

# AppFormix

Overview and Update

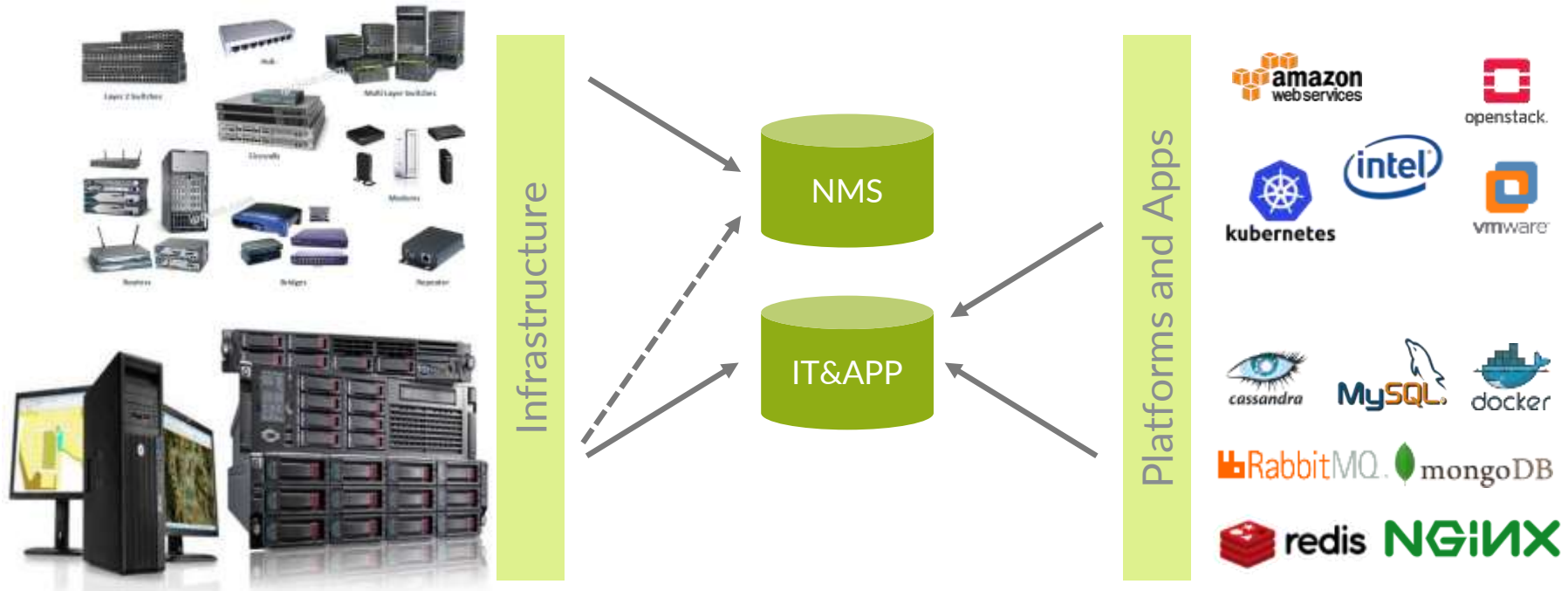
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- Overview
- New Features and Extensions

# APPFORMIX OVERVIEW

Single cross-layer monitoring platform

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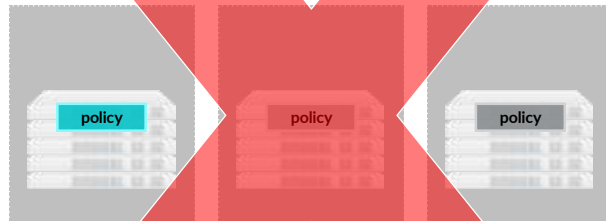
Monitoring technologies are SLOW! INNEFICIENT! INEFECTIVE!

INEFFICIENT  
REQUEST-RESPONSE



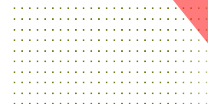
Compute & Storage  
Infrastructure

Metrics



Hadoop Cluster for storing & analyzing metrics

THE MONITORING INFRASTRUCTURE  
IS MORE COMPLEX THAN THE INFRASTRUCTURE  
THAT  
IS BEING MONITORED



Signals

6

MINUTES

Consumed by humans for  
after-the-fact analysis

Your OpenStack/Kubernetes

**NEED REAL TIME**

TOO SLOW TO INFLUENCE  
ORCHESTRATION

# APPFORMIX: CROSS LAYER MONITORING PLATFORM

Stream analysis to monitor SLAs and predict faults

Real-time optimizations to improve efficiency and ensure service availability

Data Driven Capacity Planning

Proactive Maintenance

## APPFORMIX

Single operations platform to monitor all layers of the stack

### APPLICATION & SERVICES



### CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE



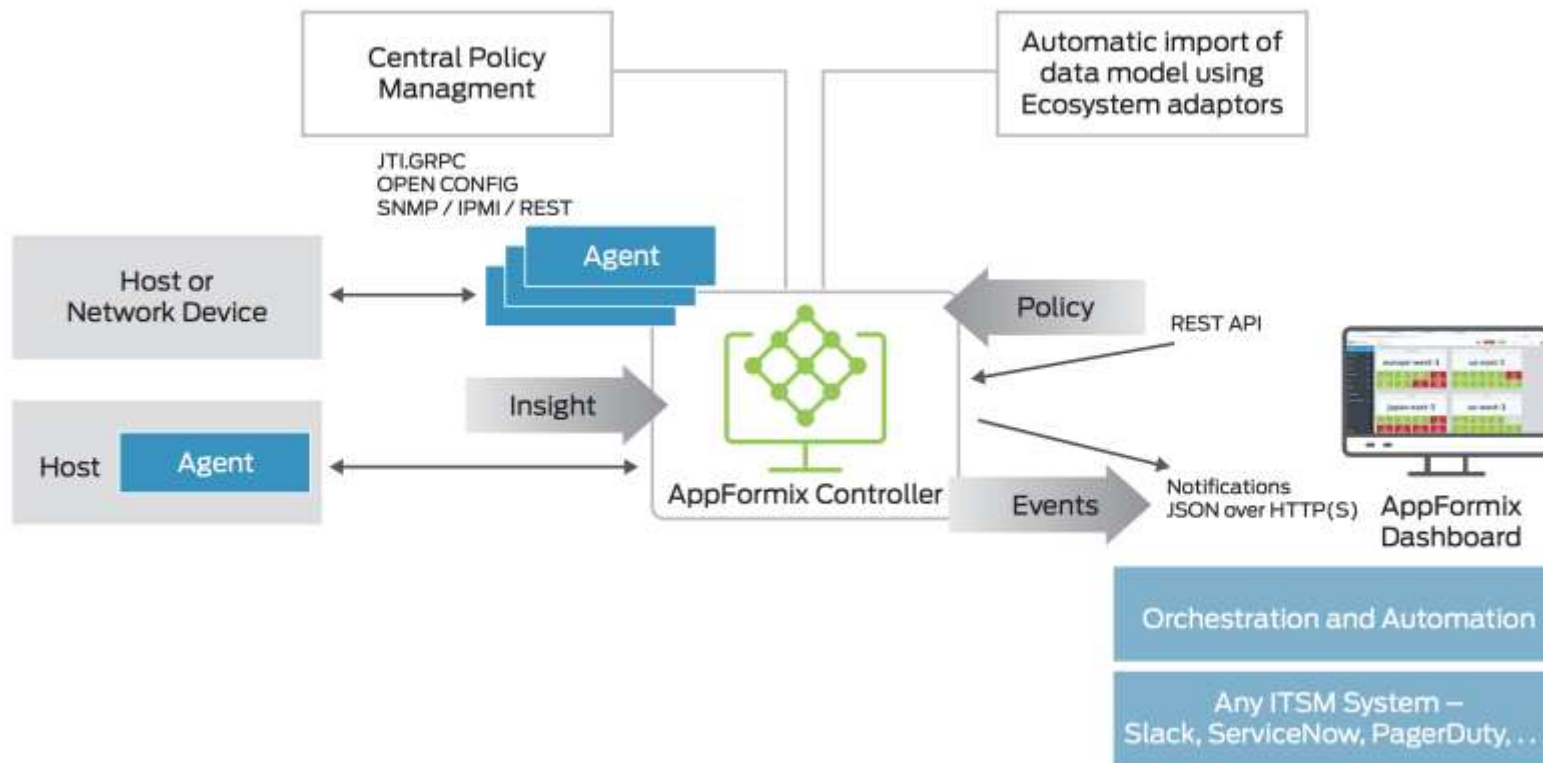
### SOFTWARE DEFINED INFRASTRUCTURE

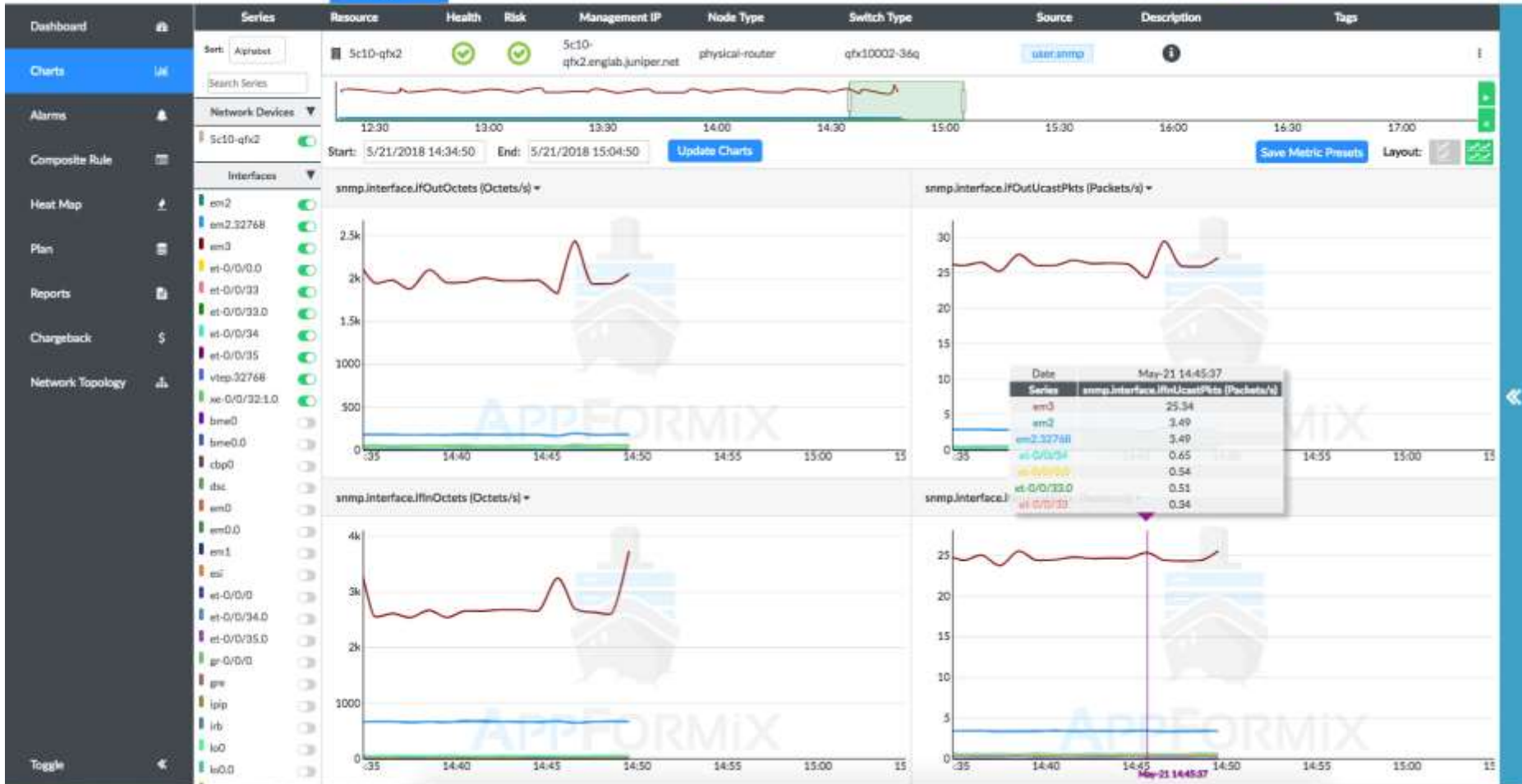


### PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE



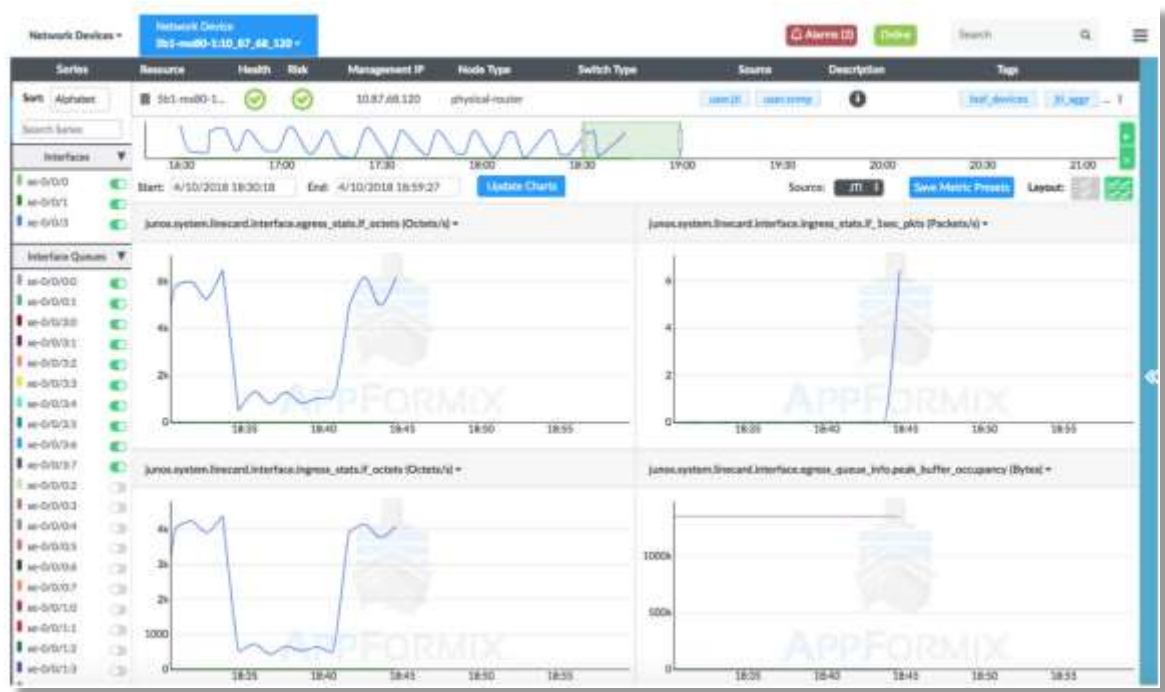
# APPFORMIX ARCHITECTURE







# APPFORMIX: REAL-TIME METRICS AND ALARMS



Collects and calculates comprehensive metrics in real time (network devices, hosts, instances, storage, services)

Receive data using JTI native sensors, OpenConfig sensors, SNMP MIBs

Display real-time charts and reports in the AppFormix Dashboard.

Configurable alarms against values or conditions of metrics or groups of metrics.

Alarms notify the operator in real time upon threshold breach. Plotting alarms on charts in both real time and historically

# APPFORMIX: MACHINE LEARNING



Applies machine learning to dynamically discover and baseline the performance of applications, network, and infrastructure

Generates alarms when real-time metrics deviate from historical trends

Monitoring policy that is aware of the dynamic nature of network traffic

Capability to monitor network elements when the performance profile and operational boundaries are still unknown.

# APPFORMIX: SLA MONITORING

The dashboard provides a quick and intuitive overview of the health and projected risk of the network infrastructure. It features a main table of resources with columns for Name, IP, Health, Risk, Management IP, Host Type, Subd Type, Status, and Location. The Health Profile view shows a table of rules for network devices, such as network\_device\_in\_error\_rate, network\_device\_out\_error\_rate, network\_device\_in\_discard\_rate, and network\_device\_out\_discard\_rate. The Risk Profile view shows a table of rules for network devices, such as network\_device\_in\_error\_rate, network\_device\_out\_error\_rate, network\_device\_in\_discard\_rate, and network\_device\_out\_discard\_rate.

Dashboards: Quick and intuitive overview of the health and projected risk of the network infrastructure.

Health status to indicate if a resource is operating outside a user-specified performance policy,

Risk uses historical data to determine whether a resource may be unhealthy in the future.

Default and customized SLA health and risk profiles to suit unique environments.

# LOT OF PREDEFINED METRICS AND RULES

## 1000+ PRE-DEFINED METRICS

- Various metrics for applications and network devices
- Customer may add their own metrics if needed

## ALARM RULES AND ACTIONS

- Pre-defined alarm rules for applications and network
- Custom rules with configurable action
- Machine learning events and actions

## AUTOMATION & ORCHESTRATION

- Orchestrate external resources (NorthStar, Contrail etc) when needed

*“Works off the shelf with no engineering effort”*

## PLATFORM INTEGRATION



kubernetes



## INDUSTRY RECOGNITION



Best of  
**Interop**  
2016 GRAND AWARD  
WINNER

Best of  
**Interop**  
2016 CLOUD/VIRTUALIZATION  
WINNER



# NEW FEATURES AND EXTENSIONS

# APPFORMIX: NETWORK DEVICE SUPPORT

**Configure Network Device**

Device Sources	Device Info
SNMP +	LLDP: Enabled
JTI +	Chassis Type: L3
GRPC +	Management IP: 10.177.71.13

**Configure Network Device**

GRPC Configurations	Sensor Configurations	Selected Sensors
Device Username: appformix	Resource: Select Resource	/components/
Device Password: *****	Report Rate: 60	/junos/system/linecard/interface/
GRPC Local Port: optional	+ Add	/junos/system/subscriber-management/client-protocols/dhcp/v4/
		/junos/system/subscriber-management/client-protocols/dhcp/v6/

Exit Back Next

Ability to add network devices through GUI from dashboard settings

Edit network connection map via GUI

Auto discover network device entities: interfaces, routing engines, interface queues, etc.

Add remove JTI/GRPC sensors for network devices in GUI

# APPFORMIX: NETWORK DEVICE SUPPORT

The screenshot displays the AppFormix web interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation options: Clusters, Dashboard, Charts, Alerts, Composite Alerts, Heat Map, Risk, Reports, Changeback, and Network Topology. The main content area shows the 'Network Settings' configuration page. At the top, there are tabs for 'SNMP Devices', 'JTI Devices', and 'GRPC Devices', with 'GRPC Devices' selected. Below the tabs is a search bar labeled 'Search Devices...'. A table lists discovered network devices with columns for 'Network Device Name', 'Method', 'Management IP', 'Interfaces', and 'Sensors'. The table contains three entries: 'vbng1', 'vbng2', and 'vmx2'. Below the table are buttons for '+ Add Device' and 'Edit Connection Map'. A 'Cluster:' dropdown is visible at the bottom of the settings panel.

Network Device Name	Method	Management IP	Interfaces	Sensors	Edit	Copy	Delete
vbng1	USER	172.30.129.133	52 Interfaces	1 Sensors			
vbng2	USER	172.30.129.135	52 Interfaces	3 Sensors			
vmx2	LLDP	10.177.71.13	88 Interfaces	4 Sensors			

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# APPFORMIX: TOPOLOGY

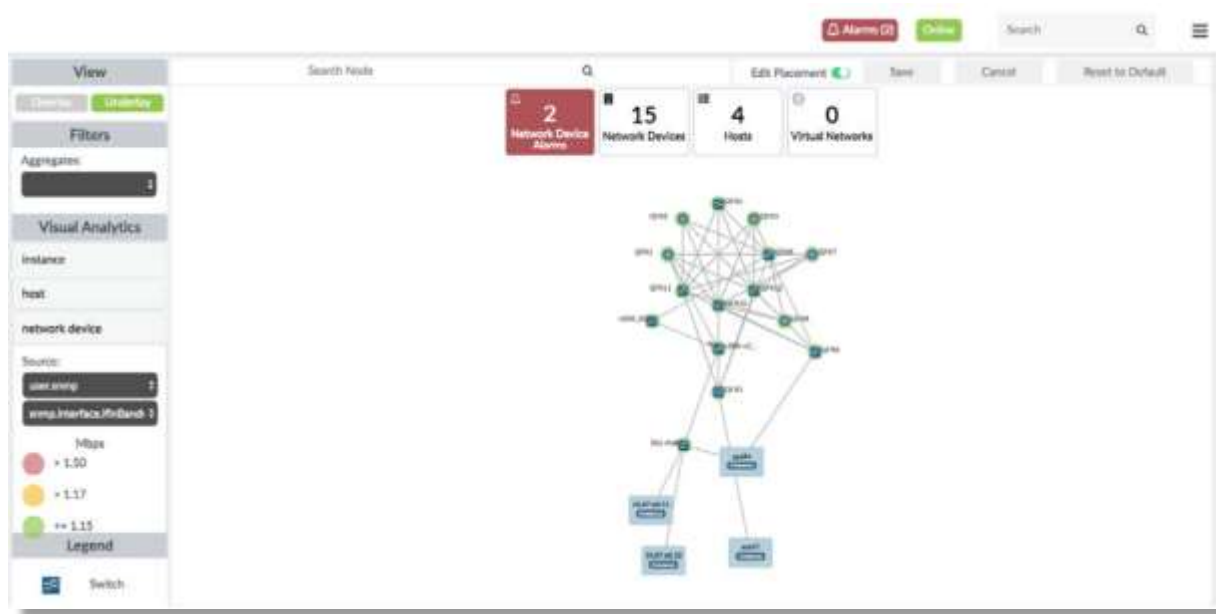
The screenshot displays the AppFormix Network Topology interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with options like Dashboard, Alarms, Composite Rule, Heat Map, Reports, and Network Topology (selected). The main area shows a search bar and a summary of network elements: 0 Network Device Alarms, 6 Network Devices, 0 Hosts, and 0 Virtual Networks. A central node, 5c10-qbx4, is highlighted, showing its Health and Risk status as 'OK'. Below this, a table lists connections between local and remote systems.

Local	Remote	Remote System Name
5c10-qbx4: 0/0/0	5c10-qbx4: e1-0/0/0	5c10-qbx2
5c10-qbx4: e1-0/0/1	5c10-qbx4: e1-0/0/0	5c10-qbx0

The network diagram shows the central node 5c10-qbx4 connected to other nodes: 5c10-qfx, 5c10-qfx2, and 5c10-qfx8. A legend at the bottom left identifies icons for Switch, Router, and Logical Chassis.



# APPFORMIX: NETWORK TOPOLOGY AND HEAT MAP



Determines network topology through automatic discovery and user-defined input

Builds a holistic, correlated network performance and resource heat map on top of the network topology

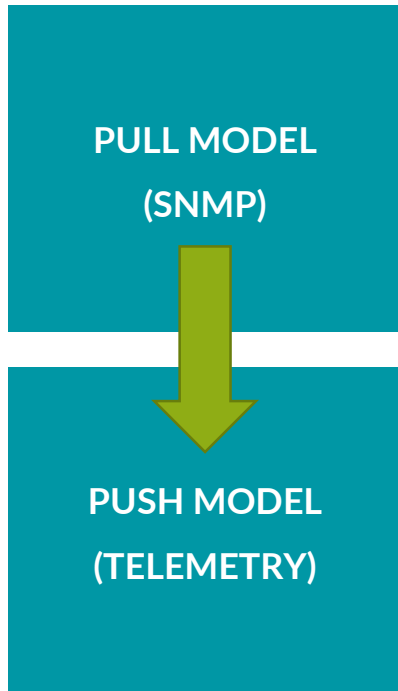
Provides info such as network device status and utilization, network and link throughput, and interface or buffer errors and drops.

Identify and pinpoint network traffic congestion, hot spots, resource constraints



# TELEMETRY: ALTERNATIVE TO LEGACY SNMP

## PUSH vs PULL



Traditional model for monitoring the network health is based on a so-called “pull” model.

Uses SNMP, CLI or API calls to periodically poll network elements.

Not scalable; high processing power & memory.

Typical polling cycle is 5 mins.

Inefficient encoding.

Next-generation network monitoring.

Real-time understanding of network state.

“Push” model to asynchronously deliver data as a stream to a downstream collector.

More scalable: Monitoring of thousands of objects in a network with granular resolution (up to 2sec frequency; sub-second for higher grade MPCs).

# APPFORMIX: GRPC/OPENCONFIG SUPPORT

Juniper supports two types of Telemetry formats:

## For Streaming Efficiency

Juniper Native	Data Model	Juniper
	Encoding	GPB, Structured
	Transport	UDP

- Compact and **efficient**, very high performance and little overheads
- Best suitable for the export from the network processor
- Defined by Juniper, using .proto files
- Used by select performance management systems partners and Juniper developed applications, such as Northstar

## For (Evolving) Standard Compliance

OpenConfig	Data Model	OpenConfig
	Encoding	GPB, Key/Value
	Transport	gRPC over HTTP/2

- Moderate efficiency
- Industry standards based
- Reliable and secure transport based on Google RPC
- gRPC is modern bi-directional machine talking language

# APPFORMIX: GRPC/OPENCONFIG SUPPORT

AppFromix added gRPC sensors support. JTI supported since 1H2018

More sensors coming!  
500+ already in JunOS 18.2

# APPFORMIX: BNG MONITORING

**Juniper BNG solution:** Serving over 0.5M subscribers with MX BNG routers

**PROBLEM:** Too many metrics to monitor and some is not available via SNMP

SOLUTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JTI sensors for export real-time data</li><li>• AppFormix receive JTI streams</li><li>• Machine learning monitors number of subscribers and react if finds anomaly</li></ul>

METRICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LC CPU and Memory</li><li>• RE CPU and Memory</li><li>• DHCP v4/v6 packet rates and sessions</li><li>• Subscriber DB statistics</li></ul>

PLATFORM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MX BNG and vBNG</li><li>• AppFormix and Contrail</li><li>• NPU/Line card CPU and memory</li><li>• Fabric statistics</li></ul>

OUTCOMES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early fault isolation</li><li>• Pro-active fault monitoring</li><li>• Root-cause discovery and isolation</li></ul>

2 second Reporting granularity

40 000 Metrics / Second

Positive Performance Impact

**Goal:** *Make broadband services more stable and available*

# APPFORMIX: GRPC CUSTOM SENSORS

## What is I need custom gRPC sensor?

- Some gap exists between JunOS and AppFormix in number of sensors supported
- Adding support for non-standart devices (IoT, Industrial apps etc)

## AppFormix custom plug-in

- Written in Python with only one function!
- Defines metrics and maps them to Protobuf keys
- Same approach as built-in AppFormix GRPC sensors (may be used as example)

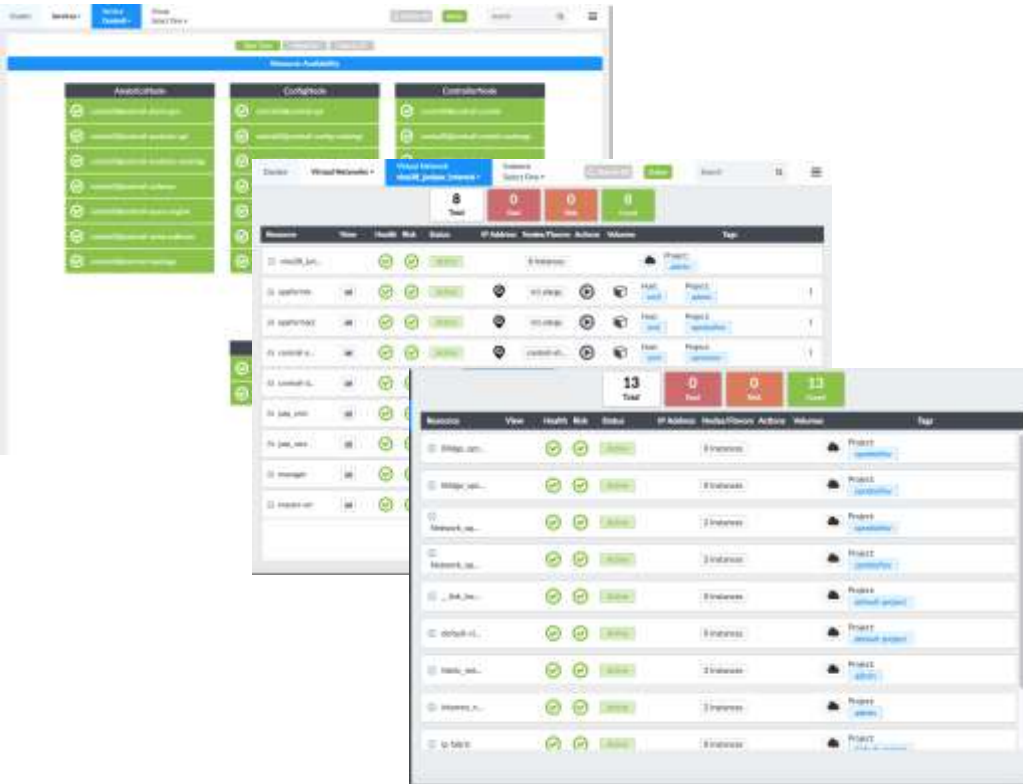
## Create plug-in configuration file in Python

```
SENSOR_NAME = '/powermeter'  
SENSOR_TYPE = 'device_entity'  
COLLECTION_NAME = 'ESP_POWER'  
ENTITY_TYPE = ['network_device']  
METRIC_LIST = [ { 'Name': 'L1_Amp', 'Units': 'Amps',  
'CalculationMethod': 'value' } ]  
def parse_data(json_data):  
    curr_list = {}  
    metric_list = [entry['Name'] for entry in METRIC_LIST]  
    data = json_data['kv']  
    for entry in data:  
        ....  
        curr_list[resource_name][metric] = value  
    return {ENTITY_TYPE: {'post_data': [curr_list.values()],  
'series_list': [curr_list.keys()]}}
```

## Enable plug-in in Ansible inventory: group\_vars/all

```
appformix_control_plane_plugin_config_files:  
- { config_file_name: `powermeter.py`, type:  
  `device_entity` }
```

# APPFORMIX: CONTRAIL SUPPORT



## MONITORING HEALTH OF CONTRAIL CLOUD

- Cross-view through Openstack/VMWare/Contrail/Ceph etc
- Monitoring KPIs of Contrail Components (Cassandra, Rabbit etc)

## CLOUD AUTOMATION

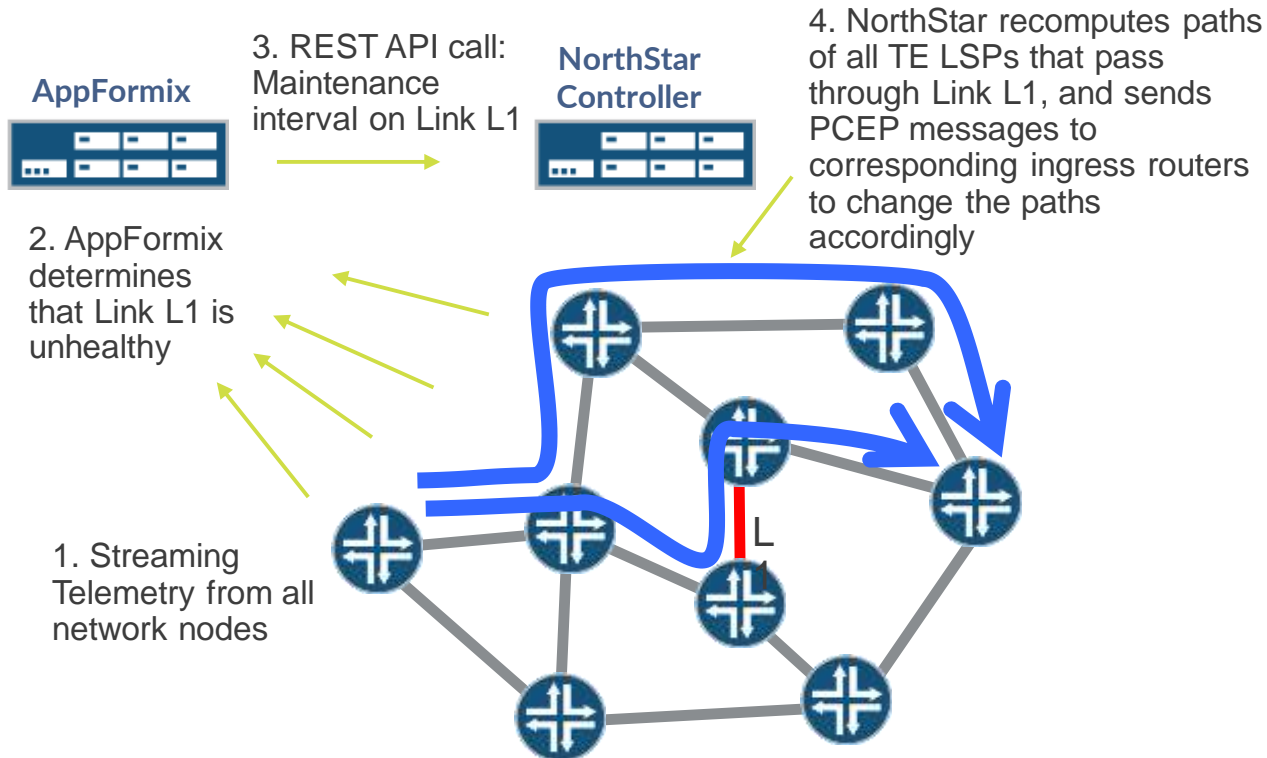
- Using Contrail Analytics Data (flows, bandwidth) as metrics for AppFormix
- VNF Health monitoring and self-healing
- Elastic scale of VNFs based on bandwidth data

## ACCOUNTING AND PLANNING OF CLOUD RESOURCES

- Granular reports for Cloud Resources Utilization
- Planning extensions based on machine learning



# APPFORMIX: NORTHSTAR INTEGRATION

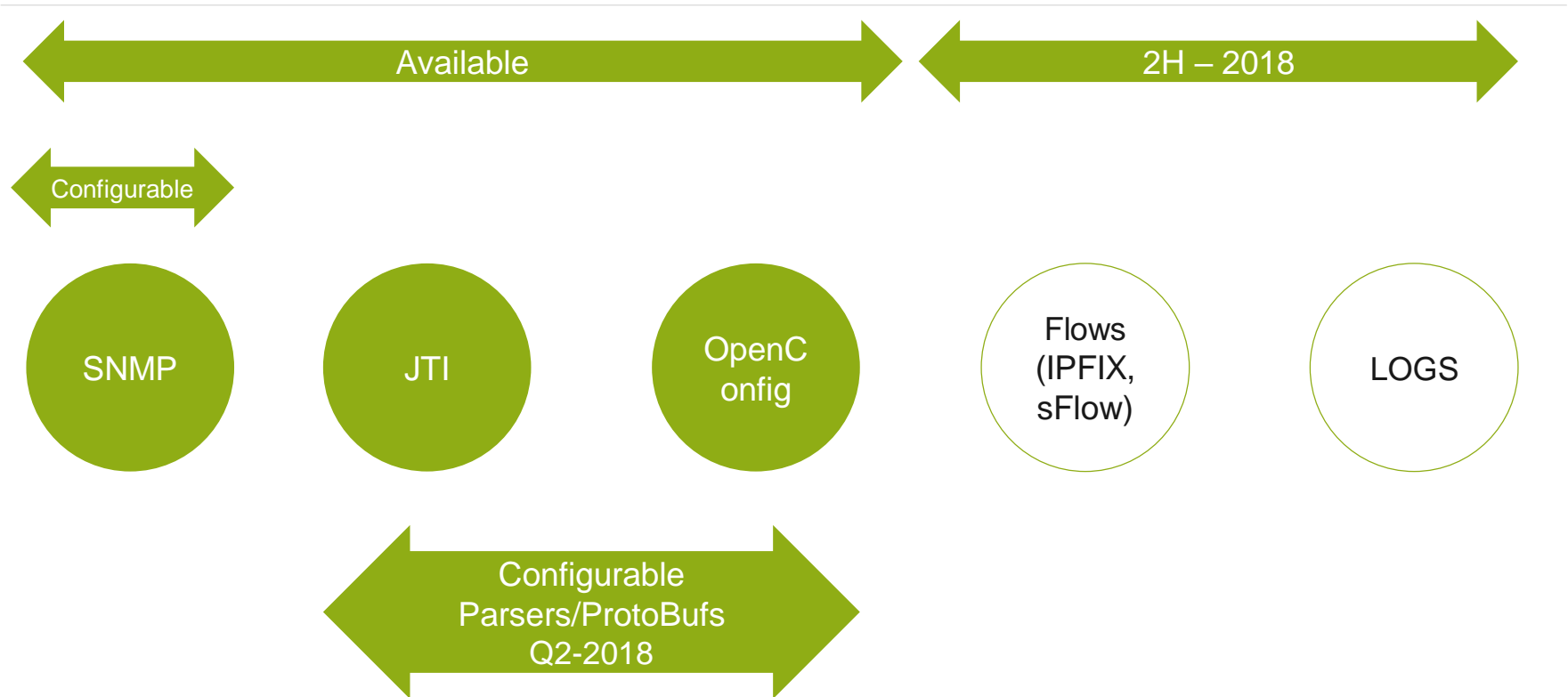


Machine learning based  
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Discovers network devices  
from NorthStar data

Self-Healing Network

# WHAT'S SUPPORTED TODAY?





# THANK YOU

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