

Deploying Standards-based, Multi-domain, Bandwidth-on-Demand

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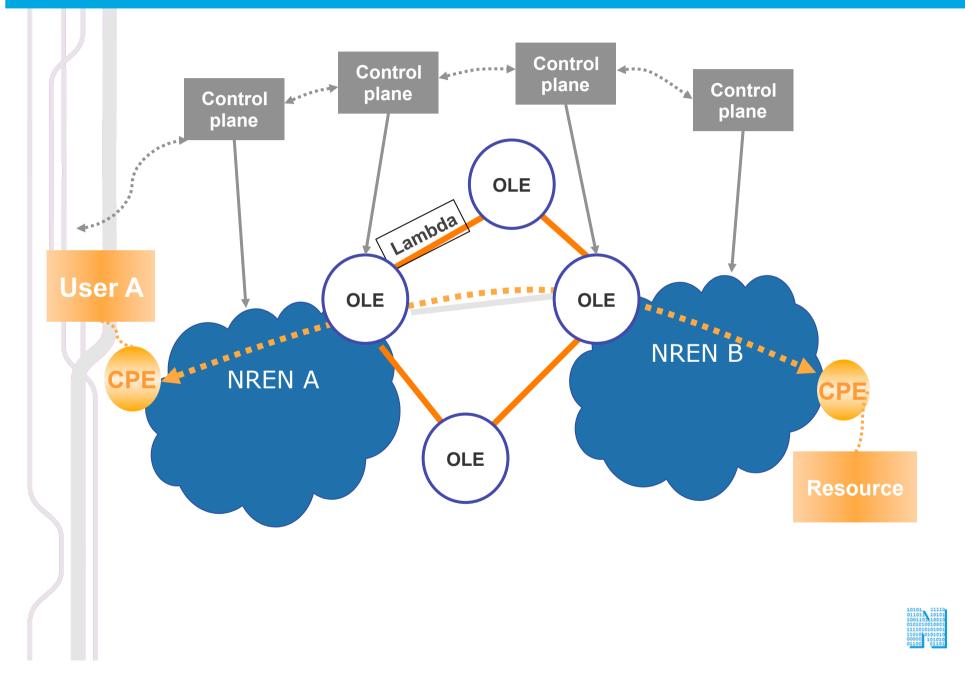


- Hybrid networking starting 2000
 - LHCOPN, 2005

- But ... circuits?
- Automation GLIF, elsewhere
 - Starting 2007
- Experiments, demos, trials, single-domain systems
 - AutoBAHN, OSCARS, OpenDRAC
 - GLIF AutoGOLE
- Multidomain, inter-operability
 - DICE Collaboration



NORDUnet Circuits & Control Planes



- NSI = Framework for Network Services
- NSI CS = Connection Service
 - Allows users to setup dynamic circuits
 - Bandwidth guaranties (or not)
 - Traffic engineering, directing flows
 - Or just L2 connectivity between sites
- Allows multi-domain circuit routing
- Allows multiple implementations
- ... but still has had a hard time getting beyond the demo



Beyond the Endless Demo

Chicken / egg situations

- Lack of use for lack of comprehensive facilities
- Lack of deployment for lack of user request
- Lack of deployment for lack of peers
- There's never really been a usable interdomain circuit service
- Recognize that it's not longer a technology problem
 - All the bits are there
 - Creating a multi-domain deployment is mostly a matter of several networks deciding to do it, together
- Decision to partner and act
 - NORDUnet & SURFnet
 - ... with GÉANT, DeIC, FUNET, others



Team & Project

Small core group

- Gerben van Malenstein, SURFnet
- Migiel de Vos, SURFnet
- Hans Trompert, SURFnet
- Henrik Thostrup Jensen, NORDUnet
- Alin Pastrama, NORDUnet
- Kim Kramaric, NORDUnet
- Erik-Jan Bos, NORDUnet
- Joint project plans, timelines, specifications
 - Open to input, discussion, collaboration
 - Agile iterations, deadlines, demo early
- Announce intentions early in community



Objectives

- Facilitate users & applications
 - Enable initial users

- Building an NSI/BoD service alone is boring
 - And largely useless
 - Joint effort: SURFnet, NORDUnet, & GÉANT
 - Offer: An integrated BoD service in Europe
 - Multi-domain / multi-provider / multiple technologies
- Standards-based circuit capability
 - NSI 2.0 it's the only game in town
 - Commitment to standards process
 - Advance the standards



Fill In the Gaps

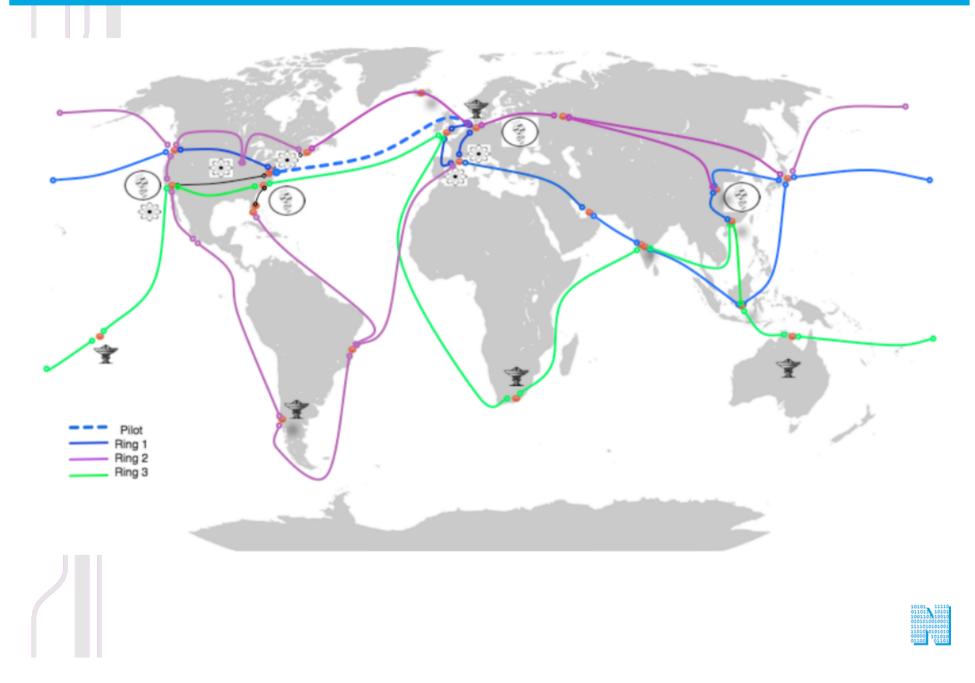
- Close collaboration on
 - AAI, Security
 - Topology distribution & Path-finding
 - Policies

- Not covered in NSI CS2 specification
- Get to usable, not to perfection
- AuthZ happens on endpoints
 - Typically with OAuth2 tokens or user attributes
 - No provisioning without authenticated access & endpoint Authorization
- Transit links are generally used w/o authentication
- Peering = data + control plane connectivity
 - Control plane is over TLS with bidirectional AuthZ
 - Trust your peer, or don't bother



Support the Long View





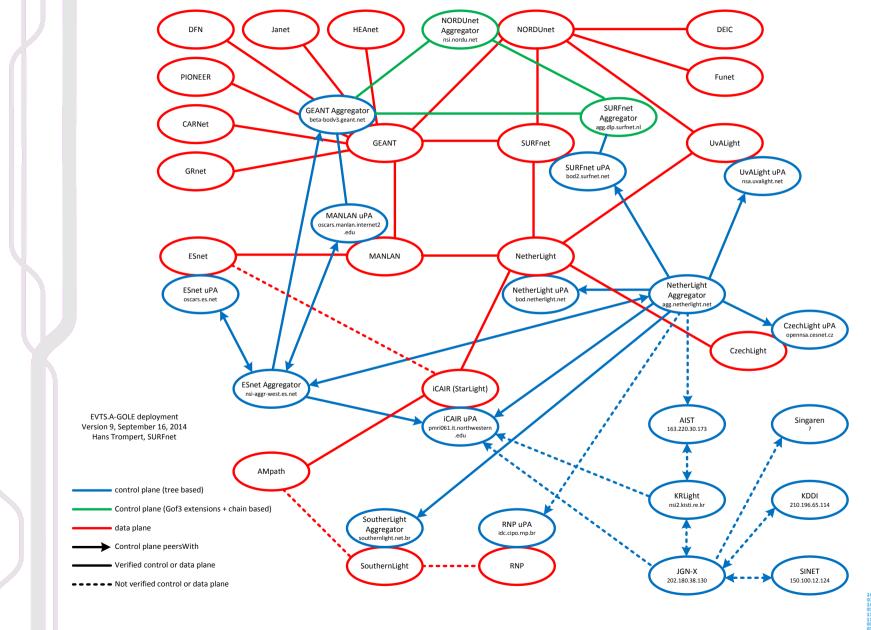
What We Have

- Deployment on production platforms
 - Well working NSI 2.0 CS implementations
 - Not another demo offer full capacity
 - Initial users

- Well tested, connects SURFnet, NORDUnet, and GEANT
 - Have connected UvaLight , FUNET, ...
 - Demo at TNC 2014
 - Connecting most of Europe
 - Reaching further w/ AutoGOLE



BoD Capability Map



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Advances

- Authorization for NSI CS
- Multi-domain topology & pathfinding
 - chaining that works
- Major gaps filled
 - We've come a long way in <10 months
 - Essential for production service
- Consensus on Authorization fell into place faster than expected
- Consensus on pathfinding is taking a little longer; NSI community favours support for tree model



BoD Capability

BoD E2E Service

- Service offering not well understood
- Range of options from manual provisioning to web interface to application integrations
- We're not sure we understand what a service should look like, but we *do* know that they will never learn unless we enable the service to happen
- Network Circuit Capability a pre-requisite for
 - Experiments
 - Engaging in European / Global projects
 - Building end-user services
 - Engage with campuses and user communities

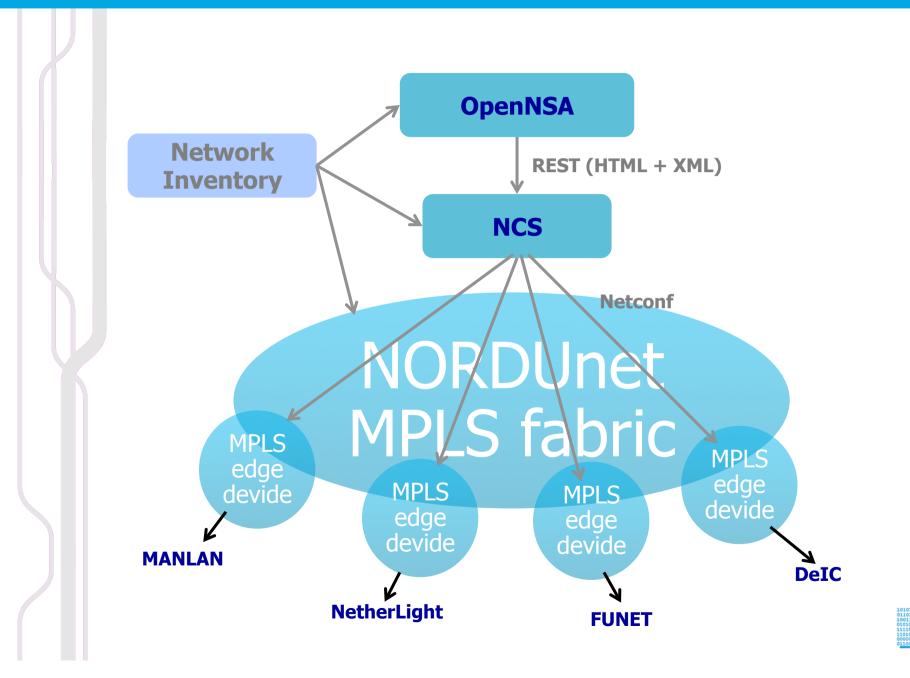




- Provisioning
 - Tail-F NCS: production management platform for NORDUnet MPLS / IP infrastructure.
 - In production for managing IP peers
 - Speaks Netconf towards (edge) devices
- OpenNSA
 - Open source NSI v2 CS service agent
 - At NORDUnet, use REST+HTML towards NCS
 - Supports many other backends
- BoD Transport
 - MPLS tunnels over production network
 - Available on MPLS edge
 - Initially London, Amsterdam, Helsinki, Copenhagen
 - Eventually entire NORDUnet MPLS fabridc
 - Control plane security with TLS and user attributes/tokens for authN



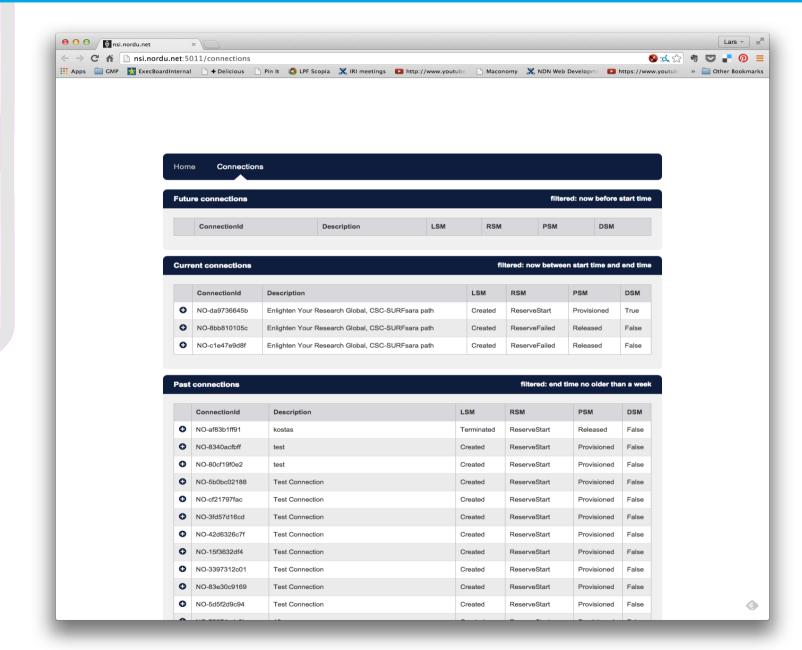
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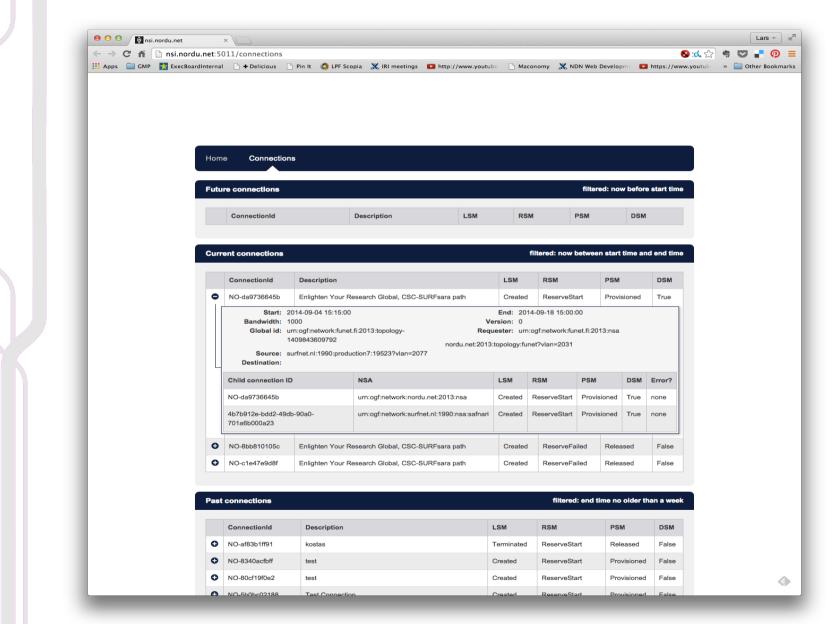
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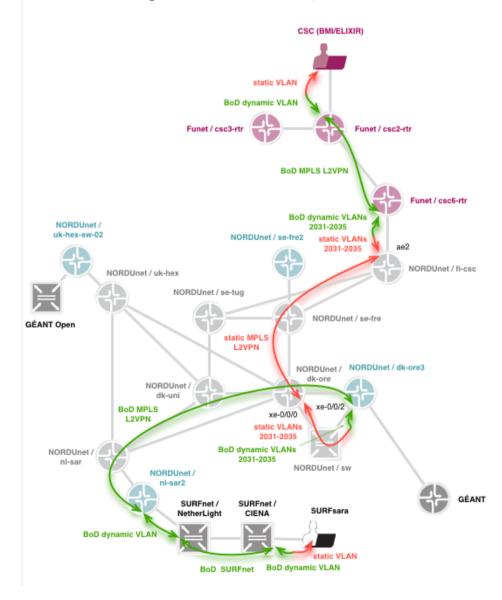


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Next Steps

- More standards work
 - Link policy; policing of traffic
 - AAI & Topology Standardization
- Monitoring
 - NOC Tools
 - PerfSONAR
 - Performance Verification
- Finalize operations deployment
 - Security, Audits
 - NOC support / handover
- Committed to maintaining a NSI production capability



HONORARY MENTION

• Partners

- The TEAM
- SURFNET
- GEANT
- ... and also
 - UvA
 - FUNET
 - DeIC
 - Friends in the NSI WG specifically ESnet
 - GLIF NSI Imp & AutoGOLE
 - LHC community
 - Enlighten your research initiative



Are we done, yet?

• Consider

- Transport circuit capability
- Cross-connect circuit capability
- Authentication
- Identity Management (✓)
- Security (✓)
- Topology Exchange (✓)
- Link Policy management
- Performance Verification for end-to-end
- Service Level management
- Virtualization
- OLE service architecture
- Much to do!





Thank You

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