



Automated Bandwidth Allocation across Heterogeneous Networks

SCARle









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AutoBAHN is...



- ... a research activity for engineering, automating and streamlining the inter-domain setup of guaranteed capacity (Gbps) end-to-end paths
- ... a Joint Research Activity of the GN2 project

 GN2 is an European Commission-funded project, with all the European Research and Education networks (NRENs) as partners



SCARIe / e-VLBI



- The SCARIe project aims to develop a distributed software correlator that can be used for real-time e-VLBI, integrating it with advanced networking technologies.
- The project is a collaboration between the Joint Institute for VLBI in Europe (JIVE), the University of Amsterdam and SARA, and is funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO).



Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI)

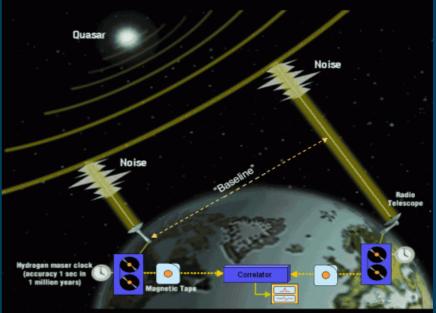


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Radio-Astronomical technique used to make extremely high-resolution images of cosmic sources.

Signals from radio telescopes across the globe need to be correlated at a central facility.







Electronic VLBI (e-VLBI)



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Replace physical shipping of magnetic media by real-time streaming of data via high-bandwidth fibre networks

• Up to 16 telescopes producing up to 1 Gbps each, more in future...

Advantages:

- Rapid response to transient phenomena (supernovae, gamma ray burst): immediate analysis of data, flexible observing
- Immediate feedback: increased robustness of telescope network
- Fewer consumables, reduced logistics
- Growth path for more bandwidth : increased sensitivity





(Distributed) Software Correlation

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Traditional hardware correlators based on special-purpose hardware (ASICs, FPGAs). Current EVN correlator at JIVE produces ~40 Tops. Next generation EVN correlator will need at least 200 Tops

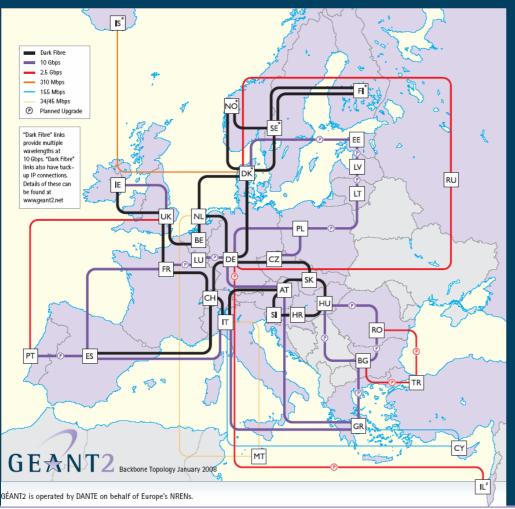
• Powerful, but hard/expensive to build, lack flexibility

Software correlation (on standard CPUs) is slowly becoming feasible, offering ease of use and maintenance, flexibility

- But very large amounts of computing power needed
- SCARle project: distribute correlation on number of clusters, in this case DAS-3 grid in Netherlands



GÉANT2 Network





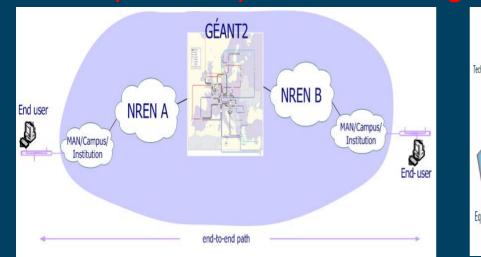
- 25 POPs (+4) serve >30 NRENs
- 11600 km of fibre + 140 ILA sites
 DWDM
- 50+ x (own) 10G lambdas, (leased) 10G lambda, 2.5G (leased) "lambdas" + some lower speed links
- Alcatel MCC 1678
- Juniper T640, M160, M40 routers
- NREN accesses at up to 10Gbps
 (+ backup) + P2P
- 4 x 10G to North America
- POP in NY
- connections to other R&E networks: Abilene, ESnet, CA*net4, SINET, TENET, RedCLARA, EUMEDCONNECT, TEIN2 (coming)

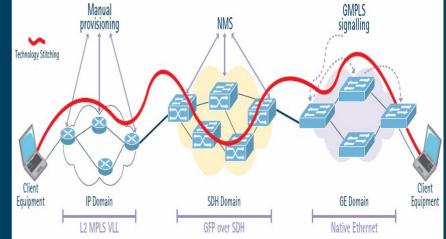


End-to-end paths issues

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- Multiple administrative domains
- Multiple data plane technologies



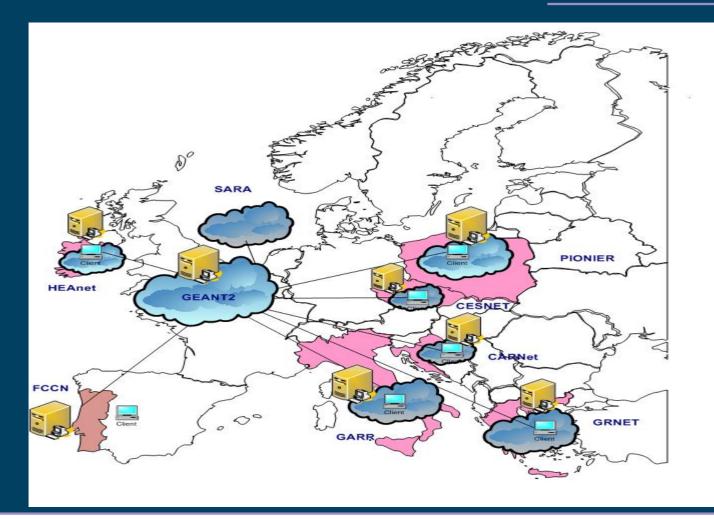


The European VLBI Network does not operate continuously, so a BoD system is a suitable application for connectivity.
The actual telescopes that participate in observations vary.



GEANT2 AutoBAHN Current Deployment

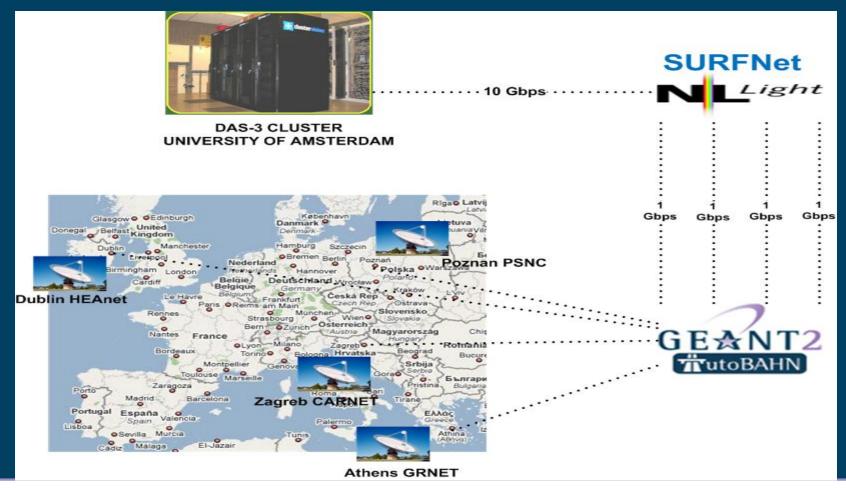








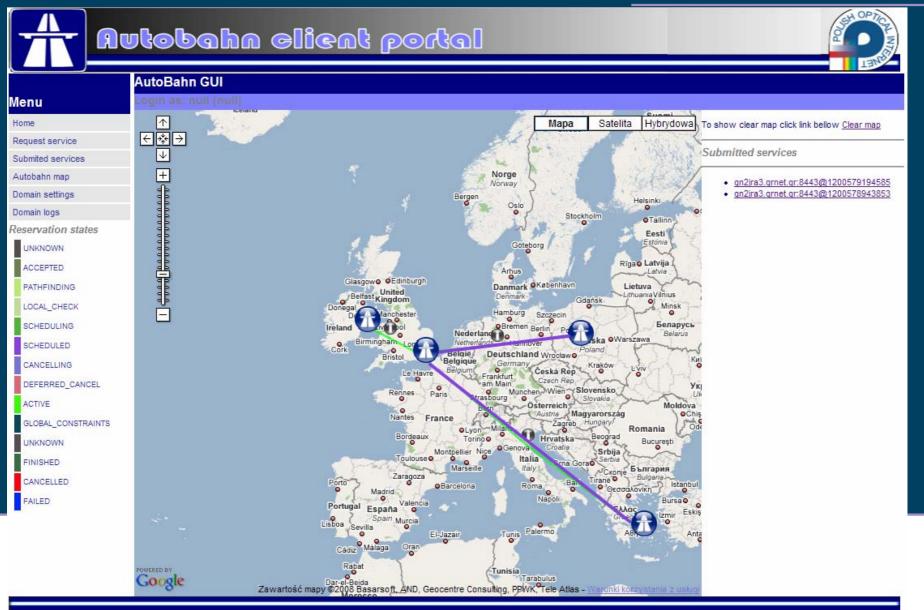
Yesterday's Demo Network







Normal AutoBAHN application





Final Experimental result

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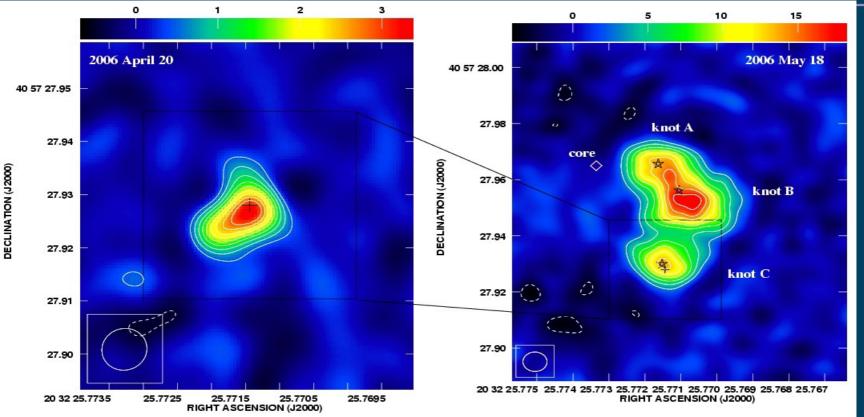


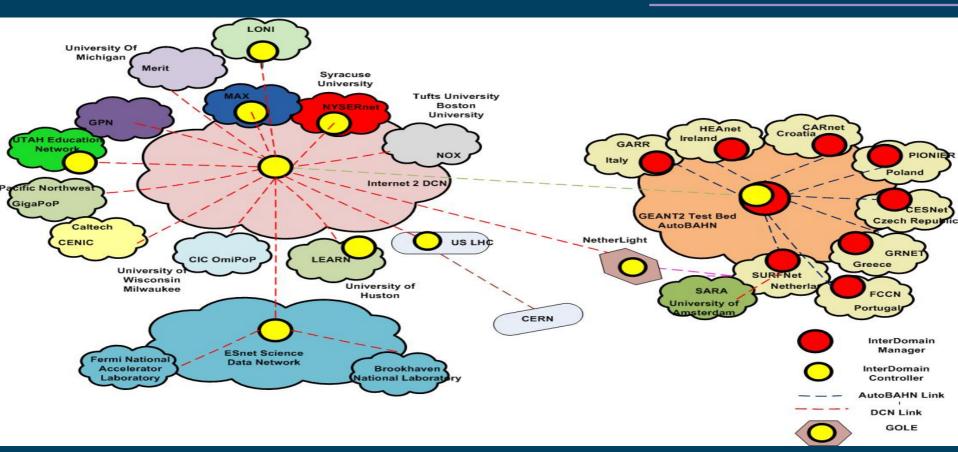
Image of Cygnus X-3, an X-ray binary system, at 5 GHz in its quasi-quiescent state (left) and a few days after a major flare (right) obtained using e-VLBI





AutoBAHN is IDC-compatible

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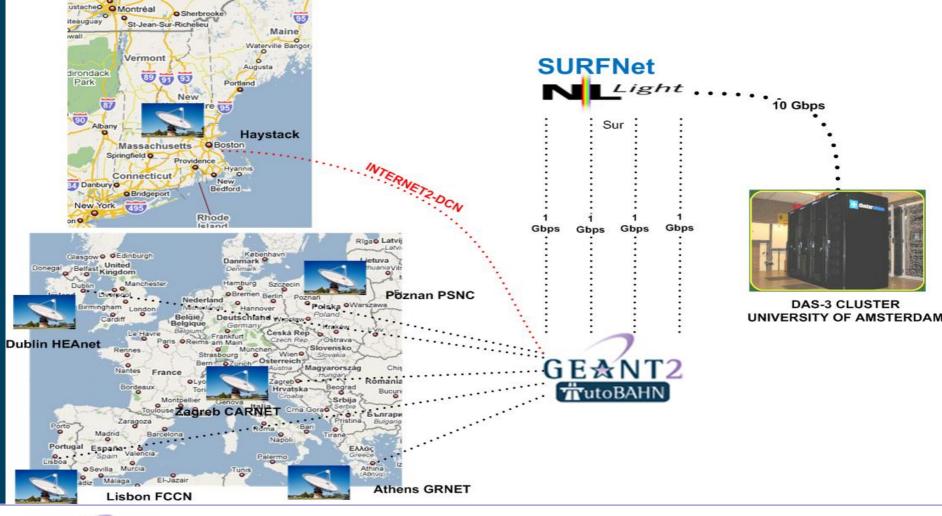
=> Links to US NREN Networks => Intercontinental VLBI



SC 08 Demo



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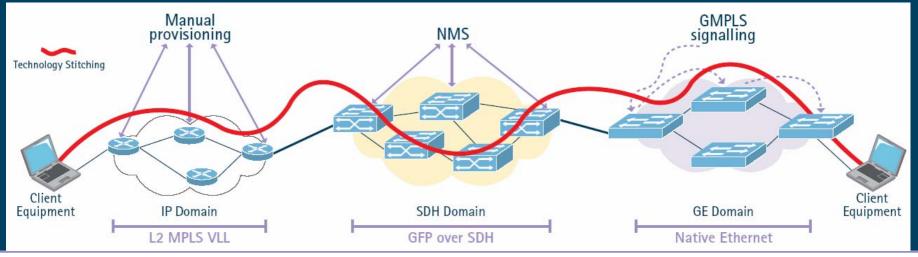
Backup Slides



AutoBAHN approach



- Control and provisioning has to be distributed
- Business-layer related interactions include AA, policies, advance reservations etc.
- Privacy and control of intra-domain resources must be safeguarded



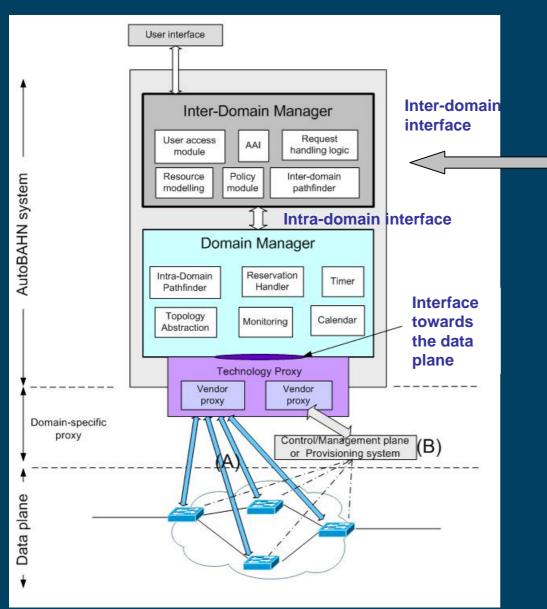


AutoBAHN approach



- Definition of an architecture
 - Distributed operation
 - Inter-Domain manager (IDM)
 - Domain manager (DM)
 - Interfaces
- Reference implementation including business layer and control plane functionality







Inter-Domain Controller (IDC) protocol

A result of a joint effort between AutoBAHN (GÉANT2), Internet2, ESnet

AutoBAHN system overview

