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# IBM Aurora Flow-Based Network Profiling System

**Technical Aspects** 

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# **AURORA**

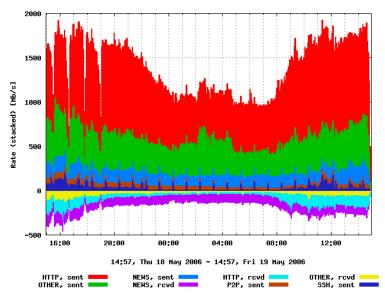
- R&D in IBM Zurich Research Laboratory
- Designed for high traffic sites
- Used in small businesses to very large sites
- Trying to find new innovative ways to represent network statistics
- A Research Project but commercially available (also as a 'free' trail, send an email for info)





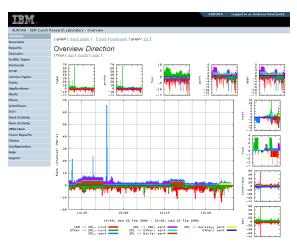
## The name AURORA





# **Overview**

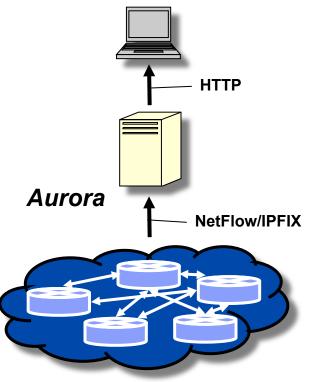
- Understanding network traffic flows in IT infrastructures
- Benefits
  - Bandwidth usage by application, domains, hosts, ports, protocols, traffic types
  - Reduction of network outage times and identification of network congestion causes
  - Detection of long-term trends in network utilization
  - Understanding server dependencies to support IT infrastructure transition (eg, to UMI)
- Applied techniques
  - High performance aggregation database for large NetFlow volumes
  - Intelligent traffic pattern recognition







## **NetFlow, IPFIX, sFlow**



- NetFlow is de-facto standard by Cisco
- In future superseded by IETF IPFIX
- sFlow mostly similar to NetFlow
- SNMP is not appropriate for flow-based network profiling, but can be used to monitor other variables in an environment
- Flow definition
  - A flow is a set of packets passing an observation point in the network during a certain time interval.
  - All packets belonging to a particular flow have a set of common properties derived from the data contained in the packet and from the packet treatment at the observation point

NetFlow: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6601/products\_ios\_protocol\_group\_home.html IPFIX: http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/ipfix-charter.html

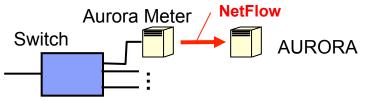


## **Operation Modes**

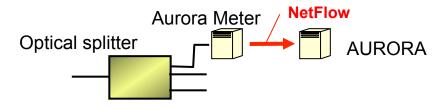
### Real-time mode; router NetFlow enabled



### Real-time mode; NetFlow probe via port mirroring



### Real-time mode; NetFlow probe via optical splitter



### Off-line mode; NetFlow probe



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# Hespera

In case your routers/ switches don't support (hardware) NetFlow.

- Pcap-based
- Collects packets
- •Creates:
  - •NetFlow v5/9
  - •IPFIX

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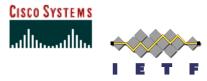


## **The NetFlow Scalability Challenge**

	Flow Rate	NetFlow Volume	Data Volume	
Small Network	<100 flows/s	<260 MB/d	<260 MB/d	
300 People Site	300 flows/s	780 MB/d	200 GB/d	
Single Core Router	gle Core Router 5' 000 flows/s		7 TB/d	
Large ISP	>2 M flows/s	>4 TB/d	>2 PB/d	



# **Feature Overview**



- NetFlow v1, v5, v6, v7, v8, v9, IETF IPFIX and sFlow collection, analysis, reporting
- Pre-generation of detailed reports in HTML, PDF, XML and TXT
  - Hourly, daily, monthly, yearly reporting periods
  - Utilization, domain, protocol, port, application, host, flow, ToS, ASN, and ICMP reports
  - Reports regarding average packet and flow statistics (eg, duration, volume)
- Ad-hoc zoom reports
- Support for very high flow rates
  - Example: ~40K flows/s on dual 2GHz server with 2GB memory, 150MB 5min flow files
  - Depends mostly on how much details one wants to see.
  - Distributed deployment with NetFlow or incremental database forwarding on
- Domain and site separation
- NetFlow forwarding
- IPv6 support at data and control plane
- GUI and language customization (Unicode-enabled)
- Available for Linux; tested on Unix (AIX, Solaris, Open/FreeBSD, Mac OS X)



## **Traffic Views and Standard Reports**

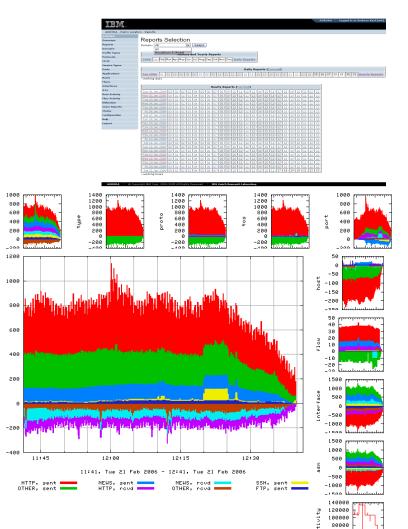
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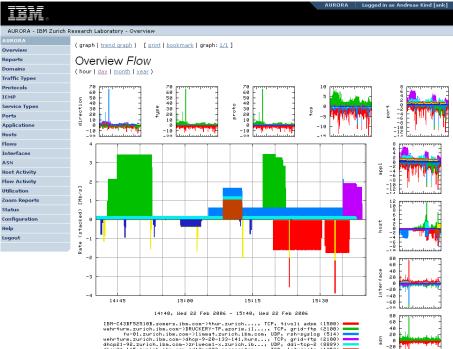
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- Traffic views
  - Current hour/day/month/year
- Standard reports
  - Generated reports for fixed periods
  - HTML, PDF, XML, textual
- Filter reports
  - Filtered standard reports
- Zoom reports
  - Generated in real-time with userdefined filter
- Aspects in views and reports
  - Domains, protocols, hosts, ports, applications, service/traffic types, sessions, utilization



## **Daily Direction and Flow Views**

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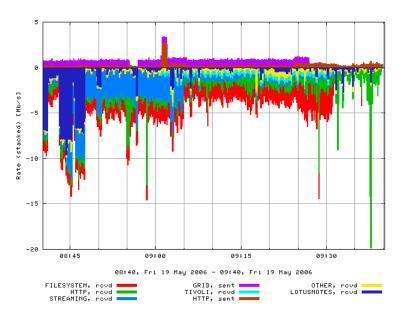


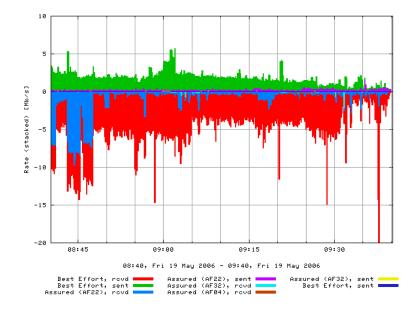
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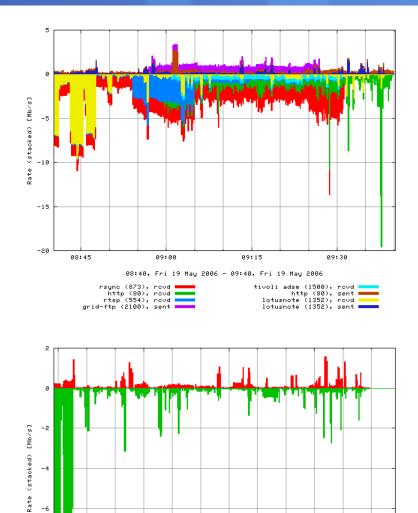
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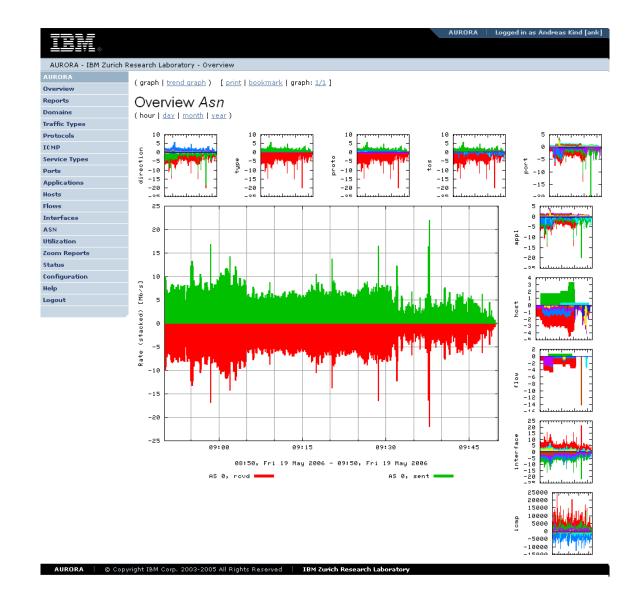
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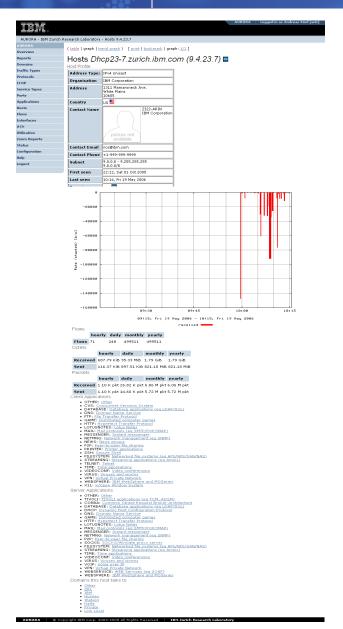
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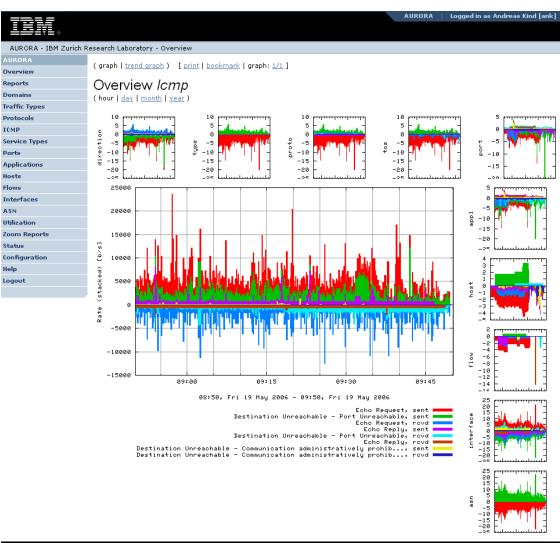
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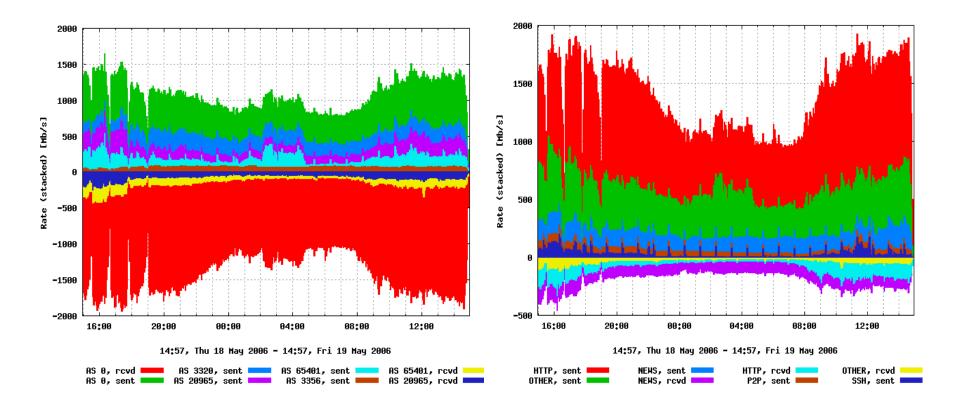




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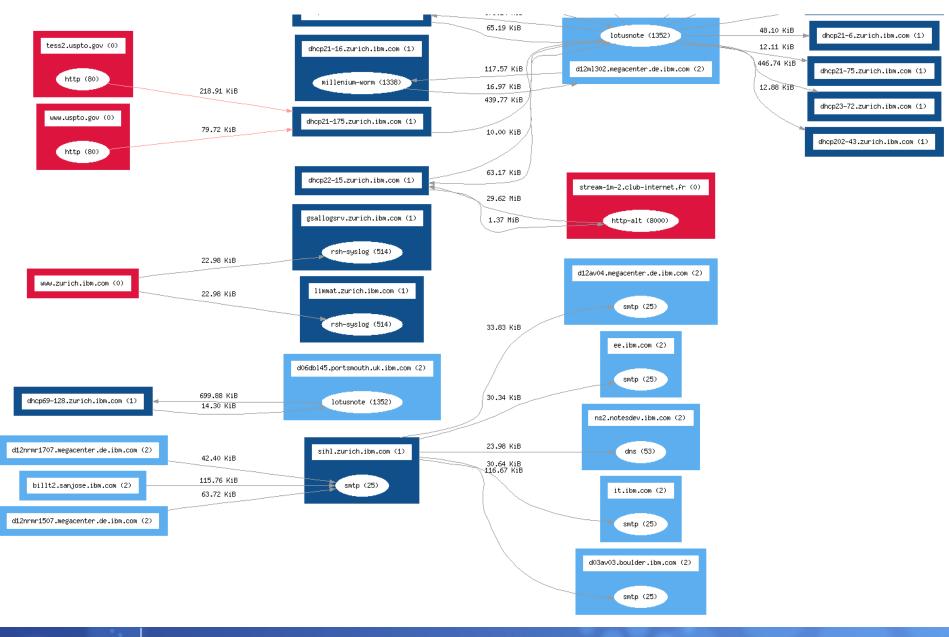


### **Traffic Example at an ISP**



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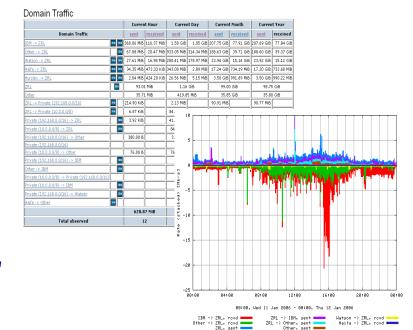




# Domains

DOMATN="TBM"  $T_0CAT_0=0$ SUBNET="9.0.0.0/8" FLAG=/aurora/flags/ibm.gif

DOMATN="7RL"  $T_0CAT_1=1$ SUBNET="9.4.0.0/16 2001:620:20::/48" FLAG=/aurora/flags/zrl.gif



ZRL

DOMAIN="My First Servers" FILTER="ipv4 either 10.10.19.184 or ipv4 either 10.10.19.204" DOMAIN MODE=FilterReport REPORTS="direction type proto tos flow interface icmp" FLAG=/aurora/flags/ibm.gif

DOMAIN="My First Router (IF 1)" FILTER="ipv4 router 1@10.10.170.139" REPORTS="direction proto port appl host" Haifa -> ZRL, rovd

## **Filter specifics**

<expr> = not <expr> <expr> (and or) <expr> | version (ipv4 ipv6) (ipv6|ipv4) <dir ip> [not] <prefix>[/<prefixlength>] | type [not] (unicast|multicast) | proto [<op>] <number> | (icmp|icmptype|icmpcode) <number> port <dir> [<op>] <number> | app <name> domain <dir> [<op>] <number> | asn [<op>] <number> | (packets|octets) [<op>] <number> | true | false | set (proto port app domain asn) <number> | trigger <name> <dir> = src | dst | both | either <dir ip> = <dir> | router | router src | router dst | nexthop <op> = eq | == | ne | != | ge | >= | gt | > | more | le | <= | lt | < | less</pre>

**# Filter on address range** ipv4 either 10.10.0.0/16

# Filter on http(s) traffic
port either 80 or port either 443

# Define http traffic domain
((ipv4 src 9.4.0.0/16 and set domain src 7) or true) and \
((ipv4 dst 9.4.0.0/16 and set domain dst 7) or true) or true

# Set application based on a source IP and port ipv4 src 192.0.2.0/25 and port src 80 set app FOO

# Trigger an event on corrupted flows and drop these flows not ((octets gt 200000000 or packets gt 20000000) and trigger HUGE FLOW)



## **Traffic Filter**

- Used for ...
  - Record modification rules (eg, set application, IP to domain mapping)
  - Standard filter reports
  - Event notification
  - Zoom reports
- Examples
  - Set application

FILTER="ipv4 src 192.0.2.0/23 and port src 80 set app 5"

Aggregate to a single IP address

```
FILTER="ipv4 src 192.0.2.0/23 and port src 80 set ipv4 src 192.0.2.1"
```

Define LotusNotes cluster

```
FILTER="app LOTUSNOTES and (ipv4 src 192.0.2.0/23 set dom src 1) or (ipv4 dst 192.0.2.0/23 set dom dst 1)"
```



## **Filter Domains**

### Users can be bound to a filter domain

```
DOMAIN="My First Servers"
FILTER="ipv4 either 10.10.19.184 or ipv4 either 10.10.19.204"
DOMAIN_MODE=FilterReport
REPORTS="direction type proto tos flow interface icmp"
FLAG=/aurora/flags/ibm.gif
```

```
DOMAIN="My First Router (IF 1)"
FILTER="ipv4 router 1@10.10.170.139"
REPORTS="direction proto port appl host flow icmp"
```



## **Events**

### # Event target definition

eventtarget SYSLOG syslog info
eventtarget TEC tec udp://foo.zurich.ibm.com

### # Event definition

event HUGE_FLOW	description	"Very large flow"
event HUGE_FLOW	threshold	0
event HUGE_FLOW	period	0
event HUGE FLOW	output	SYSLOG message <b>"Huge</b>
Increase: T=%tag%@%	offset% R=%sourc	ce% F=%first% L=%last% S=%src%

D=%dst% P=%protocol% O=%octets% p=%packets% T=%threshold%"

### # Event filter

POST\_FILTER="! ((octets gt 20000000 or packets gt 20000000) and trigger HUGE\_FLOW)"

# **Zoom Reports**

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## **User Management**

( <u>user preferences</u> | user management | <u>site configuration</u> | <u>license</u> )

### User management

Username	ank	
osemanie		
Fullname	Andreas Kind	
Email	ank@zurich.ibm.com	
Password		
Repeat Password		
Domain	×	
User Flags	Administrator Password Changing Disabled Auto-reload pages? Disabled	
	Apply Delete	

Username	Fullname	Email	Administrator	Disabled	
ank	Andreas Kind	ank@zurich.ibm.com	yes	no	Edit Delete

Create new user

# **Configuration**

### ( $\underline{user\ preferences}$ | $\underline{user\ management}$ | site configuration | $\underline{license}$ )

### Site Configuration

ſ	General Authentication	Reporting	Domains	Flow storage	Filter settings	
	General					
	Default language	English (US)		✔ ?		
	Location	Test	?			
	Skin	IBM 💌	?			
	Routers	any				
		add router ?				
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#### ( user preferences | user management | site configuration | license )

### Site Configuration

 General
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 Authentication
 Authentication method
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 Anonymous login
 No
 ©

 Show only anonymized data to anonymous users
 Yes
 ©

#### ( <u>user preferences</u> | <u>user management</u> | site configuration | <u>license</u> )

### Site Configuration

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#### ( user preferences | user management | site configuration | license )

#### Site Configuration

General Authentication Reporting Domains Flow storage Filter settings





## **Backend normal text files**

#### LOCATION="WAN Monitoring" ROUTERS=any

LANGUAGE=english\_us SKIN=ibm

AUTH METHOD=aurora

COLLECT=octets REPORTS="domain direction type proto tos port appl host flow interface"

### # Local Swiss Department A

DOMAIN="Department A" ID=1 SUENET="10.10.1.0/24" LOCAL=1 FLAG=/aurora/flags/ch.gif

### # Local Swiss Department B

DOMAIN="Department B" ID=2 SUENET="10.10.2.0/24" LOCAL=1 FLAG=/aurora/flags/ch.gif

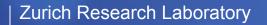
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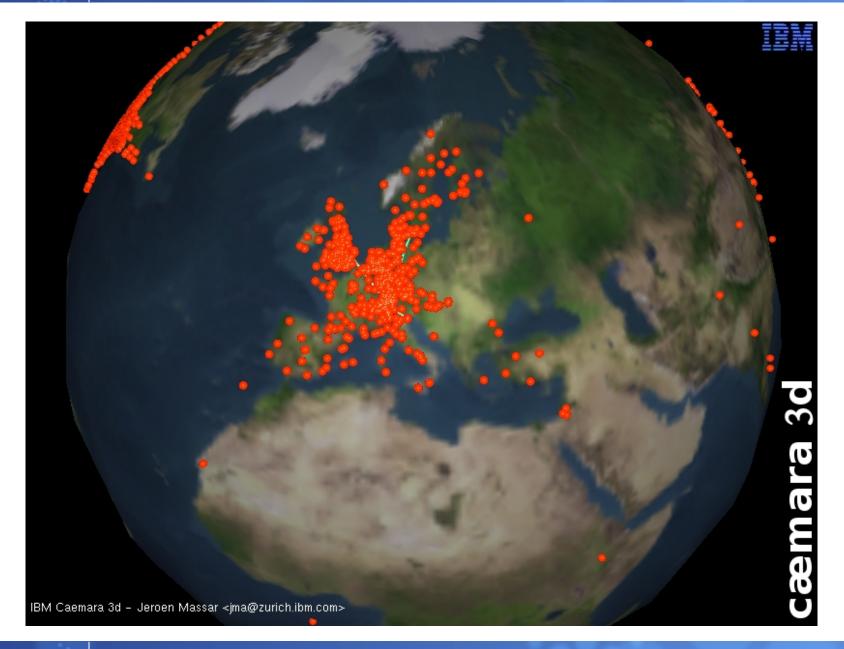
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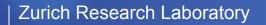
DOMAIN="Department D" ID=4 SUENET="11.11.2.0/24" LOCAL=0 FLAG=/aurora/flags/de.gif

FLOWFILE\_ZIP\_PERIOD=86400 ZIP=bzip2

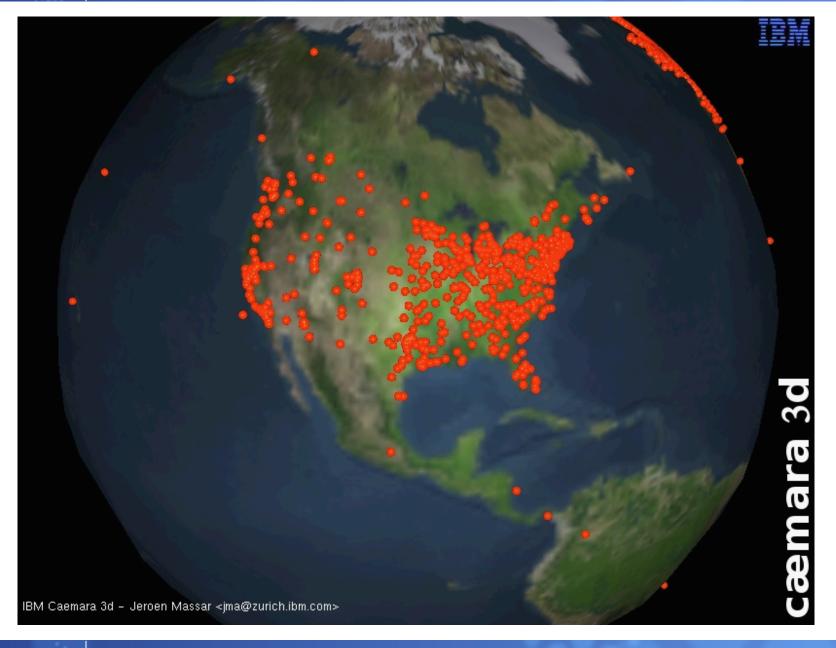


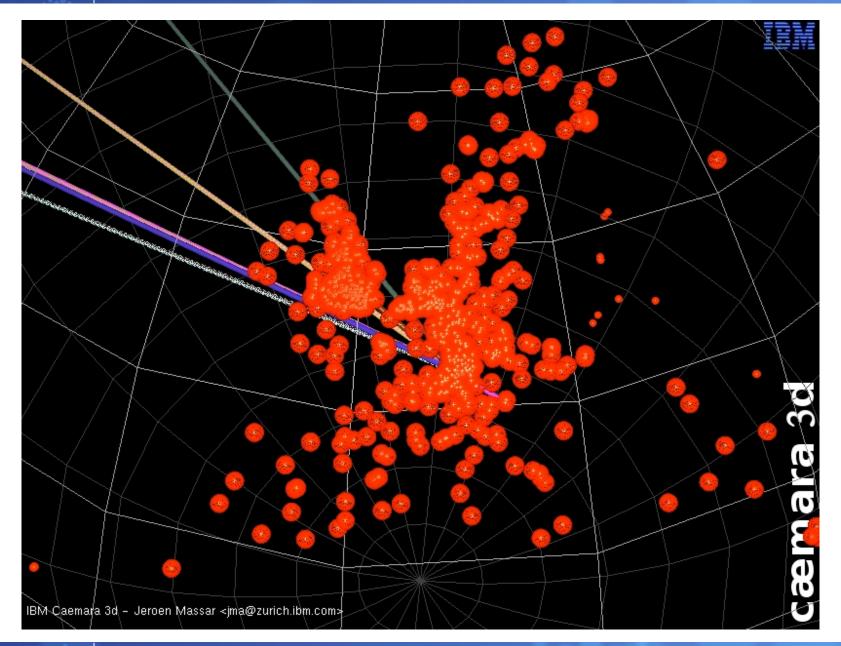


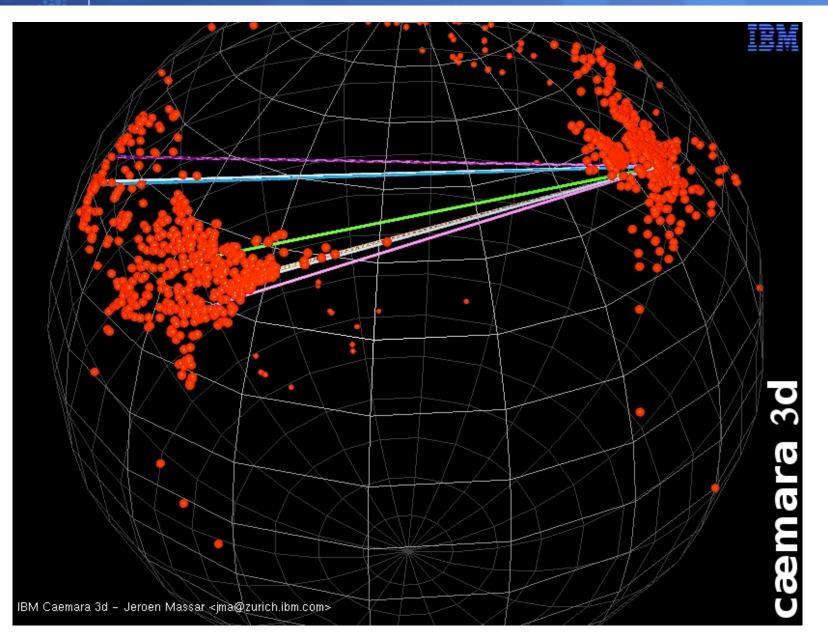






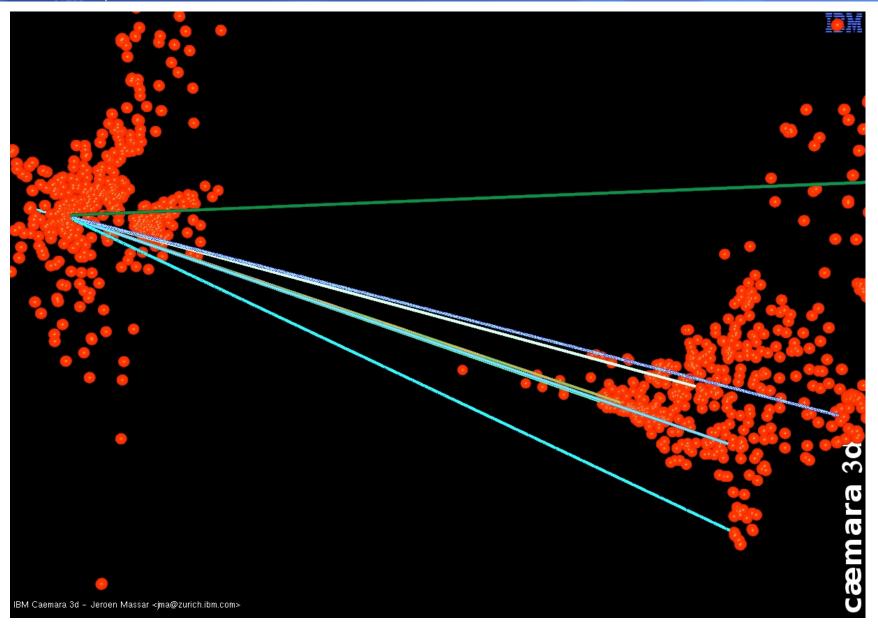






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## Soon...

- BGP awareness
  - Where is my traffic going and where is it coming from
  - Helps in determining who to peer with
- Anomaly Detection
   What traffic is not normal in my network
- New "Web2.0" interface

# **Thanks!**

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