

Propane

Programming Distributed Control Planes

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China routing snafu

Cockup, not conspiracy

9 Apr 2010 at 12:24, [John Leyden](#)

Bad routing information sourced from China Telecom's Global BGP (Border Gateway Routing) database has caused a major routing problem for the net. Several routing options are now unreachable. China Telecommunication, apparently accidentally, has changed its routing information. IDG [reports](#). ISPs Qwest and Telefonica accepted ill-thought-out routing information from China Telecom.

BGP is a core routing protocol which manages the net. Several routing options are now unreachable. Equivalent of TomTom publishing routes between London and Paris.

IDC China Telecommunication published about 10 per cent of the net - instead of about 10 per cent of the net - instead of viable routing options by many service providers. After China Telecommunications routing information, Asia would have been more likely to add. The incident were recorded all over the world.

BGPmon.net, a BGP monitoring service, has described as a prefix hijack, [here](#).

Although it seems they [IDC China] about 10 per cent of these prefixes include prefixes for popular websites like www.rapidshare.com and www.google.com. A large number of networks impacted include some popular Chinese websites like www.huanqiu.com, www.tianya.cn

A cock-up is suspected, rather than a conspiracy.

Given the large number of prefixes impacted, it's a BGP hijack. Most likely it's because of a configuration error, not speculation.

The practical consequences of the severed connections or, worse, traffic routed to the wrong destination are one of the clearest illustrations of the seemingly unimportant network protocol.

The China BGP global routing represents a major management. For example, just two websites route internet traffic through a DNS (Domain Name System) server. The Internet is a major problem by internet monitoring firm Renesys. <http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/04/09/china-bgp/>

Normally, two locations (Tokyo and Dallas) transit Road Runner traffic while the rest go through AT&T (Figure 2).



A screenshot of the Dyn Resilience website. At the top, a navigation bar contains the date '2/5/2016' and social media icons for RSS, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Below this is a horizontal line. The main header features the Dyn Resilience logo, which consists of a stylized 'D' made of two overlapping circles (one black, one yellow) followed by the text 'Dyn Resilience' and the tagline 'THE NEW HOPE FOR THE INTERNET'. Below the header is a navigation menu with 'HOME' and 'TOPICS'. A secondary navigation bar contains the date 'DECEMBER 24, 2015', a comment icon, and the text 'COMMENTS'. Below this is another navigation bar with 'ENGINEERING' and 'TODD UNDERWOOD'. The main content area displays the article title 'Internet-Wide Catastrophes' in large, bold, black font. Below the title are five social media sharing icons: Twitter, Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn, and Reddit. The article text begins with 'One year ago today TTNNet in Tu... Internet. And unfortunately for t... network providers believed ther... far as anyone knows, it was a m... consequences were far from be...'. At the bottom of the visible text, there is a link '« Previous Story' and a partially visible link 'able to re...'. The footer contains the URL 'http://research.dyn.com/2005/12/internetwide-ne...' and the date 'morning 20...'.

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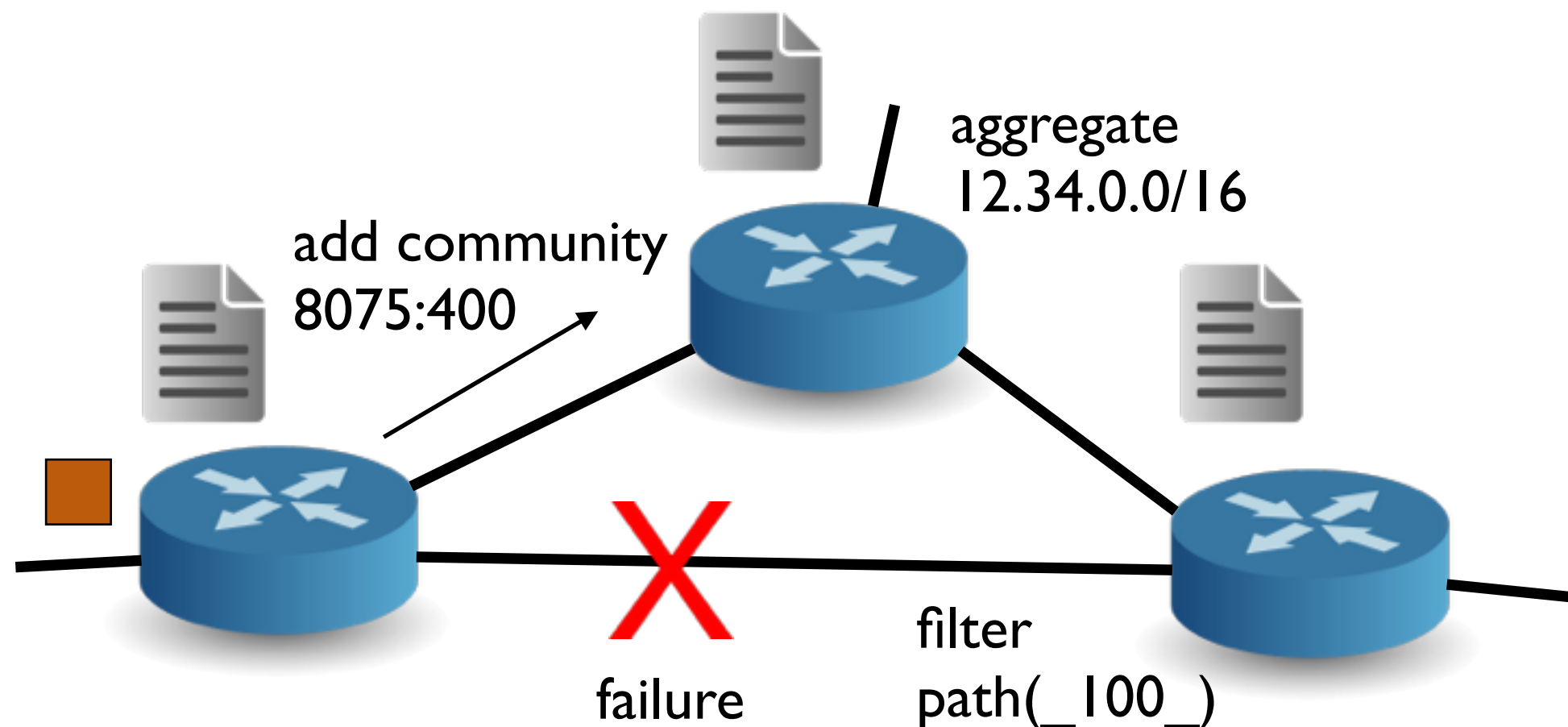
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Objectives ← GAP → Mechanisms

Objectives: Network-wide

- Prefer traffic to send traffic through customers over providers
- Don't use our network as transit between A and B
- Traffic must stay within national boundaries

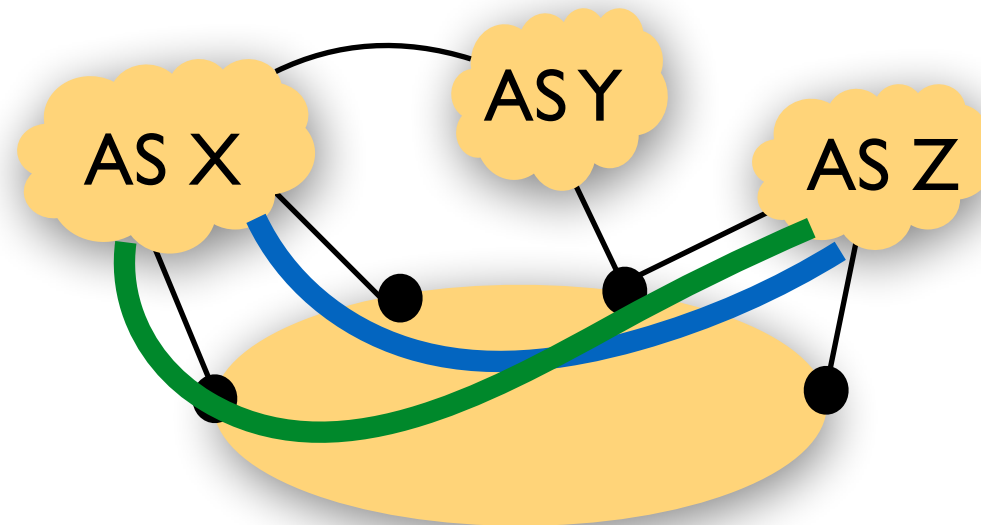
Mechanisms: Device-by-Device



Propane: Programming a Distributed Control Plane

1) Language for expressing high-level objectives with:

- Path constraints and relative preferences with fall-backs in case of failures
- Uniform abstractions for intra- and inter-domain routing



2) Compiler that generates low-level, distributed configs:

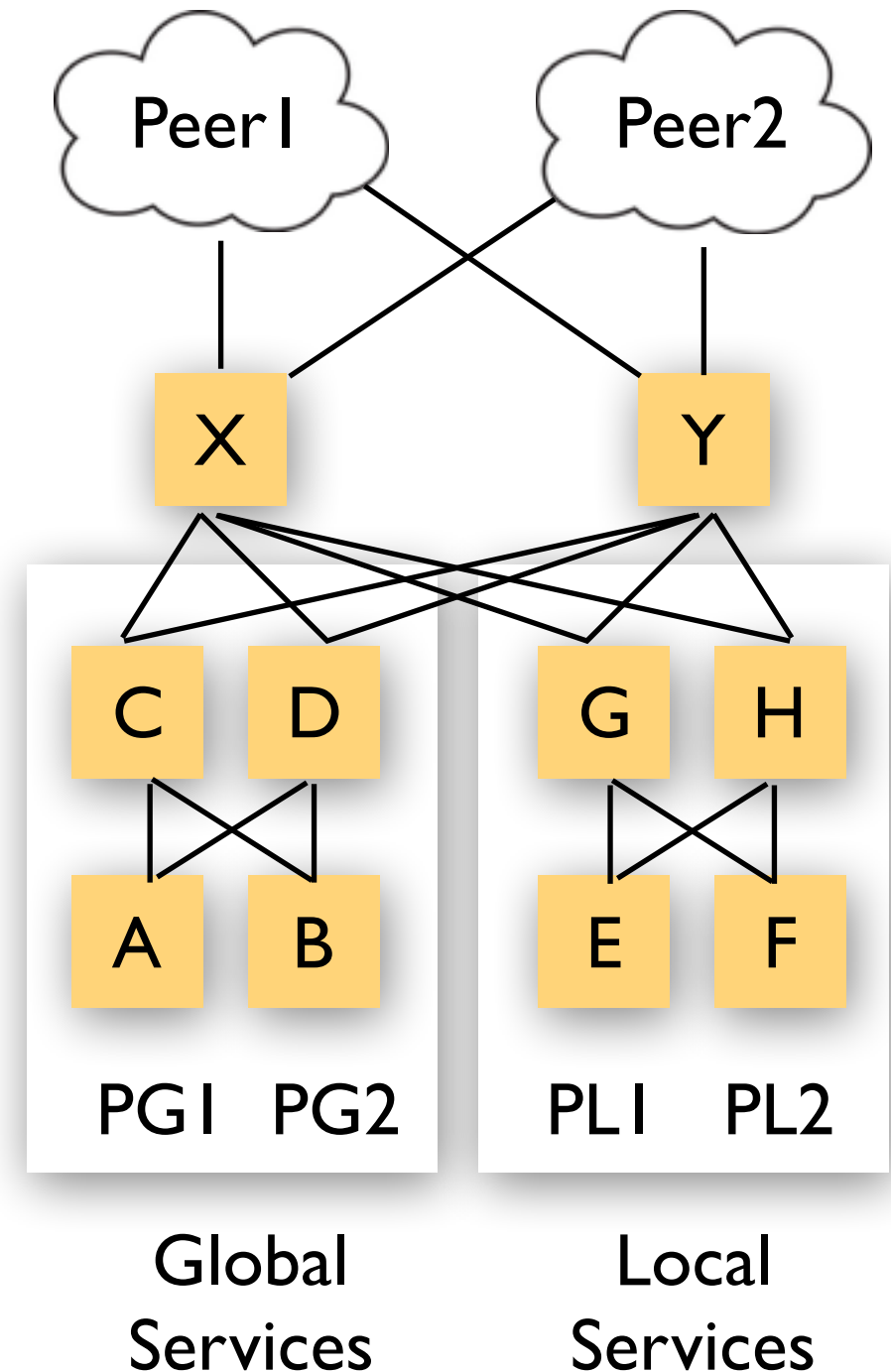
- Efficient algorithms to synthesize a set of policy-compliant BGP configs
- Failure analysis guarantees *policy compliance* under all failures

Example: A Data Center Network

A Data Center Network

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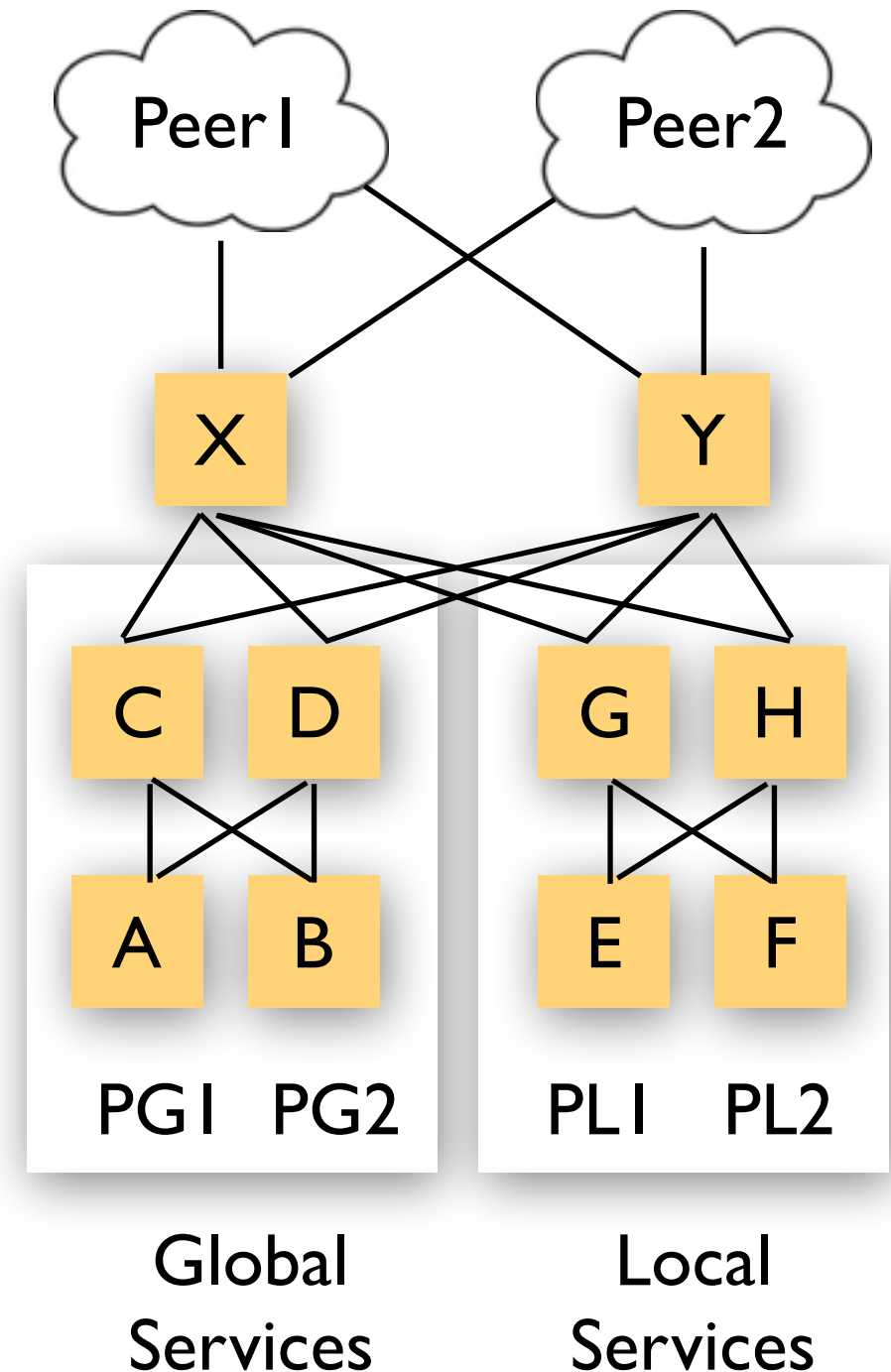
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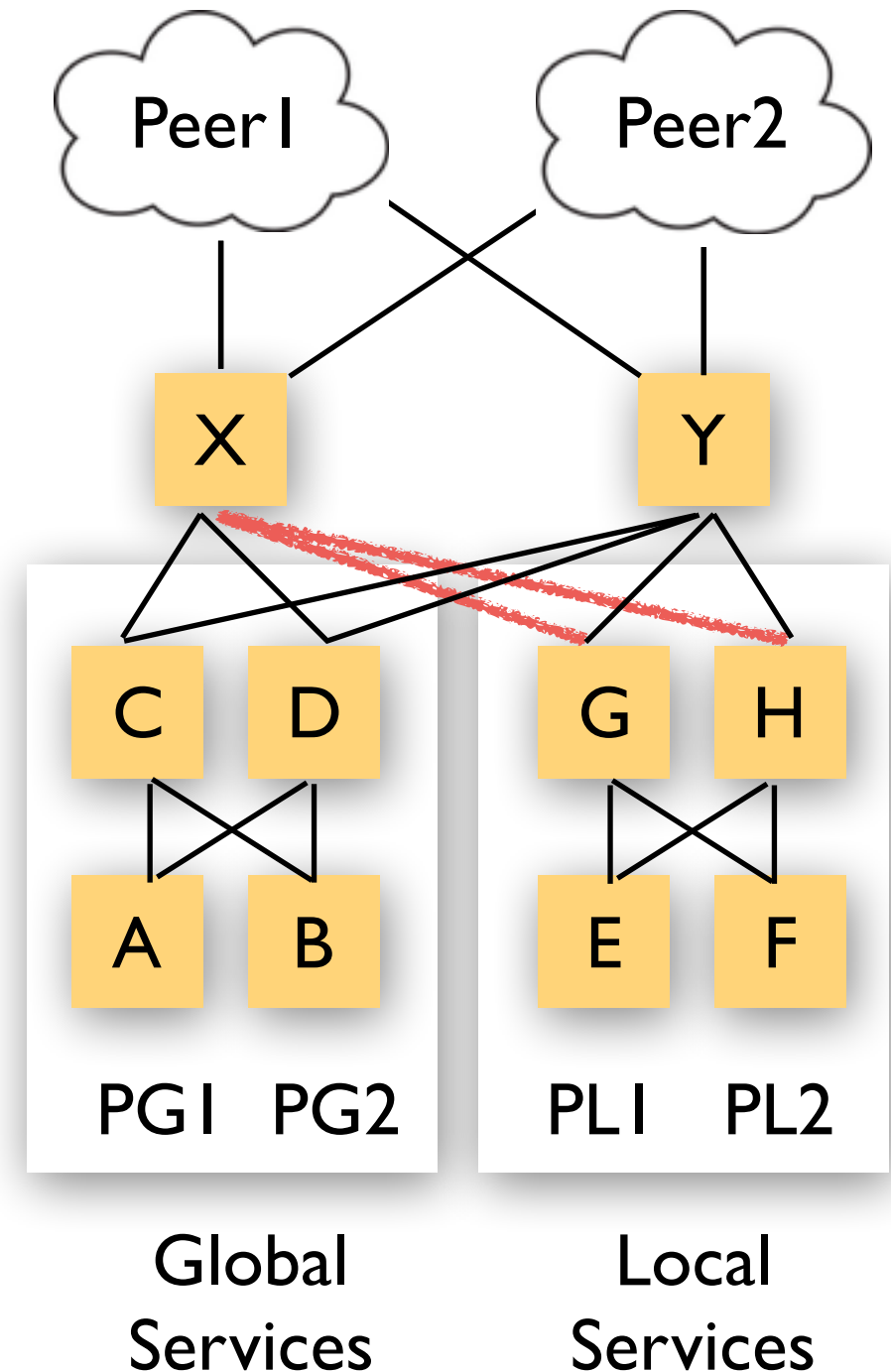
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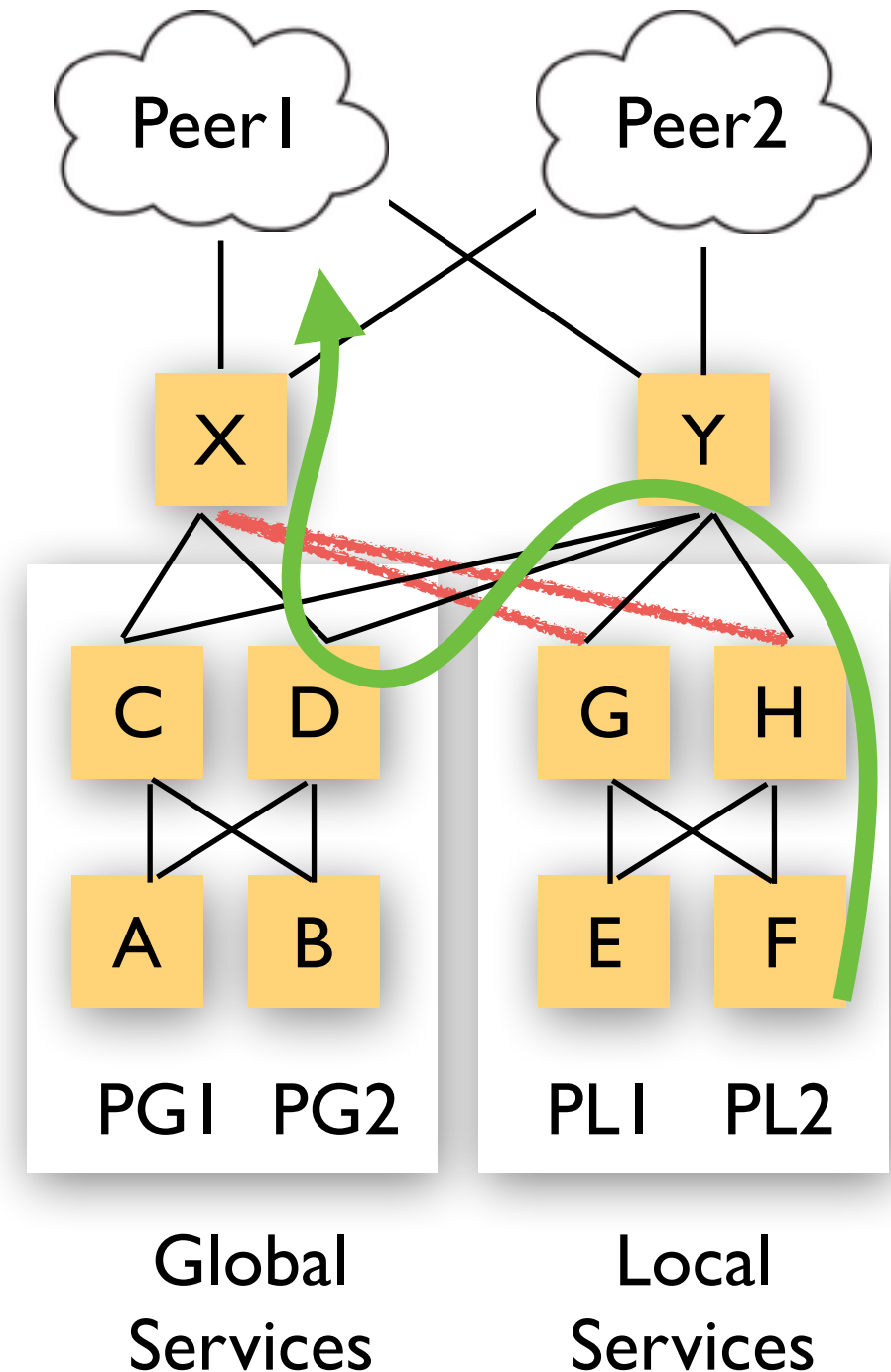
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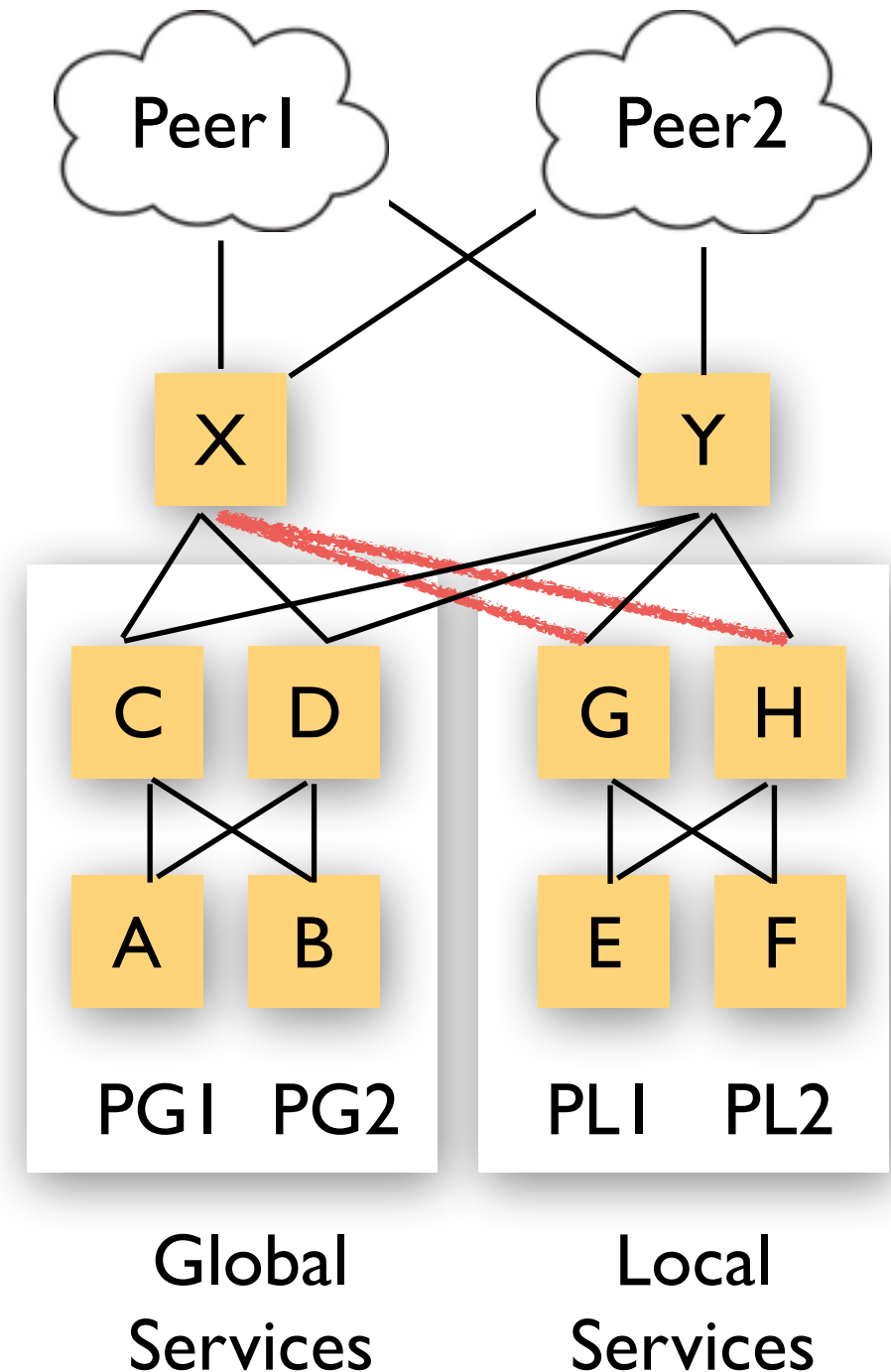
- PL* announcements travel H-Y-D-X
- PL* announcements are then leaked



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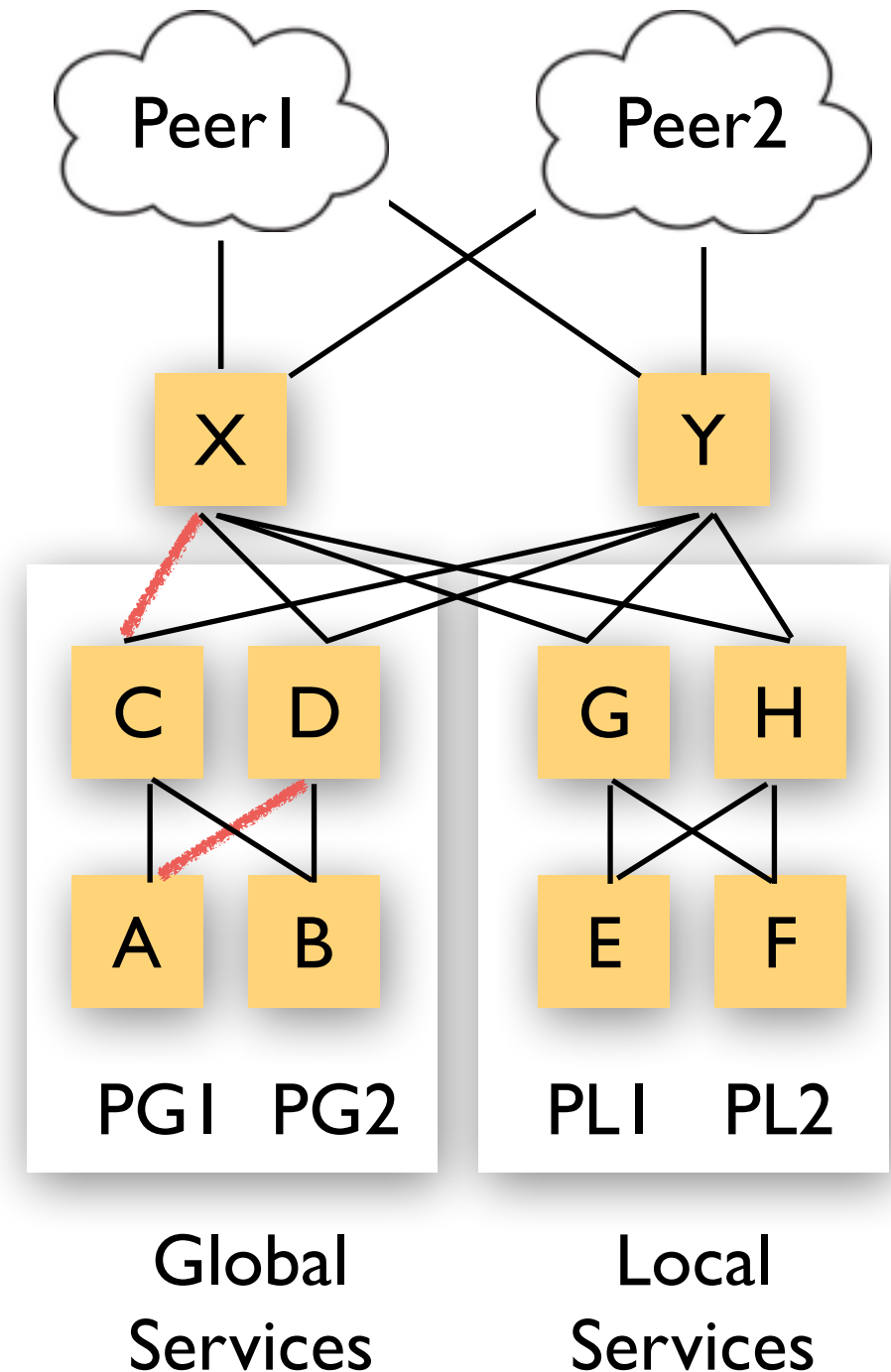


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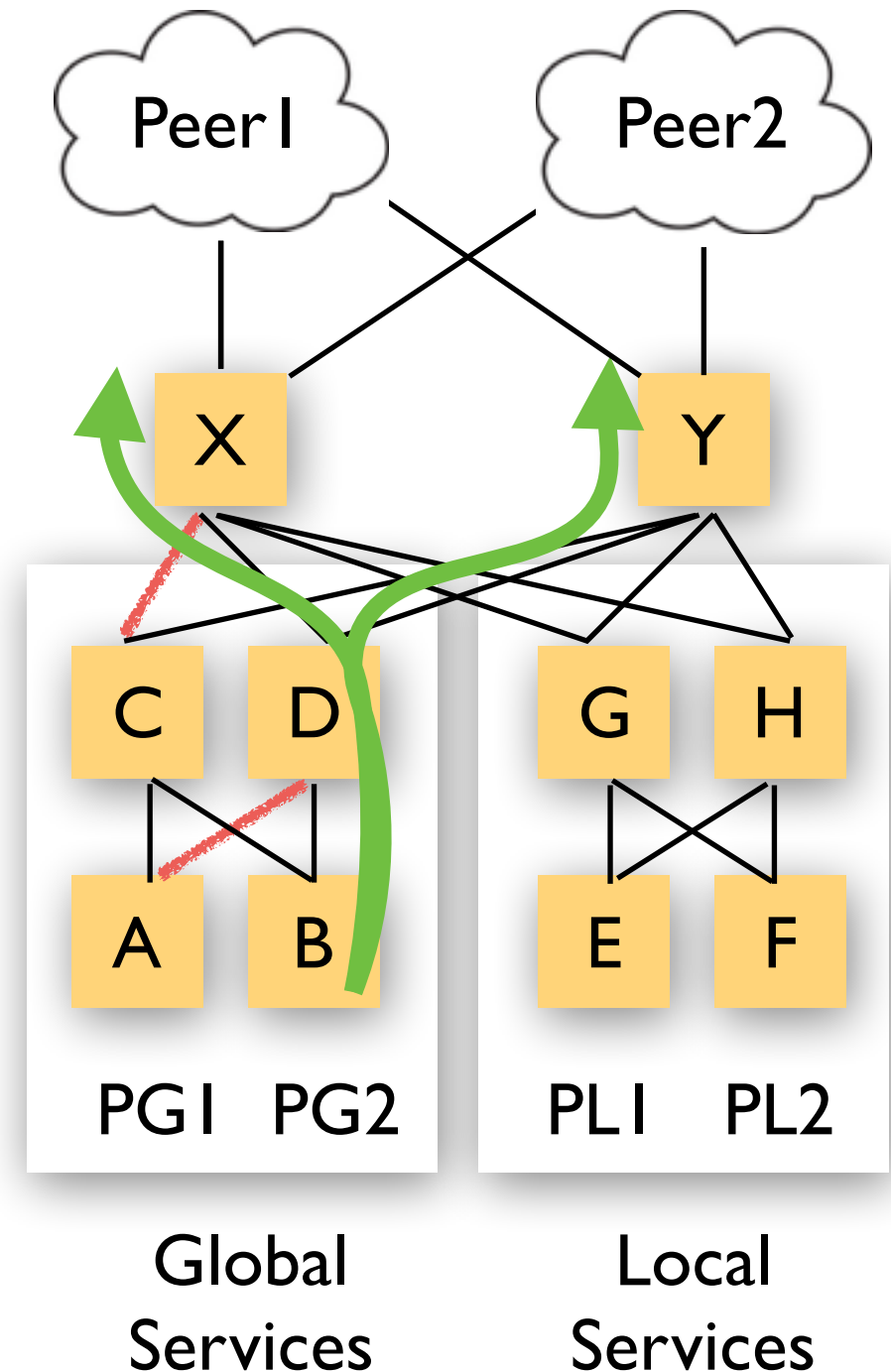
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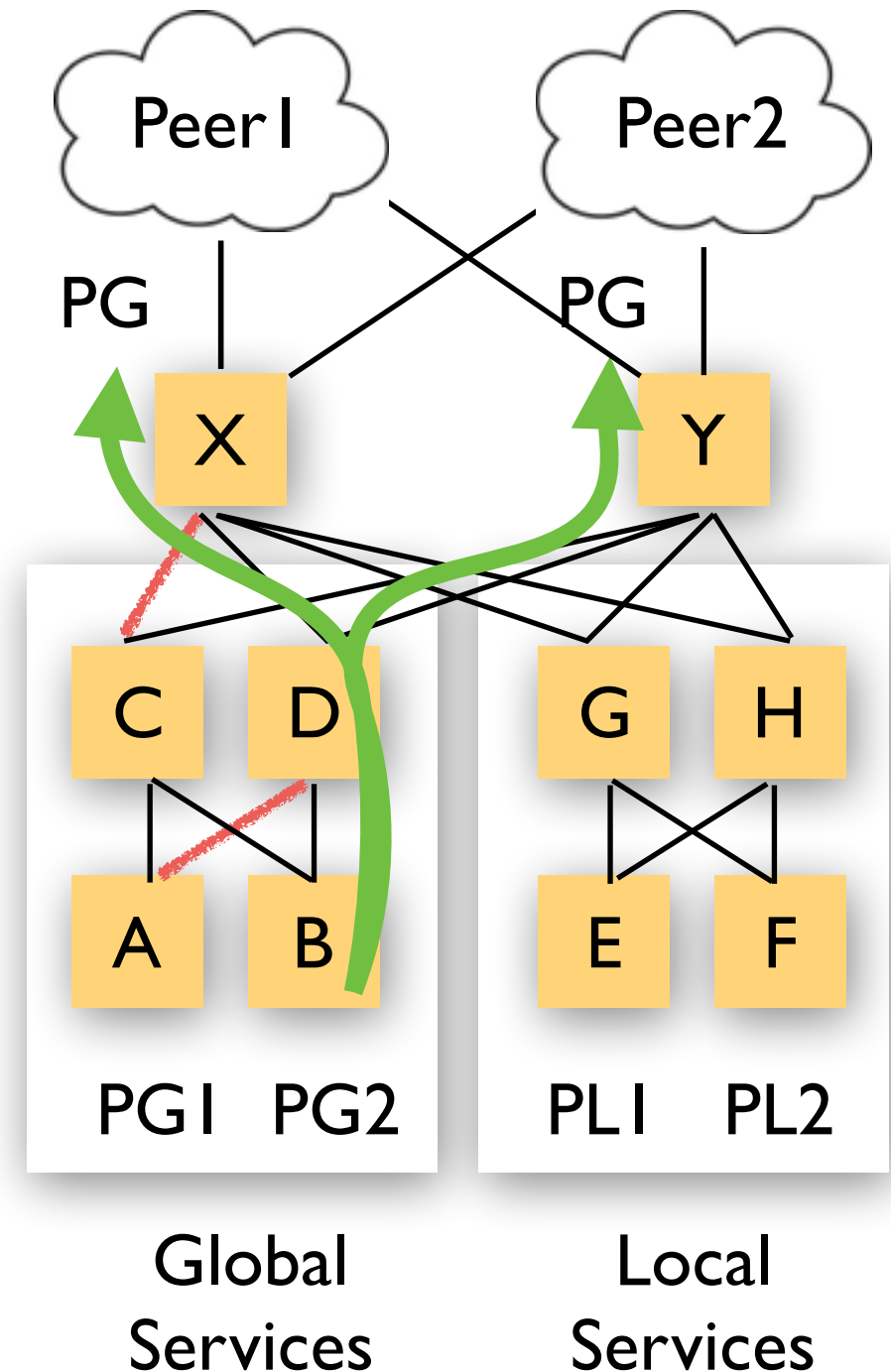
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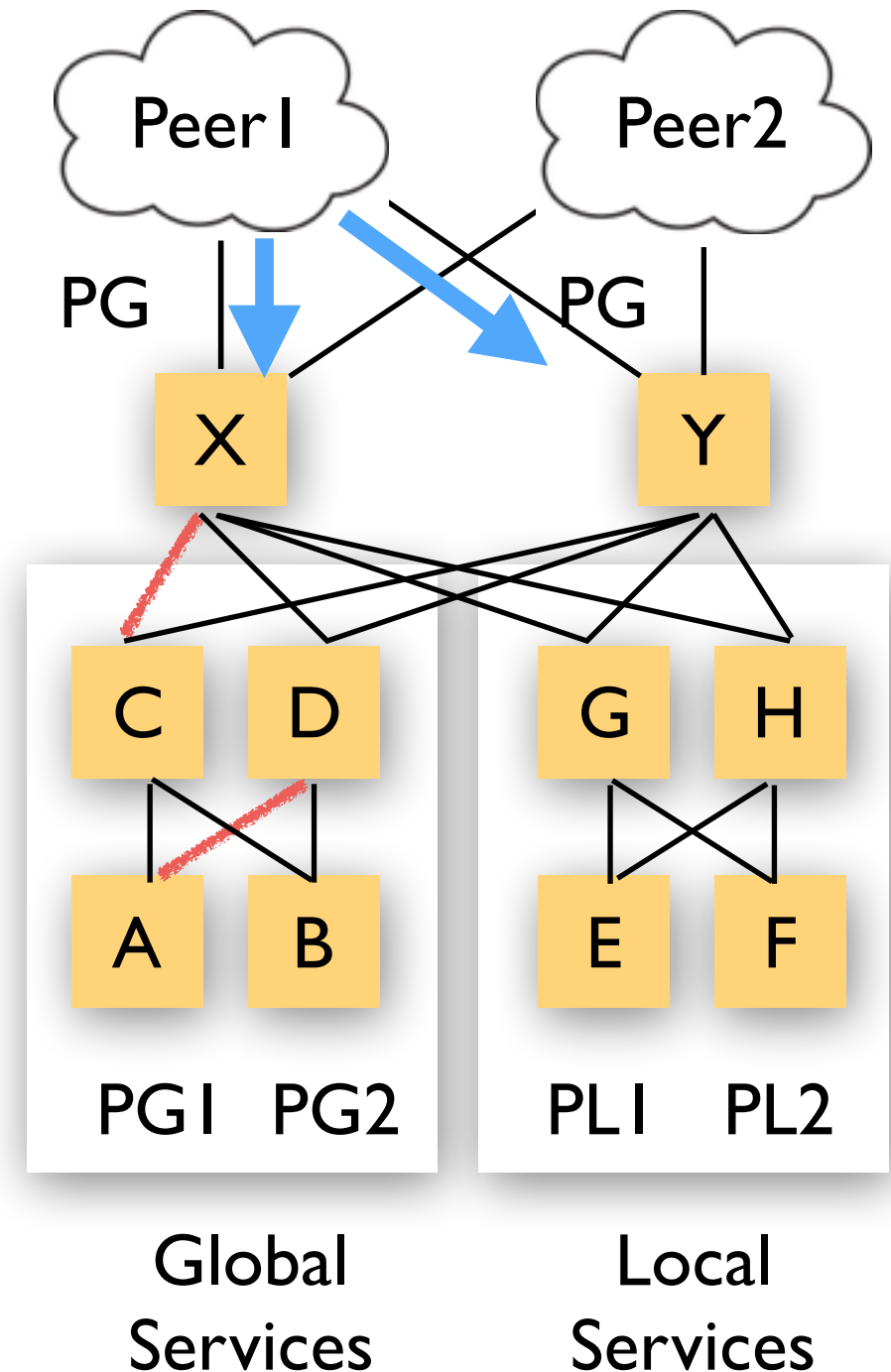
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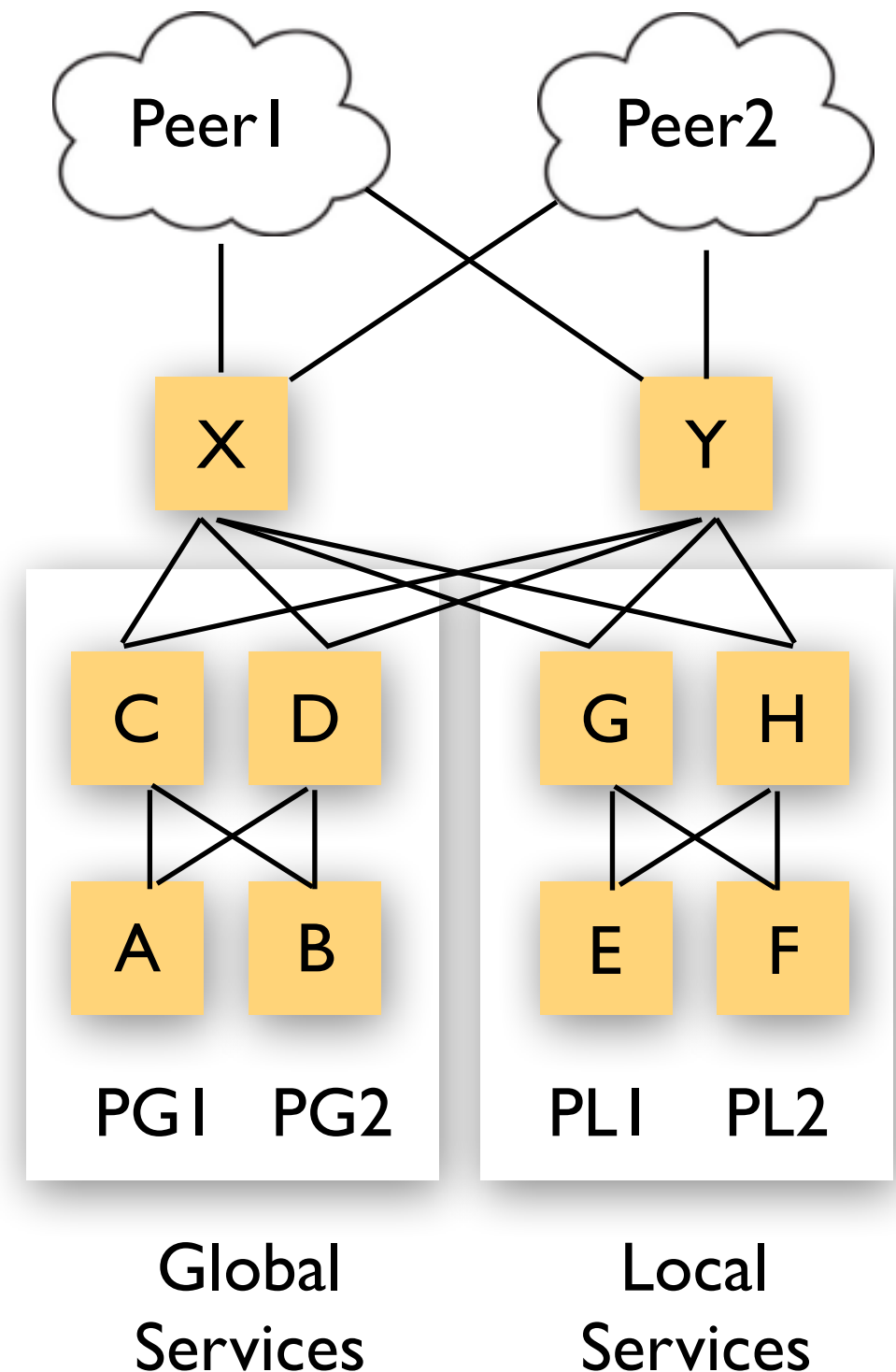
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- X and Y will hear PG2
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- But PG1 is inaccessible through X because there is no valley routing
- An aggregation-induced black hole is created [See Le et al, CoNext '11]



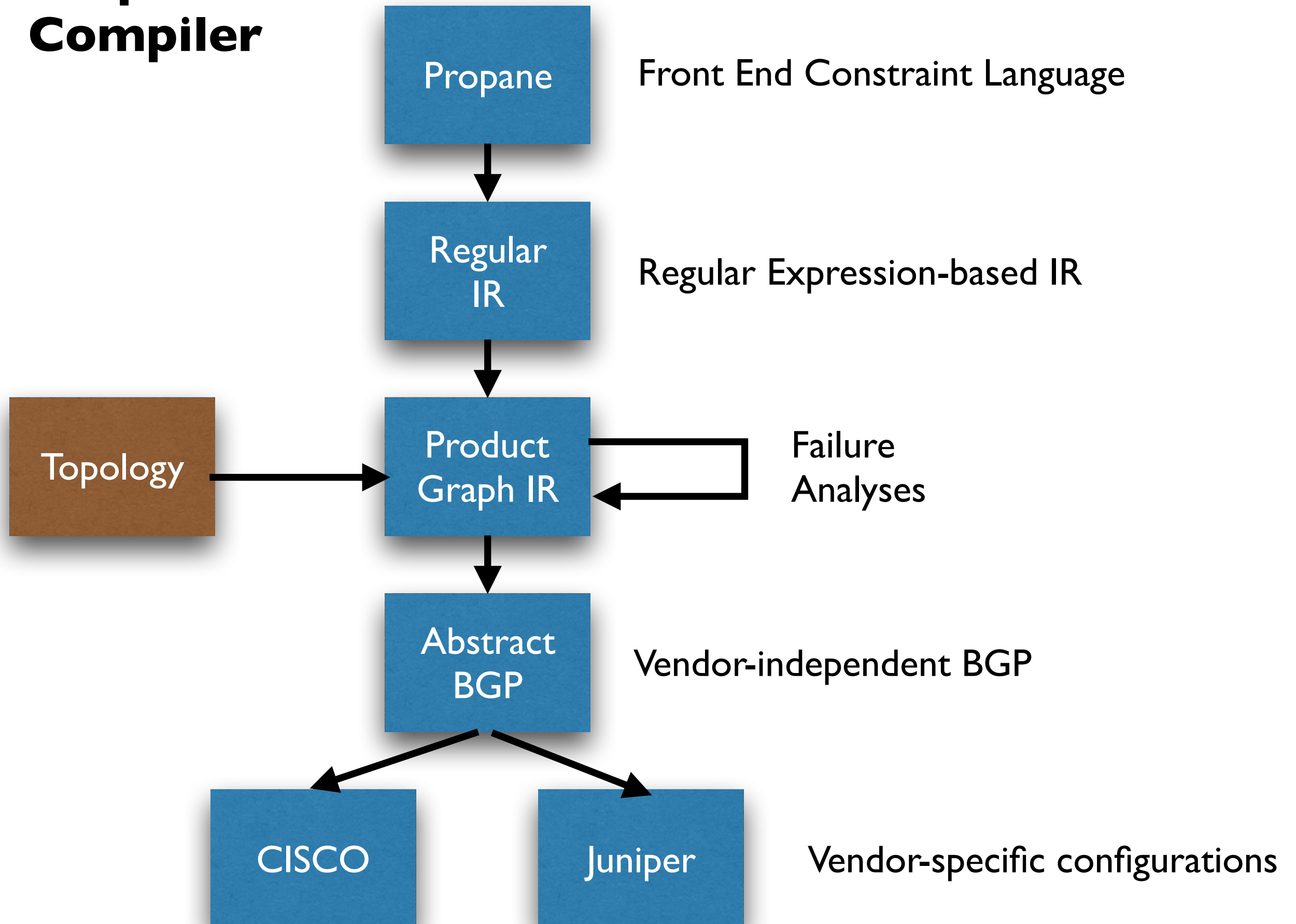
Quick Demo

- Originate prefixes for each TOR router
- Do not announce local services externally
- Aggregation on global prefixes
- Prefer Peer1 over Peer2
- Prevent transit between Back1 and Back2

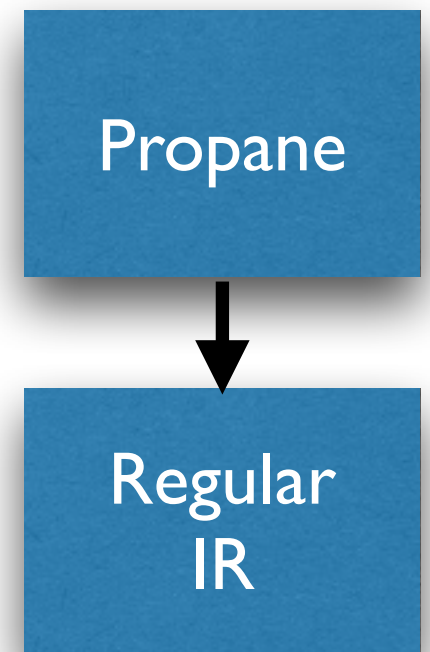


Compiling Propane

Propane Compiler



Propane Regular IR



Expand constraints in to regular expressions. EG:

$$\mathbf{end}(X) = (\Sigma^* . X)$$

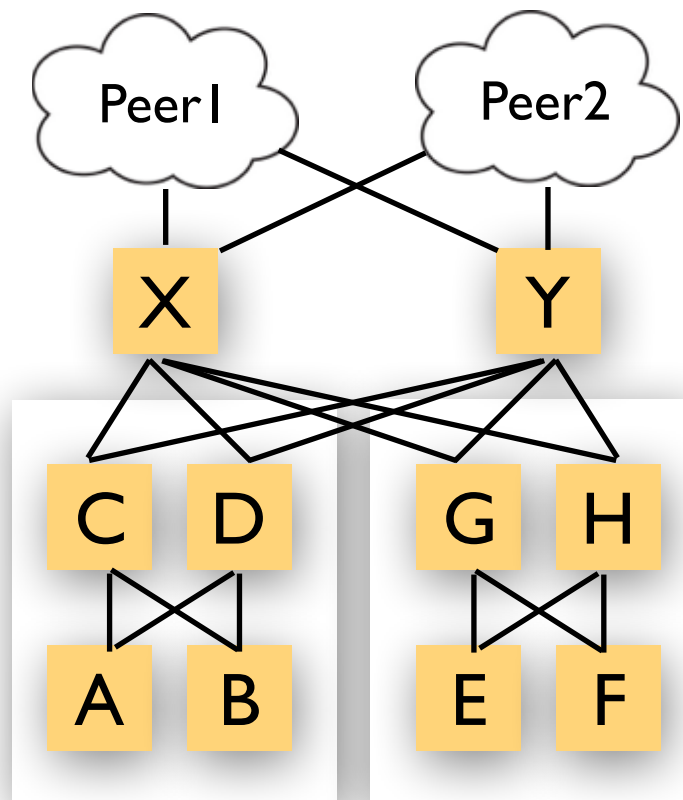
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{exit}(X) = & (\mathbf{out}^* . \mathbf{in}^* . (X \cap \mathbf{in}) . \mathbf{out}^+) \cup \\ & (\mathbf{out}^* . \mathbf{in}^+ . (X \cap \mathbf{out}) . \mathbf{out}^*) \end{aligned}$$

A few other simple transformations:

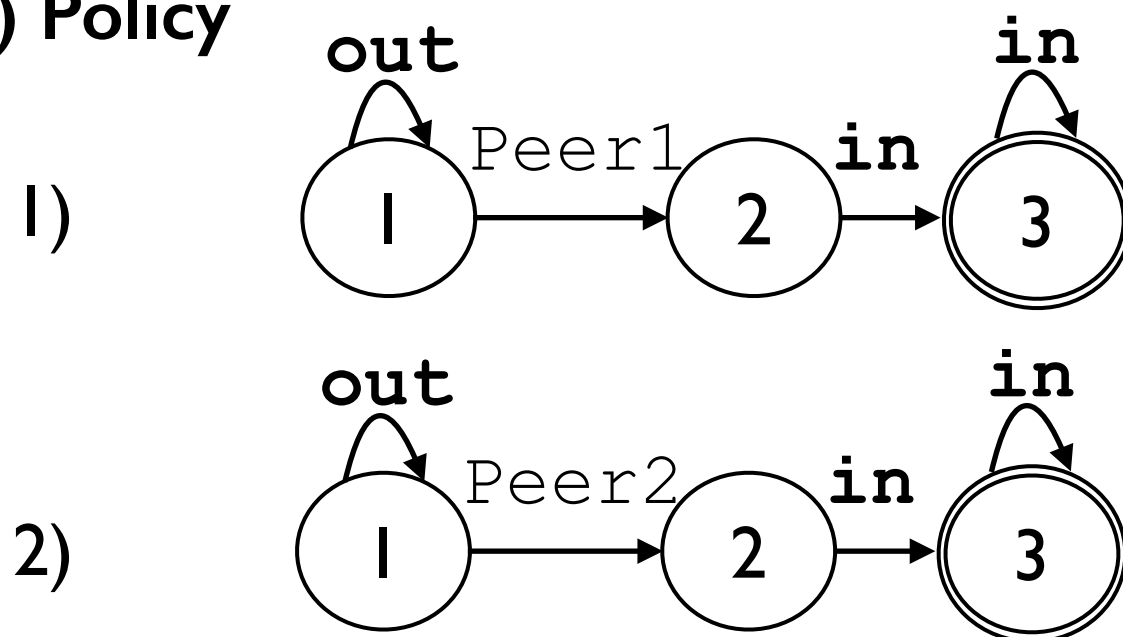
- conjunction of constraints \implies intersection of regular expressions
- conjunction of policies \implies prefix-by-prefix intersection
- nested preferences lifted: $(x \gg y) . z \implies (x.z) \gg (y.z)$

Constructing the Product Graph (PG)

(a) Topology



(b) Policy



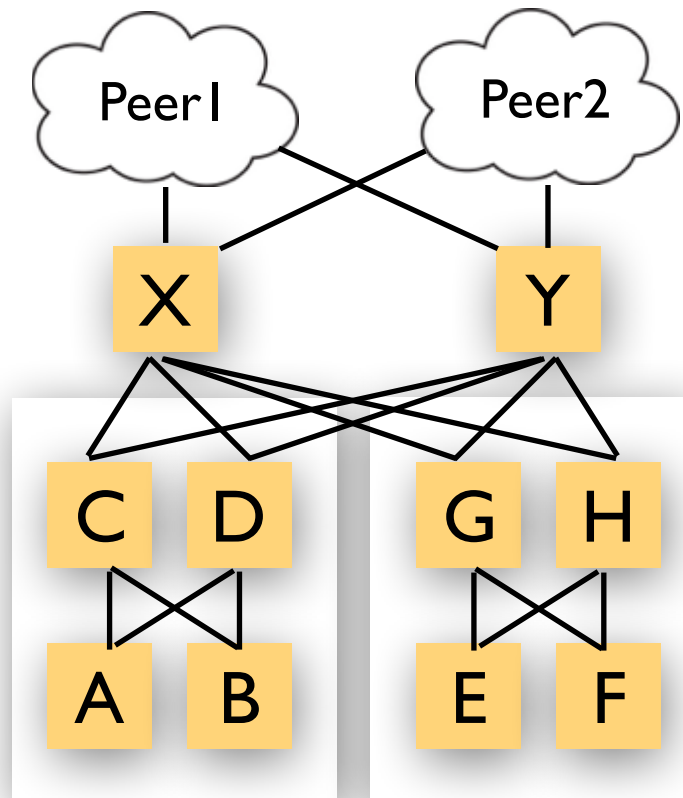
Regular
IR



Product
Graph IR

Constructing the Product Graph (PG)

(a) Topology



General Idea:

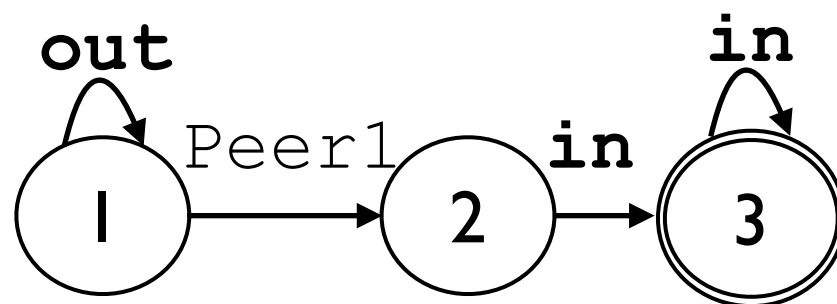
PG represents locations reachable in the topology while following the policy

Each PG node contains:

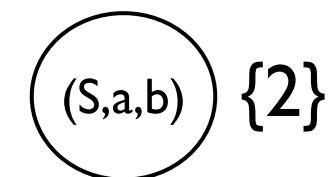
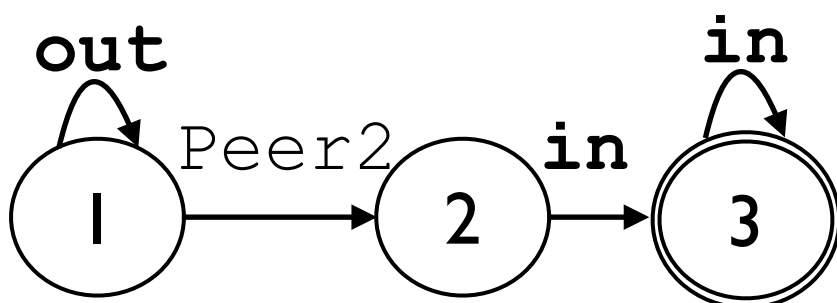
- topology node (S)
- state of automaton 1 (a)
- state of automaton 2 (b)
- set of preferences achieved

(b) Policy

1)



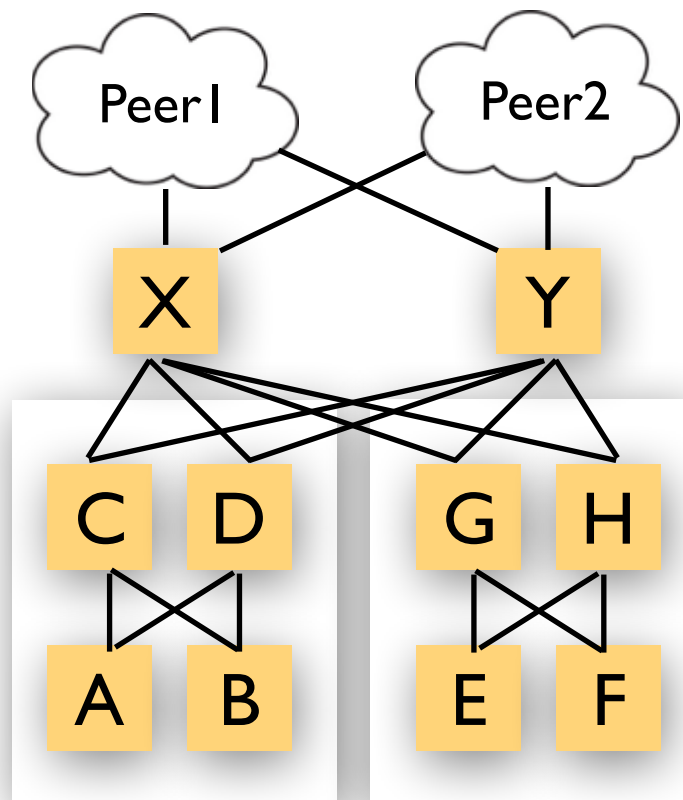
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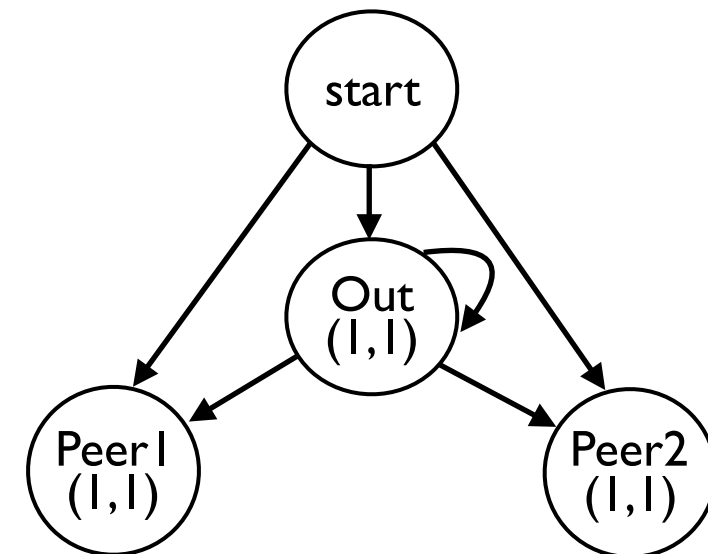
Two PG nodes are connected if topology nodes are connected and the automata make the specified transition

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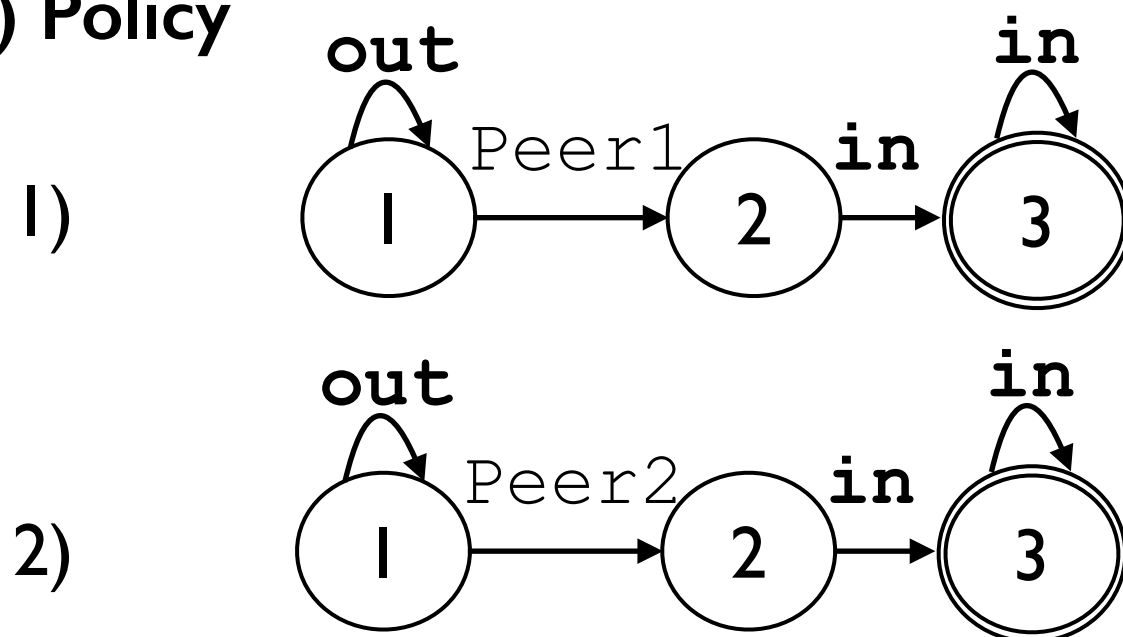
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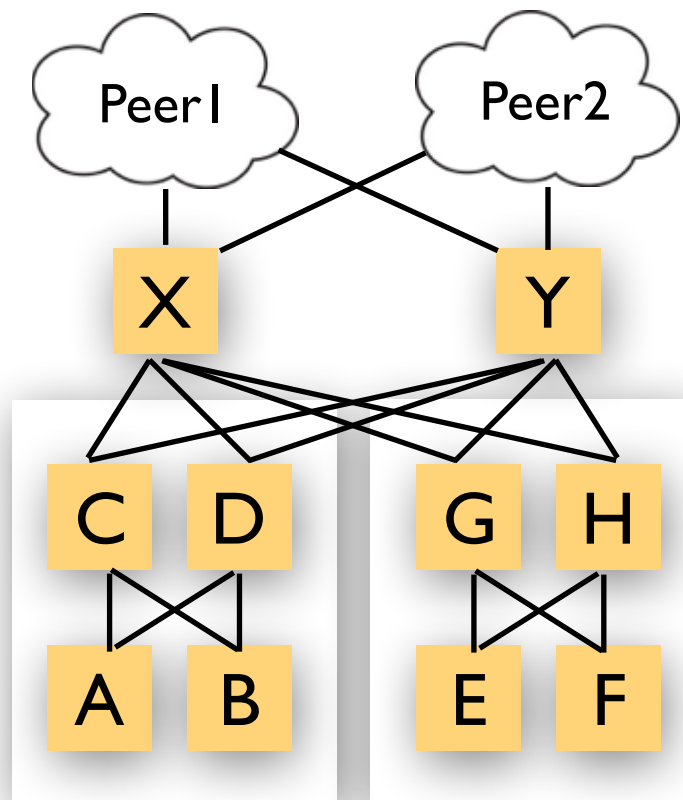


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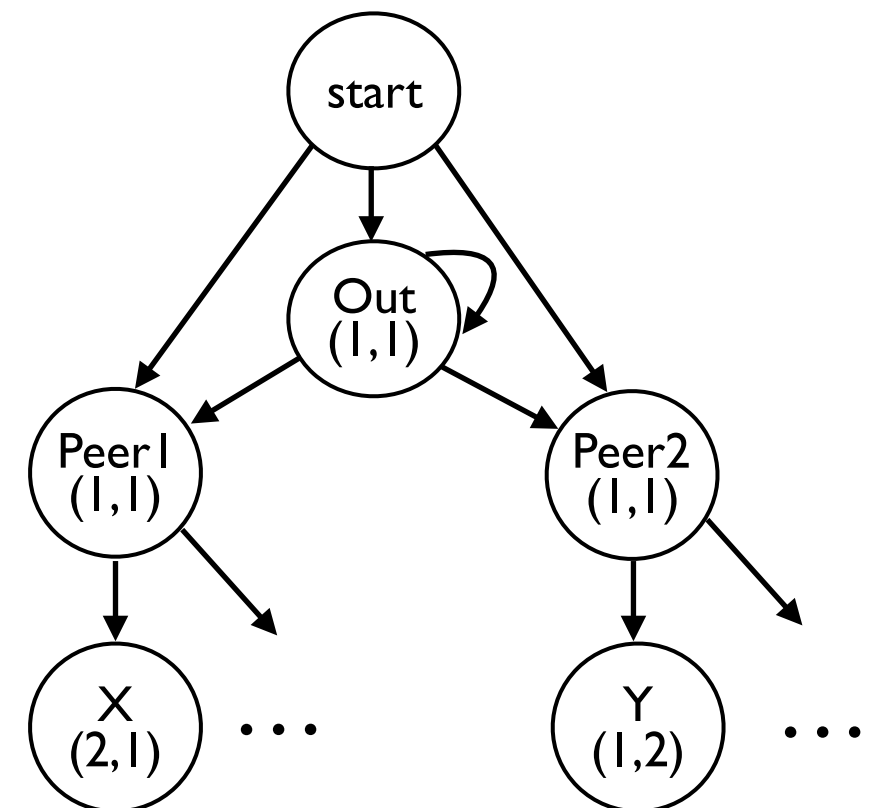


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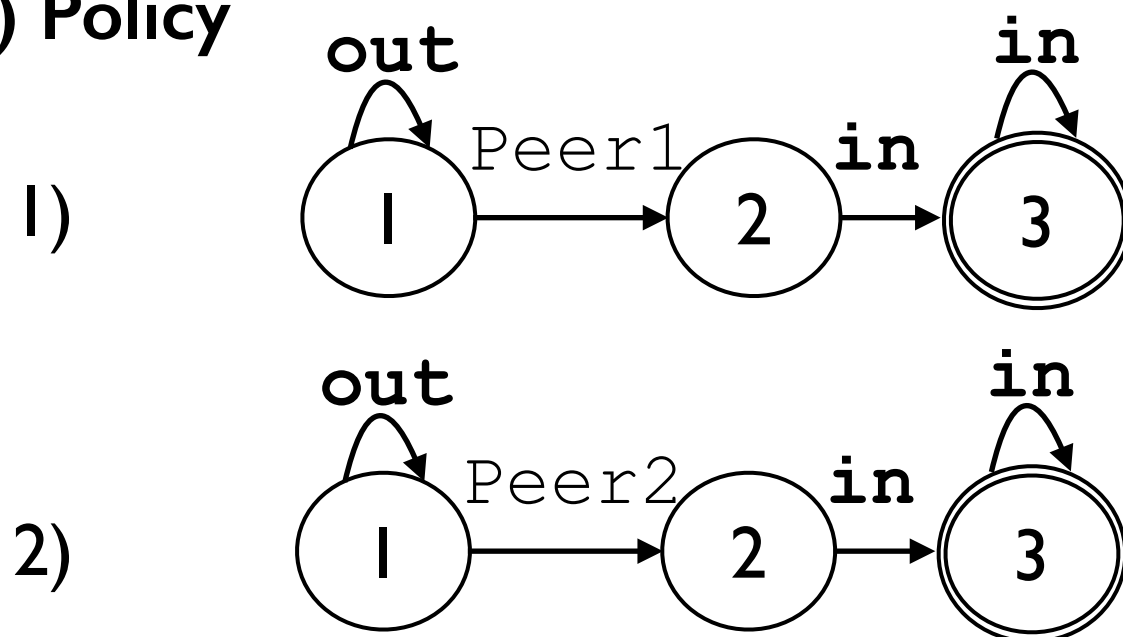
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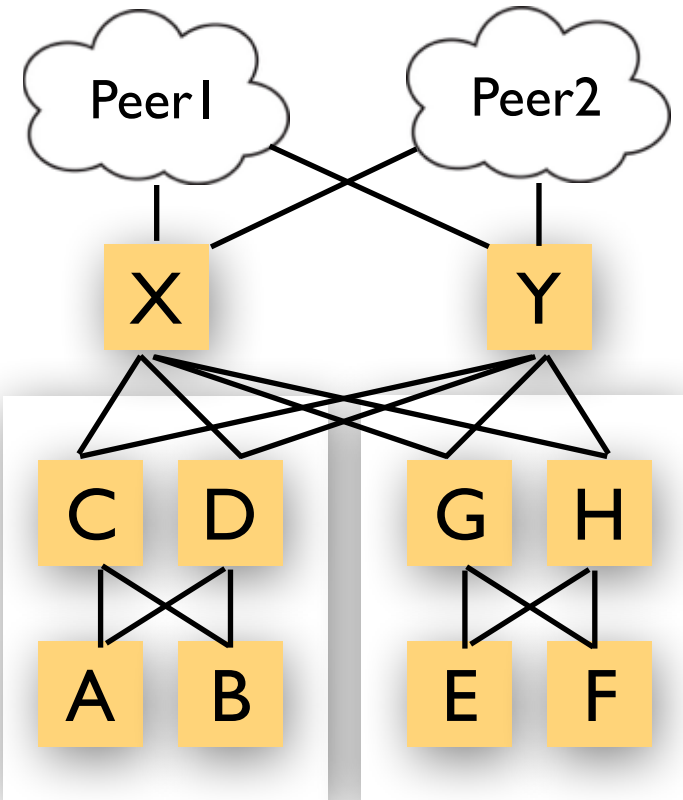


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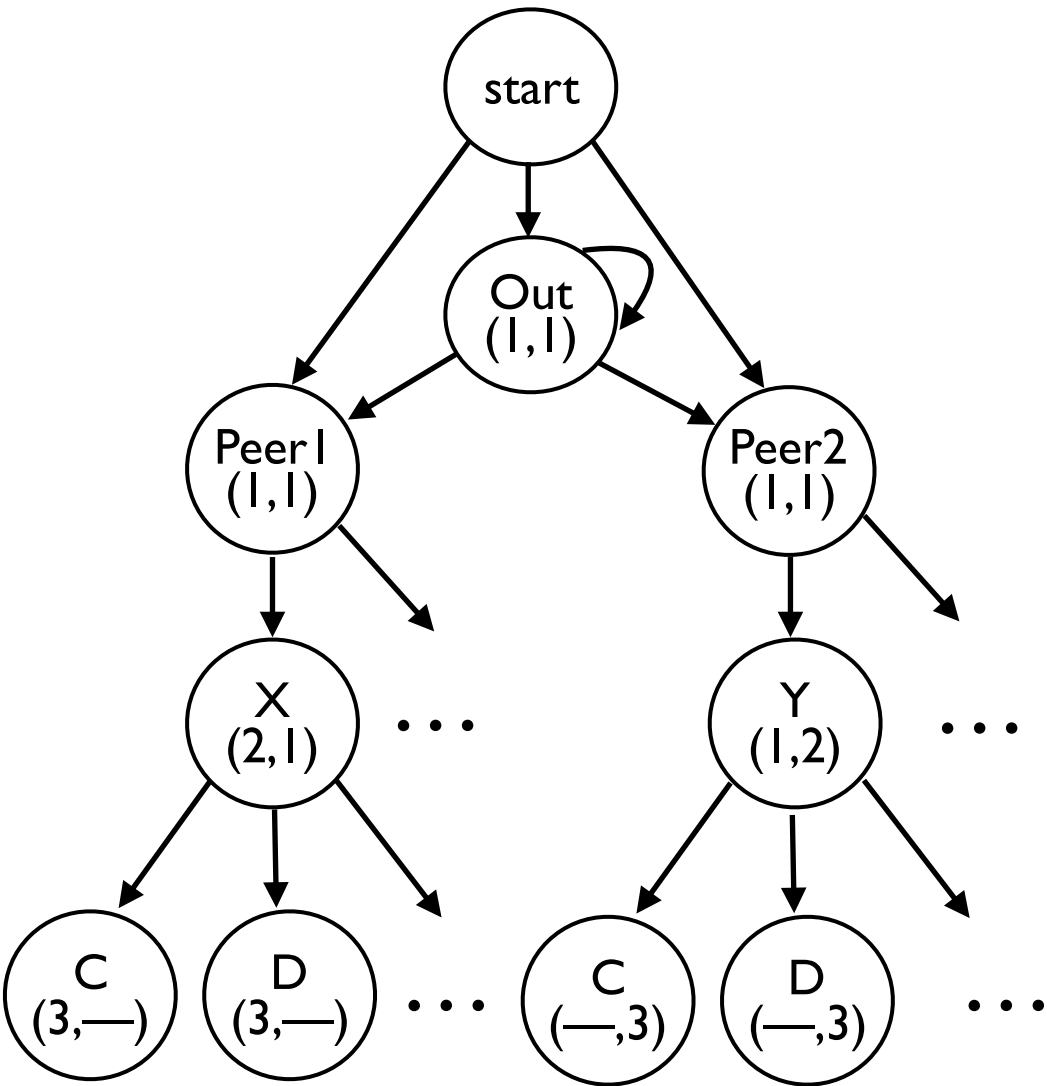


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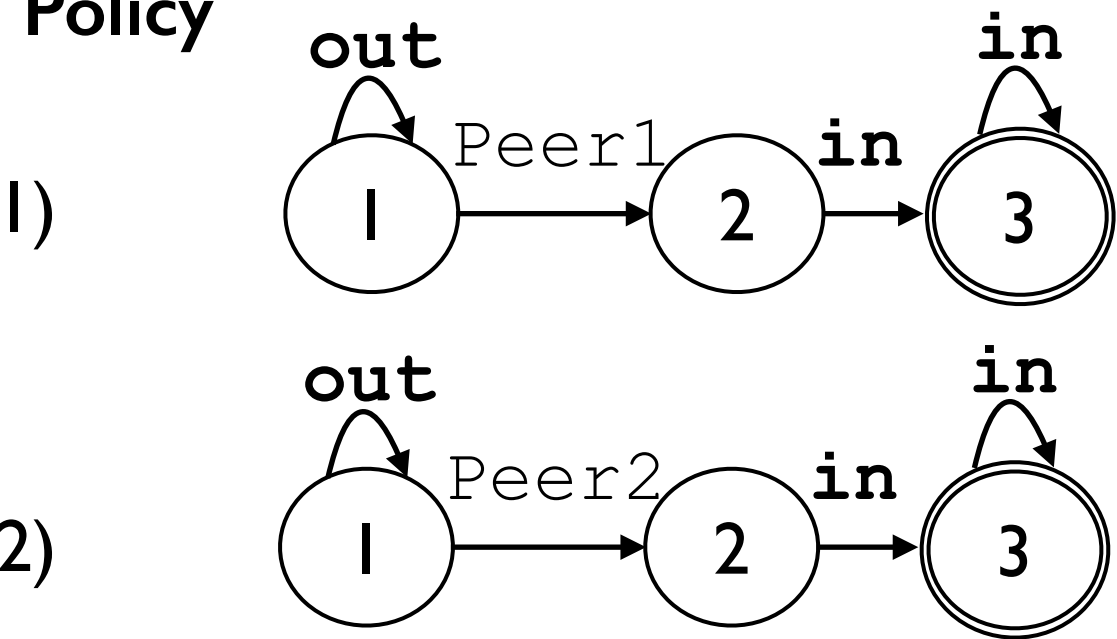
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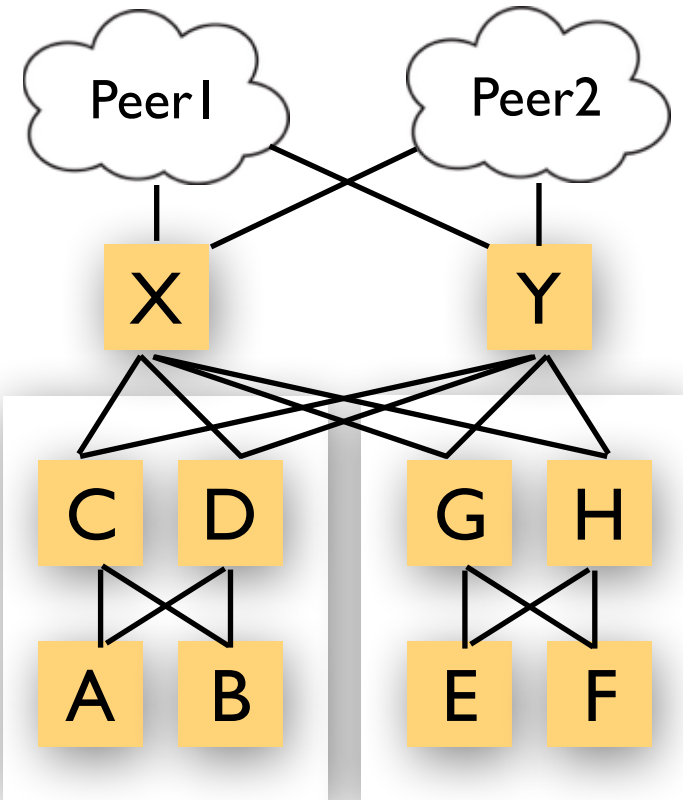


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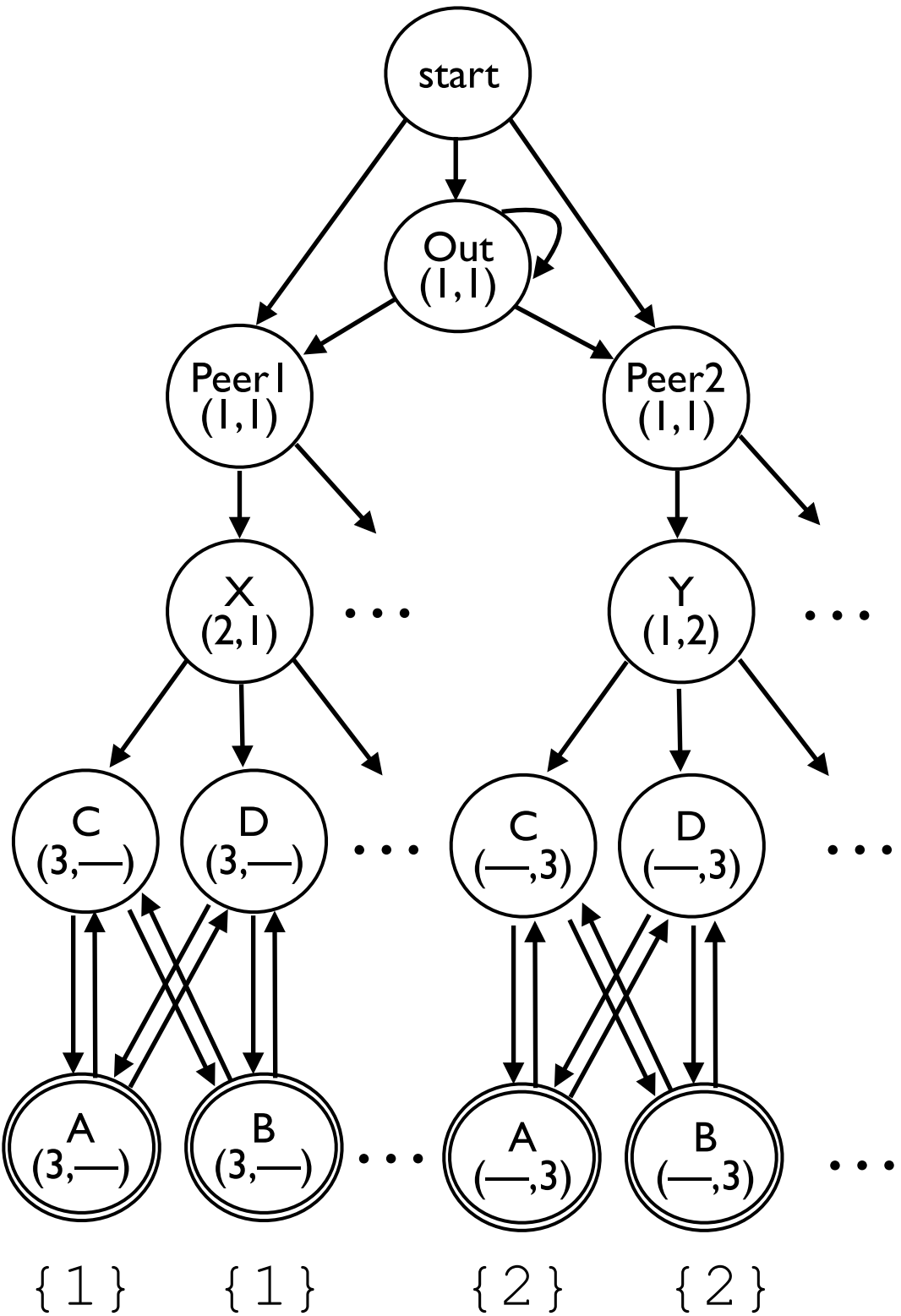


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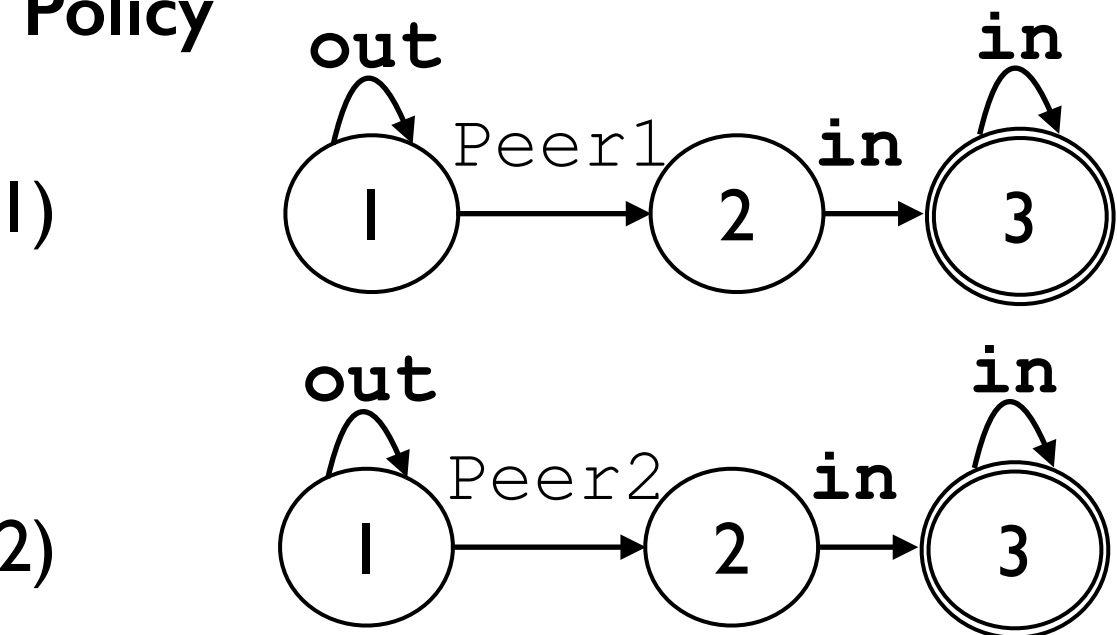
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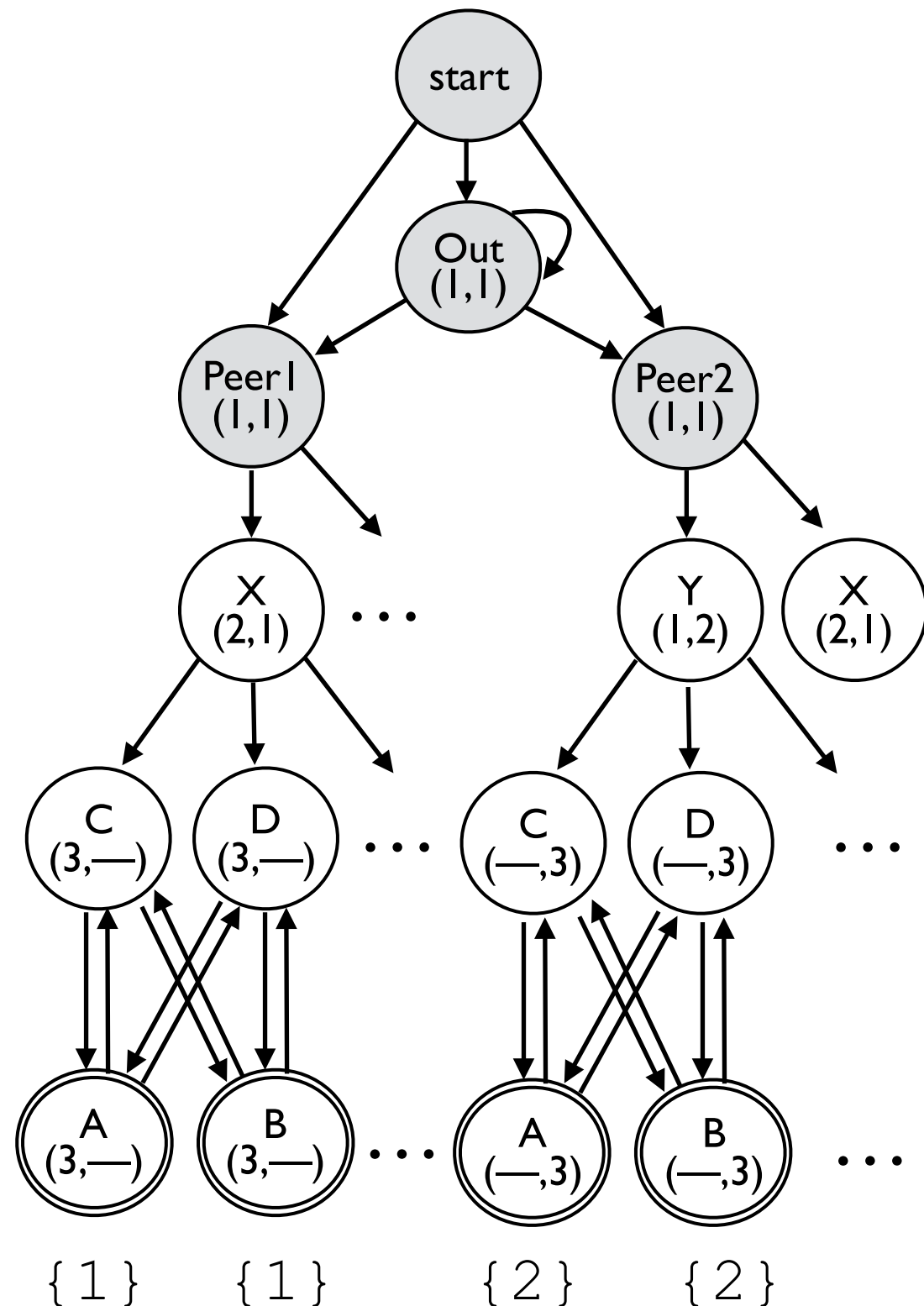
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Compilation to BGP:

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Graph IR

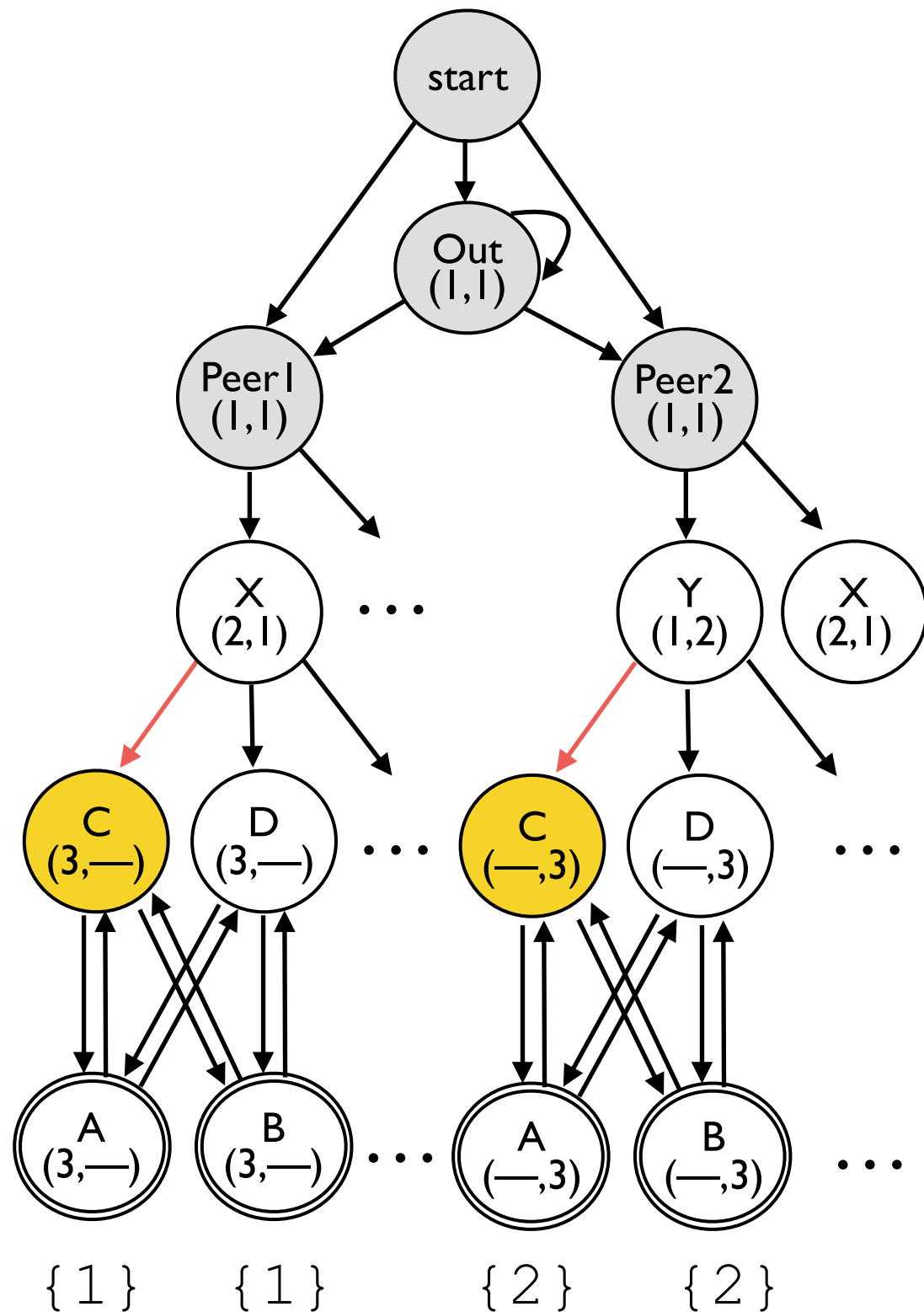
Abstract
BGP



Idea:

- Filter import messages according to incoming PG edges.
- For each internal location, decide which announcements to prefer, forward messages along PG edges
- Use a community value to tag the state of the automata
- For each external location, do nothing

Compilation to BGP:



Router C

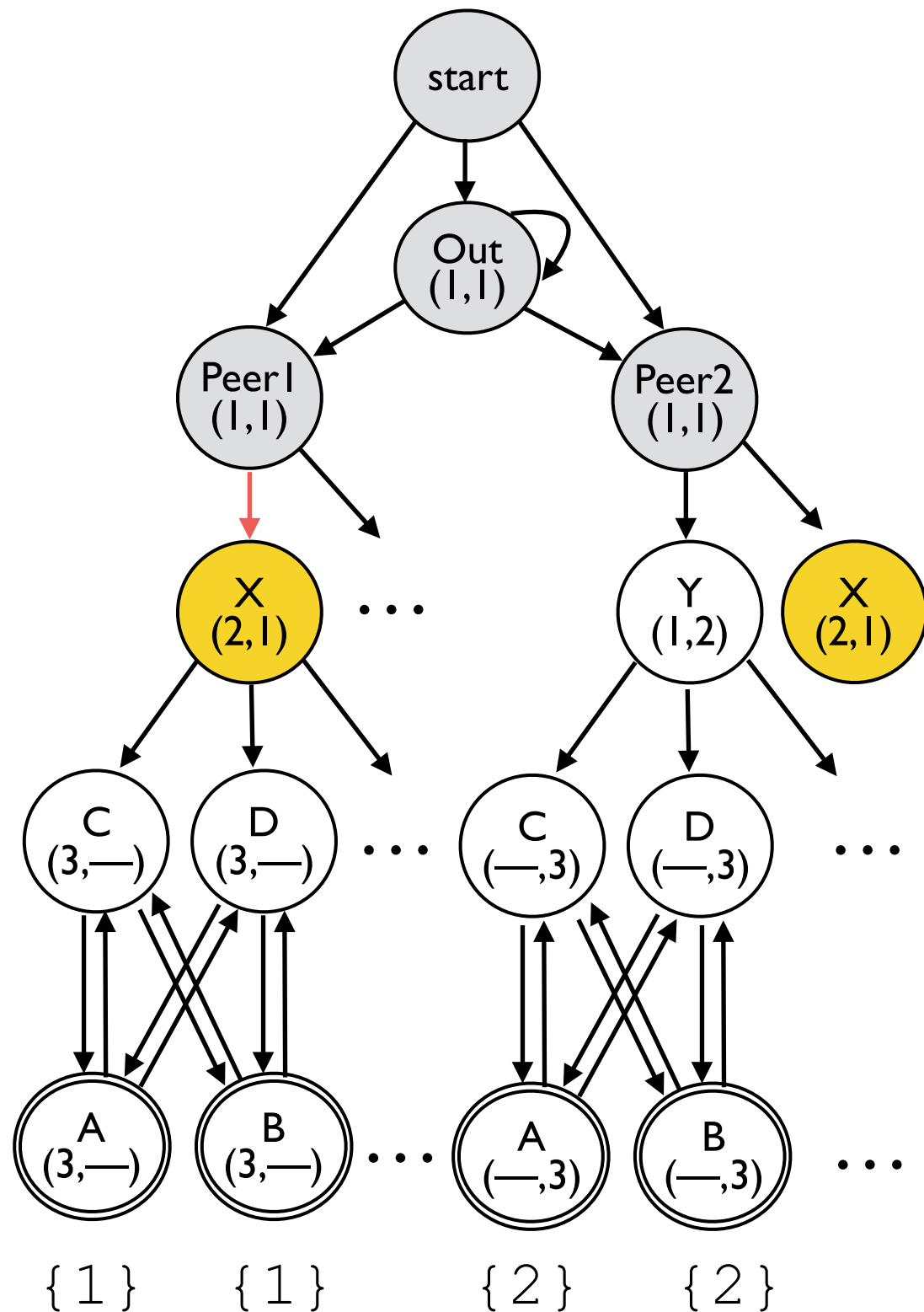
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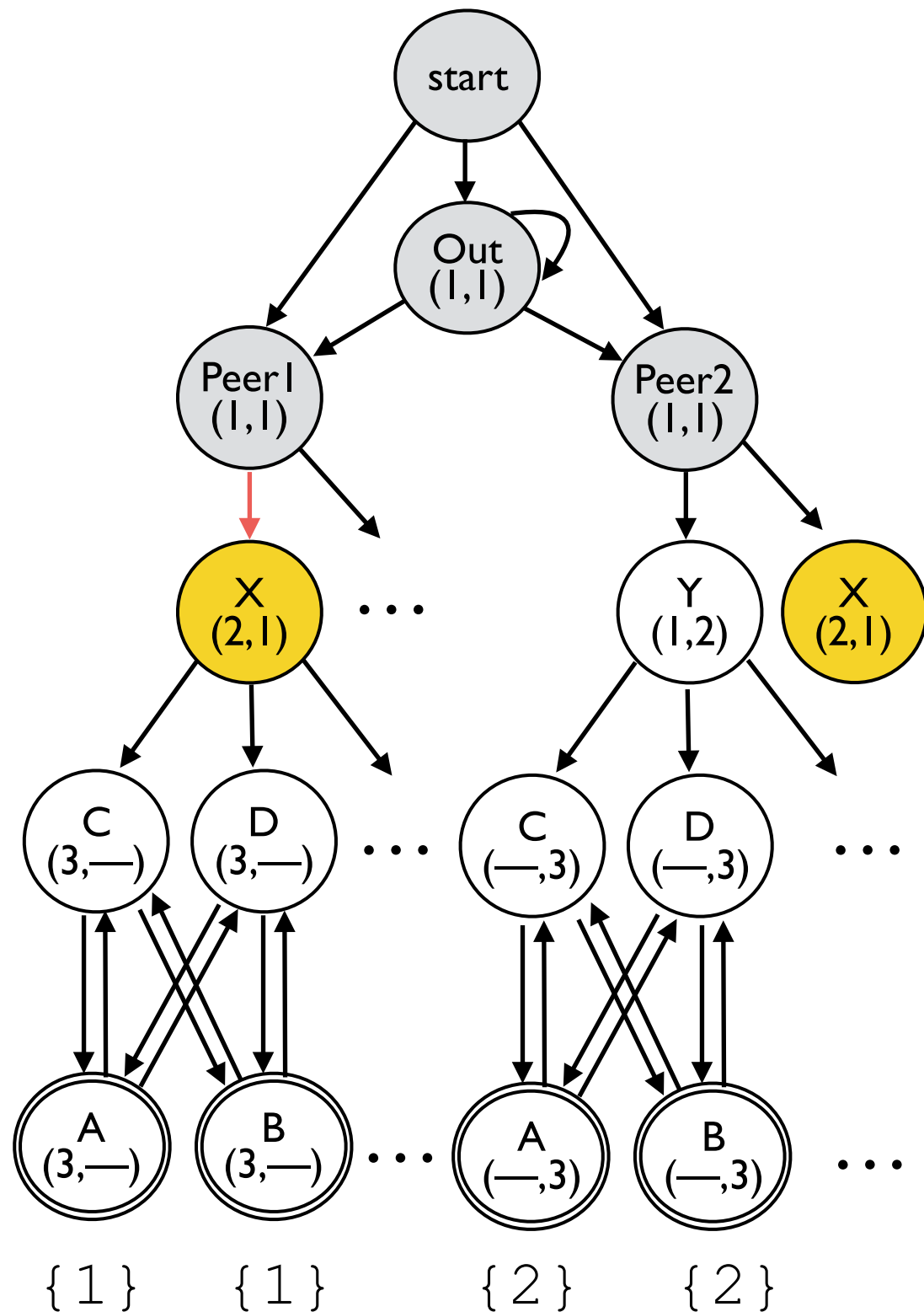
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Router X

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allow regex(Peer1 . out*)
  peer ← {C,D,G,H} comm ← (2,1)
allow regex(Peer2 . out*)
  peer ← {C,D,G,H} comm ← (1,2)
  
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Graph Analysis

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allow regex(Peer1 . out*) with lp = 100
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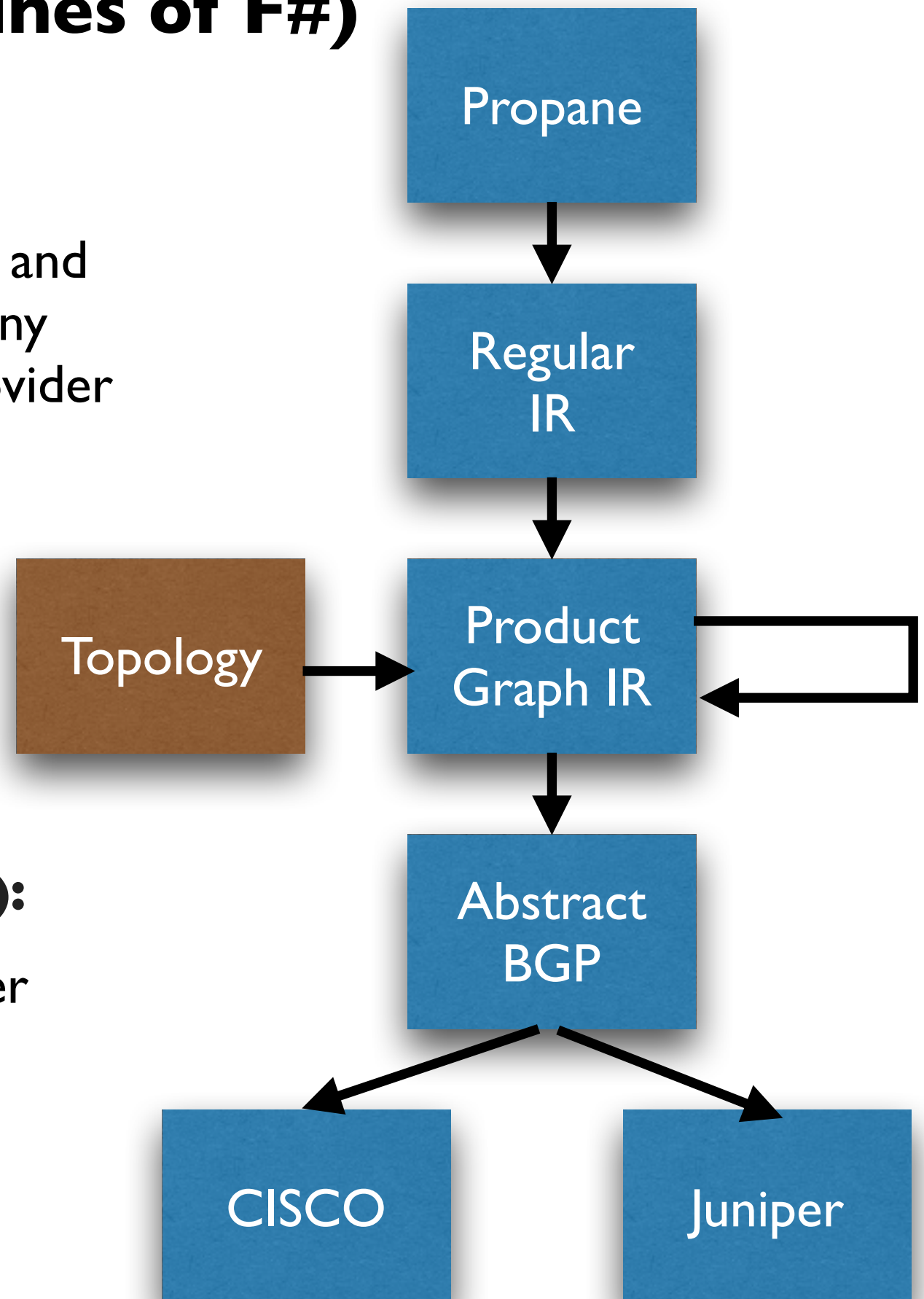
Implementation (5,500 lines of F#)

Benchmarks:

- data center policies (~1600 routers) and backbone policies (~200 routers, many peers/router) from a large cloud provider
- policy from English docs
- Ignoring prefix, customer group and ownership definitions:
 - 31 lines for data center
 - 43 lines for backbone

Scaling (8 core Windows machine):

- 10s/pfx (mean) for largest data center
- 45s/pfx (mean) for largest backbone
- 3 minutes total for the backbone
- 9 minutes total for the data center



Thanks