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KAUST Update

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JET Meeting

SC22 @ Caltech booth #2820

November 16th 2022

Slides: <https://bit.ly/kaust-update-jet-sc22>

About KAUST



KAUST Campus

Saudi Arabia



KAUST

Jeddah

About KAUST



KAUST Quick Facts

*Academic year 2020

1200

Students

80%

of Students
are Ph.D.

60%

of Students are
International

180

Faculty

476

Post Docs

2200

Alumni

7:1

Student to
Faculty Ratio

400

Research
Scientists & Staff

7000

Community
Members

108

Nationalities

Total campus size
39 Million+
square meters

KAUST Programs and Research Centers



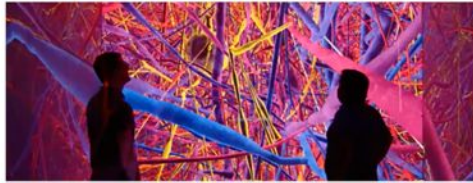
Biological and Environmental Science and Engineering (BESE)

PROGRAMS

1. Bioscience
2. Bioengineering
3. Environmental Science &
4. Engineering
5. Marine Science
6. Plant Science

RESEARCH CENTERS

1. Center for Desert Agriculture
2. Red Sea Research Center
3. Water Desalination and
4. Reuse Center



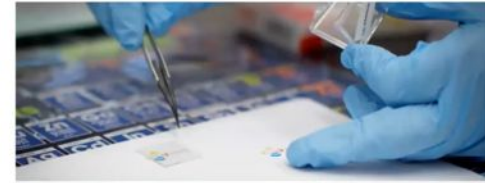
Computer, Electrical and Mathematical Science and Engineering (CEMSE)

PROGRAMS

1. Applied Mathematics & Computational Science
2. Computer Science
3. Electrical and Computer Engineering
4. Statistics

RESEARCH CENTERS

1. Computational Bioscience
2. Research Center
3. Extreme Computing
4. Research Center
5. Visual Computing Center



Physical Science and Engineering (PSE)

PROGRAMS

1. Applied Physics
2. Chemical Engineering
3. Chemical Science
4. Earth Science and Engineering
5. Energy Resources and Petroleum Engineering
6. Material Science and Engineering
7. Mechanical Engineering

RESEARCH CENTERS

1. Advanced Membranes and Porous
2. Materials Center
3. Ali I. Al-Naimi Petroleum
4. Engineering Research Center
5. Clean Combustion Research Center
6. Catalysis Center
7. Solar Center

KAUST Campus Network in Numbers



Research network provider

Business Network

On-site data centers/on site cloud

Residential Internet service provider (Phone, TV, Internet)

Emergency and Security Services (911)

Commercial ISP

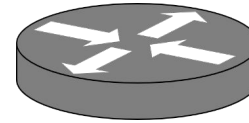
International Service Provider



1.2
PB of internet traffic/month



3
International PoPs



8478
Active network components



~3500
Homes connected with 1 Gb/s speed via optical fiber



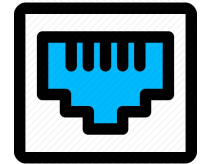
100 Gbps
Fully meshed core network



4x 100 Gbps
International links to Amsterdam and Singapore



4000+
Wi-Fi Access points



124,476
Network ports

HPC: Shaheen II



SHAHEEN II - CRAY XC40, XEON E5-2698V3 16C 2.3GHZ, ARIES INTERCONNECT

Site:	King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
Manufacturers:	Cray/HPE
Cores:	196,608
Memory:	0 GB
Processor:	Xeon E5-2698v3 16C 2.3GHz



Shaheen II - Cray XC40, Xeon E5-2698v3 16C 2.3GHz, Aries interconnect

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia

is ranked

No. 7


among the World's TOP500 Supercomputers

with **9.54 Ptflop/s Linpack Performance**

in the 45th TOP500 List published at ISC15 in Frankfurt, Germany, July 13th, 2015.

Congratulations from the TOP500 Editors


Erich Strohmaier
University of Vienna


Jack Dongarra
University of Tennessee


Horst Simon
University of Stuttgart


Martin Meuer
University of Cologne

List	Rank	System	Vendor	Total Cores	Rmax (TFlops)	Rpeak (TFlops)	Power (kW)
11/2021	89	Cray XC40, Xeon E5-2698v3 16C 2.3GHz, Aries interconnect	Cray/HPE	196,608	5,537.0	7,235.2	2,834.00

KAUST Core Labs: Shaheen II is the largest, fastest, and most powerful supercomputer in the Middle East



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SC22
accelerates

SHAHEEN III KEY FACTS

Shaheen III supercomputer with
**25 HPE Cray EX
supercomputer cabinets**

Expected to deliver over
100 Pflops/s

20x faster than Shaheen II

4,608 CPU compute nodes, **AMD EPYC™
processors, "Genoa"**, amounting to
884,736 cores in the entire system

**2,800 NVIDIA Grace
Hopper Superchips**,
tightly coupled CPU/GPU accelerators

Cray Slingshot interconnect

Cray ClusterStor E1000 with
additional 50 PB of storage capacity

Operational by end of 2023

Accelerating research and developments
in **energy, environment, food,
water and healthcare**

2/3rds of KAUST faculty use
computational modeling and
simulation: **"to outcompute is
to outcompete"**

HPC: Shaheen III



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Online hpc
accelerates

SHAHEEN III KEY FACTS

Each HPE Cray EX cabinet is equipped with **4608 CPU compute nodes**

with two **AMD EPYC™** processors, amounting to **884,736 cores** in the entire system

Seven **HPE Cray EX4000** cabinets will include **704 GPU** compute nodes, each with **4 NVIDIA Grace Hopper Superchips** CPU/GPU modules

Storage expansion to support complex workloads in modelling, simulation and AI using **HPE's Cray ClusterStor E1000** storage system adding **50 petabytes** of storage capacity.

HPE Machine Learning Development Environment, an enterprise machine learning training platform (Determined AI) to assist research teams focus on innovation making it easy to set up, manage, secure and share AI compute clusters.

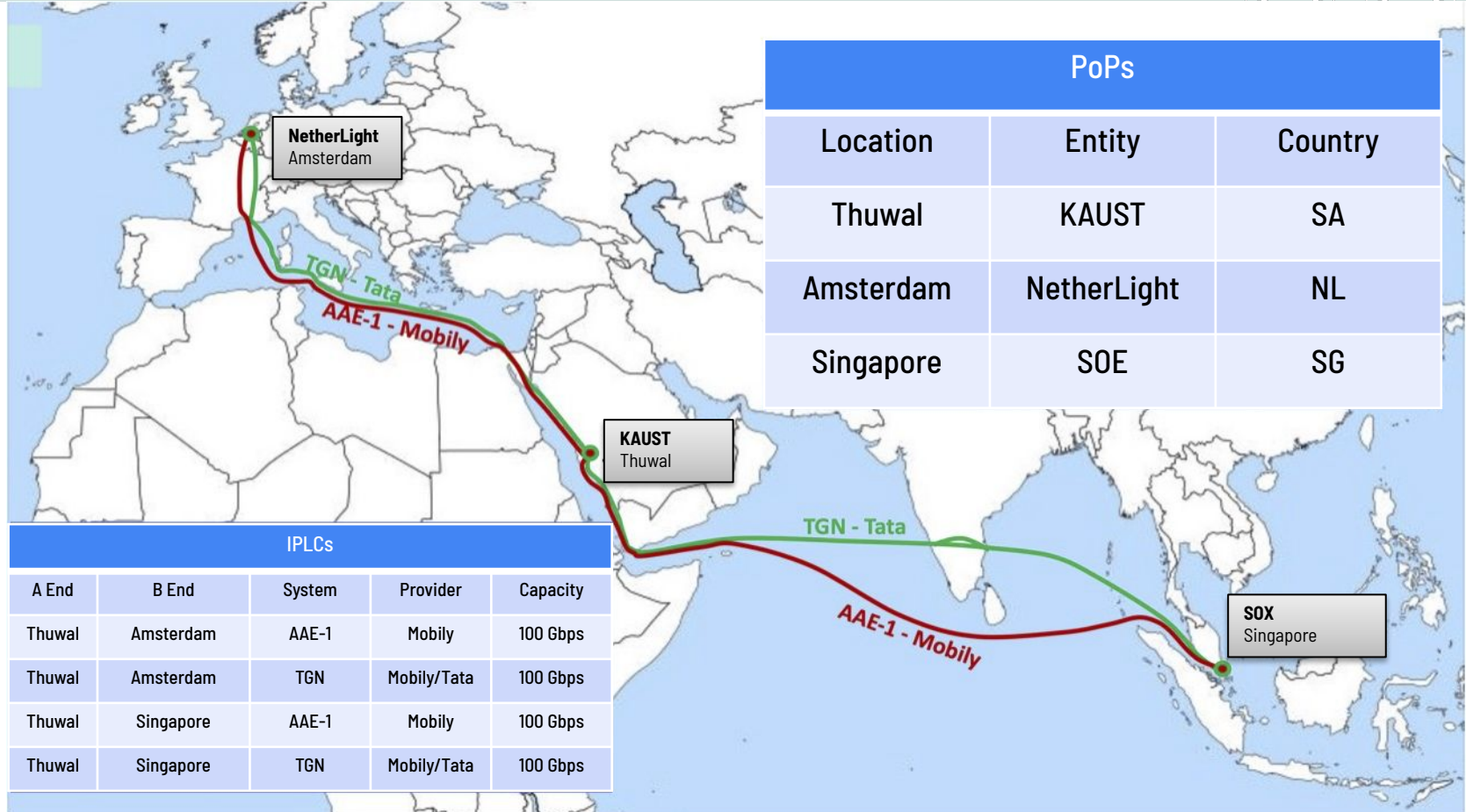
International Networking

- January 21st 2021: [KAUST inaugurated 400 Gbps](#)^{1,2} of int'l capacity
- Two undersea cable systems: AAE-1 and TGN
- 2x 100 Gbps directly to NetherLight in Amsterdam
- 2x 100 Gbps directly to SingAREN Open Exchange in Singapore



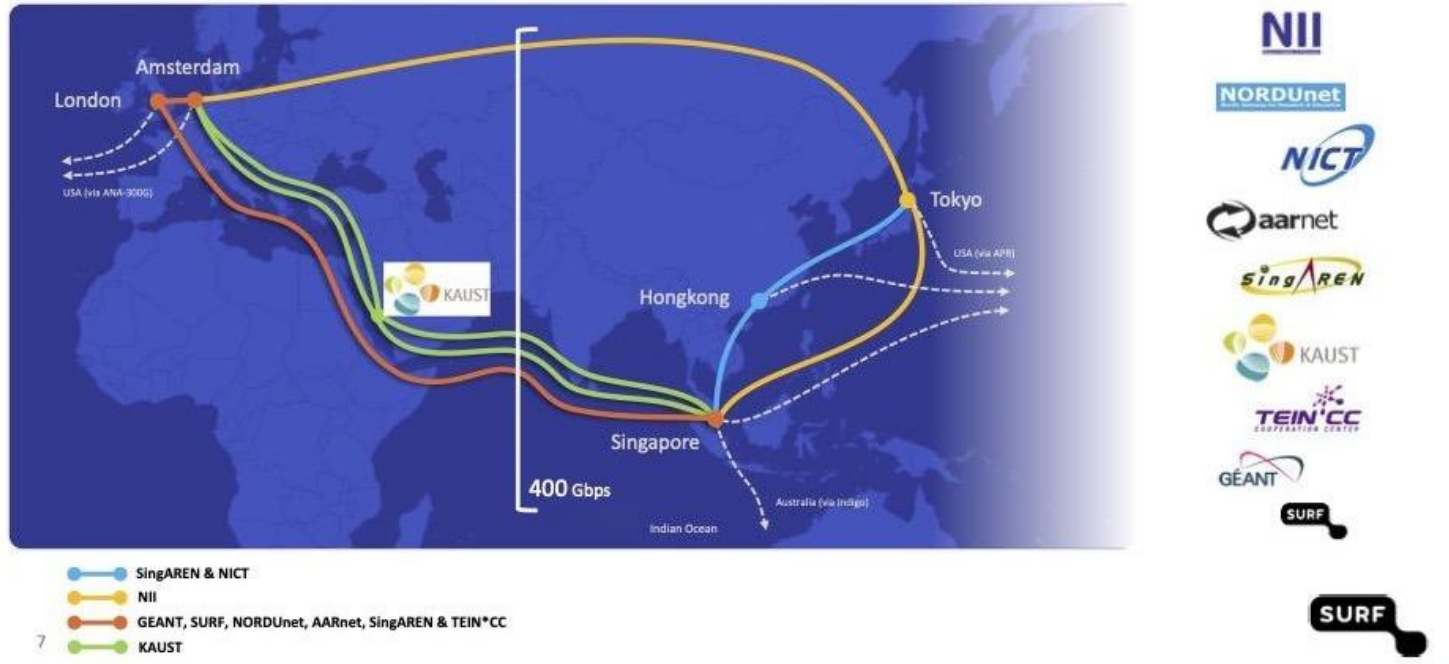
1. [Connecting KAUST at the speed of science](#)
2. [KAUST Global Connectivity Launch Event](#)

International Networking

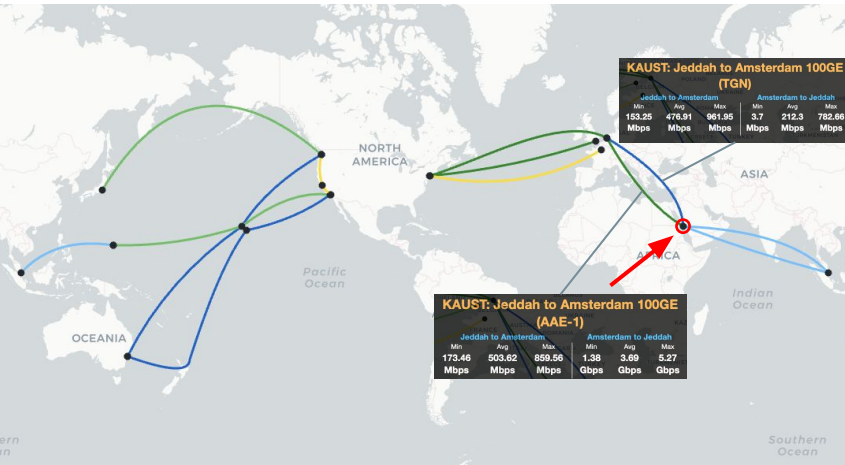


International Networking: Asia-Pacific Europe Ring (AER)

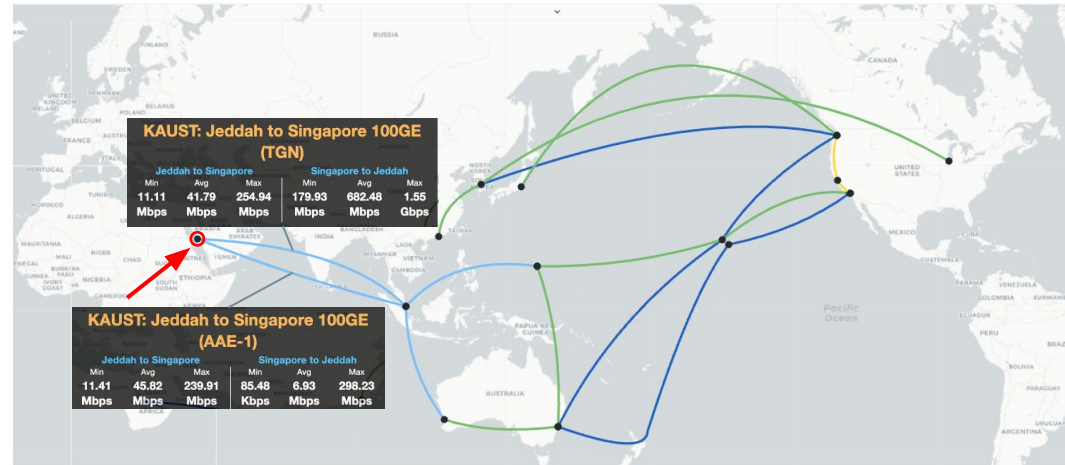
March 7th 2022: KAUST joined the AER during APAN 53



Renewal of MoU expands collaboration between Europe and Asia-Pacific regions, new members added



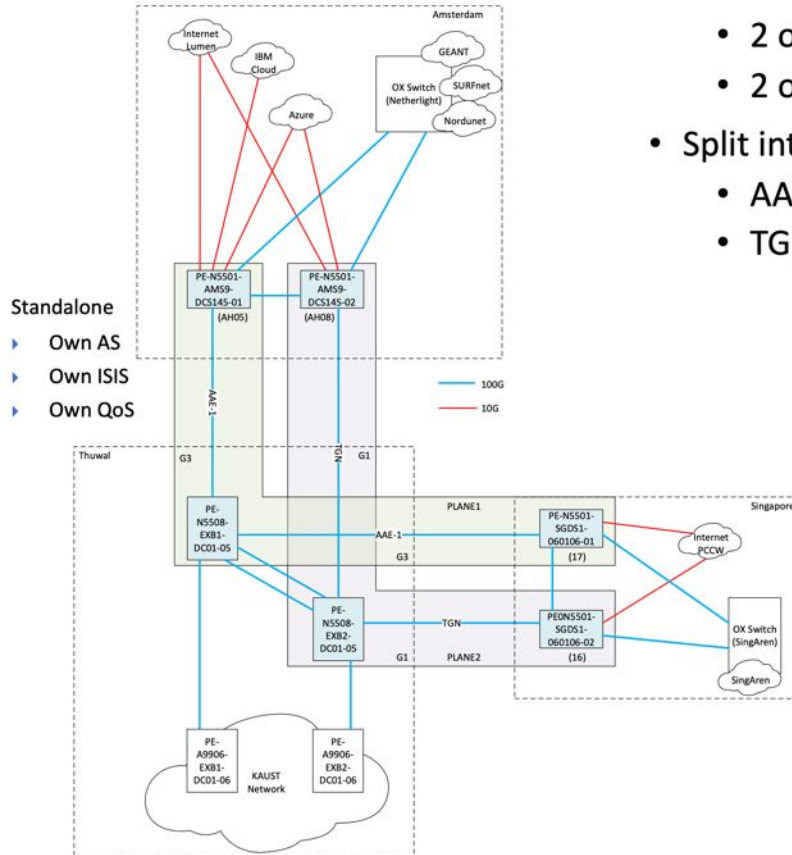
International - netsage.global



TransPAC/APOnet - netsage.global

Work in progress: network flows information (TBD, late 2022)

International Networking



- Four 100G international circuits

- 2 on AAE-1
- 2 on TGN

- Split into two data planes

- AAE-1 is data plane 1
- TGN is data plane 2

- Built on Cisco's NCS platforms

- Forwarding is Segment Routing MPLS

- ISIS and BGP protocols

- Segment Routing is an extension of ISIS

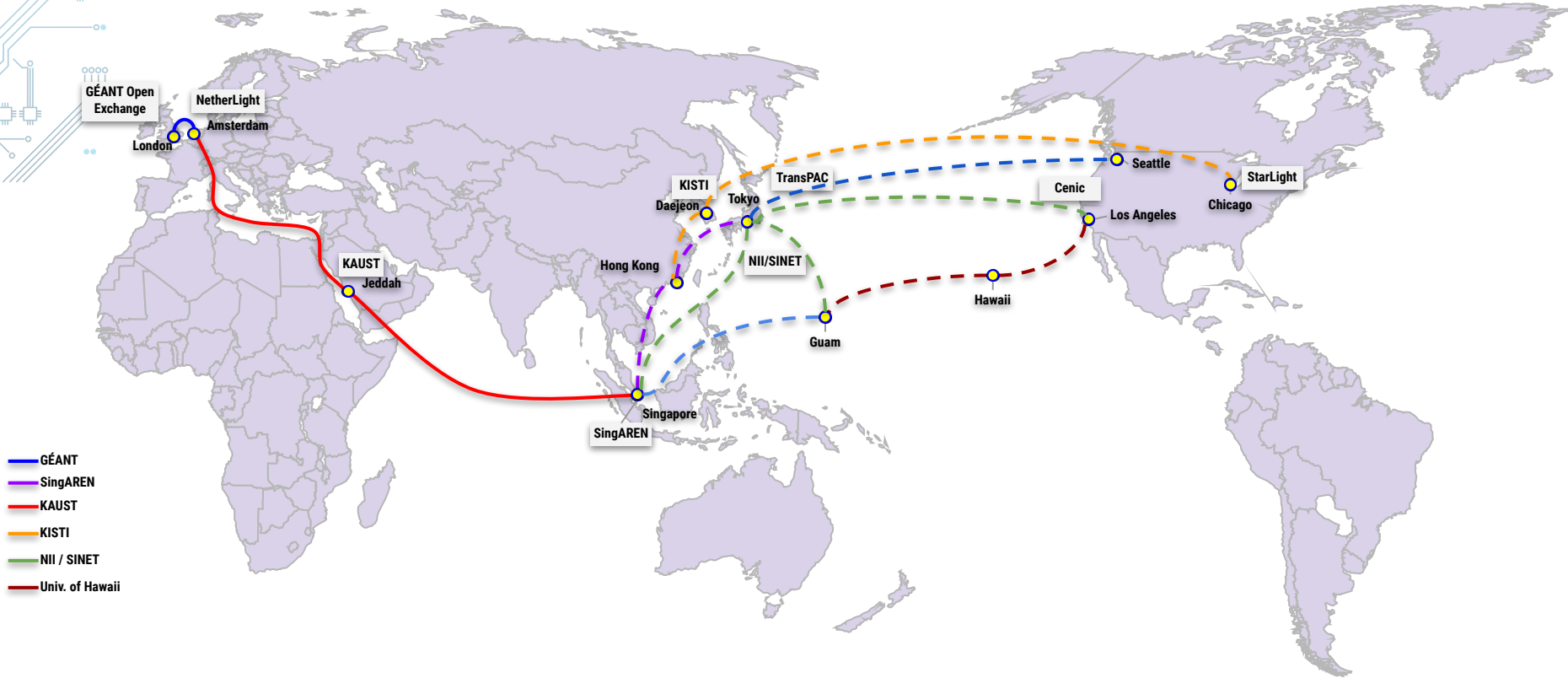
- BGP signals the VPN information

- Service delivered using EVPN

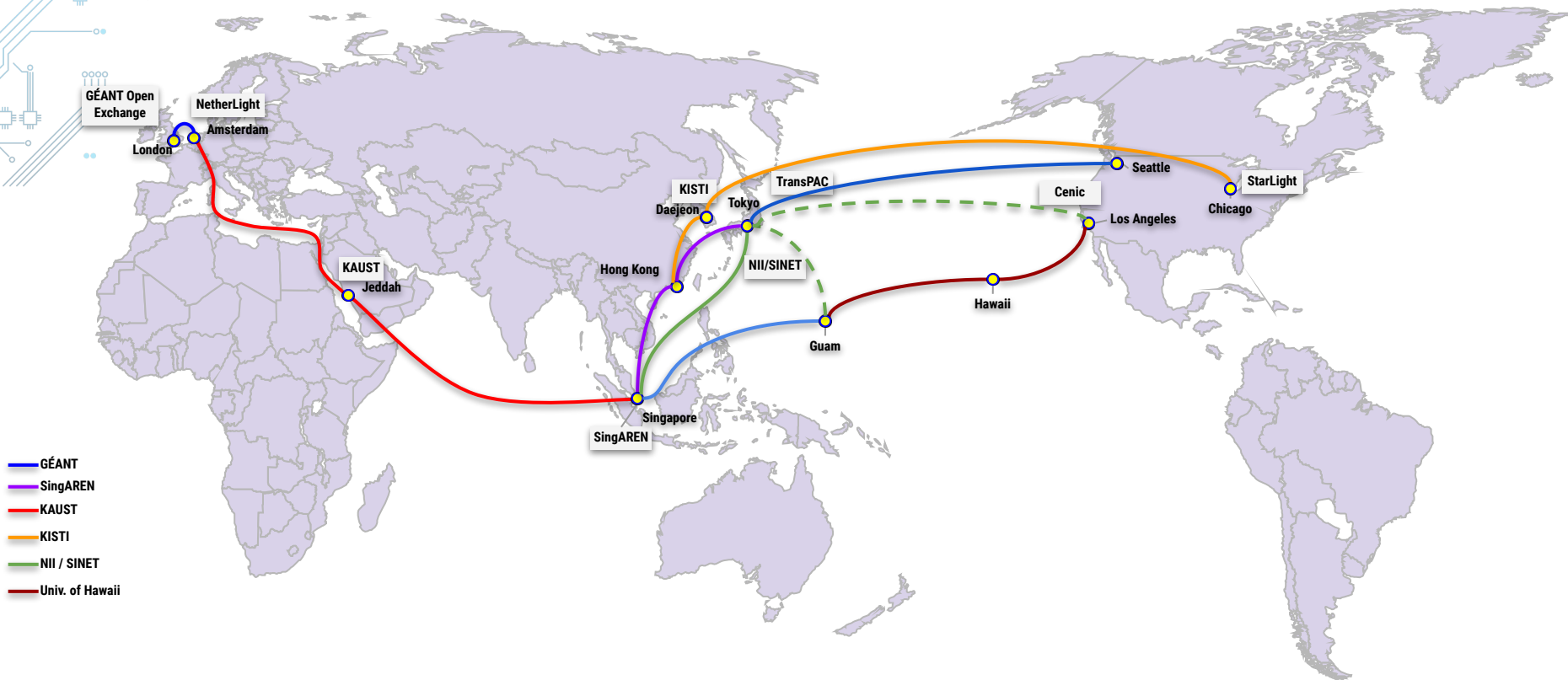
- QoS used to guarantee bandwidth

- Segment Routing Traffic engineering in use (SR-TE)

SC22 Caltech Network Research Exhibit



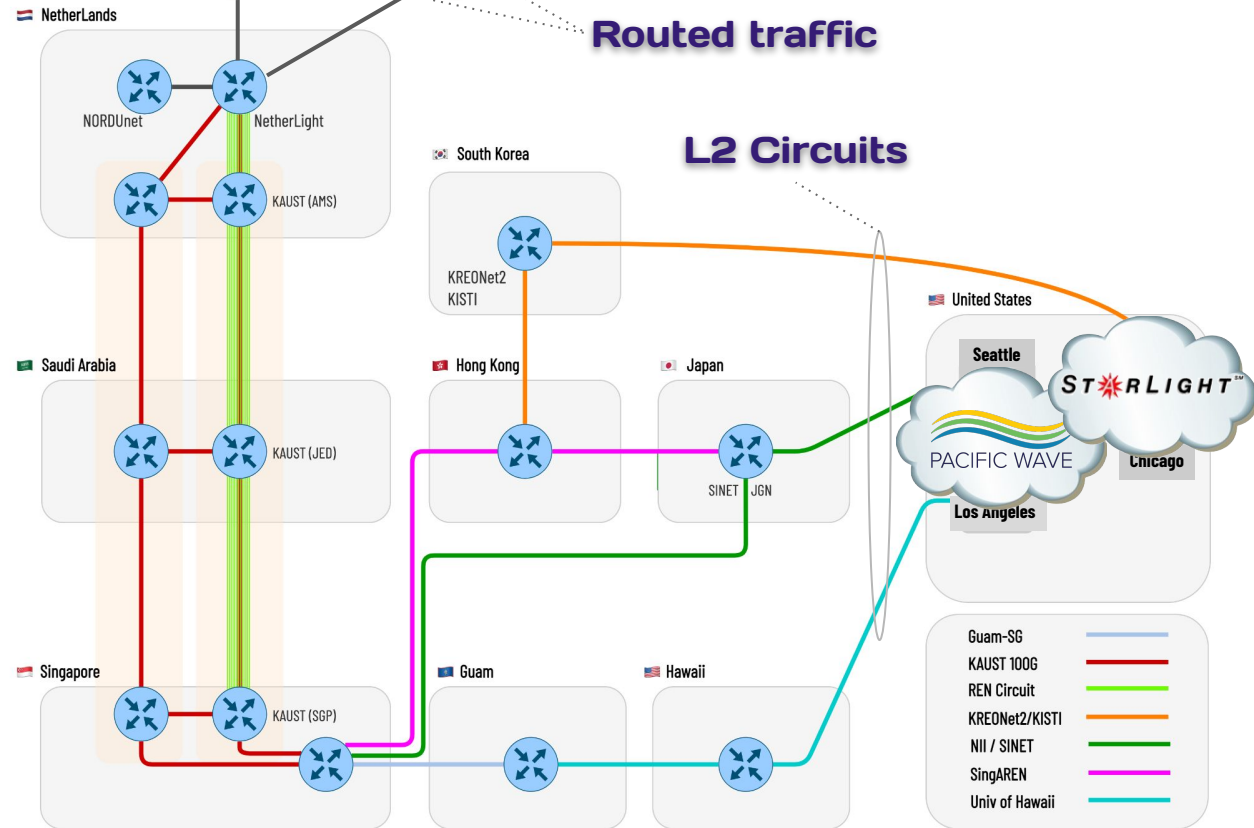
SC22 Caltech Network Research Exhibit



AER Update - Aug 2022



- Since the AER MoU, KAUST is coordinating with REN partners deployment of sharing spare capacity
- KAUST is supporting the following partners by offering point-to-point circuits for submarine cable backup paths:
 - AARnet
 - GÉANT
 - NetherLight
 - NII/SINET
 - SingAREN
- The [SC22 NRE Demonstrations](#) will also be supported by KAUST closing the ring from Amsterdam to Singapore and back to the US
 - SC22 NRE



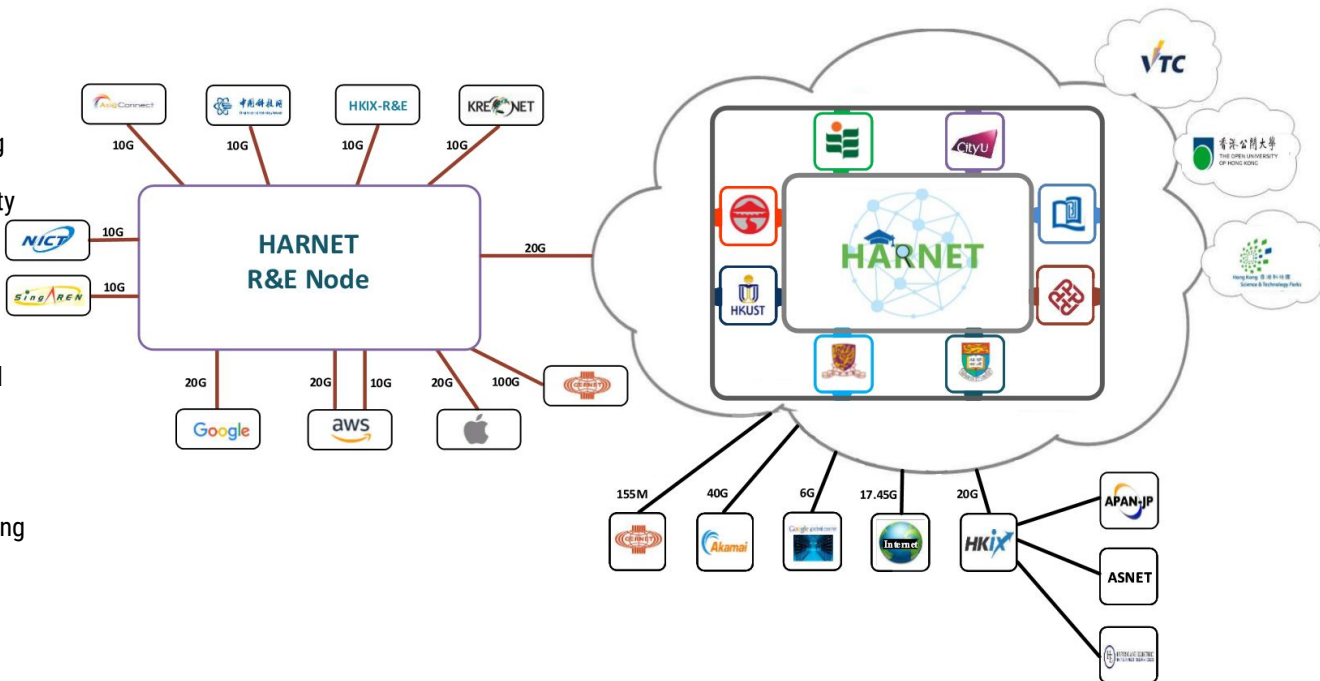
XKIX - Hong Kong

HARNET Infrastructure

July 2021

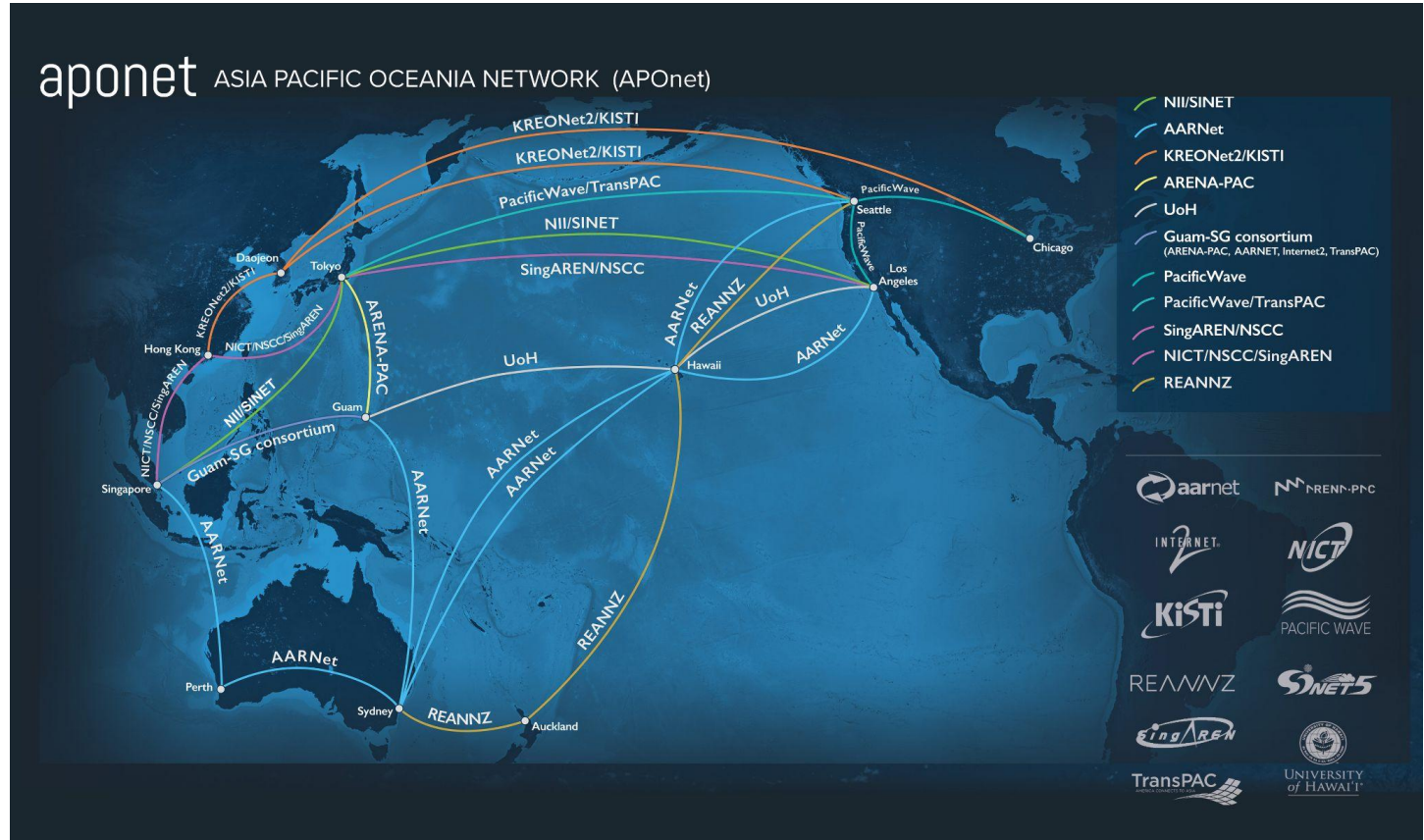
MEMBERS

- The University of Hong Kong
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- City University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Lingnan University
- The Education University of Hong Kong

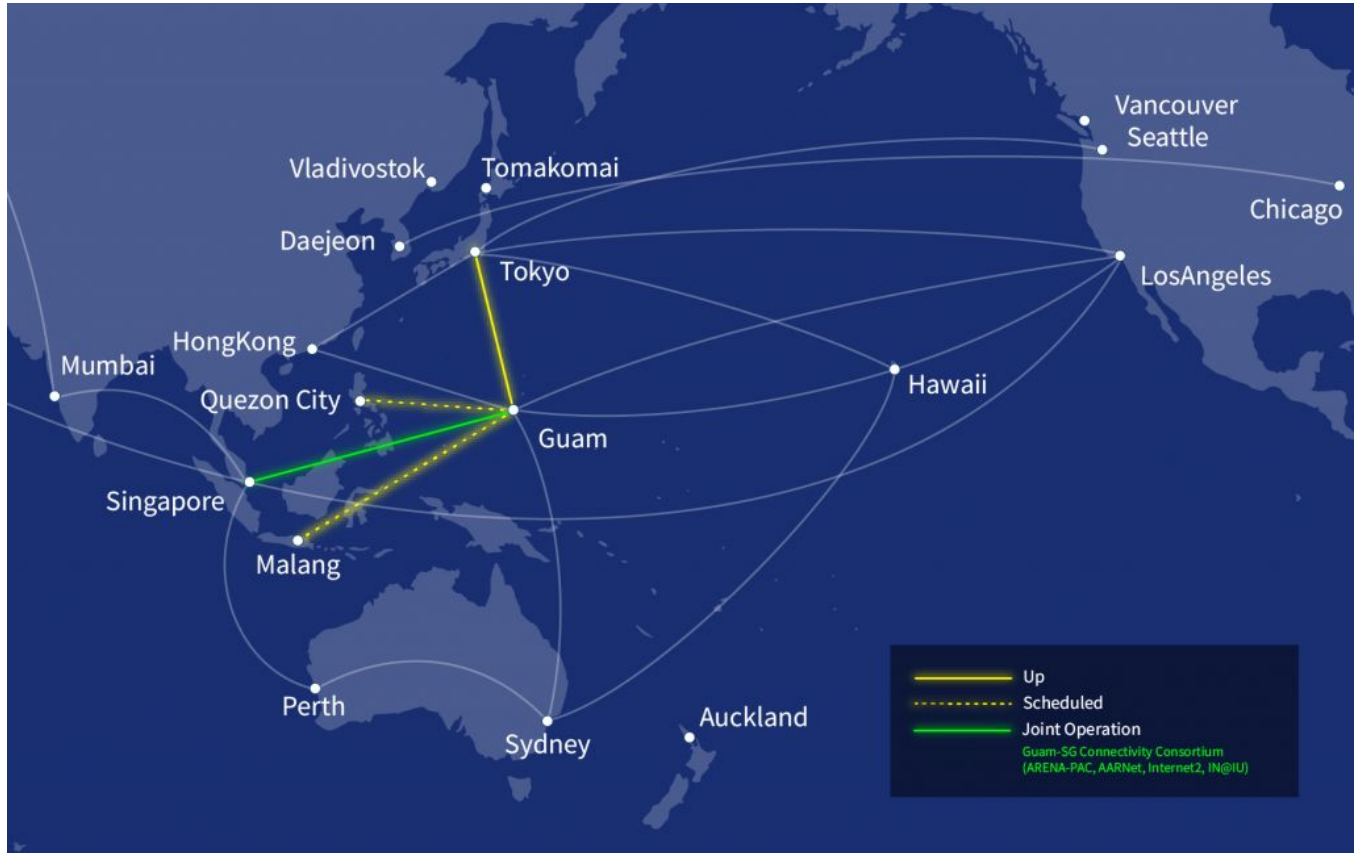


APOnet - Asia Pacific Oceania Network

- Australia's Academic and Research Network (AARNet),
- Arterial Research and Educational Network in Asia-Pacific (ARENA-PAC),
- University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development d/b/a (Internet2),
- Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI),
- National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT),
- National Institute of Informatics (NII),
- Pacific Wave International Exchange,
- Research and Education Advanced Network New Zealand (REANNZ),
- Singapore Advanced Research and Education Network (SingAREN),
- TransPAC, and
- University of Hawaii (UH)



ARENA-PAC



GOREX: Guam Open Research & Education eXchange

ASIA

Japan

Hong Kong

Singapore

Philippines

Indonesia

Palau & Yap

GUAM

Guam Open Research & Education eXchange

Piti-G

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University of Guam

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Tang

AUSTRALIA

Sydney AARNet

AMERICA

Internet2

California Pacific Wave/CENIC

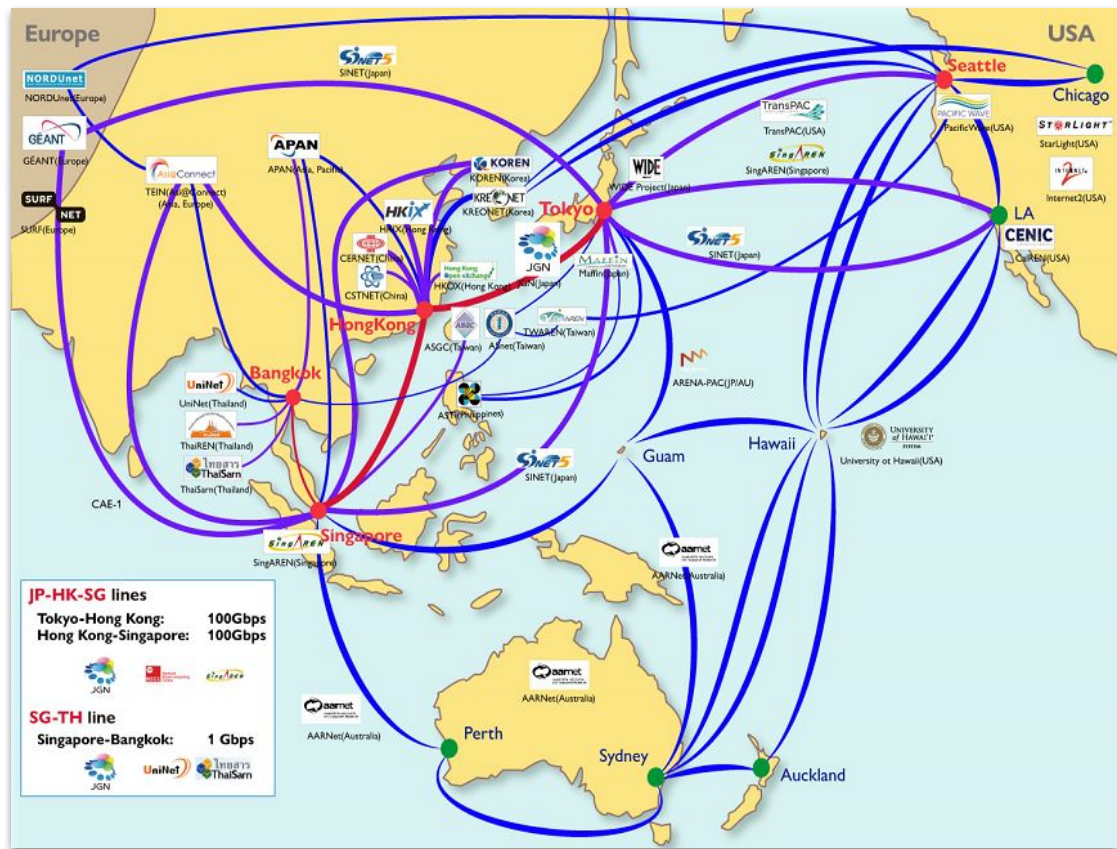
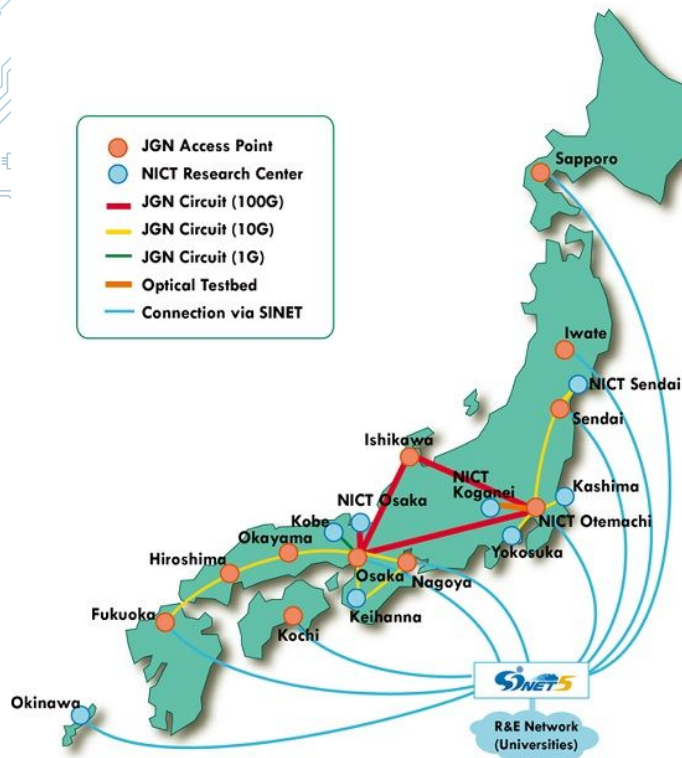
Oahu University of Hawaii

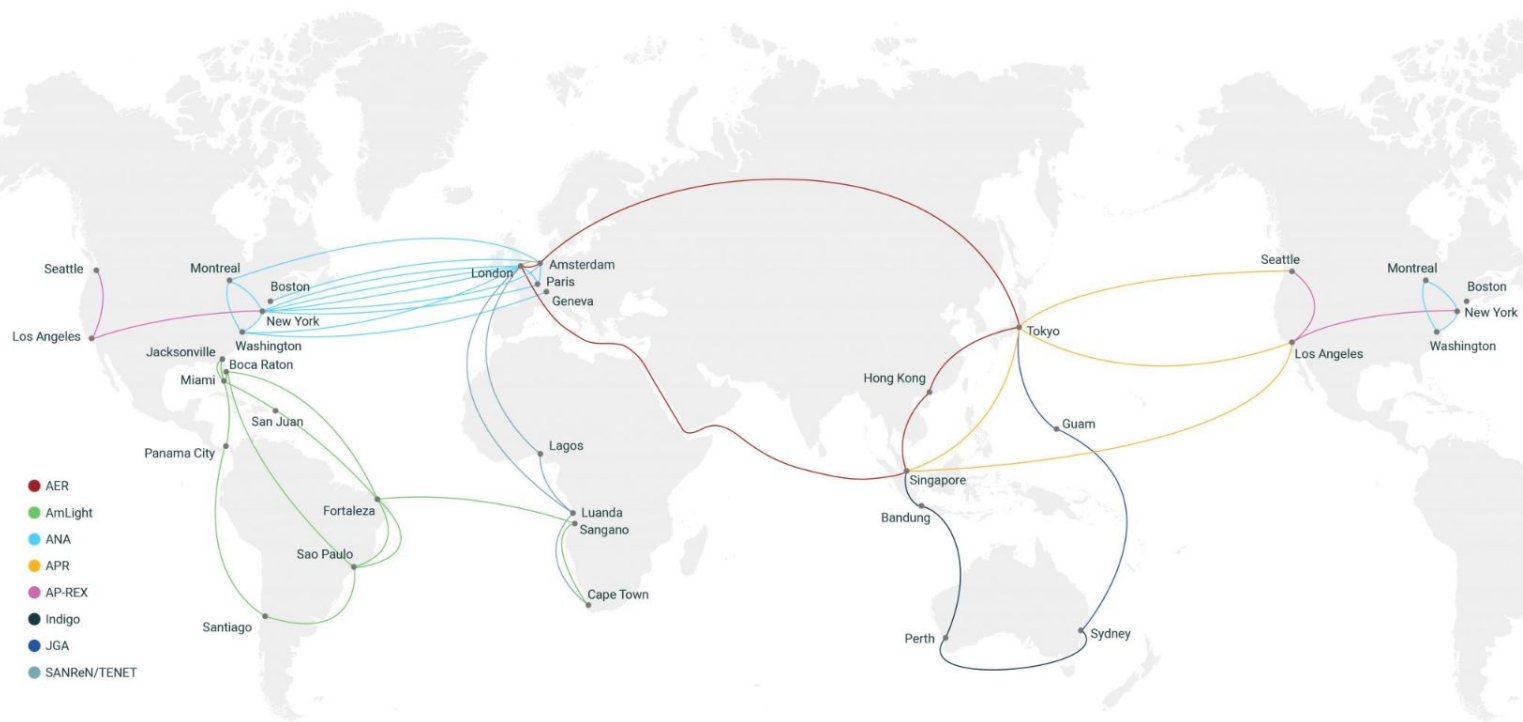
Legend:

- SUBMARINE CABLE & TERRESTRIAL FIBER SYSTEMS
- CURRENT
- FUNDED
- POSSIBLE
- TERRESTRIAL FIBER

CABLE LANDING STATIONS & CO-LOCATION FACILITIES	GOREX CONSORTIUM
Tang: Tanguisson CLS	University of Hawaii
Piti-G: Piti (GTA) CLS	University of Guam
Piti-T: Piti (Tas) CLS	Pacific Wave
DoCoMoP: DoCoMo Pacific Colo	NSRC
	AARNet

WITH SUPPORT FROM THE





Science DMZ

Science DMZ and DTN setup

Clean 100Gbps paths from Science DMZ

Chassis: Gigabyte R281-N00

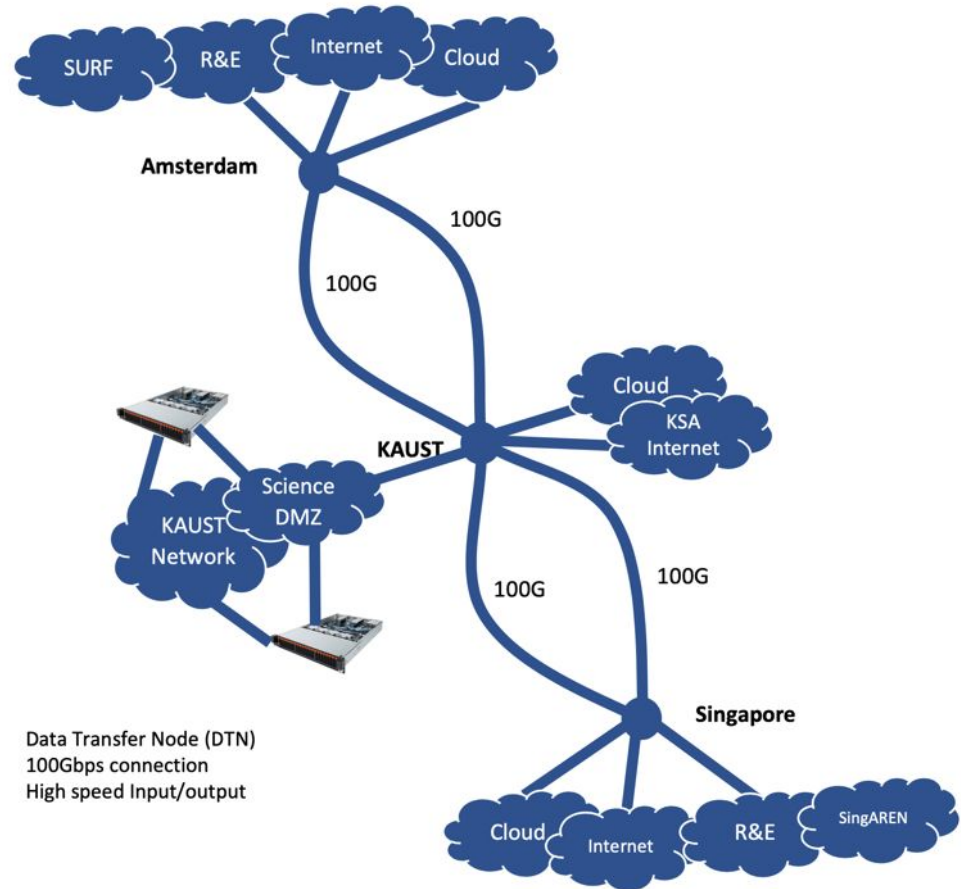
Memory: 12 x 16GB DDR4 (192GB)

CPU: 2 x intel Gold 6256

Interface: 100Gbps Cisco QSFP-100G-SR4-S

Storage: 10 x Intel P4610 1.6TB (160TB)

Operating System: Centos 7.9



Research Demands



- **CERN CMS Project**

- PhD Program
- Research projects using Shaheen II. In the future, Shaheen III

- **NASA JPL / CALTECH**

- Produce az/el masks for potential landing sites on the lunar surface, and they are expecting to have about 2TB of data to transfer by the end of this phase.

- **Others**

- Zettar DTN tests between **Shaheen II** and **Pawsey (AU)**

Next steps

- Integrate NetFlow monitoring to NetSage
- Refresh the campus network performance measurement mesh w/ perfSONAR v5
- Collaboration with Caltech in SC22 Network Research Exhibit
- Direct circuit peerings with Pacific Wave (LA and SEA) and StarLight (US)
- Enabling AutoGOLE/SENSE and RARE/FreeRouter in Science DMZ
- In evaluation
 - FAB program of the FABRIC Testbed
 - A programmable campus network testbed based on P4 platform



Thank you!

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