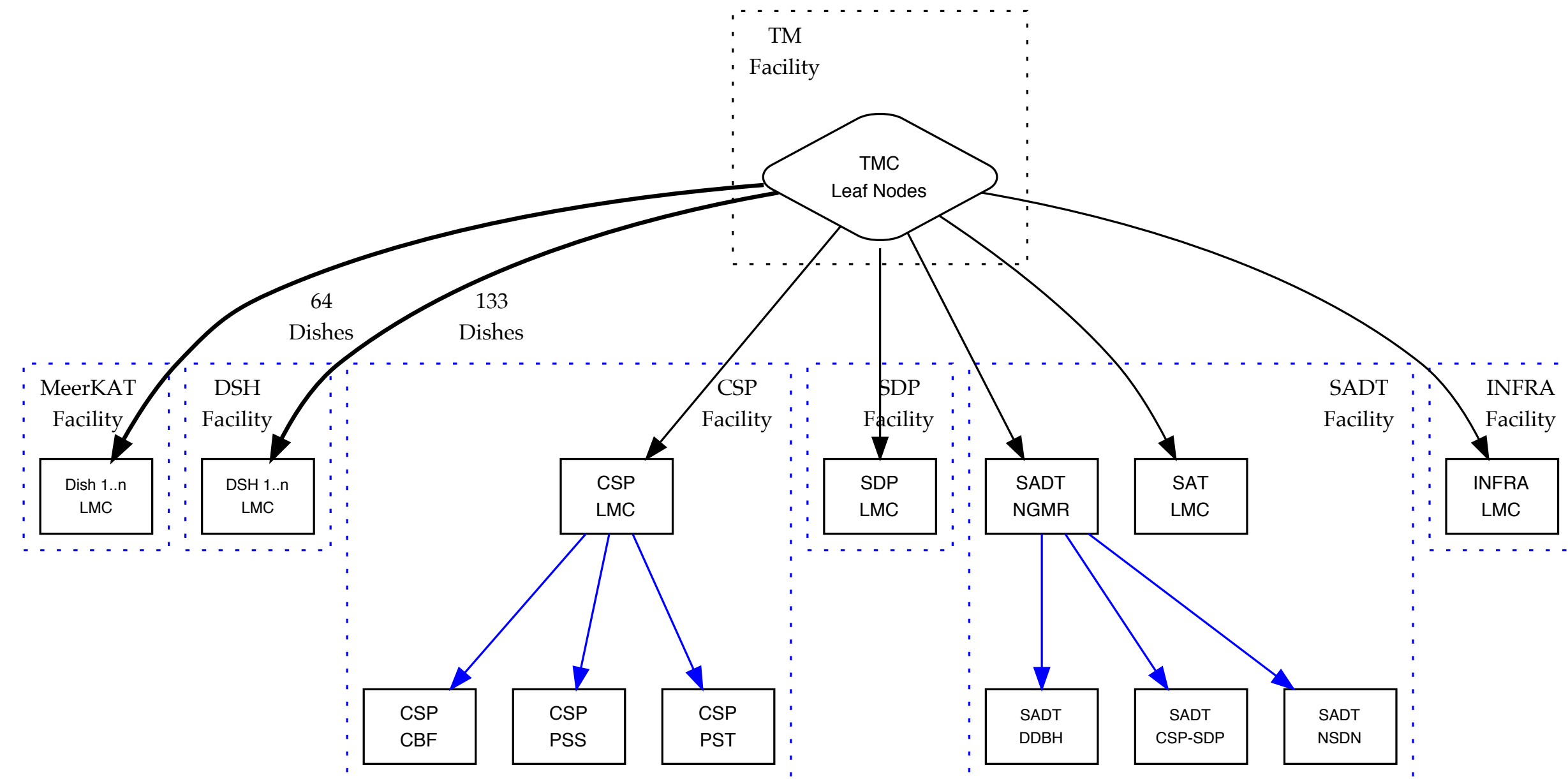
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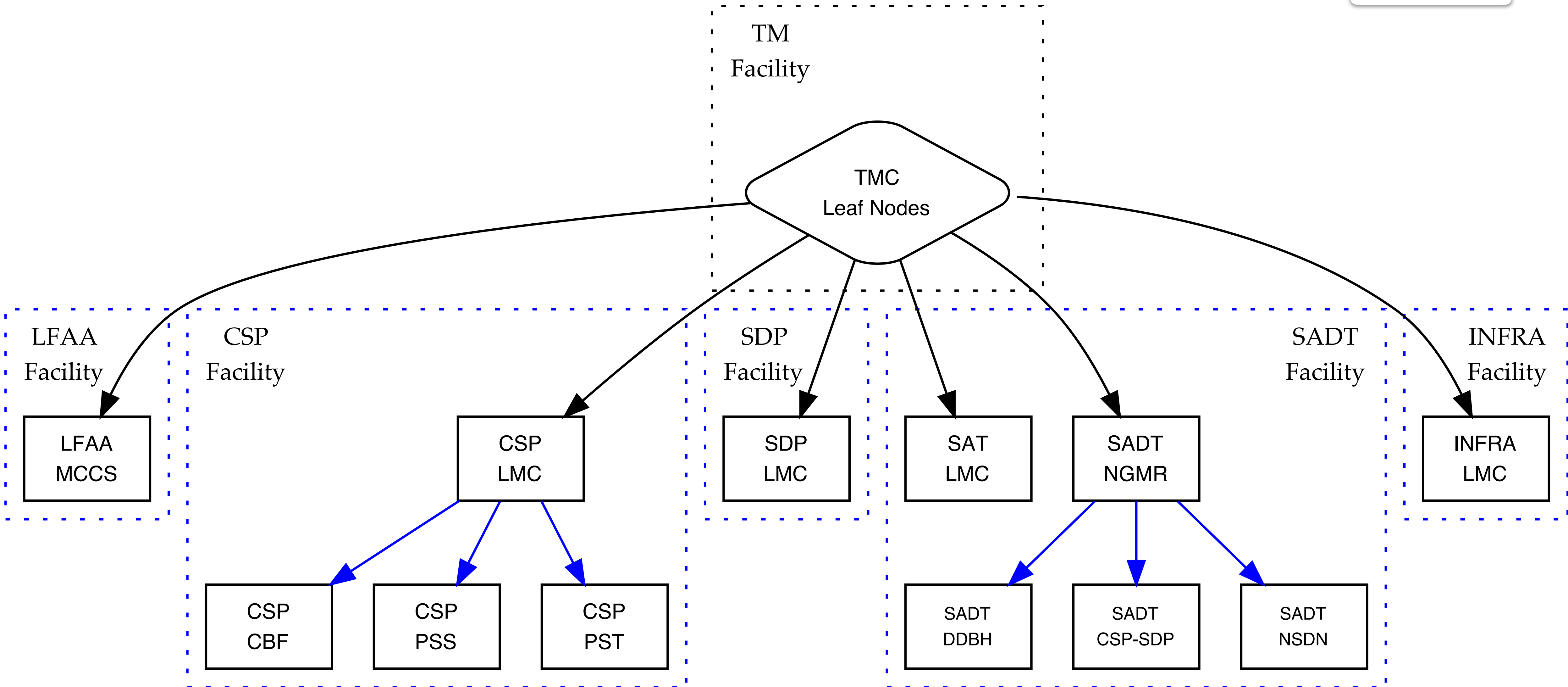
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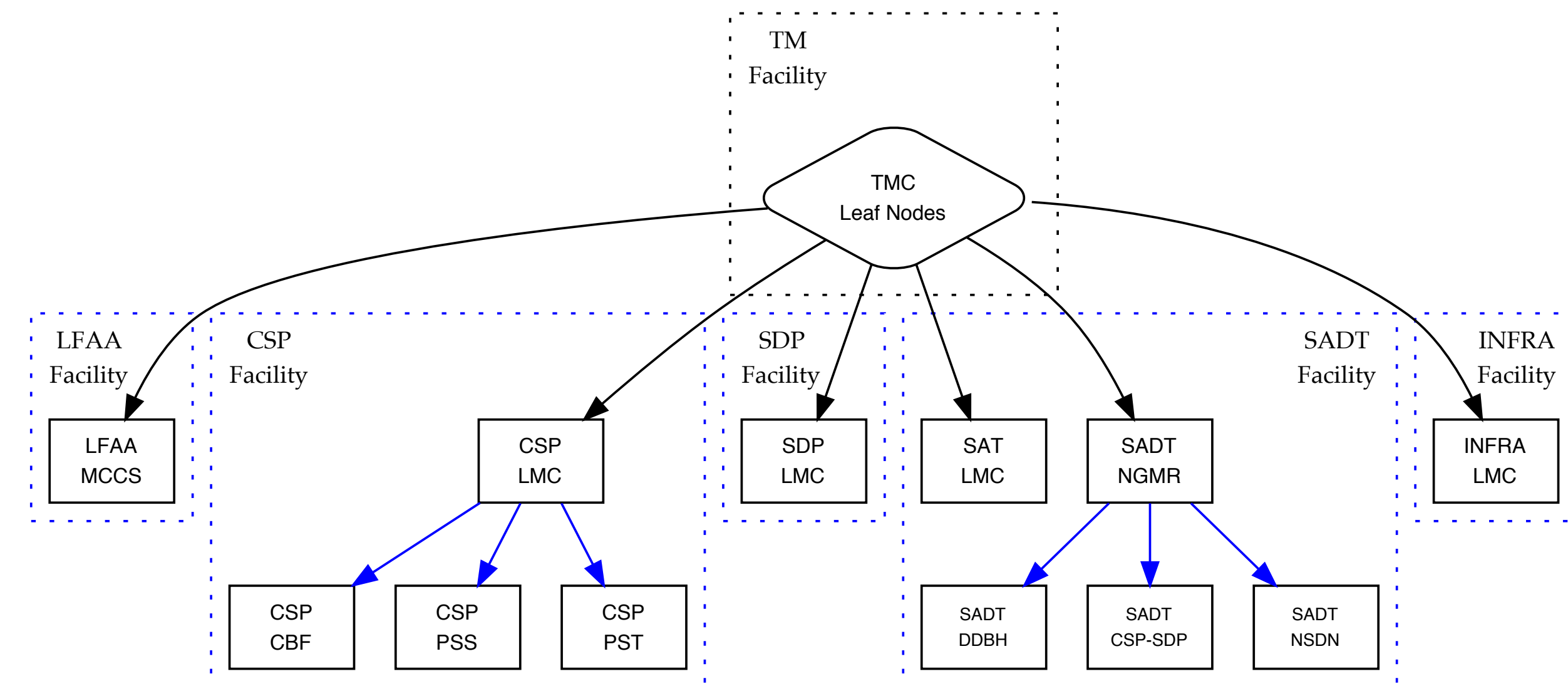
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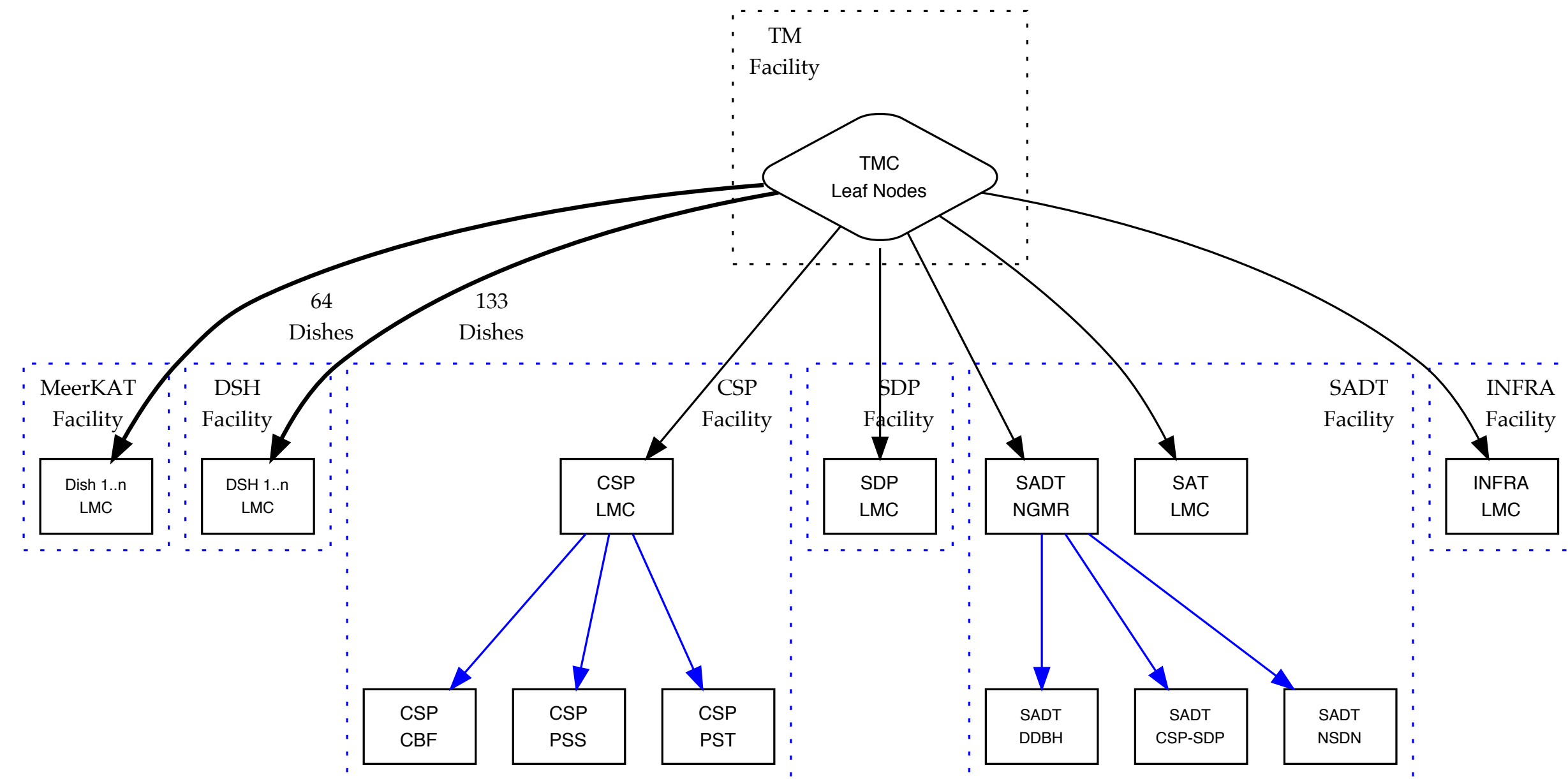
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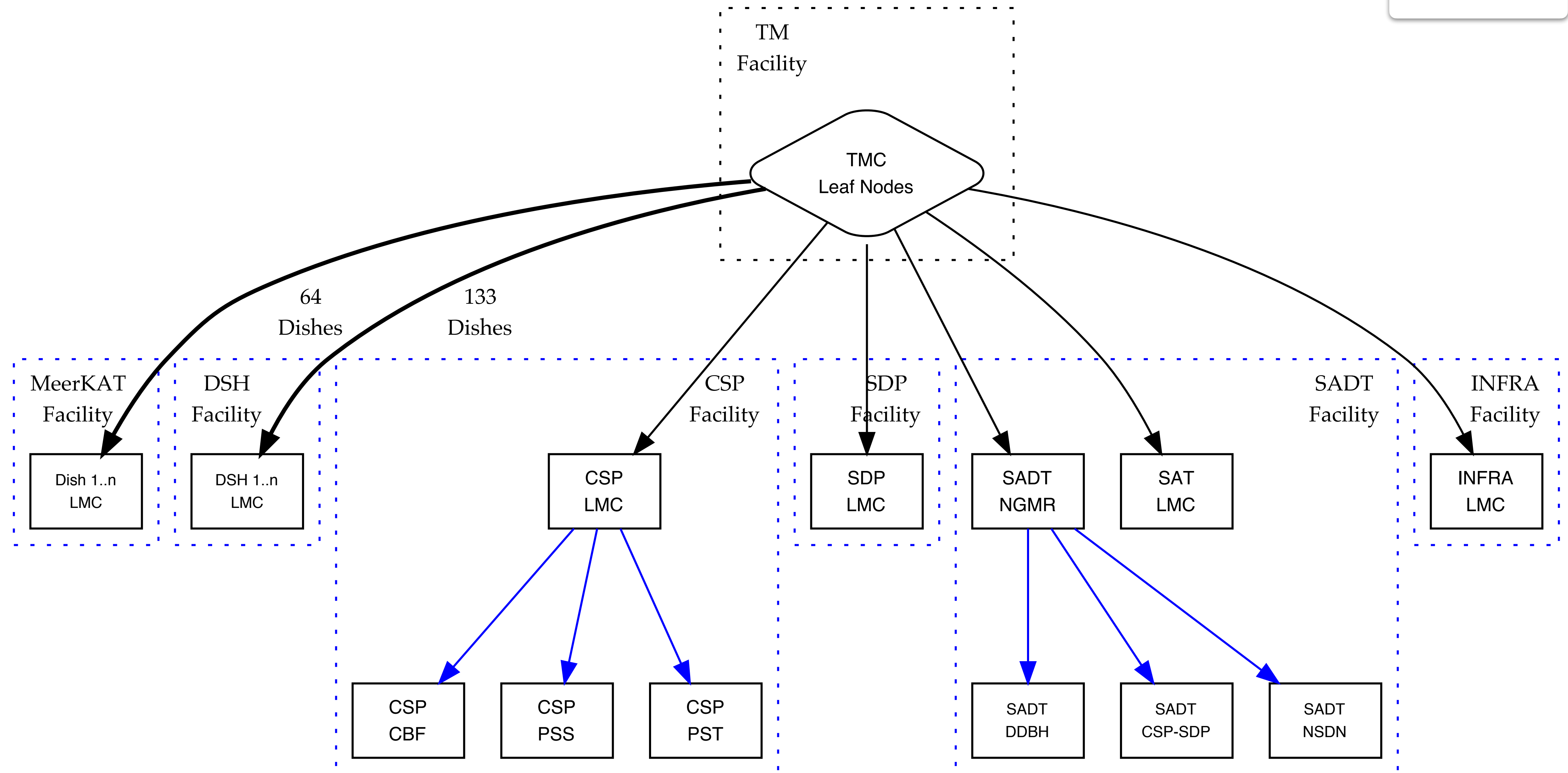
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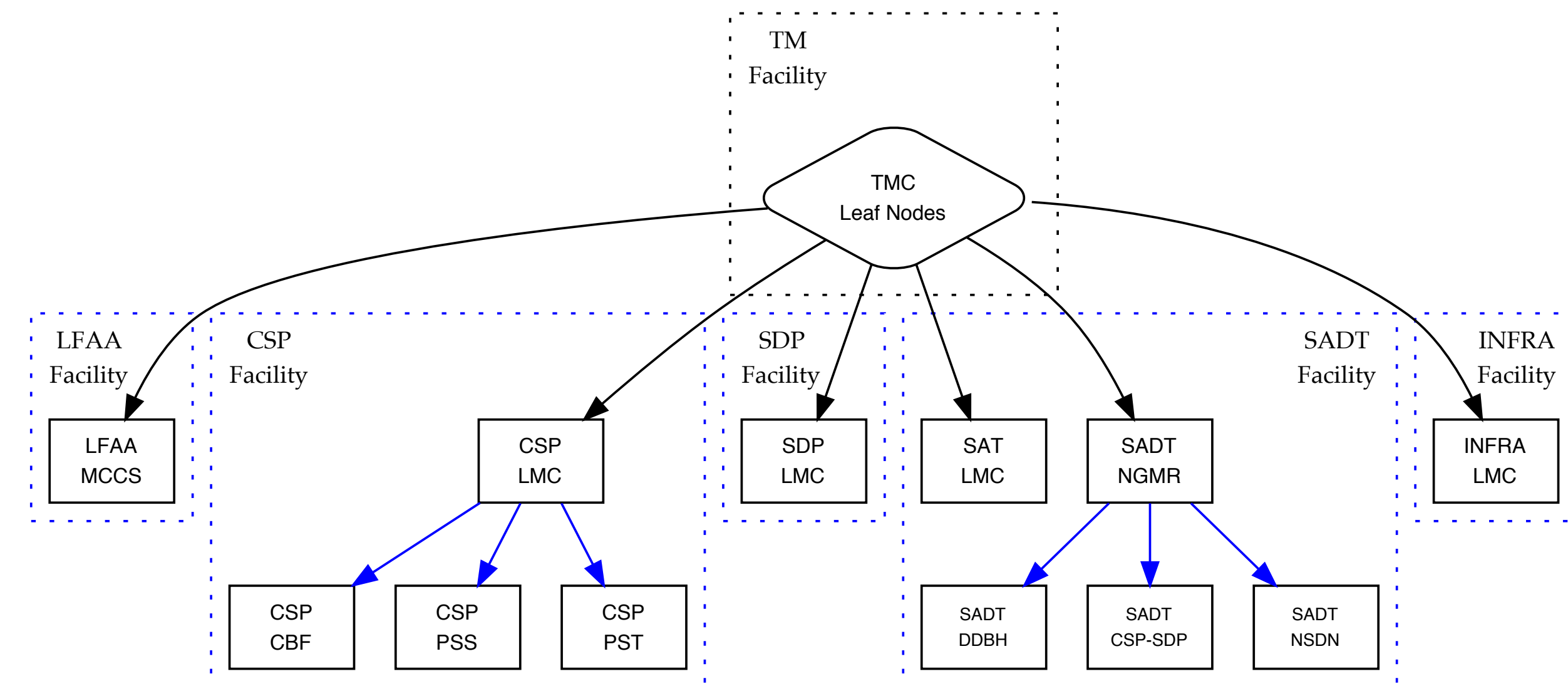
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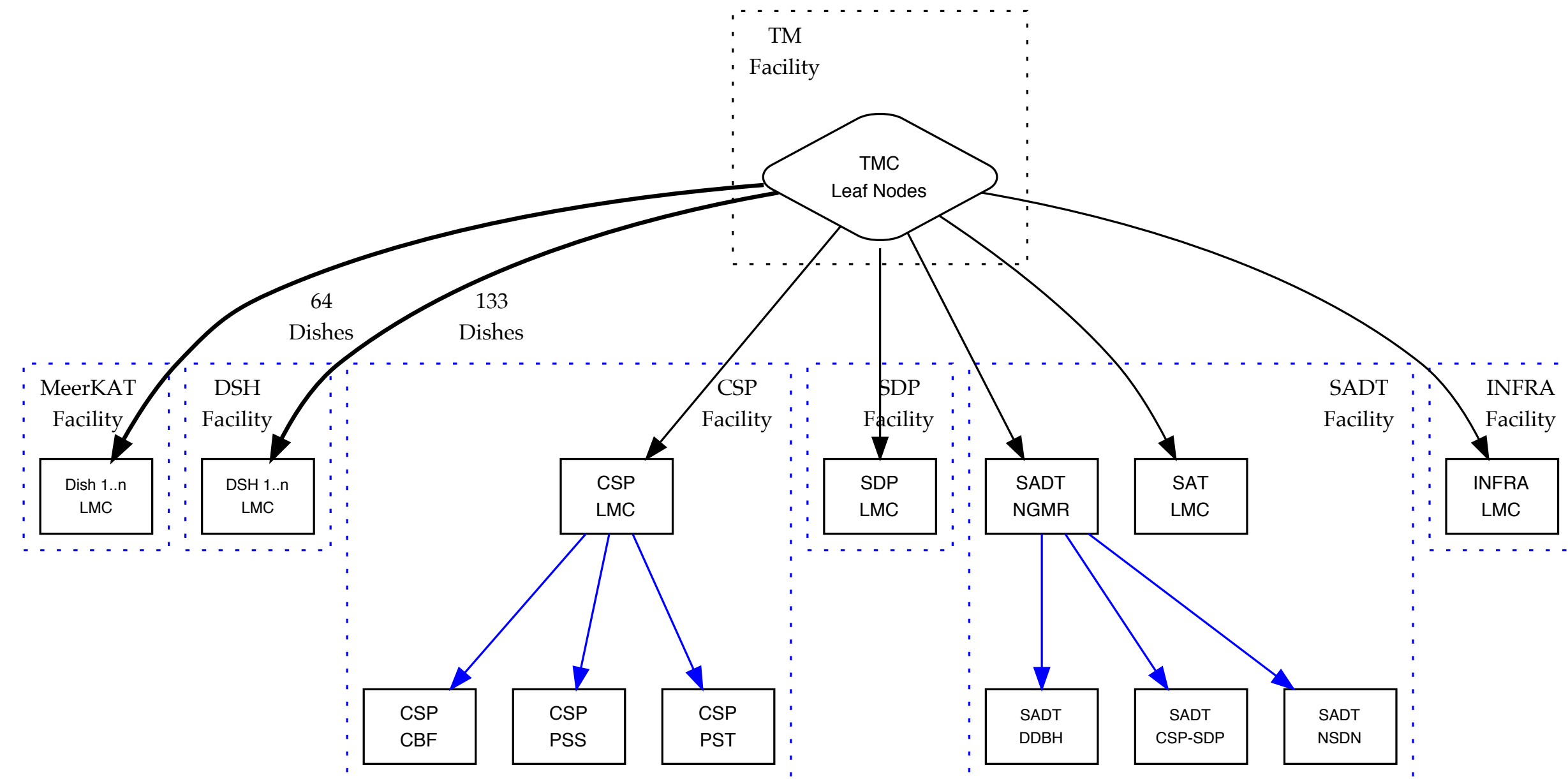
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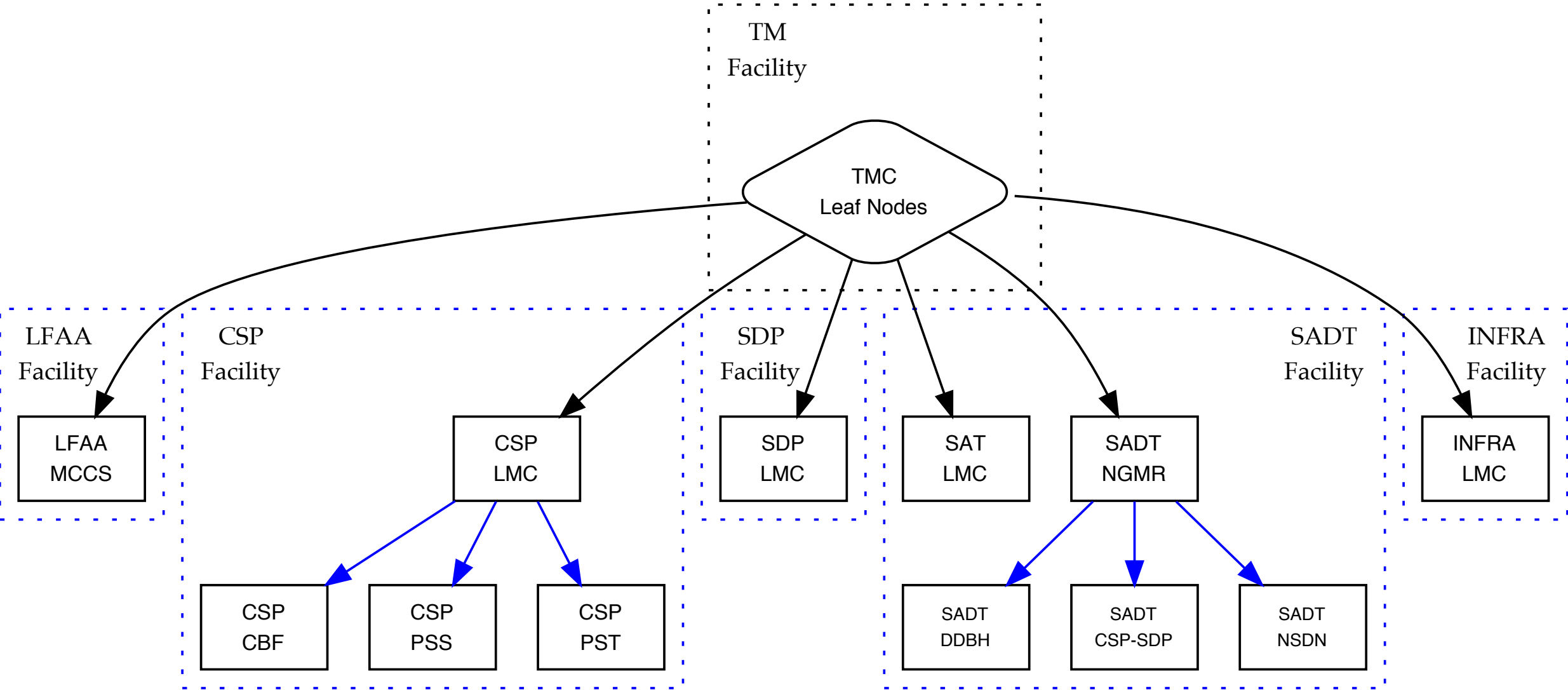


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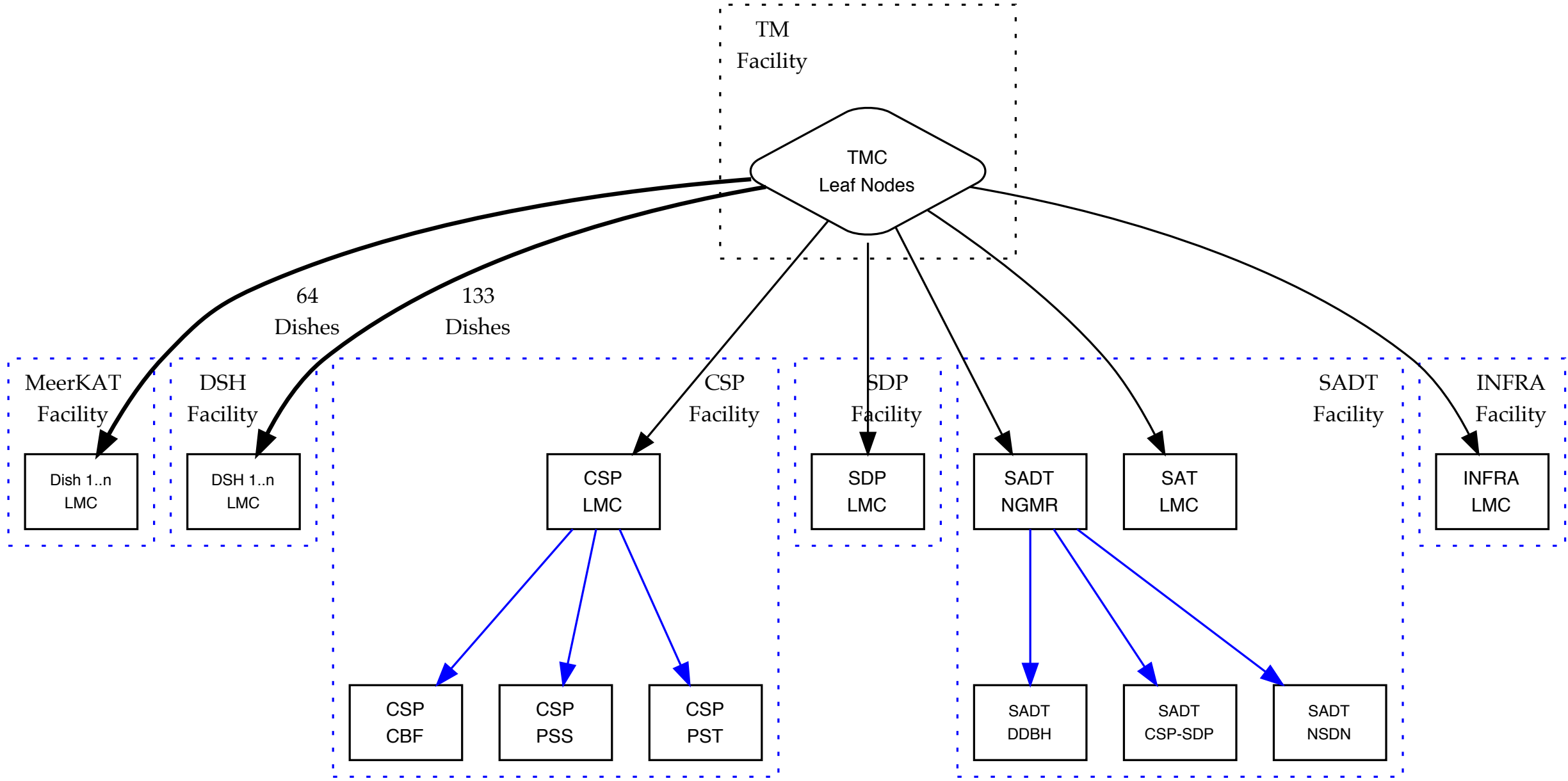


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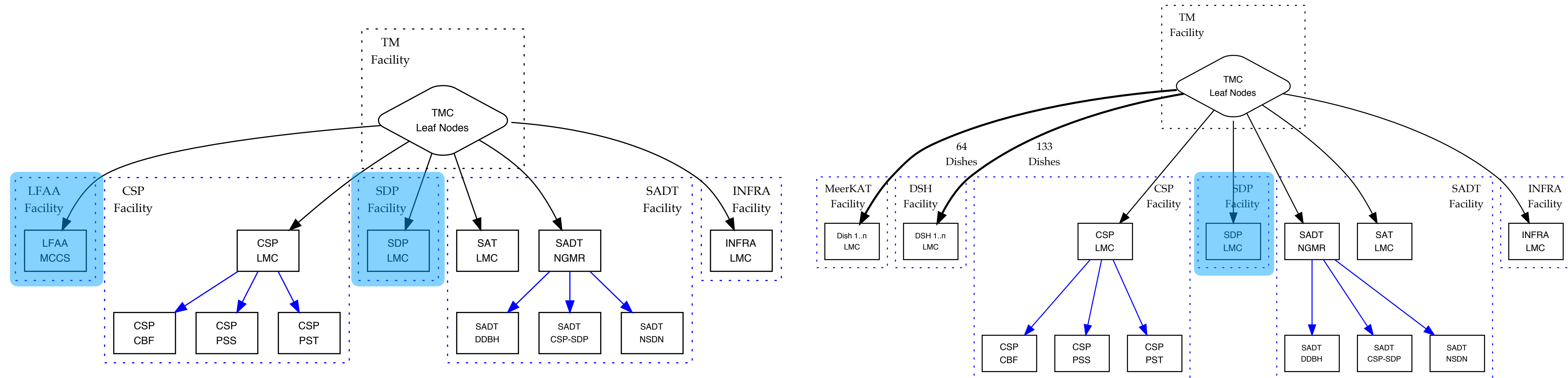
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But tens of thousands of devices will live under these hierarchies!



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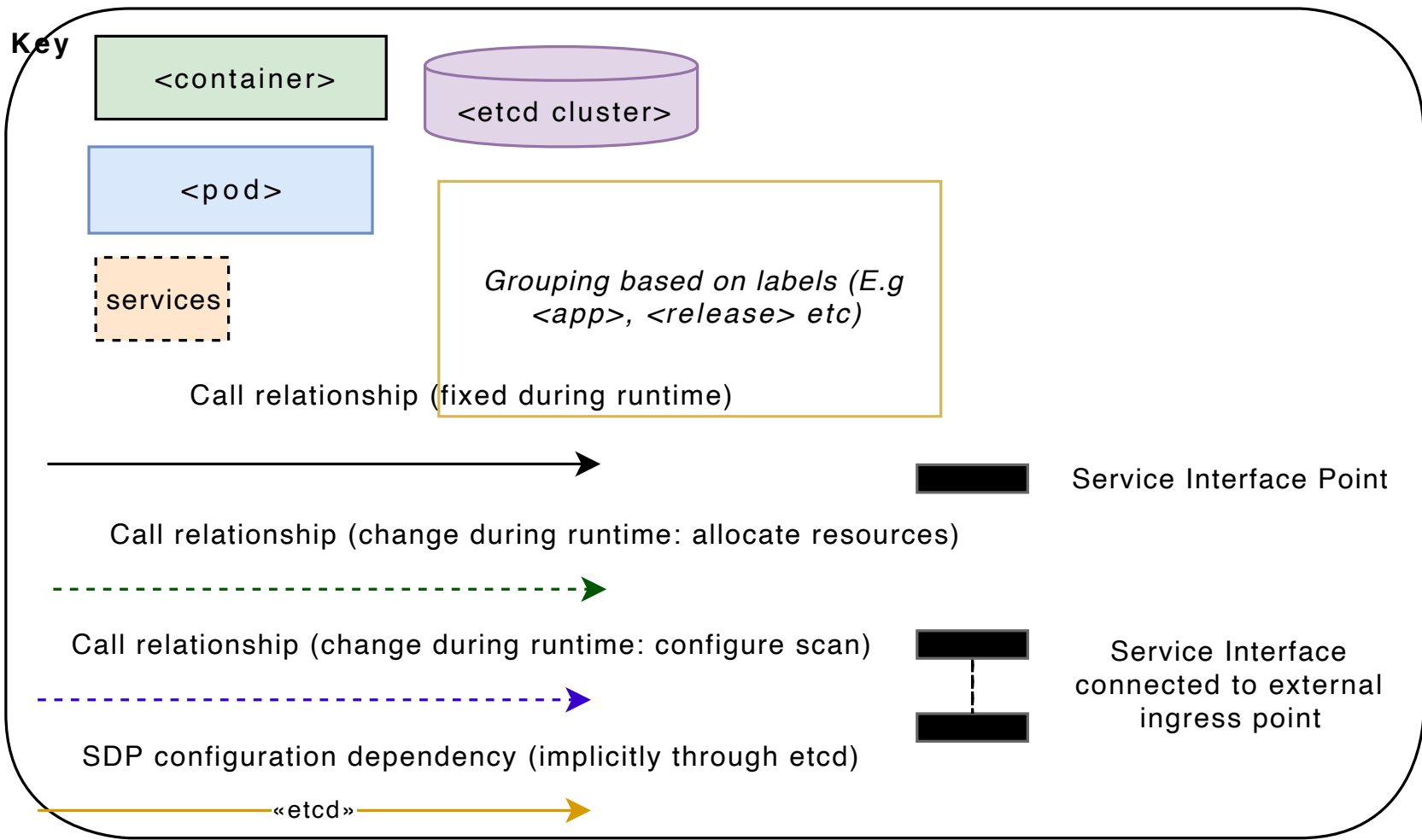
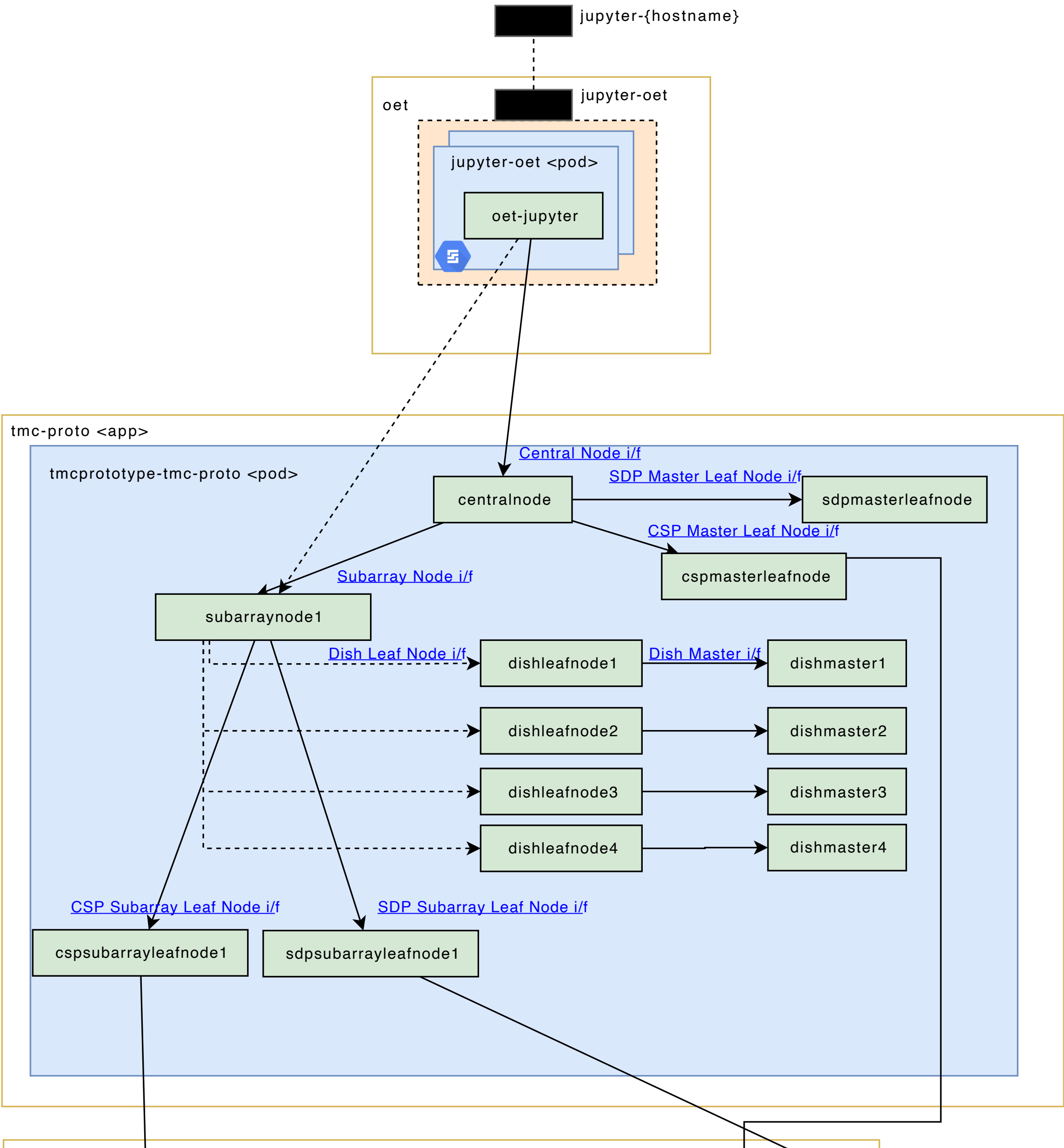


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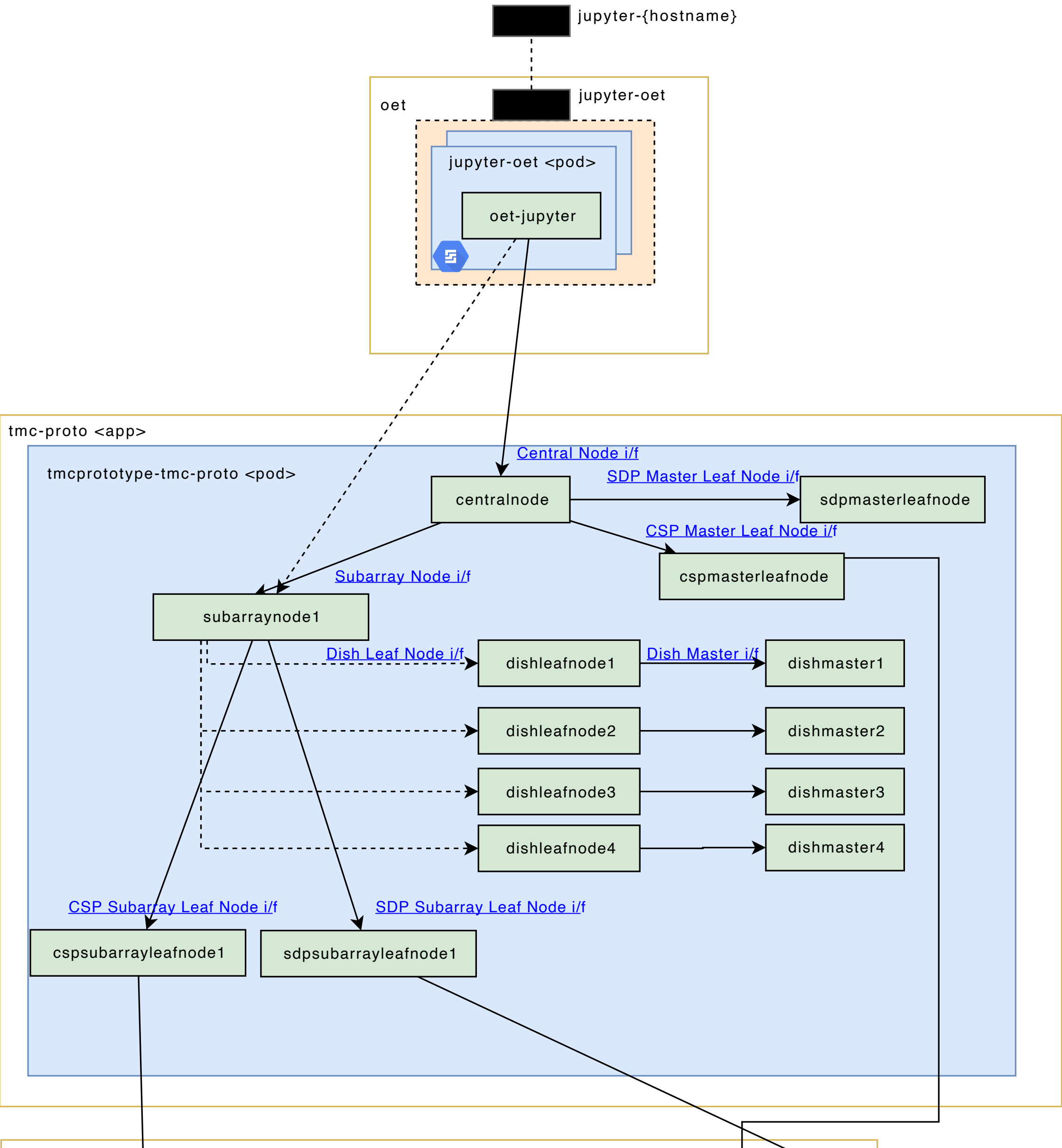
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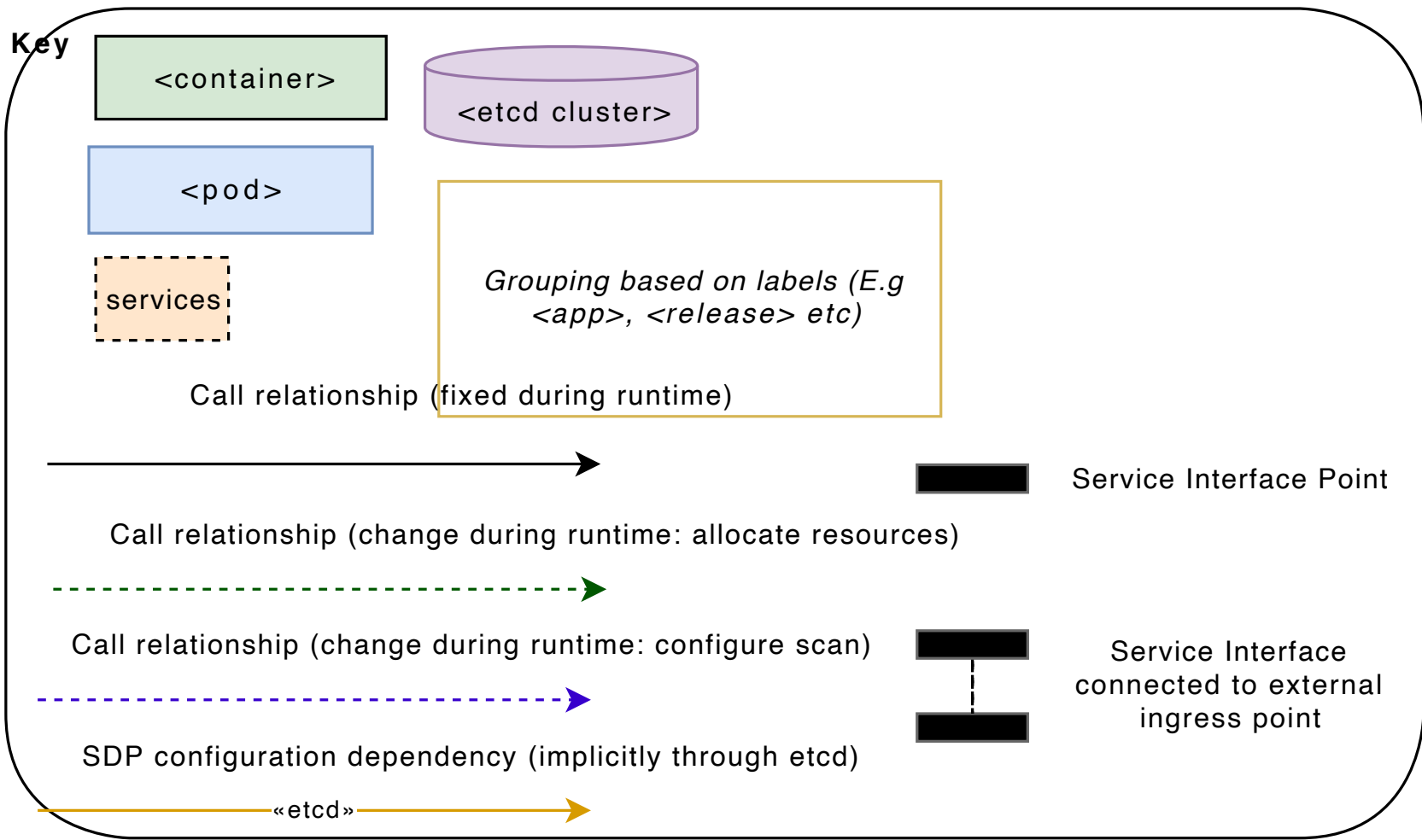
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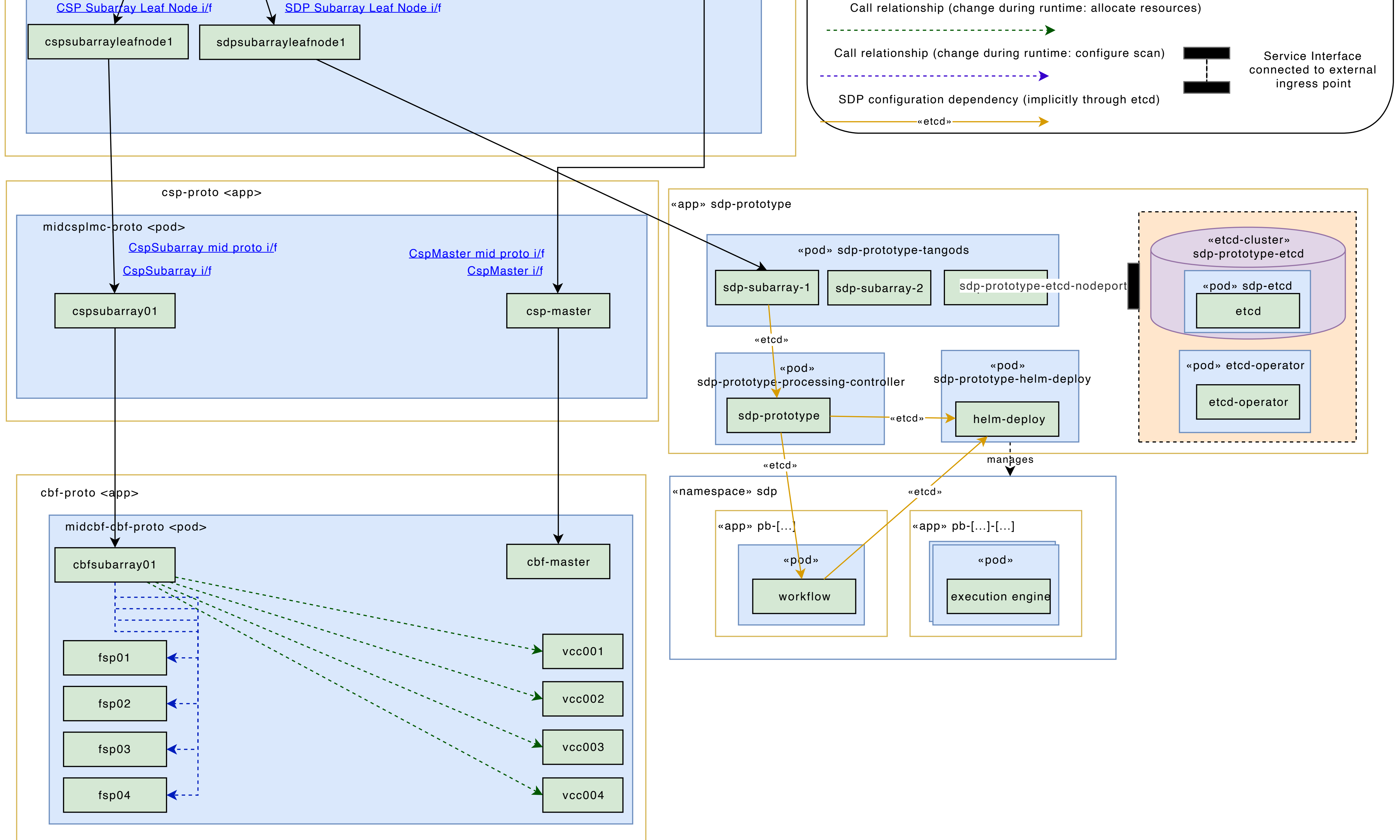


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Deployment view of SKAMPI






- WebJive downselected for the HTML5-based interface for Engineering dashboards
- Very fruitful collaboration with MAX IV
- Many performance, UI/UX, and testing improvements



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- Using what TANGO provides:
DeviceProxy, DeviceTestContext,
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Or this talk is almost over 😊

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- We're almost ready to start constructing the SKA!
 - Just waiting for the green light → Council 2?
- The Control Systems are a **very significant** part of the work we need to do in **software**.
- All software will be planned, developed, delivered, and evaluated within an Agile framework → SAFe
- We are invested in TANGO for the really long term!



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SKA-related talks in this meeting

- Juande Santander-Vela: *SKA Status Update* (this talk)
- Giorgio Brajnik: *WebJive progress report and the WebJive team(s)* (today, 17:10)
- Matteo Di Carlo: *CI-CD practices at SKA* (tomorrow, 9:20)
- Anton Joubert: *Unit testing Tango devices in Python* (tomorrow, 10:00)
- Matteo Di Carlo: *TANGO Grafana [and SKA]* (tomorrow, 11:00)
- Giorgio Brajnik: *WebJive demo and architecture* (tomorrow, 11:30)
- Giorgio Brajnik: *WebJive tutorial* (tomorrow, 14:00)
- Also somewhat related:
 - Jan David Mol: *LOFAR is ready to Tango* (today, 11:00; LOFAR is an SKA pathfinder)
 - Matteo Canzari: *TANGO training video series* (tomorrow, 15:25; Matteo works within SAFe team Cream)