### A Global Light Rail Project,

An Initiative for the WSIS Action Plan on IT infrastructure

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# We need a Global Research Project of the Digital Era

- 1980s Global Change
- 1990s Human Genome
- 2000s...World Summit on Information Society....

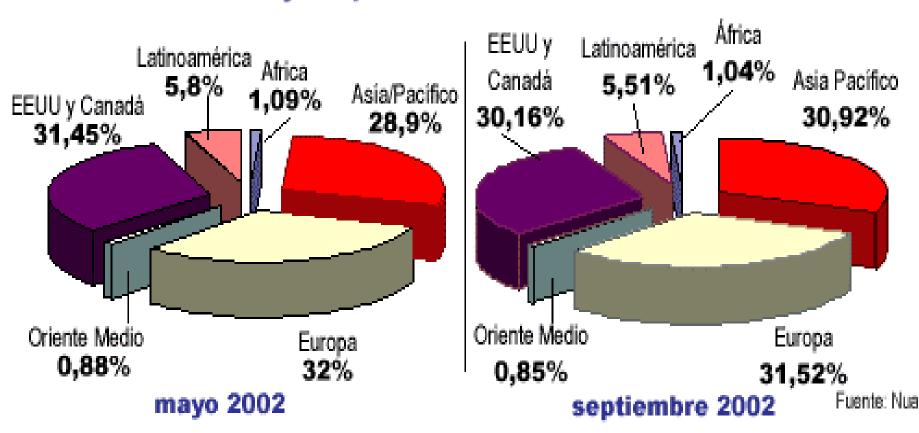
WHAT A POSSIBLE GLOBAL PROJECT FOR THE DIGITAL ERA?

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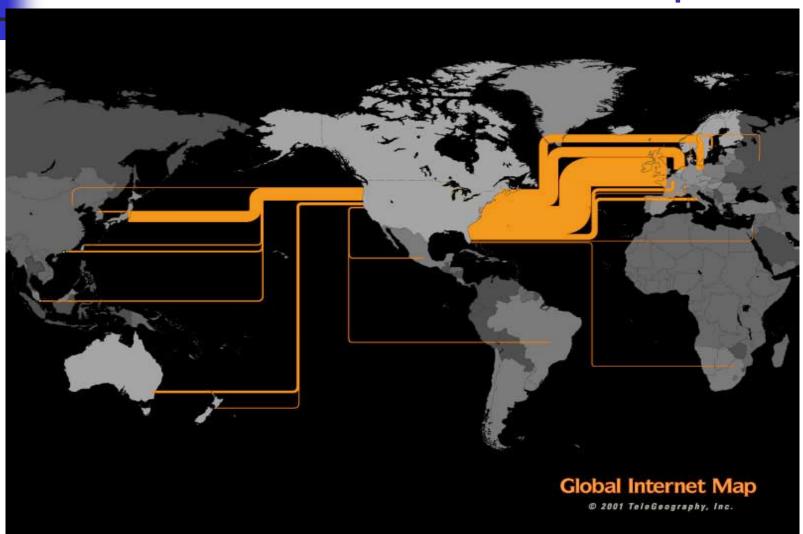
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## The Digital Divide starts by the Digital Infrastructure Divide

#### Porcentaje de población conectada sobre el total



## 2002 Global Internet Map

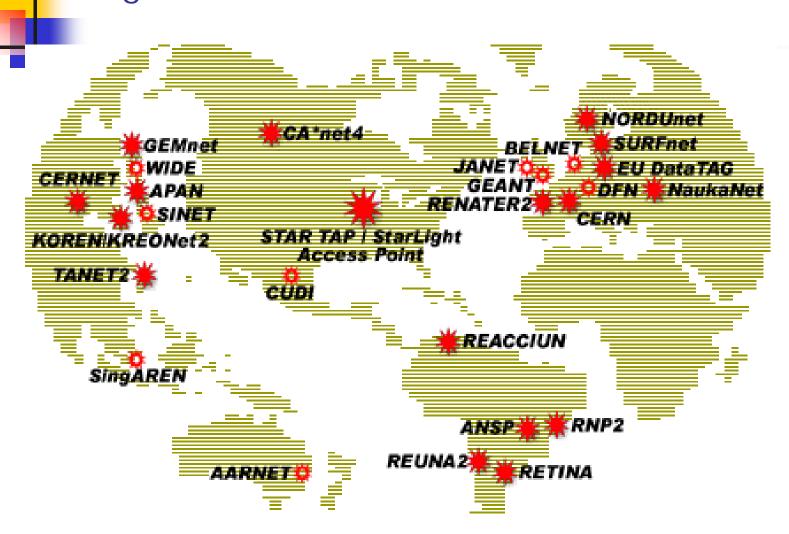




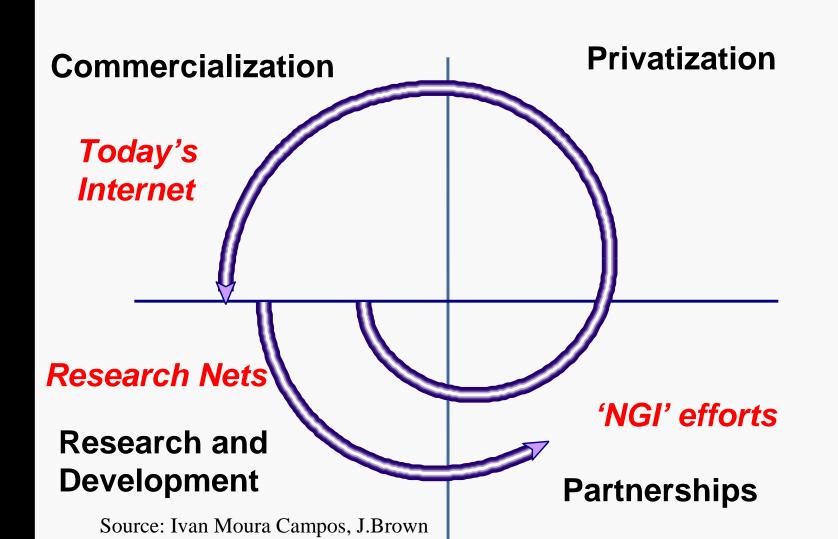
- The Internet 2 project: A new research infrastructure project of the XXI Century
- An initial list of 20 countries: A lot of developped countries, a few of developping countries
- Africa is excluded.

### StarTap, www.startap.net

High Performance Research Networks



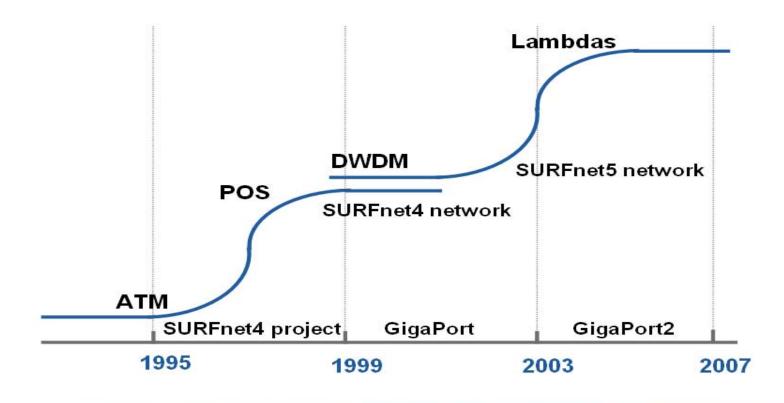
#### THE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT SPIRAL

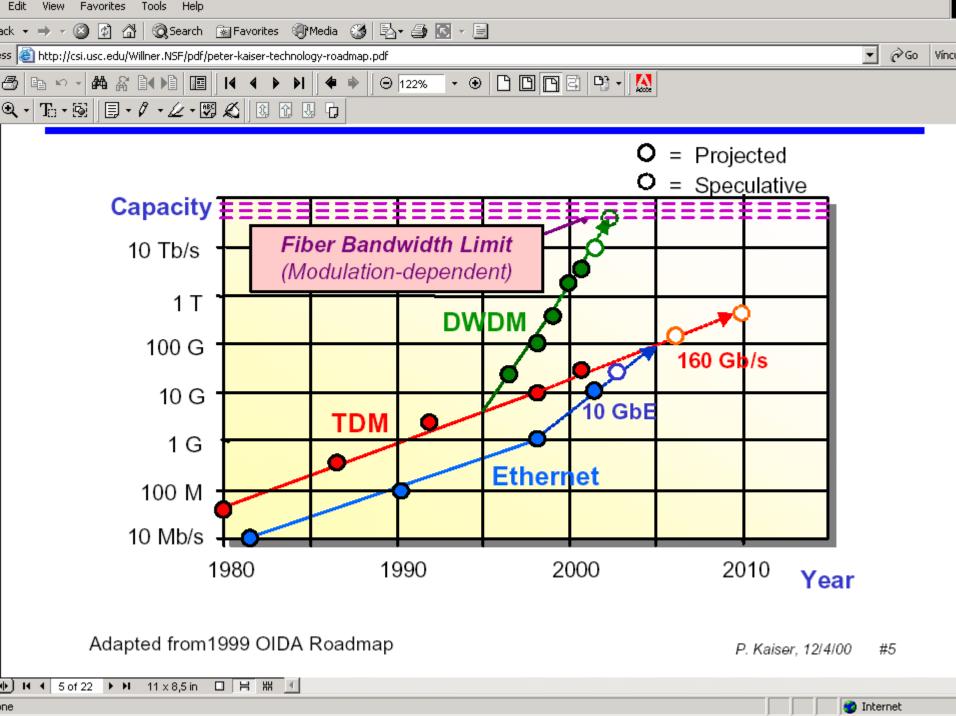




#### New s-curve ahead of us







## The new model of research networks



- The Aubrey Bush's model, NSF, CISE Director
  - 1. Operational high-performance networks (UCAID, Abilene,...)
  - 2. Experimental infrastructure networks (StarLight, National Light Rail,...; and
  - 3. Research testbeds.

## R&E Network Tiers ( PPT of Jacki Brown, UoW)

#### **NETWORK DISCONTINUITIES**

#### **LEADERS**

#### **NETWORK TYPE**

#### CAPABILITIES/USERS

Computer Science & Net. Researchers

Research

Academic Research, papers, lab. Experiments, spools of fiber In labs & sparse testbeds

CS, Comp. Science & 'Grid' researchers
+ major experiments (eg DTF) & net.
experimenters + leading edge labs
and centers, optics sys.& net.
Industry R&D groups + I-WIRE

λ's, P2p fiber, & >=10g ip Bleeding-edge e2e services & facilities

for key experiments, programs,

projects, researchers & for next gen.

tech., architectures, Grids, content

apparatus, etc. 'Things that

PACIFIC LIGHTRAIL + Internet-2 wave projects;

Experimental & Developmental Networks

haven't been done before; with to, on or over networks'.

I2-Abilene, GigaPoPs; Fed. 'NGI' Nets

Operational High Performance Research Support Networks

Leading-Edge ip Services for demanding apps.

& middleware

Internet-2, GigaPoPs 12-K20

Common Denominator, Advanced Services Research & Education Network

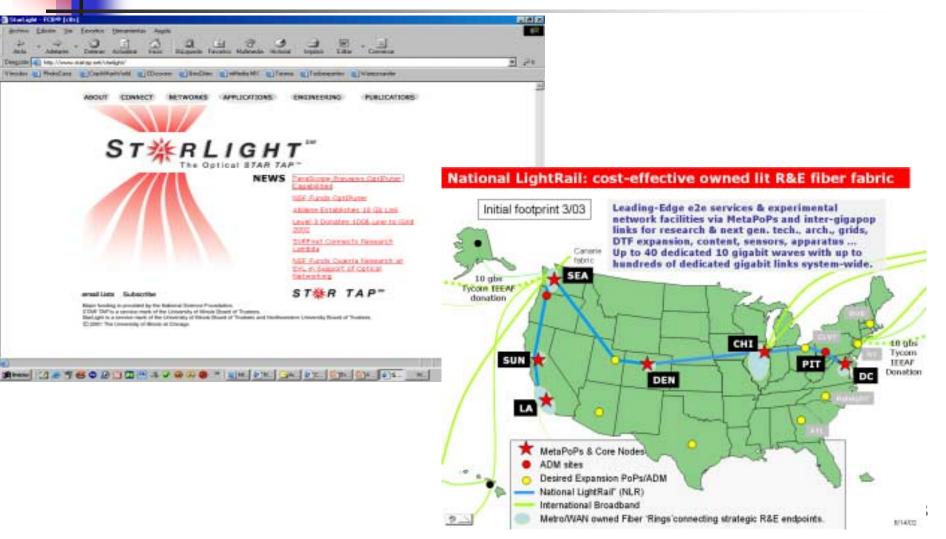
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Services for R&E users

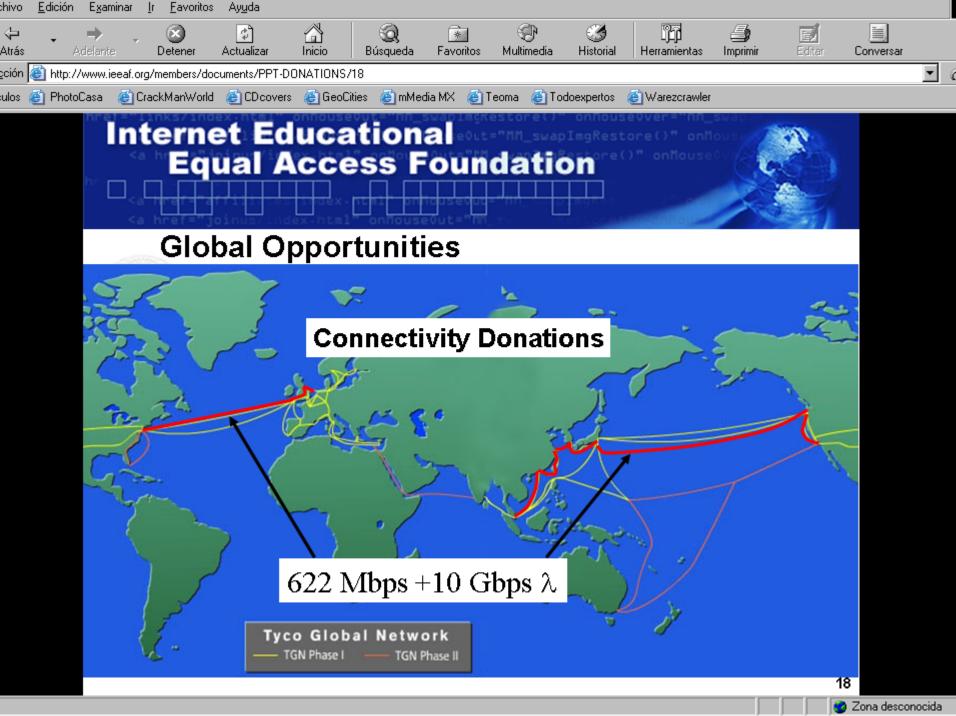
ISP's, hosting .com's etc.

**Commodity Internet** 

Business, Gov. & General Public 12

## The next step: StarLight, National Light Rail,...





## Latin America Optical Networking projects

http://www.reuna.cl/documentos/optica/1



### New Latin American networks

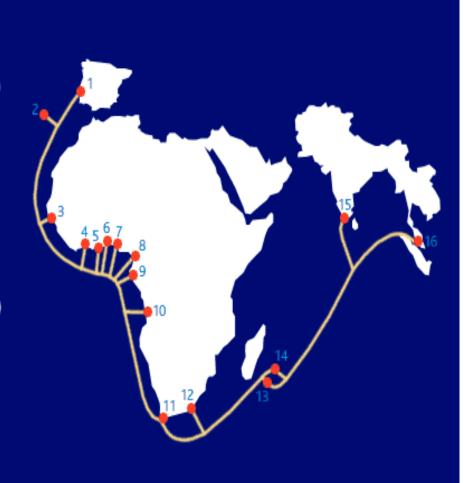
- Emergia, http://www.emergia.com/
- Inaugurated March 2001, 25.000KM, 40GB/s. (to 1,92 Tb/s
- Others; Global Crossing, 360networks, New World Network



## The new African/Asian network, SAT3/WASC/SAFE, http://www.safe-sat3.co.za/

- Inaugurated on May 26, 2002 in Dakar
- **27.850km**.
- 4 fibers, OA, WDM,
- 20Gb/s (to 120Gb)

- 1. Portugal (Sesimbra)
- España (Alta Vista/Canárias)
- Senegal (Dakar)
- Côte d'Ivoire (Abidjan)
- 5. Ghana (Accra)
- Benin (Cotonou)
- Nigeria (Lagos)
- Cameroon ( Douala)
- 9. Gabon (Libreville)
- 10. Angola (Luanda)
- 11. South Africa (Melkbosstrand)
- 12. South Africa (Mtunzini)
- Reunion (Saint Paul)
- 14. Mauritius (Baie Jacoté)
- 15. India (Cochin)
- 16. Malaysia (Penang)





- The WSIS Action Plan can recognize the possibility of a first truly global experimental network project embracing the 5 continents
- Based on the new optical-wireless experimental technology and advanced and collaborative media applications
- Built on a truly partnership between the academia, the corporate world, the Administrations, the civil society, and UN organizations.

## Possible participants

- Universities: UCAID, StarLight, UPC-i2CAT, IT-KTH, IEEAF, Reuna...
- Carriers: Tyco Telecom, France Telecom, Telefonica, NTT, Sonatel,...
- Content providers: ResearchChannel,....
- Administrations: NSF, Gigaport, digital regions and cities (Chicago, Stockholm, Barcelona, Dakar...)
- UN organizations: ITU,...



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