

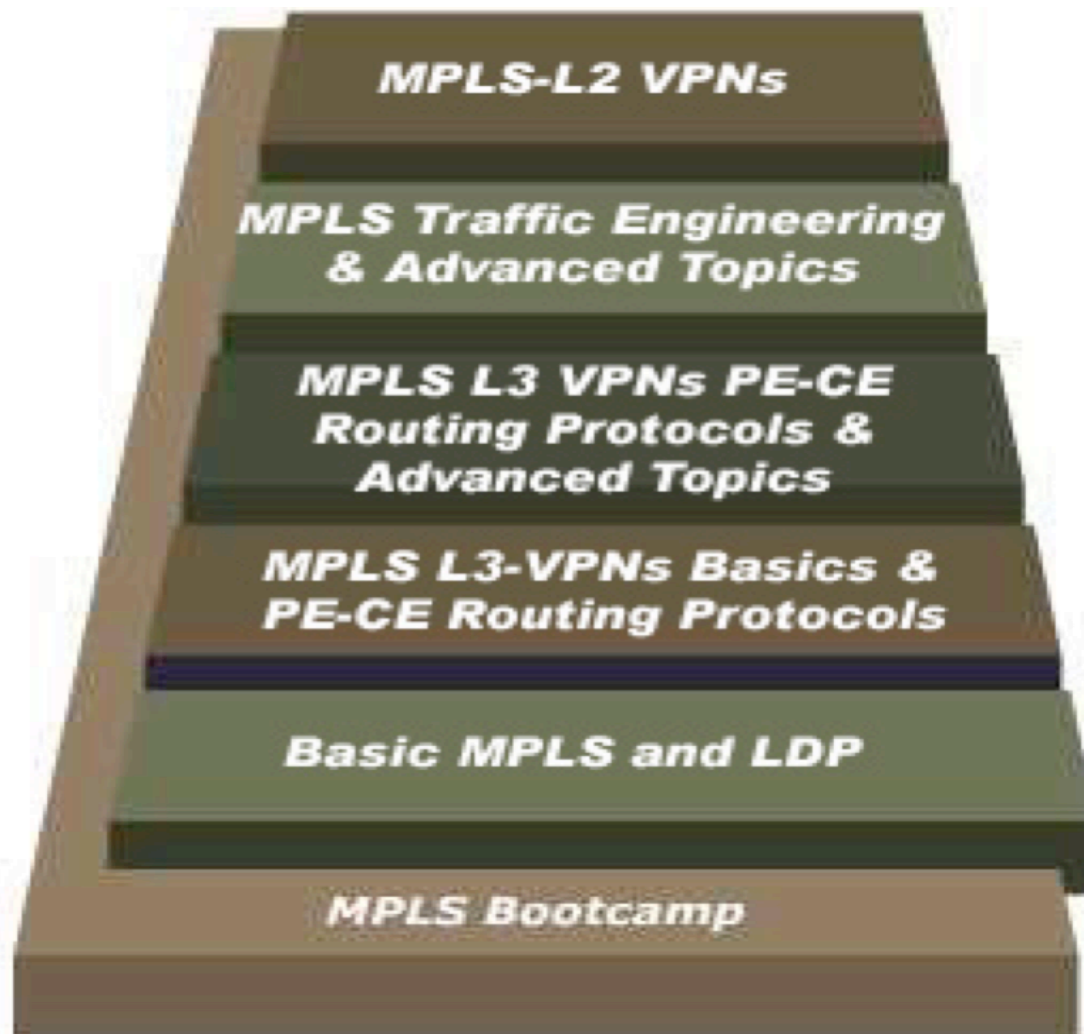


# **SANOG 14: MPLS Network Design and Deployment Workshop Agenda**

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# Workshop Structure



# Day 1 Agenda

Day 1 Modules
Why MPLS is needed ???
How labels are advertised and stored
What protocols are used to distribute labels
Lab Overview & Initial Configuration Lab
LUNCH
LDP: LDP concepts, configuration and troubleshooting
MPLS Basics Configuration Lab

## Day 2 Agenda

Day 2 Modules
<b>Basic concepts of VPNs</b> <b>MPLS L3VPNs Basic concepts</b> <b>Route Distinguisher, VRF and Route-Target</b> <b>Why MP-BGP is used between PE routers</b> <b>L3VPN concepts and configuration</b>
<b>MPLS L3 VPNs Initial Configuration Lab</b>
LUNCH
<b>PE-CE routing protocols such as static routing</b> <b>Hub and Spoke L3VPN concepts and configuration</b> <b>BGP as a PE-CE routing protocol</b>
<b>MPLS L3 VPNs PE-CE Basics Configuration Lab</b>

## Day 3 Agenda

Day 3 Modules
<b>RIP as a PE-CE protocol</b> <b>Different ways of providing Inter-AS L3VPNs</b> <b>Scalability in Inter-AS L3VPNs</b>
<b>MPLS L3 VPNs PE-CE Configuration Lab</b>
LUNCH
<b>Multi-VRF (VRF-lite) CE</b> <b>Ways of providing Internet access with L3VPNs</b> <b>MPLS L3VPN troubleshooting</b>
<b>MPLS L3 VPNs Advanced Configuration Lab</b>



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# Configuring RIP as a Routing Protocol Between PE and CE Routers

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# Outline

Configuring RIP PE-CE Routing

Avoiding Routing Loops with RIP as PE-CE Protocol

## Configuring RIP PE-CE Routing

- A routing context is configured for each VRF running RIP.
- RIP parameters have to be specified in the VRF.
- Some parameters configured in the RIP process are propagated to routing contexts (for example, RIP version).
- Only RIPv2 is supported.
- RIP may work but does not support VLSM (Variable Length Subnet Mask)



## Configuring RIP PE-CE Routing (Cont.)

### RIP Metric Propagation

```
router rip
  version 2
  address-family ipv4 vrf vrf-name
    version 2
    redistribute bgp as-number metric transparent
```

BGP routes must be redistributed back into RIP.

The RIP hop count has to be manually set for routes redistributed into RIP.

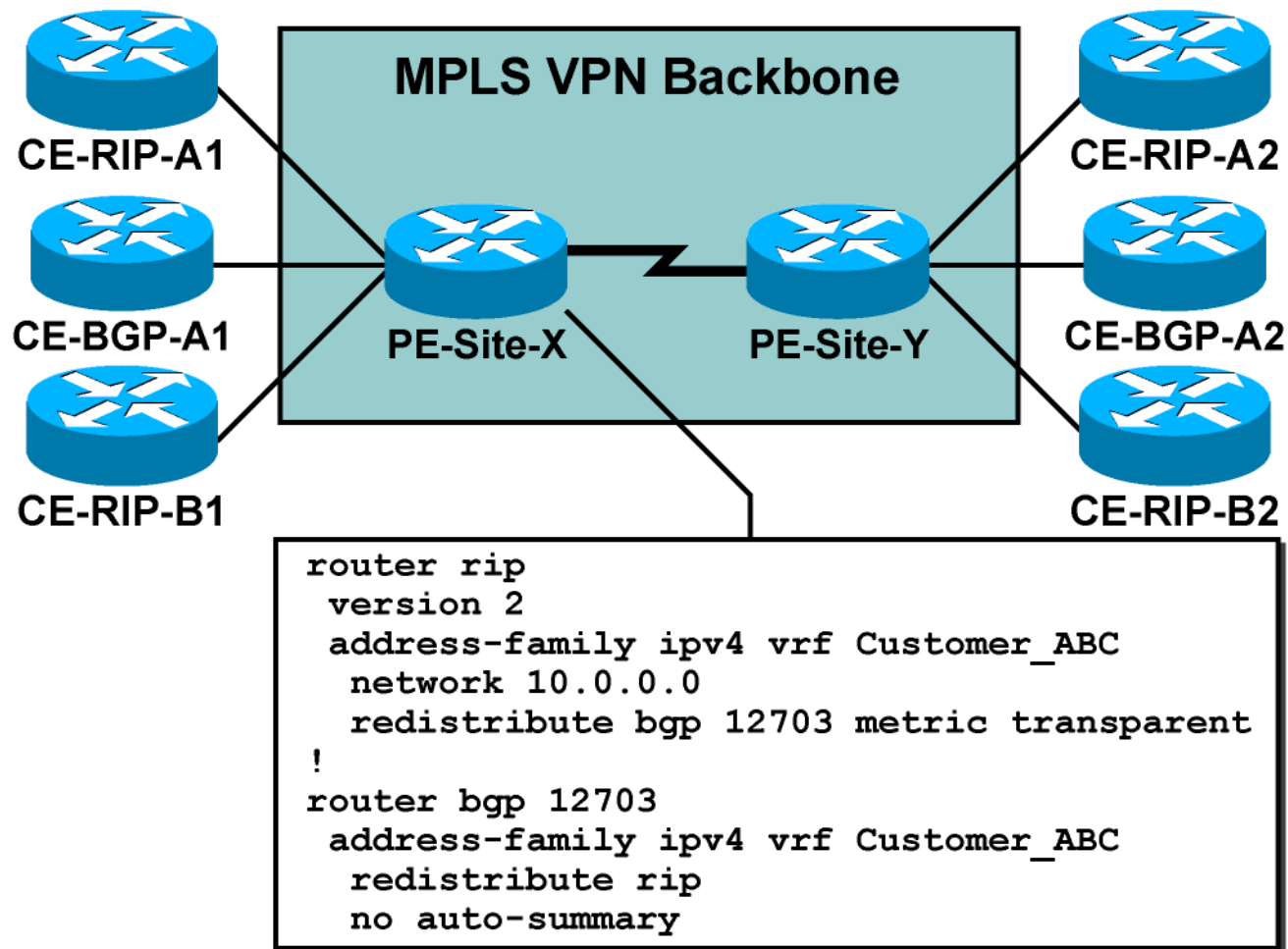
For end-to-end RIP networks, the following applies:

- On the sending end, the RIP hop count is copied into the BGP multi-exit discriminator attribute (default BGP behavior).

- On the receiving end, the metric transparent option copies the BGP MED into the RIP hop count, resulting in a consistent end-to-end RIP hop count. This hop count does not have the hops traversed via the MPLS VPN backbone

When you are using RIP with other protocols, the metric must be manually set.

## Configuring RIP PE-CE Routing (Cont.)



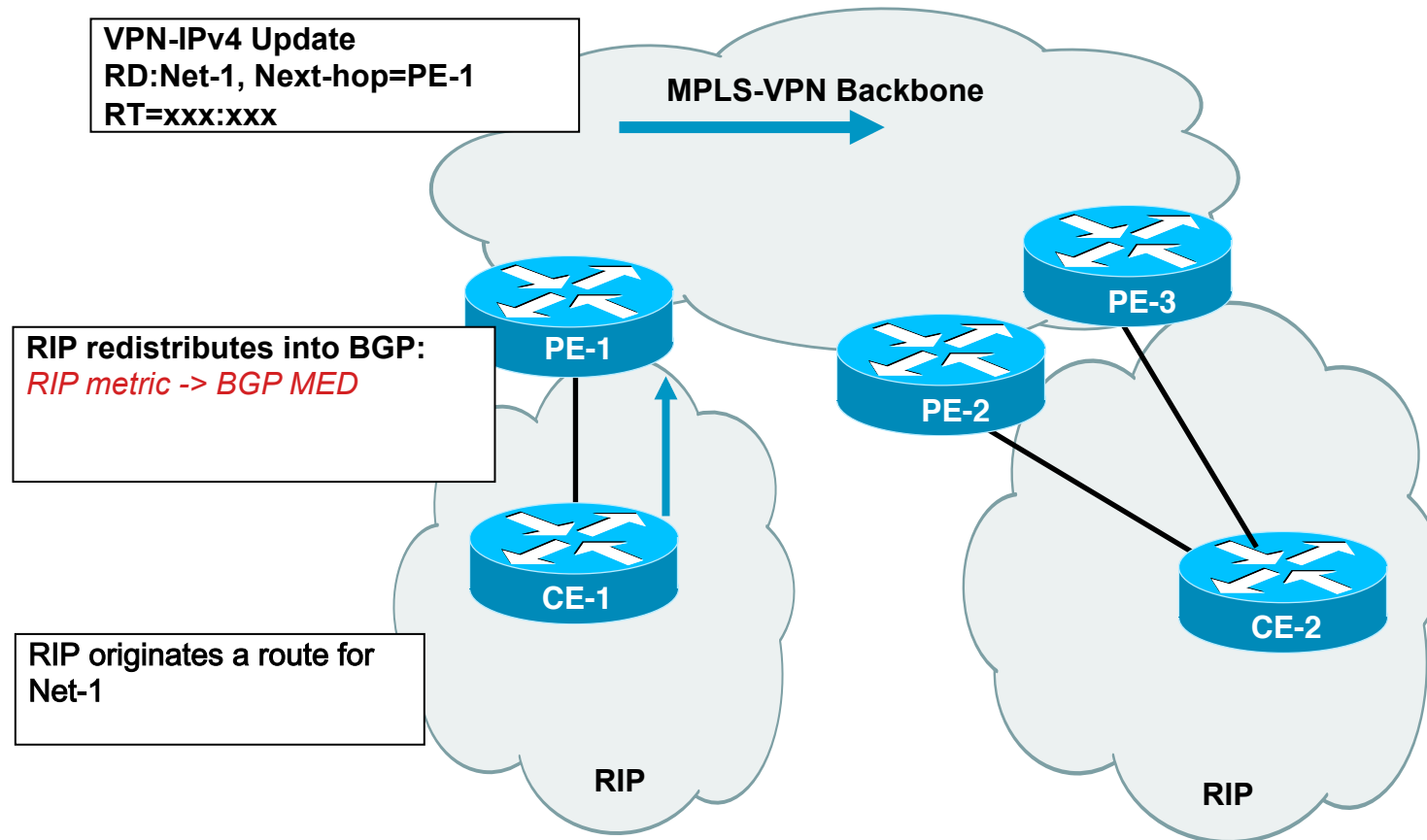
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## Loop Detection with RIP as PE-CE

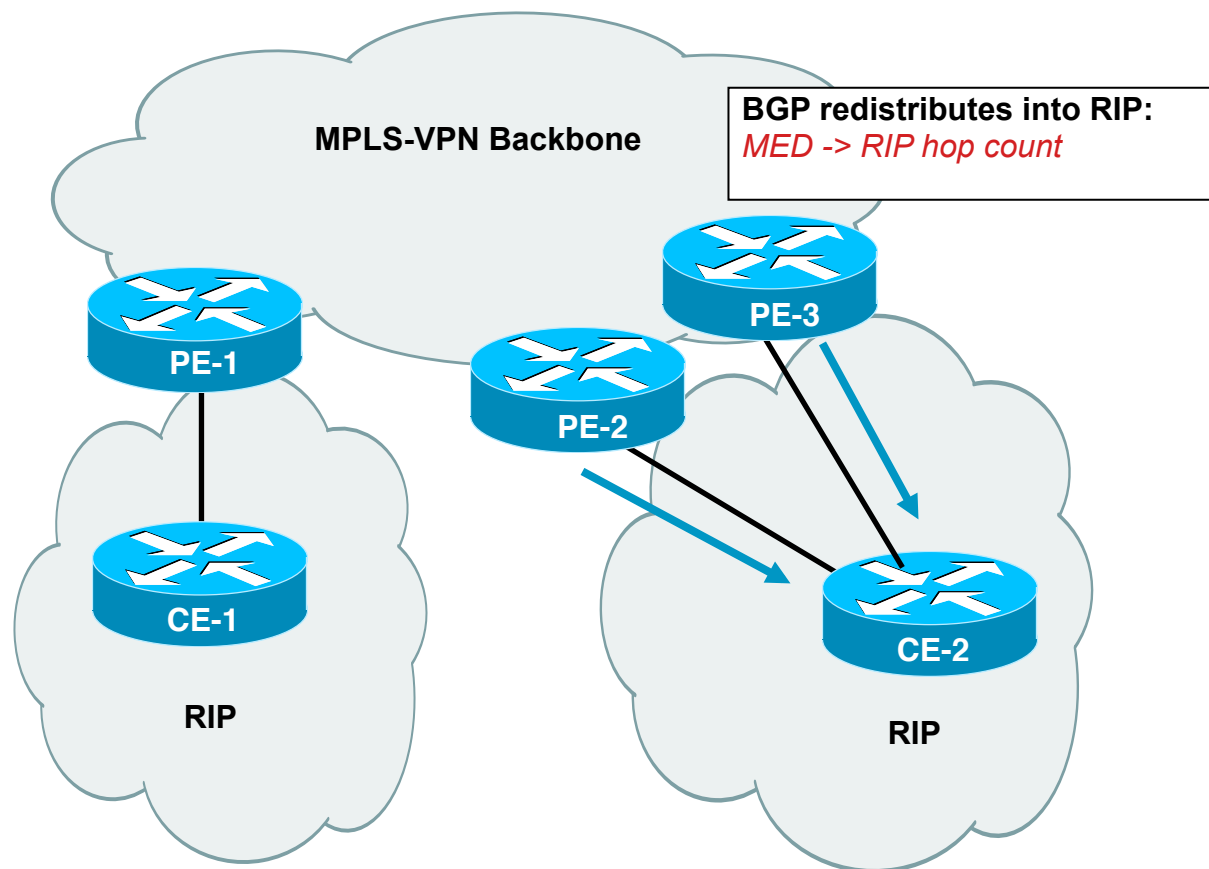
**RIP works with the following mechanisms for loop detection:**

- **Split Horizon**
- **Site Of Origin (SOO)**

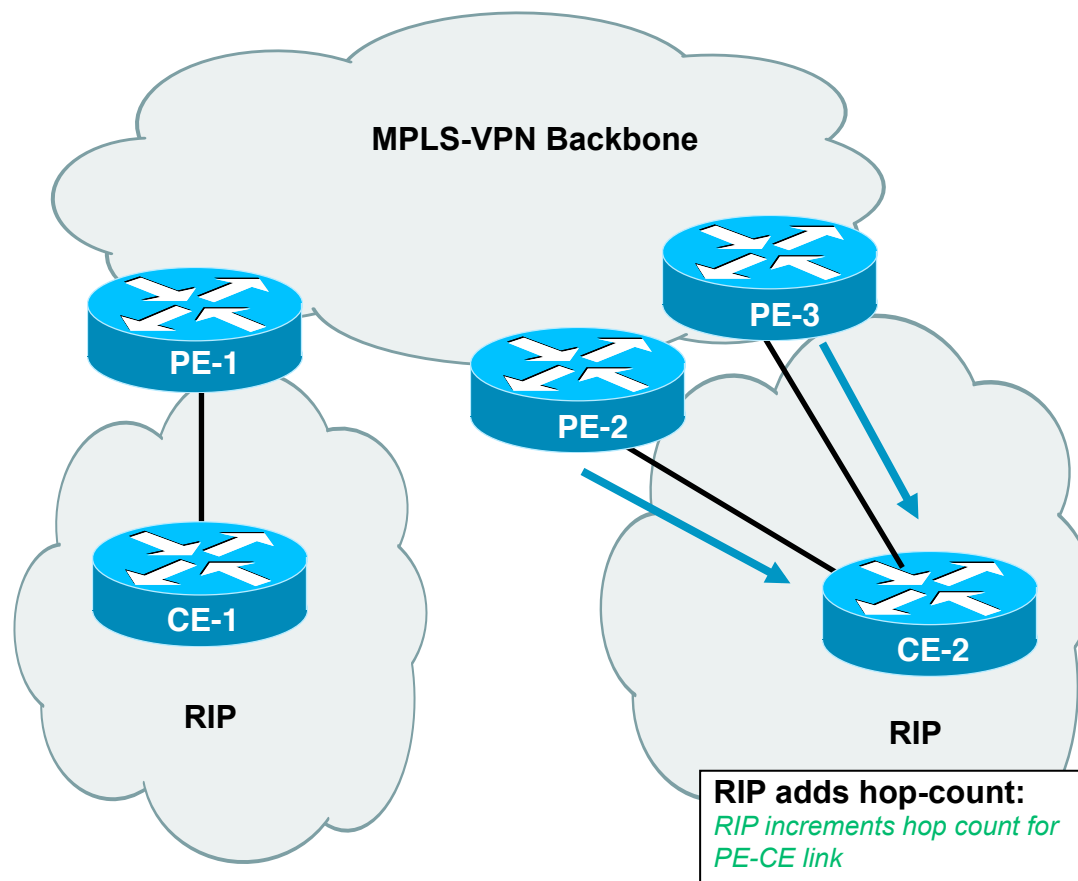
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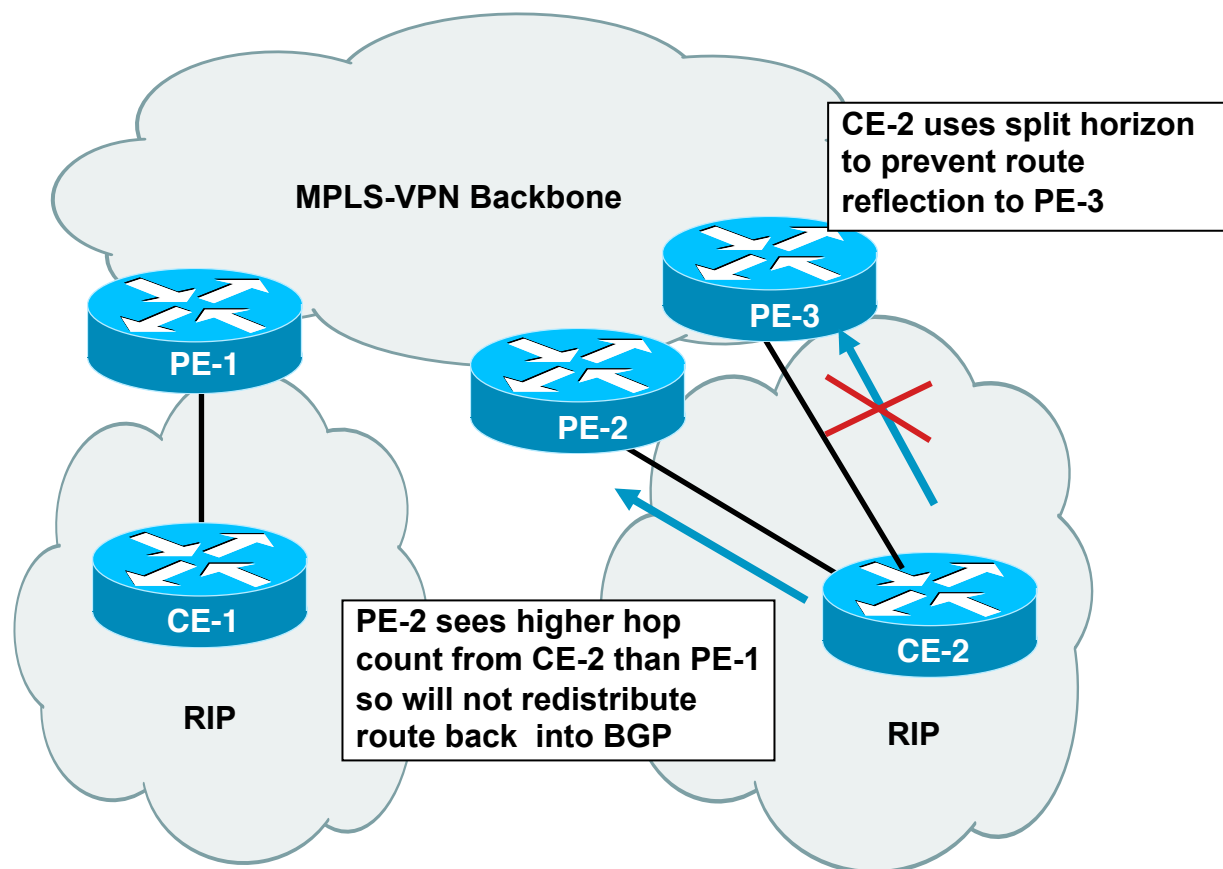
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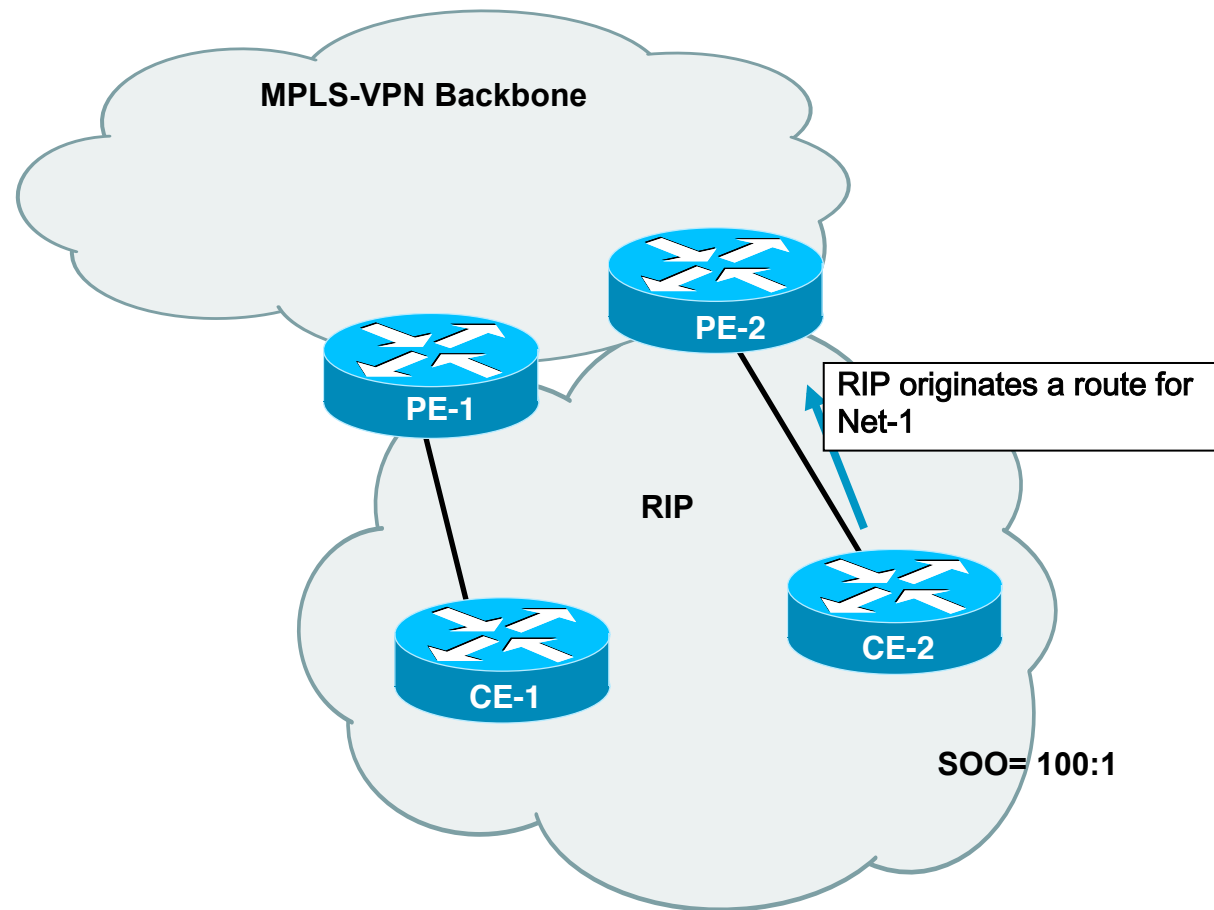
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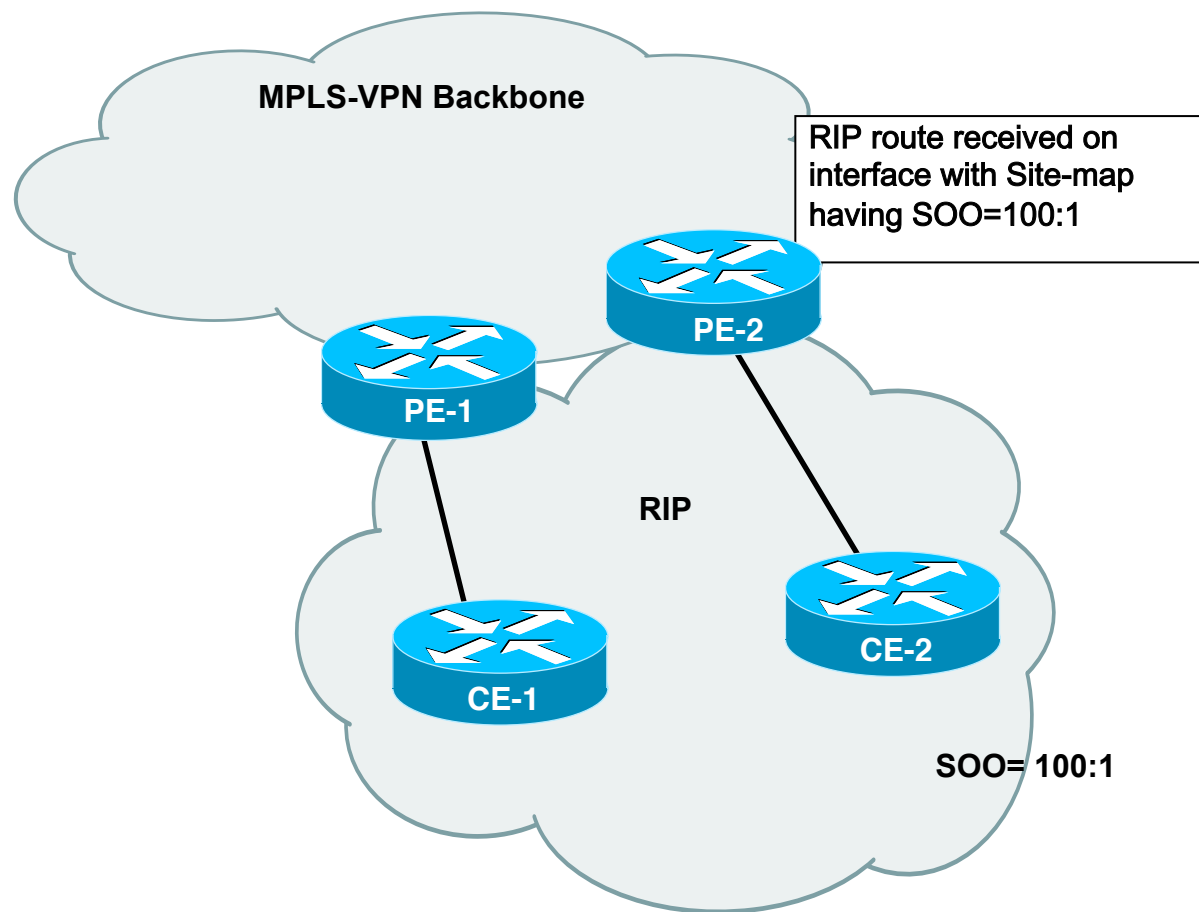


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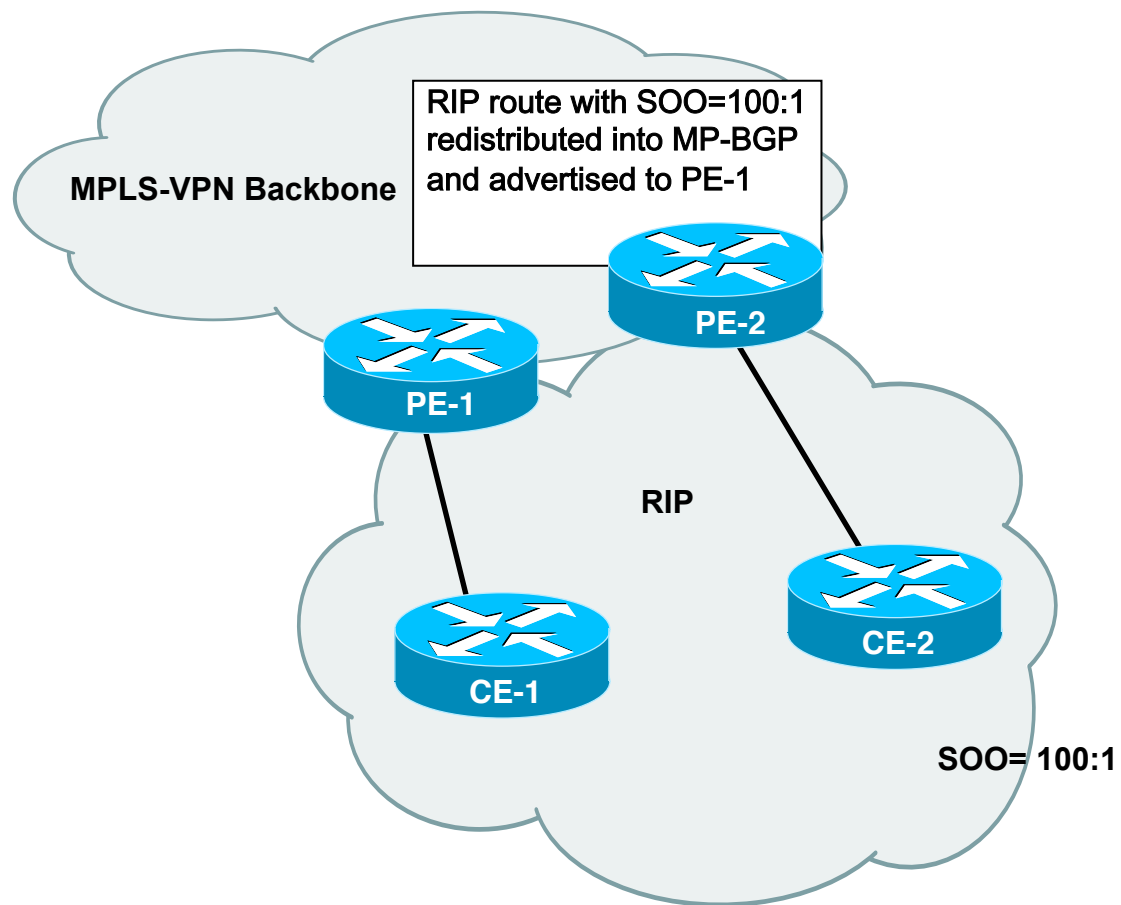




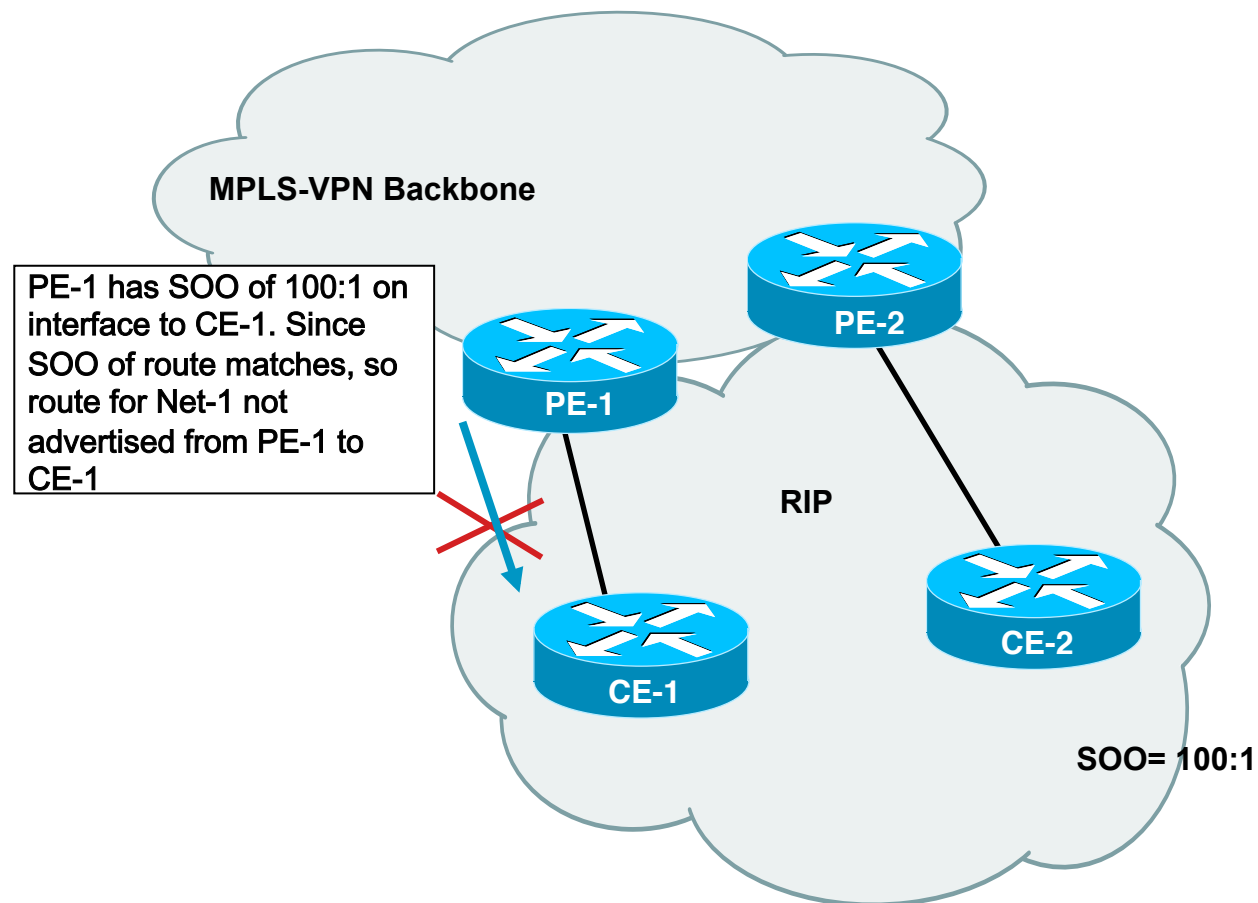
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## Summary

RIP can be used as a PE-CE routing protocol

RIP v2 should be used as it supports VLSM

RIP has loop detection mechanisms to prevent routing loops with complex connectivity models



MPLS VPN Implementation

# Troubleshooting MPLS VPN

# Outline

Overview

MPLS VPN Troubleshooting Preliminary steps

Verify the Routing Information Flow

Validating CE to PE Routing Information Flow

Validating PE to PE Routing Information Flow

Validating PE to CE Routing Information Flow

Verifying the Data Flow

Validating CEF Status

Validating the End-to-end Label Switched Path

Validating the LIB status

Lesson Summary

# Preliminary steps in MPLS VPN Troubleshooting

- Perform basic MPLS troubleshooting:

Is CEF enabled?

Are labels for IGP routes generated and propagated?

Are large labeled packets propagated across the MPLS backbone (maximum transmission unit issues)?

# Verifying the Routing Information Flow

Verify the routing information flow:

- Are CE routes received by a PE?

- Are routes redistributed into MP-BGP with proper extended communities?

- Are VPNv4 routes propagated to other PE routers?

- Is the BGP route selection process working correctly?

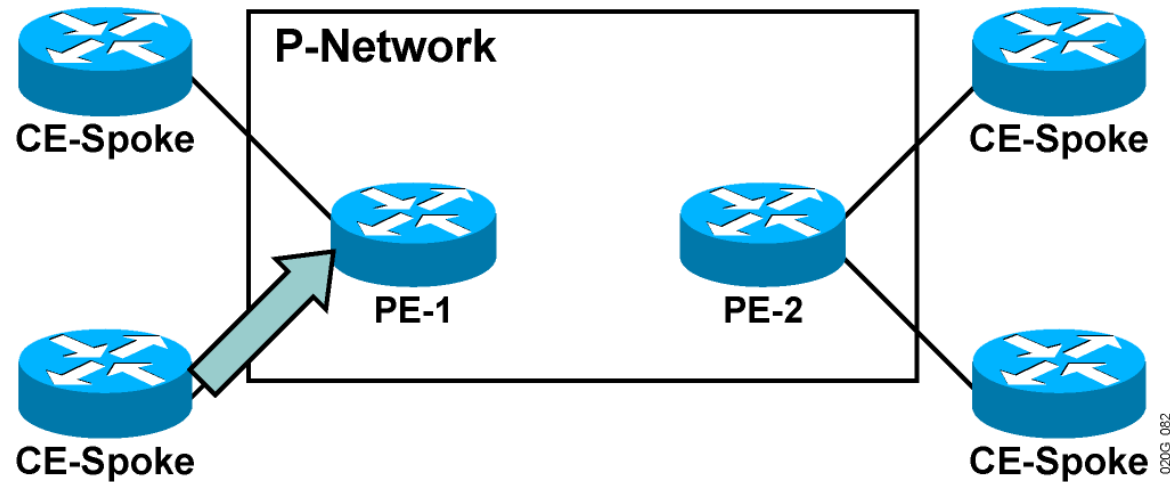
- Are VPNv4 routes inserted into VRFs on other PE routers?

- Are VPNv4 routes redistributed from BGP into the PE-CE routing protocol?

- Are IPv4 routes propagated to other CE routers?



## Validating CE-to-PE Routing Information Flow

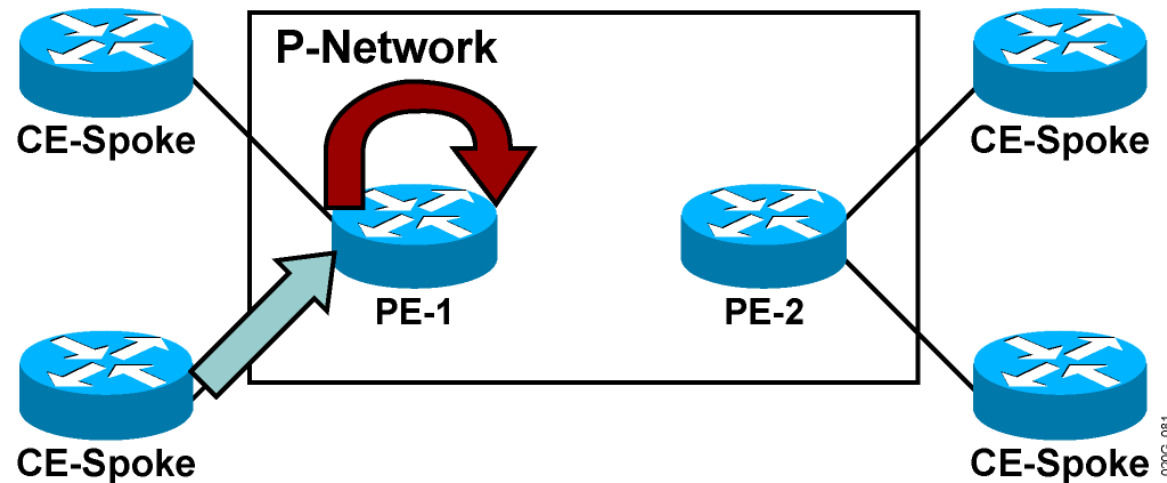


- Are CE routes received by PE?

Verify with `show ip route vrf vrf-name` on PE-1.

Perform traditional routing protocol troubleshooting if needed.

# Validating PE-to-PE Routing Information Flow

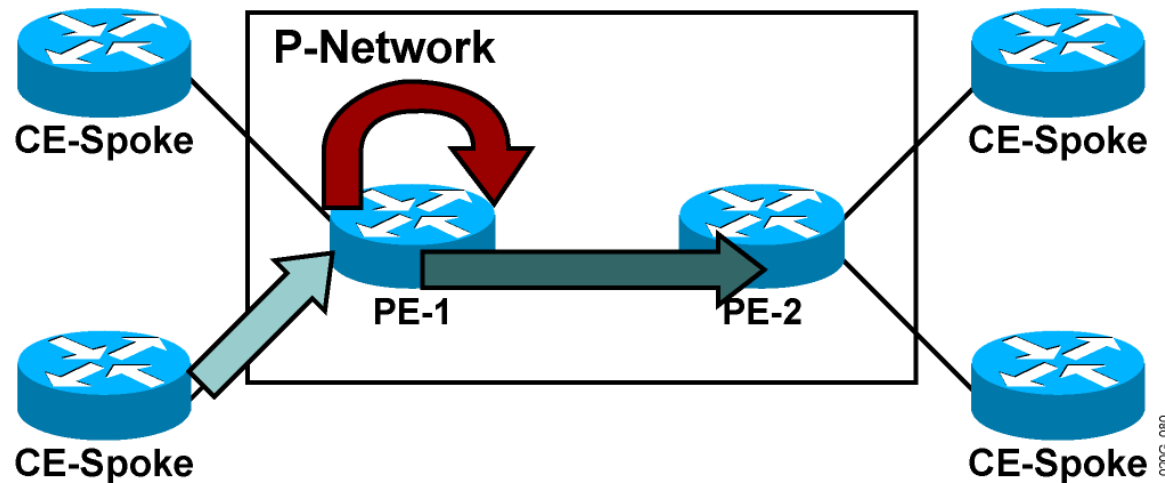


- Are routes redistributed into MP-BGP with proper extended communities?

Verify with `show ip bgp vpnv4 vrf vrf-name ip-prefix` on PE-1.

Troubleshoot with `debug ip bgp` commands.

## Validating PE-to-PE Routing Information Flow (Cont.)

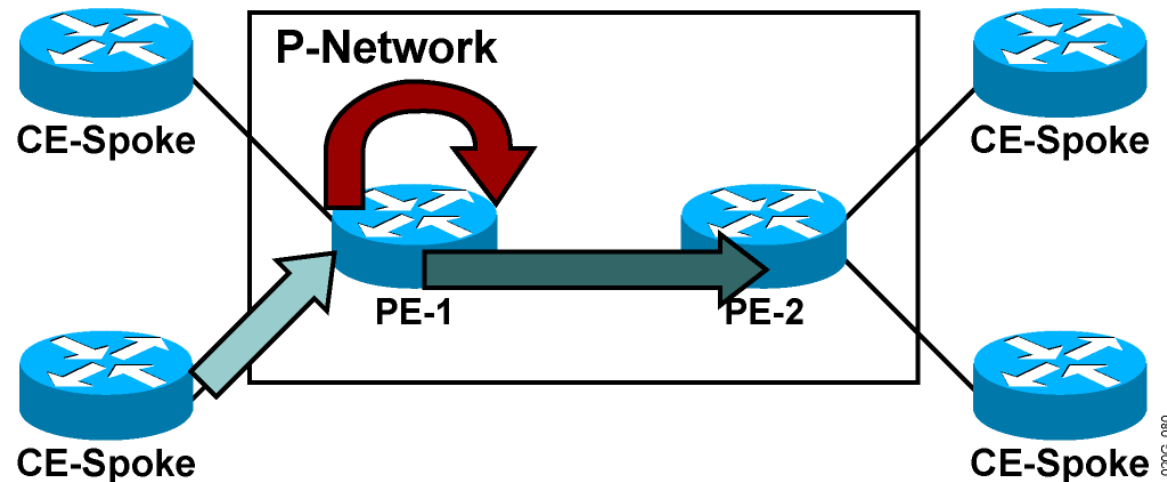


- Are VPNv4 routes propagated to other PE routers?

Verify with `show ip bgp vpnv4 all ip-prefix/length`.

Troubleshoot PE-to-PE connectivity with traditional BGP troubleshooting tools.

## Validating PE-to-PE Routing Information Flow (Cont.)



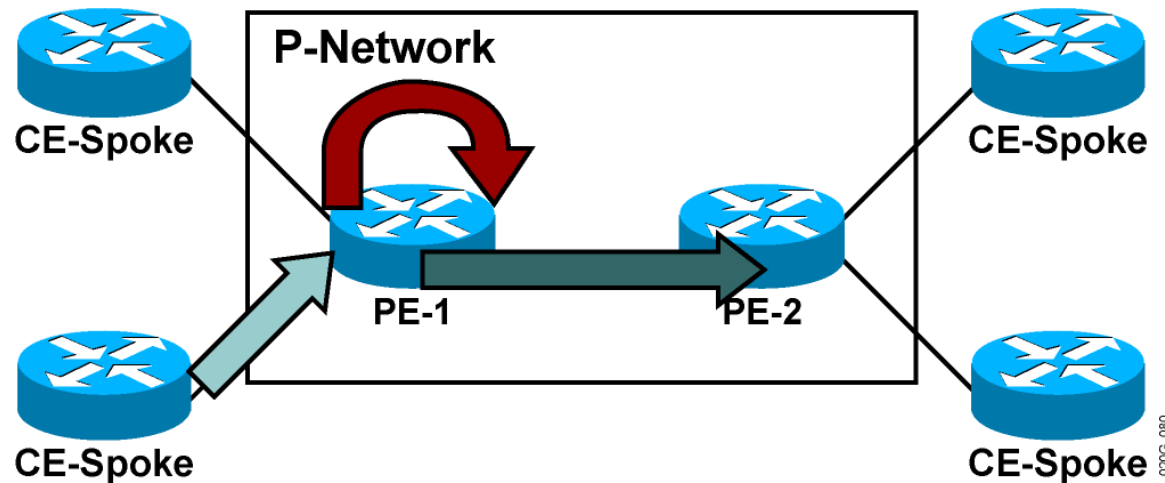
- Is the BGP route selection process working correctly on PE-2?

Verify with `show ip bgp vpnv4 vrf vrf-name ip-prefix`.

Change local preference or weight settings if needed.

**Do not change MED if you are using IGP-BGP redistribution on PE-2.**

## Validating PE-to-PE Routing Information Flow (Cont.)



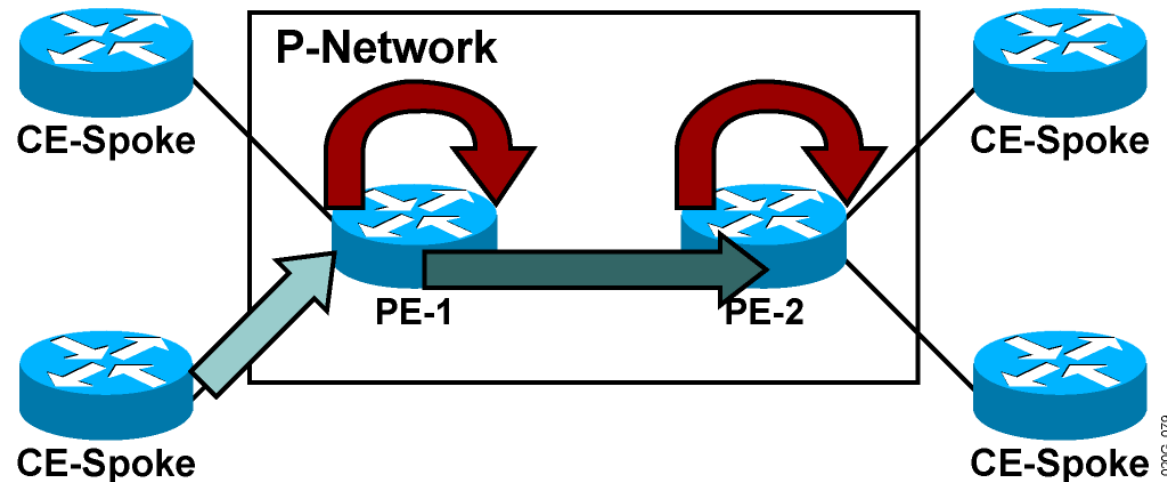
- Are VPNv4 routes inserted into VRFs on PE-2?

Verify with `show ip route vrf`.

Troubleshoot with `show ip vrf detail`.

Perform additional BGP troubleshooting if needed.

## Validating PE-to-PE Routing Information Flow (Cont.)

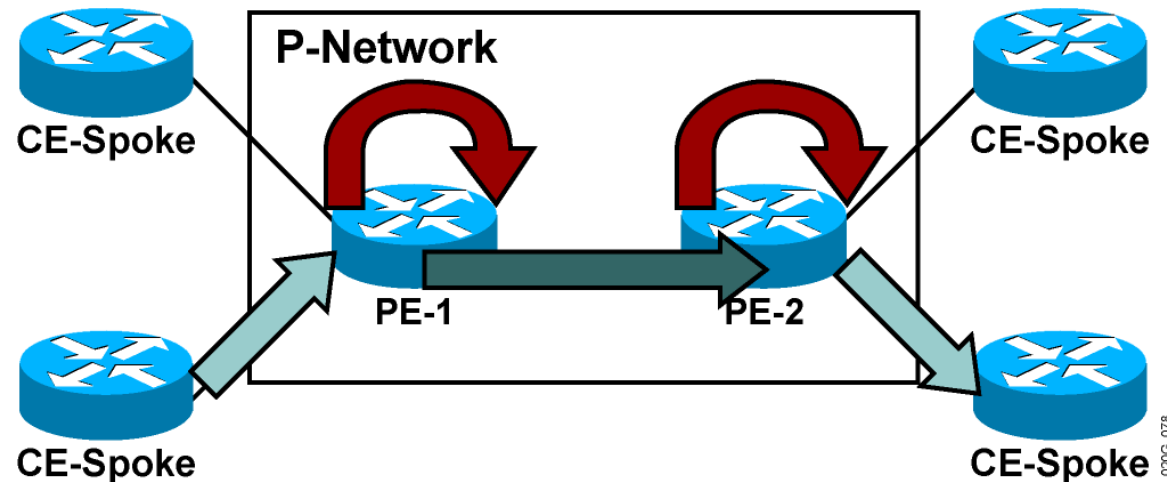


- Are VPNv4 routes redistributed from BGP into the PE-CE routing protocol?

Verify redistribution configuration—is the IGP metric specified?

Perform traditional routing protocol troubleshooting.

# Validating PE-to-CE Routing Information Flow



- Are VPNv4 routes propagated to other CE routers?  
Verify with `show ip route` on CE Spoke.  
Alternatively, does CE Spoke have a default route toward PE-2?  
Perform traditional routing protocol troubleshooting if needed.

# Verifying the Data Flow

Verify proper data flow:

Is CEF enabled on the ingress PE router interface?

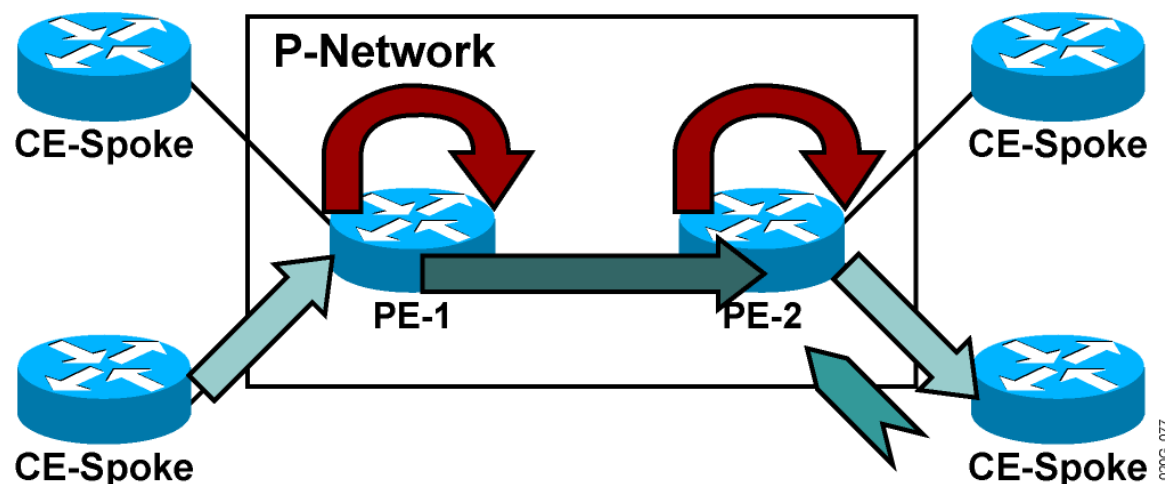
Is the CEF entry correct on the ingress PE router?

Is there an end-to-end label switched path tunnel (LSP tunnel) between PE routers?

Is the LFIB entry on the egress PE router correct?



## Validating CEF Status



- Is CEF enabled on the ingress PE router interface?

Verify with `show cef interface`.

MPLS VPN needs CEF enabled on the ingress PE router interface for proper operation.

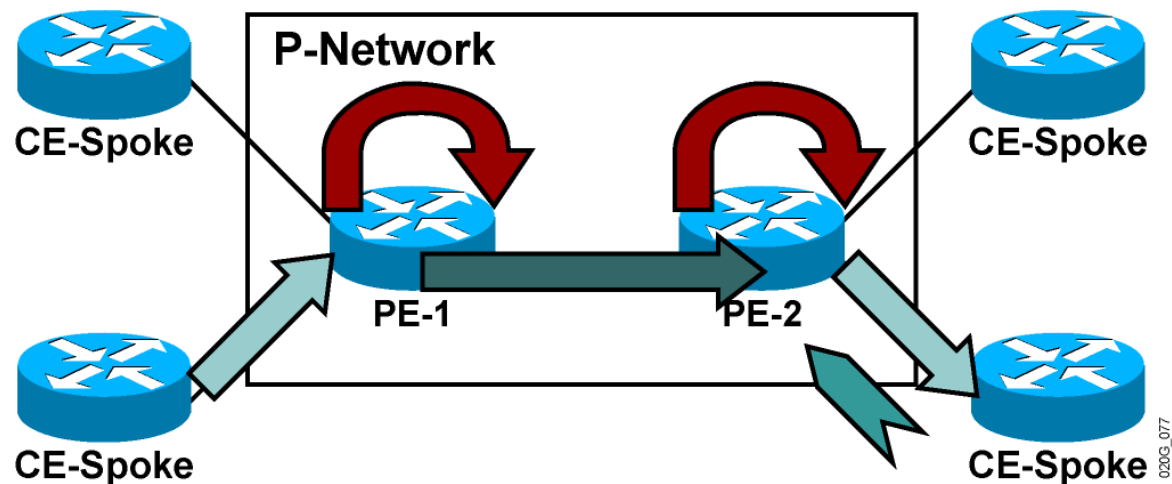
CEF might become disabled because of additional features deployed on the interface.

## Validating CEF Status (Cont.)

### show cef interface

```
Router#show cef interface serial 1/0.20
Serial1/0.20 is up (if number 18)
Internet address is 150.1.31.37/30
ICMP redirects are always sent
Per packet loadbalancing is disabled
IP unicast RPF check is disabled
Inbound access list is not set
Outbound access list is not set
IP policy routing is disabled
Interface is marked as point to point interface
Hardware idb is Serial1/0
Fast switching type 5, interface type 64
IP CEF switching enabled
IP CEF VPN Fast switching turbo vector
VPN Forwarding table "SiteA2"
Input fast flags 0x1000, Output fast flags 0x0
ifindex 3(3)
Slot 1 Slot unit 0 VC -1
Transmit limit accumulator 0x0 (0x0)
IP MTU 1500
```

## Validating CEF Status (Cont.)

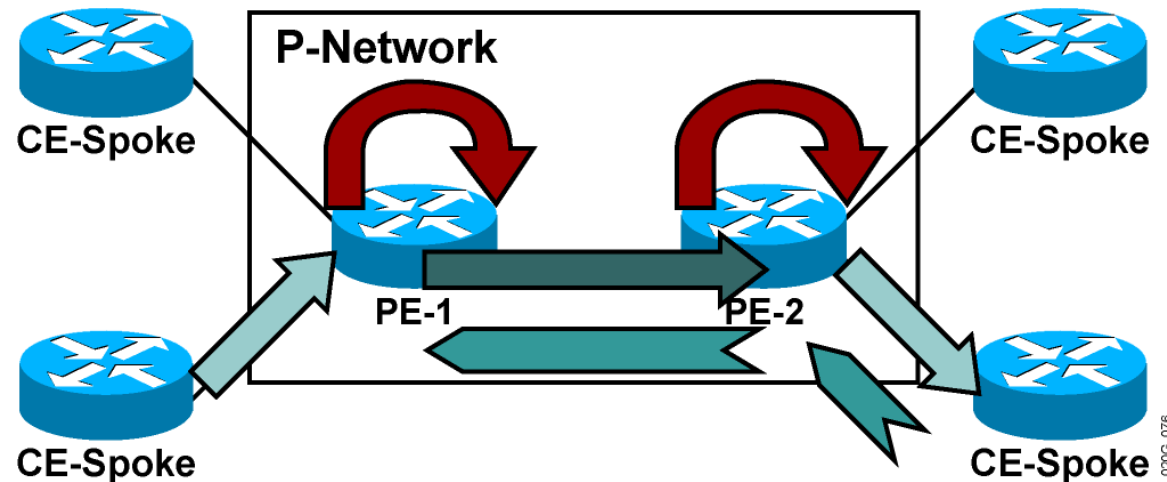


- Is the CEF entry correct on the ingress PE router?

Display the CEF entry with `show ip cef vrf vrf-name ip-prefix/length` detail.

Verify the label stack in the CEF entry.

# Validating the End-to-End Label Switched Path



- Is there an end-to-end label switched path tunnel (LSP tunnel) between PE routers?

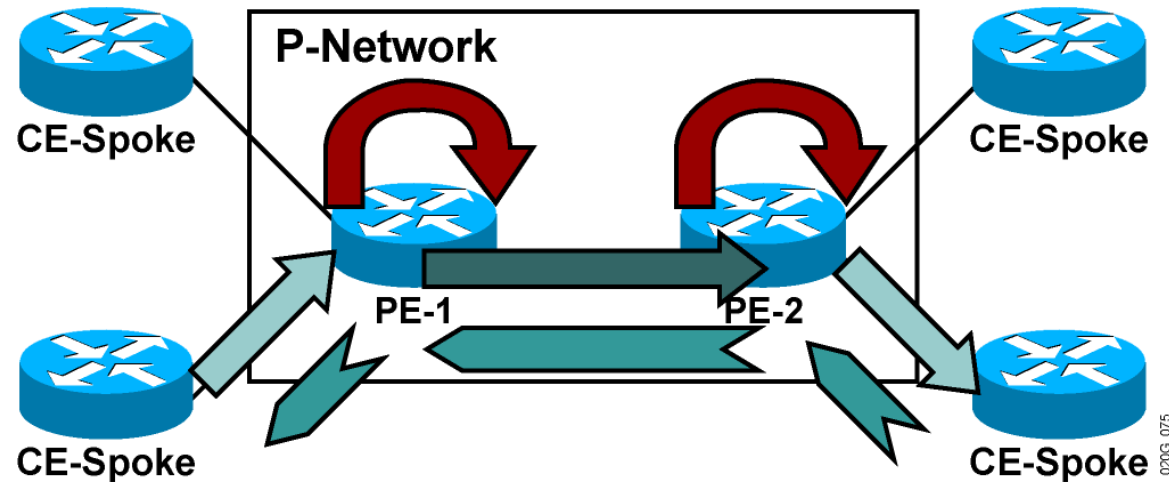
Check summarization issues—BGP next hop should be reachable as host route.

**Quick check**—if time-to-live (TTL) propagation is disabled, the trace from PE-2 to PE-1 should contain only one hop.

If needed, check LFIB values hop by hop.

Check for MTU issues on the path—MPLS VPN requires a larger label header than pure MPLS.

## Validating the LFIB Status



- Is the LFIB entry on the egress PE router correct?

Find out the second label in the label stack on PE-2 with `show ip cef vrf vrf-name ip-prefix detail`.

Verify correctness of LFIB entry on PE-1 with `show mpls forwarding vrf vrf-name value detail`.

## Summary

MPLS troubleshooting can be divided into two main steps:

- Verify routing information flow

- Verify proper data flow

Routing information flow troubleshooting requires verification of end-to-end routing information propagation between CE routers.

Verification of the routing information flow should be done systematically, starting at the routing ingress CE and moving to the egress CE.

Verification of the data flow should be done systematically, starting at the data flow ingress CE and moving to the egress CE.



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## Multi-VRF CE (aka VRF-lite)

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# Agenda

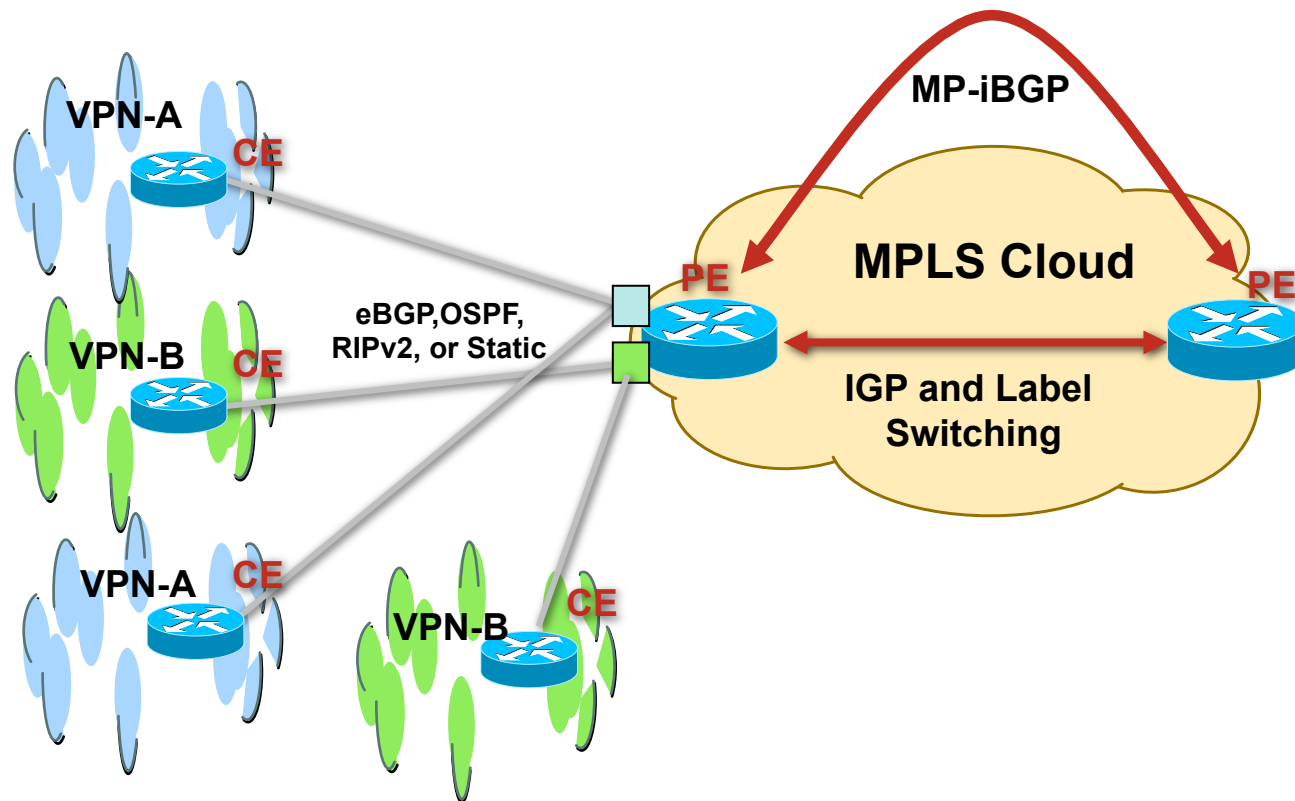
- What is Multi-VRF/VRF Lite?
- Applications
- Implementation Example
- Limitations
- OSPF “capability vrf-lite”
- Conclusion



## What is Multi-VRF CE?

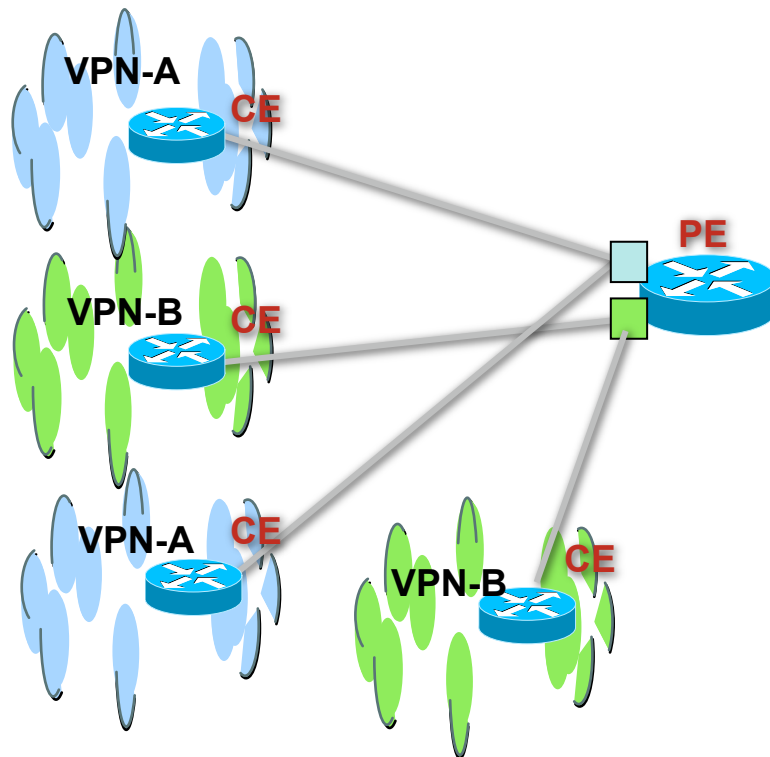
- Multi-VRF CE architecture uses the VRF concept to support multiple (overlapping and independent) routing tables (and forwarding tables) per customer
- Not a feature but an application based on VRF implementation
- Any routing protocol supported by normal VRF can be used in a Multi-VRF CE implementation
- The CE supports traffic separation between customer networks
- There is no MPLS functionality on the CE, no label exchange between the CE and PE

# What is Multi-VPN PE



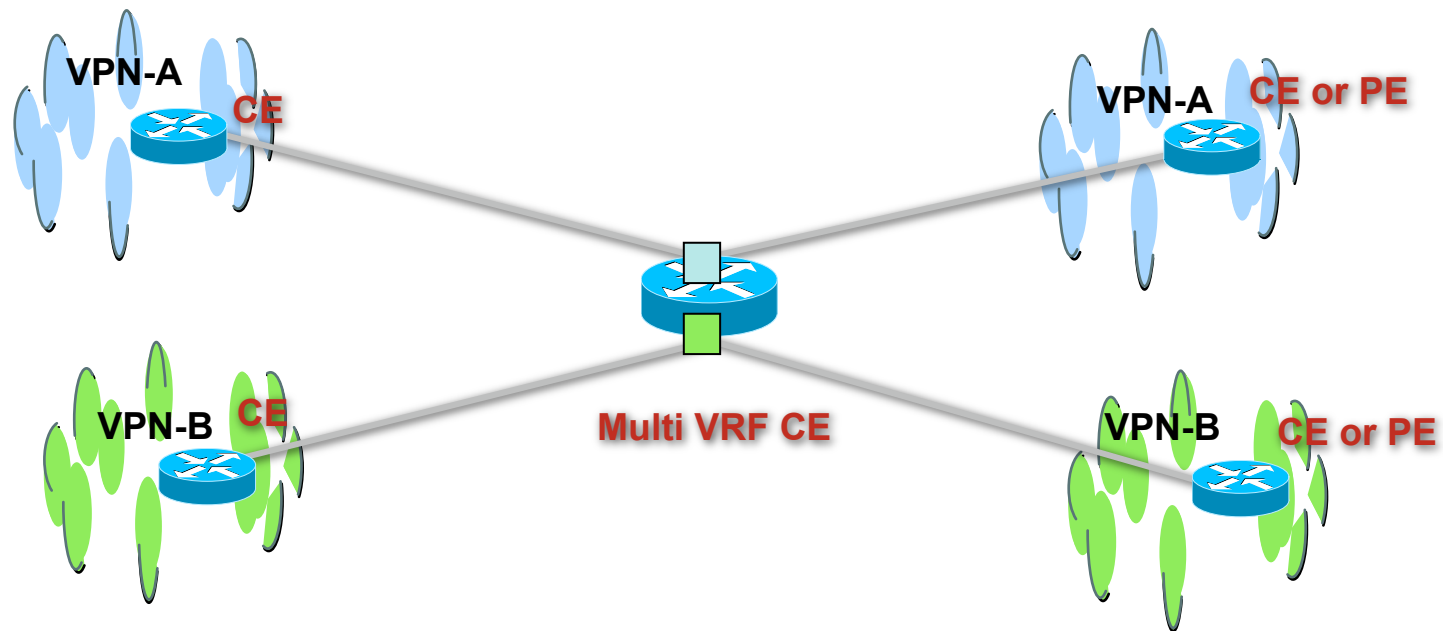
**Take the existing PE VRF Functionality...**

# What is Multi-VPN-CE



...And Remove the MPLS cloud

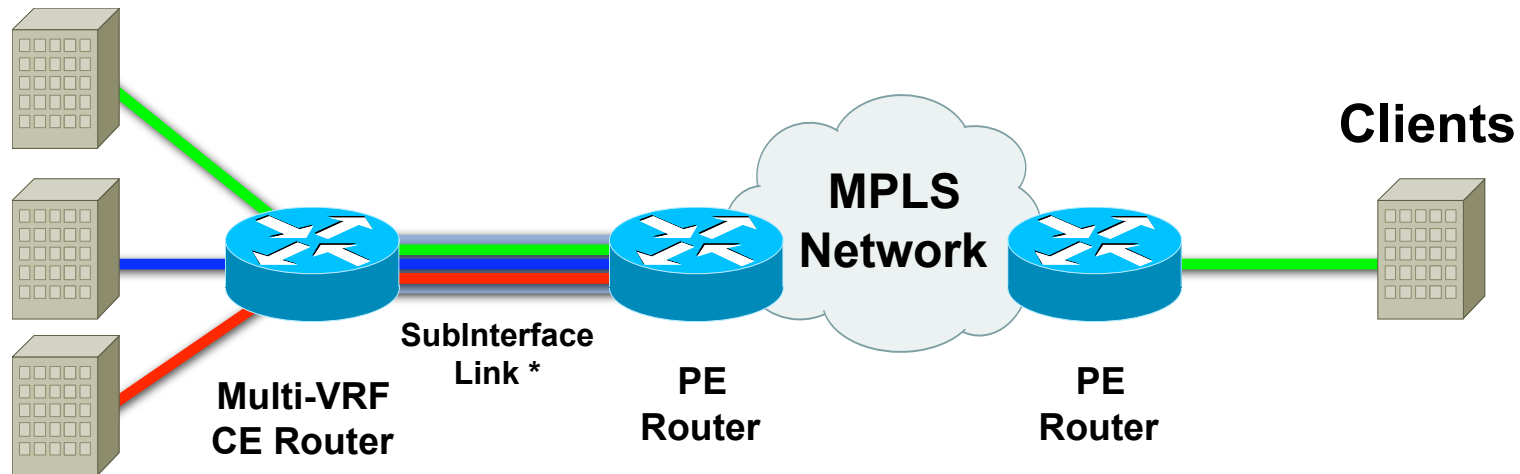
## What is Multi-VRF CE



**Put it at the customer site and call it a Multi-VRF CE**

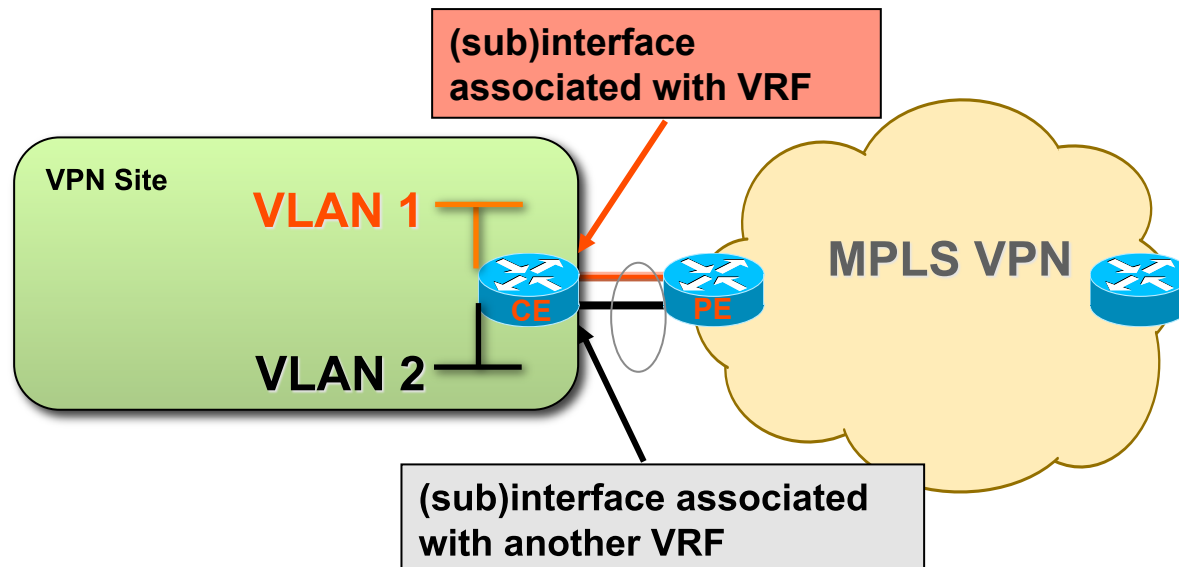
# Multi-VRF CE - Extending MPLS-VPN

**Clients**



**Sub-Interface Link – Any Interface type that supports Sub Interfaces, FE-VLAN, Frame Relay, ATM VC's**

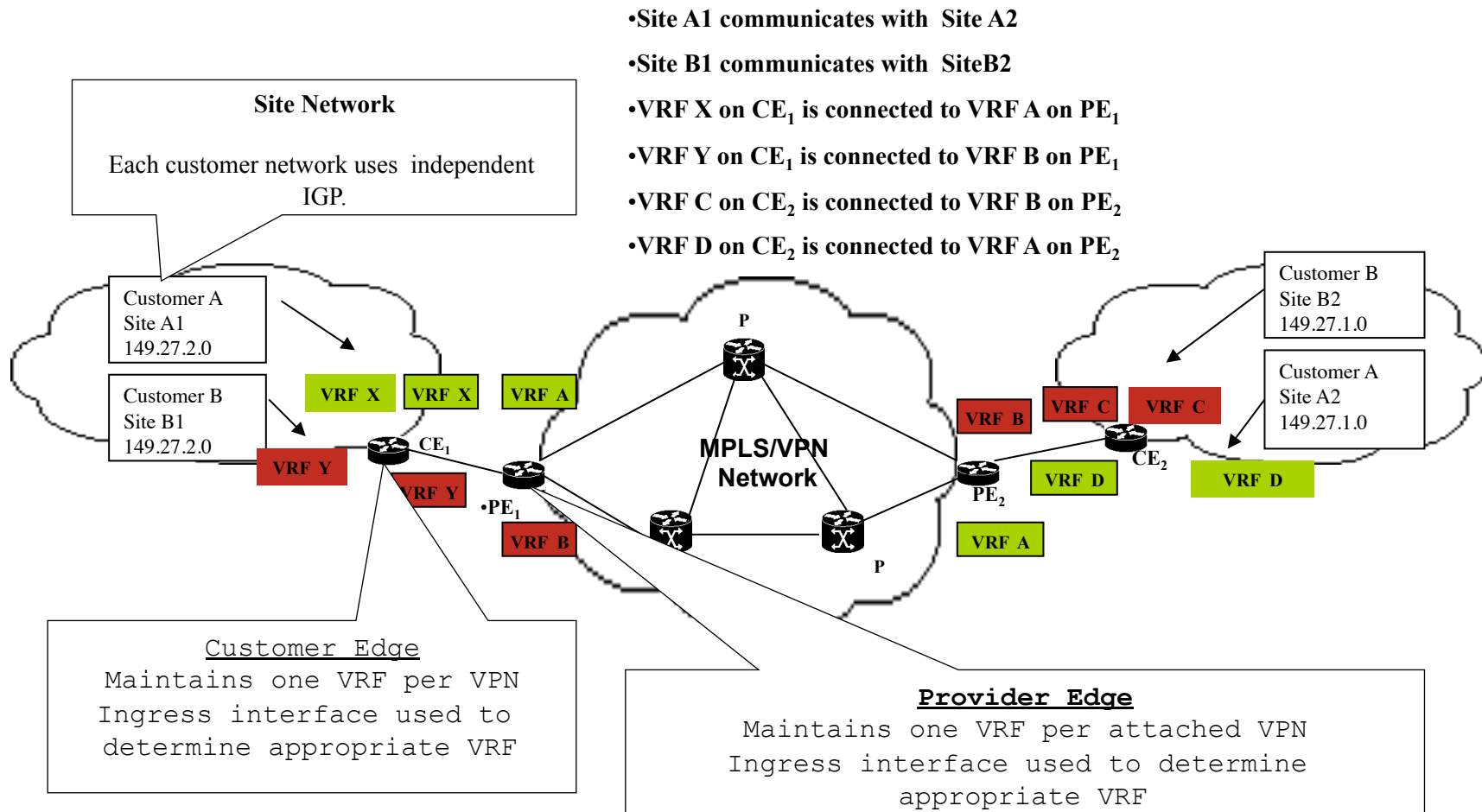
## Multi-VRF CE - a standalone Virtual-router !



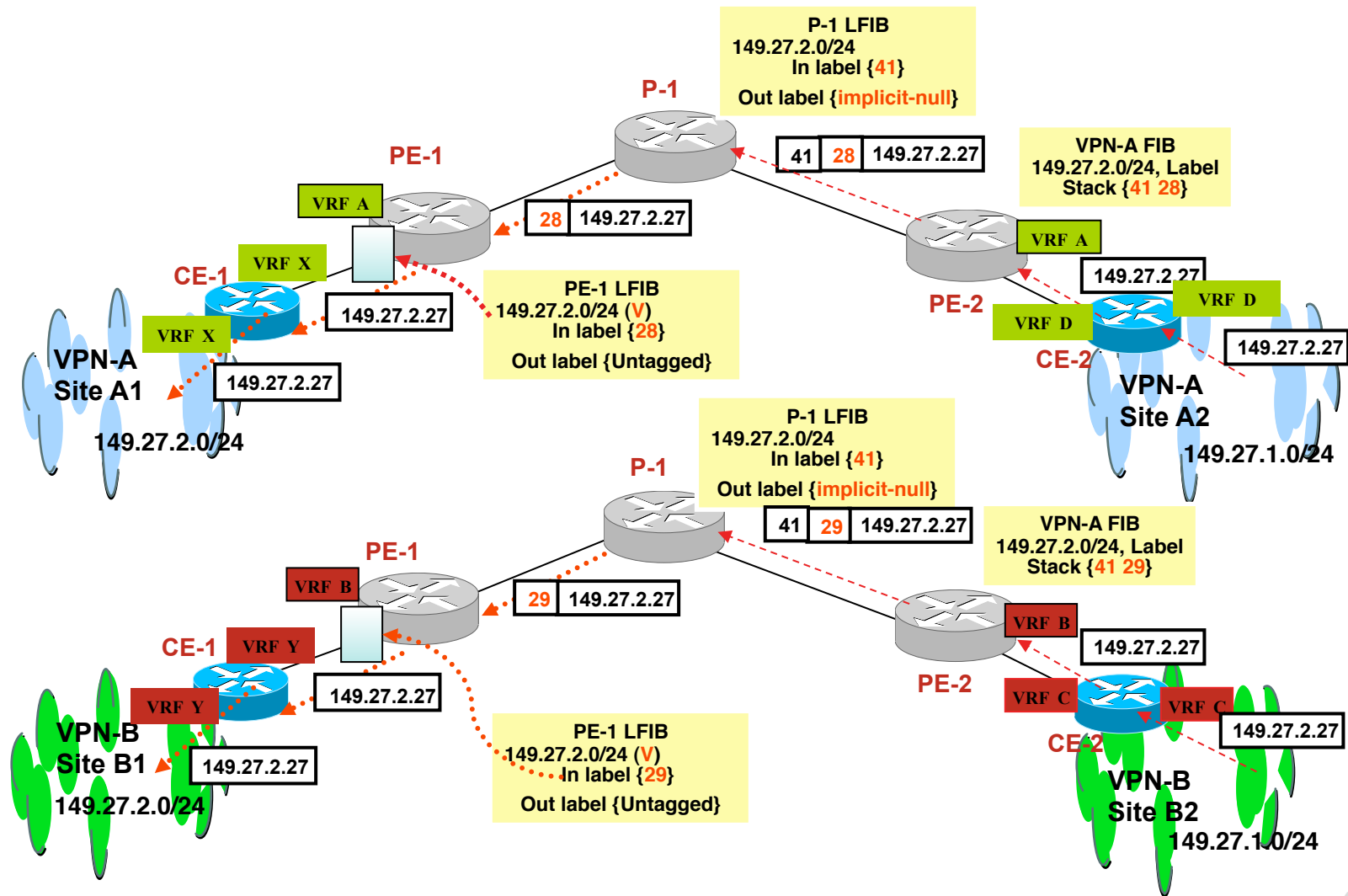
**No MPLS, nor MP-iBGP on CE**

***Local Inter-VRF routing is supported***

# Multi-VRF/VRF-Lite CE Architecture



# Data Forwarding in MPLS-VPN with Multi-VRF CE

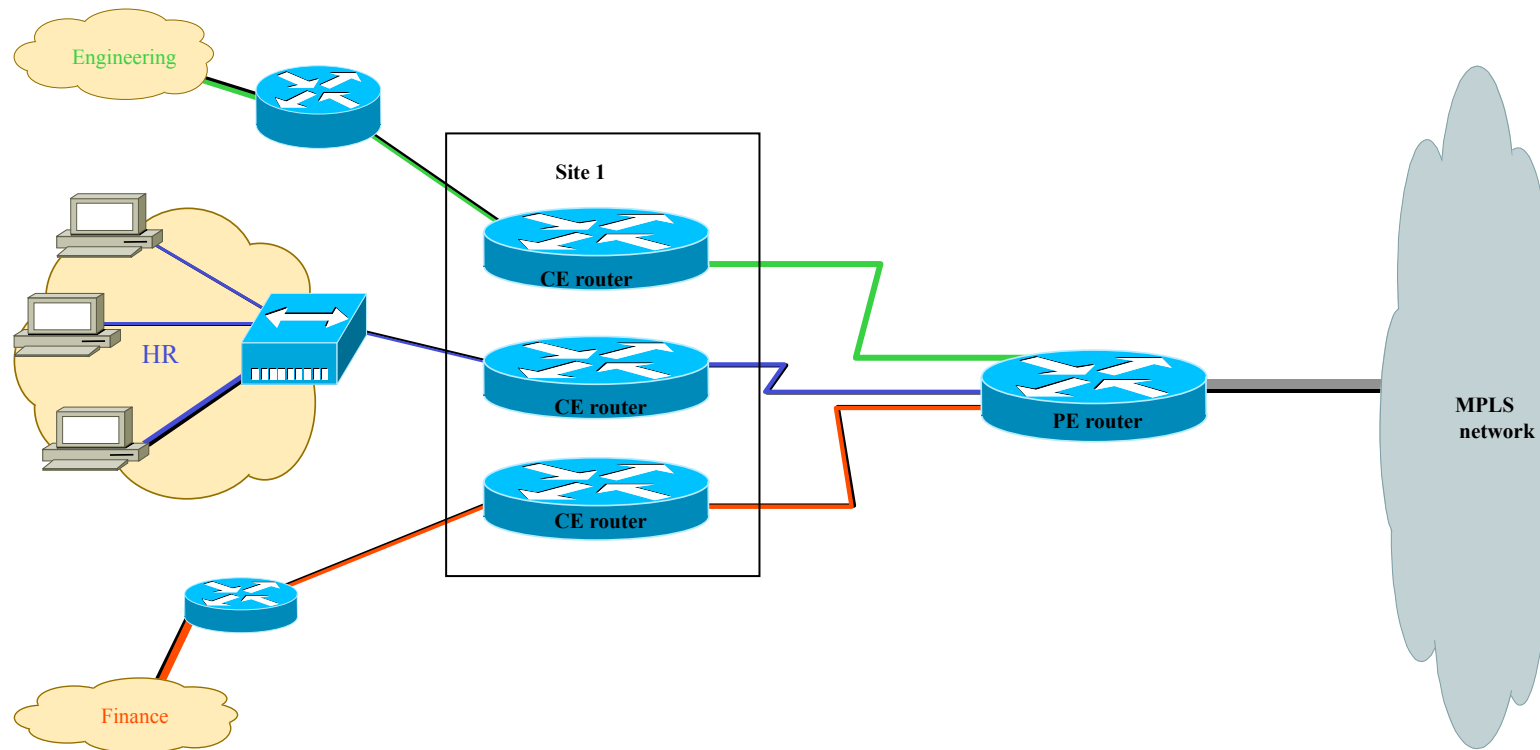




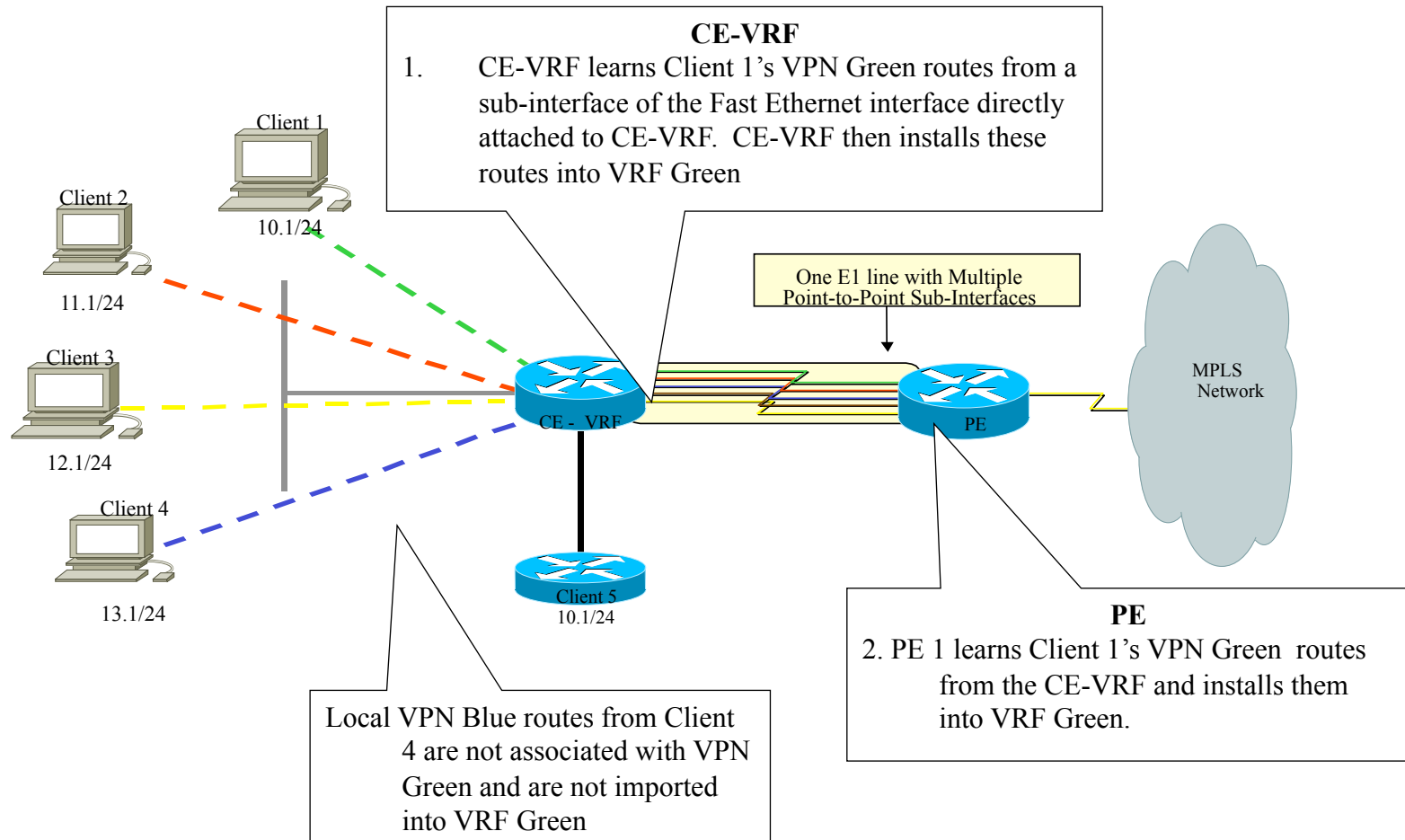
## Multi-VRF CE Architecture

- Enhanced branch office capability
- CE routers use VRF interfaces VLAN-like configuration on the customer side
- CE router can only configure VRF interfaces and support VRF routing tables
- Use using a Multi-vrf CE is an alternative to separate CE routers per each client's organization

# Multi-VRF CE Architecture: Replaces Separate CE Routers



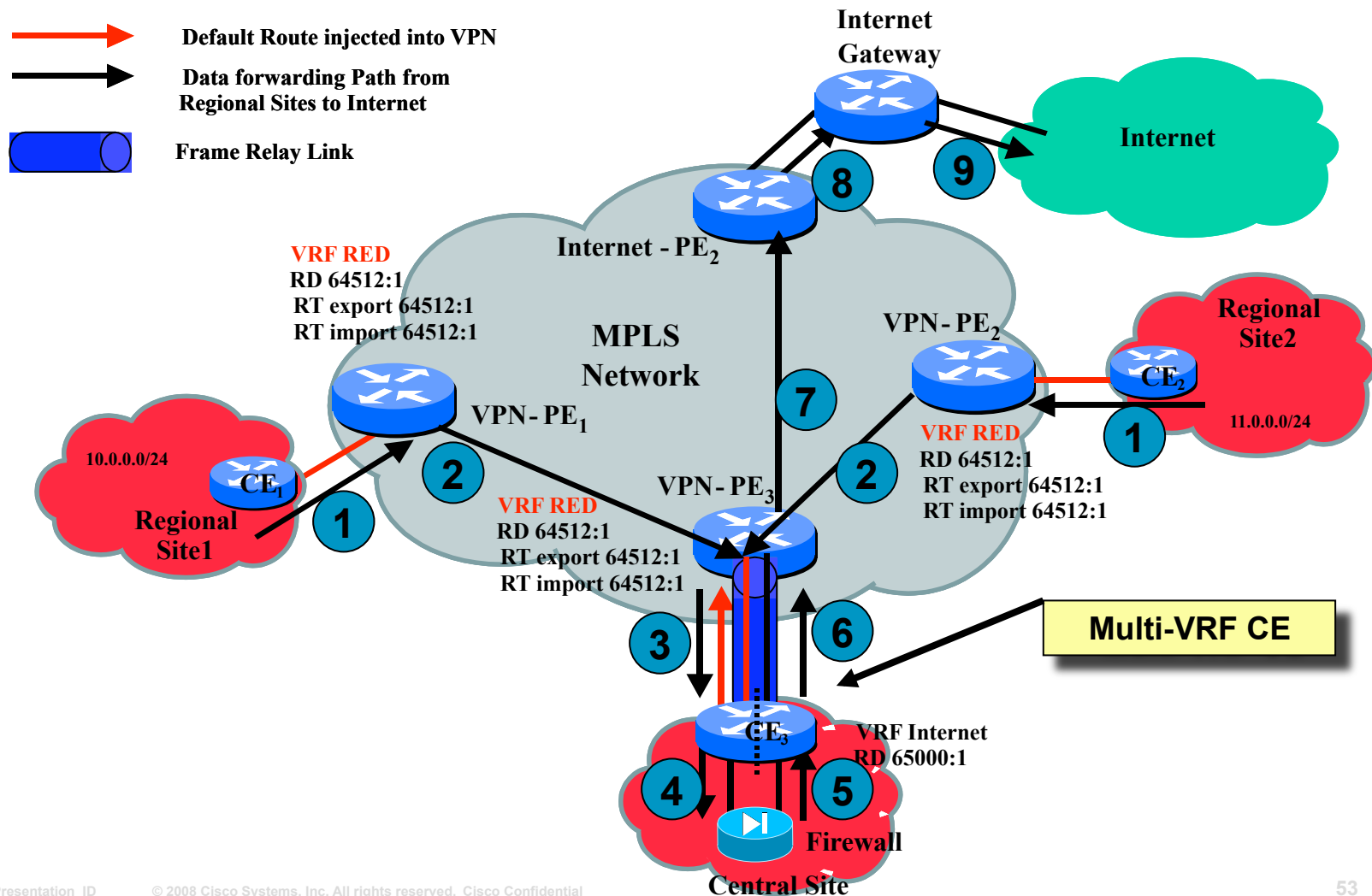
# Multi-VRF CE Architecture: Operational Model



## Applications: Two Examples

- Internet and VPN Service Using the Same CE – solution is attractive for small businesses that do not want to install separate CE routers for each service
- Implement Multiple VPNs in a customer site using a single router

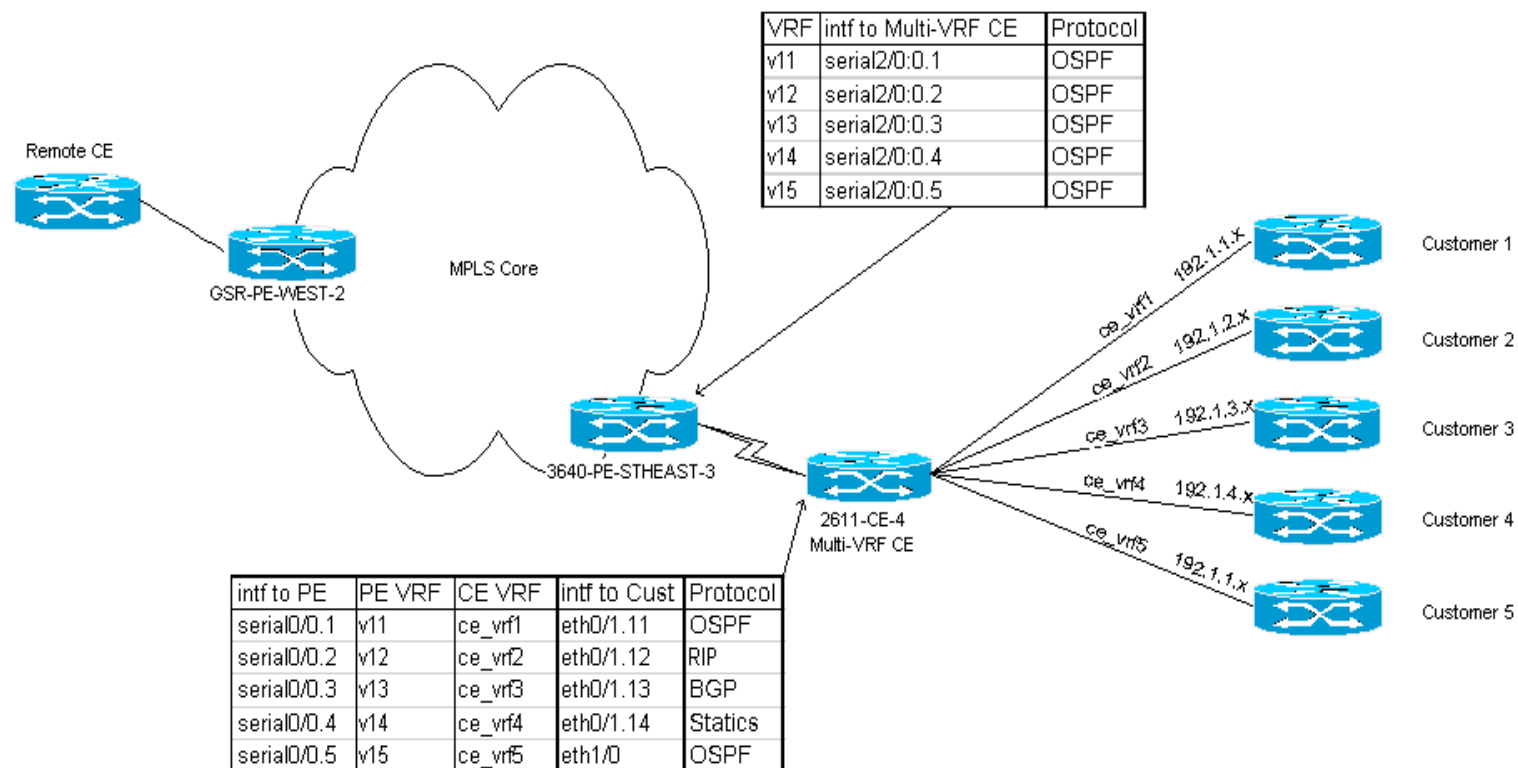
# Application 1: Internet Services and VPN Services Using A Single CE



## Application 2: Multiple VPNs in a Customer Site Using a Single Router

- Objective: Provide building connectivity via Multi-VRF CE. Multiple departments or companies sharing a building need to be isolated from each other (e.g. financial departments).

## Application 2: Overview



## Application 2: Basic Setup

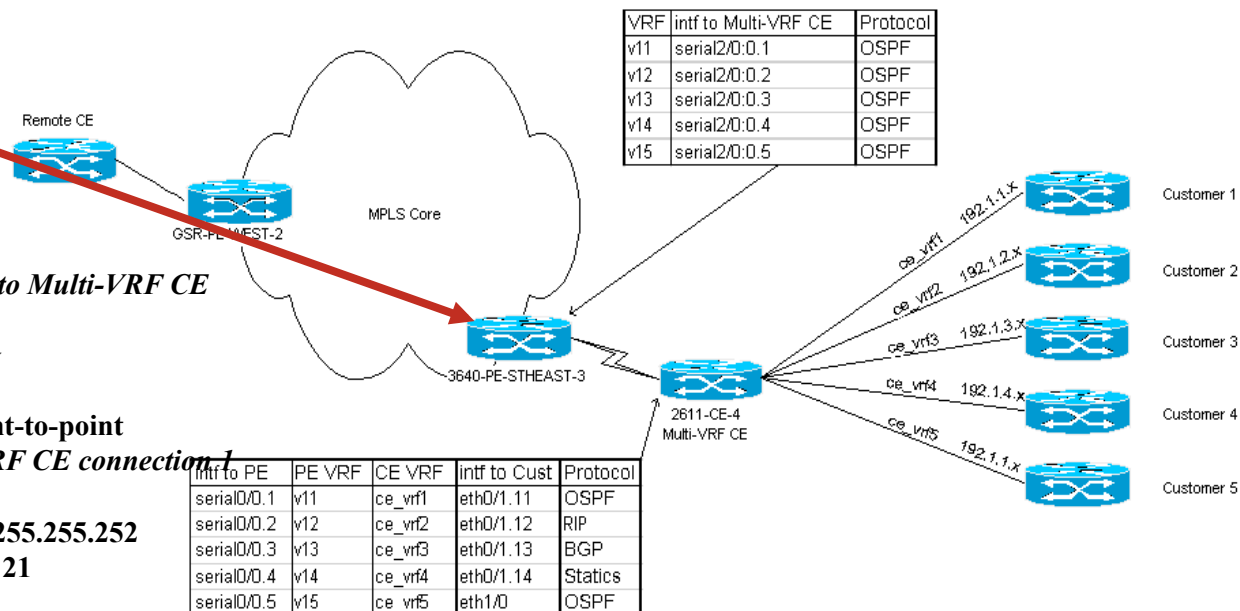
- Inter-site connectivity policies
  - All Customer Routers can communicate with Remote CE's but not with each other.
- All Traffic off 2611-CE-4 is segmented into 5 separate VRFs (labeled ce\_vrf1-5)
- 3640-PE-STHEAST-3 uses OSPF as the routing protocol to exchange updates with 2611-CE4, but other routing protocols may be used as well
- All other hosts off 2611-CE4 use a combination of OSPF, EBGP, RIPv2 and static routes



# Application 2: Summary Configuration-3640-PE-STHEAST-3

```

ip vrf v11
 rd 11:1
 route-target export 11:1
 route-target import 11:1
 interface Serial2/0:0
  description E1 connection to Multi-VRF CE
  no ip address
  encapsulation frame-relay
 !
 interface Serial2/0:0.1 point-to-point
  description PE to Multi-VRF CE connection-1
 ip vrf forwarding v11
 ip address 220.1.65.5 255.255.255.252
 frame-relay interface-dlci 21
 !
 router ospf 11 vrf v11
 log-adjacency-changes
 area 11 virtual-link 220.1.65.6
 ##VL if CE is not configured with capability-
 vrf
 redistribute bgp 30000 subnets
 network 220.1.65.4 0.0.0.3 area 11
  
```



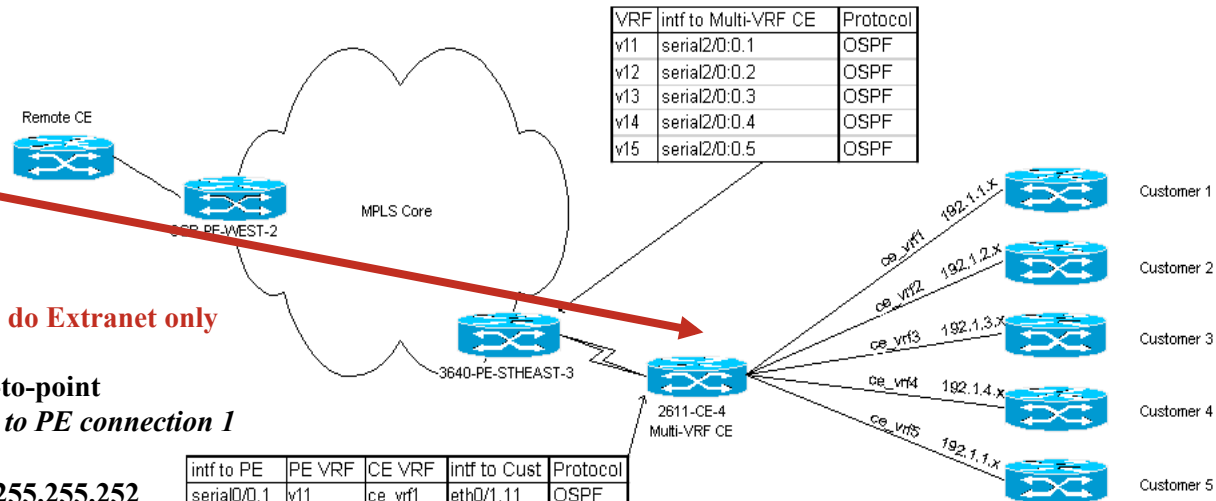
**Please keep in mind that “capability-vrflite” knob is not needed on the PE.**

# Application 2: Summary Configuration- Multi-VRF CE

```

ip vrf ce_vrf1
rd 81:81
route-target export 81:1
route-target import 81:1
#Required if you want to do Extranet only
!
interface Serial0/0.1 point-to-point
description Multi-VRF CE to PE connection 1
ip vrf forwarding ce_vrf1
ip address 220.1.65.6 255.255.255.252
frame-relay interface-dlci 21
!
interface Ethernet0/1.11
description Multi-VRF CE to host 1 (dup addr)
encapsulation dot1Q 11
ip vrf forwarding ce_vrf1
ip address 192.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
!
router ospf 11 vrf ce_vrf1
log-adjacency-changes
area 11 virtual-link 220.1.65.5
capability vrf-lite
network 192.1.1.0 0.0.0.255 area 0
network 220.1.65.4 0.0.0.3 area 11
  
```

OR  
[after 12.0(21)ST]




## OSPF “Capability vrf-lite”

- To suppress PE-specific checks on a CE-vrf-lite router (OSPF ‘DOWN’ Bit used only in VPNs)
- These checks are required to prevent loops when PE is performing mutual redistribution between OSPF and BGP
- Reference: CSCds82178
- For the Multi-VRF CE these checks may be turned off:

```
router ospf 100 vrf ce_vrf1  
capability vrf-lite
```

## OSPF “Capability vrf-lite”

- When the OSPF process is associated with the VRF, several checks are performed when LSAs are received:
  - If Type-3 LSA is received, DN bit is checked. If DN bit is set, Type-3 LSA is not considered during the SPF
  - If Type-5/7 LSA is received and the Tag in the LSA is equal to the VPN-tag, Type-5/7 LSA is not considered during the SPF
- These checks are needed to prevent loops when PE is performing a mutual redistribution between OSPF and BGP.



```
3640-PE-STHEAST-3#sh ip route vrf v45
```

```
.....<snip>.....
```

```
Gateway of last resort is not set
```

```
      220.45.53.0/30 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C      220.45.53.4 is directly connected, Serial2/0:0.5
      200.45.72.0/30 is subnetted, 1 subnets
B      200.45.72.4 [200/0] via 10.13.1.72, 00:39:51
```

### ### After the CE OSPF neighbor comes UP...

```
3640-PE-STHEAST-3#sh ip route vrf v45
```

```
.....<snip>.....
```

```
Gateway of last resort is not set
```

```
O IA 200.41.1.0/24 [110/84] via 220.45.53.6, 00:00:03, Serial2/0:0.5
      220.45.53.0/30 is subnetted, 1 subnets
C      220.45.53.4 is directly connected, Serial2/0:0.5
      200.45.72.0/30 is subnetted, 1 subnets
B      200.45.72.4 [200/0] via 10.13.1.72, 00:40:28
      30.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
O E2   30.45.106.0 [110/20] via 220.45.53.6, 00:00:03, Serial2/0:0.5
```

2611-CE-4#sh ip ospf 45 database summary

OSPF Router with ID (200.45.72.4) (Process ID 45)

Summary Net Link States (Area 45)

Routing Bit Set on this LSA

LS age: 637

Options: (No TOS-capability, DC, Downward) <<< Downward => Down (DN) bit set by PE

LS Type: Summary Links(Network)

Link State ID: 200.45.72.4 (summary Network Number)

Advertising Router: 220.45.53.5

LS Seq Number: 800002DB

Checksum: 0x41DC

Length: 28

Network Mask: /24

TOS: 0 Metric: 10

3640-PE-STHEAST-3#sh ip os 45 da ex

OSPF Router with ID (220.45.53.5) (Process ID 45)

Type-5 AS External Link States

LS age: 430

Options: (No TOS-capability, DC)

LS Type: AS External Link

Link State ID: 200.41.72.4 (External Network Number )

Advertising Router: 220.45.53.5

LS Seq Number: 80000003

Checksum: 0x5C5F

Length: 36

Network Mask: /30

Metric Type: 2 (Larger than any link state path)

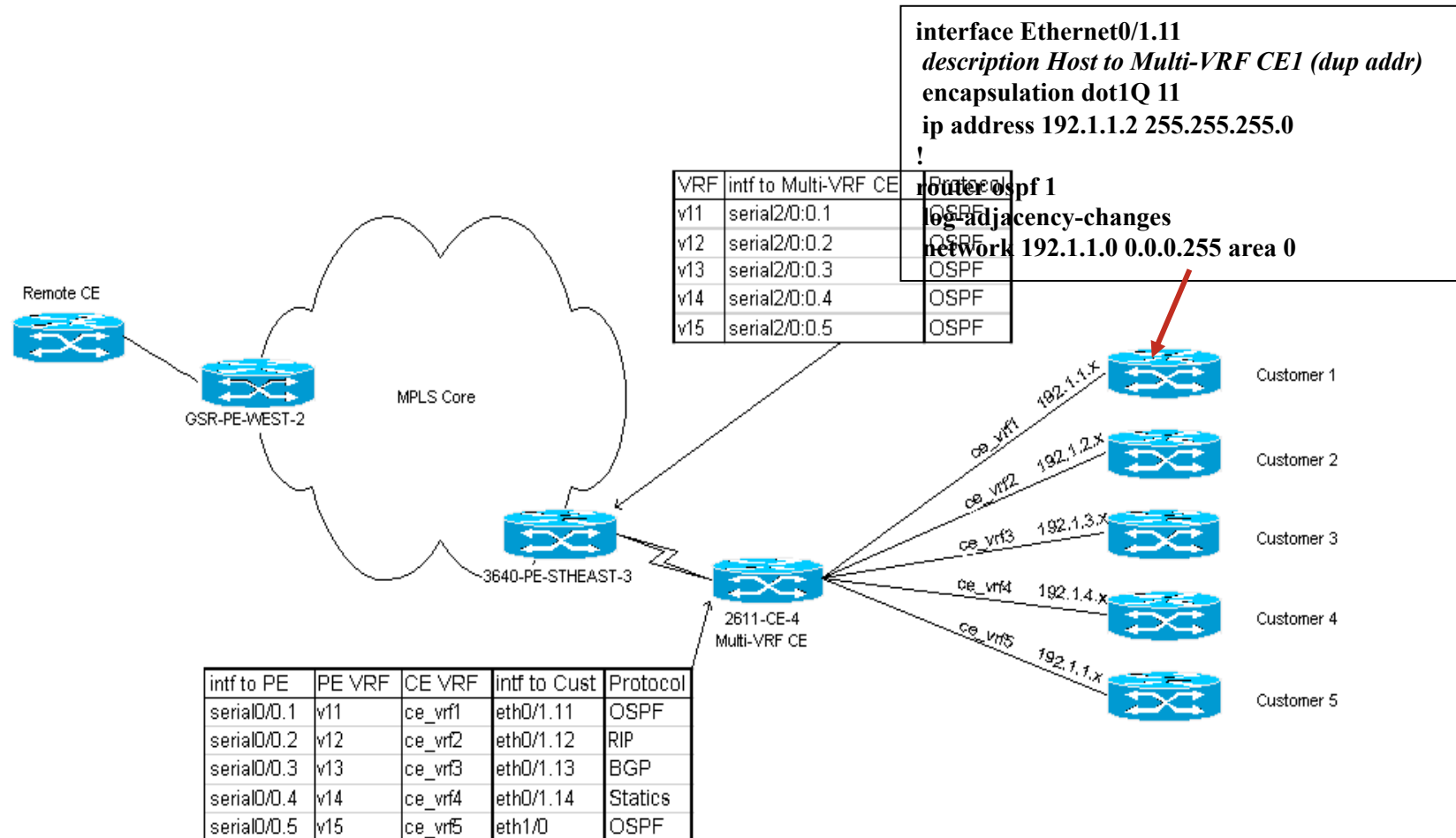
TOS: 0

Metric: 1

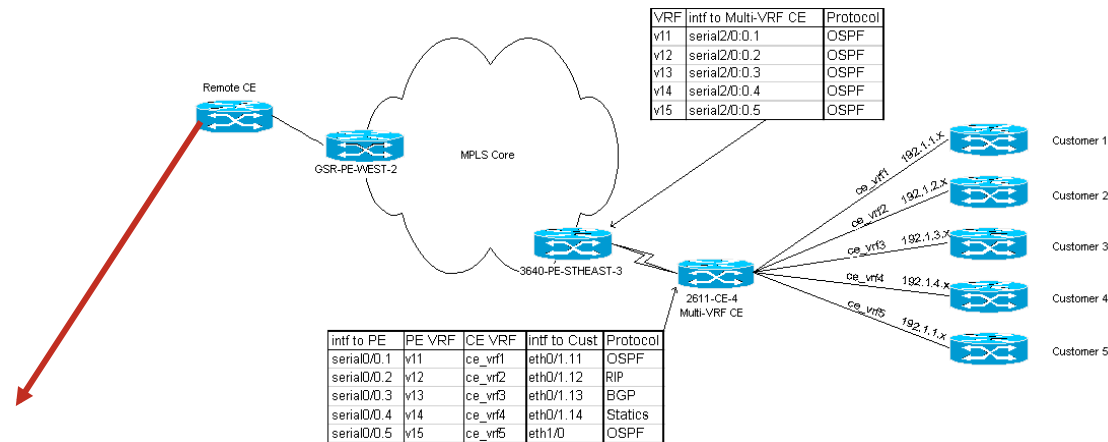
Forward Address: 0.0.0.0

External Route Tag: 3489690928

# Application 2: Summary Configuration Customer 1 Router



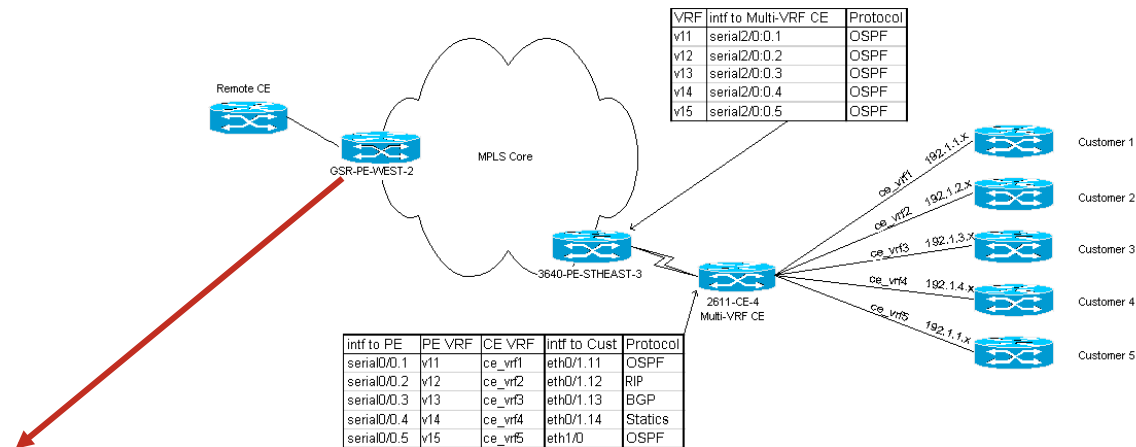
# Application 2: Verifying Connectivity- Show Commands Remote CE



**Remote-CE# sh ip route vrf v15 200.15.44.4**  
 Routing entry for 200.15.44.4/30  
 Known via "connected", distance 0, metric 0 (connected, via interface)  
 Redistributing via rip  
 Advertised by rip  
 Routing Descriptor Blocks:  
 \* directly connected, via Serial4/3.15  
 Route metric is 0, traffic share count is 1



# Application 2: Verifying Connectivity- Show Commands GSR-PE-WEST-2



**GSR-PE-WEST-2# sh ip route vrf v15 200.15.44.4**

Routing entry for 200.15.44.4/30

Known via "connected", distance 0, metric 0 (connected, via interface)

Redistributing via bgp 30000

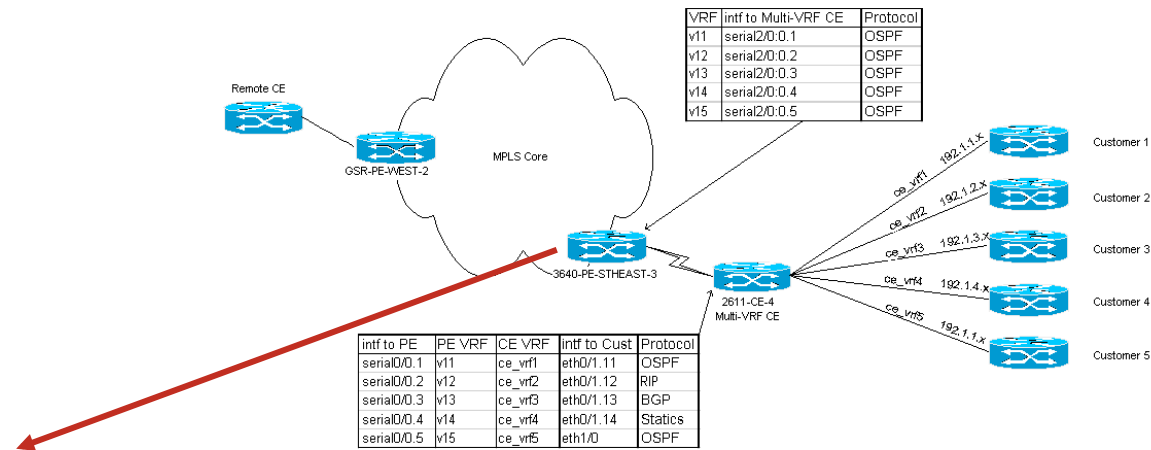
Advertised by bgp 30000

Routing Descriptor Blocks:

\* directly connected, via Serial1/0/7.15

Route metric is 0, traffic share count is 1

# Application 2: Verifying Connectivity- Show Commands 3640-PE-STHEAST3



**3640-PE-STHEAST-3# sh ip route vrf v15 200.15.44.4**

Routing entry for 200.15.44.4/30

Known via "bgp 30000", distance 200, metric 0, type internal

Redistributing via ospf 15

Advertised by ospf 15 subnets

Last update from 10.13.1.44 00:17:10 ago

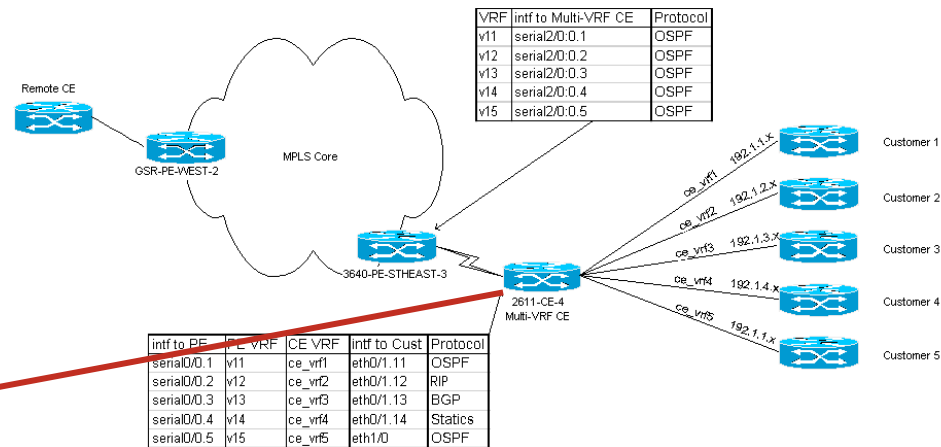
Routing Descriptor Blocks:

\* 10.13.1.44 (Default-IP-Routing-Table), from 10.13.1.48, 00:17:10 ago

Route metric is 0, traffic share count is 1

AS Hops 0

## Application 2: Verifying Connectivity- Show Commands Multi-VRF CE



**2621-CE-4#sh ip route vrf ce\_vrf5 200.15.44.4**

Routing entry for 200.15.44.4/30

Known via "ospf 45" distance 100, metric 1

Tag Complete, Path Length = 1, AS 30000, Type extern 2, forward metric 74

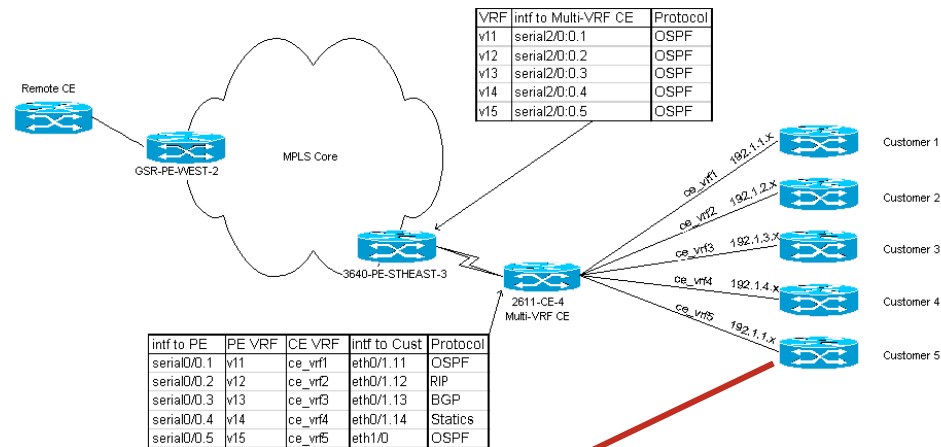
Last update from 220.45.65.21 on Serial 0/0.5, 11:03:35 ago

Routing Descriptor Blocks:

\* 200.15.44.4, from 220.45.65.21, 11:03:35 ago, via Serial 0/0.5

Route metric is 1, traffic count is 1

# Application 2: Verifying Connectivity- Show Commands Customer 5 Router



**Customer-5#** sh ip route | include 200.15.44.4  
 O E2 200.15.44.4 [110/1] via 192.1.1.1, 00:16:16, Ethernet1/0

**Customer-5#** sh ip route 200.15.44.4  
 Routing entry for 200.15.44.4/30  
 Known via "ospf 5", distance 110, metric 1  
 Tag Complete, Path Length == 1, AS 1, , type extern 2, forward metric 84  
 Last update from 192.1.1.1 on Ethernet1/0, 00:02:12 ago  
 Routing Descriptor Blocks:  
 \* 192.1.1.1, from 220.1.65.21, 00:02:12 ago, via Ethernet1/0  
 Route metric is 1, traffic share count is 1

## Platforms and IOS

- Cisco 2600
- Cisco 3640
- Cisco 3660
- Cisco 7200
- Cisco 7500
- Supported in 12.2 - 12.2(4)T

## IOS feature set and memory requirements

- Note that a Plus feature set is required for Low-end routers on Mainline versions
- Maximum DRAM memory for each platform is recommended.

## Limitations

- Scalability is limited by the platform max interfaces, memory for routes and raw processing ability
  - 2600 cannot handle full Internet Routing Table (except 2650)
  - 3640 may be able handle it from one BGP peer if you use a smaller IOS version but risky during network instability. With 96MB I could get 141K Internet routes with 17ST5, but not with 21ST due to BGP changes
- Actual performance may vary based on traffic load, number of routes and routing processes
- IPSec with Multi-VRF CE currently not supported but is under investigation

## Conclusions

- Multi-VRF/VRF-Lite offers the following benefits:

Only one CE router is needed facilitating provisioning and network management rather than a multiple CE router solution

CE router has VRF functionality without full PE functionality to provide BGP routing tables

Note scalability factors

Less routing updates to manage

Overlapping Customer address spaces

Can co-exist with an MPLS-based network but no MPLS enabled on CE

Note applicability example for branch offices with multiple networks





## MPLS workshop

# MPLS VPN Inter-Provider Solutions

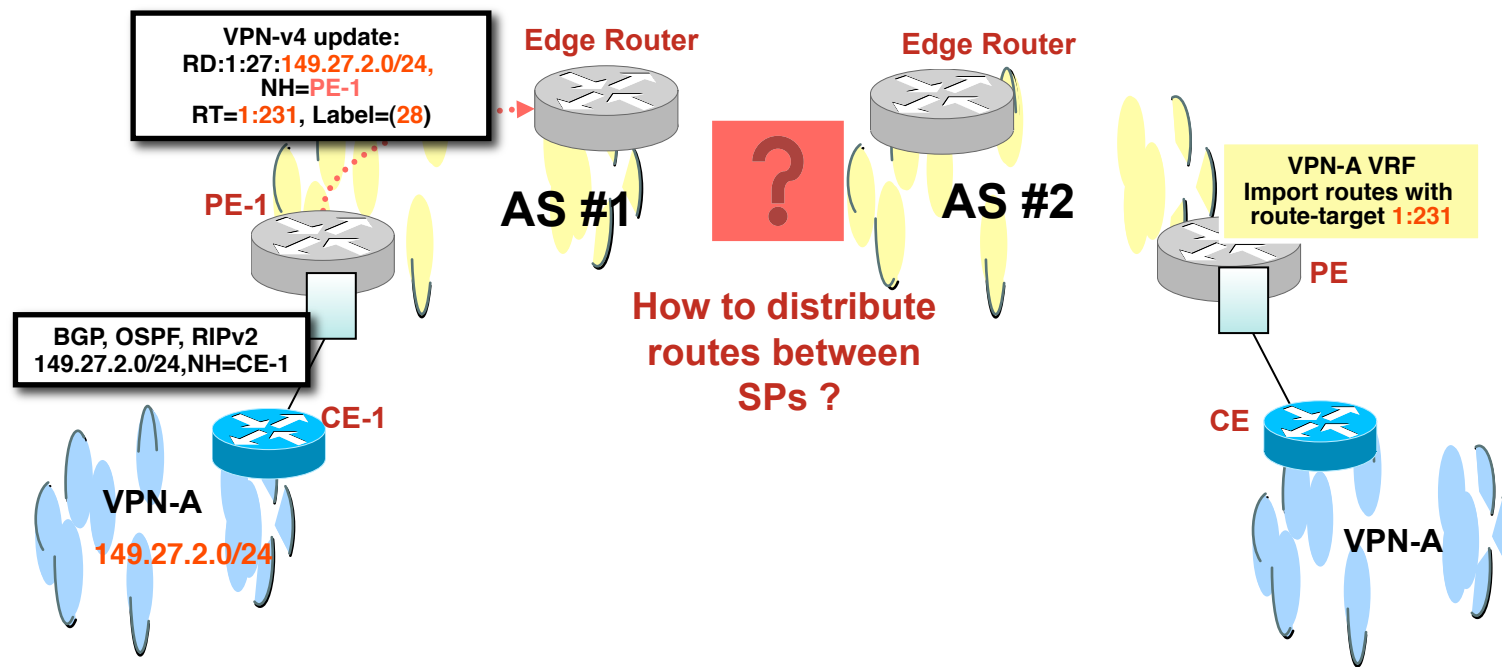
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- Inter-Provider Connectivity Options
- Scaling Inter-Provider Solutions
- Filtering & Route Distribution Mechanisms
- Distribution of Traffic Load between Providers

## VPN Client Connectivity

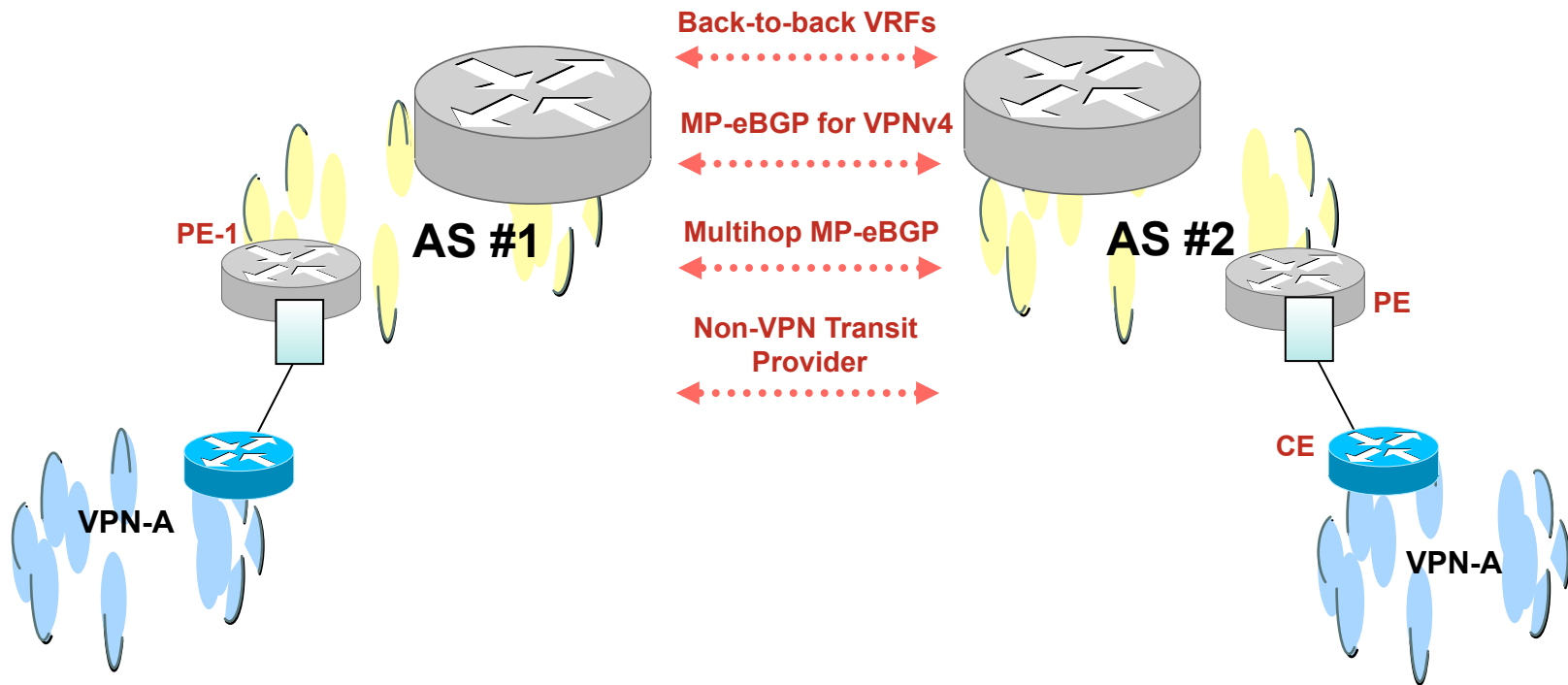
- **VPN sites may be geographically dispersed**  
requiring connectivity to separate MPLS VPN Service Providers
- **Transit between VPN sites may pass through multiple providers MPLS VPN backbones**  
this implies exchange of VPN routing information between providers
- **Referred to as Multi-Provider or Inter-Provider VPN**

# VPN Client Connectivity



**VPN Sites attached to different Service Providers**

# VPNv4 Distribution Options



**Many options for distribution of VPNv4 prefix information**

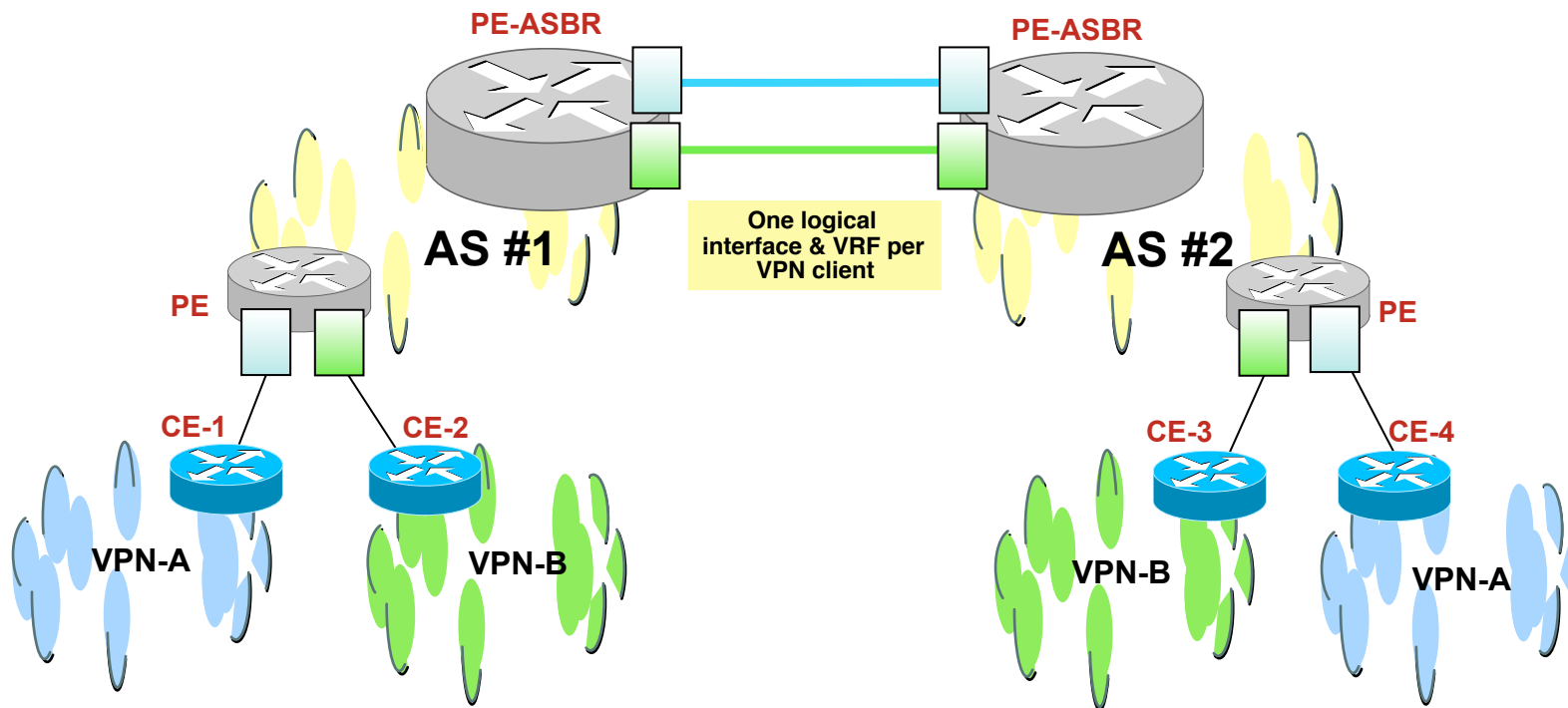
## Back-to-back VRF Connectivity

- **MPLS VPN providers exchange routes across VRF interfaces**

VRF represents a particular VPN client

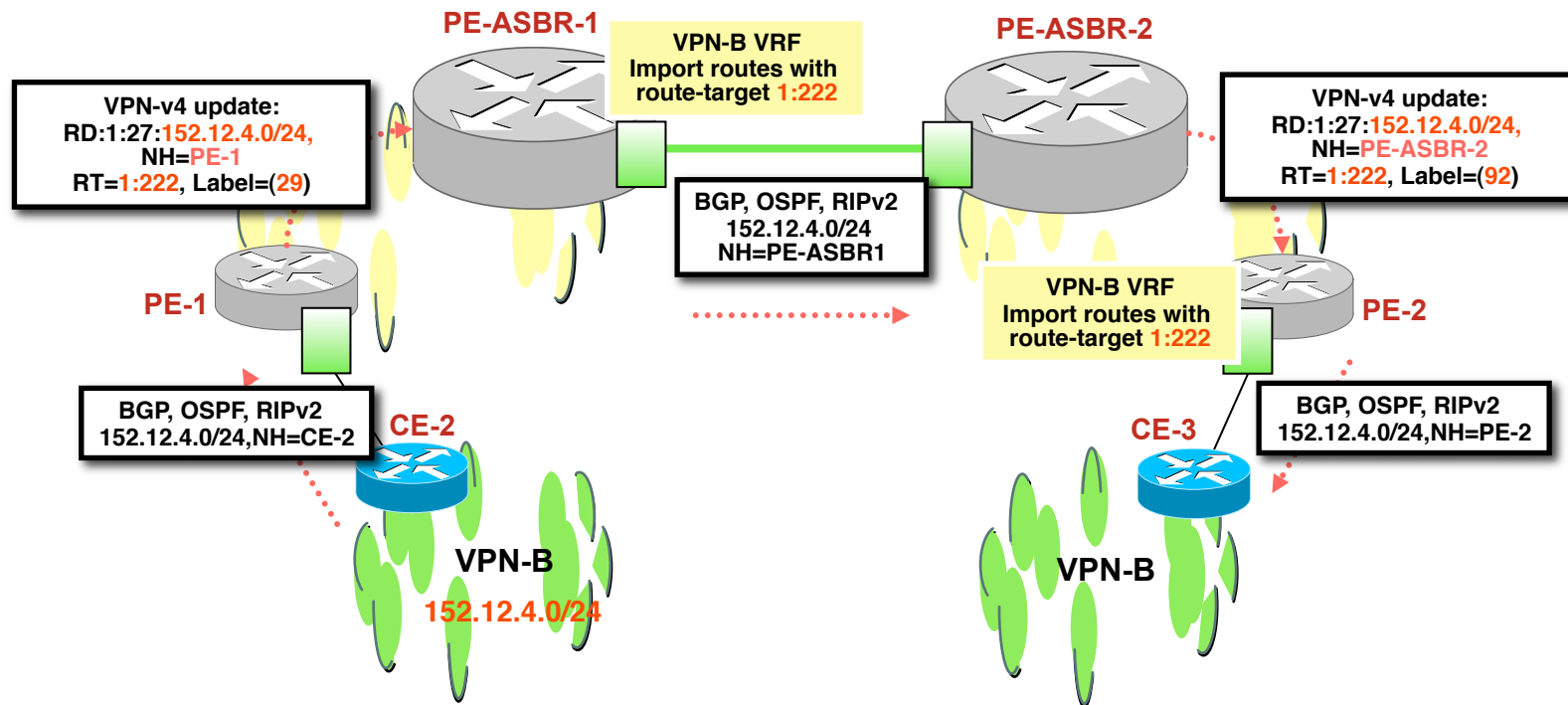
- **Each provider PE router treats the other as a CE**  
although both provider interfaces associated with a VRF
- **PE routers are gateways used for VPNv4 route exchange**
- **PE-ASBR to PE-ASBR link may use any supported PE-CE routing protocol**  
currently OSPF, BGP-4, RIPv2 and static

# Back-to-back VRF Connectivity



## VRF to VRF Connectivity between PE-ASBRs

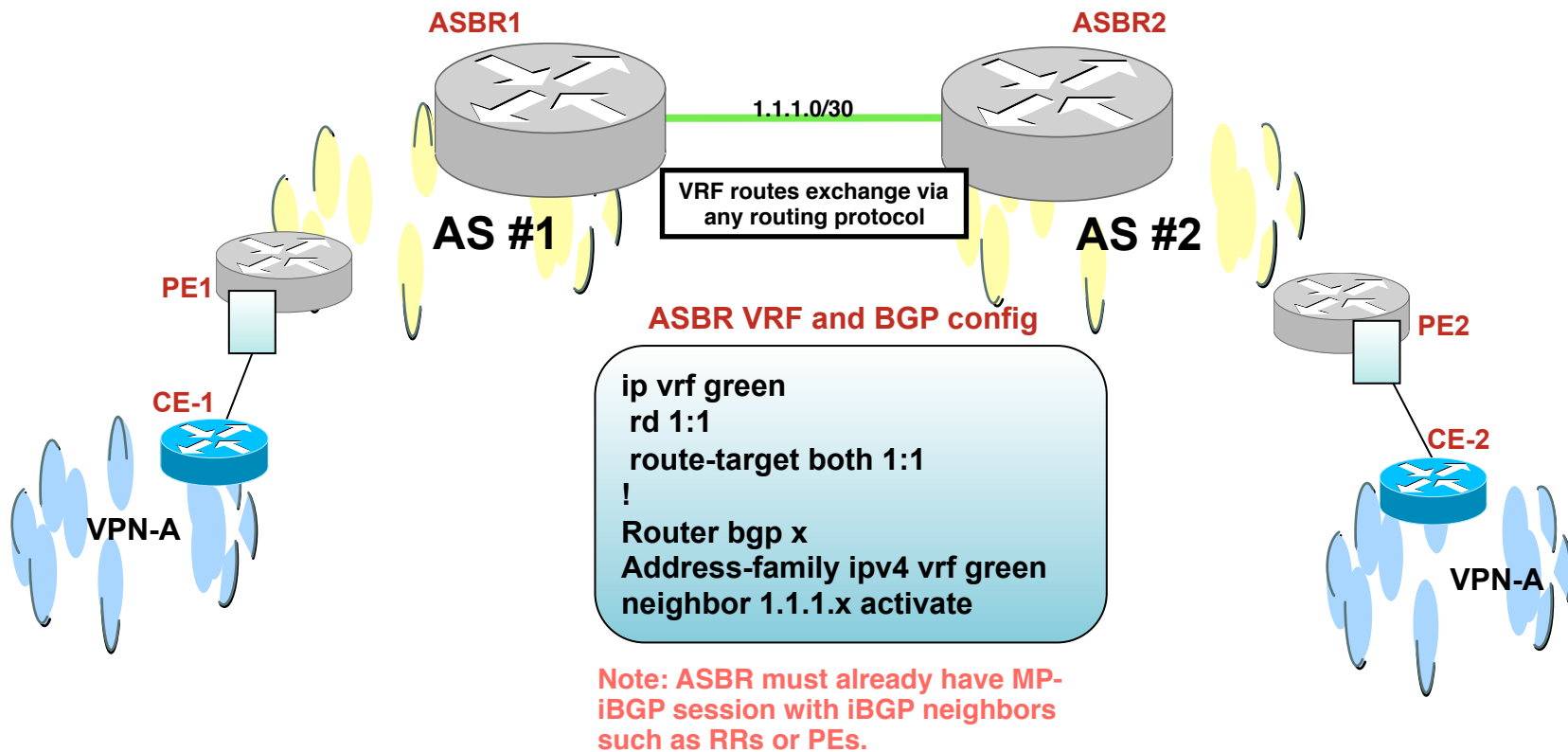
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## VRF to VRF Connectivity between PE-ASBRs



# Back-to-Back VRF Connectivity



## Back-to-back VRF Connectivity

- **Scalability is an issue with many VPNs**

One VRF & logical interface required per VPN client;

Gateway PE-ASBR must hold ALL routing information

- **PE-ASBR must filter & store VPNv4 prefixes**

Plus import into VRFs thus increasing MPLS, CEF & routing table memory

- **No MPLS required between providers**

Standard IP between gateway PE-ASBRs;

No exchange of routes using MP-eBGP

## MP-eBGP between ASBRs for VPNv4

- New CLI “**no bgp default route-target filter**” is needed on the ASBR to accept VPNv4 prefixes in the absence of VRFs
- **PE-ASBRs exchange routes directly using BGP VPNv4 AF**  
MP-eBGP for VPNv4 prefix exchange. No LDP required
- **eBGP session with next-hop set to advertising PE-ASBR**  
Next-hop and labels are rewritten when advertised across the Inter-Provider MP-eBGP session
- **PE-ASBR stores all VPN routes which must be exchanged**  
But only in the BGP table  
Labels are populated into the LFIB of the PE-ASBR

## MP-eBGP between ASBRs for VPNv4

- **Receiving Gateway PE-ASBRs may allocate new label if desired**

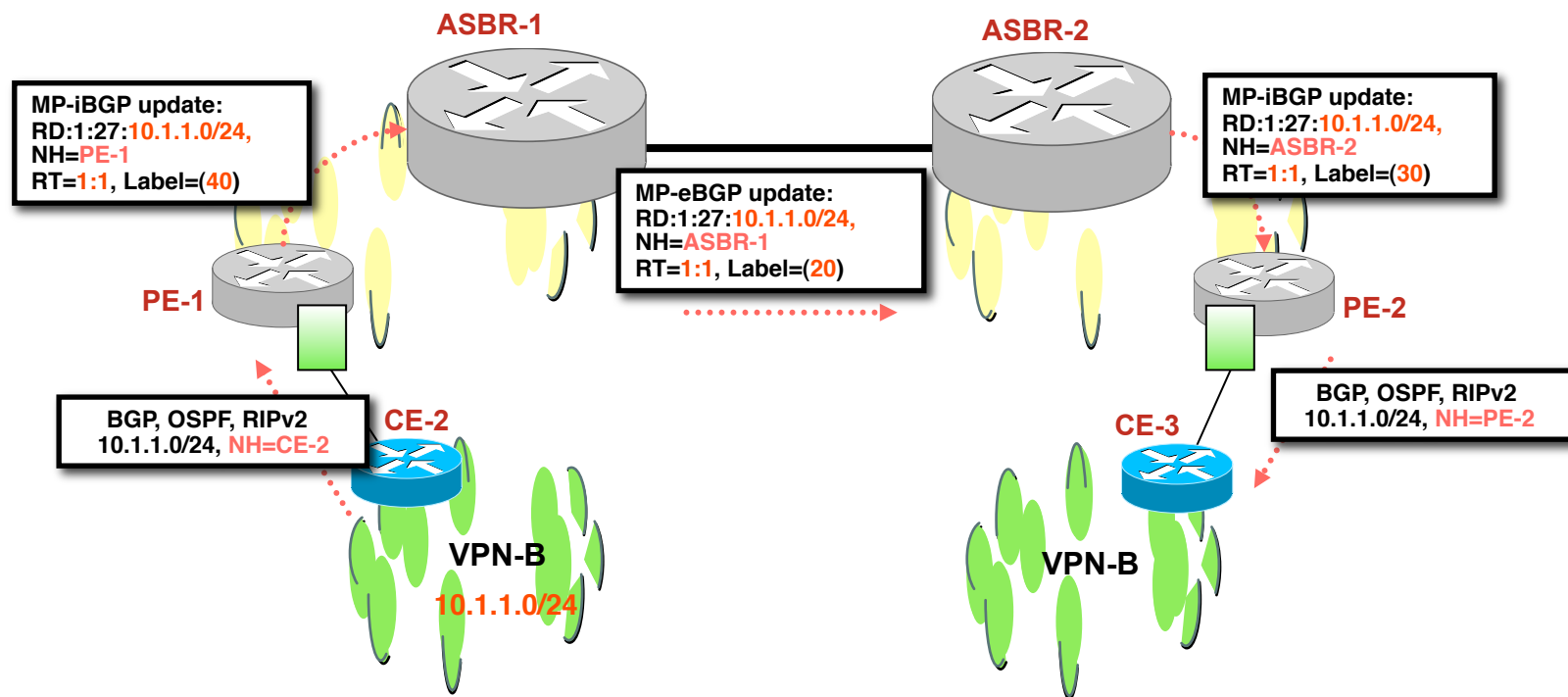
Controlled by configuration of next-hop-self (default is on)

- **Receiving PE-ASBR will automatically create a /32 host route for its PE-ASBR neighbor**

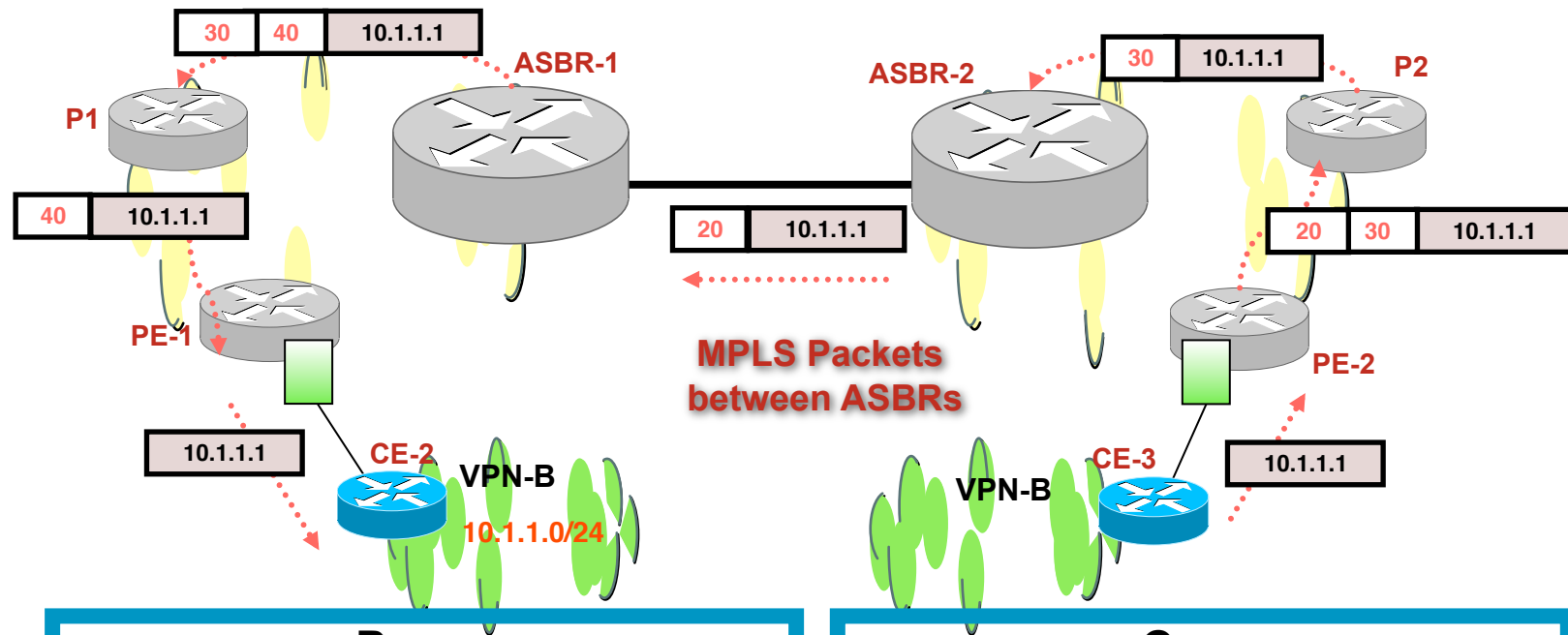
Which must be redistributed into receiving IGP if next-hop-self is NOT in operation;

/32 not created if iBGP session, eBGP multihop or if MP-eBGP exchange of VPNv4 capability not negotiated with neighbor

# MP-eBGP between ASBRs for VPNv4 Control Plane



# MP-eBGP between ASBRs for VPNv4 Forwarding Plane



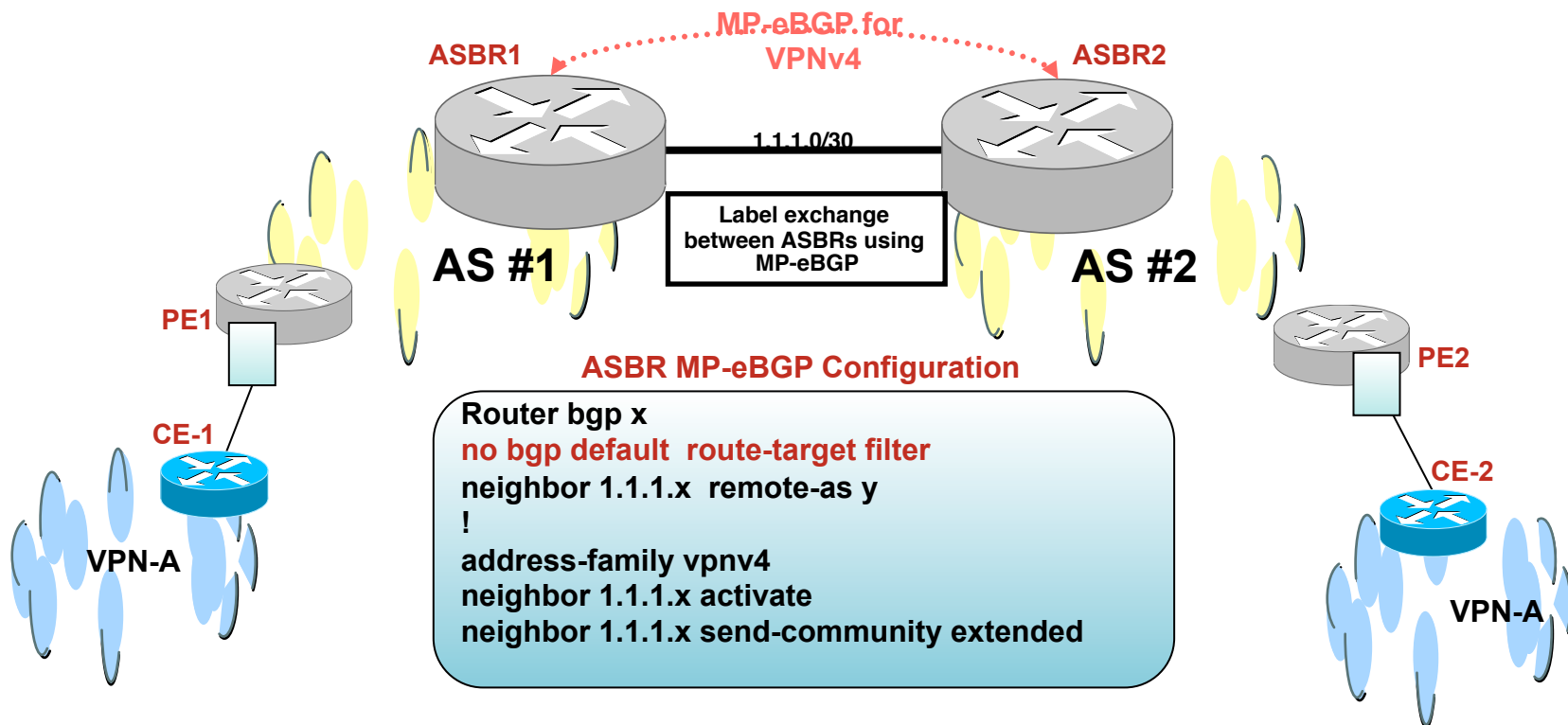
## Pros

- **More scalable.**  
Only one interface between ASBRs routers  
No VRF configuration on ASBR.  
Less memory consumption (no RIB/FIB memory)
- **MPLS label switching between providers**  
Still simple, more scalable & works today

## Cons

- **Automatic Route Filtering must be disabled**  
But we can apply BGP filtering.
- **ASBRs are still required to hold VPN routes**

# MP-eBGP between ASBRs for VPNv4 IOS Configuration



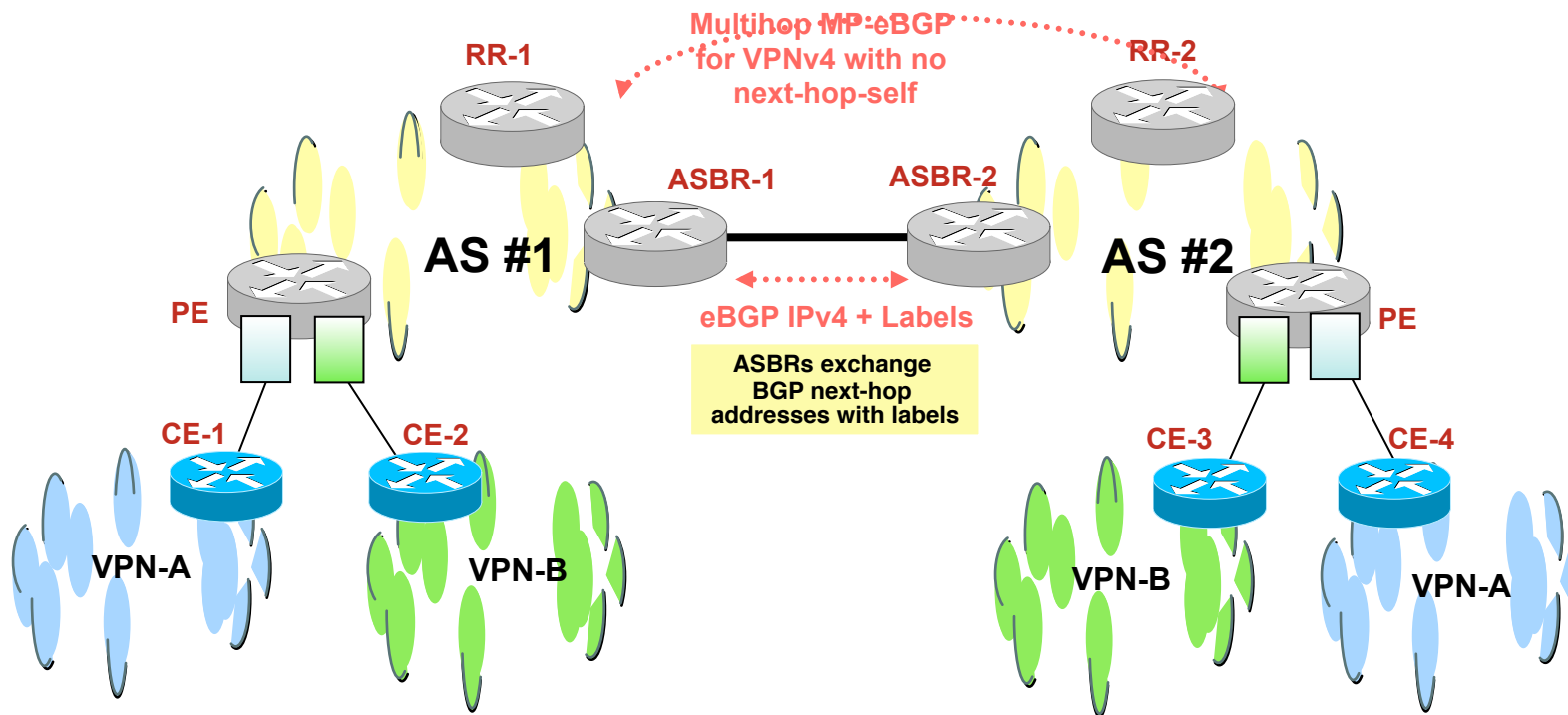
**Note: ASBR must already have MP-iBGP session with iBGP neighbors such as RRs or PEs.**

## Multihop MP-eBGP for VPNv4

- **MPLS VPN providers exchange VPNv4 prefixes via their Route Reflectors**  
Requires Multihop MP-eBGP (VPNv4 routes)
- **Next-hop-self MUST be disabled on Route Reflector**  
Preserves next-hop and label as allocated by the originating PE router
- **Providers exchange IPv4 routes with labels between directly connected ASBRs using eBGP**  
Only PE loopback addresses exchanged as these are BGP next-hop addresses

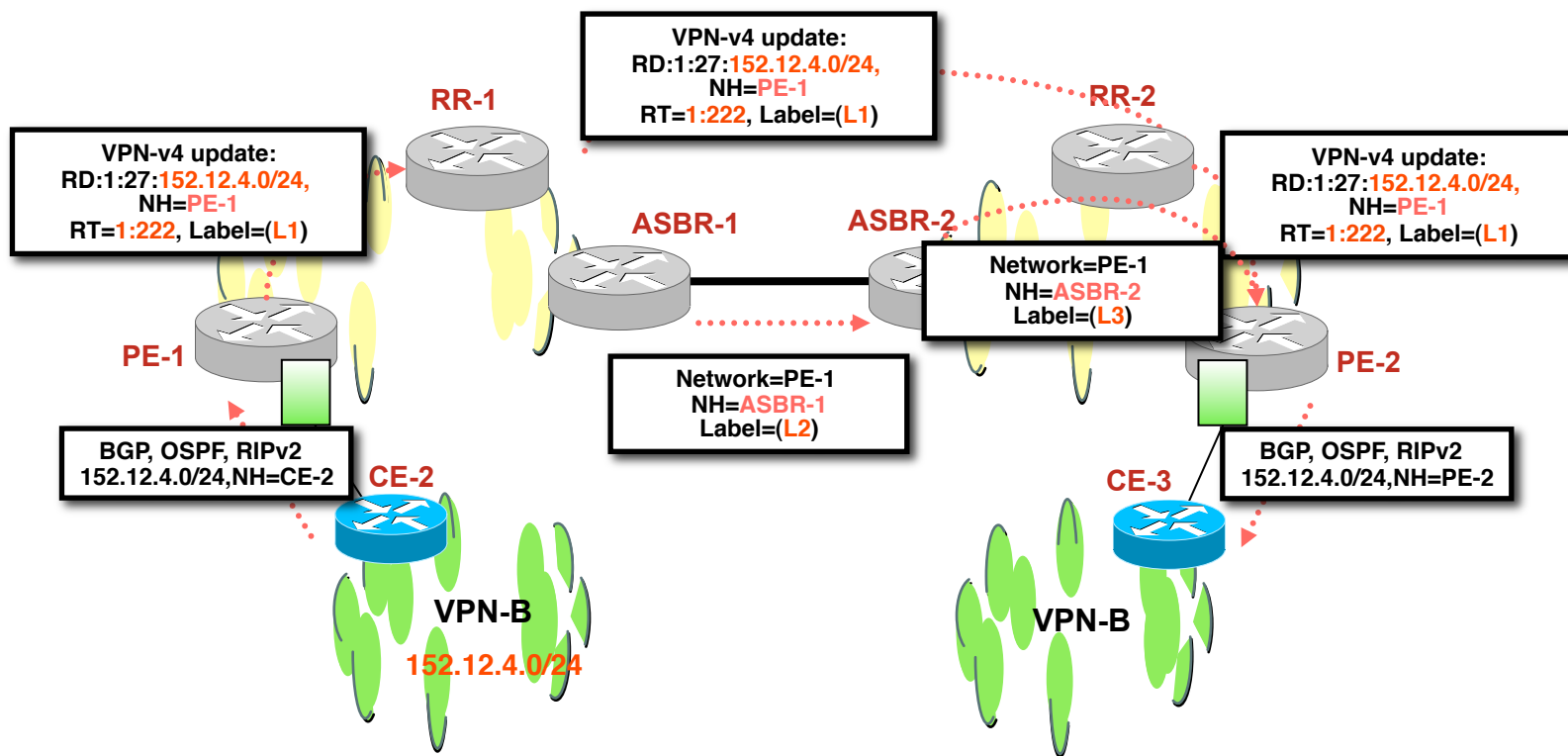


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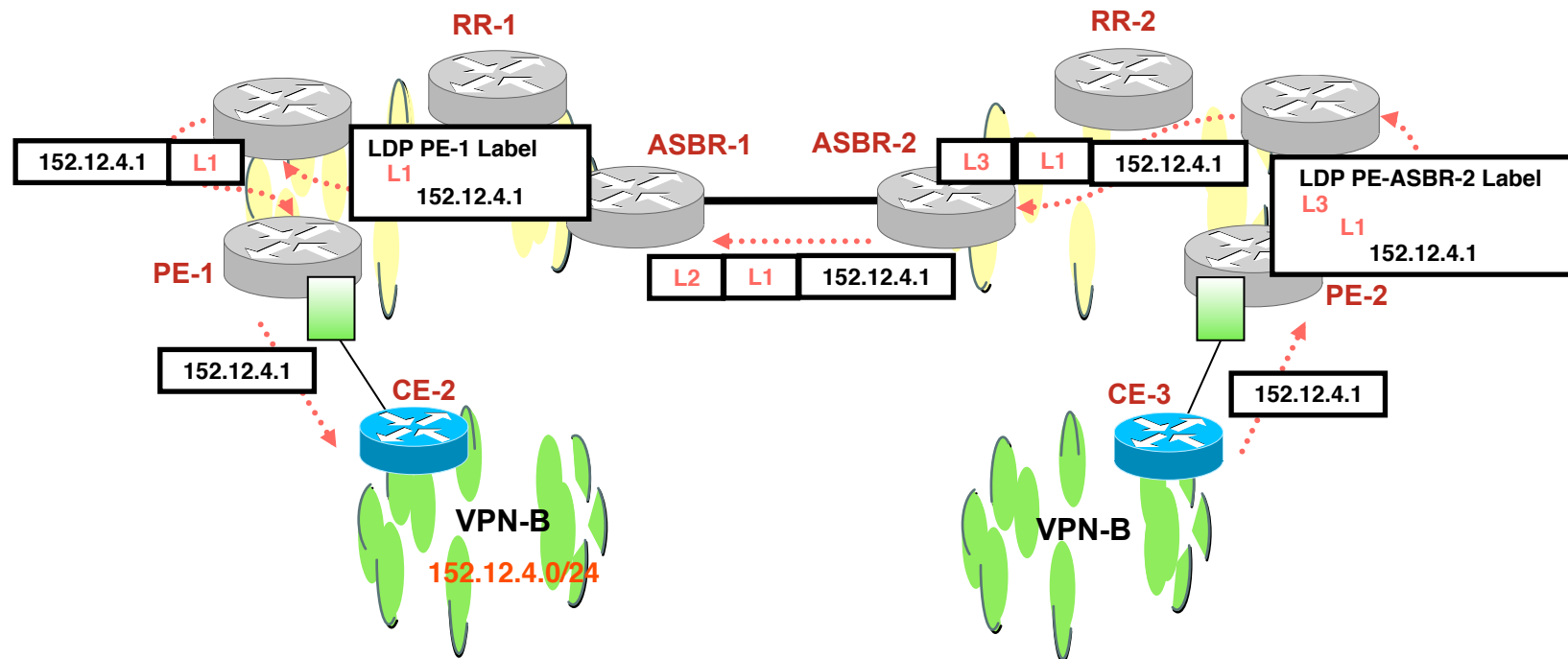


**Multihop MP-eBGP VPNv4 prefix exchange between Route Reflectors**

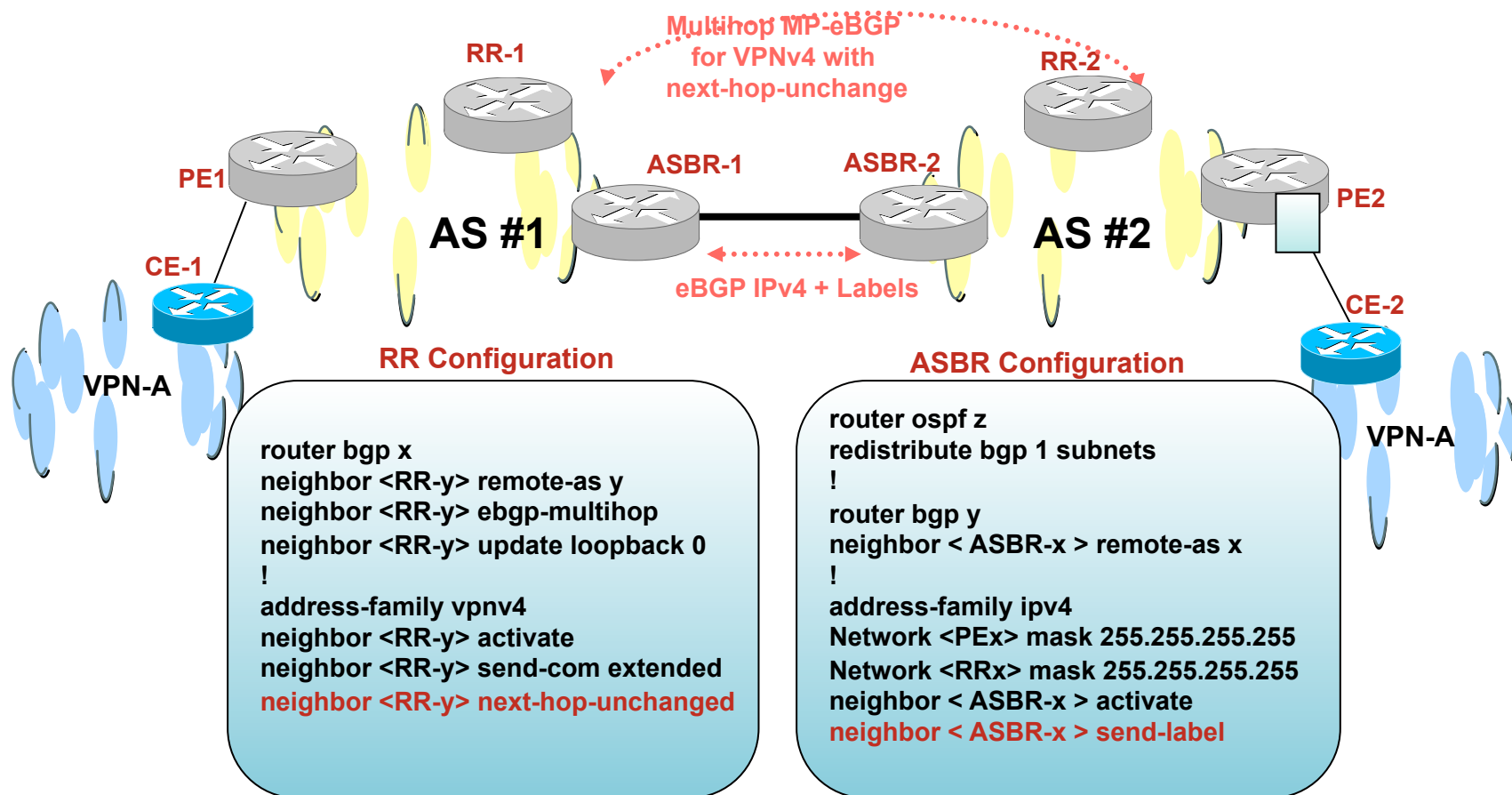
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# Multihop MP-eBGP for VPNv4 Forwarding Plane



## Multihop MP-eBGP for VPNv4 IOS Configuration



## Multihop MP-eBGP for VPNv4

- **Improves the scalability of route exchange**
  - Eliminates the requirement to hold VPNv4 routes on the ASBRs;
  - Route reflectors already store VPNv4 prefix information
- **Packets travel with 3 level label stack**
  - <LDP IGP, BGP learnt label for Next-hop, VPN label>
- **Advertising PE addresses to another AS may not be acceptable to few providers.**

## Non-VPN Transit Provider

- **Two MPLS VPN providers may exchange routes with one or more third party**

Which is a non-VPN transit backbone just running MPLS

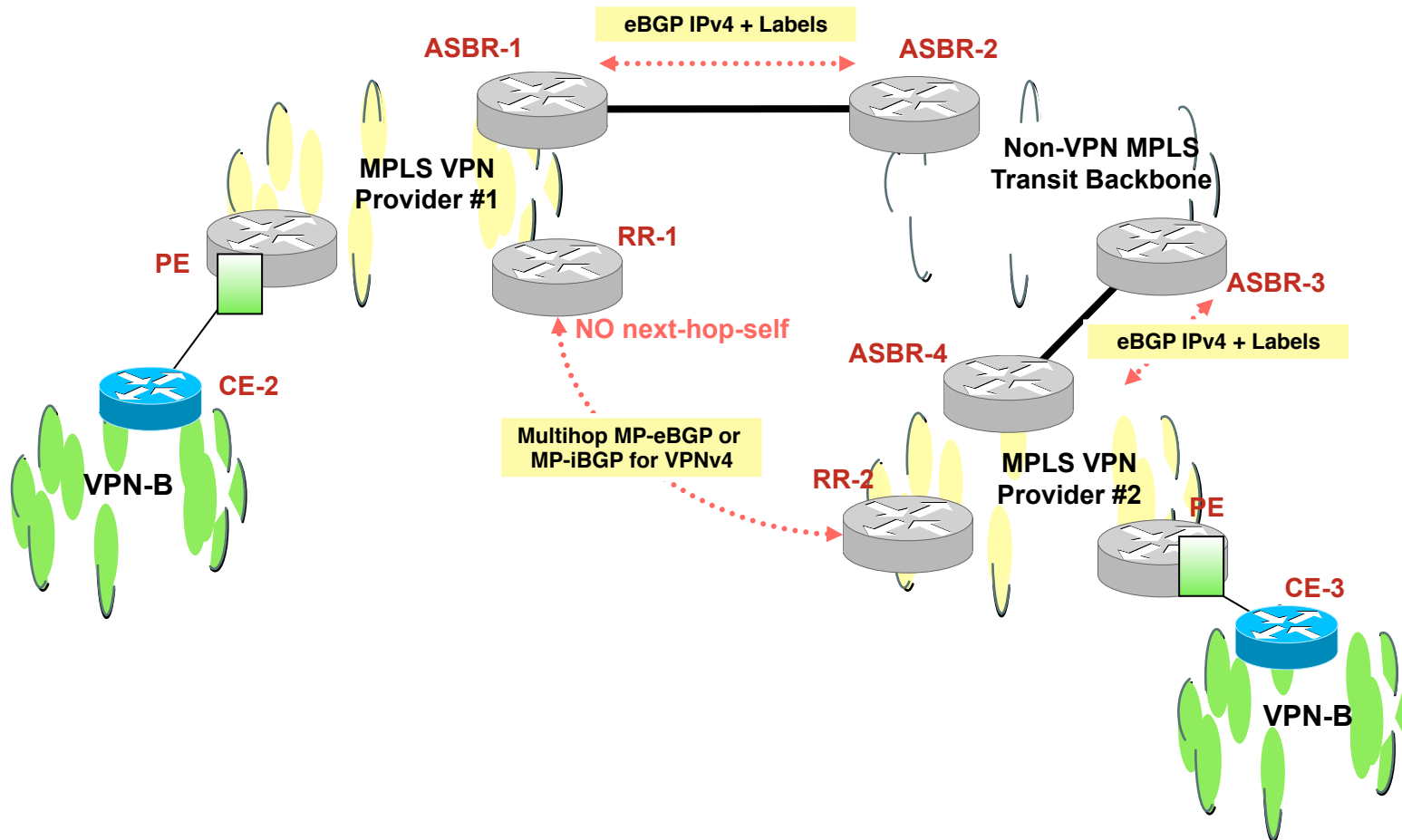
- **Multihop MP-eBGP deployed between edge providers**

With the exchange of BGP next-hops via the transit provider;  
BGP-4 + labels required

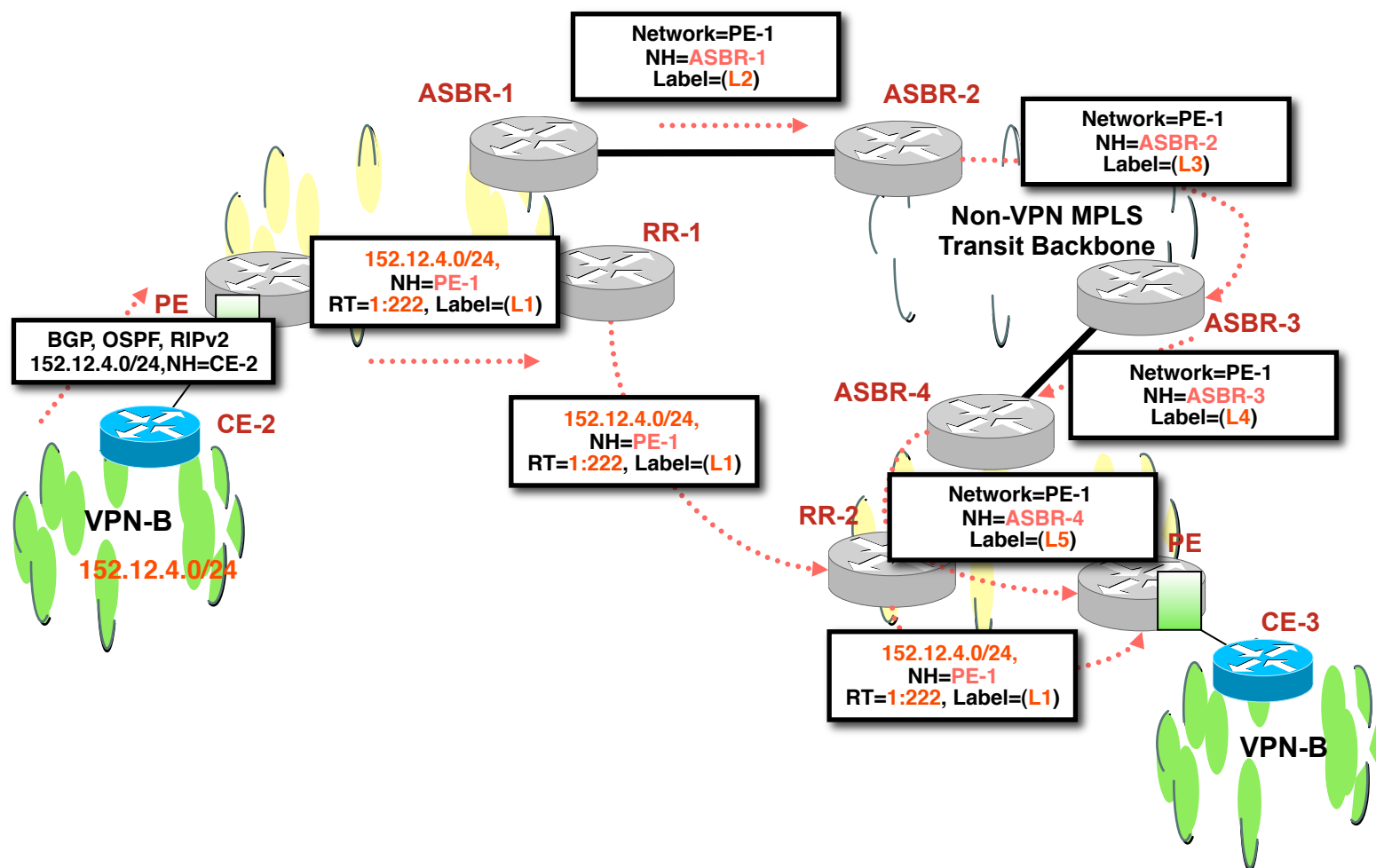
- **Providers may use the same AS# within each region or different AS#**

Transit network is NOT part of the AS path

# Non-VPN Transit Provider

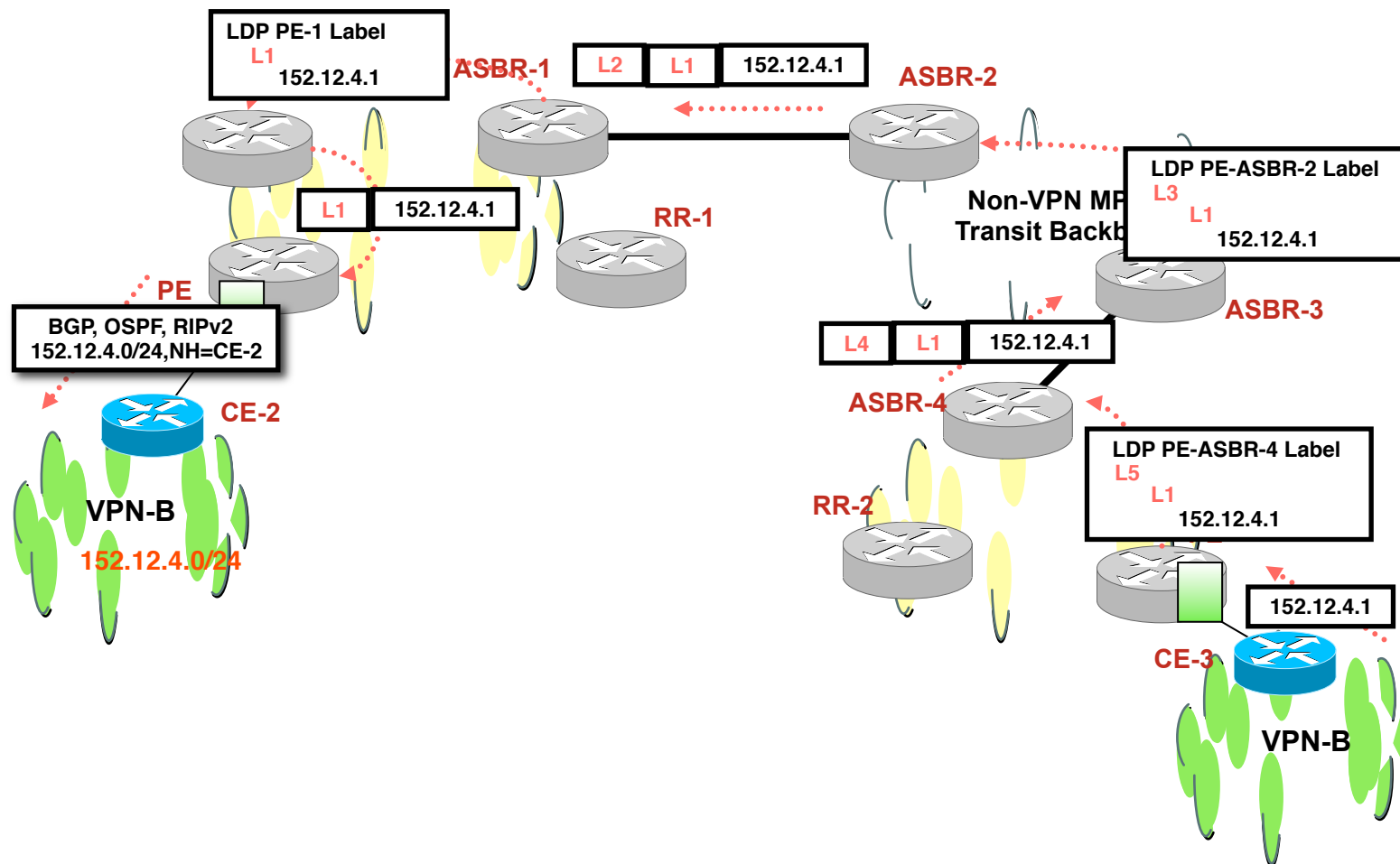


# Non-VPN Transit Provider Control Plane

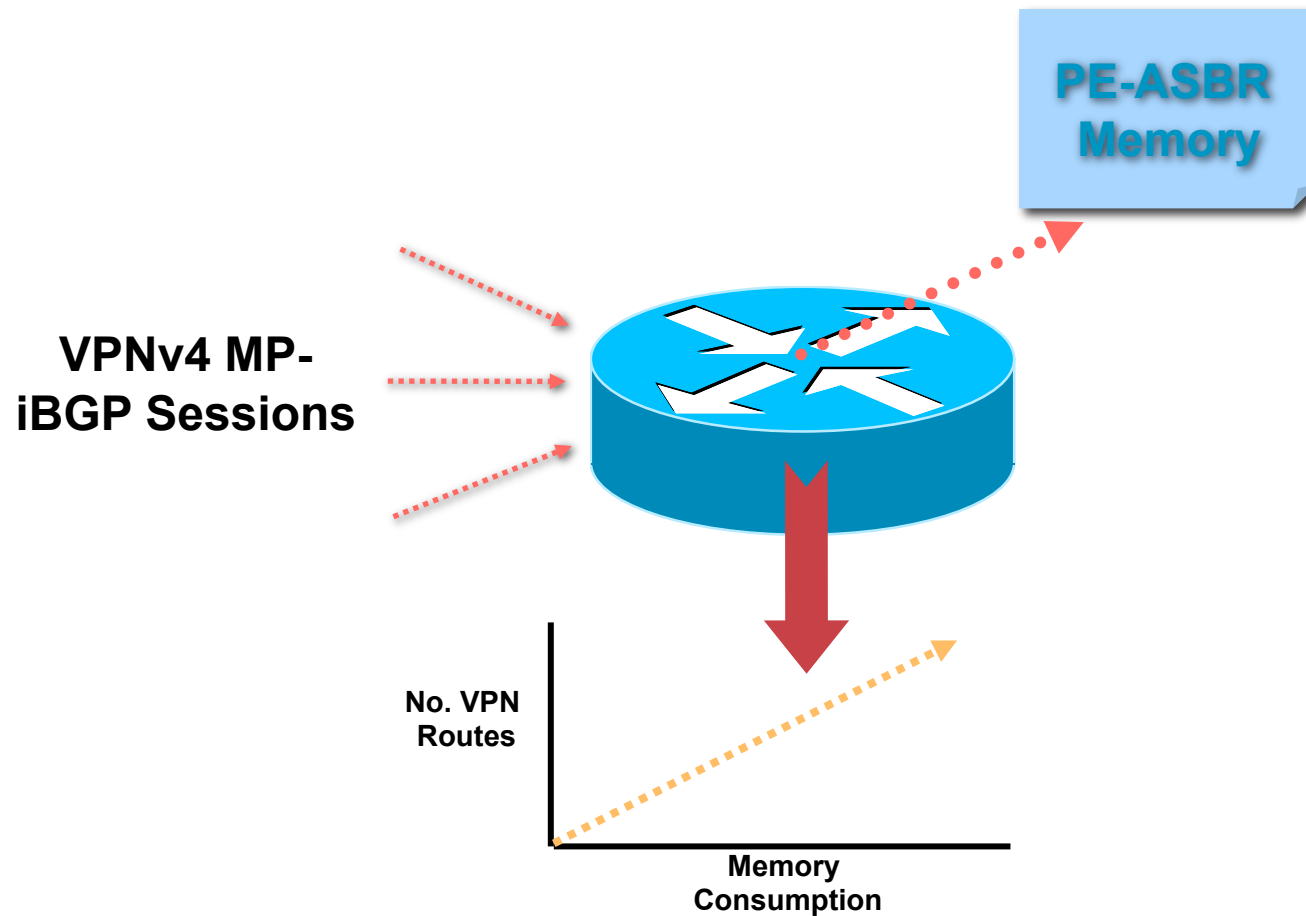




# Non-VPN Transit Provider Forwarding Plane



# Scaling Inter-Provider Solutions: PE-ASBR Memory Consumption



## PE-ASBR Memory Scaling

- **Potentially large amounts of VPN routing information**

That may or may not need to be carried between providers;

Large percentage will be local VPN prefixes

This is specially true for (1)back-back vrf (2)MP-eBGP on PE-ASBR

- **PE-ASBRs must hold relevant VPN routing information**

But only Inter-AS VPN prefix details

- **Two methods available to aid scaling**

ARF with local VRF import (default)

ARF disabled with inbound filtering

## ARF with local VRF import

- **Automatic Route Filtering (ARF) for non-imported routes**

If RT does not match locally configured import statement then drop the route

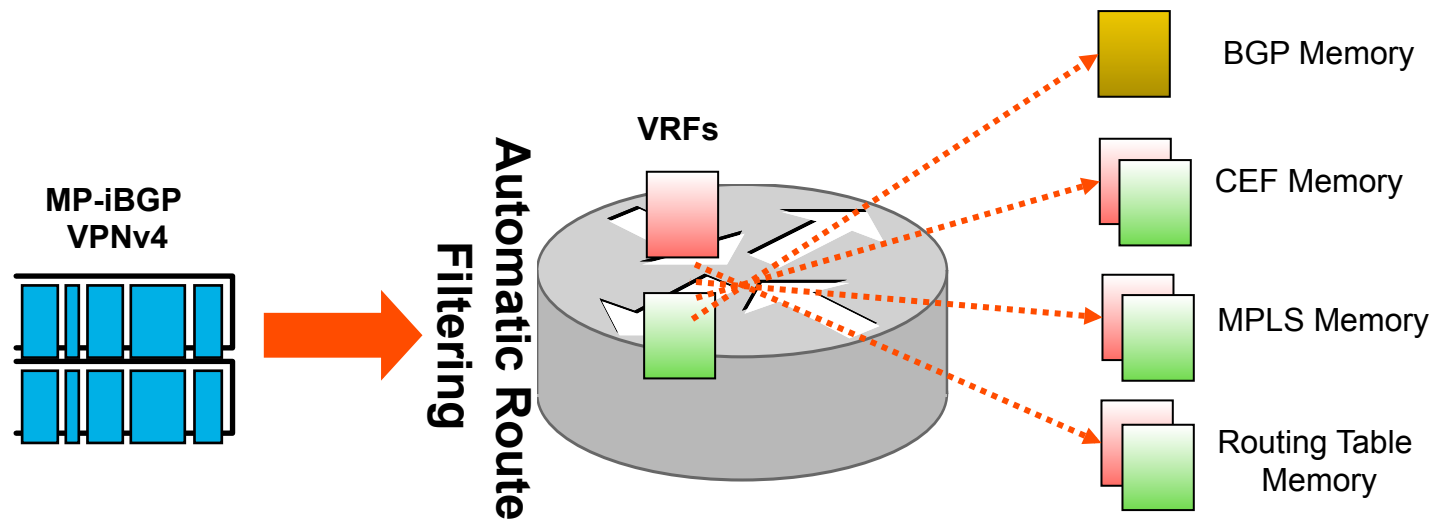
- **Each PE-ASBR holds VRFs for Inter-AS VPNs**

And imports routes based on route-target values

- **PE-ASBR acts like normal PE router**

Although also services external MP-BGP sessions

## ARF with local VRF import



**BGP, CEF, MPLS & RT Memory per-VRF**

## ARF disabled with inbound filtering

- **Automatic Route Filtering (ARF) enabled by default**

Therefore if no VRFs are configured then ALL VPN routes are dropped by the PE-ASBR
- **Automatic Route Filtering may be disabled**

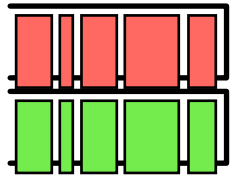
Through use of **no default BGP route-target filter** command within the BGP configuration
- **Disabling of ARF will cause ALL routes to be accepted by the PE-ASBR, when it has no VRFs**

Which implies filtering must occur to drop unwanted routes

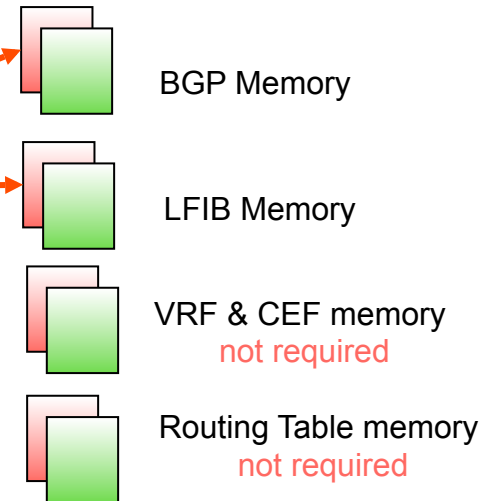
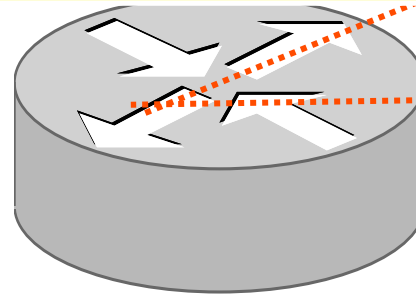
# ARF disabled with inbound filtering

```
router bgp 1
!  
no bgp default route-target filter
!  
address-family vpnv4
  neighbor 154.27.0.134 activate
  neighbor 154.27.0.134 send-community extended
  neighbor 154.27.0.134 route-map vpn-routes-filter in
```

MP-iBGP  
VPNv4



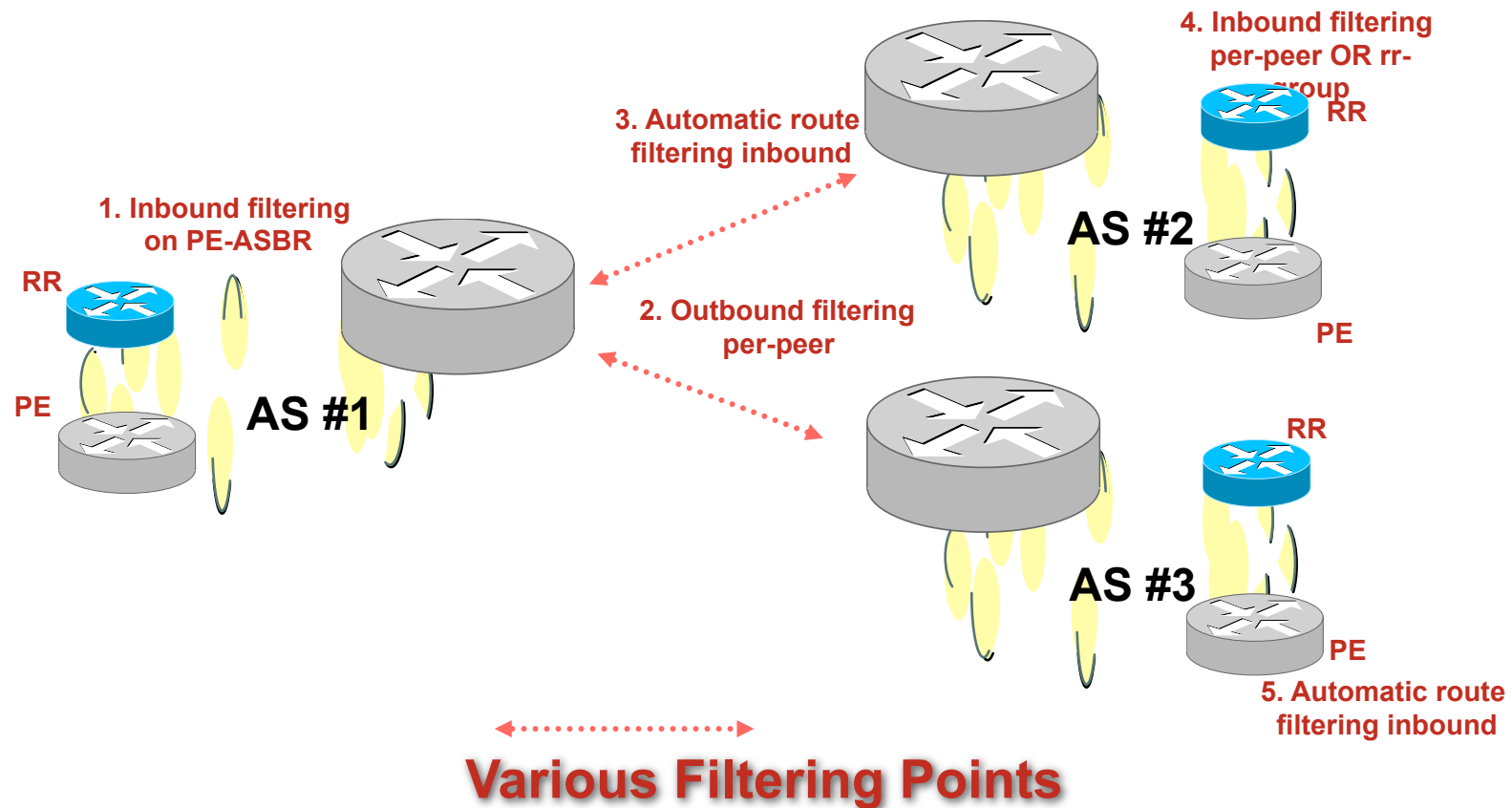
**NO Automatic  
Route Filtering**



**NO per-VRF CEF or RT Memory, only BGP & LFIB**

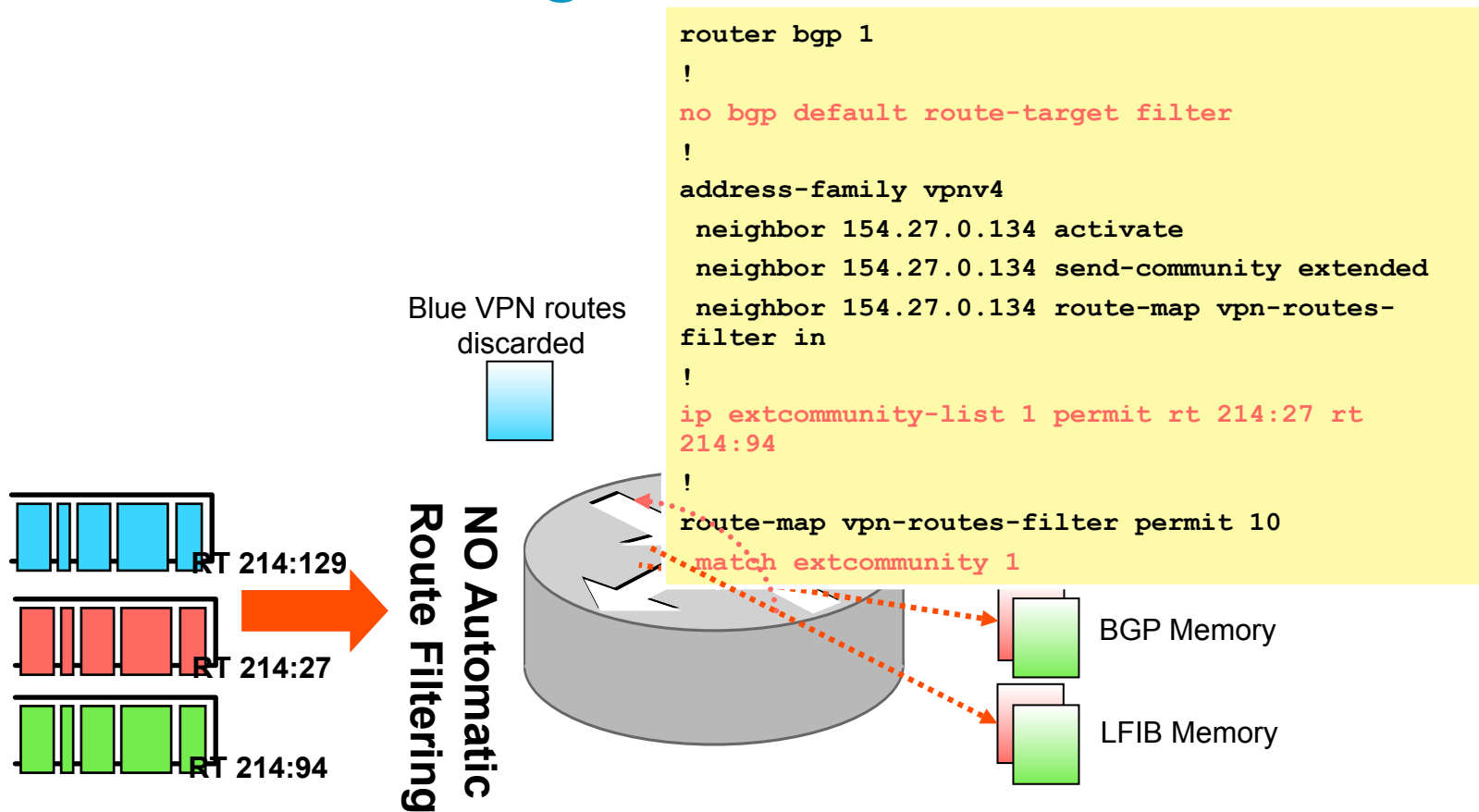
# Filtering & Route Distribution Mechanisms

## Inter-AS Filtering Points





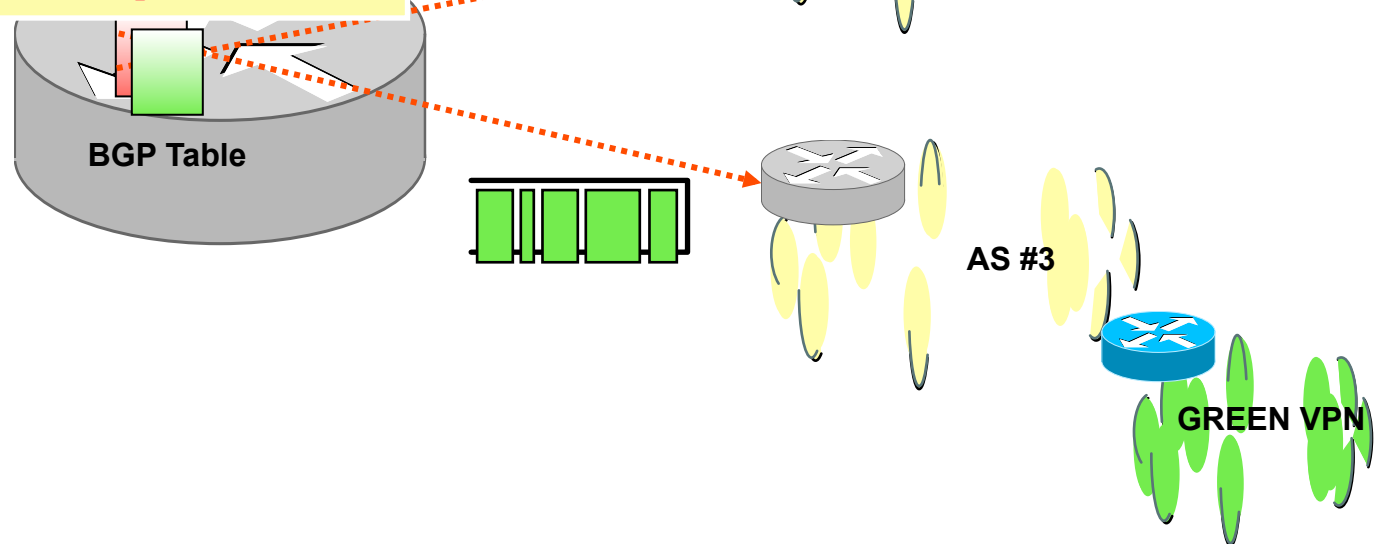
# Inbound filtering on PE-ASBR



**NO ARF – Filter inbound on per-peer basis**

# Outbound filtering on PE-ASBR

```
address-family vpnv4
  neighbor 157.27.0.132 route-map
  MPEBGP-2 out
  neighbor 149.27.0.142 route-map
  MPEBGP-3 out
!
route-map MPEBGP-2 permit 10
  match extcommunity 214:27
!
route-map MPEBGP-3 permit 10
  match extcommunity 214:94
```



## Downstream RT allocation

- **Both inbound & outbound filtering restrictive with large number of VPN clients**

As each RT must be known and the filters must be established

- **Changes to VPN client membership will cause configuration changes on PE-ASBRs**

As each filter must be updated to reflect addition/deletion of VPN clients

- **With large number of clients a simplified filtering scheme is needed**

Provided with “Downstream provider RT allocation” scheme

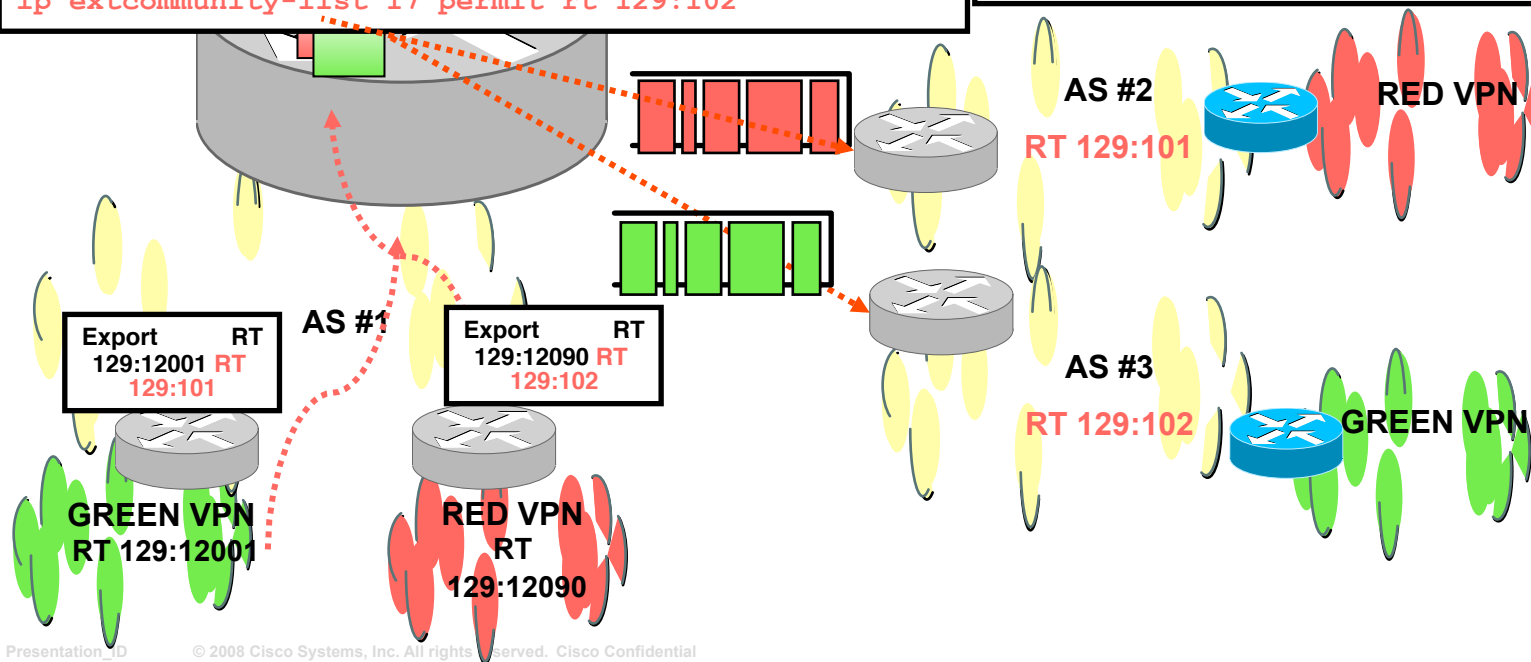
## Downstream RT allocation

```

address-family vpnv4
  neighbor 154.27.0.134 activate
  neighbor 154.27.0.134 send-community extended
  neighbor 154.27.0.134 route-map asbr-routes-filter
in
  neighbor 157.27.0.132 route-map MPeBGP-2 out
  neighbor 149.27.0.142 route-map MPeBGP-3 out
!
ip extcommunity-list 1 permit rt 129:101 rt 129:102
ip extcommunity-list 16 permit rt 129:101
ip extcommunity-list 17 permit rt 129:102
  
```

```

route-map asbr-routes-filter permit 10
  match extcommunity 1
!
route-map MPeBGP-2 permit 10
  match extcommunity 16
!
route-map MPeBGP-3 permit 10
  match extcommunity 17
  
```



# Distribution of Traffic Load between Providers

- **Balancing of Inter-AS traffic is an important issue**

For distribution of traffic and redundancy of network design

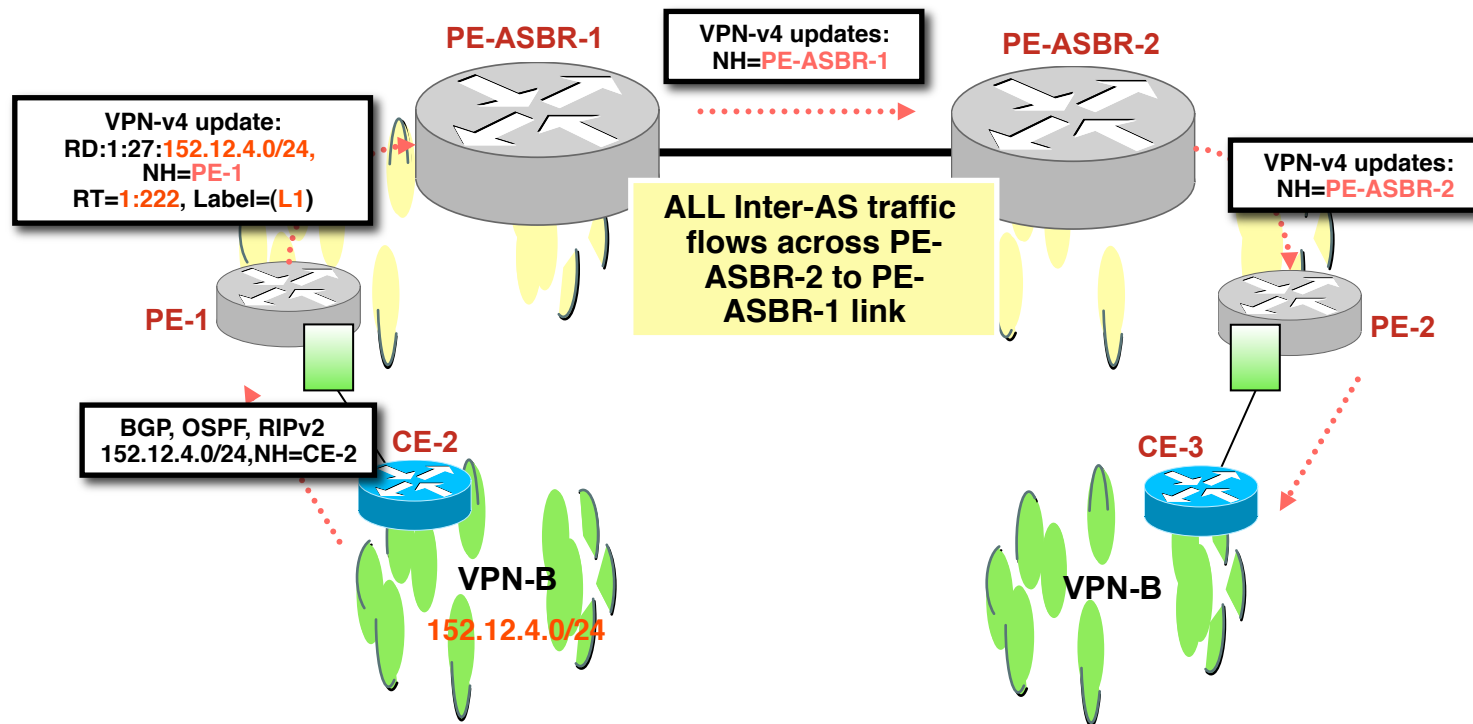
- **All Inter-AS traffic must pass through PE-ASBRs**

As BGP next-hops are reachable via these routers

- **Multiple links provide traffic distribution**

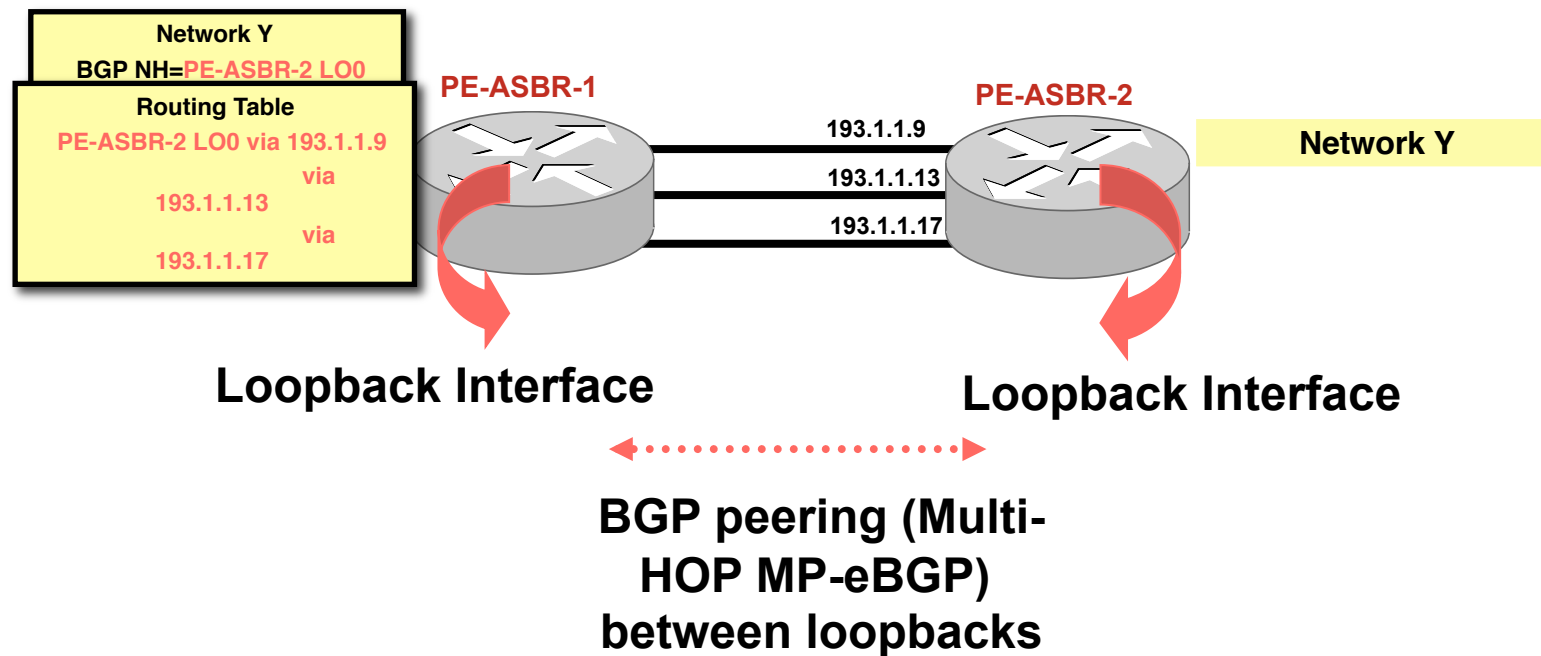
But do not provide redundancy due to single point of failure of the PE-ASBR

# VPN Client Traffic Flow



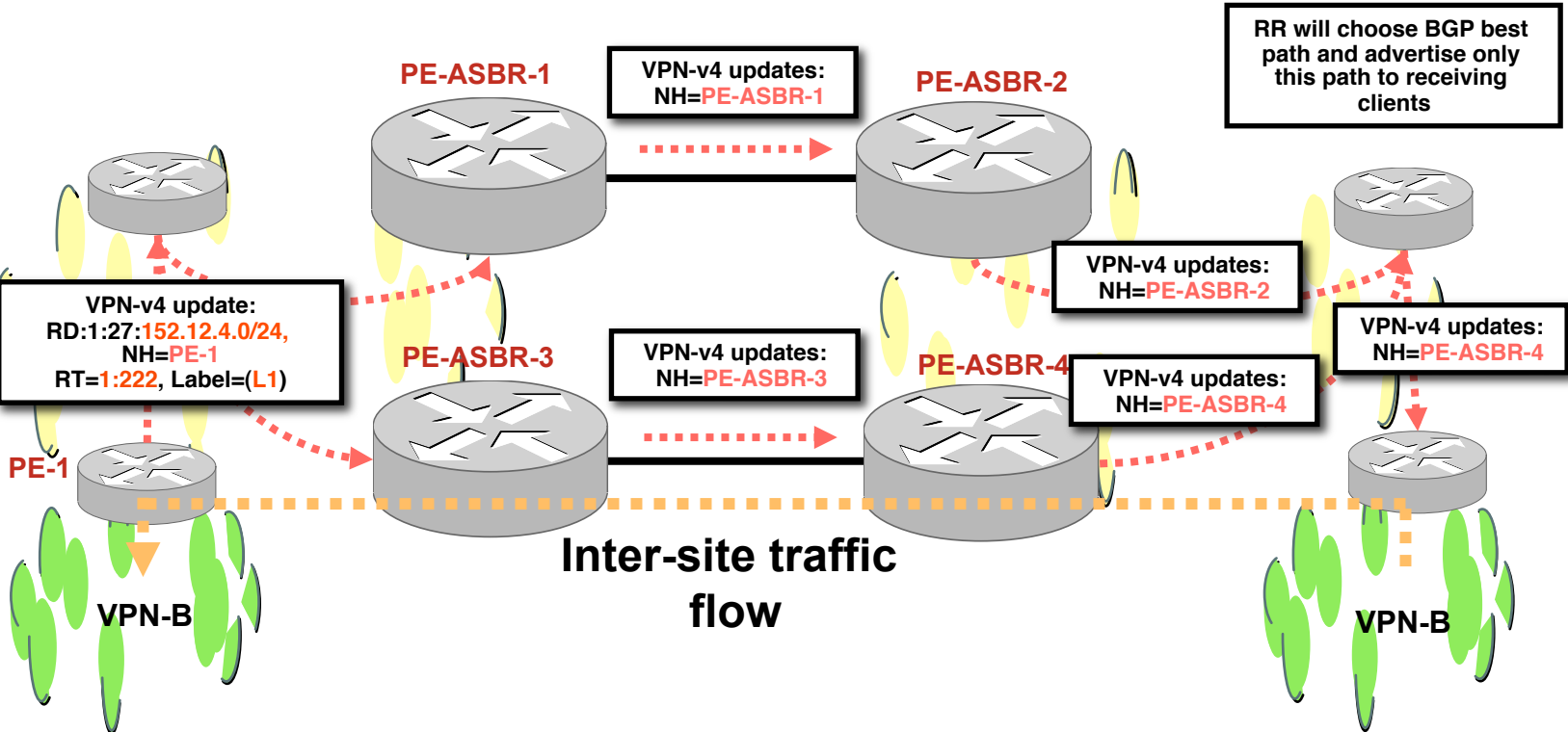
## VPN Client to VPN Client traffic flow via Inter-AS Link

# Load Balancing between PE-ASBRs



**Load Balancing across multiple PE-ASBR links**

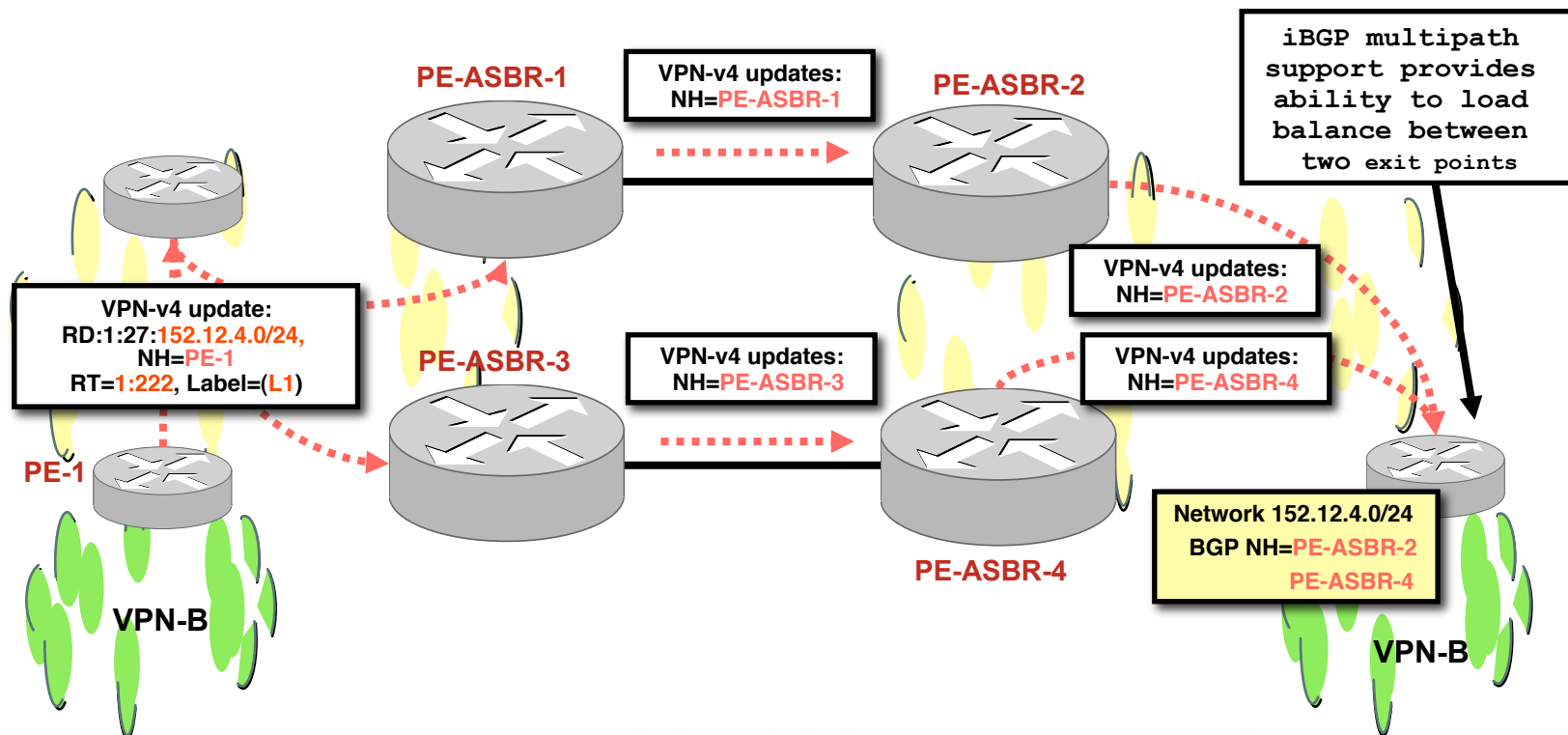
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## Redundant PE-ASBR used purely for backup



# Redundant PE-ASBR Load Balancing



**Load balancing PE-ASBR links without Route Reflectors**



## Internet Access from a VPN

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# Overview

Leaking Between VPN and Global Backbone Routing

Separating Internet Access from VPN Service

Internet Access Backbone as a Separate VPN

Internet Access with VRF Aware NAT



## Leaking Between VPN and Global Backbone Routing

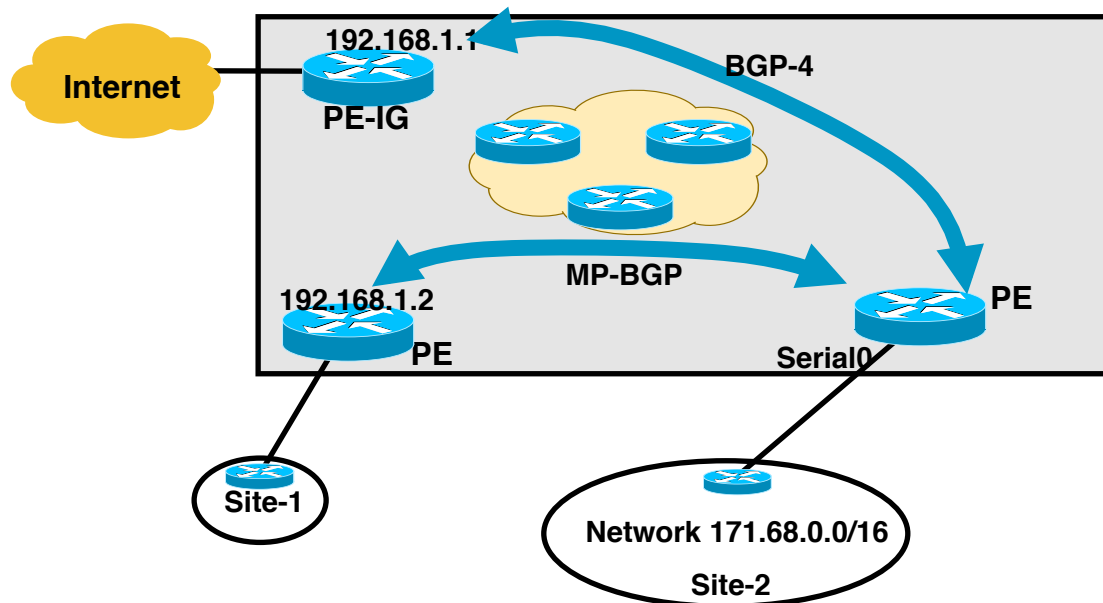
## Internet Access Through Global Routing

- Two implementation options:

Internet access is implemented via separate interfaces that are not placed in any VRF (traditional Internet access setup)

Packet leaking between a VRF and the global table is achieved through special configuration commands

## Underlying Technology



- Packet leaking between a VRF and a global routing table is based on two IOS features:

A VRF static route can be defined with a global next-hop. This feature achieves leaking from a VRF toward a global next-hop

A global static route can be defined pointing to a connected interface that belongs to a VRF. This feature achieves leaking from a global routing table into VPN space.

## Configuring Packet Leaking

Router(config)#

```
ip route vrf name prefix mask next-hop global
```

- Configures a VRF static route with a global next-hop
- Packets matched by this static route are forwarded toward a global next-hop and thus leak into global address space

Router(config)#

```
ip route prefix mask interface
```

- Configures a global static route that can point to an interface in VRF
- Globally-routed packets following this entry will be sent toward a CE router (into a VPN)

# Designing Internet Access Through Packet Leaking

- A public address is assigned to an Internet/VPN customer
- A global static route for an assigned address block is configured on the PE router

The static route has to be redistributed into BGP to provide full connectivity to the customer

- A default route toward a global Internet exit point is installed in the customer VRF

This default route is used to forward packets to unknown destinations (Internet) into the global address space



## Connectivity from the Customer to the Internet

- A default route is installed into the VRF pointing to a global Internet gateway

**Warning:** Using a default route for Internet routing does NOT allow any other default route for intra-VPN routing

- The default route is not part of any VPN

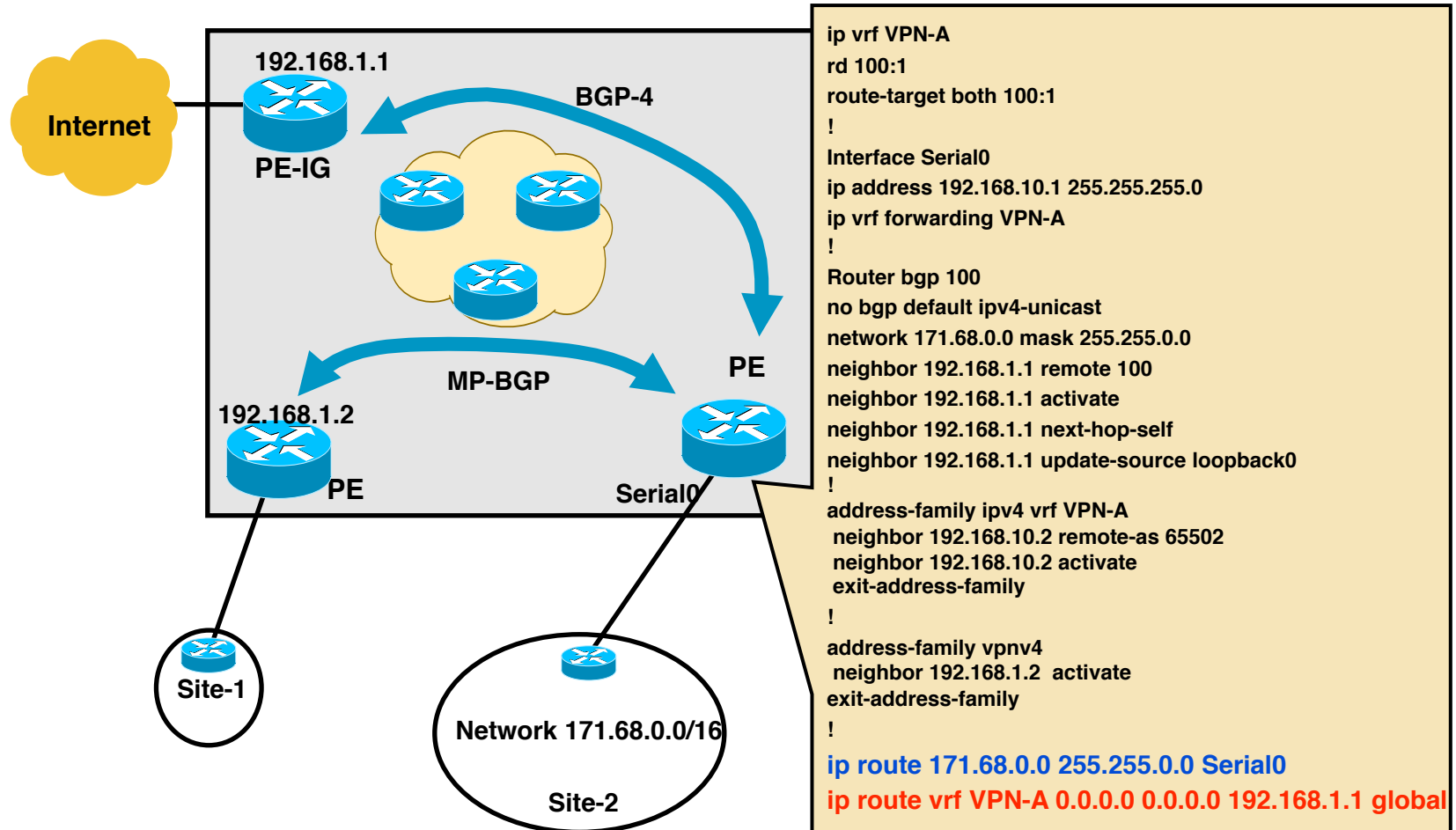
A single label is used for packets forwarded toward the global next-hop

The label used for packet forwarding is the IGP label (TDP/LDP-assigned label) corresponding to the IP address of the global next-hop

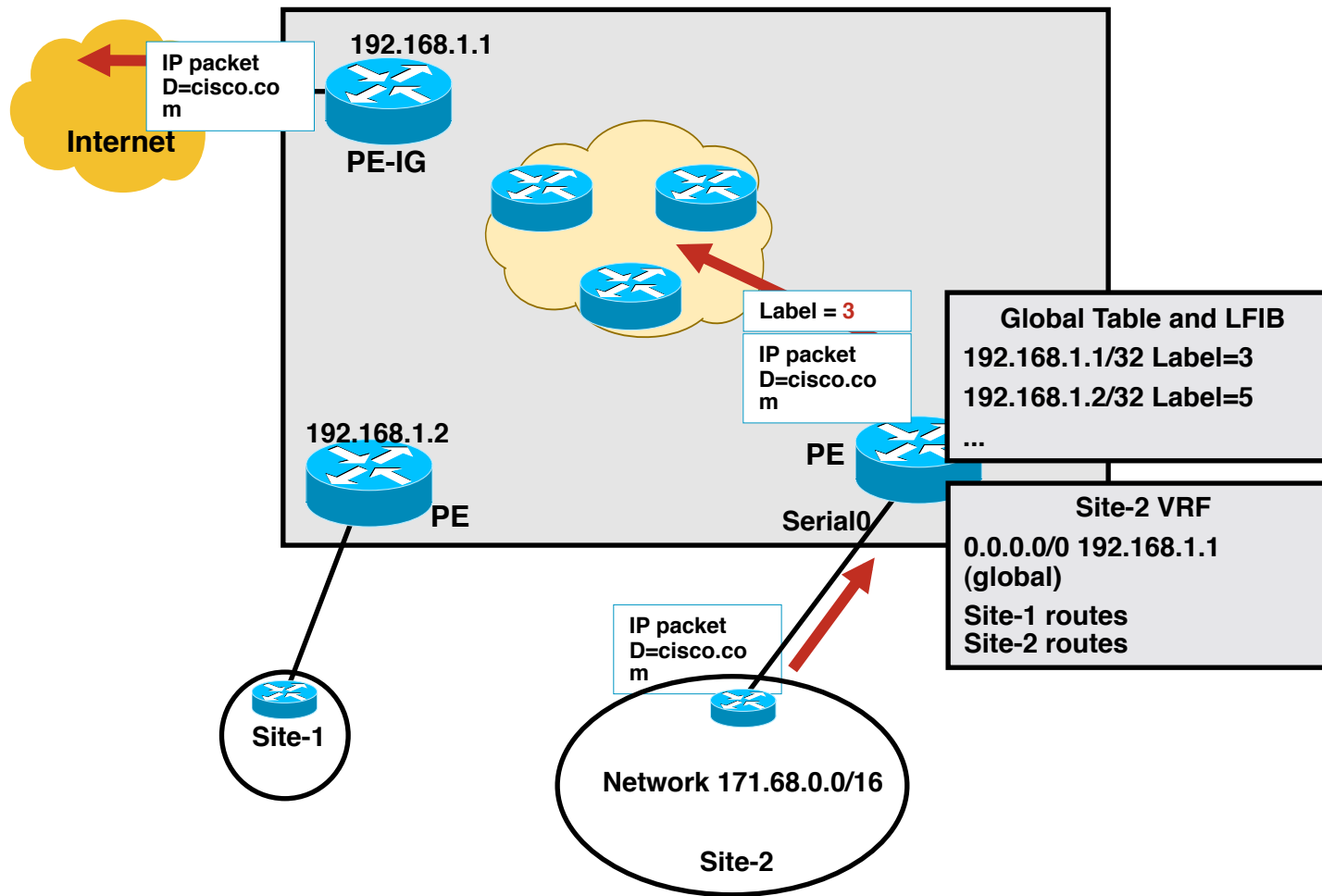
## VRF-Specific Default Route

- The Internet gateway specified as the next-hop in the VRF default route need NOT to be directly connected
- The next-hop can be in the upstream AS to achieve redundancy
- Different Internet gateways can be used for different VRFs

# An Example of Internet Access Through Packet Leaking



# Packet Leaking in Action



## Redundant Internet Access with Packet Leaking

- Several VRF default routes can be used with different next-hops

This setup will survive failure of the Internet gateway, not the failure of its upstream link

- Global next-hop can be in an upstream autonomous system

This setup yields best redundancy because it tests availability of the whole path from PE router to the upstream autonomous system

**Drawback:** local Internet service stops working if the upstream autonomous system is not reachable

## Limitations of Packet

- Drawbacks:

Internet and VPN packets are mixed on the same link; security issues arise

Packets moving toward temporarily unreachable VPN destinations might leak into the Internet

A global BGP session between a PE and a CE router needed for full Internet routing exchange is hard to configure

- Benefits:

A PE router does not need Internet routes, only an IGP route toward the Internet gateway



## Separating Internet Access from VPN Service

# Designing Internet Access Separated from VPN

- Customer Internet access is implemented over different interfaces than VPN access is:

Traditional Internet access implementation model

Requires separate physical links or separate subinterfaces

Maximum design flexibility; Internet access is totally independent from MPLS VPN



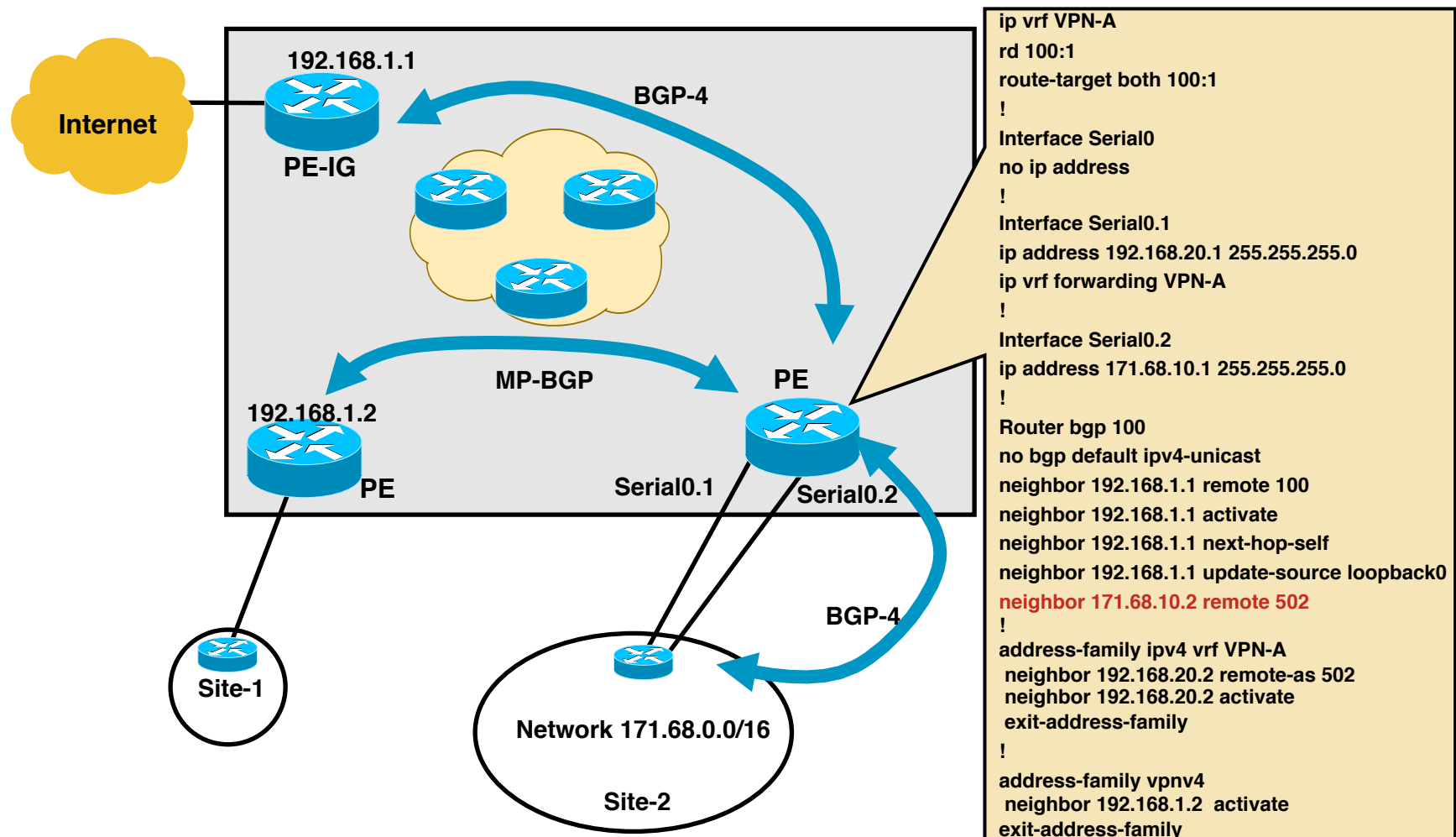
## Subinterfaces

- Separate physical links for VPN and Internet traffic are sometimes not acceptable because of high cost
- Subinterfaces can be used over WAN links using Frame Relay or ATM encapsulation (including DSL)
- A tunnel interface could be used; however:

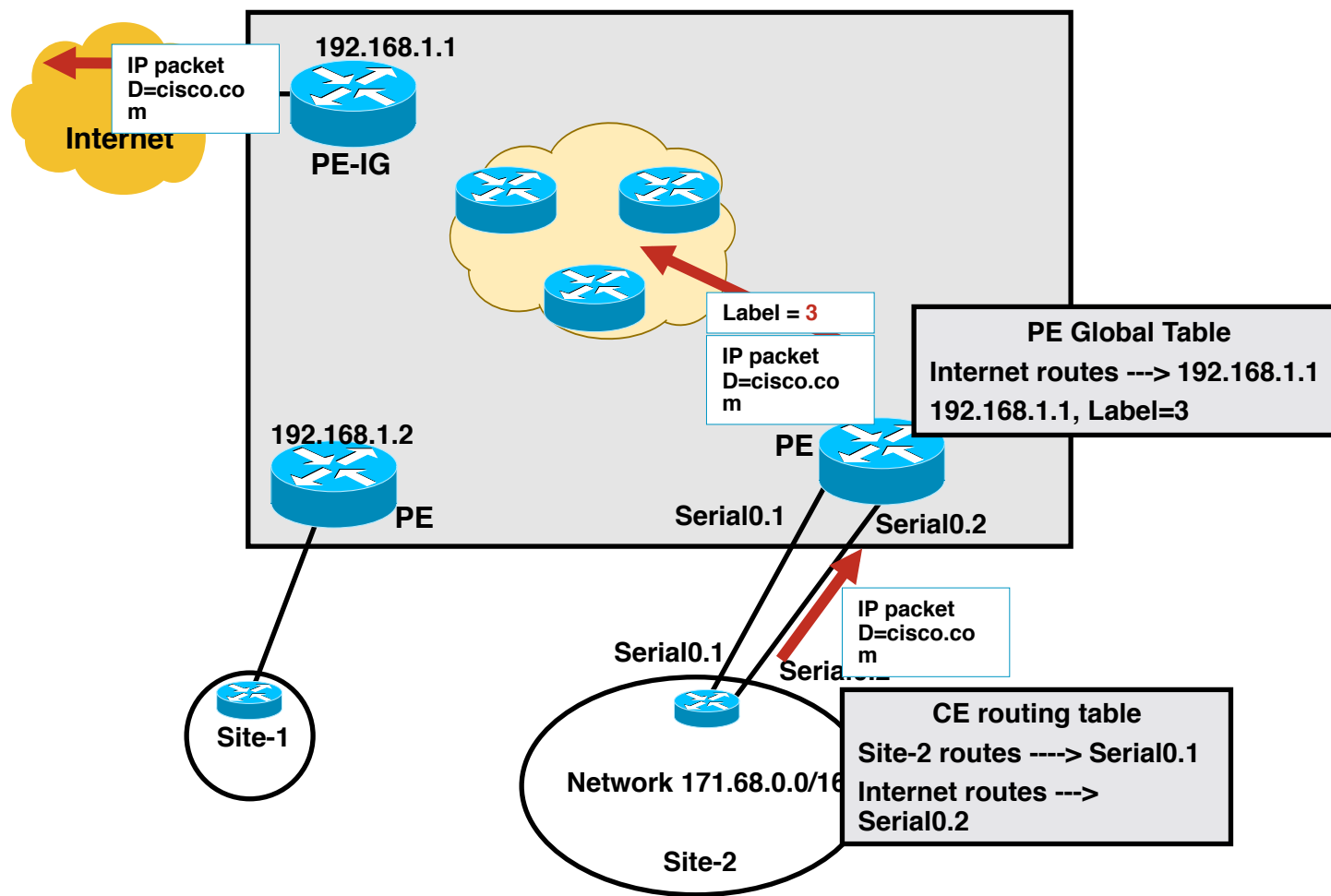
Tunnels are not VRF-aware: VPN traffic must run over a global tunnel

This setup could lead to security leaks because global packets could end up in VPN space

# An Example of Internet Access Through a Dedicated Subinterface



## Internet Access Through a Dedicated Subinterface - Traffic Flow



## Limitations of Separate Internet Access

- Drawbacks:

Requires separate physical link or specific WAN encapsulation

PE routers must be able to perform Internet routing (and potentially carry full Internet routing)

Wholesale Internet access or Central Firewall service cannot be implemented with this model

PE router has internet as well as VPN routes. A lot of ISPs do not like this idea due to security reasons

- Benefits:

Well-known model

Supports all customer requirements

Allows all Internet services implementation, including a BGP session with the customer



## Internet Access Backbone as a Separate VPN

## Internet Access As a Separate VPN

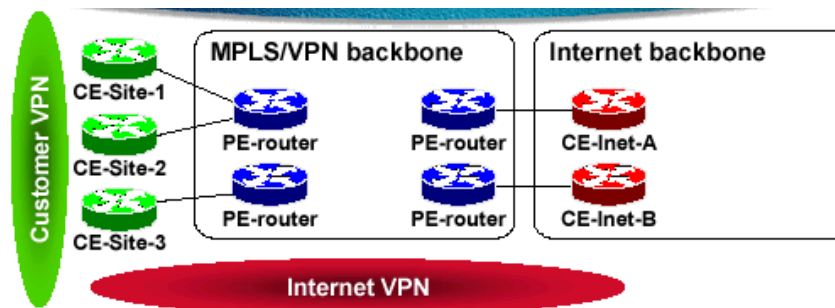
- This design realizes Internet access by using MPLS VPN features:

An Internet gateway is connected as a CE router to the MPLS VPN backbone

An Internet gateway shall not insert full Internet routing into the VPN; only the default route and the local (regional) routes can be inserted

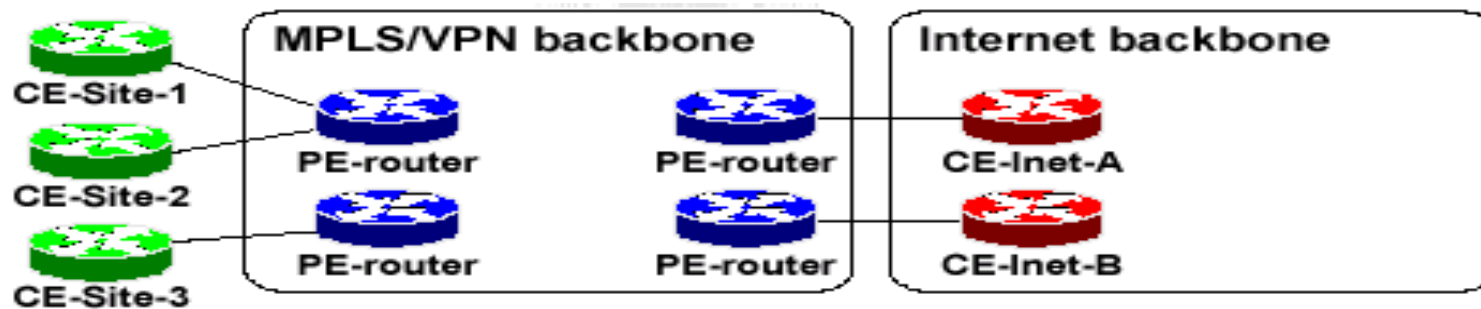
Every customer that needs Internet access is assigned to the same VPN as the Internet gateway

# Internet Access as a Separate VPN



- The Internet backbone is separate from the VPN backbone
- VPN customers are connected to the Internet through a proper VPN/VRF setup

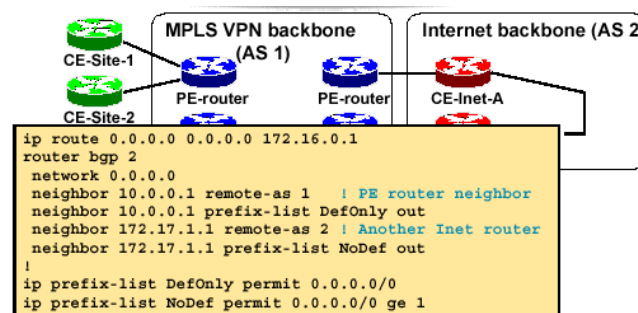
## Redundant Internet Access



- Multiple CE-Internet routers can be used for redundancy
  - All CE-Internet routers advertise default route
  - Internet VPN will recover from CE-Internet router failure
  - Preferred default route can be indicated via MED attribute
- Default route should be advertised conditionally to achieve higher resilience



# Redundant Internet Access



- Example: CE-Inet-A should advertise default route only if it can reach network 172.16.0.0/16 (upstream ISP core)

# Limitations of Running an Internet Backbone in a VPN

- Drawbacks:

Full Internet routing cannot be carried in the VPN; default routes are needed that can lead to suboptimal routing

Internet backbones act as CE routers to the VPN backbone; implementing overlapping Internet + VPN backbones is tricky

- Benefits:

Supports all Internet access service types

Can support all customer requirements, including a BGP session with the customer, accomplished through advanced BGP setup



## Internet Access using VRF Aware NAT

## Internet Access using VRF-aware NAT

- If the VPN customers need Internet access without internet routes, then VRF-aware NAT can be used at the Internet-GW i.e. ASBR
- The Internet GW doesn't need to have internet routes either
- Overlapping VPN addresses is not a problem

## Internet Access using VRF-aware NAT

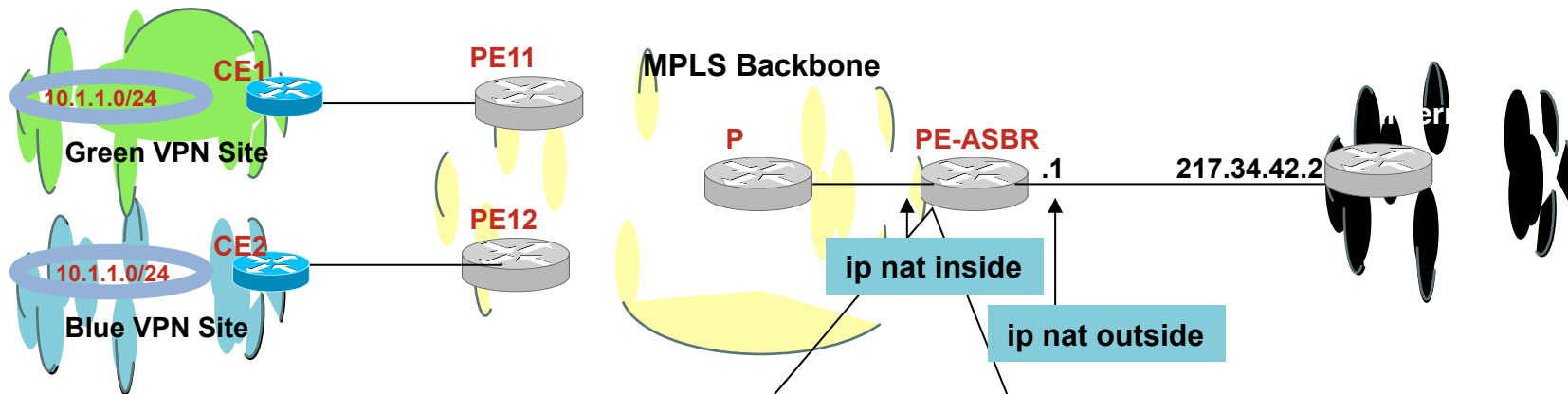
- VPN customers could be using 'overlapping' IP address i.e. 10.0.0.0/8
- Such VPN customers **must NAT** their traffic before using either "extranet" or "internet" or any shared\* services
- **PE is capable of NATting the VPN packets** (eliminating the need for an extra NAT device)

\* VoIP, Hosted Content, Management etc/

## Internet Access using VRF-aware NAT

- Typically, inside interface(s) connect to private address space and outside interface connect to global address space  
  
NAT occurs after routing for traffic from inside-to-outside interfaces  
  
NAT occurs before routing for traffic from outside-to-inside interfaces
- Each NAT entry is associated with the VRF
- Works on VPN packets in the following switch paths : IP->IP, IP->MPLS and MPLS->IP

# Internet Access using VRF-aware NAT



```

ip vrf green
rd 3000:111
route-target both 3000:1
ip vrf blue
rd 3000:222
route-target both 3000:2

router bgp 3000
address-family ipv4 vrf green
network 0.0.0.0
address-family ipv4 vrf blue
network 0.0.0.0
    
```

VRF specific Config

```

ip nat pool pool-green 24.1.1.0 24.1.1.254 prefix-length 24
ip nat pool pool-blue 25.1.1.0 25.1.1.254 prefix-length 24

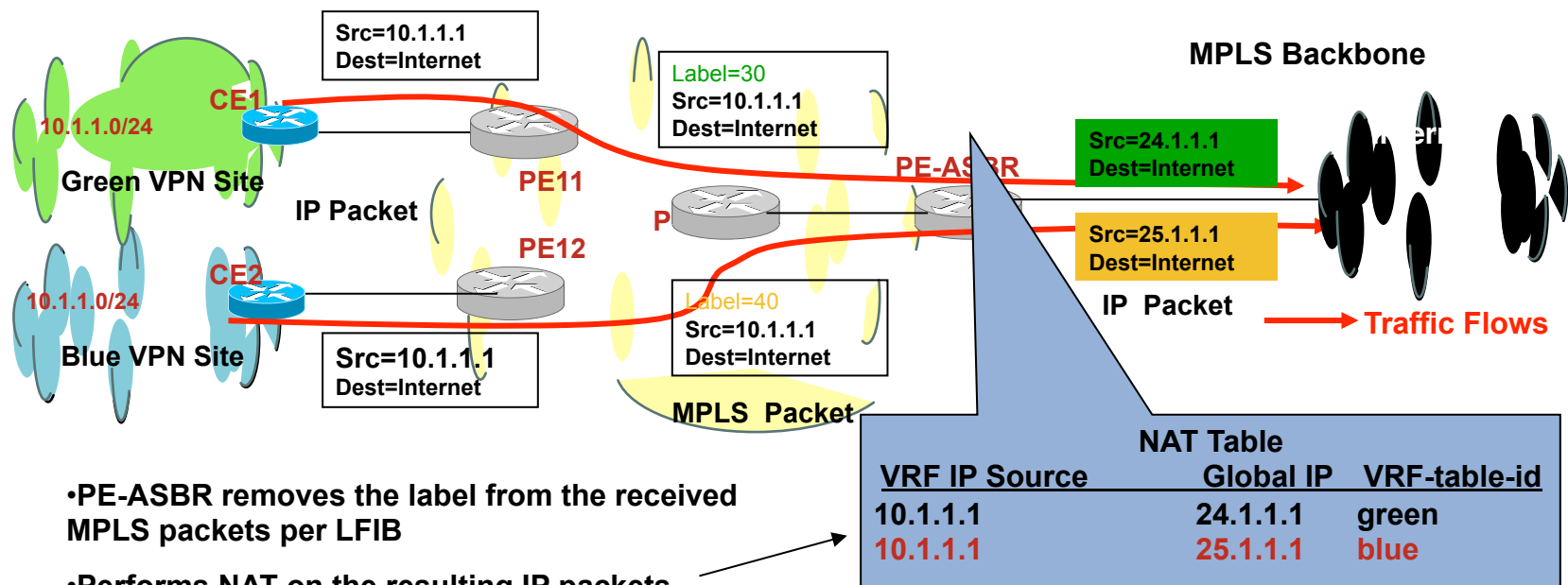
ip nat inside source list vpn-to-nat pool pool-green vrf green
ip nat inside source list vpn-to-nat pool pool-blue vrf blue

ip access-list standard vpn-to-nat
permit 10.1.1.0 0.0.0.255

ip route vrf green 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 217.34.42.2 global
ip route vrf blue 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 217.34.42.2 global
    
```

VRF-aware NAT Specific Config

# Internet Access using VRF-aware NAT



- PE-ASBR removes the label from the received MPLS packets per LFIB
- Performs NAT on the resulting IP packets
- Forwards the packet



