

Routing performance LCOS 10.80

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Applications for communications and entertainment are increasingly based on IP networks. In order to ensure that the necessary bandwidth performance can be provided reliably, it is important for the infrastructure's networking components to be tested thoroughly and intensively. In this techpaper, LANCOM Systems presents the methods of measuring routing and VPN performance for central site and VPN gateways as well as the respective results.

We have examined a variety of aspects for consideration when measuring the router performance. This includes transmission speeds of connections between the LAN and the Internet (WAN), and the internal data transmission in the network (LAN-LAN). Many business processes rely on secure WAN connections, which is why we have focused on determining the performance of encrypted data connections over VPN.

Test system

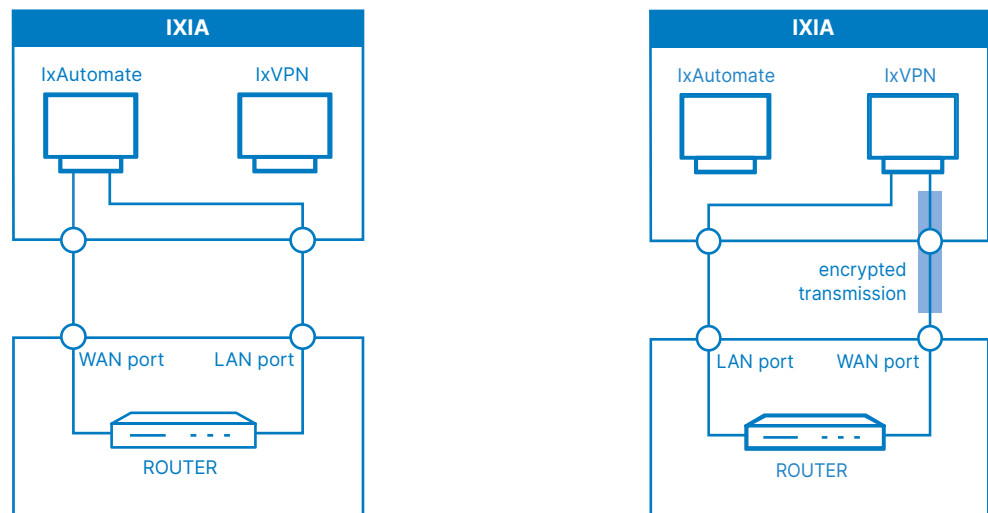


Figure 1:
IXIA test system for
routing connections
and encrypted VPN
connections between LAN
and WAN

All of the performance values were measured in the LANCOM test laboratory. Tests were conducted with an IXIA test system. IXIA uses so-called test suites, which enable the simulation of different applications. This allows, for example, the investigation of data throughput over automatically established VPN tunnels, or the measurement of pure LAN-WAN routing performance for unidirectional and bidirectional data connections. IXIA is a leading supplier of systems which test IP-based services and infrastructures. Test systems from IXIA are employed all over the world by network component manufacturers and other organizations to help assure the functionality and reliability of complex IP networks, devices, and applications.

The measurement of data transmission itself uses either a fixed frame size or a combination of frame sizes which reflects a typical flow of data. These combinations are known as "Internet Mix", or IMIX for short. The type of IMIX which is applied significantly affects the test results because packet size has a strong influence on a connection's performance. By selecting the appropriate ports on the router being tested, it is possible to test connections between the LAN and the WAN, and also pure LAN-LAN connections.

The setup for measuring transfer rates > 1 GBit/s represents a large central-site scenario. In this scenario, several central sites can also work as a network, which is why an intermediate router with BGP ensures that the packets for each tunnel pass through the respective central site (see [UDP measurement values for devices with 10 Gbps interfaces](#)).

Routing performance (UDP)

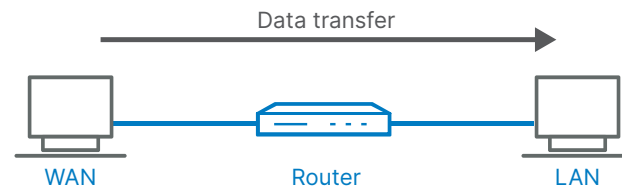


Figure 2:
Schematic view of the
test system

The measurement of routing performance involves the determination of the maximum data throughput which can be achieved before a router starts rejecting packets. This measurement uses UDP packets of various sizes in order to simulate the performance with different applications. Ethernet frame sizes range from 64 bytes for the smallest to 1518 bytes for the largest frames. Tests on different router models demonstrate the influence of the different hardware platforms (processor, interfaces).

Measurements initially determine the frame rate, which is a good performance indicator of the tested hardware. With normal routing, the frame rate is fairly constant even with different frame sizes. This is because only the header is inspected during routing, a process which is largely independent of the size of the frames being routed. For this reason, only the typical frame rates are given in the tables.

The throughput for a certain frame size (or even a mix of sizes, see [MIX](#)) can be approximately calculated by multiplication with the frame rate. When the frame rate is constant, data throughput depends directly on the frame size because the larger the frames, the larger is the data volume that can be transmitted. The maximum number of frames transmitted per second is limited by the performance of the interfaces and the transmission medium.

Measurement of the routing performance relates to the size of the Ethernet frames. To compare packet sizes for particular applications, it is necessary to subtract the header. For a frame of 512 bytes, the result is a UDP datagram size of 474 bytes (512 bytes - 14 bytes Ethernet header - 4 bytes FCS trailer - 20 bytes IP header) and, after subtracting the UDP header (8 bytes), the UDP payload is 466 bytes.

To investigate routing performance, in this paper two different applications are considered.

→ For WAN-LAN routing, data received from the WAN is forwarded to a peer in the LAN.

→ For LAN-LAN routing, data remains within the local-area network and is passed from one LAN port to another.

The measurements show that the throughput increases almost linearly with the frame size until the limit of the Gigabit interface is reached.

Routing performance (TCP)

UDP measurements show very well what maximum performance can be achieved.

However, since a large part of the data traffic is also handled via TCP, it is important to investigate corresponding scenarios.

TCP measurements are more dependent on the structure of the endpoints used, such as the PC, the network adapter (NIC) or its offloading, the TCP stack of the operating system used, the browser, and so on.

In the same way, the properties of a WAN link also affect the TCP (e.g. delay, jitter, packet loss).

The measurements shown are intended to provide an initial orientation with regard to the performance for different routing / tunnel variants, in order to determine the appropriate device class for the required performance on this basis.

Considered are in each case

Two scenarios:

- A single device
- Two devices of the same type coupled via a WAN link, with different tunnel types configured on the WAN link

Two measurement types:

- TCP measurement values with iperf3 (measurement tool)
- HTTP measurement values with transfers between nginx (web server) and siege (measurement tool)

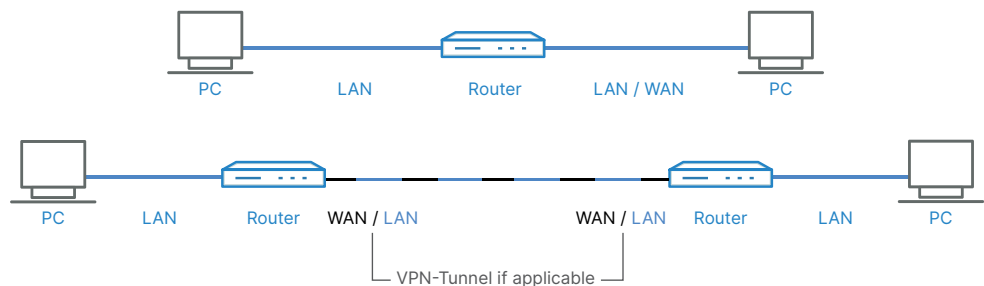


Figure 3:
Schematic view of the
test setup scenarios

Notes:

- On 1G or 10G interfaces, no more than approx. 940 Mbps or 9.40 Gbps, respectively, is possible in terms of user data.
- Only a single tunnel is established over the WAN link. The LANCOM devices ISG-5000 and ISG-8000 achieve higher total throughputs when multiple tunnels are used simultaneously.

IPSec routing performance

Other than with pure routing performance, IPSec-VPN routing actually changes the frames which are being passed from one interface to the next. When data is encrypted for the VPN tunnel, the original frame is encapsulated and it is supplemented with additional information.

This has two important effects when considering the performance of IPSec routing:

- Encrypted frames are larger than unencrypted frames. Consequently, any results have to indicate which frame size was observed at which interface, and/or whether frames were encrypted or unencrypted. The values presented here always relate to an unencrypted frame size. An IP packet of 46 bytes is transported unencrypted, e.g. in a frame of 64 bytes. In the event of AES encryption, the frame grows for example to 122 bytes (46 byte IP packet + 14 byte Ethernet + 4 byte FCS + 20 byte IP + 8 byte ESP + 16 byte initialization vector (IV) + 0 byte padding (0-15 byte) + 1 byte padding length + 1 byte next header + 12 byte authentication).
- The processes of encryption and decryption in the router take up computing time. These processes take place in two steps which, in the case of encryption, must be sequential. With decryption, on the other hand, these steps can be executed in parallel. Router models with VPN hardware acceleration provide significantly better performance with decryption than with encryption. This explains why the results display a significant difference in performance between the decryption and encryption directions. All of the IPSec-routing values given here are for a single VPN tunnel. With up to 1,000 tunnels established under laboratory conditions, the frame rate remained almost constant over all of the active tunnels. However, under actual operating conditions an increasing number of tunnels will cause the frame rate to drop due to the processes running for each tunnel (for example renewal of the key being used).

IPSec routing with different IMIX (decryption and encryption)

As an alternative to measurements with fixed frame sizes, series of measurements were performed with different IMIX patterns. The IMIX patterns simulate „real“ data traffic composed of different frame sizes. There is no binding guideline for the composition of the frame sizes used, so in addition to the default setting of the IXIA test system (IMIX 0), two other common patterns were used for the measurement (IMIX 1 and IMIX 2).

The individual patterns use the following frame compositions:

- IMIX 0: 45% 64 bytes, 20% 128 bytes, 5% 256 bytes, 3% 512 bytes, 2% 1024 bytes, 1% 1280 bytes, 24% 1364 bytes.
- IMIX 1: 7× 64 bytes, 4× 570 bytes, 1× 1418 bytes.
- IMIX 2: 58% 90 bytes, 2% 92 bytes, 24% 594 bytes, 16% 1418 bytes.

Assuming an overhead of 100 bytes, 1418 bytes is the maximum frame size that can be transmitted encrypted on the Ethernet (with a maximum frame size for IEEE 802.3 of 1518 bytes).

Once again, it can be seen in these measurements that the decryption of the data is usually faster than the encryption.

Category assignment of the devices under test (DUT) for clear presentation of the test results

Locate your LANCOM device in the left column of the table and note the device category assigned in the right column of the table.

In the tables on the following pages, you can assign the performance values for your device based on this device category.

LANCOM device name	Device category
730VA, 883 VoIP, 884 VoIP 1640E 1780EW-4G+ 1781EW+, 1781VA, 1781VAW 1783VA, 1783VAW, 1784VA 1790-4G, 1790EF, 1790VA, 1790VA-4G, 1790VAW 1793VA, 1793VA-4G, 1793VAW IAP-1781VAW+ IAP-4G+	A
1800EF, 1800EF-5G, 1800EFW	B
1800VA 1800VA-4G 1800VAW 1800VAW-4G 1803VA 1803VA-4G 1803VAW 750-5G IAP-5G	C
1800VA-5G 1803VA-5G	D
1900EF, 1900EF-5G 1906VA, 1906VA-4G 1926VAG, 1926VAG-4G, 1926VAG-5G	E
WLC-1000	F
ISG-5000	G
ISG-8000	H
vRouter	I

UDP measurement values for devices with 1 Gbps interfaces

Note: For large frames or TCP, the measured performance may not be determined by the performance of the device, but is limited by the Ethernet interfaces (1G or 10G).

Table 1 - WAN-LAN routing

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	Throughput [Mbps] @ frame size [bytes] and frame rate [fps]							
		64	128	256	512	1024	1280	1518	
A (1790EF)	10.80	57.0 110,000	113 110,000	221 108,000	437 106,000	841 102,000	982 95,800	984 81,000	Mbps Frames/s
B (1800EF)	10.80	121 236,000	222 217,000	406 198,000	831 202,000	977 119,000	982 95,800	984 81,000	Mbps Frames/s
C (1800VAW-4G)	10.80	89.4 174,000	179 174,000	358 174,000	709 173,000	981 119,000	985 96,100	987 81,200	Mbps Frames/s
D (1800VA-5G)	10.80	107 209,000	216 211,000	432 211,000	862 210,000	981 119,000	985 96,100	987 81,200	Mbps Frames/s
E (1900EF)	10.80	97.6 190,000	195 190,000	390 190,000	776 190,000	977 119,000	982 95,800	984 81,000	Mbps Frames/s
F (WLC-1000)	10.80	80.4 157,000	160 156,000	322 157,000	642 156,000	981 119,000	985 96,100	987 81,200	Mbps Frames/s

Table 2 - LAN-LAN routing

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	Throughput [Mbps] @ frame size [bytes] and frame rate [fps]							
		64	128	256	512	1024	1280	1518	
A (1790EF)	10.80	63.2 123,000	125 122,000	244 119,000	480 117,000	926 113,000	982 95,800	984 81,000	Mbps Frames/s
B (1800EF)	10.80	142 277,000	271 264,000	504 246,000	952 232,000	977 119,000	982 95,800	984 81,000	Mbps Frames/s
C (1800VAW-4G)	10.80	103 200,000	204 199,000	413 201,000	818 199,000	981 119,000	985 96,100	987 81,200	Mbps Frames/s
D (1800VA-5G)	10.80	125 244,000	251 245,000	498 243,000	962 234,000	981 119,000	985 96,100	987 81,200	Mbps Frames/s
E (1900EF)	10.80	108 211,000	218 212,000	435 212,000	865 211,000	977 119,000	982 95,800	984 81,000	Mbps Frames/s
F (WLC-1000)	10.80	105 204,000	210 204,000	418 204,000	839 204,000	981 119,000	985 96,100	987 81,200	Mbps Frames/s

Table 3 - IPSec routing AES-CBC UDP decryption

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	Throughput [Mbps] @ frame size [bytes] and frame rate [fps]							
		64	128	256	512	1024	1280	1418	
A (1790EF)	10.80	33.7 65,900	67.1 65,500	132 64,400	258 63,000	505 61,600	621 60,600	681 60,000	Mbps Frames/s
B (1800EF)	10.80	101 198,000	200 195,000	387 188,000	775 189,000	916 111,000	928 90,600	925 81,500	Mbps Frames/s
C (1800VAW-4G)	10.80	58 113,000	115 112,000	231 112,000	462 112,000	918 112,000	943 92,100	946 83,400	Mbps Frames/s
D (1800VA-5G)	10.80	81.8 159,000	163 158,000	326 159,000	653 159,000	921 112,000	924 90,200	926 81,600	Mbps Frames/s
E (1900EF)	10.80	58.2 113,000	117 114,000	234 114,000	465 113,000	920 112,000	929 90,700	929 81,800	Mbps Frames/s
F (WLC-1000)	10.80	62.4 121,000	124 121,000	248 121,000	494 120,000	896 109,000	929 90,600	926 81,500	Mbps Frames/s

Table 4 - IPSec routing AES-CBC UDP encryption

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	Throughput [Mbps] @ frame size [bytes] and frame rate [fps]							
		64	128	256	512	1024	1280	1418	
A (1790EF)	10.80	31.6 61,800	63.3 61,800	125 61,000	246 60,000	482 58,800	591 57,600	657 57,900	Mbps Frames/s
B (1800EF)	10.80	100 195,000	197 191,000	374 182,000	728 177,000	842 102,000	941 91,900	947 83,400	Mbps Frames/s
C (1800VAW-4G)	10.80	82.1 160,000	164 160,000	329 160,000	657 160,000	918 112,000	932 90,900	948 83,500	Mbps Frames/s
D (1800VA-5G)	10.80	82.1 160,000	163 159,000	328 160,000	651 158,000	926 113,000	942 92,000	948 83,500	Mbps Frames/s
E (1900EF)	10.80	63.1 124,000	127 124,000	250 122,000	508 124,000	926 112,000	940 91,700	945 83,300	Mbps Frames/s
F (WLC-1000)	10.80	51.2 100,000	102 99,600	206 100,000	407 99,300	816 99,600	941 91,800	948 83,500	Mbps Frames/s

Table 5 - IPSec routing decryption / encryption

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	Throughput [Mbps]					
		Decryption			Encryption		
		IMIX 0	IMIX 1	IMIX 2	IMIX 0	IMIX 1	IMIX 2
A (1790EF)	10.80	219	172	212	210	163	200
B (1800EF)	10.80	692	501	650	600	472	576
C (1800VAW-4G)	10.80	521	405	436	563	442	527
D (1800VA-5G)	10.80	547	426	522	579	449	553
E (1900EF)	10.80	398	308	377	456	343	428
F (WLC-1000)	10.80	416	326	398	349	269	331

UDP measurement values for devices with 10 Gbps interfaces

Note: For large frames or TCP, the measured performance may not be determined by the performance of the device, but is limited by the Ethernet interfaces (1G or 10G).

Table 6 - IPSec AES256-GCM UDP decryption

		Throughput [Mbps] @ frame size [bytes] and frame rate [fps]							
Device category (reference device)	LCOS	64	128	256	512	1024	1280	1418	
G (ISG-5000)	10.80	297	582	1,130	2,150	3,720	4,250	4,410	Mbps
		579,000	567,000	551,000	526,000	454,000	415,000	389,000	Frames/s
H (ISG-8000)	10.80	654	1,300	2,580	5,140	9,320	9,450	9,480	Mbps
		1,270,000	1,270,000	1,260,000	1,250,000	1,130,000	923,000	835,000	Frames/s
I (vRouter)	10.80	374	817	1,530	2,440	5,490	6,030	6,280	Mbps
		731,000	797,000	747,000	595,000	671,000	589,000	554,000	Frames/s

Table 7 - IPSec AES256-GCM UDP encryption

		Throughput [Mbps] @ frame size [bytes] and frame rate [fps]							
Device category (reference device)	LCOS	64	128	256	512	1024	1280	1418	
G (ISG-5000)	10.80	295	599	1,150	2,030	3,400	4,130	4,350	Mbps
		539,000	567,000	550,000	488,000	412,000	398,000	379,000	Frames/s
H (ISG-8000)	10.80	633	1,230	2,500	5,090	9,450	9,540	9,500	Mbps
		1,160,000	1,160,000	1,190,000	1,220,000	1,130,000	923,000	835,000	Frames/s
I (vRouter)	10.80	424	741	1,260	2,910	4,730	5,330	5,830	Mbps
		778,000	701,000	603,000	705,000	571,000	519,000	513,000	Frames/s

Table 8 - IPSec AES256-CBC SHA256 UDP decryption

		Throughput [Mbps] @ frame size [bytes] and frame rate [fps]							
Device category (reference device)	LCOS	64	128	256	512	1024	1280	1418	
G (ISG-5000)	10.80	152	277	487	778	1,110	1,210	1,270	Mbps
		297,000	270,000	237,000	190,000	136,000	118,000	112,000	Frames/s
H (ISG-8000)	10.80	416	823	1,600	2,760	3,850	4,210	4,380	Mbps
		811,000	803,000	784,000	675,000	470,000	411,000	386,000	Frames/s
I (vRouter)	10.80	283	523	686	1,410	1,510	2,180	2,270	Mbps
		553,000	510,000	334,000	345,000	184,000	213,000	200,000	Frames/s

Table 9 - IPSec AES256-CBC SHA256 UDP encryption

		Throughput [Mbps] @ frame size [bytes] and frame rate [fps]							
Device category (reference device)	LCOS	64	128	256	512	1024	1280	1418	
G (ISG-5000)	10.80	73.8	135	229	354	491	542	558	Mbps
		135,000	127,000	109,000	85,700	59,600	52,700	49,000	Frames/s
H (ISG-8000)	10.80	206	370	634	1,000	1,410	1,520	1,590	Mbps
		379,000	350,000	304,000	242,000	170,000	148,000	140,000	Frames/s
I (vRouter)	10.80	221	411	697	1,100	1,560	1,700	1,760	Mbps
		406,000	386,000	334,000	268,000	189,000	166,000	155,000	Frames/s

Table 10 - IPSec IMIX AES256-GCM UDP decryption / encryption
Throughput [Mbps]

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	Decryption			Encryption		
		IMIX 0	IMIX 1	IMIX 2	IMIX 0	IMIX 1	IMIX 2
G (ISG-5000)	10.80	1,860	1,540	1,860	1,930	1,480	1,680
H (ISG-8000)	10.80	4,510	3,460	4,180	4,470	3,330	4,120
I (vRouter)	10.80	2,590	2,100	2,510	2,320	1,800	2,230

Table 11 - IPSec IMIX AES256-CBC SHA256 UDP decryption / encryption
Throughput [Mbps]

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	Decryption			Encryption		
		IMIX 0	IMIX 1	IMIX 2	IMIX 0	IMIX 1	IMIX 2
G (ISG-5000)	10.80	753	617	716	339	278	323
H (ISG-8000)	10.80	2,690	2,110	2,480	941	784	894
I (vRouter)	10.80	1,310	1,100	1,300	998	826	961

TCP measurement values for all devices

Note: For large frames or TCP, the measured performance may not be determined by the performance of the device, but is limited by the Ethernet interfaces (1G or 10G).

Table 12 - iPerf single DUT routing TCP

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	Throughput [Mbps] for 5 parallel transmissions		
		LAN download / upload	WAN download	WAN upload
A (1790EF)	10.80	926	926	924
B (1800EF)	10.80	938	938	938
C (1800VAW-4G)	10.80	940	940	940
D (1800VA-5G)	10.80	940	939	940
E (1900EF)	10.80	929	929	928
G (ISG-5000)	10.80	8,250	6,750	5,580
H (ISG-8000)	10.80	9,400	9,400	9,400
I (vRouter)	10.80	9,400	9,390	9,310

Table 13 - HTTP single DUT routing HTTP TCP

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	Throughput [Mbps] for 5 parallel transmissions		
		LAN download / upload	WAN download	WAN upload
A (1790EF)	10.80	918	909	911
B (1800EF)	10.80	929	920	923
C (1800VAW-4G)	10.80	928	930	928
D (1800VA-5G)	10.80	934	931	932
E (1900EF)	10.80	919	913	915
G (ISG-5000)	10.80	4,830	4,810	4,820
H (ISG-8000)	10.80	9,390	9,390	9,390
I (vRouter)	10.80	9,390	9,390	9,390

Table 14 - iPerf DUT2DUT WAN routing TCP

Throughput [Mbps] for 5 parallel transmissions

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	IPv4	PPP	PPP NAT	L2TP tunnel	EOGRE tunnel	IPSec tunnel AES-CBC	IPSec tunnel AES-GCM	L2TPv3 tunnel in IPSec tunnel AES-GCM
A (1790EF)	10.80	890	840	665	522	454	373	441	251
B (1800EF)	10.80	940	935	935	738	916	890	903	649
C (1800VAW-4G)	10.80	940	935	935	792	802	808	790	461
D (1800VA-5G)	10.80	940	935	931	769	823	844	847	670
E (1900EF)	10.80	912	910	912	883	831	767	821	448
G (ISG-5000)	10.80	5,530	5,230	4,720	2,680	2,330	479	2,070	1,470
H (ISG-8000)	10.80	9,400	9,350	9,350	6,340	5,390	1,340	5,720	3,330
I (vRouter)	10.80	7,880	7,800	7,430	5,200	5,160	1,280	3,220	2,350

Table 15 - HTTP DUT2DUT WAN routing TCP

Throughput [Mbps] for 5 parallel transmissions

Device category (reference device)	LCOS	IPv4	PPP	PPP NAT	L2TP tunnel	EOGRE tunnel	IPSec tunnel AES-CBC	IPSec tunnel AES-GCM	L2TPv3 tunnel in IPSec tunnel AES-GCM
A (1790EF)	10.80	904	907	840	512	463	388	456	249
B (1800EF)	10.80	931	921	924	792	909	878	896	783
C (1800VAW-4G)	10.80	926	926	926	888	886	866	884	504
D (1800VA-5G)	10.80	932	930	923	862	881	876	883	554
E (1900EF)	10.80	912	911	911	888	884	867	879	509
G (ISG-5000)	10.80	3,930	3,680	3,530	2,410	2,170	462	1,770	1,410
H (ISG-8000)	10.80	9,390	9,270	9,320	6,460	5,530	1,350	4,670	4,250
I (vRouter)	10.80	8,040	7,880	8,290	5,410	5,370	1,270	3,590	2,530