



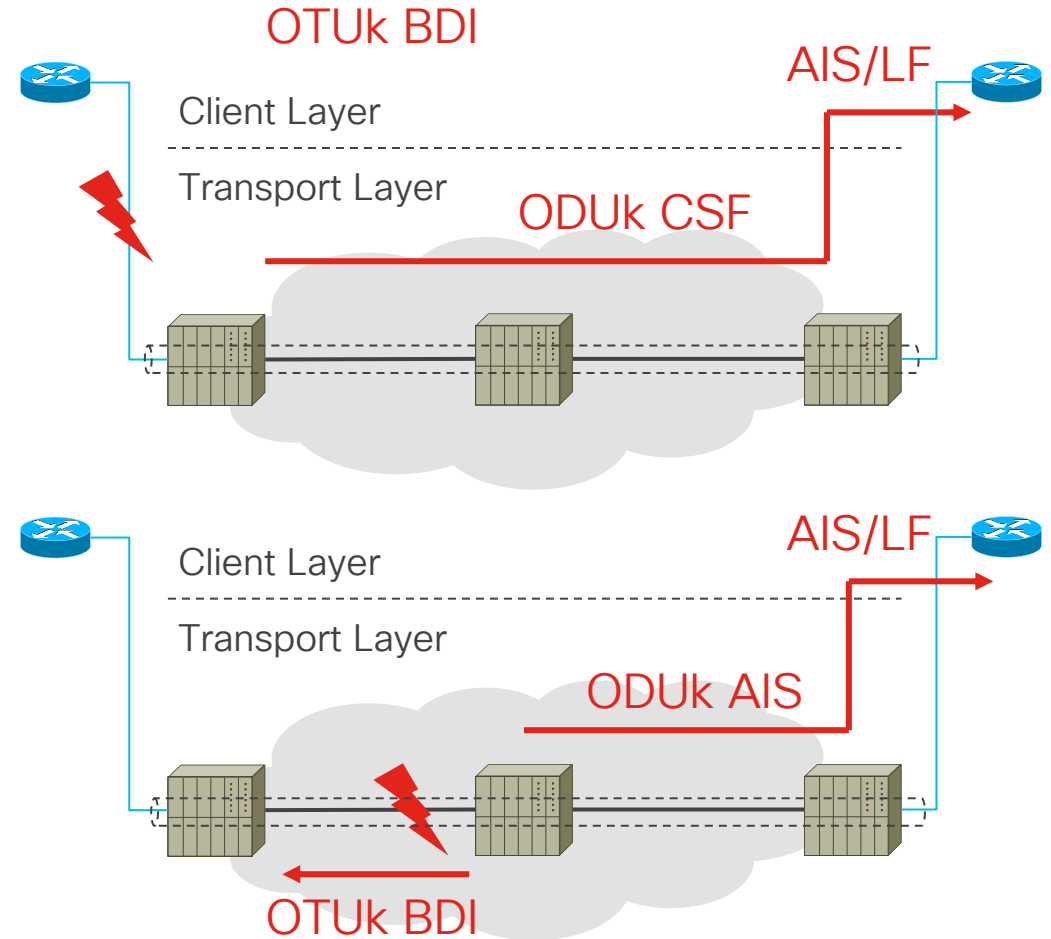
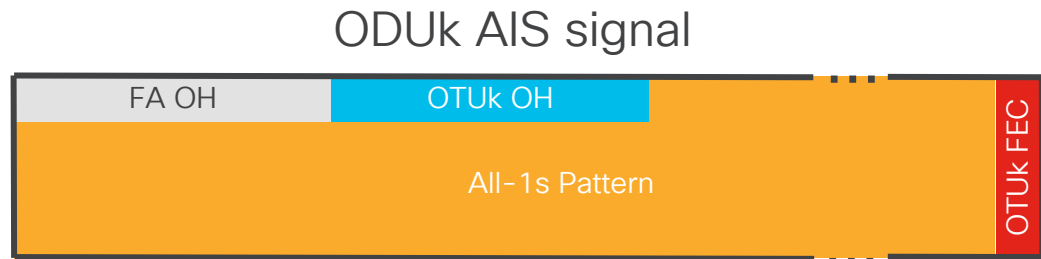
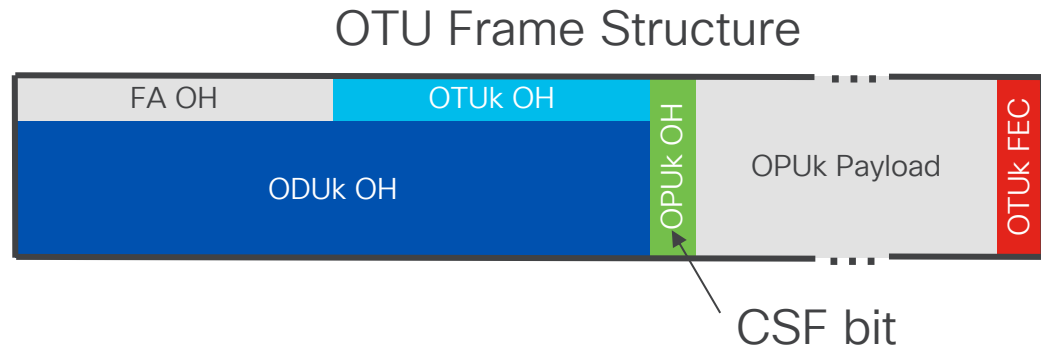
The Hardest Simple Thing

Or, Why Are We Still Talking About Service Assurance?

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Not That Hard in Optical Networks



Overhead based E2E Connectivity and Performance Monitoring

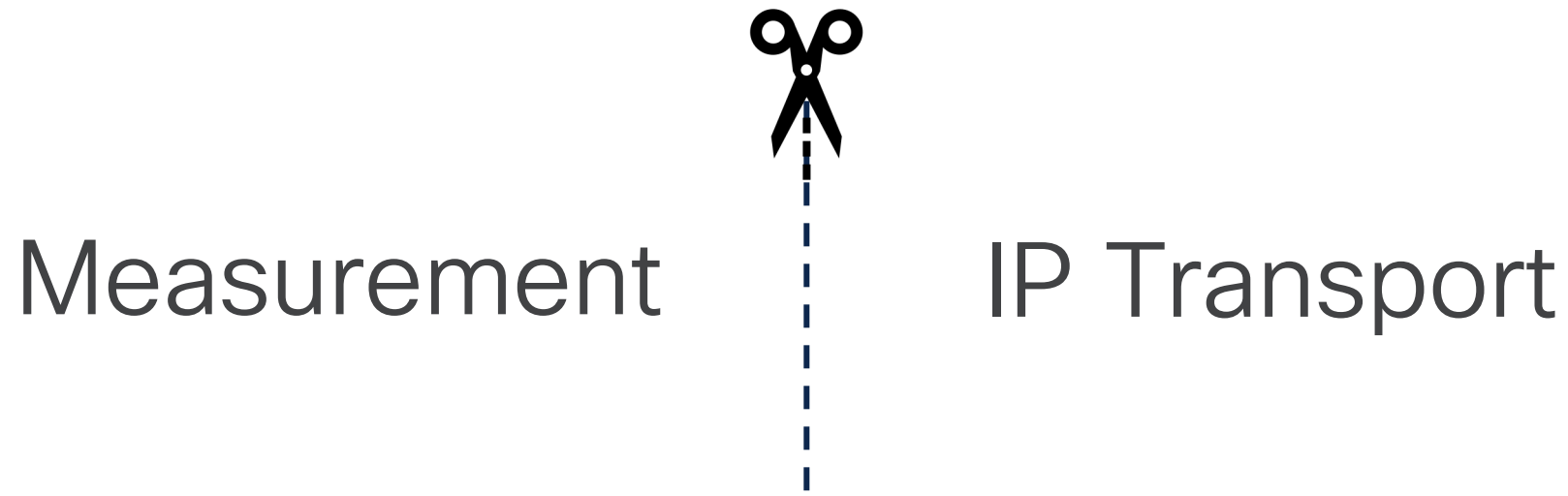
Internet – Loosely Coupled IP Networks that Scale



“A drawing of the Internet in the style of picasso that includes routers and a globe”

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Fundamental Design Pattern of IP



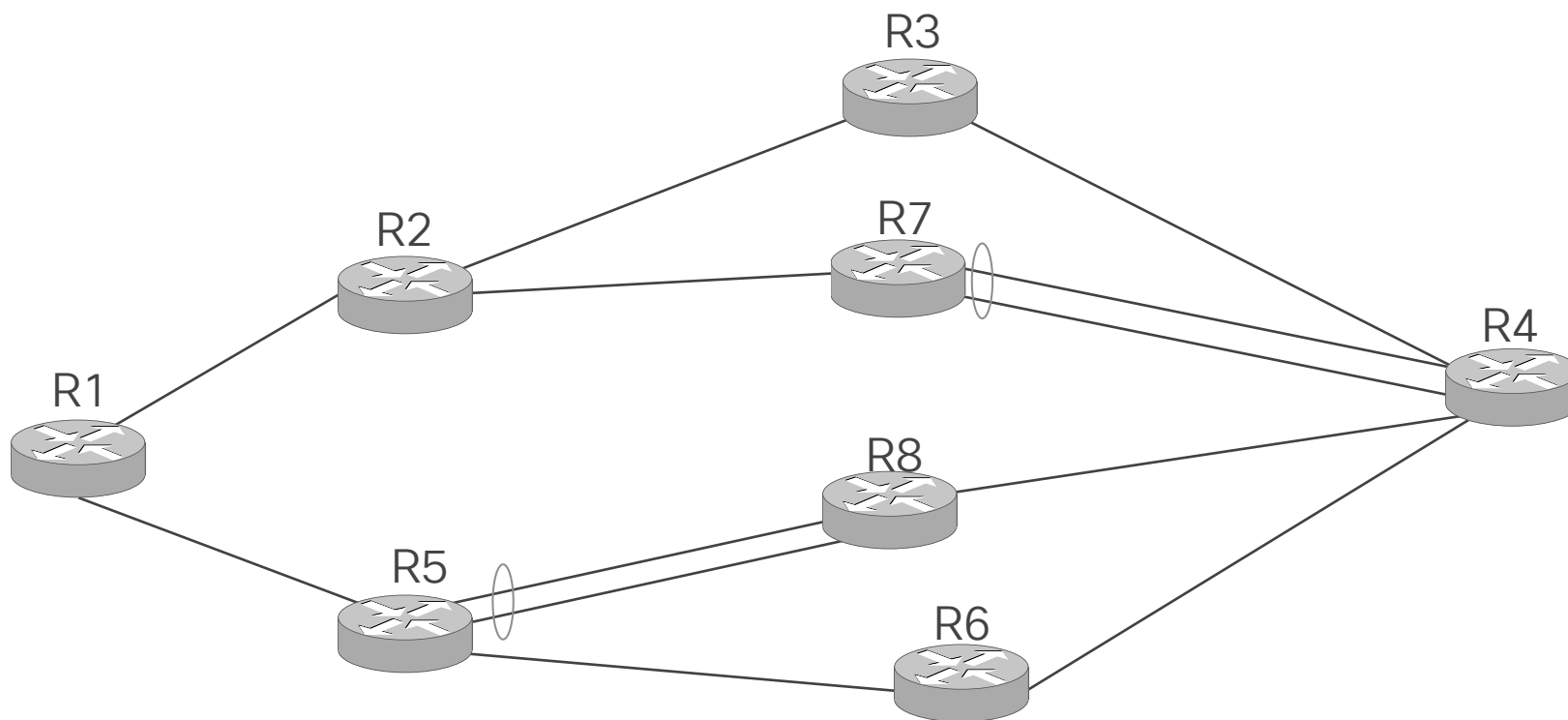
Are You Actually Measuring What You Think You Are Measuring?

Many Performance Measurement Options

Passive	Active	Hybrid	Use Case Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Monitor live user traffic▪ Interface counters, queue counters, state...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dedicated measurement packet▪ Ping, traceroute, TWAMP, Y.1731, IPM, Swift...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Piggyback metadata on user traffic▪ INT, iOAM, SR-PT, DCQCN, CSIG...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Service or transport focus▪ Data model (MIB, YANG) and export type (SNMP, NETCONF, gNMI, IPFIX)▪ NID or router based active probing▪ Scale▪ Timescale

RFC 7799

Beware ECMP In Your Assurance Strategy

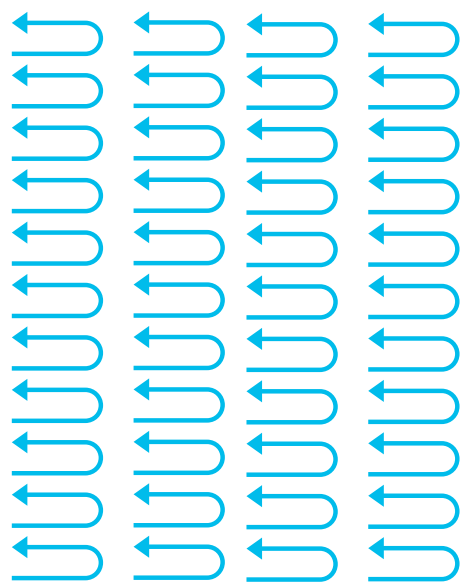


ECMP, Probability & The Law of Large Numbers

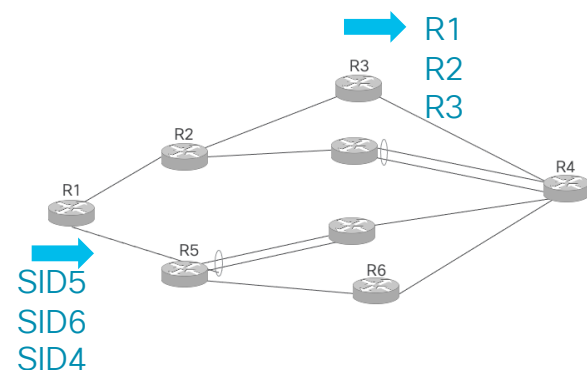


Random events can become quite predictable if we test them for long enough.

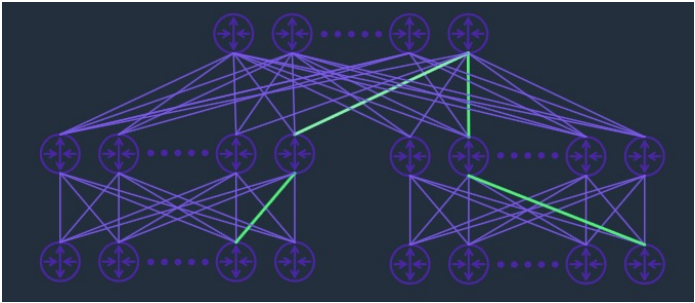
Addressing the ECMP Challenge



Send More Probes



Specify or Trace the Path



Use Passive Metrics Instead
(No Packet Left Behind)

Fundamental Design Pattern #2 of IP Networks



Services and Transport Develop And Scale Independently

Completing the Puzzle ...

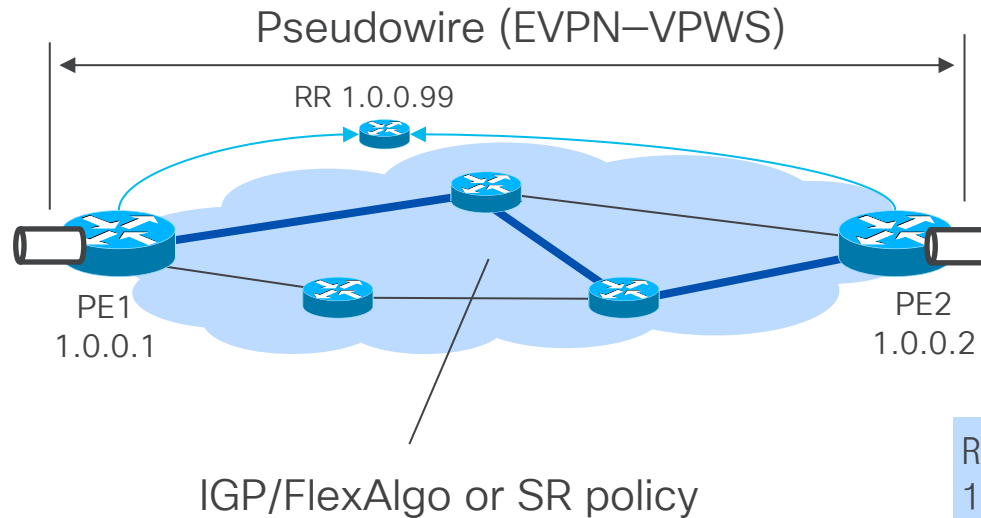


l2vpn

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xconnect group vpws
p2p service10
interface TenGig0/0/0/0
neighbor evpn evi 10 target 2 source 1
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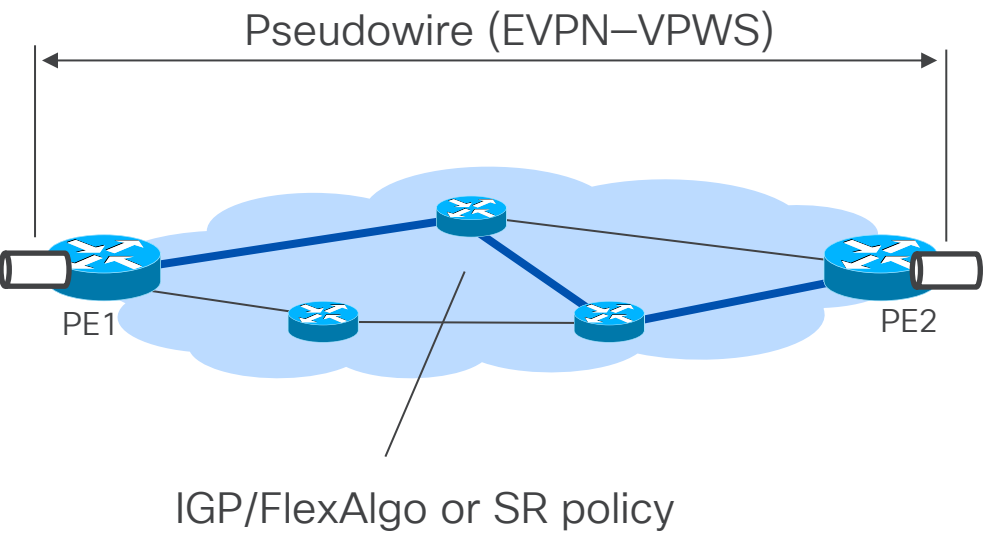
```
router#show bgp l2vpn evpn route-type 1 | b VPWS:10
Network          Next Hop          Metric LocPrf Weight Path
Route Distinguisher: 1.0.0.1:10 (default for vrf VPWS:10)
*> [1][0000.0000.0000.0000.0000][1]/120
                0.0.0.0                0 i
*> i[1][0000.0000.0000.0000.0000][2]/120
                1.0.0.2                100 0 i
```

```
segment-routing
traffic-eng
policy to_PE2
bandwidth 8000000
color 1 end-point ipv4 1.0.0.2
candidate-paths
preference 100
dynamic
...
performance-measurement
liveness-detection
liveness-profile name detect_fast
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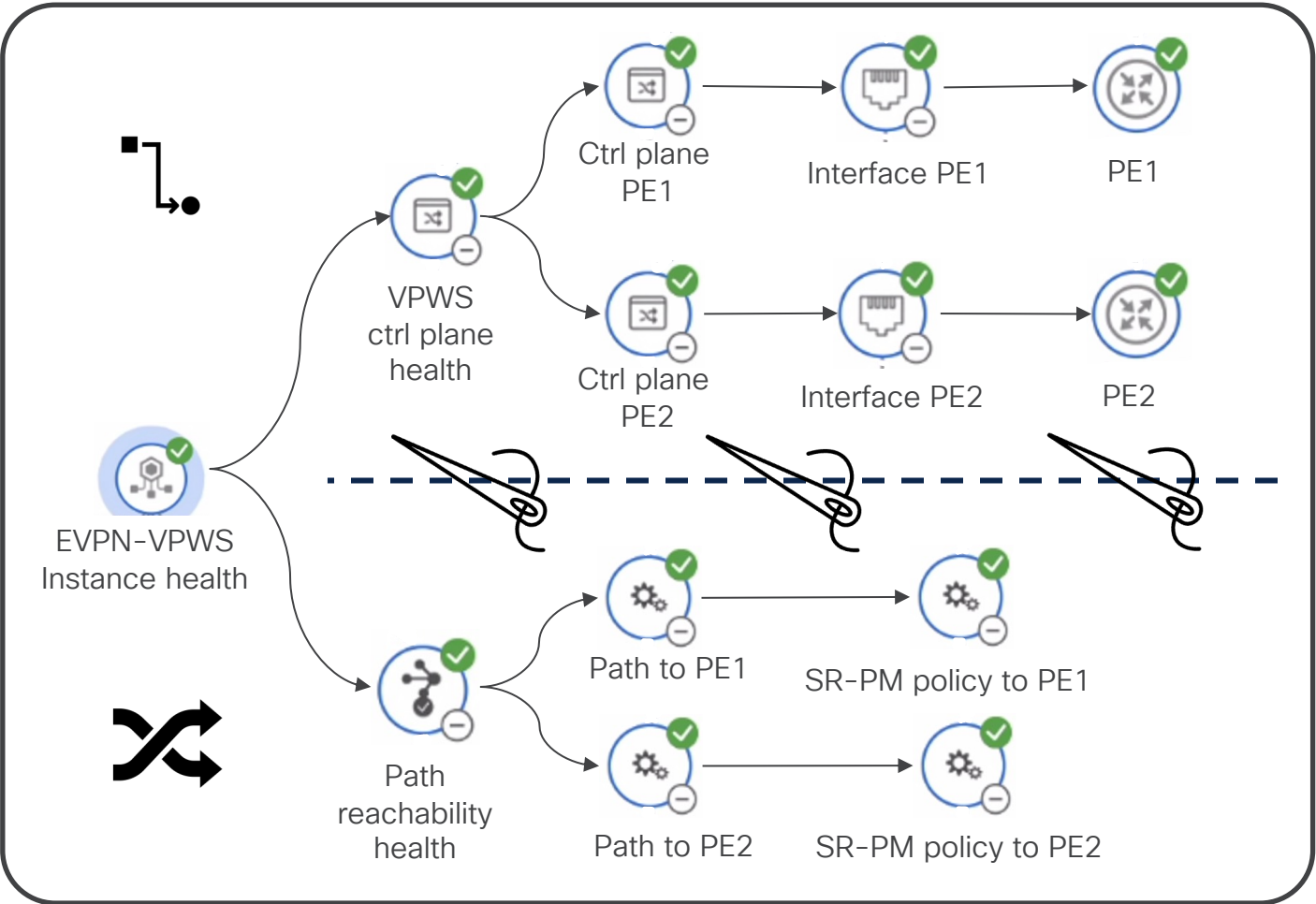


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Router#show cef 1.0.0.2
1.0.0.2/32
...
next hop srte_c_1_ep_1.0.0.2
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Intent based Service Assurance

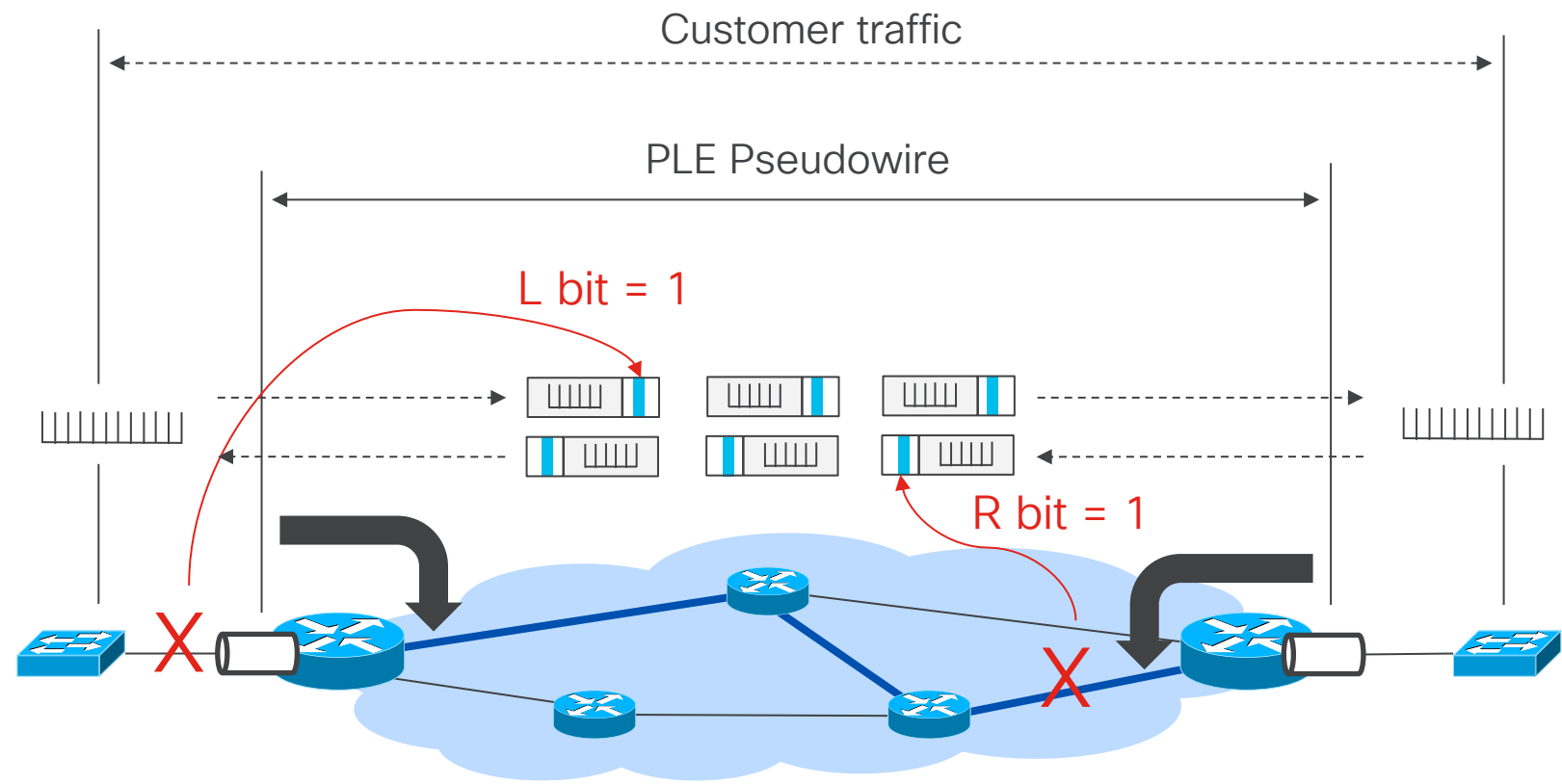


Assurance Graph derived from the Service/Network Model

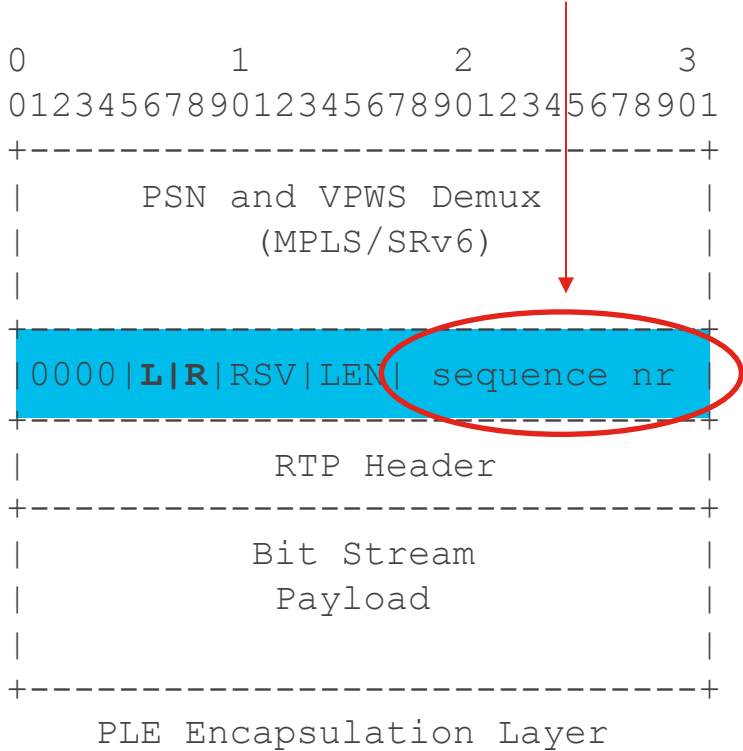


RFC 9417 : Service Assurance for Intend-based Networking Architecture (SAIN)

OAM/PM using Service Dataplane Overhead



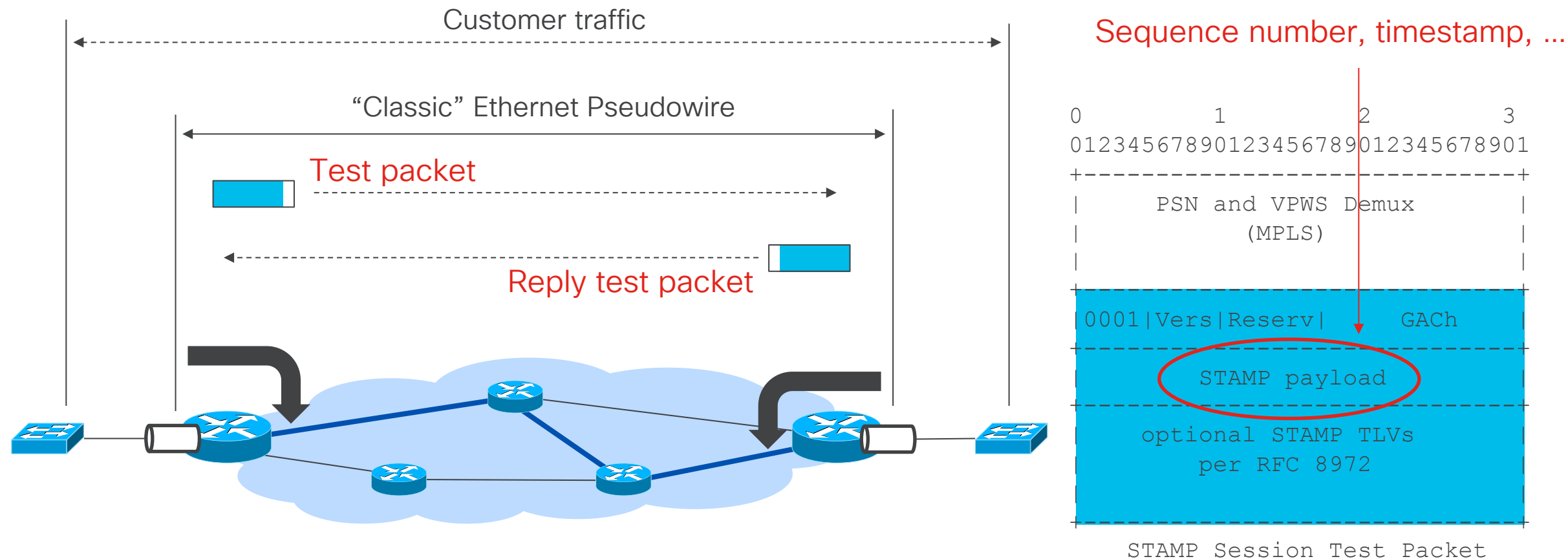
Loss measurement



Pseudowire 1:1 mapped to tightly engineered transport path
(i.e. Circuit-style SR policy)

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OAM/PM using in-band STAMP Packets

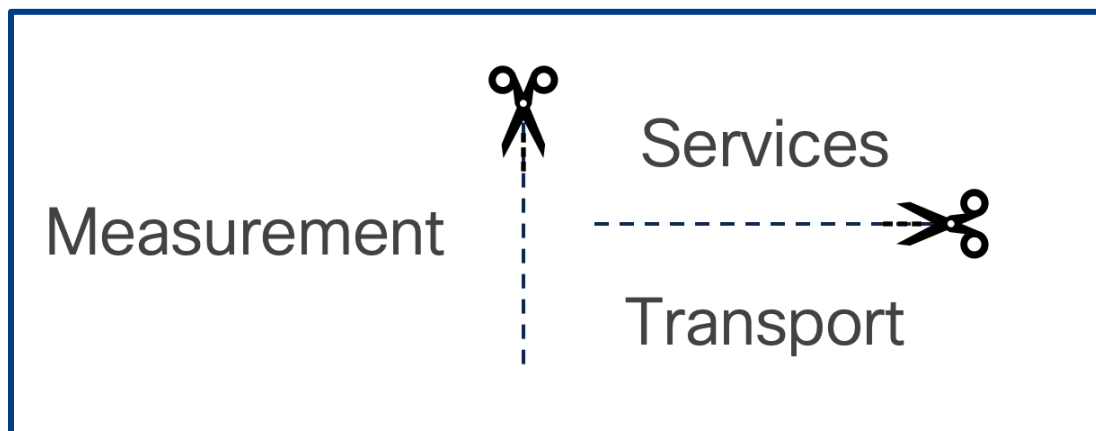


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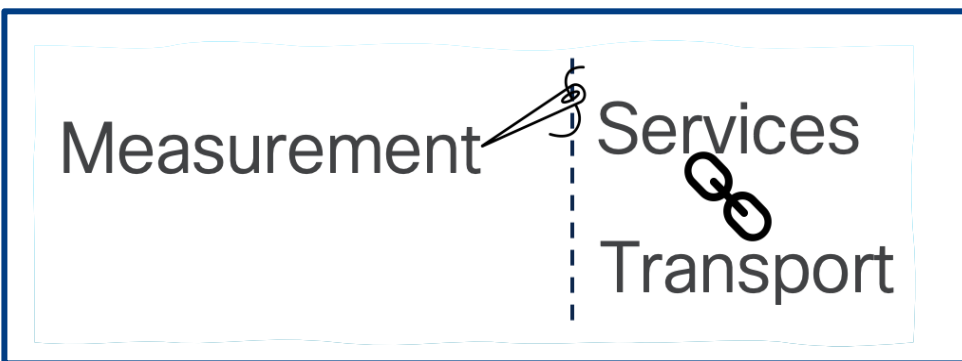
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Takeaways for Your Service Assurance Strategy

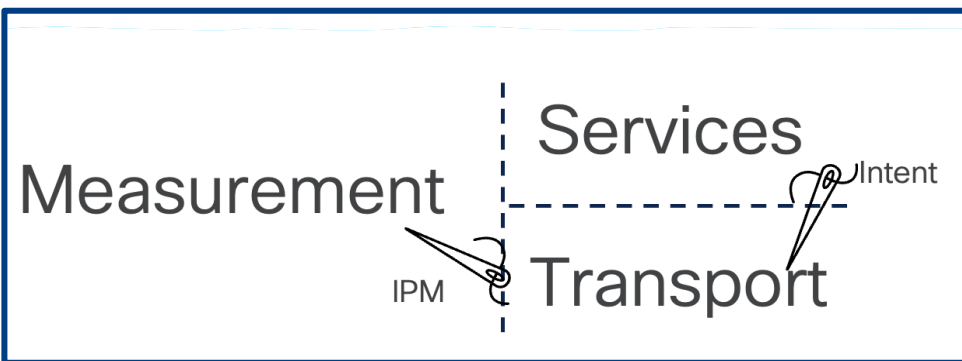
The Grand Tradeoffs



ECMP-Free Services



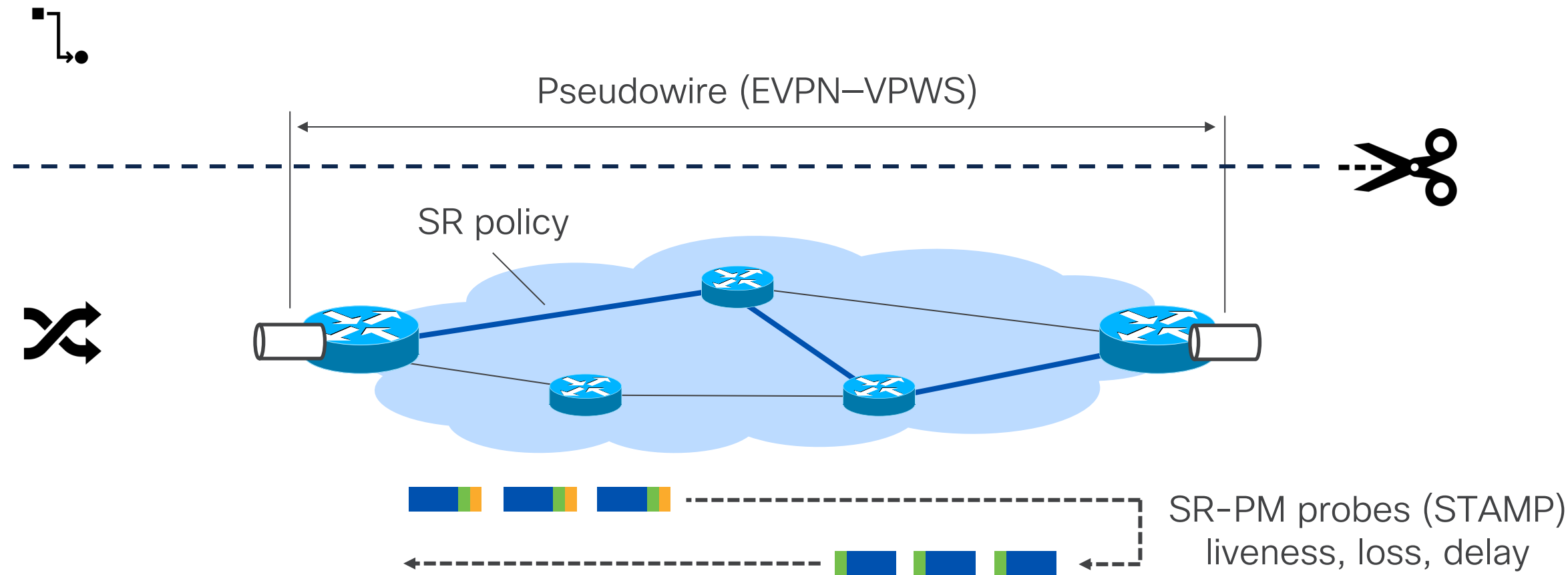
ECMP-Optimized Services



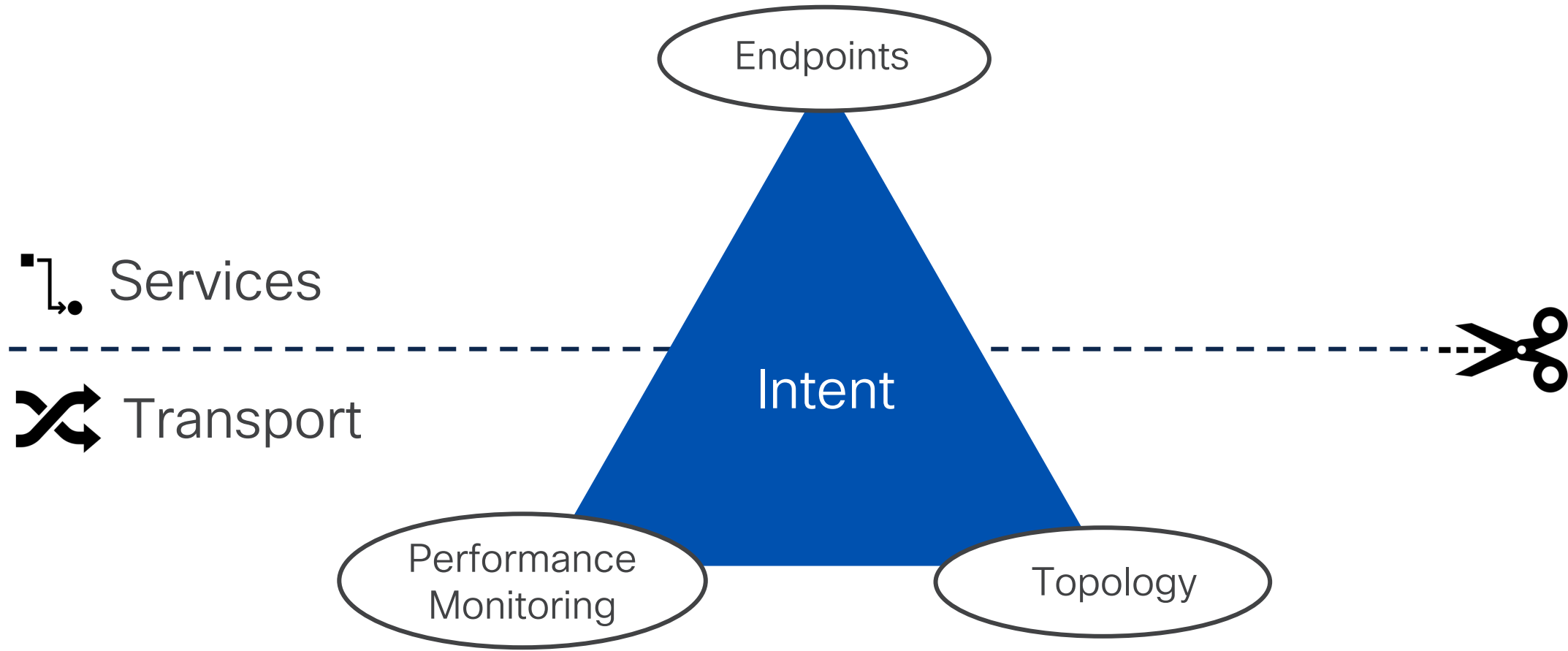


The bridge to possible

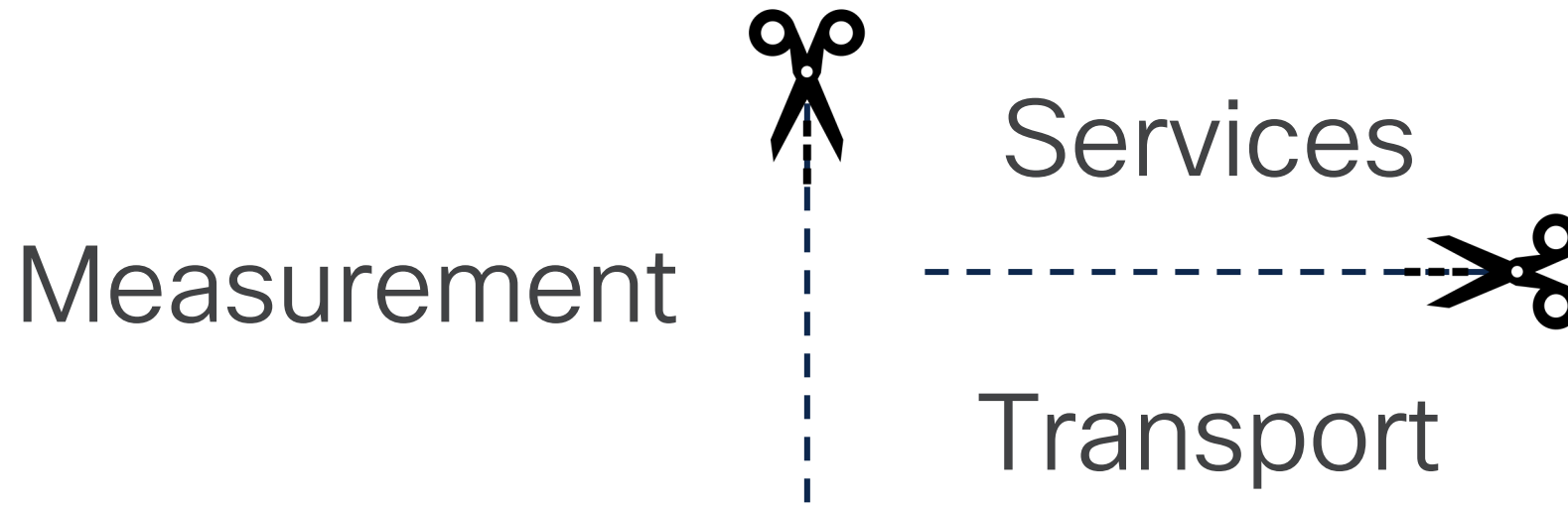
VPWS & Circuit-style Transport – A Closer Look



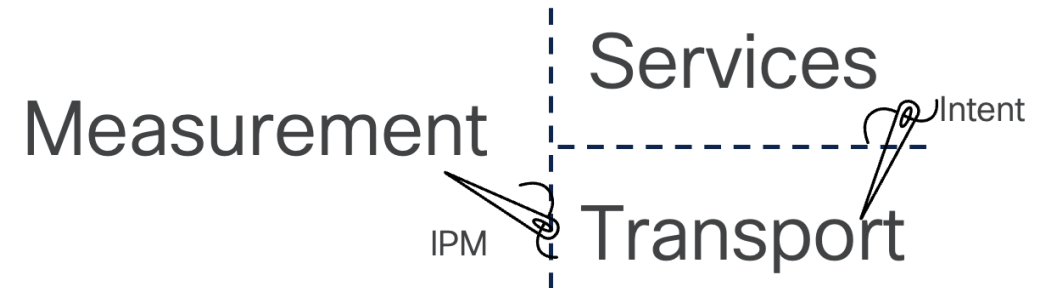
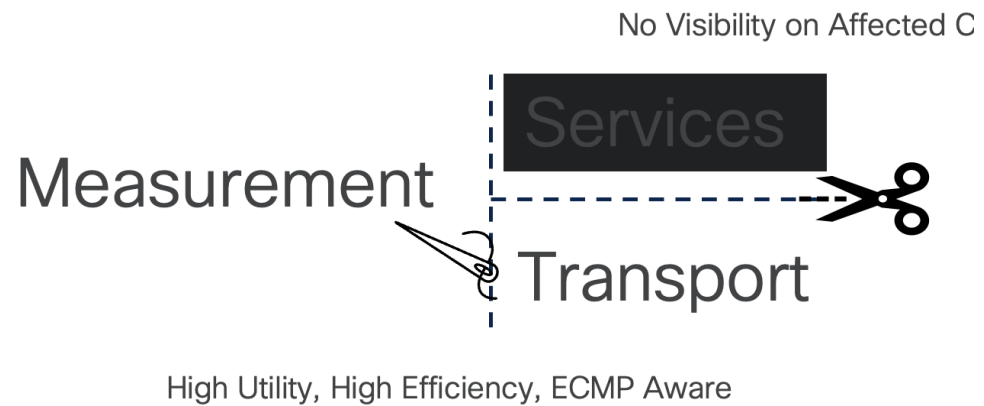
Correlating Transport with Service Elements via Intent



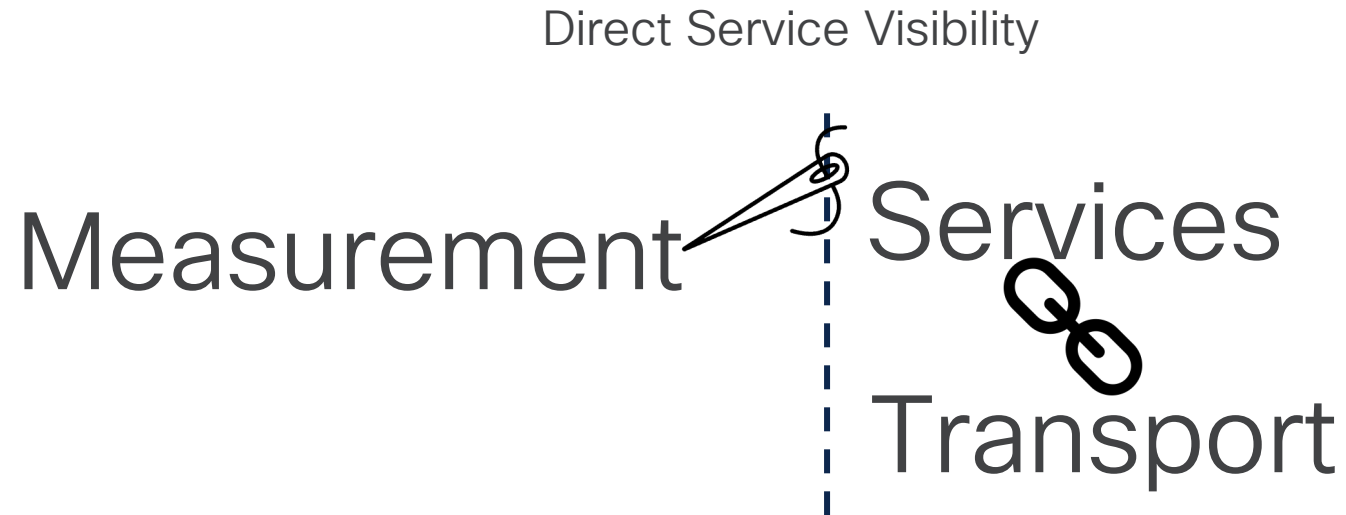
Design Patterns Compound the Problem



How Will You Stitch These Together?



Service Measurement Isn't Inherently Actionable



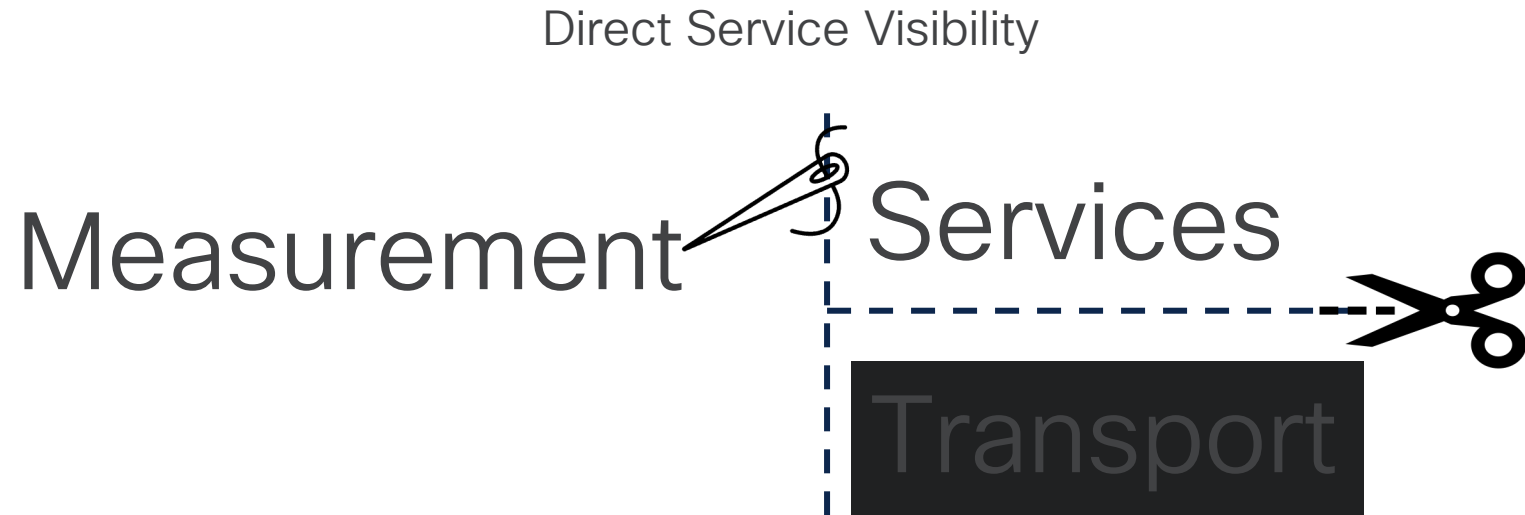
No Transport Visibility to Locate the Problem

If the Goal is Efficient, Low-Cost Actionable Insight, This Isn't the Answer

Why Are We Still Talking About Service Assurance?

- Because the Problem Isn't Fully Solvable

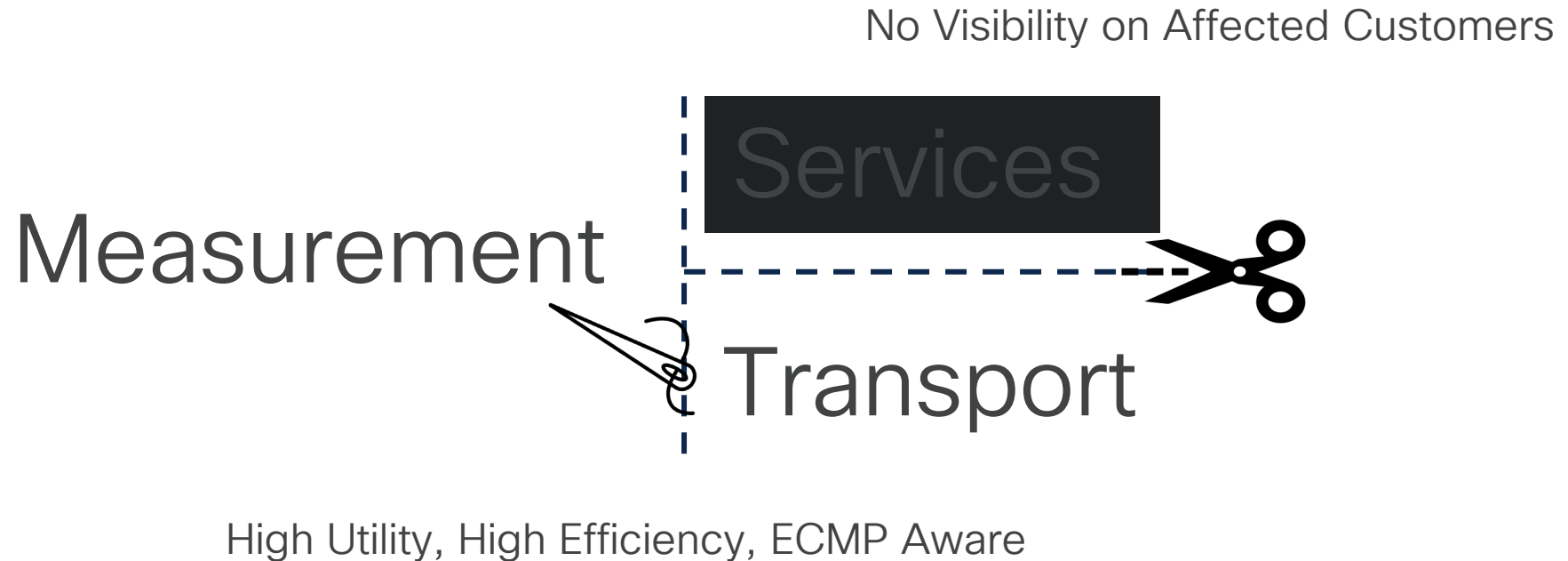
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Transport Measurement Identifies Fixable Problems



Actionable Insight But Who Does It Impact

Measure the Transport, Map The Service



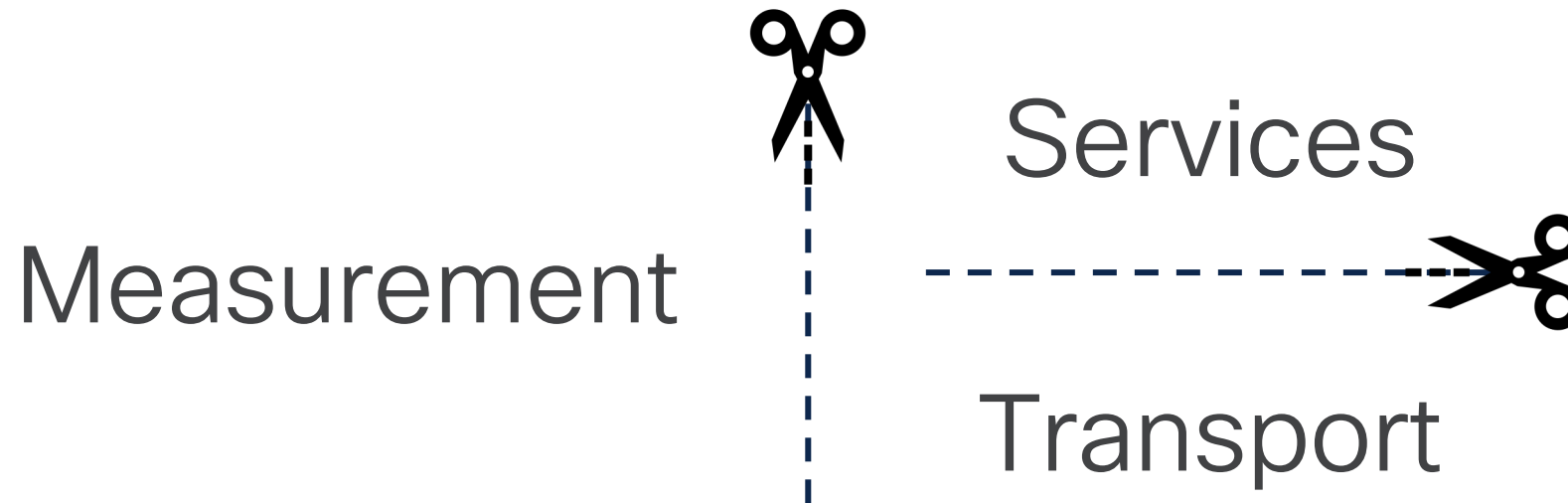
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Key Take Away

- Two design patterns of IP networks
 - Services and Transport are independent
 - IP transport is multi-path oriented
- Remember, Understand and Embrace in your Service Assurance Strategy

Merging Views of Design Patterns



Measurement Is Not Built Into Either Layer

