

# Deploy MPLS L3 VPN



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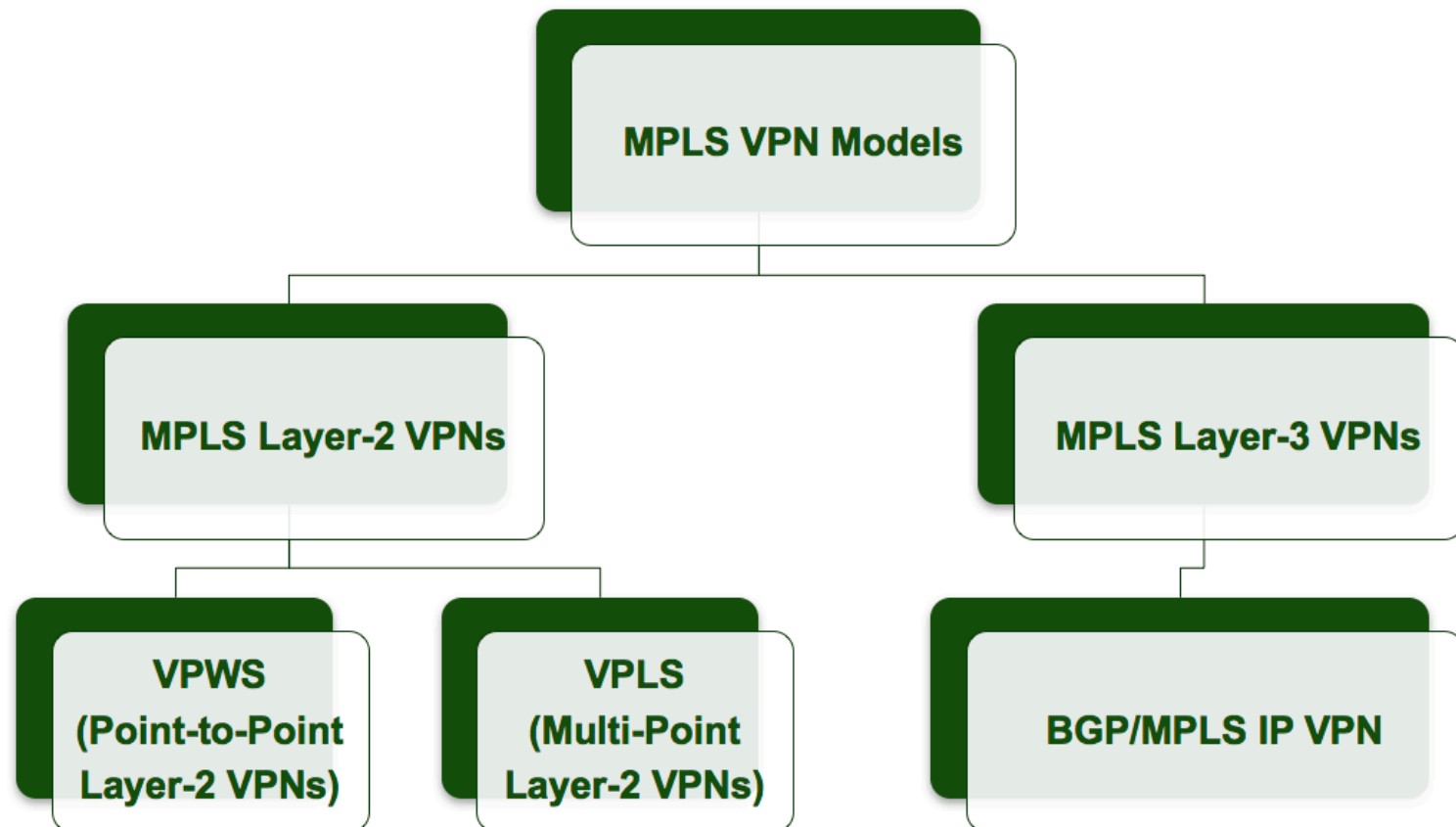
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# MPLS L3VPN Principle

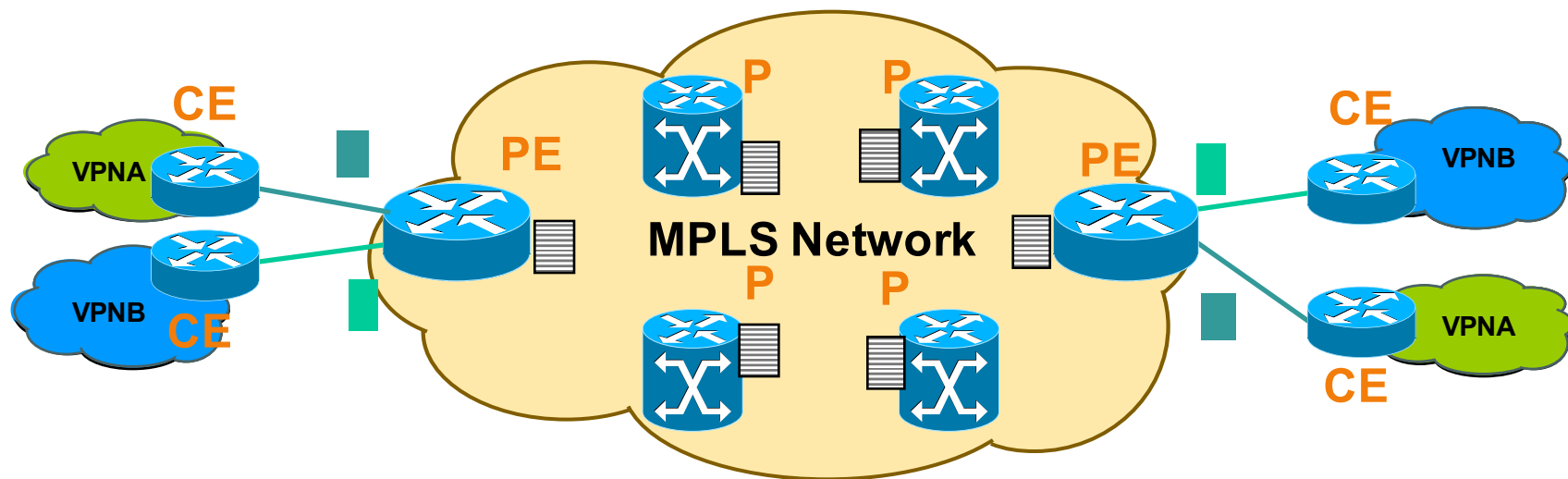
# MPLS VPN Models



# Advantages of MPLS Layer-3 VPN

- Scalability
- Security
- Easy to Create
- Flexible Addressing
- Integrated Quality of Service (QoS) Support
- Straightforward Migration

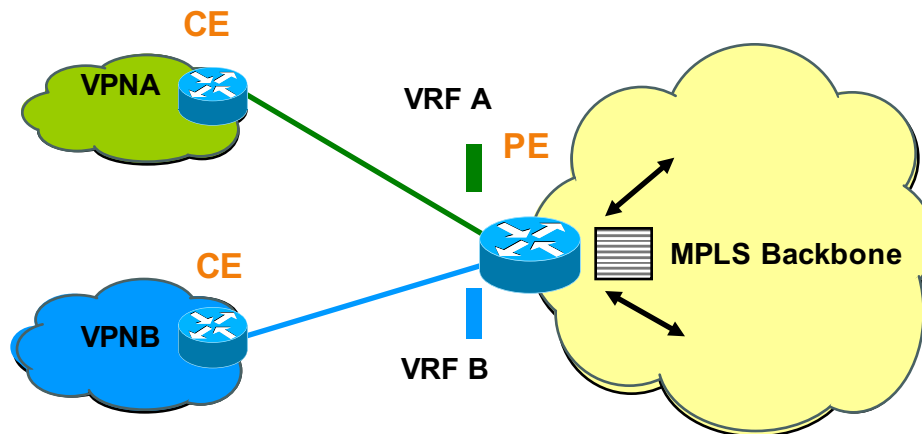
# MPLS L3VPN Topology



- PE: Provider Edge Router
- P : Provider Router
- CE: Customer Edge Router

# Virtual Routing and Forwarding Instance

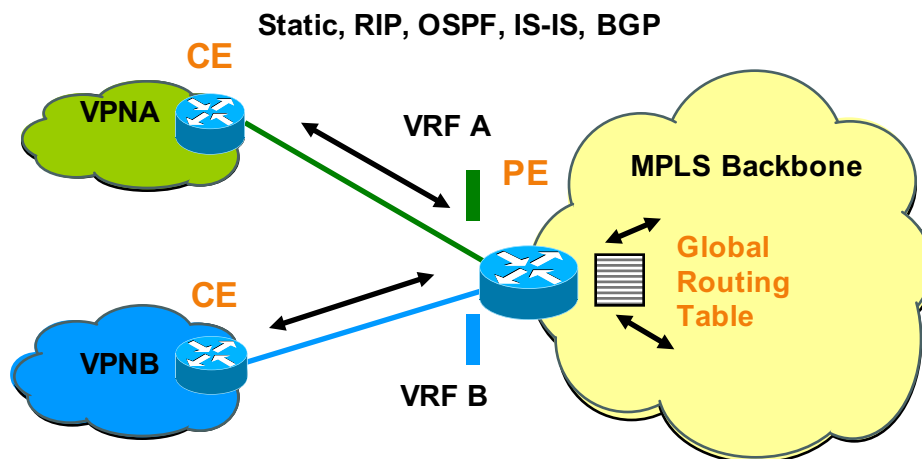
- Virtual routing and forwarding table
  - On PE router
  - Separate instance of routing (RIB) and forwarding table
- A VRF defines the VPN membership of a customer site attached to a PE device.
- VRF associated with one or more customer interfaces





# Routes Transfer between CE and PE

- PE installs the internal routes (IGP) in **global routing table**
- PE installs the VPN customer routes in **VRF routing tables**
  - VPN routes are learned from CE routers or remote PE routers
  - VRF-aware routing protocol (static, RIP, BGP, OSPF, IS-IS) on each PE



# Control Plane: Multi-Protocol BGP

- PE routers distribute VPN routes to each other via MP-BGP.
- MP-BGP customizes the VPN Customer Routing Information as per the Locally Configured VRF Information at the PE using:
  - Route Distinguisher (RD)
  - Route Target (RT)
  - VPN Label

# What is RD

- Route distinguisher is an 8-octet field prefixed to the customer's IPv4 address. RD makes the customer's IPv4 address unique inside the SP MPLS network.
- RD is configured in the VRF at PE

VPNv4 Address: 

Route Distinguisher (8 bytes)	IPv4 Address (4 bytes)
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Example:

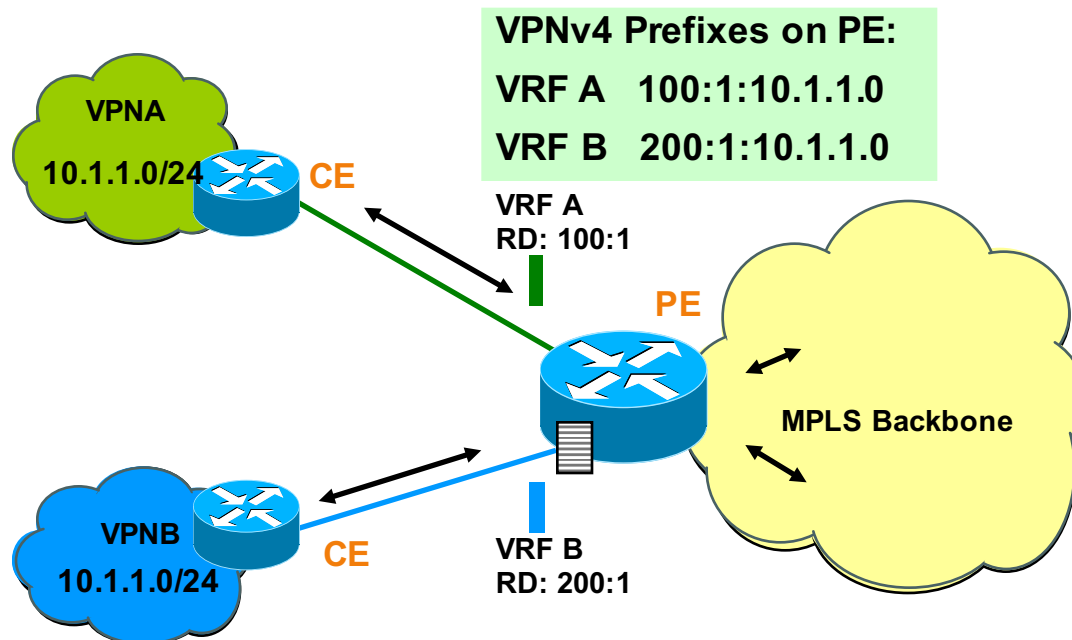
Type 0	100:1	10.1.1.1
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Type 1	192.168.19.1:1	10.1.1.1
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Type 2	65538:10	10.1.1.1
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# Route Advertisement: RD

- VPN customer IPv4 prefix is **converted into a VPNv4 prefix** by appending the RD to the IPv4 address
- PE devices use MP-BGP to advertise the VPNv4 address



# What is RT

- Route Target is a BGP extended community attribute, is used to control VPN routes advertisement.

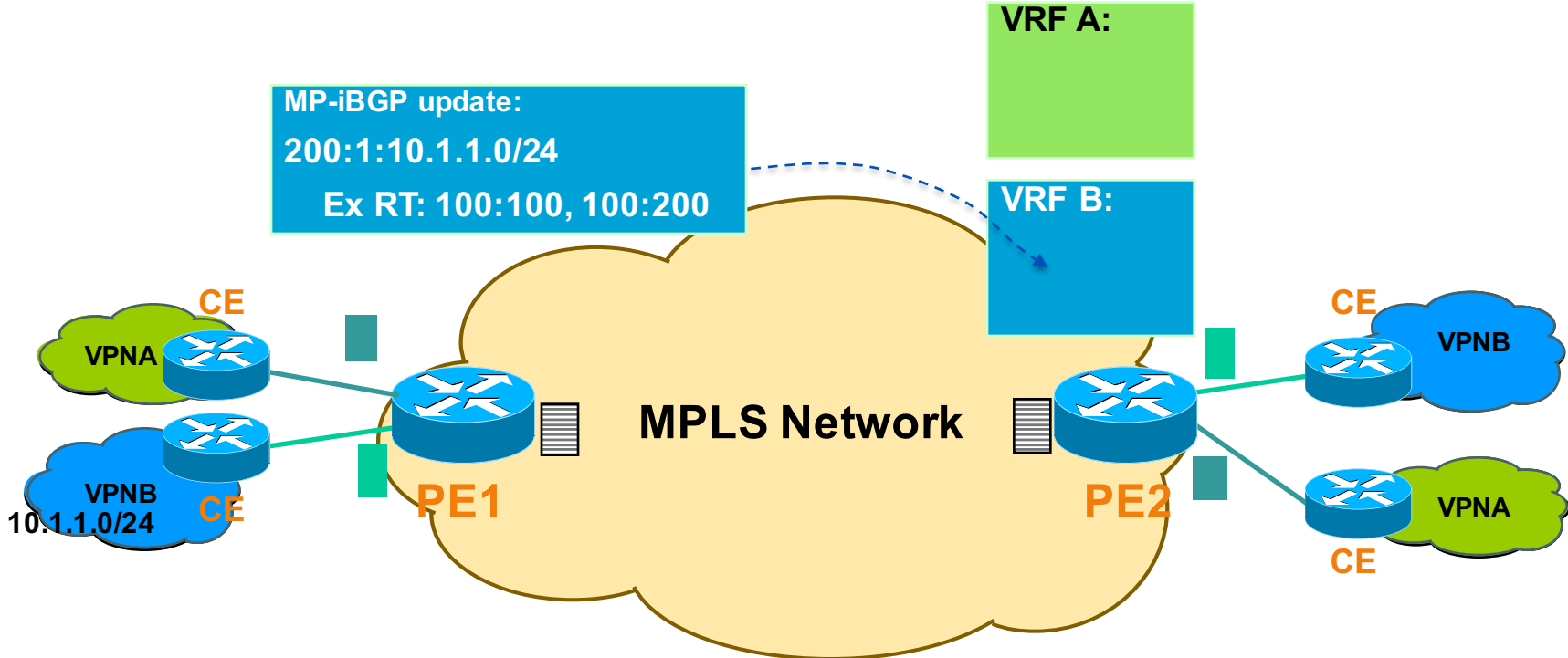
Route Target (8 bytes)

Example:

Type 0	100:1
Type 1	192.168.1.1:1
Type 2	65538:10

- Two types of RT:
  - Export RT
  - Import RT

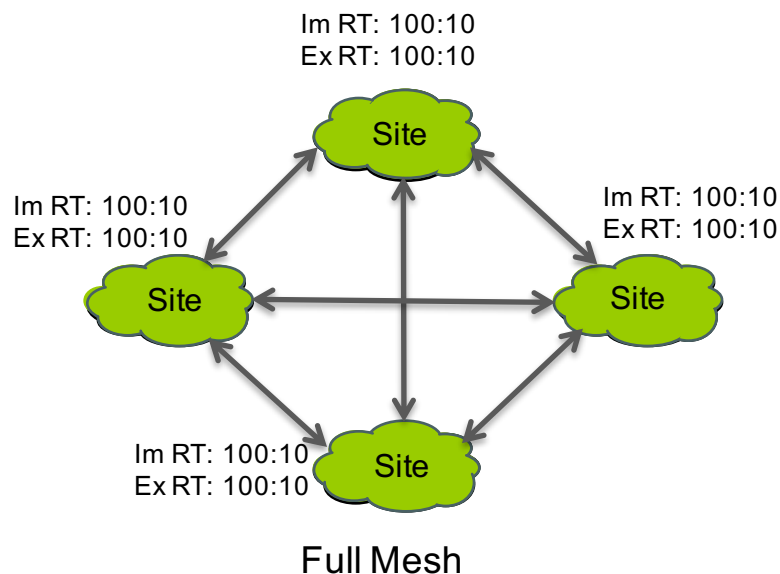
# Route Advertisement: RT



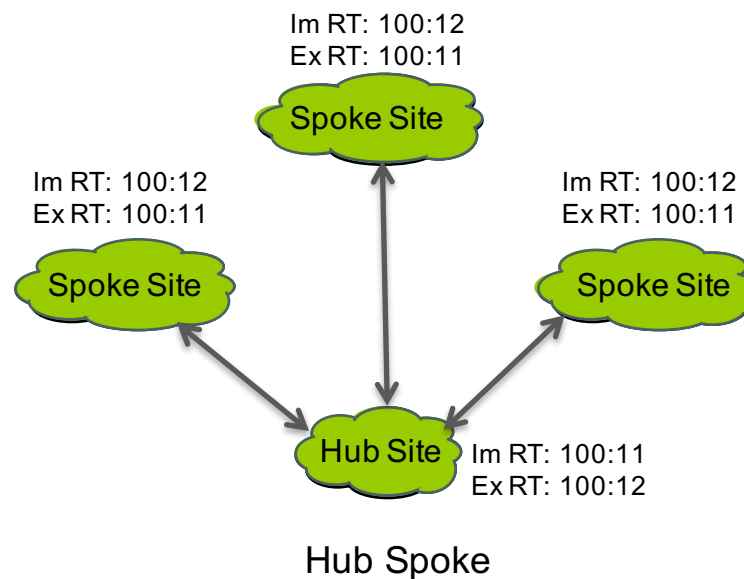
	Import RT	Export RT
VRF A	100:1	100:1
VRF B	100:100 100:200	<b>100:100</b> 100:200

	Import RT	Export RT
VRF A	100:1 100:2 100:3	100:1 100:2
VRF B	<b>100:100</b>	100:100

# Using RT to Build VPN Topologies

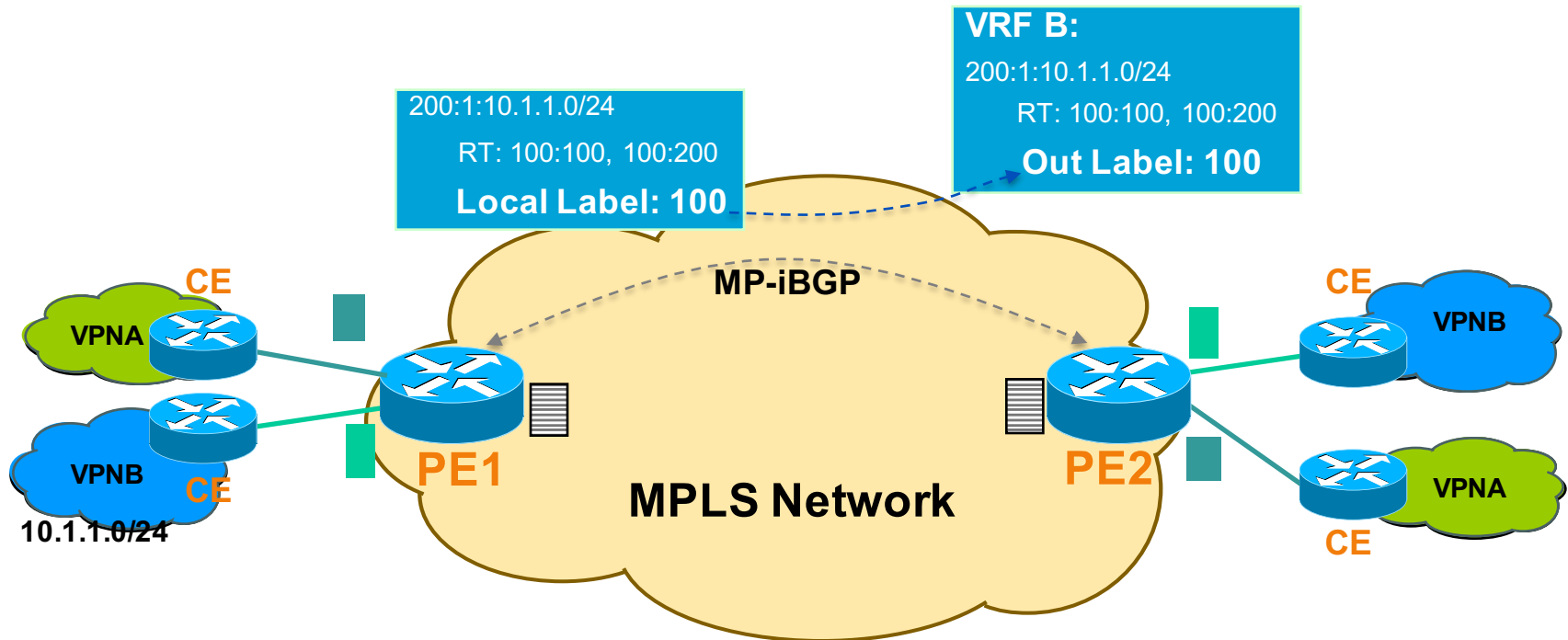


In a full-mesh VPN, each site in the VPN can communicate with every other site in that same VPN.



In a hub-and-spoke VPN, the spoke sites in the VPN can communicate only with the hub sites; they cannot communicate with other spoke sites.

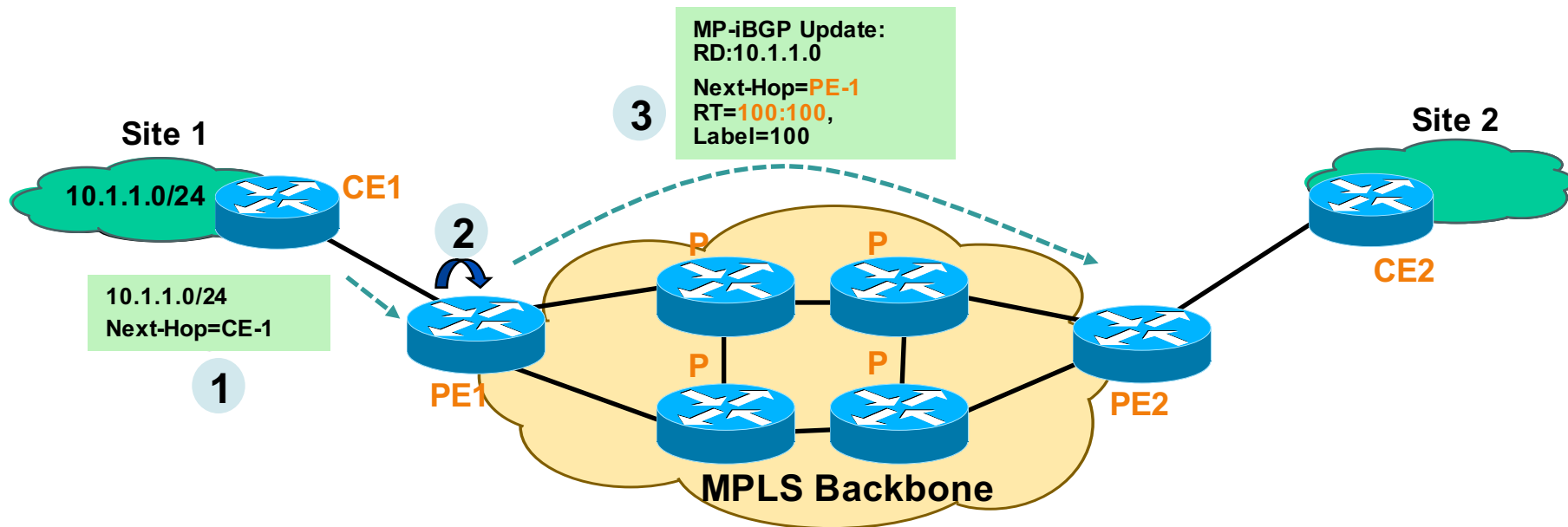
# VPN Label



- PE adds the label to the NLRI field.

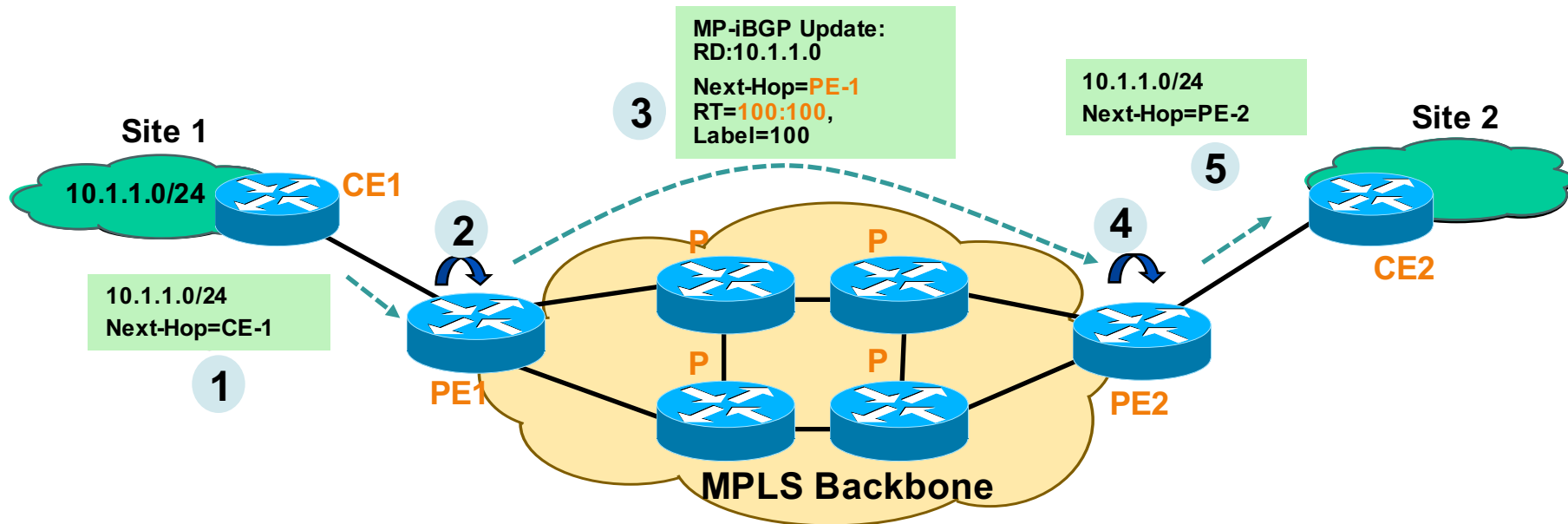


# Control Plane Walkthrough(1/2)



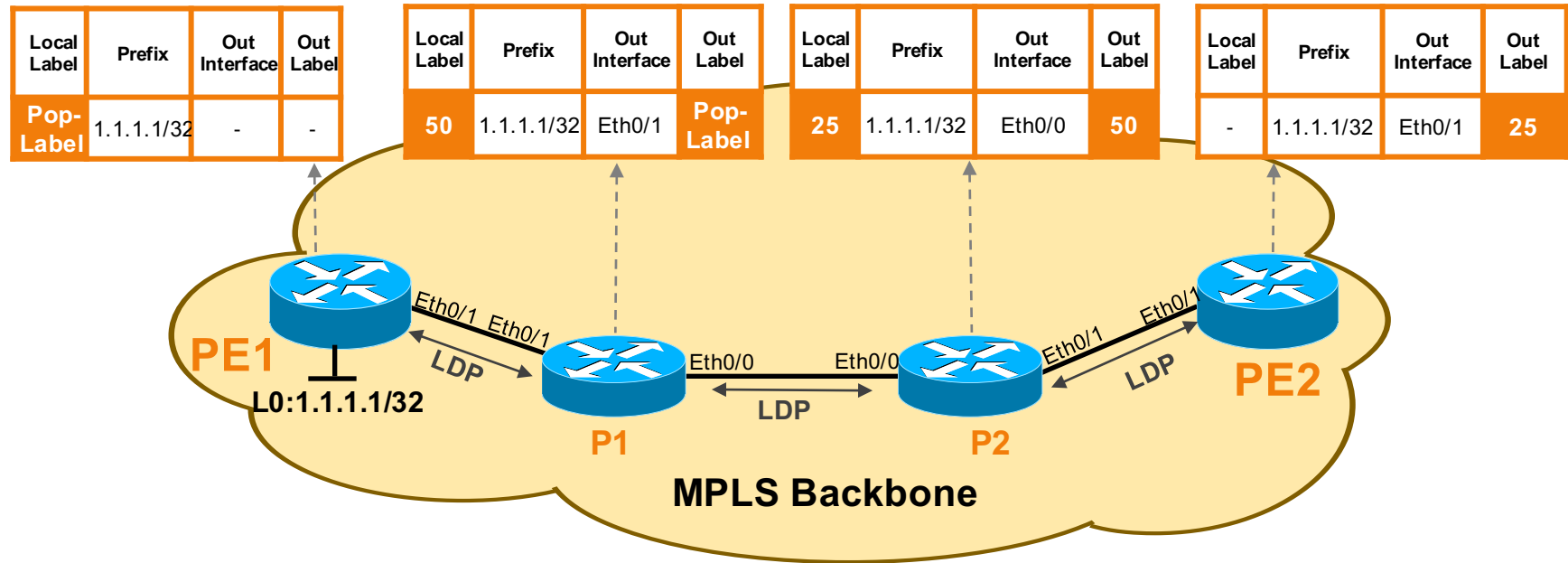
1. PE1 receives an IPv4 update (eBGP/OSPF/ISIS/RIP)
2. PE1 converts it into VPNv4 address and constructs the MP-iBGP UPDATE message
  - Associates the RT values (export RT =100:100) per VRF configuration
  - Rewrites next-hop attribute to itself
  - Assigns a label (100); Installs it in the MPLS forwarding table.
3. PE1 sends MP-iBGP update to other PE routers

# Control Plane Walkthrough(2/2)



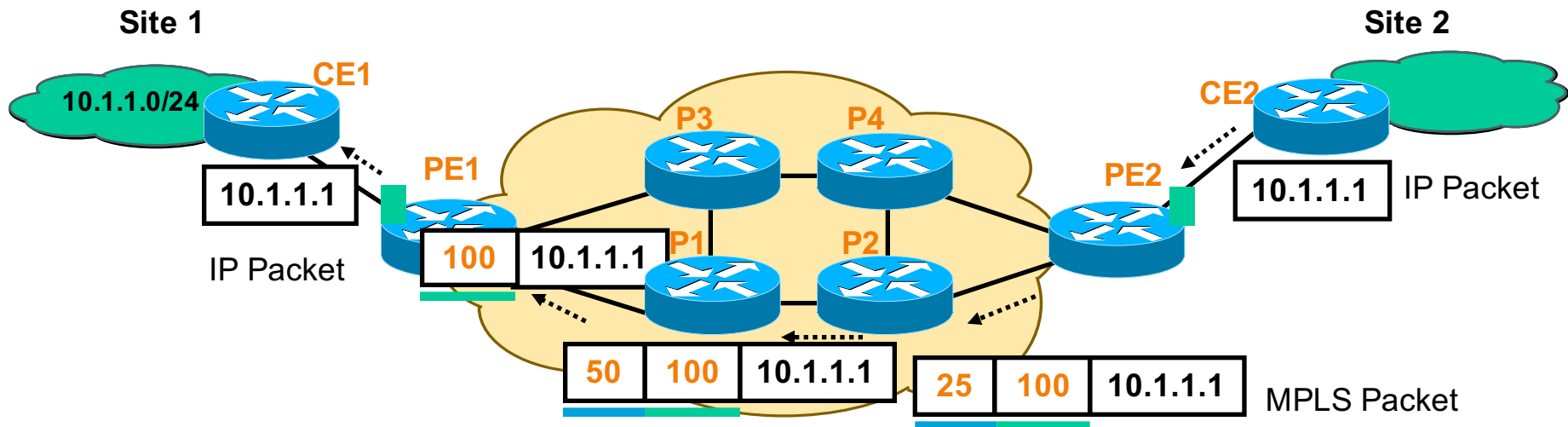
4. PE2 receives and checks whether the RT=200:1 is locally configured as import RT within any VRF, if yes, then
  - PE2 translates VPNv4 prefix back to IPv4 prefix
  - Updates the VRF CEF table for 10.1.1.0/24 with label=100
5. PE2 advertises this IPv4 prefix to CE2

# Control Plane: Tunnel Label



- LDP runs on the MPLS backbone network to build the public LSP. The tunnel label is also called transport label or public label.
- Local label mapping are sent to connected nodes. Receiving nodes update forwarding table.

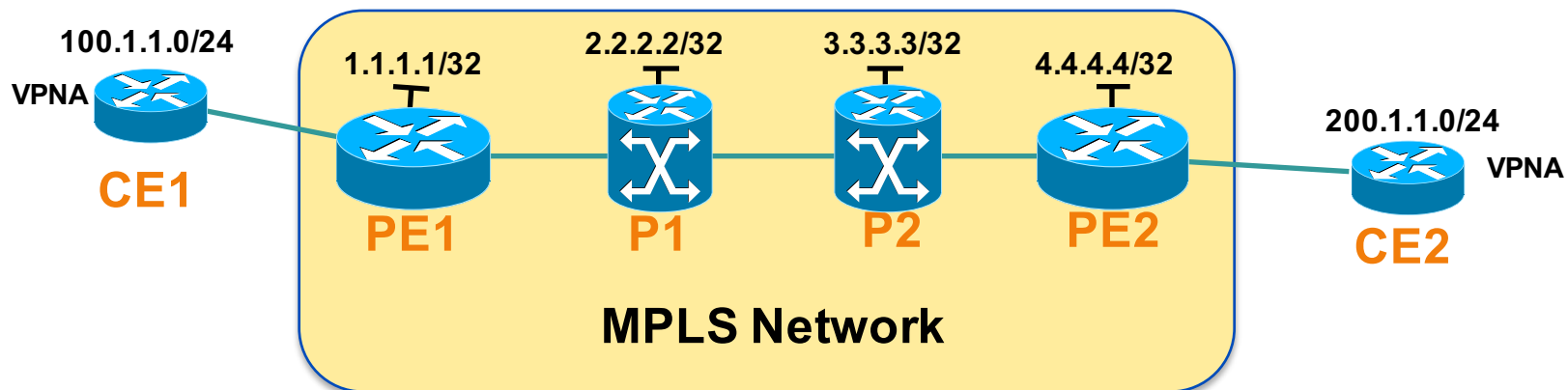
# Data Plane



- PE2 imposes two labels for each IP packet going to site2
  - Tunnel label is learned via LDP; corresponds to PE1 address
  - VPN label is learned via BGP; corresponds to the VPN address
- P1 does the Penultimate Hop Popping (PHP)
- PE1 retrieves IP packet (from received MPLS packet) and forwards it to CE1.

# Configuration Example

- Task: Configure MPLS L3VPN on Cisco **IOS** (Version 15.2) to make the following CEs communication with each other.
- Prerequisite configuration:
  - 1. IP address configuration on PE & P routers
  - 2. IGP configuration on PE & P routers
    - Make sure all the routers in public network can reach each other.



# Configure MPLS & LDP

- Configuration steps:
  - 1. Configure MPLS and LDP on PE & P routers

```
ip cef
mpls ldp router-id loopback 0

interface ethernet1/0
mpls ip
mpls label protocol ldp

interface ethernet1/1
mpls ip
mpls label protocol ldp
```

# Configure VRF

- Configuration steps:
  - 2. Configure VRF instance on PE routers

```
vrf definition VPNA
  rd 100:10
  route-target export 100:100
  route-target import 100:100
  !
  address-family ipv4
  exit-address-family
  !
```

- Bind PE-CE interface under VRF

```
interface FastEthernet0/0
  vrf forwarding VPNA
  ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.252
```

# Configure MP-iBGP

- Configuration steps:
  - 3. Enable MP-iBGP neighbors in vpnv4 address-family on PE routers

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 4.4.4.4 remote-as 100
  neighbor 4.4.4.4 update-source loopback 0
  !
  address-family vpnv4
    neighbor 4.4.4.4 activate
    neighbor 4.4.4.4 send-community both
  exit-address-family
  !
```



# Configure PE-CE eBGP Neighbour

- Configuration steps:
  - 4. Adding PE-CE eBGP neighbour in VRF context of BGP on PE

```
router bgp 100
  address-family ipv4 vrf VPNA
    neighbor 10.1.1.2 remote-as 65001
    neighbor 10.1.1.2 activate
  exit-address-family
!
```

## Adding PE-CE eBGP neighbour in BGP on CE

```
router bgp 65001
  neighbor 10.1.1.1 remote-as 100
  !
  address-family ipv4
    network 100.1.1.0 mask 255.255.255.0
    neighbor 10.1.1.1 activate
  exit-address-family
!
ip route 100.1.1.0 255.255.255.0 null 0
```

# Verify Results – VRF Routing Table

- Check the routes of VRF VPNA on PE.

```
PE1#show bgp vpnv4 unicast vrf VPNA
BGP table version is 4, local router ID is 1.1.1.1
Status codes: s suppressed, d damped, h history, * valid, > best, i - internal,
               r RIB-failure, S Stale, m multipath, b backup-path, f RT-Filter,
               x best-external, a additional-path, c RIB-compressed,
Origin codes: i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete
RPKI validation codes: V valid, I invalid, N Not found

   Network                Next Hop                Metric LocPrf Weight Path
Route Distinguisher: 100:10 (default for vrf VPNA)
*> 100.1.1.0/24           10.1.1.2                 0           0 65001 i
*>i 200.1.1.0             4.4.4.4                  0          100 0 65002 i
```

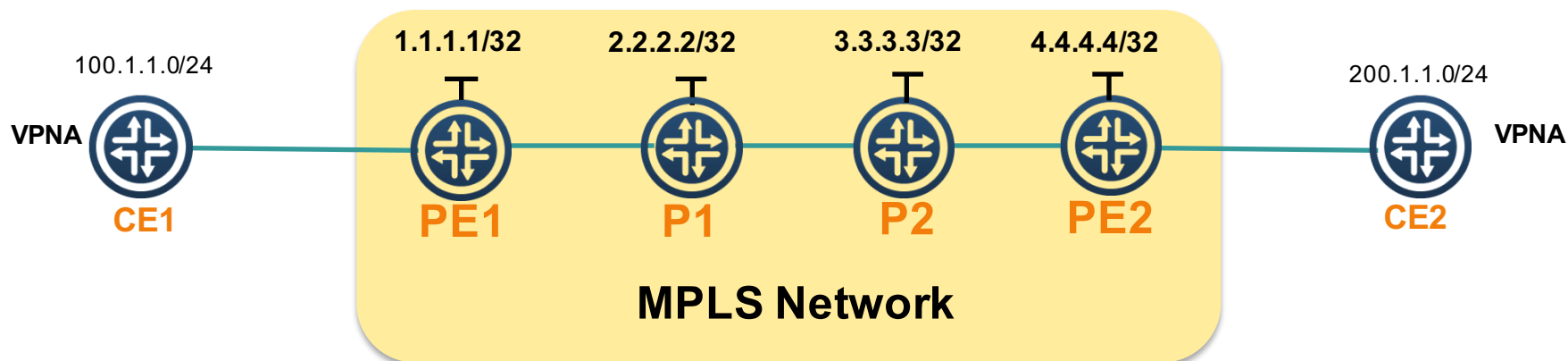
# Verify Results – VPN Reachability

- CE can learn the routes from each other:

```
CE2#show ip route
.....
      10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
C       10.1.2.0/30 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/1
L       10.1.2.2/32 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/1
      100.0.0.0/24 is subnetted, 1 subnets
B       100.1.1.0 [20/0] via 10.1.2.1, 00:38:26
      200.1.1.0/24 is variably subnetted, 2 subnets, 2 masks
S       200.1.1.0/24 is directly connected, Null0
C       200.1.1.1/32 is directly connected, Loopback1
```

# Configuration Example

- Task: Configure MPLS L3VPN on **Juniper Junos** (Version 12.1) to make the following CEs communication with each other.
- Prerequisite configuration:
  - 1. IP address configuration on PE & P routers
  - 2. IGP configuration on PE & P routers
    - Make sure all the routers in public network can reach each other.



# Configure MPLS & LDP

- Configuration steps:
  - 1. Configure MPLS and LDP on PE & P routers
  - This is the example on PE1.

```
interfaces {
  em0 {
    unit 0 {
      family inet {
        address 10.0.12.1/30;
      }
      family mpls;
    }
  }
}
```

```
protocols {
  mpls {
    interface em0.0;
  }
  ldp {
    interface em0.0;
  }
}}
```

# Configure VRF

- Configuration steps:
  - 2. Configure VRF instance on PE routers.

```
routing-instances {  
  VPNA {  
    instance-type vrf;  
    interface em1.0;  
    route-distinguisher 100:10;  
    vrf-target target:100:100;  
  }  
}
```

VPN instance and parameters, Interface em1.0 has been added in the VPNA

```
em1 {  
  unit 0 {  
    family inet {  
      address 10.0.1.2/30;  
    }  
  }  
}
```

This is the interface configuration from PE to CE, as a normal interface

# Configure MP-iBGP

- Configuration steps:
  - 3. Enable MP-iBGP neighbors in vpnv4 address-family on PE routers

```
routing-options {  
    router-id 1.1.1.1;  
    autonomous-system 100;  
}
```

```
protocols {  
    bgp {  
        local-address 1.1.1.1;  
        family inet-vpn {  
            unicast;  
        }  
        group PE1-PE2 {  
            type internal;  
            neighbor 4.4.4.4;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Configure PE-CE eBGP Neighbour

- Configuration steps:
  - 4. Adding PE-CE eBGP neighbour in VPN on PE

```
routing-instances {
  VPNA {
    instance-type vrf;
    interface em1.0;
    route-distinguisher 100:10;
    vrf-target target:100:100;
    protocols {
      bgp {
        group PE1-CE1 {
          type external;
          peer-as 65001;
          neighbor 10.0.1.1;
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```



# Configure PE-CE eBGP Neighbour

- Configuration steps:
  - 4. Adding CE-PE eBGP neighbour in BGP on CE

```
routing-options {  
    autonomous-system 65001;  
}  
protocols {  
    bgp {  
        group CE1-PE1 {  
            type external;  
            peer-as 100;  
            neighbor 10.0.1.2;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

← CE1 is in AS 65001, sets up the neighbor with AS100.

# Advertise Static Route on CE

- Configuration steps:
  - 5. Advertise routes on CE routers, CE1 advertises 100.1.1.0/24, CE2 advertises 200.1.1.0/24

```
routing-options {  
  generate {  
    route 100.1.1.0/24 passive;  
  }  
}
```

Generate a static route.

```
policy-options {  
  policy-statement ADVERTISE-PREFIX {  
    from {  
      route-filter 100.1.1.0/24 exact;  
    }  
    then accept;  
  }  
}
```

Define the route policy

```
protocols {  
  bgp {  
    group CE1-PE1 {  
      export ADVERTISE-PREFIX;  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Apply the policy in eBGP neighbor, only advertise 100.1.1.0/24

# Verify Results – VRF Routing Table

- Check the routes of VRF VPNA on PE.

```
root@PE1> show route receive-protocol bgp 4.4.4.4

inet.0: 10 destinations, 10 routes (10 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)

inet.3: 3 destinations, 3 routes (3 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)

VPNA.inet.0: 5 destinations, 5 routes (5 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)
  Prefix      Nexthop      MED      Lclpref      AS path
* 10.0.2.0/30      4.4.4.4      100        I
* 200.1.1.0/24     4.4.4.4      100        65002 I

mpls.0: 9 destinations, 9 routes (9 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)

bgp.l3vpn.0: 2 destinations, 2 routes (2 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)
  Prefix      Nexthop      MED      Lclpref      AS path
  100:20:10.0.2.0/30
*              4.4.4.4      100        I
  100:20:200.1.1.0/24
* 100:20:200.1.1.0/24     4.4.4.4      100        65002 I
```

RD on PE2 is 100:20

# Check VPN Routes in BGP

- Check the detailed route of VRF VPNA on PE received from remote PE.

```
root@PE1> show route receive-protocol bgp 4.4.4.4 detail
.....(Omitted)
bgp.l3vpn.0: 2 destinations, 2 routes (2 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)

.....(Omitted)

* 100:20:200.1.1.0/24 (1 entry, 0 announced)
  Import Accepted
  Route Distinguisher: 100:20
  VPN Label: 300016
  Nexthop: 4.4.4.4
  Localpref: 100
  AS path: 65002 I
  Communities: target:100:100
```

# Verify Results – VPN Reachability

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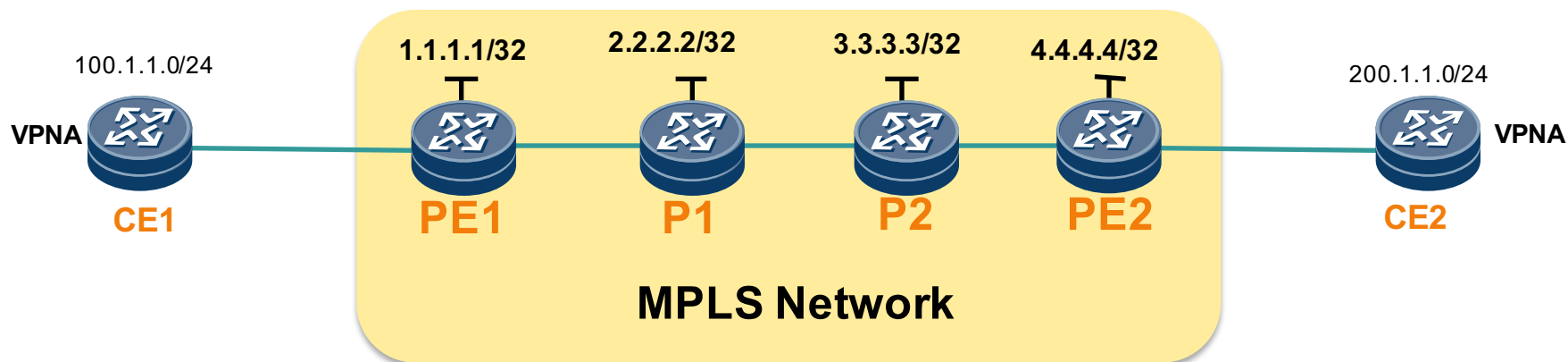
```
root@CE1> show route

inet.0: 5 destinations, 5 routes (5 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)
+ = Active Route, - = Last Active, * = Both

10.0.1.0/30          *[Direct/0] 00:44:34
                    > via em1.0
10.0.1.1/32         *[Local/0] 00:44:34
                    Local via em1.0
10.0.2.0/30         *[BGP/170] 00:04:23, localpref 100
                    AS path: 100 I
                    > to 10.0.1.2 via em1.0
100.1.1.0/24       *[Aggregate/130] 00:16:30
                    Reject
200.1.1.0/24       *[BGP/170] 00:04:24, localpref 100
                    AS path: 100 65002 I
                    > to 10.0.1.2 via em1.0
```

# Configuration Example

- Task: Configure MPLS L3VPN on **Huawei VRP** (Version 5.1) to make the following CEs communication with each other.
- Prerequisite configuration:
  - 1. IP address configuration on PE & P routers
  - 2. IGP configuration on PE & P routers
    - Make sure all the routers in public network can reach each other.



# Configure MPLS & LDP

- Configuration steps:
  - 1. Configure MPLS and LDP on PE & P routers

```
[PE1] mpls lsr-id 1.1.1.1
[PE1] mpls
Info: Mpls starting, please wait... OK!
[PE1-mpls] quit
[PE1] mpls ldp
[PE1-mpls-ldp] quit
[PE1] interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0
[PE1-GigabitEthernet0/0/0] mpls
[PE1-GigabitEthernet0/0/0] mpls ldp
[PE1-GigabitEthernet0/0/0] quit
```

# Configure VRF

- Configuration steps:
  - 2. Configure VRF instance on PE routers

```
[PE1] ip vpn-instance VPNA
[PE1-vpn-instance-VPNA] ipv4-family
[PE1-vpn-instance-VPNA-af-ipv4] route-distinguisher 100:10
[PE1-vpn-instance-VPNA-af-ipv4] vpn-target 100:100 both
IVT Assignment result:
Info: VPN-Target assignment is successful.
EVT Assignment result:
Info: VPN-Target assignment is successful.
[PE1-vpn-instance-VPNA-af-ipv4] quit
```

- Bind PE-CE interface under VRF

```
[PE1] interface gigabitethernet 0/0/1
[PE1-GigabitEthernet0/0/1] ip binding vpn-instance vpna
Info: All IPv4 related configurations on this interface are removed!
Info: All IPv6 related configurations on this interface are removed!
[PE1-GigabitEthernet0/0/1] ip address 10.1.1.1 30
[PE1-GigabitEthernet0/0/1] quit
```



# Configure MP-iBGP

- Configuration steps:
  - 3. Enable MP-iBGP neighbors in vpnv4 address-family on PE routers

```
[PE1] bgp 100
[PE1-bgp] peer 4.4.4.4 as-number 100
[PE1-bgp] peer 4.4.4.4 connect-interface loopback 0
[PE1-bgp] ipv4-family vpnv4
[PE1-bgp-af-vpnv4] peer 4.4.4.4 enable
[PE1-bgp-af-vpnv4] quit
[PE1-bgp] quit
```

# Configure PE-CE eBGP Neighbour

- Configuration steps:
  - 4. Adding PE-CE eBGP neighbour in VRF context of BGP on PE

```
[PE1] bgp 100
[PE1-bgp] ipv4-family vpn-instance VPNA
[PE1-bgp-vpna] peer 10.1.1.2 as-number 65001
[PE1-bgp-vpna] quit
```

## Adding CE-PE eBGP neighbour in BGP on CE

```
[CE1] ip route-static 100.1.1.0 24 null 0
[CE1] bgp 65001
[CE1-bgp] peer 10.1.1.2 as-number 100
[CE1-bgp] network 100.1.1.0 24
[CE1-bgp] quit
```

# Verify Results – VRF Routing Table

- Check the routes of VRF VPNA on PE.

```
<PE1> display bgp vpnv4 vpn-instance VPNA routing-table

BGP Local router ID is 10.0.0.1
Status codes: * - valid, > - best, d - damped,
              h - history, i - internal, s - suppressed, S - Stale
Origin : i - IGP, e - EGP, ? - incomplete

VPN-Instance VPNA, Router ID 10.0.0.1:

Total Number of Routes: 2
  Network                NextHop           MED           LocPrf        PrefVal Path/Ogn
* > 100.1.1.0/24         10.1.1.2         0             0             0       65001i
* > i 200.1.1.0         4.4.4.4         0             100          0       65002i
```

# Check VPN Routes in BGP

- Check the detailed route of VRF VPNA on PE.

```
<PE1> display bgp vpnv4 vpn-instance VPNA routing-table 200.1.1.0

BGP local router ID : 1.1.1.1
Local AS number : 100

VPN-Instance VPNA, Router ID 1.1.1.1:
Paths: 1 available, 1 best, 1 select
BGP routing table entry information of 200.1.1.0/24:
Label information (Received/Applied): 1028/NULL
From: 4.4.4.4 (4.4.4.4)
Route Duration: 00h00m04s
Relay Tunnel Out-Interface: GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Relay token: 0x18
Original nexthop: 4.4.4.4
Qos information : 0x0
Ext-Community:RT <100 : 100>
AS-path 65002, origin igp, MED 0, localpref 100, pref-val 0, valid, internal, best, select, active, pre 255, IGP cost 3
Advertised to such 1 peers:
  10.1.1.2
```

# Verify Results – VPN Reachability

- CE can learn the routes from each other:

```
[CE2]display ip routing-table
Route Flags: R - relay, D - download to fib
-----
Routing Tables: Public
      Destinations : 7          Routes : 7

Destination/Mask    Proto    Pre  Cost           Flags NextHop           Interface
-----
      10.1.2.0/30    Direct   0    0              D    10.1.2.2           GigabitEthernet
0/0/1
      10.1.2.2/32    Direct   0    0              D    127.0.0.1          GigabitEthernet
0/0/1
      100.1.1.0/24   EBGP     255  0              D    10.1.2.1           GigabitEthernet
0/0/1
      127.0.0.0/8    Direct   0    0              D    127.0.0.1          InLoopBack0
      127.0.0.1/32   Direct   0    0              D    127.0.0.1          InLoopBack0
      200.1.1.0/24   Static   60   0              D    0.0.0.0            NULL0
      200.1.1.1/32   Direct   0    0              D    127.0.0.1          LoopBack0
```

# Questions?



# MPLS L3VPN Services

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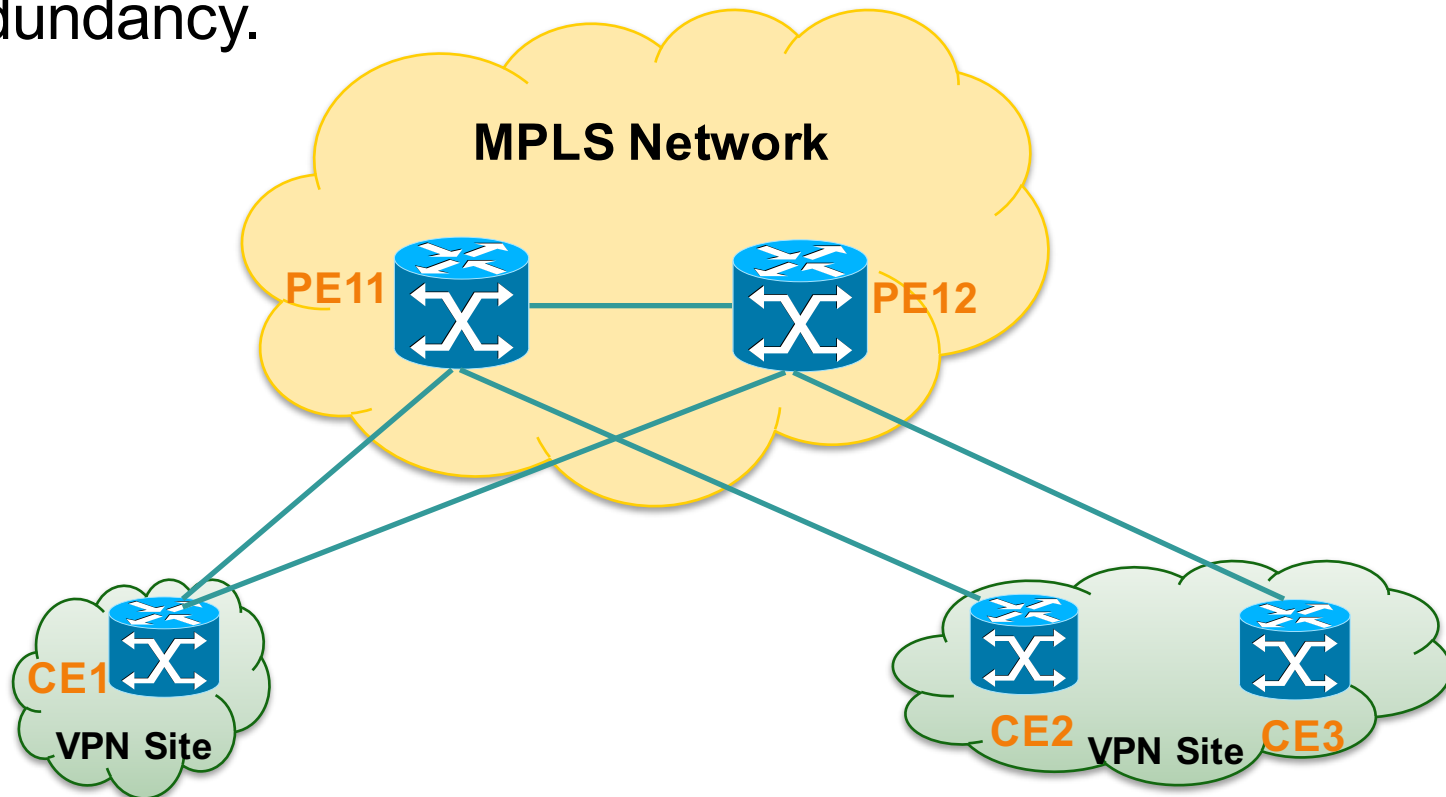
# MPLS L3VPN Services

- **Multi-homed VPN Sites**
- Hub and Spoke Service
- Extranet Service
- Internet Access Service



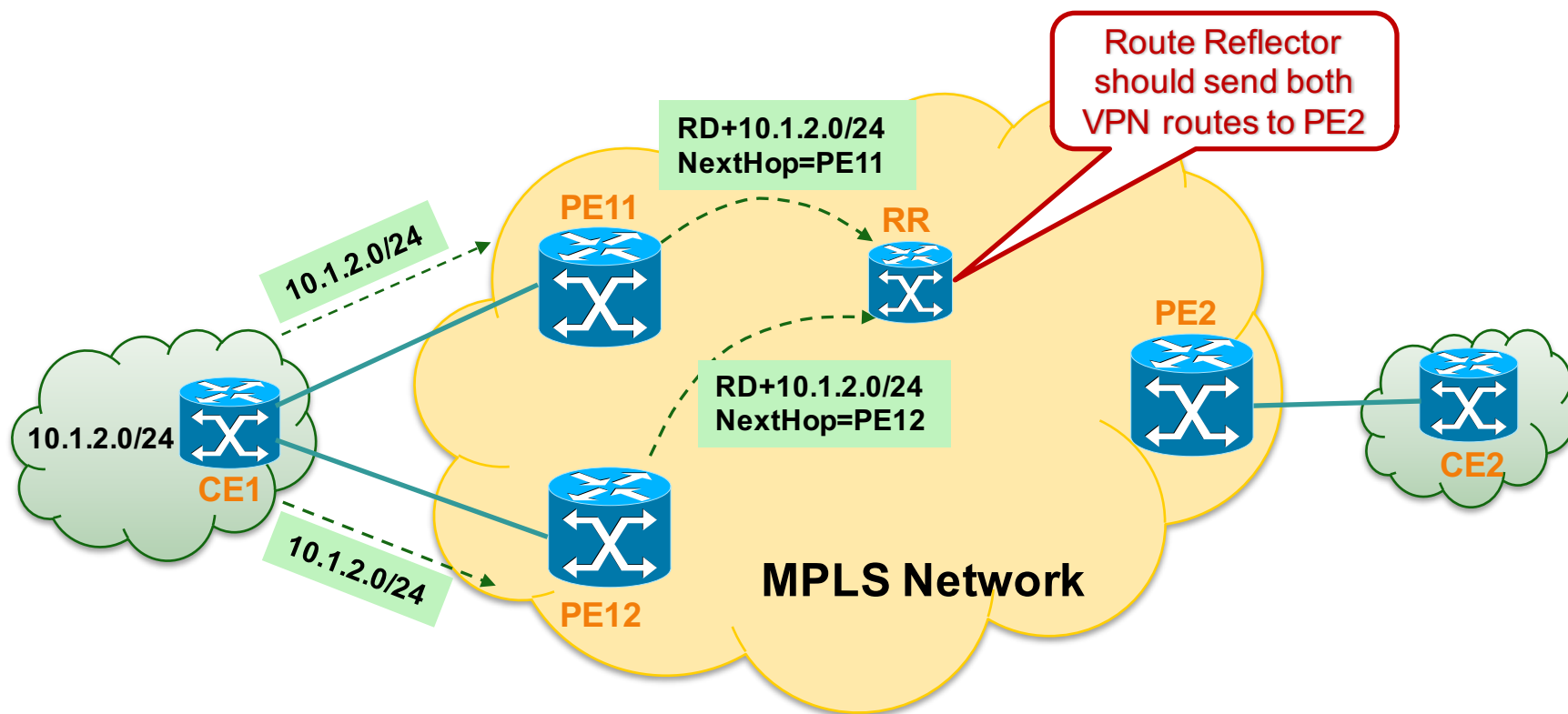
# VPN Multihoming Scenarios

- In an MPLS VPN Layer 3 environment, it is common for customers to multihome their networks to provide link redundancy.



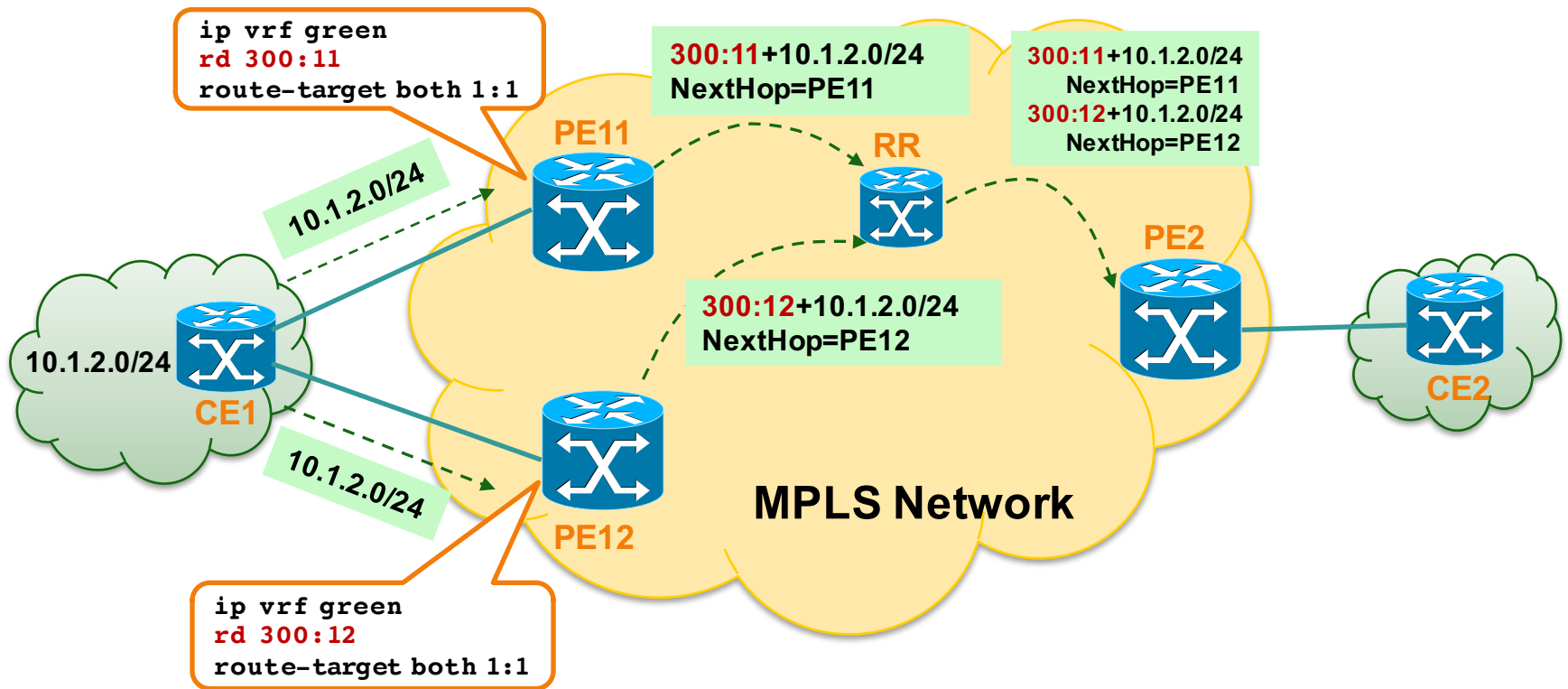
# VPN Route Advertisement

- VPN route advertisement from multihomed VPN site.



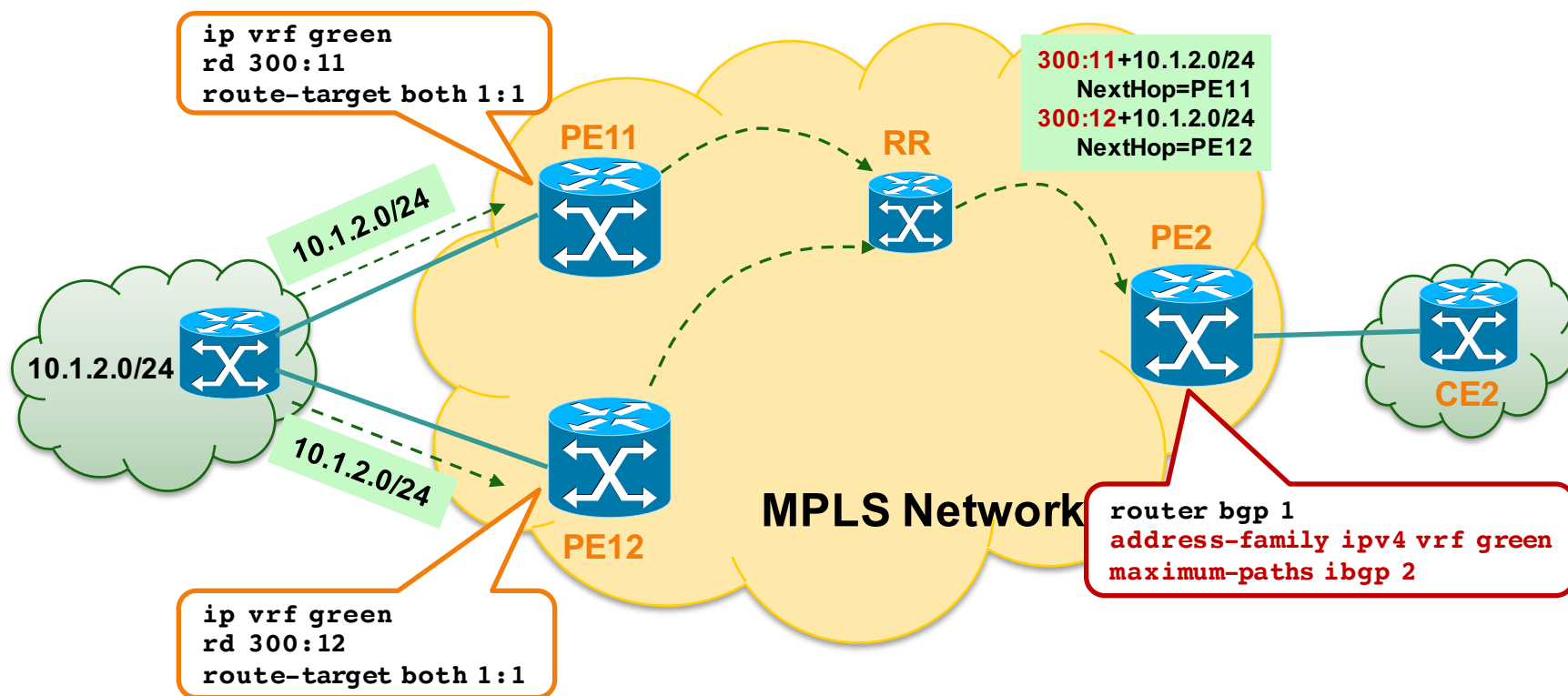
# VPN Route Advertisement– Unique RD

- Configure **unique RD per VRF per PE** for multihomed site/interfaces



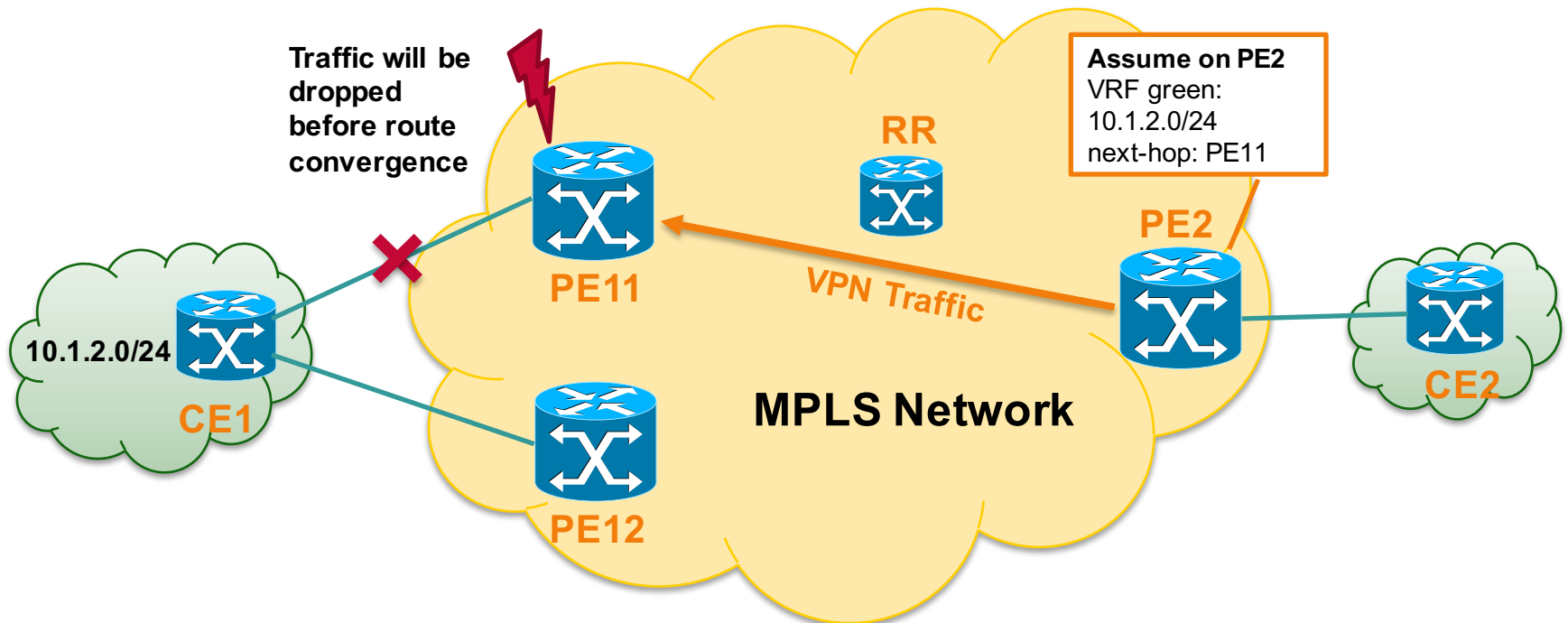
# Load Sharing Configuration

- To implement load sharing between PE11 and PE12, enable **BGP multipath** at remote PE routers such as PE2.



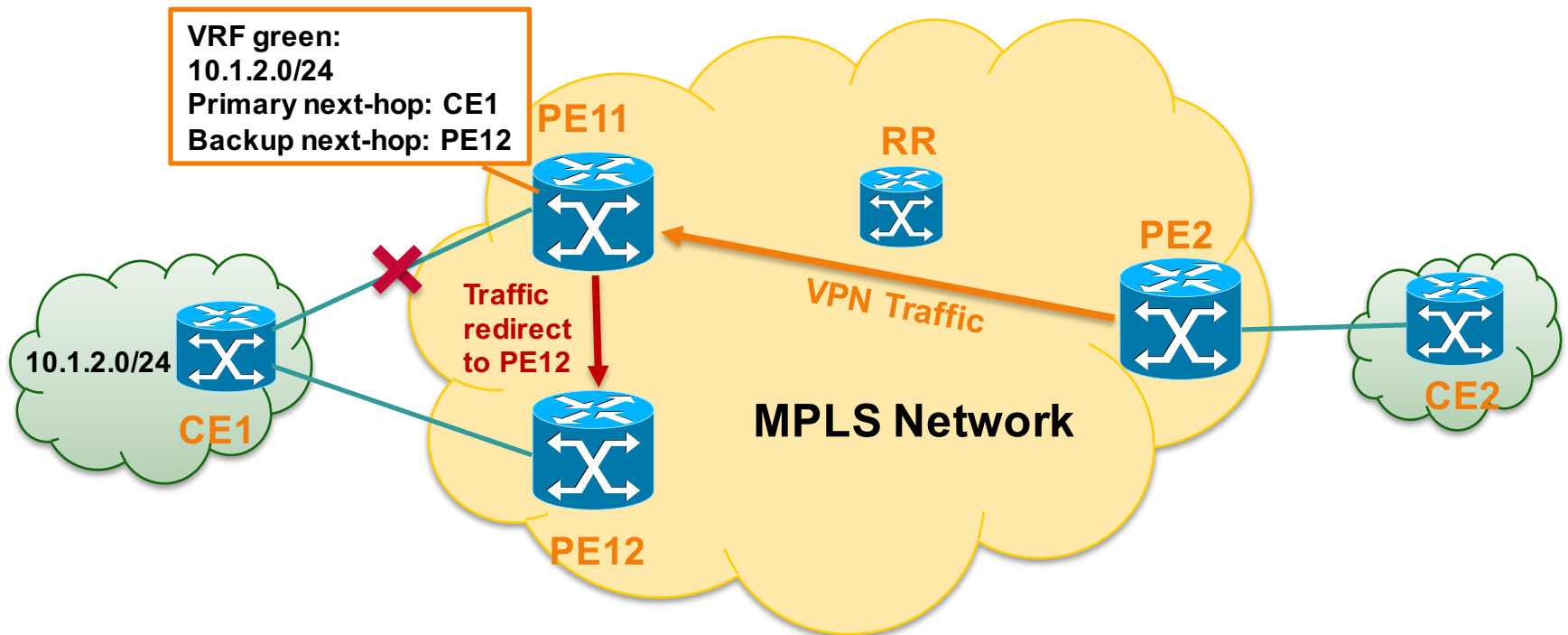
# PE-CE Link Failure

- After detecting the PE-CE link failure, PE11 sends BGP message to withdraw the VPN routes, traffic will be dropped on PE11 before PE2 completes BGP route convergence.



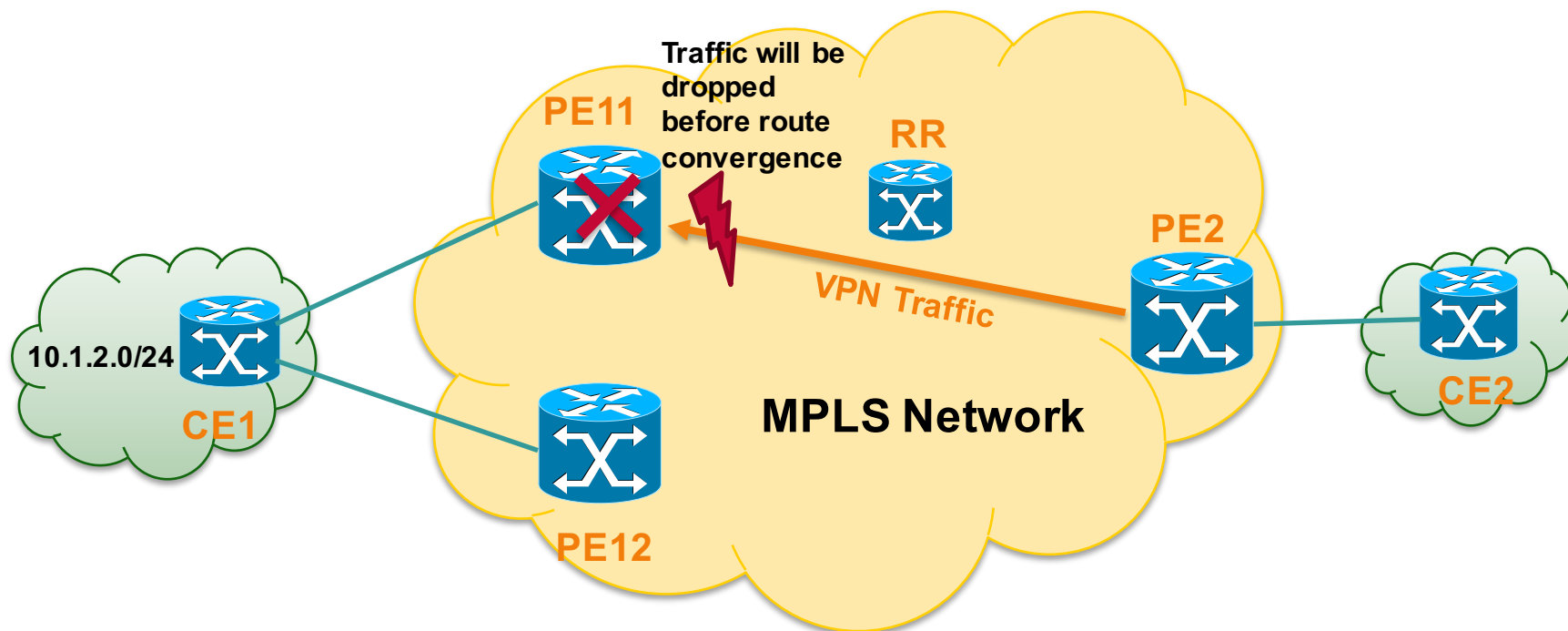
# VPN Fast Convergence – PIC Edge

- Use **PIC Edge** feature to minimize the loss due to the PE-CE link failure from sec to msec.
- **P**refix **I**ndependent **C**onvergence is a method for speeding up convergence of the FIB under failover conditions.



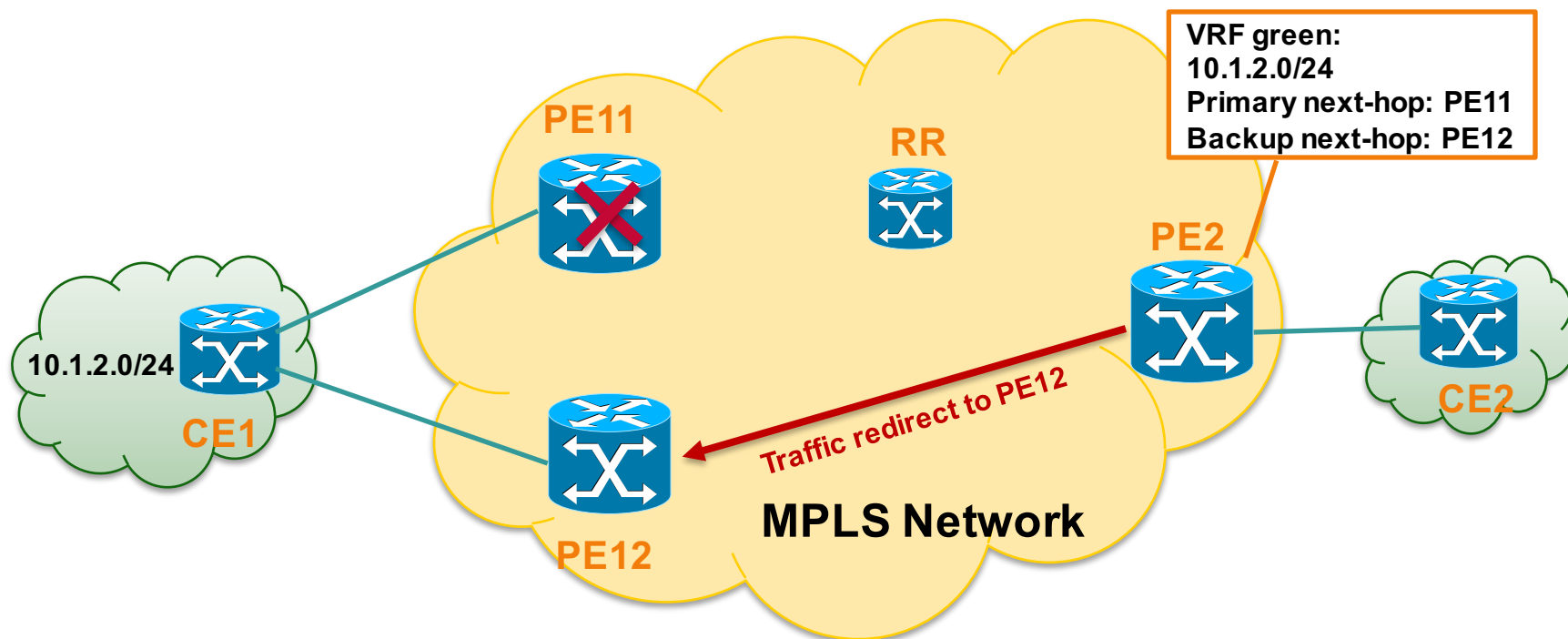
# PE Node Failure

- When PE11 router fails, traffic will be lost before PE2 completes BGP route convergence.



# VPN Fast Convergence – PIC Edge

- PE2 uses the alternative VPN route for forwarding until global convergence is complete, this reduces traffic loss.

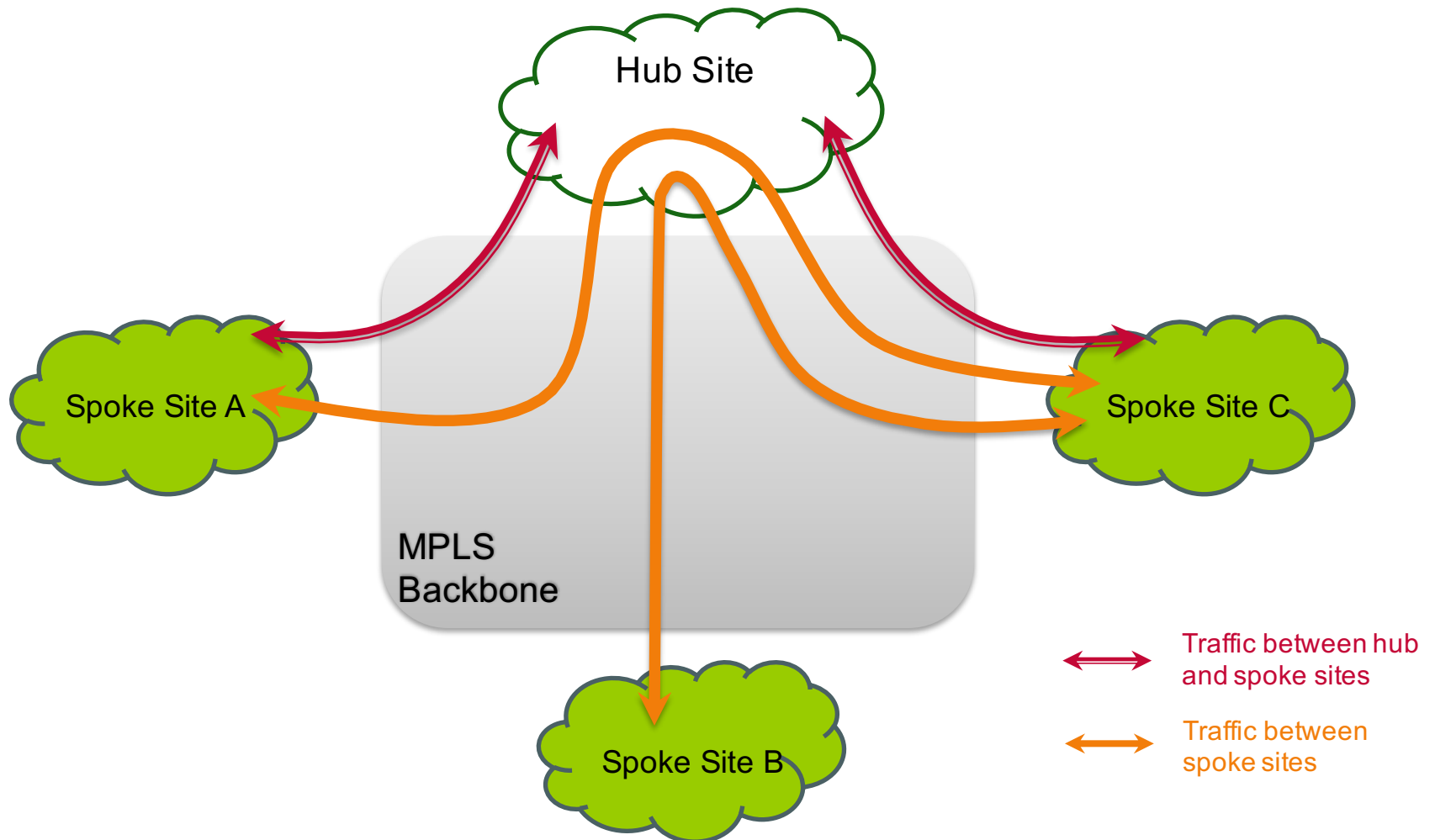




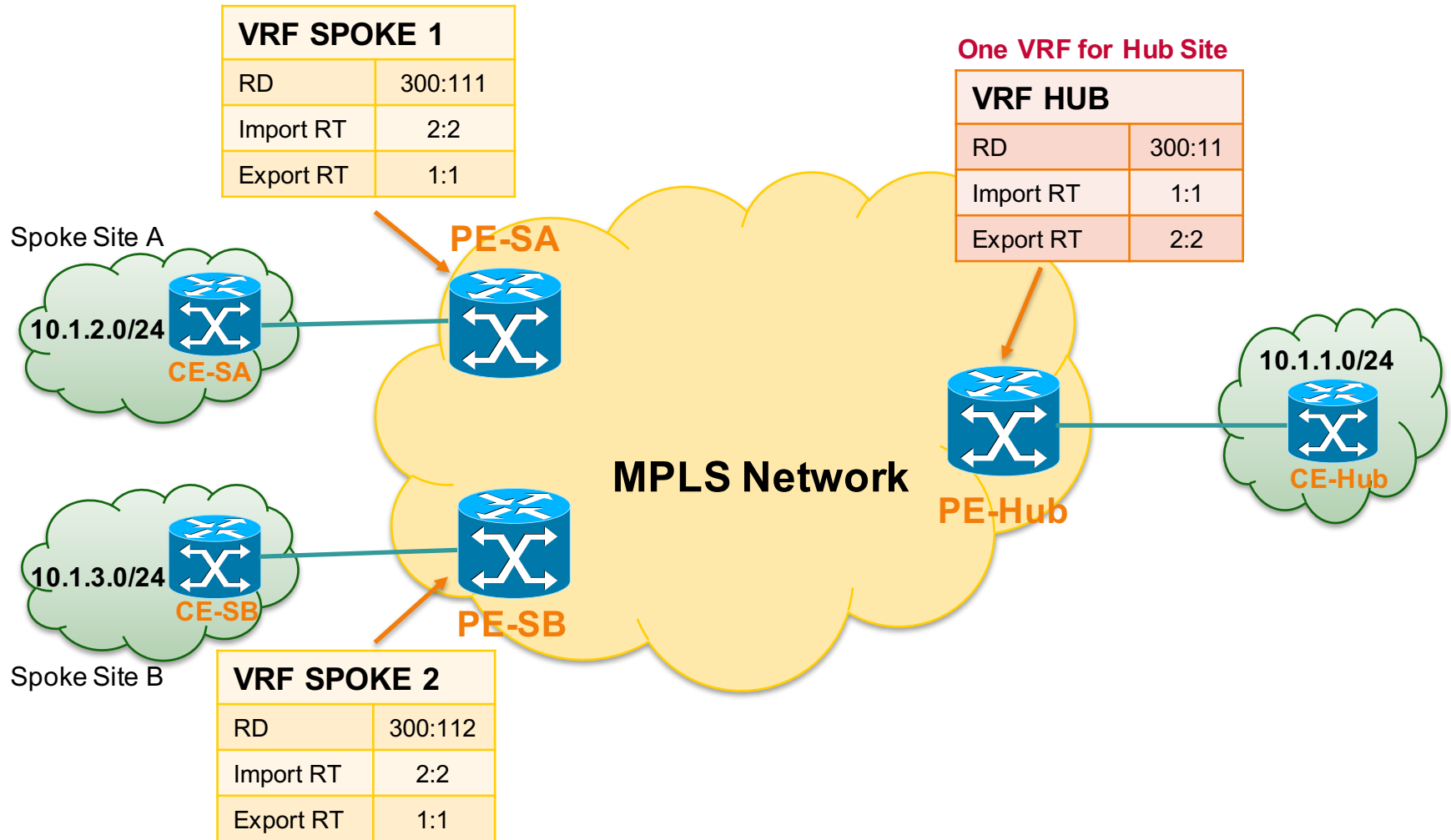
# MPLS L3VPN Services

- Multi-homed VPN Sites
- Hub and Spoke Service**
- Extranet Service
- Internet Access Service

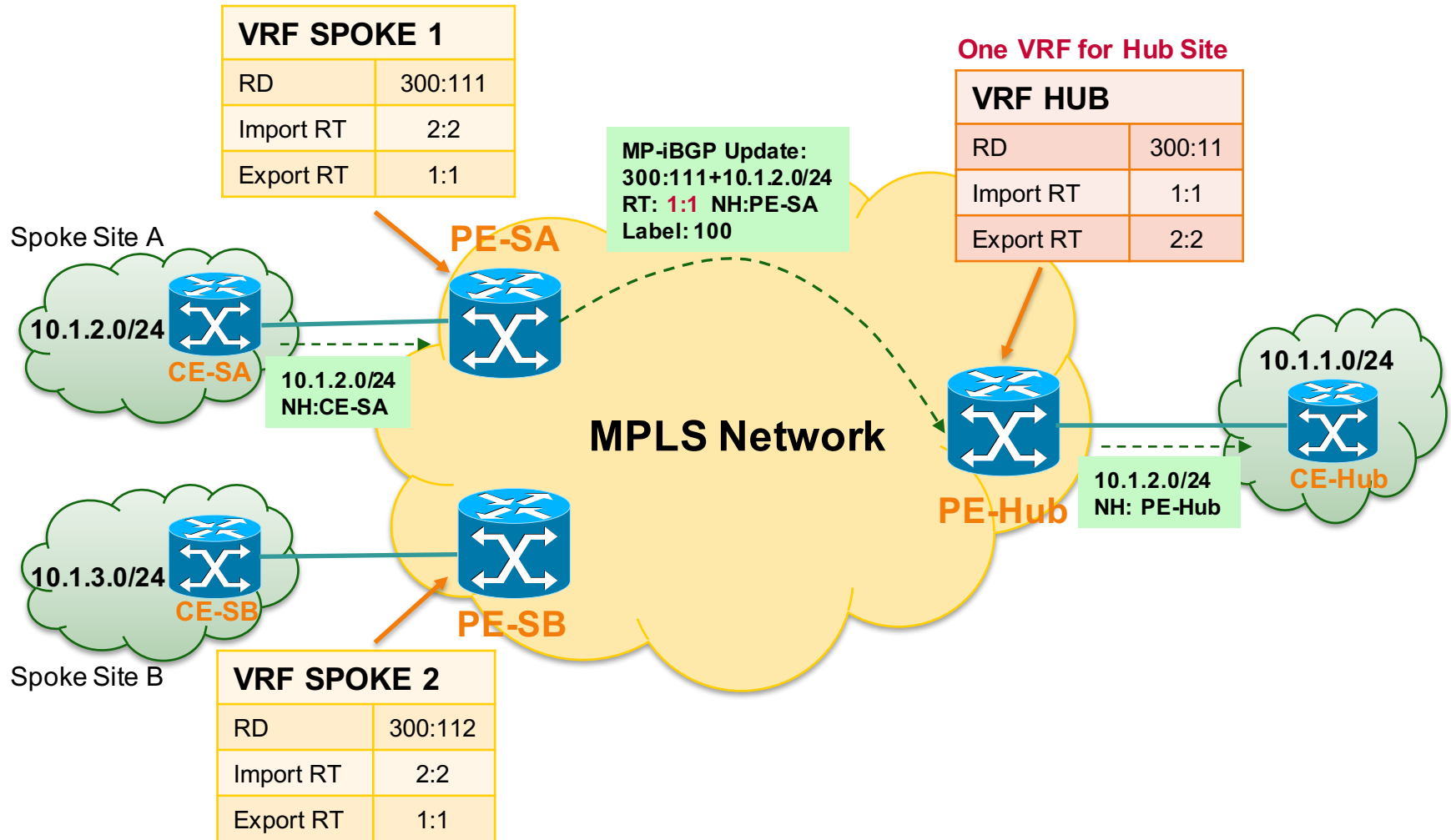
# Hub and Spoke Service



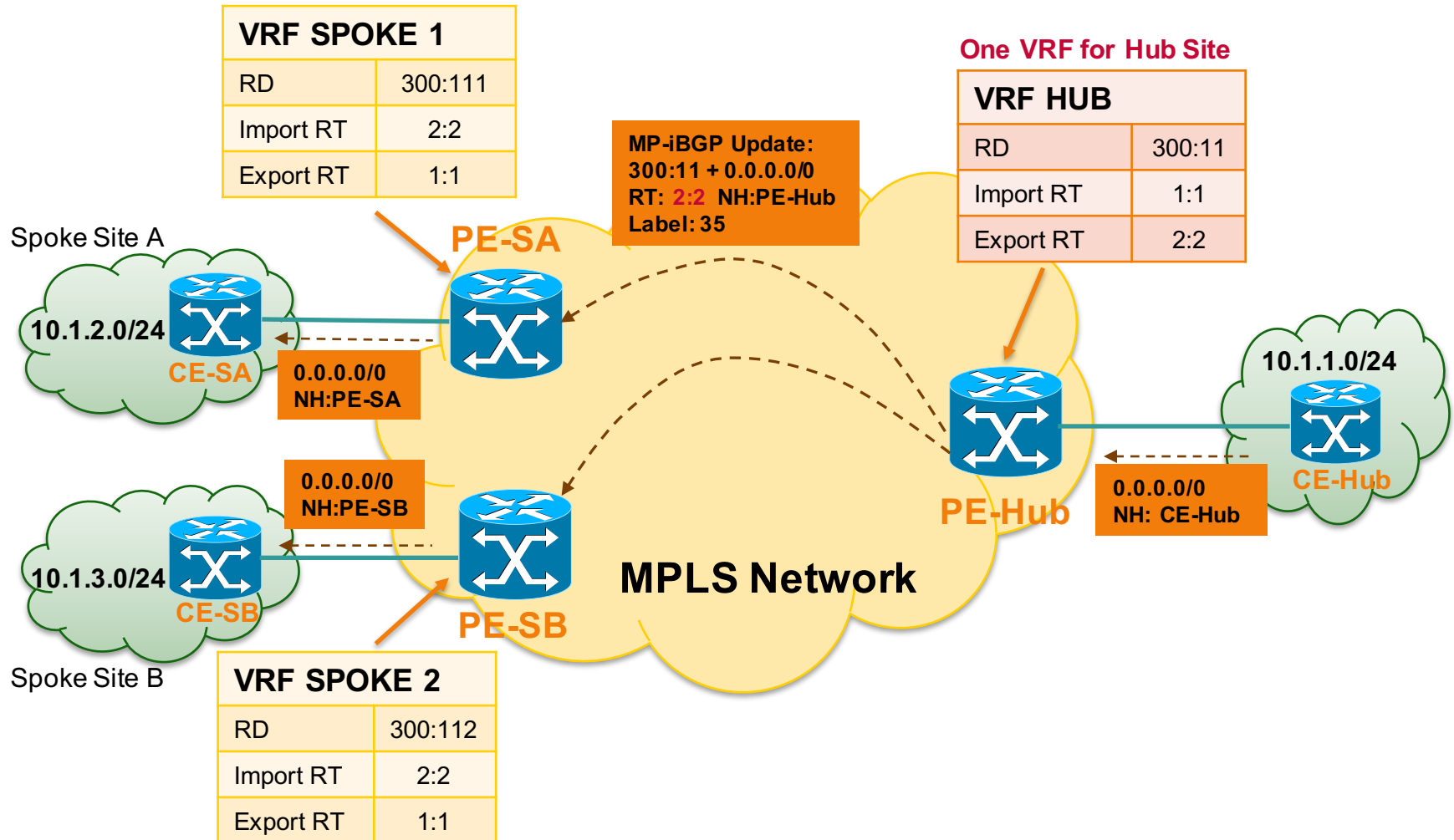
# Option 1 - Single Interface



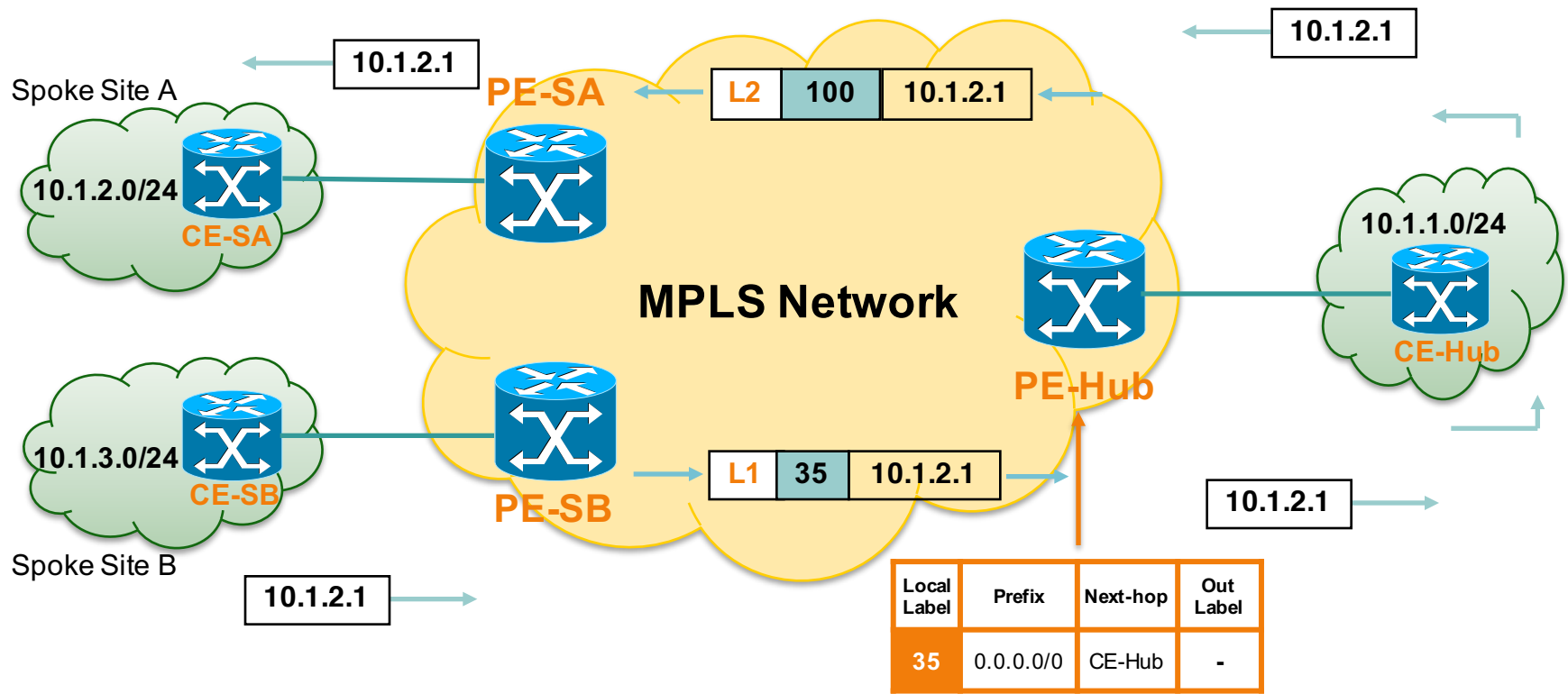
# Control Plane – from Spoke to Hub



# Control Plane – from Hub to Spoke



# Data Plane – Traffic between Spoke Sites



# Option 2 – Two Interfaces

If more specific spoke CE routes need to be exchanged between spoke CE routers, option 2 can be selected.

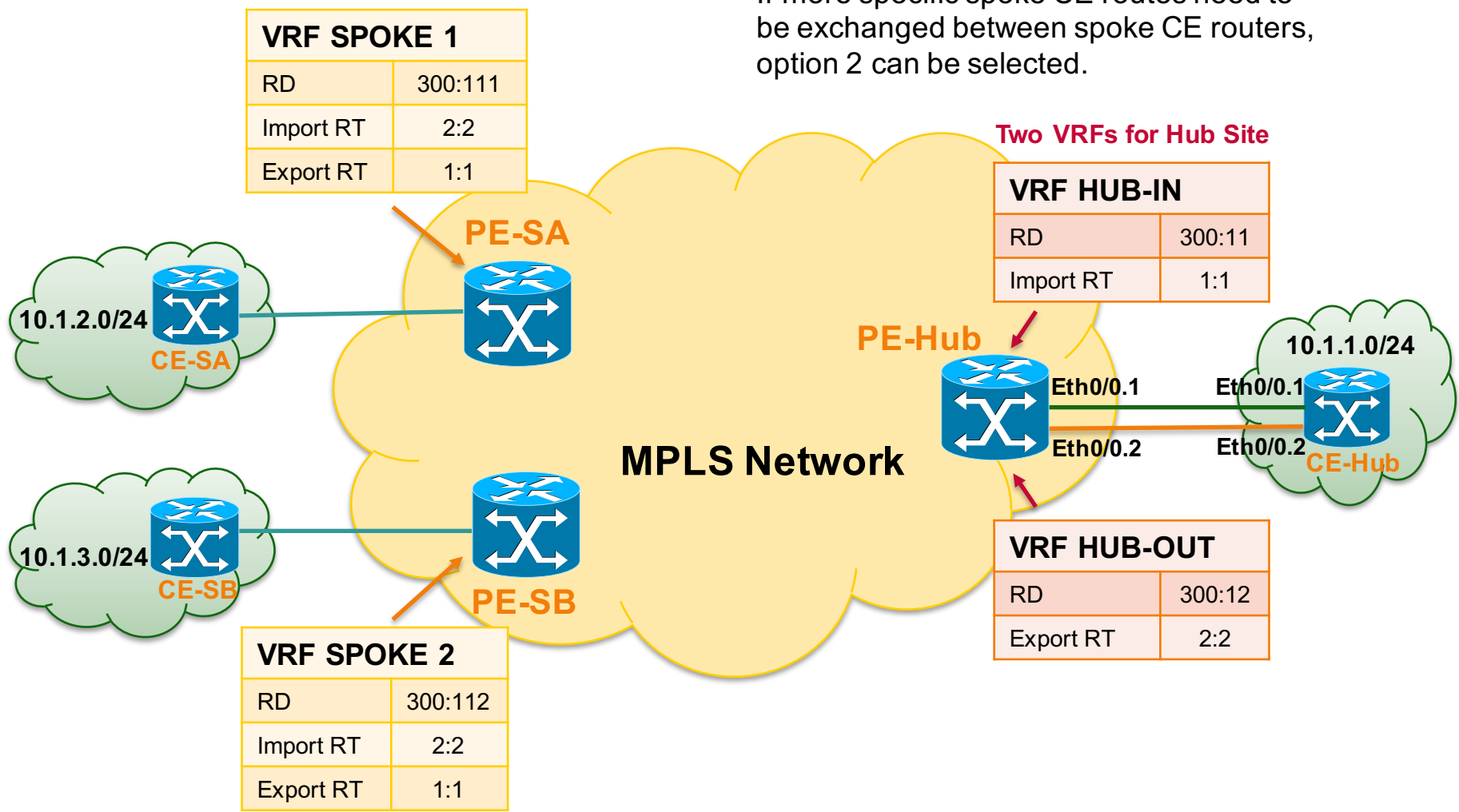
VRF SPOKE 1	
RD	300:111
Import RT	2:2
Export RT	1:1

VRF SPOKE 2	
RD	300:112
Import RT	2:2
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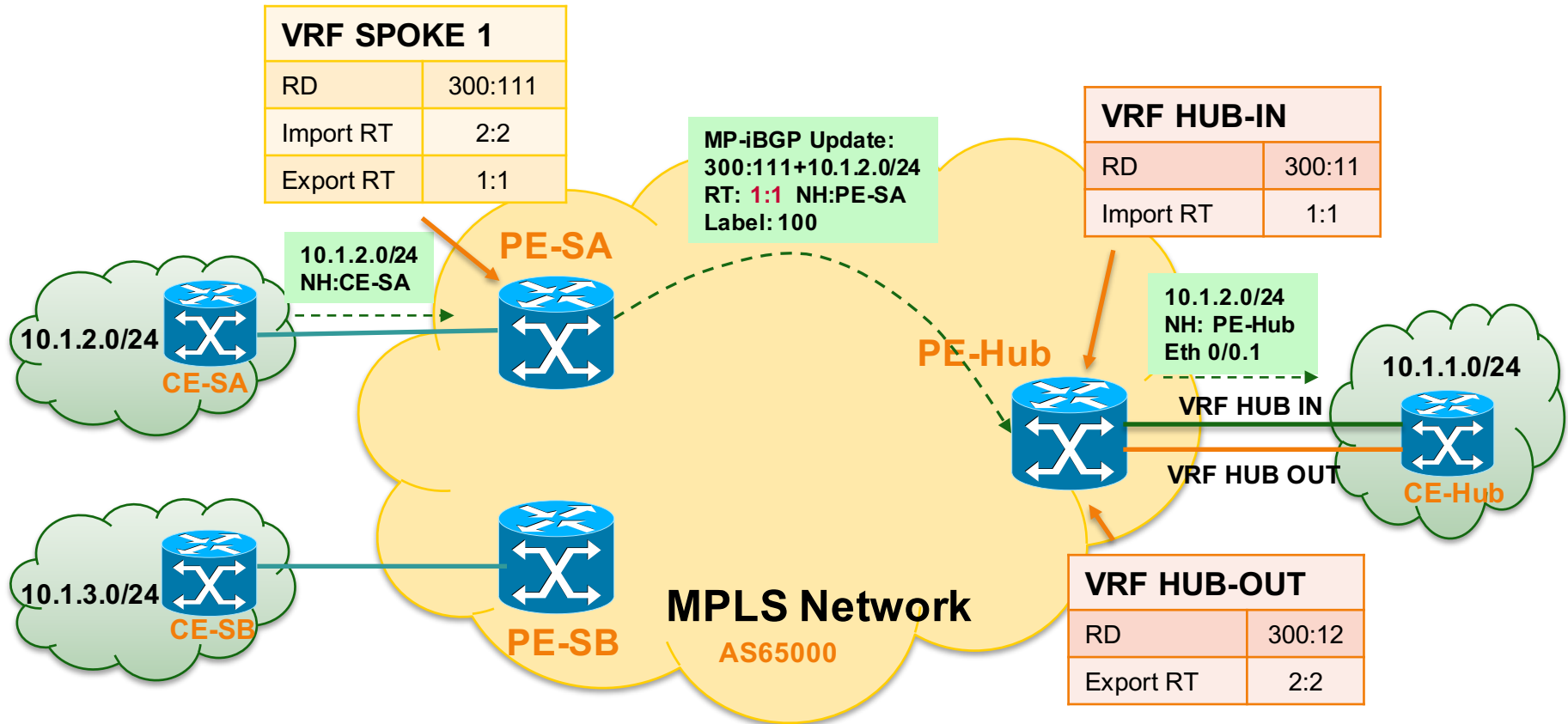
Two VRFs for Hub Site

VRF HUB-IN	
RD	300:11
Import RT	1:1

VRF HUB-OUT	
RD	300:12
Export RT	2:2



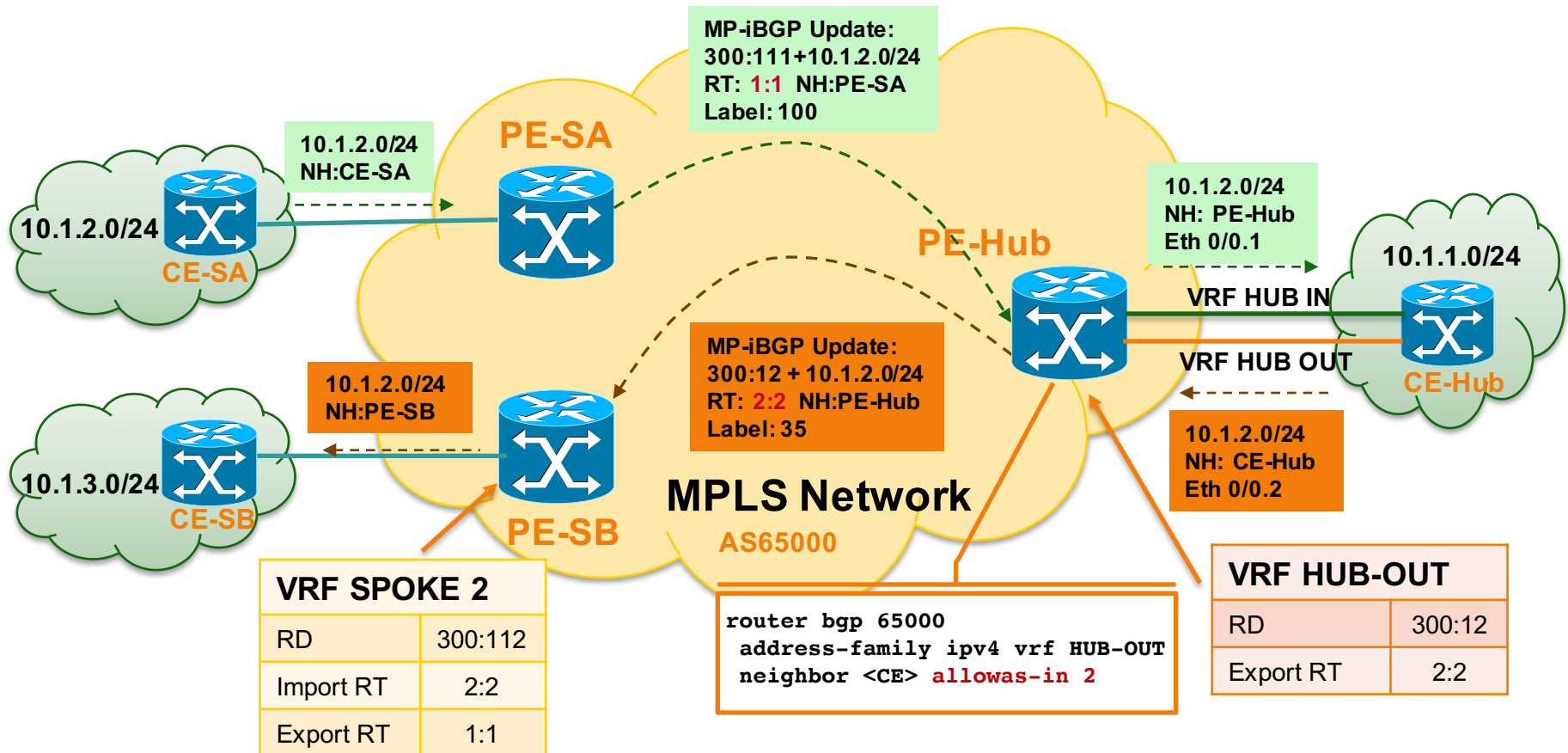
# Option 2 – Control Plane (Hub in)



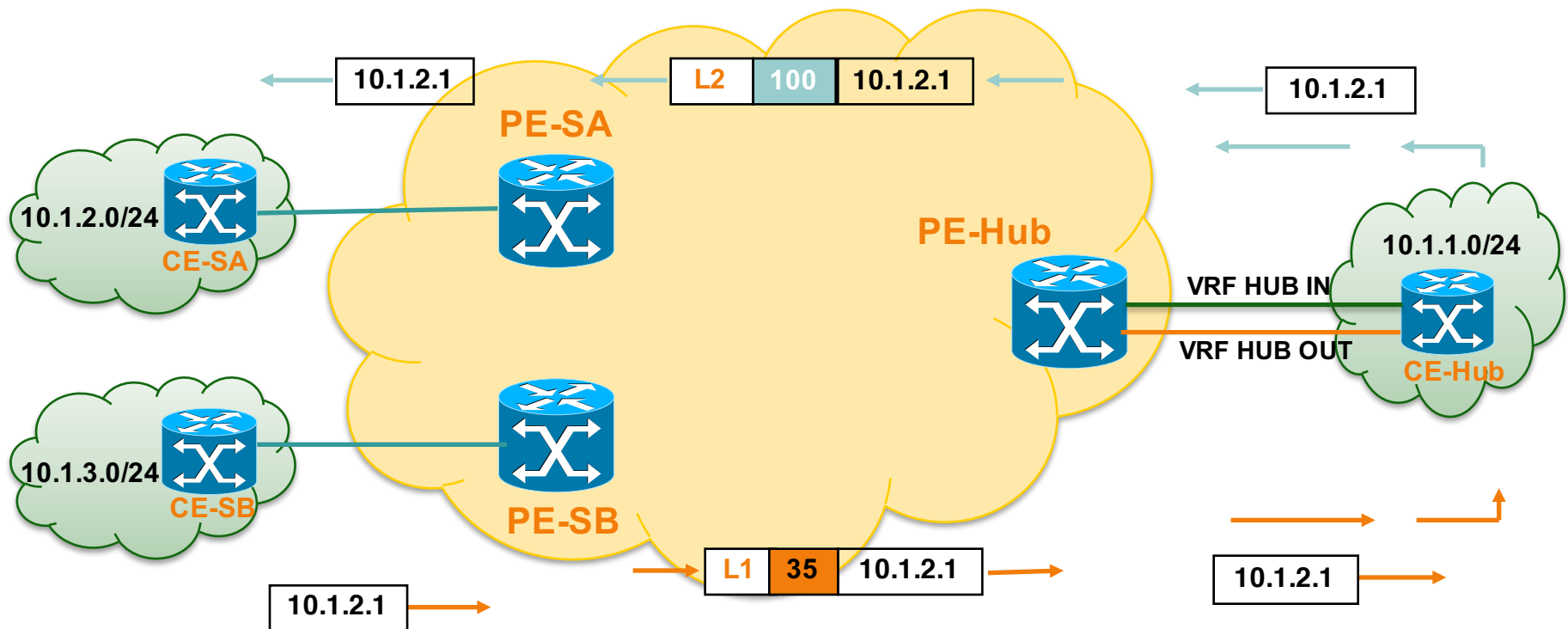


# Option 2 – Control Plane (Hub out)

- Deployment of allowas-in feature



# Option 2 – Data Plane



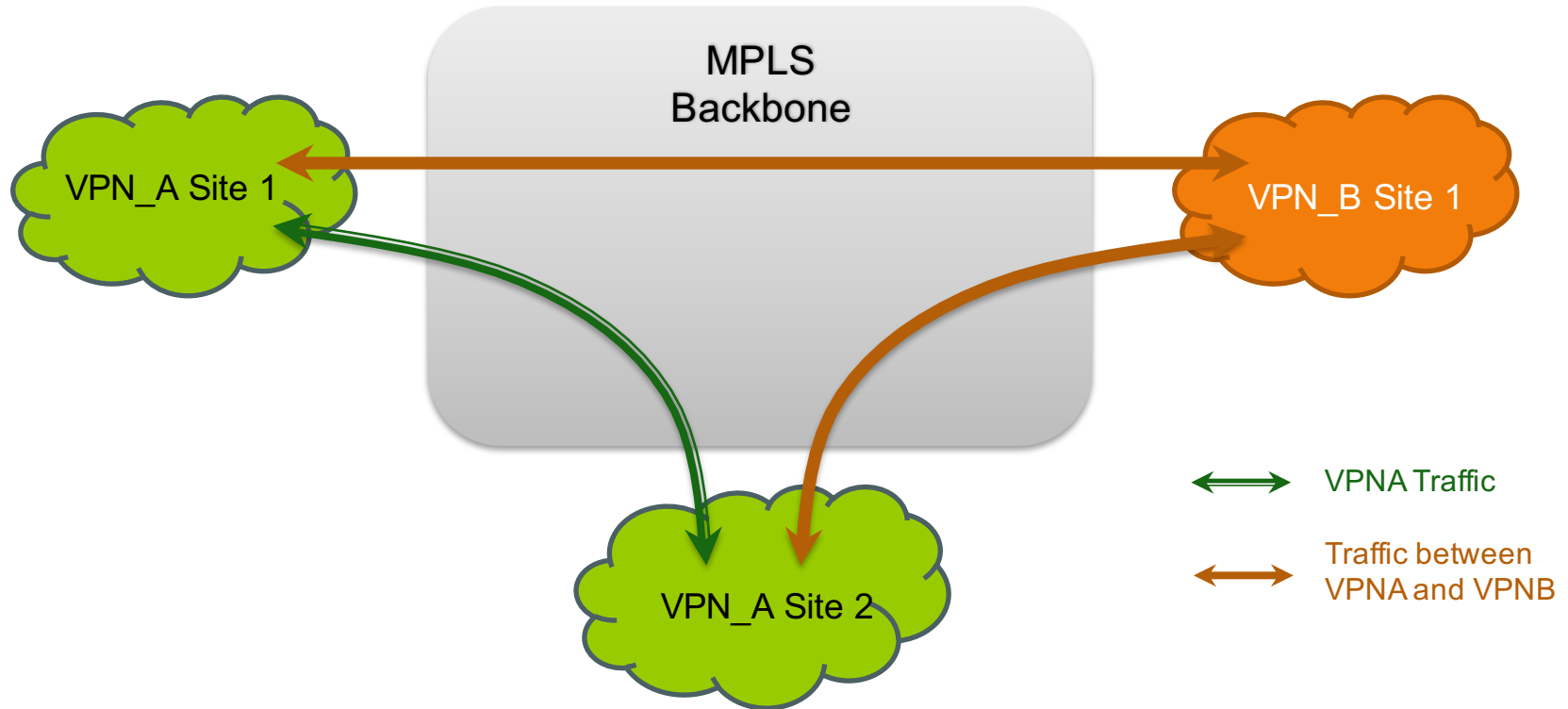
L1 Is the Label to Get to PE-Hub  
L2 Is the Label to Get to PE-SA

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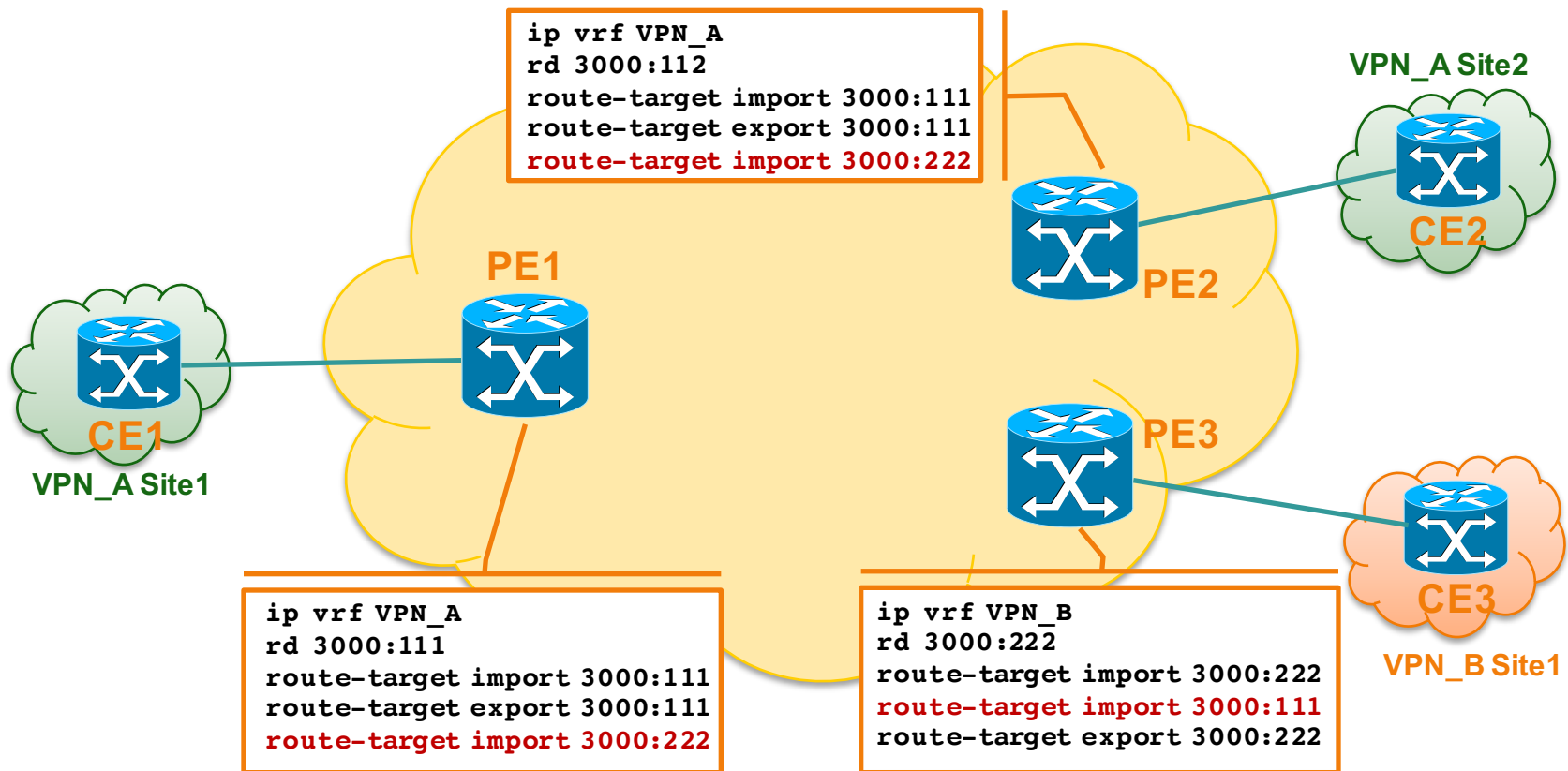
# Extranet Service

- Communication between VPNs may be required i.e., External intercompany communication (dealers with manufacturer, retailer with wholesale provider, etc.)



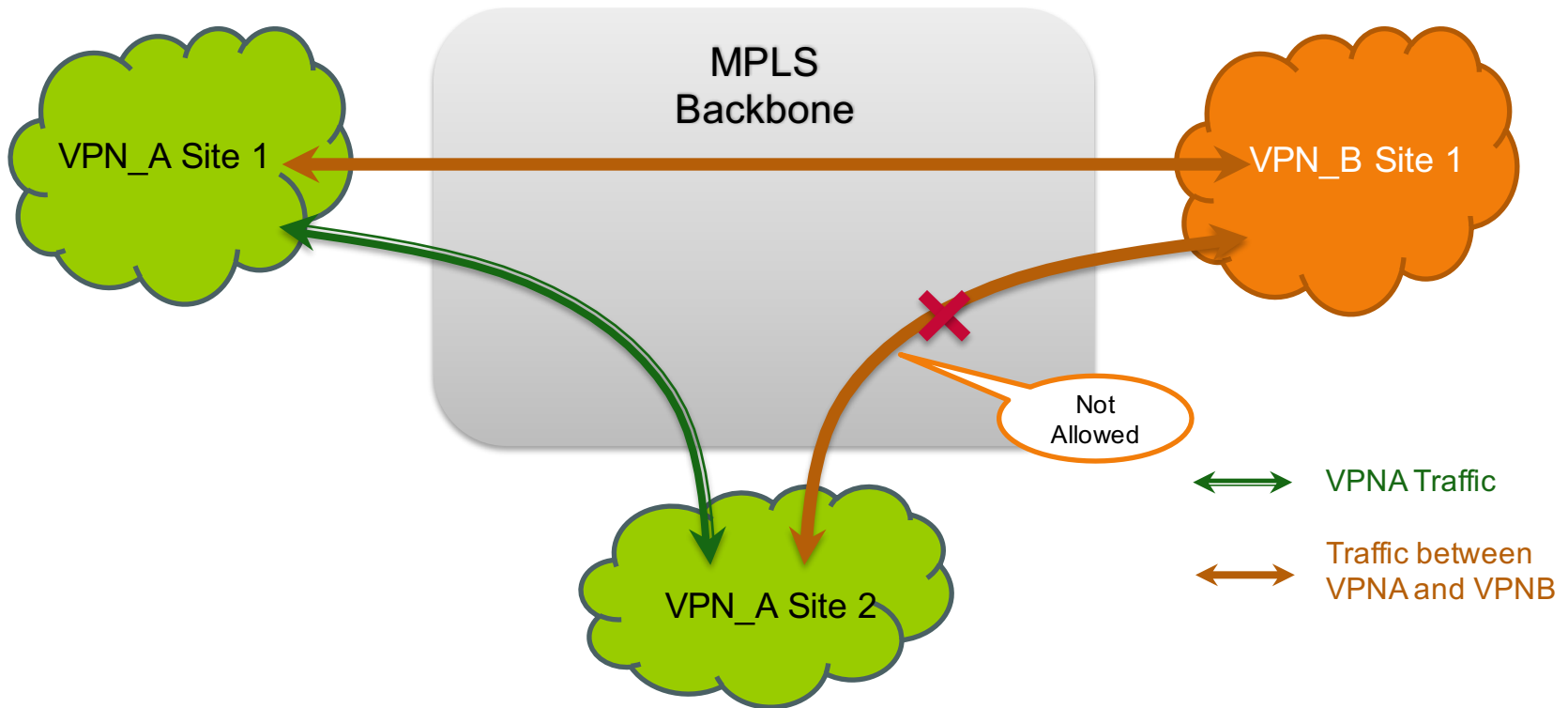
# Extranet VPN – Simple Extranet

- Designing **RT** to implement the communication.

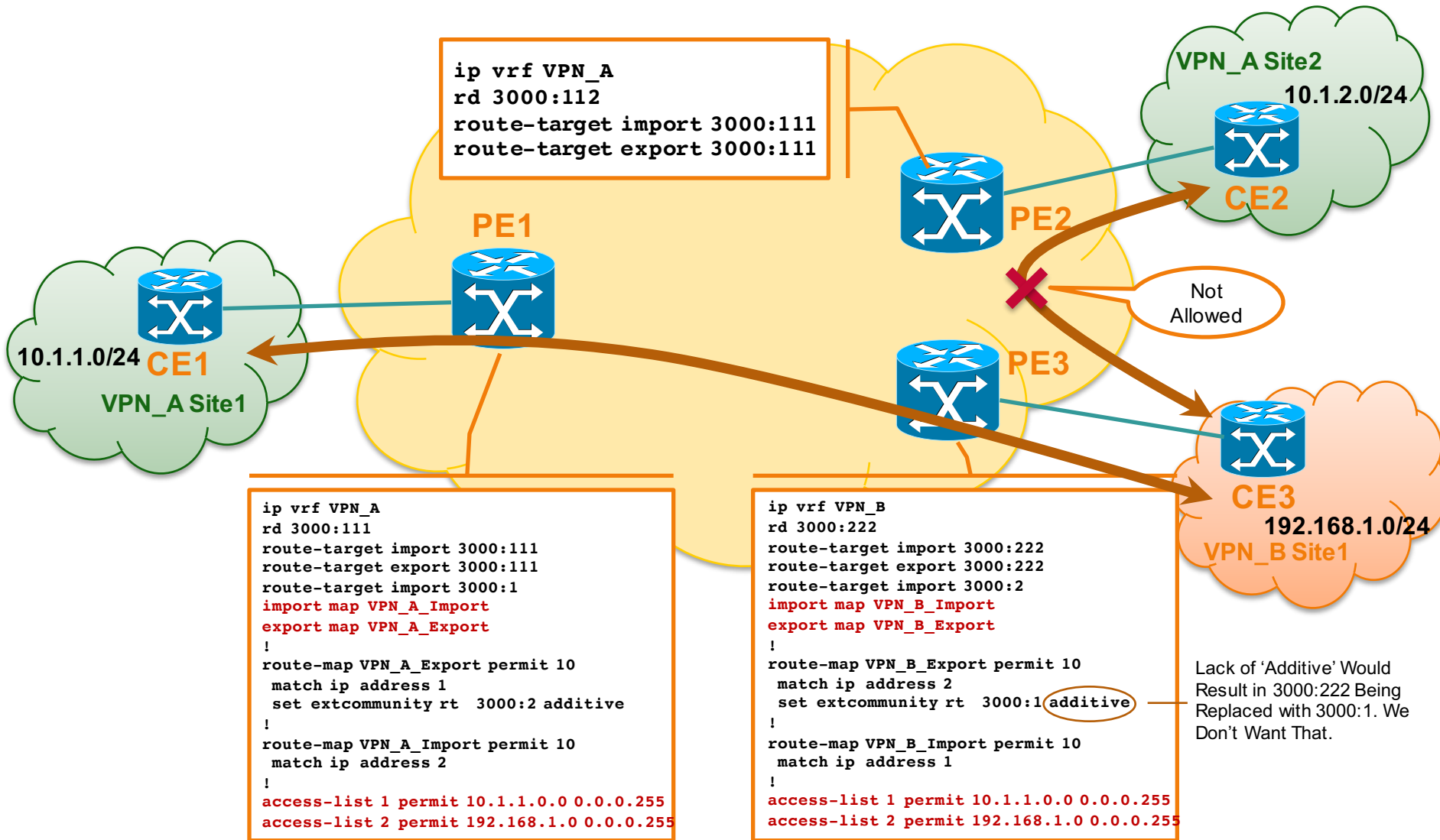


# More Complex Scenario

- If only allow VPNB Site1 to communicate with the servers in VPNA Site1.



# Extranet VPN – Advanced Extranet



# MPLS L3VPN Services

- Multi-homed VPN Sites
- Hub and Spoke Service
- Extranet Service
- Internet Access Service**



# Internet Access Service to VPN Customers

- Internet access service could be provided as another value-added service to VPN customers
- Security mechanism **must** be in place at both provider network and customer network
  - To protect from the Internet vulnerabilities



# Internet Access: Design Options

1. VRF Specific Default Route

2. Separate PE-CE Sub-interfaces

3. Extranet with Internet-VRF

# Option 1: VRF Specific Default Route

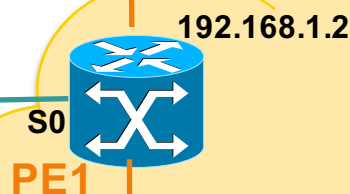
```
ip route 71.8.0.0 255.255.0.0 Serial0
```

```
Router bgp 65000  
no bgp default ipv4-unicast  
network 71.8.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0  
neighbor 192.168.1.1 remote 65000  
neighbor 192.168.1.1 activate  
neighbor 192.168.1.1 next-hop-self  
neighbor 192.168.1.1 update-source loopback0
```

- ② Add the static route pointing to VRF interface;  
Announce it to neighbors.  
For traffic (Internet → VPN)

PE2: Routing Table

Destination	Label/Interface
71.8.0.0/16	192.168.1.2

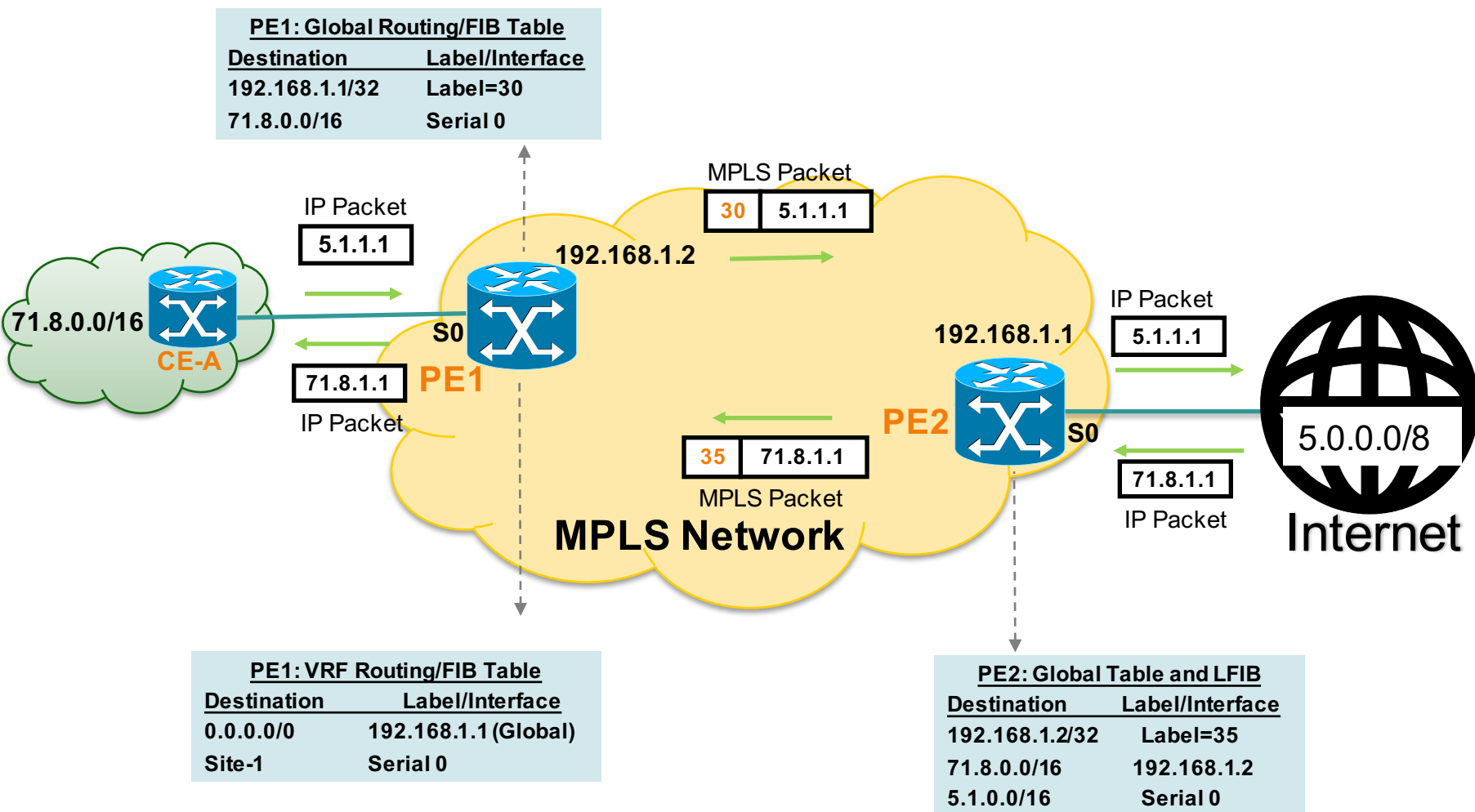


MPLS Network

- ① Default route  
For traffic (VPN → internet)

```
ip route vrf VPN-A 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 192.168.1.1 global
```

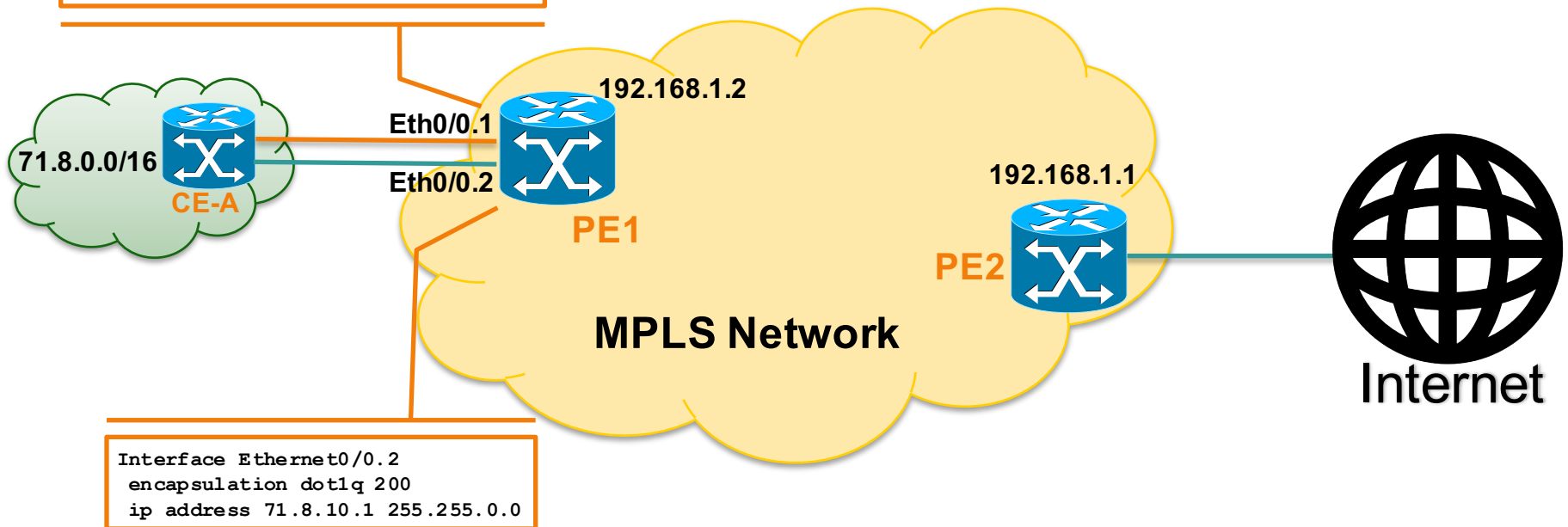
# Option 1: Data Plane



# Option 2: Separate PE-CE Sub-interfaces

One sub-interface associated to VRF

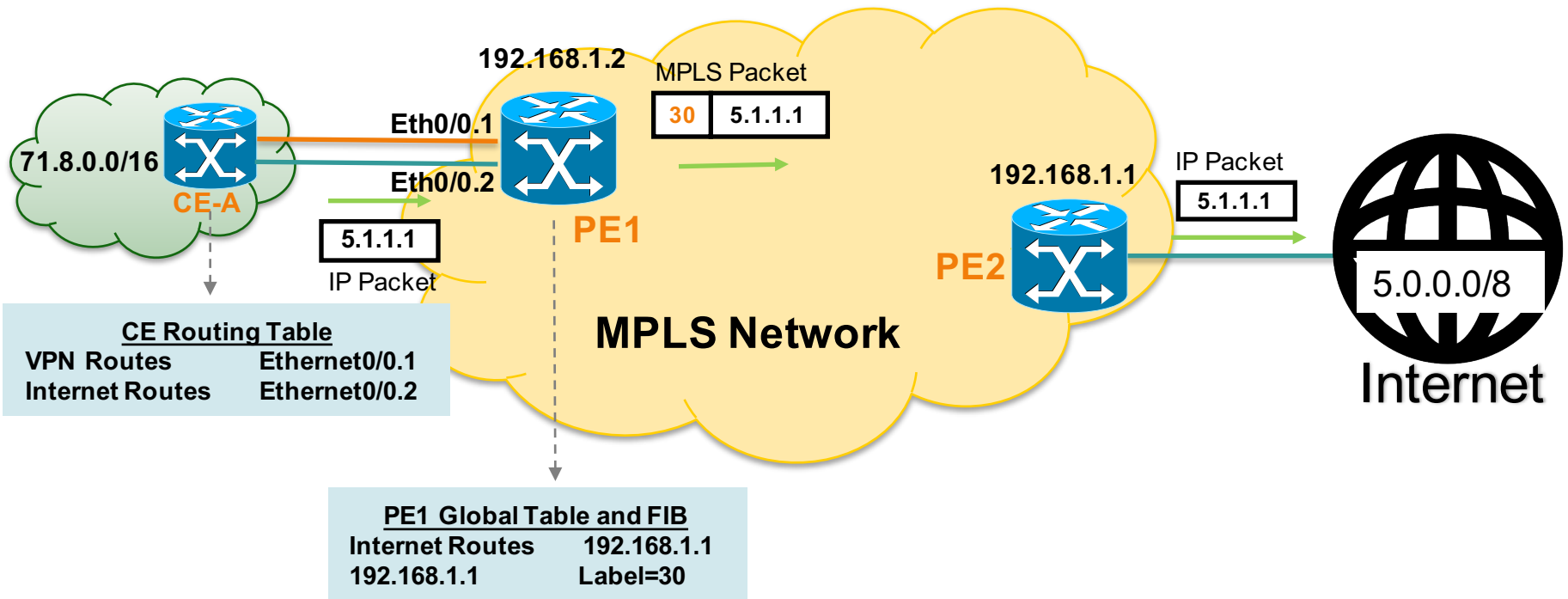
```
Interface Ethernet0/0.1
encapsulation dot1q 100
ip vrf forwarding VPN-A
ip address 192.168.20.1 255.255.255.0
```



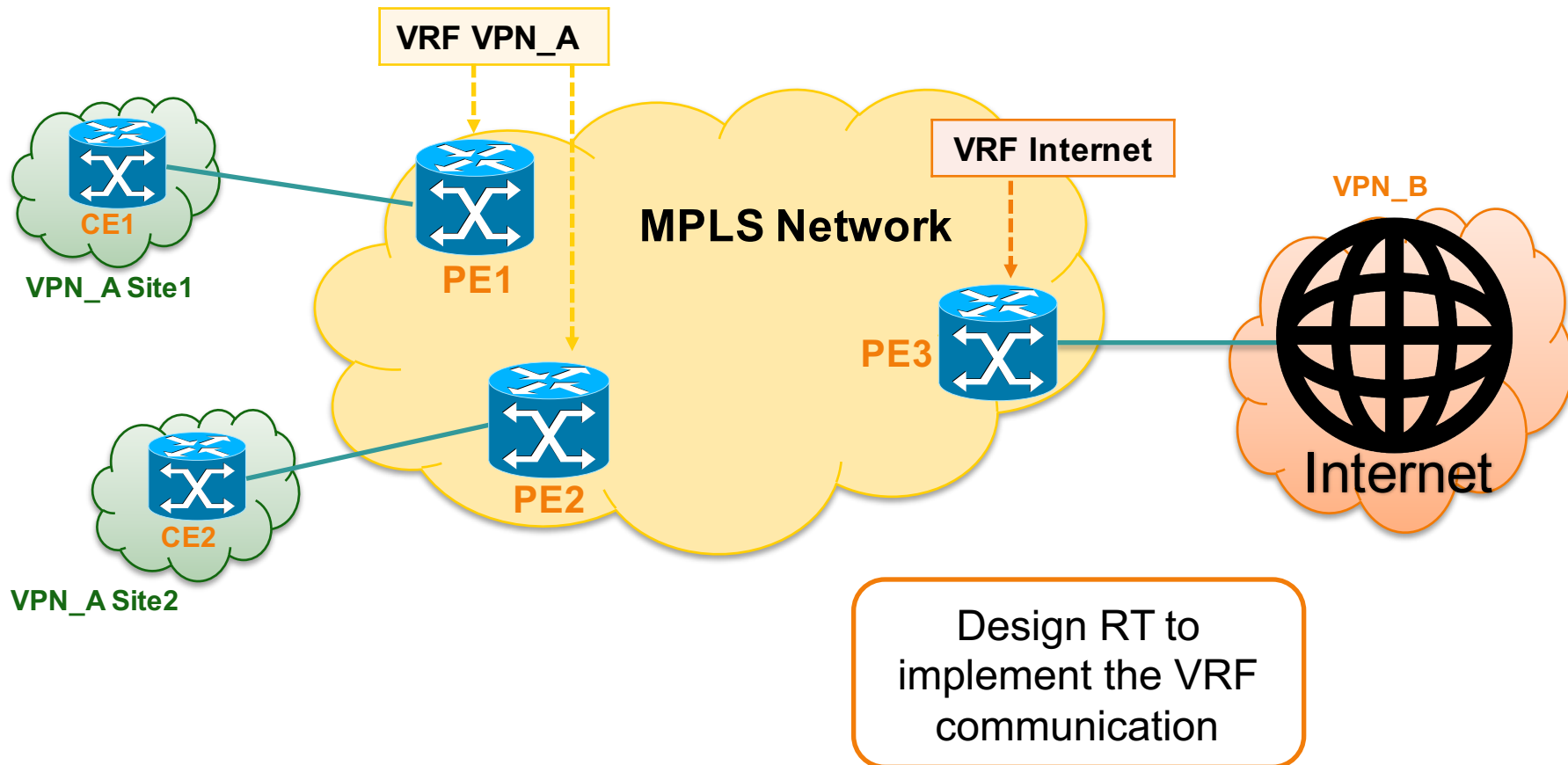
```
Interface Ethernet0/0.2
encapsulation dot1q 200
ip address 71.8.10.1 255.255.0.0
```

One sub-interface (global) for Internet routing

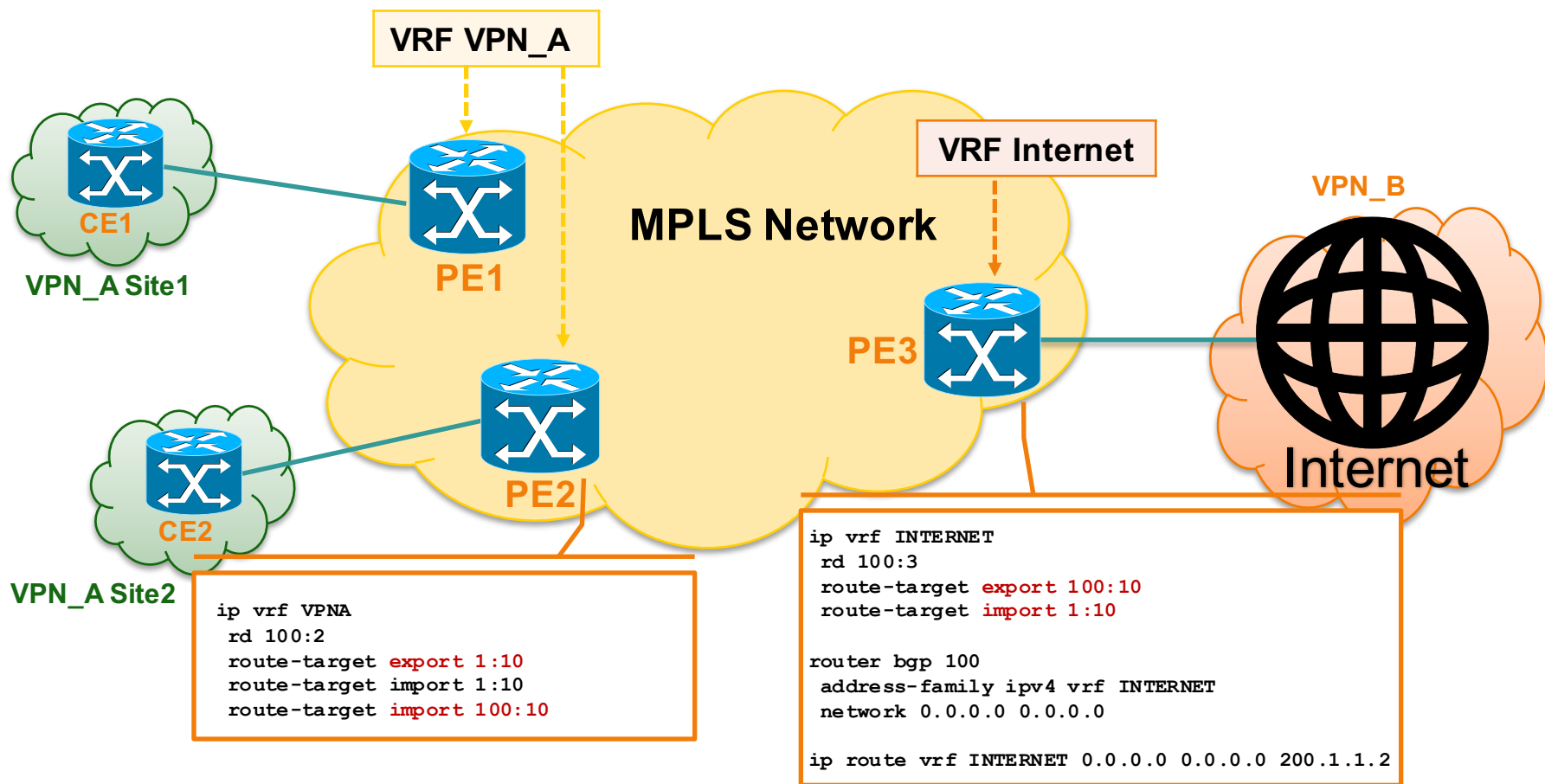
# Option 2: Data Plane



# Option 3: Extranet with Internet-VRF



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# Best Practice (1)

1. Use **RR to scale BGP**; deploy RRs in pair for the redundancy

Keep RRs out of the forwarding paths and disable CEF (saves memory)

2. Consider **unique RD per VRF per PE**,

Helpful for many scenarios such as multi-homing, hub&spoke etc.

3. Utilize **SP's public address space for PE-CE IP addressing**

Helps to avoid overlapping; Use **/31 subnetting** on PE-CE interfaces

# Best Practice (2)

4. **Limit number of prefixes** per-VRF and/or per-neighbor on PE
  - Max-prefix within VRF configuration; Suppress the inactive routes
  - Max-prefix per neighbor (PE-CE) within OSPF/RIP/BGP VRF af
5. **Leverage BGP Prefix Independent Convergence (PIC)** for fast convergence <100ms (IPv4 and IPv6):
  - PIC Core
  - PIC Edge
  - Best-external advertisement
  - Next-hop tracking (ON by default)
6. Consider RT-constraint for Route-reflector scalability
7. Consider 'BGP slow peer' for PE or RR – faster BGP convergence

# Conclusion

- MPLS based IP/VPN is the most optimal L3VPN technology
  - Any-to-any IPv4 or IPv6 VPN topology
  - Partial-mesh, Hub and Spoke topologies also possible
- Various IP/VPN services for additional value/revenue
- IP/VPN paves the way for virtualization & Cloud Services
  - Benefits whether SP or Enterprise.

# Questions?

