



# DYNAMIC NETWORK MODELING

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# NETWORK MODELING OVERVIEW

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## NETWORK MODELING OBJECTIVES

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Data networks are dynamic entities

- Networks 'evolve' over time
- Introduction of new services and technologies
- New hardware triggered changes to original designs

Networks may initially reflect the planned architecture but tend to diverge

Network modeling enables us to

- Better understand the network and to be able test various assumptions
- Investigate new designs, services, impact of new technologies

Sometimes we're even surprised by what we find

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# WHY MODEL NETWORKS?

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## Network Capacity planning amidst traffic uncertainty

- Sensitivity to traffic changes, projected growth
- Identify where to most effectively add capacity

## Disaster planning and recovery

- Single failures are 'simple'
- Multiple failures introduce much more complexity, unforeseen behaviours

## Optimizations

- Benefits (& risks) of merging or evolving current networks to new designs
- Engineering the network for services
- Route-reflector, Content-Cache placement efficiency

## Quantifying the benefits of technology choices

- The efficiency of Statistical multiplexing vs. Circuit switching
- Costs associated with the choices

## Multi-layer Topologies – interaction of Layer-1 and Layer-3 environments

- Fibre routing, SLRG
- Explicit diverse path planning

## Routing Metric & Policy Engineering

- Planning IGP metrics to influence traffic paths vs trying it in the live network
- BGP policy engineering

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# BUILD A COMPLETE VIRTUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DYNAMIC NETWORK

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Move beyond just nodes & lines on a screen

Applying solutions from virtualization/data-centers to networking modeling

Augment network modeling with virtual machine and virtualized networking tools to go beyond the diagram

- Build high-fidelity models of operational networks
- Demonstrate new service architectures such as Seamless MPLS
- In-depth investigation of the 'what-if' scenarios
- Enable operations teams to validate planned changes
- Pre-flight checks before config push
- Replay events from the live network, e.g. BGP routing disasters
- Architecture change phasing plans

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## FULL VIRTUAL ROUTER APPLIANCES

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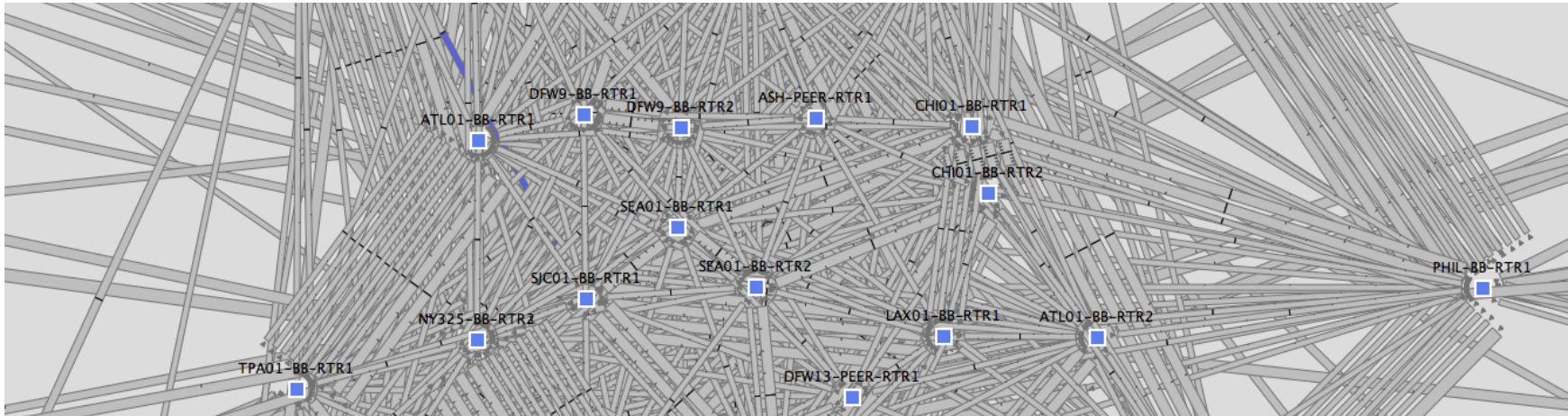
- Full-featured virtual router running JUNOS – VJX1000
- SW-based Forwarding plane
- Details available from <http://www.juniper.net/us/en/products-services/software/junos-platform/junosphere/#overview>

- IPv4/IPv6 Unicast / Multicast
- Routing: OSPF, BGP, RIPv2, Static routes, IS-IS,...
- Multicast: IGMPv3, PIM, SDP, DVRMRP, Source Specific)
- MPLS: Layer 2 VPN ( VPLS), Layer 3 VPN, LDP, RSVP
- Encapsulations: Ethernet (MAC and tagged), PPPoE
- NAT/Stateful Firewall Filters/Intrusion Detection
- Tunneling: GRE, IP in IP
- COS
- User Authentication/Access: RADIUS, RSA SecureID, LDAP
- J-Web, CLI

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# QUINTESSENTIAL CASE STUDY

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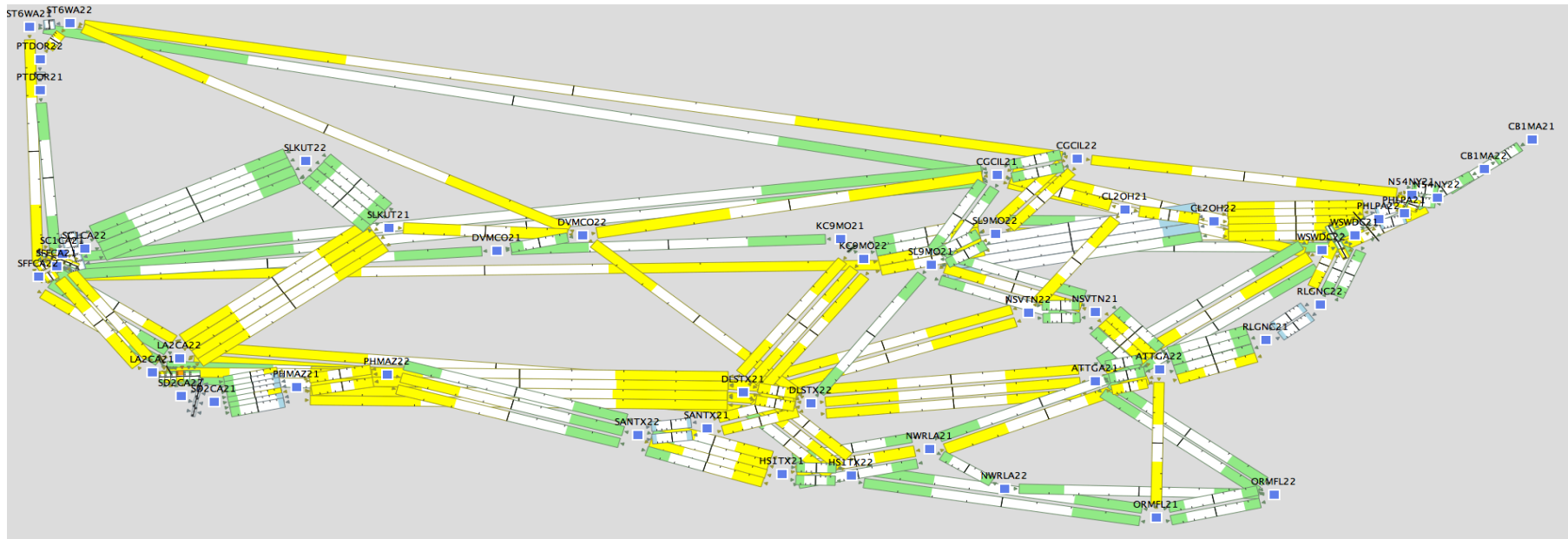
A large Service Provider “A” expands its network via acquisition of another Service Provider “B”

SP A instigates plans to merge networks, save costs, drive innovation

Years later, networks are still distinct, migration still being studied

Why? **Too risky and no way to feasibly simulate a migration**

# COMPLEXITY – SIMPLIFIED



- Model current network state
- Simulate the interconnects
- Work through the migration steps – line-by-line configuration changes
- Identify the failure points in the migration process

**Dynamic modeling can help reduce the risk and improve confidence that the migration will work**



The background of the slide is a complex, abstract pattern of overlapping, semi-transparent blue polygons. The colors range from a light, pale blue to a darker, more saturated blue, creating a layered, geometric effect. The shapes are irregular and do not form a recognizable scene or object.

# LEAST POWER COST SELECTION

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## INTRODUCTION

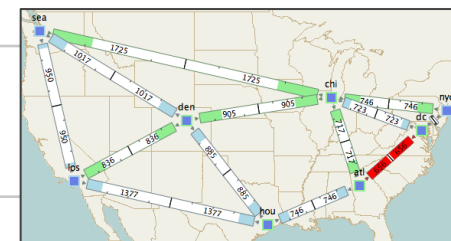
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Least Power Cost Path Selection is an approach to determining how to 'place' traffic demands across a network in a cost-effective manner

It also provides a framework for assessing the impact of introducing next-generation network technologies from a power-budget perspective

Ability to take advantage of differences in cost of power, power-source types, time of day variations, that IGPs don't currently take into account

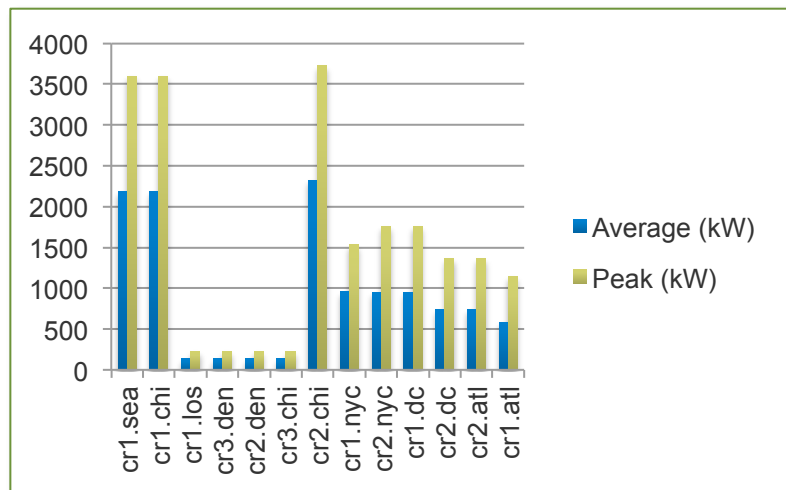
# SIMPLE POWER PROFILING



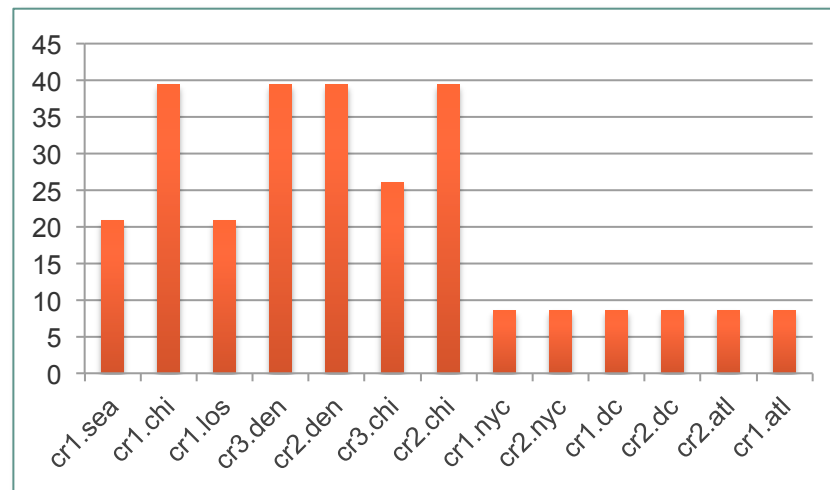
Offline network models, derived or obtained from actual SP topologies

- An information base of power-draw (Watts) of each node based on its computed inventory
  - ‘Common equipment’ plus each installed FPC & PIC
- Resulting in the cost (Watts) per Gb for data passing through a node

Expected Peak & Average Power per node



Watts per 1Gig demand through the node



# GENERATE INVENTORY AND POWER ANALYSIS

Reports

- CircuitUpgrade
- Design history
- CircuitRightsize
- GenBom2
  - BOM (text)
  - BOM

| Requirement    | Count | Cost          | Power |
|----------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| ATTGA21        |       |               |       |
| ptx9000        | 1     | 236500 (\$57) | 3100  |
| PTX-FPC        | 4     | 188000 (\$60) | 1000  |
| PTX-PIC-100GIG | 8     | 152000 (\$62) |       |
| 100gige cfp    | 15    | 150000        | n/a   |
| Total cost:    |       | 4454500       |       |
| Total power:   |       | 7100          |       |
| ATTGA22        |       |               |       |
| ptx9000        | 1     | 236500 (\$57) | 3100  |
| PTX-FPC        | 7     | 188000 (\$60) | 1000  |
| PTX-PIC-100GIG | 13    | 152000 (\$62) |       |
| 100gige cfp    | 26    | 150000        | n/a   |
| Total cost:    |       | 7428500       |       |
| Total power:   |       | 10100         |       |
| CB1MA21        |       |               |       |
| ptx9000        | 1     | 236500 (\$57) | 3100  |
| PTX-FPC        | 1     | 188000 (\$60) | 1000  |
| PTX-PIC-100GIG | 2     | 152000 (\$62) |       |
| 100gige cfp    | 4     | 150000        | n/a   |
| Total cost:    |       | 1328500       |       |
| Total power:   |       | 4100          |       |

Populated power and hardware data into MATE that easily allows for the generation of inventory and power requirements

AT&T Doverspike New/July 21 Meeting/Phase 2/\_4\_3\_100G E\_OPT SRLG Rightsize-40pct.pln pla...

pw All Select All Filter 50/50 rows (0 selected)

| Node       | Model   | MultiChassisReq | LinecardChassisC | Cost       | Power    |
|------------|---------|-----------------|------------------|------------|----------|
| ATTGA21    | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 4454500.00 | 7100.00  |
| ATTGA22    | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 7428500.00 | 10100.00 |
| CB1MA21    | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 1328500.00 | 4100.00  |
| CB1MA22    | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 1328500.00 | 4100.00  |
| CGCIL21    | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 7428500.00 | 10100.00 |
| CGCIL22    | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 5244500.00 | 8100.00  |
| CL2OH21    | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 4454500.00 | 7100.00  |
| CL2OH22    | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 4454500.00 | 7100.00  |
| DLSTX21    | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 7880500.00 | 10100.00 |
| 10 DLSTX22 | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 6788500.00 | 9100.00  |
| 11 DVMCO21 | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 1968500.00 | 5100.00  |
| 12 DVMCO22 | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 4604500.00 | 7100.00  |
| 13 HS1TX21 | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 4152500.00 | 7100.00  |
| 14 HS1TX22 | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 4152500.00 | 7100.00  |
| 15 KC9MO21 | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 1328500.00 | 4100.00  |
| 16 KC9MO22 | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 3512500.00 | 6100.00  |
| 17 LA2CA21 | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 5244500.00 | 8100.00  |
| 18 LA2CA22 | ptx9000 | No              | 0.00             | 8520500.00 | 11100.00 |

# POWER ANALYSIS

We compute full power usage details, for each chassis and all its active components

- We can then compute the power cost for each demand in the network
- (Future) TE option to route LSPs across the least power cost path

The screenshot shows a software interface with a sidebar on the left containing a 'Reports' menu with options like 'CircuitUpgrade', 'Design history', 'CircuitRightsize', 'Simulation Analysis', and 'PowerAnalyzer'. The main area displays a table with columns: Node, Slot, Hardware, Component Draw (w), Total Draw (w), Maximum Draw (w), Annual kWh, Annual Carbon Footprint (lbs), Energy Consu, Expected Therna, and Max Thermal Out. The table lists 21 rows of data for various nodes, with row 14 (ATTGA21) highlighted. The interface also shows a status bar at the top indicating '587/587 rows (1 selected)'.

| Node | Slot     | Hardware | Component Draw (w) | Total Draw (w) | Maximum Draw (w) | Annual kWh    | Annual Carbon Footprint (lbs) | Energy Consu | Expected Therna | Max Thermal Out |         |
|------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1    | LA2CA22  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 7964 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 69804.46                      | 90536.4      | 39.8            | 27180.9         | 84471.0 |
| 2    | ATTGA22  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 7424 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 65071.36                      | 84397.6      | 37.1            | 25337.9         | 84471.0 |
| 3    | CGCIL21  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 7424 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 65071.36                      | 84397.6      | 37.1            | 25337.9         | 84471.0 |
| 4    | DLSTX21  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 7424 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 65071.36                      | 84397.6      | 37.1            | 25337.9         | 84471.0 |
| 5    | SFFCA21  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 7424 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 65071.36                      | 84397.6      | 37.1            | 25337.9         | 84471.0 |
| 6    | DLSTX22  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 6884 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 60338.26                      | 78258.7      | 34.4            | 23494.9         | 84471.0 |
| 7    | SL9MO22  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 6884 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 60338.26                      | 78258.7      | 34.4            | 23494.9         | 84471.0 |
| 8    | WSWD...  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 6884 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 60338.26                      | 78258.7      | 34.4            | 23494.9         | 84471.0 |
| 9    | CGCIL22  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 6344 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 55605.16                      | 72119.9      | 31.7            | 21651.9         | 84471.0 |
| 10   | LA2CA21  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 6344 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 55605.16                      | 72119.9      | 31.7            | 21651.9         | 84471.0 |
| 11   | PHLPA22  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 6344 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 55605.16                      | 72119.9      | 31.7            | 21651.9         | 84471.0 |
| 12   | SL9MO21  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 6344 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 55605.16                      | 72119.9      | 31.7            | 21651.9         | 84471.0 |
| 13   | WSWD...  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 6344 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 55605.16                      | 72119.9      | 31.7            | 21651.9         | 84471.0 |
| 14   | ATTGA21  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 5804 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 50872.06                      | 65981.1      | 29.0            | 19808.9         | 84471.0 |
| 15   | CL2OH... | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 5804 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 50872.06                      | 65981.1      | 29.0            | 19808.9         | 84471.0 |
| 16   | CL2OH... | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 5804 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 50872.06                      | 65981.1      | 29.0            | 19808.9         | 84471.0 |
| 17   | DVMC...  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 5804 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 50872.06                      | 65981.1      | 29.0            | 19808.9         | 84471.0 |
| 18   | HS1TX21  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 5804 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 50872.06                      | 65981.1      | 29.0            | 19808.9         | 84471.0 |
| 19   | HS1TX22  | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 5804 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 50872.06                      | 65981.1      | 29.0            | 19808.9         | 84471.0 |
| 20   | N54NY... | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 5804 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 50872.06                      | 65981.1      | 29.0            | 19808.9         | 84471.0 |
| 21   | NSVTN... | chassis  | commons            | 3644.00        | 5804 (total)     | 24750 (total) | 50872.06                      | 65981.1      | 29.0            | 19808.9         | 84471.0 |

## WHAT CAN WE DO WITH THESE MODELS?

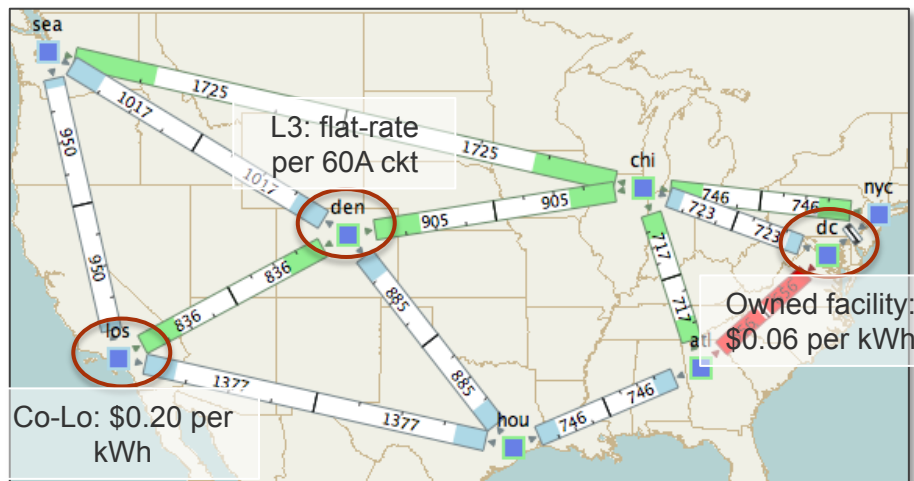
The previous slide demonstrates an efficient inventory & ROI tool for introducing NG technology

- e.g. Inserting PTX will pay for itself in X months but ...

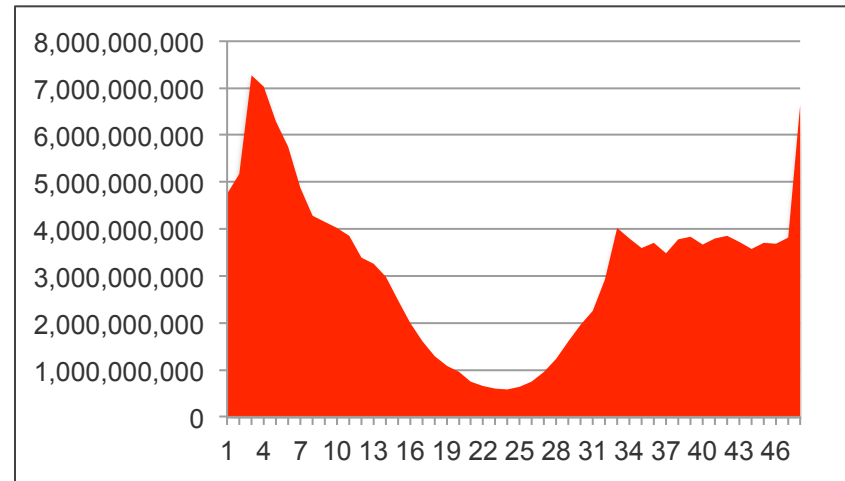
We can incorporate other factors

- Facilities costs e.g. PECO vs. Co-Lo, etc.
- And of course ... the Traffic Matrix

Facility Costs



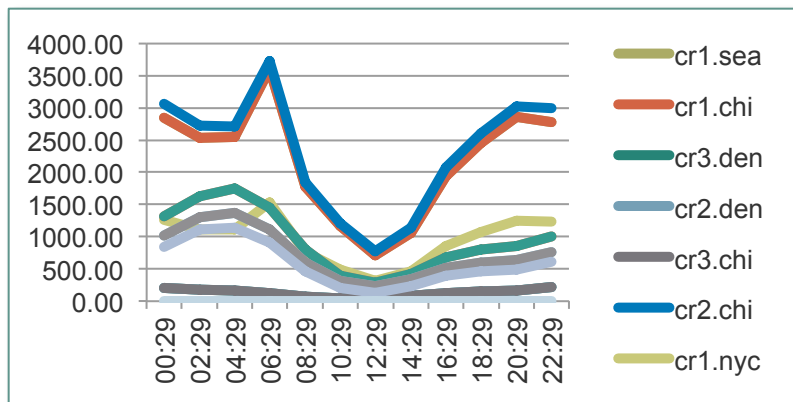
Traffic Matrix



# WE CAN COMPUTE A DEMAND DRIVEN POWER UTILIZATION

The cost of individual demands can be quantified as well as the effects of demand aggregation

- In figure #1 the Nodes transited for a demand from Seattle to NYC  
pe1.sea, cr1.sea, cr1.chi, cr2.chi, cr1.nyc, pe1.nyc
  - Path cost = 159.89 W/Gb, B/W of demand at time X = 13Gb
  - **Path cost of demand = 2.079KW**



Time of Day, Demand driven Power Utilization

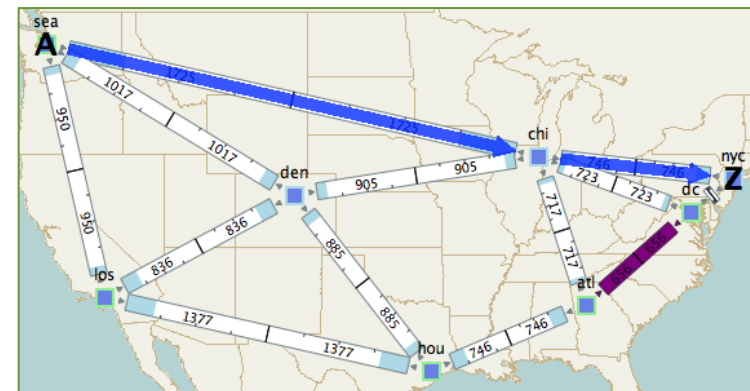
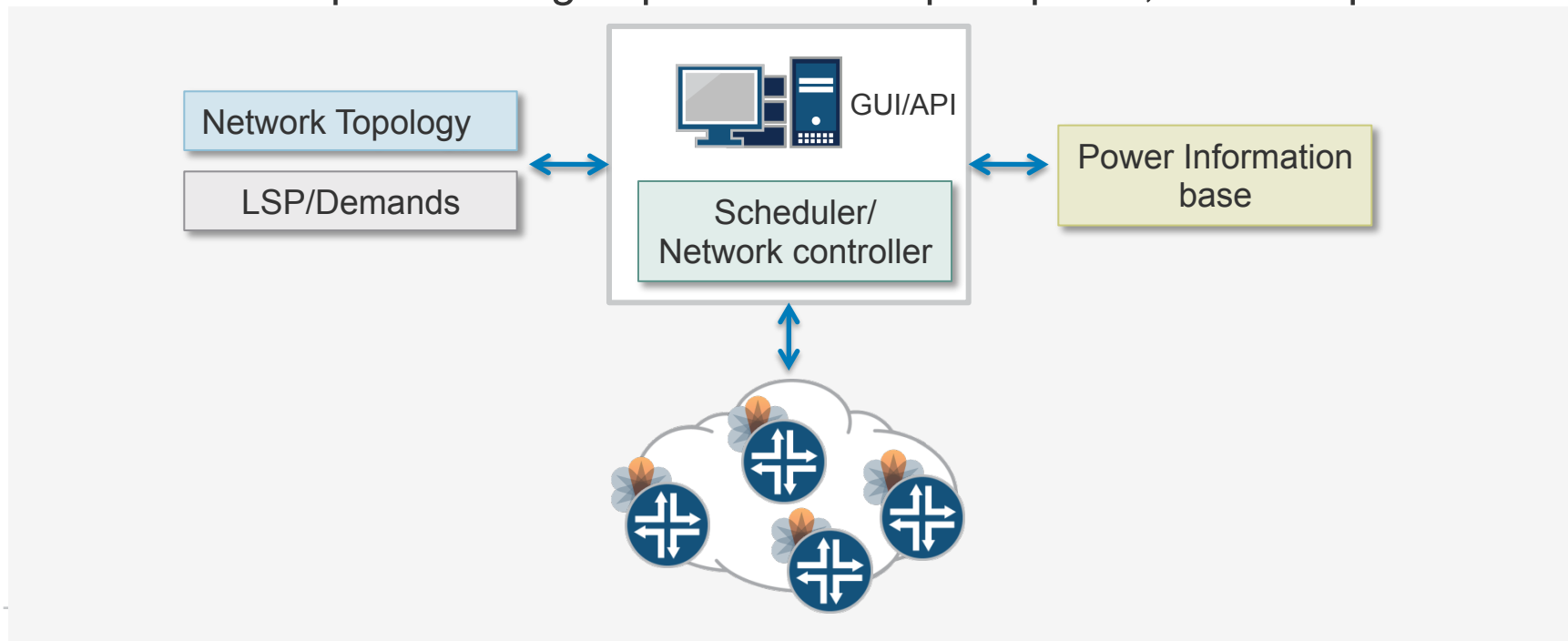


Figure 1: Seattle to NYC demand

## WHAT'S NEXT

Combining power consumption information & routing analytics enabling more informed decisions about:

- Taking advantage of cheaper power sources, time-of-day pricing, lower carbon tonnage etc.
- Route high B/W demands more efficiently &/or react to natural disasters
- Automated provisioning of paths – TE explicit paths, for example







# **CONSTRUCTING NETWORK MODELS**

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## NECESSARY DATA FOR SUCCESSFUL MODELS

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Diagrams are good – data is better

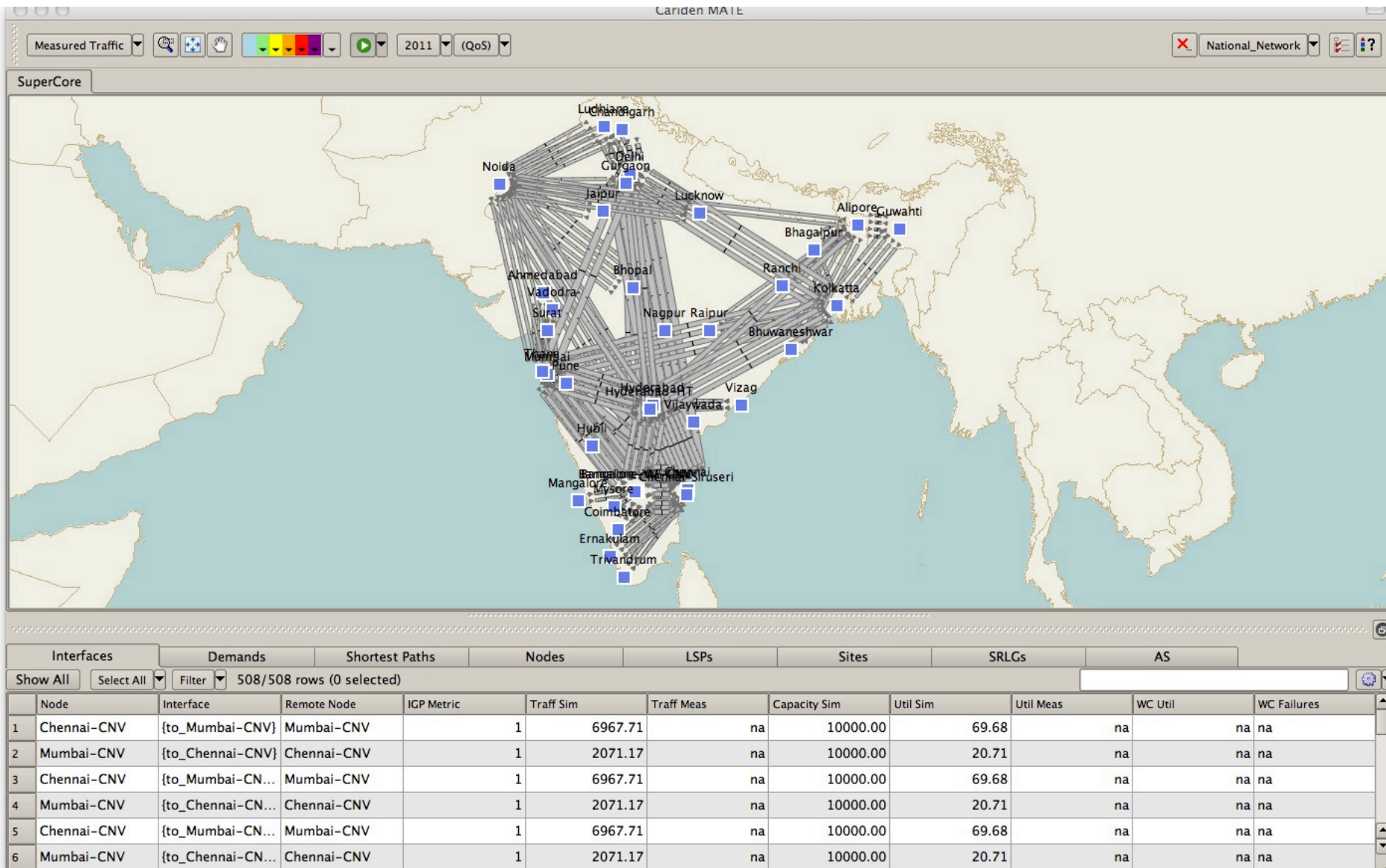
A successful approach requires:

- A topology (OSPF or IS-IS LSDB where possible)
- The link types in the network (speeds)
- Any layer 0/1 protection schemes in use
- A traffic matrix (demands from node to node)
- Time of day traffic behaviour
- Expected growth forecasts (ie, 40% YOY)

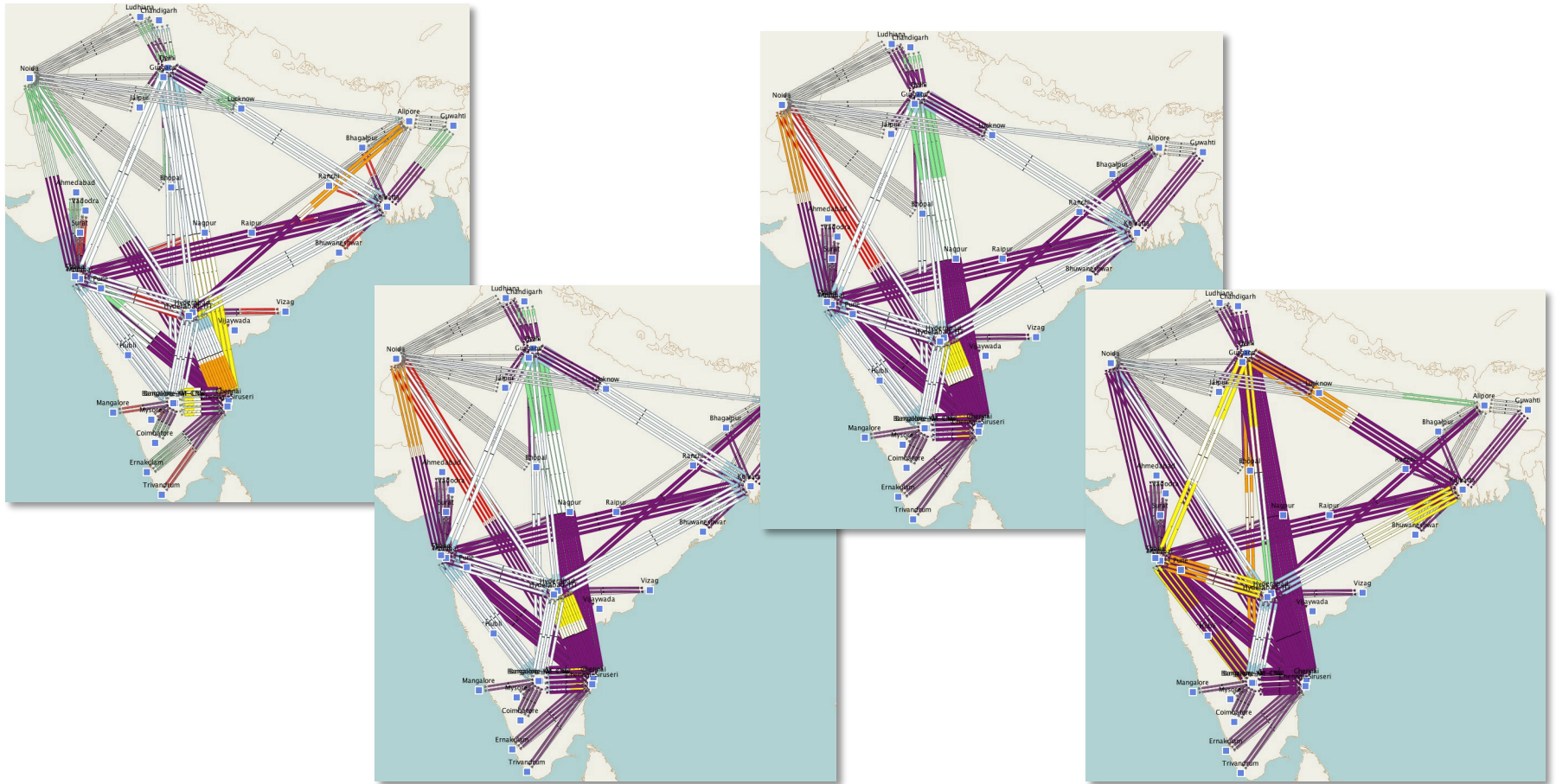
In addition, we can build a more accurate model if we know

- Any engineering guidelines for things like latency bounds, QoS handling, etc
- The layer 1 topology
  - Resulting SRLGs, Lambda contention, Span lengths
- The current hardware inventory of the network
- Any measured utilization on interfaces (MRTG for example)

# LOADING THE NETWORK



# TRAFFIC DEMANDS APPLIED

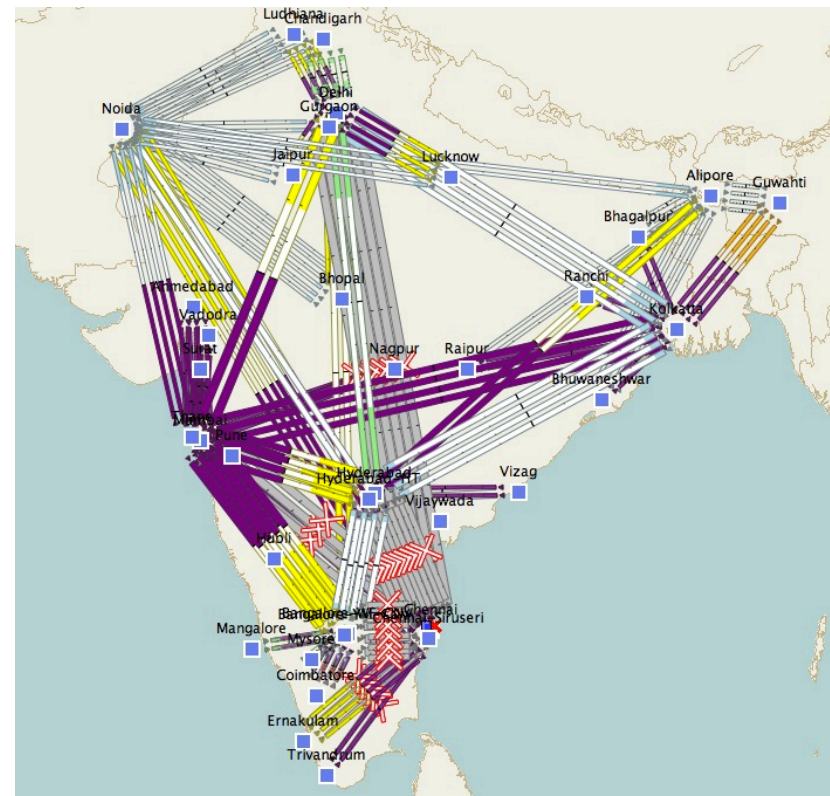
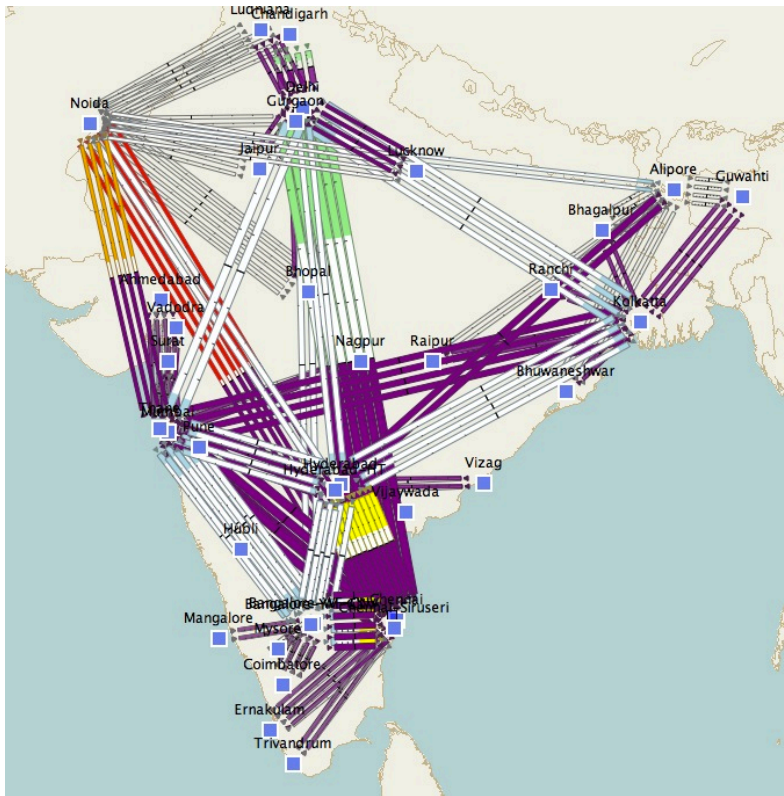


2012 projection



2015 projection

# AND WHEN THINGS GO WRONG...



Core node failure

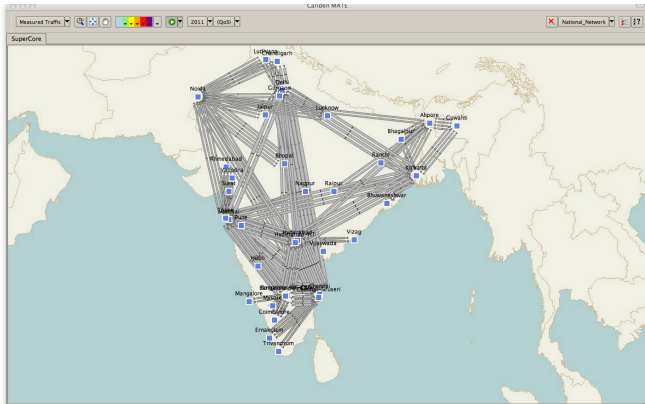
Traffic flows rerouted



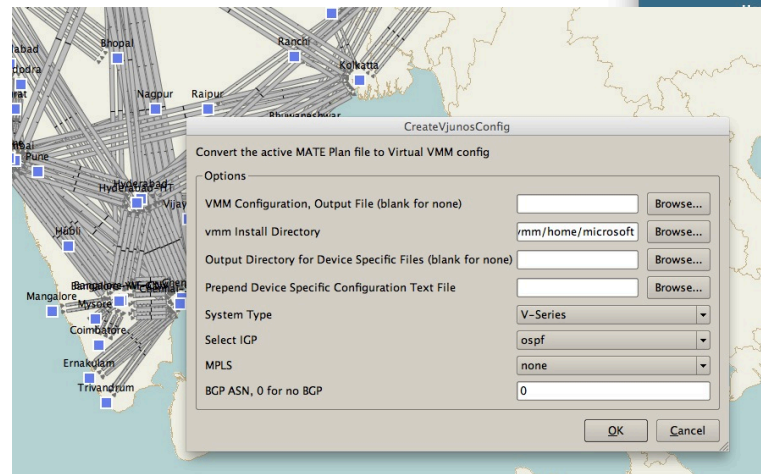
# FULLY VIRTUALIZED NETWORK MODEL

# VIRTUALISE THE MODEL

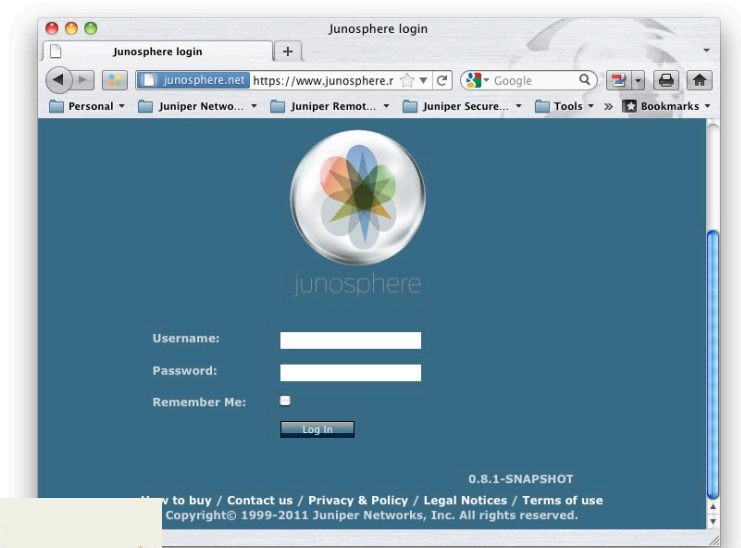
Log in to platform



Build diagram

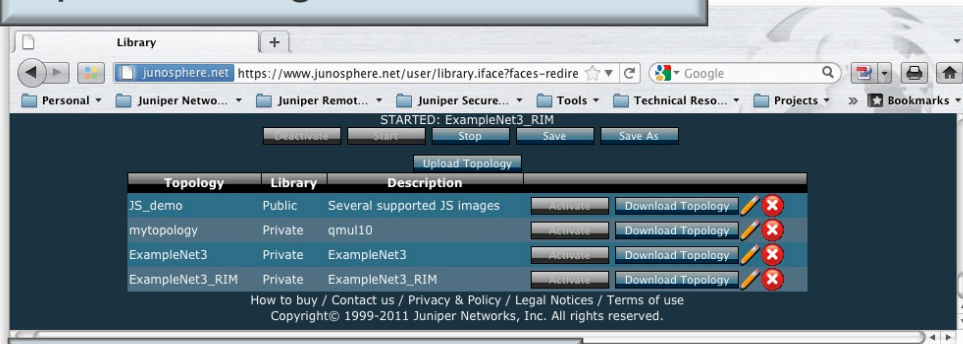


Generate the configuration files

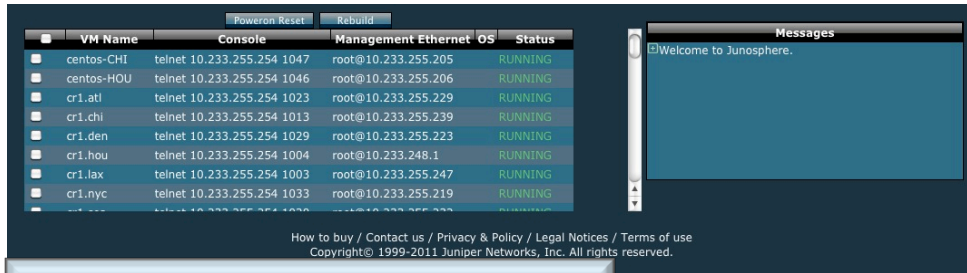
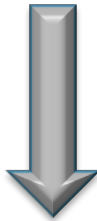


# STARTUP

Upload configuration files

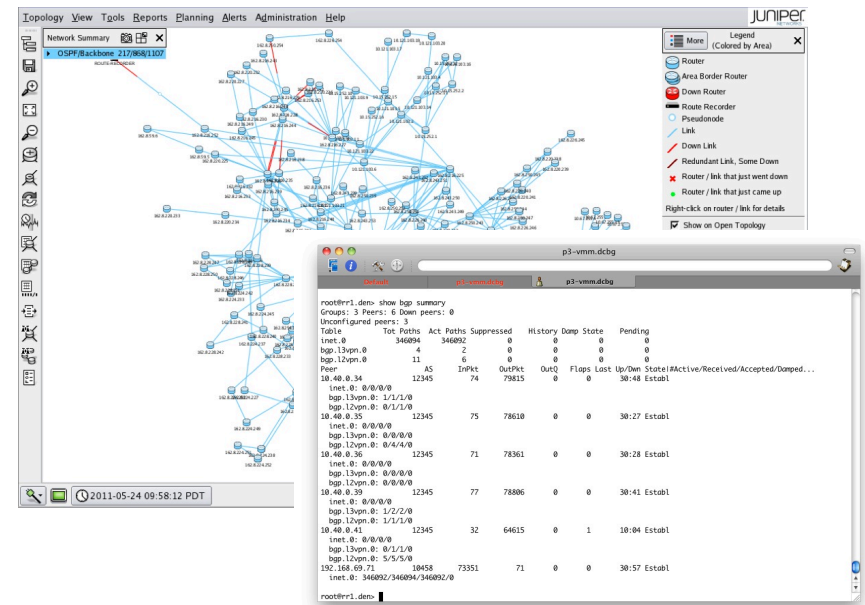


Start Virtual Routers



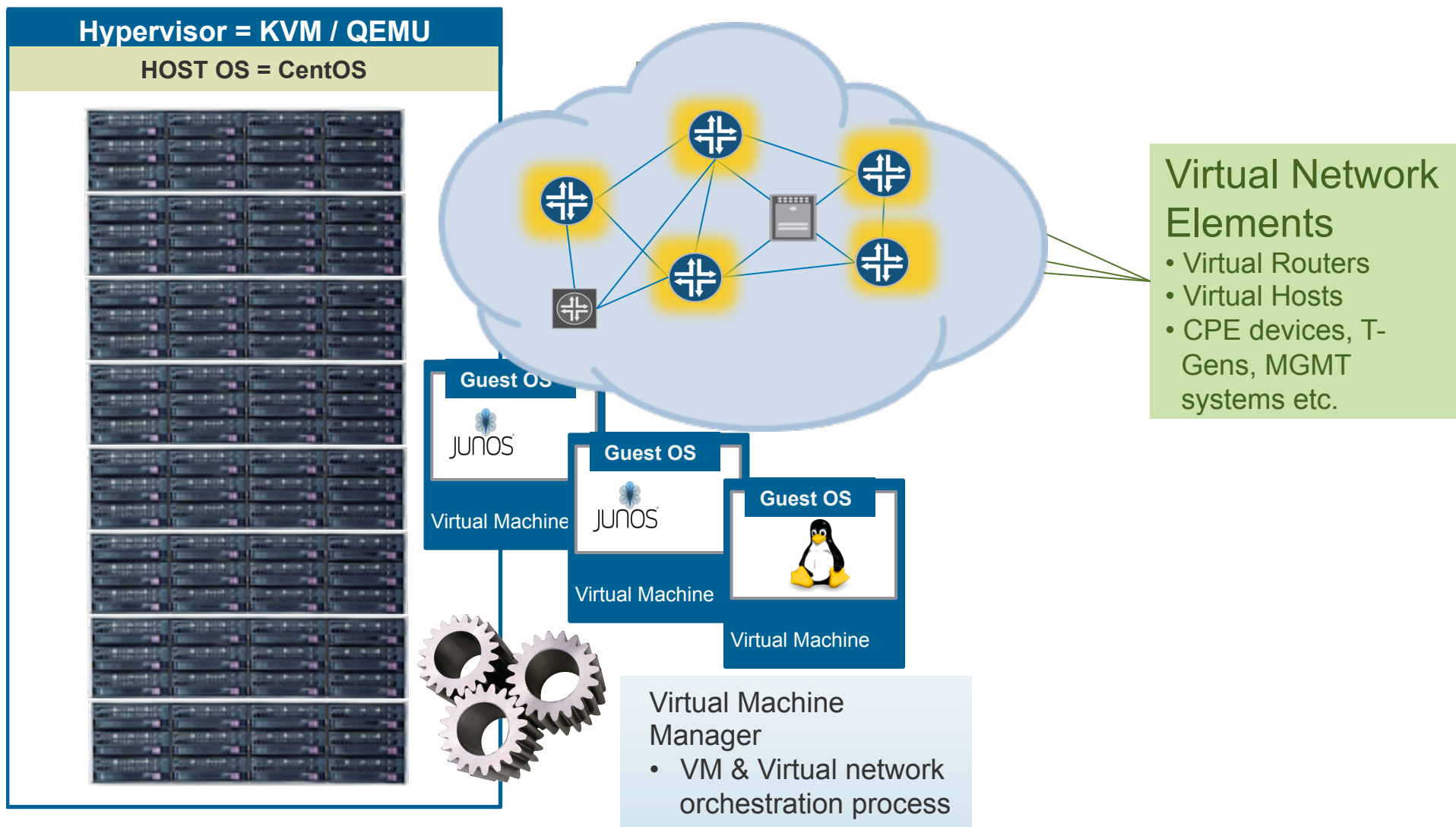
Connect to Virtual Routers

Log in and use



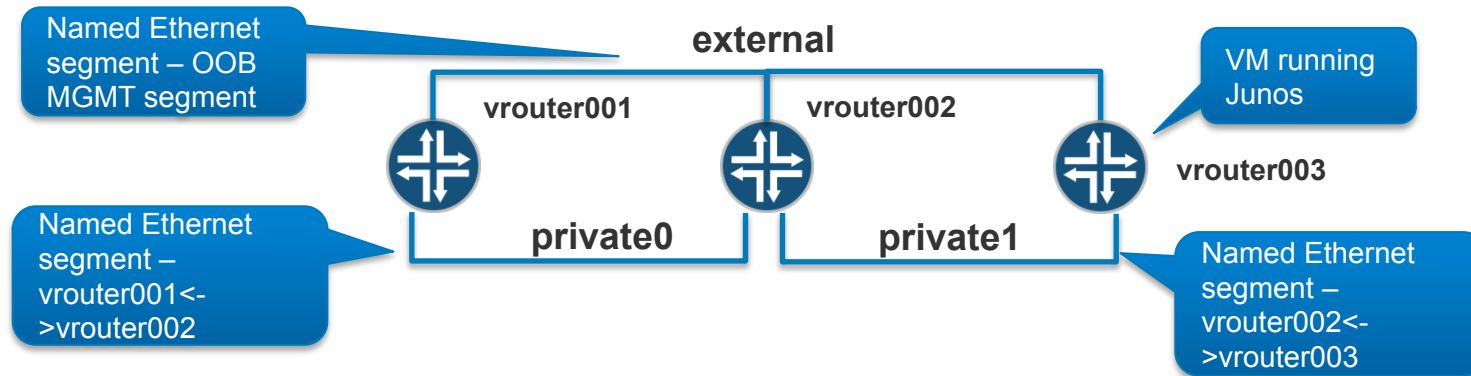


# PLATFORM COMPONENTS



## VMM EXAMPLE

Open-source tools in development  
with University of Adelaide



```
// description - bind global definitions
#include "/vmm/bin/common.defs"
config "config" {
    display "NULL";
    vm "vrouter001" {
        // description - hostname of set on VM
        hostname "vrouter001";
        // description - Operating system image to load -
        VJX_DISK
        // description - ge 0/0/0 interface to the outside world
        interface "em0" { EXTERNAL; };
        // description - ge 0/0/1 link between vrouter001 and vrouter002
        interface "em1" { bridge "private0"; };
        // description - configuration file to load on the router
        install "ENV(HOME)/active/configset/vrouter001.conf" "/root/junos.conf";
    };
}
```

# VMM EXAMPLE

```
vm "vrouter002" {
    hostname "vrouter002" ;
    VJX_DISK
    //description - interface to the outside world
    interface "em0" { EXTERNAL;};
    // description - link between vrouter002 and vrouter001
    interface "em1" { bridge "private0"; };
    // description - link between vrouter002 and vrouter003
    interface "em2" { bridge "privatel1"; };
    // description - configuration file to load on the route
    install "ENV(HOME)/active/configset/vrouter002.conf" "/root/
junos.conf";
};
vm "vrouter003" {
    hostname "vrouter003" ;
    VJX_DISK
    //description - interface to the outside world
    interface "em0" { EXTERNAL;};
    // description - link between vrouter003 and vrouter002
    interface "em1" { bridge "privatel1"; };
    // description - configuration file to load on the router
    install "ENV(HOME)/active/configset/vrouter002.conf" "/root/
junos.conf";
};
PRIVATE_BRIDGES
};
```

Connect to OOB  
MGMT segment

Named Ethernet  
segment –  
vrouter001<-  
>vrouter002

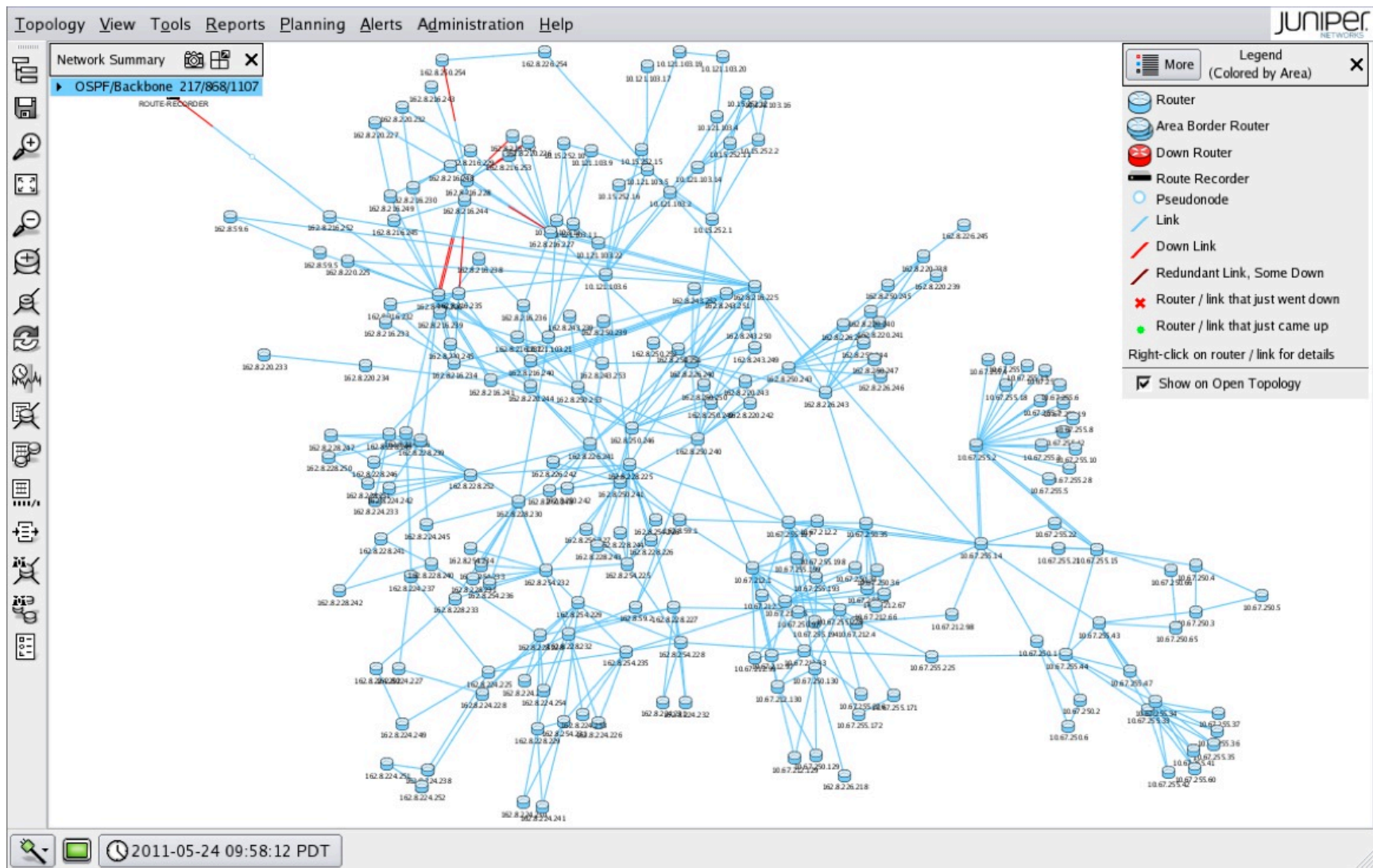
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segment –  
vrouter002<-  
>vrouter003

Named Ethernet  
segment –  
vrouter003<-  
>vrouter002

Per-VM Junos  
configuration file

Macro call to enable  
Ethernet bridge  
segments

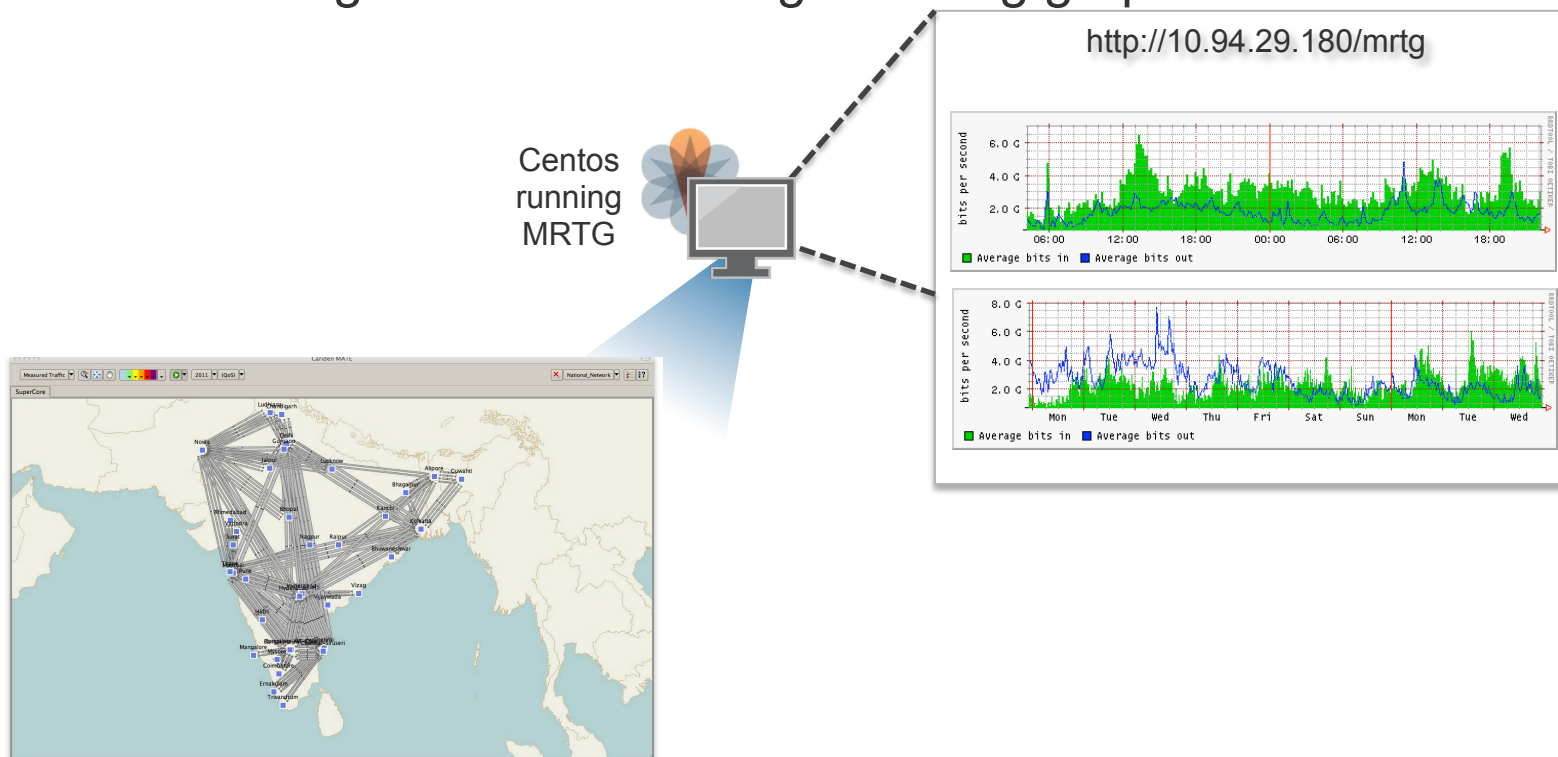
# LOOKING INSIDE THE VIRTUAL WORLD



# MANAGEMENT TOOLS

Can take tools that you use in you physical network and deploy into the virtual – VMs don't know that they're not physical devices

- MRTG monitoring SNMP stats and generating graphs

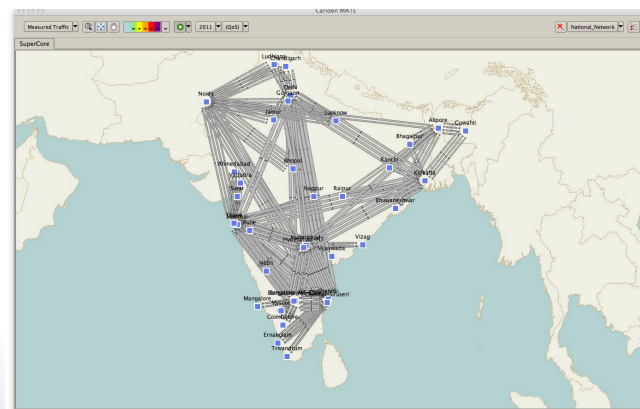
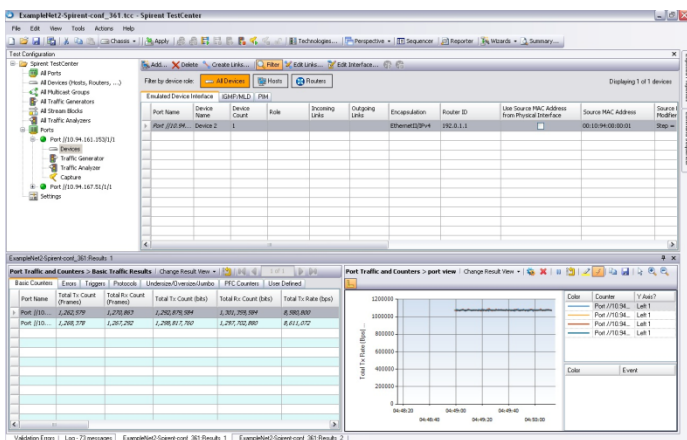


# SPIRENT ROUTER TESTER INTEGRATION

Spirent Test Center Virtual is a software package that extends & complements the capabilities of Spirent Test Center – a virtual traffic-generator for the virtual world

Network operators can:

- Run real-world traffic and control-plane events over virtualized networks



STCV  
Manager



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# VIRTUALIZED NETWORKS IN OPERATION

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## NANOG 51/52/53 – RPKI Workshop

- <http://www.nanog.org/meetings/nanog52/presentations/Sunday/110612.nanog-lab-agenda.pdf>

## RIPE62 – RPKI Workshop

- <http://ripe62.ripe.net/programme/meeting-plan/tutorials>

## Queen Mary University of London – Networking labs

- Paper at SIGCOMM/ACM Toronto
- [http://edusigcomm.info.ucl.ac.be/pmwiki/uploads/Workshop2011/20110311002/sigcom2011\\_VindyaWijeratne.pdf](http://edusigcomm.info.ucl.ac.be/pmwiki/uploads/Workshop2011/20110311002/sigcom2011_VindyaWijeratne.pdf)

## Loughborough University – Networking labs

## Universitat Wien – Networking labs

## Boston University – Network Security

## Roma Tre University – Network software development

- Paper at IEEE Network Operations and Management Symposium, Hawaii
- <http://www.ieee-noms.org/cfp.html>

## Internet Institute Japan – Internet routing research

## Cambridge University, Systems Research Group – Internet routing research

## Networks from 50+ International Service Providers

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## SUMMARY

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Fully virtualized networks are a powerful tool

- Interconnect with existing physical network labs
- Node-accurate ‘what-if’ testing ground
- Ability to provide operations teams with a ‘safe’ environment to learn via ‘break & recover’ methods
- Reduce the risk of complex configuration changes, service migrations etc.
- Build and operate planned networks before any equipment is physically deployed
- Development platform for programmable networks & orchestration
- Platform for research, development and collaboration



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