



Beyond Today's Internet Experiencing a Smart Future



SDX: Software Defined Exchange

A New Internet Paradigm

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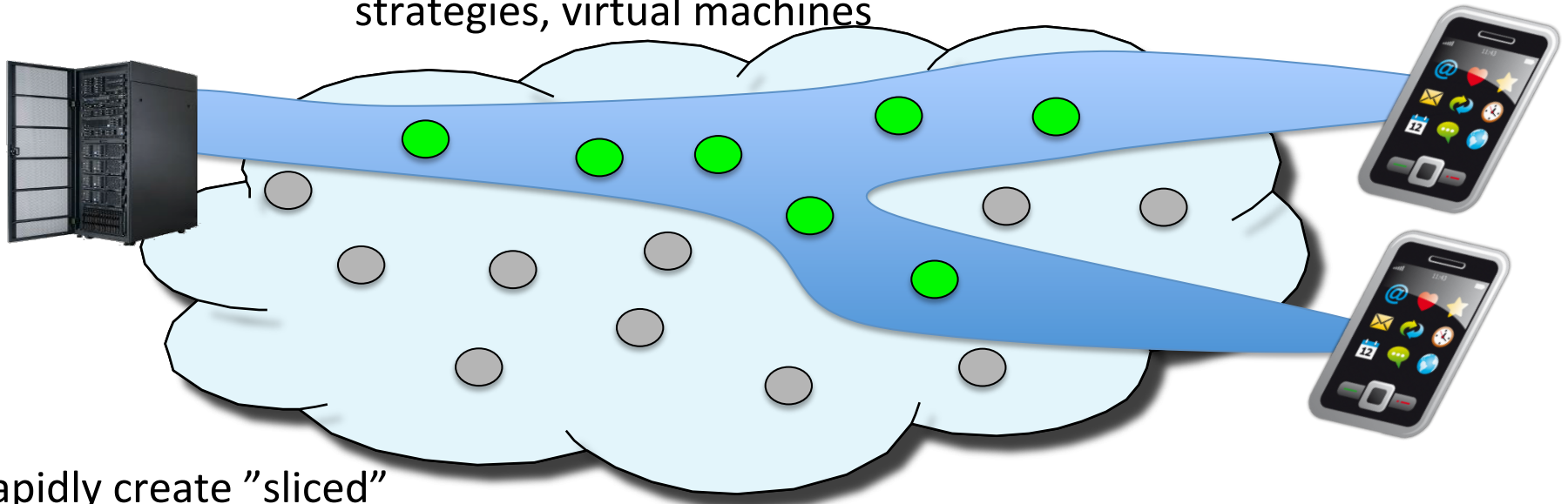
Software Defined Infrastructure (SDI)

- Deeply programmable on-demand physical or virtual network/compute/storage/instruments/etc
- Radically decoupling infrastructure from services
- End to end, multi-domain
- Applications
 - Flexible “switches”
 - Content distribution networks (CDNs)
 - “On demand” cyber-physical systems
 - Cyber security
- Moving beyond the Internet’s vulnerabilities



Slicing: A Vision for future networks

Fast spin new protocols, switching
strategies, virtual machines

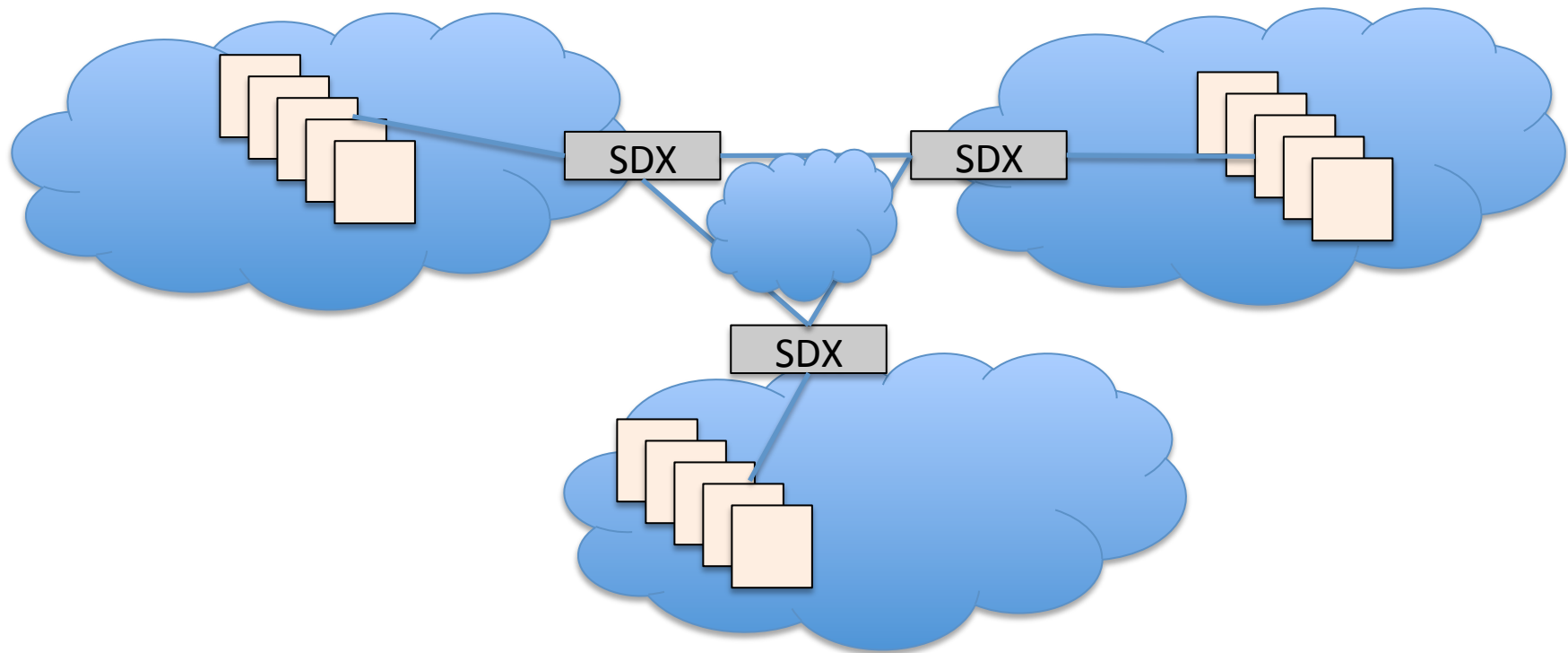


Rapidly create "sliced"
cyber-infrastructure / networks / services on demand

The Internet, running in a deeply programmable slice!



Software Defined Exchanges (SDXs) between Administrative Domains

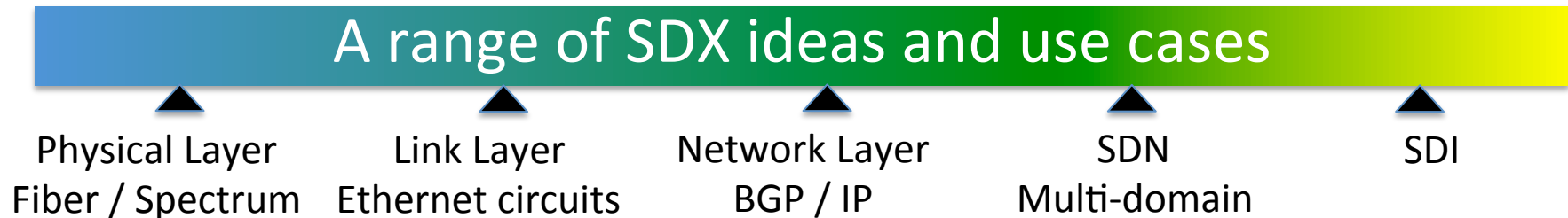


SDX

- **A “meet-me” point and resource provider**
- **Translator:** Enable different networks that speak different protocols to interoperate
- **Broker:** Present/market resources of one domain to clients of another
- **Guard:** Monitor and enforce policies of one domain by users from other domains



Software Defined Exchanges (SDXs)



- Connectivity/routing
 - Physical Layer (Fiber / Spectrum) – e.g., allocate, share, connect waves
 - Link Layer (Ethernet) – e.g., multi-domain circuits
 - Network Layer (BGP/IP) – e.g., connect AS's
 - SDN – connect SDN islands
- SDI - compute/storage/network resources
 - Connect SDI islands
 - GENI as an early instance



What does a **Virtualized Meet-Me Point** look like?

Software Defined Infrastructure !



Physical Meet-Me Point (Colo)

- Bring your own equipment
- Cages keep us physically separate



Virtualized Meet-Me Point

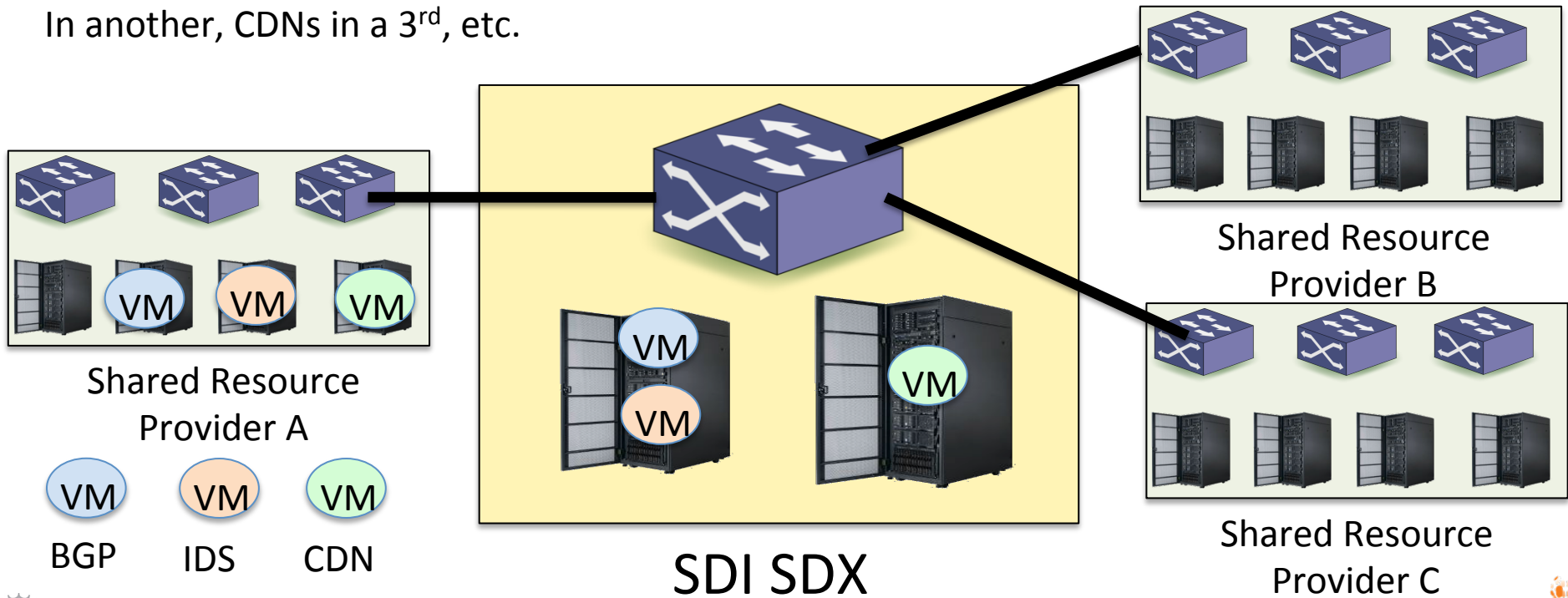
- Bring your own VMs
- Multi-tenant (slicing) keeps us separate



Software Defined Exchanges (SDXs)

A “meet me” point for *services*,
e.g., BGP in one slice, Ethernet circuits
In another, CDNs in a 3rd, etc.

Key research areas: federations, authN/Z,
policy logics, cross-domain visibility, etc.



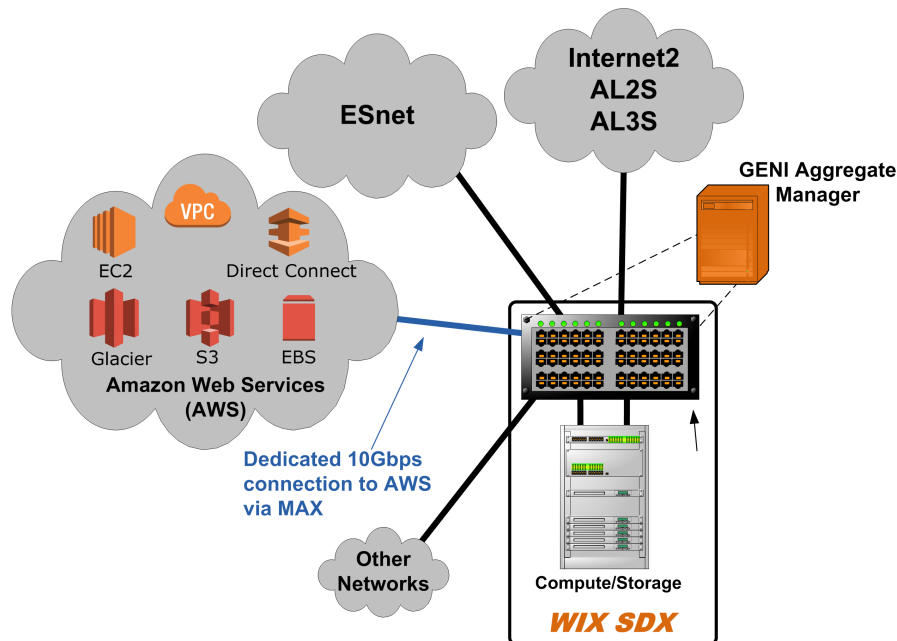
- Tom Lehman will now present the architecture of our GENI-based SDI SDX demo
- Brecht Vermuelen will then present a live demo, utilizing an international array of SDXs and resources



The background of the slide is a solid blue color. Overlaid on this background is a complex, abstract network diagram. It consists of numerous small, light-blue circular nodes of varying sizes, interconnected by a dense web of thin, light-blue lines. The nodes are distributed across the entire frame, with some clusters appearing more densely connected than others. The overall effect is a sense of a large-scale, interconnected system or data network.

Deploying and Operating a prototype SDX

WIX as a Software Defined Exchange (SDX)



- WIX is a production Exchange Point in McLean, Virginia
- Jointly run by Internet2 and MAX
- Deployed WIX GENI Aggregate Manager "covers" the exchange point switch
- Compute resources from InstaGENI rack
- This has converted WIX into a prototype SDX (prototype service on production infrastructure)

- A GENI powered SDX can facilitate a marketplace of SDX "services"
- AWS Virtual Private Cloud (and other) services are available at the WIX SDX
- GENI users can create topologies and "stitch" to AWS resources
- MAX is providing this via a dedicated 10G "AWS Direct Connect" service

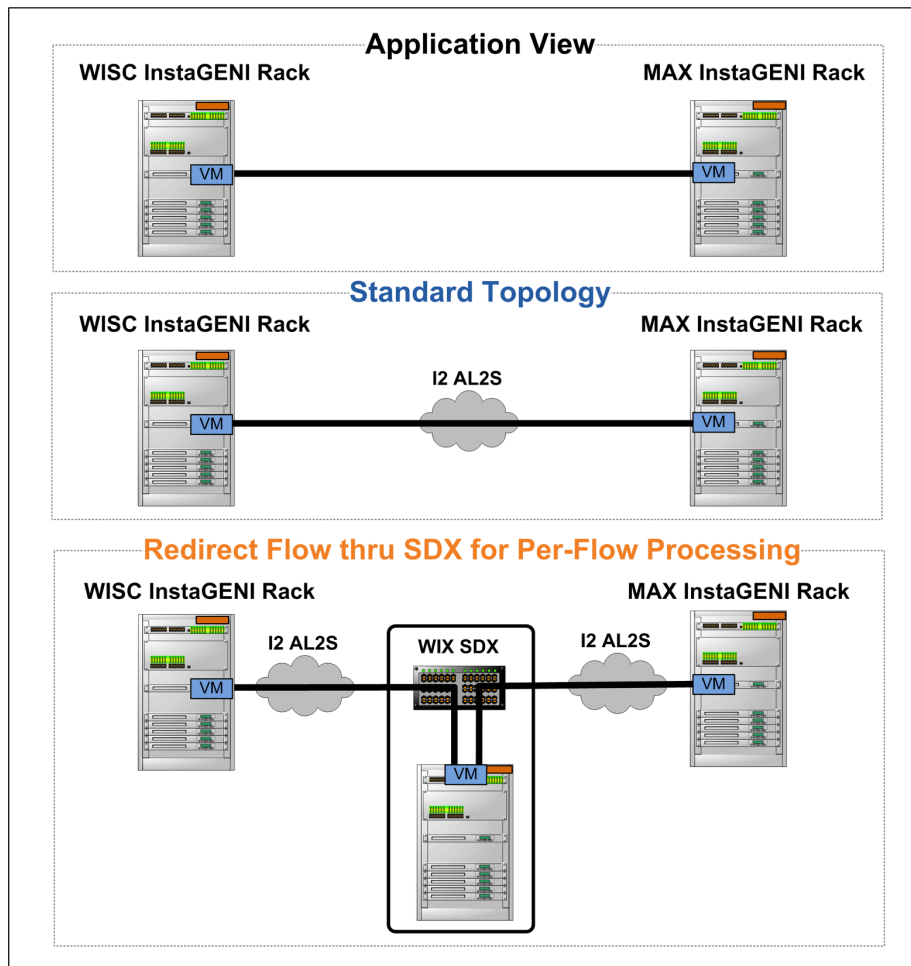


GENI Powered SDX

- GENI Technology can be utilized to convert an Exchange Point into a Software Defined Exchange (SDX)
- GENI resources are typically deployed at edges (regional network, campus)
- Value in placing more GENI technology/resources in the middle of the network where networks meet, i.e. Exchange Points.
 - Makes exchange points dynamic from a resource provisioning and a policy application perspective, where they are largely static in today's environment
 - Enables a market place to develop where third parties can bring their "services" to the GENI enabled SDX. Such as the AWS example.
 - Dynamic compute and storage along with dynamic network services inside the internet can enable per flow based processing.

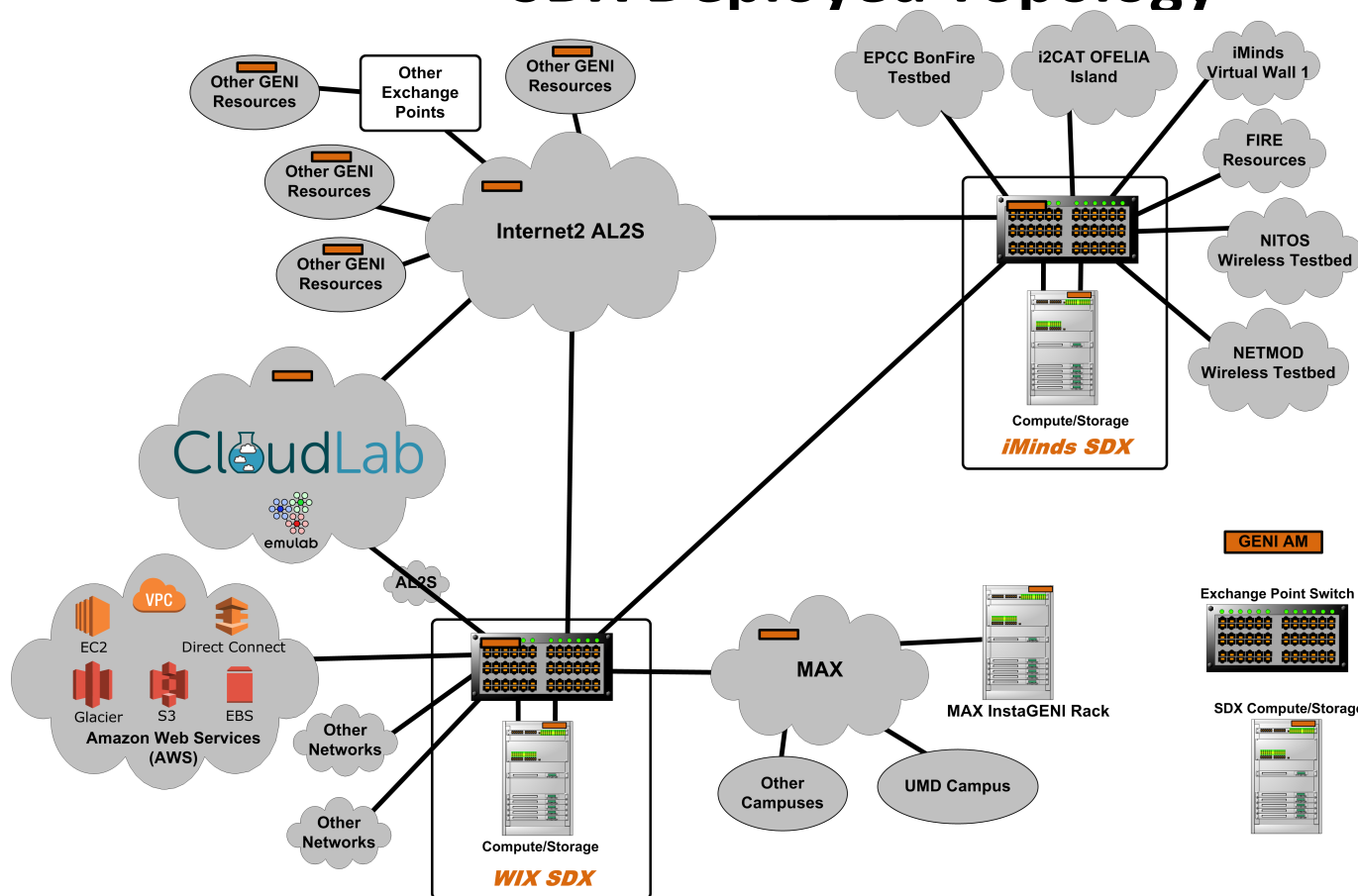


SDX Enabled Flow Based Services



- GENI mechanisms can be utilized to “redirect” flow thru an exchange point where “value added” processing can be accomplished
- With a distributed infrastructure of SDXs this can be done in much more dynamic and open manner than what is possible today.
- This type of capability can be used for single flow focus, or to build specialized service topologies
- Demo to follow focuses on the latter

SDX Deployed Topology



- This topology is based on production networks and GENI resources
- Prototype SDX and SDX enabled services have been deployed



Live Demo

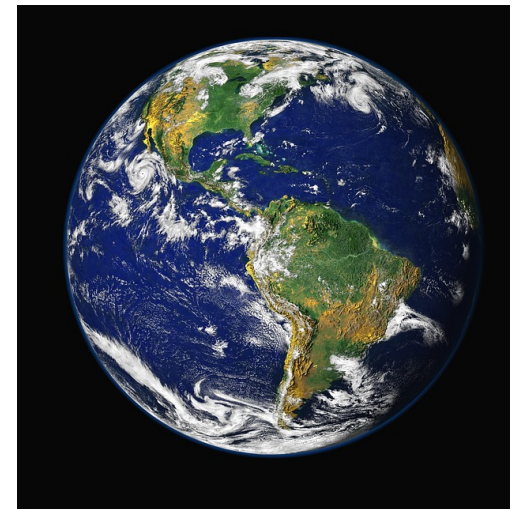
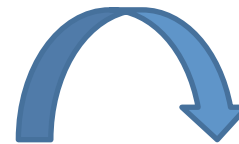


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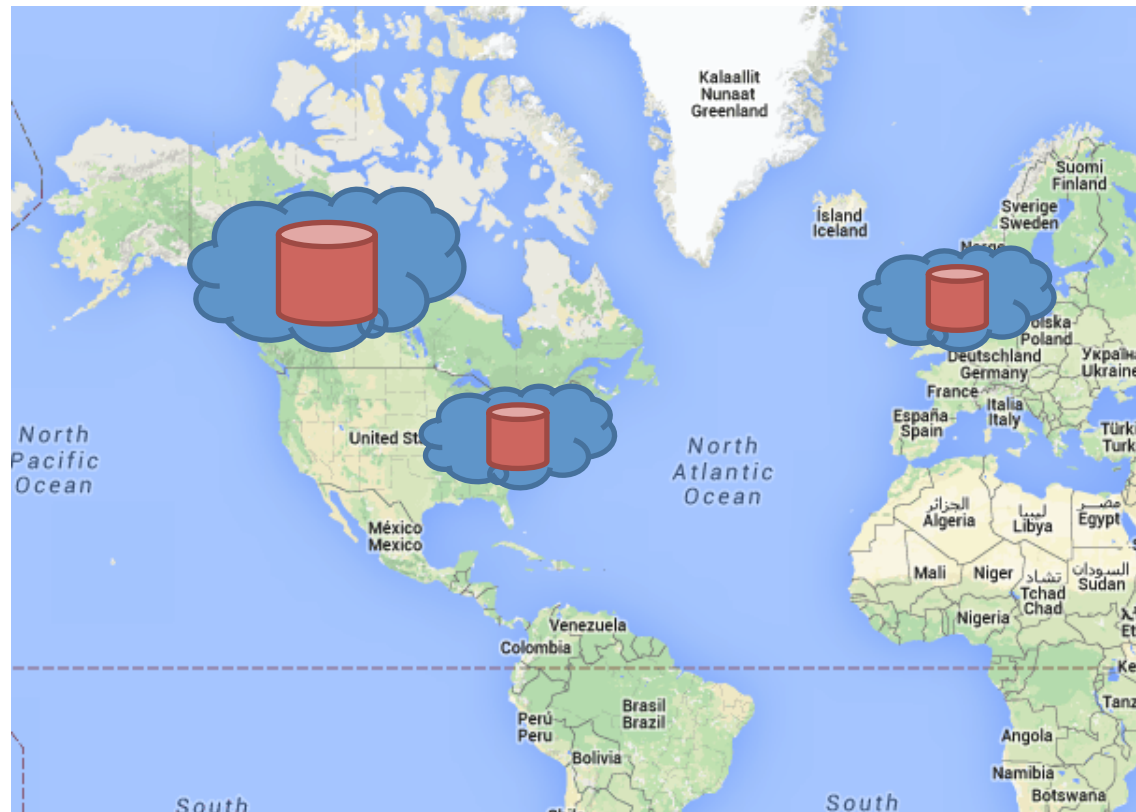
Company wants to deliver global video service



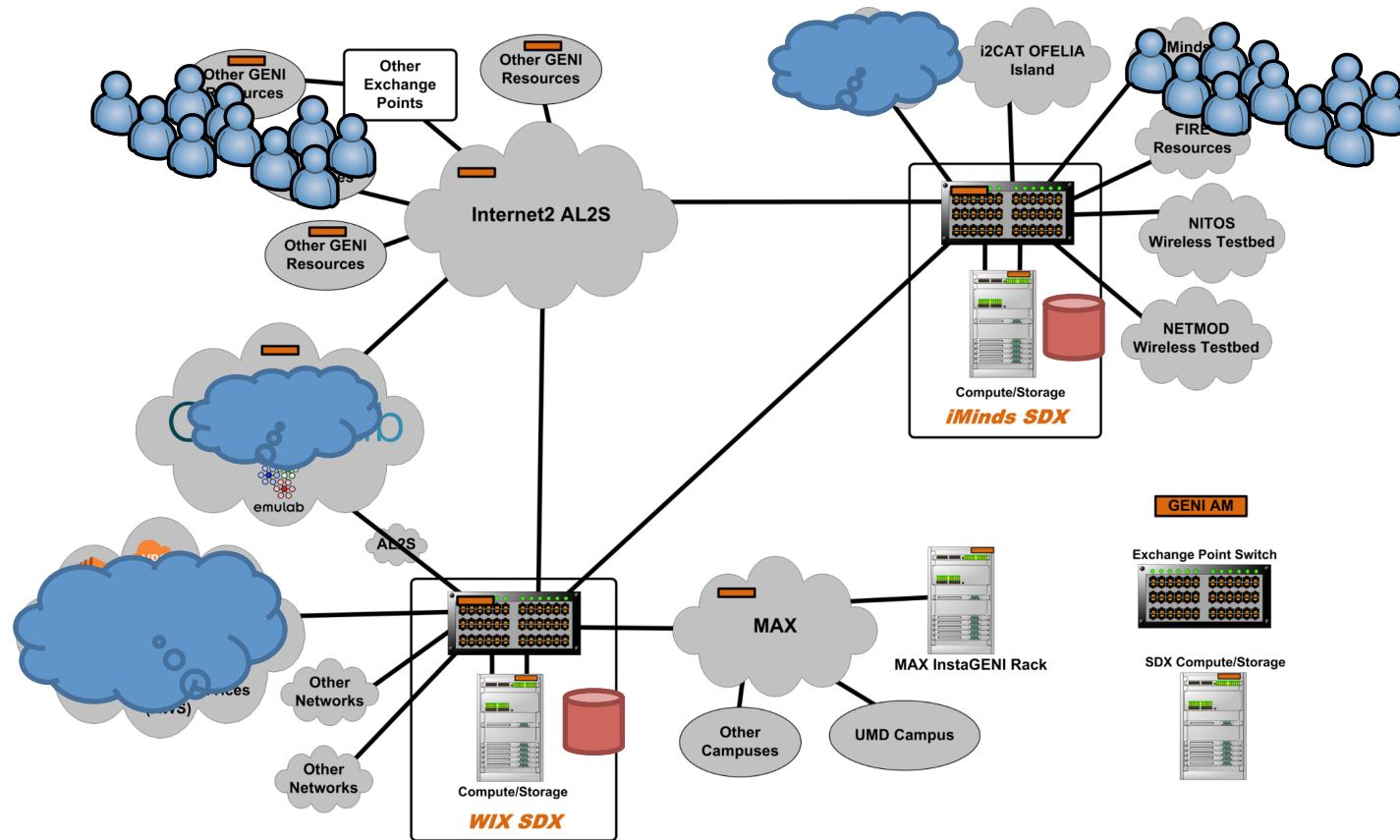
- Cost efficient
- Redundant

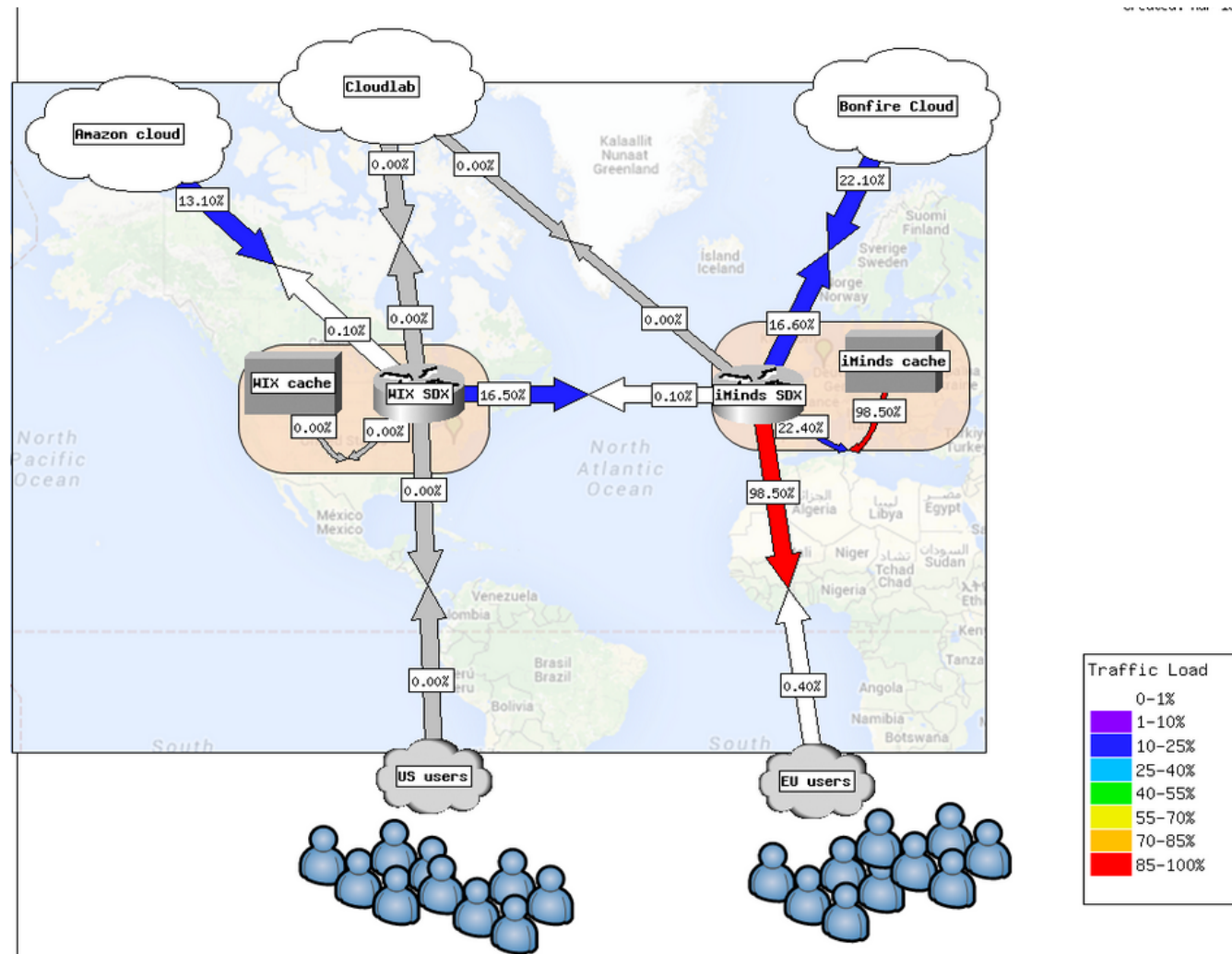


Design: start with US and EU users



Demo Deployment

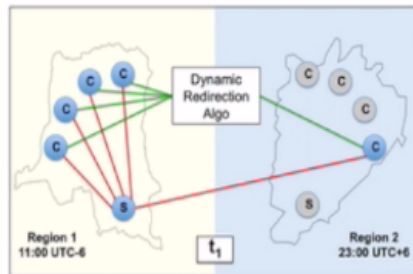




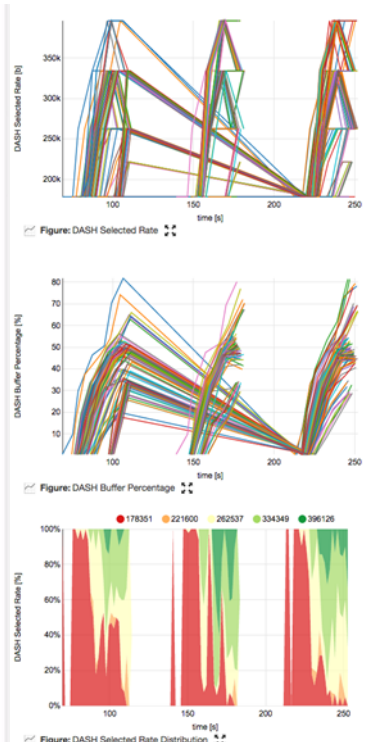
Follow the sun ...

The 3-step orchestration of that experiment is further detailed below.

- Step 1: it is daytime in the geographic region #1, many clients from region #1 and a few client from region #2 request some DASH videos, the redirection algorithm directs them to a datacentre located in region #1



- Step 2: it is now daytime in the geographic region #2, many clients from region #2 and a few client from region #1 request some DASH videos, the redirection algorithm directs them to a datacentre located in region #2



Benefits of SDX for company

- Put caches as close as possible to the users
 - Use computing + storage offered by SDX
- Tiered design
 - storage and computing might be expensive at SDXs
 - Design with secondary datacenters house less storage than main datacenter
- Build its own world-wide layer 2 network (=slice) and do traffic engineering as it wants



The Future

- You have seen an early demo of two interoperating prototype SDXs in Ghent and College Park with resource providers in Edinburgh, Ghent, Salt Lake City and Amazon
- This work presages a major transformation of the Internet
- We can now catch glimpses of what lies beyond
- SDX, SDI and Slicing with virtualization have the potential to open the door to the future Internet
- **To get there potentially game changing research in a variety of areas is needed**



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