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Predictive Fast Reroute upon Remote BGP Disruptions



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Human factors are responsible
for 50% to 80% of network outages

Juniper Networks, *What's Behind Network Downtime?*, 2008

Facebook, Tinder, Instagram suffer widespread issues

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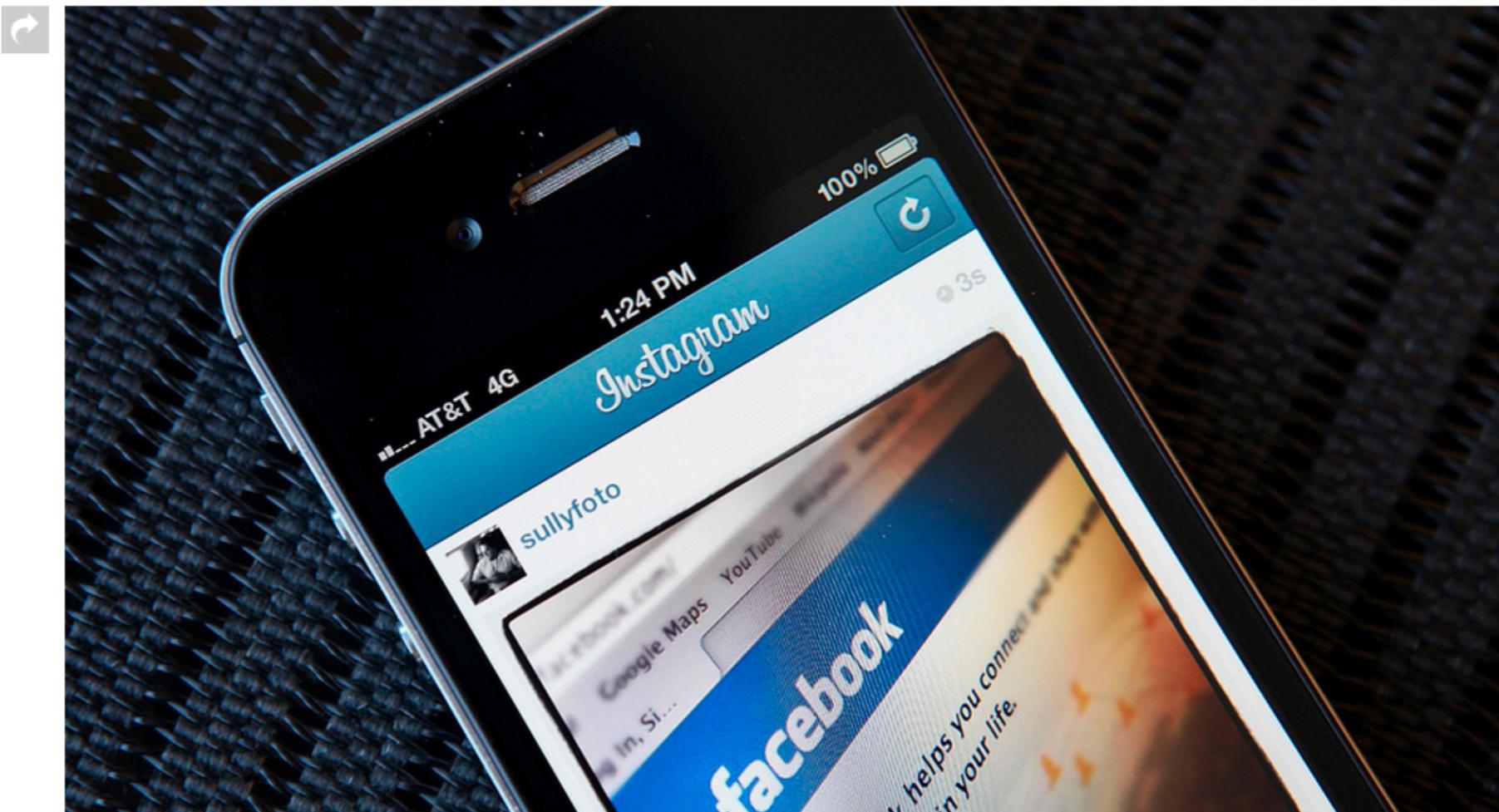


IMAGE: GETTY IMAGES



BY JENNI RYALL
AUSTRALIA

JAN 27, 2015

UPDATED: Tuesday, Jan. 27 / 4:32 a.m. EST — A Facebook spokeswoman told *Mashable* that the outage was due to a change to the site's configuration systems, and not a hacker attack. "Earlier this evening many people had trouble accessing Facebook and Instagram. This was not the result of a third party attack but instead occurred after we introduced a change that affected our configuration systems. We moved quickly to fix the problem, and both services are back to 100% for everyone.", she said.

UPDATED: Tuesday, Jan. 27 / 2:14 a.m. EST — Facebook, Tinder and Twitter appear to be back to normal after a 40 minute outage and mass freak out.

The outage was due to a **change** to
the site's configuration systems



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in July 2015.
(Photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images)

DOWNTIME

UPDATED: “Configuration Issue” Halts Trading on NYSE

The article has been updated with the time trading resumed.

A second update identified the cause of the outage as a “configuration issue.”

A third update added information about a software update that created the configuration issue.

NYSE network operators identified
the culprit of the **3.5 hour** outage,
blaming the incident on a
“network configuration issue”

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**Information suggests that
operators were **watching the news**
instead of making changes
to their infrastructure**

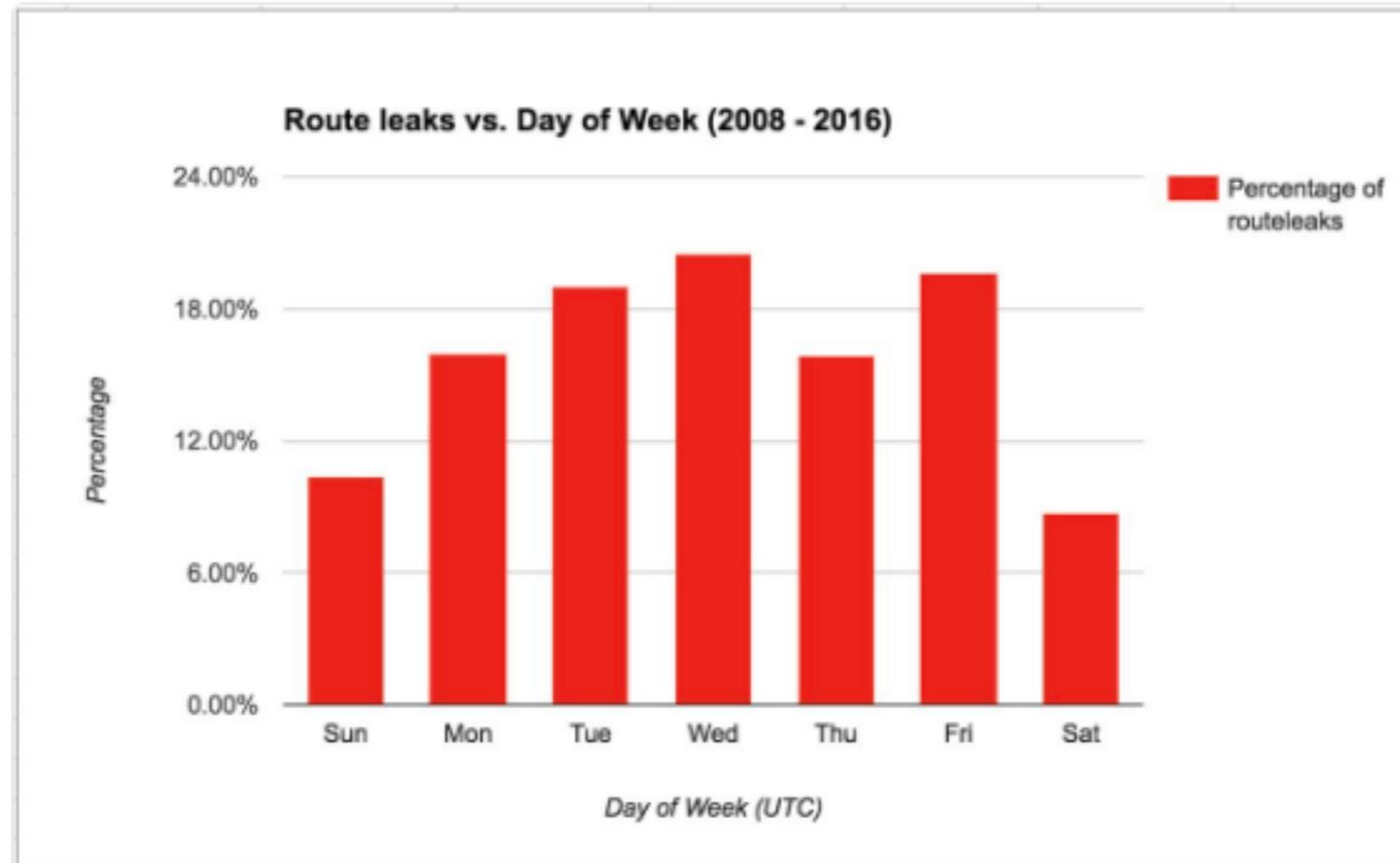


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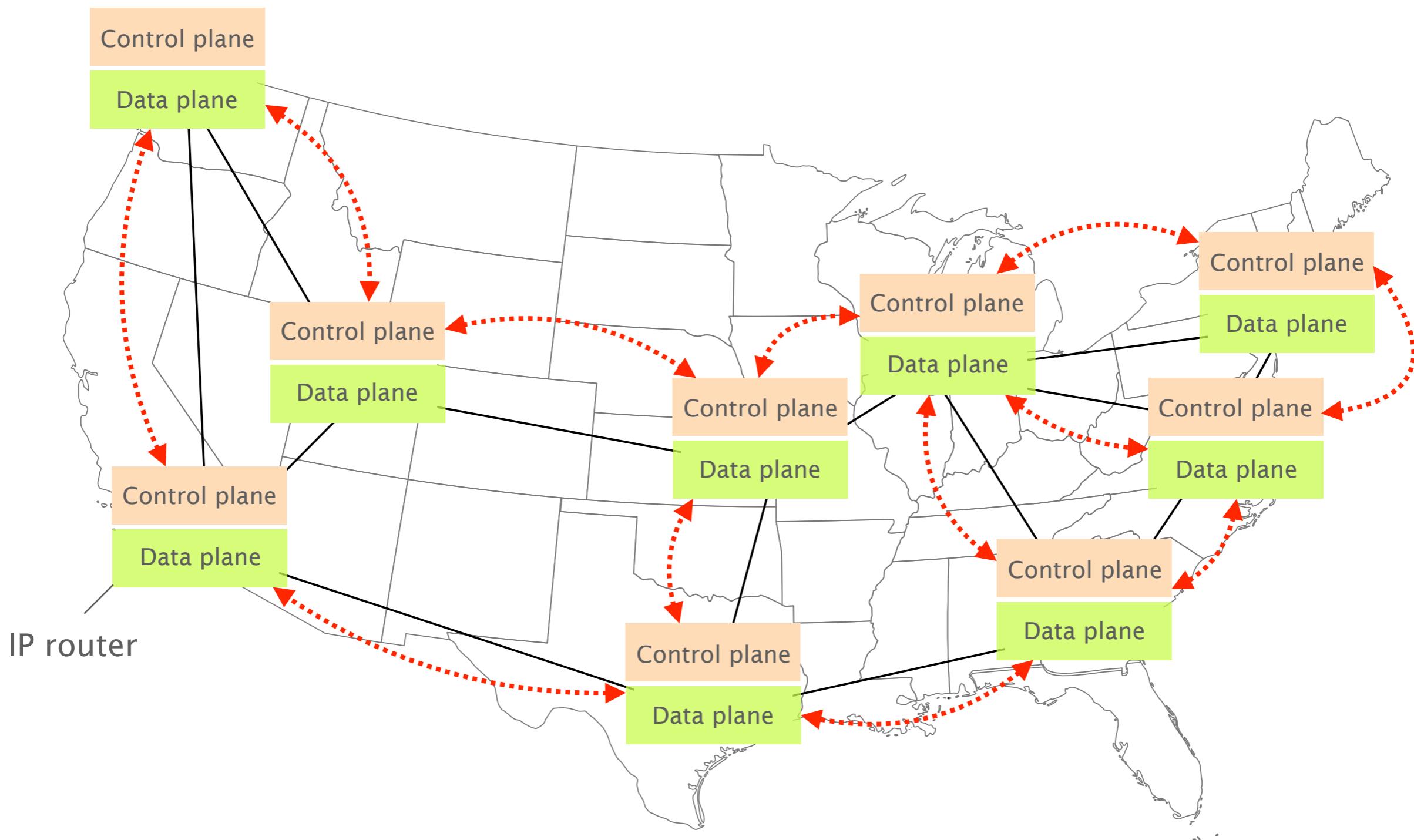


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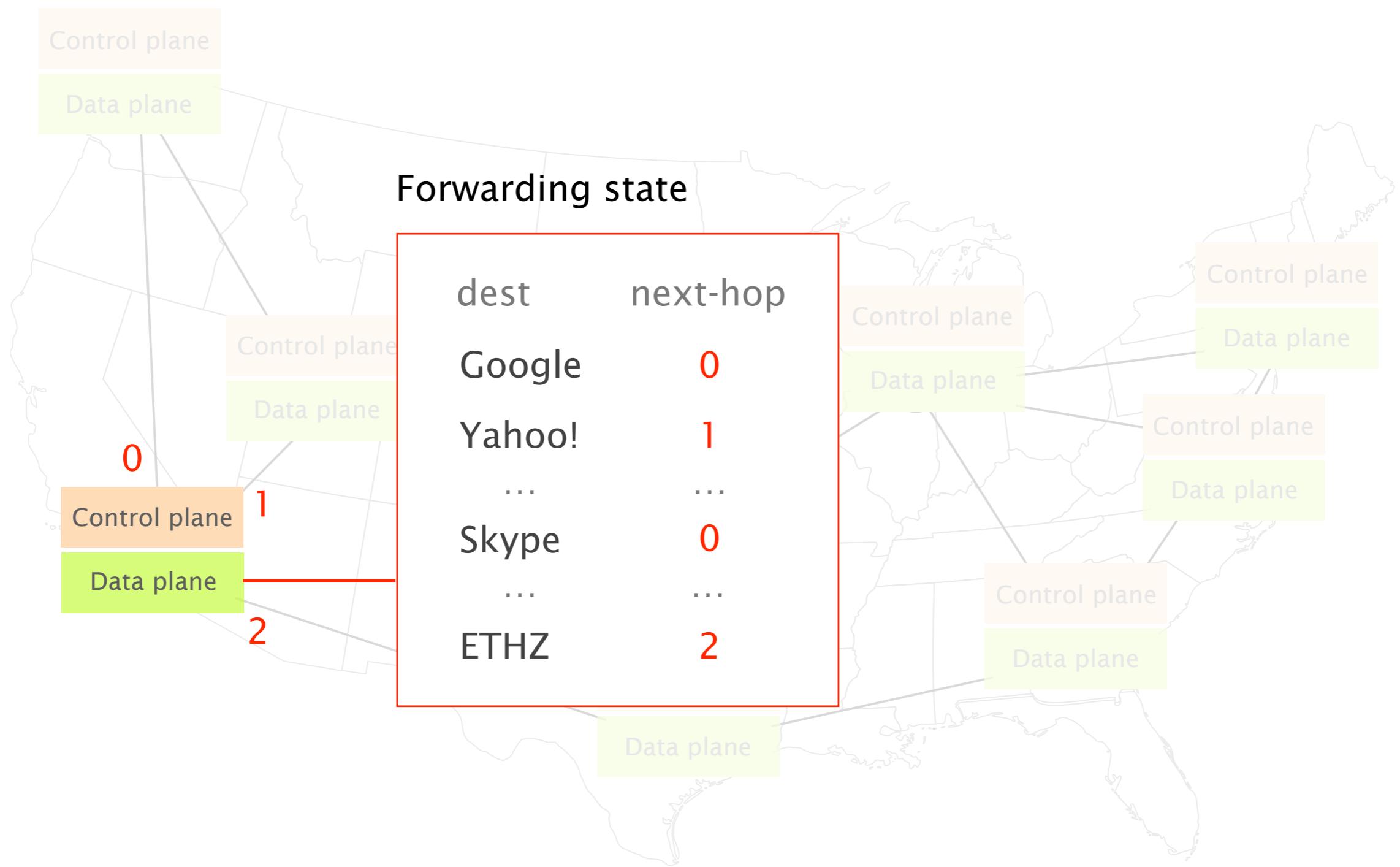
Fun fact: most BGP route leaks happen on Wednesdays, but in the weekend us humans collectively take a break! :-)



Think of the network as a distributed system running a distributed algorithm



This algorithm produces the **forwarding state** which drives Internet traffic to its destination



Operators adapt their network forwarding behavior by configuring each network device individually

Configuring each element is often done manually, using arcane low-level, vendor-specific “languages”

Cisco IOS

```
!
ip multicast-routing
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 120.1.7.7 255.255.255.255
 ip ospf 1 area 0
!
!
interface Ethernet0/0
 no ip address
!
interface Ethernet0/0.17
 encapsulation dot1Q 17
 ip address 125.1.17.7 255.255.255.0
 ip pim bsr-border
 ip pim sparse-mode
!
!
router ospf 1
 router-id 120.1.7.7
 redistribute bgp 700 subnets
!
router bgp 700
 neighbor 125.1.17.1 remote-as 100
!
address-family ipv4
 redistribute ospf 1 match internal external 1 external 2
 neighbor 125.1.17.1 activate
!
address-family ipv4 multicast
 network 125.1.79.0 mask 255.255.255.0
 redistribute ospf 1 match internal external 1 external 2
```

Juniper JunOS

```
interfaces {
    so-0/0/0 {
        unit 0 {
            family inet {
                address 10.12.1.2/24;
            }
            family mpls;
        }
    }
    ge-0/1/0 {
        vlan-tagging;
        unit 0 {
            vlan-id 100;
            family inet {
                address 10.108.1.1/24;
            }
            family mpls;
        }
        unit 1 {
            vlan-id 200;
            family inet {
                address 10.208.1.1/24;
            }
        }
    }
...
}
protocols {
    mpls {
        interface all;
    }
    bgp {
```

A single mistyped line is enough to bring down the entire network

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!
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router ospf 1
 router-id 120.1.7.7
redistribute bgp 700 subnets —— Anything else than 700 creates blackholes
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router bgp 700
 neighbor 125.1.17.1 remote-as 100
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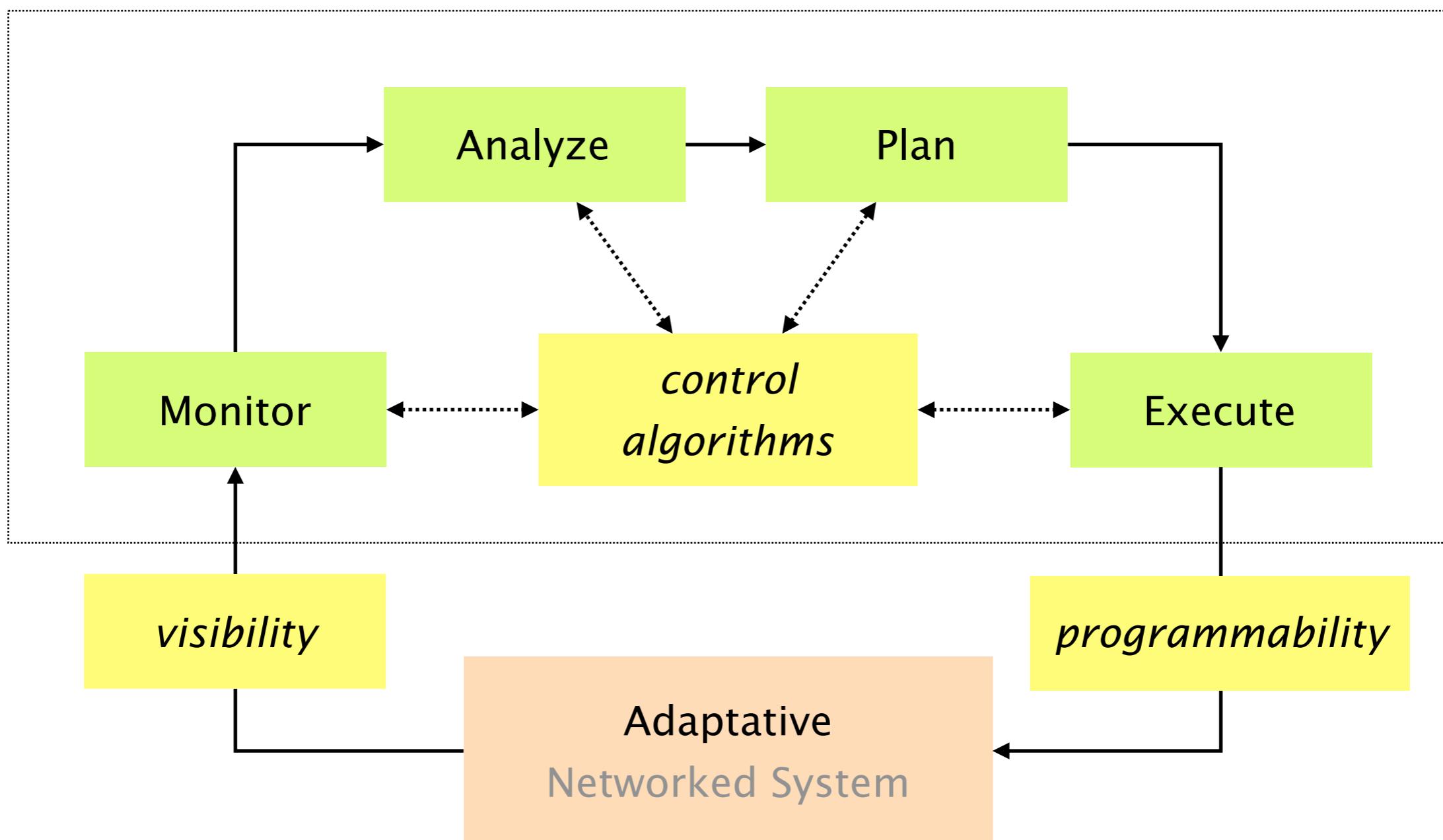
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My research goal? Automate!

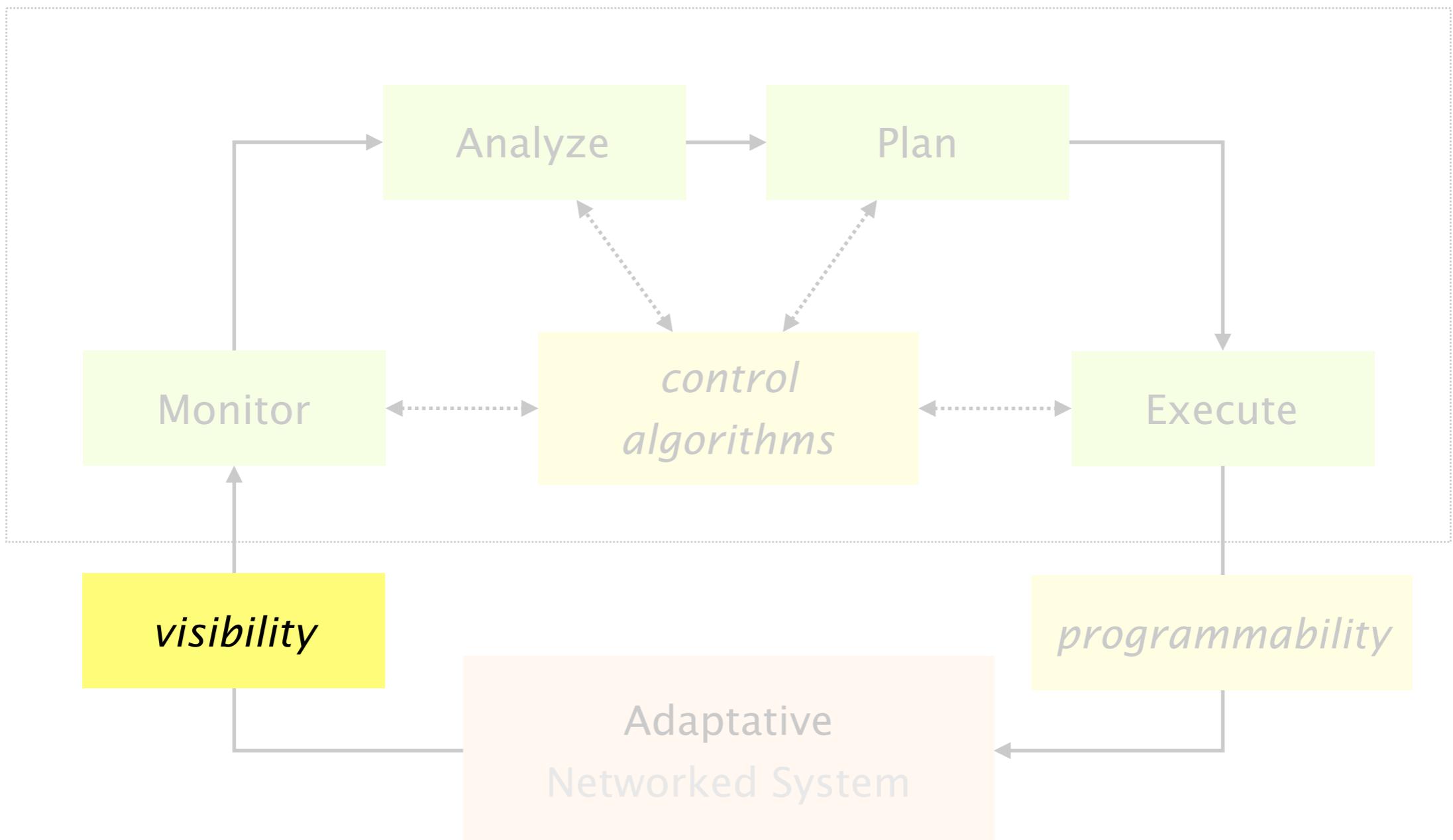
Remove the need to rely on humans

Develop a complete & sound network controller which can automatically enforces high-level requirements

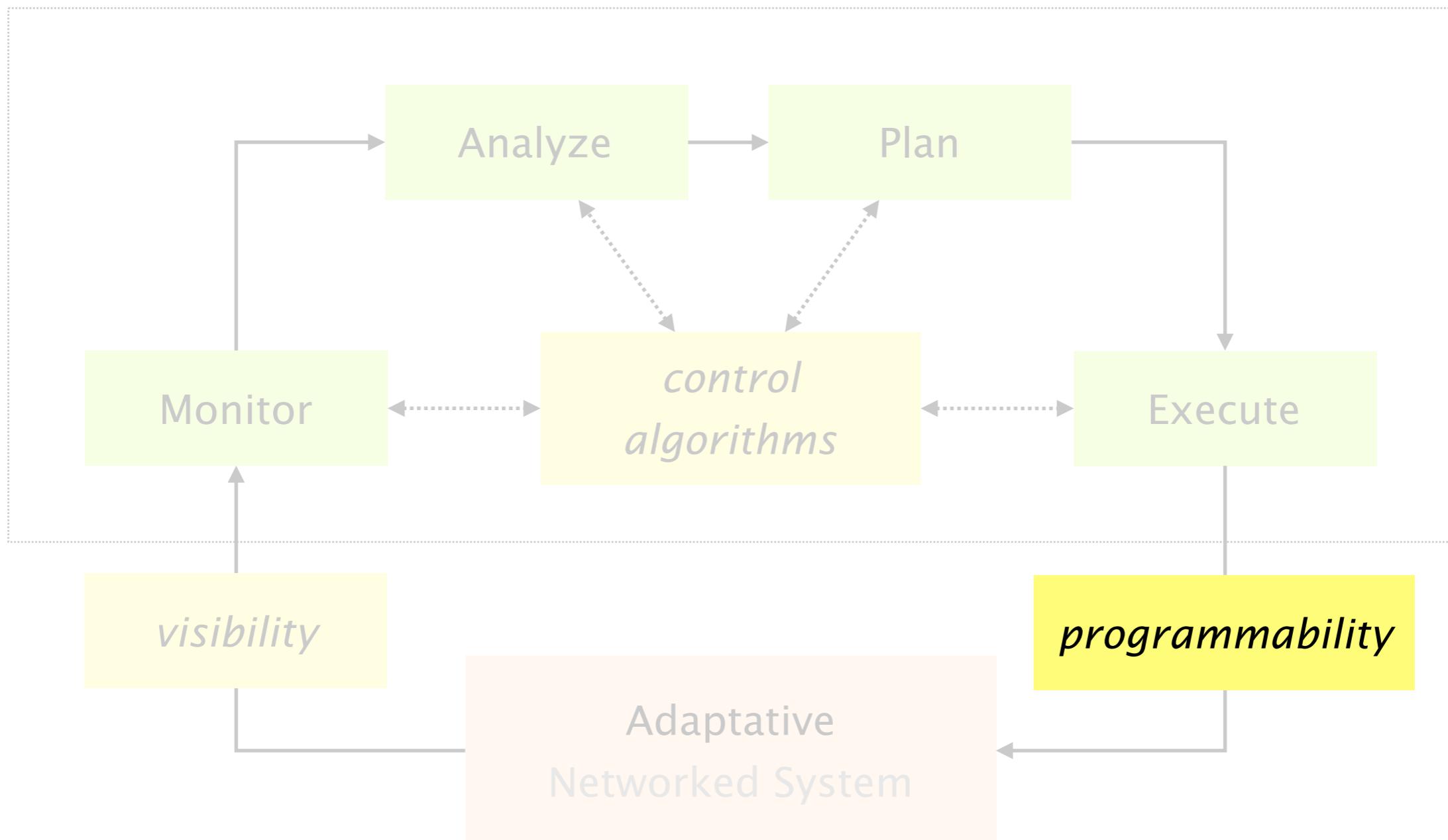
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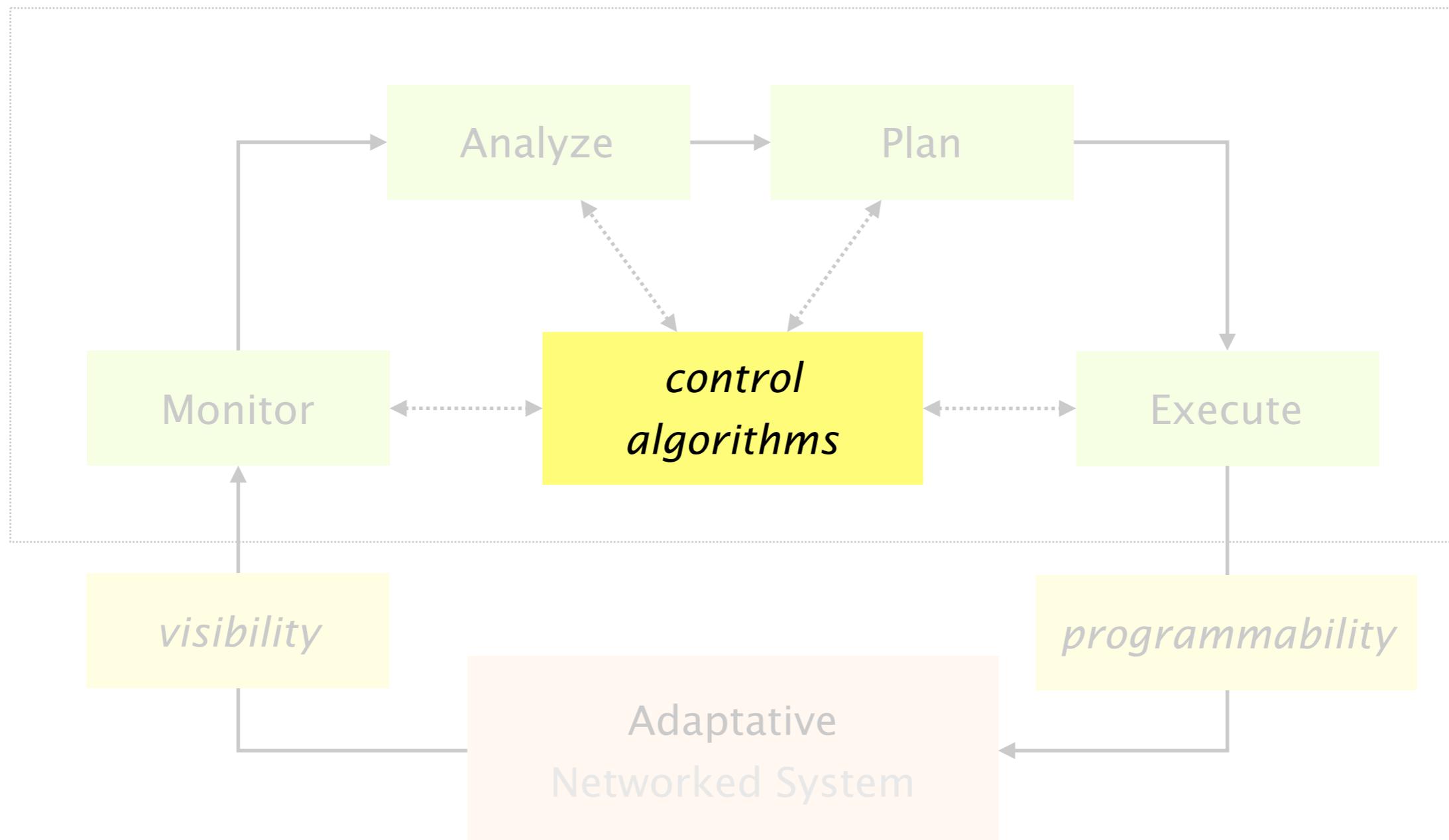
Develop efficient and fine-grained measurement techniques, *i.e.* sensors

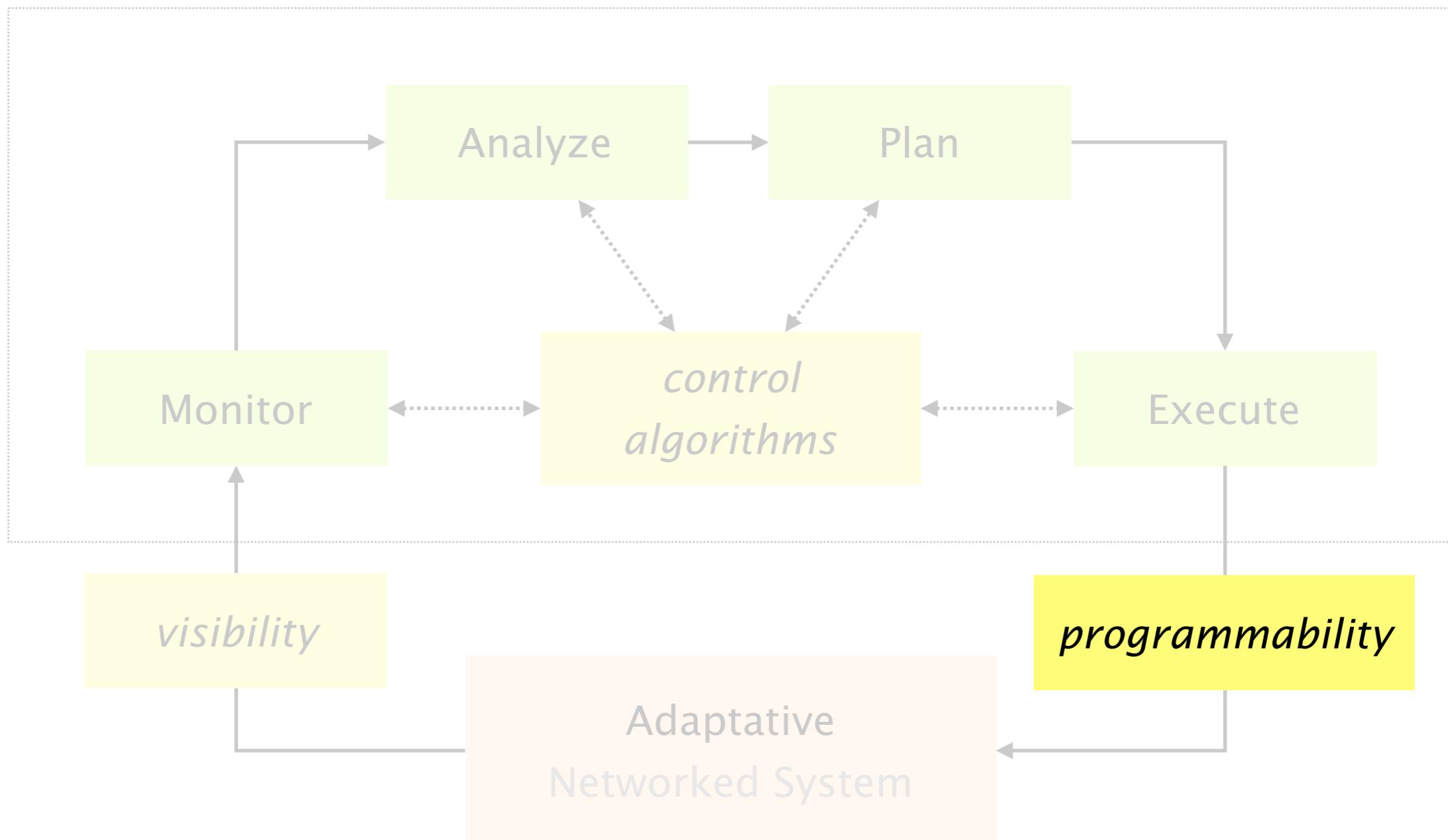


Develop fine-grained declarative control interfaces with a clear semantic, *i.e.* actuators



Develop efficient control algorithms
leveraging this new generation of sensors/actuators



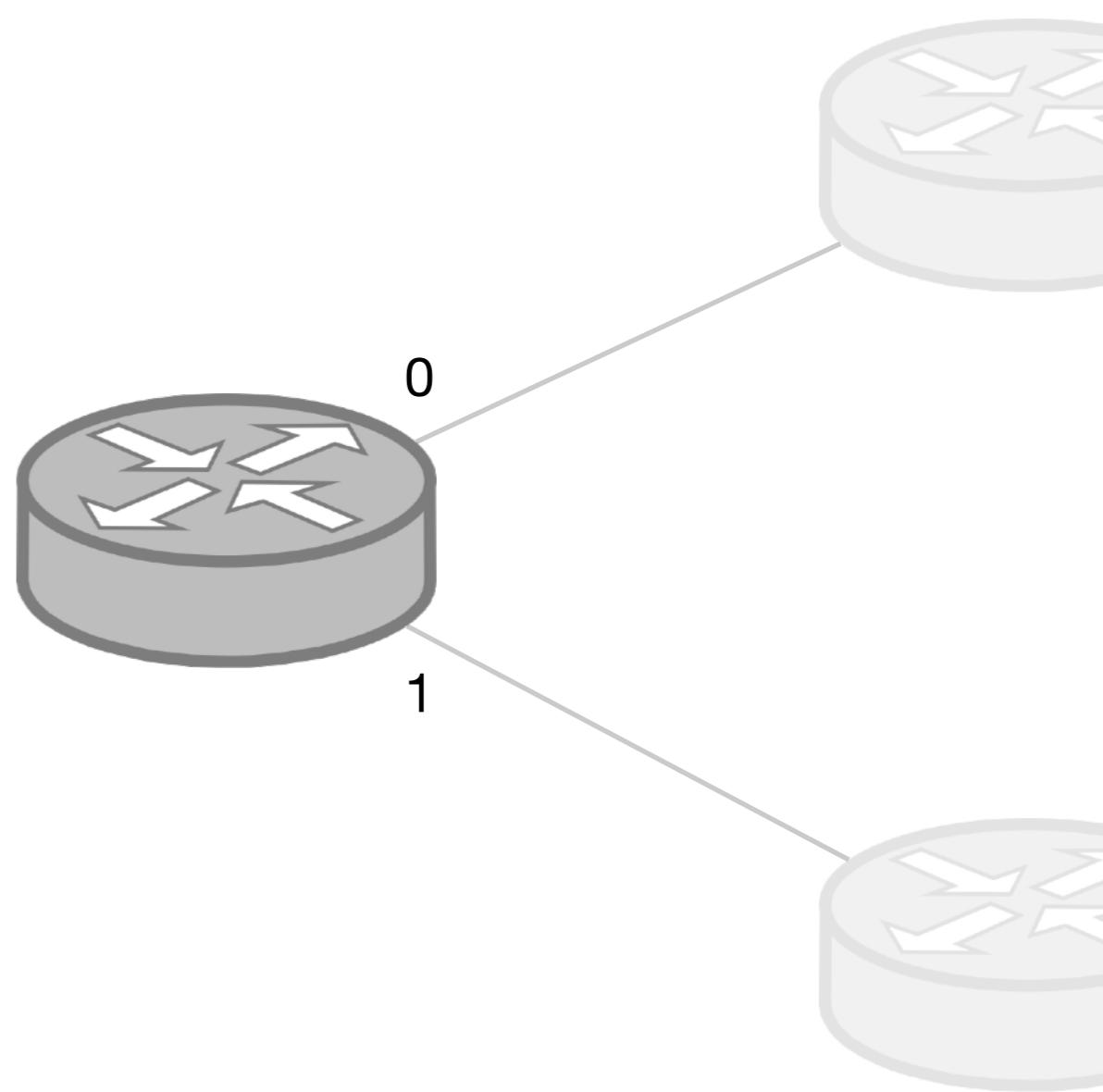


How can we program network-wide
forwarding state in existing networks?

The forwarding state computed by a router depends on two inputs

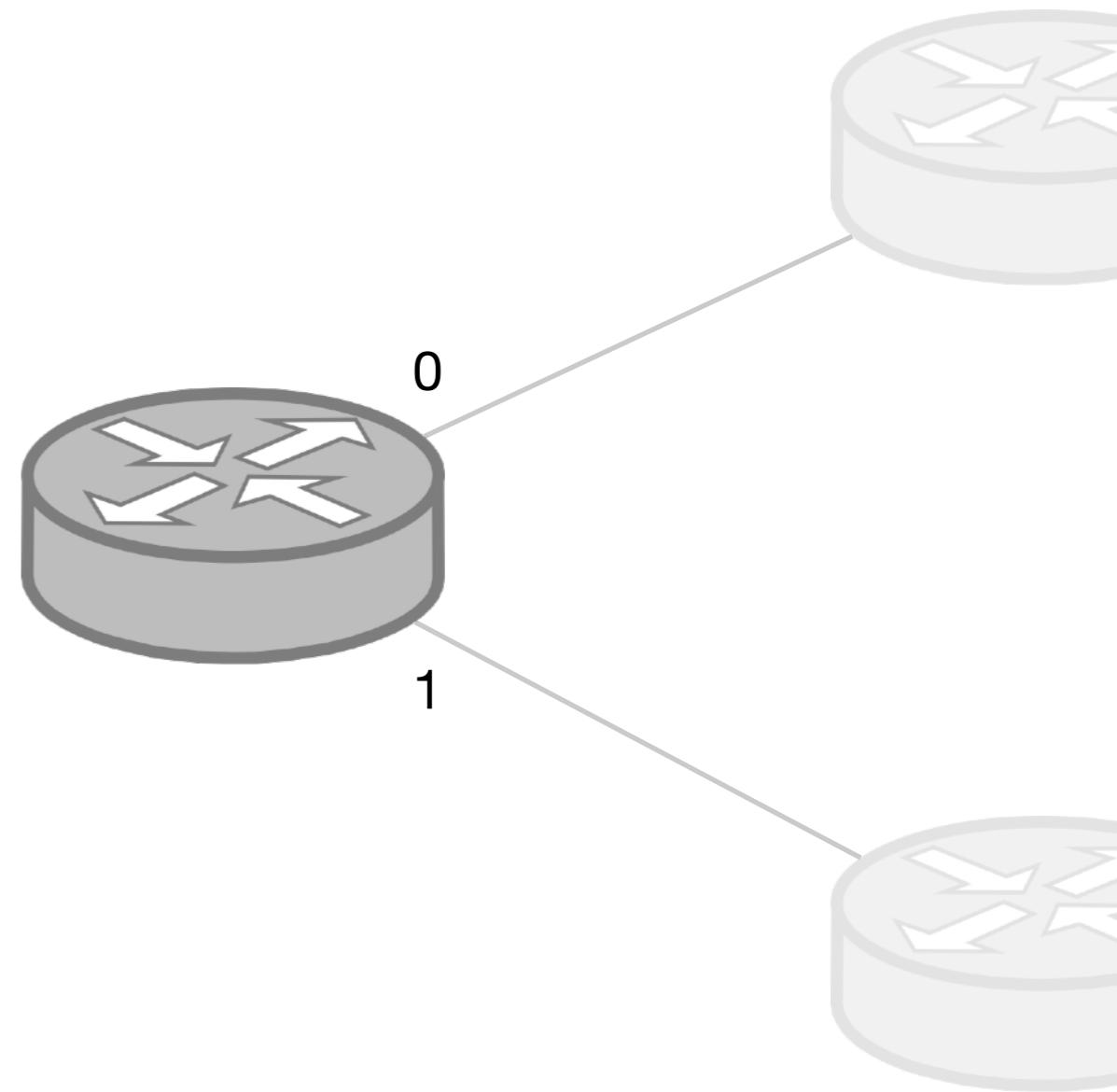
Forwarding state

	prefix	next-hop
1	1.0.0.0/24	0
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...
300k	100.0.0.0/8	0
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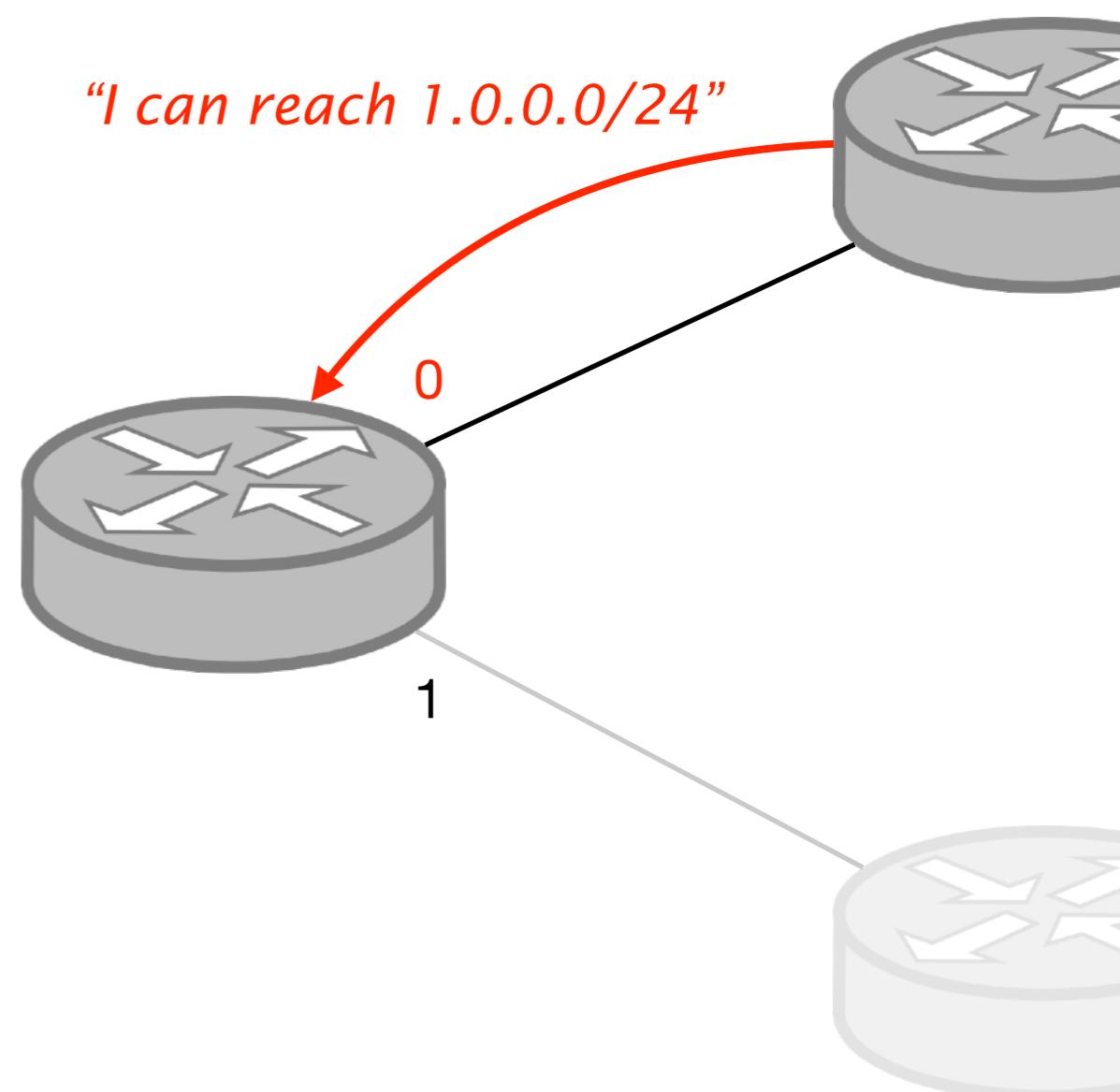
The router configuration specifies how the router compute its state

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The routing messages sent by neighboring devices

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to provision, one can synthesize

way 1 the routing messages shown to the routers

way 2 the configurations run by the routers

Given a network-wide forwarding state
output to provision, one can **synthesize**
inputs the routing messages shown to the routers
functions the configurations run by the routers

Network programmability

through synthesis

Fibbing
“the inputs”

SyNET
“the functions”

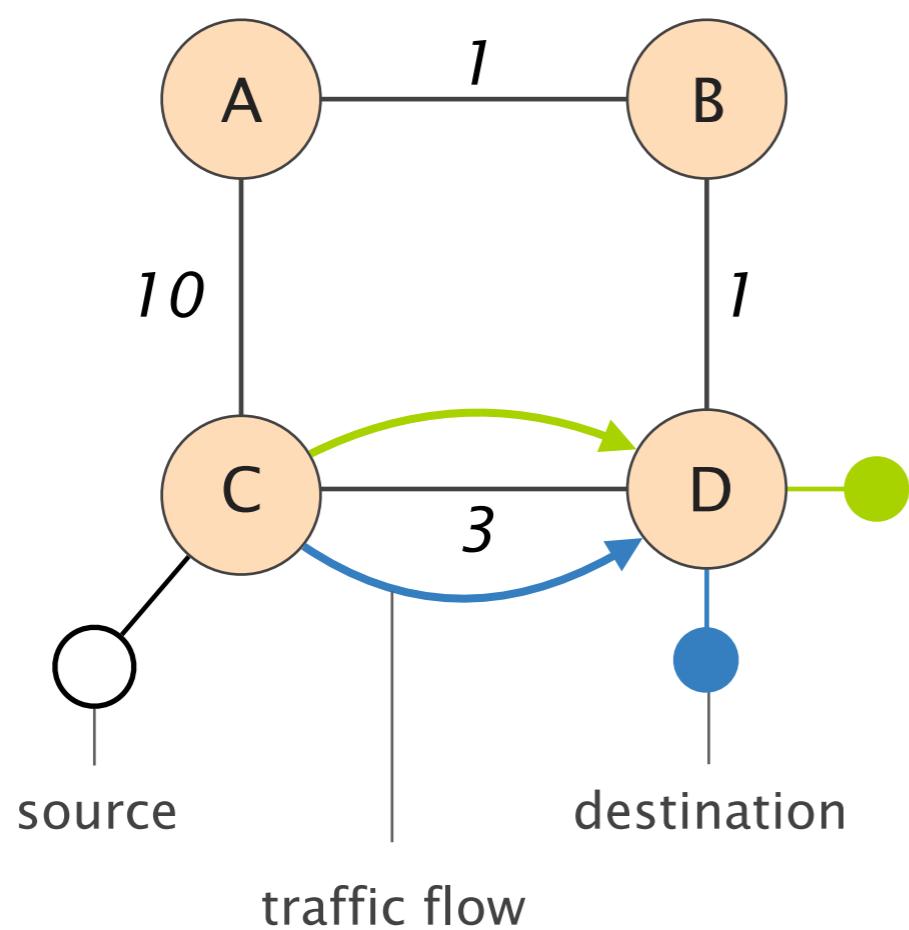
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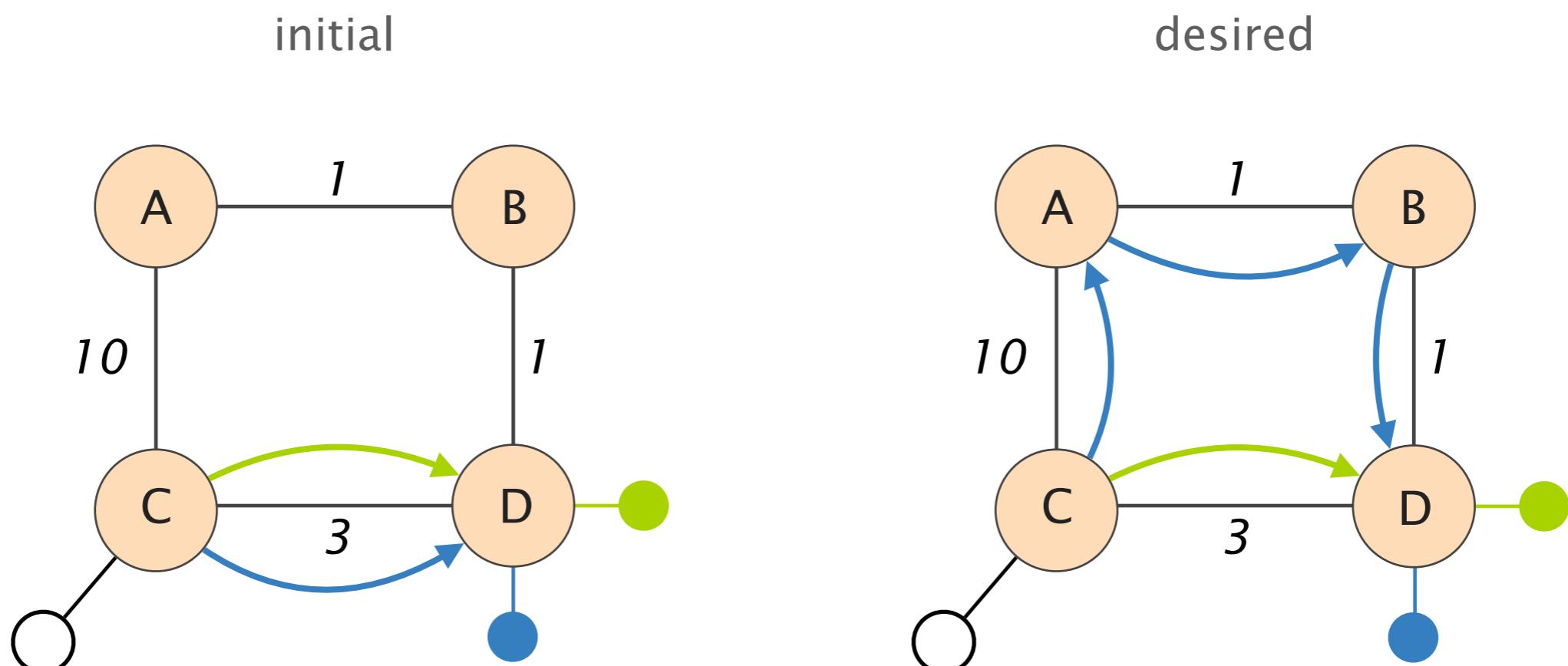
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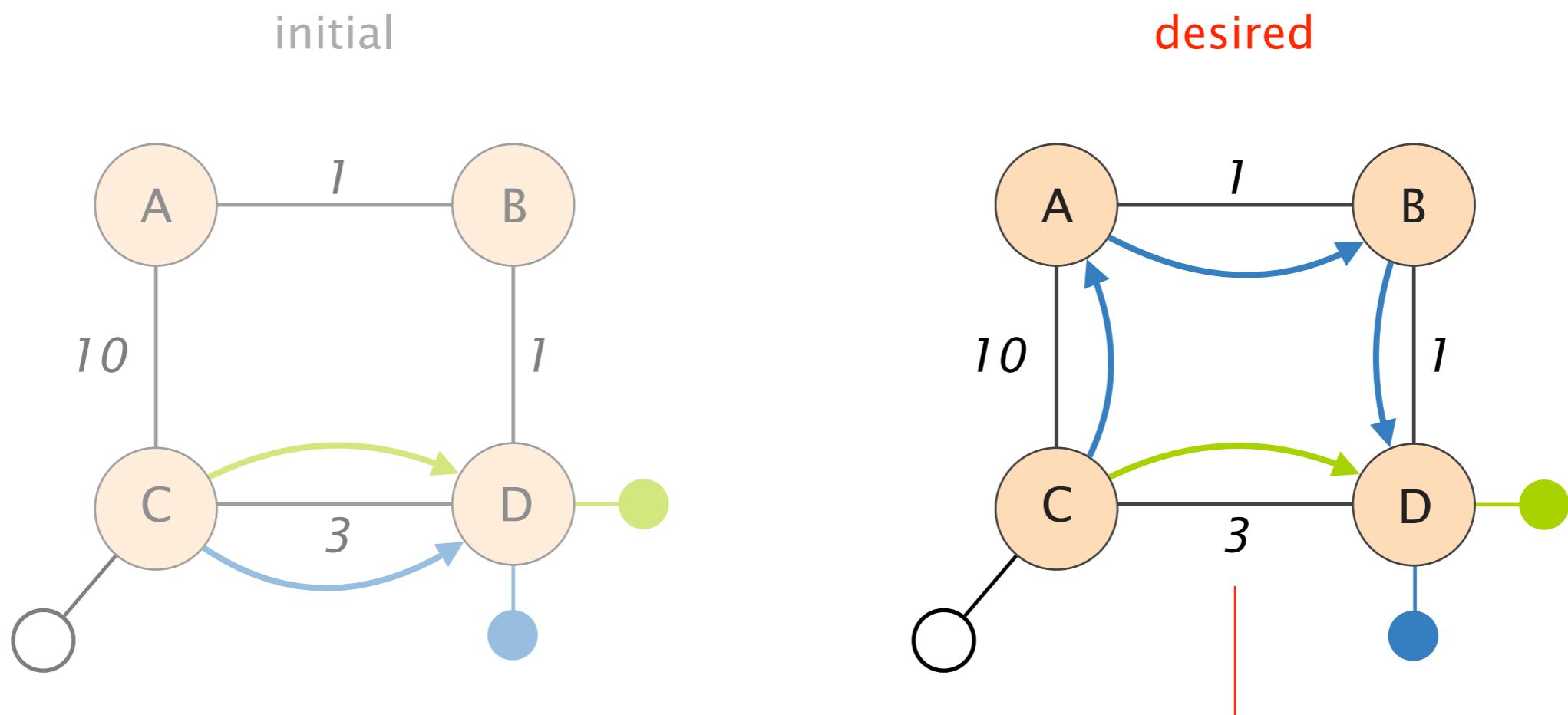
Consider this network where a source sends traffic to 2 destinations



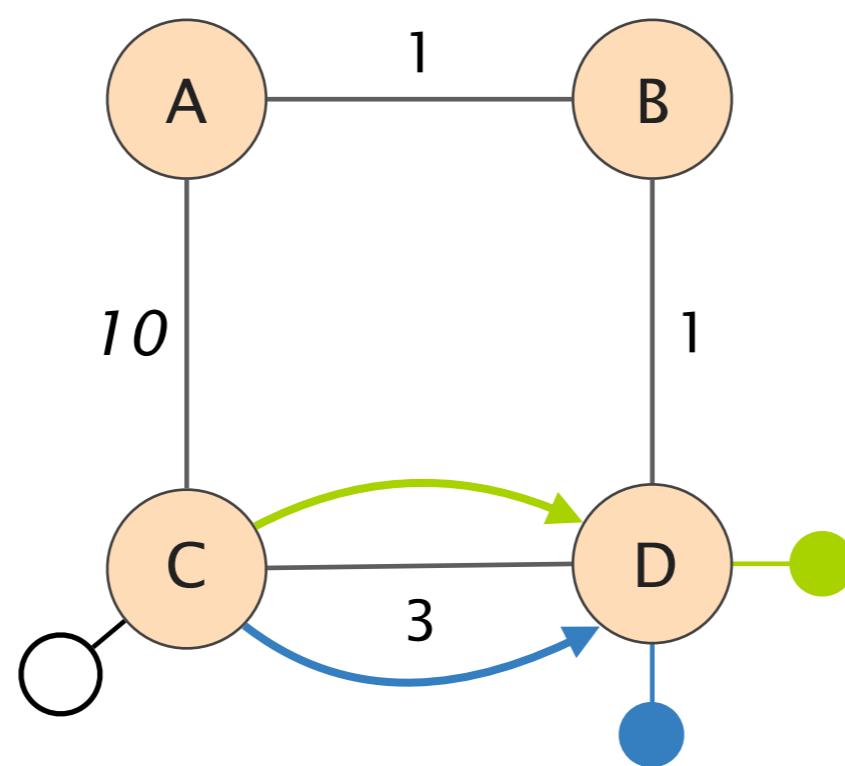
As congestion appears, the operator wants to shift away one flow from (C,D)



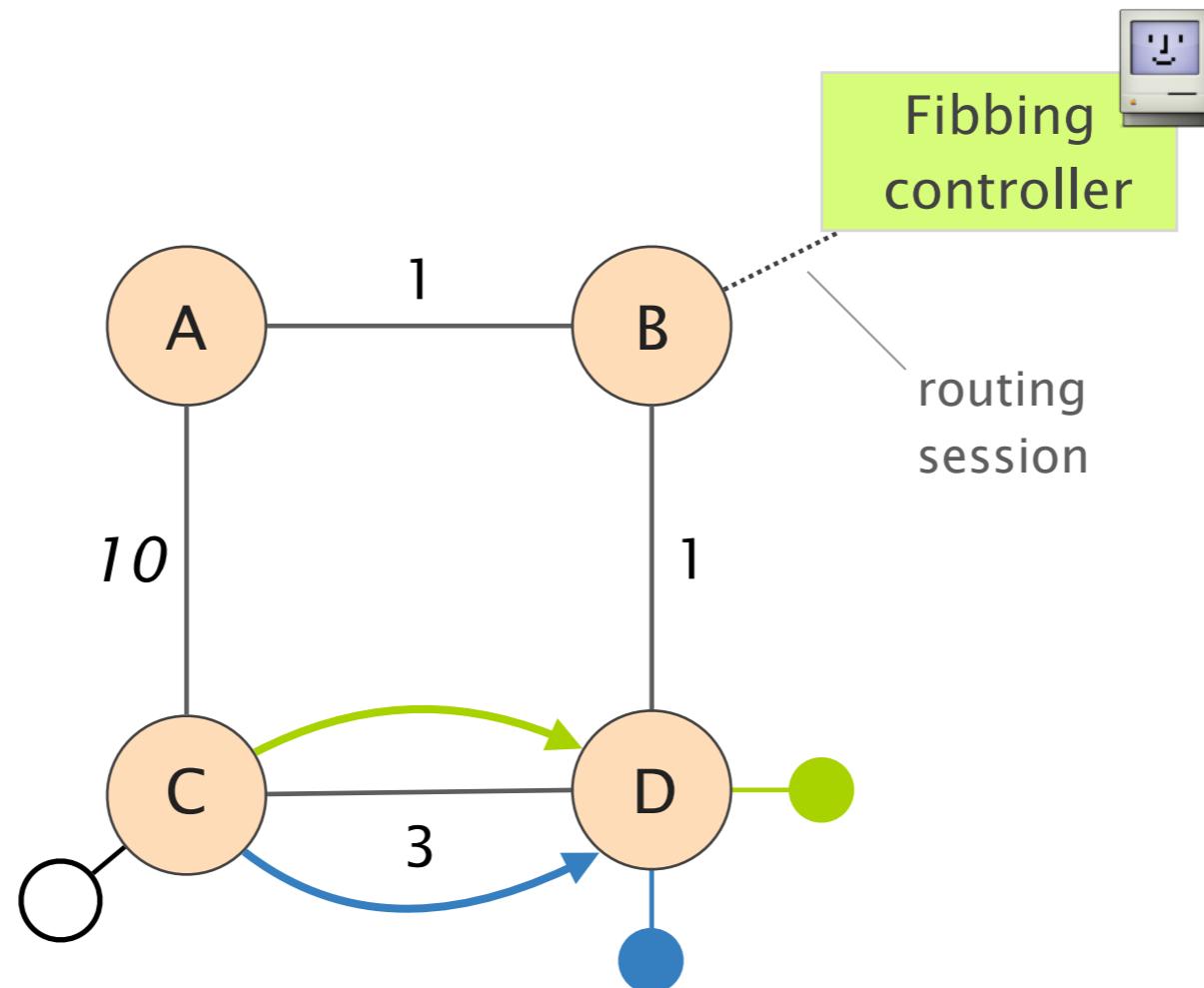
Moving only one flow is **impossible** though
as both destinations are connected to D



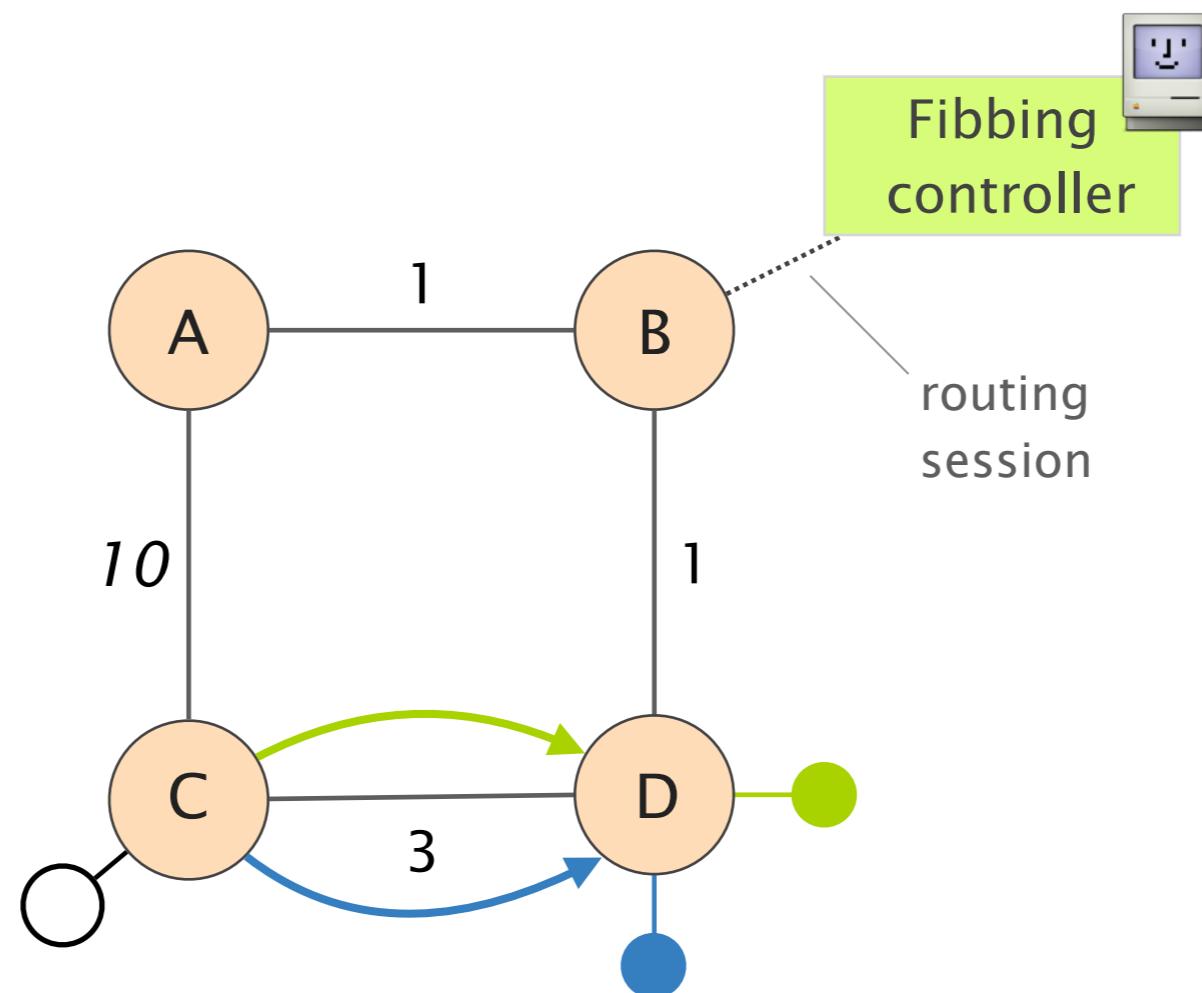
impossible to achieve by
reweighing the links

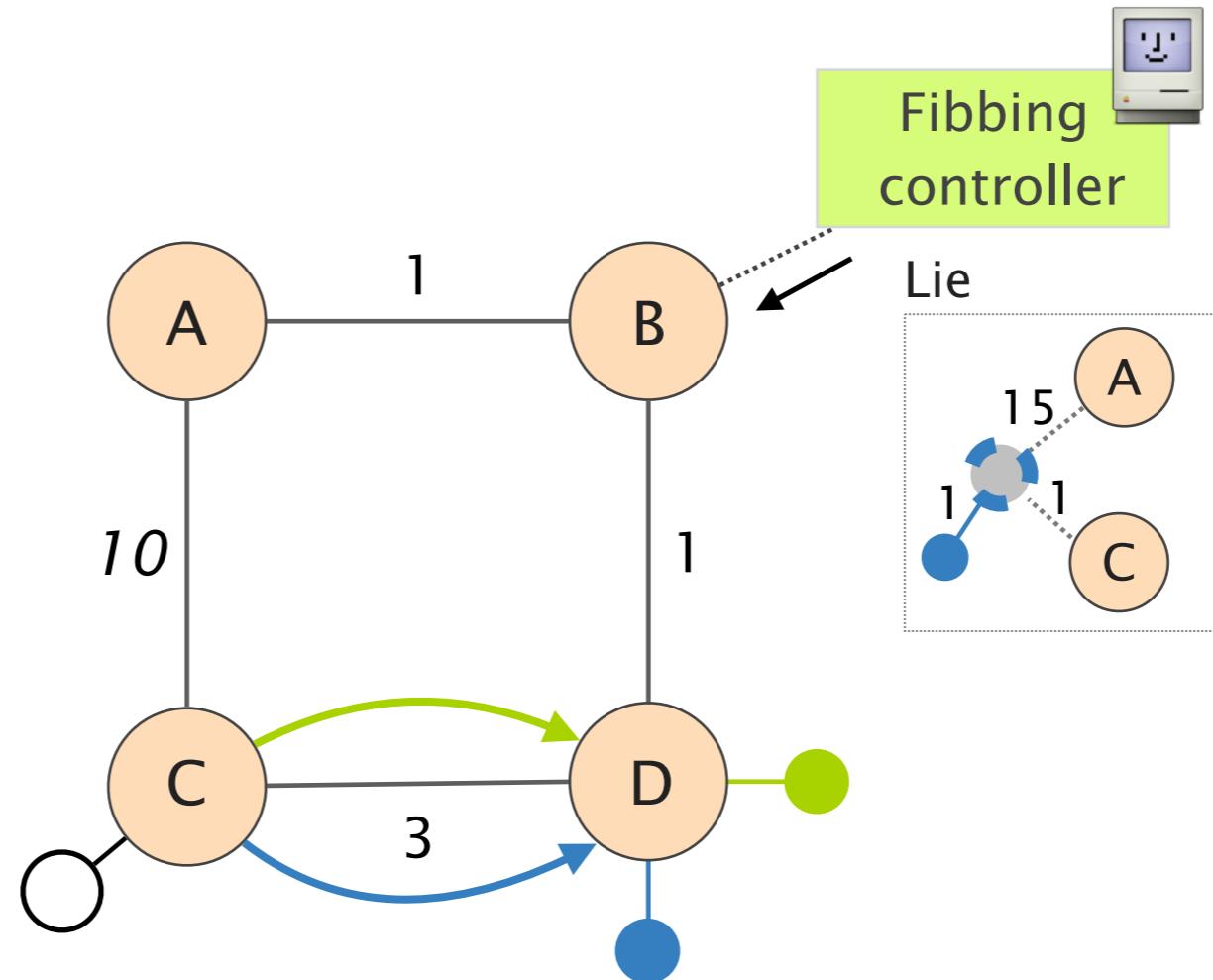


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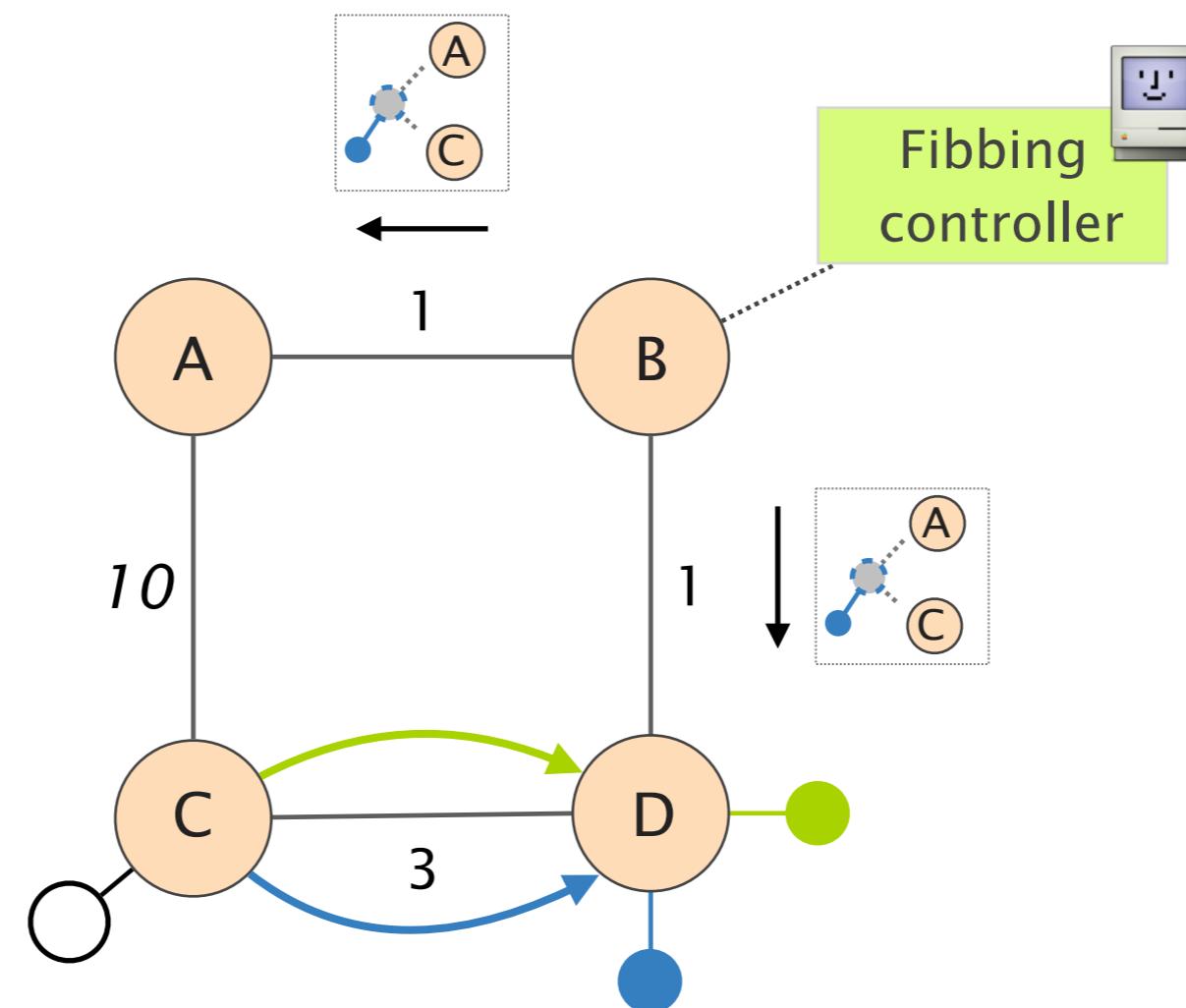


Let's lie to the routers, by injecting fake nodes, links and destinations

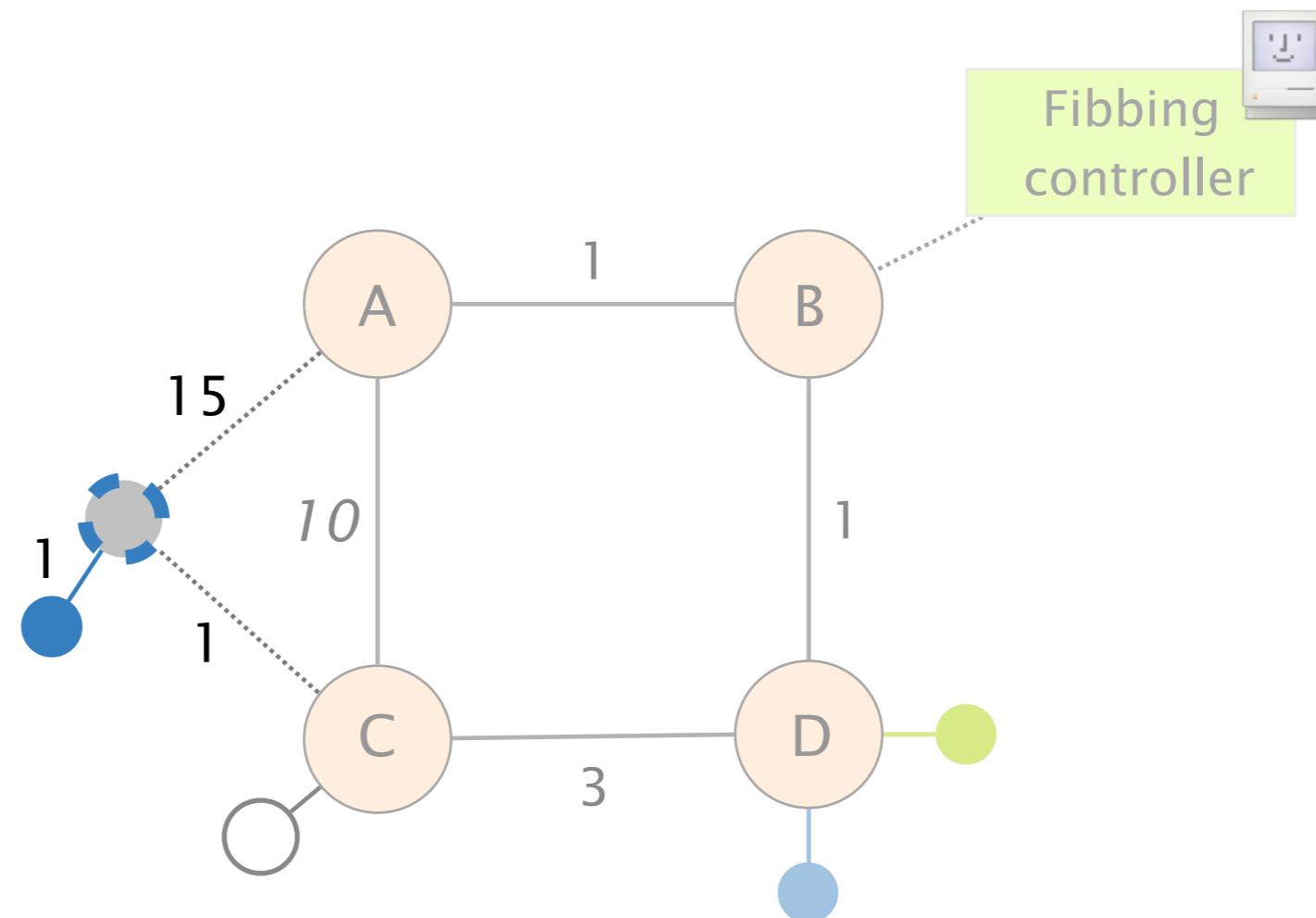




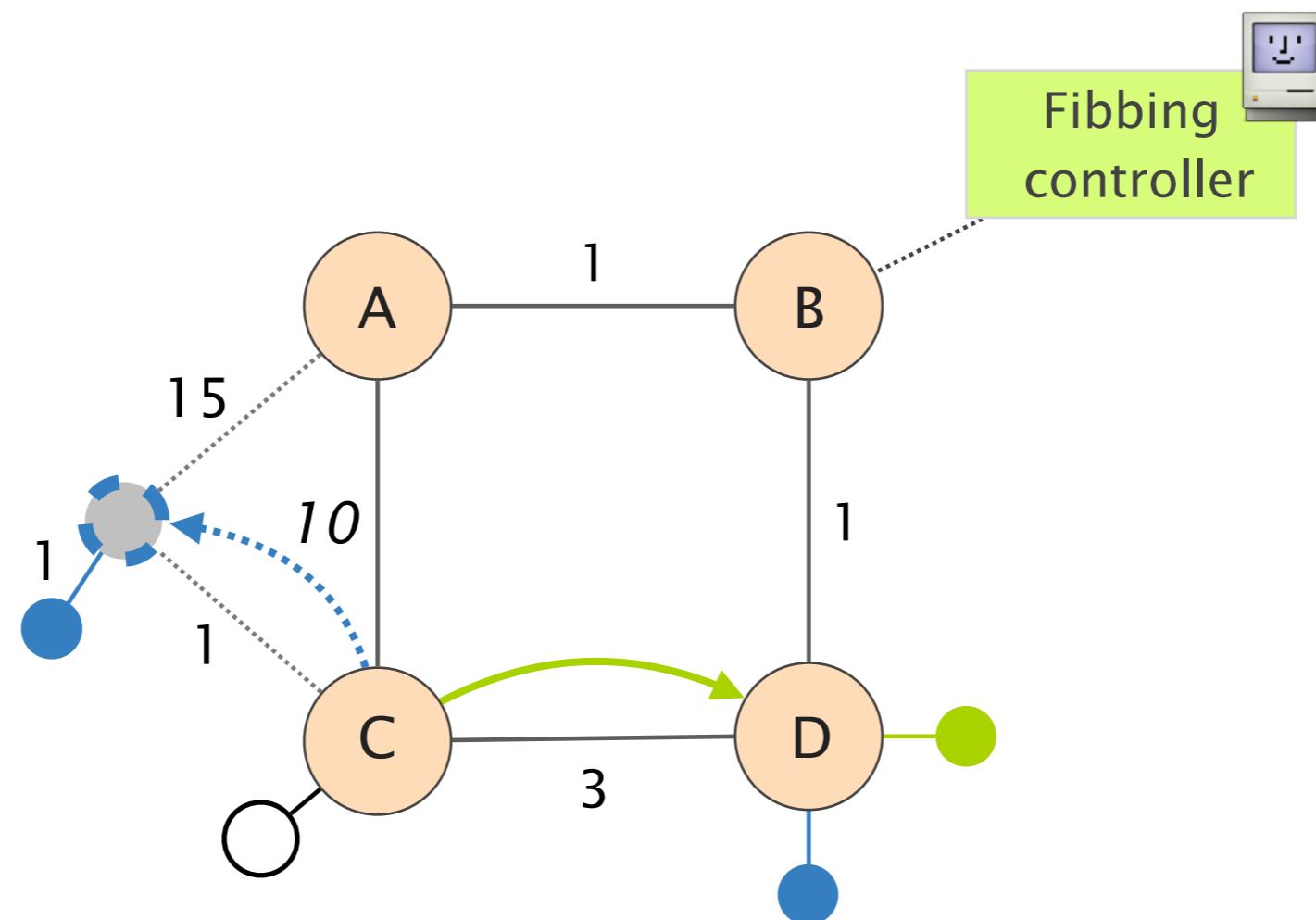
Lies are propagated network-wide
by the routing protocol



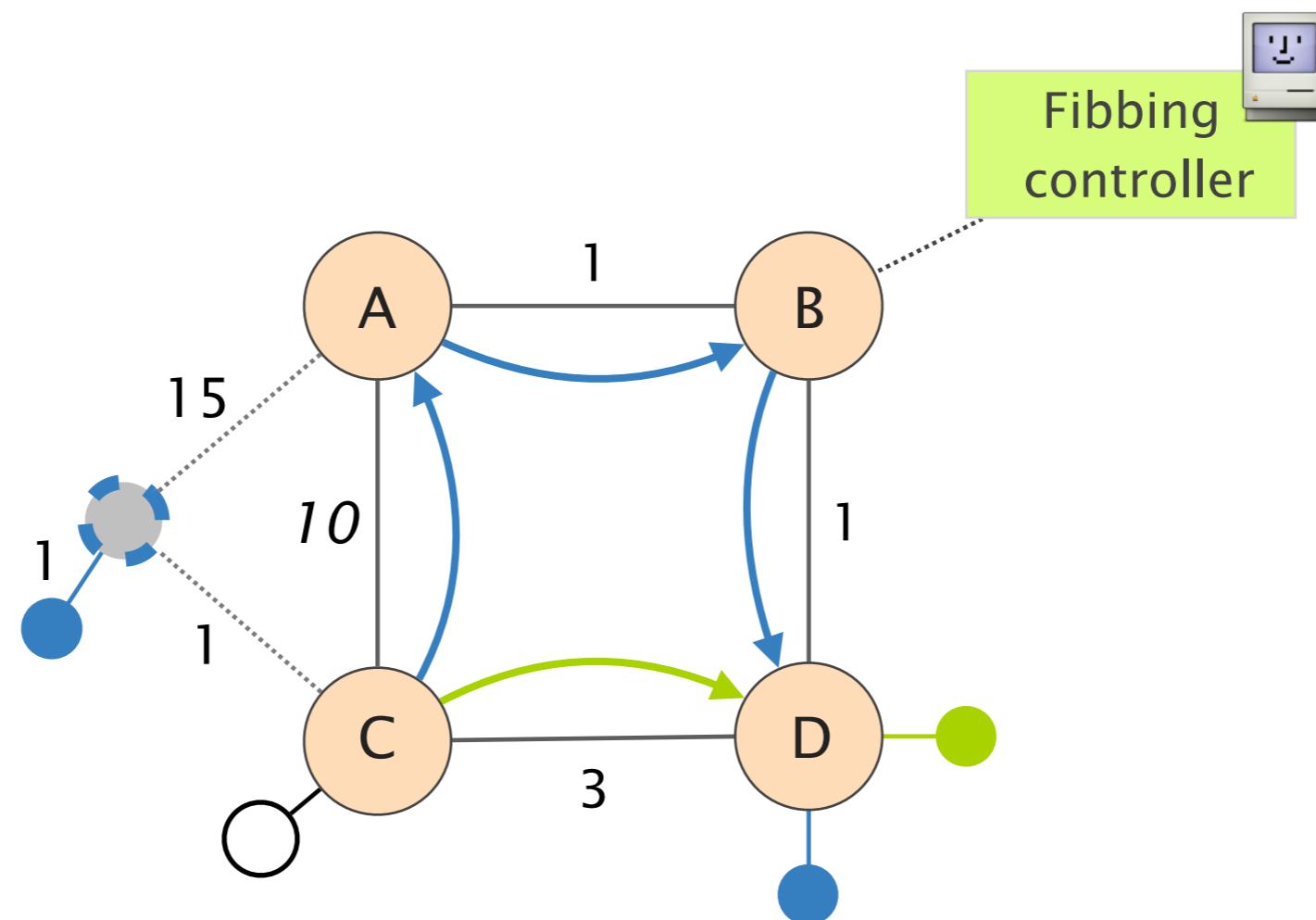
All routers compute their shortest-paths
on the augmented topology



C prefers the virtual node (cost 2)
to reach the blue destination...



As the virtual node does not really exist,
actual traffic is physically sent to A



Synthesizing routing messages is powerful

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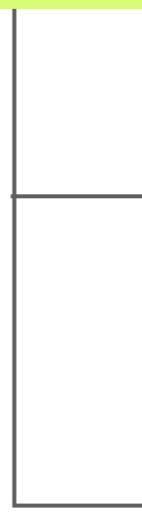
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any path is loop-free

(e.g., [s1, a, b, a, d] is not possible)

paths are consistent

(e.g. [s1, a, b, d] and

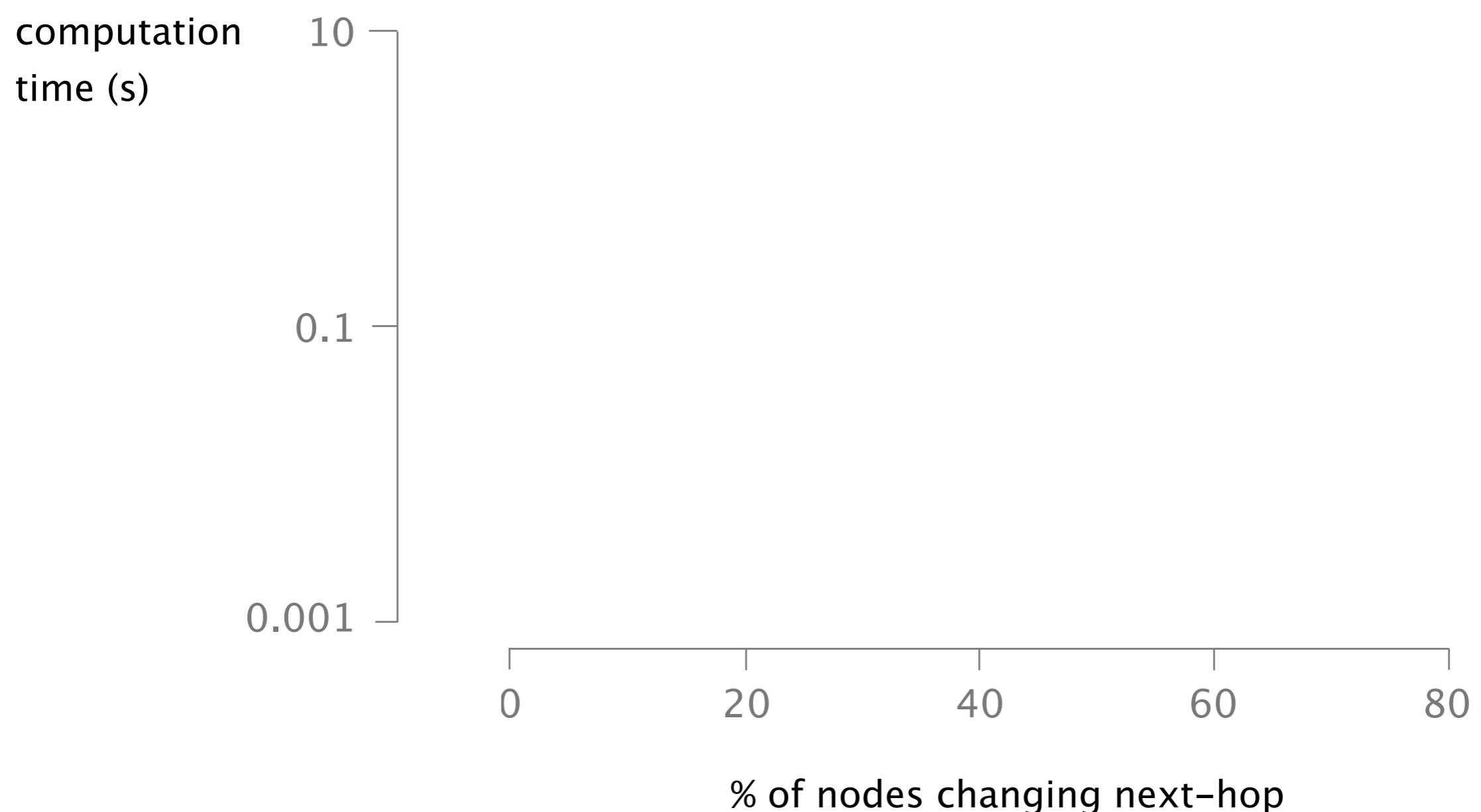
[s2, b, a, d] are inconsistent)

Synthesizing routing messages is fast and works in practice

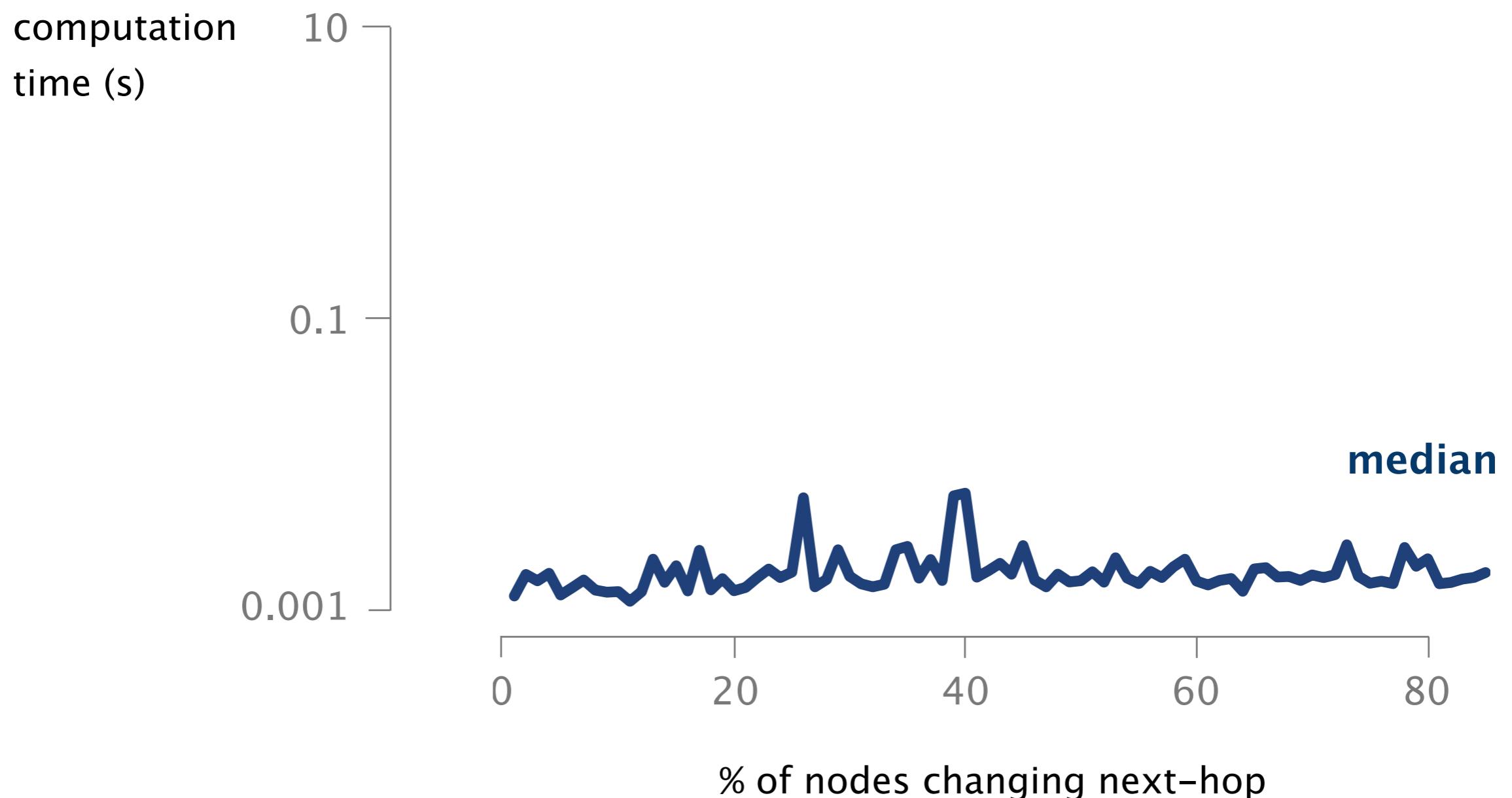
We developed efficient algorithms
polynomial in the # of requirements

Compute and minimize topologies in ms
independently of the size of the network

We tested them against real routers
works on both Cisco and Juniper



Fibbing computes routing messages to inject in $\sim 1\text{ ms}$

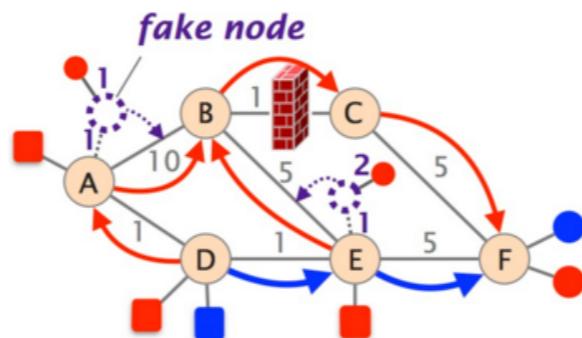


Check out our webpage fibbing.net

Fibbing: Small Lies for Better Networks

Fibbing is an architecture that enables central control over distributed routing. This way, it combines the advantages of SDN (flexibility, expressivity, and manageability) and traditional (robustness, and scalability) approaches.

Fibbing introduces fake nodes and links into an underlying link-state routing protocol, so that routers compute their own forwarding tables based on the augmented topology. Fibbing is expressive, and readily supports flexible load balancing, traffic engineering, and backup routes. Fibbing works with any unmodified routers speaking OSPF.



Fibbing won the Best Paper Award at SIGCOMM 2015!

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[Get the code](#)

Network programmability through synthesis

Fibbing
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SyNET
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current focus
under submission

Fibbing is limited by the configurations running on the routers

Works with a single protocol family
Dijkstra-based shortest-path routing

Can lead to loads of messages
if the configuration is not adapted

Suffers from reliability issues
need to remove the lies upon failures

Inputs

Network specification (N)

Physical topology (φ_N)

High-level requirements (φ_R)

SyNET

Outputs

```
!
ip mu !
! ip mu' . . .
inter !
ip a inter !
ip o ip a !
! ip o
! router ospf 1
! router-id 120.1.7.7
! redistribute bgp 700 su
inter !
no i inter !
! no i
inter !
encap inter
ip a encap
ip p ip a
ip p ip p
ip p
!
route
route
redi
```

SyNET can generate configurations
for (small) networks

# protocols	# routers
	4
static	9
static, OSPF	16
static, OSPF, BGP	

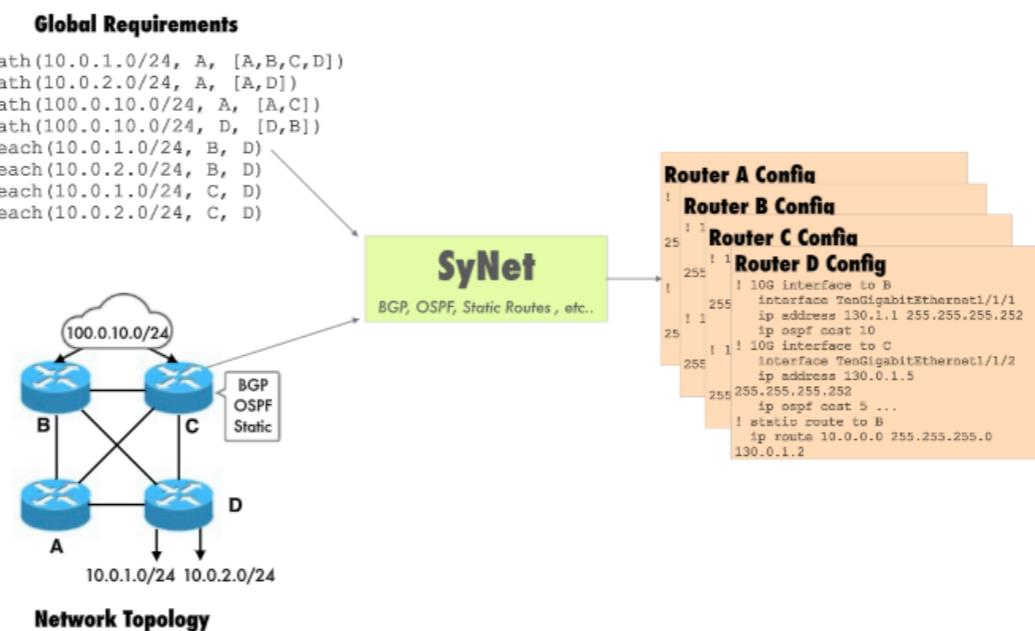
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		4	9	16
	static	1.8s	18.2s	116.1s
# protocols	static, OSPF	4.2s	37.0s	197.0s
	static, OSPF, BGP	13.8s	189.4s	577.4s

Check out our webpage
synet.ethz.ch

SyNet: Network-wide Configuration Synthesis

SyNet automatically synthesizes configurations for routers running **multiple interacting** protocols, including policy-based protocols (**BGP**) and shortest-path protocols (**OSPF**), and it also supports static routes. **SyNet** guarantees that the network's routers converge to a forwarding state that conforms with all high-level requirements provided by the network operator.



Why Multiple Protocols?

Routing protocols have different expressiveness. Configuring multiple protocols is therefore often required to produce a forwarding state compliant with the operator's requirements.

Automatic vs. Manual Configuration

Routing protocols are complex. Moreover, protocols often have complex interdependencies. For example, BGP uses interdomain routing costs as input for selecting the best route. Not surprisingly, the majority of network downtimes are caused by incorrect

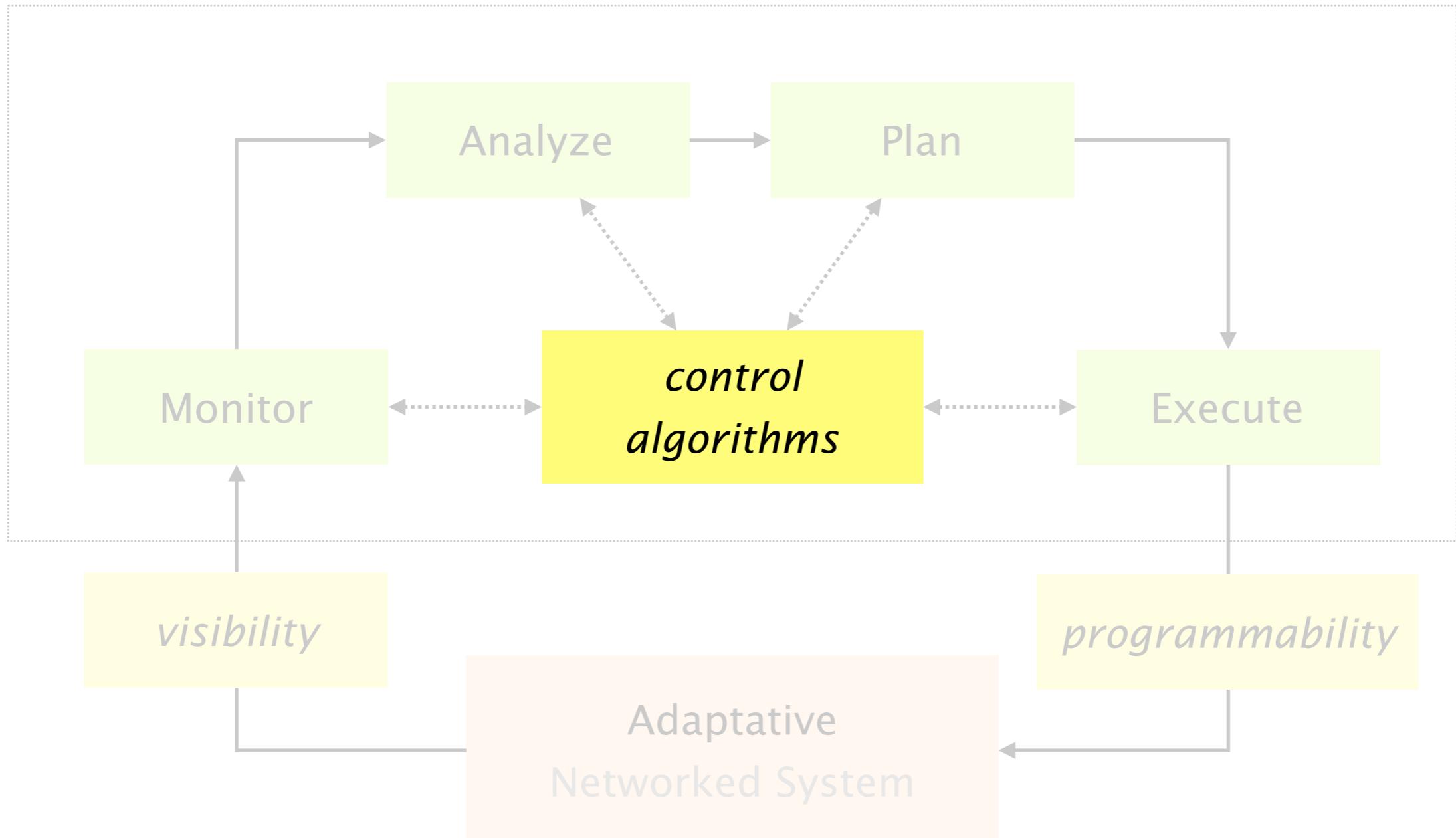
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Now that we've programmability,
What can we do with it?



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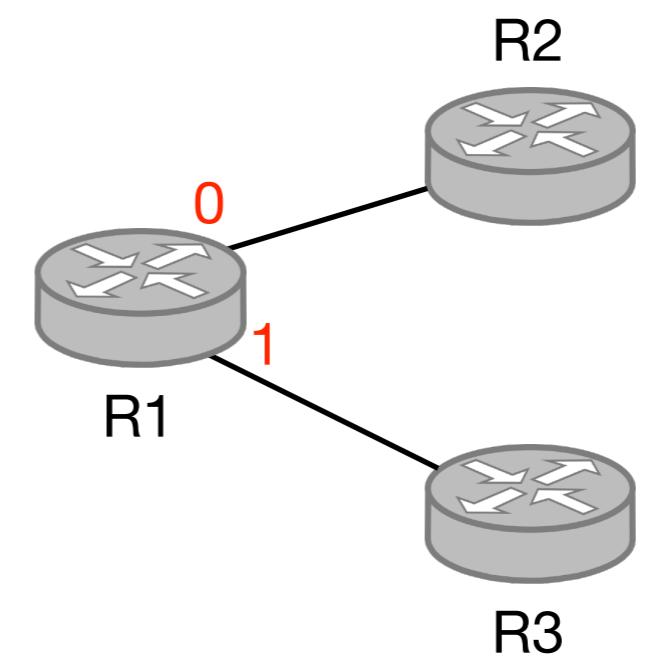
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**max. monthly downtime
under a 99.999% SLA**

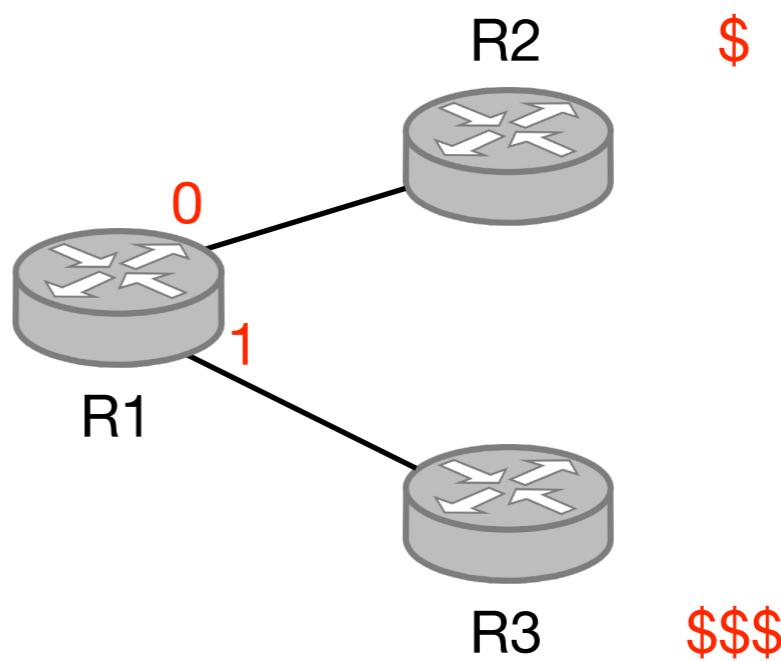
IP routers are slow to converge
upon remote link and node failures

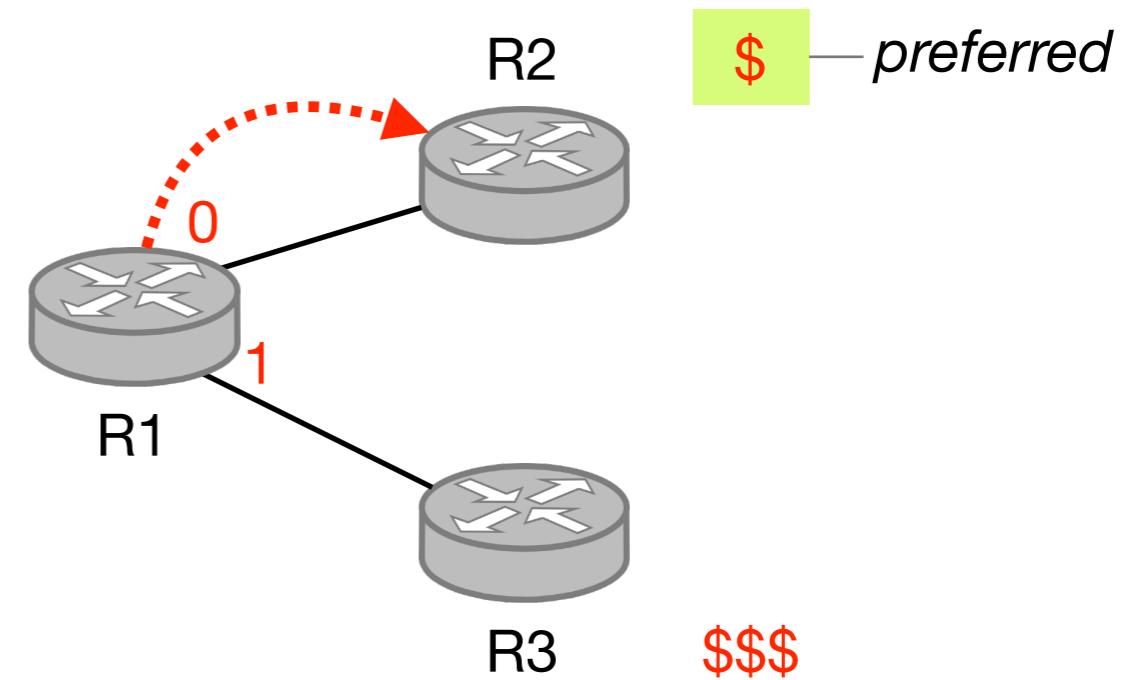


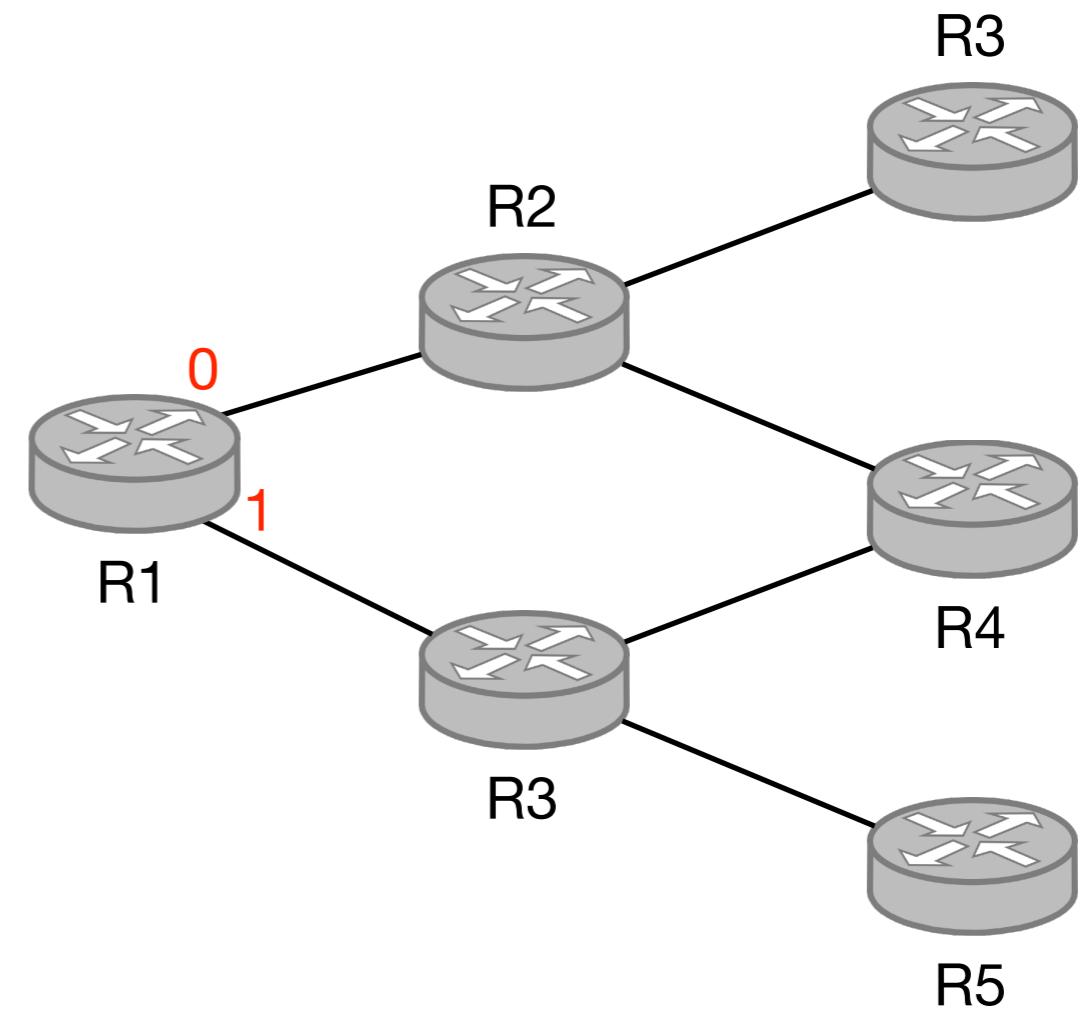
R1

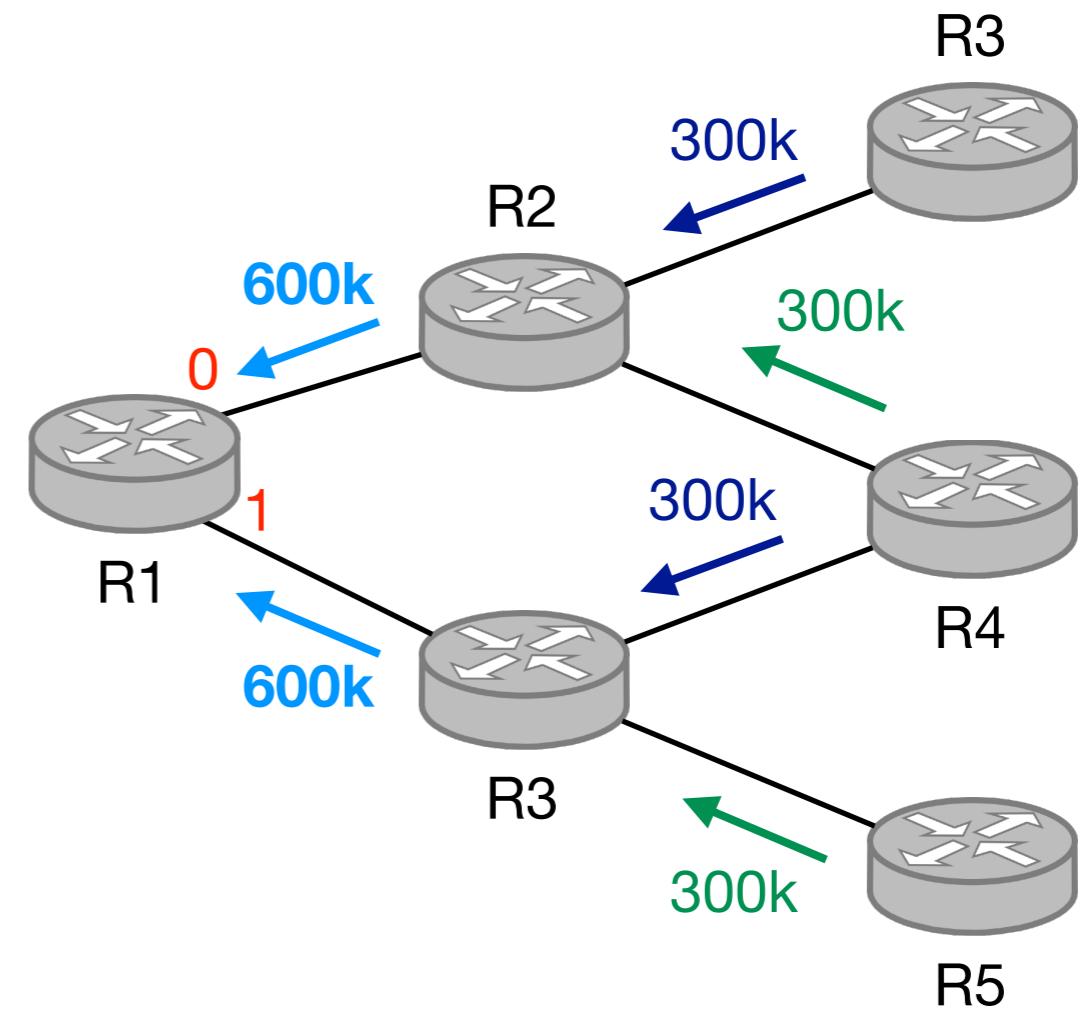


R1 prefers to send traffic via R2 when possible,
as it is much cheaper than via R3



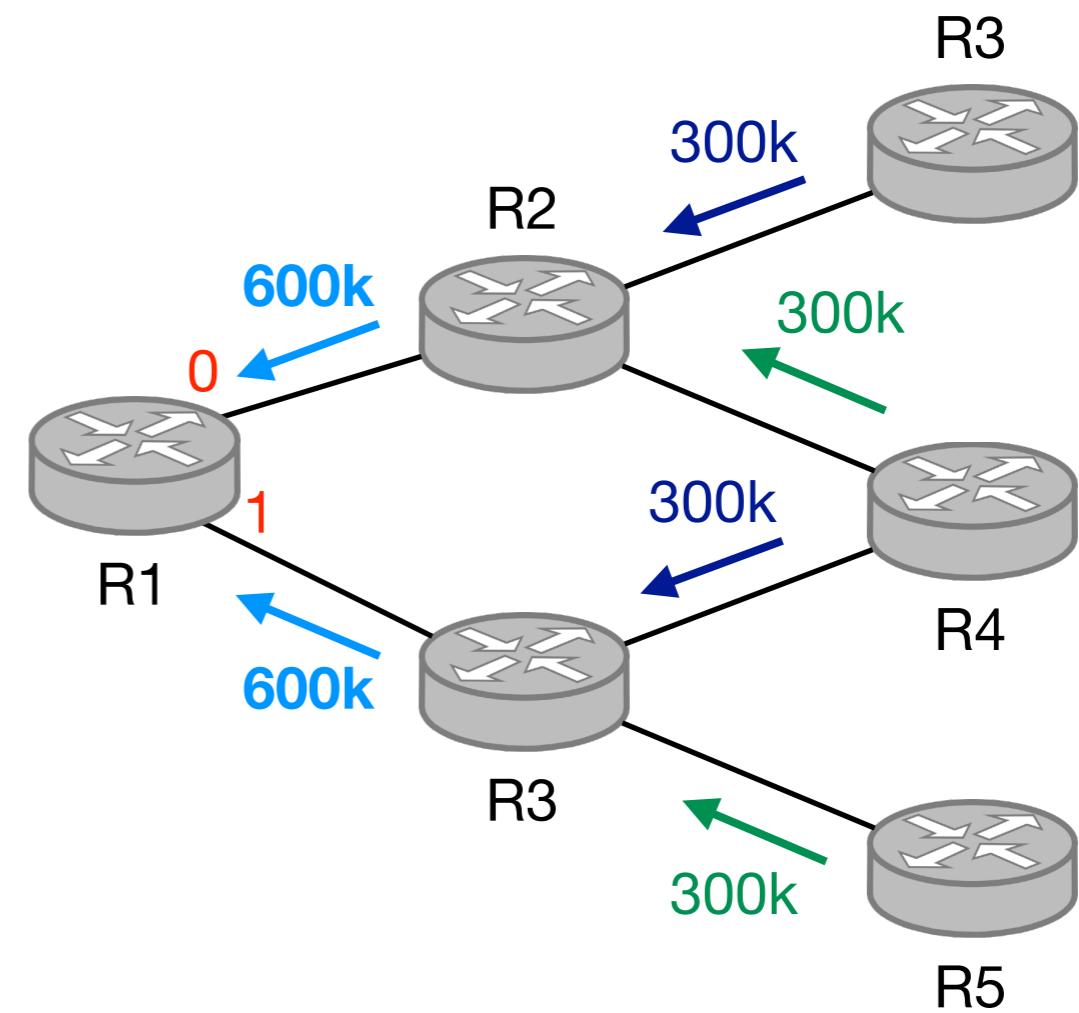






R1's Forwarding Table

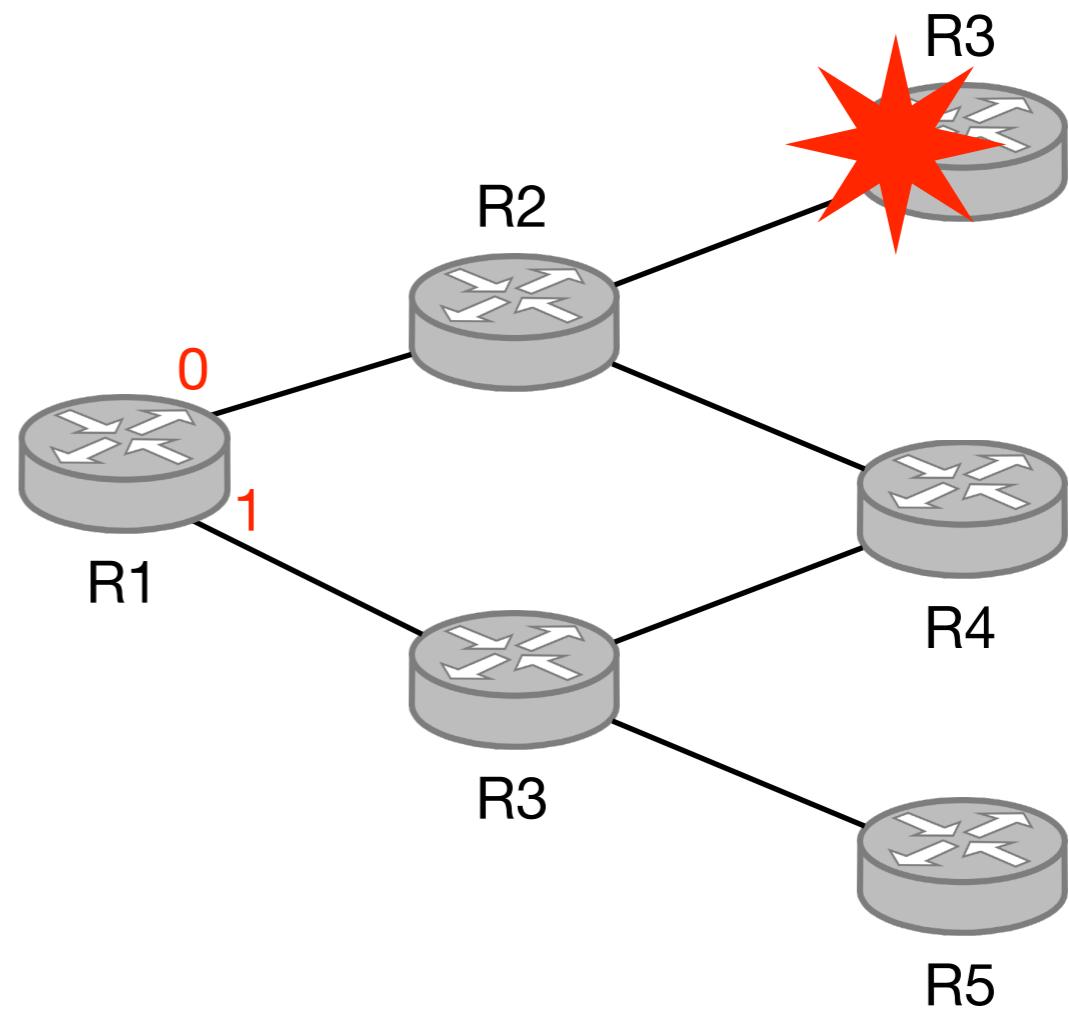
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What if R3 fails?

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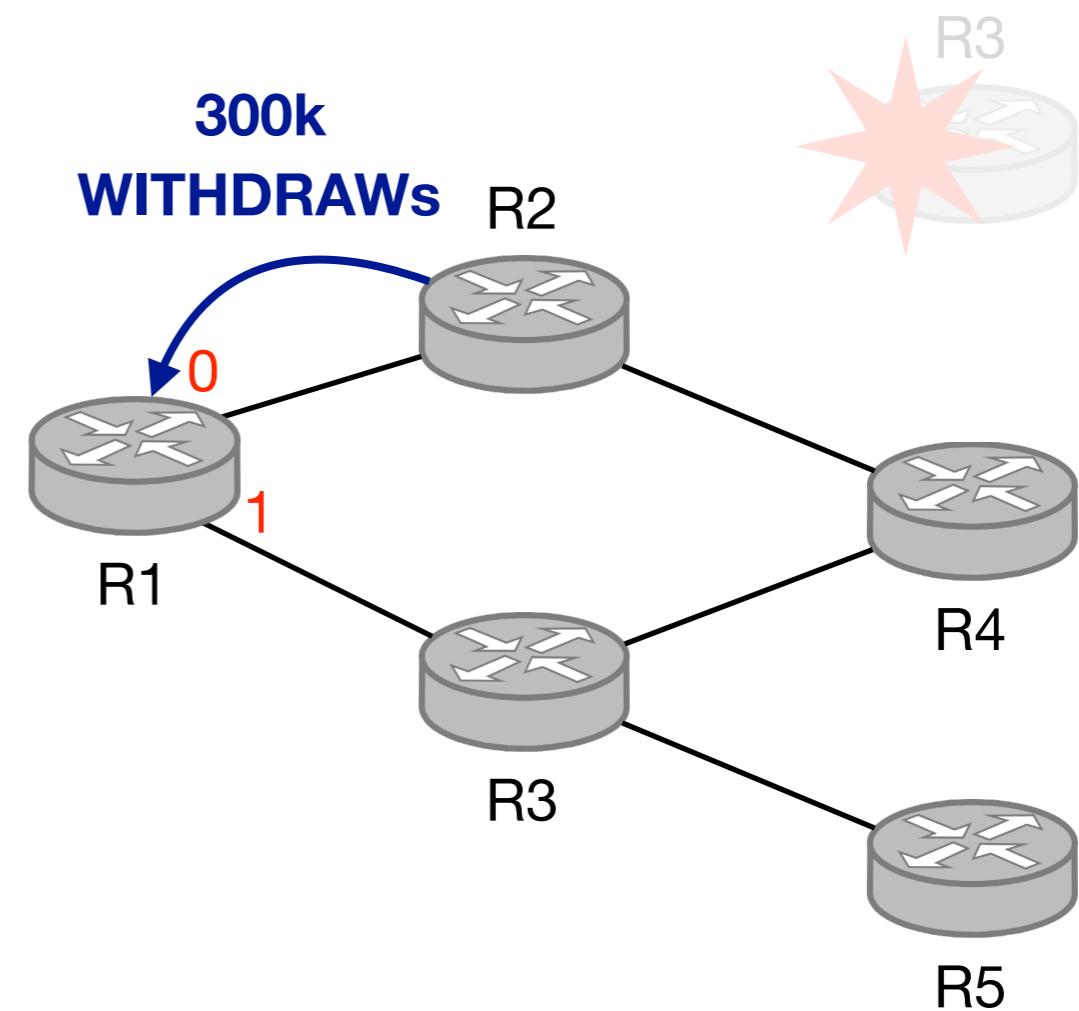
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R2 sends 300k routing messages
withdrawing the routes from R3

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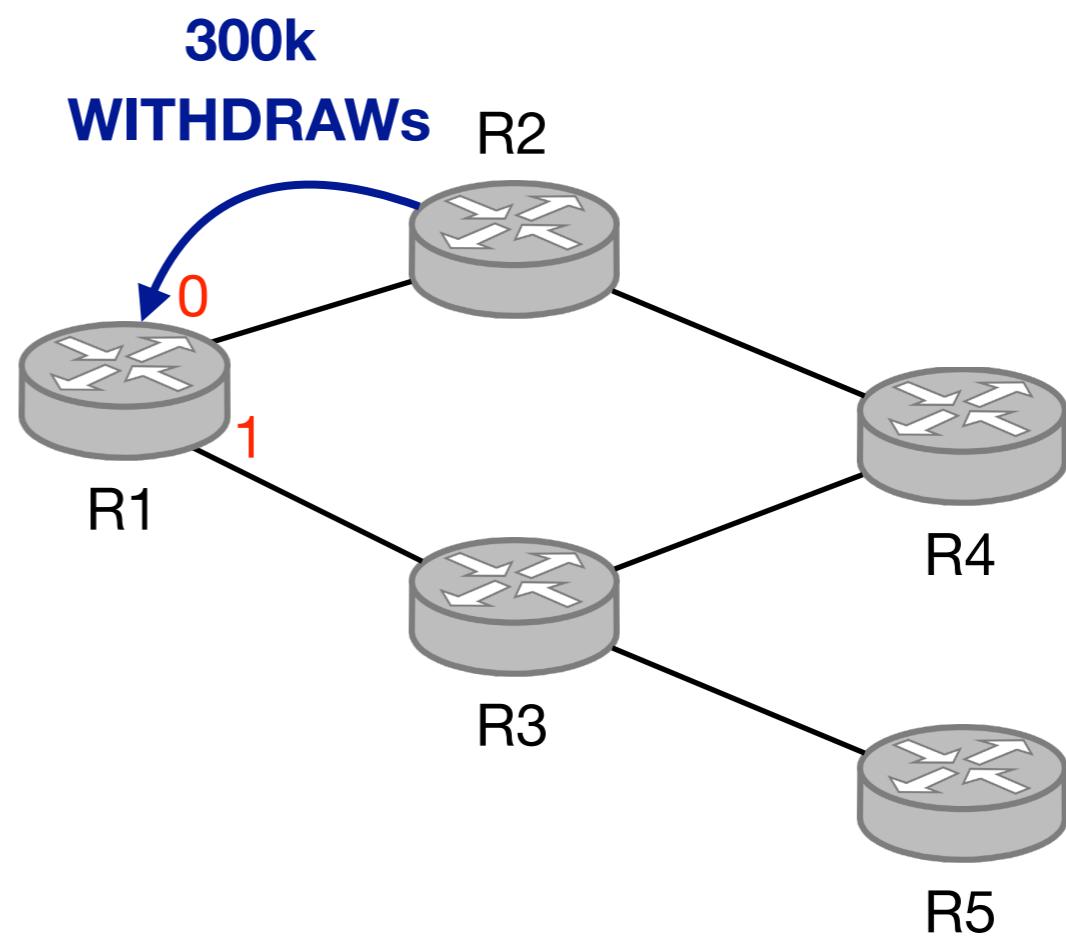
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R1 receives the messages one-by-one and updates its forwarding table entry-by-entry

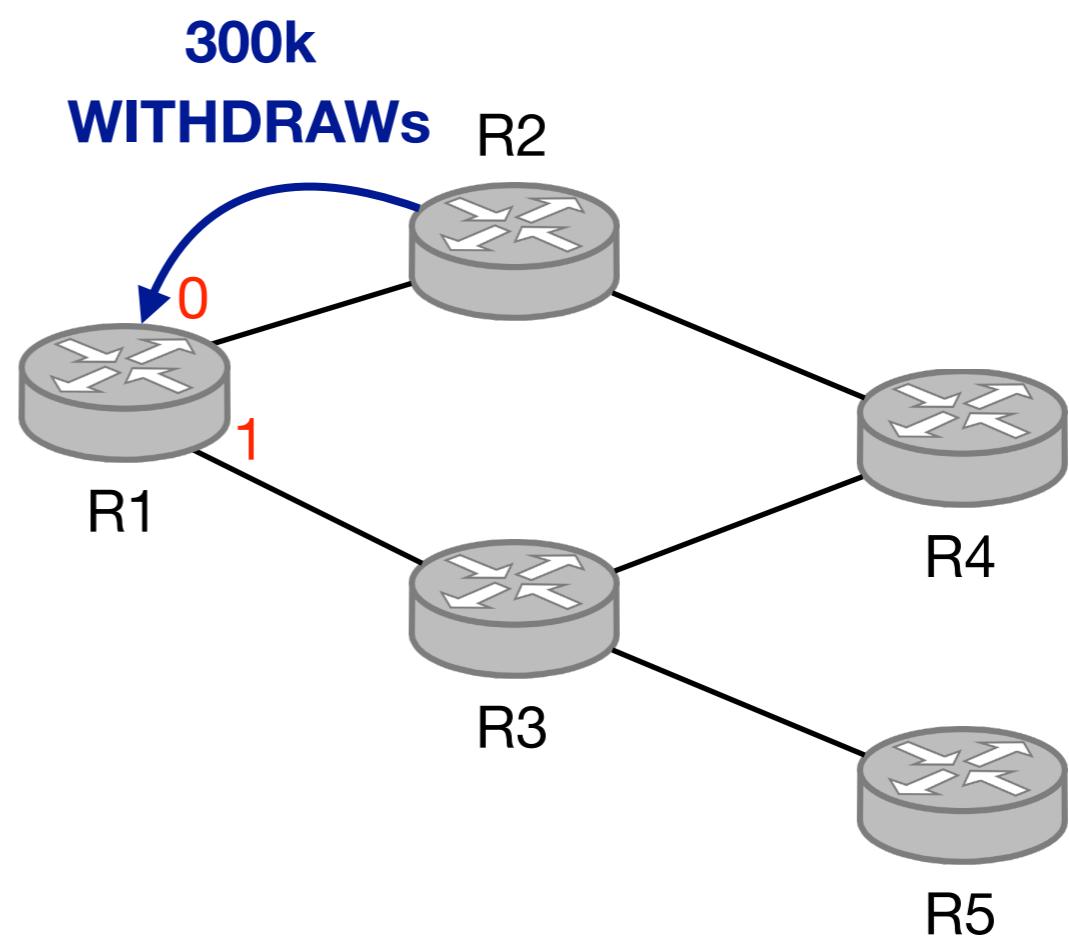
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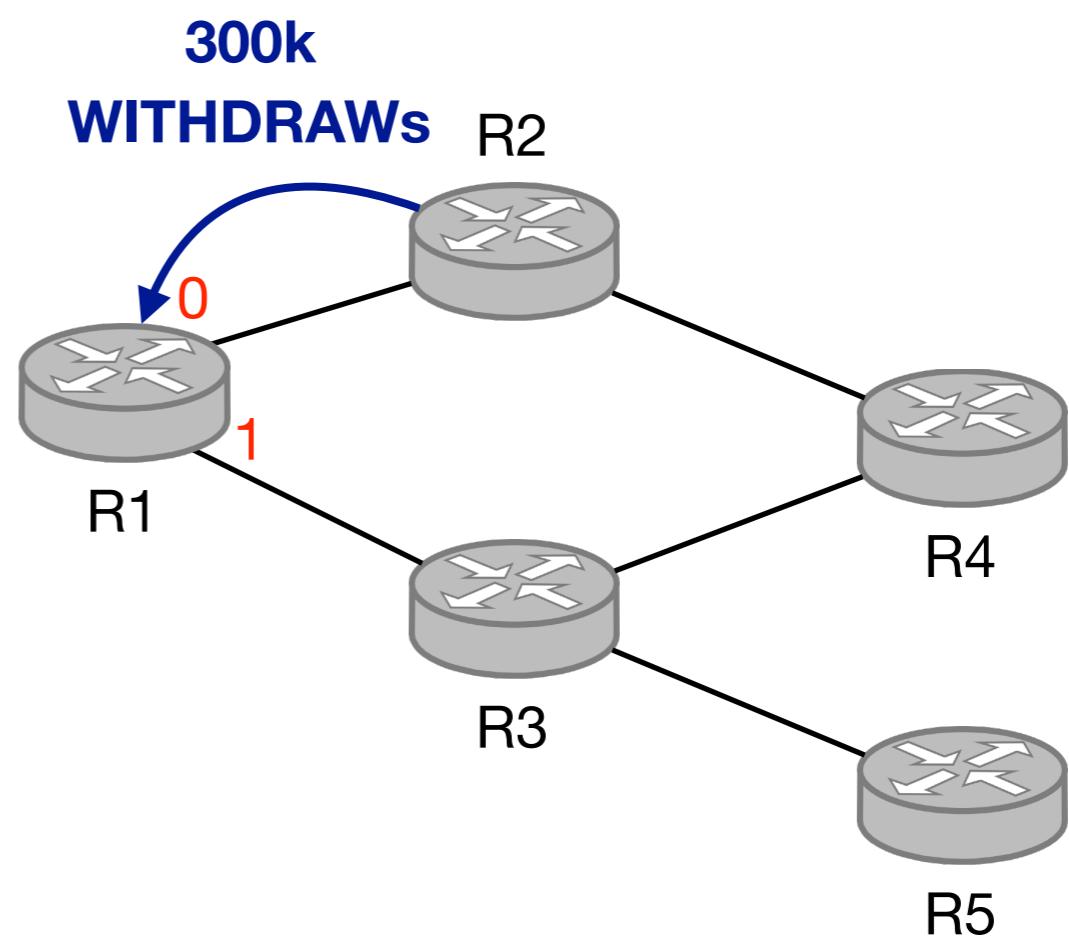
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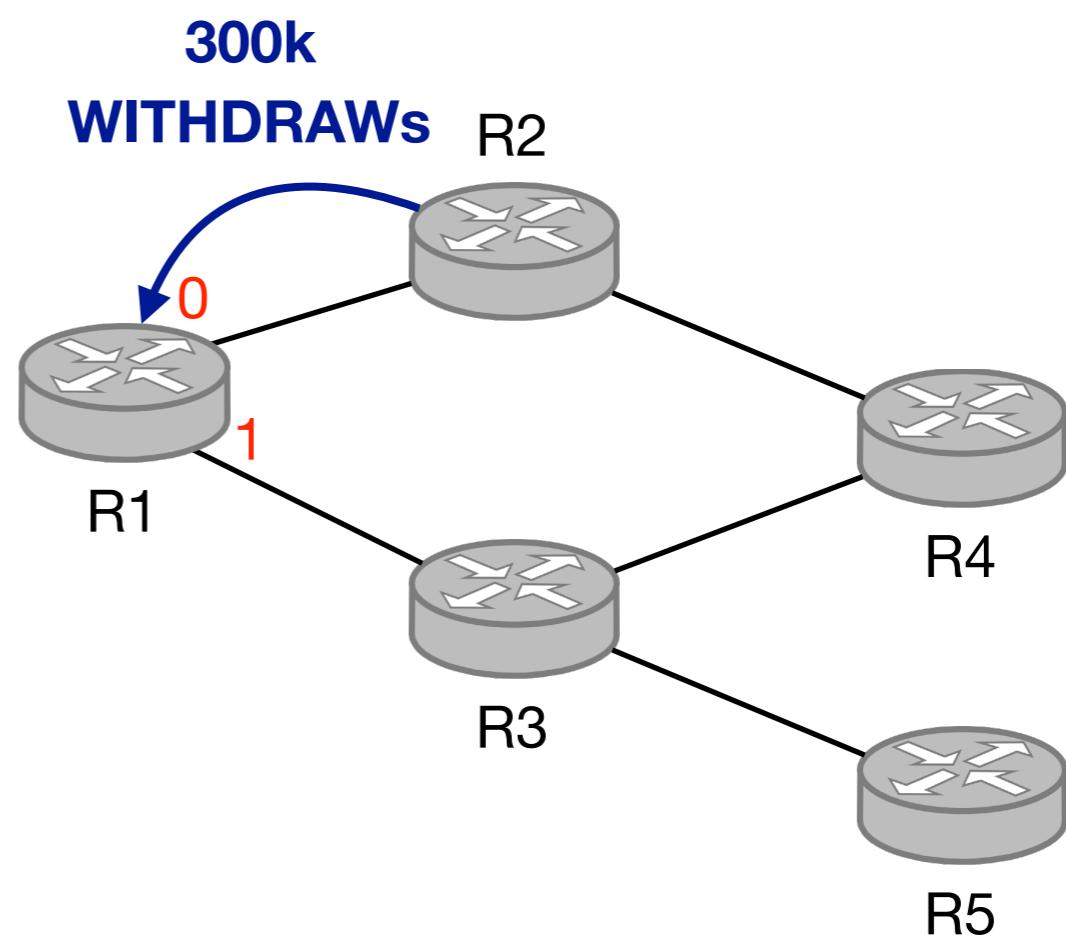
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Internet convergence

a two-phase process



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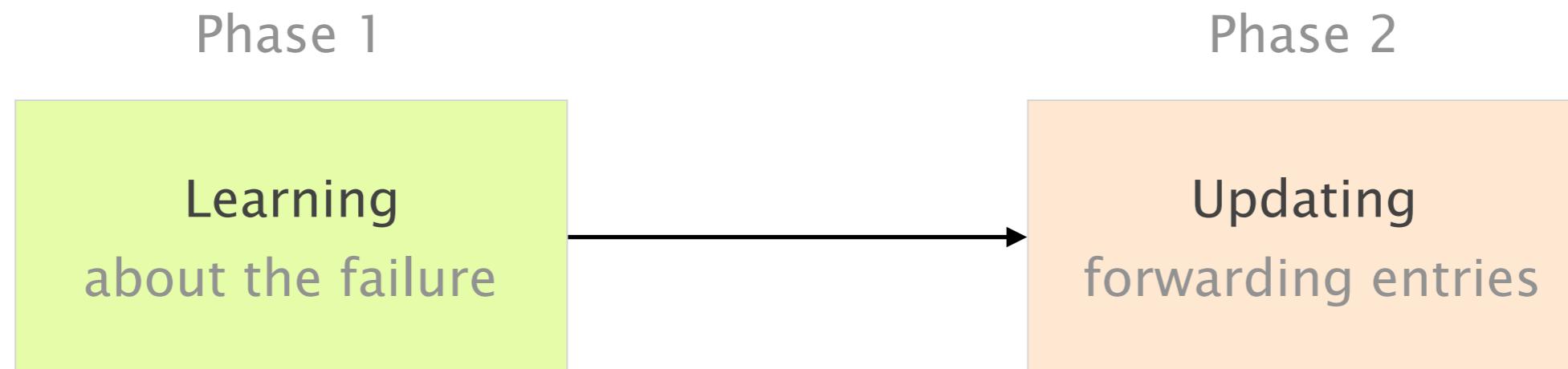
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Both of which are *terribly slow*...

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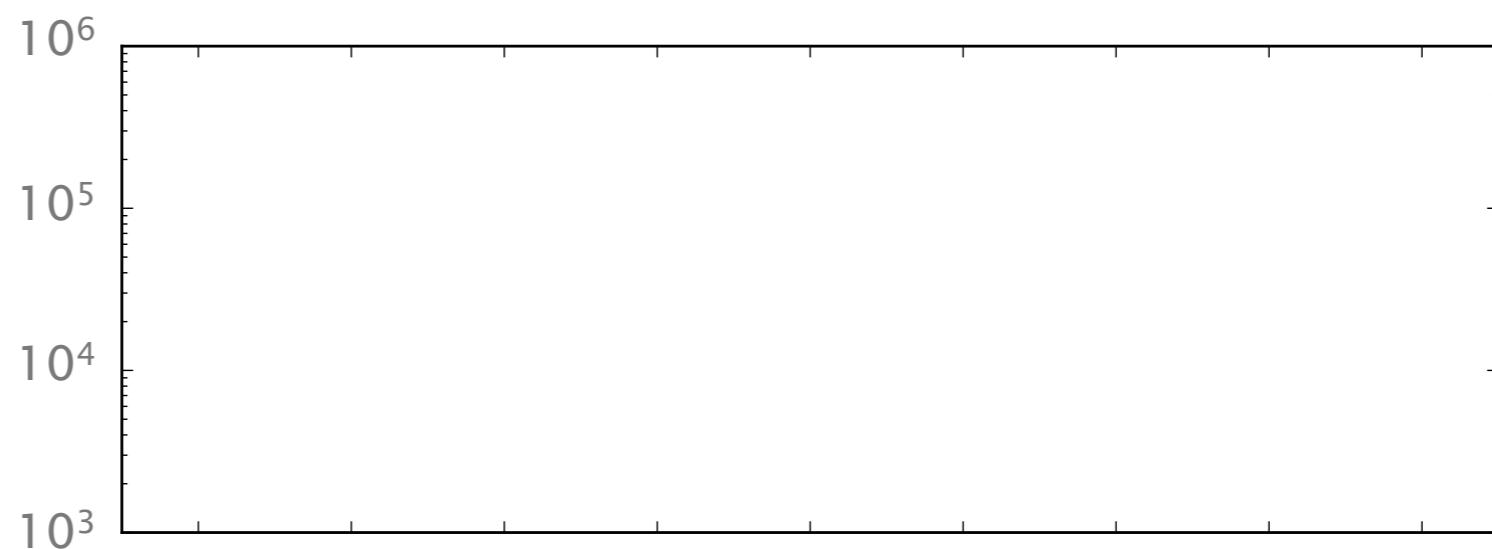
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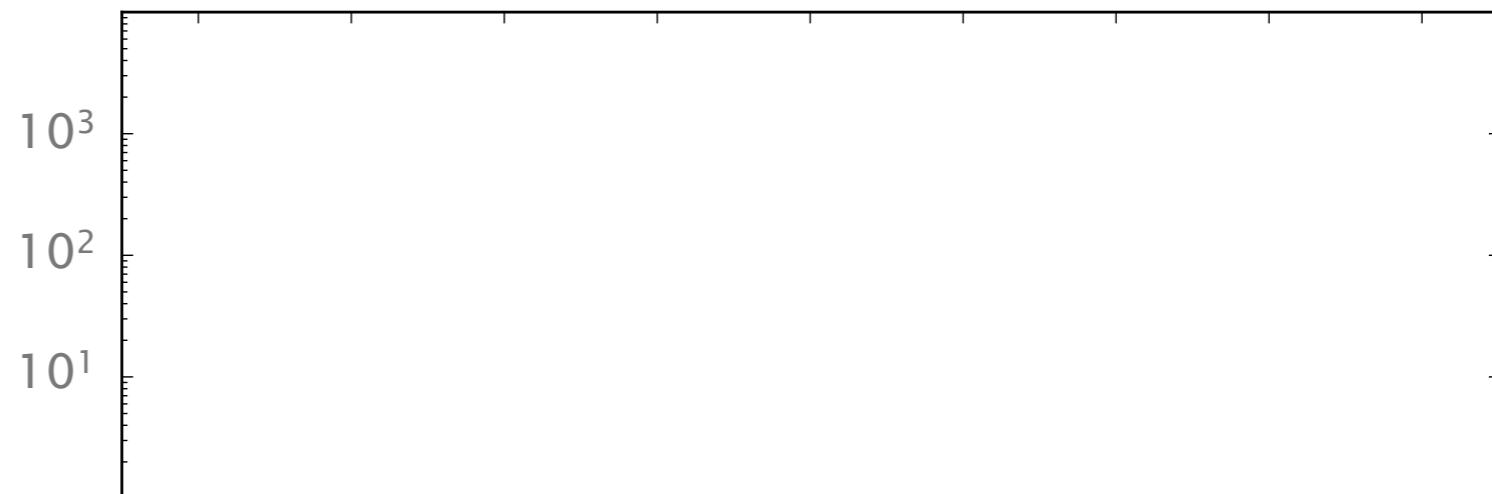
We measured how long it takes for large bursts of BGP updates to propagate in the Internet

dataset	a month (July'16) worth of Internet updates from ~200 routers scattered around the globe
methodology	detect the beginning and end of a burst using a 10 sec sliding window

burst size



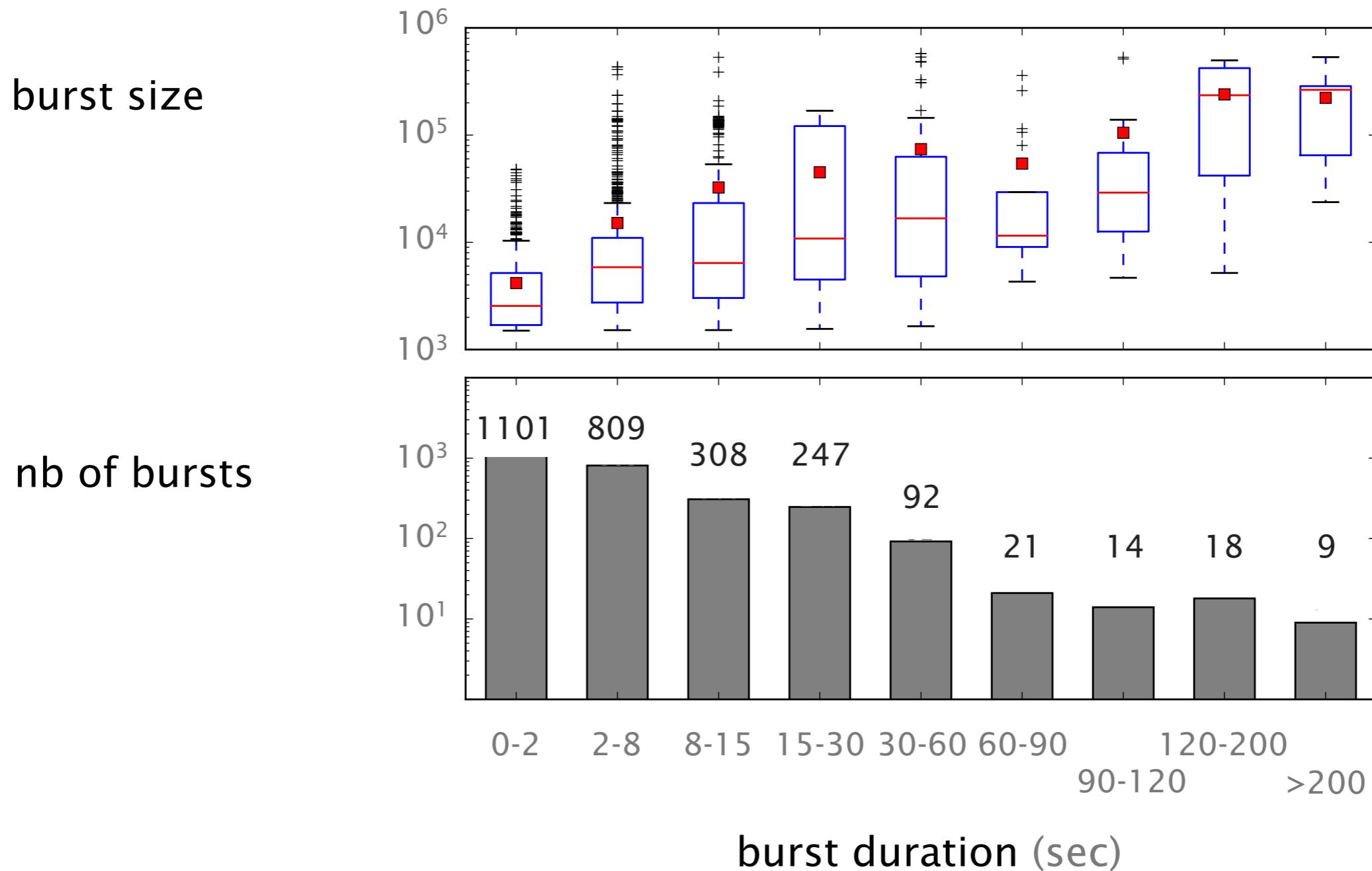
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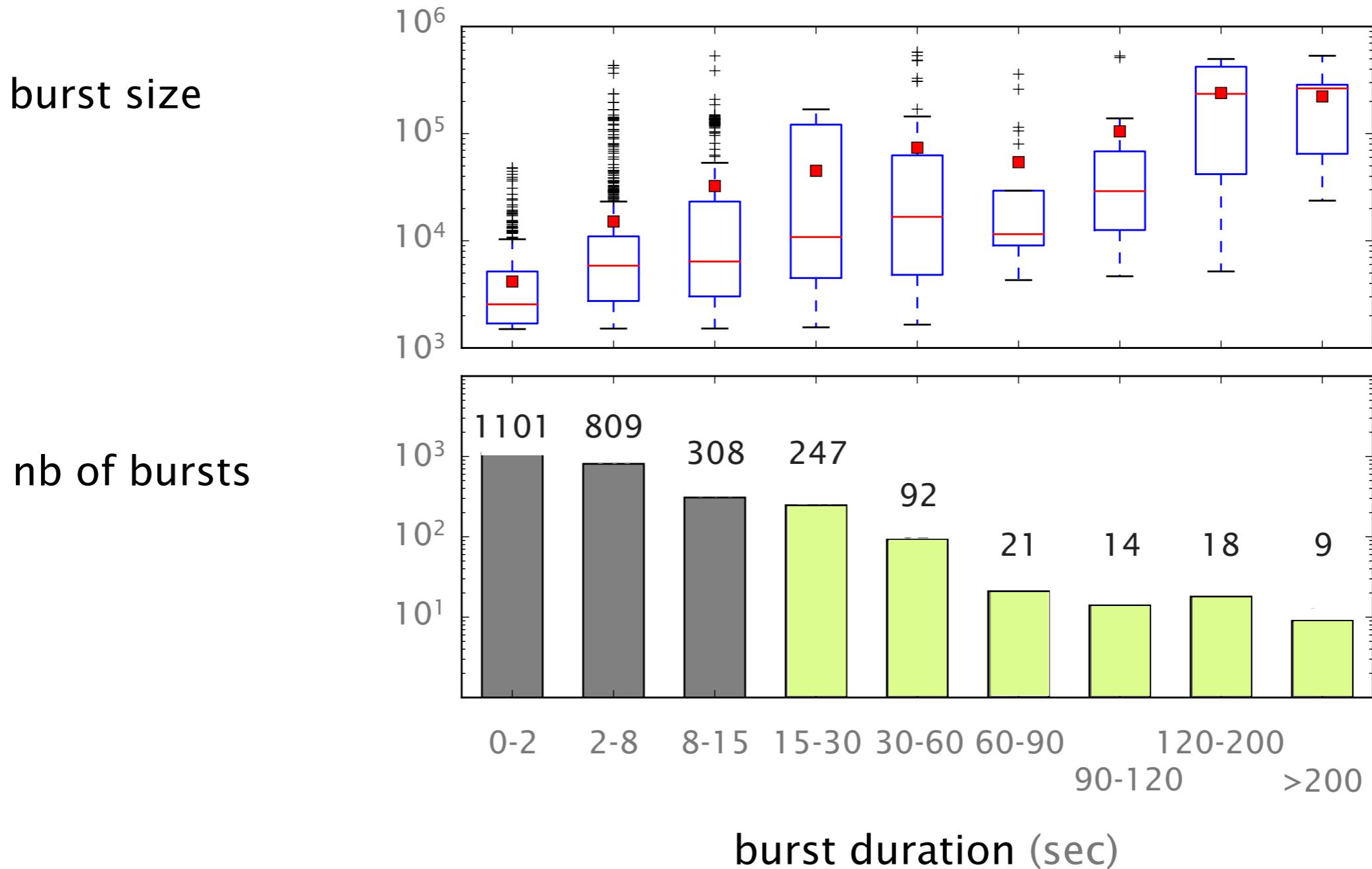
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>200

burst duration (sec)

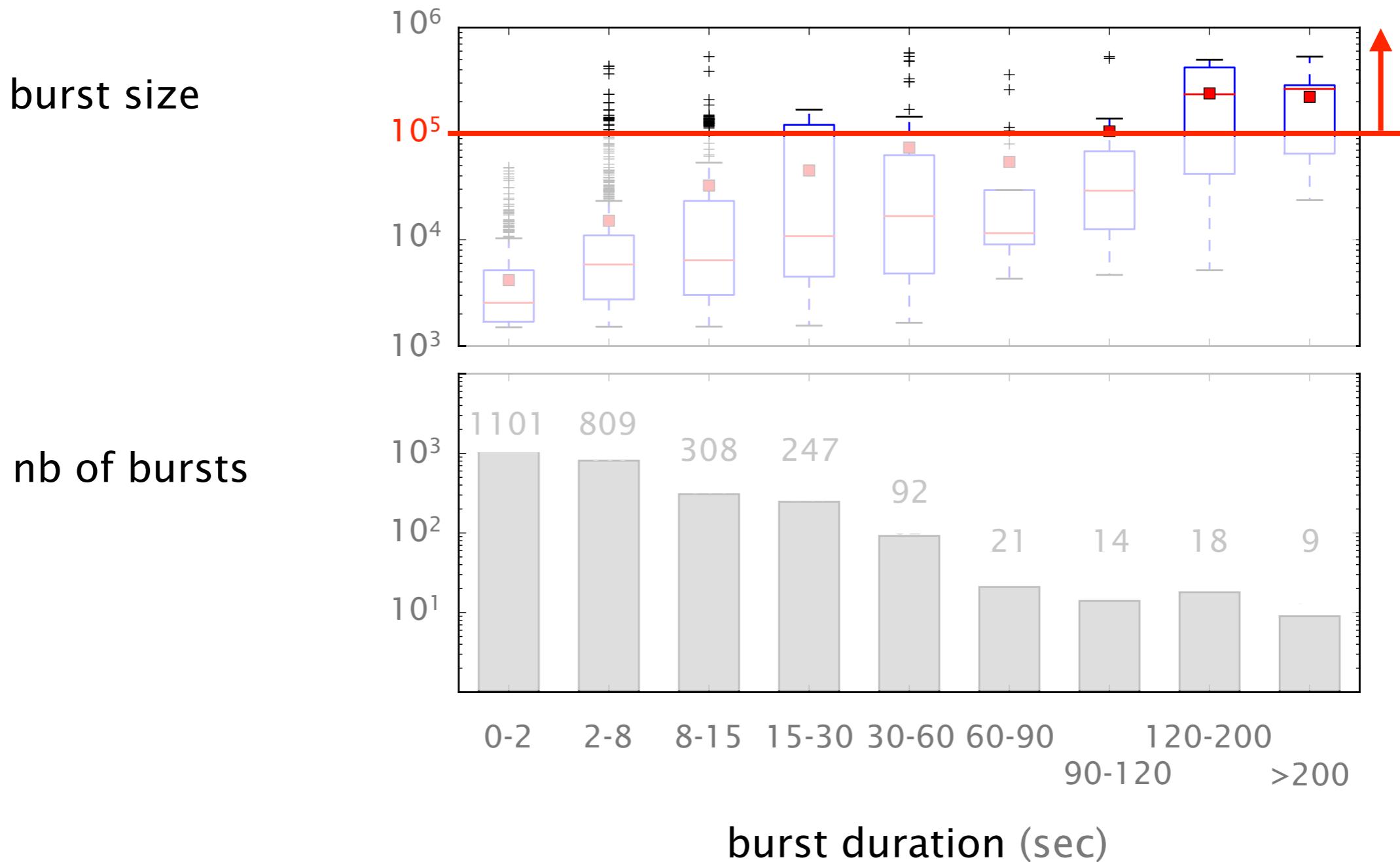
We found a total of 2619 bursts over the month



~15% of the bursts takes more than 15s to be learned



~10% of the bursts contained more than 100k prefixes

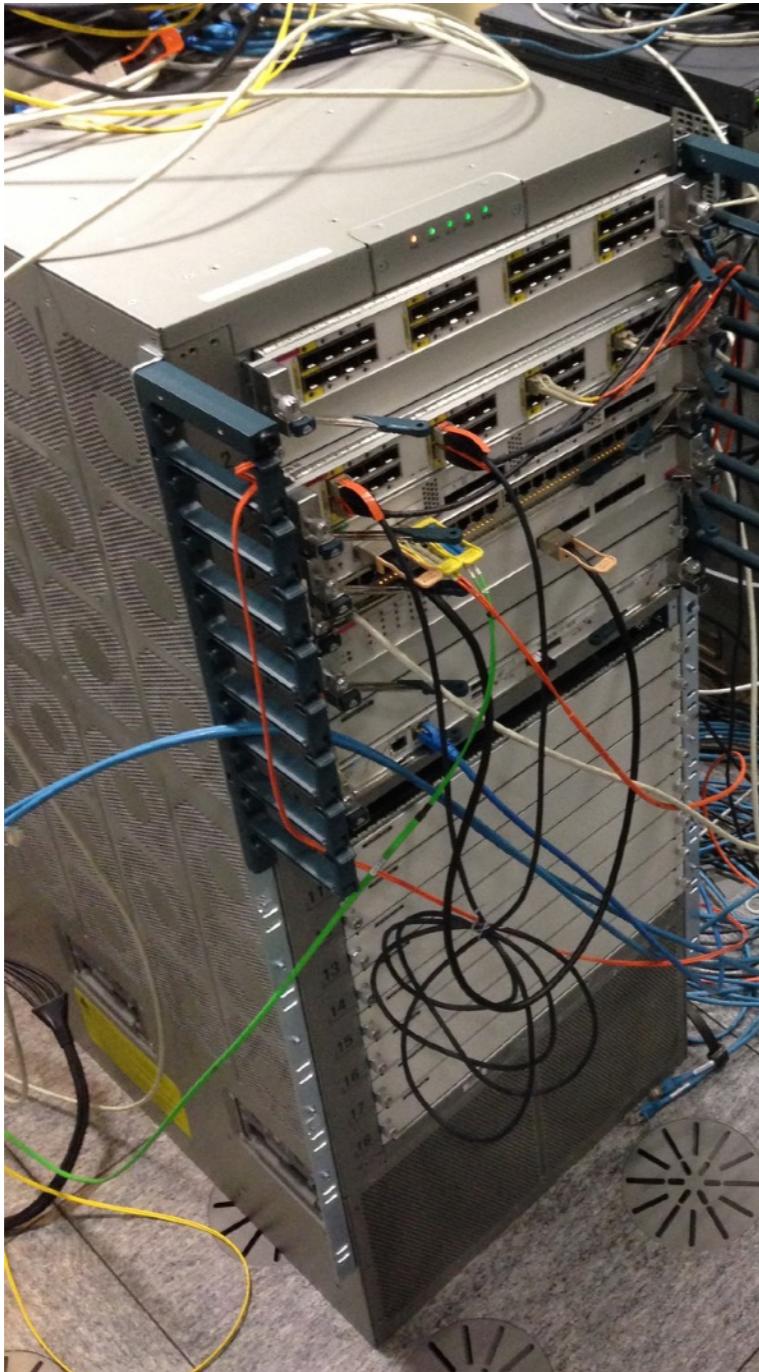


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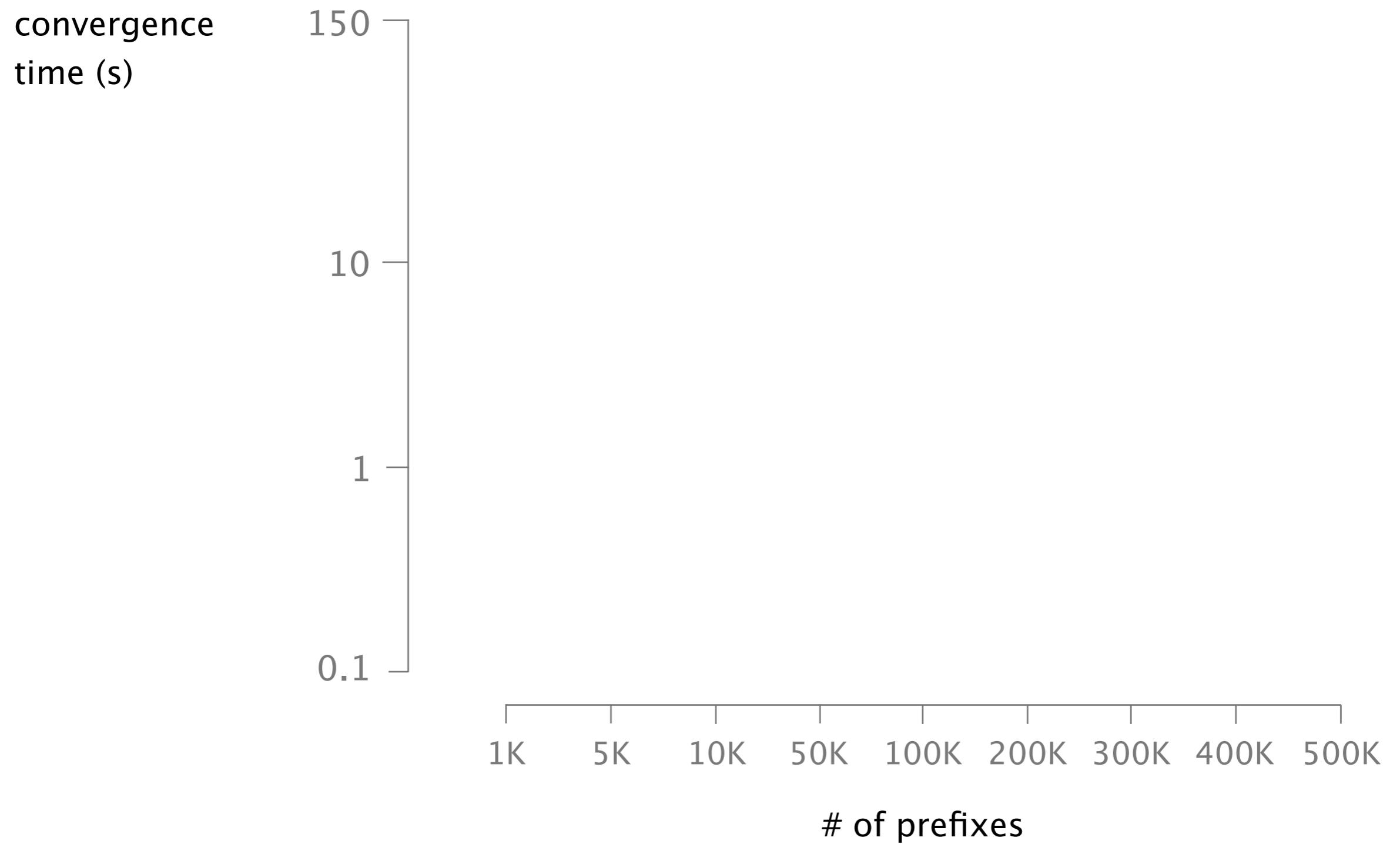


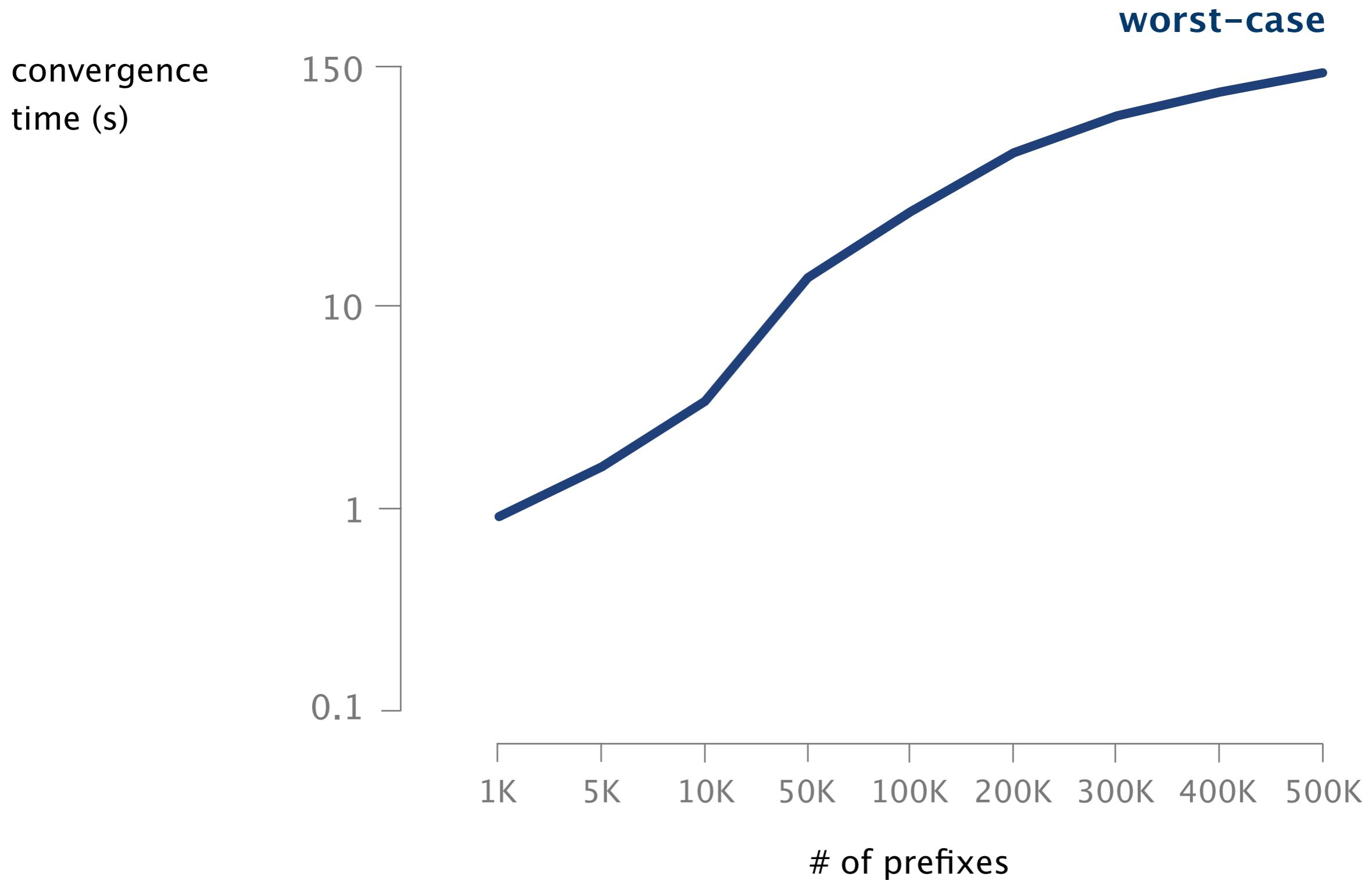
We measured how long it takes recent routers
to update a growing number of forwarding entries

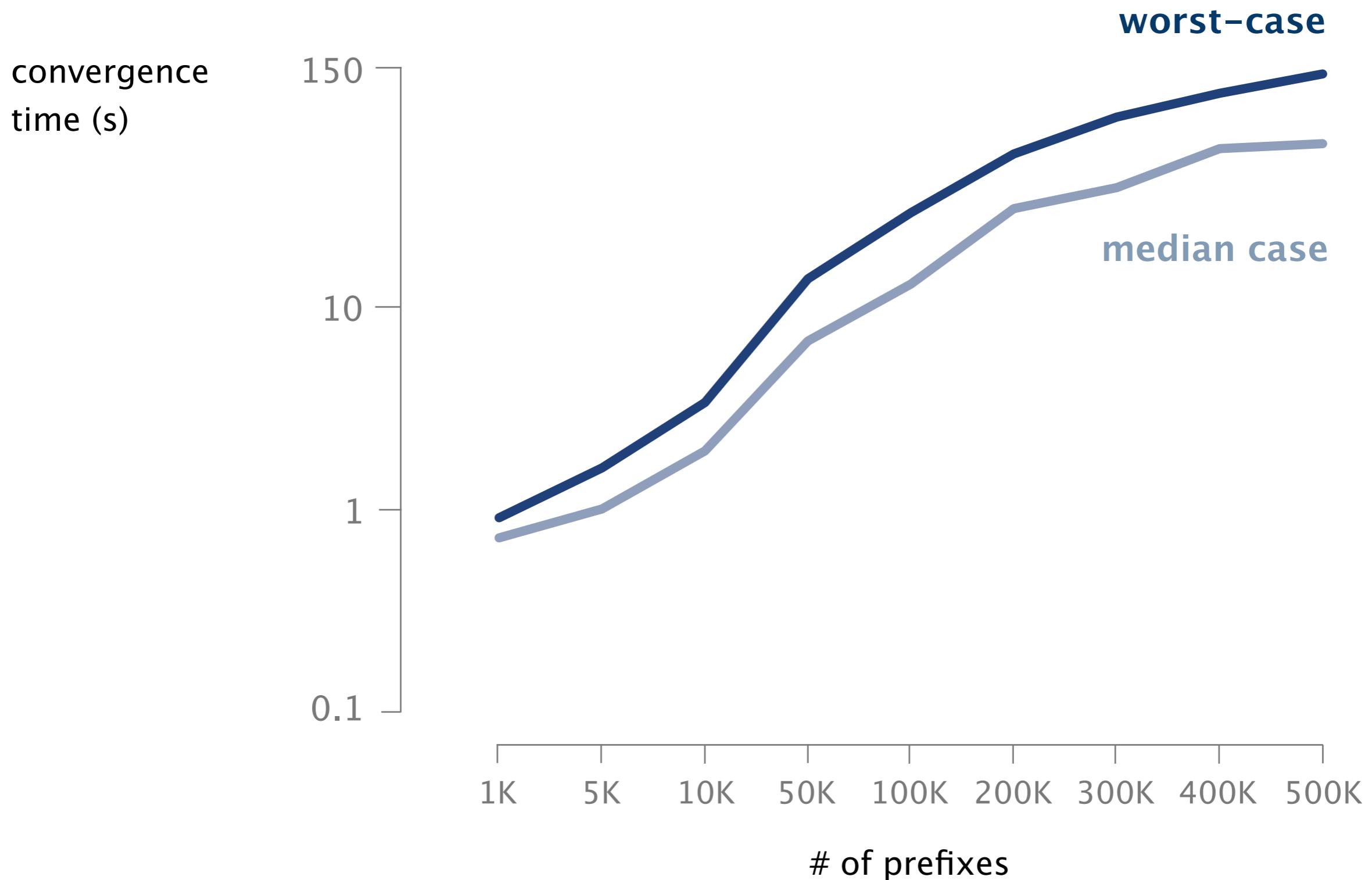


Cisco Nexus 7k
ETH recent routers

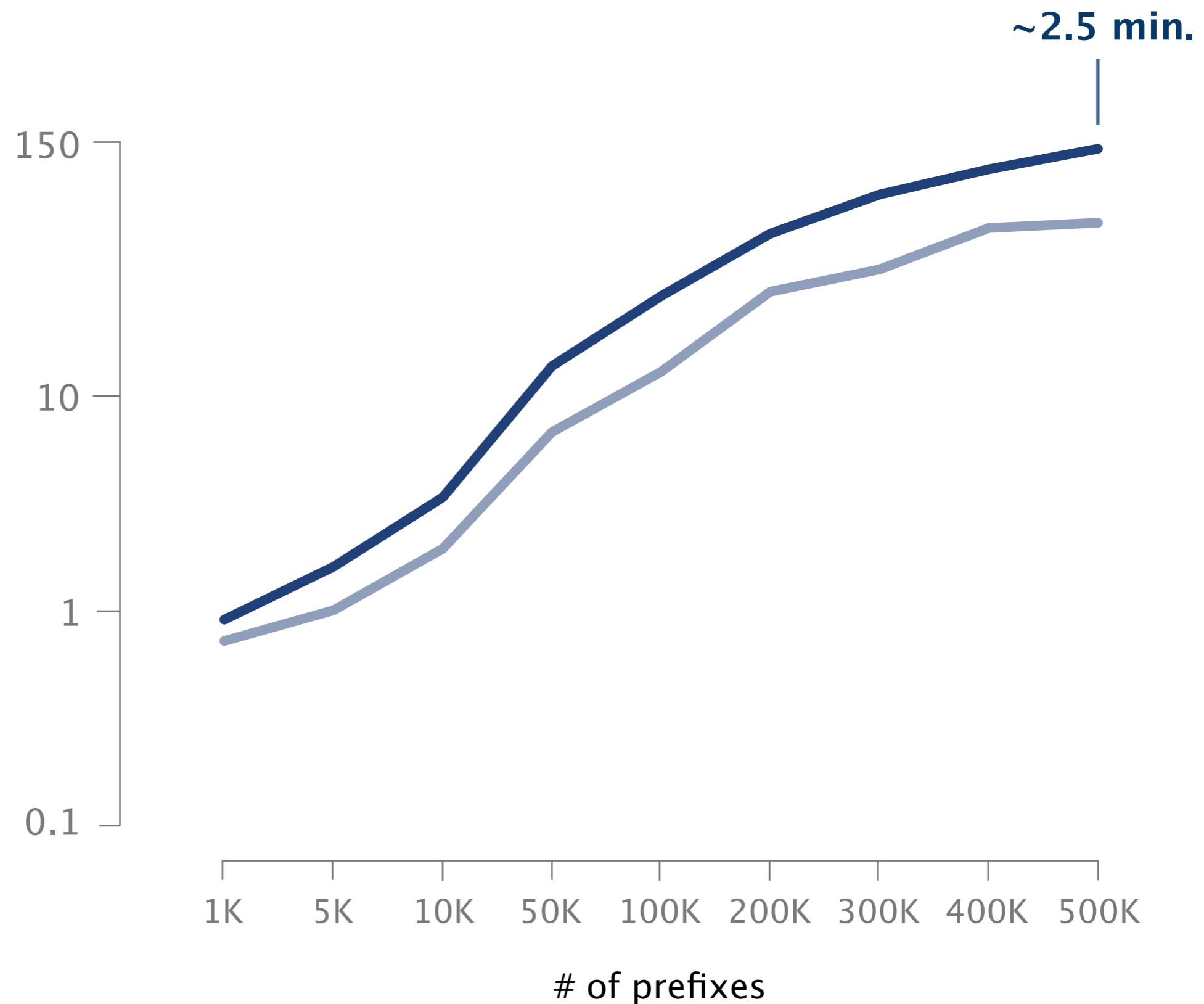
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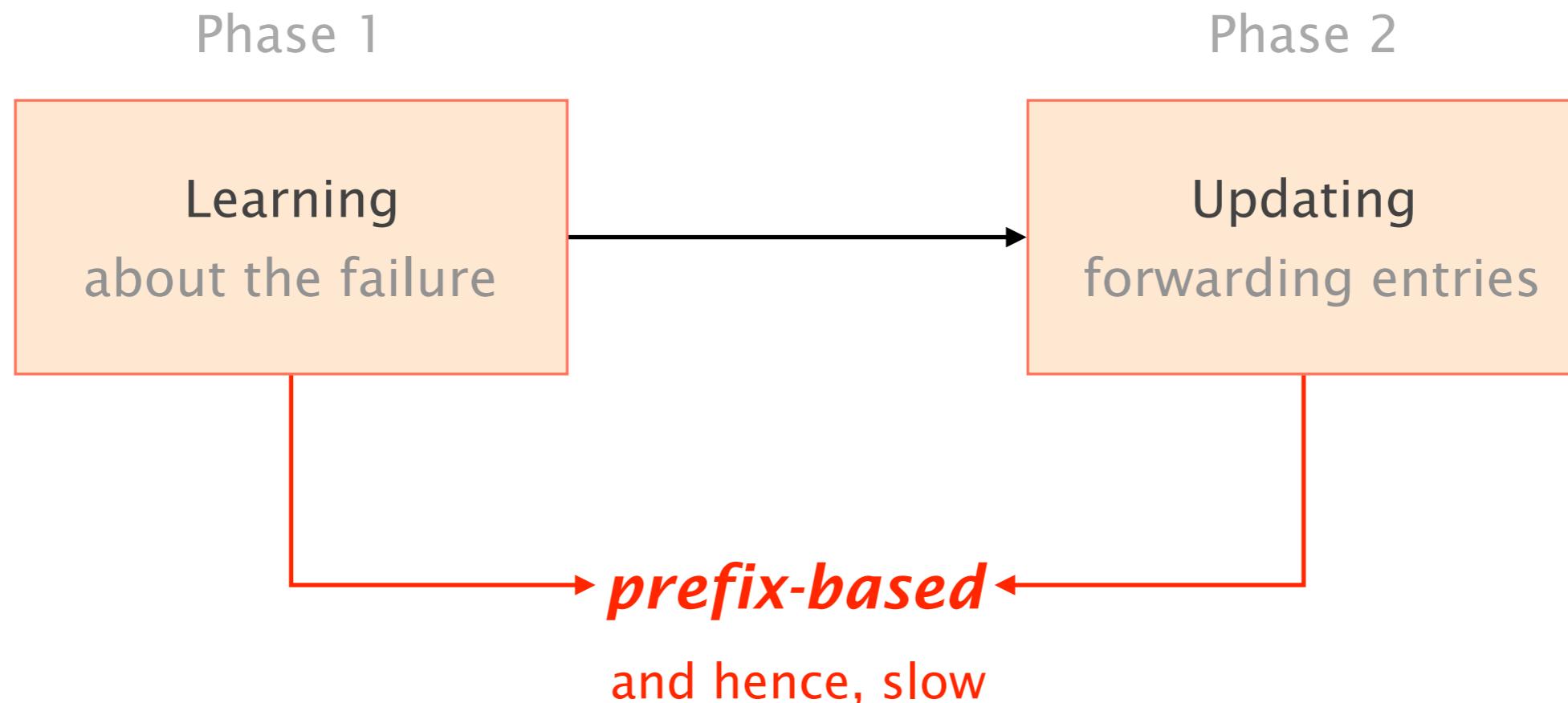


Traffic can be lost for several minutes



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SWIFT: Predictive Fast Rerouting

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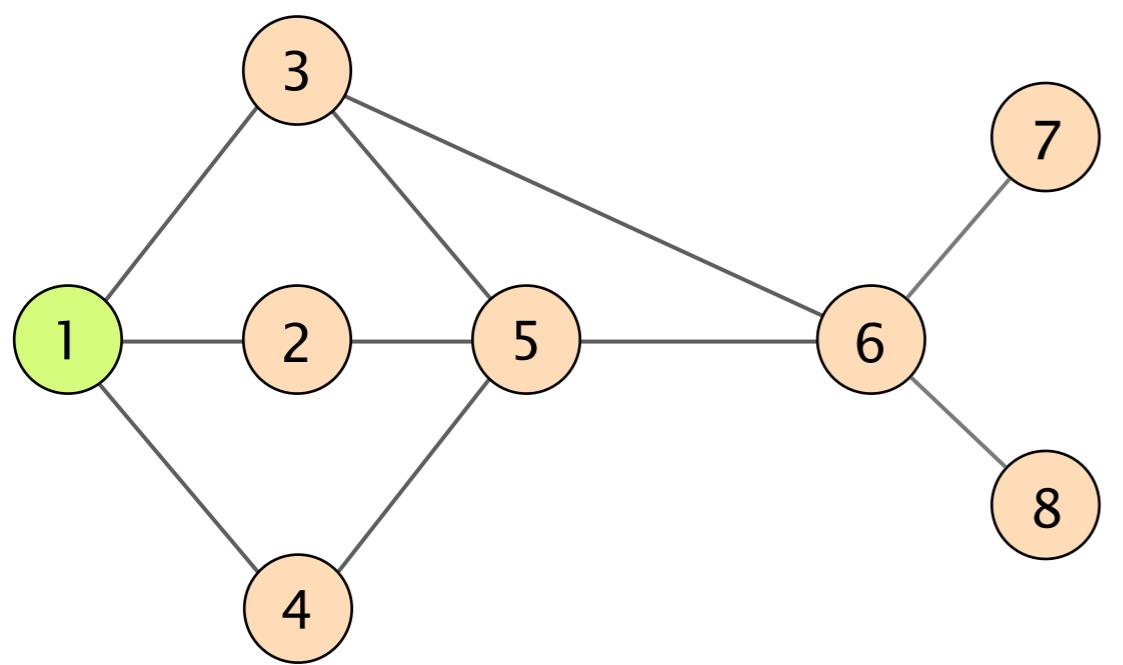
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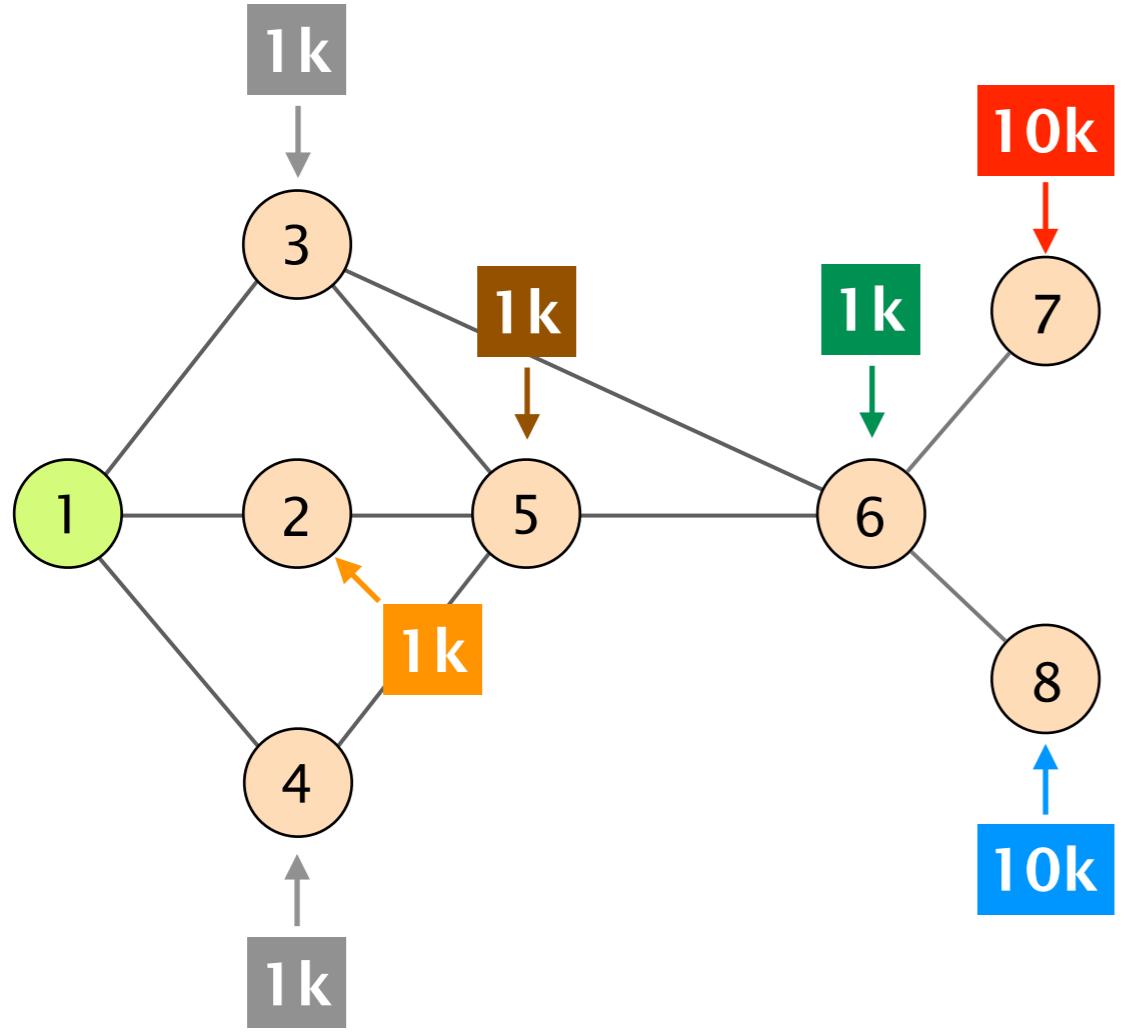


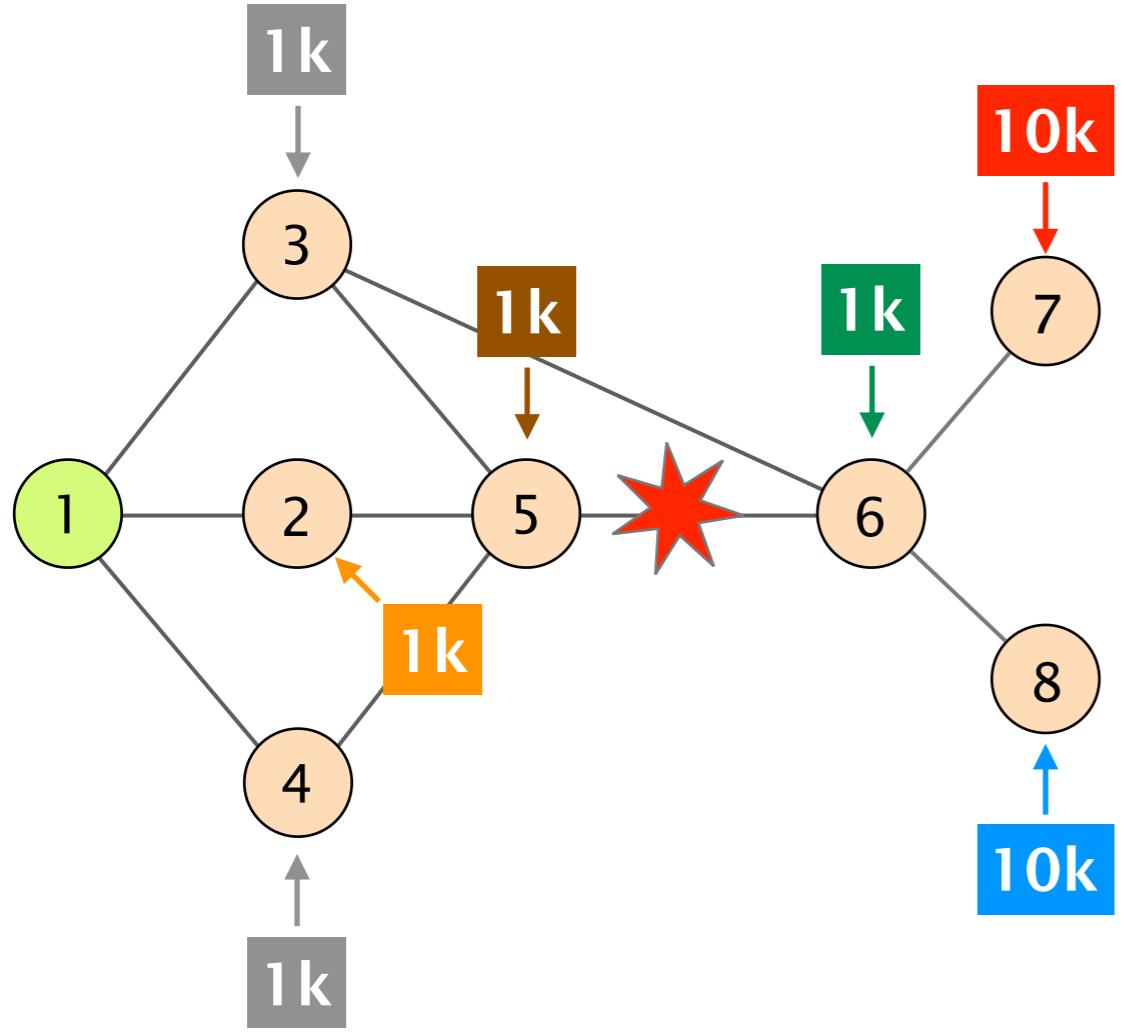
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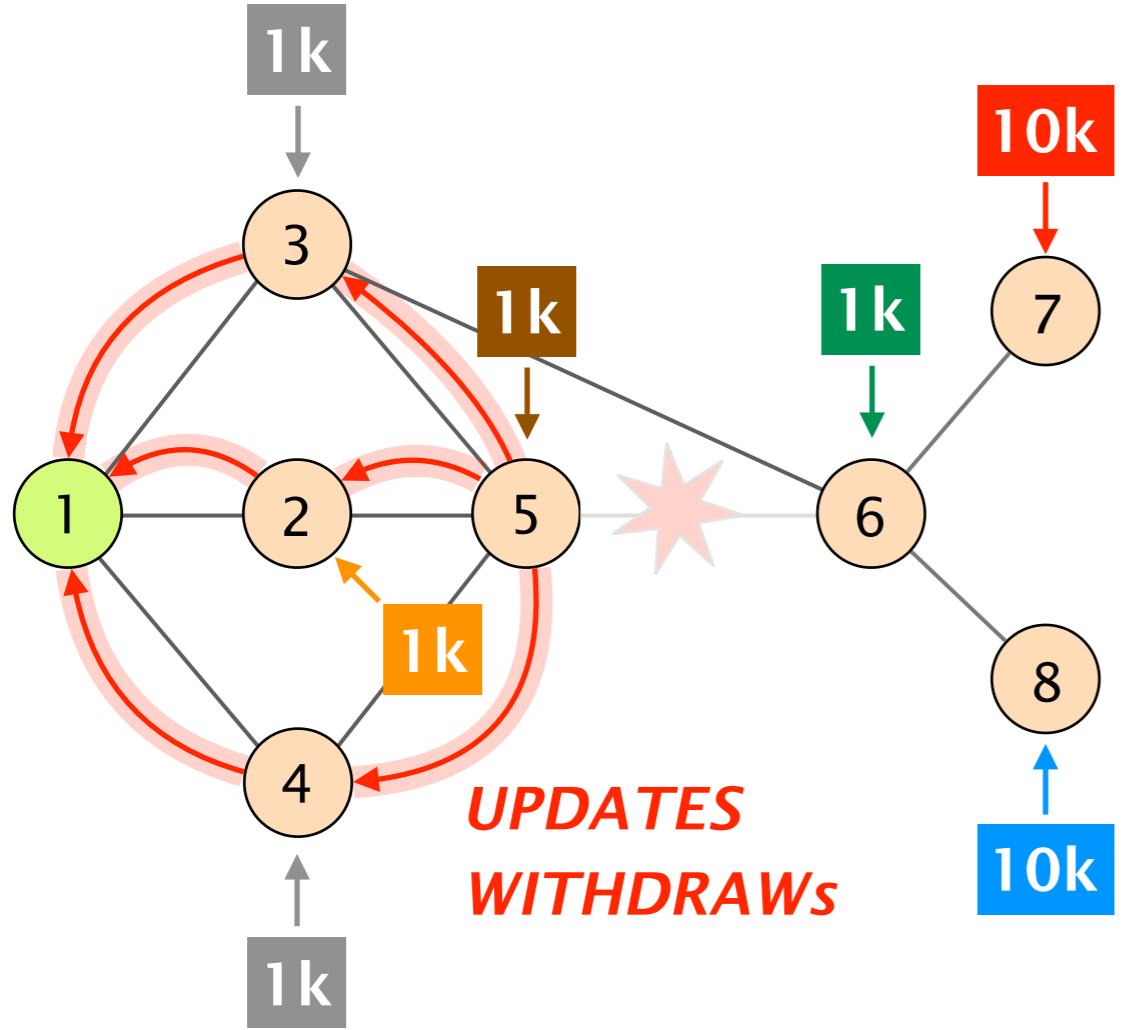
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Redundancy comes in two forms:

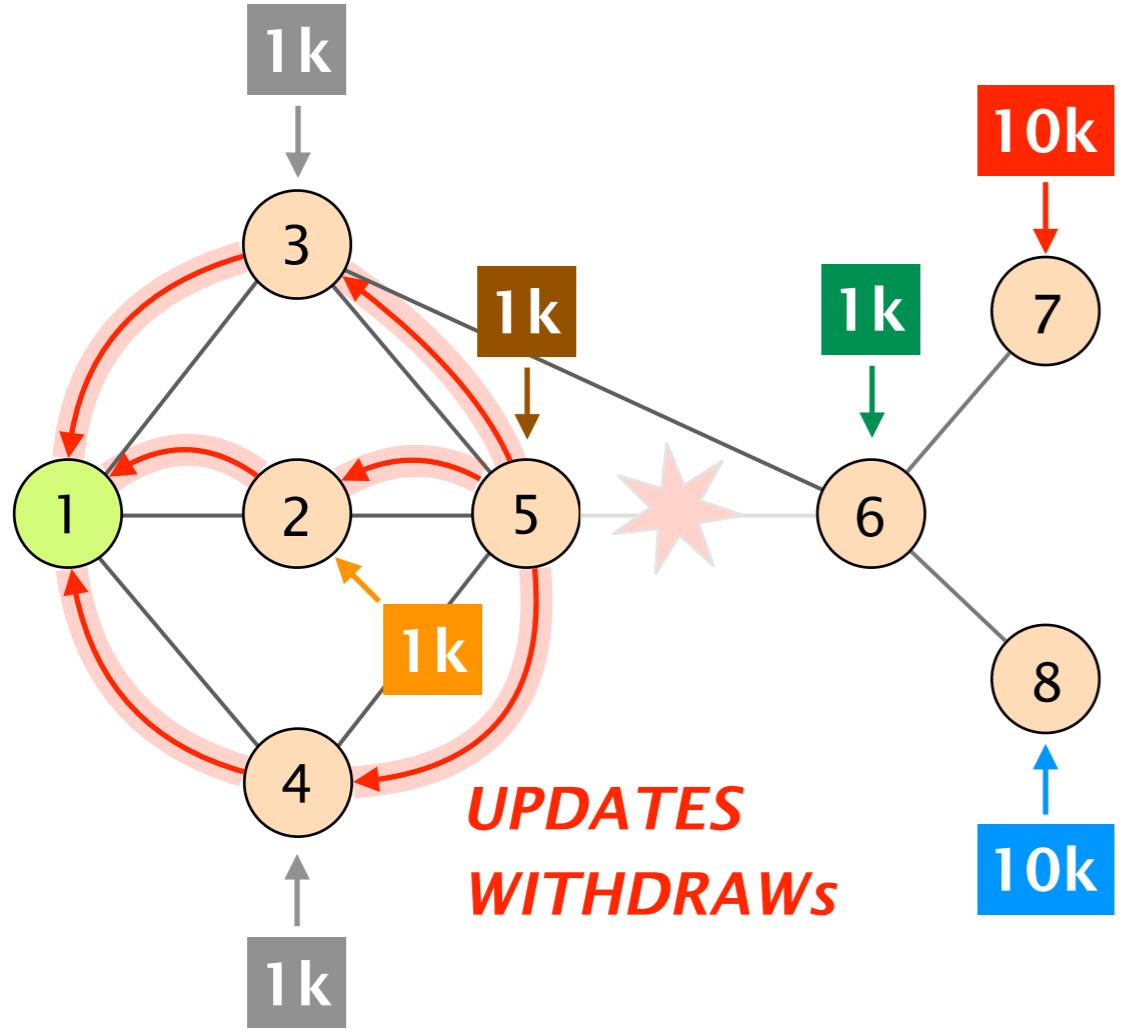
positive or negative

positive

unaffected prefixes are routed on paths which
do not contain the failed link

negative

affected prefixes must have been routed
on a path which *does contain* the failed link



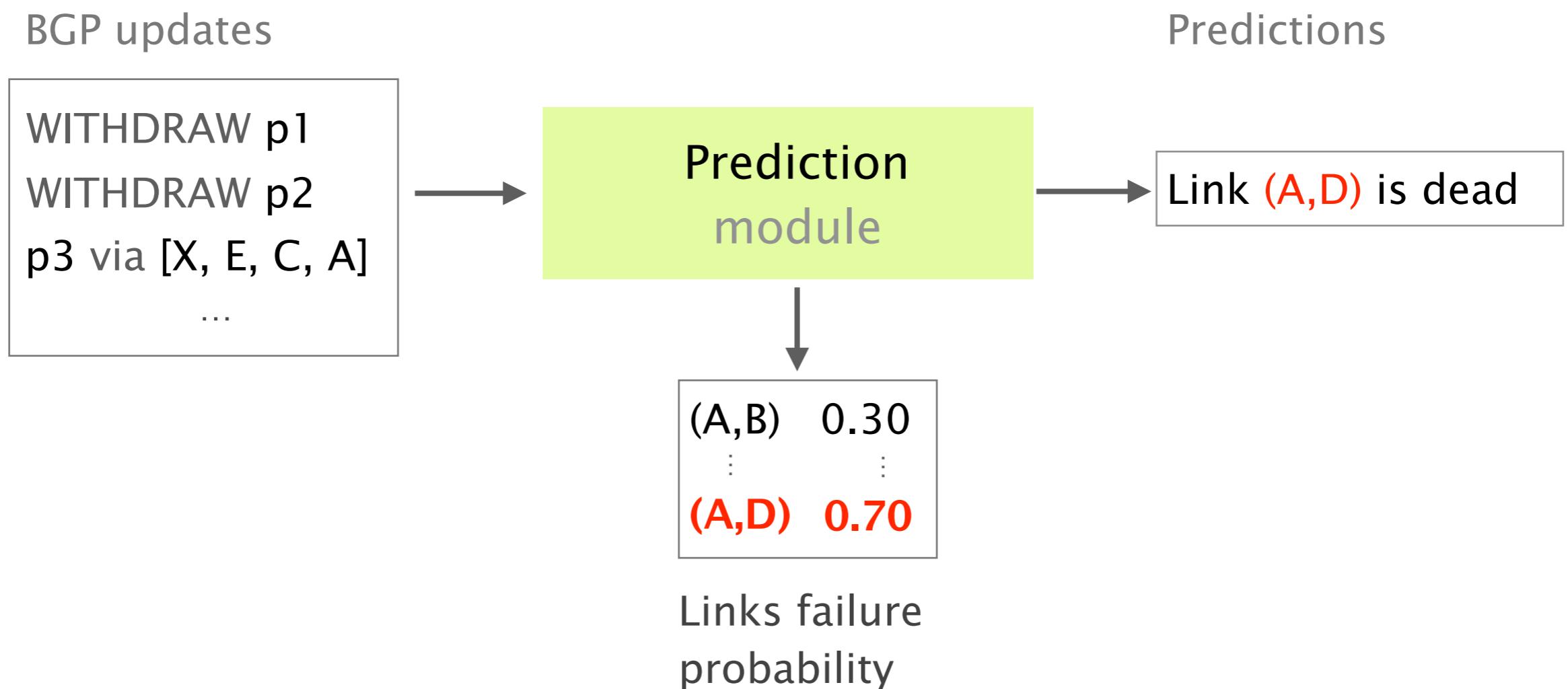
affected prefixes:

(1 2 5 6 7)	10k
(1 2 5 6 8)	10k
(1 2 5 6)	1k

unaffected prefixes:

(1 2)	1k
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SWIFT leverages redundancy to predict which link(s) has failed early on into the burst of updates



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Return the link(s) that maximizes the weighted geometric mean between:

Withdrawal share

$$WS(l, t)$$

fraction of withdraws
crossing link l

Path share

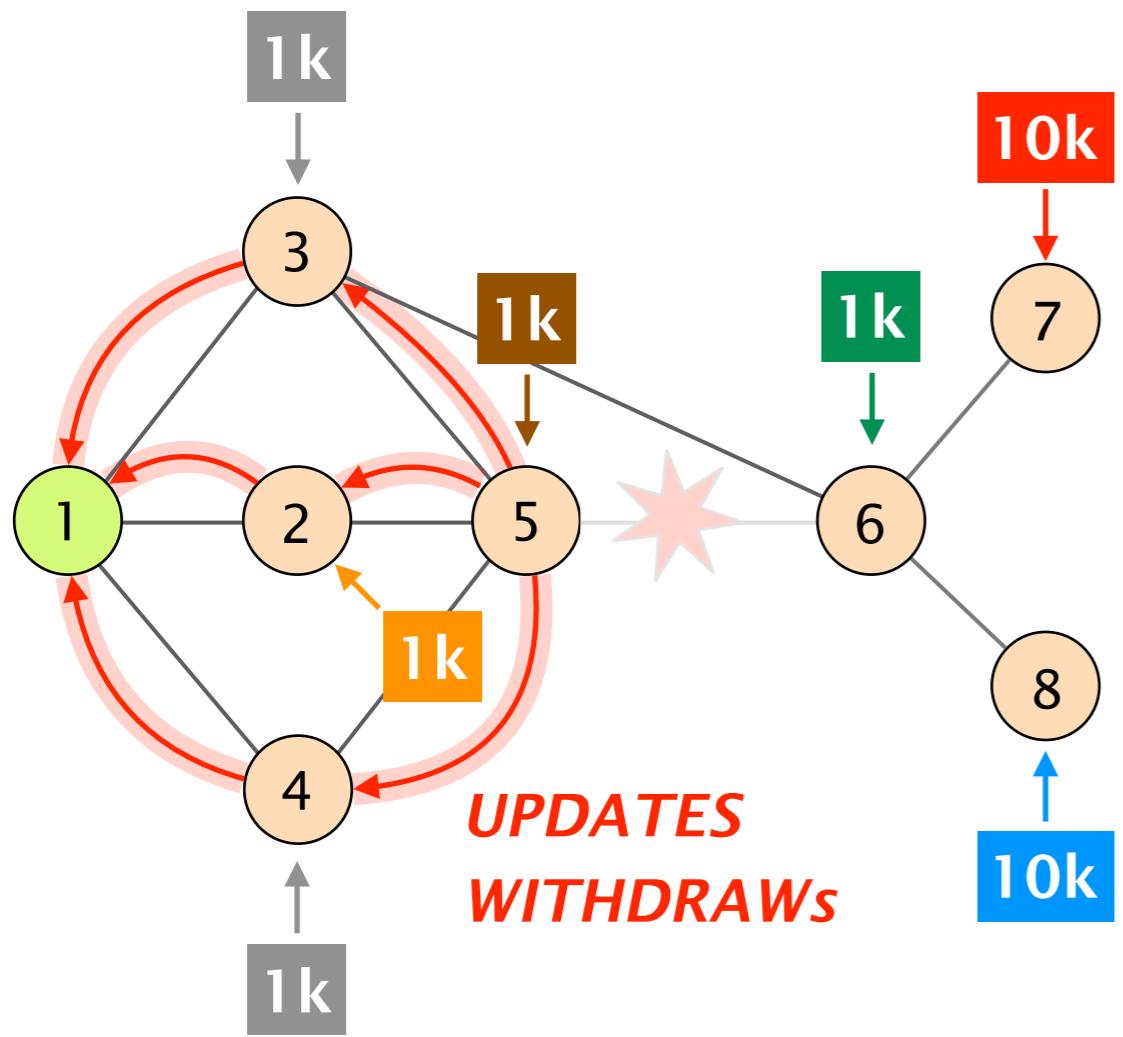
$$PS(l, t)$$

proportion of prefixes
withdrawn on link l

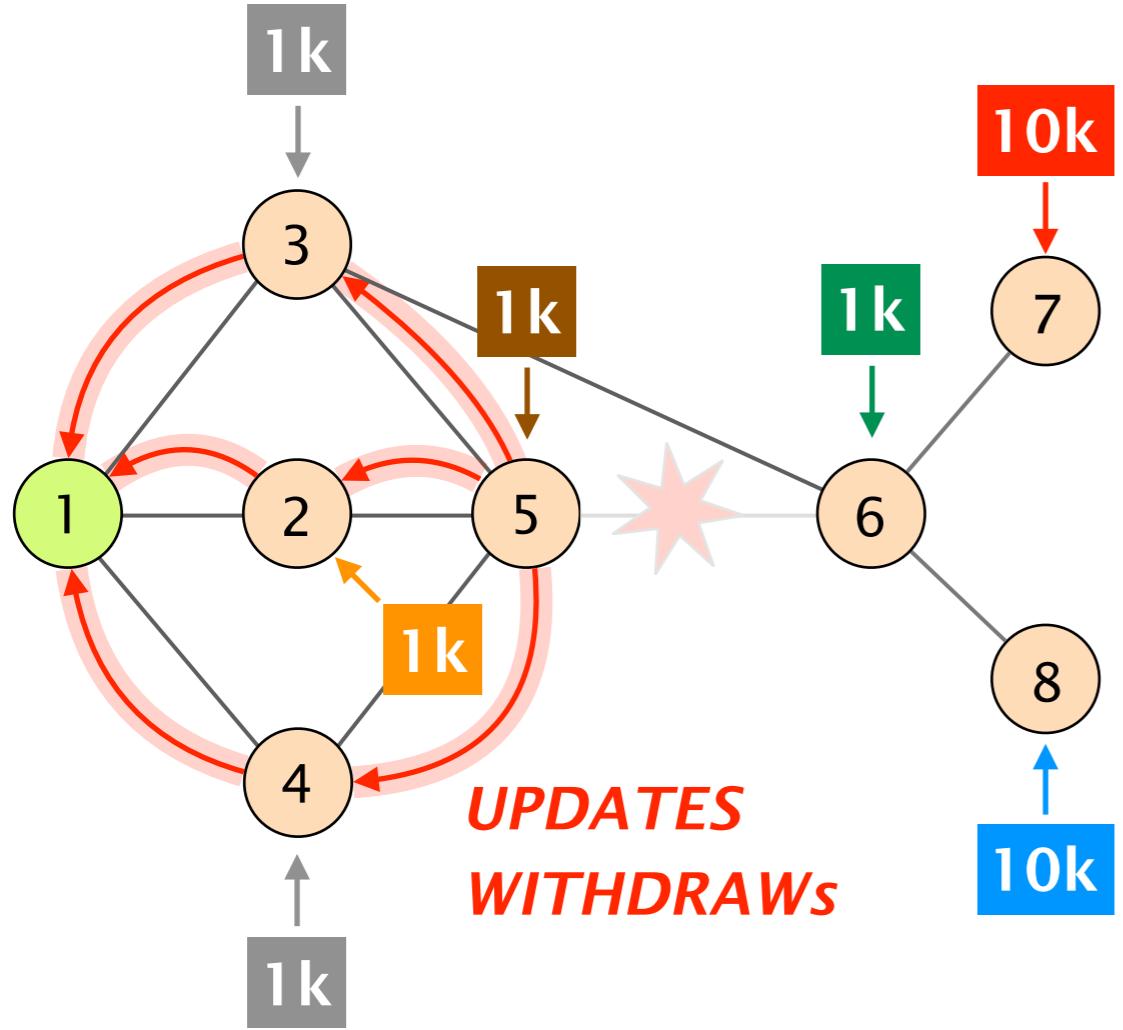
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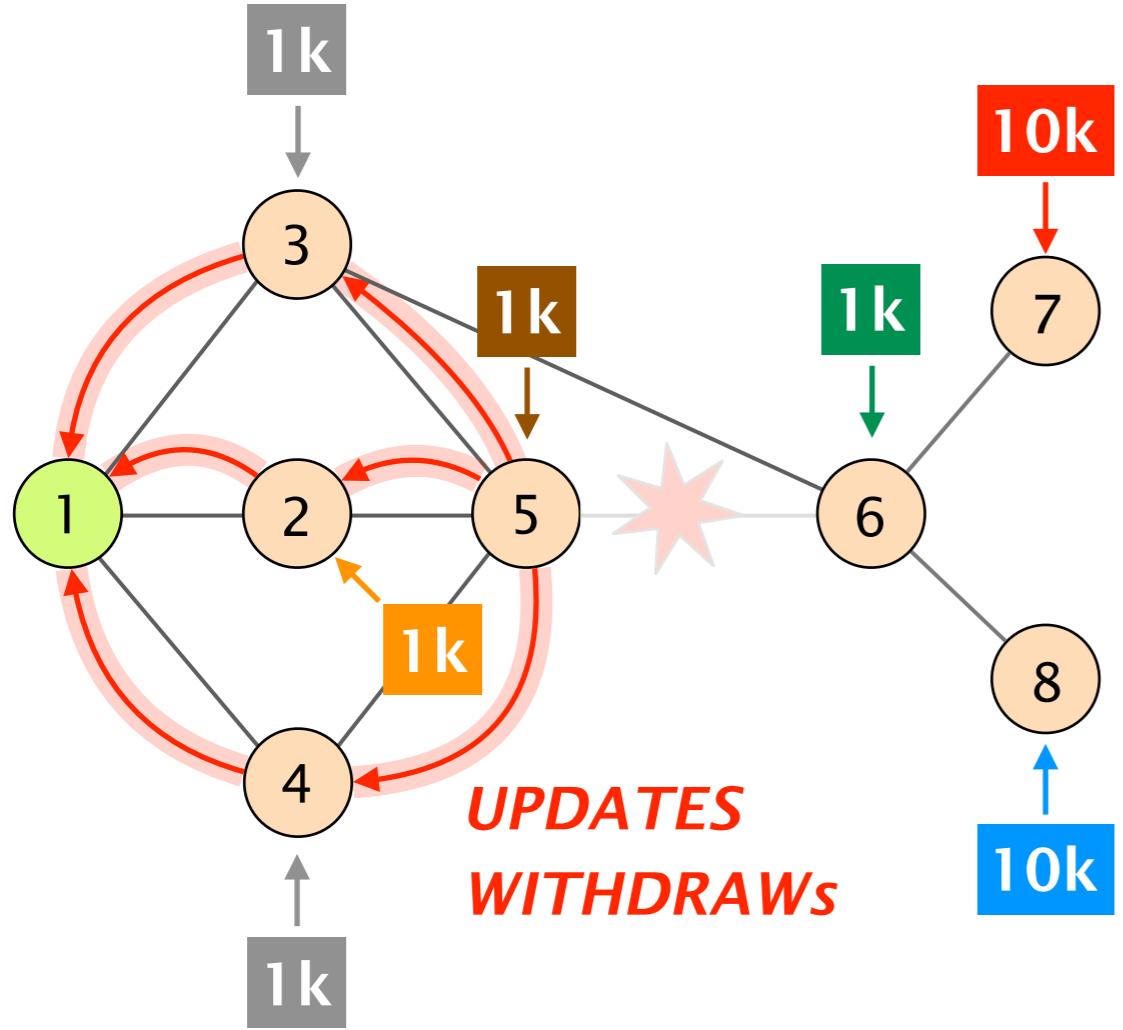
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BPA will always correctly pinpoint
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not that helpful...

Yet, SWIFT predictions work well in realistic scenarios

Intuition

Messages tend to be interleaved
providing diverse path information early on

Also, SWIFT can compensate for lack of information,
by being *overly* cautious (rerouting more)

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- Increase the number of **false positives**
the # of prefixes wrongly predicted as dead

Good news

False positives are not an issue!

26 seconds

vs

129 600 seconds

allowed downtime
for 99.999%

allowed free-riding
on a peering link

SWIFT predicts ~90% of the withdrawn prefixes
based on only 2.5k messages

	50th	75th	90th
2.5K	87.50%	99.10%	99.99%
5.0K	89.70%	98.80%	98.99%
7.5K	92.99%	99.10%	99.99%
10K	95.40%	99.60%	99.99%

Despite not being optimized for it,
SWIFT reroutes few number of non-disrupted prefixes

	50th	75th	90th
2.5K	0.2x	1.4x	8.9x
5.0K	0.2x	1.6x	7.2x
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10K	0.4x	2.8x	9.6x

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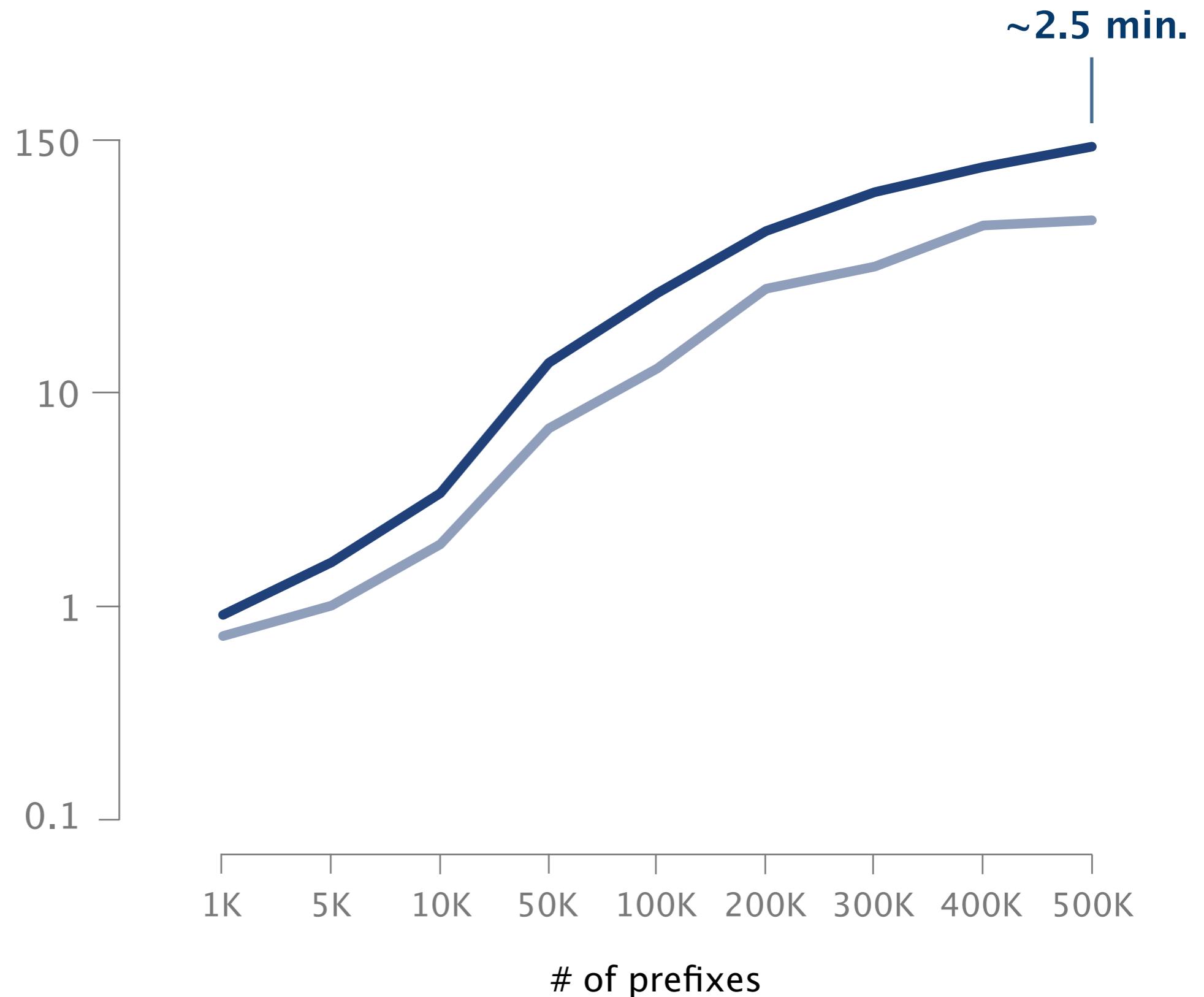


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Upon a prediction,
SWIFT needs to update the data-plane



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$\sim 2^{700,000}$

number of possibilities...

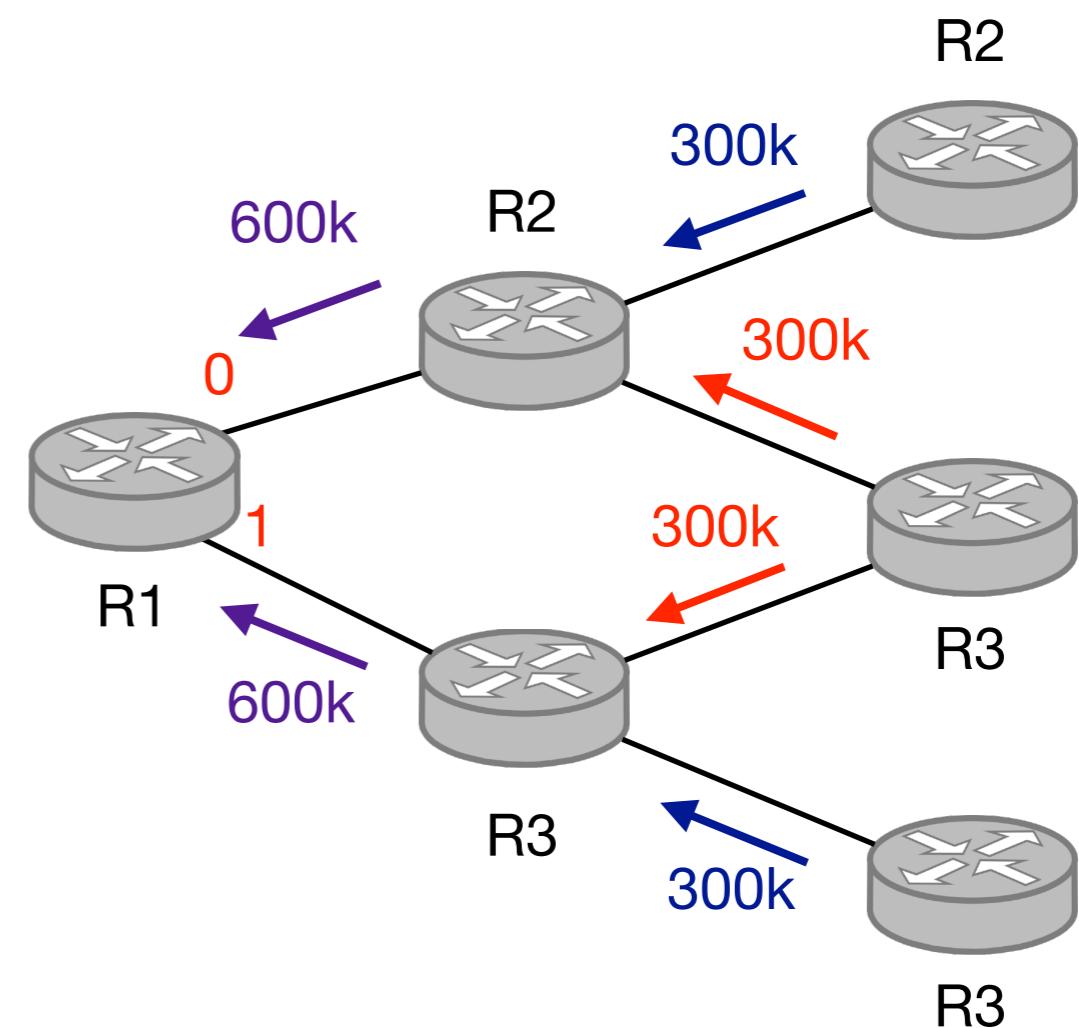
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To speed-up update time, SWIFT groups prefixes according to the paths they take

All prefixes going via (R1,R2) starts with 10

R1's Forwarding Table

	prefix	tag	NH
1	1.0.0.0/24	10 01 ...	0
2	1.0.1.0/16	10 01 ...	0
...
300k	100.0.0.0/8	10 11 ...	0
...
600k	200.99.0.0/24	10 11 ...	0



If (R1,R2) fails (or is predicted to have failed)
updating **one rule** is enough to reroute all traffic

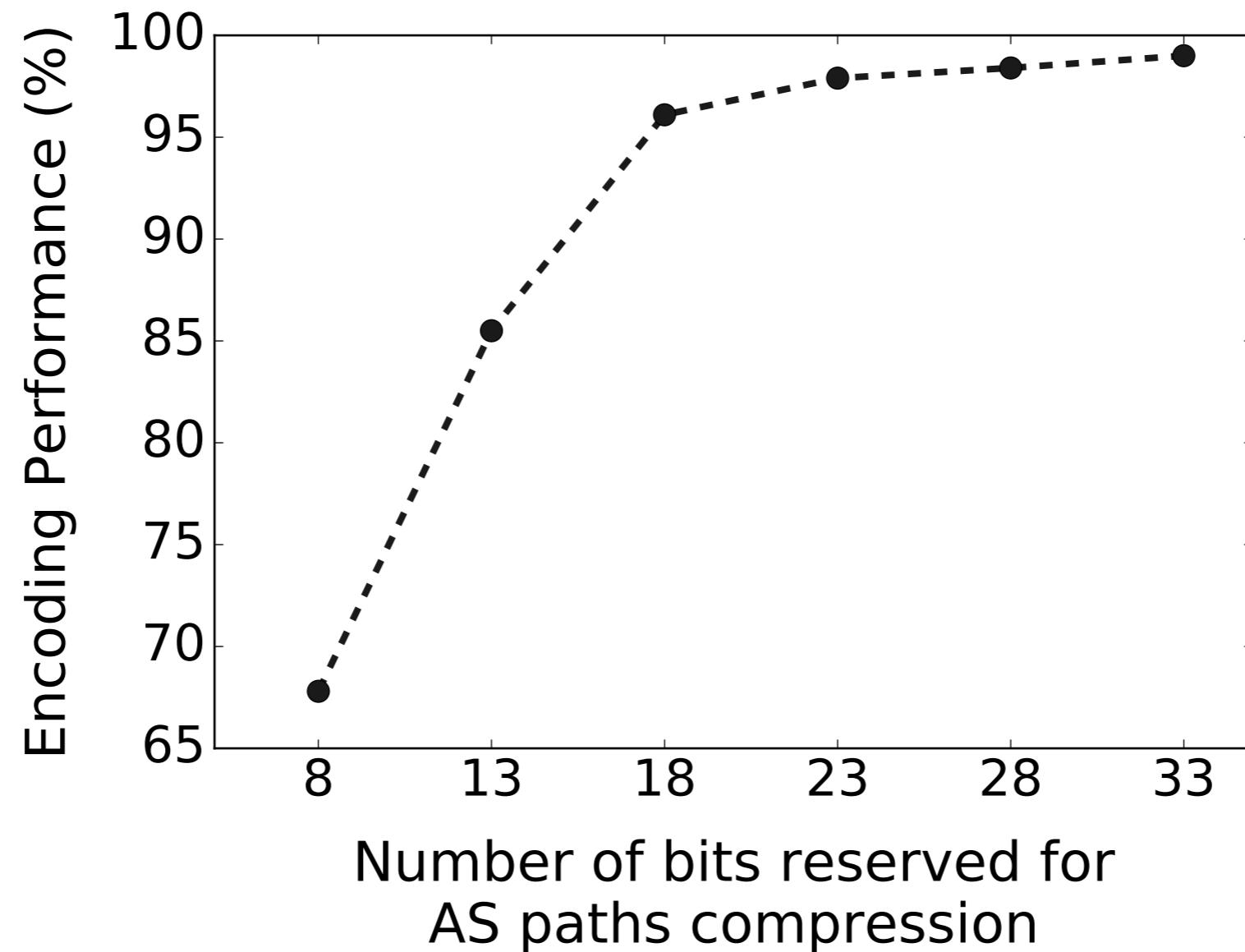
m(10.* >> fwd(1)

Since the AS graph is too large to be encoded,
SWIFT reduces it first using two techniques

Ignore any link seeing less than 1.5k pfxes
anything less converges fast enough already

Ignore link far away from the SWIFTed node
less likely to create large bursts of UPDATEs

These two optimizations enable to reroute
96% of the predicted prefixes using only 18 bits



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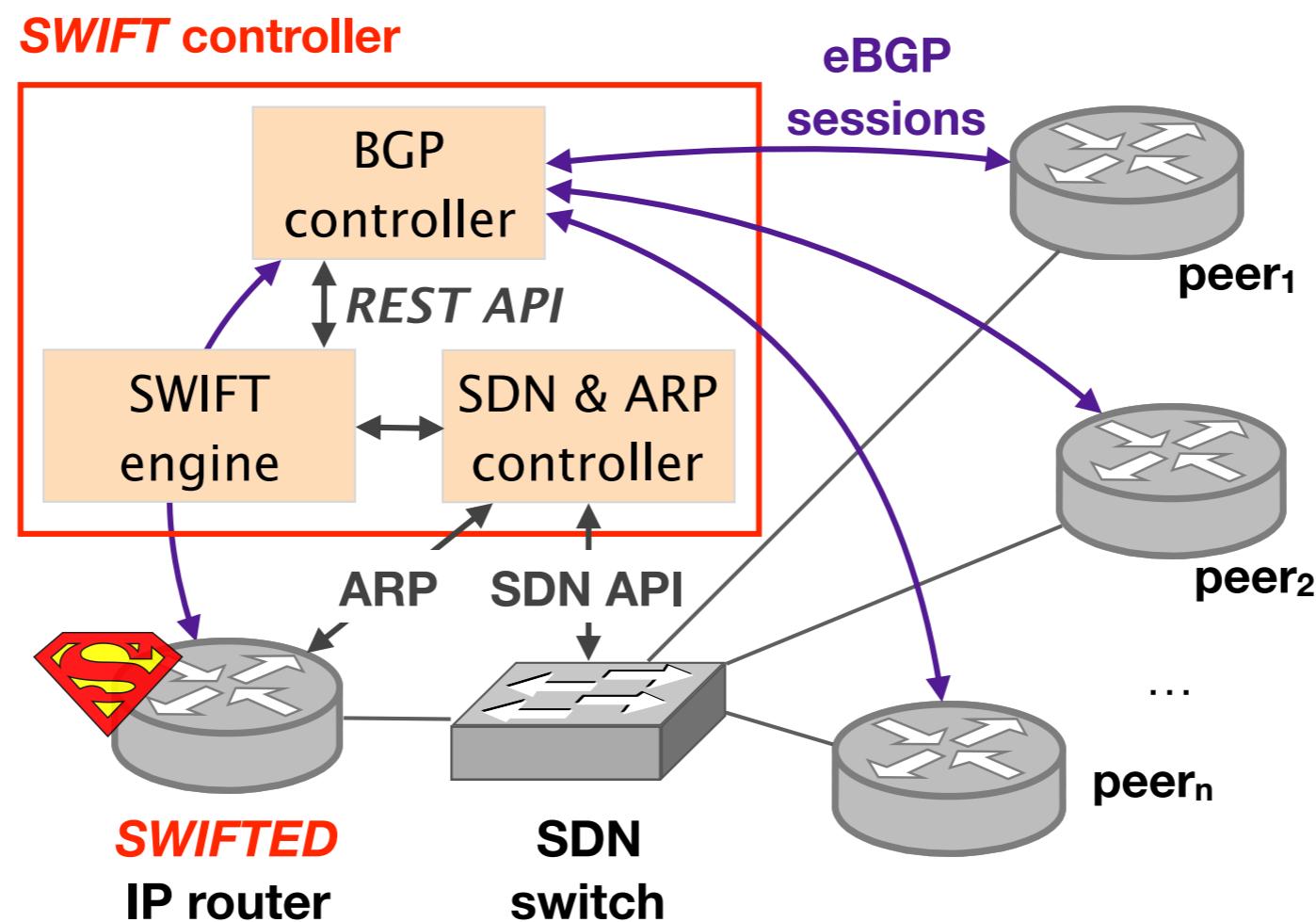


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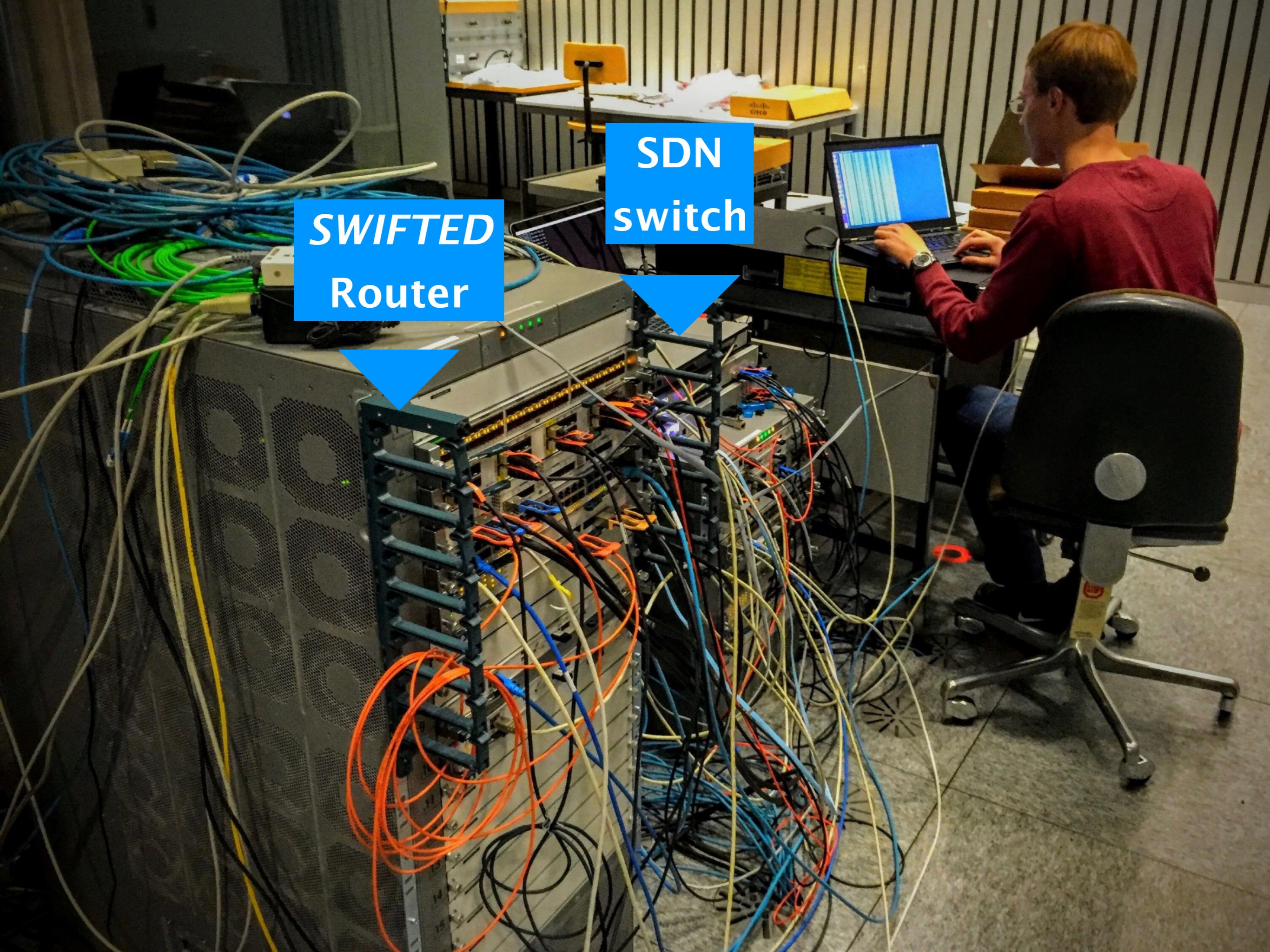
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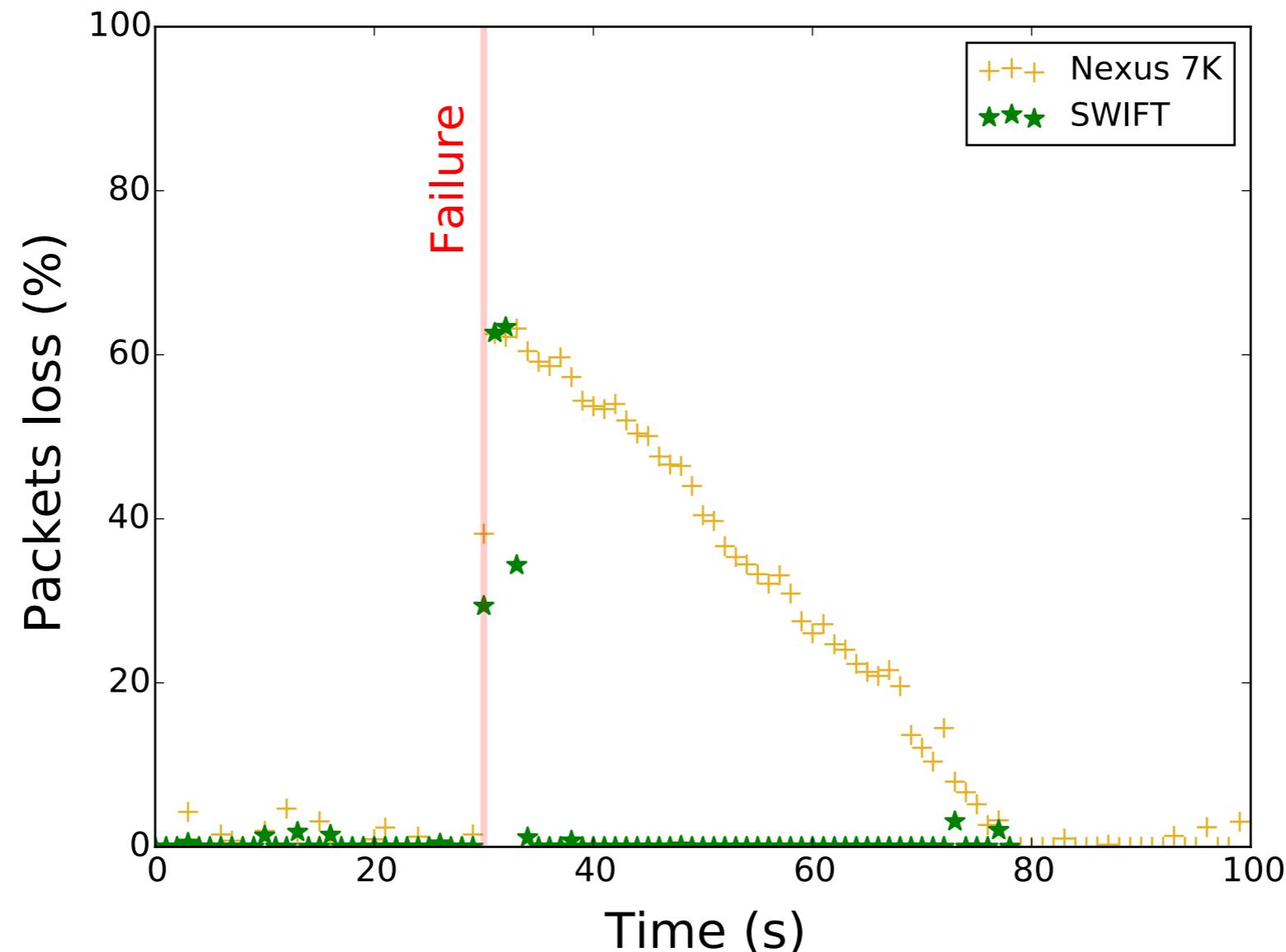


SWIFTED
Router

**SDN
switch**



SWIFT reduces the convergence time of a Cisco Nexus 7k
from **55s to maximum 3s** (i.e., 95% decrease)



SWIFT

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