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## LHCONE Implementation in America and Example Site Configurations

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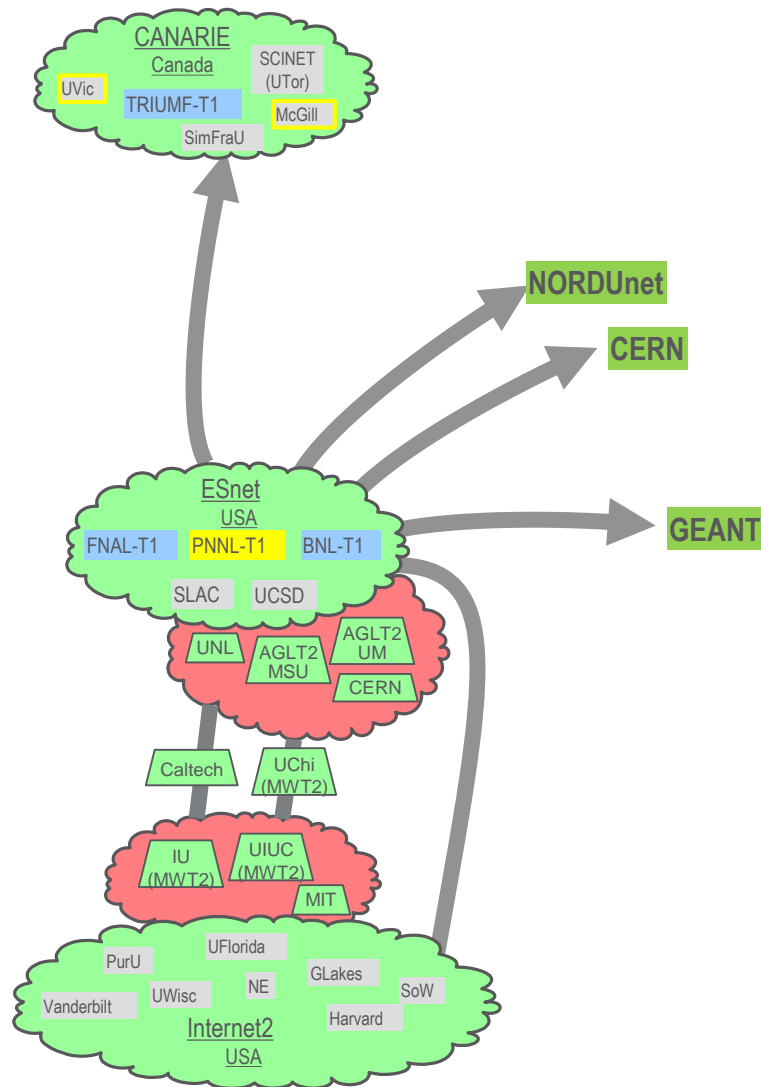
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- Networking in the U.S. is structured somewhat differently than it is in Europe.
- The U.S. has many independent networks that have informal arrangements with each other to provide a coherent R&E national network
- The potential for fragmentation was recognized in the mid-1990s and NSF funded the construction of an initial set of “GigaPoPs” (gigabit point-of-presence) that were open exchange points where networks could interconnect in a policy-free environment
- Today the GigaPoPs or “exchange points” are an integral part of the U.S. R&E Internet
  - StarLight, MAN LAN, WIX, SOX, PNG, and many others
- The GigaPoPs play a key role in the U.S. LHCONE environment by providing the inter-VRF connections

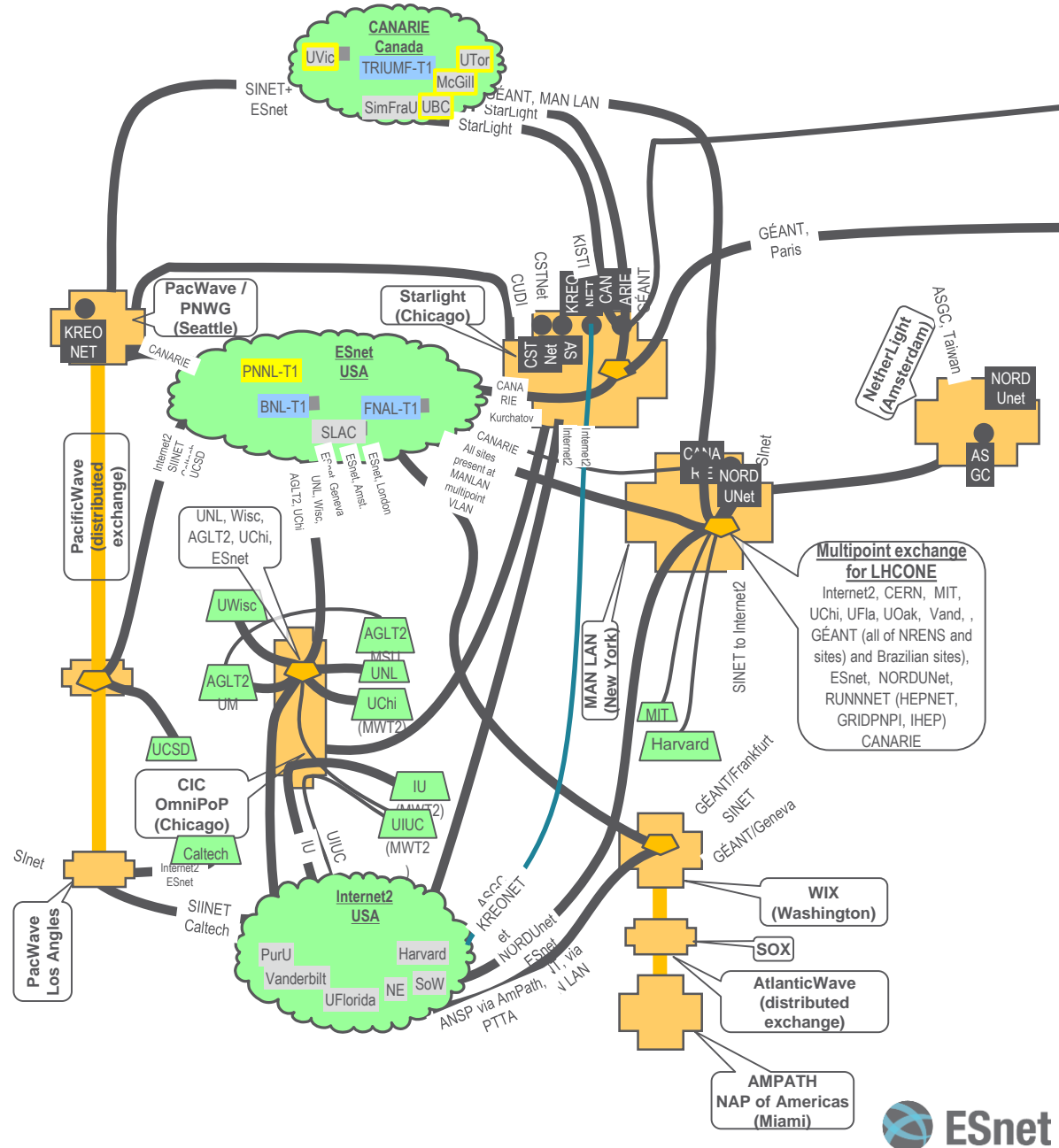
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- Although LHCONE is frequently represented just by the connections between NSP and site VRFs, reality is quite different



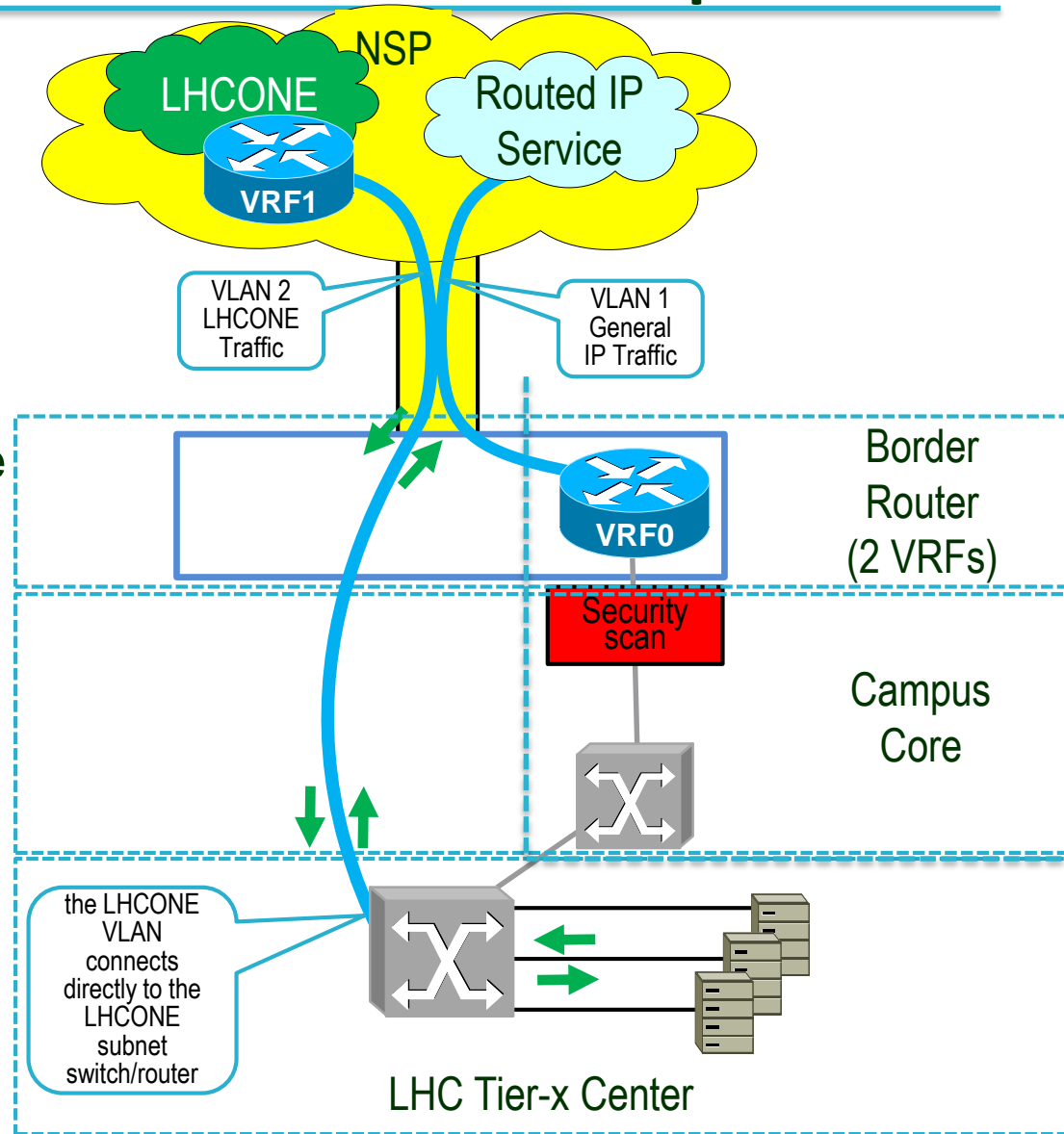
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- The reality is that virtually *all of these bilateral connections are mediated through an exchange point*
- Some of the exchange points are distributed in that cross domain connections can be made at different physical locations
- Some of the exchange points set up multipoint exchanges for LHCONE VRF cross connections (via either a dedicated physical switch or a virtual switch)



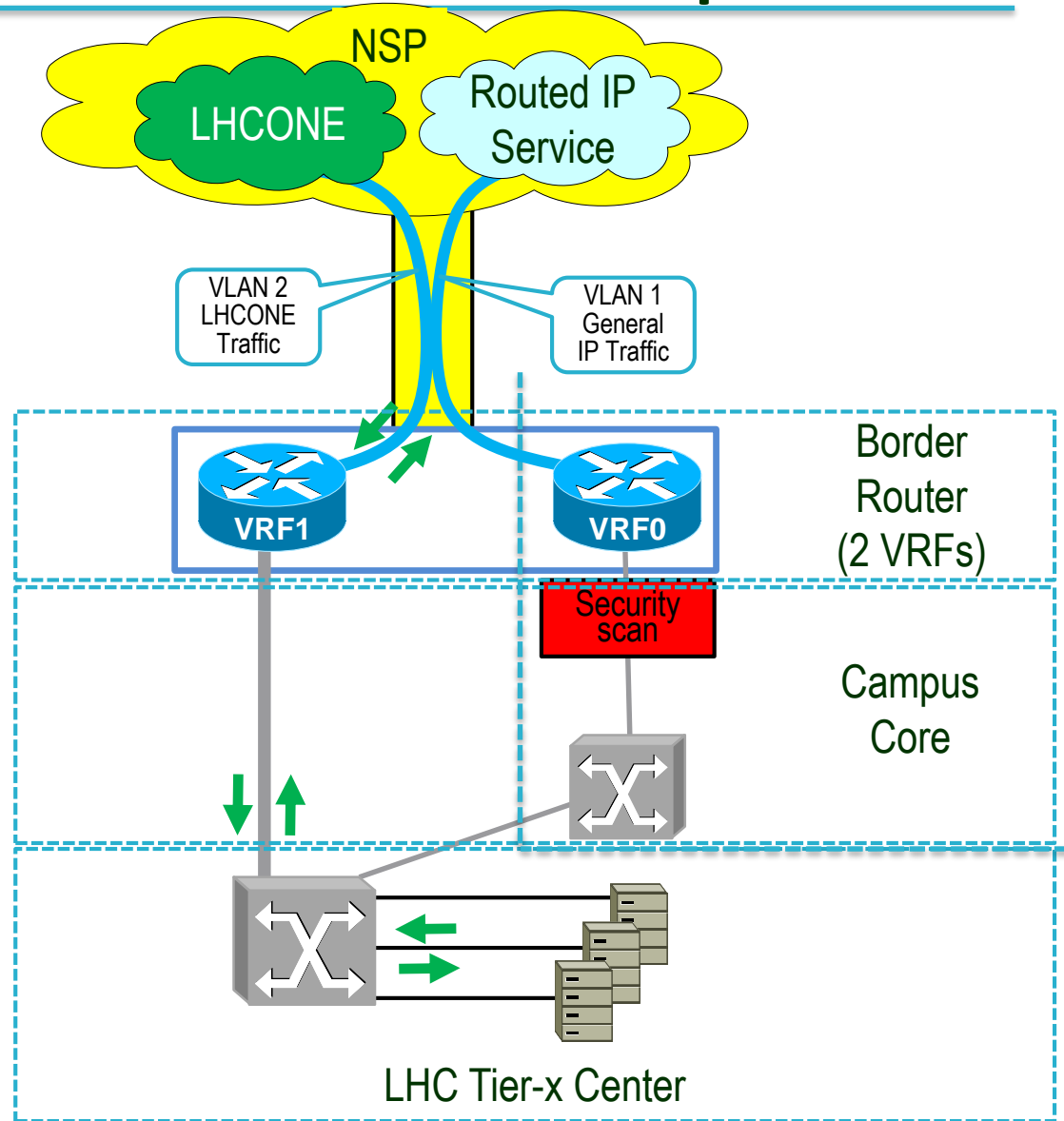
# LHCONE Basic Site Architecture Example-I

- There are a number of possible configurations and relationships between sites and the Network Service Provider runs the LHCONE VRF
- Sites must provide a separate subnet (and address space) for LHC resources
  - Separate routing instance for LHCONE
  - LHCONE subnet address block published to CERN
  - Direct access by LHCONE (and LHCOPN) to site LHC resources
- Very much like a ScienceDMZ
  - See [fasterdata.es.net](http://fasterdata.es.net)



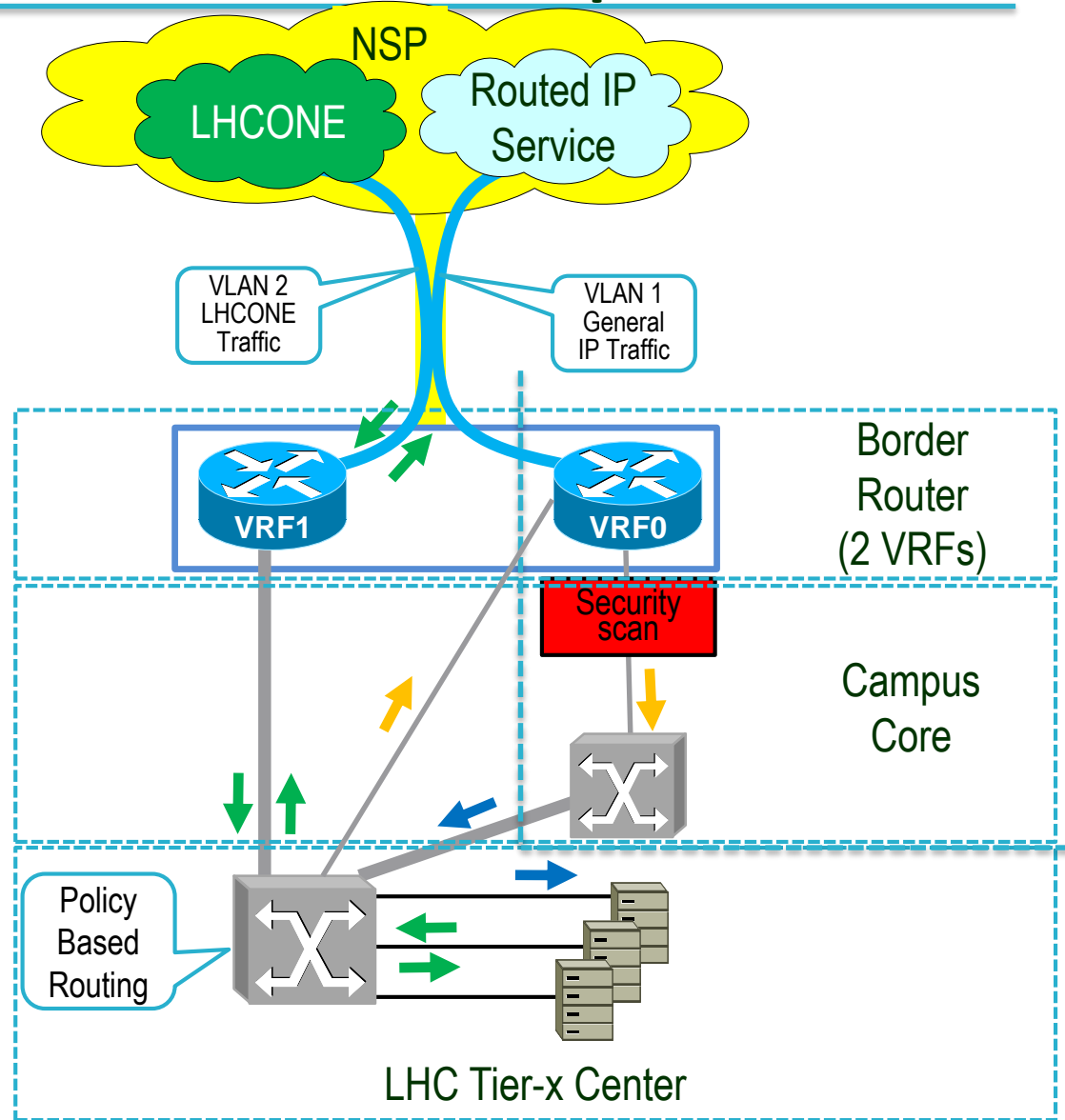
# LHCONE Basic Site Architecture Example-II

- Most big US sites, as well as others, run their own VRF because they want to have control over the LHCONE routing and have the ability to easily impose policy on the incoming traffic
- Note the for performance reasons the LHCONE subnet is frequently outside the site firewall
  - This is “reasonable” because the LHCONE sites agree to a common security policy and are all in the same science community (LHC)



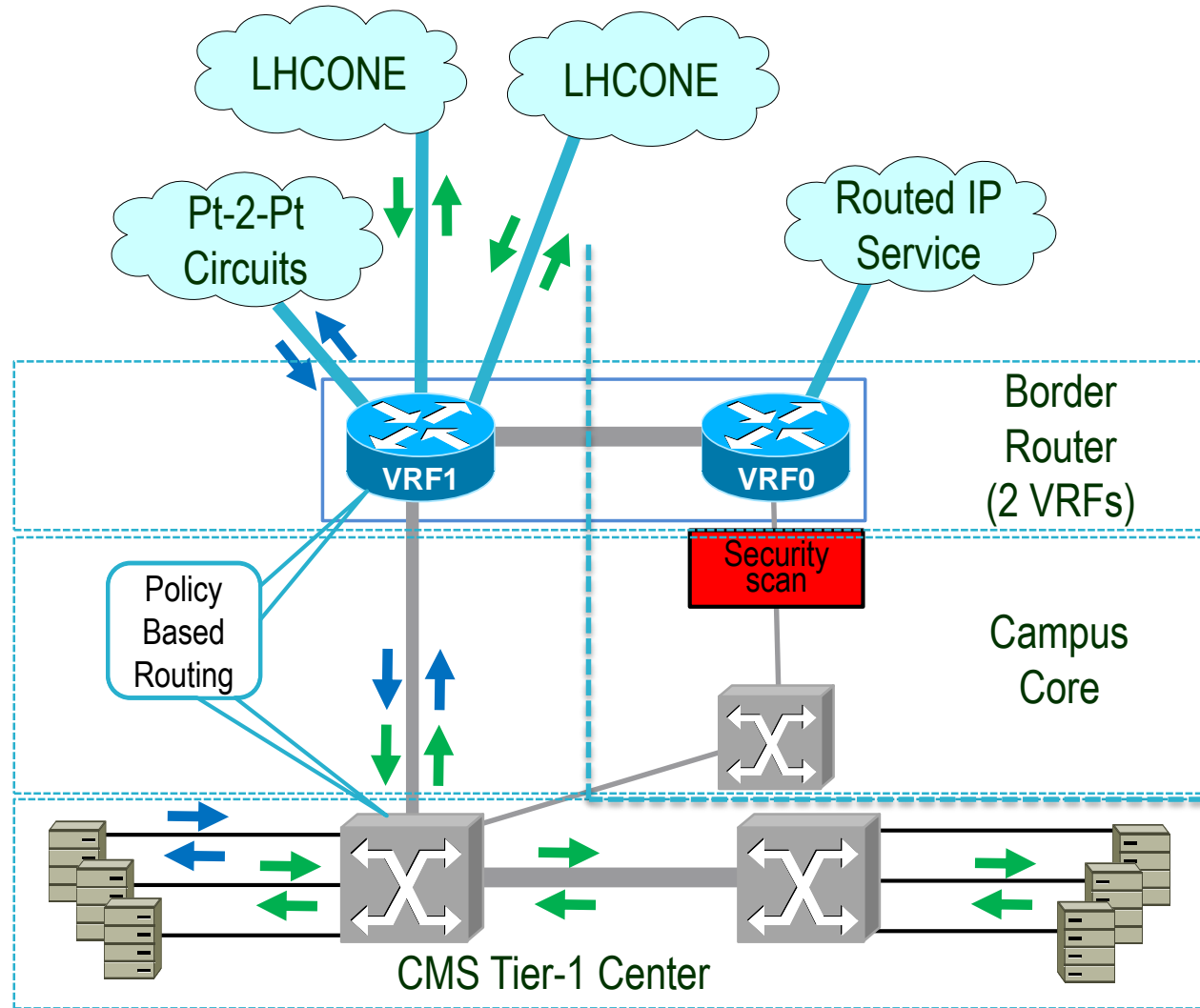
# LHCONE Site Architecture Example-Ila

- A variant of the basic architecture is that
  - a policy is implemented that **lets data from the campus move directly to the LHC systems**
  - however, **traffic to campus from the LHC systems is security checked as through it were external traffic**
- Sometimes called a “diode” approach, this allows for high-speed data loading of LHC servers from campus, but screens all LHC Tier-x traffic because this environment is open to non-campus users



# LHCONE Large Site Architecture Example

- Policy Based Routing allows for site-specific decisions on what LHCONE sites will have direct access to the site LHC resources
  - E.g. have they agreed to the LHCONE security policy?
- This is a simplified diagram because such a site will probably have redundant border routers and redundant fiber to their upstream provider



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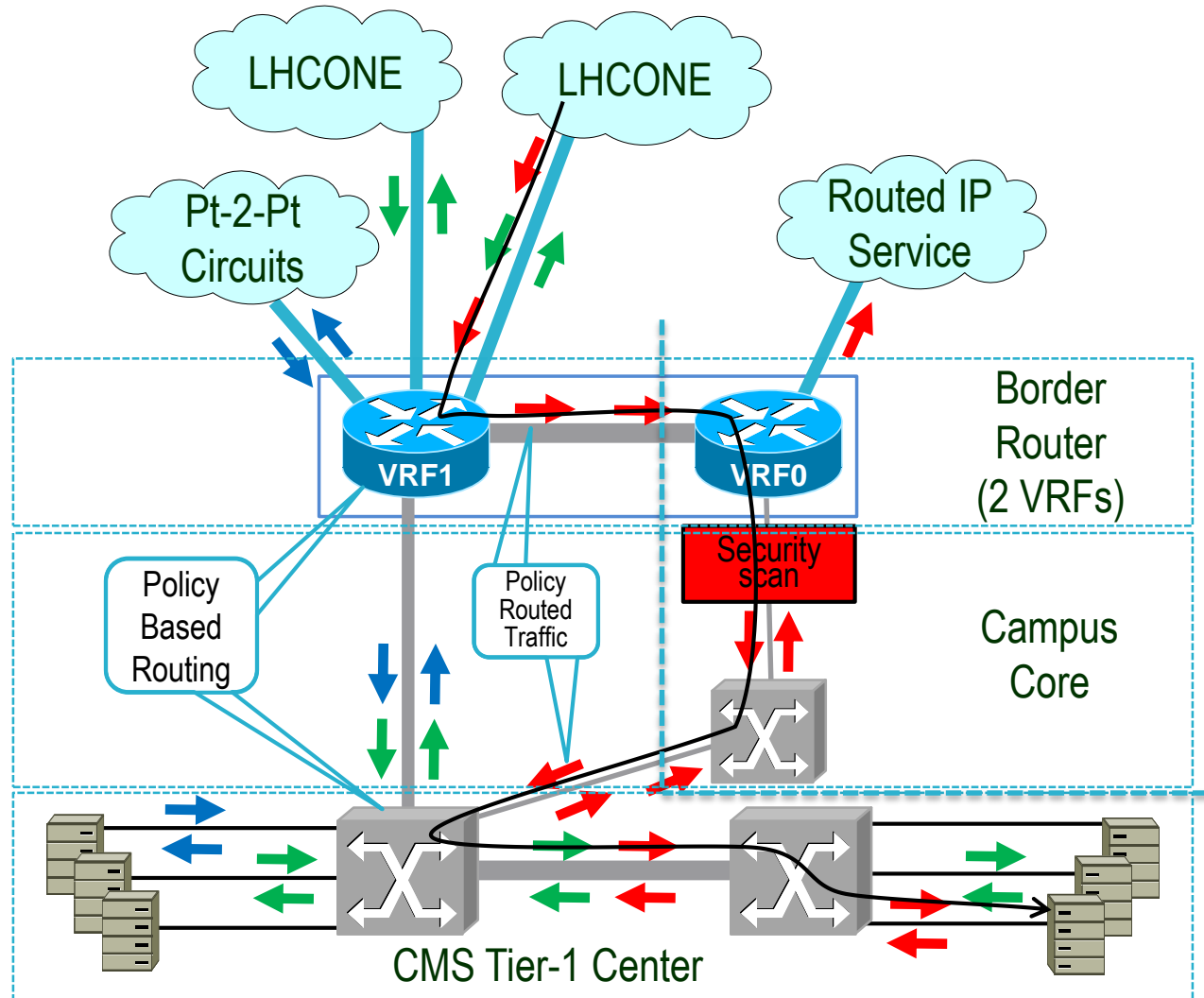


# LHCONE Site Architecture Example

- PBR is just one way to manage the incoming traffic, ACLs could be used, and in the (near) future, OpenFlow traffic management will likely be used

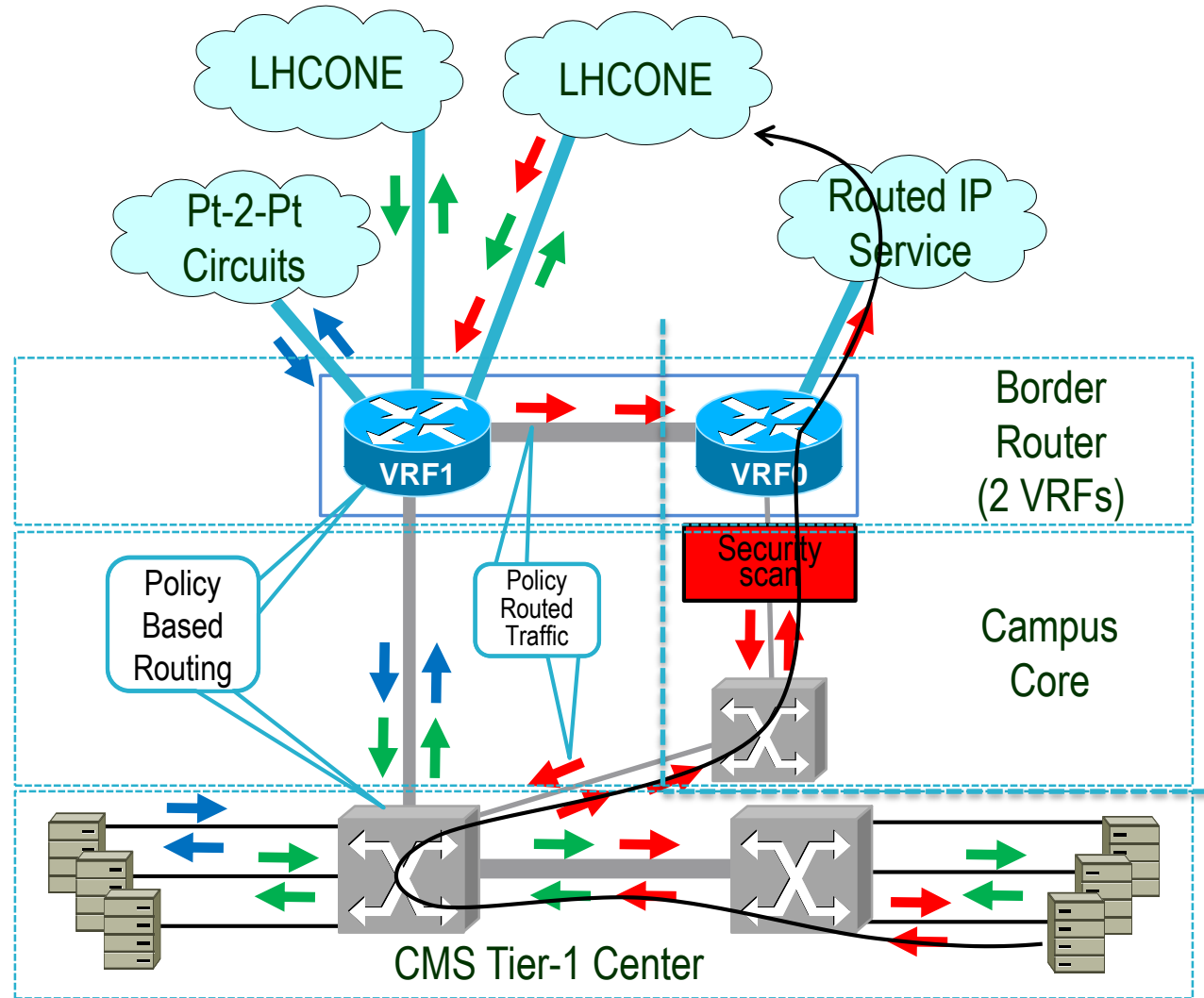
But the net result is mostly the same:

- *Non-conforming traffic is treated differently*
  - In this example, it is routed through the general, external access router and security screening



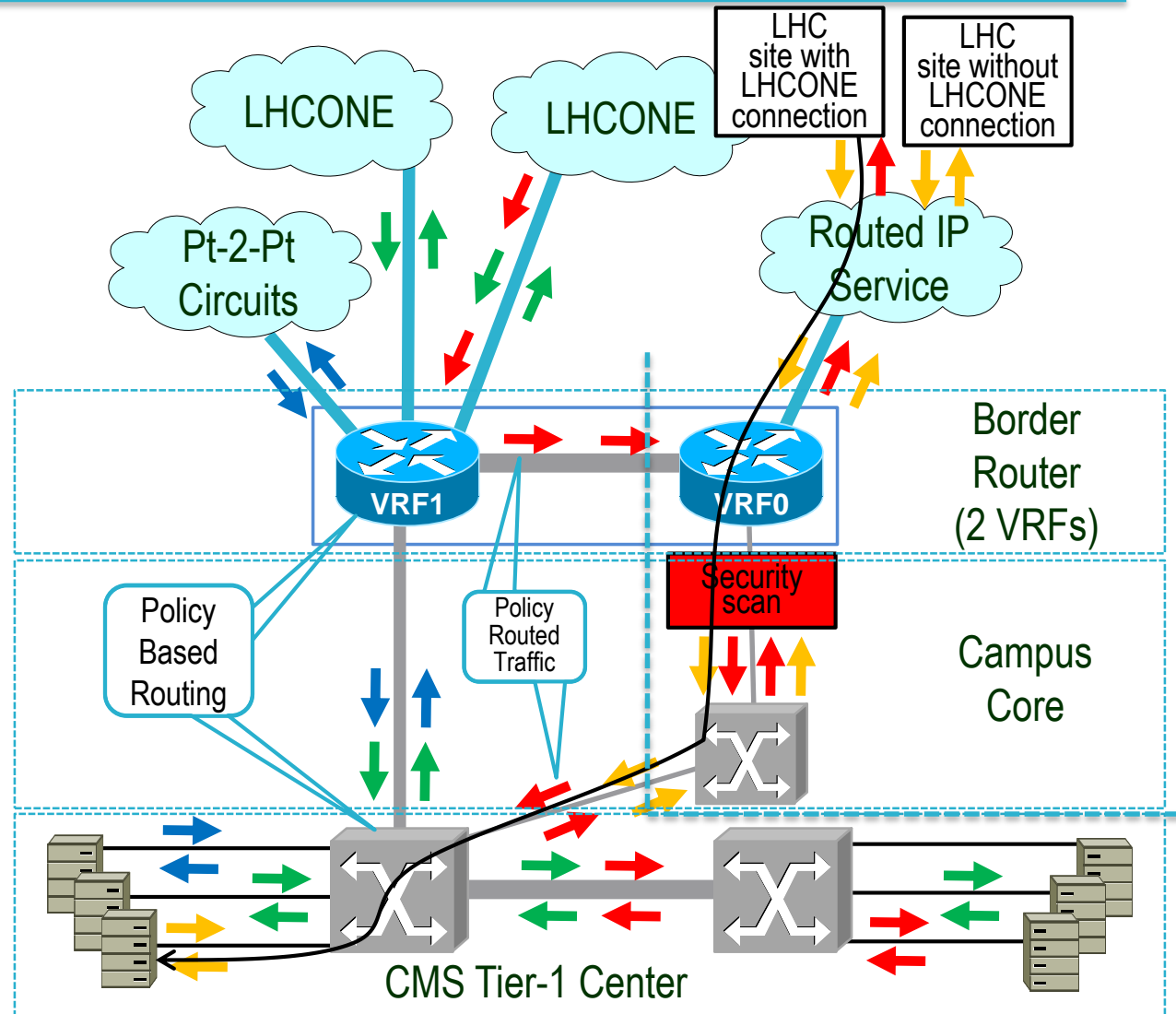
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- In this example the non-conforming traffic is returned via the general Internet



# LHCONE Site Architecture Example

- If another site treats this center's traffic as non-conforming then that traffic is returned over the general Internet and the site must be able to route that traffic to the LHC resources internally (as illustrated here)
- If there is an LHC Tier-2 site that is not connected via LHCONE, then that traffic just looks like ordinary Internet traffic that happens to be accessing LHC resources

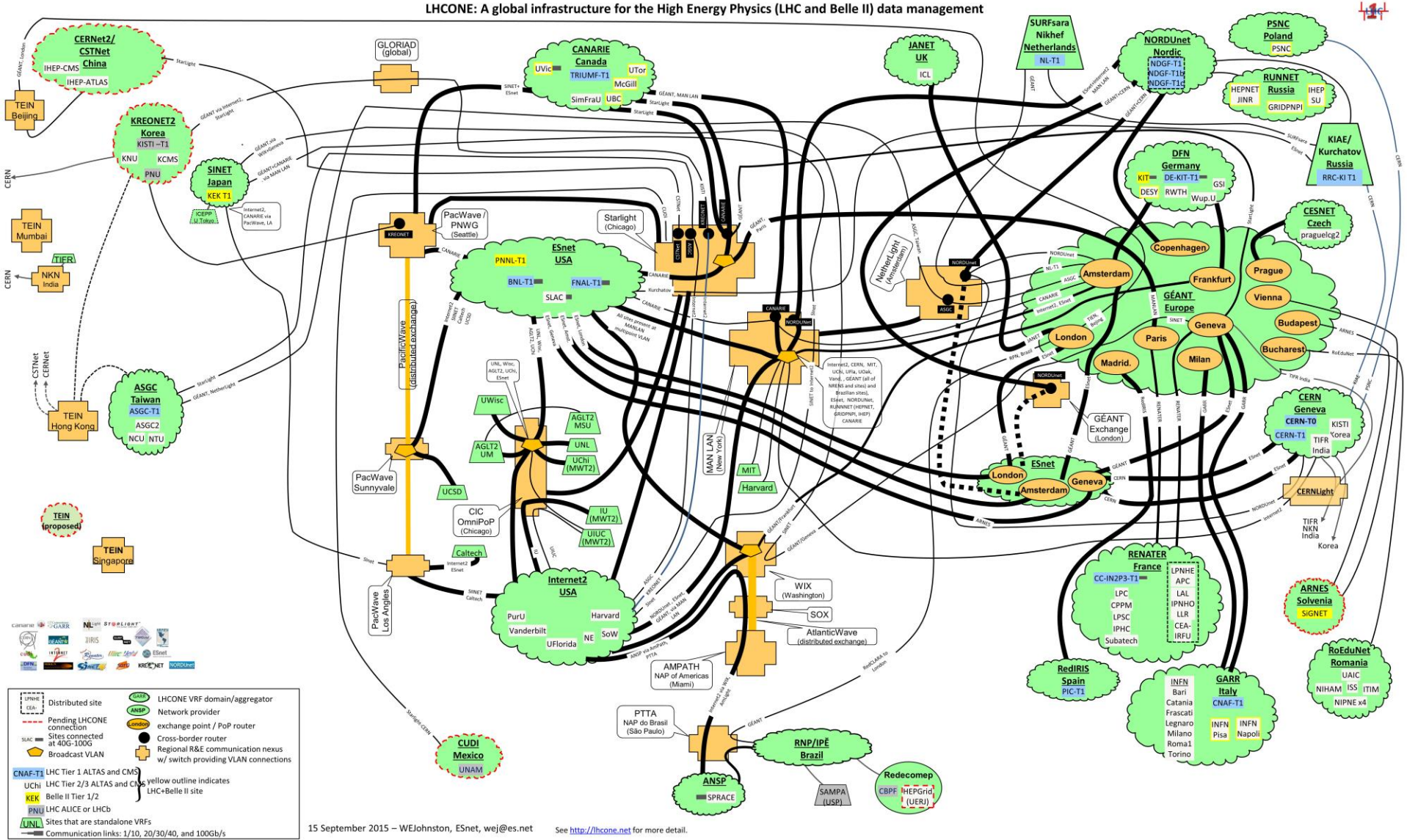


- This traffic must also be able to reach the LHCONE resources

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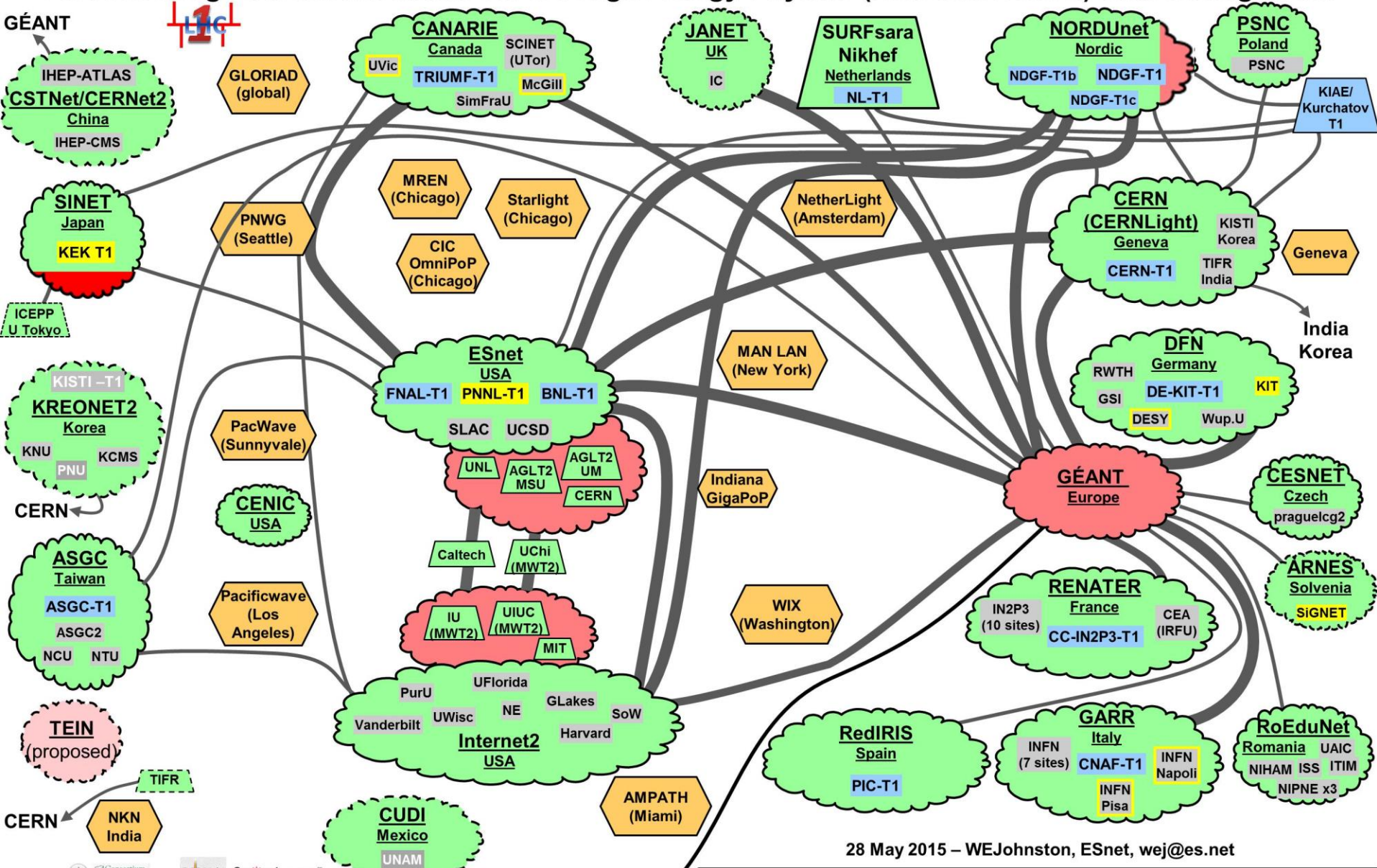
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	LHCONE VRF domain		UCHi LHC Tier 1/2/3 ALTA and CMS KEK Belle II Tier 1/2	} yellow outline indicates LHC+Belle II site
	LHCONE VRF aggregator network		PNU LHC ALICE or LHCb UNL Sites that manage their own LHCONE routing	
	Regional R&E communication nexus or link/VLAN provider		Communication links: 1, 10, 20/30/40, and 100Gb/s See <a href="http://lhcone.net">http://lhcone.net</a> for details.	

