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**A CHALLENGE TO THE RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION COMMUNITY:
ENABLING INNOVATION THROUGH
ADVANCED NETWORKING**



*What will
global innovators
do with the next
Innovation
Platform?*

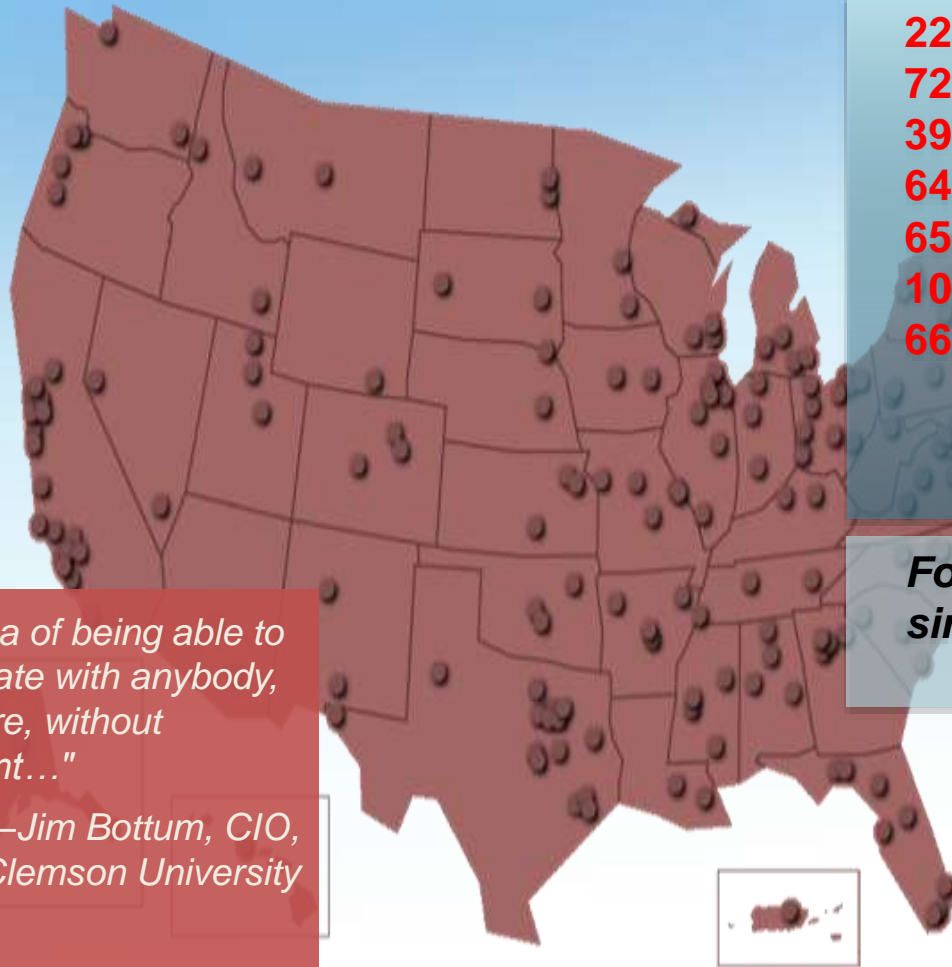
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The Internet2 Community: An unparalleled human network



- Internet2 brings together thought leaders from member organizations and the broader research and education community
- Our community advances frontiers of network-enabled applications
- Our community accelerates innovation and enables transformation

Internet2 Members and Partners



222 Higher Education members
72 Affiliate members
39 R&E Network members
64 Industry members
65+ Int'l partners reaching over
100 Nations
66,000+ Community anchor institutions

***Focused on member technology needs
since 1996***

*"The idea of being able to
collaborate with anybody,
anywhere, without
constraint..."*

*—Jim Bottum, CIO,
Clemson University*

Services “Above the Network”

Services at scale—leveraging the advanced network, identity management infrastructure, and market power of the R&E community

Services delivered globally—leveraging Internet2 R&E partnerships around the globe

Service model transformation—tailored for R&E, fundamentally changing the way higher education and industry do business in the cloud

Internet²NET+

A community partnership that's grown from
2 services and **13 campuses**
to **38 services** and
333 campuses!



Growing Ecosystem of NET+ Service Providers



*"Taking the best solutions in the community
to all of research and education."*

—Shel Waggener, Senior Vice President, Internet2

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***All the power of the Internet2 community—
delivered to community anchor institutions
across the country***

Creating new innovation opportunities

begins with understanding
what enabled innovation in the past

- The research and education community played *a seminal role* in the creation of the modern Internet and the applications that have made it *the most transformative technology* of the last hundred years
- 34 of these leading universities created Internet2 in 1996



R&E networking ROI has been staggering

Total 30-year federal investment to enable the precursors of the Internet is very small compared to the billions of dollars in commercial businesses it spawned

Earth 3963 mi

Venus

These seminal investments

- Put the R&E community “way out in front” of commercial markets
- Created a new, bandwidth-rich playing field
- Enabled innovations that led to a *global transformation*: our information-based economy

ARPAnet,
CSNET &
NSFnet
< \$250 million
total
investment

Cont
eco
of

Money, 2

(Hamilton Consultants, 2009)

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Birth of the commercial Internet

*"packet networks
won't be as reliable as
circuit networks"*

*"this decentralized
model can't scale or
be manageable"*

**Despite all arguments, the Internet,
created by the R&E community,
became the de facto standard**



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An observation

1.5 Mb – 100 Mb

*innovation accelerates
R&E out in front*

about our past

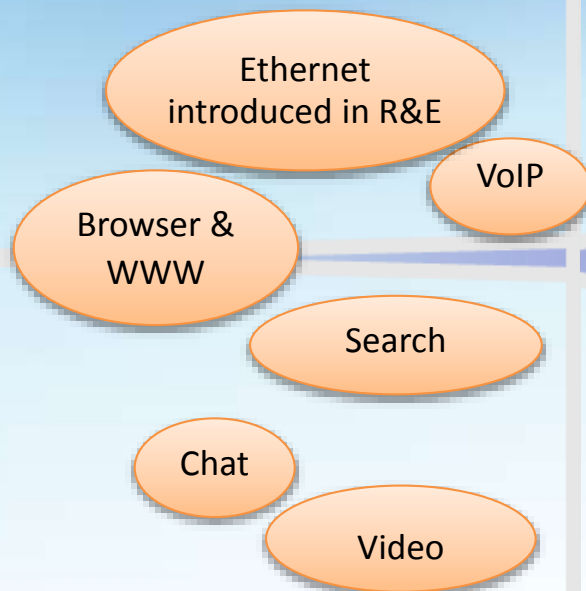
100 Mb – 10 Gb

*innovation slows
R&E leadership fades*

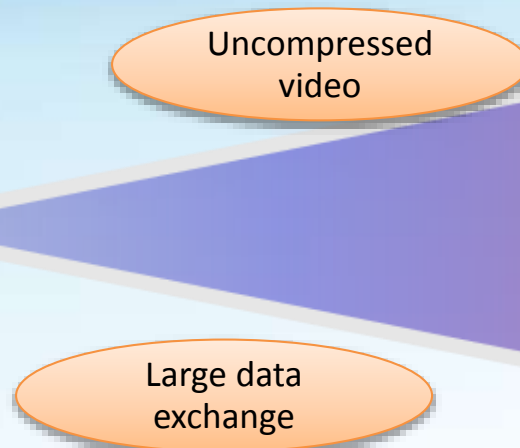
and the future

10 Gb – 1Tb Gb

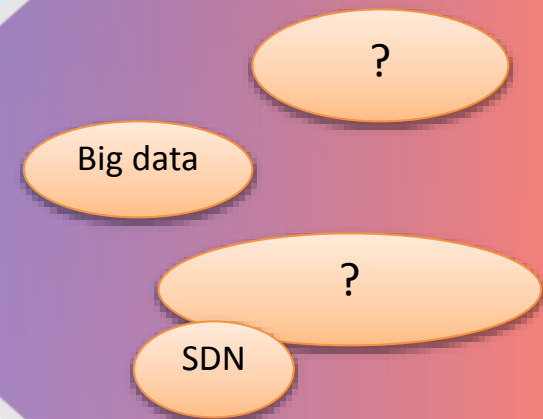
*innovation opportunity
where is R&E?*



*Theme in this era is
investment and positioning
for the future*



*Theme in this era becomes
aggregation, cost savings,
efficiency, competition*



*What will the theme of
this era be?*

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Birth of the commercial Internet

- Many technologies have roots on university campuses and networks that connect them
- Personal Ethernet services in an era of dial-up and 9.6 lines created massive campus “innovation test beds”
- Push to open “standards,” abundant bandwidth, removing constraints sparks innovation



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Birth of major
U.S. companies

Routers



Stanford

Security
Systems



Univ of Michigan

Search



Stanford

Computer
Workstations



Berkeley, Stanford

Network
Caching



MIT

Security
Systems



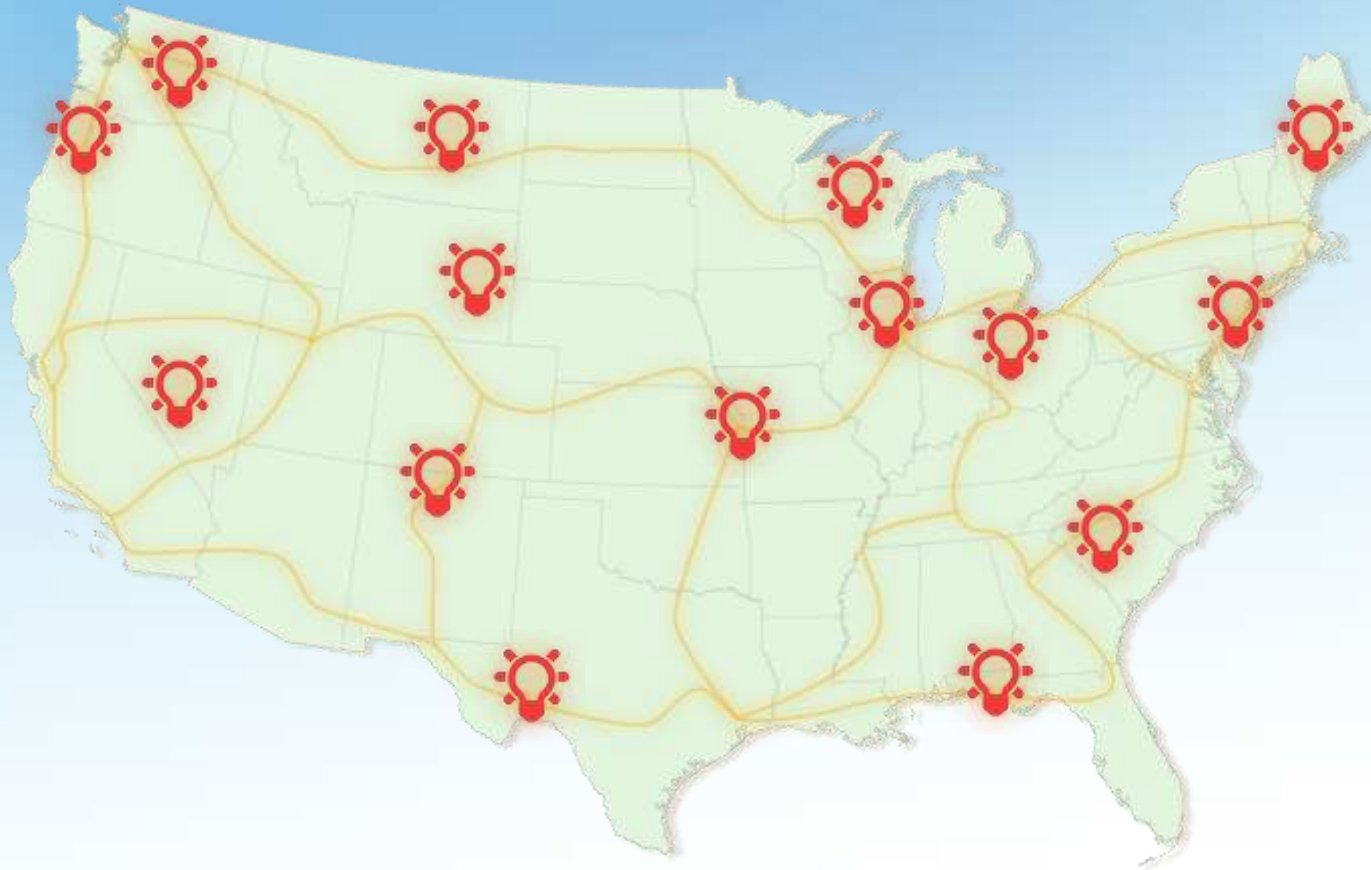
Georgia Tech

Social
Media



Harvard

2013 Internet2 Innovative Application Awards



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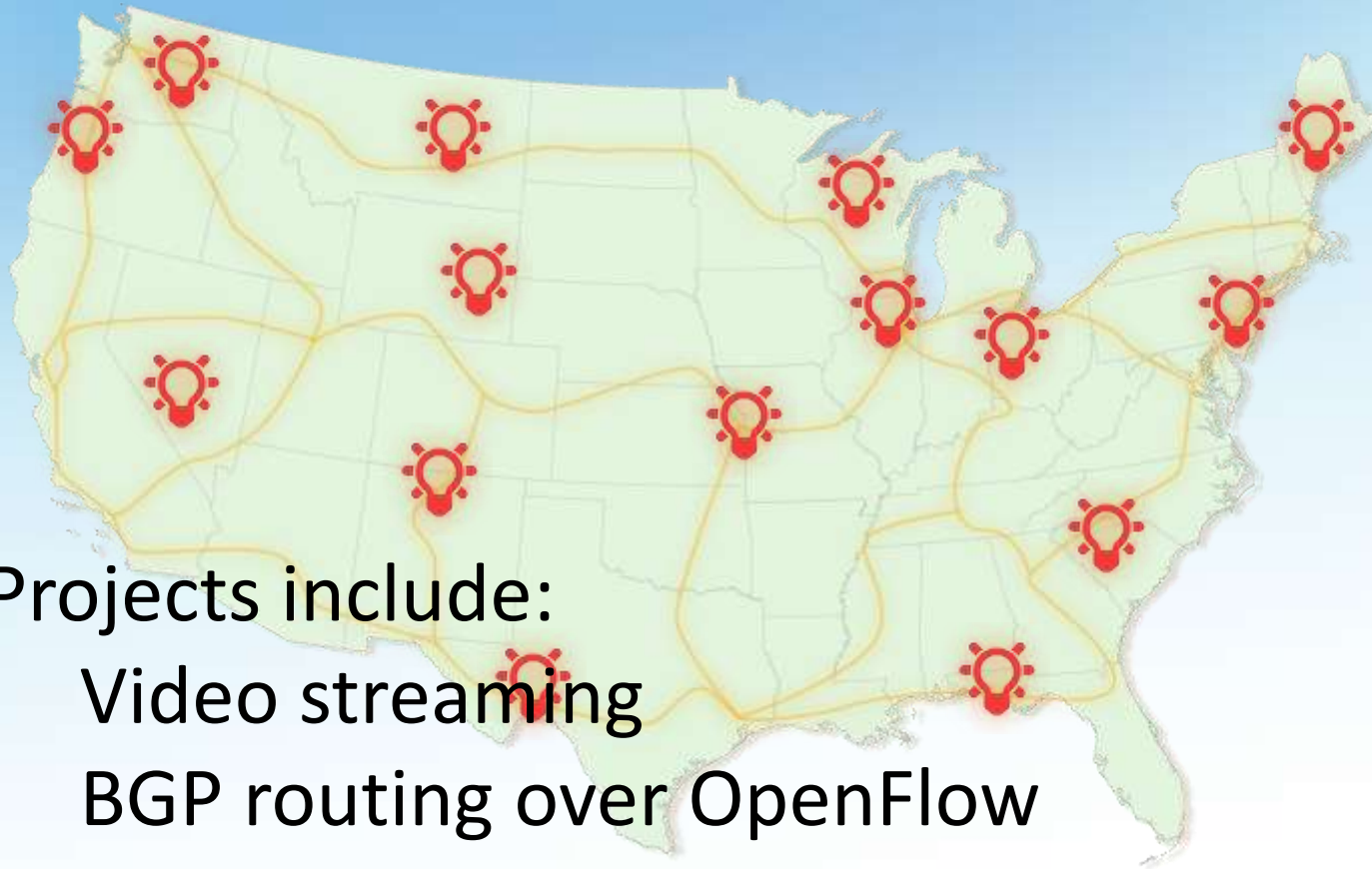
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Projects include:

- Video streaming
- BGP routing over OpenFlow
- SDN for Exchange Points
- GENI integration

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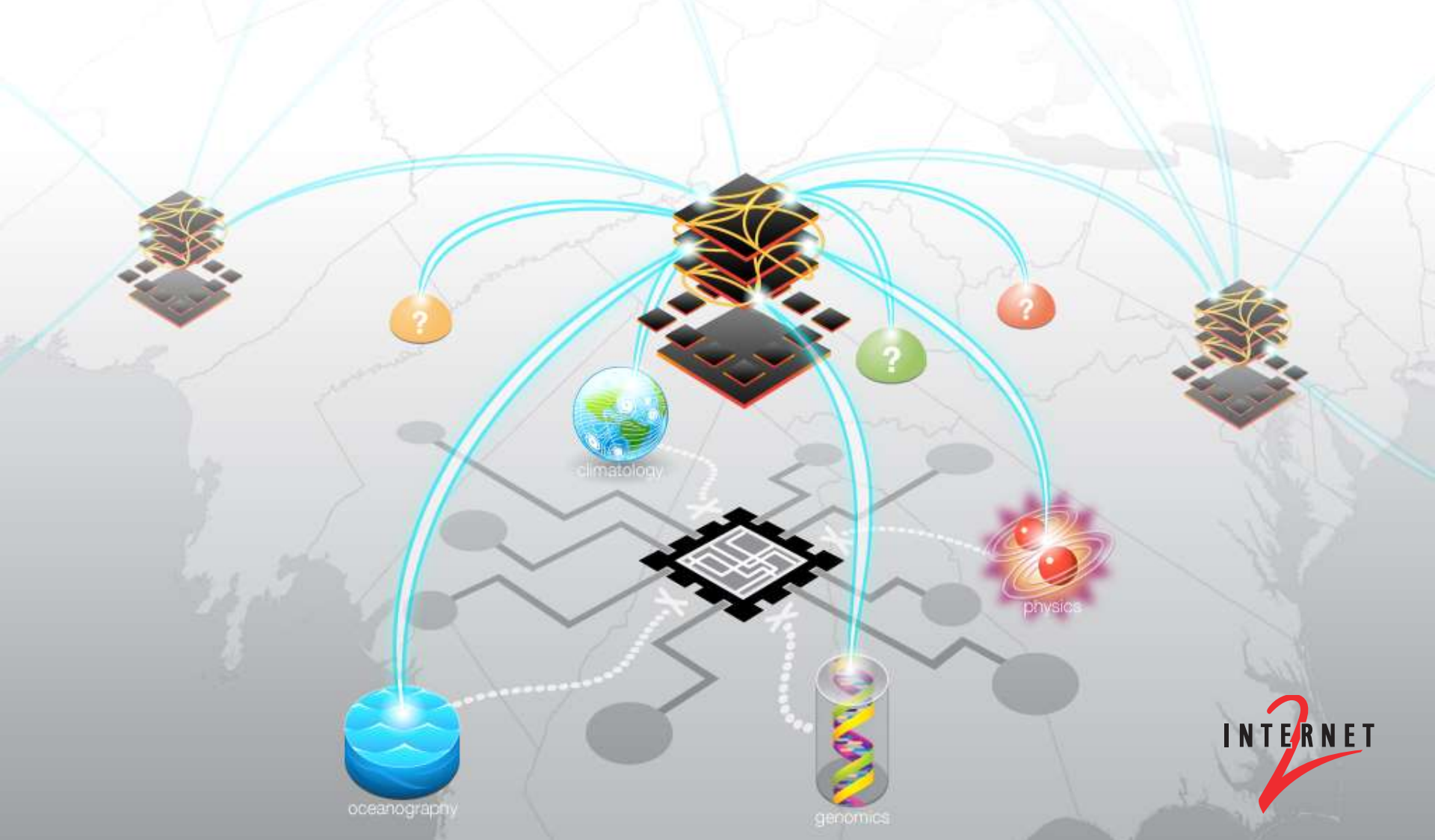
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This is what we have been able to say for about a year:
The **100G** testbed of innovation for tomorrow's Internet is available
nationwide, right now.

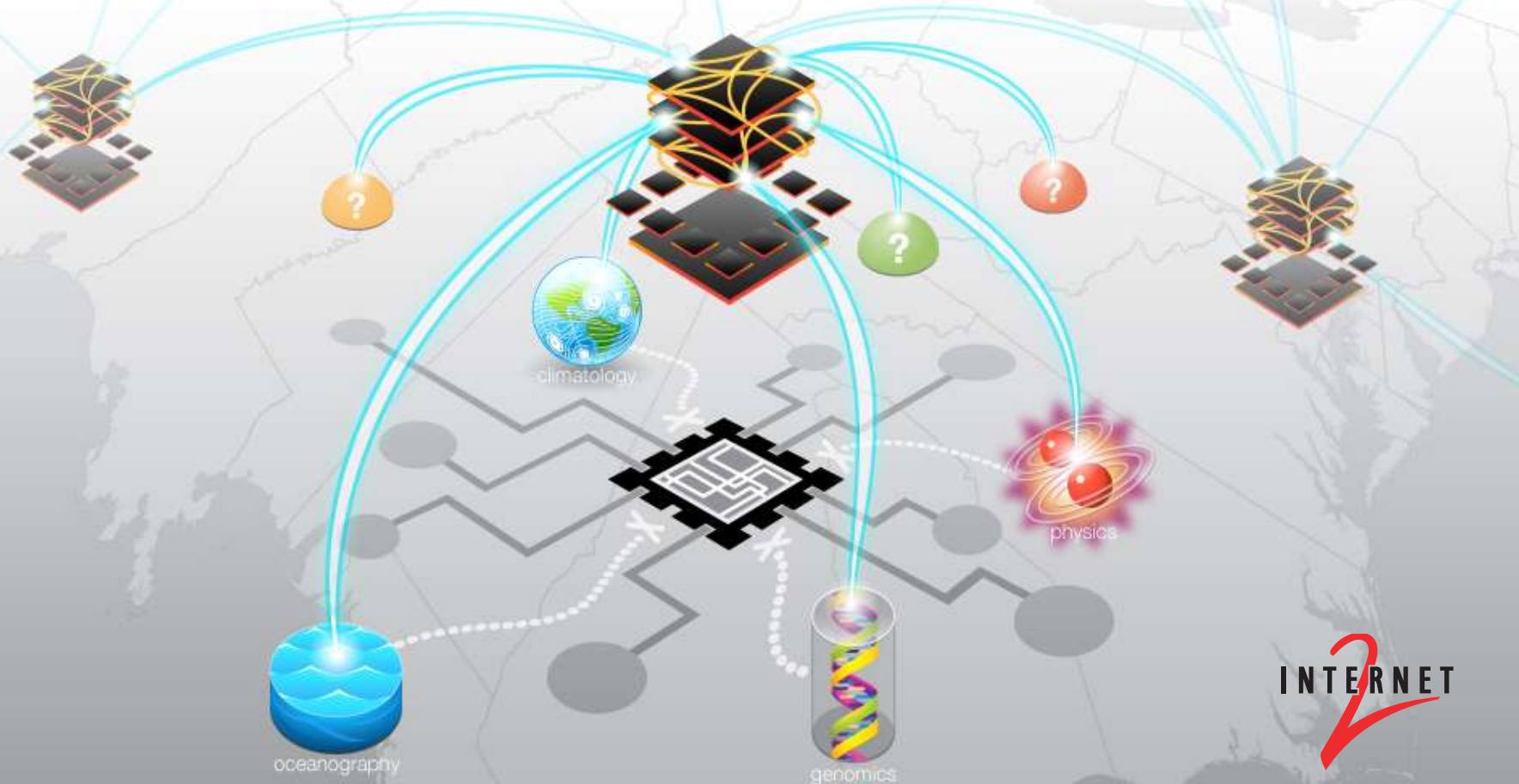


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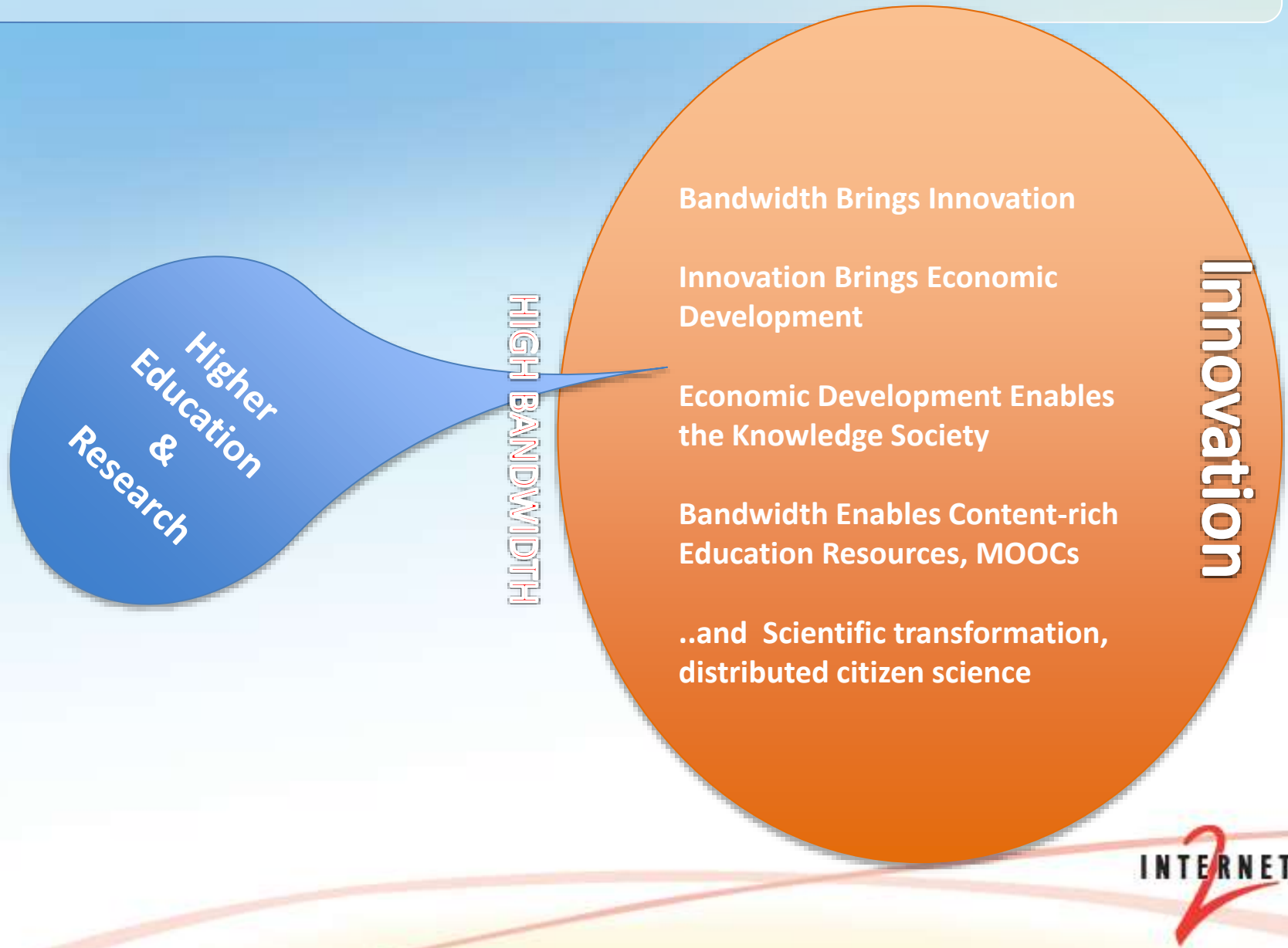
Abundant bandwidth to enable innovation?

Programmability to encourage application innovation?

Support data intensive science?



Broadband's Importance to R&E



The 4th Gen Internet2 Network

Internet2 Network by the numbers

- 17 Juniper MX960 nodes
- 21 Brocade and Juniper switches
- 250+ amplification racks
- 15,717 miles of newly acquired dark fiber
- 2,400 miles of partnered capacity with Zayo Communications
- 8.8 Tbps of optical capacity
- 100 Gbps of hybrid Layer 2 and Layer 3 capacity
- 300+ Ciena ActiveFlex 6500 network elements



"It's the network that makes all of this possible."

—Michael McRobbie, President,
Indiana University

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Advanced Layer2 Service Deployment



*How do we create
an at-scale
Innovation Platform
for the next era?*



Abundant bandwidth

Innovation roadblock



- Limited capacity a major barrier—*need more than incremental boosts*
- Too expensive and risky to try totally new approaches
- Closed approaches limit applications or use cases

Innovation route



- Raw capacity now available on Internet2 Network a key imagination enabler
- Incent disruptive use of new, advanced capabilities
- Promote “open” and creative freedom of use

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Innovation Platform vision:

Software-defined networking (SDN)

Innovation roadblock



- Proprietary software in routers and switches
- Communications with hardware limited by actual, physical, proprietary components
- Application developers have to use the network as prescribed

Innovation route



- Open up network layer to innovation
- Let innovators communicate with and program *the network itself*
- Allow developers to optimize the network for specific apps

Support for data-intensive science

Innovation roadblock



- One-size-fits-all approach to network data flows
- Lack of transparent performance monitoring solution
- No way to customize and optimize the network via SDN

Innovation route



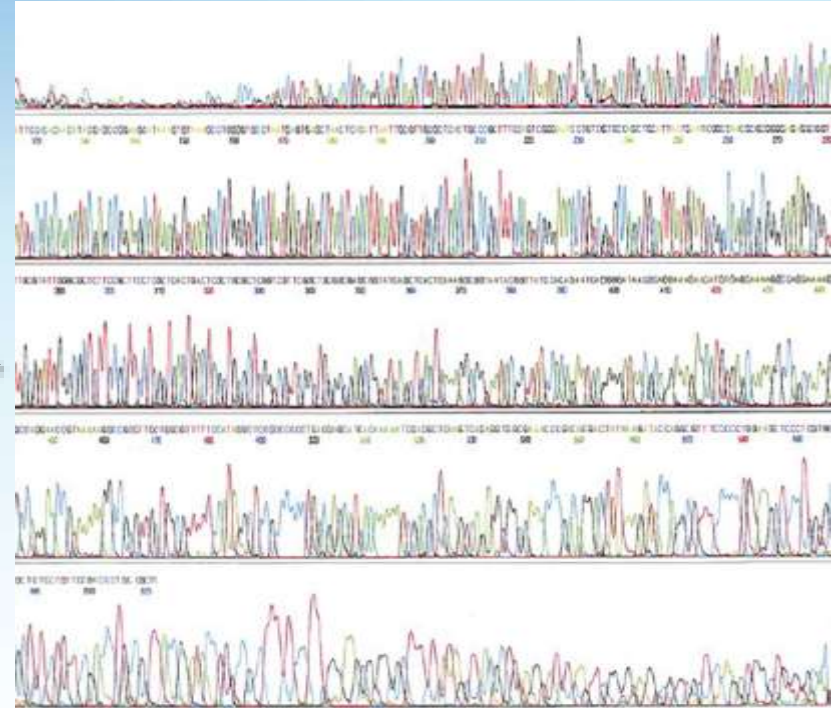
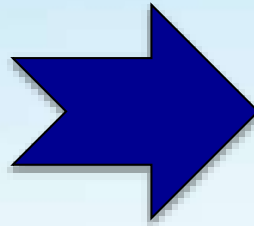
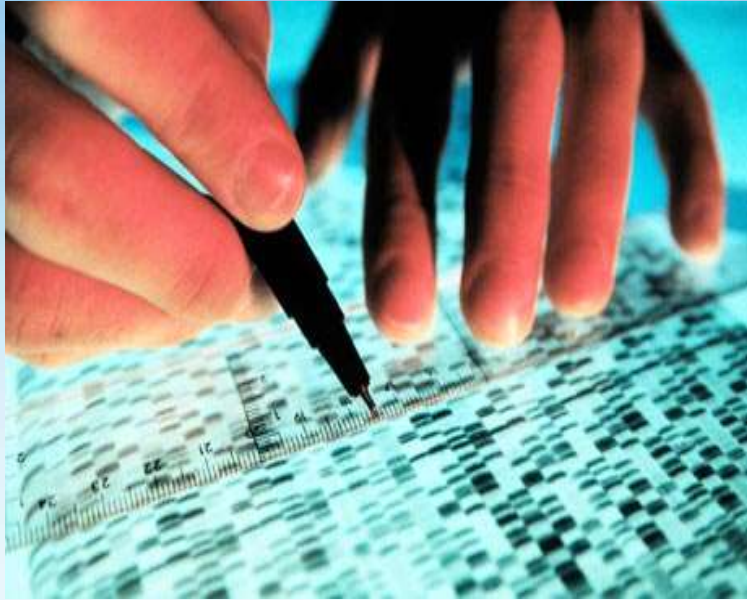
- Architect a special solution to allow higher-performance data flows
- Include end-to-end performance monitoring
- Include SDN server to support programmability

Innovation Platform Program Pilot Sites



Innovation Use Case: Genomics Analysis

How do we bring petabytes of distributed data to and from compute resources and correlate gene sequences to accelerate cures for disease?



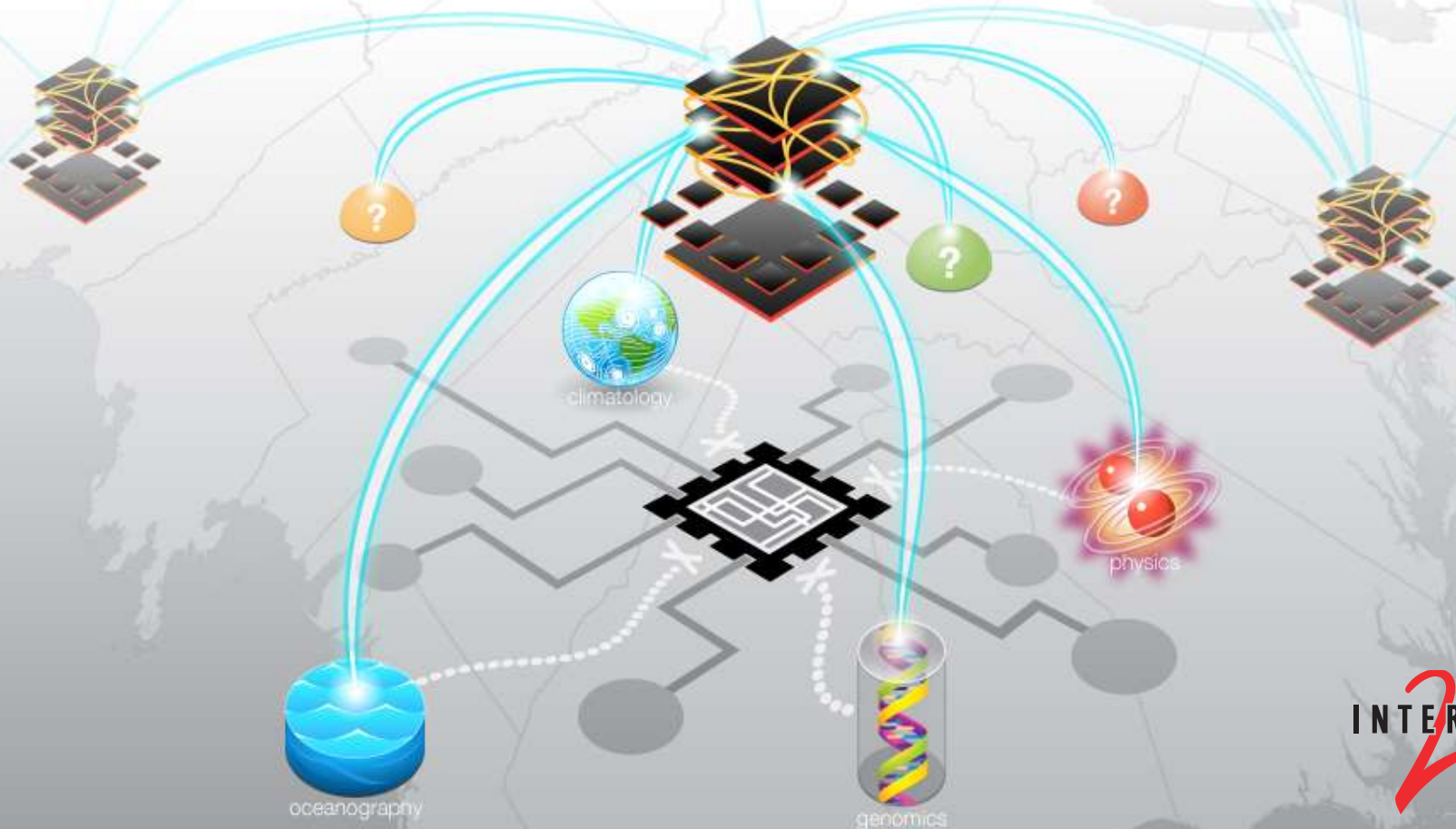
- Accelerated Bulk File Transfer of Massive File sets
- Content Distribution Caching / Distribution
- Clear Authorities & Health Security compliance
- High Performance Compute, Storage, Visualization

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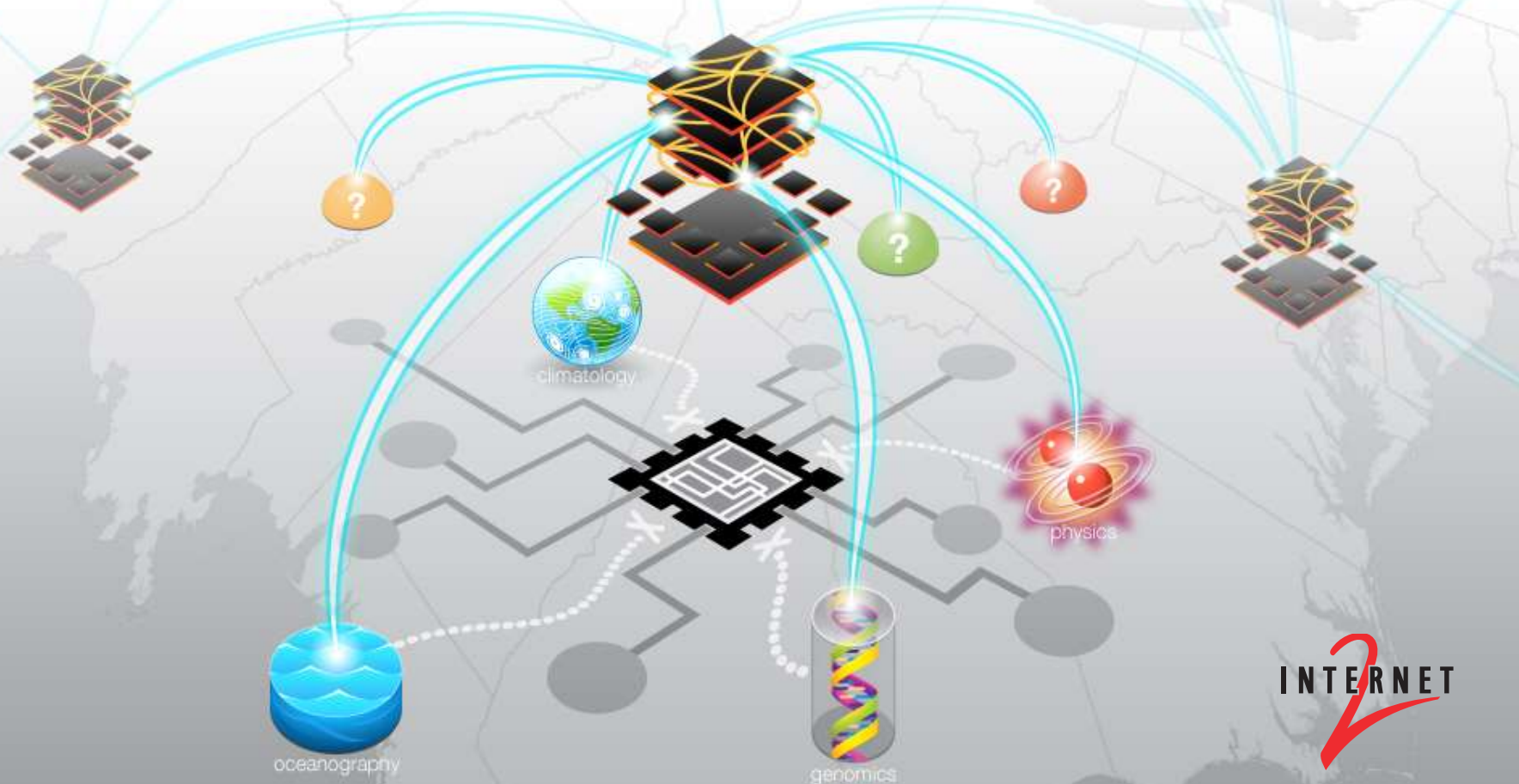


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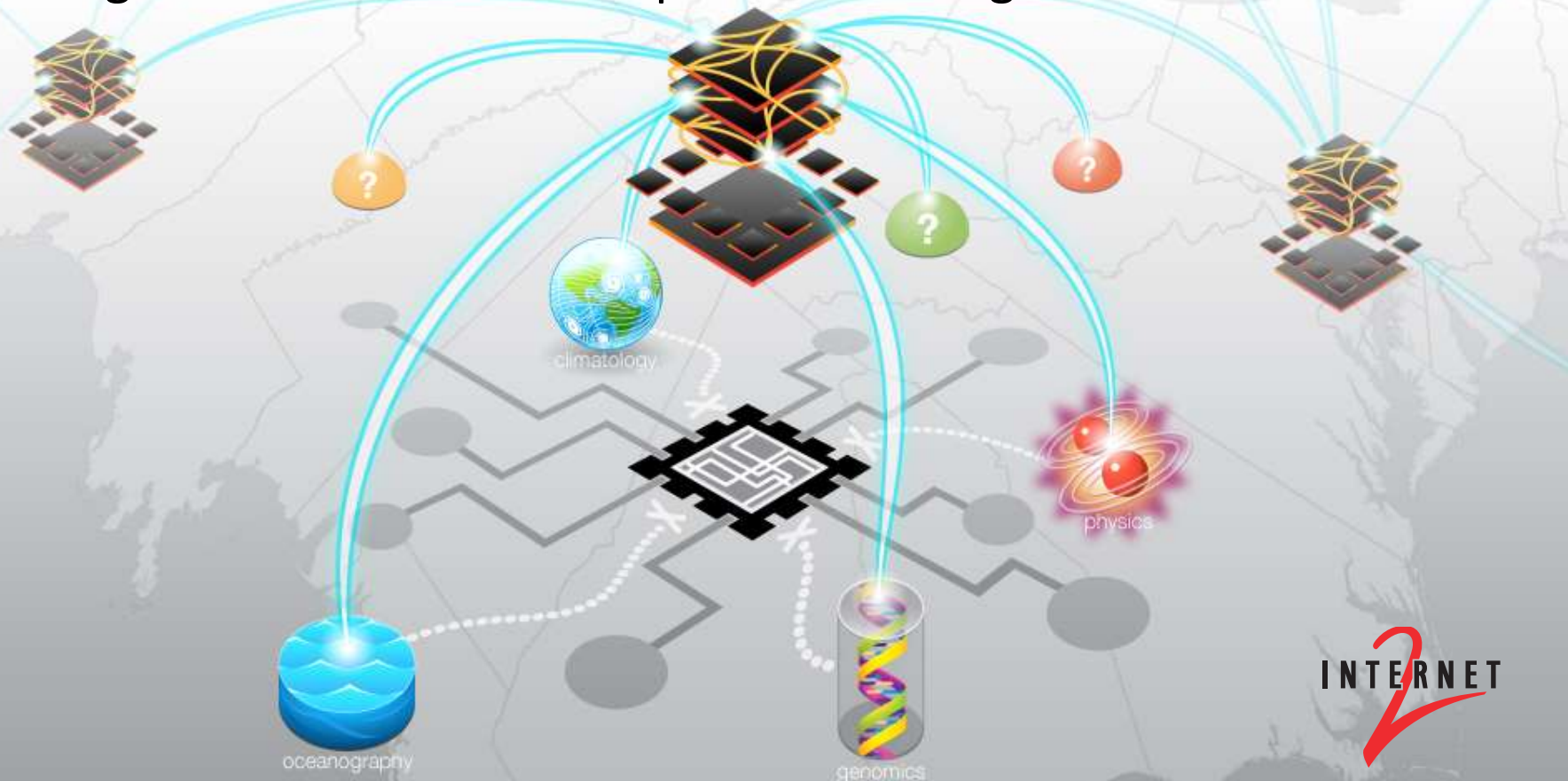
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Integrate network with compute and storage? ☐



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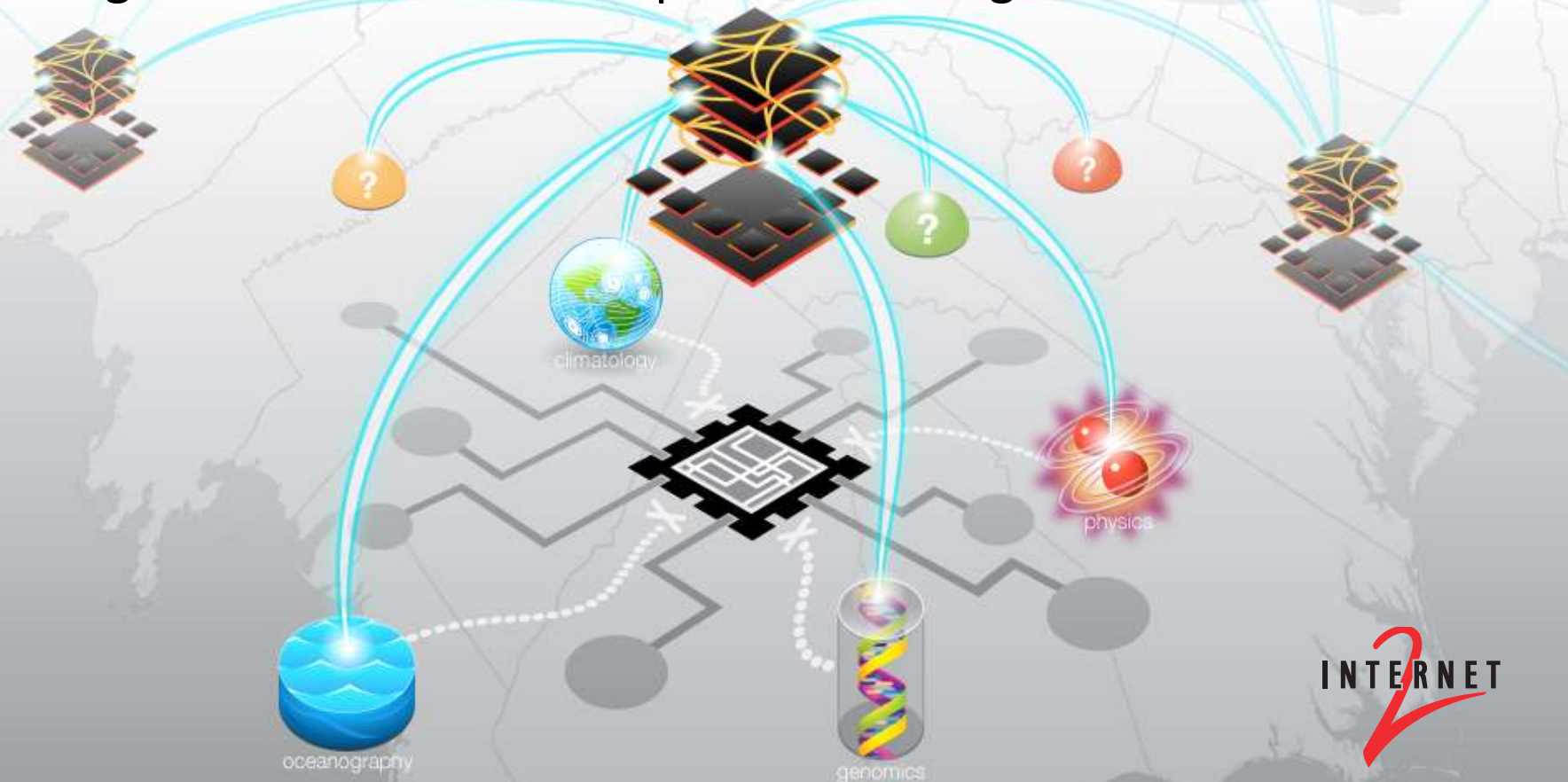
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- We've had virtualization of storage and servers for quite some time
- How to define Network Virtualization?
- “Virtualization is the core principle in overlays, both allowing nodes to treat an overlay as if it were the native network, and allowing multiple overlays to simultaneously use the same underlying overlay infrastructure.” (2004 – Anderson, Peterson, Shenker, Turner)



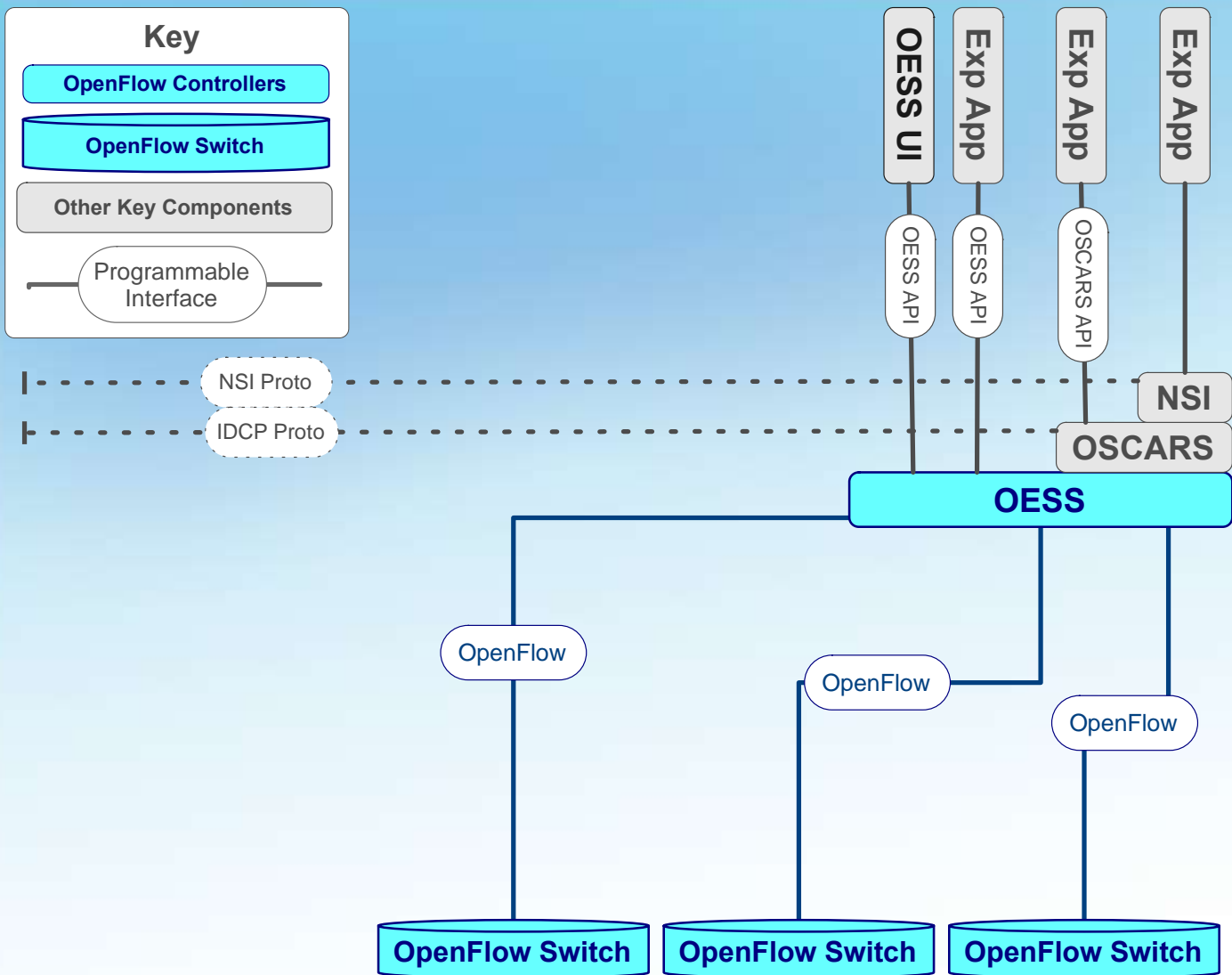
- So what does that mean in a practical sense?
 - Decouple control plane from data plane
 - Enable multiple virtual control planes on a common physical data plane



- Internet2 in partnership with Indiana University has been building / deploying an architecture to support network virtualization
 - Provide network multi-tenancy at Layer 2 and Layer 3
 - Enforce non-overlapping Layer 2 tag-based flowspace
 - Experiment Foo can use VLAN tag range 1-200 (a sliver)
 - Experiment Bar can use VLAN tag range 201-400 (a sliver)



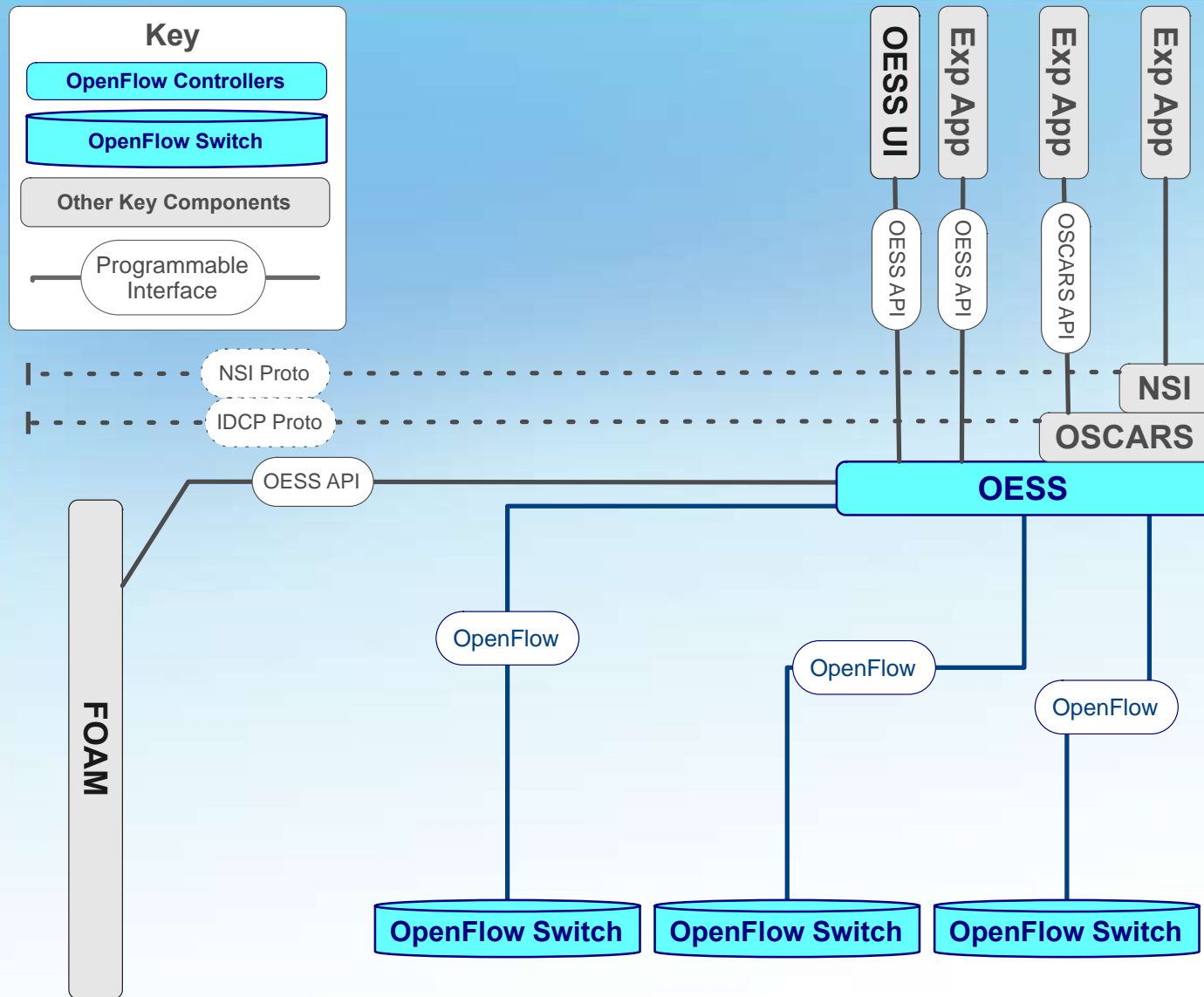
- How to implement virtualization?
 - First we looked at Flowvisor
 - Then we realized we needed something slightly different ...
FlowSpace Firewall



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GEC17 Configuration

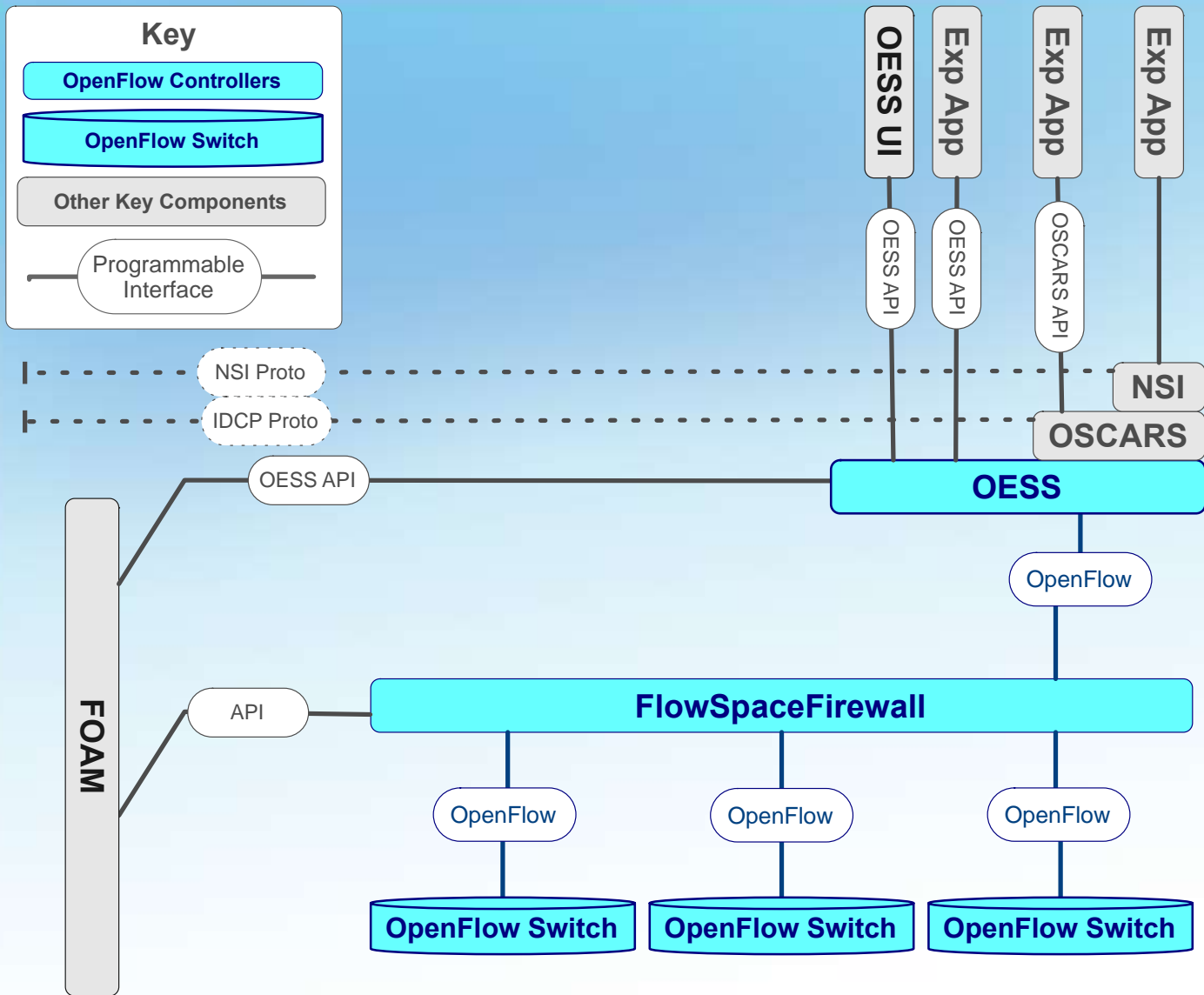




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GEC18 Configuration

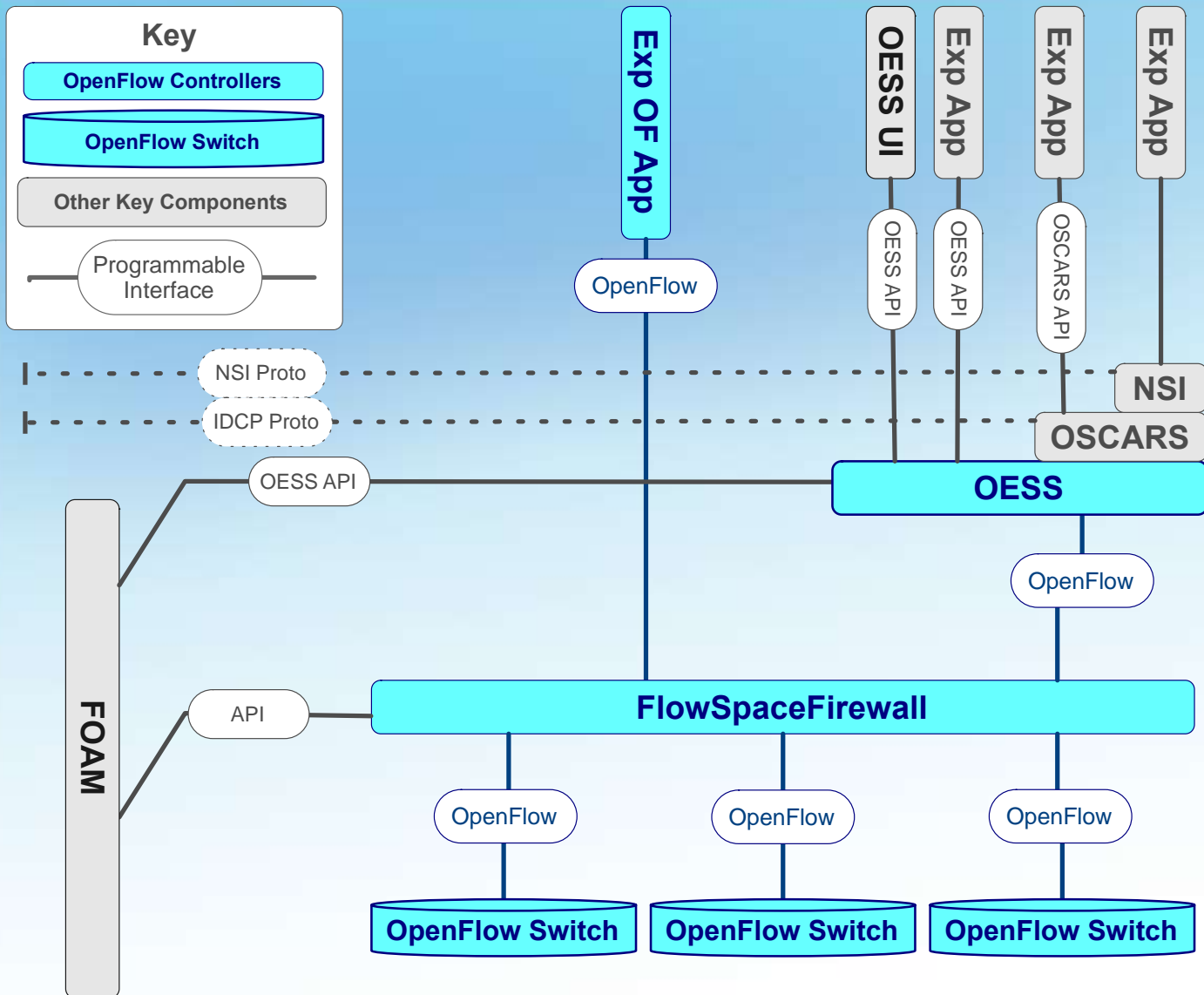




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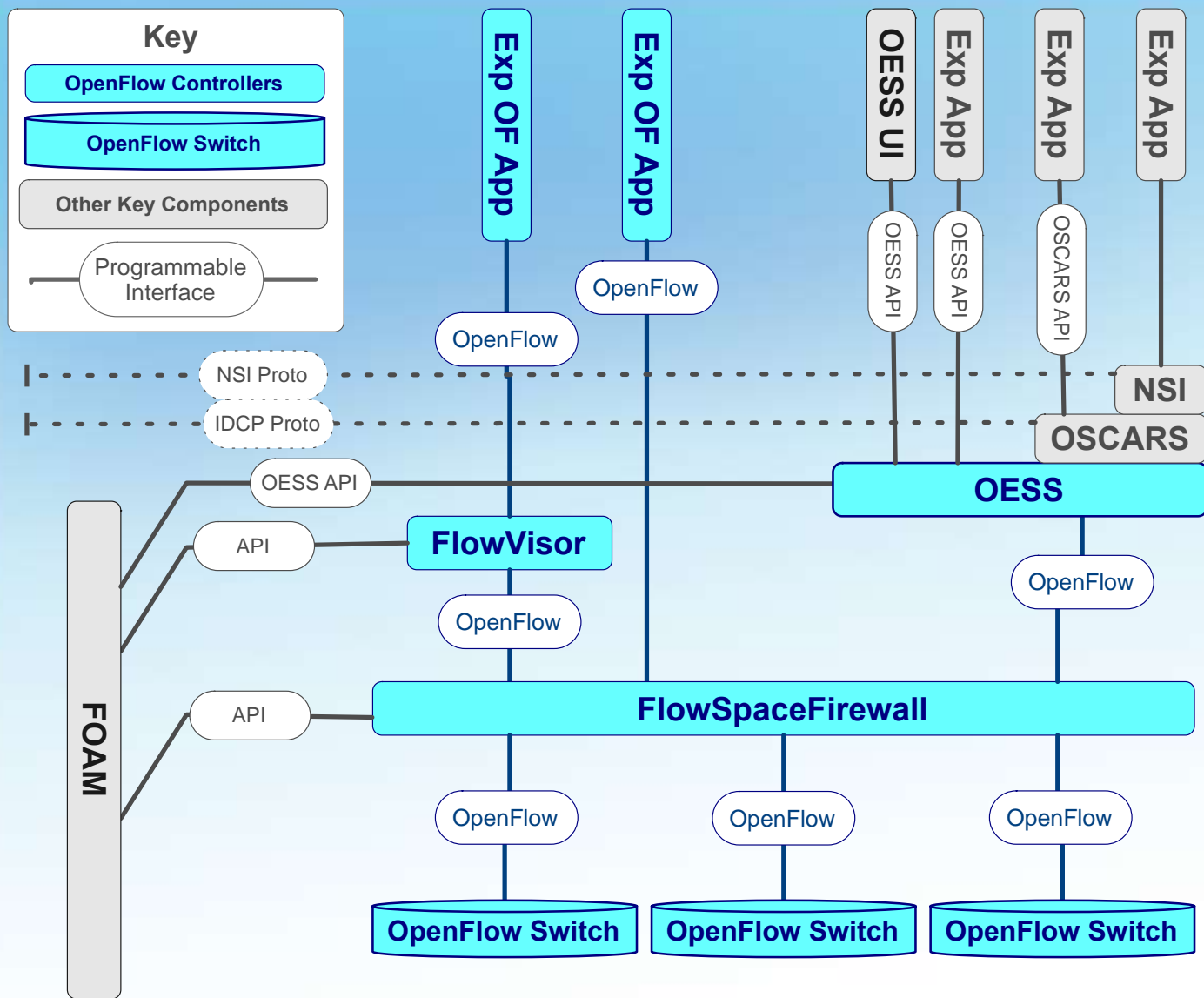
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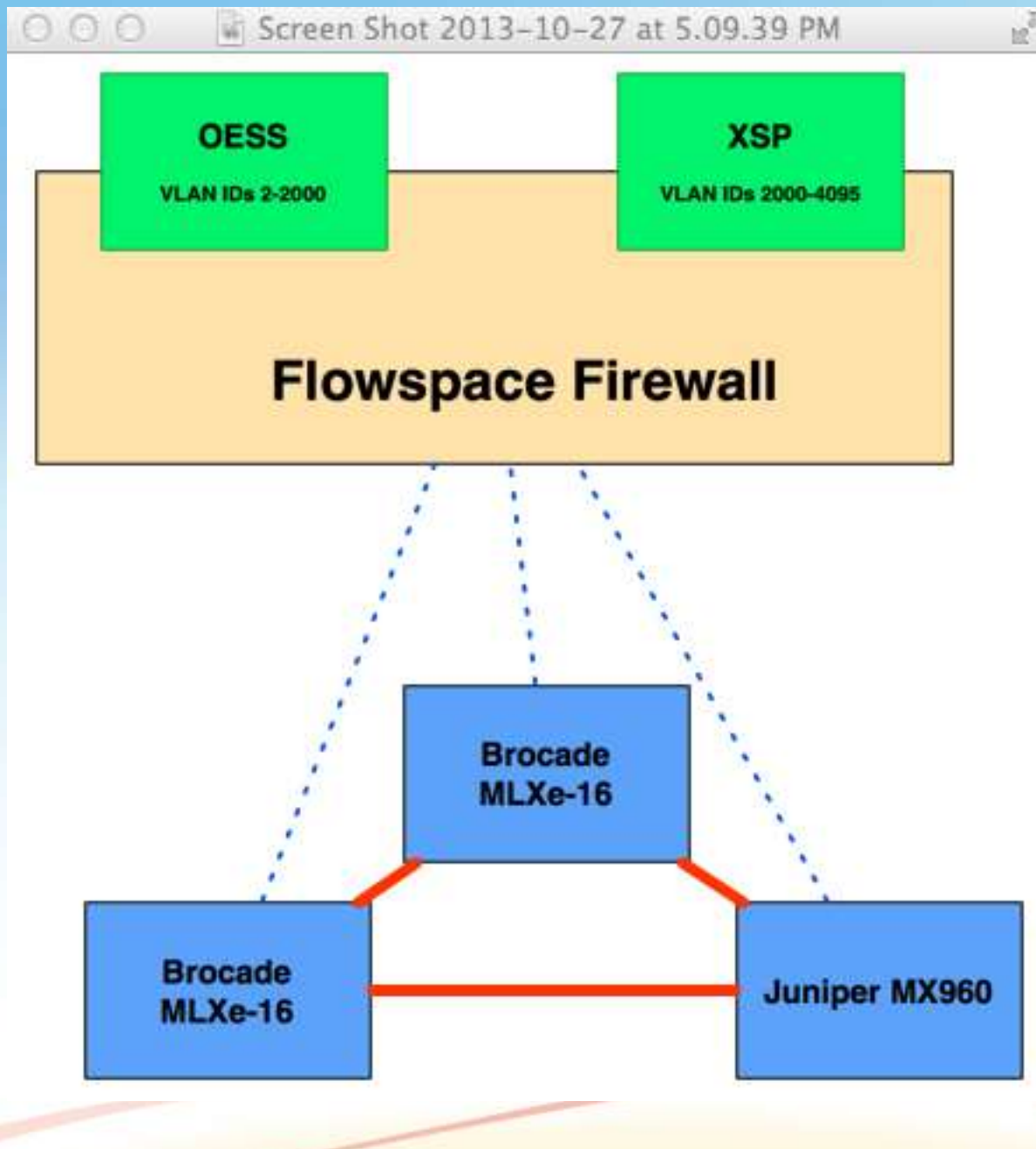




AL2S Software Stack

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Workgroup: GEC

Summary

Description
test

Type
Local

Bandwidth
0 Mbps

Restore To Primary
Off

Status
active

Owned By
GEC

[Edit Circuit](#)

[Remove Circuit](#)

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Endpoints

Interface	Interface Description	VLAN
mx960-2.sdn-test.gnoc.iu.edu - xe-7/0/0.0	xe-7/0/0.0	200
brocade-1.sdn-test.gnoc.iu.edu - e15/2	e15/2	200

Utilization

[History](#)

[Scheduled Events](#)

[Circuit Layout](#)

[Circuit Layout Raw](#)



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Past 10 Minutes

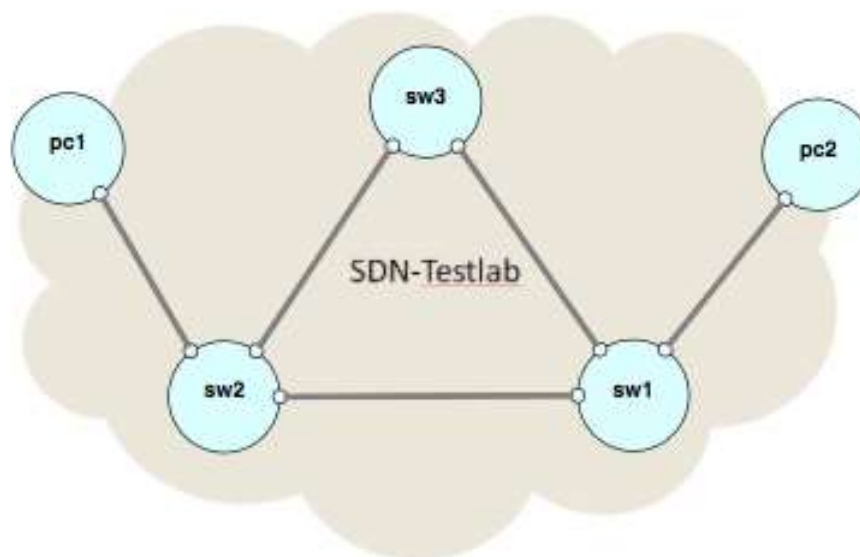
Periscope Testbed Monitoring

Topologies

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Misc

Transfer Rate


☒ Delete selected paths
 ☐ Save topology locations

GRI	Status	Source	Destination	Start Time	Duration (s)	Misc	
XSP-netPath-1542	DOWN	pc1	pc2	2013-10-27 19:35:21	...	alt	
XSP-netPath-1543	DOWN	pc1	pc2	2013-10-27 19:35:46	...		
XSP-netPath-1544	DOWN	pc1	pc2	2013-10-27 19:36:10	...	alt	
XSP-netPath-1545	DOWN	pc1	pc2	2013-10-27 19:36:35	...		
XSP-netPath-1546	UP	pc1	pc2	2013-10-27 19:37:00	...	alt	

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- 100G Nationwide Backbone
- Native OpenFlow w/ virtual slices
- Multivendor Environment
- Available at Public Peering Points
- Full Year of solid production experience
- Open for controlled experimentation

Provides production & innovation platform to:

- Dozens of high performance compute clusters
- Hundreds of campus data centers
- Thousands of native OpenFlow ports
- Hundreds of wireless access networks
- Millions of potential collaborators

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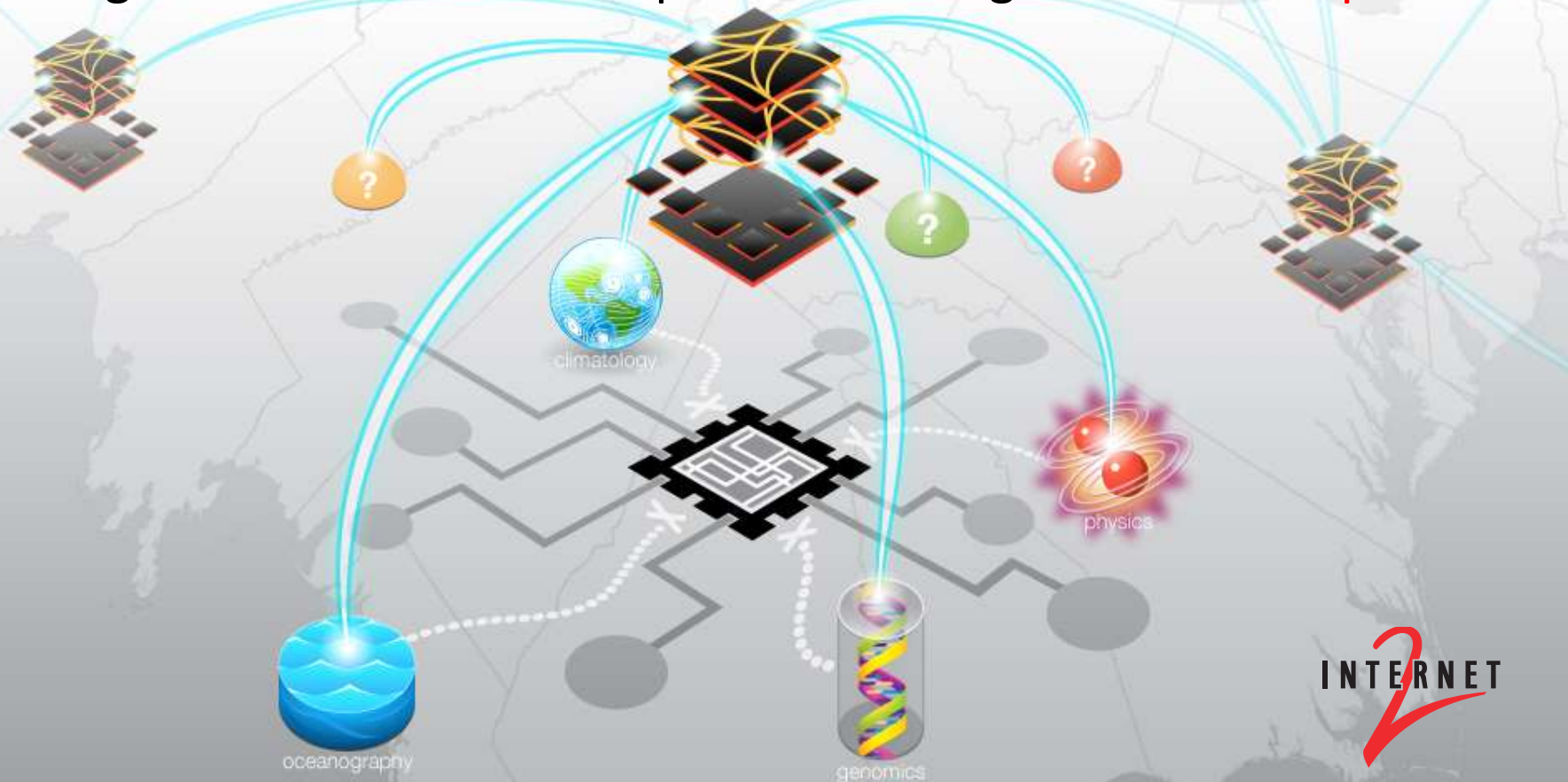
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Software-defined networking substrate? ☒

Support data intensive science? ☒

Virtualization? ☒ In progress

Integrate network with compute and storage? ☐ Next step





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