

# View from the Pacific



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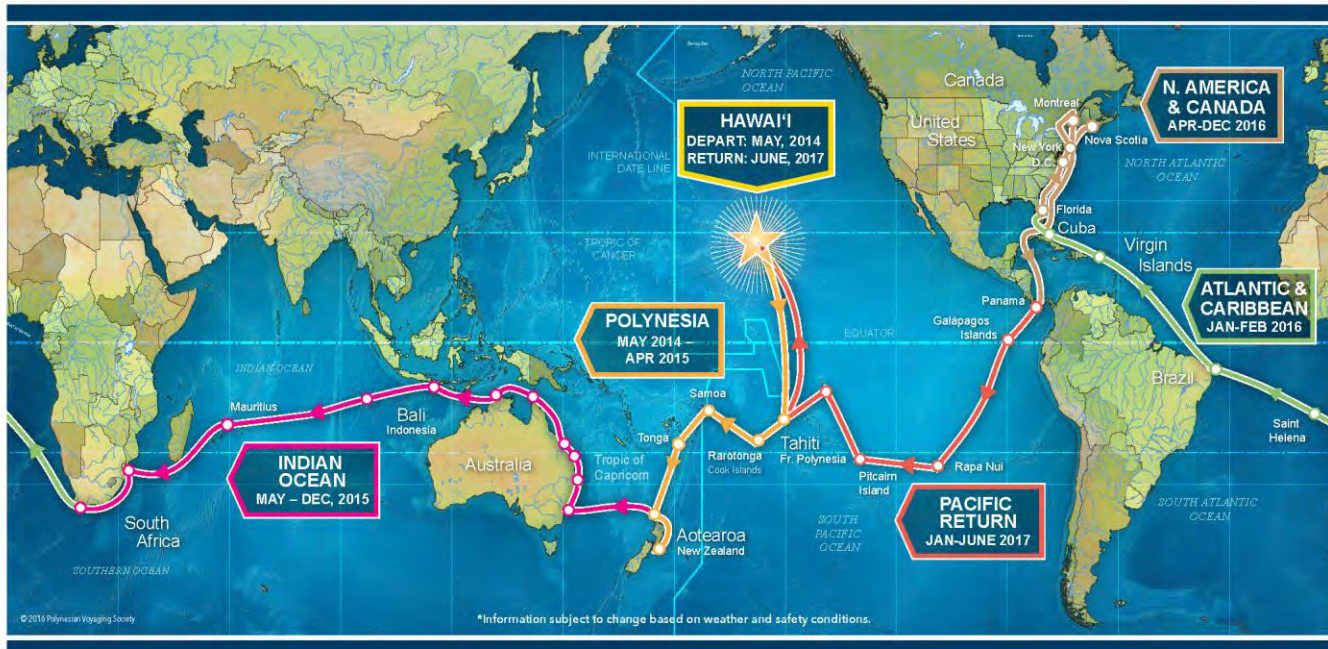


# Voyage of the Hōkūle‘a



## MĀLAMA HONUA WORLDWIDE VOYAGE

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# Hawai'i's Proud Networking History

- **The Aloha protocols were developed and deployed at the University of Hawai'i to connect UH campuses on different islands via radio**
- **PACCOM project based at the University of Hawaii was the vehicle for first international IP connections to academic institutions and networks beginning in 1989 with New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Korea...**
- **The University of Hawai'i was the first U.S. R&E entity to acquire submarine fiber IRUs: JUSCN, SCCN, AAG, SEA-US**
- **Hawai'i was the first US state to deploy self-managed fiber to every public school, every public library and every public college/university – and interconnect them on every island**





# The Early Cycle of Academic Networks

- Universities actively pioneered the deployment of IP networks around the world
- The world noticed, and the commercial Internet emerged
  - Many R&E networks sold and/or replaced by commercial services
- By the mid-1990s U.S. universities realized something was missing
  - Costs spiraling out of control
  - Limited development and deployment of new IP technologies
  - Connectivity via commercial ISPs hindered high-bandwidth academic applications and innovations
- We brought forward the next generation of R&E networking (Internet2)
- And now national and regional R&E organizations collaborate through our extensive interconnected global R&E network fabric





## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



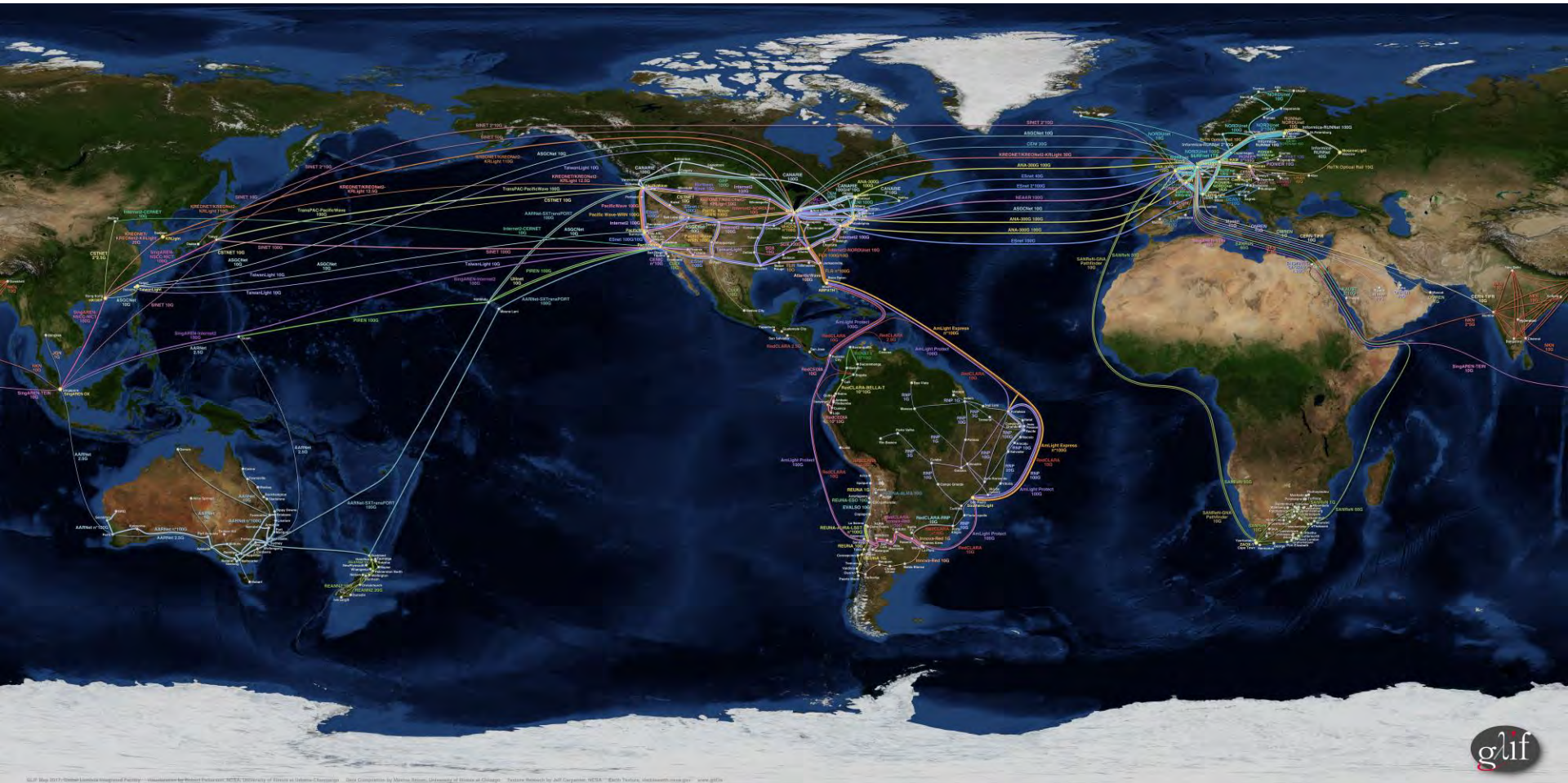
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# Asia-Pacific Backbone Topology



- APAN(Affiliated)
- TransPAC/PacificWave
- SingAREN/Internet2
- GEANT/TEIN(Affiliated)
- JGN SINET
- AARNet
- Others





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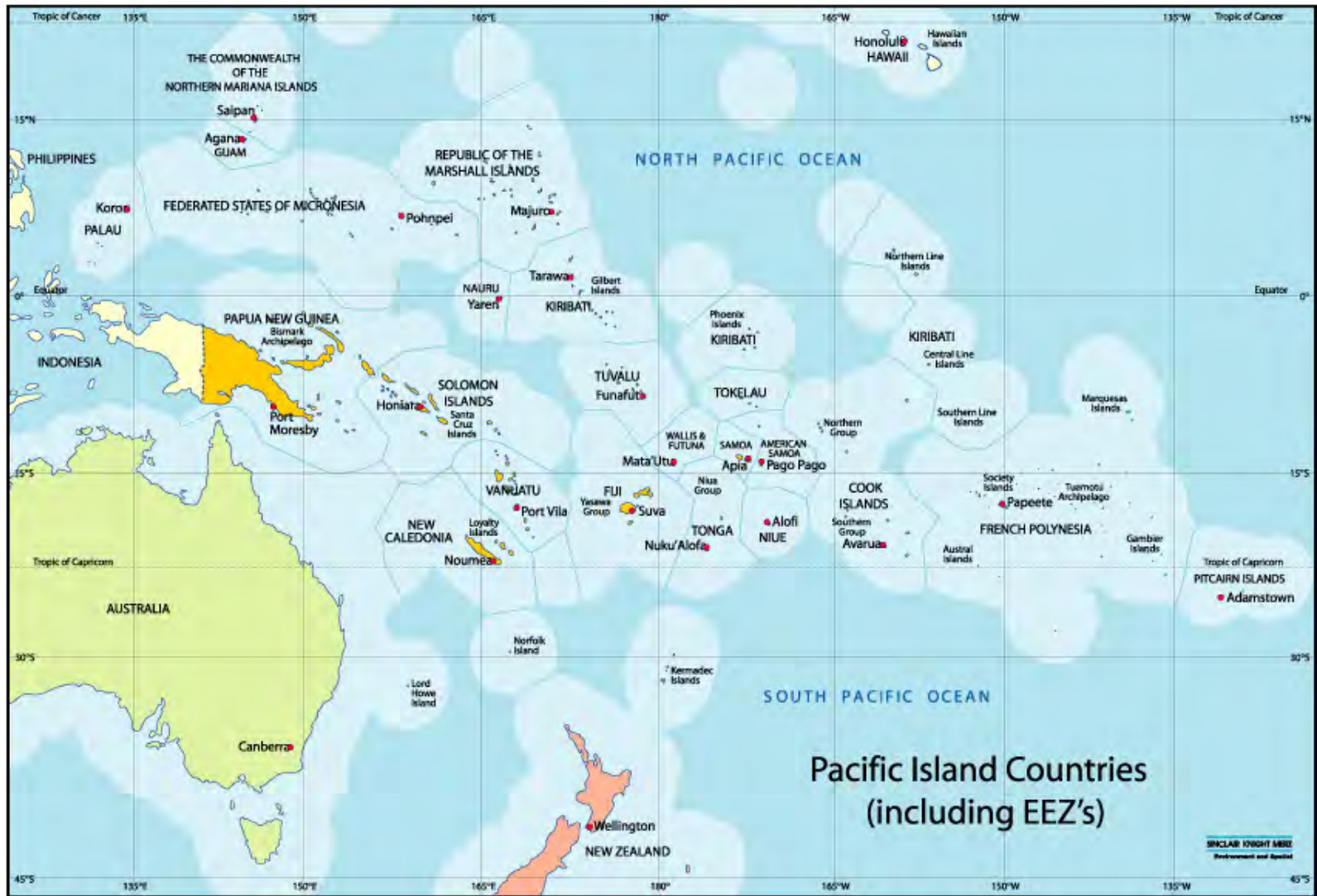


# The Missing Link

- We have seen substantial R&E networking progress in:
  - Southeast Asia
  - South Asia
  - Central Asia
  - Africa
  - Caribbean

***The Pacific Islands have been the last major part of the world to develop Research & Education network capacity***





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# In a Nutshell

- Only Papua New Guinea has a population over a million (>6m)
  - Next is Fiji at <900,000
  - Some with populations under 10,000
- Mostly weak economies with low GDP
- Limited educational attainment and opportunity
- High incidence of NCDs
- Limited telecom infrastructure – internal and external
  - Developing and variable telecom regulatory environments
- Multiple political affiliations and limited regional “glue”
- **Connectivity is most critical to the most isolated communities; Unfortunately, they generally have the most limited capacity.**



# Typical R&E Network Goals

- Connect education & research communities domestically and globally
  - Enable cyberinfrastructure-empowered research
  - Enable distance learning, training, access to content and academic collaborations
  - Support academic cloud services
- Develop, deploy and transfer advanced network applications and technologies
  - Enable new generation of R&E applications
  - Transfer technology, knowledge and experience for broad commercial use





# Benefits of R&E Networking for the Pacific – Education & Health

- Expand distance learning opportunities and improve educational capacity
  - Education, Public Health, Health Care, Social Work, STEM, Marine Sciences, Environmental Studies, Business...
  - Connect indigenous and native communities to share language, culture, practices and wisdom
- Access to global digital libraries and educational content repositories
- Enable collaboration among schools, colleges, universities, NGOs and others throughout the world
- Telemedicine & Public Health outreach and research



# Benefits of R&E Networking for the Pacific – Addressing National & Regional Problems

- Enable strategic research using modern cyberinfrastructure and eScience approaches:
  - Climate Change & Sea Level Rise, Ocean Acidification, Coral Reef Survival, Fisheries, Island Sustainability, Indigenous Culture Preservation, Sustainable Agriculture, Public Health, Bioinformatics applications to people and the environment, Earthquake & Tsunami Modeling, Disaster Resilience, Environmental Studies...
- **WITH, not just FOR Pacific Islanders**





# Benefits of R&E Networking for the Pacific – Economic

- Develop a workforce skilled with emerging technologies for local telecommunications and ICT industries
- Enable economic development for information economies through new ICT-based innovations and initiatives
- Build appreciation for higher speed broadband and demand for higher capacity services and infrastructure



# Explosion of Fiber Infrastructure in the Pacific

## Projects

SCCN – AU, NZ, HI, US ( + SC NEXT)

PPC-1 – AU, Guam + PNG

AJC – AU, Guam, JP

AAG – US, HI, Guam, HK, SG, VN,  
Brunei, MY, PI, TH

SEA-US – UH, HI, Guam, PI, IN  
+ Palau, Yap

Honotua – Tahiti, HI

ASH - American Samoa – Hawaii

Hantru-1 – Micronesia, Marshalls,  
Guam

ATISA - Northern Marianas, Guam

Gondwana-1 - New Caledonia, AU

PNG – AU & Guam

Tonga – Fiji

Vanuatu – Fiji

Tui Samoa – Samoa, Fiji, Wallis, Futuna

## Pending

Manatua – Samoa, Tahiti, Cooks, Niue

Coral Sea – AU, PNG, Solomons  
+ multiple internal/regional systems

## Gamechanger

Deployment of strategic branching  
units - whether initially utilized or not

## Plus Satellite Projects

O3B in Production

MEO – Low Latency (120 ms)

Ka Band – Gigabit speeds

Kacific (pending)

“affordable” Geostationary  
Ka Band for end users

**Hawaiki – NZ, AU, HI, US +**  
**AmSamoa, Fiji, Tonga, New Caledonia**



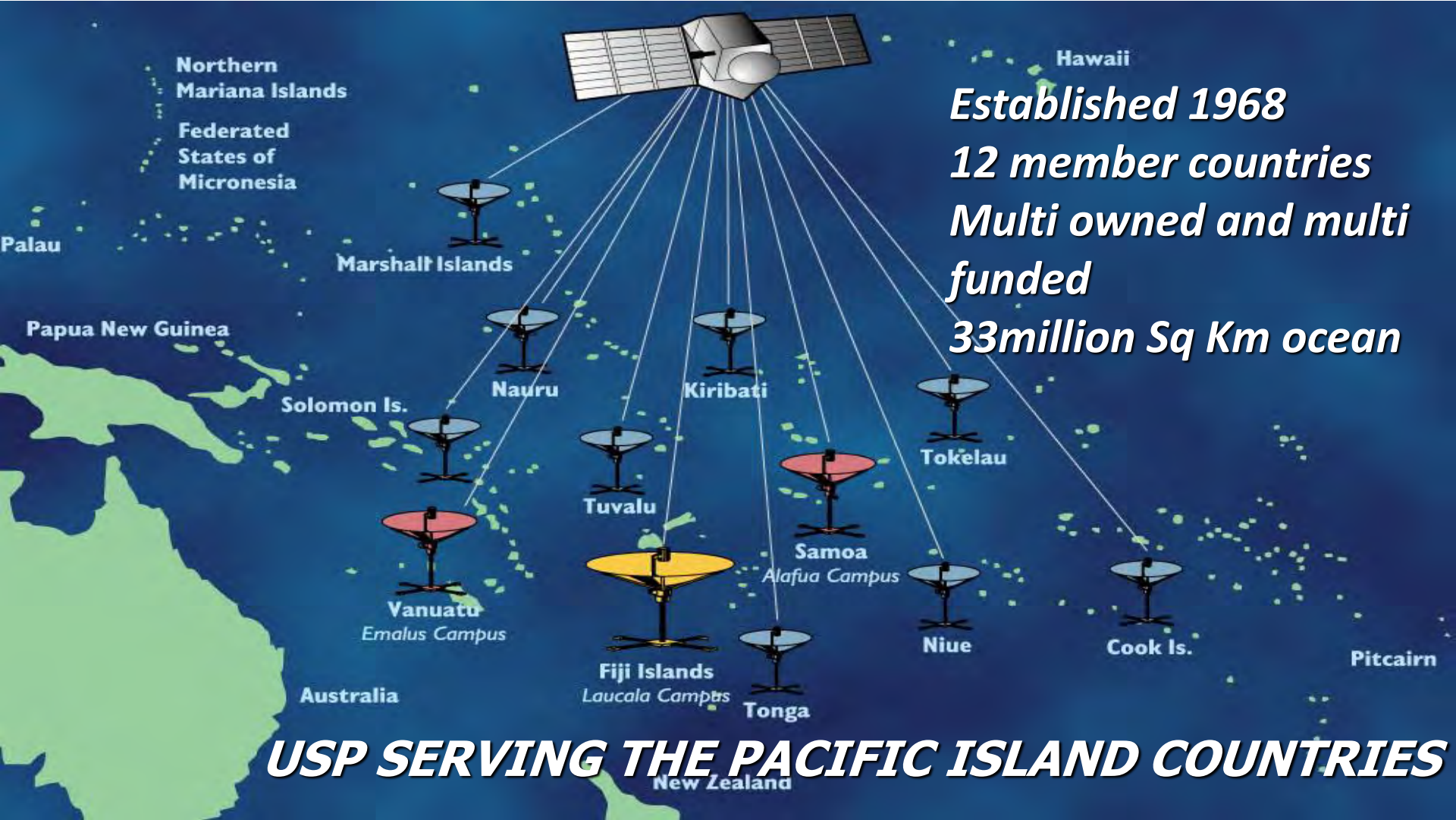
# Pacific R&E network initiatives

- USPNet
- U.S. NSF-funded exploratory project (UH & NSRC)
- EC's ACP Connect Study
- Australia's support for USP through AARNet
- PIREN and partners

**Current approach: opportunistic and incremental**







Northern Mariana Islands

Federated States of Micronesia

Palau

Papua New Guinea

Solomon Is.

Marshall Islands

Nauru

Kiribati

Tuvalu

Samoa

Tokelau

Vanuatu

Emalus Campus

Fiji Islands

Laucala Camps

Tonga

Alafua Campus

Niue

Cook Is.

Pitcairn

Hawaii

*Established 1968*  
*12 member countries*  
*Multi owned and multi funded*  
*33million Sq Km ocean*

Australia

New Zealand

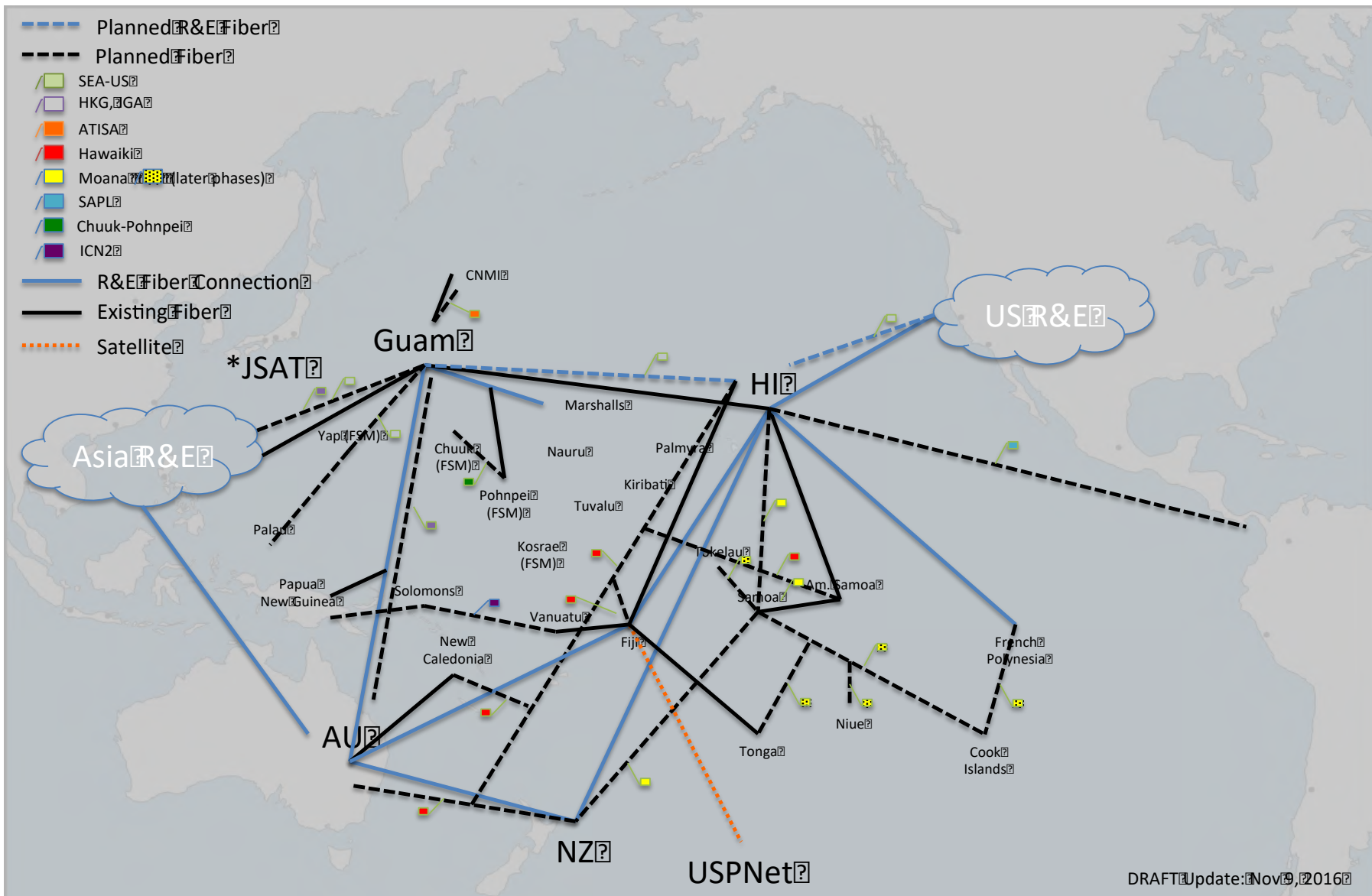
***USP SERVING THE PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES***



- Provide full domestic support for AARNET's current 2x40Gbps R&E circuits from Australia and New Zealand to the U.S., via Hawaii (including Mauna Kea) with upgrade to 2x100Gbps in 2016
- Continue to foster research and education (R&E) network capacity to interconnect Pacific Islands with each other and the global R&E network fabric by building on previous projects and relationships.
- Opportunistically connect Mauna Kea and Haleakala, sites of major international astronomy observatories
- Collaborate and cooperate with IRNC measurement, NOC, Engagement, and Open Exchange awardees
- Partner with AARNet, REANNZ, Pacific Wave and NSRC



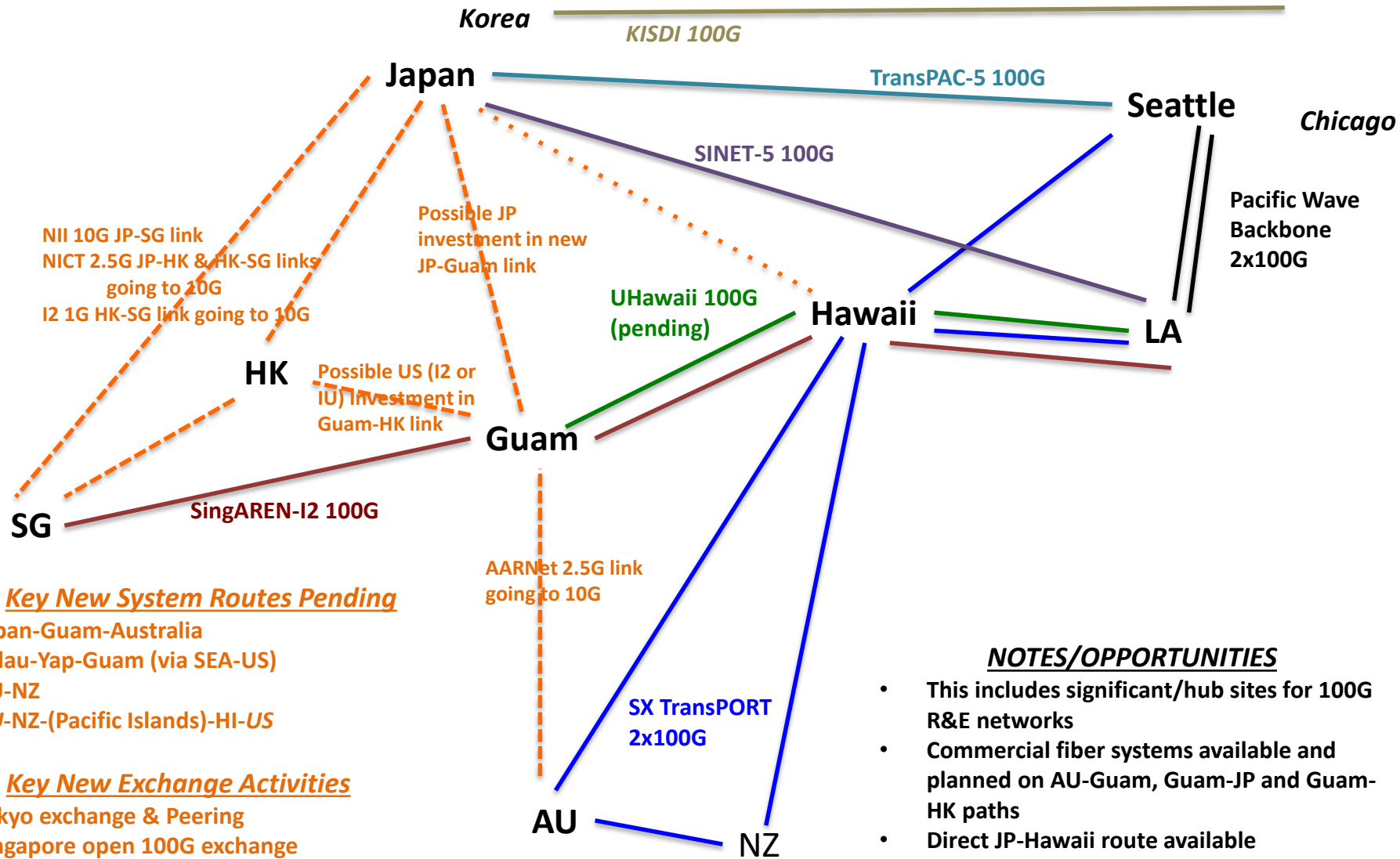
# Notional Pacific Islands Research & Education Network (PIREN)





# Toward Rationalizing the High Speed Trans-Pacific R&E Infrastructure

## Notional Architecture




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# GOREX: Guam Open Research & Education eXchange



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# PIREN: Pacific Islands R&E Network Plans and Opportunities



- EXISTING FIBER (R&E)
- EXISTING FIBER
- PLANNED FIBER
- SATELLITE

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# NRSC Workshop UoG 2016



30 participants from Guam, Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Northern Marianas and Palau

President Robert Underwood welcomes the workshop participants.



What do we do with it / What do we want to do?



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# Haleakalā Observatory

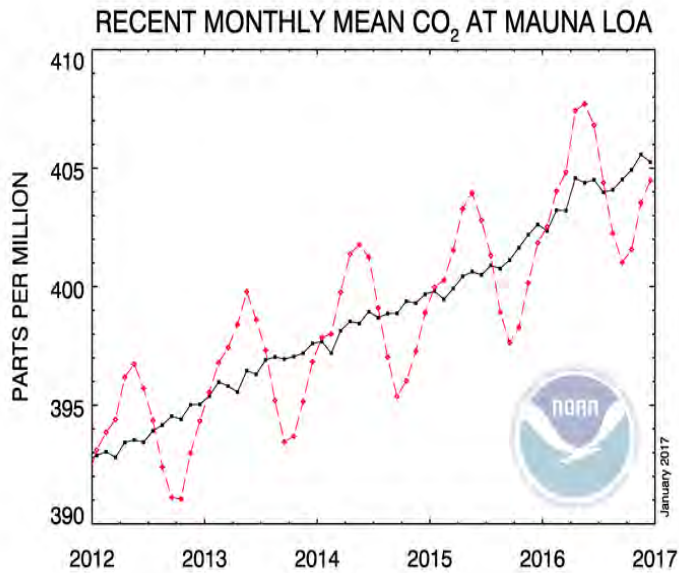


Daniel K Inouye Solar Telescope and PanSTARRS PS1 and PS2





# Mauna Loa Net NSF CC\*



ATLAS (center) and VYSOS (right) telescopes



Mauna Loa Solar Observatory



The ATLAS telescope





# Hawai'i Astroflows



INTERNATIONAL PEERING EXCHANGE

PACIFIC WAVE IS A PROJECT OF CENIC & PACIFIC NORTHWEST GIGAPOP



- Pacific Wave POPs
- Pacific Research Platform (PRP)
- PRP Science DMZ Fabric
- Software Defined Network
- Commercial Peering Points (Amazon, Google, & Microsoft)

- WESTERN REGIONAL NETWORK  
States served by WRN members:
- ABQG: New Mexico GigaPoP
  - CENIC: California
  - FRGP: Colorado and Wyoming
  - PNWGP: Washington, Montana, Alaska, Oregon & Idaho
  - UH: Hawaii

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# Square Kilometre Array (SKA)





# CyberCANOE: Cyber-enabled Collaboration Analysis Navigation & Observation Environment



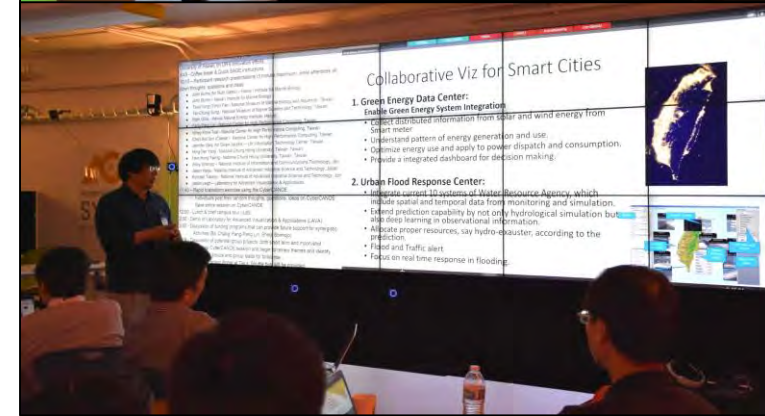
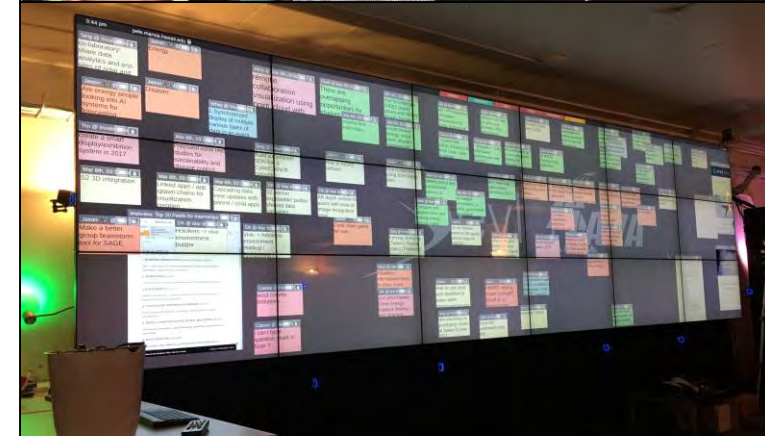
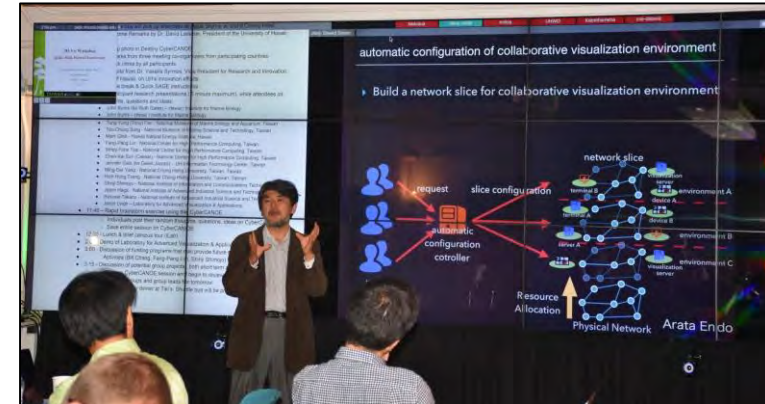
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# HI-Vision: Hawai'i Workshop on Establishing Trans-Pacific Visualization Research & Education Collaboration Networks

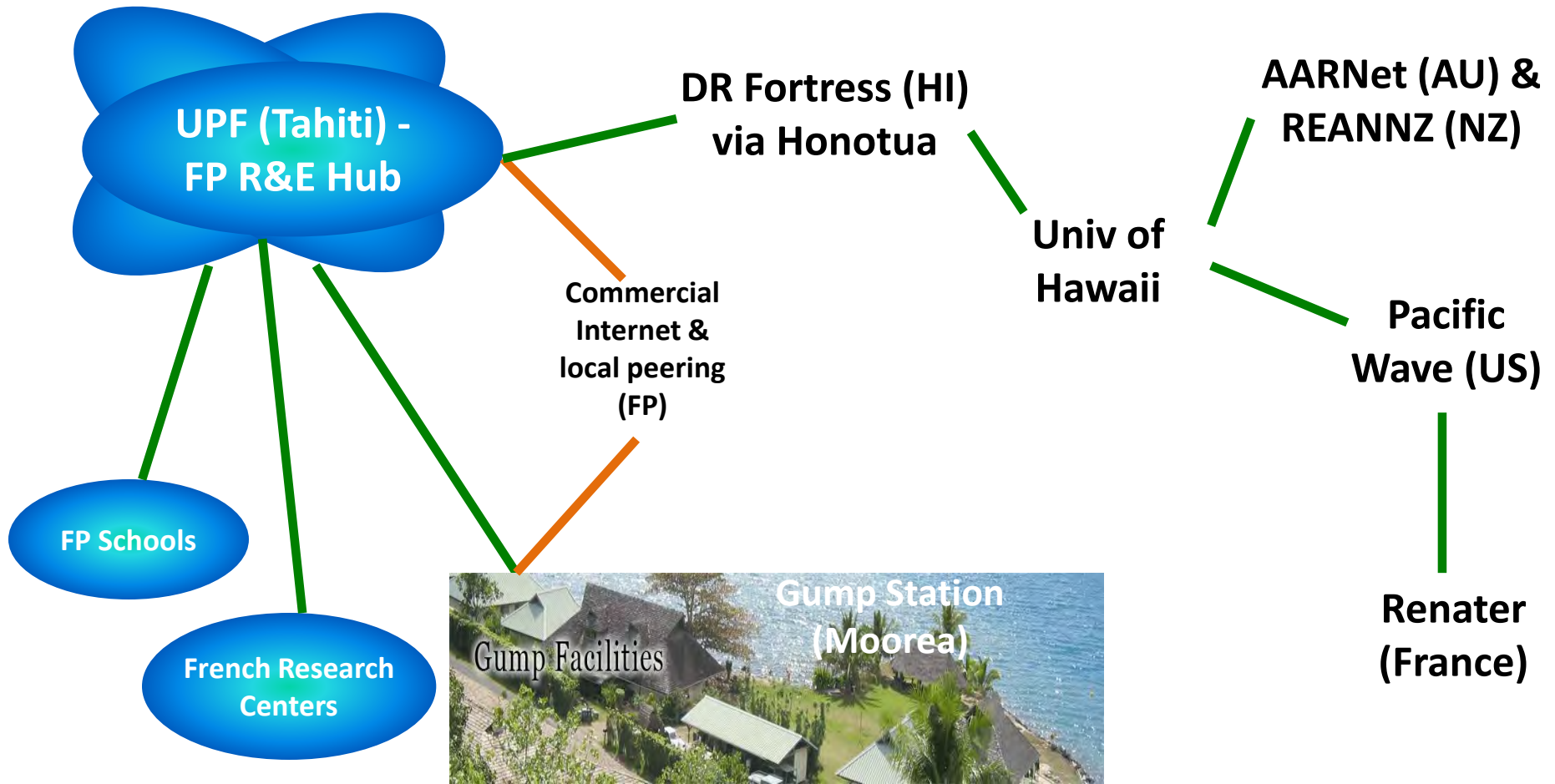


- Attendees from Taiwan & Japan
- Topics of Discussion centered on cyber-infrastructure for:
  - Coral Reef Ecology and Restoration
  - Renewable Energy Research
  - Disaster Management
  - Water Resource Sustainability





# Possible PolyREN Approach in French Polynesia



# UH researchers study survival traits of coral worldwide

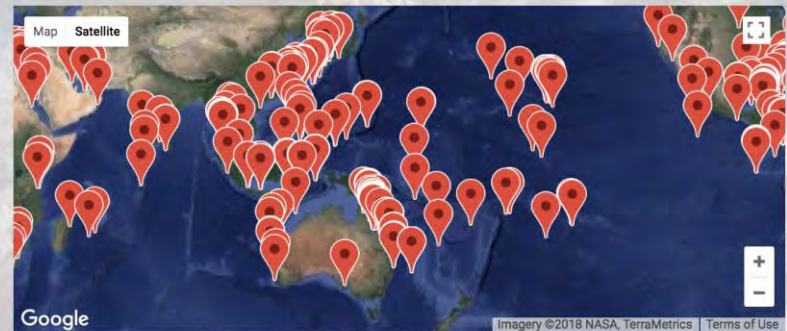


## Coral Trait Database

The Coral Trait Database is a growing compilation of scleractinian coral life history trait, phylogenetic and biogeographic data. As of today, there are 68496 coral observations with 106464 trait entries of 158 traits for 1548 coral species in the database. Most of these entries are for shallow-water, reef-building species.

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# Assisted Evolution in coral reefs to support adaptation to climate change

## Hawaii and HIMB

**Assisted Evolution (AE)** accelerates naturally occurring evolutionary processes to enhance stress tolerance by:

Selectively breeding

Modifying partnerships/symbioses

Manipulating environmental experience

## Australia and AIMS

Use these “assisted” corals to:

- Restore damaged reefs
- Re-connect fragmented reefs
- Increase resilience on vulnerable reefs
- Green grey structures

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WHAKAPAPA (*Genealogy*)

MĀTAURANGA (*Indigenous Framework*)

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MONITORING RESEARCH

(Microbial/Geochem/Physical)

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MODELS

RESTORATION MODELS

NEW  
ZEALAND



Tutaepatu Lagoon



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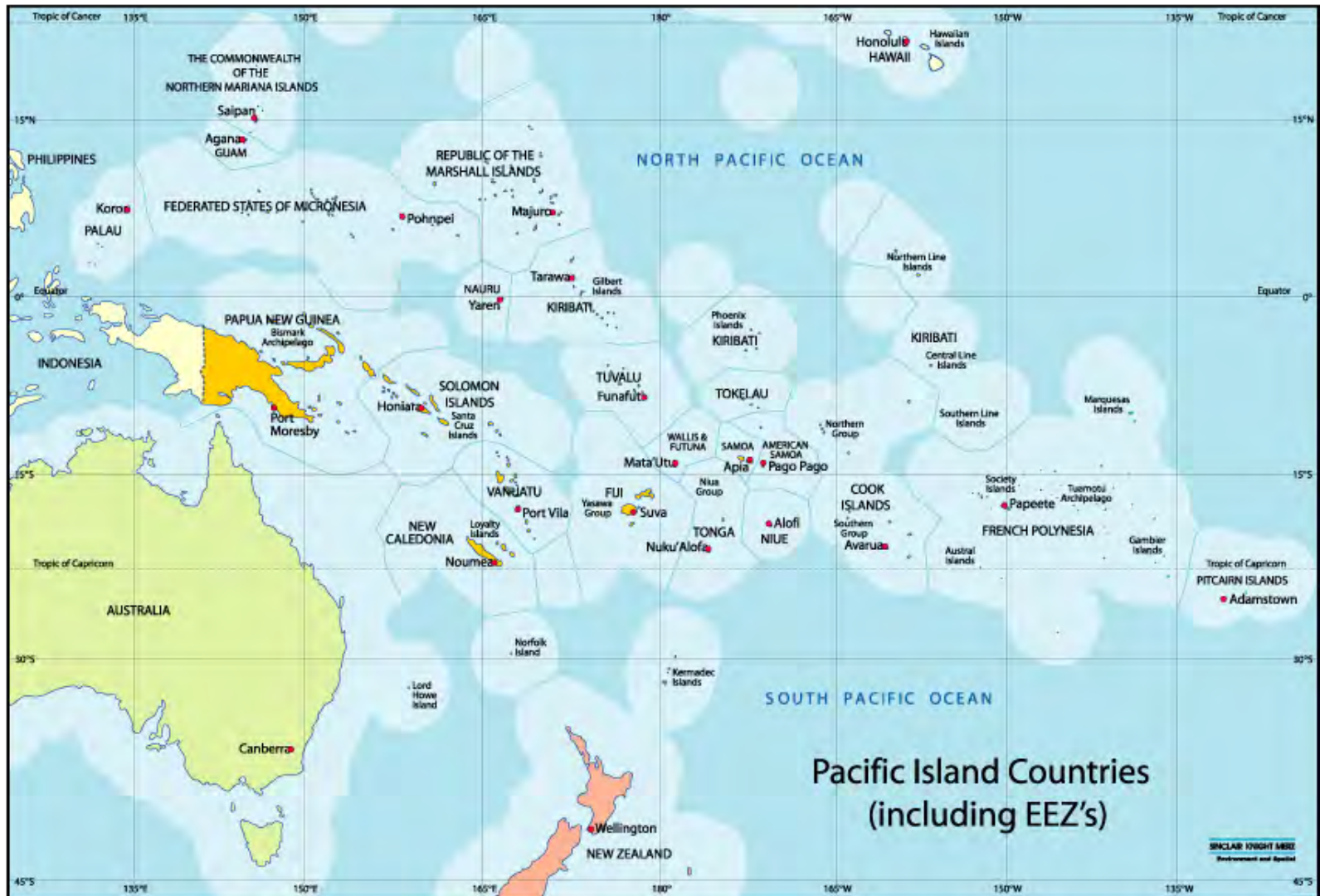


Te Runanga o NGAI TAHU



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## Pacific Island Countries (including EEZ's)



In a difficult telecom environment with challenging geography, inadequate infrastructure, emerging regulatory regimes, limited competition, traditions of isolation and highly limited resources – meaningful progress will require multi-sectoral and global collaboration.





# Mahalo

