

# TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

The EOLO way of life

# The people



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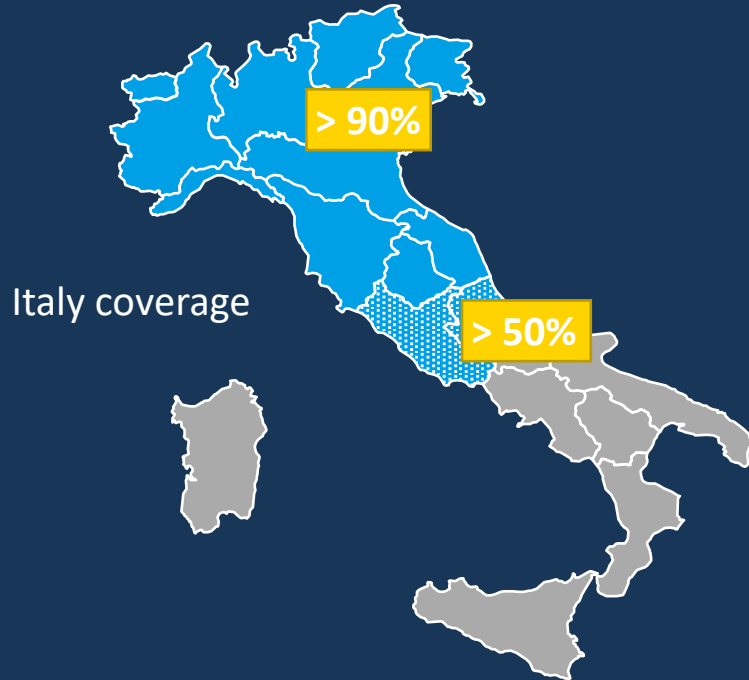
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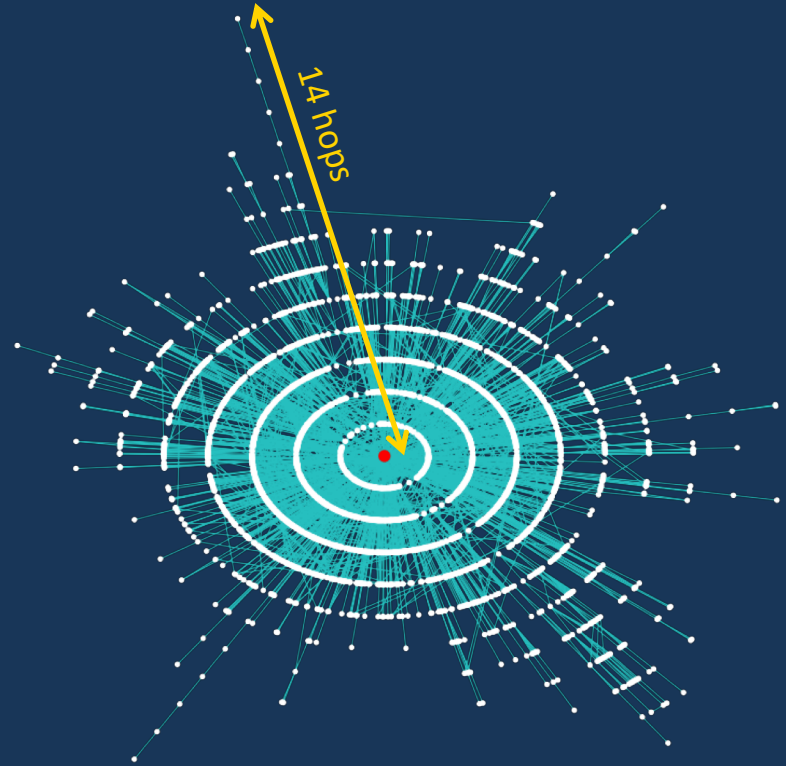
# About EOLO



- Fixed Wireless Access ISP
- 350k customers
- From 30Mbps to 1Gbps connectivity and white-label wholesale
- 15k new customers/month
- 90% of backhaul links are radio links

# The EOLO network

Huge, high mesh-factor, single L2 domain!

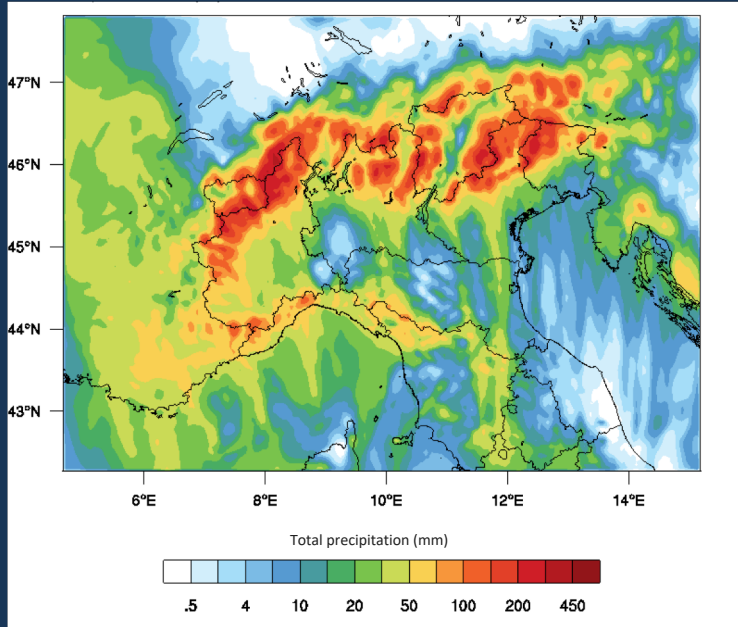




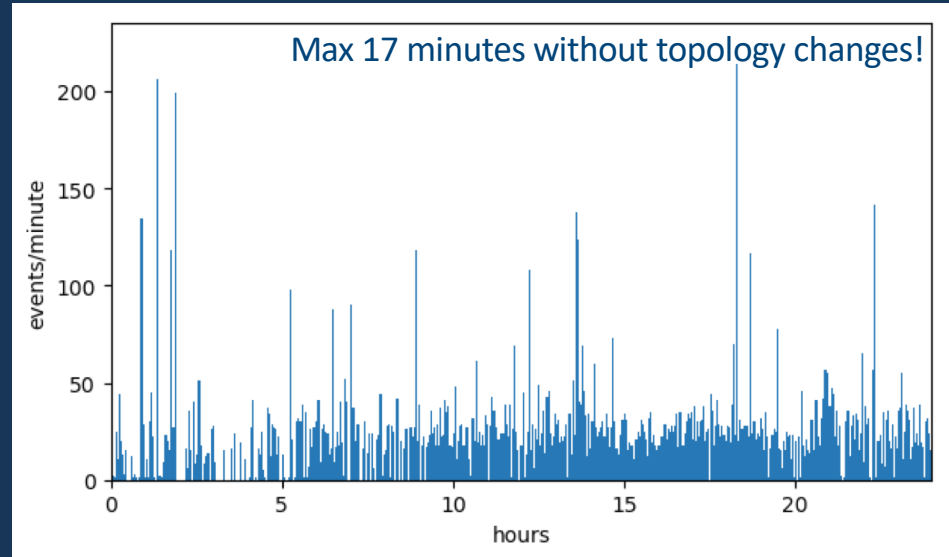
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## Radio links in bad weather conditions

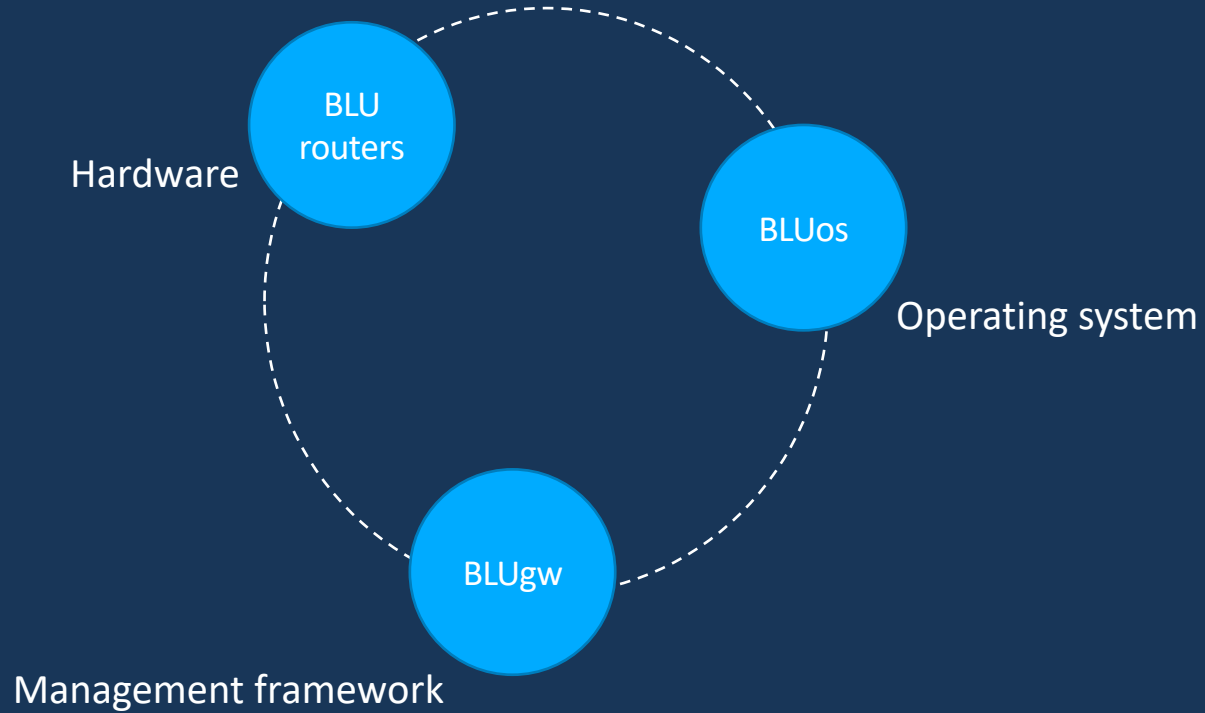
29/10/18 24h rainfall forecast over Italy



29/10/18 topology changes (30k events in 24h)



# The «BLU» project



# BLU routers



## BLU «model 1»

- TILEgx architecture
- 72 cores
- 24x 1G ports
- 2x 10G ports
- 16 GB RAM
- 128 GB SSD
- 90 Watt (average)
- 1800 hosts deployed from 1Q 2016



## BLU «model 2 POP»

- x86 architecture
- 32 cores Intel based CPU
- 8x 1G ports
- 16x 10G ports
- 48 GB RAM
- 256 GB SSD
- 210 Watt (average)
- From 4Q 2018



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### IEEE 1613 compliant:

- Electromagnetic compatibility
- Error-free operation in -15°C / +75°C environment
- EMI fields of up to 180V/m

## *Linux based OS*

- Linux 3.10.61 (for TILEgx), Linux 4.4.0 (for x86)
- OpenVSwitch
- 6WIND userspace network stack (DPDK based)
- PPP daemon
- DHCP relay

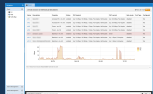
### EOLO customizations

- OpenVSwitch mac-learning improved
- FRR routing suite with RFC3107
- Automatic rescue procedure (corrupted configurations)
- Monitoring daemons

## *Full management framework for BLU routers*



Device provisioning in the warehouse



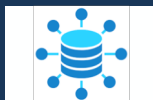
Web interface for users operations



Scripting for automatic checks and analysis

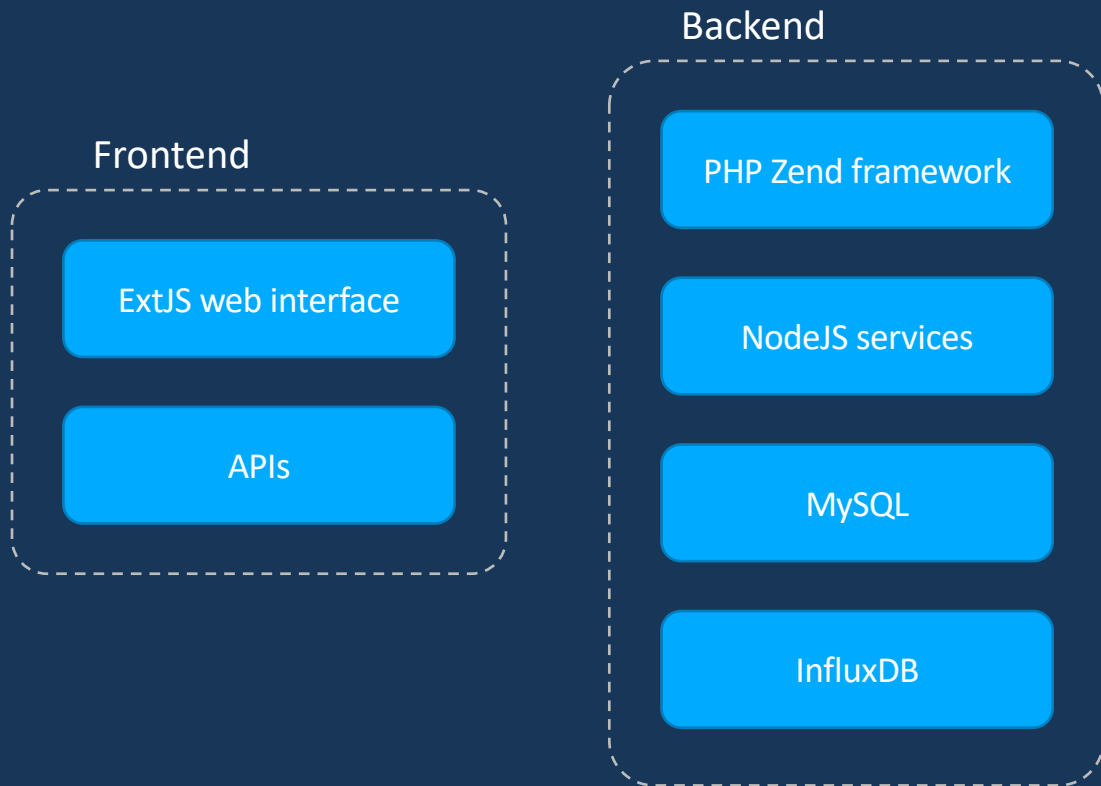


Scheduler for command execution and upgrades



Telemetry and statistics collection and visualization

## Architecture



Cluster based for redundancy  
and performance improving



## Web interface

The screenshot displays the BLUgw web interface. At the top, it shows 'on host' and 'on interfaces get descriptions' with a timestamp of 'Nov, 05 14:36'. Below this is a table of interface configurations:

Name	Description	Template	Status	PHY desired	PHY current	Safe-mode	Port Type	Configured
eth1	Accesso EW - rev. 68	Accesso EW - rev. 68	enabled	Up, 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, Full-duplex, Half-duplex	Up, 100 Mbps, Full-duplex	disabled		Yes
eth2	Accesso EW - rev. 68	Accesso EW - rev. 68	enabled	Up, 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, Full-duplex, Half-duplex	Up, 100 Mbps, Full-duplex	disabled		Yes
eth8	Power - rev. 68	Power - rev. 68	enabled	Up, 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, Full-duplex, Half-duplex	Up, 100 Mbps, Full-duplex	disabled		Yes
eth9	Power - rev. 68	Power - rev. 68	enabled	Up, 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, Full-duplex, Half-duplex	Up, 100 Mbps, Full-duplex	disabled		Yes
eth11	Backhaul - rev. 68	Backhaul - rev. 68	disabled	Up, 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, Full-duplex, Half-duplex	Down	disabled		Yes
eth12	Backhaul - rev. 68	Backhaul - rev. 68	enabled	Up, 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, Full-duplex, Half-duplex	Up, 1 Gbps, Full-duplex	disabled		Yes
eth13	Backhaul - rev. 68	Backhaul - rev. 68	enabled	Up, 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps, Full-duplex, Half-duplex	Up, 1 Gbps, Full-duplex	disabled		Yes

Below the table is a line graph showing interface statistics (Mbps) over time, with RX (orange) and TX (yellow) data series. The x-axis shows time from 06 PM to 12 PM. A blue arrow points to the graph area.

At the bottom of the interface, there is a command line interface (CLI) window with the prompt 'host: Interfaces' and a text input field 'Type the command here...'. A blue arrow points to this input field.

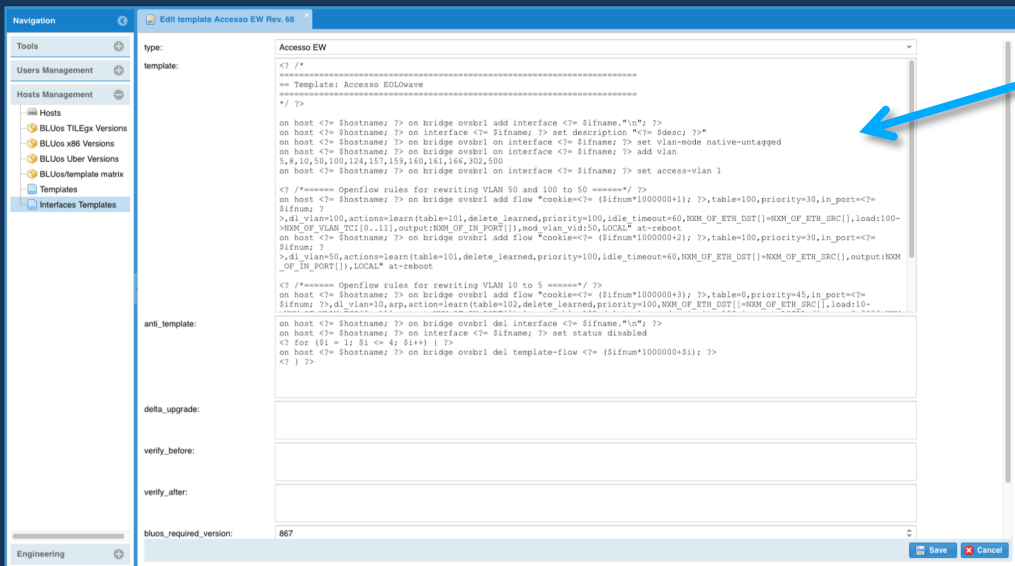
Should avoid human errors  
(no one connects to routers via ssh)

Interface configuration

Interface statistics

Command line interface

## Templated configurations



Template editor

Template types:

- Global
- Interface specific (backhaul, access, etc...)

## Scheduler

JSON output for APIs

Commands list

HTML output for web interface

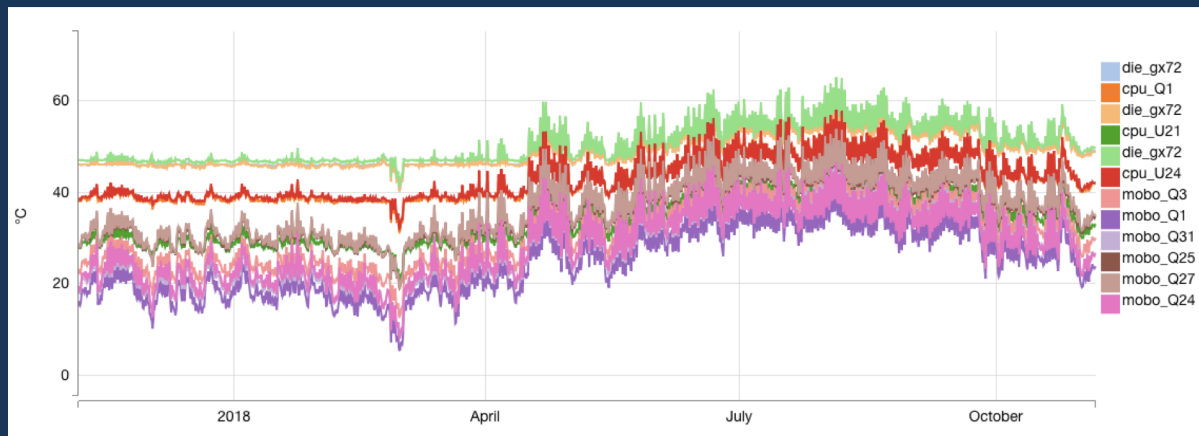
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98836066	2018-11-05 16:22:43	on discovery get neighbors	100	76	0	null	4B <div class="table-responsive"> <table class="table ta...>
98835976	2018-11-05 16:22:27	on interfaces get descriptions	100	121	0	{["Name":"et...>	1K <div class="table-responsive" id="1945149070"><table-responsive...>
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98833138	2018-11-05 16:09:59	on interface eth11 set speed enabled	100	85	0	null	4B <div class="alert alert-info">Check progress results with "ge...>
98833027	2018-11-05 16:09:28	on interfaces get descriptions	100	85	0	{["Name":"et...>	5K <div class="table-responsive" id="1703752270"><table-responsive...>
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98832473	2018-11-05 16:07:49	on interface eth11 set speed auto	100	151	0	null	4B <div class="alert alert-success">Done</div>
98832395	2018-11-05 16:07:27	on interface eth11 set speed 10M	100	151	0	null	4B <div class="alert alert-success">Done</div>
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NodeJS services:

- Fast commands execution
- SSH proxy to keep connections open

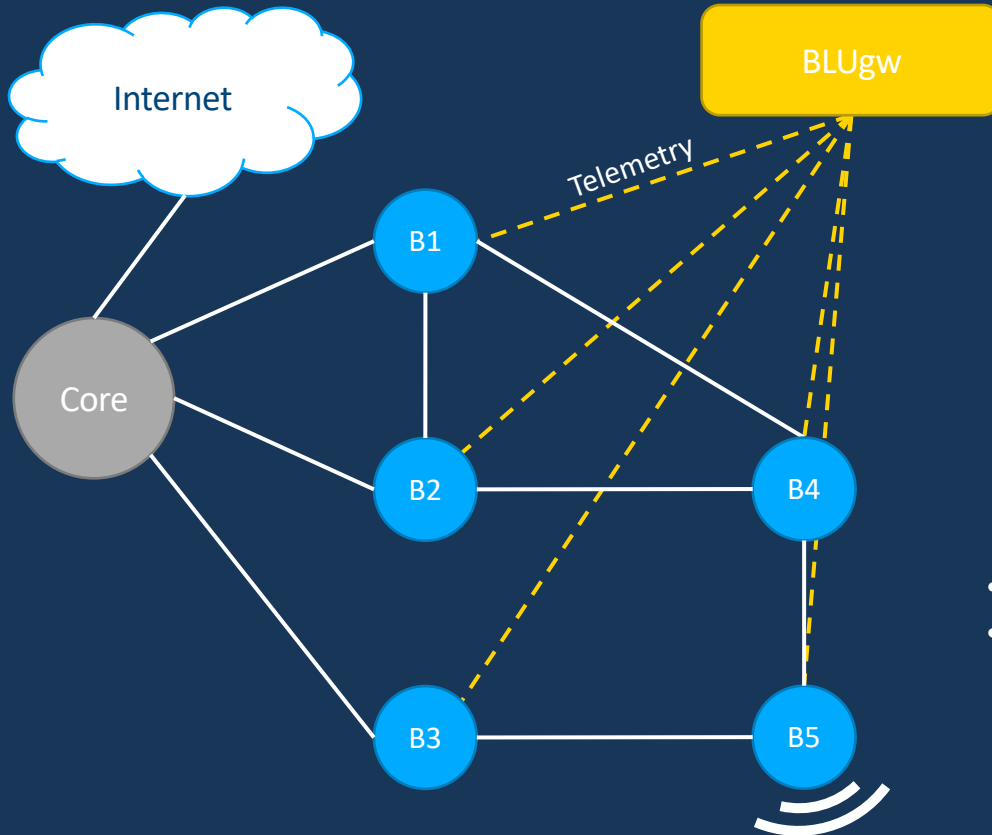
## Statistics collection and visualization

- Environmental stats:
  - Temperatures
  - Power
  - CPU load
  - Fans speed
- Interfaces stats:
  - Bytes rx/tx
  - Packets rx/tx
- Processes stats:
  - OpenVSwitch
  - Fast path



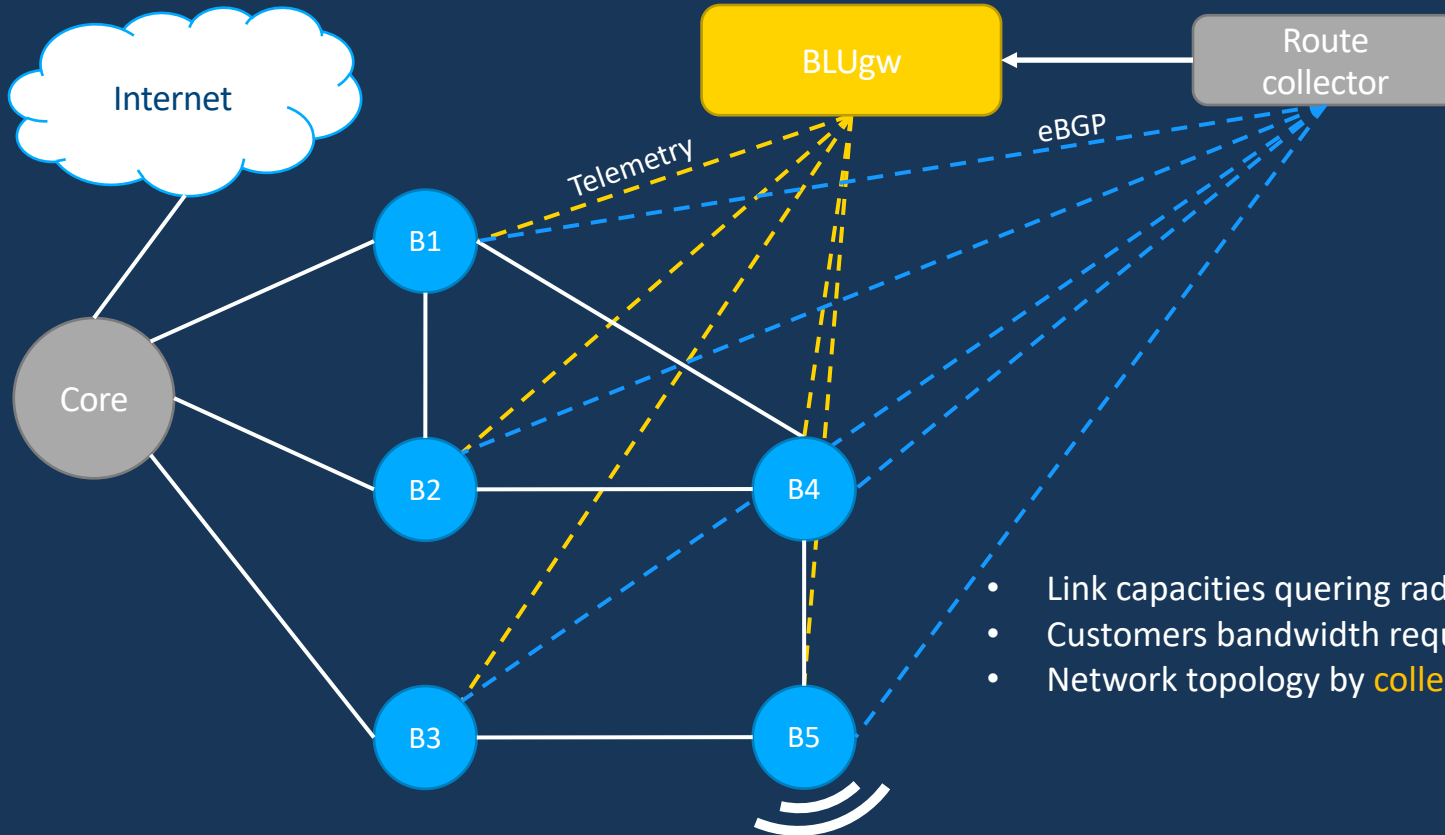
Plotted with D3.js library

# Network information



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- Customers bandwidth requests from access interfaces
- Network topology by **collecting full routing tables**

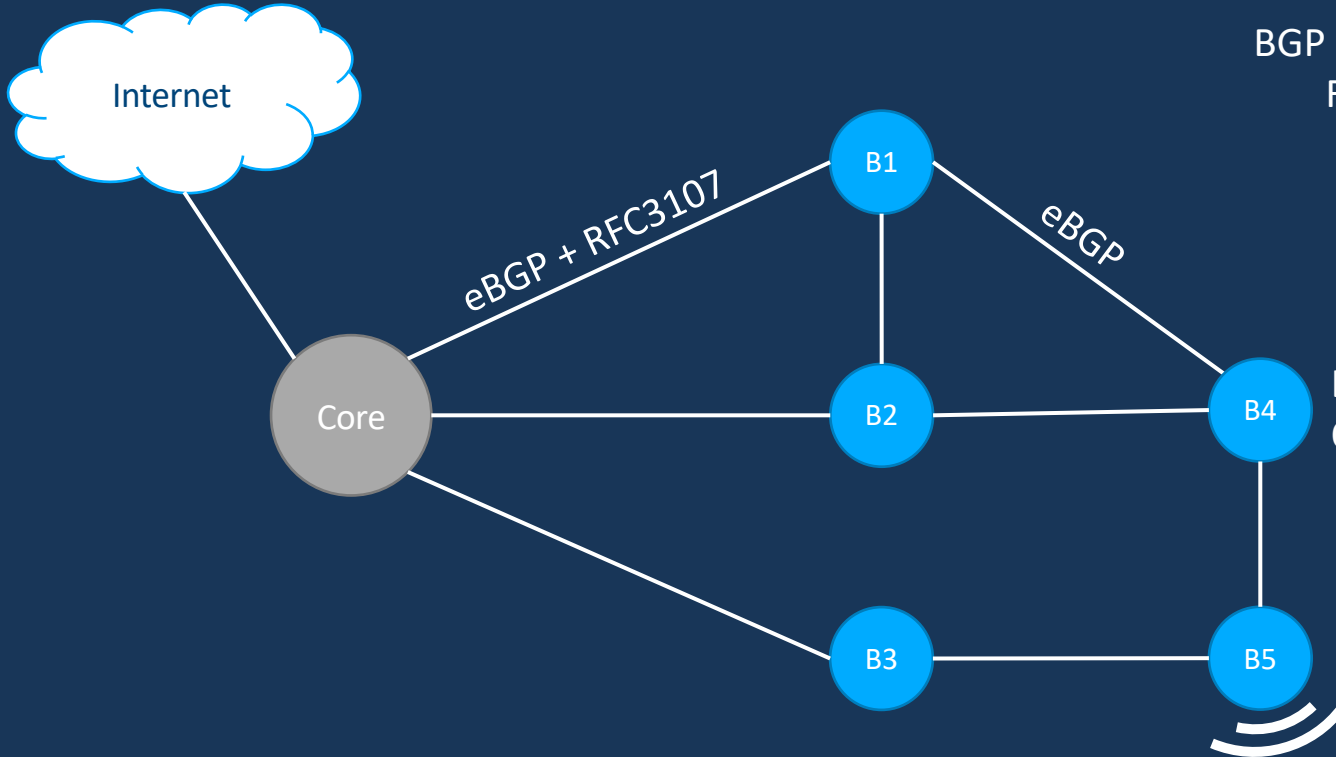


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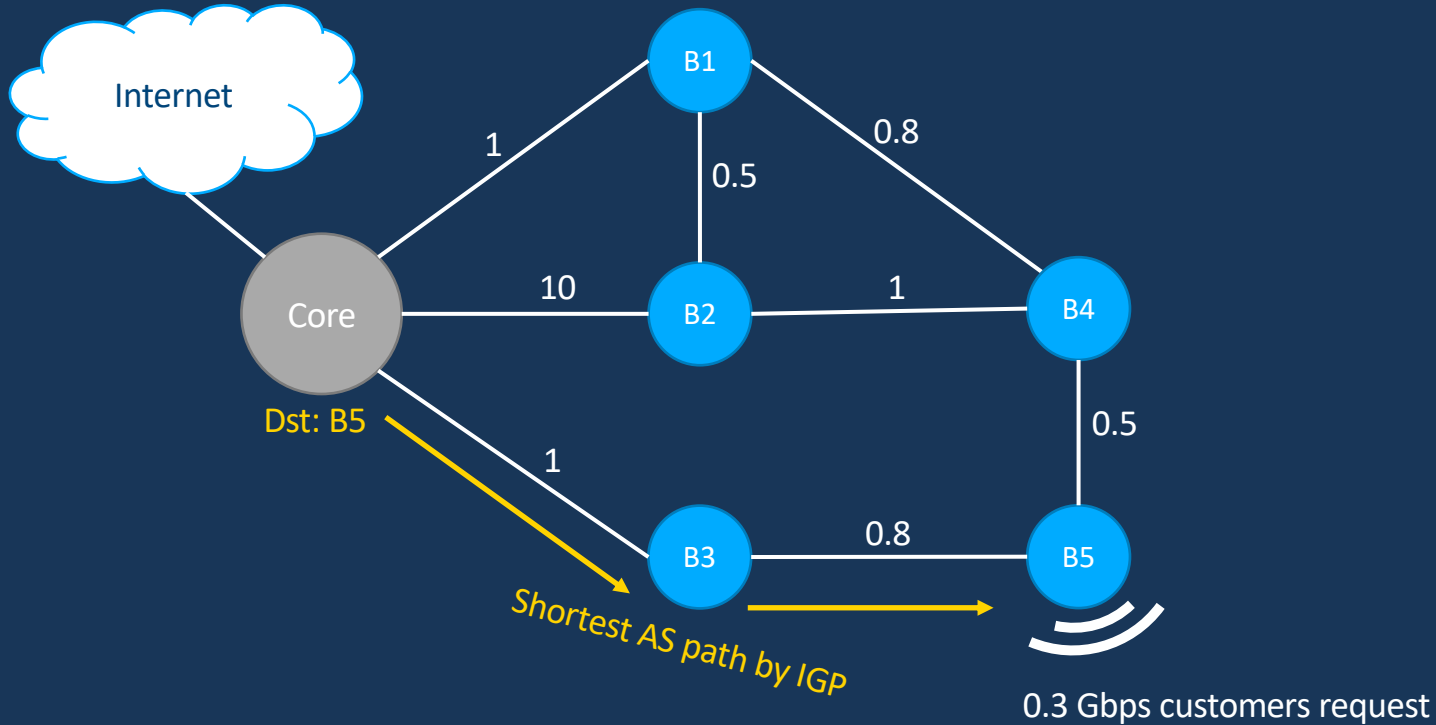
## SDN philosophy

BGP with BFD:  
Fault detection in 300ms

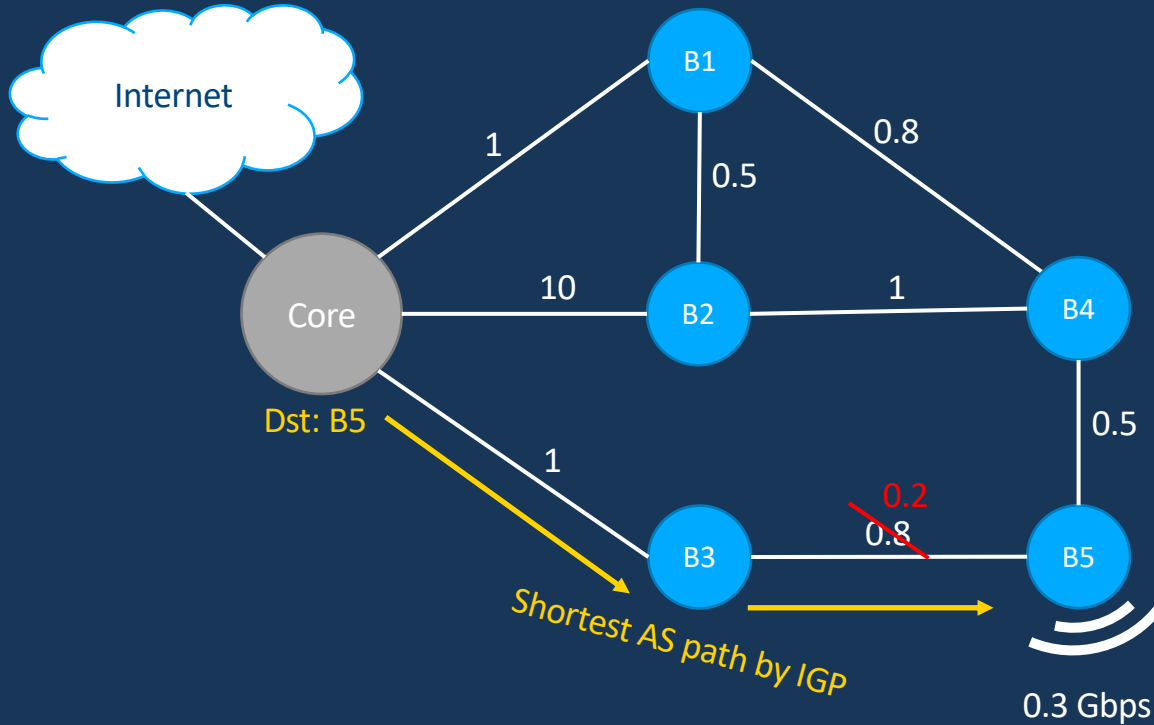
Learned routes generate  
OVS forwarding flows



# Shortest path

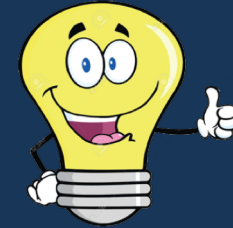


# Link congestion

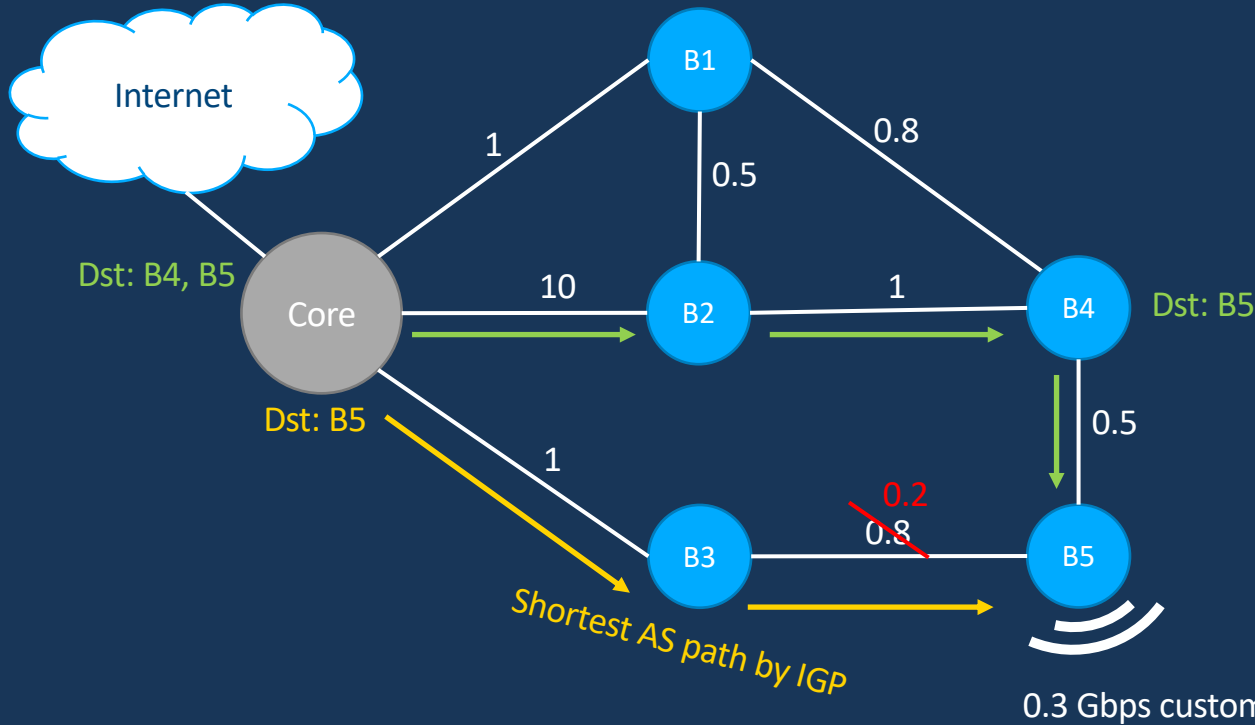


Capacity decrease due to  
thunderstorms or heavy rains

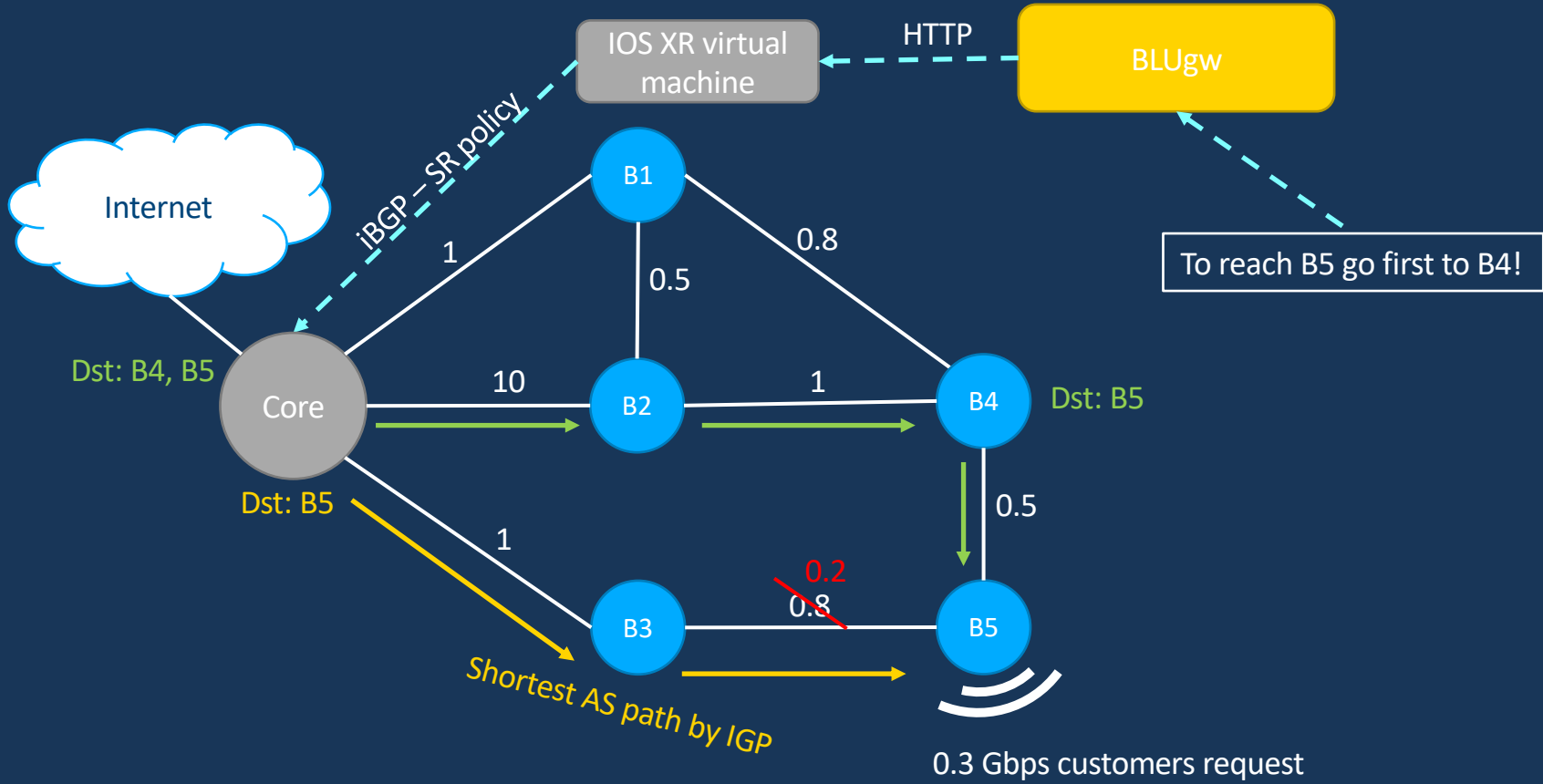
# Alternative path



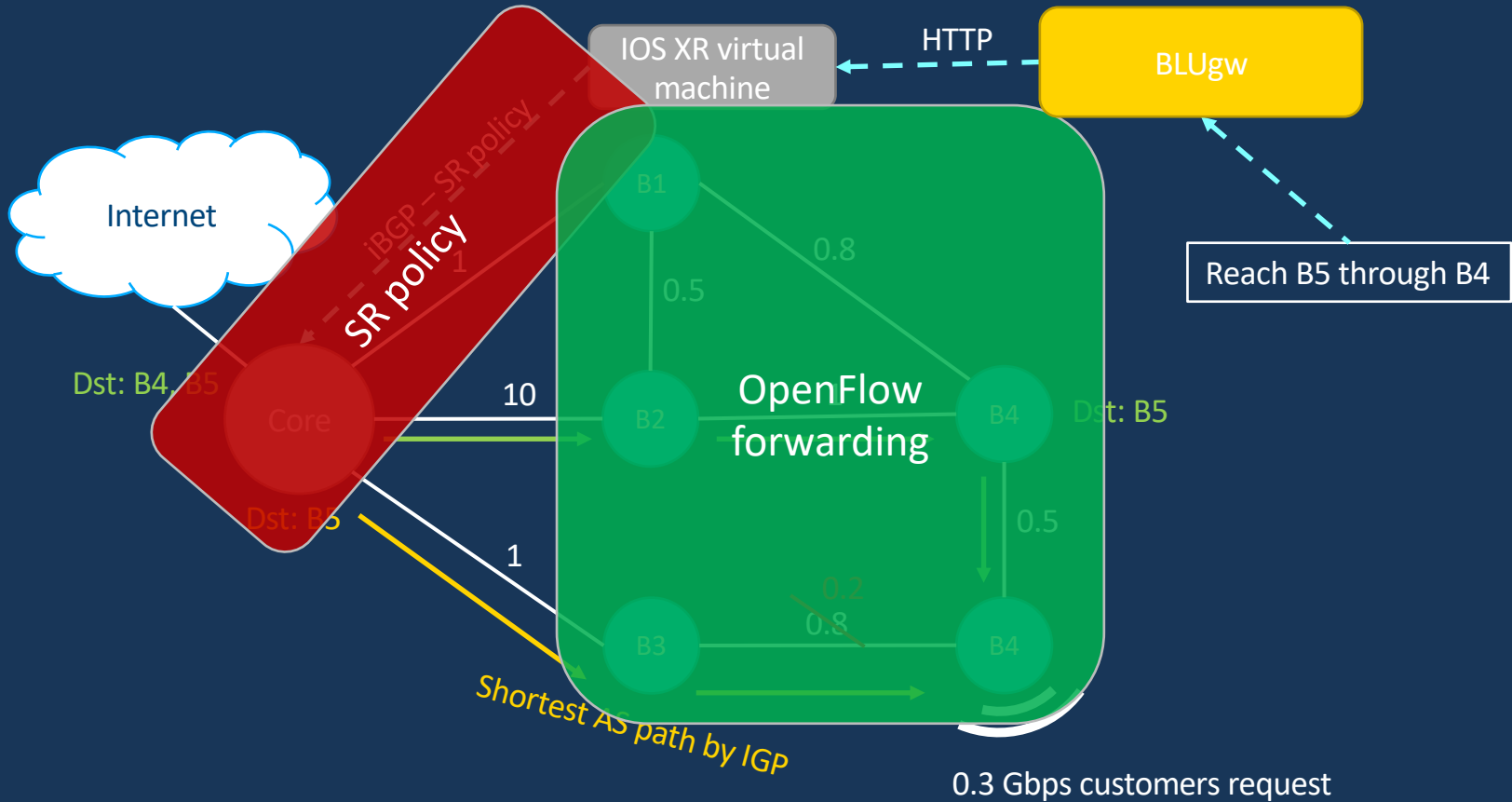
Reach B5 through B4



# One iBGP to rule them all

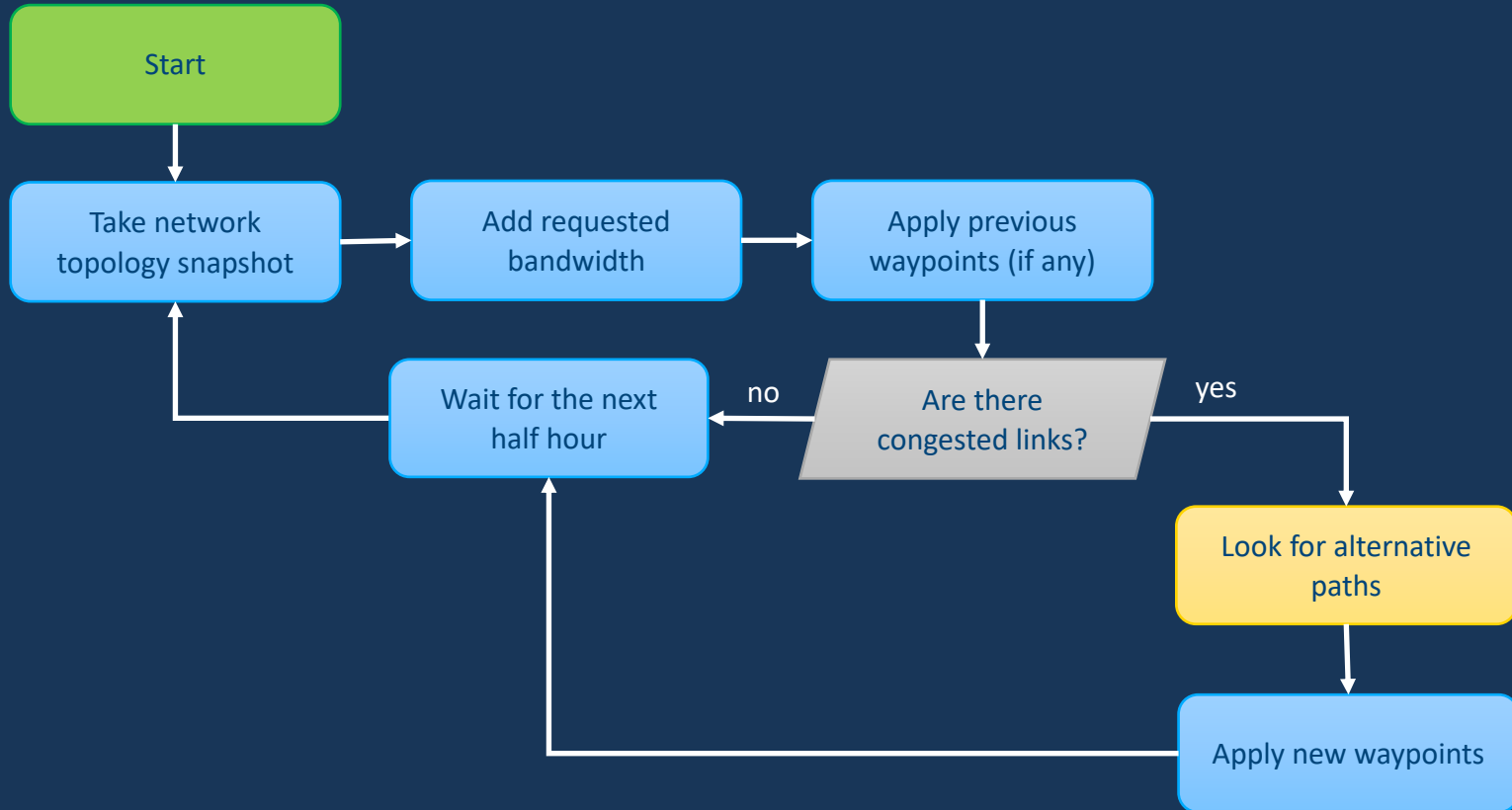


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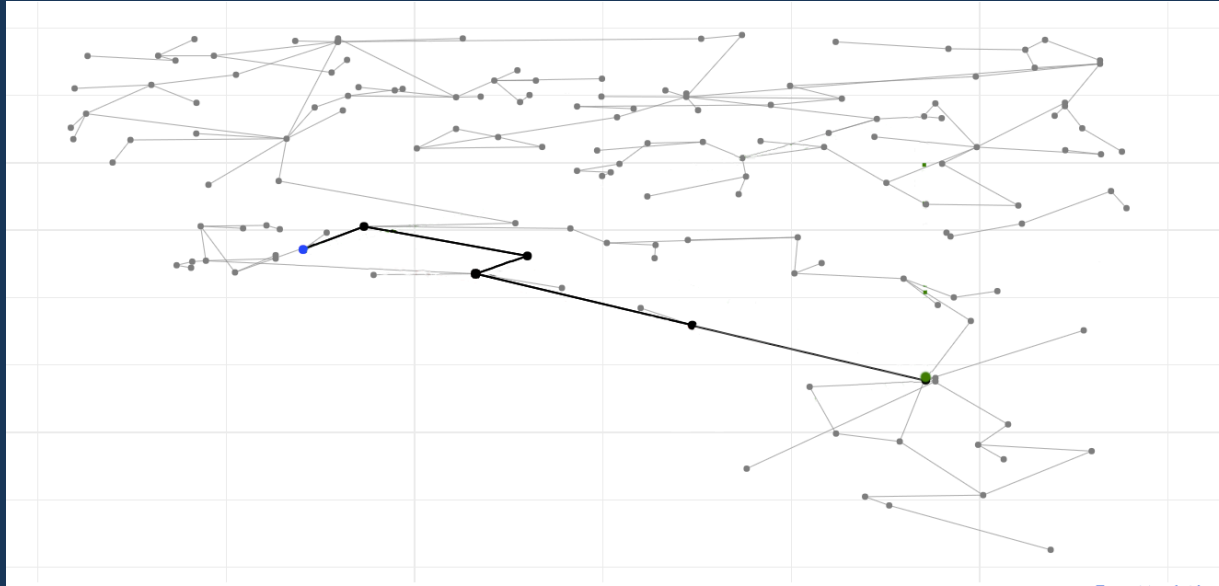


# Optimization algorithm



# Find waypoints (jww A. Carzaniga, D. Rogora, USI)

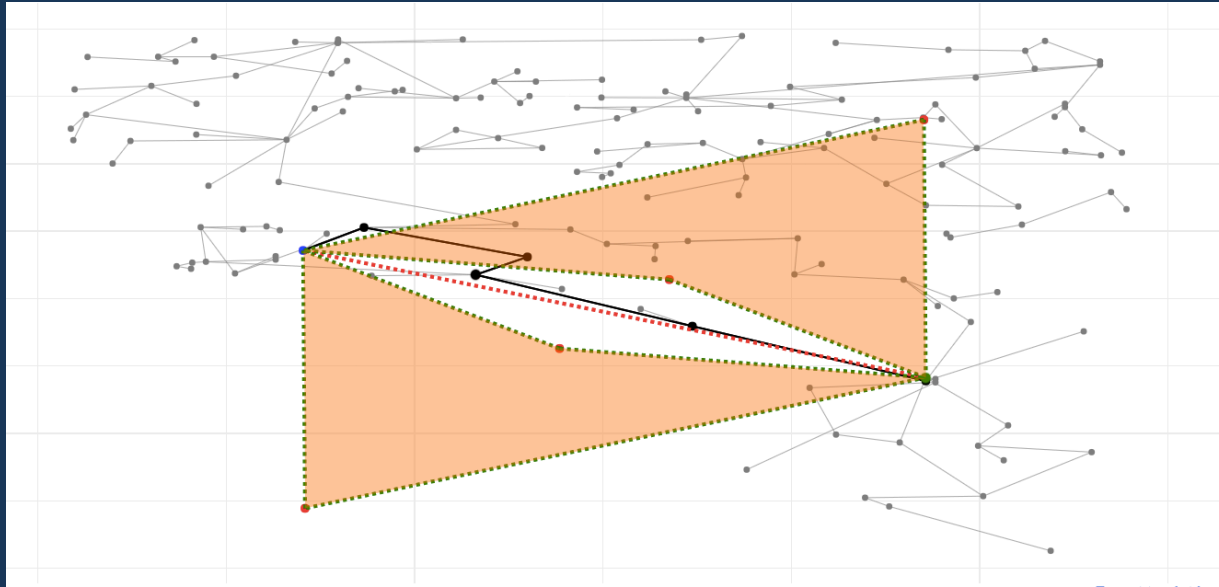
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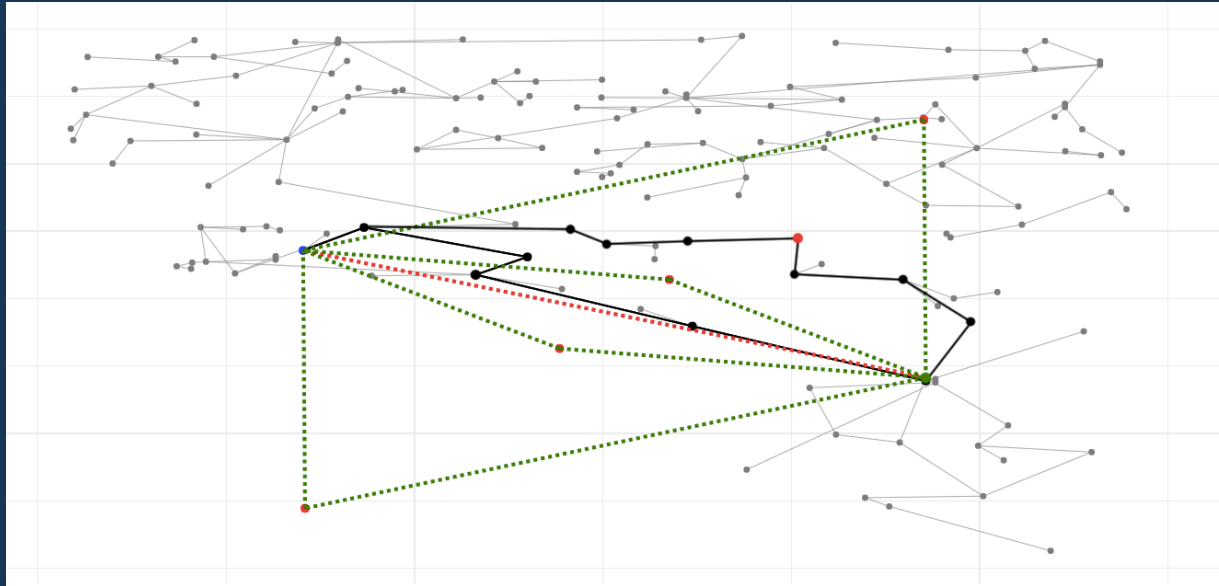
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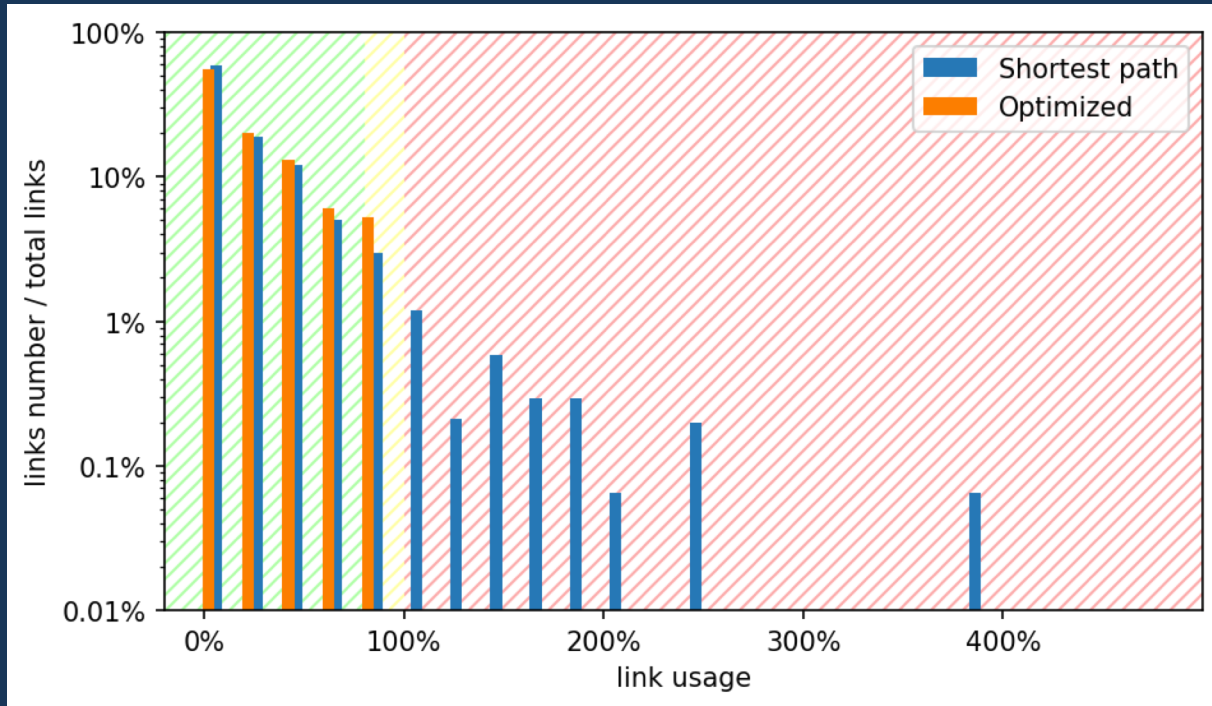
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# Optimizer results

## Full network simulations



Network snapshot of 8th  
April 2018 at 22:30:

- 1510 nodes
- 1712 links (50 congested)

150 alternative paths:

- 85% with 1 waypoint
- 9% with 2 waypoints
- 6% with 3 waypoints

# Experimental evaluation and future plan

- Successfully lab tests with 8 hosts high-mesh topology
- First deploy of 3 production hosts 5 months ago
- Full network deploy planned in 2019



Thank you!

If you are interested in the BLU project,  
do not hesitate to contact us!

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