

# Toward a Global Terabit Research Network

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# Network-Enabled Science and Research in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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- Science and research is becoming progressively more global with network-enabled world wide collaborative communities rapidly forming in a broad range of areas
- Many are based around a few expensive – sometimes unique – instruments or distributed complexes of sensors that produce vast amounts of data
- These global communities will carry out research based on this data



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- This data will be:
  - collected via geographically distributed instruments
  - analyzed by supercomputers and large computer clusters
  - visualized with advanced 3-D display technology and
  - stored in massive or large data storage systems
- All of this will be distributed globally



# Examples of Network-Enabled Science

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- NSF funded Grid Physics Network's (GriPhyN) need for petascale virtual data grids (i.e. capable of analyzing petabyte datasets)
  - Compact Muon Selenoid (CMS) and A Toroidal LHC Apparatus (ATLAS) experiments using the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) located at (CERN) [ $> 2.5$  Gb/s]
  - Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO) [200GB-5TB data sets needing 2.5 Gb/s or greater for reasonable transfer times]
  - Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA)
- Collaborative video (e.g. HDTV) [20Mb/s]
- Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) [ $> 1$ Gb/s]
- Dozens of others and growing



# A Vision for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Network- Enabled Science and Research

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The vision is for this global infrastructure and data to be integrated into “Grids” – seamless global collaborative environments tailored to the specific needs of individual scientific communities



# Components of Global Grids

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- High performance networks are fundamental to integrating Global Grids together
- There are, very broadly speaking, three components to Global Grids:
  - Campus Networks (the last kilometer)
  - National and Regional Research and Education Networks (NRRENs)
  - Global connections between NRRENs



# Impediments to Global Grids

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- Of these three components, on a world-wide scale, investment and engineering is only adequate for NRRENs
  - Campus networks rarely provide scalable bandwidth to the desktop commensurate with speeds of campus connections to NRRENs
  - Global connections between NRRENs are major bottlenecks – they are very slow compared to NRREN backbone speeds



# Building Global Grids

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To build a true Global Grid requires:

- Scalable campus networks providing ubiquitous high bandwidth connections to every desktop commensurate with campus connections to NRRENs
- Global connectivity between NRRENs of comparable speeds to the NRREN backbones, which is also stable, persistent and of production quality like the NRRENs themselves





# Presentation Overview

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This talk

1. Describes some NRRENs and their common characteristics
2. Sketches a solution to the global connectivity problem that scales to a terabit global research network



# 1. NRRENs

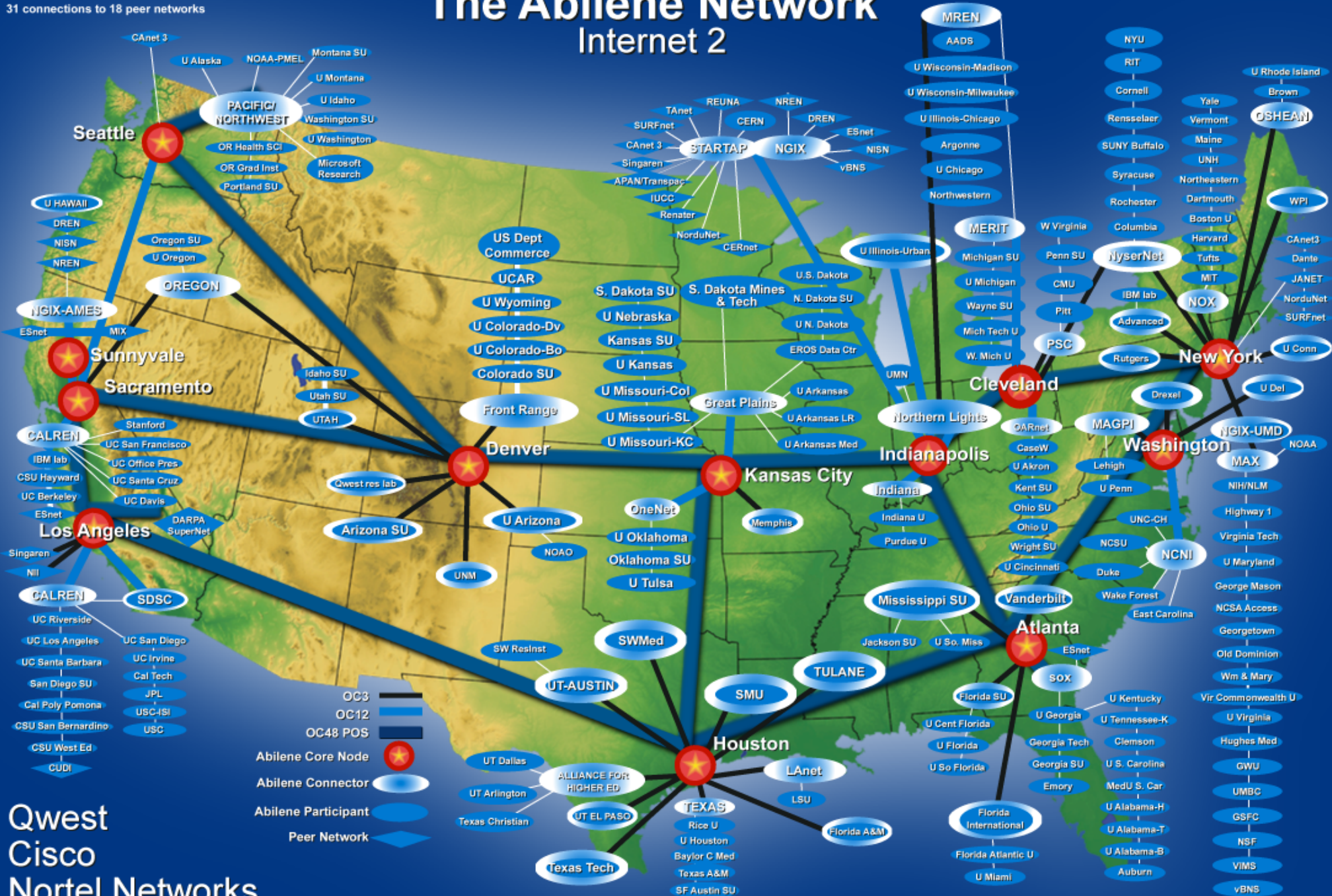
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- Abilene
  - OC48 (2.4Gb/s) ->OC192 (9.6 Gb/s)
  - OC48 connected GigaPoPs (moving to min. OC12 or .6 Gb/s)
  - ITN provider
  - 1 Gb/s sustained data rates seen
- CAnet3
- US Fed nets (e.g. ESnet)
- TEN-155 -> GEANT
- APAN
- CERNET



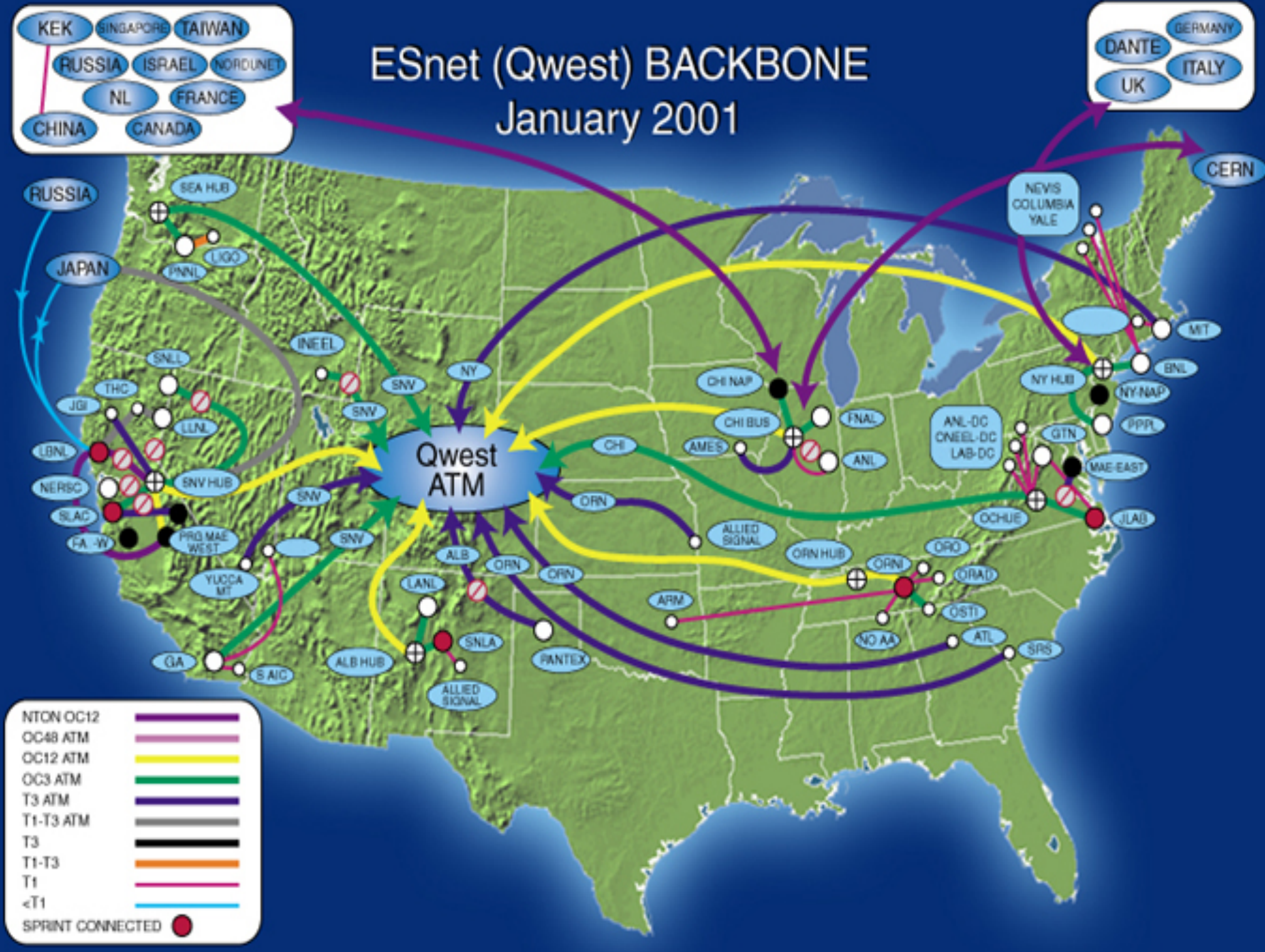
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 177 participants  
 44 connectors + 3 NGIX's  
 31 connections to 18 peer networks

# The Abilene Network Internet 2

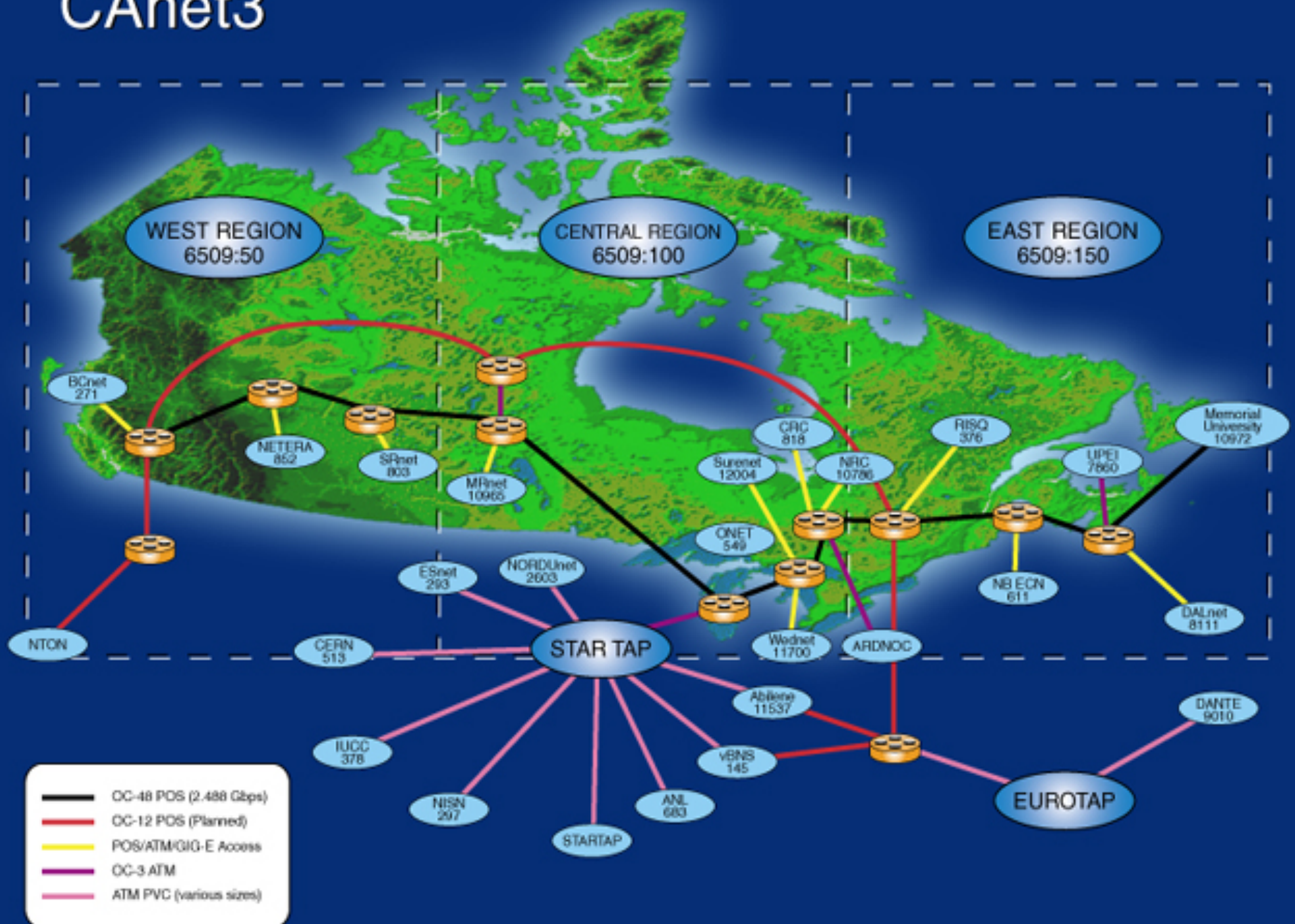


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# ESnet (Qwest) BACKBONE January 2001



# CAnet3



# TEN-155 Year 3

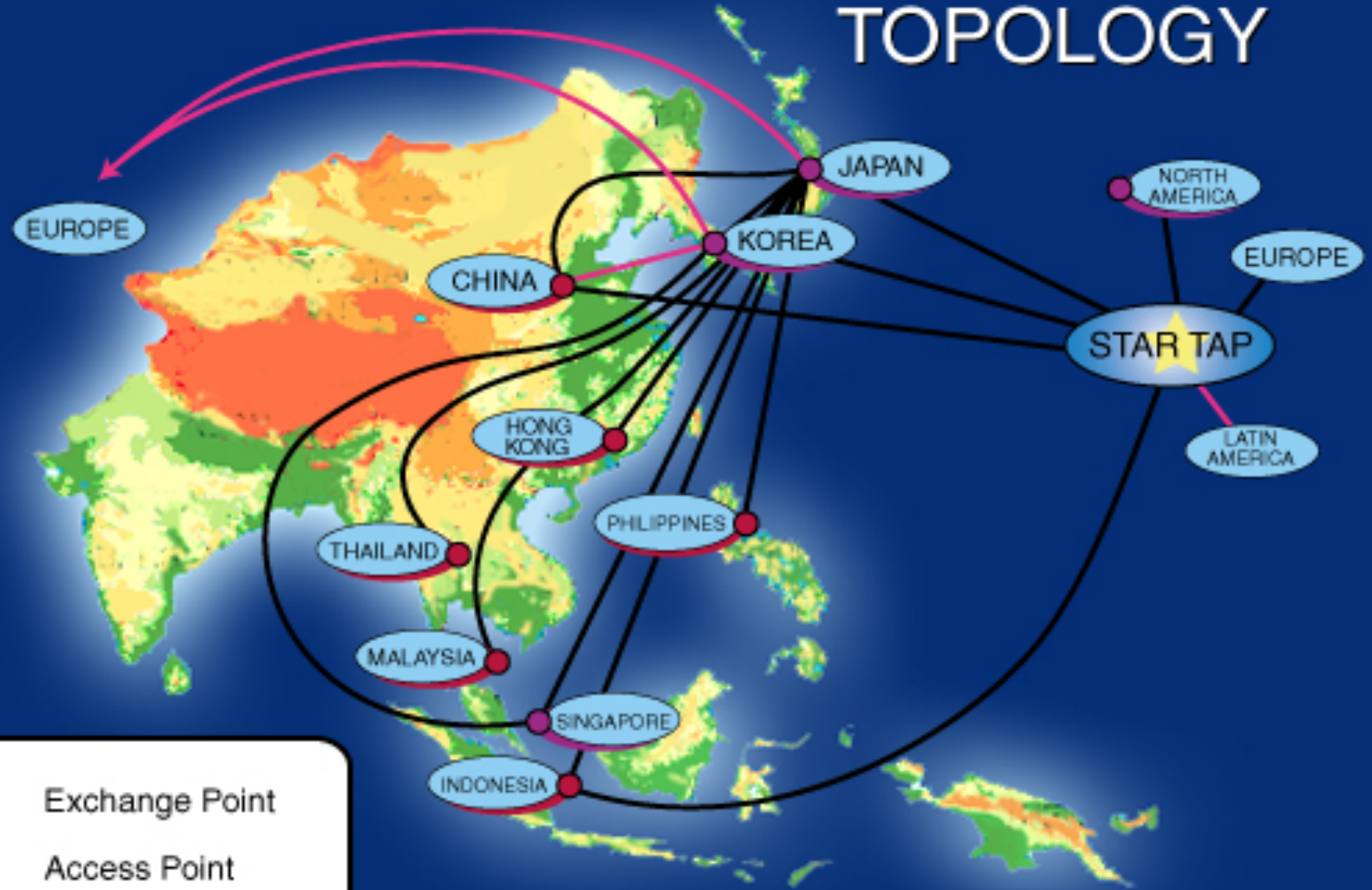


January 2001  
Installed/Planned  
Physical Topology

- 622 Mbps
- 3 x 155 Mbps
- 2 x 155 Mbps
- 155 Mbps
- 34/45 Mbps

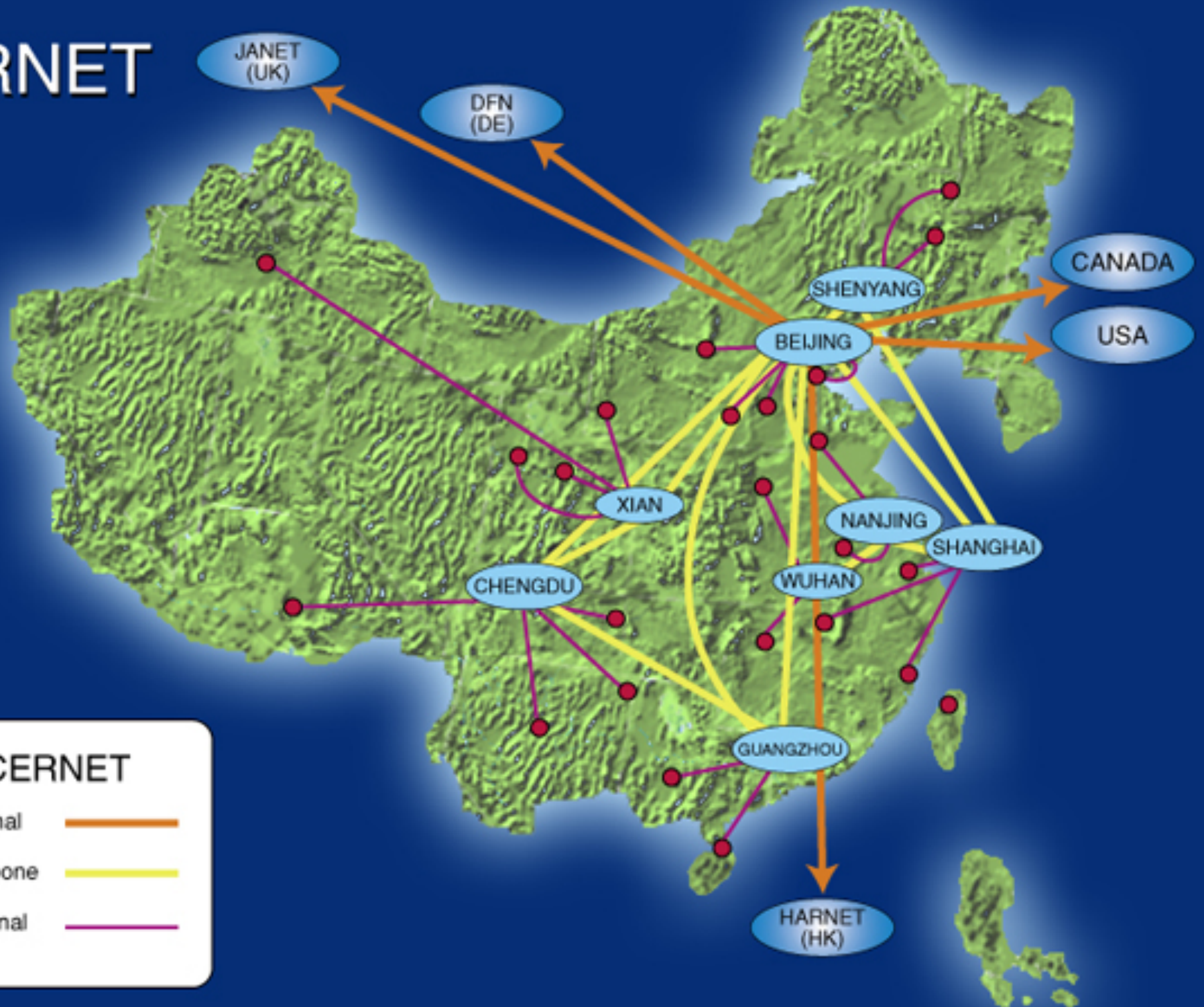


# APAN NETWORK TOPOLOGY






- Exchange Point
- Access Point
- Current Status
- 2001 (Plan)

# CERNET



## CERNET

- External 
- Backbone 
- Regional 



# NRRENs

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- OC48 backbone implemented today
  - Moving to OC192 as next evolution
- Institutions access backbone at OC12 or greater (a few connections at OC48)
- Native high-speed IPv4
- Support for IPv6 (but at much lower performance due to router constraints)



# NRRENs

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- Advanced Services
  - Typically run as open (visible) networks, not a commercial service
  - IP multicast deployed in most backbones, but still not as production as unicast; but not reliable internationally
  - QoS – mixed results, still in it's infancy. Very little going across more than one network
- Intra-regional interconnect speeds range from OC3 to OC12, soon to be OC48 in some cases



# Impediments to Building Global Grids

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- International connections very slow compared with NRREN backbone speeds
- Long term funding uncertain (e.g. NSF HPIIS program)
- Global connection effort not well-coordinated
- Overly reliant on transit through US infrastructure
- Frequently connections are via ATM or IP clouds, making management of advanced services difficult
- Poor coordination of advanced service deployment
- Extreme difficulty ensuring reasonable end-to-end performance



# Connectivity to US Transit Infrastructure

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APAN	100Mb/s
CERNET	10Mb/s
SingAREN	45Mb/s
TANet2	45Mb/s

CA*net3	1.2Gb/s
CUDI	45Mb/s
AMPATH	45Mb/s

NORDUnet	400Mb/s
RENATER2	45Mb/s
SURFnet	155Mb/s
MIRnet	10Mb/s
IUCC	45Mb/s
Dante	600Mb/s
CERN	155Mb/s



# STAR TAP and International Transit Service (ITN)

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- STAR TAP, CAnet3 and Abilene provide some level of International transit across North America
  - Abilene offers convenient international transit at multiple landing sites, however transit not offered to other NRRENs (e.g. ESnet)
- STAR TAP requires a connection to AADS best effort ATM service (reducing the ability to deploy QoS)



# Indiana University

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- Firsthand experience with these difficulties through its Global NOC
- <http://globalnoc.iu.edu/>



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## 2. Towards a Global Terabit Research Network (GTRN)

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- Global network-enabled collaborative Grids require true high-speed global research and education network that:
  - provide a single global backbone interconnecting global network access points (GNAPs) that provide peering within a country or region
  - provide global backbone speeds comparable to those at NRRENS, i.e. OC192 in 2002
  - allow coordinated global advanced service deployment (e.g. QoS, IPv6, multicast)
  - is based on stable carrier infrastructure or leased or owned fiber



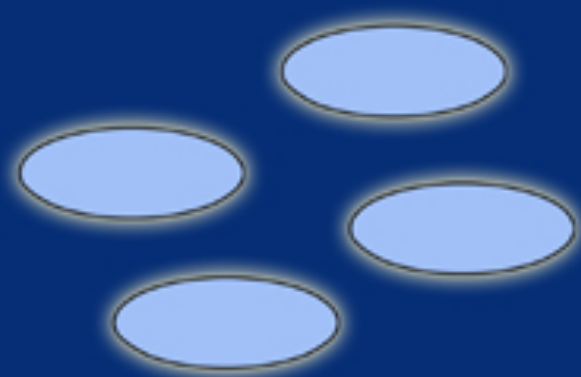


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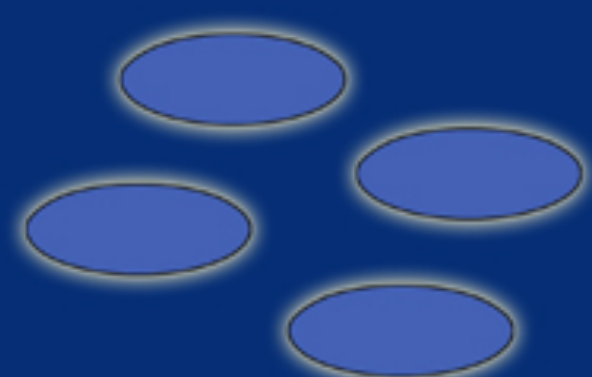
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- is persistent, i.e. based on long-term (5-10 year) agreements with carriers, router vendors and optical transmission equipment vendors
- is scalable – e.g. OC768 by 2004, multiple wavelengths running striped OC768s by 2005, terabit/sec transmission by 2006
- allow GNAPs to connect at OC48 and above. To scale up as backbone speeds scale up
- provides a production service with 24x7x365 management through a global NOC

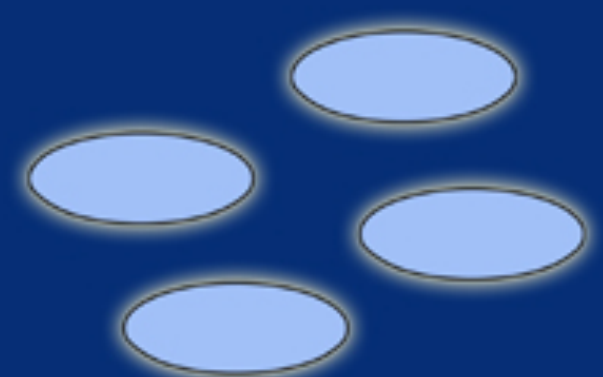




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# GTRN



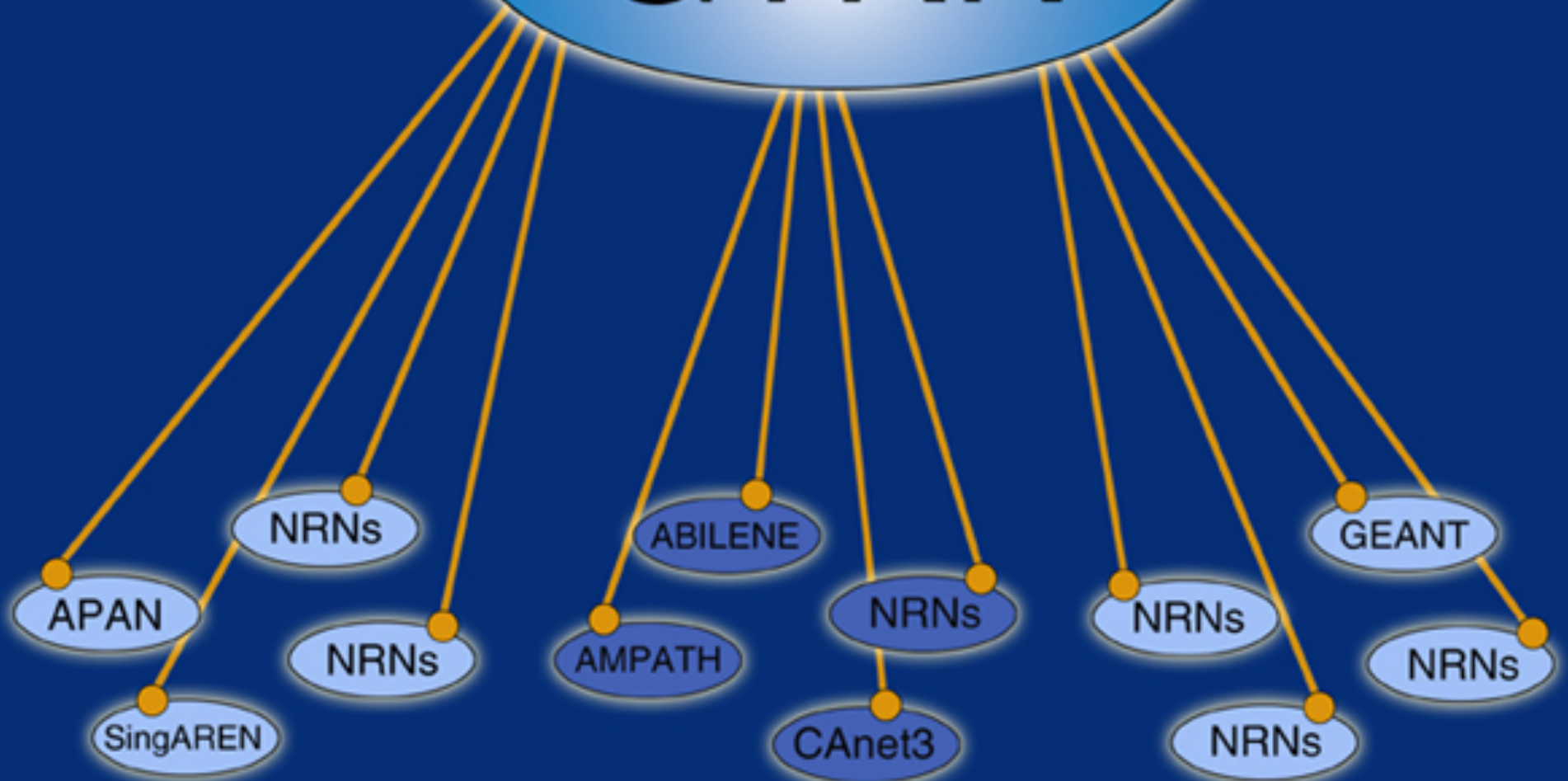
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