Federated storage initiatives at NRC "Kurchatov Institute"

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Rationale

NRC "Kurchatov Institute" is a geographically distributed research center

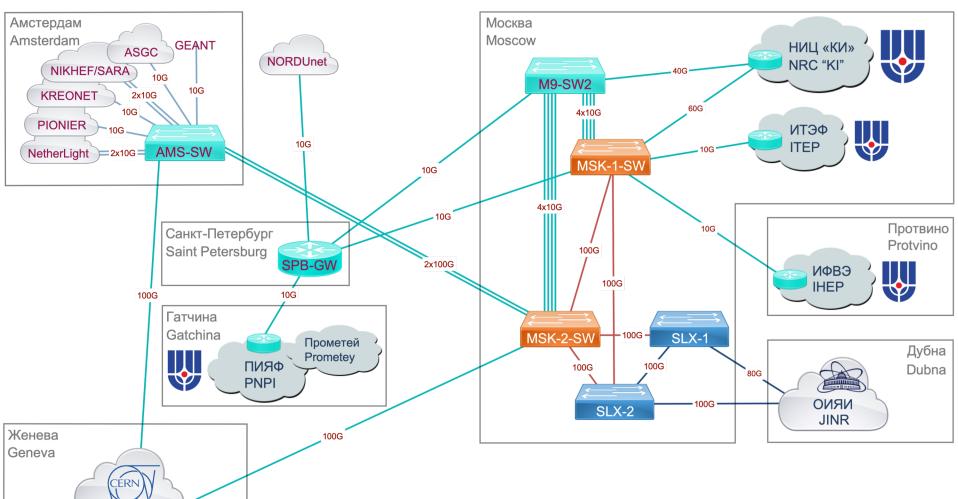
- 7 research institutes, most of which have their own compute facilities
- Moscow district
 - ΚI
 - **IHEP**
 - **ITEP**
 - **IREA**
 - **GOSNIIGENETIKA**
- Saint Petersburg district
 - **PNPI**
 - Prometey





Network backbone

for international Megascience-class projects



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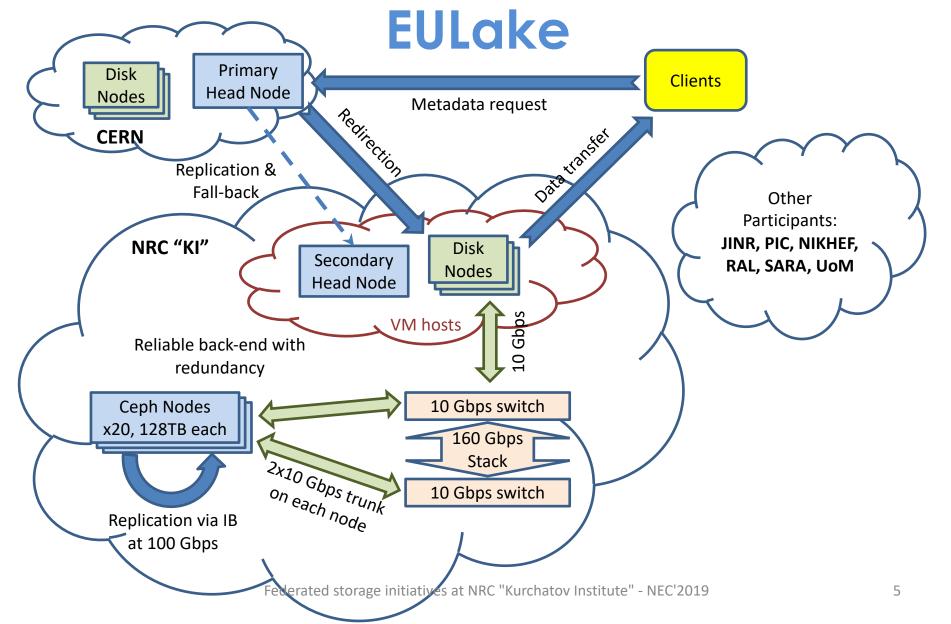


Participation in R&Ds

- 2015 Russian Federated Data Storage
 - EOS + dCache
- 2018 EU DataLake (EULake)
 - EOS
- 2019 Russian DataLake
 - EOS + dCache + xCache + ...



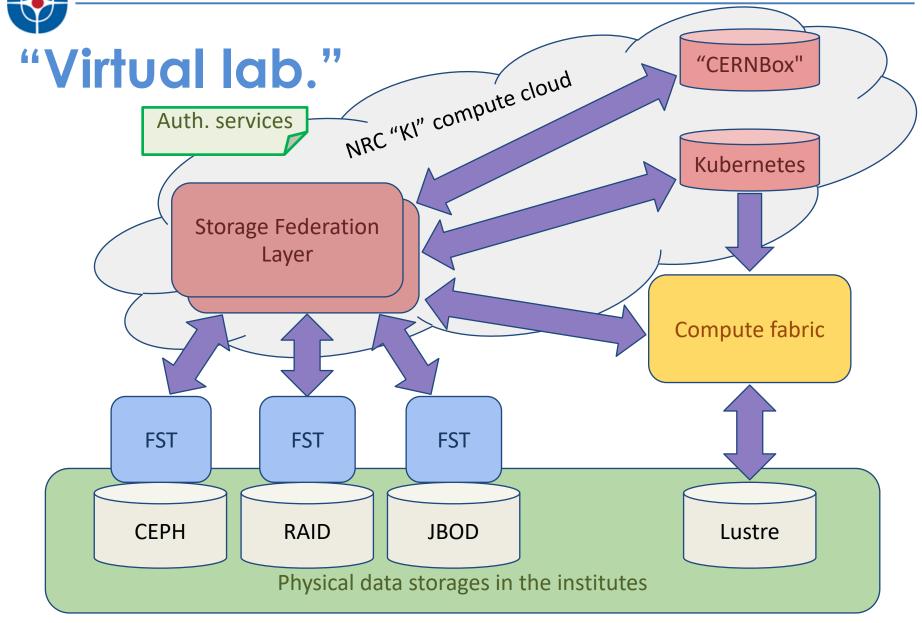




Ultimate goals

- Unification of access to supercomputer resources of NRC "KI"
- Unification of data storage models for scientific experiments at NRC "KI"
- Unification of user authentication and authorization







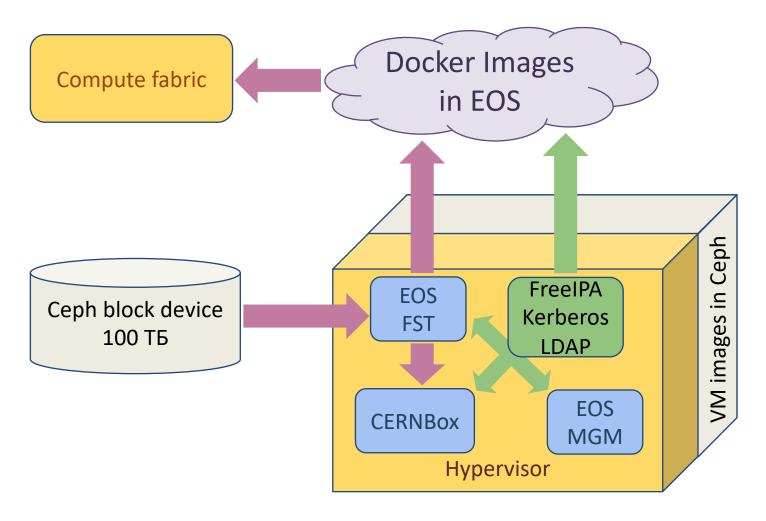
Current status

- Pilot project between KI and PNPI
- Unified registration service
- Two replicated FreeIPA instances
 - Kerberos auth.
- EOS with MGM at PNPI and two FSTs at PNPI (Ceph) and KI (physical storage)
- CERNbox on top of EOS
- Kubernetes orchestrator
- Apache Guacamole for desktop access





Current status







Things TBD

- SSO across all web services
 - Moving away from classic login/password
 - OTP?
- Expansion of the pilot onto other NRC "KI" institutes
- Validation by real experiment's use cases
- Cybersecurity
 - Moving scientific data unencrypted is OK as long as there's auth.
 and integrity verification
 - Moving user's data across site's boundaries needs strong encryption
 - Active intrusion prevention for supercomputer resources

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