

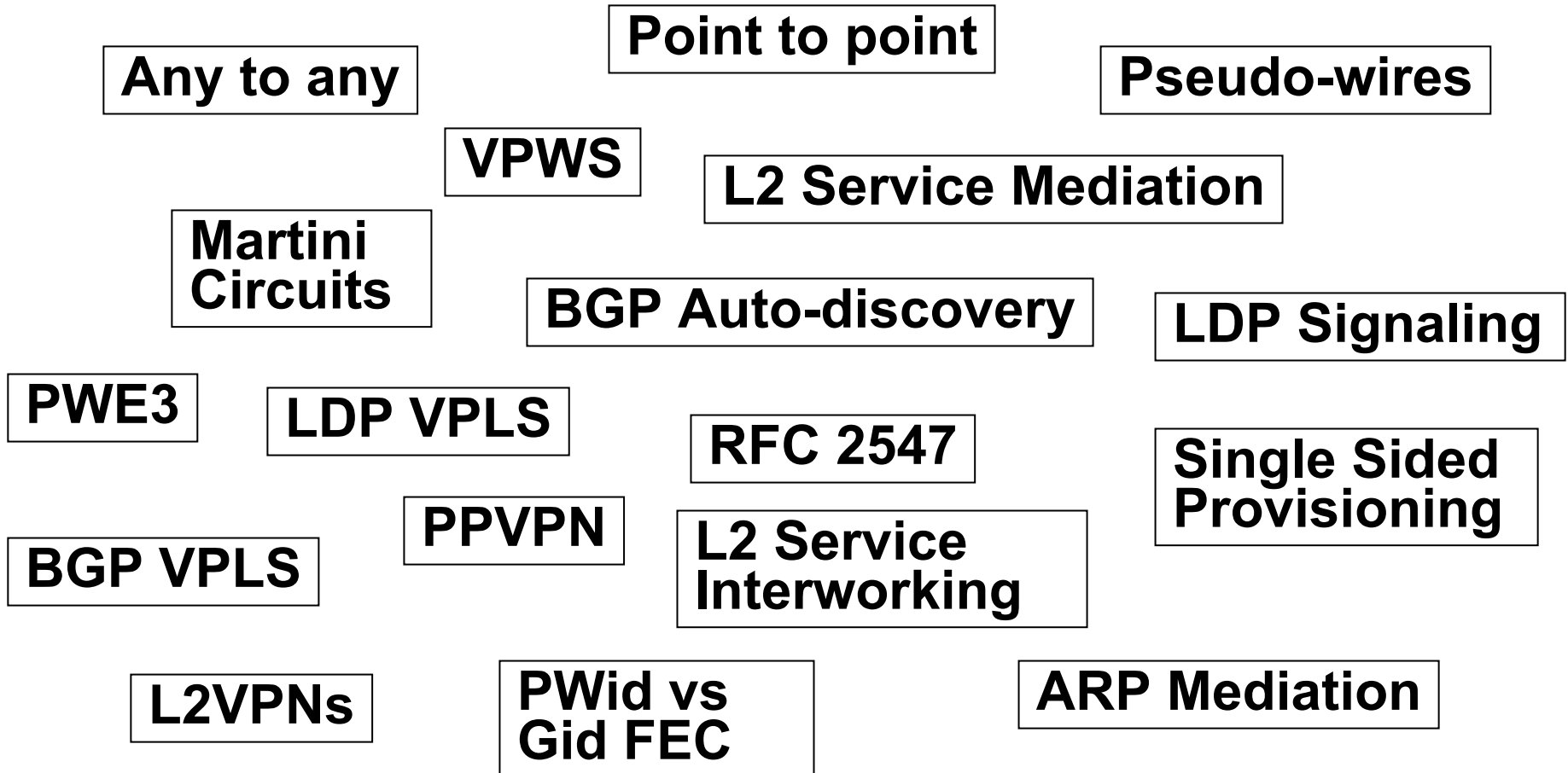
MPLS based Layer 2 Virtual Private Network Services

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L2 VPNs and Related Standards

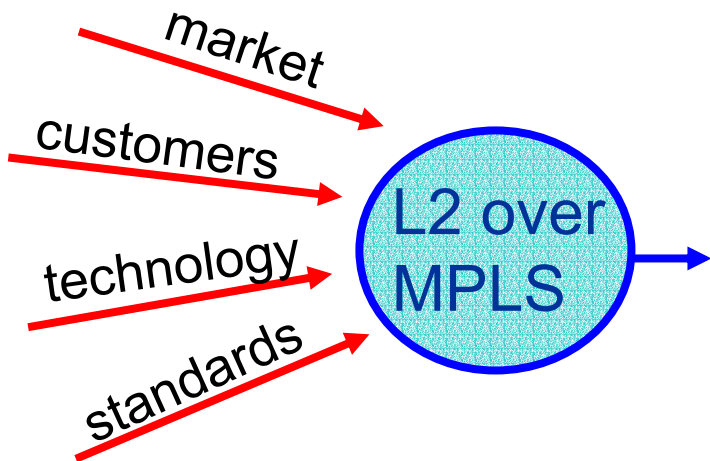


A lot of New Terms, Confusion in the Industry

Scope

This presentation will ...

- Explain the motivation behind the **Layer 2 over MPLS technology**
- **Go over the related Technical Concepts, Standards**



The Goal is to help you ...

- understand the technology, latest developments
- determine applicability to your business model
- be ready to implement it

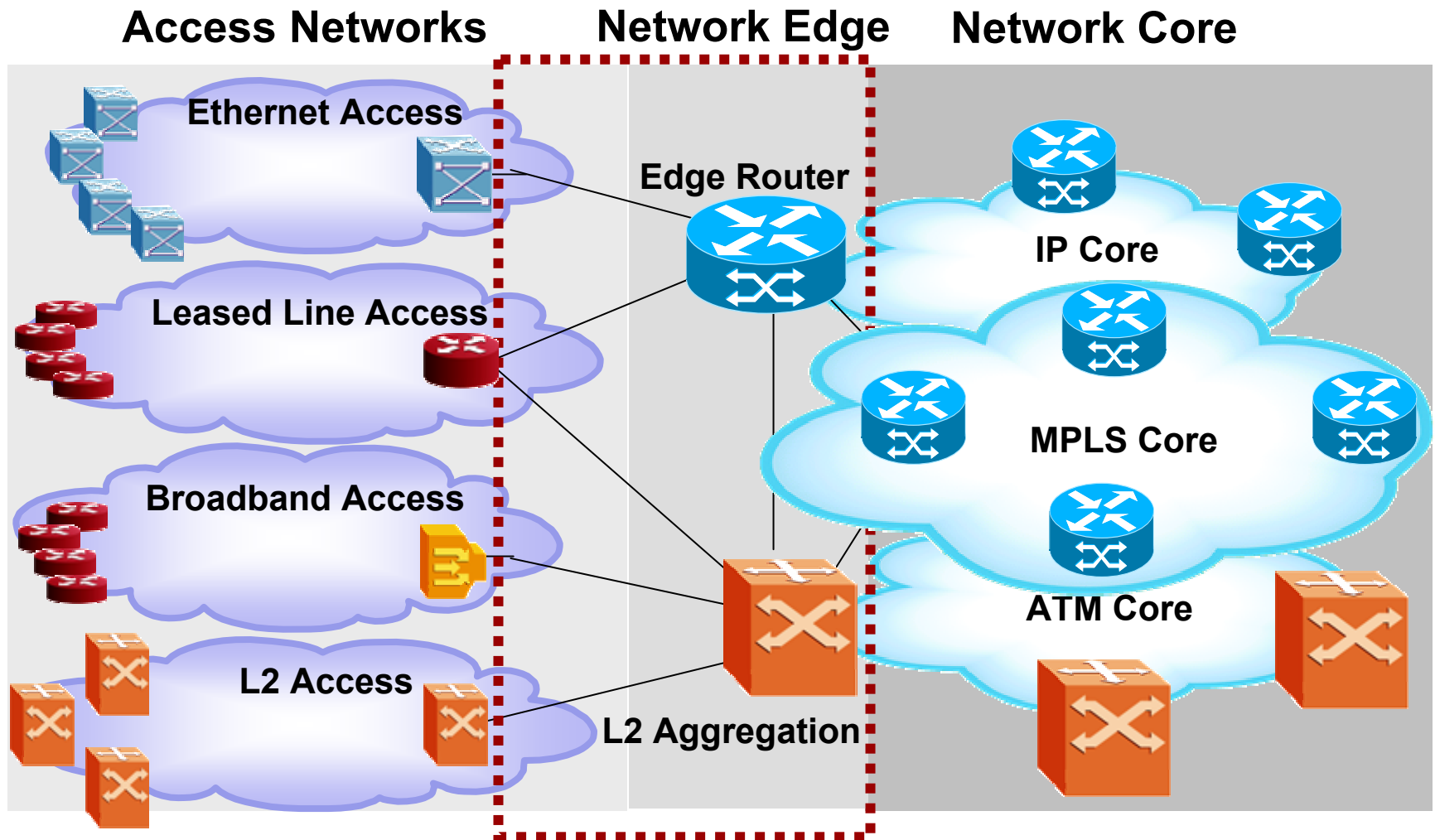
Focus on the technology side: How Does it Work?

Agenda

- **Introduction to L2VPNs over MPLS**
 - Drivers, Definitions, Standards
- **IETF Generic Models (L2VPNs)**
- **Virtual Private Wire Service (VPWS)**
- **Layer 2 Service Interworking**
- **Virtual Private LAN Service (VPLS)**
- **Summary**

Drivers for L2VPN over MPLS

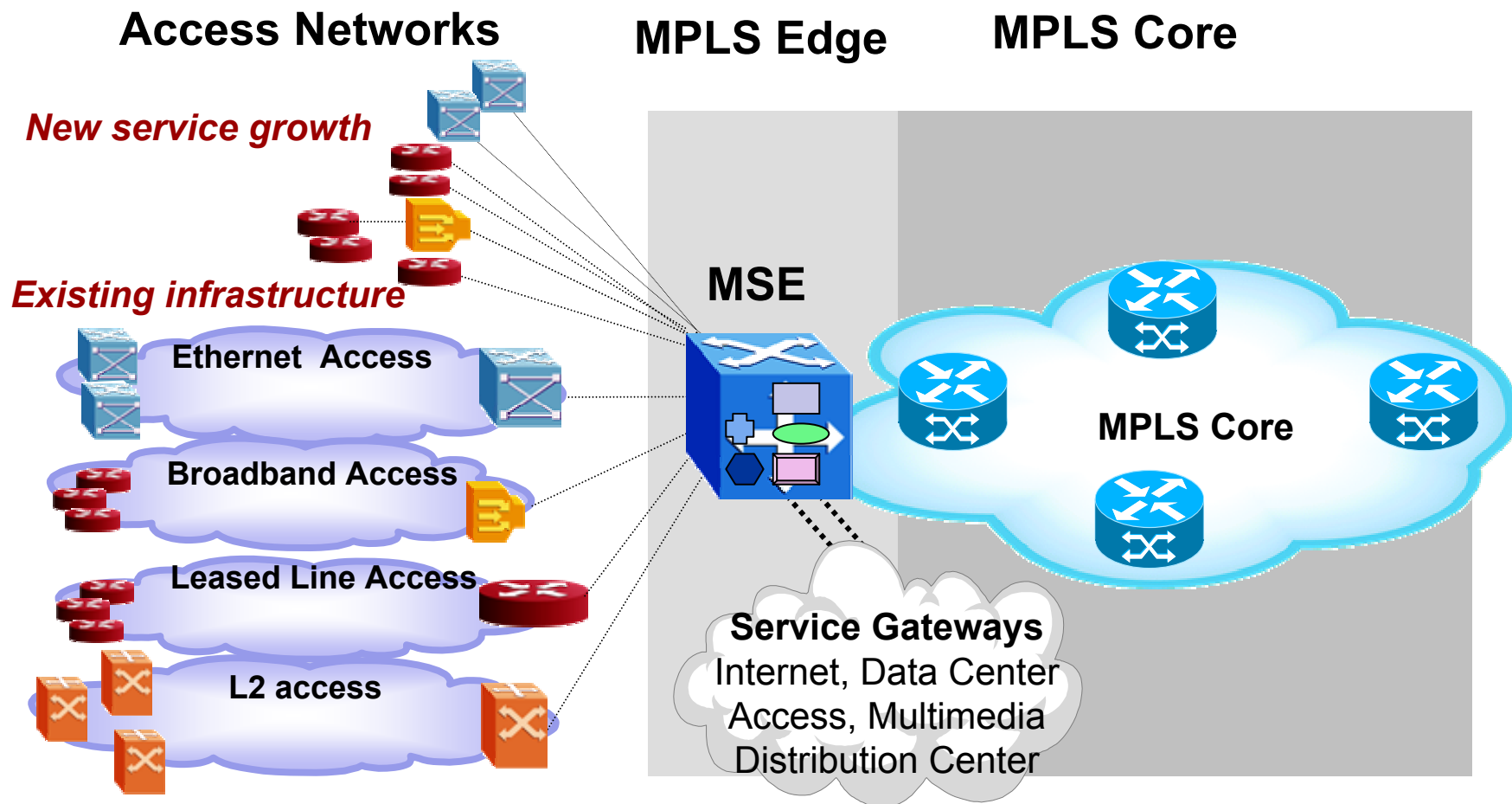
Backbone Convergence – Present Mode of Operation



**Multiple access networks connected to multiple cores.
Equates to complex management / high costs**

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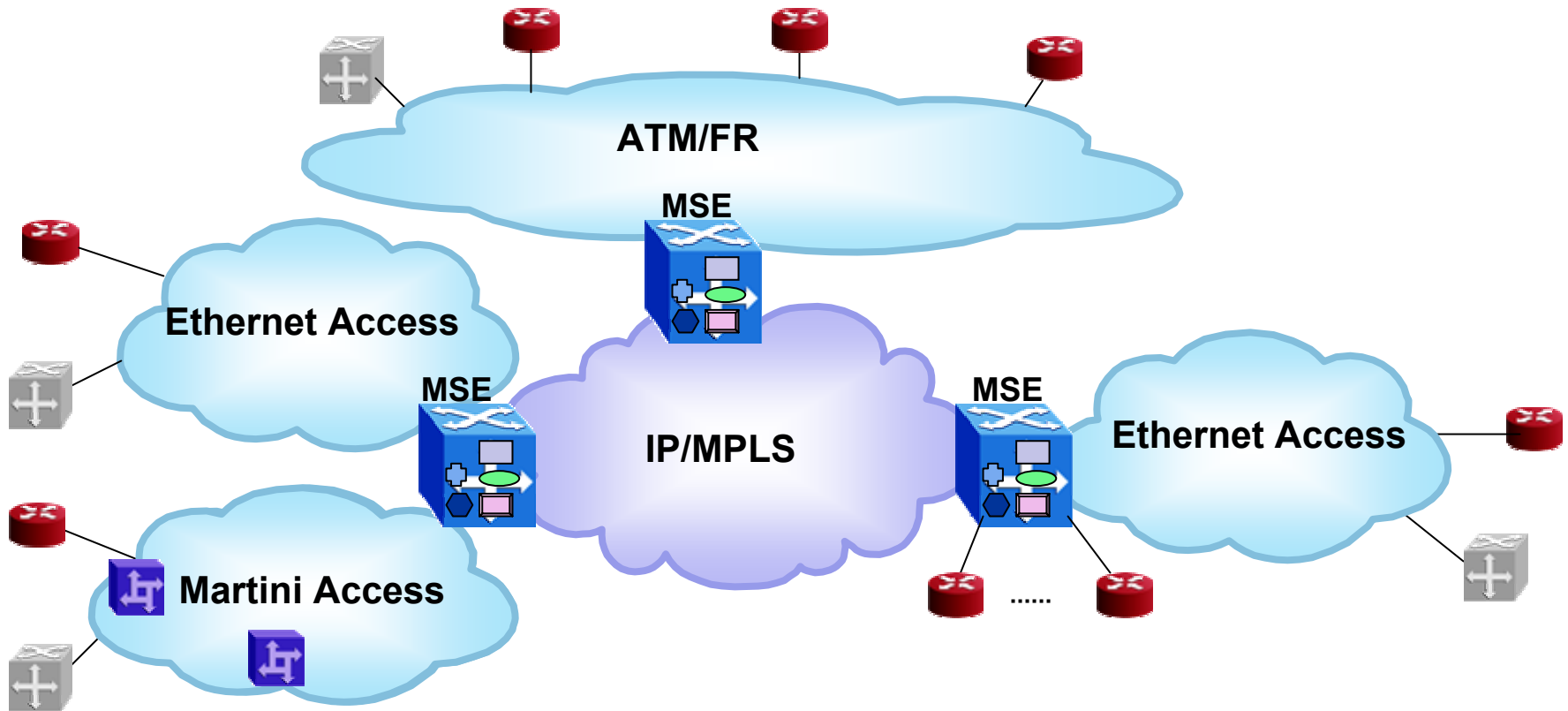
Backbone Convergence - Any Access, Any Service/MPLS



- **Support growth of new services** – i.e. IP VPNs, Triple Play, Ethernet L2
- **Interwork to existing “Cash Cows”** – i.e. ATM, FR, Existing DSL Networks...

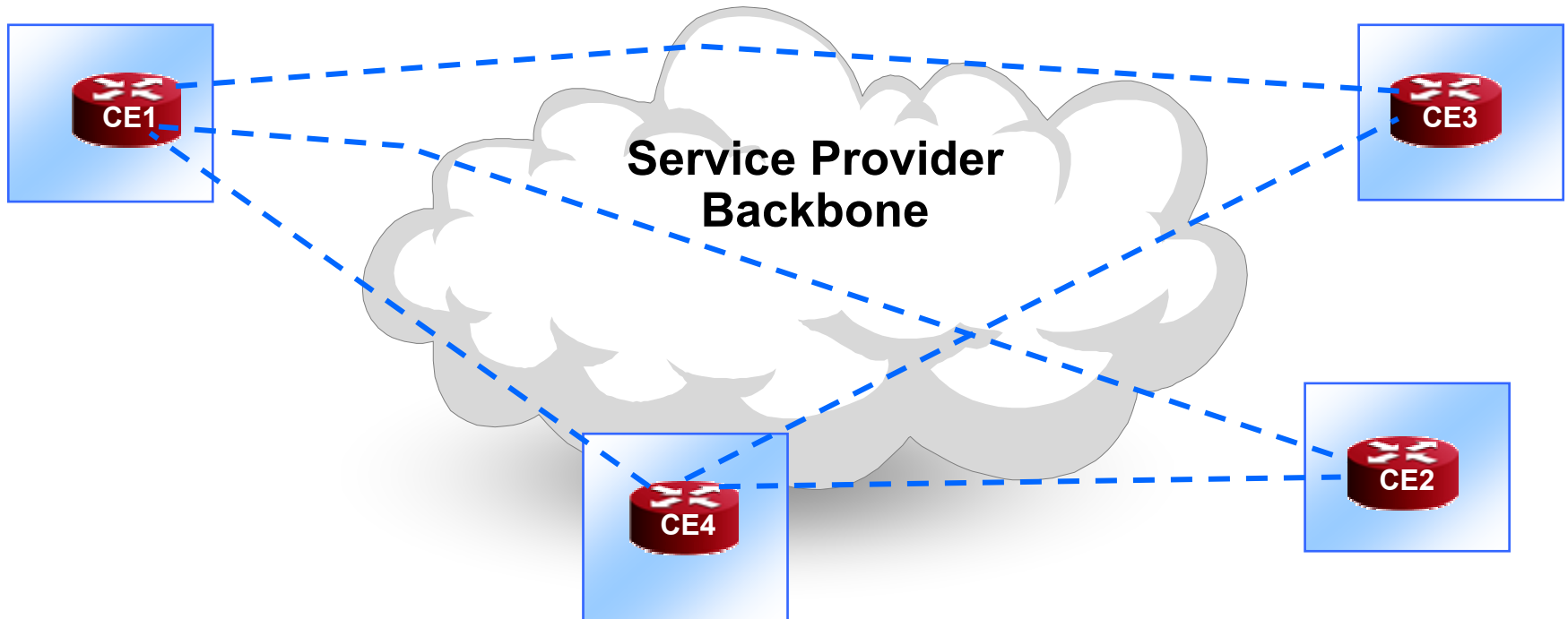
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Evolution of Ethernet Services

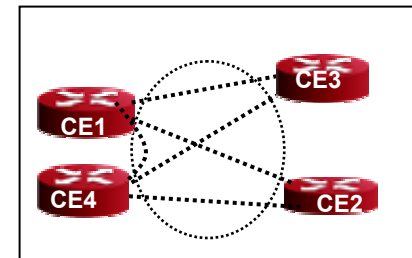


- Expanding the coverage, scope via MPLS
- Ethernet to FR/ATM Interworking – Protocol, QoS, OAM, Resiliency
- Evolving to Consolidated, NextGen Access – Ethernet over Martini PWs

Virtual Private Wire Service (VPWS) *Enterprise Perspective*

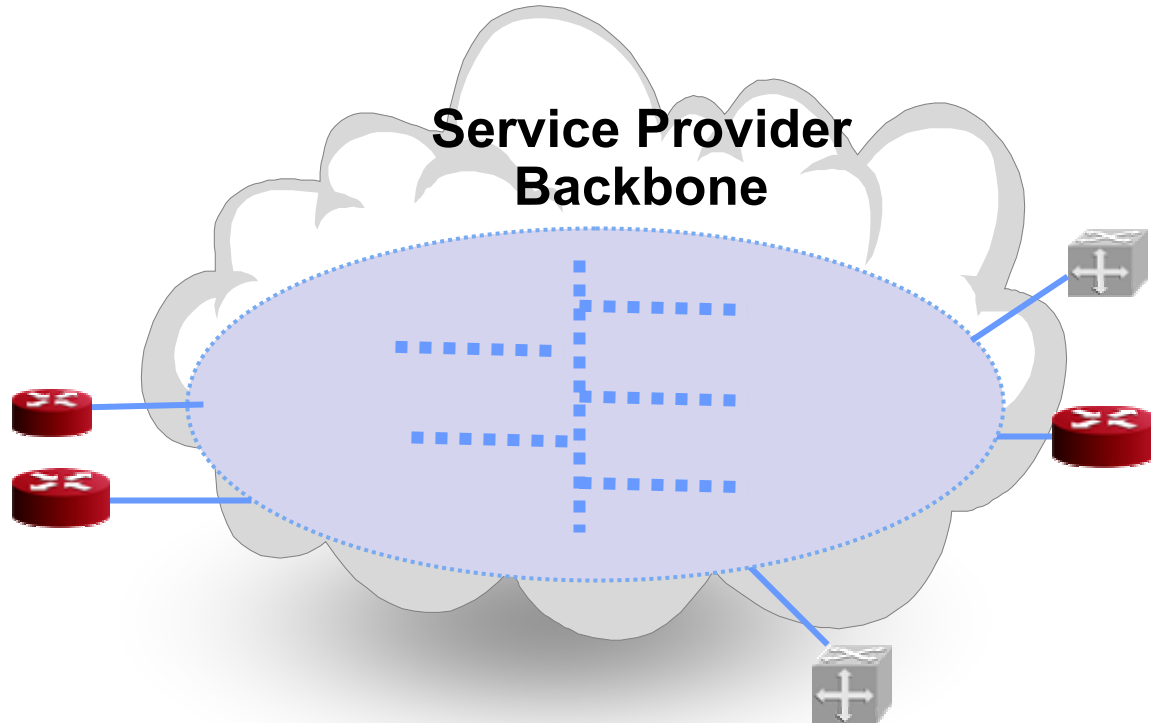


Same Service as Traditional (ATM/FR) L2VPN

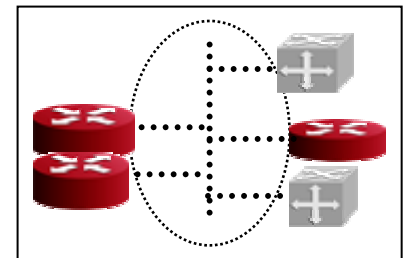


Virtual Private LAN Service (VPLS)

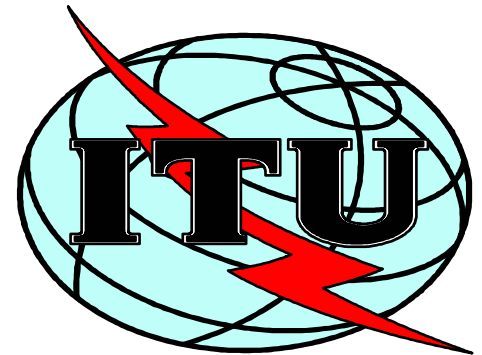
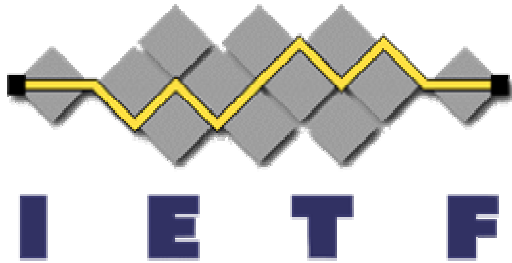
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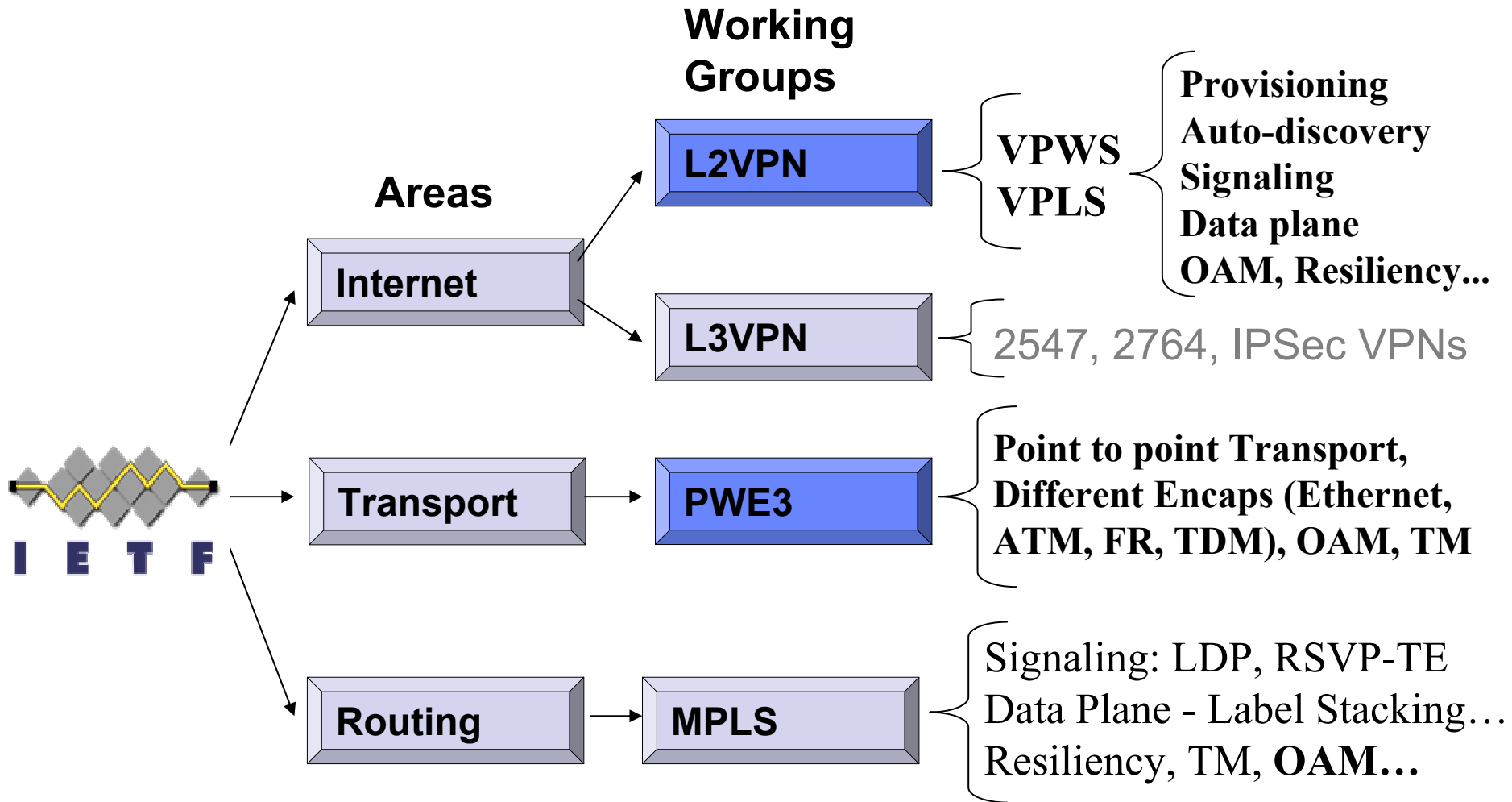
“Carrier Grade” LAN Emulation Solution



Standards Scene



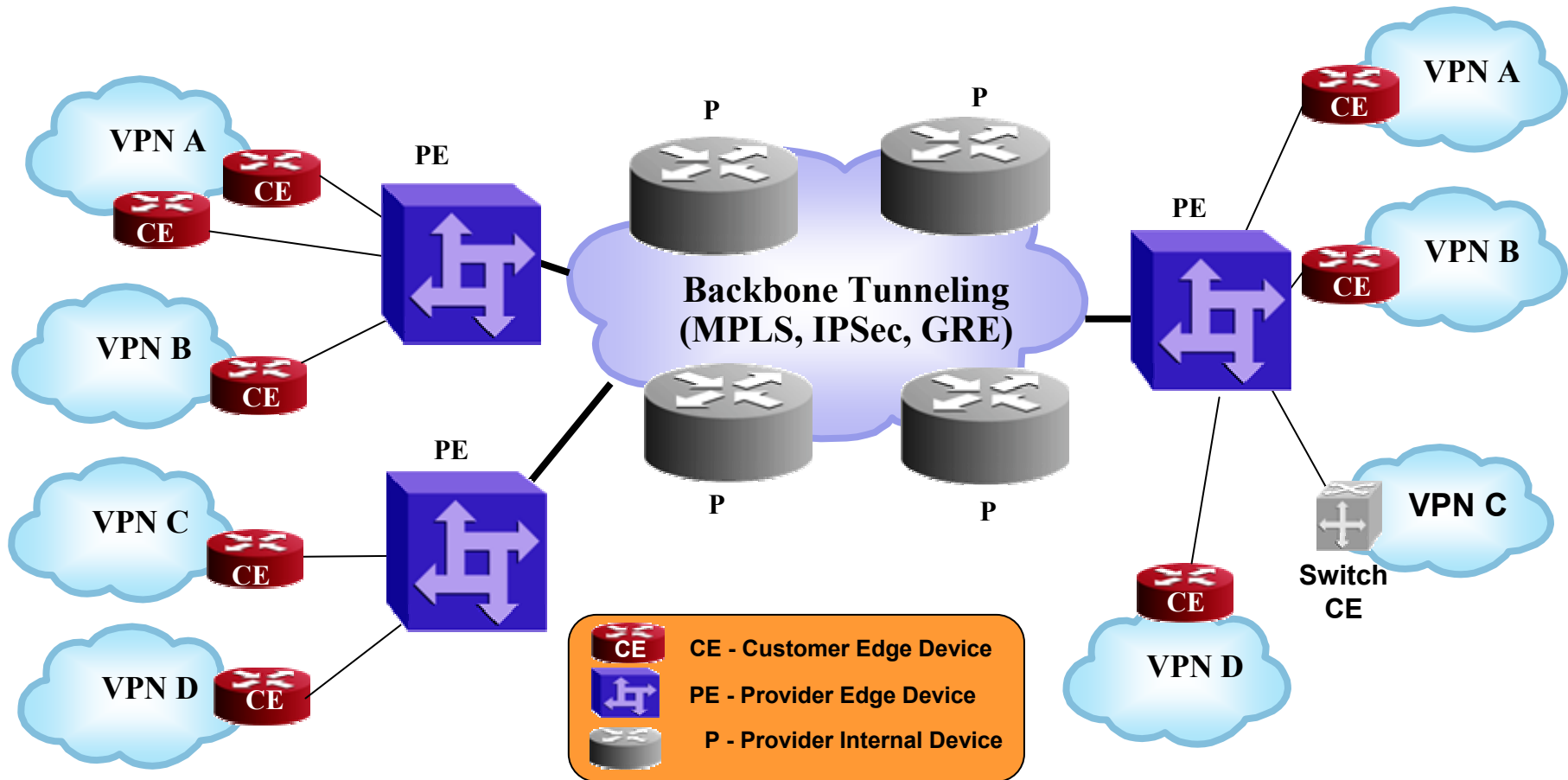
New L2 VPNs & Related IETF Working Groups



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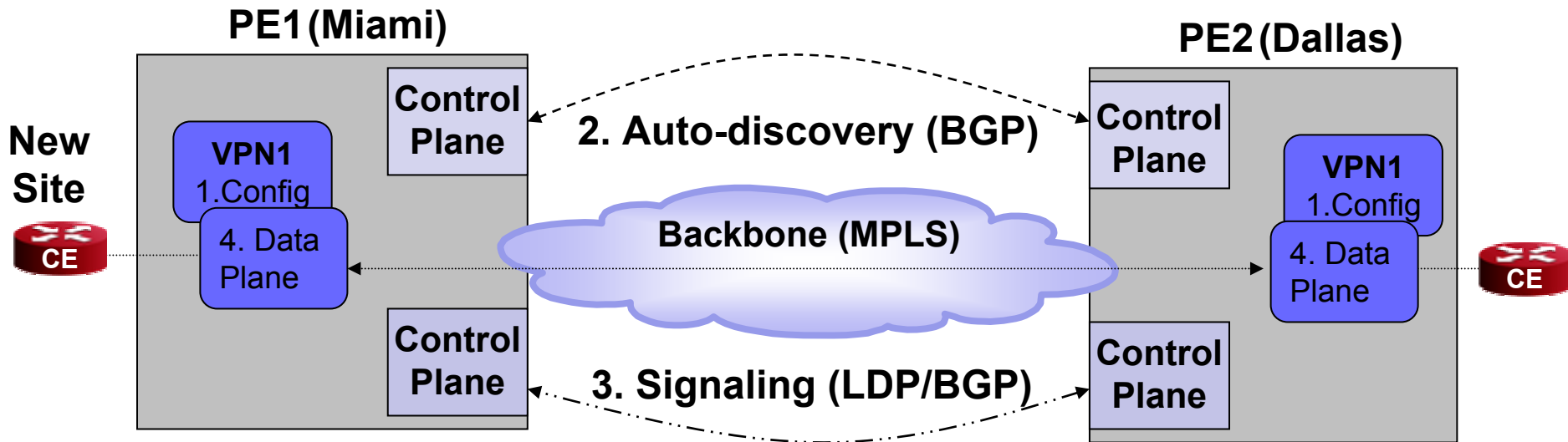
IETF Reference Model for VPNs



Service Providers Focus: i.e. VPNs for which the Carrier participates in management and provisioning of the VPN.

Building Blocks for L2 VPN

Provisioning, Control Plane



1. I want to add a new member of **Blue VPN** in PE1?

- **Provision (Setup)** the local interface(s) and the required membership info

2. What is the **Blue VPN** community, where are the others related PEs?

- **Auto-discovery/Provisioning** – provides the list of “locations” for “**Blue**” Entities

3. How are links established between **Endpoints** (i.e. Sites)?

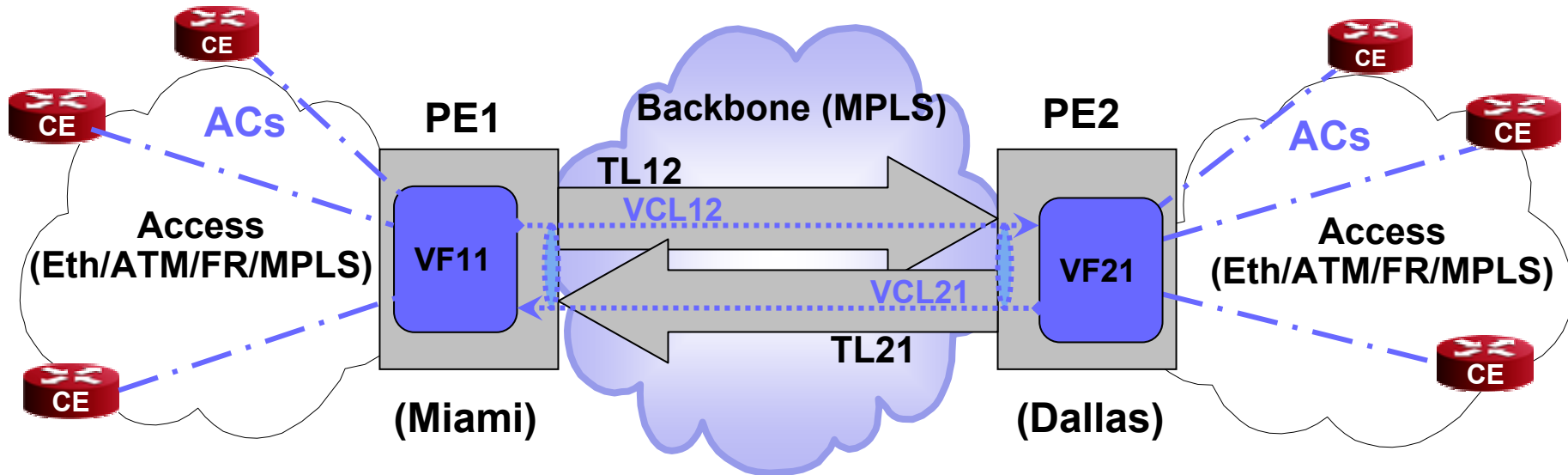
- **Signaling** – sets up the path between VPN entities

4. How are packets moved between sites?

- **Data Plane** – procedures related to packet forwarding

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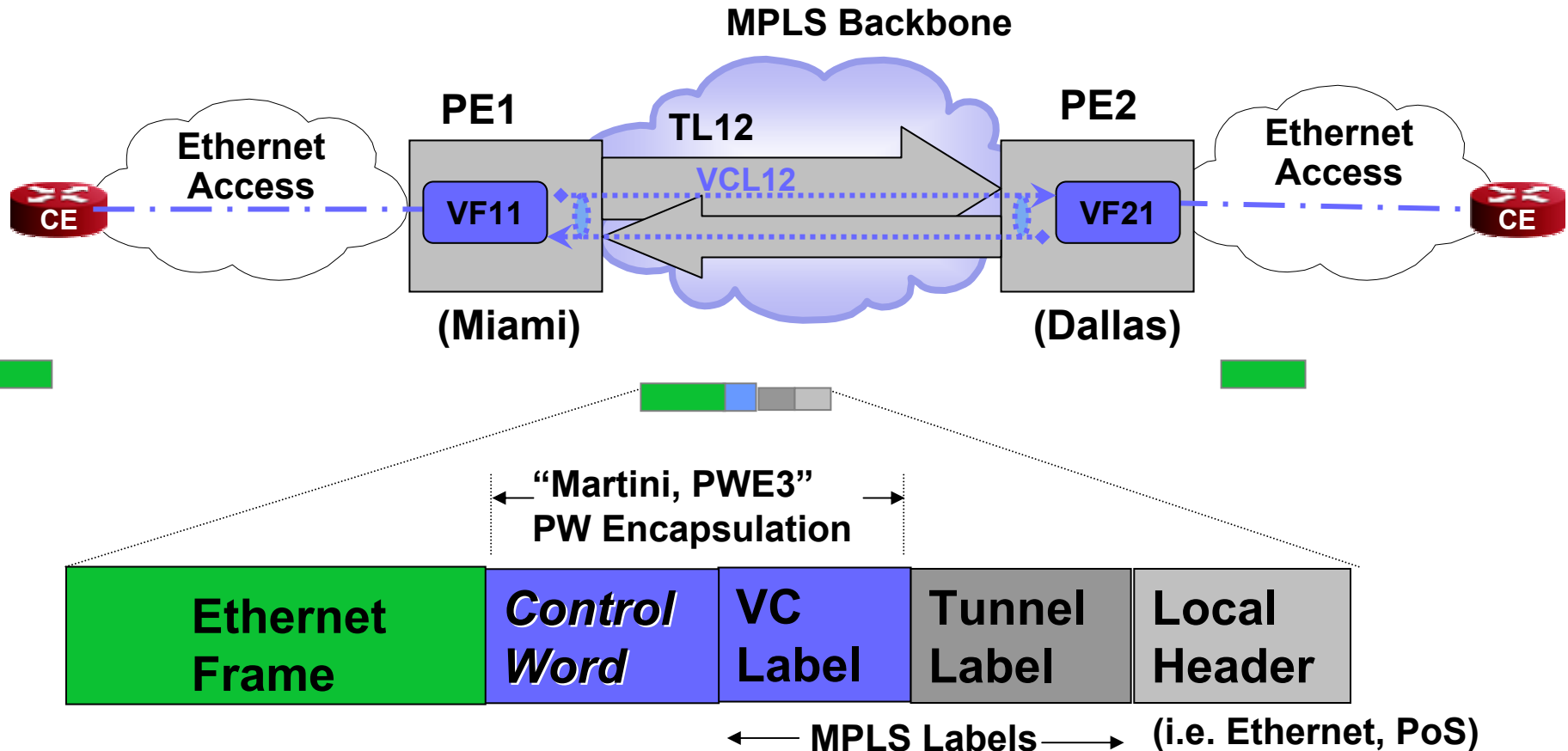
Data Plane Components, Terminology



- **Tunnel (Labels - TL)** – The path between PE1 and PE2
- **Attachment Circuits (AC)** – L2 connection between CE and PE
 - i.e. FR DLCIs, ATM VCs, VLAN Qtags
- **Virtual Forwarders (VF)** – Service specific processing, forwarding
 - i.e. same type of functionality as 2547 VRFs
- **(MPLS) Pseudo-wire** – Paths between VFs = (VC Label -VCL, TL)
 - Pseudo-wire End Service = pair of unidirectional LSPs

IETF L2 VPN Model

Data Plane Encapsulation – Ethernet Example



Same procedure, encapsulation format in the reverse direction
Different Encapsulations Handled in IETF PWE3 Working Group

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VPWS Agenda

Individual Pt2pt Virtual Circuits

- Double Sided, Single Sided Provisioning
 - *Provisioning Model, Signaling, Packet Walkthrough, Configuration Examples*
- Pseudo-wire OAM

Solutions for Migrating Legacy L2 Services to MPLS

Focus on the different Information Models, Provisioning Steps

- Similar Procedures in the Control and Data Plane

Individual Point-to-point VCs

Logical Service View (Simplified)

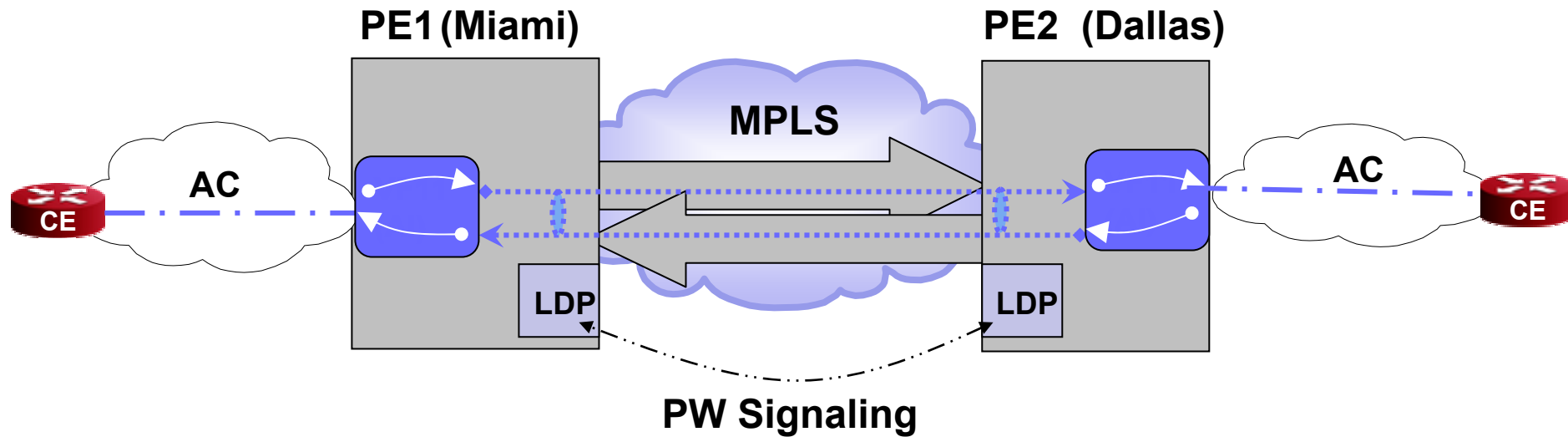


Enterprise perspective of the Service – ATM/FR VC, Ethernet VLAN

- *known also in the industry as Martini Pseudo-wires*

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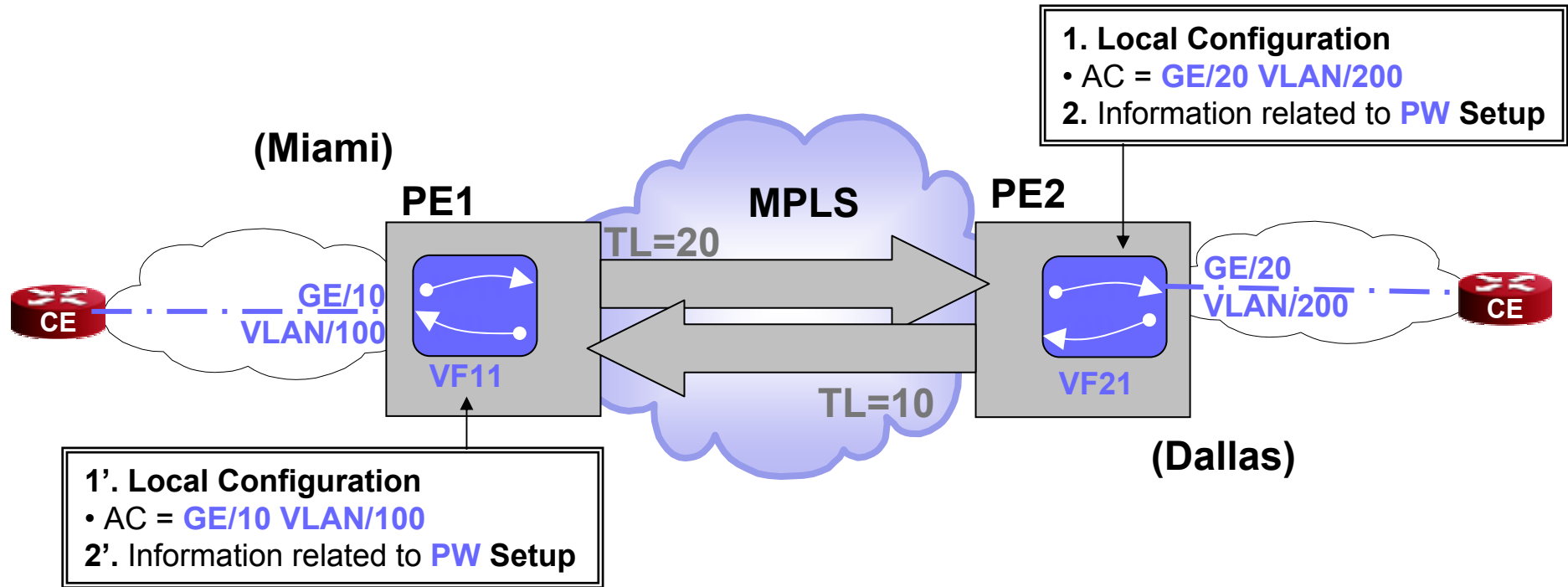
Double Sided Provisioning – Control & Data Plane



- No Auto-discovery, just LDP for PW Signaling
- Simple Forwarder – forwards everything between 1 PW and 1 AC

Double Sided Provisioning

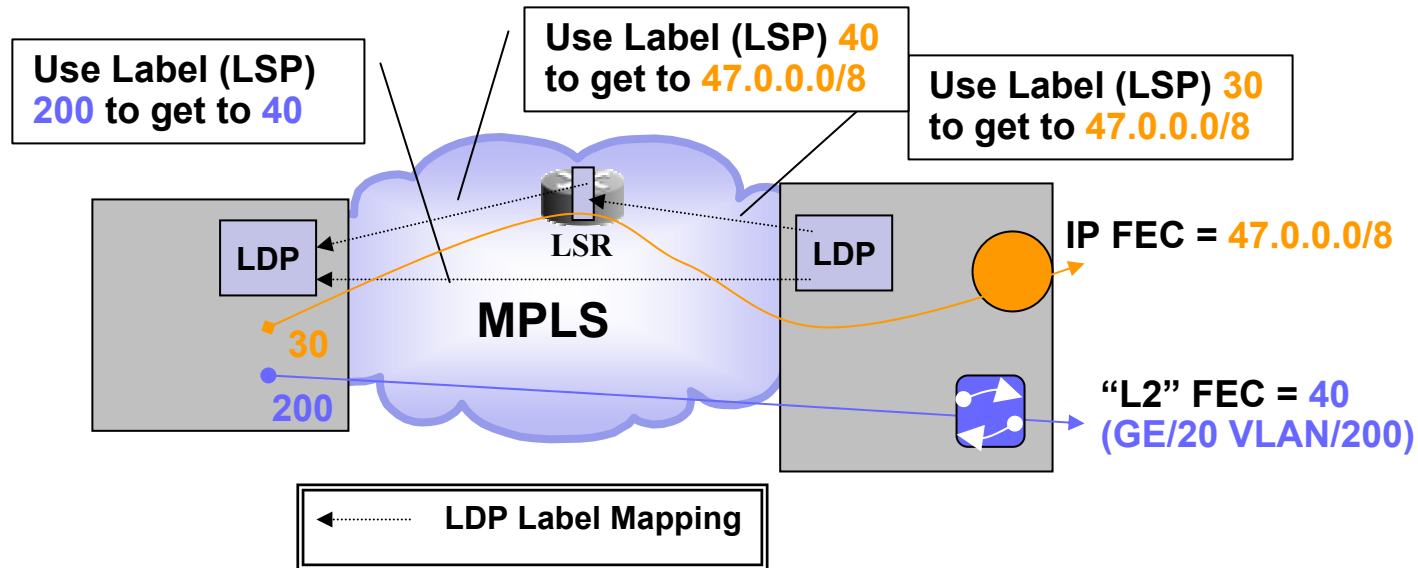
Configuration Example – generic steps



Next - LDP signaling will setup the PW

- using the FEC to identify the PW the VC Label is bound to

LDP Signaling - *Forward Equivalence Class*



FEC = "Forwarding Equivalence Class": a set of packets that are forwarded in the same manner by a MPLS LSR

- Initial usage: a specific entry from the routing table (i.e. IP Host)

- **L2VPNs – FEC used to identify a particular PW that a particular VC label is bound to**

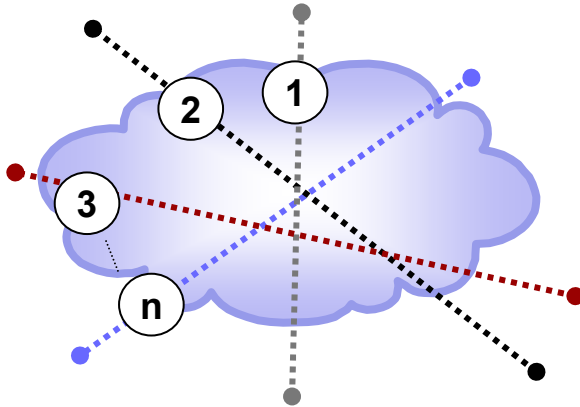
Two FECs being defined for PWs/VPWS, VPLS – see draft-ietf-pwe3-control-protocol-03.txt

- **PWid FEC** - historically first one to be specified (initial "Martini" Control Plane)

- **Generalized ID FEC (Gid FEC)**

Pseudo-wire Setup using LDP Signaling

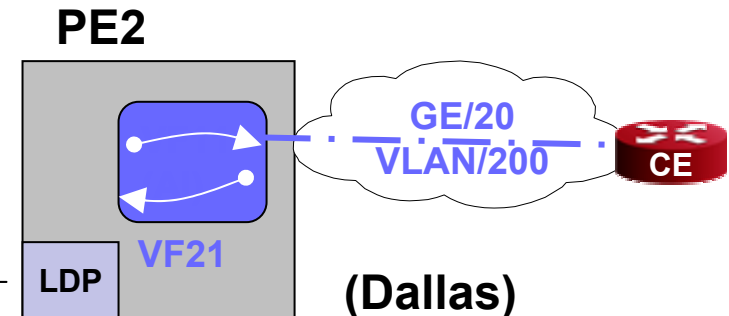
PWid FEC



PW identified at both endpoints by the same VCid

PWid FEC			
PW TLV	C	Ethernet	PW Info Length
Group Id			
PW Id/VCid = 40			
Interface Parameters			

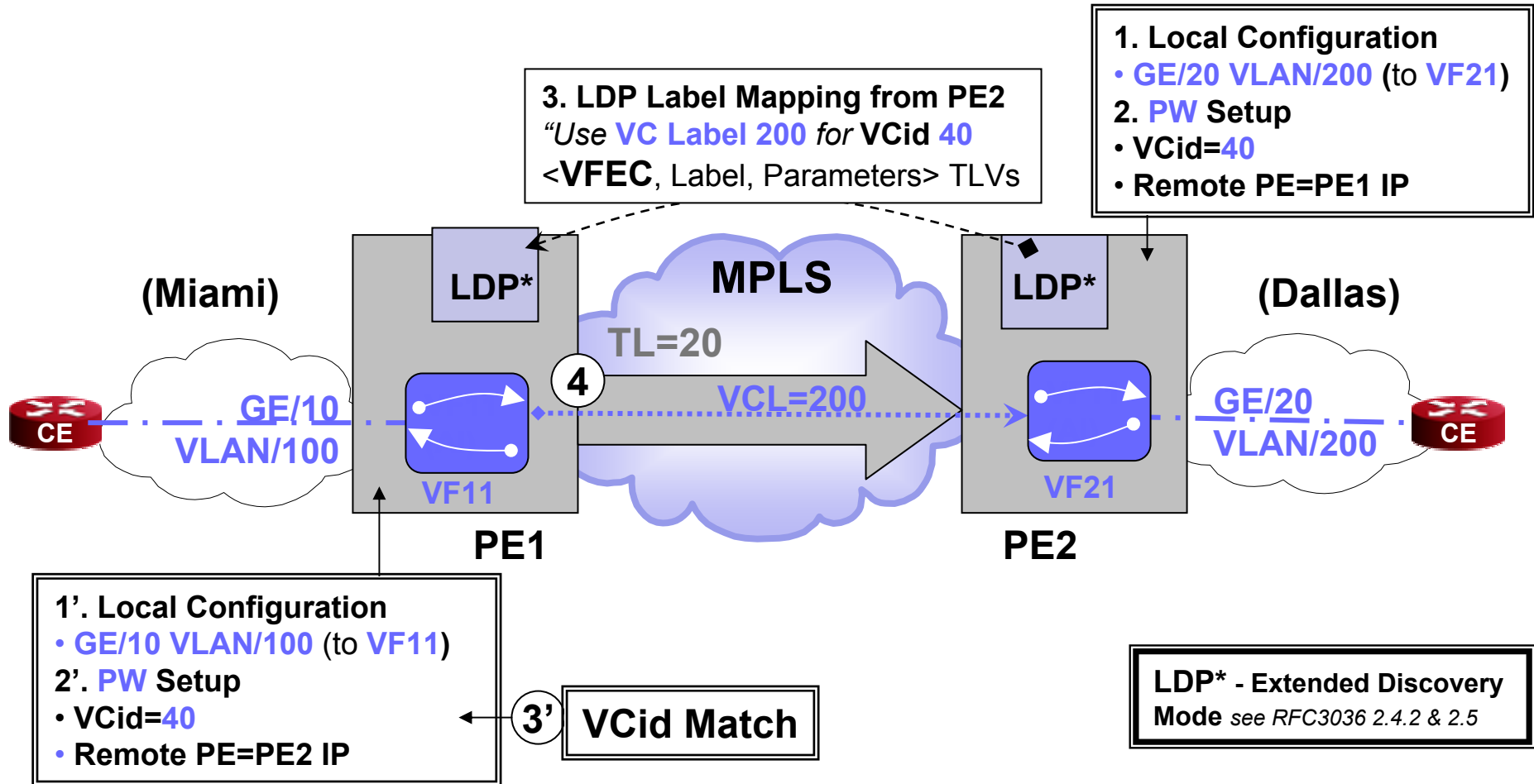
LDP Label Mapping <VFEC, Label, Parameters> TLVs



1. Local Configuration
 - AC = GE/20 VLAN/200
2. PW Setup
 - VCid=40
 - Remote PE: PE1 (IP)

Individual Pt2pt VCs – Double Sided Provisioning

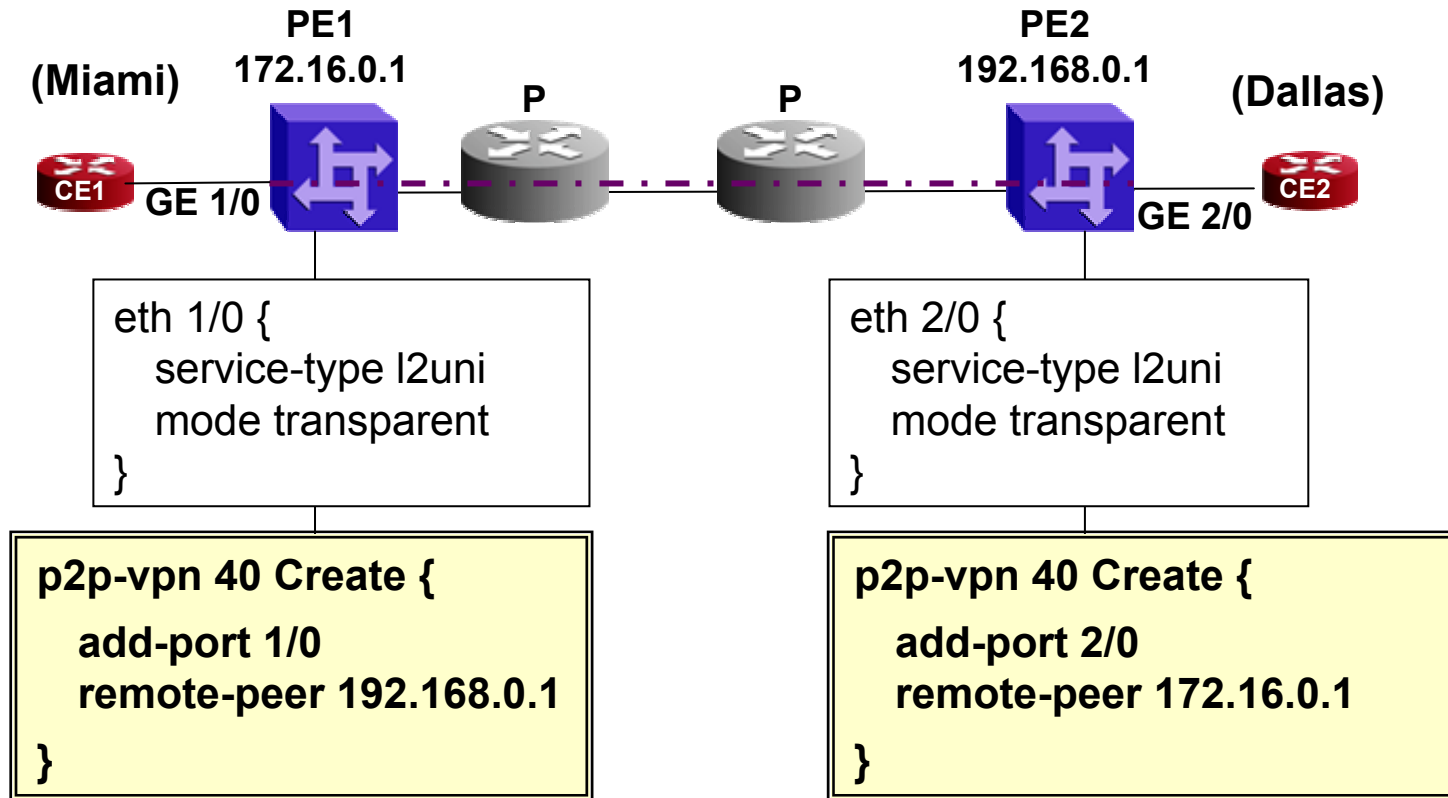
Unidirectional PW Setup – LDP PWid FEC Example



Full Provisioning of information about remote endpoint at both sides
Same signaling procedure in the reverse direction

Configuration Example 1 – Nortel PW

Ethernet PW – double-sided provisioning, PWid FEC

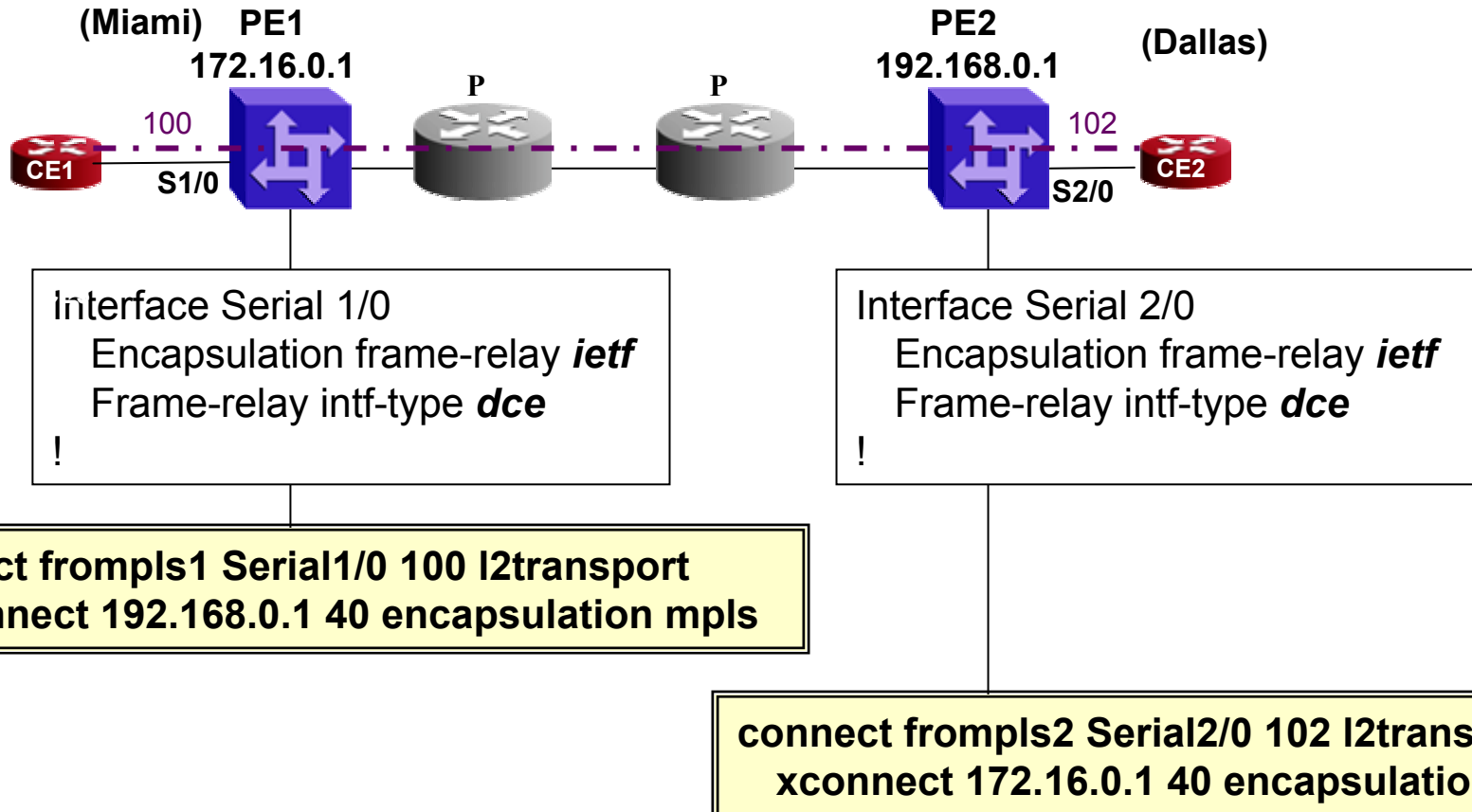


The focus of all the Examples in the package is on the L2VPN configuration.

- Assumes “Backbone-facing” configuration is already in place: i.e. IP (interfaces, OSPF), MPLS (interfaces, LDP, Tunnel LSPs)

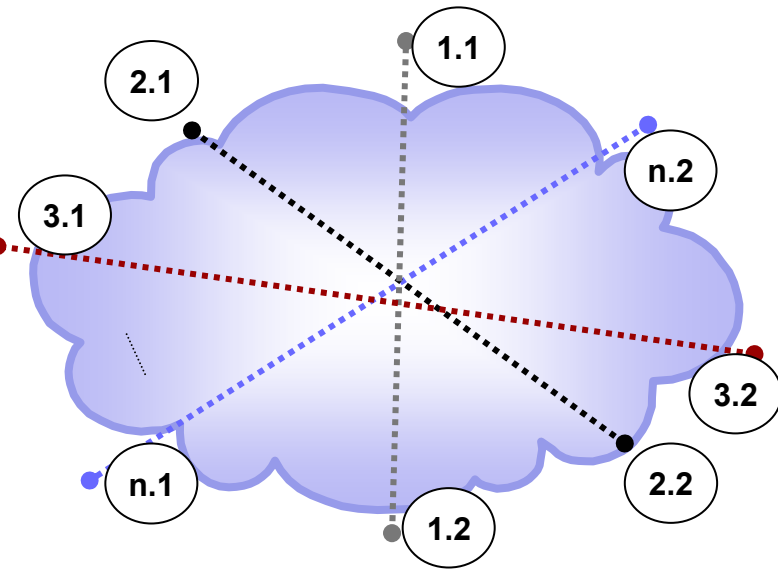
Configuration Example 2 – Cisco AToM

Frame Relay PW – double-sided provisioning, PWid FEC



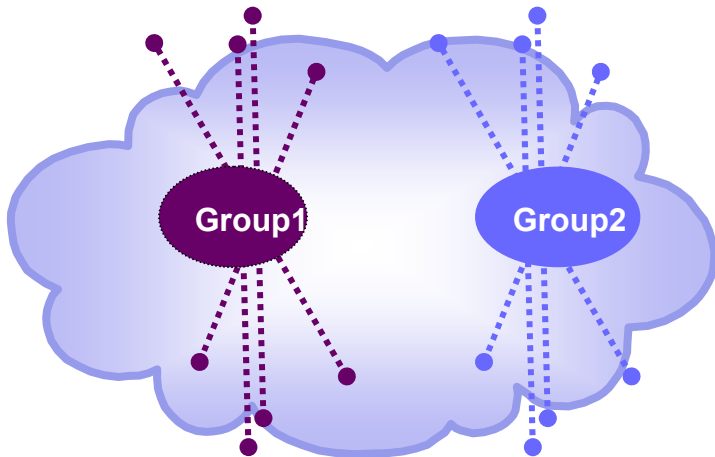
Pseudo-wire Setup using LDP Signaling

Generalized Id (Gid) FEC



Each PW Endpoint has its own ID/Address

- endpoint could be port <VC>(ATM/10 or ATM/10 Vcc/0.34)

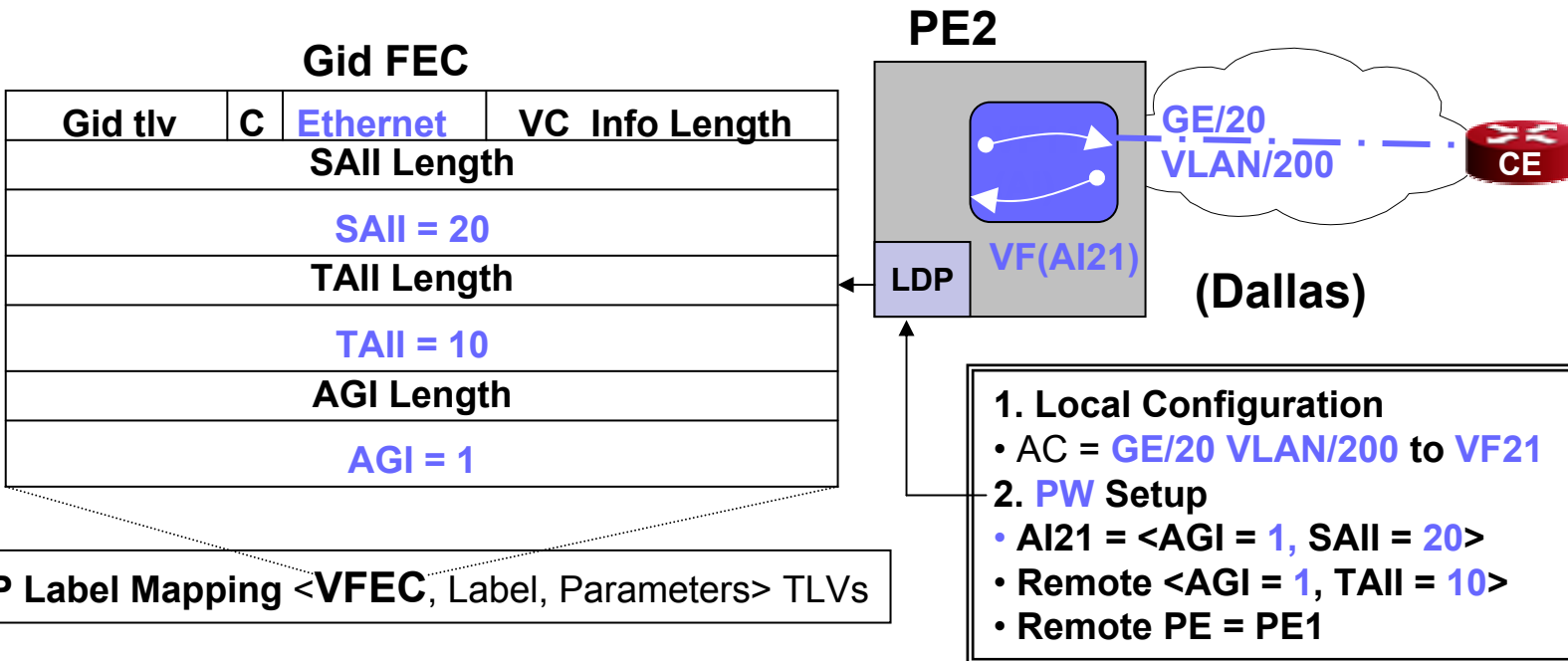


Flexibility in format – could adapt easily to future needs

- i.e. possibility to form groups of circuits
- flexible lengths for different component

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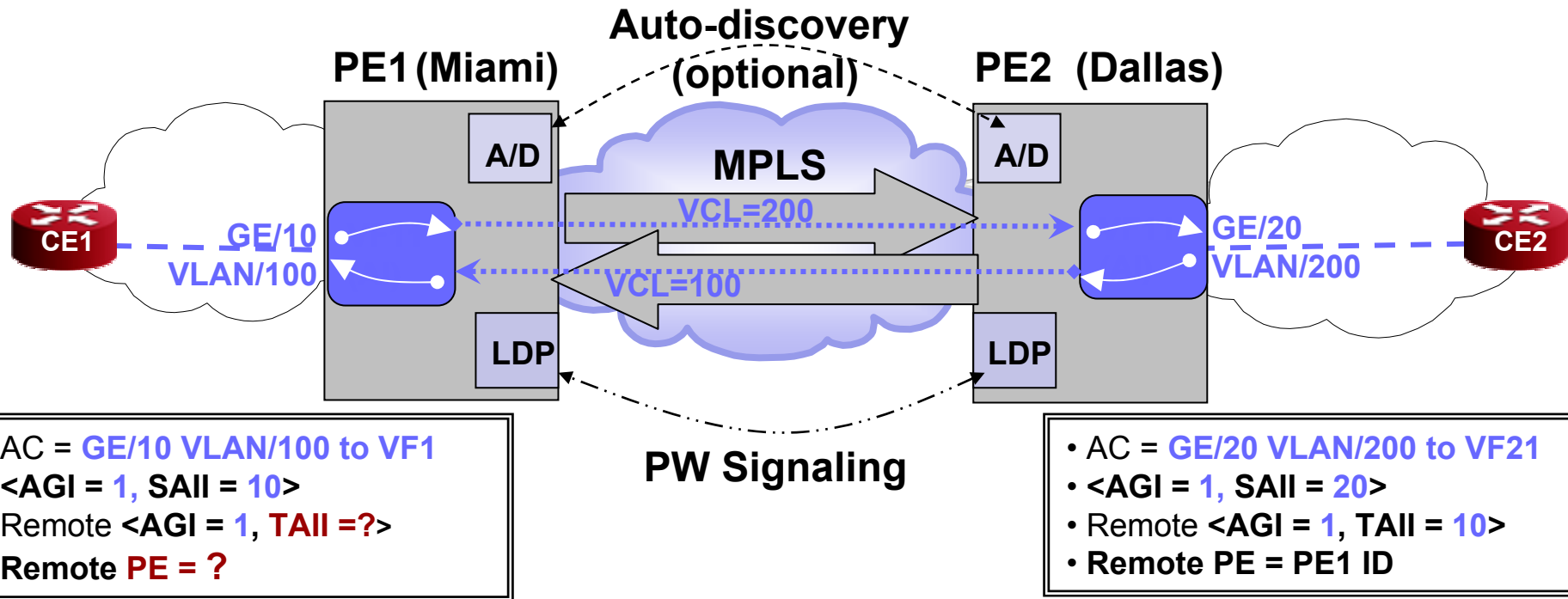


Each Virtual Forwarder uniquely Identified by "Attachment Identifier" (AI)

- AI = <AGI (Attachment Group Identifier), AI (Attachment Individual Identifier)>
- Concepts of Source AI (SAI – local VF) and Target AI (TAI – remote VF)

PW Signaling similar with the PWid FEC for Double-Sided Provisioning

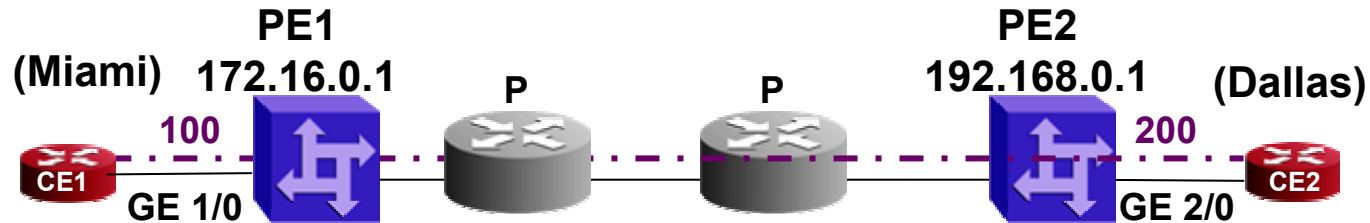
Individual Pt2pt VCs - *Single Sided Provisioning*



No reconfiguration required when moving Attachment Circuit
• *compared with Double Sided Provisioning*

Configuration Example 3- Nortel

Ethernet PW – single-sided provisioning, Gid FEC



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interface Eth 1/0 {
  unit 10 {
    vlan-id 100
    vpws { }
  }
}
```

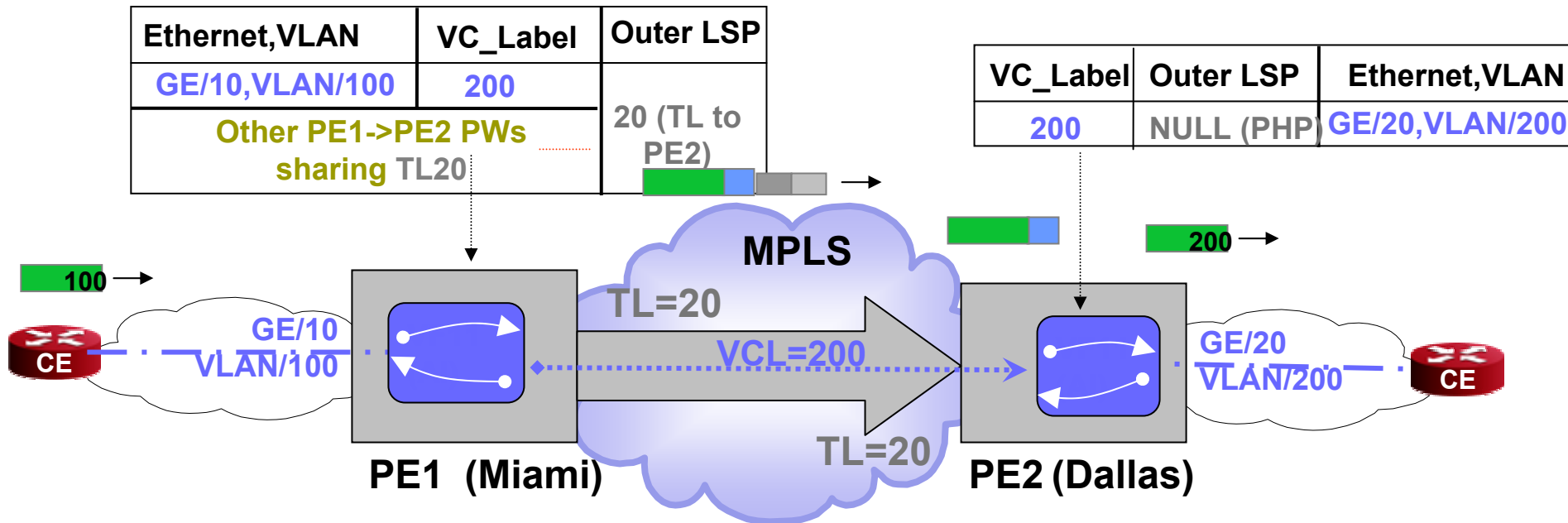
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interface Eth 2/0 {
  unit 20 {
    vlan-id 200
    vpws { }
  }
}
```

```
pseudo-wires {
  agi 1 {
    sa 10100 {
      net-encapsulation ethernet-vlan
      interface eth 1/0.10
    }
  }
}
```

```
pseudo-wires {
  agi 1 {
    sa 20200 {
      net-encapsulation ethernet-vlan
      interface eth 2/0.20
      ta 10100 {
        neighbor 172.16.0.1
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Individual Point-to-point VCs

Example of Data Forwarding – same for both models



Simple VF: forwards data between 1 AC & 1 PW

Pseudo-wire OAM Tools

1. Label Withdraw

Default behavior, tears down service on fault

2. Status TLV

Capability must be negotiated at setup

Enables a pseudowire to be put in an inactive state

New service turn-up, testing

Fault propagation

3. VCCV – (LSP) Ping, BFD

Capability must be negotiated at setup

In-band OAM on the transfer plane

Capabilities:

- Diagnostic Test
- Fault Detection
- Fault Propagation

Example VCCV – Diagnostic Test

Syntax

ping pseudo-wire <count *count* | continuous> <pad *pad-size*> *attachment-circuit*

count count—(Optional) Number of ping requests to send. If count is not specified, 5 ping requests are sent.

continuous—(Optional) Specifies that echo requests should be sent until the *control-c* character is received.

pad pad-size—(Optional) Specifies the number of bytes to be appended to the LSP ping packets.

attachment-circuit—Name of L2 attachment circuit from which to ping.

Sample Output

XXXX@node32> **ping pseudo-wire eth 1/0 100**

Ping request for pseudo-wire started on 20-jan-03 23:10:10:

Remote PE Address: 192.168.0.1

Source PE Address: 172.16.0.1

Outgoing Service Label: 32

Incoming Service Label: 100

Outgoing Tunnel: 192.168.0.1/234

PW Address: genid agi LNH, sa Miami, ta Dallas

23:10:10 86 byte echo reply received on fr-1/2:3.200: seq=1 time=0.456 ms

23:10:11 86 byte echo reply received on fr-1/2:3.200: seq=2 time=0.656 ms

23:10:12 86 byte echo reply received on fr-1/2:3.200: seq=3 time=0.556 ms

23:10:13 86 byte echo reply received on fr-1/2:3.200: seq=4 time=0.466 ms

23:10:14 86 byte echo reply received on fr-1/2:3.200: seq=5 time=0.490 ms

--- pseudo-wire ping statistics ---

5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss round-trip min/avg/max = 0.456/0.525/0.656 ms

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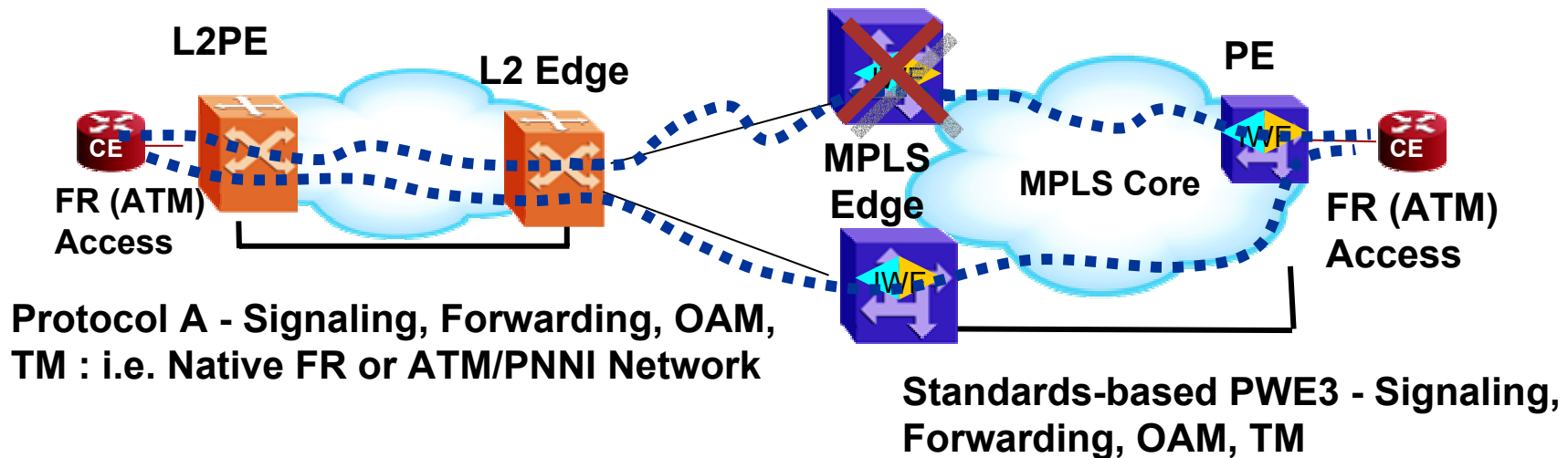
Provisioning Models - Individual Pt2pt Virtual Circuits

Solutions for Migrating Legacy L2 Services to MPLS

- Mediation to existing Layer 2 Services
- Network Inter-working over MPLS
- L2 Service Inter-working over MPLS

Dynamic Service Mediation with L2 services

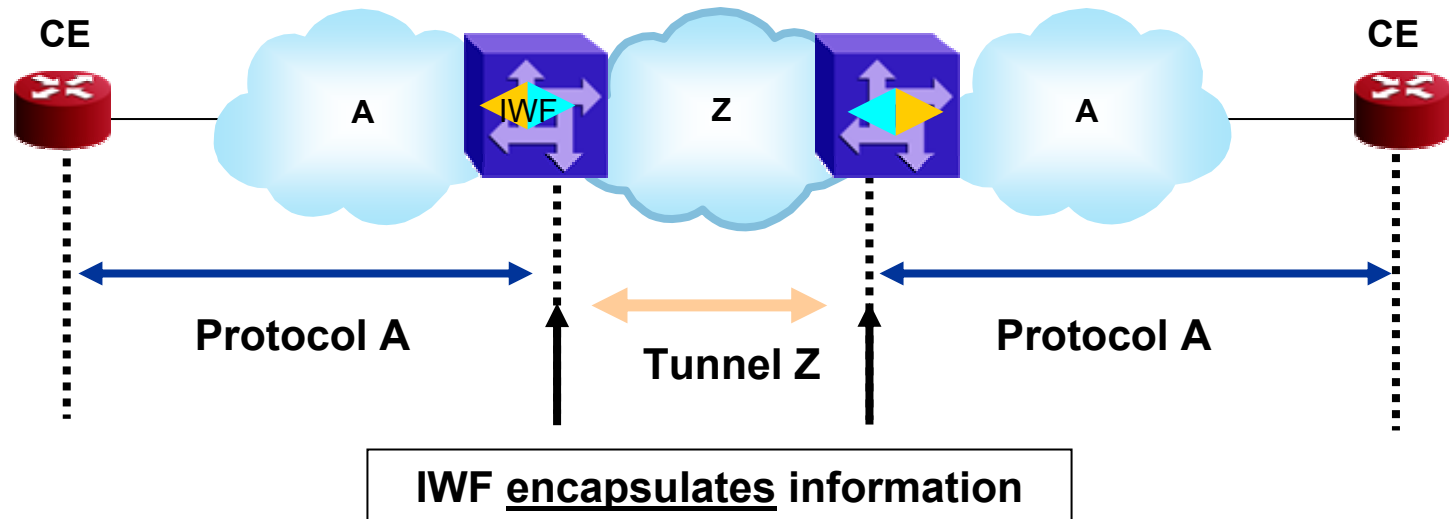
Problem Space



Dynamic mediation between the MPLS and the Layer 2 network

- Enable dynamic Layer 2 call establishment end-to-end
- Support resiliency under multiple failure conditions
- Eliminate per call configuration at the Layer 2 mediation points

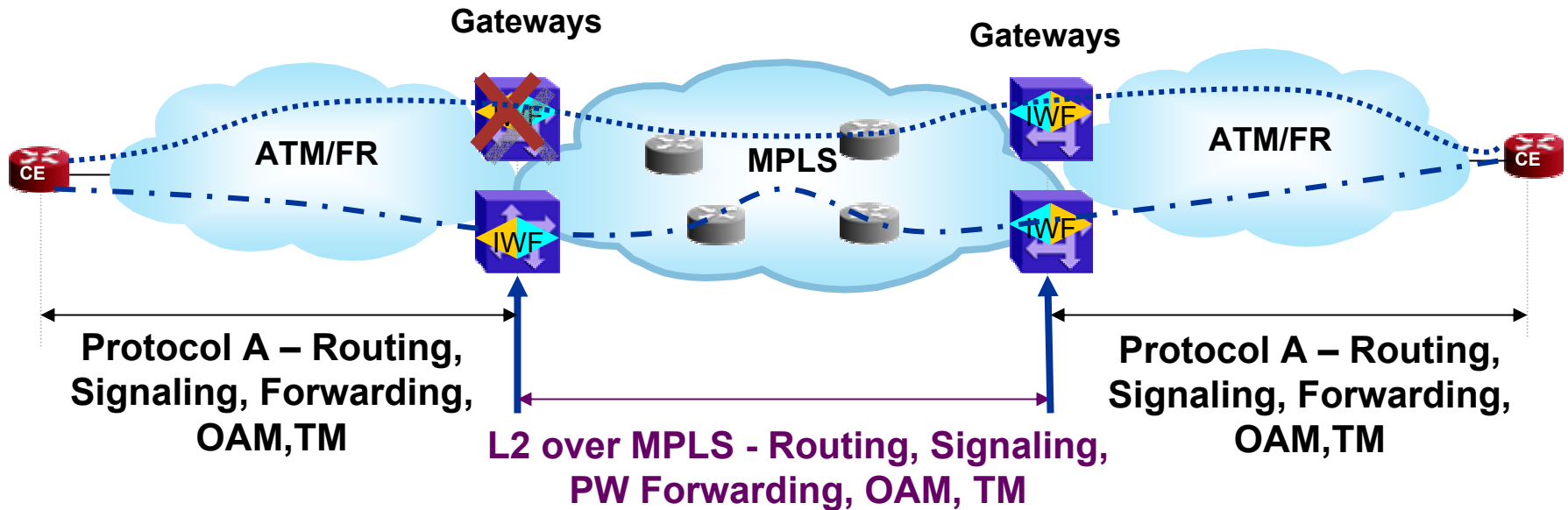
What is Network Inter-working?



- Inter-working required between networks of similar protocols across an intermediary/core network having a different protocol (e.g. MPLS transport between two ATM networks)
- Complete or part of the protocol control information used in the two similar networks are transferred transparently by an inter-working function (IWF) across the intermediary/core network

Network Inter-working over MPLS

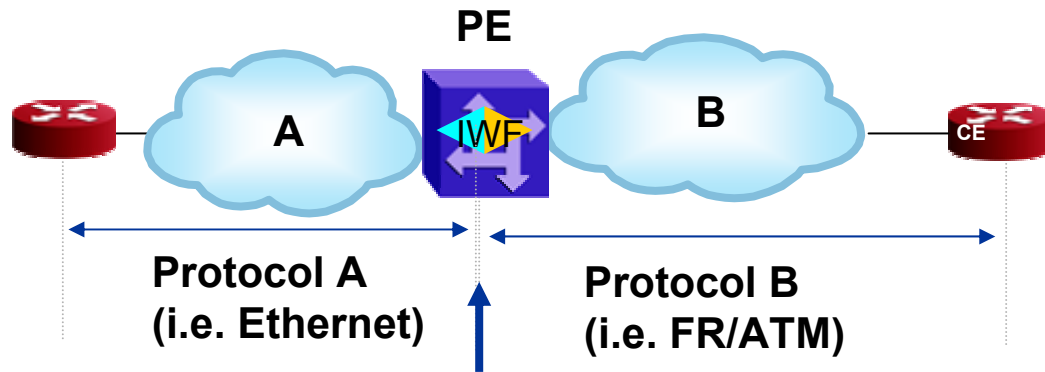
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Layer 2 Network Interworking over MPLS

- Need scalable solution from both network & platform perspectives
- Need to support existing service QOS
- Should preserve existing Layer2 networking features

L2 Service Inter-working – General



Inter-working function (IWF) terminates the protocol used in one network, and translates its protocol control information to that of the protocol used in the other network

Generally implies inter-working function done on a one-to-one connection basis

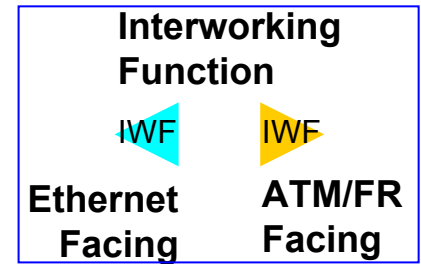
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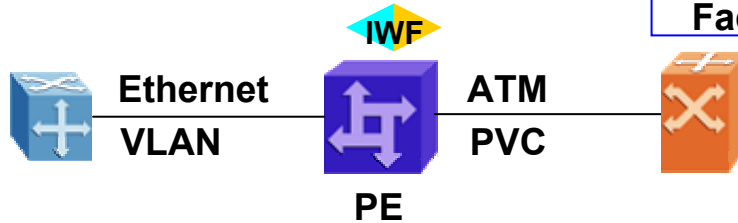
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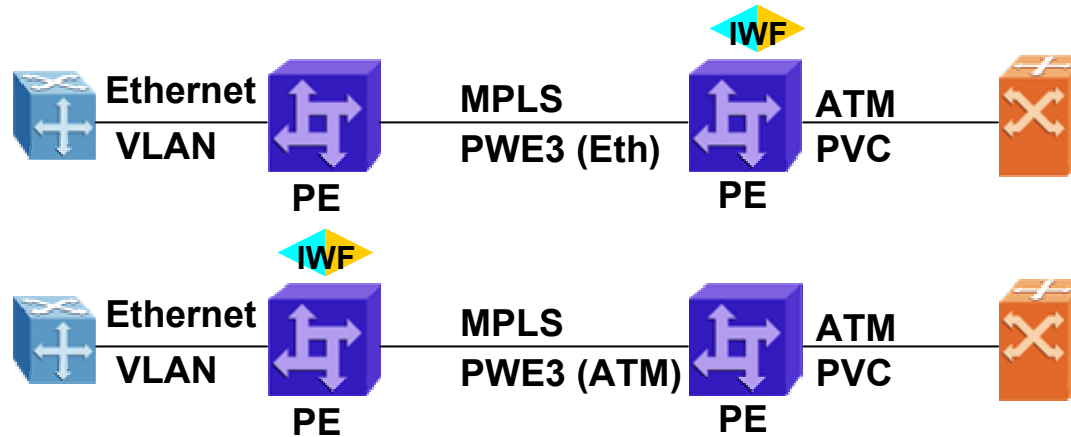
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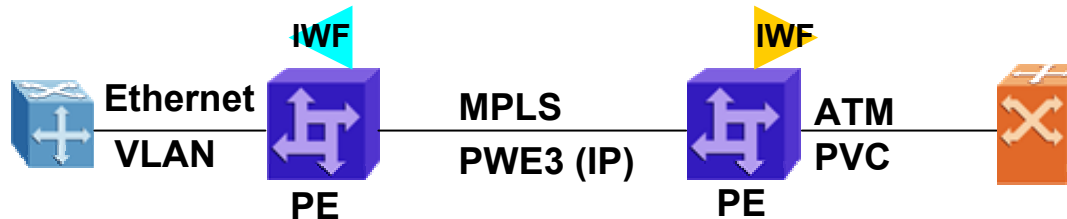
Local Switching



Single Sided IWF
MPLS Pseudo-wire

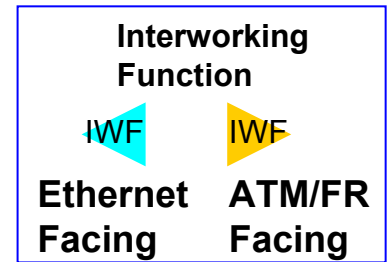


Distributed IWF
IP over MPLS
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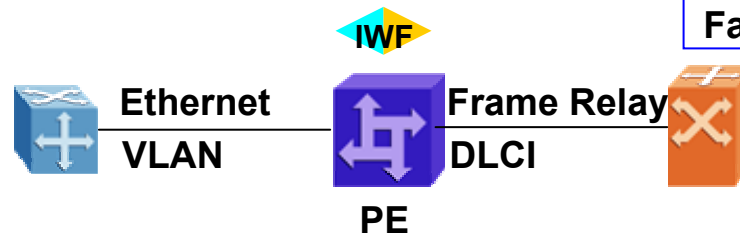


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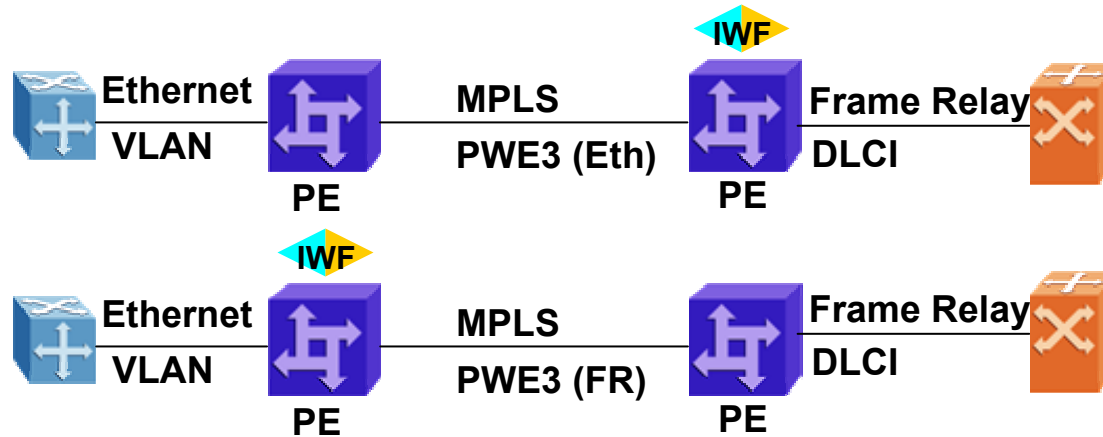
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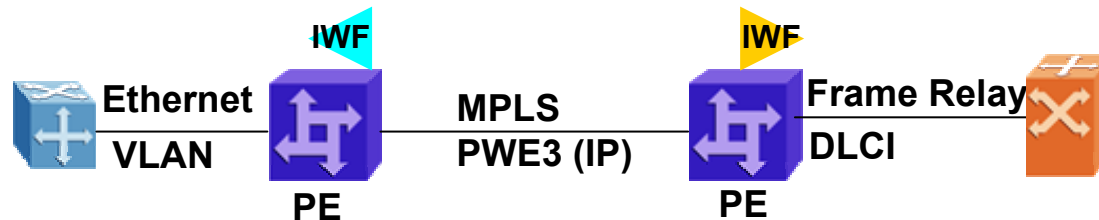
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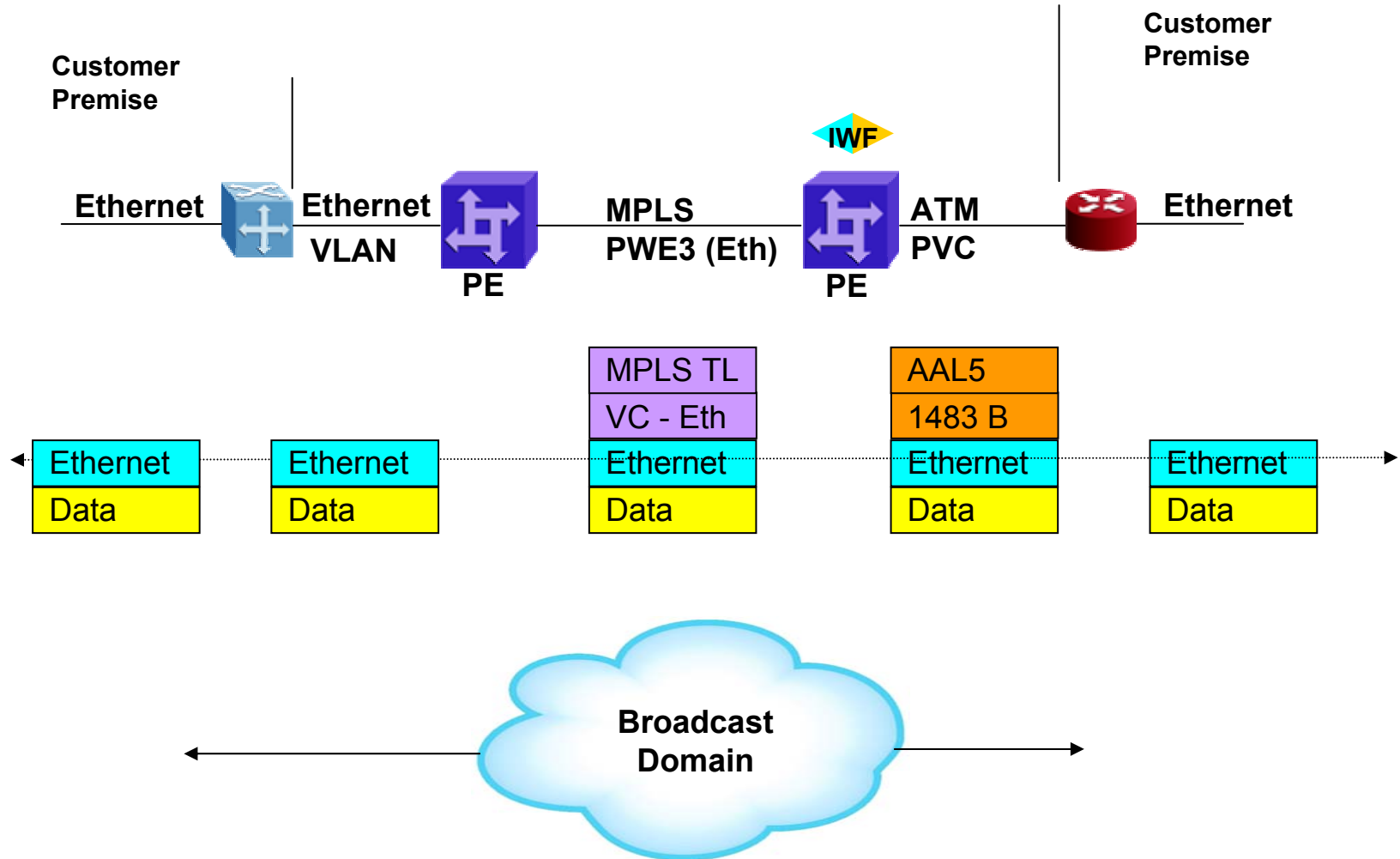


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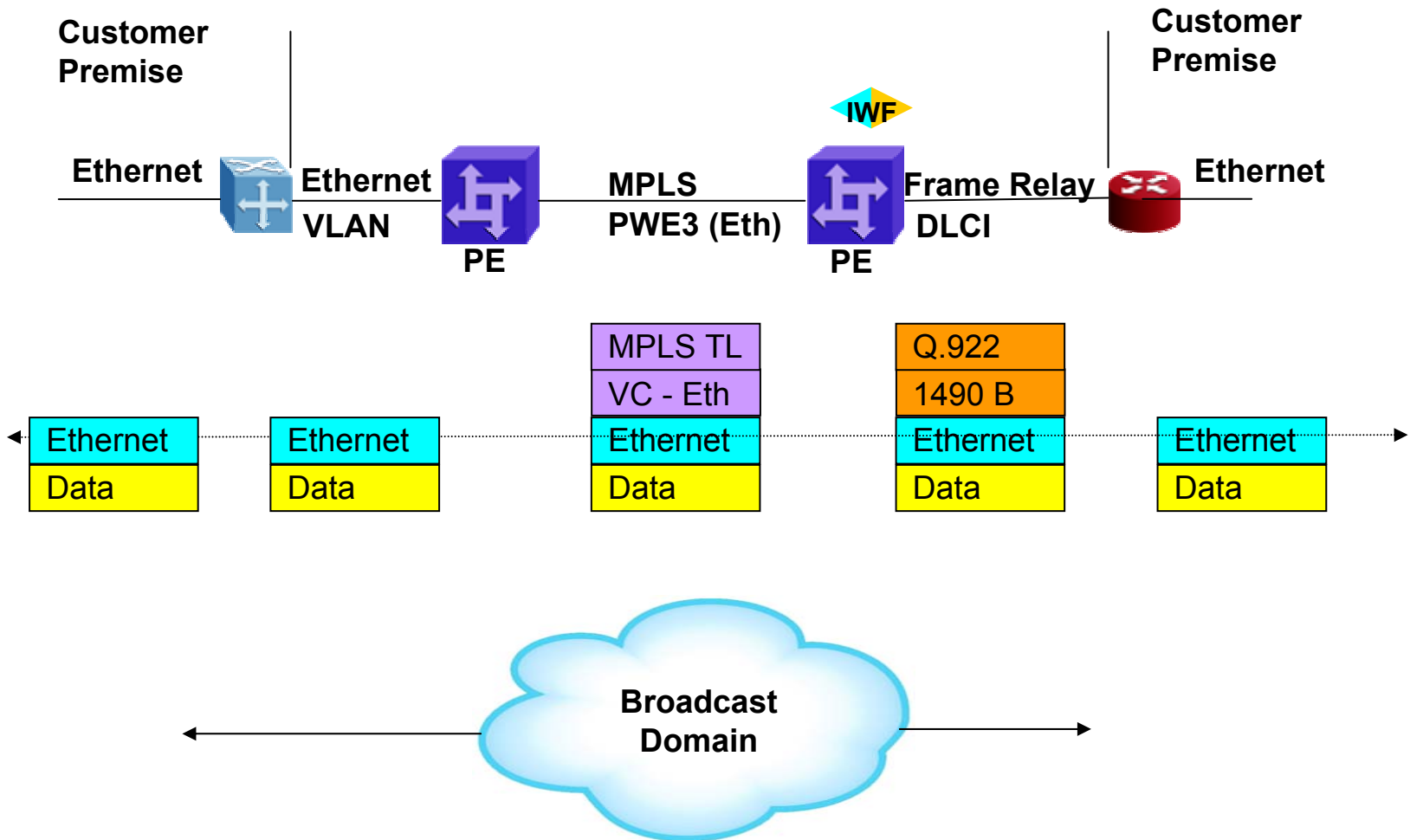
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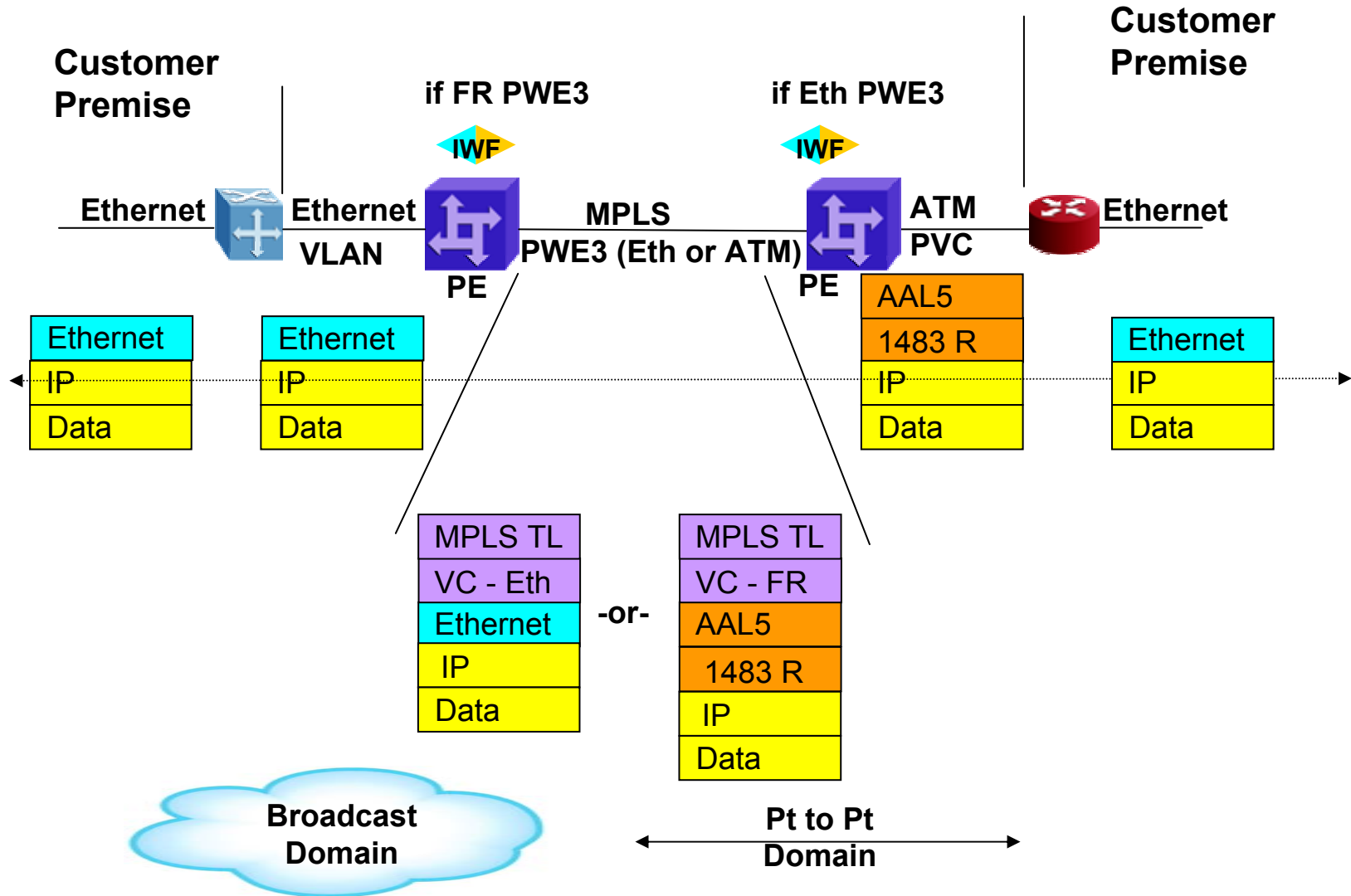
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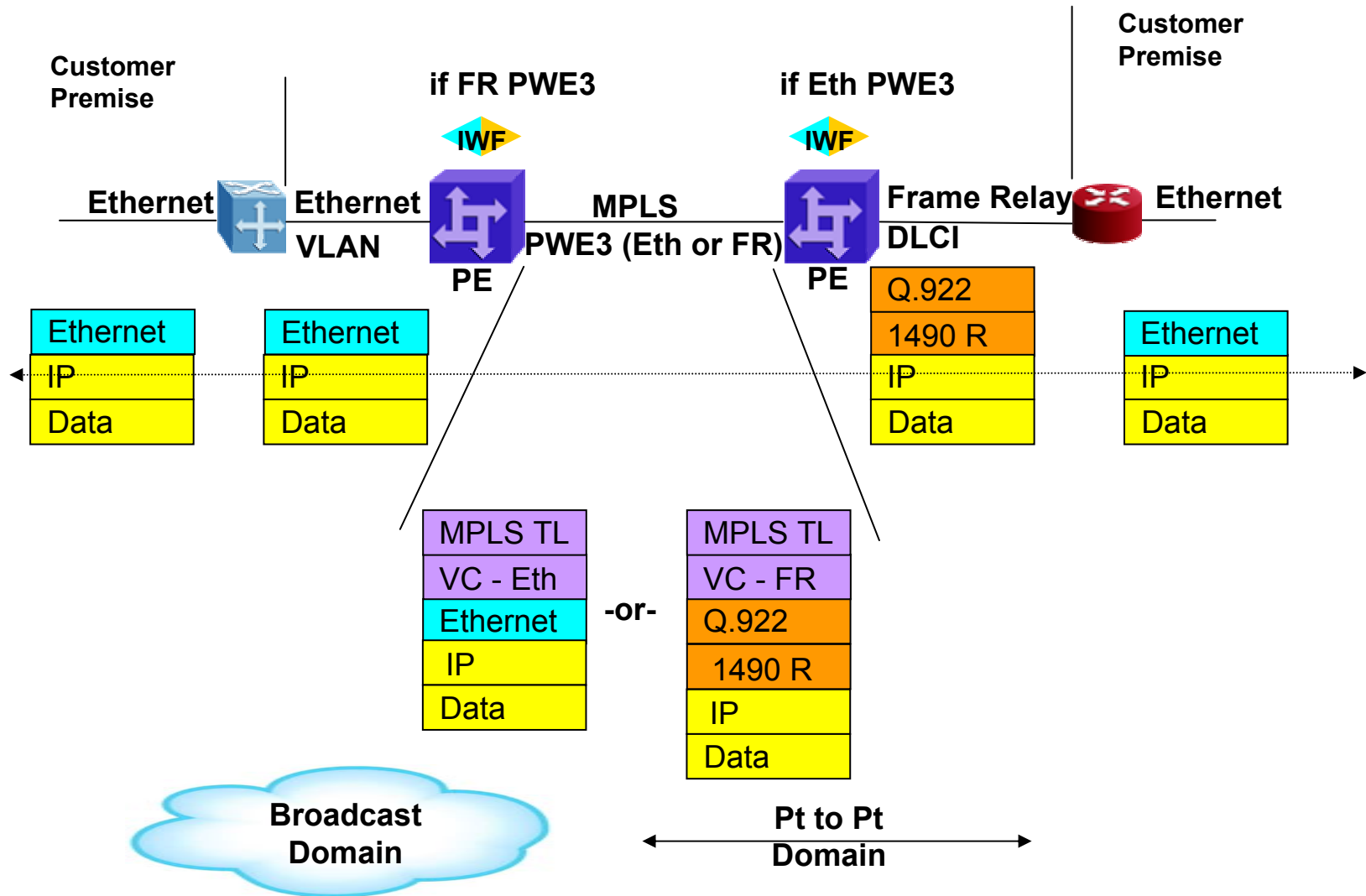
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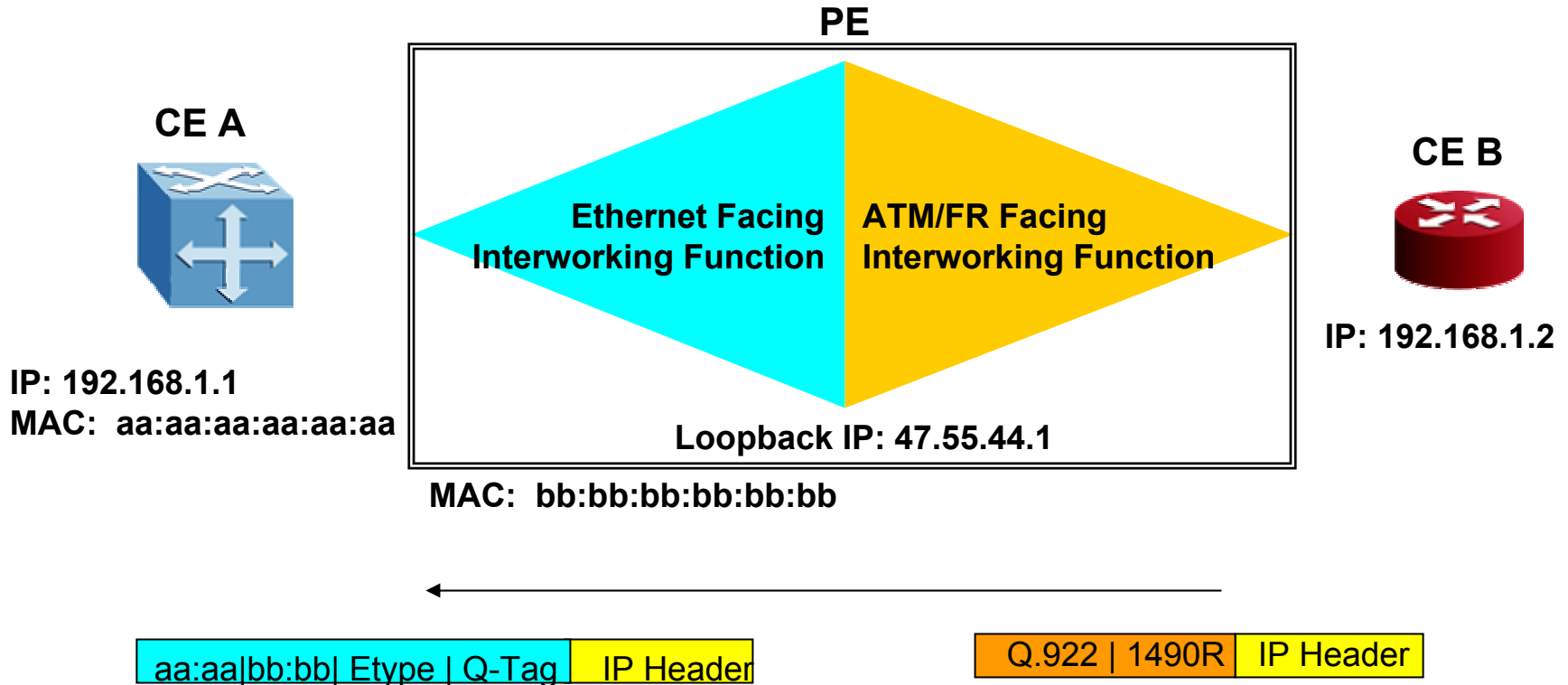
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Packet Walkthrough



Routed Interworking

PE Device



- Remove ATM/FR Data link header
- Add Ethernet Data link header
 - Source MAC = PE interface MAC
 - Destination MAC = Eth CE Interface MAC

PE (Eth IWF) must know the hardware address of CE A

Routed Interworking

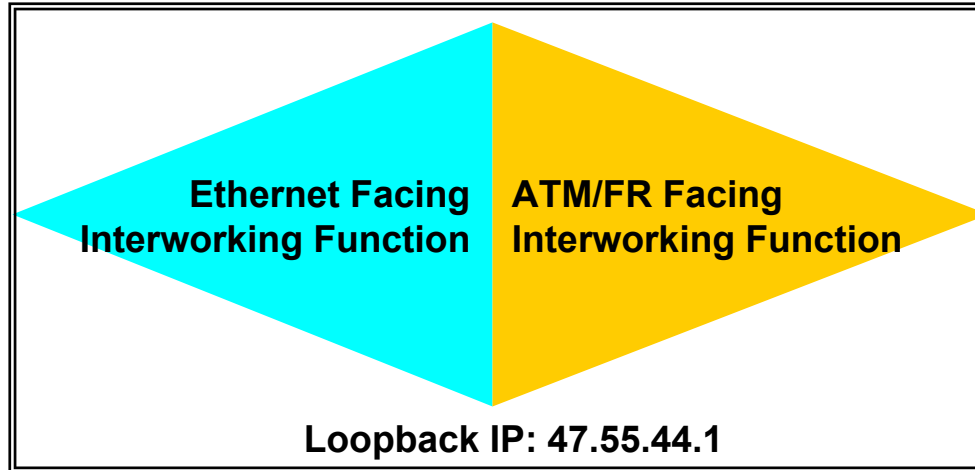
CE Device

PE

CE A



IP: 192.168.1.1
MAC: aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:aa



MAC: bb:bb:bb:bb:bb:bb

CE B



IP: 192.168.1.2

bb:bb|aa:aa | Etype | Q-Tag | IP Header

CE send packets destined for next hop = CE B (192.168.1.2) to hardware address bb:bb:bb:bb:bb:bb

Q.922 | 1490R | IP Header

IWF forwards all IP packets received on interworking interface (port, VID) to appropriate PVC

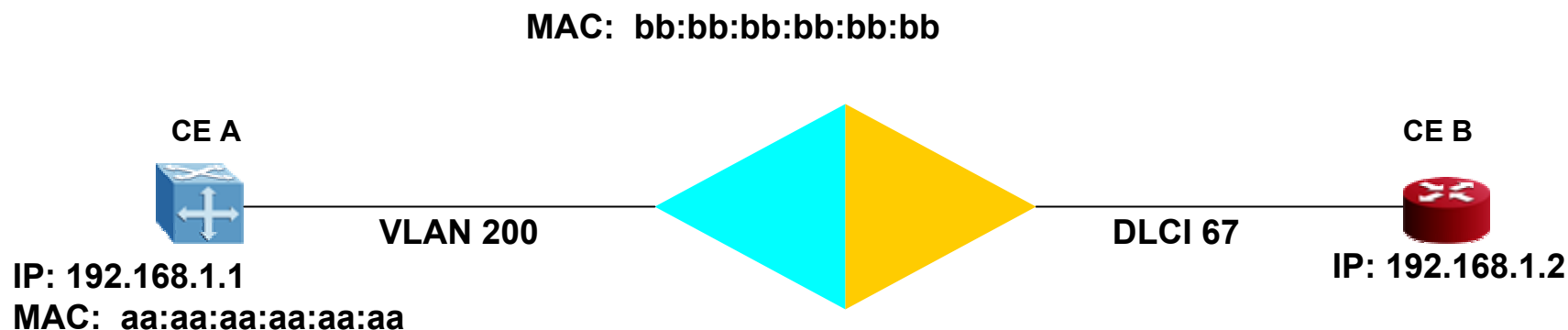
CE A must have Eth IWF hardware address for next hop = CE B

ARP Mediation

- **Static mapping IP Address to Hardware Address**
 - Configuration on CE & PE
- **Provision IWF with CE IP Addresses**
 - Hardware address discovered through ARP Mediation
- **Dynamic Discovery of CE Addresses**
 - 'Sniffing' packets received from CE
 - Send ICMP RDP

Dynamic Discovery OSPF Example

Ethernet side of IWF: IWF to CE forwarding



1. CE A sends hello packet

Data Layer - DA MAC = 0100.5E00.0006 SA MAC = aaaa.aaaa.aaaa VID = 200

IP Layer – DST IP = 224.0.0.5 SRC IP = 192.168.1.1

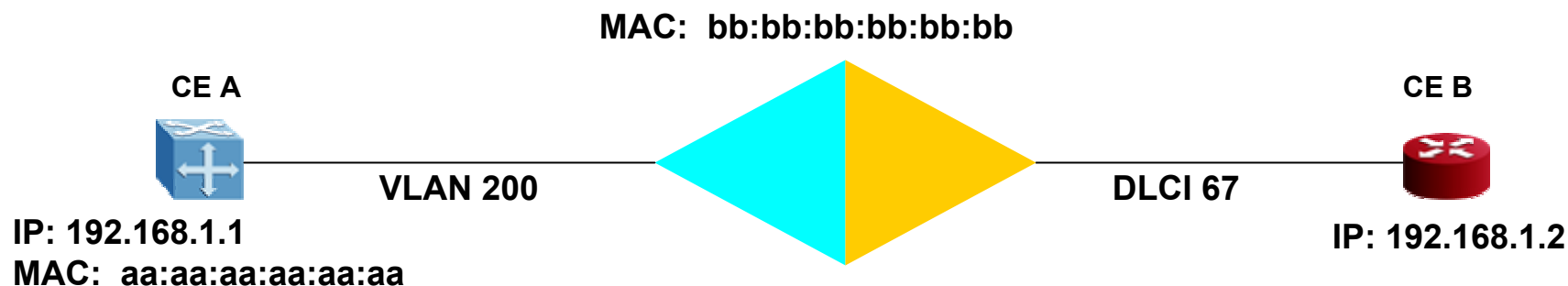
2. IWF forwards hello packet to DLCI 67

3. Ethernet side of interworking function learns CE A Addressing

4. IWF can now forward packets from CE B to CE A

Dynamic Discovery OSPF Example

Ethernet side of IWF: CE to IWF forwarding

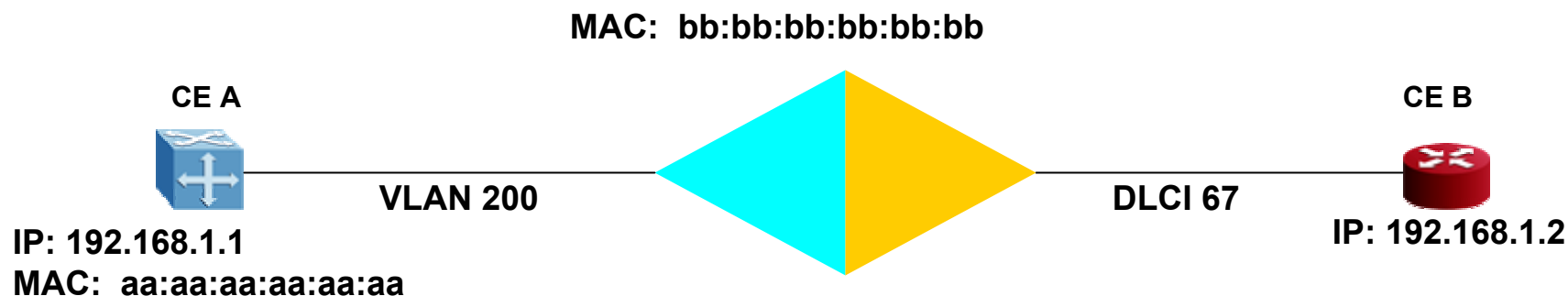


1. **CE A sends ARP request on VLAN 200 for Next hop IP address**
2. **IWF sends ARP reply with MAC = bb:bb:bb:bb:bb:bb**
3. **CE A can now forward packets to CE B**

NOTE – interworking circuit must be point to point and contain only 2 customer routers

Dynamic Discovery OSPF Example

FR side of IWF



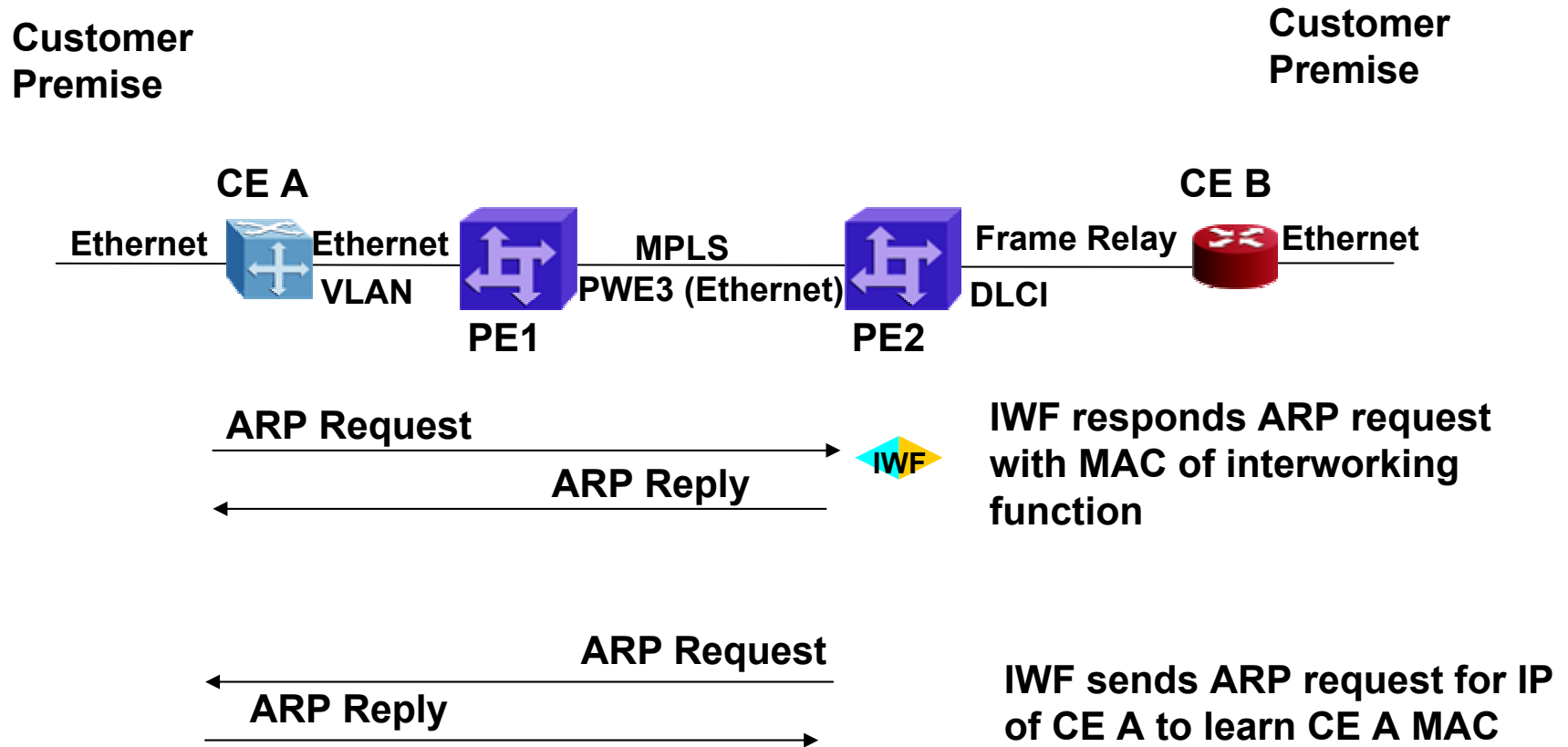
Interworking function remove/apply data link layer header

IWF can respond to invARP from CE B

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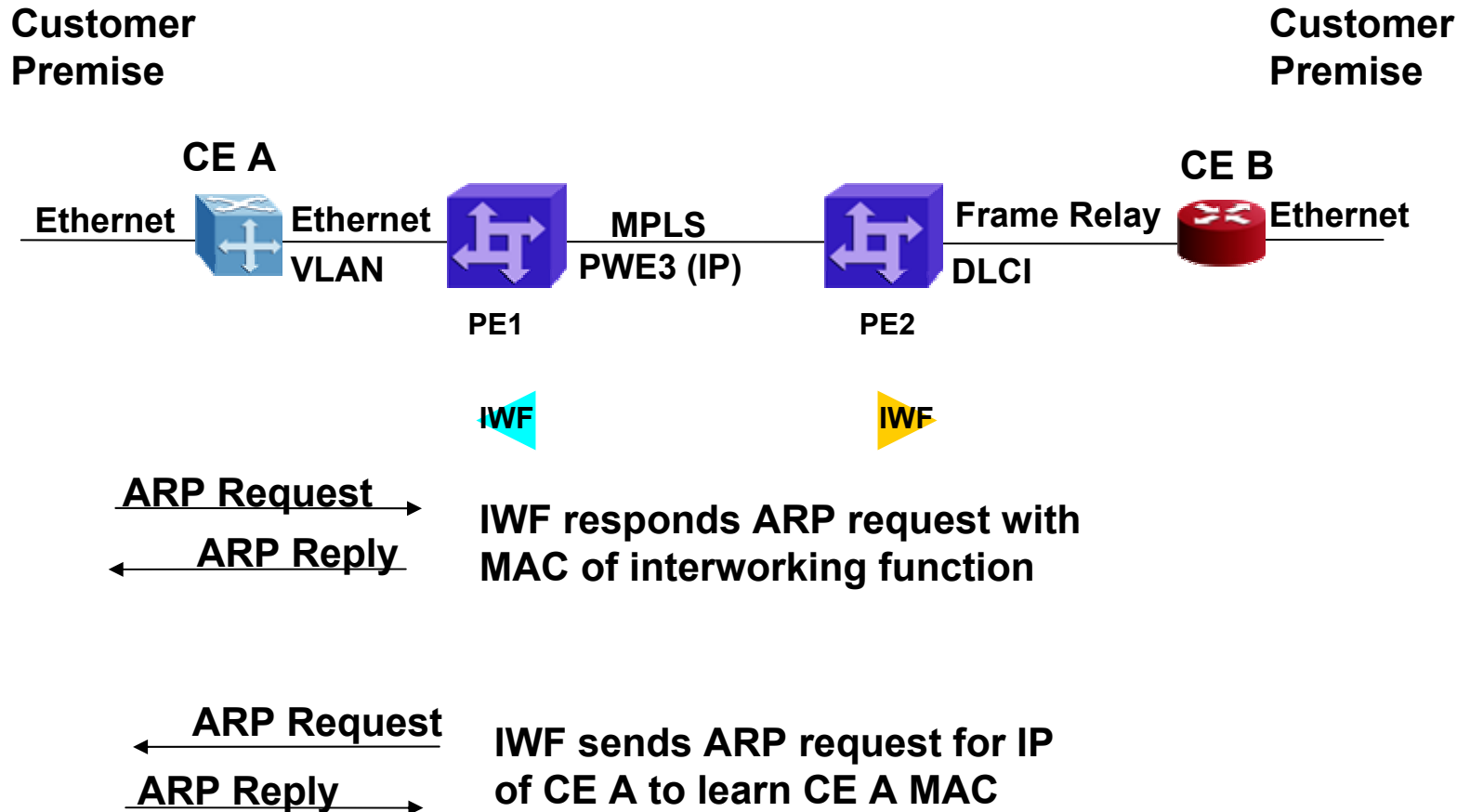
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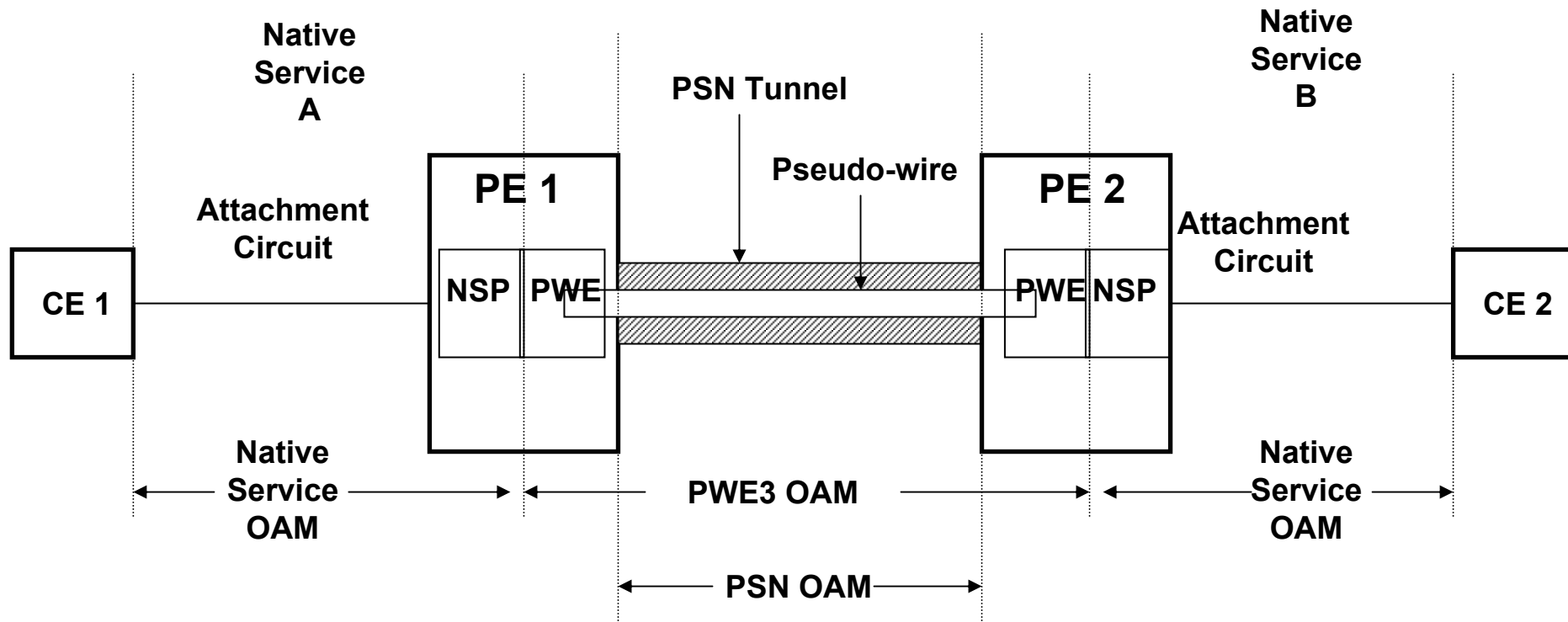


ARP Mediation

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Multiservice Interworking OAM Reference Model



OAM Mapping Function – Fault

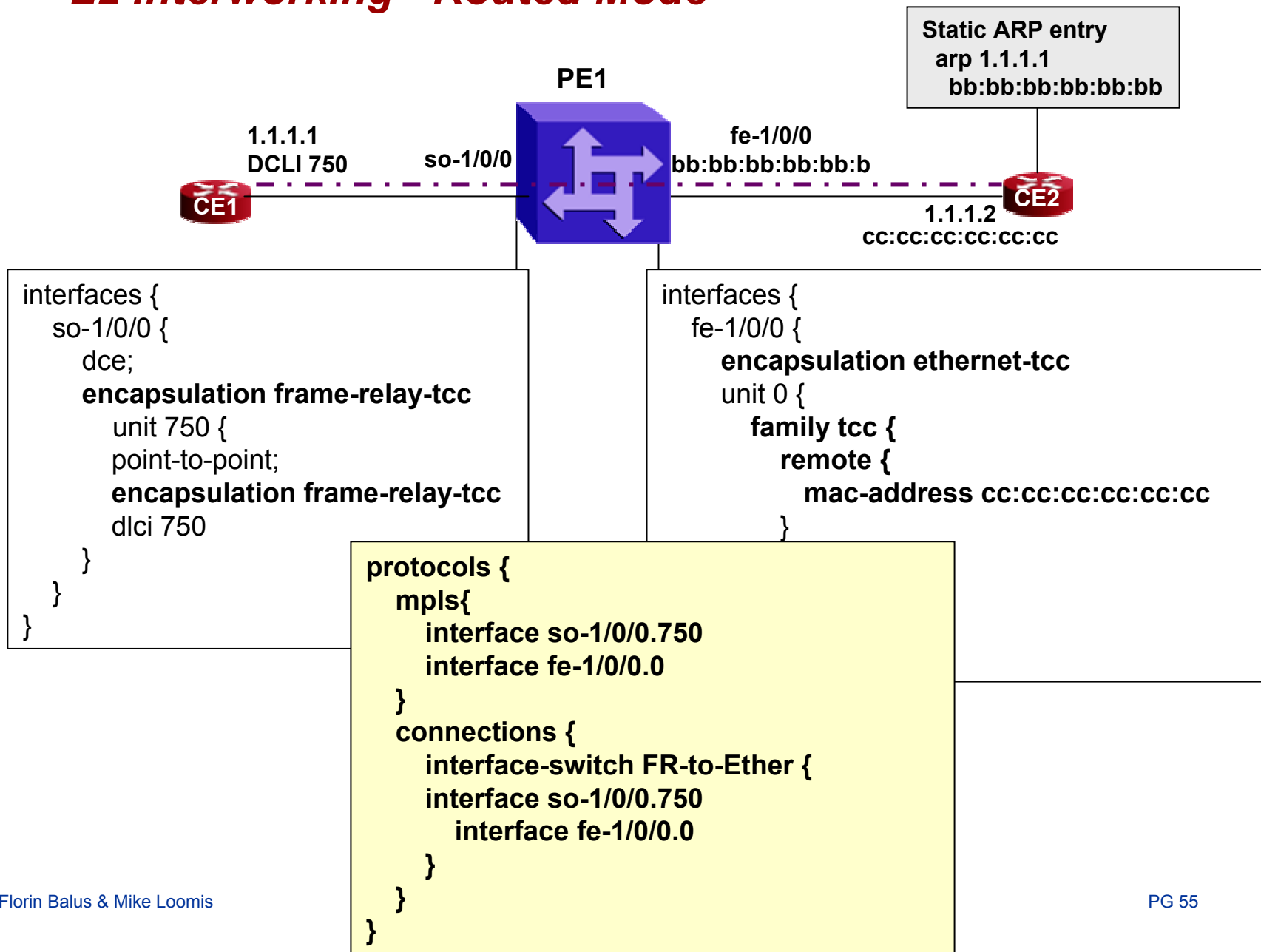
PWE3 OAM <-> Native Service OAM when Service Interworking

<u>Function</u>	<u>Boundary Action</u>	<u>Example Technologies</u>
Fault Diagnostics	Respond	802.3ah loopback (Ethernet port mode) F4/F5 Loopback OAM VCCV
Fault Propagation	Map OAM	802.3ah critical event (Ethernet port mode) AIS/RDI, LMI a-bit VCCV, Status TLV, Label Withdraw
Fault Detection	Further Study	VCCV + BFD ATM Continuity Check

Performance Management for Further Study

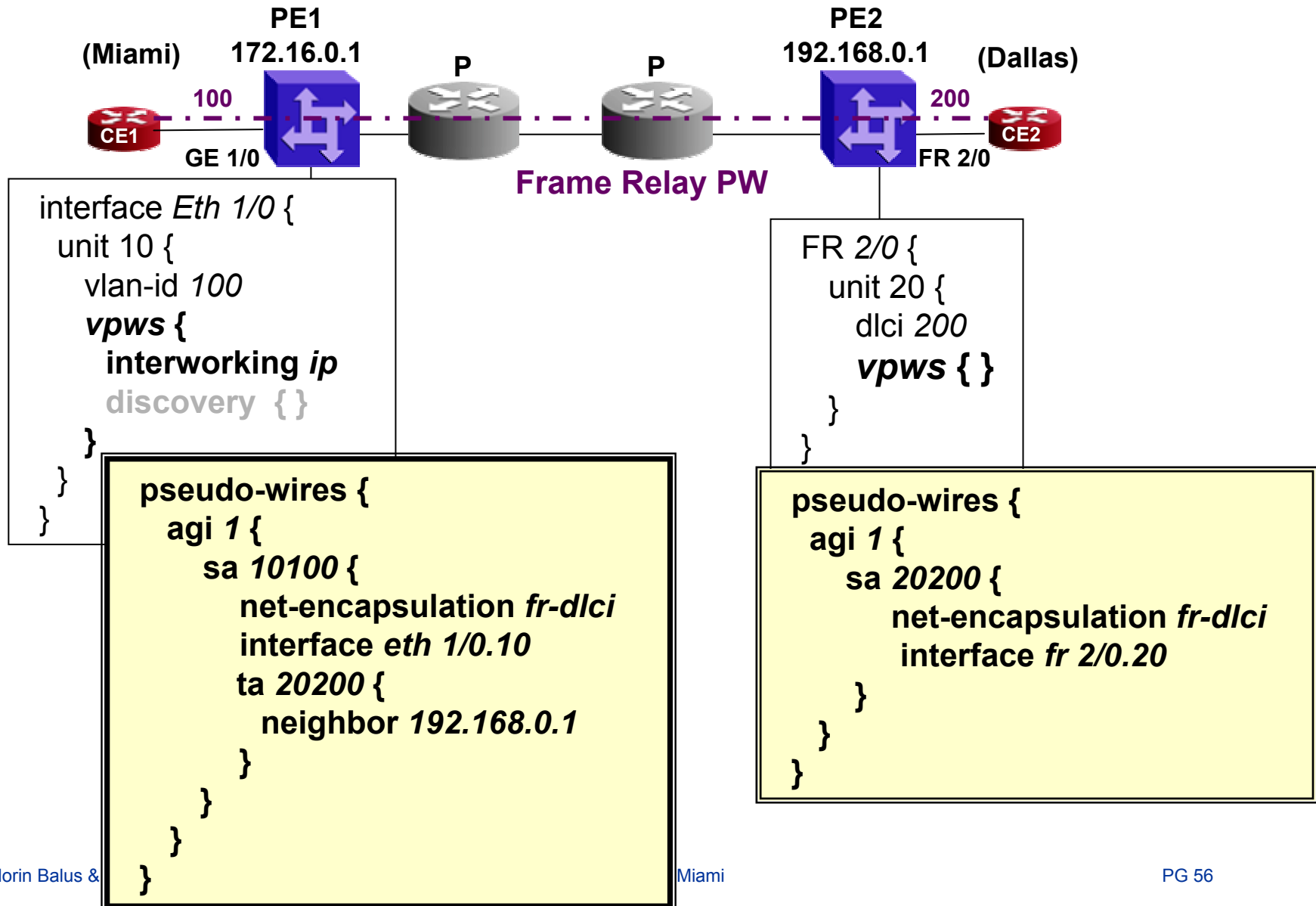
Configuration Example 4 – Juniper TCC

L2 Interworking - Routed Mode



Configuration Example 5 - Nortel

FR-Ethernet Interworking – Routed Mode with ARP Mediation

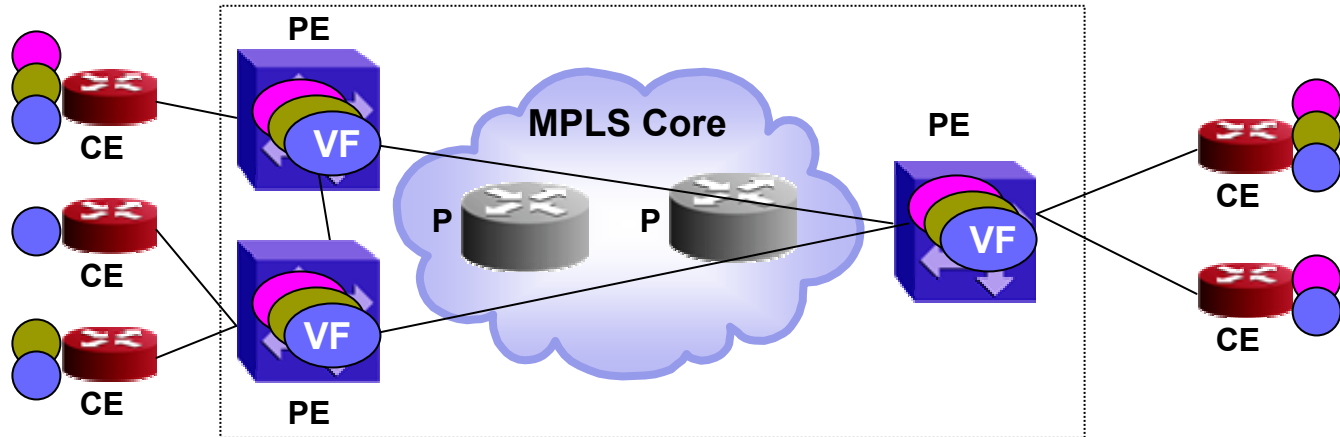


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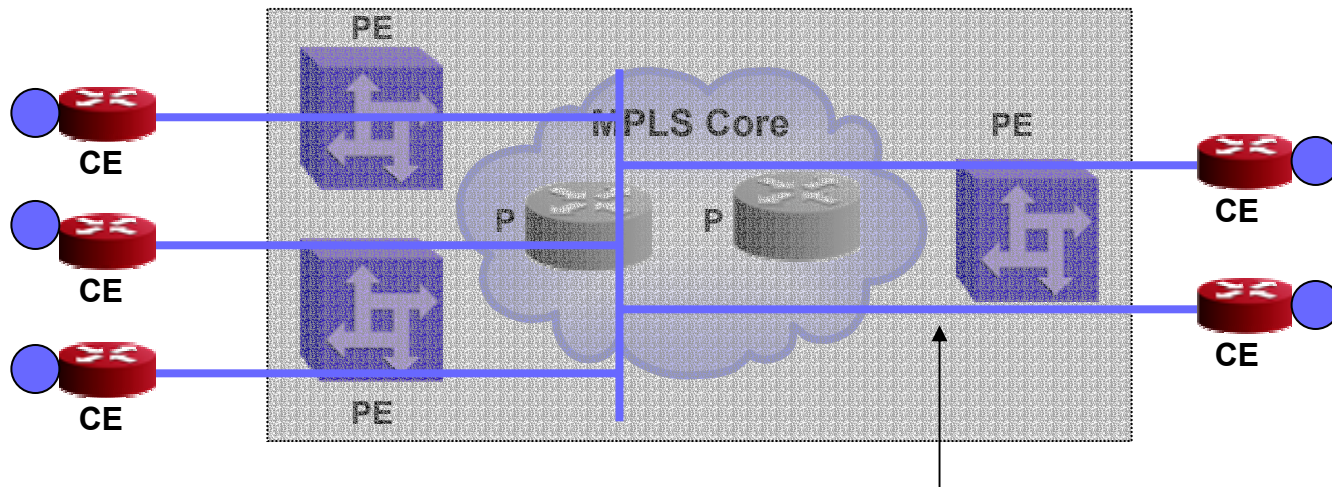
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Virtual Private LAN Service (VPLS)

Service Provider View



Enterprise View



Logical Bridge

VPLS Completes A2A Portfolio

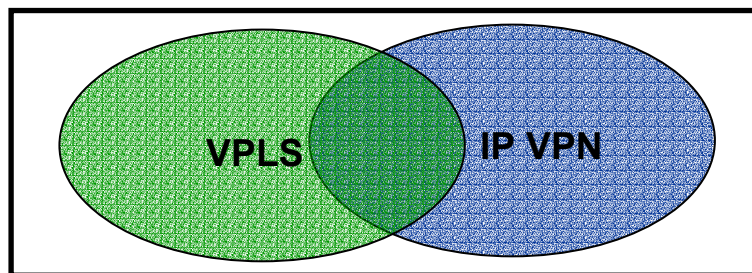
Value for Enterprises

- **Any to Any connectivity** - Shared BW pool for HQ, Datacenter
- **L2 Service** - No L3 peering required – trust, security, outsourcing concerns
- **Low cost intra-metro service**
- **No CE re-configuration, L3 addressing independence**

Value for Service Providers

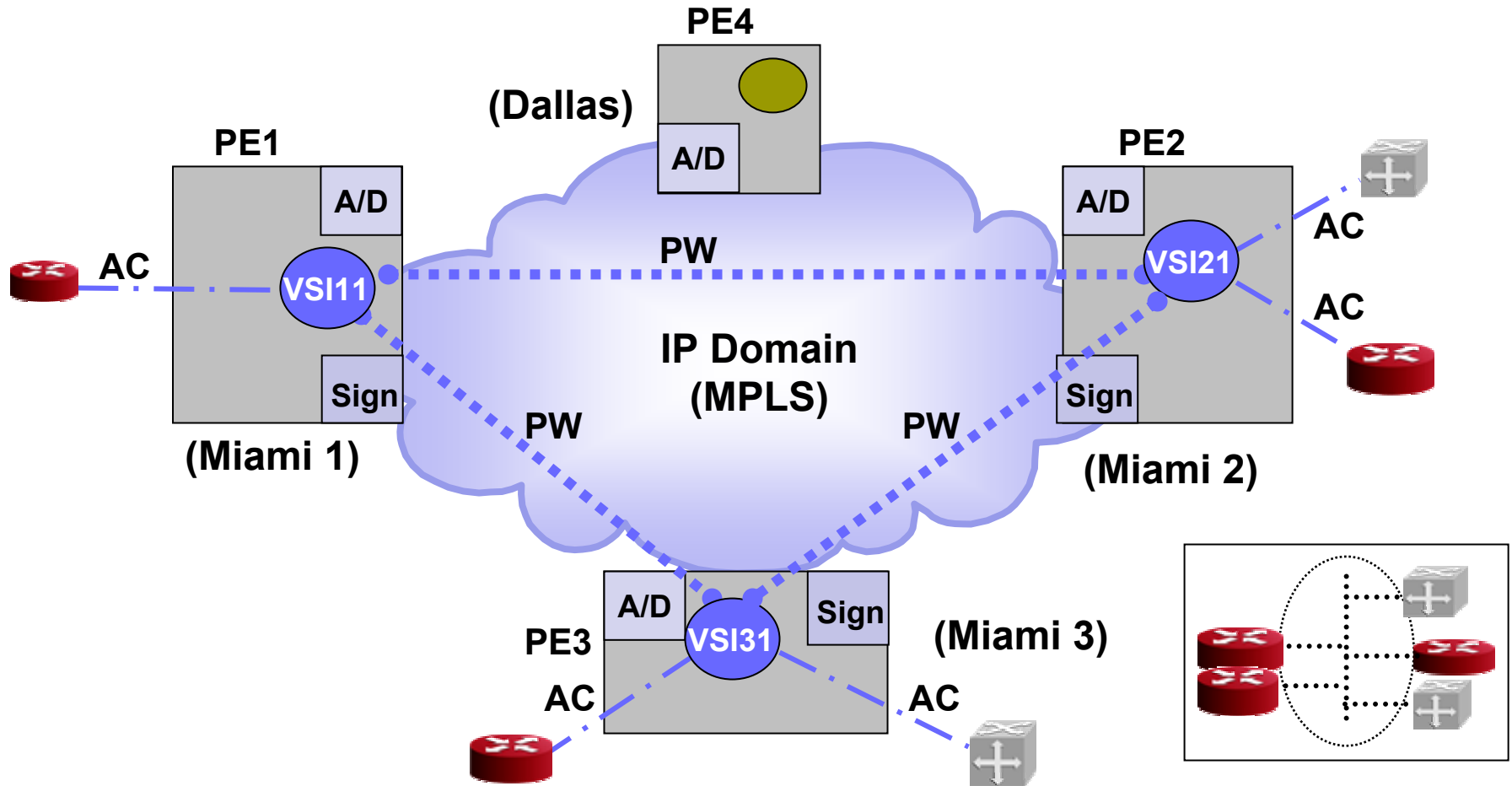
- **Simplified provisioning**
 - Rapidly turn up services and reduce OPEX
 - No route policies, no L3 protocols – simply define VLAN handoff and SLA
- **Extend, Scale Metro Ethernet offerings**
- **Re-use core MPLS infrastructure**

Complimentary service offering to IP VPN



Expands addressable Any to Any VPN Market!

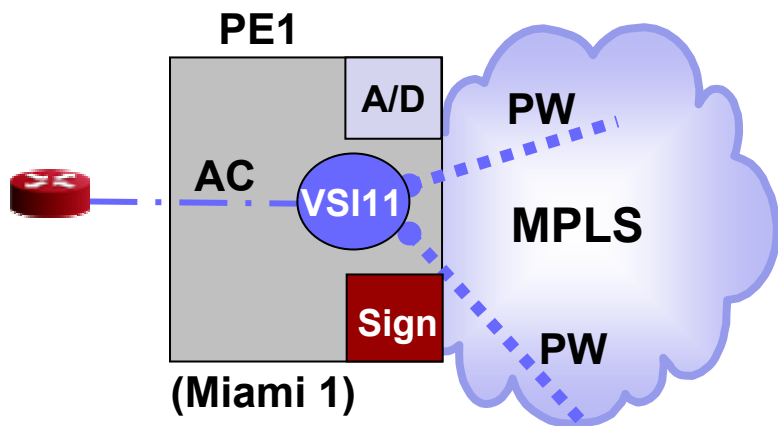
VPLS – Control & Data Plane Components



- A/D = Auto-discovery of PEs that contain at least one site in Blue VPN
- Sign = PW Signaling – should link all the Blue VSIs via a full mesh of PWs
- Virtual Forwarder called Virtual Switched Instance (VSI)

VPLS Models: LDP-VPLS versus BGP-VPLS

(draft-ietf-ppvpn-vpls-ldp-00.txt, draft-ietf-ppvpn-vpls-bgp-00.txt)



Commonalities

- Pseudo-wire Encapsulation (PWE3)
- Data Forwarding: MAC Learning, etc..
- BGP for Auto-discovery
 - Included in BGP-VPLS specification
 - Being specified for LDP-VPLS

Major Difference

What to use for Pseudo-wire Signaling?

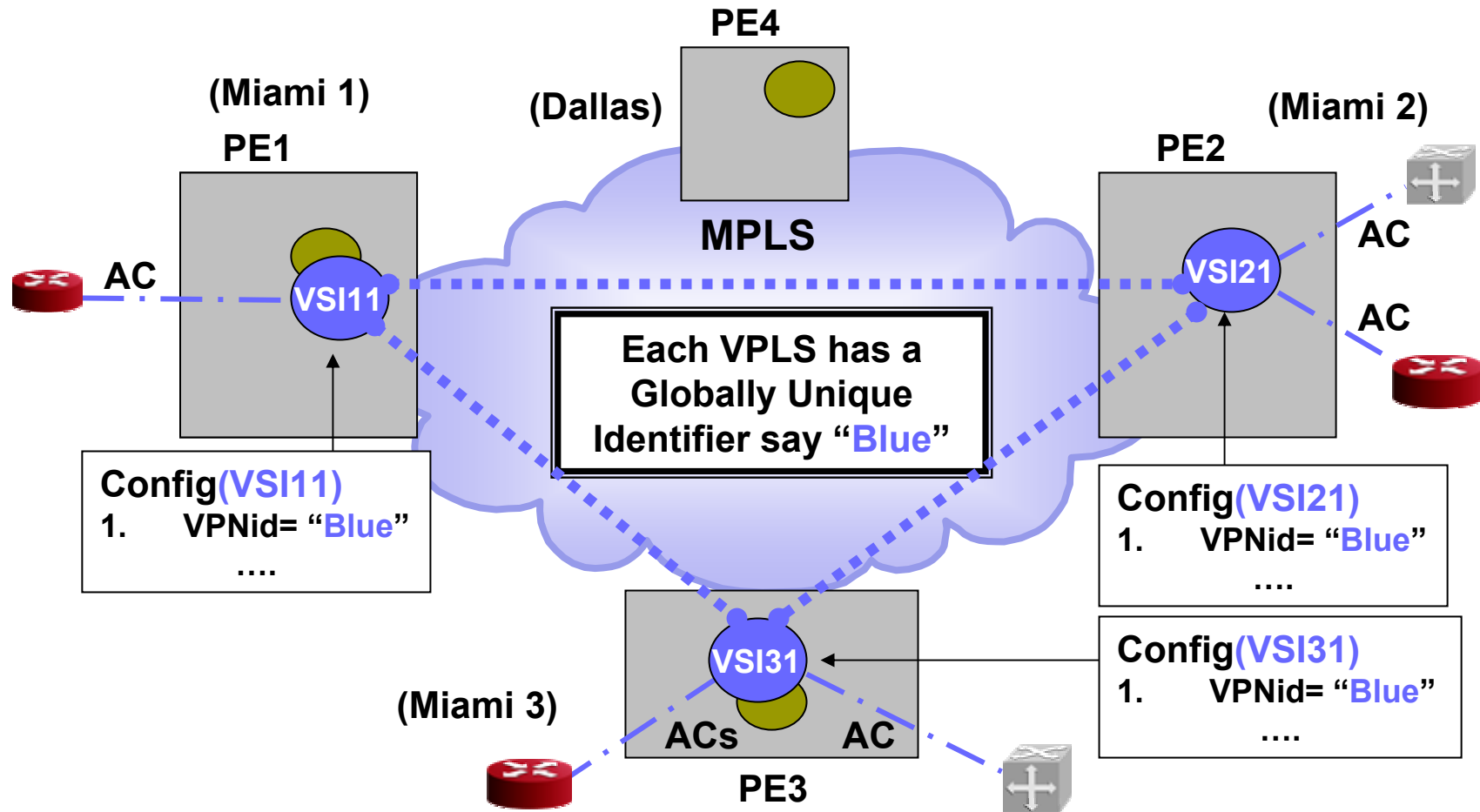
- BGP-VPLS – BGP
 - For both Auto-discovery and Signaling
- LDP-VPLS – LDP

Signaling discussion for LDP-VPLS

- Data Plane details apply to both Models

VPLS Information Model

General Addressing Philosophy

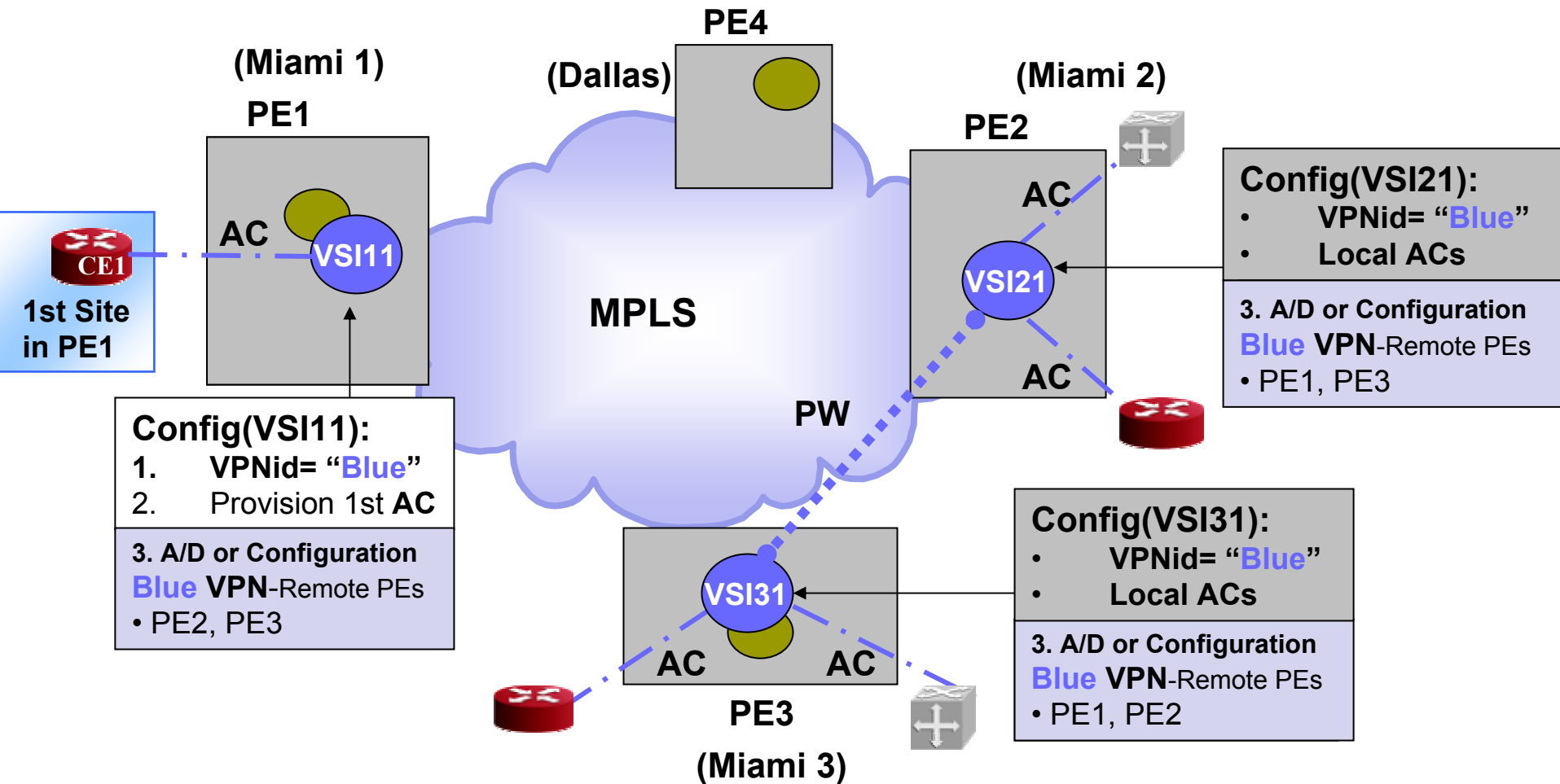


PW Endpoint uniquely identified by <PE IP, VPNid>

- I need to interconnect through signaling just the VSIs not the ACs
- Full Mesh of PWs – no variations in topology

VPLS Information Model

Configuring a new VSI on PE1

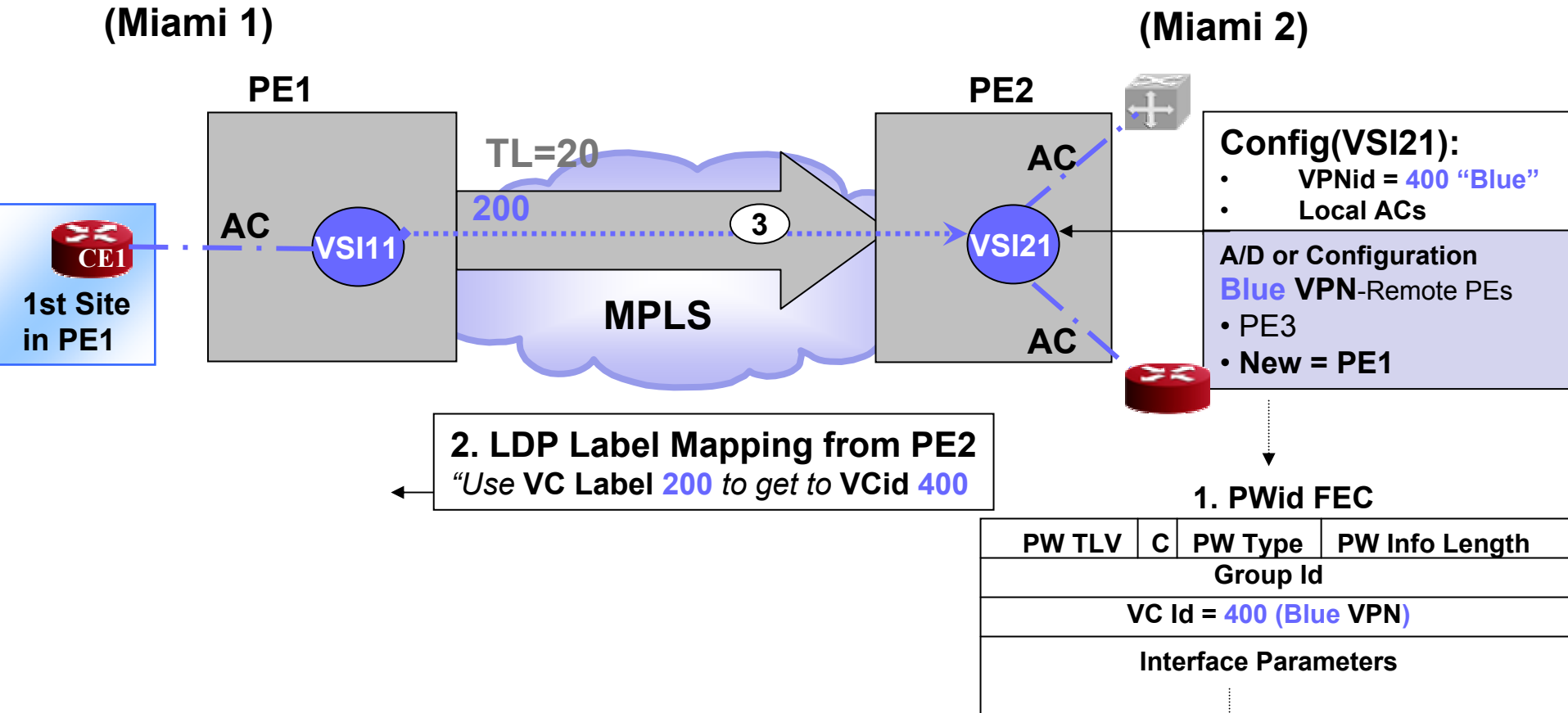


List of (related) Remote PEs could be generated by an A/D process (BGP)

- Current LDP-VPLS draft - Manual Configuration

VPLS-LDP – Signaling Transport PWs

Using PWid FEC to identify VSIs as PW Endpoints

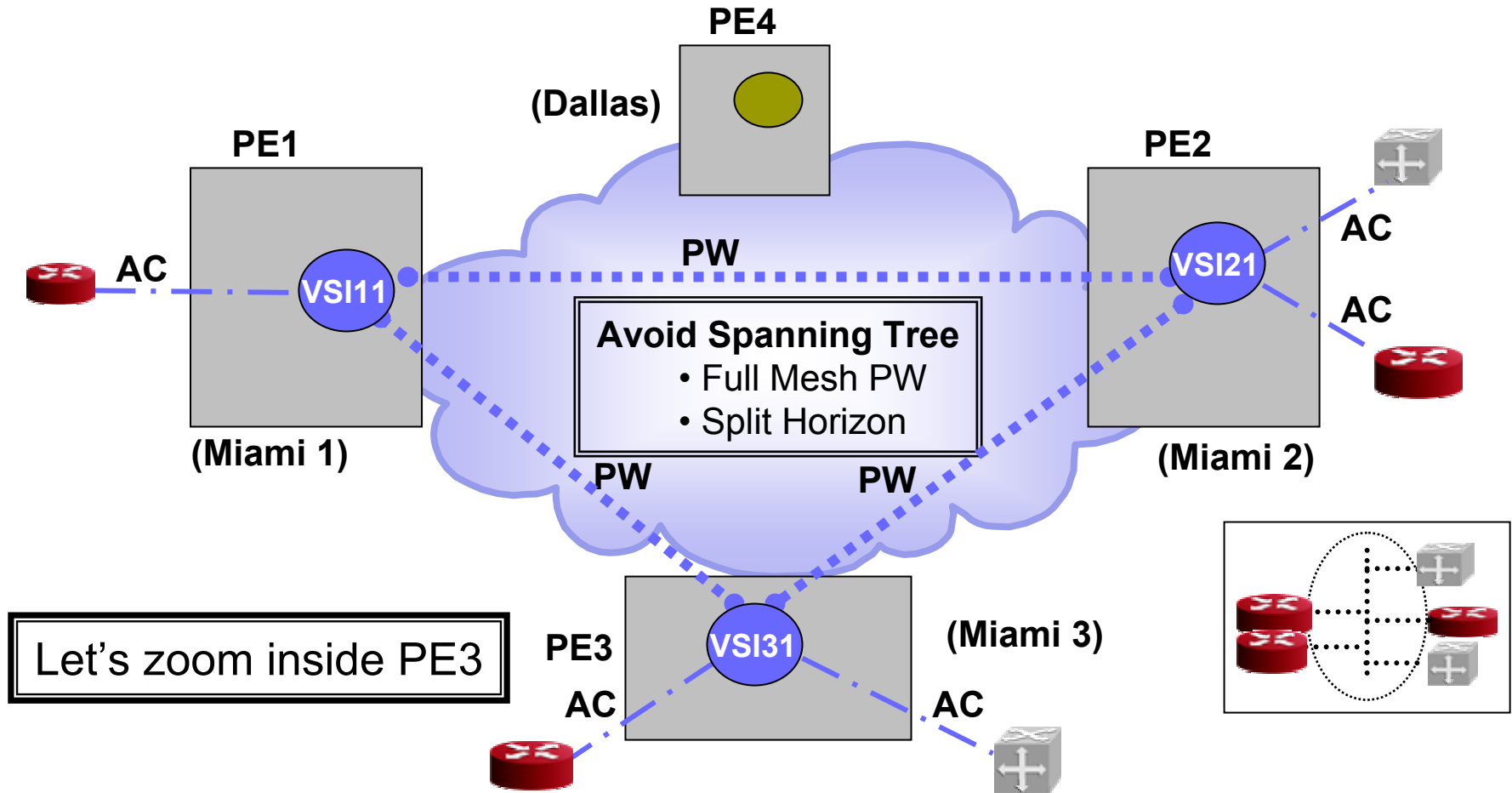


Similar procedure with the setup of Individual pt2pt VC

• but PW connects logical entities not ACs on physical ports

VCid has to be unique per network – Identifies a VPLS Service

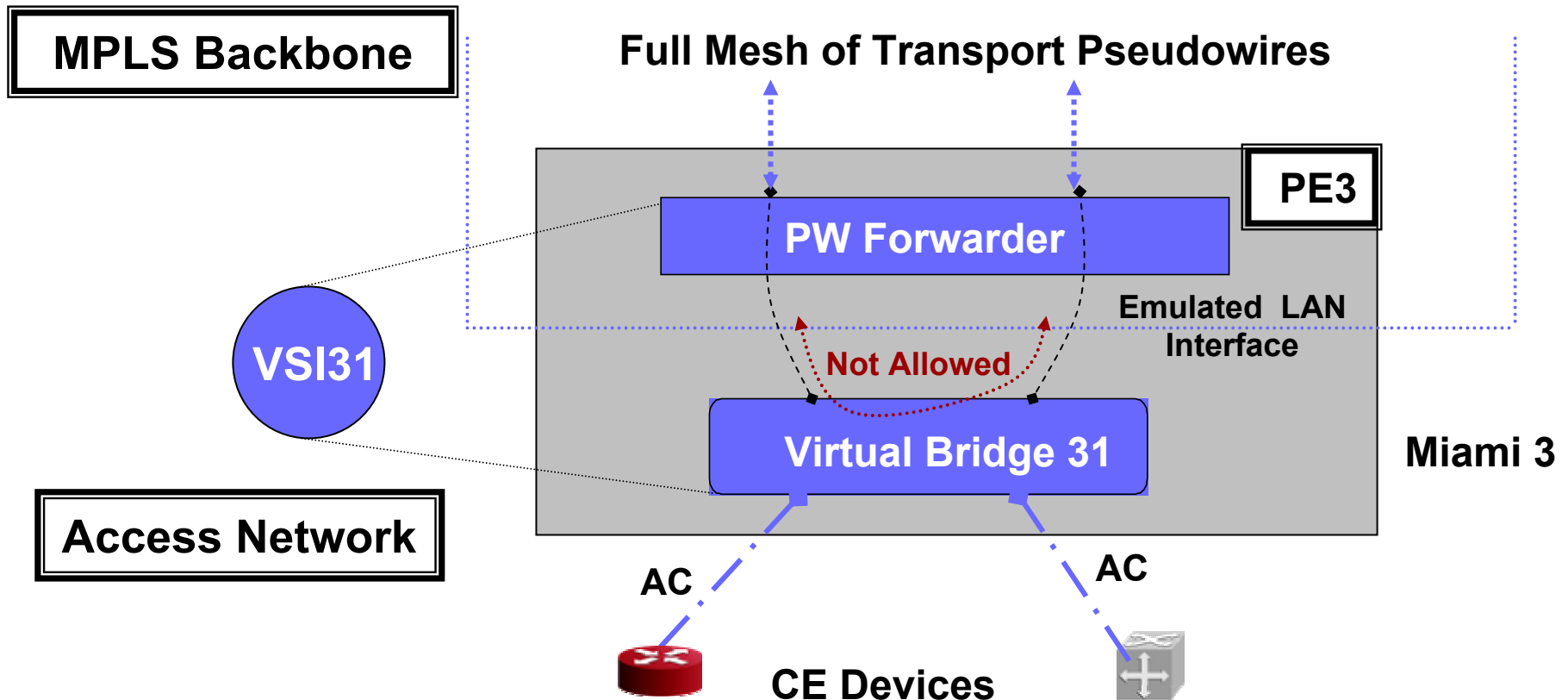
VPLS Data Plane – High Level View



Split Horizon explained in the next slide

VPLS PE Data Plane Architecture

Per VPLS Processing Entities – Split Horizon

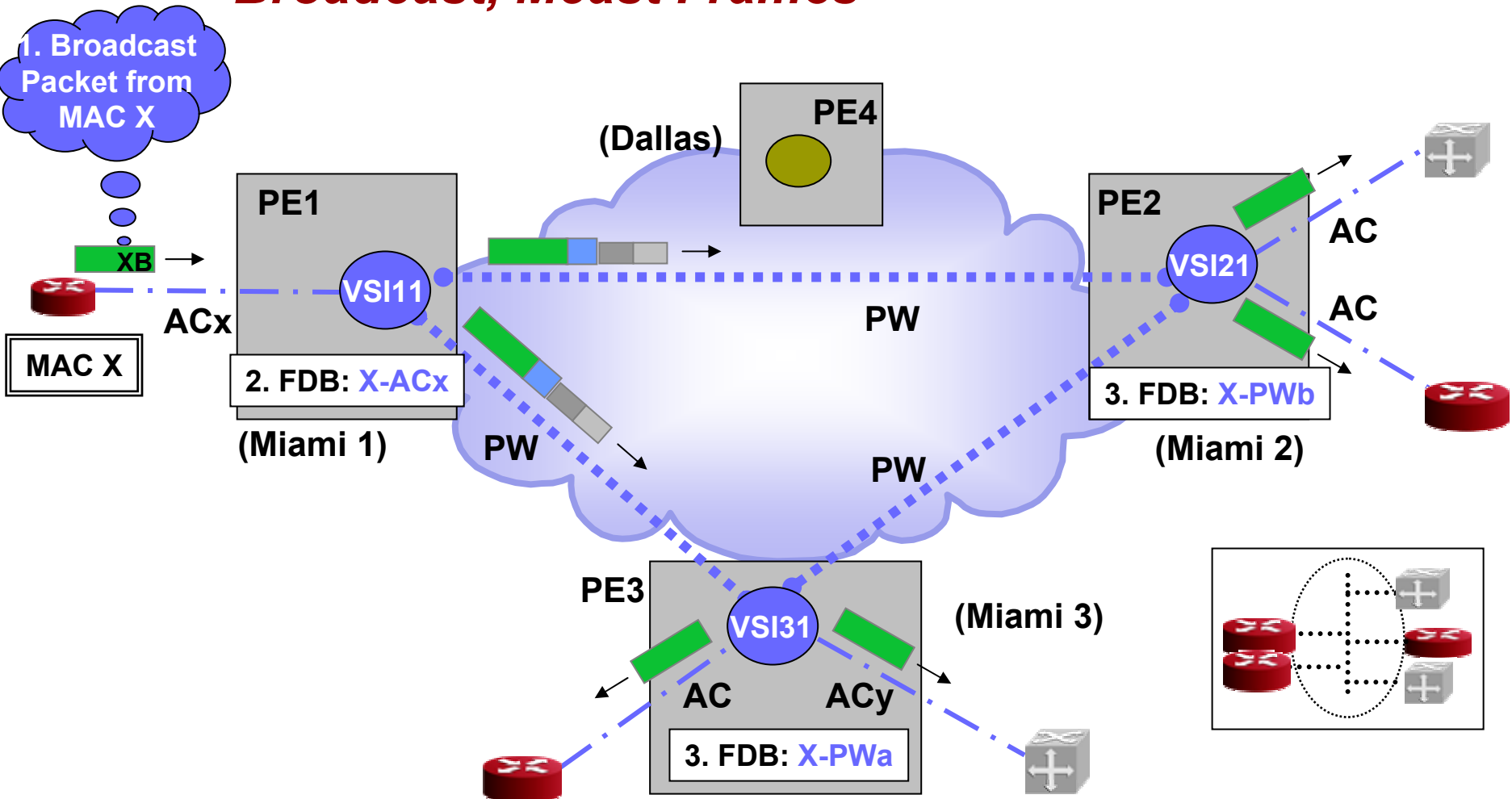


Split Horizon on each PE: do not forward between Backbone PW

- Forward just between ACs or between ACs and Backbone PWs

VPLS Data Plane – Packet Walkthrough

Broadcast, Mcast Frames

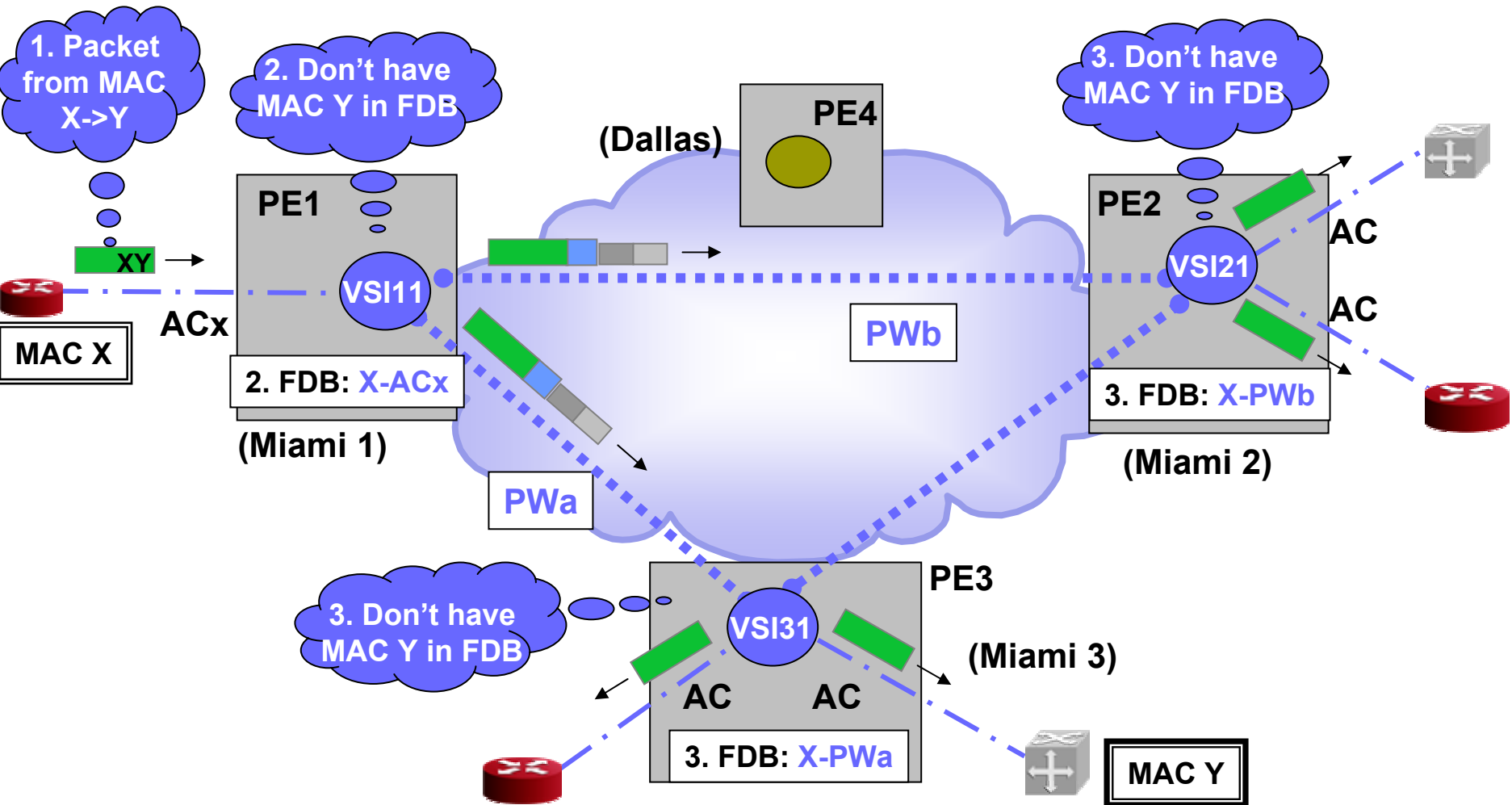


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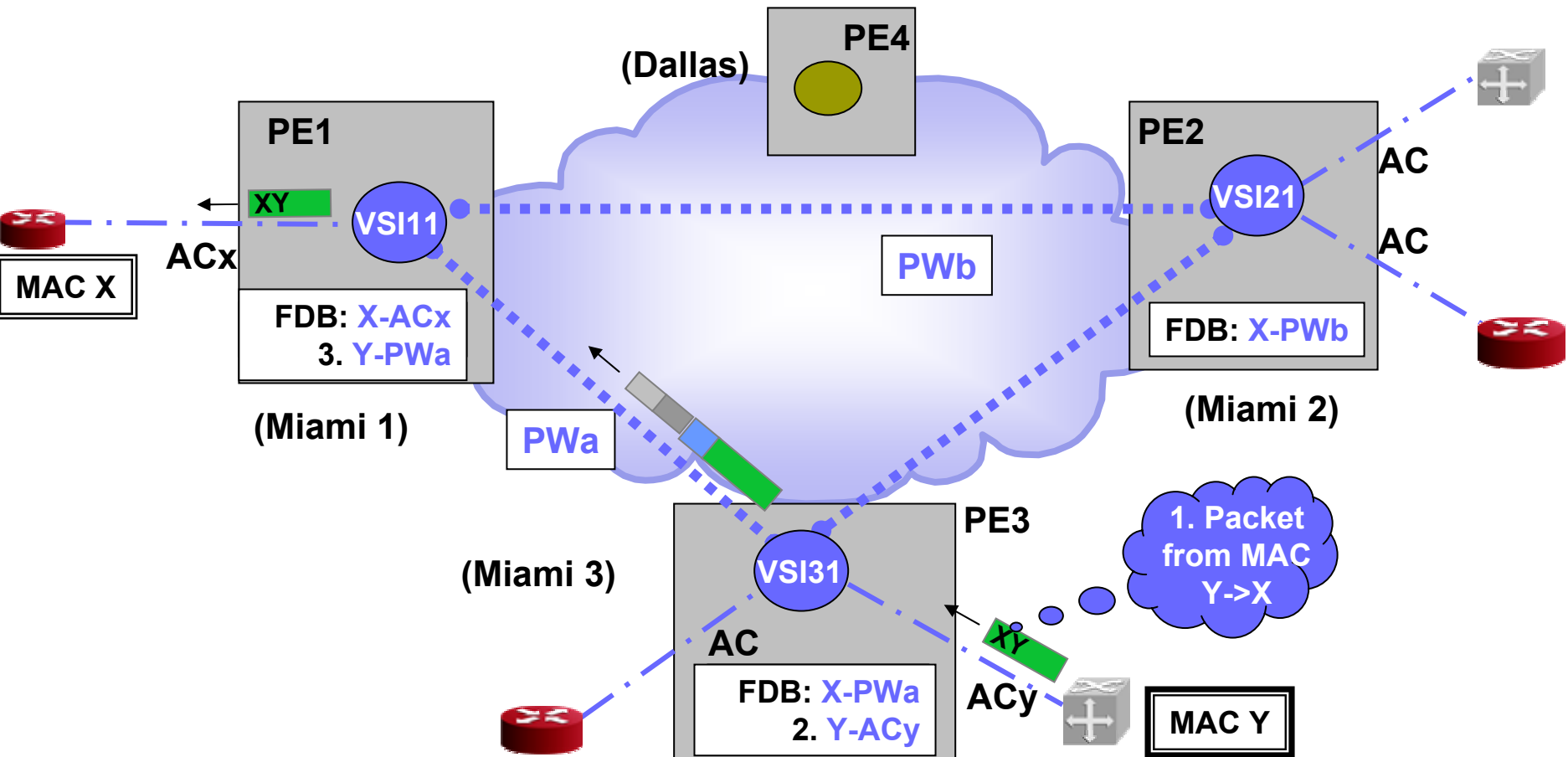


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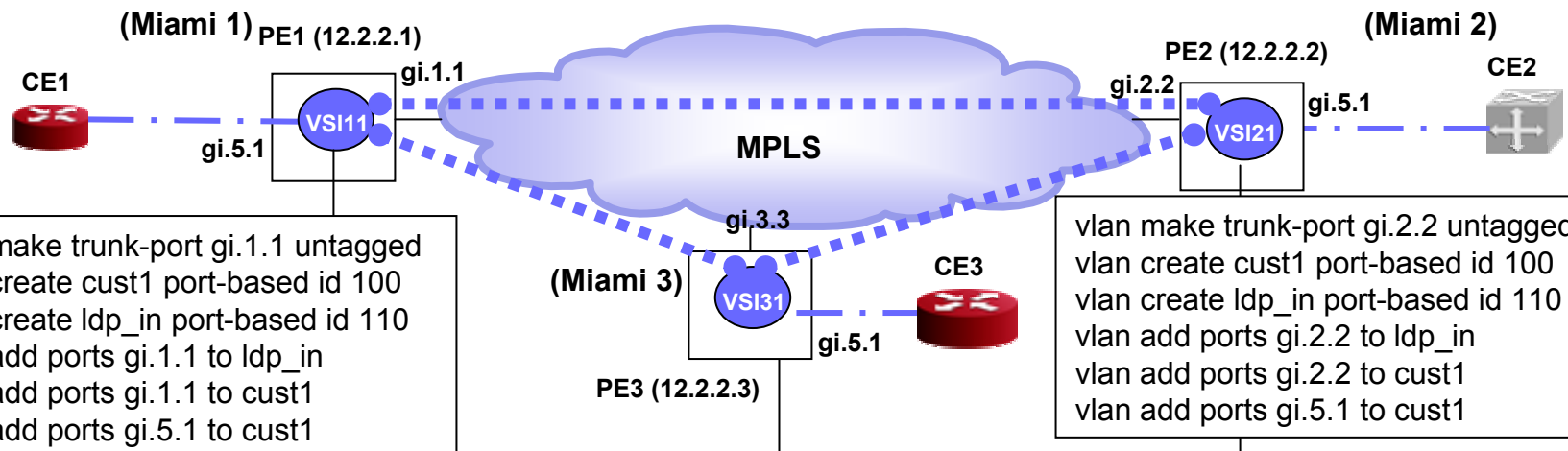
Unicast Frame – Unicast Phase



Unicast in the reverse direction is unicasted through SP Backbone

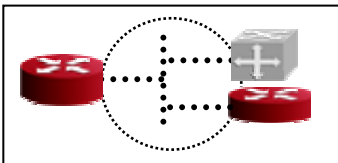
- in the same time PE2 and then PE1 learn the location of MAC Y

VPLS Configuration Example 6 – Riverstone



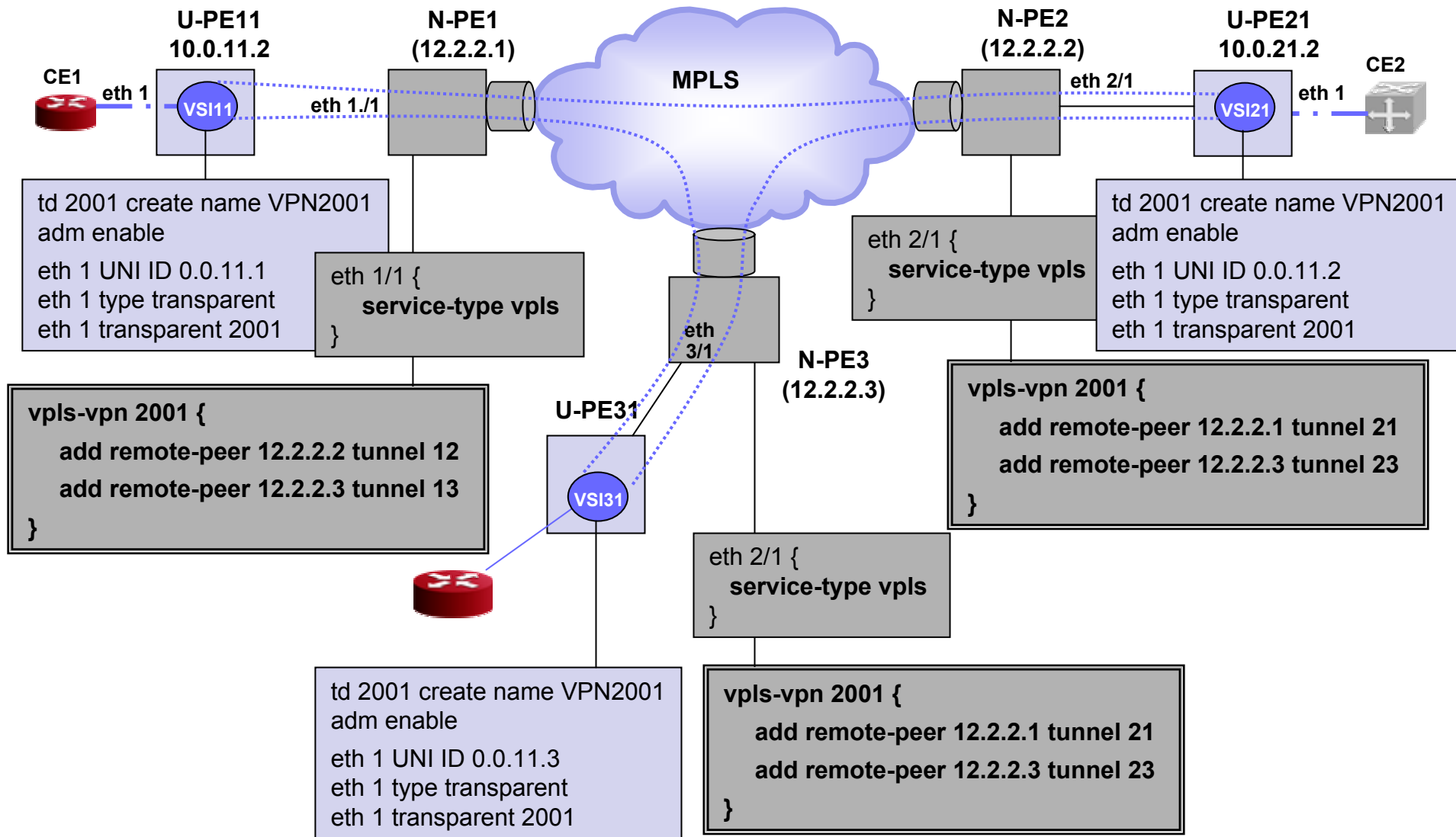
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in-port-list gi.5.1 type port-vlan
ldp add remote-peer 12.2.2.2
ldp add remote-peer 12.2.2.3
ldp connect customer-profile BLUE remote-peer 12.2.2.2
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VPLS Decoupled Model - Configuration Example 7 Nortel



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Common Building Blocks for All L2VPNs

- Information Model/Provisioning, Auto-discovery, Signaling, Data Plane

Auto-discovery - BGP seems the mechanism of choice

PW Signaling - Contention Point between BGP, LDP: LDP seems to prevail

- LDP Implementations announced by most of the Vendors
- **Gid FEC** (LDP) to be used where more addressing flexibility, functionality is required

Data Plane Encapsulation – “PWE3-style”

- Proved Interoperability of Layer 2 Point-to-point service over MPLS

Status of different Information Models/Services presented

- **Individual Pt2pt VCs**
 - Double-Sided Provisioning - **Interoperable Implementations, some deployment**
 - Single-Sided Provisioning – **Interesting applicability for Migrating L2 Legacy...**
- **Migrating Legacy L2 Services to MPLS – Possibly the Next Big Tide**
- **VPLS** – New service type, complementing existing service types (i.e. pt2pt, IPVPNs)

References

Suggested reading - IETF Drafts

Auto-discovery — draft-ietf-ppvpn-bgpvpn-auto-05.txt

Signaling - draft-ietf-l2vpn-signaling-00.txt, draft-ietf-pwe3-control-protocol-03.txt

Data Plane Encapsulation - draft-ietf-pwe3-<protocol>-encap-xx.txt

- i.e. for Ethernet would be draft-ietf-pwe3-ethernet-encap-03.txt

Information Models - draft-ietf-l2vpn-signaling-00.txt

Solutions

- draft-ietf-ppvpn-vpls-ldp-00.txt, draft-ietf-ppvpn-vpls-bgp-00.txt

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