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# GENI FEDERATION WITH CHAMELEON: A LARGE-SCALE, RECONFIGURABLE EXPERIMENTAL ENVIRONMENT FOR CLOUD RESEARCH

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# TESTBED TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY'S RESEARCH CHALLENGES

*The community builds the testbed,  
and afterwards the testbed will shape the  
community*

## Big Data

Data volume,  
velocity and  
variety

**Big Compute**  
A wide range of  
data analytics

Programmable networks  
cheap, ubiquitous sensors  
and other emergent trends

**Big  
Instruments**  
Cyber-Physical  
Systems,  
Observatories

- **Build the right testbed**
- **Make the environment**

- **Reach the right community**
- **Have the right team**

# CHAMELEON: A POWERFUL AND FLEXIBLE EXPERIMENTAL INSTRUMENT

- ▶ Large-scale
  - ▶ Targeting Big Data, Big Compute, Big Instrument research
  - ▶ Over 650 nodes, 5 PB disk, 100G network
- ▶ Reconfigurable
  - ▶ Bare metal reconfiguration, single instrument, graduated approach for ease-of-use
- ▶ Connected
  - ▶ Workload and Trace Archive, partners with production clouds
- ▶ Complementary
  - ▶ Complementing GENI, Comet, Wrangler, XSEDE
  - ▶ Partnering with GENI, Grid'5000, OCC, OSDC et al (FIRE?)
- ▶ Sustainable
  - ▶ Strong industry connections

# RESEARCH COMMUNITIES AND CAPABILITIES

## Users

New models, algorithms, platforms, auto-scaling HA, etc.,  
Application and educational uses

*Persistent, reliable, shared cloud*

## Core Researchers and Users

Repeatable experiments in new models, algorithms,  
platforms, auto-scaling, HA, etc.

*Isolated partition, pre-configured images reconfiguration*

## Core Researchers

Virtualization technology (SR-IOV, accelerators, etc.)  
Infrastructure-level resource management

*Isolated partition, full bare metal reconfiguration*

# SUPPORTED APPLICATIONS

## ▶ CPS

- ▶ Offloading, multi-criteria trade-off analysis (response time vs cost), auto-scaling, high availability, etc.

## ▶ Machine learning, data mining

- ▶ Mix of Big Compute and Big Data simulations and models, design of novel data processing frameworks

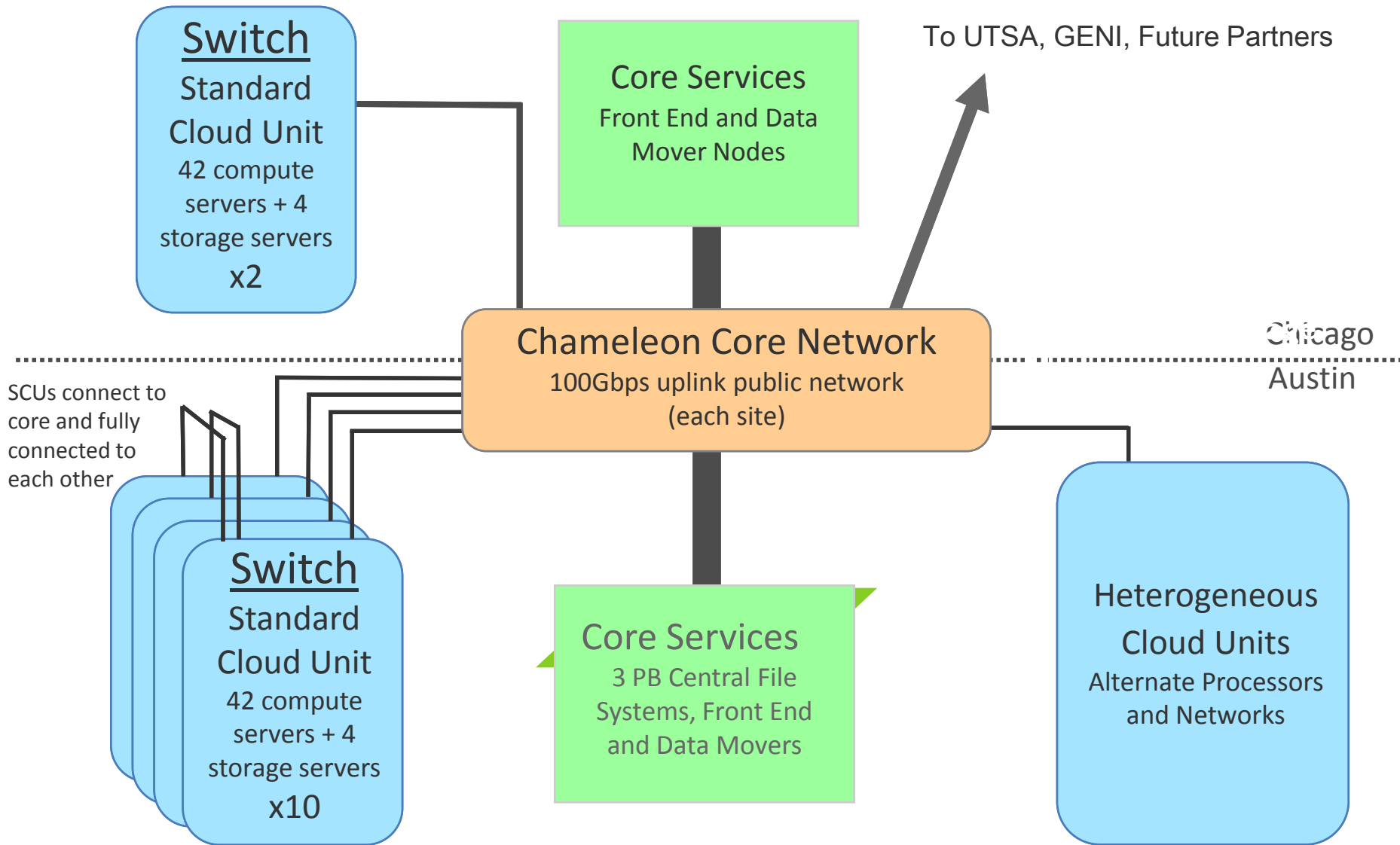
## ▶ System Software/Virtualization

- ▶ Hypervisors optimizing a range of qualities, SR-IOV, virtualizing accelerators, etc.

## ▶ Networking

- ▶ Programmable networks & QoS, refinement and effects of SR-IOV, large dataflows, end-to-end QoS

# ARCHITECTURE



# SYSTEM SOFTWARE: CORE CAPABILITIES



**Users**

**Persistent  
clouds**  
OpenStack

**Pre-configured  
Image Catalog**  
VM images

**Core Researchers  
and Users**

**Pre-configured Image Catalog**  
Bare metal images

**Core Researchers**

**Provisioning**  
LosF (TACC)  
OpenFlow (GENI)

**Scheduling**  
OAR2 (Grid'5000)

**Orchestration**  
Cloudinit.d

# CHAMELEON SERVICES AND FEATURES

- ▶ User Services
  - ▶ Allocation management through reservations, automatic image deployment
  - ▶ Dedicated Web portal for reservations, docs, stats, etc.
- ▶ Experiment Support
  - ▶ Trace and Workload Archive
  - ▶ Experiment enhancement (e.g., load generators)
- ▶ Additional Features
  - ▶ Reconfigurable, connected instrument
  - ▶ Development-focused approach
  - ▶ Ease-of- use: one stop shopping for experimental needs
  - ▶ Distinct from off-the-shelf cloud services
  - ▶ Code ownership and collaboration



# NETWORKING CAPABILITIES

- ▶ Expose SDN, OpenFlow, etc. to users
  - ▶ Isolation
  - ▶ Hybrid Network Capabilities
  - ▶ Programmable Topologies
  - ▶ Integration With Other Resources Within and External to the Testbed
- ▶ Pushing 100G Networks To Their Limit
  - ▶ Using 100G + SDN Optimally
  - ▶ Chameleon appliances and services allow experimenters a highly granulated view into -- and control -- over traffic flows
- ▶ Integration/Federation with GENI (Et Al... \*N Testbeds)
- ▶ Within Common Policy Context

# PARTNERSHIP WITH GENI COMMUNITY

- ▶ Chameleon Enables the GENI Virtual Laboratory For Networking and Distributed Systems Research and Education To Extended Significantly With Many New Types of Resources.
- ▶ This Blending of Resources Will Enable Investigations Of New Types Of Innovative Highly Distributed Environments at Scale.

# GENI-CHAMELEON FEDERATION

- ▶ Federation: ~ Identity Federation (Authentication/Authorization)
- ▶ Goal: Experiments Should Be Able To Log Into Either The GENI or Chameleon Environments Through a Federated Identity Mechanism.
- ▶ After An Experimenter Logs In, Portals Should Be Able To Identify the Groups And Or Projects In Which That Experimenter is a Member To Verify Access To Resources That Belong To Specific Projects.

# GENI AND OPENID: PHASE 1

- ▶ GENI Currently Supports an OpenID Provider (OP) Through Which Identity Can Be Federated to Services.
- ▶ Phase 1: GENI ↔ Chameleon Federation.
  - ▶ Chameleon Has Implemented an OpenID RP To Receive Identity Information From GENI.
  - ▶ However, A Project Association Is Required
  - ▶ Currently, GENI Experimenters Who Would Like To Use Chameleon Need To Be Added As Members Of the “GENI/Chameleon Federation” Project In The GENI Environment.

# GENI AND OPENID: PHASE 1 (CONT.A)

- ▶ Afterward, When They Are Project Members, Chameleon Resources Are Shown As Available.
- ▶ They Can See And Select A “Use-Chameleon” Button That Brings Them To the Chameleon/OpenID Page Where They Will Be Authenticated And Then Automatically Added To The “GENI/Chameleon Federation” Project In the Chameleon Environment.
- ▶ Subsequently, They Have Log-In Access to Chameleon OpenStack interface(s) And Can Log Into Chameleon Using Their GENI OpenID directly from the Chameleon Portal.

# GENI AND OPENID: PHASE 1 (CONT.B)

- ▶ This Project Association Provides A Means To Allow Initial Exploration and Evaluation of the Chameleon Environment By Experimenters
- ▶ If The Environment Proves To Be Useful, The Experimenters Can Establish Their Own Chameleon Projects To Enable Larger Scaling of Resources

# PHASE 2

- ▶ **Phase 2: Chameleon ↔ GENI Federation**
  - ▶ **The GENI Portal Cannot Receive OpenID Federated Identity Information From Another Source (Relaying Party or RP, i.e., Chameleon)**
  - ▶ **This Issue Is Being Addressed Through the G ↔ C Federation Project.**
  - ▶ **Chameleon Will Soon Implement a Process to Transmit Identity Information to GENI Enable Federation from Chameleon -> GENI**
    - ▶ **1. Creating OpenID RP in GENI Portal**
    - ▶ **2. Creating OpenID OP in Chameleon Portal**
    - ▶ **3. Investigating Potential For Chameleon Shibboleth IdP to log In To GENI (Technique Used By SAVI, Which Uses OpenStack & ShibIdP To Send Project Data From Keystone To LDAP)**

# PHASE 3

- ▶ Project Federation Between GENI and Chameleon
- ▶ A Mechanism Is Required To Enable An Experimenter To Bring a GENI Project to Chameleon
- ▶ GENI Designates A “Project Lead” Who Is Manually Approved (e.g., FT Faculty at Accredited Research Institution)



# PHASE 4

- ▶ Plans Are To Enable GENI Experiments To Reserve And Use Chameleon Resources Without Using The CC User Interface
- ▶ This Requires Some Development Activities By The Chameleon Systems Team Addressing Issues At:
  - ▶ API Layer
  - ▶ Control Plane Layer
  - ▶ Orchestration Layer
  - ▶ Data Plane Layer
  - ▶ SDI Infrastructure Federation
  - ▶ Etc

# PHASE 5: FEDERATION-AS-A-SERVICE

- ▶ Federation-as-a-Service
- ▶ Generalized Architectural Model For Federation With N Testbeds (GENI, FIRE, Chameleon, CloudLab, OSDC, CERN CT, SAVI, OCX, JGN-X, IOFT, NGN, GTS, and Many Others)
- ▶ SDX Implementations (e.g., StarLight SDX) Will Be Key Resources
- ▶ An Open Architecture API Would Be Useful
- ▶ Also, Mechanisms For Policy Implementation
- ▶ Architecture Should Incorporate Options For Policy Based Access to Other SDN Resources
- ▶ Policy Architecture For SDN Is Progressing Through Standardization Processes

# APPLICATIONS REQUIRING PARTICULARLY STRICT FEDERATION POLICY RULES

- ▶ Sensitive Research Data
- ▶ Apps Based On Highly Restricted Data Access
- ▶ Computational Bioinformatics Research
- ▶ Various Medical Applications
- ▶ Access To Specialized Instrumentation

# THANKS!

