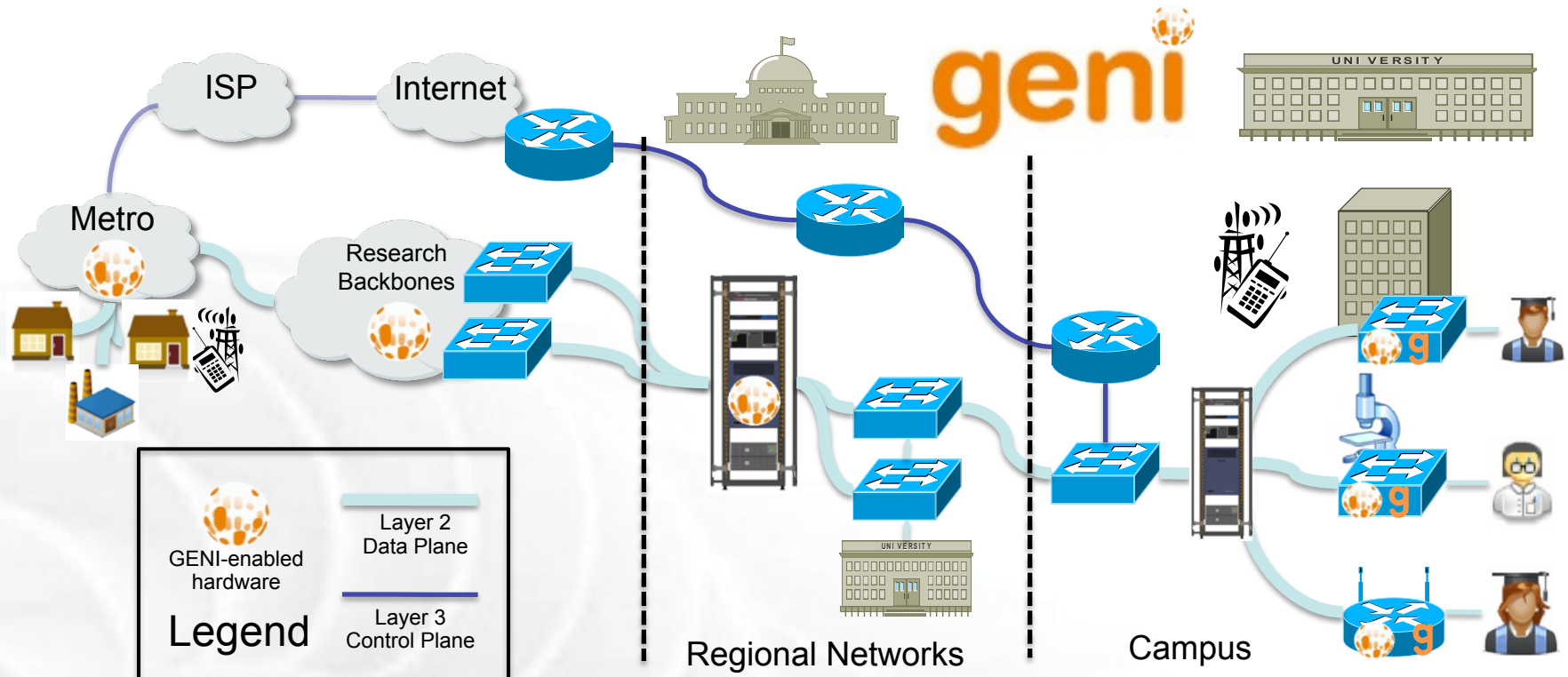


# GENI Hardware

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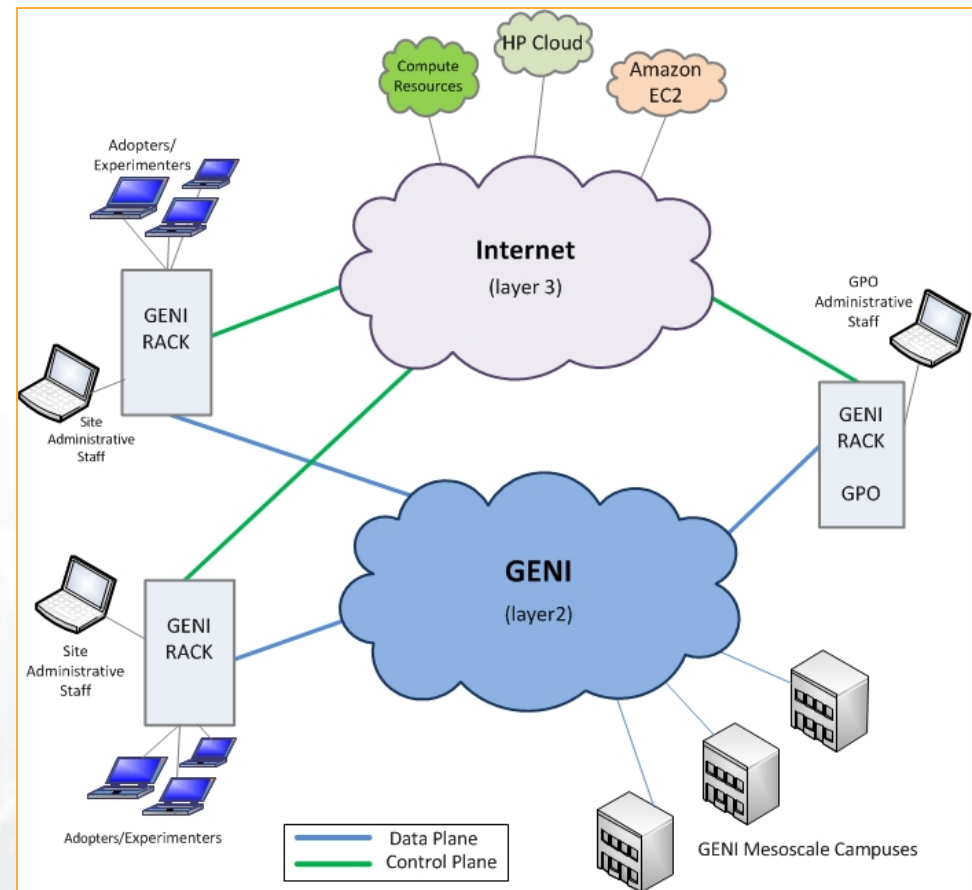
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- Spans campus/metro, regional, and nationwide networks
- GENI relies on participants to contribute compute and network resources
- Includes VMs, bare metal nodes, SDN switches (OpenFlow 1.0), WiMAX/LTE base stations and clients, L2 network access

# GENI Racks and Connections

- Plain old Internet control plane
- Layer 2 data plane slices in regional and national research networks (Ethernet VLANs)
- Hardware supports GENI specs for interoperating with other participants
- Switches supporting OpenFlow 1.0 in GENI: HP, NEC, IBM, Brocade, Pica8, Juniper, Cisco, Dell
- GENI racks simplify and help scale GENI connections

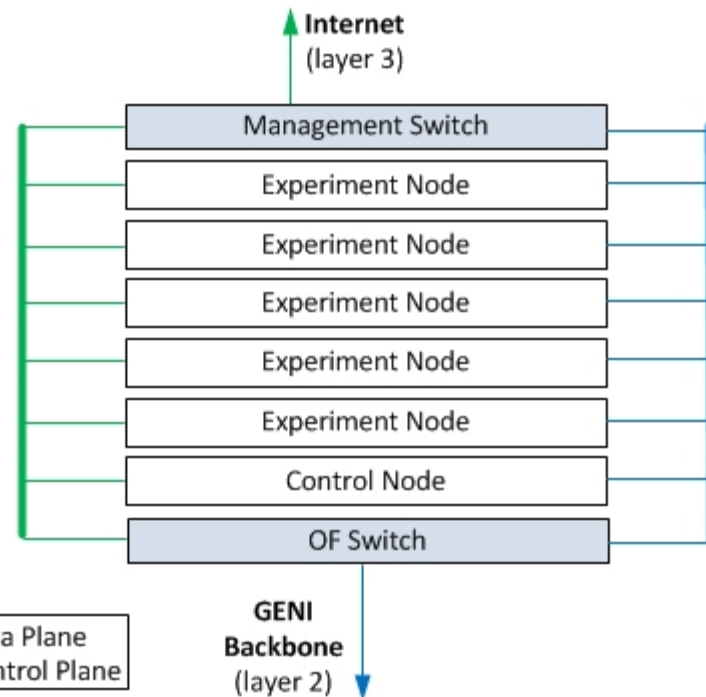




- *InstaGENI*: University of Utah , HP hardware
- *ExoGENI*: RENCI and Duke, IBM hardware
- *OpenGENI*: Clemson University partnered with Dell (Provisional Racks)
- *Cisco SDN*: Cisco hardware, Cisco and ExoGENI software

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- **Compute Resources** 5 HP ProLiant DL360 G7 or G8 Server series hosts to provide the VM Server, Monitoring, Storage, and Application functions:
- **Control Node** - 1 HP ProLiant DL360 G7 or G8 Server, quad-core, single-socket, 12 GB Ram, 4 TB Disk (RAID), and dual NIC
- **Experiment Nodes** - 5 HP ProLiant DL360 G7 or G8 Server, six-core, dual-socket, 48GB Ram, 1TB Disk, and dual NIC
- Bare Metal Node
- **Network Components** 2 network components to provide access to GENI core networks and commodity Internet:
- HP ProCurve 2620 Switch (J9623A), 24 10/100/100 Mb/s ports, 2 1 Gb/s ports
- HP ProCurve 5406zl Switch (J8697A) 48 1 Gb/s ports, 4 10 Gb/s ports
- **Misc. Components** General purpose hardware also included:
  - 1 or more HP Intelligent Mod PDU
  - HP Dedicated iLO Management Port Option
  - HP TFT7600 KVM Console US Kit
  - Optional 10GE dataplane interface
  - <http://groups.geni.net/geni/wiki/GENIRacksHome/InstageniRacks>

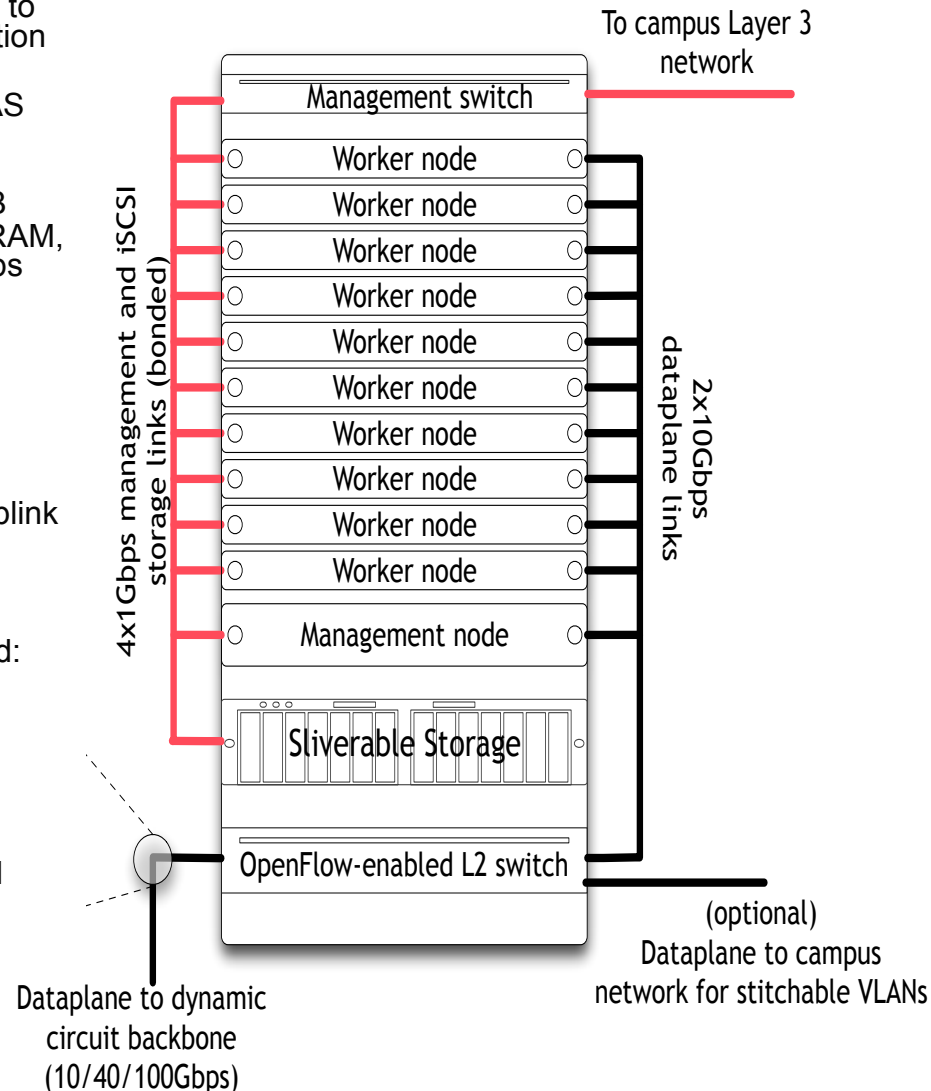


courtesy Rob Ricci, Rick McGeer



- **Compute Resources:** A total of 12 hosts are in the rack to provide the Resources, Monitoring, Storage and Application functions:
- **Management node:** 1 IBM x3650 M3, 2x146GB 10K SAS hard drives, 12G RAM, dual-socket 4-core Intel X5650 2.66Ghz CPU, Quad-port 1Gbps adapter
- **Worker/Bare-Metal nodes:** 10 IBM x3650 M3, 1x146GB 10K SAS hard drive +1x500+GB secondary drive, 48G RAM, dual-socket 6-core Intel X5650 2.66Ghz CPU, dual 1Gbps adapter, 10G dual-port Chelseo adapter
- **Sliverable Storage:** 1 IBM DS3512 storage NAS 6x1TB 7200RPM drives
- **Network Components:**
- **Management Switch:** IBM BNT G8052R 1G client/10G uplink ports - Access to commodity internet.
- **OpenFlow Switch:** IBM BNT G8264R 10G client/40G uplink ports - Access to GENI backbone.
- **VPN Appliance:** Juniper SSG5 - Backup management access.
- **Misc. Components:** General purpose hardware included:
- IBM PDU based on site power requirements, (GPO=IBM 5897 PDU; RENC=DP1 5900 PDU)
- No UPS included
- IBM Local 2x16 Console Manager (LCM16)
- IBM 1U 17-inch Flat Panel Console Kit (PN 172317X)
- upgrades for newest 5 sites: SSD drives, more RAM and cores, 40G interfaces on bare metal worker nodes
- Optional 40G dataplane interface
- <http://groups.geni.net/geni/wiki/GENIRacksHome/ExogeniRacks>

option 2:  
fiber uplink



courtesy Ilia Baldine

**Compute Resources** - 3 PowerEdge Dell R620XL rack server hosts that provide the VM Server, Monitoring, Storage, and Application functions:

**Control Node** - 1 Dell PowerEdge R620XL server Server with 252 GB of RAM and 300 GB hard drive.

**Experiment Nodes** - 2 Dell PowerEdge R620XL server Server with 252 GB of RAM, and 300 GB hard drive.

More compute nodes are possible.

Bare Metal Node - Not supported at this time.

**Network Components** 2 network components to provide access to GENI core networks and commodity Internet:

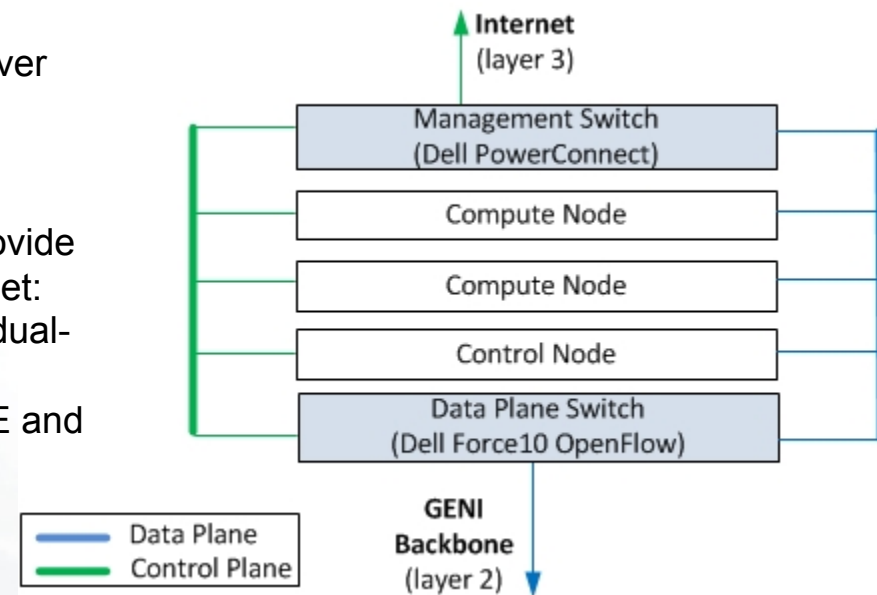
Dell Force10 S4810P Openflow Switch supports 48 dual-speed 1/10 Gb ports and four 40 Gb ports

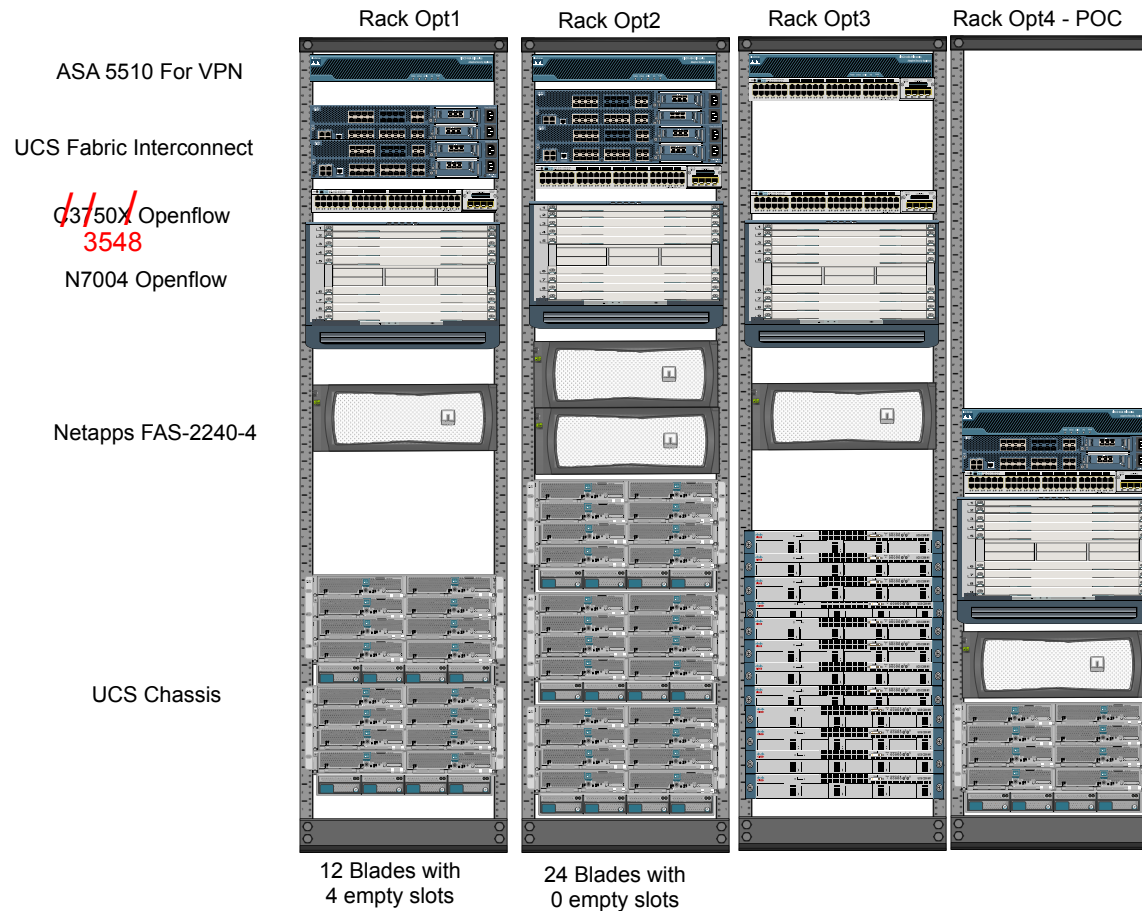
Dell PowerConnect Switch with up to 48 ports of GbE and optional 4x 10Gb

**Misc. Components** General purpose hardware also included:

Dell Remote Access Controller - iDRAC

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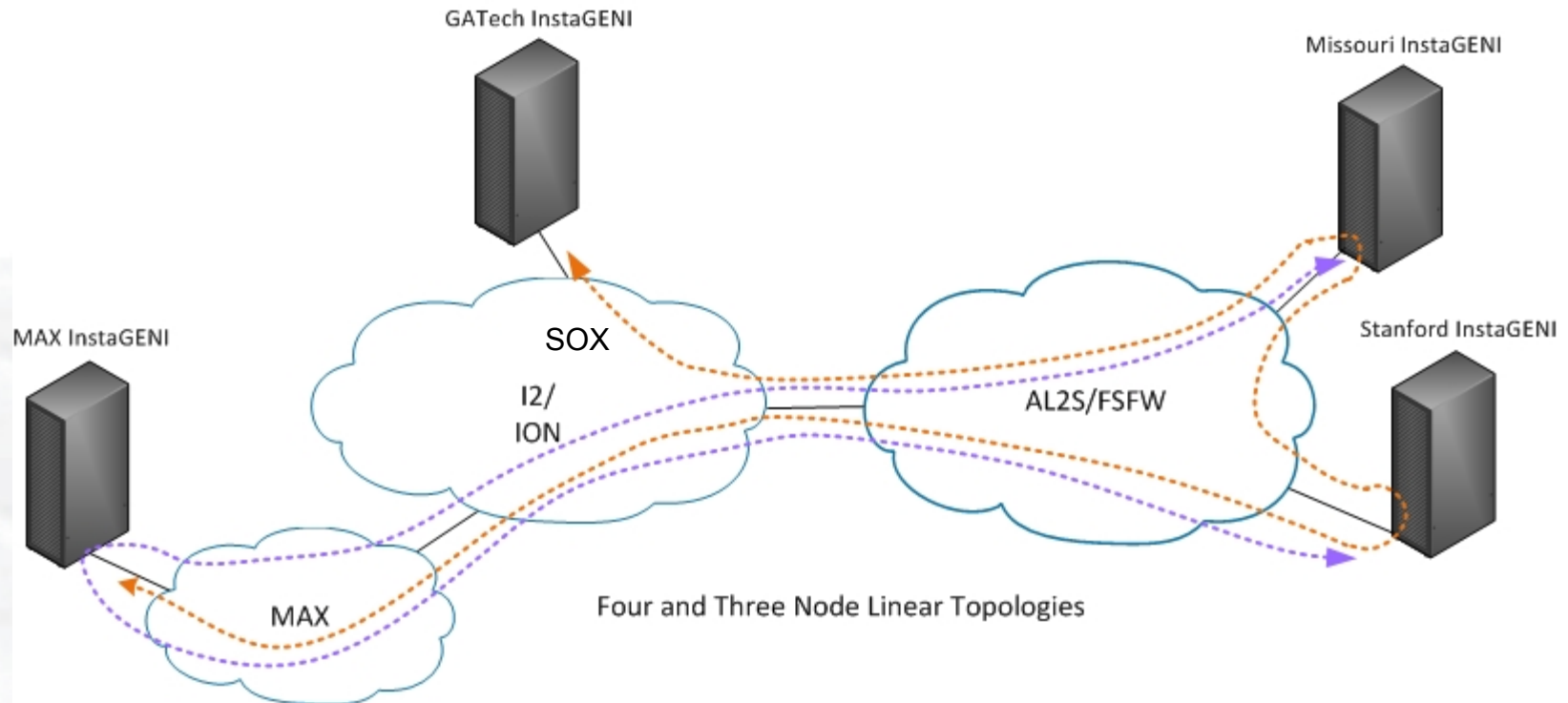




Prototype Integration at NCSU and WVNET in progress

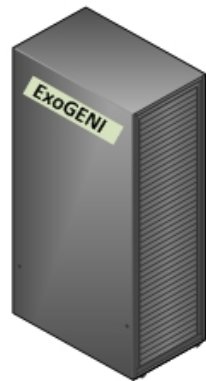
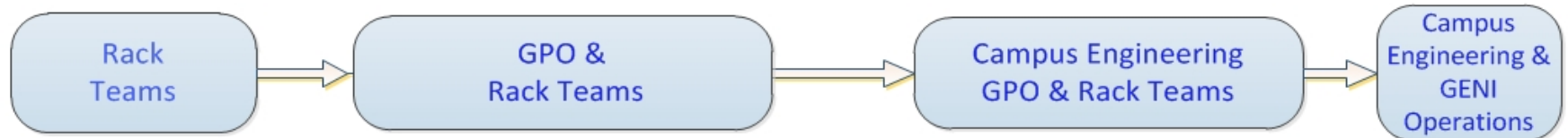


# Example “Pre-work” for End-to-End Data Connections



- Configure racks with VLANs for GENI stitching and other data plane uses (VLANs compatible with site networks)
- Allocate VLANs to GENI in MAX, SOX, ION, and AL2S
- Configure OpenFlow switches in racks and AL2S to use configured VLANs
- Update SCS with VLANs, topology
- Configure FOAM if you are using OpenFlow (optional) and set up OpenFlow controller
- Test for connectivity and to ensure no MAC learning or STP

# GENI Rack Installation and Support Flow



## GENI Racks Acceptance Testing

### Experimenter Tests:

- Access to compute resources, bare metal & VM.
- Access to network resources.
- Multi-site experiments.
- Multi-site OpenFlow Experiments.
- VLAN support for rack and campus connections.
- Experimenter custom image support.
- Meso-scale OpenFlow interoperability.

### Administrator Tests:

- Administrative access to all rack components.
- Management of all infrastructure rack components.

### Monitoring Tests:

- Rack components monitoring.
- Resource and FOAM aggregate resources monitoring.

Ready for GENI Network environment?

## Site Deployments

### Site Install Checklist:

- Set up control plane
- Set up FOAM/FV
- Verify connectivity
- Set monitoring
- Connect to campus

### Site Confirmation

#### Tests:

- Experiment support
- Admin and monitoring

#### Site support:

- Meso-scale eng.
- GMOC support.



Ready  
for

Experimenters

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