Integrating EVPN and Activating Proxy Agent Functionality: Insights and Challenges from an IXP Network

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- IXP Challenges
- Migration Details
- Results

Challenges

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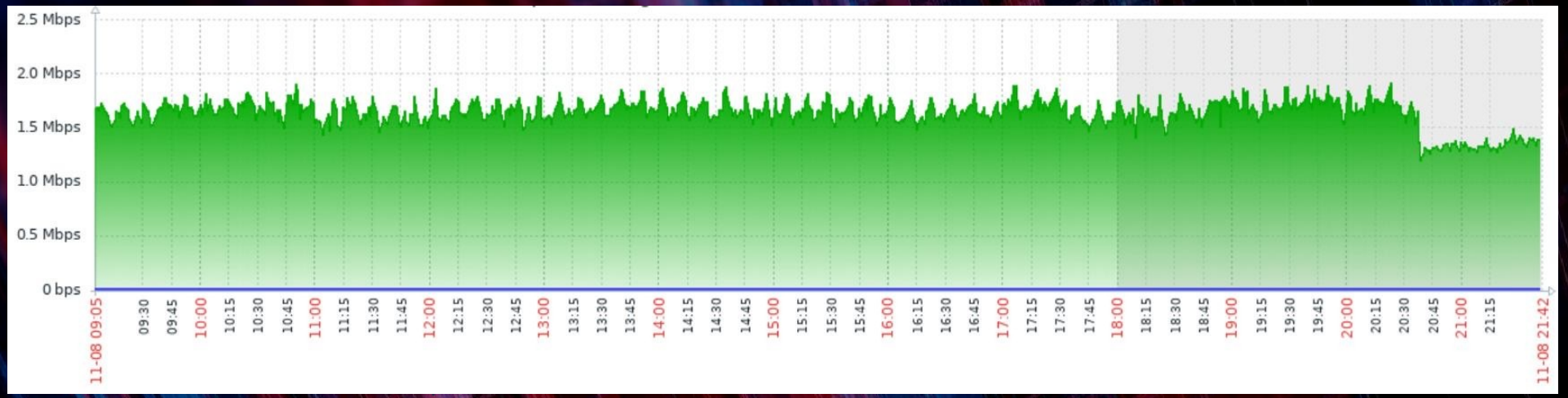

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ProxyARP/ND

A router answering to address resolution requests for addresses that do not belong to his own interfaces will start to interrupt all layer 3 based communications

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Port Security at DE-CIX

Static MAC + MAC ACLs

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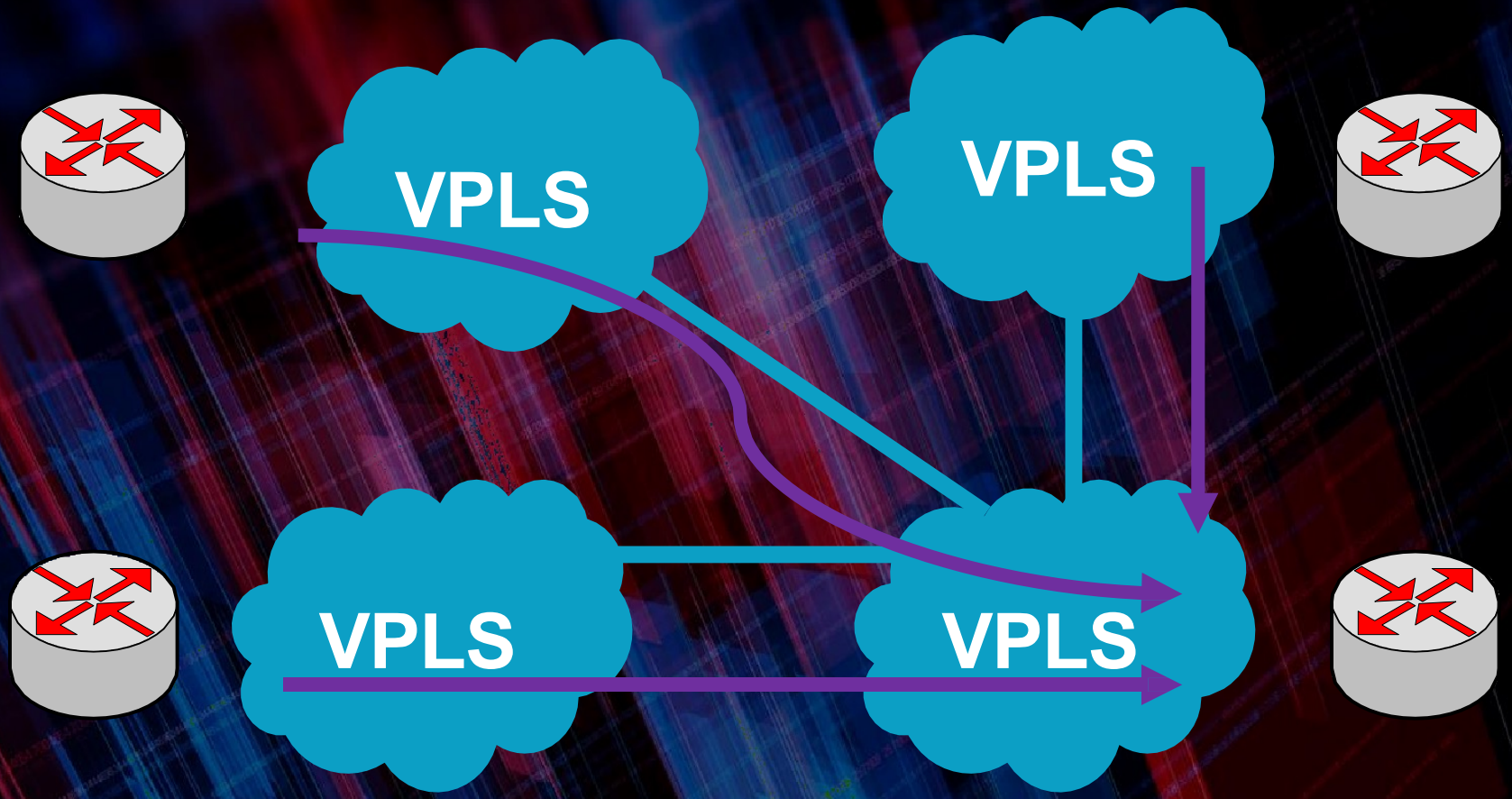

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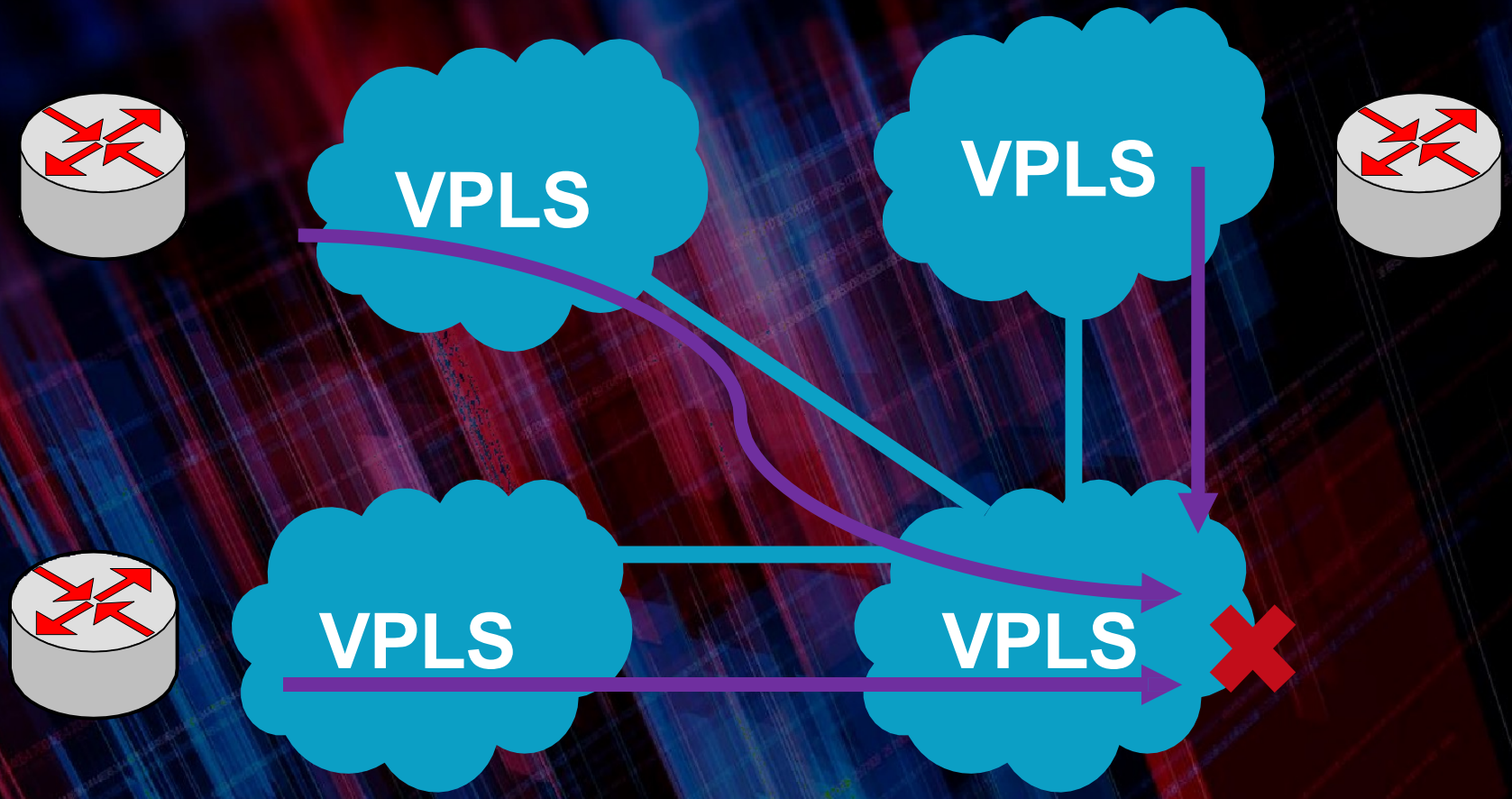

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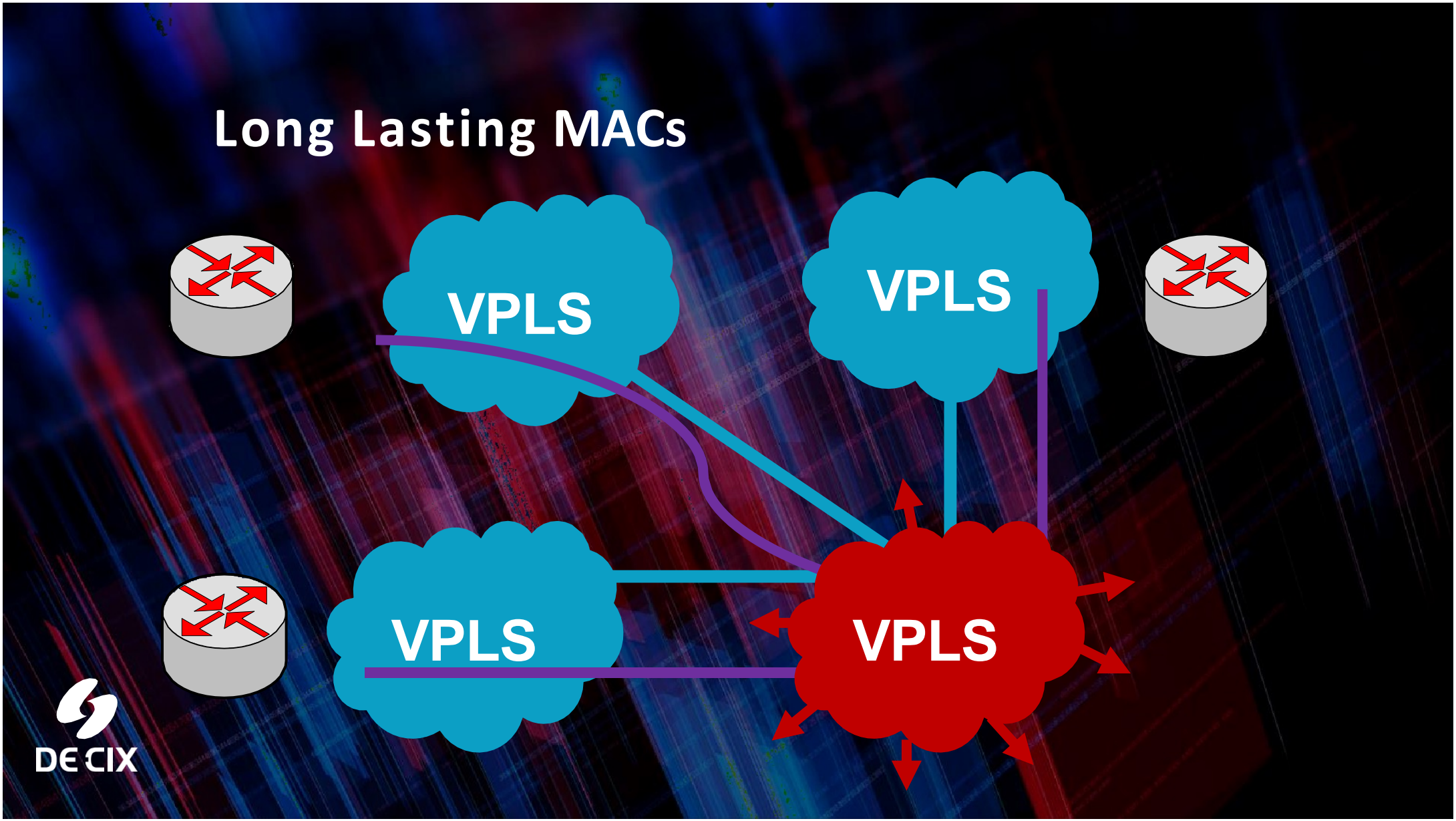

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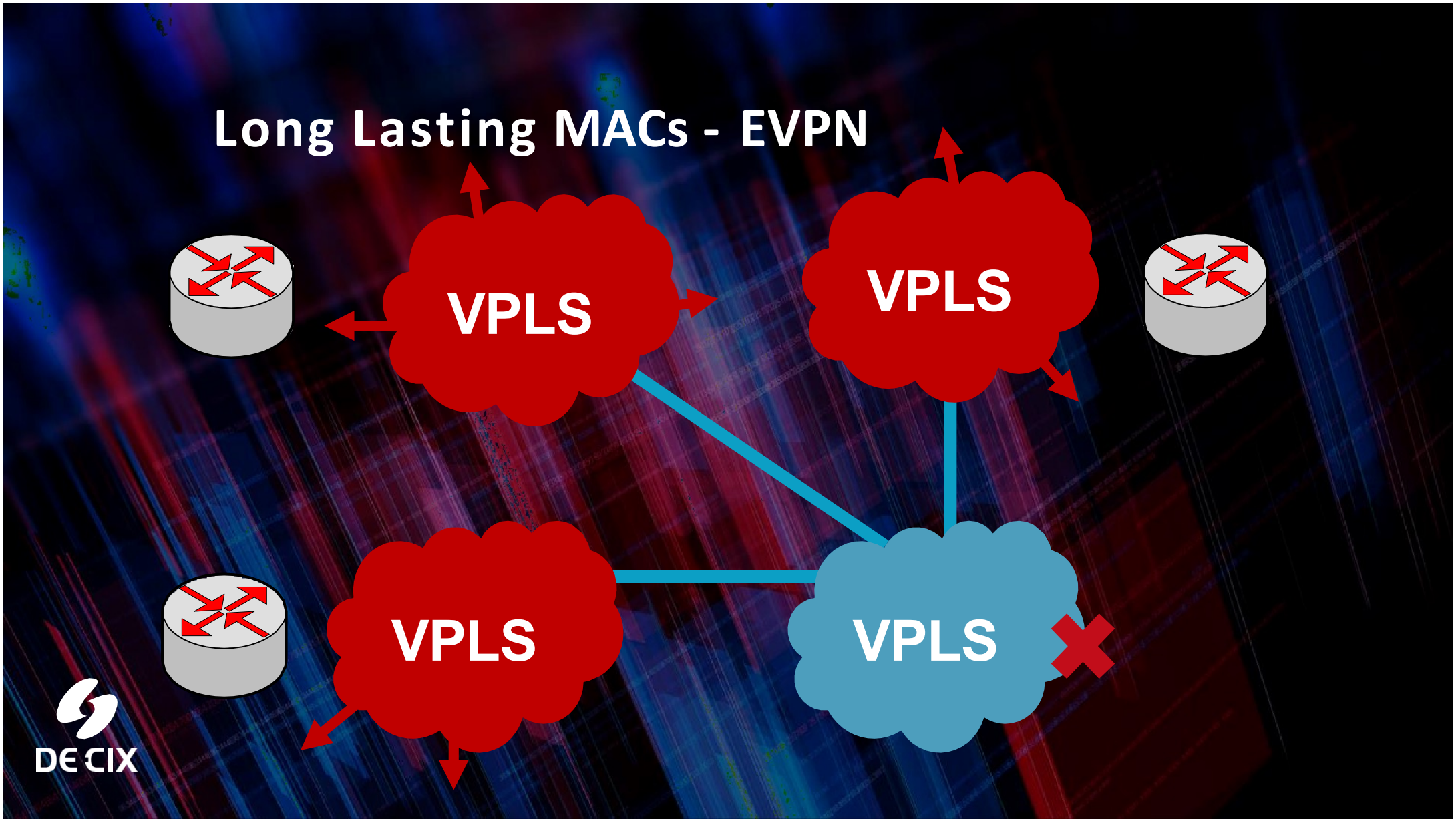
Long Lasting MACs - EVPN
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VLAN Loops

OUTAGE: Forwarding errors on Peering Platform Frankfurt (OPEN)

DE-CIX Maintenance ID: DXDB:MAINT:703

Work start: 2021-09-21 13:40 UTC

Work status: ANNOUNCED
Notification type: OPEN
Impact: Partial Disruption

Affected entities:
Site: DE-CIX Frankfurt (all devices)

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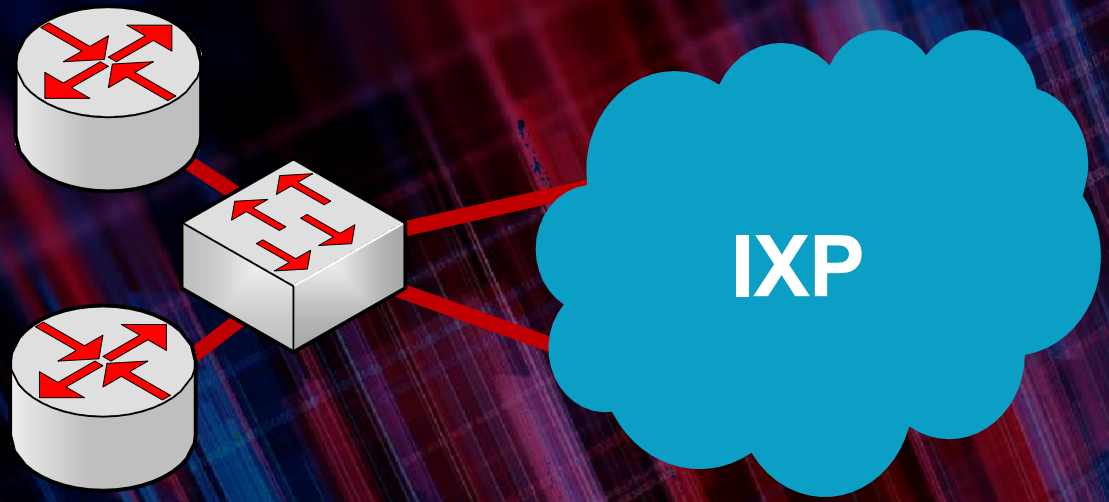

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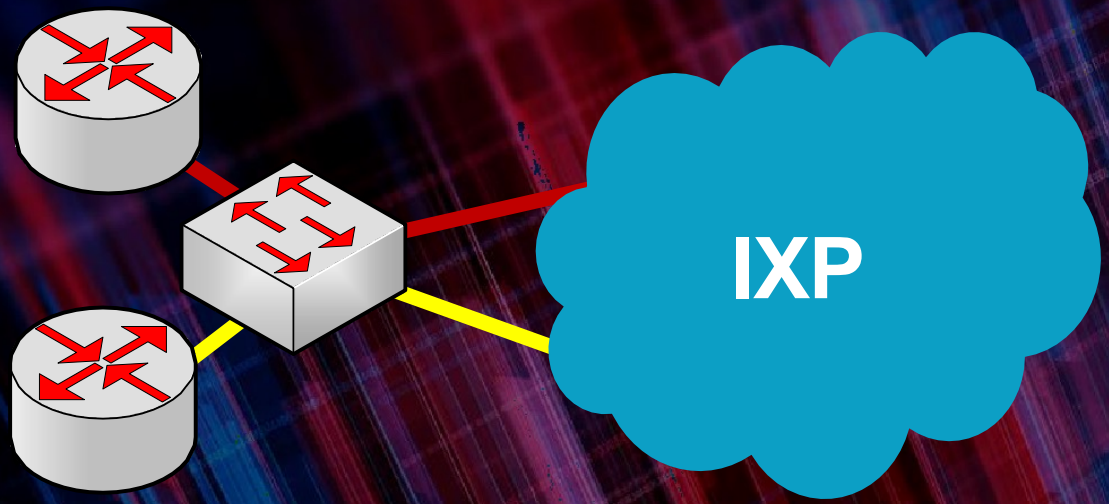

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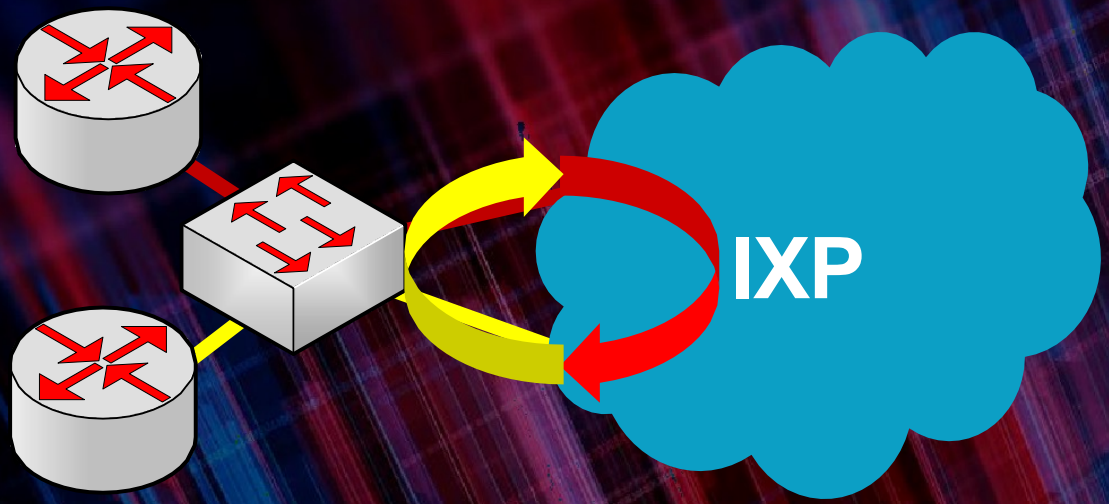

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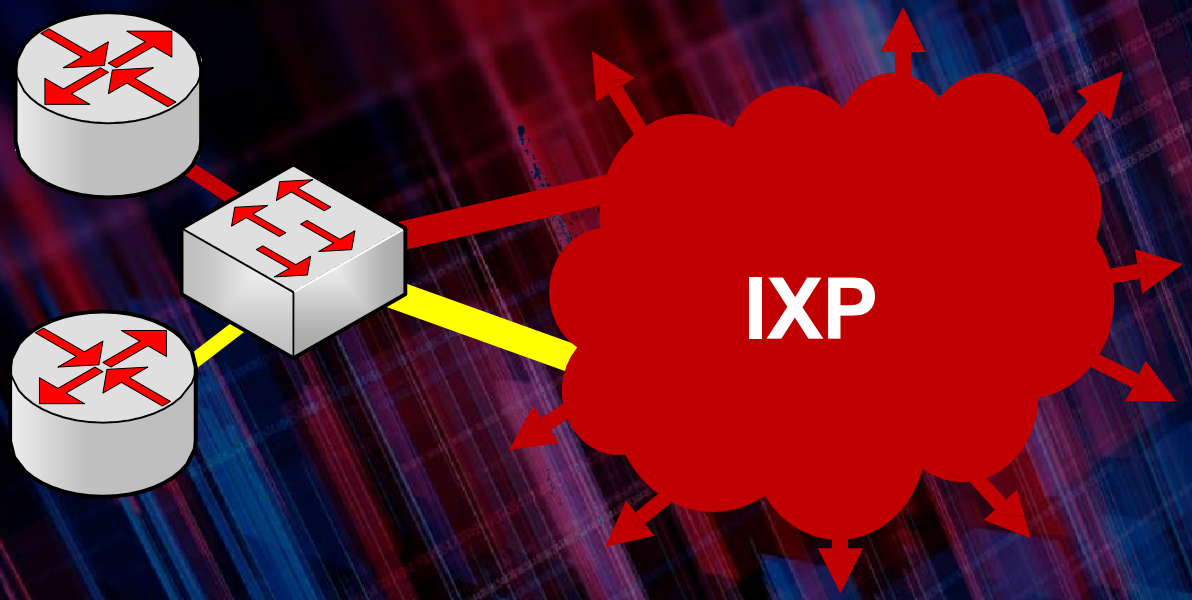

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Step 3
BUM traffic level exceeding egress rate limit and blocking valid traffic

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ARP/ND Agent

- RFC 9161

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Migration

Migration Scenarios

Scenario	Small Steps	Reduce Complexity	Reduce Downtimes
Router by Router	👍👍	👎👎	👎👎
Location by Location	👍	👎	👎
Service by Service	👎	👍👍	👍👍

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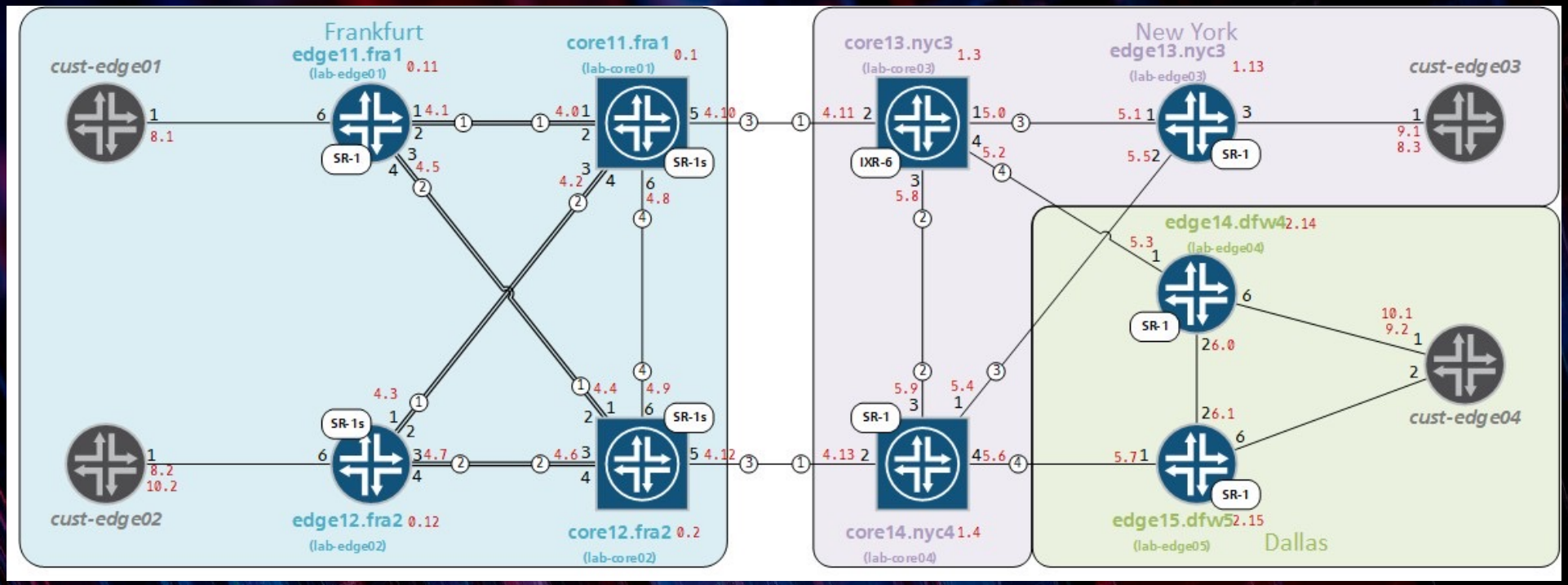
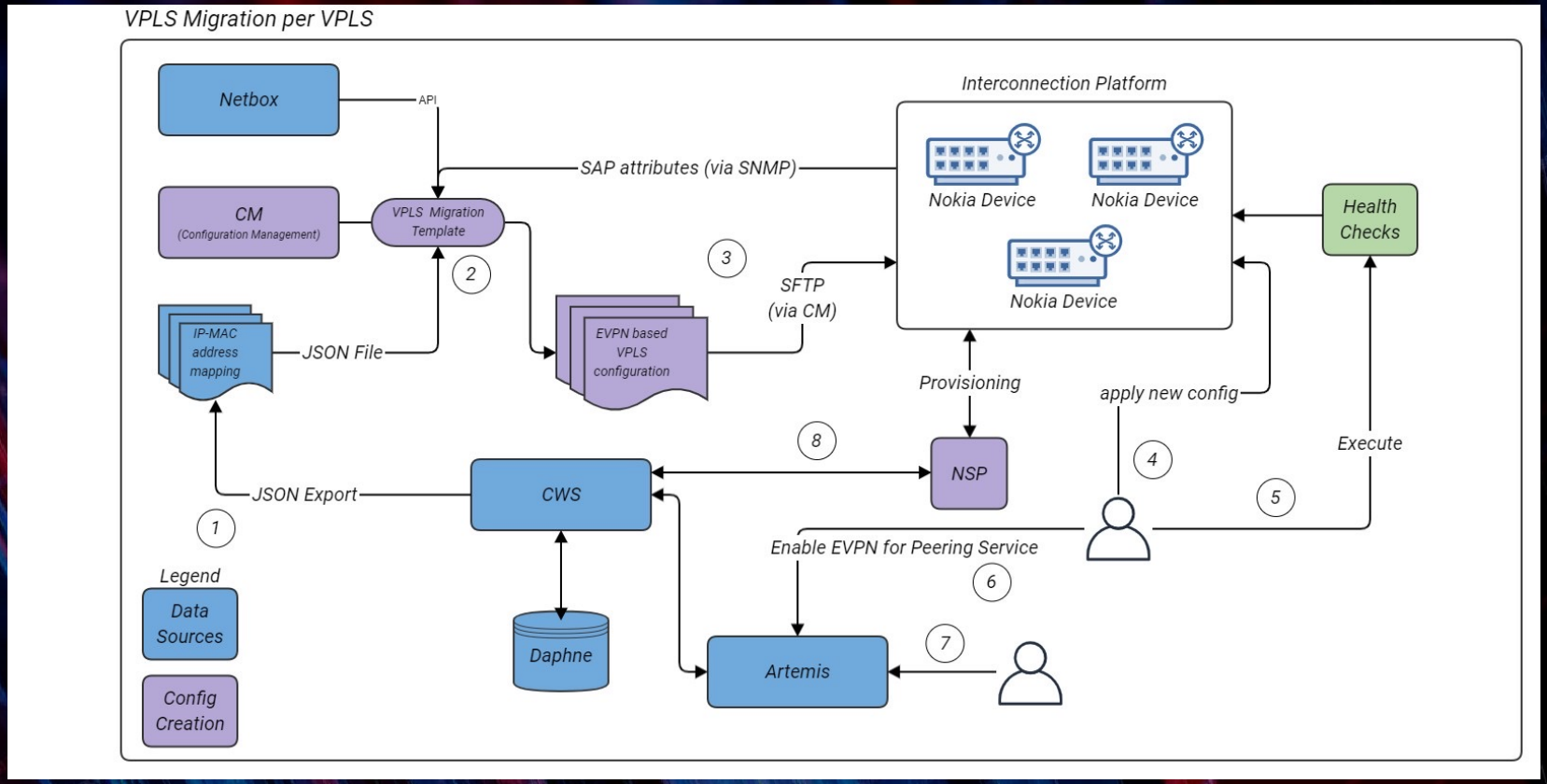
Testing - Network



Testing – Configuration Systems



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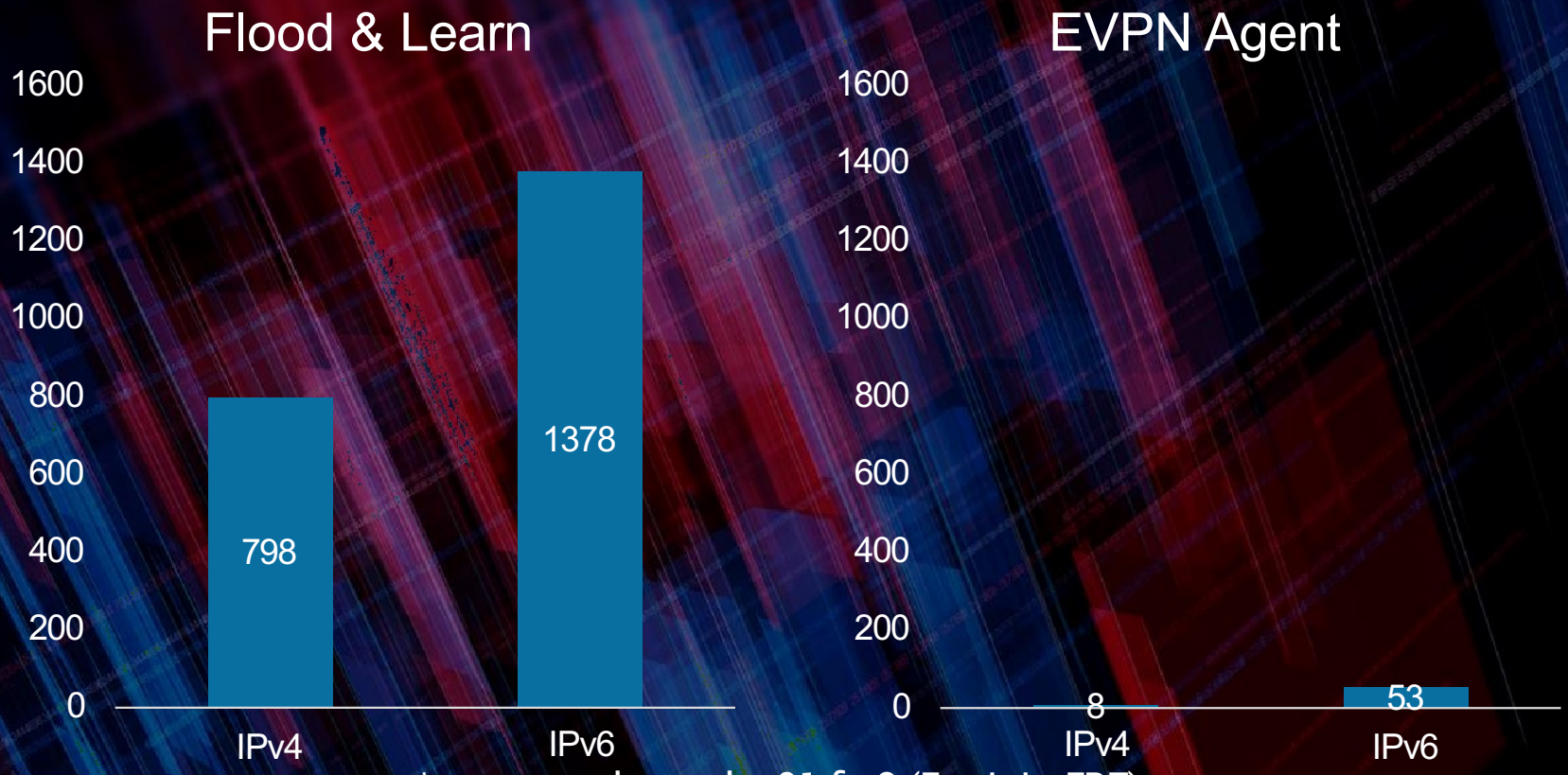
BUM traffic packets per second* by protocol



* measured on edge01.fra9 (Equinix FR7), ymmv

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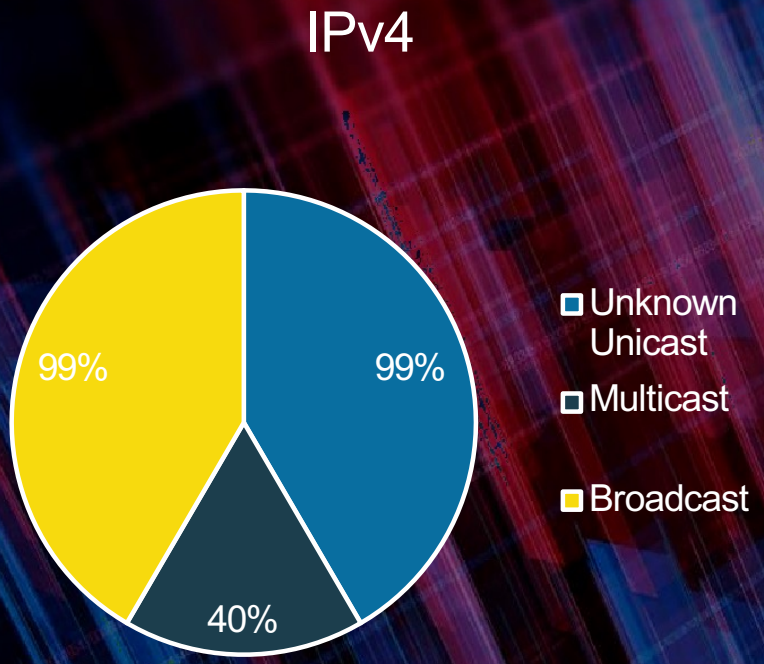
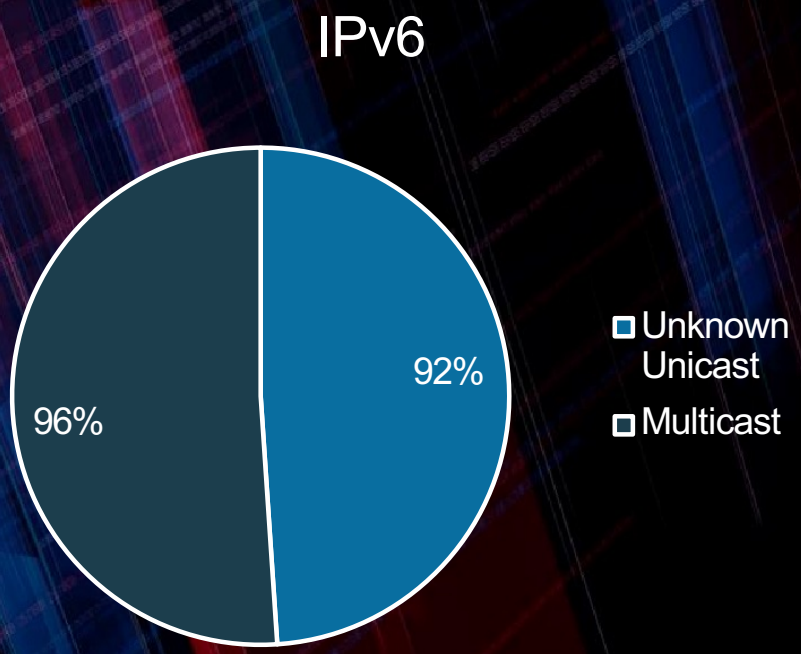
BUM traffic decrease rates compared per protocol





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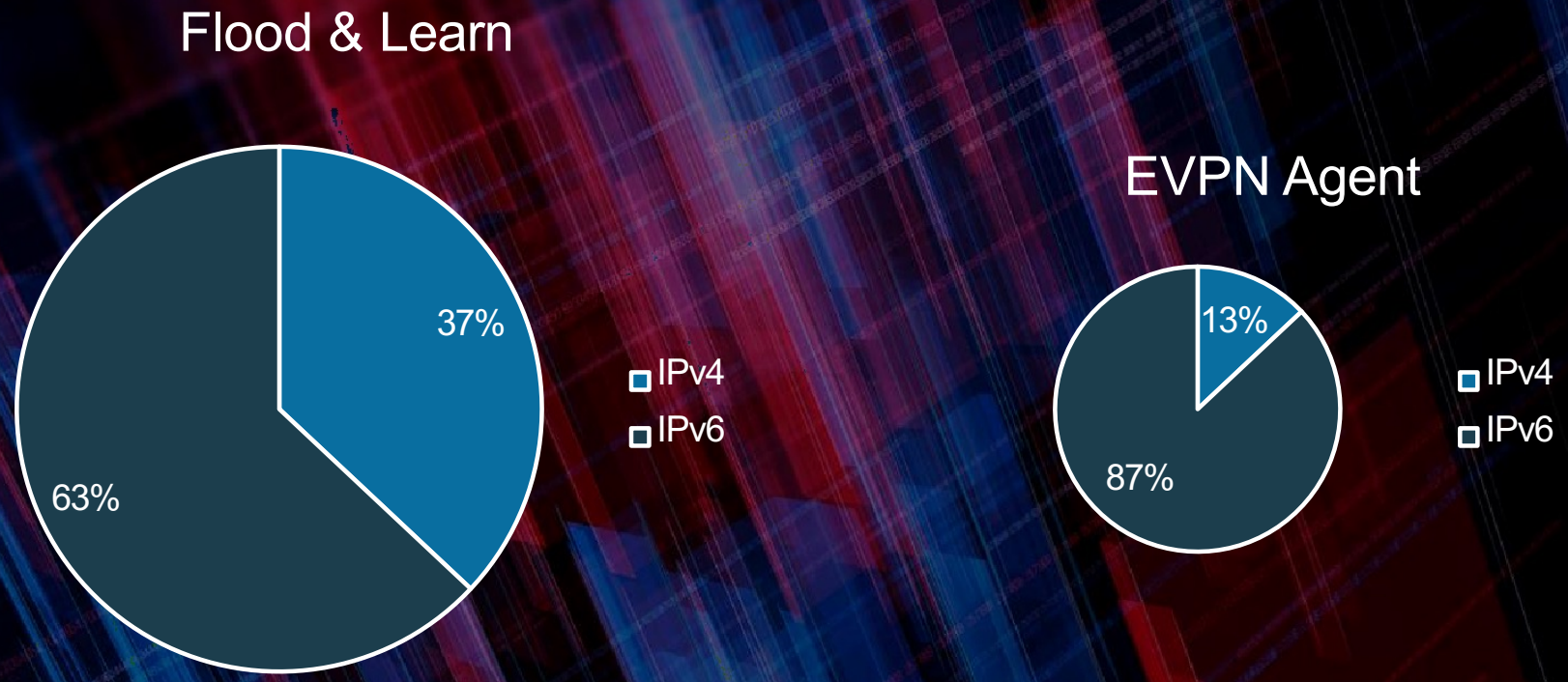
BUM traffic overall distribution by protocol



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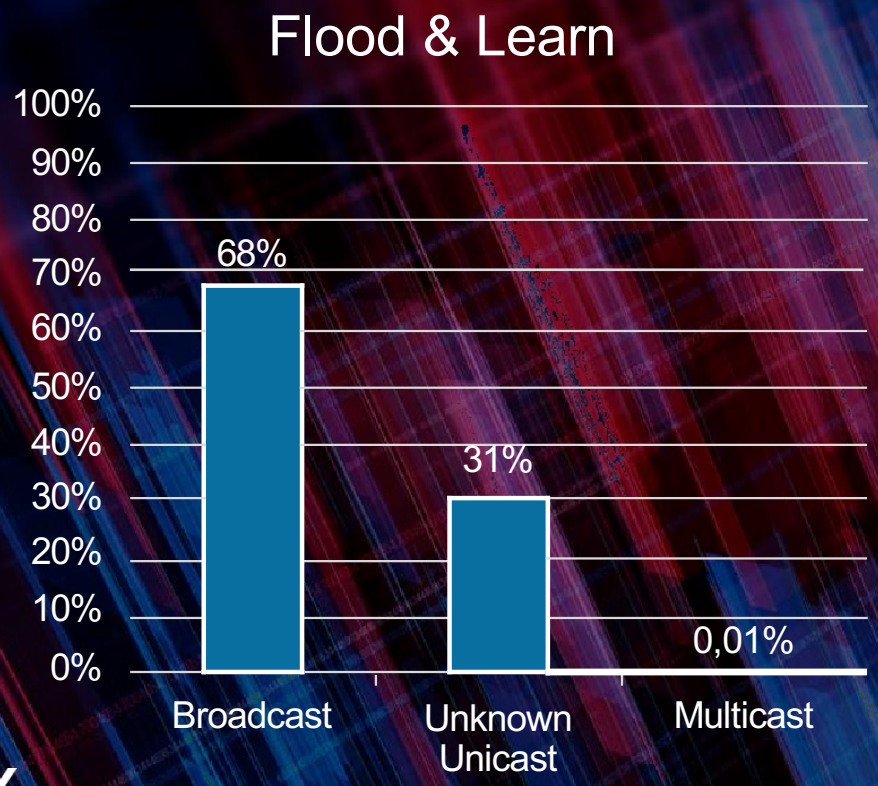
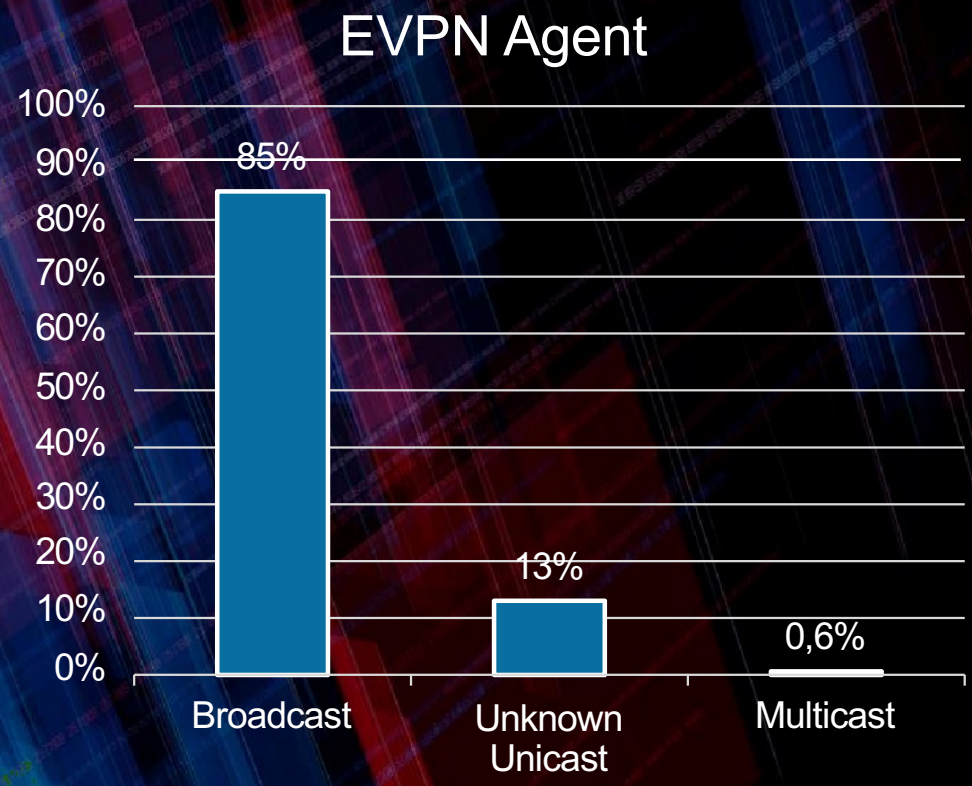
IPv4 BUM traffic distribution by frame type per technology





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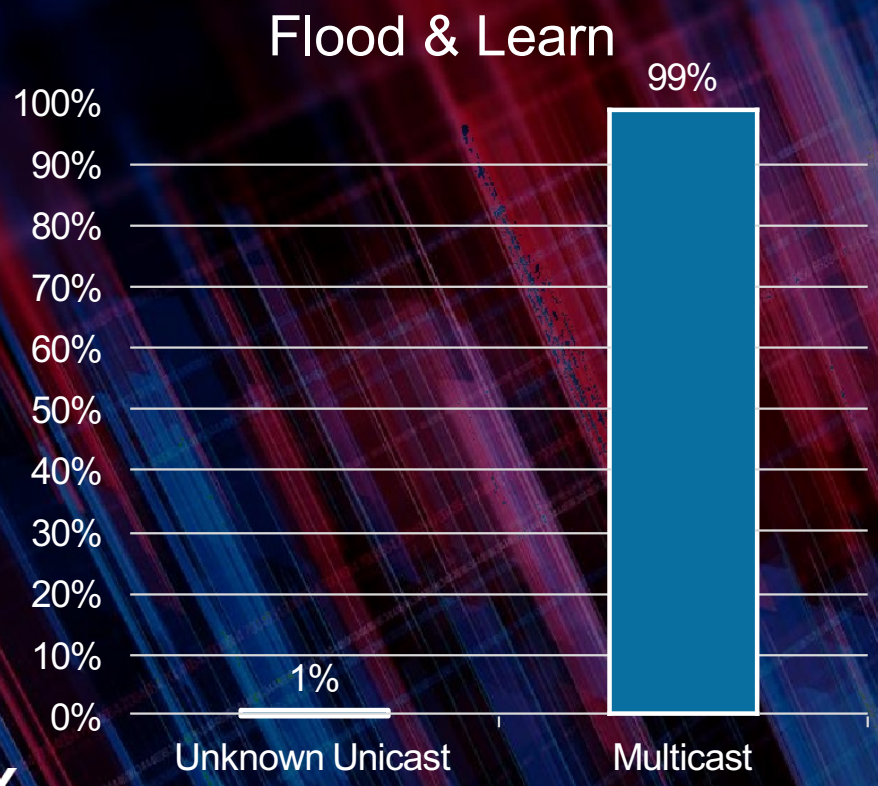
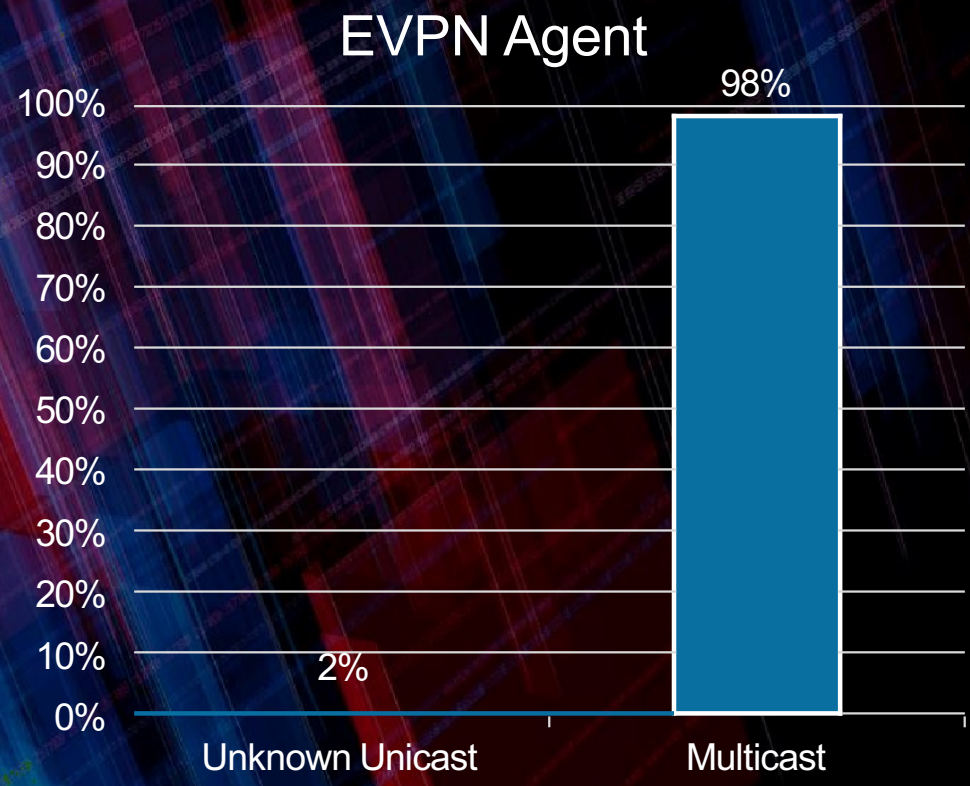
IPv6 UM traffic distribution by frame type per technology





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Bugs & Accidents

- Traffic distribution with LDP entropy labels not working as expected
- IPv6 ND Agent Replies with wrong source IP Address, Software upgrade required

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