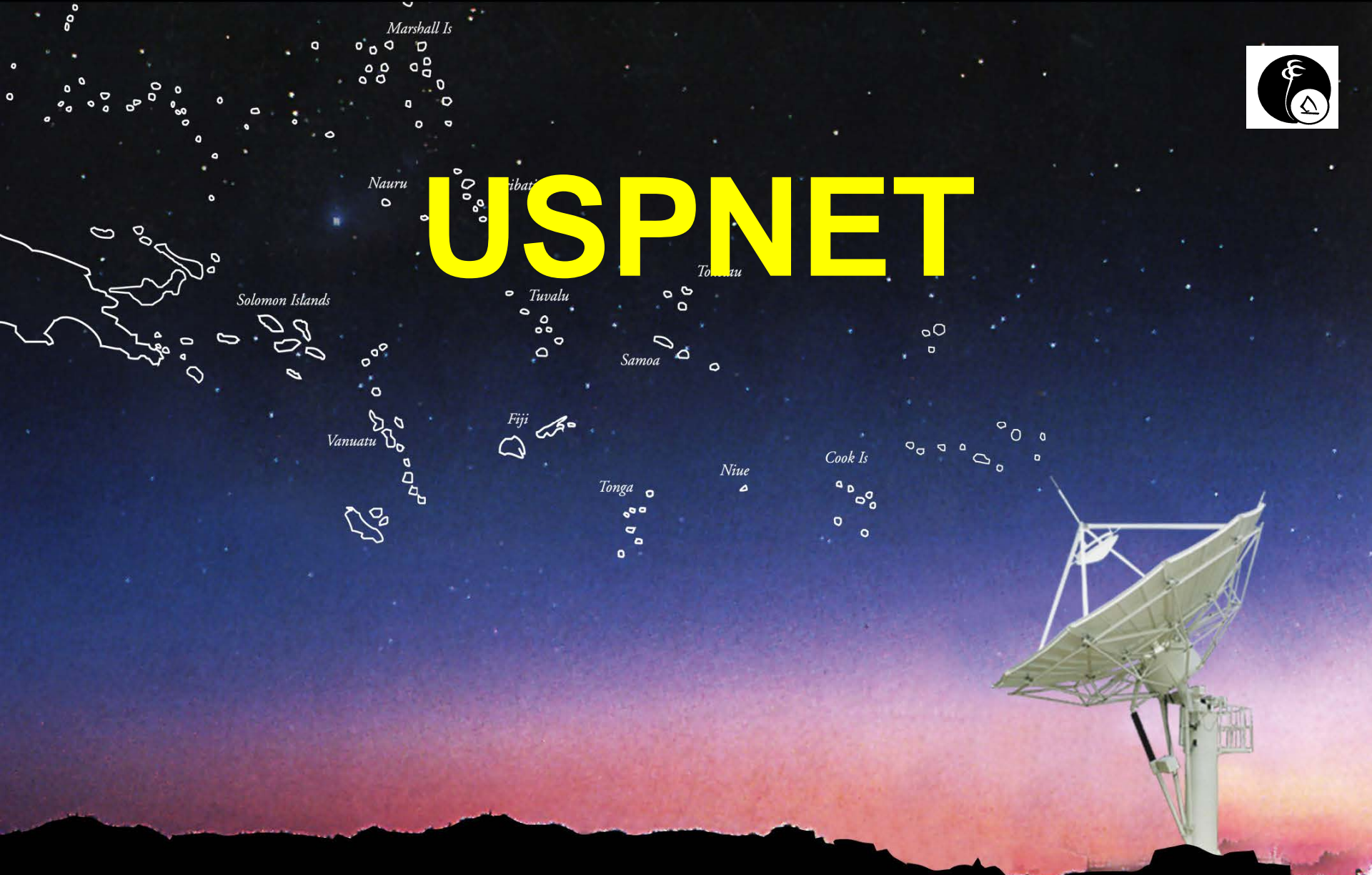




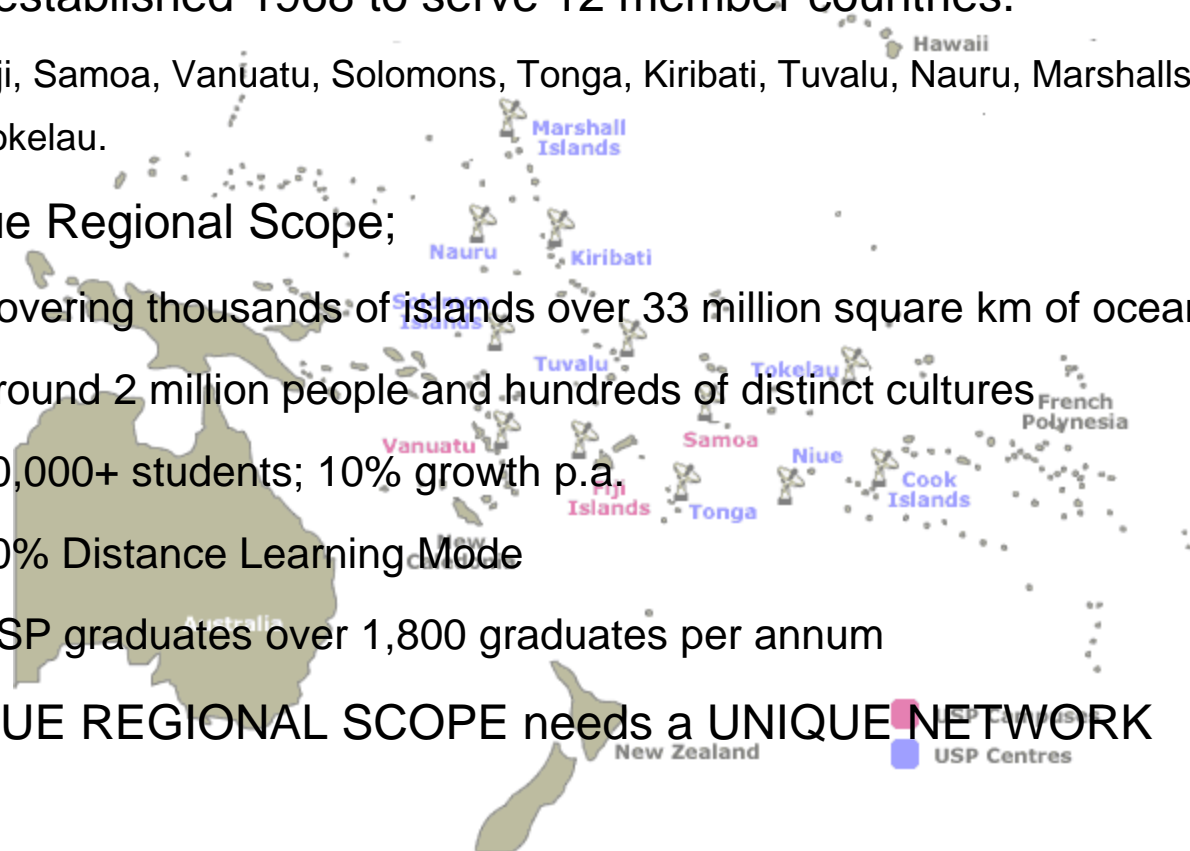
# USPNET



*Driving regional development through education.*

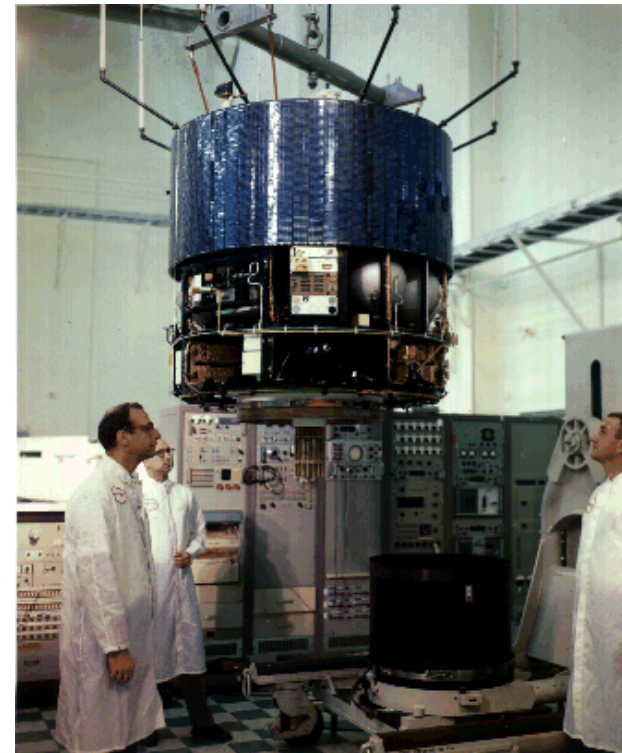
# Unique Scope

- USP established 1968 to serve 12 member countries.
  - Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Solomons, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Nauru, Marshalls, Niue, Cooks, Tokelau.
- Unique Regional Scope;
  - Covering thousands of islands over 33 million square km of ocean
  - Around 2 million people and hundreds of distinct cultures
  - 20,000+ students; 10% growth p.a.
  - 50% Distance Learning Mode
  - USP graduates over 1,800 graduates per annum
- UNIQUE REGIONAL SCOPE needs a UNIQUE NETWORK



# The Early Years...

- 1972 – Peacesat Network;
  - Between Tonga & Suva.
  - Single Telephone Channel.
- 1974 – NASA;
  - NASA's ATS-1 Satellite.
  - Telephony links to 5 campuses.
- 1989 - Intelsat POR/SCPC via Telco leased lines.
  - 64kbps voice links.
  - Network management issues.
- 1997 USPNet Upgrade:
  - To deliver data 64kbps to selected campuses;
  - Internet Services
- USPNet 2000 - SCPC
  - Audio Video and Data services
  - ALL 12 USP countries
- 2008 – IP VSAT Upgrade
  - iDirect Platform
  - Hybrid C/Ku-Band
  - 25 Sites / 45Mbps



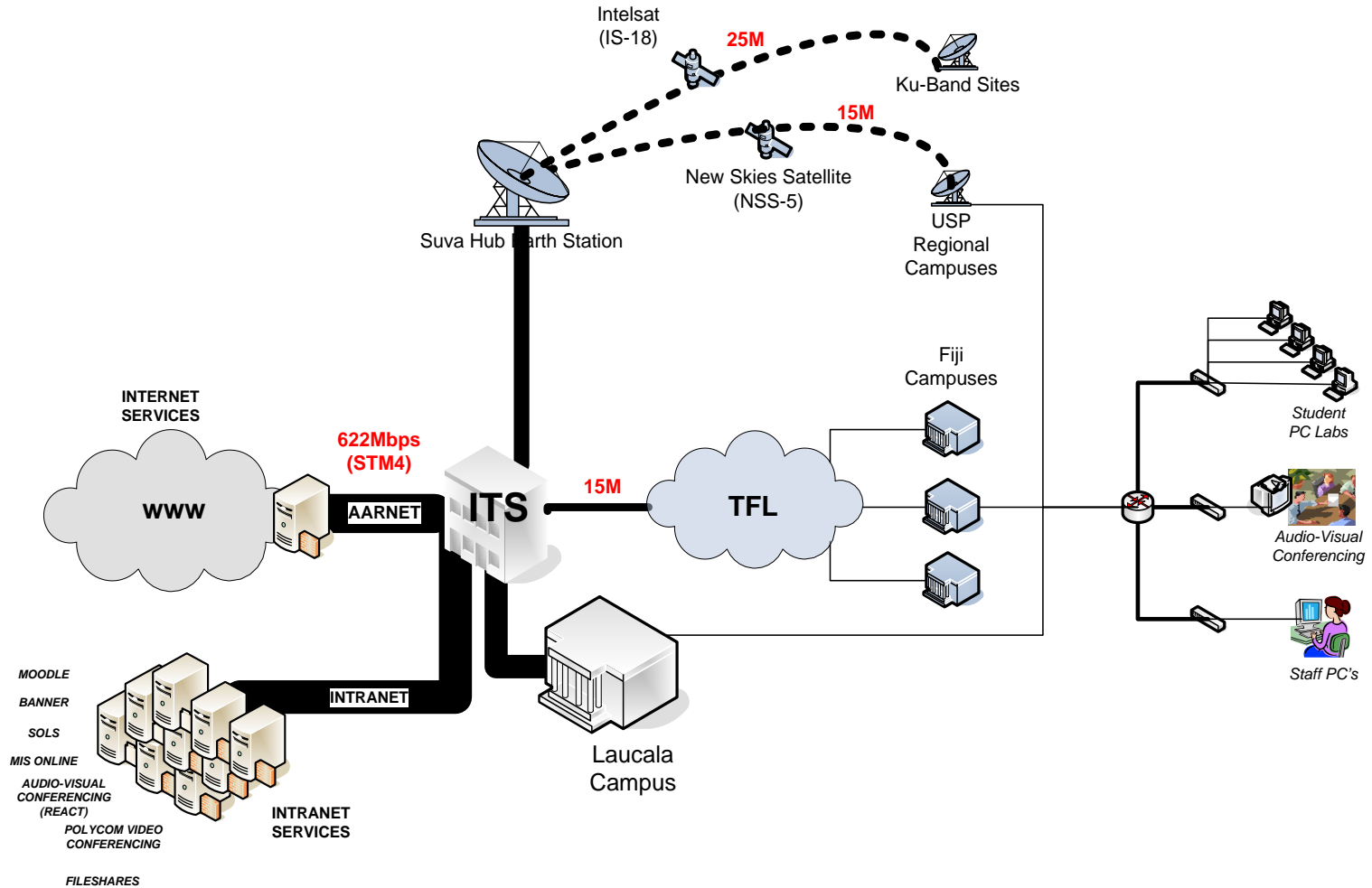
*NASA Engineers with ATS-2 prior to it's launch in 1967*

# Key ICT Statistics

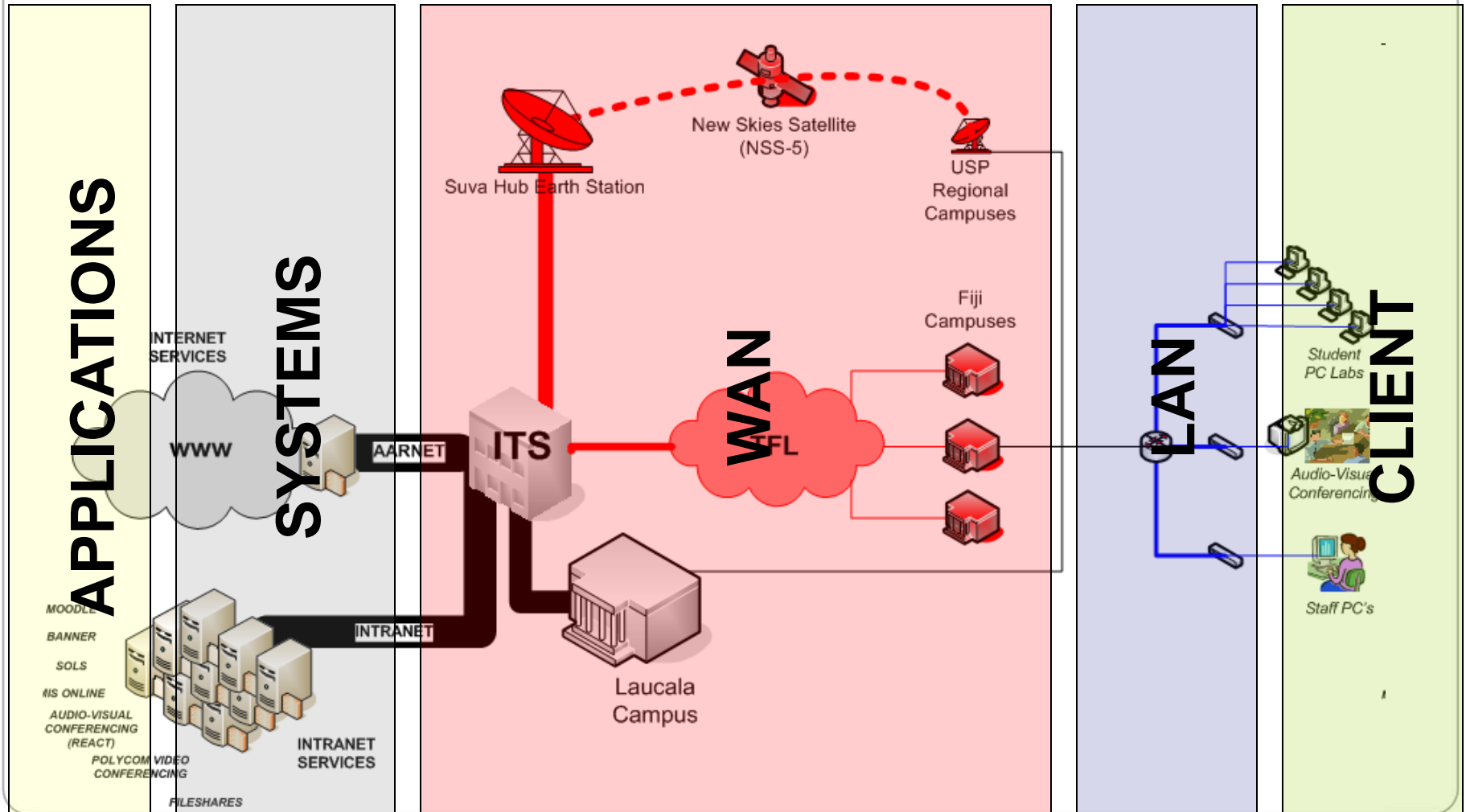
|                                    | TOTALS | Fiji - Lautaba | Solomons - Honiara | Vanuatu - Emaus | Fiji - Lautoka | Tonga - Atele | Kiribati | Fiji - Labasa | Samoa - Alafua | Cook | Marshall Islands | Tuvalu | Nauru | Tokelau | Niue | Vanuatu - Santo | Fiji - Savusavu | Vanuatu - Malampa | Tonga - Ha'apai | Tonga - Vavau | Solomons - Lata | Solomons - Mokoko | Samoa - Savaii |   |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------------|------|------------------|--------|-------|---------|------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|---|
| No. Students (Head Count)          | 23975  | 12104          | 3099               | 2899            | 1377           | 1020          | 1005     | 952           | 463            | 244  | 242              | 289    | 154   | 73      | 54   |                 |                 |                   |                 |               |                 |                   |                |   |
| No. Students (EFTS)                | 11561  | 7422           | 1044               | 991             | 499            | 387           | 404      | 300           | 226            | 61   | 73               | 81     | 17    | 41      | 15   |                 |                 |                   |                 |               |                 |                   |                |   |
| No. PC Labs                        | 82     | 38             | 5                  | 5               | 3              | 3             | 2        | 4             | 5              | 1    | 3                | 2      | 1     | 1       | 1    | 1               | 1               | 1                 | 1               | 1             | 1               | 1                 | 1              | 1 |
| Gen Student Access PC's            | 1806   | 1120           | 124                | 130             | 65             | 50            | 40       | 68            | 80             | 35   | 41               | 28     | 10    | 5       | 10   | 15              | 21              | 5                 | 11              | 10            | 5               | 5                 | 5              | 5 |
| Student/PC Ratio (Full Head Count) | 13     | 10.81          | 24.99              | 22.3            | 21.18          | 20.4          | 25.13    | 14            | 5.79           | 6.97 | 5.9              | 10.32  | 15.4  | 14.6    | 5.4  |                 |                 |                   |                 |               |                 |                   |                |   |
| Student/PC Ratio (EFTS)            | 6      | 6.63           | 8.42               | 7.62            | 7.68           | 7.74          | 10.1     | 4.41          | 2.83           | 1.74 | 1.78             | 2.89   | 1.7   | 8.2     | 1.5  |                 |                 |                   |                 |               |                 |                   |                |   |
| Wifi Coverage                      |        | 80%            | 100%               | 90%             | 100%           | 80%           | 100%     |               | 100%           | 50%  |                  |        |       |         |      |                 |                 |                   |                 |               |                 |                   |                |   |

- 22 Campuses spread across 12 Countries;
- 20,000+ Students / 11,500+ EFTS;
- 2500+ PC's / 33% Wireless Coverage;
- 300+ Servers / IBM, Dell, OS – Windows + Linux.
- 200+ Network Devices / 90% CISCO
- Hybrid WAN connectivity; VSAT, Terrestrial, Submarine Fibre-Optic (New)

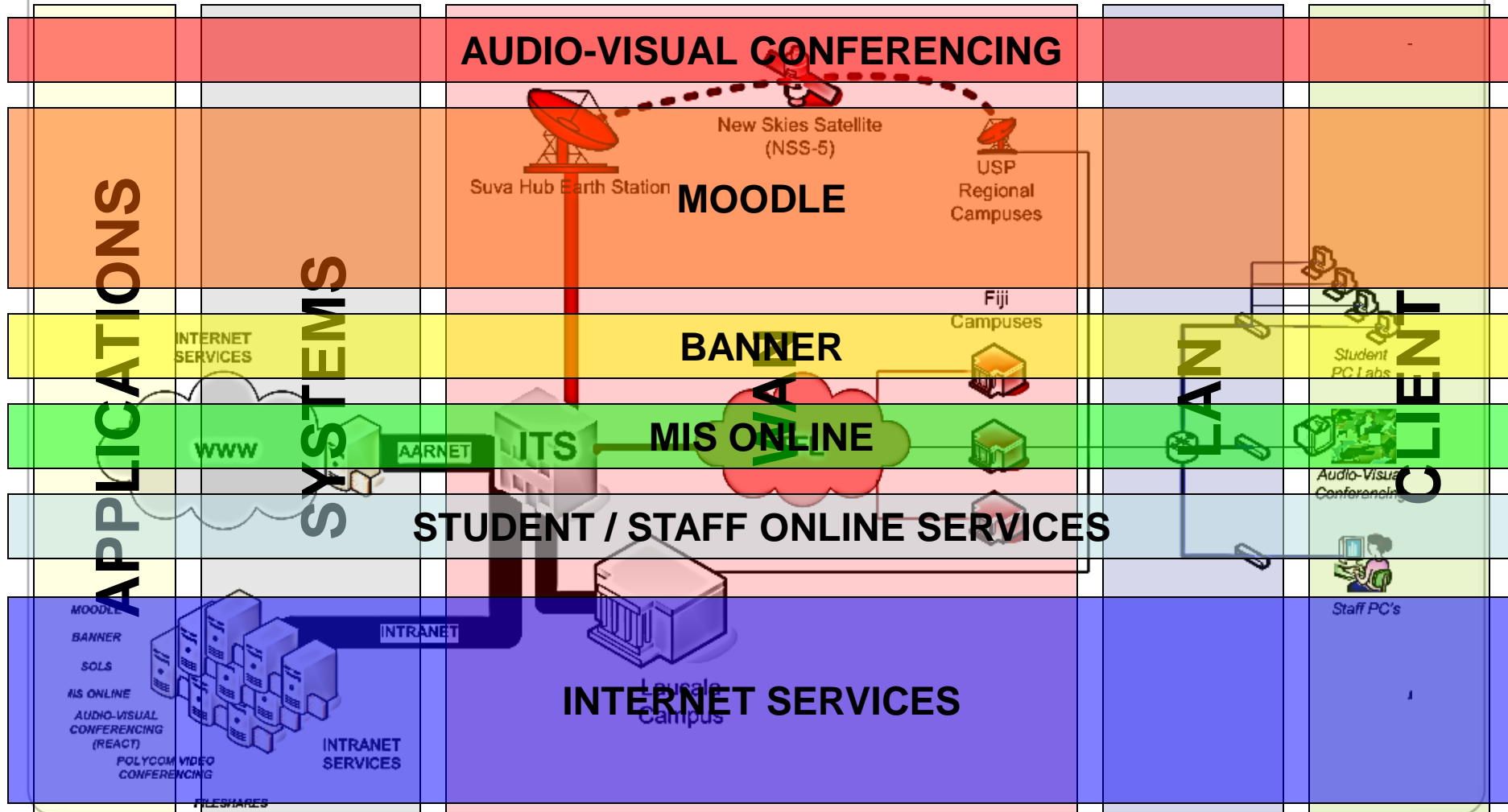
# Infrastructure Introduction



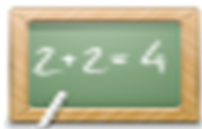
# ICT Infrastructure Model



# ICT Services Overlay Model



# ICT Services Catalogue



Academics  
Support



Accounts



Email



Finance



Hardware  
Software



Instructional  
Support



Web  
Infrastructure



Security



Training



Audio/Video  
Conferencing  
(REACT)



Telephony



Internet



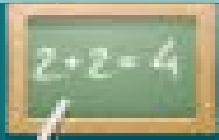
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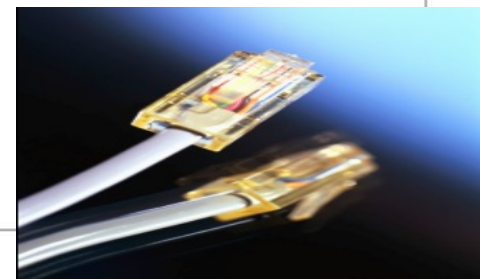
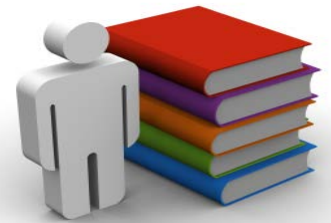
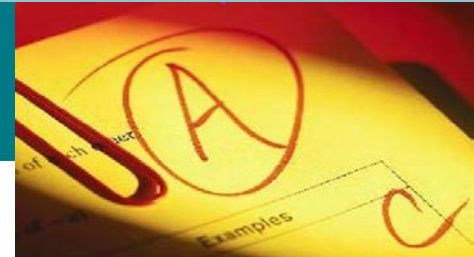
Research  
Support



# ICT Services



## Academics & Students



- **Computer Labs**

- Computer Labs & PC Bookings **(24Hrs)**
- Desktop Hardware Purchase & Support
- USP Standard and Instructional Software
- AV Support
- Internet & Printing

- **Lecture Theatres**

- AV Support
- Desktop Hardware & Software support

- **Distance Lectures & Tutorials**

- REACT Venues
- Video Conferencing

- **AV Equipment Reservation**

# ICT Services

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## Accounts



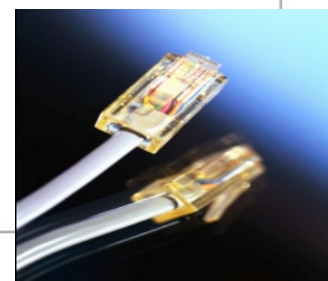
### USP Account

- **Private & Secure Access**
- **Password Management**
  - Change Your Password
  - Password Security
  - Reset Forgotten Passwords



### Use

- **Email applications**
- **Personal File Share**
- **SOLS**
- **MIS Online**
- **Banner**





## USP Email Services

### Student

Google Apps @  
USP



### Staff

Microsoft  
Outlook

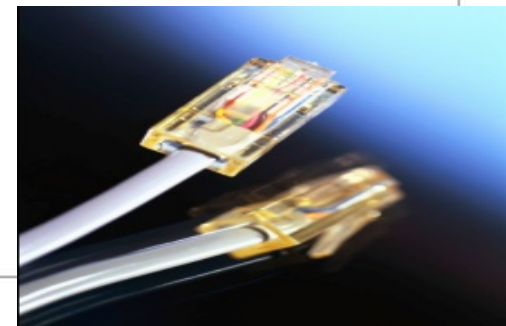


# ICT Services

## Hardware & Software Support



- **USP Desktop/Laptop/Tablet Support Management**
  - Standard Operating Environment
    - Hardware & Software
  - Network connectivity
  - Applications & OS Patch Management
  - Assist on Data Storage & Backup
  - Security
  - Replacement Scheme
  - SOE Training
  - USP Bookshop Partnership
  - Desktop Support - Support Response & Escalation Paths

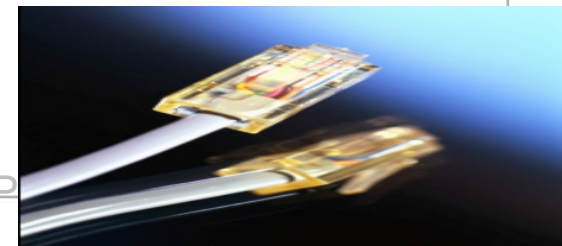


# ICT Services

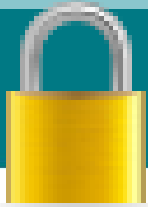


## Instructional Support

- Audio Visual Consultation & Design
- Support for Lecture Theatre & Tutorial Technologies
- Facilitating Video Conferences
- Facilitating REACT Tutorials
- Audio Visual Equipment Reservation & Use
- AV Support

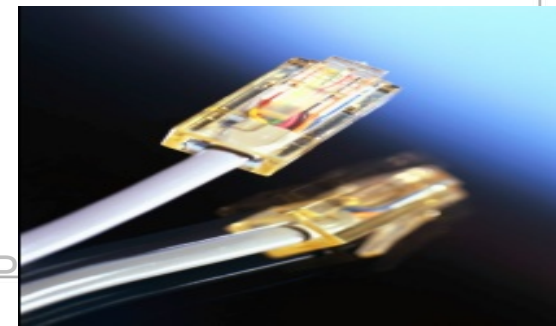
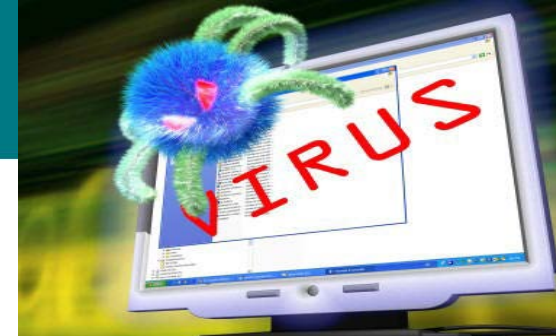


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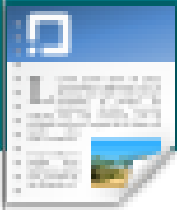


## Security

- **Anti-Virus Support – McAfee**
  - Desktops
  - Laptops
  - Macs
- **Computer Security**
  - PC Hardware Security
  - Password Management
  - Email Scams
  - SPAM
  - Spyware removal
  - Windows Updates
- **IT Firewall Management – Border Protection**



# ICT Services



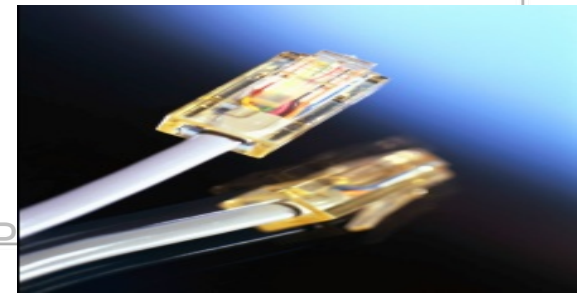
## IT Training

### In-House Training

- SOE Training
  - Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced Training
- MS Office Suite 2010, File Management

### Professional Trainings

- Regional Cisco Academy
- IT Essentials Academy.
- RedHat Academy

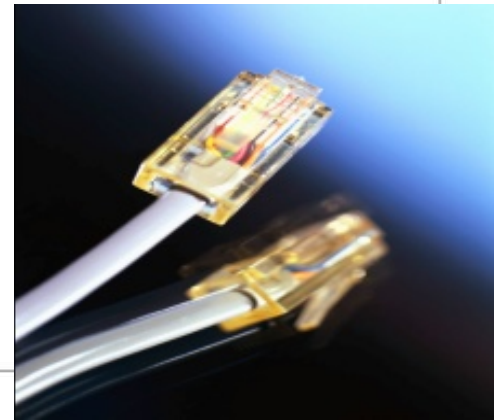


# ICT Services



## Telephony

- **Telephone Services**
  - New Extension
  - New Voice Mail Box
  - Pin Number
  - Changes, Move...
  - Forms - <http://www.usp.ac.fj/its>
- **Telephony Support**
  - Support Personnel & Training
  - USP Blackberry Configuration



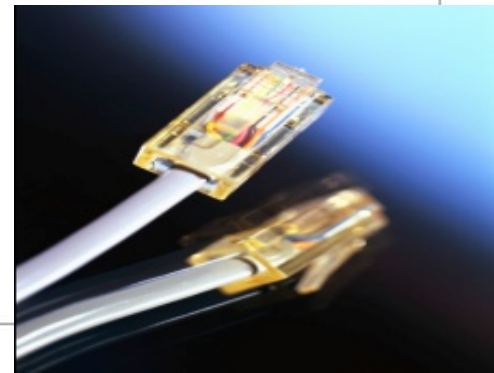


# ICT Services



## Printing, Photocopying, Scanning

- User Support for MFD use
  - Driver Installation and incident support
- USP ID Card Encoding Support
- Quota Support
- Vendor Incident Reporting - **Xerox**

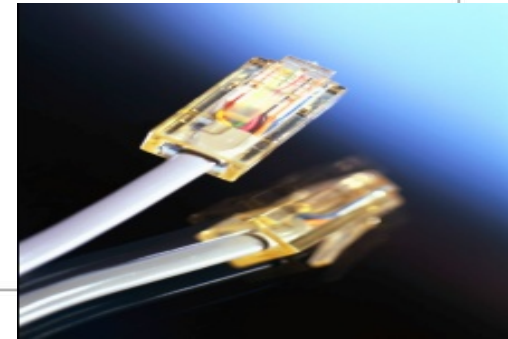


# ICT Services



## Research

- Data Support
- High Speed Internet
- M-Learning
- Tablet & Application Development Support
- Looking Ahead → High Performance Computing



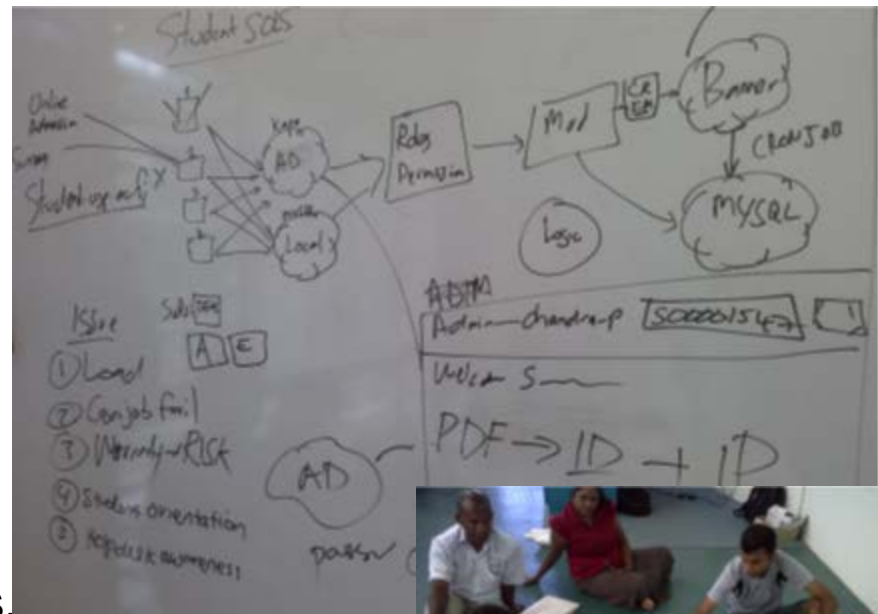
# Challenges...

- Regional Connectivity.
  - Costly Satellite Capacity
  - Alternatives
- Changing Technology.
  - Wifi Explosion; Online Learning
- Security.
- User Perception of Service.
- Human Resources / Recruitment.
- Funding.
- Uniform ICT Technical Strategy.



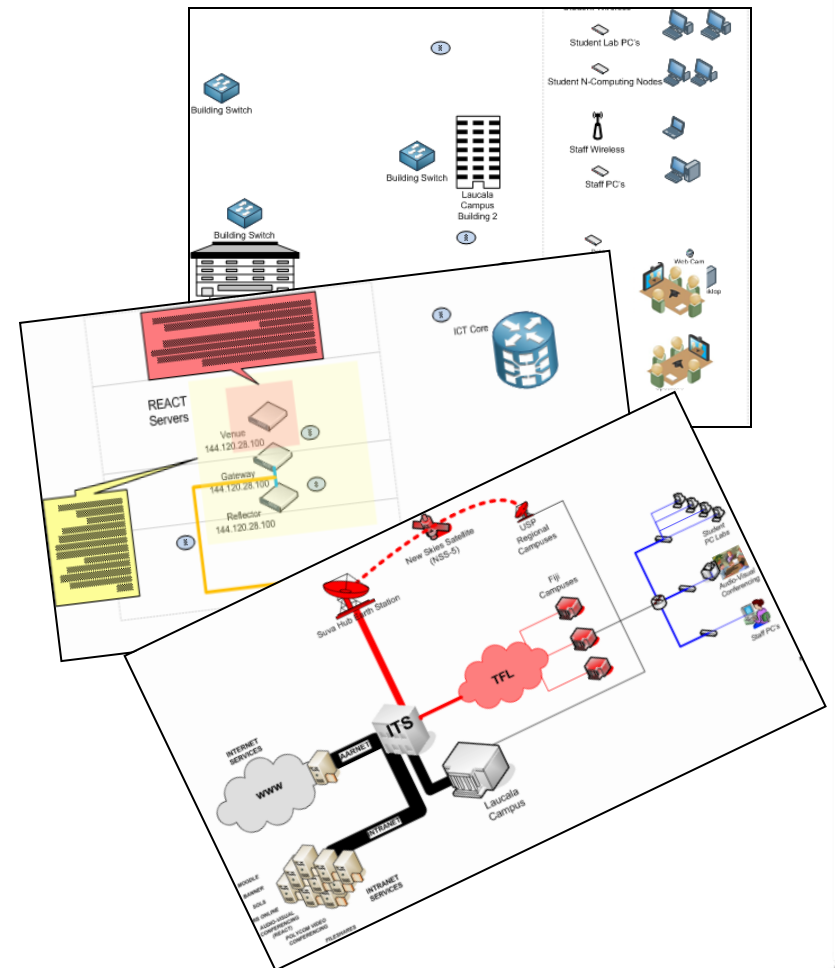
# Back to the Drawing Board...

- Soul Searching Exercise:
  - Brainstorming
  - Mind Mapping
  - Workshop Type Environments
  - No Pre-concieved Outcomes
  - Involving Key Enablers
  - Stakeholder consultation
  - Free to Challenge
- Method to the Madness
  - Scribes to take formal minutes.
  - All brainstorming flipcharts & Whiteboards e-archived.
  - Service by service evaluation.



# Outcomes...

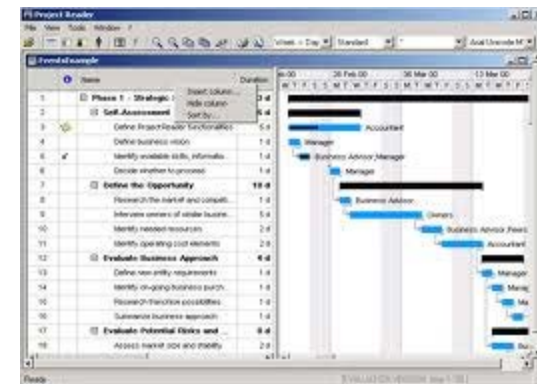
- Comprehensive database of service design documentation:
  - Low level detail
  - Descriptive illustrations.
- Group analysis of key issues facing service.
  - Wide Stakeholder Involvement.
  - Lateral Thinking Techniques.
  - Dr Dilawar's Direction.
  - Synthesis of possible solutions.
- Consolidation/Prioritization of Key Technical Strategy
  - Short Term: Semester 1 2013
  - Medium Term
  - Long Term



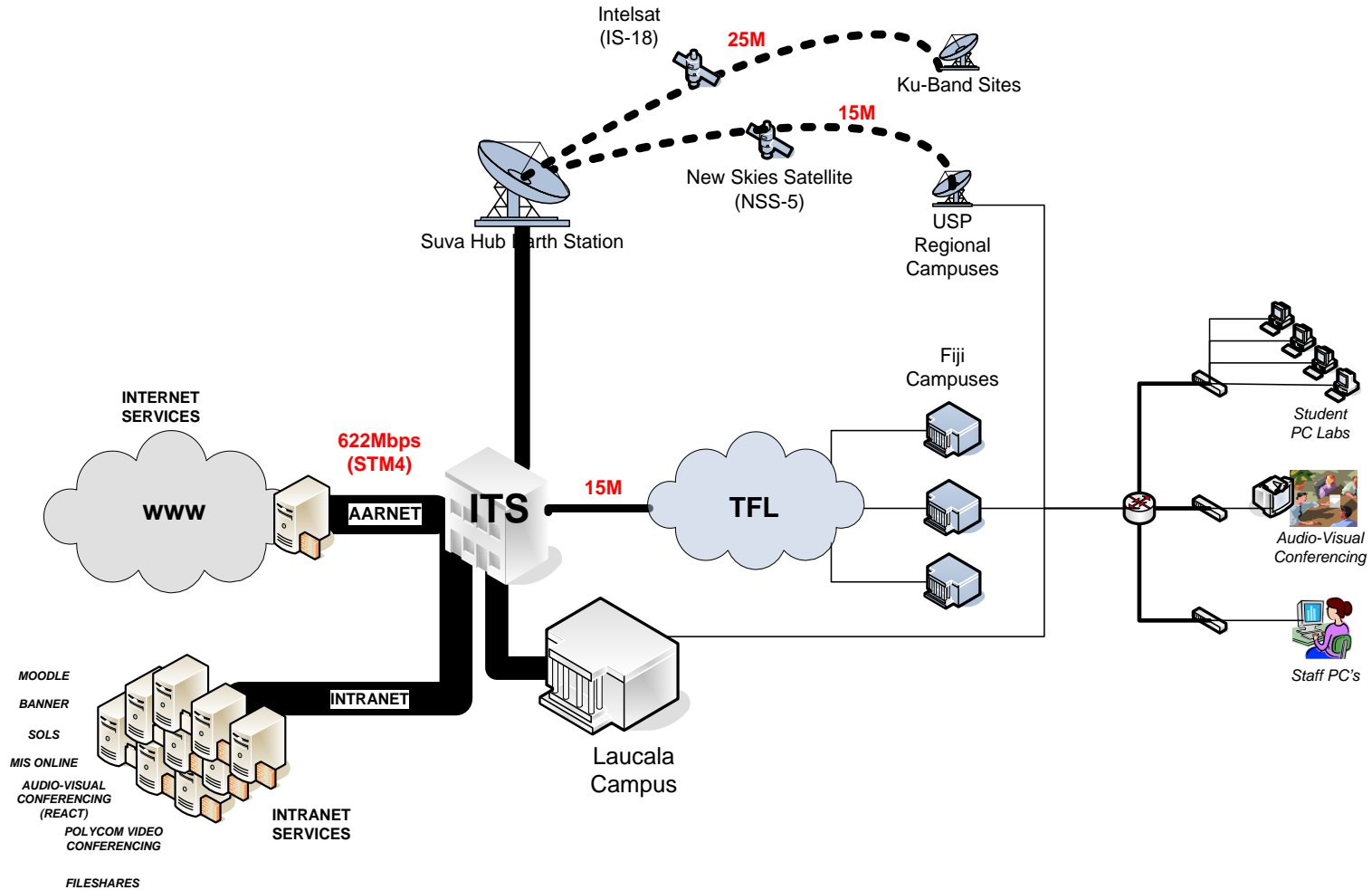
# Outcomes...

- Overall ICT Technology Strategy Presentation:
  - Full Implementation Plans.
  - Estimated Costs & Resources Required
  - Presented to SMT
  - Consultations with key regional ICT specialists e.g. Dr Lassener, CIO of UH.
- Focus on Phase 1 – Short Term initiatives in advance of Semester 1, 2013.
  - Standard Project Management Methodology adopted.
    - Project Implementation Schedules
    - Communication Plans
- Implementation endorsed by Vice-Chancellor in mid-Dec, 2012.

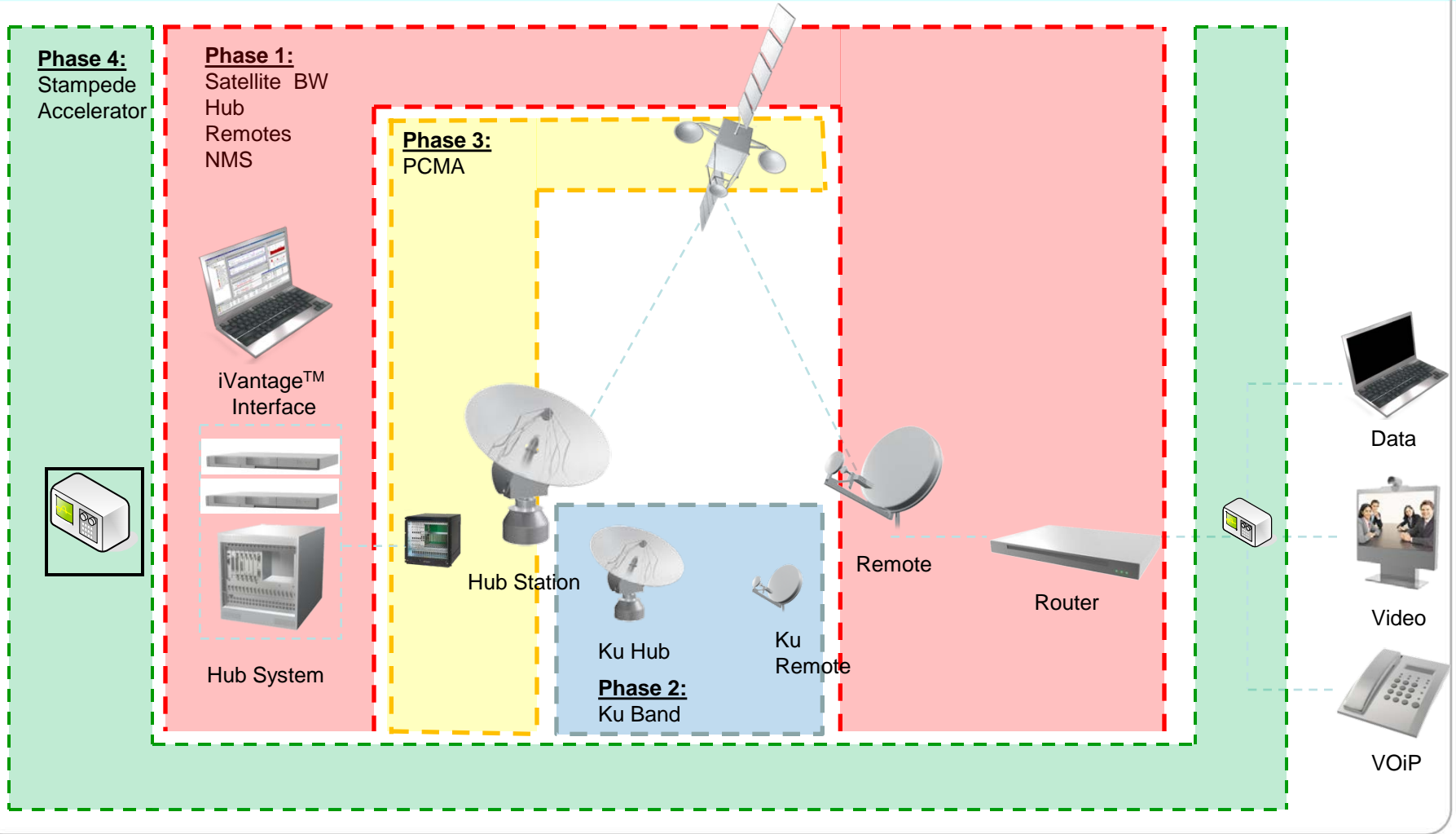
| USP ICT SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES REVIEW – 2012. |   |          |     |            |                                     |    | SHORT TERM |      |
|---|---|----------|-----|------------|-------------------------------------|----|------------|------|
| Incremental Budgetary Requirements                        |   |          |     |            |                                     |    | CAPEX      | OPEX |
| REF   | DESCRIPTION   | Priority | Qty | Unit Cost  | Unit                                |    |            |      |
| A   | Supplement key ICT Systems & Network Services Infrastructure to key regional campuses;    |          |     |            |                                     |    |            |      |
| A1  | Regional WAN Bandwidth Capacity & Technology Upgrades:                                    |          |     |            |                                     |    |            |      |
| A1.1  | Increase in Direct C-Band Capacity from 9.6MHz to 18MHz:                                  |          |     |            |                                     |    |            |      |
|   | SES New Skies Capacity  | High     | 9   | \$ 9,500   | MHz/m                               |    |            |      |
| A1.2  | Deploy STAMPEDE WAN Optimization Technology   |          |     |            |                                     |    |            |      |
|   | STAMPEDE Device HW & Licensing Upgrade  | High     | 1   | \$ 47,773  | 2 x FX4000 Units & 6 x FX1000 Units | \$ | 47,772.87  |      |
| A1.3  | Increase Fiji Terrestrial Links Capacity  |          |     |            |                                     |    |            |      |
|   | Lautoka   | Med      | 1   | \$ 2,000   | +9Mbps per month                    |    |            |      |
|   | Lautoka   | Med      | 1   | \$ 2,000   | +2Mbps per month                    |    |            |      |
|   | Savusavu  | Med      | 1   | \$ 2,000   | +2Mbps per month                    |    |            |      |
| A2  | Regional Systems & Networks Infrastructure Upgrade:                                       |          |     |            |                                     |    |            |      |
| A2.1  | Tier 1 Campuses - Emalus, Solomons, Samoa, Tonga & Kiribati Campuses.                     |          |     |            |                                     |    |            |      |
|   | Upgrade Core Routers to provide multi-WAN link capability                                 | High     | 5   | \$ 12,000  | AS1002900 series Router             | \$ | 60,000     |      |
|   | Upgrade Server Systems  | High     | 5   | \$ 90,000  | 2 x HighSpec Servers                |    |            |      |
|   | Installation Costs including Travel (For Server/Router/Firewall/UPS/Storage Installation) | High     | 5   | \$ 15,000  | 2 x Man-Weeks                       |    |            |      |
|   | Develop NAC/BYOD Solution   | High     | 5   | \$ 150,000 | HW/Appliance/Server                 |    |            |      |
| A2.2  | Tier 2 Campuses - Tokelau, Cooks, Marshall's, Niue, Tokelau, Niue.                        |          |     |            |                                     |    |            |      |
|   | General LAN/WAN/Systems Upgrade   | Med      | 6   | \$ 30,000  | Campus                              |    |            |      |



# WAN - Regional Connectivity



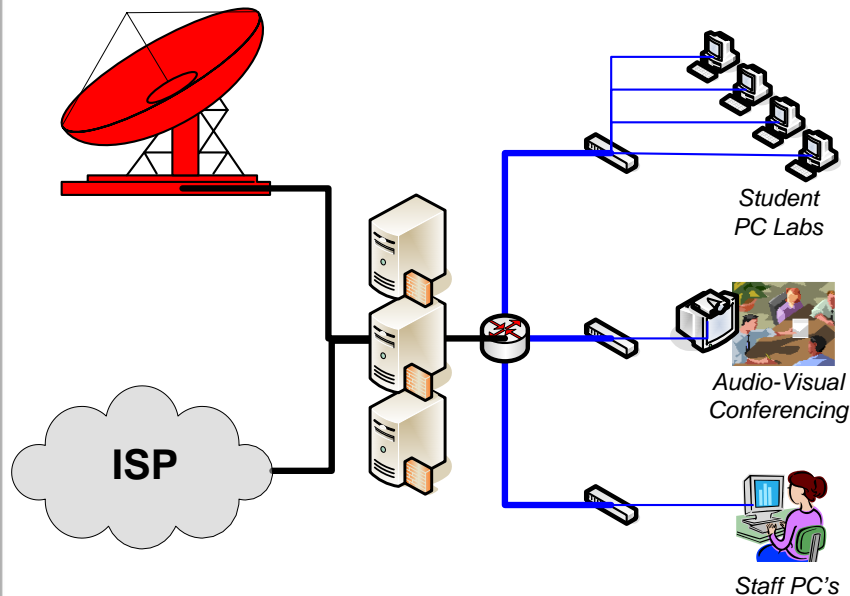
# iDirect Roadmap





# Localization of Services

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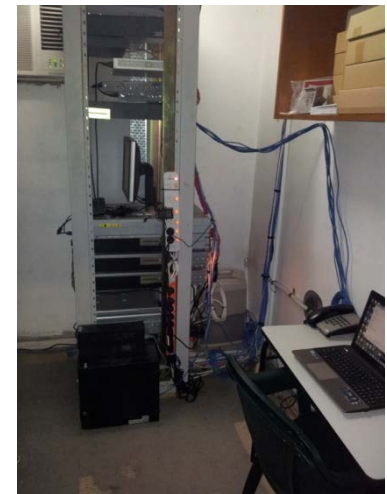


- **Benefits:**

- Localization of chatty authentication traffic.
- Local MS Exchange Email services.
- Local Papercut Internet Quota Management System.
- Local Proxy for Cache-ing
- Higher Spec Networking Routers – facilitating an alternative Link via local ISP for redundancy and load sharing.
- Improved Virtual Server Architecture for increased redundancy, uptime and availability.

# Target Main Problematic Campuses in advance of Semester 1, 2013.

- **Emalus, Honiara & Alafua Campuses**
  - Chronic problems with MOODLE, Internet and general consistency in services.
  - Logical consolidation of all key technology improvements theorized was implementation.
- **Upgrade of key campus ICT infrastructure and service design to effect improvements in services:**
  - Installation of new servers to improve hardware concentration.
  - Upgrade regional network routers and firewall installation to improve capacity, stability & security of the network.
  - Reconfiguration of core service authentication, traffic routing and PC Management to improve user experience.



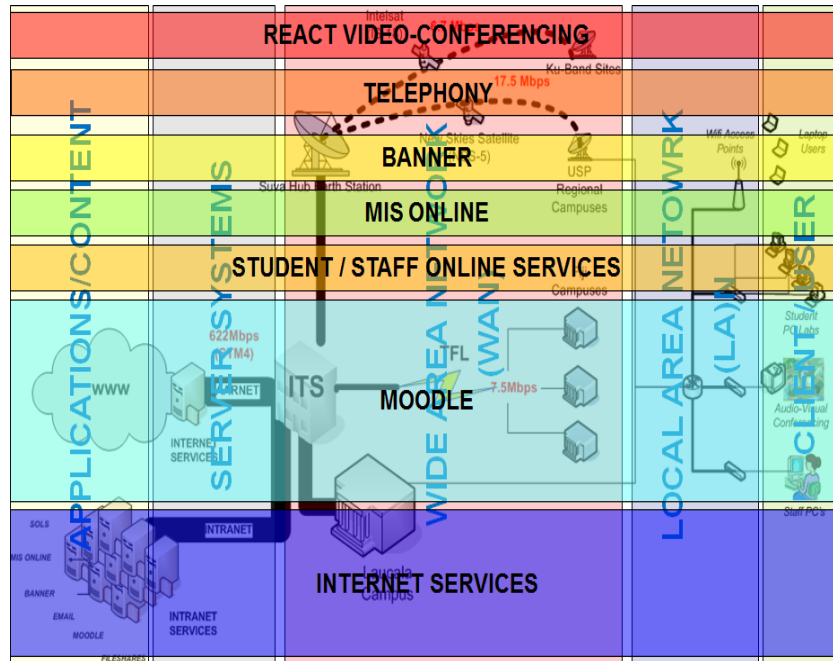
# ICT Infrastructure Upgrade – Summary of Results.

## USP ICT SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES REVIEW – 2012.

### Results of Regional Campus Infrastructure Upgrades

| Performance Objective          | Emalus Campus                               | Honiara Campus                              | Alafua Campus                               | Comments  |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Network Ping Latency           | -57%  | -30%  | -33%  | Significantly Decreased Latency Times                           |
| Services to Hardware Ratio     | +50%  | +50%  | +50%  | Server resources doubled per service                            |
| Service Uptime & Availability  | 10%   | 10%   | 10%   | Uptime improved   |
| Moodle Basic Access & Browsing | -47%  | -41%  | -41%  | MOODLE access improved  |
| Moodle Downloads               | -9%   | -4%   | -18%  | MOODLE downloads improved                                       |
| Moodle Uploads                 | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | MOODLE uploads were a problem due to Application Version Issue. |
| Banner - Access & Browsing     | -60%  | -40%  | -53%  | Vastly improved Banner Access Times                             |
| Banner - Basic Functionality   | -50%  | -50%  | -41%  | Vastly improved Functional Times                                |
| Internet - Access & Browsing   | -50%  | -97%  | -14%  | Vastly improved Internet Access Times                           |
| Internet - Downloads           | -100%                                       | -100%                                       | -100%                                       | Vastly improved Internet Download Times                         |
| Telephony                      | 100%  | Improved Quality                            | Improved Quality                            | Telephony Quality Improved - Emalus Significantly               |
| REACT AV Service               | Increased capacity for quality conferences. | Increased capacity for quality conferences. | Increased capacity for quality conferences. | REACT quality and stability improved                            |

# Increasing Online Delivery

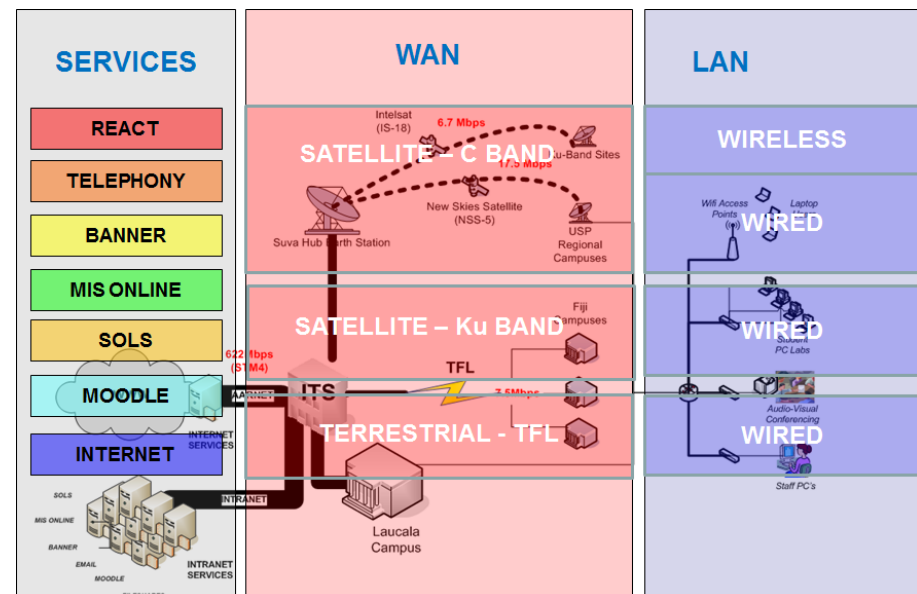


- Since 2009, a 127% increase in the number of courses with an online component.
  - Increased requirement for Student PC Lab resources (+40% Growth)
  - Development of MOODLE and increasing usage of MOODLE.
  - Increased usage of REACT as a supplementary tool.
  - Increased requirement for WAN capacity (+approx. 8MBps)

# LAN Devices – Wifi Explosion

## USP Wifi Strategy

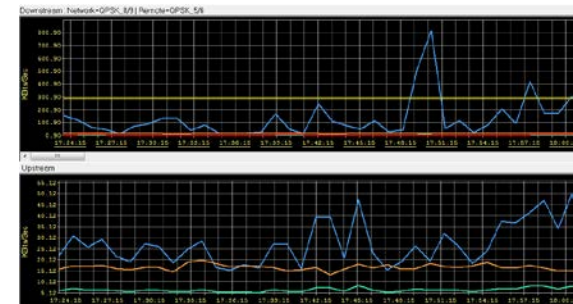
- Cost-effective network coverage expansion
- Since 2009, Wifi deployed to 5 main campuses:
  - 56 New Access Points
  - Approx 600 New Users
  - Approx additional 10Mbps WAN Bandwidth required.
- Security & Virus Considerations:
  - 2 significant outages at Main Campuses.
  - Firewall Hardware & Network Access Control Systems Planned.



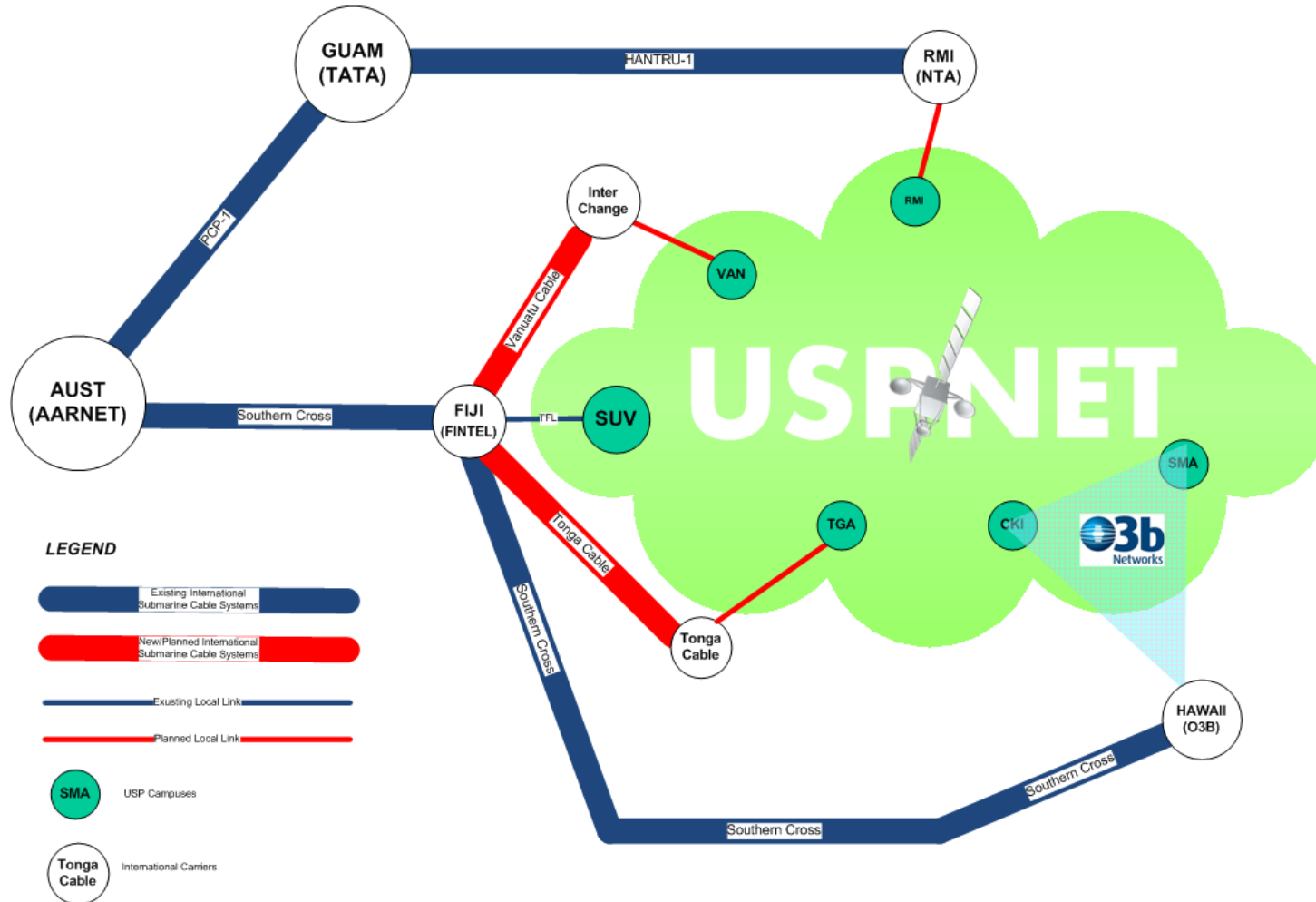
USP Wifi Expansion Strategy – will need to be accompanied by WAN capacity upgrade & additional security infrastructure.

# WAN Technology Enhancements

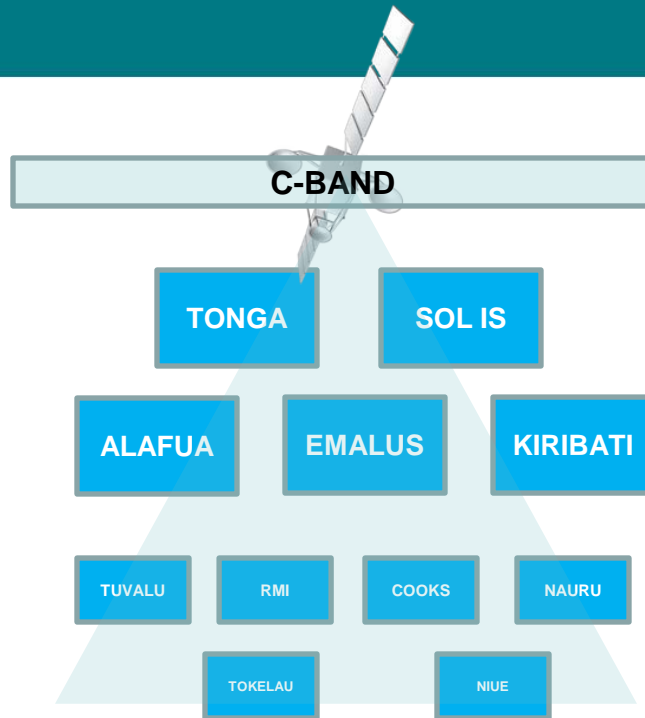
- USPNet Wide Area Network:
  - Bottleneck - At peak periods <10% of requested capacity was provisioned.
  - Effecting improvement in USPNET would have the widest impact on regional users.
- USPNET Bandwidth Capacity Upgrade:
  - Recommendations for Upgrade in Satellite Capacity for 2013 – effective doubling of current capacity to main regional campuses.
  - Subsequent planning cycles to include new technology options e.g. Cable, O3B etc.
- iDirect QoS “Tweaking” to better suit traffic patterns and USP priorities.



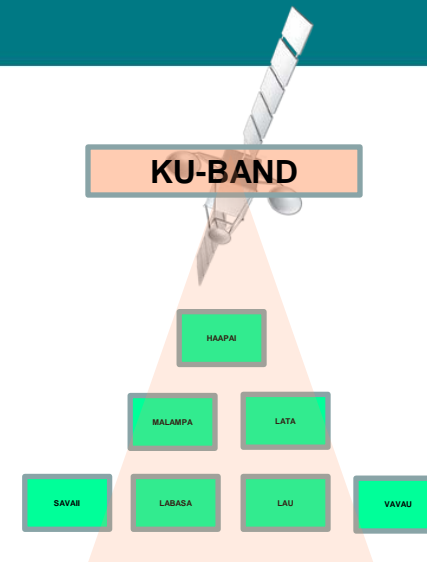
# Wide Area Network (WAN) Strategy



# USPNET Bandwidth Expansion



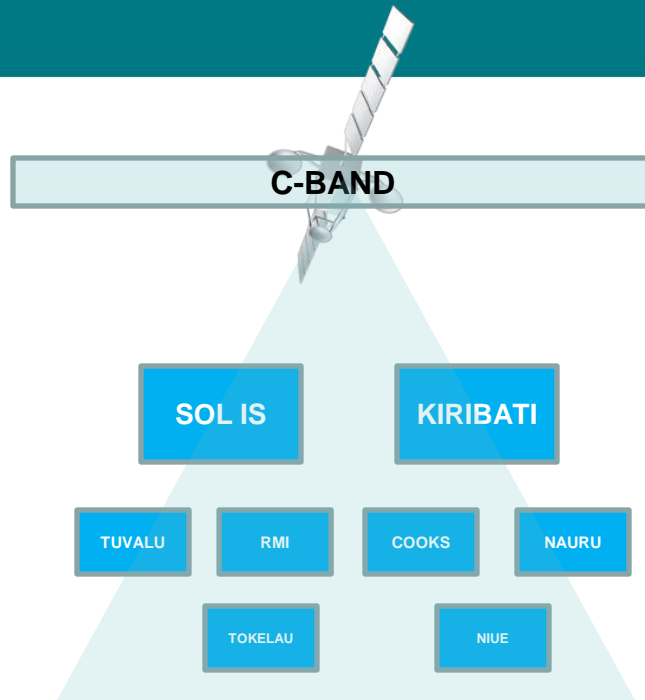
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- Main USP Campuses



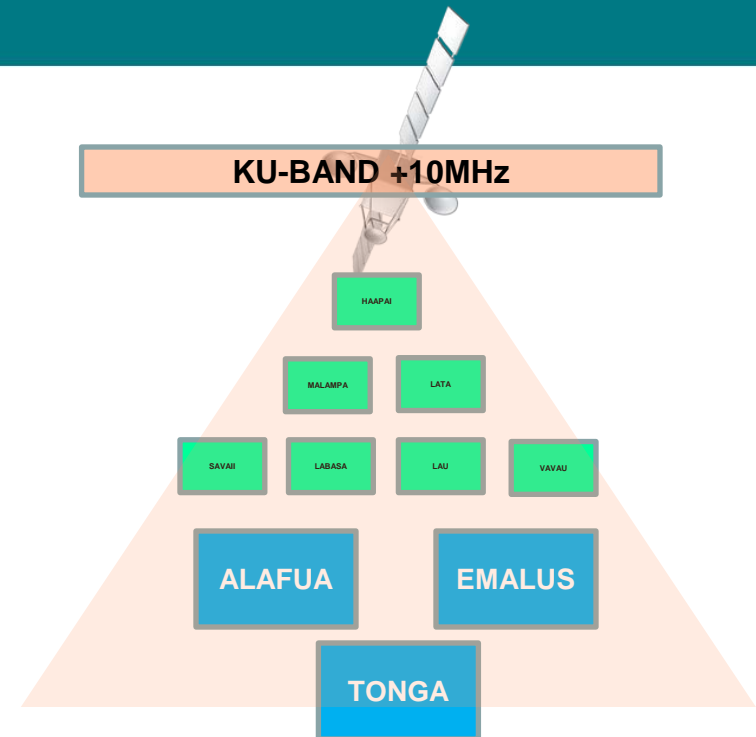
- 5MHz – IS18
- Small Sub-Campuses



# USPNET Bandwidth Expansion



- 10MHz NSS-9
- Fewer Main USP Campuses

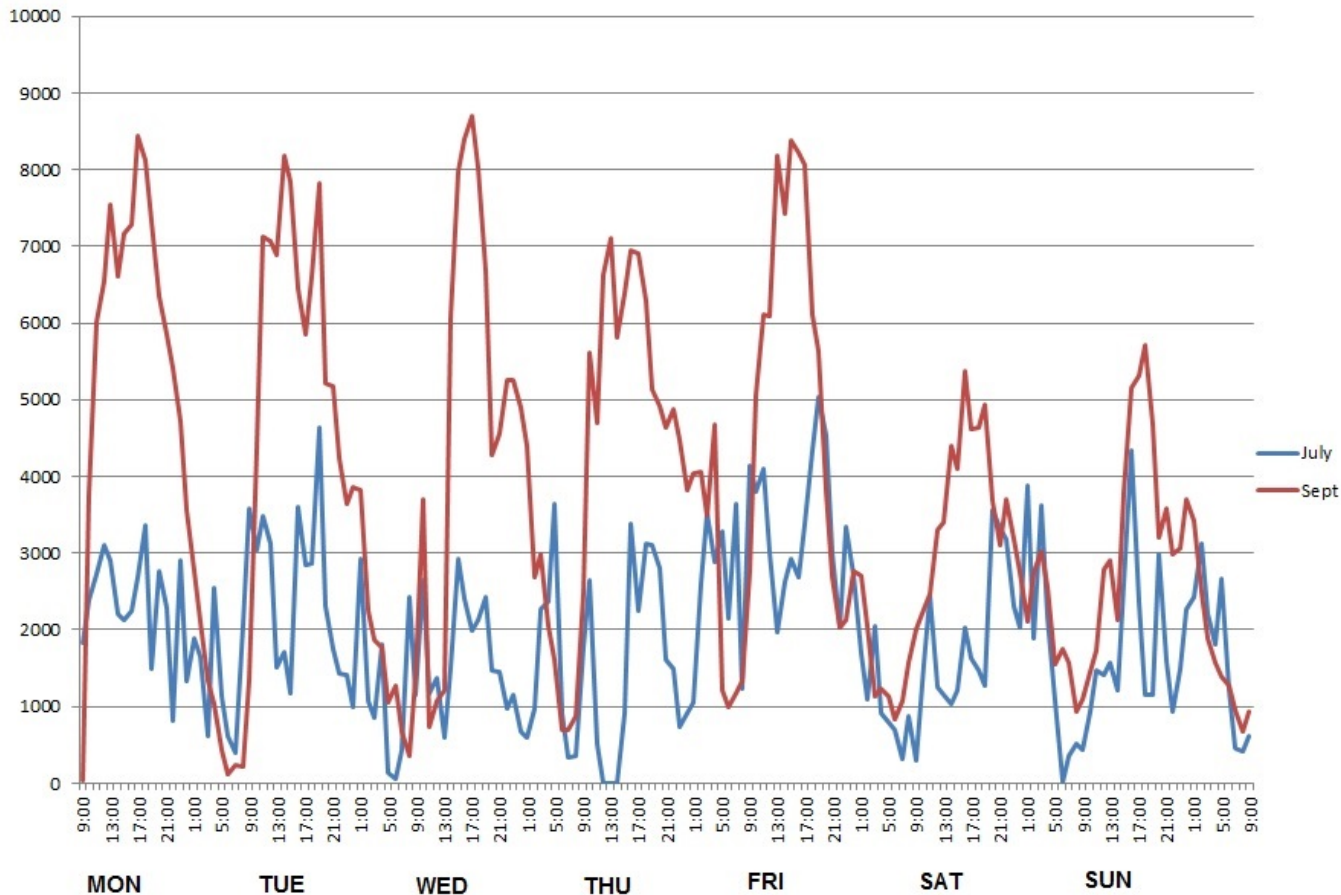


- 15MHz – IS18
- Small Sub-Campuses + Main Campuses

- Overall reduced contention for bandwidth; reduced congestion; service improvements.
- Valuable redundancy across both systems.

# Results – Emalus Campus

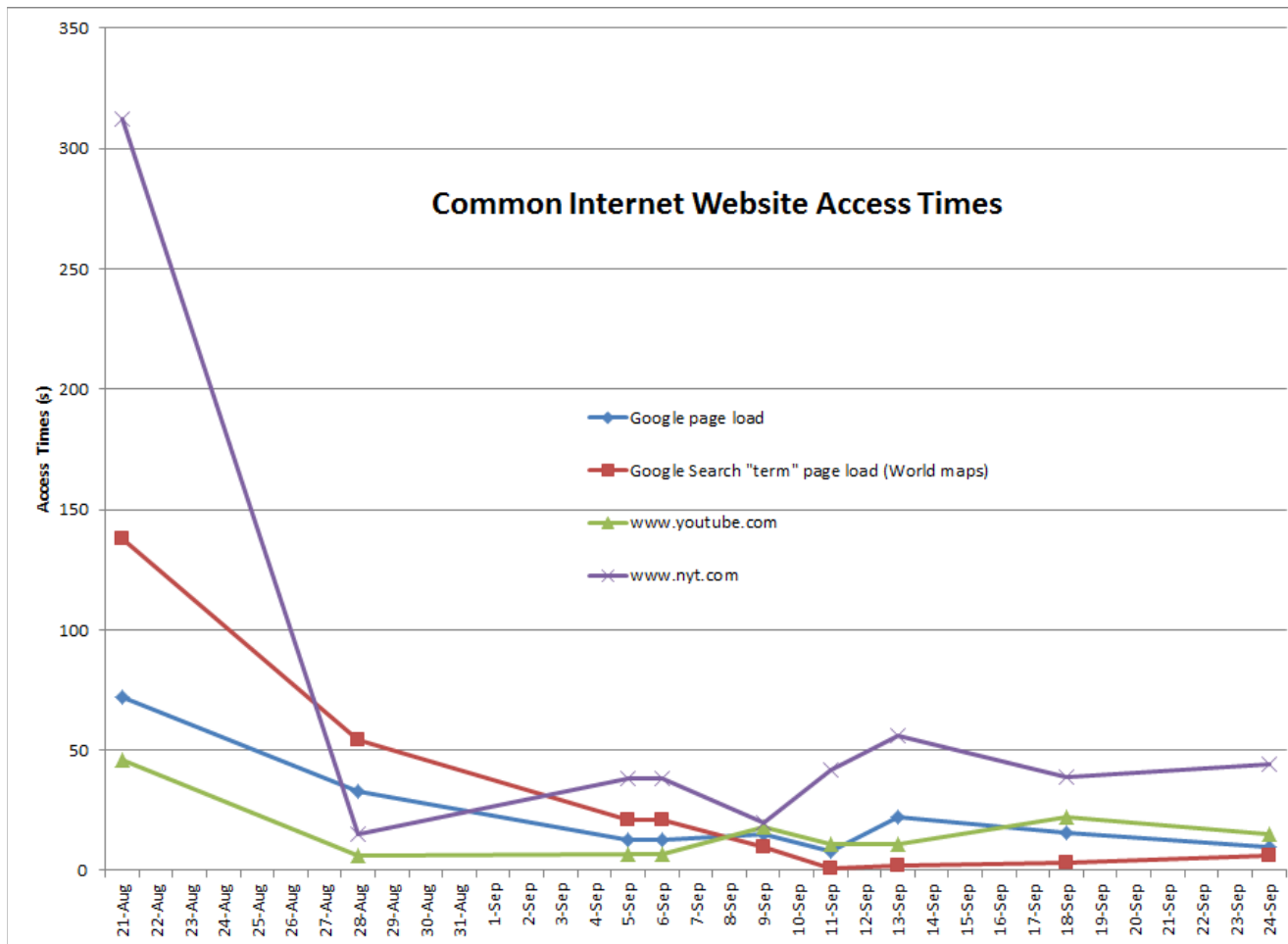
## Internet Traffic – Weekly Traffic Profile Comparison



Approx.  
Doubling in  
Internet  
Capacity

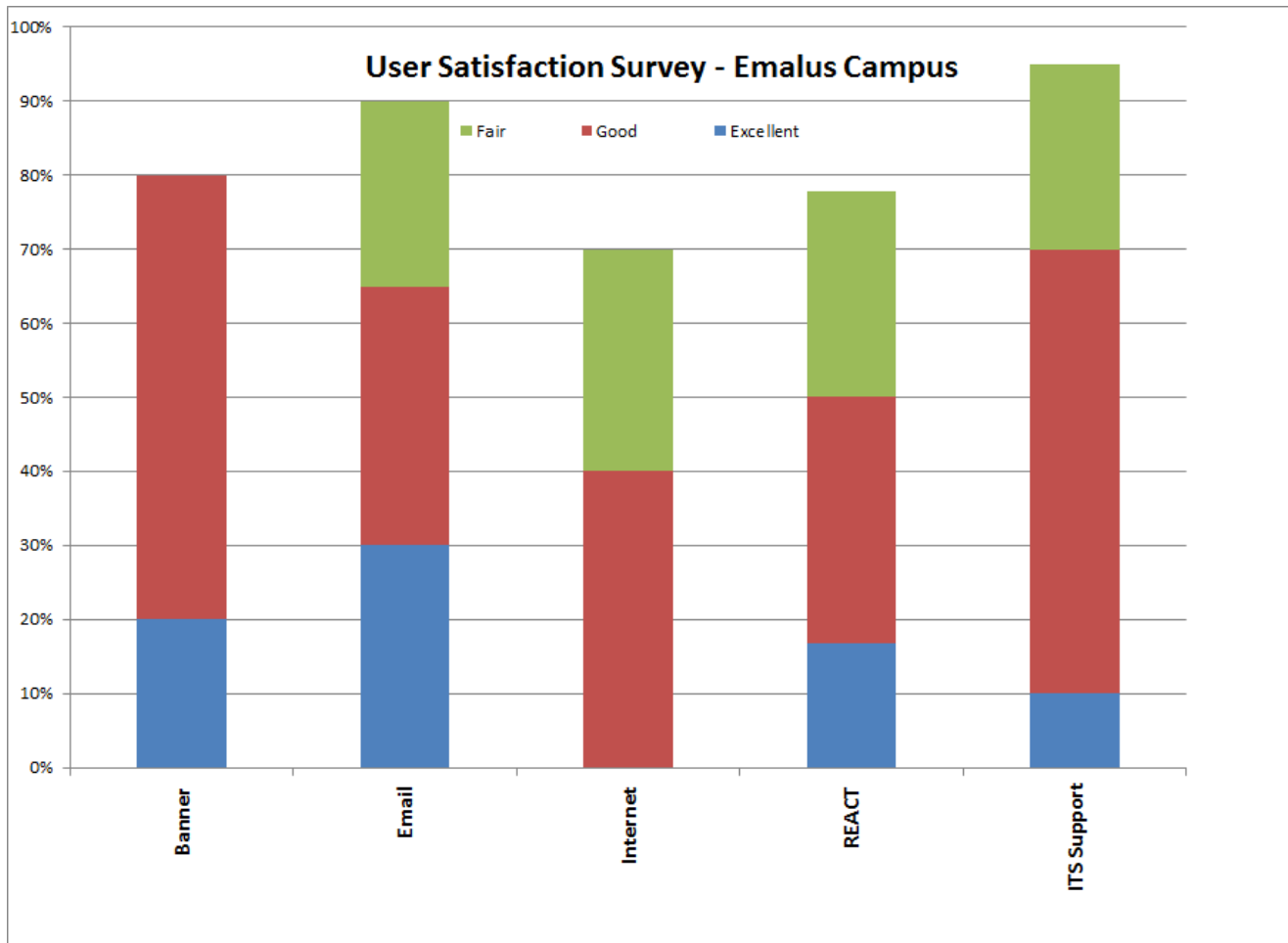
# Results – Emalus Campus

## Internet Traffic – Student Labs Access



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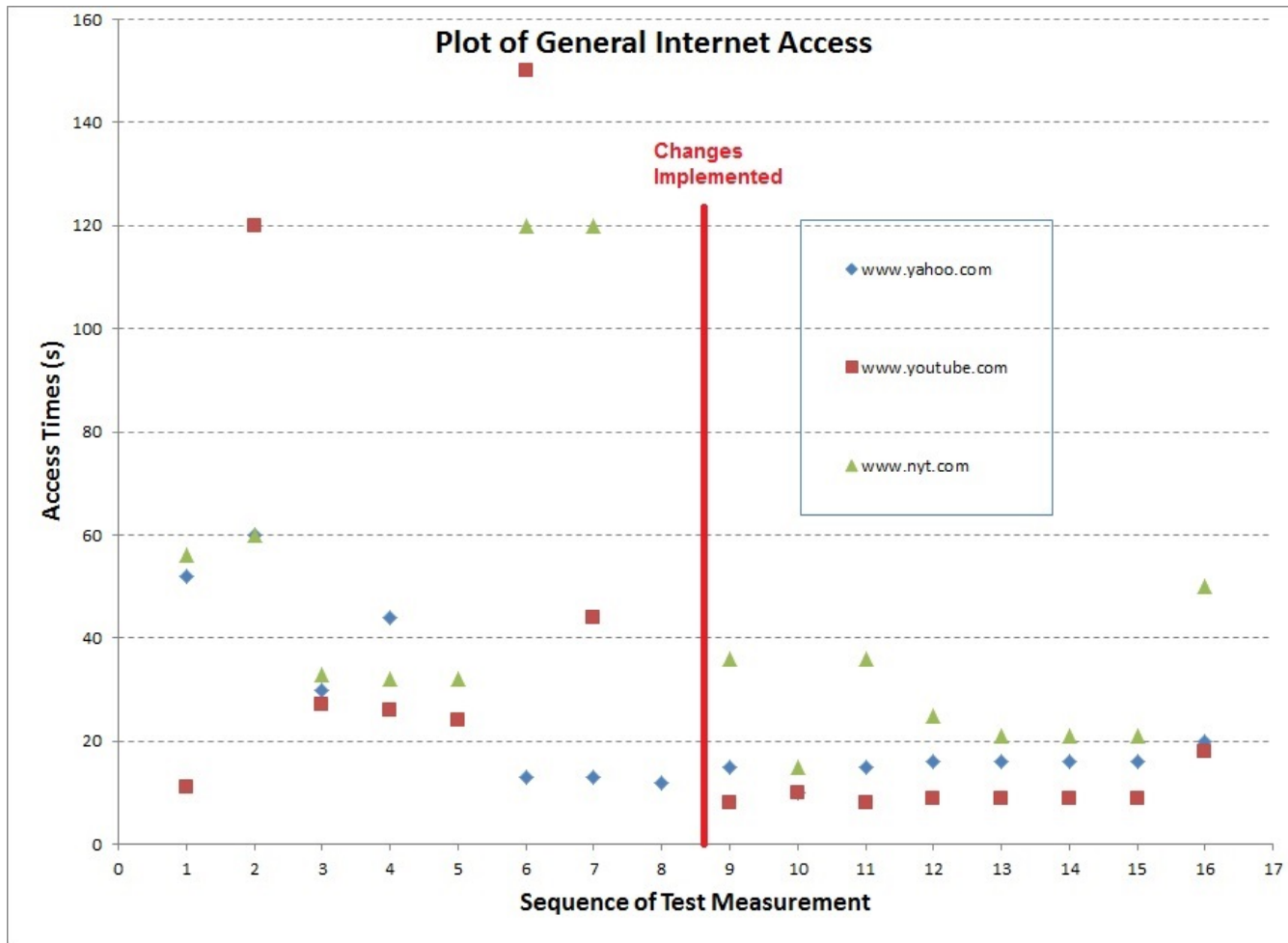
## User Survey- Staff & Students



Approx.  
80% User  
Satisfaction

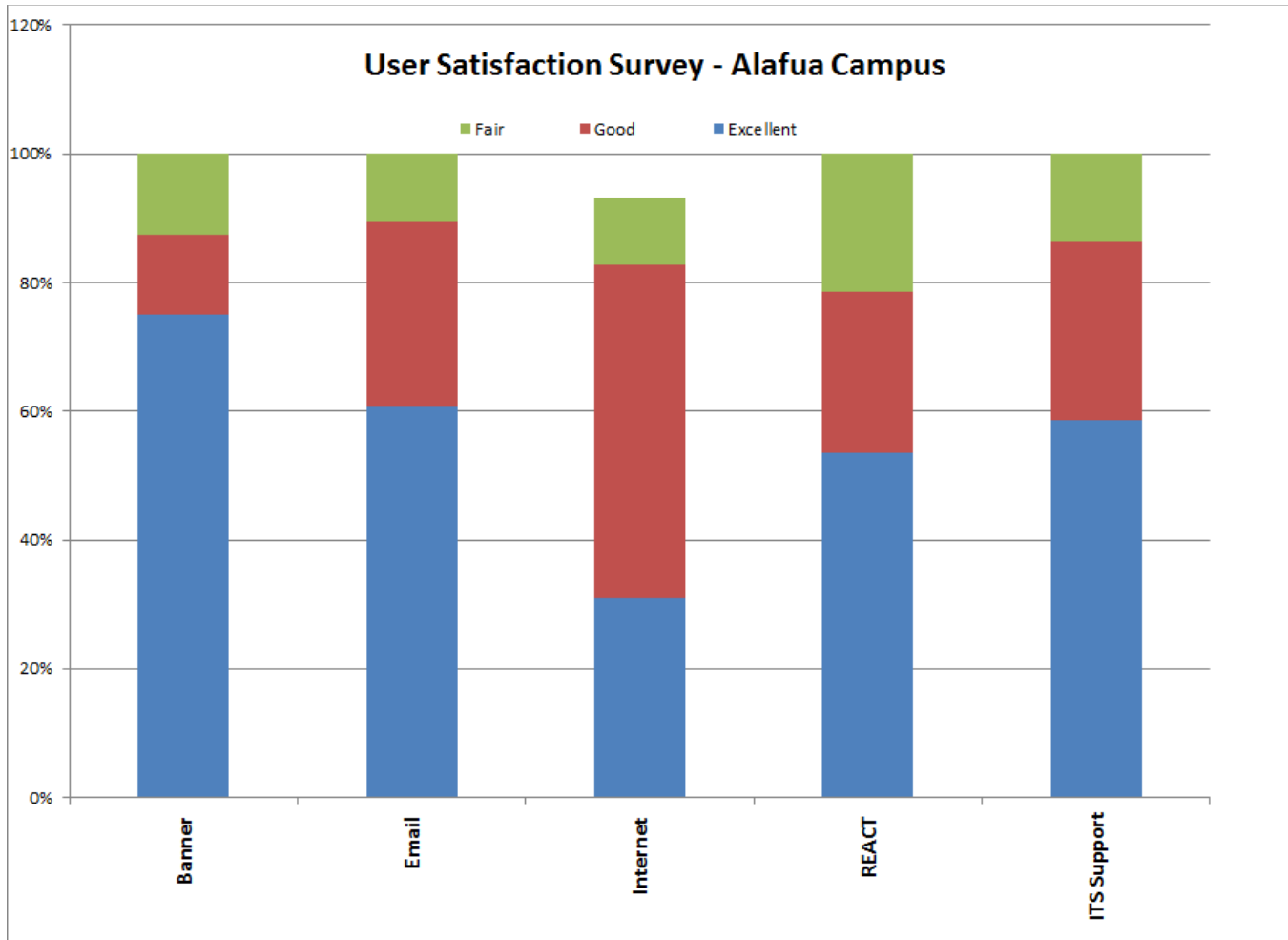
# Results – Alafua Campus

## Internet Traffic – Student Labs Access



# Results – Alafua Campus

## User Survey – Staff & Students



Approx  
95%  
Overall  
User  
Satisfaction

# Results – Overall

## OVERALL;

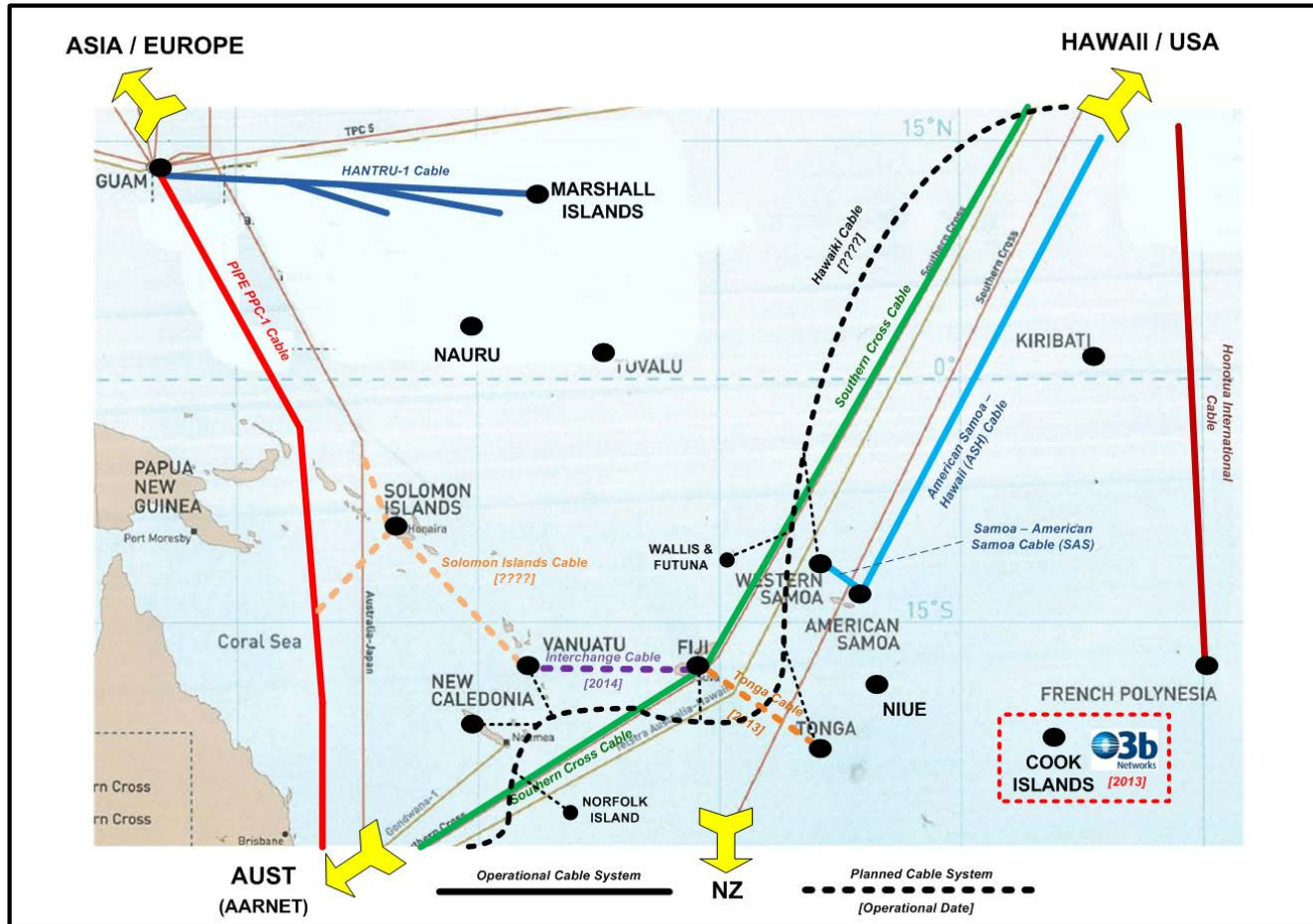
- Successful Increase in Connectivity Capacity to Regional Campuses
- Significant (70-80%) improvement in access to Online resources:
- Stability of services due to reduced contention and congestion.
- Most users satisfied with changes.
- Continuing Testing & Users Surveys as project progresses.

## HOWEVER;

- Proxy Server Issues (New Squid Version & Improved HW Efficiency)
- Emalus Campus – Spurious Traffic Constraints (BYOD/NAC)
- Alafua Campus – VSAT Availability Lower (C-Band Contingency)



# Submarine Fibre-Optic & O3B



MAP OF CURRENT AND PLANNED FIBRE-OPTIC CABLE SYSTEMS IN USP PACIFIC REGIONAL COUNTRIES (NOT TO SCALE)

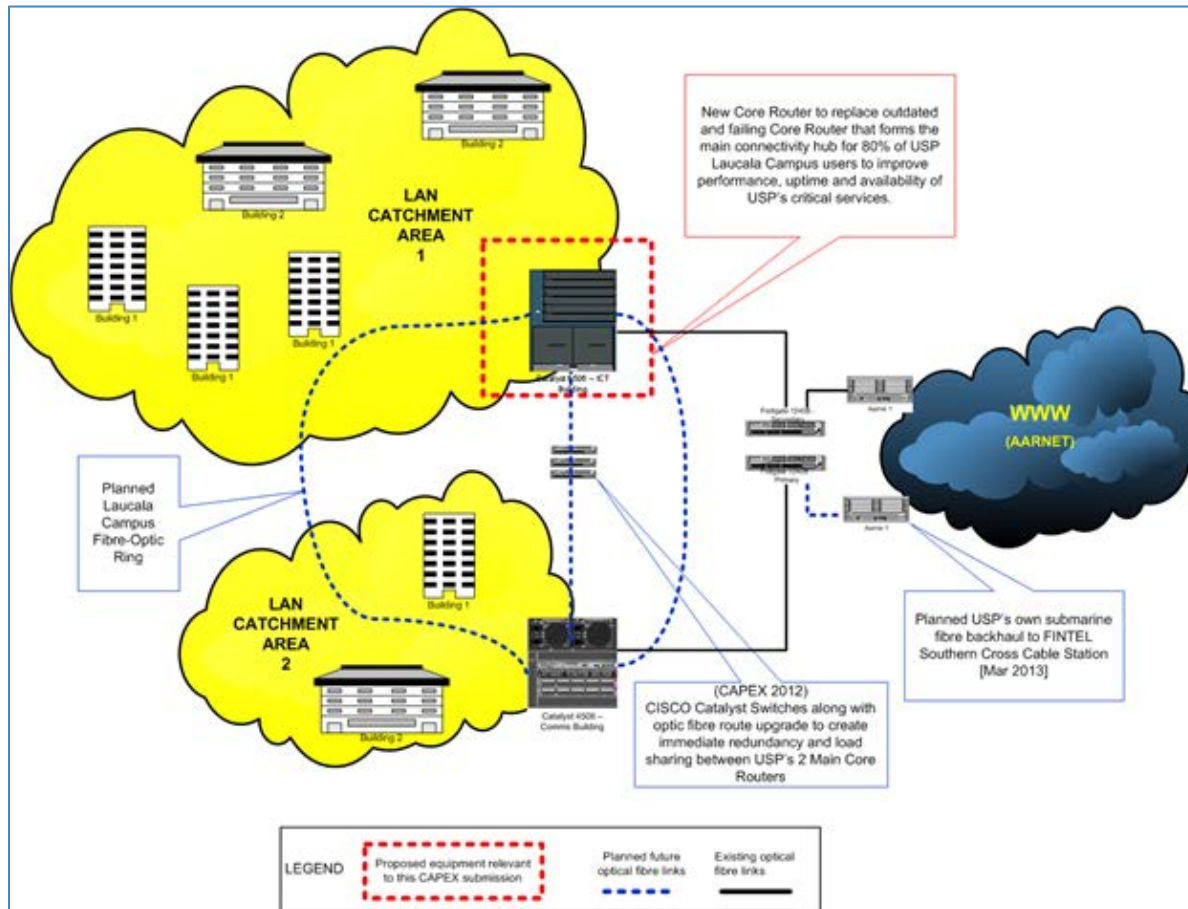


# Implementation

| ID | Task Name                                | Duration | Jul '13 |    |   |    | Aug '13 |    |   |    | Sep '13 |    |   |   | Oct '13 |    |    |   | Nov '13 |    |    |   |    |    |
|----|--|----------|---------|----|---|----|---------|----|---|----|---------|----|---|---|---------|----|----|---|---------|----|----|---|----|----|
|    |  |          | 23      | 30 | 7 | 14 | 21      | 28 | 4 | 11 | 18      | 25 | 1 | 8 | 15      | 22 | 29 | 6 | 13      | 20 | 27 | 3 | 10 | 17 |
| 1  | <u>USPNET BANDWIDTH EXPANSION - 2013</u> |          |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |   |         |    |    |   |         |    |    |   |    |    |
| 2  | ✓ Intelsat Capacity Increase             | 37 days  |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |   |         |    |    |   |         |    |    |   |    |    |
| 3  | Ku-Band Migration                        | 64 days  |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |   |         |    |    |   |         |    |    |   |    |    |
| 4  | ✓ Emalus                                 | 7 days   |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |   |         |    |    |   |         |    |    |   |    |    |
| 5  | ✓ Alafua                                 | 5 days   |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |   |         |    |    |   |         |    |    |   |    |    |
| 6  | Tonga                                    | 7 days   |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |   |         |    |    |   |         |    |    |   |    |    |
| 7  | Niue                                     | 7 days   |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |   |         |    |    |   |         |    |    |   |    |    |
| 8  | C-Band Capacity Redistribution           | 14 days  |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |   |         |    |    |   |         |    |    |   |    |    |
| 9  |  |          |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |    |         |    |   |   |         |    |    |   |         |    |    |   |    |    |

- 18-Aug: Additional 10MHz capacity acquired from Intelsat [Completed]
- 24-Aug: Emalus Campus Migrated onto New Capacity [Completed]
- 27-Sep: Alafua Campus Migrated onto New Capacity [Completed]
- 14-Oct: Redistribution of C-Band Capacity [In Progress]
- 26-Oct: Tonga Campus Fibre Capacity Trials [Planned]
- 15-Nov: Niue Campus [Planned]

# USP Laucala Core Network



- New Core & AARNET Router Installed.
- Switching Infrastructure Upgrade.
- 10G Fibre Optic Ring – in progress.
- AARNET Backhaul Redundancy [Nov-Dec]

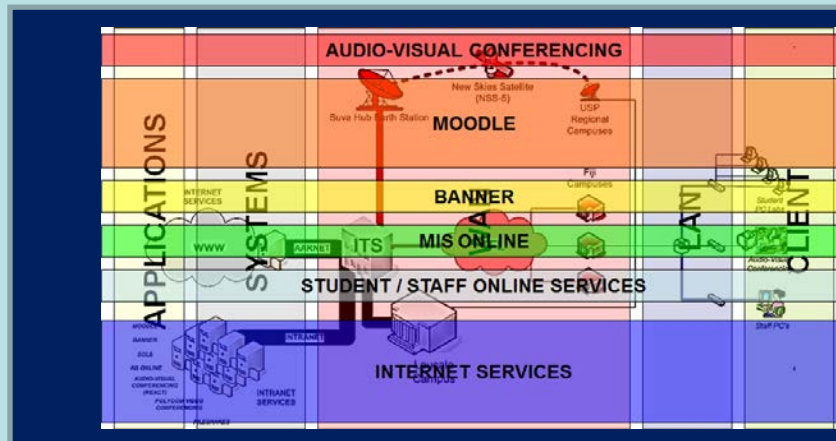
# Supplementary Directions.

- IP Space Resign:
- AD/LDAP/Authentication Restructure:
- New Banner Infrastructure & Process Automation
- Network Access Control – Wireless
- Digital Library / Knowledge Hub.
- Pacific Regional Outreach:
  - Pacific Research & Education Network:
    - Pacific Forum Secretariat, SPREP, FFA.
  - Upstream Connectivity to AARNET Global Research & Education Networks.



# Information Technology Infrastructure Library

## USP Corporate Strategy



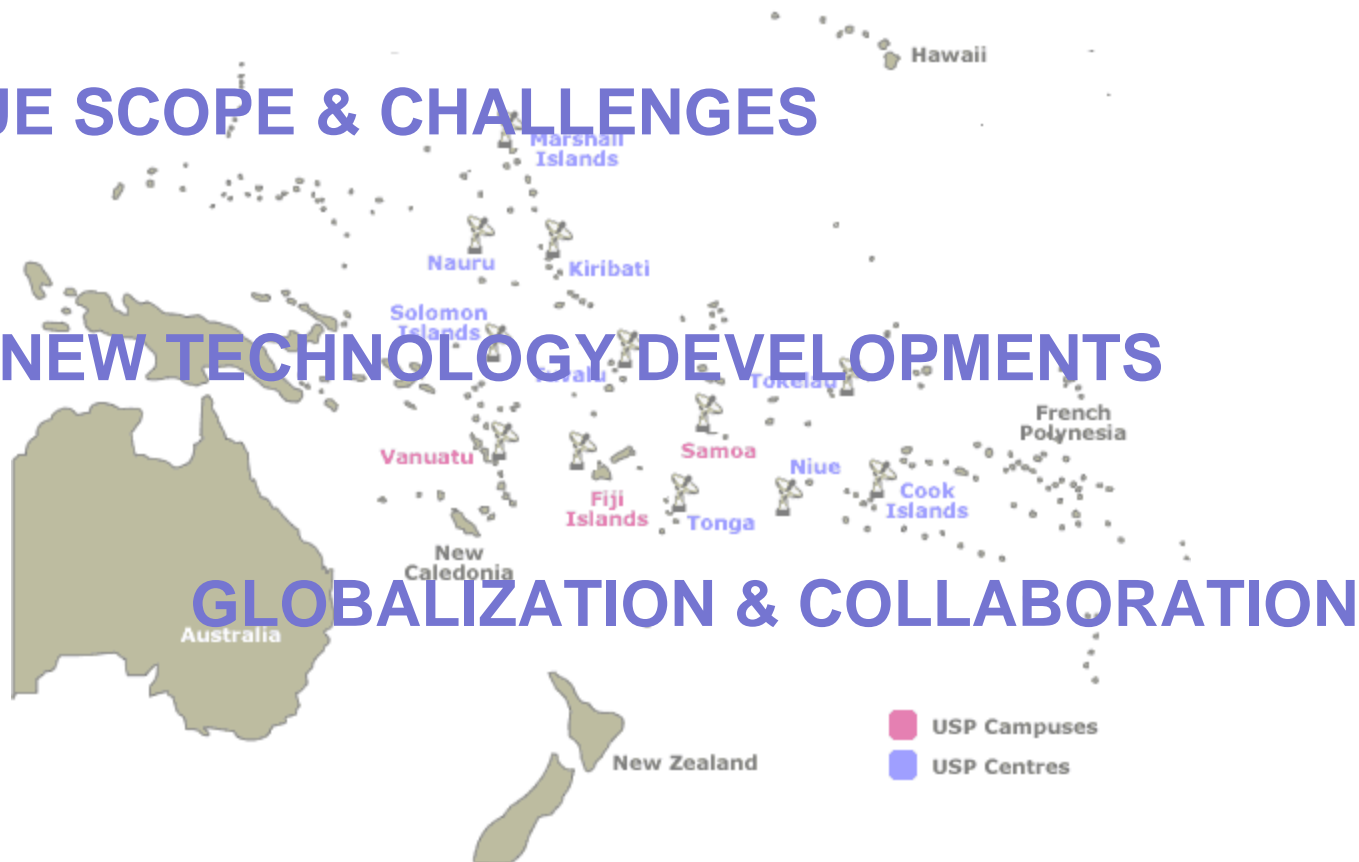
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# Summary

UNIQUE SCOPE & CHALLENGES

NEW TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS

GLOBALIZATION & COLLABORATION





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