

# ICL Testbed Environment and Configuration

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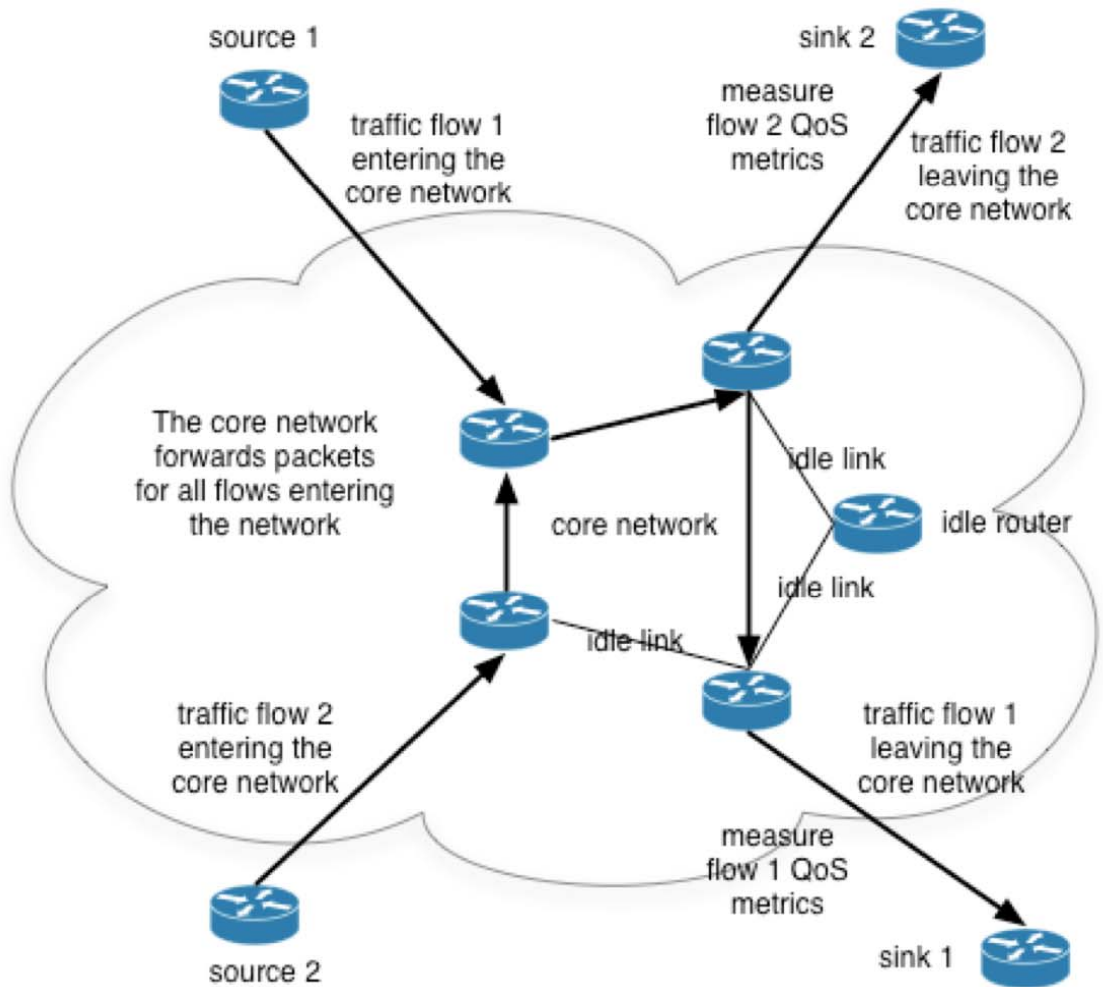
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Testing methodology

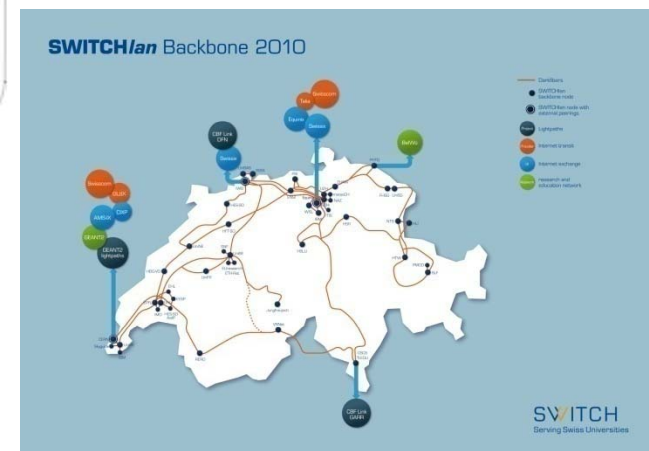
Summary of the works being done

Testbed environment

- Power measurement
- Test topology – numerical results



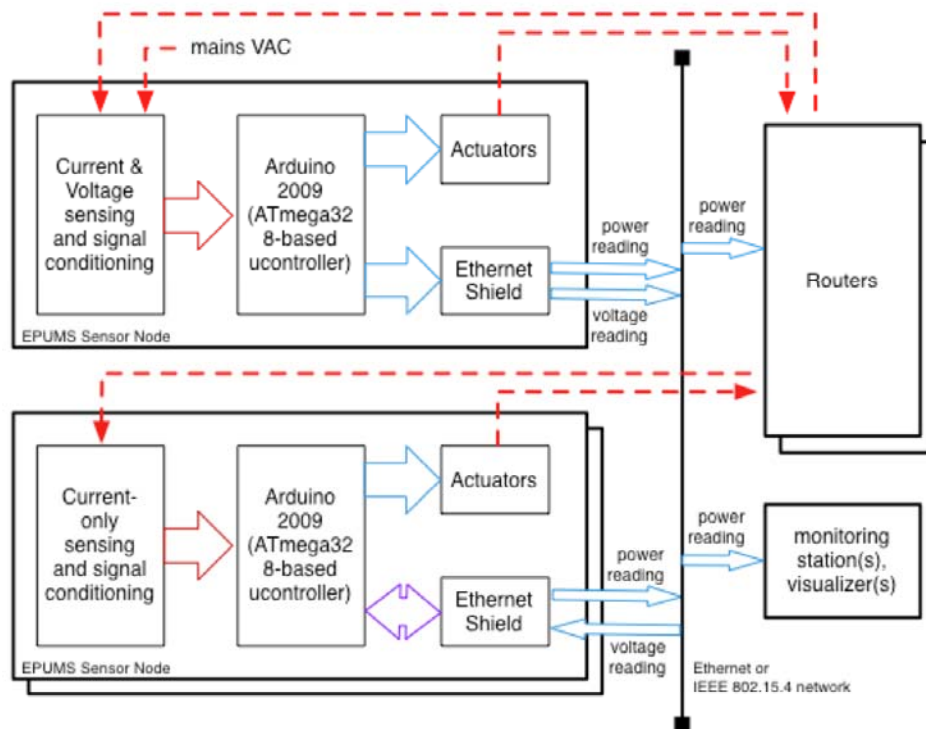
measure the power consumption of the core network to handle the traffic flows



**We built a similar topology to the Swiss Education Network for our experimental examinations.**

- Network power measurement and profiling (the required hardware is built)
- **Autonomic Energy-Aware Routing** policy based on reinforcement learning (implemented and tested in the ICL testbed), and **load transfer algorithm** based on a queuing network model (theoretical work that is not implemented yet) to reduce the overall network power consumption.
- Publications
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Electrical Power Usage Monitoring System (EPUMS) can monitor and report (over the network) individual observations of the power consumption of a large number of devices.



**Main components of EPUMS network**

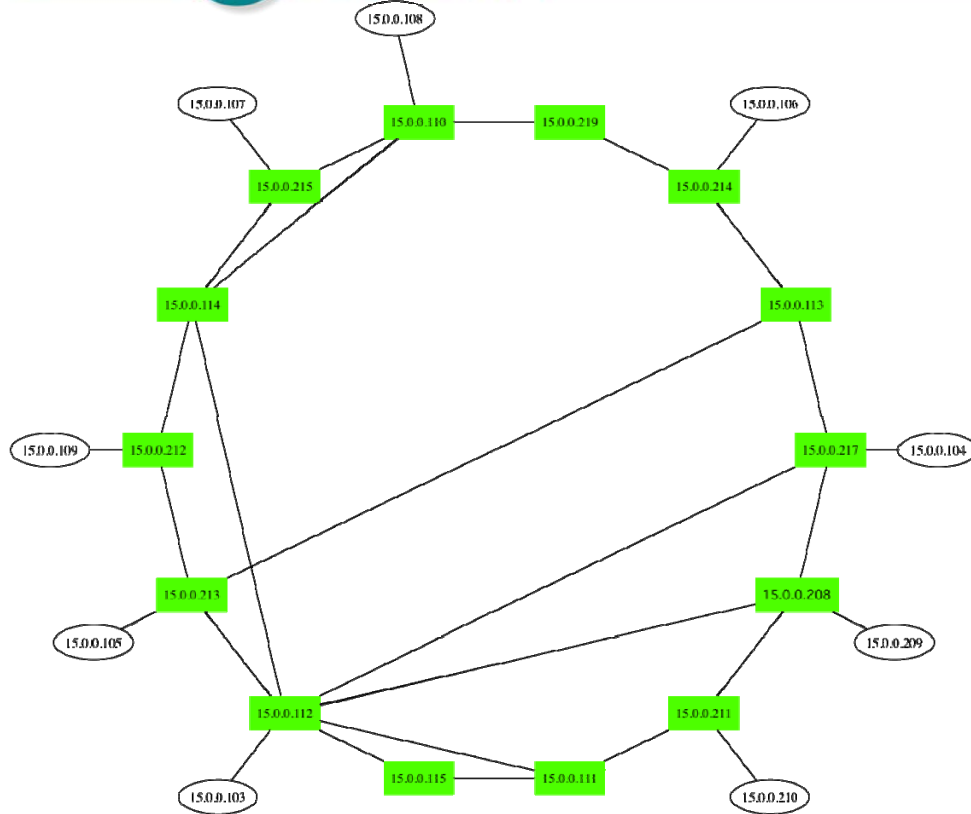
- EPUMS consists of a network of sensor nodes connected through Ethernet.
- Each sensor node is a micro-controller embedded system (based on Arduino 2009) and provisioned with a number of current and voltage sensors.
- A kernel device driver is developed later to encapsulate all power profiling information.

Power consumption is estimated from the AC current measurements.

- The AC current entering a router is sensed with a current clamp that is inserted around one of the cables connecting the router's power supply.
- The signal is converted into a voltage level and also filtered to remove spurious noise before sending it to one of the micro-controller's ADC ports.



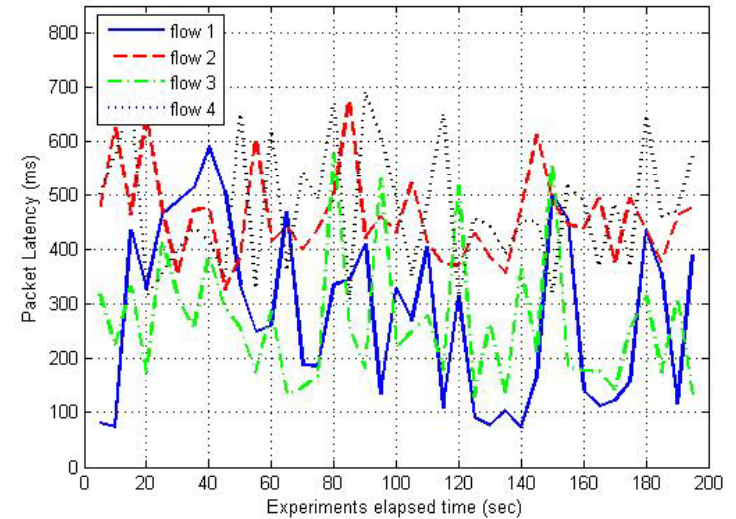
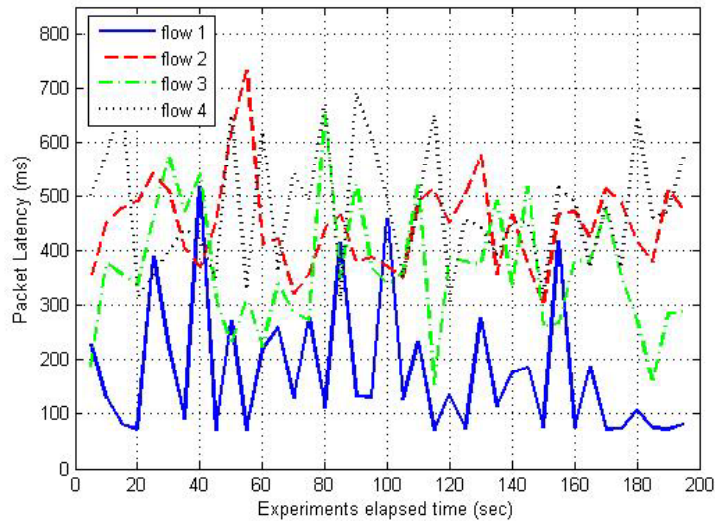




- Measured values of power consumption are encapsulated in the packets and being transmitted over random paths towards the destination.
- These packets discover a rout with the lowest power consumption, which data packet s will follow [1].

**Nodes in the core of network are equipped with EPUMS**

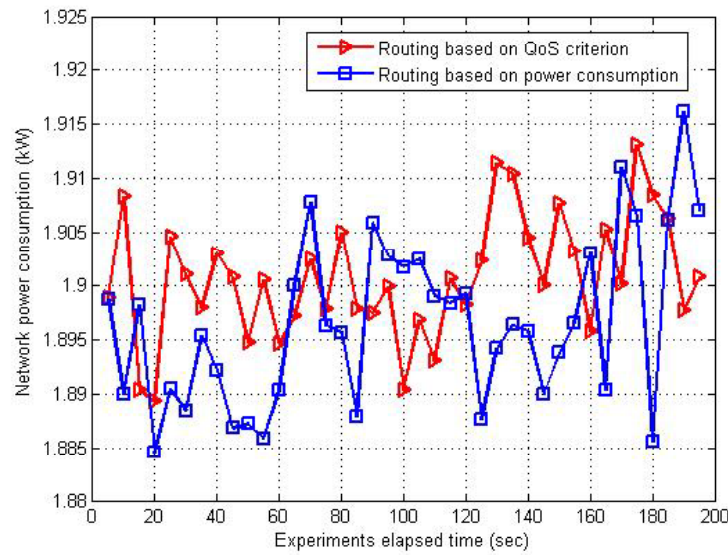
[1] E. Gelenbe, Steps Towards Self-Aware Networks. Communications of the ACM Vol. 52, No. 7, July 2009.



**Up, left:** Packet Latency when routing is solely based on QoS

**Up, right:** Packet Latency when routing is based on QoS and Power

**Down:** Network power consumption



Flow 1:  
**109->104**, 30 kpps  
 Flow 2:  
**105 ->106**, 10 kpps  
 Flow 3:  
**107-> 209**, 20 kpps  
 Flow 4:  
**108 ->210**, 5 kpps