

The Microdep project

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Outline

- Motivation: Relevance of end-to-end monitoring
 - Resulting improvements
- The Microdep system
 - Components and functionality
 - Analysis and events
 - Relations to perfSONAR
 - How to contribute
 - Demo

Relevance of end-to-end monitoring

- **Continuous end-to-end measurements** have significant importance
 - May compensate for "end-to-end blindness" due to only (traditional) per-device monitoring
- Enable NOCs to
 - Better understand how customers experienced delivered networking services
 - **Also, interdomain QoS**
 - **Early problem-awareness**, e.g. always before customer calls service centre
 - Evaluate and improve routing and forwarding
 - Faster discover and "debug" interdomain issues
- Enable customers to
 - Monitor network QoS towards critical application service providers
 - Easier differentiate between external- and internal-network issues

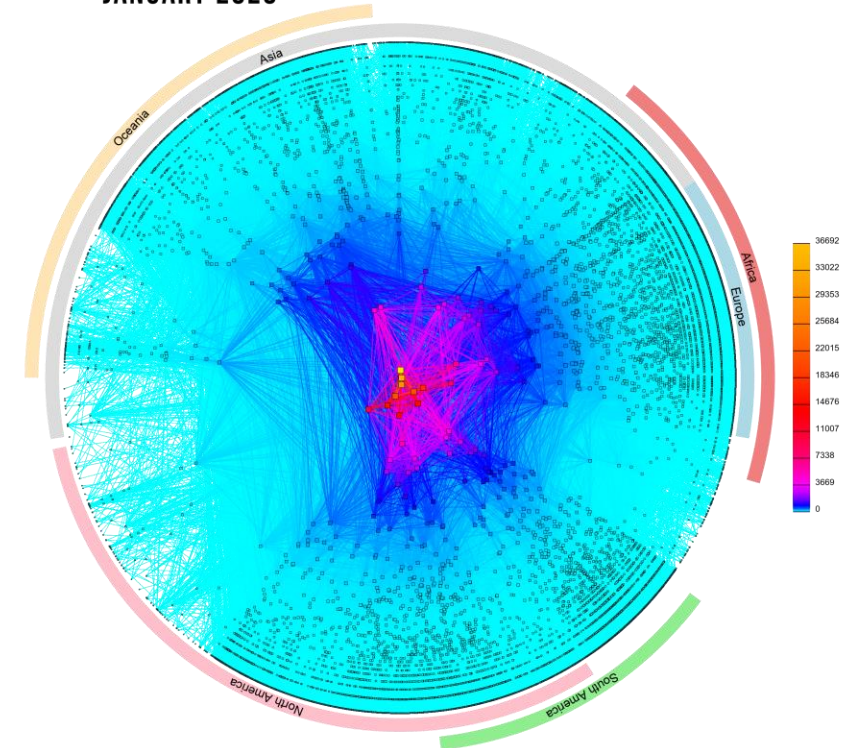
Routing configuration requires care

- Routing configurations are often complex
 - ISIS's, OSPF's and BGP's myriad of config-options
 - Increased demand for security measures
 - Increased demand for reliability (by multihoming)
 - Growing no of peering partners

- Running configs need careful maintenance
 - Regular routing OS update
 - Adjustments when customer leave/join
 - Adjustments on network topology alterations
 - Adjustments on security incidents
 - Route deflection before planned reboots

- Verification of successful re-configs are required
 - Via device monitoring
 - **Via end-to-end monitoring**

CAIDA'S IPV4 AS CORE GRAPH
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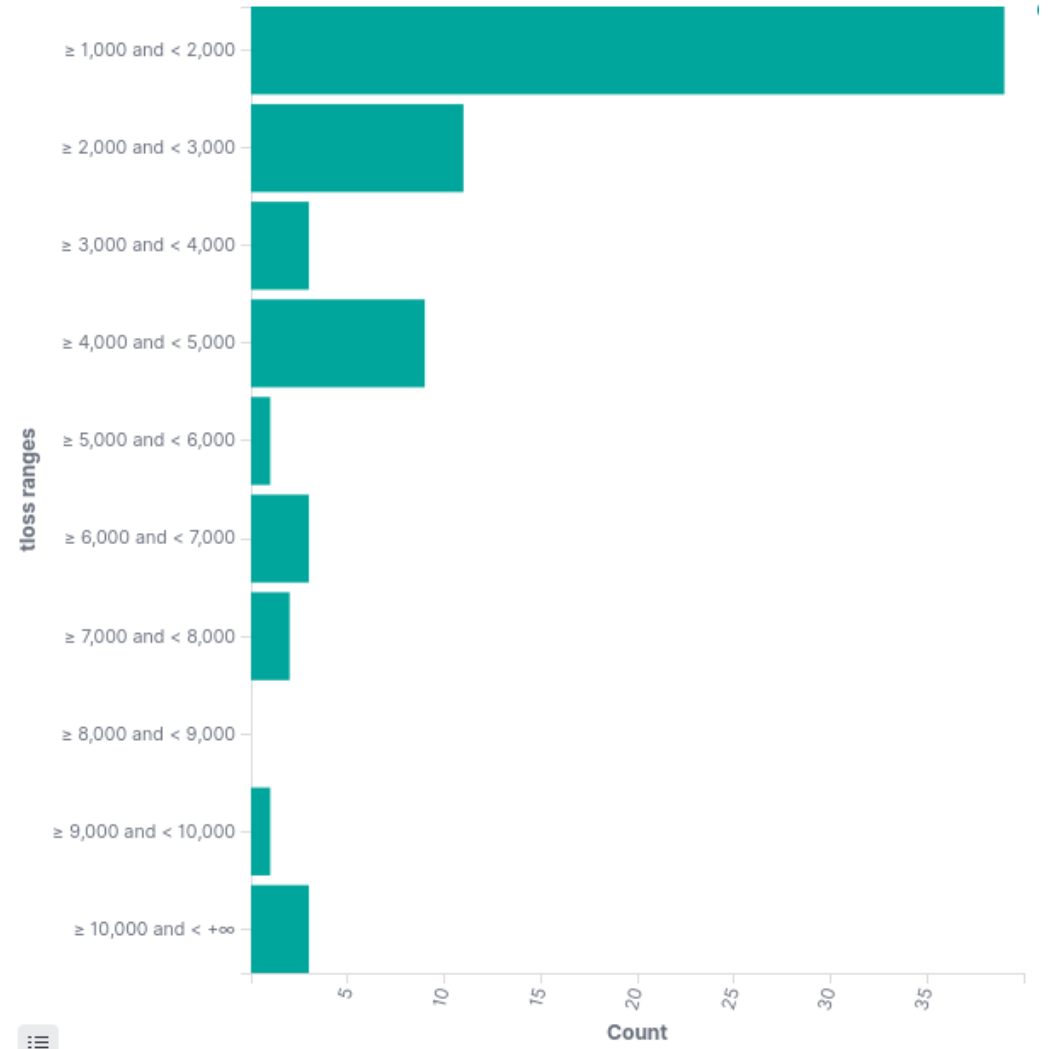
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Some end-to-end observations and resulting improvements

- **Periodic 2 min outage** in NORDUnet
 - MPLS-transporter in USA required to optimize configurations
- **Routing stopped for 30 min** in Geant network
 - Caused by upgrade failure
- **2 min BGP failover time** between customer's primary and secondary connections in Uninett/Sikt
 - Optimization in BGP and IS-IS configurations required
- **Down-time due to planned maintenance** in Uninett/Sikt
 - Routines for route deflection updated
- **Fine-grained understanding of load and queues** on customer access links in Uninett/Sikt
 - Enabled timely and well documented capacity upgrade warnings to customers (no longer “gut feeling based”).
- ... and “die hard” packets
 - 2 week old packets traversing the Geant network,
 - 2 hour old packets in the Uninett/Sikt network

May 2022 findings

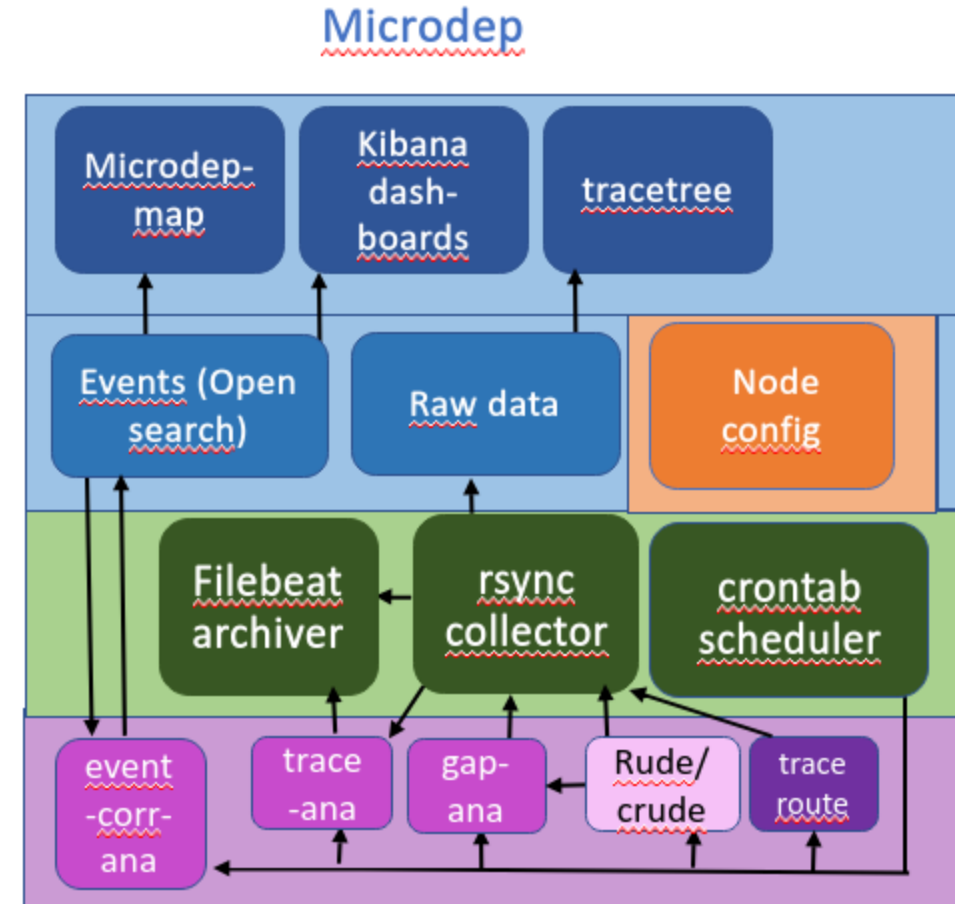
- *May 22 09:04*
Several route-changes in both NORDUnet and Geant
30 seconds downtime between Copenhagen and Zurich
- *May 22 09:02*
Route-change in Geant
16 seconds downtime between Copenhagen and Madrid
- *May 16 19:11*
Route-change in Geant
22 second downtime between Stockholm and Madrid
- *May 17, 19, 24, 26 and 29 between 8-10 and 14-17 o'clock*
Route-change in NORDUnet
6-8 seconds downtimes



Downtime (ms) due to route-changes in Geant or NORDUnet May 11-30 2022

Microdep fundamentals

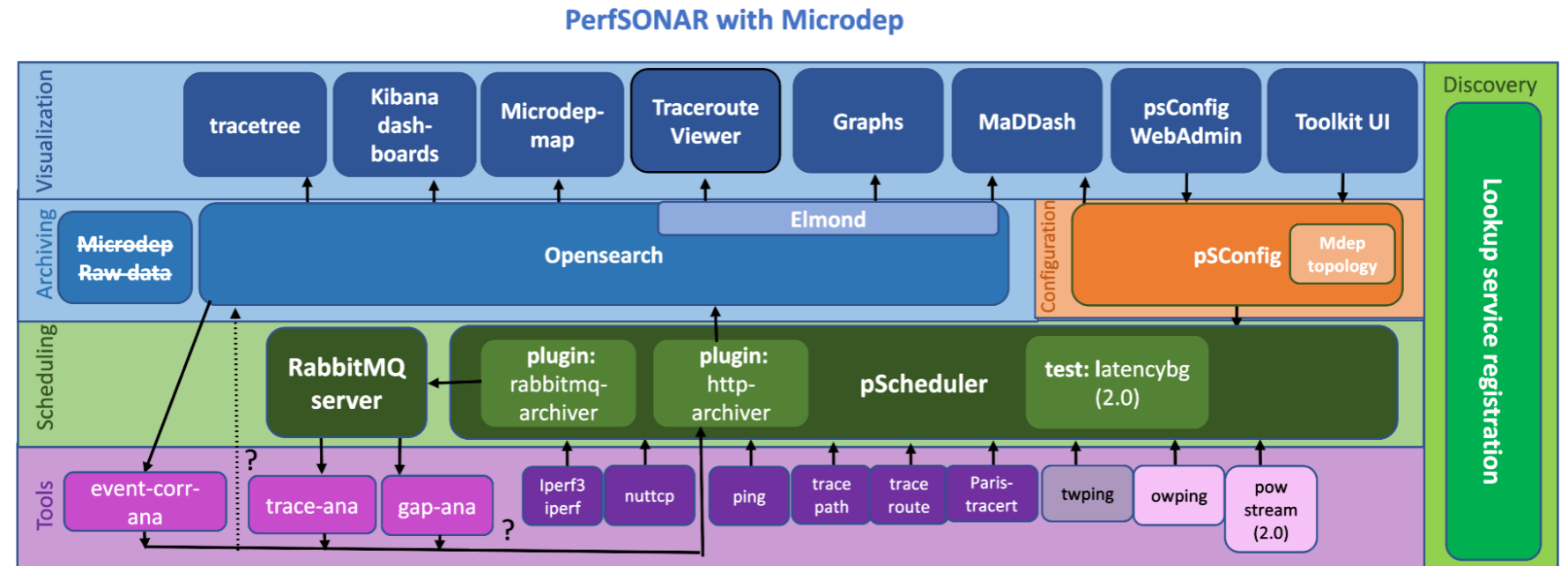
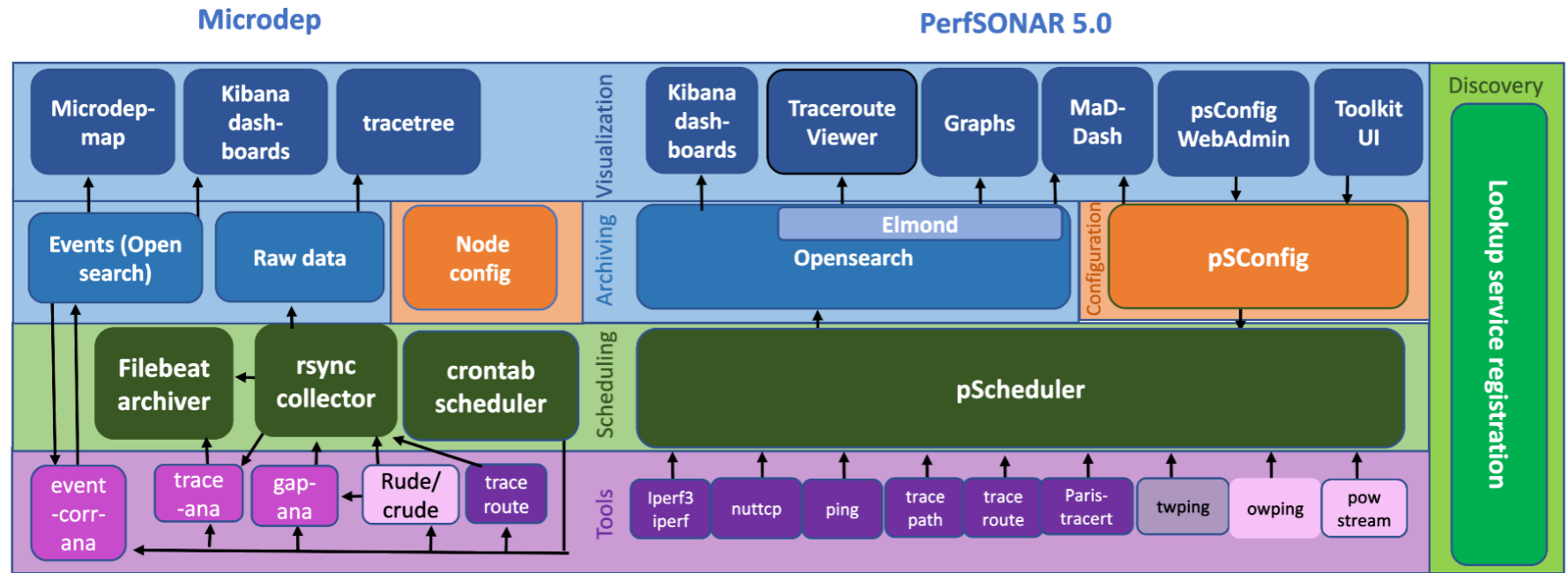
- initially a measurement project (since 2010)
- Today a measurement system and a project
- Objectives
 - **Improve routing** in NRENs and **the global Internet**
 - Reveal network **dependability issues** at **fine grained** level by **end-to-end measurements**



Microdep system details

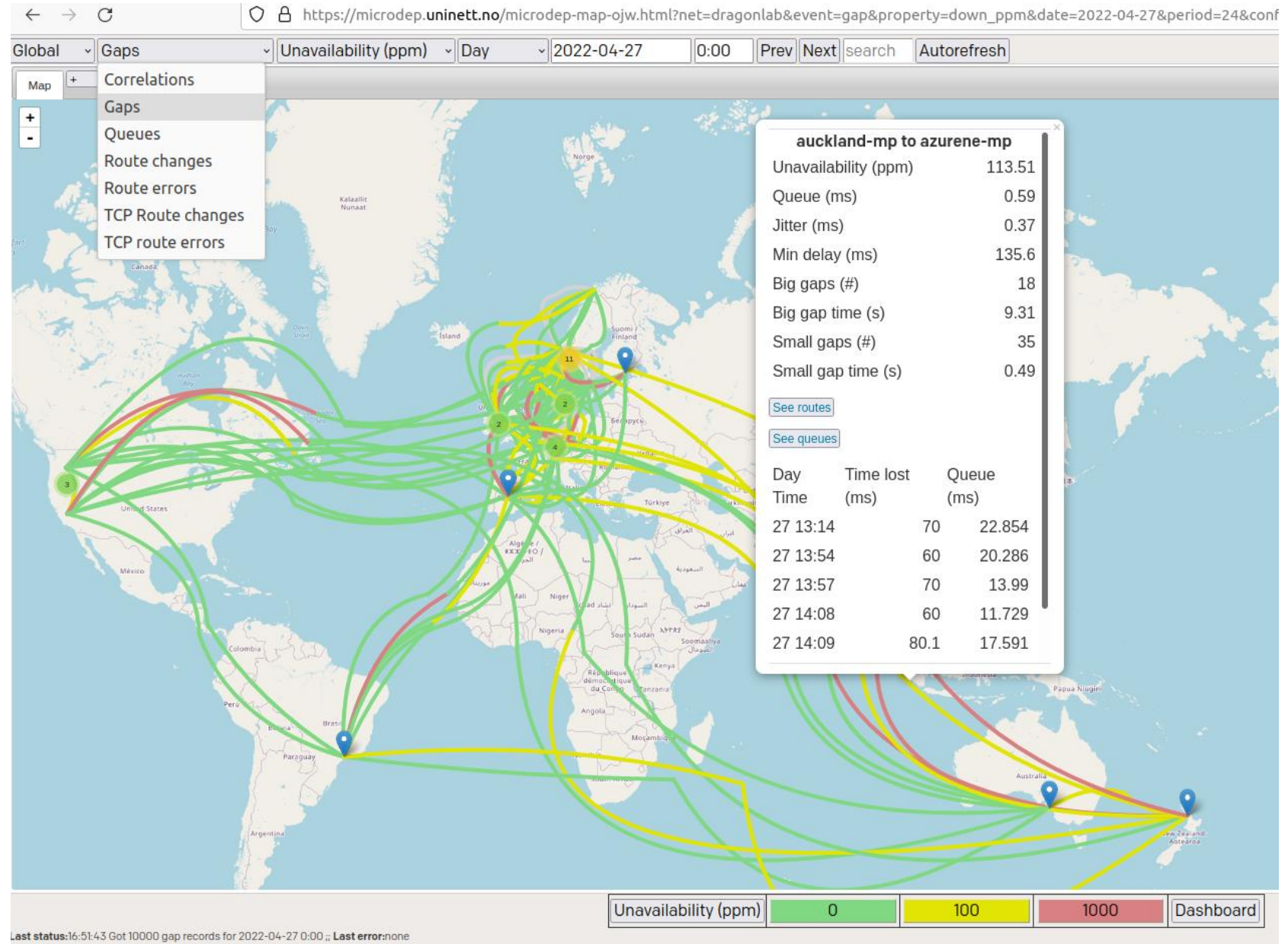
- End-to-end measurements 24/7
 - 100 packets/s probe traffic
 - 60 per hour traceroutes
 - ICMP response monitoring
- 51 nodes, 212 flows in Norway
- 24 nodes, 238 flows globally
 - 8 DC-nodes (amazon, azure, google)
- Realtime event analysis
 - Packet-loss (gaps)
 - Queues (jitter)
 - Route failures and changes (traceroute)
 - Correlated events
- ML based joint event anomaly planned.
- perfSONAR integration in progress

PerfSONAR integration



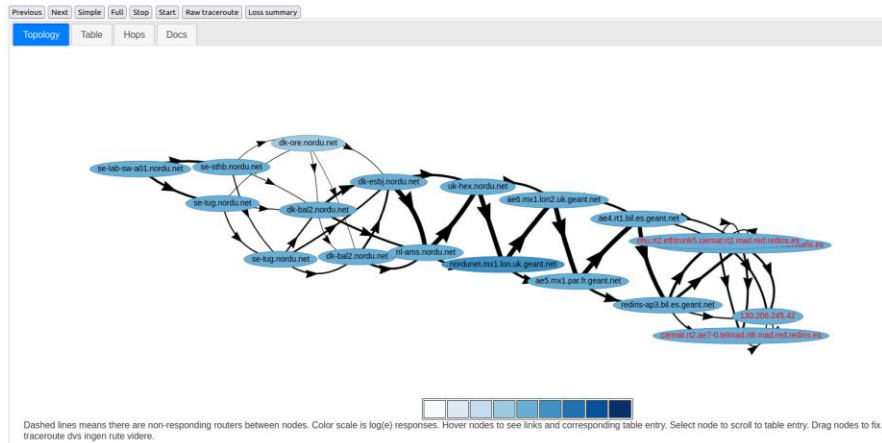
Map view and flow status

<https://microdep.uninett.no>



Other views

Traceroute charts from stockholm-mp to madrid-mp(192.148.201.15) on 2022-04-05

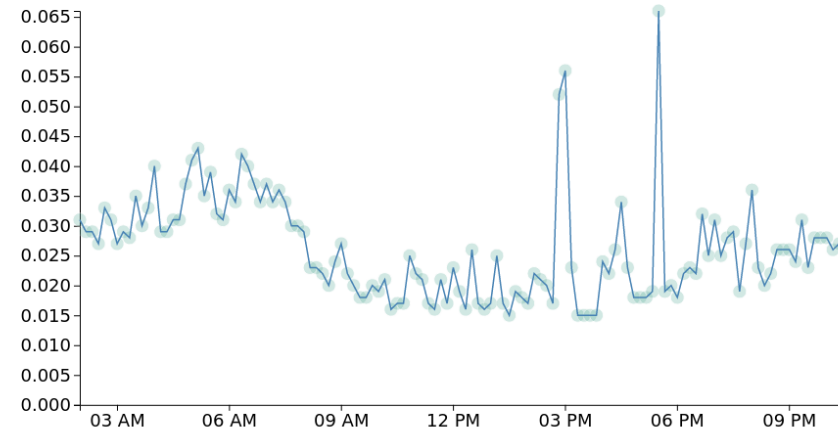


Traceroute charts from stockholm-mp to madrid-mp(192.148.201.15)

Hop	Router	Avg ms	Min	Max	Sdv	Loss%	Seen	Address	Start	End	Error
1	se-lab-se-af01.nordu.net	0.2	0.1	1.8	0.1	0.00%	8198	194.60.13.66	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
2	se-sthb.nordu.net	1.0	0.4	29.8	1.9	4.56%	3661	109.105.97.182	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	se-tug.nordu.net	0.7	0.2	24.4	1.3	9.59%	3940	109.105.97.180	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
3	dk-bal2.nordu.net	11.6	10.0	29.2	3.4	0.33%	1202	109.105.97.10	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	dk-ore.nordu.net	9.6	8.6	26.0	2.6	2.40%	609	109.105.97.130	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	se-tug.nordu.net	1.2	0.3	32.8	2.8	67.58%	2062	109.105.97.245	05 00:00:05	05 22:33:41	
4	dk-bal2.nordu.net	11.1	9.5	46.3	4.1	2.37%	2058	109.105.97.249	05 00:01:00	05 22:33:41	
	dk-esbj.nordu.net	15.9	14.6	41.2	3.1	0.25%	3982	109.105.97.3	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	dk-bal2.nordu.net	11.8	10.1	46.9	4.4	2.26%	2037	109.105.97.10	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
5	nl-ams.nordu.net	22.8	20.7	87.9	5.0	0.12%	4093	109.105.97.75	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	dk-esbj.nordu.net	16.2	14.1	62.0	4.9	0.90%	4059	109.105.97.3	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
6	uk-hex.nordu.net	26.2	25.4	71.3	2.8	0.02%	4040	109.105.97.125	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	nl-ams.nordu.net	23.0	20.2	77.9	6.0	0.14%	4149	109.105.97.75	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
7	nordunet.mx1.lon.uk.geant.net	26.4	25.5	71.8	3.6	0.10%	4080	62.40.124.129	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	uk-hex.nordu.net	26.0	24.9	65.8	3.0	0.00%	4112	109.105.97.125	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
8	ae6.mx1.lon2.uk.geant.net	27.1	26.3	76.3	2.8	0.00%	3998	62.40.98.37	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	nordunet.mx1.lon.uk.geant.net	26.4	25.0	78.1	4.0	0.00%	4197	62.40.124.129	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
9	ae5.mx1.par.fr.geant.net	33.7	32.7	79.3	3.4	0.00%	4070	62.40.98.179	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	ae6.mx1.lon2.uk.geant.net	27.0	25.8	69.8	3.2	0.00%	4126	62.40.98.37	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
10	ae4.rt1.bl.es.geant.net	44.7	43.8	87.4	3.3	0.00%	4111	62.40.98.222	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	ae5.mx1.par.fr.geant.net	33.5	32.2	78.5	3.6	0.00%	4085	62.40.98.179	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
11	ae4.rt1.bl.es.geant.net	44.4	43.2	83.1	3.1	0.00%	4073	62.40.98.222	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
	rediris-ap3.bl.es.geant.net	44.5	44.0	63.6	1.8	0.00%	4123	62.40.127.183	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	
12	ehu.rt2.ethtrunk5.ciemat.rt2.mad.red.iris.es	53.5	52.9	72.9	1.7	0.00%	2053	130.206.245.5	05 00:00:05	05 22:34:44	

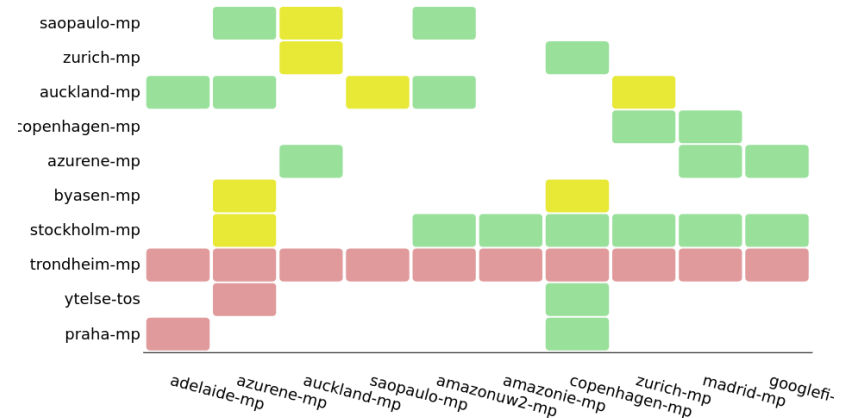


From stockholm-mp to madrid-mp on 2022-04-05 for h_ddelay



Heatmap dragonlab, gap from 2022-04-05 for 24 hours for down_ppm

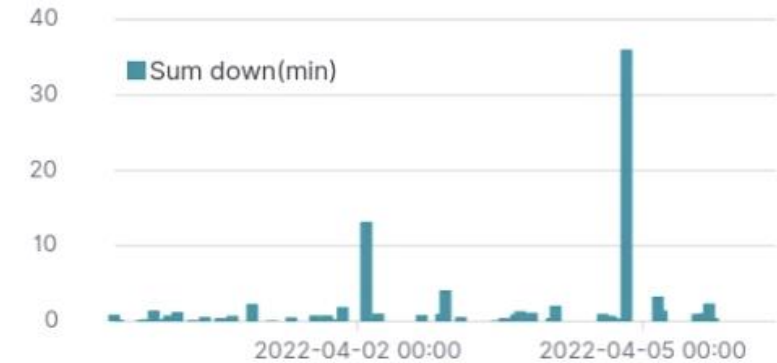
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Gaps / packet loss events

- Windows of 2000 pkts -> min one-way delay
- Gap event = 5 or more pkts lost, i.e. 50 ms downtime
 - 5 successfull pkts ends gap
- Stats on head and tail of gaps (50 pkts)
- Smaller gaps + other stats in daily summary reports

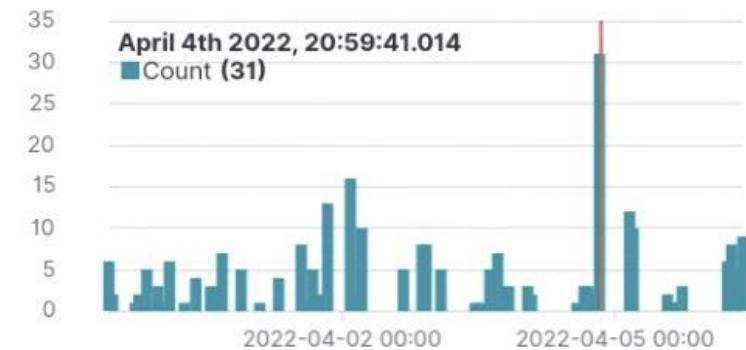
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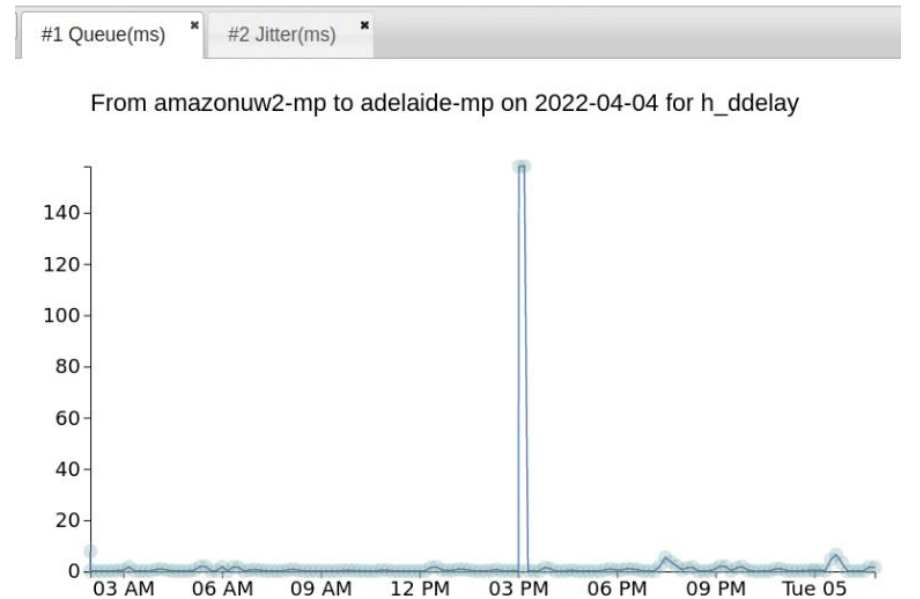
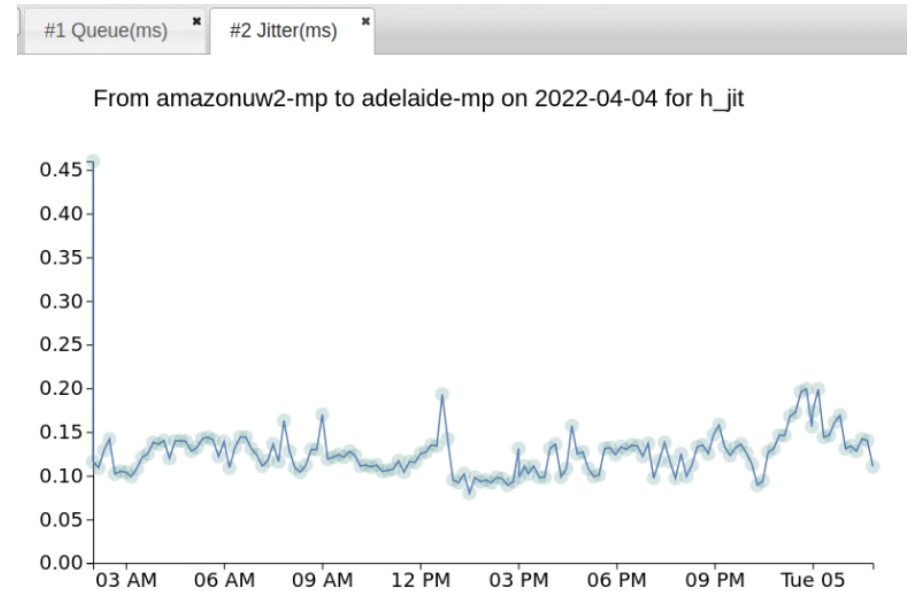
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count dragonlab



Queues / Jitter events

- Jitter definition from RTCP (rfc3550)
 - ... but show only minor variances
 - Order of few ms
- Queue-buildup events by change in differential one-way delay
 - $(\text{delayB} - \text{delayA}) - \text{mindelay}$
 - Order of 10-100 ms



Route failure events

- Route failure = «never ending» traceroute
- Detect periods with route failures
 - Find «* * * * *» at max-hops
- Report ICMP errors
 - Network unreachable (N!)
 - ...

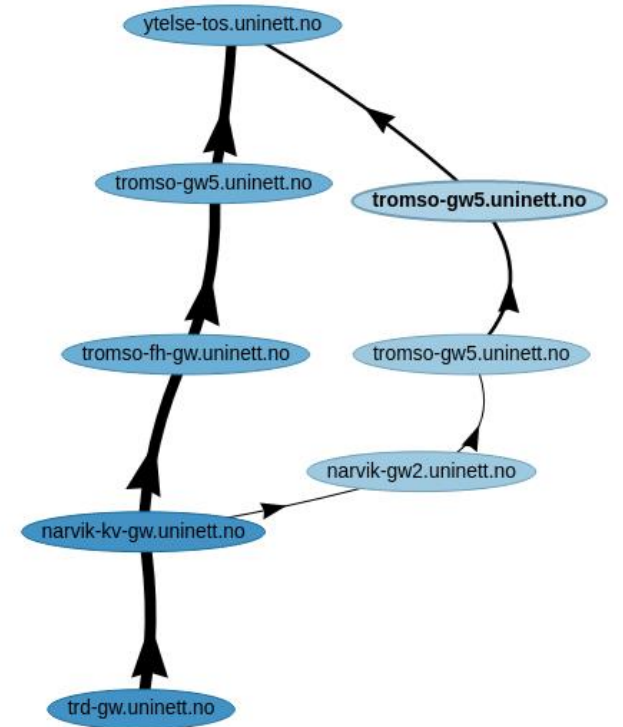
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 2 195.178.64.232 (195.178.64.232) 0.844 ms 100.64.0.1 (100.64.0.1) 1.032 ms 195.
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 5 62.40.124.29 (cesnet.mx1.pra.cz.geant.net) 0.550 ms 0.526 ms 0.525 ms 0.572 ms
 6 62.40.98.69 (ae0.mx1.ham.de.geant.net) 15.379 ms 62.40.98.192 (ae8.mx1.fra.de.
 7 62.40.125.206 (nordunet-bckp2-gw.mx1.ham.de.geant.net) 15.350 ms 15.468 ms 62.
 8 62.40.125.206 (nordunet-bckp2-gw.mx1.ham.de.geant.net) 15.409 ms 109.105.97.56
 9 109.105.97.197 (dk-ore-sw-a01.nordu.net) 20.597 ms 109.105.97.207 (dk-ore-sw-a
10 109.105.99.180 (dk-ore-fw.nordu.net) 20.117 ms 20.079 ms 20.237 ms 109.105.97.
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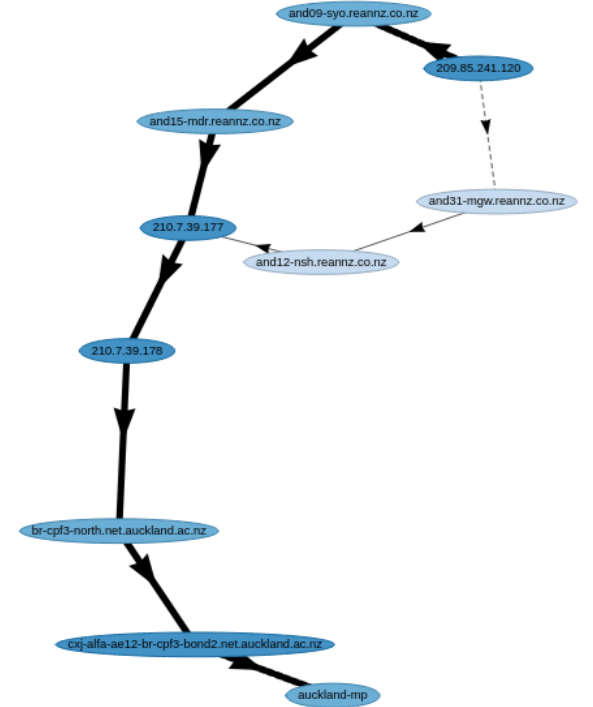
Route change events

- Route change = **significant** new route
- Detects **change in distribution of seen ip** addresses for each traceroute hop
 - Differential cross entropy
- «Learns» which route changes are normal
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Correlated events

- Gap and routechange in same time window
- Downtime + path anomaly
- Identity and ASN of responsible router



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Day Time	Events	Time lost (ms)	ASN IP
20 15:17	gap, routechange, gap	5270	224 128.39.230.104
20 15:17	routechange, gap, routechange	3970	224 128.39.230.104

Join the Microdep project !

- Access the Microdep online tool via <https://microdep.uninett.no>
- Add a node to the topology
 - Prepare a Debian or Ubuntu system (VM, container, physical)
 - Open some ports:
 - UDP 10001 and 34464-34564
 - TCP 22 and 80.
 - Run
 - `wget -O- http://apt.uninett.no/uninett_apt.gpg | apt-key add -`
 - `apt-add-repository 'deb [arch=amd64] http://apt.uninett.no/debian buster main'`
 - `apt update && apt install mp-dragonlab`
- Email IP-address of node and other questions to microdep@sikt.no

Demo time...