PRAGMA-ENT: Exposing SDN Concepts to Domain Scientists in the Pacific Rim

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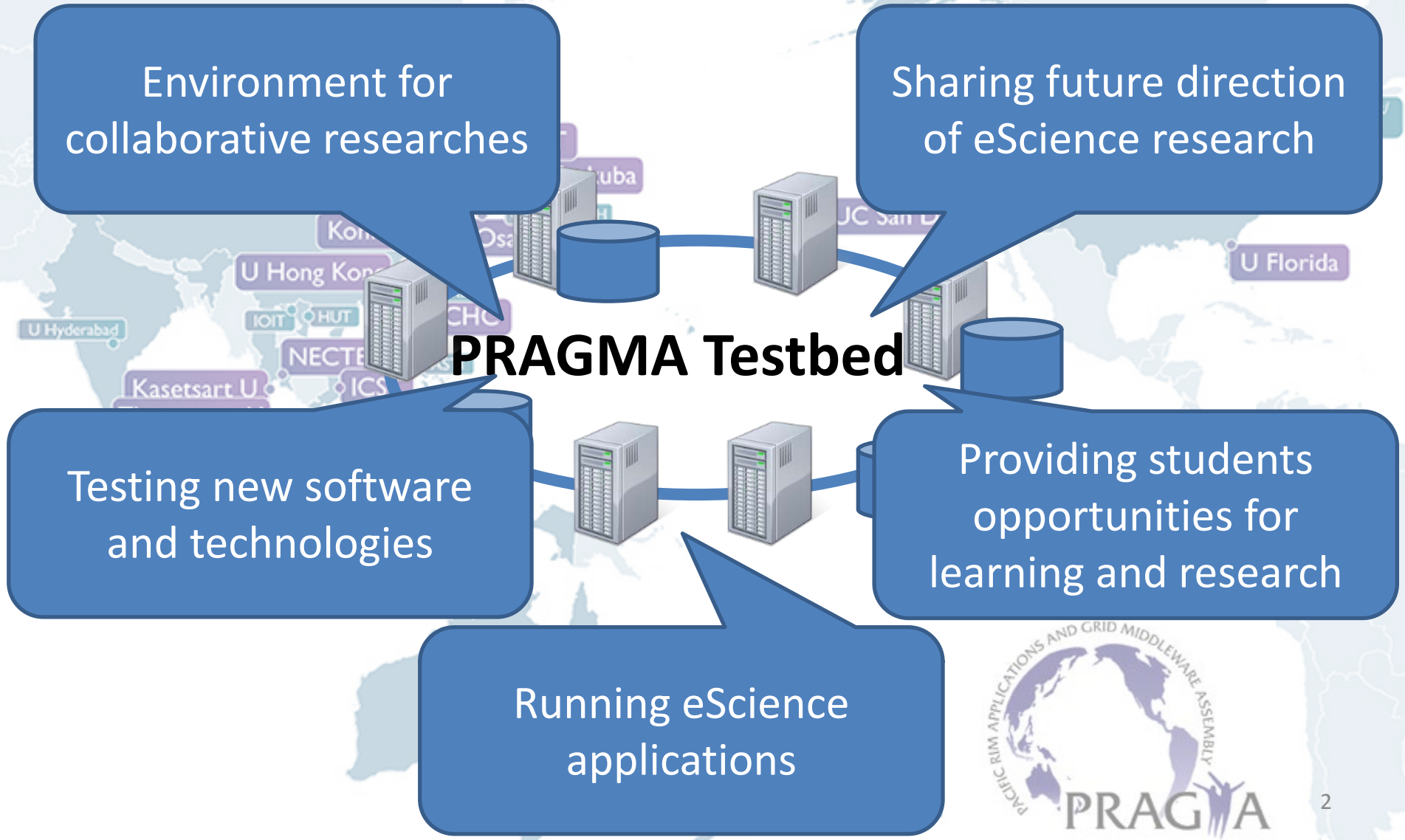
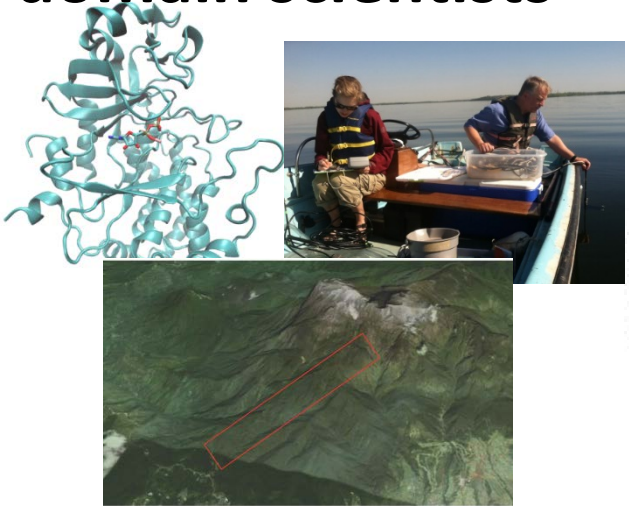
Cyberinfrastructure for eScience



Characteristic of PRAGMA

A variety of participating domain scientists



Computer scientists

Gfarm

ROCKS

Ezilla

OpenFlow

Pacific Rim Application and **Grid** Middleware Assembly

Founded in 2002

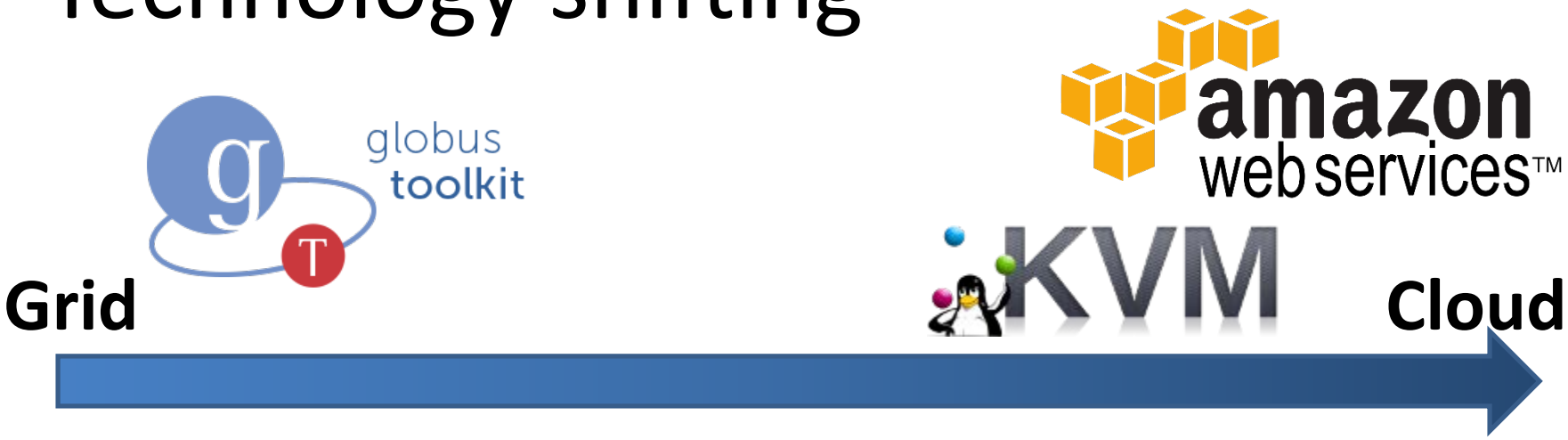
Long-lasting History

2015

Undergraduate
under Prof. Shimojo

Faculty
In NAIST

Technology shifting



- Virtualization Technologies
  - More flexibility
  - More dynamicity
  - Easy to deploy applications

Virtual network technologies
Software Defined Networking (SDN)

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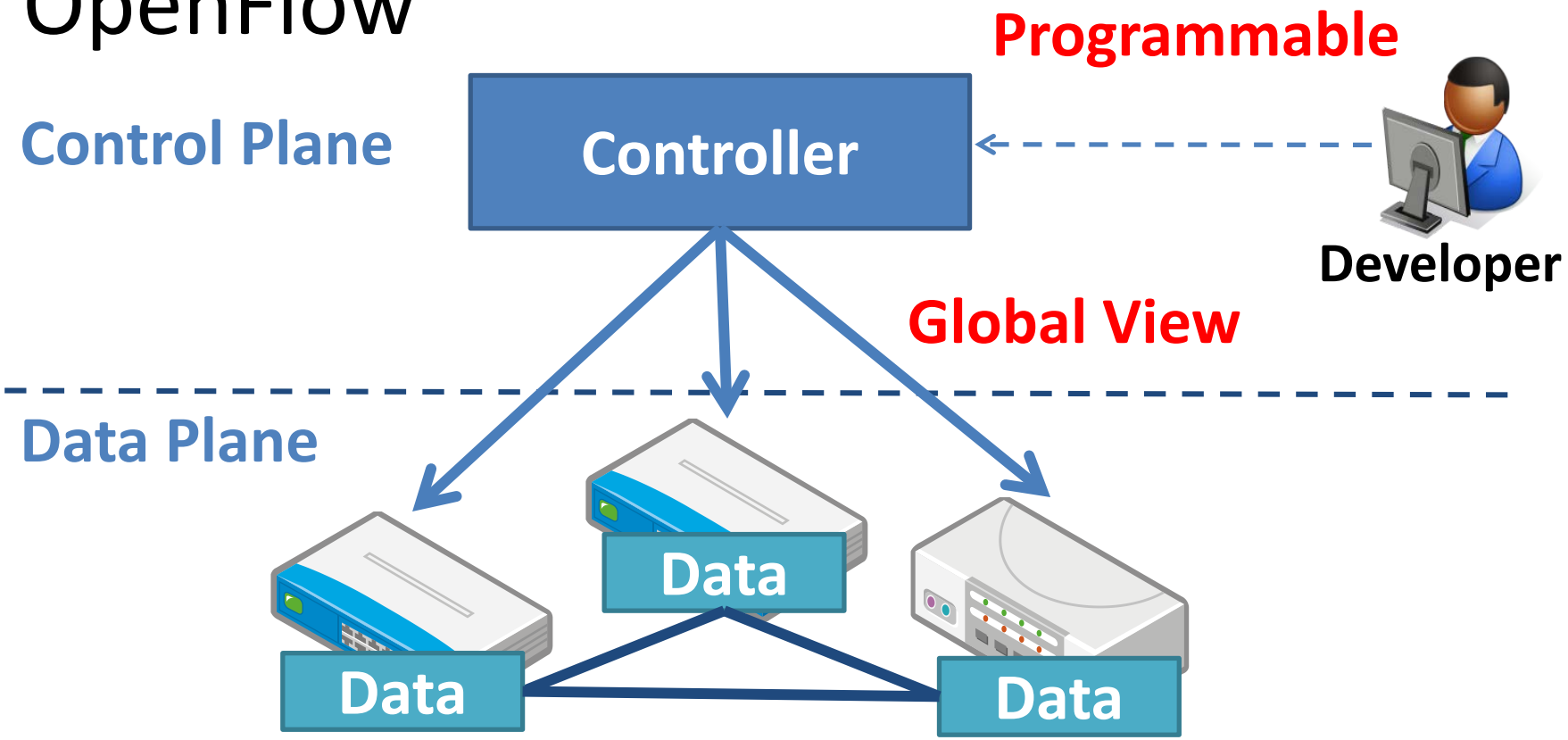
OpenFlow



National Projects of SDN:

JGN-X

INTERNET2

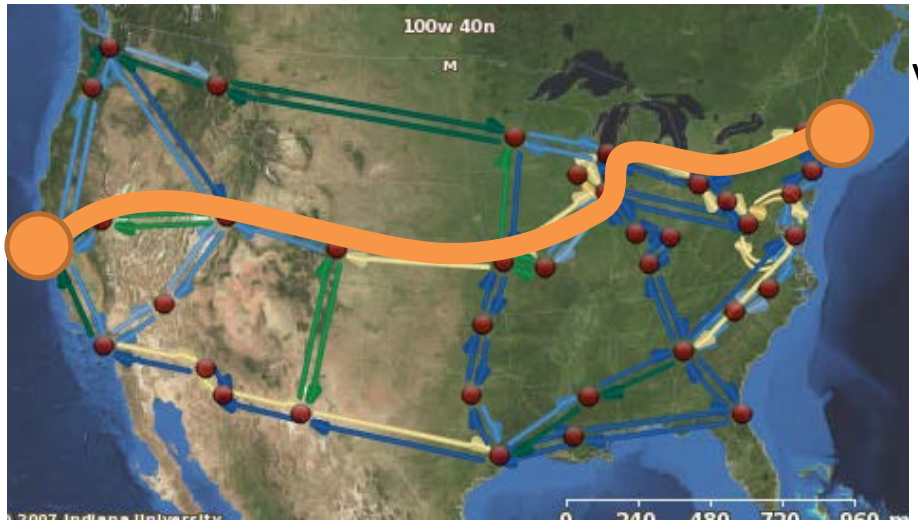
.felix

PRAGMA-ENT (Experimental Network Testbed)

- **International** SDN project
- Build a breakable international SDN/OpenFlow testbed for use by PRAGMA researchers
  - Complete freedom to access and configure network resources

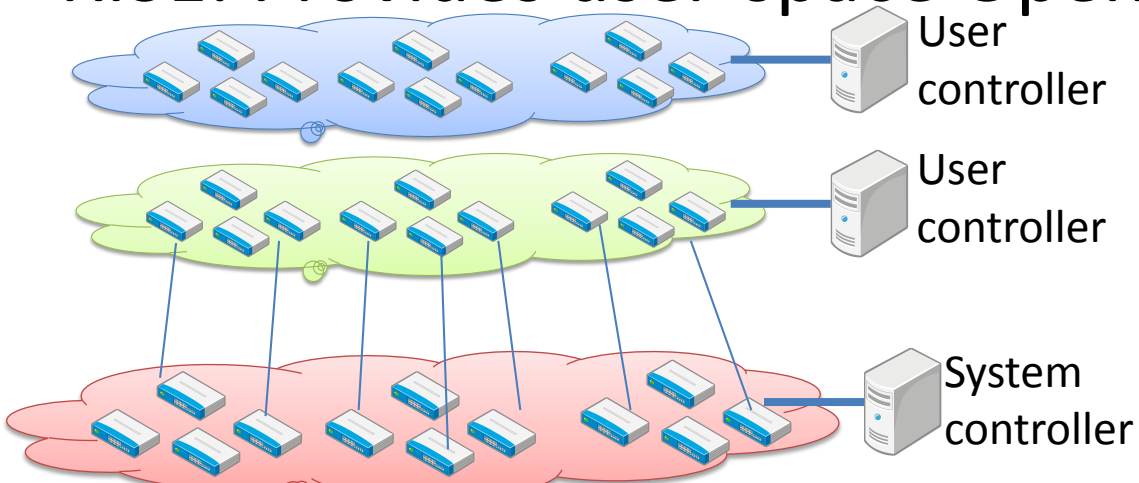
Related work

- A2LS: Point-to-point VLAN deployment using SDN



Dynamic Layer 2 provisioning service (VLAN translation rules are automatically installed)

- RISE: Provides user-space OpenFlow



User space OpenFlow

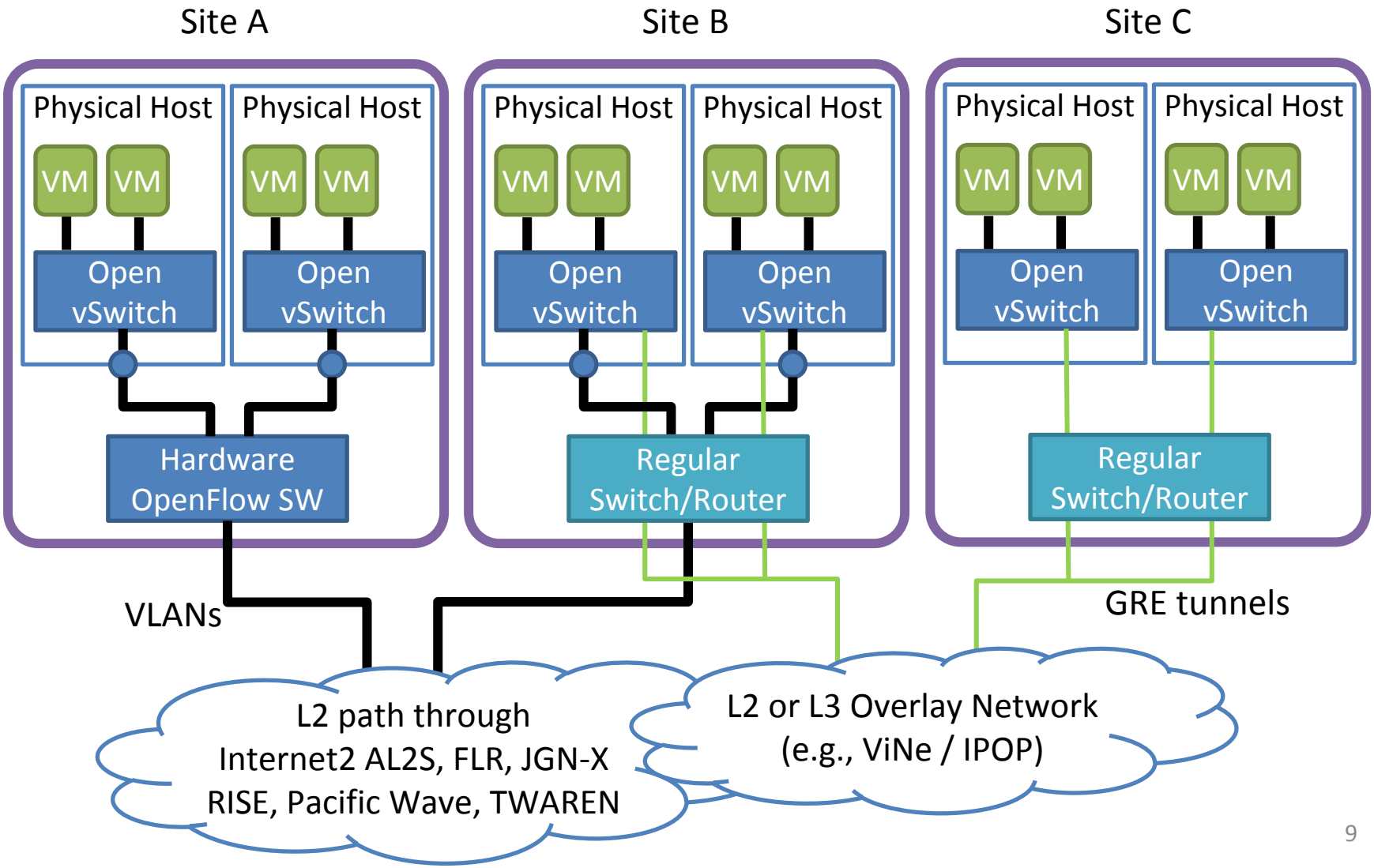
Kernel space OpenFlow (Infrastructure level)

ENT Architecture

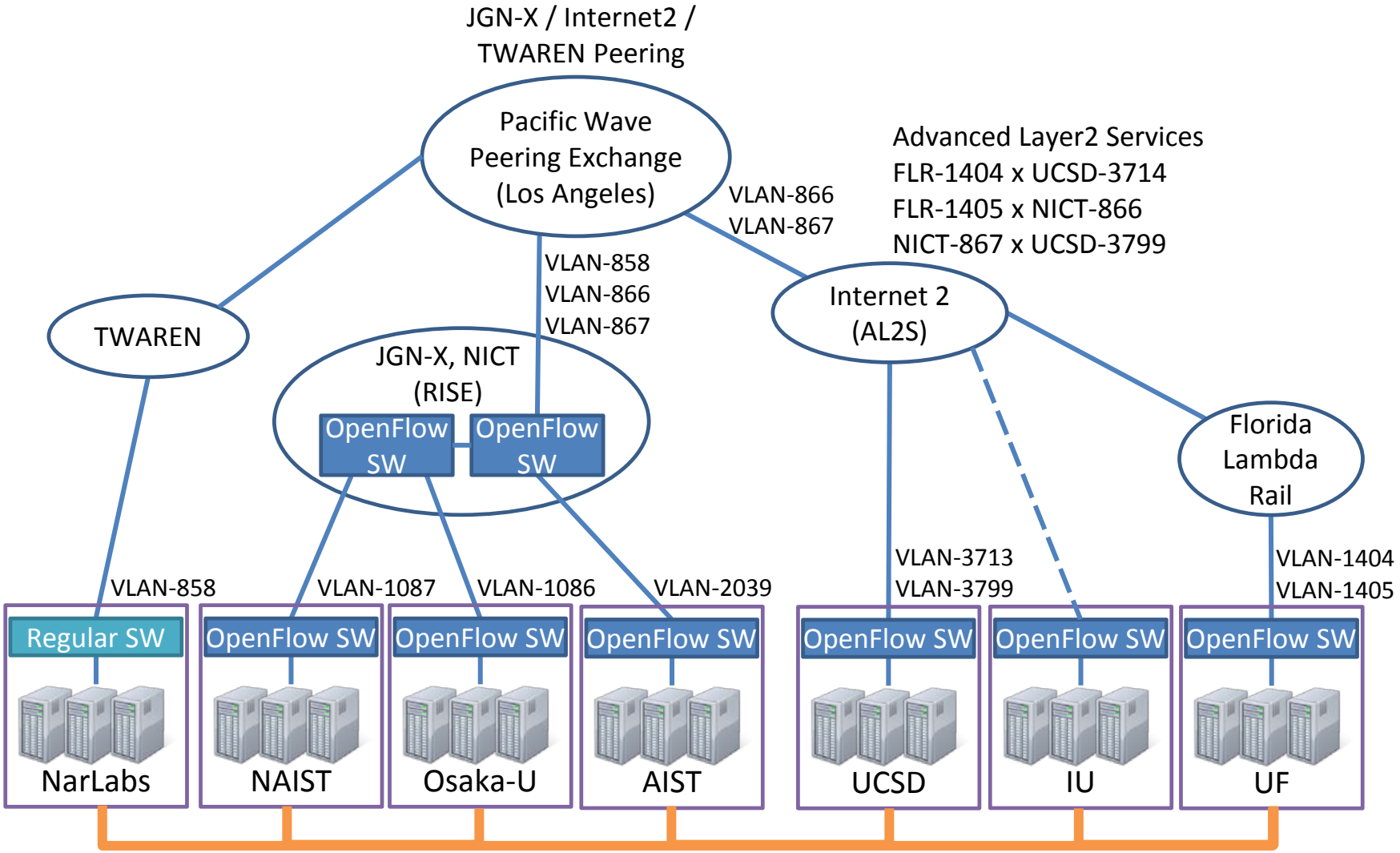
1. **Data Plane & Resources**

2. Control Plane

ENT Architecture:
Data Plane & Resources

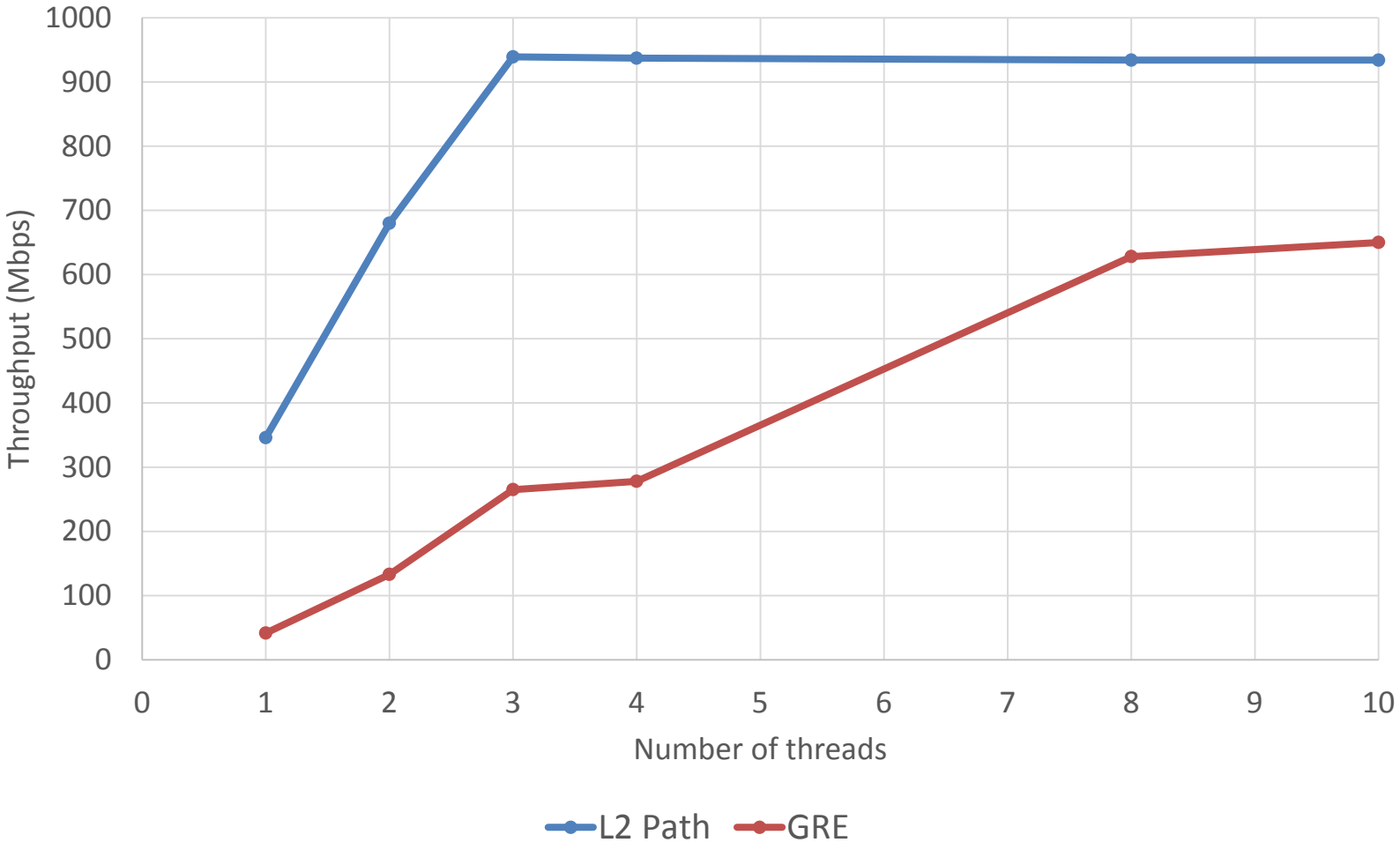


ENT Architecture:
L2 Data Plane Backbone



GRE tunnel links over the commercial Internet are established as alternative paths

Direct Layer-2 Path vs. GRE Tunneling



GRE tunneling links are still useful as alternative paths despite the heavy software processing overheads in a GRE tunnel.

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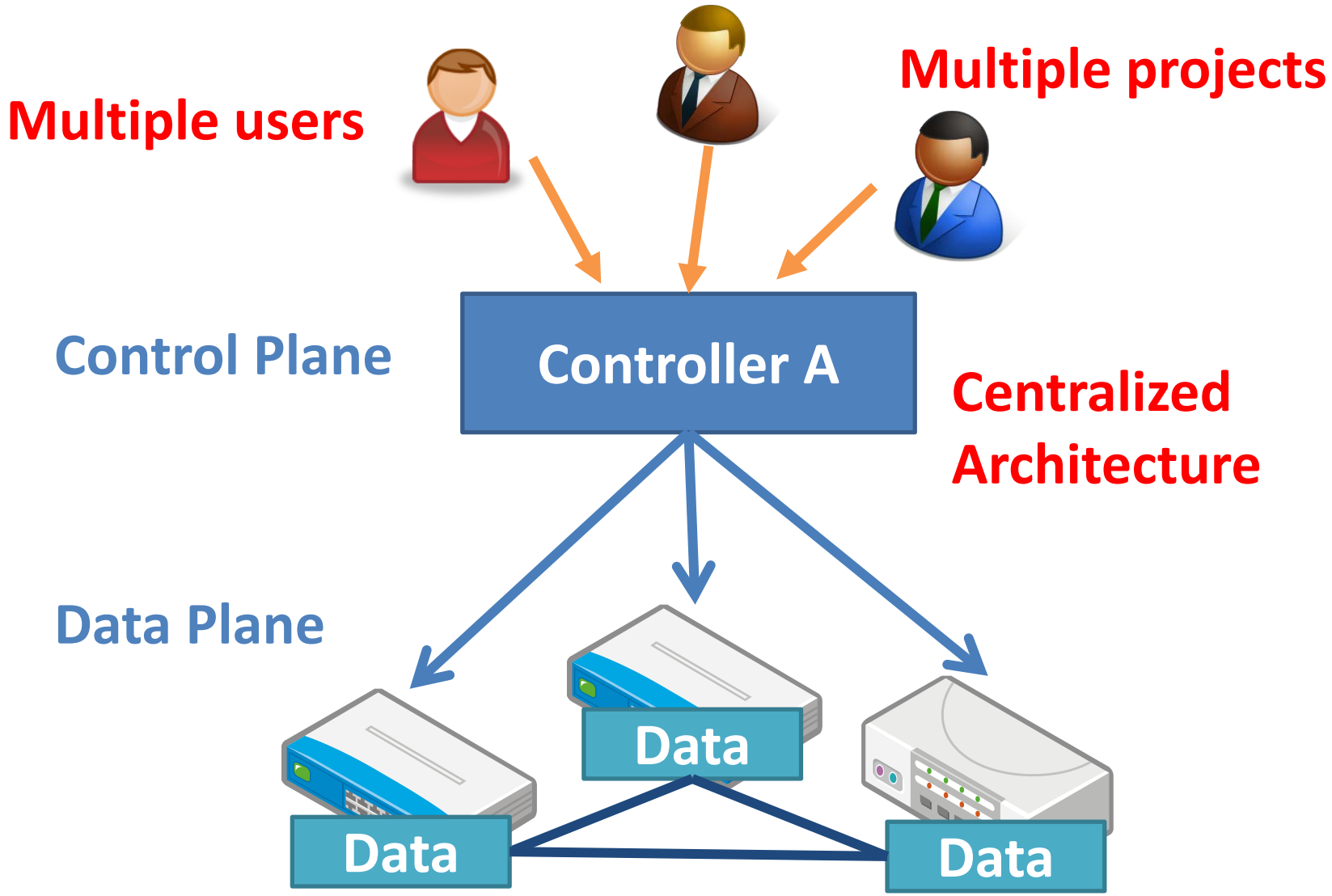
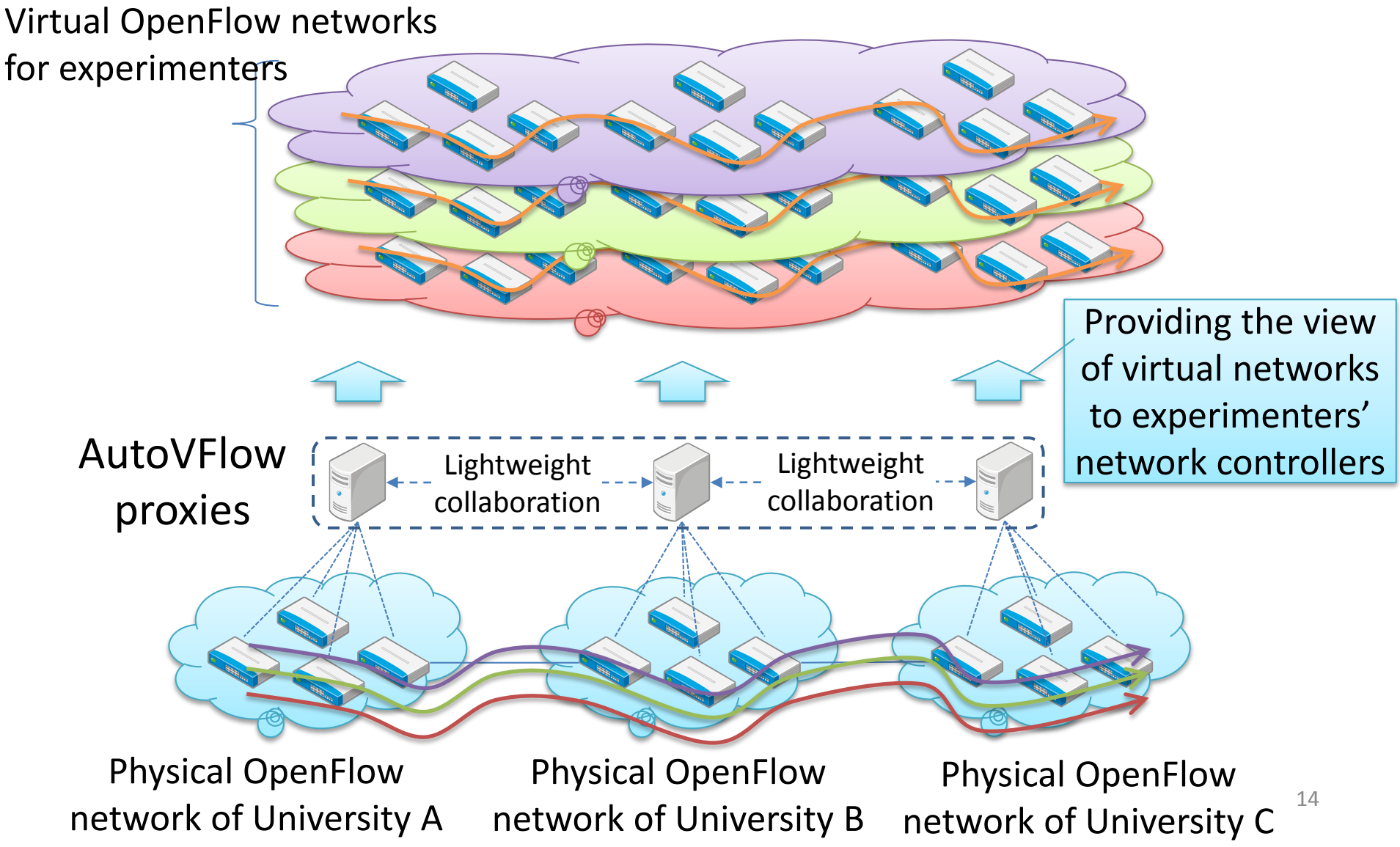
ENT Architecture: Control Plane



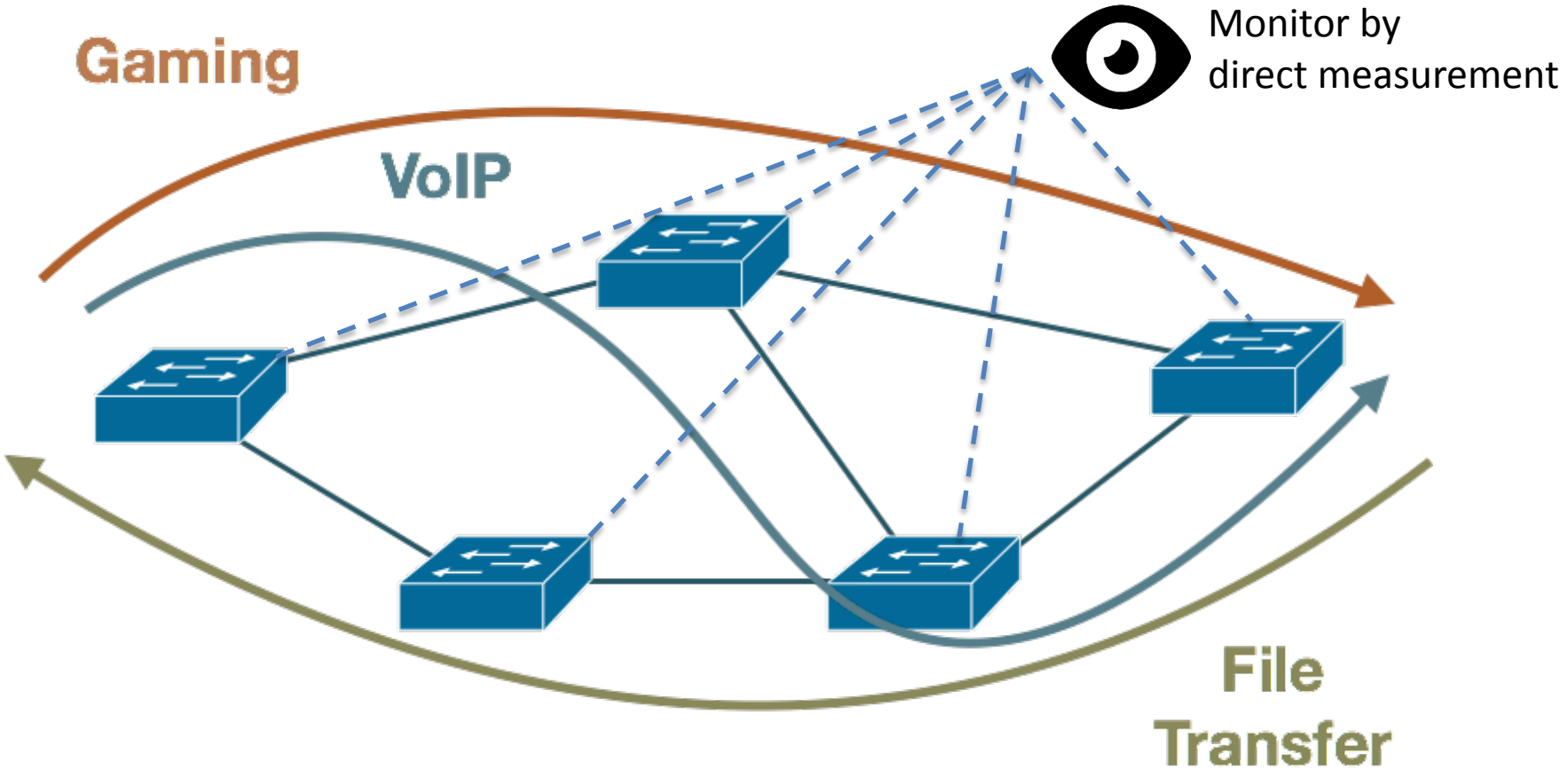
Distributed Sliced Control Plane: AutoVFlow



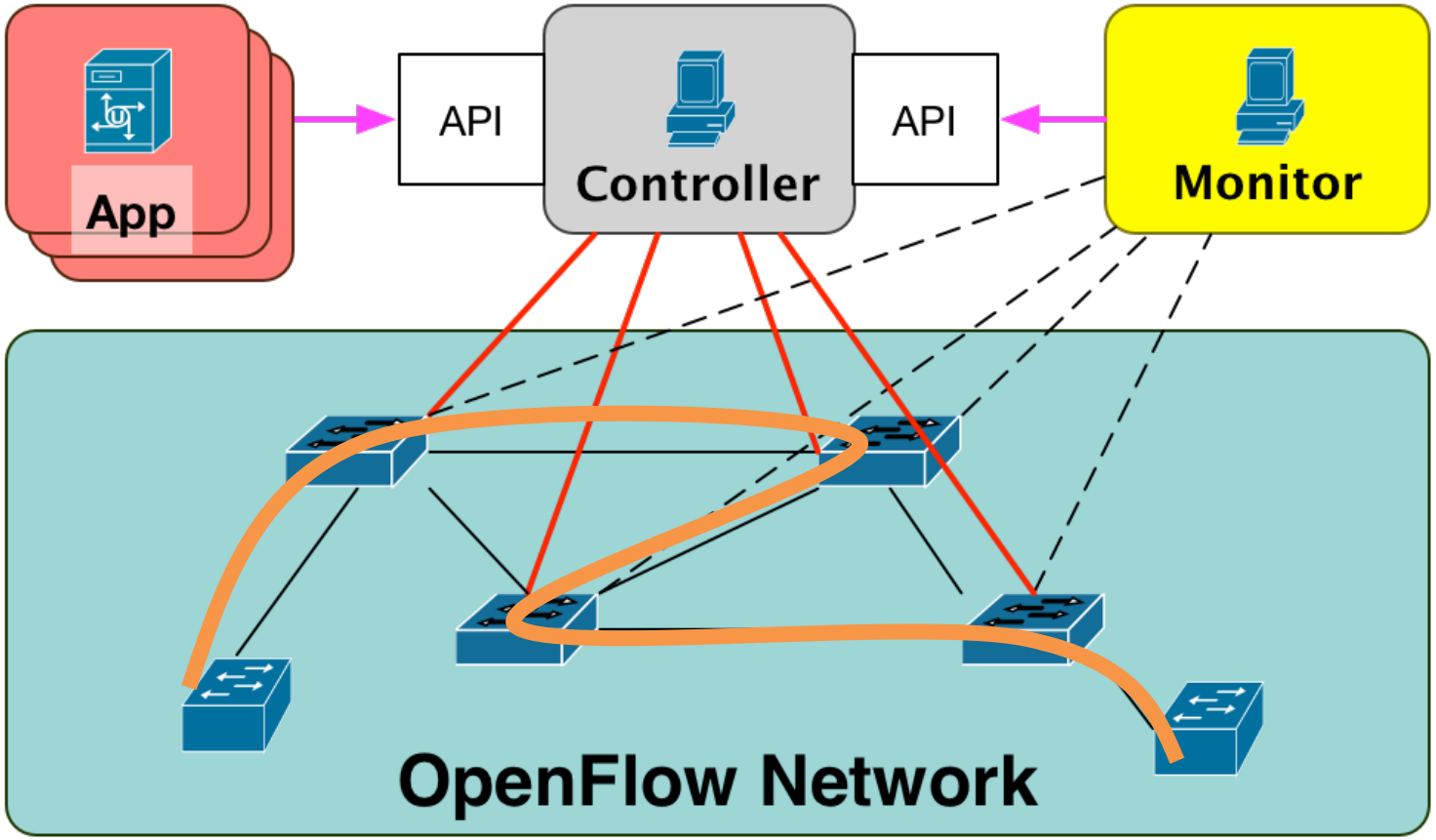
Applications on ENT

- Bandwidth and Latency aware routing
- Multipath routing
  - Multipath GridFTP
  - Multipath TCP
- eScience Visualization Application
  - Satellite Image Sharing between Taiwan and Japan
  - Flow Control for Streamings on Tiled Display Wall

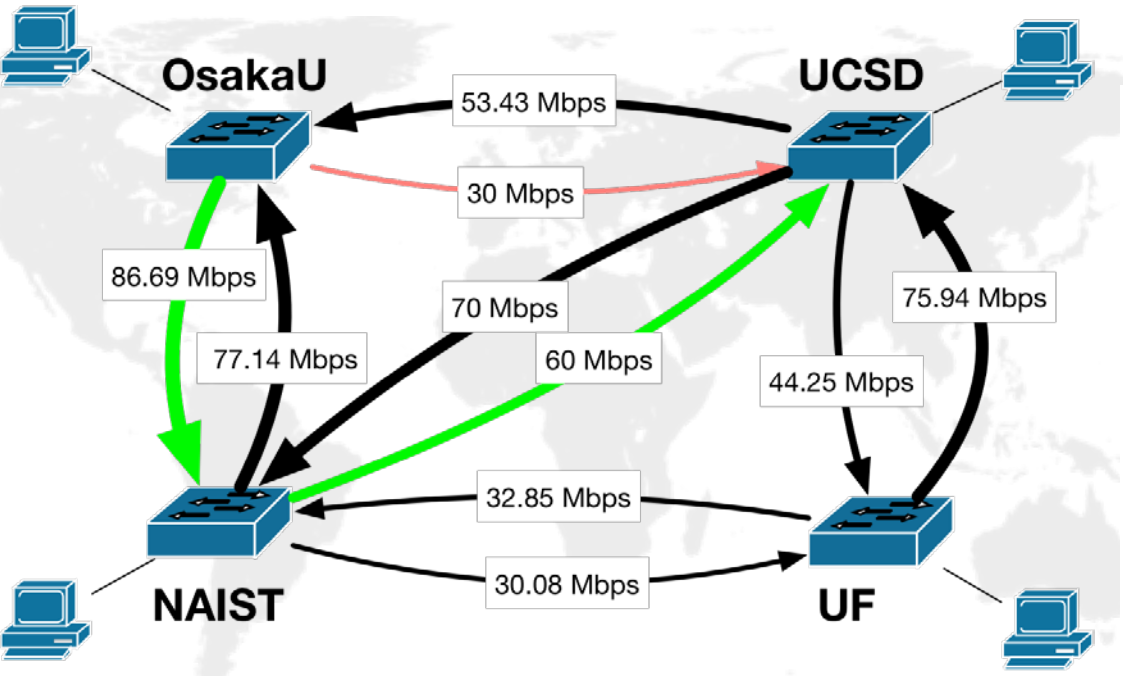
Concept of Bandwidth and Latency aware routing

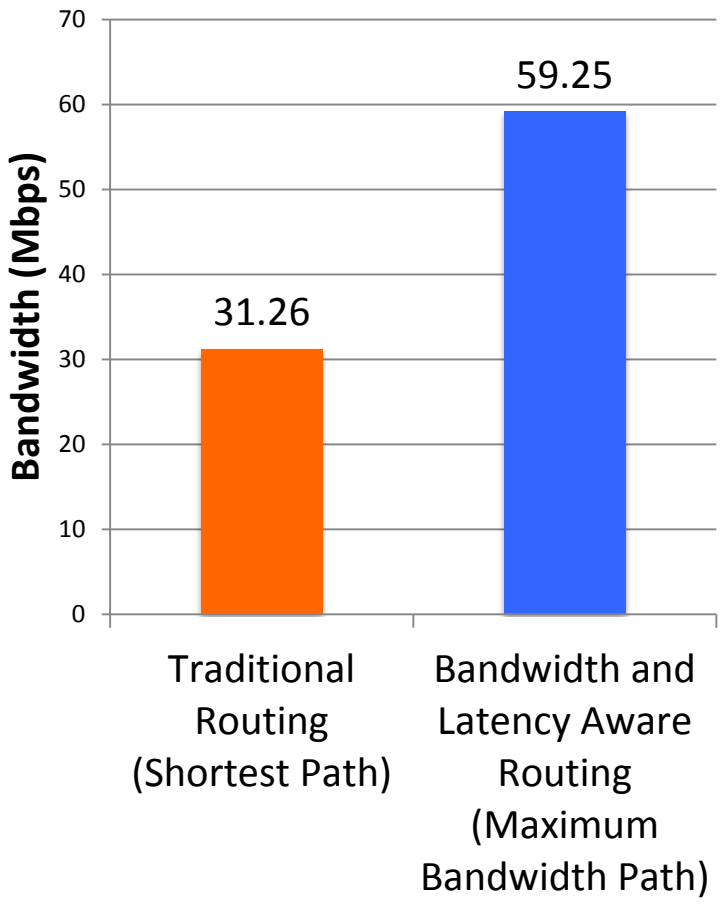


Architecture of Bandwidth and Latency aware routing



Results of Bandwidth and Latency aware routing

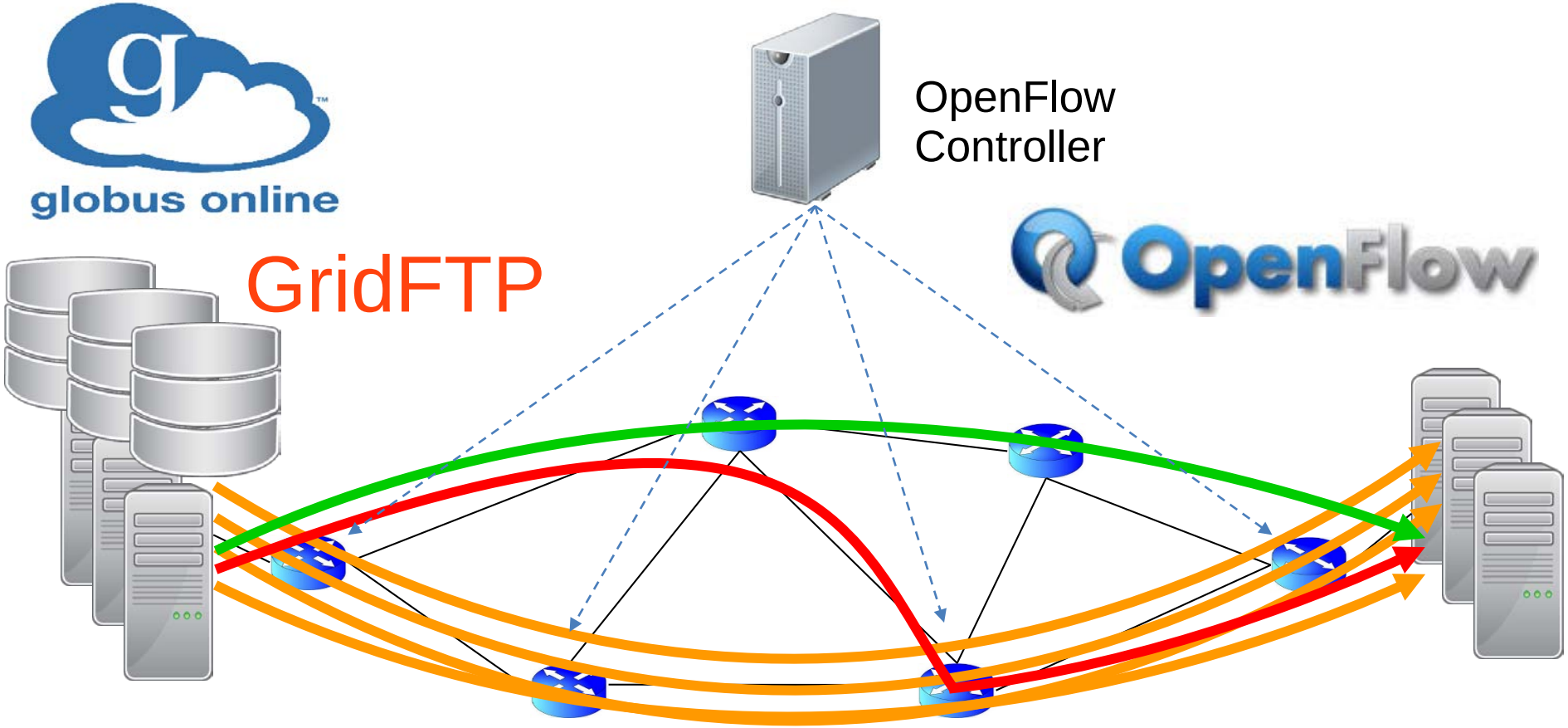




Multipath Routing

- Use multiple paths simultaneously
  - Application level
    - More flexible control (# of flows) for each application
    - Needs application specific implementation
  - Network level
    - No modification is needed for applications
    - Implemented in OS/system library level; less flexibility

SDN Multipath GridFTP



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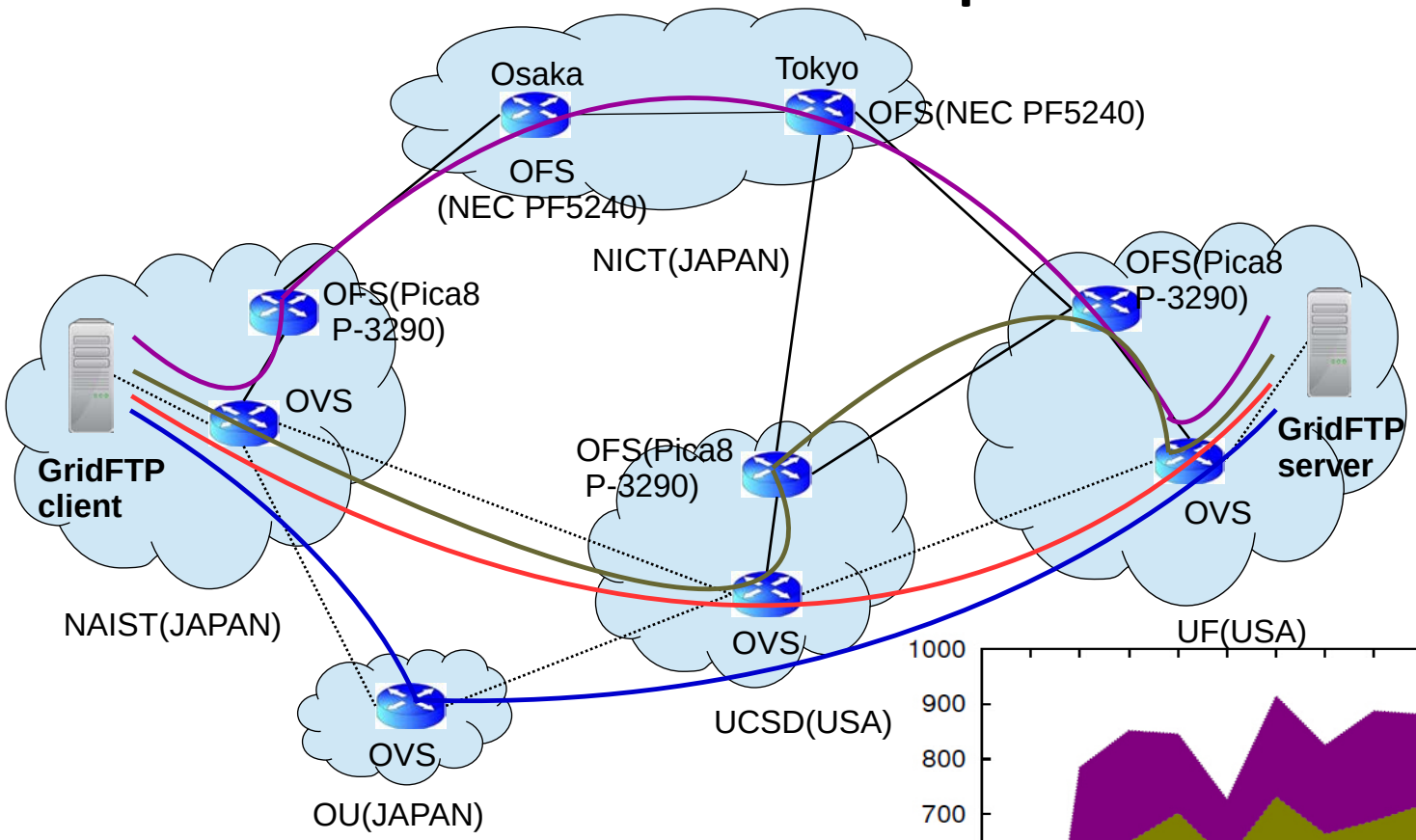
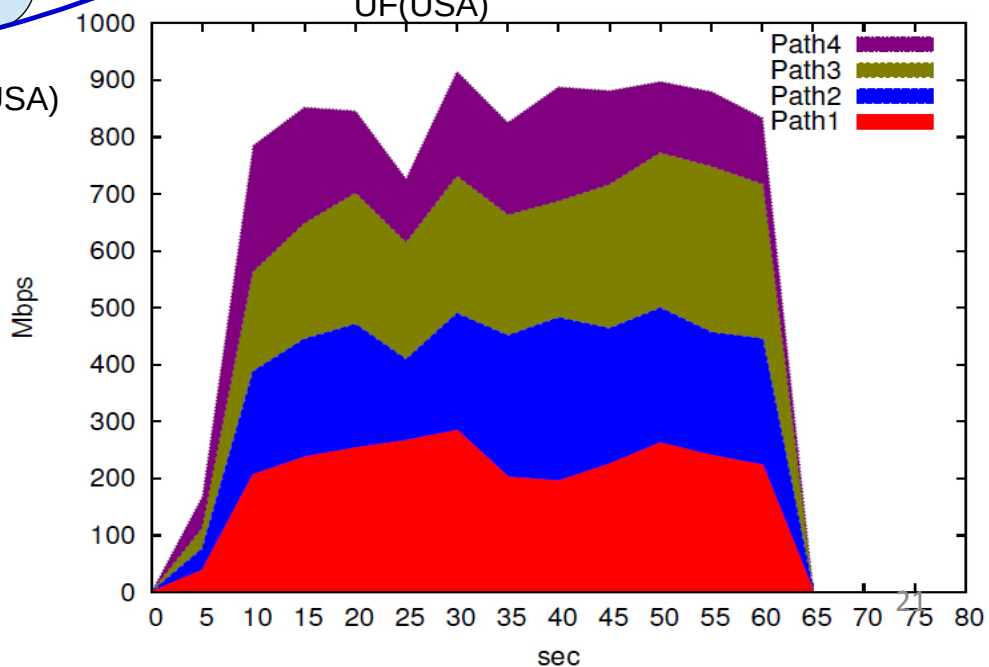
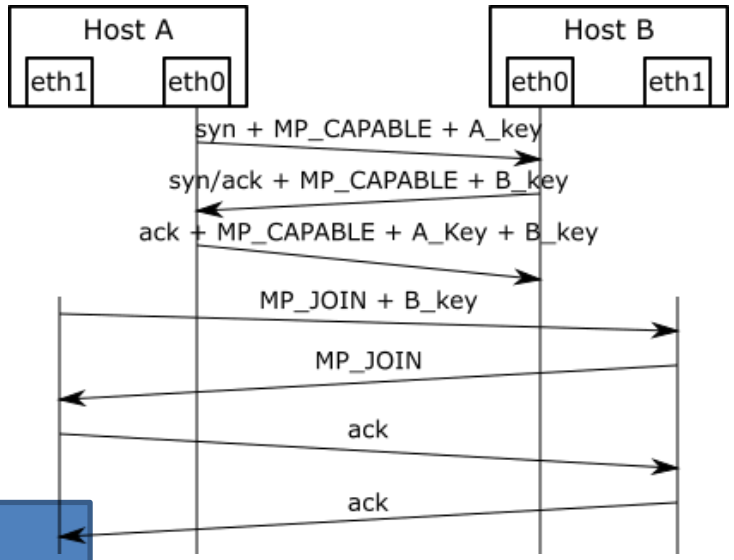


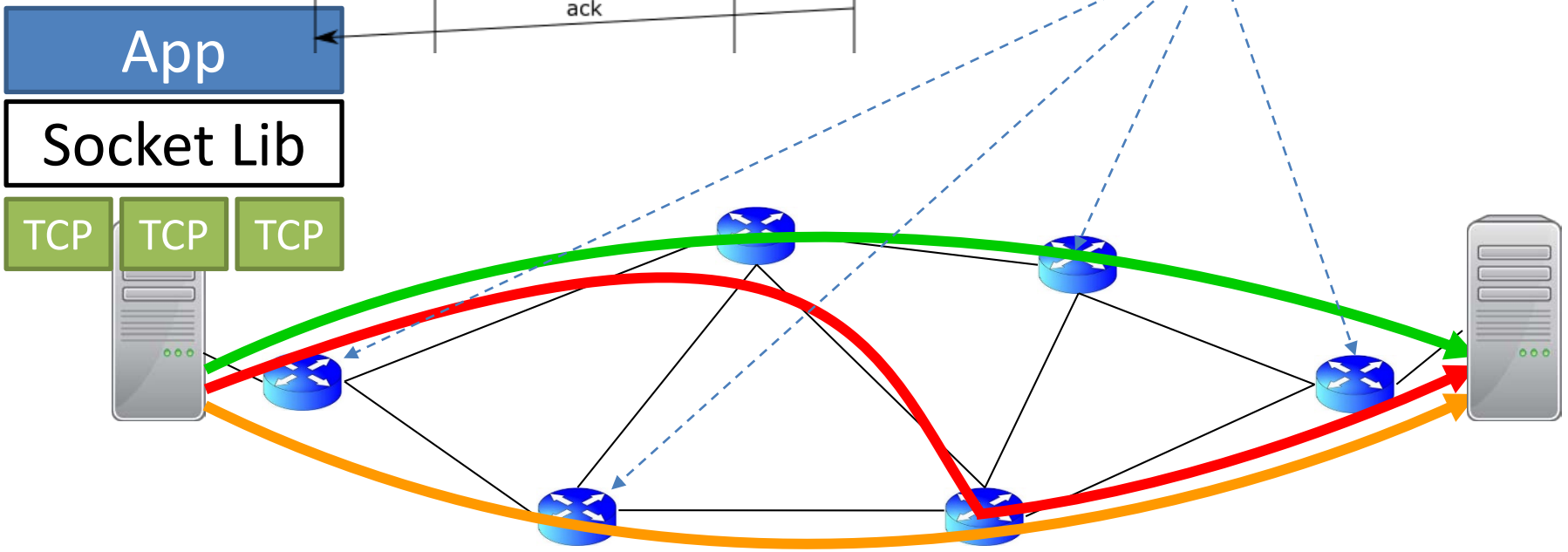


SDN Multipath TCP (MPTCP)



Analyzes MPTCP handshake, detect flow group and distributes the sub-flows over different multiple paths

OpenFlow Controller



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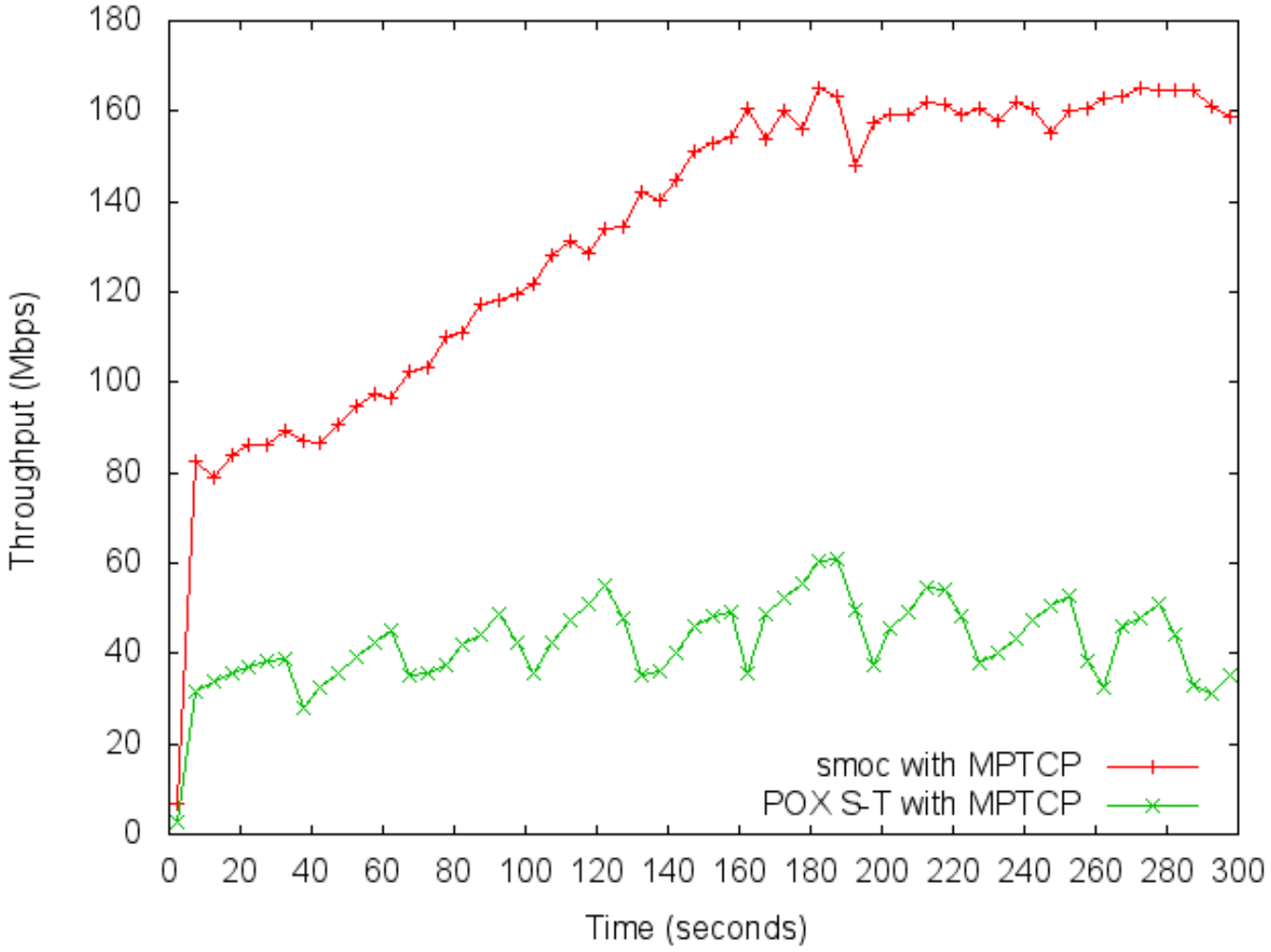
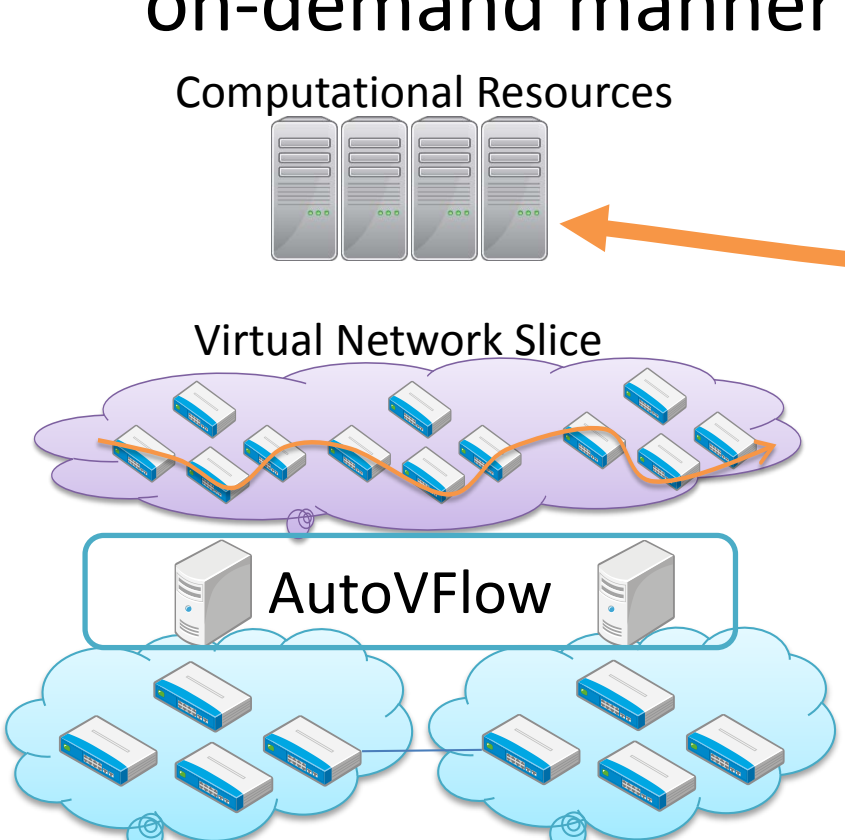


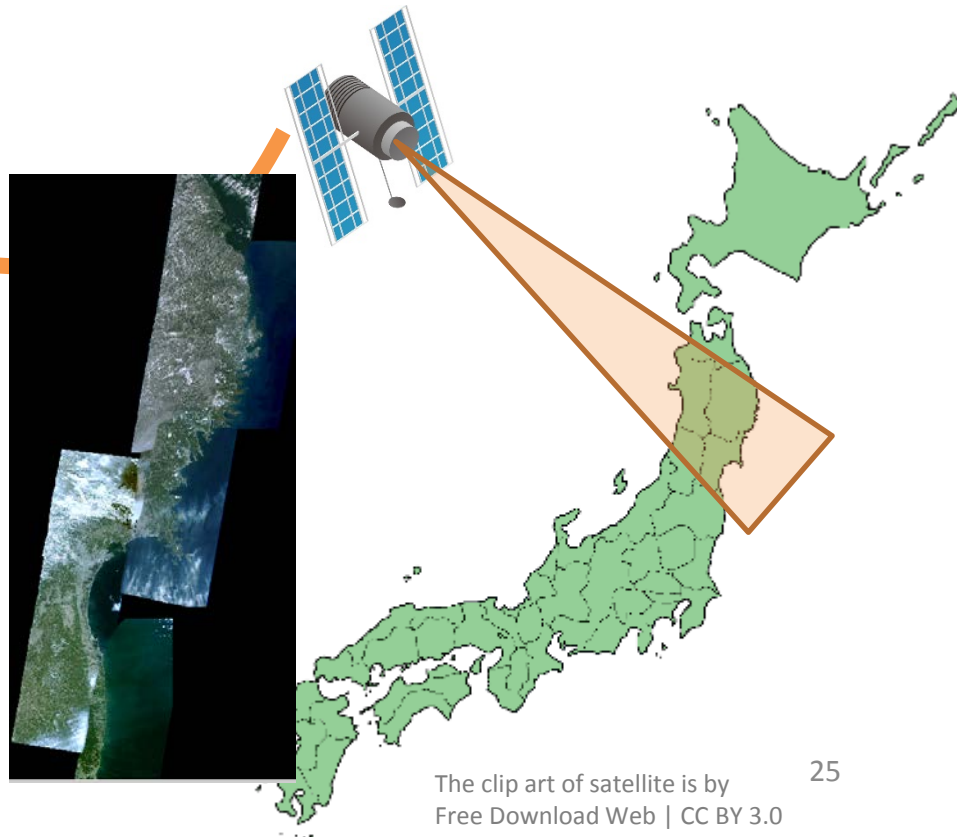
eScience Visualization

- Visualization in eScience applications relies on the network of a distributed environment.
  - **Where scientists view** the computational results is geographically different compared to **where the data was processed**

Satellite Image Sharing between Taiwan and Japan

- To rapid response to natural disasters, high-speed dedicated network needs to be established in a on-demand manner



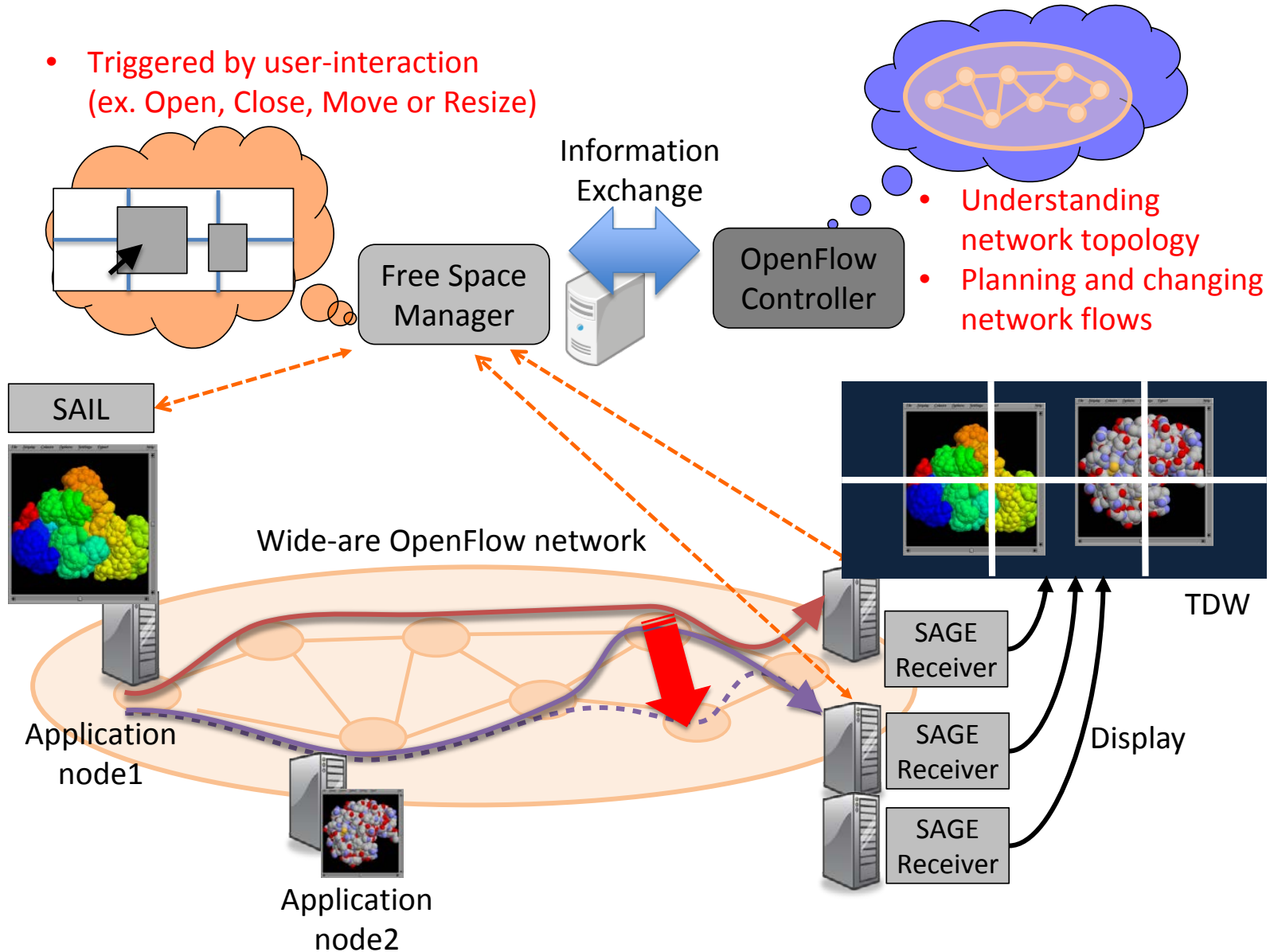


Results of Satellite Image Sharing

- Got better performance than the Internet
  - Through PRAGMA-ENT testbed (end to end SDN)
  - TWAREN and JGN-X direct peering in Los Angeles
  - Using a dedicated 622 Mbps lightpath

Flow Control for Streamings on Tiled Display Wall

- Triggered by user-interaction (ex. Open, Close, Move or Resize)



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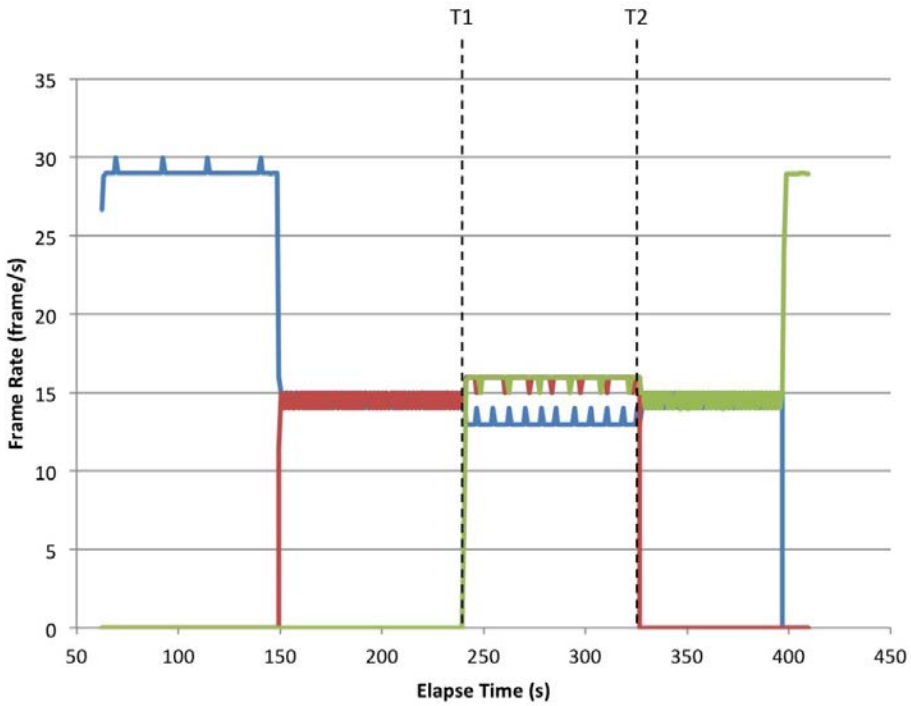

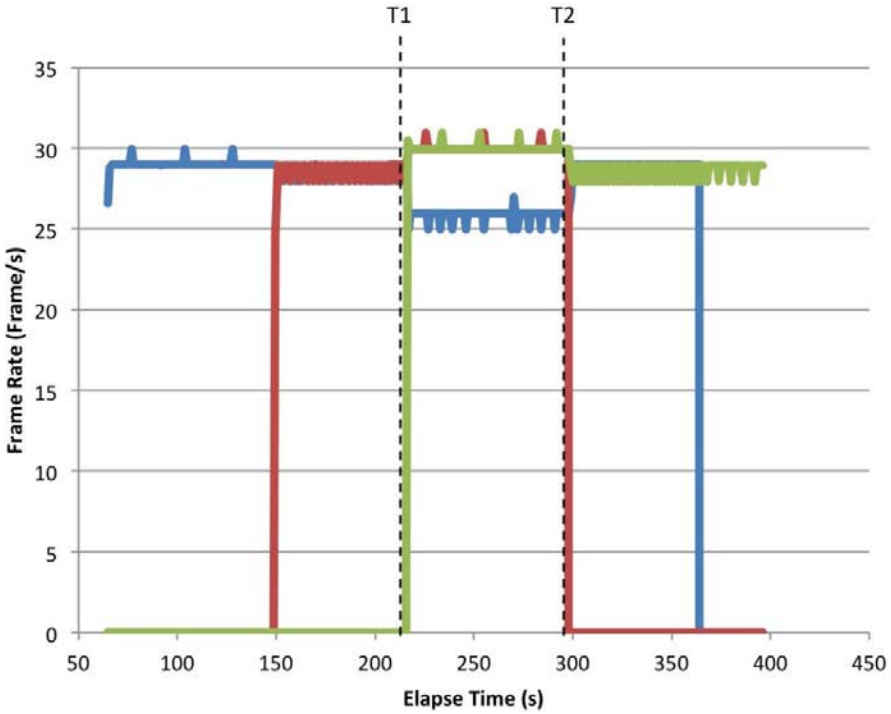

T1: App #2 window is moved to the border of displays from Display D1

T2: App #2 window is moved to Display D2

Without flow control

With flow control

Conclusion & Future Plan

- We established a network testbed for use by different PRAGMA researchers and institutes
- The network testbed offers complete freedom for researchers to access network resources with SDN

- Future Plan
  - Expanding network (Direct L2 and/or virtual overlay)
  - Monitoring testbed
  - Scheduler for users' experiments
  - ENT operation center (NOC)