

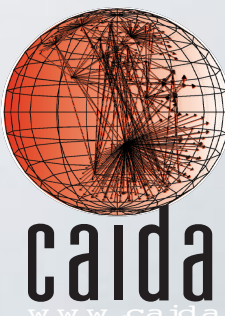
# *ARTEMIS: Neutralizing BGP Hijacking within a Minute*

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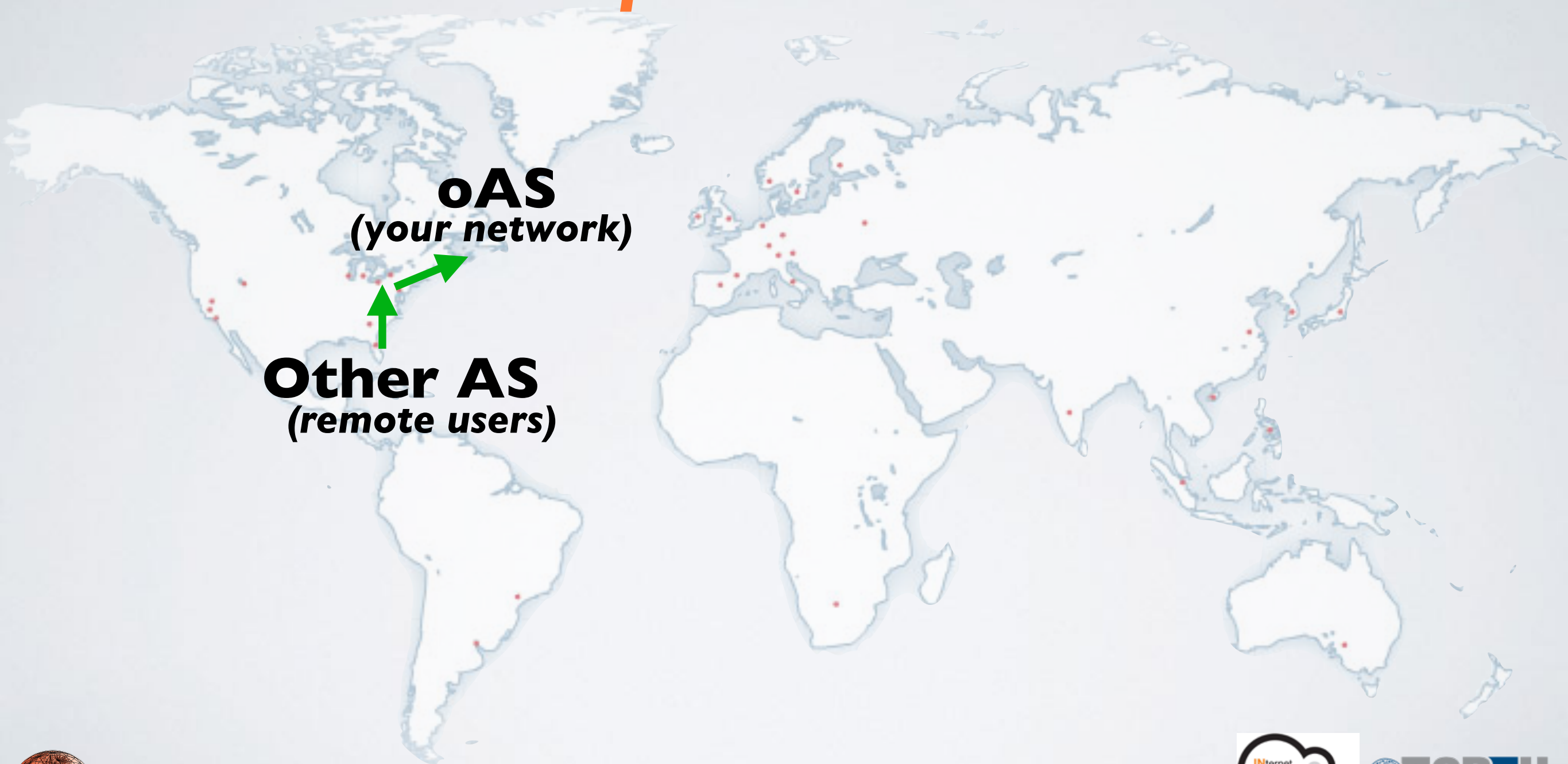
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*a threat to your organization and to critical infrastructure*

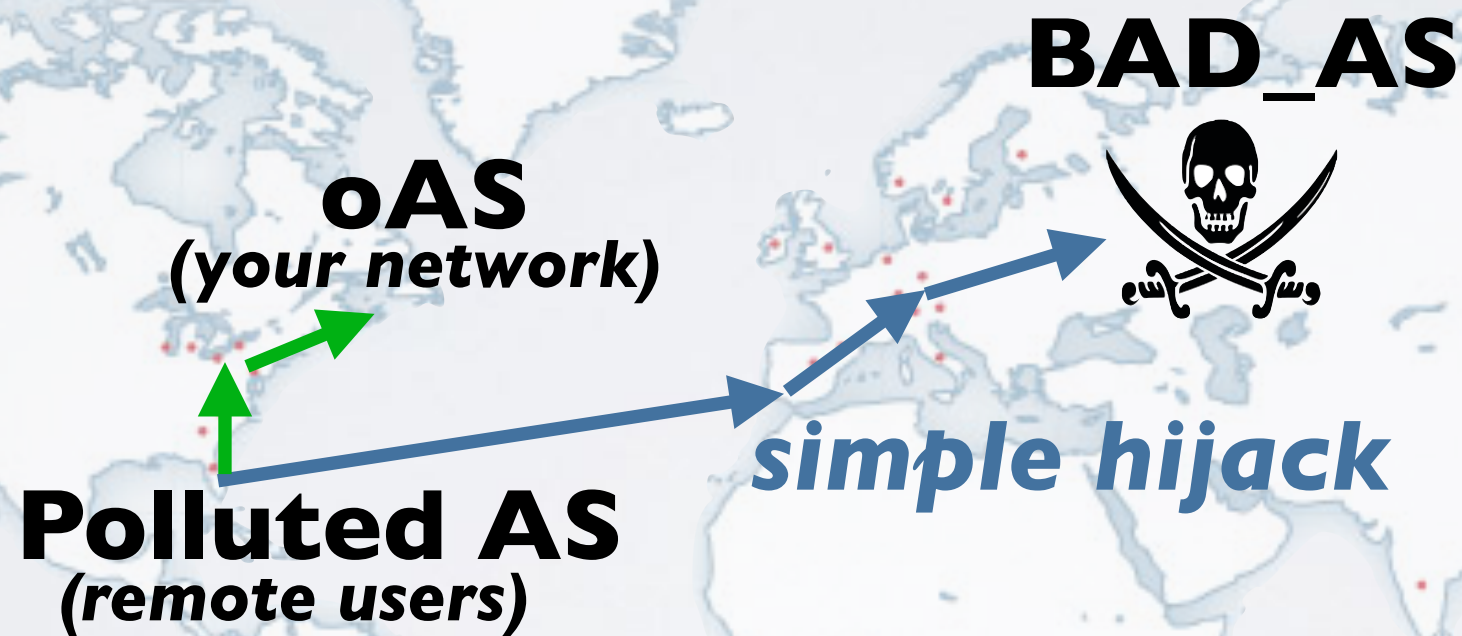


**oAS**  
(your network)

**Other AS**  
(remote users)

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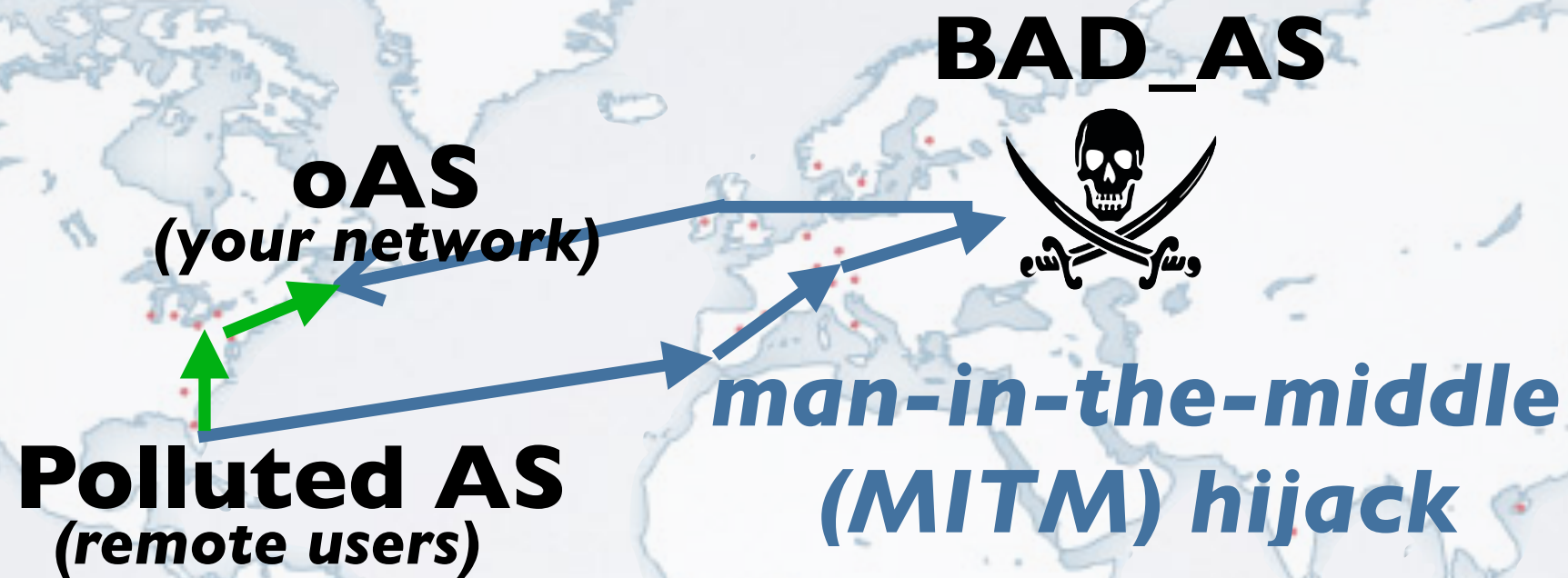
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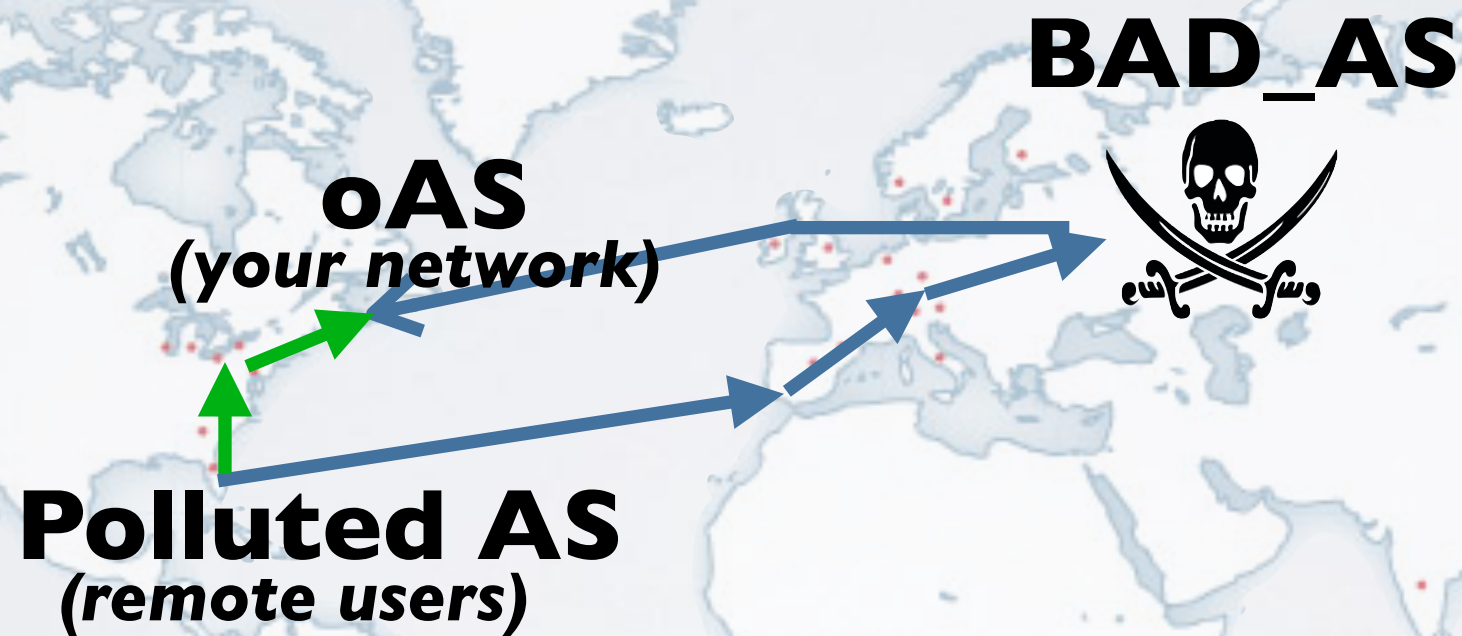
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# INTERNET ROUTE HIJACKING

*many MITM events documented*



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**WIRED**

The attackers initiated the hijacks at least 38 times, grabbing traffic from about 1,500 individual IP blocks, sometimes for minutes, other times for days — and the

<http://research.dyn.com/2013/11/mitm-internet-hijacking/>



# BGP UNIVERSE

## *before ARTEMIS*



# THIRD PARTY SERVICES

*both theoretical and practical issues*

- **Evasion**

- Only simple attack configurations are considered

- **Accuracy**

- Potential for lots of false positives
- or alternatively lots of false negatives

- **Speed**

- Manual verification then manual mitigation

- **Privacy**

- Need to share private information

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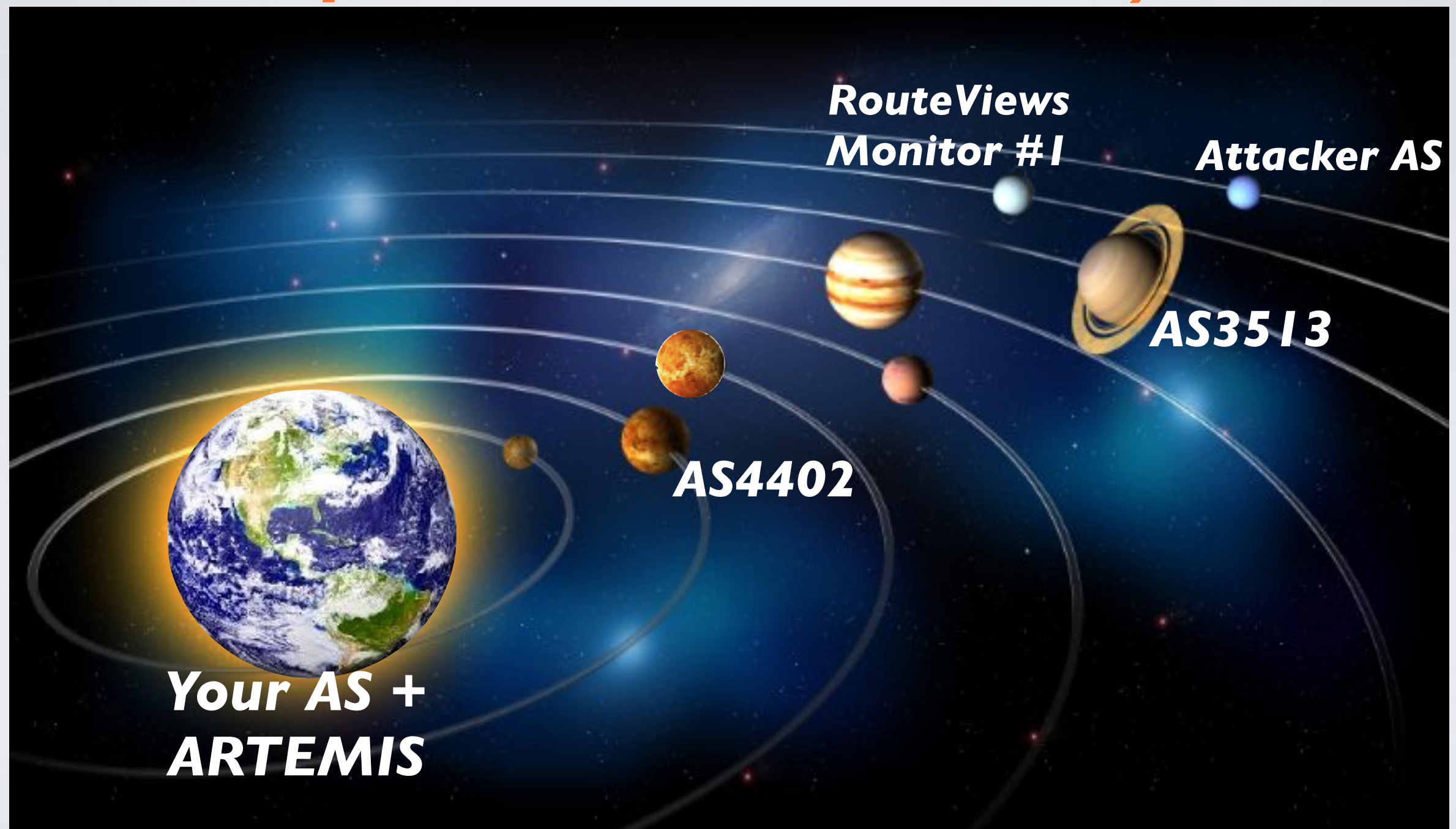
## *before ARTEMIS*





# ARTEMIS IN A NUTSHELL

*a ptolemaic revolution :-)*



# ARTEMIS IN A NUTSHELL

***..then suddenly everything makes sense***

- **Evasion**

- Covers *all* attack configurations

- **Accuracy**

- 0% FP, 0% FN: for most attack configurations
- 0% FN for the remaining ones (alternatively manage FP-FN trade-off)

- **Speed**

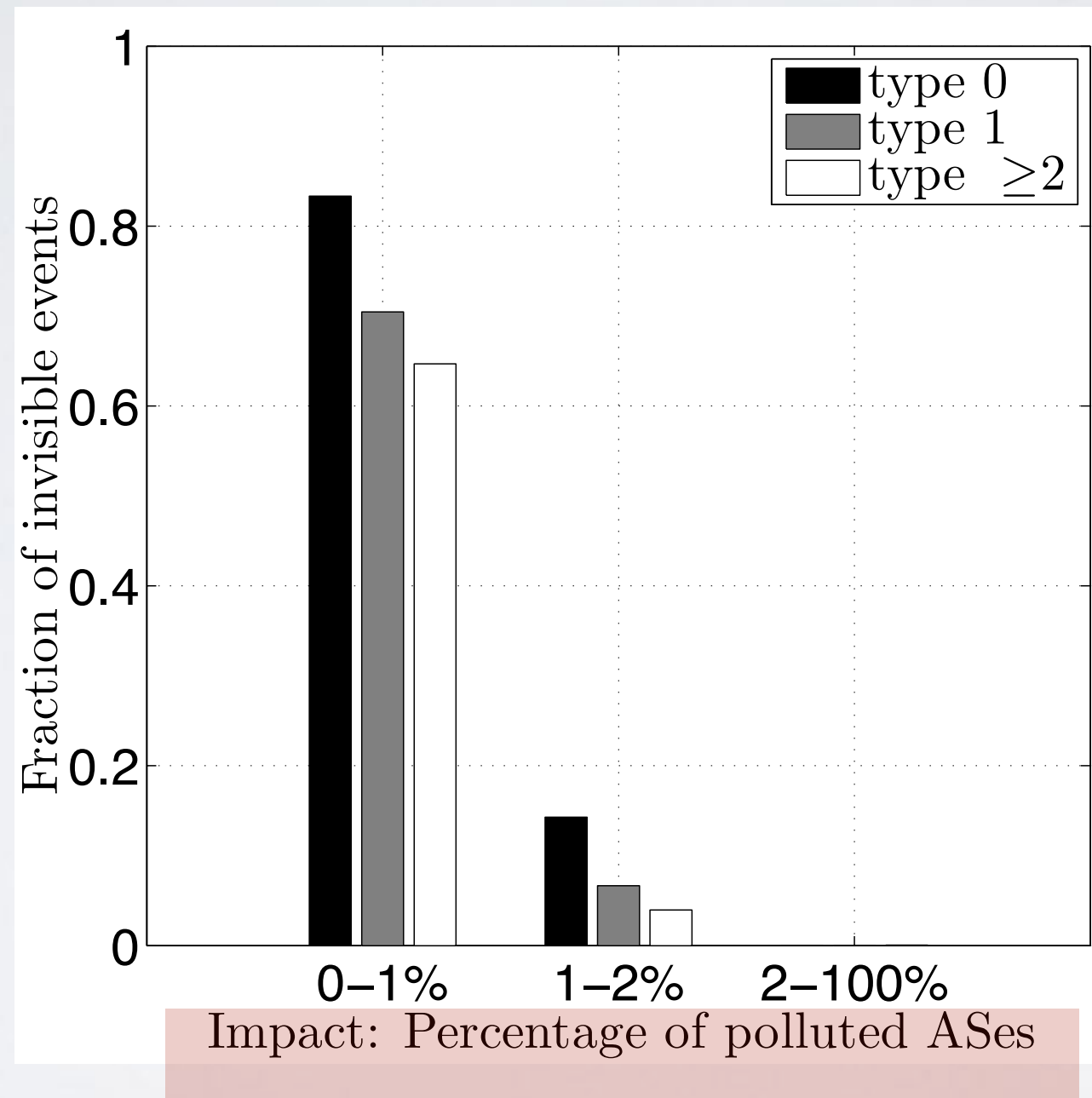
- Automated mitigation: neutralize attacks in a *minute*

- **Privacy & Flexibility**

- *full privacy*
- per-prefix + per-event type, configurable mitigation

# PUBLIC MONITORING INFRASTRUCTURE

*enables visibility of all significant events*



- In the paper:
  - by type of service
  - Impact
  - Speed



# BGP HIJACKING TAXONOMY

## 3 dimensions

- **1)** Based on how the “attacking” AS Path looks like
  - **Type 0** hijack:  $\langle \text{prefix: } \mathbf{BAD\_AS}, \dots \rangle$  (a.k.a. “prefix origin hijack”)
  - **Type 1** hijack:  $\langle \text{prefix: } oAS, \mathbf{BAD\_AS}, \dots \rangle$
  - **Type 2** hijack:  $\langle \text{prefix: } oAS, AS\ I, \mathbf{BAD\_AS}, \dots \rangle$
  - ...
  - **Type N** hijack:  $\langle \text{prefix: } oAS, AS\ I, \dots, \mathbf{BAD\_AS}, \dots \rangle$
  - **Type U** hijack:  $\langle \text{prefix: } \text{unaltered\_path} \rangle$
- **2)** Based on the prefix: announced **prefix** or **sub-prefix**, or **squatting**
- **3)** Based on what happens on the data-plane: *Black Holing* (**BH**), *Imposture* (**IM**), *Man in the Middle* (**MM**)

# ATTACK COVERAGE

## ARTEMIS vs previous literature

TABLE 1: Comparison of BGP prefix hijacking detection systems/services w.r.t. ability to detect different classes of attacks.

Class of Hijacking Attack			Control-plane System/Service			Data-plane System/Service		Hybrid System/Service		
Affected prefix	AS-PATH (Type)	Data plane	ARTEMIS	Cyclops (2008) [26]	PHAS (2006) [41]	iSpy (2008) [66]	Zheng <i>et al.</i> (2007) [67]	HEAP (2016) [57]	Argus (2012) [61]	Hu <i>et al.</i> (2007) [37]
Sub	U	*	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Sub	0/1	BH	✓	×	✓	×	×	✓	✓	✓
Sub	0/1	IM	✓	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	✓
Sub	0/1	MM	✓	×	✓	×	×	×	×	×
Sub	$\geq 2$	BH	✓	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓
Sub	$\geq 2$	IM	✓	×	×	×	×	✓	×	✓
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Exact	0/1	IM	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×	✓
Exact	0/1	MM	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×	×
Exact	$\geq 2$	BH	✓	×	×	✓	×	×	✓	✓
Exact	$\geq 2$	IM	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	×	✓
Exact	$\geq 2$	MM	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	×	×

# ACCURATE DETECTION

## *becomes trivial in most of the cases*

Hijacking Attack			ARTEMIS Detection		Detection Approach
Prefix	AS-PATH (Type)	Data Plane	False Positives (FP)	False Negatives (FN)	
Sub-prefix	*	*	None	None	Sec. 5.2
Squatting	*	*	None	None	Sec. 5.2
Exact	0/1	*	None	None	Sec. 5.3
Exact	$\geq 2$	*	$< 0.3/\text{day}$ for $> 80\%$ of ASes (upper bound, since estimated w/o using information from local routers)	None	Sec. 5.4 Stage 1
Exact	$\geq 2$	*	None for 89% of ASes ( $T_{s2} = 5\text{min}$ ; alert threshold $> 1$ monitors, <i>i.e.</i> , FN for events with negligible visible impact)	$< 4\%$	Sec. 5.4 Stages 1+2



# TYPE $\geq 2$ HIJACKS

## Stage I

- Triggered when: a BGP update (for a monitored prefix) whose AS-PATH contains a N-hop AS-link ( $N \geq 2$ ) that is not included in the previously verified AS-links list
- Legitimate if this link has been observed in the *opposite direction* in the AS-links list from monitors and local BGP routers (10 months history).

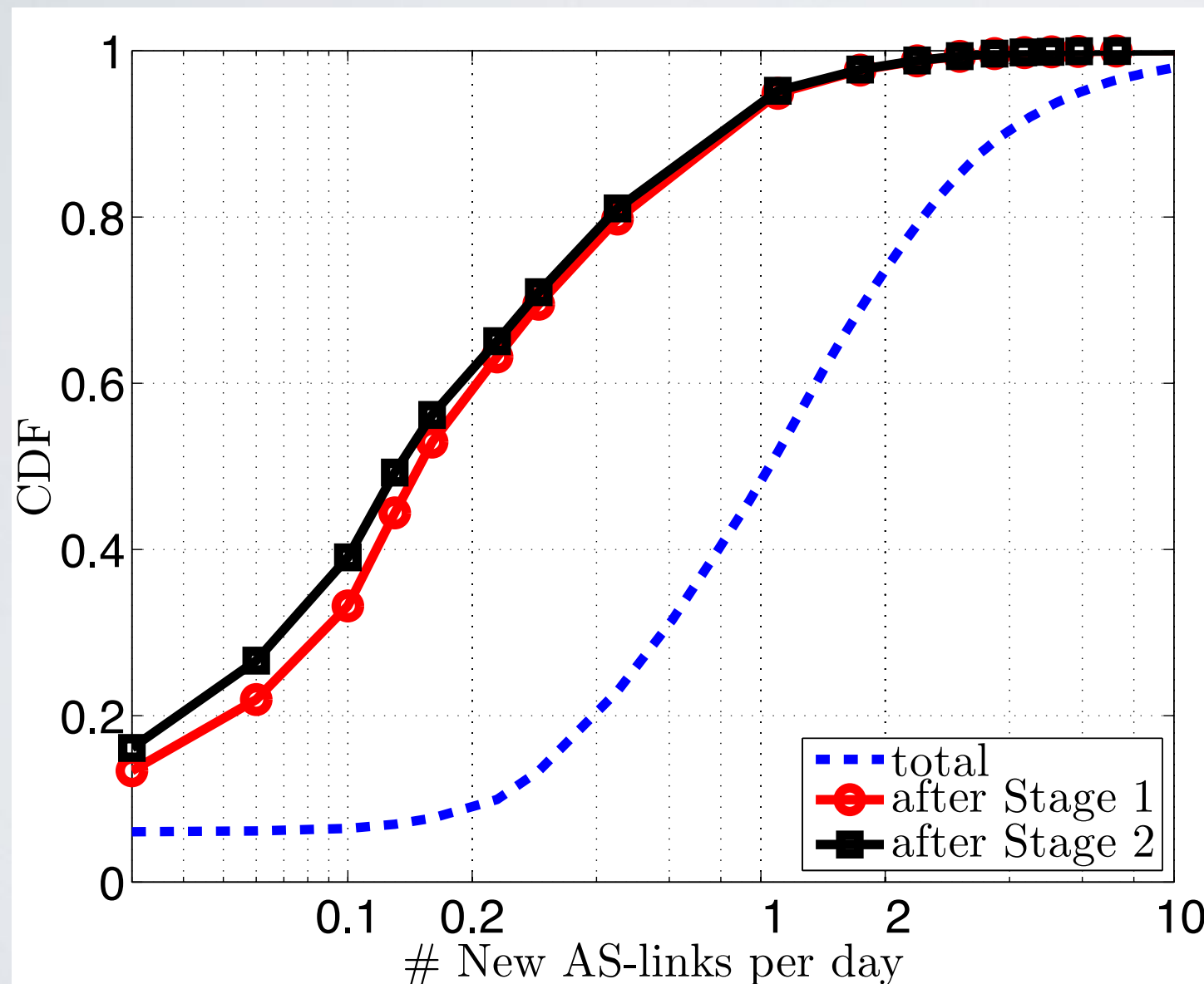
<prefix: oAS, neighborAS, **BAD\_AS**, ...> attack announcement

<any prefix: ..., **BAD\_AS**, neighborAS, ..., **BAD\_AS**, ...> pre-attack fails

<any prefix: ..., **BAD\_AS**, neighborAS, ..., **2ndBAD\_AS**, ...> pre-attack ok

# TYPE $\geq 2$ HIJACKS

## Stage 1 and Stage 2



### • Stage 2

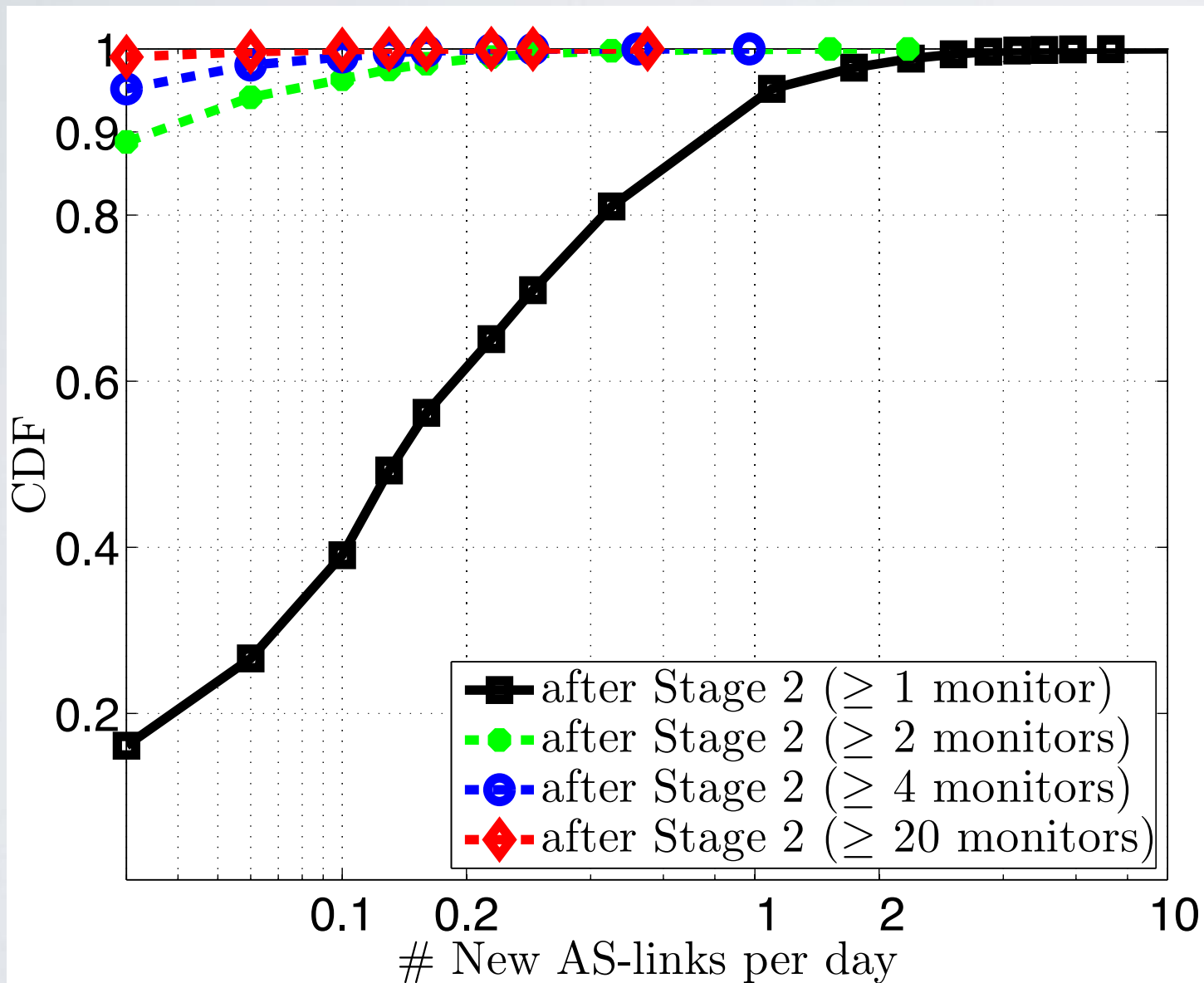
- Wait 5 minutes
- Recheck tables
- ...

TABLE 5: Simulation results of the reduction (%) of false positives by Stage 2, due to the information from monitors and local routers.

position of new link:	2 <sup>nd</sup> hop	3 <sup>rd</sup> hop
only monitors	0.2%	4.6%
monitors+local router(s)	24.2%	31.8%

# TYPE $\geq 2$ HIJACKS

## Stage 2 w/ FN of small impact



### • Stage 2

- wait 5 minutes
- Recheck tables
- Optional: decisions based on observable impact



# MITIGATION

## *in the paper: simulation + experiments on the actual Internet*

- DIY: de-aggregate while you can!
- When you can't, maybe ask help to the DoS mitigation guys

TABLE 6: Mean percentage of polluted ASes, when outsourcing BGP announcements to organizations providing DDoS protection services; these organizations can provide highly effective outsourced mitigation of BGP hijacking.

	without outsourcing	top ISPs	AK	CF	VE	IN	NE
Type0	50.0%	12.4%	2.4%	4.8%	5.0%	7.3%	11.0%
Type1	28.6%	8.2%	0.3%	0.8%	0.9%	2.3%	3.3%
Type2	16.9%	6.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	1.3%	1.1%
Type3	11.6%	4.5%	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	1.1%	0.5%

# ARTEMIS TOOL

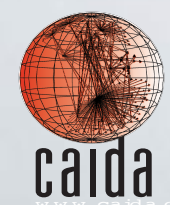
*soon available*

- Open source
- Based on CAIDA BGPStream
- **EU** side of development sponsored by RIPE NCC
- Implementation challenges
  - automated configuration
  - mitigation



# THANKS

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