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THE INTERNET SPEAKS

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Our Research Directions

How can we overcome technical limitations?
What are the political constraints, policies and motivations?





Why have solutions not been adopted?



Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)

- Path-vector routing protocol
- Exchanges routing and reachability information
- Attribute as_path
 - [58682 2914 174 11172 17072 265566]
 - [14041 11164 3491 7602]



Observing the Internet

RouteViews Project

University of Oregon

- Running since 1997
- 41 live BGP collectors

Routing Information Service

RIPE NCC

- Running since 1999
- 23 live BGP collectors





Mercator Projection of the Internet Simplified by Resource Registration Country







Force-Directed Projections

Placing closely-connected ASes within close proximity

Disconnected AS communities repel furthest

We use ForceAtlas2

Jacomy, et al. "ForceAtlas2, a Continuous Graph Layout Algorithm for Handy Network Visualization Designed for the Gephi Software"

Force-Dynamic Internet Projection

ForceAtlas2 at 180 iterations, peering only





Considering Influential ASes

We calculate the **eigencentrality** of each node, and scale accordingly.

6939	US	Hurricane Electric LLC
174	US	Cogent Communications
3356	US	Lumen (Level 3)
1299	SE	Arelion (formerly Telia)
2914	US	NTT



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6939

A Splintering Internet

 Where ForceAtlas2 converges, the Internet has fragmented
 Countries are increasingly selfsufficient internally:
 Is this Internet sovereignty?
 What is the role of regulation?



Internet vs Broadband



How does underlying infrastructure impact fragmentation?



The EU: A "Utopian" Internet? Viewing only the connectivity of EU member states



Countries with high levels of **political** and **economic** cooperation appear more highly interconnected.



Next Steps...

- Can we increase specificity to MRS /24?
- How do architectural dynamics relate to policy decisions?
- What are the motivations of network operators?

UKNOF52 Panel

Ensuring privacyFacilitating a secure InternetGovernance and motivation



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Our project focuses on secure communication between different networks. We intend to demonstrate existing weaknesses in secure internetworking and propose new protocols to facilitate secure Internet-based communication.

As part of our research, we investigate existing security vulnerabilities and explore Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) and next-generation Internet architectures in the delivery of secure Internetbased communication, overcoming existing limitations and improving the Internet for users.

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We're proposing a panel session for the

UKNOF52 conference (27-28 September 2023) in London, UK.

We welcome your thoughts, questions, or expression of interest in being a panellist.

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