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# Challenges and Experience in Prototyping a Multi-Modal Stream Analytic and Monitoring Application on System S

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  - DAC: A Disaster Assistance Claim Monitoring Application
- **Challenges & Experience in Prototyping DAC**
  - Workload generation
  - Design and Implementation
  - Deployment
- **A Demo video**
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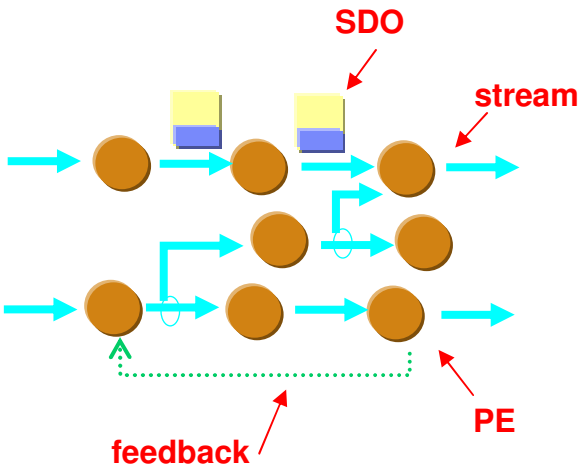
# Overview of System S

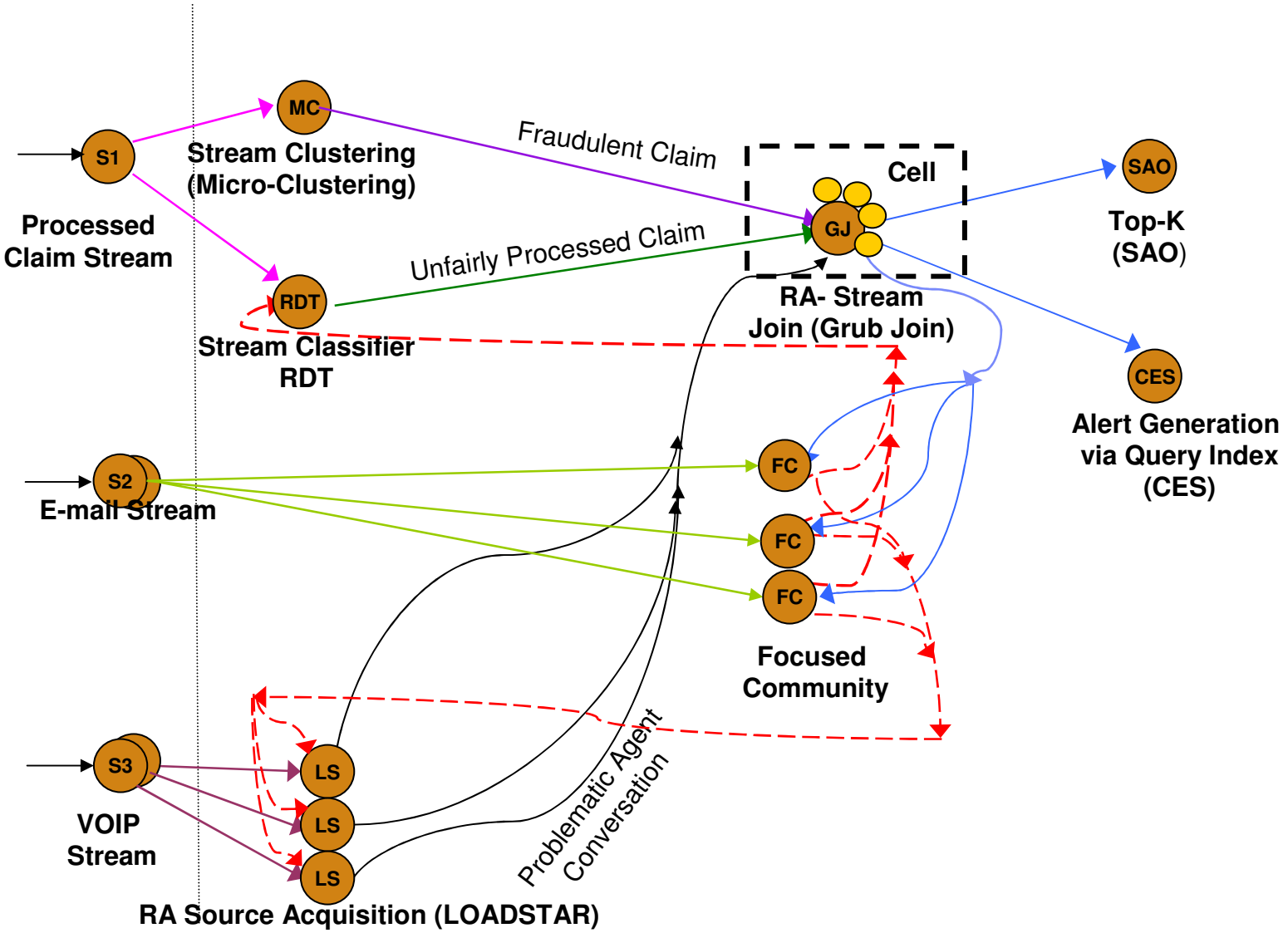
- **System S is a high-performance, distributed, computing platform designed to host stream-oriented applications**
  - High ingestion rates with continuously adaptive processing
  - Multiple programming models
    - Inquiry service, declarative (StreamSQL-like), PE APIs
  - Advanced and evolving feature sets
  - Scales from very small to large to very large hardware configurations
    - From single machines to a cluster of 200 or so blade nodes, each with 2-4 cores

# Overview of System S (continued)

- **Stream programming model**
  - "Branching pipeline" computational model
  - Stream, PE, Stream Data Object (SDO) and Processing Graph
    - Job configuration, flow specifications and PE templates
- **Key components of System S**
  - Dataflow graph manager (DGM)
  - Data fabric (DF)
  - Resource manager (RM)/Scheduler (SODA)
  - PE execution container (PEC)

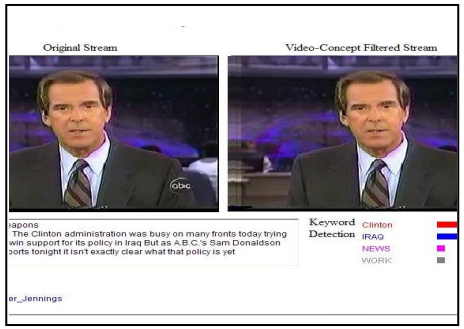


# An example PE processing graph

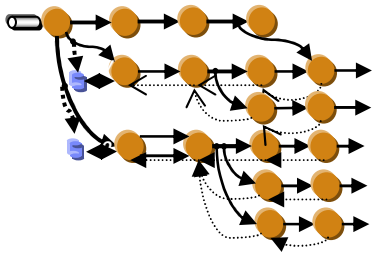


# Example Stream Applications on System S

## Dense Info Grinding

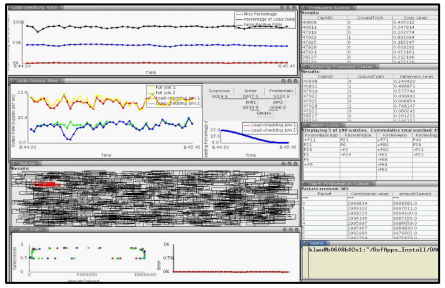



-Broadcast News Analysis
-Multi-modal (audio, video, txt)
-Just-good-enough analytics

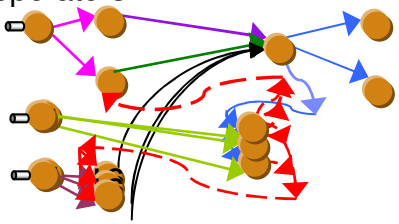


-20 PEs (10 unique)
-4 processing nodes
-20 1-Mbps MPEG transport
-128 hours audio/video
-3 jobs

## Disaster Assistance Claims

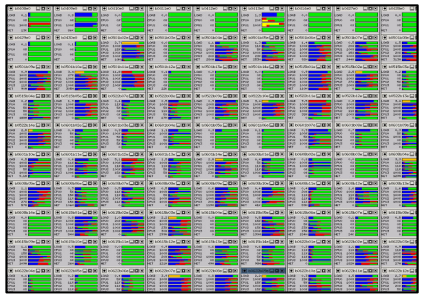


-Real-time processed disaster assistance claim review
-Claim documents, email, VoIP
-Stream mining and relational operators

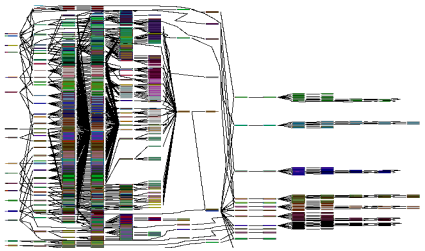


-51 PEs (27 unique)
-35 processing nodes
-3 data sources
-60Mbps raw data input

## Large Scale

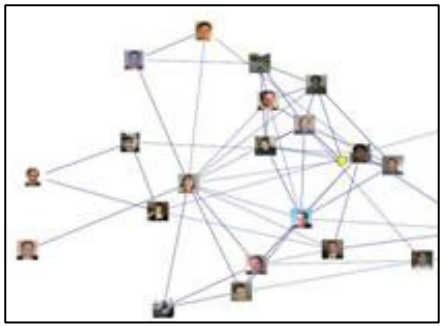


-Multi-application Workload
-Network packet analysis
-Stress runtime environment

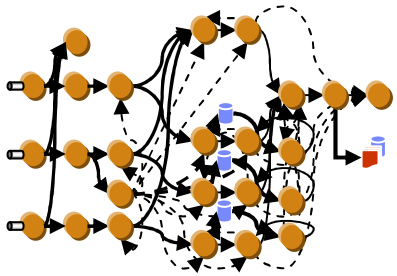


-40-784 PEs
-1-100 processing nodes
-1-21 data sources
-110 jobs

## Who's Talking to Whom



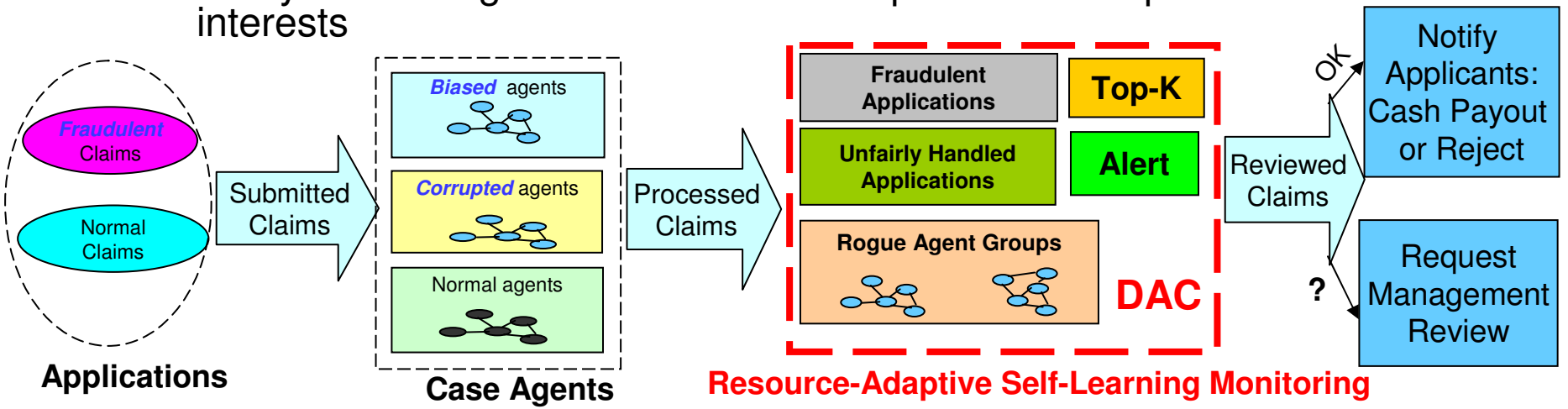
-VoIP Packet Analysis
-Noisy, lossy, correlated data
-Distributed, adaptive analytics



-11-38 PEs (20 unique)
-1-14 processing nodes
-1-3 data sources
-3 jobs
-200 concurrent streams

# Disaster Assistance Claim (DAC) Monitoring

- **In a disaster claim processing center**
  - Claims may be fraudulent or unfairly processed
  - Claim processing agents may be engaged in criminal activities to cheat the agency
- **Goals of DAC monitoring:** ***real-time reviewing processed claims***
  - Identify for management review in real-time the fraudulent or unfairly processed cases before the decisions are conveyed to the applicants
    - Once the money is paid out, it is hard to get it back
  - Identify the problematic processing agents and the potential crime groups
  - Notify the management based on alert profiles and top-k cases of interests



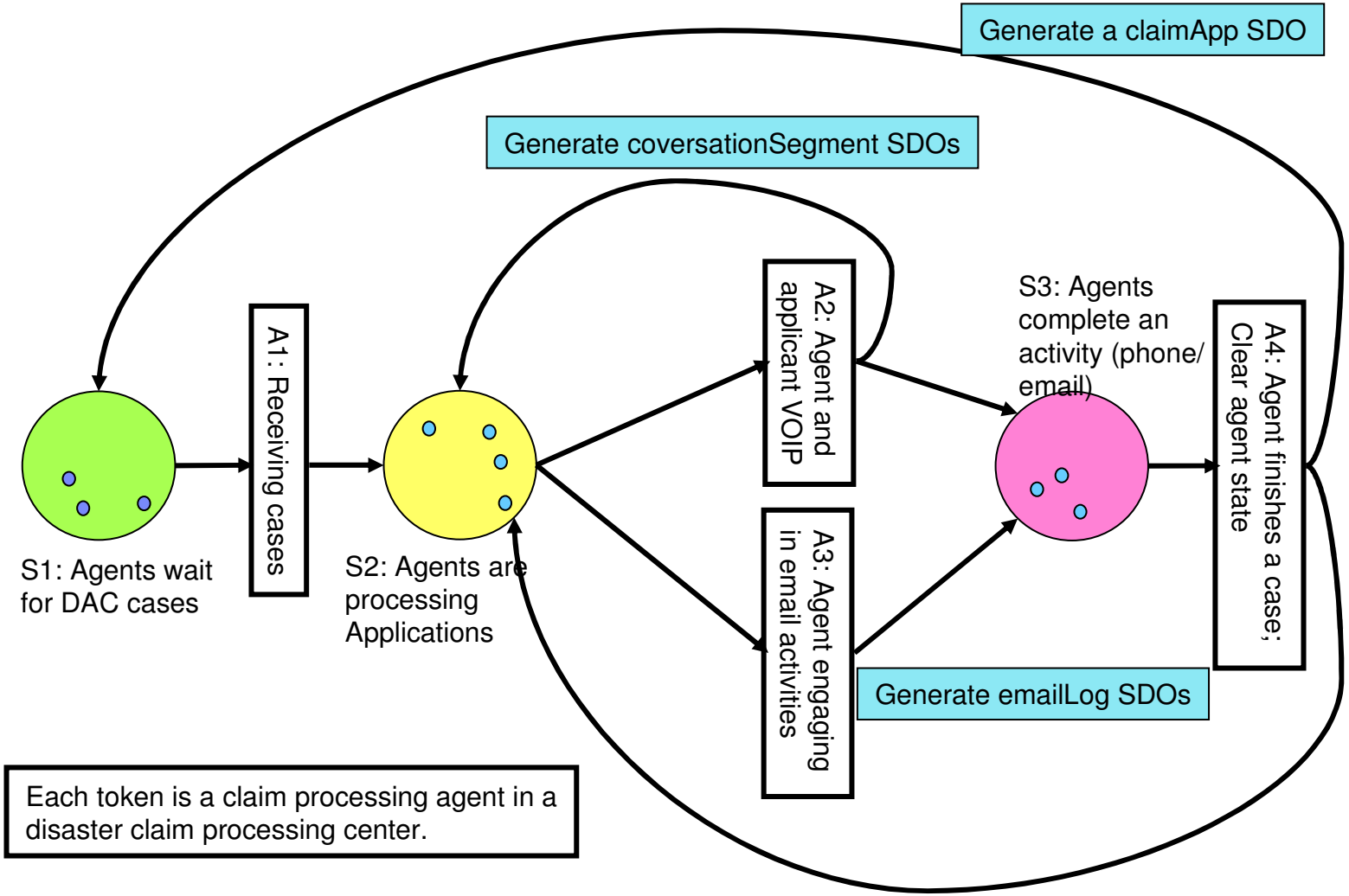
# Challenges

- **Workload generation**
  - How do we model a claim processing center, specify data distributions for individual streams and implement correlated distributions across streams?
- **Design and Implementation**
  - How do we develop individual PEs with stream analytic algorithms to identify fraudulent claims, unfairly processed claims, problematic agents and criminal communities?
  - How do we integrate so many different PEs into a complex processing graph?
- **Deployment**
  - How do deploy PEs so that we could correlate streams with vastly different data rates?

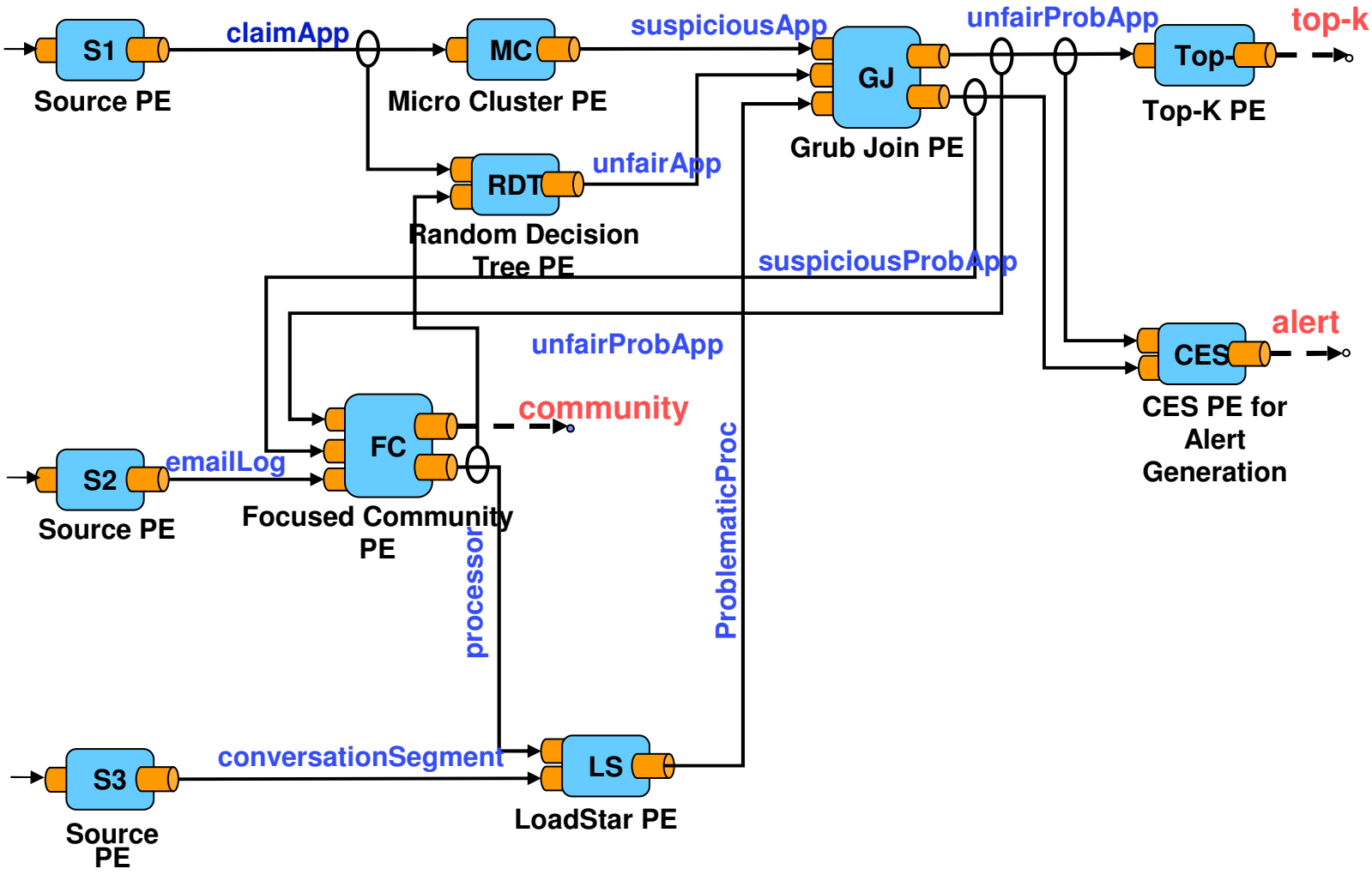
# Assumptions on source streams

- **Multiple modalities, generated through a workload generator**
  - Processed claims: *fraudulent or unfairly treated ?*
  - VOIP packets on the conversations between applicants and processing agents: *agent behavior abnormal?*
  - Agent E-mails: *agent community/crime group?*
  - Video Surveillance data: *agent community/crime group?*
  - News event data: *disaster information (correlating with fraudulent claims)*

# Workload generation

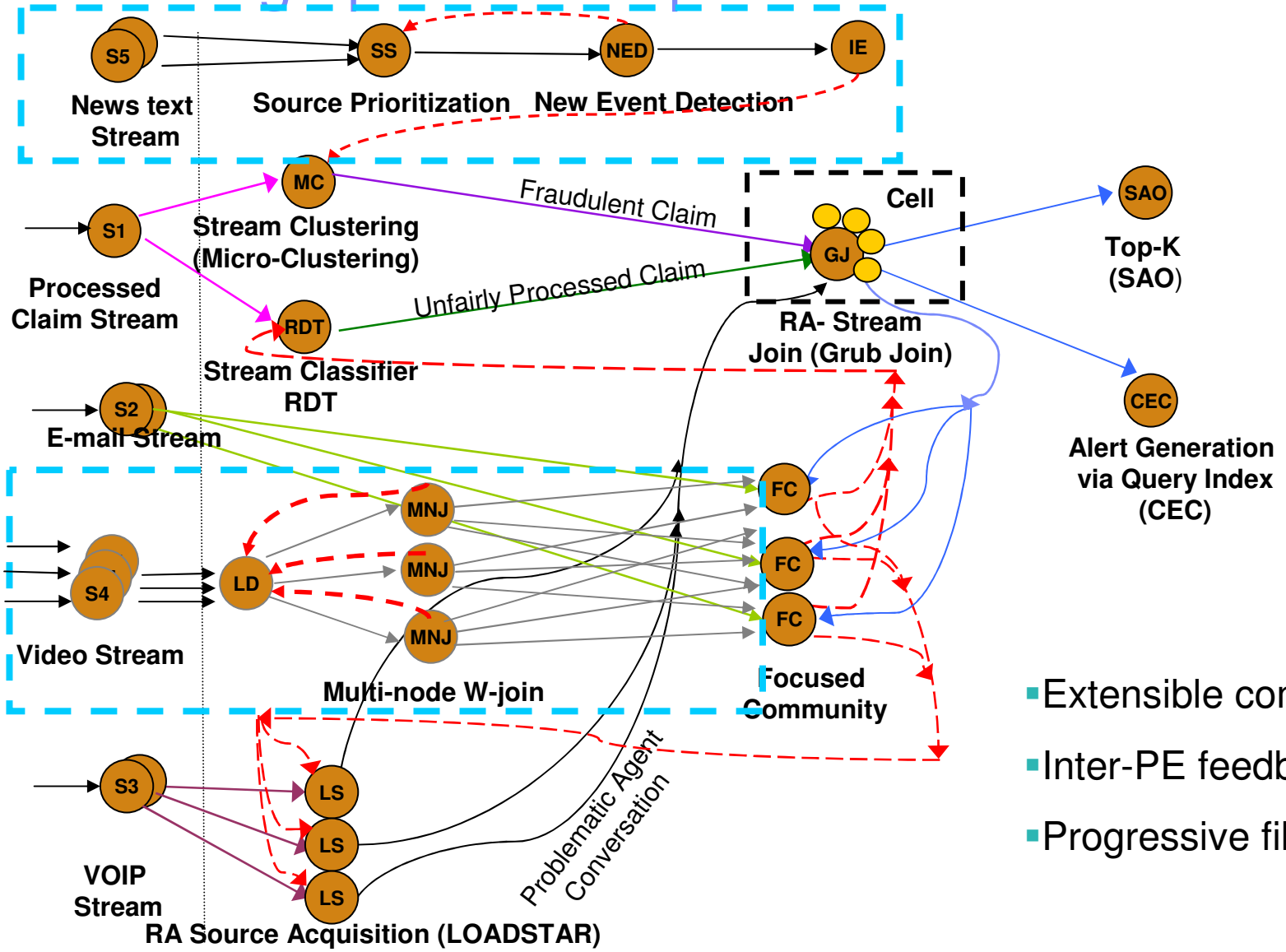


# PE flow graph of a simplified DAC



# PE flow graph of a complete DAC



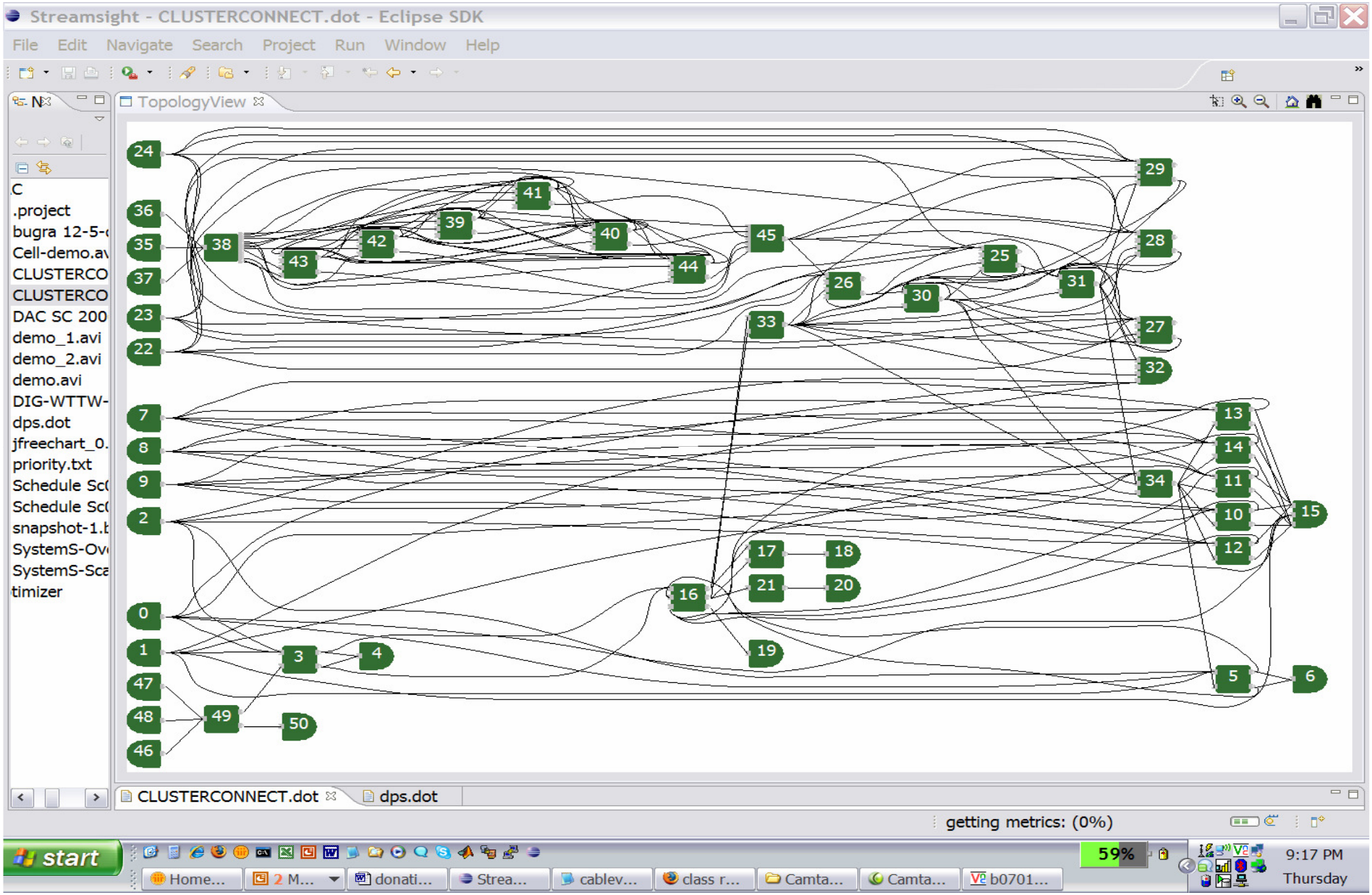

- Extensible composition
- Inter-PE feedback
- Progressive filtering

# Deployment of DAC

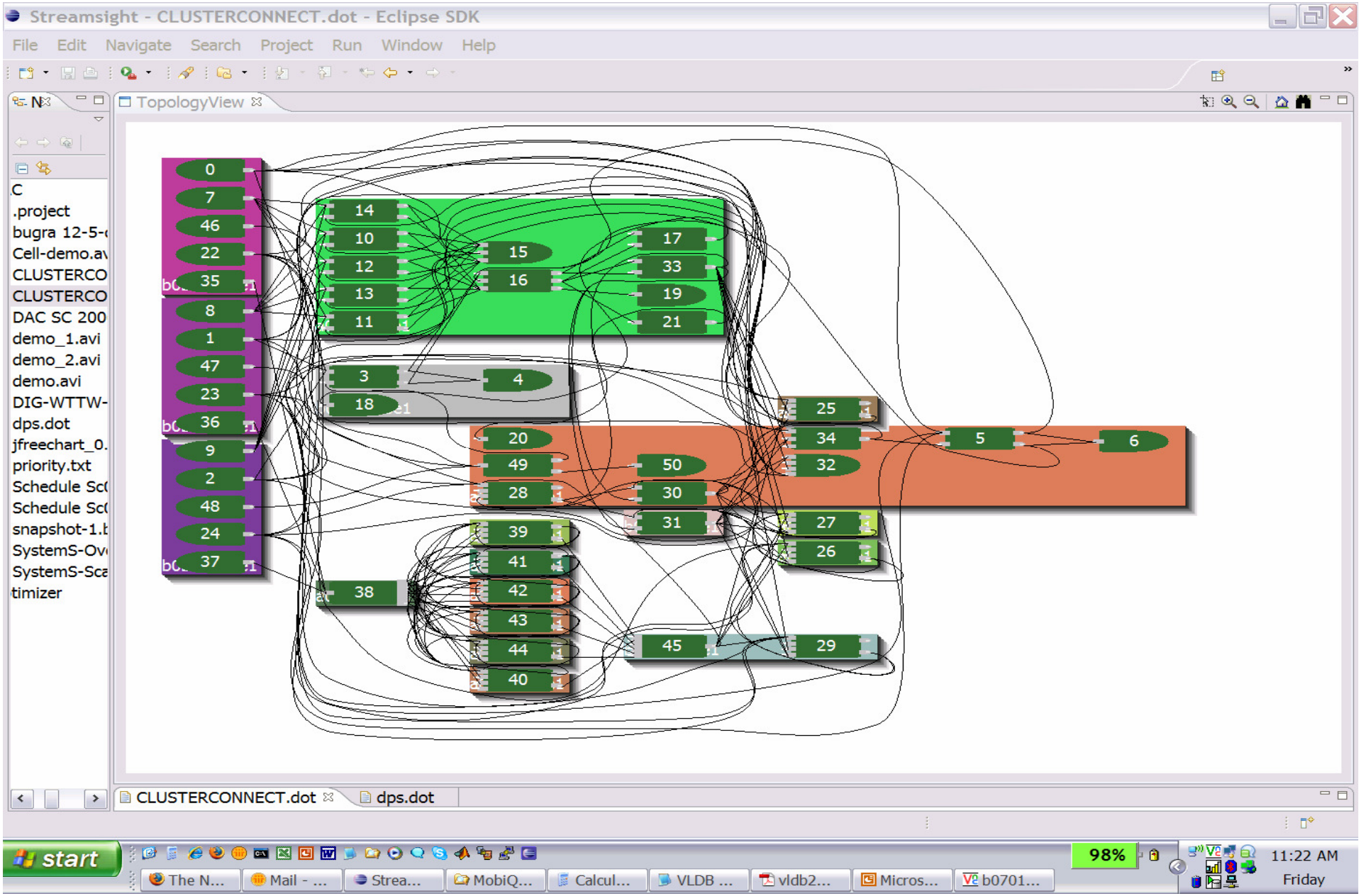
- **Mismatch among the stream rates causes mismatch in PE processing load**
  - Processed claim (1) : e-mails (50) : conversation segments (100)
  - MC:FC:LoadStar ~ 1:50:100
- **Parallelism**
  - Multiple FC PEs and LoadStar PEs
  - Flow specifications make it easy to split streams among PEs
- **Resource-adaptive computation**
  - LoadStar PE and GrubJoin PE employ intelligent load shedding

# A DAC Demo

- **Individual stream analytics: each PE showcases different stream technologies**
  - Self-learning stream mining, parallelizable stream algorithm, resource adaptive computation,, etc.
- **Integration of various stream analytics into a comprehensive application**
  - Stream speed & processing load mismatch among PEs
    - ***Multiple stream modalities***: Claim application stream, VOIP stream, e-mail stream, video stream, news stream
  - Synergism & cooperation between PEs
    - ***Inter-PE feedback***
    - ***Progressive filtering***
- **Load spreading & Parallel Processing**
  - Using flowspec, both static as well as dynamic, to spread load among different PEs





# A DAC demo video

# Lessons Learned

- **Successfully morphed traditional analytic algorithms into stream-based ones**
  - Micro-cluster PE and Random Decision Tree PE
- **Created resource-adaptive stream algorithms**
  - GrubJoin PE and LoadStar PE, New Event Detection PE
- **Demonstrated the extensible nature of the system, allowing incremental application design, from simple to truly complicated stream applications**
- **Effectively handled and correlated five streams of different modalities with vastly different rates and processing requirement**
- **Programming PEs was made easier without knowing too much about the SPC implementation details**

# Thank you!

- **Questions and comments?**