

PA Science DMZ Overview CyberAccelerate Workshop

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Science DMZ:

A Scalable Network Design Pattern for Optimizing Science Data Transfers

Science DMZ Overview:

- Network architecture optimized for scientific data transfers or specific network data architecture requirements
- Positioned at or near the campus/laboratory's network perimeter
- Typically tailored for high-performance science applications (e.g., data transfer, remote experiments)

Development & Purpose:

- Created by ESnet engineers
- Addresses common data transfer performance issues in research institutions
- Optimized for high-volume data transfers, low latency experiment control, and real-time data visualization

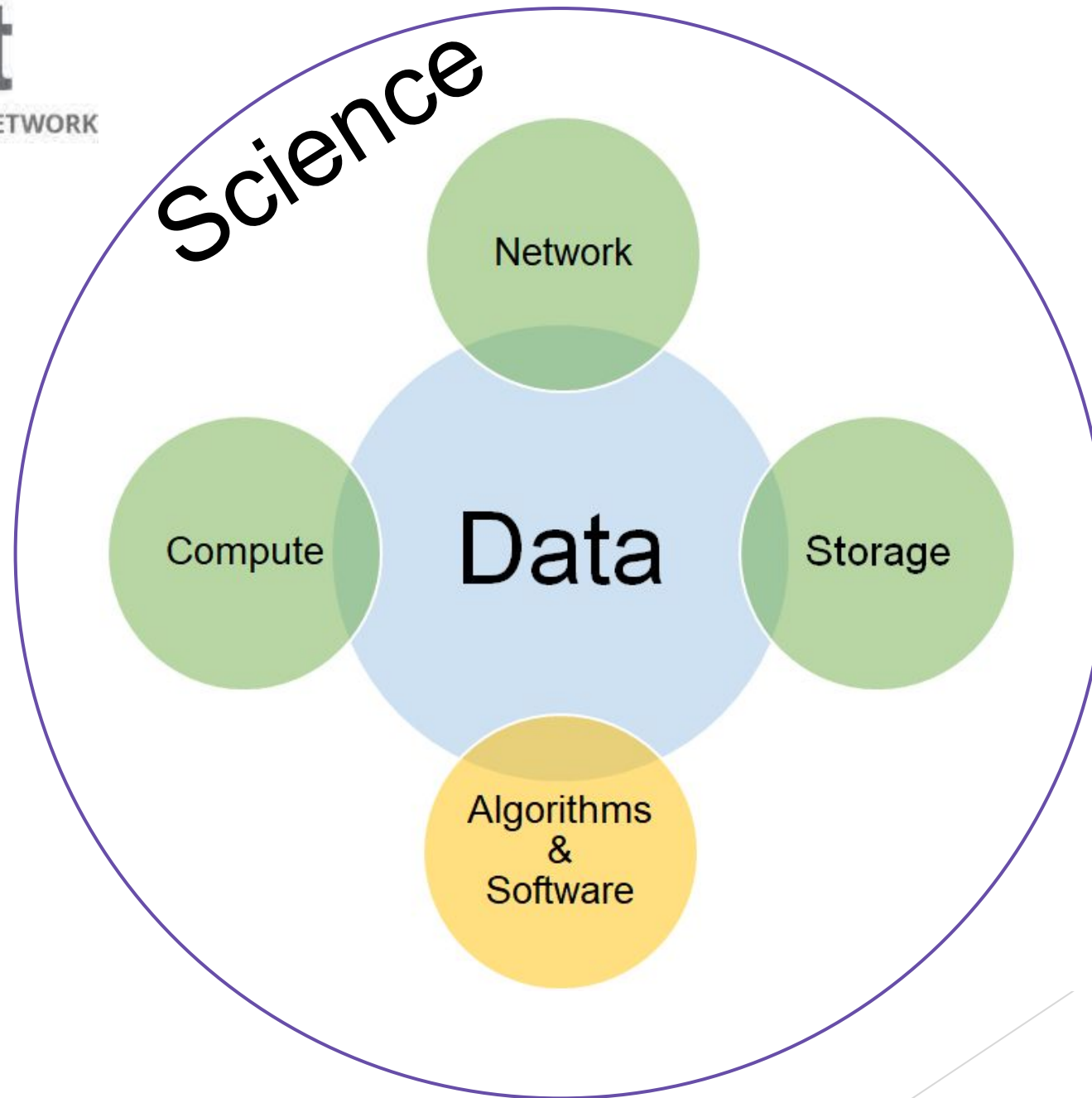
Key Features:

- Scalable and incrementally deployable
- Flexible design for various data security compliance requirements
- Adaptable to advanced technologies like 400 Gigabit Ethernet, virtual circuits, network overlays, security enclaves, etc.



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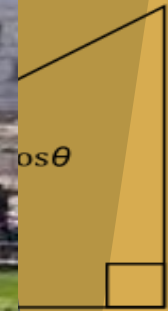
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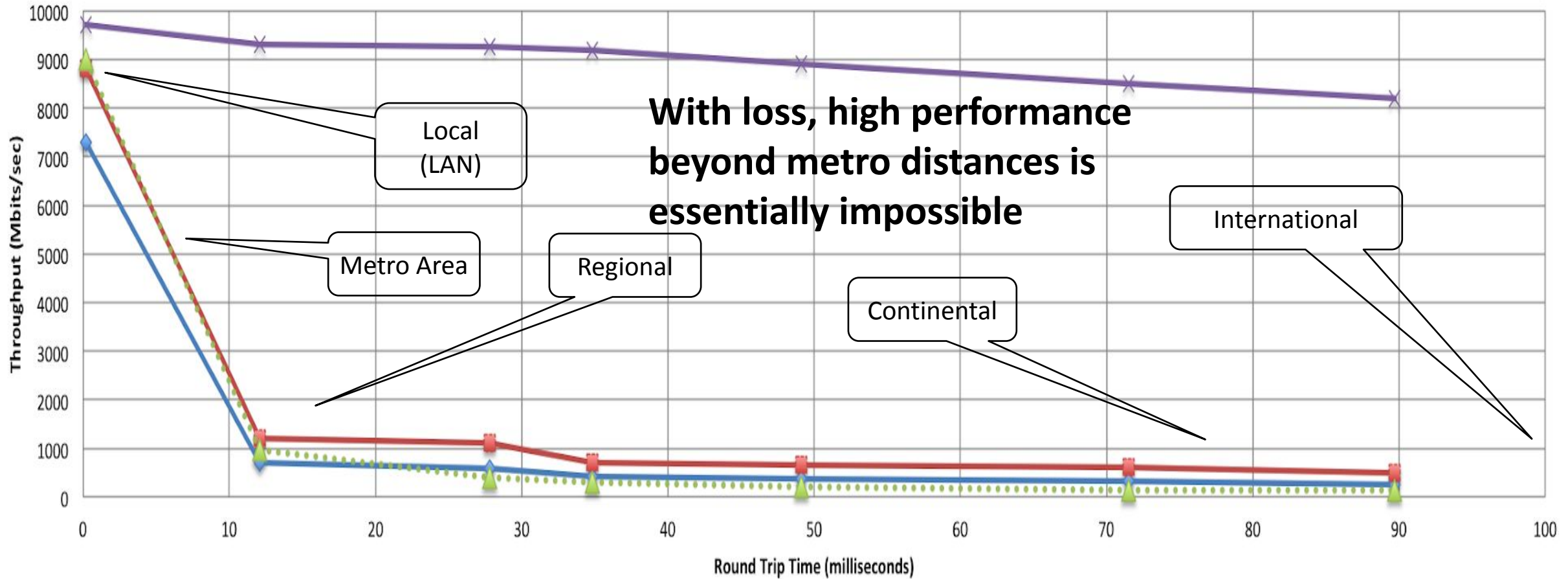
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A small amount of packet loss makes a huge difference in TCP performance

Throughput vs. Increasing Latency with .0046% Packet Loss



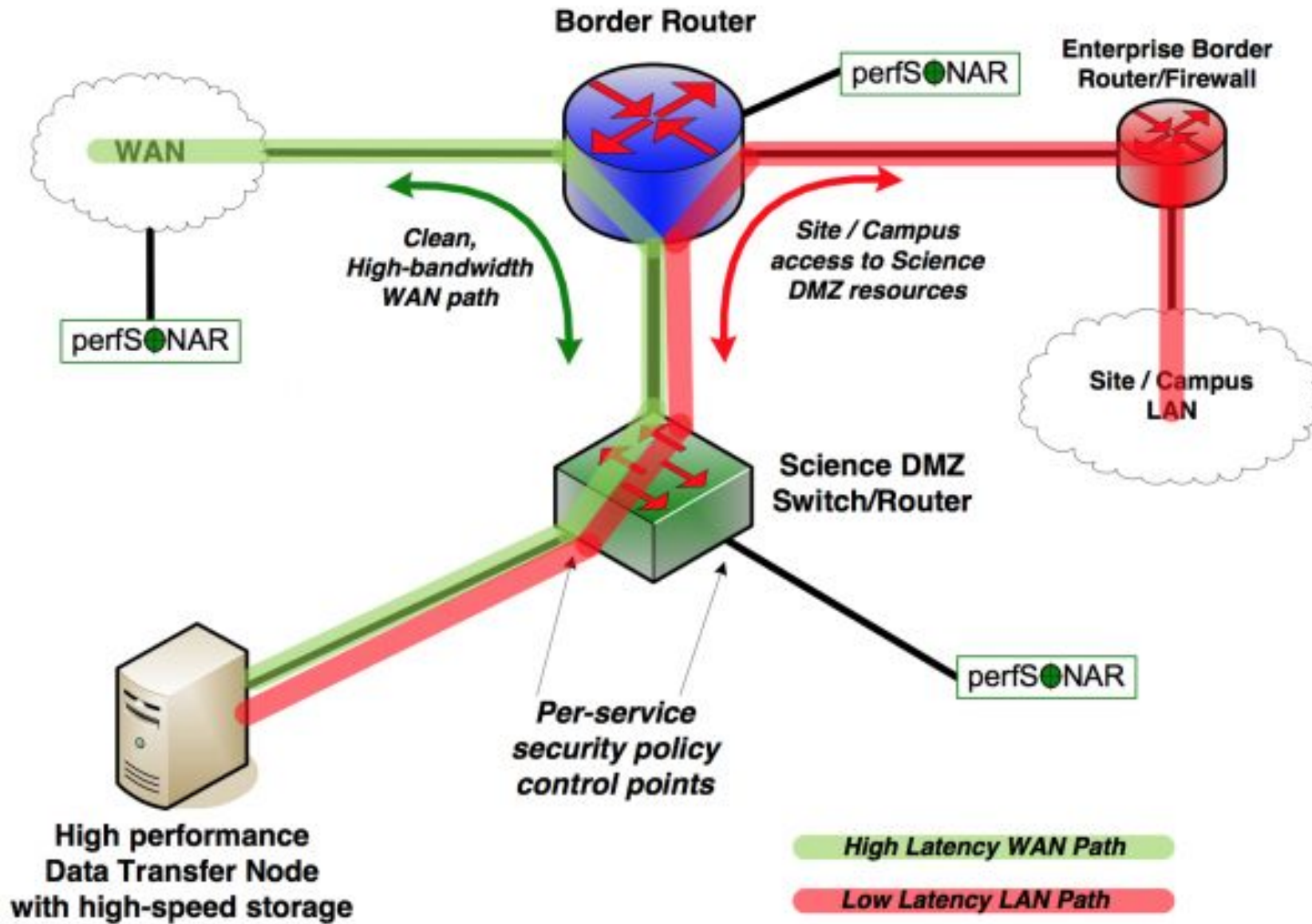
With loss, high performance beyond metro distances is essentially impossible

Measured (TCP Reno)

Measured (HTCP)

Theoretical (TCP Reno)

Measured (no loss)



Simple Science DMZ



Science DMZ is the HOV lane for research data and workflows

PA-Science DMZ PROJECT OVERVIEW

- ▶ Frictionless Science DMZ Network Paths
 - ▶ Goal - establish the foundation for a statewide Pennsylvania Regional Science DMZ (PA-DMZ) that enables and enhances access for under resourced PA institutions of higher education to cyberinfrastructure-based resources and services in support of science driven research and education applications.
- ▶ Grant supports
 - ▶ Networking hardware and connectivity
 - ▶ Installation and support for 2+ years (organizations to provide support years 3-5)
 - ▶ Broader Impacts and Research Enablement

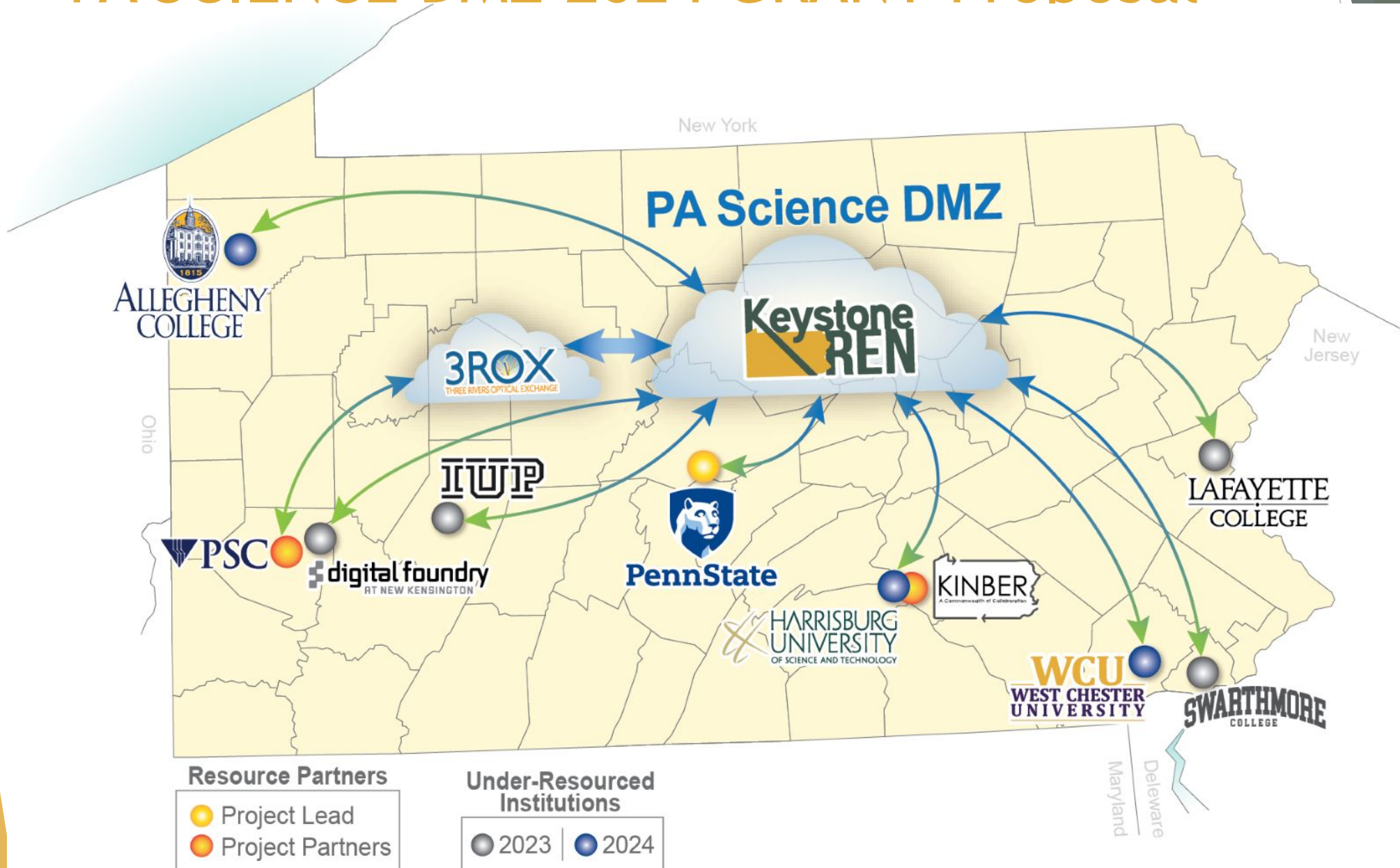
2023 AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ \$1.1M funding - NSF Award #2346589
- ▶ 5 partners
- ▶ PA Science DMZ for Under-resourced Institutions
 - ▶ Existing 1-2Gb/s Internet only
 - ▶ Adding 10/25Gb/s router, 10Gb/s Internet2, with 10G perfSONAR and 10G DTNs
- ▶ Install and Operational in 2024
- ▶ Research Enablement in 2024/2025
- ▶ Growth and Expansion in 2025

PA SCIENCE DMZ 2023 GRANT



PA SCIENCE DMZ 2024 GRANT Proposal

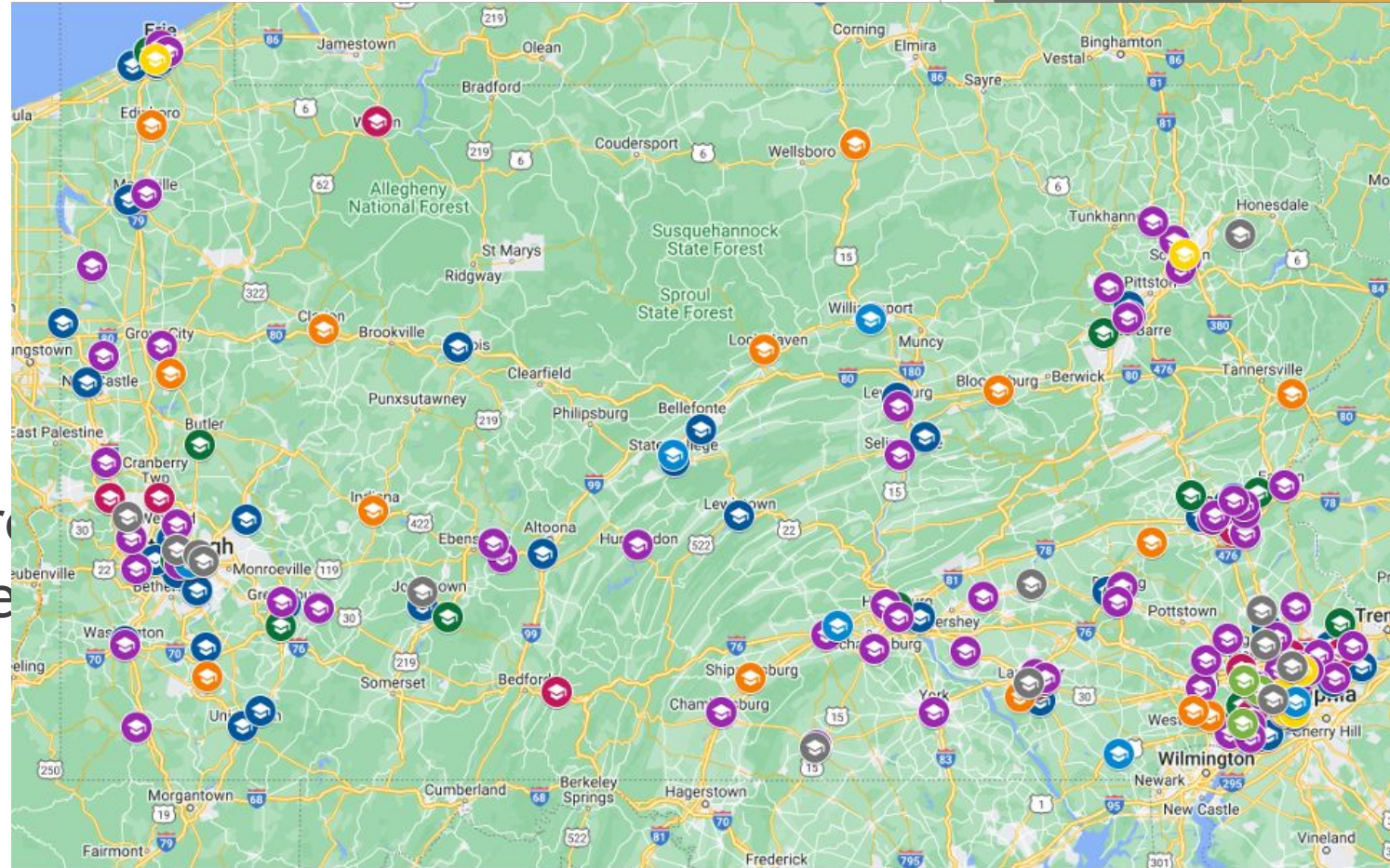


PENNSYLVANIA'S POTENTIAL SCIENCE DMZ SITES

In PA - There have been 24 CC* awards (as of Jan 2024)

Many under-resourced institutions

Chance to provide research enabling services to scale discovery



CYBERSECURITY ON PA SCIENCE DMZ

- ▶ Implicit Deny all/block all traffic, ACLs for IPv4 and IPv6
- ▶ ACLs opened as science drivers are identified and documented
- ▶ ACL accounting on all accepted and denied packets logged to campus security
- ▶ All accepted packets mirrored to campus security
- ▶ sFlow or Netflow/IPFIX will be captured on PA Science DMZ equipment
- ▶ Routing Optimization to prefer R&E networks only

PA SCIENCE DMZ PERFORMANCE

- ▶ perfSONAR testing IPv4 and IPv6
 - ▶ MTU 9000 verification or at least MTU consistency
 - ▶ Throughput = iperf3 (single and multi threaded) to verify network capacity
 - ▶ Latency = One-way and round trip
 - ▶ Traceroute to make sure traffic is on R&E paths only
- ▶ Data Transfer Node testing
 - ▶ Once network performance is validated, DTN will be tested with datasets to well tuned endpoints at ESnet measure against [Data Transfer Scorecard](#) - 1-3 TB/hr or 2-6 Gb/s
 - ▶ Utilize the [Modern Research Data Portal](#) with Globus and ESnet's [data architecture](#) design pattern. Free Code [here](#)
 - ▶ Collaborate with Science Driver to validate data transfer against [Data Transfer Scorecard](#)

DATA TRANSFER SCORECARD

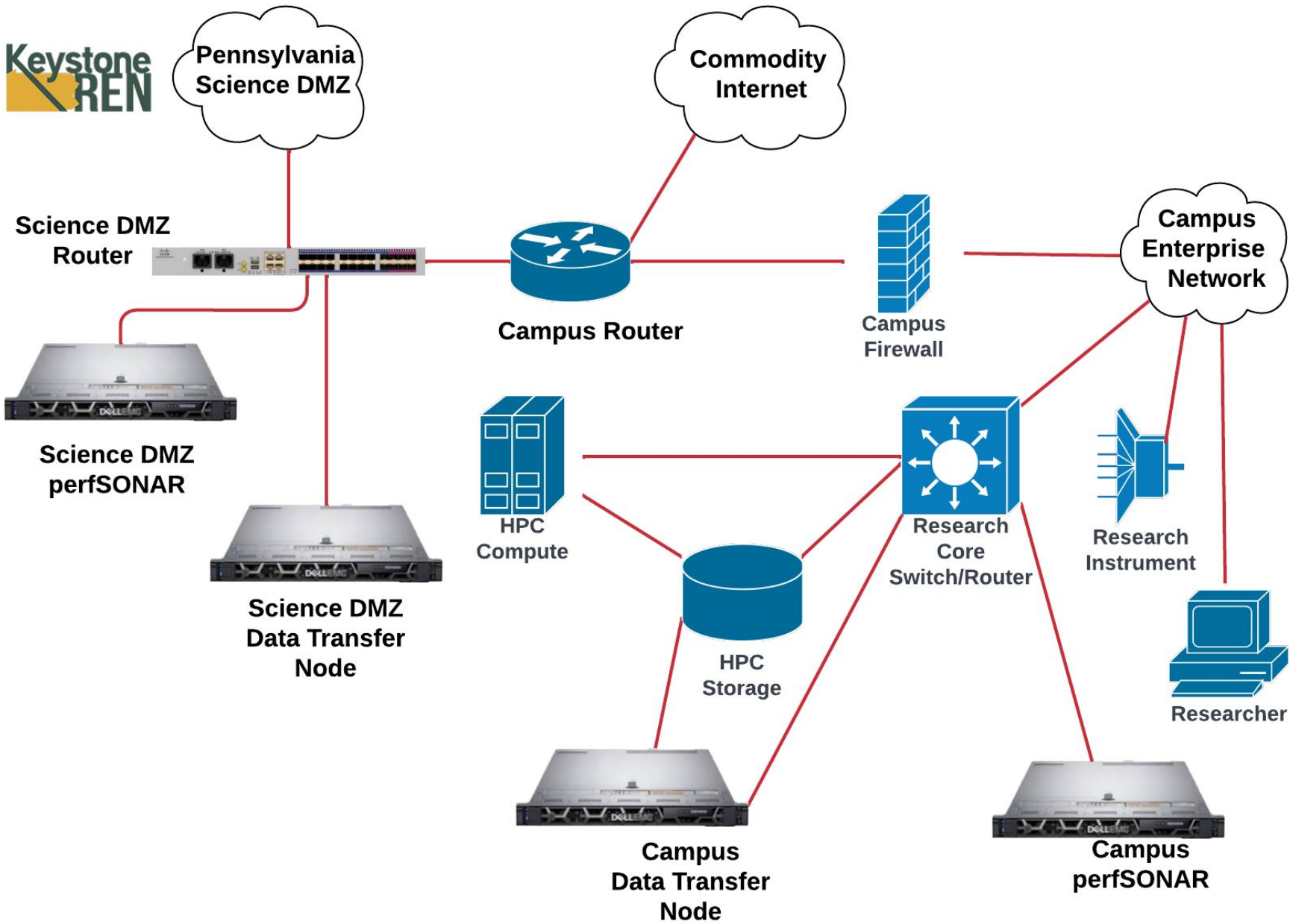
	10G DTN				x10G, 25G, 40G, 100G DTNs			x400G
DTN host Transfer Rates	1/6 PetaScale	1/3 PetaScale	1/2 PetaScale		PetaScale: 1 PB/wk	PetaScale 2.0: 1 PB/day		Future ExaScale: 1 XB/month
Data Transfer Volume (Researcher)	1 TB/hr	2 TB/hr	3 TB/hr		5.95 TB/hr	41.67 TB/hr		33.33 PB/day
Network Transfer Rate (Network Admin)	2.22 Gb/s	4.44 Gb/s	6.67 Gb/s		13.23 Gb/s	92.59 Gb/s		3.09 Tb/s
Storage Transfer Rate (Sys/Storage Admin)	277.78 MB/s	555.54 MB/s	833.33 MB/s		1.65 GB/s	11.57 GB/s		385.80 GB/s

SCIENCE DRIVER METRICS & OUTCOMES

- ▶ Baseline: Gather existing data transfer bottleneck or limitations
- ▶ Top Source/Destination
 - ▶ IPs/Collaborators
 - ▶ ASNs/Sites
 - ▶ Applications
- ▶ Total Science Data Transferred
- ▶ How has Science Improved?
- ▶ Develop a performant data architecture to assist others within PA

How to use the PA DMZ





Campus Science DMZ and Enterprise Network

PA Science DMZ connectivity and usage

- ▶ Research and Education Networks are built for secure performance faster data transport, lowest latency possible, most direct paths possible, and jumbo network data packets
 - ▶ Enterprise networks are build for general connectivity
 - ▶ Data Center networks are build for short bursts of traffic within close buildings
- ▶ You use the PA Science DMZ by
 - ▶ Leveraging equipment connected to it
 - ▶ Prioritizing campus traffic over Research and Education networks instead of commodity
- ▶ The PA Science DMZ has dedicated Data Transfer Nodes connected to the network which are tuned for high performance data transfers which run Globus Connect Server Software
- ▶ We are capable of hosting research equipment in our data centers and connecting directly to the PA Science DMZ

Globus Connect Server (GCS) is highly performant

- ▶ Parallel Data Transfer Streams
 - ▶ GCS leverages multiple parallel data streams, which allows for faster transfers compared to single-threaded or traditional file transfer methods. This parallelism maximizes throughput over networks by distributing the data transfer load across multiple channels simultaneously.
- ▶ Optimized for High-Latency Networks
 - ▶ GCS is designed to mitigate the effects of latency by using advanced techniques like pipelining and tuning buffer sizes, ensuring that transfers remain efficient even on high-latency networks.
- ▶ Automatic Fault Recovery
- ▶ Built-in Data Integrity Verification
- ▶ Integration with High-Performance Network Infrastructures Globally
- ▶ Efficient Use of DTN Resources
- ▶ Simple User Interface & Automation of workflows
- ▶ Security without Compromise
- ▶ Efficient Large File Handling

Globus Intuitive web application interface

The screenshot displays the Globus File Manager web application interface. The top navigation bar includes the Globus logo, the title "File Manager", and panel controls. Below this, the "Collection" is set to "UChicago RCC Midway3" and the "Path" is "/~/". A search bar contains "alcf#dtn_eagle". The main content area features a "Start" button, "Transfer & Timer Options", and another "Start" button. A file list table is visible with columns for NAME, LAST MODIFIED, and SIZE. A sign-in modal is overlaid on the right, containing fields for "ALCF Username", "Password", and "Cryptocard or Mobile token password", along with a "SIGN IN" button and a disclaimer.

File Manager

Collection: UChicago RCC Midway3

Path: /~/

alcf#dtn_eagle

Start

Transfer & Timer Options

Start

NAME	LAST MODIFIED	SIZE
E099_HPPG_100_55_025C_att06_...	3/17/2023, 11:2...	110.45 KB
E099_HPPG_100_55_025C_att06_...	3/17/2023, 11:2...	113.91 KB
esgf_demo	3/11/2023, 12:1...	-
GW_Demo	4/18/2023, 02:...	-
TestFolder	9/30/2022, 12:...	-
TestUser1	3/20/2023, 05:...	-

ALCF Username

Password

Cryptocard or Mobile token password

SIGN IN

This is a Federal computer system and is the property of the United States Government. It is for authorized use only. Users (authorized or unauthorized) have no explicit or implicit expectation of privacy.

Any or all uses of this system and all files on this system may be intercepted, monitored, recorded, copied, audited, inspected, and disclosed to authorized site, Department of Energy, and law enforcement personnel, as well as authorized officials of other agencies, both domestic and foreign. By using this system, the user consents to such interception, monitoring, recording, copying, auditing, inspection, and disclosure at the discretion of authorized site or Department of Energy personnel.

Transfer/sync options

Start ▶

1 Transfer & Timer Options ^

◀ Start

Label This Transfer

Transfer Settings

NOTE: These settings will persist during this session unless changed.

sync - only transfer new or changed files ⓘ

where the

Files which are overwritten by this option.

- modification time is newer
- file size is different
- file does not exist on destination
- checksum is different

delete files on destination that do not exist on source ⓘ

preserve source file modification times ⓘ

do NOT verify file integrity after transfer ⓘ

encrypt transfer ⓘ

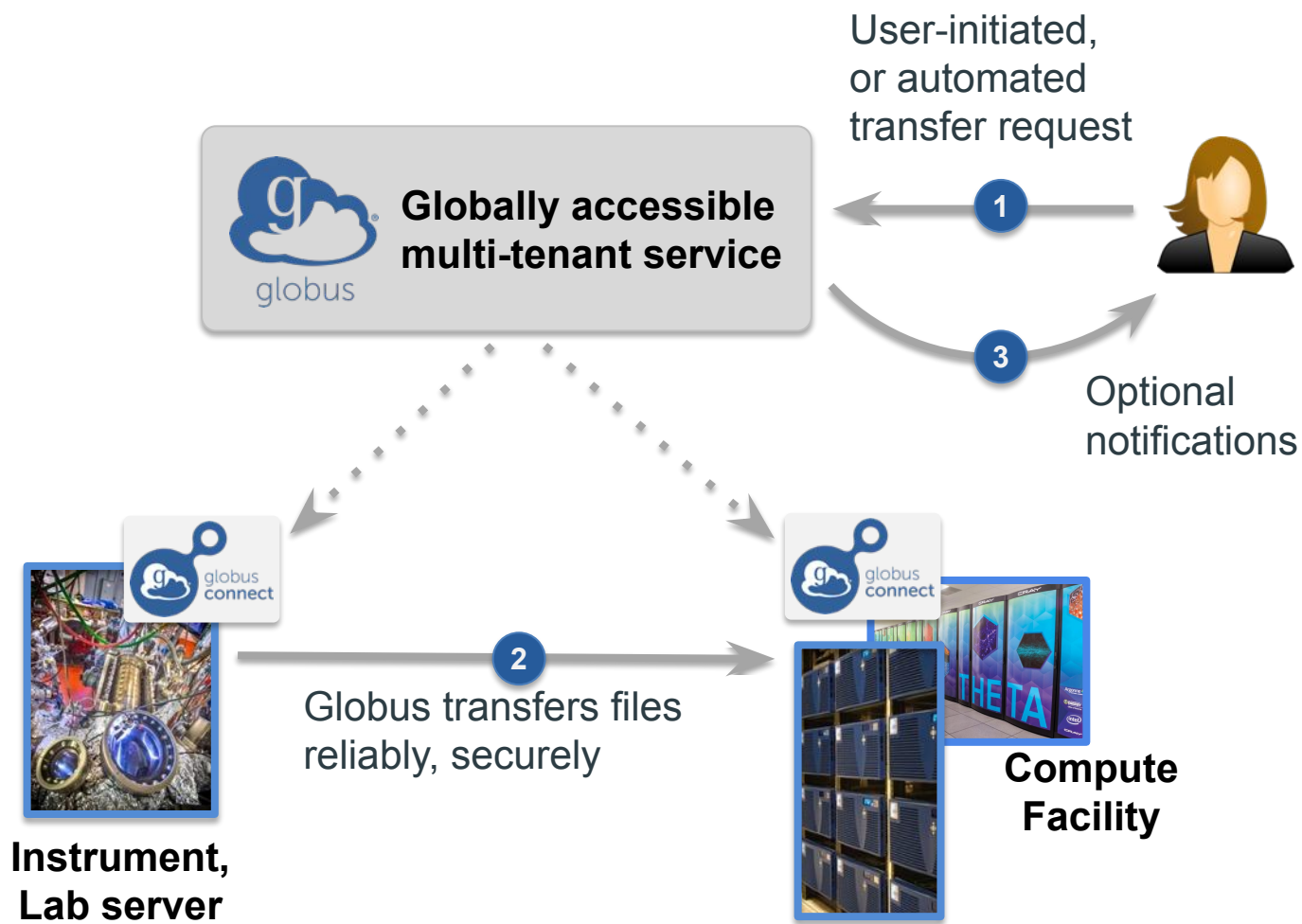
Skip files on source with errors ⓘ

Fail on quota errors ⓘ

Notification Settings

- Disable success notification ⓘ
- Disable failure notification ⓘ
- Disable inactive notification ⓘ

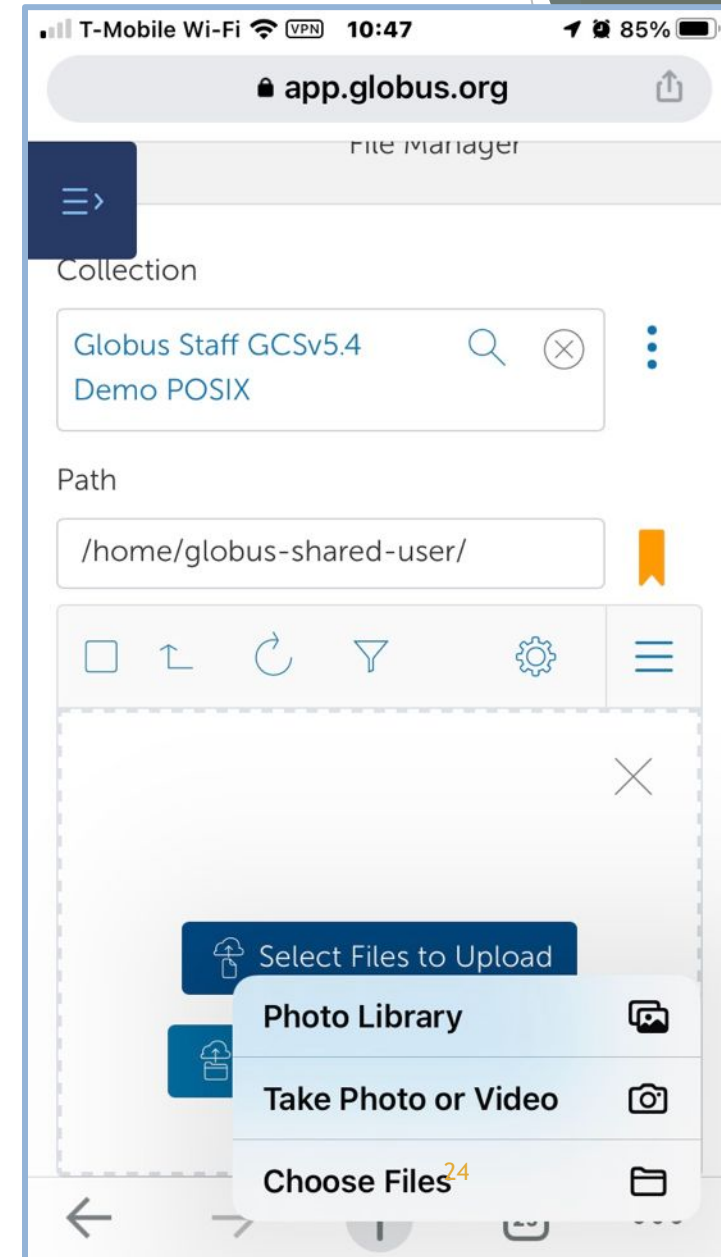
Globus provides Fast, reliable file transfer ...from any to any system



- Fire-and-forget transfers/sync
- Optimized speed
- Assured reliability
- Unified view of storage
- HTTP/S access to data

Globus goes on the road

- ▶ Upload photos from mobile device
- ▶ Leverages HTTP/S upload and responsive web application



Install Globus Connect Personal

Create a Globus collection on your laptop. Globus Connect Personal is available for all major operating systems.



Globus Connect Personal for Mac

Mac OS X 10.9 or higher

[INSTALL NOW >](#)



Globus Connect Personal for Windows

currently supported Windows versions

[INSTALL NOW >](#)



Globus Connect Personal for Linux

for common x86 distributions

[INSTALL NOW >](#)

Globus Connect Personal

- Free Clients to easily and reliably move and share data from your personal computer or laptop to interact with other Globus collections.
- Easily download data from the cloud or campus computing cluster on to your laptop

What current resources are available to researchers on the PA Science DMZ?

Compute/Storage Options via the PA Science DMZ

Over Internet2

- ▶ Anvil (RCAC, Purdue)
- ▶ Delta (NCSA)
- ▶ Expanse (SDSC)
- ▶ UChicago AI Cluster
- ▶ Midway (RCC, UChicago)
- ▶ Kubernetes Clusters
- ▶ Polaris (ALCF)
- ▶ Perlmutter (NERSC)
- ▶ Frontera (TACC)
- ▶ Bebop (LCRC, ANL)
- ▶ Bridges-2 (PSC)
- ▶ FASTER (TAMU)

Over Internet2:

- ▶ Internet2 Cloud Connect -
 - ▶ AWS, Google, Azure, Oracle
- ▶ Open Science Grid
- ▶ National Research Platform

Over DOE's ESnet:

- ▶ ALCF-Polaris
- ▶ NERSC- Perlmutter
- ▶ Bebop (LCRC, ANL)
- ▶ Frontier, Summit, Quantum- OLCF

Internet2
Keystone
education
services
networking
research
DMZ
community
managed services
ESnet
collaboration
networks
career technology center
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KeystoneREN is the data circulatory system of Research and Education within Pennsylvania connecting users to resources, collaborators, and the world.

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Appendix

Who is KeystoneREN?

Keystone REN, LLC, Lititz, PA, is a subsidiary of KINBER. KINBER, a non-profit, works with communities, governments, businesses, and other non-profits to drive solutions that support digital equity and inclusion.

The driving focus of KeystoneREN is to advance research and education networks and bring connectivity to underserved areas, empowering communities across the state. Our core competency is advanced networking and R&E cyberinfrastructure.

KINBER/PennREN → KeystoneREN

- ▶ KINBER was founded in 2010.
- ▶ Firstlight largely bought all of KINBER's PennREN fiber and networking assets along with commodity customers on May 1, 2021. KINBER retained existing the Internet2 customers as well as the Internet2 Connector status.
- ▶ KINBER established Keystone REN LLC, as a non-profit LLC, on August 8, 2023
 - ▶ KeystoneREN remains the only statewide research and education network across the state of Pennsylvania
- ▶ Grant Dull, previously of KINBER and FirstLight, was hired as the Keystone Executive Director on July 24, 2023.
- ▶ Ken Miller, previously of ESnet and Penn State, was hires at the Chief Technology Officer on August 26, 2024.
- ▶ Jennifer Oxenford, previously of NYSERnet and KINBER, was hired as the Chief Relationship Officer on October 1, 2024.

KINBER/PennREN services → KeystoneREN services

KeystoneREN

Internet2 R&E ←

Internet2 Peering I2PX ←

Internet2 Cloud Connect ←

Keystone Member Exchange ←

KINBER

~~Internet2 R&E~~

~~Internet2 Peering IX~~

~~Internet2 Cloud Connect~~

~~Keystone Member Exchange~~

~~PennREN Fiber and Network
Assets~~

~~PennREN IP Space and ASN~~

~~PennREN Commodity
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Digital Inclusion

Digital Equity

FirstLight

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Assets

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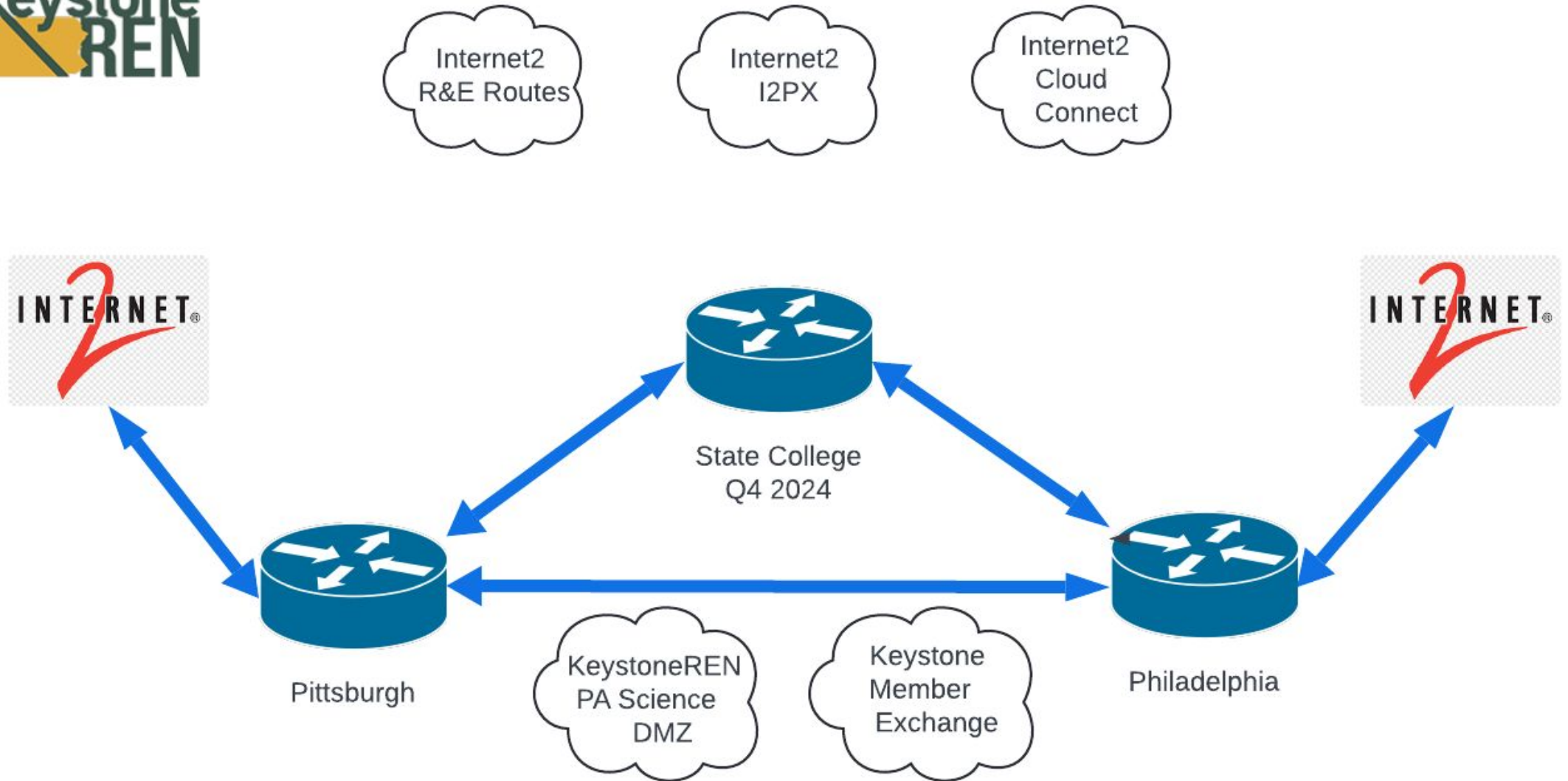
→ PennREN Commodity
Customers

→ PennREN Managed Routers

KeystoneREN advantages over previous network

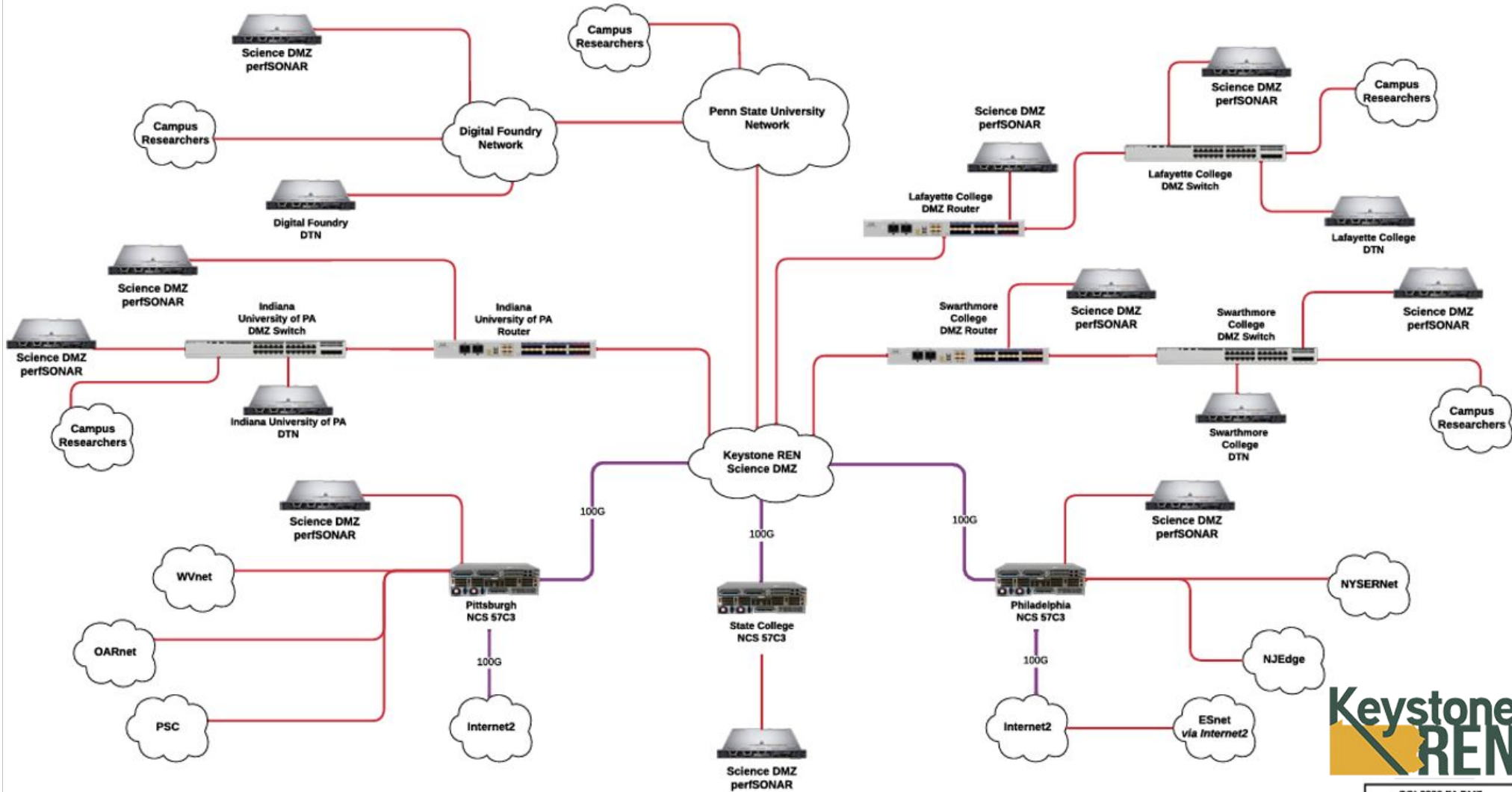
- ▶ No longer locked into Crown Castle maintenance agreement on fiber operations and maintenance
- ▶ No longer burdened with high fiber plant operating costs reducing overhead
- ▶ Leveraging wholesale circuit procurement drive down customer costs
- ▶ Next generation 400G capable equipment provide greater operational efficiencies
- ▶ This sustainable network can be scaled as the growth scales.

KeystoneREN Network Diagram



NETWORK DIAGRAM

CC* 2023 - PA Science DMZ



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10G — 100G —

CAMPUS NETWORK DIAGRAM

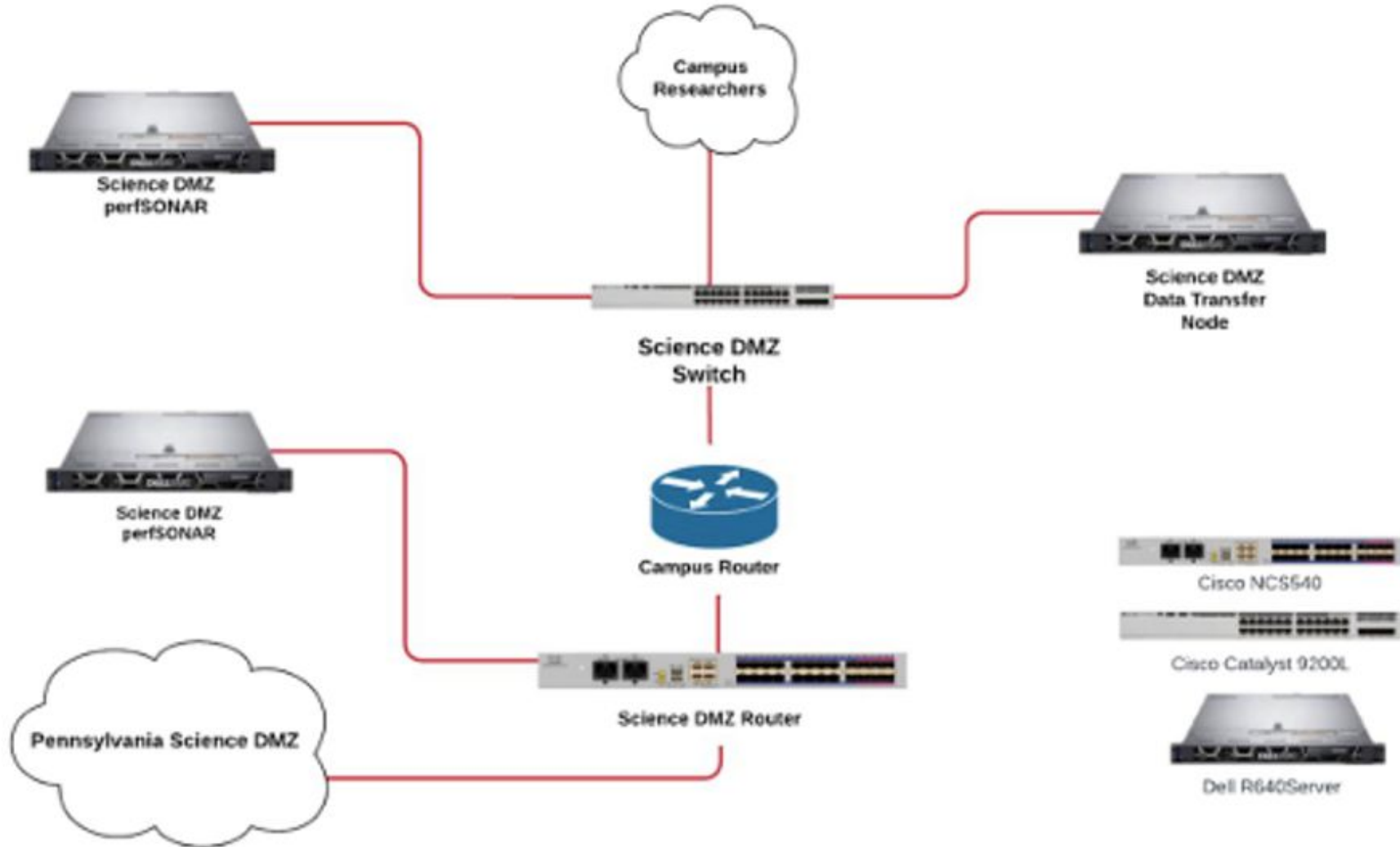


Figure 3 - Campus Science DMZ

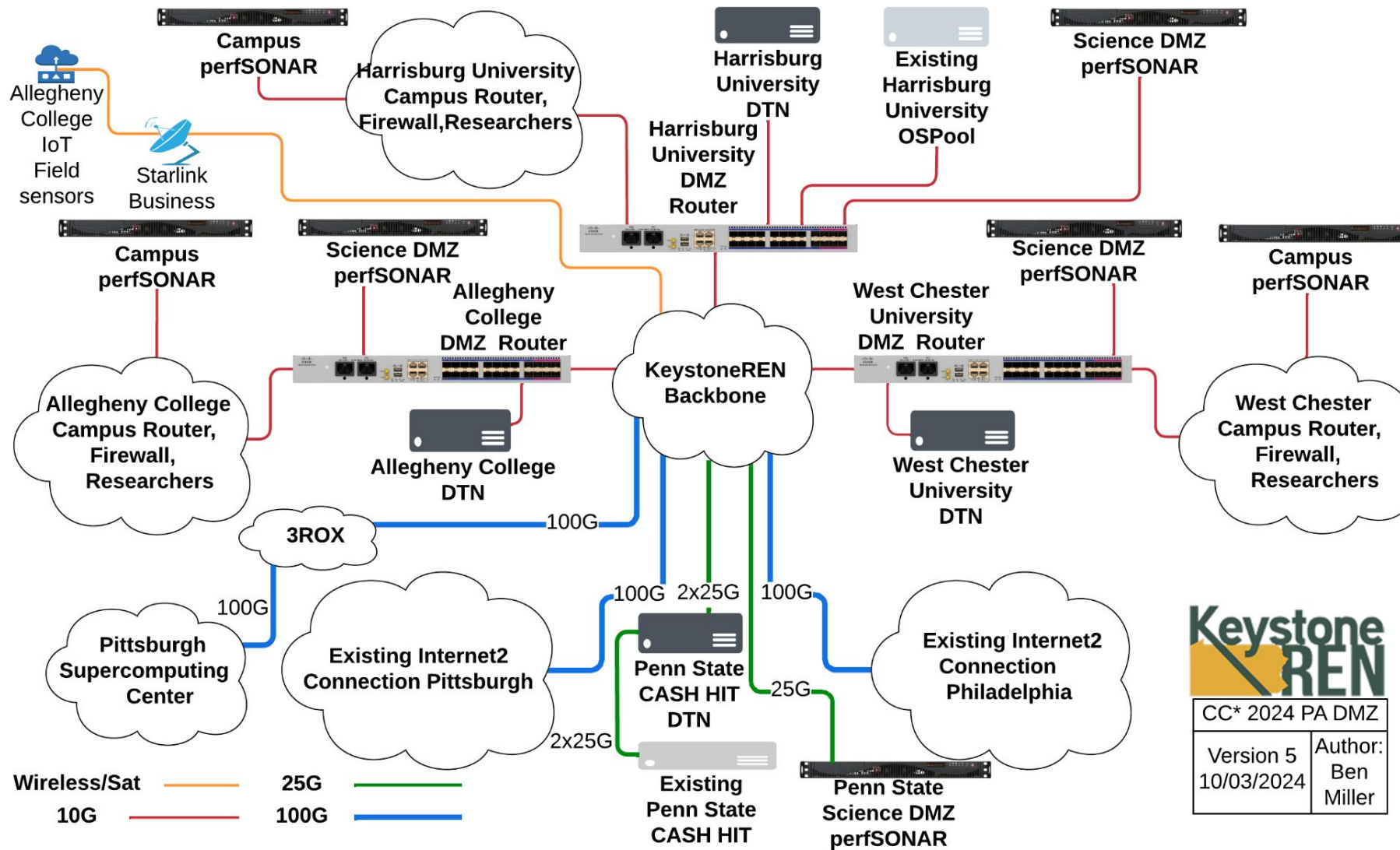


Figure 2 – PA-Science-DMZ-2024 Technical Diagram

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