论文研讨 - Lightyear: Using Modularity to Scale BGP Control Plane Verification

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Checking global properties **globally** is HARD.

- Symbolically: Amount of states grows exponentially, amount of checks grows (at least) quadratically.
- Runtime: Synchronization is costly / hard to do right.

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Given:

- Configuration (Topology and policies)
- Local invariants
- Desirable global properties

Generates:

- Local checks

Paper proves that local constraints imply global properties

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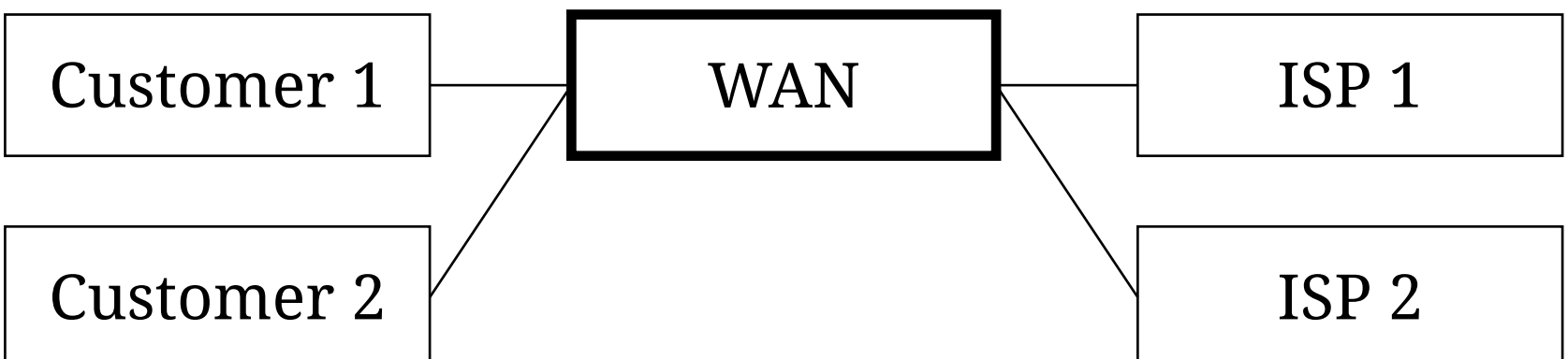
Cloud provider: Vultr, Azure, ...



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Generated functions: `Import, Export, Originates`

- `Import:` $\texttt{Edge} \times \texttt{Route} \to \texttt{Route} \cup \{\texttt{Reject}\}$

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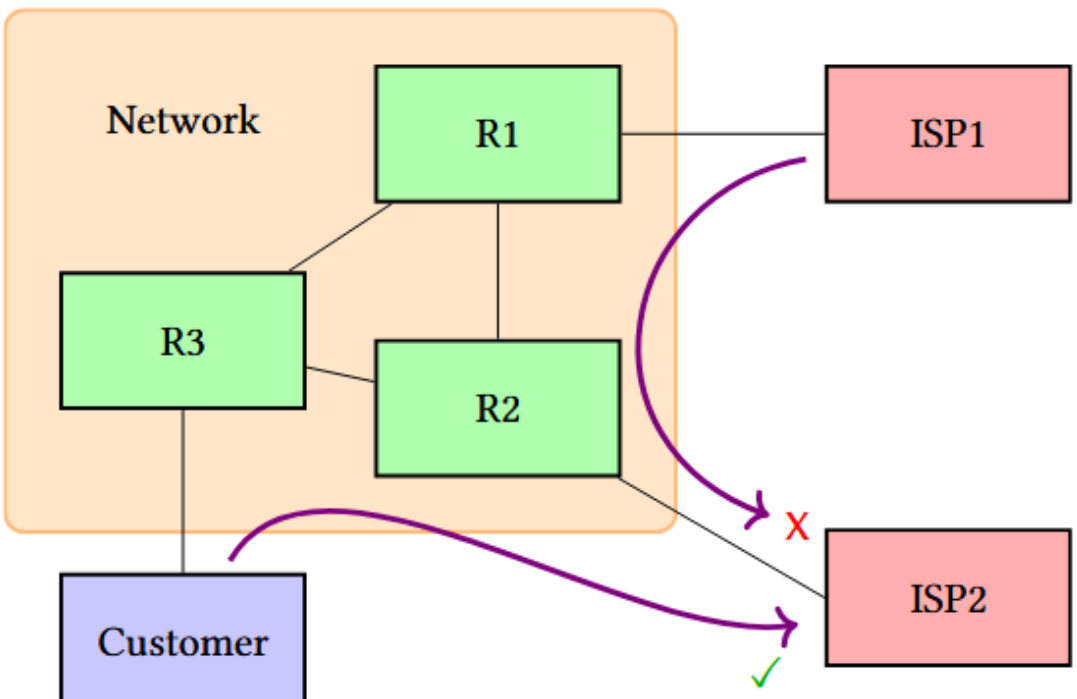

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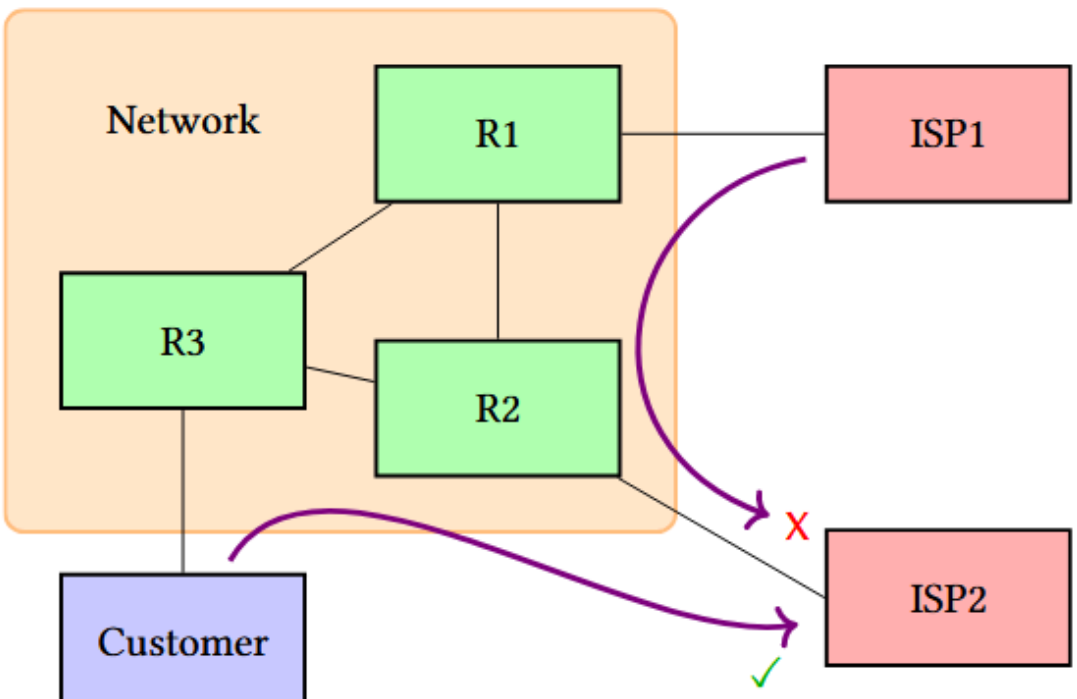

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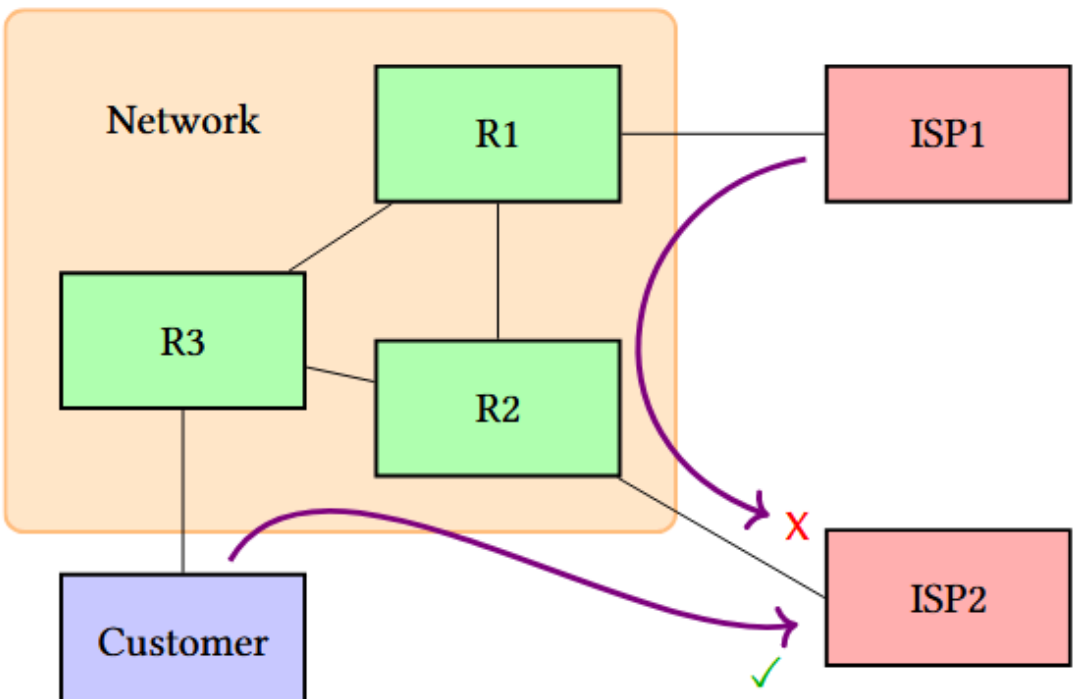

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Topology and policies are fixed, and for liveness checks, the path needs to be provided.

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For all location l, generates:

$$\left(\bigwedge \mathrm{inv}(l)\right) \wedge (r' = \mathrm{Import}(l, r)) \rightarrow \mathrm{inv}(l)[r/r']$$

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11 configuration bugs. Each run takes at most 15 mins.

Conclusion

LIGHTYEAR is a **modular** way to verify global properties of BGP control plane.

- Guaranteed correctness for safety and liveness.
- Constraints are simple to write and understand.
- Implemented in C# which can be directly integrated into existing systems.

Thank you!