

Research on Networks

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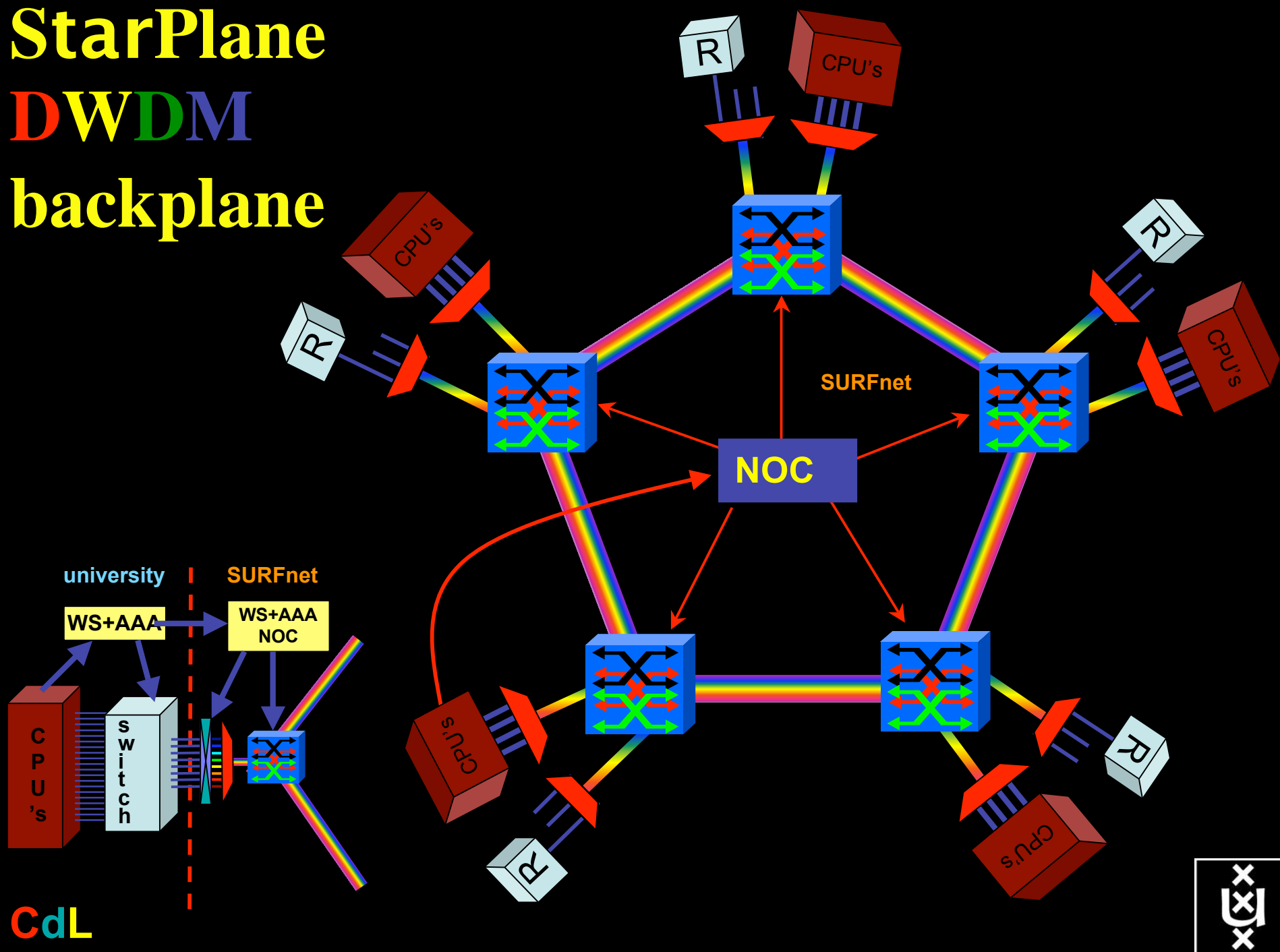


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StarPlane DWDM backplane





QOS in a non destructive way!

- Old QOS:
 - have a link or λ
 - set part of it aside for a lucky few under higher priority
 - rest gets less service

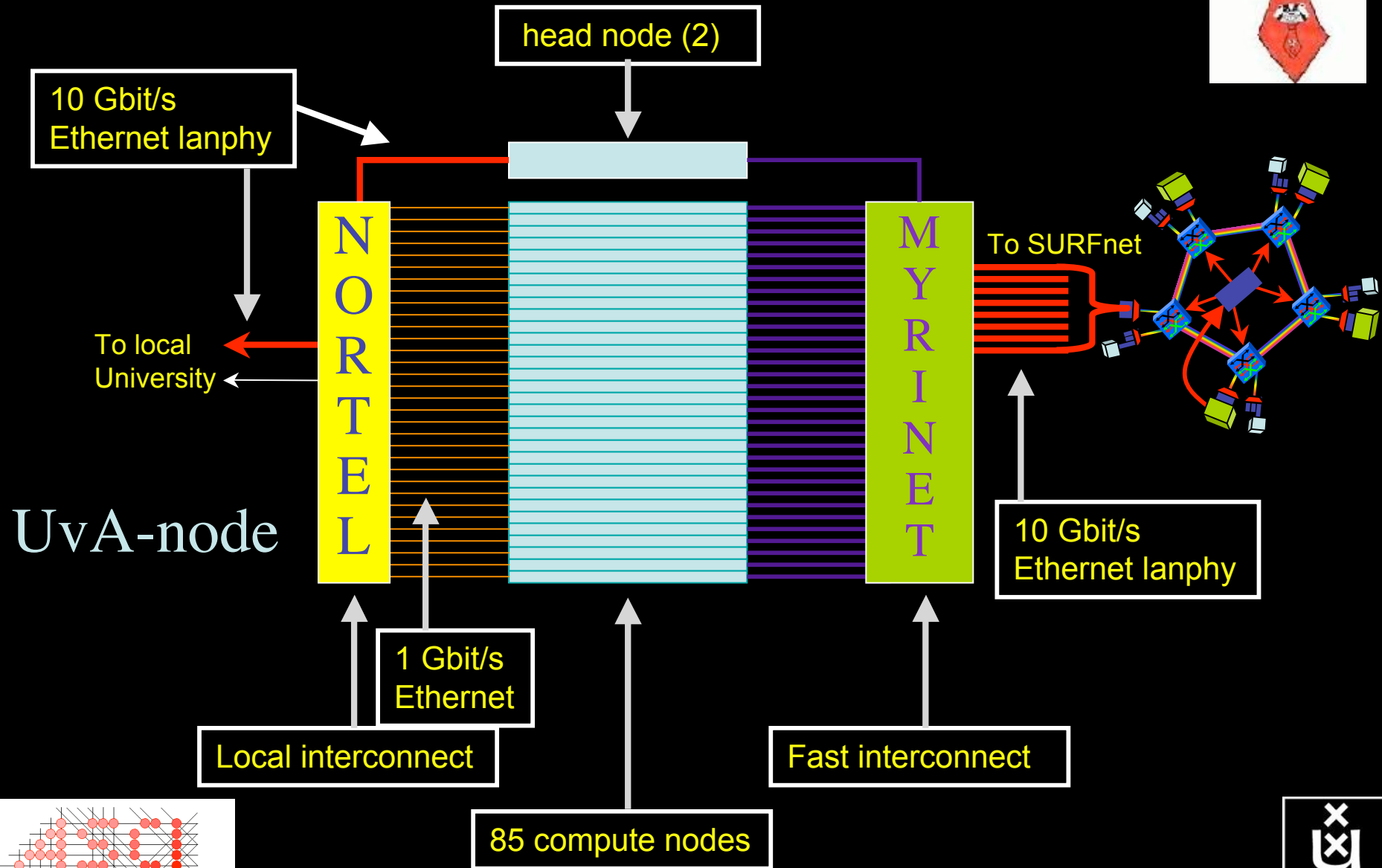


- New QOS:
 - have a λ
 - add other λ 's as needed on separate colors
 - move the lucky ones over there
 - rest gets also a bit happier!



DAS-3 Cluster Tender

http://www.clustervision.com/pr_das3_uk.html



Heterogeneous clusters

(# of unused ports)

	LU	TUD	UvA-VLE	UvA-MN	VU	TOTALS
Head						
* storage	10TB	5TB	2TB	2TB	10TB	29TB
* CPU	2x2.4GHz DC	2x2.4GHz DC	2x2.2GHz DC	2x2.2GHz DC	2x2.4GHz DC	46.4 GHz
* memory	16GB	16GB	8GB	16GB	8GB	64GB
* Myri 10G	1		1	1	1	40 Gb/s
* 10GE	1	1	1	1	1	50 Gb/s
Compute	32	68	40 (+1)	46	85	271
* storage	400GB	250GB	250GB	2x250GB	250GB	84 TB
* CPU	2x2.6GHz	2x2.4GHz	2x2.2GHz DC	2x2.4GHz	2x2.4GHz DC	1.9 THz
* memory	4GB	4GB	4GB	4GB	4GB	1048 GB
* Myri 10G	1		1	1	1	2030 Gb/s
Myrinet						
* 10G ports	33 (7)		41	47	86 (2)	2070 Gb/s
* 10GE ports	8		8	8	8	320 Gb/s
Nortel						
* 1GE ports	32 (16)	136 (8)	40 (8)	46 (2)	85 (11)	339 Gb/s
* 10GE ports	1 (1)	9 (3)	2	2	1 (1)	

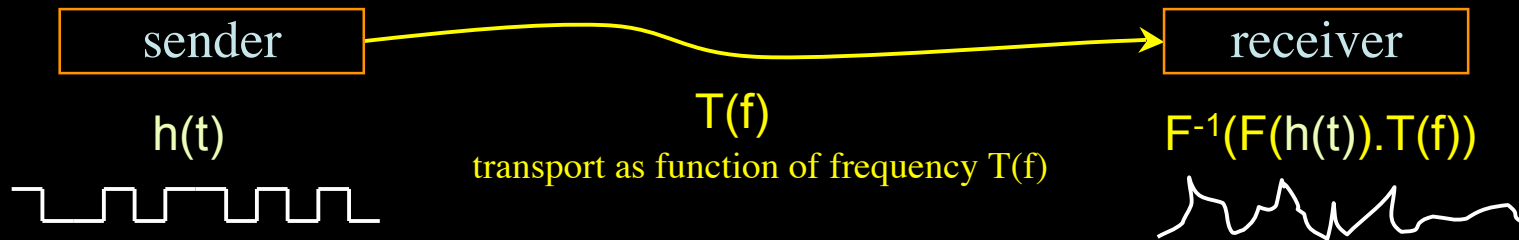
Status DAS-3

- clusters delivered end of august
 - housed @ UvA IvI building
 - 48 fiber pair cable to SURFnet6 rack @ SARA
 - in acceptance testing
 - Myrinet 10 G Ethernet cards expected in few weeks
 - 14 * 10 G NIC's delivered for initial testing/bridging



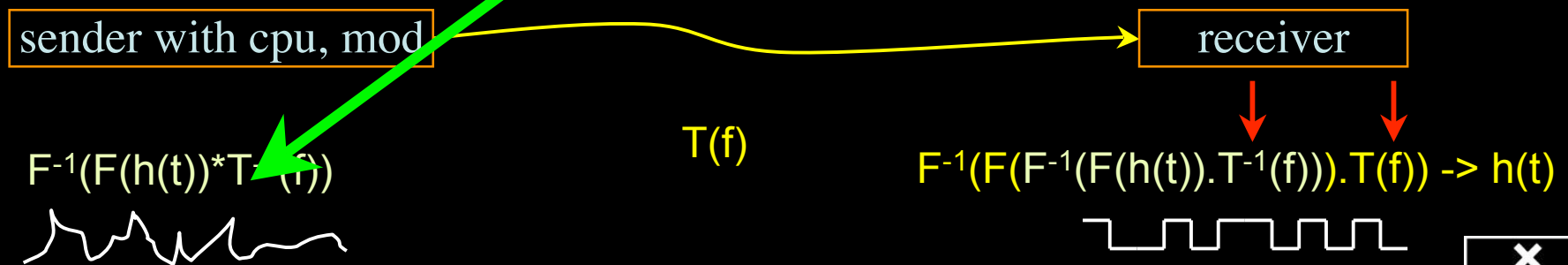
Dispersion compensating modem: eDCO from NORTEL

(Try to Google eDCO :-)



Solution in 5 easy steps for dummy's :

1. try to figure out $T(f)$ by trial and error
2. invert $T(f) \rightarrow T^{-1}(f)$
3. computationally multiply $T^{-1}(f)$ with Fourier transform of bit pattern to send
4. inverse Fourier transform the result from frequency to time space
5. modulate laser with resulting $h'(t) = F^{-1}(F(h(t)).T^{-1}(f))$

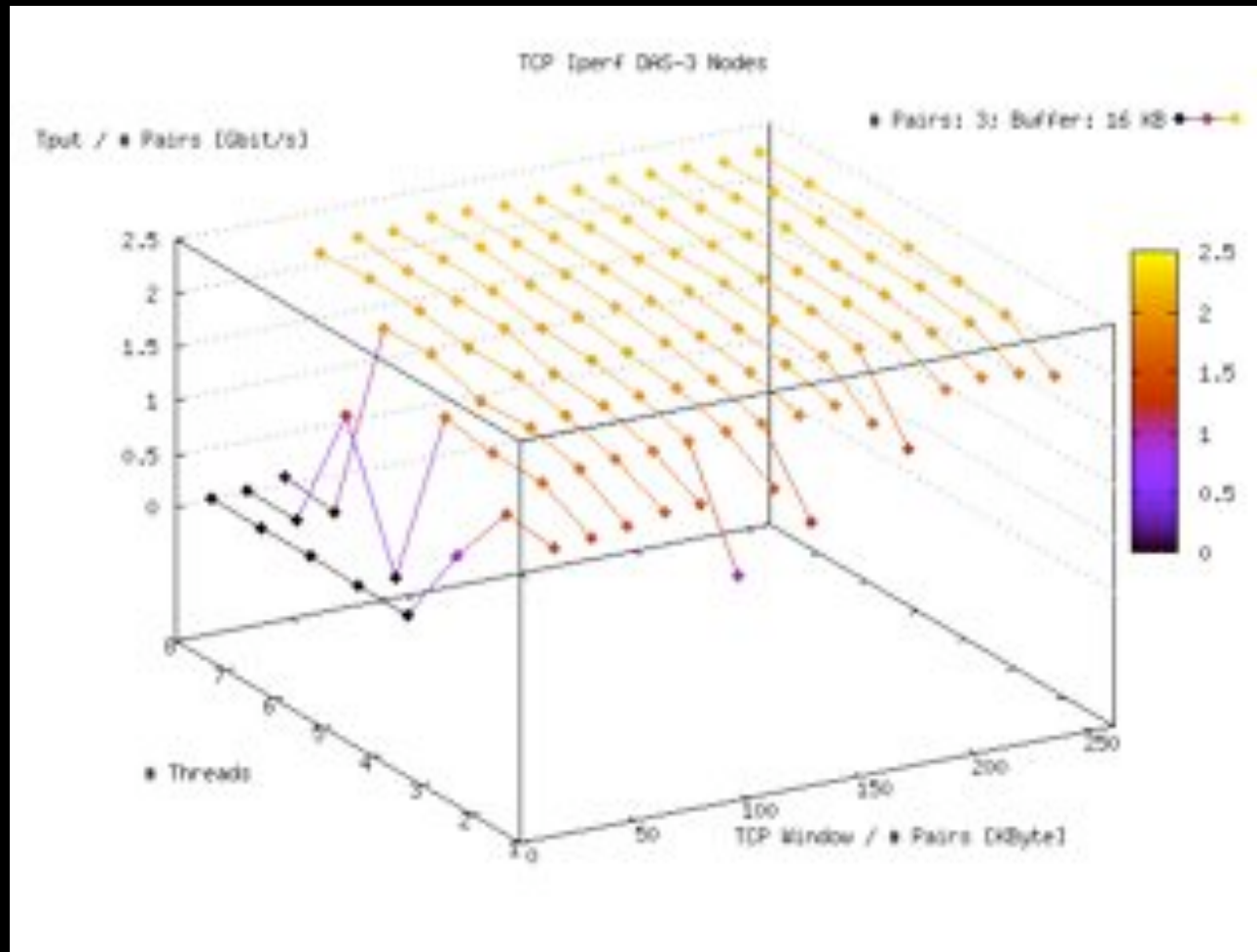


(ps. due to power \sim square E the signal to send **looks** like uncompensated received but is not)



Preliminary DAS-3 test

- De metingen zijn in dit geval gedaan Iperf met drie node-paren met een applicatie-buffer size van 16 KB
- Langs de X-as is de totale TCP window size / (# node paren) uitgezet en langs de Y-as het aantal parallelle flows per node paar.



Other tests

- SURFnet6 tests

- <http://trafficlight.uva.netherlight.nl/SURFnet6Tests/>

- tests with CWI:

- http://trafficlight.uva.netherlight.nl/SURFnet6Tests/cwi_direct_link/toc/index.html

- Autotune TCP stack

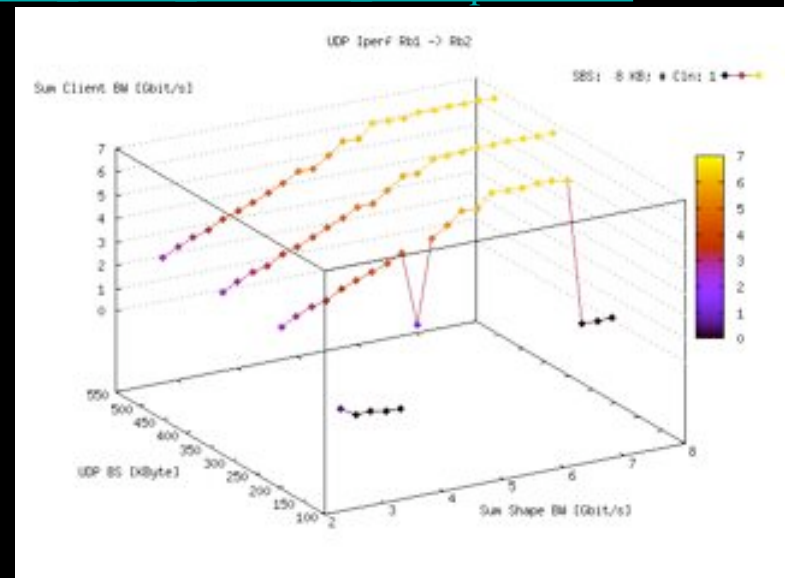
- http://trafficlight.uva.netherlight.nl/SURFnet6Tests/cwi_direct_link/scen_01/tcp/index.html#CPU-Aff-Auto-Tune-Sect

- related UDP tests

- http://trafficlight.uva.netherlight.nl/SURFnet6Tests/cwi_direct_link/scen_01/udp/perf_results/cpu_aff/index.html

- reorder tests on Rembrandt

- http://trafficlight.uva.netherlight.nl/SURFnet6Tests/cwi_direct_link/scen_01/udp/conclusions/index.html



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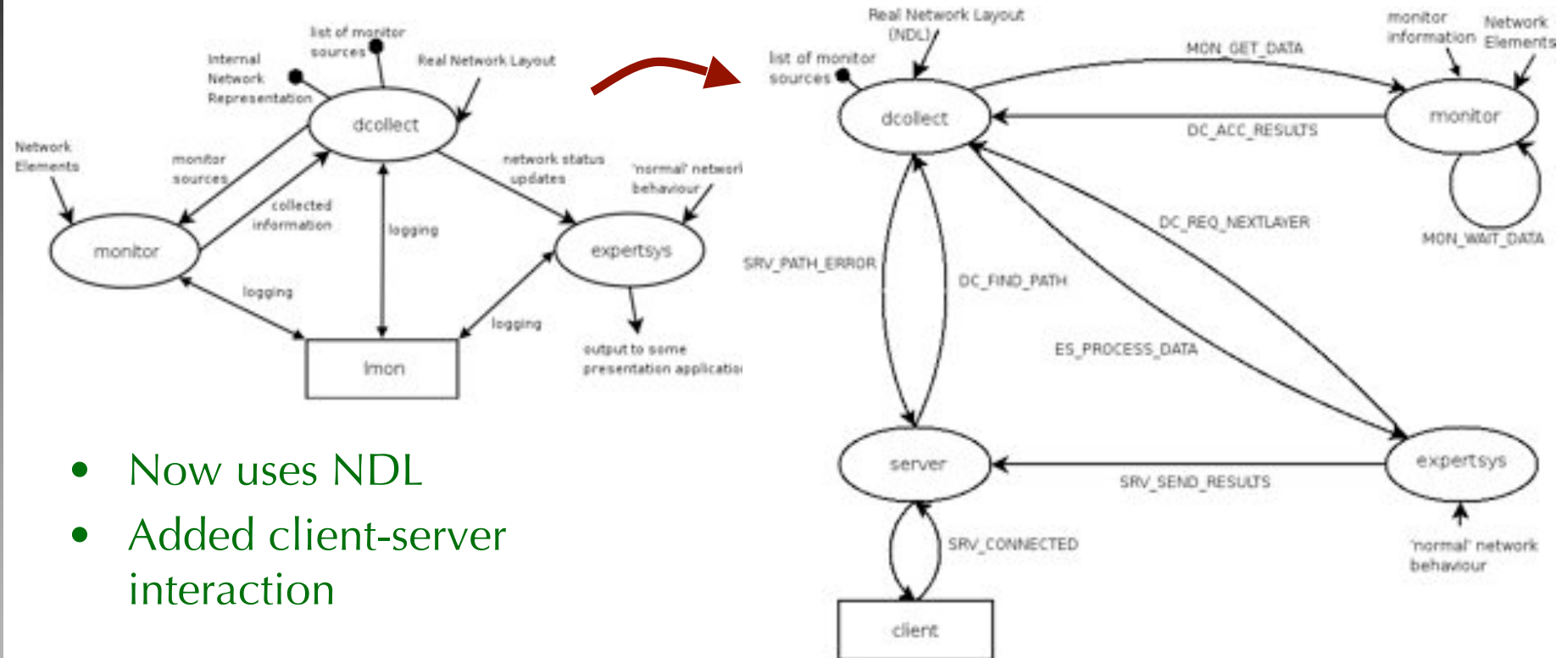


Expert System: Recap

- Gather data from devices along a connection, and try to pinpoint the fault.
Passive monitoring
- Two ways to think about it:
 - A connection does not work, what is wrong?
 - Predict with the available data if a link works or not.
- Current lack of tools to retrieve monitoring information in a uniform format.
Takes an effort to write software for each device.
- Unclear if it is possible to cope with missing data.

Expert System Design

- Minor changes to the design:



- Now uses NDL
- Added client-server interaction

Expert System: Progress

- Now uses NDL
 - Easier to extend with new properties (multilayer information, device information)
 - Created NDL extension to describe device configuration (see talk Bert)
- On demand monitoring
 - Added support for Glimmerglass; Force10, Nortel switch and Calient in progress
 - No constant polling, but only when needed
- Added client-server interaction
 - Still in plain text; may be in XML in the future (webservice)

Expert System: Planning

- **Detection and Isolation**
 - Use top-down isolation: if a connection is correct at layer N, then it is not needed to check all details of layer N-1 (maybe only verify the path)
- **Planning**
 - First demo showing the expert system
 - Extension to NDL for device specific information (brand, model, so that the monitor knows how to gather data)
 - Extension to multilayer problem, using the top-down isolation (for now it just gathers all data)

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MALAN

- Metropolitan Area LAN
- Between
 - SNE Lab (HvA / Amstel Station)
 - Lighthouse (SARA / Science Park)
- Using Eurofiber dark fiber



IPv4/v6



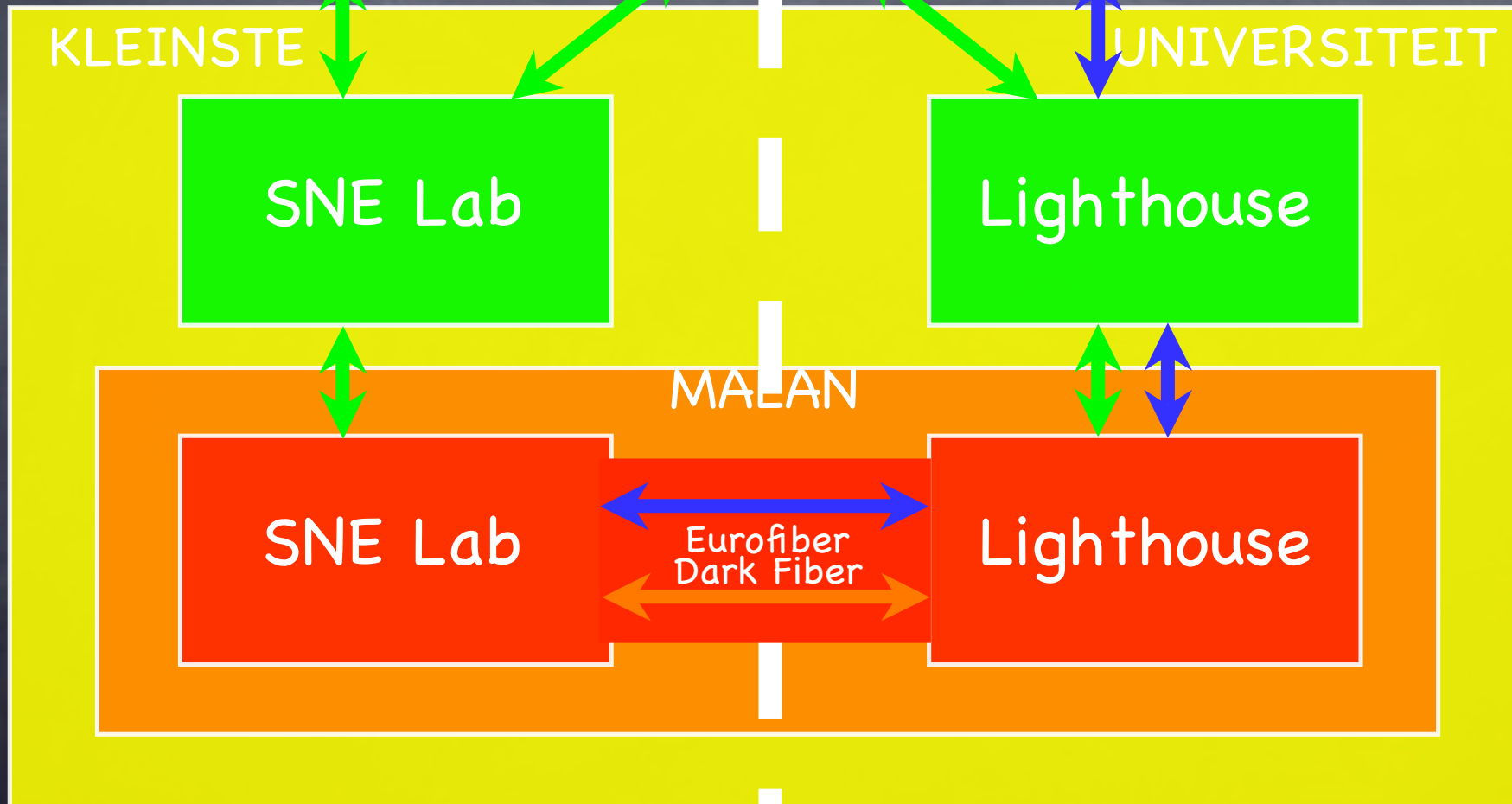
Lightpath



Lightpath



WDM



Amstel Station

Science Park



Example student projects

- Netbooting (Mac OS X; Linux)
- BW-intensive applications
- Distributed filesystem
- iSCSI
- IDS'ses
- University - ISP interface
- extend hybrid networking in the enterprise
- see: <http://www.science.uva.nl/~delaat/sne-2006-2007>

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Power is a big issue

- UvA cluster uses (max) 30 kWh
- 1 kWh ~ 0.1 €
- per year -> 26 k€/y
- add cooling 50% -> 39 k€/y
- Emergency power system -> 50 k€/y
- per rack 10 kWh is now normal
- **YOU BURN ABOUT HALF THE CLUSTER OVER ITS LIFETIME!**

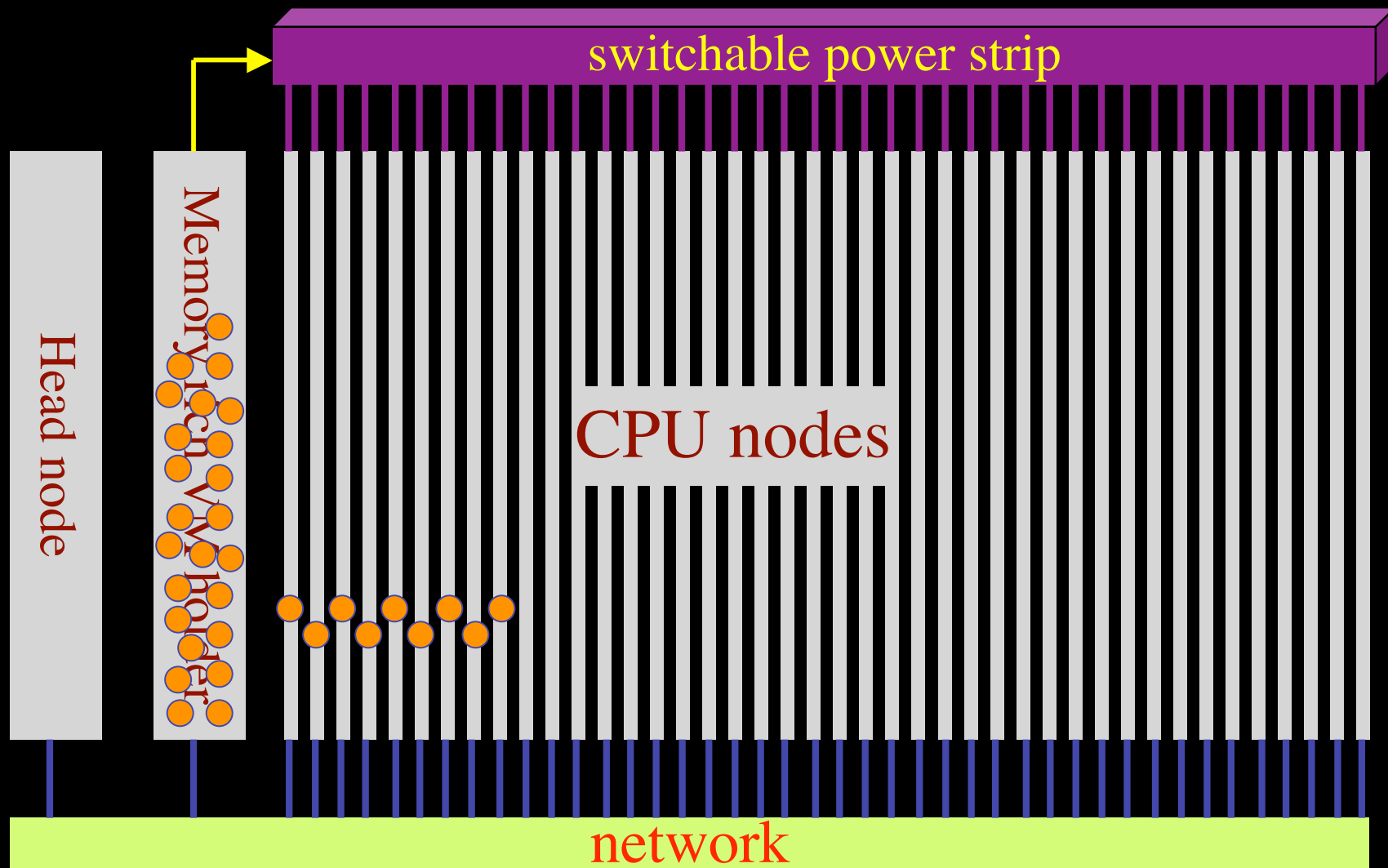


Power outages are a big problem

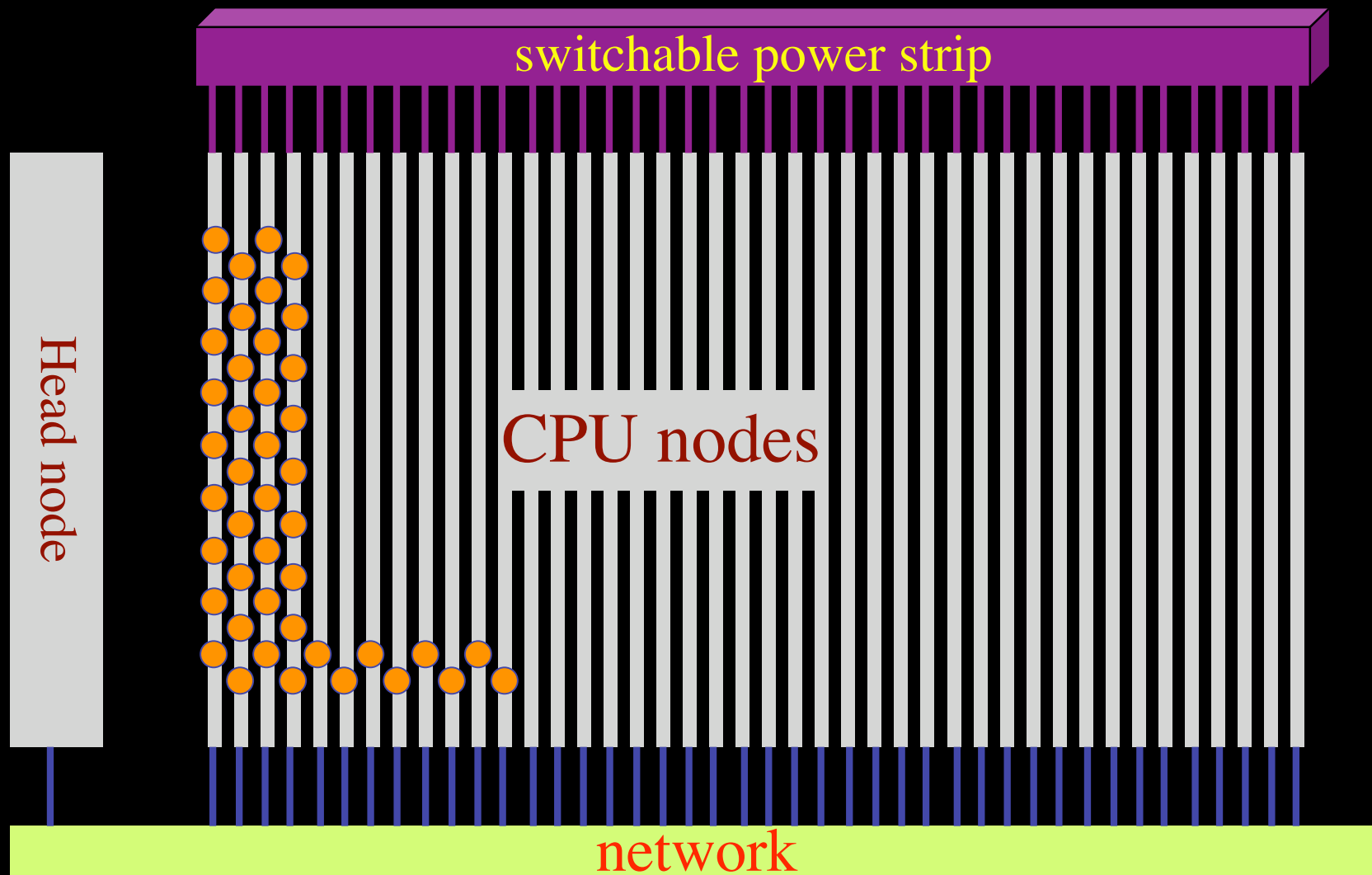
- on average about one outage per year
 - once the generator not starting/taking over
 - -> batteries
 - this summer weekend explosion of cable
 - -> generator fine!
- battery power for 5 minutes, generator to take over
- priorities for emergency power/cooling
- asked to shutdown compute nodes if temp rises



VM opportunity



VM opportunity - B



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Activities @ SC06

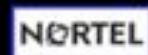
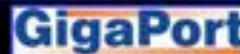
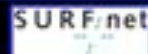
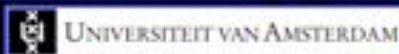
- Accepted poster on NDL by JvdH et al.
- Booth poster + slideshow on StarPlane by CdL
- Booth poster + demo, slides on NDL by Jeroen et al.
- Booth poster + demo, slides on TBN by Leon et al.
- Booth web page plus WebCam's by CdL
- SciNet routerheads team JP
- support demo NORTEL VM on Gloriad
- support demo “optical” multicast Joe Mambretti
- participation demo data mining IDS logs of Bob Grossman



The Dutch Booth #1805 at SC 2006, nov 13 - 16 2006 live ! (made by C.T. de Laat)

This page was live during sc06, now archived, see us at sc07 in Reno!

Click on one of the windows to enlarge that view!



SC2006 demonstrators in the Dutch Booth

[visit the TBN expert homepage](#)

[visit NDL for the GLIF page](#)

[visit StarPlane.org](#)

[visit the SARA TOPS project page](#)

[visit System & Engineering @ UvA](#)

[visit Personal Space Station demo](#)

sc2006 UvA Posters @ Dutch booth (click on poster to download pdf)

Token-based GMPLS

Path Authorization and Resource Management by extending RSVP-TE with Tokens



Tokens will allow:

- Separation of complex authorization processes from the actual use of the network.
- Decisions within the network at near real-time, providing access to a pre-provisioned network behavior.

Network Description Language

Semantics for Hybrid Networks

Author: van der Meer, Pieter; Groot, Ronald van der; Nijboer, Frank; Poon, Yikraz; van de Laar

What is NDL?

The Network Description Language (NDL) is a language that can be used to describe hybrid networks, so that different administrative domains can share and correlate topology information.

Hybrid Networks

Several research networks around the world are implementing hybrid networks. These networks provide end users with traditional packet IP services, but also lightweight, to support lightweight processing, better systems must have topology information, both sites and inter-domain. This requires that the information is described in a computer-readable format.

NDL Basics

NDL is based on Resource Description Framework (RDF), a semantic web technology developed by the W3C. RDF describes relations using triples.

NDL schema - Classes and properties defined in the NDL schema



www.StarPlane.org

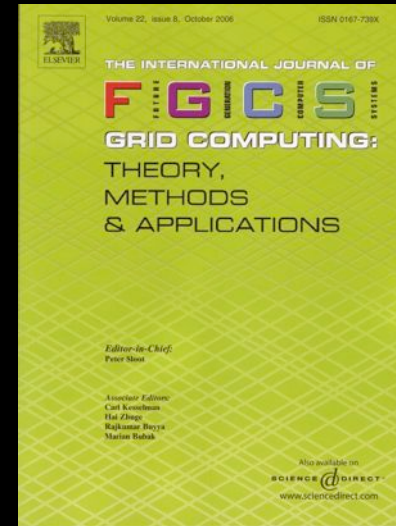
Application-specific Management of Photonic Networks

StarPlane is a NWO funded project of the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and the Vrije Universiteit (VU). The project investigates how to enable applications to dynamically manage and control photonic networks. It takes advantage of two new infrastructures: the hybrid SURFnet network and the DAS-1 grid cluster. It will develop the management and control plane that will enable applications to access, manage and use the network resources in a real-time fashion.



Pubs

- FGCS special issue on sc2005



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- # Yuri Demchenko, Leon Gommans, Cees de Laat, Rene van Buuren, "Domain Based Access Control Model for Distributed Collaborative Applications", Accepted paper, The 2nd IEEE International Conference on e-Science and Grid Computing, December 4-6, 2006, Amsterdam. -> Accepted paper -> still to be published
- # Demchenko, Y., L. Gommans, C. de Laat, A. Taal, A. Wan, O. Mulmo, "Using Workflow for Dynamic Security Context Management in Complex Resource Provisioning", 7th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Grid Computing (Grid2006), Barcelona, September 28-30, 2006. IEEE Cat. No. 06EX1363C. ISBN: 1-4244-0344-8, pp.72-79.



Questions ?

