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Introduction

- Broad announcements for research
 - Fund the best proposals
 - ◆ Special initiative in 98, part of program in 99
 - ◆ Consider the example of QoS in 98
- Three areas of research
 - Network growth engineering
 - Quality of Service
 - Security



Outline

- Numbers
- Examples of research from both years
- Interagency activities
- Future agendas

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1998 NGI Initiative

- 8 proposals funded: 5 in networking program, 3 in special projects
- \$5.6M
- 34 reviewed (33 projects, 1 joint pair)



1999 programs

Proposals handled (including Wireless In.)

Program	Props	Awds	NGI Awds
Networking	95	29	6
Special Projects	50	14	5
Careers	32	9	3

- These numbers are close, but not guaranteed
- A small number of projects are collaborative
- There are also POWRE, CONACYT, Supplements, Continuing grants, REUs, joint funding with other programs



Universities funded in 98 and 99

- Arizona State U.
- CMU
- Georgia Inst. Tech.
- MIT
- Smith College
- Stanford
- SUNY Stony Brook
- UC Berkeley
- UC Irvine
- UCLA

- UC San Diego
- UIUC
- U Kentucky
- UMD College Park
- UMass Amherst
- UMinn Twin Cities
- UPenn
- UT Austin
- U Virginia
- Washington U.



NGI Research

- Three areas
 - Network Growth Engineering: scaling up in size and speed, measurement, network management, middleware
 - Quality of Service: flow based or aggregate based, congestion control
 - Security: network security and assurance, endto-end security, other policy functions (such as pricing and cost recovery)



Two subsections

- Advanced Infrastructure
 - Javad Boroumand will talk about most of real growth engineering
 - ◆ Internet Technologies program: enabling the next generation internet
- Advanced Research
 - ◆ Falls into the three NGI areas and more



Internet Technologies Program

- About 10 projects and \$4.5M: not NGI but relevant
- Examples
 - ◆ Measurement
 - NLANR, CAIDA, Gerla
 - Network support
 - Address validation for security(Reiher/Zhang)
 - Application support
 - QoS via Soundwire (Chafe Music Dept, Stanford)
 - Intersection of data mining and networking
 - Wireless support of Long Term Ecology Research Ctrs.
 - Continuous Media Middleware Toolkit



Advanced Research projects distribution

	Network Growth	QoS	Security
1998	6	1	1
1999	7 (6 proj)	8	2 (1 proj)



Network Growth Engineering

- McKeown, 98: Fork Join Terabit Router
- Obraczka/Tsudik, 98: Multicast for Ad Hoc Networks
- Walrand, 98: Improved, lightweight Web transport protocol
- Bagrodia, et al. 99: Planning grant for multimodal support for doctors
- Gao(Career), 99: VOD in Multicast Networks



Quality of Service

- Basar, 98: Dynamic team and game theory for congestion mgmt
- Chao, 99: A Terabit IP Router with QoS
- Guerin, 99: Routing and scheduling issues in support of advance reservations
- Siu, 99: Scheduling algorithms for HS switches with QoS guarantees
- Venkatasubramanian, 98: QoS enabled middleware for global distributed computing



Security

- Tripathi, 98: A secure and robust agent technology
- Calvert/Lam, 99: Secure multicast



Interagency activities: workshops

■ Smart Environments

- → NSF (funding support), DARPA, NIST
- → Organized by Sollins (NSF), Fisher (NSF), Scholtz (DARPA), Mills (NIST), Stanford (NIST)
- → Interdisciplinary: networking, middleware, HCI
- → Highlighted
 - Great enthusiasm in community for more
 - Need for more interdisciplinary communication/collaboration
 - Different agencies different modes of operation



Another workshop

- Internet economics
 - Organized by McKnight, Clark, Wroclawski
 - ◆ Interdisciplinary: Bringing together technology and policy people
 - Will happen in November
 - Co-funded with DARPA not easy but we can make it happen if we want to
 - Previous one several years ago led to a widely acclaimed book on Internet Economics. Book planned here as well.



Interagency communication

- Networks: Javad, Mari, Aubrey, and others
- NRT: networking program officers
 - Bridging the Gap (NASA) workshop to bring together apps and networking people
 - ◆ Possible network lecture series
 - Working on joint paper
- LSN
- JET'
- Other groups ...



Looking toward the future

- Wireless: on beyond the initiative
- Pervasive computing: smart environments, sensor nets, self organizing nets, etc.
- Management and understanding complexity: Thrust on measurement, modeling, simulation
- Next year (2001)
 - Security: workshop in 2000, problem of people, clear place for collaboration with NIST, NSA, DARPA
 - Group communication