

ICT as the research instrument for our collaborative world

*exploring the federated infrastructures for
data, computing, networks, trust & identity*

- *Research Infrastructures and computing needs*
- *'More than one': building computing and network fabrics*
- *Beyond commodity – innovation for enabling next gen research*
- *Infrastructure for Collaboration: trust and identity*
- *Research Overlays and the EOSC*
- *Infrastructure is everywhere: the RAuth example*
- *Much in common: horizontal ICT infra and digital competences*
- *Everyone should join in: expertise and essential ICT instrumentation*

David Groep
DACS and Nikhef





Peter Higgs and Francois Englert at the 2013 Nobel prize press conference, Stockholm. Photo: Bengt Nyman, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/97469566@N00>

A 'big science' facility: the Large Hadron Collider at CERN

1964

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BROKEN SYMMETRIES AND THE MASSES OF GAUGE BOSONS

Peter W. Higgs
 The Institute of Mathematical Physics, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland
 (Received 12 August 1964)

In a recent note¹ it was shown that the Goldstone theorem² that Lorentz-covariant field theories in which spontaneous breakdowns of symmetry under an internal Lie group occur contain zero-mass particles, false if and only if the conserved currents associated with the internal group are coupled to gauge fields. The purpose of the present note is to report that, as a consequence of this coupling, the zero-mass modes of some of the gauge fields acquire mass; the longitudinal degrees of freedom of these particles (which would be absent if their mass were zero) go over into the Goldstone bosons when the coupling tends to zero. This phenomenon is just the relativistic analog of the Higgs phenomenon to which Anderson³ has drawn attention: that the scalar zero-mass excitations of a superconducting crystal (Poiné) gas become longitudinal plasmon modes of finite mass when the gas is charged.

The simplest theory which exhibits this behavior is a gauge-invariant version of a model used by Goldstone⁴ himself. The "real" scalar fields ϕ_a and a real vector field A_μ interact through the Lagrangian density

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi_a \partial^\mu \phi_a + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi_a \partial^\mu \phi_a^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi_a^2 + \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\partial_\mu \phi_a = \partial_\mu \phi_a + g A_\mu \phi_a$$

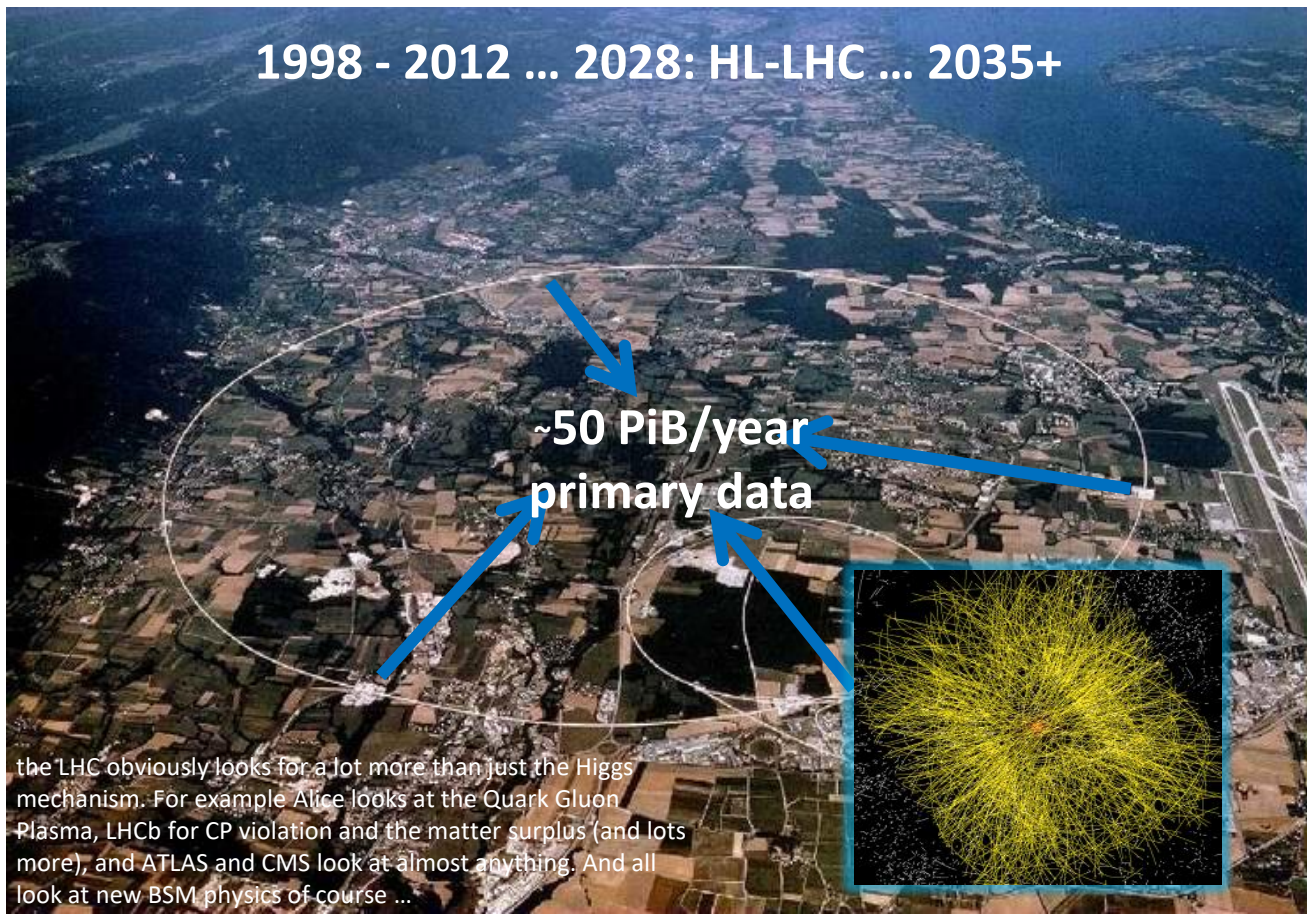
$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

g is a dimensionless coupling constant, and the unit is taken as $\hbar = c = 1$. It is invariant under simultaneous gauge transformations of the first kind on ϕ_a and of the second kind on A_μ . Let us suppose that $\partial_\mu \phi_a = 0$, $\partial_\mu \phi_a^2 = 0$; then symmetry breakdown of (1) is automatic. Consider the equations derived from (1) by treating ϕ_a , ϕ_a^2 , and A_μ as small quantities governing the propagation of small oscillations

... the other parameters merely subsidiary data. ... the field vectors into the approximation of the

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1998 - 2012 ... 2028: HL-LHC ... 2035+

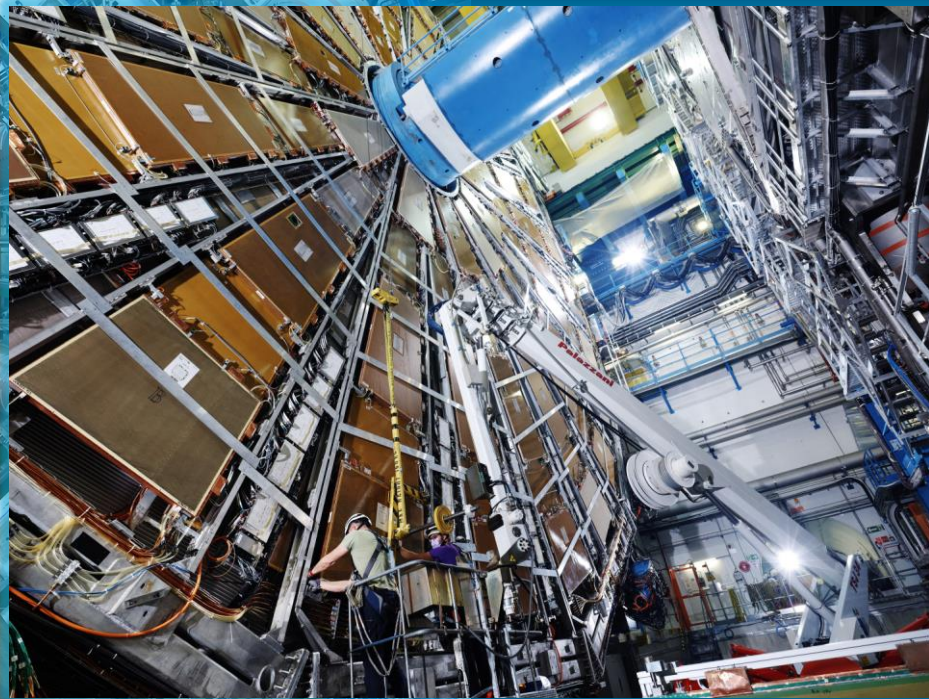
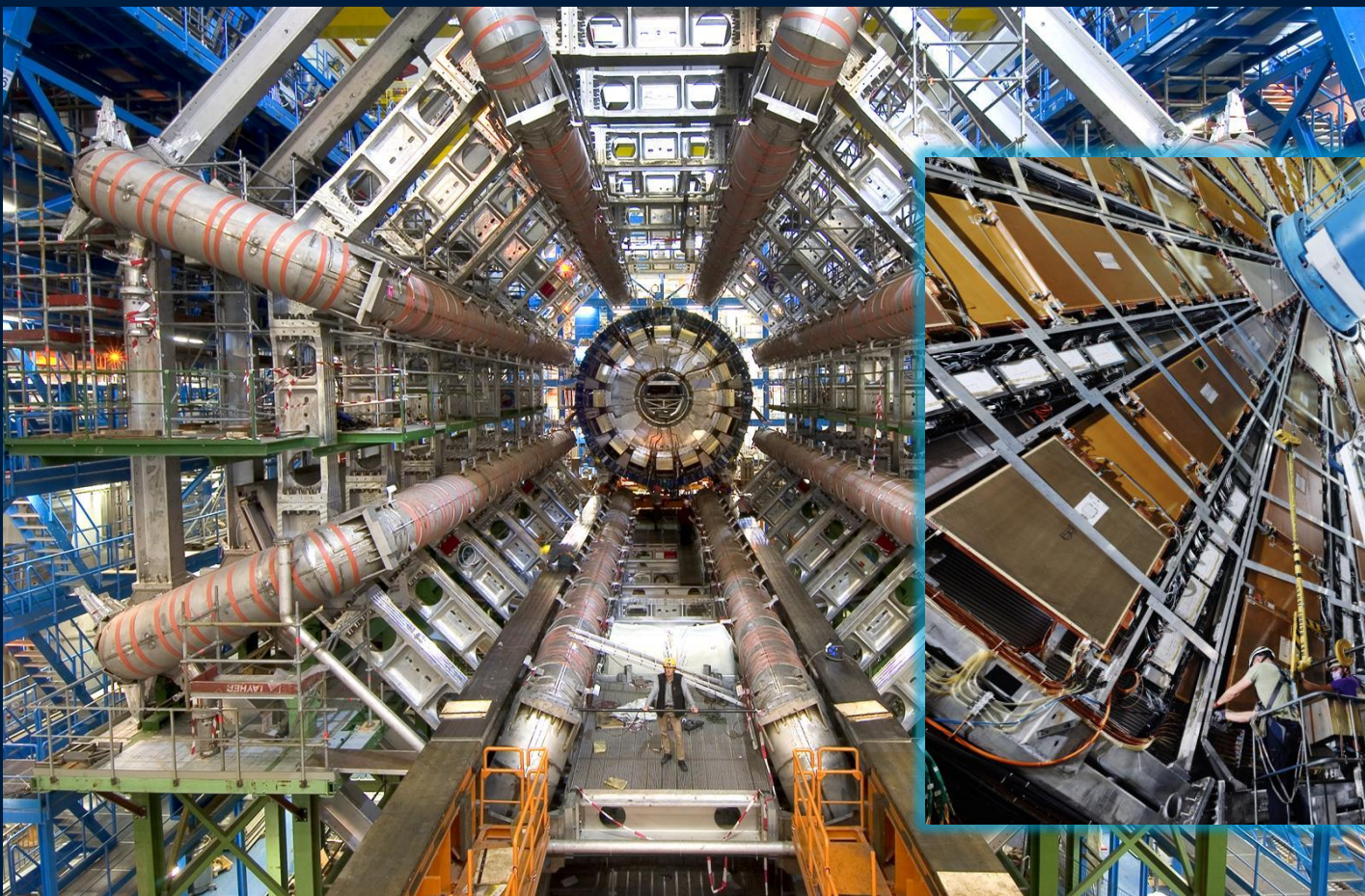


~50 PiB/year
primary data

P. Higgs, Phys. Rev. Lett. 13, 508:

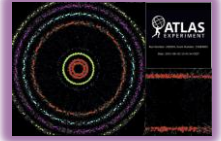
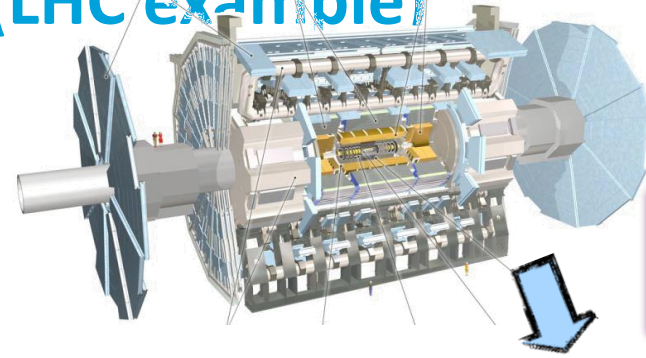
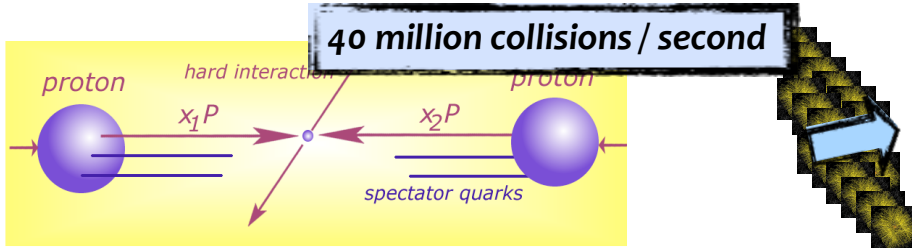
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the LHC obviously looks for a lot more than just the Higgs mechanism. For example Alice looks at the Quark Gluon Plasma, LHCb for CP violation and the matter surplus (and lots more), and ATLAS and CMS look at almost anything. And all look at new BSM physics of course ...

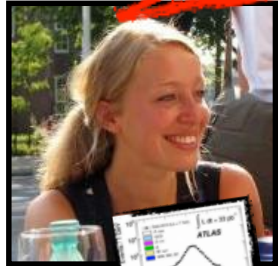


Detector to doctor workflow (LHC example)

ATLAS: 1 of 4 at the LHC



Physics analysis by (PhD) students, in papers & analysis notes



Classify particles in collision and their physics properties:

- electrons
- muons
- jets consisting of hadrons

Trigger system selects 600 Hz ~ 1 GB/s data



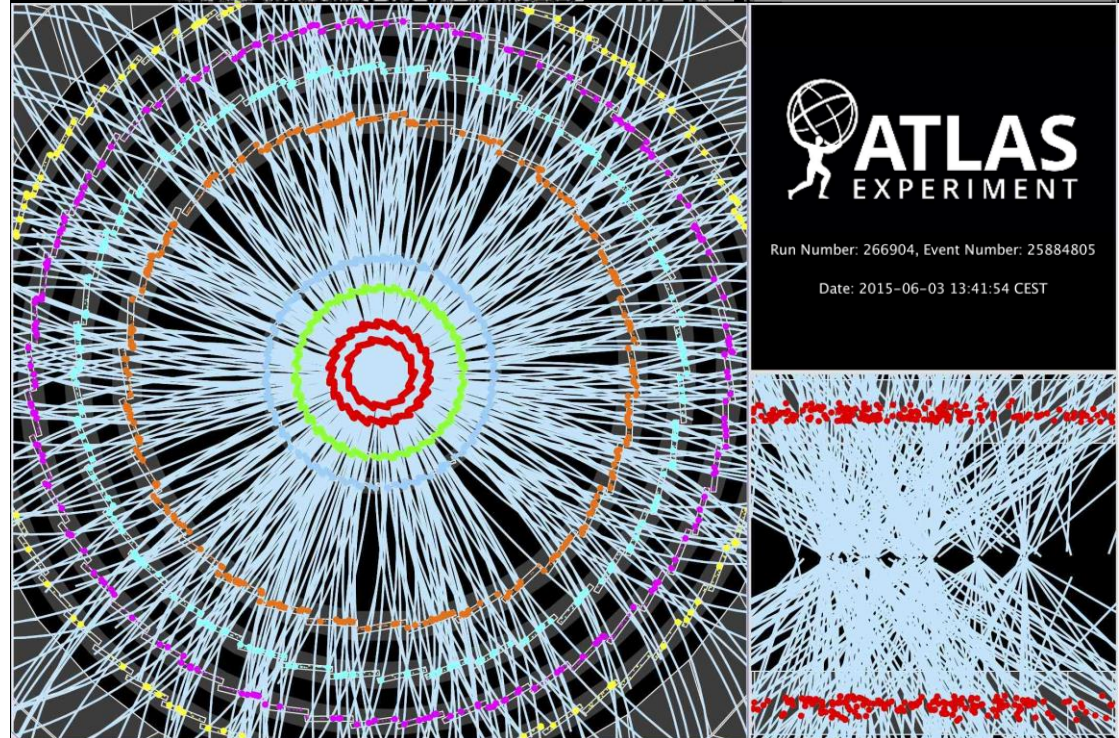
1 'To' and 170 institutes

LHC: ~10k researchers

diagram adapted from Frank Linde; images: ATLAS collaboration, Nikhef ... and thanks to Rosemarie

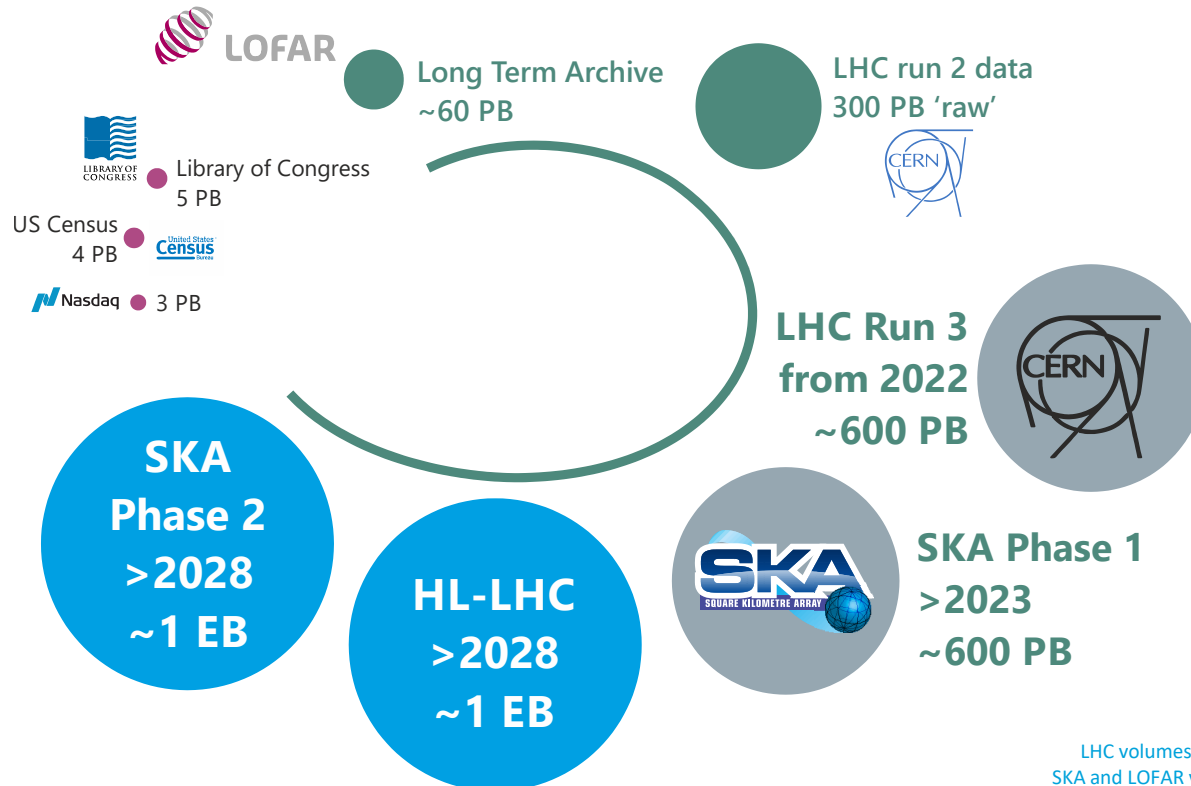
Computing on lots of data – 40Mevents/sec

~ 10 seconds to compute
a single event at ATLAS
for 'jets' containing ~30
collisions



Display of a proton-proton collision event recorded by ATLAS on 3 June 2015, with the first LHC stable beams at a collision energy of 13 TeV;
Event processing time: v19.0.1.1 as per Jovan Mitrevski and 2015 J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 664 072034 (CHEP2015)

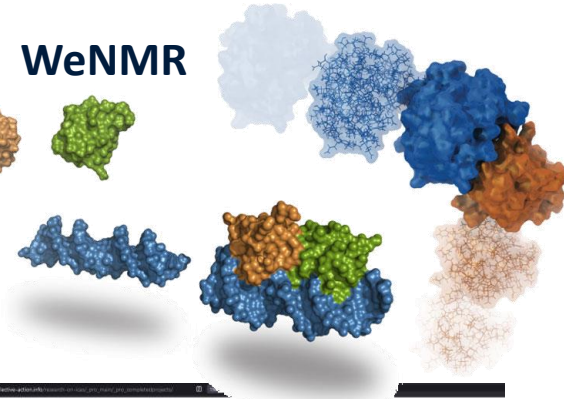
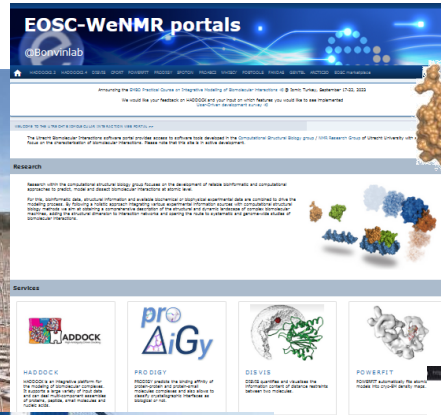
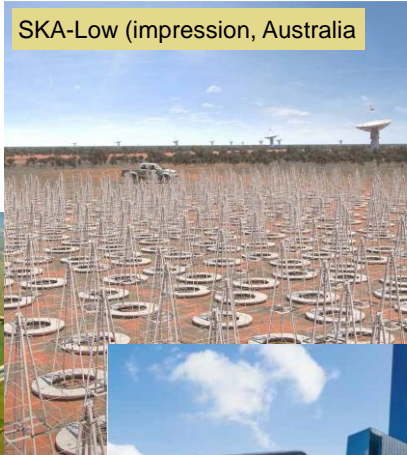
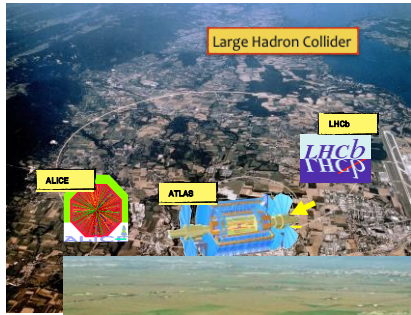
Processing at scale for data intensive science



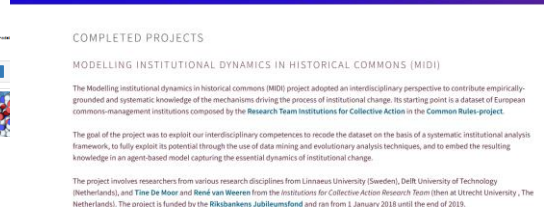
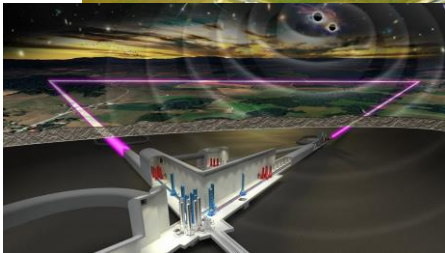
Data from various sources, for public entities: data ca. 2018, indicative, within ~ factor 2

LHC volumes: LCG Resource Scrutiny Group & CERN; 2020
SKA and LOFAR volumes: ASTRON/Michiel van Haarlem, 2020

Scaling computing infra: volume not the only thing that matters



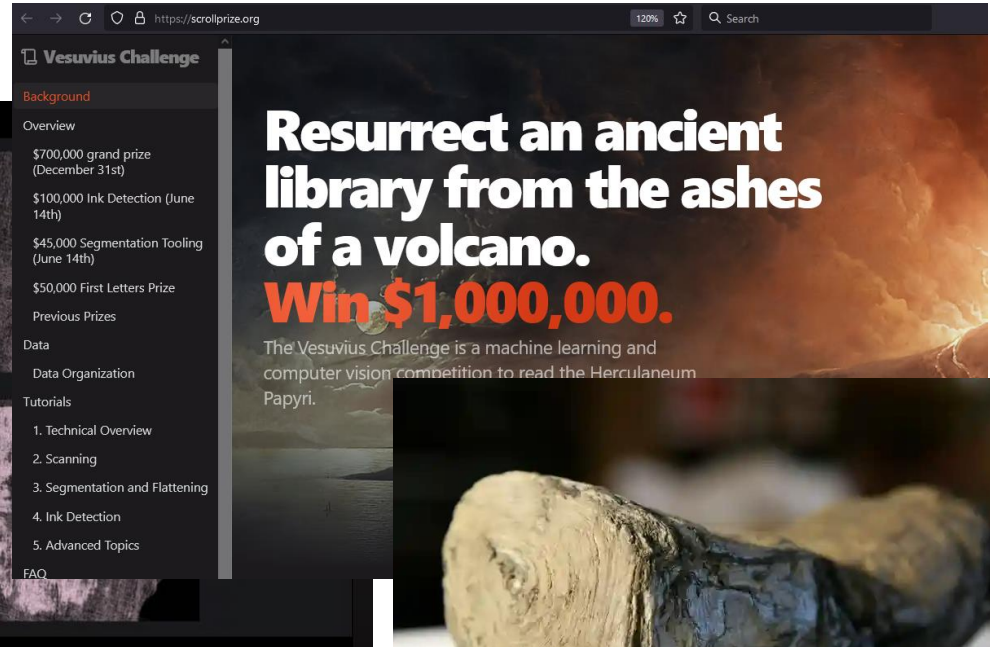
Gravitational Waves



Sources: CERN <https://wlcg.web.cern.ch/>; HADDOCK, WeNMR, @Bonvinlab <https://wenmr.science.uu.nl/>; Virgo, Pisa, IT; SKAO: the SKA-Low observatory, Australia <https://www.skatelescope.org/> - OpenMOLE simulation on EGI - https://cdn.egi.eu/app/uploads/2022/04/EGI_Use_Cases.pdf; agent-based modelling of ICAs: <https://collective-action.info/research-on-icas/> Molood Dehkordi (TUDelft), Tine de Moor (EUR RSM)

Collaborative computing changing fields you may not expect

Brent Seales' work on En-Gedi and Herculaneum scrolls with virtual unrolling and machine learning

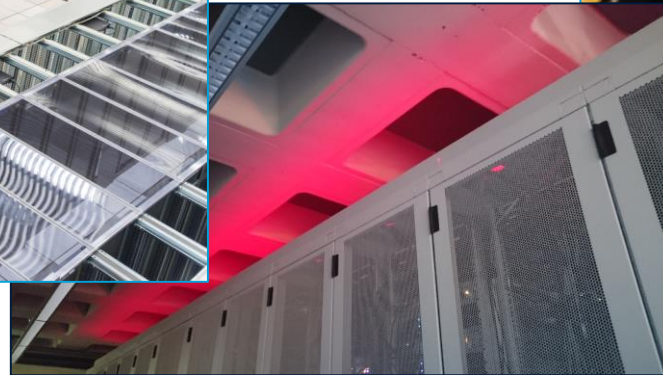
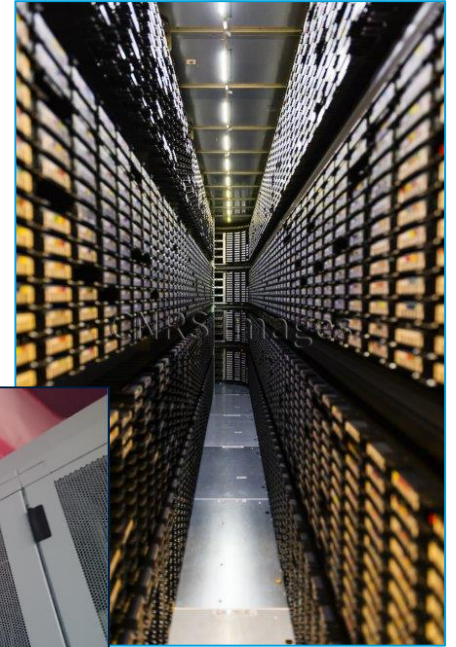
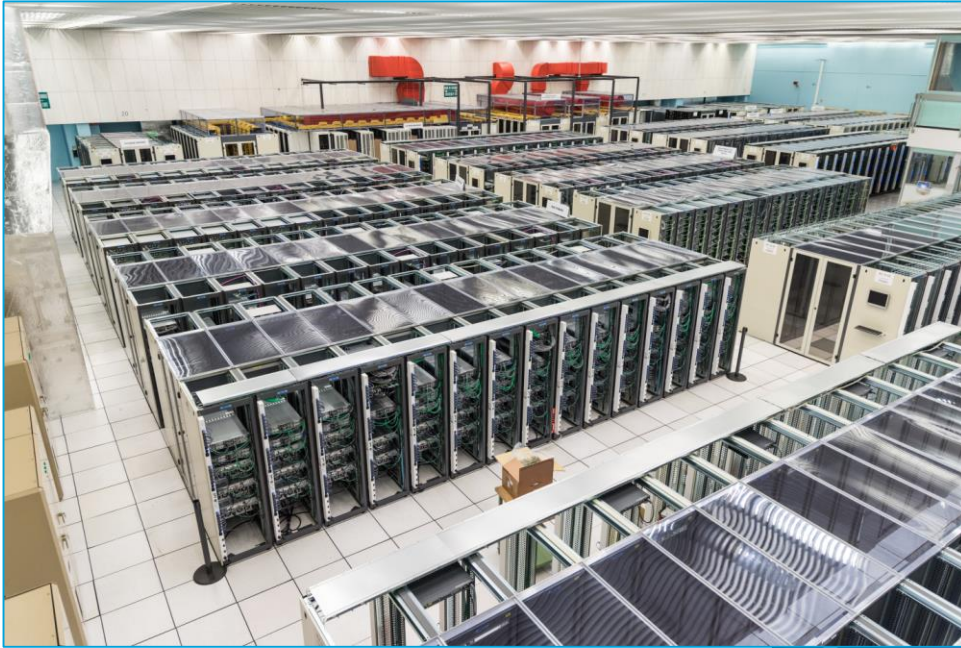


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://scrollprize.org>. The page title is "Vesuvius Challenge". A navigation menu on the left lists the following sections: Overview, Prizes, Data, Tutorials, and FAQ. The main content area features a large banner with the text "Resurrect an ancient library from the ashes of a volcano. Win \$1,000,000." Below the banner, there is a paragraph: "The Vesuvius Challenge is a machine learning and computer vision competition to read the Herculaneum Papyri." The background of the banner shows a volcanic eruption.



Photograph Herculaneum scrolls: The Digital Restoration Initiative/PA; capture Brent Seales from youtu.be/TUmWqsFrJpk; ML challenge: scrollprize.org

Computing is instrumentation just like a detector ...



CERN Computing Centre B513, image: CERN, <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2127440>; tape library image CC-IN2P3 with LHC and LSST data; cabinets: Nikhef H234b

Infrastructures for research, built on computing services

Research Infrastructures and their computing needs
'More than one': building local and global computing network fabrics
Beyond commodity – innovation for enabling next gen research
Infrastructure for Collaboration: trust and identity
Research Overlays and the EOSC
Any organisation can join in: the RCauth example
Much in common: horizontal ICT infra and digital competences
Everyone should join in: expertise and essential ICT instrumentation

Service catalogues from the EOSC Portal (eoc-portal.eu), EGI (egi.eu), and ESFRI (esfri.eu) Roadmap projects and Landmarks with Dutch involvement (2021 Roadmap)

Enabled by Computing, 'more than one'

Facilities for the global infrastructure ecosystem

Collaborative workflows and services across multiple organisations

Networking, federated access and the ScienceDMZ concept



Local computational resources as a starting point

Many HTC applications like WLCG, SKA, or WeNMR are ‘conveniently parallel’

- **balanced features for node throughput** (CPU, storage, memory bandwidth, network)
- **single-socket** multicore systems are fine, typical: 64-128 cores per system
- **network:** 2x25Gbps (+ ‘out of band’ network for IPMI or Redfish)
- **memory:** 8 GiB/core (different from HPC)
- **local storage:** 4TB NVME PCIe Gen4 x4
- + space (physical + power) to add **GPU**

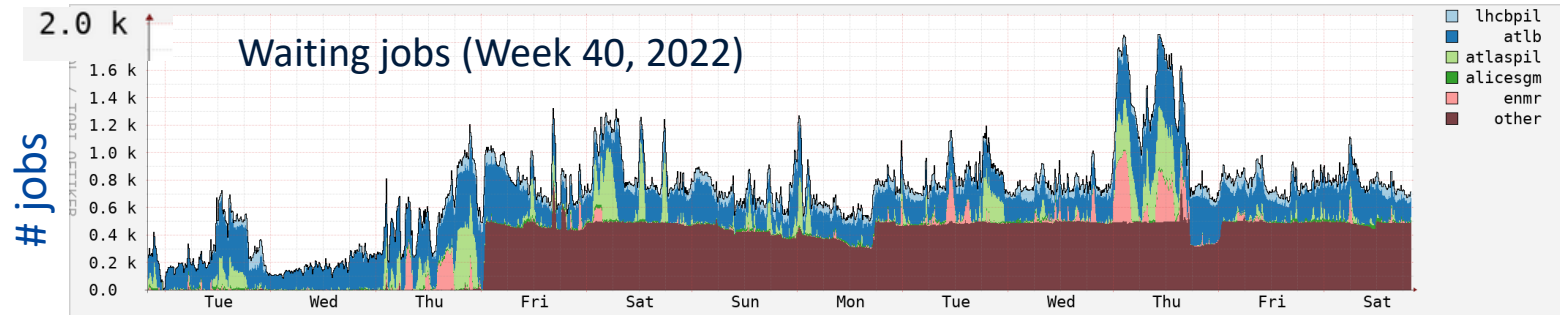
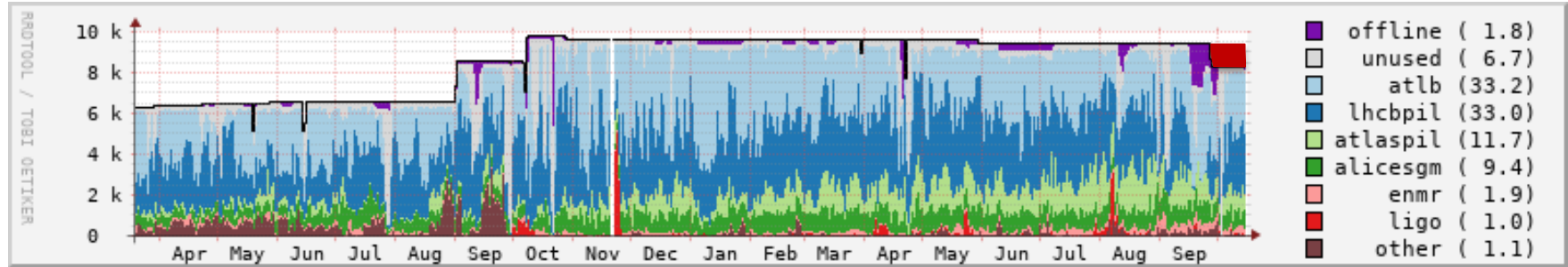


Image: Cluster ‘Lotenfeest’ at the Nikhef NDPF, acquired March 2020. Lenovo SR655 with AMD EPYC 7702P 64-Core single-socket

NDPF 'WLCG and Dutch National Infra' cluster

Running jobs:

period: March 2021 .. October 2022



capacity move on Sept 27: nodes moved to LIGO-VIRGO specific cluster; Source: NDPF Statistics overview, <https://www.nikhef.nl/pdp/doc/stats/>
'other' waiting jobs are almost all for the Auger experiment - GRISview images: Jeff Templon for NDPF and STBC

WLCG NL-T1 and the Dutch National Infrastructure

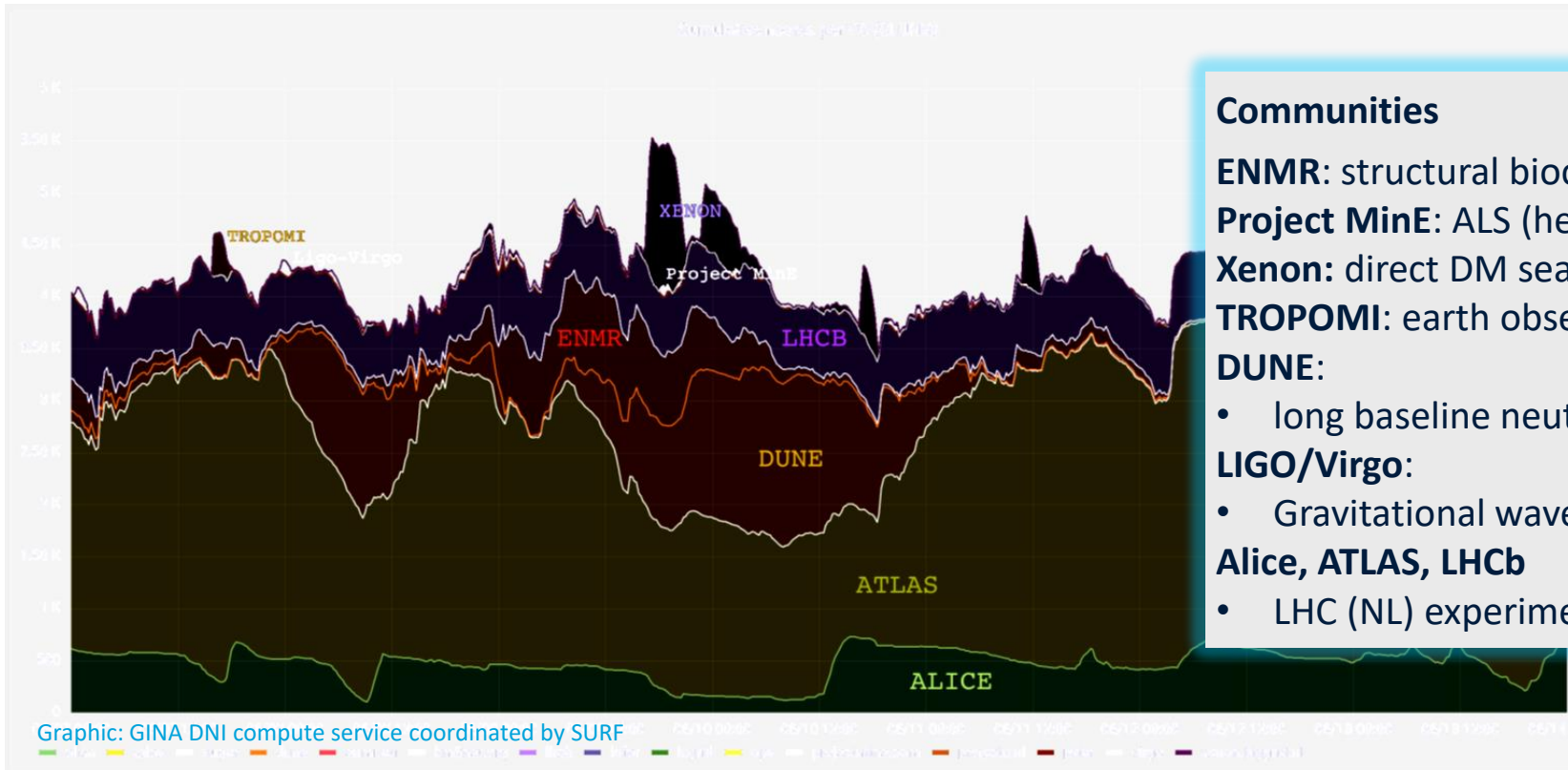
HPC-HTC convergence
with Snellius-LISA-GINA

Joint SURF & Nikhef collective service – part of EGI, WLCG and FuSE
hosts WLCG, but also LOFAR radio telescope data, and ~100 other projects
59 PByte near-line storage (tape), 42.5 PByte on-line (disk), 27.6 k cores (cpu)



DNI and NL-T1 capacity from 2023 DNI NWO, LOFAR, and WLCG; see <https://www.surf.nl/onderzoek-ict/toegang-tot-rekendiensten-aanvragen> ; fuse-infra.nl
SURF tape total: ~80 PByte by end 2022; image library at Schiphol Rijk from Sara Ramezani; NikhefHousing: <https://www.nikhef.nl/housing/datacenter/floorplan/>

Dutch National e-Infrastructure: High Throughput GINA



Communities

ENMR: structural biochemistry

Project MinE: ALS (health)

Xenon: direct DM searches

TROPOMI: earth observation

DUNE:

- long baseline neutrinos

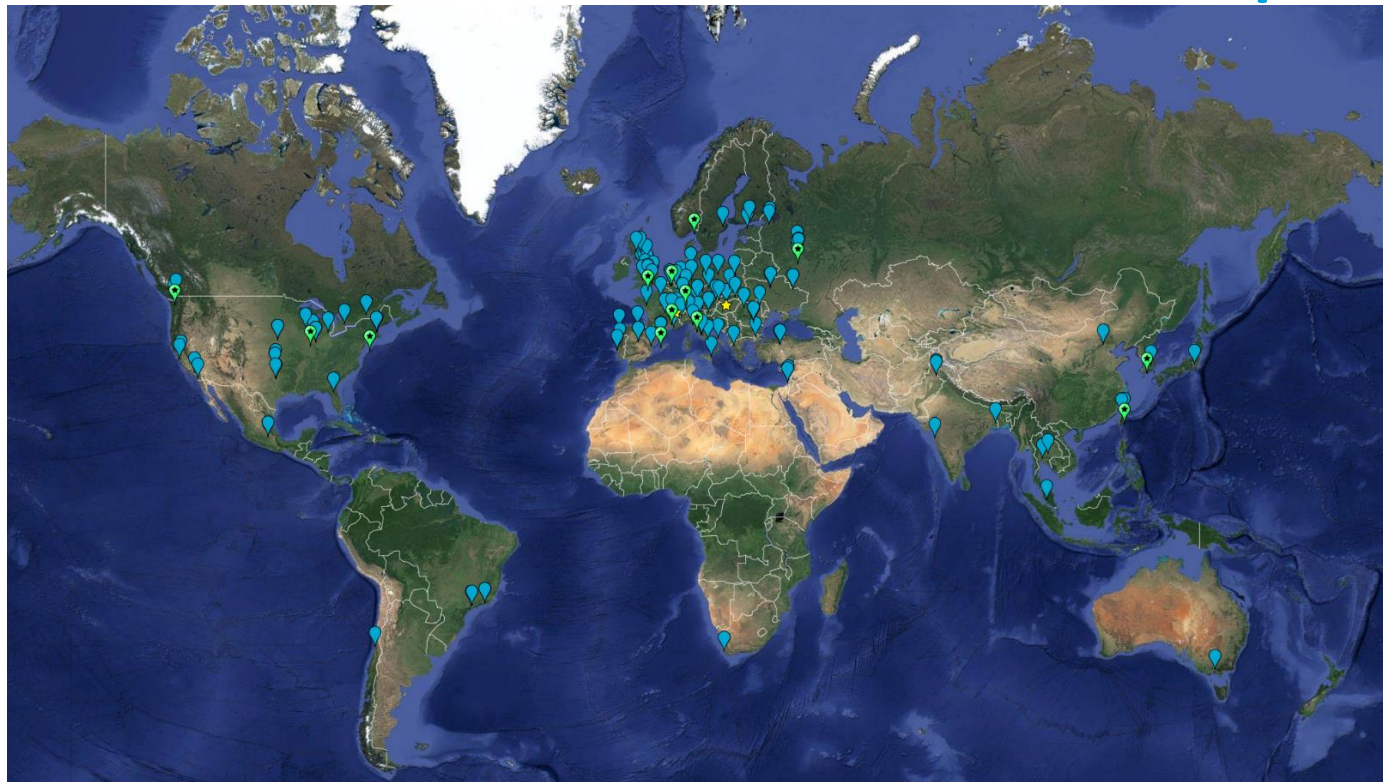
LIGO/Virgo:

- Gravitational waves

Alice, ATLAS, LHCb

- LHC (NL) experiments

More than one: the worldwide LHC Computing Grid



~ 1.4 million CPU cores
~ 1500 Petabyte
disk + archival

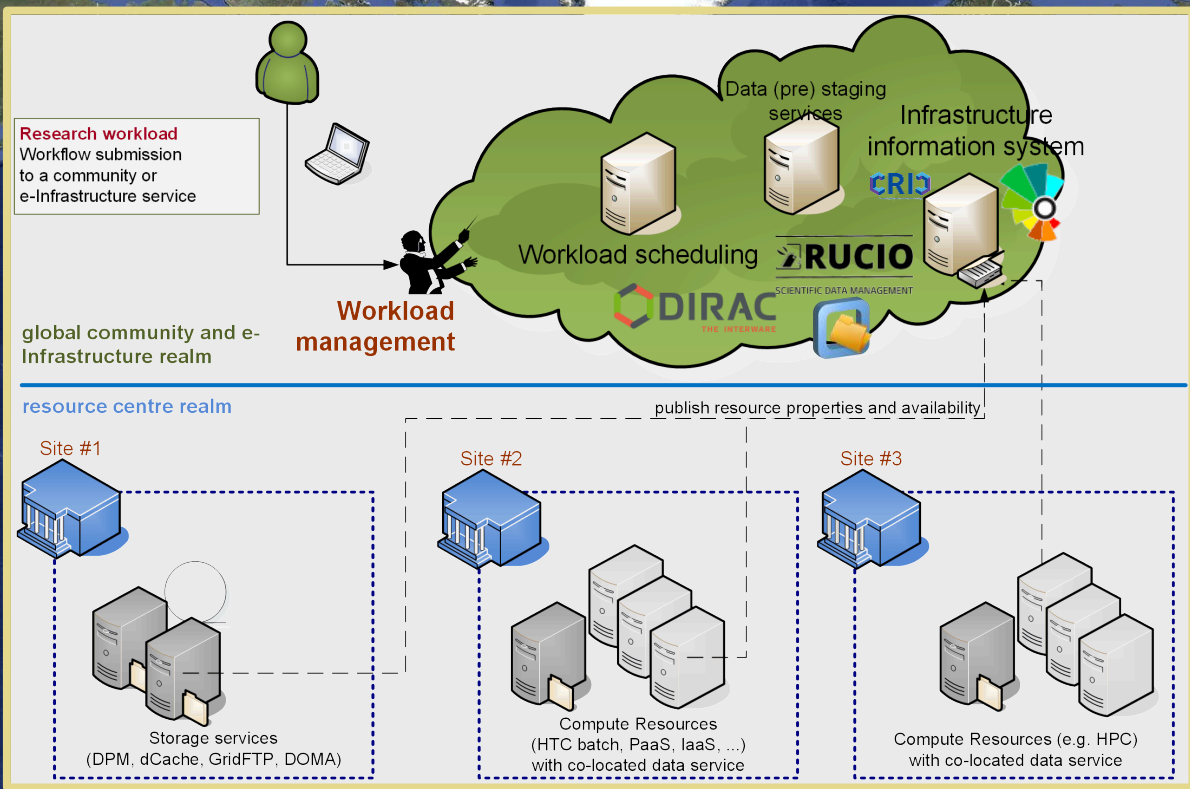
170+ institutes
40+ countries
13 'Tier-1 sites'

NL-T1:
SURF & Nikhef

built on e-Infrastructures
EGI
PRACE-RI
EuroHPC
OpenScienceGrid
ACCESS-CI

Earth background: Google Earth; Data and compute animation: STFC RAL for WLCG and EGI.eu; Data: <https://home.cern/science/computing/grid>
For the LHC Computing Grid: wlcg.web.cern.ch, for EGI: www.egi.eu; ACCESS (XSEDE): <https://access-ci.org/>, for the NL-T1 and FuSE: fuse-infra.nl, <https://www.surf.nl/en/research-it>

Conveniently parallel: a global infrastructure for research



shared multi-community infrastructure

Already EGI e-infra has >250 communities just doing HTC

VO List

My VO(s) 2

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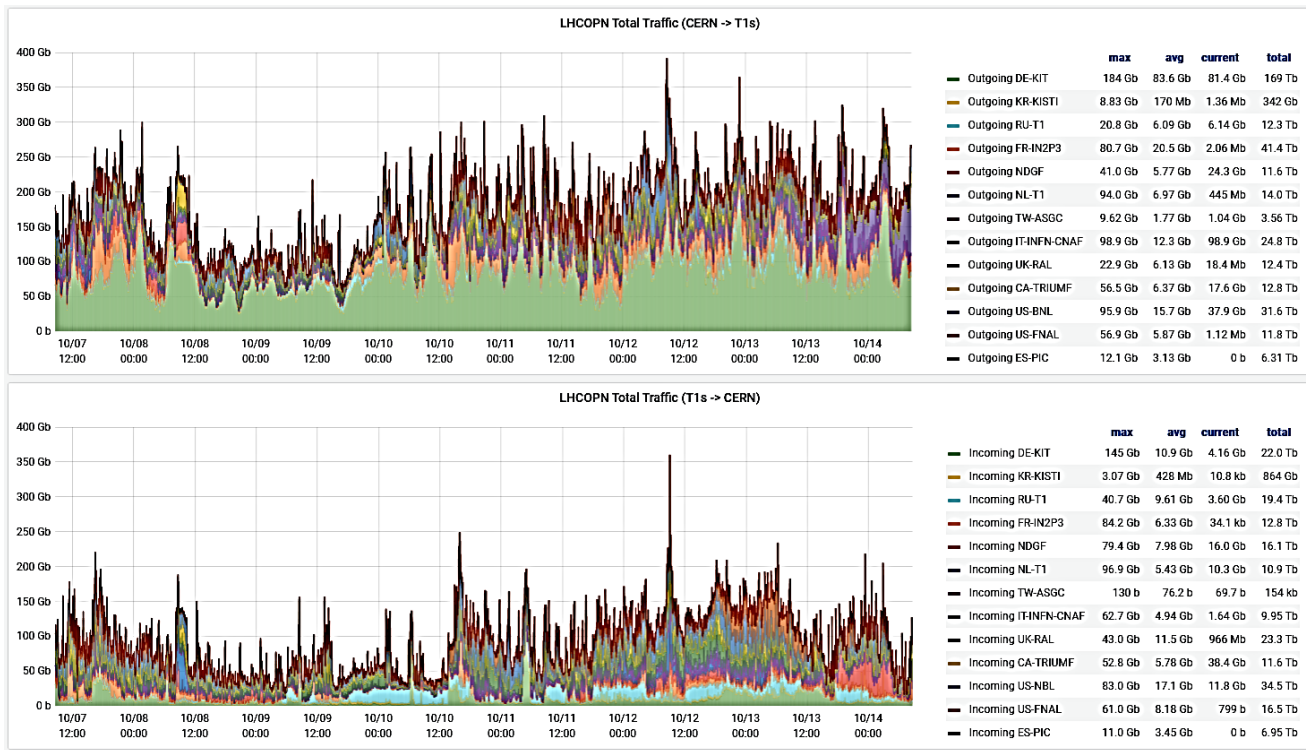
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Right-hand graphic: EGI operations portal, <https://operations-portal.egi.eu/vo/> - project logos in workflow image for illustration only, other services exist

Global distribution of computing and data placement

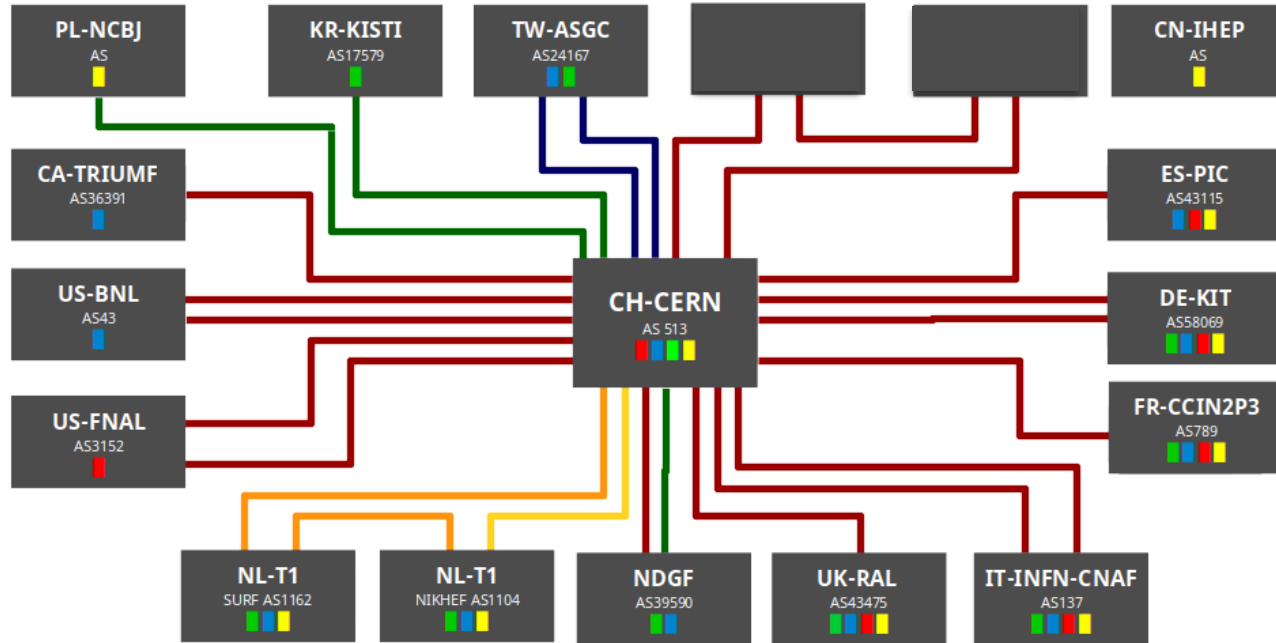
WLCG and EGI Advanced Computing for Research

LHCOPN – traffic levels for T0T1 data transfer



CERN OpenMonIT LHCOPN, period Oct 7 .. Oct 14 2022, from <https://monit-grafana-open.cern.ch/d/HreVOyc7z/all-lhcopn-traffic>

LHCOPN



■ = Alice	■ = Atlas	■ = CMS	■ = LHCb	— 10Gbps
				— 20Gbps
				— 100Gbps
				— 200Gbps
				— 400Gbps

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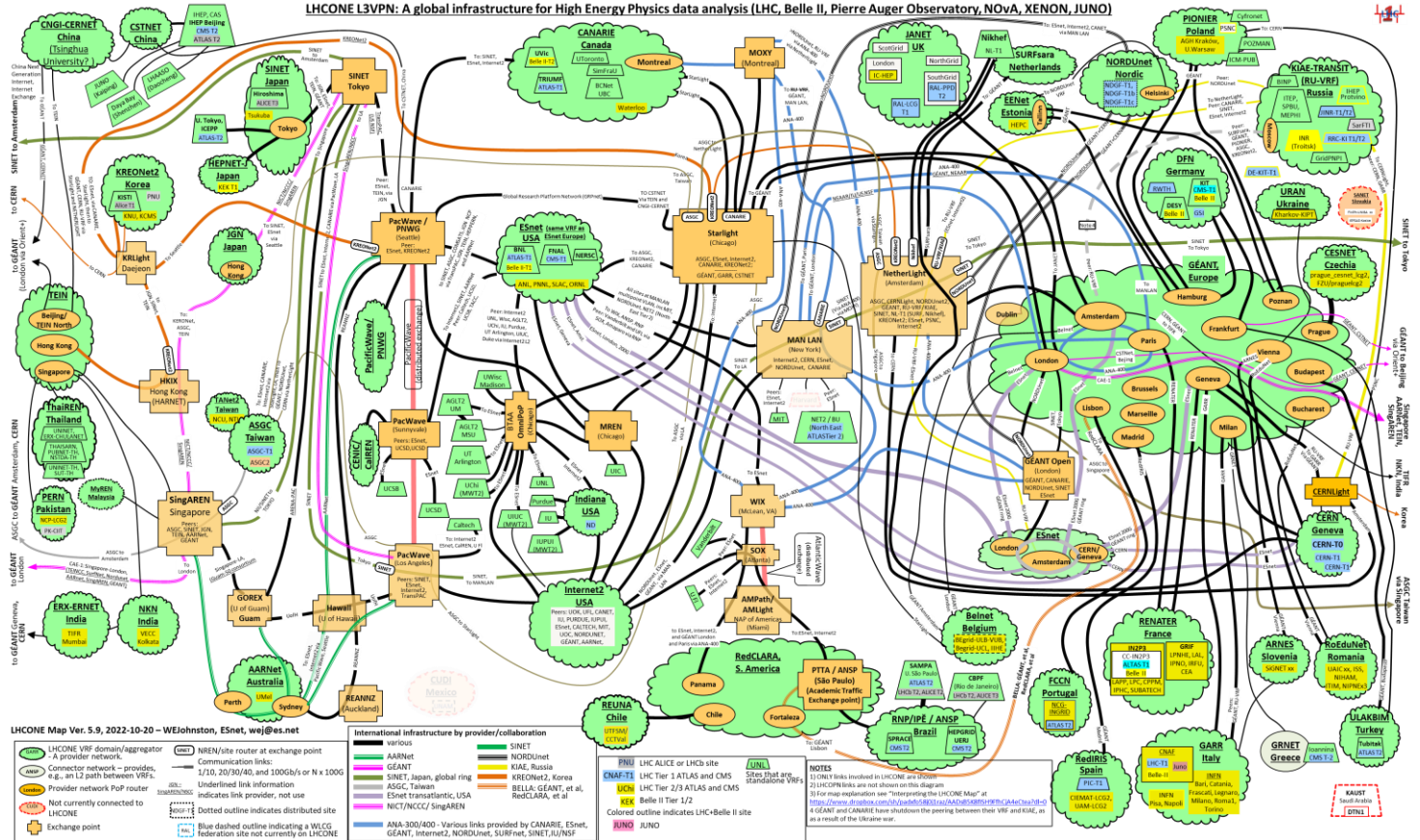
Edoardo Martelli, CERN (<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/LHCOPN/OverallNetworkMaps>)

LHCone

WLCG
T1-T1 & T1-T2-T3
+ collaborations
DUNE, Belle-II
Pierre-Auger
NOvA, XENON
JUNO

Quite elementary
expectations
IPv6,
jumboframes,
symmetric routing

LHCONE L3VPN: A global infrastructure for High Energy Physics data analysis (LHC, Belle II, Pierre Auger Observatory, NOvA, XENON, JUNO)



LHCone (“LHC Open Network Environment”) – visualization by Bill Johnston, Esnet version: October 2022 – updated with new AS1104 links

'ScienceDMZ'

Predicable performance
and data access for research

'where research services,
data, and researchers meet'

- latency hiding through caching
- security zoning/segmentation protects specific data sets
- **outside any enterprise perimeter**

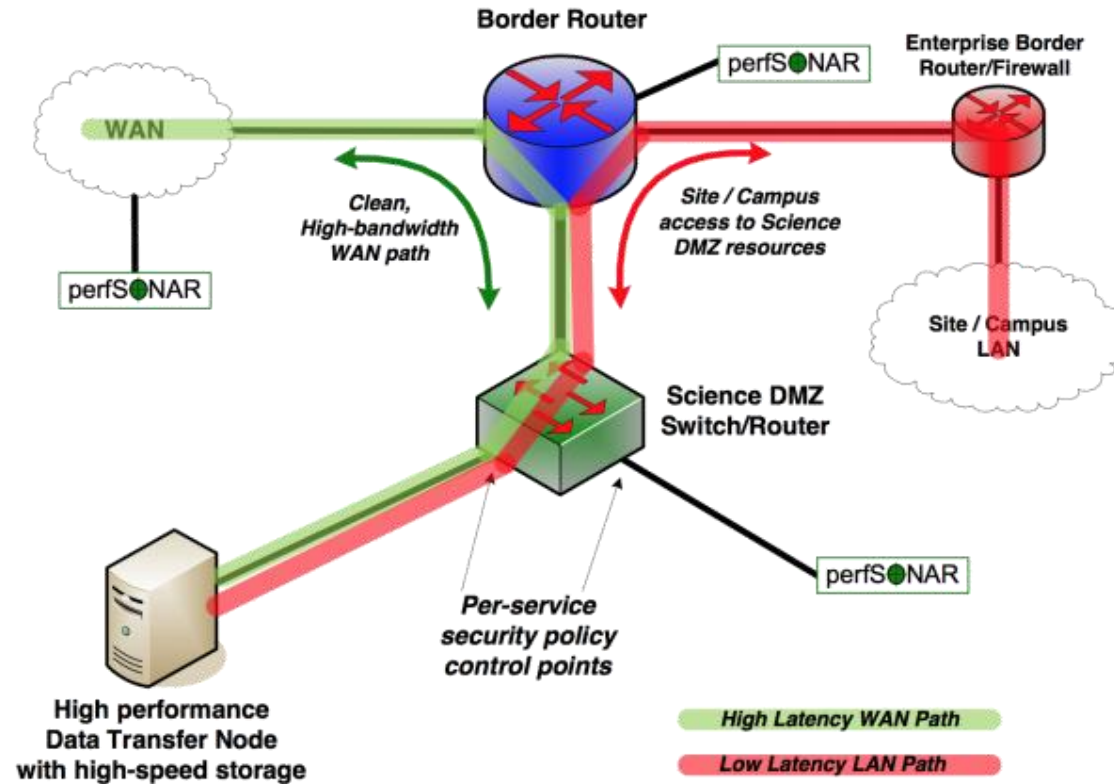


Image and 'ScienceDMZ' concept promulgated by ESnet (see fasterdata.es.net)

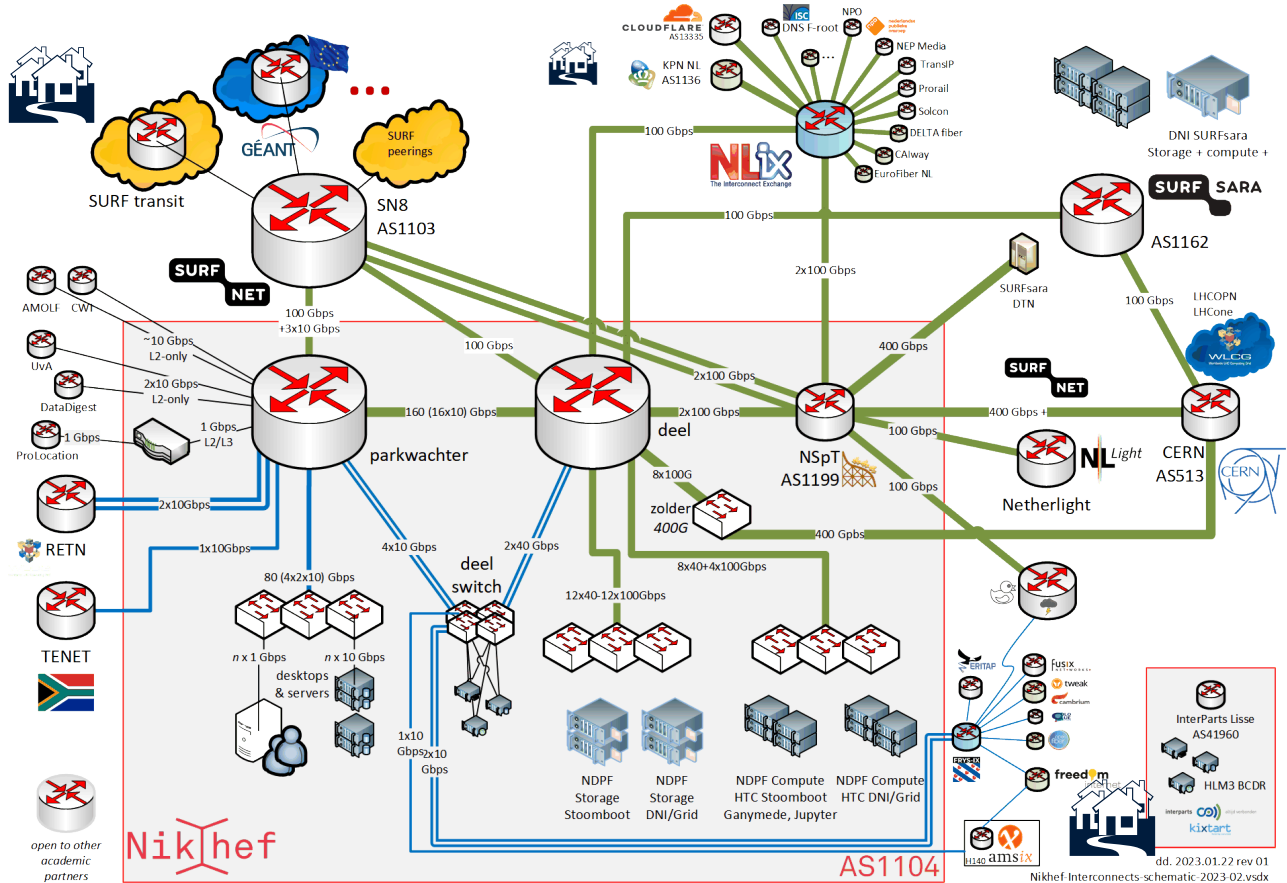
Can hardly be said better than Eli Dart did at TNC23

The Value Of Routine Performance

- It's important to get to where high performance is normal
- No magic, no arcana, things just normally work – for petabytes of data
- DOE HPC facilities now easily shuffle around hundreds of terabytes
 - Some people have smaller data sets too
 - But the point is that it's normal and routine
- What follows is one specific example, chosen because of some specific features



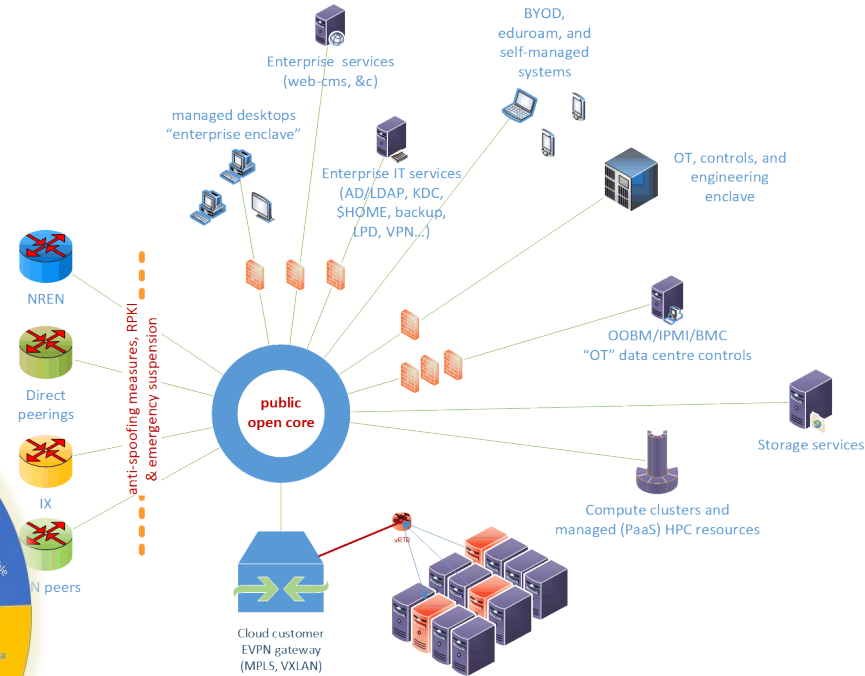
The network is there to connect – ‘AS1104’ as an example



And for a research mission ...

... you want
a **science network**
with a 'back-office enclave'

'open-core' research network model
implements enclave structure *and*
protects against overload by having
no stateful components
in the network path

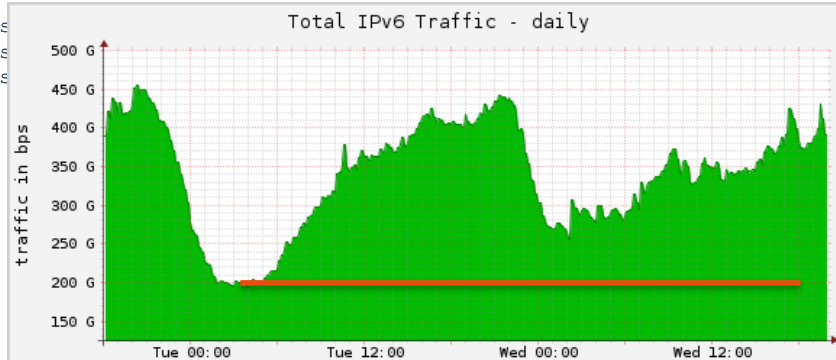
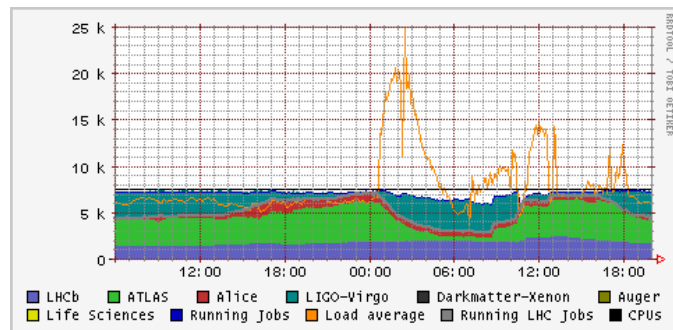


And sometimes traffic is triggered by researchers scaling up 'accidentally' from a laptop to a cluster without too much thought

A researcher doing mass creation of containers, rebuilding their python 'virtual env' for each job, running on >> 4000 cores

```
[root@wn-pep-002 ~]# top
top - 09:40:47 up 71 days, 12:17, 2 users, load average: 110.38, 101.43, 106.3
Tasks: 700 total, 7 running, 666 sleeping, 0 stopped, 27 zombie
%Cpu(s): 17.0 us, 2.0 sy, 0.0 ni, 81.0 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.0 si, 0.0 st
KiB Mem : 39462902+total, 23514457+free, 10406320 used, 14907812+buff/cache
KiB Swap: 67108860 total, 66841340 free, 267520 used. 37964784+avail Mem
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PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
82661	ligo000	20	0	5618756	396356	924	R	360.0	0.1	5:14.43	mksquashfs
72615	ligo000	20	0	5626336	248516	816	R	90.0	0.1	5:44.11	mksquashfs
83257	ligo000	20	0	5611608	219300	852	S	90.0	0.1	1:17.66	mksquashfs

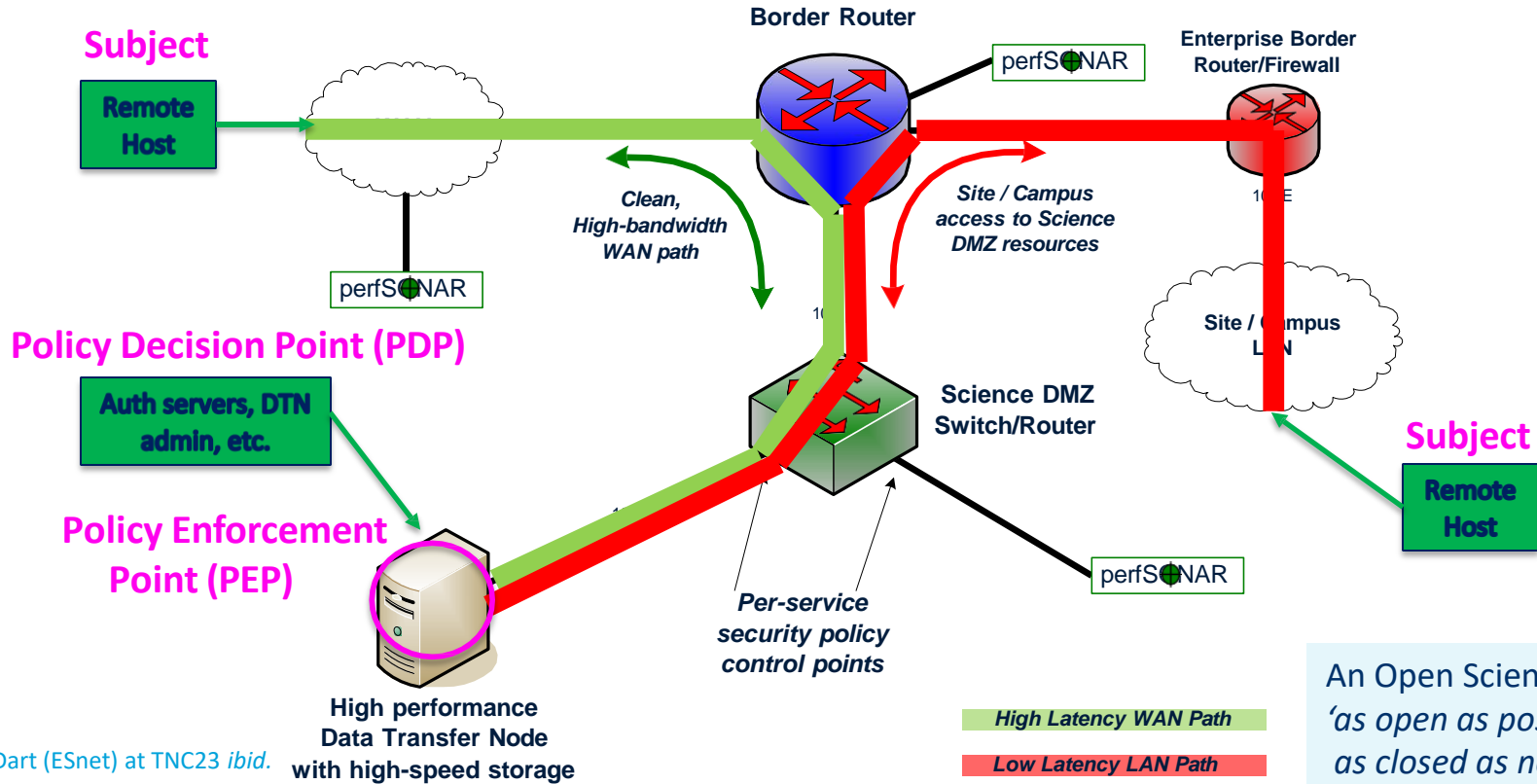


Pulling the python packages at line rate and downloading public python repositories ultimately will trigger Cloudflare and flood SURFnet

Traffic
Cur = 407.4 Gbps
Avg = 339.2 Gbps
Max = 457.2 Gbps
Min = 194.6 Gbps

June 28th, 2023, data from Nikhef NDFP stats & cricket (top), SURFnet asd001b-jnx-01 to asd001b-jnx-04 (left), AMS-IX SFlow <https://stats.ams-ix.net/sflow/index.html> (bottom)

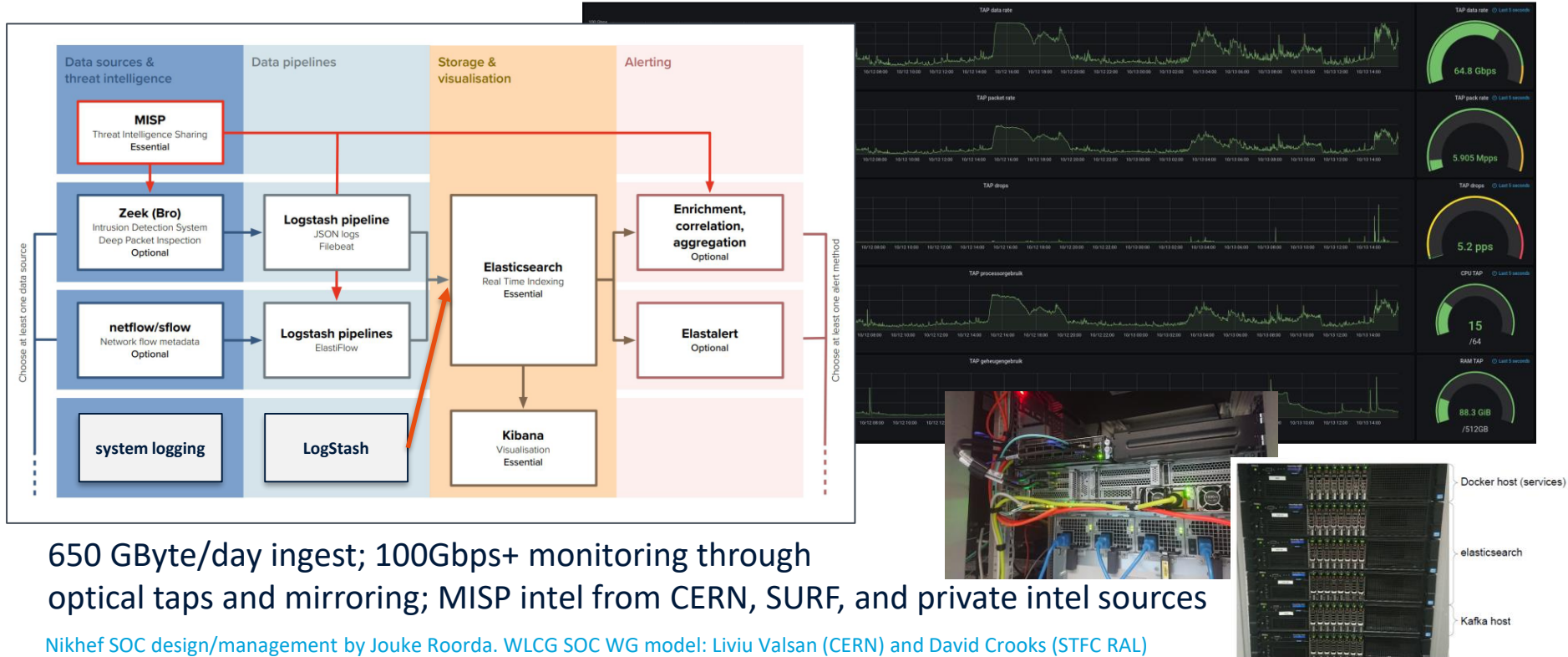
Science DMZ where 'zero trust' labelling comes in



An Open Science/FAIR net:
*'as open as possible,
as closed as necessary'*

From Eli Dart (ESnet) at TNC23 *ibid.*

And 'open' does not mean 'insecure' – the WLCG SOC model



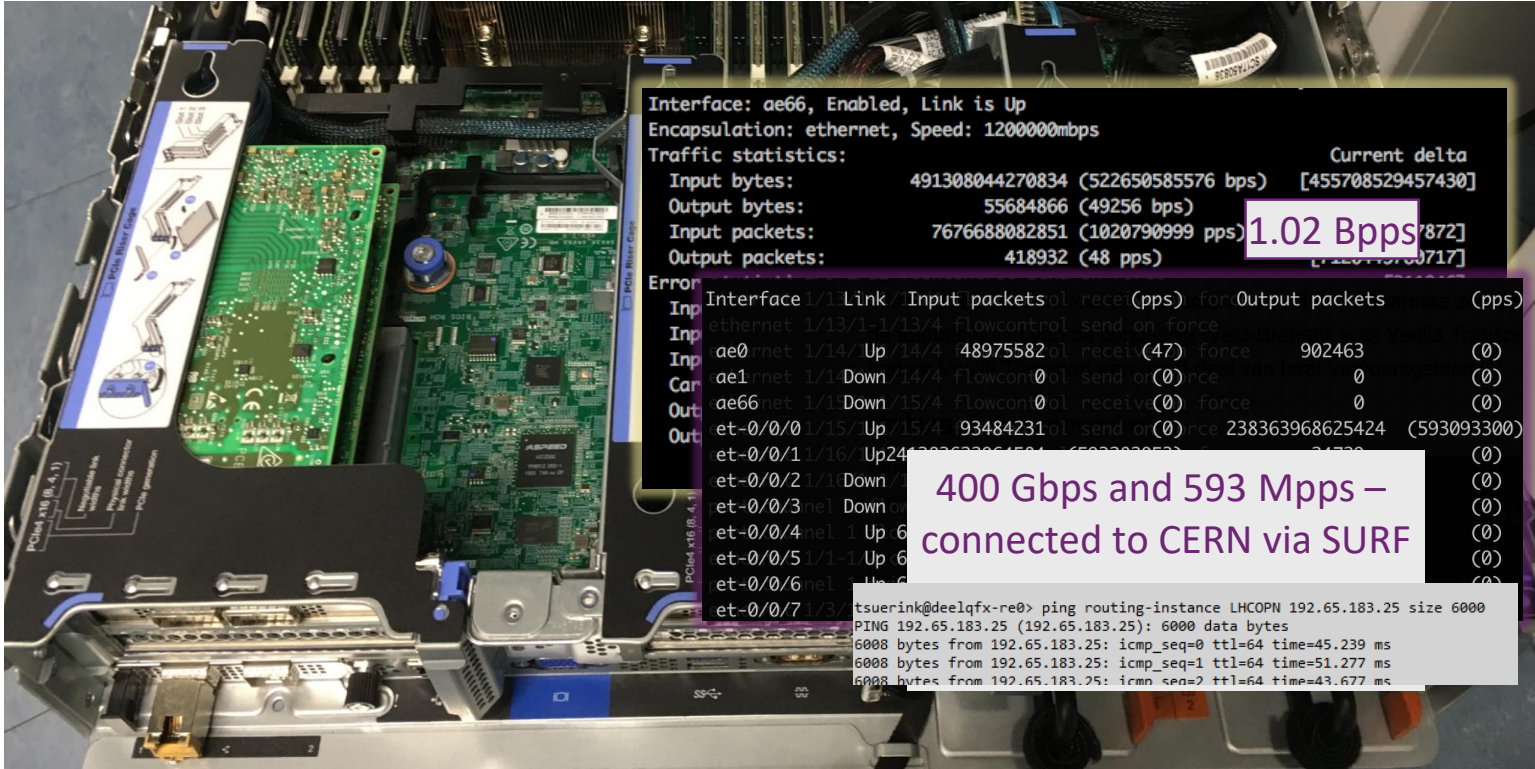
650 GByte/day ingest; 100Gbps+ monitoring through optical taps and mirroring; MISP intel from CERN, SURF, and private intel sources

Nikhef SOC design/management by Jouke Roorda. WLCG SOC WG model: Liviu Valsan (CERN) and David Crooks (STFC RAL)

Beyond today's commodity

From CS Research and SLICES-RI to Infrastructure Innovation
SURF Big Data Science Innovation, SURFNet 9, Snellius evolution
Data networks for the HL-HLC, SKA, and beyond
National resilience testing and innovation partnerships

Exercising the network – for sensor data or ‘rare’ HEP events



The image shows a server rack with a terminal window overlaid. The terminal displays network statistics for interface ae66 and a list of interface status. A callout box highlights '1.02 Bpps' in the traffic statistics. Another callout box highlights '400 Gbps and 593 Mpps – connected to CERN via SURF' in the interface status list. A third callout box highlights a ping command and its output.

```
Interface: ae66, Enabled, Link is Up
Encapsulation: ethernet, Speed: 1200000mbps
Traffic statistics:
Input bytes: 491308044270834 (522650585576 bps) [455708529457430]
Output bytes: 55684866 (49256 bps)
Input packets: 7676688082851 (1020790999 pps) [120719700717]
Output packets: 418932 (48 pps) [120719700717]
Current delta
1.02 Bpps

Error
Interface 1/1 Link Input packets (pps) for Output packets (pps)
ethernet 1/13/1-1/13/4 flowcontrol send on force
ae0 net 1/14/ Up 14/4 48975582 1 receiv(47) force 902463 (0)
ae1 net 1/1 Down 14/4 flowcontrol send on force 0 (0)
ae66 net 1/1 Down 15/4 flowcontrol receive(0) force 0 (0)
et-0/0/0/1/15/ Up 15/4 93484231 1 send on force 238363968625424 (593093300)
et-0/0/1/1/16/ Up 24/4 209623864501 (500000000) 24700 (0)
et-0/0/2/1/1 Down (0) (0)
et-0/0/3/net Down (0) (0)
et-0/0/4/net 1 Up 6 (0) (0)
et-0/0/5/1/1-1 Up 6 (0) (0)
et-0/0/6/net 1 Up 6 (0) (0)
et-0/0/7/1/3/ tsuerink@deelfx-re0> ping routing-instance LHCOPI 192.65.183.25 size 6000
PING 192.65.183.25 (192.65.183.25): 6000 data bytes
6008 bytes from 192.65.183.25: icmp_seq=0 ttl=64 time=45.239 ms
6008 bytes from 192.65.183.25: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=51.277 ms
6008 bytes from 192.65.183.25: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=43.677 ms
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Image: ballenbak.nikhef.nl, Tristan Suerink

For example for HL-LHC, or SKA, more is needed > 2028 ...

- 'Typical' network is now mixed 400G-100G
- Push experiments to 800Gbps in metro area, and a local (AMS) loop has been demonstrated
- next: 400 → 800G AMS-GVA 😊



Web screenshot: [btg.org](https://www.btg.org),
Images Nokia 7750-SR1x in Nikhef AMS H234b: Tristan Suerink



Minister Adriaansens opent testomgeving voor volgende generatie netwerktechnologieën

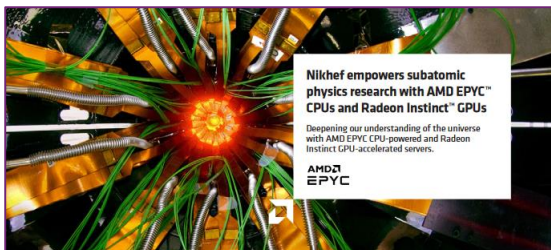
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De zogenoemde innovatieronde in Amsterdam is door minister Micky Adriaansens van Economische Zaken en Klimaat op 30 januari geopend. De innovatieronde is een testomgeving waar SURF en Nikhef gaan experimenteren met nieuwe netwerktechnologieën. De omgeving beschikt over een internetsnelheid van 800 Gbit/s, wat meer dan 1000 keer sneller dan de internetaansluiting van een gemiddeld huishouden in Nederland. De innovatieronde stelt Nederlandse onderzoekers in staat onderzoek te doen naar de volgende generatie netwerktechnologieën.

De behoefte vanuit het onderwijs en onderzoek naar bandbreedte op het internet groeit. Onderzoekers willen steeds meer en grotere datasets snel en veilig over de landsgrenzen heen met elkaar delen. De bandbreedte van het netwerk speelt hierin een cruciale rol. Om deze grote hoeveelheden data snel te kunnen verwerken, is de verwachting dat 800Gbit/s hiervoor de standaard kan worden. De innovatieronde maakt het mogelijk om te experimenteren met nieuwe netwerktechnologieën.

Innovation on infrastructure



Nikhef empowers subatomic physics research with AMD EPYC™ CPUs and Radeon Instinct™ GPUs

Deepening our understanding of the universe with AMD EPYC CPU powered and Radeon Instinct GPU-accelerated servers.

AMD
EPYC

Many of the latest scientific discoveries are as much about the computing power used to analyze experimental data as they are about the theories behind them. At the forefront of advancing the processing capabilities for subatomic physics research is Nikhef, the Dutch National Institute concerning on this area. Nikhef has provided computing that has helped with the discovery of gravitational waves in 2016, the Higgs boson, and the fundamental physics in between, including confirmation that many of the heavy elements in the universe are produced in neutron star mergers.

"The institute performs blue-sky research to learn more about the nature of the universe and the building blocks of matter," explains Toof Aaij, Scientific Staff Member at Nikhef. "The fundamental goal of this institute is to find the big universal box of building blocks everything is made from," adds Tristan Smeekins, IT Architect at Nikhef. The more computing power that the institute can throw at this topic, the more that can be discovered. This led the team to AMD EPYC™ processors and Radeon Instinct™ GPUs, which delivered the performance Nikhef's workloads required and the solution price that aligned with their budget.

Data-hungry science
Nikhef is involved in many different experiments, but all of them require a considerable level of computing power. "About 100 scientific staff work at Nikhef," explains Aaij. "These staff usually work on one (or sometimes more than one) of the experiments Nikhef is involved in.

Three of these experiments are at CERN, the ATLAS, LHCb, and ALICE experiments. There are several astroparticle physics experiments. One is the Pierre Auger experiment, covering several thousand square kilometers of Pampa in Argentina. The area is equipped with detectors to search for air showers caused by extremely high energy particles that arrive from the universe. Then there is the neutrino physics experiment OPERA, and dark-matter research with the XENON experiment. Finally, there is a large gravitational waves physics group that is a member of the LIGO-Virgo experiment collaboration."

"If there's one thing all these experiments have in common, it's the increasing amounts of data that the experiments produce. "The scientists always want more data," says Smeekins. "I think there are few experimental physics papers that do not end with 'we need more data.' And this is the field of physics to get more data you build a more sensitive experiment." In the case of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN, the data produced will be particularly huge.

"In about five years the LHC will increase the number of collisions detected by about a factor of 10," says Aaij. "This means that the experiments will start producing a similarly increasing amount of data. If we look at the growth of storage space and compute capacity over time, then we do not expect to even get close to a factor 10 in increase of performance for a flat budget. We need to deal with that, because we need to process the data. Otherwise, we can't do science with it." This is where AMD EPYC™ processors and GPU acceleration have offered the best solutions to satiate the hunger for growing data processing ability.

FUNGIBLE

NIKHEF, SURF AND FUNGIBLE SET NEW BENCHMARK FOR THE WORLD'S FASTEST STORAGE PERFORMANCE

Companies Double Current Performance Record, Setting the New Bar at 6.55 Million Read IOPS



CUSTOMER
Nikhef

INDUSTRY
Subatomic Physics

CHALLENGES
Increasing data throughput with higher I/O and memory bandwidth

SOLUTION
Diverse AMD EPYC™ x86 and AMD Instinct™ GPUs, and AMD Radeon Instinct™ M50 GPUs

RESULTS
Faster processing and the ability to harness GPU-accelerated machine learning to cope with rapidly expanding experimental data volumes

AMD TECHNOLOGY AT A GLANCE
AMD EPYC™ 7000 processors with 32 cores
AMD EPYC™ 7000P processors with 64 cores
AMD Radeon Instinct M50 GPUs

TECHNOLOGY PARTNER
Lenovo

AMD + NIKHEF CASE STUDY

Image: Minister of Economic Affairs M. Adriaansens launched the Innovation Hub with Nikhef, SURF, Nokia and NL-ix, January 2023. Composite image from <https://www.surf.nl/nieuws/minister-adriaansens-lanceert-testomgeving-voor-supersnelle-netwerktechnologie>

Research data traffic looks like ... a DDoS to others 😊

Belastingdienst

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De systemen testen dankzij een unieke samenwerking

Lees voor

Dinsdag 14 maart 2023 | Het laatste nieuws het eerst op NU.nl

Forse ddos-aanvallen en nerdgrapjes tijdens nachtelijke oefening overheid

Door Rutger Otto

12 feb 2023 om 05:02
Update: een maand geleden

202 reacties

Het begon in 2018. Een bijzondere samenwerking tussen overheden, internetproviders- en exchanges, academische instanties, non-...
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Een goed begin

De voorbereidingen van de avond beginnen ver voordat de oefening gepland staat. Elke organisatie bepaalt welke systemen ze willen aanvallen en hoe de aanval uitgevoerd wordt. Het 'red team' is verantwoordelijk voor de aanvallen, het 'blue team' voor de verdediging. Eén van de partijen die avond is Nikhef. Tristan, IT architect bij Nikhef, geeft aan dat zij dit belangeloos doen, gedreven door een maatschappelijke motivatie.

Nikhef is het Nationaal instituut voor subatomaire fysica in Nederland. Het beschikt over een gigantische bandbreedte, wat noodzakelijk is voor een dergelijke oefening waarbij zeer veel data wordt verstuurd. Zij zijn onderdeel van de aanvallende teams en

Belastingdienst

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Ik heb een DDoS aanslag op mijn netwerk ontvangen - wat nu?

U ontvangt een DDoS aanslag op uw netwerk, bijvoorbeeld omdat u vergeten bent werkende tegenmaatregelen te nemen. Er staat dan een geschat aantal pakketten per seconde op uw monitoring.

werkentegenederland.nl

team red

Veel verkeer weinig pakketten

Pauze

BCP aanval

bits/s

packets/s

Image sources: belastingdienst.nl, rws.nl, nu.nl

Trust & Identity

Safe access for open data processing

More than one user, *from*
more than one organizational domain, *in*
more than one country!

WLCG: when we met a global trust scaling issue

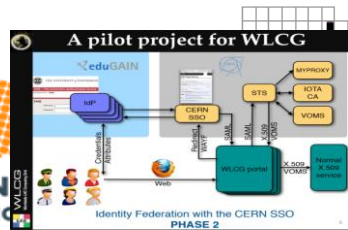
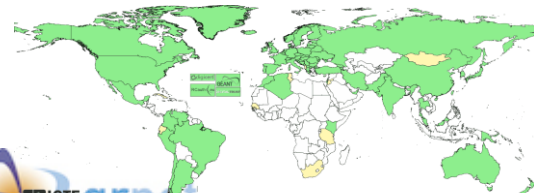


170 sites
~60 countries & regions
~20000 users
just *how* many interactions ??



people photo: a small part of the CMS collaboration in 2017, Credit: CMS-PHO-PUBLIC-2017-004-3; site map: WLCG sites from Maarten Litmaath (CERN) 2021

We live in a federated world!



SWITCHaai

IGTF



AUSTRALIAN ACCESS FEDERATION



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slide inspiration: Licia Florio, NORDUNET



Implementation of eduGAIN
Future WG recommendations



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Identity Federations

5100+

Identity Providers

3600+

Service Providers

Federated Access

Login via the Nikhef service proxy to gitlab, ifosim.org, ...

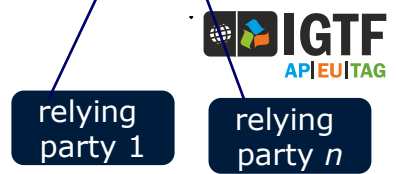
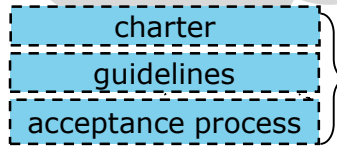
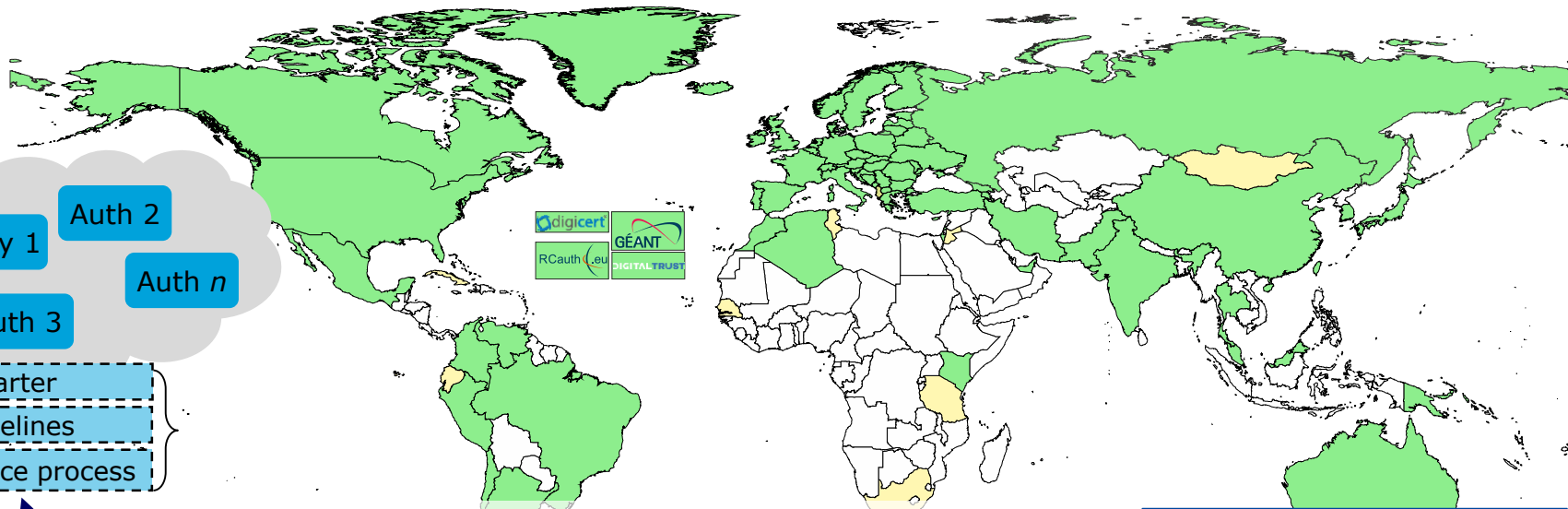
“Where are you from”

discovery screen showing entities from the eduGAIN global interederation



ifosim federated AAI integration implementation by Mischa Sallé; per-country WAYF selection is a bespoke Nikhef WAYF feature

IGTF: a policy-bridged global federation for research computing



A global authentication fabric & assurance standards
 ~ 90 Identity Providers (some leveraging a R&E federation)
 ~ 10 international research and e-infrastructure relying parties
 > 60 countries / economic areas / international treaty orgs
 > 1000 relying service provider collaborations

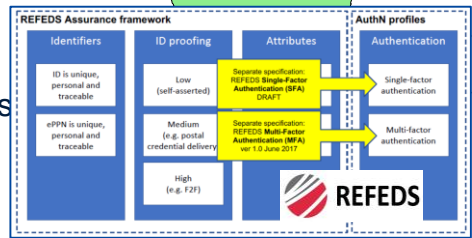
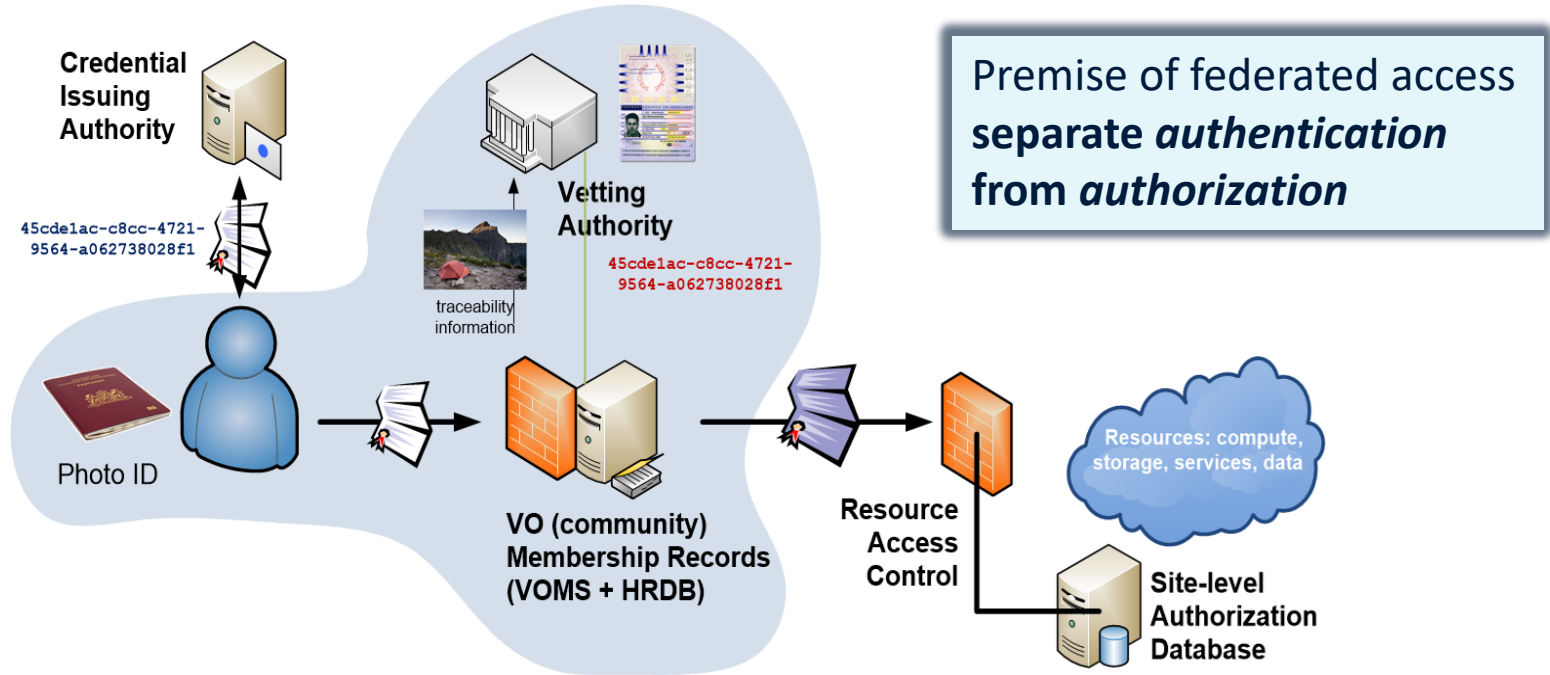
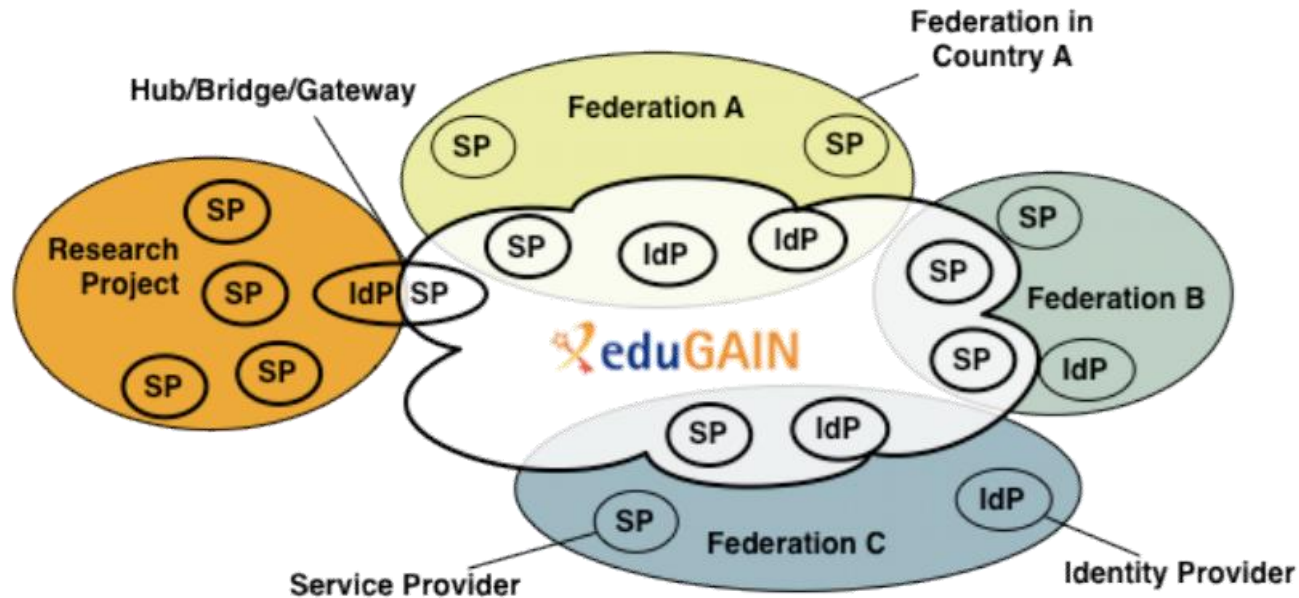


Image: Interoperable Global Trust Federation IGTF, <https://igt.net/>; REFEDS Assurance Framework RAF: <http://refeds.org/assurance>, <https://refeds.org/profile/mfa>

Separating source of authenticator, identity, and access



Research Infrastructures and access models based on eduGAIN



Source of authority for access to research SPs defined by the research project (ERIC, ESFRI), not home organization IdP which only has affiliation

Federation with SP Proxy image by: SWITCH (CH)

So 'just eduGAIN' is not enough for research collaboration

- Access services using **identities from their Home Organizations**.
- **Access services based on role(s)** users have in the collaboration. This info is not known to IdPs – or eduGAIN.
- Secure integration of **guest identity solutions** and **support for stronger authentication identity assurance** mechanisms.
- Requirement for **one persistent identity** across all the community's services when needed and **account linking**.
- **Web** and **non-web** resources
- **Hide complexity** of multiple IdPs/feds/At Auth/ technologies.



Authentication and Authorization for Research Collaboration – AARC (Licia Florio *et al.*) – <https://aarc-community.org/>

Federated access for research collaboration – AARC

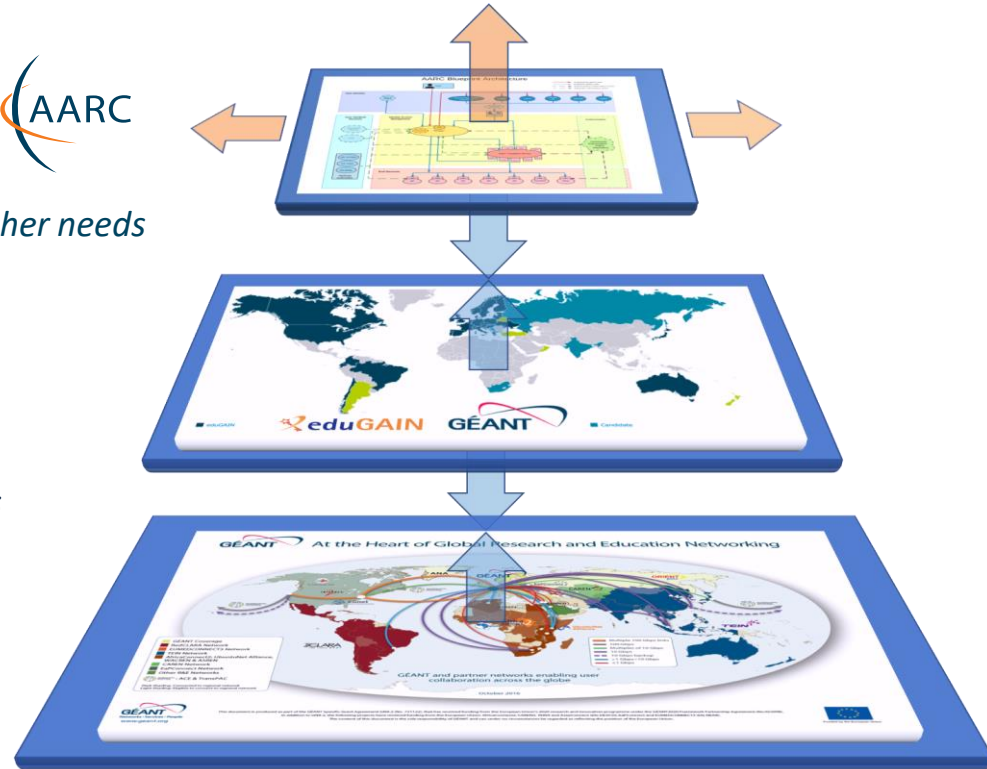
Authentication and Authorization architecture for Research Collaboration

Defines a model and building blocks to address researcher needs exploiting group membership for authorization

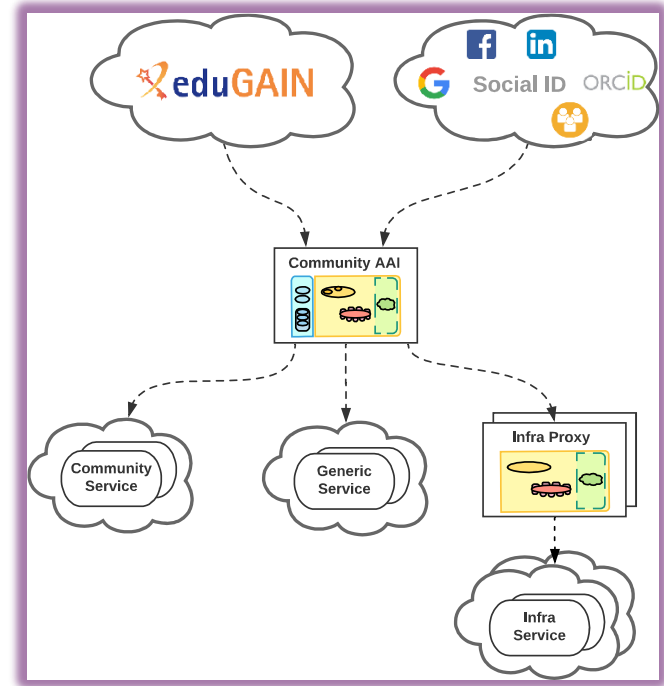
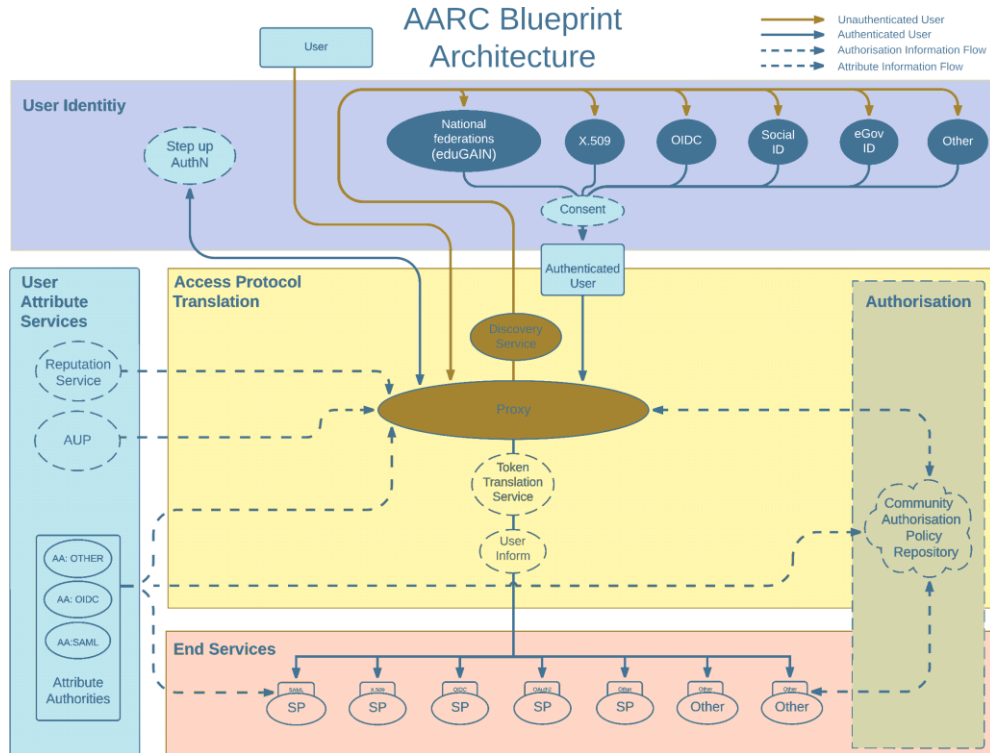
eduGAIN and the Identity Federations

*Foundational federated access in R&E
Allows researchers to use ONE digital identity to access MANY services and resources available in eduGAIN*

Network connectivity



Trust flows from the research community

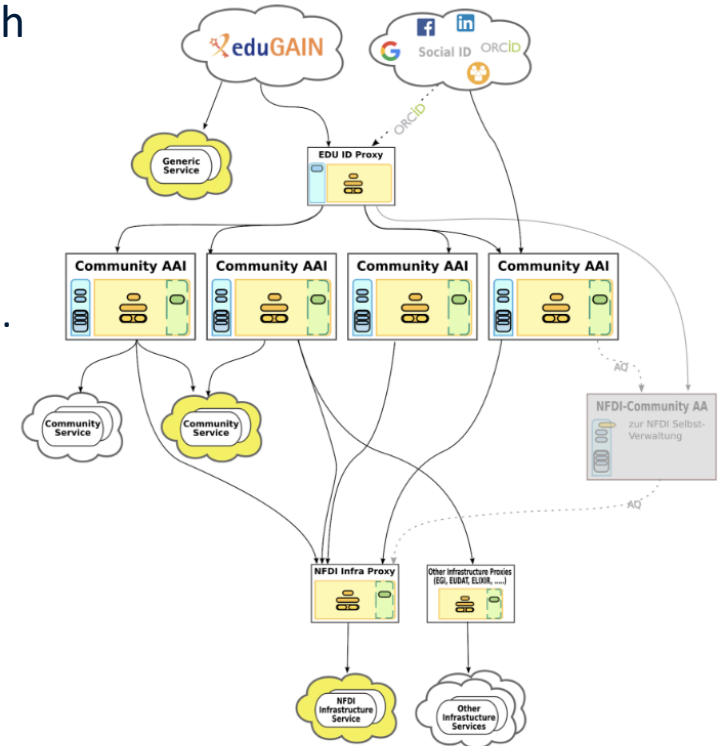


AARC Blueprint Architecture (2019) AARC-G045 <https://aarc-community.org/guidelines/aarc-g045/>; stacked proxies: EOSC AAI Architecture EOSC Authentication and Authorization Infrastructure (AAI), ISBN 978-92-76-28113-9, <http://doi.org/10.2777/8702>

Composite AAls – proxies beyond ‘just’ the EOSC

Proxy model supports harmonizing IdPs beyond research

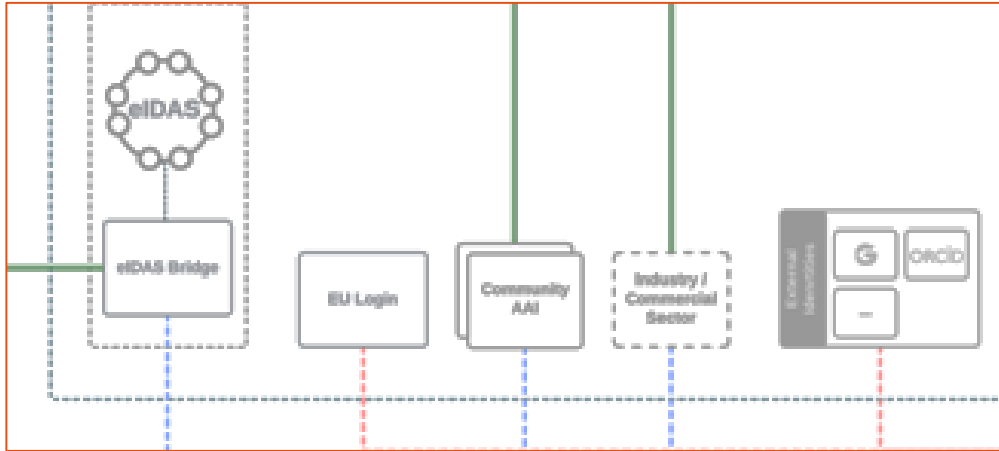
- **eduID**-style identifiers
 - ‘life-long learning’ identifiers
 - independent student identifier (the ESI) for mobility & Erasmus-without-papers
 - eduGAIN-alignment foreseen: eduid.nl, Swiss eduID, ...
- **eIDAS** and government eID (e.g. DigID)
 - identity assurance step-up
- **ORCID** provides this service for research in general
 - since it persists, also very useful to allow researchers consistent access independent of home org 😊



Composite AAI image source: Christos Kanellopoulos (GEANT), Marcus Hardt (KIT)

EOSC AAI Federation

Identity assurance brings the true value: authenticators are aplenty, and 'MFA' far less interesting than vetted identities. But HEI home IdPs seem reluctant to provide it ...



user identity comes 'with the user' from outside, mediated by the research community, ORCID, or from the home member state involved

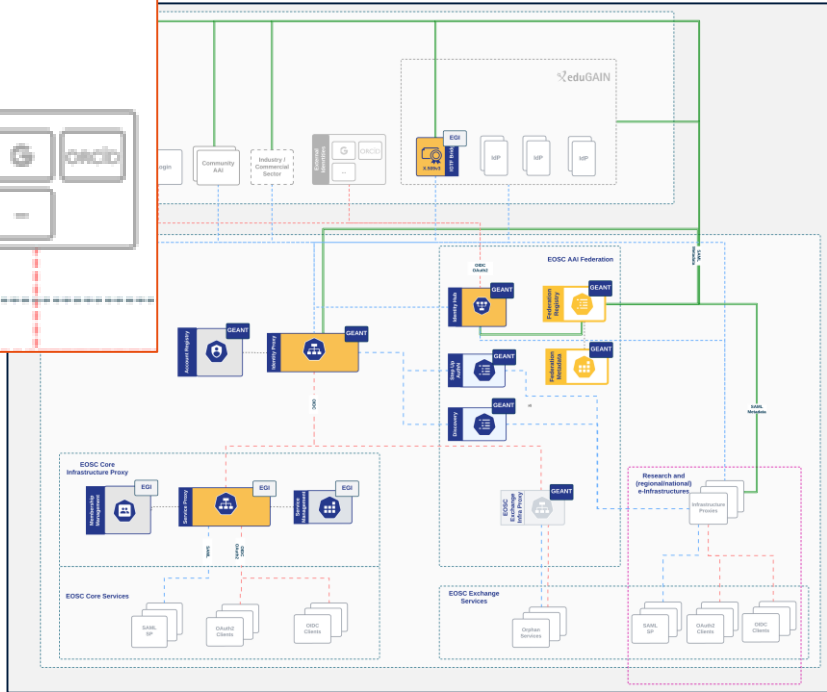
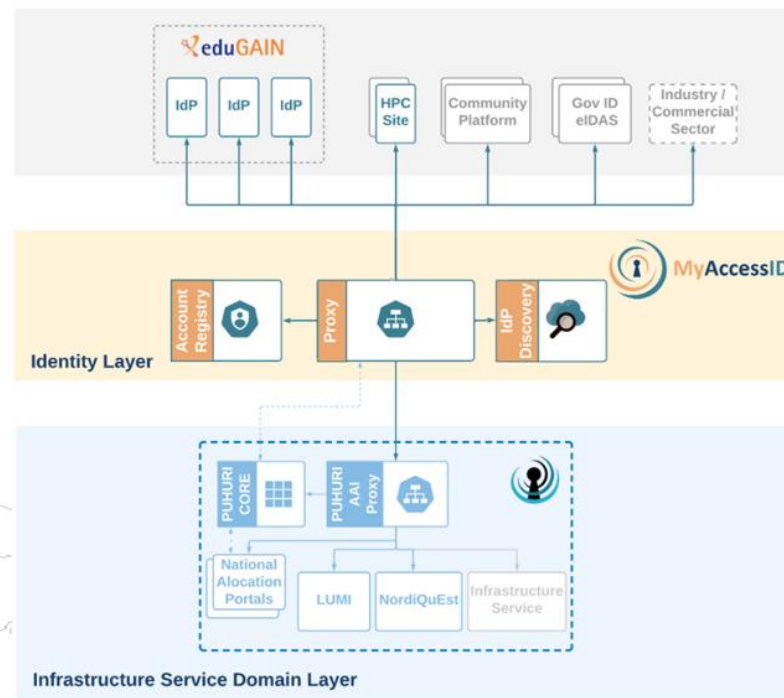


Image: EOSC AAI for the EOSC Core and Exchange Federation for the EOSC European Node by Christos Kanellopoulos, Nicolas Liampotis, David Groep (June 2023)

Same blocks underlie e.g. the Fenix and Puhuri HPC ecosystem

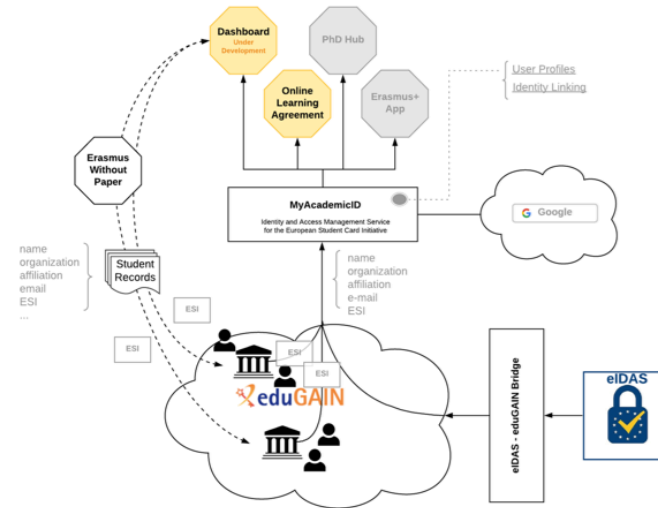


Fenix image via Christos Kanellopoulos, diagram via Anders Sjöström (NeIC, Puhuri) at the TNC23 workshop

And the blocks are the basis for education & Erasmus+

MyAID Architecture

- Provides an Authentication Proxy for the core Erasmus+ services (Online Learning Agreement, Dashboard, PhD Hub and the Erasmus+ App).
- Supports authentication via eduGAIN, eIDAS and Google



What value does our university ID bring in a life-long learning environment? Time to think less institution-centric?

EBSI Wave 2 (15 MS, 20 HEIs, 2 EUA)

Study

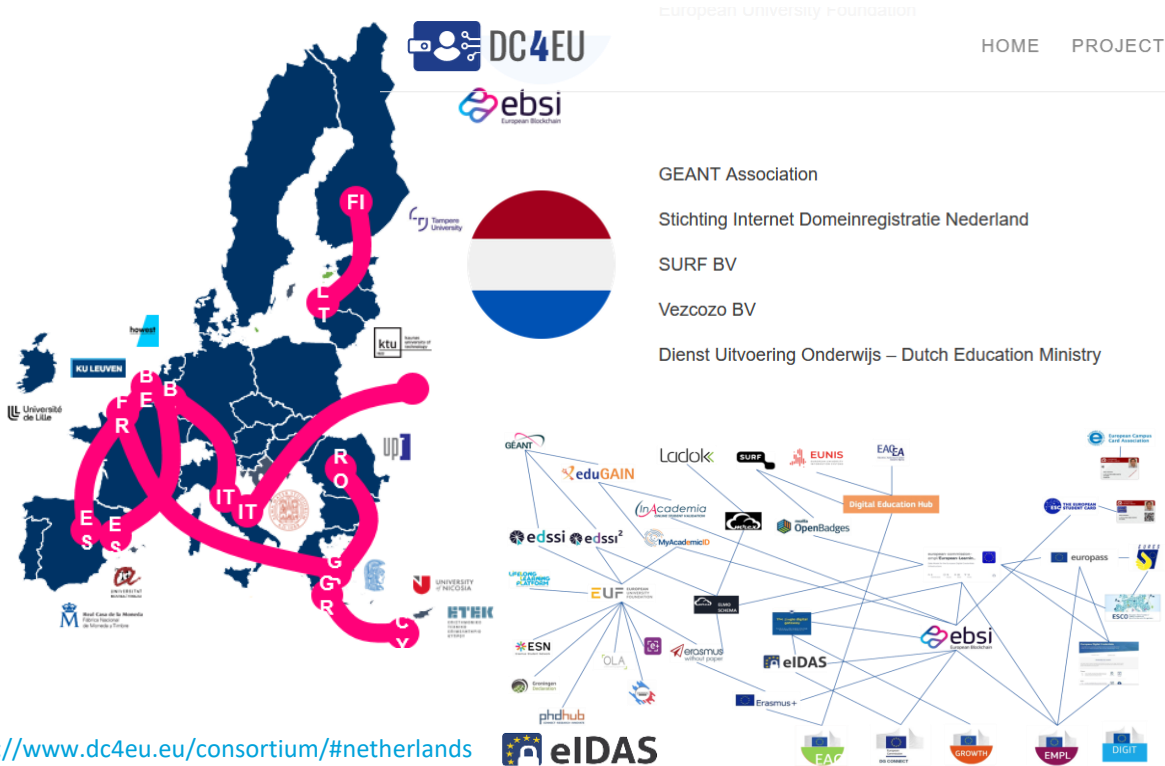
- 01 A student gets a diploma with a list of course units validated from Erasmus (Transcript of Records Credential) ([ES/BE/IT](#))
- 02 A student applies for a PhD with a Bachelor / Master degree from a foreign country (Bachelor/Master Diploma Credential) ([RO/GR/FR](#))
- 03 A student gets access to local discounts using student credential (European Student IDentity) ([BE/ES](#))
- 04 A refugee presents an EQPR to a European Italian University to apply for a Master (EQPR - CoE Refugee Passport) ([IT/DE](#))

Work

- 05 A graduated citizen applies for a job with a Degree from a foreign country (License to Practice Credential) ([GR/CY](#))

Grow

- 06 A PhD student applies for specific courses in a foreign country (Cross-border Micro-credentials) ([FI/LT](#))



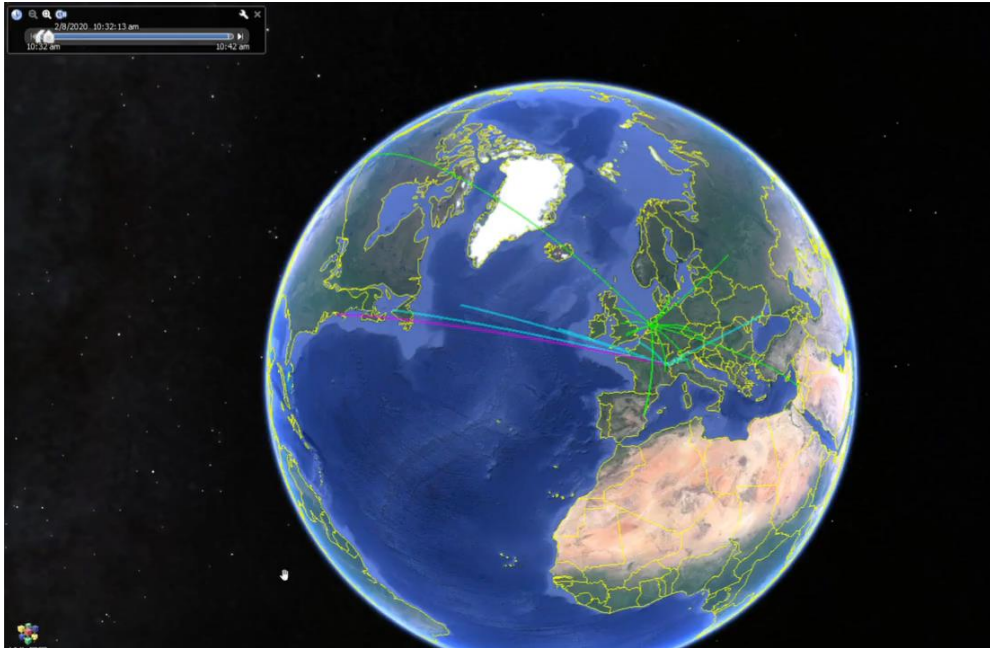
Images from Lluís Ariño, for the DC4EU project. See e.g. <https://www.dc4eu.eu/consortium/#netherlands>

Open science & infrastructure ecosystem enabled by Federation

Common infrastructure for many communities

ESFRI Clusters and the European Open Science Cloud EOSC

A global infrastructure of EGI, OSG and WLCG, ...



The screenshot shows the Apache Directory Studio interface. The left pane displays a tree view of LDAP entries under the domain 'Mds-Vo-name=NIKHEF-ELPROD'. The right pane shows the details for the entry 'GlueCEUniqueID=dissel.nikhef.nl:2811/nordugrid-torque-long7'. The 'Attribute Description' table lists various LDAP attributes and their values.

Attribute Description	Value
objectClass	GlueInformationService (auxiliary)
objectClass	GlueKey (auxiliary)
objectClass	GlueCHEMAVersion (auxiliary)
GlueCEAccessControlBaseRule (13 values)	
GlueCEAccessControlBaseRule	VOalice
GlueCEAccessControlBaseRule	VOatlas
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GlueCEAccessControlBaseRule	VOdune
GlueCEAccessControlBaseRule	VOkinnet.org
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GlueSchemaVersionMinor	2
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An infrastructure with components matched to application needs

- systems architecture, compute (clusters), networking, storage, and application structure
- in a cost-efficient, and energy-efficient, way

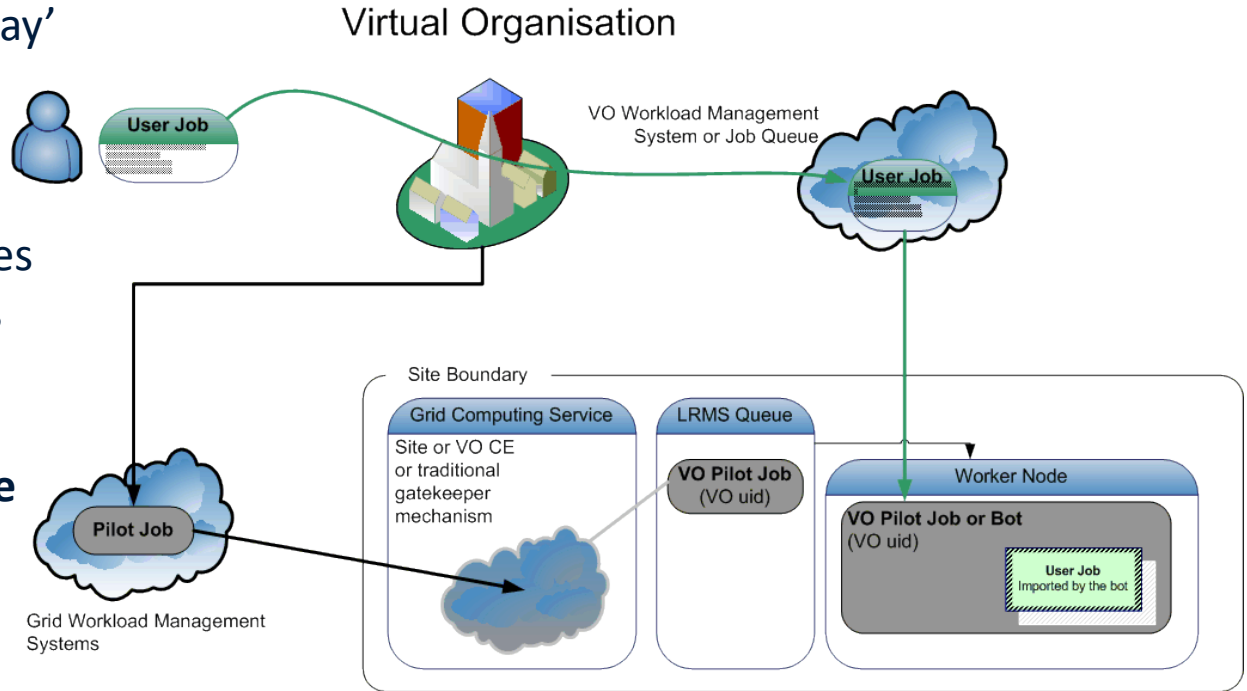
BerkeleyDB Information System for EGI, from top-level BDII at ldap://bdii03.nikhef.nl:2170/o=grid; Earth visualization: <https://dashb-earth.cern.ch/>, Google Earth

Job distribution overlay and pilot jobs in WLCG

Building a cross-site 'overlay' batch system

- work around local bespoke interfaces and specific semantics

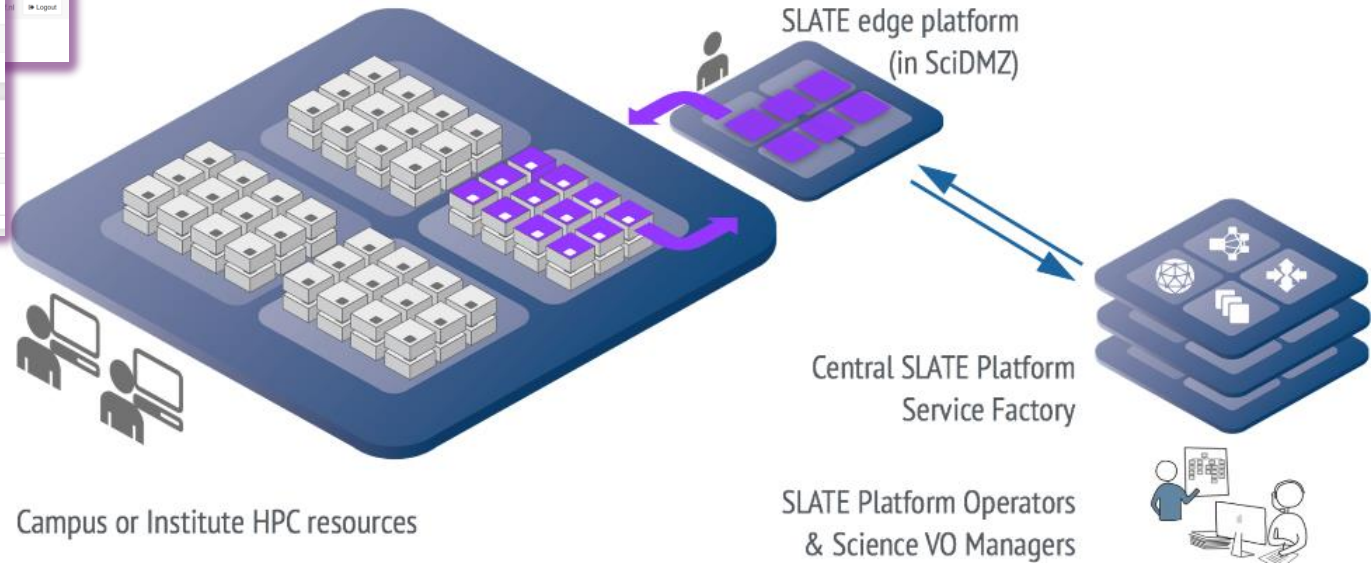
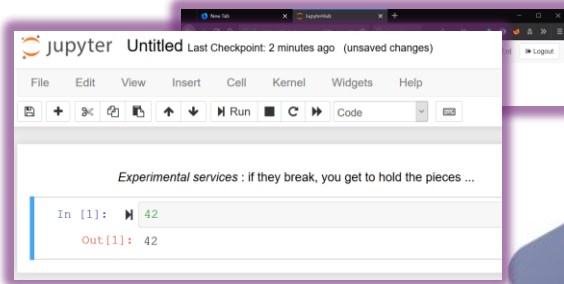
provides the single **community-level interface**



Site Access Control with pilot jobs: gLExec, <http://doi.org/10.1088/1742-6596/119/6/062032>; GlideinWMS: <https://glideinwms.fnal.gov/> based on Condor; also: PANDA

SLATE – structuring the research cloud overlay

Nobody wants a cloud per-se ... what we want is a solution ...

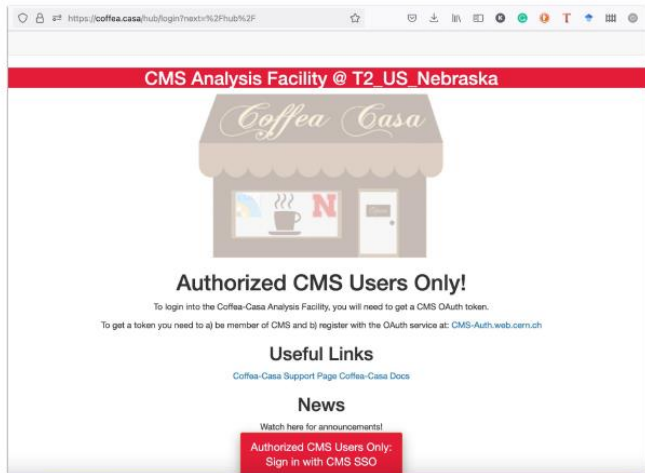


‘alien containers’ HPC integration - container computing, using curated application images

Image sources: NDPF JupyterHub service “Callysto”; SLATE: Service Layer At The Edge – Rob Gartner (UChicago), Shawn KcMee (UMich) et al. – slateci.io

Beyond just technology: Analysis Facilities & Coffea Casa

CMS Coffea-Casa Analysis Facility: <https://coffea.casa>



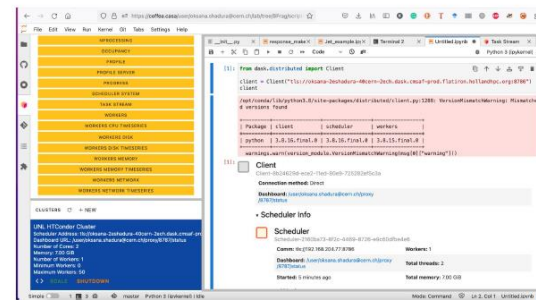
Powered by CMS IAM instance

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Building blocks: easy integration with scalable computing resources

provides a task-management computational work in Python (based on the manager-worker pattern) integrates with HPC clusters, running a variety of schedulers including SLURM, LSF, SGE and HTCondor via “*dask-jobqueue*” This allows us to create a user-level interactive system via queuing up in the batch system

can be used inside Jupyter or you can simply launch it through Jupyter and connect directly from your laptop



Images: Oksana Shadura et al (UNebraska Lincoln), Brian Bockelman (Morgridge Institute) at CHEP2023 <https://indico.jlab.org/event/459/contributions/11610/>

Community federated access to analysis

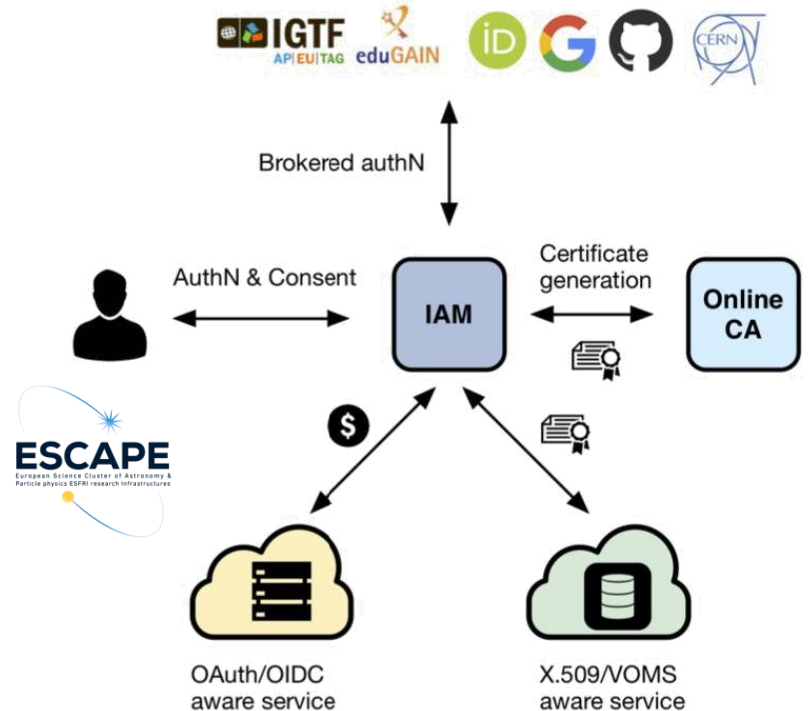
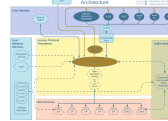
Analysis facility characteristics

- shared collaborative analysis
- data and compute access across all partners
- design for equitable access to global collaborations

The 'ESCAPE' ESFRIs are not the only ones

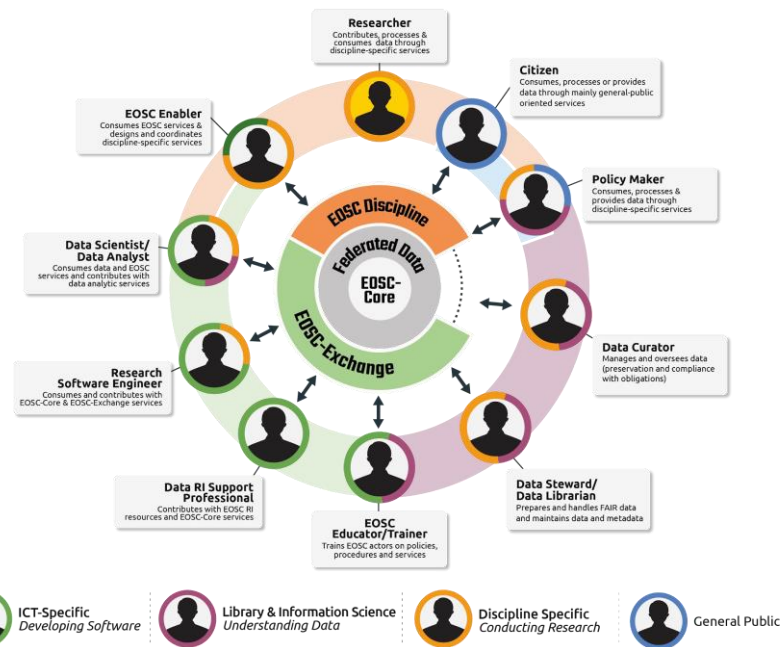
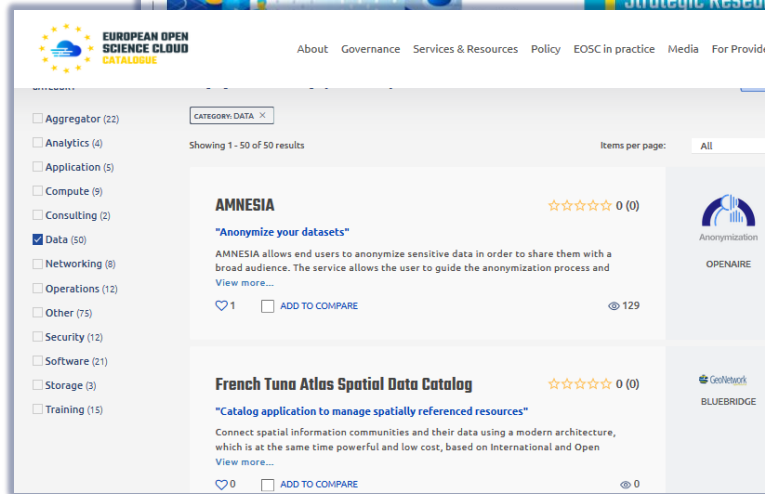
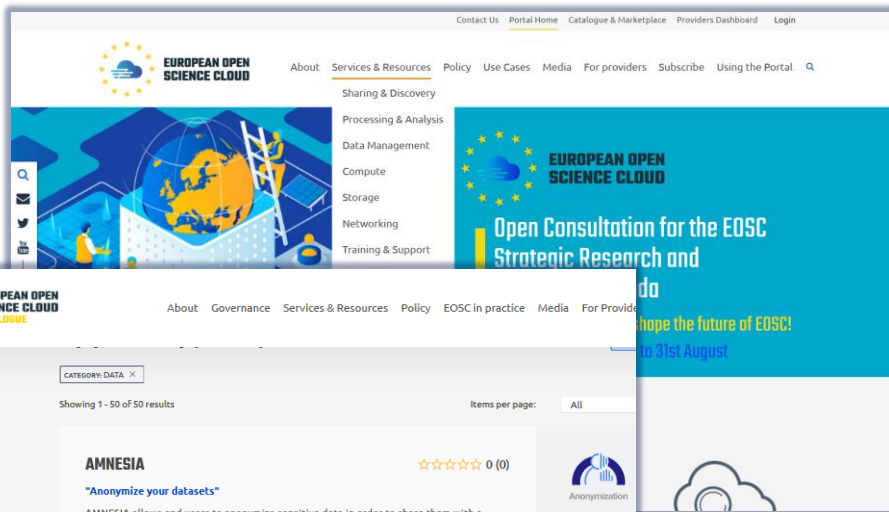
- AARC BPA design in EOSC & ESFRI clusters
- Netherlands: SRAM
- globally: CILogon, HPCI (JP)

... *now extending AARC proxy model to meshed collaborations*



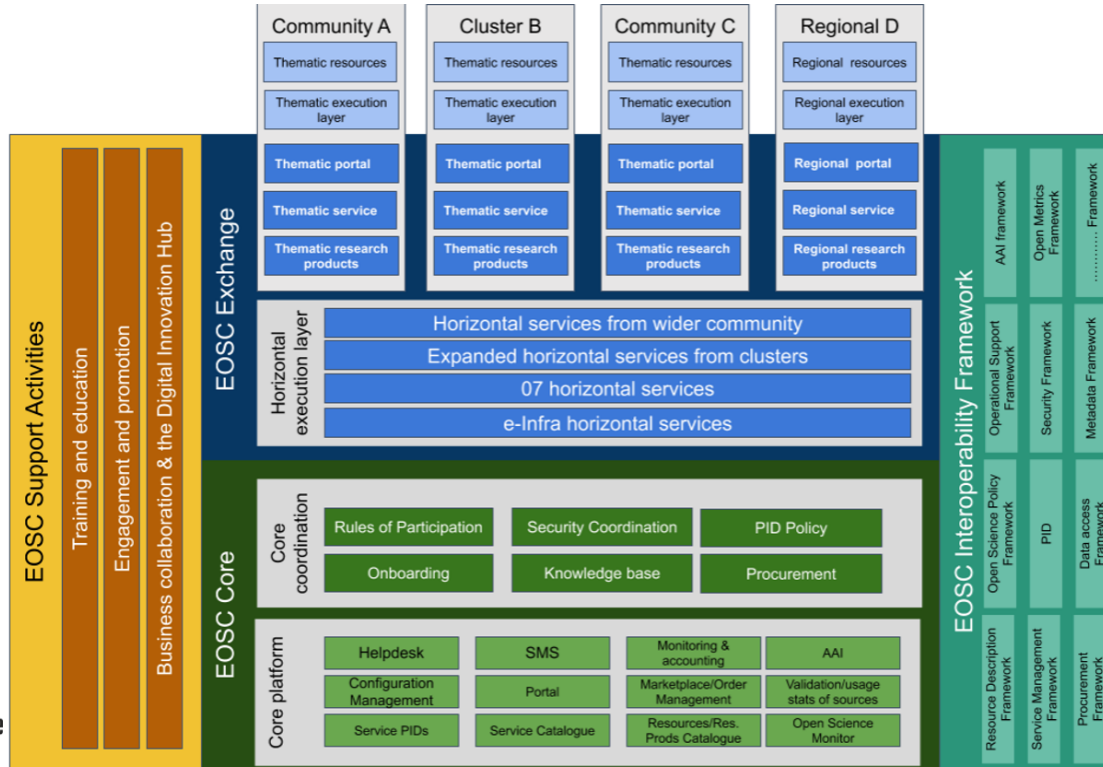
Indigo IAM structure diagram: Andrea Checcanti et al. (INFN CNAF) ESCAPE IAM: <https://projectescape.eu/>, Online CA: AARC RCauth CA, <https://rcauth.eu/>

EOSC: an ecosystem more than just services infrastructure

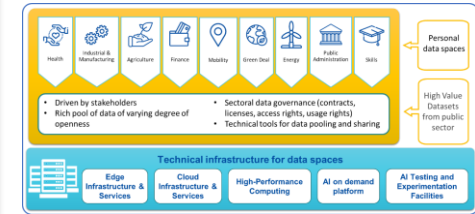


Circle diagram from Ignacio Blanquer's ISGC 2022 keynote, Digital Skills for FAIR and open science: doi.org/10.2777/59065; EOSC Portal (<https://www.eosc-portal.eu/>) by EOSChub

The EOSC ecosystem – core and an ‘exchange’



and many more systems and ‘data spaces’ besides EOSC: e.g. Copernicus EO data, GAIA-X, sectoral spaces, ...



EOSC: <https://eoscfuture.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/EOSC-Core.pdf>; data spaces image: <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/building-data-economy-brochure>

'Services await us' in global research & e-infrastructures

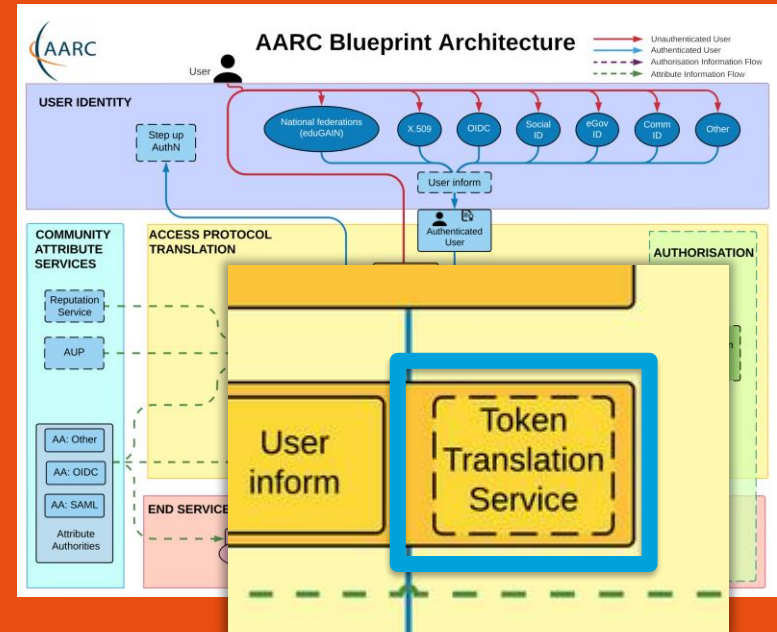
both in *thematic* and in *horizontal* e-Infrastructures

how to leverage all this effectively and achieve what we want?
Given our strategy strives for an attractive research climate
“Met hoogwaardige onderzoeksfaciliteiten stellen we hen in staat om excellent onderzoek te doen” – which includes ICT!

ELIXIR RI and Life Sciences AAI (left),
ESCAPE Data Lake by Ricardo Di Maria (CERN)
CS3MESH4EOSC – Science Mesh and Services
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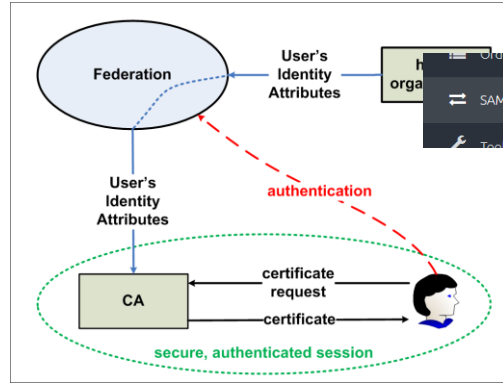
Distributed collaborative ICT instrumentation, *a more technical example*

Credential translation in the AARC BPA
... building RCauth.eu
Leveraging federation and collaboration
for ubiquitous research credentials



Bridges and Token Translation Services

TCS - for users that manage to grasp the idea



Organization Mapping

SURF GÉANT

SURFconnext - Profile Overview

My Profile My Apps Exit

Organization: Nikhef, E-mail address: davidg@nikhef.nl, First name: David, Entitlement: um:mace.terena.org/tcs, Institution user ID: davidg@nikhef.nl, Organization: nikhef.nl, Display Name: David Groep

User Identification Request

This site has requested that you identify yourself with a certificate:

www.eugidpma.org/443
Organization: "Nikhef"
Issued Under: "TERENA"

Choose a certificate to present as identification:

David Groep davidg@nikhef.nl; TERENA ID [03:5C:A9:2A:4B:F4:62:56:73:35:81:E9:2A:09:AE]

Details of selected certificate:

Issued to: CN=David Groep davidg@nikhef.nl,O=Nikhef,C=NL,DC=terena,DC=org
Serial number: 03:5C:A9:2A:4B:F4:62:56:73:35:81:E9:2A:09:AE
Valid from Tuesday, 4 September, 2018 02:00:00 to Thursday, 3 October, 2019 14:00:00
Key Usage: Signing,Key Encipherment,Data Encipherment
Email address: davidg@nikhef.nl
Issued by: CN=TERENA eScience Personal CA 3.0,O=TERENA, Amsterdam,ST=Noord-Holland,C=NL
Created on: 08/29/2018 09:00:00
 Remember this decision

Digital Certificate

You have been authorized to enroll for a digital certificate. Please validate that your name and email addresses are correct.

Name: David Groep
Email: davidg@nikhef.nl
Organization: Nikhef

Please select the correct certificate profile and desired private key format. If a private key is generated a password is required to protect the download.

Certificate Profile

GÉANT Personal Certificate
 GÉANT IGTF-MICS Personal
 GÉANT IGTF-MICS-Robot Personal

Private Key

Generate RSA
 Generate ECC
 Upload CSR No file chosen

P12 Password: *****
P12 Password Confirmation: *****

TCS is a SAML Service Provider (today by Sectigo) to eduGAIN: where eligible authenticated users obtain client certificates for access to many research services

A globally recognized identity for all employees & students (they are automatically eligible!).

GEANT Trusted Certificate Service - <https://ca.dutchgrid.nl/tcs/>,
<https://cert-manager.com/customer/surfnet/idp/clientgeant>, https://www.geant.org/Services/Trust_identity_and_security/Pages/TCS.aspx

Seamless in-line token translation services from 'SAML' to PKIX



Community Science Portal

GSIFTP demo

Info Browse Proxy info User info Logged in as david@nikhef.nl

gsiftp://prometheus.desy.de /

dr-x-----	1	davidg	davidg	512 Feb 7 06:00	Lost+found
dr-x-----	1	davidg	davidg	512 Feb 7 06:01	VOS
dr-x-----	1	davidg	davidg	512 Feb 7 06:01	Users
dr-x-----	1	davidg	davidg	512 Feb 7 06:02	UTF-8
dr-x-----	1	davidg	davidg	512 Feb 7 06:03	Music
dr-x-----	1	davidg	davidg	512 Feb 7 06:04	Video
d-----	1	davidg	davidg	512 Feb 7 11:21	upload

Delete selected entry Browse... No file selected. Upload file Create directory

dCache EGI AARC

RCaAuth.eu The white-labeled Research and Collaboration Authentication CA Service for Europe

RCaAuth.eu Online CA consent page

The RCaAuth Portal below is requesting access to your personal information and to act on your behalf.

If you approve, please accept, informate, cancel.

Details on which attributes are released, why, to whom, and how they are processed can be found in the RCaAuth PKIX CA privacy policy. For further information on the CA see the OpenTrust homepage.

Approve

Yes, continue No, cancel

Master Portal information:

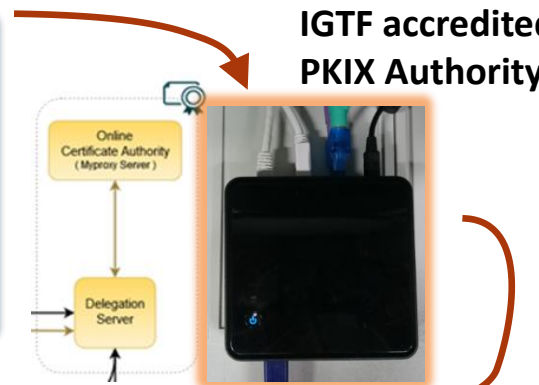
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Description: EGI Master Portal
URL: https://caas.mcs.rug.nl/portal/online.asp

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id: https://caas.mcs.rug.nl/portal/online.asp
edu_admin_name: EGI Master Portal
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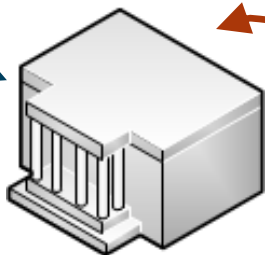
Infrastructure Master Portal Credential Store

IGTF accredited PKIX Authority



User Home Org
or Infrastructure IdP

see also <https://rcdemo.nikhef.nl/>



REFEDS R&S
Sirtfi Trust

RCaAuth.eu The white-labeled Research and Collaboration Authentication CA Service for Europe

English | Nederlands | Español | Français | Deutsch

You have previously chosen to authenticate at Nikhef

Login at Nikhef

Research and e-Infrastructures | Common | UK | Netherlands | Sweden | Switzerland | Other countries | Miscellaneous

EGI AAI Checkin
ELDIS research infrastructure AAI

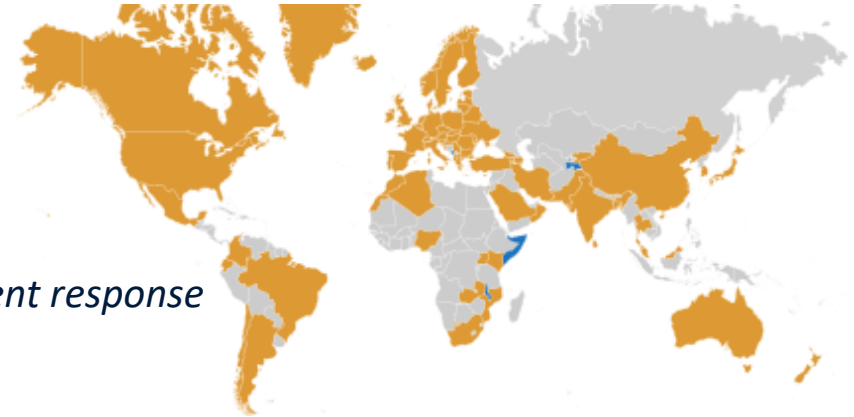
The RCaAuth.eu WebUI is provided by RCaAuth.eu. For support, please contact the help desk of your own home organisations. Service built on OpenTrust policy MIP software.

Policy Filtering WAYF to eduGAIN

Our Registration Authorities: the Federated IdPs

Distributed RAs: the *eligible IdPs*

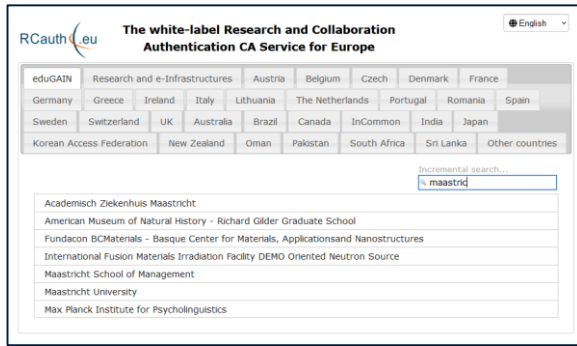
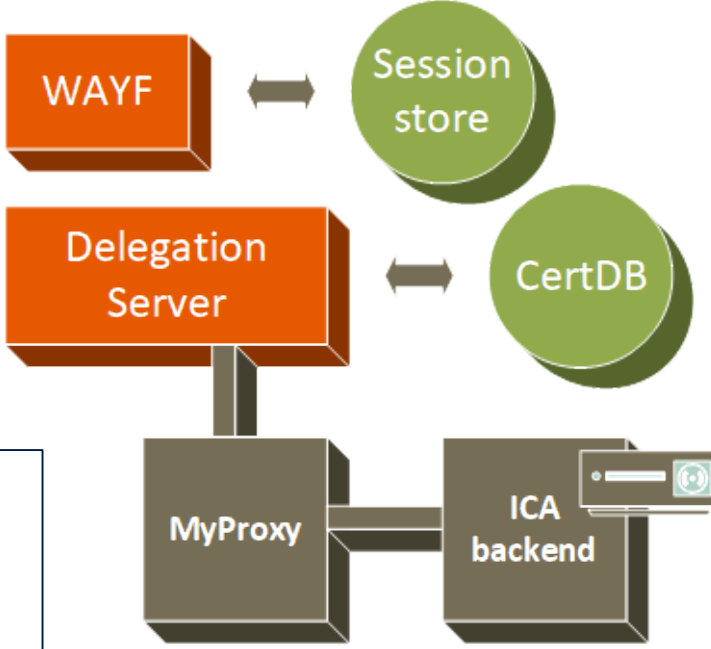
- connected through a federation, primarily: the ensemble of IdPs in eduGAIN that meet the policy requirements of this CA
 - since authN and authZ are split, need is for *non-reassigned identifier* and *point-in-time incident response*
- eligible *applicants* are then all affiliated to an RA



Three eligibility models

1. Direct relationship CA-IdP, with agreement declaration
 2. Rest of eduGAIN: – “Sirtfi” security incident response and OpSec capabilities plus
– REFEDS “R&S section 6” non-reassigned identifiers & name (‘personalized’) are required, and tested via statement in ‘meta-data’ and by releasing the proper attributes
 3. within the Netherlands, SURFconext Annex IX* already ensures compliance for all IdPs
- “IdPs within eduGAIN are deemed to have entered materially into an agreement with the CA”*

The 'back side' of a typical RCaath portal data flow



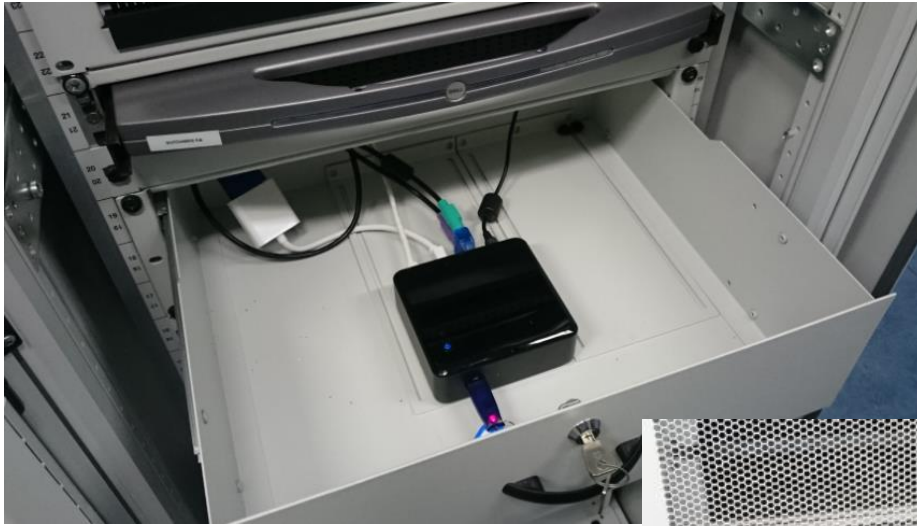
Parsed ID Token:

```
std::class Object
(
  [typ] => JWT
  [kid] => E01796EA0367564935B098173189B116
  [alg] => RS256
)
std::class Object
(
  [sub] => P70081609@unimaas.nl
  [idp] => http://login.maastrichtuniversity.nl/adfs/services/trust
  [eduPersonTargetedID] => http://login.maastrichtuniversity.nl/adfs
  [idp_display_name] => Maastricht University
  [cert_subject_dn] => CN=Groep\, David (DACS) KwwAnhI4psmiGTw 1, O=
  [name] => Groep, David (DACS)
  [eduPersonPrincipalName] => P70081609@unimaas.nl
  [given_name] => David
  [family_name] => Groep
  [email] => david.groep@maastrichtuniversity.nl
  [iss] => https://aai.egi.eu/mp-aa2-server
```

Proxy information:

```
subject : /DC=eu/DC=rcauth/DC=rcauth-clients/0=maastrichtuniversity.nl/CN=Groep, David (DACS) KwwAnhI4psmiGTw 1/CN=208760481/CN=466908503
issuer  : /DC=eu/DC=rcauth/DC=rcauth-clients/0=maastrichtuniversity.nl/CN=Groep, David (DACS) KwwAnhI4psmiGTw 1/CN=208760481
identity : /DC=eu/DC=rcauth/DC=rcauth-clients/0=maastrichtuniversity.nl/CN=Groep, David (DACS) KwwAnhI4psmiGTw 1/CN=208760481
type    : RFC compliant proxy
strength : 2048 bits
path    : /tmp/x509up_u14TKF
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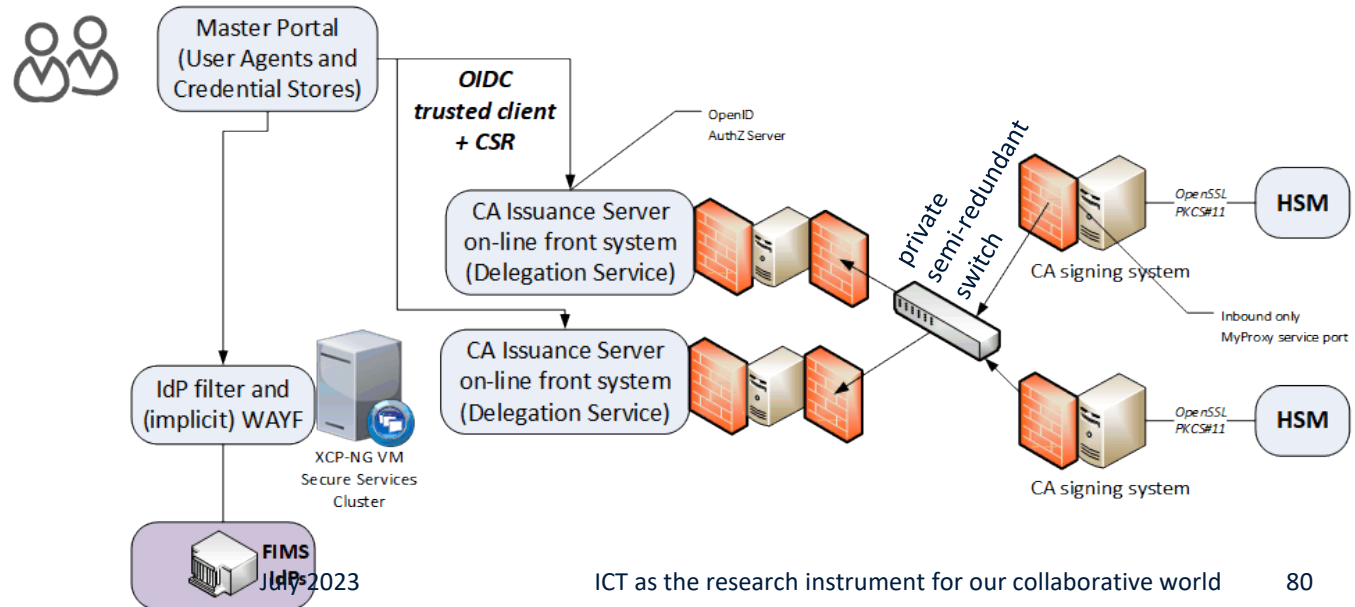

With a single, yet fully compliant, 'Heath Robinson' CA



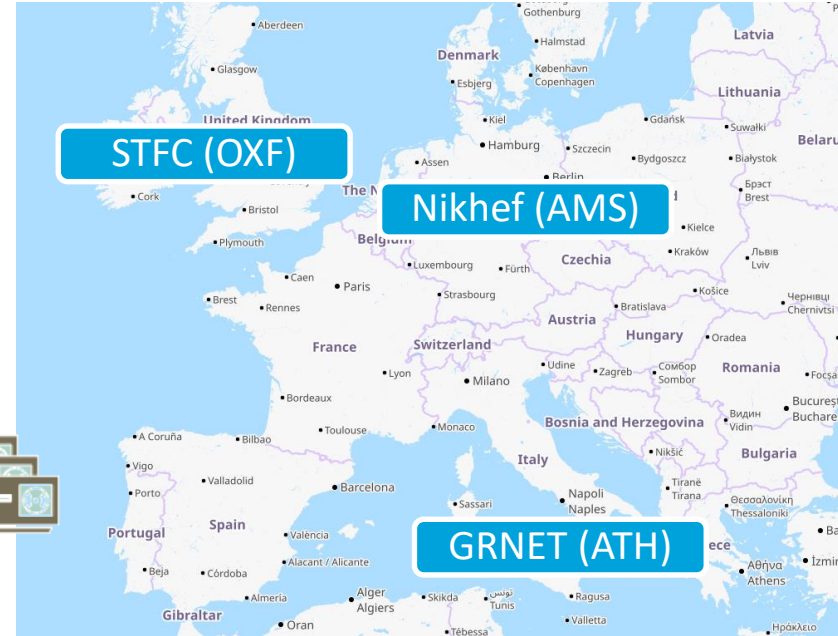
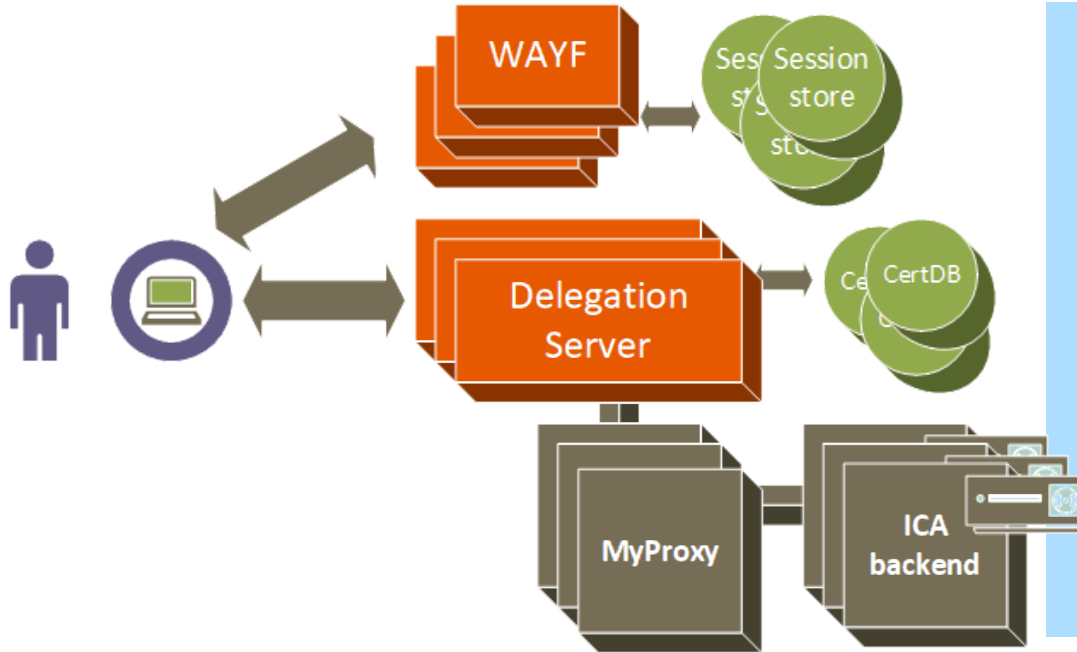
The locally-highly-available RCauth at Nikhef Amsterdam

- Most 'fault-prone' components are
 - Intel NUC (single power supply)
 - HSM (can lock itself down, and the USB connection is prone to oxidation)
 - DS front-end servers (physical hardware, albeit with redundant disks and powersupplies)

Eliminated
SPOFs first
using 'local HA'



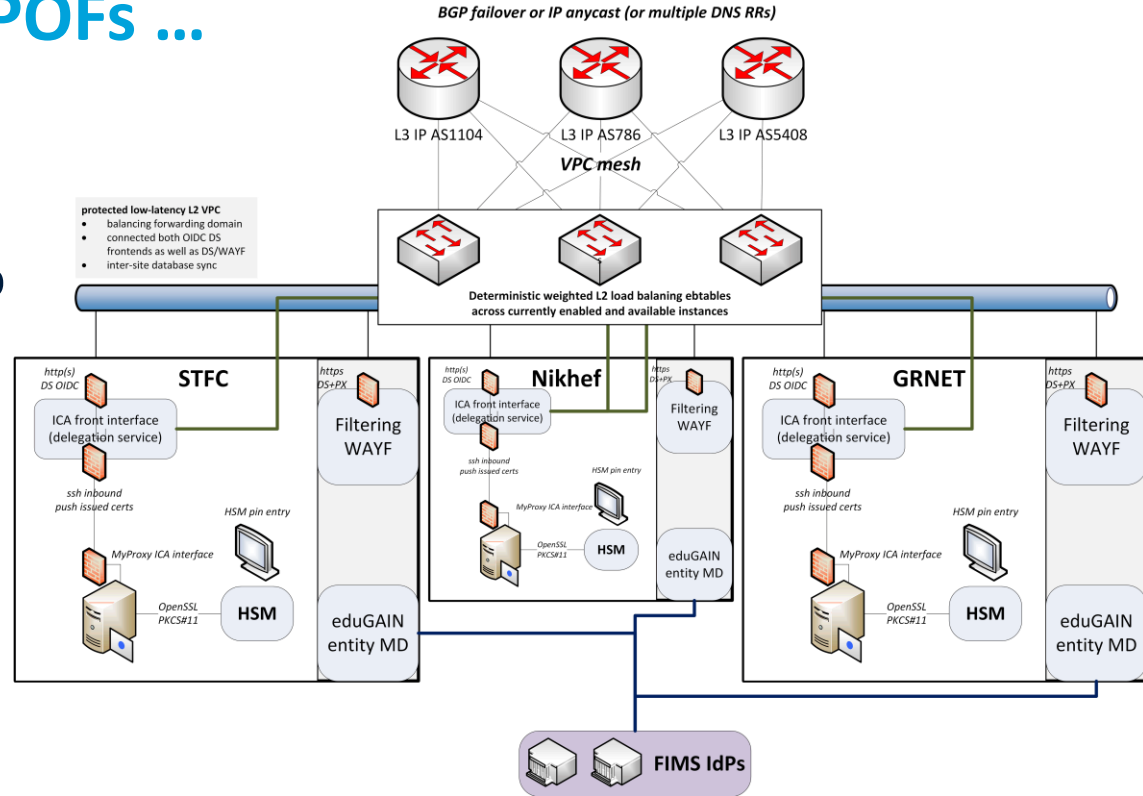
... to a 3-fold, continuously-consistent, European setup



Since we do not like SPOFs ...

Distributed High Availability setup

- across the 3 sites
- design for minimal effort
- readily-available techniques
 - L3 VPN (OpenVPN) or L2 VPC
 - Linux HAProxy



work supported by the EOSC Hub and EOSC Future Horizon Europe projects

A transparent multi-site setup is needed for the user

User

- connects to HA proxy at **{wayf,pilot-ica-g1}.rcauth.eu**
- HA proxy sends users to “**closest**” working service
- primarily **forward to its own DS** when available



If a HA loses its backend DS, can still route to another DS over VPC/VPN backend

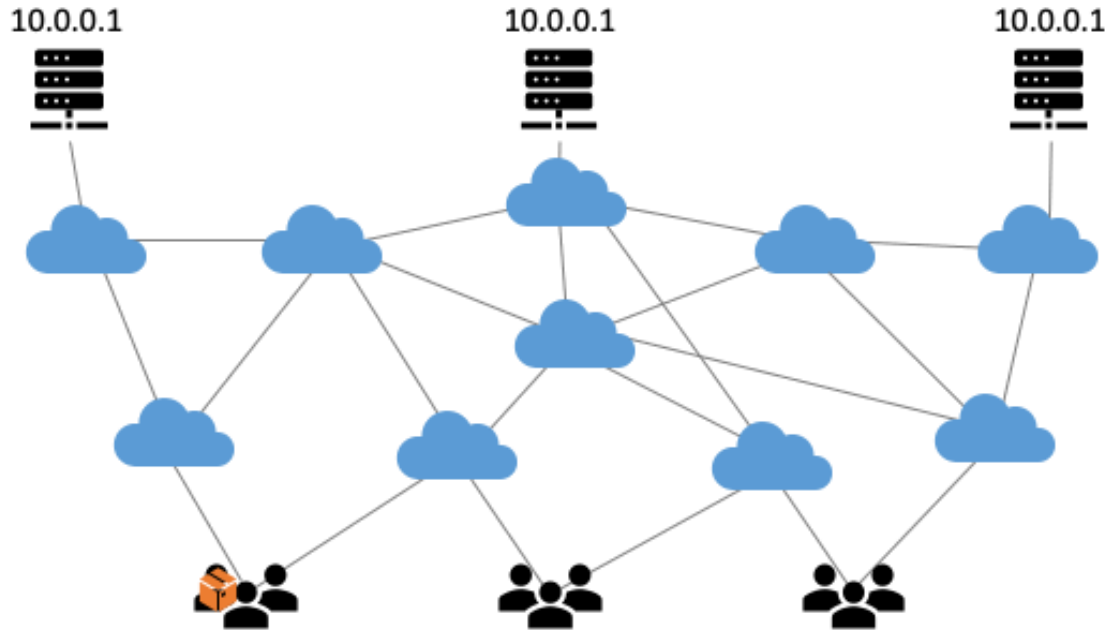
Straightforward proven solution is IP anycast

wherever the user is, the service is at

- **2a07:8504:01a0::1**
- or for legacy IP users at 145.116.216.1

selected imagery: Mischa Sallé, Jens Jensen, Nicolas Liampotis

Anycast: when the same place exists many times



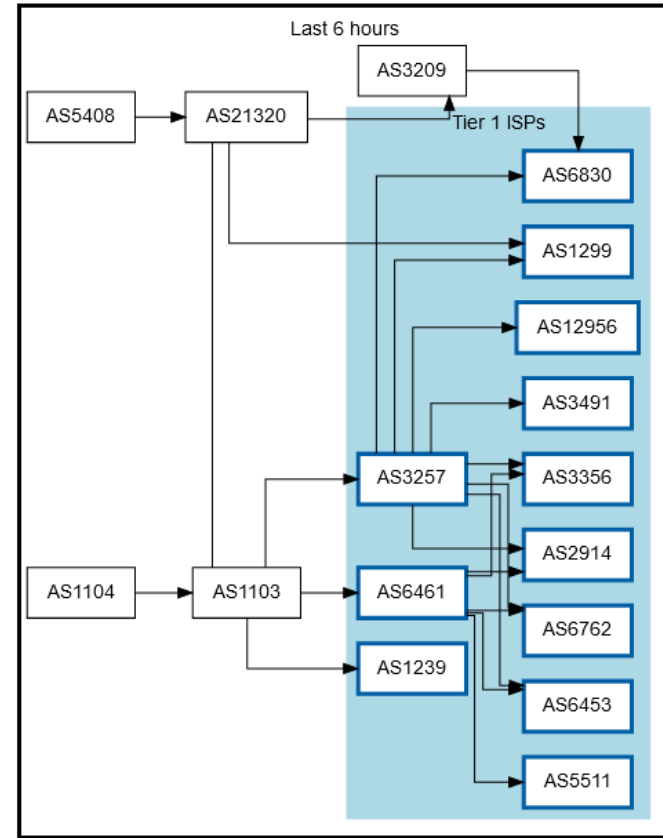
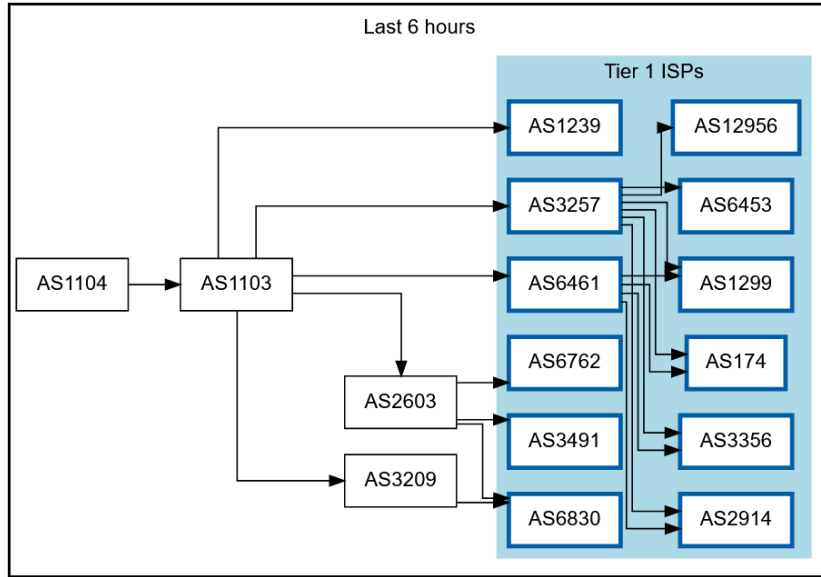
So we used

- 3 (for now: 2) sites
- one VM at each site exposing 2a07:8504:01a0::1
- smallest v6 subnet (/48)
- bird + a service probe
- each site's own ASN
- some IRR DB editing
- IPv4 is similar, with a /24

and some monitoring

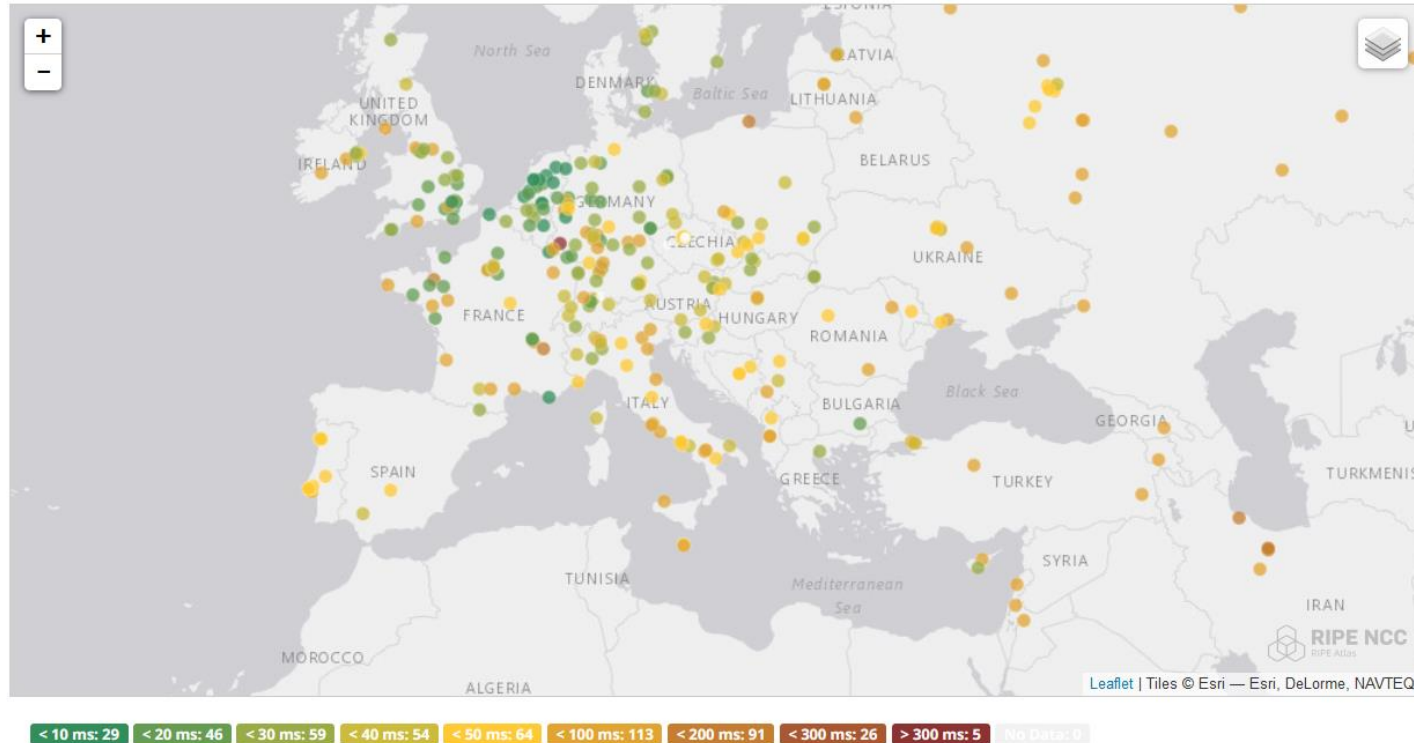
routing image: SIDNlabs - <https://www.sidnlabs.nl/en/news-and-blogs/the-bgp-tuner-intuitive-management-applied-to-dns-anycast-infrastructure>

Getting 2a07:8504:1a0::/48 out there



route maps: bgp.tools for 2a07:8504:1a0::/48 – IPv4 for 145.116.216.0/24 is similar – imagery from November 2022

And you get reasonable load balancing in Europe for free



map: RIPE NCC RIPE Atlas - 500 probes, distributed across Europe (<https://atlas.ripe.net/measurements/50949024/>)

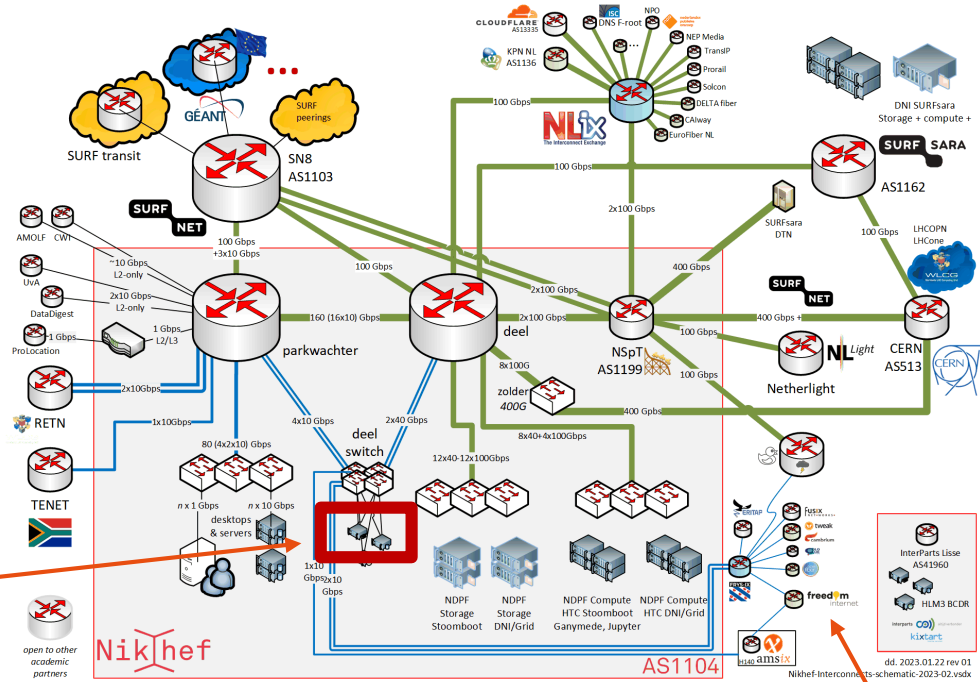
Shortest path, also when mixing with the default-free zone

```
[root@kwark ~]# traceroute -IA 145.116.216.1
traceroute to 145.116.216.1 (145.116.216.1), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
```

- 1 cmbr.connected.by.freedominter.net (185.93.175.234) [AS206238]
- 2 connected.by.freedom.nl (185.93.175.240) [AS206238]
- 3 et-0-0-0-1002.core1.fi001.nl.freedomnet.nl (185.93.175.208) [AS206238]
- 4 as1104.frys-ix.net (185.1.203.66) [*]
- 5 parkwachter.nikhef.nl (192.16.186.141) [AS1104]
- 6 gw-anyc-01.rcauth.eu (145.116.216.1) [AS786/AS5408/AS1104]

rcauth.eu HA proxy

Route from home to RCauth.eu, from my home Freedom Internet ISP



So can we discern a common pattern?

- Infrastructure is distributed, but that's nothing truly 'magic'
 - and *every* collaborating organization, university, and national lab is part of it and can do it
- Move complexity and volume requirements to the edge
 - the edge scales horizontally and scaling from 2+ is much easier than from 1 → 2
- Any central (network) components should be passive and as stateless as possible
 - research (and computing education) infrastructure performance ought to just be 'a given'
 - any stateful device in the data path will block performant data transfers and reliability
 - although persistent storage obviously has to retain some state 😊
- Scaling *collaboration infrastructure, trust & identity*, and ***federation of expertise*** needed as much as we need scaling of our computing and networks

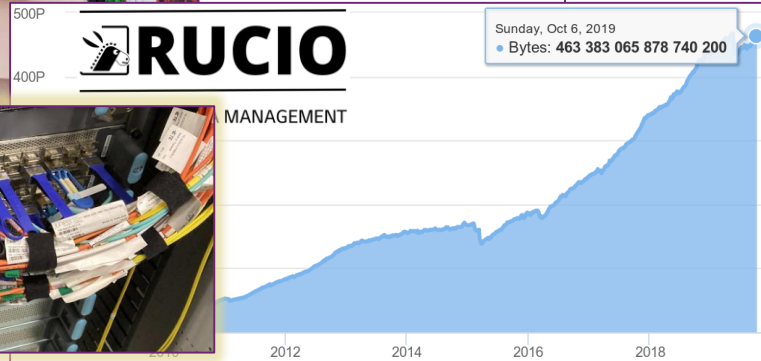
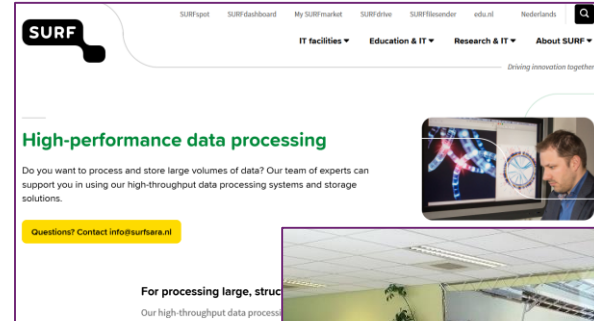
Diverse use cases, common vision

Supporting our mission on collaboration, Open Science,
and internationalization through scalable e-Infrastructures

ICT infrastructure landscape in the Netherlands

Using ICT as research instrumentation

Infrastructure for research is an ecosystem: hardware, software, services, and ... people



Images: ATLAS Rucio volume, (from rucio.cern.ch); optical network: NDPF 'deel'; User meeting Stoomboot Office Hours (both Nikhef); Snellius opening visit; HPDC service page (both SURF)

For example our HPC strategy: from local “T2” to European “T0”



Nikhef “Stoomboot”
Analysis Facility



Photos: Nikhef NDPF, DigitalRealty, SURF Data Repository, Snellius, SURF @ DigitalRealty
Steamship: Michael on Unsplash (<https://unsplash.com/photos/944sDSMQ778>), Tile: Nationaal Museum van Wereldculturen



SURF National Infrastructure



How to exploit
these unique systems?
access, expertise, and ...
a long-term vision
on how research scales up

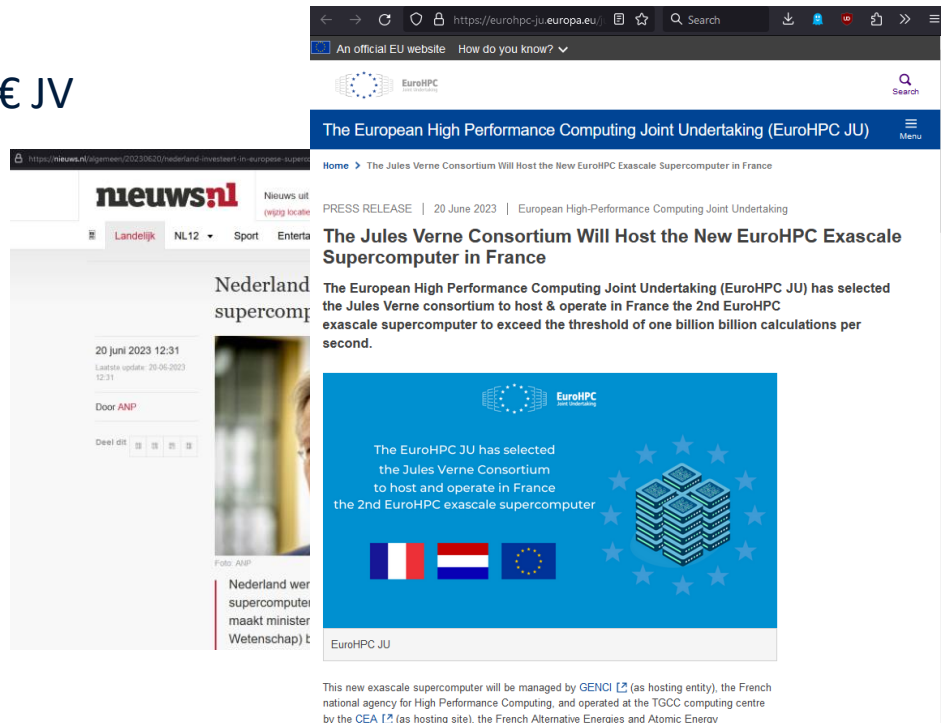
EuroHPC targets large-scale *compute* (and some data)

Dutch direct investments: 2M€ LUMI, 8M€ JV
+ access through 'Europe' and the JU

But: it's not the 'one single solution' ...

e.g. EuroHPC has overly many controls,
it being subject to more export controls

- harder to use for research
(like for DestinE portals) that need to
run services or use service accounts
- tension with open and citizen science



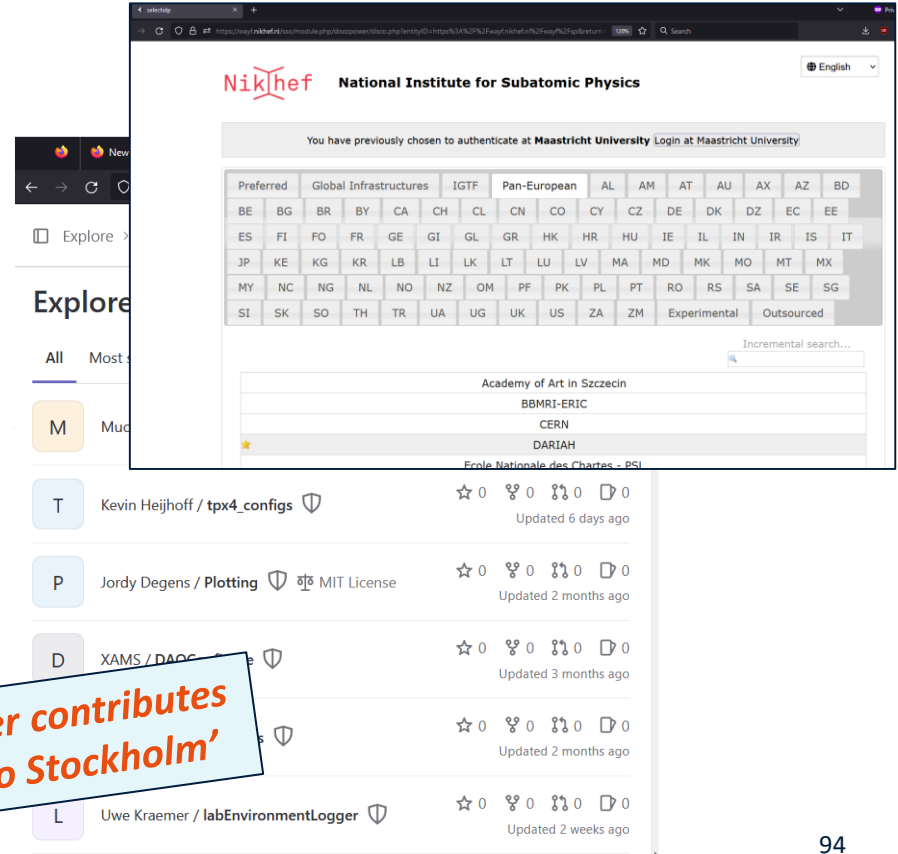
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Collaborative services are distributed and federated

Collaborative services are spread across the research community

- logbooks with federated login from LIGO (LVK collaboration) for ET pathfinder and IGWN
- analysis notebooks and control software in open to the collaboration via eduGAIN
- our aforementioned RCauth.eu need mix of local expertise and resources, national systems, research infra services, and European (global) resources

'every partner contributes to the trip to Stockholm'



So: ICT Digital Competences for research

- need for a federated networked scheme for data, computing (and expertise) remains as relevant today as it was in 2017
- LDCC role as “*knooppunt in een gefedereerd netwerk voor data, computing en expertise*” has not received much attention in terms of infrastructure
- expertise bundling and development of “Tier-2” facilities in national landscape is institutional responsibility, strengthening research support
- using national funding also means: be open to national collaboration, and ensuring the facilities (expertise, but also datasets, computing, storage, networks) are actually accessible in a FAIR and federated way, open to researchers from outside – based on e.g. SRAM, eduid.nl, and MyAcademicID



Collaboration is more than just the tools or technology

The *'Uitvoeringsplan'* (*'commissie Apers', 2019*) deliberately identified digital competences to be broad and include not only data, but also software **and a federated expertise network** at the 'local' digital competence centres (LDCCs):

- “Knooppunt in een gefedereerd netwerk voor data, computing en expertise”
- “Belangrijk is dat de aangesloten lokale infrastructuren middels het gefedereerde systeem geïntegreerd moeten kunnen worden in de European Open Science Cloud (EOSC), die in ontwikkeling is.”

This means we require expertise and alignment, also for governance and policy, with the goals for federated Open Science which our nationally initiatives are funding















<https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/kst-29338-189>

How to make ICT infrastructure into our ‘research instrument’ ?

All these use cases seem diverse, but still result in **common infrastructure capabilities**

- Interactive analysis, collaboration and ‘research service bursting’ platform
 - DSRI is there now to fill this space –can evolve to the ‘interactive gateway’ for all users
- HTC/HPC computing facilities at reasonable ‘T2’ scale, based on application co-design
 - solves short-turnaround needs at limited scale, is the place for growing expertise for scale out to national (SURF) and international (EuroHPC, EGI, EOSC, ...) level
- High-throughput data storage and sharing services
 - targeting data processing compute integration and effective fast access to FAIR data
- Open network for collaborative & data intensive sciences
 - ‘ye shall not have stateful devices in thy data path’ – ScienceDMZ or better
 - is *essential* prerequisite for open science, EOSC, and collaborative (& citizen science) services
- Tools for digital research collaboration beyond just UM
 - sustainable research software, collaborative spaces with *global* partners, SRAM, eduGAIN & EOSC federated access, ubiquitous access to *external R&S* services

Liquid CO₂ cooling test bench,
24.33% overclocked
using CineBench R20
best sustained, i.e. without LN2...
In a Nikhef-AMD collaboration

	SCORE	USER	FREQUENCY	HARDWARE	COOLING	HW	
1.	23323 pts	 Splave	5400.2 MHz	AMD Ryzen Threadripper 3970X	LN2	0pts	0 
2.	23081 pts	 Alex@ro	5375 MHz	AMD Ryzen Threadripper 3970X	LN2	0pts	 1 
3.	22064 pts	 Hiwa	5050.6 MHz	AMD Ryzen Threadripper 3970X	LN2	0pts	 0 
4.	21601 pts	 keep8n	5000.4 MHz	AMD Ryzen Threadripper 3970X	LN2	0pts	 0 
5.	20022 pts	 Nikhef	4600.1 MHz	AMD Ryzen Threadripper 3970X	SS	0pts	 0 

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Discussion time ... !

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Federation and security

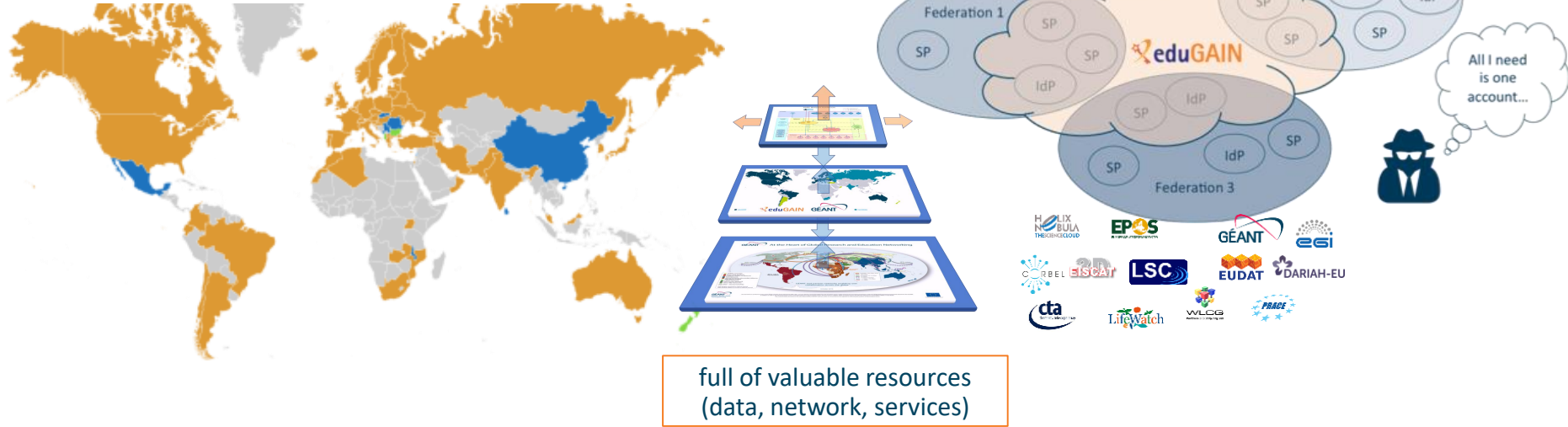
Collaborative security

Sirtfi

Testing resilience and Sirtfi v2

eduGAIN Security and CSIRT

Now *what* have we built?!



We have federation and single sign-on ...
... but can we share security information when needed?
... timely and confidentially, protecting everyone's reputation?

left: eduGAIN interfederation extent in 2020; logos on the right from the European e-Infrastructures and ESFRIs; center graphic: AARC collaboration

Sirtfi – Security Incident Response Trust framework for Federated Identity



A means by which to enable a **coordinated response to a security incident in a federated context** that does not depend on a centralised authority or governance structure to assign roles and responsibilities for doing so.

Defines a set of capabilities and roles associated with security incident response that an IdP or SP **organisation self-asserts**. The Sirtfi trust framework posits that organisations asserting conformance with these will coordinate their response to security incidents.

Derived from the first four elements of the SCI Framework:

- **Operational Security:** patch and vulnerability management; IDS and threat mitigation; service ownership management; user suspension and termination; CSIRT capability
- **Incident Response:** CSIRT contact in meta-data; timely response; collaborate in IR; defined processes; privacy respect; TLP information sharing
- **Traceability:** timestamped accurate logs are available; log retention process in place
- **Participant Responsibilities:** users agree to an AUP; awareness and acceptance of the AUP

<https://refeds.org/SIRTFI>

A question of when, not if – hence we run security challenges



The screenshot shows a security challenge interface. On the left, a map of Europe displays various site markers (red and yellow). On the right, a chat log displays messages from participants, including one that reads "Command & Control service killed...". The interface also includes a sidebar with site information and a bottom status bar.

Communication:

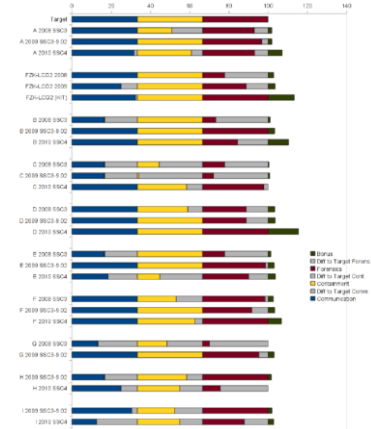
- Endpoints valid?
- Form/Content OK ?

Containment

- Ban "malicious" users
- Find/Stop malicious processes
- Find submission IP

Forensics

- Basic Forensics on binary
- Network traffic



Nikhef CSIRT Traceability Challenge

Introduction

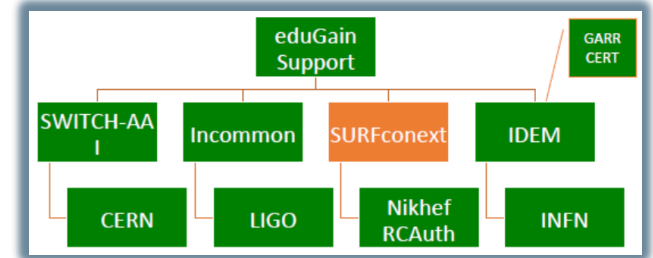
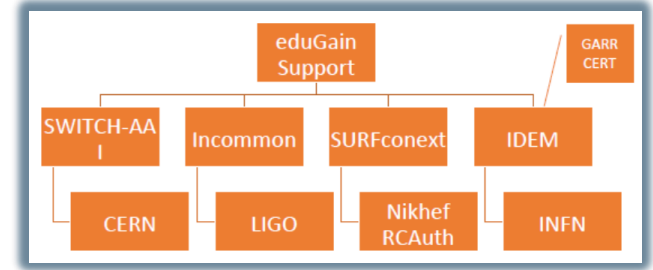
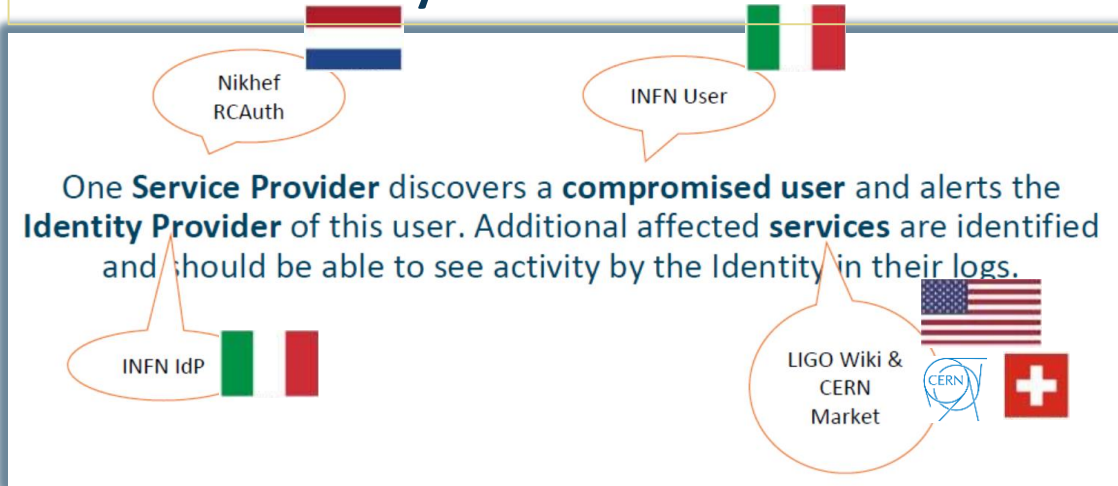
Deze Traceability Challenge bestaat uit drie onderdelen, in (naar verwachting) oplopende moeilijkheidsgraad. Iedere challenge begint met een externe trigger – aan het eind van dit document staan de hints en de goede (of in ieder geval: de 'gewenste') oplossing.

Veel plezier!

A federated community security challenge

Can we coordinate our collective R&E response?
'challenges' based on the *Sirtfi* contact model

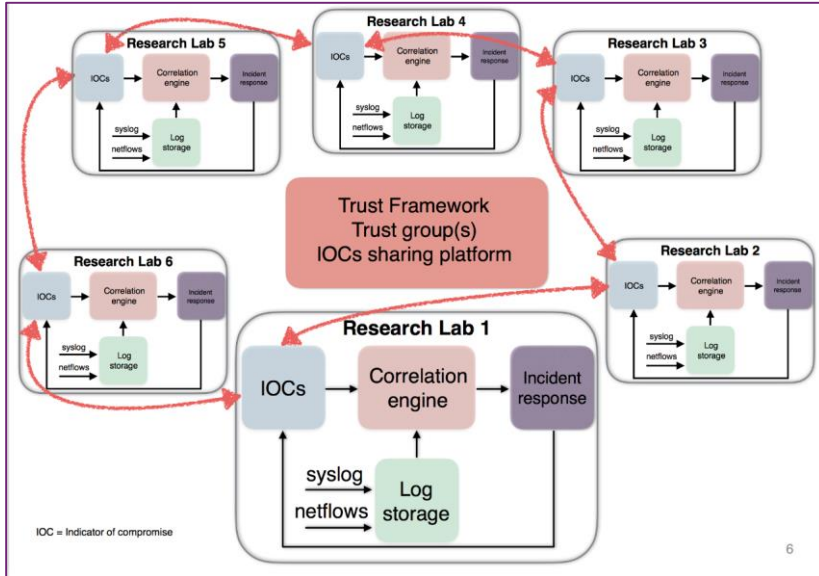
Security Incident Response Trust Framework for Federated Identity



parties involved in response challenge

Report-outs see <https://wiki.geant.org/display/AARC/Sirtfi+Communications+Challenges%2C+AARC2-TNA3.1>

Sharing threat intel – working with our community



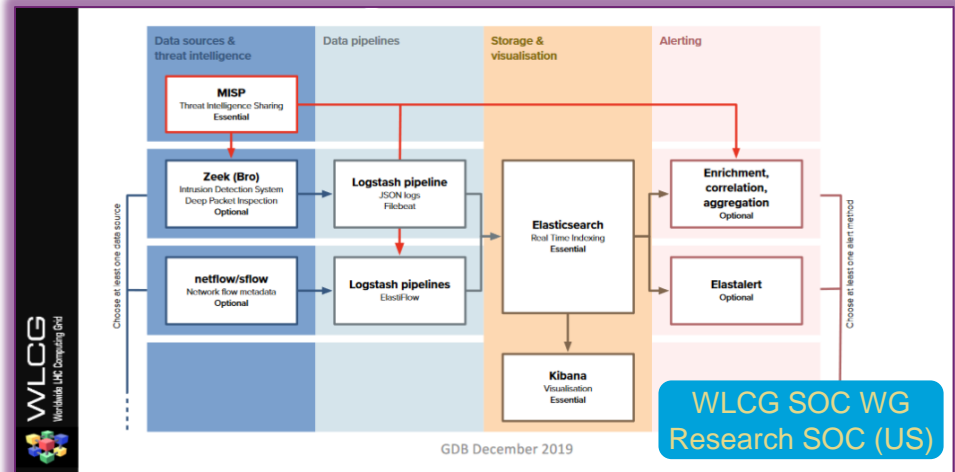
OSINT - CVE-2015-2545: overview of current threats

Event ID	3865	Related Events	2016-05-27 (8883)	Org: CIRCL
UUID	57460063-76ds-4272-8116-4ea302a9e0b1		2016-05-23 (8845)	Data: 2016-05-23
Org	CIRCL		2016-05-23 (8845)	Info: OSINT - Operation KacKchang
Owner org	CIRCL		2016-05-06 (8839)	Resurfaces With New TidePool Malware
Contributors				
Email	alexandre.dulauzon@circl.lu			
Tags	ip:white cve:osint-feed type:osint estimative-language:likelihood-probability="very-likely"			
Date	2016-05-25			
Threat Level	Medium			
Analysis	Completed			
Distribution	All communities			
Info	OSINT - CVE-2015-2545; overview of current threats			
Published	Yes			
Lightnings	0 (0)			

Expanded

Likelihood or probability:	Events	Tag	Action
Almost no chance - remote - 01-05%	0	estimative-language:likelihood-probability="almost-no-chance"	
Likelihood or probability: Very unlikely - highly improbable - 05-20%	0	estimative-language:likelihood-probability="very-unlikely"	

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AARC I-051 Guide to federated incident response
<https://aarc-community.org/guidelines/aarc-i051/>

Nikhef SOC – NDPF traffic analysis

many ‘false warnings’ when industry-standard (e.g. Suricata) rules are used. You need R&E specific ones!

The screenshot shows the Elasticsearch (Suricata/Fast) interface. The top bar indicates the search range from 2020-08-25 07:53:26 to 2020-08-25 07:59:50. The main view displays a date histogram for the metric 'Count' grouped by '@timestamp'. Below the histogram, a log entry is shown with the following details:

```
bron
[1:2000418:16] ET POLICY Executable and linking format (ELF) file download [Classification: Potential Corporate Privacy Violation] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 141.85.240.238 1095 -> 194.171.102.47:33084
```

A callout box highlights the following IP-related information from the log entry:

```
inetnum: 141.85.0.0 - 141.85.255.255
netname: PUB-NET
country: RO
tech-c: GB6367-RIPE
status: LEGACY
mnt-by: RIPE-NCC-LEGACY-MNT
```

NikhefSOC/NDPF ELK setup: Jouke Roorda

The eduGAIN Security Handbook

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eduGAIN Security

Created by Davide Vagheti, last modified by Licia Florio on Apr 13, 2022

The eduGAIN Security Team main duty is to provide a central coordination point at the inter-federation level. Moreover, the team will share information on security threats relevant for the eduGAIN community.

While each Federation Operator and Federation Participant provides security support within their respective domain, security remains everybody's responsibility, which means no entity is effectively accountable to do the necessary security operations targeting global services, inter-federation must be at the core of incident response strategy. The eduGAIN Security Team supports this collective responsibility in inter-federation incident response via the SIRTfI Working Group.

The eduGAIN Security Team is a central contact and support point for security incidents, and coordinates security incidents that affect Federation Operators and Federation Participants. This includes notifying Federation Operators or any other relevant entity about attacks potentially affecting them.

The collective expertise and experience accumulated by the eduGAIN community as it defends against attacks, the Security Team ensures that lessons learned, statistics, and other useful information are disseminated appropriately to the united community.

eduGAIN Security Incident Response Handbook

The eduGAIN Security Team in collaboration with the REFEDS Sirtfi WG developed an eduGAIN Security Incident Response (SIR) Handbook, which after REFEDS consultation (see <https://wiki.refeds.org/x/-oCNaw>) is now promoted across eduGAIN community for adoption.

The eduGAIN SIR handbook defines the process for resolving security incidents affecting eduGAIN participants involving all key stakeholders. In particular, it is essential to involve the federation in security operations or possible intrusions affecting eduGAIN entities.

eduGAIN Security Incident Response Handbook

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Preface

As with products of any REFEDS Working Group, in this instance the SIRTfI Working Group,

<https://edugain.org/edugain-security/references/> eduGAIN Security activities supported by the GN4-3 and GN5-1 Trust and Identity activities

Nulla folia post hoc sunt

Thanks for watching!

“En daarmee, geachte luisteraars, laat ik u over aan de verpozing die uw mailbox u pleegt te bieden.”

