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REANNZ Core IP Network Refresh

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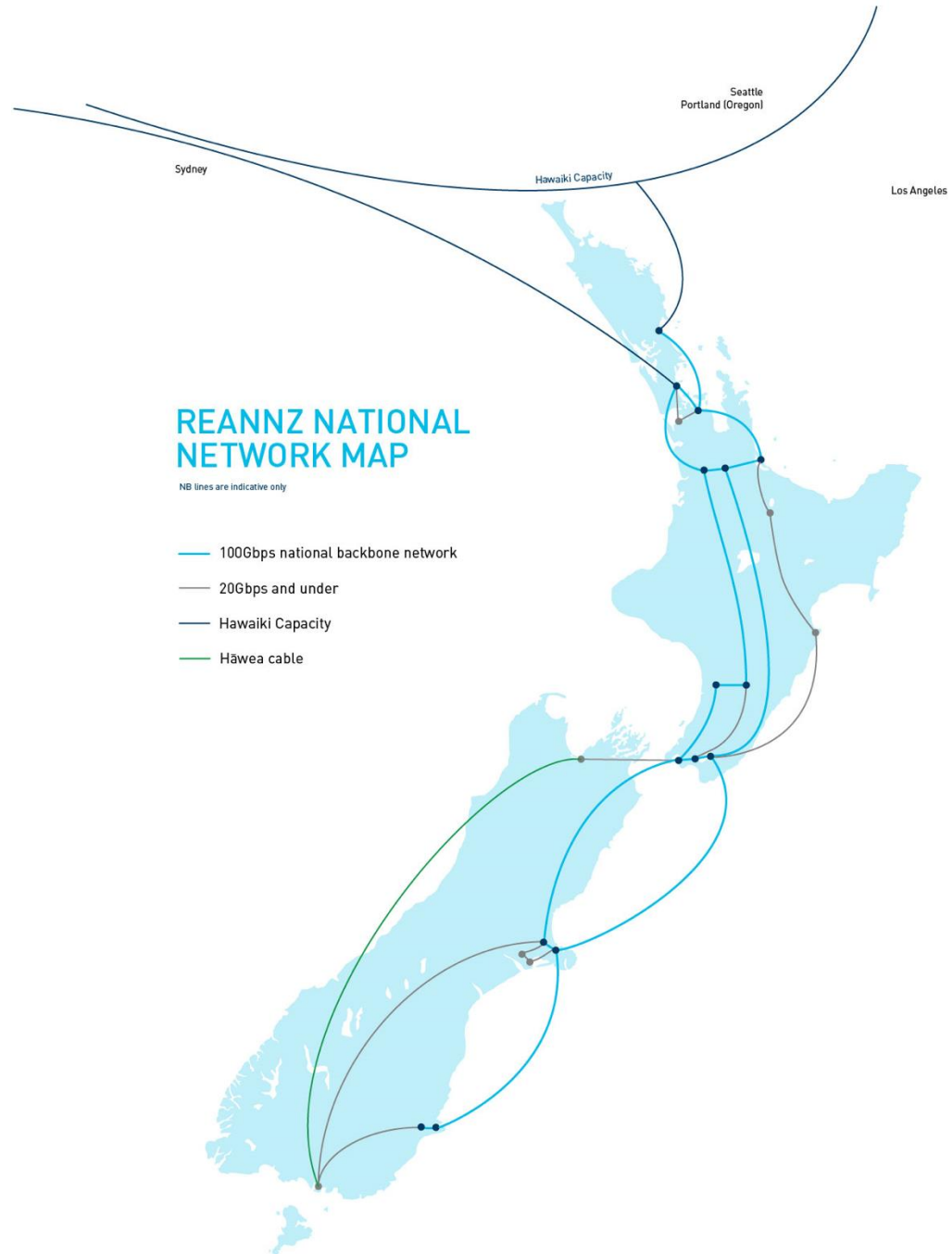


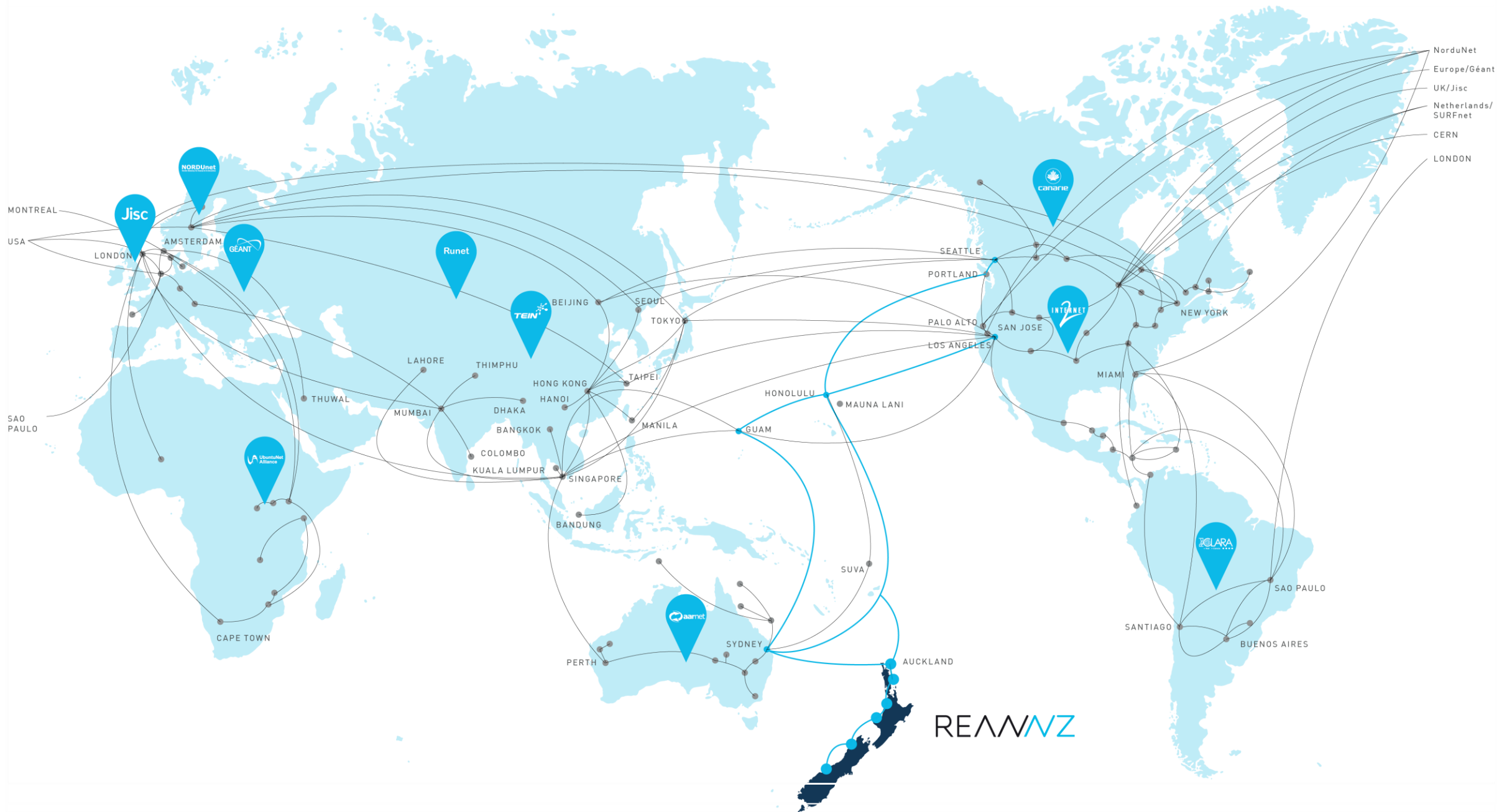
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Associates







REANNZ Network Services

- Internet + NREN
 - DDoS mitigation
 - MANRS
 - Malware Free Networks (MFN)
- Private L3 WAN
- Private L2 circuits
- Campus Connectivity
 - Dark fibre
 - Ultra-Fast Broadband (Wholesale GPON)
 - IPSec over generic Internet services (Mobile, WISP, satellite, etc.)

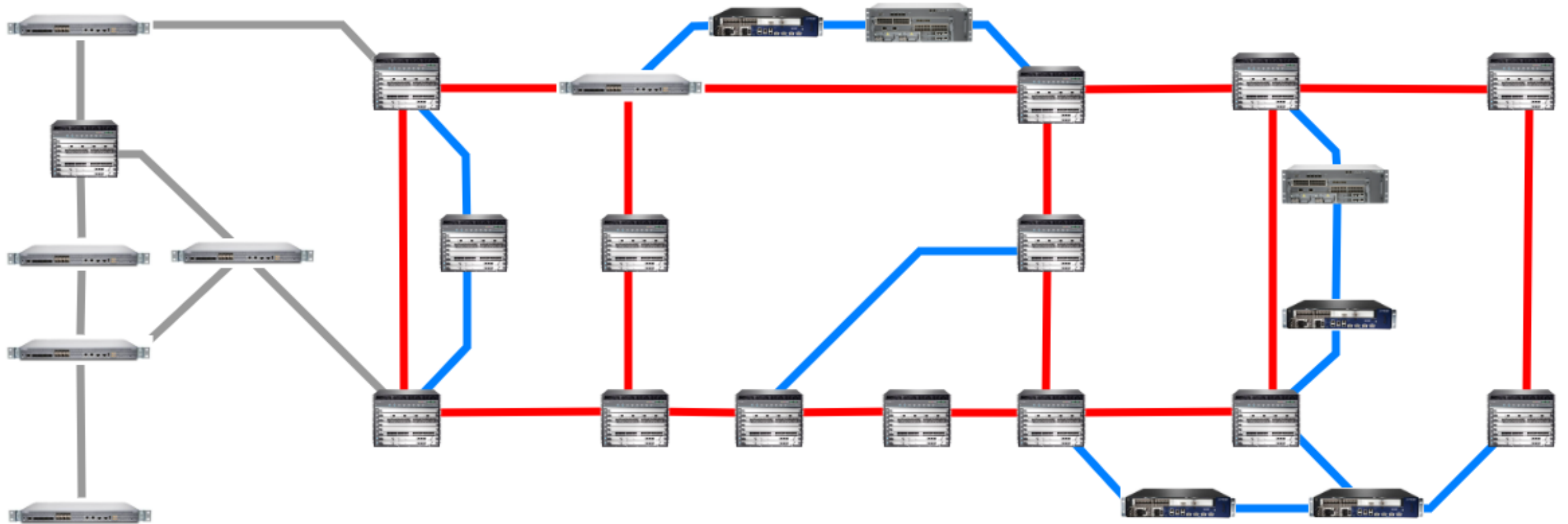
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The diagram illustrates a network topology with 18 nodes and their interconnecting links. The links are color-coded and labeled with their capacity or value:

- Yellow Links (High Capacity):**
 - MDR to TRG: 21G
 - TRG to AVL: 17G
 - AVL to CHC: 15G
 - CHC to DUD: 2.3G
 - NSH to HMW: 9.1G
 - HMW to MUP: 10.0G
 - MUP to PMR: 9.0G
 - PMR to WLG: 7.5G
 - WLG to CRT: 807M
 - CRT to TOD: 367M
- Green Links (Medium Capacity):**
 - MDR to NSH: 7.8G
 - NSH to MTA: 6.0K
 - MTA to MDR: 0.9G
 - TRG to HLZ: 7.2G
 - HLZ to HMW: 3.9G
 - HMW to MUP: 1.9G
 - MUP to FST: 5.6K
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REANNZ Core (2016 -> 2023)

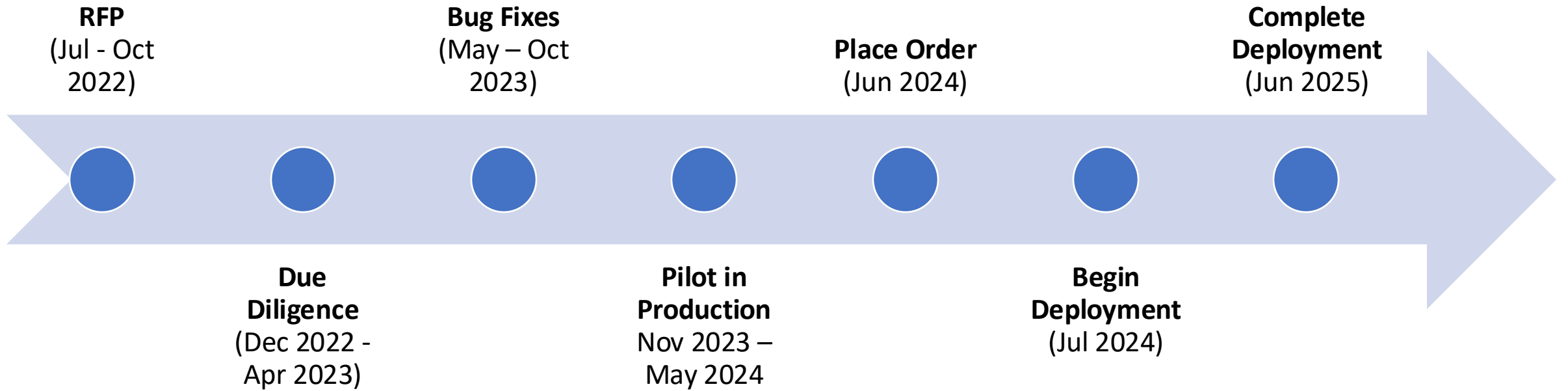


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Hardware Procurement – Goals

- Brownfield deployment
- Feature parity
- Reliability
- Bandwidth scalability (growth to 400G)
- Reduce cost per port
- Power efficiency per port
- Future-proof for potential feature requirements
 - HQOS
 - Enhanced in network DDoS mitigation
 - Segment Routing

Procurement Timeline



Introducing the Hardware – ACX7024

- 24 x 1G/10G/25G + 4 x 100G in 1RU
- Broadcom Qumran2U (360Gb/s)
- Ideal for:
 - Regional backbone links
 - Terminating small to medium size campuses
 - Datacenters
 - Delivering simple private L2 and L3 services

x 50



Introducing the Hardware – ACX7100-32C

- 32 x 100G + 4 x 400G in 1RU
- Broadcom Jericho2 (3.2Tb/s)
- Line-rate macsec
- Ideal for:
 - Main trunk backbone links
 - Terminating large campuses
 - Simple private L2 and L3 services

x 12



Introducing the Hardware – MX204

- 16 x 100G or 4 x 400G per LMIC in 2RU
- Juniper Trio 6 (1.6Tb/s per LMIC, up to 4.8Tb/s)
- Ideal for:
 - Large main centre sites
 - Providing Internet services (long-lined via an L2 circuit)
 - Terminating Internet exchanges and external peerings
 - Terminating UFB aggregation handovers

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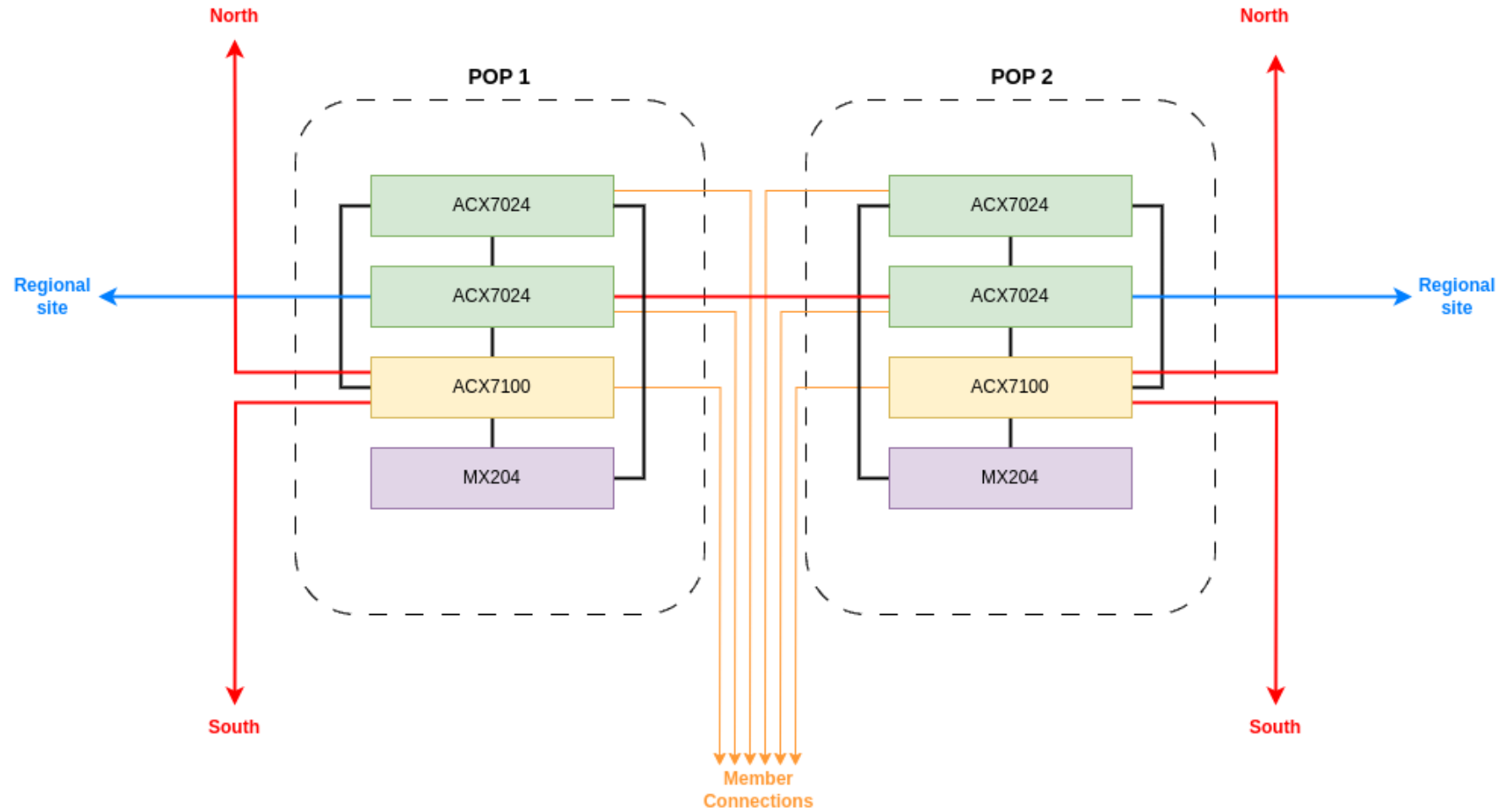
Introducing the Hardware – MX204

- 8 x 1G/10G + 4 x 100G in 1RU
- Juniper Trio 3 (400Gb/s)
- Ideal for:
 - Smaller main centre sites
 - Providing Internet services (long-lined via an L2 circuit)
 - Terminating Internet exchanges and external peerings
 - Terminating UFB aggregation handovers

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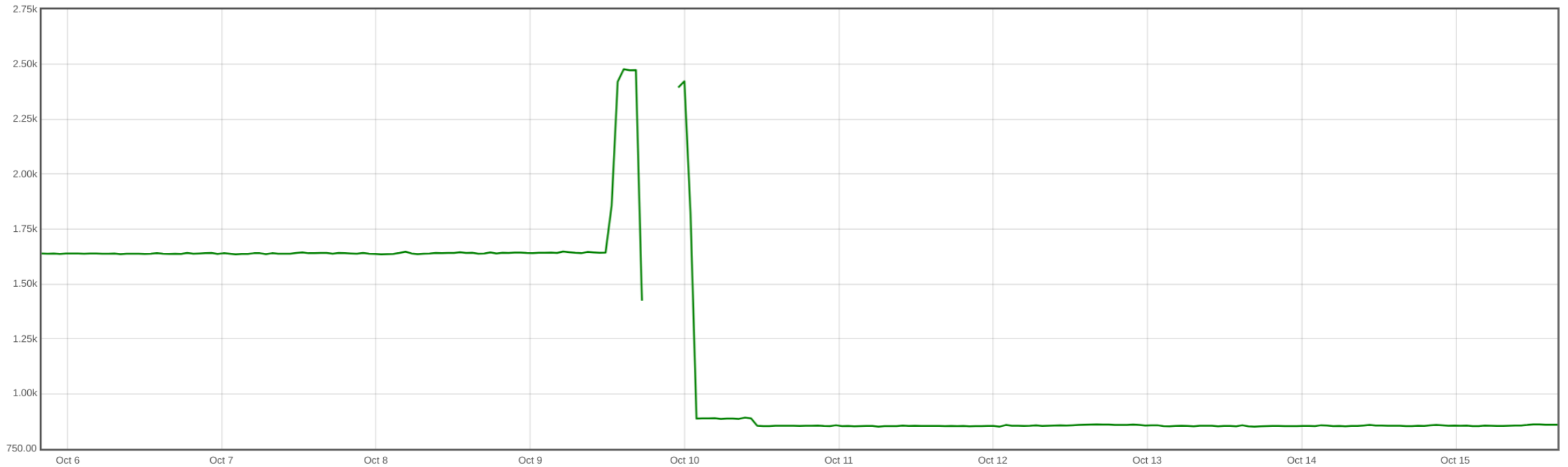


Typical Region

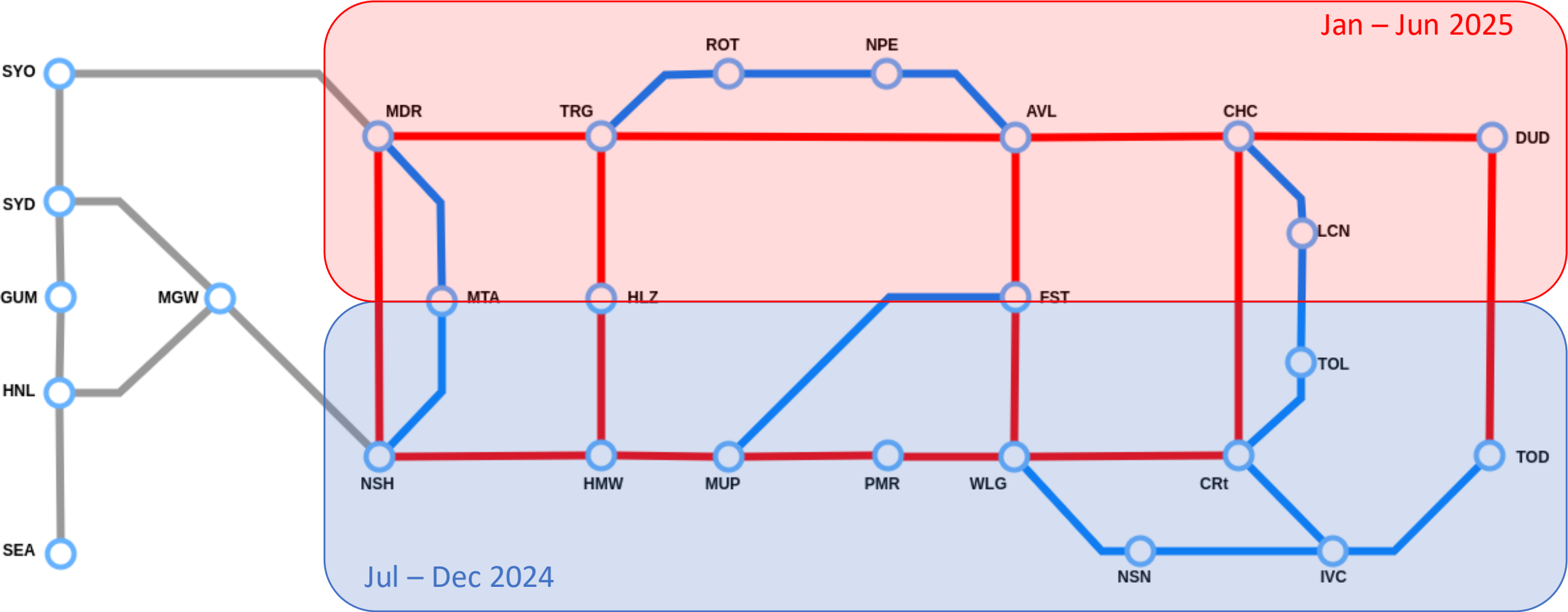


Power Consumption

- ~40% less power
- Despite 10 x as many 100G ports

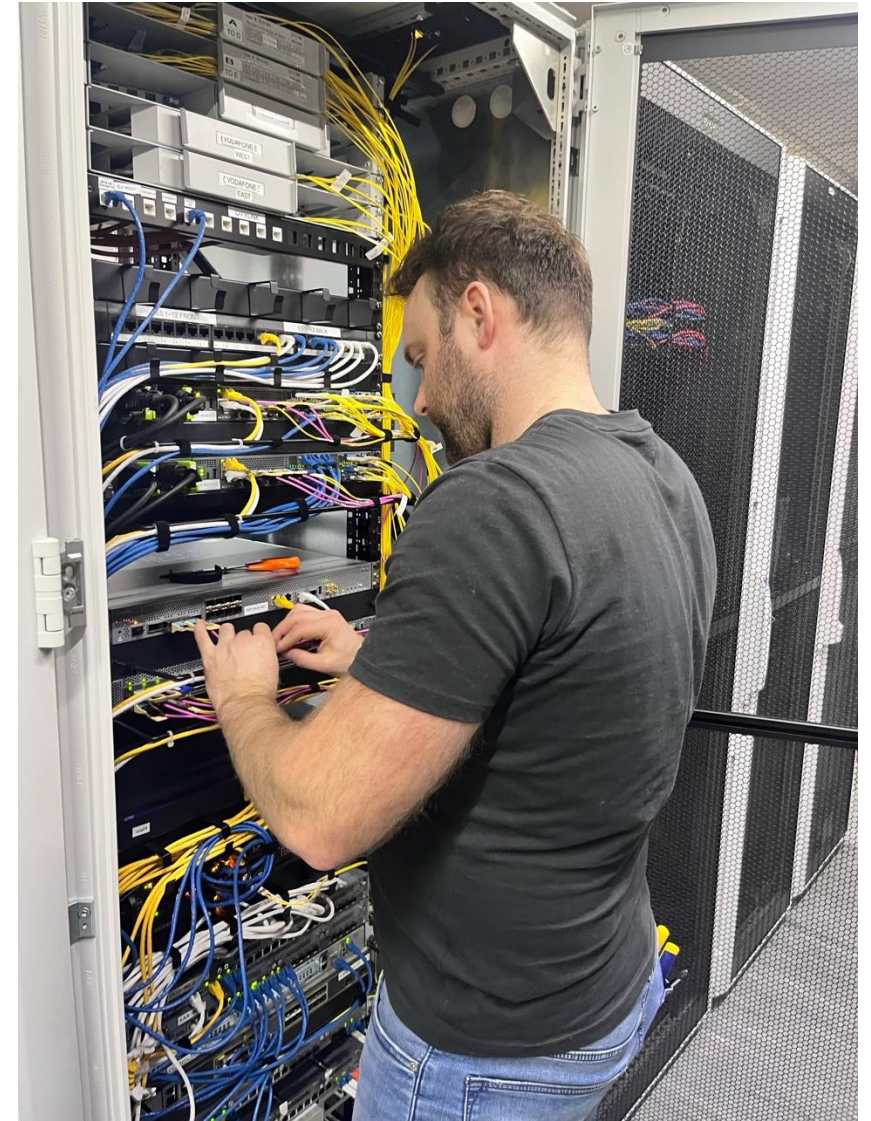


Deployment



Deployment

- Config ~97% generated, reviewed by 2 engineers
- Backbone links migrated inside business hours ahead of the change
- 1 x engineer on-site, 1 x engineer leading the change remotely
- 3-hour change window (typically 9pm – 11:59pm)
- Migrate 8 – 12 ports per night
- Per port state diffs



Port State Diffs

- State config generated by config migration tooling
- Compares network state pre and post change
 - Interface
 - Unit (VLAN interface)
 - EVPN/VPLS + mac table
 - VRF + route table
 - BGP Handover
 - OSPF Handover

```
- after:
  host: net-hmw-d01
  interface: et-0/0/4
  series: acx
  vlan_id: 3444
  vrf: gns-geo-dc-kpu
before:
  host: and38
  interface: et-5/1/5
  series: mx
  vlan_id: 3444
  vrf: gns-geo-dc-kpu
id: '264'
type: ospf_neighbour
- after:
  host: net-hmw-d01
  interface: et-0/0/4
  series: acx
  vlan_id: 3851
before:
  host: and38
  interface: et-5/1/5
  series: mx
  vlan_id: 3851
id: '265'
type: vlan
- after:
  bgp_neighbour: 210.7.37.218
  host: net-hmw-b01
  series: mx
  vrf: internet-and-nren
before:
  bgp_neighbour: 210.7.37.218
  host: and38
  series: mx
  vrf: internet-and-nren
id: '266'
type: bgp_neighbour
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Port State Diffs

- Direct engineer's attention to what's important
- Summarise network state where appropriate to make diff more meaningful
- 3k line config change (~100 units) returned a 351 line diff (excluding formatting)

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=====
Bgp_Handover_State changed from (and38:161.65.54.15) to (net-hmw-d01:161.65.
- routes_received: 293
+ routes_received: 291
- routes_accepted: 293
+ routes_accepted: 291
=====

Vrf_State changed from (and38:gns-geo-dc-kpu) to (net-hmw-d01:gns-geo-dc-kpu
- rt_entry:161.65.52.62/32, next_hop:Remote
- rt_entry:161.65.52.253/32, next_hop:Remote
=====

Vlan_State changed from (and38:et-5/1/5) to (net-hmw-d01:et-0/0/4):
- mtu: 1500
+ mtu: 9192
- push_pop: [ 0x8100.3851 ]
+ push_pop: [ 0x8100.3851 ] In(pop) Out(push 0x8100.3851)
- output_packets: 69
+ output_packets: 58
=====

Vlan_State changed from (and38:et-5/1/5) to (net-hmw-d01:et-0/0/4):
- input_packets: 5
+ input_packets: 3
- output_packets: 2
+ output_packets: 0
- bfd_state: Up
+ bfd_state: Down
```

Future Work – International Hardware Refresh

- Kick off late 2025/early 2026
- MACsec on all links
- Scale beyond 100G
- More ports

