



# Internet Performance Seen From SLAC

Network Throughput (iperf) measurements in red  
All measurements in Mbps

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## GRID INFRASTRUCTURE: MONITORING & SECURITY

Particle Physics Simulation and Analysis is moving towards a Grid model, a set of infrastructure (processors, storage and networking) that can be shared by the research community world-wide.

### Round Trip Times

Scale in Milliseconds

Measurement is critical to the planning, trouble-shooting and optimizing of networks and for steering grid applications. SLAC and Fermilab have been leading world-wide continuous end-to-end Internet performance monitoring since Jan 1995.

Real time plots of round trip time (RTT) from SC202 to several regions of the world. RTT depends on distance, bandwidth & router delays.

### Network Scavengers

Multi GByte and TByte data transfers present work challenges. To see the impact on interactive users, SLAC is testing the Internet 2 Qbone Scavenger Service (QBSS). QBSS allows use of otherwise unemployed bandwidth without affecting other traffic. To enable QBSS, packets are labeled. When congestion occurs the labeled packets are passed on at lower priority than other traffic.

High throughput file copies can soak up all available bandwidth causing congestion and elongated response times for competing users.

The plot to the left shows the increase in RTT measured by Web 100 as throughput is increased.

The plot below shows the effect of mixing QBSS, best effort and priority file copies in a 10Mbps bottleneck. Note how QBSS traffic backs off and recovers as other traffic is introduced and removed. At the same time the impact of the QBSS traffic on the higher priority traffic's RTT is minimized.

### Bulk Throughput

#### Security

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#### Current Available Gb/s from SLAC

Real time plots of throughput from SC202 to leading HEP, Grid and network sites worldwide. Achievable throughput depends on bandwidth, congestion, well engineered and configured applications, file systems, drivers and operating systems etc.