



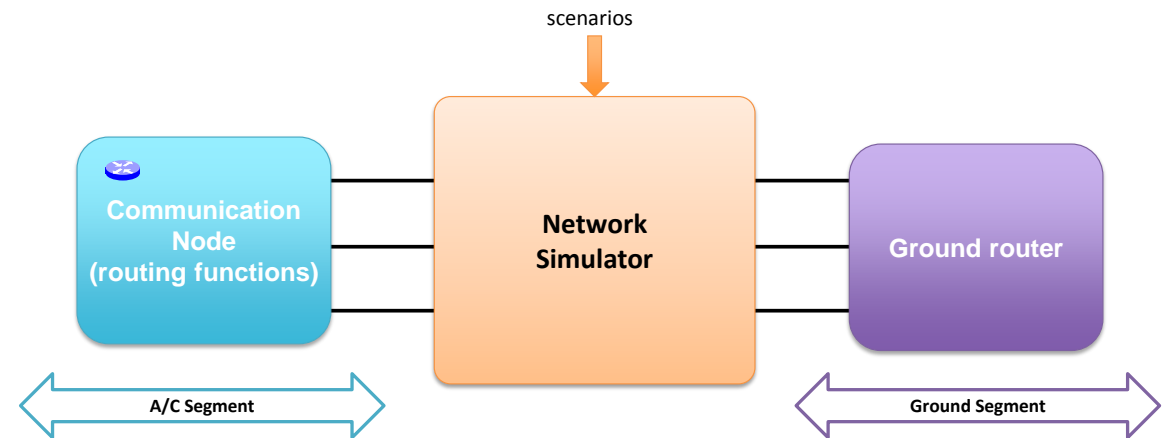
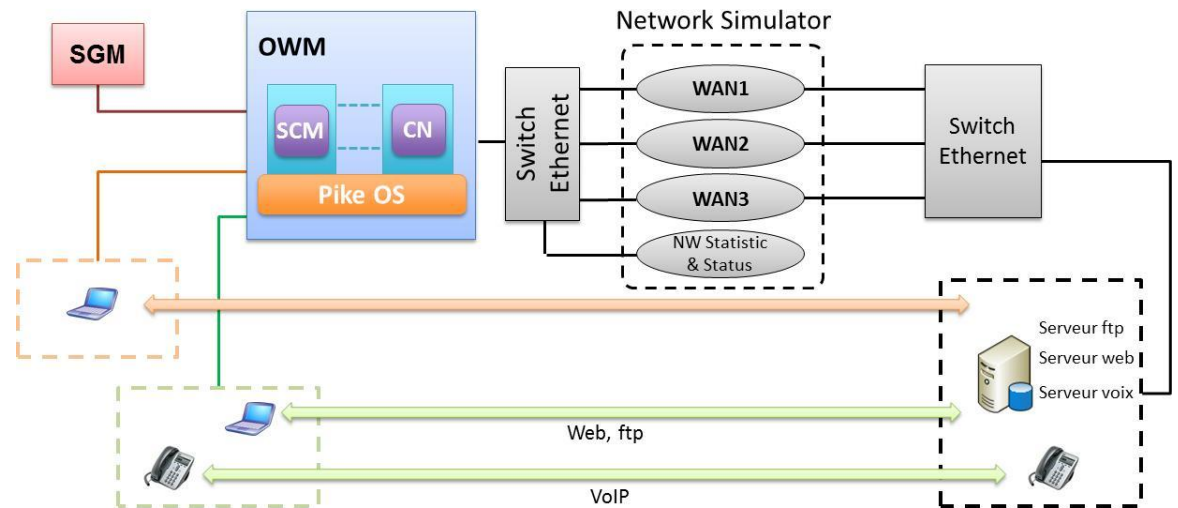
Communication Node

Objectives

- To manage communications between aircraft and ground segments, as communication request could raise from various aircraft functional domains : ACD, OSD, Passengers domain.
- To perform the optimised use of available heterogeneous communication means (Satcom, wifi,...)
- To comply with the segregation requirements of data from different trusted domains
- To allocate communication means depending on:
 - The priority level of the communication request
 - The quality level of the expected communication service
 - The availability of the communication mean (depending on aircraft location...), and when available, its free bandwidth,
 - The cost of the communication service
 - The usage constraints of the communication mean

Example of test Scenario

Initial state, only a satellite communication is available;
 An onboard client is downloading a big file, performed with best-effort resources, all the bandwidth being allocated;
 Another onboard establish a connexion to a SIP server, the VoIP communication request is having a higher level class of service;
 The downloading speeds down;
 A more capacitive communication link becomes available (WiFi for instance), the two communications switch to this more capacitive communication link (WiFi) and the downloading speeds up.



The network simulator :

- Can simulate three networks in parallel
- Can add defaults on networks : add jitter, delay, data packets lost...
- Can send information about network statistics to the SCM