

# Anycast census and geolocation

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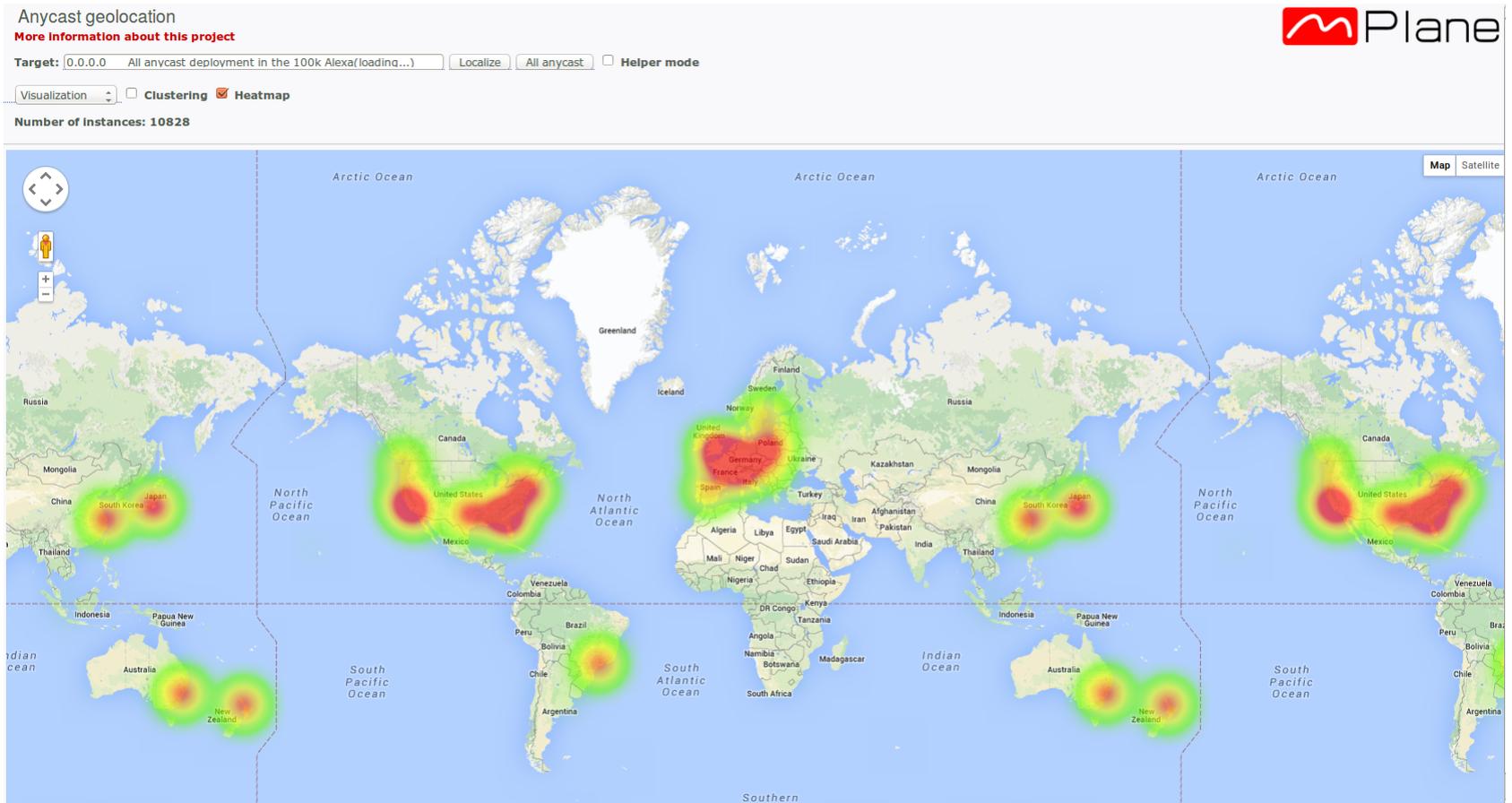
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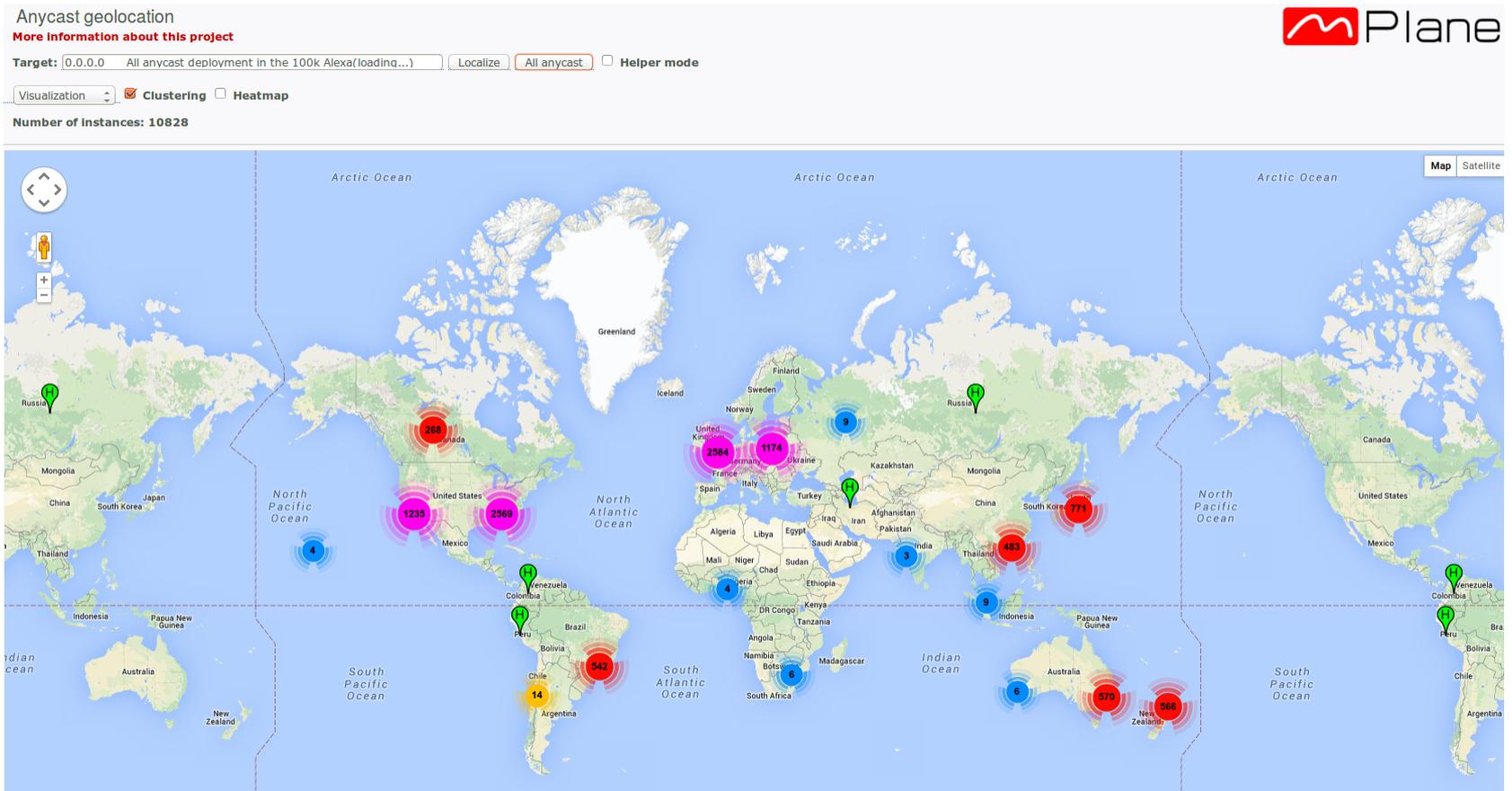
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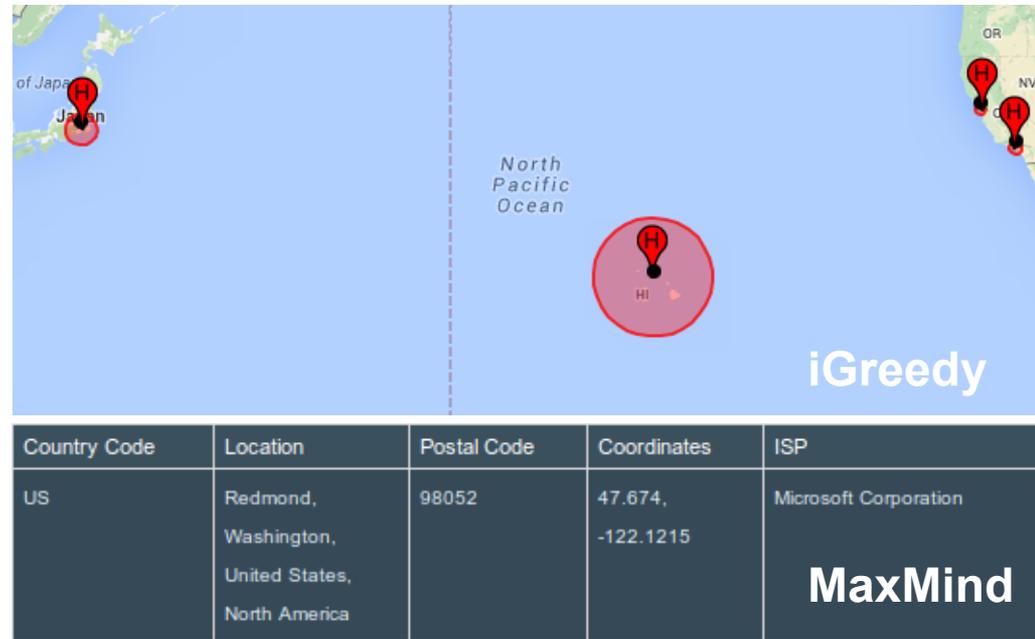
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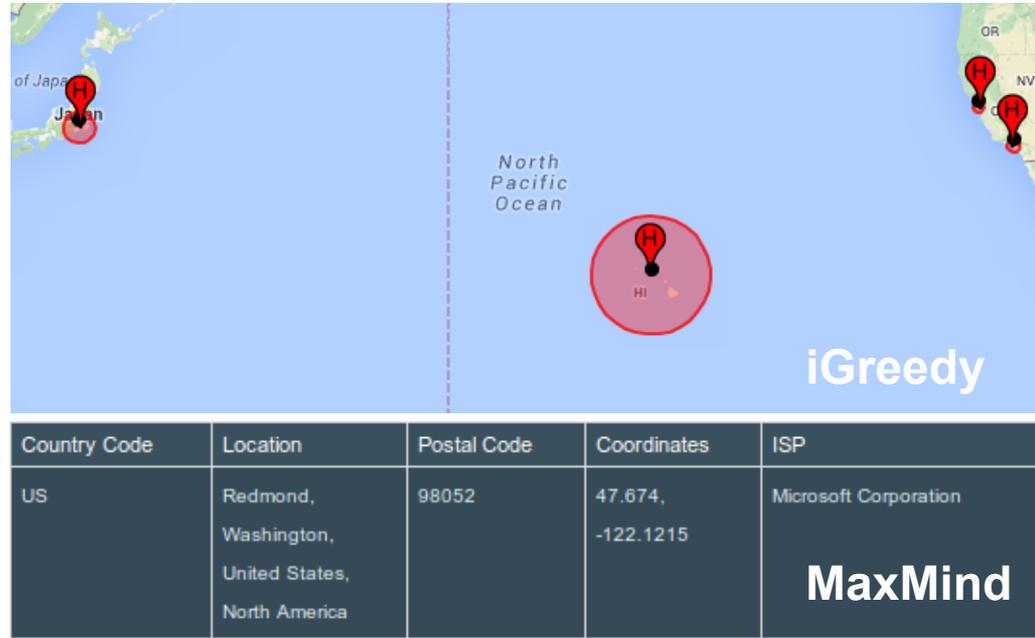
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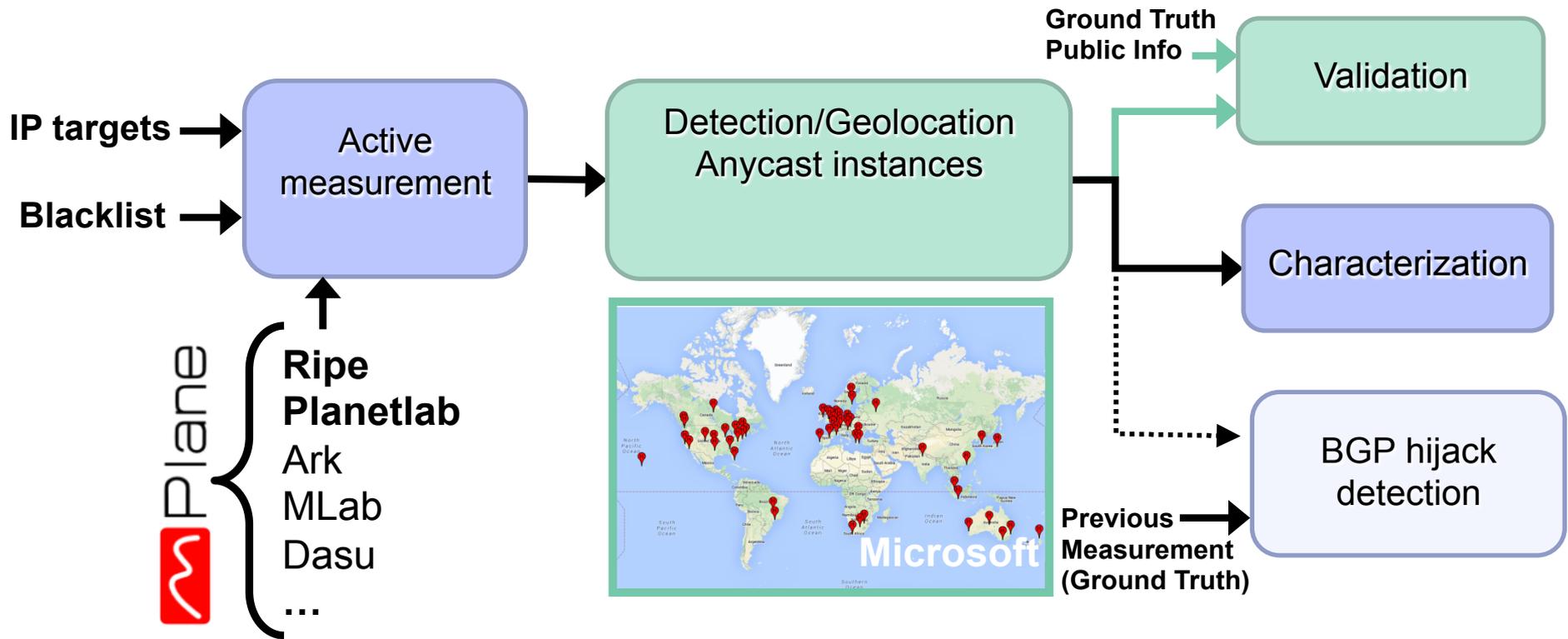


## Who is using anycast?

- DNS root server
- Google DNS
- Microsoft
- AT&T
- CDNs: cloudflare, edgecast



# Workflow

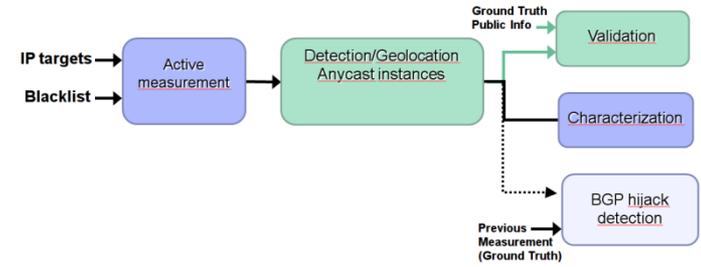


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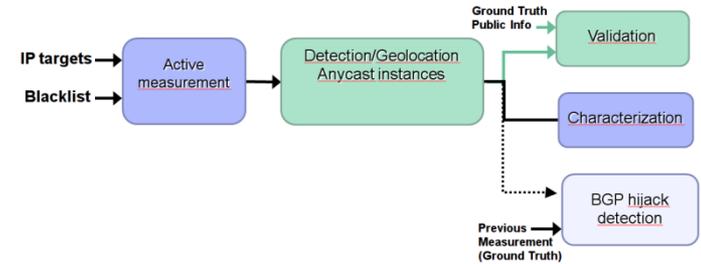
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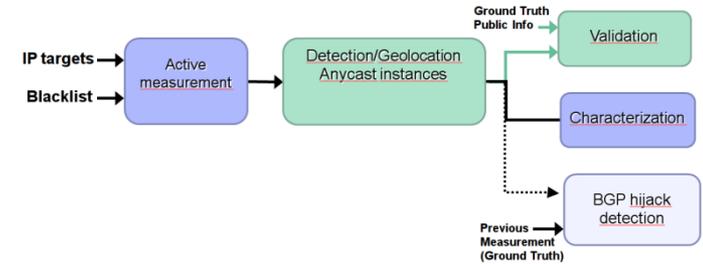


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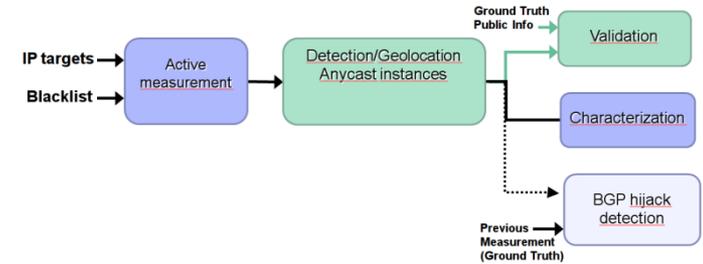


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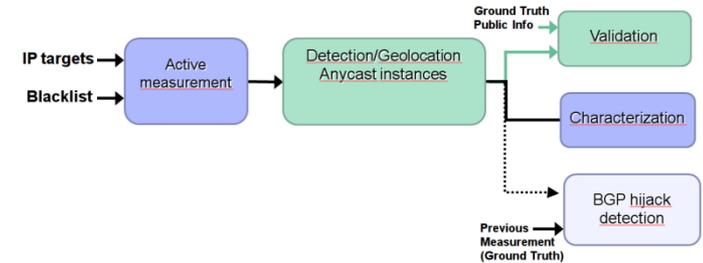


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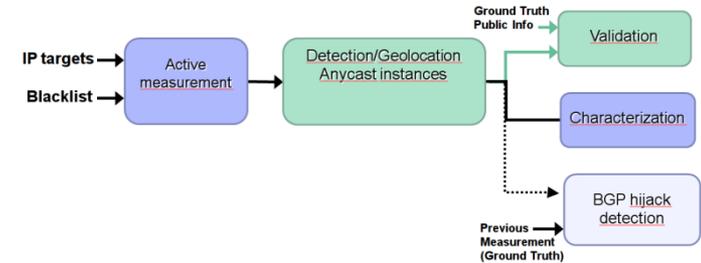


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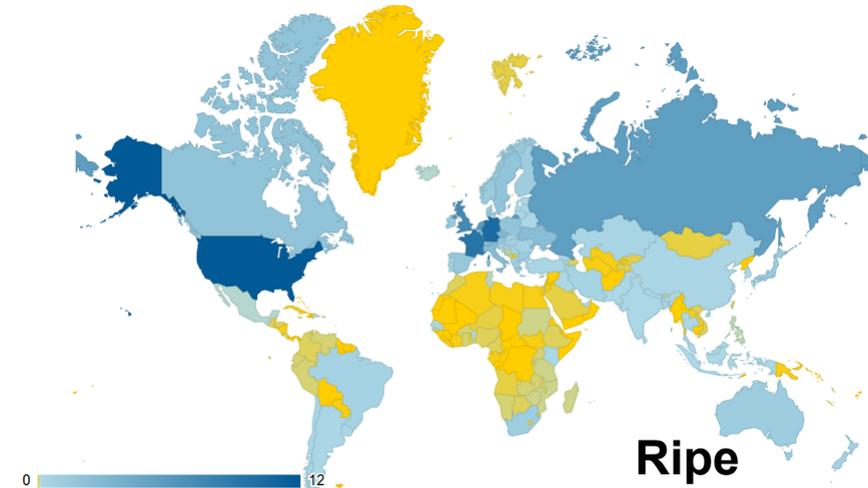
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- Timeliness =  $\frac{1}{\text{Intrusiveness}}$

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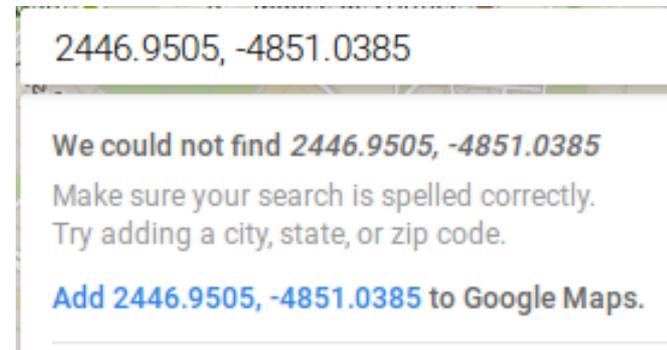
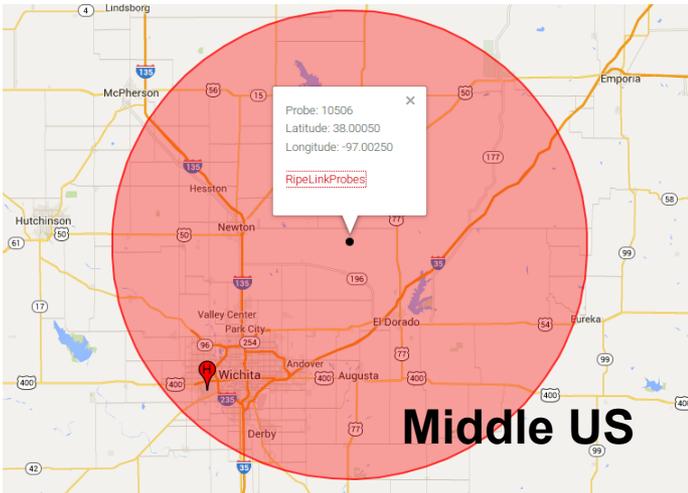
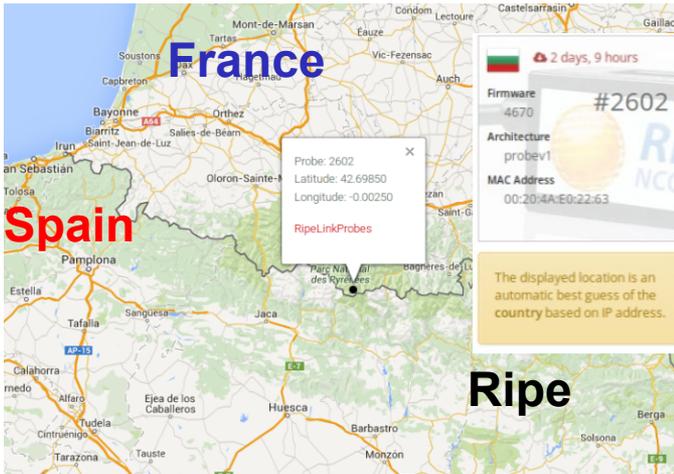
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- How the vantage points are distributed
- Target: 199.27.134.71 CloudFlare
- Public information: 32 replicas
- **Planetlab**: 21 replicas
  - 245 Vantage points
  - 29 Country
  - 186 AS
- **Ripe**: 47 replicas
  - 7289 Vantage points
  - 150 Country
  - 2122 AS



# Precision

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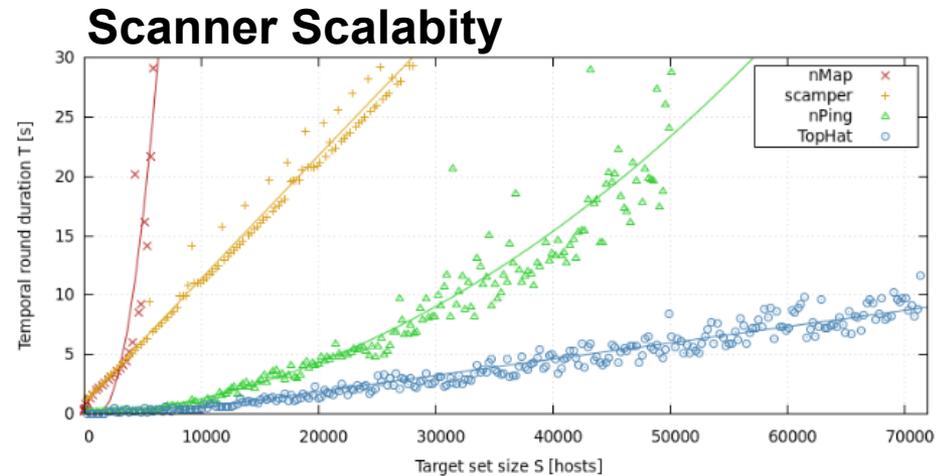
Planetlab

Middle US

Nowhere

# Scalability/Duration $\frac{\#target * \#VantagePoints * \#sample/Vp}{\min(probing\ Rate)}$

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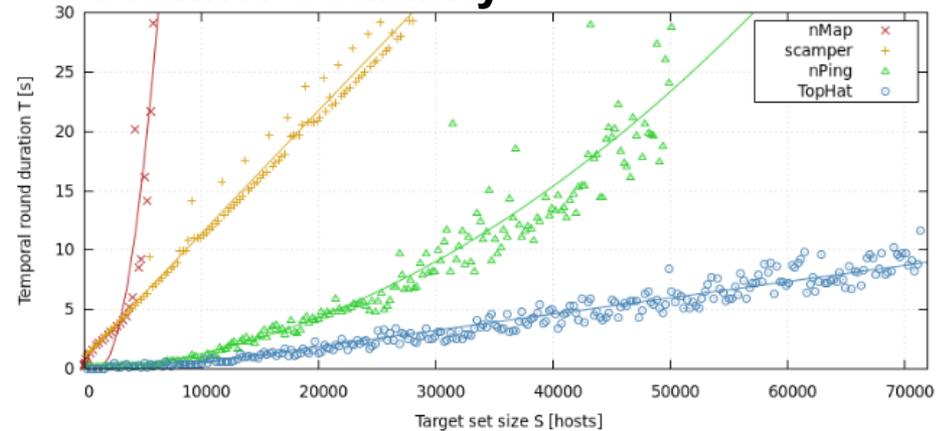


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## Scanner Scalability



- FastPing: 10k sample per second
- Census: ~ 18 min
- Lose on recall due the firewalls and filtering

# How ark can help us

## ■ PlanetLab

- ❌ 300 vantage points(VPs)
- ❌ Limited geographical coverage
- ~ Accuracy of geolocation
- ~ Availability issues
- ✔️ Very flexible
- ✔️ Very fast

## ■ RIPE

- ✔️ 6000 vantage points(VPs)
- ~ More constrained(ICMP, traceroute)
- ✔️ Clean API
- ❌ Inherently non scalable

## ■ What we need:

- Accurate geolocation of the VP
- Increase the VP diversity
- Exploit the complementary of the platform

