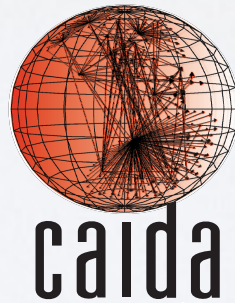


# *Measuring and Monitoring BGP*

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# MEASURING BGP

Why?

**BGP is the central nervous system of the Internet**

**BGP's design** is known to contribute to issues in:

- **Availability**

- Labovitz et al. "*Delayed Internet Routing Convergence*", IEEE/ACM Trans. Netw., 2001.
- Varadhan et al. "*Persistent Route Oscillations in Inter-domain Routing*". Computer Networks, 2000.
- Katz-Bassett et al. "*LIFEGUARD: Practical Repair of Persistent Route Failures*", SIGCOMM, 2012.

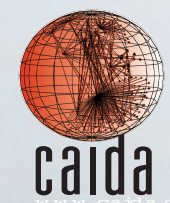
- **Performance**

- Spring et al. "*The Causes of Path Inflation*". SIGCOMM, 2003.

- **Security**

- Zheng et al. "*A Light-Weight Distributed Scheme for Detecting IP Prefix Hijacks in Realtime*". SIGCOMM, 2007.

**Need to engineer protocol evolution!**



# MEASURING BGP

## Why?

Defining problems and make **protocol engineering** decisions through realistic evaluations is difficult also because **we know little about the structure and dynamics of the BGP ecosystem!**

- AS-level topology
  - Gregori et al. “On the *incompleteness* of the AS-level graph: a novel methodology for BGP route collector placement”, IMC 2012
- AS relationships
  - Giotsas et al. “*Inferring* Complex AS Relationships”, IMC 2014
- AS interactions: driven by relationships, policies, network conditions, operator updates
  - Anwar et al. “*Investigating* Interdomain Routing Policies in the Wild”, IMC 2015
  - Lychev et al. “BGP *Security* in Partial Deployment: *Is the Juice Worth the Squeeze?*”, SIGCOMM 2013

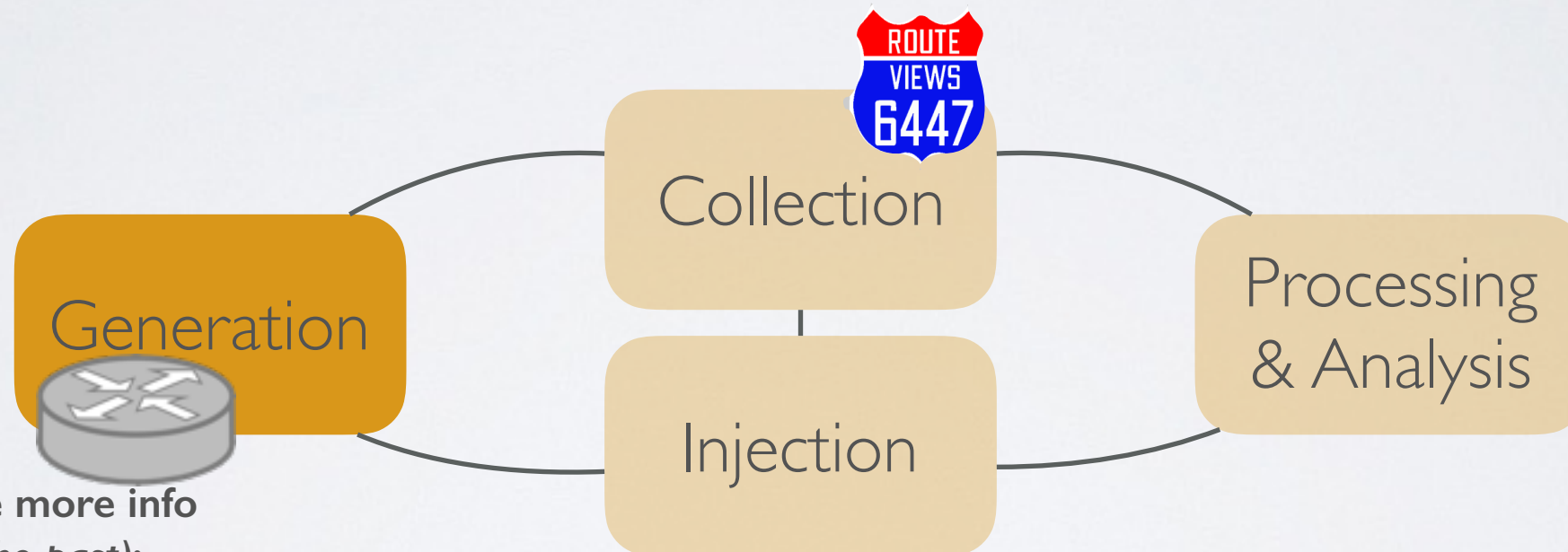


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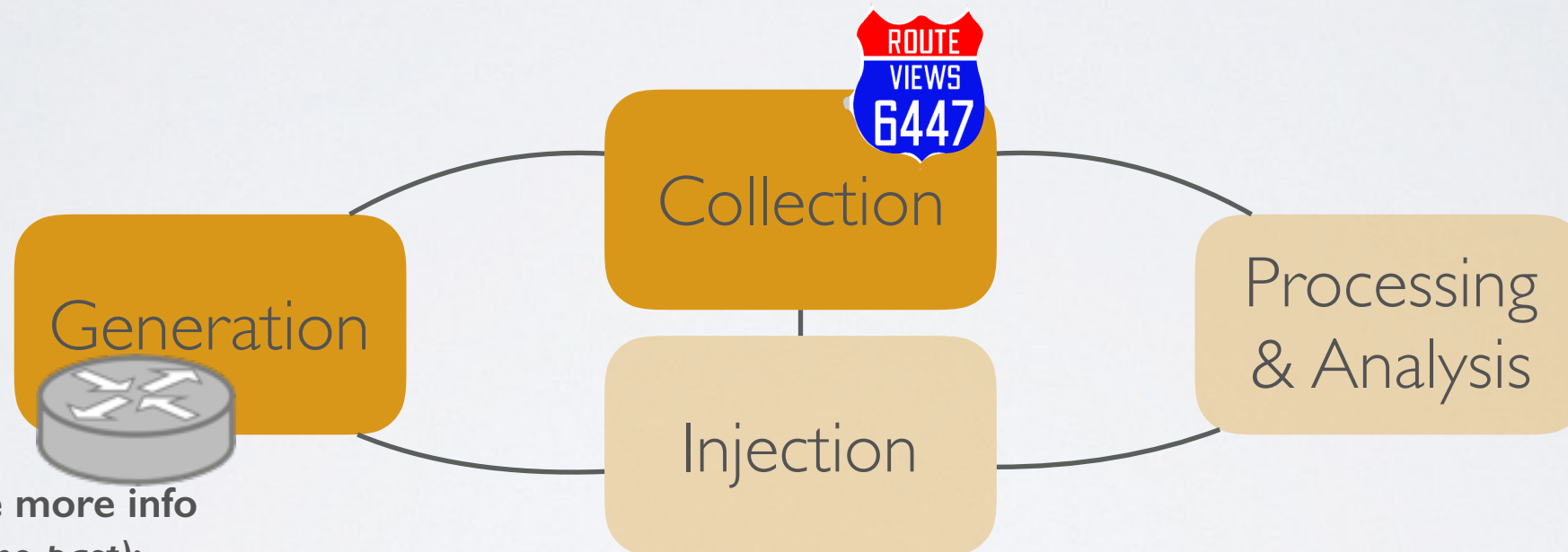
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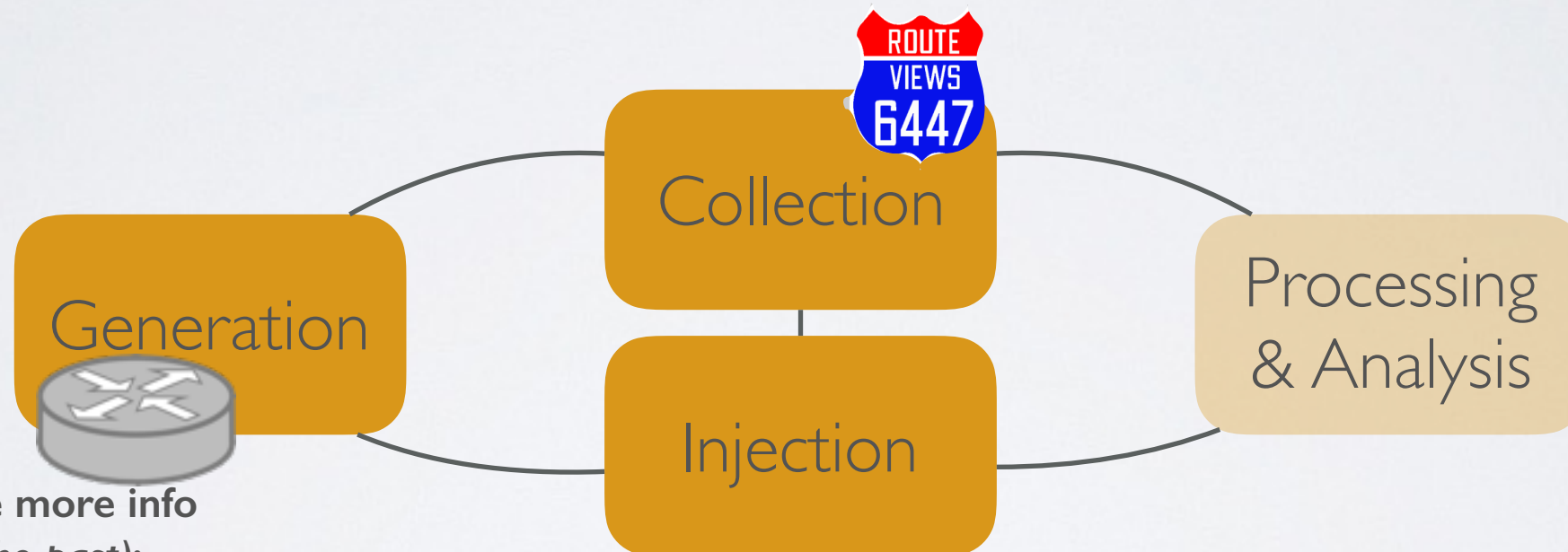
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Inject/Receive Routes & Traffic.  
PEERING - <http://peering.usc.edu>  
Schlinker et al. "PEERING: An AS for Us", HotNets 2014



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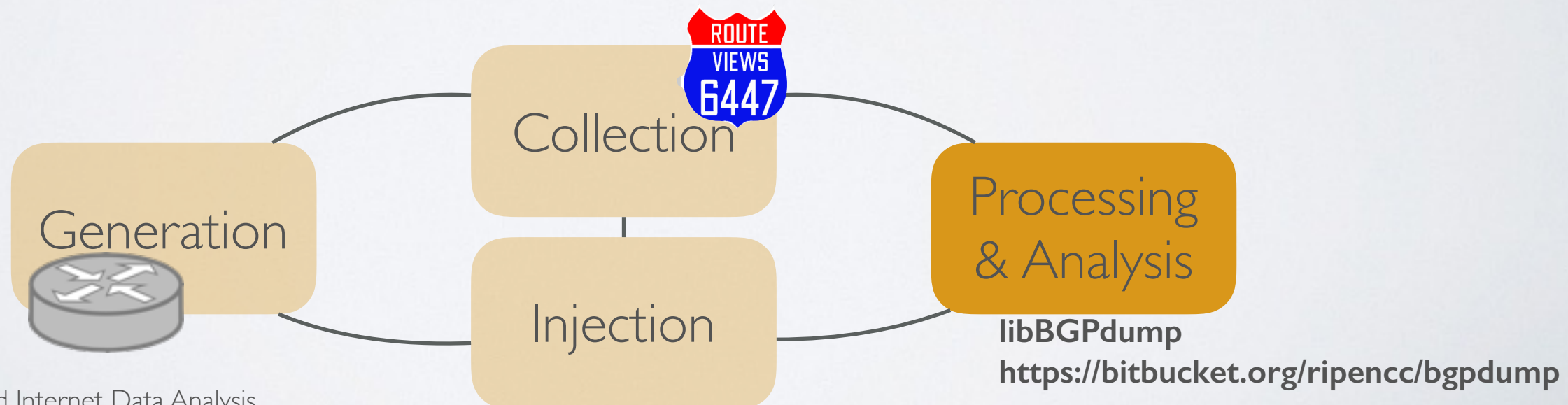
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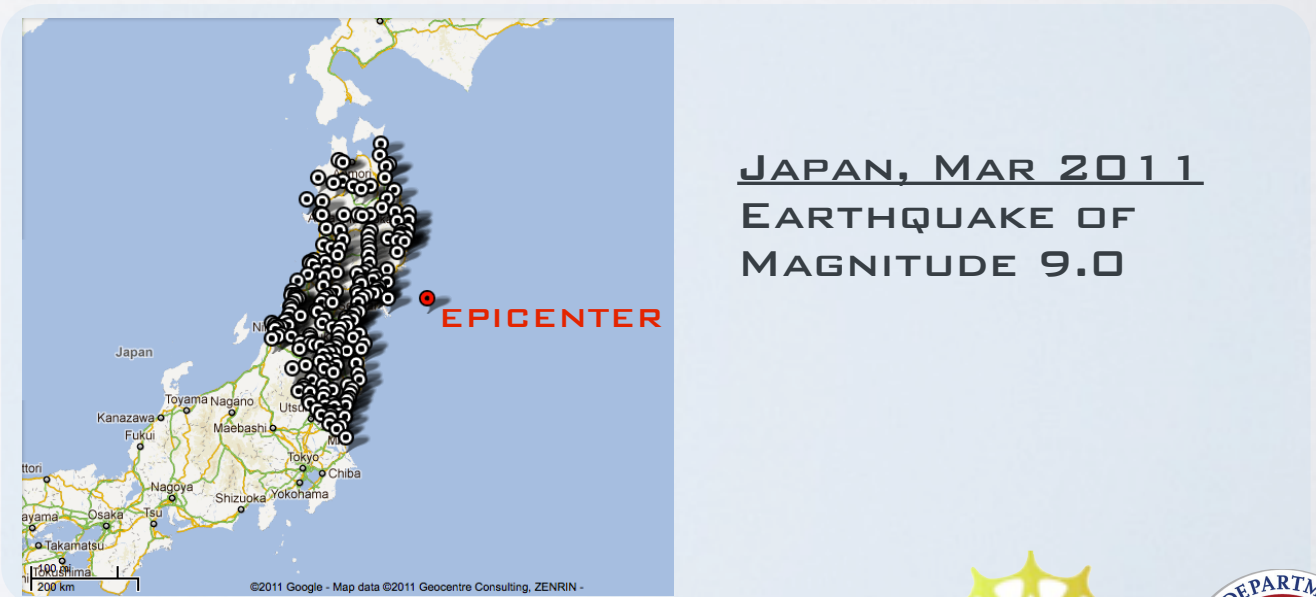
- Country-level Internet Blackouts during the Arab Spring

*Dainotti et al. "Analysis of Country-wide Internet Outages Caused by Censorship"*  
IMC 2011



- Natural disasters affecting the infrastructure

*Dainotti et al. "Extracting Benefit from Harm: Using Malware Pollution to Analyze the Impact of Political and Geophysical Events on the Internet"*  
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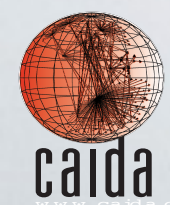
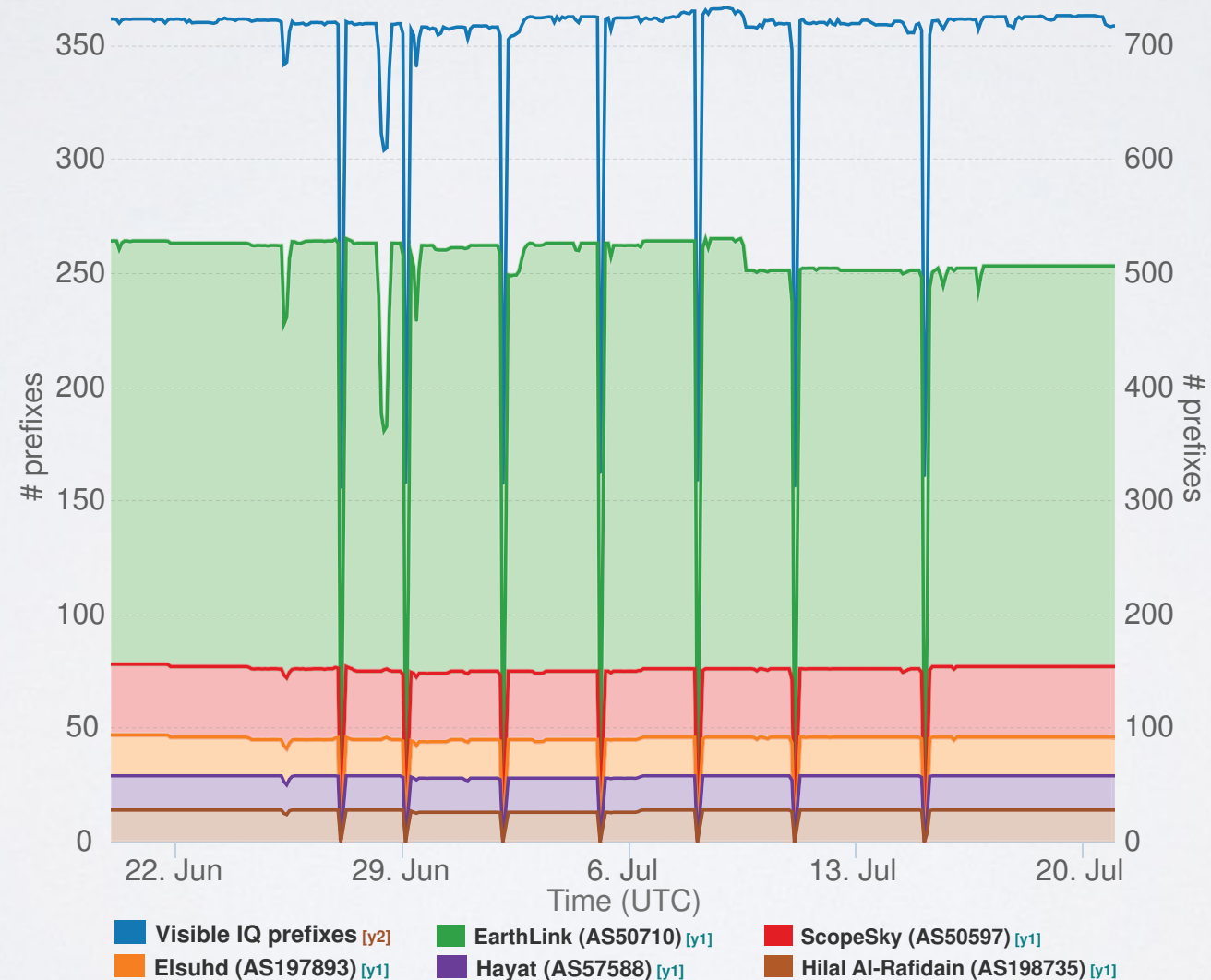




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Country-wide Internet outages in Iraq that the government ordered in conjunction with the ministerial preparatory exams - Jul 2015



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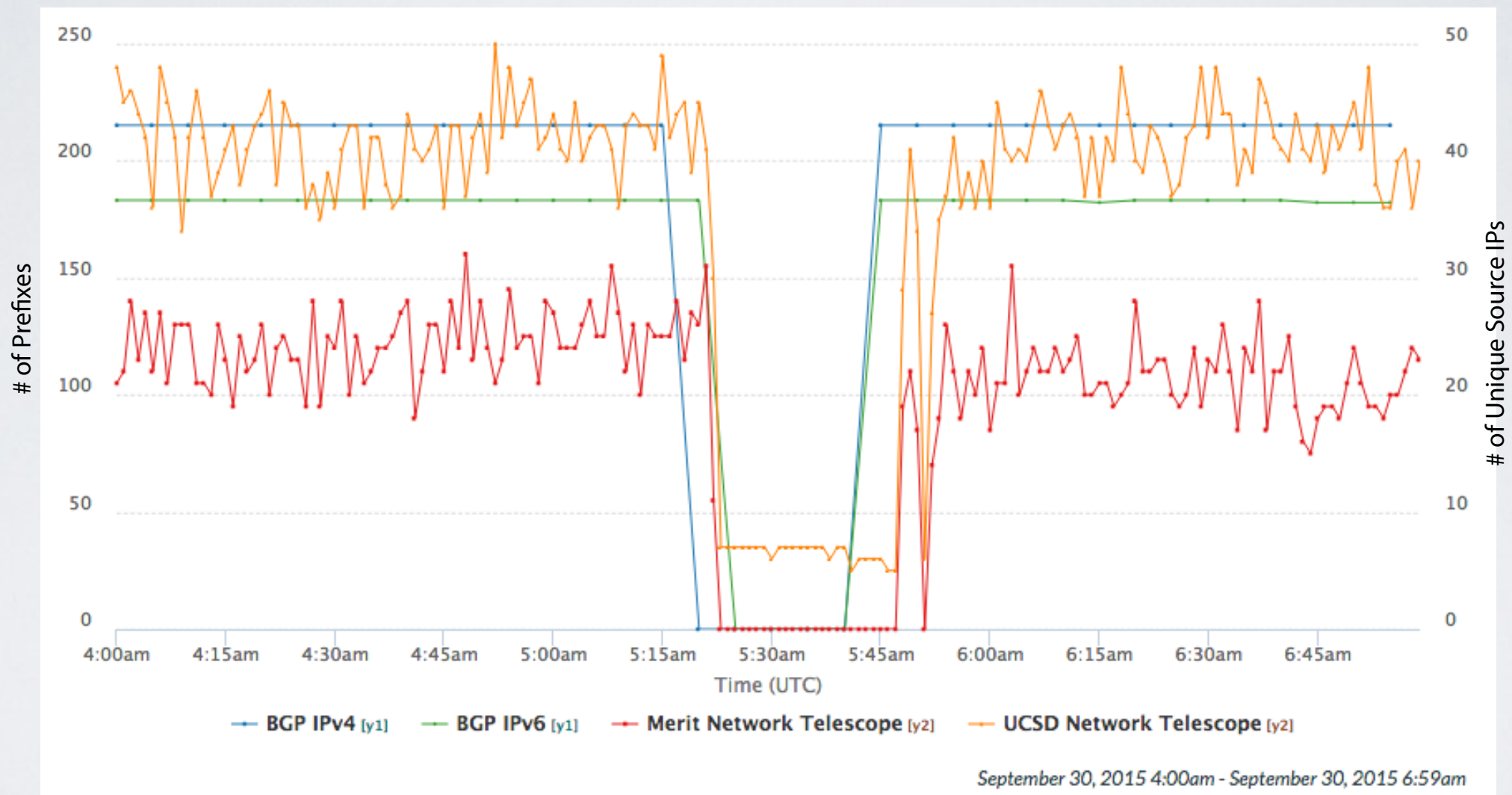
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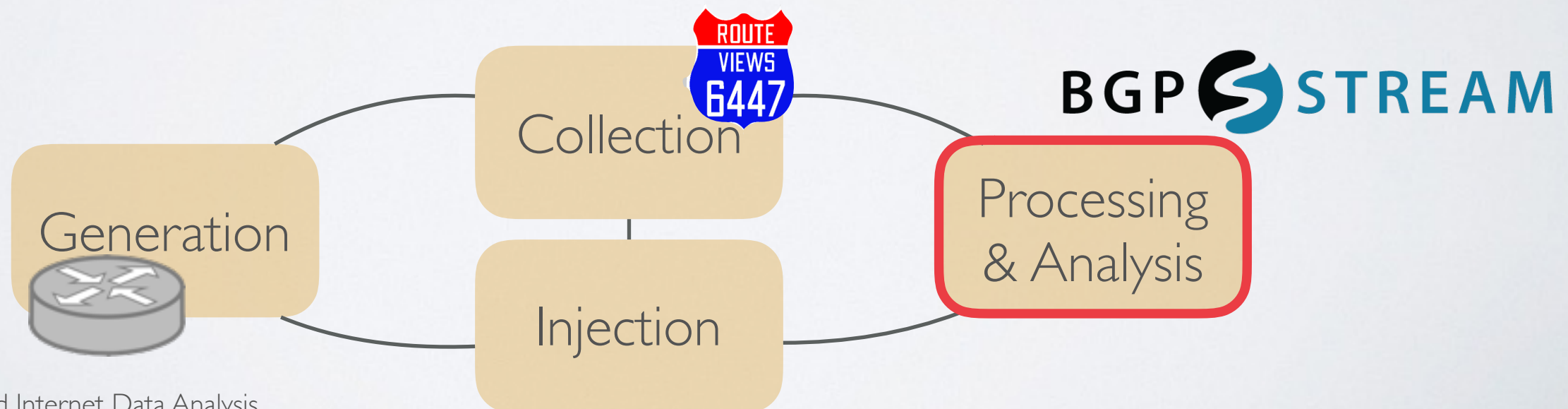
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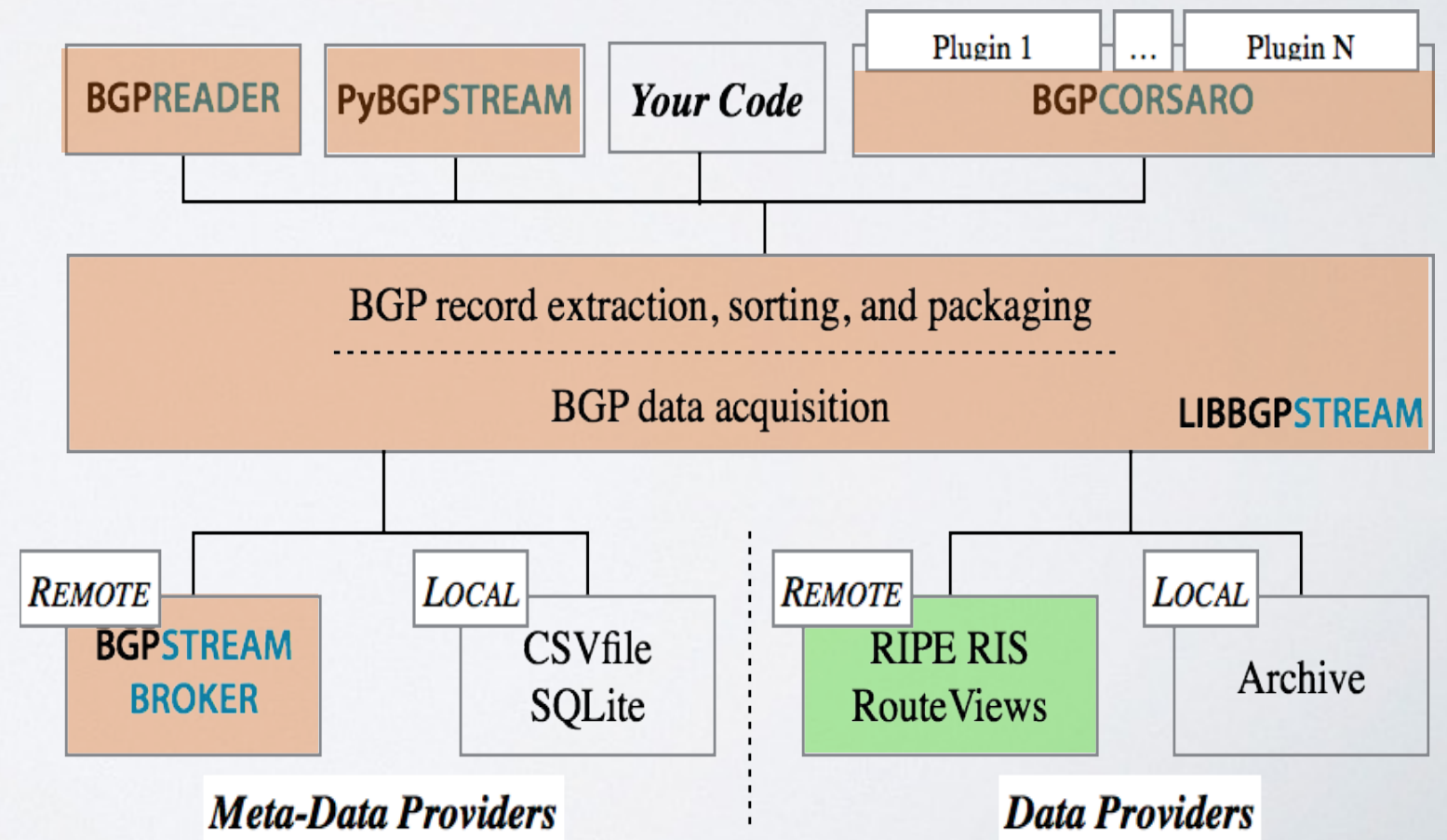
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# BGP STREAM

[bgpstream.caida.org](http://bgpstream.caida.org)

- A software framework for **historical** and **live** BGP data analysis
- Design goals:
  - Efficiently deal with large amounts of distributed BGP data
  - Offer a time-ordered data stream of data from heterogeneous sources
  - Support near-realtime data processing
  - Target a broad range of applications and users
  - Scalable
  - Easily extensible

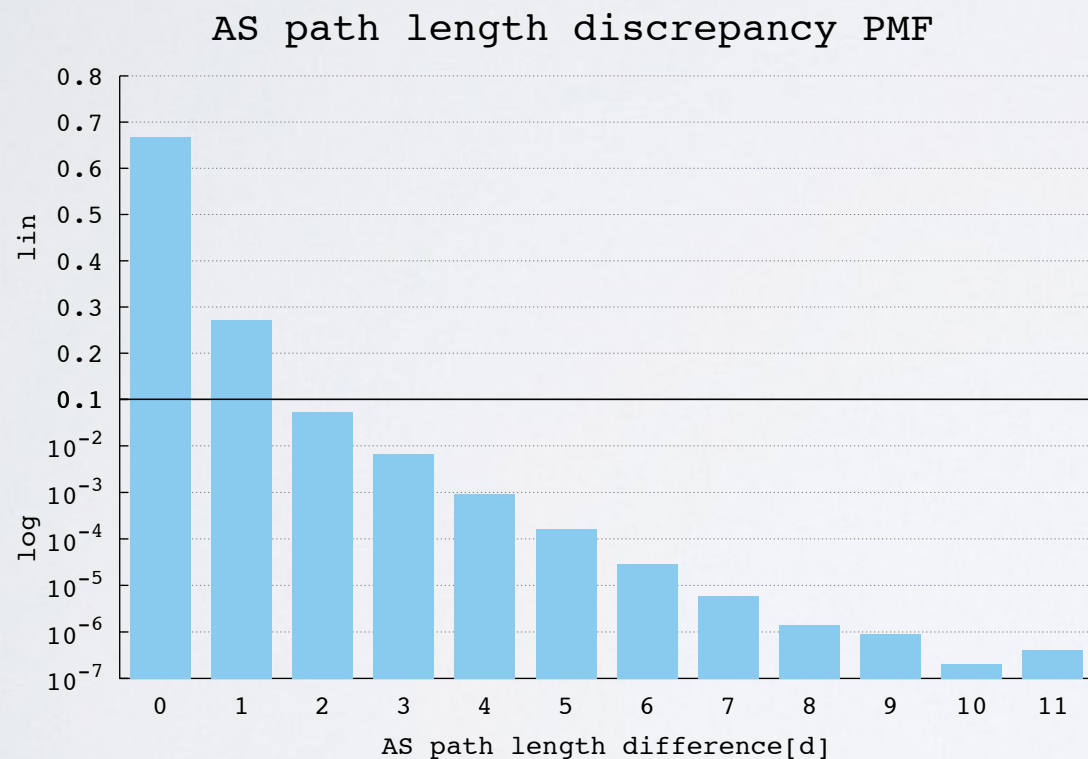




# PYBGPSTREAM

## Example: studying AS path inflation

How many AS paths are longer than the shortest path between two ASes due to routing policies? (directly correlates to the increase in *BGP convergence time*)



```
1 from _pybgpstream import BGPStream, BGPRecord, BGPElem
2 from collections import defaultdict
3 from itertools import groupby
4 import networkx as nx
5
6 stream = BGPStream()
7 as_graph = nx.Graph()
8 rec = BGPRecord()
9 bgp_lens = defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(lambda: None))
10 stream.add_filter('record-type', 'ribs')
11 stream.add_interval_filter(1438415400, 1438416600)
12 stream.start()
13
14 while(stream.get_next_record(rec)):
15     elem = rec.get_next_elem()
16     while elem:
17         monitor = str(elem.peer_asn)
18         hops = [k for k, g in groupby(elem.fields['as-path'].split(" "))
19                 if len(hops) > 1 and hops[0] == monitor)
20         origin = hops[-1]
21         for i in range(0, len(hops)-1):
22             as_graph.add_edge(hops[i], hops[i+1])
23             bgp_lens[monitor][origin] = \
24                 min(filter(bool, [bgp_lens[monitor][origin], len(hops)]))
25         elem = rec.get_next_elem()
26 for monitor in bgp_lens:
27     for origin in bgp_lens[monitor]:
28         nxlen = len(nx.shortest_path(as_graph, monitor, origin))
29         print monitor, origin, bgp_lens[monitor][origin], nxlen
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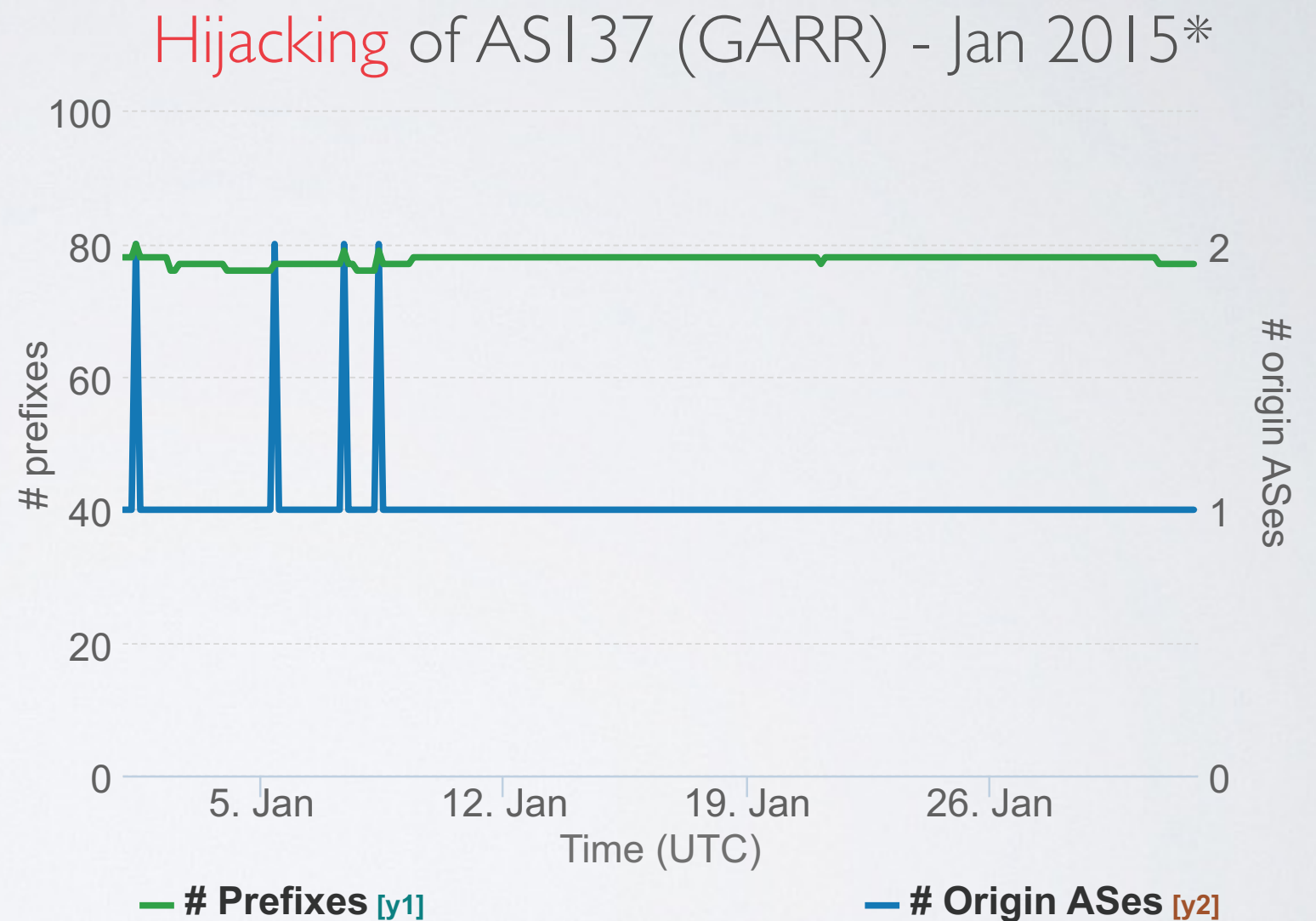
30 LINES OF  
PYTHON CODE

# BGPCORSARO

*Example: monitor your own address space on BGP*

The “**prefix-monitor**” plugin  
(distributed with source)  
monitors a set of IP ranges as  
they are seen from BGP monitors  
distributed worldwide:

- how many prefixes reachable
- how many origin ASes
- generates detailed logs



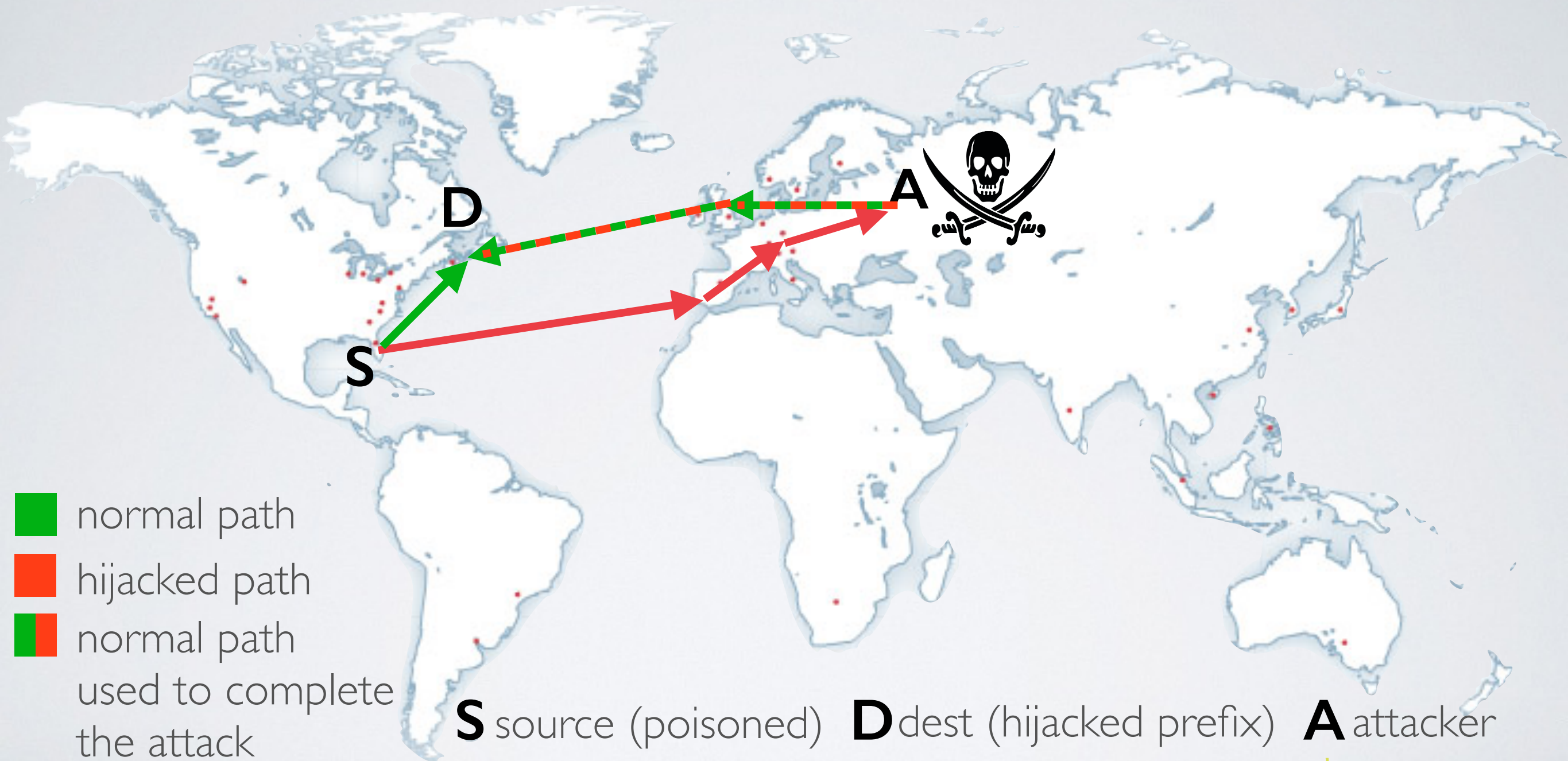
\*Originally discovered by Dyn:

<http://research.dyn.com/2015/01/vast-world-of-fraudulent-routing/>



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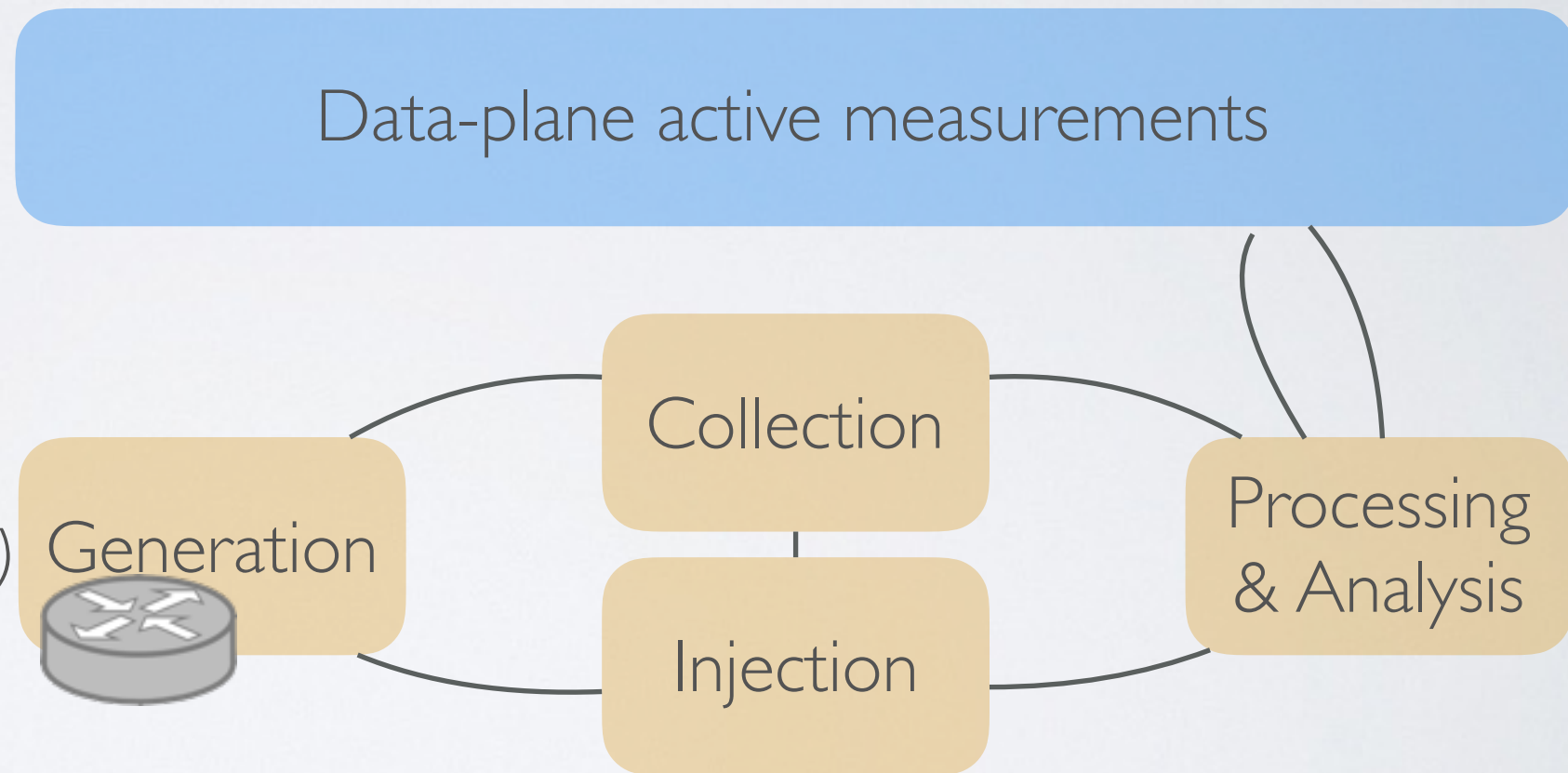


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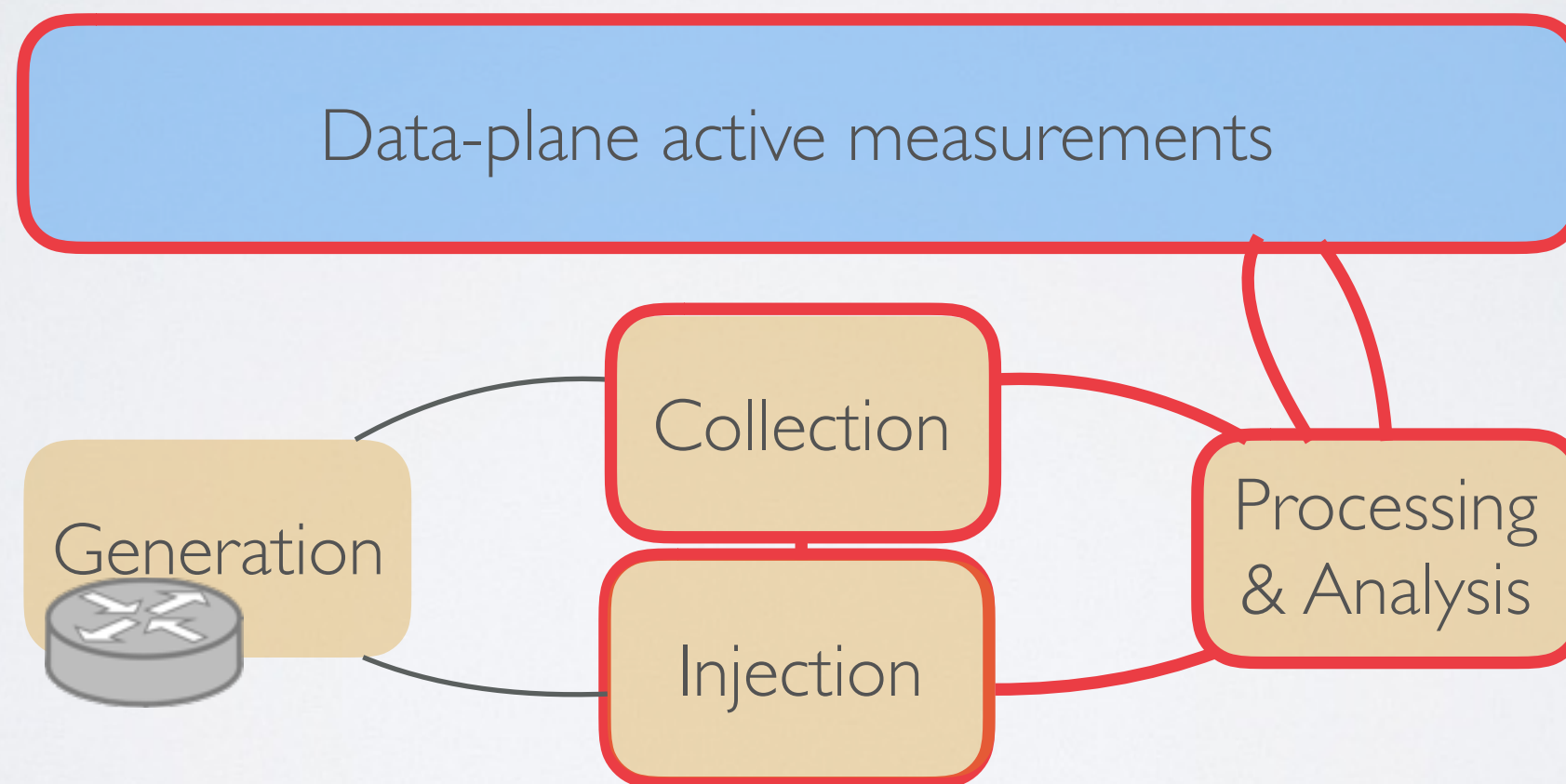
Live BGP measurements trigger on-demand dataplane measurements (e.g., traceroutes) **during** a suspicious event.



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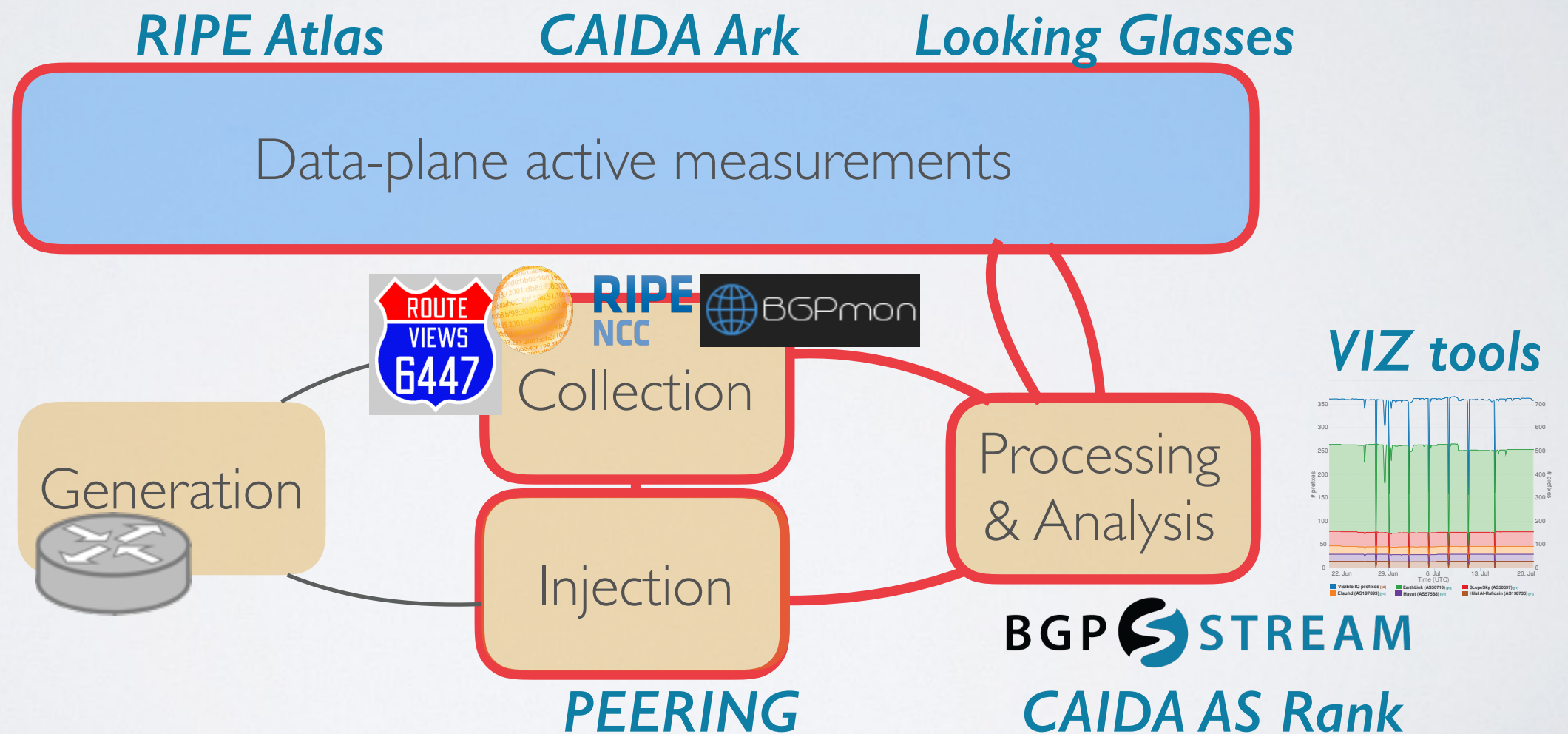
Improve/Integrate tools to study the BGP eco-system. Target practical problems: topology, hijacks, outages, RPKI deployment, path inflation, circuitous paths, policies, relationships, visualize dynamics, ...



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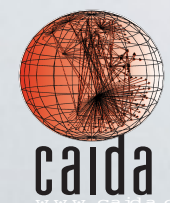
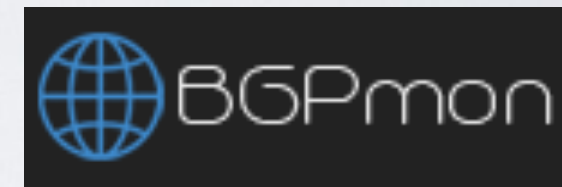
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- **6-7 February 2016** (weekend before NANOG 66)
- **San Diego** Supercomputer Center, UC San Diego
- **Theme: live BGP measurements** and monitoring
- Toolbox: *BGPMon, RIPE RIS, PEERING, BGPStream, RIPE Atlas, CAIDA Archipelago, Route Views, looking glasses, AS relationships, AS Rank, Visualization tools, ...*

- How to **contribute:**

- *join us and come over to hack!*
- *help teams as a domain expert*
- *propose projects that hacking teams may pick*
- *offer to join the jury that will assign awards*

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