

# Open Cloud Testbed: Developing a Testbed for the Research Community Exploring Next-Generation Cloud Platforms

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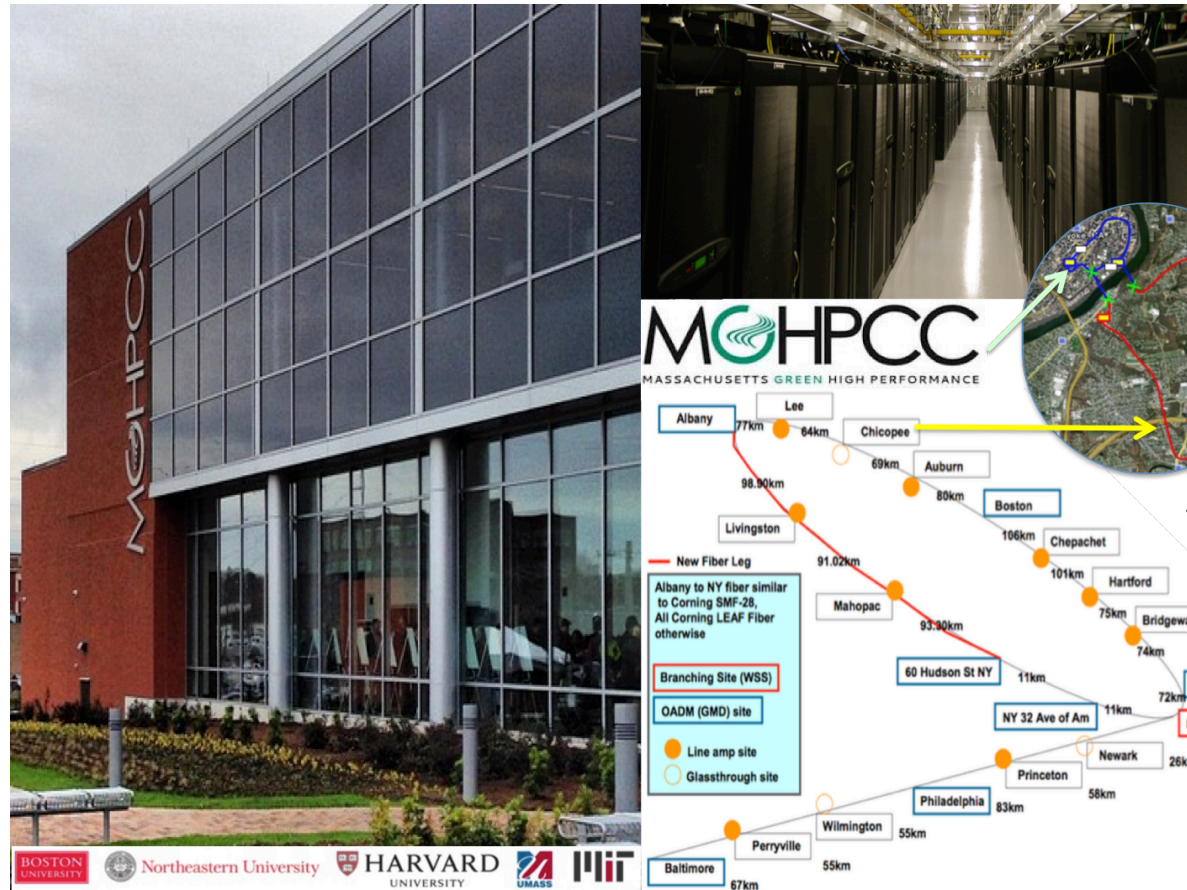


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# What is MGHPCC?





# What is MOC?



Red Hat  
Two Sigma



Lenovo

Dell

Intel

Cisco

IBM

Harvard IQSS



**1+ PB**

Elastic Secure Infrastructure



**2500 cores,  
~40TB RAM**



**400** Power9 Cores, **40** GPUs,  
**5TB** RAM

New North East Storage Exchange (NESE)

- 20 PB + file system & Object storage
- Massive data lake for region, co-located with MOC
- Fraction of the cost of AWS S3

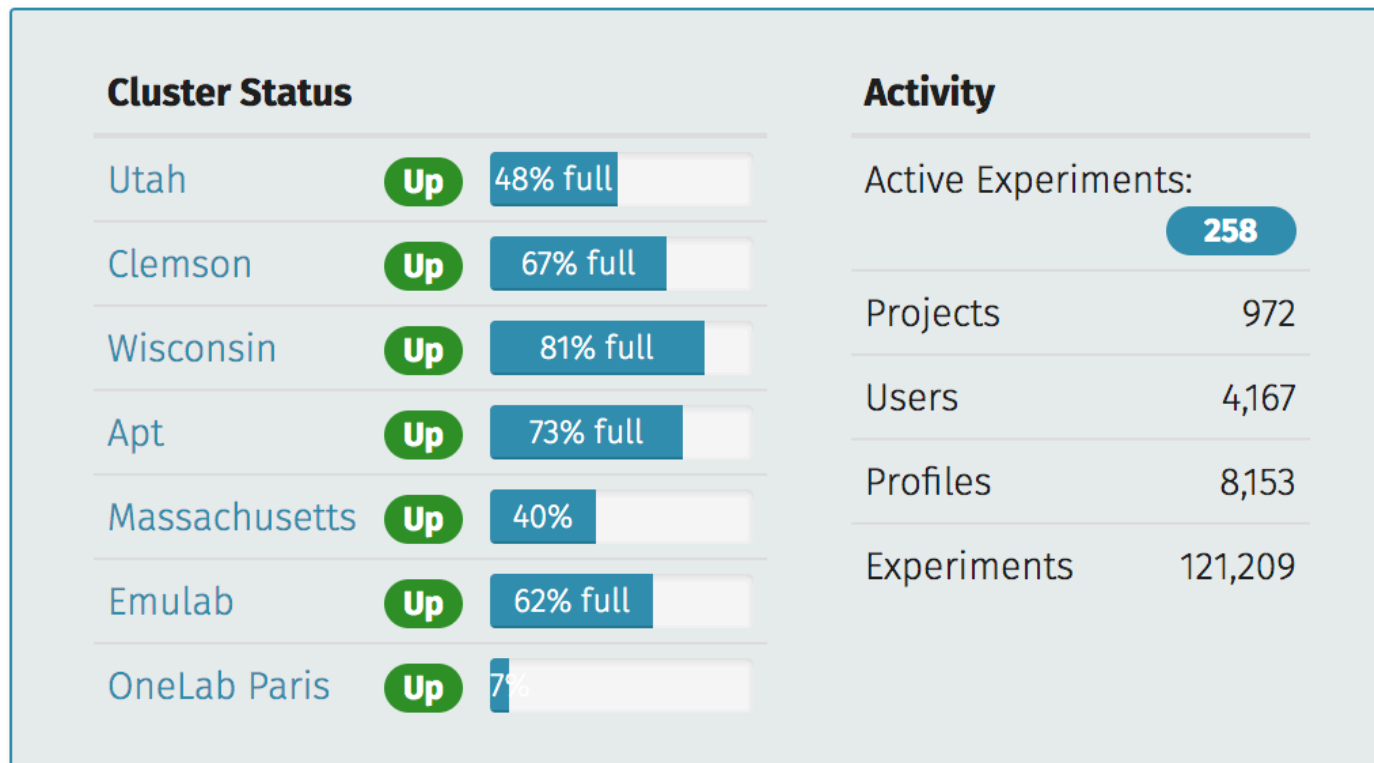


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# What is CloudLab?



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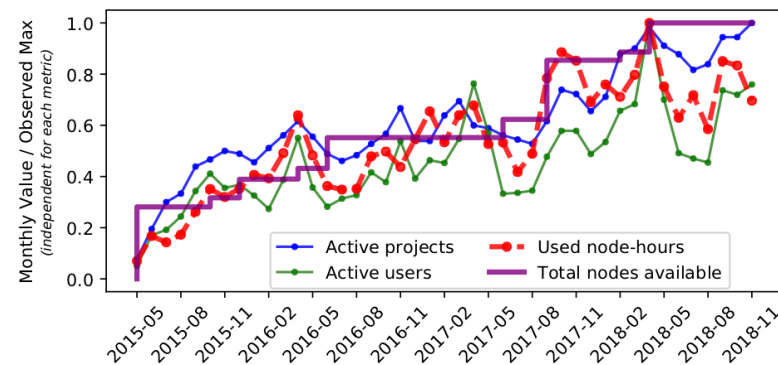


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# Motivation

- Cloud computing plays an important role in supporting most software we use in our daily lives
- Critical for enabling research into new cloud technologies (see demand for CloudLab and Chameleon)
- Demand for cloud testbeds higher than available resources



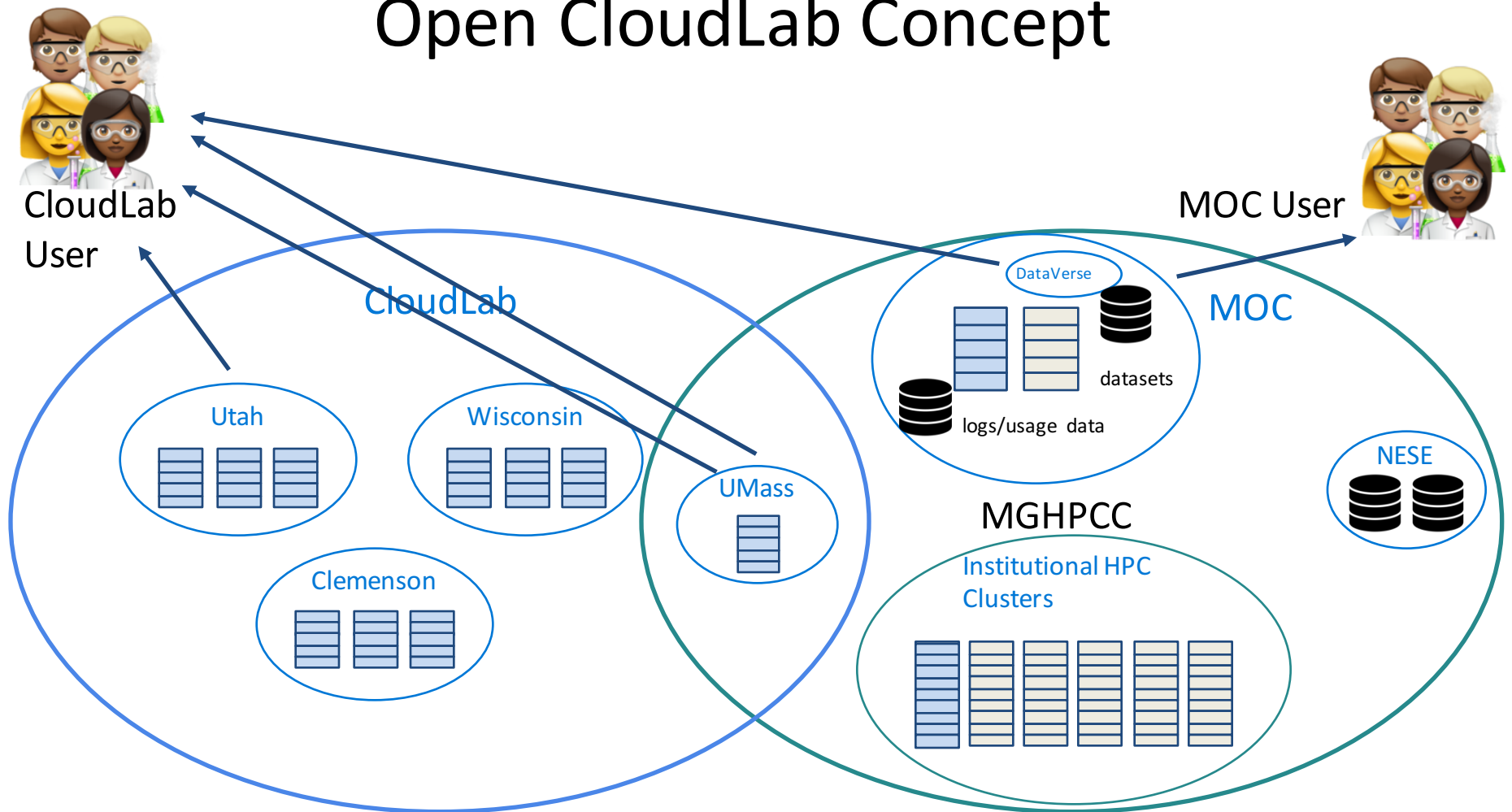
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- CISE researchers want to study users that are not CISE
- MOC supports:
  - real users
  - access to real data sets
  - can provide traces of real usage
  - can allow services to be exposed to end-users (e.g., TTP)
  - has access to production services at scale (e.g., NESE)
  - infrastructure and services provided by industry partners

# Open Cloud Testbed

- A testbed for research and experimentation into new cloud platforms
- Combine proven software technologies with a real production cloud
- Enhanced with programmable hardware (FPGA) capabilities; bump-in-the-wire (BITW); ~30 nodes

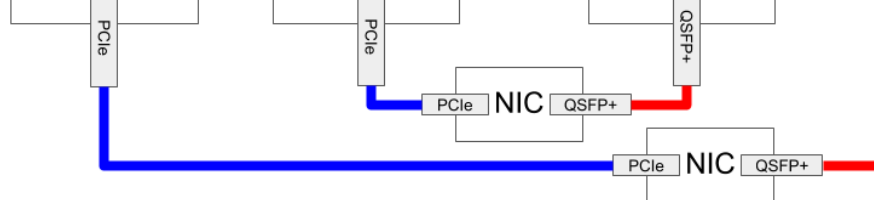
# Open CloudLab Concept

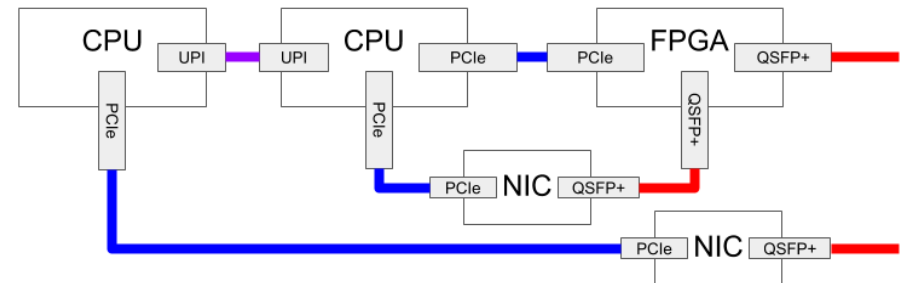


# CISE Community Outreach

- MOC workshop - 100s researchers from region
- Enables IT team to support, arguably for the first time, CISE researchers:
  - integration into buy-in programs
  - support by IT facilitators
- Collaborate with Northeast Cyberteam for reaching out to smaller institutions
- Replicated to other regions as successful
  - RedHat is working with Technion and Brno to replicate the MOC: work would enable other regions nationally
  - Cloud Lab data centers would be the next natural centers

# FPGAs

- Research enabled
    - Cloud and Operating System: BITW processing in cloud and operating systems.
    - FPGA systems: Support for dynamic reconfiguration, multitenancy, elasticity, and security
    - FPGA-related tools and middleware: Augmentations to High Level Synthesis tools (e.g., auto-tuning OpenCL) and support for middleware that exploits FPGAs
    - Provider applications: SDN, streaming compression, encryption, and data transformations
    - Tenant applications: take advantage of the network-side position of the accelerator and low-latency communication
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# Core Team

