e-VLBI: Dynamic circuits for radio astronomy



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A typical e-VLBI run



- 8 12 telescopes
- 1024 Mb/s per telescope (Near future: 4Gb/s)
- 8 12 hours
- 30 65 TB



- NEXPReS is a three-year project aimed at further developing
 e-VLBI services of the European VLBI Network (EVN), with the goal of
 incorporating e-VLBI into every astronomical observation conducted by
 the EVN.
- 15 Astronomical Institutes and NRENs participating: JIVE, ASTRON, SURFnet, Nordunet, DANTE, PSNC (pl), TUM (de), INAF (it), MPG (de), UMAN (uk), OSO (se), VENT (lt), FG-IGN (es), AALTO (fi), CSIRO (au)

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WP6: High Bandwidth on Demand

Task 1: Integration of e-VLBI with Bandwidth-on-Demand (JIVE, SURFnet, NORDUnet, OSO, CSIRO)

Task 2: On-demand access for large archives (ASTRON (LOFAR), SURFnet)

Task 3: Testing and validation of on-demand circuits (UMAN, JIVE)

Task 4: Multi Gbps on demand for e-VLBI (4Gb/s, 10Gb/s) (JIVE, SURFnet, NORDUnet, OSO)

NEXPReS NSI Agent





Dynamic 10Gb/s in NEXPReSWP6



Experience with NSI so far

- Standard is still in development
- There is no 'NSI-cloud' yet
 - Every new connection has to be provisioned
 - Lots of work for 'first user'
- Layer 2 service: think about your IP assignments and routing
 - Limited number of 'labels' (VLAN tags)
- Not a production service yet
 - Testbeds have limited bandwidth
 - Extra connections in/out of testbeds
 - Often no bandwith enforcement
- Different versions of NSI standard and software
 - AutoBahn, OpenDRAC, OpeNSA, NEXPReS client
- Very good support from NRENs, GÉANT

NSI 'wishlist'

- Authentication/Authorization
 - Federated? User-based? NREN level? Standardized!
- Pathfinding, topology discovery and exchange
 - Real-time topology (incl capacity)? Per user (screened) ?
 - Path building chain / tree? Explicit Routing Object?
- Aggregation
 - DIY aggregation in NEXPReS client
- Monitoring
 - Fault tolerance, maintenance, automatic/manual re-routing?
- Status of NSI clients? Full citizens?
- Bandwidth! Reach!

