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Invited Talk

## A Lightspeed Data Center Network

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Time: 16:00 – 18:00

Venue: Room 213, Engineering Bldg. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1F, Hongo campus,  
The University of Tokyo

### Abstract:

Emerging data center applications demand low latency and high bandwidth networks - similar to those found in high-performance computers. This talk walks through a thought experiment of what a data center network using best practices HPC network design would look like. It shows that a “dragonfly network” using global adaptive routing and speculative reservations for congestion avoidance can offer network latencies that are dominated by the time-of-flight over the network cables. Because of reduced buffering and better channel utilization such a network would have lower component cost than a conventional network with comparable performance.

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