

# Measured Approaches to IPv6 Address Anonymization and Identity Association

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“kIP: a Measured Approach to IPv6 Address Anonymization” (pre-print)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.03900>

“In the IP of the Beholder: Strategies for Active Topology Discovery” (IMC 2018)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.11308>

# Premise: an intersection of Privacy and Security

**IPv6 poses (at least) two challenges in facets of coordinated attack response:**

- 1. Sharing IP address-related info while respecting victim and even potential/candidate attacker's privacy.**
- 2. Mitigating abuse by dropping or rate-limiting only traffic associated with an attackers' (or victims') identities.**

Meeting these challenges depends on knowledge - or on assumptions - about IP address identities, typically in the form of a public, globally-routed IP address prefix – the *Identity Associations* (or IAs) – of the victimized or attacking parties.

**What is a best practice for anonymization of these identities?**

**Can the identity association be reliably determined, remotely?**

# IP Address Anonymization and Identity Association

## Today we'll consider:

- **Truncation and/or aggregation-based anonymization**  
i.e., for sharing network identifiers for attack response or, generally, in traffic data, *e.g.*, correlating with network topology, routing, service providers, and geographic locations.
- **Nascent IPv6 topology discovery results and implications for determining associated identity**  
i.e., for sharing topology information for attack response *e.g.*, anonymization and identity association involving router addresses.

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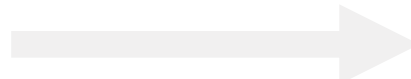
- How can passive and active Internet measurements inform decisions about address anonymization and identity association?
- Is there reason to believe that any one IP prefix length would perform satisfactorily for either?
- *In the face of attack, when, where, and how should IP addresses be de-aggregated or coalesced to effectively associate them with victims or attackers?*

# Background: IPv4 Address Anonymization by aggregation

10.0.42.24	1	10.0.42.31	1
10.0.42.30	1	10.0.42.10	1
10.0.42.25	1	10.0.42.22	1
10.0.42.6	1	10.0.42.16	1
10.0.42.17	1	10.0.42.4	1
10.0.42.17	1	10.0.42.21	1
10.0.42.9	1	10.0.42.8	1
10.0.42.19	1	10.0.42.20	1
10.0.42.29	1	10.0.42.3	1
10.0.42.26	1	10.0.42.14	1
10.0.42.11	1	10.0.42.1	1
10.0.42.27	1	10.0.42.15	1
10.0.42.13	1		
10.0.42.7	1		
10.0.42.0	1		
10.0.42.12	1		
10.0.42.28	1		
10.0.42.2	1		
10.0.42.23	1		
10.0.42.5	1		

# Background: IPv4 Address Anonymization by aggregation to a fixed length

10.0.42.24	1	10.0.42.31	1
10.0.42.30	1	10.0.42.10	1
10.0.42.25	1	10.0.42.22	1
10.0.42.6	1	10.0.42.16	1
10.0.42.17	1	10.0.42.4	1
10.0.42.17	1	10.0.42.21	1
10.0.42.9	1	10.0.42.8	1
10.0.42.19	1	10.0.42.20	1
10.0.42.29	1	10.0.42.3	1
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10.0.42.28	1		
10.0.42.2	1		
10.0.42.23	1		
10.0.42.5	1		



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# IP Address Anonymization

- ***Truncation-based anonymization is ideal if, and only if, it can be guaranteed to improve privacy.***

**We propose  $k$ IP anonymization, *i.e.*,  
make an individual appear indistinguishable amongst a set of  $[k]$  individuals**

**[\[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-anonymity,](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-anonymity)**

**RFC 6973: “Privacy Considerations for Internet Protocols”]**

# *k*IP: a measurement-based approach...

## **1. Temporal & Spatial Address *Classification***

See “*k*IP: a Measured Approach to IPv6 Address Anonymization”

Slides/video: <https://trac.ietf.org/trac/irtf/wiki/map>

## **2. Address *Activity Matrix* Analysis:**

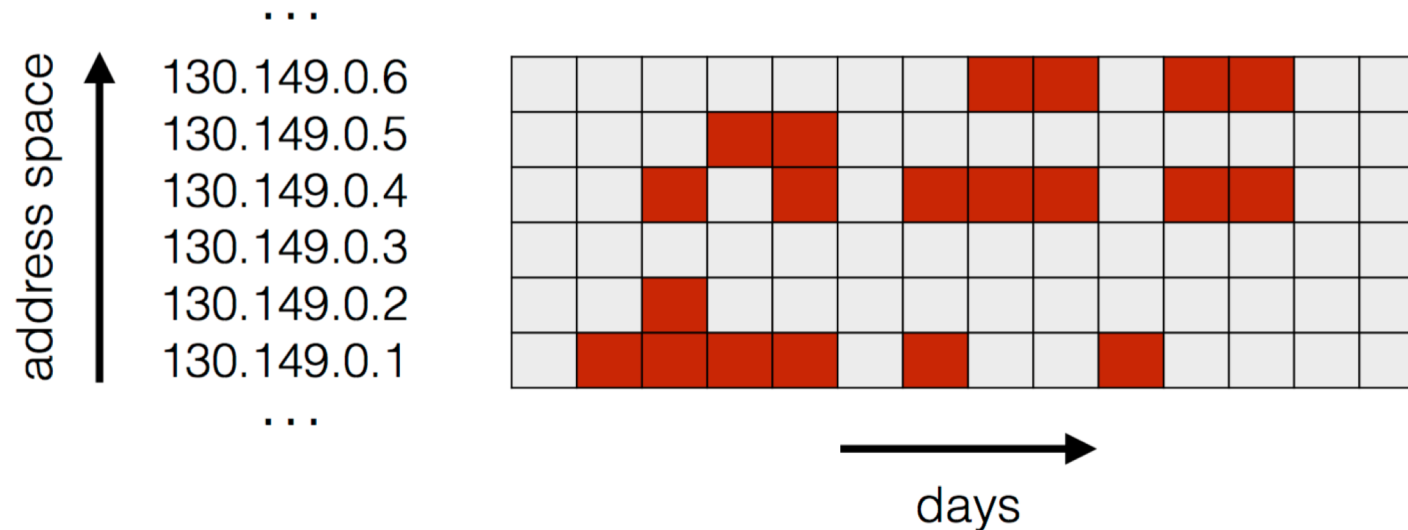
estimating a lower bound on simultaneously assigned addresses

## **3. Anonymous *Aggregate (Prefix) Synthesis*:**

then perform longest-prefix match to produce results

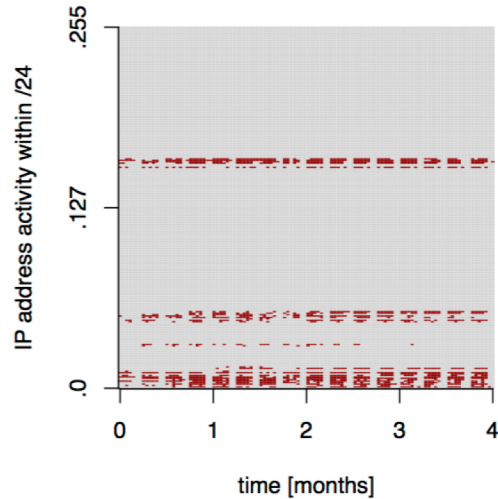
## Step 2. Address Activity Matrix Analysis

Related Work: IPv4 Address Activity Matrix  
introduced in “Beyond Counting ...”, MAPRG Meeting July 2016

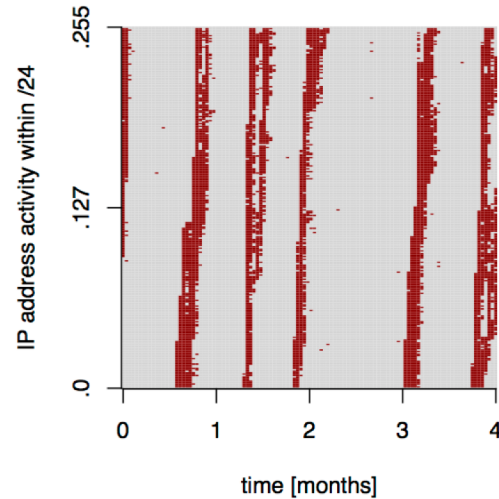


for each day on which an IP address  
was active (requested content), we draw a **red** dot.

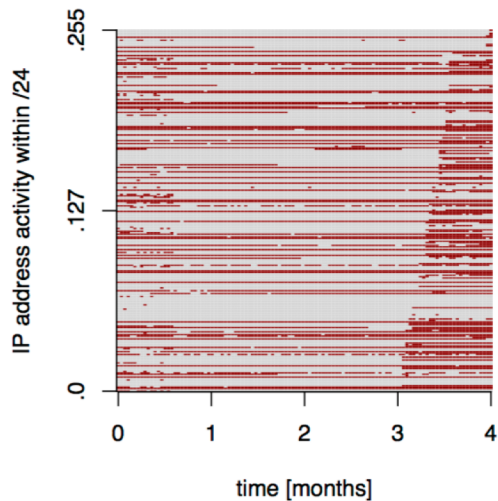
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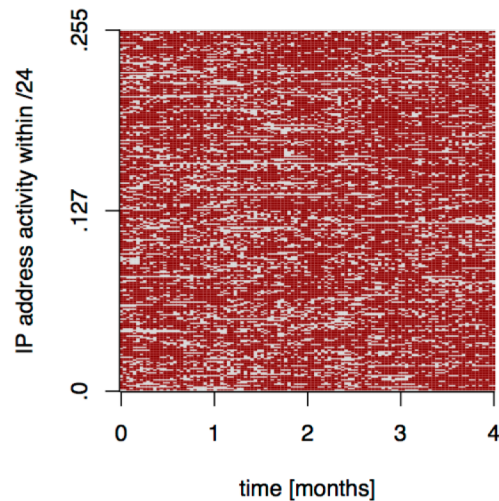
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DHCP pool US University



residential users US ISP



residential users DE ISP

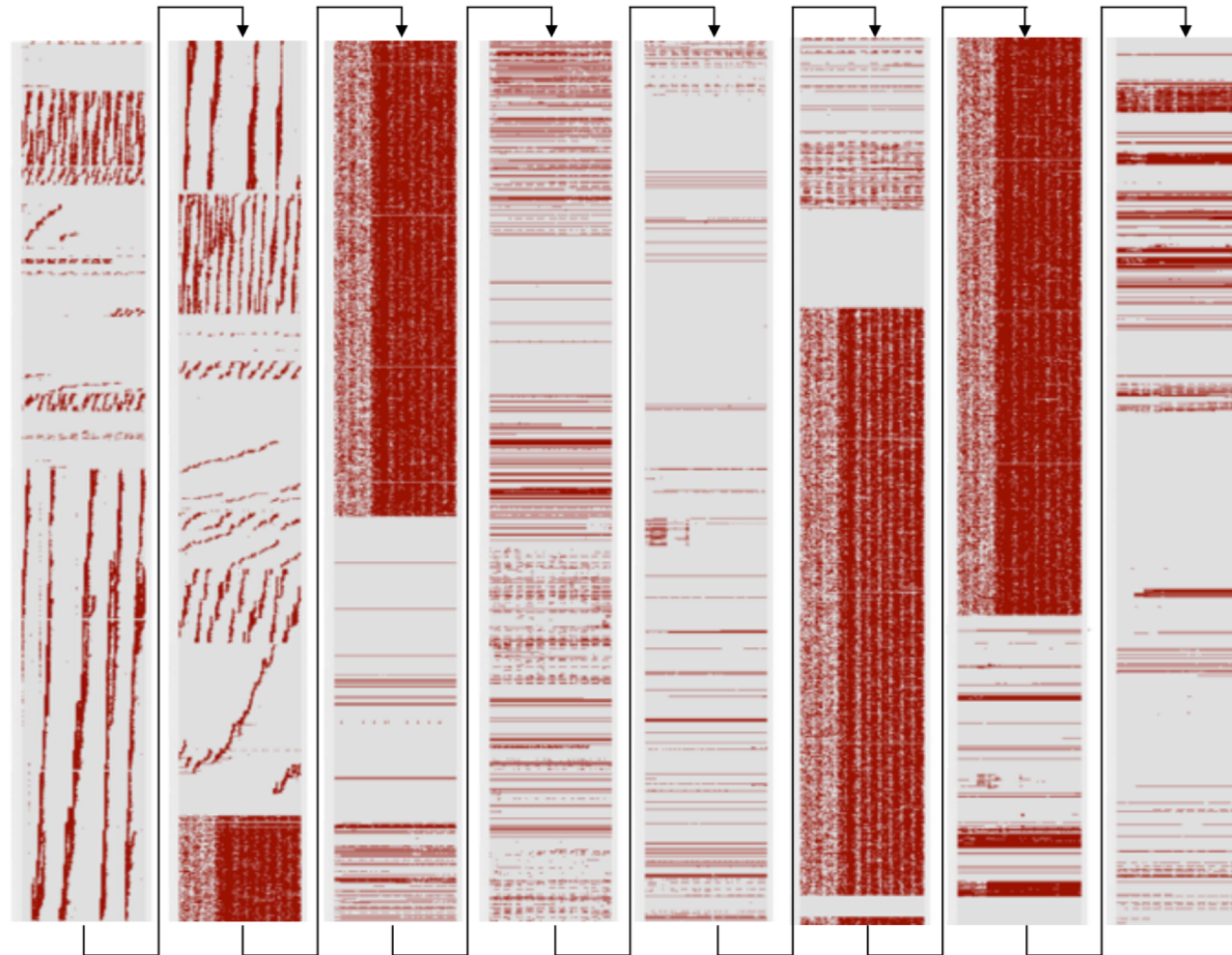
**“in situ” activity:  
address assignment practice  
+  
user behavior**

**(no visible modification of  
address assignment practice)**



# Related Work: IPv4 Address Activity Matrix

*20k adjacent IP addresses (in active /24s), University Network*



# IPv6 Address Activity Matrix

			0													1													2												
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3															
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# = activity counted during the given hour

# IPv6 Address Activity Matrix

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**/64 prefix**

counted during the given hour

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/64 prefix

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			0	1	2
			0	1	2
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There is an expected maximum Discriminating Prefix Length (DPL) for a set, size  $n$ , of IPv6 addresses with random IIDs.

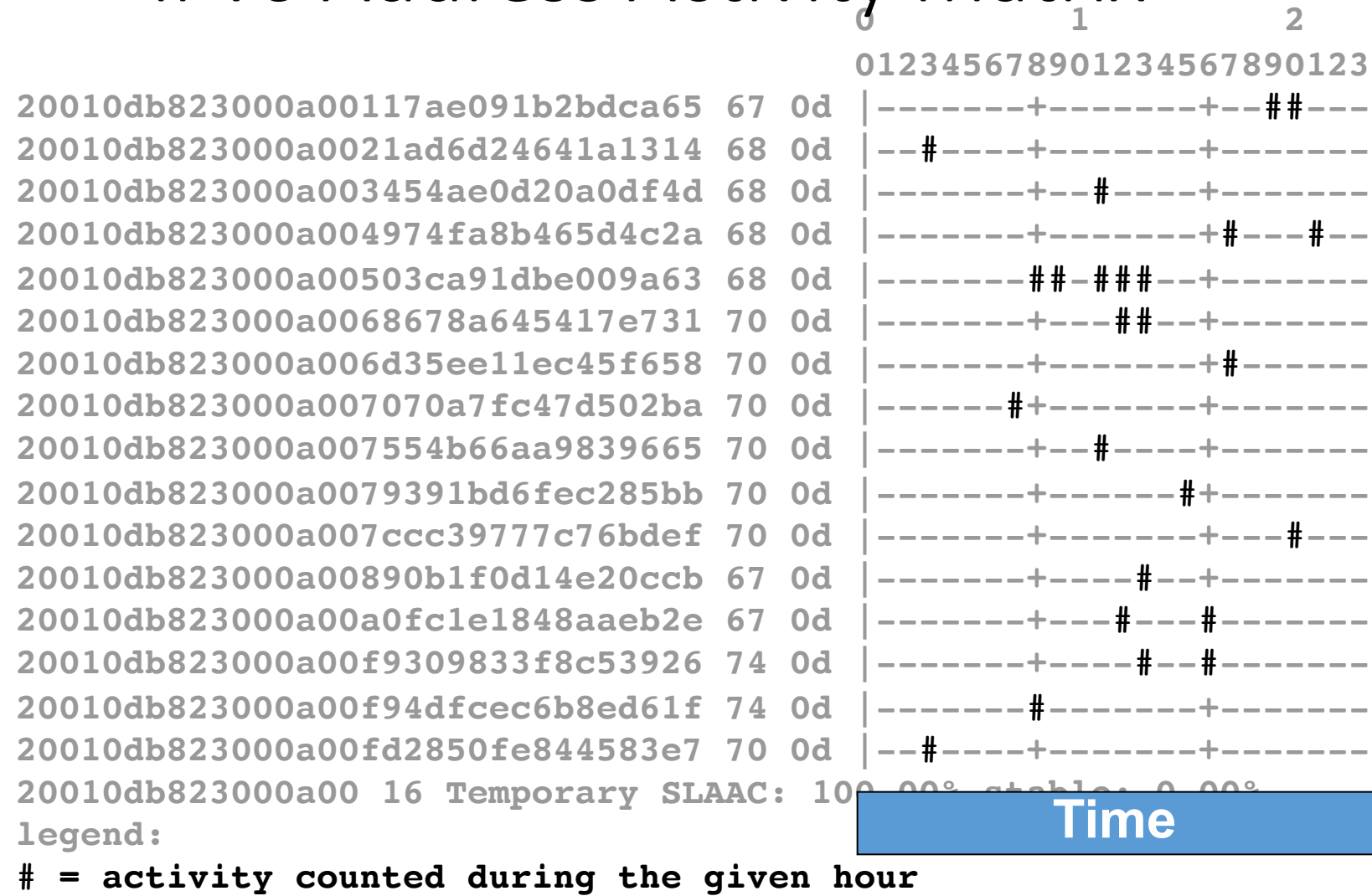
At probability of 0.99 (99%), e.g.,  $n=16$  such addresses have expected max. DPL  $\leq 79$  (bits).

Here, where  $n=16$ , the observed max. DPL was 74 (bits); thus, they have plausibly random IIDs.

**2001:db8::/64 16; Temporary SLAAC: 100% stable: 0.00%**

legend:  
# = activity counted during the given hour

# IPv6 Address Activity Matrix



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legend:  
# = activity counted during the given hour  
@ = assignment of address inferred throughout the given hour



# IPv6 Address Activity Matrix

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			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3						
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legend:  
# = activity counted during the given hour  
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# IPv6 Address Activity Matrix

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			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3						
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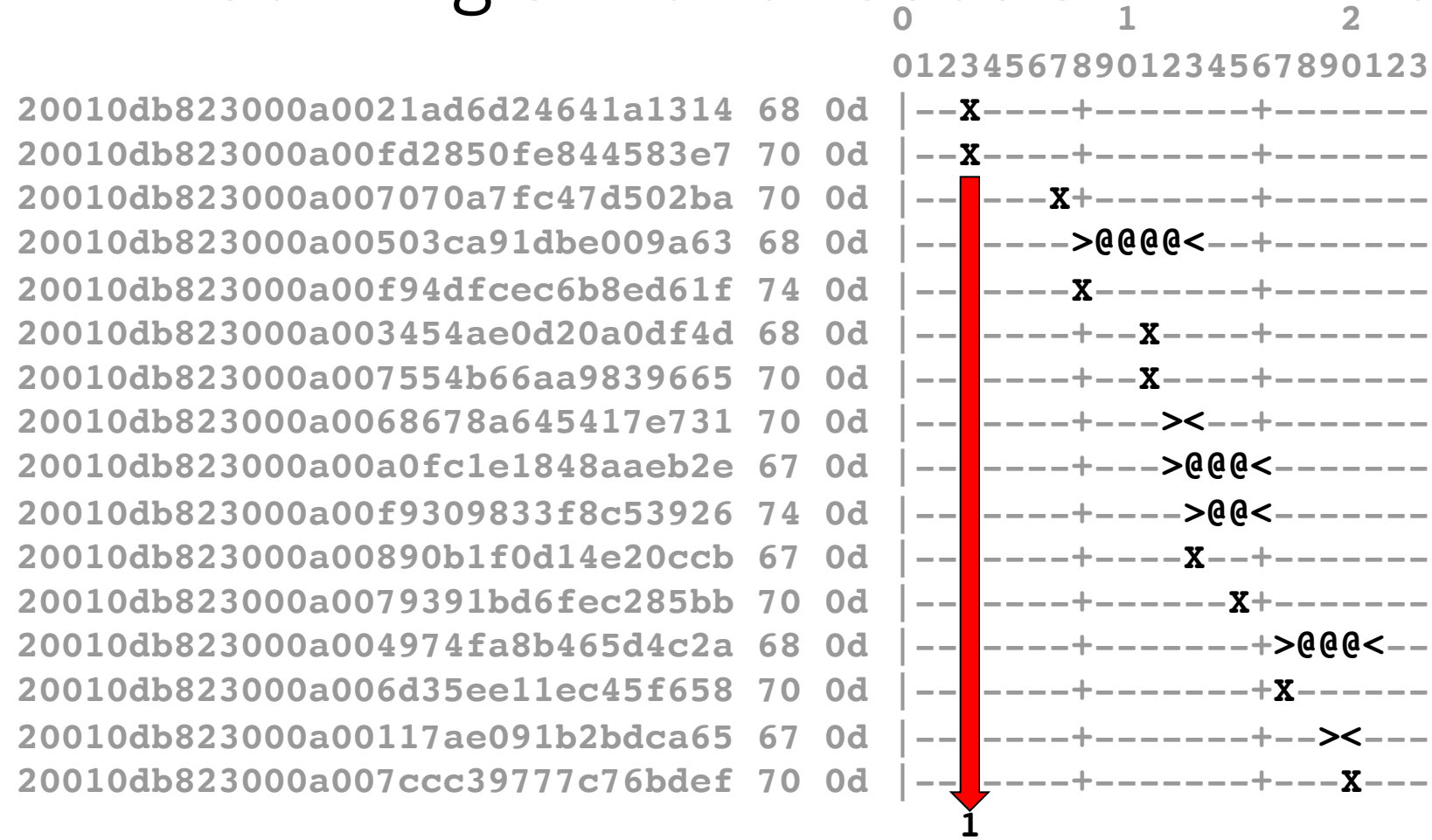
- legend:
- # = activity counted during the given hour
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  - X = activity started and ended during the given hour (within this whole window, e.g., 1 day)
  - > = starting activity during the given hour (within this whole window, e.g., 1 day)
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# IPv6 Address Activity Matrix

			0										1										2									
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3						
20010db823000a0021ad6d24641a1314	68	0d		--	X	----	+	-----	+	-----																						
20010db823000a00fd2850fe844583e7	70	0d		--	X	----	+	-----	+	-----																						
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20010db823000a007554b66aa9839665	70	0d		-----																												
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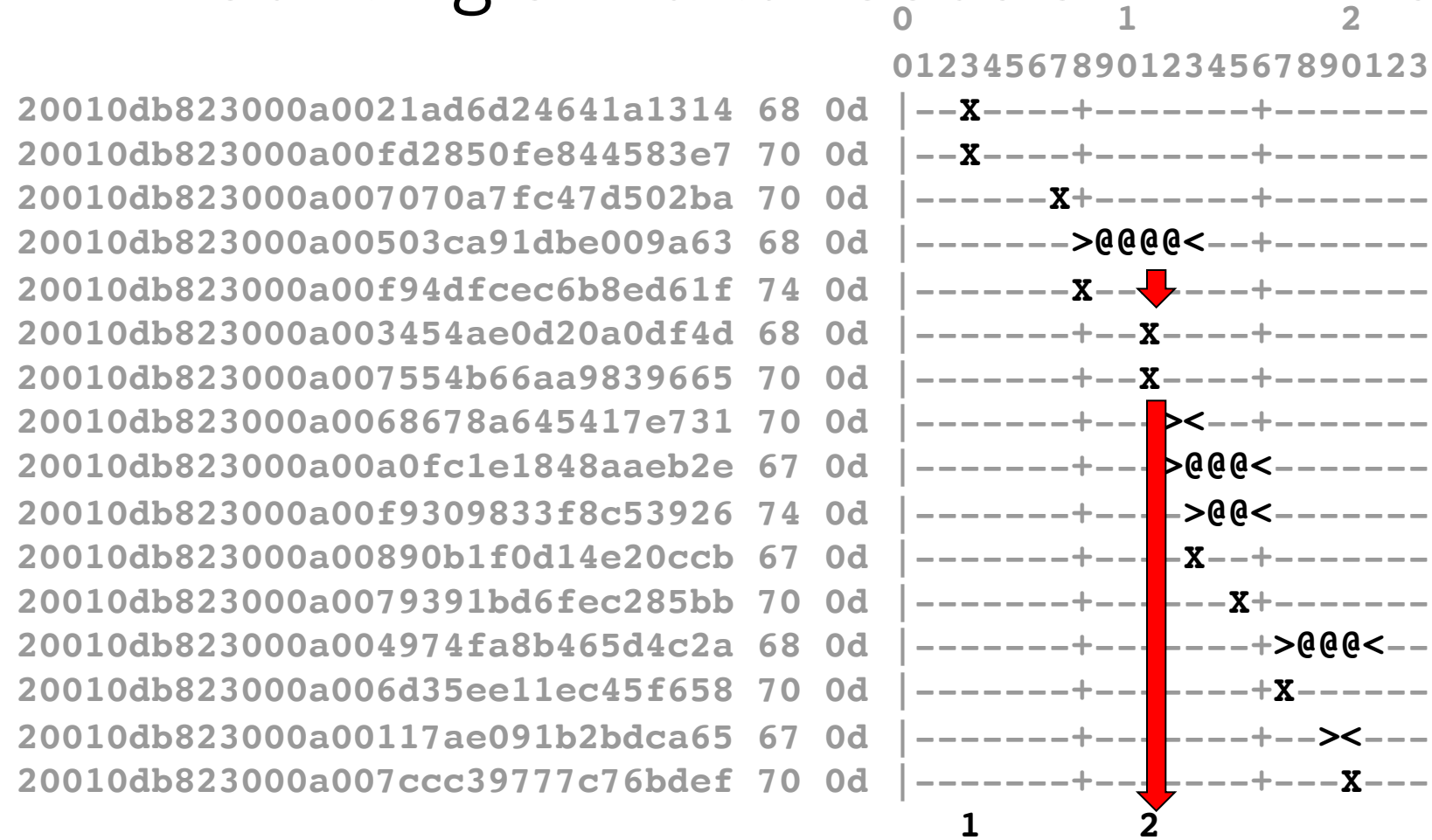
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# Counting Simultaneous SLAAC IIDs



**legend:**  
**#** = activity counted during the given hour  
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# Counting Simultaneous SLAAC IIDs

			0	1	2
20010db823000a0021ad6d24641a1314	68	0d	--x----	+-----	+-----
20010db823000a00fd2850fe844583e7	70	0d	--x----	+-----	+-----
20010db823000a007070a7fc47d502ba	70	0d	-----	x+	+-----
20010db823000a00503ca91dbe009a63	68	0d	-----	>@@@<	+-----
20010db823000a00f94dfcec6b8ed61f	74	0d	-----	x	+-----
20010db823000a003454ae0d20a0df4d	68	0d	-----	+--x-	+-----
20010db823000a007554b66aa9839665	70	0d	-----	+--x-	+-----
20010db823000a0068678a645417e731	70	0d	-----	+--><	+-----
20010db823000a00a0fc1e1848aaeb2e	67	0d	-----	+-->@@@<	+-----
20010db823000a00f9309833f8c53926	74	0d	-----	+-->@@<	+-----
20010db823000a00890b1f0d14e20ccb	67	0d	-----	+--x-	+-----
20010db823000a0079391bd6fec285bb	70	0d	-----	+--x+	+-----
20010db823000a004974fa8b465d4c2a	68	0d	-----	+-->@@@<	+-----
20010db823000a006d35ee11ec45f658	70	0d	-----	+--x-	+-----
20010db823000a00117ae091b2bdca65	67	0d	-----	+--><	+-----
20010db823000a007ccc39777c76bdef	70	0d	-----	+--x-	+-----

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- legend:
- # = activity counted during the given hour
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# Counting Simultaneous SLAAC IIDs

			0	1	2
			0	1	2
			0	1	2
20010db823000a0021ad6d24641a1314	68	0d	-- <b>x</b> ----	----+-----	----+-----
20010db823000a00fd2850fe844583e7	70	0d	-- <b>x</b> ----	----+-----	----+-----
20010db823000a007070a7fc47d502ba	70	0d	-----	---- <b>x</b> +-----	----+-----
20010db823000a00503ca91dbe009a63	68	0d	-----	----->@@@<--	----+-----
20010db823000a00f94dfcec6b8ed61f	74	0d	-----	---- <b>x</b> -----	----+-----
20010db823000a003454ae0d20a0df4d	68	0d	-----	----+-- <b>x</b> ----	----+-----
20010db823000a007554b66aa9839665	70	0d	-----	----+-- <b>x</b> ----	----+-----
20010db823000a0068678a645417e731	70	0d	-----	----+--><--	----+-----
20010db823000a00a0fc1e1848aaeb2e	67	0d	-----	----+-->@@@<--	-----
20010db823000a00f9309833f8c53926	74	0d	-----	----+-->@@<--	-----
20010db823000a00890b1f0d14e20ccb	67	0d	-----	----+-- <b>x</b> --	----+-----
20010db823000a0079391bd6fec285bb	70	0d	-----	----+-----	---- <b>x</b> +-----
20010db823000a004974fa8b465d4c2a	68	0d	-----	----+-----	----+>@@@<--
20010db823000a006d35ee11ec45f658	70	0d	-----	----+-----	----+ <b>x</b> -----
20010db823000a00117ae091b2bdca65	67	0d	-----	----+-----	----+--><--
20010db823000a007ccc39777c76bdef	70	0d	-----	----+-----	----+-- <b>x</b> ---
			000	1000	1111
			23	32	32
			11	22	100

## legend:

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# Counting Simultaneous SLAAC IIDs

			0	1	2	
			0	1	2	3
20010db823000a0021ad6d24641a1314	68	0d		--X	----	+-----+-----
20010db823000a00fd2850fe844583e7	70	0d		--X	----	+-----+-----
20010db823000a007070a7fc47d502ba	70	0d		-----	X+	-----+-----
20010db823000a00503ca91dbe009a63	68	0d		-----	>@@@<	--+-----
20010db823000a00f94dfcec6b8ed61f	74	0d		-----	X	-----+-----
20010db823000a003454ae0d20a0df4d	68	0d		-----	+--X	---+-----
20010db823000a007554b66aa9839665	70	0d		-----	+--X	---+-----
20010db823000a0068678a645417e731	70	0d		-----	+--><	---+-----
20010db823000a00a0fc1e1848aaeb2e	67	0d		-----	+-->@@@<	-----
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20010db823000a00890b1f0d14e20ccb	67	0d		-----	+--X	---+-----
20010db823000a0079391bd6fec285bb	70	0d		-----	+-----	X+-----
20010db823000a004974fa8b465d4c2a	68	0d		-----	+-----	+>@@@<--
20010db823000a006d35ee11ec45f658	70	0d		-----	+-----	+X-----
20010db823000a00117ae091b2bdca65	67	0d		-----	+-----	+--><---
20010db823000a007ccc39777c76bdef	70	0d		-----	+-----	+--X---
				000100011112332321122100	=> 3 simultaneous IIDs, maximum	

- legend:
- # = activity counted during the given hour
  - X = activity started and ended during the given hour (within this whole window, e.g., 1 day)
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  - @ = assignment of address inferred throughout the given hour



# IPv6 Address Activity Matrix: Identity Assignment

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0      1      2
012345678901234567890123
20010db823000a0021ad6d24641a1314 68 0d |--x----+-----+-----
20010db823000a00fd2850fe844583e7 70 0d |--x----+-----+-----
20010db823000a007070a7fc47d502ba 70 0d |-----x+-----+-----
20010db823000a00503ca91dbe009a63 68 0d |----->@@@<--+-----
20010db823000a00f94dfcec6b8ed61f 74 0d |-----x-----+-----
20010db823000a003454ae0d20a0df4d 68 0d |-----+--x---+-----
20010db823000a007554b66aa9839665 70 0d |-----+--x---+-----
20010db823000a0068678a645417e731 70 0d |-----+--><--+-----
20010db823000a00a0fc1e1848aaeb2e 67 0d |-----+-->@@@<-----
20010db823000a00f9309833f8c53926 74 0d |-----+-->@@<-----
20010db823000a00890b1f0d14e20ccb 67 0d |-----+--x--+-----
20010db823000a0079391bd6fec285bb 70 0d |-----+-----x+-----
20010db823000a004974fa8b465d4c2a 68 0d |-----+-----+>@@@<--
20010db823000a006d35ee11ec45f658 70 0d |-----+-----+x-----
20010db823000a00117ae091b2bdca65 67 0d |-----+-----+--><---
20010db823000a007ccc39777c76bdef 70 0d |-----+-----+--x---
000100011112332321122100 => 3 simultaneous IIDs, maximum
2001:db8::/64 16; Temporary SLAAC: 100%-----!!!!!!!-!!!!!--?
0000000011111110111100? => /64 assignment @ fenceposts

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legend:  
 ! = infer /64 prefix assigned at the "fencepost" moments between intervals

# IPv6 Address Activity Matrix: Identity Assignment

		0										1										2									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3						
20010db823000a0021ad6d24641a1314	68 0d		--	x	---	+	---	+	---	+	---	+	---	+	---	+	---	+	---	+	---	+	---	+							
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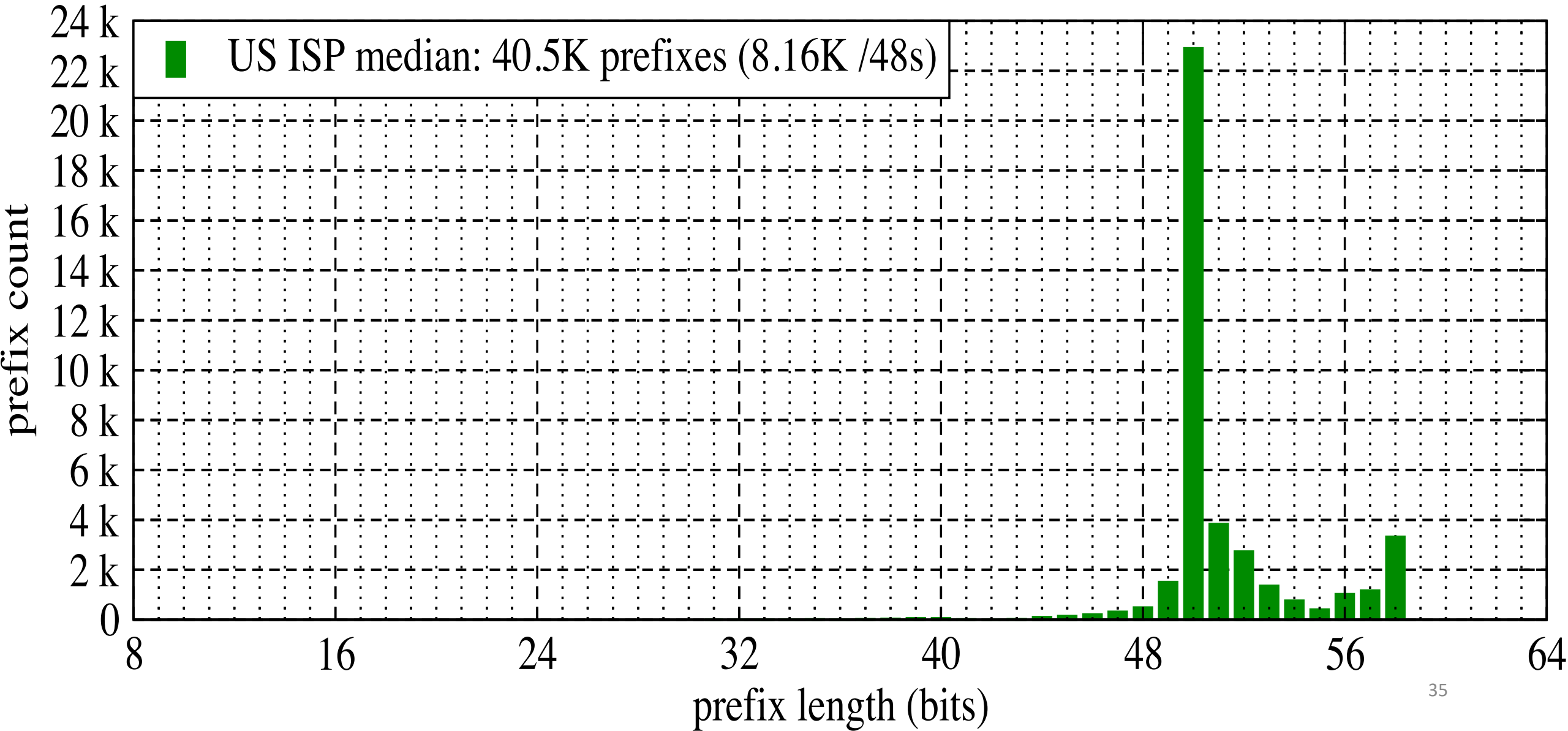
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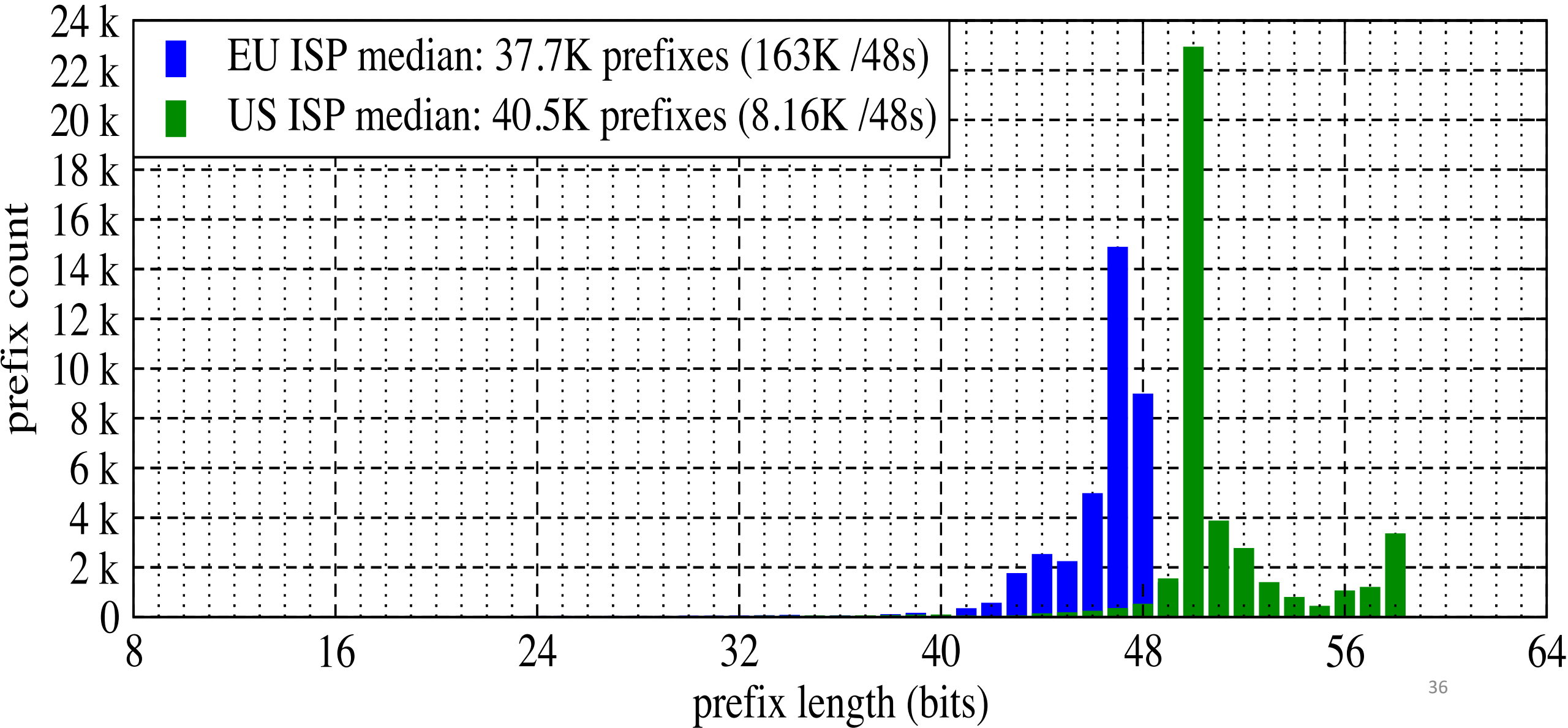
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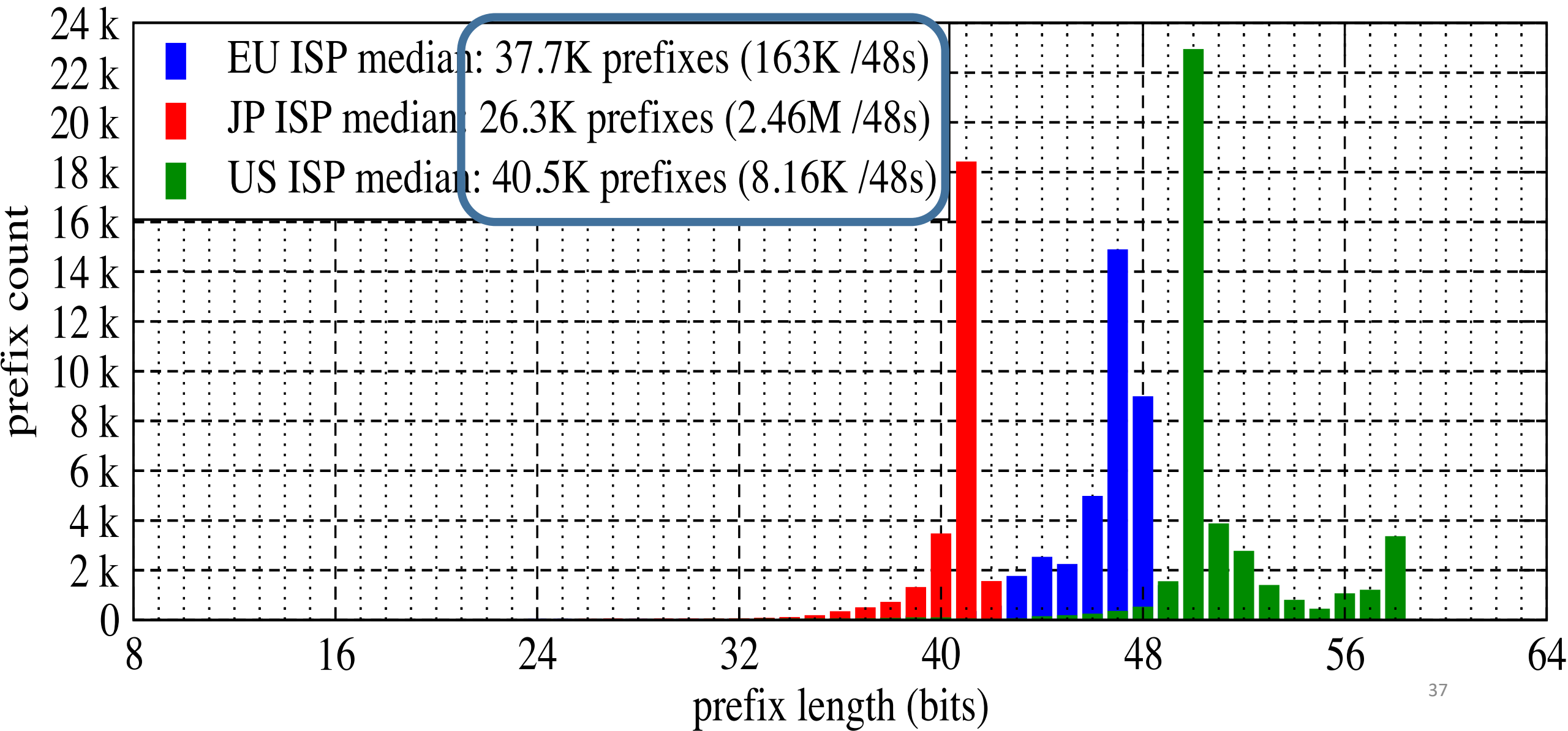


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# IPv6 & Privacy & IoT: Strategies for Active Topology Discovery

You know traceroute.  
What is Yarrp?

“Yelling at Random Routers Progressively”

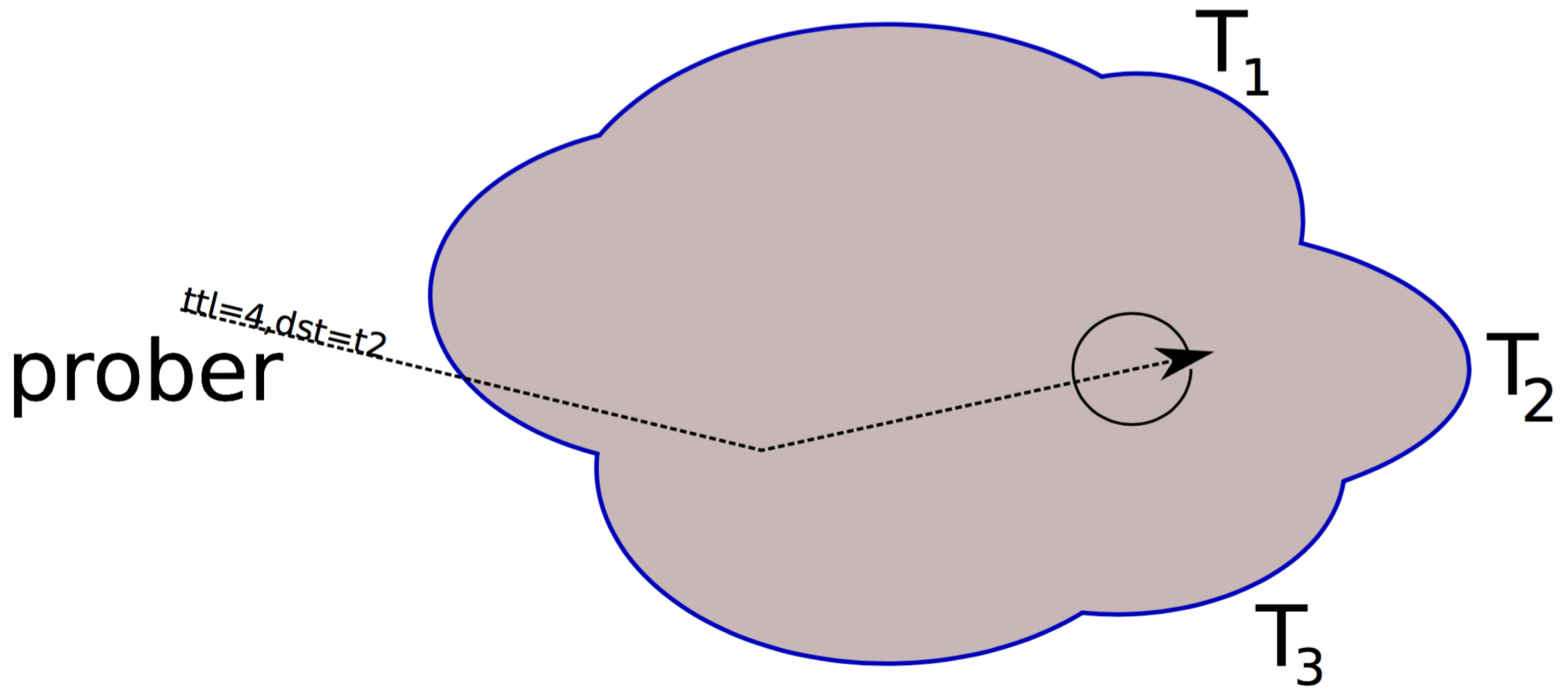


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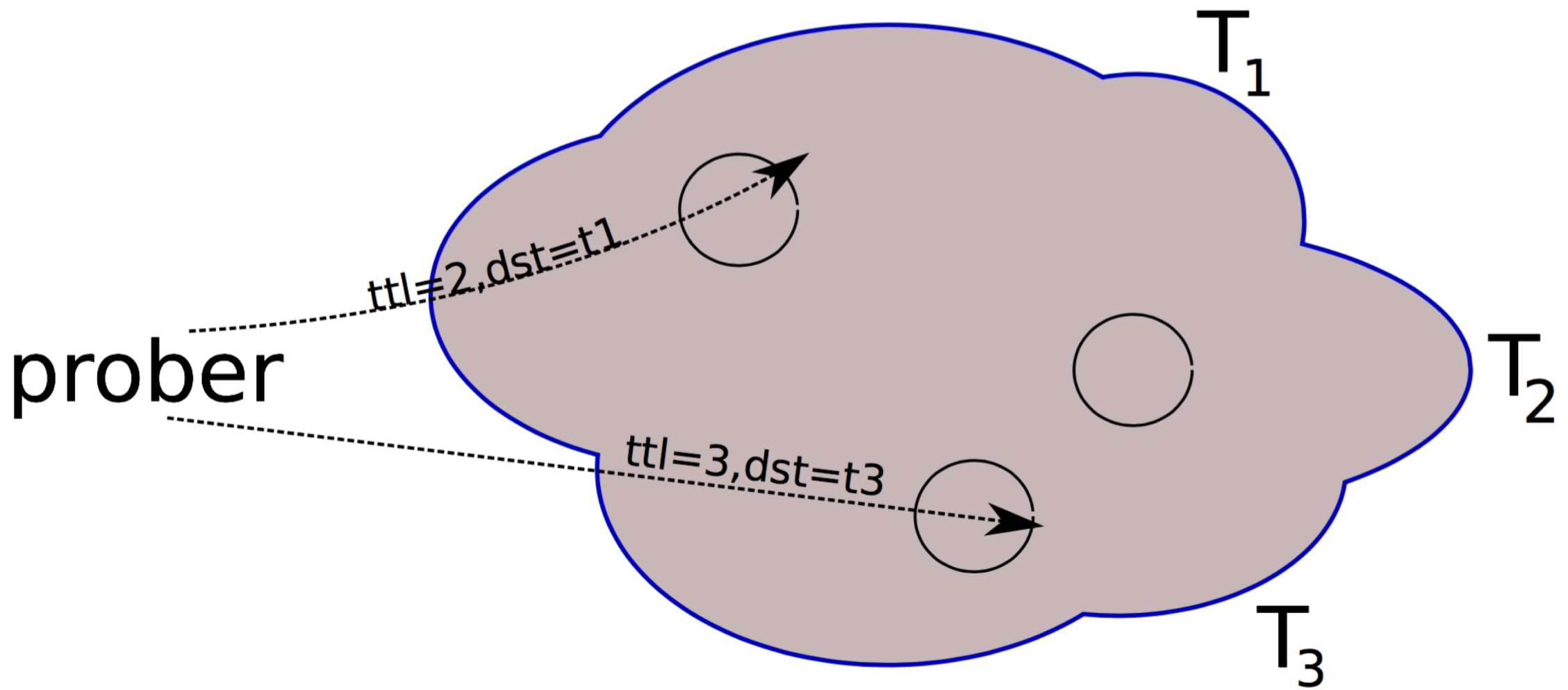


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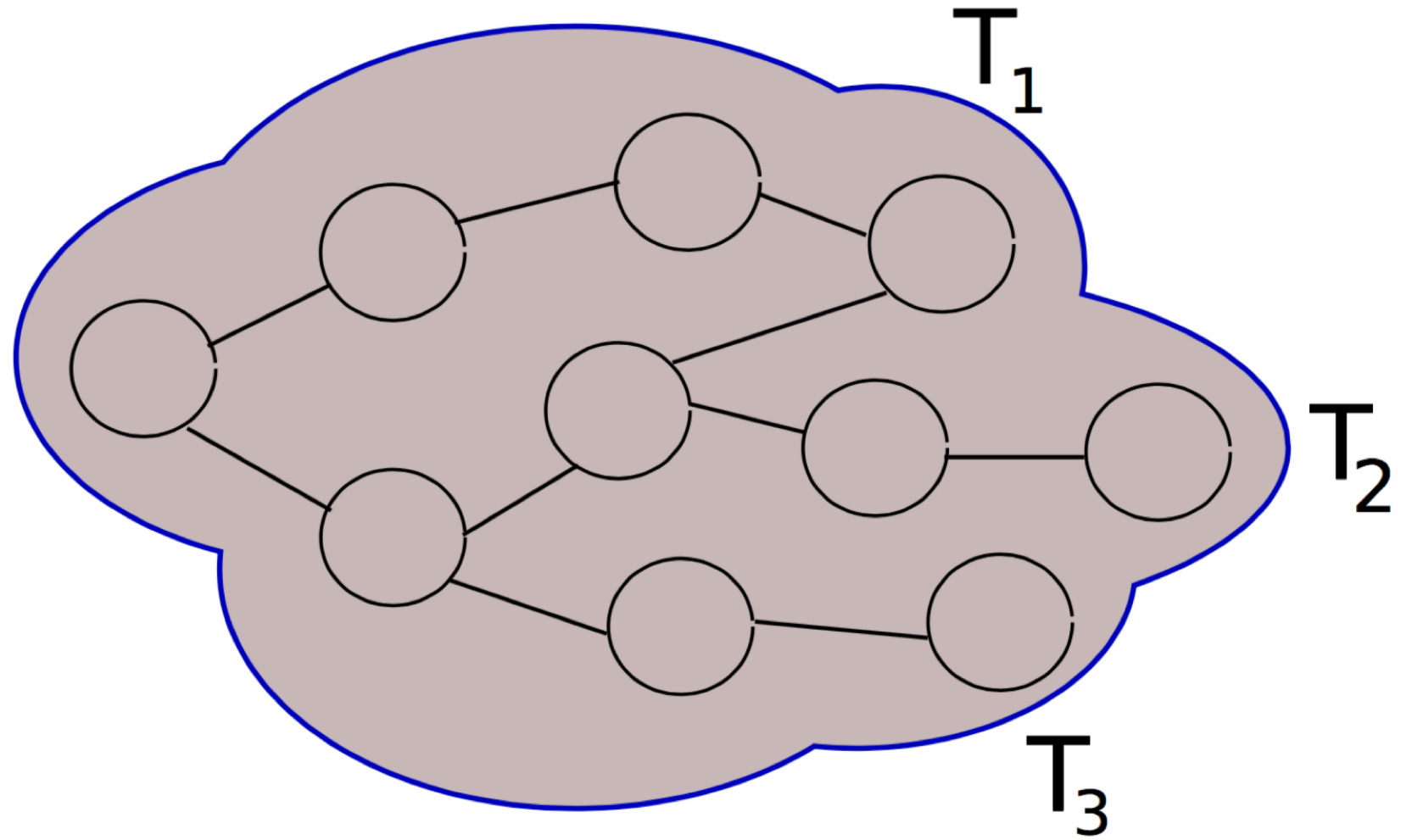


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Finally, stitch together topology. Requires state and computation, but decoupled (off-line after probing completes).

Rendezvous: How do we [best] choose  
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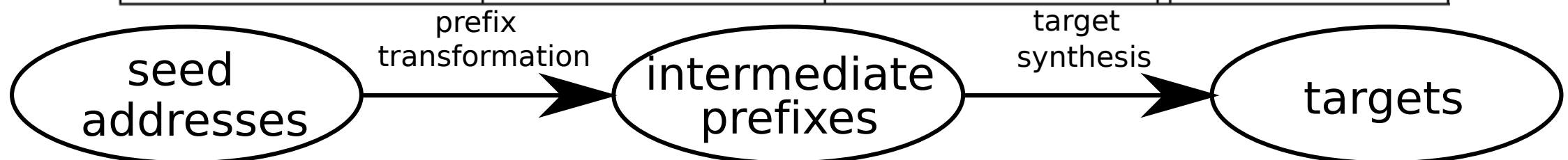


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US-EDU-2	both	15.4M	12.6M	881.4k	20.7k	7.4k	148	5.5k	76	540.6k
cdn k32	z64	9.6M	3.2M	756.6k	91.6k	2.0k	31	1.2k	7	297.2k
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**15.0 M traceroutes, from one vantage to 12.2 M target addresses yields 1.3 M router addresses.**



# Yield in yarrp campaigns

**Very many EUI-64 router hop addresses, *i.e.*, having embedded MAC addresses!**

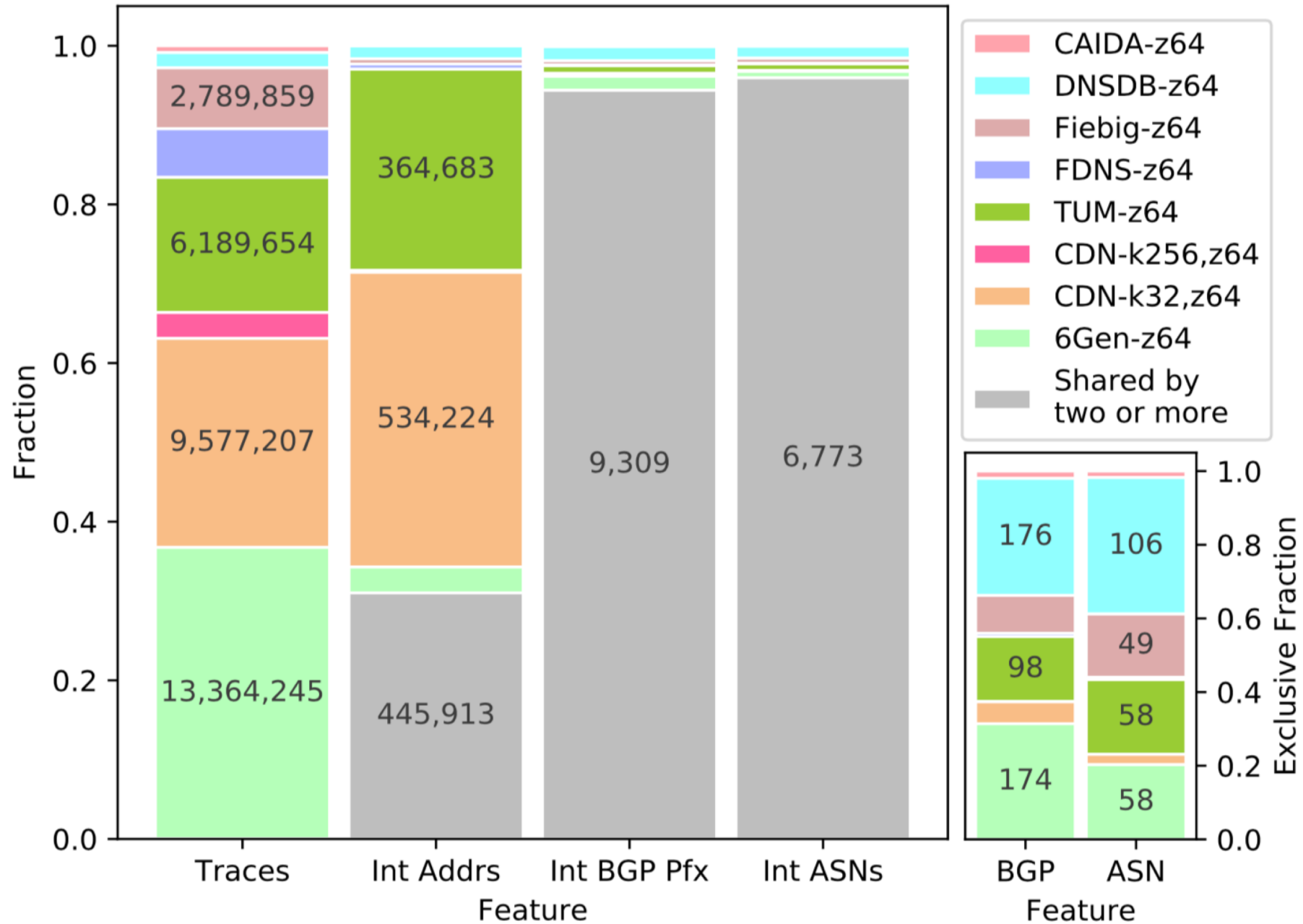
**59% of these MAC addresses were just two manufacturers: 99.9% of each of these are in just two ISP networks, *i.e.*, large sets of homogenous, IPv6-connected things: ostensibly CPE routers.**

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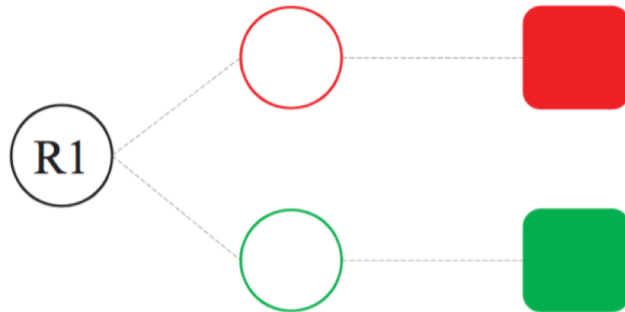
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router R1> show ip route
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```
[...]
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*Heterogeneous*

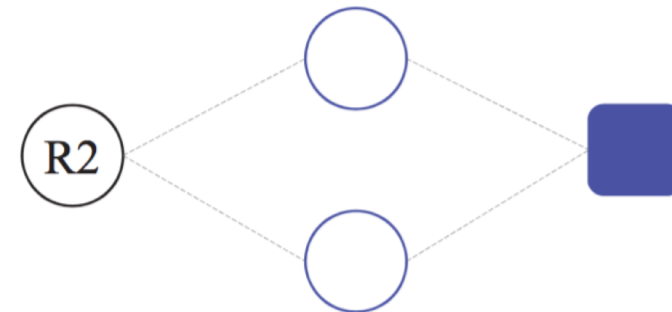
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```

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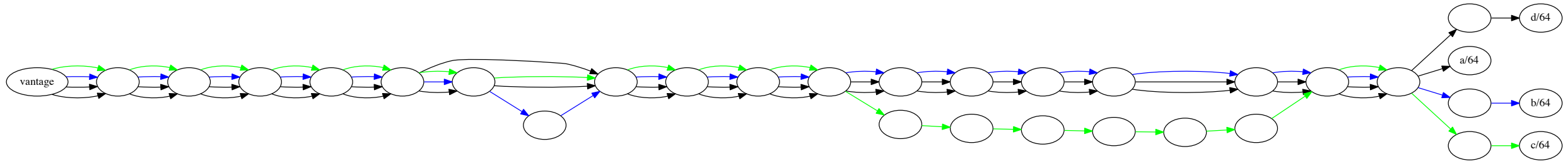
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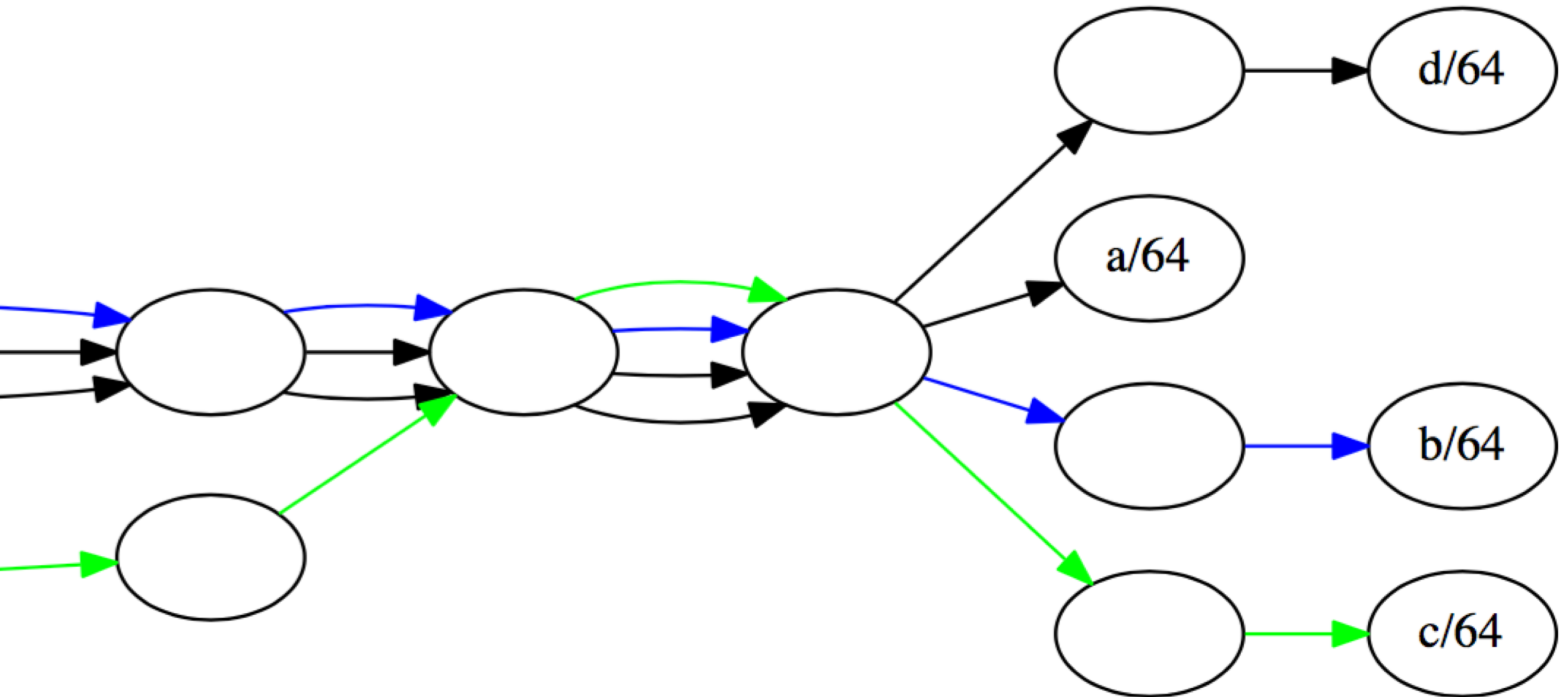
Figure 1: Different last-hop routers due to distinct route entries (left) and per-destination load-balancing (right).

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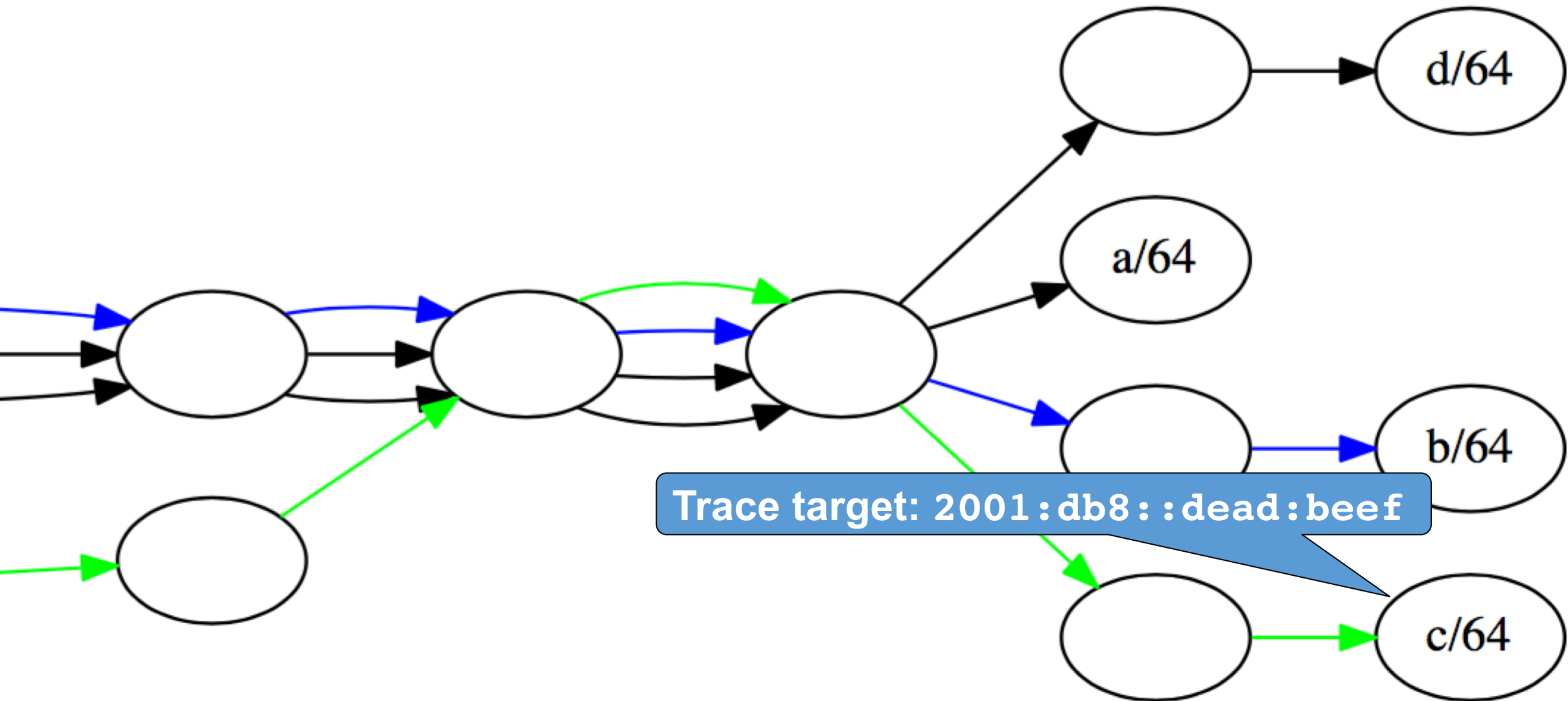




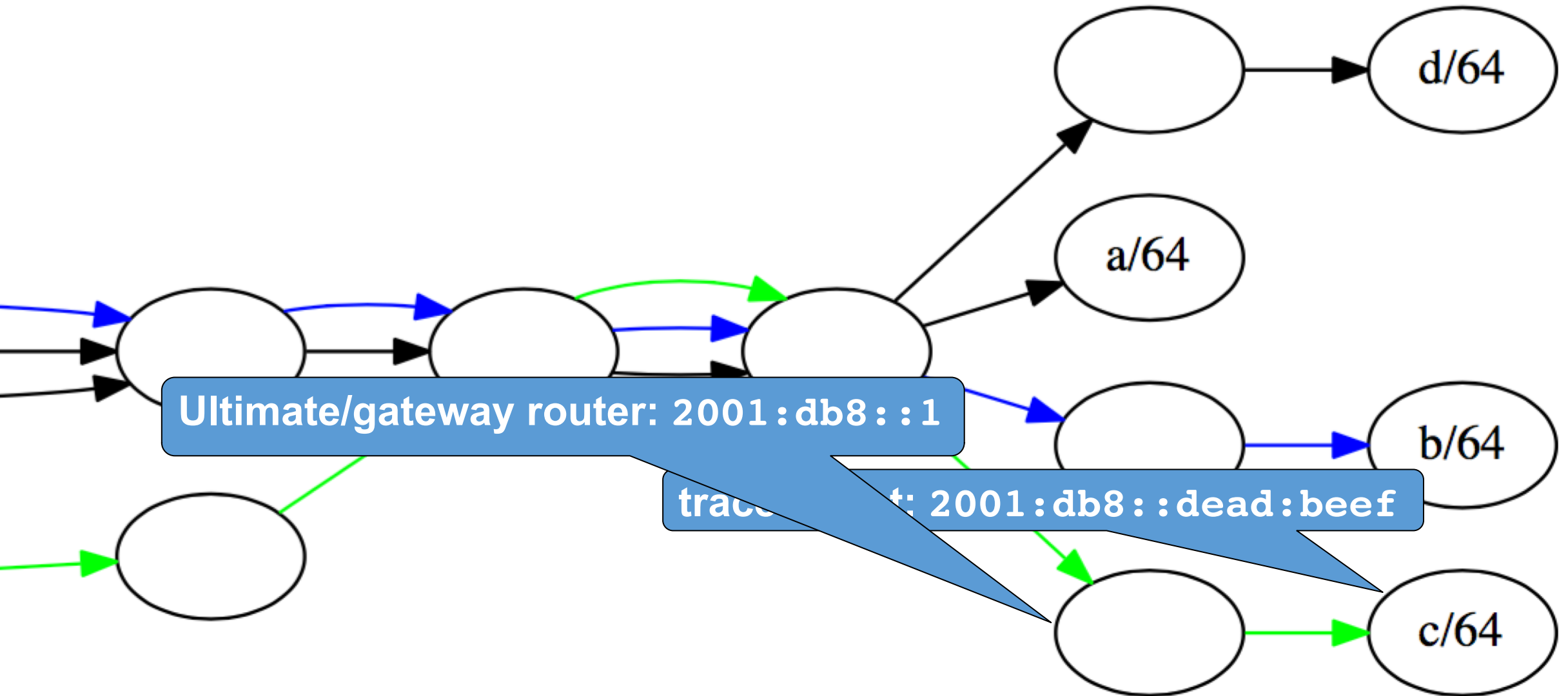
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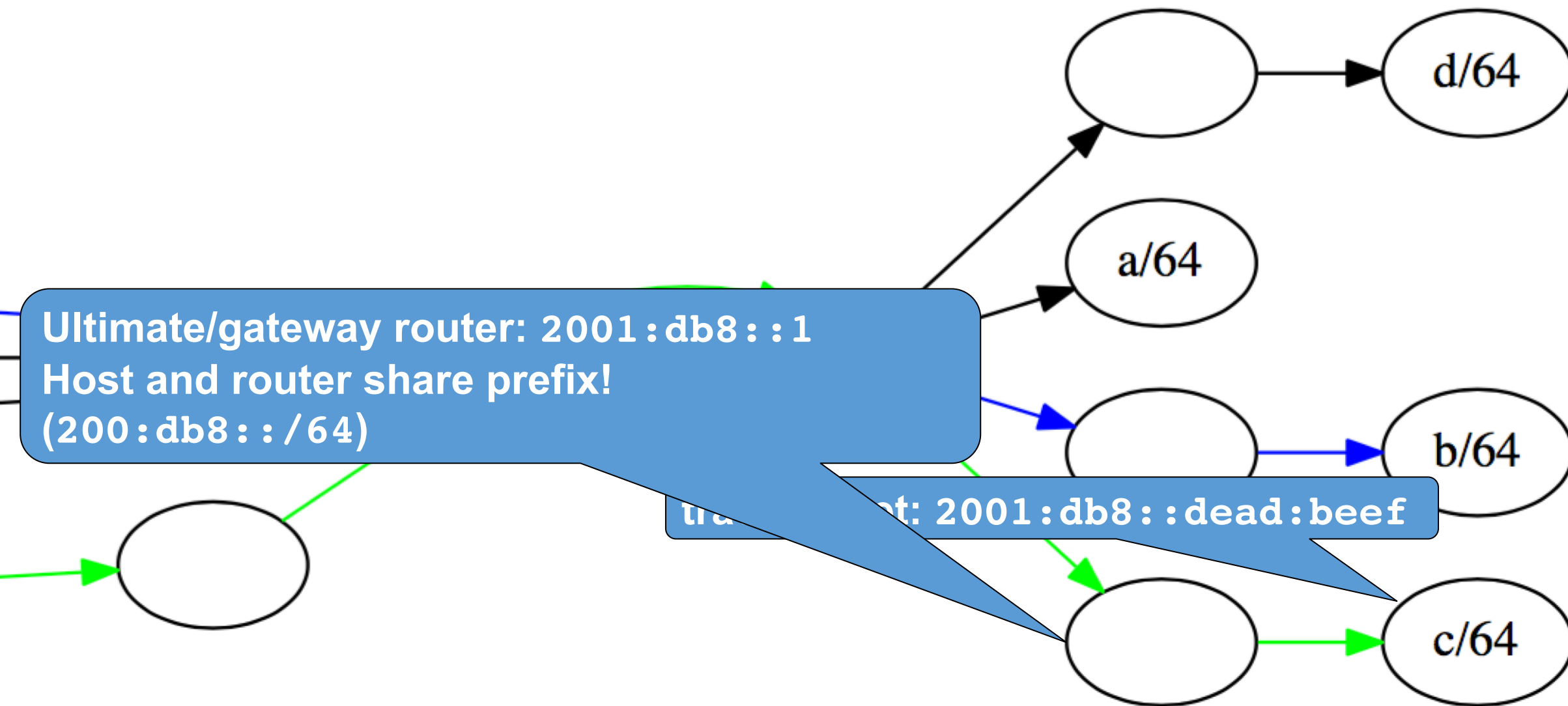
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# What's left to do?

- *kIP*: Address activity changes over time, and in both *v6 and v4*, activity migrates across address space.

A consequence of this is that anonymous aggregates have a (potentially short) lifetime, and must be continually reassessed, *e.g.*, in a sliding window of time, complicating time-series measurements based on aggregates.

- *kIP*: Perhaps surprisingly, its easier to “count” simultaneous hosts/subscribers having ephemeral privacy addresses than those having static, low numbered (*e.g.*, `:::1`) or EUI-64 addresses.

We need heuristics acceptable to the community.  
Perhaps what would be used with IPv4 will suffice.

# What's left to do?

- *k*IP: Can we generate federated/coordinated anonymous aggregates from many observation points, *e.g.*, CDNs, in MAP and/or SMART Research Groups?
- What work is there to do regarding attacks on privacy?

# Thanks! Questions?

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