



# Dynamic Research Connections Across Borders

North American Research and Education Exchange Collaboration  
(NA-REX)

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# Agenda

- NA-REX Overview
- Internet2 and MANLAN/WIX
- Pacific Wave
- ESnet
- International Networks @ Indiana
- AmLight
- MOXY
- Recent Collaborations Supporting Science at SC24
- What's Next

# NA-REX Program Elements



## Collaboration, Coordination

Improve coordination between all North American international exchange point and capacity operators

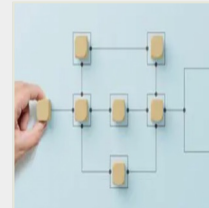
Regular meetings for project coordination, system planning, grant opportunities, communications



## > 400 Gbps GXP Interconnection

Provide dedicated bandwidth between all exchange points

A minimum of 400 Gbps today, 2x or 3x 400 Gbps coming online (part of footprint) early in 2025



## Uniform Provisioning Standards

Create & maintain common operating principles

Currently NSI based to support AutoGOLE / SENSE



## Measurement, Analysis, Visualization

Create & maintain centralized repository of utilization data which is persistent and easy to consume

Currently based on NetSage

# NA-REX Use Cases



## Network Research

Leveraging the shared platform to support research into network technologies

SDN, DTNs, Interdomain SR, Hecate, P4 - what's next?



## Testbed Development

Supporting testbeds for science with dedicated networks

Mission Specific Overlay Networks

Distributed Hybrid Quantum Computing with PQC/QKD secured links

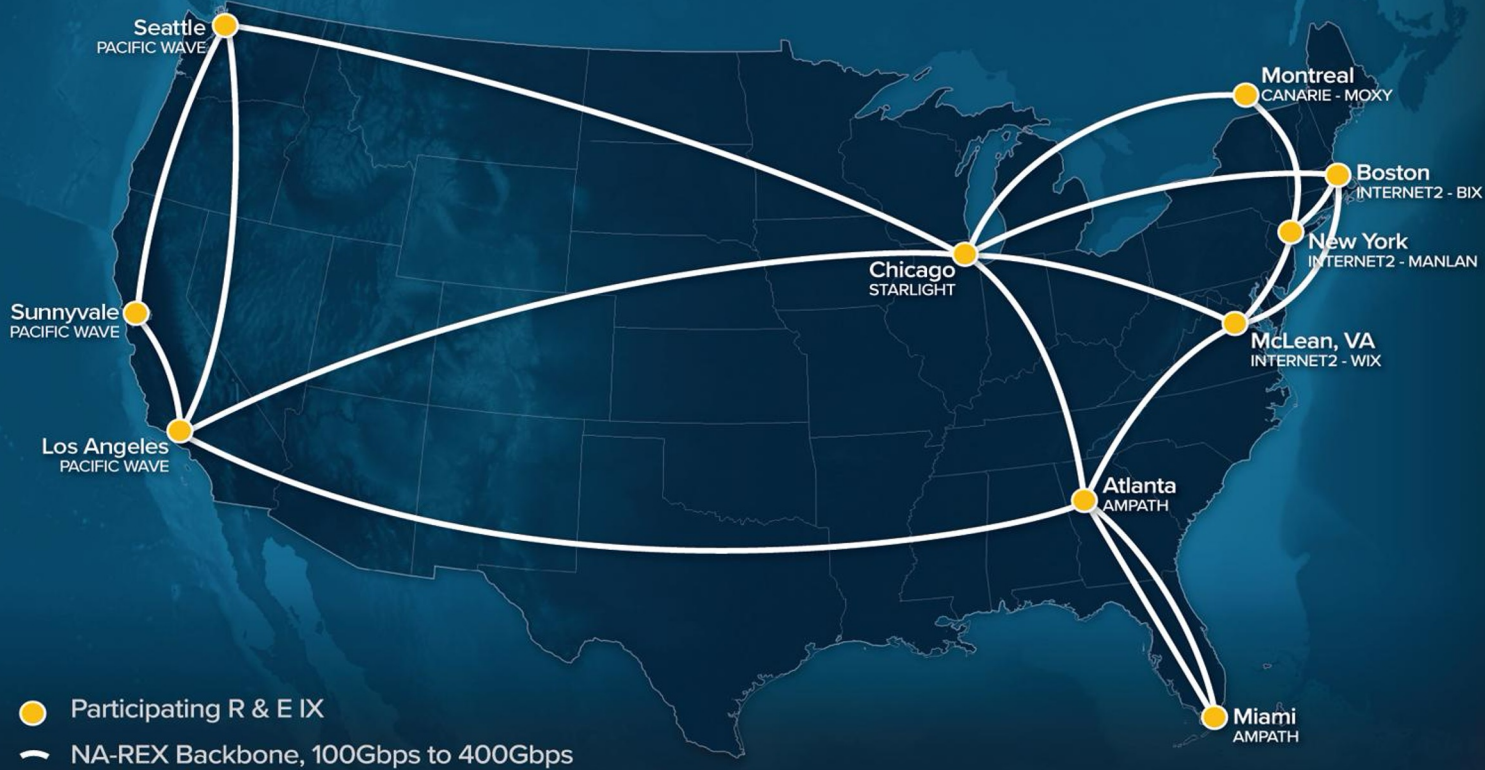


## Transit for Specific Applications

Enabling advanced science researchers through advanced connectivity

Data Intensive Science  
SKA  
NREN Backup Paths  
& more

# NA-REX North America Research & Education Exchange Collaboration



International Networks  
at Indiana University



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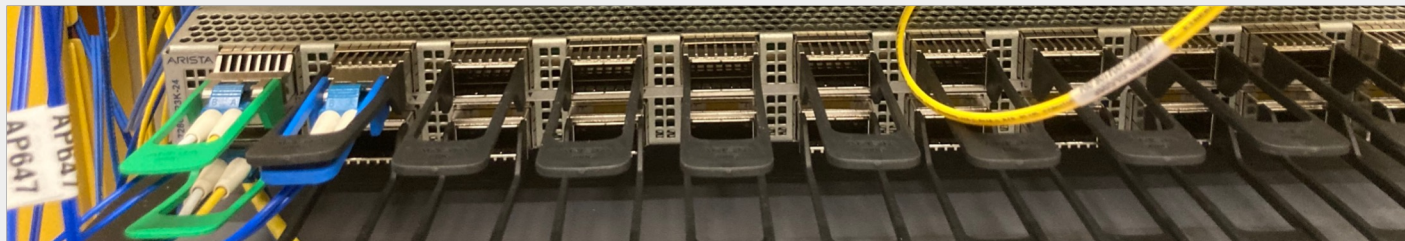
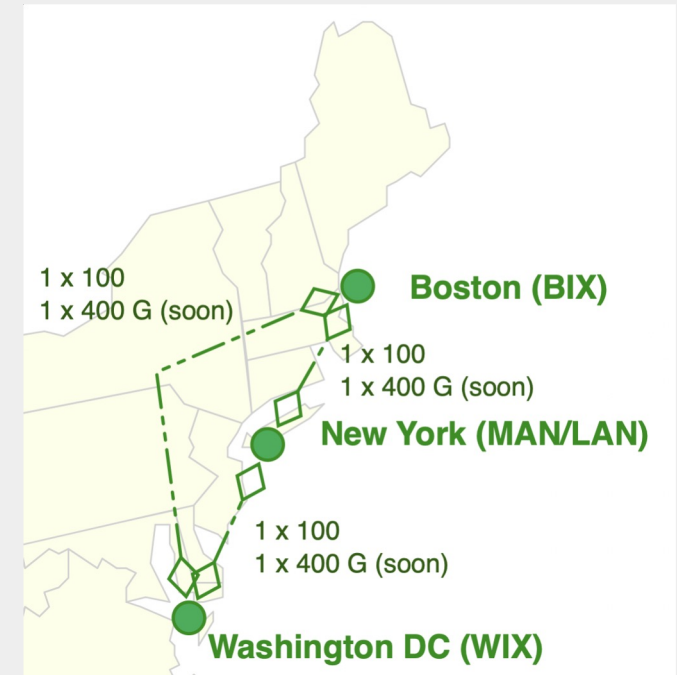


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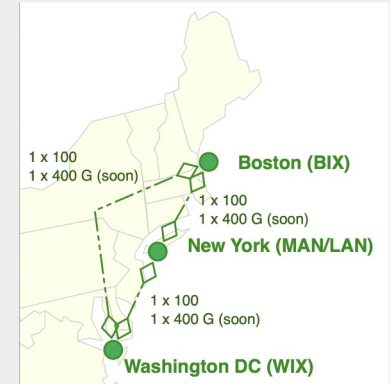
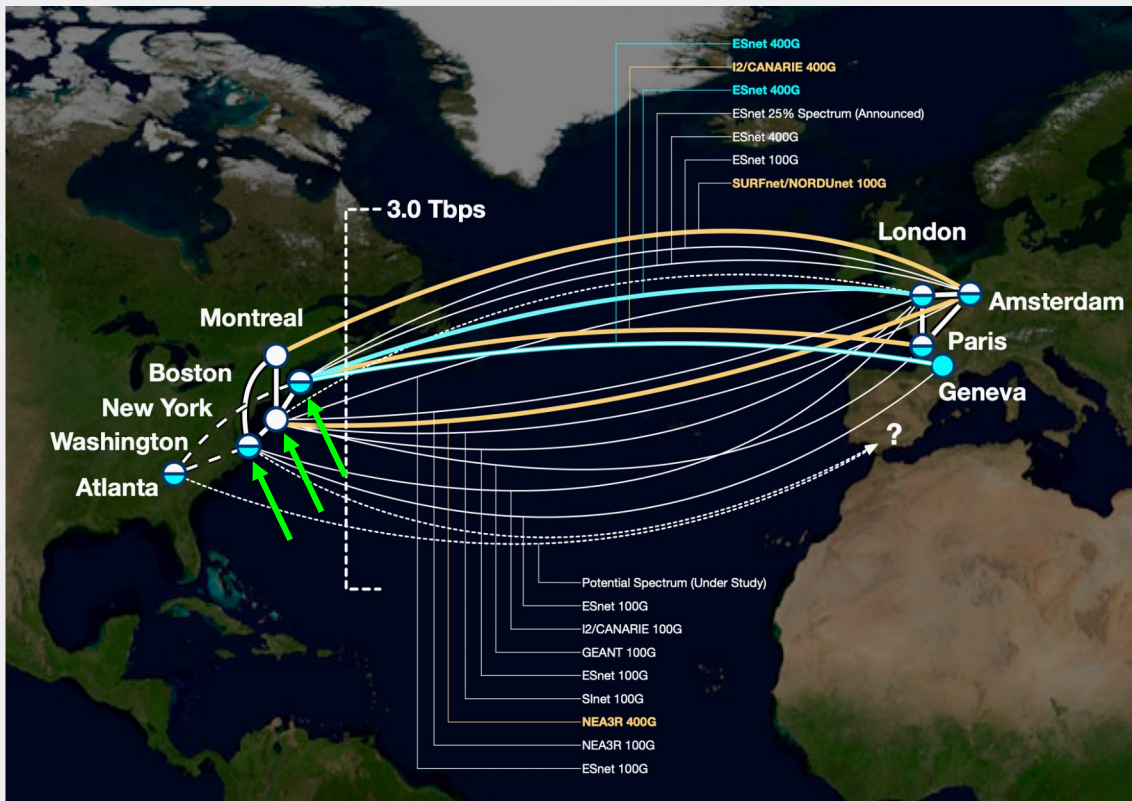
## Internet2 Exchange Point Fabric

- R&E Open Exchange on East Coast of US
  - Boston (BIX), New York (MAN LAN), and Washington (WIX)
- Operate independently from Internet2 network
- Currently Layer 2 only
- Currently working to enable AutoGOLE/SENSE via NSI / SuPA (SURF ultimate Provider Agent)
- Based on Arista 7280PR3K-24 switches (OSFP)
  - moving to Arista 7280DR3K-24 switches (QSFP28-DD)



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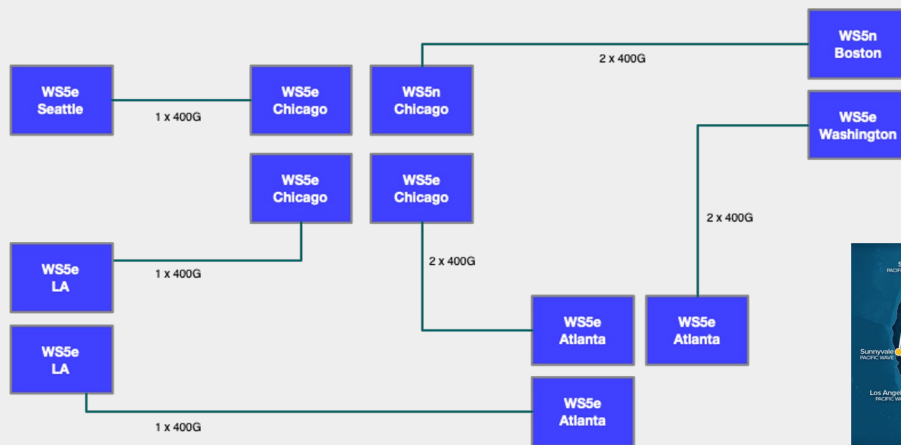
Primarily Support Advanced North Atlantic (ANA)





# NA-REX Transport provided by Internet2 Line System

- 15,000 km of terrestrial links dedicated to NA-REX
- Based primarily on Ciena WL5e Modules; transitioning to coherent pluggable optics for shorter spans





# NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PEERING EXCHANGE

Pacific Wave is a project of CENIC & PNWGP



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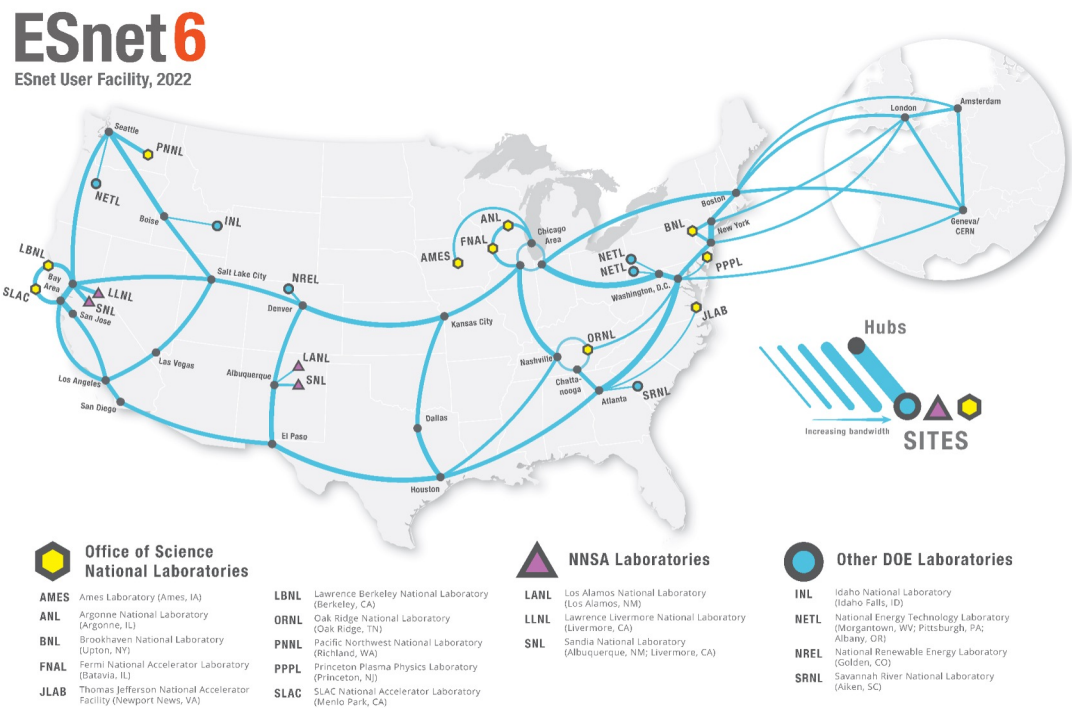
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## Pacific Wave 2025 Roadmap

- Maintaining Current Juniper MX10008 Platform
- AutoGOLE for Circuit Provisioning Automation
- Complete final 400 Gbps Backbone Upgrades (Seattle - Los Angeles)
- Deploy New Node in Alaska at Fairbanks
- Continue coordination with GOREX (Guam Open R&E Exchange)
- iGROK Monitoring Nodes & Dashboards
- Enabling FABRIC Connectivity
- Access to CENIC AI Resource (CENIC-AIR)

# ESnet is the DOE'S data circulatory system...

- ESnet supports the DOE scientific research ecosystem.
- Interconnects all national labs and user facilities
- Provides reliable, high-performance connectivity to global research collaborations, the Cloud, and the larger Internet.



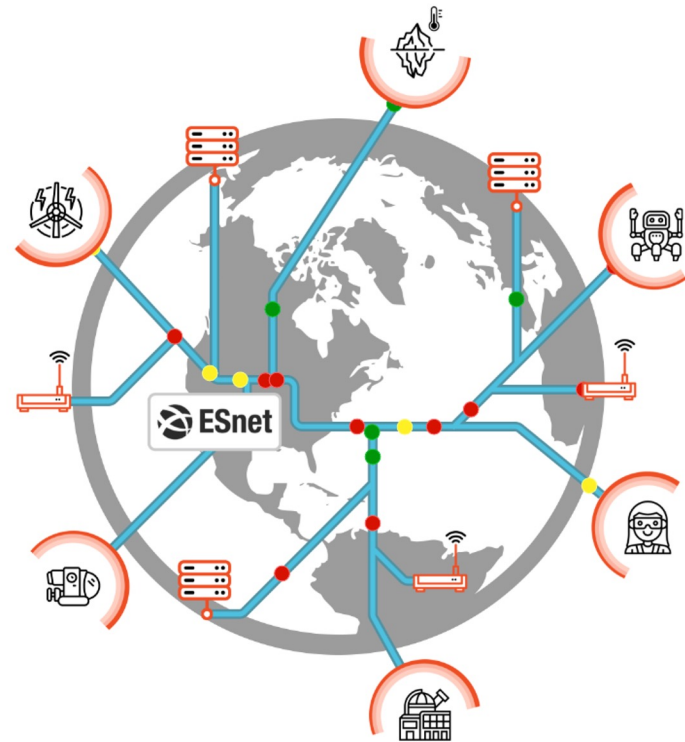
# ...and the stage for a global science laboratory.

## ESnet's Vision

Scientific progress will be completely unconstrained by the physical location of instruments, people, computational resources, or data.

## ESnet's Mission

Networking that accelerates science.





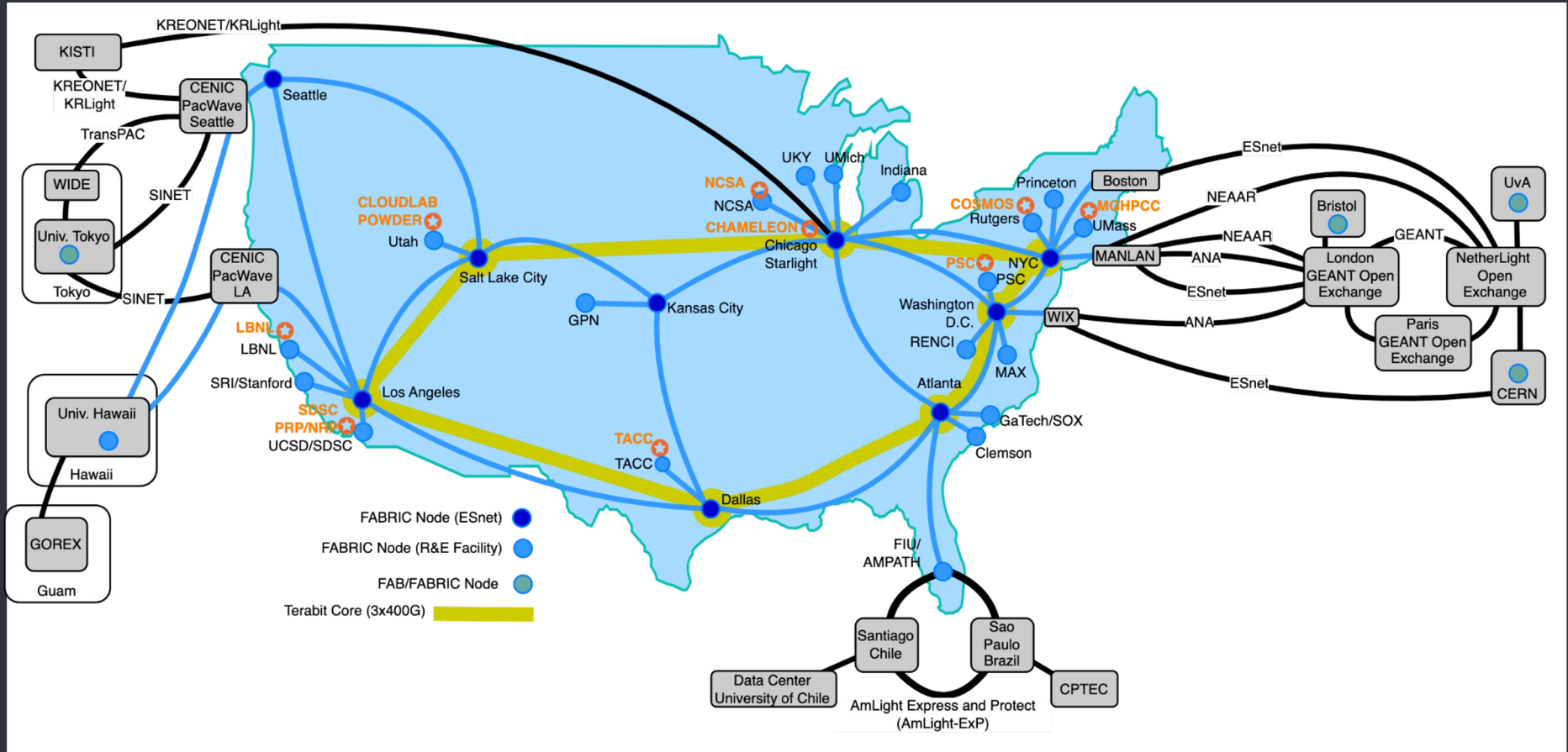
# ESnet - Peering Exchange Points

## Public Peering Exchange Points

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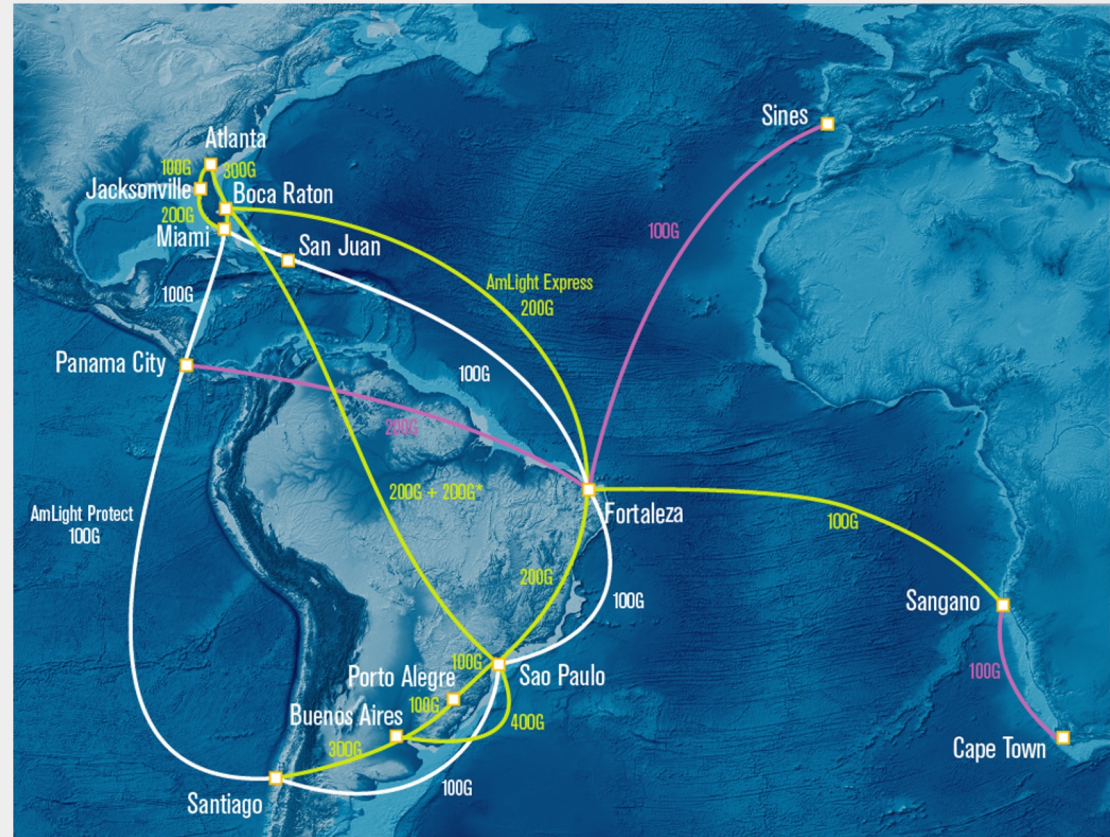
<https://www.peeringdb.com/net/940>

# FABRIC + FAB Testbed



## Americas Lightpaths (AmLight), NSF Award #OAC-2029283

- 600G of upstream capacity between the U.S., Latin America, Caribbean and 100G to Africa
- OXPs: Florida(3), Georgia, Brazil(2), Chile, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Panama, and South Africa
- Production SDN Infrastructure since 2014
- Deeply programmable across the network stack
  - Programmable P4 Data Plane
  - Open Source SDN Controller (kytos-ng)
  - Fine-grained telemetry
- Highly instrumented
  - PerfSonar, sFlow, Juniper Telemetry Interface (JTI), In-band Network Telemetry (INT)

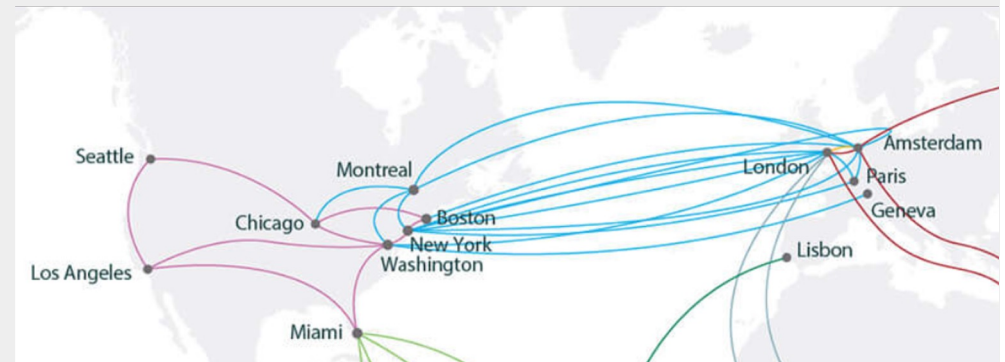


## AmLight Roadmap for 2025

- Deploy a Ciena Waveserver 6E at Sao Paulo, Fortaleza, and Boca Raton to activate a total of 1.1Tbps (currently we have 400G using Waveserver Ai)
- Upgrade 1x100G from Miami to Jacksonville to 1x400G
- Upgrade 1x100G from Jacksonville to Atlanta to 1x400G
- Activate the NA-REX connectivity: 1x400G to StarLight and 1x400G to PacificWave

## MOXY

- R&E Open Exchange in Canada
- Established in mid 2017
- Located in the heart of Montreal
- Supporting ANA system in improving physical route diversity and research activities across North Atlantic
- Operate independently from CANARIE network





## MOXY Platform and Service

### Current:

- Juniper QFX10002
- Support 10G and 100G Connectivity
- ANA 100G link to Amsterdam
- 100G links to Starlight and MANLAN
- L2 only services
- NSI - SuPA(SURF ultimate Provider Agent) deployed

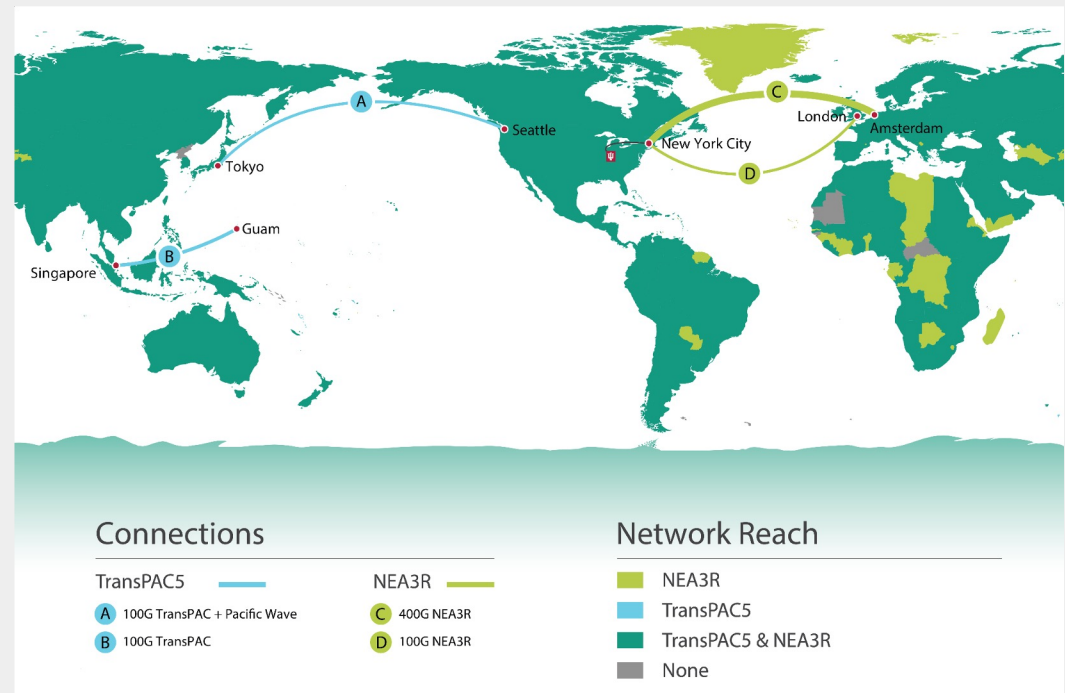
### Looking forward - Summer 2025

- Deploy a new 400G/800G switching platform
- Upgrade ANA from 100G to 400G to Amsterdam
- Establish 400G NA-REX links to Starlight and MANLAN
- Deploy L2 only services, evolve services if needed
- Maintain SuPA - NSI support

## International Networks at Indiana University (IN@IU) TransPAC5 and NEA3R

- Currently support 1 400G and 3 100G links
  - 100G NY-London
  - **400G NY-Amsterdam**
  - 100G TransPAC-Pacific Wave Seattle - Tokyo
  - 100G GSCC Guam - Singapore
- Coordinating globally to ensure US researchers have worldwide high speed access to collaborators and projects.
- NSF Awards: NEA3R #2028495 and TransPAC5 #2028501

IN@IU links carry data from researchers in **84% of the world!**



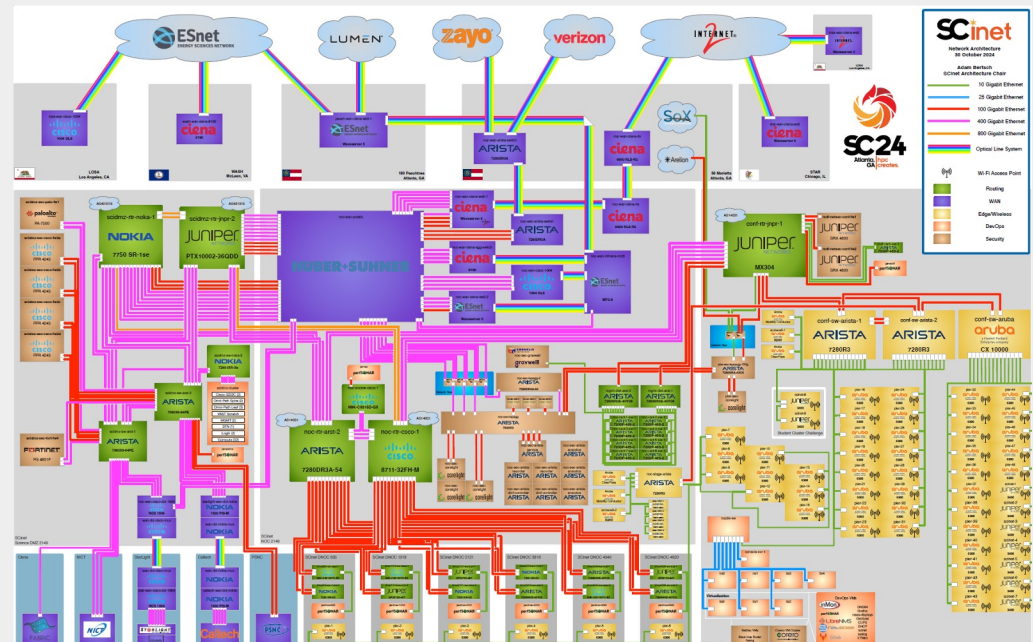
## NEA3R, TransPAC5, and FABRIC Across Borders (FAB)!

- FABRIC Across Borders (FAB) is an extension of the FABRIC testbed connecting the core North America infrastructure to four nodes in Asia, Europe, and South America. By creating the networks needed to move vast amounts of data across oceans and time zones seamlessly and securely, the project enables international collaboration to speed scientific discovery
- **NEA3R** and **TransPAC** provide the international connectivity for FABRIC as part of FAB
- FAB is built around science uses cases in Smart Cities, Weather, Physics, Space, and Computer Science



# NA-REX at SC24 - Networked Research Experiments

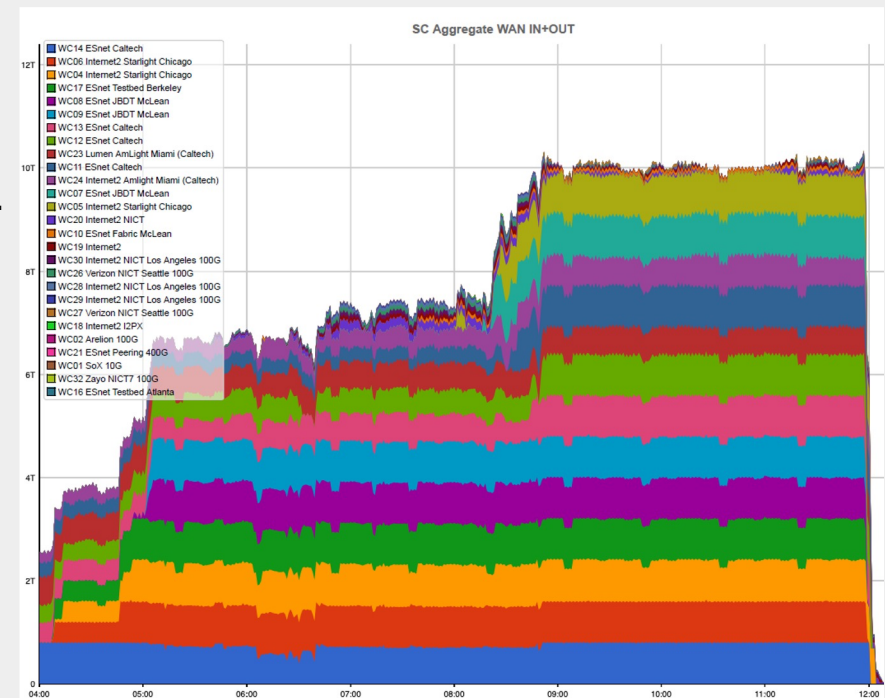
- SC is a test bed and showcase for cutting-edge developments in high-performance networking, computing, storage, and analysis.
- Networked Research Exhibition (NRE) demonstrations leverage the advanced capabilities of SCinet, the conference's dedicated high-capacity network.
- Network researchers from government, education, research, and industry are invited to submit proposals for demonstrations and experiments at the SC Conference that display innovation in emerging network hardware, protocols, advanced network-intensive scientific applications, and more!
- SCinet
  - 200 Volunteers - 9 countries and 34 states
  - \$47m of contributed equipment
  - 1 year to design, 1 month to build, 1 week to operate, 1 day to teardown



## NA-REX at SC24 - Networked Research Experiments (2)

- 36 Networked Research Experiments
- <https://sc24.supercomputing.org/scinet/network-research-exhibition/accepted-nre-demos/>
- Over 10Tbps of traffic in and out of Atlanta.

- NRE participants use cases
  - High Speed File Transfers (MMCTFP)
  - Connecting and using international testbeds.
    - **FABRIC** Node/Rack on the show floor!
  - Science flow tagging
  - Sensor networks
  - Programmable packet processing
  - Novel routing protocols
  - Testbed integration demonstrations
  - Network resiliency research
  - Data Intensive Science applications
  - Automated network service orchestration

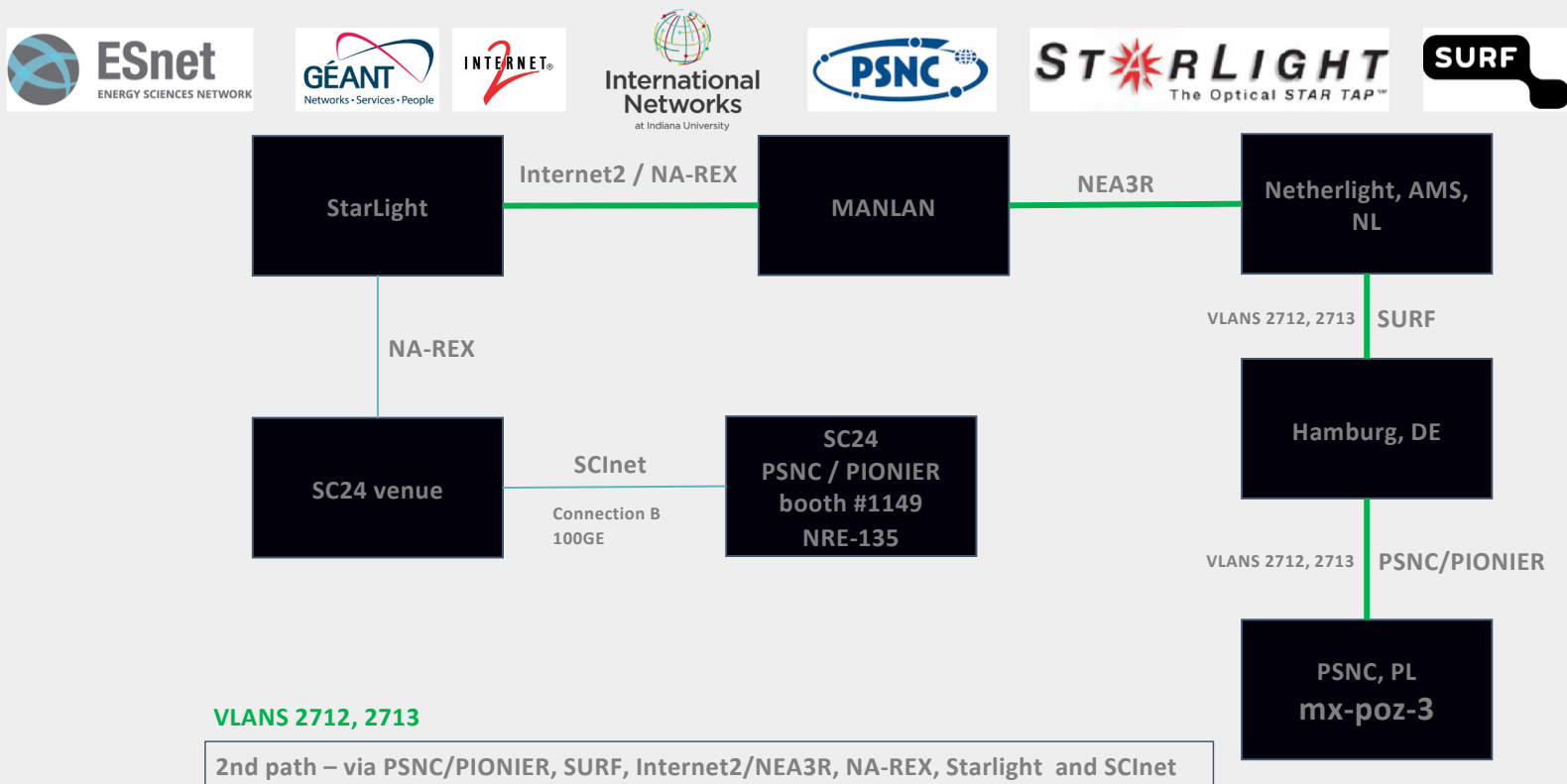




## NA-REX at SC24 - International NRE's using NA-REX

- **At least 12 of the 36 NRE's used NA-REX for some or all bandwidth!**
- NRE007 - 400 Gbps E2E WAN Services: Architecture, Technology and Control Systems
- NRE012 - FABRIC And Data Intensive Science Prototype Services
- NRE014 - MMCFTP's Data Transfer Experiment Using Ten 100 Gbps Lines Between JAPAN and USA
- NRE017 - Cross-Site Network Telemetry Based on Programmable Network Technology
- NRE020 - Toward Terabit-Scale Anonymous Communication Leveraging Programmable Switches
- NRE021 - Floating-Cyber Physical System for Local Production and Consumption of Data
- NRE022 - AutoGOLE/SENSE: Edge Site Resource Integration with Network Services
- NRE024 - FABRIC
- NRE029 - Multi Domain Experiments Using ESnet SENSE on the National Research Platform / PacWave / FABRIC
- NRE035 - Hybrid CPU, GPU, QPU Infrastructure for Hybrid Quantum – Classical Computing Use Cases Development with Secure QKD/PQC
- NRE036 - Streaming Event Horizon Telescope Data to MIT-Haystack
- NRE037 - Disk-to-Disk Data Transfer Performance Investigation on Long-haul Networks Towards Practical Application of Research-Enhanced ONION

## Quantum Communications – SC24 NRE35



<https://www.psync.pl/distributed-hybrid-quantum-classical-computing-in-a-post-quantum-cryptography-world/>

## What's next?

- Augment NA-REX Shared Exchange Link Capacity - 400Gbps and beyond
  - Prepare for new subsea capacity increases (2 x 400Gbps+ )
- Continuous Improvement for Exchange Operational Coordination
- Increase Programmatic Support for Experimental Use Cases
  - e.g., rapid link topology changes for SCinet, OFCnet, network experimentation
- Review Next Generation Network Orchestration & Automation

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