

# Lambda Networking Research

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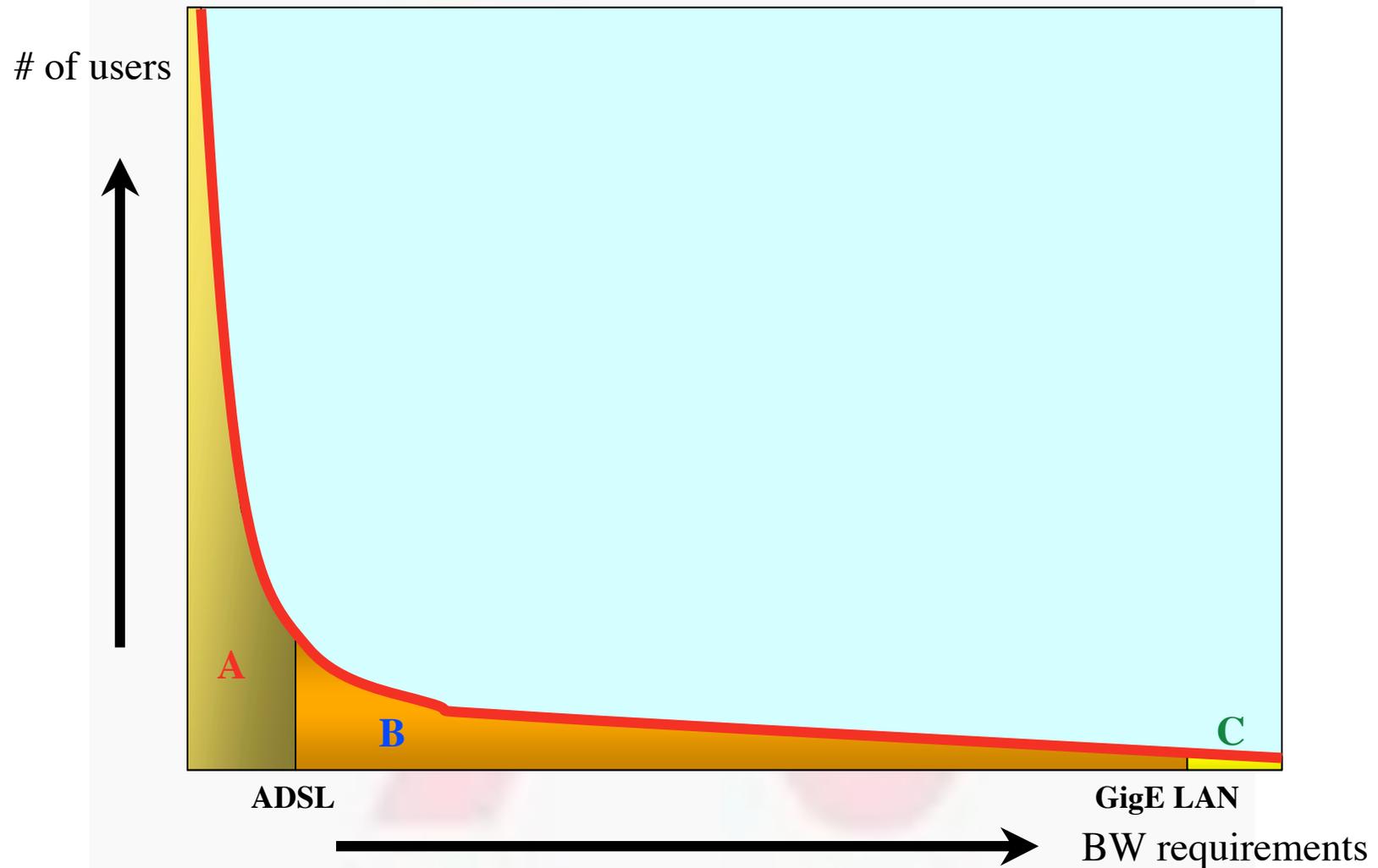
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# Contents of this talk

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# Know the user



A -> Lightweight users, browsing, mailing, home use

B -> Business applications, multicast, streaming

C -> Special scientific applications, computing, data grids, virtual-presence

# Integrating Distributed Collaborative Visualization (4 of 10)



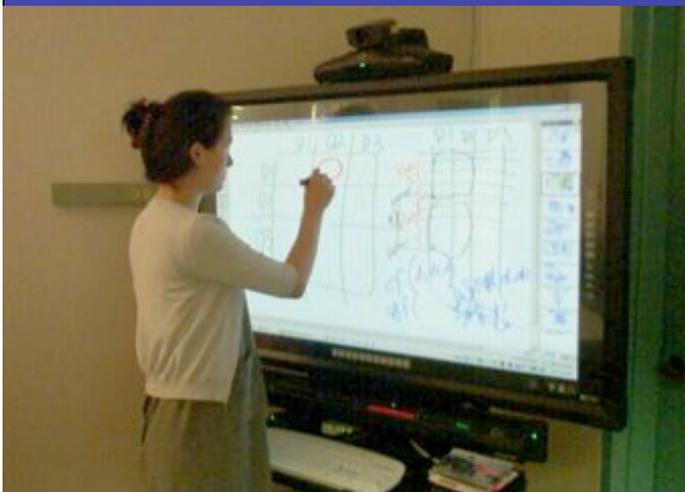
CAVE



AccessGrid



ImmersaDesk



Plasma Touch Screen



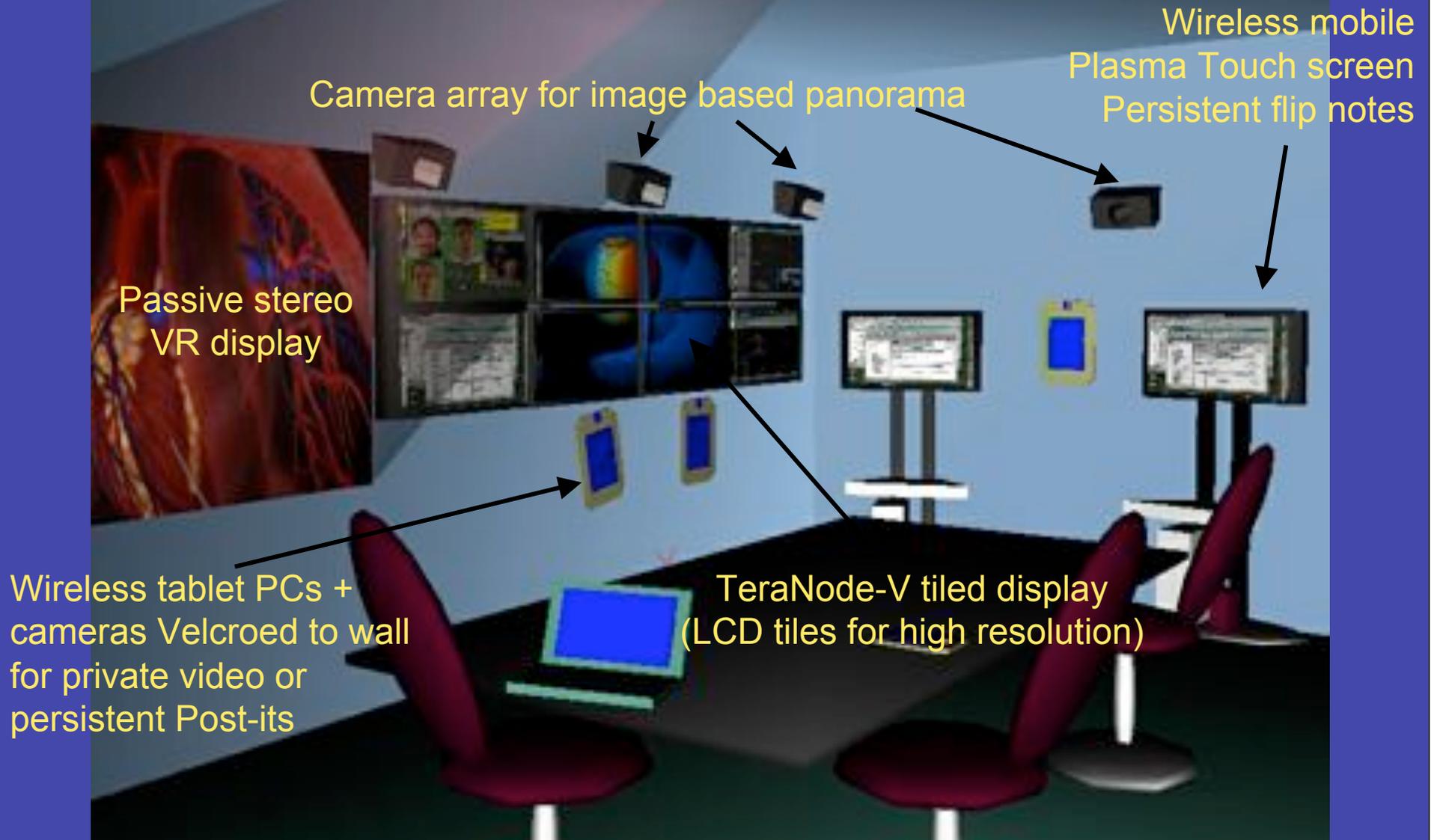
AGAVE: Passive Stereo Wall



PDA's, Tablet PCs,  
Laptops

# Integrating Distributed Collaborative Visualization

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The pilot test described here aims to create a single baseline, real-time, radio interferometer between Jodrell Bank in the UK and Westerbork in the north of The Netherlands. The JIVE data processor in Dwingeloo, close to Westerbork, will be used to correlate the data.



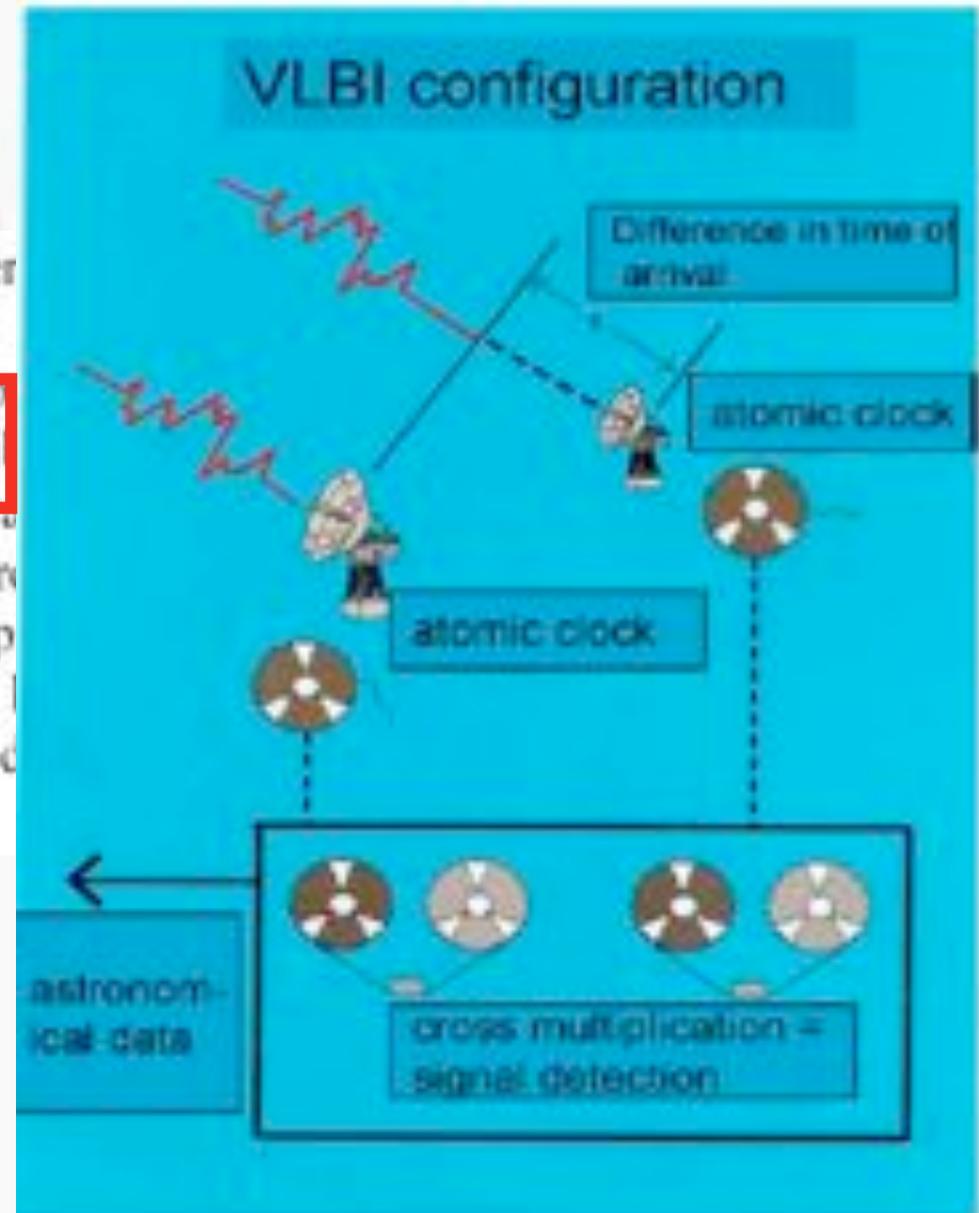
*Jodrell Bank Lovell Telescope - UK*



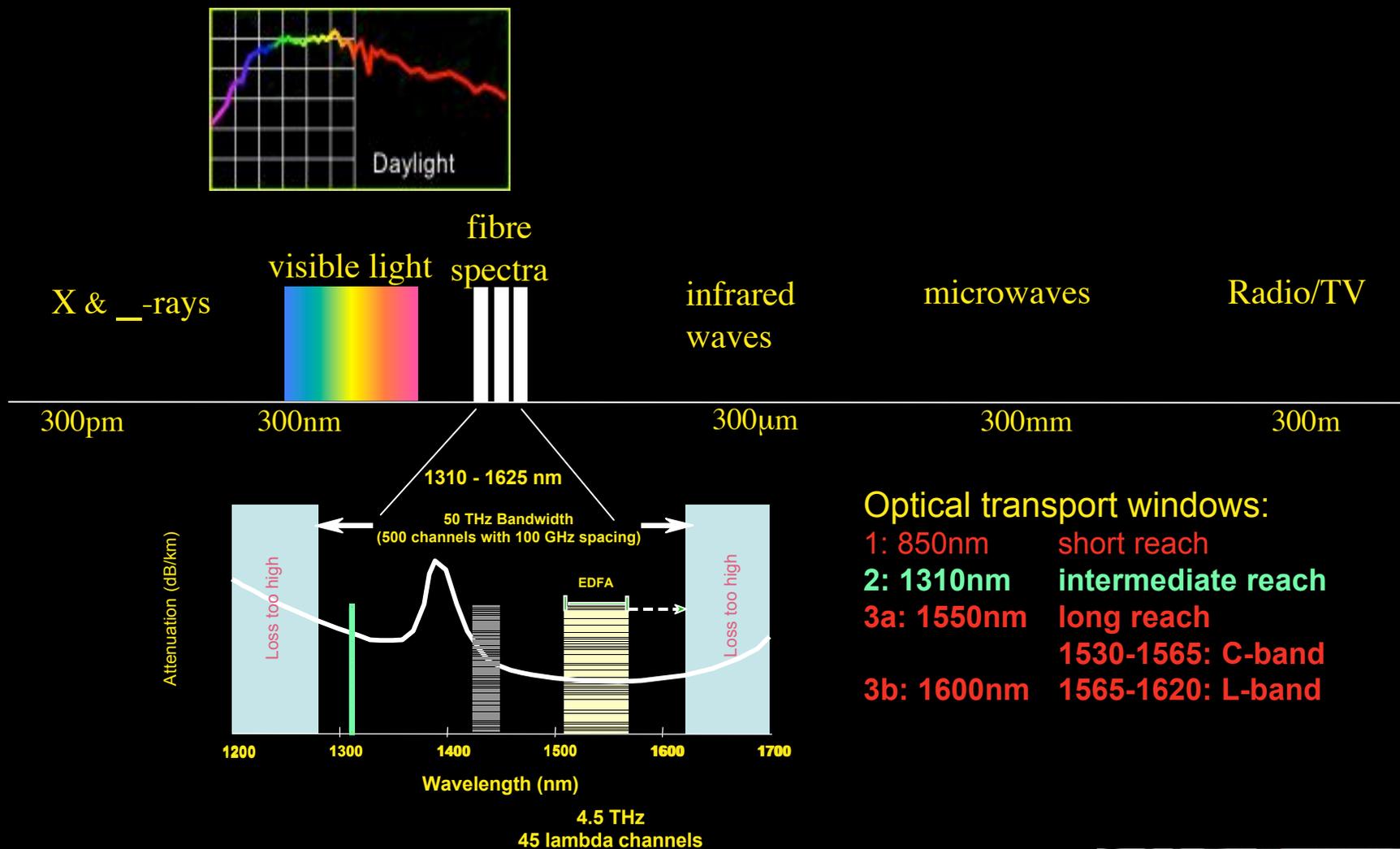
*Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope -  
Netherlands*

# VLBI

VLBI is easily capable of generating data rates of 8 Gb/s or more. The sensitivity of the VLBI array scales as the square root of the bandwidth (data-rate) and there is a strong push to increase the bandwidth. Rates of 8 Gb/s or more are entirely feasible for development. It is expected that parallel correlator will remain the most efficient approach. Distributed processing may have an application in VLBI as multi-gigabit data streams will aggregate into a single link or and the capacity of the final link to the correlator.



# Optical bandwidth: room to grow



## Optical transport windows:

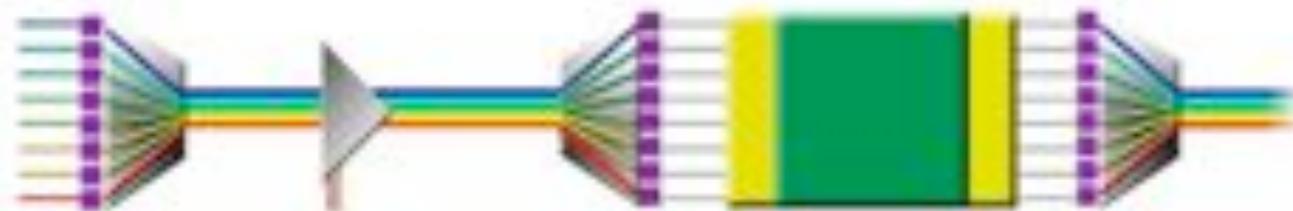
- 1: 850nm short reach
- 2: 1310nm intermediate reach
- 3a: 1550nm long reach  
1530-1565: C-band
- 3b: 1600nm 1565-1620: L-band



# Lambda networking

- WDM: Wavelength Division Multiplexing:
  - multiple colors (*lambdas*) on a single fiber
- OADM: Add/drop traffic in optical domain
- OXC: Optical Cross-Connect

## Optical Network Elements



**DWDM**

Establishes  
hundreds  
of optical  
wavelength

**OADM**

Wavelength  
add/drop subset

**Optical Switch**

Highly scalable  
optical management

**SURFnet**



# So, what's up doc

## Suppose:

- **Optical components get cheaper and cheaper**
- **Dark (well, dark?) fibers abundant**
- **Number of available  $\lambda$ /user  $\rightarrow \infty$**
- **Speeds of 10, 100, 1000 Gbit/s make electrical domain packet handling physically difficult**

## Then:

- **$\lambda$  provisioning for grid applications becomes feasible**
- **Long term view ---> full optical**



# Why optical networking and IP ?

- Well established IP world of applications
- Provides worldwide addressing scheme, DNS, URL's, Routing, etc.
- Optical networks are supposed to bring speed
- Only Lambda's may look like a telephone system
- How to marry both worlds ?

# Connection less versus <sup>(12 of 14)</sup> connection oriented

- Connection less
  - postal office
  - mail
  - internet (IP)
  - datagram delivery
- Connection oriented
  - telephone system
  - 3 phases: establish, use, release
  - order preserved
  - file transfer
  - waste of resources
  - TCP
- role can change in each layer

# Example of connection less communication <sup>(int)</sup>



# Optical networking, 3 scenarios

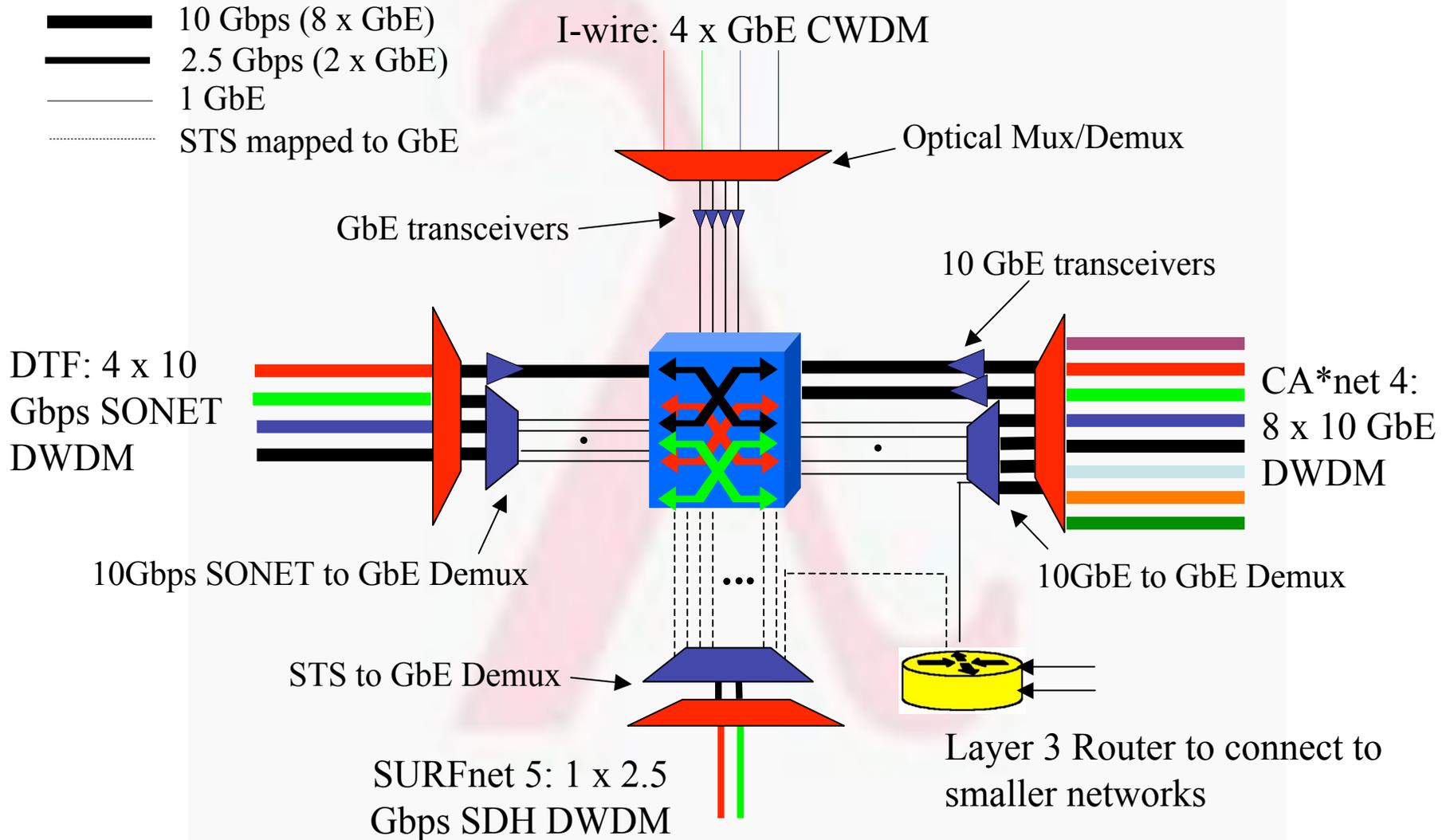
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- **Lambdas for internal ISP bandwidth provisioning**
  - An ISP uses a lambda switching network to make better use of its (suppliers) dark fibers and to provision to the POP's. In this case the optical network is just within one domain and as such is a relatively simple case.
- **Lambda switching as peering point technology**
  - In this use case a layer 1 Internet exchange is build. ISP's peer by instantiating lambdas to each other. Is a  $N*(N-1)$  and multi domain management problem.
- **Lambda switching as grid application bandwidth provisioning**
  - This is by far the most difficult since it needs UNI and NNI protocols to provision the optical paths through different domains.

# Current technology + (re)definition

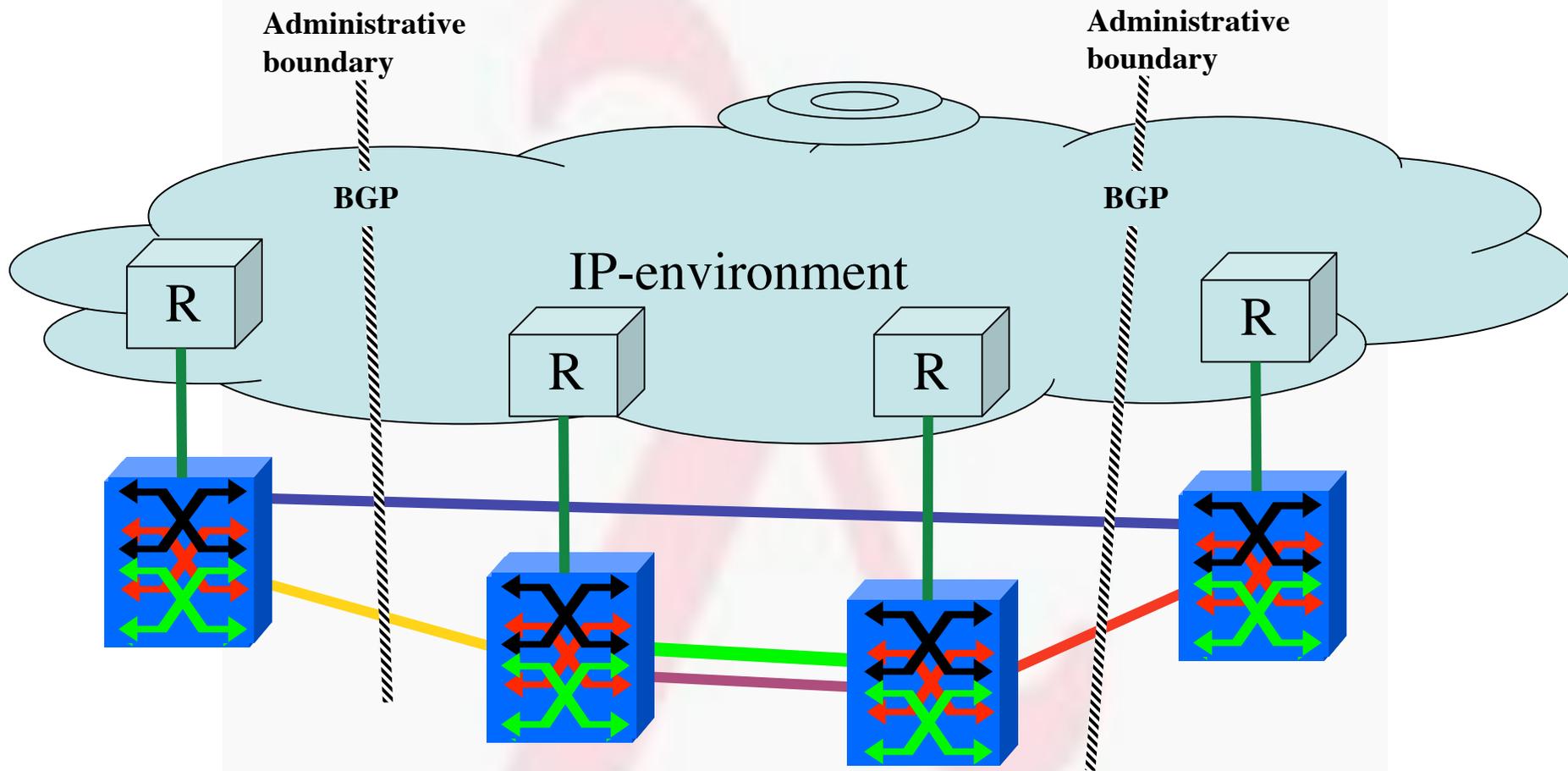
- Current (to me) available technology consists of SONET/SDH switches
- DWDM+switching coming up
- Starlight uses for the time being VLAN's on Ethernet switches to connect [exactly] two ports
- So redefine a  $\lambda$  as:
  - “a  $\lambda$  is a pipe where you can inspect packets as they enter and when they exit, but principally not when in transit. In transit one only deals with the parameters of the pipe: number, color, bandwidth”

# Possible STAR LIGHT configuration (13 of 17)

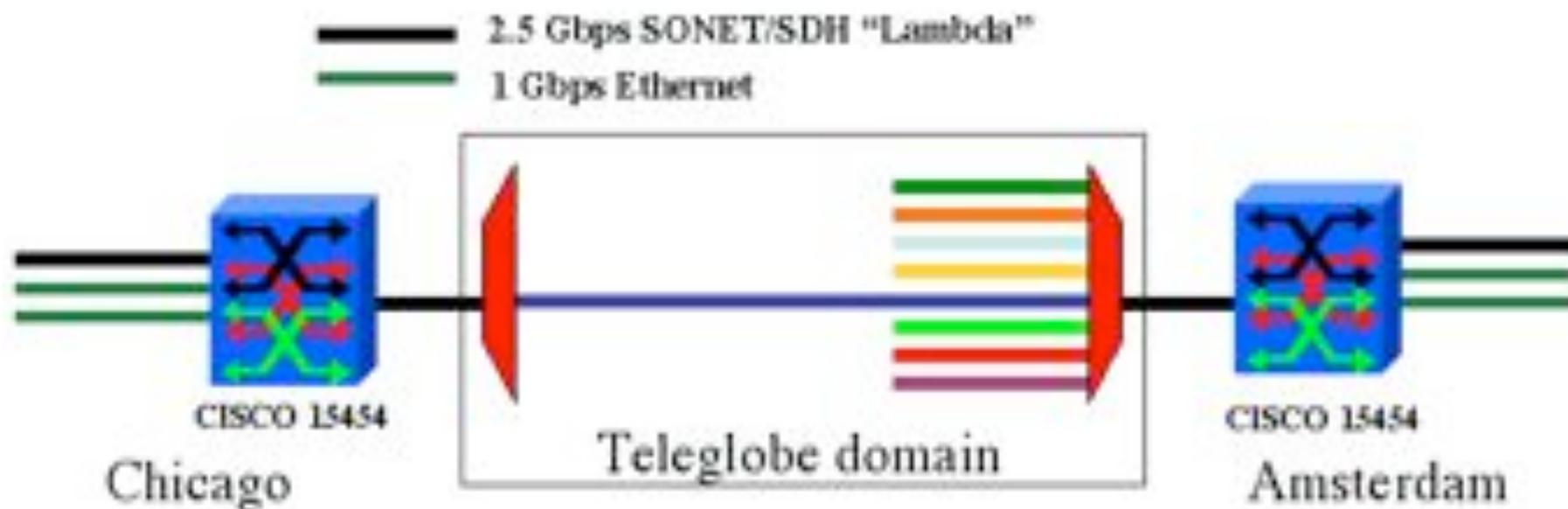


*Courtesy Bill St.Arnaud*

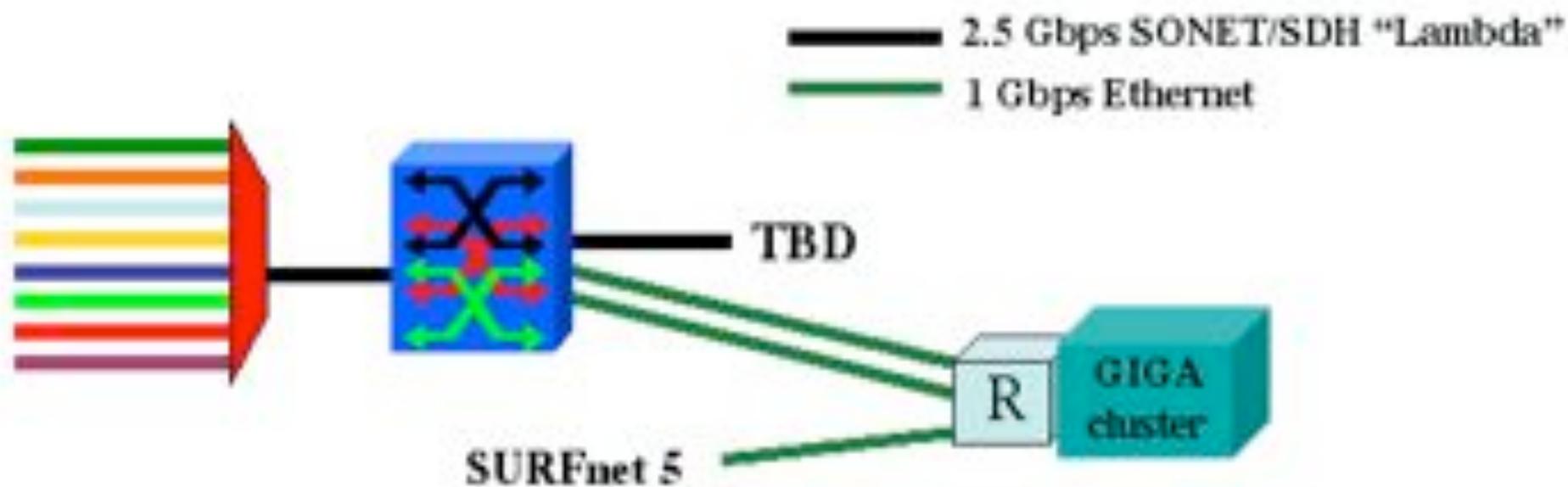
# Multi domain IP controlled



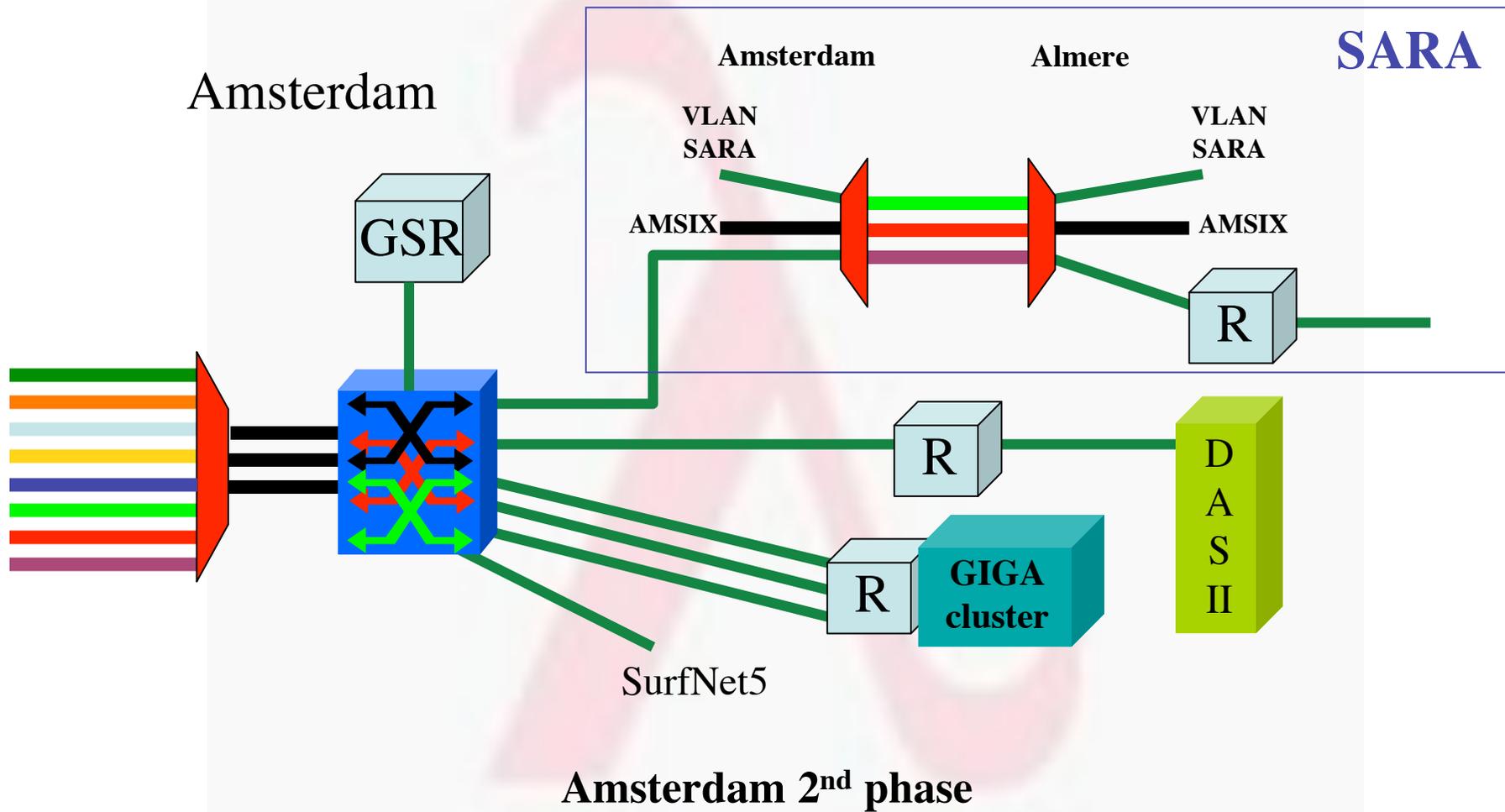
## Basic phase 1



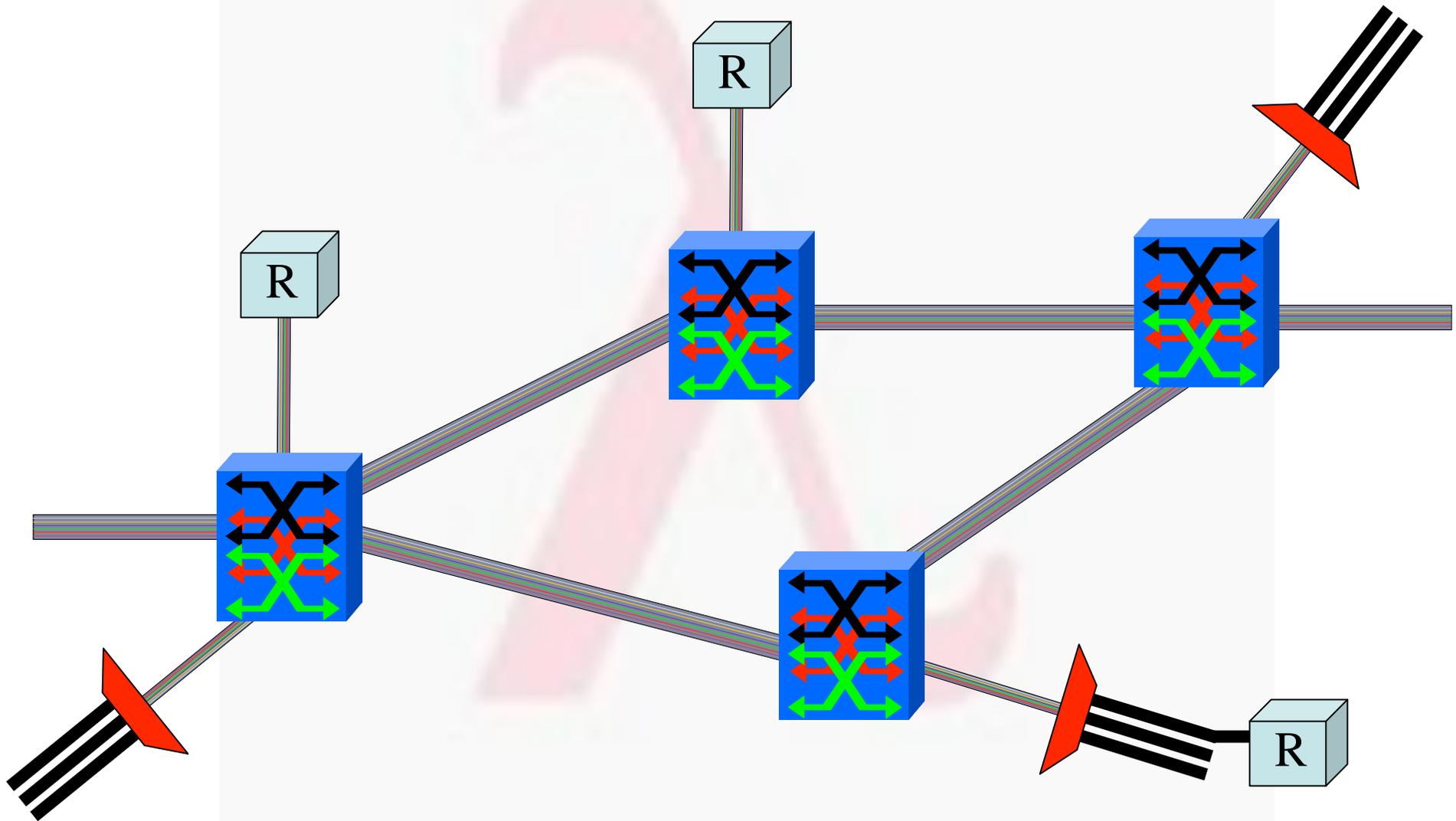
### Amsterdam 1<sup>st</sup> phase



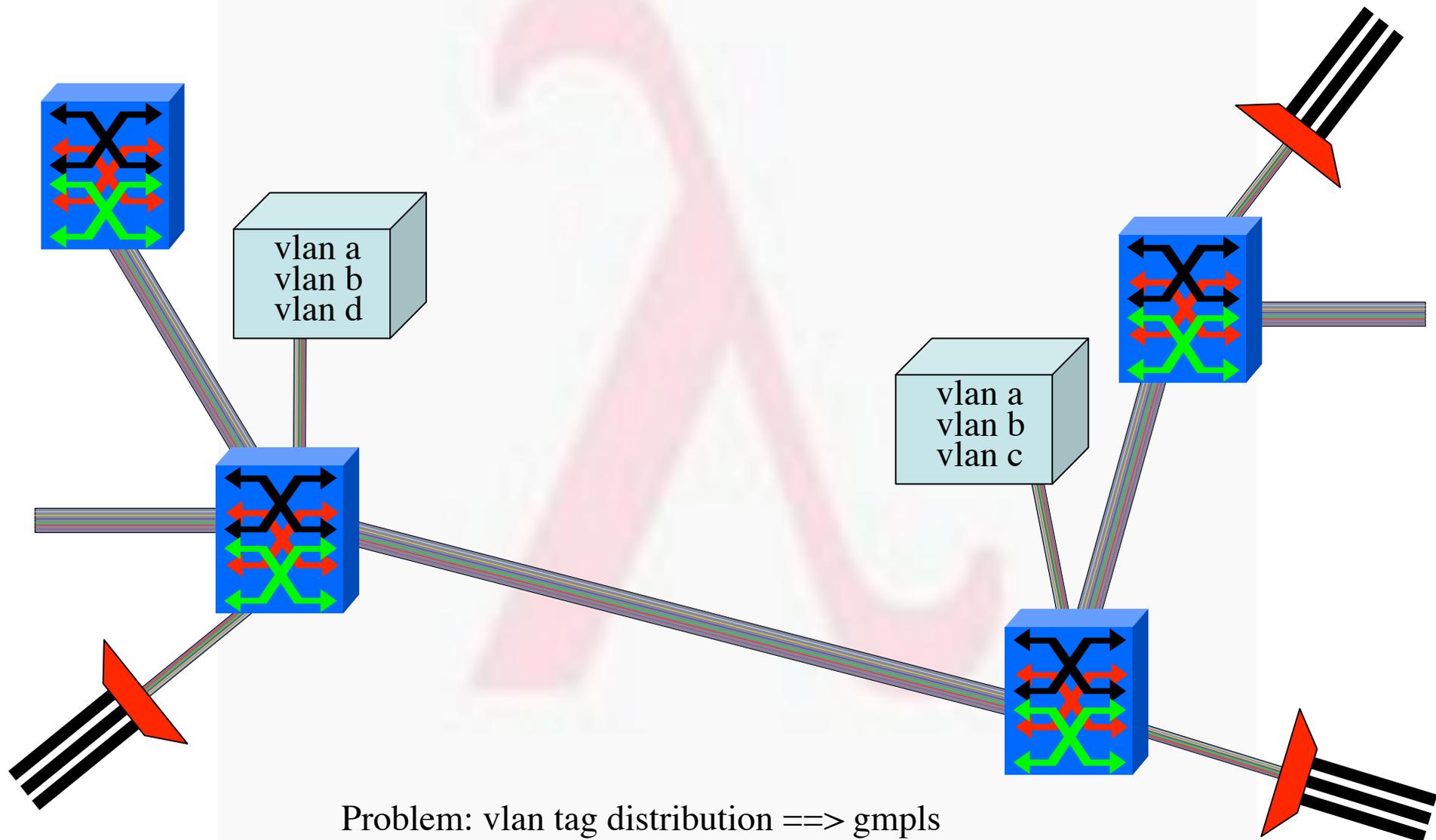
— 2.5 Gbps SONET/SDH “Lambda”  
— 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet



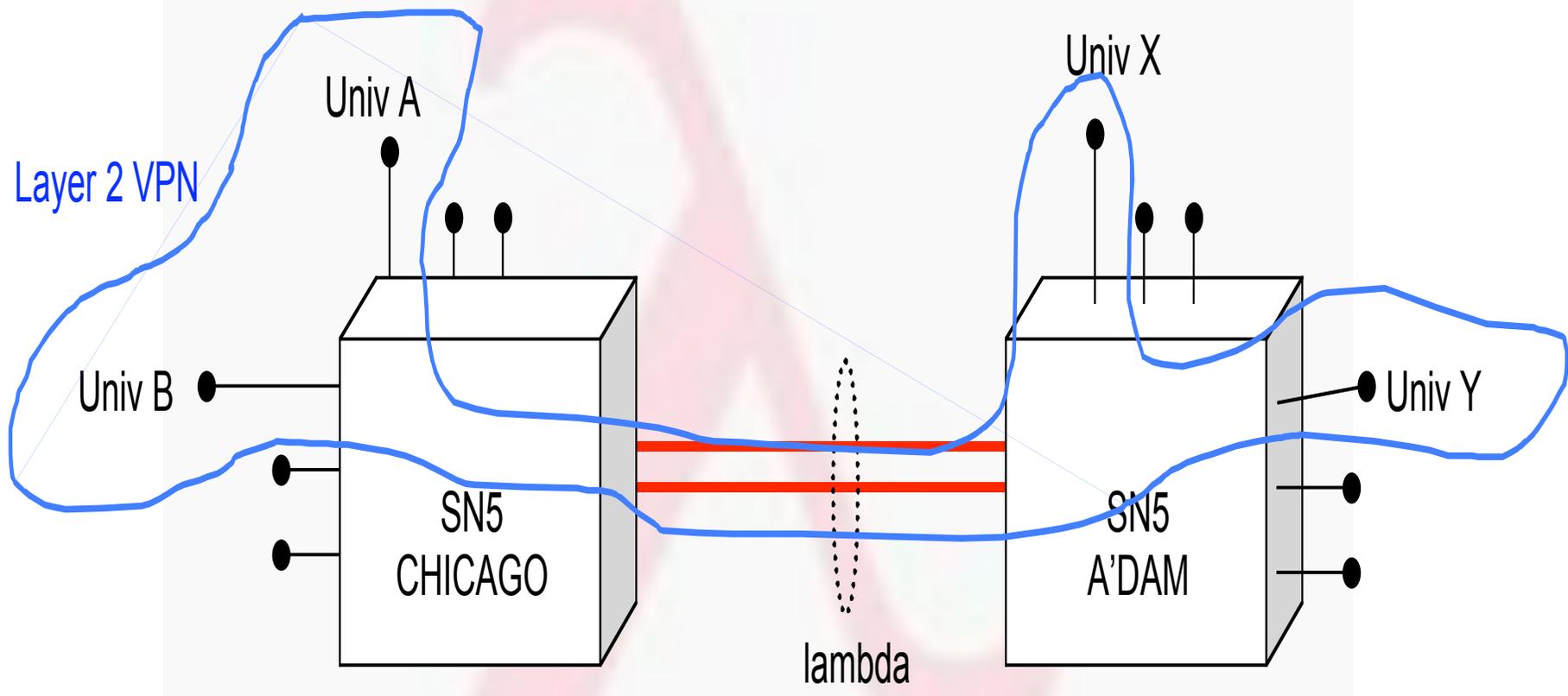
# Other architectures - L1 - 3



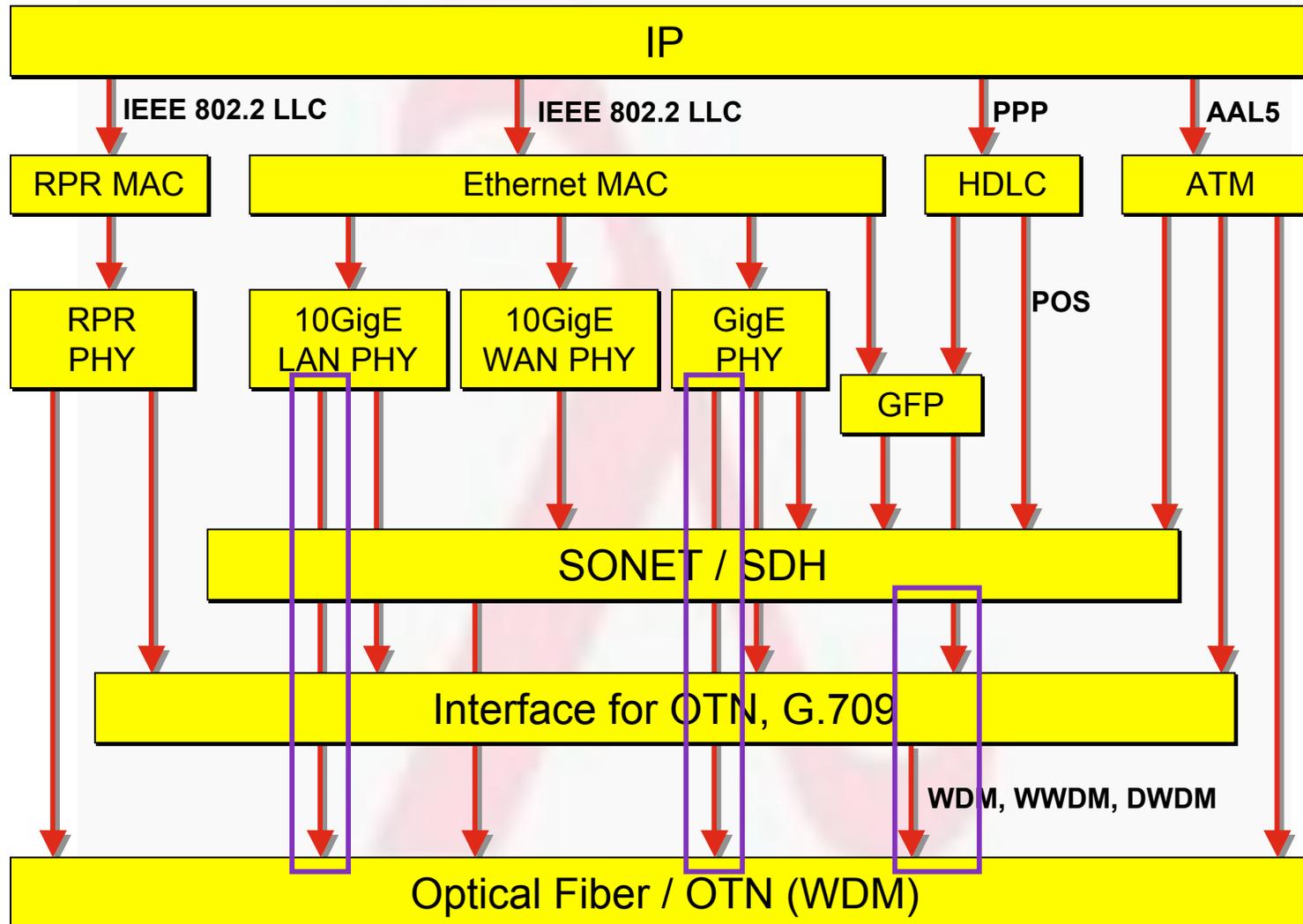
# Other architectures - Distributed virtual IEX'es <sup>(17b of 18)</sup>



# Distributed L2



# IP networking over Optics



RPR = Resilient Packet Ring, IEEE 802.17

HDLC = High-Level Data-Link Control

POS = Packet over SONET/SDH

GFP = Generic Framing Procedure (ANSI T1 X1-driven standard)

OTN = Optical Transport Network

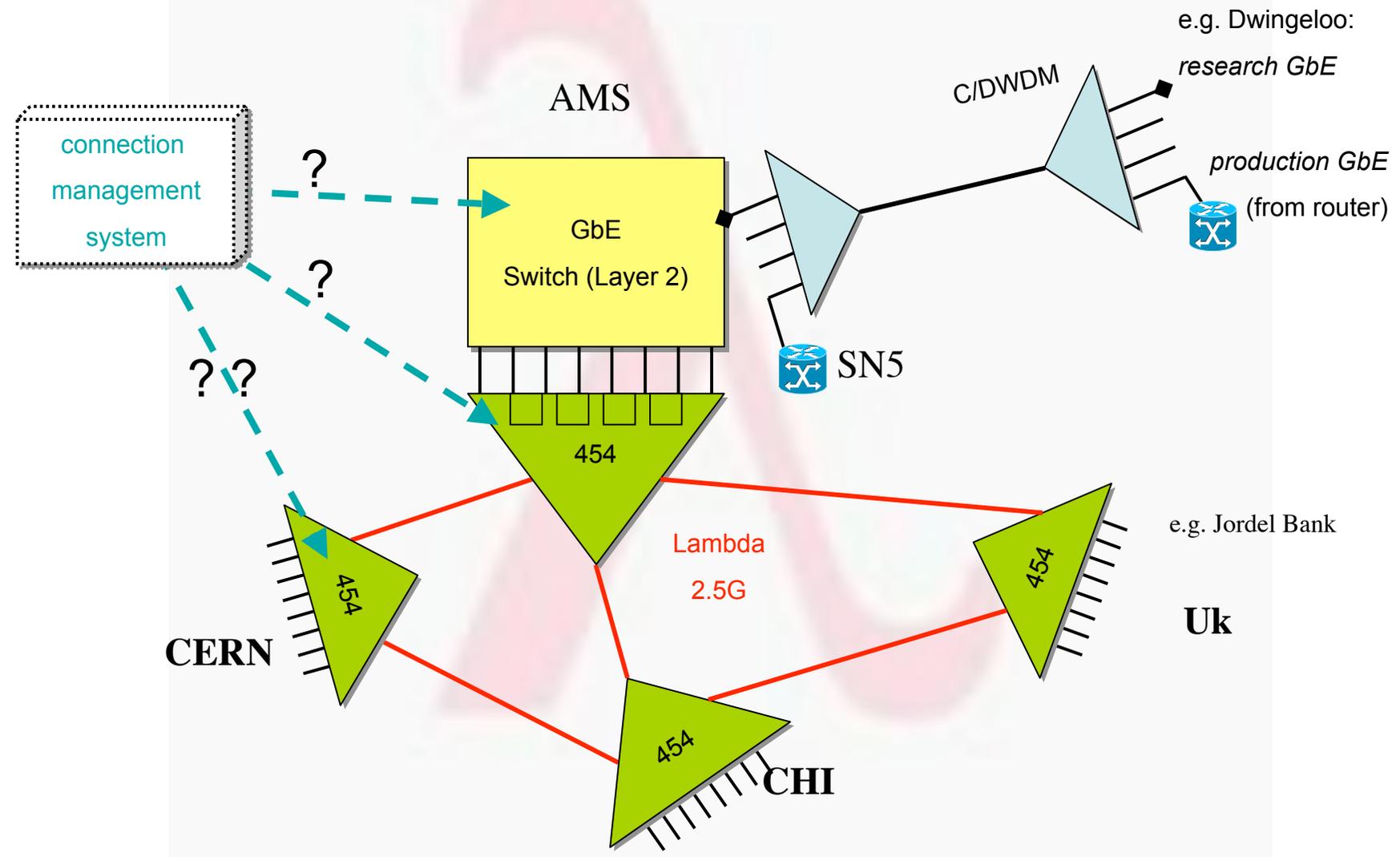
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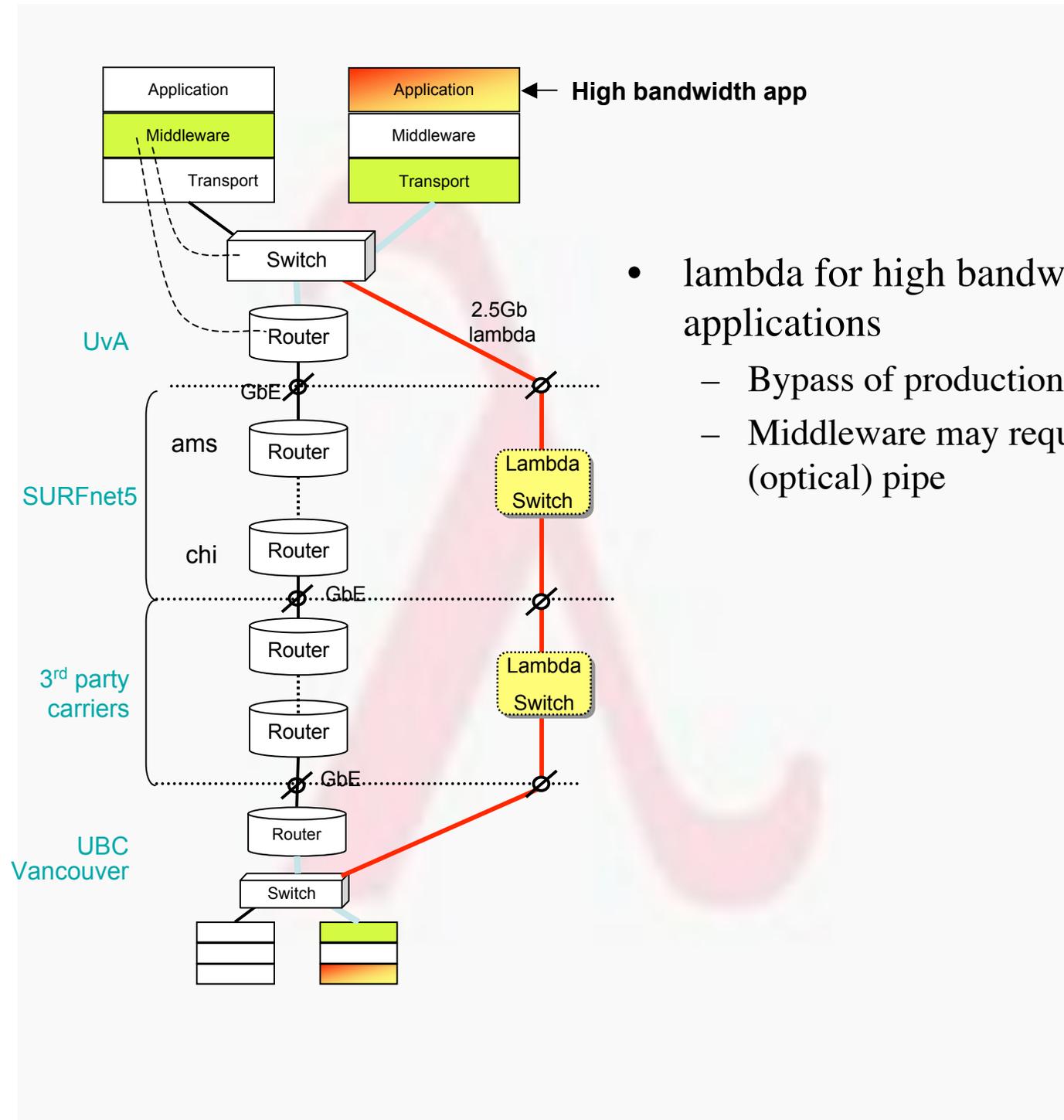
WWDM = Wide WDM

DWDM = Dense WDM



# Lambda/GbE exchange





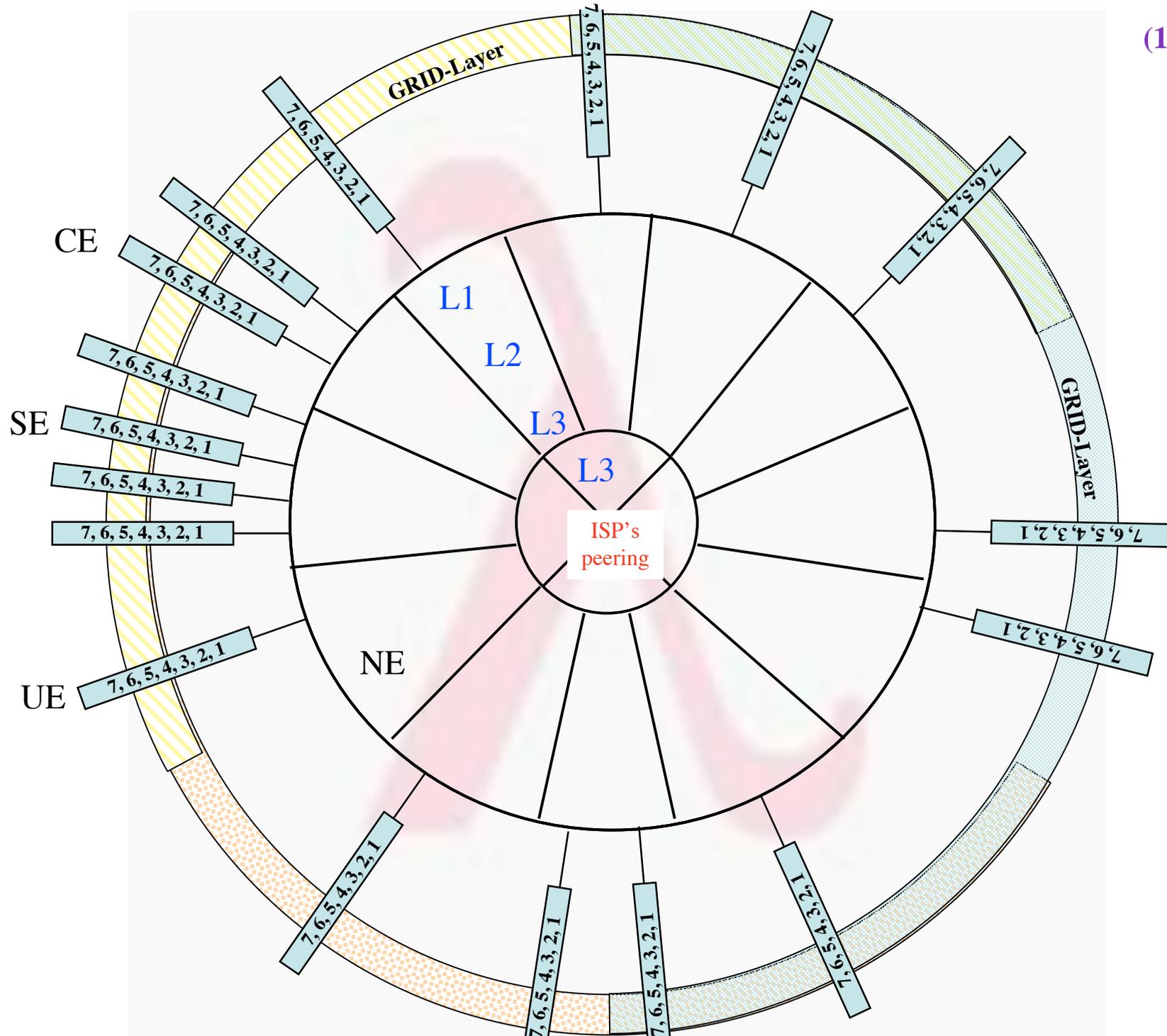
- lambda for high bandwidth applications
  - Bypass of production network
  - Middleware may request (optical) pipe

## research on $\lambda$ 's

- how to get traffic in and out of lambdas
- how to map load on the network to a map of lambdas
- how to deal with lambdas at peering points
- how to deal with provisioning when more administrative domains are involved
- how to do fine grain near real time grid application level lambda provisioning

# Research with $\lambda$ 's

- High speed TCP (high rtt and BW)
- Routing stability
- Routing responsibility
- Extremely multihomed Networks
- Roles, organizational issues
- SLA's
- Models (Connection less versus oriented)
- Discreet versus continuous in time





# Example projects

- Do a few well defined proof of concepts
- Aim at IGRID2002
- Look into dynamics in lower layer
- Define interfaces
- Make Lambda setup take 300 ms in stead of 3 months
- Look into roles of different players
  - Who is owner of what part (GSP)
- Multi domain, policy, BW-brokering, AAA
- Optimal?
  - make 10 % protected and run the rest in scavenger mode