

# The Current State of DNS Resolvers and RPKI Protection



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**DNS**

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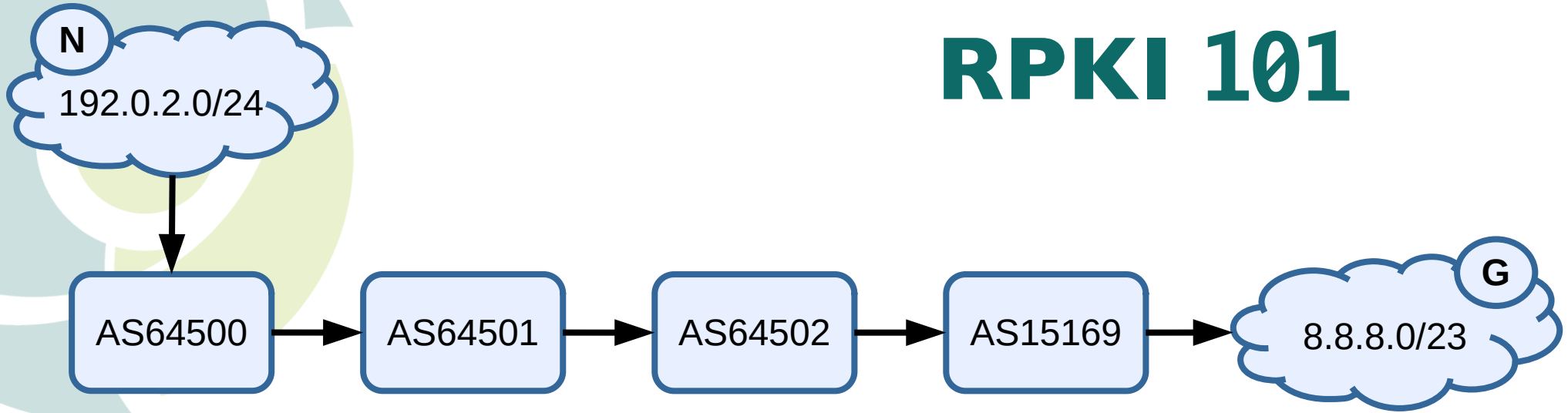
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# Motivation

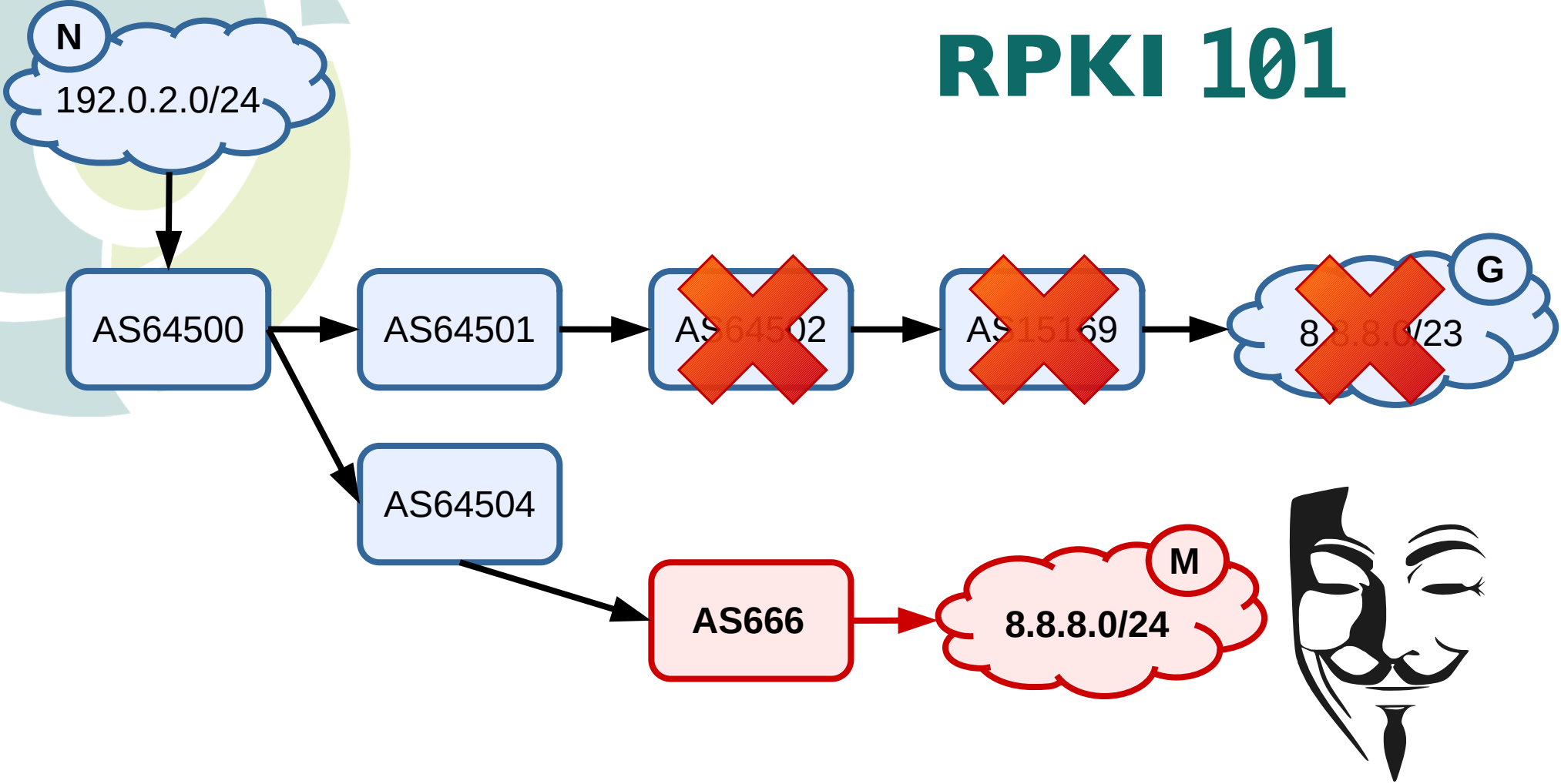
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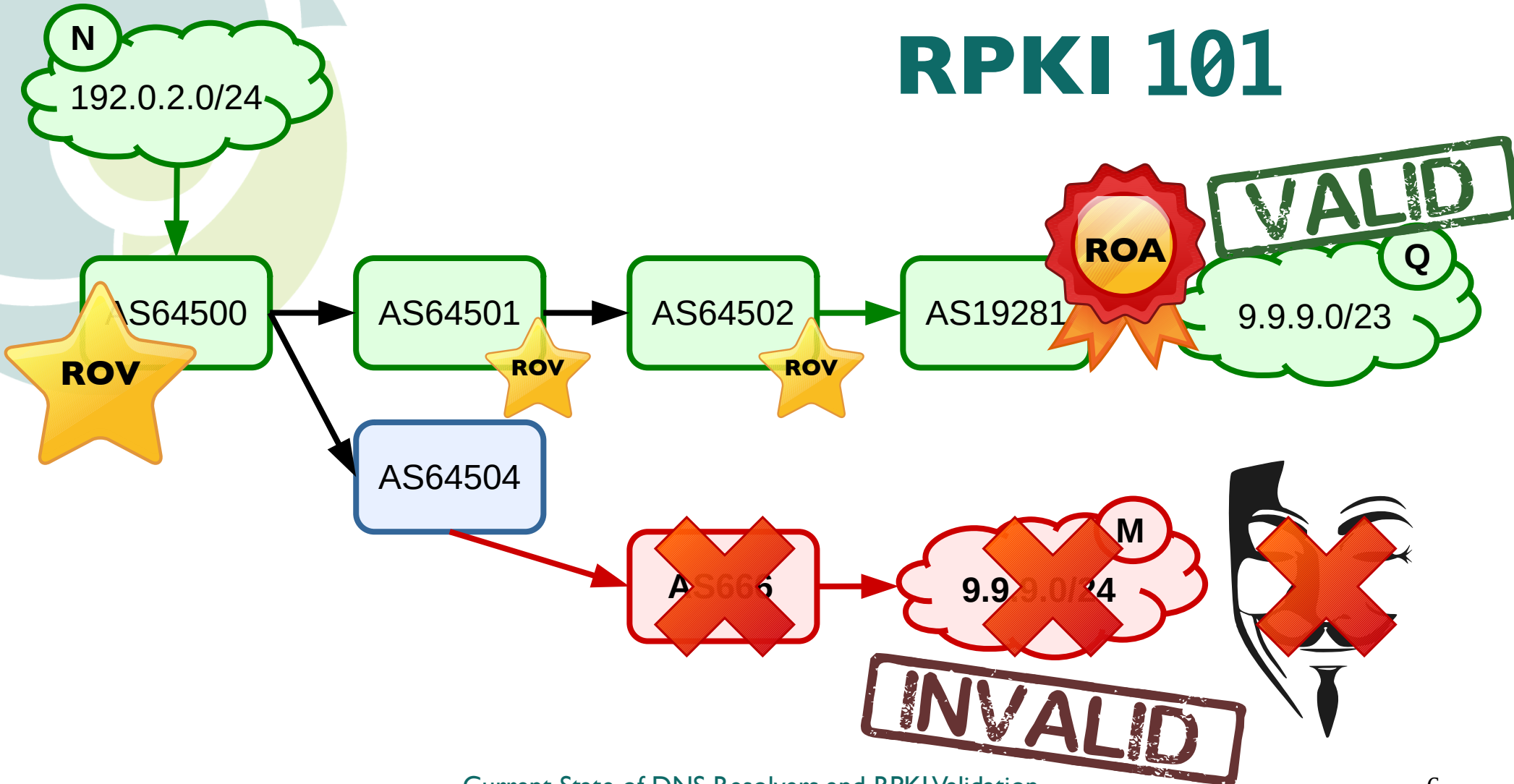


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- But the address can be trivially hijacked
- RPKI to the rescue



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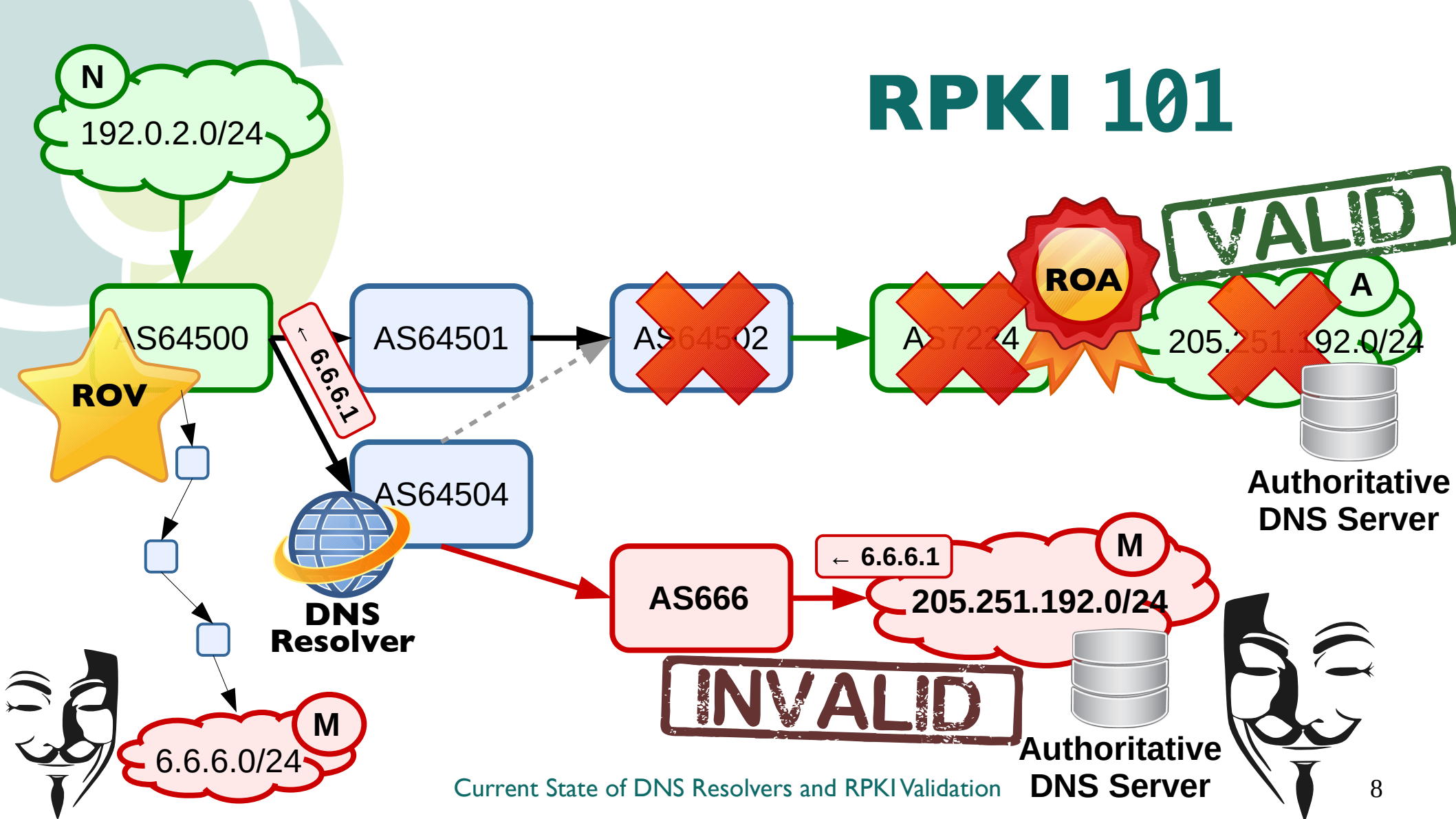




# Motivation

- What does this have to do with DNS Resolvers?

# RPKI 101



Current State of DNS Resolvers and RPKI Validation

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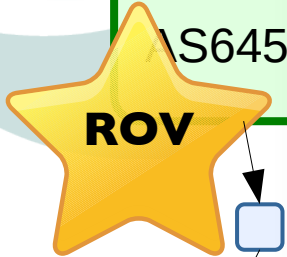
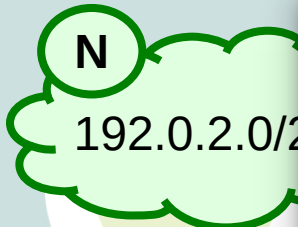
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Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security (MANRS) 27 April 2018

# 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 & 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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$ORIGIN invalid4.rootcanary.net
$TTL 300
@ SOA invalid4.rootcanary.net. (
    sysadm.rootcanary.org.
    2020012100 10800 3600
    604800 300 )
NS @
A 194.32.71.6
* A 145.97.20.20
```

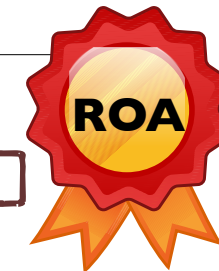
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max len	24
ASN	15562

VALID



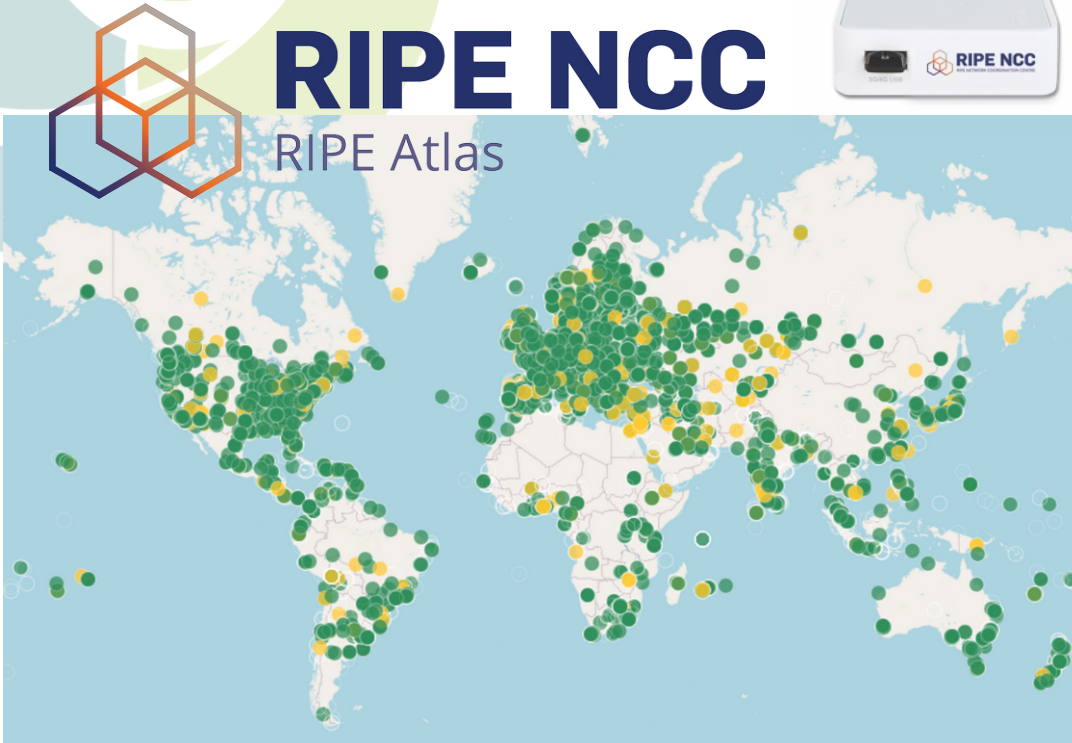
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max len	24
ASN	0

INVALID






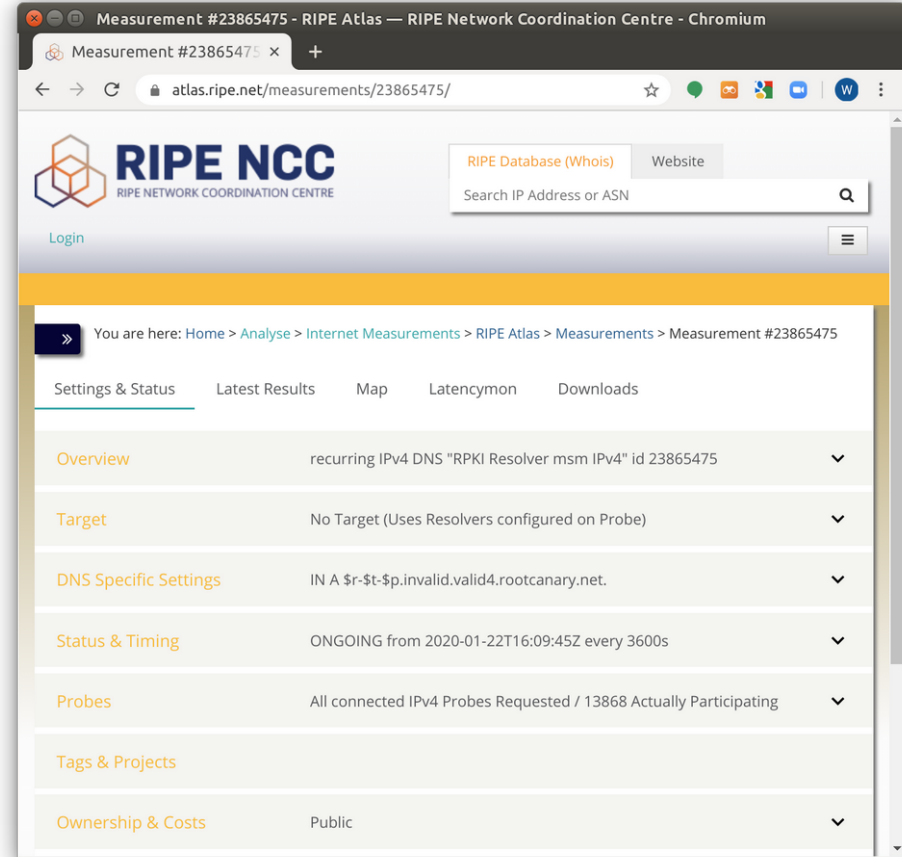
# Test setup



RIPE NCC  
RIPE Atlas



A world map showing the distribution of RIPE Atlas measurement points, represented by green and yellow dots across various continents. The RIPE NCC logo is positioned above the map, and a photograph of the physical RIPE Atlas hardware device is shown to the right.



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

atlas.ripe.net/measurements/23865475/

RIPE NCC  
RIPE NETWORK COORDINATION CENTRE

RIPE Database (Whois) Website

Search IP Address or ASN

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You are here: Home > Analyse > Internet Measurements > RIPE Atlas > Measurements > Measurement #23865475

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	▼
Probes	All connected IPv4 Probes Requested / 13868 Actually Participating	▼
Tags & Projects		
Ownership & Costs	Public	▼

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the RIPE Atlas measurement page for measurement #23865475. The page shows the RIPE NCC logo, a search bar, and a breadcrumb trail. Below the breadcrumb trail, there are several tabs: 'Settings & Status', 'Latest Results', 'Map', 'Latencymon', and 'Downloads'. The 'Settings & Status' tab is active, showing a list of settings with expandable sections for Overview, Target, DNS Specific Settings, Status & Timing, Probes, Tags & Projects, and Ownership & Costs.



Settings & Status

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recurring IPv4 DNS "RPKI Resolver msm IPv4" id 23865475



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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

```
$ORIGIN valid4.rootcanary.net
invalid DNAME invalid4.rootcanary.net.
```

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

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



auth  
209.24.1.6

**VALID**

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

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**INVALID**

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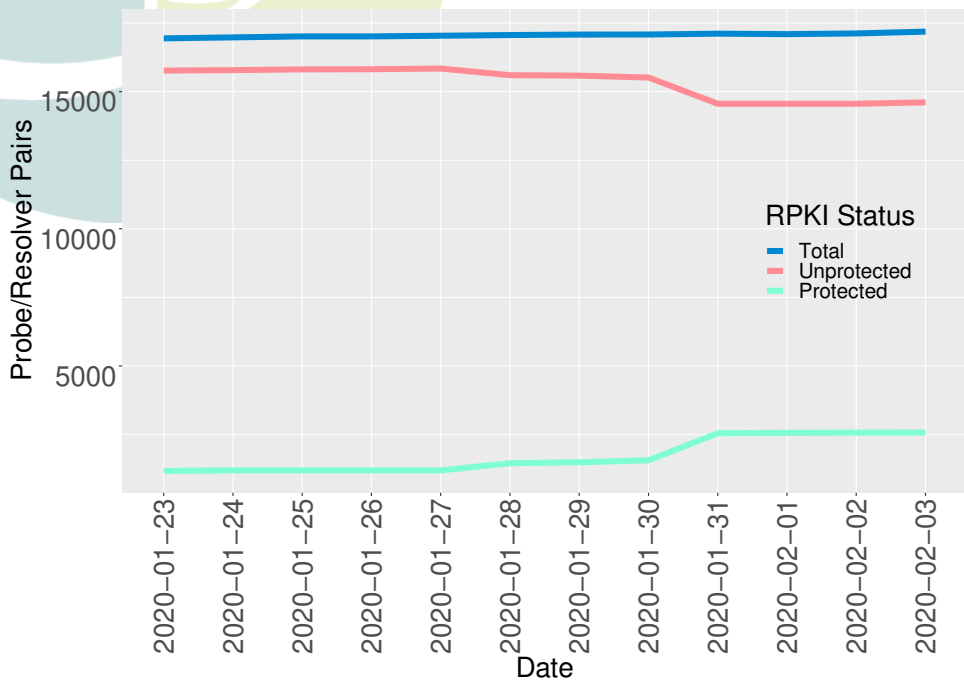


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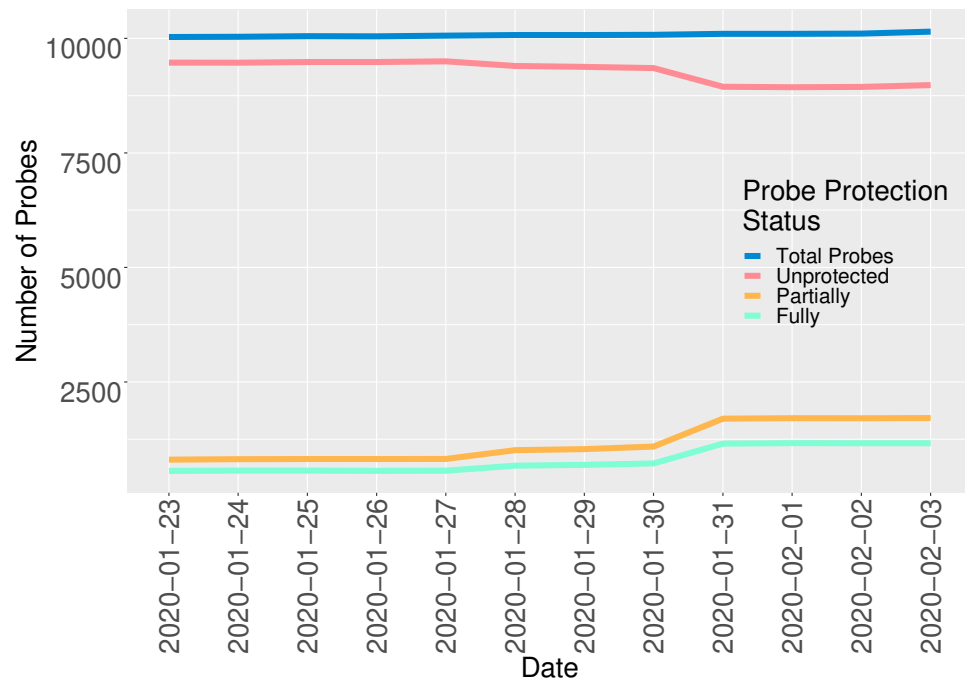
- Atlas measurement kindly provided by Emile Aben
- Beacon for the authoritatives kindly provided by Job Snijders

# Results

## Probe/resolver pair

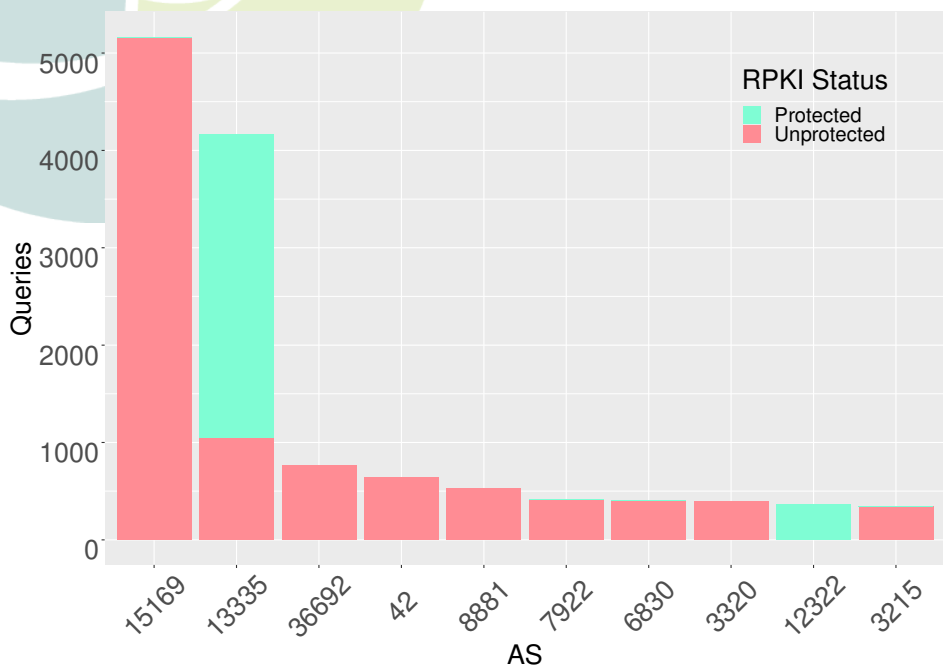


## Probe time series

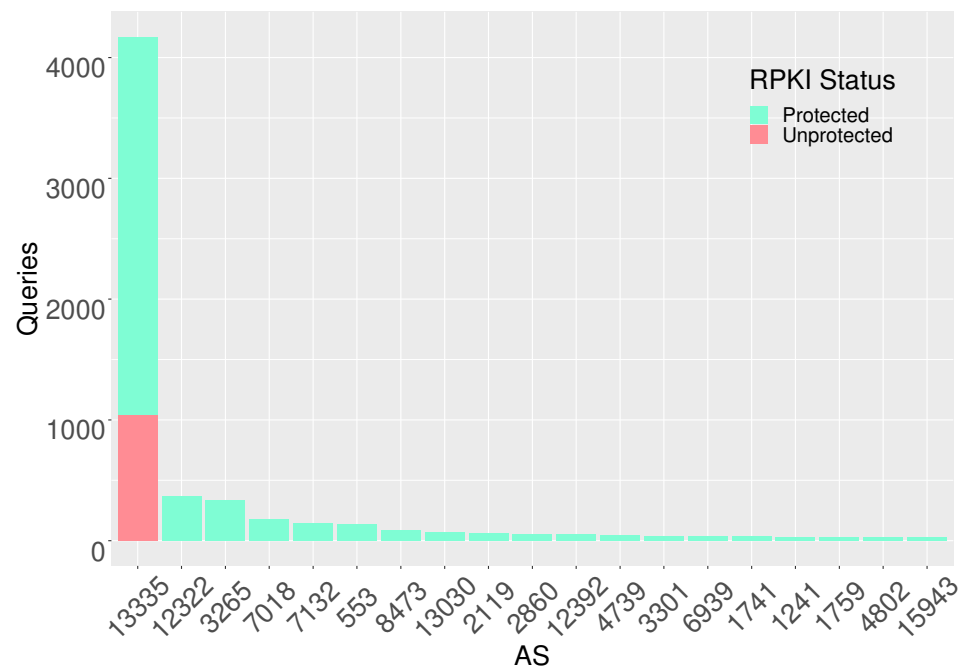


# Results

## Top ten most popular ASes



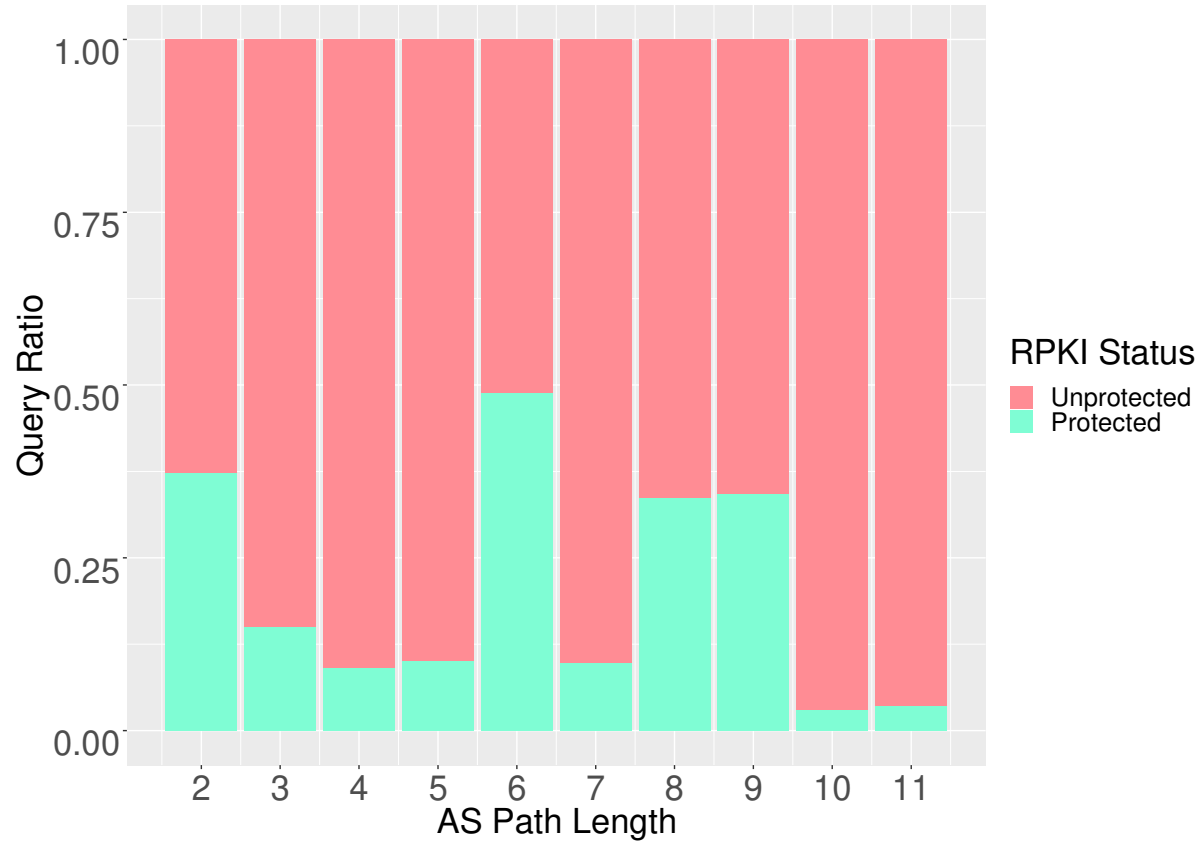
## Top ten most protected ASes



# Results

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

Relationship RPKI protection and AS path length

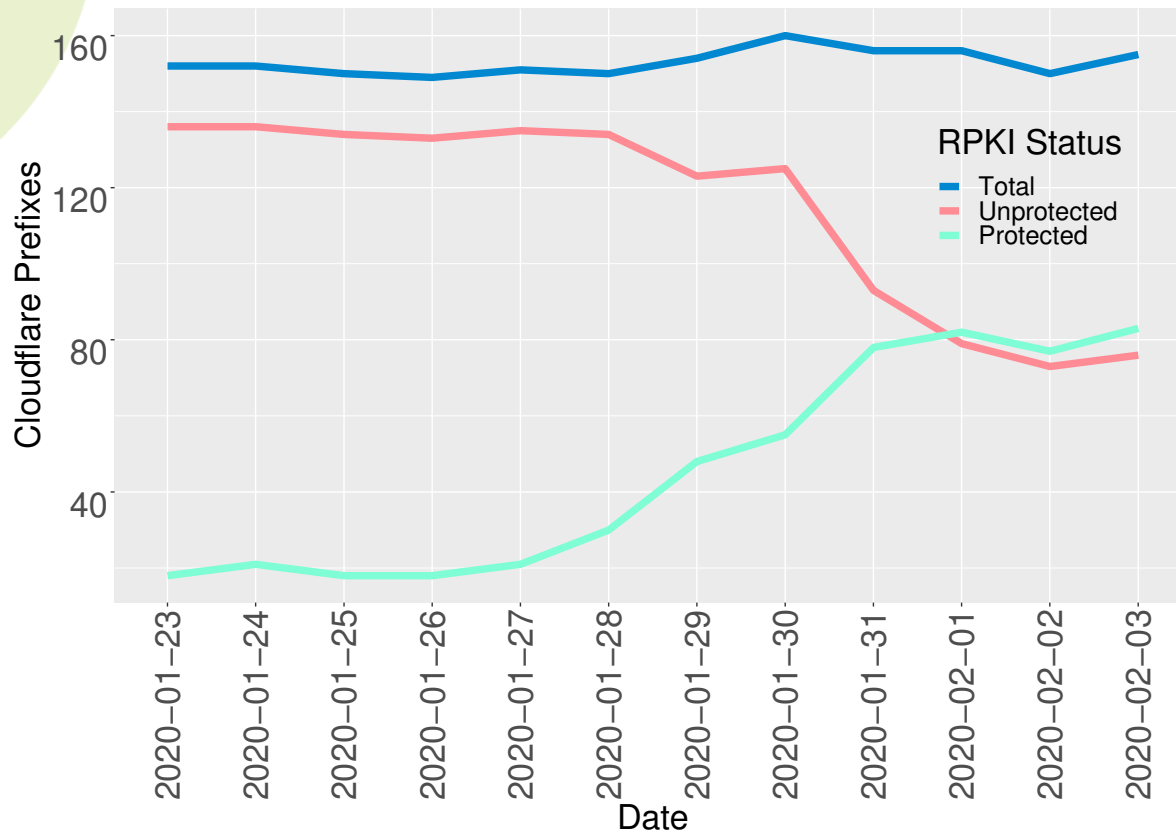




# Results

Sub RQ: How does anycast influence protection?

Cloudflare resolver prefix time series



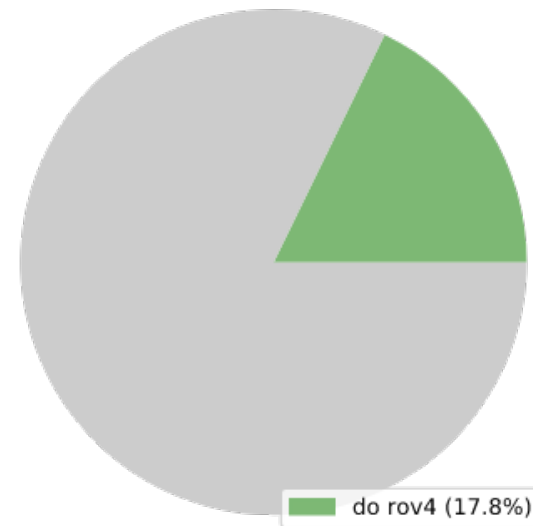
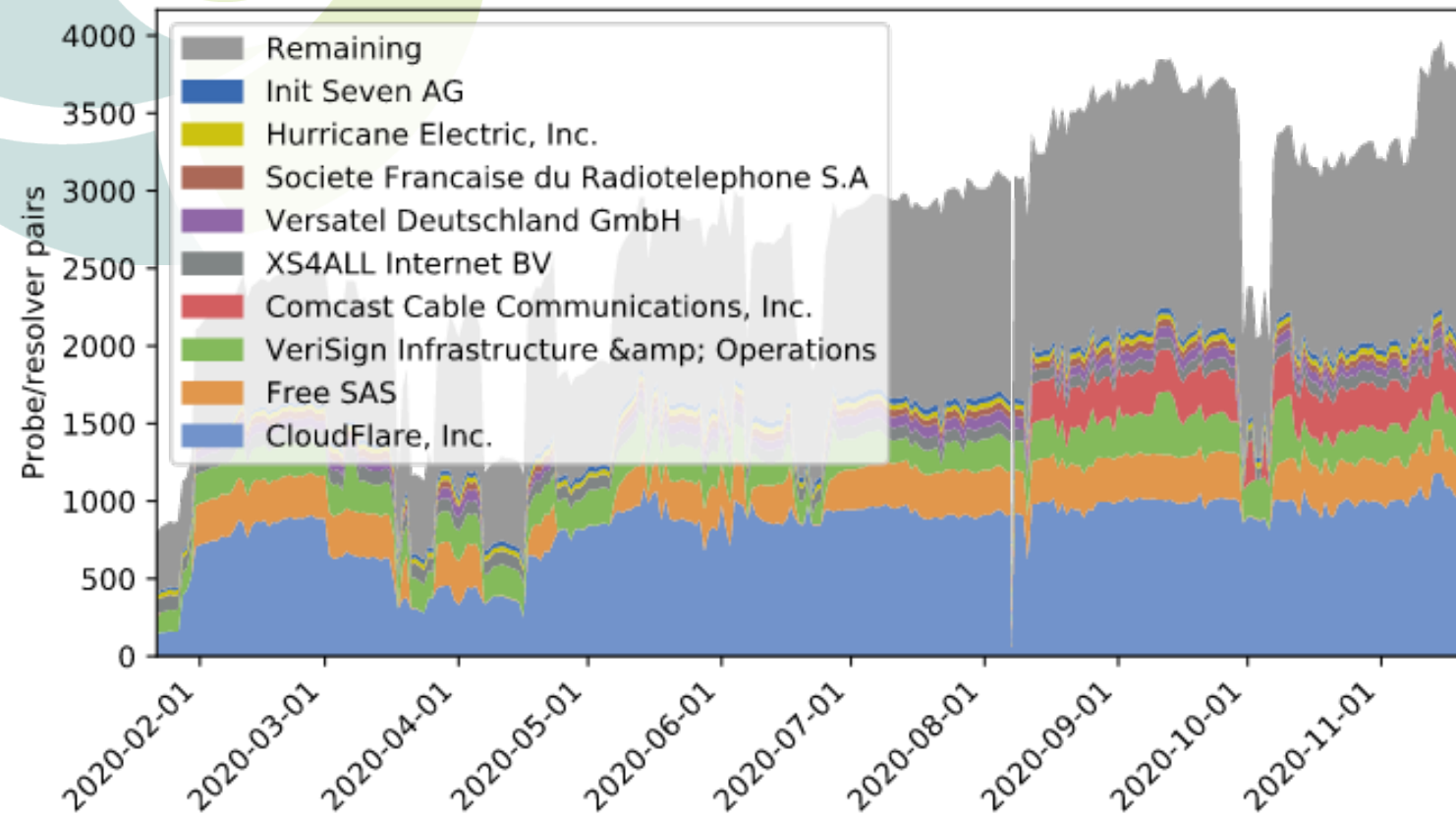
# Current situation / IPv6



**DNSThought**

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[https://dnsthought.nlnetlabs.nl/does\\_rov4/#top\\_auth\\_asns](https://dnsthought.nlnetlabs.nl/does_rov4/#top_auth_asns)



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    86400     ; minimum
)
NS ns1.surfnet.nl.
NS ns2.surfnet.nl.
NS ns3.surfnet.nl.
NS ns1.zurich.surf.net.

$TTL 25200
valid6 NS valid6
valid6 AAAA 2001:728:1808:5::6

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

```

$ORIGIN valid6.rootcanary.net
$TTL 300
@ SOA valid6.rootcanary.net. (
    sysadm.rootcanary.org.
    2020012100 10800 3600
    604800 300 )
NS @
A 2001:728:1808:5::6

$TTL 1
invalid DNAME invalid6.rootcanary.net.
    
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$ORIGIN invalid6.rootcanary.net
$TTL 300
@ SOA invalid6.rootcanary.net. (
    sysadm.rootcanary.org.
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NS @
A 2001:7fb:fd04::6
* A 2001:610:188:408::20
    
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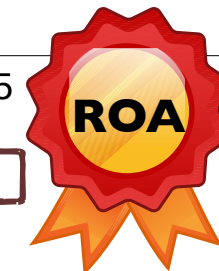
prefix	2001:728:1808::/48
max len	64
ASN	15562

**VALID**



prefix	2001:7fb:fd04::/48
max len	48
ASN	196615

**INVALID**





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Tags & Projects

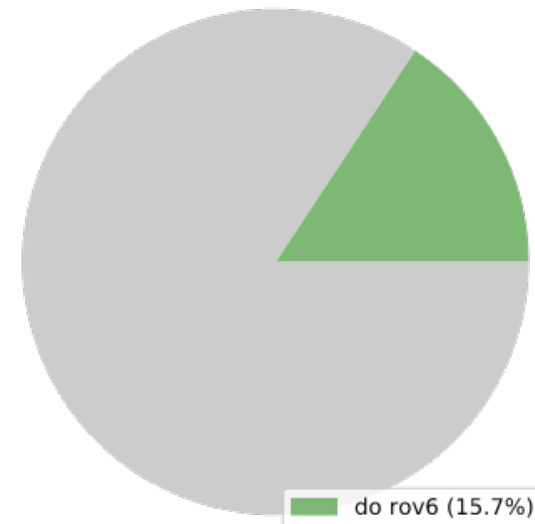
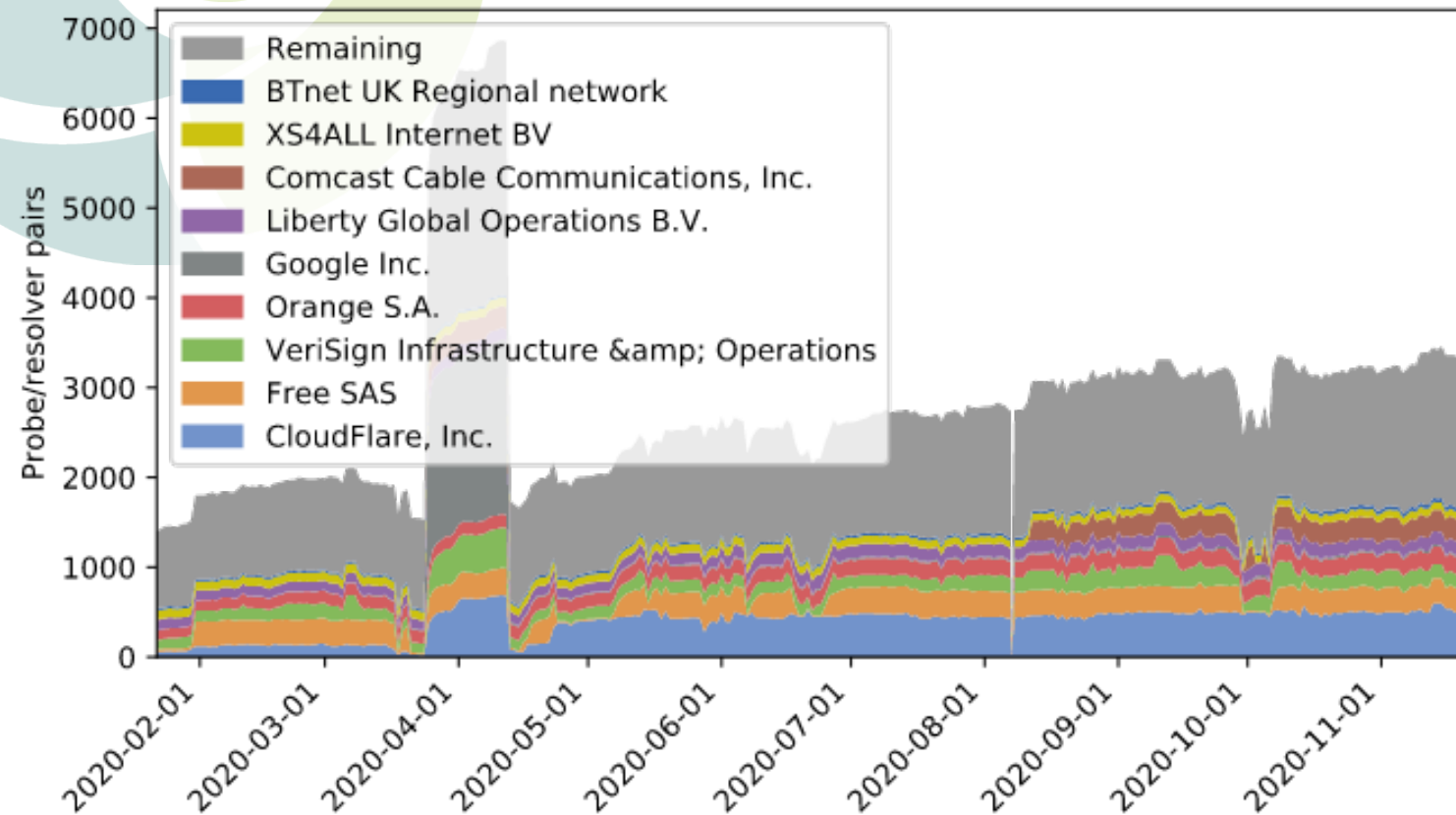
Ownership & Costs

Public



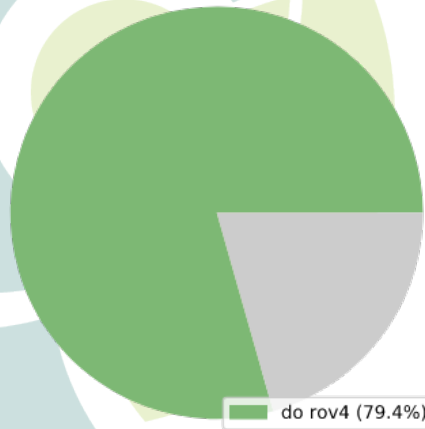
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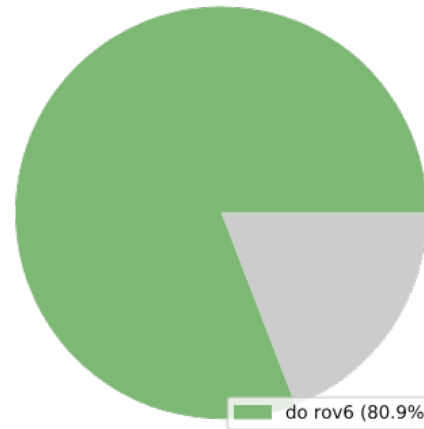


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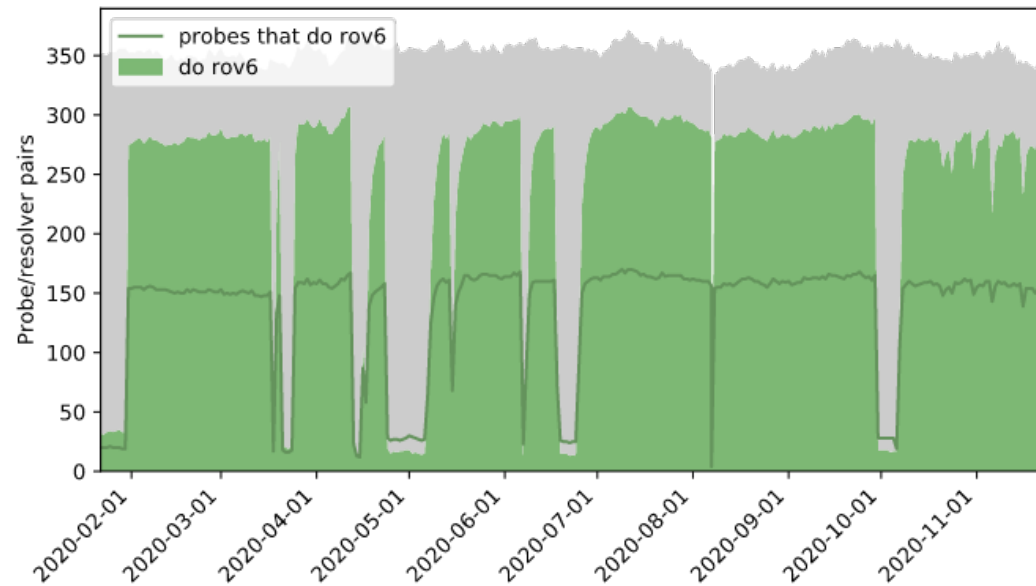
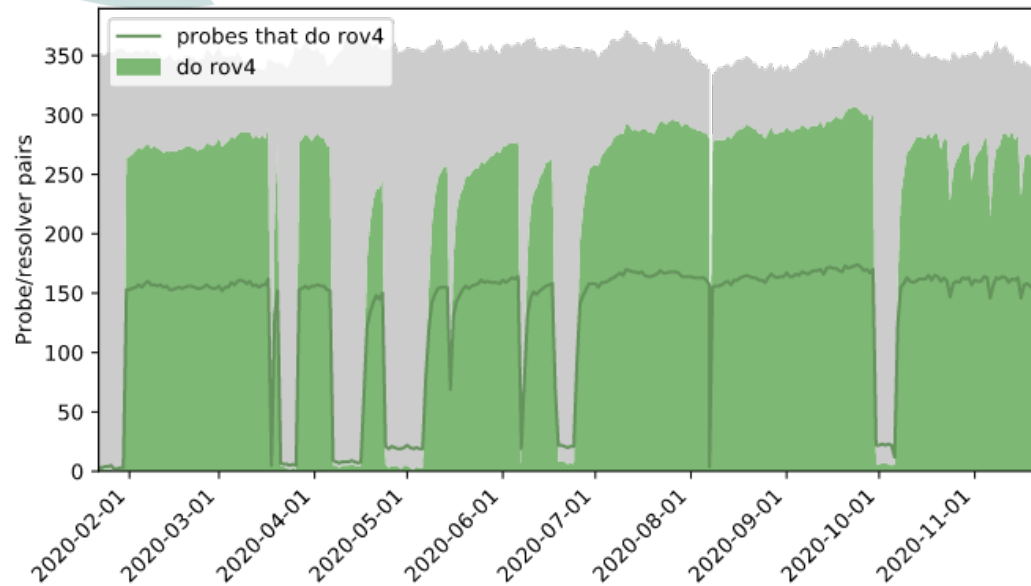
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**Free SAS**



**IPv4**



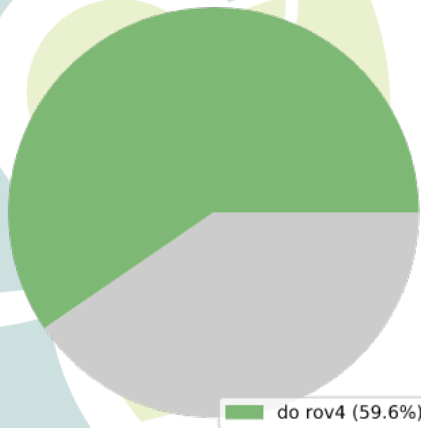
**IPv6**



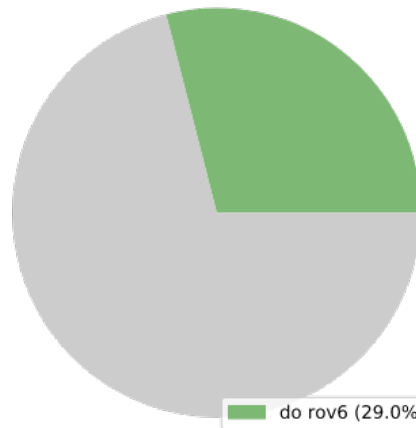


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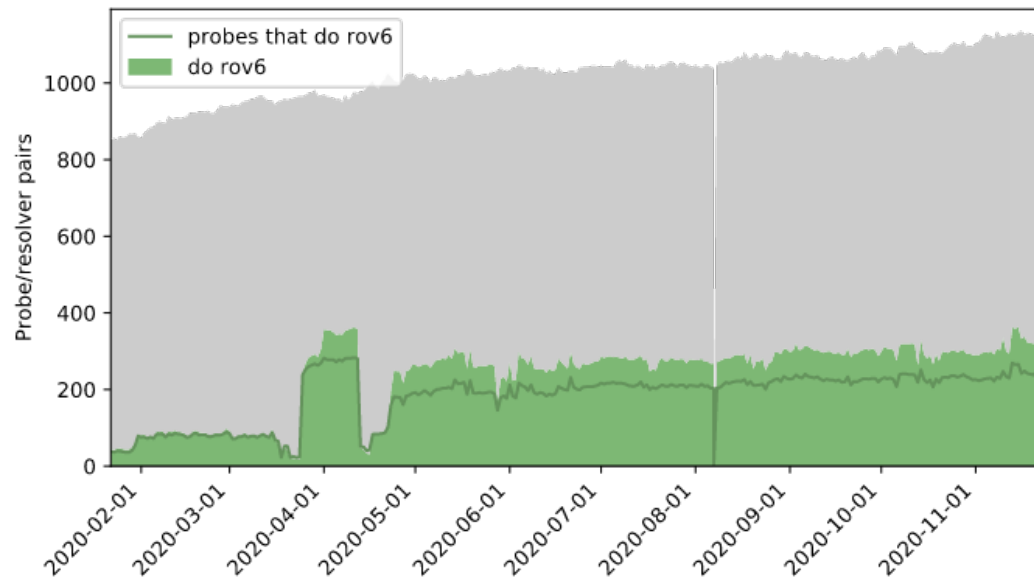
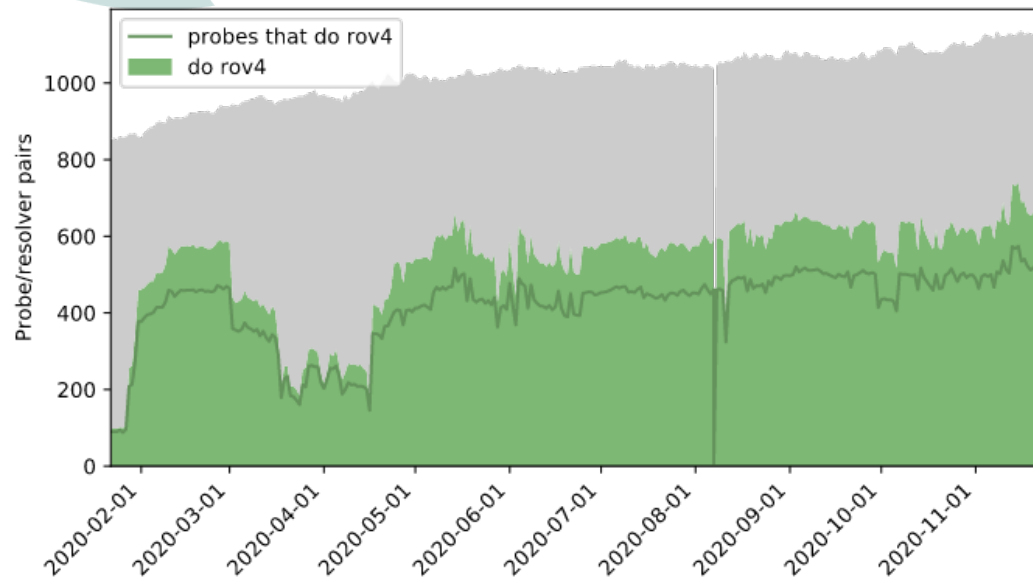
**ASI3335**  
**Cloudflare**



IPv4



IPv6





# DNSThought

# ASI3335 Cloudflare

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

Aan Martin J. Levy <martin@cloudflare.com> ☆

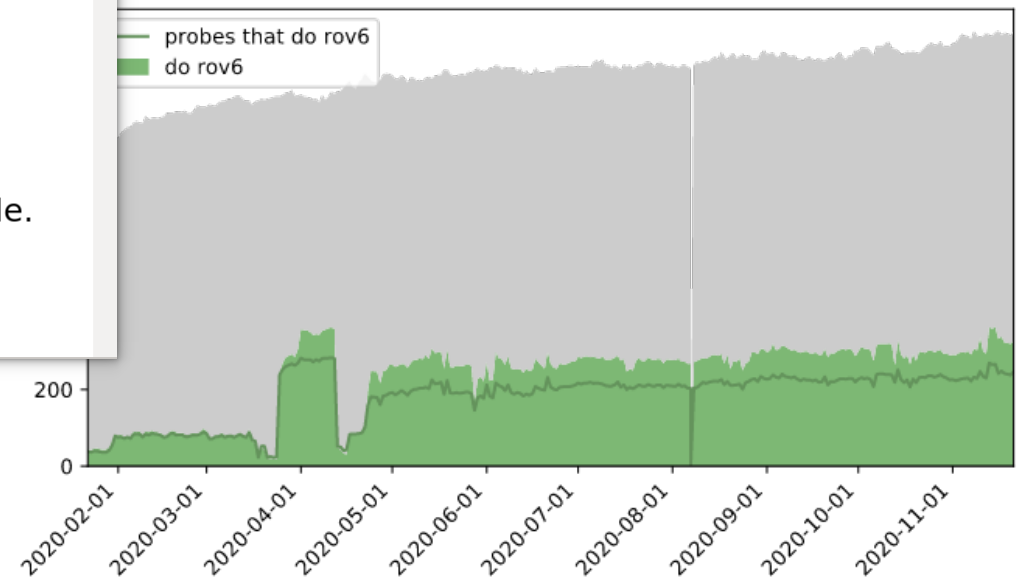
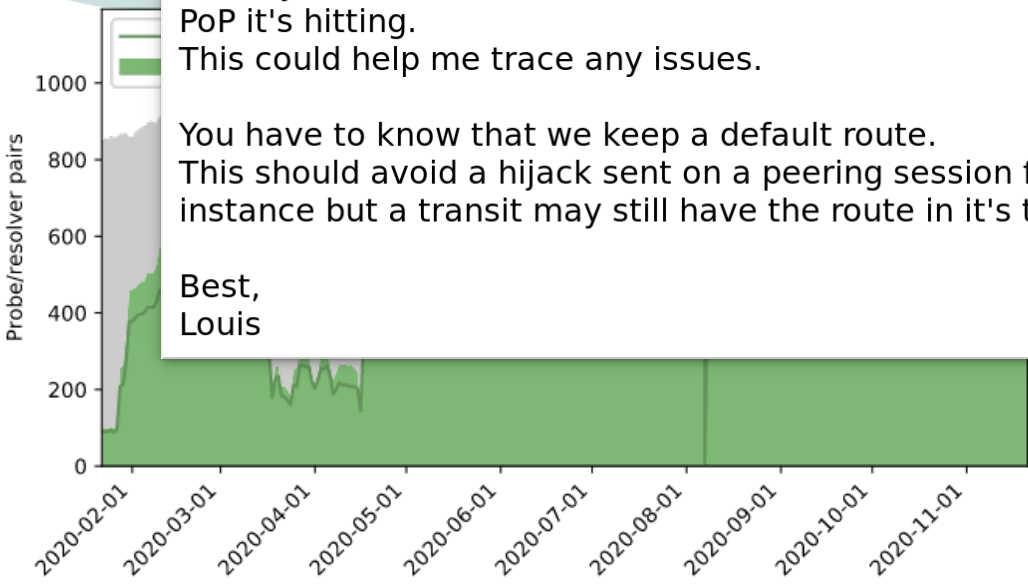
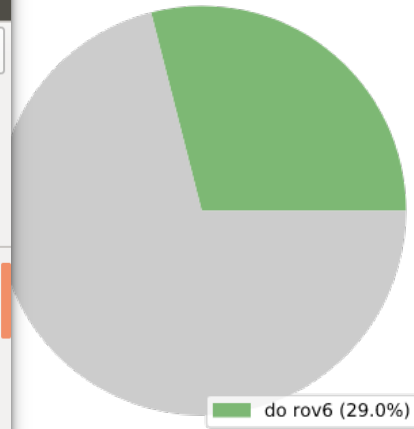
Cc Emile Aben <emile.aben@ripe.net> ★, mij <willem@nlnetlabs.nl>

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

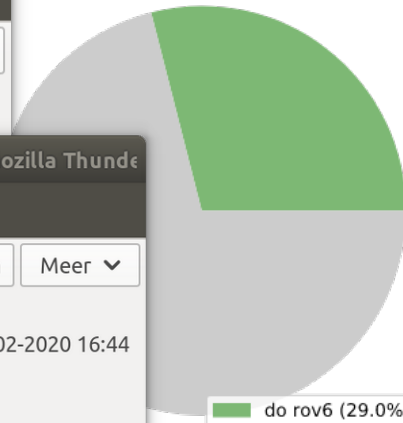


# IPv6

# Thought

# ASI 3335 Cloudflare

# IPv6



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Onderwerp: Re: rov for cloudflare quad-1 resolver 04-02-2020 16:29

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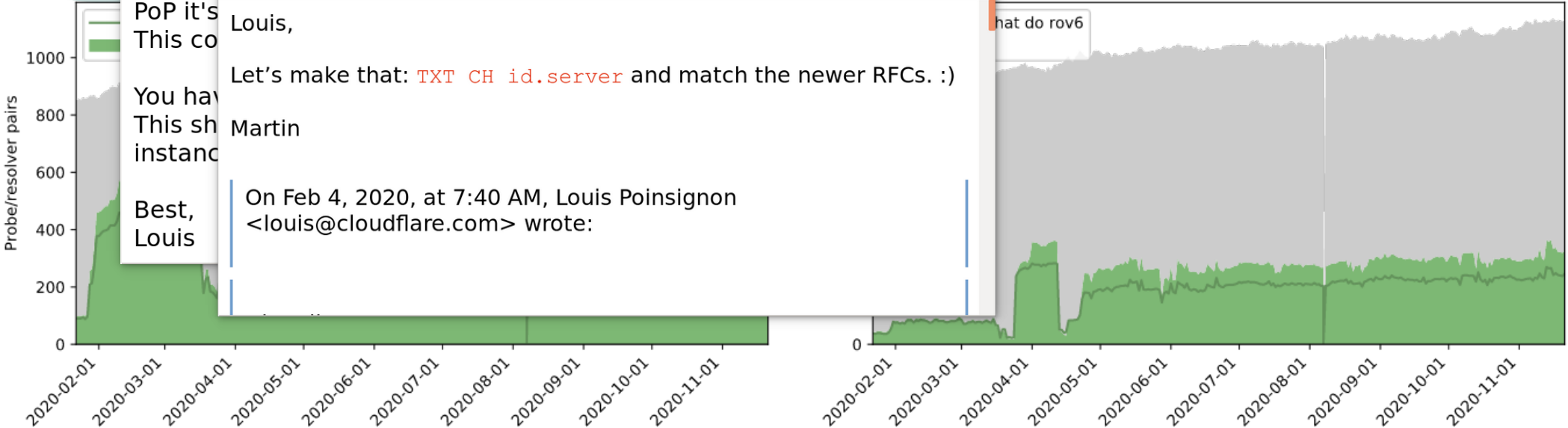
Once the IPv6 resolver is invalidated, I'm assuming you could yolo it's PoP. This could be a good idea. You have to be careful. This should be a good instance.

Best,  
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:



# Thought

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# IPv6

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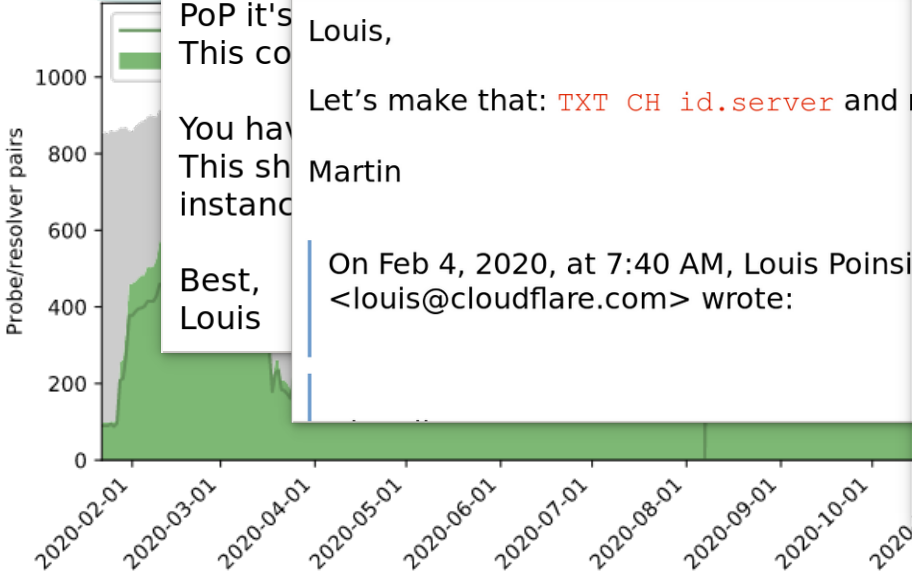
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willem@makaak:~$ dig @1.1.1.1 TXT CH id.server
; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> @1.1.1.1 TXT CH id.server
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->HEADER<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 61529
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;id.server.                CH      TXT

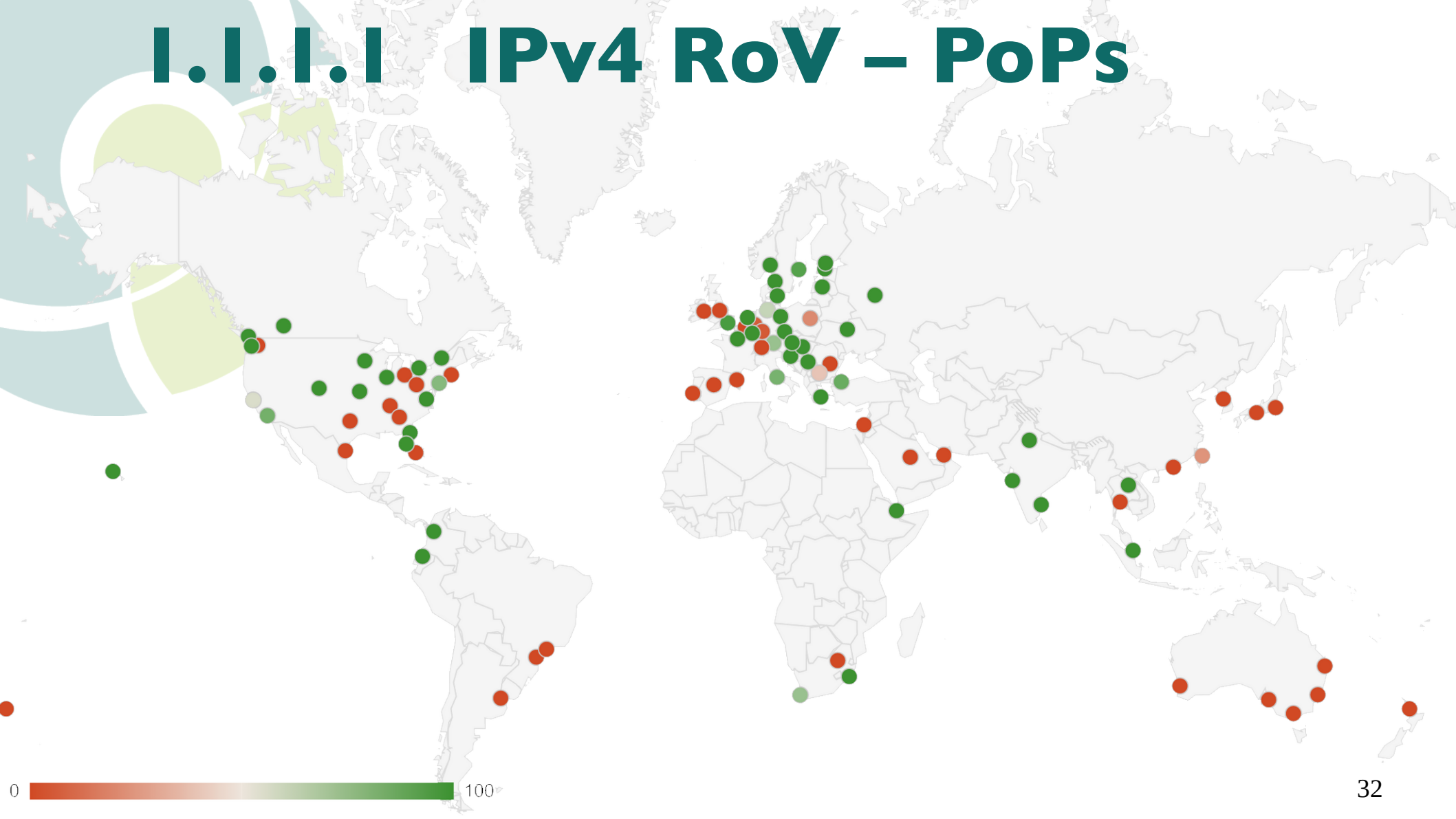
;; ANSWER SECTION:
id.server.                0      CH      TXT      "AMS"

;; Query time: 12 msec
;; SERVER: 1.1.1.1#53(1.1.1.1)
;; WHEN: zo okt 18 22:35:33 CEST 2020
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 43

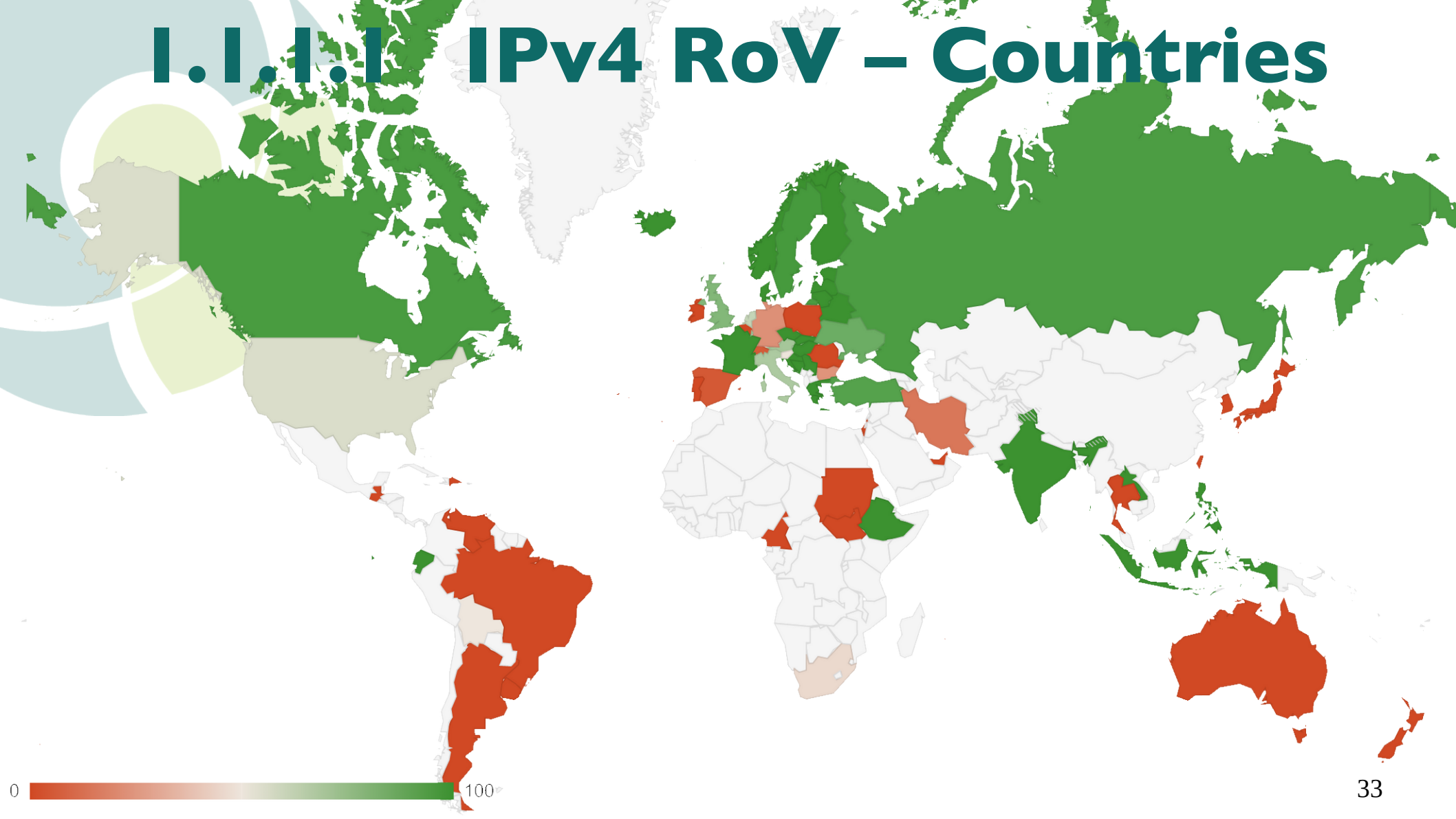
willem@makaak:~$
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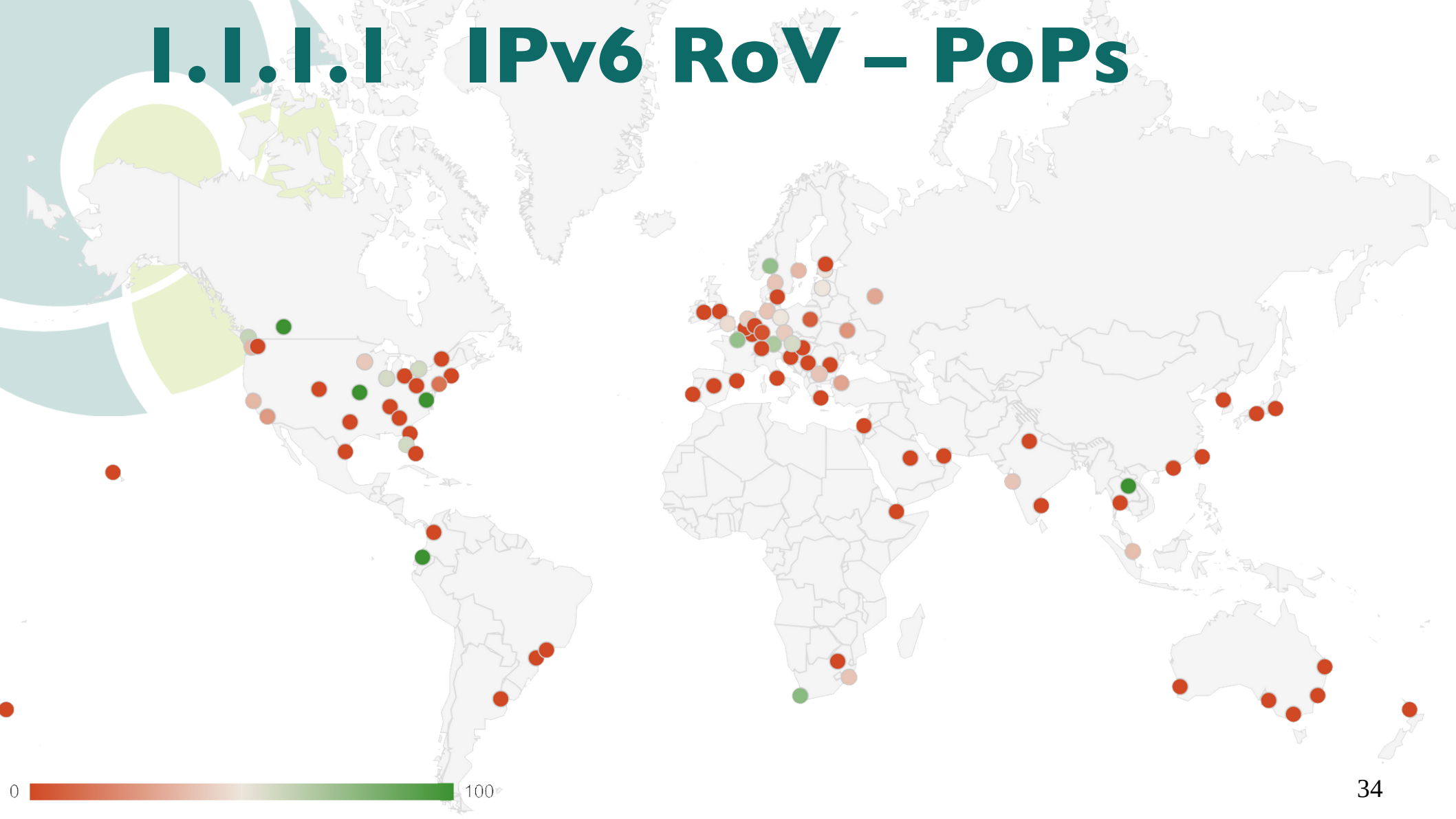
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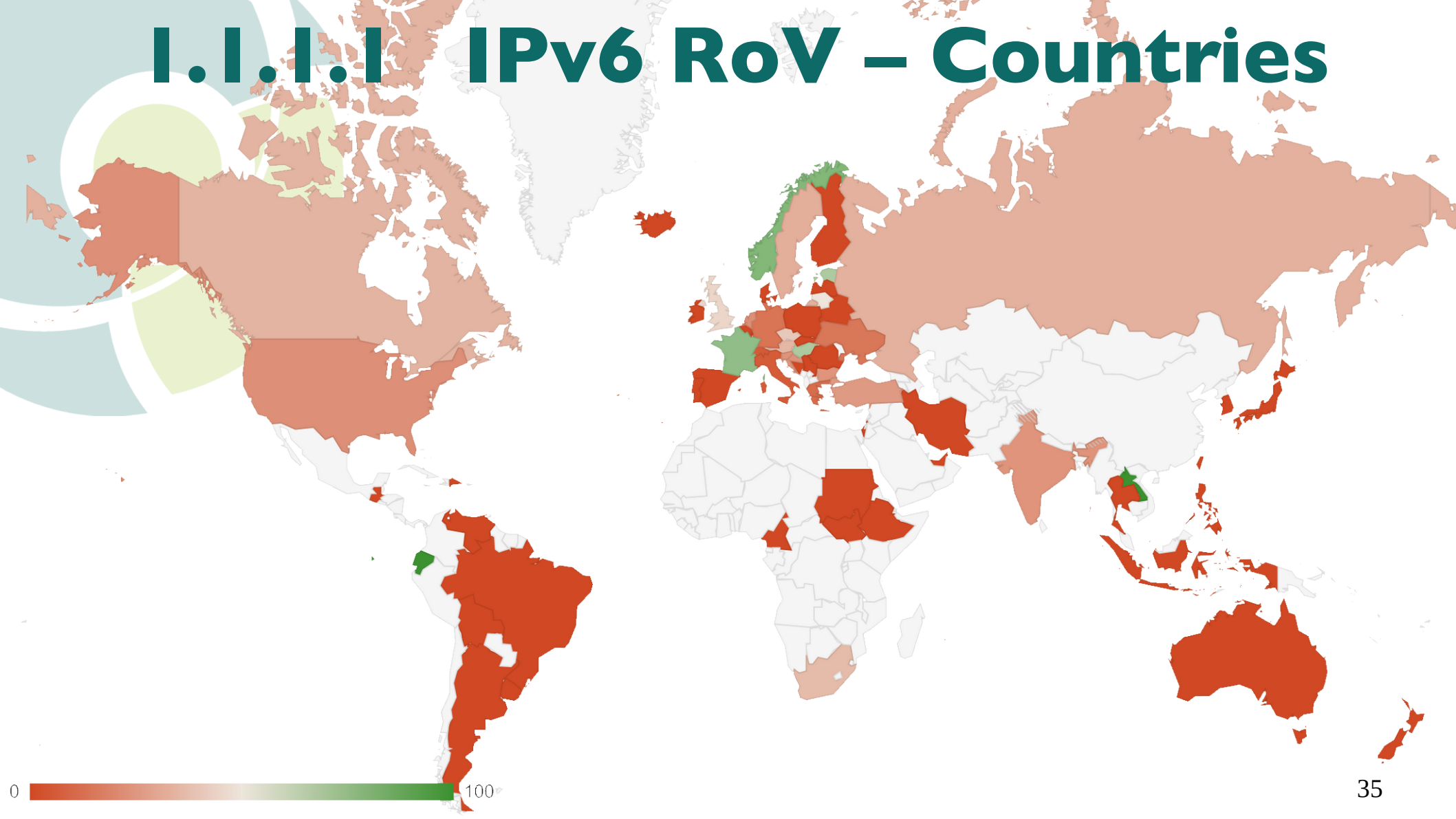
# I.I.I.I IPv4 RoV – Countries



# 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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  - Marius Brouwer <[mbrouwer@os3.nl](mailto:mbrouwer@os3.nl)>
- From
  -  UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM
- At
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- On
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