

Secure Routing and Forwarding

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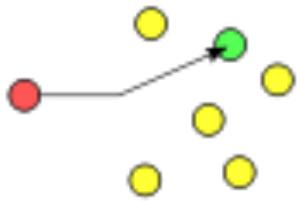
Secure Routing

How routing works?

How routing is attacked?

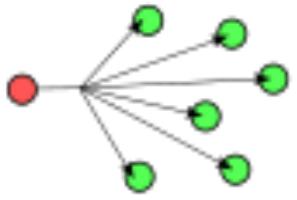
How routing is secured?

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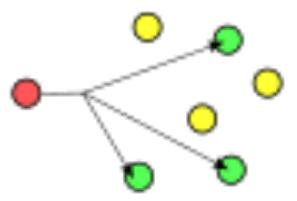
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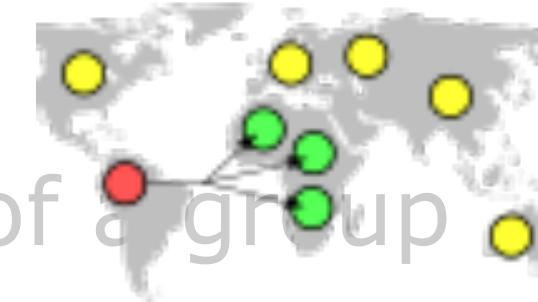
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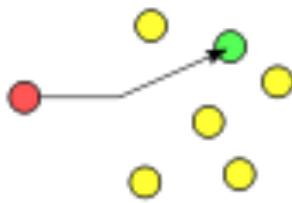


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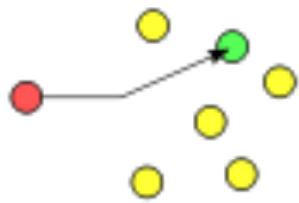


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dominant form of msg delivery on Internet

Routing Scheme



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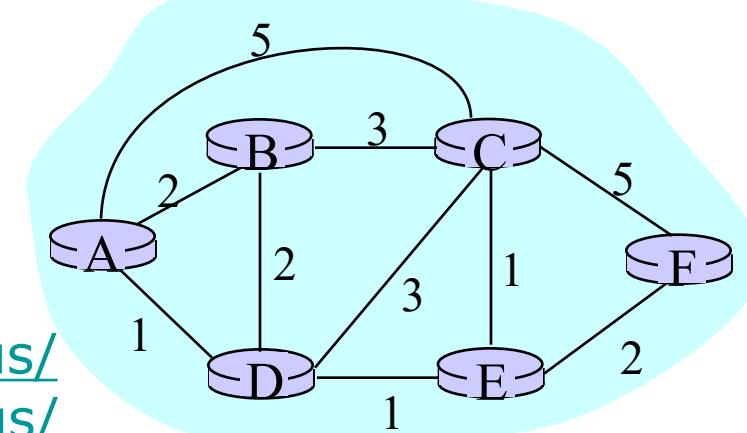
how to find a feasible path?

Routing Scheme

- Intra-domain routing
inside an autonomous system
- Inter-domain routing
between autonomous systems

Routing Scheme

- Intra-domain routing
consider A-F as routers
- Inter-domain routing
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examples from

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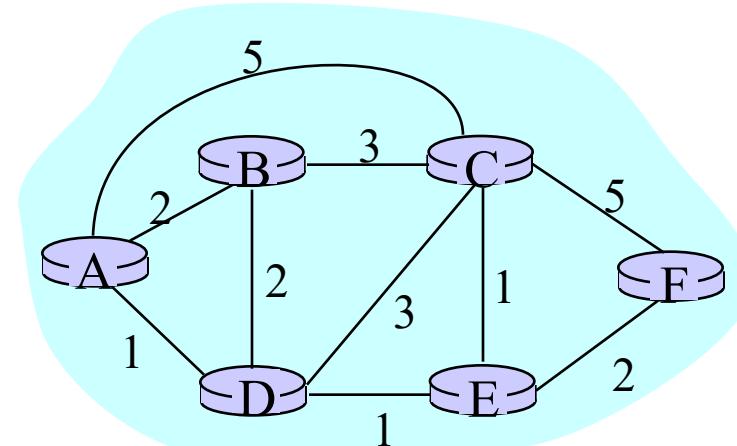
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Route Computation

- **Link-state algorithms**

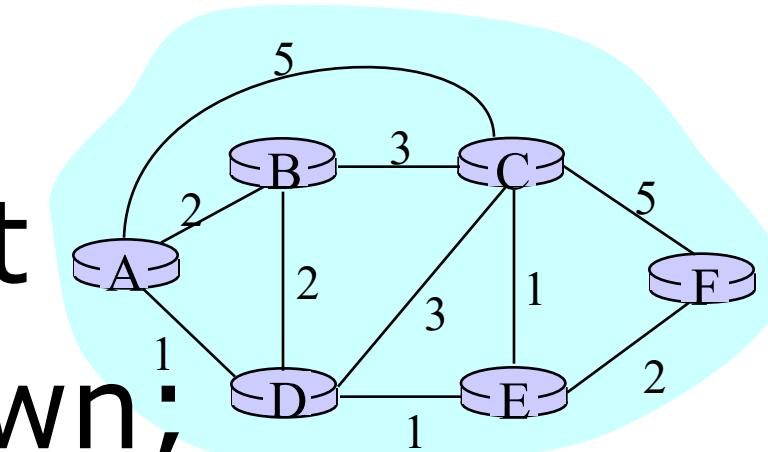
each router knows complete topology & link cost information;

independently run routing algorithm to calculate shortest path to each destination;



Dijkstra

- $c(i,j)$ link cost from i to j (∞ if unknown)
- $D(v)$ current value of cost of path from source to destination v ;
- $p(v)$ predecessor node along path from source to v ;
- N' set of nodes whose least cost path is already known;



1 ***Initialization:***

2 $N' = \{A\}$

3 for all nodes v

4 if v adjacent to A

5 then $D(v) = c(A,v)$

6 else $D(v) = \infty$

7

8 **Loop**

9 find w *not* in N' such that $D(w)$ is
minimum

10 add w to N'

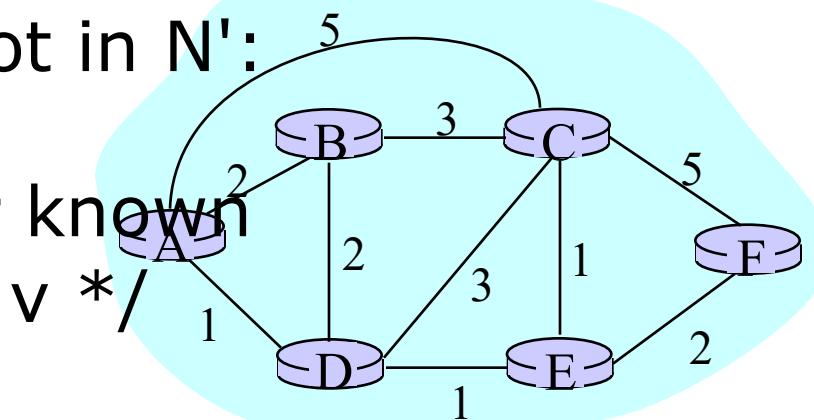
11 update $D(v)$ for all v adjacent to w and not in N' :

12 $D(v) = \min(D(v), D(w) + c(w,v))$

13 /* new cost to v is either the old cost, or known
shortest path cost to w plus cost from w to v */

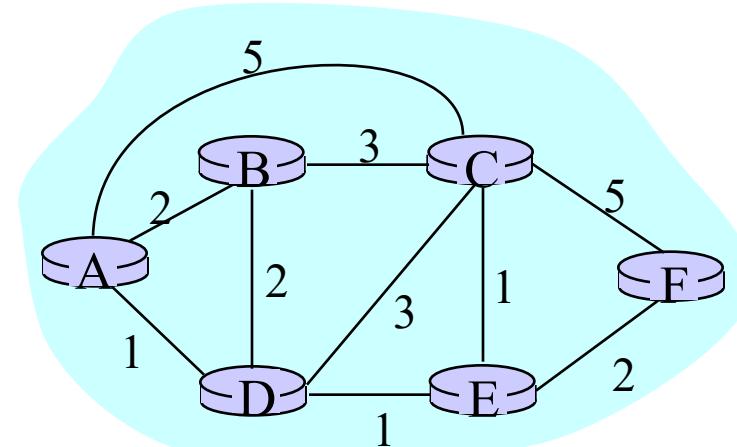
14 **until all nodes in N'**

Dijkstra



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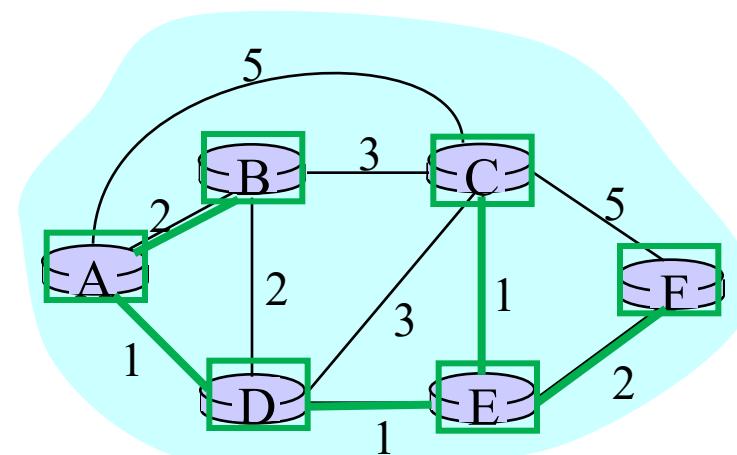
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1	AD	2,A	4,D		2,D	infinity
2	ADE	2,A	3,E			4,E
3	ADEB		3,E			4,E
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resulting shortest-path tree for A:

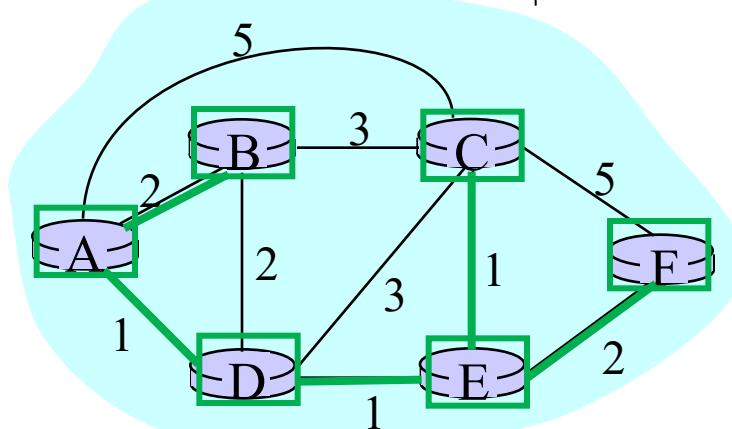


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destination	link
B	(A, B)
D	(A, D)
E	(A, D)
C	(A, D)
F	(A, D)

resulting forwarding table at A:

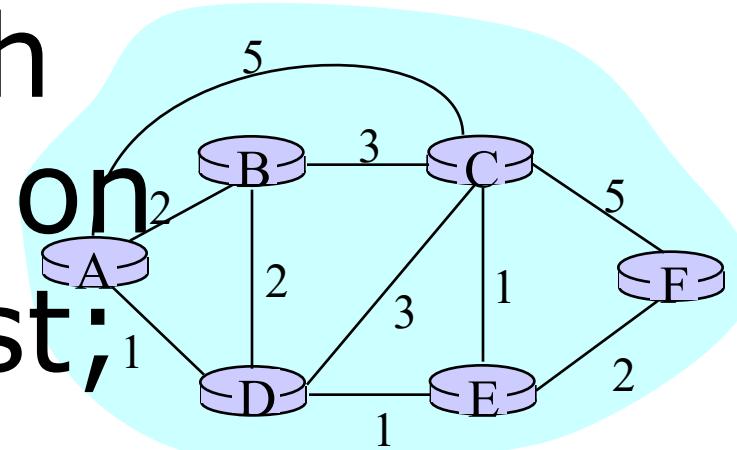


what if no global view?

Route Computation

- **Distance-vector algorithms**

each router knows direct neighbors & link costs to neighbors;
independently calculate shortest path to each destination through an iterative process based on neighbors' distances to dest;

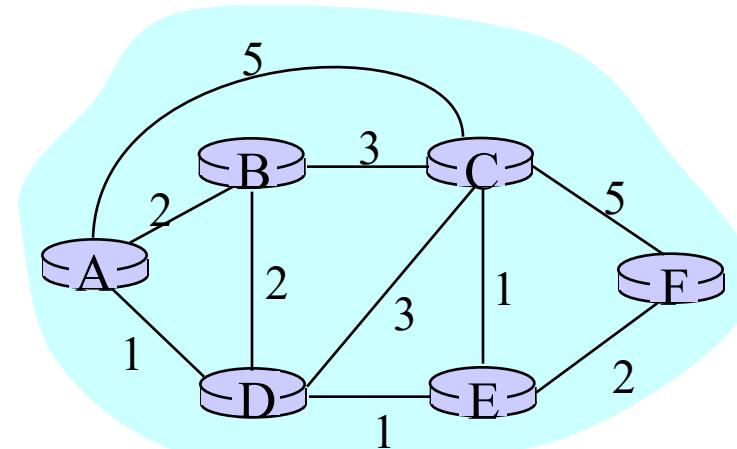


Bellman-Ford

$D_x(y)$ cost of least-cost path from x to y :

$$D_x(y) = \min\{c(x,v) + D_v(y)\}$$

for all neighbors v of x



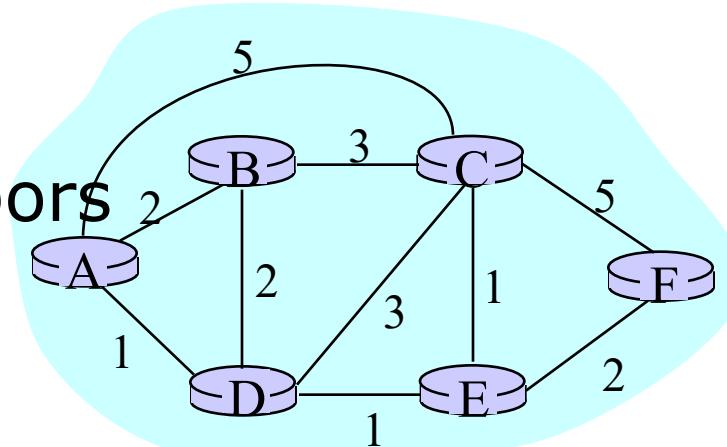
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wait for (change in local link cost of msg from neighbor)

recompute estimates

if DV to any dest has changed, notify neighbors



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$$D_A(F) = \min \{c(A,B) + D_B(F),$$

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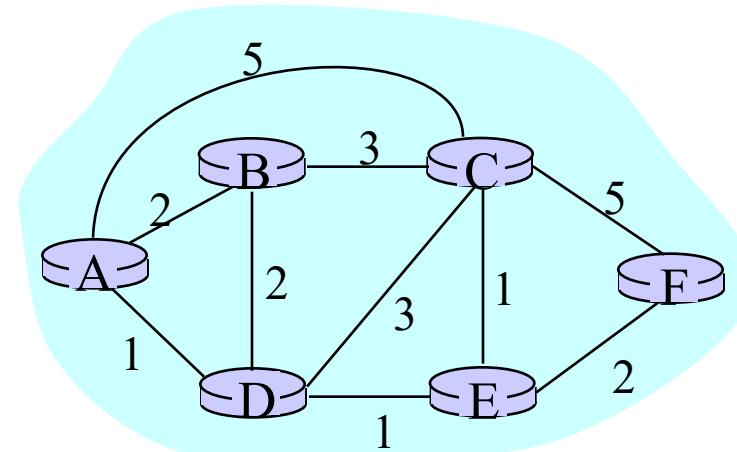
$$c(A,C) + D_C(F) \}$$

$$= \min \{2 + 5,$$

$$1 + 3,$$

$$5 + 3\} = 4$$

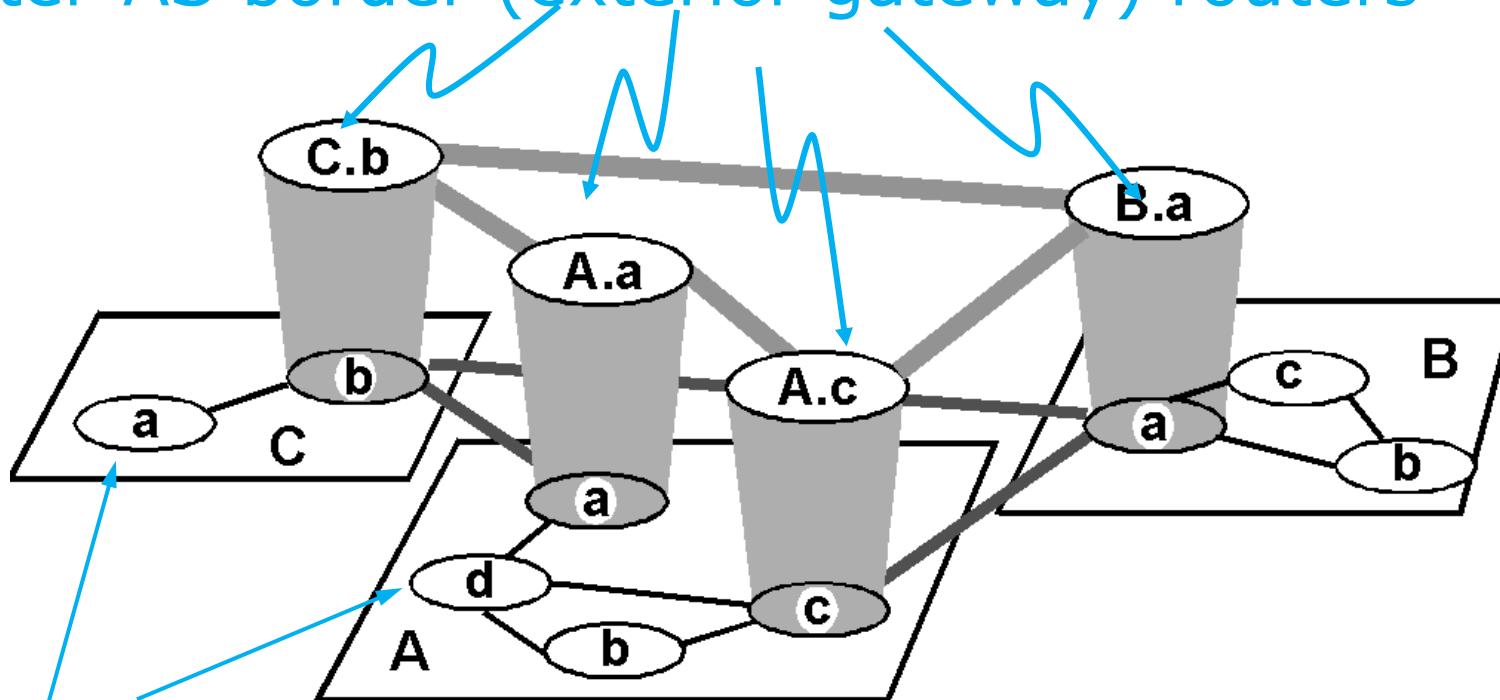
node leading to shortest path is next hop
→ forwarding table



intra-domain vs inter-domain

Hierarchical Routing

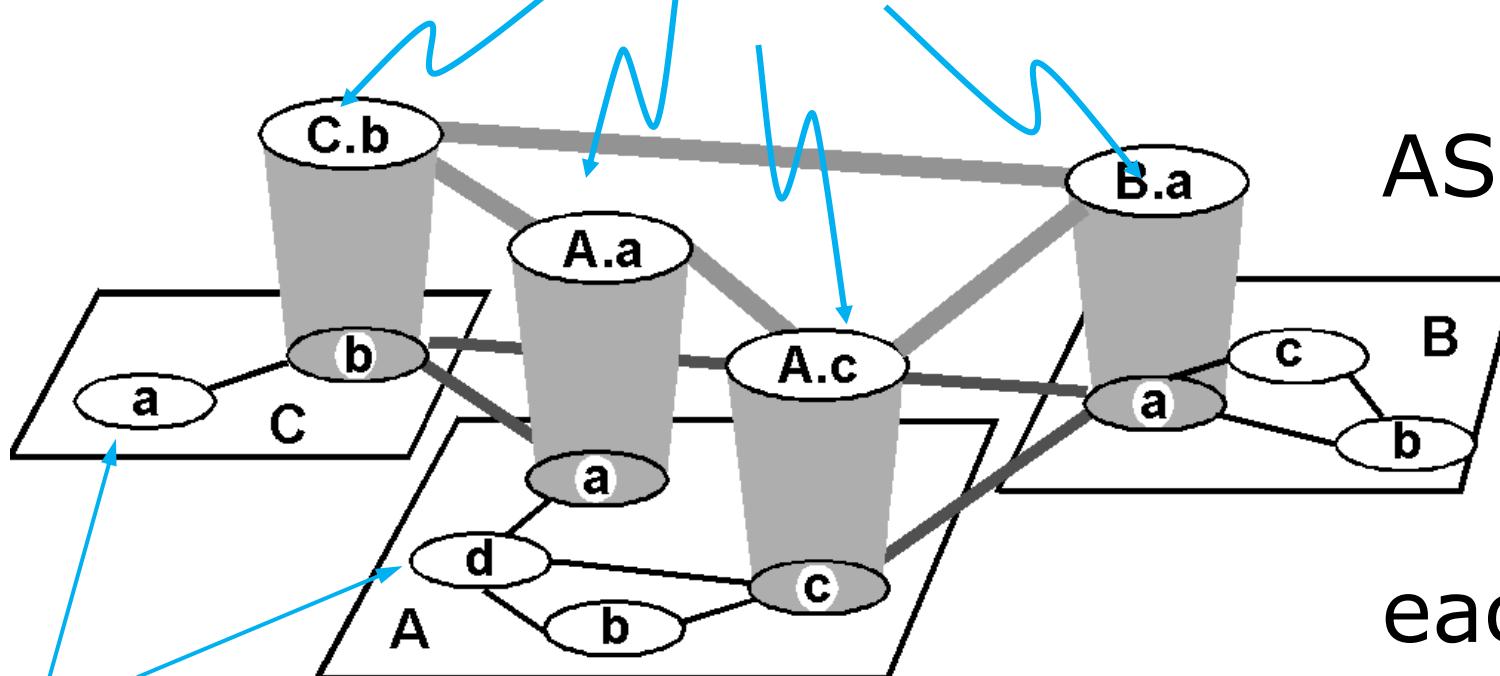
inter-AS border (exterior gateway) routers



intra-AS (interior gateway) routers

Hierarchical Routing

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AS: autonomous system

intra-AS (interior gateway) routers

each AS uses its own IGP
internal routing protocol;
border routers run BGP
as well;

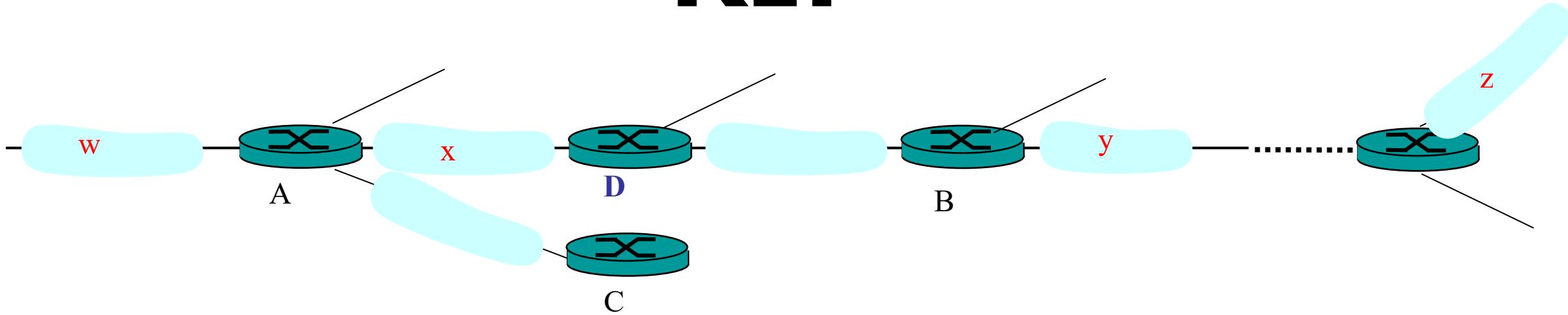
IGP: Interior Gateway Prot

- RIP
routing information protocol
- OSPF
open shortest path first

RIP

- Distance-vector algorithm
 - distance metric: # of hops (max=15)
- Neighbor routers exchange routing advertisement every 30 seconds
- Failure and recovery
 - if no update from neighbor N after 180s
invalidate routes via N, notify neighbors

RIP



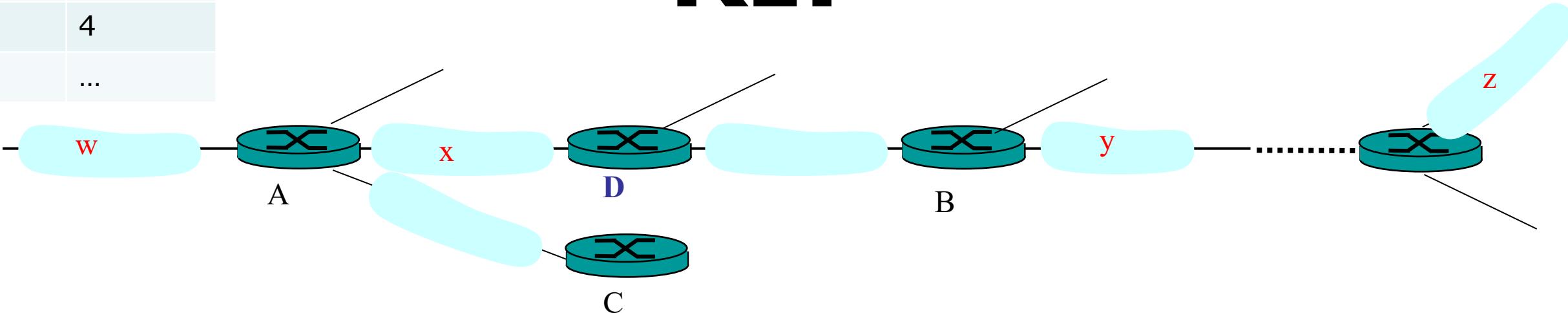
D:
routing
table

destination network	next router	# of hops to destination
w	A	2
y	B	2
z	B	7
x	--	1
...

dest	hops
w	1
x	1
z	4
...	...

advertisement
from A to D

RIP



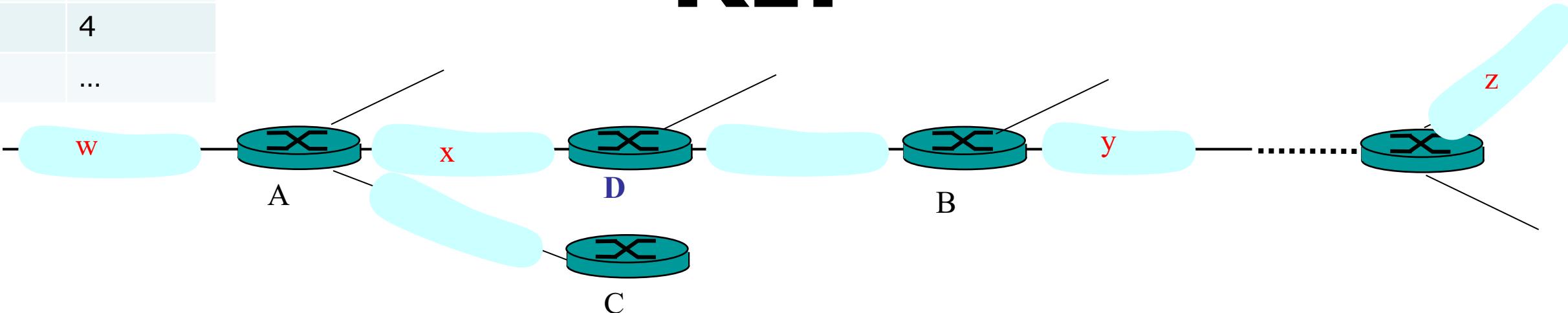
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z	B → A	7 → 5
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...

OSPF

- Link-state algorithm
 - each node knows its direct neighbors & the link distance to each(link-state);
 - each node periodically broadcasts its link-state to the entire network;

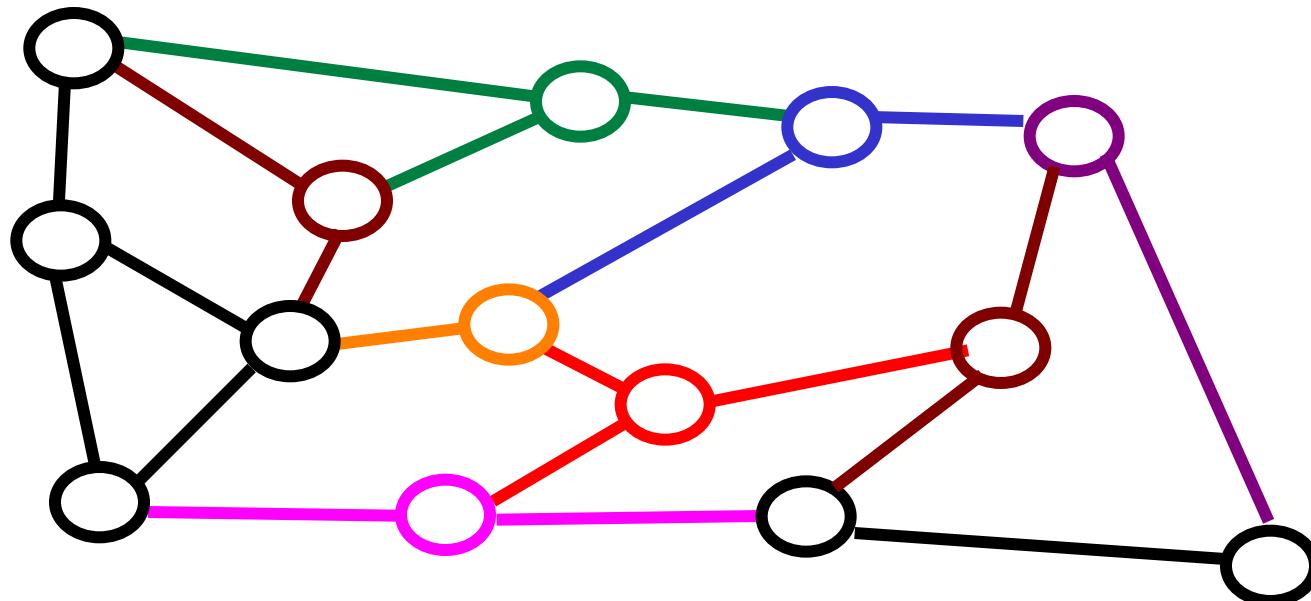
OSPF

- LSP (Link-State Packet)

one entry per neighbor router:
ID of the node that created the LSP;
a list of direct neighbors, with link cost;
sequence number for this LSP (SEQ);
time-to-live (TTL) for info in this LSP;

OSPF

- Build a complete map using link states
everyone broadcasts a piece of topology
put all pieces together → complete map



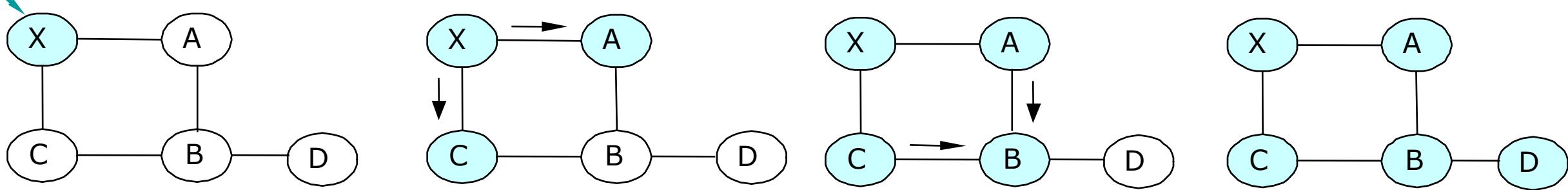
OSPF

- Each node stores and forwards LSPs
- Decrement TTL of stored SLPs
- Discard info when TTL=0
- Compute routes using Dijkstra
- Generate LSPs periodically with increasing SEQ

OSPF

- Reliable flooding of LSP

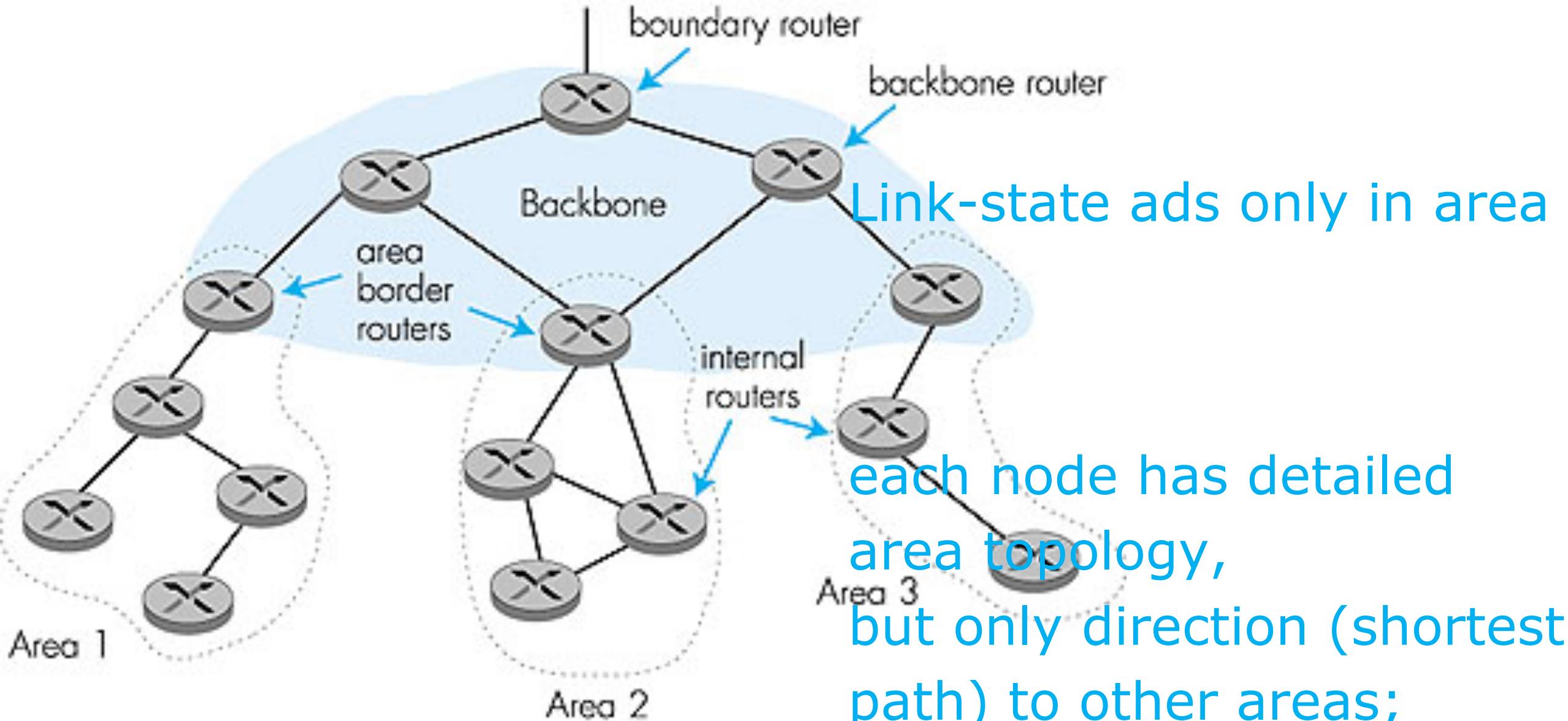
forward each received LSP to all neighbors but the one that sent it;
use the source-ID and SEQ to detect duplicates;



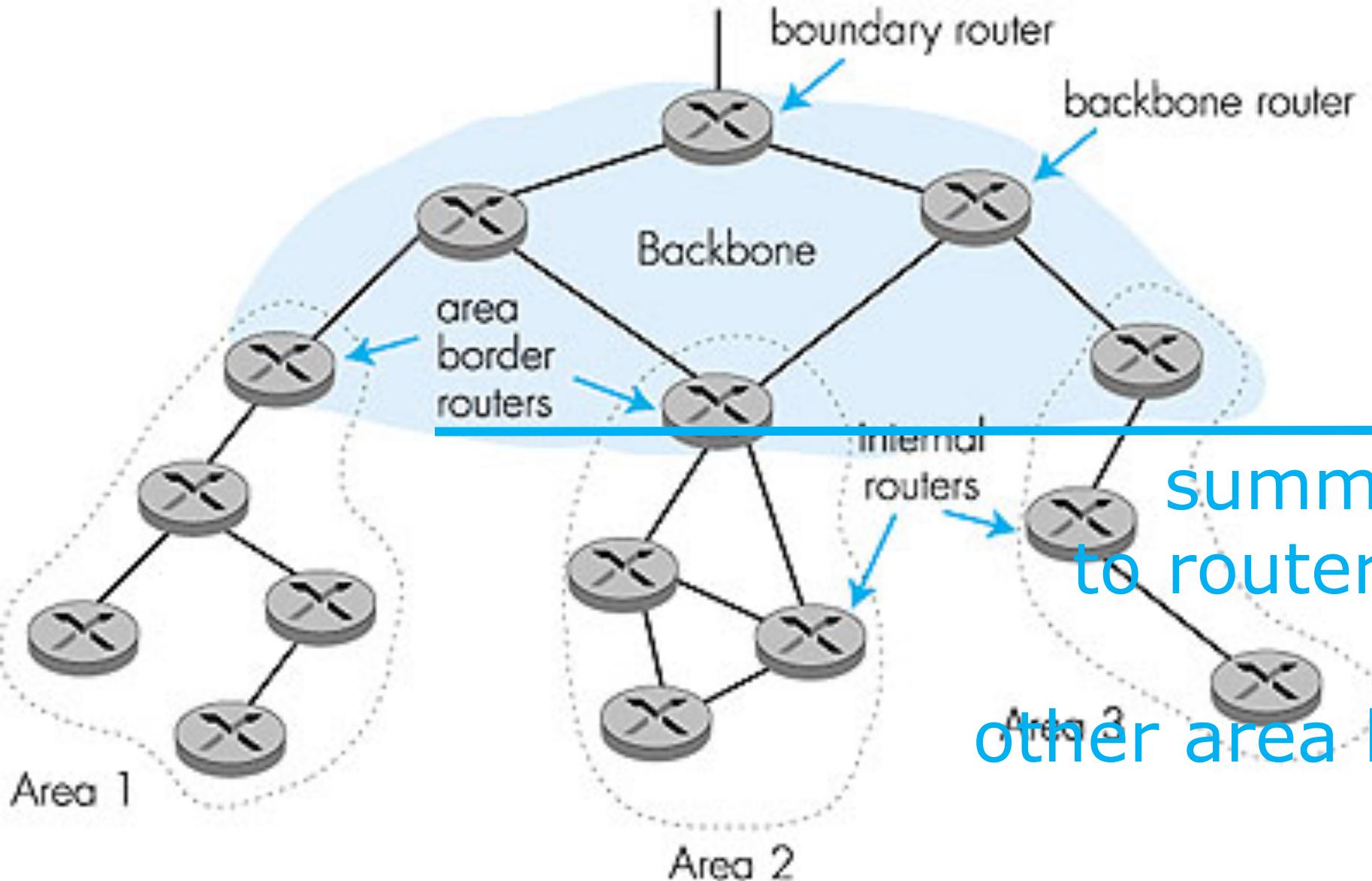
OSPF

- All OSPF messages are authenticated
- Multiple same-cost paths are allowed
- Hierarchical OSPF is used in large dom

Hierarchical OSPF

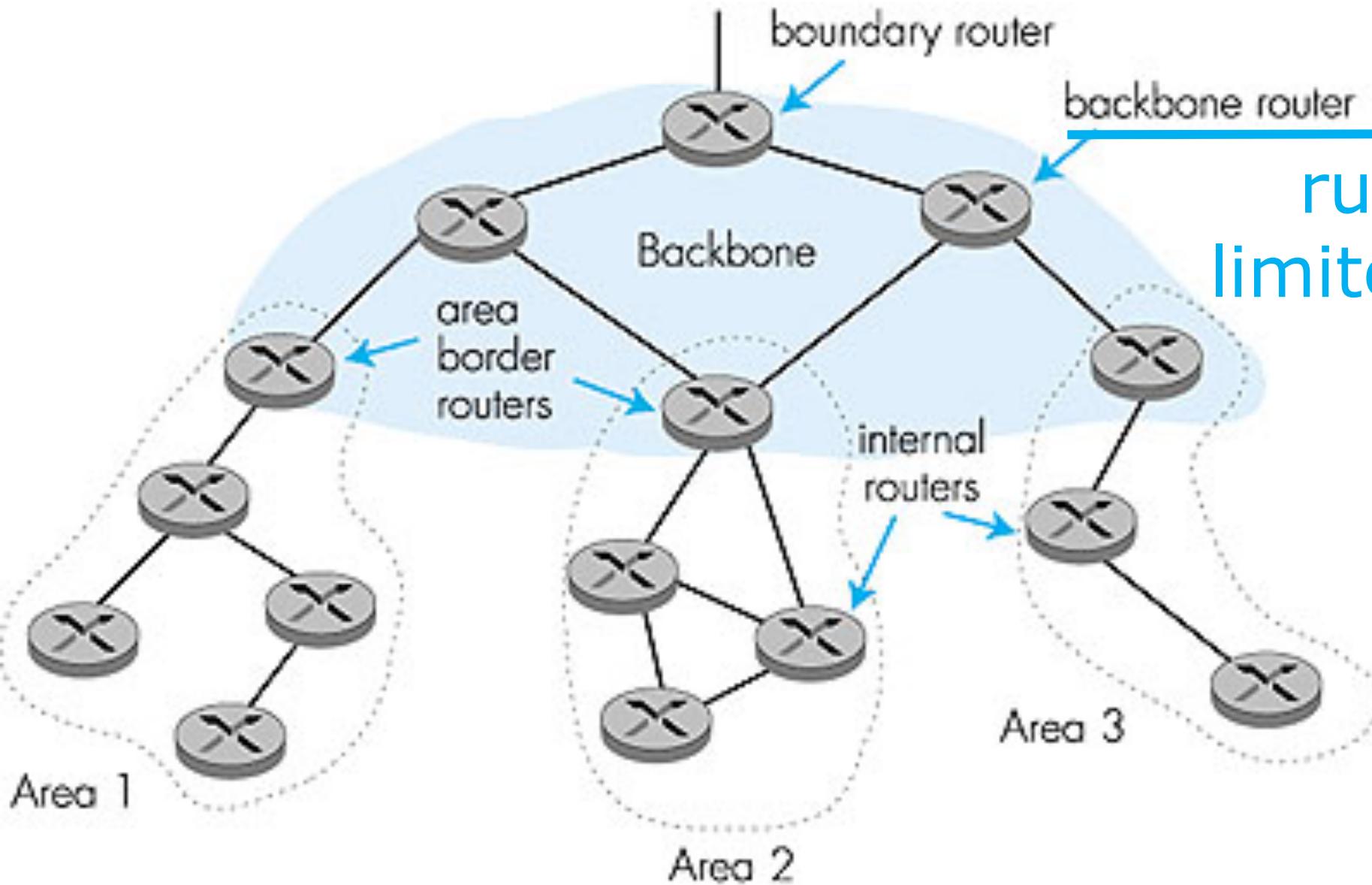


Hierarchical OSPF



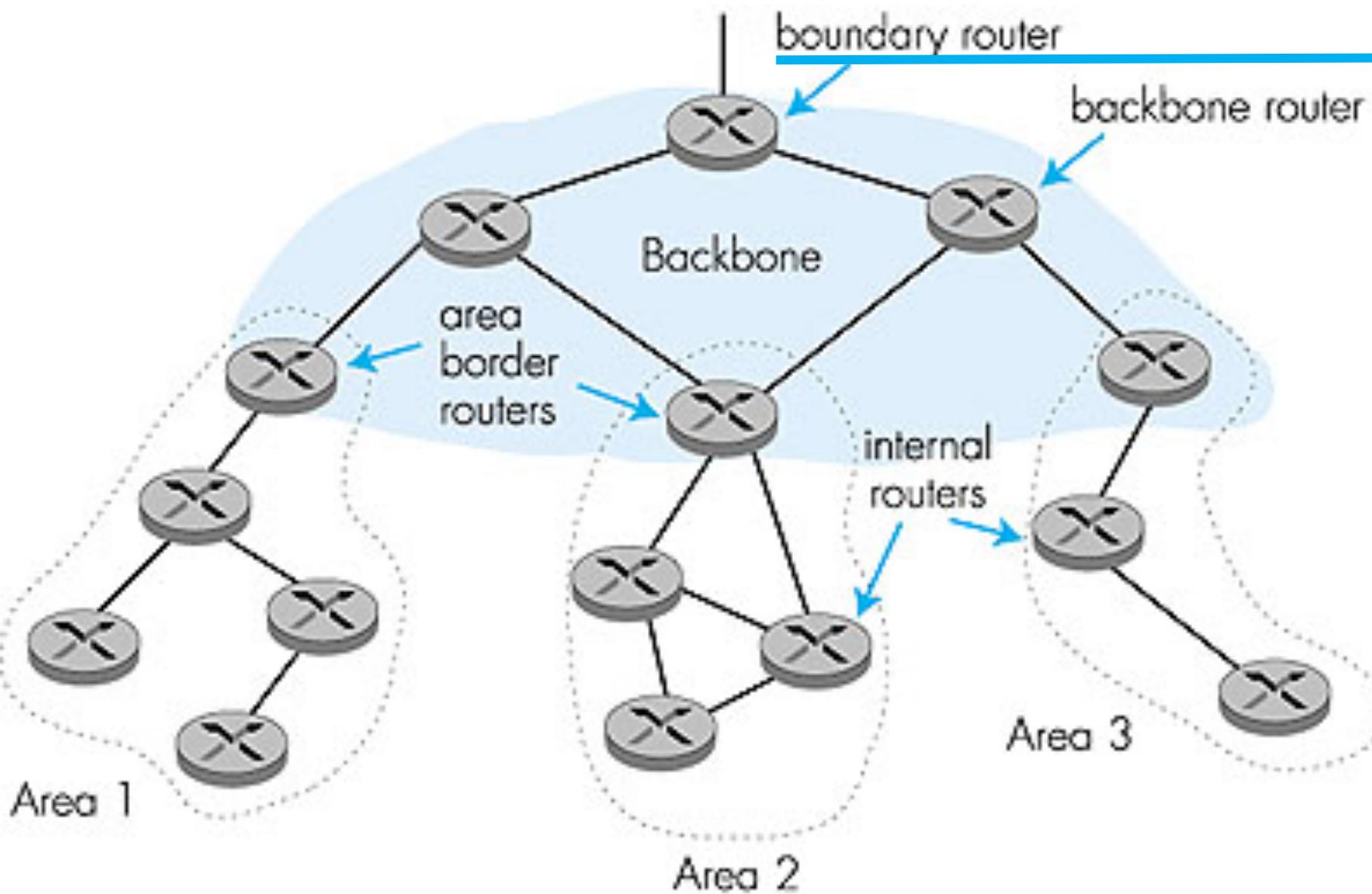
summarize distances
to routers in local area;
advertise to
other area border routers;

Hierarchical OSPF



run OSPF routing
limited to backbone

Hierarchical OSPF

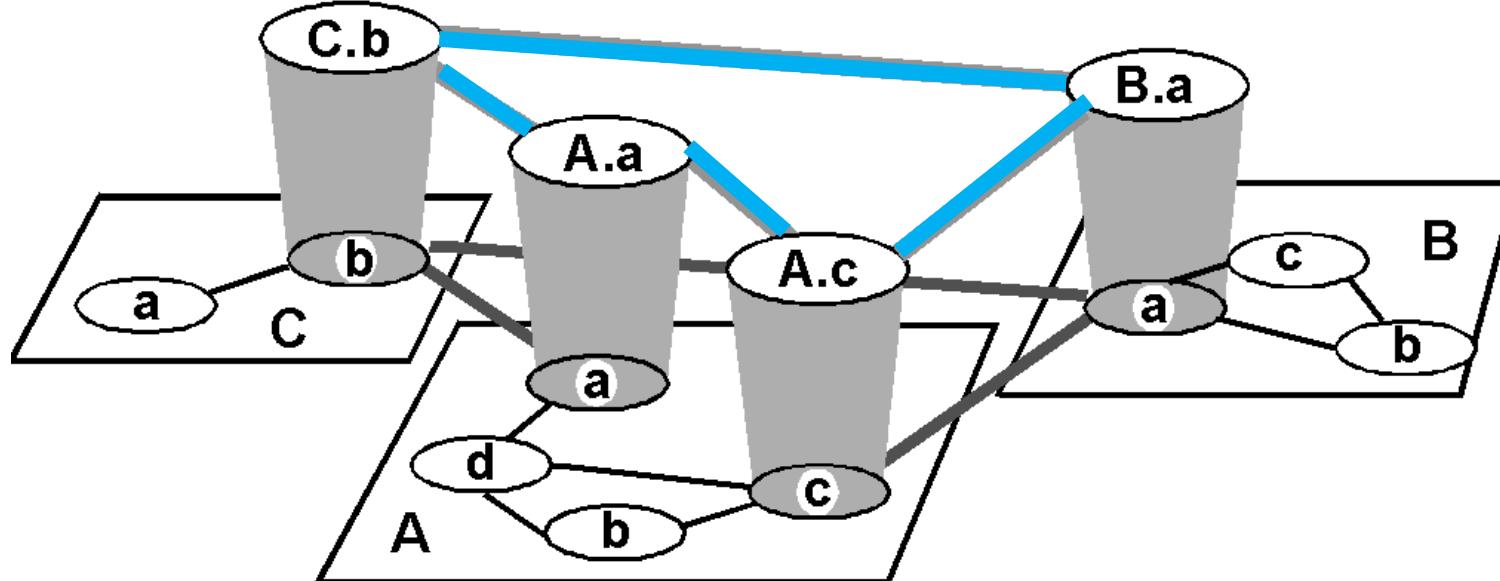


connect to
other ASes

inter-domain routing

BGP: Border Gateway Protocol

BGP



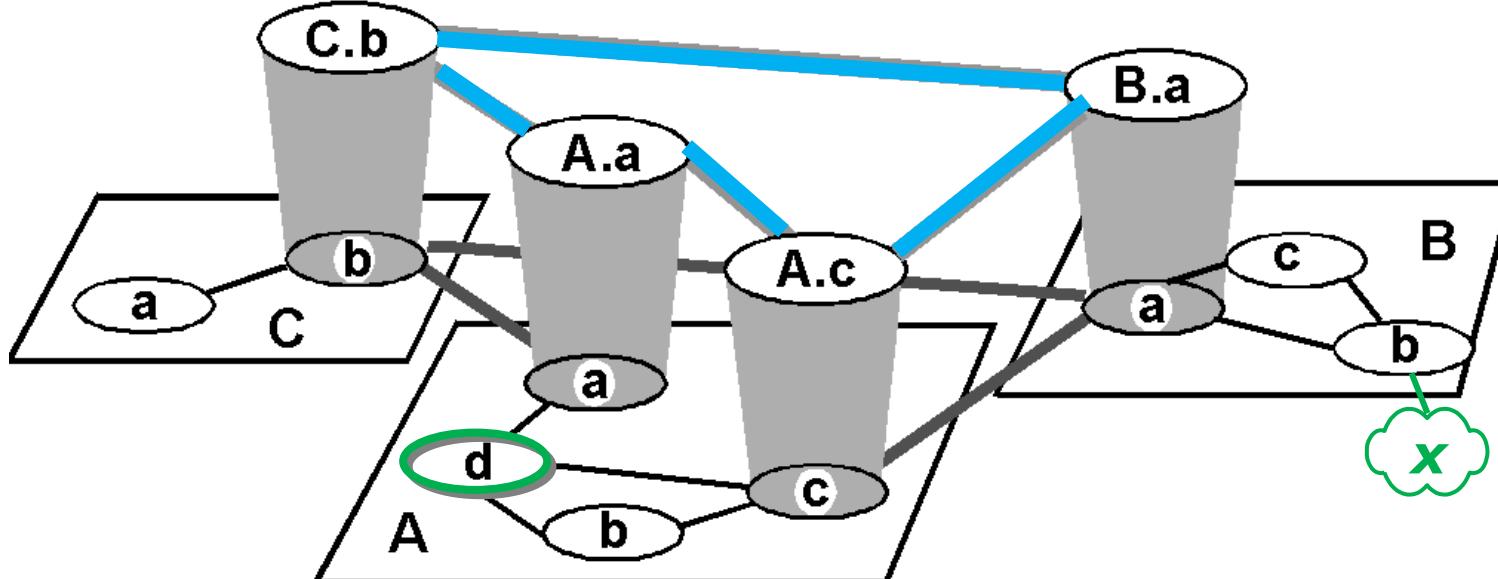
- Path-vector protocol among border routers
 - each border router broadcasts to neighbors entire path of AS sequence to destination:
e.g., $\text{Path}(B,C) = B, A, C$

BGP

For each AS:

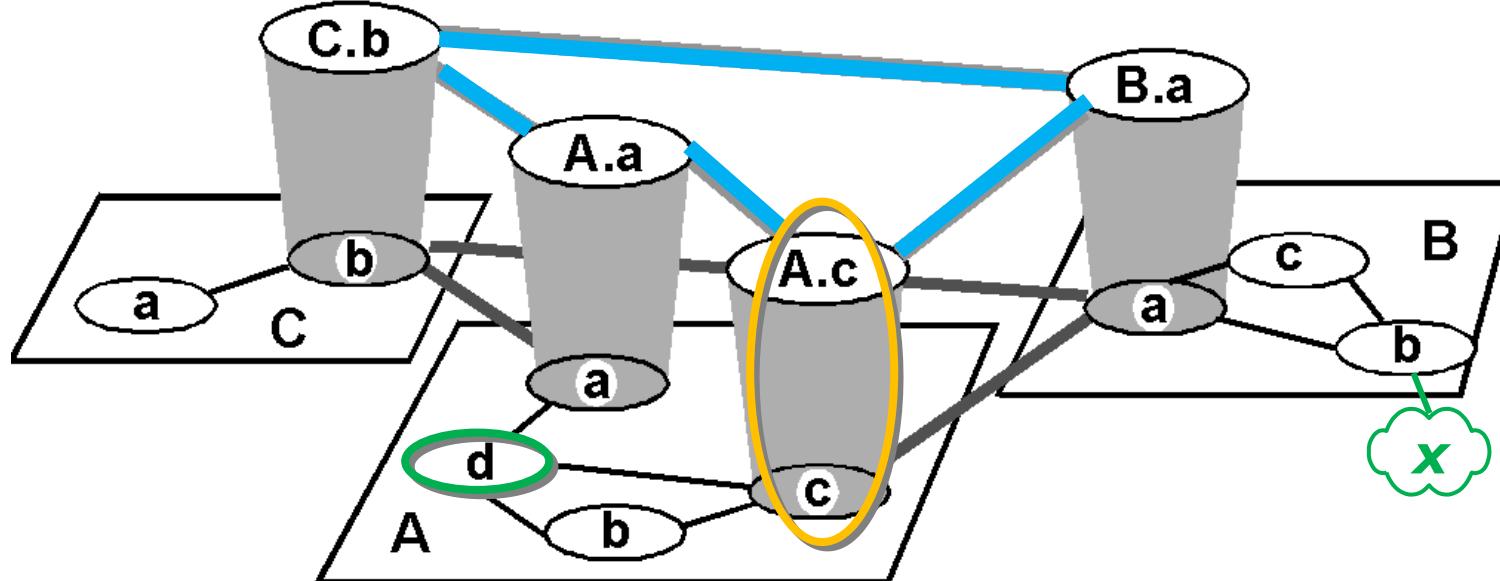
- Obtain subnet reachability information from neighbor ASes;
- Propagate the reachability information to all internal routers;
- Determine routes to subnets based on reachability information and policy

BGP



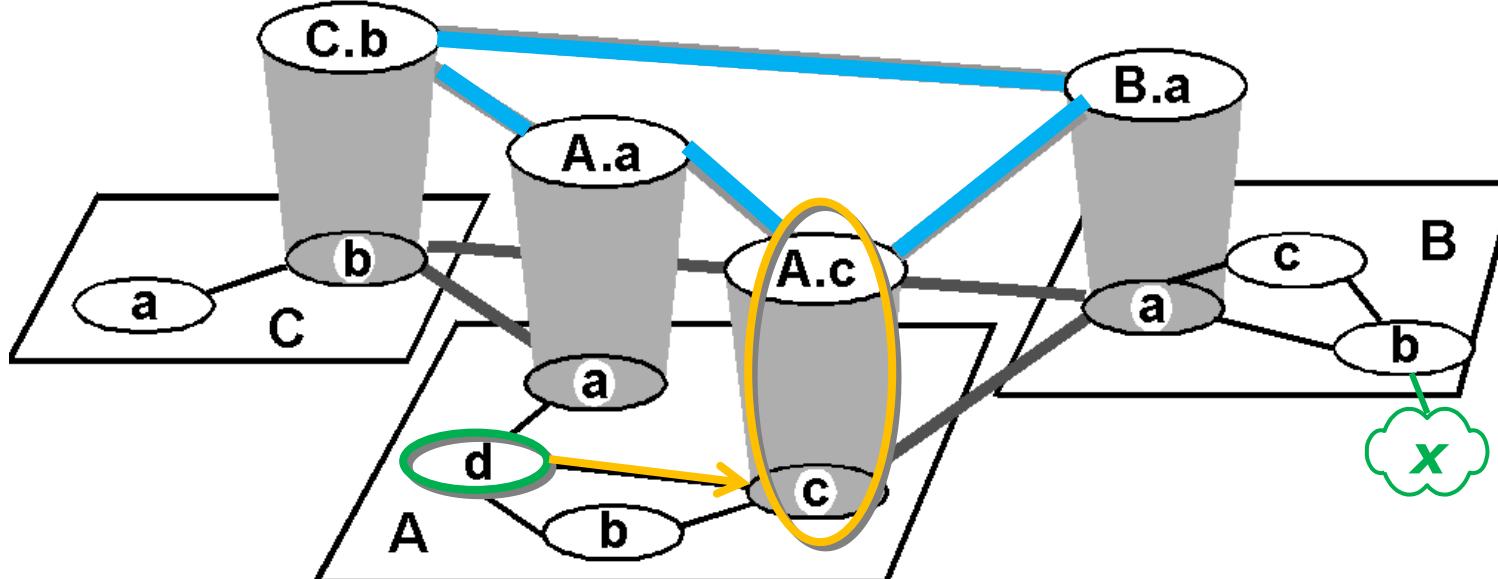
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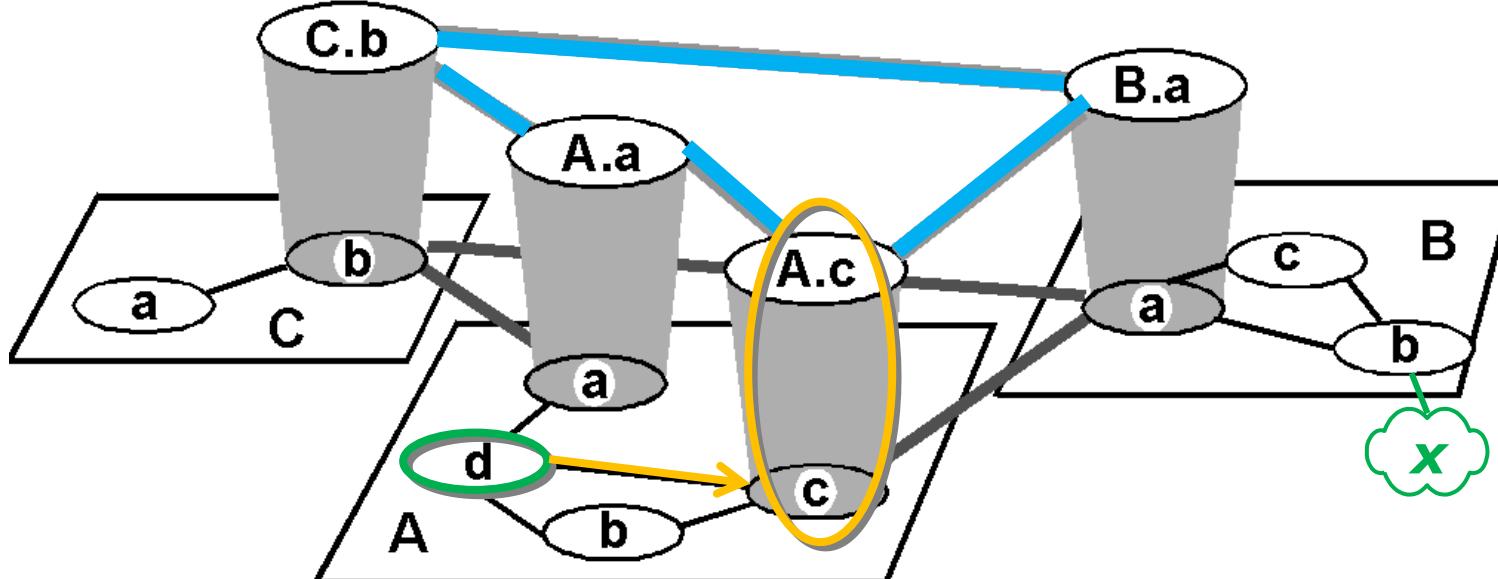
- Example: forwarding table entry for $d \rightarrow x$
 - AS A learns from BGP that subnet x is reachable from AS B via border router A.c;

BGP



- Example: forwarding table entry for $d \rightarrow x$
router d determines from intra-domain routing info
that its interface I is on the least cost path to c;

BGP



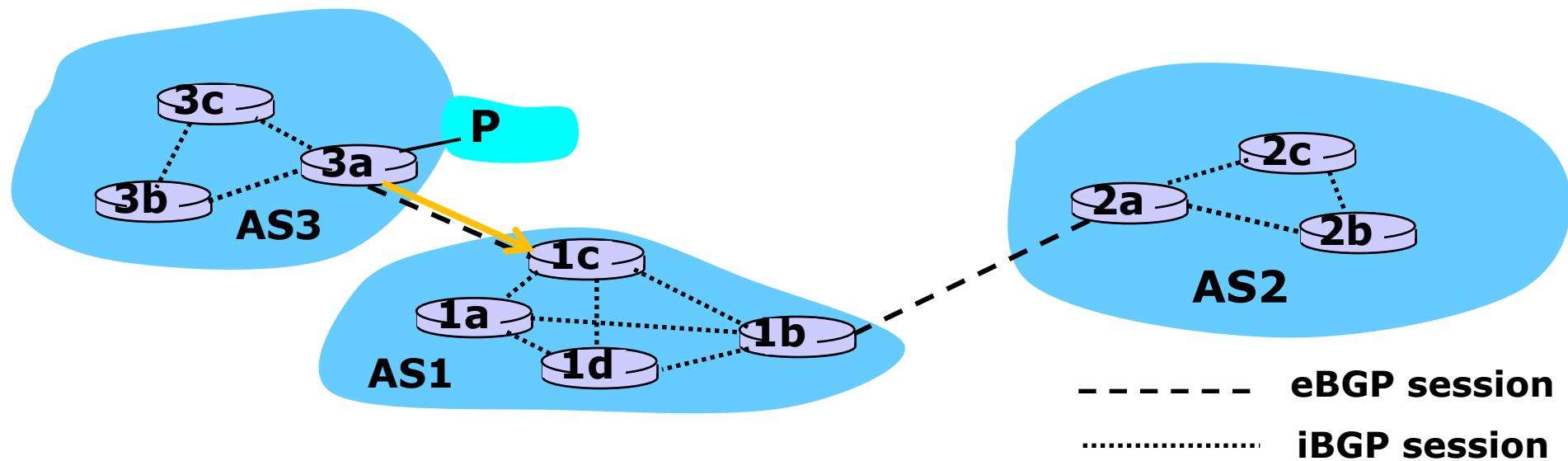
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destination	next hop
x	I

BGP

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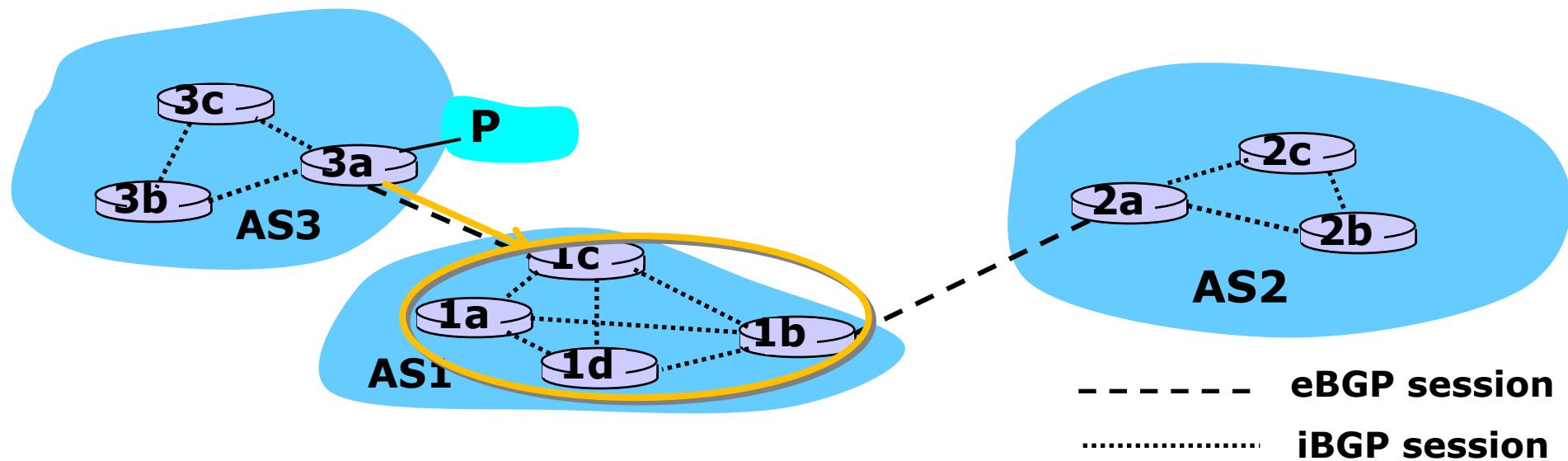
- with eBGP session 3a-to-1c,
AS3 sends prefix reachability info to AS1



BGP

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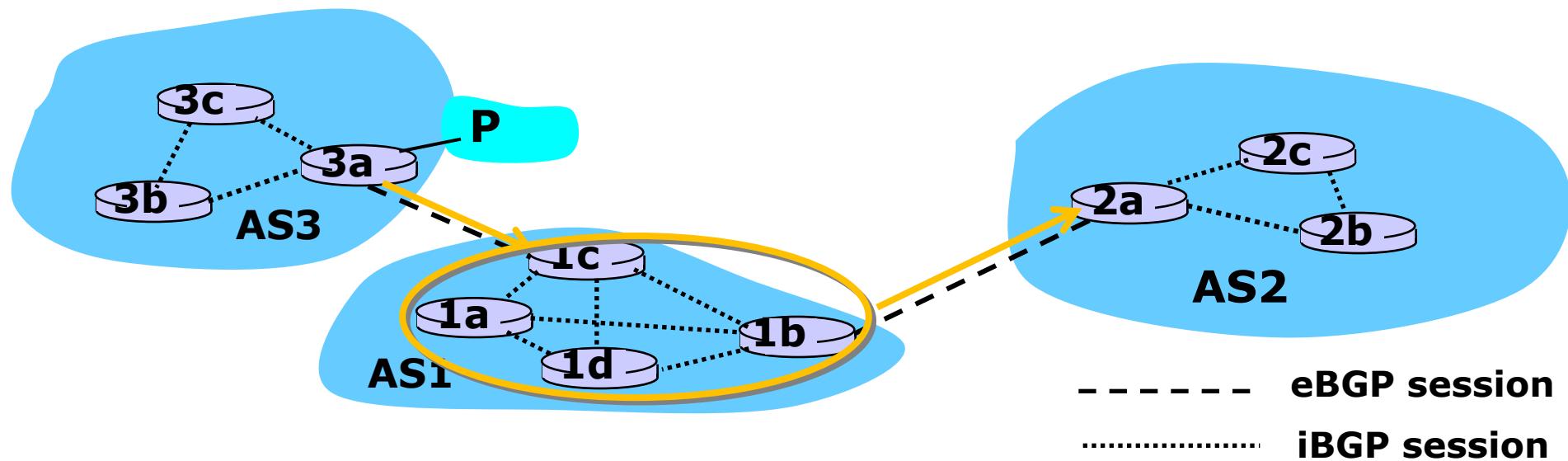
- 1c uses iBGP sessions to distribute this new prefix reachability info to all routers in AS1;



BGP

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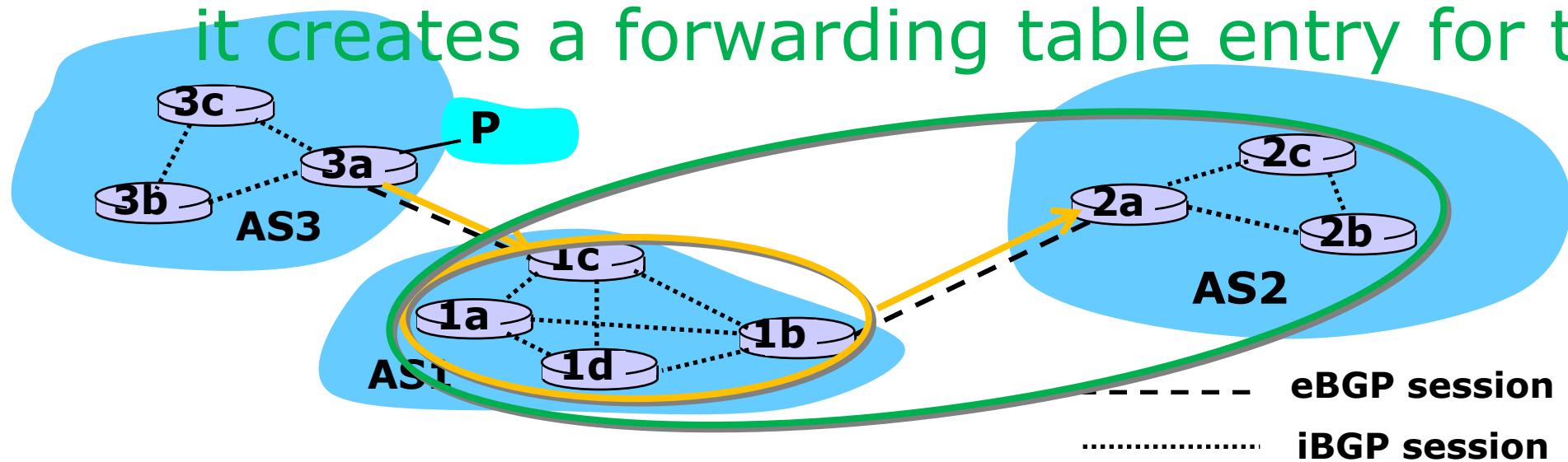


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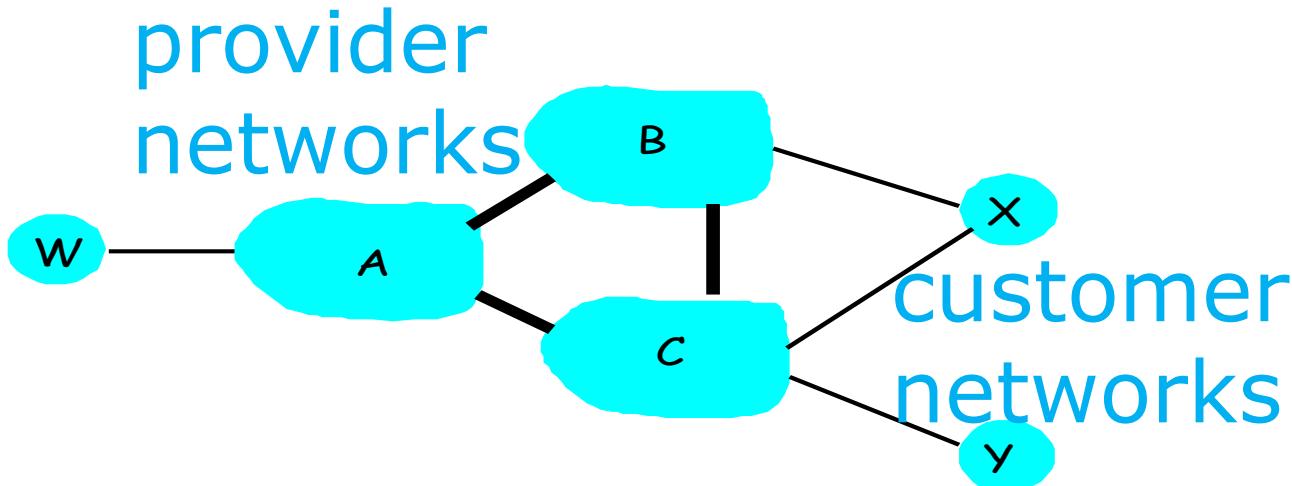
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when a router learns about a new prefix,
it creates a forwarding table entry for the prefix



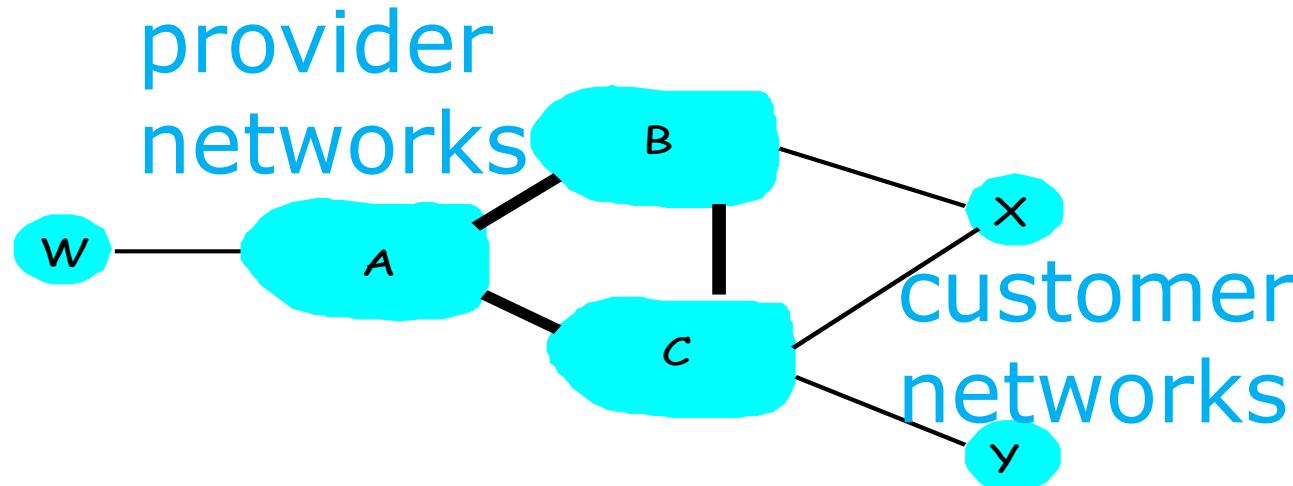
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- Provider networks: A, B, C
- Customer networks (of provider networks): X, Y, W

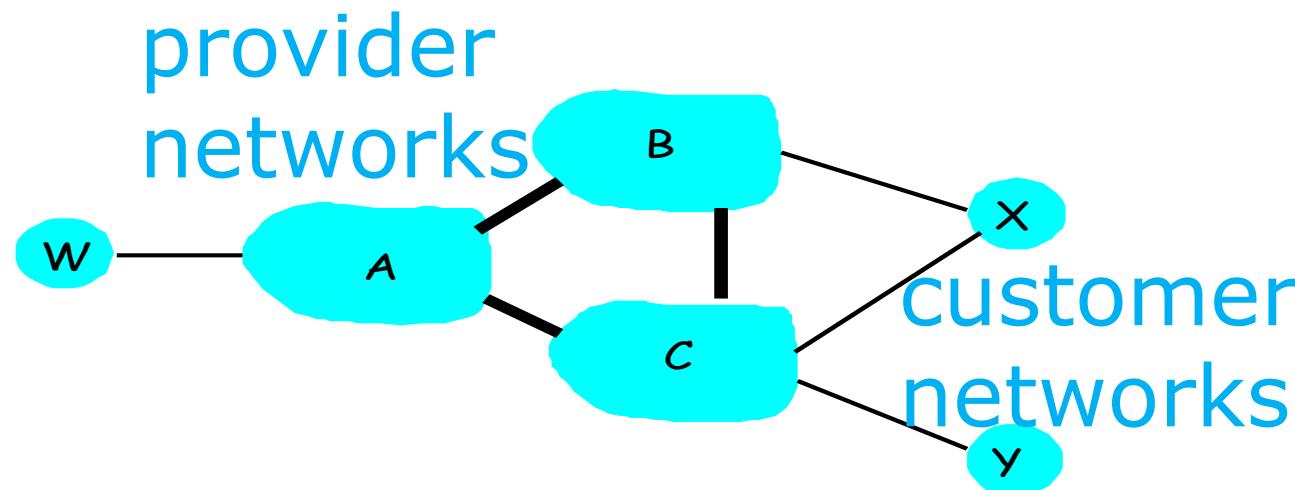
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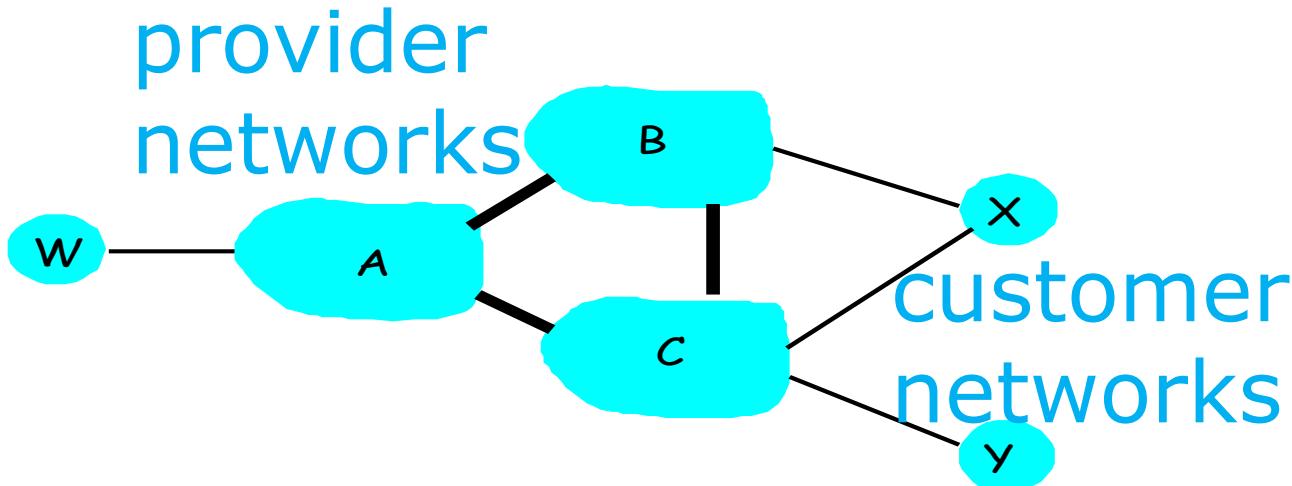


X does not want to carry traffic from B to C, so X will not advertise to B a route to C.

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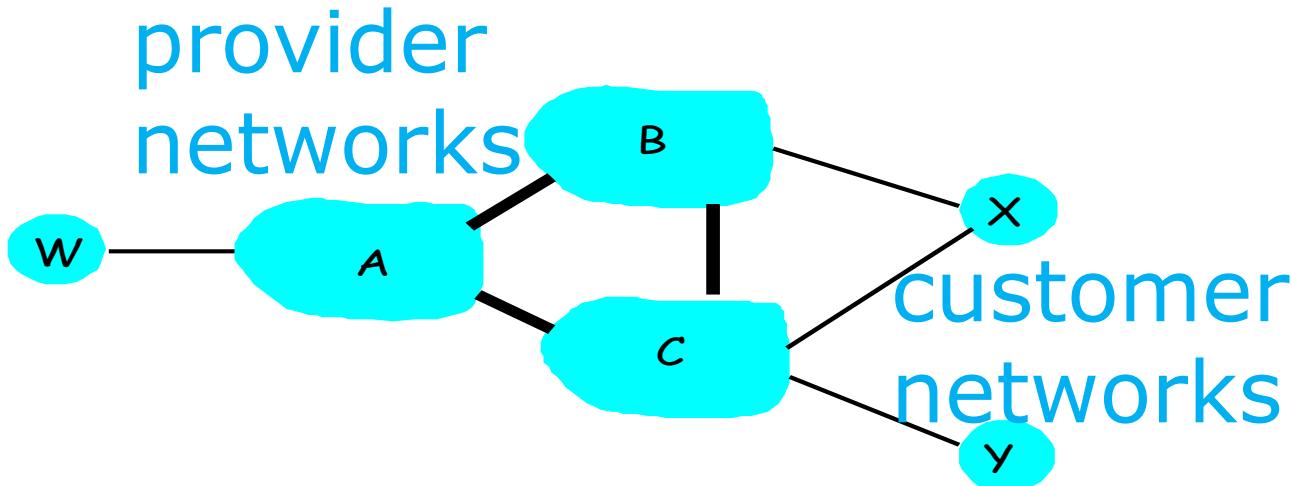
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Routing policy:

- A advertises to B the path AW
- B advertises to X the path BAW

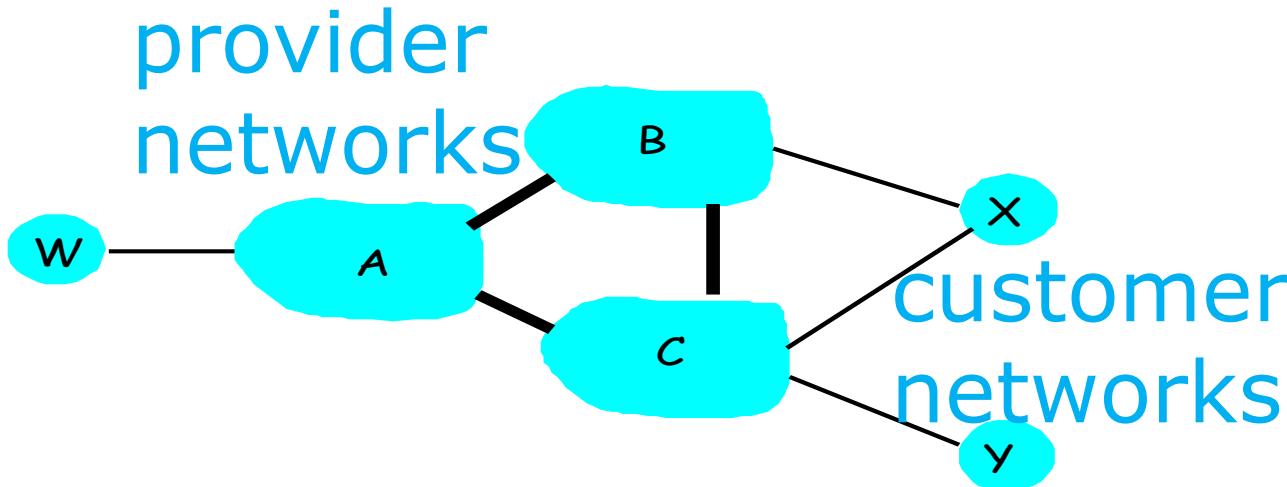
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- Should B advertise to C the path BAW?

BGP



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No way!
B gets no revenue for
routing CBAW as neither
W nor C is B's customer.
B wants to route only
to/from its customers.

routing attacks

distance-vector

link-state

BGP

routing attacks

distance-vector:

announce 0 distance to all other nodes

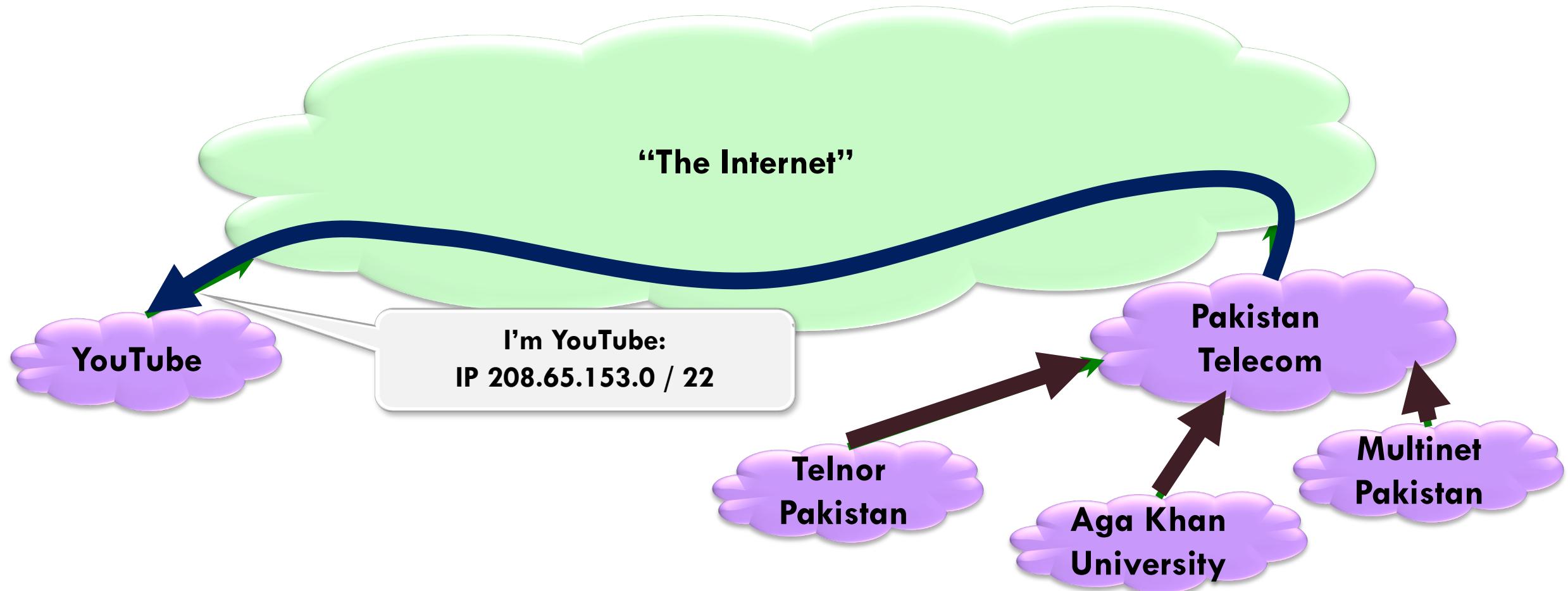
link-state:

drop links; claim direct link to any other routers

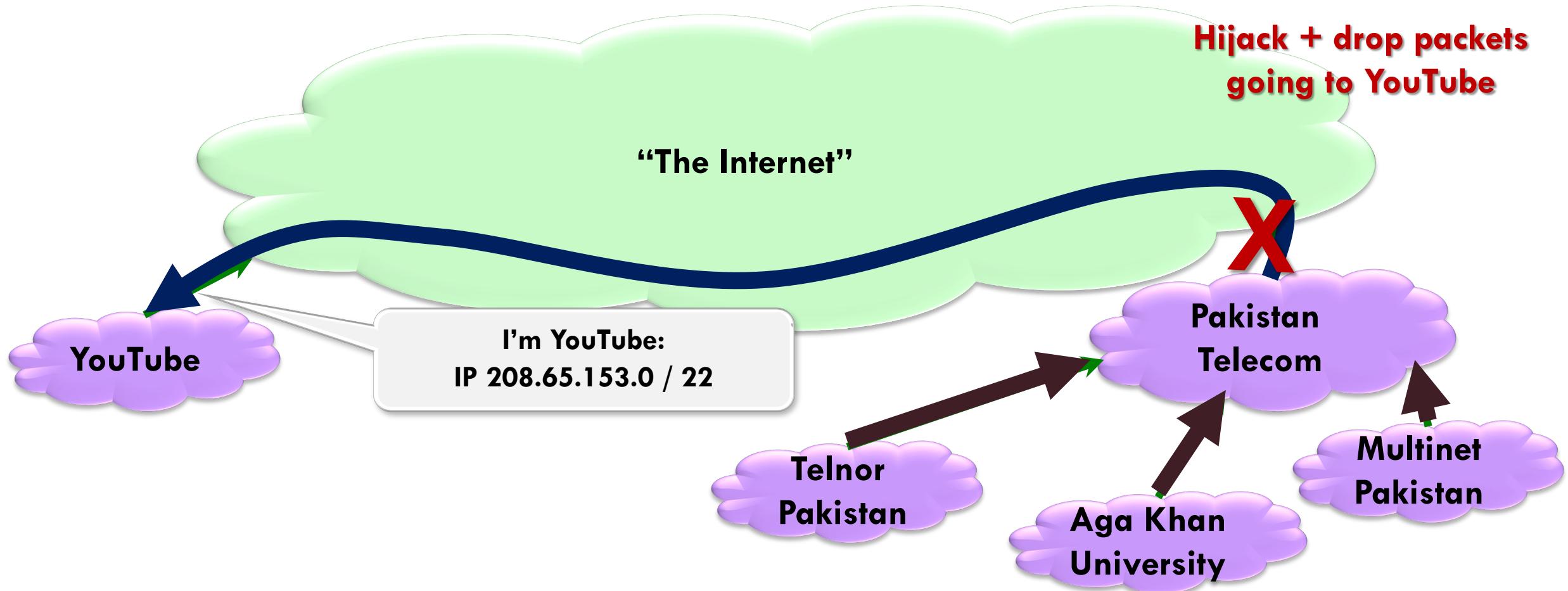
BGP:

announce arbitrary prefix; alter paths

Prefix Hijacking: Case 1

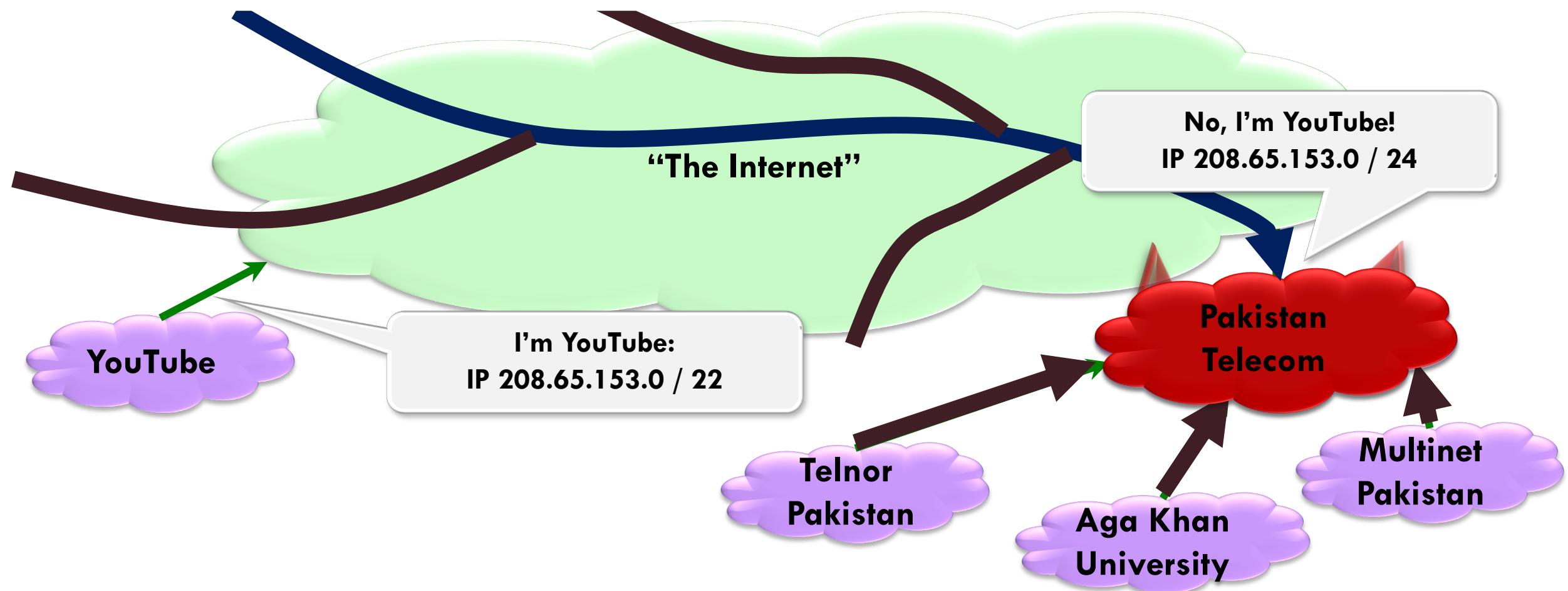


Here's what should have happened....

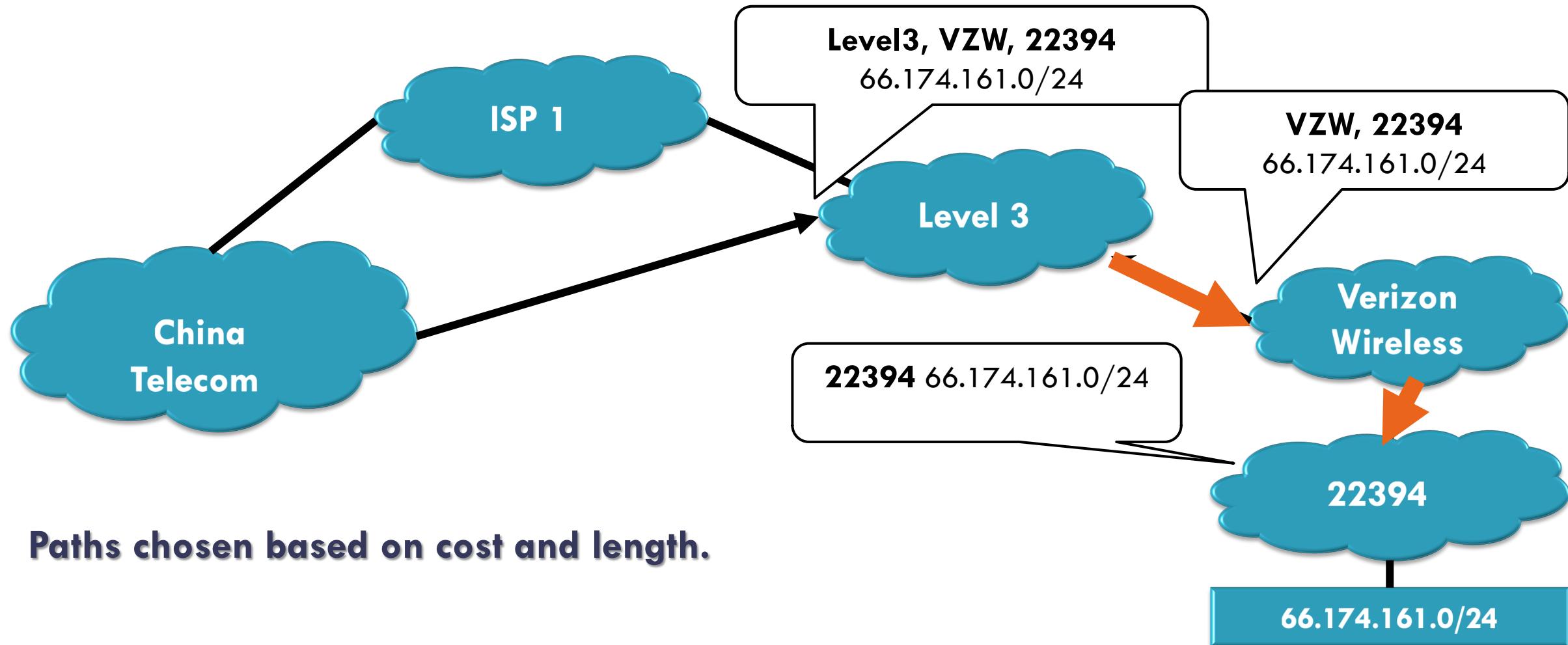


Block your own customers.

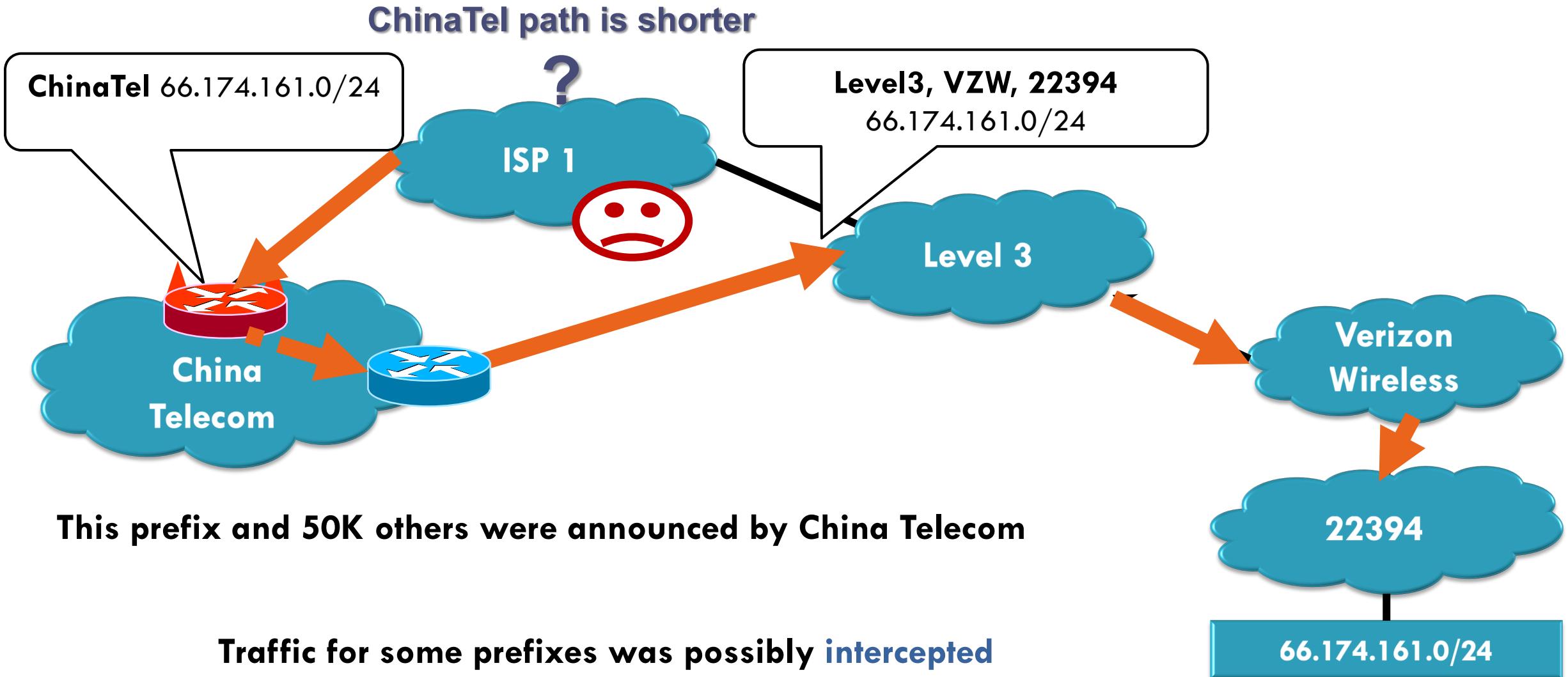
But here's what Pakistan ended up doing...



Prefix Hijacking: Case 2

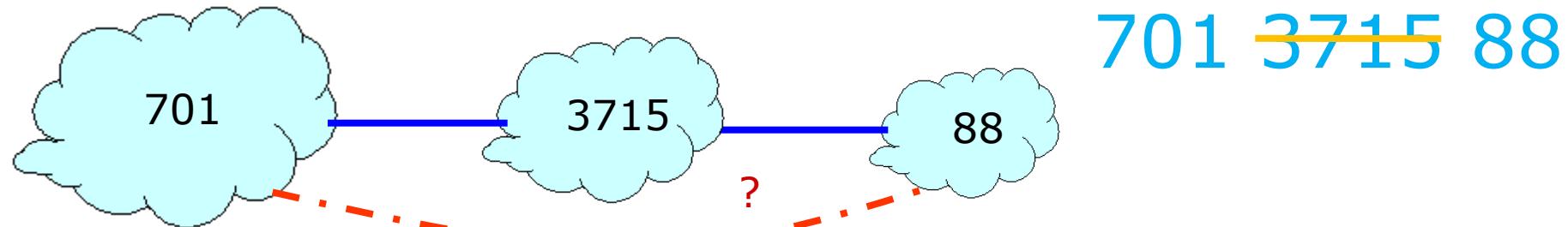


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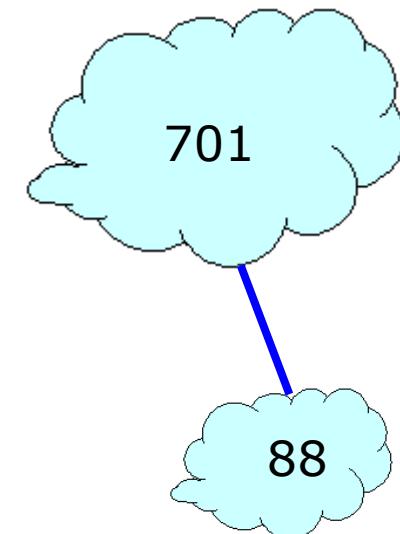
Path Tampering

- Remove ASes from the AS path



- Add ASes to the AS path

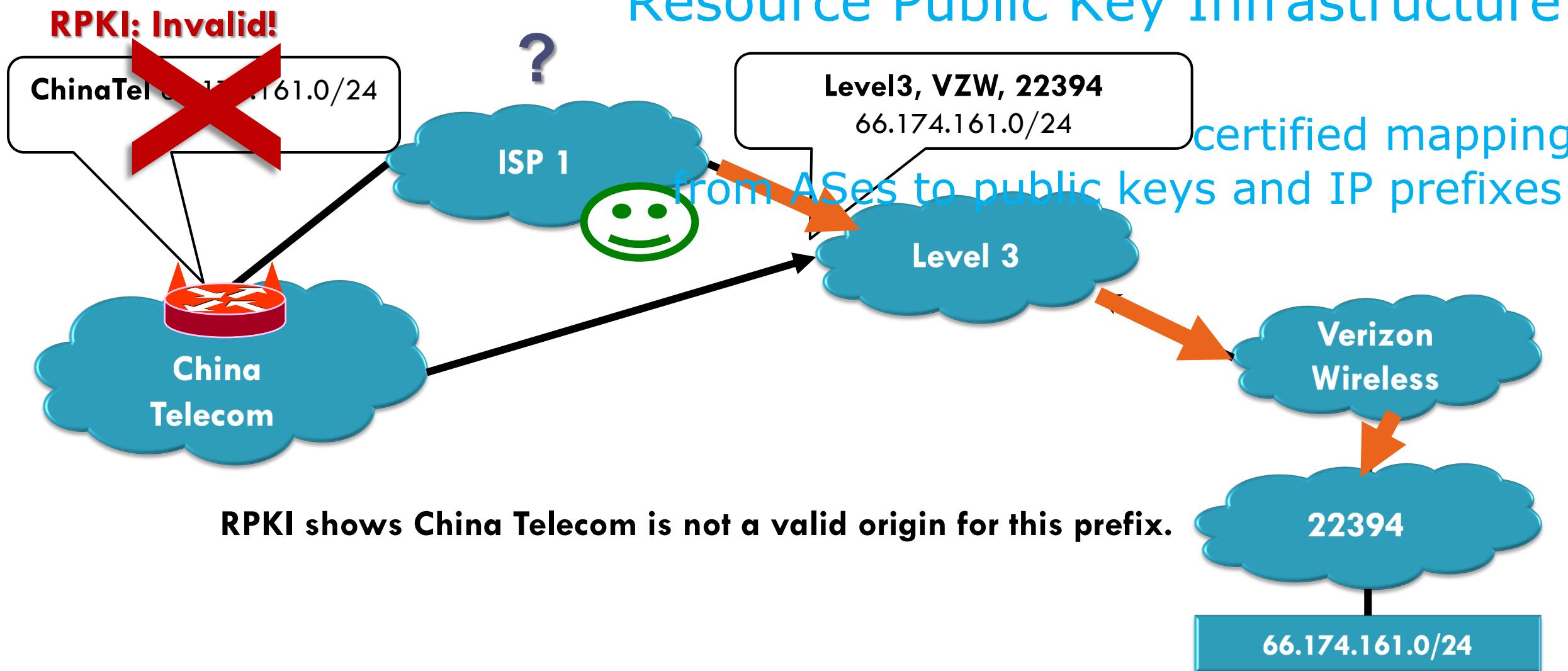
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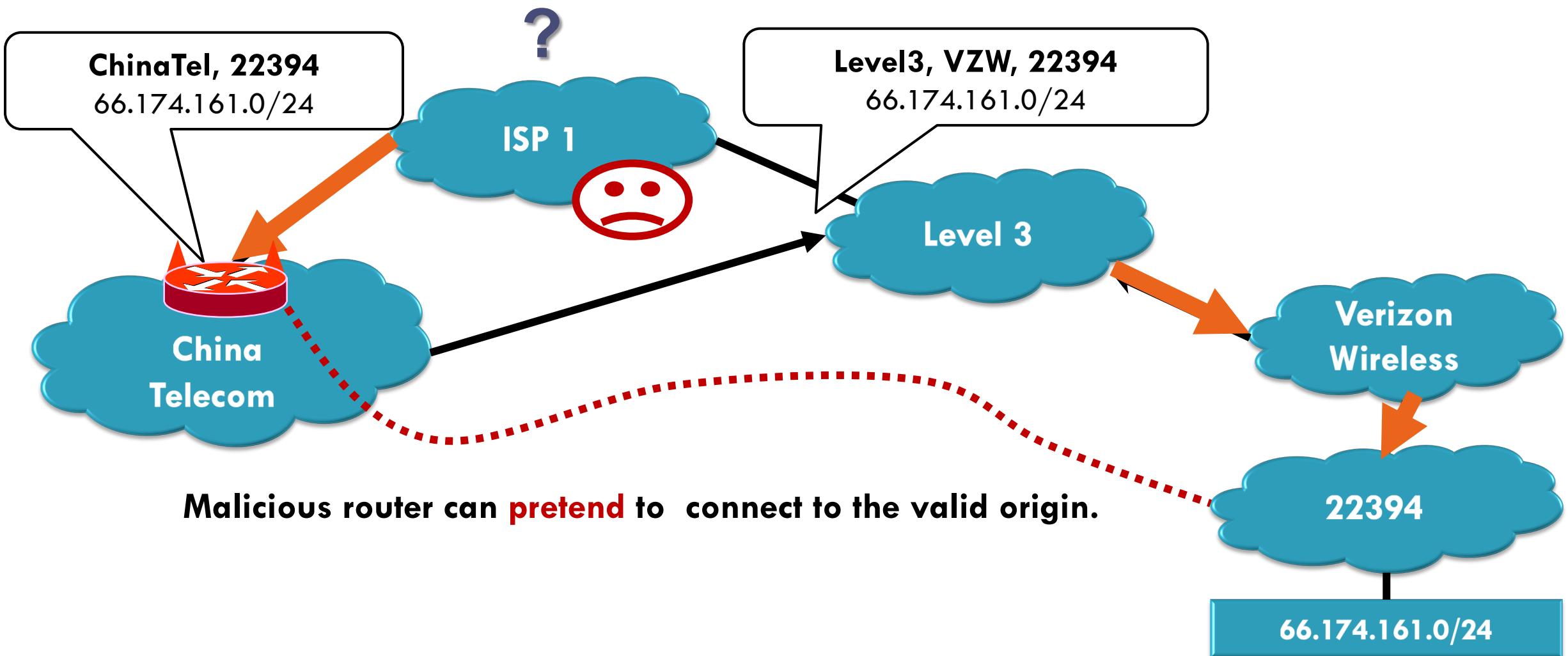
how to secure routing?

RPKI

Resource Public Key Infrastructure



RPKI insufficient!



S-BGP

- Each AS on the path cryptographically signs its announcement
- Guarantees that each AS on the path made the announcement in the path:
AS path indicates the order ASes were traversed;
No intermediate ASes were added or removed;

S-BGP

Deployment challenges:

- Complete, accurate registries
- Public key infrastructure
- Cryptographic operations
- Need to perform operations quickly
- Difficulty of incremental deployment



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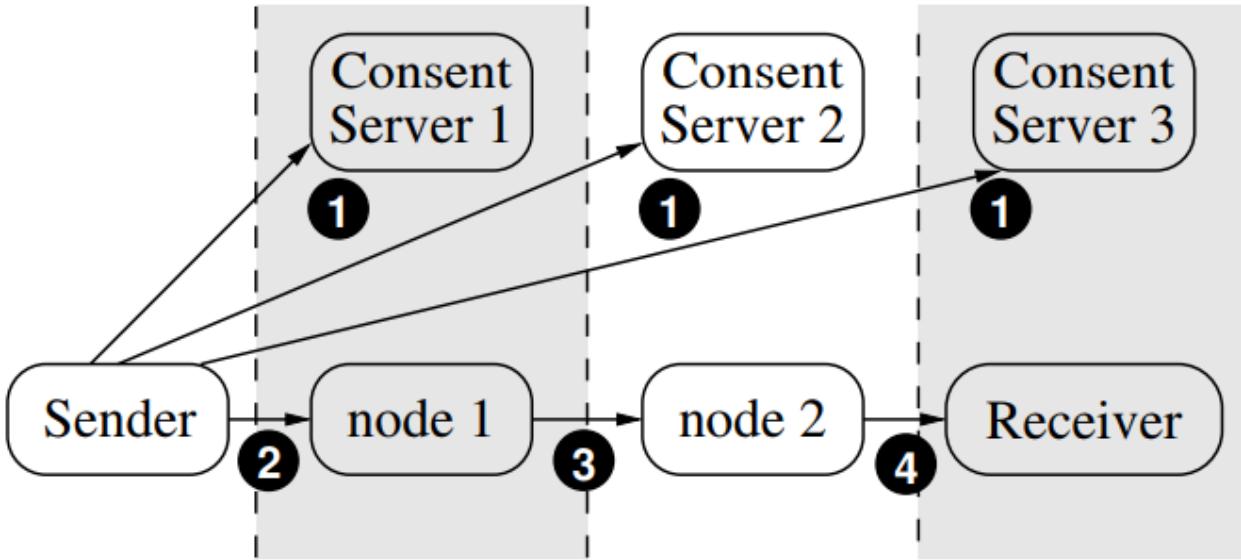
Forwarding Anomaly Threat

- Performance
downgrade service quality
- Security
bypass attacking-traffic filter

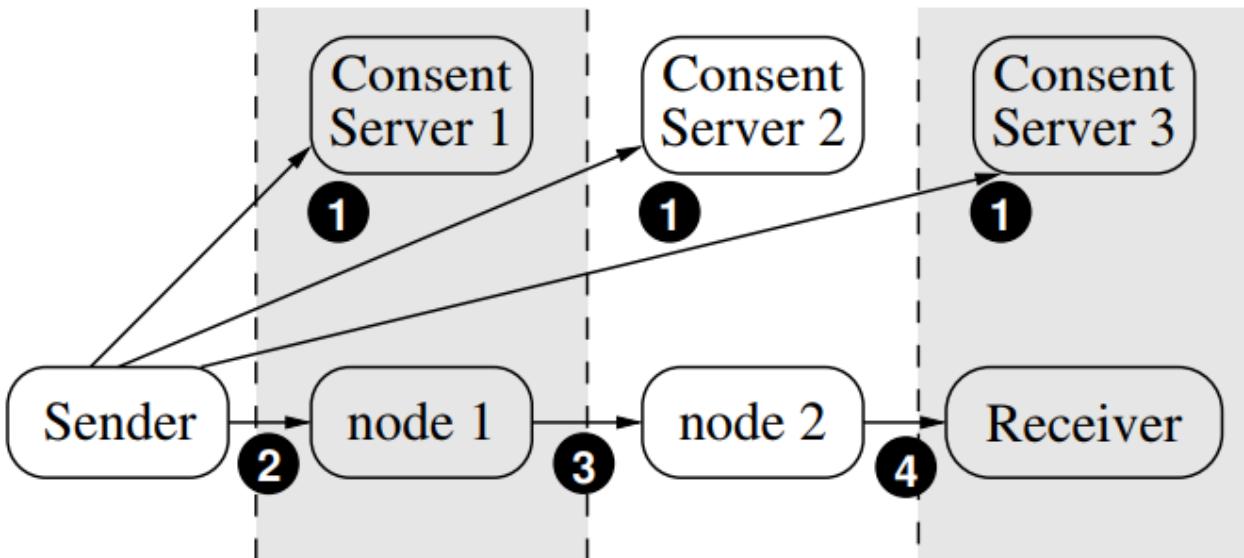
Path Validation

- PoC: Proof of Consent
certify the provider's consent to carry traffic along the path
- PoP: Proof of Provenance
allow upstream nodes to prove to downstream nodes that they carried the packet

Path Validation



Path Validation



<https://cs.nyu.edu/~mwalfish/papers/icing-conext11.pdf>

P	N_0	N_1	N_2	N_3
V_1	$A_1 \oplus \text{PoP}_{0,1}$			
V_2	$A_2 \oplus \text{PoP}_{0,2}$			
V_3	$A_3 \oplus \text{PoP}_{0,3}$			
	Payload			

	N_0	N_1	N_2	N_3
	$A_1 \oplus \text{PoP}_{0,1}$			
	$A_2 \oplus \text{PoP}_{0,2} \oplus \text{PoP}_{1,2}$			
	$A_3 \oplus \text{PoP}_{0,3} \oplus \text{PoP}_{1,3} \oplus \text{PoP}_{2,3}$			
	Payload			

computation-less device?

FlowCloak: Defeating Middlebox-Bypass Attacks in Software-Defined Networking

Middlebox

Middlebox: Pain Spot in modern networks

- Needs

Varieties of functions: Security & Performance

Widely deployed: A third of network devices

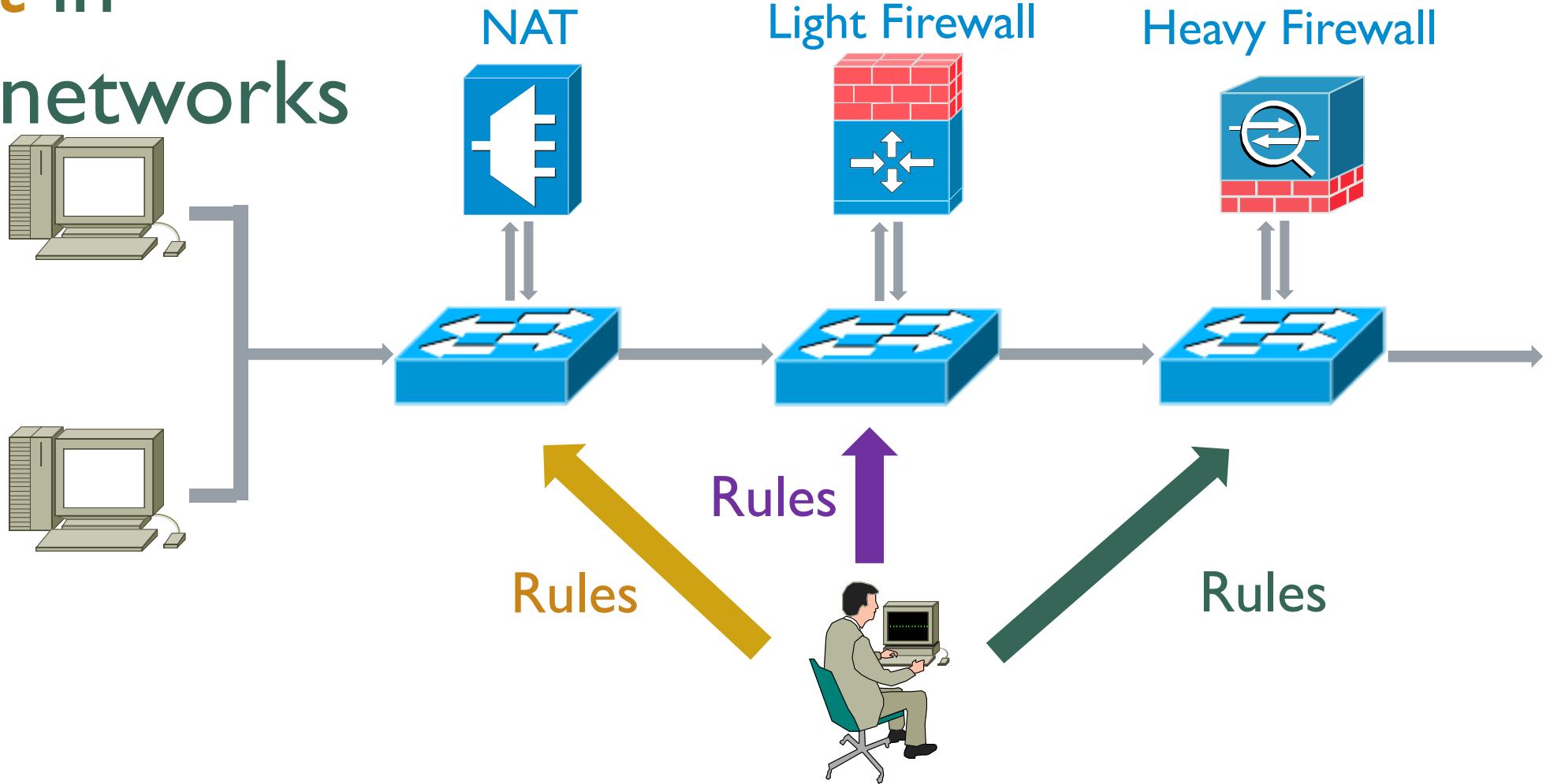
- Troubles

Deployment and configuration:
Complex & Error-prone

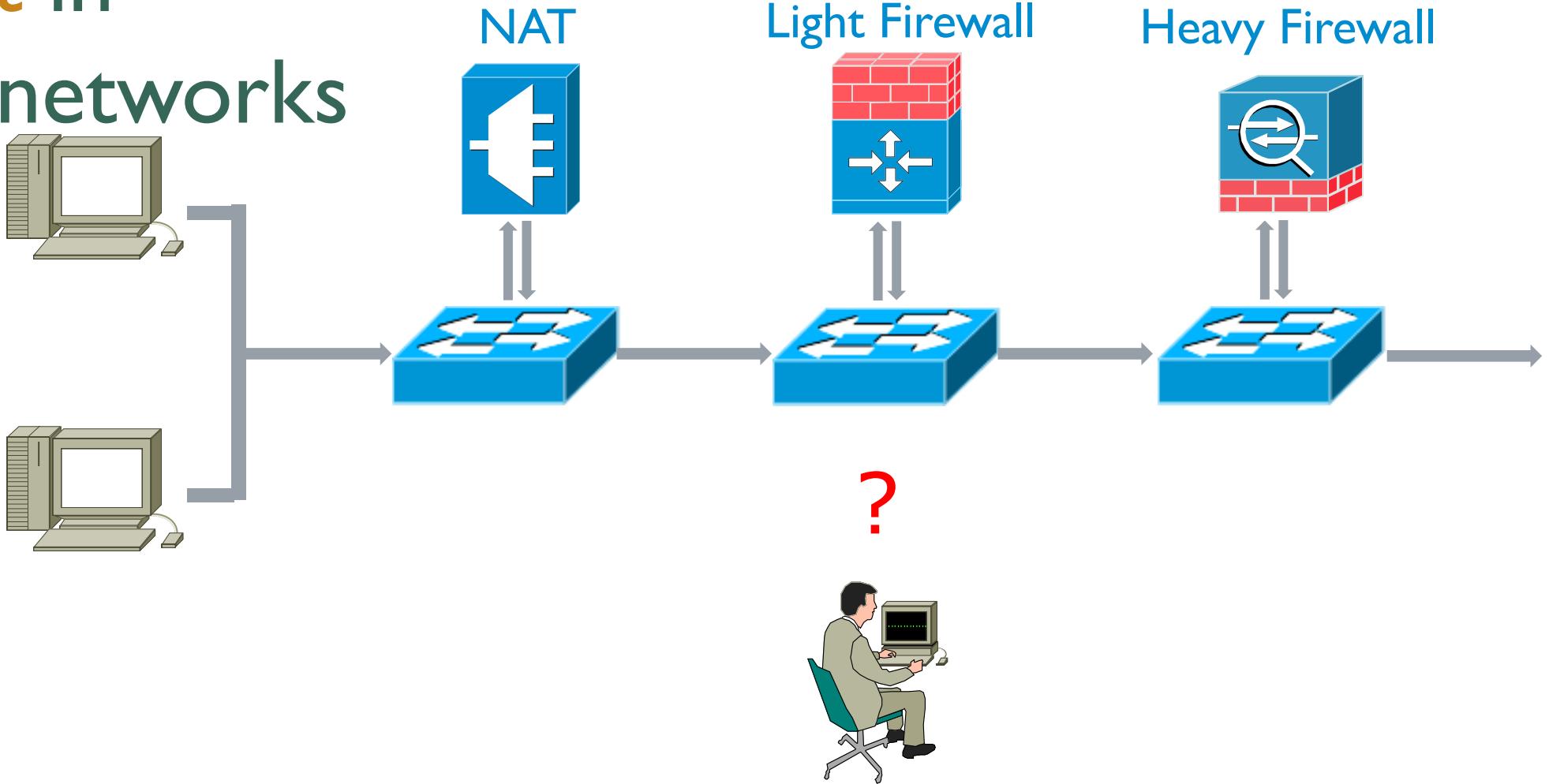
Costs: Personnel, Money, Time

Middlebox: Pain Spot in modern networks

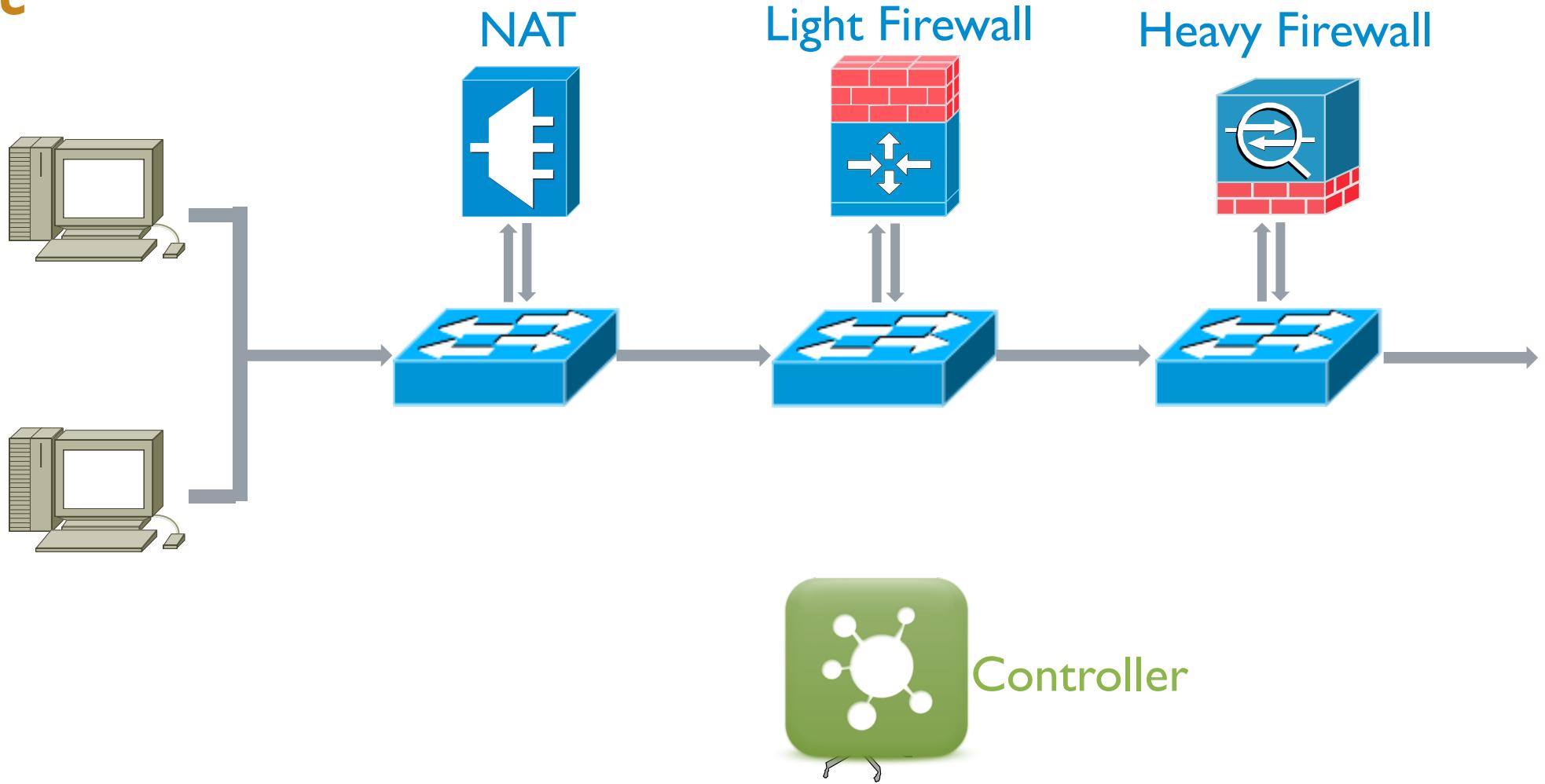
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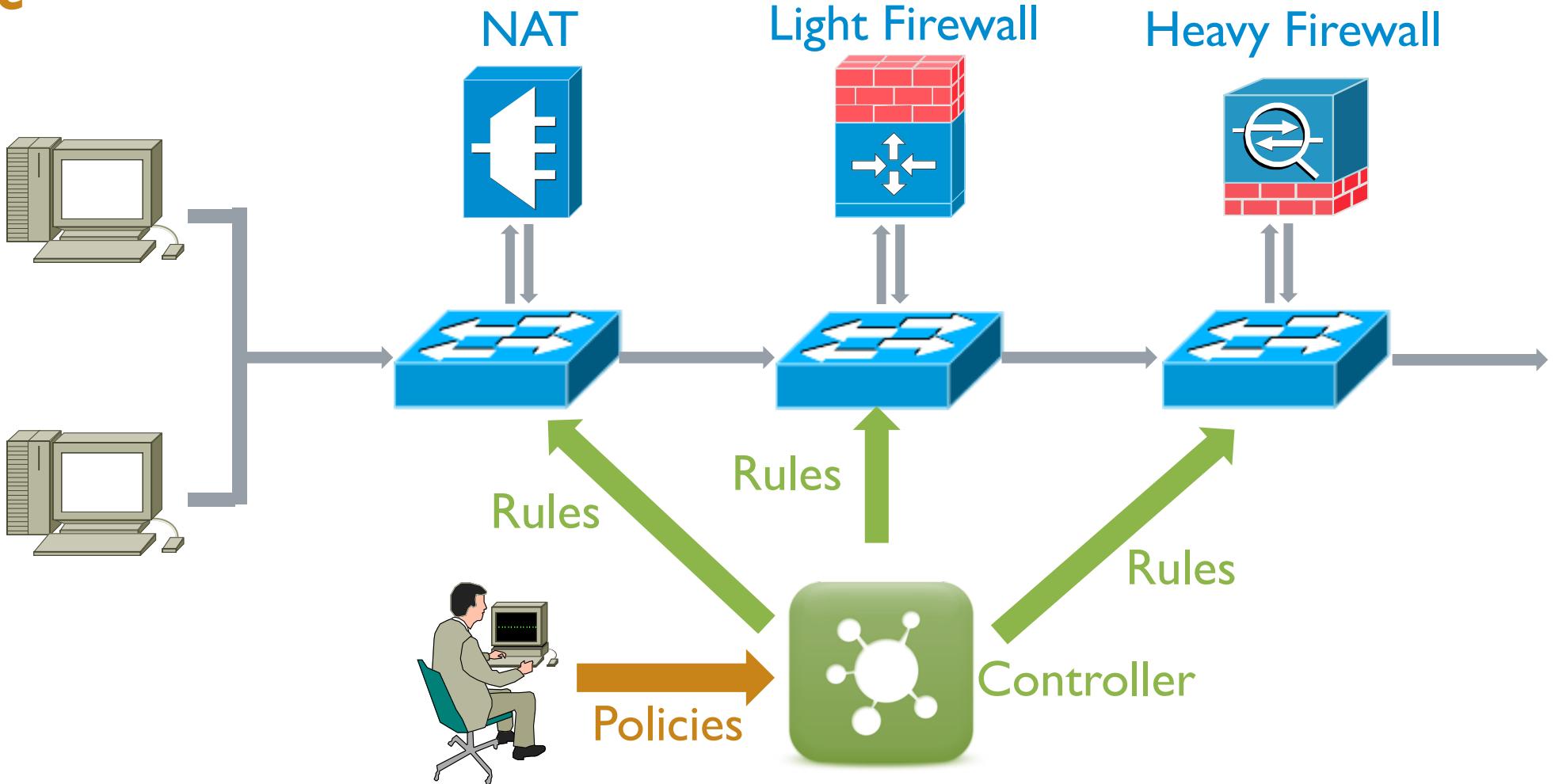
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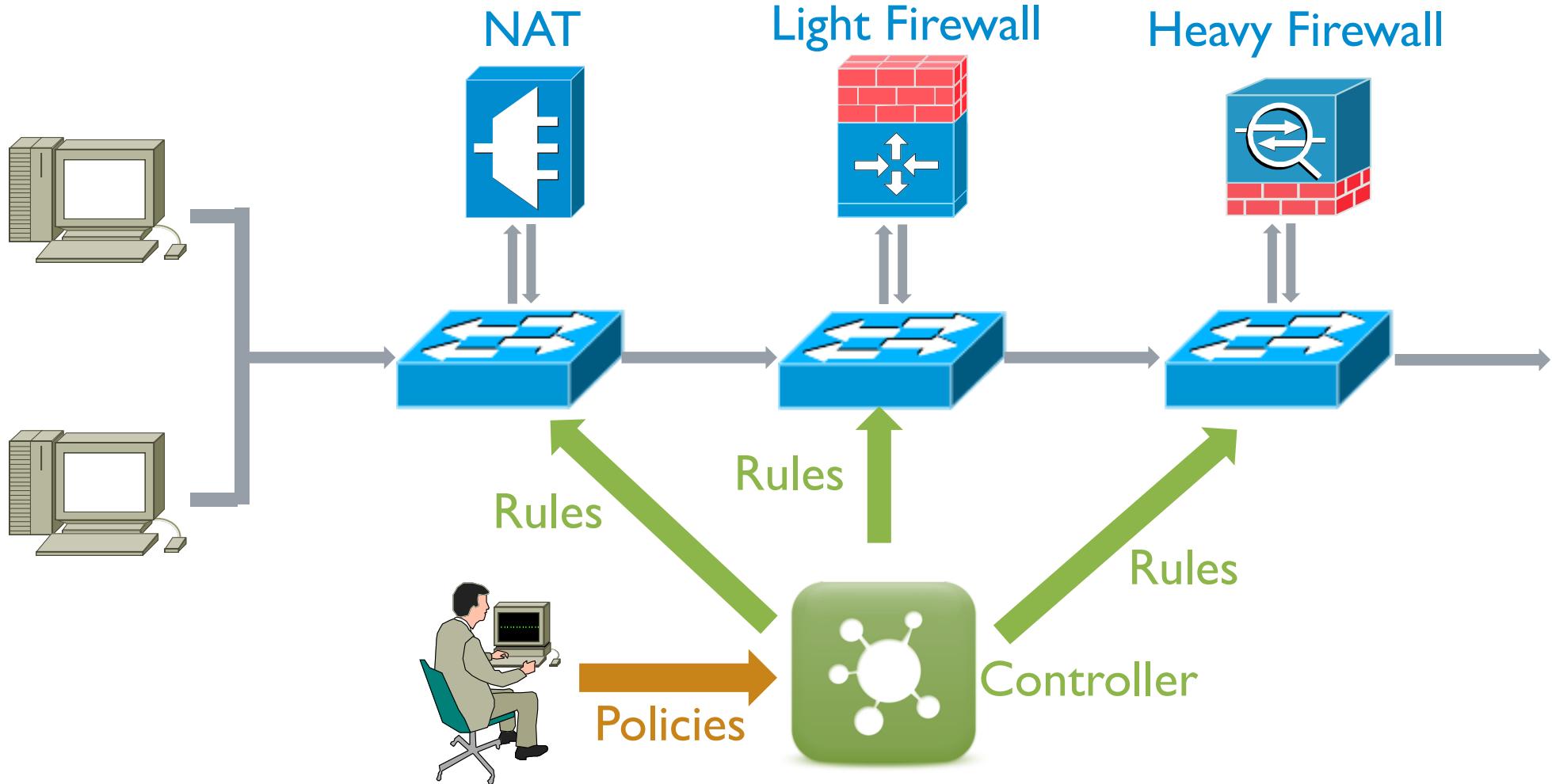
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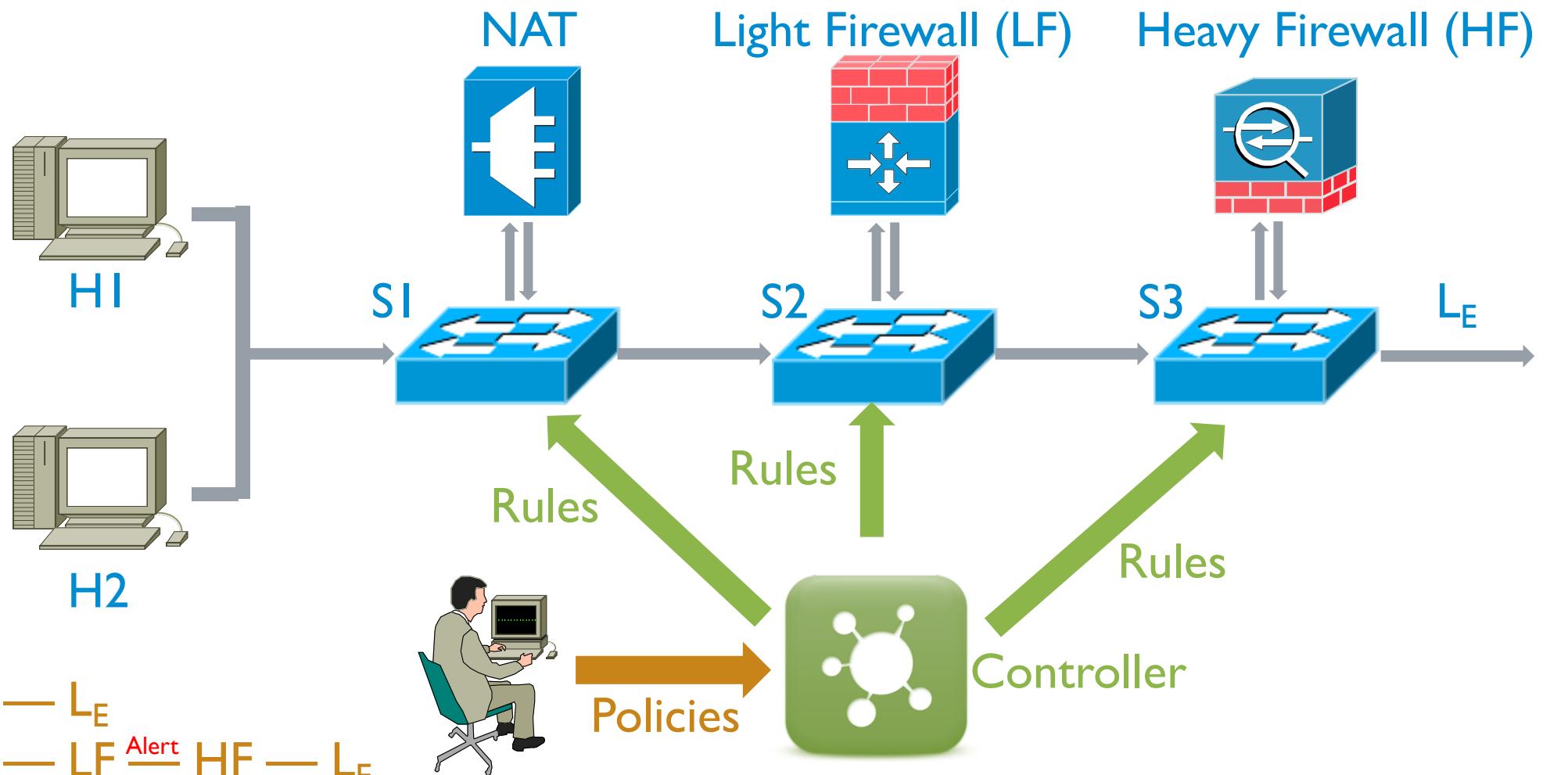
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Middlebox meets SDN

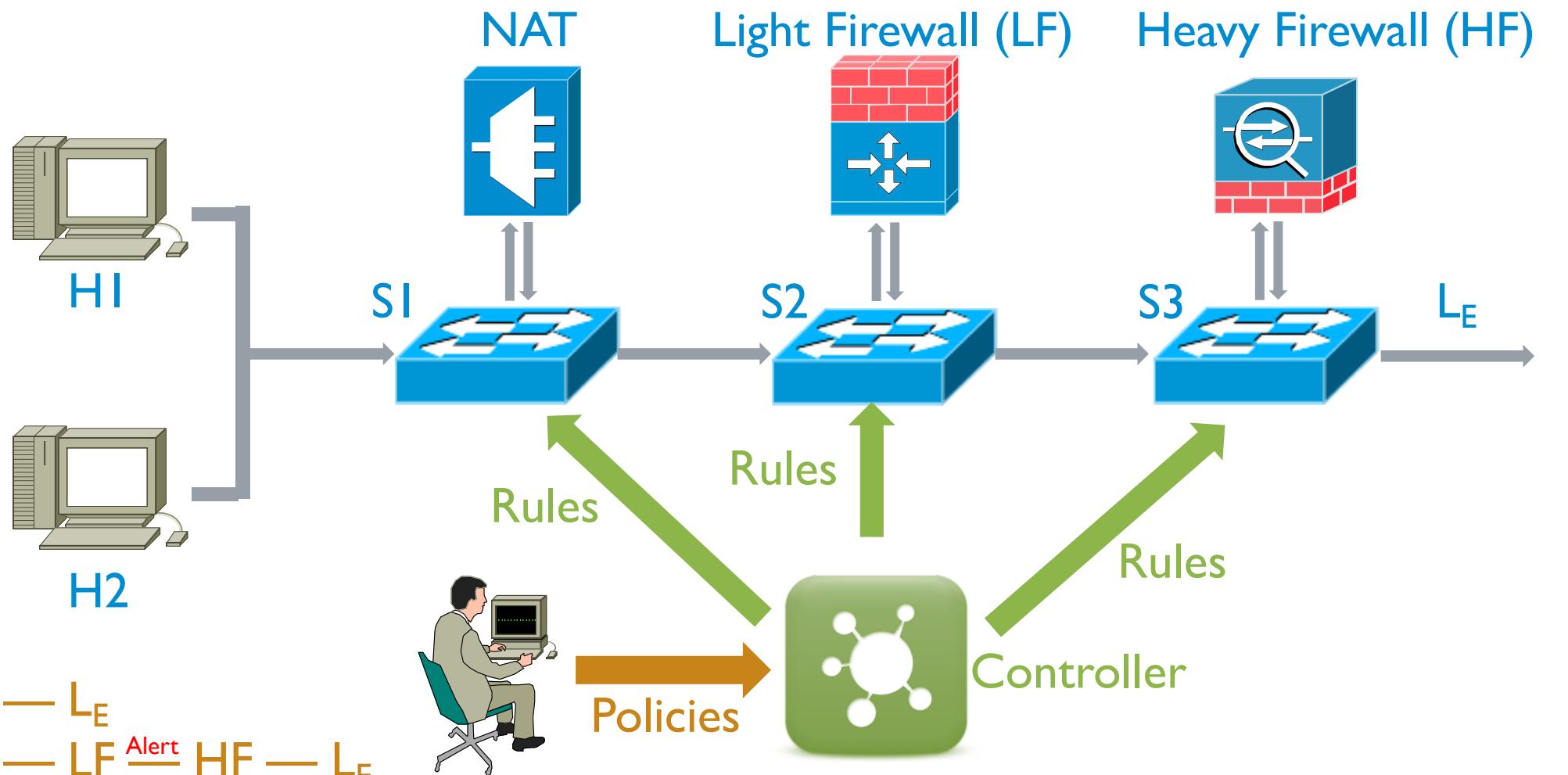


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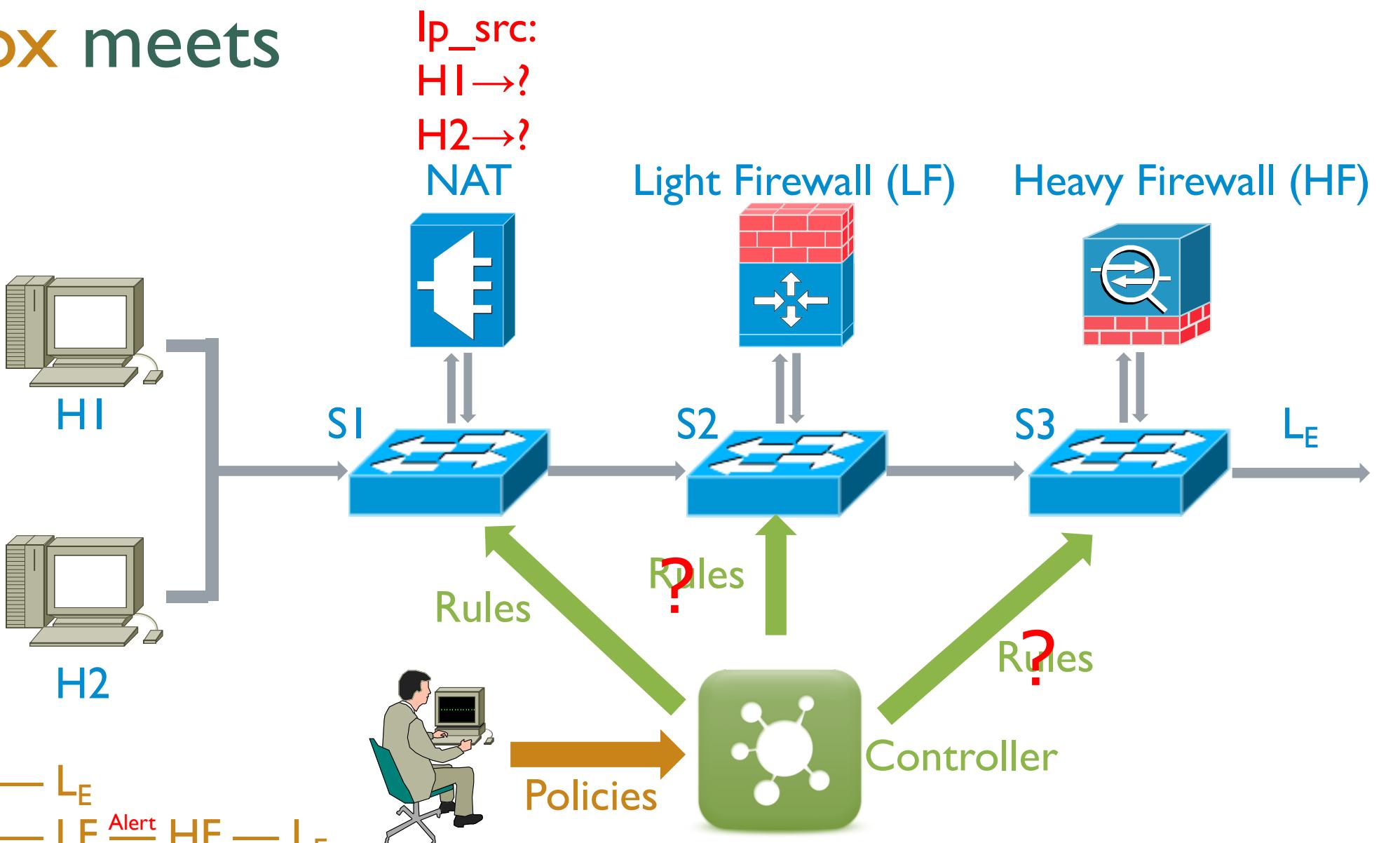
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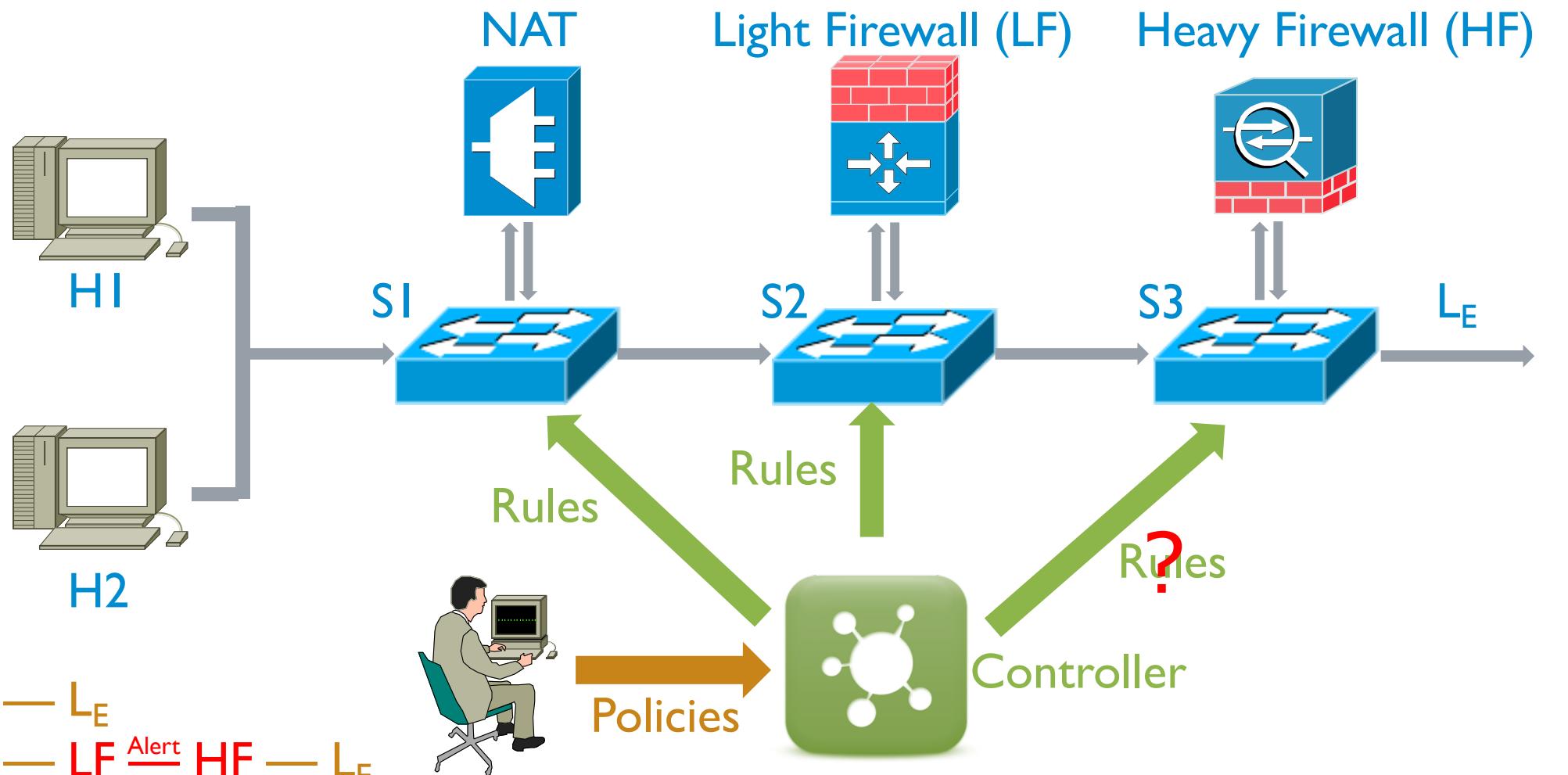
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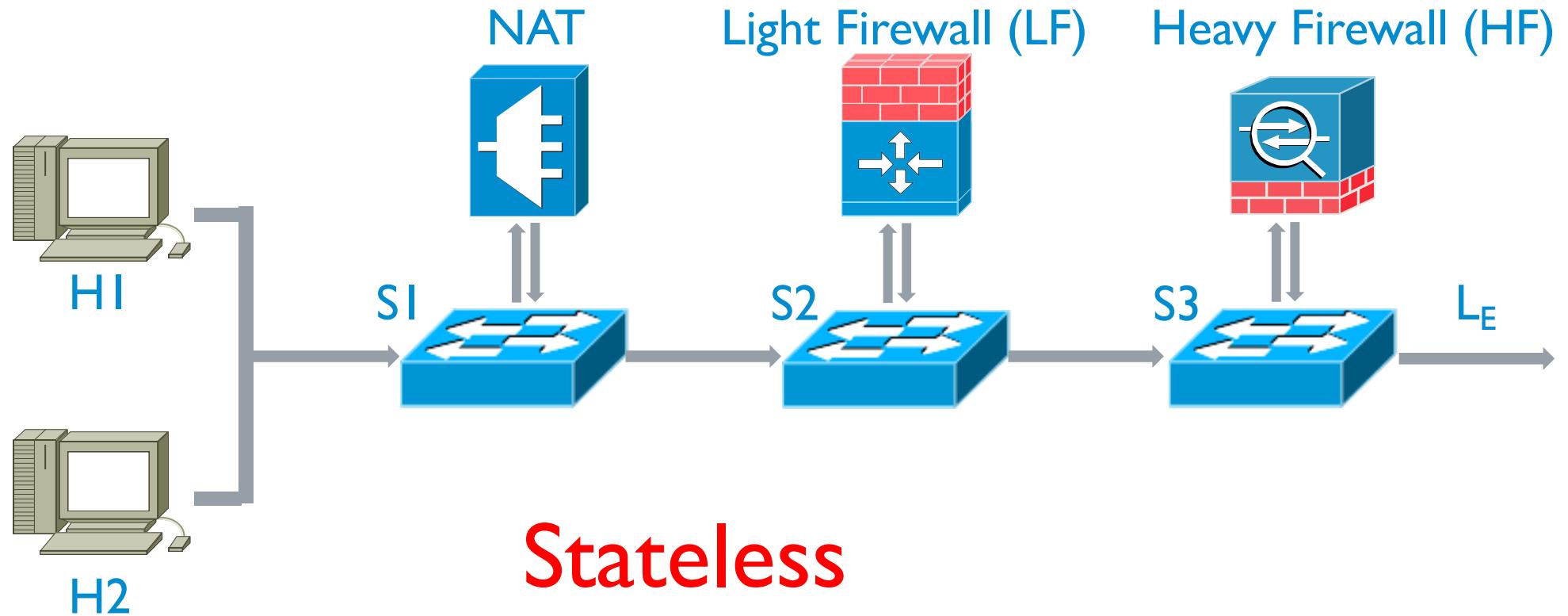
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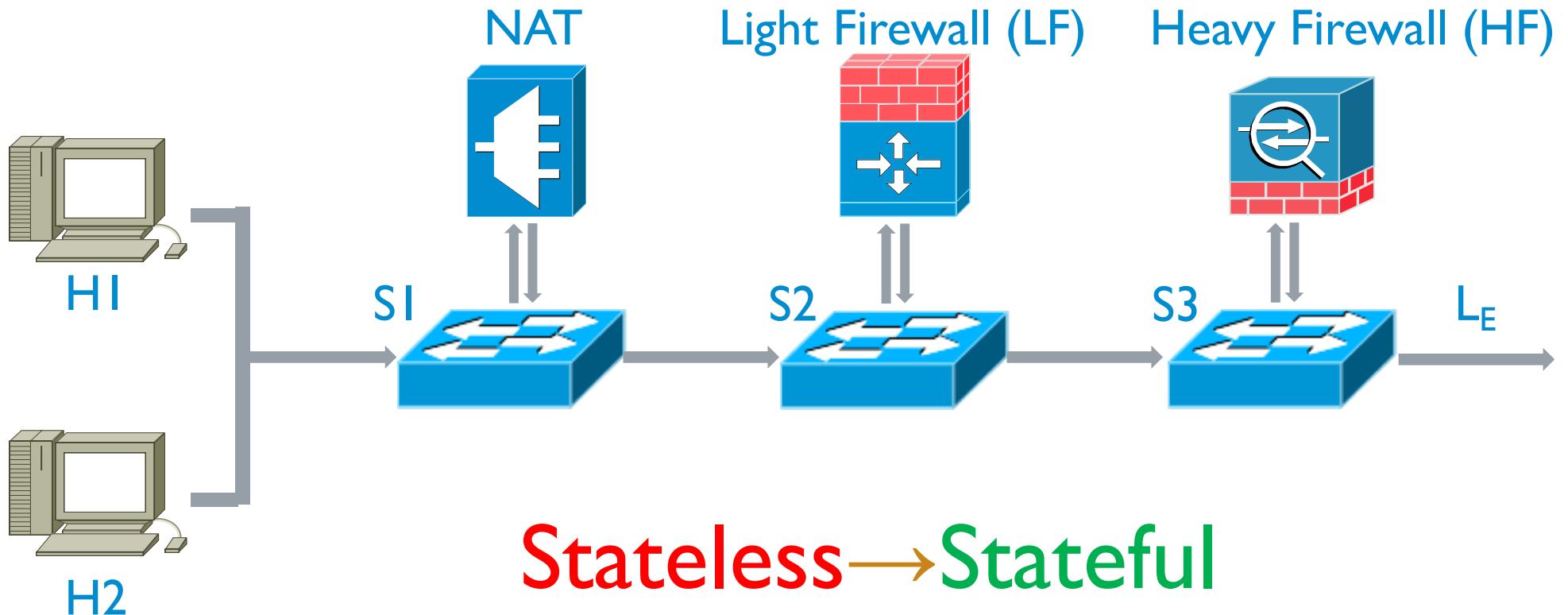


Stateless

Policies:

- (1) **H1 — NAT — L_E**
- (2) **H2 — NAT — LF^{Alert} — HF — L_E**

Middlebox meets SDN



Stateless → Stateful

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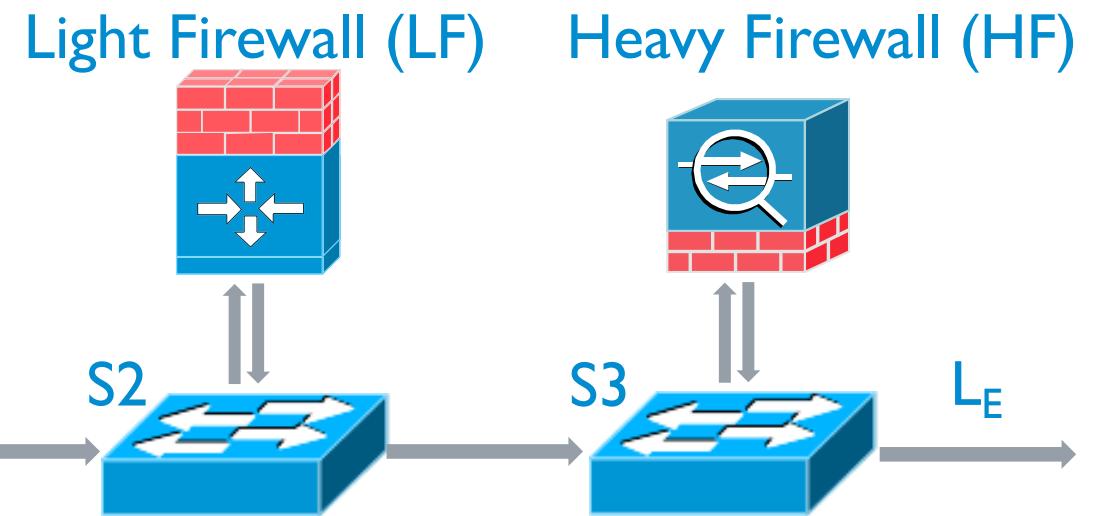
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Middlebox meets SDN

Switch	Some Crucial Rules	
	Matching	Action
S2	tag=<src:H2, NAT>, interface=S2:S1	fwd(LF)
S2	tag=<src:H1,NAT>, interface=S2:S1	fwd(S3)
S3	tag=<src:H2, LF, alert>, interface=S3:S2	fwd(HF)
S3	tag=<src:H2, LF, pass> Interface=S3:S2	fwd(L_E)

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Flowtags [NSDI '14]
Stateful Tags on packet header

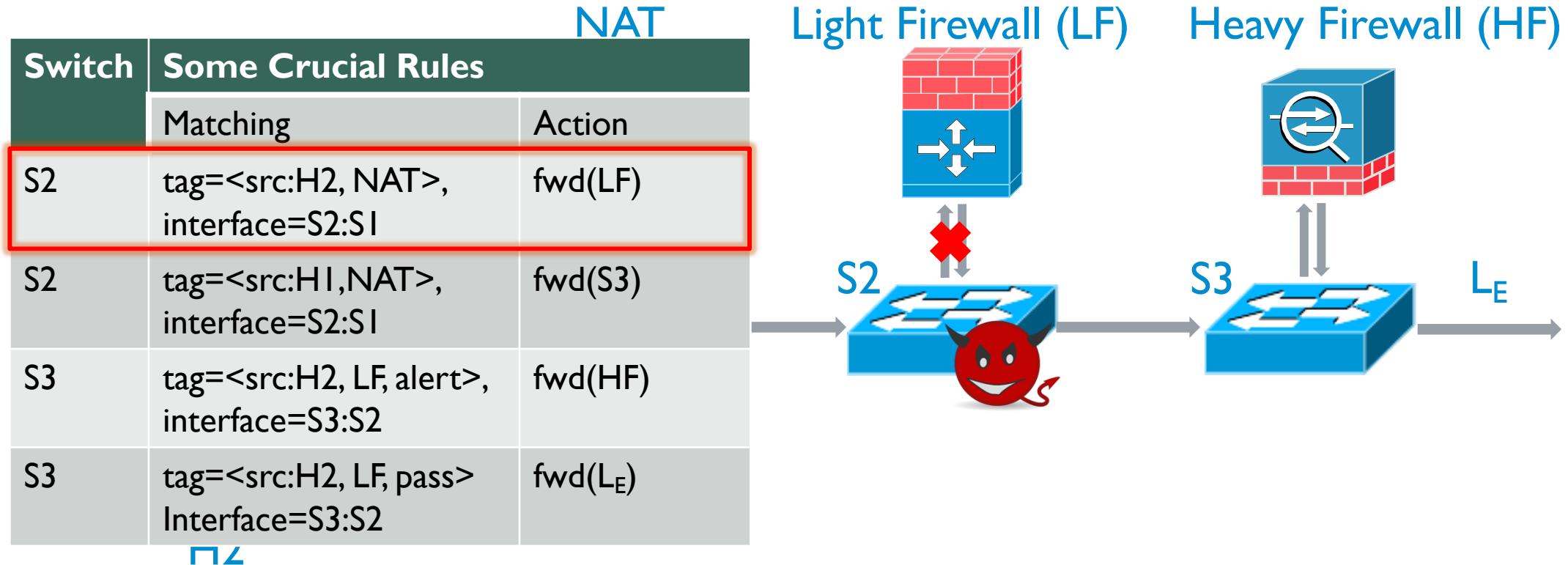
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Middlebox-Bypass Attacks

SDN



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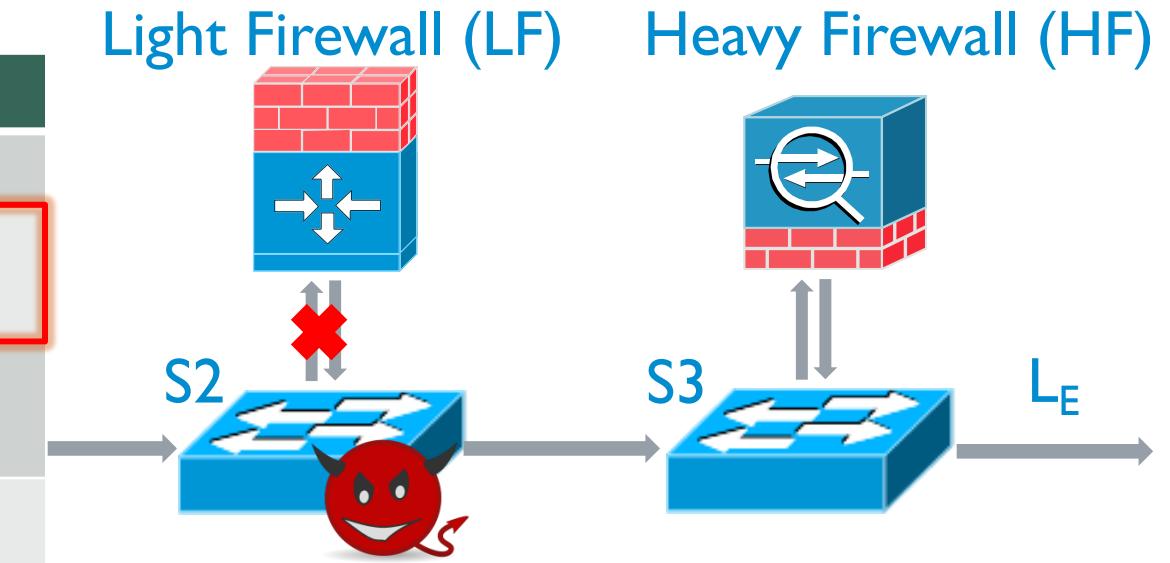
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Leads to:

- Severe security breaches
- Performance degradation

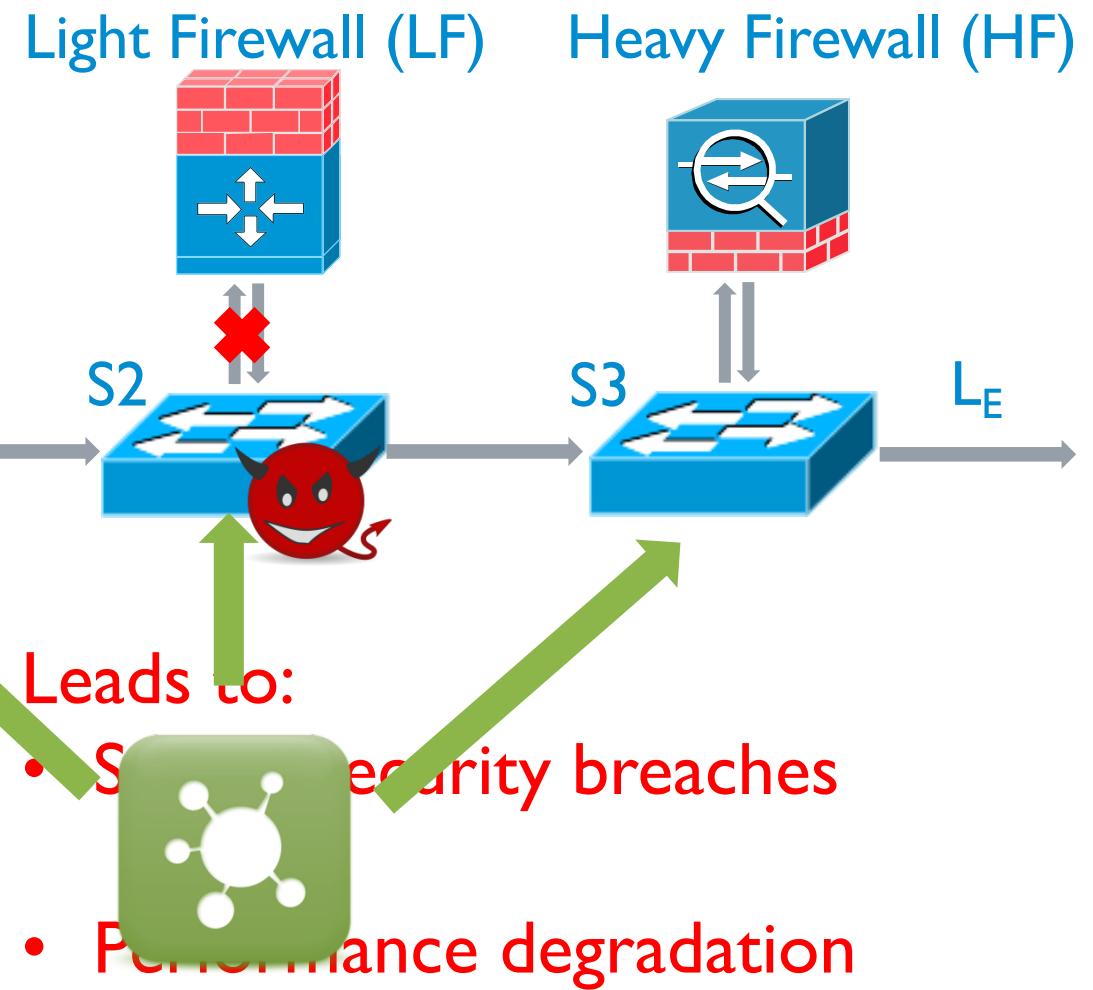
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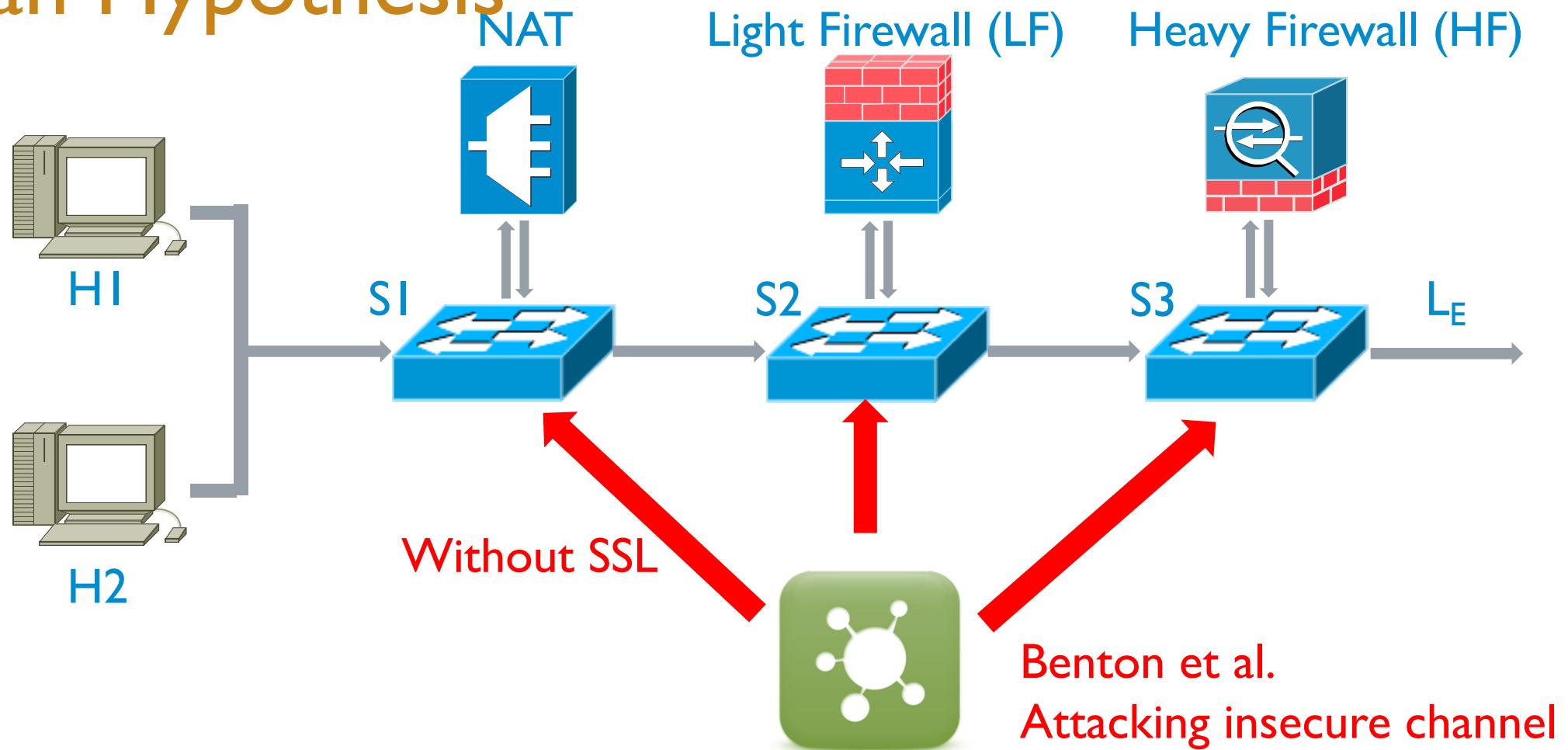
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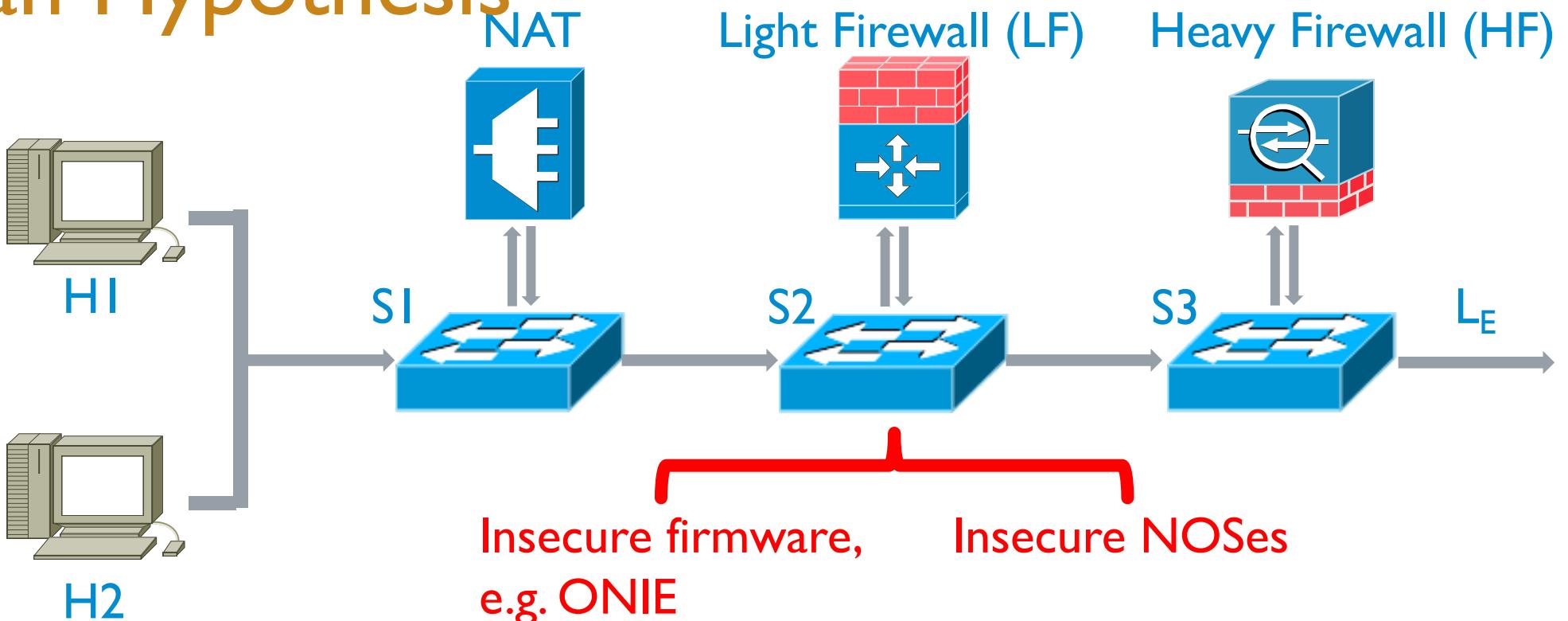
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Middlebox-Bypass Attacks: More than Hypothesis



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Pickett @ DEFCON

Middlebox-Bypass Attacks: Existing malicious switch detection methods

- **Probe-based Methods**
 - Blinded by coward-attack
 - Waste valuable control channel bandwidth

- **Statistics-based Methods**
 - False positive (negative)
 - Waste valuable control channel bandwidth

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- Probe-based Methods

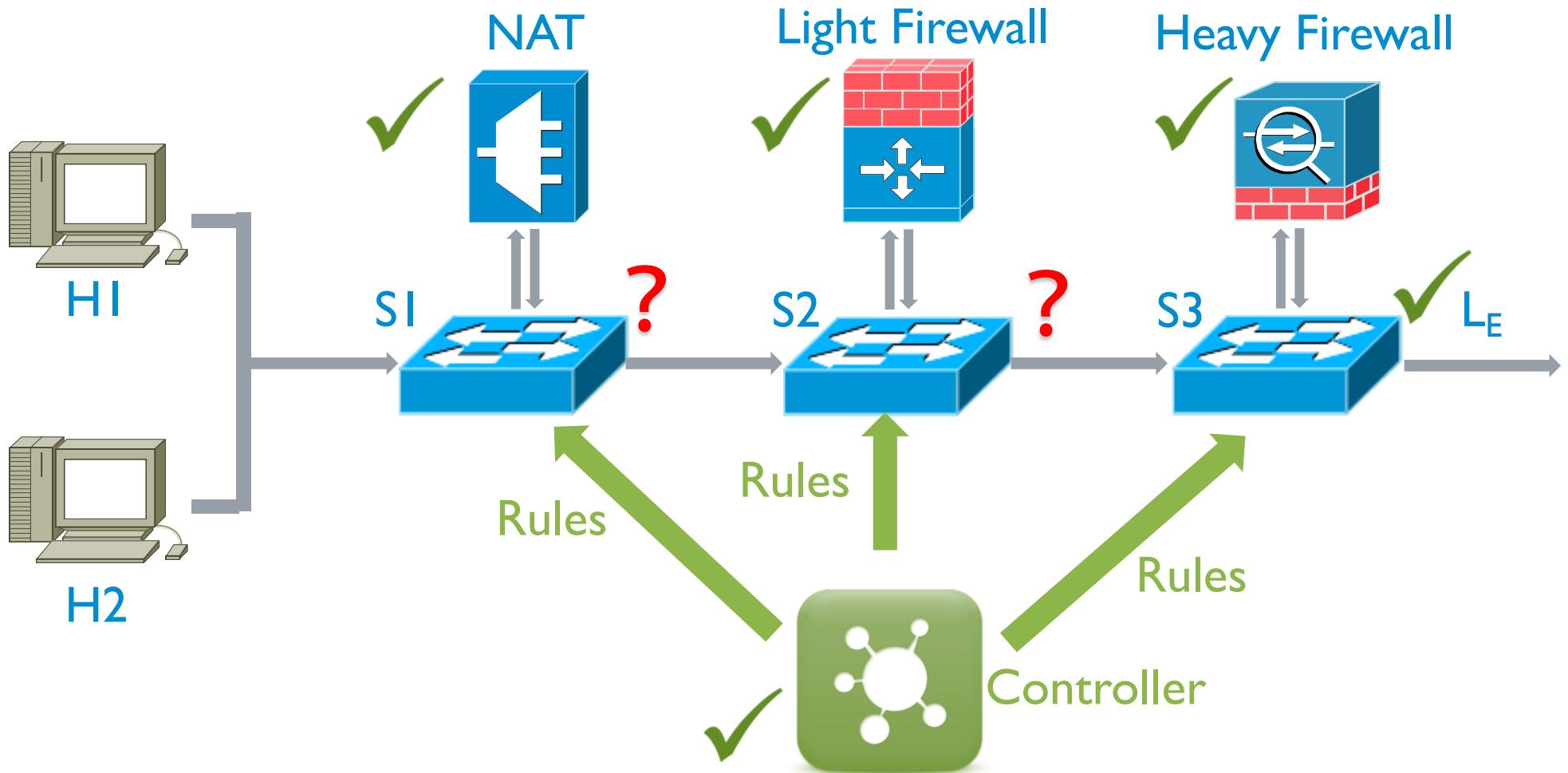
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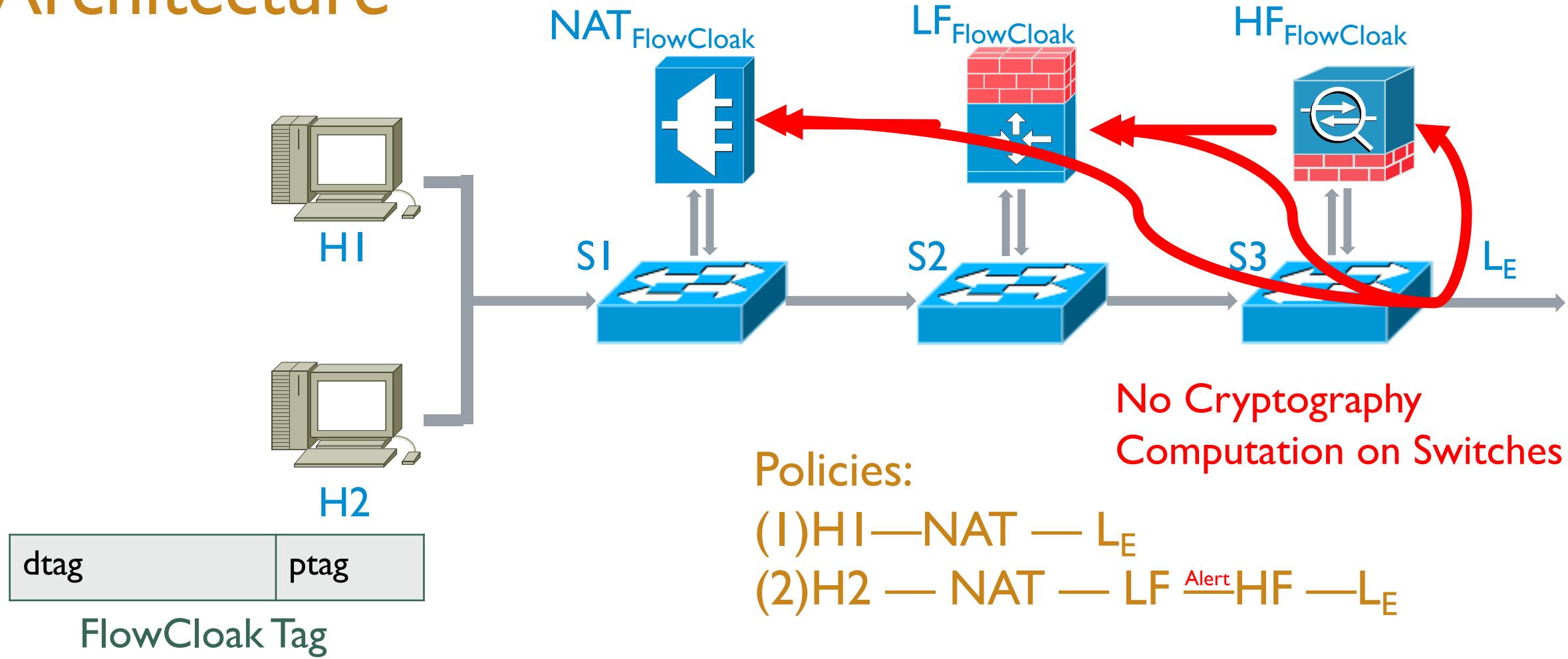
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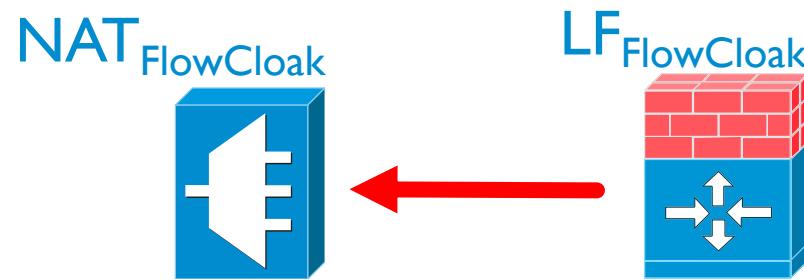


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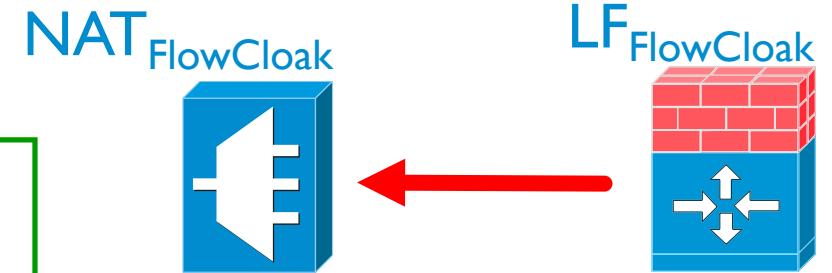
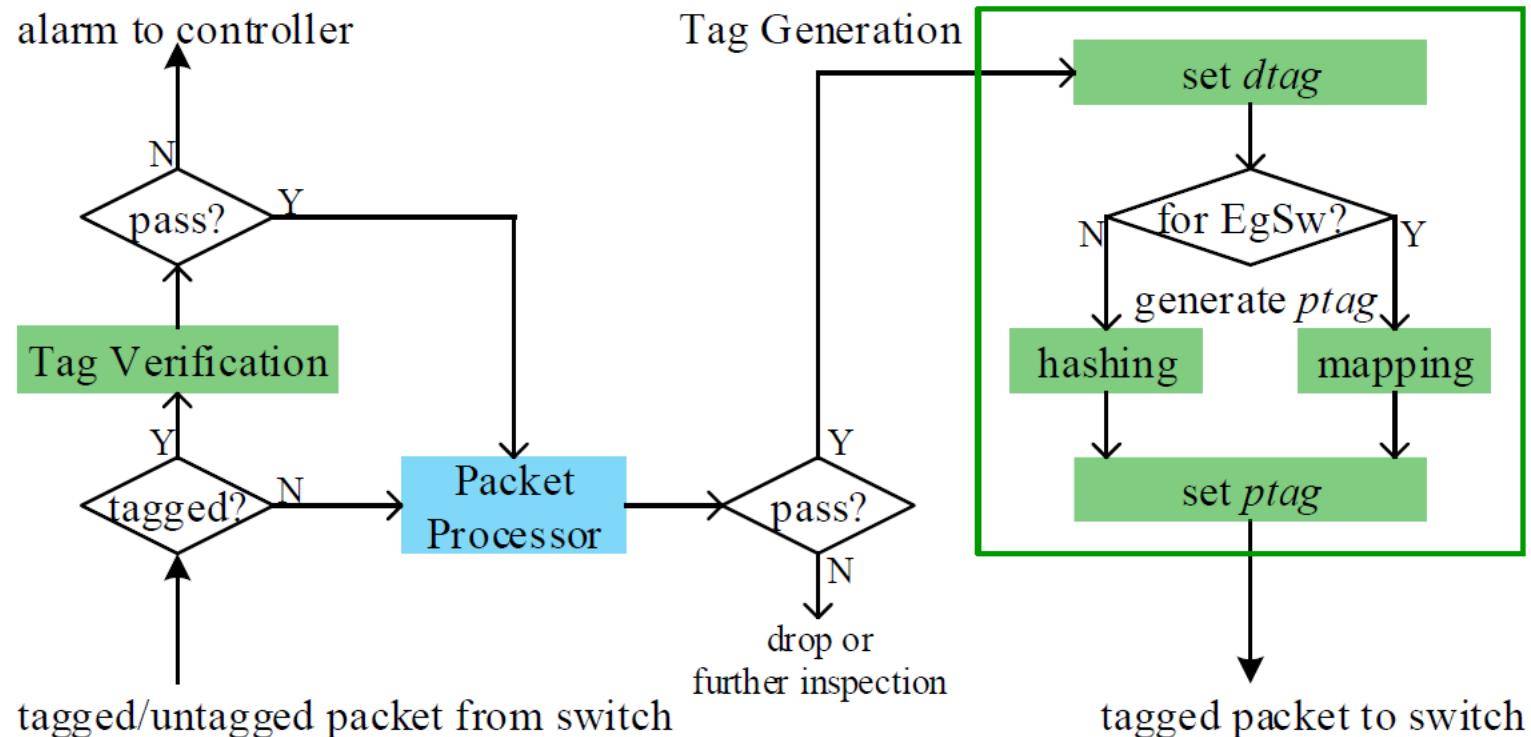
→ ptag verification



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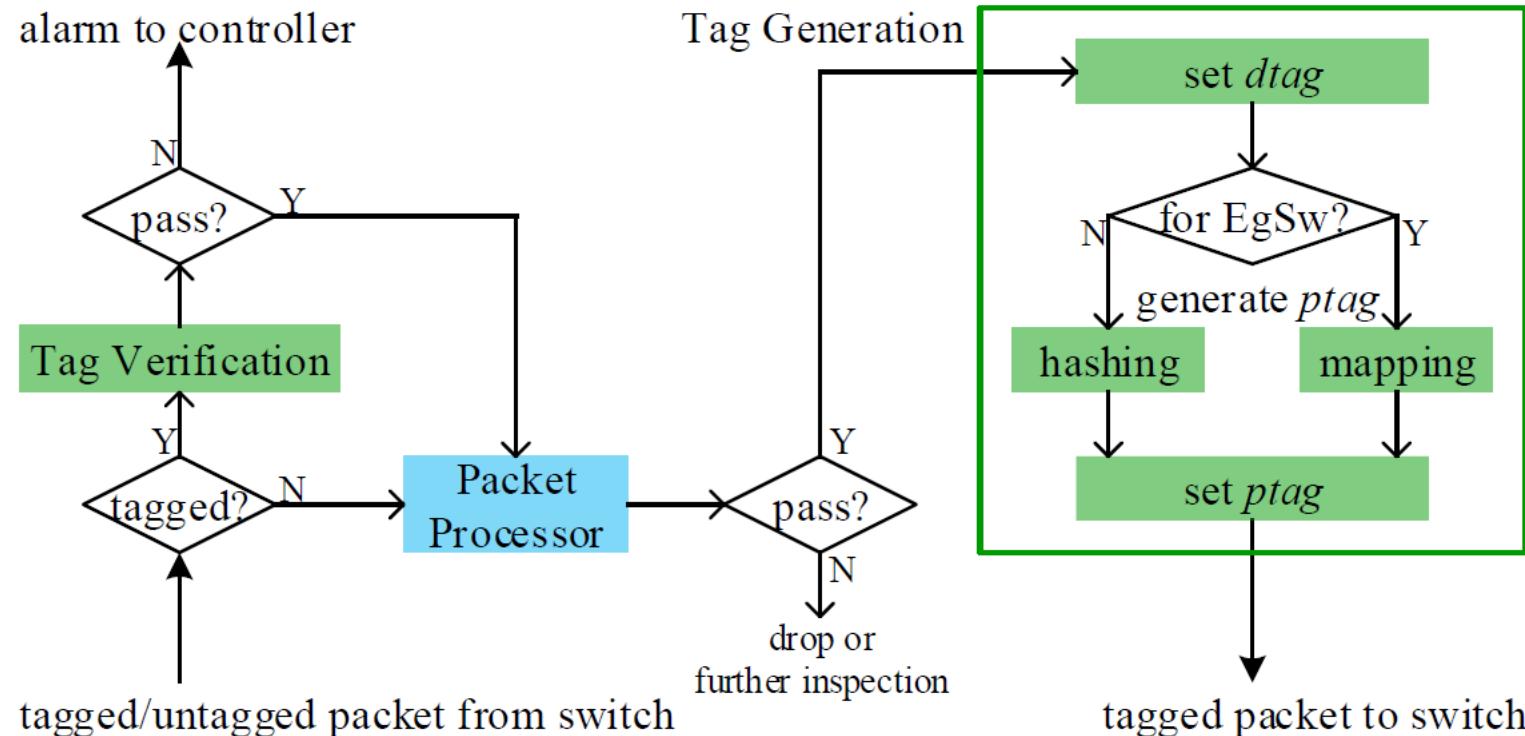


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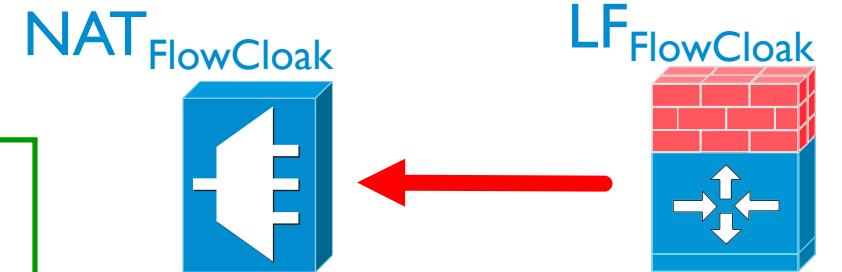


Packet Processing Logic on FC Middleboxes

FlowCloak: Middlebox vs. Middlebox



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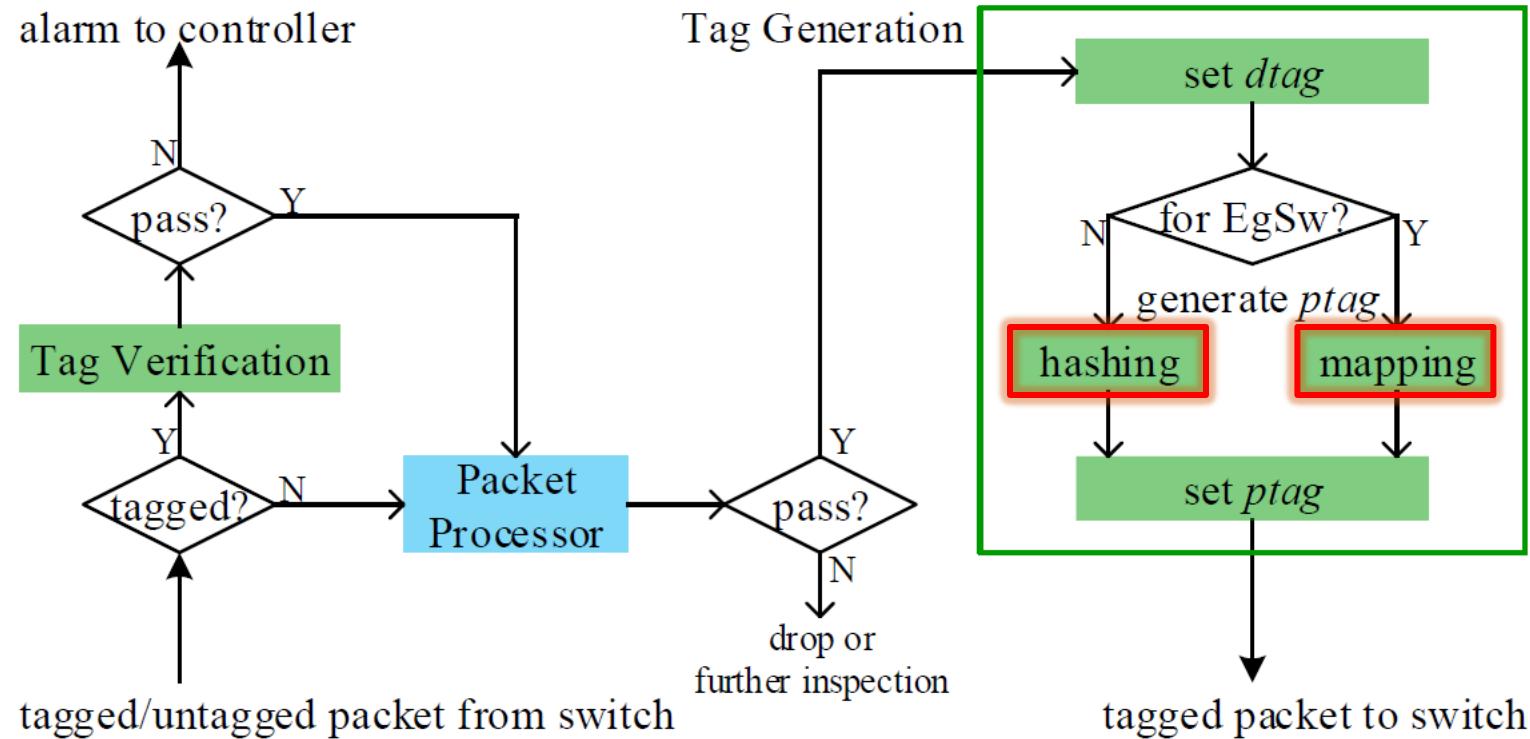


TAGVERIFICATION(P)

```

if isexist(P. dtag, dtagmap) then
    ptag' = Hash(Sample(P. Header))
    if(ptag' == P.Header.ptag)
        return TRUE
    else
        return FALSE
TAGVERIFICATION ends
    
```

FlowCloak: Middlebox vs. Middlebox



Packet Processing Logic on FC Middleboxes

```

TAGGENERATION(P)
if next_dev(P) ==
DEV.MIDDLEBOX then
    dtag = flowtags(P, self.ID,
Controller)
    writedtag(P, dtag)
    ptag = Hash(Sample(P. Header))
    writeptag(P, ptag)
else
    ptag = Map(Sample(P. Header))
TAGGENERATION ends
    
```

FlowCloak: Middlebox vs. Switch

No cryptography computation:
Simulating the hashing function
using only match-forward rules

Egress Switch Rules

Matching	Action
P.SampleDomain=0 && P.Header.ptag=1	forward
P.SampleDomain=1 && P.Header.ptag=0	forward

Hash(b)=~b:
Hash(0)=1
Hash(1)=0

FlowCloak: Middlebox vs. Switch

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Satisfying Security means
Sufficient Rules

Egress Switch Rules

Matching	Action
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P.SampleDomain=1 && P.Header.ptag=0	forward

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Hash}(b) &= \sim b \\ \text{Hash}(0) &= 1 \\ \text{Hash}(1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

FlowCloak: Middlebox vs. Switch

$\text{Length}(\text{P.SampleDomain})=1$

2 rules;

...

$\text{Length}(\text{P.SampleDomain})=n$
 2^n rules;

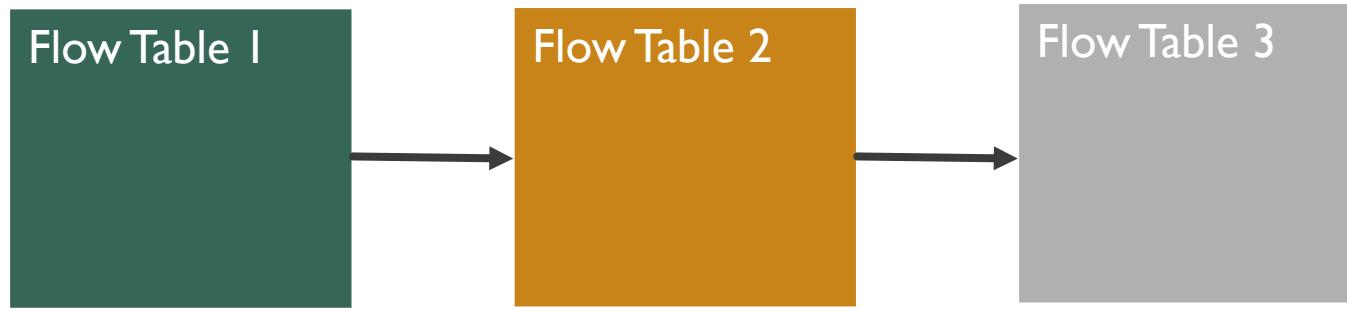
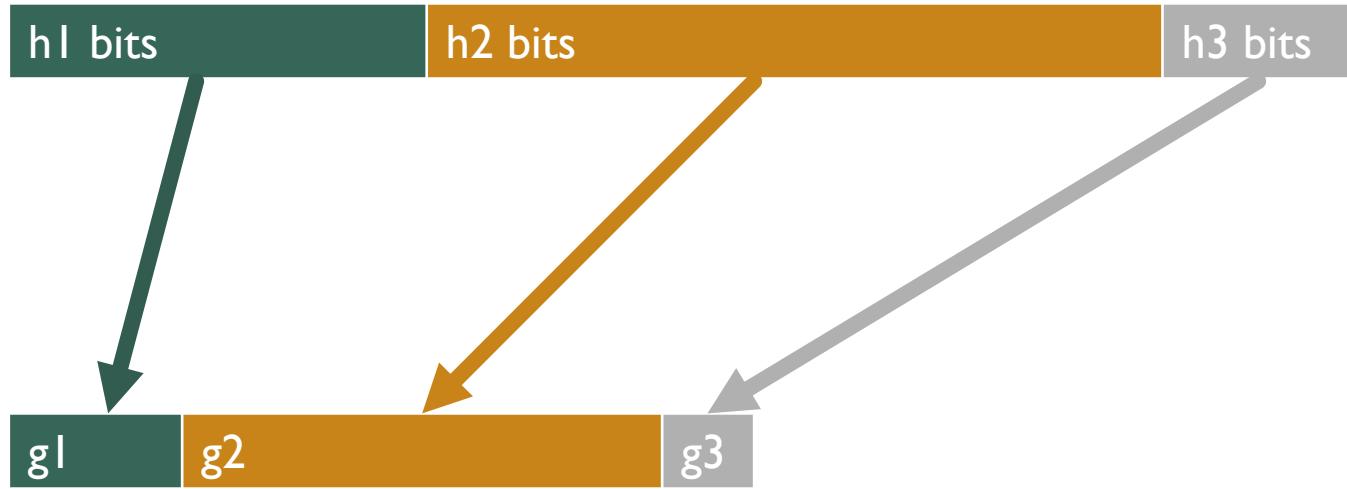
Too many rules for **limited**
TCAM capacity

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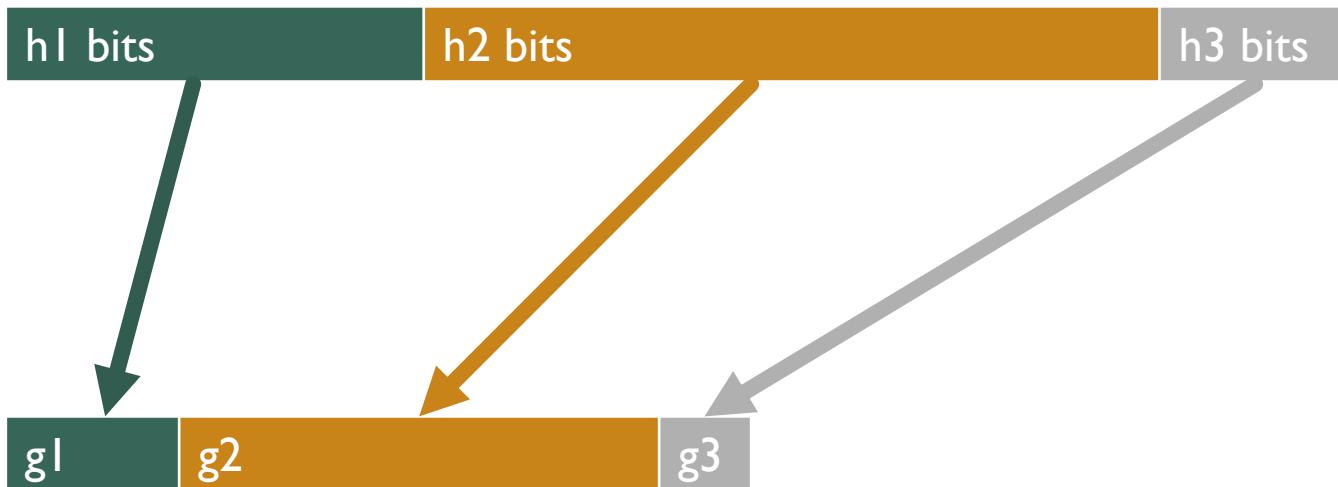


Multi-tag technology

Middlebox Side:
Multi-tag generation based
on parallel generation and
hashing table.

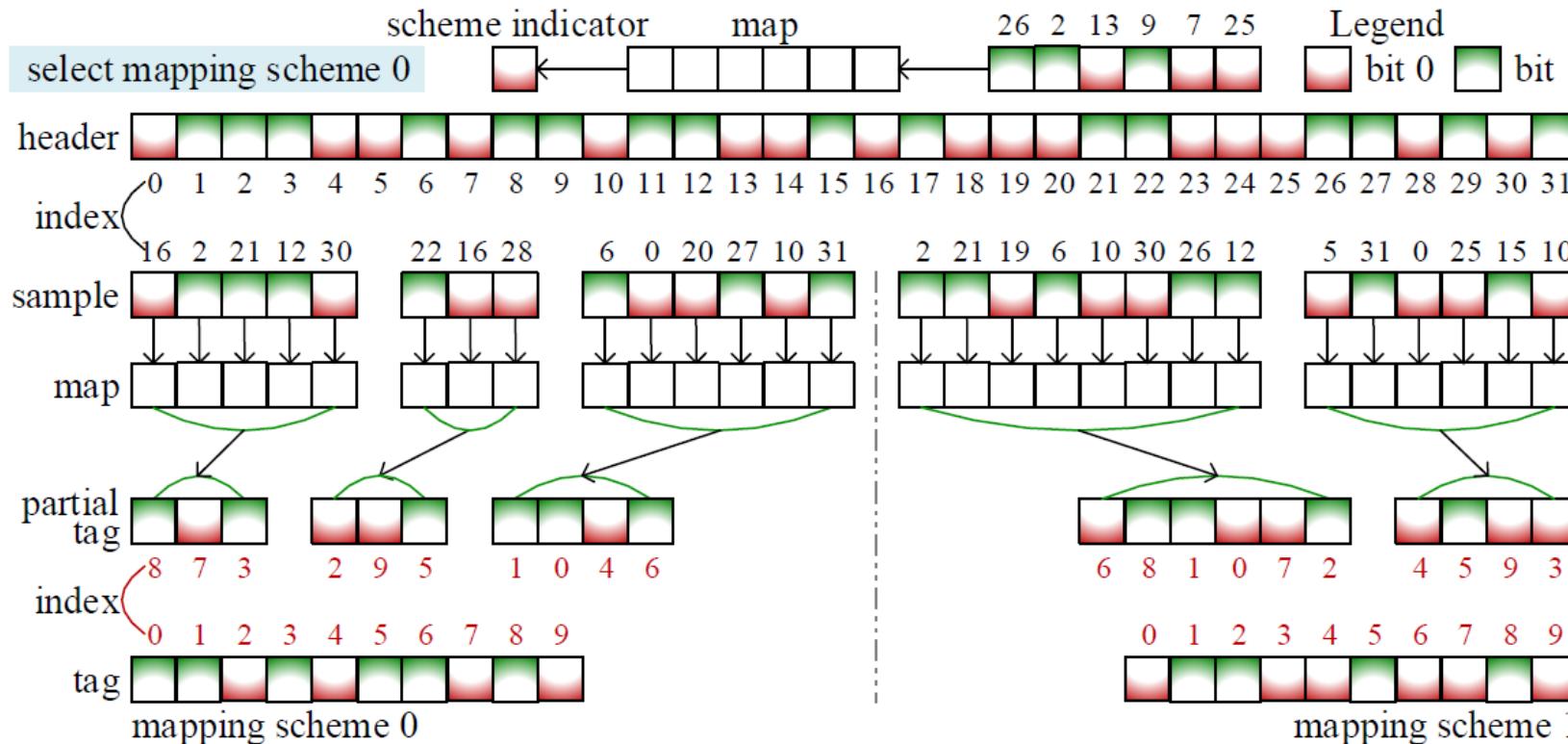
Switch Side:
Multi-tag verification using
only $\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{hi}$ rules rather
than $\prod_{i=1}^n 2^{hi}$ rules

FlowCloak: Middlebox vs. Switch



Caveat:
Each tag becomes shorter
→ Attacking each part
becomes easier?

FlowCloak: Middlebox vs. Switch



More sophisticated mapping:
multiple mapping schemes + nonconsecutive sample bits + double shuffle

Review

- Routing
- Routing Attacks
- Secure Routing
- Secure Forwarding
- Secure SDN Forwarding

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Readings

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- Why Is It Taking So Long to Secure Internet Routing?
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- FlowCloak: Defeating Middlebox-Bypass Attacks in Software-Defined Networking

Thank You