

# **Musical Developments on Internet2 Where We've Been, Where We're Going**

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Where We've Been.  
Where Are We Going?



The high-bandwidth capabilities of Internet2 have finally allowed the Fine Arts to participate in the benefits of the Internet Revolution.



# Music Uses of Internet2

- Teaching/Master Classes
- Rehearsal Preparation
- Distribution of Live and Pre-Recorded Music and Concerts
- Multi-Venue Recording and Collaboration
- Shared Research



# Concerns

- Technology must be a viable and effective music-making and teaching tool
- Technology should make the job better and/or easier
- Technology should not be used just for the sake of using technology



# Requirements

- High-Quality, True-Fidelity Audio
- High-Quality Video
- Real-Time Interactivity
- Ease of Setup and Operation
- Cost Effectiveness
- Collaborative Partners



# High-Quality, True-Fidelity Audio

- Stereo Audio
- Accurate Representation of Sound
- No Echo



# High-Quality Video

- Clear Picture
- Color Accuracy
- Full-Motion
- Stable Image
- Audio/Video Synchronization





# Real-Time Interactivity

- Minimal Encoding/Decoding Delay
- Minimal Network Delay
- Accurate “Lip-Synch”



# Ease of Setup and Operation

- Hardware Easy to Set Up
- Software Easy to Use
- Minimal Number of Operators



# Cost Effectiveness

- Costs less than meeting in person
- Multiple uses for the same equipment
- More Efficient Use of Time



# Collaborative Partners

- Compatible Equipment
- Compatible Interests
- Joint Projects



# MPEG-2 Codec Strengths

- CD-Quality Audio
  - Stereo
  - 44.1 kHz Sampling Rate
  - 16 Bit Sampling Width
- MPEG-2 Video
  - DVD Quality Video
  - 30 Frames Per Second
  - Good Audio/Video Synchronization



## MPEG-2 Codec Strengths (cont.)

- Approximately 100 - 250 ms. Delay
- Connects to 100Mb Ethernet via TCP/IP
- Controller Software is Easy to Operate
- Units Cost Between Approximately \$20,000 and \$50,000
- Number of Units Growing



# MPEG-2 Codec Weaknesses

- Hardware and/or Software Often Difficult to Configure
- Local Network Infrastructure Usually Needs Reworking
- Incompatibility Between Manufacturers
- “Real-Time” Streaming Makes Unit Susceptible to Network Delays



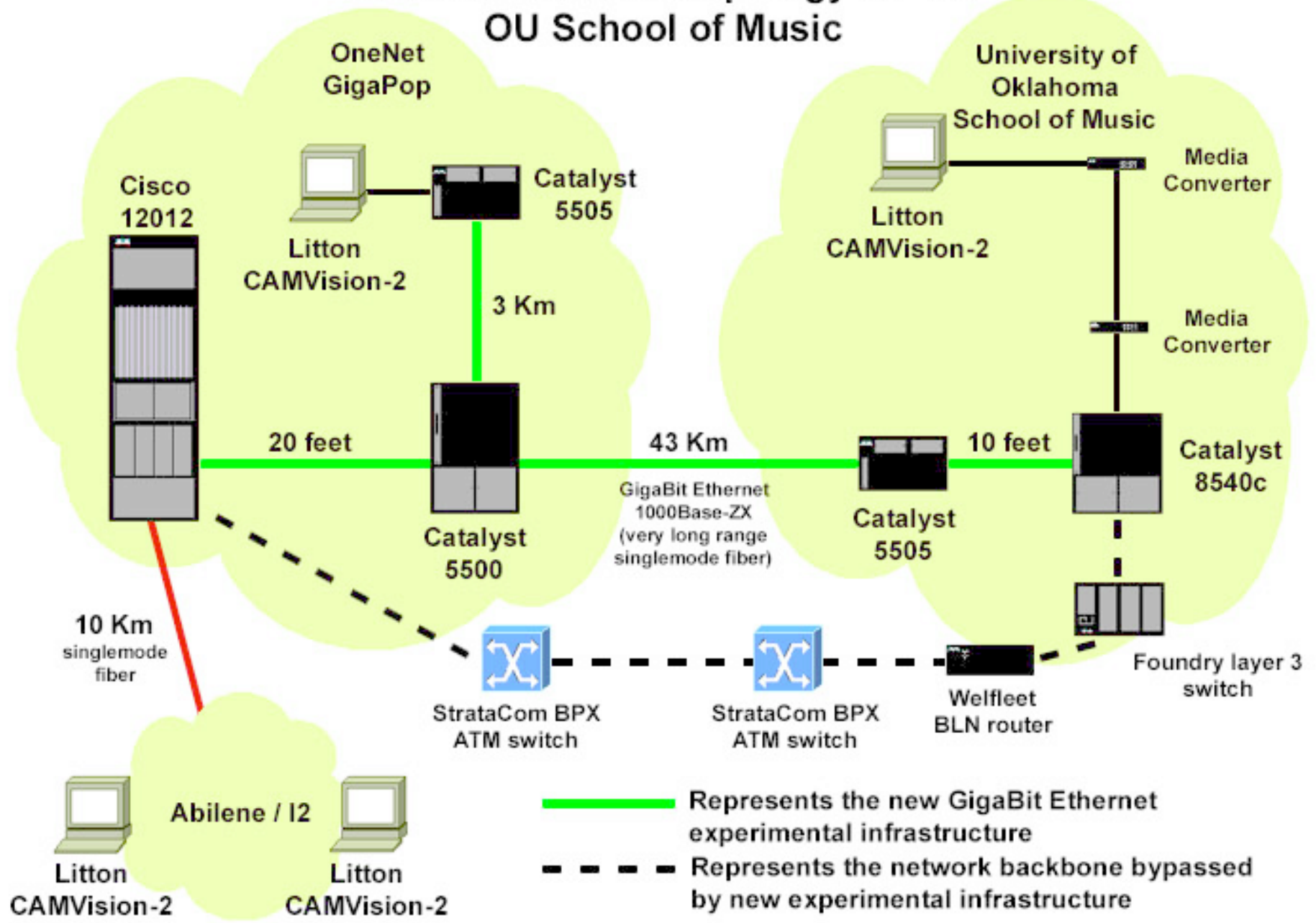
# Modifications to MPEG-2 Codec

- Second Video Monitor
- Bypass Echo Cancellation
- Studio-Quality Directional Microphones
- Audio Mixer
- High-Quality Audio Monitors
- Streamline Network





# Internet2 Network Topology for the OU School of Music



# Session In Progress



# Video Monitors



# Music on Internet2

Where Do We Go From Here?



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