

Metrics, Measurements and Network Model

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Performance Attributes

- **Four main components**

Mean Delay

Distance-dependent (slide 4)

Packet Loss

Delay Variation

Measured as Percentiles less Mean Delay

Unavailability (slide 5)

- **All specified one-way**
- **...with timescales**

Measurement Standardization

- **It's critical that customers can correlate and concatenate measurements across different providers**

e.g. Can't have one provider measure jitter over a month and another measure it over 15 minutes

Also important that the same start time is used for measurement intervals to allow correlation of information from different providers

- **These factors plus need for one-way delay measurement drive need for accurately synchronized clocks at measurement points**

Mean Delay (Site-to-Site)

Note: **Strawman Values Only!**

Mean Delay is a function of Distance

Categories:	Definitions	Distance baseline (km)	Min delay (ms)	Guideline Transi Delay (ms)
Metro	Within 100 km	100	0.50	5.00
Regional	Within 1000 km	1000	5.00	15.00
Continental	Within 5000 km	5000	25.00	45.00
International	Anywhere	20000	100.00	140.00

- **Guideline >> Min to allow for non-optimal fiber routes**

Unavailability Measurement - Site to Site

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- **Unavailability is significant when a human observer detects a business impacting application failure due to network loss.**
- **Indicated by excessive packet loss in close time proximity**
Network instability, transmission failures, severe congestion
- **Unavailable period starts**
First probe loss where 3 probes out of 10 lost
- **Unavailability period ends**
First successful probe where 10 consecutive probes are not lost.
- **During unavailability periods, other metrics are not included in statistics (avoids double hit)**

Service Performance Targets – Site to Site

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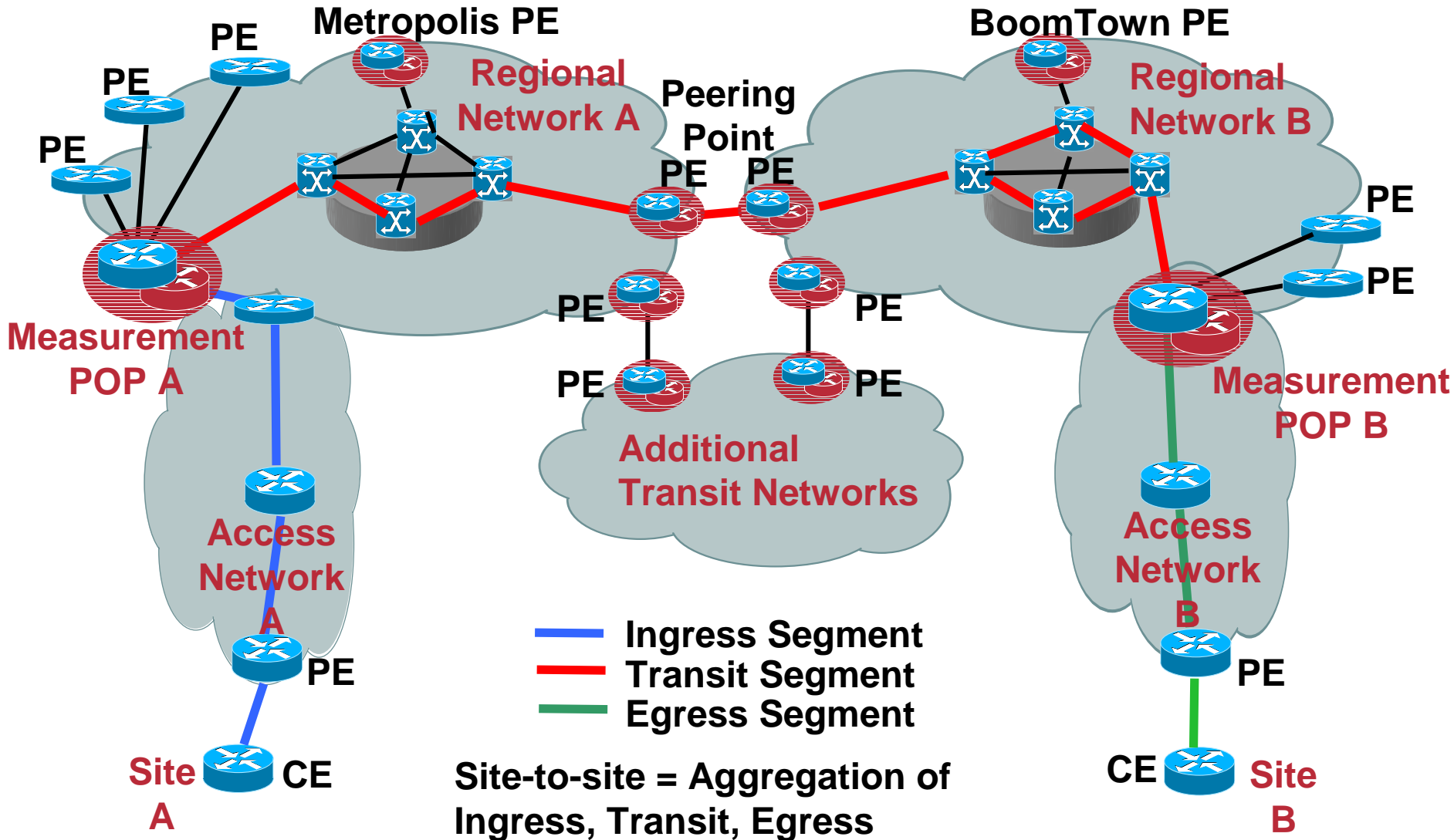
	Mean Delay	Max Delay (DETL)	DV90	DV99	DV99.9	Availability	Loss
Telephony	Distance-dependent	200ms	30ms	40ms	50ms	99.9%	0.1%
Low Latency Data	"	500ms	100ms	200ms	U	99.9%	0.5%
Multimedia Streaming	"	750ms	50ms	U	U	99.8%	0.25%
Standard	U	U	250ms	U	U	99.5%	1%

U = unspecified

Network Model

- **Driven by need to leverage active probes**
 - Imagine a full mesh of CE-CE probes – not scalable
 - Re-use of single probe for many purposes - scalable
- **General Approach**
 - Divide site-to-site performance characteristics into three segments
 - Ingress
 - Transit
 - Egress
 - “Measurement POP” = Demarcation point between Ingress, Transit and Egress

Network Model – 3 Segments



Measurement POPs

- **Dedicated Measurement Platform & accurate clock source**
- **Each SP chooses their own Measurement POPs**

Majority of the customer site's traffic passes through this POP - typically in the same City/Region as customer site

Each peering POP must also be Measurement POP

Global POPs may provide estimates for nearby prospective service

Measurement Purposes

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- **Operating** - made on an ongoing basis between MPs, PEs and CEs to monitor normal operation of the three segments along customers' data paths

E.g.. Ingress, Transit and Egress segments

- **Supporting** - may be taken continuously are used to provide information for SPs. These measurements occur in addition to Operating measurements and can be between MPs and other internal or alternate SP MPs as well as to specific devices in the local network.

E.g.. Each SPs' contribution to the Transit segment

- **Testing** - made on an exception basis following the detection of abnormal operating measurements for troubleshooting or to test a new path. In addition to Operating or Supporting measurements and are between MPs, PEs and CEs which do not have Operating or Supporting measurements being taken.

E.g.. A particular CE to CE path for a prospective customer

Enhanced UDP Echo

- **Single probe allows one SP to measure performance to another SP in both directions**
- **Enhanced UDP Echo allows one-way delay and loss measurement in both directions**

Service Class aware (DSCP, packet size)

Multiple timestamps, each end, ingress and egress

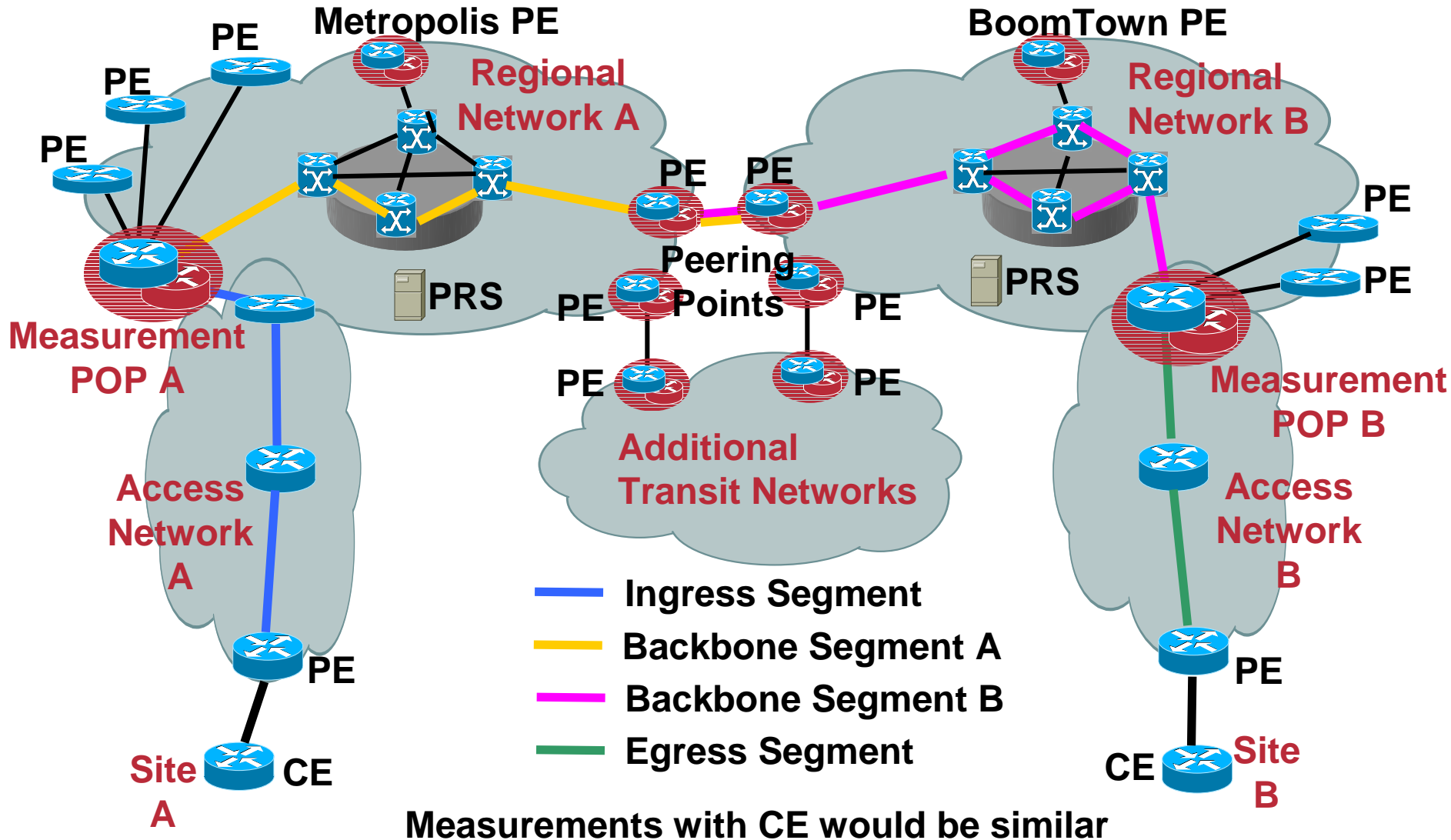
Counters for determination of loss direction

Loss of clock sync indicator

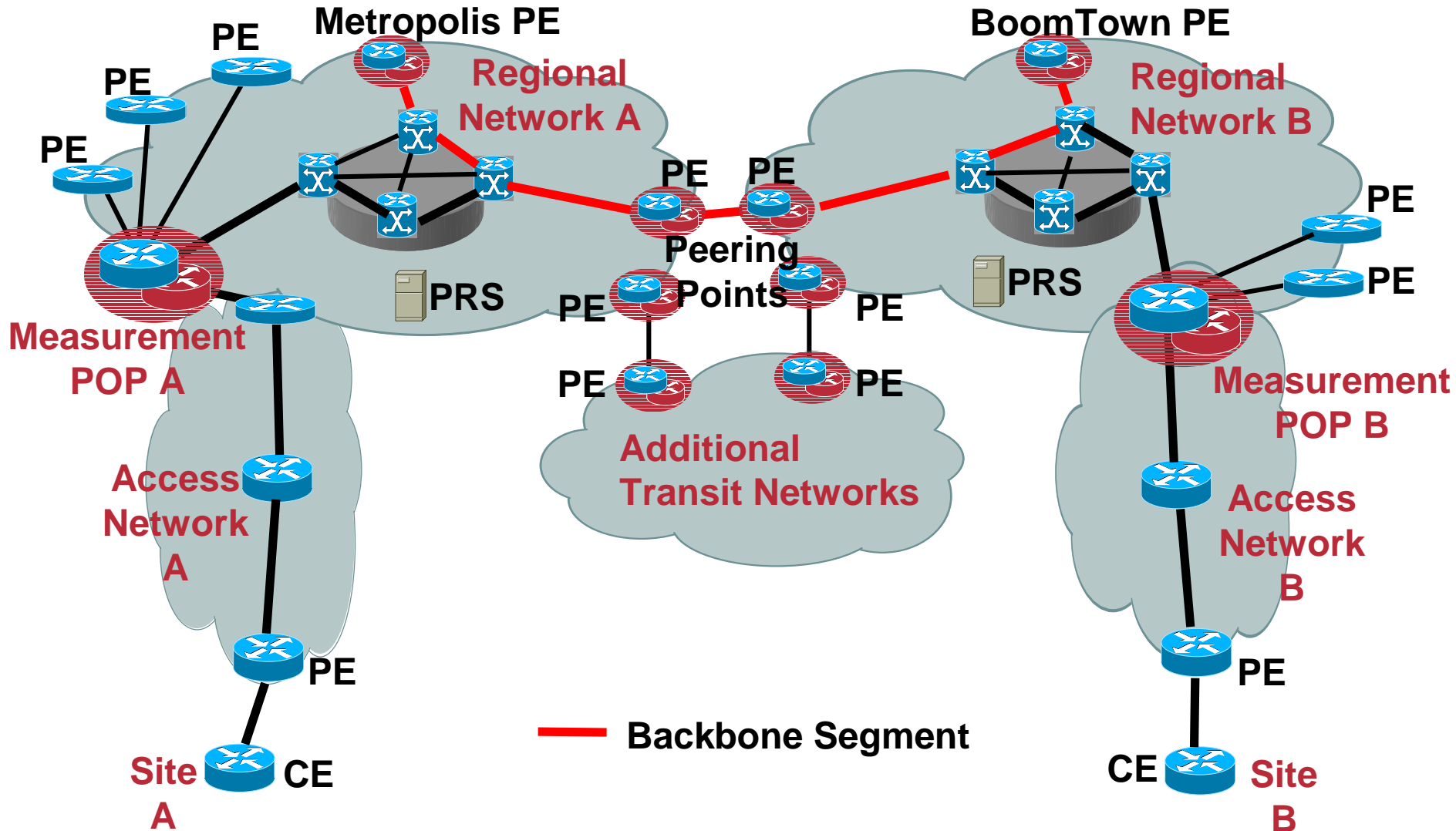
(ECMP addressing)

(Pseudo random transmission time)

Supporting Measurements



Global Measurements



Access Link Provisioning

- **CE-CE SLAs certainly more useful to customer than PE-PE**
- **Important to take account of CE-PE delay when establishing SLA**
 - e.g. running telephony at 80% of link speed will probably prevent delay & jitter targets from being met**

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