

# SDX Services and Technology At StarLight

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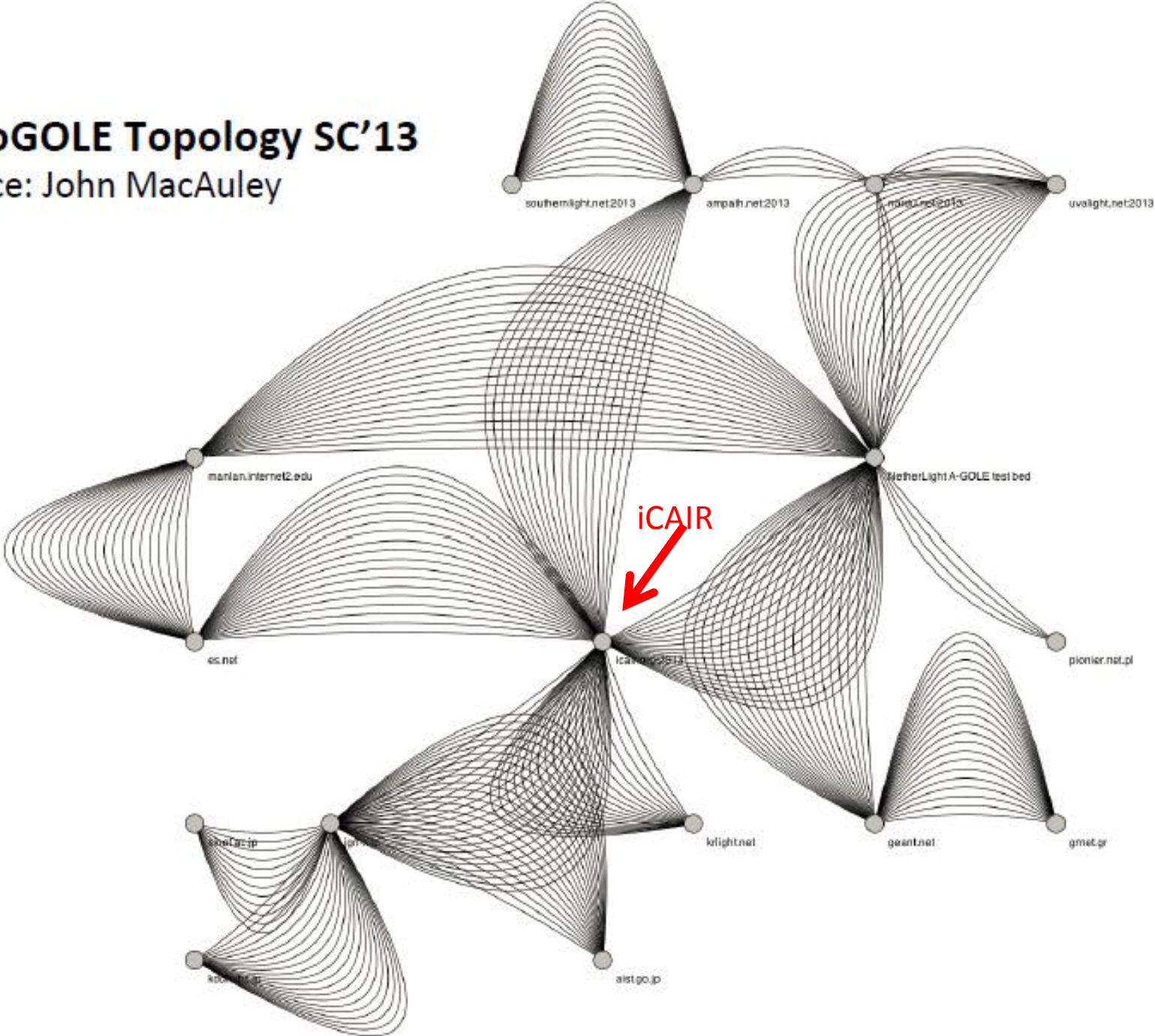


# Automated GOLE Fabric



# AutoGOLE Topology SC'13

Source: John MacAuley





# Software Defined Networking Exchanges (SDXs)

- With the Increasing Deployment of SDN In Production Networks, the Need for an SDN Exchange (SDX) Has Been Recognized.
- Many Motivations Exist for SDXs
  - Bridging SDN Islands (Which Are Single Domain & Centralized Operation Oriented)
  - Granulated Engineering Over Flows
  - High Degrees Of Exchange Customization
- Required: Capabilities for Multi-Domain Multi-Service Distributed SDN Resource Discovery, Signaling, Provisioning, Federation, Operational Functions, Fault Detection and Recovery, Monitoring, Measurement
- These Are Fairly Challenging Issues

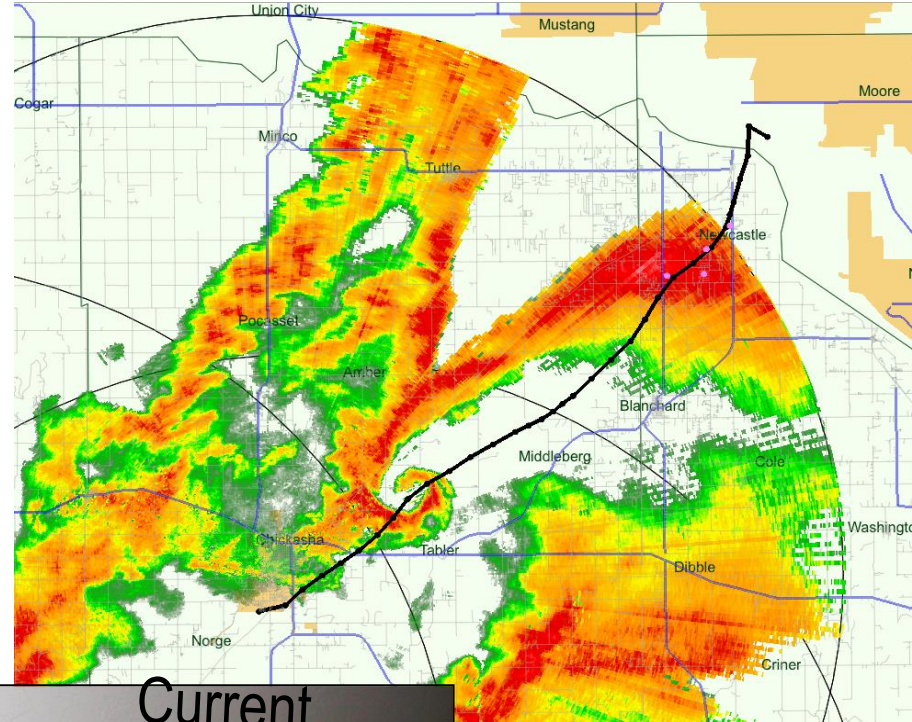
# Selected SDX Architectural Attributes

- Control and Network Resource APIs
- Multi Domain enabled Path/Link Controllers (With Federation)
- Controller Signaling, Including Edge/Application Signaling
- SDN/OF Multi Layer Traffic Exchange Services
- Multi Domain Resource Advertisement/Discovery
- Topology Exchange Services
- Multiple Highly Customized Services At All Layers
- Granulated Resource Access (Policy Based), Including Through Edge Processes, Including To individual Streams
- Foundation Resource Programmability
- Gateways Between Different Network/Cloud Environments
- Integration of OF and Non-OF Paths, Including 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Integration
- Programmability for Large Scale Large Capacity Streams

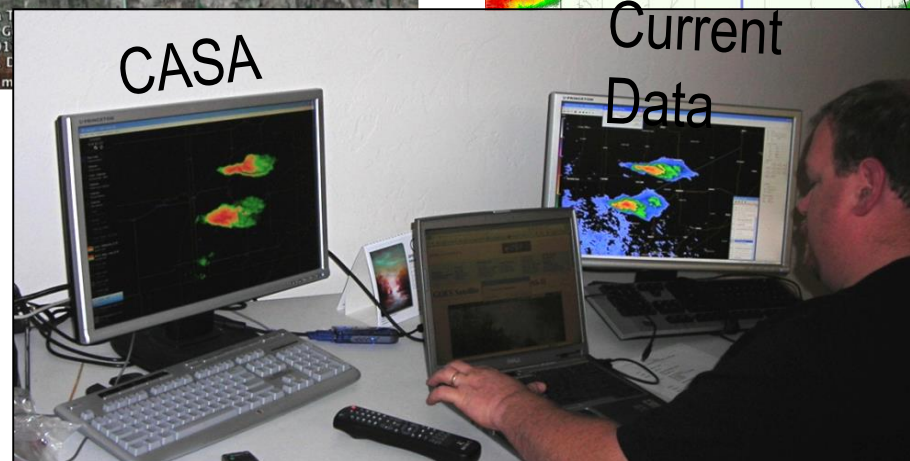


# Science Use Case: Nowcasting With SDXs

Source: Mike Zink, UMass Amherst

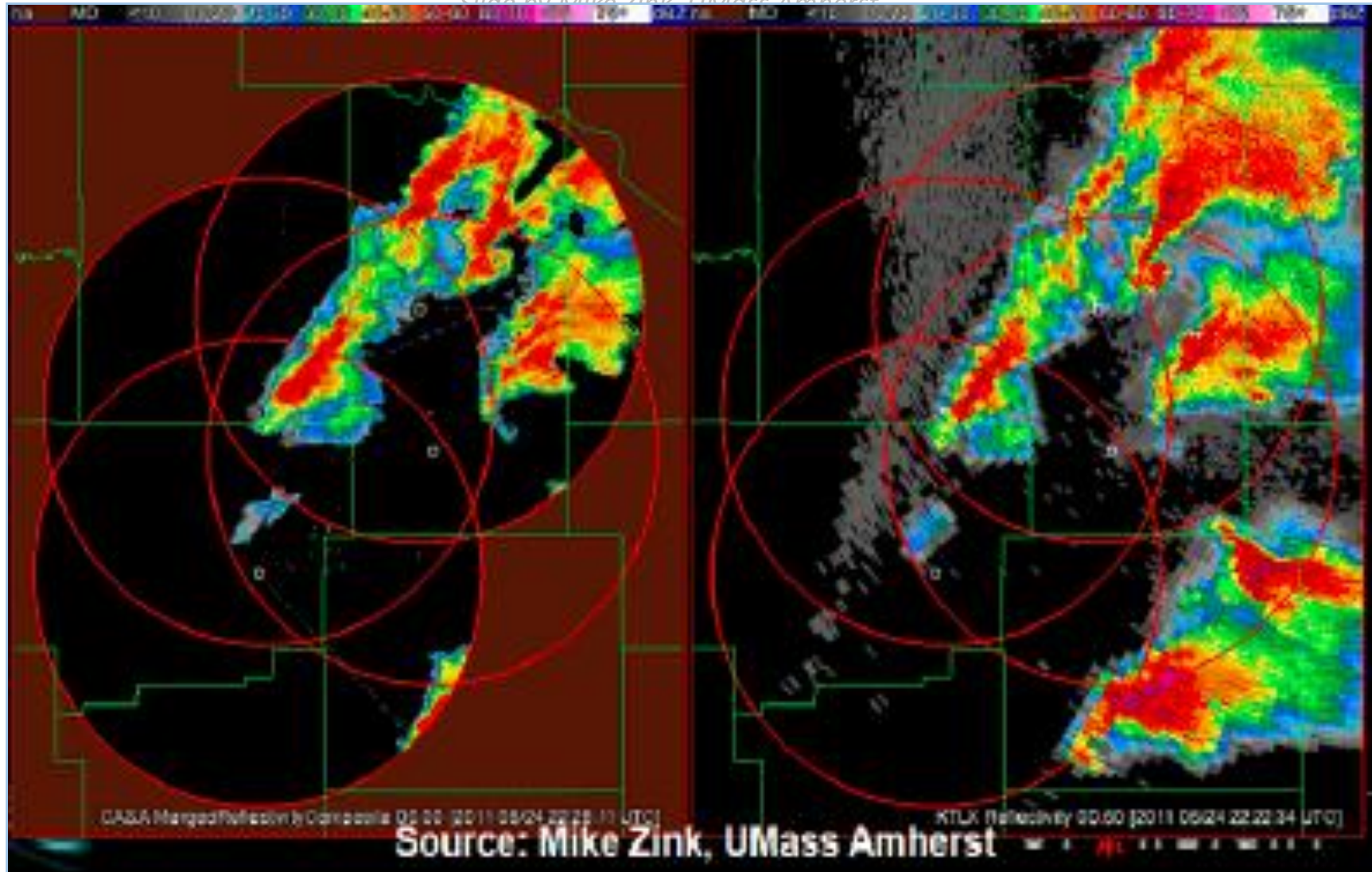


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Decision-Making  
Protects First  
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# Comparison With Existing System

Slide by Mike Zink, UMass Amherst

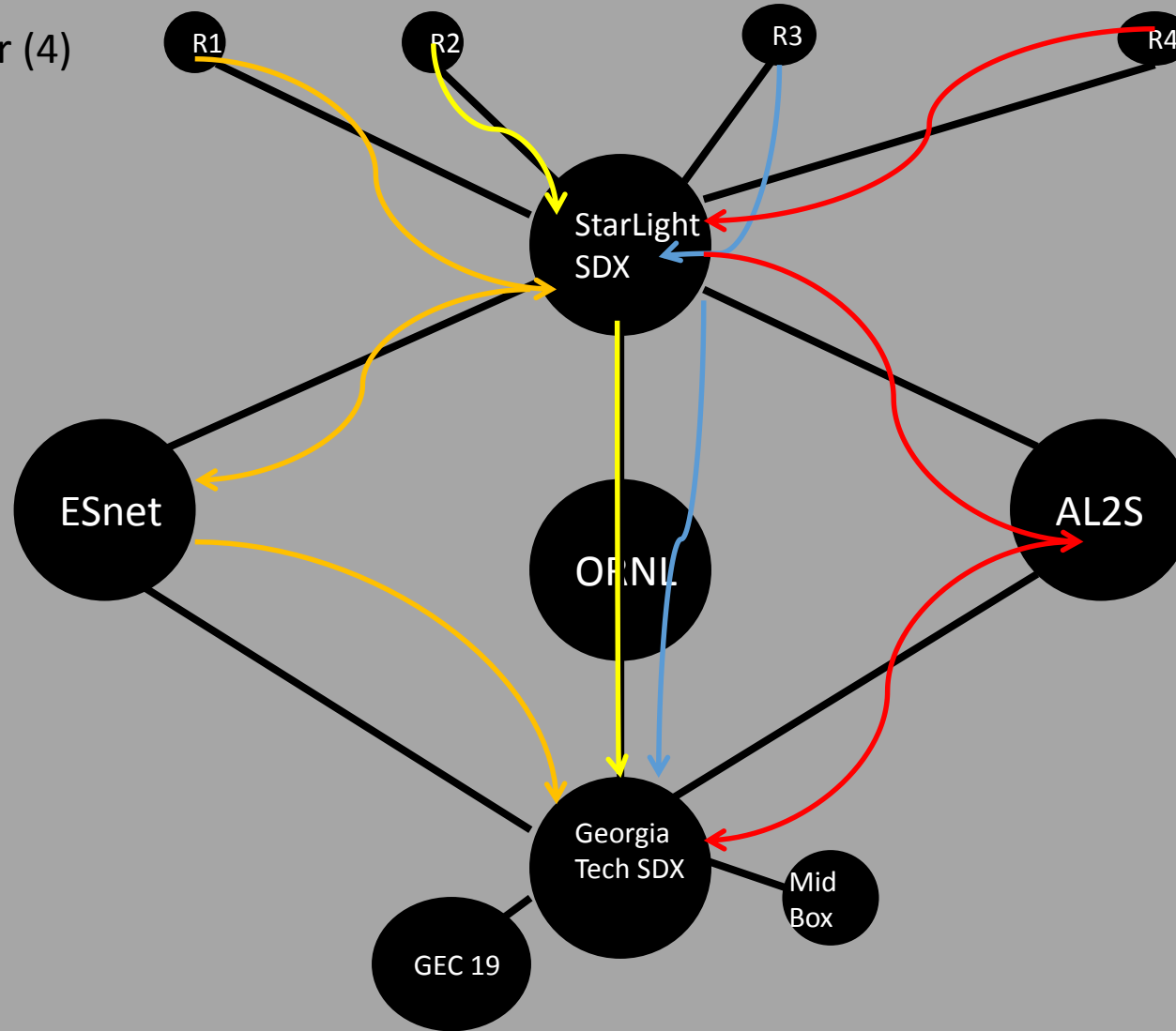


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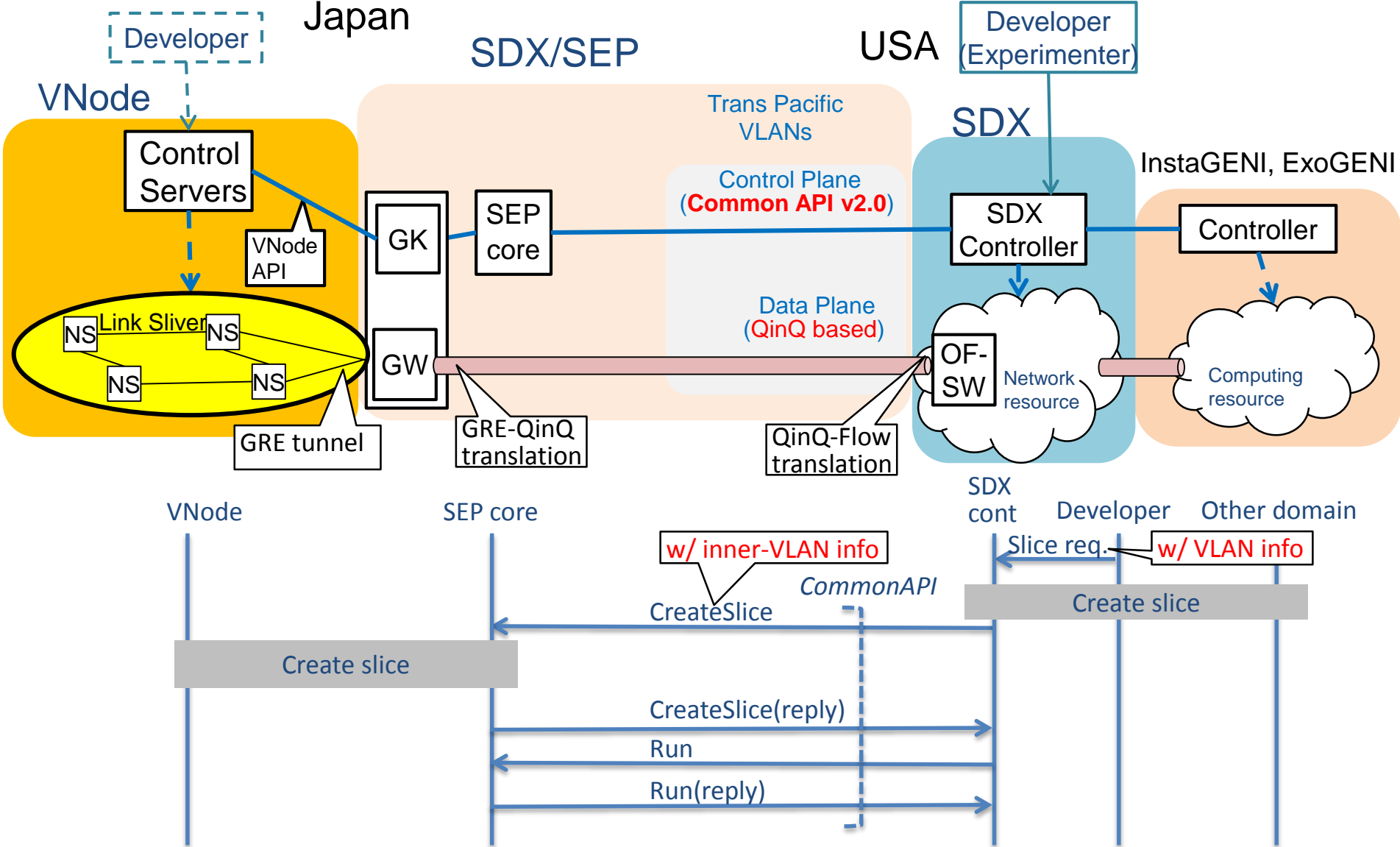
# GENI SDX Demo Scenario

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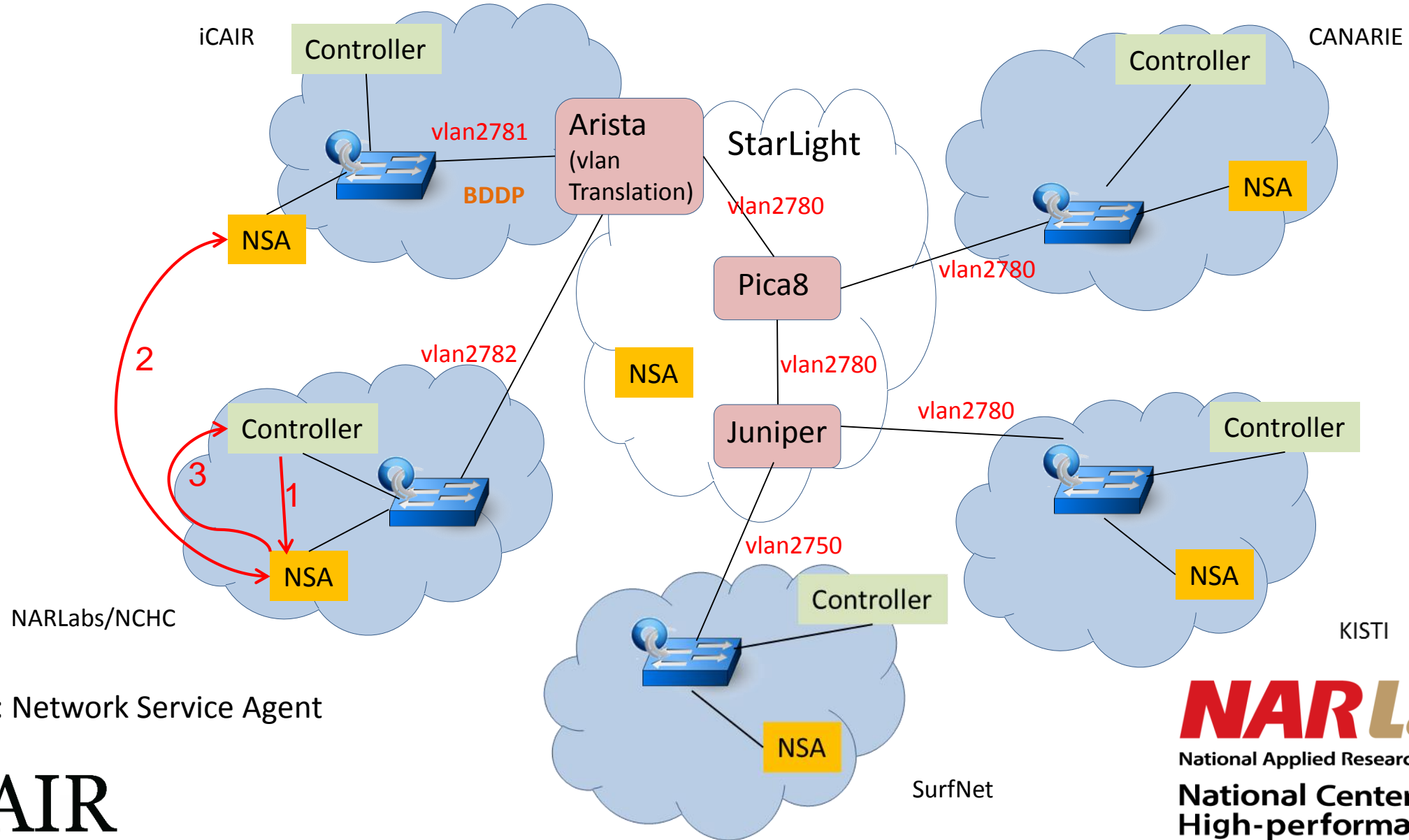


# vNode/SEP & StarLight Inter-SDX federation 2014

## Multi-architecture Federation



# NSI-OpenFlow Hybrid Topology Exchange

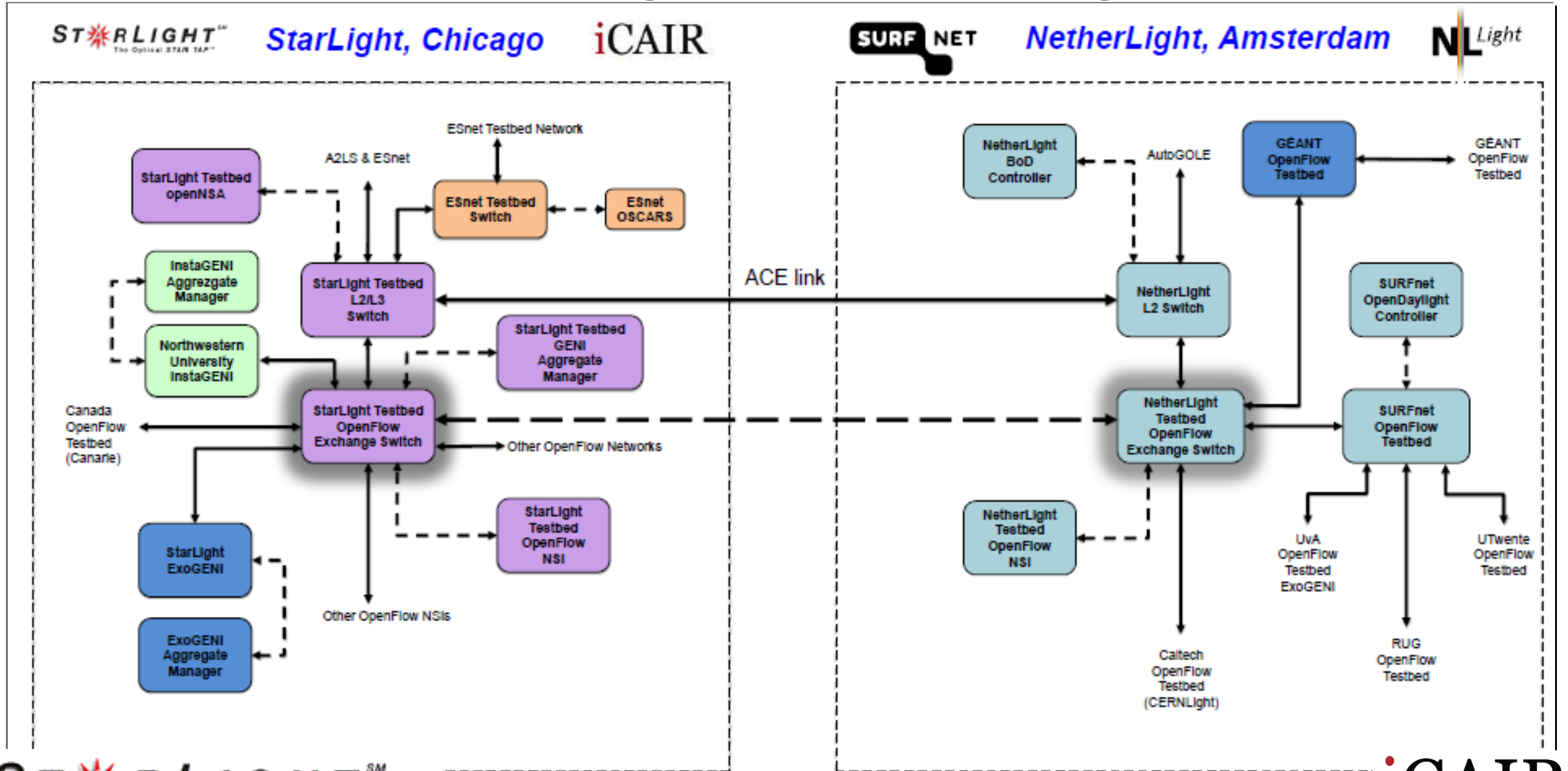


NSA : Network Service Agent

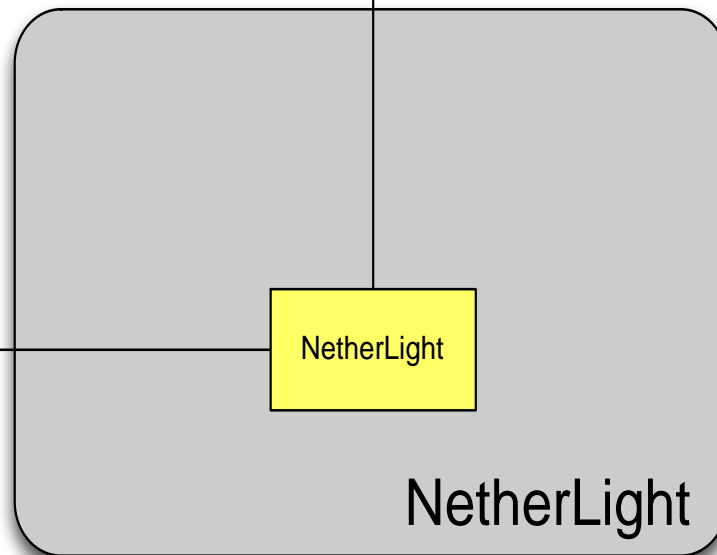
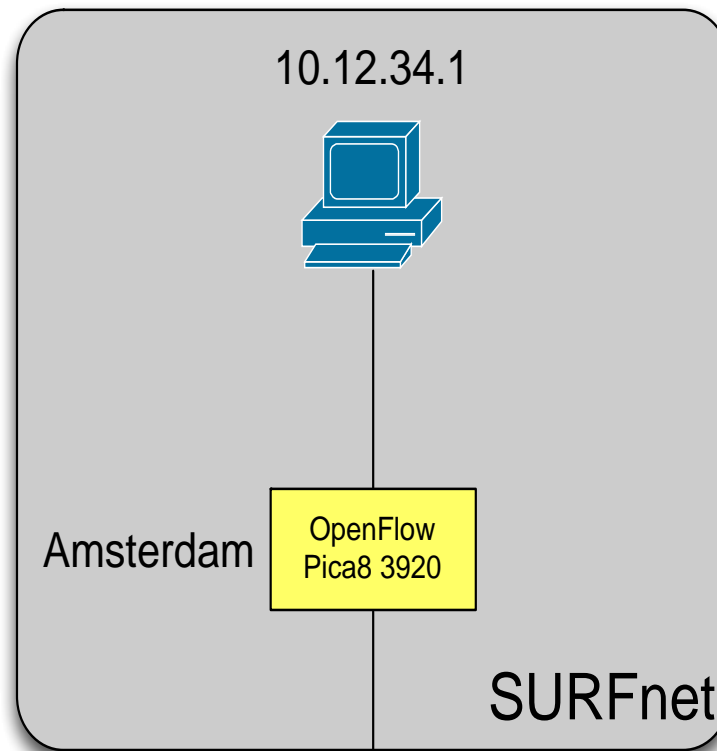
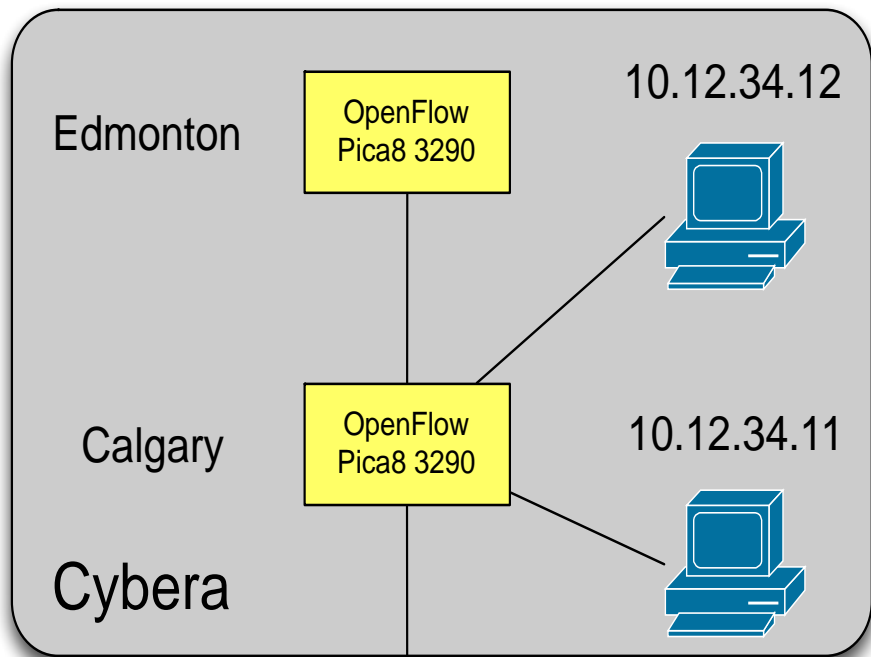
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# SDX StarLight ↔ NetherLight





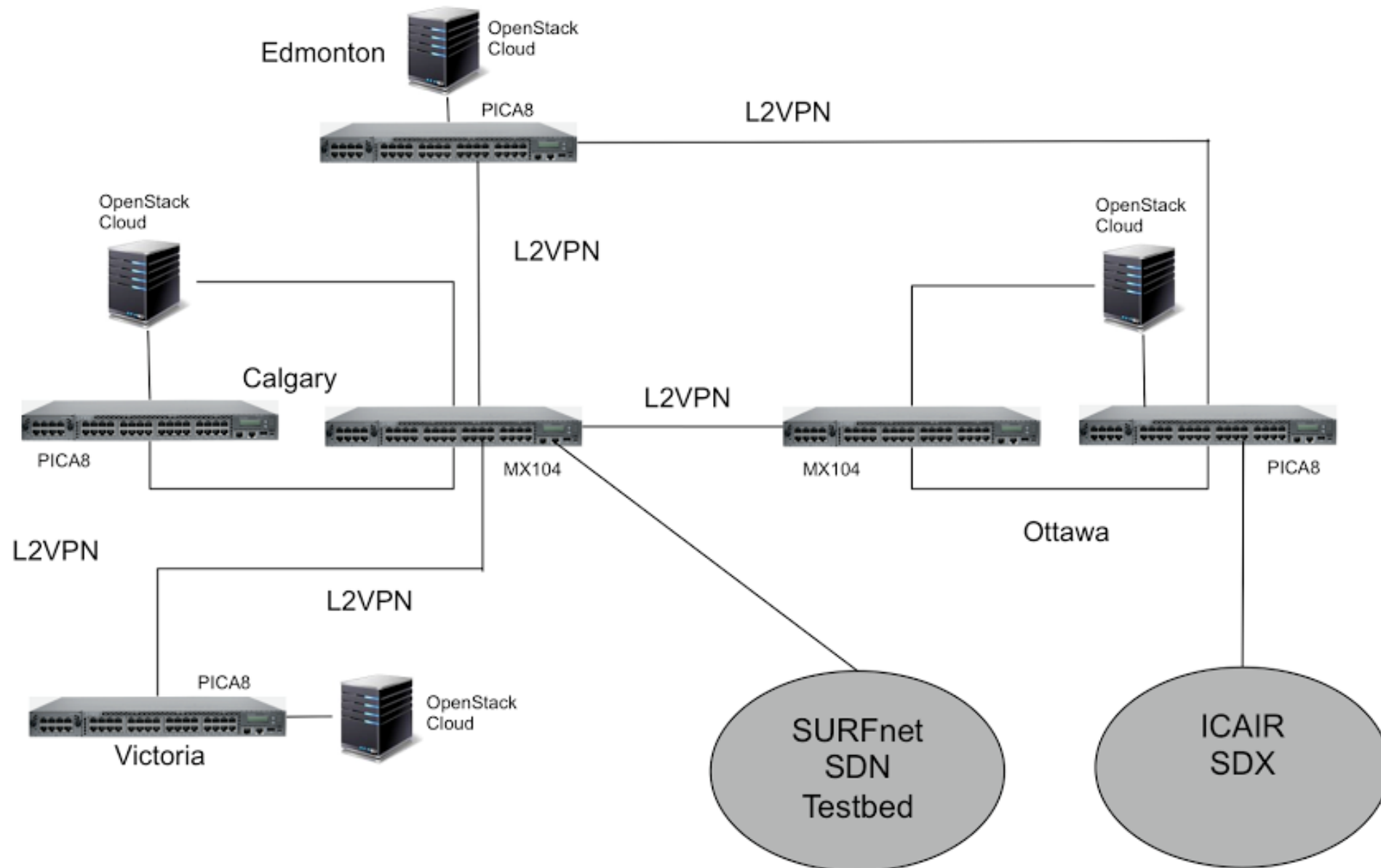


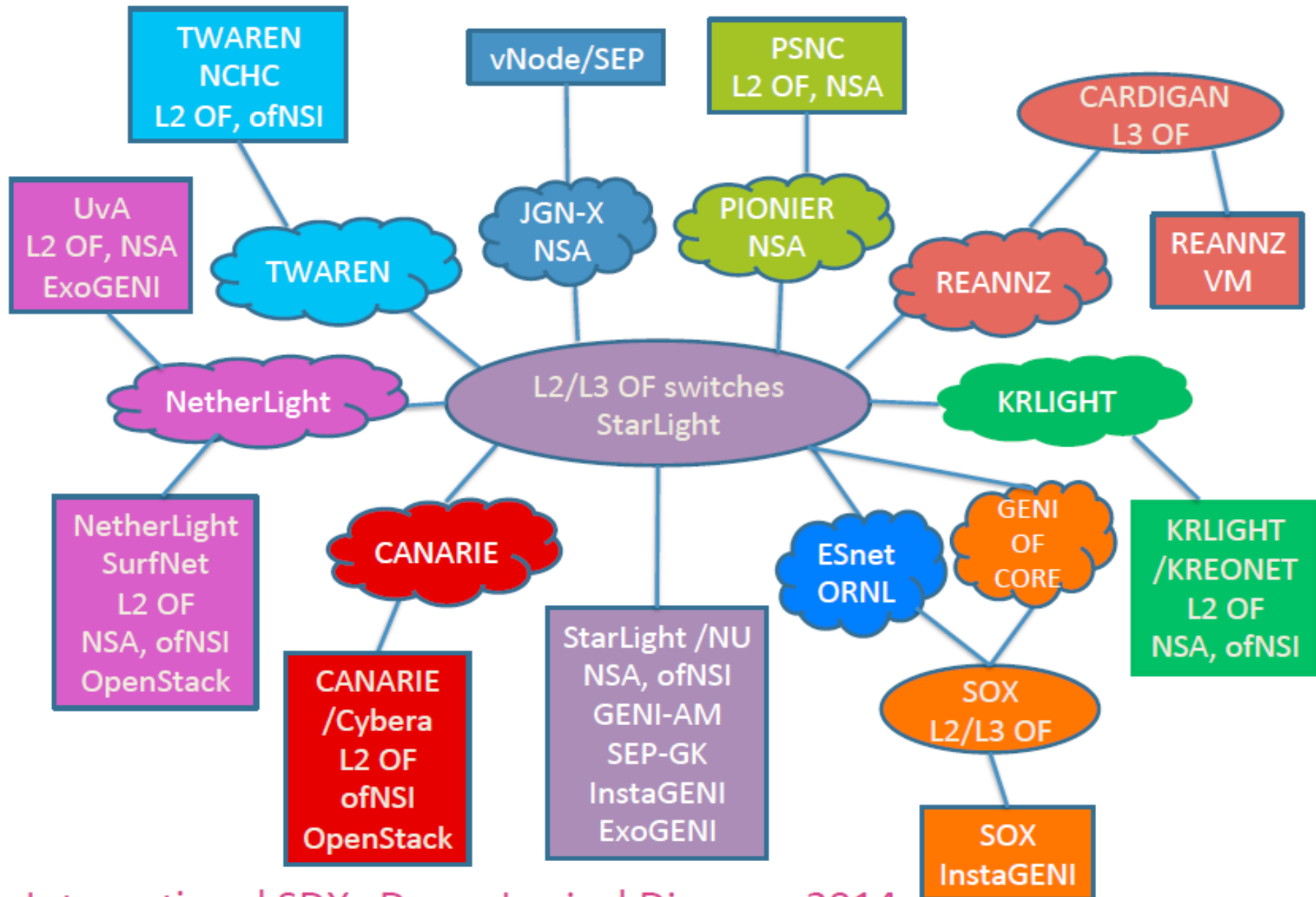
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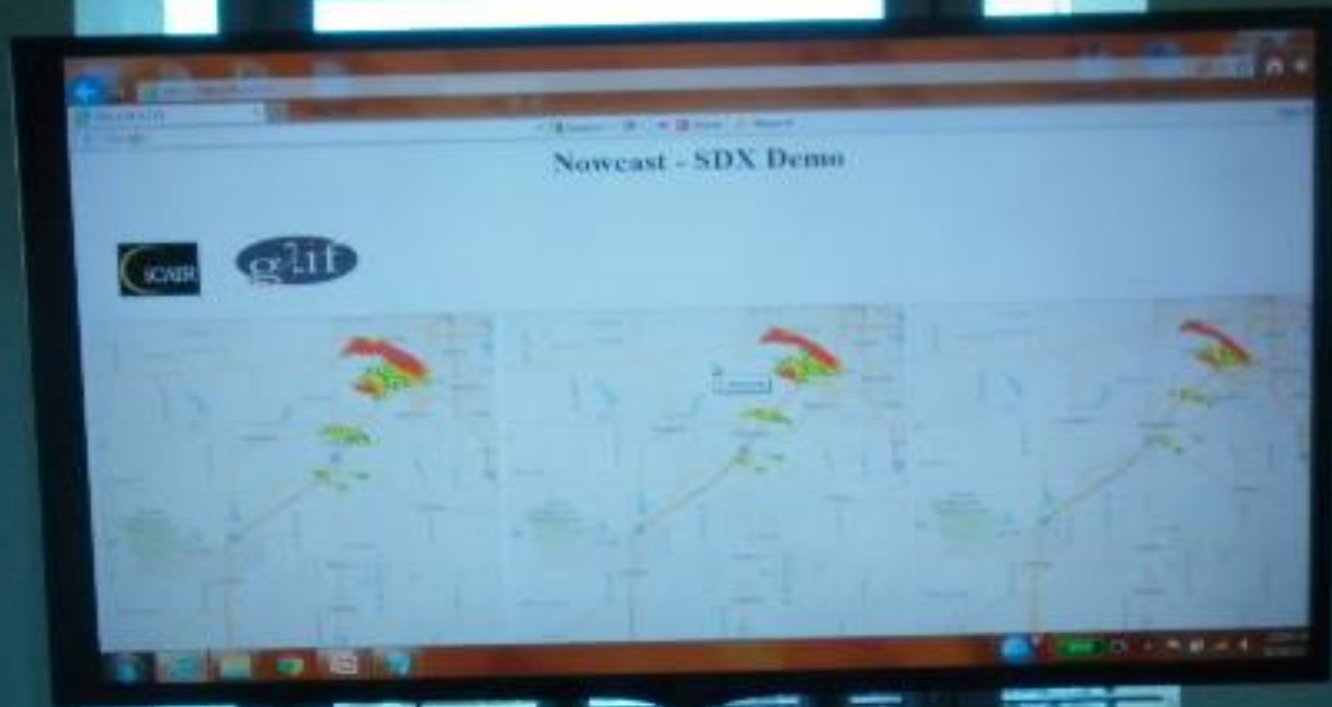


# Canadian SDN Testbed 2015

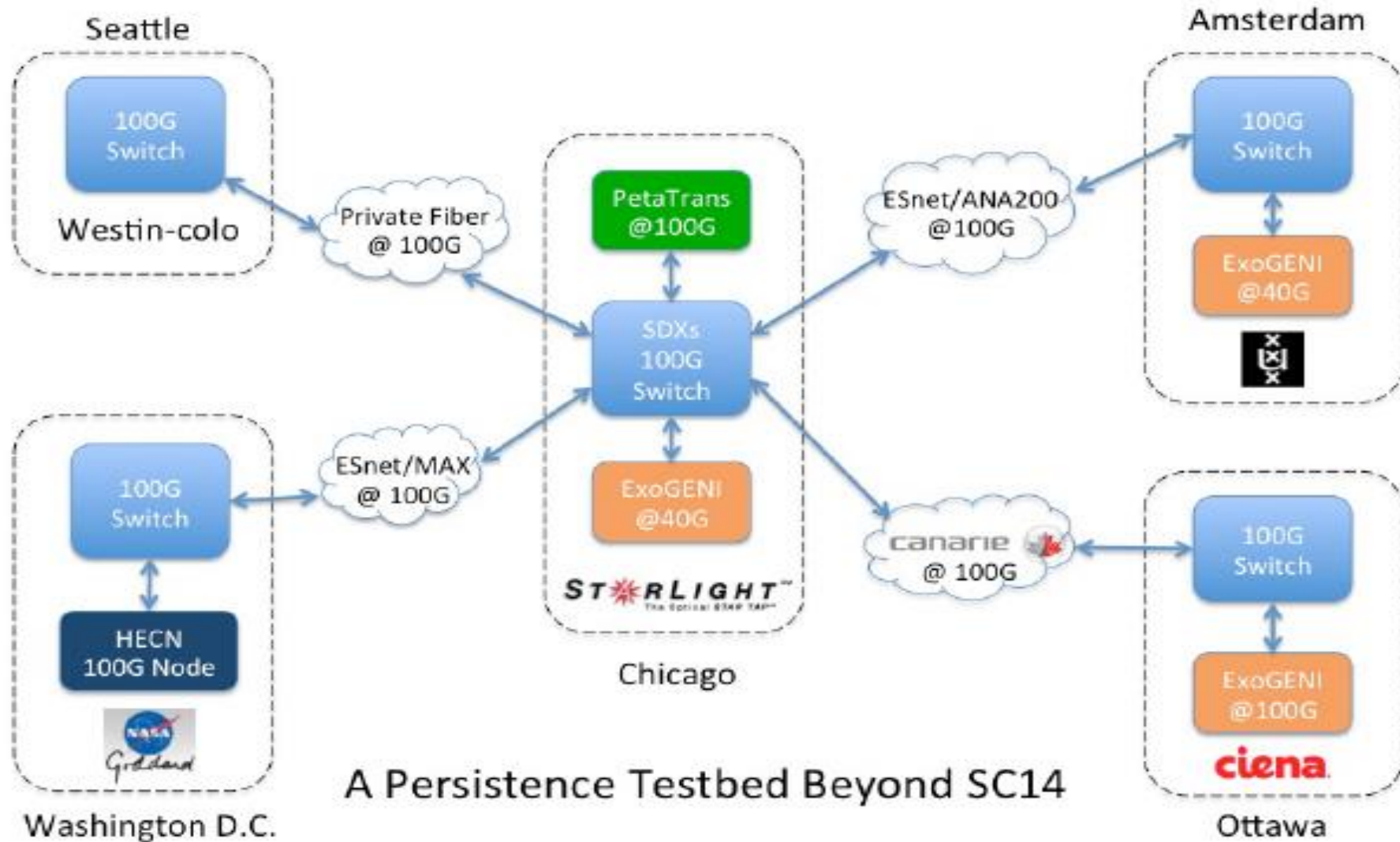




International SDXs Demo Logical Diagram 2014



# PetaTrans: Peta Byte Science Data Transfer

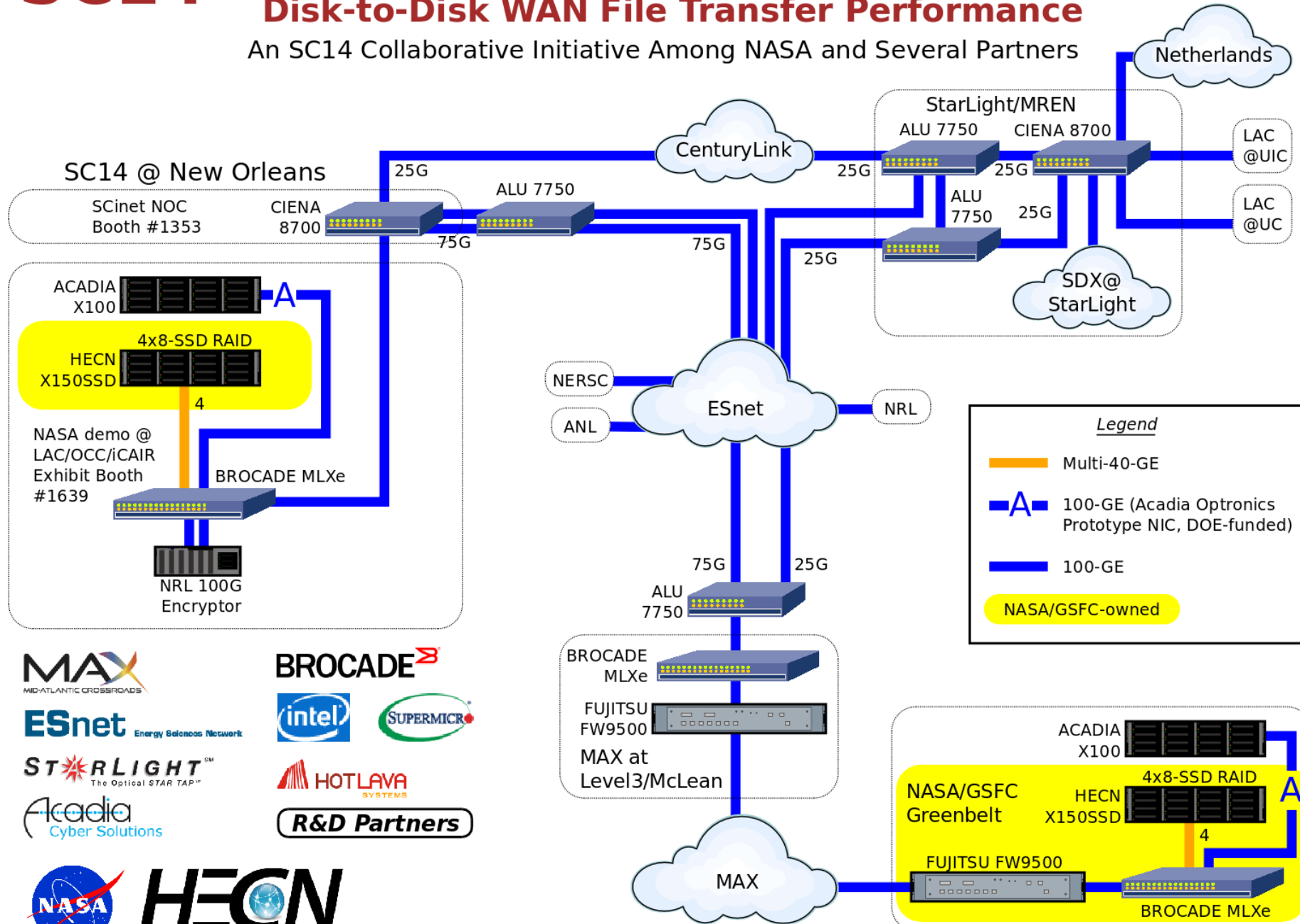


Global Software-Defined Dynamic Circuits for Data Intensive Science  
(PhEDEx – ANSE – PANDA – OpenDayLight)

# SC14

## Evaluations/Demonstrations of 100 Gbps Disk-to-Disk WAN File Transfer Performance

An SC14 Collaborative Initiative Among NASA and Several Partners



# International Software-Defined Network Exchanges (iSDXs):

## A Demonstration of Global Capabilities

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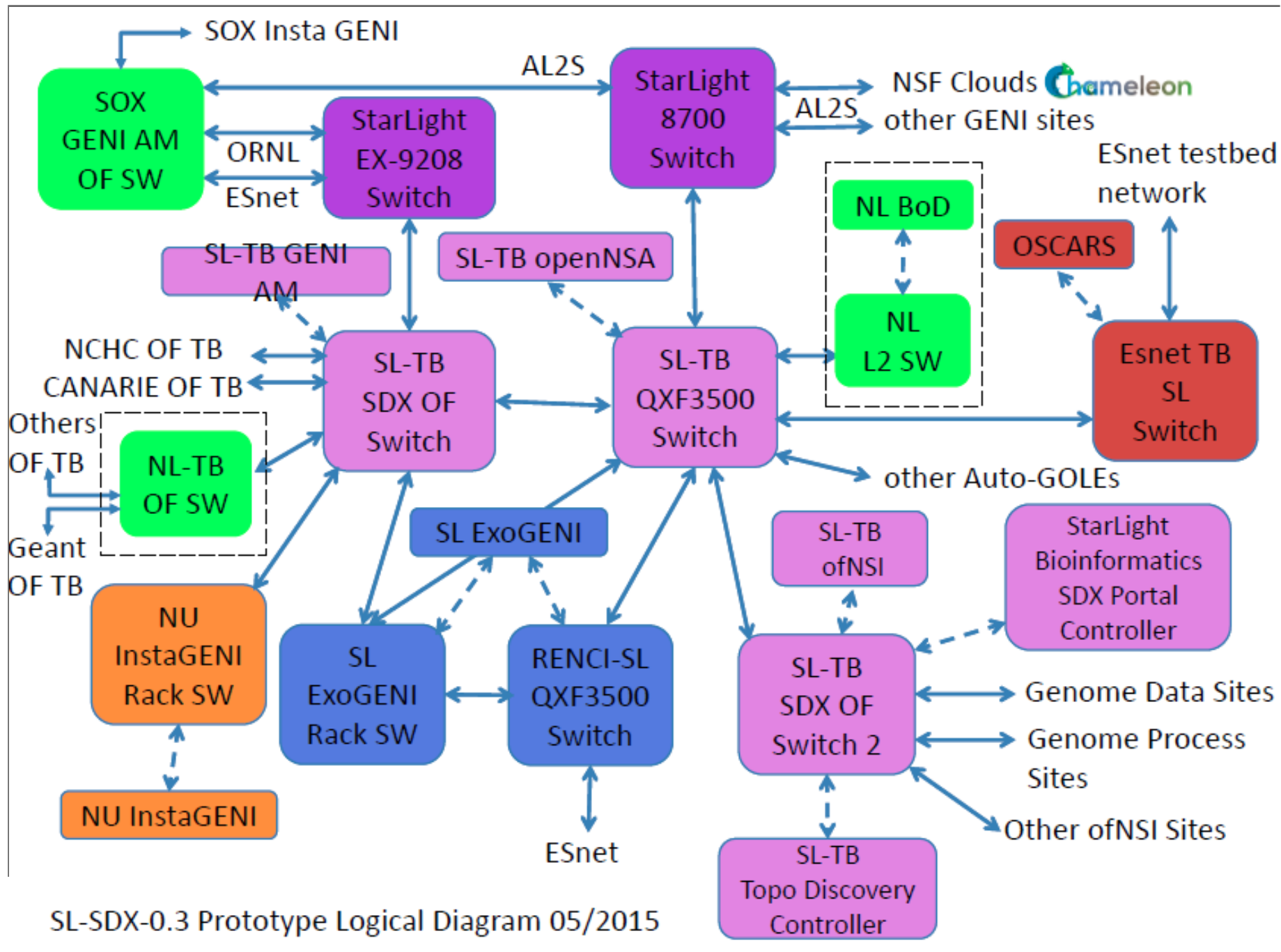
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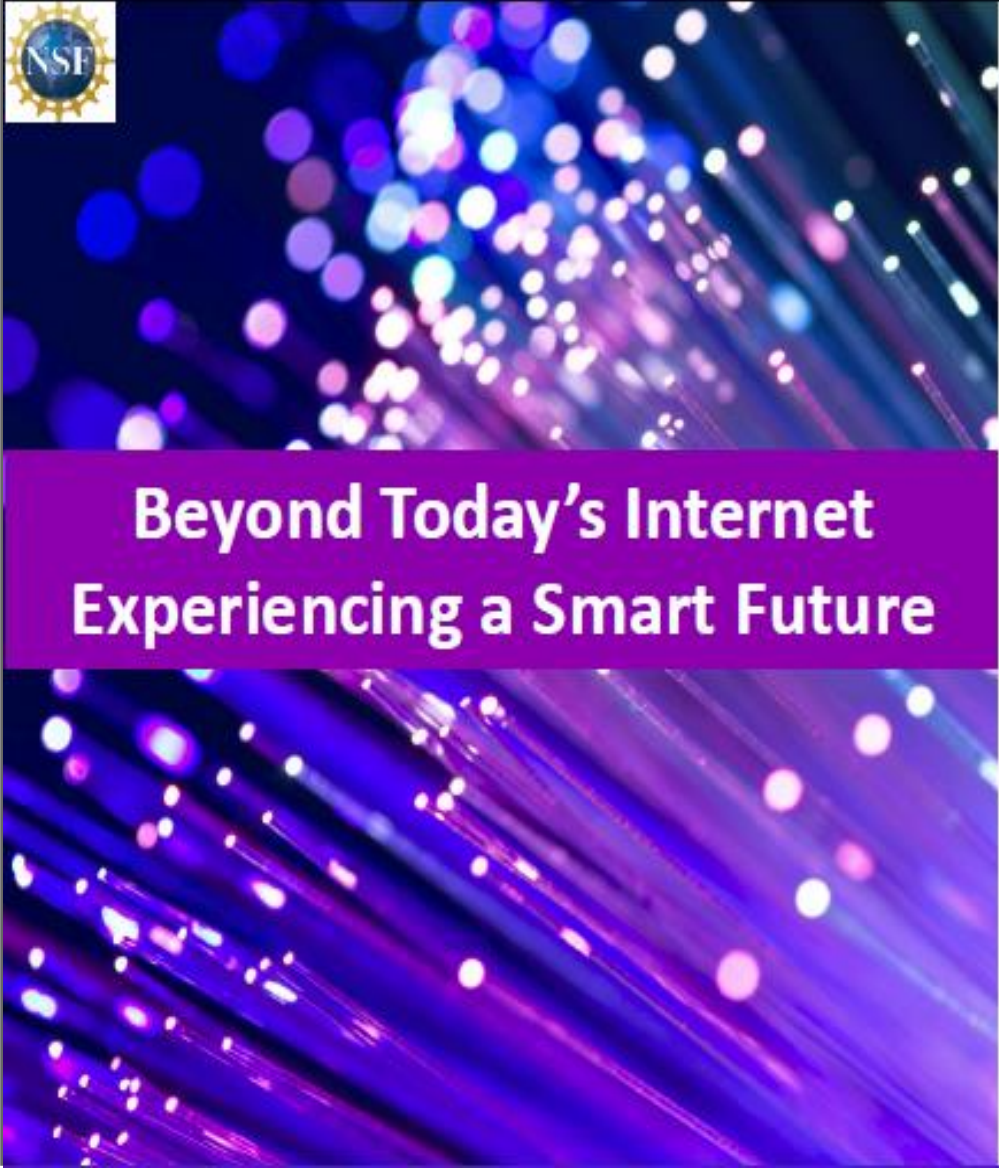
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SL-SDX-0.3 Prototype Logical Diagram 05/2015



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**Prototype SDX Bioinformatics  
Exchange: Demonstrating an  
Essential Use-Case for  
Personalized Medicine**

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# StarLight Software Defined Networking Exchange (SDX)



- The StarLight SDX Will Provide The Services, Architecture, and Technologies Designed To Provide Scientists, Engineers, and Educators With Highly Advanced, Diverse, Reliable, Persistent, and Secure Networking Services, Enabling Them to Optimally Access Resources in North America, South America, Asia, South Asia (including India), Australia, New Zealand, Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, And Other Sites Around the World.
- The StarLight SDX Initiative Will Undertake Continued Innovation and Development of Advanced Networking Services and Technologies.

# International SDXs Logical Diagram 2015



Question?

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