



ROUTE FILTERING WITH RPKI

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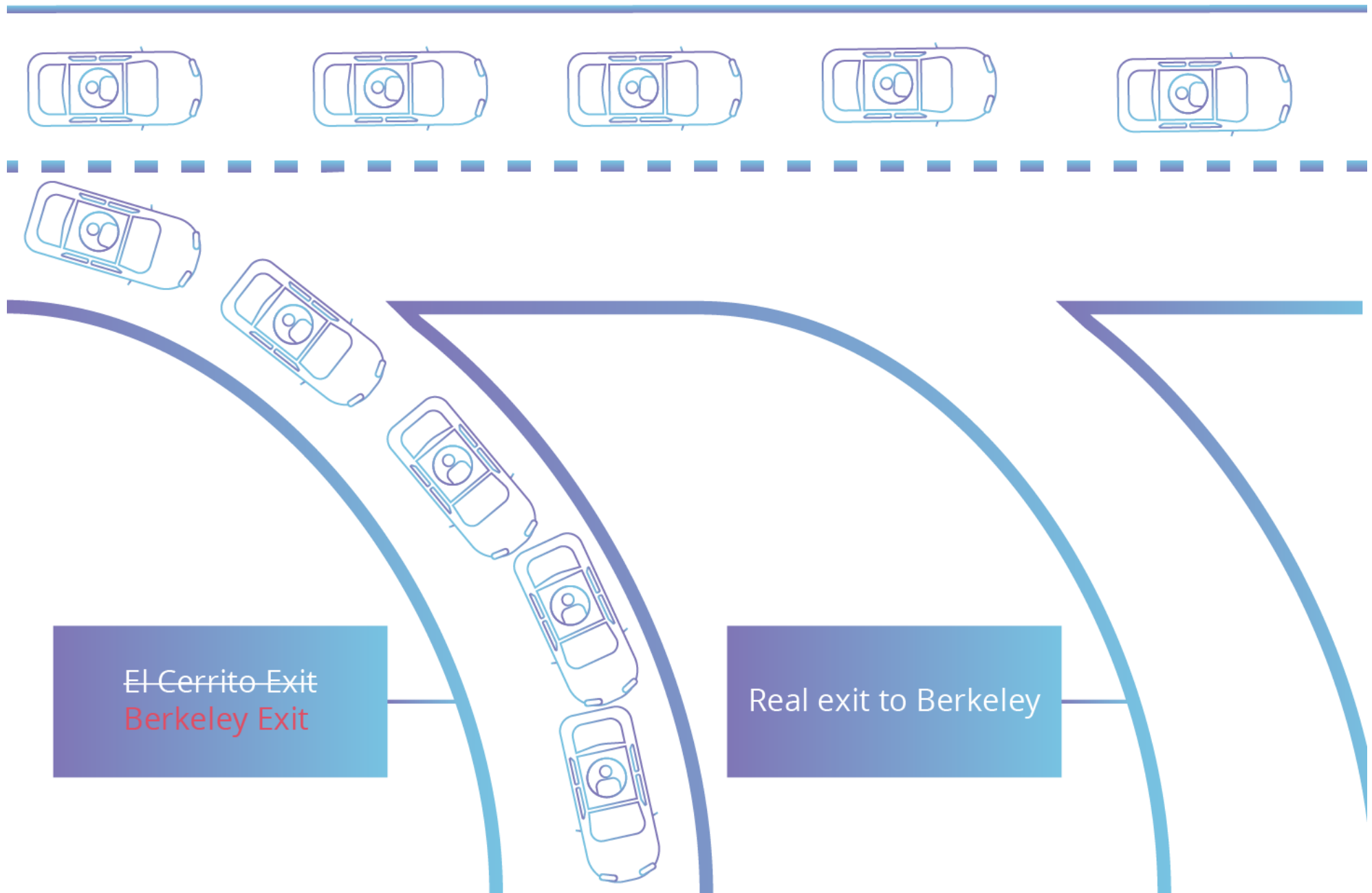




WHAT IS A BGP HIJACK OR ROUTE LEAK?

- BGP is too trusting in nature
- BGP neighbours are able to 'advertise' routes to anywhere





(image credit: Cloudflare)



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BGP Hijacks

Illegitimate advertisement of foreign address or AS number space.

This can be intentional or unintentional announcement

BGP Route Leaks

Illegitimate announcement of a route received from a peer/upstream to another peer/upstream.



EXAMPLES

- **1997** - AS7007 mistakenly (re)announces 72K+ routes (becomes the poster-child for route filtering).
- **2008** - ISP in Pakistan accidentally announces IP routes for YouTube by blackholing the video service internally to their network.
- **2017** - Russian ISP leaks 36 prefixes for payments services owned by Mastercard, Visa, and major banks.
- **2018** - BGP hijack of Amazon DNS to steal crypto currency.
- **2019** - AS21217 leaked 70K+ routes to China Telecom in Frankfurt, redirecting a lot of European networks through their network.
- **2019** - AS33154 leaked more specific routes generated by a “BGP Optimizer” to Verizon, impacting major parts of the Internet.



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RPKI?

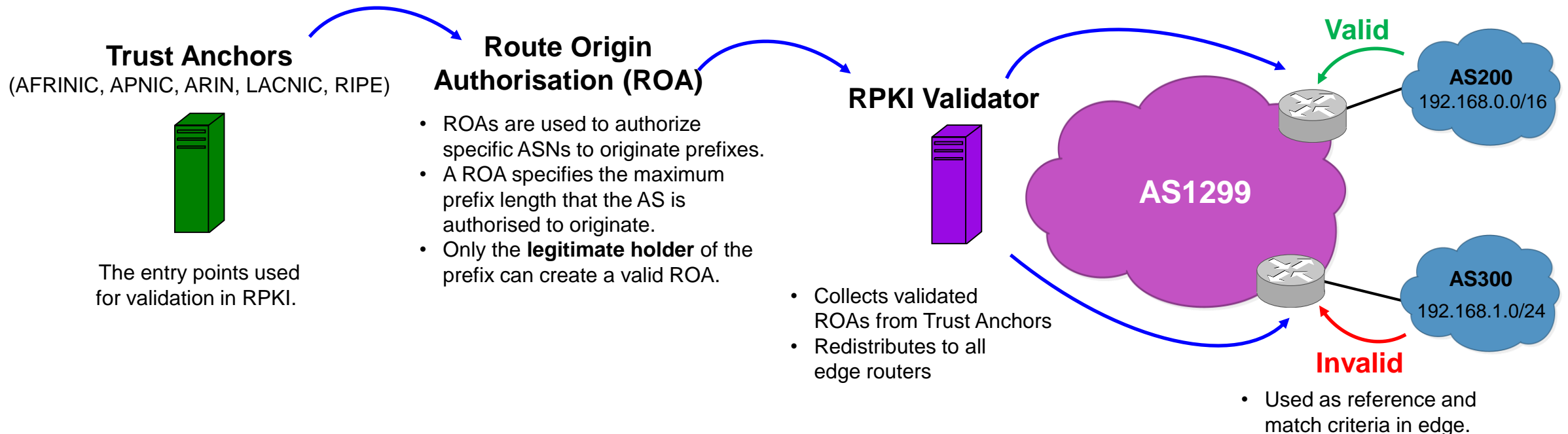
WHAT IS RPKI?

- Resource Public Key Infrastructure
- Route Validation for BGP Announcements
- Helps prevent 'BGP Hijacks' and 'Route Leaks'



RESOURCE PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE (RPKI)

The Resource Certification (RPKI) system allows Local Internet Registries (LIRs) to request a digital certificate listing the Internet number resources they hold. It offers validatable proof of holdership of a resource's registration by a Regional Internet Registry (RIR).



RPKI VALIDATION STATES

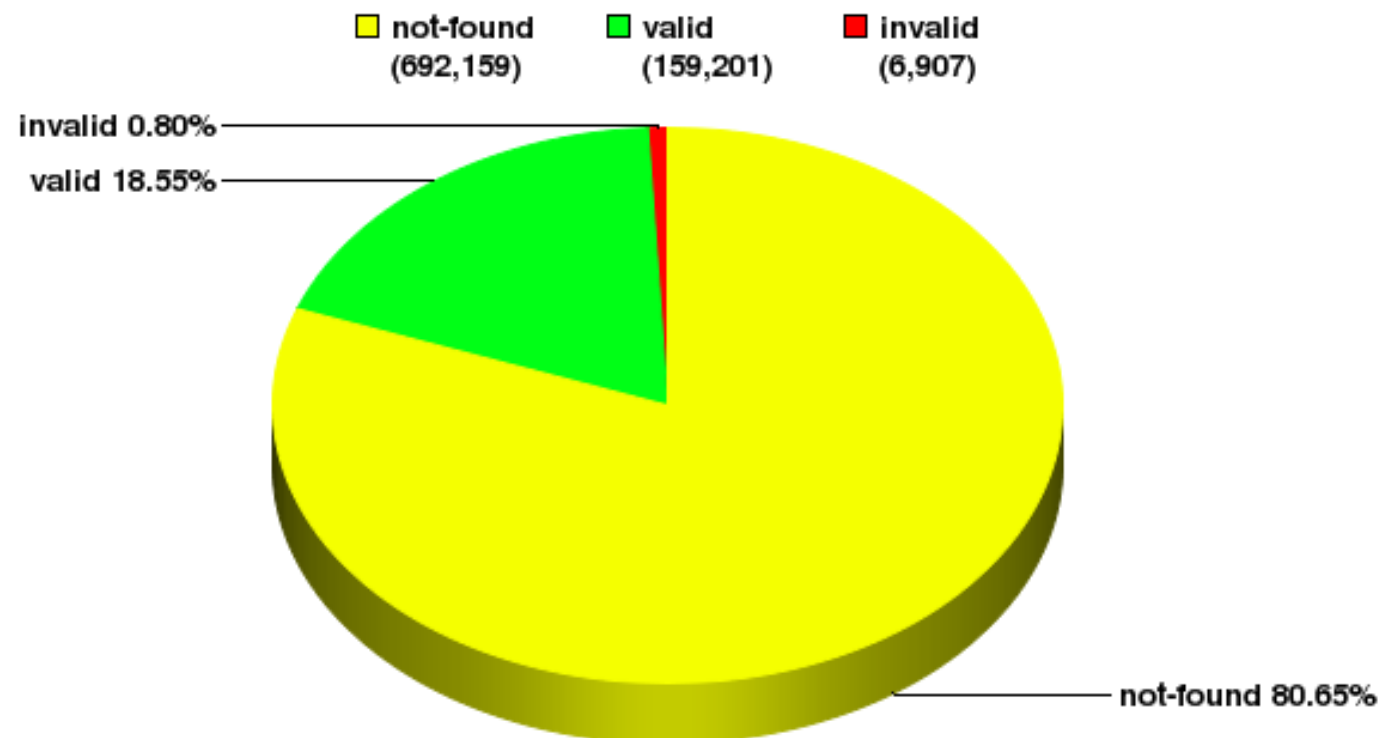
STATE	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Valid	A matching ROA exists, all criteria matches	None, all good
Unknown	No ROA is registered for the prefix	Register ROAs for your IP space
Invalid	A matching ROA exists for the prefix, origin-AS and/or mask-length is not matching record	Possible hijack or route leak, need to withdraw & re-register ROA
Unverified	Validation error, origin-validation is skipped	Check your RPKI infrastructure/validator



CURRENT STATE OF THE DFZ

Global: Validation Snapshot of Unique P/O pairs

858,267 Unique IPv4 Prefix/Origin Pairs



NIST RPKI Monitor 2020-02-26

<https://rpki-monitor.antd.nist.gov/>





AS1299

SOME PERSPECTIVE

2,100+

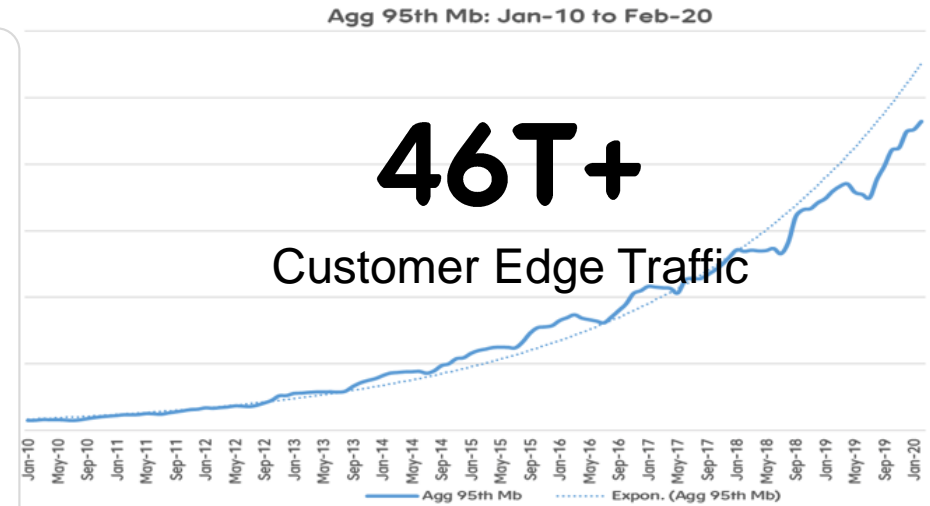
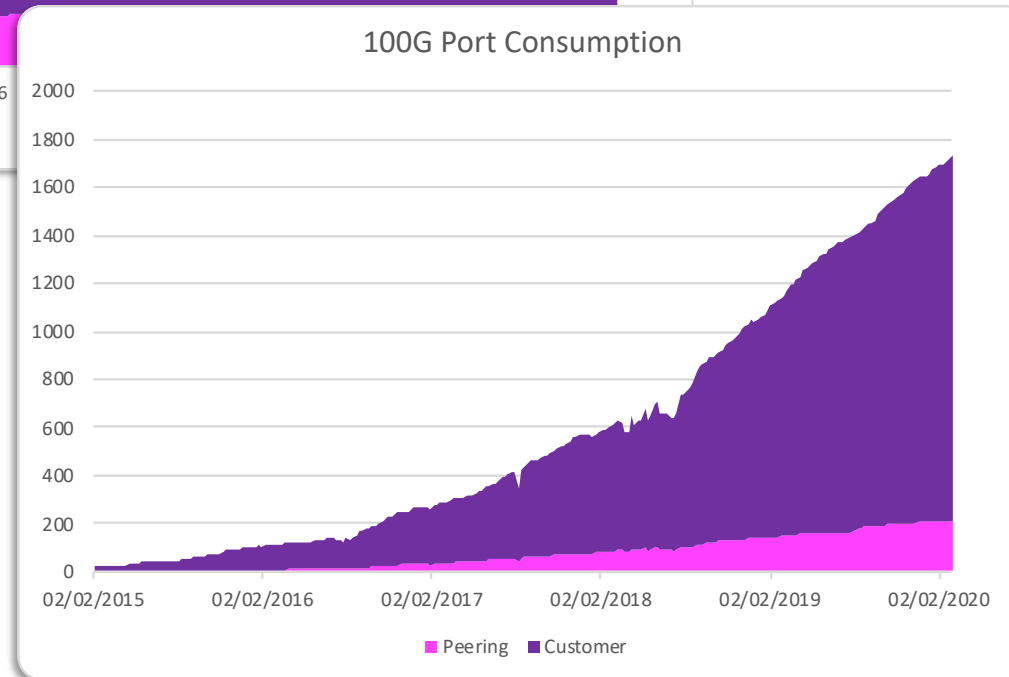
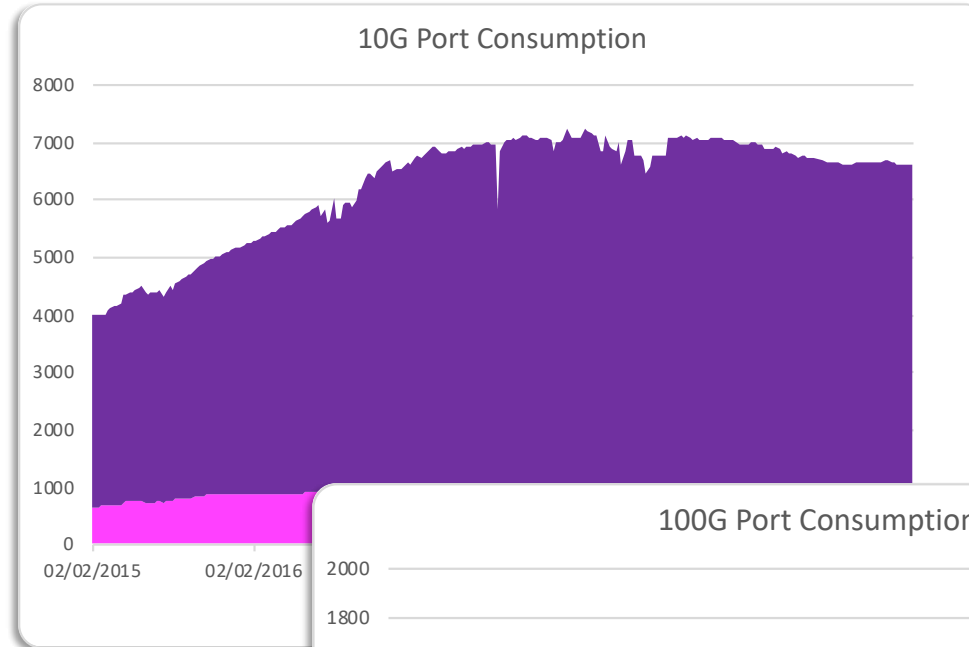
Directly Connected
Customer ASNs

200+

Number of Edge devices

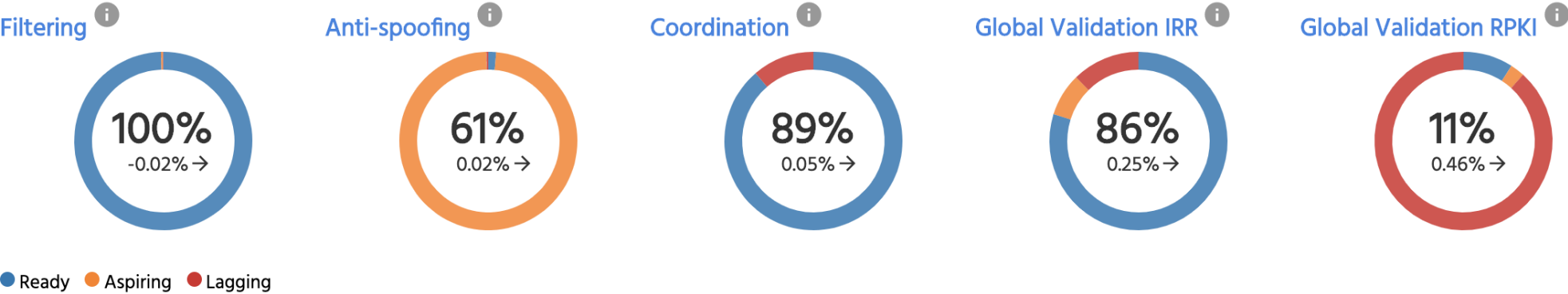
11,000+

Number of 'Connections'

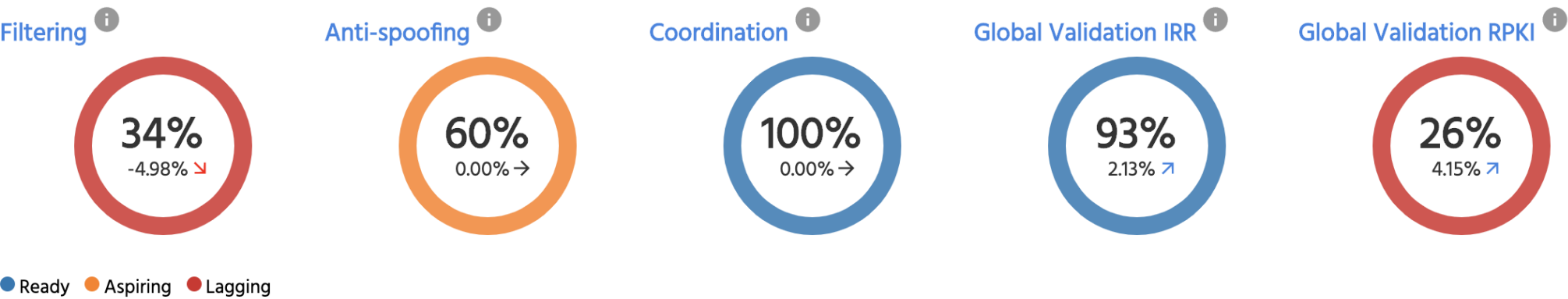


MANRS & OBSERVATORY

MANRS Readiness ⁱ



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WHY AND WHAT STARTED IT?

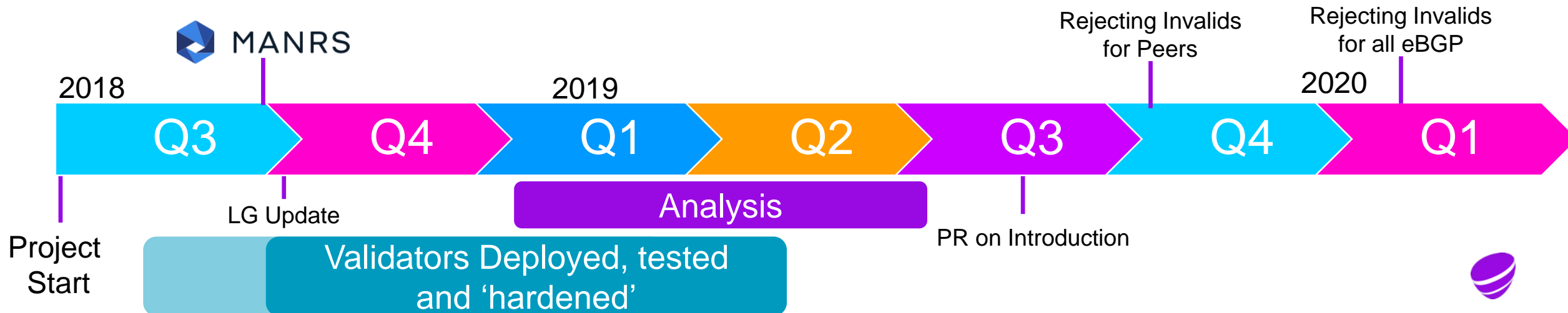
Aim : Further secure our BGP Routing. To be good custodians, not to be mentioned in post-mortem blogs

Considerations;

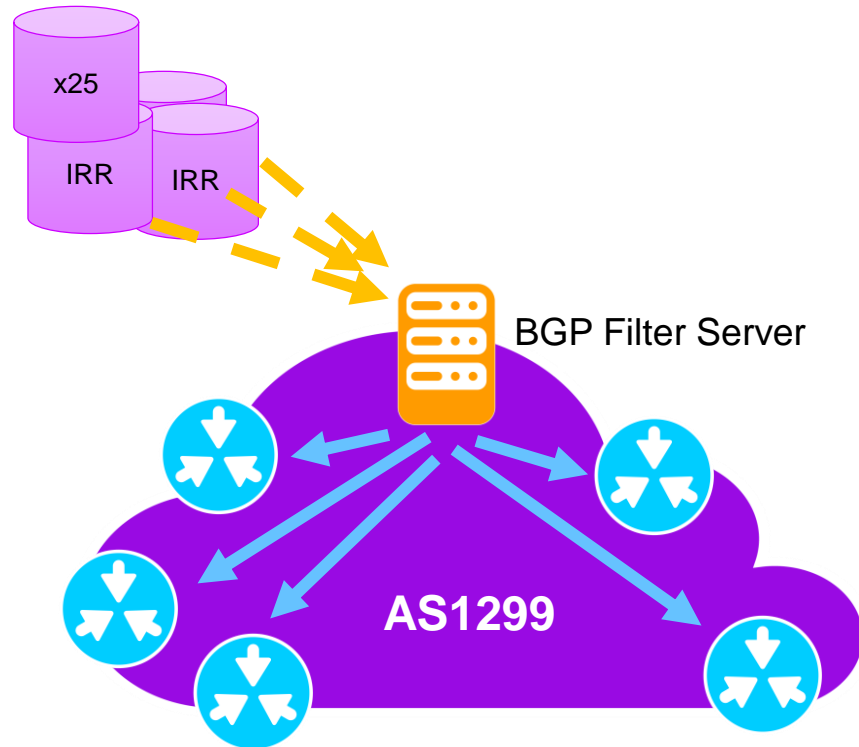
- Let's not break anything
- Stability / Reliability
- Will it break anything?
 - RTBH was a concern
- How 'bad' are our customers/peers currently?

Plan;

- Testing
- Start with validating – no action
- Analysis
- Implement Rejects
 - Customer & Peers at same time
 - Controlled Introduction
 - Enabled by default for new connections



EXISTING BGP FILTERS



BGP Filter Server

- Born 2005
- Pulls from 25 IRR DB's and generates filters
 - RPKI ROA's also used as a source
- Pushes to all edges twice a day
- Manages all AS- and prefix-filters (v4 & v6)
 - Manipulation of entries
- Central point for:
 - Max-prefix control and monitoring
 - RTBH enabling
 - iBGP loadsharing
 - RPKI activation, exceptions

25 IRR Databases queried – in order: RADB, AFRINIC, RIPE, RIPE-NONAUTH, BELL, APNIC, NTTCOM, ALTDB, PANIX, RISQ, NESTEGG, LEVEL3, REACH, AOLTW, OPENFACE, ARIN, OTTIX, EASYNET, JPIRR, HOST, RGNET, ROGERS, BBOI, TC and CANARIE



Add customer/peer

Search customer/peer

List all customers/peers

General exeptions

Edit customer/peer

Telia AS:

1299

Type:

IPTransit

ServiceID Service:

IC-123456

Name:

Acme Transit

Manual filter:

☐

Customer/peer AS:

123

SaveDelete

Router	Policy	Filter-type	Blackhole	RPKI	Load sharing	AS-list #	Max-prefix	Received pfx	Database	Active	Command
adm-b2.telia.net	AS-ACME-TRANSIT	AS v4		Yes	F		100	54	RADB	Yes	[Edit] [Delete]
adm-b3.telia.net	AS-ACME-TRANSIT	AS v4		Yes	F		100	54	RADB	Yes	[Edit] [Delete]
nyk-b4.telia.net	AS-ACME-TRANSIT	Prefix v4	Yes	Yes			100	42	RADB	Yes	[Edit] [Delete]
nyk-b4.telia.net	AS-ACME-TRANSIT	Prefix v6	Yes	Yes			100	6	RADB	Yes	[Edit] [Delete]
[Edit all]											

[\[Previous filter\]](#) [\[Current filter\]](#) [\[Candidate filter\]](#)

Generate candidate filter

Fetch data from external source

Update routers with candidate filter

Force update (ignore warnings)

[\[Previous max-prefix\]](#) [\[Current max-prefix\]](#) [\[Candidate max-prefix\]](#)

Update routers with max-prefix candidate

Verify Received pfx

Add router

Router:

- Choose -

Filter type:

AS: ☒ Mix: ☐ Mixed policy: ☐ Open: ☐ Prefix: ☐ IPv4: ☐ IPv6: ☐ IPv4 & IPv6: ☒

Blackhole:

Yes: ☐ No: ☒

RPKI:

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Load sharing:

Off: ☐ Fixed: ☒ Remote: ☐

Policy:

AS-ACME-TRANSIT

Max-prefix:

☒

IPv4:

100

 IPv6:

100

 Disable max-prefix monitoring: ☐

Filter Server - Web GUI



TOPOLOGY AND TESTING

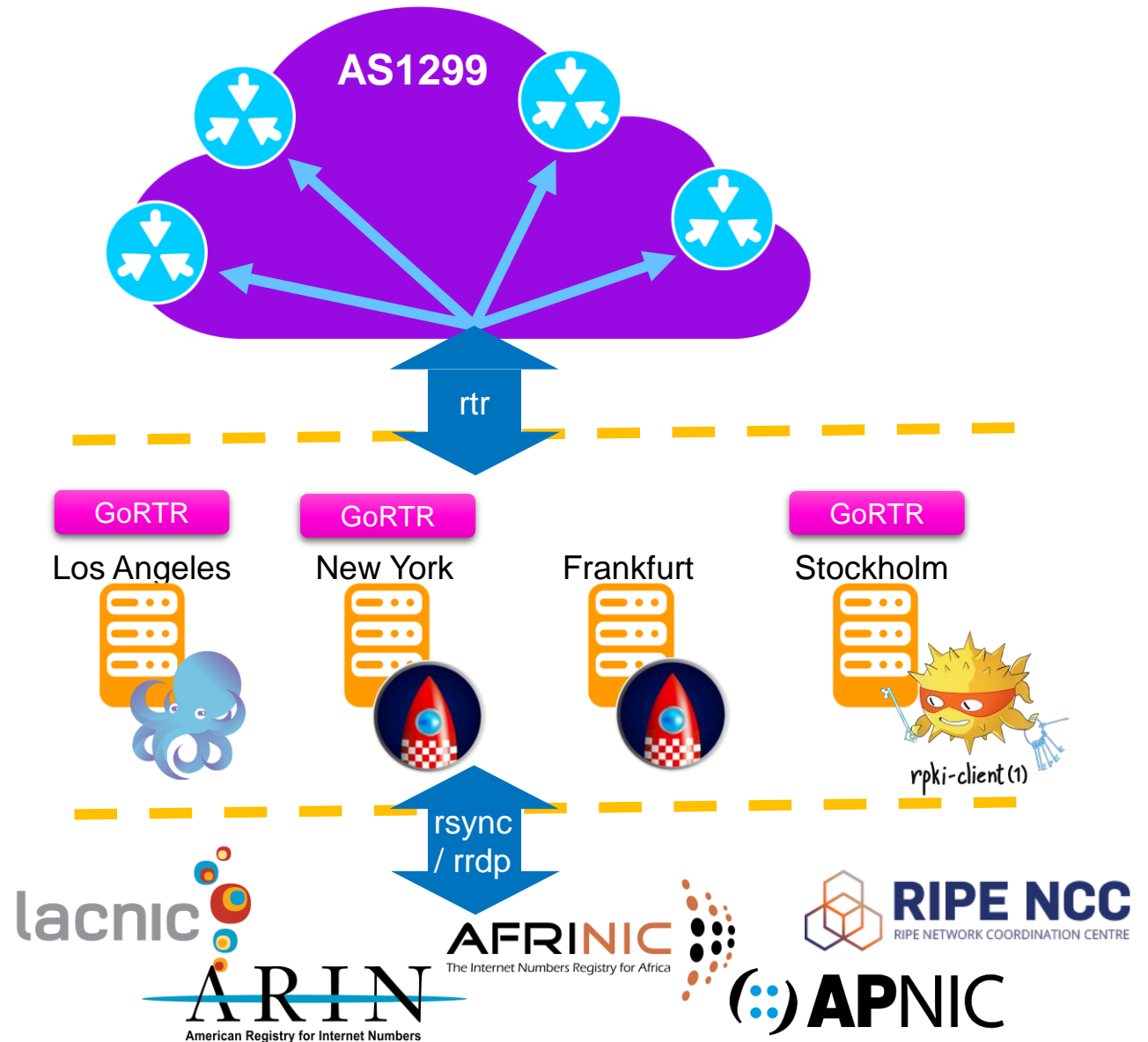
Validators used:

- Routinator
- OctoRPKI / GoRTR
- OpenBSD rpki-client
- *RIPE's RPKI Validator v3*

RIR TA update frequency:

- Routinator: every 60 min
 - Frankfurt On the hour
 - New York 15 min past the hour
- OctoRPKI / Los Angeles: every 20 min
- rpki-client / Stockholm: every 15 min

Each edge device has four validator sessions

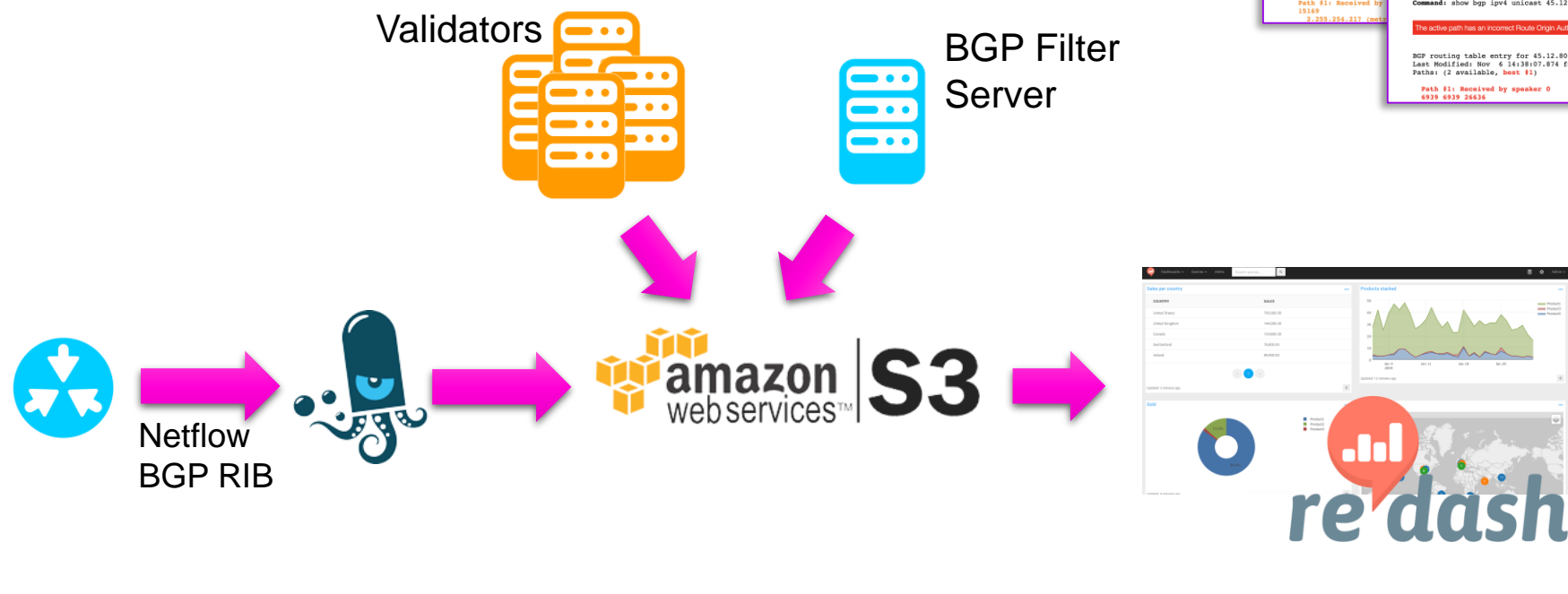
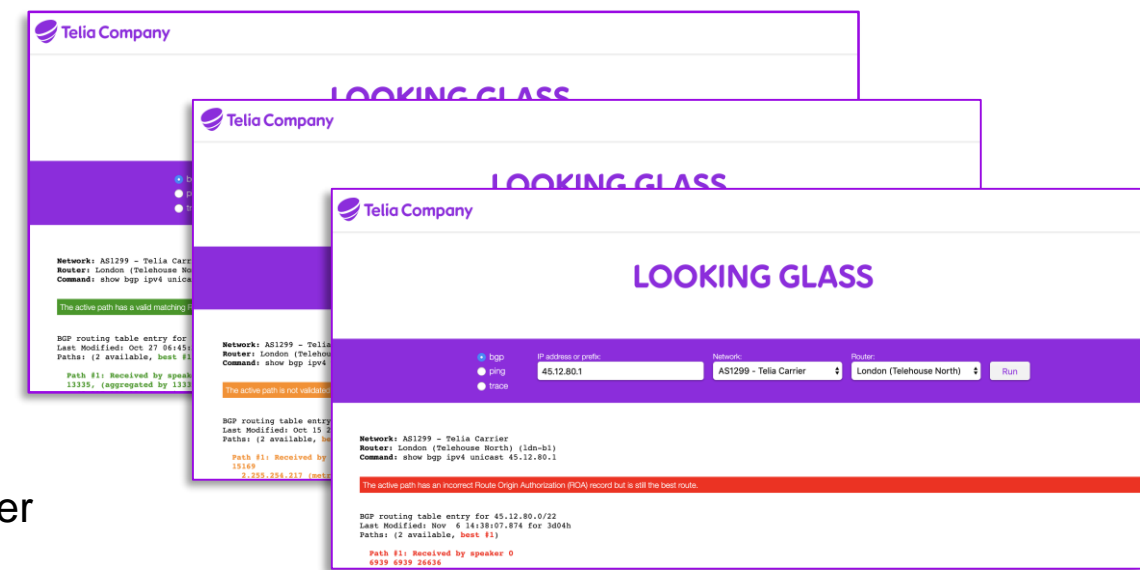


REPORTING AND ANALYSIS

BGP COMMUNITY	RPKI STATUS
1299:430	Valid
1299:431	Unknown

1299:432 Invalid

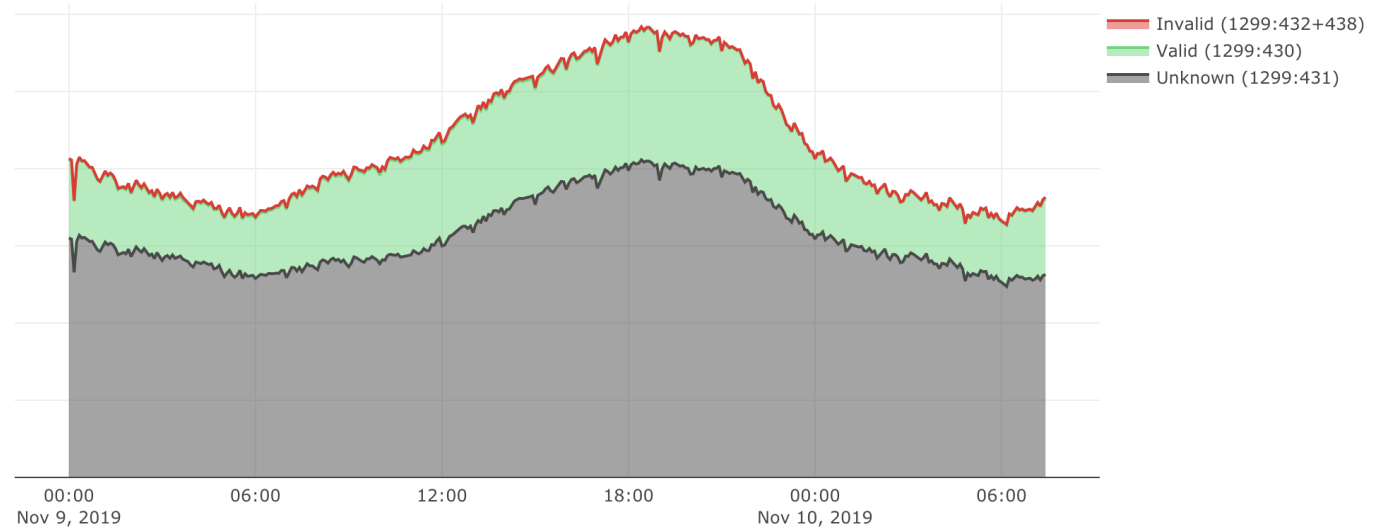
Looking Glass updated Oct 2018 with RPKI status



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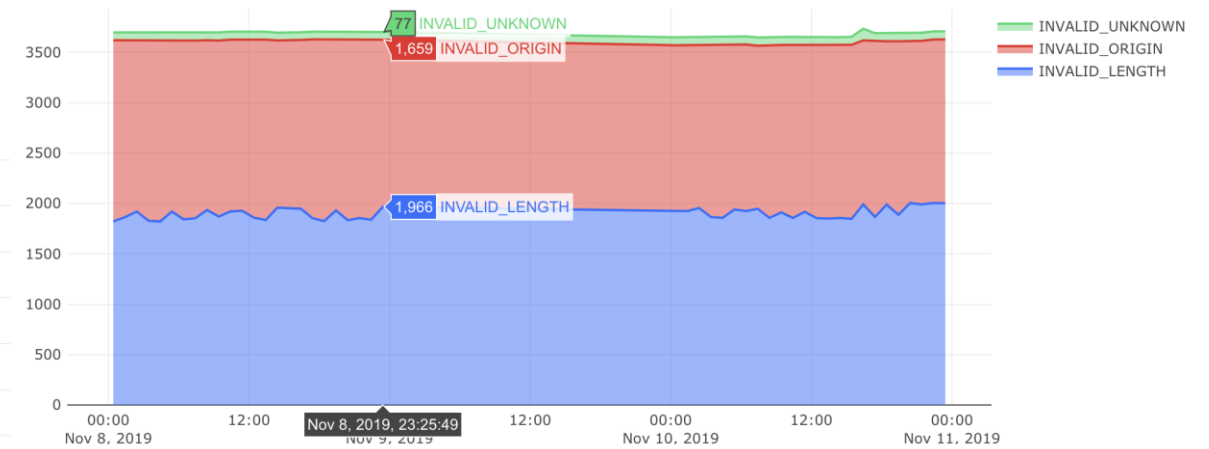
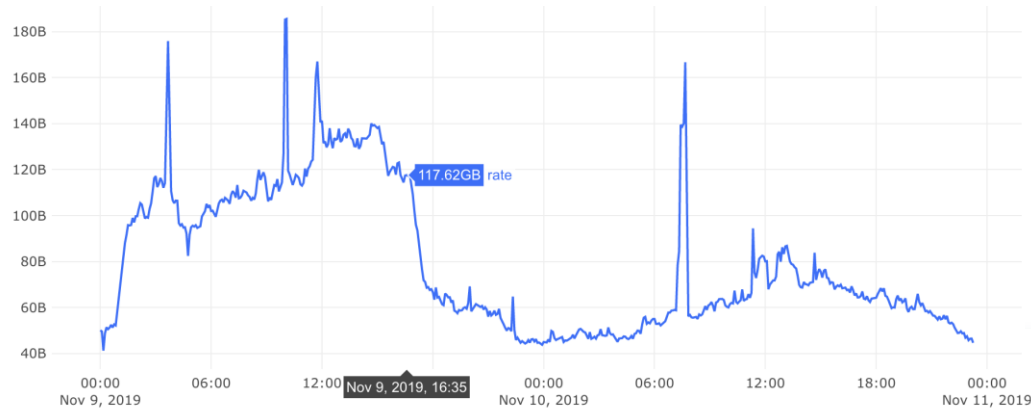
Traffic volumes by RPKI status;

- By Adjacent AS
- By Router
- By Region
- etc.



Detailed Traffic;

- 5min data samples



Reasons for Invalid



NOTE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Further to Telia Carrier's recent announcements regarding RPKI implementations (see: [Sep 2019 Press Release](#) and [BGP Routing Security Policy](#)), we have taken another step forward in the journey and are, as of Feb 4th 2020 Rejecting Invalids on all BGP sessions.

We take our responsibility as a Tier1 provider seriously – and this step aligns to that. While it's probably fair to say that not everyone is ready for this, and some undesired impact will occur, we felt the time is right to take this next step. This honours the work done by IP resource owners who have registered their ROAs, and further reduces the risks of malicious and accidental BGP Hijacks.

If you have an issue with BGP connectivity, and you suspect this is related to RPKI Invalids – the first step is to check the prefix in question on the Telia Carrier Looking glass here : <https://lg.telia.net/>.

If you get no result found - then check the ROA status using one of the publicly available RPKI Validators (eg <https://rpki-validator.ripe.net/roas> or <https://rpki.cloudflare.com/>). If the prefix is not valid then this is most likely the reason for connectivity loss.

Resource owner will need to fix the relevant ROA to ensure that the mask-length or Origin is correct. Once corrected with the relevant RIR; propagation and acceptance by AS1299 Routers can take up to an hour, but typically a lot less.

See here for more details about correcting ROAs : <https://rpki.readthedocs.io/en/latest/about/help.html#what-can-i-do-about-my-route-having-an-invalid-state>

Thank you for your understanding and support in this positive step for Internet Security.

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CUSTOMER THOUGHTS

- A content / Mega Content / CDN customer
 - Super happy(!)
 - We're seeing RPKI as a requirement in new RFPs
- Smaller Tier1 or Tier2-3
 - Might be concerned
 - ROAs are not in their control – could cause issues
 - Few cases reported to our CSC
- End Networks / Eyeballs
 - Should be happy
 - Work to get ROAs registered or fixed





PITFALLS

RPKI & RTBH

Blackholing is often triggered by announcing a host route (/32 or /128) with a BGP community.

Example: 1299:666

Problem:

If you have a ROA with max-length set, the blackholing request is now RPKI **invalid**.

Is this a problem?



RPKI & RTBH

”Solution” 1:

Don't reject RPKI invalids for RTBH requests that are trusted.

Solution 2 (complicated):

Re-engineer how RTBH validation is done in the network.



RTBH RE-ENGINEERED

Old method:

RTBH requests are validated in router against customer specific prefix-sets.

New method:

Check if the next hop of the covering route is the same as the blackhole request.

- Cannot be done on routers today, external validation server based solution required
- (see talk from IETF 104 by Job Snijders)



PITFALLS

- RPKI Validators
 - They are memory hogs...
 - crontab?
- Routers
 - Use loopback for RTR
 - Be aware of issues with route damping
 - Hidden route-refresh?
 - Weird bugs, lack of knowledge by TAC



OPERATIONAL PITFALLS

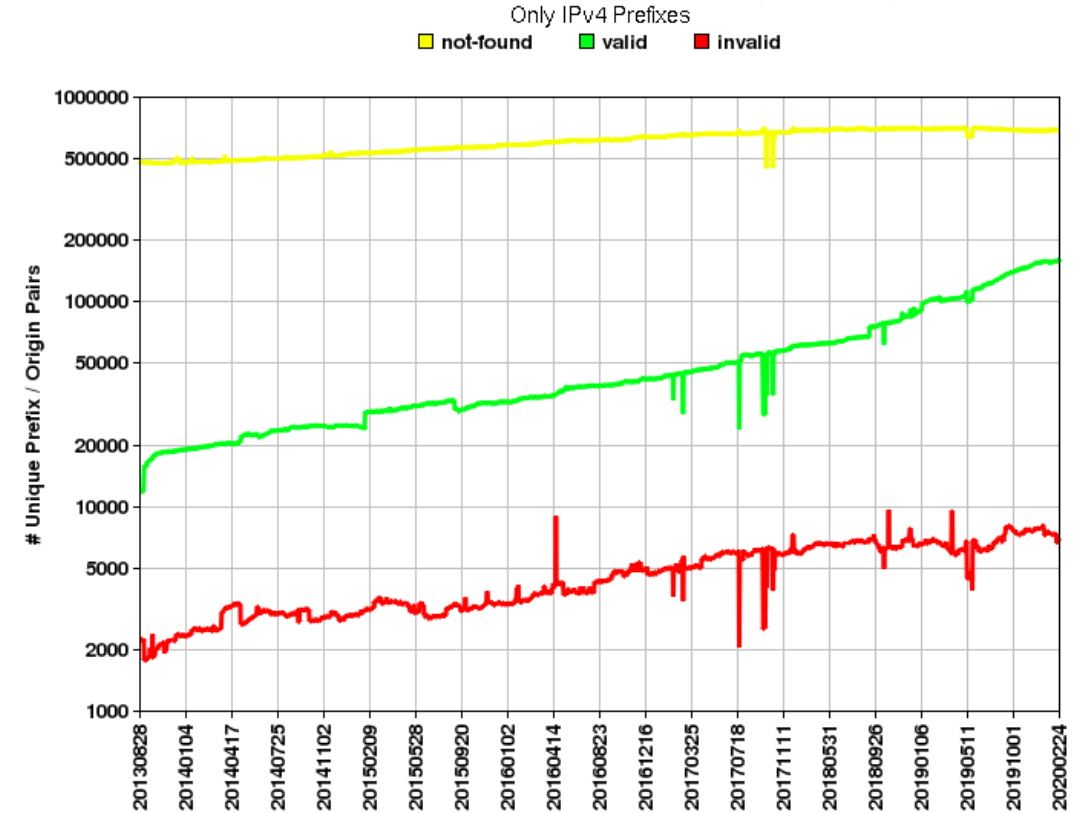
- Does your NOC have server knowledge?
 - “NetDevOps”
 - Keep your IT department far away from the servers
- Monitor RTR-feeds in routers, create alarms
- Stay away from using whitelist functionality in validators
 - Use validation exception in BGP policies instead



MORE INFORMATION

- **Good global tracker**
 - <https://rpki-monitor.antd.nist.gov/>
 - Shows uptake in ROA registration
 - And % of Invalid / Valid / Unknown
- **Excellent general resource**
 - <https://rpki.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
 - Good one to send to customers
- **RIRs**
 - [ARIN](#)
 - [RIPE](#)
 - [AFRINIC](#)
 - [APNIC](#)
 - [LACNIC](#)

Global: Validation History of Unique P/O pairs



NIST RPKI Monitor 2020-02-25



OUR “SOFT” AIMS



- We want to be seen to be taking our responsibility seriously
- Leading by example
- Not rushing and breaking things, but not lagging and being complacent





THANK YOU!

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