StarLight Software Defined Exchange (SDX) And The Global Research Platform

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Global Research Platform
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The GRP: A Platform For Global Science



Global Research Platform: Global Lambda Integrated Facility Available Advanced Network Resources



Next Generation eScience Ecosystem

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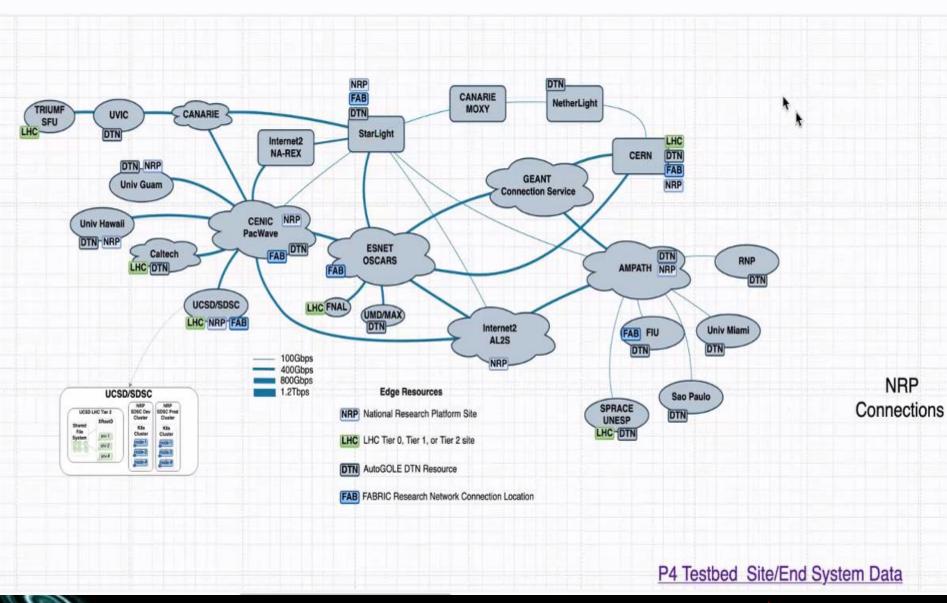


"The global advancement of science by realizing a multiresource infrastructure through international collaboration." GÉANT Netherlight Startight/ **iCAIR** MCXY Pionier KRLight Pagific Wave CarechLight NIST. MANLAN Esnet TWAREN/NOHC Guam Southernlight Schematic overview of the GNA-G AutoGOLE



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StarLight – "By Researchers For Researchers"

StarLight: Experimental Optical Infrastructure/Proving Ground For Next Gen Network Services Optimized for High Performance Data Intensive Science

Multiple 100 Gbps

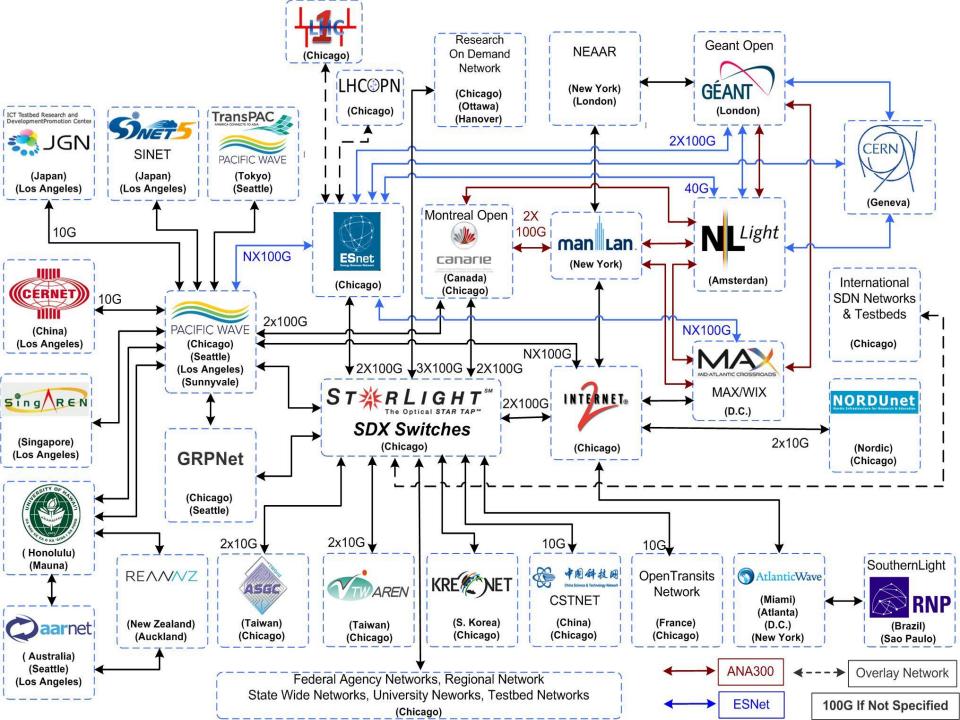
(110+ Paths)
StarWave
100 G Exchange
World's Most
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Multiple First of a
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Services and
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View from StarLight



Abbott Hall, Northwestern University's Chicago Campus

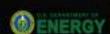


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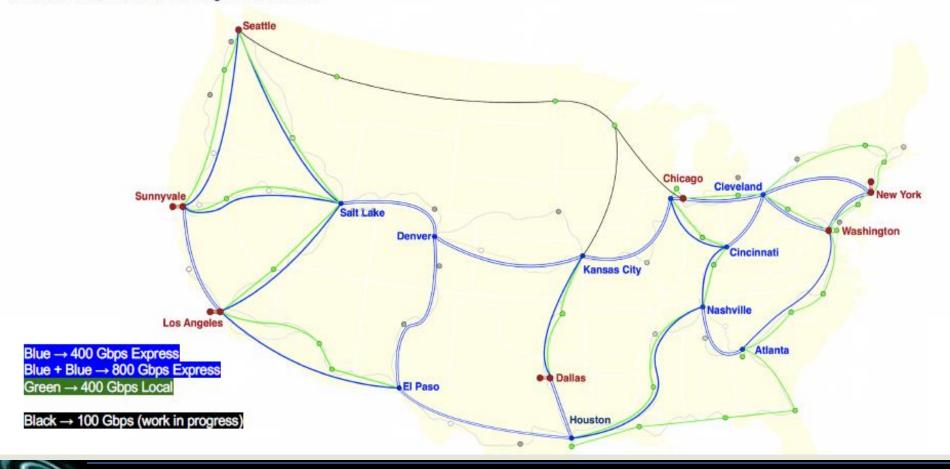




Internet2 Backbone Topology

Backbone Topology - Capacity and Traffic Management

Chris Wilkinson, Director of Planning and Architecture



NA-REX North America Research & Education Exchange Collaboration





















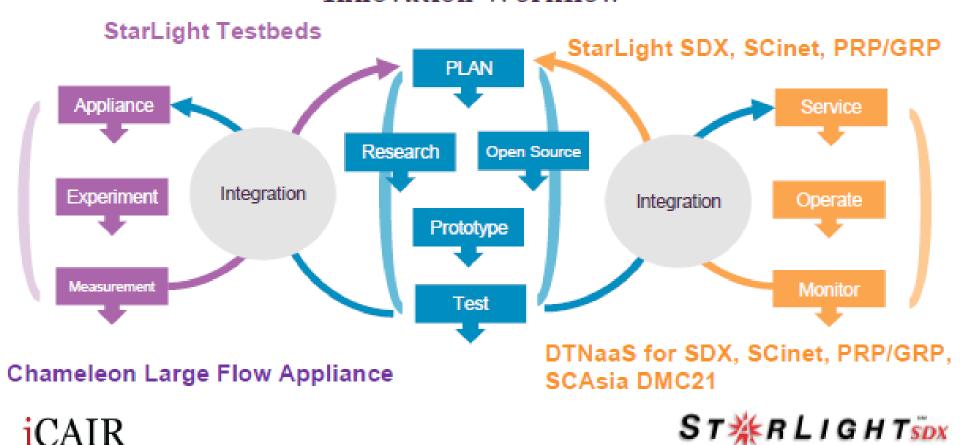
International Federated Testbeds As Instruments for Computer Science/Network Science

- The StarLight Communications Exchange Facility Supports ~ 28 Network Research Testbeds (Instruments For Computer Science/Networking Research)
- StarLight Supports Two Software Defined Exchanges (SDXs)
- An NSF IRNC SDX & A Network Research
- A Research SDX Supports National and International Federated Testbeds



StarLight Software Defined Exchange

StarLight Software Defined Exchange (SDX) CD/CI/CD Innovation Workflow



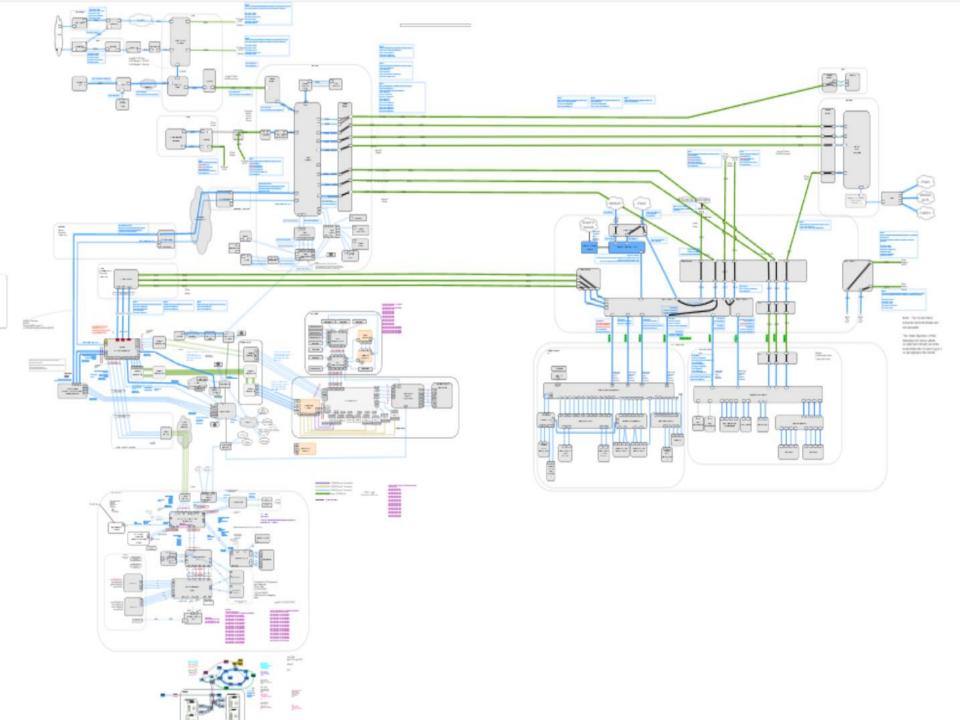
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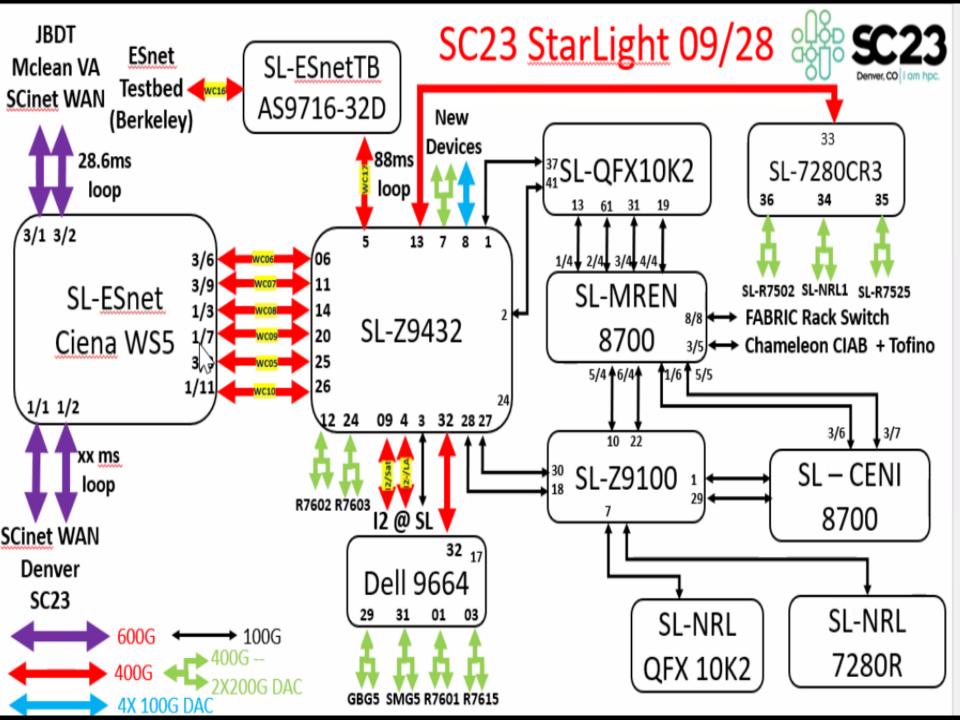
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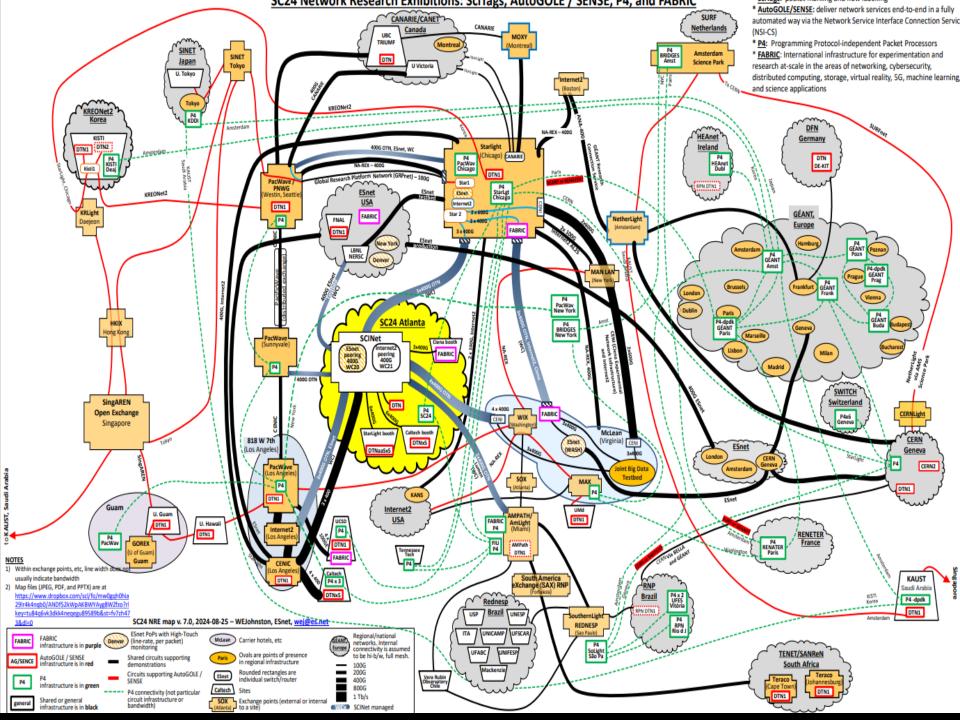
SCinet National WAN Testbed

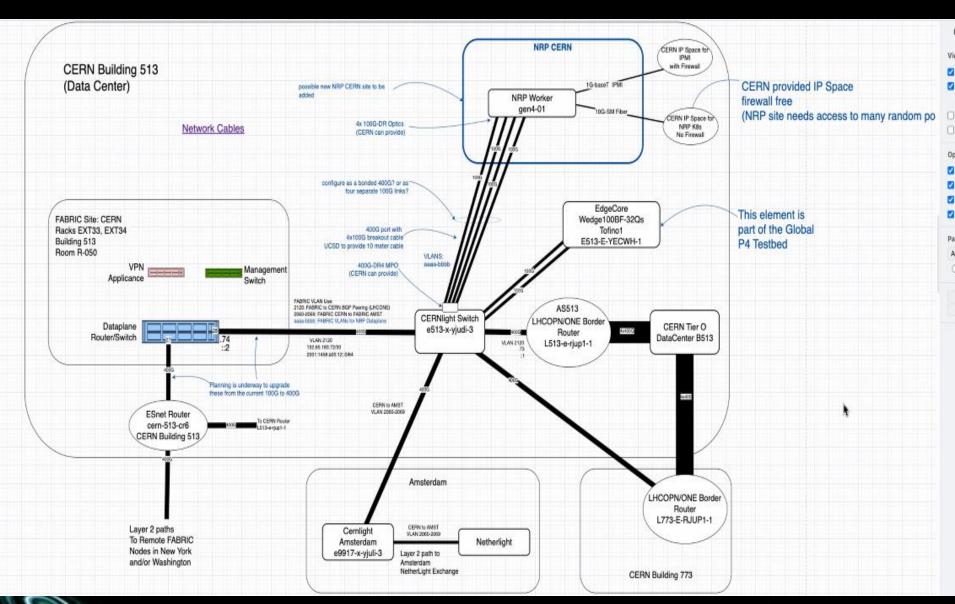
- As In Previous Years, iCAIR Supports SCinet In Designing and Implementing a National WAN Testbed
- A Key Focus Is 400, 800, and 1.2 Tbps Path Services and Interconnections, Including Direct Connections To Edge Nodes, Primarily High Performance DTNs
- The SC23 National WAN Testbed Is Being Designed and Implemented To Support Demonstrations and Experiments Of Innovations Related To Data Intensive Science







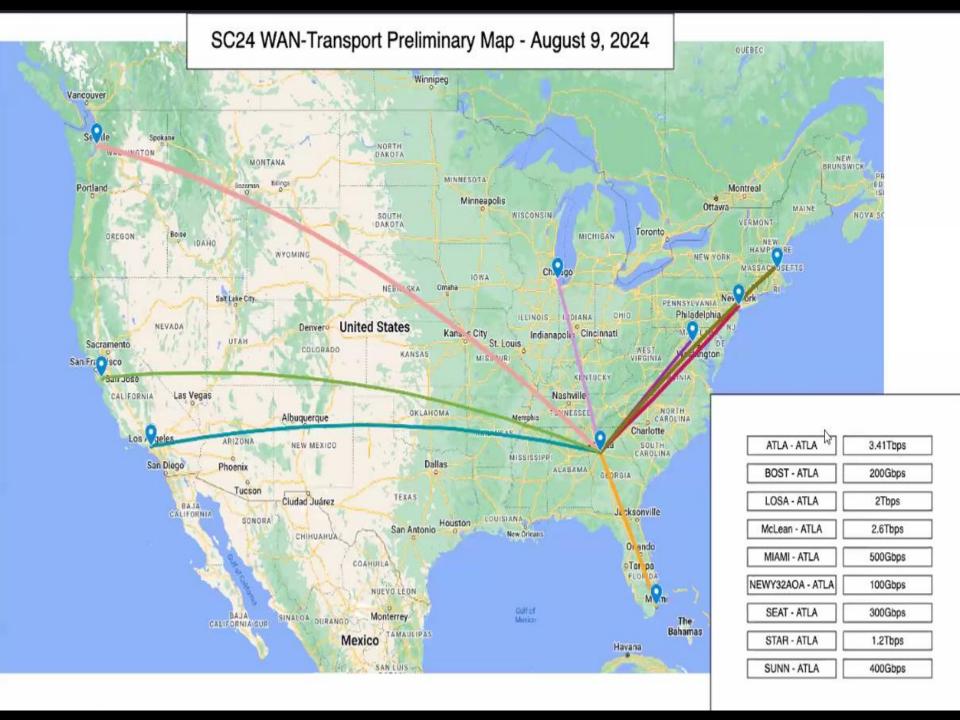




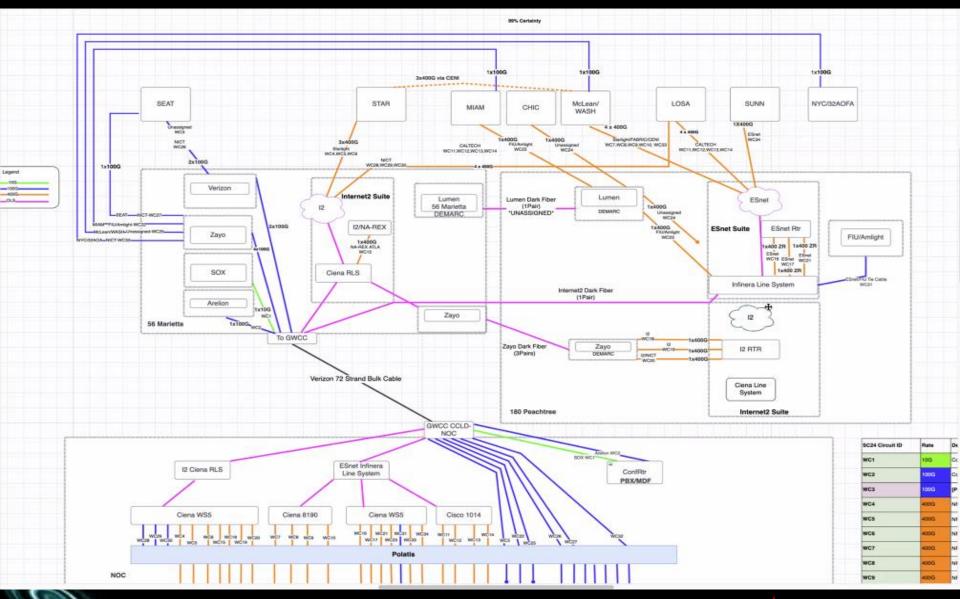
Example SC24 SCinet Network Research Exhibitions

- Global Research Platform (GRP)
- SDX 1.2 Tbps WAN Services
- SDX E2E 400 Gbps 800 Gbps WAN Services
- 400 Gbps DTNs & Smart NICs
- Orchestration With Packet Marking (SciTags)
- ESnet High Touch Network Measurements
- NA REX Continental Backbone For Data Intensive Science
- SDX International Testbed Integration
- StarLight SDX for Petascale Science
- DTN-as-a-Service For Data Intensive Science With Scitags
- P4 Integration With Kubernetes, P4 Global Lab
- NASA Goddard Space Flight Center HP WAN Transport Services (400 G Dsk-Dsk)
- Resilient Distributed Processing & Rapid Data Transfer
- AutoGOLE/SENSE E2E Orchestration Net Services And Workflow Integration
- Open Science Grid Demonstrations
- National Research Platform Demonstrations
- Chameleon FABRIC/FAB Integration
- SciStream Multi Site Data Streaming Orchestration
- Distributed Pipelines Over WANs For On-Line Data Analysis
- DTNs for Research Enhanced Environments (ONION-RED ONION)
 - Distributed Hybrid Quantum Computing With PQC/QKD Secured Links

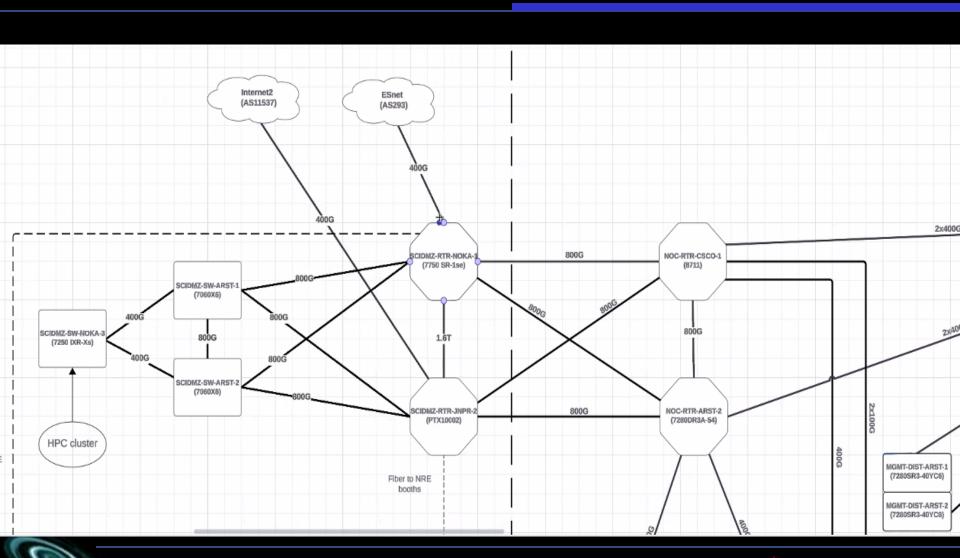


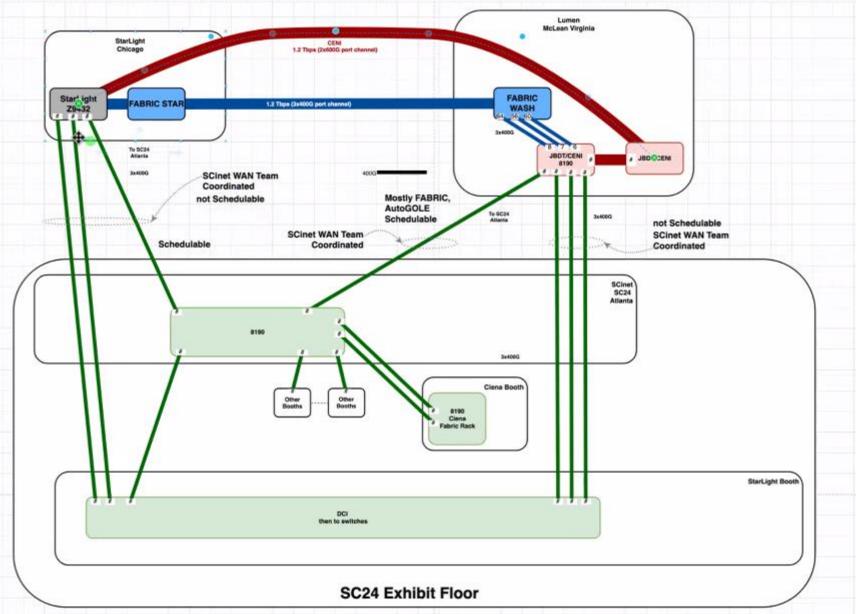


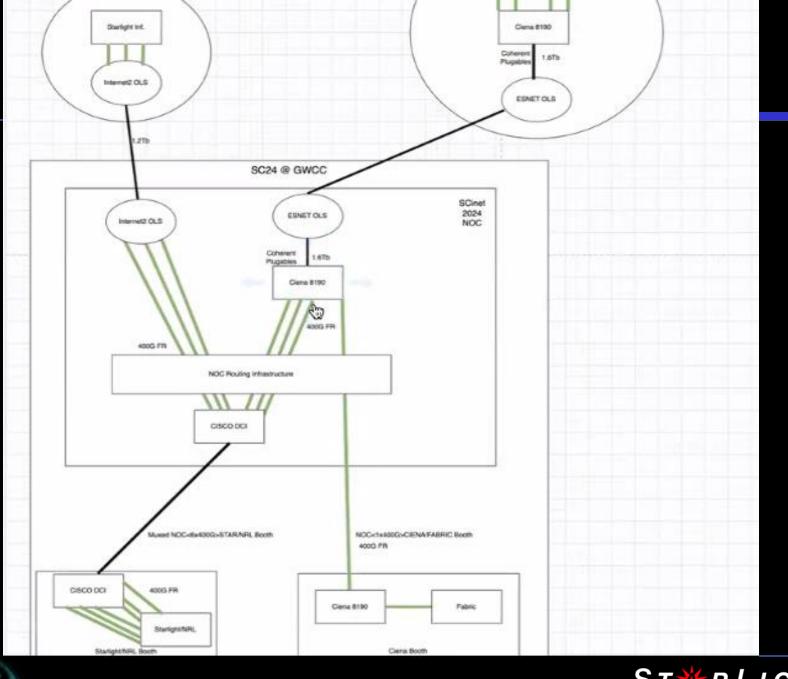
SC24 SCinet 2024



SCinet SC24 Venue 800 Gbps Science DMZ

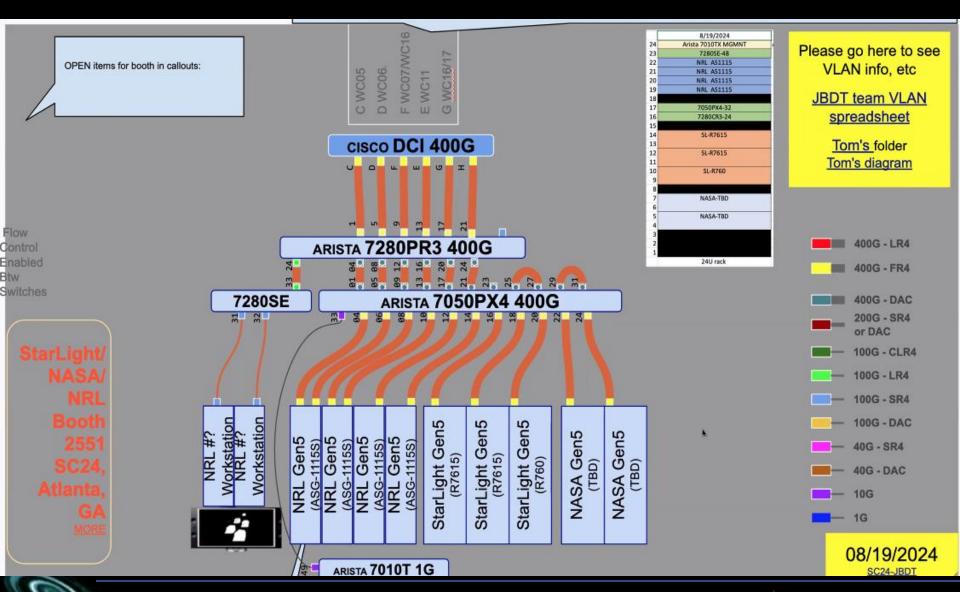


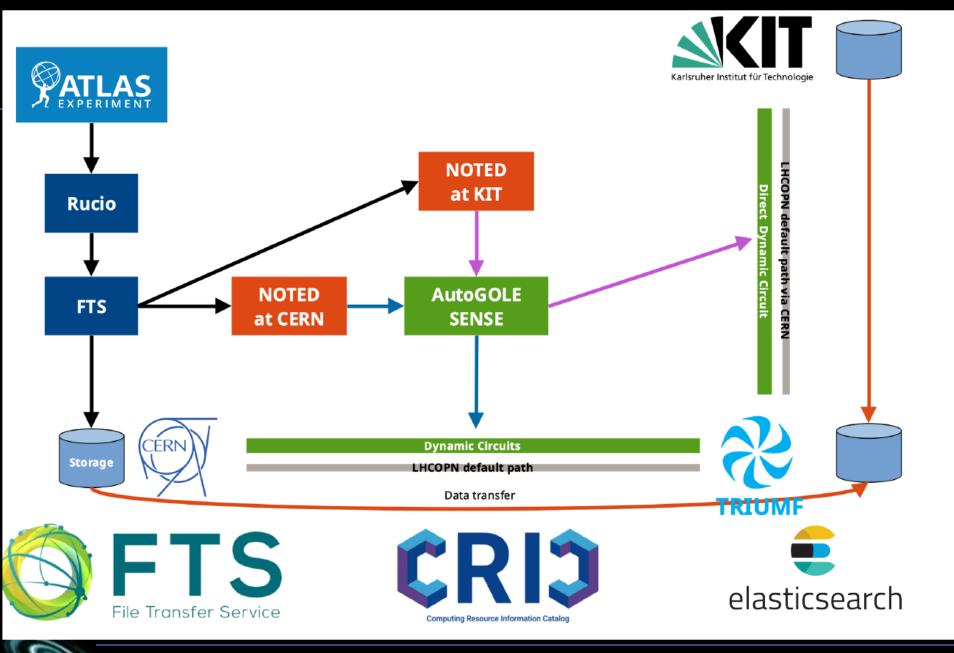




SC24 Venue: 1.2 Tbps and 400 Gbps Paths*R LIGHT™

Planned StarLight Booth SC24, Nov Atlanta







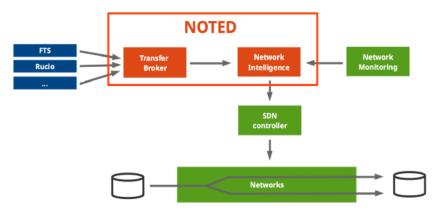








SKELETON AND ELEMENTS OF NOTED



FTS (File Transfer Service):

Inspect and analyse data transfers to estimate if an action can be applied to optimise the network utilization → get on-going and queued transfers.

CRIC (Computing Resource Information Catalog):

► Enrichment to get an overview and knowledge of the network topology → get IPv4/IPv6 addresses, endpoints, rcsite and federation.

FLOWCHART AND DATASET STRUCTURE

- Input parameters: configuration given by the user In noted/config/config.yaml → define a list of {src rcsite, dst rcsite), maximum and minimum throughput threshold, SENSE/AutoGOLE VLANs UUID and user-defined email notification among others.
- Tenrich NOTED with the topology of the network: Query CRIC database → get endpoints that could be involved in the data transfers for the given {src rcsite, dst rcsite} pairs.
- Analyse on-going and upcoming data transfers:
 - Query FTS recursively → get on-going data transfers for each set of source and destination endpoints.
 - The total utilization of the network is the sum of on-going and upcoming individual data transfers for each source and destination endpoints for the given {src_rcsite, dst_rcsite} pairs.

Network decision:

- If NOTED interprets that the link will be congested → provides a dynamic circuit via SENSE/AutoGOLE.
- If NOTED interprets that the link will not be be congested anymore \rightarrow cancel the dynamic circuit and the traffic is routed back.

scitags.org

Network Flow and Packet Marking for Global Scientific Computing

Hosted on GitHub Pages — Theme by orderedlist

Scientific network tags (scitags) is an initiative promoting identification of the science domains and their high-level activities at the network level.

It provides an open system using open source technologies that helps Research and Education (R&E) providers in understanding how their networks are being utilised while at the same time providing feedback to the scientific community on what network flows and patterns are critical for their computing.

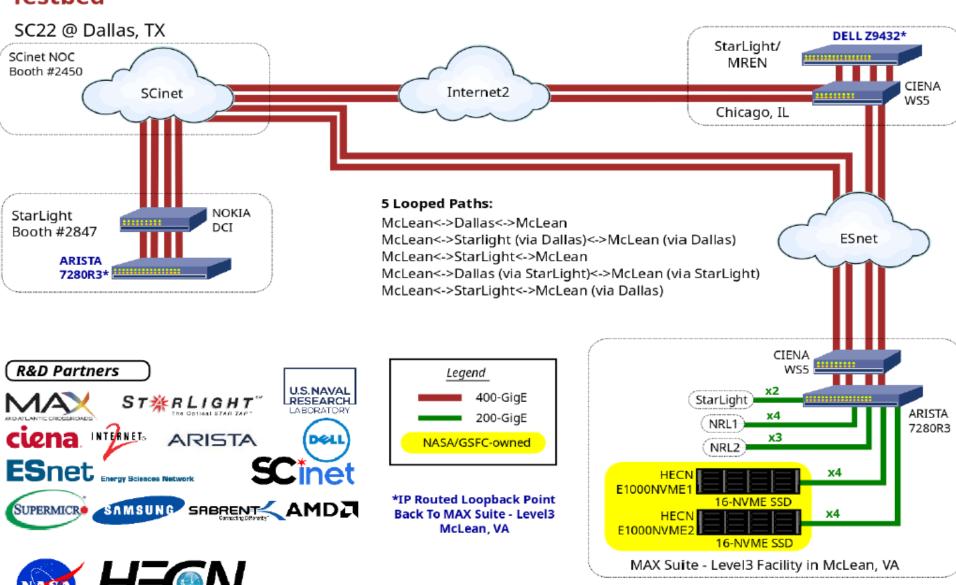
Our approach is based on a network tagging mechanism that marks network packets and/or network flows using the science domain and activity fields. These tags can then be captured by the *R&E providers* and correlated with their existing netflow data to better understand existing network patterns, estimate network usage and track activities.

The initiative offers an **open collaboration on the research and development of the packet and flow marking prototypes** and works in close collaboration with the scientific storage and transfer providers to enable the marking capability. The project is currently in the prototyping phase and is open for participation from any science domain that require or anticipate to require high throughput computing as well as any interested *R&E providers*.

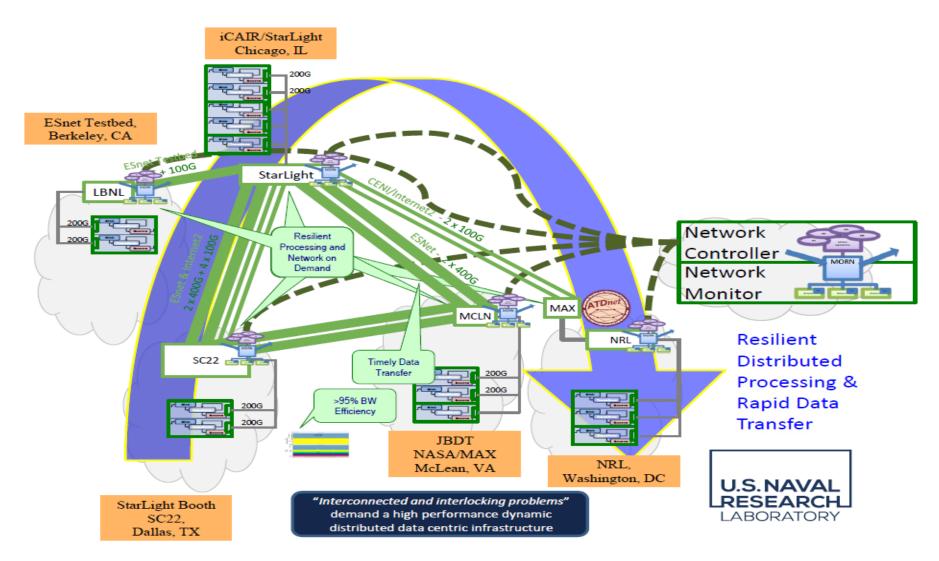
SC22 Joint Big Data Testbed

Demonstrations of 400 Gbps Disk-to-Disk WAN File Transfers using NVMe-oF/TCP

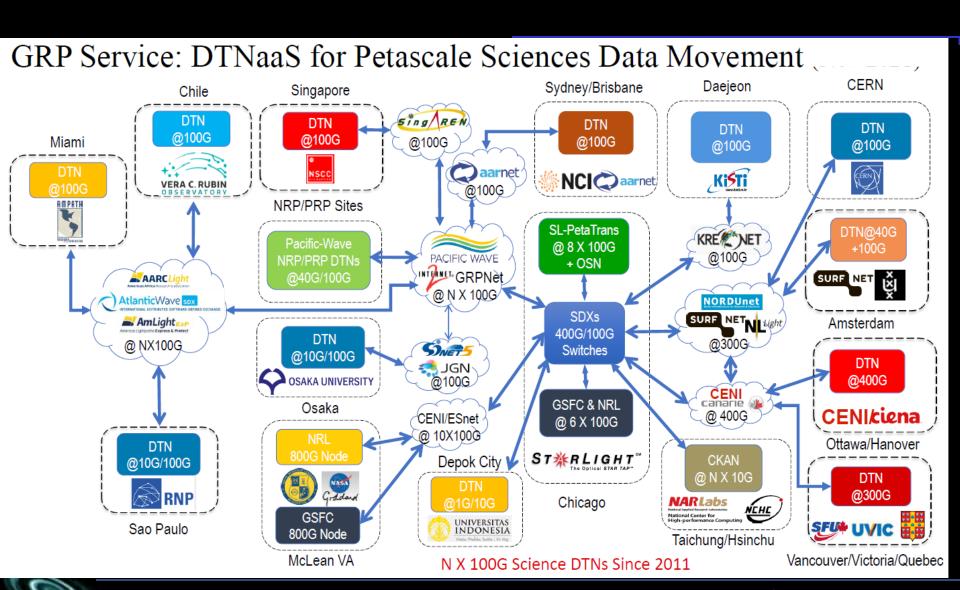
An SC22 Collaborative Initiative Among NASA and Several Partners



Resilient Disributed Processing & Rapid Data Transfer



GRP DTNaaS For Petascale Science



DTN-as-a-Service – Demonstrated At SC22

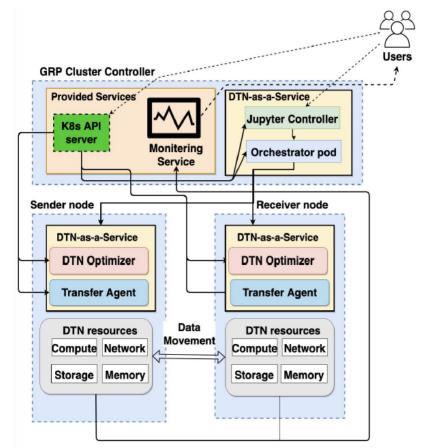
GRP Cluster with DTN-as-a-Service

DTN-as-a-Service(DTNaaS) provides a data movement workflow in GRP k8s cluster:

- 1. Deploy DTNaaS workloads via k8s API server
- 2. Use Jupyter to optimize and run transfers
- 3. Observe performance from monitoring service

GRP DTNaaS Components:

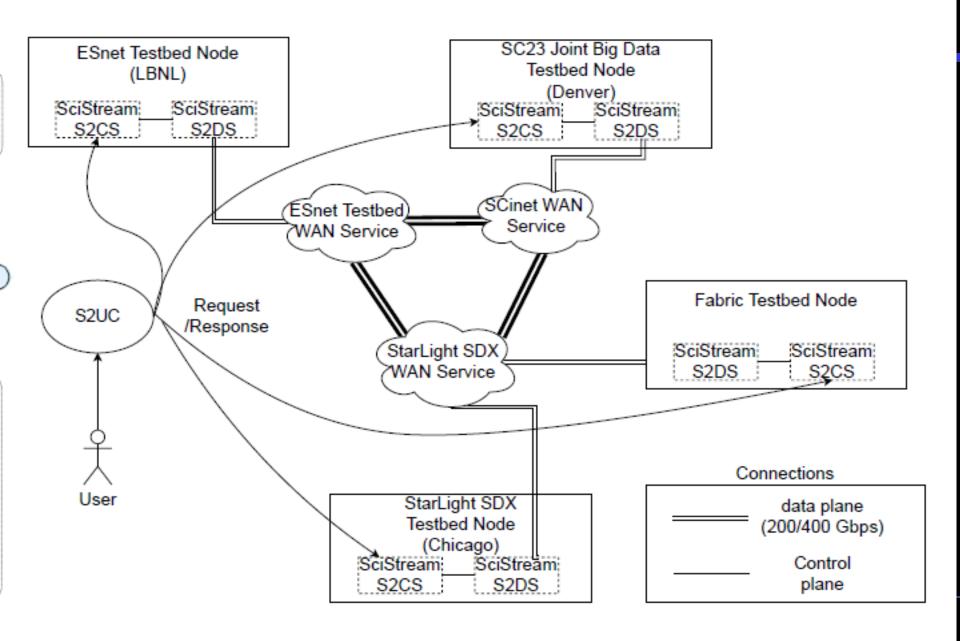
- Orchestrator: controller of DTNaaS to manage agent and optimizer pods via REST API.
- Transfer Agent: run transfer jobs
- DTN Optimizer: optimize the DTN resources for workflow
- Jupyter: web interface to run DTNaaS interactively





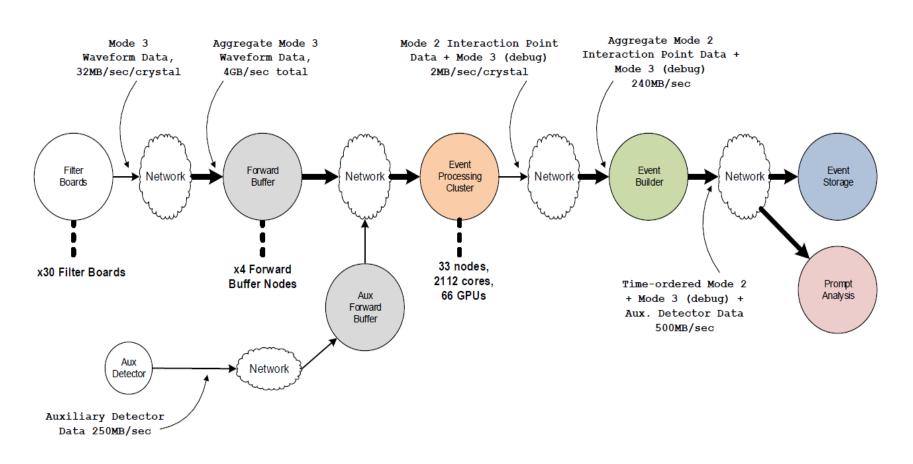


SC23 NRE-010: Multi-site data streaming orchestration with SciStream

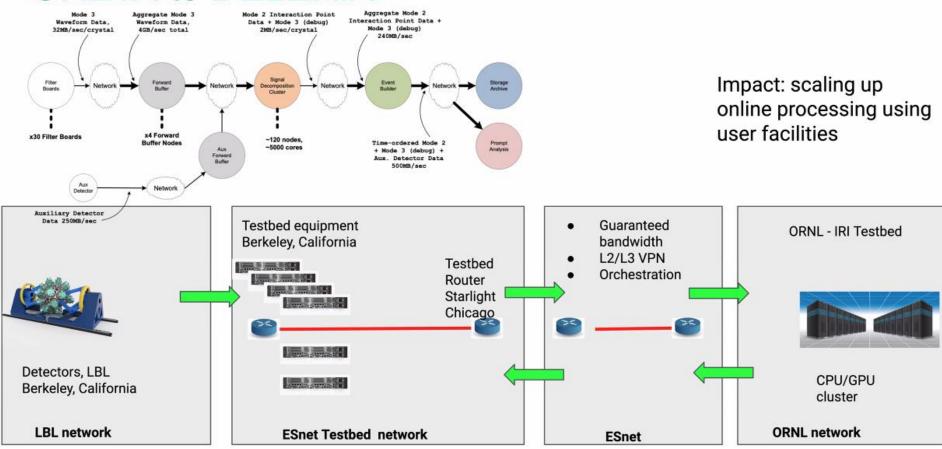


ESnet Gamma Ray Energy Tracking Array (GRETA) Prototype

GRETA Data Pipeline



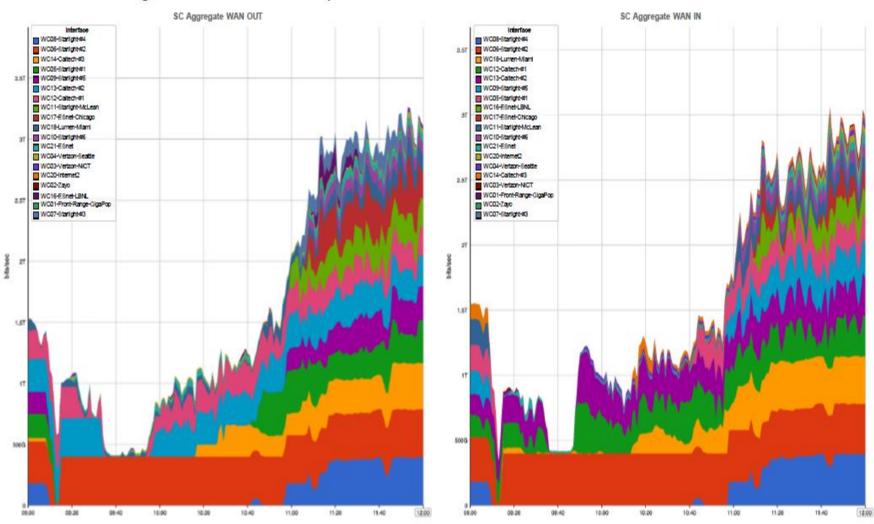
GRETA to DELERIA



SC23 Bandwidth Challenge

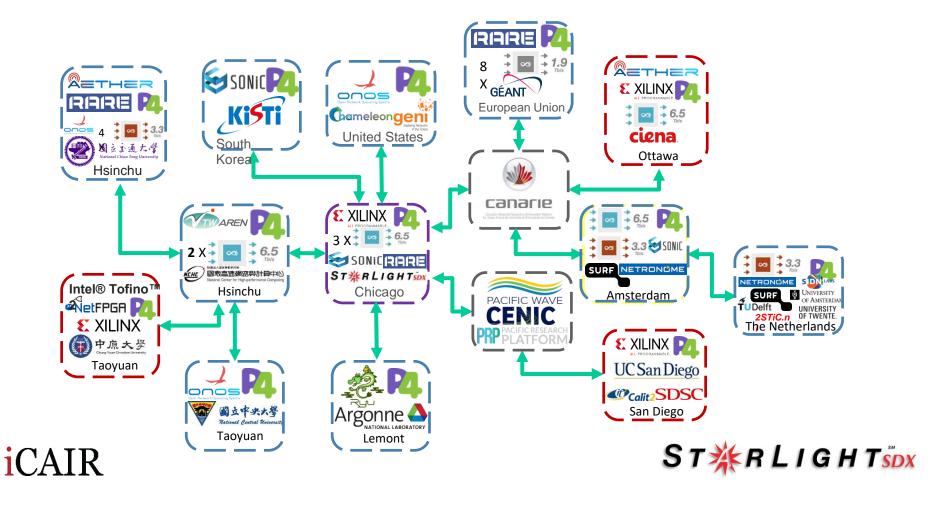
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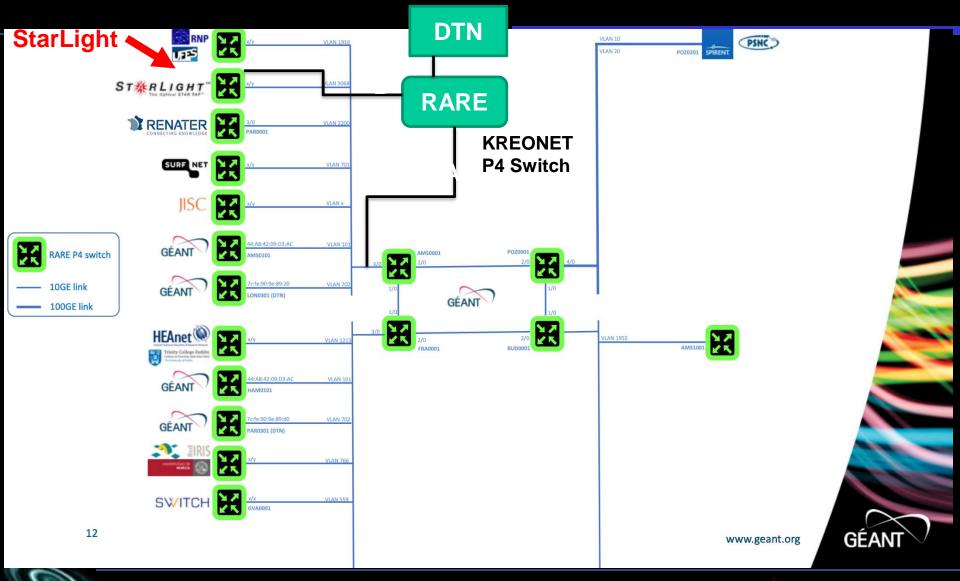


International P4 Testbed Showcase at SC23

GRP Service: International P4 Experimental Networks (iP4EN)



Integration With GEANT P4 Testbed





www.chameleoncloud.org

CHAMELEON: A LARGE SCALE, RECONFIGURABLE EXPERIMENTAL INSTRUMENT FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Joe Mambretti, Pierre Riteau, Paul Ruth, Dan Stanzione







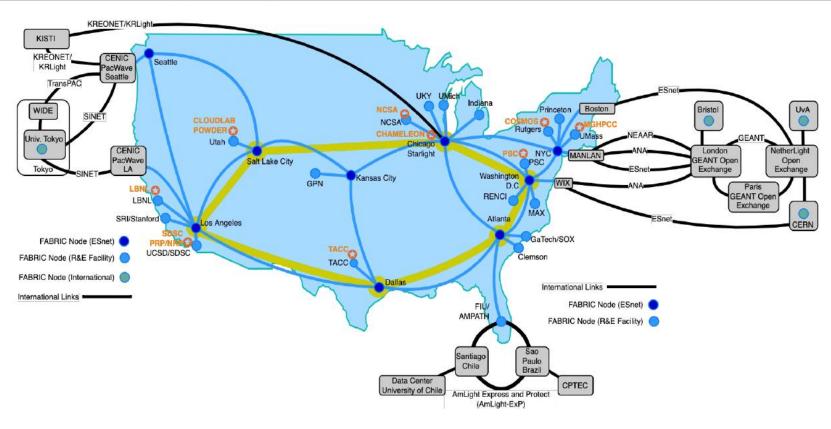






FABRIC Testbed (+FAB)



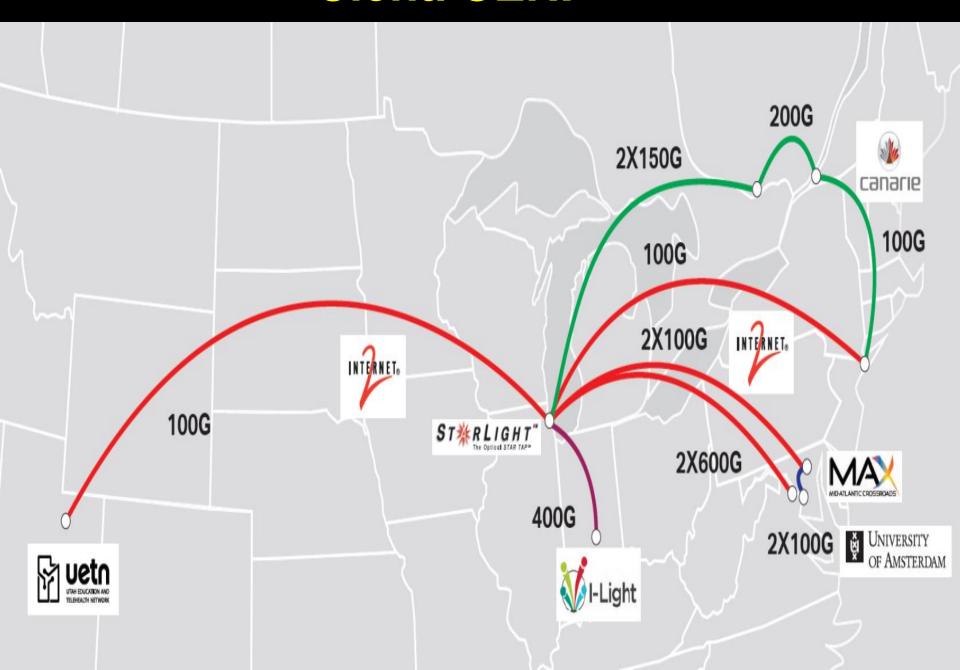






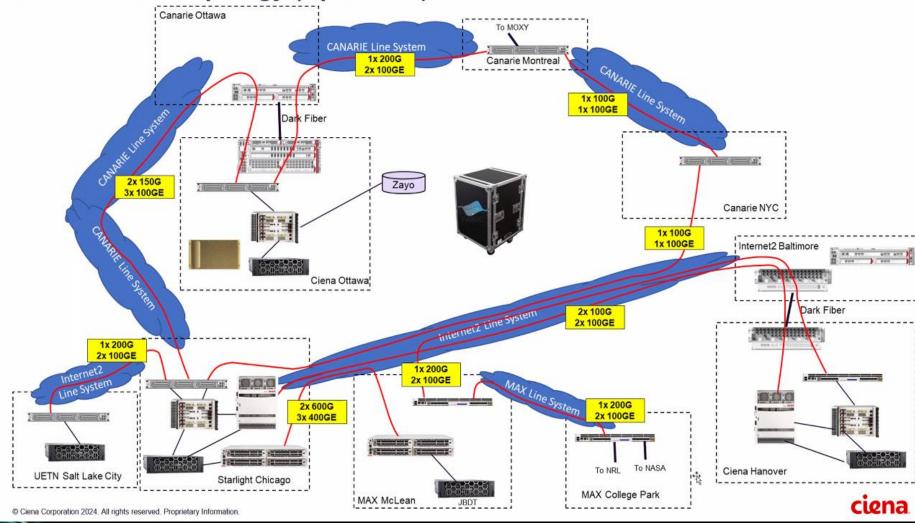


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Current CENI Topology (April 2024)



FabFed

FABRIC Federation Software Extension (FabFed)

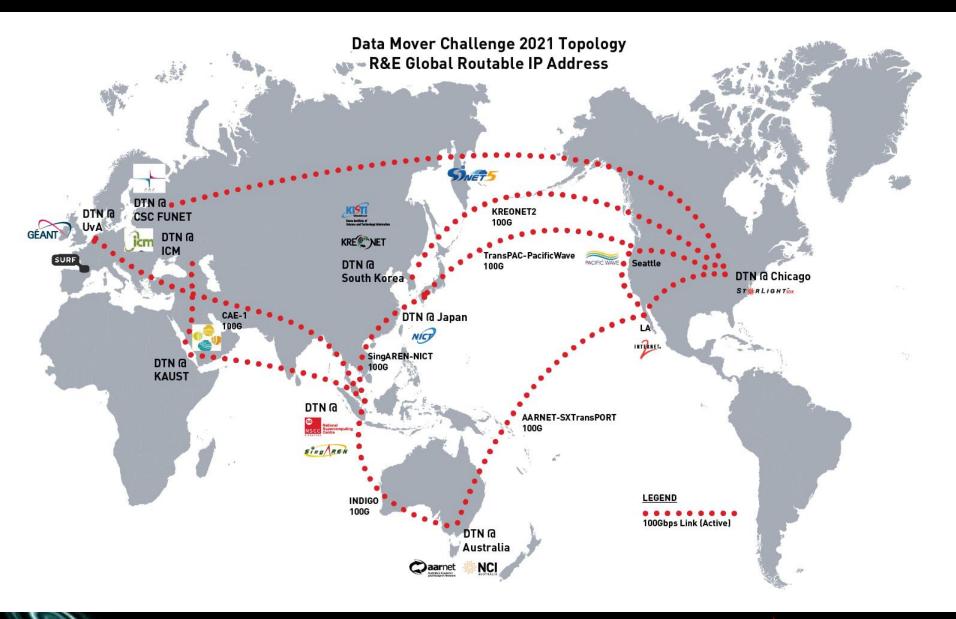
Goals

- Provide a software stack for FABRIC users to run experiment with tool-based federation across multiple testbeds and providers
- Integrate external network and cloud resources into a FABRIC slice in an automated and orchestrated fashion
- Explore a "testbed of testbeds" paradigm for the future

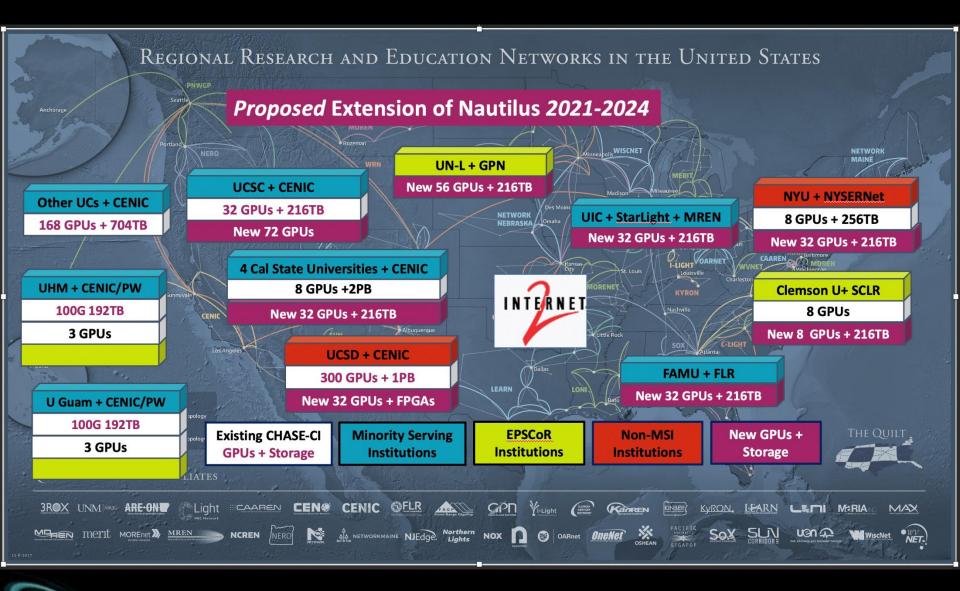
Targets

- NSF Cloud Testbeds (Chameleon & CloudLab)
- Internet2 AL2S L2, L3 and Cloud Connect Services
- Public Cloud (AWS, GCP, Azure)
- AutoGOLE/SENSE Testbed (most regional and international RENs)
- Other NSF Testbeds such as POWDER, and more

StarLight: Founding Partner Of Supercomputing Asia DMC International Testbed

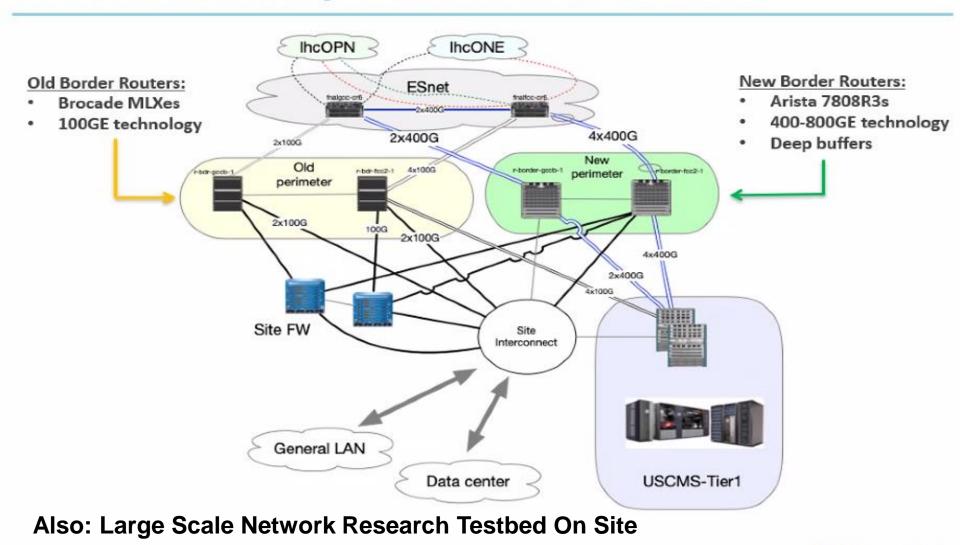


National Research Platform



Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

WAN Connectivity Transition! (to 2.4Tb/s...)





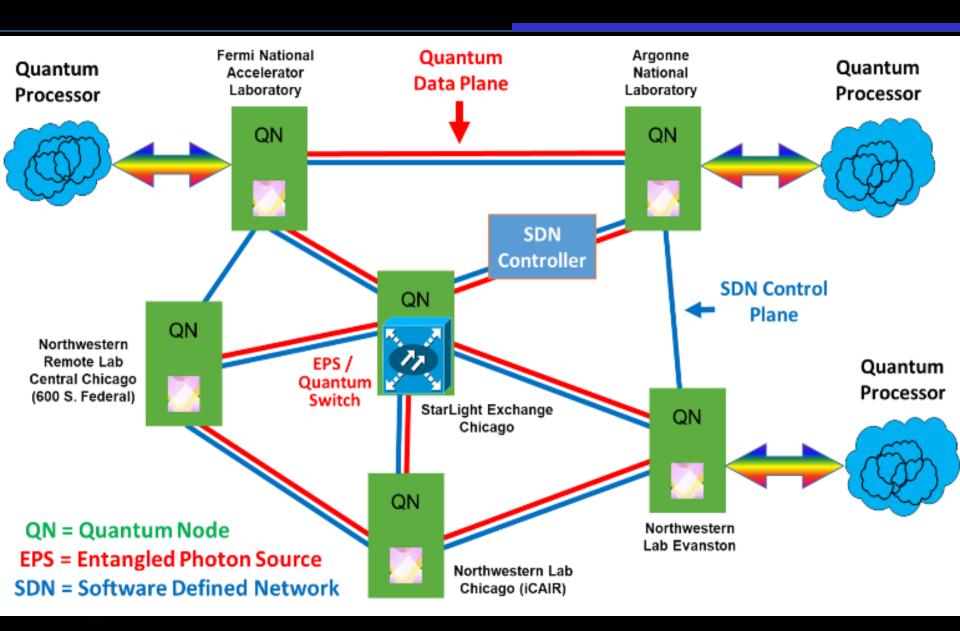
Quantum Communications And Networks: Motivation

Quantum Enables Many New Applications

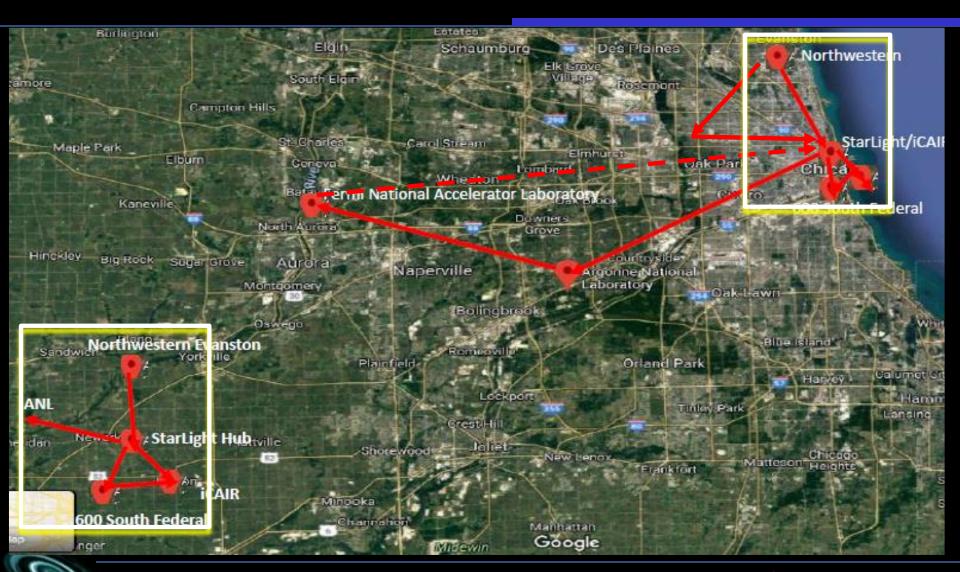
- Security e.g., Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), Highly Secure Information Transmission, Quantum Encryption
- Quantum Sensors
- Quantum e.g., Precise Clocks
- New Applications Derived From Unique Properties (e.g., Superposition)
 And Novel Quantum Devices
- Communications Among Quantum Computers, e.g., To Address Complex Computational Science Problems Through Distributed Quantum Environments (iCAIR's Quantum Research Focus)



Emerging Chicago Quantum Exchange Testbed

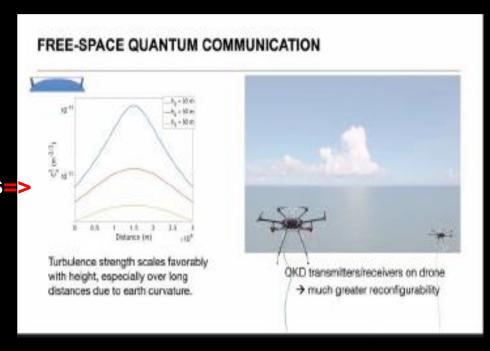


Energing IEQnet Testbed Topology



IQUIST Quantum Network Testbed: QUIUC-NET

(Hyper)Entangled Sources
Photon Detectors
Quantum Memories
Processing Nodes
Net Aps
Protocols
Distributed Processing
Sensing Net Verification
Repeater Enhanced Quantum Links
Free Space Quantum Communications=>



Source: Paul Kwiat, Director,

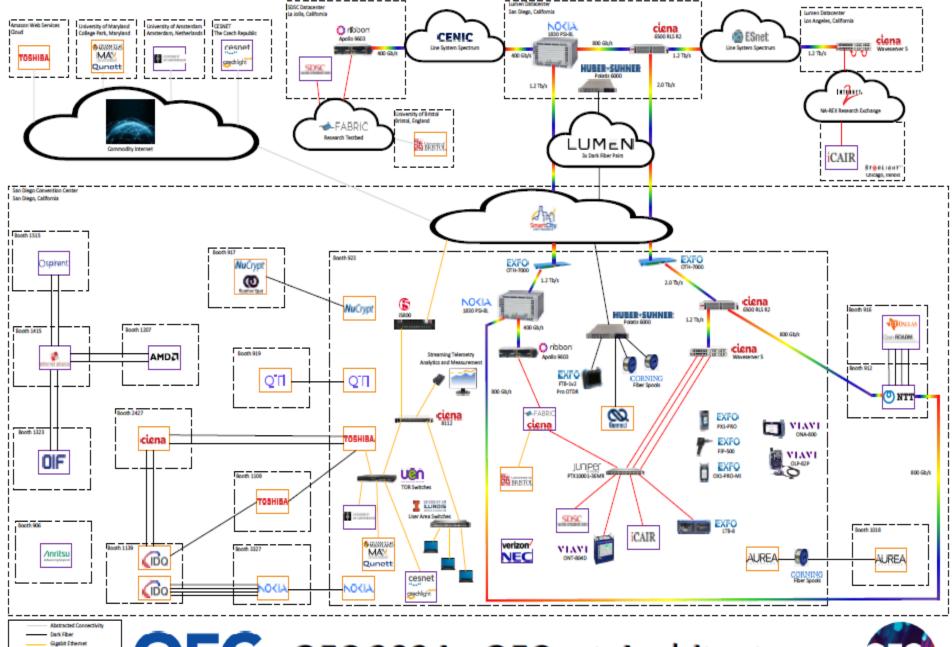
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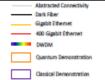


ECOC Teleportation Paper

- Quantum Teleportation Over Optical Fibers Carrying Conventional Classical Communications Traffic
- Jordan M. Thomas, Gregory S. Kanter, Fei I. Yeh, Jim Hao Chen, Joe J. Mambretti, Scott J. Kohlert, Prem Kumar







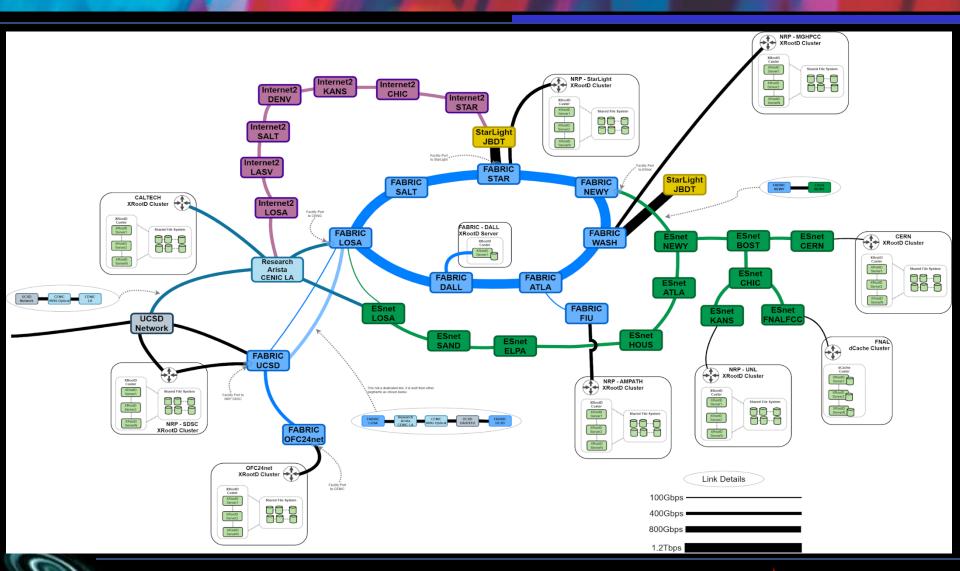


OFC 2024 - OFCnet Architecture



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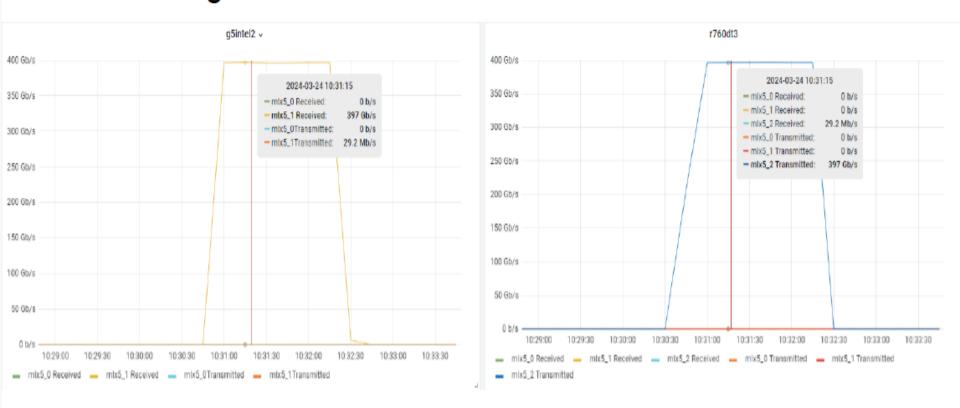




Extending Data Center Services Over 400G WAN

Prototype Solution Initial Results:





StarLight-San Diego OFCnet loopback: Rtt 96.4 ms, Peak @ 397G





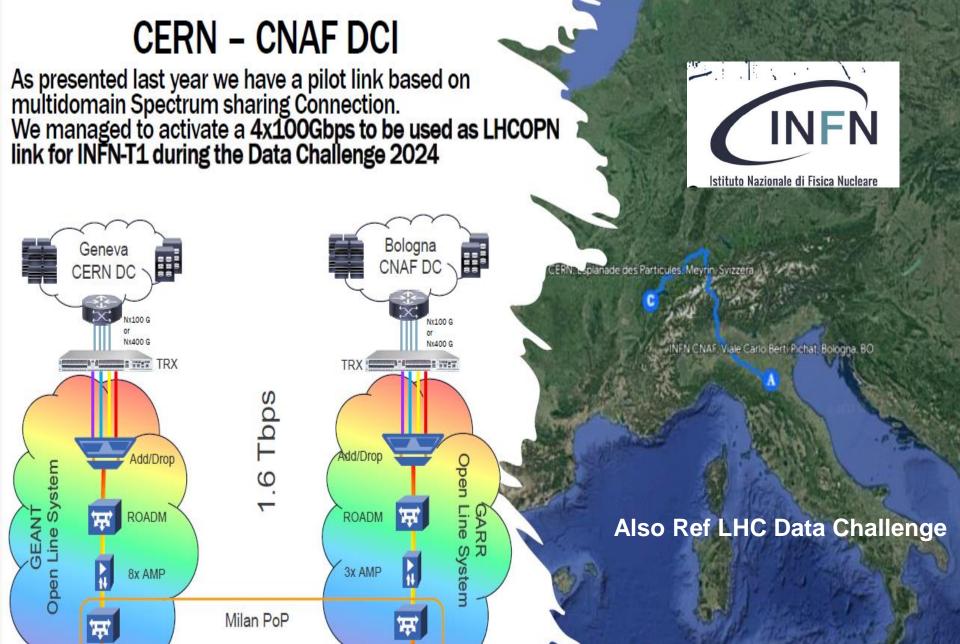
Exploring OFCnet-land

397 Gbps



OFC 2025 San Francisco

- OFC 50 Celebrating 50 Years Of Optical Networking and Communications
- Moscone Center, San Francisco, California
- Technical Conference: 30 March 03 April 2025
- Exhibition: 01 03 April 2025
- Expected: Over 13,500 Registrants From 83+ Countries, Showcase of More Than 700 Exhibiting Global Companies
- Topics: 1.6 Terabit, AI, Coherent PON, Linear Pluggable Optics (LPO), Multicore Fiber, Data Center Technology, Quantum Networking, etc.
- OFCnet Supported By CENIC, et al



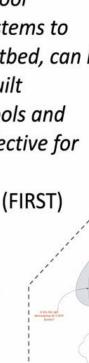
IRI Testbed - A shared playground for IRI developers and pilot applications will accelerate transition to operations

"A best practice in systems design is to create an at-scale test environment in which to build, assess, and improve tool functionality before transitioning technology and systems to production. Such a common test environment, or testbed, can help the broader complex move swiftly to realize an IRI built

> on a collectively strong set of tools and functionality already shown effective for science."

Federated IRI Science Testbed (FIRST) report

I. Monga, M. Shankar, C. Guok, "Federated IRI Science Testbed (FIRST): A Concept Note", December 2023, doi:10.2172/2205149, https://doi.org/10.2172/2205149>



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