

# Distributed Topology Exchange TF

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# Using RDF to Describe Networks

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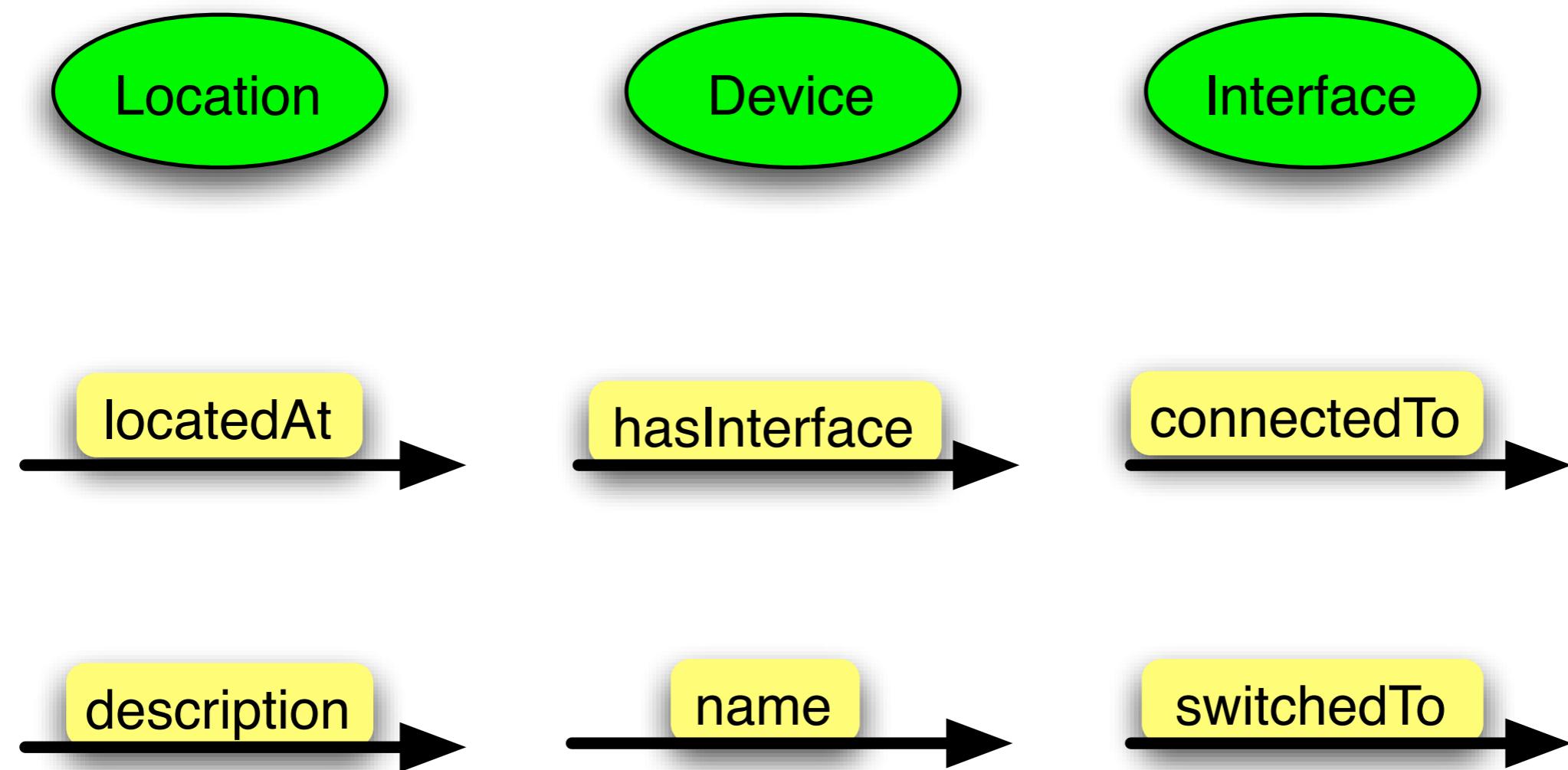
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# GLIF 2005

- › GLIF Repository
  - ›  [Resource Scheduling](#) - *Erik-Jan Bos, SURFnet*
  - ›  [Using RDF to describe networks](#) - *Jeroen van der Ham, University of Amsterdam*
  - › GLORIAD database approach - *Greg Cole, GLORIAD*
  - ›  [DNS approach](#) - *Steve Wallace, Indiana University*

# Network Description Language

We started on a set of properties and classes to describe networks:



## Step 3: Pathfinding

Begin- and end-point selection

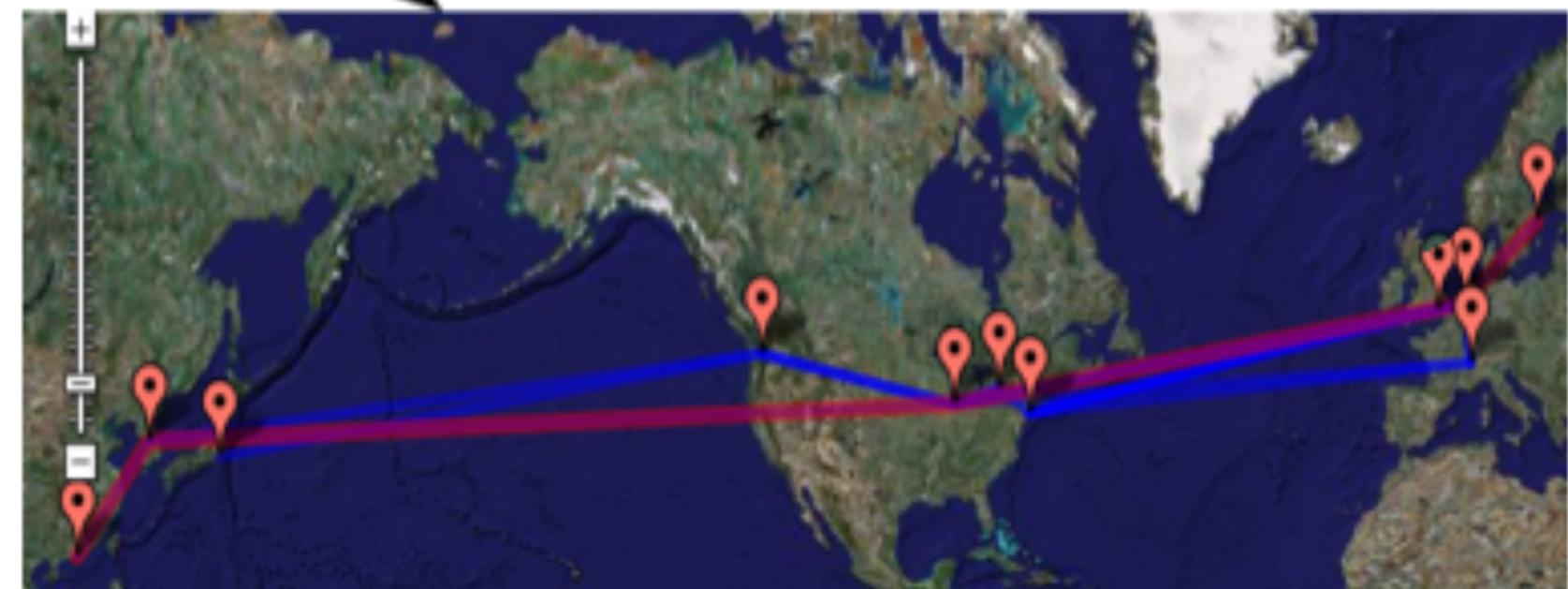
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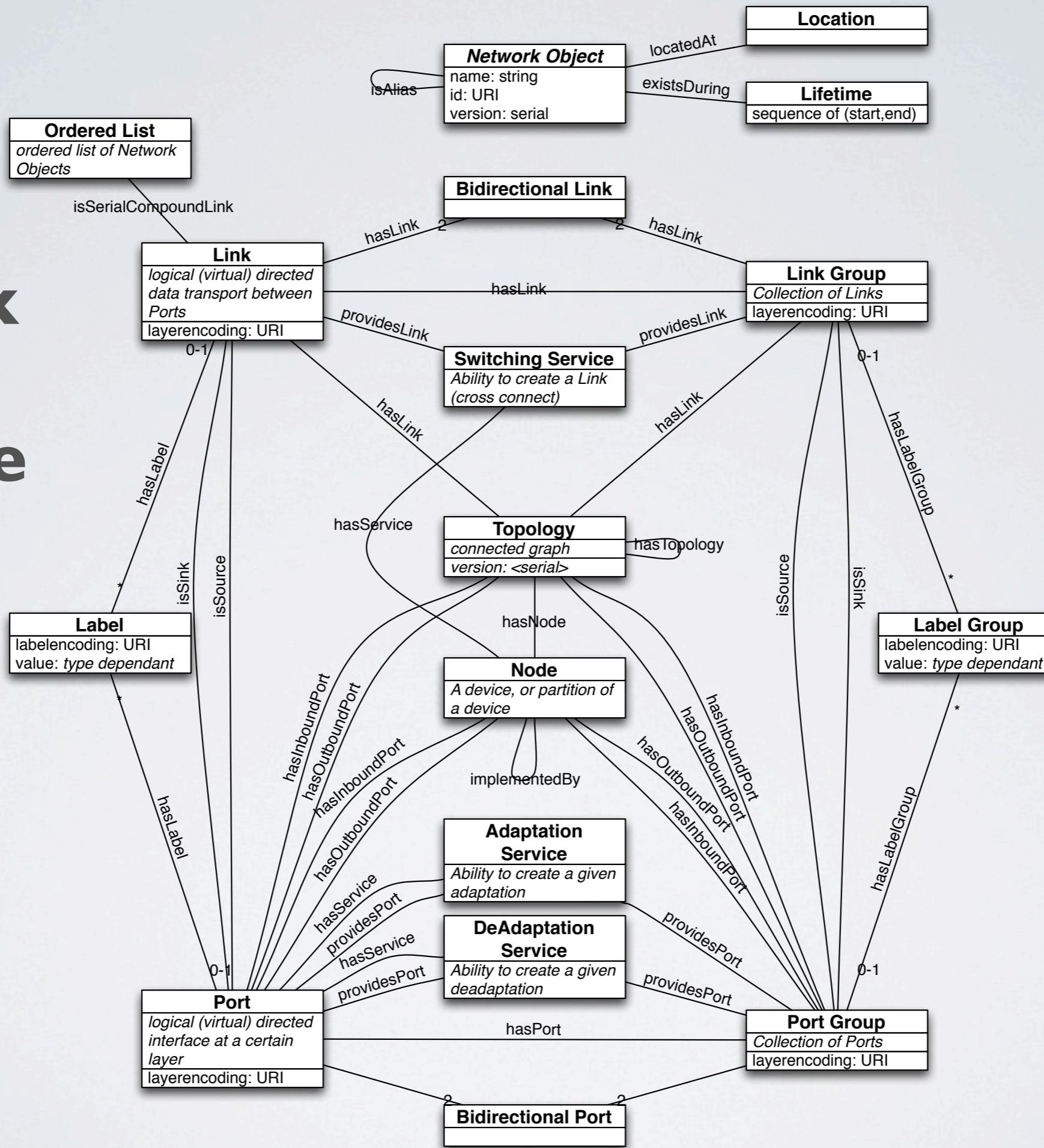
Feed into pathfinding webservice

NDL Webservice

Visualisation using Google Maps



# Network Markup Language



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# **Network Markup Language Base Schema version 1**

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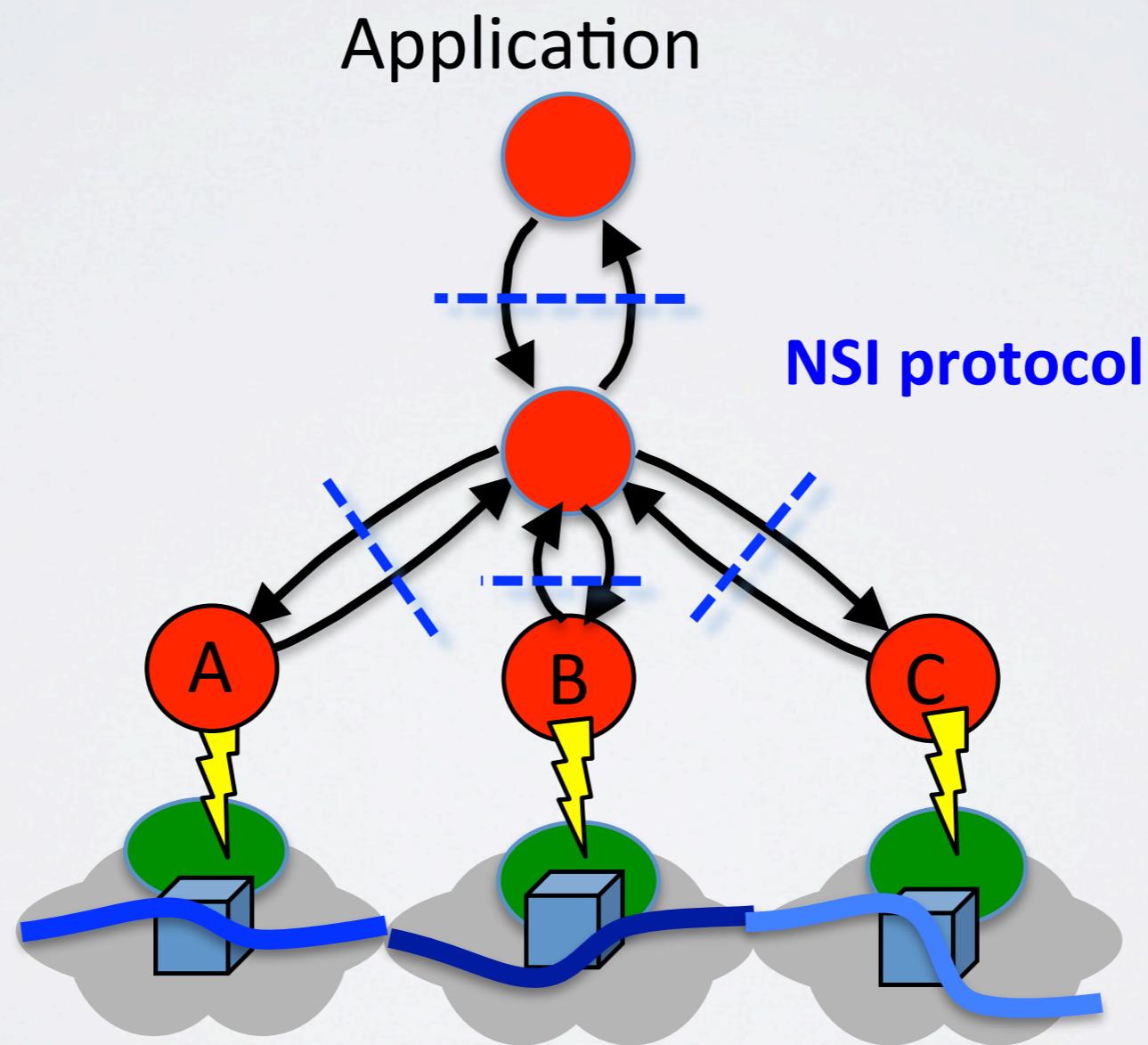
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## **Abstract**

This document describes a set of normative schemas which allow the description of computer network topologies.

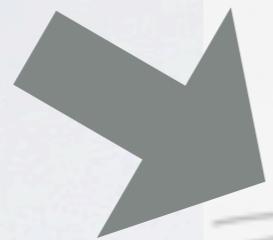
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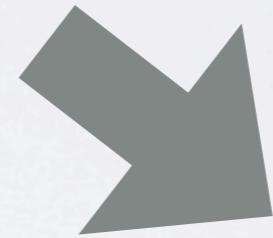
# Topology Distribution



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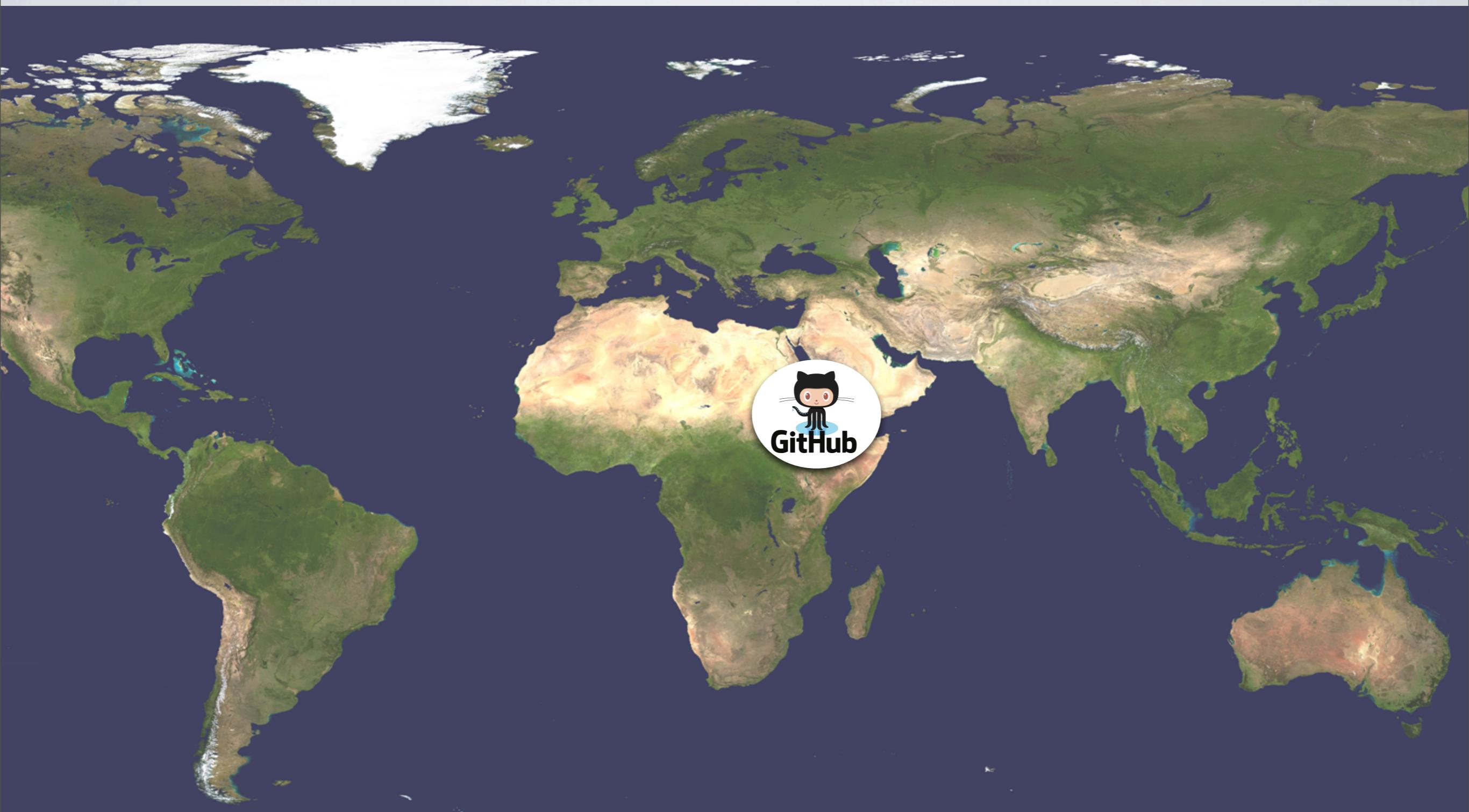


Distributed  
Model

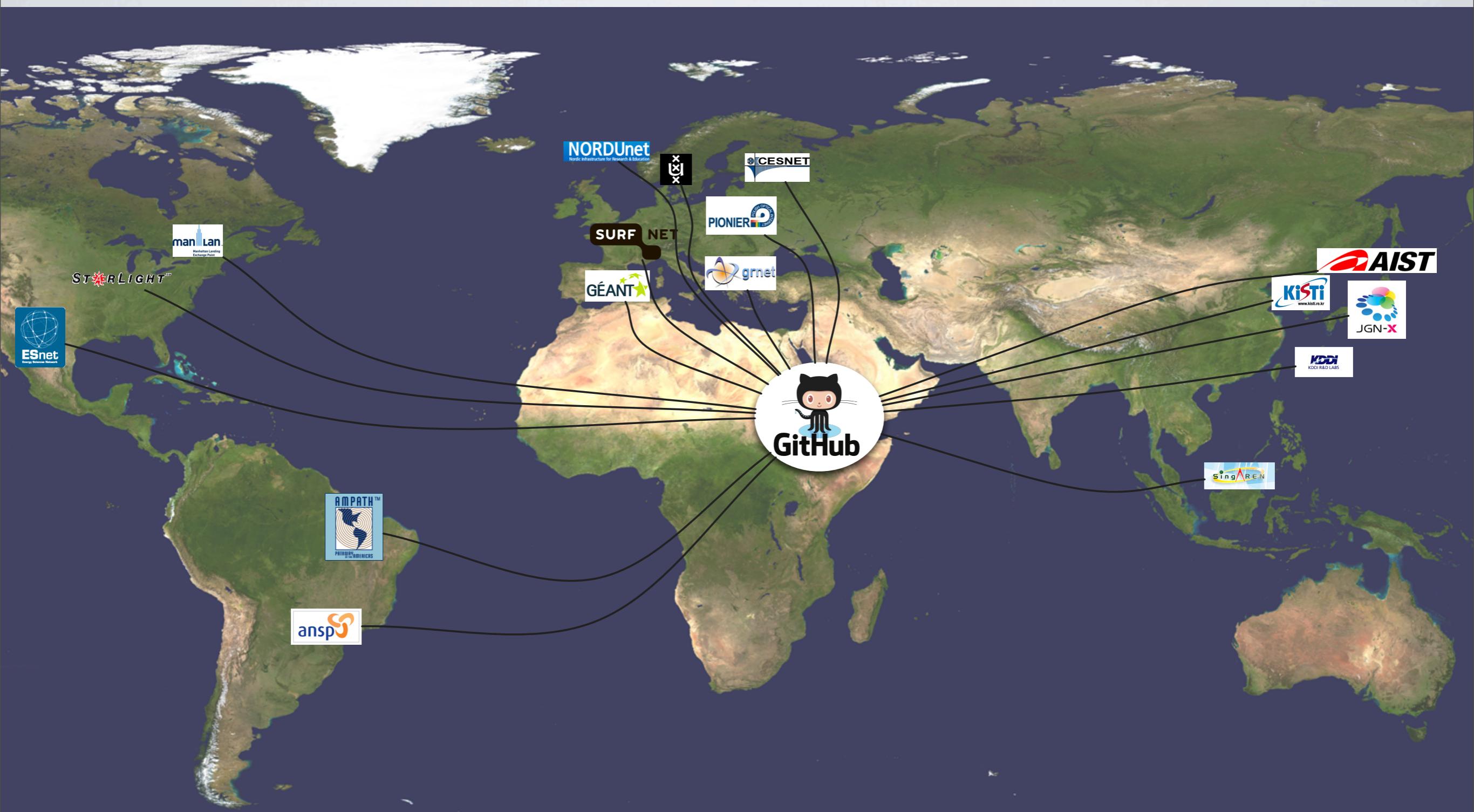


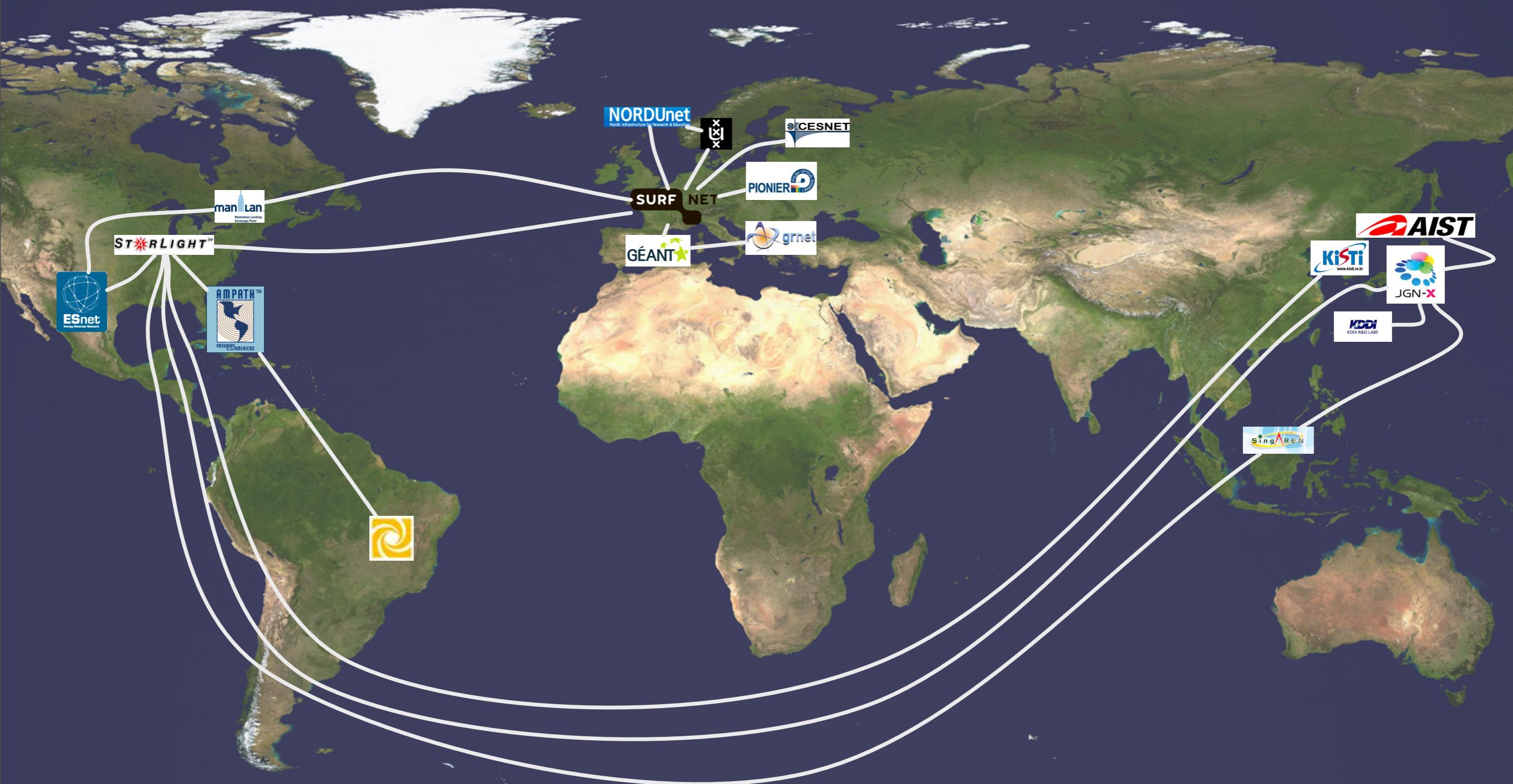
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Topology-Service  
Peer-to-Peer  
Model

# Distributed Topology



# Distributed Topology



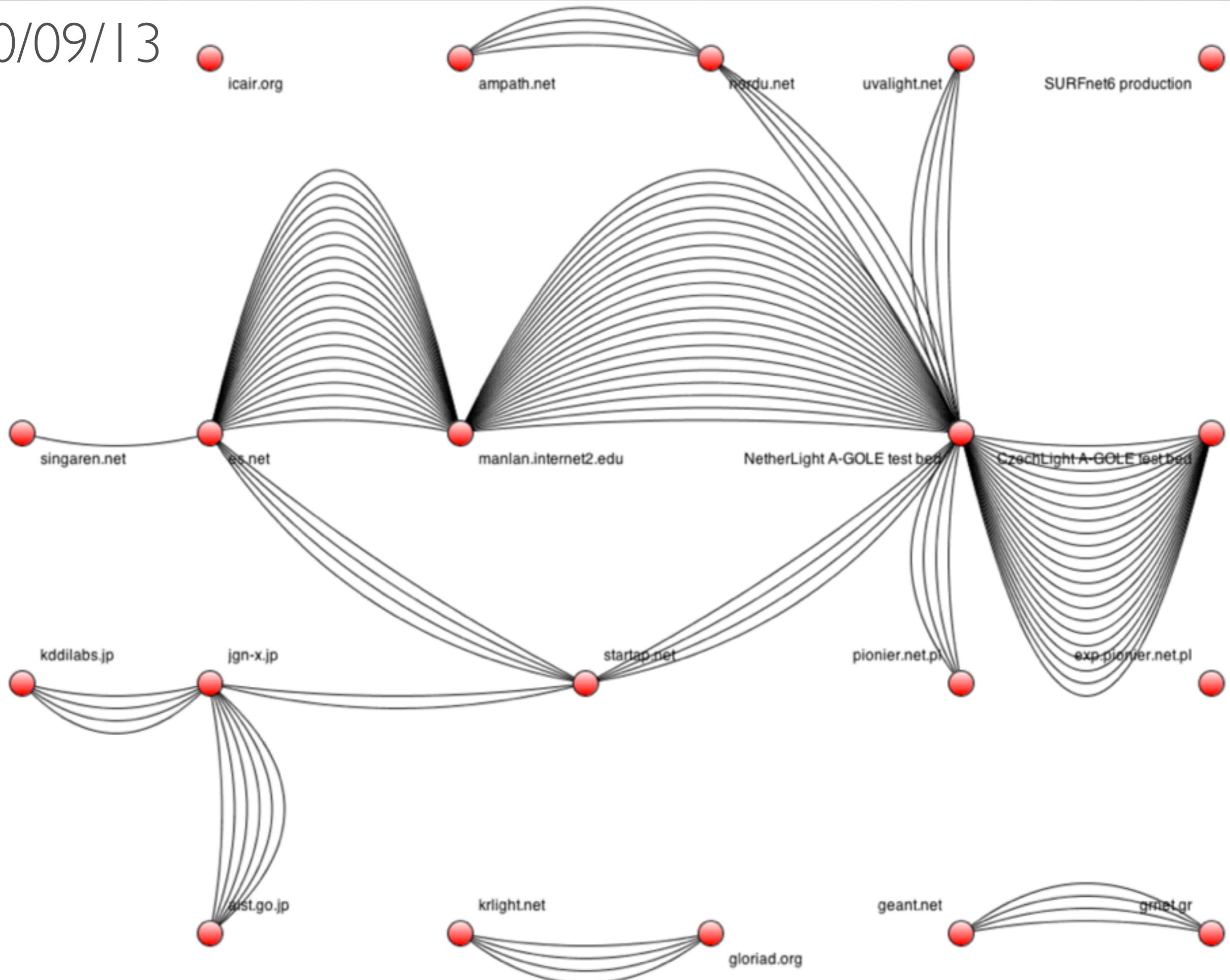


# Topology Success!

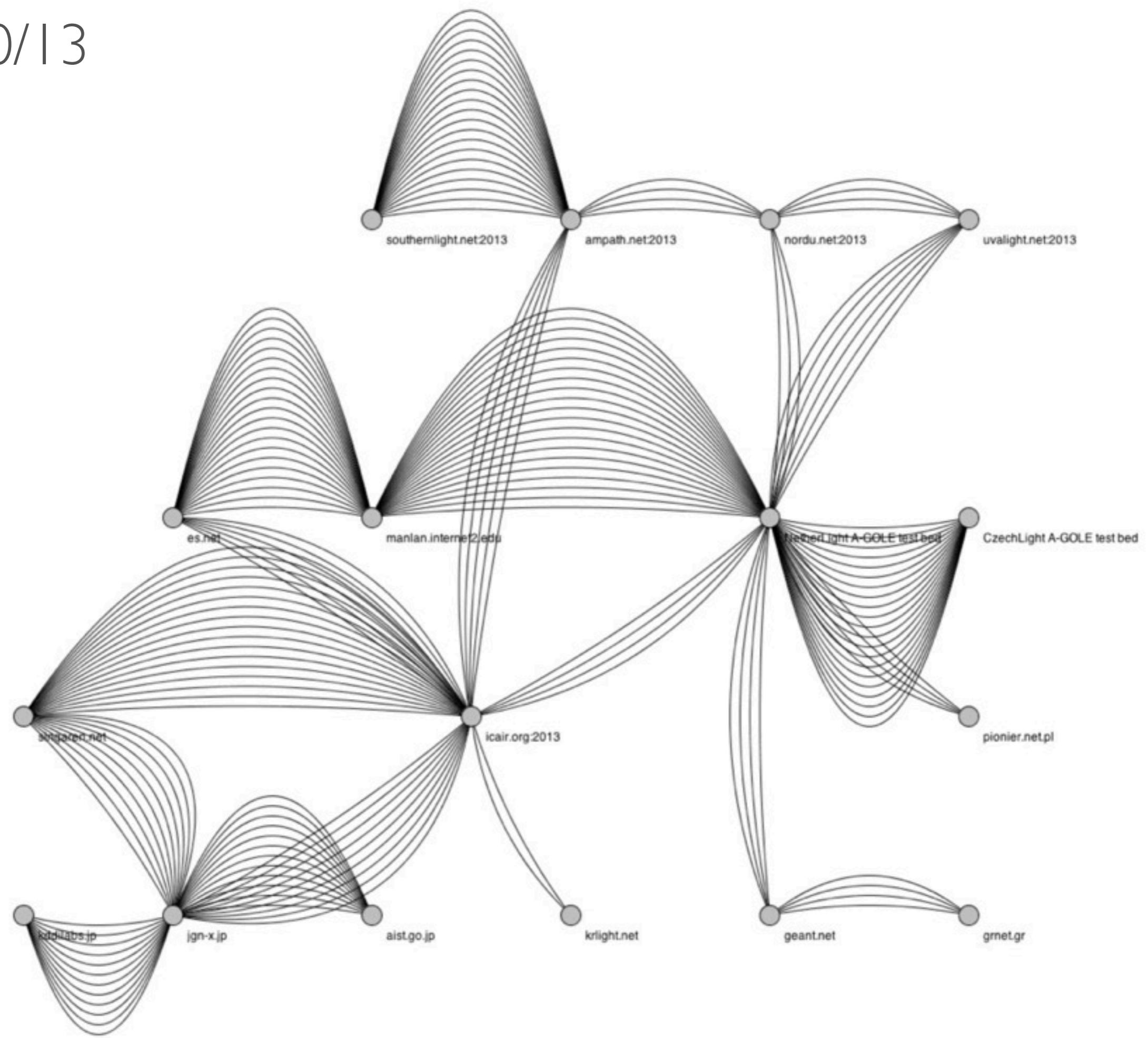
# Challenges

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  - Syntactic validation of XML is easy
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# Near-Future Challenges

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# Innovations

- Distributed Topology Exchange (2005) - NDLv1
- Zero Configuration IP in Optical Networks (2005)
- Describing Multi-Layer Topologies (2008) - NDLv2
- Semantic descriptions of Infrastructures (2012) - INDL

# Current Research SNE

- ExoGENI infrastructure
- Semantic Workflow descriptions
- Semantic Energy description & GreenSONAR

# Future Challenges

- Network is only the beginning
  - Need to enable computing
  - Tie in with the whole infrastructure
- SDN is a great research field
  - But still only a network transport technology

So long and thanks for all the  
topologies!

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