

# Lambda-Grid developments

History - Present - Future

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# Contents

1. The need for hybrid networking
2. StarPlane; a grid controlled photonic network
3. RDF/Network Description Language
4. Tera-networking
5. Programmable networks









# CineGrid@SARA



# Sensor Grids

## eVLBI



longer term VLBI is easily capable of generating  
The sensitivity of the VLBI array scales with  
width (=data-rate) and there is a strong push to mo  
dths. Rates of 8Gb/s or more are entirely feasible.  
under development. It is expected that parallel  
ed correlator will remain the most efficient approach  
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g factor.

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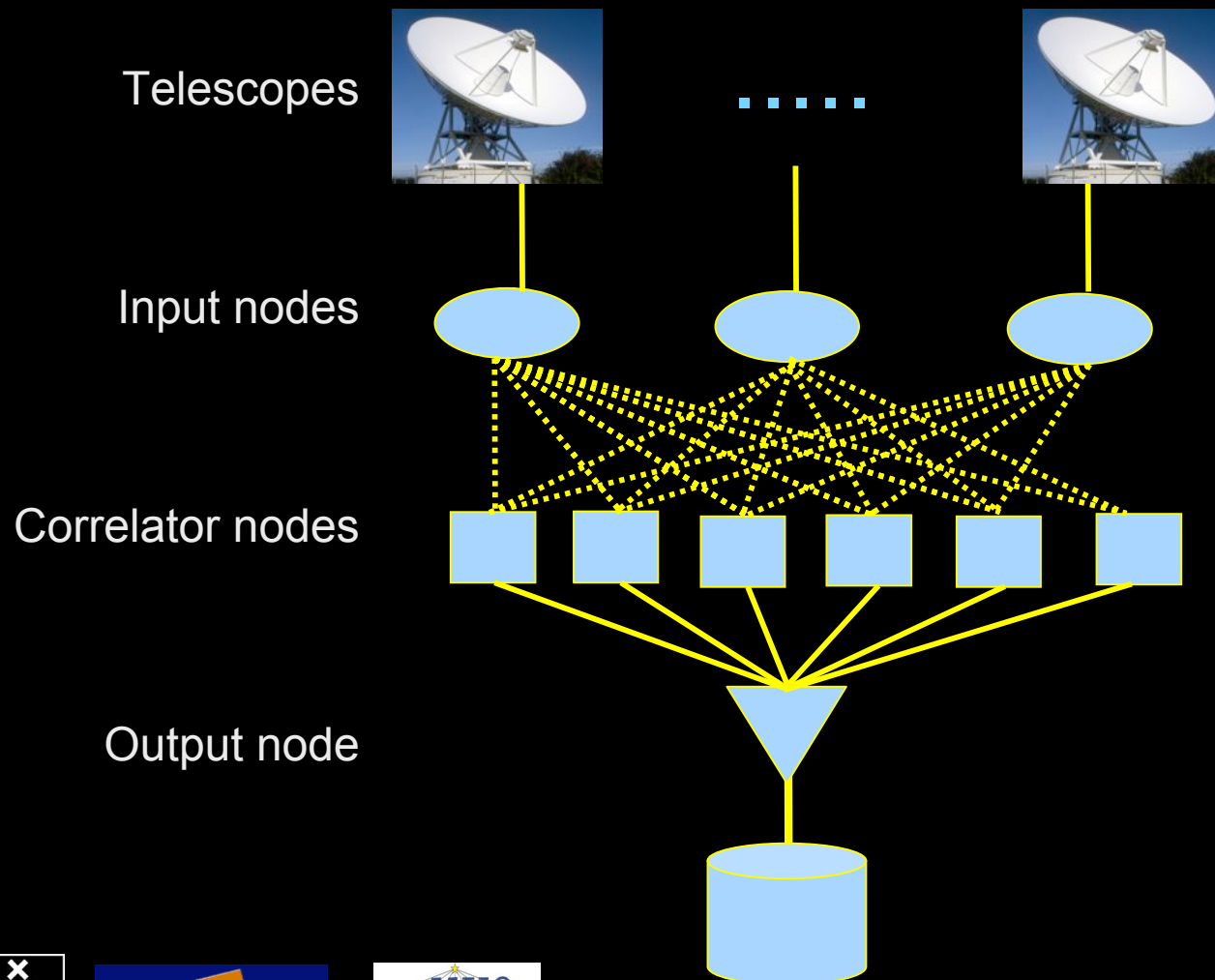
*Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope -  
Netherlands*

~ 40 Tbit/s  
[www.lofar.org](http://www.lofar.org)

# The SCARIE project

2 of 5

**SCARIE:** a research project to create a Software Correlator for e-VLBI.  
**VLBI Correlation:** signal processing technique to get high precision image from spatially distributed radio-telescope.



To equal the hardware correlator we need:

16 streams of 1Gbps

16 \* 1Gbps of data

2 Tflops CPU power

2 TFlop / 16 Gbps =

**1000 flops/byte**

**THIS IS A DATA  
FLOW PROBLEM !!!**





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**A. Lightweight users, browsing, mailing, home use**

**Need full Internet routing, one to all**

**B. Business/grid applications, multicast, streaming, VO's, mostly LAN**

**Need VPN services and full Internet routing, several to several + uplink to all**

**C. E-Science applications, distributed data processing, all sorts of grids**

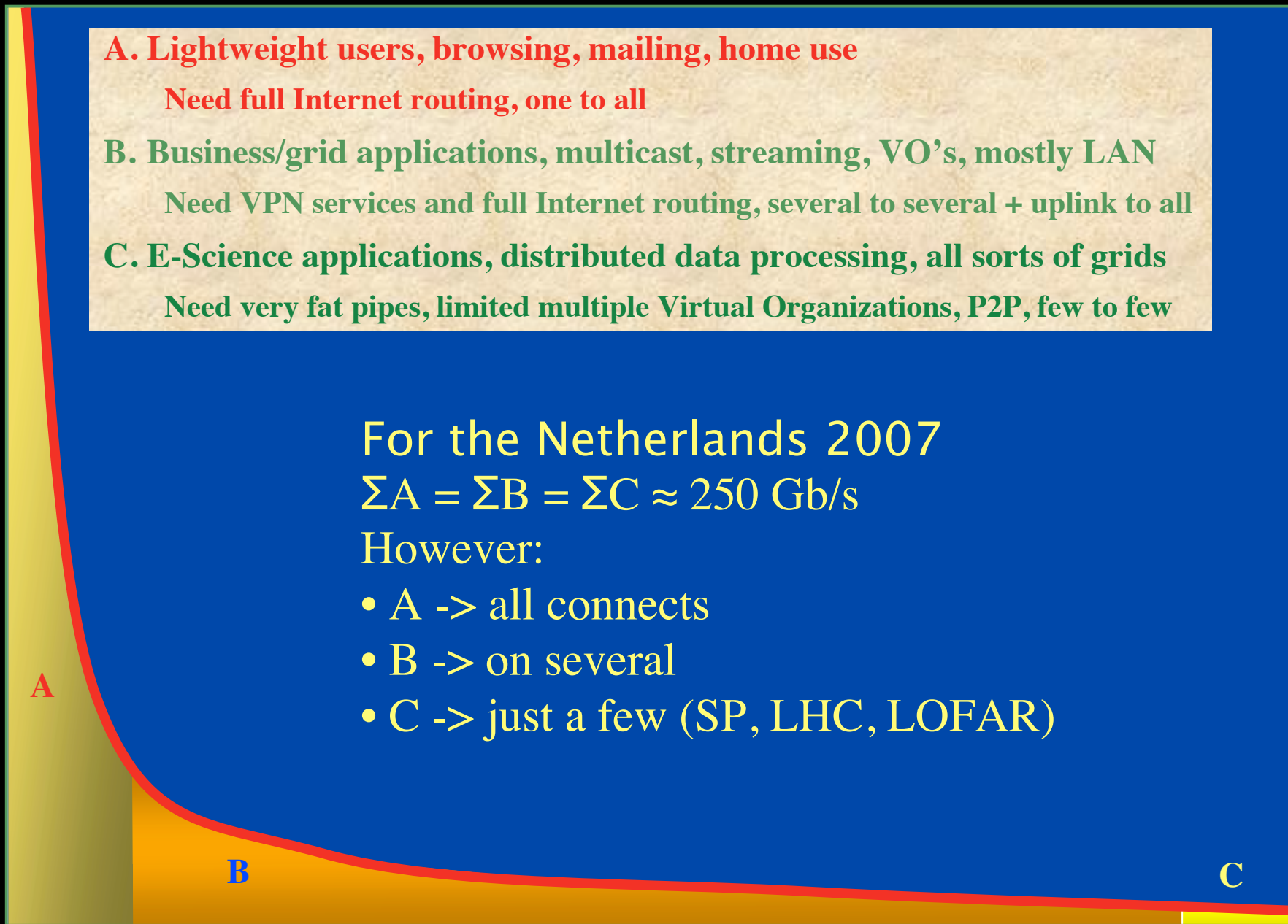
**Need very fat pipes, limited multiple Virtual Organizations, P2P, few to few**

For the Netherlands 2007

$$\Sigma A = \Sigma B = \Sigma C \approx 250 \text{ Gb/s}$$

However:

- A -> all connects
- B -> on several
- C -> just a few (SP, LHC, LOFAR)



ADSL (12 Mbit/s)

GigE

BW requirements





# Towards Hybrid Networking!

- Costs of photonic equipment 10% of switching 10 % of full routing
  - for same throughput!
  - Photonic vs Optical (optical used for SONET, etc, 10-50 k\$/port)
  - DWDM lasers for long reach expensive, 10-50 k\$
- Bottom line: look for a hybrid architecture which serves all classes in a cost effective way
  - map A -> L3 , B -> L2 , C -> L1 and L2
- Give each packet in the network the service it needs, but no more !

L1  $\approx$  2-3 k\$/port



L2  $\approx$  5-8 k\$/port



L3  $\approx$  75+ k\$/port

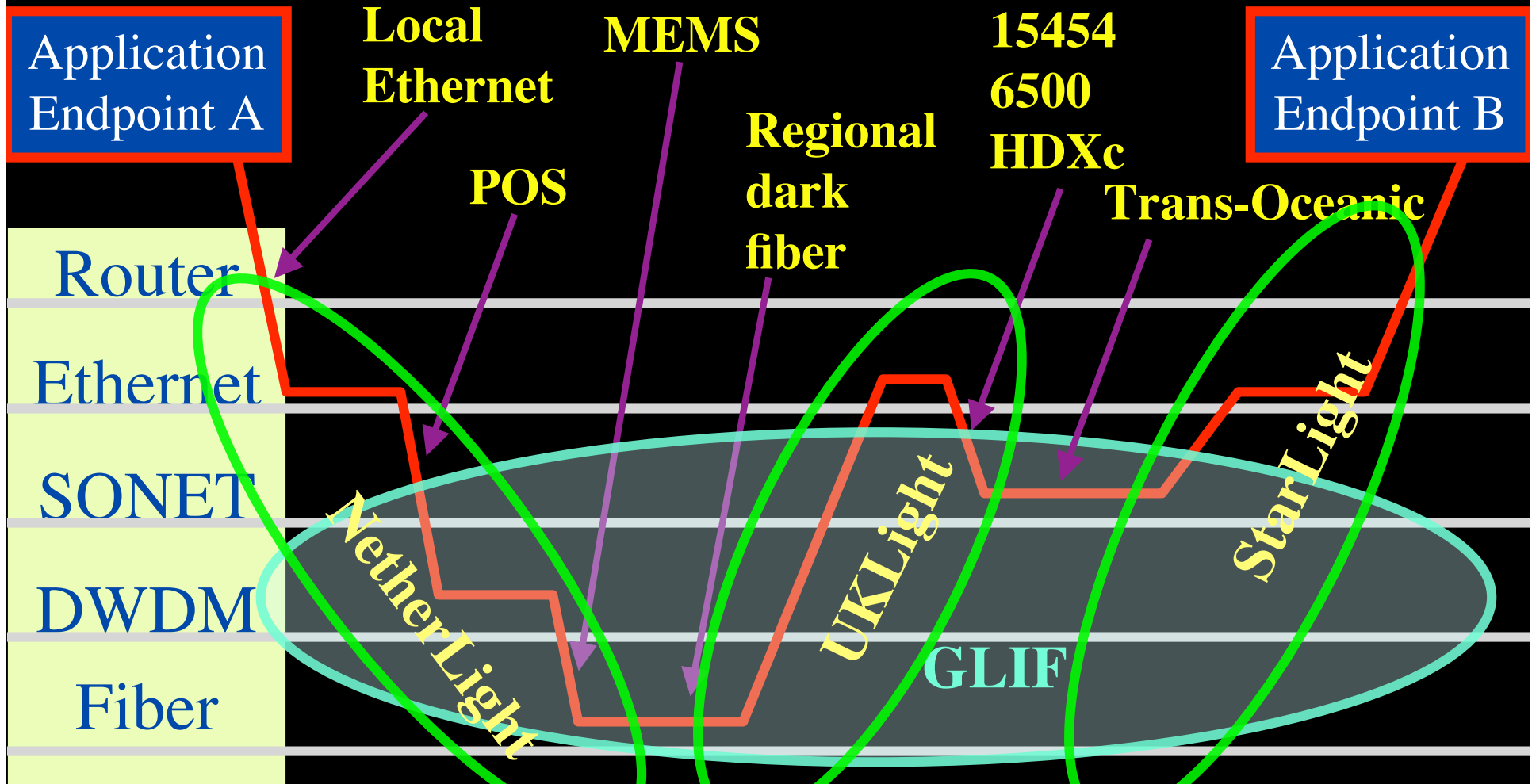


# Trends

- We have made baby-steps on the path to optical networking
  - Still many mails and phone calls
- See several trends:
  - lambda's get fatter and cheaper
  - photonic technology cheap per bandwidth
  - embedded computation capacity increasing
  - latency and high bandwidth congestion avoidance conflict
  - ethernet is getting circuit properties (PBT)
  - applications need more and more predictable behaviour



# How low can you go?









In The Netherlands SURFnet connects between 180:

- universities;
- academic hospitals;
- most polytechnics;
- research centers.

with an indirect ~750K user base

Red crosses = StarPlane

~ 6000 km  
scale  
comparable  
to railway  
system



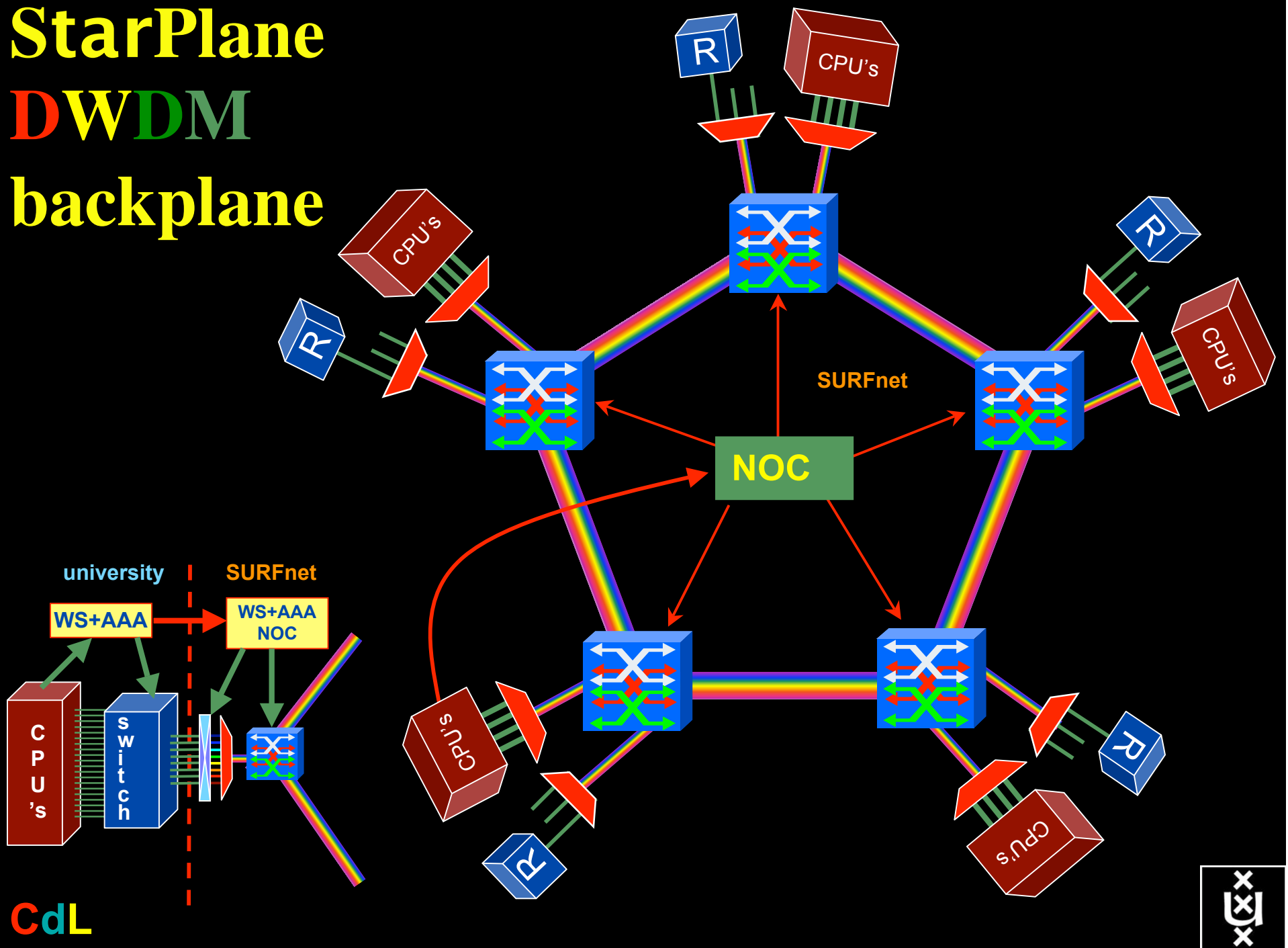


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# StarPlane DWDM backplane

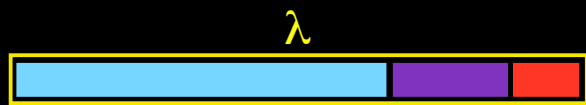






# QOS in a non destructive way!

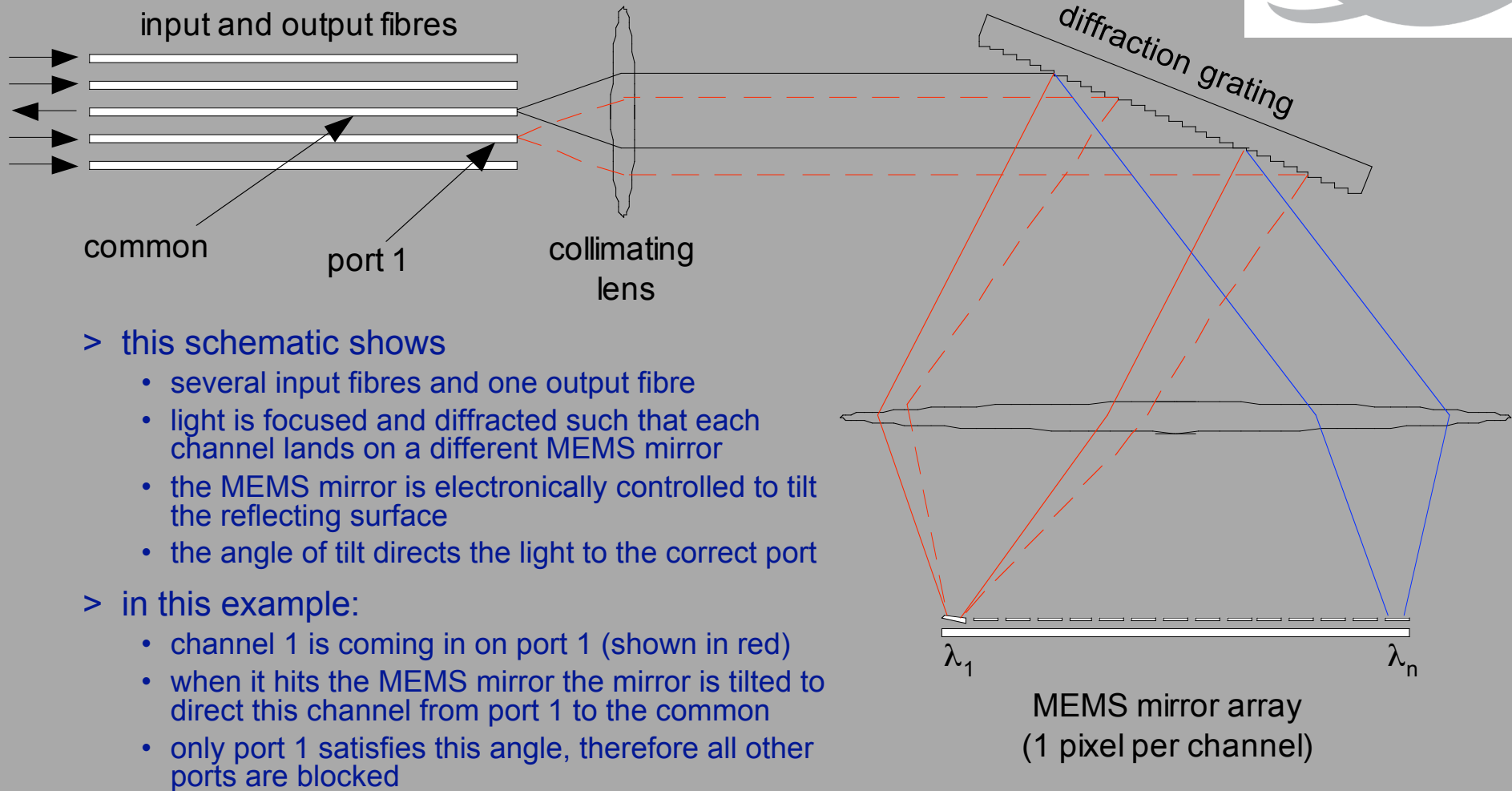
- Destructive QOS:
  - have a link or  $\lambda$
  - set part of it aside for a lucky few under higher priority
  - rest gets less service



- Constructive QOS:
  - have a  $\lambda$
  - add other  $\lambda$ 's as needed on separate colors
  - move the lucky ones over there
  - rest gets also a bit happier!

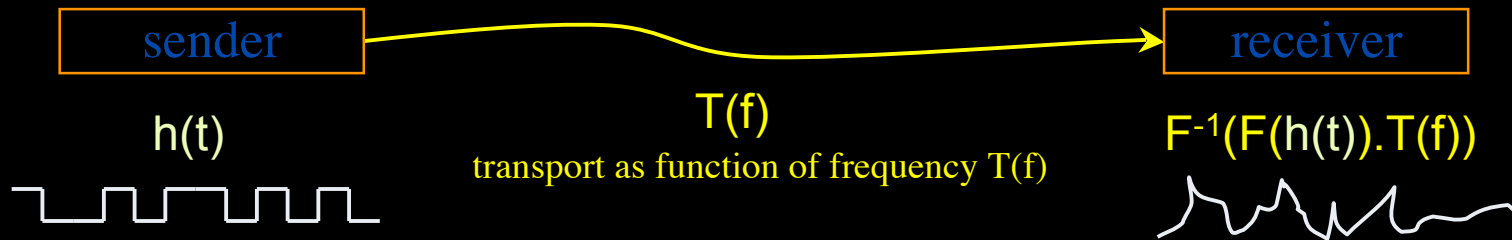


# Module Operation



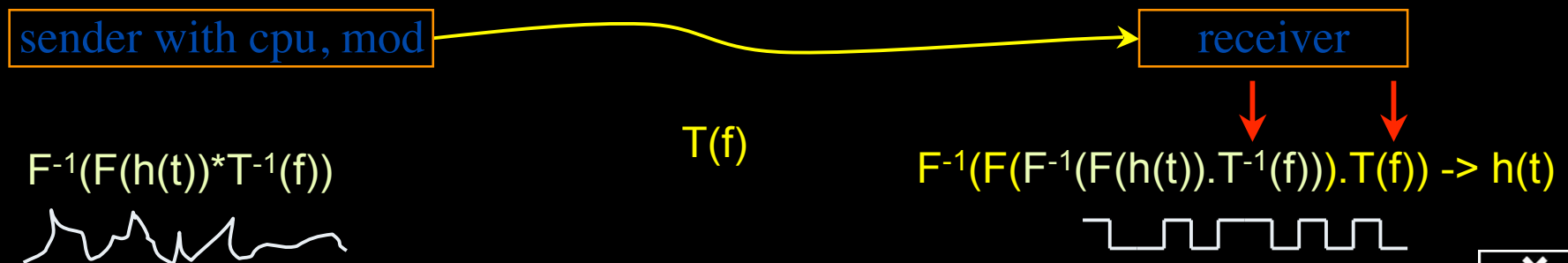
# Dispersion compensating modem: eDCO from NORTEL

(Try to Google eDCO :-)



Solution in 5 easy steps for dummy's :

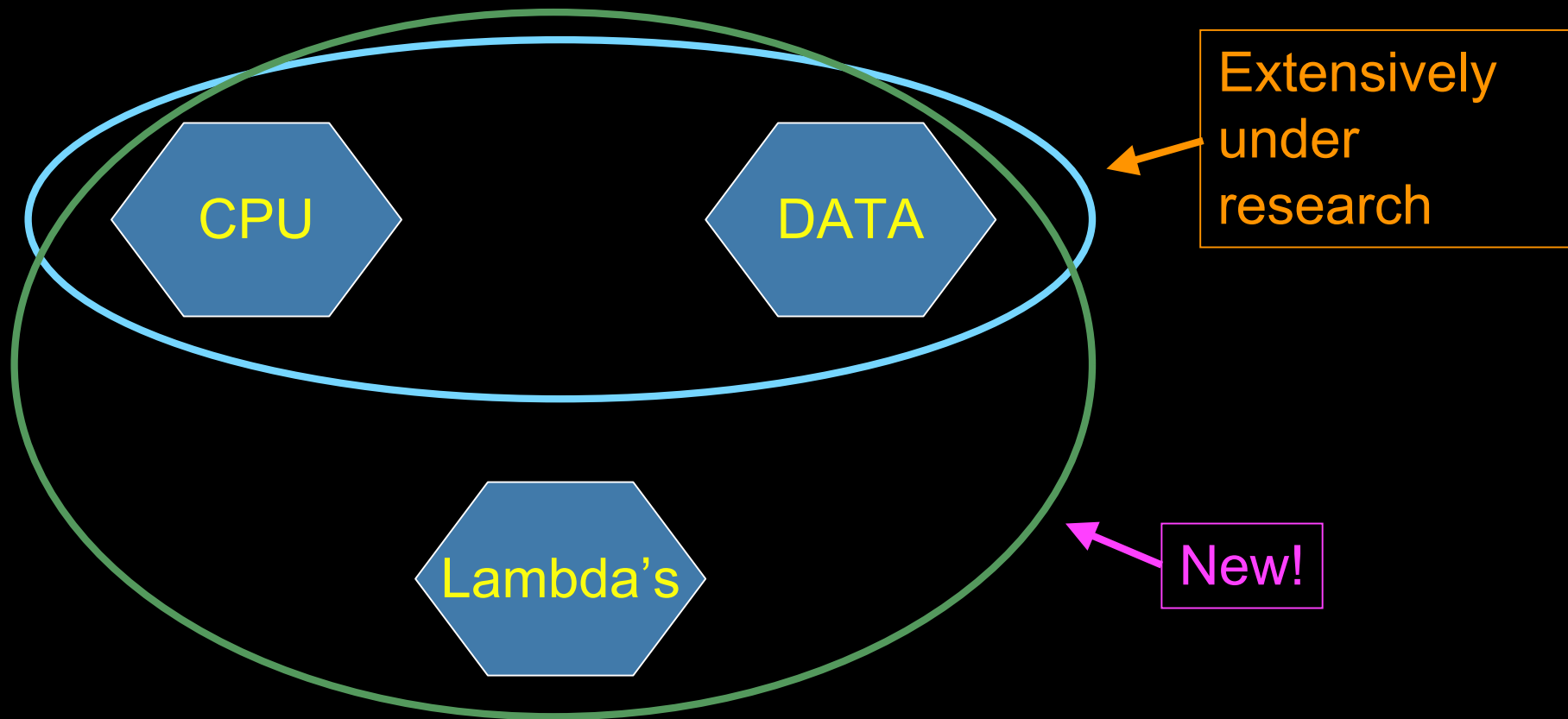
1. try to figure out  $T(f)$  by trial and error
2. invert  $T(f) \rightarrow T^{-1}(f)$
3. computationally multiply  $T^{-1}(f)$  with Fourier transform of bit pattern to send
4. inverse Fourier transform the result from frequency to time space
5. modulate laser with resulting  $h'(t) = F^{-1}(F(h(t)).T^{-1}(f))$



(ps. due to power  $\sim$  square E the signal to send **looks** like uncompensated received but is not)



# GRID Co-scheduling problem space



The StarPlane vision is to give flexibility directly to the applications by allowing them to choose the logical topology in real time, ultimately with sub-second lambda switching times on part of the SURFnet6 infrastructure.





**View:** Overview Throughput Scroll line Last 7 days  
 **Repeat:** Load Ping UDP Plot <<< << >> >>> 12:30:01 30 min

## Overview Net Tests between DAS-3 Hosts

MAY 31th 2007

- [Authorise here](#) to store the current table settings in your cookies file.
- See the [getting started](#) introduction or the [user guide](#) for a description of the table below.
- See also the [hosts documentation](#).
- Some [observations](#) about the package and the required bandwidth.

Select ping value: [min](#), [avg](#), [max](#), [all host](#).  
 Select UDP value: [rate](#), [host](#).

### DAS-3 Net Test Results

Date: 31/05/2007  
 Time: 12:30:01

#### Load

VU-083	VU-085	LIACS-125	LIACS-127	UvA-236	UvA-239	UvA-236-M	UvA-239-M
0	0	0.087	0	0.013	0.01	0.017	0.15

#### Ping Min [ms]

(see 36 columns)

	VU-083	VU-085	LIACS-125	LIACS-127	UvA-236	UvA-239	UvA-236-M	UvA-239-M
VU-083	---				0.69%			
VU-085		---	1.380					
LIACS-125		1.380	---					
LIACS-127				---		1.230		
UvA-236	0.69%				---			
UvA-239				1.230		---		
UvA-236-M							---	0.025
UvA-239-M							0.025	---

#### Throughput [Mbit/s]

(see 36 columns)

	VU-083	VU-085	LIACS-125	LIACS-127	UvA-236	UvA-239	UvA-236-M	UvA-239-M
VU-083	---				4884.22			
VU-085		---	4821.05					

New:  Overview  Throughput  Scroll line  Last 7 days  
 Keyval  Load  Ping  UDP  Plot   12:30:01 30 min

Ping All [ms] from / to node125.das3.hacs.nl (LIACS-125)

Skipped tests: UvA-236-M, UvA-239-M

Date	Time	⇒ YU-083	⇐ YU-083	⇒ YU-085	⇐ YU-085	⇒ LIACS-127	⇐ LIACS-127	⇒ UvA-236	⇐ UvA-236	⇒ UvA-239	⇐ UvA-239
31/05/2007	12:30:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.383 / 1.420						
31/05/2007	12:00:01			1.380 / 1.383 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.384 / 1.450						
31/05/2007	11:30:01			1.380 / 1.383 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.390						
31/05/2007	11:00:02			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.400						
31/05/2007	10:30:01			1.380 / 1.383 / 1.390	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.390						
31/05/2007	10:00:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.383 / 1.410						
31/05/2007	09:30:01			1.380 / 1.384 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.400						
31/05/2007	09:00:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.383 / 1.400						
31/05/2007	08:30:02			1.380 / 1.383 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.400						
31/05/2007	08:00:01			1.380 / 1.383 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.383 / 1.410						
31/05/2007	07:30:02			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.390	1.380 / 1.381 / 1.390						
31/05/2007	07:00:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.383 / 1.400						
31/05/2007	06:30:01			1.380 / 1.383 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.390						
31/05/2007	06:00:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.420						
31/05/2007	05:30:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.400	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410						
31/05/2007	05:00:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.390						
31/05/2007	04:30:01			1.380 / 1.381 / 1.390	1.380 / 1.380 / 1.390						
31/05/2007	04:00:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.384 / 1.410						
31/05/2007	03:30:02			1.380 / 1.384 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.400						
31/05/2007	03:00:02			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.400						
31/05/2007	02:30:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.400	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.400						
31/05/2007	02:00:01			1.380 / 1.383 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.384 / 1.410						
31/05/2007	01:30:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.382 / 1.390						
31/05/2007	01:00:01			1.380 / 1.382 / 1.410	1.380 / 1.383 / 1.400						

Very constant and predictable!



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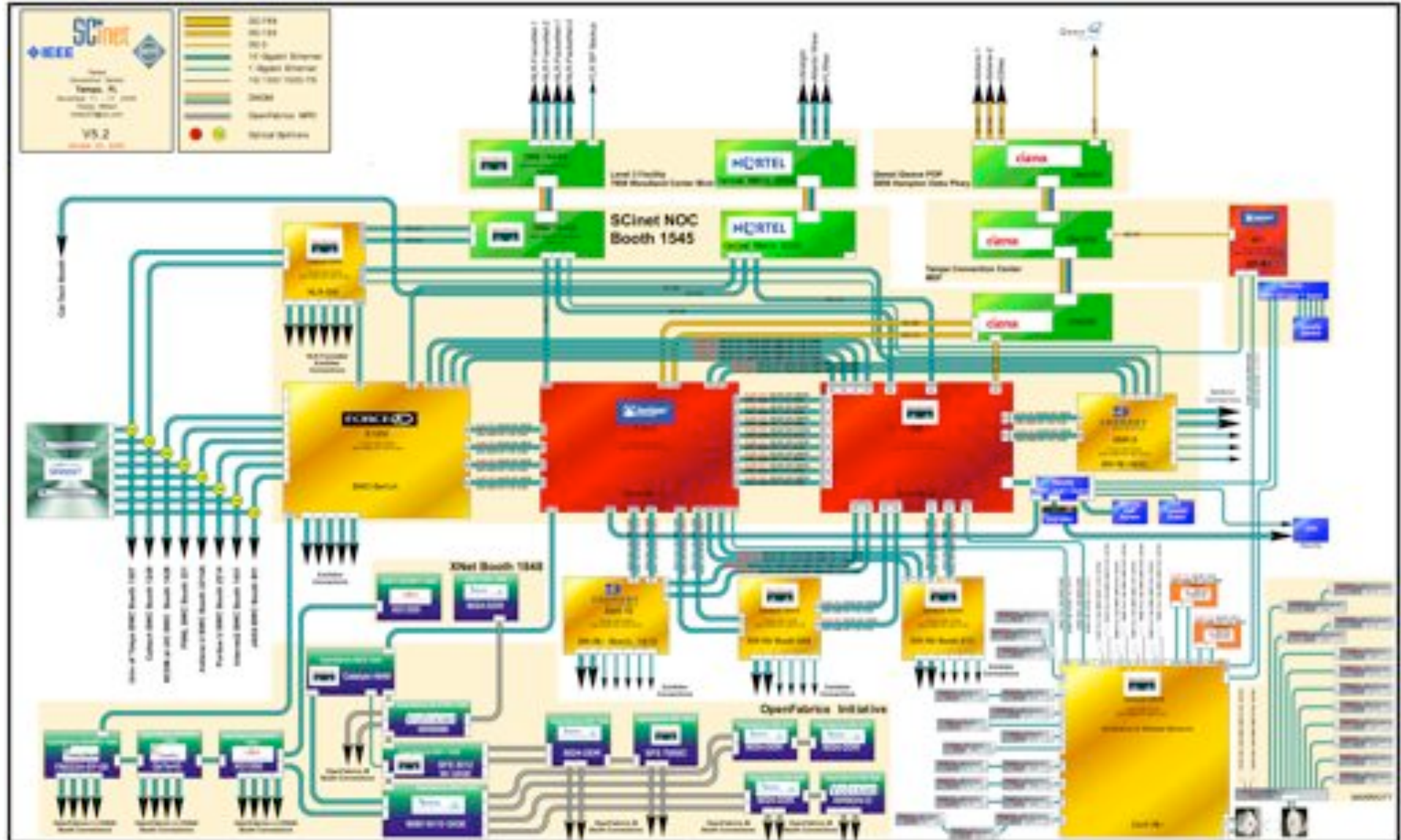
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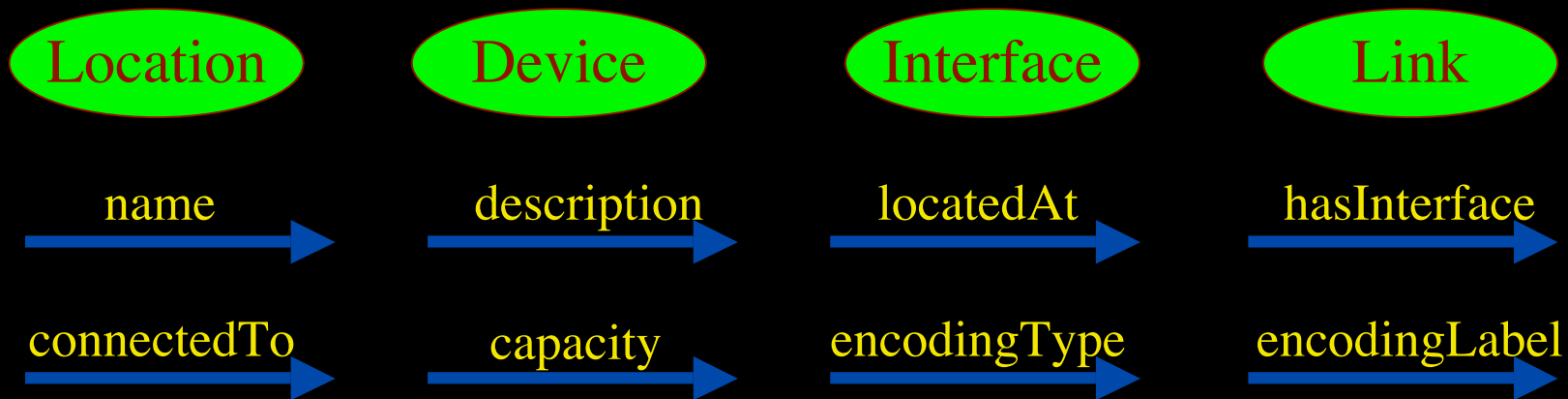
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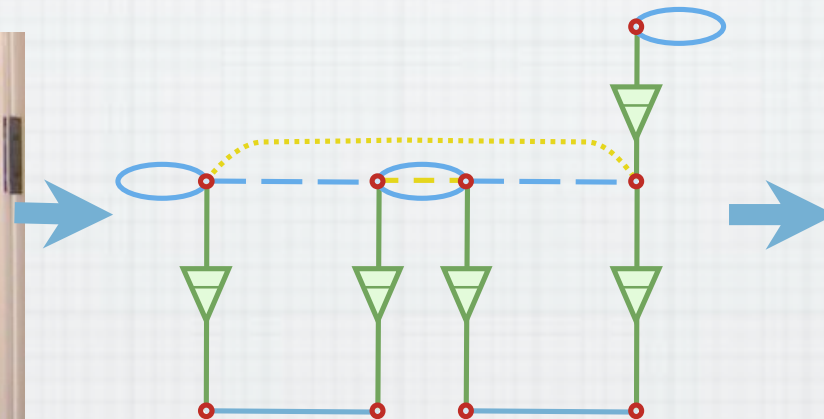


# Network Description Language

- From semantic Web / Resource Description Framework.
- The RDF uses XML as an interchange syntax.
- Data is described by triplets:



# The Modelling Process



```
<ndl:Device rdf:about="#Force10">
  <ndl:hasInterface rdf:resource=
    "#Force10:te6/0"/>
</ndl:Device>
<ndl:Interface rdf:about="#Force10:te6/0">
  <rdfs:label>te6/0</rdfs:label>
  <ndl:capacity>1.25E6</ndl:capacity>
  <ndlconf:multiplex>
    <ndlcap:adaptation rdf:resource=
      "#Tagged-Ethernet-in-Ethernet"/>
    <ndlconf:serverPropertyValue
      rdf:resource="#MTU-1500byte"/>
  </ndlconf:multiplex>
  <ndlconf:hasChannel>
    <ndlconf:Channel rdf:about=
      "#Force10:te6/0:vlan4">
      <ndleth:hasVlan>4</ndleth:hasVlan>
      <ndlconf:switchedTo rdf:resource=
        "#Force10:gi5/1:vlan7"/>
    </ndlconf:Channel>
  </ndlconf:hasChannel>
</ndl:Interface>
```

# NetherLight in RDF

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
  xmlns:ndl="http://www.science.uva.nl/research/air/ndl#">
  <!-- Description of Netherlight -->
  <ndl:Location rdf:about="#Netherlight">
    <ndl:name>Netherlight Optical Exchange</ndl:name>
  </ndl:Location>
  <!-- TDM3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net -->
  <ndl:Device rdf:about="#tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net">
    <ndl:name>tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net</ndl:name>
    <ndl:locatedAt rdf:resource="#amsterdam1.netherlight.net"/>
    <ndl:hasInterface rdf:resource="#tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:501/1"/>
    <ndl:hasInterface rdf:resource="#tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:501/3"/>
    <ndl:hasInterface rdf:resource="#tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:501/4"/>
    <ndl:hasInterface rdf:resource="#tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:503/1"/>
    <ndl:hasInterface rdf:resource="#tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:501/2"/>
    <!-- all the interfaces of TDM3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net -->
    <ndl:Interface rdf:about="#tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:501/1">
      <ndl:name>tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:POS501/1</ndl:name>
      <ndl:connectedTo rdf:resource="#tdm4.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:5/1"/>
    </ndl:Interface>
    <ndl:Interface rdf:about="#tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:501/2">
      <ndl:name>tdm3.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:POS501/2</ndl:name>
      <ndl:connectedTo rdf:resource="#tdm1.amsterdam1.netherlight.net:12/1"/>
    </ndl:Interface>
```

# NDL Generator and Validator

## Step 1 - Location

Indicate the name and a short description of the network that is going to be described in NDL.

Name  Description

Provide also the latitude and the longitude of this location: this will aid the visualization programs.

Both latitude and longitude should use floating point notation.

Latitude  Longitude

## Step 2 - Devices

Indicate the name of all the devices present in the network. If you need to describe more than 3 devices just "Add a Device"

Device

Device

Device

The screenshot shows the web browser window with the URL <http://trafficlight.uva.netherlight.nl/NDL-demo/NDL-Validator>. The page title is "NDL for the GLIF - NDL Validator". The main content area includes a description of NDL (Network Description Language) as an ontology for describing networks, and instructions for using the validation tools. A "Syntax validation" section explains that the NDL file must follow the latest schema. Below this, there is a text area for pasting the NDL file content, which contains XML code for defining a location and a device. A "Submit" button is visible at the bottom of the syntax validation section.

### Content validation

Often NDL files reference information contained in other files managed by others. Such as for example when an interface on a local device connects to an interface to a remote device. The content validator performs a few basic checks to see that the information contained in cross-referencing NDL files is consistent.

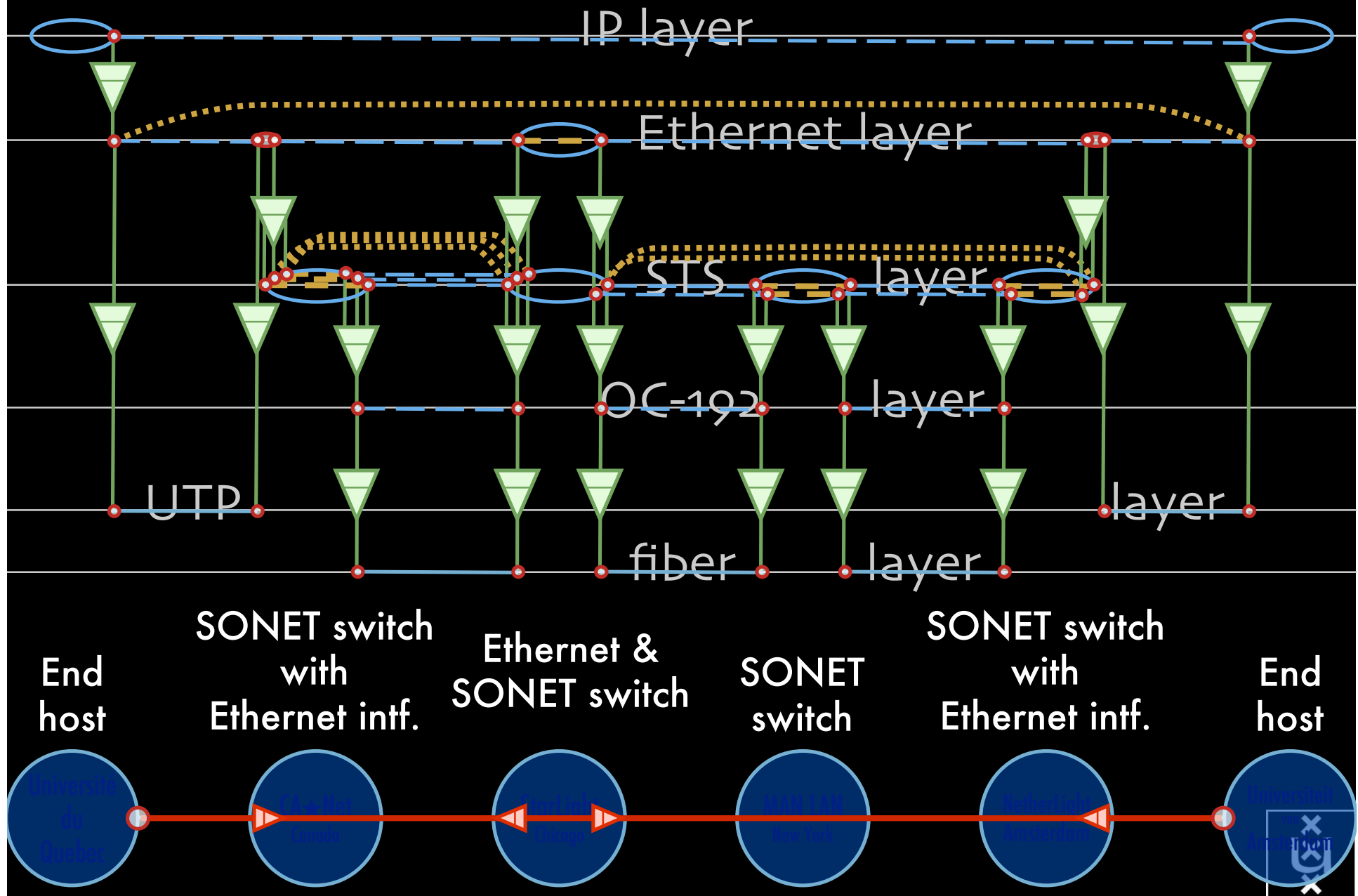
Please enter the URL of the NDL file to be validated:

see <http://trafficlight.uva.netherlight.nl/NDL-demo/>



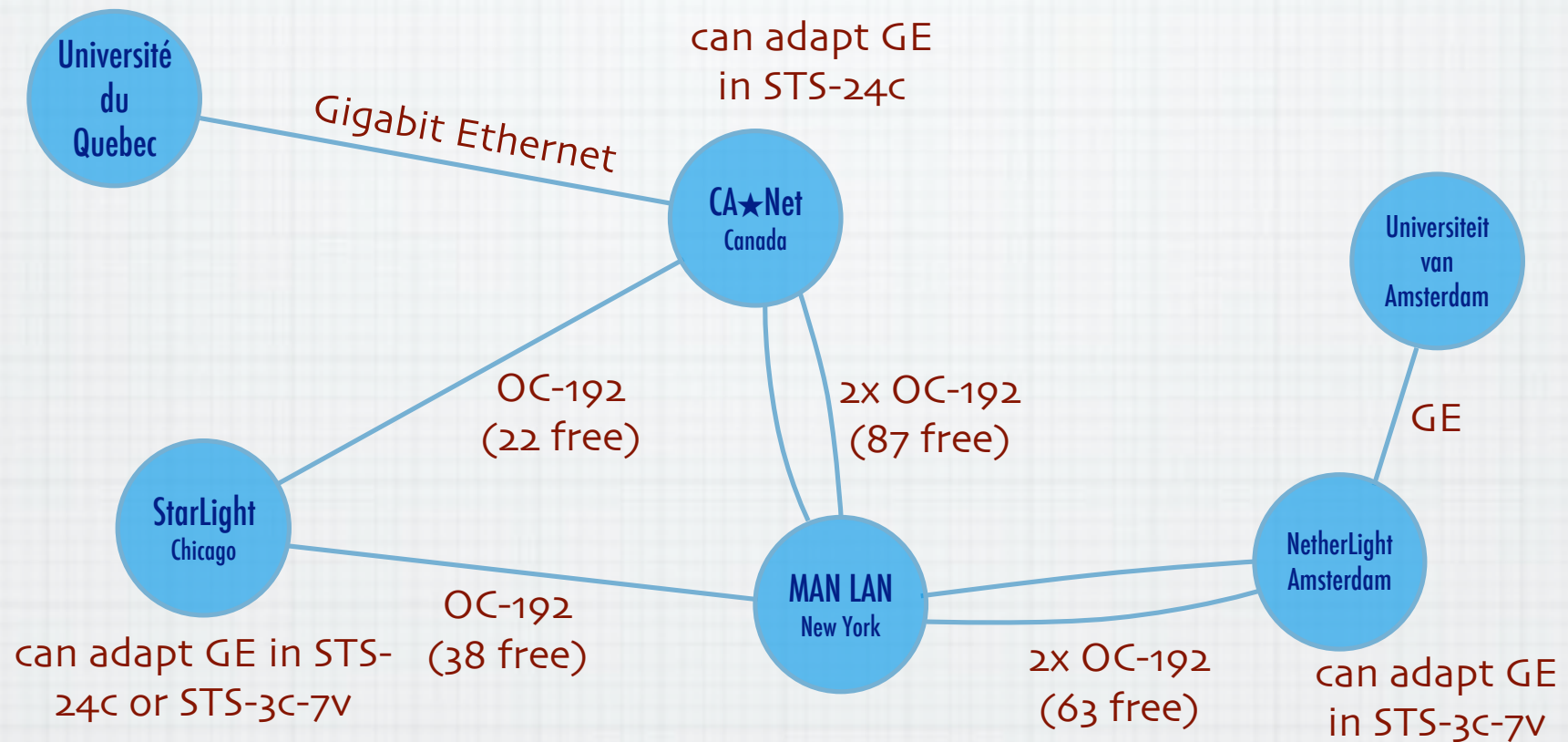


# Multi-layer extensions to NDL

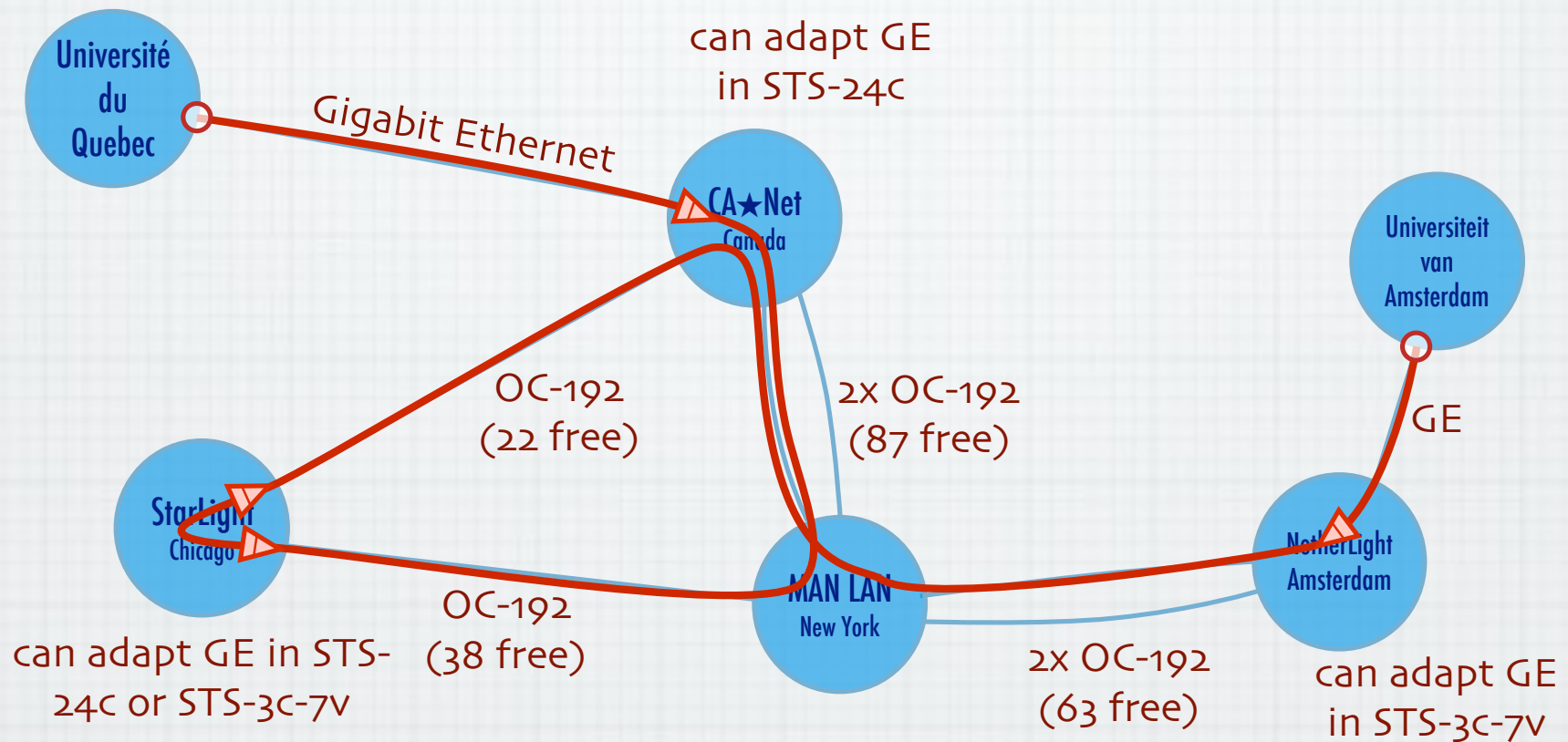




# A weird example

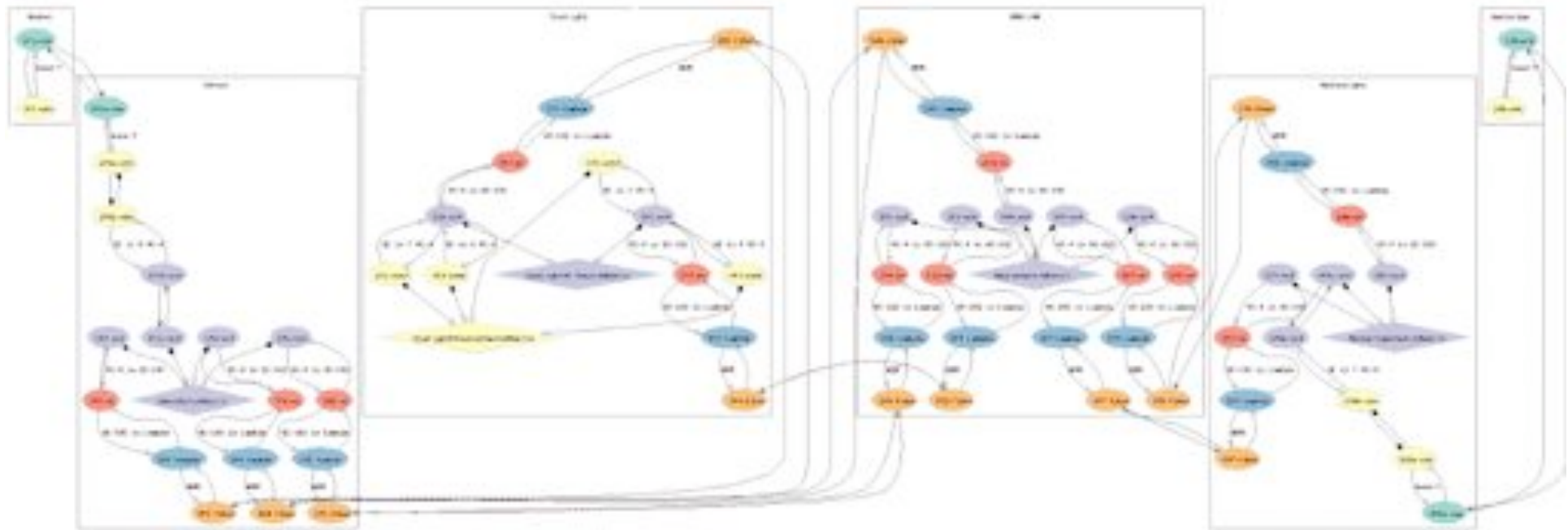


# The result :-)

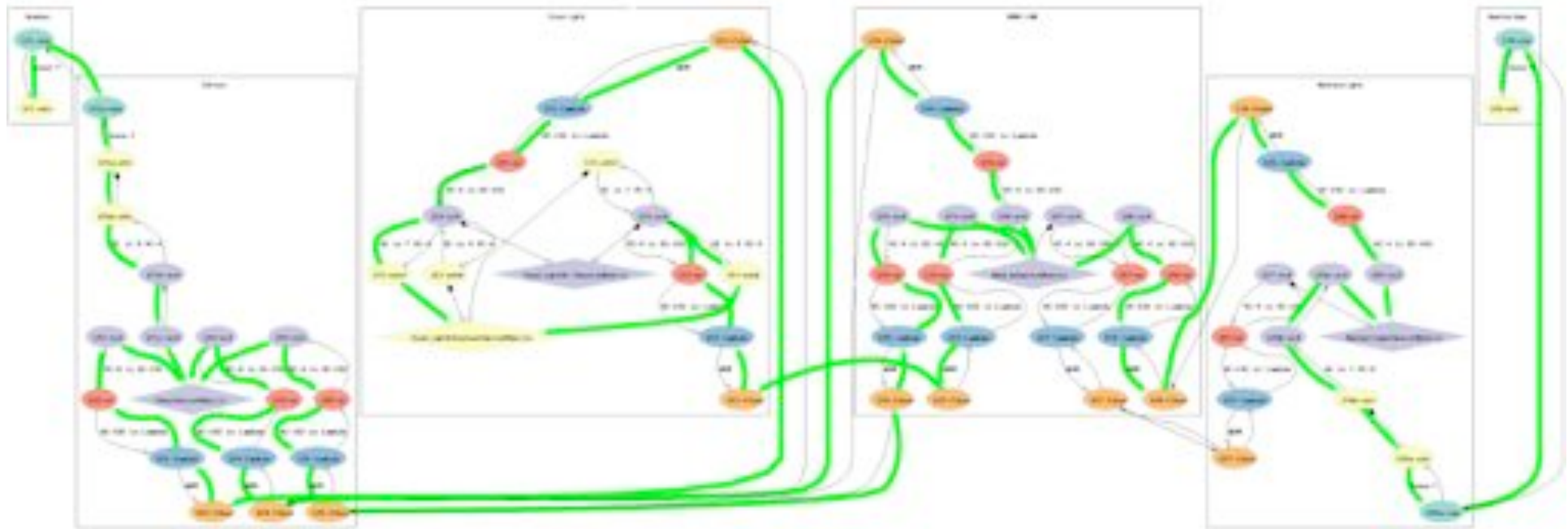


Thanks to Freek Dijkstra & team

# MultiDomain MultiLayer pathfinding in action



# MultiDomain MultiLayer pathfinding in action



# OGF NML-WG

## *Open Grid Forum - Network Markup Language workgroup*

### Chairs:

Paola Grosso – Universiteit van Amsterdam

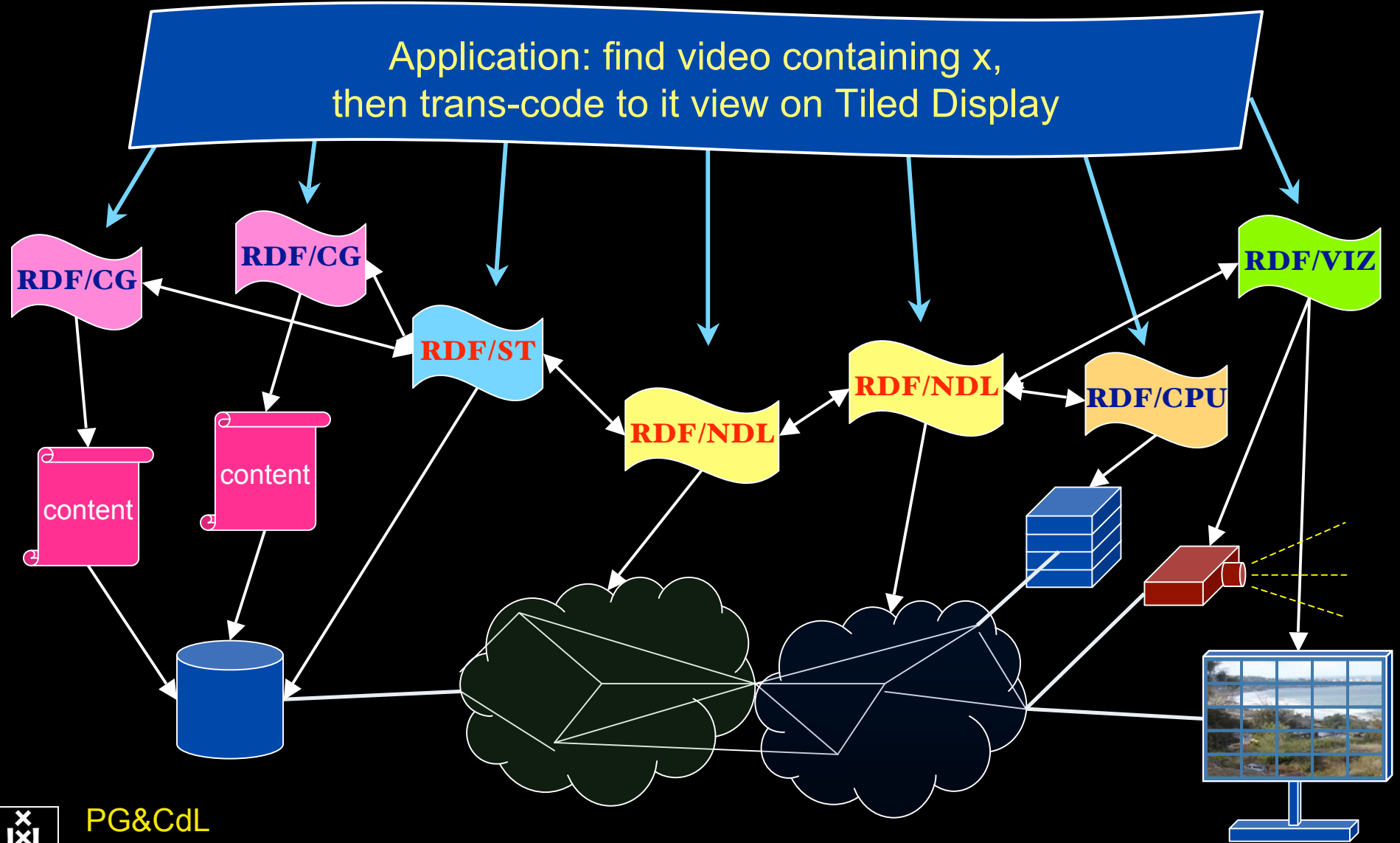
Martin Swany – University of Delaware

### Purpose:

*To describe network topologies, so that the outcome is a standardized network description ontology and schema, facilitating interoperability between different projects.*

<https://forge.gridforum.org/sf/projects/nml-wg>

# RDF describing Infrastructure





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# TeraThinking

- What constitutes a Tb/s network?
- CALIT2 has 8000 Gigabit drops ?->? Terabit Lan?
- look at 80 core Intel processor
  - cut it in two, left and right communicate 8 TB/s
- think back to teraflop computing!
  - MPI makes it a teraflop machine
- massive parallel channels in hosts, NIC's
- TeraApps programming model supported by
  - TFlops -> MPI / Globus
  - TBytes -> OGSA/DAIS
  - TPixels -> SAGE
  - TSensors -> LOFAR, LHC, LOOKING, CineGrid, ...
  - Tbit/s -> ?



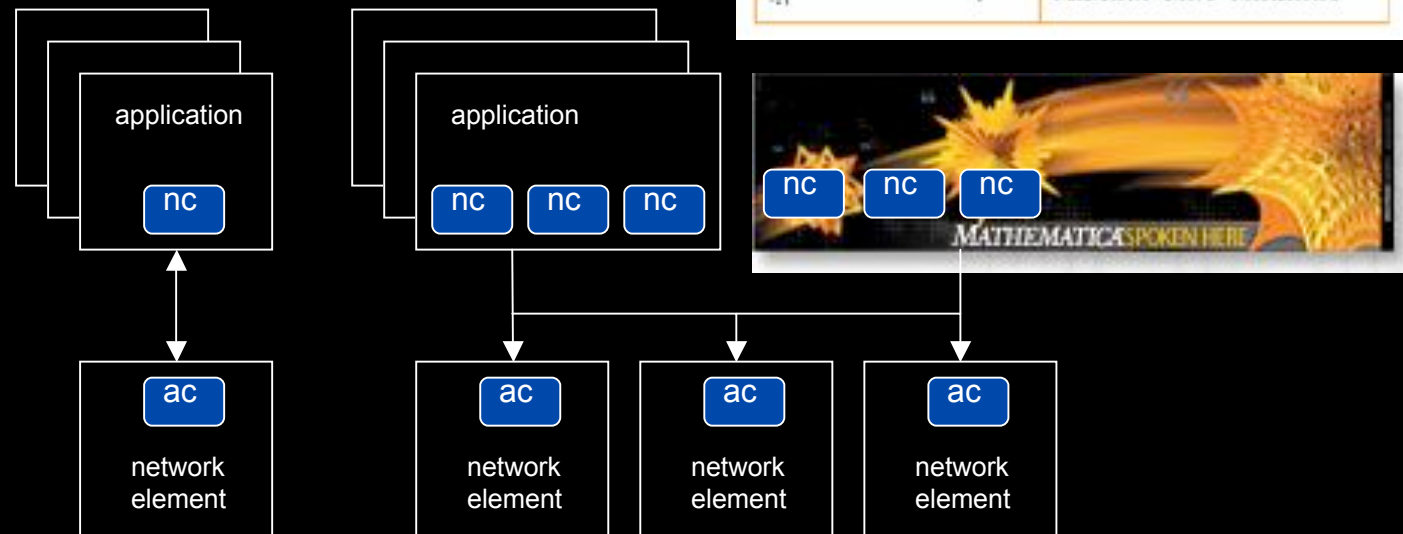
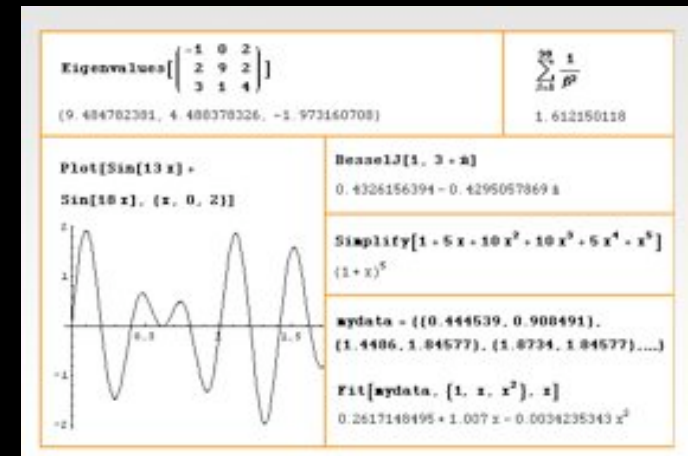
# Need for discrete parallelism

- it takes a core to receive 1 or 10 Gbit/s in a computer
- it takes one or two cores to deal with 10 Gbit/s storage
- same for Gigapixels
- same for 100's of Gflops
- Capacity of every part in a system seems of same scale
- look at 80 core Intel processor
  - cut it in two, left and right communicate 8 TB/s
- massive parallel channels in hosts, NIC's
- Therefore we need to go massively parallel allocating complete parts for the problem at hand!



# User Programmable Virtualized Networks allows the results of decades of computer science to handle the complexities of application specific networking.

- The network is virtualized as a collection of resources
- UPVNs enable network resources to be programmed as part of the application
- Mathematica, a powerful mathematical software system, can interact with real networks using UPVNs



# Mathematica enables advanced graph queries, visualizations and real-time network manipulations on UPVNs

Topology matters can be dealt with algorithmically

Results can be persisted using a transaction service built in UPVN

## Initialization and BFS discovery of NEs

```
Needs["WebServices`"]
<<DiscreteMath`Combinatorica`
<<DiscreteMath`GraphPlot`
InitNetworkTopologyService["edge.ict.tno.nl"]
```

Available methods:

```
{DiscoverNetworkElements, GetLinkBandwidth, GetAllIpLinks, Remote,
NetworkTokenTransaction}
```

```
Global`upvnverbose = True;
```

```
AbsoluteTiming[nes = BFSDiscover["139.63.145.94"];][[1]]
```

```
AbsoluteTiming[result = BFSDiscoverLinks["139.63.145.94", nes];][[1]]
```

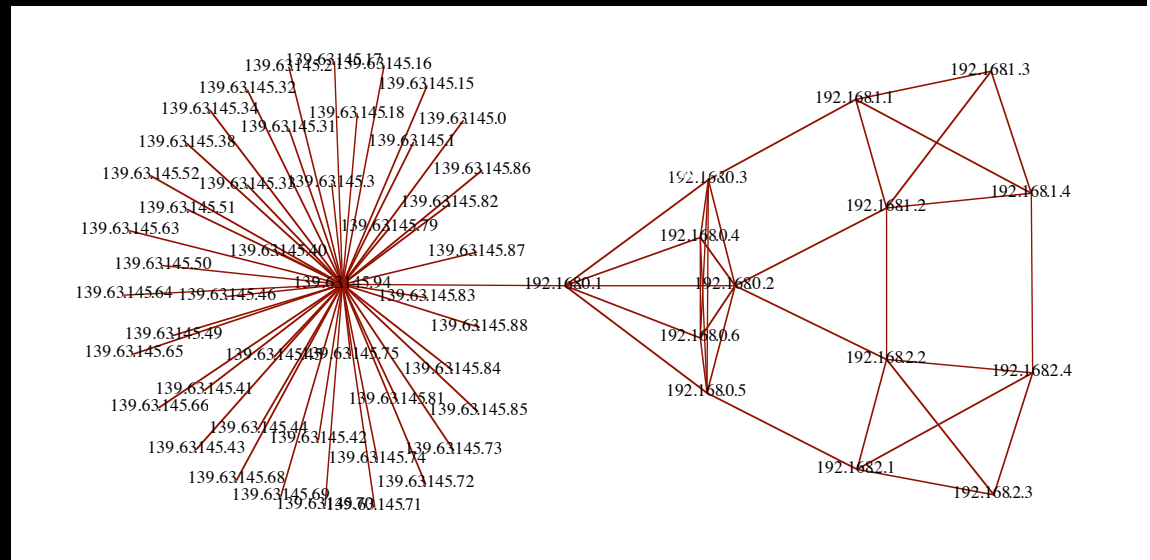
Getting neighbours of: 139.63.145.94

Internal links: {192.168.0.1, 139.63.145.94}

(...)

Getting neighbours of: 192.168.2.3

Internal links: {192.168.2.3}



## Transaction on shortest path with tokens

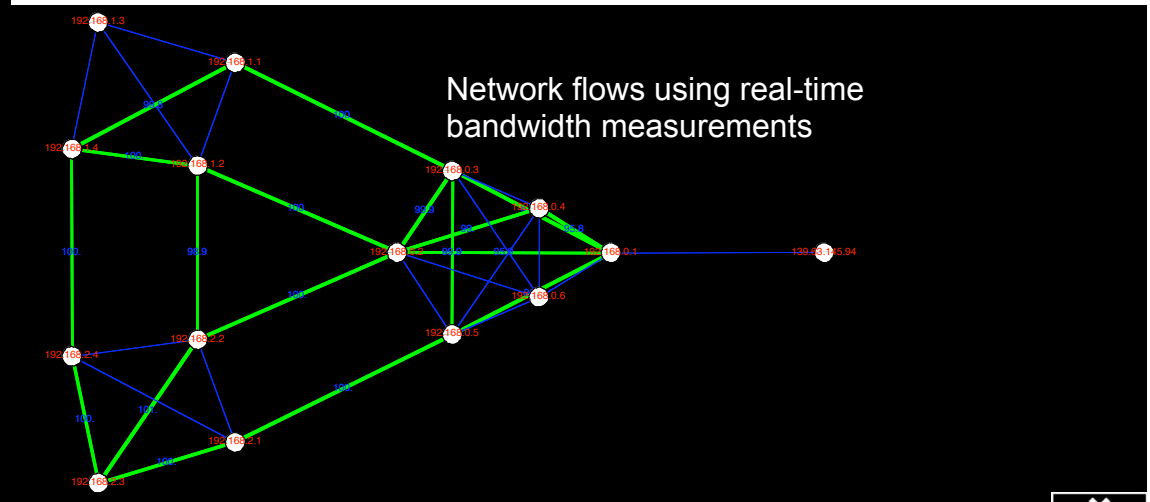
```
nodePath = ConvertIndicesToNodes[
  ShortestPath[ g,
    Node2Index[nids, "192.168.3.4"],
    Node2Index[nids, "139.63.77.49"],
    nids];
```

```
Print["Path: ", nodePath];
If[NetworkTokenTransaction[nodePath, "green"]==True,
  Print["Committed"], Print["Transaction failed!"]];
```

Path:

```
{192.168.3.4, 192.168.3.1, 139.63.77.30, 139.63.77.49}
```

Committed



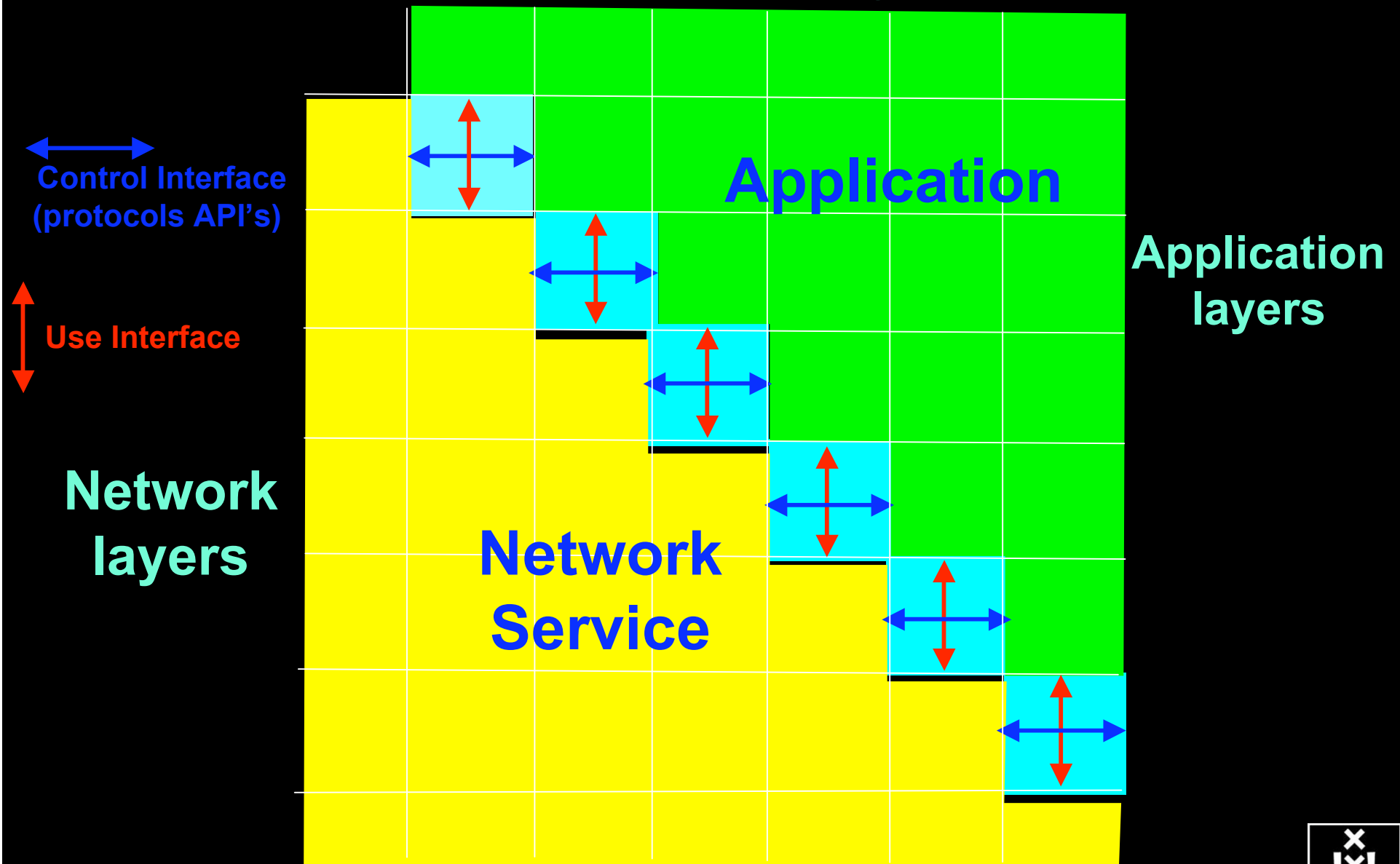
ref: Robert J. Meijer, Rudolf J. Strijkers, Leon Gommans, Cees de Laat, User Programmable Virtualized Networks, accepted for publication to the IEEE e-Science 2006 conference Amsterdam.

StarPlane





# Functional building blocks



# Power is a big issue

- UvA cluster uses (max) 30 kWh
- 1 kWh ~ 0.1 €
- per year -> 26 k€/y
- add cooling 50% -> 39 k€/y
- Emergency power system -> 50 k€/y
- per rack 10 kWh is now normal
- **YOU BURN ABOUT HALF THE CLUSTER OVER ITS LIFETIME!**
- Terminating a 10 Gb/s wave costs about 200 W
- Entire loaded fiber -> 16 kW
- Wavelength Selective Switch : few W!



# Questions ?

I did not talk about *StarPlane*



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