



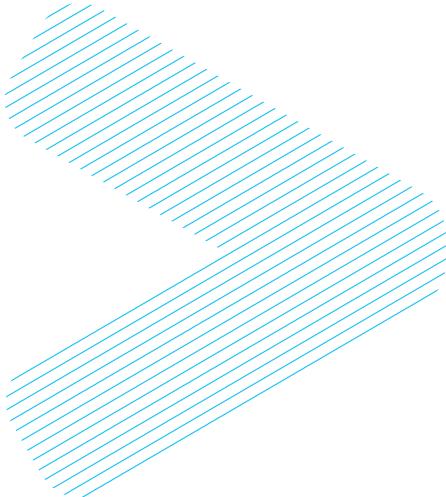
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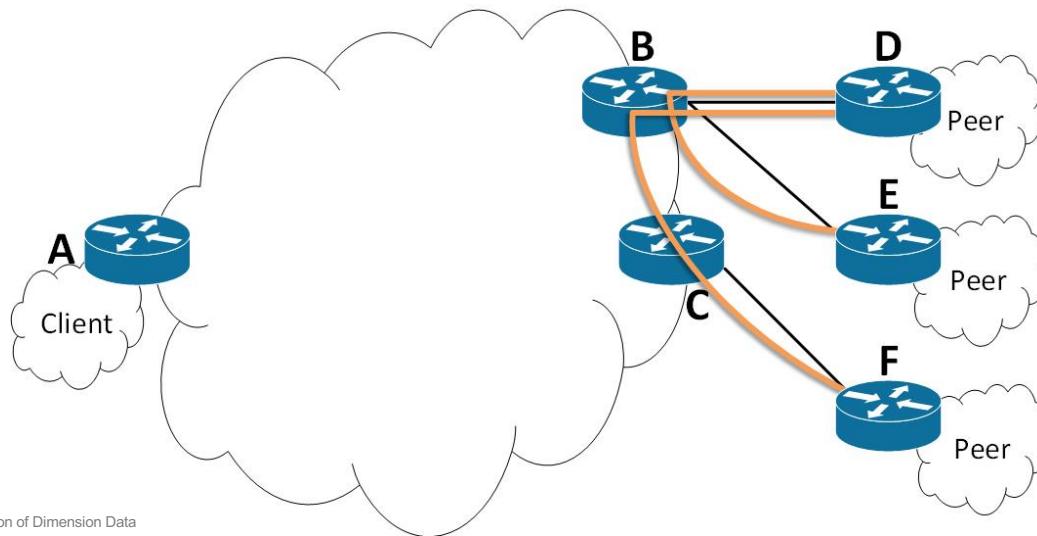
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Summary.

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- You will receive traffic not destined for you or your clients.
- To limit the risk of becoming an unintended transit provider.



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## Option 1: “First steps”

- No valid 0/0.
- Partial advertisements from RRs.
- iACLs.
- Split transit and peering layers.

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## Advantages of this approach?

- ✓ Easy to implement.
- ✓ Covering the majority of cases.

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## Disadvantages of this approach?

- ✗ Manual approach.
- ✗ Error prune.
- ✗ No multiservice edge approach.
- ✗ “Trickier” relationships.

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## Option 2: QPPB (QoS Policy Propagation via BGP)

- Cisco, Huawei: QPPB.
- Juniper: SCU/DCU.
- Alcatel, Nokia: QPPB.

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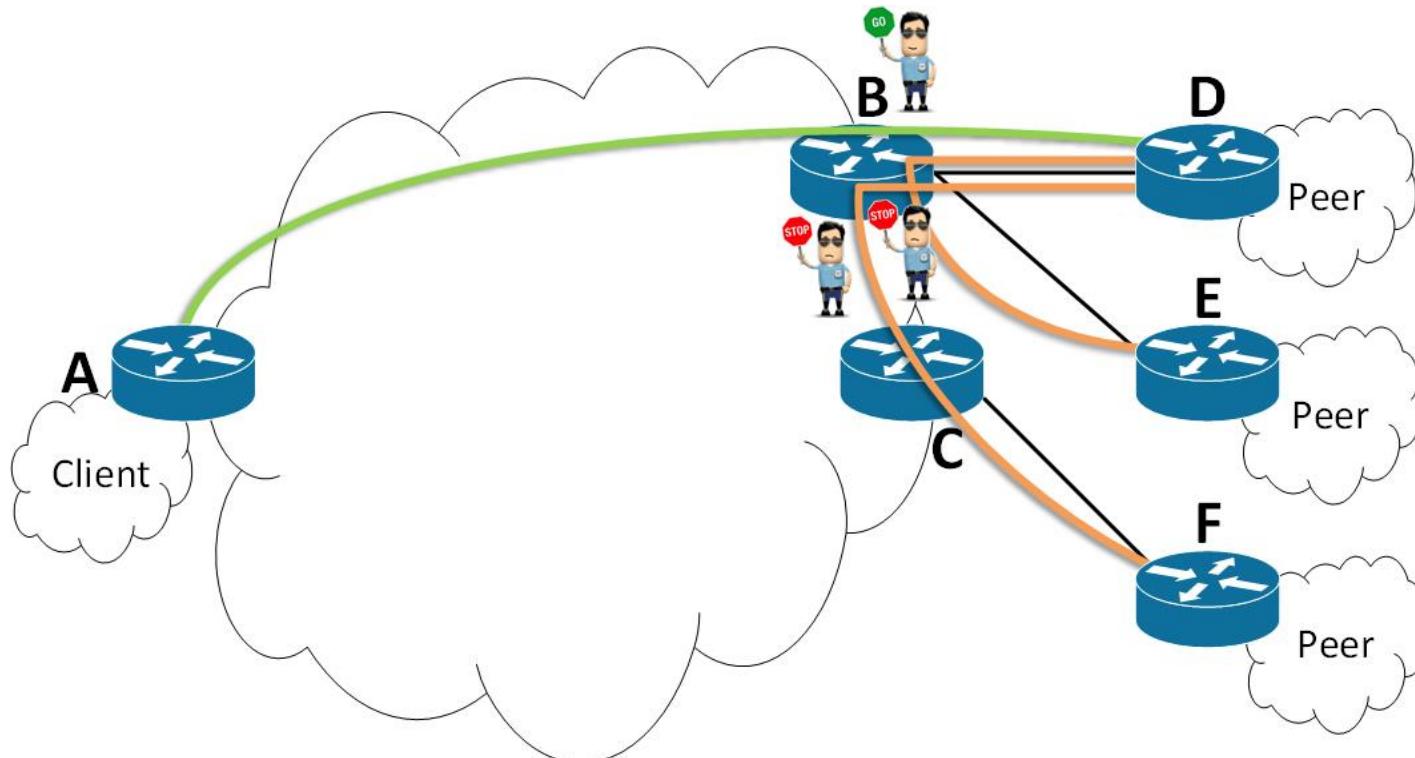
## What is QPPB?

- QPPB: QoS Policy Propagation via BGP.
- BGP advertisement classification.
- The BGP advertisement inherits the classification of the associated BGP session.
- **Any ingress packet will get the same classification as the destination.**

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What is QPPB? (2)



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## How does QPPB work?

Step 1: Tag peer prefixes uniquely within BGP and FIB tables.

- Mark **peer prefixes** with community attribute (P) and tag (P).
- Mark **transit prefixes** with community attribute (P) and tag (P).
- Mark **client prefixes** with community attribute (C) and tag (C).

```
route-policy qosgroup_map
if community matches-any P-comm
then
set qos-group 7
else
set qos-group 1
endif
end-policy
!
router bgp <your ASN>
address-family ipv4 unicast
table-policy qosgroup_map
```

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## How does QPPB work? (2)

Step 2: Tag external packets at peering locations based upon longest prefix matching within FIB.

- Received from **peer/transit** and destined to **peer/transit**: tag as (**P**).
- Received from **peer/transit** and destined to **client**: tag as (**C**).

```
int gi0/0/0
ipv4 bgp policy propagation input qos-group destination
```

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## How does QPPB work? (3)

Step 3: Packet classification via MQC.

```
class-map match-any EXT
  match qos-group 7
end-class-map
!
policy-map qppb_set_dscp
  class EXT
    police rate percent 1
      conform-action drop
    !
  class class-default
    set dscp af11
end-policy-map
!
int gi0/0/0
service-policy input qppb_set_dscp
```

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## Advantages of QPPB?

- ✓ Sustainable option.
- ✓ Multiservice functionality can be done.
- ✓ No need to do filtering on RRes.

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## Disadvantages of QPPB?

- ✗ Difficult to understand.
- ✗ Still prone to configuration errors ("human factor"):
  - ✗ Blackholing.
  - ✗ Missing enforcement.
- ✗ Only granular to a BGP level.

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## Option 3: BGP EPE

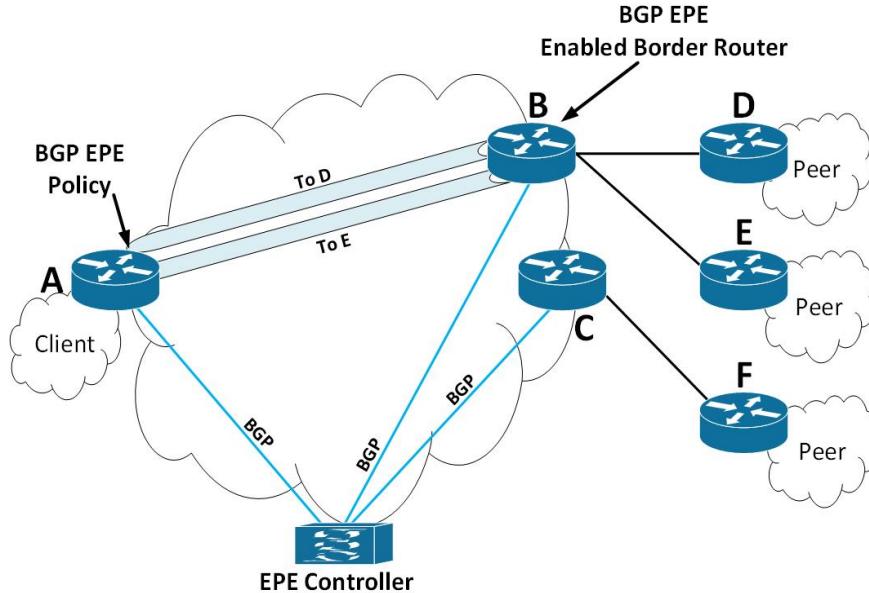
- Based on a Segment Routing (SR) implementation.
- SR will bring you benefits such as the following:
  - Less protocols.
  - Programmability.
  - Scaling.
  - Better granular control.
- Tutorials on SR: <http://www.segment-routing.net/tutorials/>

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## BGP EPE (Egress Peer Engineering)

- Problem statement (RFC7855): “A centralized controller should instruct ingress PE to use a specific egress PE.”
- “How To”: draft-ietf-spring-segment-routing-central-epe.

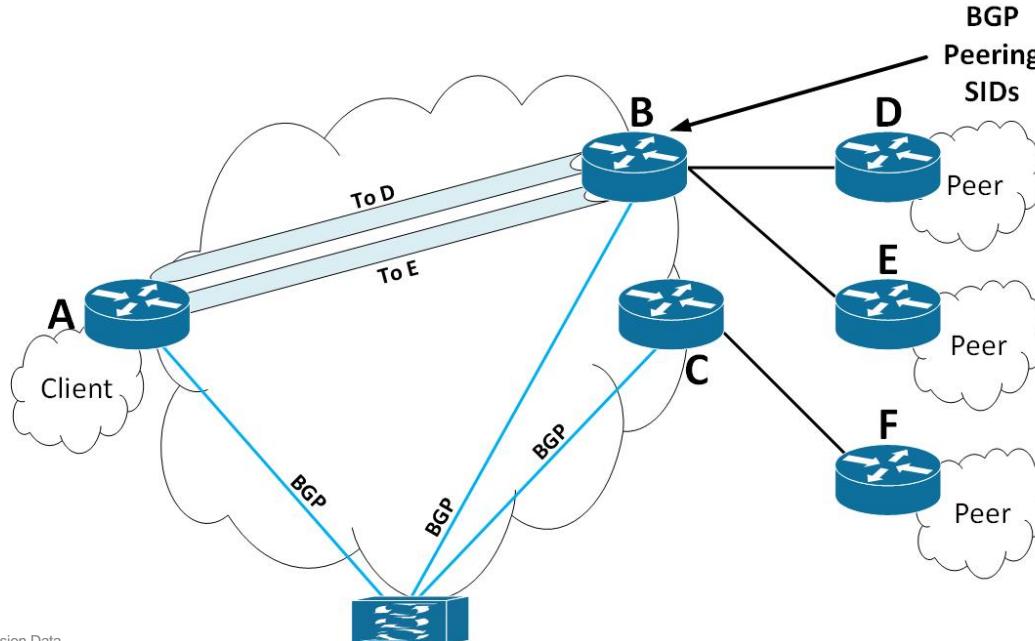


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## BGP EPE (2)

- BGP Peering SIDs.
  - Locally assigned labels to identify eBGP peers.

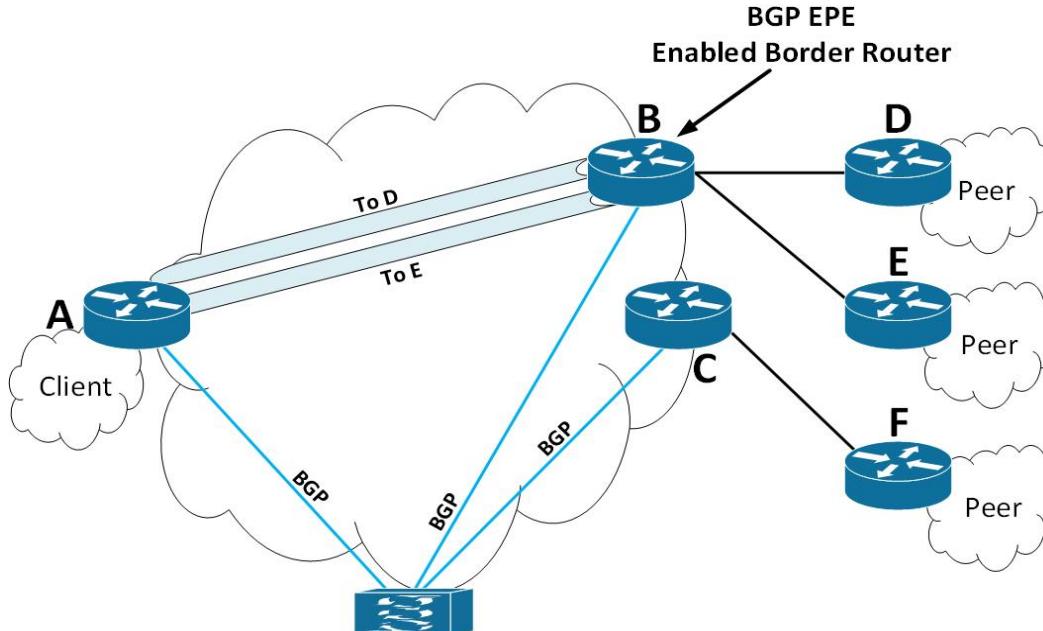


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## BGP EPE (3)

- BGP EPE enabled border routers.
  - Border device compiling the BGP Peering SIDs.

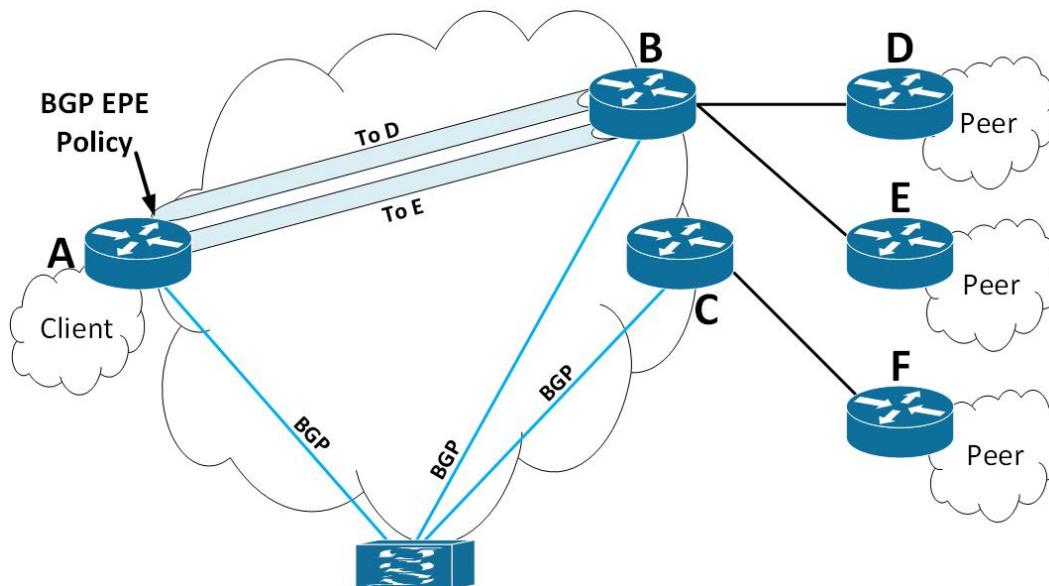


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## BGP EPE (4)

- BGP EPE ingress policy.
  - Program path to BGP EPE edge router.

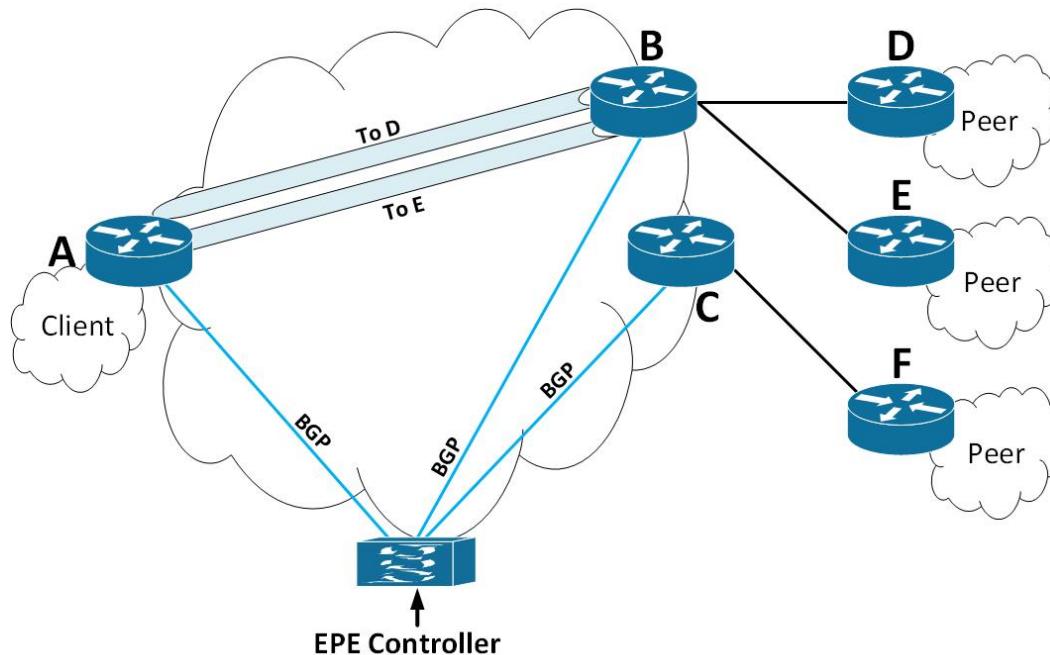


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## BGP EPE (5)

- BGP EPE Controller.
  - PCE based.

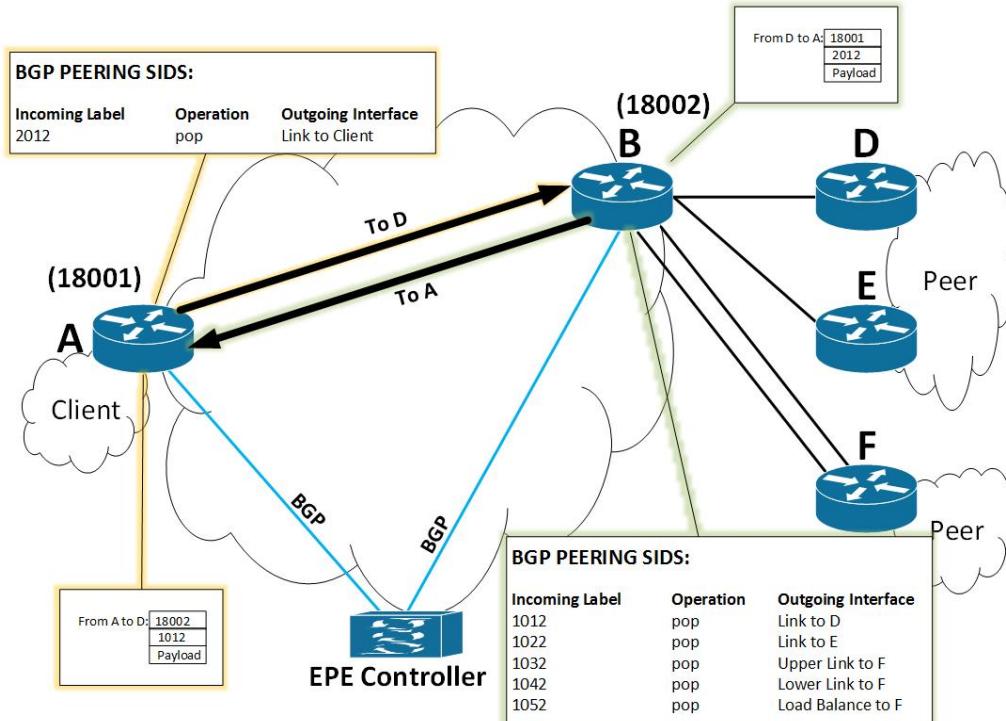


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## BGP EPE (6)

- Example 1: Traffic from A to D.

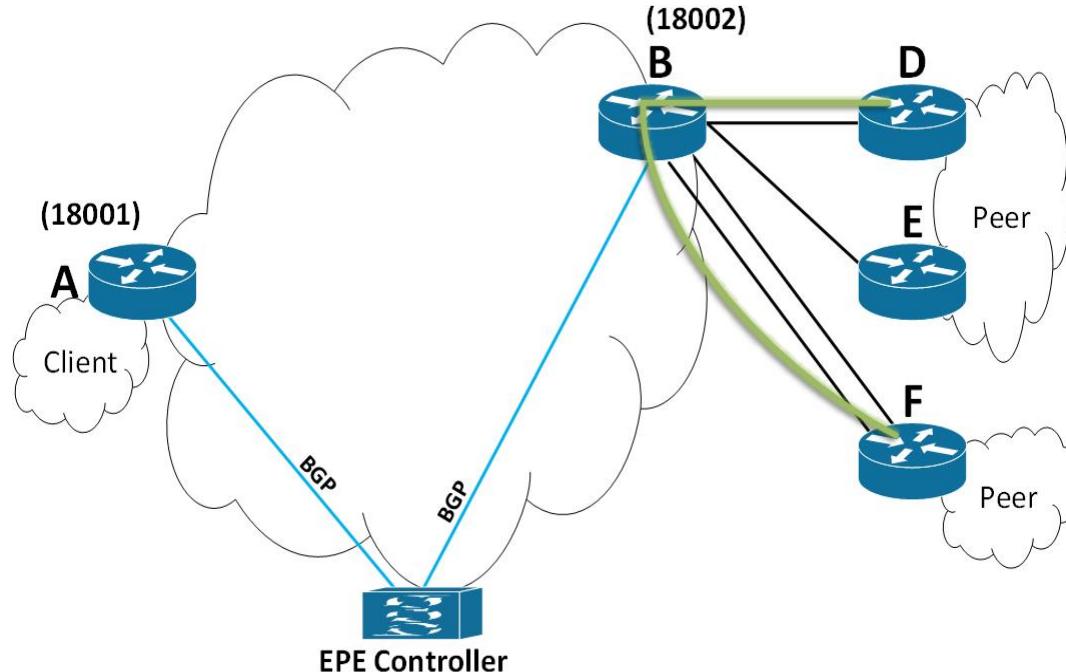


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## BGP EPE (7)

- Example 2: Traffic from D to F.



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## Advantages of BGP EPE

- ✓ No longer solely dependent on the classification of BGP.
- ✓ Controller is responsible for classification.
- ✓ Flexibility to override general rules.

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## Disadvantages of BGP EPE

- ✗ Does need a controller.
- ✗ Complexity is moved from network to a controller.
- ✗ SR needs to be in use by operator.
- ✗ Only limited efficiency (i.e. when labels can be imposed).

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## Summary

- BGP EPE:
  - More suitable for typical traffic steering implementation.
- QPPB:
  - Currently the best option for protecting your peering edge.

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