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Agenda



- Budget
- Milestones
- Applications Highlights
- Network Testbed Highlights
- Research Collaboration
- Technology Transfer



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Budget



- NASA allocated 10M annually for 3 years
 - No new money
 - Programs other than NREN
- NREN's specific allocation:
 - 10M FY98
 - 7M FY99
 - 8M FY00



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Milestones



| | | FY00 | FY01 | FY02 | FY03 | FY04 |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | 3/00 Identify NASA's current | | | | |
| DAJELINING | | capability in WAN technology | | | | |
| PERFORMANCE | | | | | | |
| | | 6/00 Develop QoS-based | | | 9/03 develop tools to embed | |
| | Performance | measurement mechanisms | | | adaptive petworking learning | |
| | | 9/00 establish gigabit | | | within advance applications | |
| | | capability in WAN testbed | | | | |
| | Interopability | 3/00 infuse multicast | 9/01 infuse QoS capabilities across multiple NGI testbeds | 9/02 infuse traffice engineering | | |
| | | capabilities across multiple | | capabilities across multiple | | |
| | | NGI testbeds | | NGI testbeds | | |
| | Portability | | | | | |
| | Reliability | | | | | |
| | Posourco | 6/00 establish QoS | 9/01 establish traffic | | | |
| | Management | networking capabilities in | engineering networking | | | |
| | | WAN testbed | capabilities in WAN testbed | | | |
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| DEMONSTRATION | | | | | | |
| | Application #1 | Infusing Muticast Technology | Gigabit WAN capabilities | Gigabit to the desktop | Network adaptive applications | |
| | Application #2 | Infusing QoS Technology | QoS interopability | Traffic Engineering capability | X times performance | |
| | Application #2 | Hybrid networking enhanced | | | | |
| | Application #3 | performance | | | | |
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| | | 6/00 infuse multicast | 0/01 infuse OoS technology in | 9/02 infuse Traffic Engineering | | 0/04 transfor NGI tochnologies |
| CUSTOMER USE | | technology in NASA's operational WAN | NASA's operational WAN | technology in NASA's | | to NASA's operational WAN |
| | | | | operational WAN | | |
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- Digital Earth / Mars / Sky
- Information Power Grid
- Trans-Pacific Experiments
- Virtual Collaborative Clinic
- Video Streaming



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Digital Earth/Mars/Sky

- NASA Earth and Space Science Enterprises goal is "human telepresence" throughout the earth and solar systems
- Requires high performance remote access and visualization for very large earth and space data sets in the US and worldwide
- Examples:
 - American Museum of Natural History "earth wall" and "sky dome" driven by data from current and recent NASA missions
 - Proposed Mars Terrain Distributed Testbed, Mars 2003 mission visualization prototyping (NASA JPL, NASA Ames)









Information Power Grid (IPG)

- The IPG goal is to bring together heterogeneous, distributed, compute, storage, network and experimental resources as an intelligent system.
- Network Requirements
 - Bandwidth: 30 Mbps 100 Mbps
 - Quality of Service (Bandwidth Reservation)
- Partnerships: Department of Energy
 - Argonne National Lab (ANL)
 - Lawrence Berkely National Lab (LBNL)







Application Highlights



Trans-Pacific Experiments

- Goal is to demonstrate feasibility and usefulness of high performance episodic events using satellite technologies for global reach
 - Remote observational astronomy (Japanese scientists and high school, in cooperation with JPL and Mount Wilson Observatory)
 - Visible human digital library (interactive access by Japanese university researchers to NLM visible human digital model)
- Network Requirements
 - Multicast, Multiple Satellite Hops, International Connectivity
- Partners
 - NIH (NLM), vBNS+, CA*net (Canada), Intelsat, APAN



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Application Highlights



Virtual Collaborative Clinic (VCC)

- The goal of the Virtual Collaborative Clinic is to demonstrate a high performance testbed, which to allows colleagues in the medical arena to simultaneously review medical images remotely in real time.
- Network Requirements
 - Bandwidth: 30 Mbps 50 Mbps
 - Multicast
- Partnerships:
 - Navajo Nation (New Mexico)
 - Abilene & vBNS
 - NASA Ames & NASA Glenn
 - CALREN2 GigaPOP
 - Stanford University & U.C. Santa Cruz

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Video Streaming

- Primary Goals
 - Greater flexibility for scene selection & viewing
 - User interface that permits intuitive selection of a broader set of cameras than the current mechanisms
 - Decreased cost/complexity over dedicated or leased video circuits
 - A network that permits improved image quality without complex re-engineering
- Network Requirements
 - Bandwidth: 20 Mbps 40 Mbps
 - Multicast

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- Quality of Service
- Gigabit Networking
- Measurements
- Next Generation Internet Exchanges



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Network Testbed Highlights



Quality of Service

- Goals
 - Guarenteed network resource reservation for NASA Applications
 - Bandwidth
 - Latency
 - Error Rate
- Applications
 - Information Power Grid
 - Video Streaming
- Partners
 - Internet 2 QBone
 - Department of Energy



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Gigabit Networking

- Planned OC-48 Connections
 - NASA Ames, NASA GSFC & JPL
 - Interconnection to NTON
 - Interconnection to ATDnet
- Applications
 - Digital Earth / Mars / Sky
- Workshop Planned in August 2000



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Measurement

- Goal: Integrate and deploy a set of hardware & software tools to support
 - Analysis of IP packet flows (especially for preferred flows [QoS])
 - Performance characterization of specific network elements, technologies
- Methodologies
 - Passive & Active techniques
 - Incorporate core measurements and end-to-end measurements
 - Support unicast and multicast flows
- Architecture Elements
 - Data collection (distributed network probes, end stations)
 - Data archiving, selection, graphical display (web-based mechanisms for distributed clients)

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Network Testbed Highlights



Next Generation Internet Exchanges

- NGIX-SF
 - NGI West Coast Peering Point
 - Current Peering Partners: Abilene, DREN, NREN
 - ATM Infrastructure: OC-3 / OC-12
 - First Demonstrations: GOIN'99
 - NASA, DREN, Abilene, vBNS, NOAA
- Multicast Internet Exchange (MIX)
 - First operational Multicast Internet eXchange
 - Currently 10 peering networks 3 federal, 7 commercial
 - Protocols and Implementation
 - Native IP Multicast
 - Second Generation Protocols
 - FY' 2000 Goals: new switch installation, additional peerings, Abilene connectivity

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- NGI Agencies
- Internet 2
- Academic Grants
- Workshops
- GOIN'99

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NGI Agencies

- Department of Energy
 - Quality of Service (ANL, LBNL, SNL)
- National Institute of Health
 - Trans-Pacific Experiments (NLM)
- DARPA
 - Gigabit Networking (NTON, HSCC)
- Department of Defense
 - GOIN'99

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Internet 2

- Peering
 - vBNS & Abilene
- Technology
 - Multicast: Stanford, Univ. Cal., CALREN2, Internet 2 Multicast Working Group
 - Quality of Service: Internet 2 Qbone, UIUC
- Applications
 - Virtual Collaborative Clinic: Stanford, U.C Santa Cruz
 - Astrobiology: University of West Florida



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Academic Grants

- Georgia Tech
 - Technology focus QoS; development of new algorithms to achieve QoS over hybrid networks
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 - Technology focus End-to-end application QoS; development of an effective interface to translate application QoS requirements into requirements for using both computer and network resources, thus achieving end-to-end QoS
- University of California, Davis
 - Technology focus security; analysis of causes for denial of service in a network infrastructure and development of solutions to address the problem



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Academic Grants

- UCLA
 - Technology focus QoS; QoS routing, development of congestioncontrol algorithms, comparison of IP over ATM versus IP over SONET
- Naval Postgraduate School
 - Technology focus policy management; development of a prototype server for centralized management of diverse network policies



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Academic Grants

- University of West Florida
 - Technology focus human and machine cognition; development of concept maps as a model for understanding, explaining, and organizing new domains of knowledge for collaborative use over the Internet; development addresses Mars data and Astrobiology specifically
- Tennessee State University
 - Technology focus QoS; comparison of various types of networks to support the transfer of large data files to support Space Science applications



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Workshops

- Bridging the Gap Workshop
 - Was held August 10-11, 1999, at NASA Ames Conference Center
 - Cosponsored by NRT and HPNAT
 - Attended by over 100 NGI technologists, applications, agency people
- "OC-48" Workshop
 - Planned for August 14-17, 1999, at NASA Ames Conference Center
 - Will bring together over 100 NGI networkers and applications people and "OC-48" industry representatives
 - Aimed at providing status, lessons learned, and creating consensus on how NGI networkers and applications people should prototype and deploy real "gigabit-to-the-desktop" applications
 - Three themes: Network, Desktop, Applications

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Global Observation Information Network (GOIN)

- Description:
 - US-Japan bilateral initiative agreed at 1994 Clinton-Miyazawa summit
 - US side: program lead by NOAA, technical lead by NASA, with USGS
- Goal
 - Demonstrate effective bilateral agency working using space-based and earth-based observations to collaborate on global problems
 - Prototype "information network" of persistent global observation data in support of grass roots regional earth science activities

• Achievement

- Established largest ever peering of multiple agency and national high performance research and education networks (HPRENs) via STAR TAP and NGIX-SF
- Connected five of the six NGI "JETnets", as well as, the Asia-Pacific Advanced Network (APAN)

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Technology Transfer



- Within NASA
 - Application transition
 - Technology transition
- Inter-Agency
 - Multicast technology
- Reach
 - Virtual Collaborative Clinic; joint effort between NASA/GRC and Navajo Nation to establish hybrid solution in Shiprock, New Mexico.
 - Over Horizon; joint effort between HPCC/Learning Technology, NSF, and NASA/GRC to establish hybrid solutions in areas such as the Four Corners Area.



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