

The Current State of DNS Resolvers and RPKI Protection



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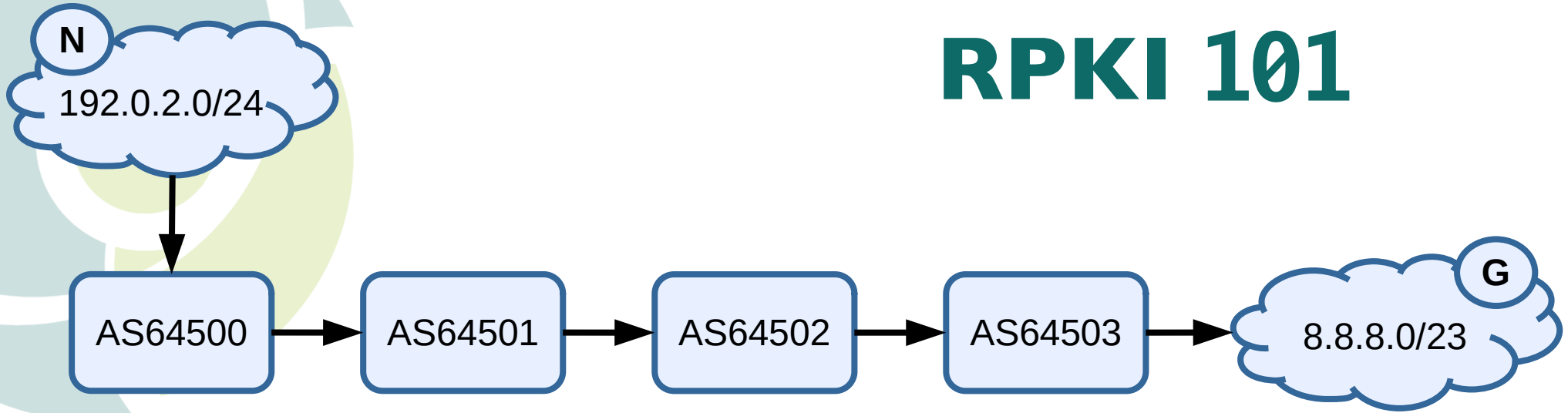


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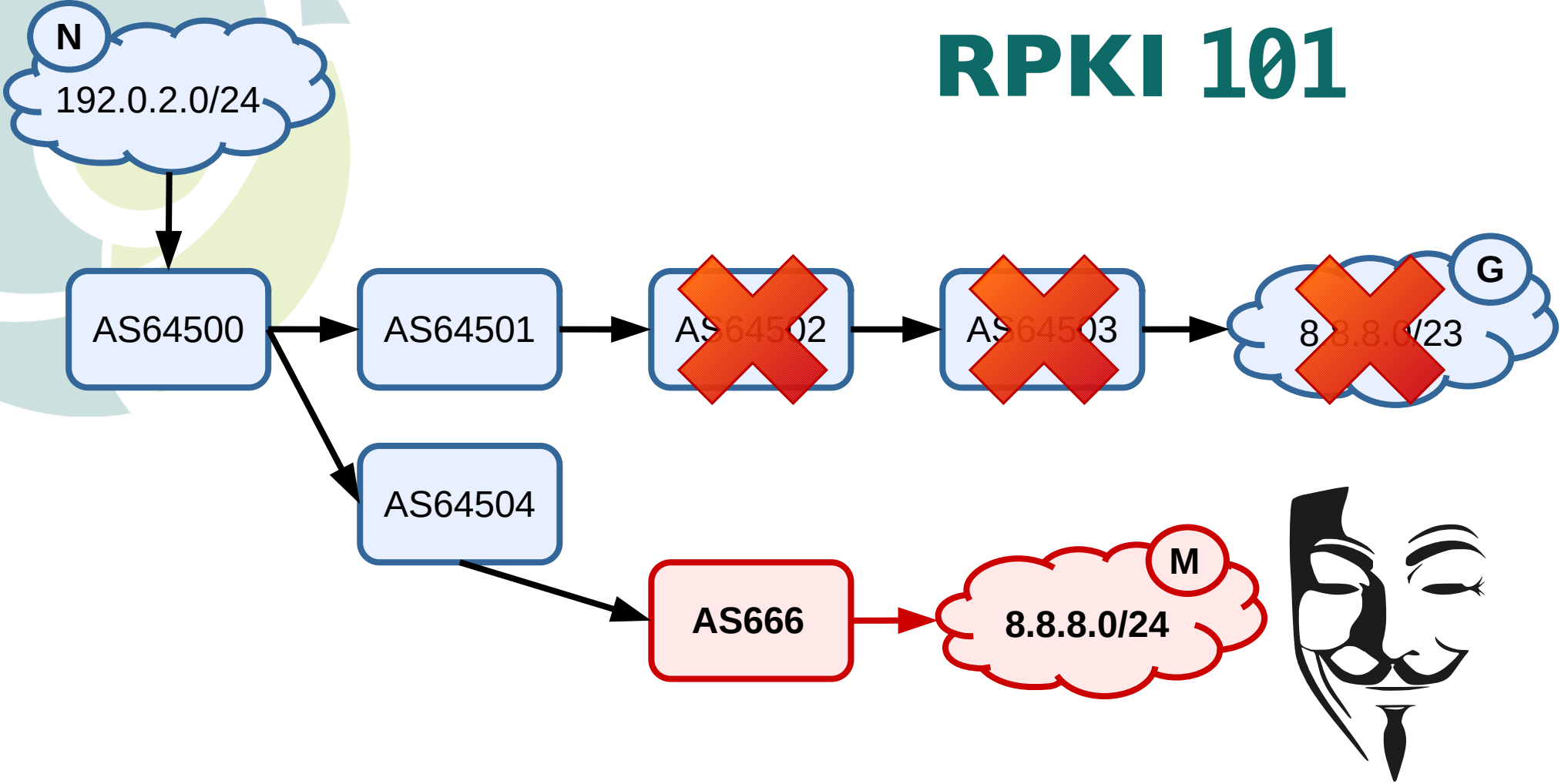
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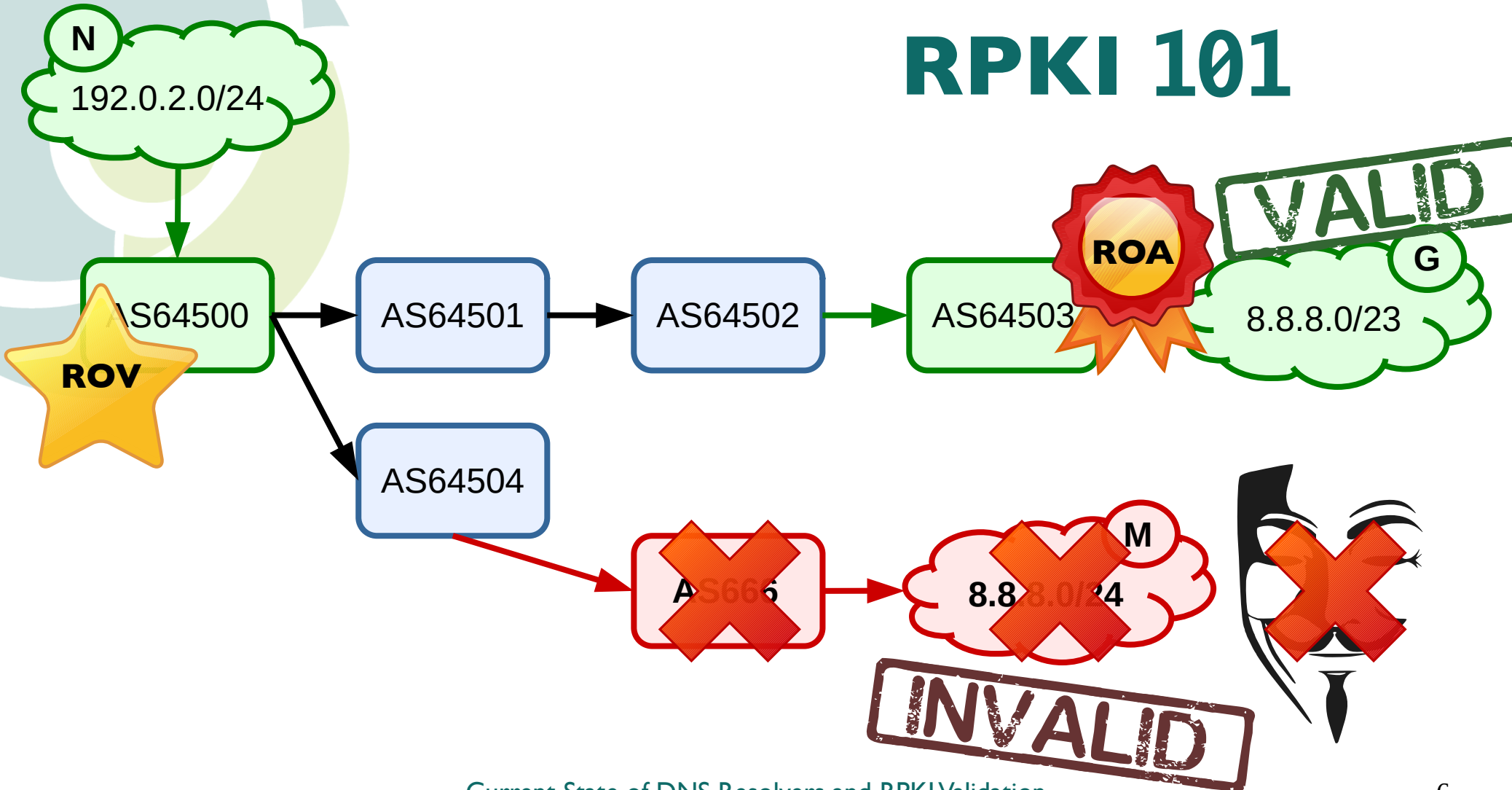


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- RPKI to the rescue



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Motivation

- What does this have to do with DNS Resolvers?

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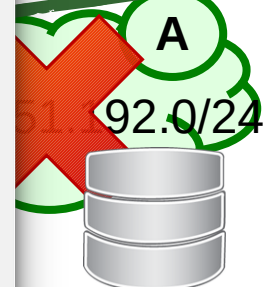
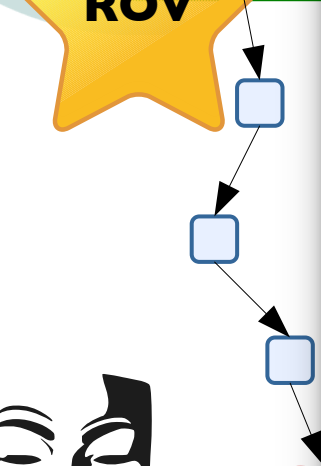
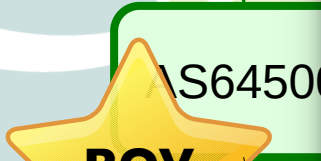
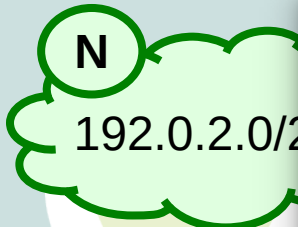
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What Happened? The Amazon Route 53 BGP Hijack to Take Over Ethereum Cryptocurrency Wallets

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Yesterday, we published a blog post sharing the news and some initial details about [Amazon's DNS route hijack event to steal Ethereum cryptocurrency from myetherwallet.com](#). In this post, we'll explore more details about the incident from the BGP hijack's perspective.



Authoritative DNS Server



RPKI vs DNSSEC

- Increase assurance of delivery
 - No integrity
 - No authentication
 - Need signing **and** validation
- Doesn't matter how you got it
 - Integrity
 - Origin authentication



Research question

Main:

What is the state of Route Origin Validation (RoV) on DNS resolvers?

Sub:

- Does the length of the AS path matter?
- How does anycast influence the protection?

Test setup

```
$ORIGIN rootcanary.net
$TTL 60
@ SOA ns1.surfnet.nl. (
    dns-beheer.surfnet.nl.
    2020080503 ; serial
    10800      ; refresh
    3600       ; retry
    604800    ; expire
    86400     ; minimum
)
NS ns1.surfnet.nl.
NS ns2.surfnet.nl.
NS ns3.surfnet.nl.
NS ns1.zurich.surf.net.

$TTL 25200
valid4 NS valid4
valid4 A 209.24.1.6

invalid4 NS invalid4
invalid4 A 194.32.71.6
```

```
$ORIGIN valid4.rootcanary.net
$TTL 300
@ SOA valid4.rootcanary.net. (
    sysadm.rootcanary.org.
    2020012100 10800 3600
    604800 300 )
NS @
A 209.24.1.6

$TTL 1
invalid DNAME invalid4.rootcanary.net.
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NS @
A 194.32.71.6
* A 145.97.20.20
```

prefix	209.24.1.0/24
max len	24
ASN	15562



prefix	194.32.71.0/24
max len	24
ASN	0

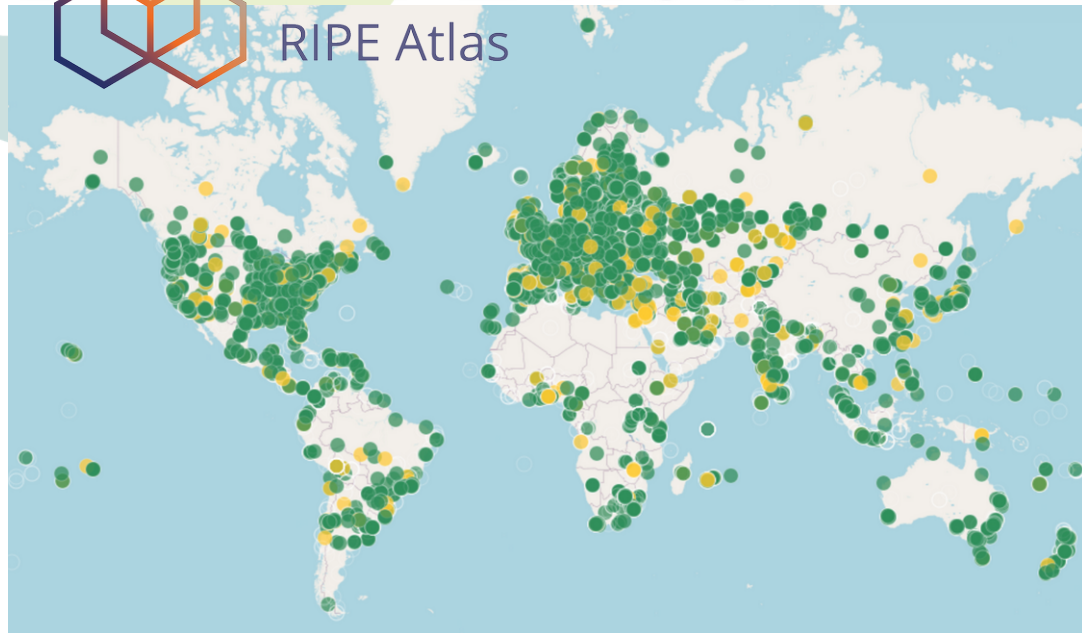


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RIPE Atlas



Measurement #23865475 - RIPE Atlas — RIPE Network Coordination Centre - Chromium

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Settings & Status Latest Results Map Latencymon Downloads

Overview	recurring IPv4 DNS "RPKI Resolver msm IPv4" id 23865475	▼
Target	No Target (Uses Resolvers configured on Probe)	▼
DNS Specific Settings	IN A \$r-\$t-\$p.invalid.valid4.rootcanary.net.	▼
Status & Timing	ONGOING from 2020-01-22T16:09:45Z every 3600s	▼
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Test setup



`$r-$t-$p.invalid.valid4 A`

`CNAME $r-$t-$p.invalid4`
`$r-$t-$p.invalid4 A 145.97.20.20`



resolver

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$ORIGIN valid4.rootcanary.net
invalid DNAME invalid4.rootcanary.net.
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auth
209.24.1.6

VALID

`$r-$t-$p.invalid4 A`

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INVALID

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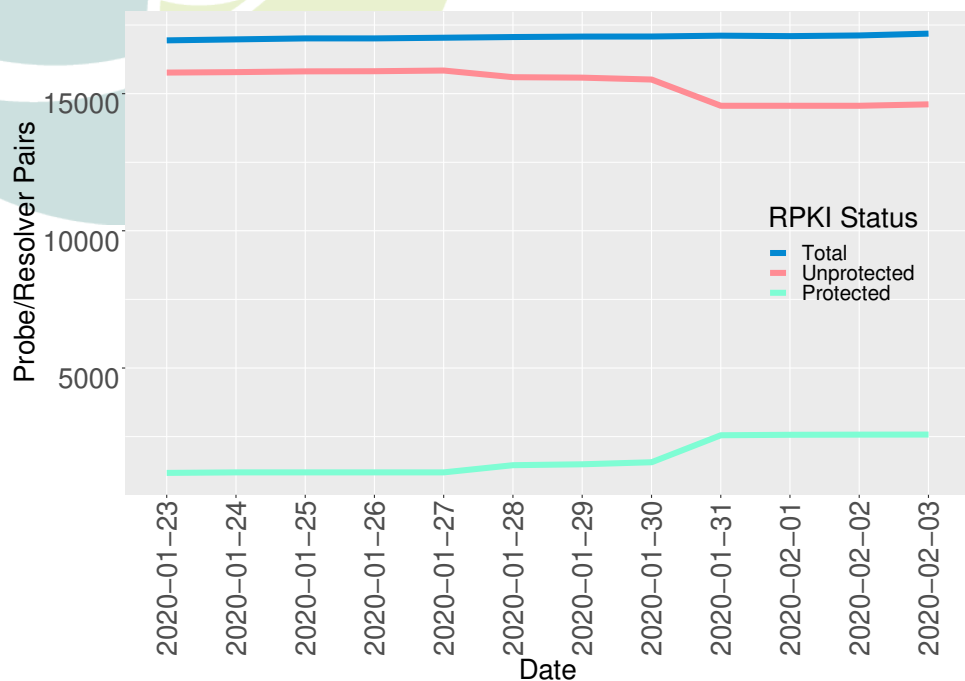


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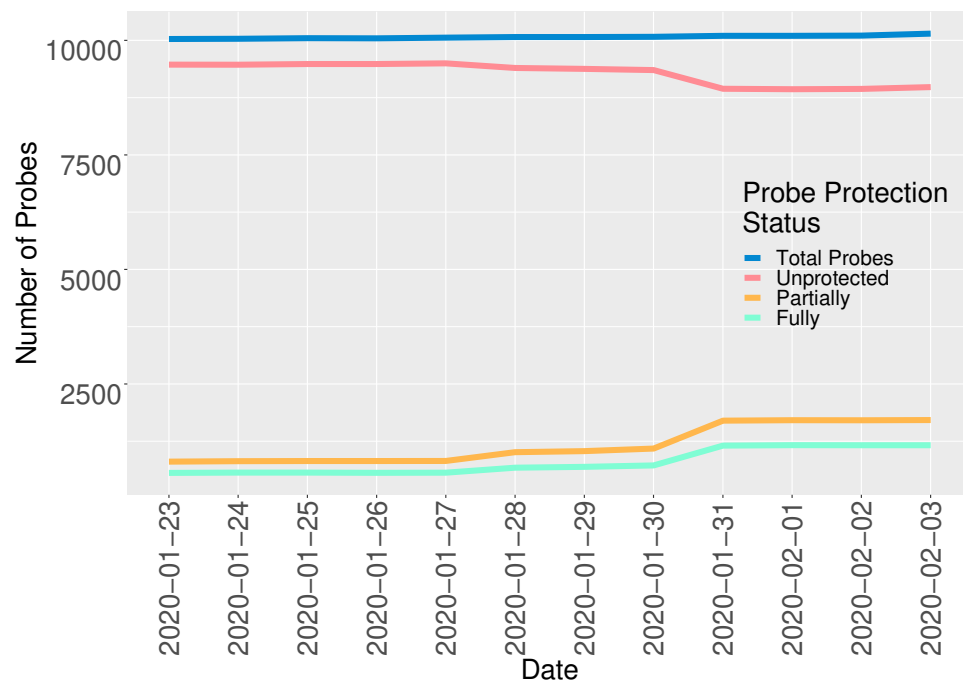
- Atlas measurement kindly provided by Emile Aben
- Beacon for the authoritatives kindly provided by Job Snijders

Results

Probe/resolver pair

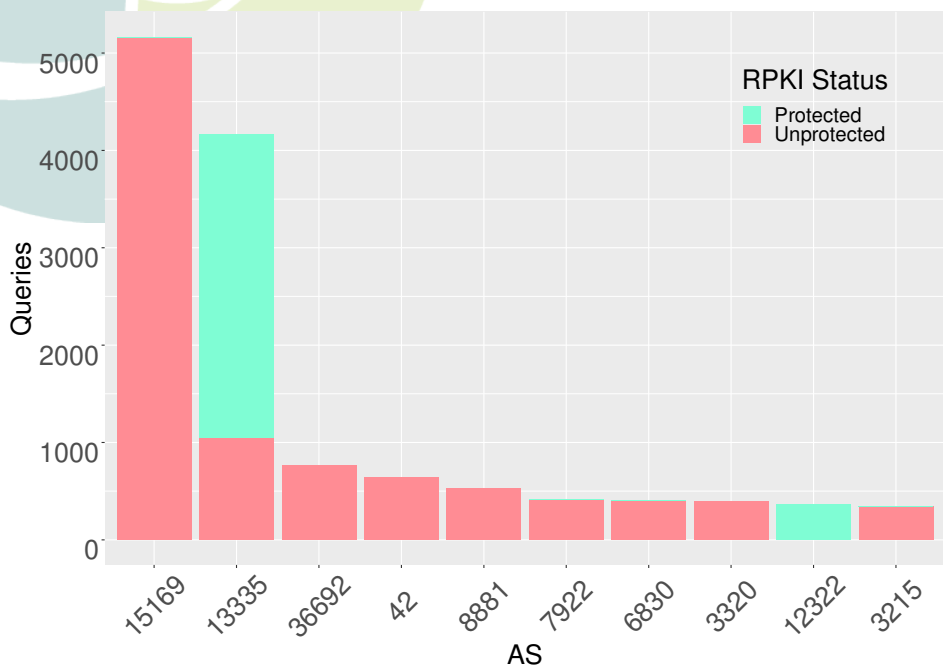


Probe time series

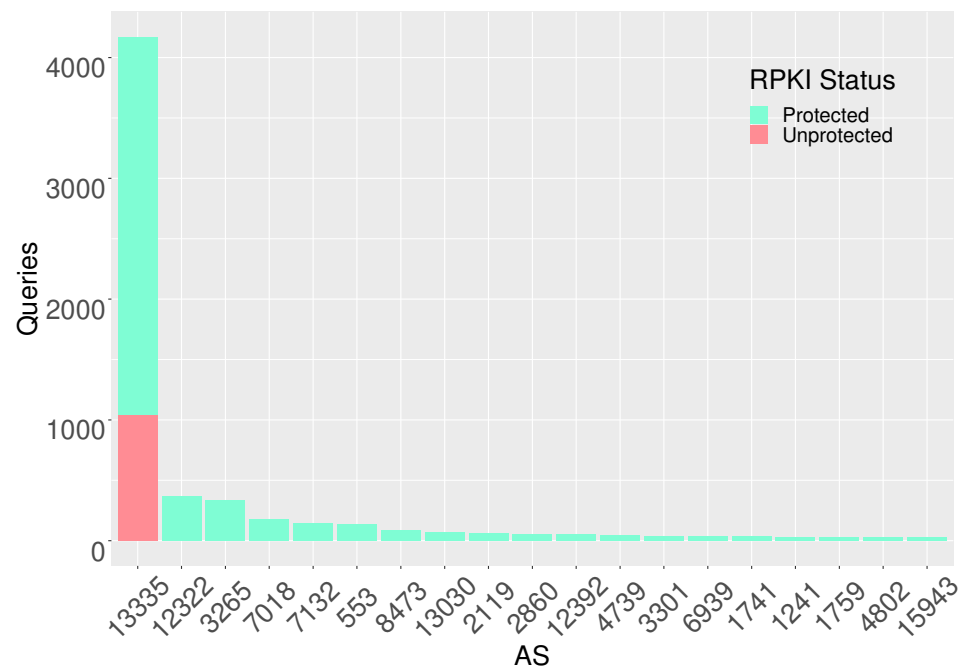


Results

Top ten most popular ASes



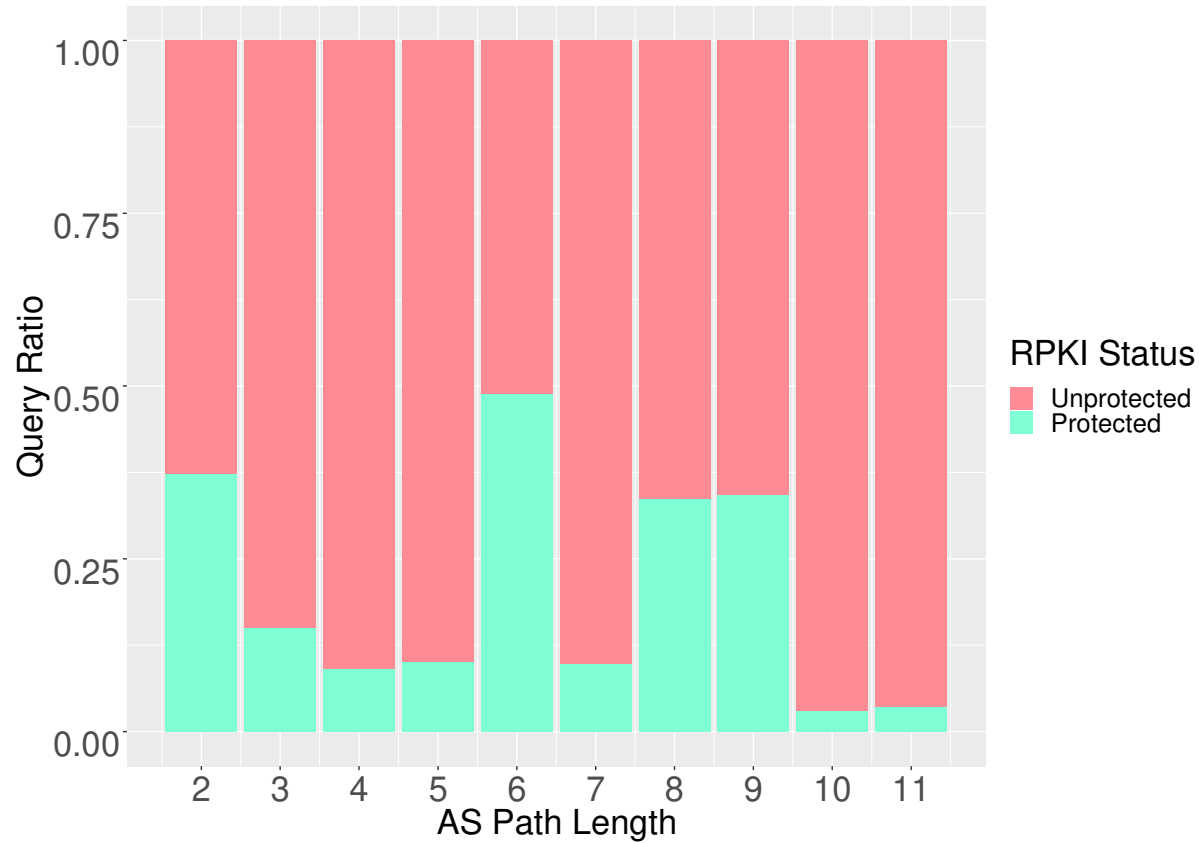
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Results

Sub RQ: Does the length of the AS path matter?

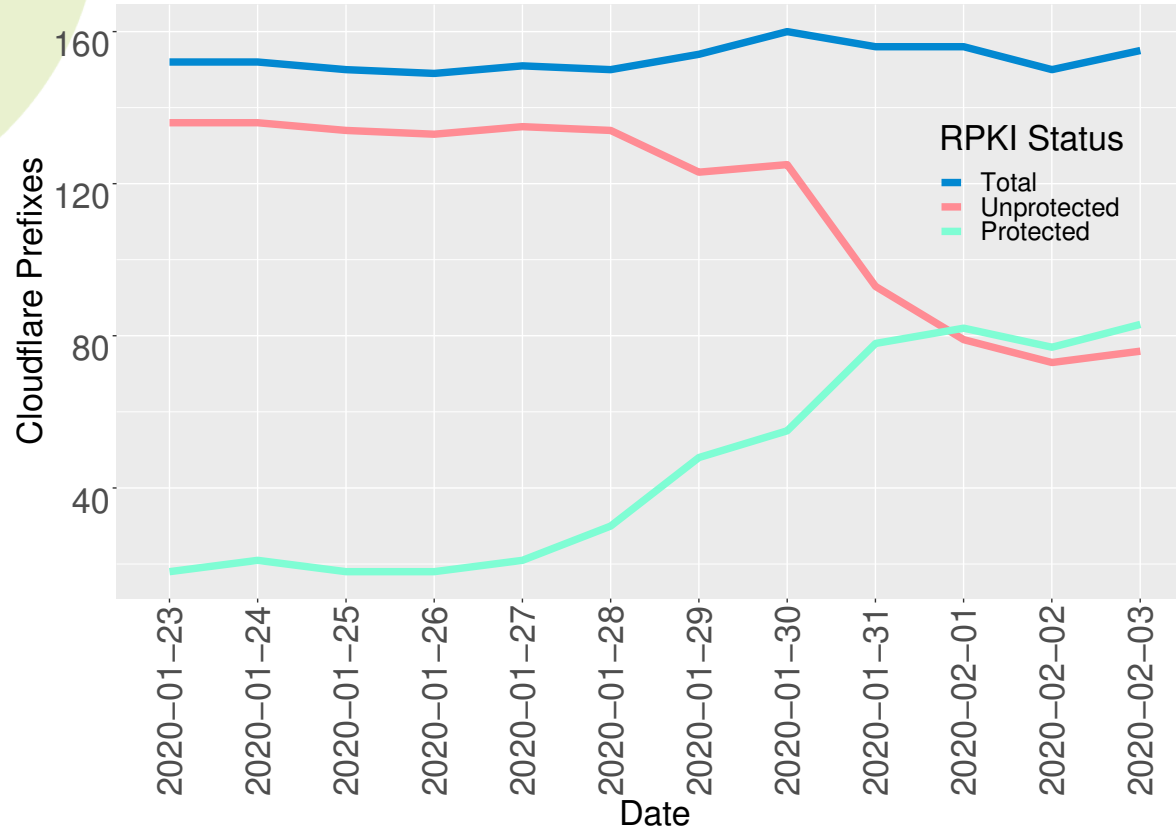
Relationship RPKI protection and AS path length



Results

Sub RQ: How does anycast influence protection?

Cloudflare resolver prefix time series



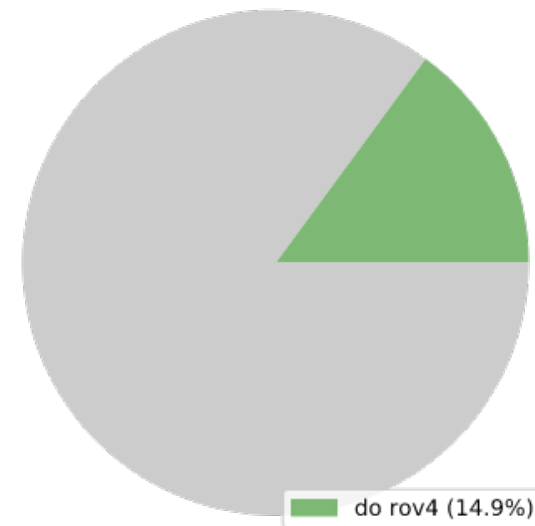
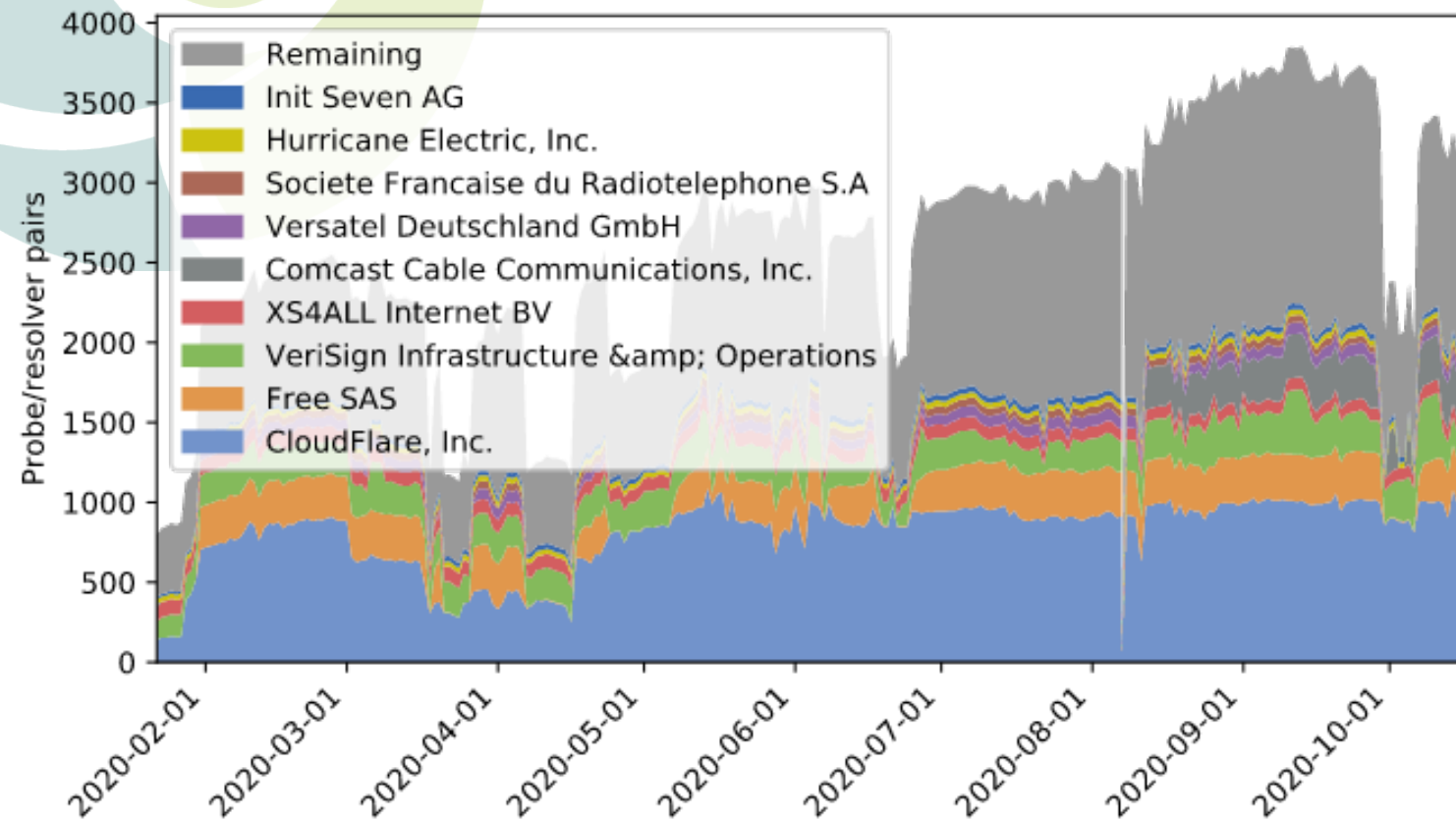
Current situation / IPv6



DNSThought

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https://dnsthought.nlnetlabs.nl/does_rov4/#top_auth_asns



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valid6 NS valid6
valid6 AAAA 2001:728:1808:5::6

invalid6 NS invalid6
invalid6 AAAA 2001:7fb:fd04::6
    
```

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$TTL 300
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    sysadm.rootcanary.org.
    2020012100 10800 3600
    604800 300 )
NS @
A 2001:728:1808:5::6

$TTL 1
invalid DNAME invalid6.rootcanary.net.
    
```

```

$ORIGIN invalid6.rootcanary.net
$TTL 300
@ SOA invalid6.rootcanary.net. (
    sysadm.rootcanary.org.
    2020012100 10800 3600
    604800 300 )
NS @
A 2001:7fb:fd04::6
* A 2001:610:188:408::20
    
```

prefix	2001:728:1808::/48
max len	64
ASN	15562



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max len	48
ASN	196615





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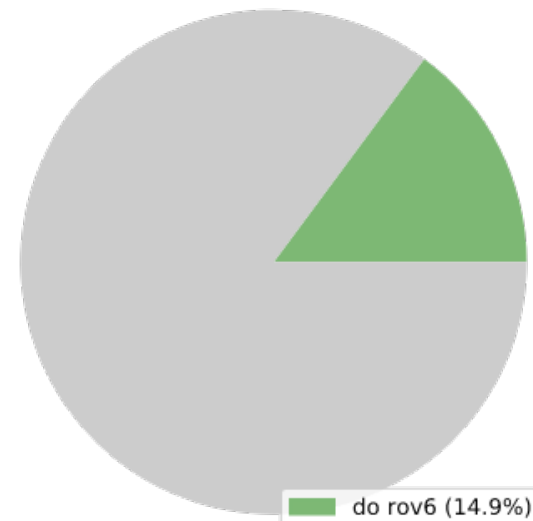
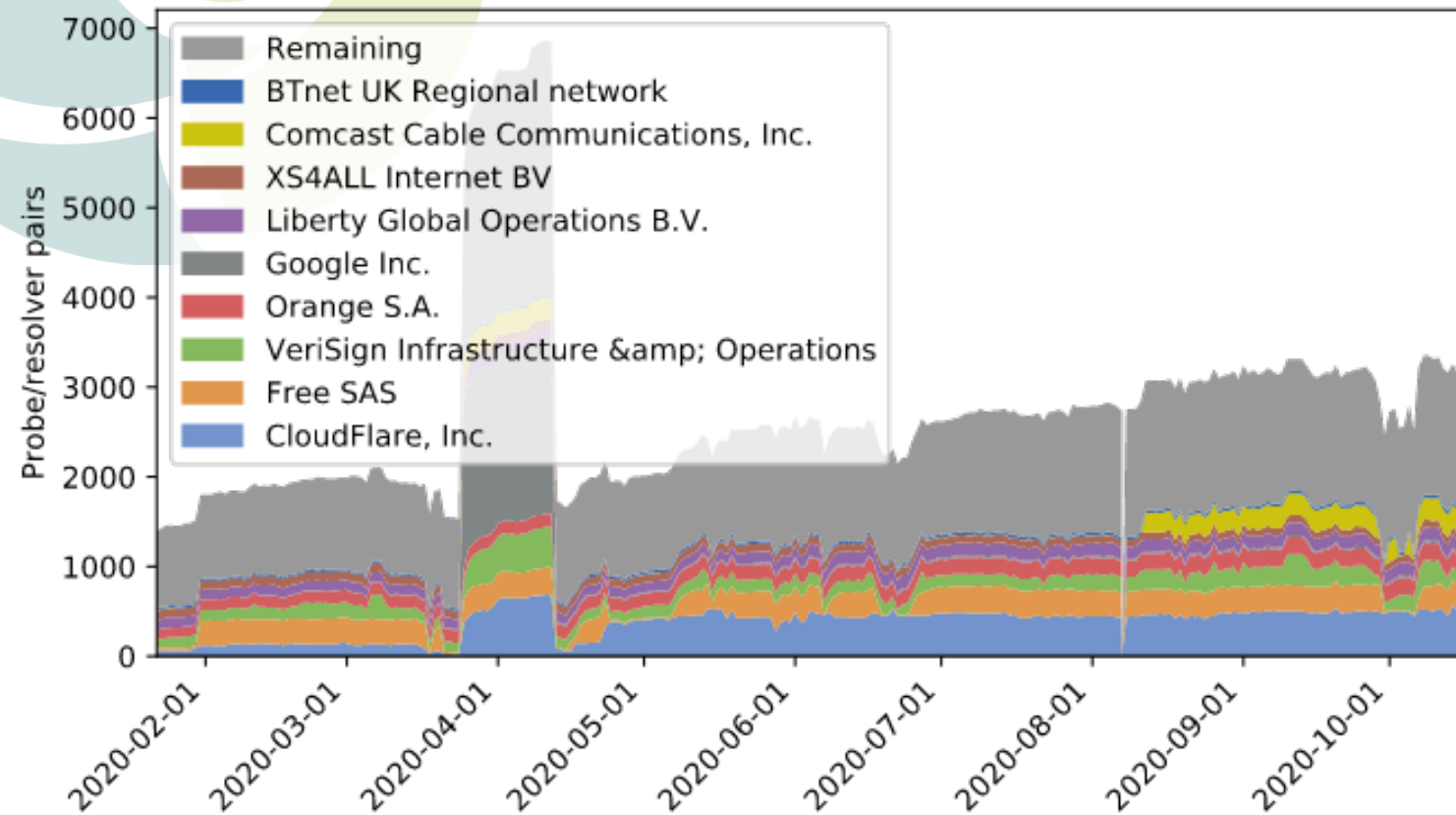
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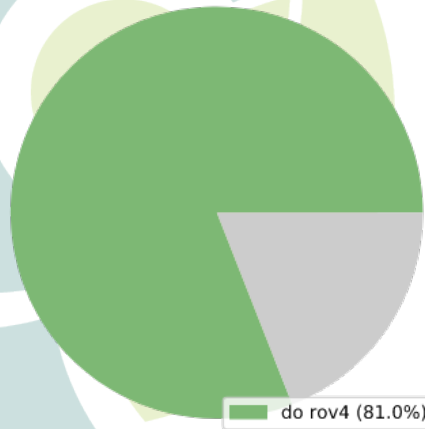
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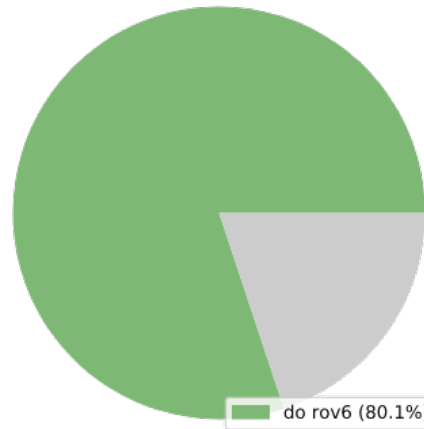


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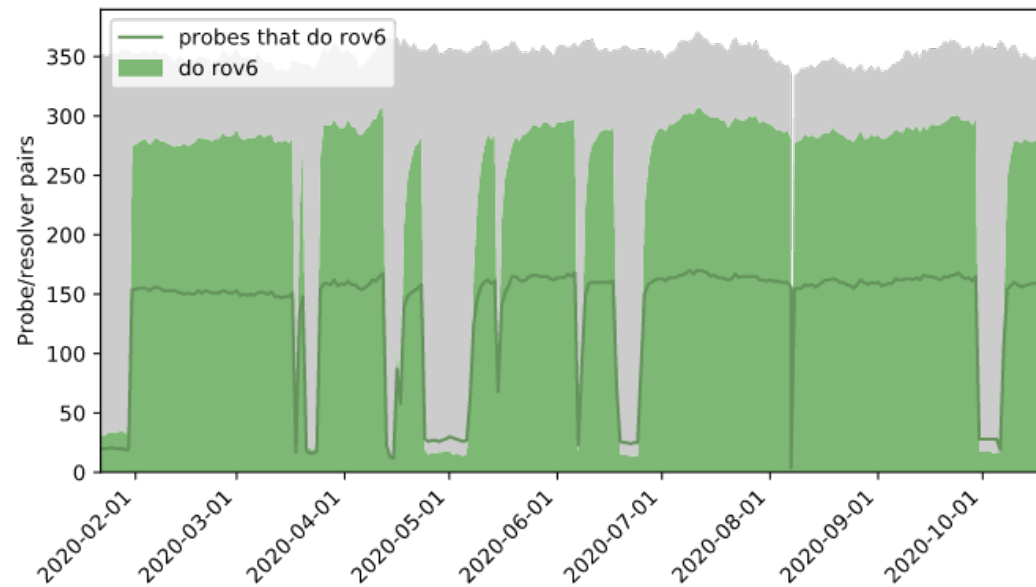
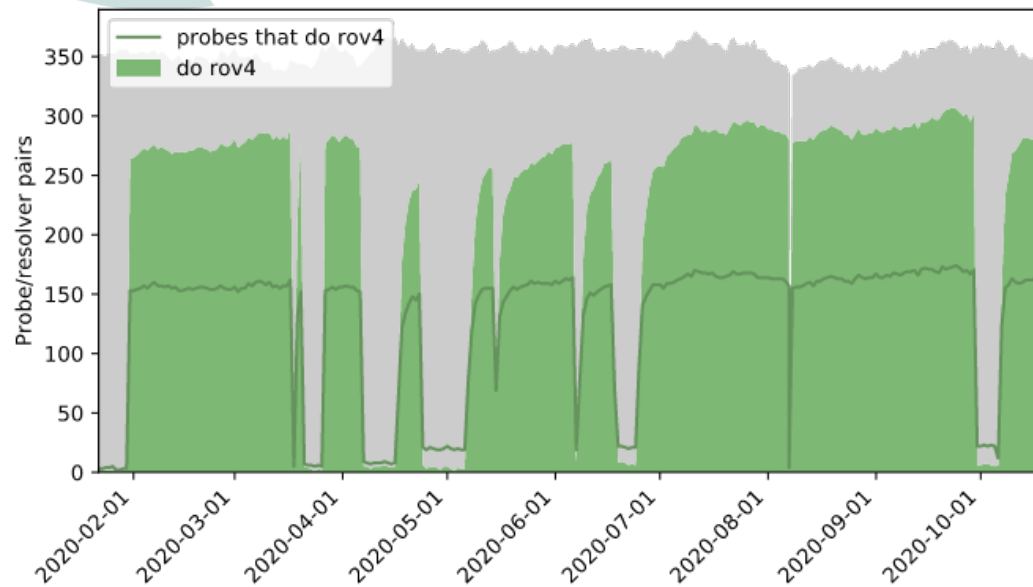
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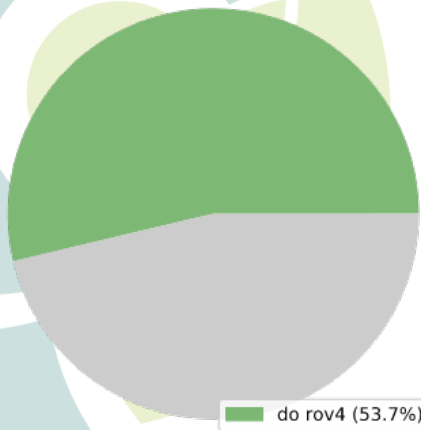


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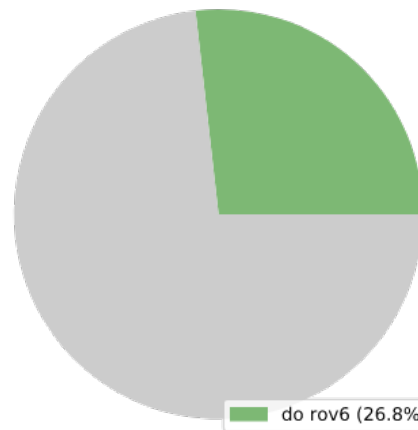


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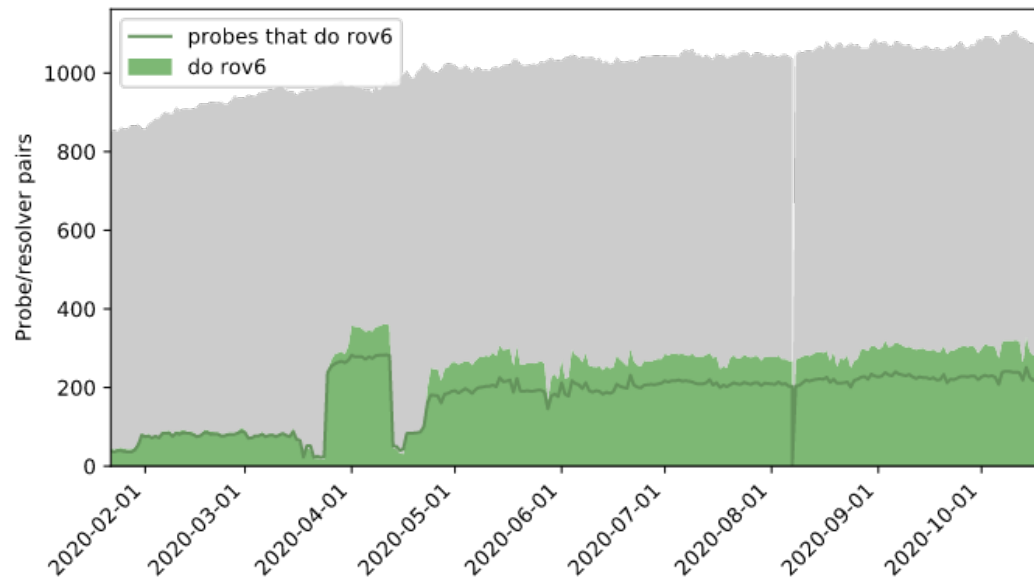
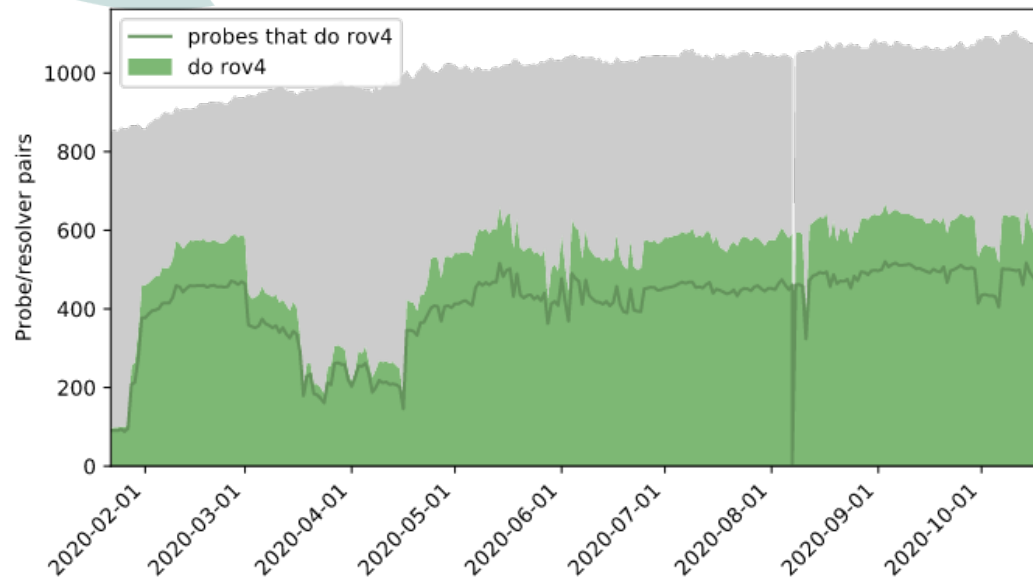
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DNS Thought

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Onderwerp **Re: rov for cloudflare quad-1 resolver** 04-02-2020 16:39

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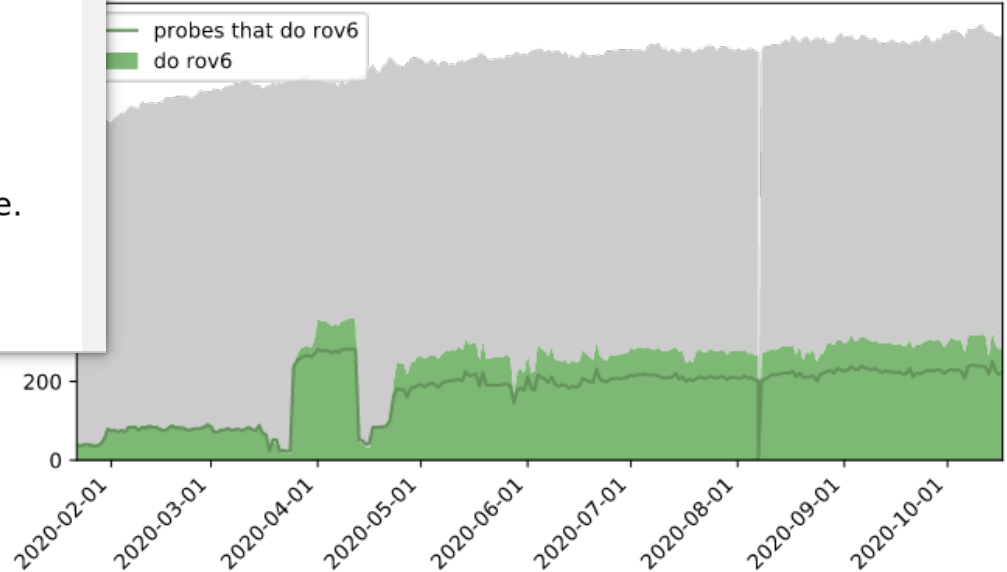
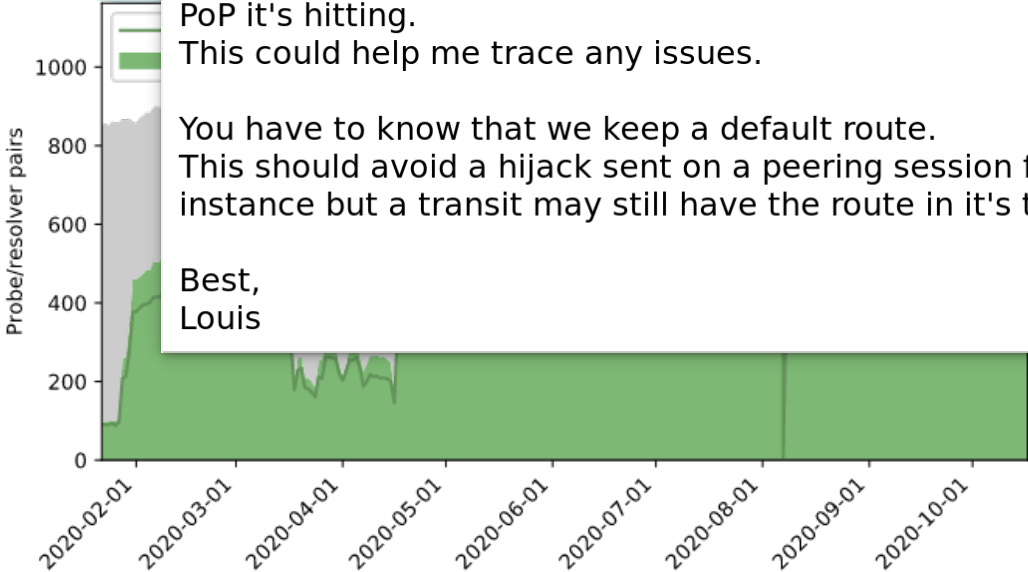
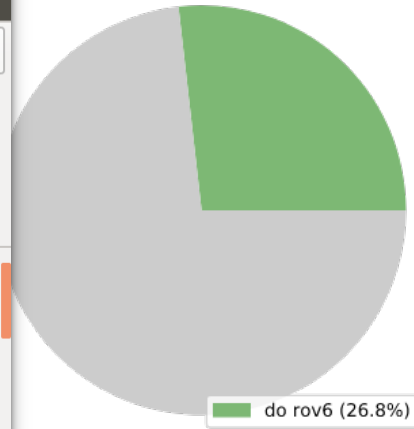
Once this is done, we should have all our routers dropping invalids.

I'm assuming you're running DNS tests through Atlas? Could you run a TXT CH bind.hostname, it should return the PoP it's hitting.

This could help me trace any issues.

You have to know that we keep a default route. This should avoid a hijack sent on a peering session for instance but a transit may still have the route in it's table.

Best,
Louis

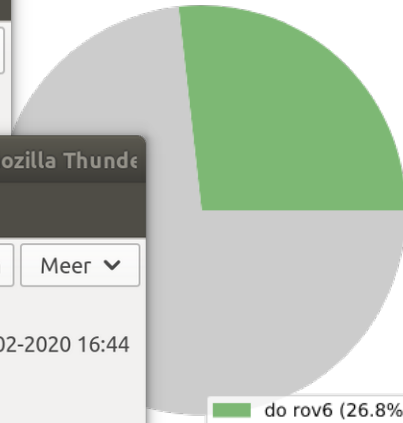


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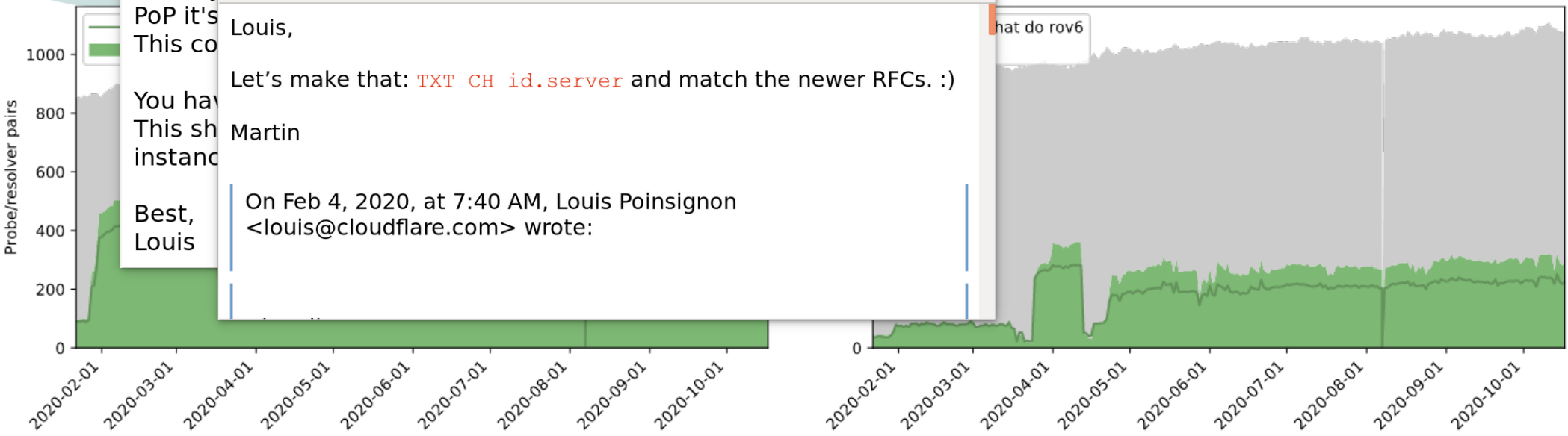
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Louis,

Let's make that: `TXT CH id.server` and match the newer RFCs. :)

Martin

On Feb 4, 2020, at 7:40 AM, Louis Poinsignon <louis@cloudflare.com> wrote:



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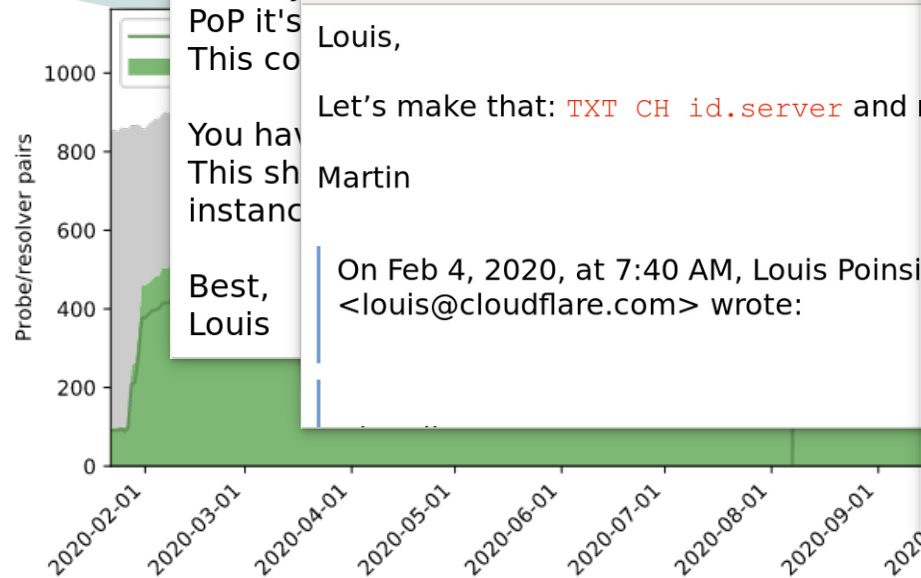
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What do rov6

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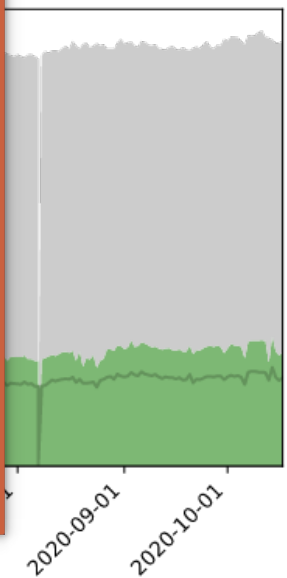
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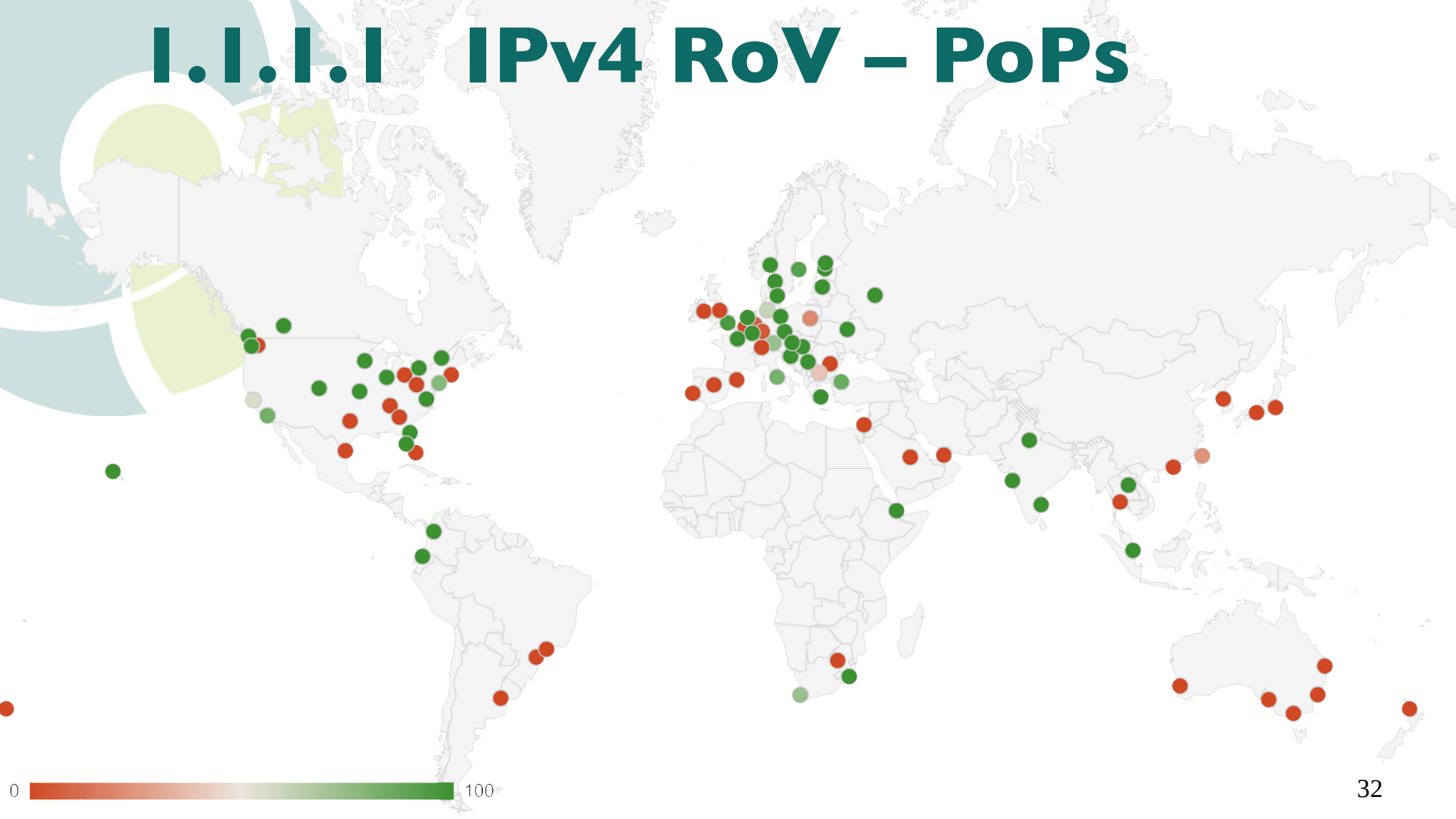
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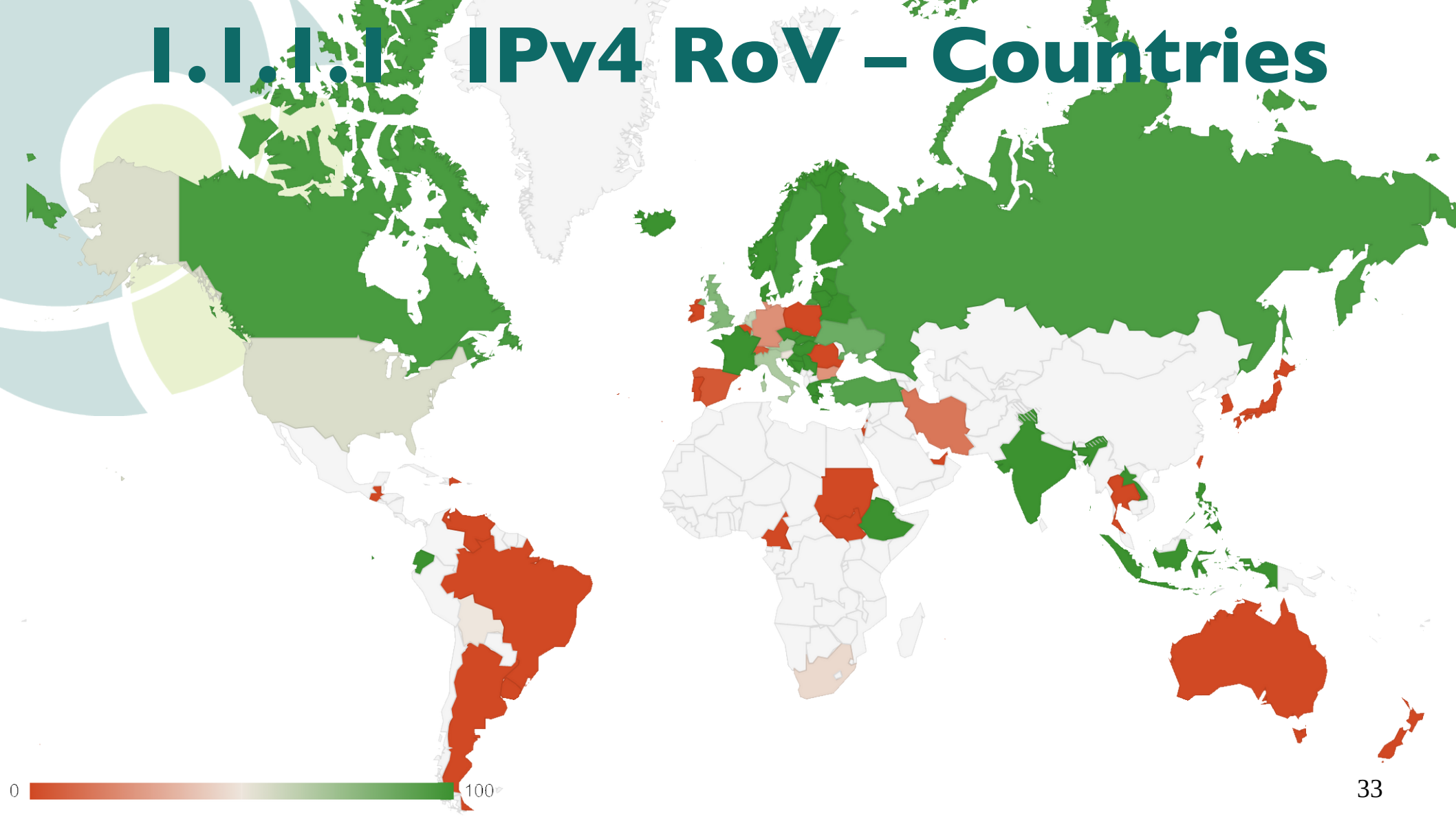
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; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> @1.1.1.1 TXT CH id.server
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 61529
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;id.server.                CH      TXT
;; ANSWER SECTION:
id.server.                0      CH      TXT      "AMS"
;; Query time: 12 msec
;; SERVER: 1.1.1.1#53(1.1.1.1)
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;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 43
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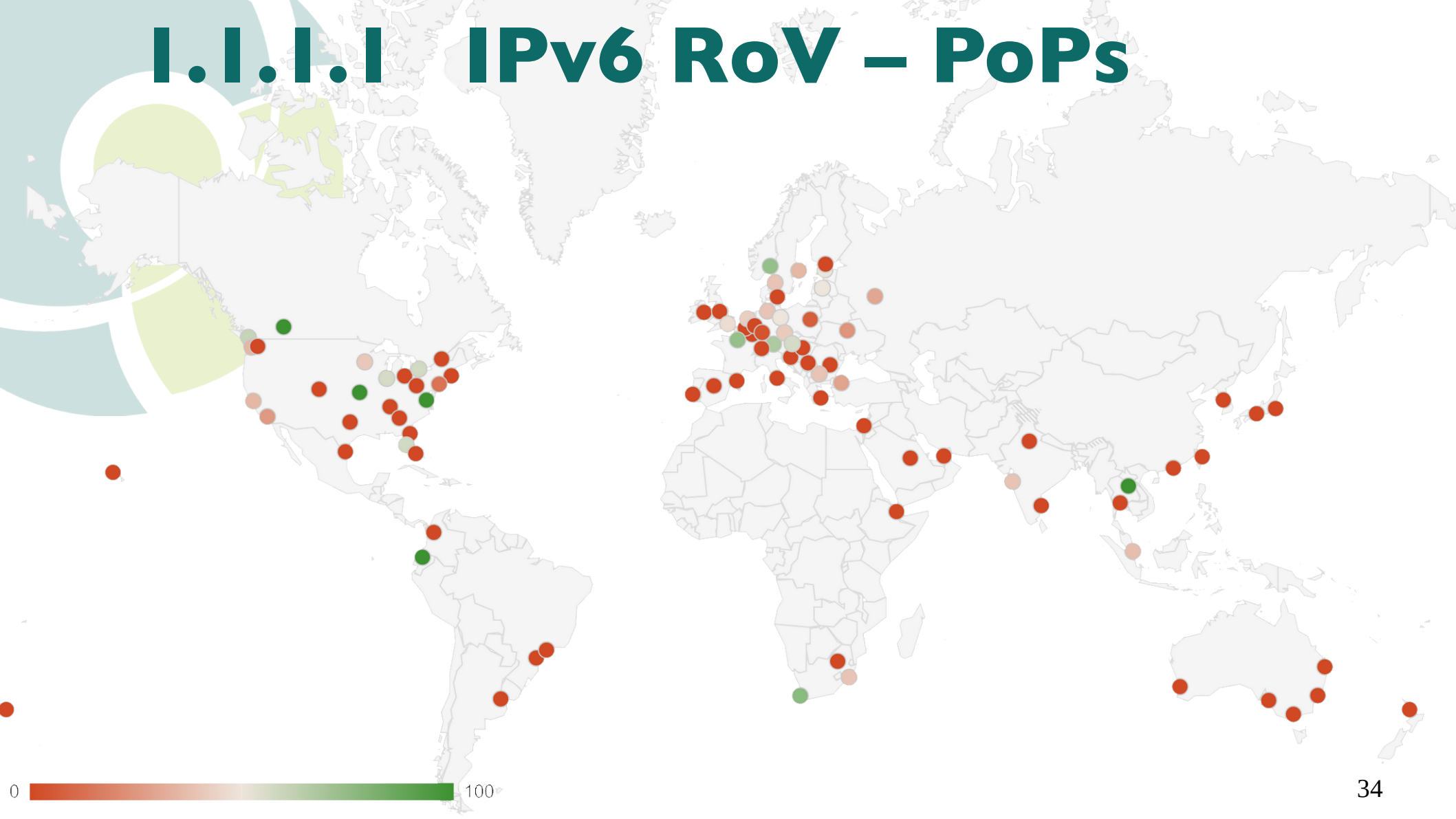
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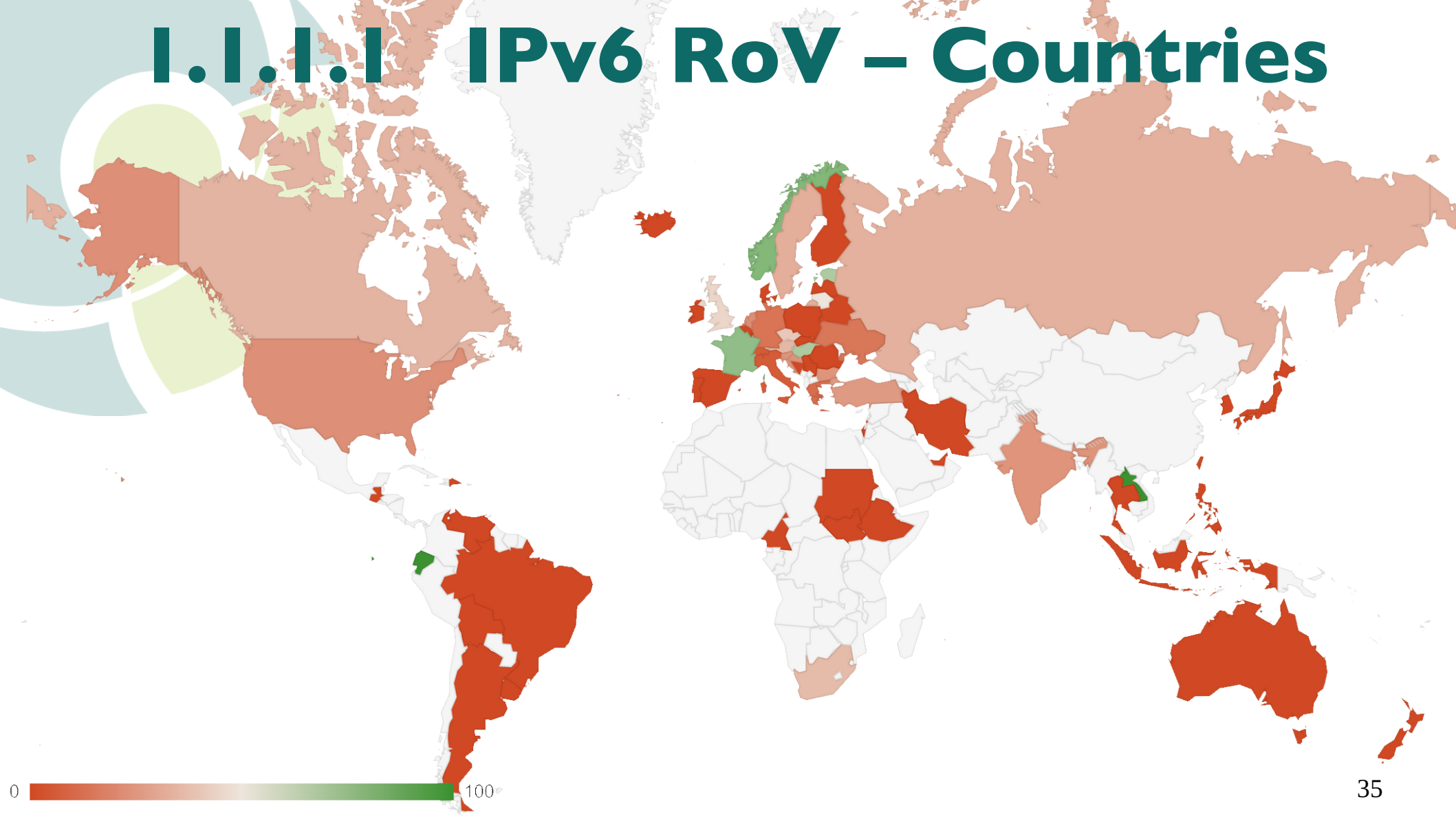
I.I.I.I IPv4 RoV – Countries



I.I.I.I IPv6 RoV – PoPs



I.I.I.I IPv6 RoV – Countries





Future improvements

- We looked at authoritatives only
 - measurement network with **more vantage points!**
- Beacons all over the world
- dnsthought results for (probe, resolver, IP @ auth)
- dnsthought measurements for *not* answering auth to inventory IP @ auth for (probe, resolver)



Questions?

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- On
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