

> Providing Research Network connectivity to Greenland

- Helping research internationally
- Next steps



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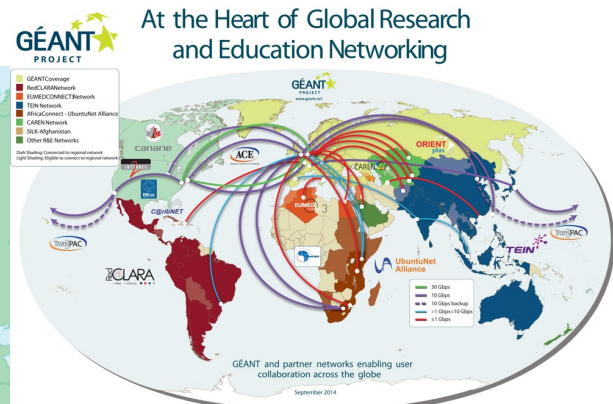
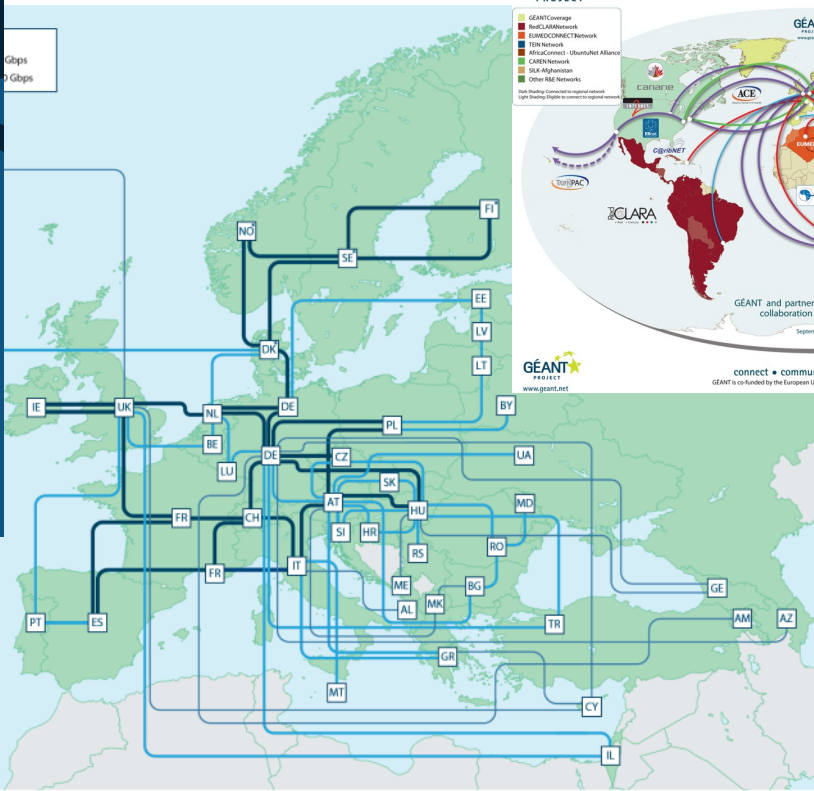
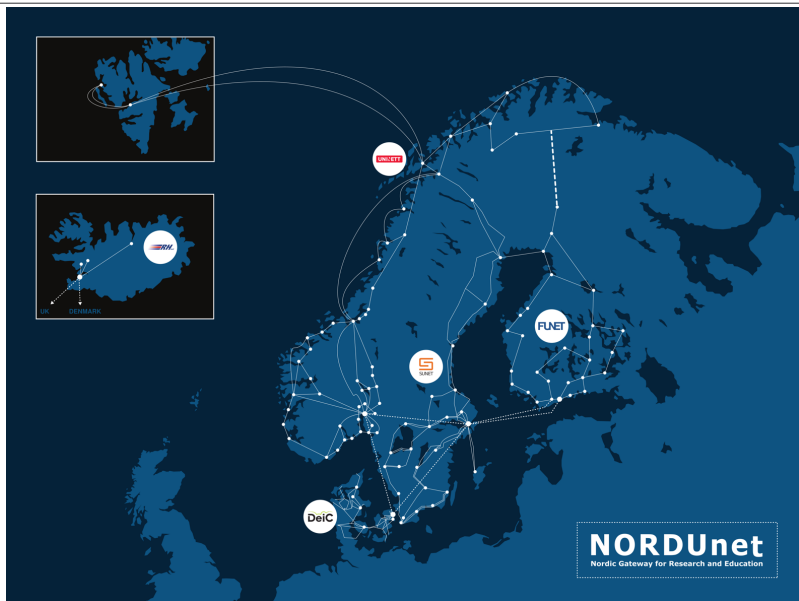
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> Forskningsnettet: The Danish Research Network

- > 353 locations
- > 4575 km dark fibre
- > 330 dark fibre connections
- > 33 MPLS commercial capacity connections
- > 24 ECI ROADM nodes
- > 17 PanDacom sites
- > + passive WDM
- > 112 routers/switches
- > Cost of the national network infrastructure:
2023: 25,8 MDKK 2024: 25,1 MDKK

The logo for DeiC (Danish Education and Research Informatics Council) features the word "DeiC" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Above the letters "e" and "i" are two curved, green lines that resemble stylized waves or a network path.

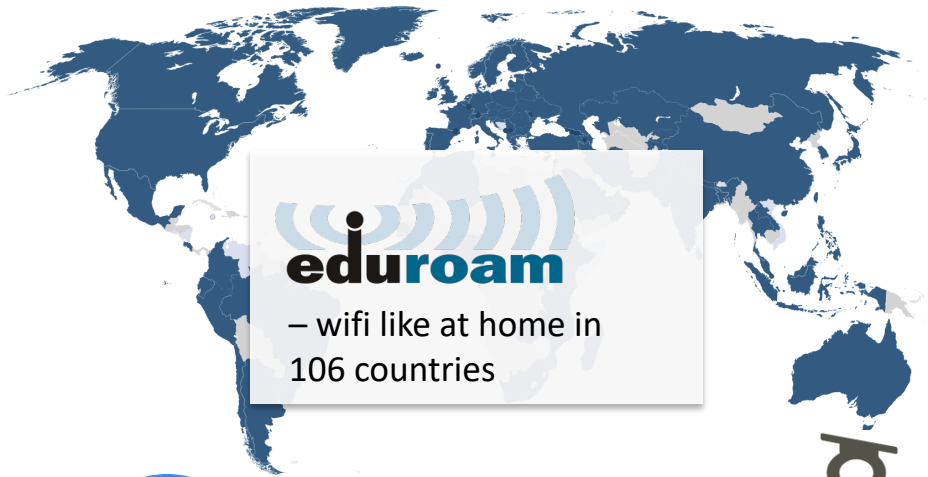
> Support all the way to the other end



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> The services are also unique



eduroam
– wifi like at home in
106 countries




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70+ FEDERATIONS	>4.200 IDENTITY PROVIDERS	>3.200 SERVICE PROVIDERS	35M AUTHENTIFICATIONS PER WEEK (est)	30M USERS (est)
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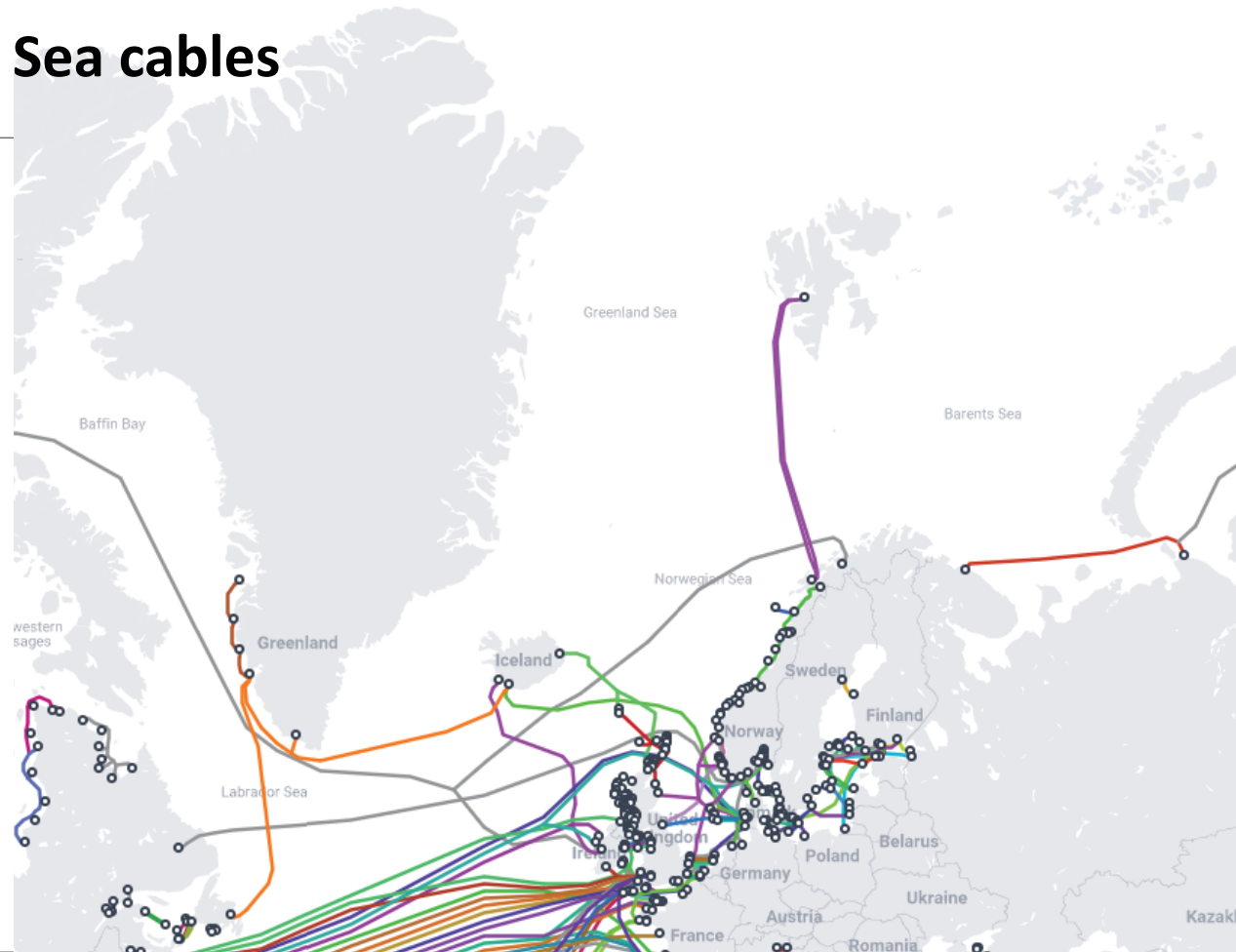
> Greenland has a telco monopoly infrastructure today

- > Tusass offers a GSM service
- > ADSL is migrated to 5G
- > WiMax/WiFi coverage of cities/settlements



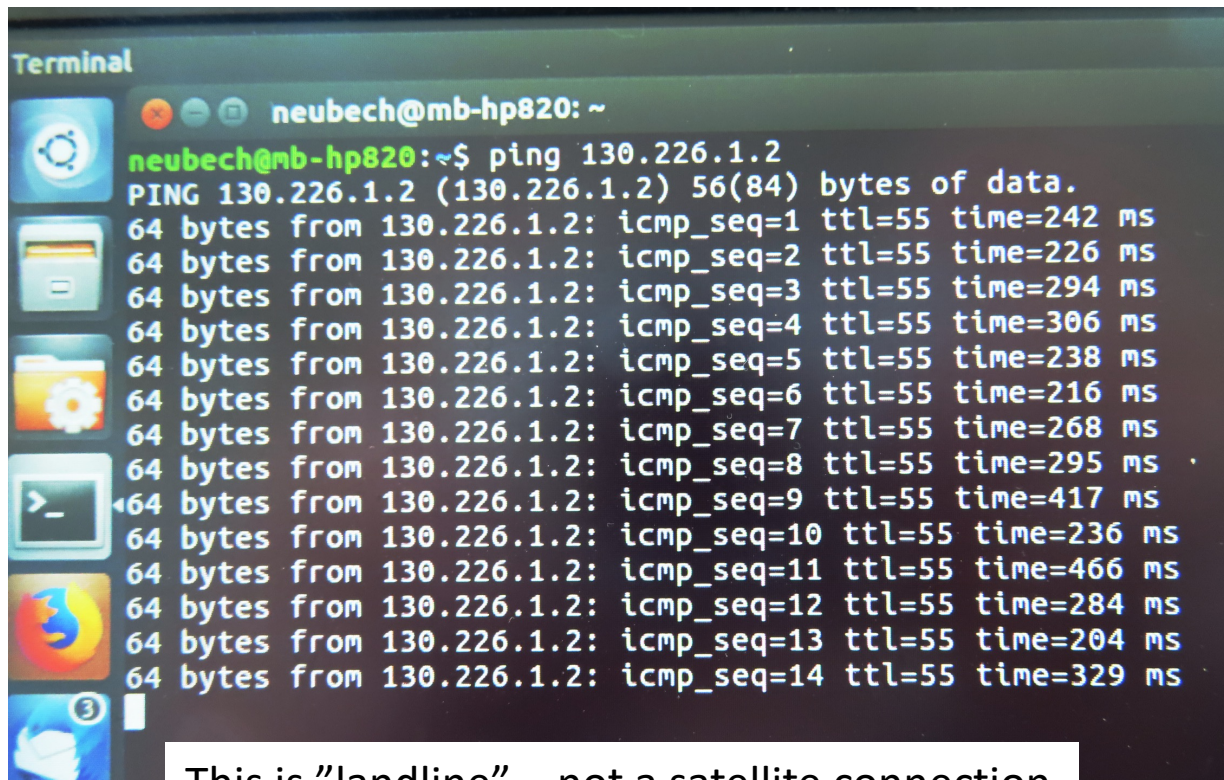
> Greenland today: Sea cables

- > One single sea cable from Ballerup to Secaucus, NY
- > Landfall in 5 places: Qaqortoq, Nuuk, Maniitsoq, Sisimiut, Aasiaat
- > Each landfall is a costly and difficult project, as it requires drilling a tunnel that emerges at the sea bed at 450m depth



> When the cable to Denmark breaks...

- > ...there is a kind of redundancy



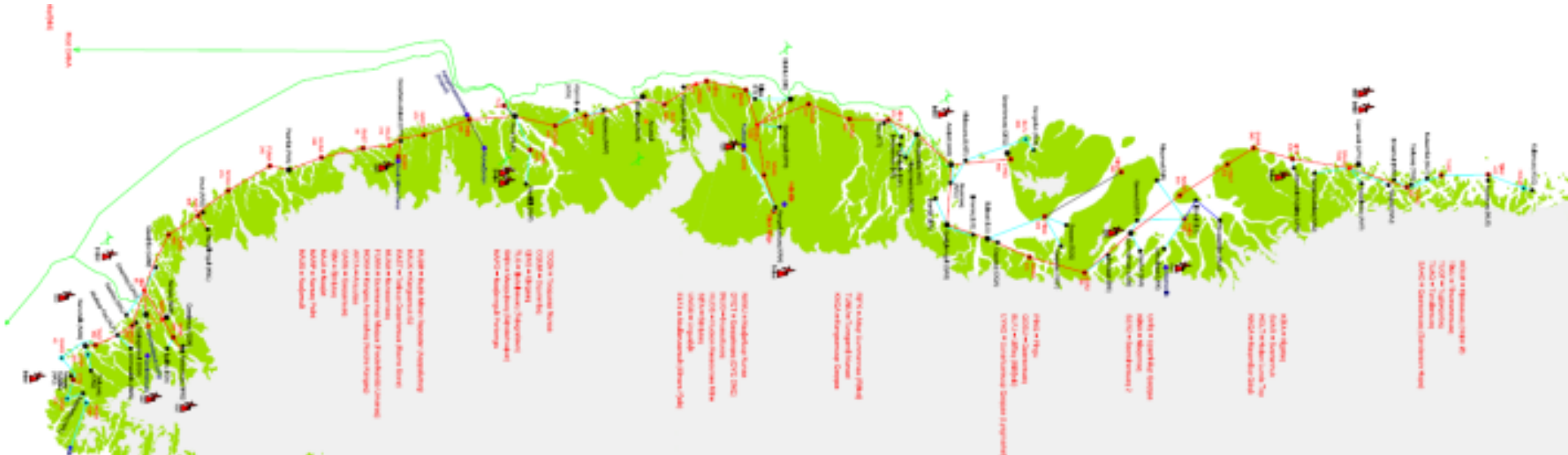
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64 bytes from 130.226.1.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=55 time=226 ms
64 bytes from 130.226.1.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=55 time=294 ms
64 bytes from 130.226.1.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=55 time=306 ms
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This is "landline" – not a satellite connection



> Greenland today: Fixed radio relay chains

- > Remaining cities and settlements on the west coast is served by radio relay chains
- 300Mbps -> 10Gbps
- > Double antennas, but basically one single chain (1500km, 48 stations)



> Greenland today: Radio relay stations

- > Relay stations are placed on mountain tops without electricity (some even without daylight in winter)
- > Powered by diesel generators 24/7
- > Fuel is transported there with helicopter (or dog sleigh)



> Radio links

> Several models...

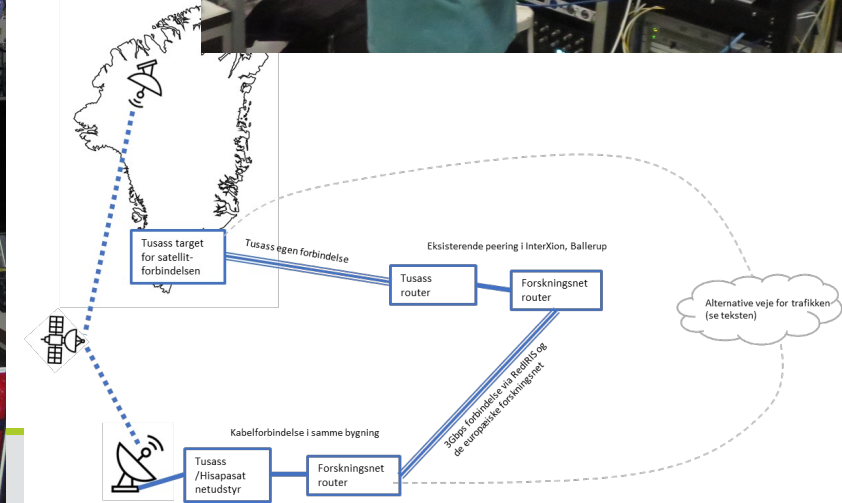


> Greenland today: Last mile

- > Cables are still covered by the monopoly
- > Normally in iron casings above ground



> Collaboration with Tusass on backhaul



> There is a monopoly, but...

- > The Government of Greenland owns **Tusass**, which is the monopoly telco
- > In 2017 there was a small liberalisation where local operators were allowed to make wireless connections inside cities/settlements
- > Today, there are three OLOs (Other Licensed Operators):
 - ComBy
 - Nanoq Media
 - GTV
- > These OLOs have access to price controlled wholesale services from Tusass
- > Forskningsnettet applied to become an OLO

§ INATSISILIORNEQ
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Kapitel 1

Eneretsbestemmelser

§ 1. Grønlands Selvstyre har eneret på udbud af teletjenester i, til og fra Grønland samt anlæg og drift af telekommunikationsinfrastruktur i Grønland, der muliggør elektronisk kommunikation mellem nettermineringspunkter i eller mellem byer og bygder og til udlandet.

Stk. 2. Følgende teletjenester er liberaliseret:

- 1) Datatjenesten.
- 2) Internettjenesten.

Stk. 4. Stk. 1 omfatter ikke telekommunikationsudstyr, der muliggør elektronisk kommunikation mellem nettermineringspunkter i eller mellem byer og bygder og udlandet.

Stk. 5. Naalakkersuisut kan træffe beslutning om liberalisering af den i stk. 4 nævnte telekommunikationsinfrastruktur, såfremt teknologien er baseret på trådløs transmission, og alene er beregnet til brug inden for den enkelte by eller bygd. Såfremt beslutning om liberalisering træffes,

> Yeah! We got the permit

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CVR-nummer: 30060946
Att: Martin Bech

Tilladelse til at oprette, drive og udbyde teleinfrastruktur og teletjenester

Telestyrelsen giver hermed DTU Forskningsnettet tilladelse til oprette, drive og udbyde teleinfrastruktur og teletjenester til liberaliserede teletjenester og teleinfrastruktur. Tilladelsen er udstedt i henhold til Selvstyrets bekendtgørelse nr. 33 af 1. november 2022 om tilladelse til udbud af teletjenester § 1.

Med tilladelsen gives dispensation fra hjemstedskravet i bekendtgørelsen § 2, stk. 1 jf. § 3.

Telestyrelsen fastsætter følgende krav for tilladelsen:

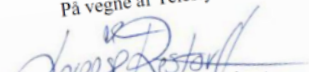
DTU Forskningsnettet skal informere Telestyrelsen om betydelige ændringer i virksomheden jf. § 6, stk. 1 i bekendtgørelsen om tilladelse til udbud af teletjenester.

Tilladelsen er gældende i 5 år, og udløber derfor den 5. maj 2028, hvorefter DTU Forskningsnettet skal ansøge om en ny tilladelse jf. § 7, stk. 1 i bekendtgørelse om tilladelse til udbud af teletjenester.

Telestyrelsen offentliggør en oversigt over teleudbydere på Telestyrelsens hjemmeside jf. § 8 i bekendtgørelse om tilladelse til udbud af teletjenester.

Alle relevante love og bekendtgørelser på teleområdet kan ses på Telestyrelsens hjemmeside www.aqutsisut.gl

På vegne af Telestyrelsen


Poul Erik Jacobsen



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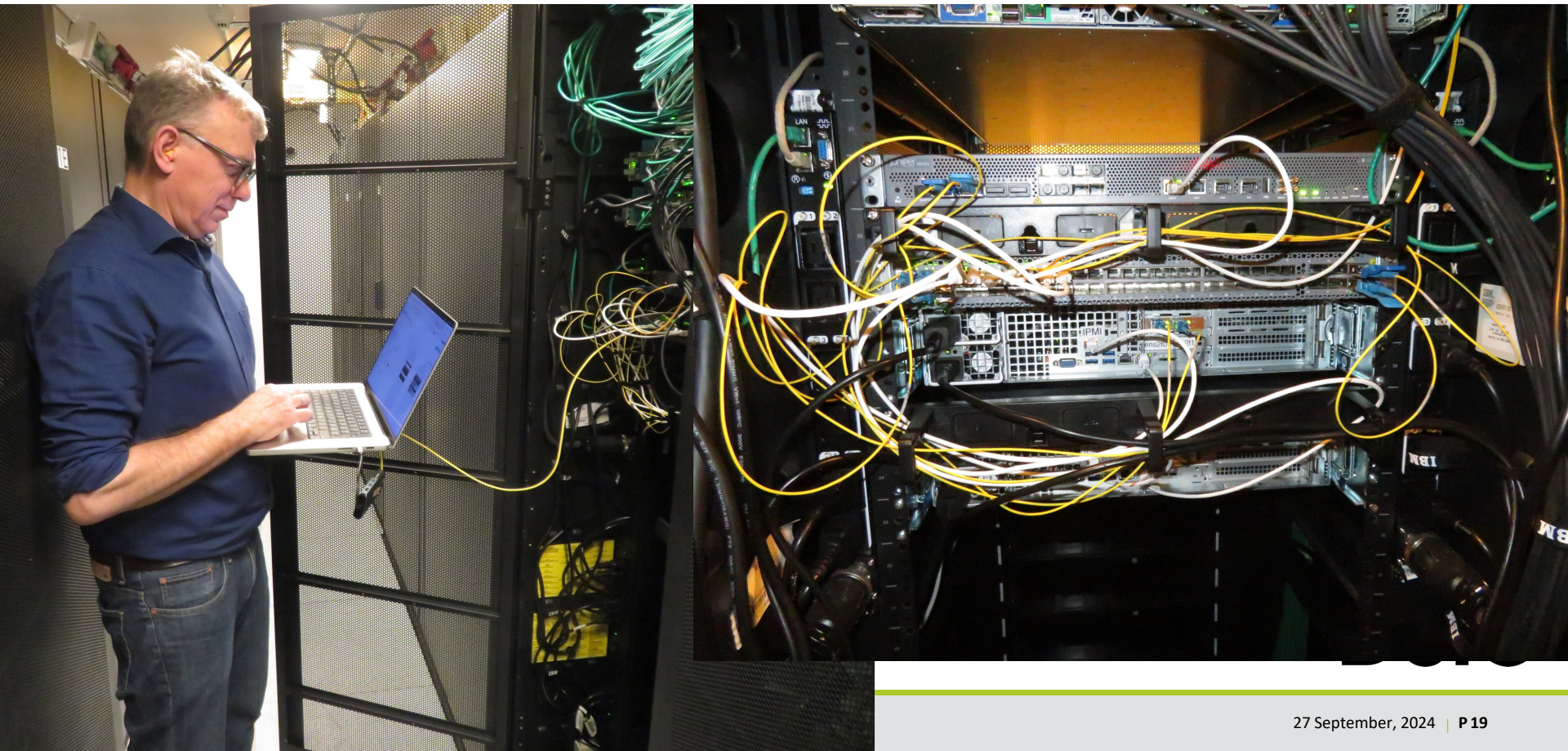
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> Installation of the Greenland Research Network in Nuuk

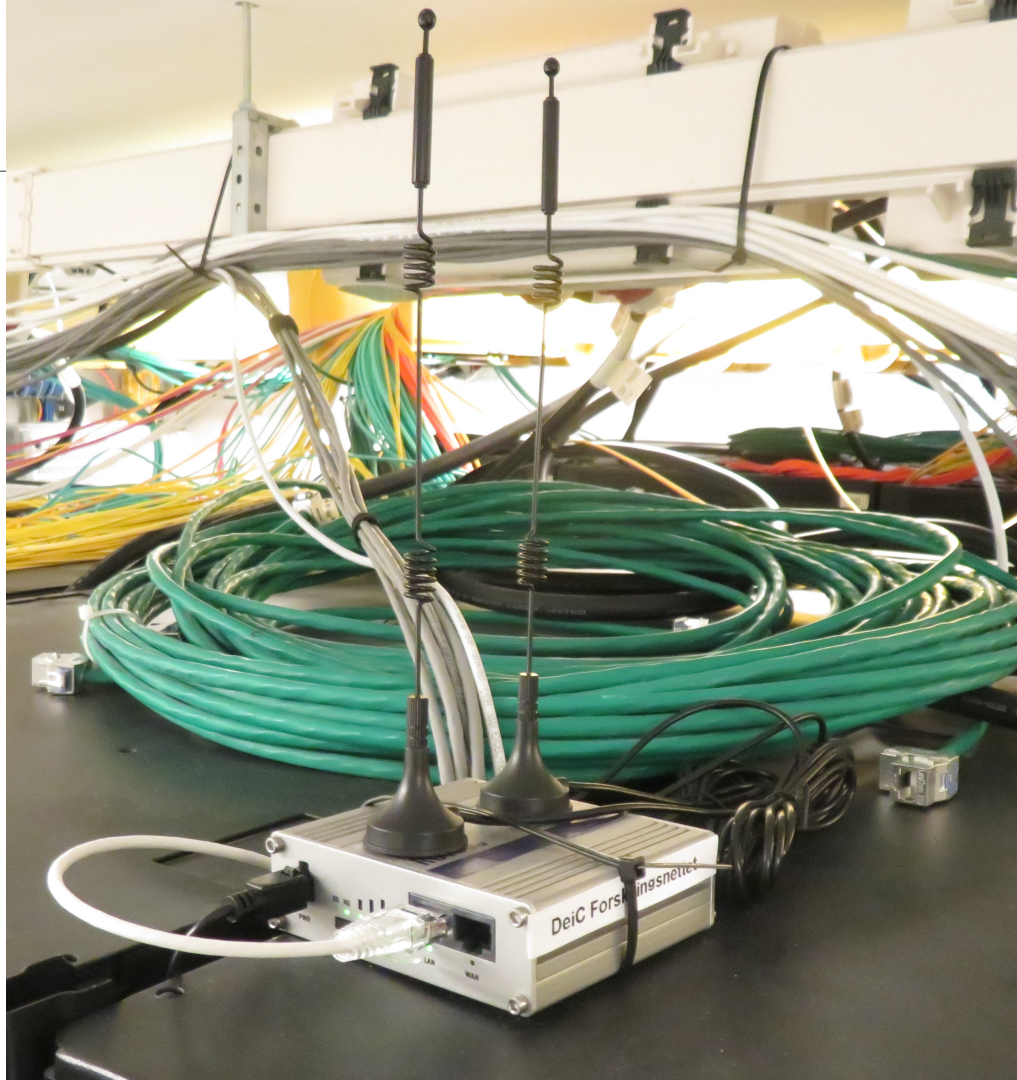
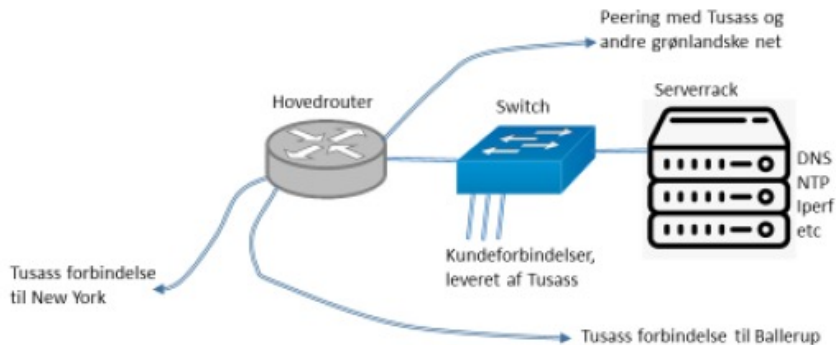


> At the Tusass housing facility in Nuuk

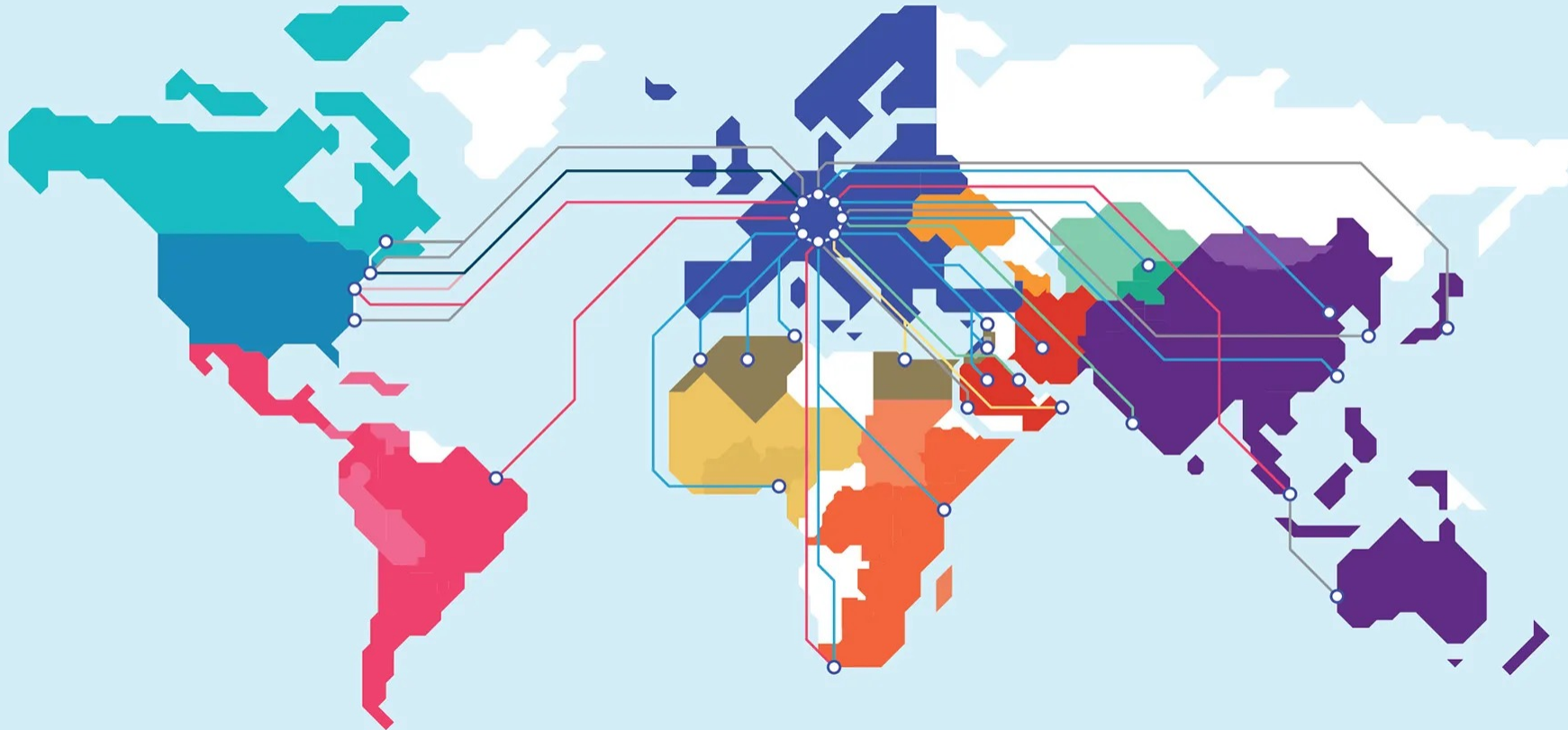


> What did we install?

- > Dedicated double connection to Denmark – normally 62ms distance
- > Central router (192.38.3.255)
- > A /22 block of IP-adresses (AS 212543)
- > Switch
- > Servere med basale services (DNS, NTP, iperf, speedtest, web, etc)
- > ...og når hovedforbindelsen svigter har vi et 3G-modem som bagdør



> Grønland is still white on the NREN map



> Why make research network available in Greenland



- > Better connections for researchers
 - > Better communications and education with Zoom and cloud services
 - > Enabling of new workflows
 - > IT-support "like in Danmark"
 - > No one in Greenland will take the initiative
 - > Unique opportunity to do it now
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- > Almost all countries in the world has a reseach network
 - > This kind of infrastructure should also be also be available in Greenland



> Buildings and fixed installations will benefit

- > Institutions with larger buildings: Sisimiut, Disko Island, Nuuk
- > Smaller stations
- > Fixed measurement equipment
- > Satellite downlinks

- Possible organisations with buildings and equipment:
- KU, DTU, AU, SDU
 - Ilisimatusarfik (Grønlands Universitet)
 - Pinngortitaleriffik (Grønlands Naturinstitut)
 - GEUS og ASIAQ (Greenland Survey)
 - DMI (med mange stationer)
 - EUMETSAT, ESA og CNES
 - Nunatta Katersugaasivia Allagaateqarfialu (Grønlands Nationalmuseum & Arkiv)
 - Den arktiske forskningshub



> **Pinngortitaleriffik**
(Greenland Institute of Natural Resources)



> DMI







Eksperiment med snehegn i Hospitalsdalen

Forskere tilknyttet Center for Permafrost (CENPERM) ved Københavns Universitet og Arktisk Forskningscenter (ARC) ved Aarhus Universitet har opstillet et forsøg med snehegn i Hospitalsdalen, ved Narsarsuaq. Forsøget blev etableret i 2015 og forventes at have en varighed på 10 år.

Forsøget går ud på at undersøge effekterne af snedækkets betydning for jordtemperatur, plantedække, ledtyr og udvekslingen af drivhusgasser mellem jordoverfladen og atmosfæren. Undersøgelserne omfatter både metan (CH₄), kuldioksid (CO₂) og lættermas (H₂O). Snehegnene skal forbinde snemængden bag hegnet. Samtidigt øger vi jordens temperatur ved at stille pleveglaskamre op, og ved at fjerne en del af vegetationen i små felter. Undersøgelserne sker i 2 karakteristiske plantesamfund, dels i tundra domineret af en frivæls af CO₂ og optag af CH₄ samt i vådområde med græsser domineret af en frivæls af CH₄, mindre frivæls af CO₂ og lille frivæls af N₂O.

Man er velkommen til at se nærmere på forsøget, men gå venligst ikke ind i felterne. Forsøget udføres af forskere ved Københavns Universitet (Bo Elberling: be@geo.ku.dk, mobil: +45 2363 8453) og Aarhus Universitet (Toko T. Høye: th@au.dk, mobil: +45 3018 3122). Resultaterne af undersøgelser og yderligere informationer omkring CENPERM og ARC, herunder resultaterne fra andre grønlandske lokaliteter findes på vores hjemmesider: www.cenperm.ku.dk og www.arctic.au.dk.

Center for Permafrost (CENPERM) og Arktisk Forskningscenter (ARC): Markante forandringer i klimaet er et faktum. Specielt i Arktis har klimaændringer allerede medført væsentlige forskydninger i det komplekse sammenhæng mellem planter, ledtyr, mikroorganismer og jordmiljøet. I mange år frem sættes der nu fokus på disse ændringer i Grønland med udgangspunkt i bevillinger fra Danmarks Grundforskningsfond og Aarhus Universitets Forskningsfond.



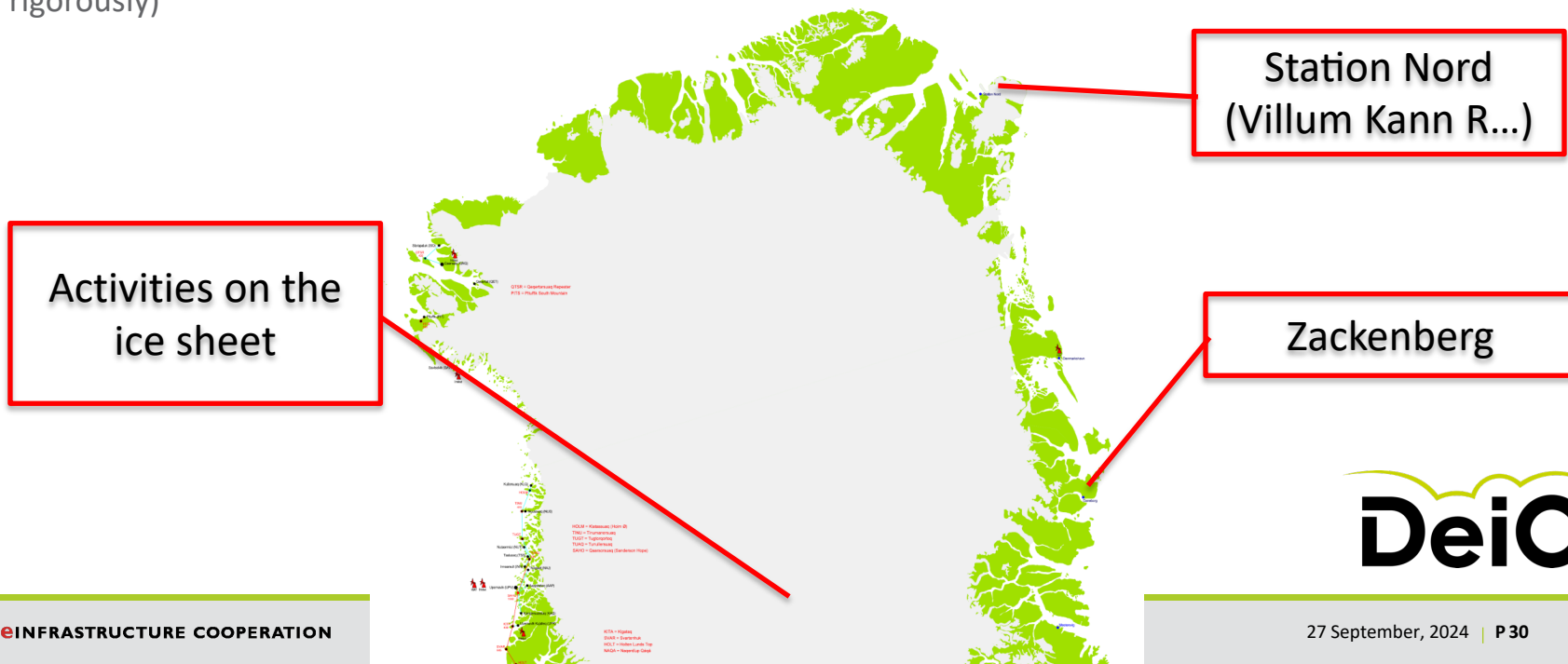
> Only coverage in towns/settlements

- > As soon as you turn round a corner and loose sight of the civilisation, there is no connection



> Our current project depends on Tusass

- > No coverage outside cities and settlements. There, you still depend on satellite phones, Iridium, and the new LEOsat services
- > In principle, you need to buy satellite services via Tusass, unless you have a permit (not enforced rigorously)



> Joint procurement of satellite traffic

In a near future, we plan to launch a project to procure satellite based communications services:

- > LEO satellite operators (Starlink, Oneweb, etc)
- > Iridium
- > Geostationary V-Sat services

We need your input and requirements to this process

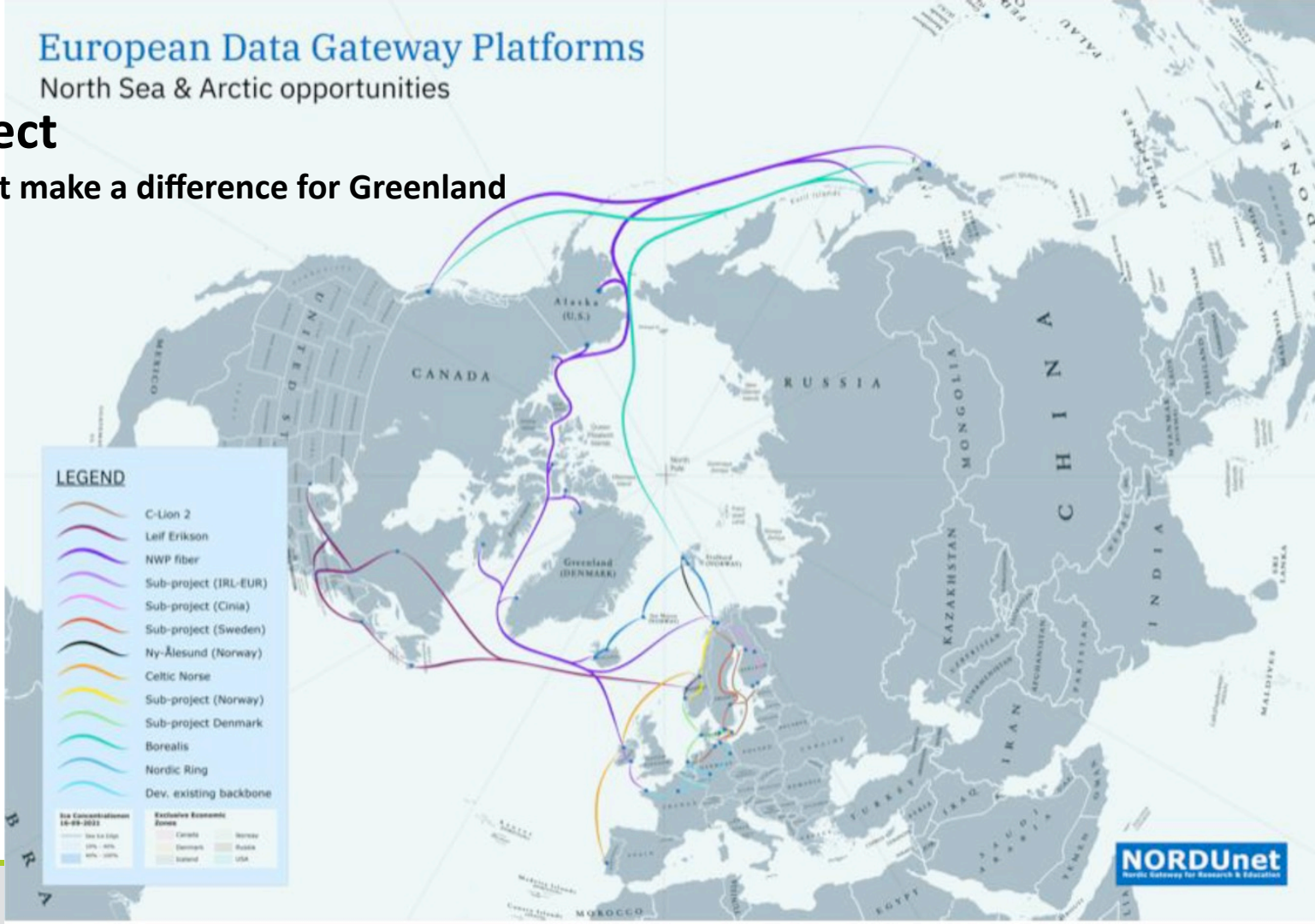


European Data Gateway Platforms

North Sea & Arctic opportunities

> PolarConnect

will probably not make a difference for Greenland



> Thank you

> Questions and comments

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NREN service in Greenland



- Researchers and their infrastructure (measurement stations, satellite uplinks etc) can now get NREN connectivity
- First DeiC NREN PoP in Nuuk
- Everywhere in the Tusass coverage area
- Enabling IT-support "like at home"

- This also includes the other bundled NREN services (like in Denmark): WAYF, FileSender, eduroam, DKCERT etc

