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Motivation

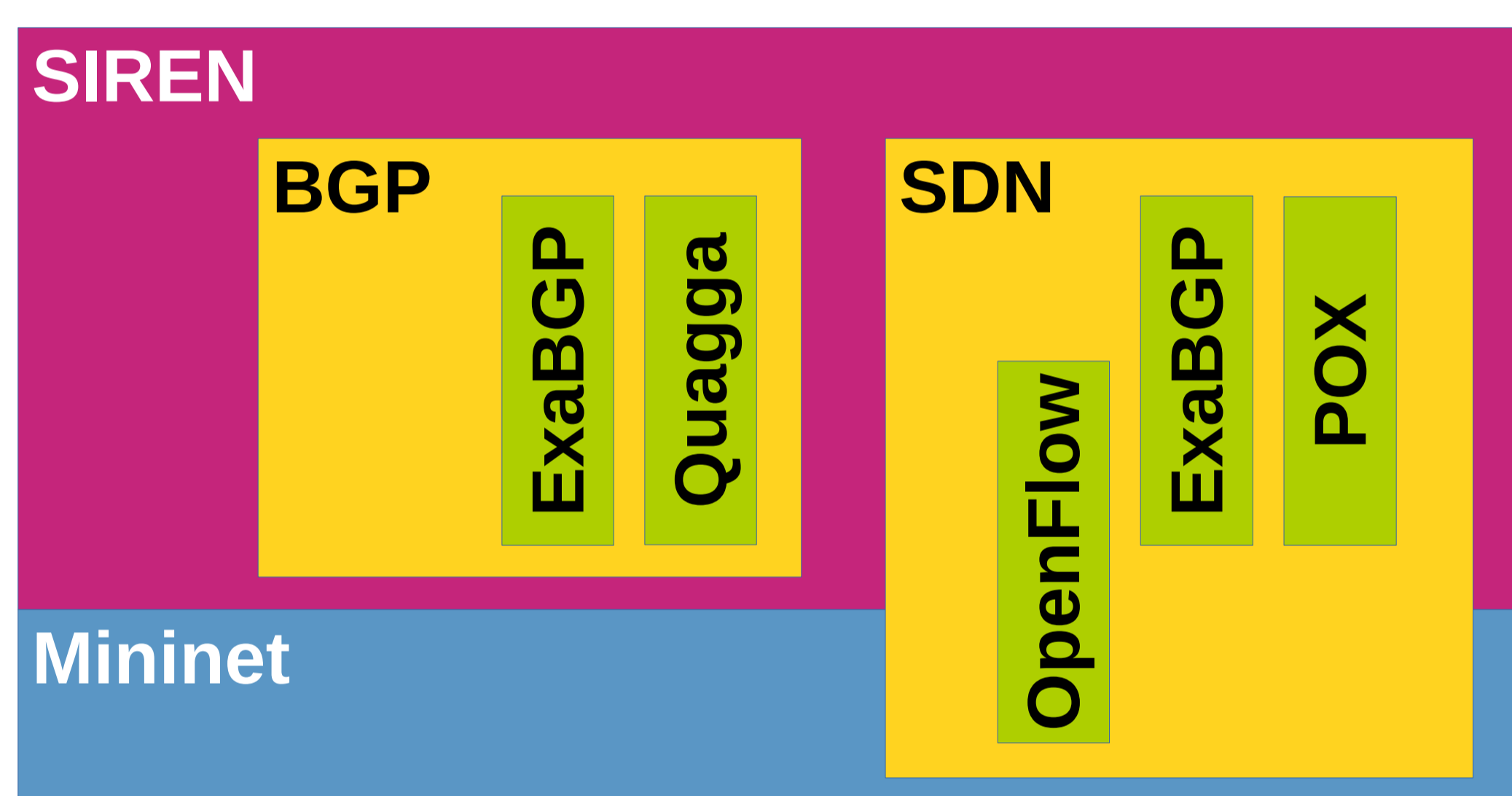
- BGP routing has problems
 - Can take several minutes to converge
 - Does not support QoS
 - Is complex to manage
- Can SDN help improve BGP?
 - SDN centralization at the inter-domain level [1]
 - Software Defined Internet Exchanges (SDX) [2]
- **BUT: No hybrid BGP-SDN emulator to test ideas!**

Objectives

- **Develop hybrid BGP-SDN emulation framework**
 - Use real router software
 - Emulate multiple Autonomous Systems (AS)
 - Simplify experiment management
- **Evaluate effect of SDN centralization on BGP convergence time**
 - Design centralized multi-AS controller [1]
 - Run over emulation framework



Hybrid SDN Inter-domain Routing Emulation



Features

- Based on Mininet, Quagga, POX, and ExaBGP
- Automated configuration generation
- Experiment management over computing nodes
- Live visualization of routing changes
- Log collection and analysis
- Packet loss measurements between end-points

Live Visualization

ws://80.240.131.36:8888/h
start visualization

Elapsed time since last command:
5min 44sec

convergence time
2min 58sec

Legend

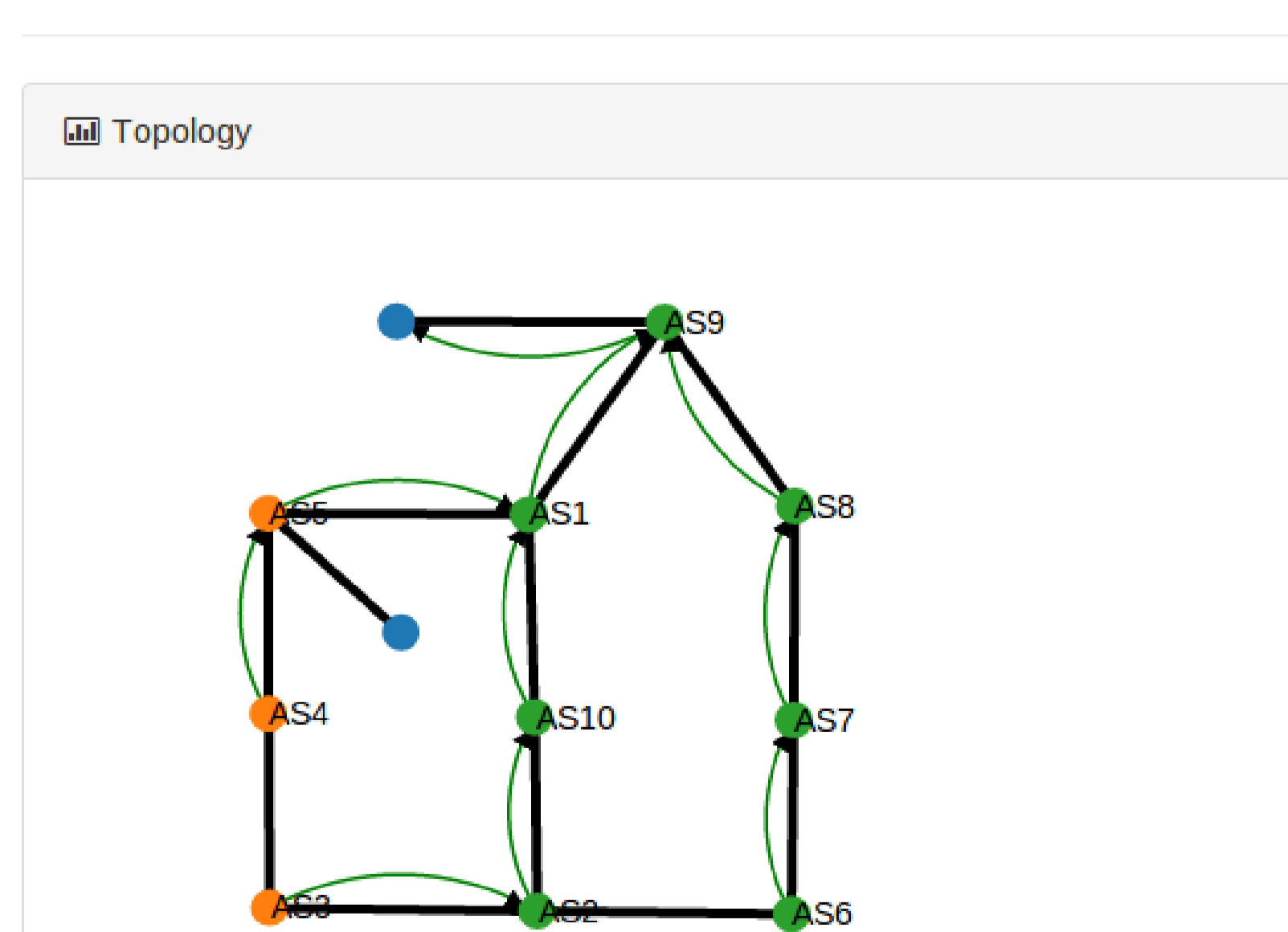
Edges

- Link up
- Link down
- Forwarding direction

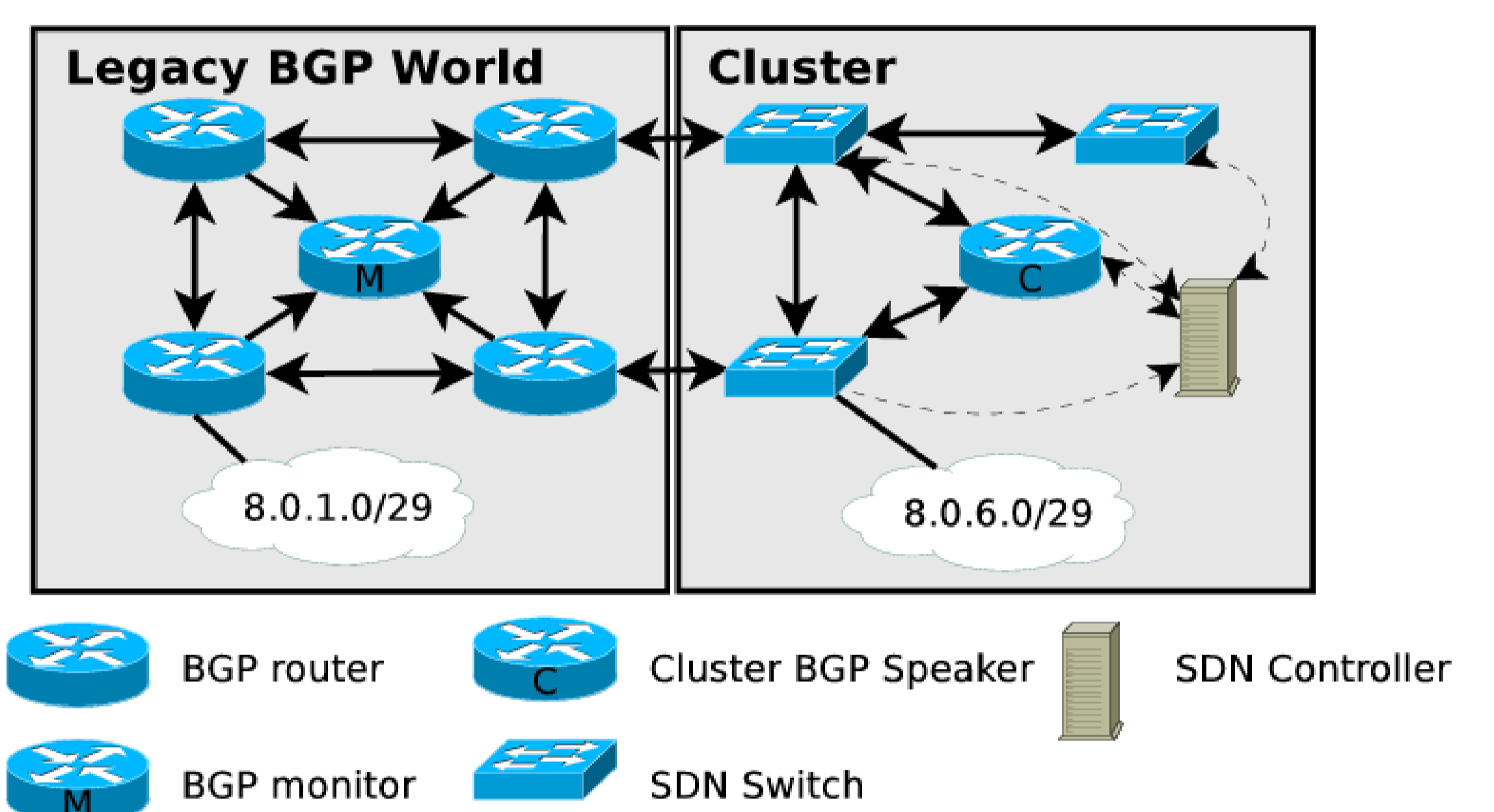
Nodes

- host (Host)
- cluster1 (sdn)
- cluster2 (bgp)

Dashboard



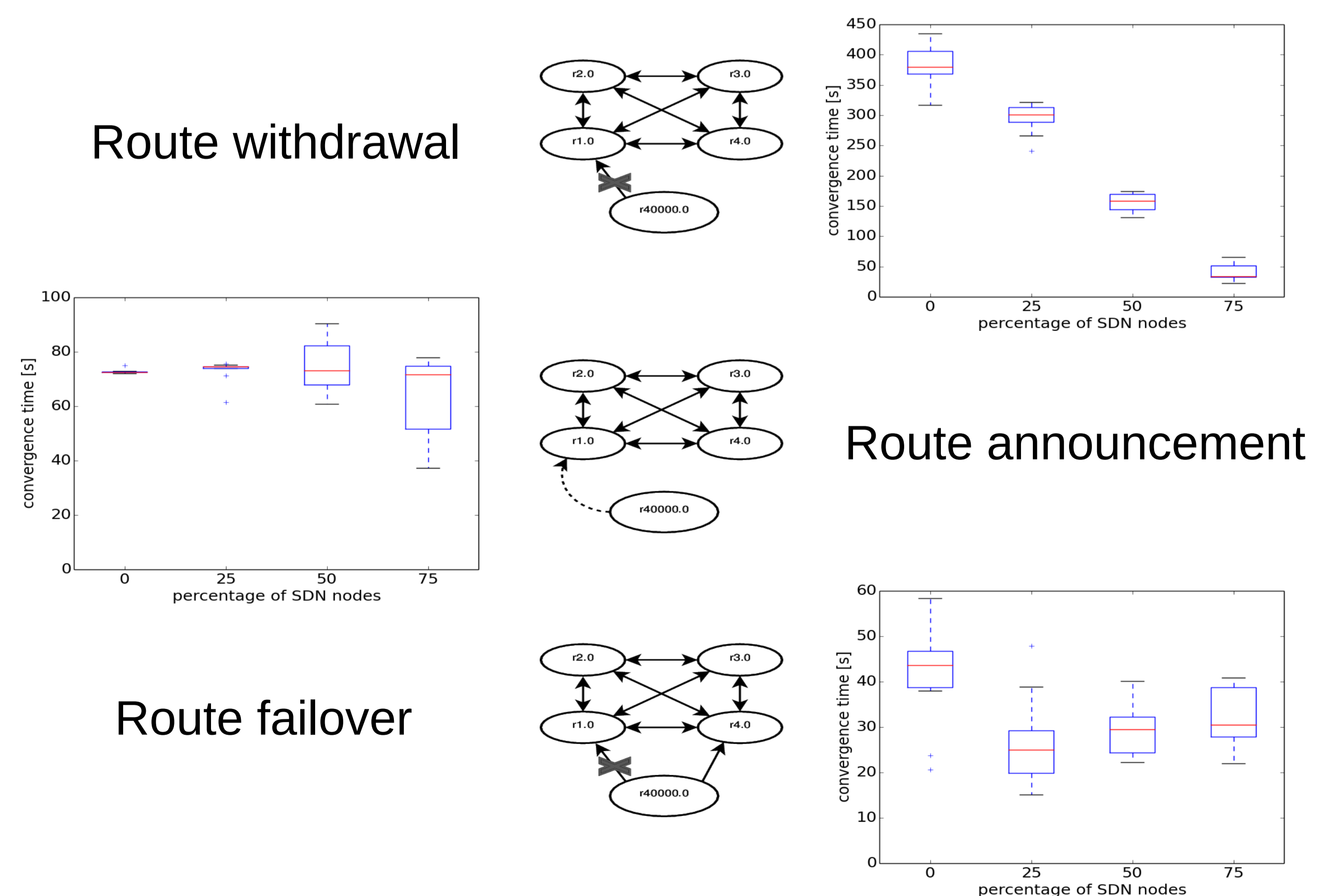
Use-case: effect of SDN centralization on BGP convergence time



Multi-AS cluster controller

- Centralized controller speaks BGP and OpenFlow
- Transparent to the BGP world
- Hybrid path vector / link state inter-domain routing
- Route advertisements delayed for stability

Insight: SDN can help reduce BGP convergence time in certain cases



Download at: <https://bitbucket.org/gaadrian/siren>

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