

# Initial plans for the HP Procurve Project

Project CERN openlab

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#### A common interest

- CERN has signed a contract with HP/Procurve
  - Delivery of High performance Network Switches for Campus and Farms
- CERN owns a very large network infrastructure
  - Thousands of switches/routers/etc, all centrally managed
  - Very demanding users, open environment
- Very early discussions on large network infrastructure management
  - Similar vision and solutions

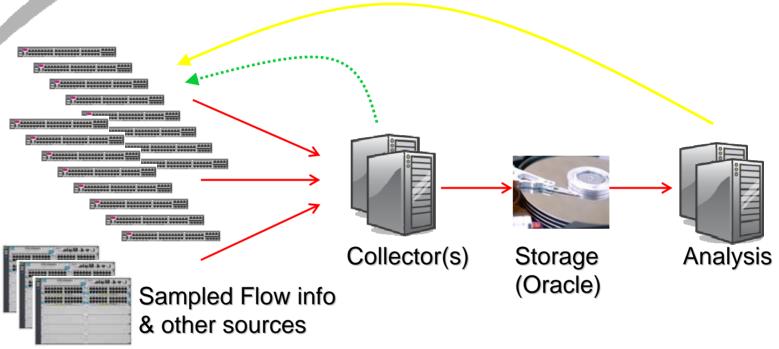


## Large network behaviour project goal

- "The project goal is to understand the behaviour of large computer networks (10'000+ nodes) in High Performance Computing or large Campus installations to be able to:
  - Detect traffic anomalies in the system
  - Be able to perform trend analysis
  - Automatically take counter measures
  - Provide post-mortem analysis facilities "



#### **Basic Principle**





#### **Project Parameters**

- Research project
- Must also provide innovative solutions for Procurve and CERN
- 2 FTE (1 staff, 1 fellow) over three years
- Common Procurve/CERN supervision
  - Bring the teams together to share experience and knowledge
  - Benefit from different cultures (development, methodologies, etc)
- Reliance on the CERN infrastructure
  - Use the CERN infrastructure as a polymorphic data generator (desktops, physicists, farms, industrial controls, internet, etc)
  - Benefit from CERN data analysis know-how



### **Preliminary Timetable**

- ✓ December 2006: formal agreement
- → January-March 07: recruitment
- ➤ May 07: start of the project
- > August 07: First roadmap defined

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➤ May 08: first project review

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- Challenging research activity
- Must address large scale issues
  - Collection of large quantity of data
  - Storage & post mortem
  - Analysis
- Requires initial understanding of precise definitions and heuristics
  - Anomalies?
  - Trends?
  - Counter measures...