

Advanced Computer Networking (ACN)

Exercise 2 – Solution

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Tutorial

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- Frame Check Sequence
- Bit error detection → discard frame if FCS is wrong
- No error correction
- Computed using CRC32

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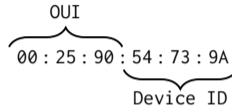
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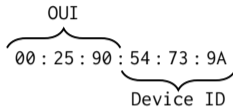


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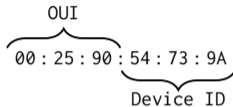
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- IPv6 Multicast Address (RFC 2464, Section 7)
- `33:33:[last 4 octets of the IPv6 address]`

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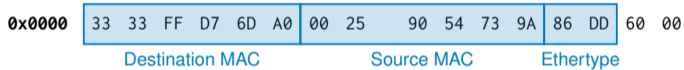
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0x0806	ARP (Address Resolution Protocol)
0x0842	WoL (Wake on Lan)
0x8035	RARP (Reverse ARP)
0x814c	SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)
0x86dd	IPv6 (Internet Protocol, Version 6)

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- Variable length
- Internet Header Length (IHL)

IPv6

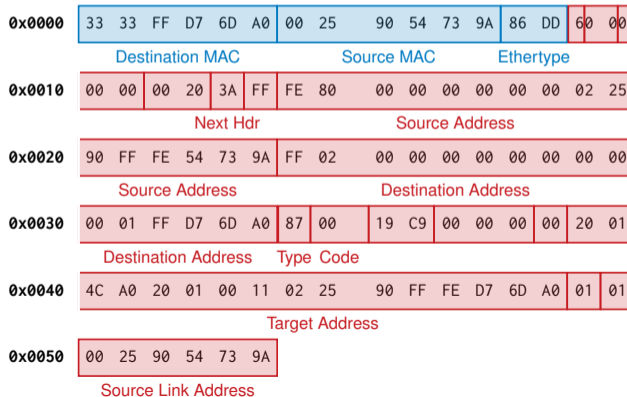
- Fixed length but has extension headers
 - Next Header points to Extension Header
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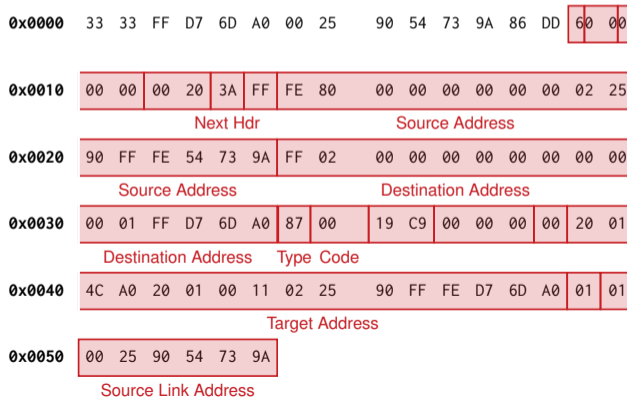


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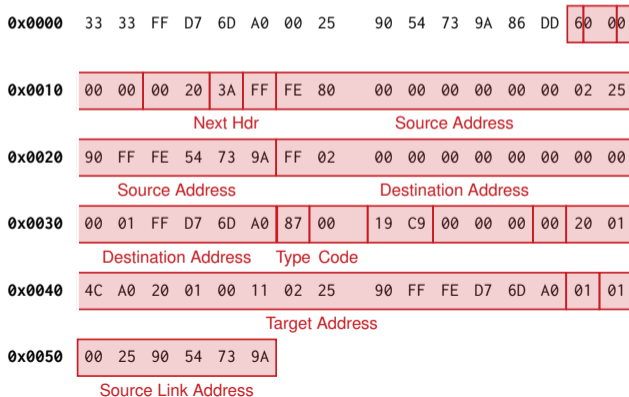


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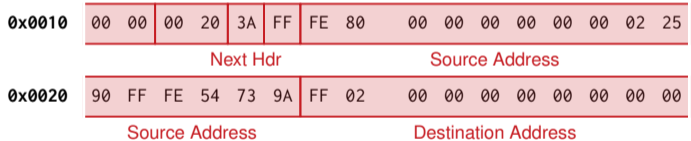
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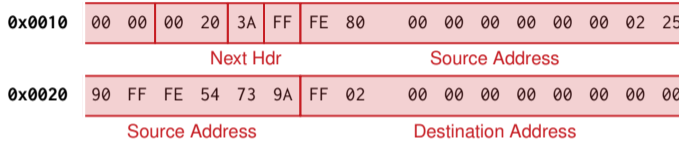
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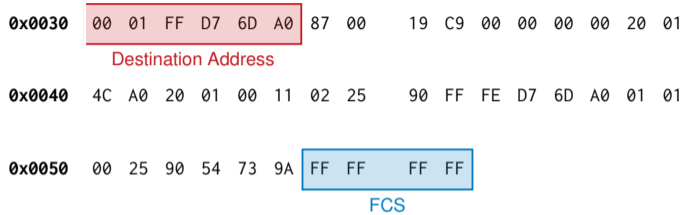
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0x01	ICMPv4 (Internet Control Message Protocol, Version 4)
0x04	IPv4 encapsulation
0x06	TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)
0x11	UDP (User Datagram Protocol)
0x29	IPv6 encapsulation
0x2f	GRE (General Routing Encapsulation)
0x3a	ICMPv6 (Internet Control Message Protocol, Version 6)
0x84	SCTP (Stream Control Transmission Protocol)

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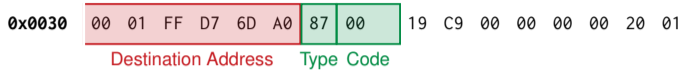
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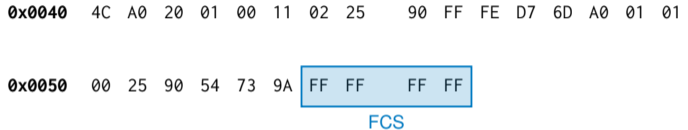
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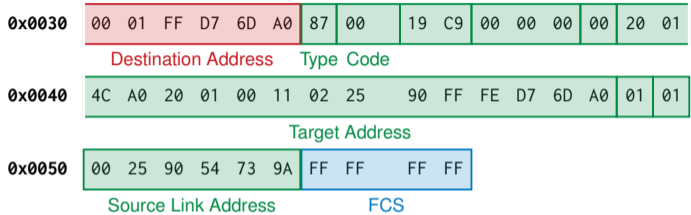
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- No TTL or max hops on layer 2
- STP is useful to handle loops on layer 2
- STP recomputes paths and can use backup paths if a bridge fails

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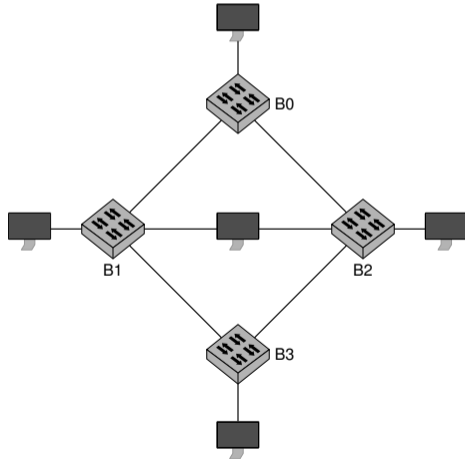
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- The root bridge acts as a reference point
- It is determined via an election process:
 - Initially each bridge assumes it is the root bridge
 - Each bridge starts transmitting bridge protocol data units (BPDUs) - bridge ID, root bridge ID, distance to root bridge
 - Bridge ID contains itself a configurable priority parameter
 - Each bridge listens for BPDUs but does not forward them
 - The port with the lowest root bridge ID received will be the new root port
 - If two ports connect to the root bridge the one with the higher cost or if equal the one with the higher id gets blocked
 - The other ports become designated ports

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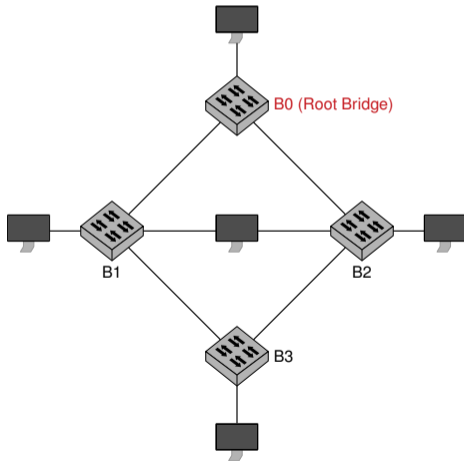


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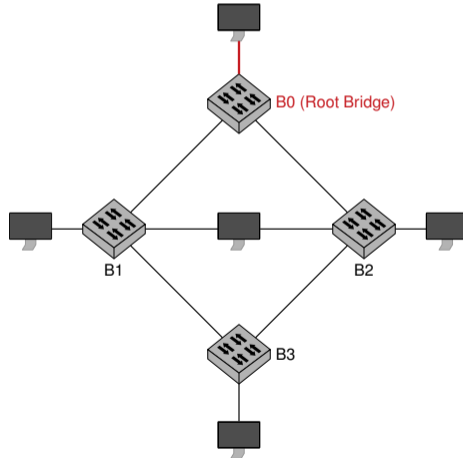
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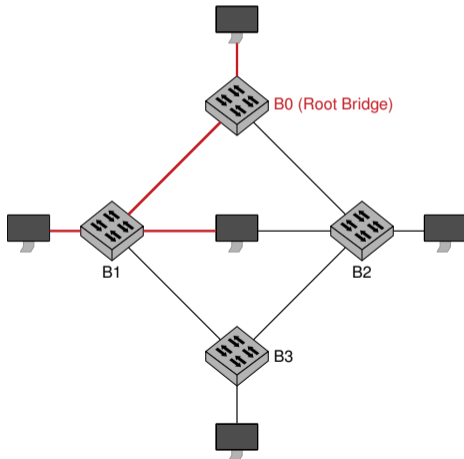


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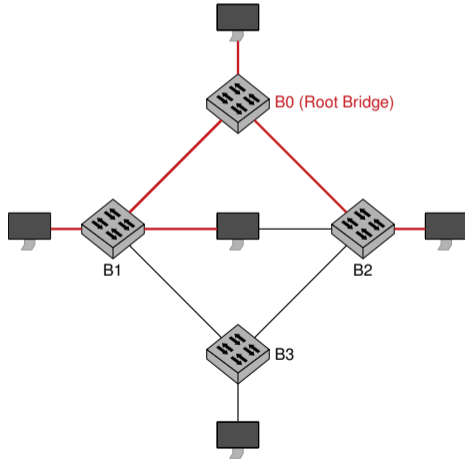
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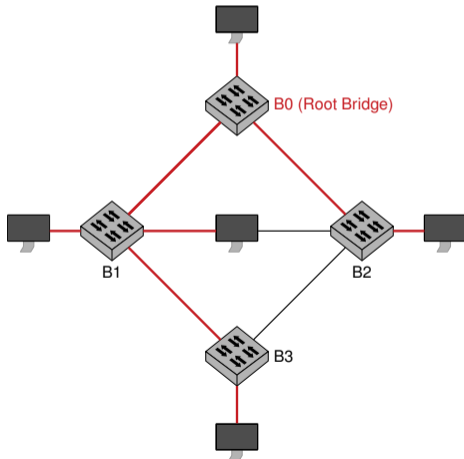


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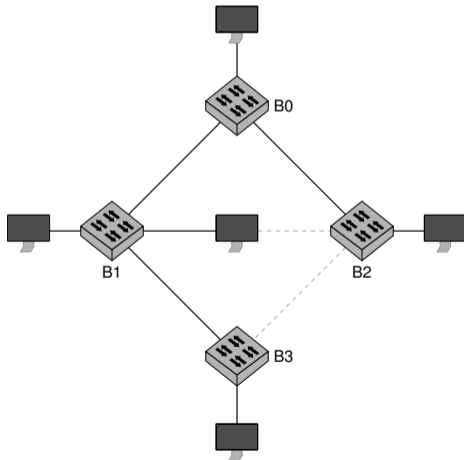


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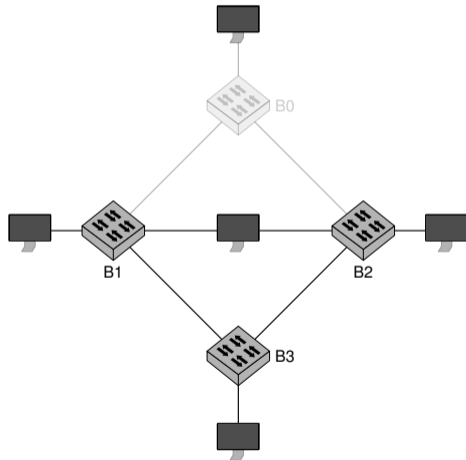
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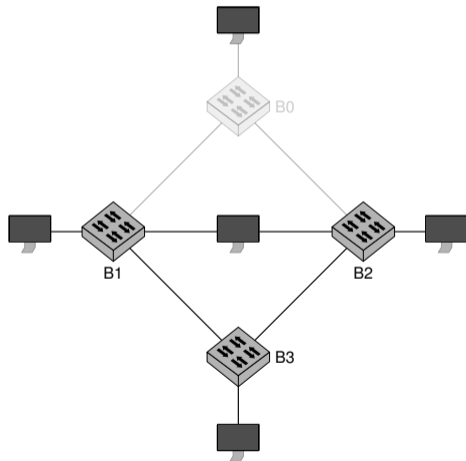


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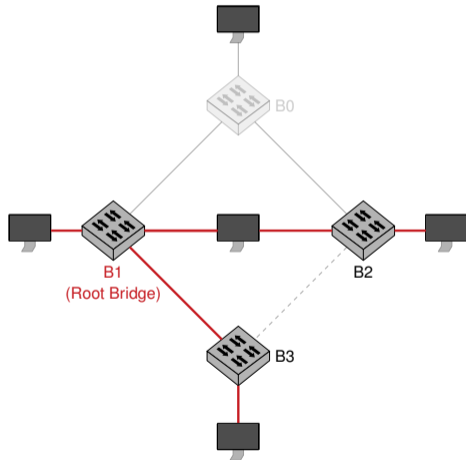


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- Send IP packets with increasing TTL values
- When the TTL reaches 0 the router discards the packet and creates an ICMP Time Exceeded / TTL Exceeded, which is returned to the sender
- This error message contains the IP address of the router that discarded the packet (source IP) as well as parts of the original packet
- Traceroute can be used to:
 - detect network problems
 - analyze routing behavior
 - get an approximate path length to a host

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- ICMP: Sends ICMP echo request packets
 - receives ICMP TTL exceeded error packets
 - requires root privileges
- TCP: Sends TCP SYN packets
 - receives ICMP TTL exceeded error packets
 - requires root privileges
 - uses port 80 to bypass firewalls
- UDP: Sends UDP packets
 - receives ICMP TTL exceeded error packets
 - does not require root privileges
 - uses increasing **unlikely** port numbers or a fixed port
 - receiving part can be confused by random payload
 - last hop often does not reply

Tutorial2 – Problem 3: Network Topology and Tracing Routes

The following measurements were performed via RIPE Atlas. You can lookup the results [1]

Hop	IP Address	reverse name	ASN	Latencies [ms]		
1	217.10.64.29	hydra-atlasgw.netzquadrat.net	AS15594	3.898ms	0.589ms	0.408ms
2	217.10.64.9	c12-1-e1-3.netzquadrat.net	AS15594	0.771ms	0.741ms	0.795ms
3	213.83.57.97		AS12306	30.387ms	30.362ms	30.662ms
4	82.98.102.6		AS12306	30.691ms	30.617ms	30.604ms
5	212.162.24.57	edge4.frankfurt1.level3.net	AS3356	30.156ms	30.166ms	30.241ms
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7	4.15.122.46	cenic.ear1.sanjose1.level3.net	AS3356	174.041ms	174.36ms	173.828ms
8	137.164.11.31	dc-svl-agg8-svl-agg4-100ge-2.cenic.net	AS2152	175.205ms		
	137.164.11.29	dc-svl-agg8-svl-agg4-100ge-1.cenic.net	AS2152	180.28ms	186.577ms	
9	137.164.11.0	dc-lax-agg8-svl-agg8-100ge-1.cenic.net	AS2152	180.29ms		
	137.164.11.66	lax-agg8-svl-agg8-100g-3.cenic.net	AS2152	186.731ms	181.244ms	
10	137.164.11.34	dc-lax-agg6-lax-agg8-100ge-3.cenic.net	AS2152	180.057ms	185.605ms	
	137.164.11.6	dc-lax-agg6-lax-agg8-100ge-2.cenic.net	AS2152	180.049ms		
11	137.164.11.61	tus-agg8-lax-agg6-100g-3.cenic.net	AS2152	187.539ms		
	137.164.11.23	dc-tus-agg8-lax-agg6-100ge-1.cenic.net	AS2152	181.976ms	182.336ms	
	137.164.11.51	sdg-agg4-tus-agg8-3x100ge.cenic.net	AS2152	187.272ms	181.621ms	182.033ms
12	137.164.23.43	dc-sdsc-100ge-sdg-agg4.cenic.net	AS2152	182.134ms	187.637ms	186.656ms
13	192.12.207.46	medusa-mx960.sdsc.edu	AS195	181.975ms	182.095ms	189.205ms
14	192.12.207.46	medusa-mx960.sdsc.edu	AS195	181.975ms	182.095ms	189.205ms
15	192.172.226.78	rommie.caida.org	AS1909	187.69ms	181.883ms	181.526ms

[1] Measurements from DE <https://atlas.ripe.net/measurements/23212460>

Measurements from GB <https://atlas.ripe.net/measurements/23212455>

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- The asterisks signal that no answer was received

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3	2a00:4700:0:1::3	1.458 ms	0.946 ms	vl-3010.csr1-2wr.lrz.de
4	-	-	9.302 ms	cr-fra2-be14.x-win.dfn.de
5	cr-fra2-be14.x-win.dfn.de	10.762 ms	9.299 ms	cr-fra2-be14.x-win.dfn.de
6	dfn.mx1.fra.de.geant.net	10.881 ms	9.206 ms	dfn.mx1.fra.de.geant.net
7	ae7.mx1.ams.nl.geant.net	16.758 ms	15.709 ms	ae7.mx1.ams.nl.geant.net
8	internet2-gw.mx1.ams.nl.geant.net	111.152 ms	103.953 ms	internet2-gw.mx1.ams.nl.geant.net
9	ashb.net.internet2.edu	166.537 ms	-	-
10	ashb.net.internet2.edu	167.301 ms	-	-
11	clev.net.internet2.edu	166.439 ms	-	-
12	eqch.net.internet2.edu	167.631 ms	-	-
13	eqch.net.internet2.edu	167.947 ms	-	-
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15	kans.net.internet2.edu	167.196 ms	-	-
16	denv.net.internet2.edu	167.063 ms	-	-
17	salt.net.internet2.edu	167.973 ms	-	-
18	losa.net.internet2.edu	165.542 ms	-	-
19	hpr-lax-agg10-i2.cenic.net	164.806 ms	168.401 ms	hpr-lax-agg10-i2.cenic.net
20	-	-	168.709 ms	hpr-sdsc-100ge-sdg-hpr3.cenic.net
21	hpr-sdsc-100ge-sdg-hpr3.cenic.net	167.048 ms	166.069 ms	hpr-sdsc-100ge-sdg-hpr3.cenic.net
22	2001:48d0:101:501::122	167.055 ms	169.137 ms	rommie.caida.org

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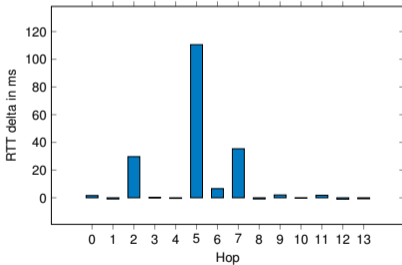
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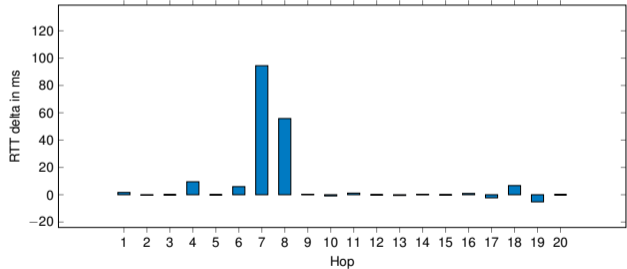
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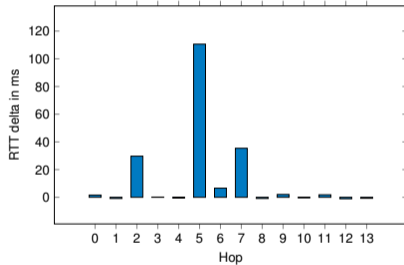
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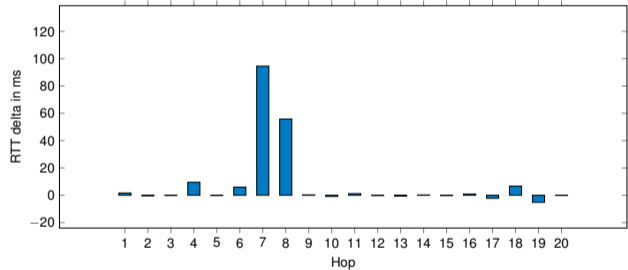
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- between hop 5 and 7 most probably the transatlantic link is located



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- location hints in DNS names - however this information may be wrong
- RTT triangulation
- Crowd sourced data [2]
- Some providers offer additional information: e.g., GEANT [3]
- Some operators offer rough maps of their network, e.g., RedCLARA [4]

[1] <https://www.maxmind.com/en/geoip-demo>

[2] <https://ipmap.ripe.net/>

[3] https://www.geant.org/Networks/Network_Operations/PublishingImages/Pages/GEANT_Operations_Centre/GOC-2019013102-GEANT%20ticket%20city%20codes%20table.pdf

[4] <https://www.redclara.net/index.php/en/red/redclara/topologia-actual-de-la-red>

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