BGP Link Reputation Evaluator

An Algorithm based tool to identify *legitimate* or *malicious/hijack* BGP link

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Disclamer

- Ongoing study...
- Community input to improve current result.
- Code not yet ready for production (alpha release).
- Code available at:
  `https://bitbucket.org/alfredarouna/bgplink`

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Motivation: Route-leaks and route-hijacks are often detected utilizing ASPATH change detection. When one of these events happens, new links may appear (e.g. backup links that are now visible because of a different outcome of the BGP decision process), or the preferred routes may start using links that were rather unused before. A Link-Rank algorithm can be used to do baseline leak/hijack detection.

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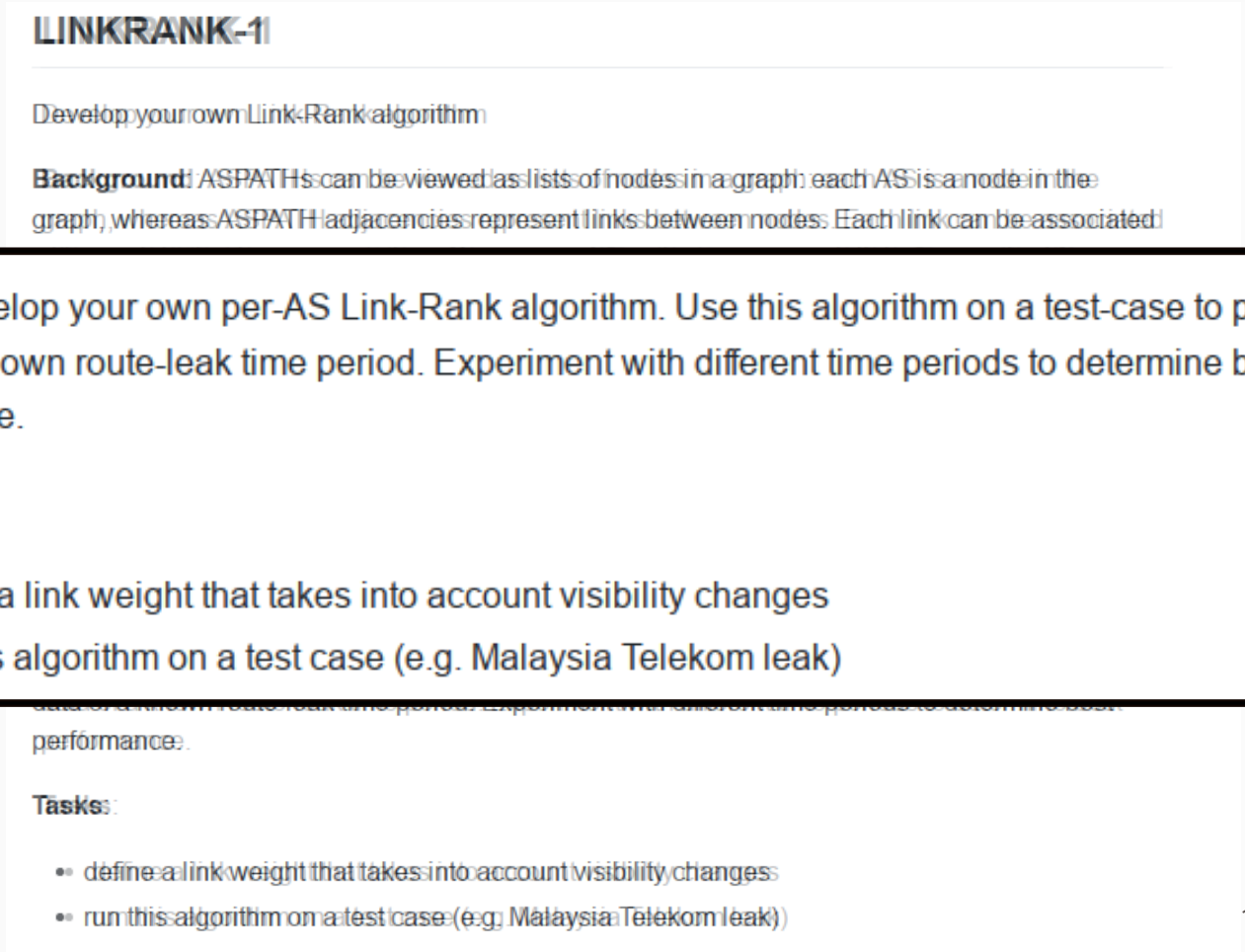

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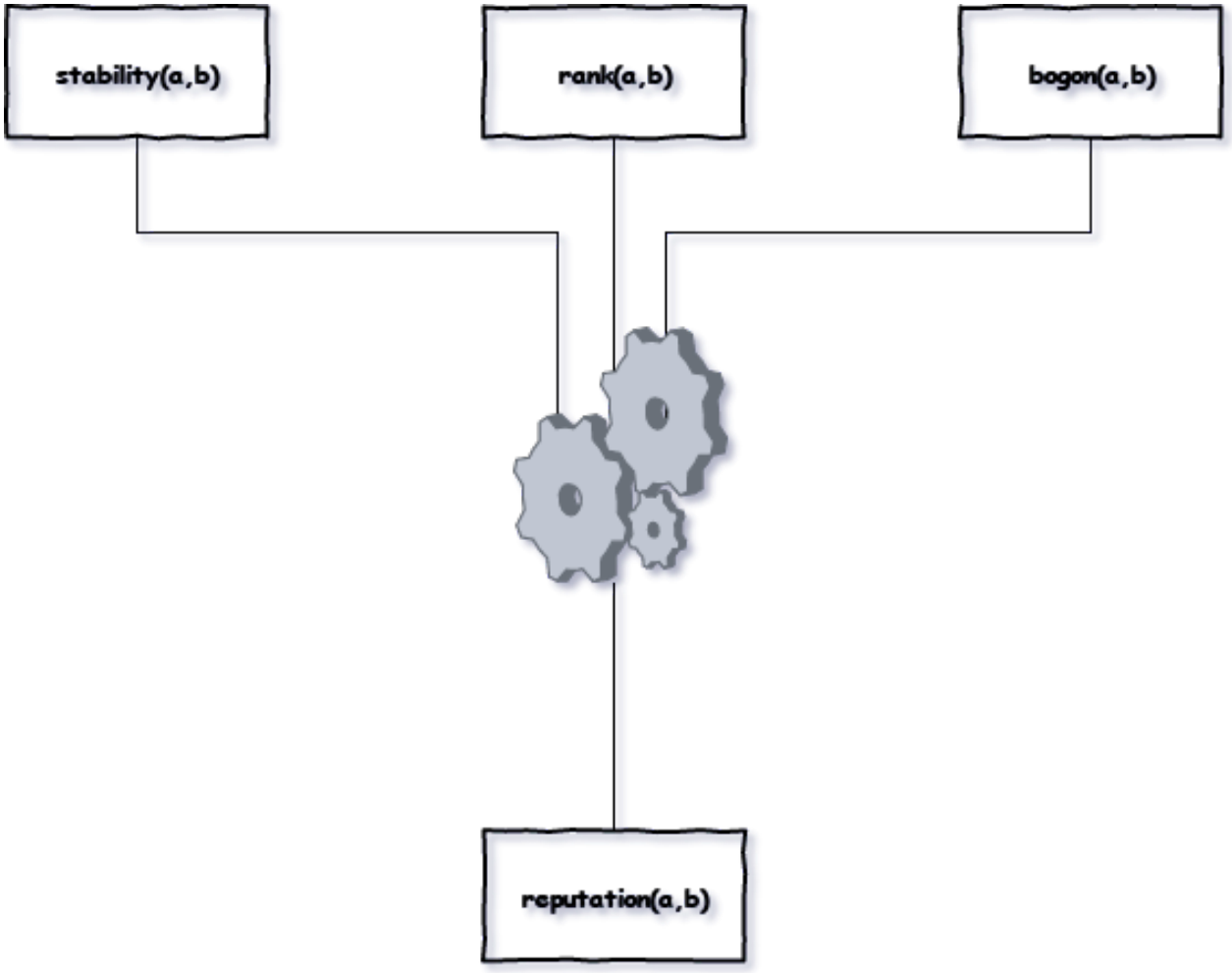

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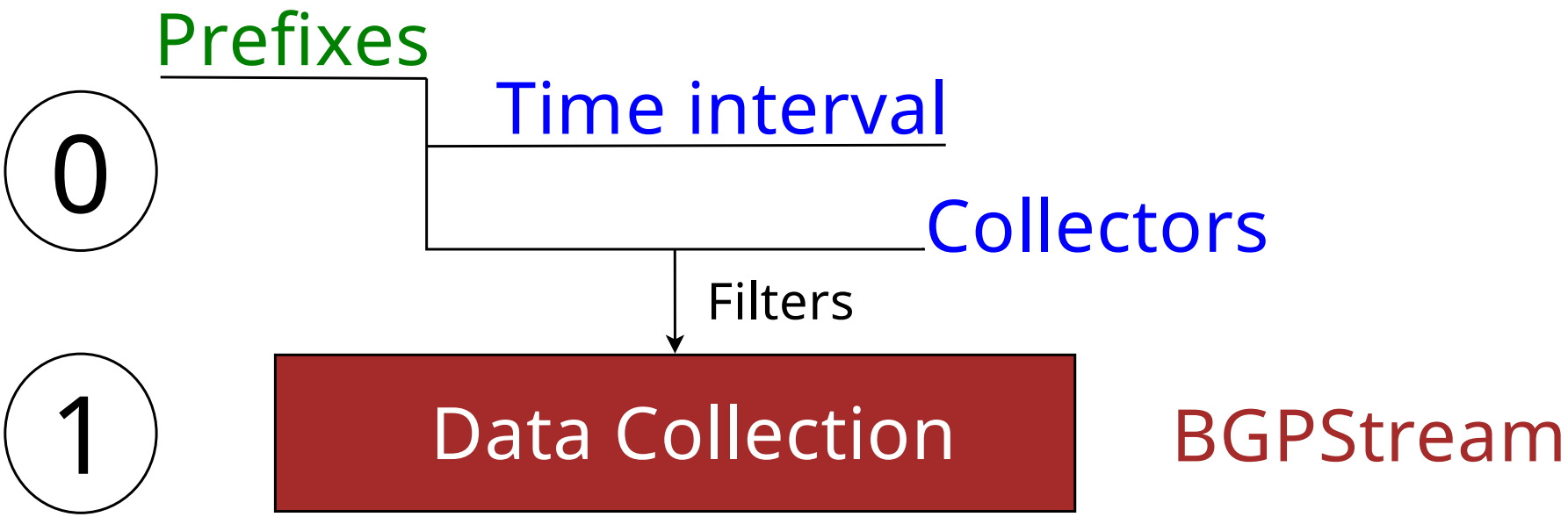

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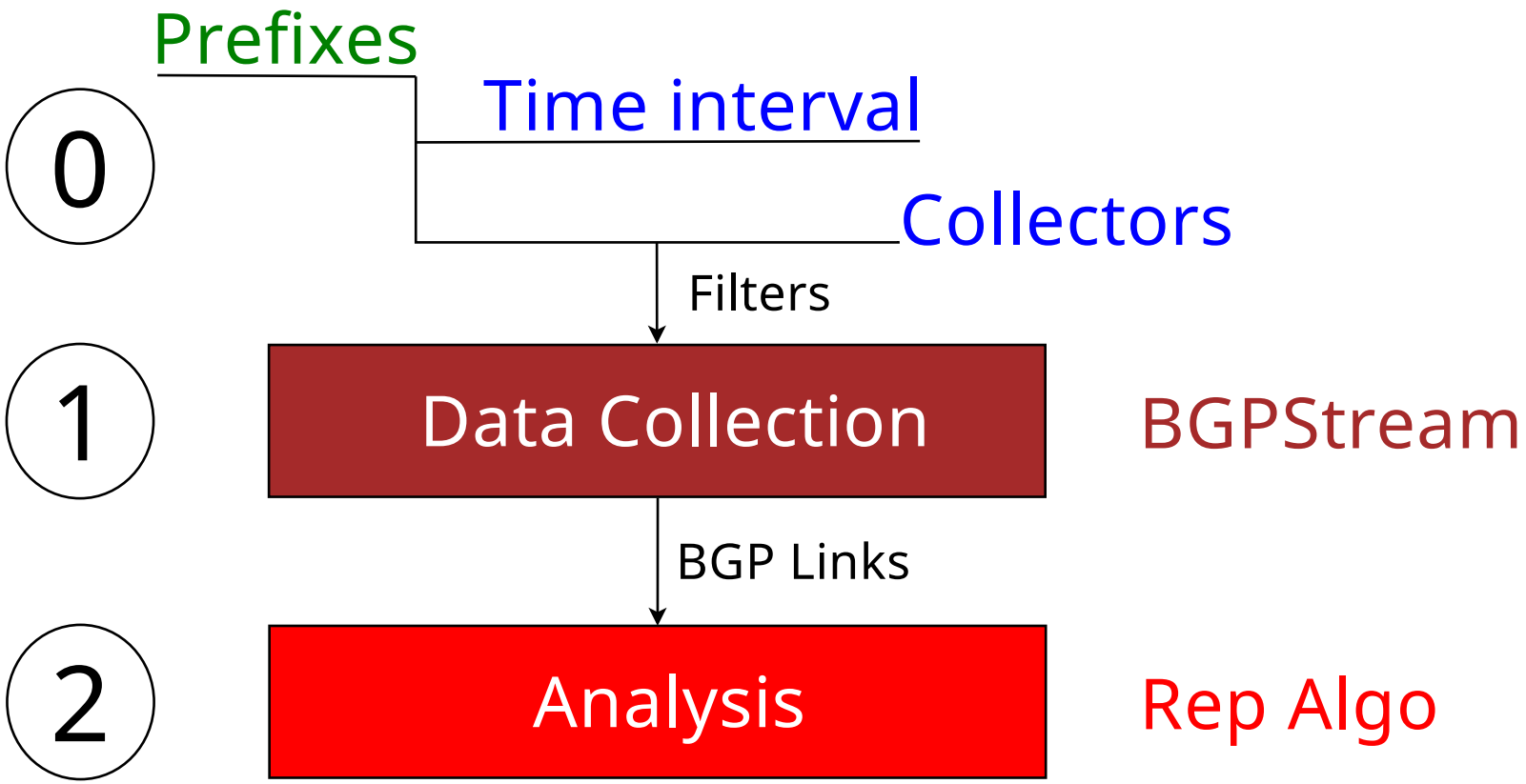

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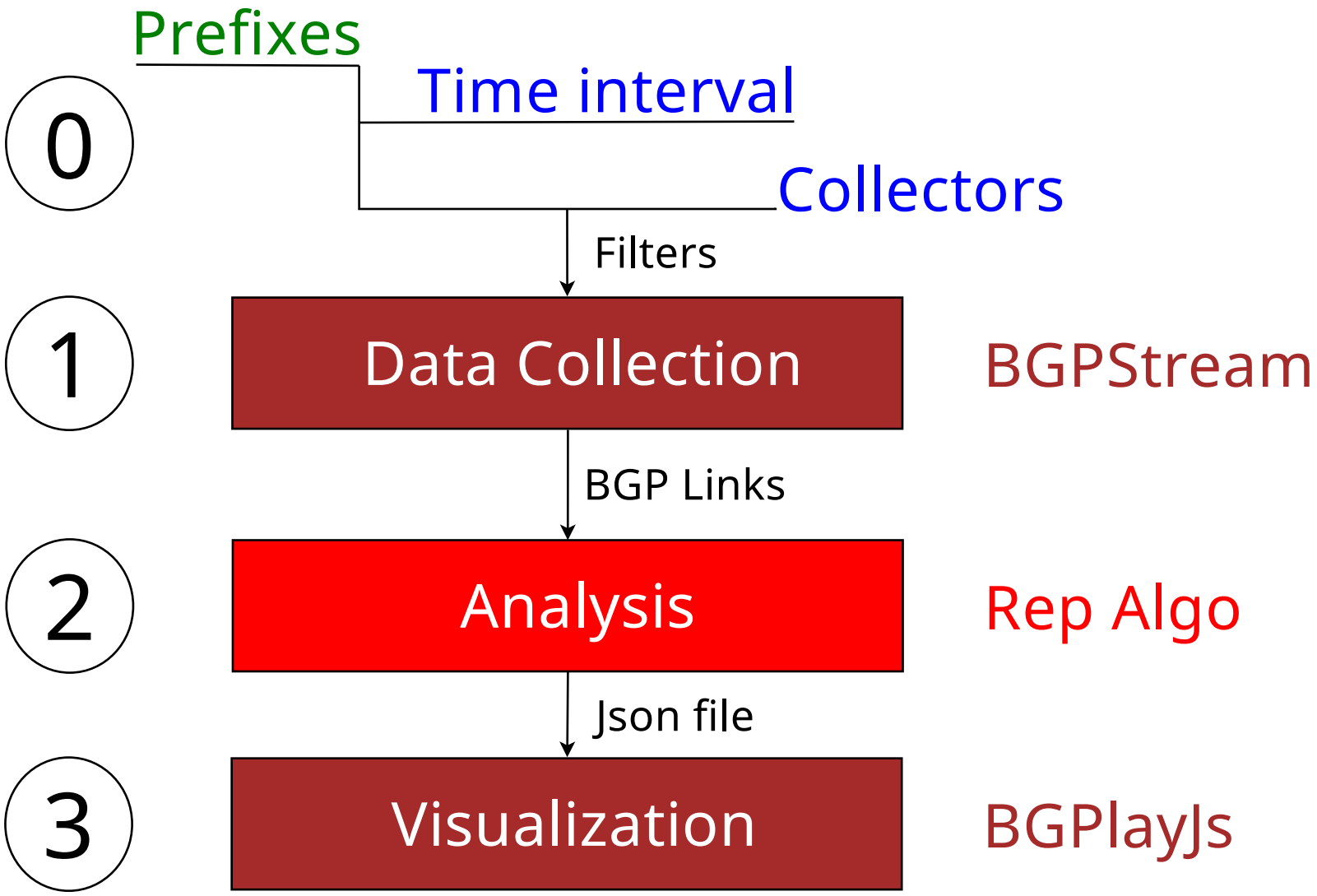

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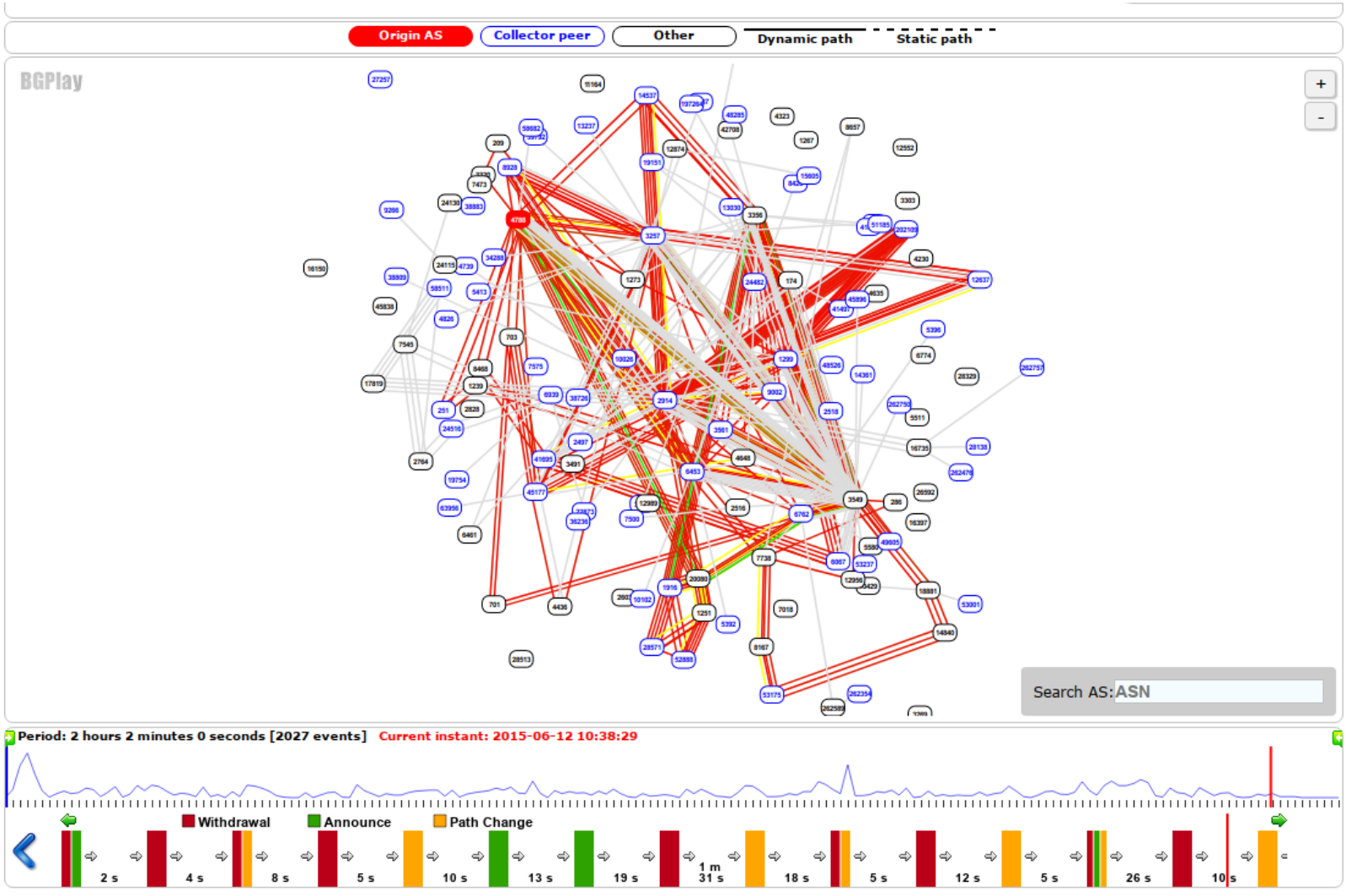

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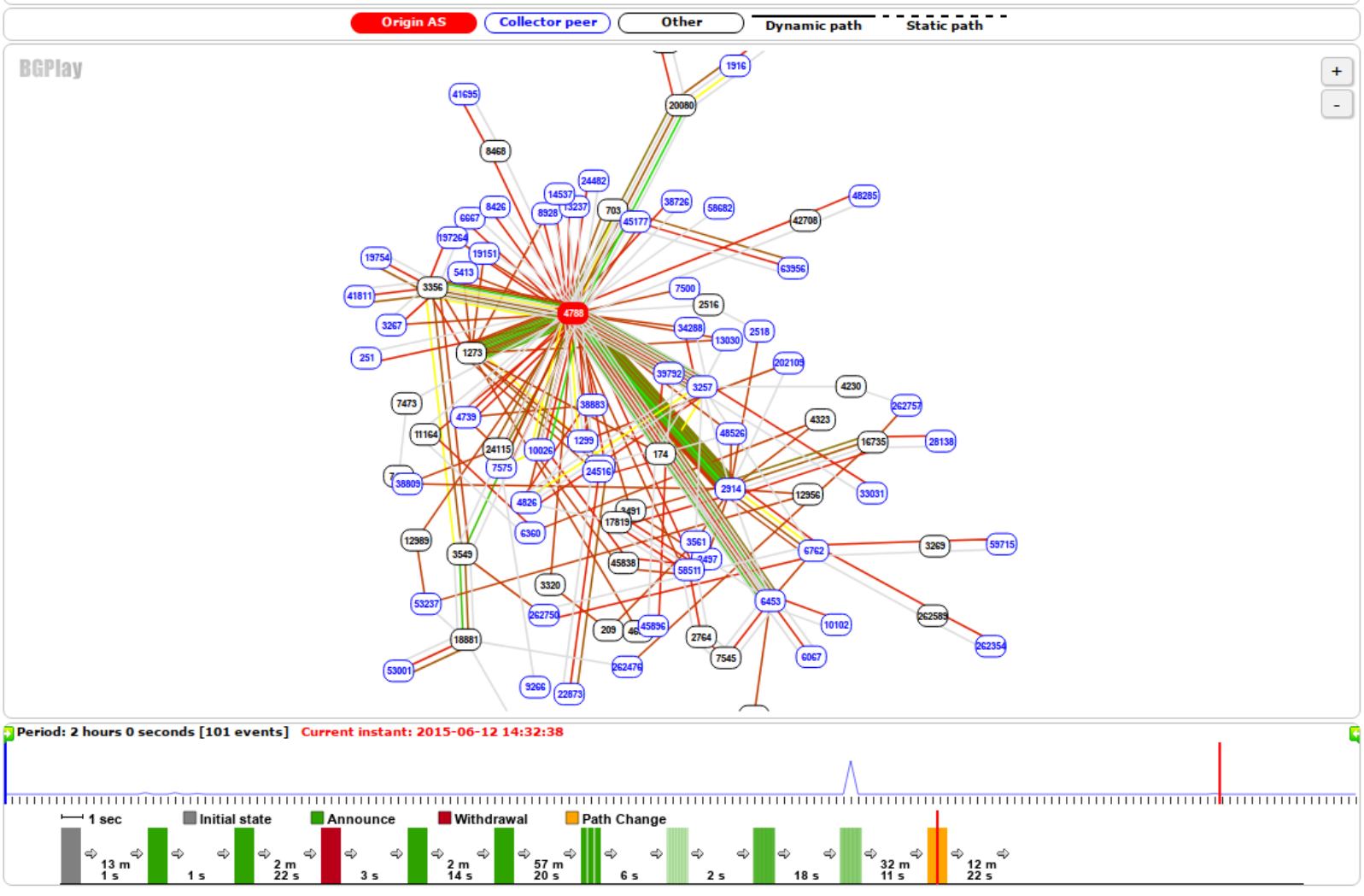

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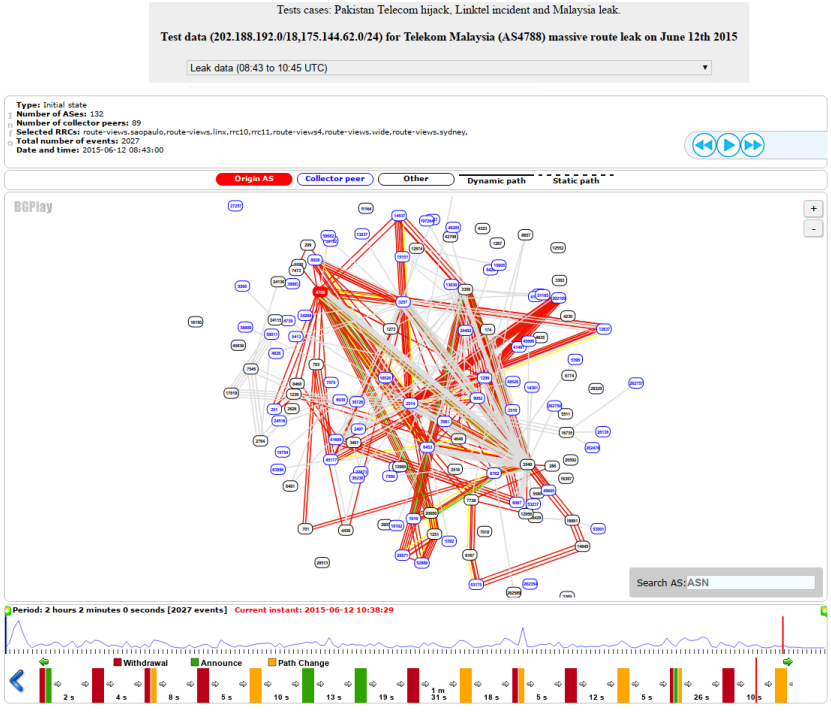

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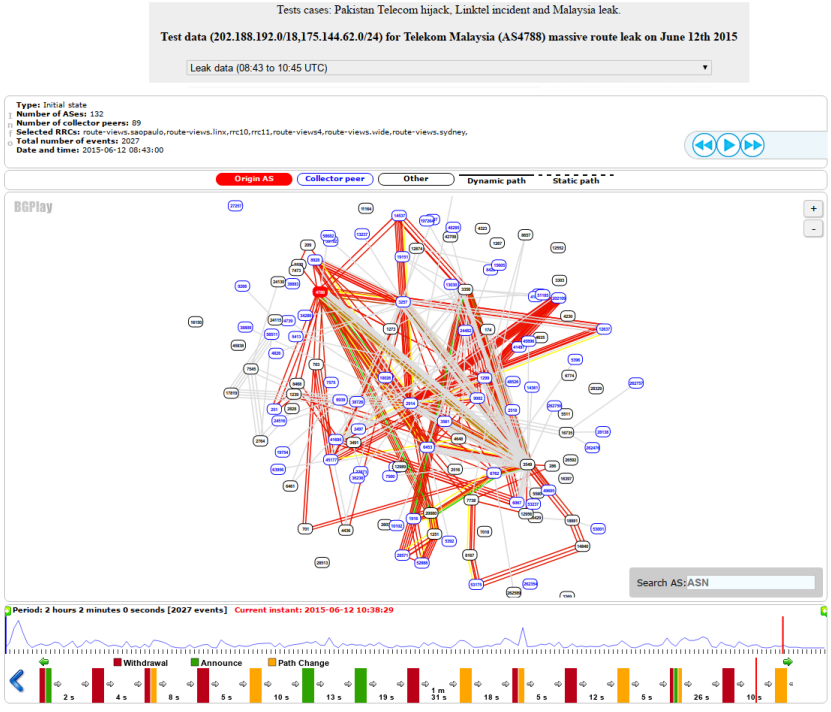

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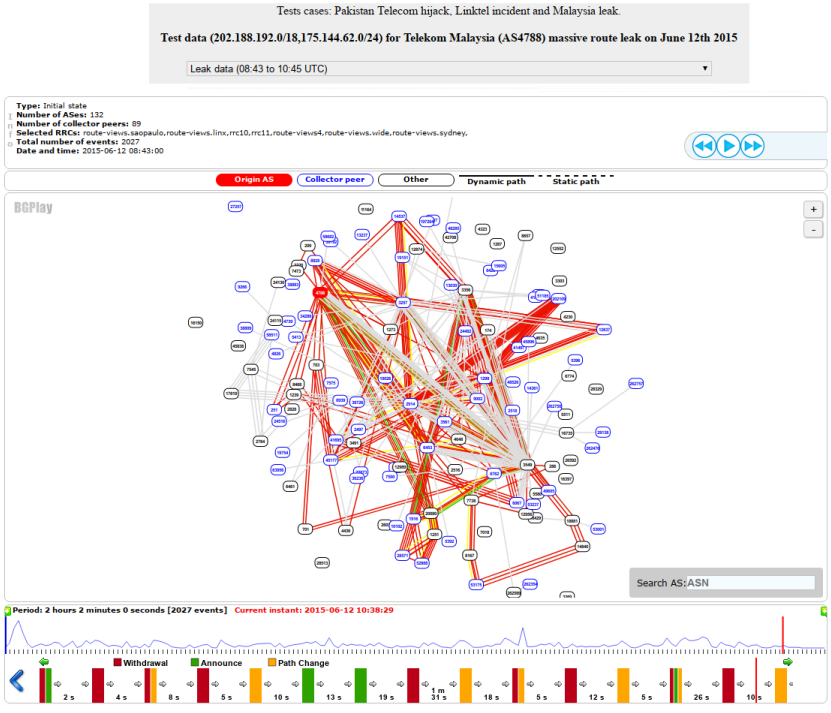

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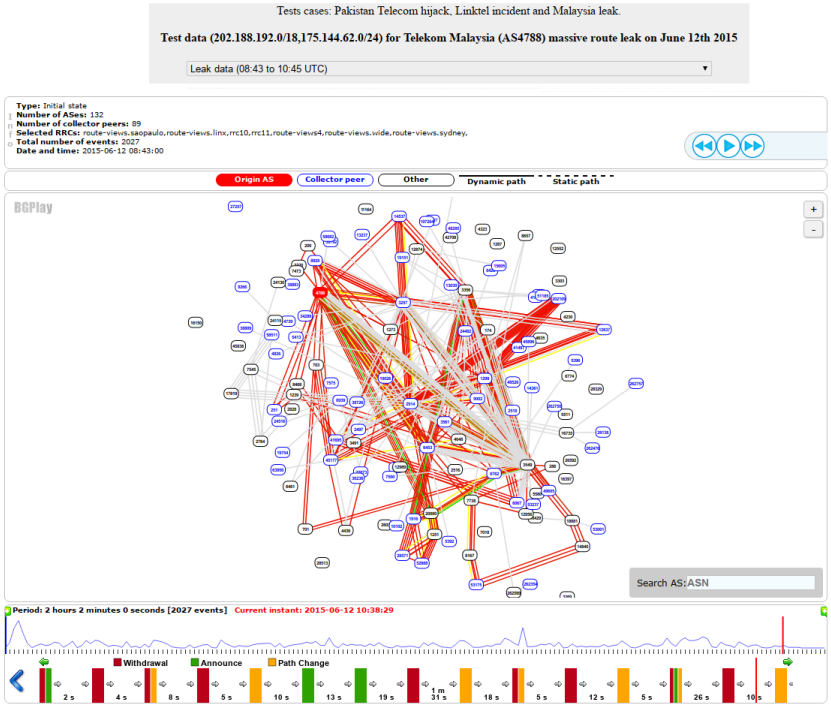

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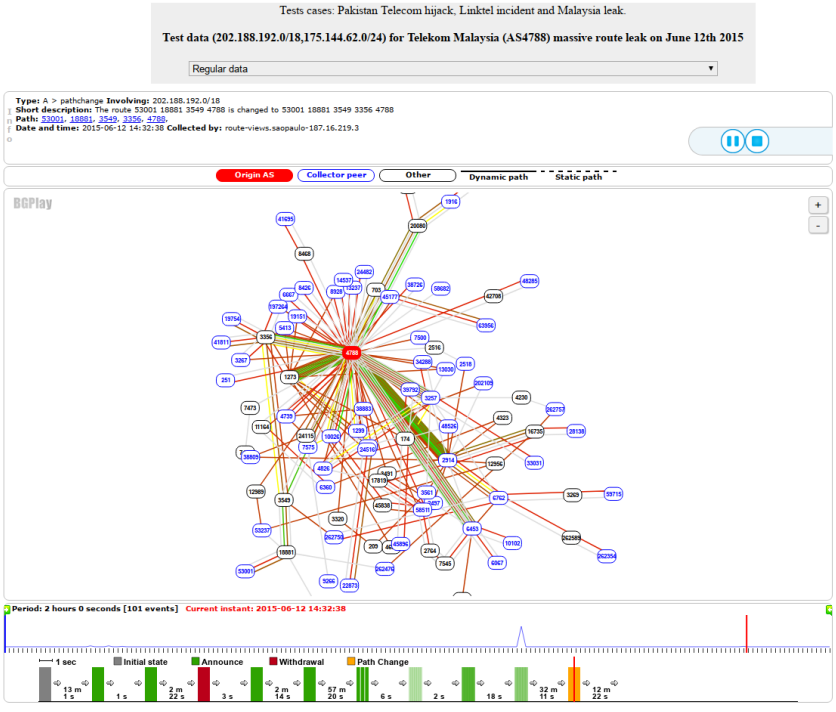

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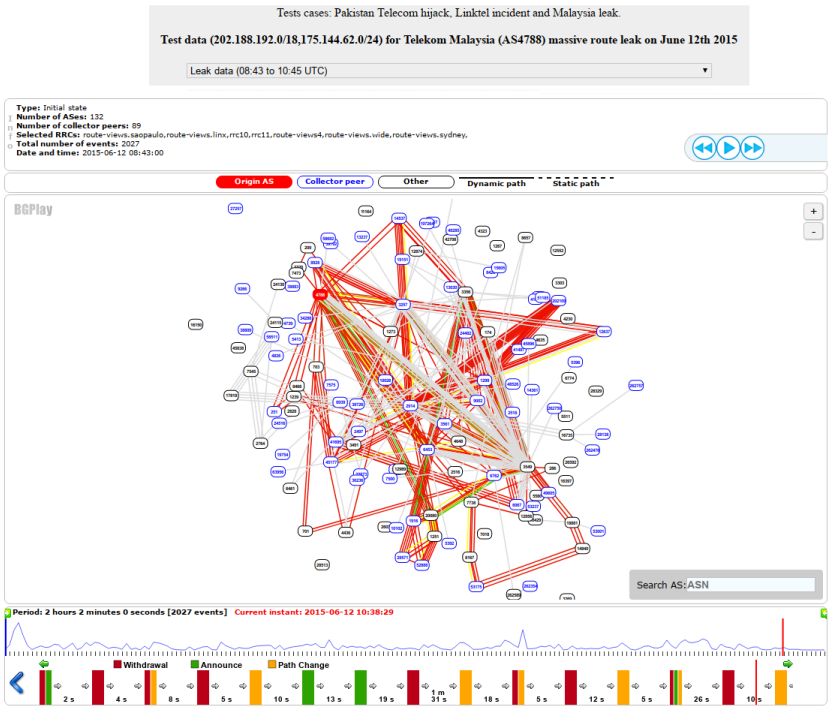

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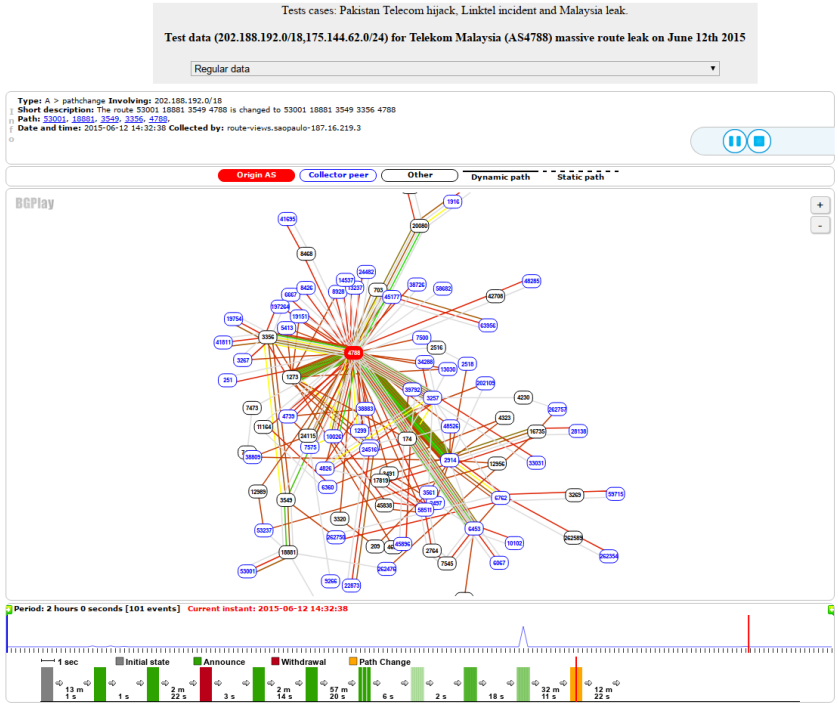

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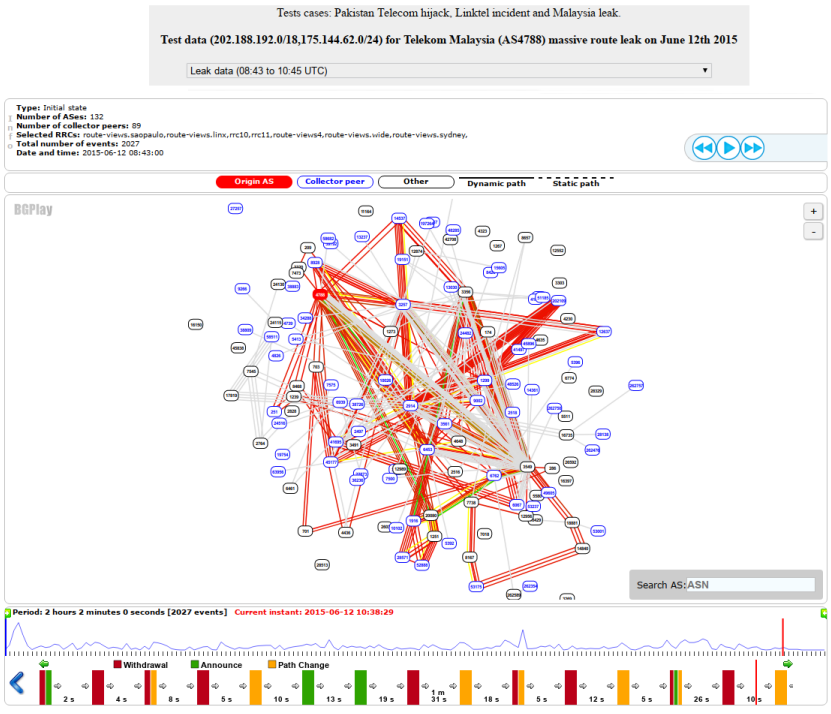

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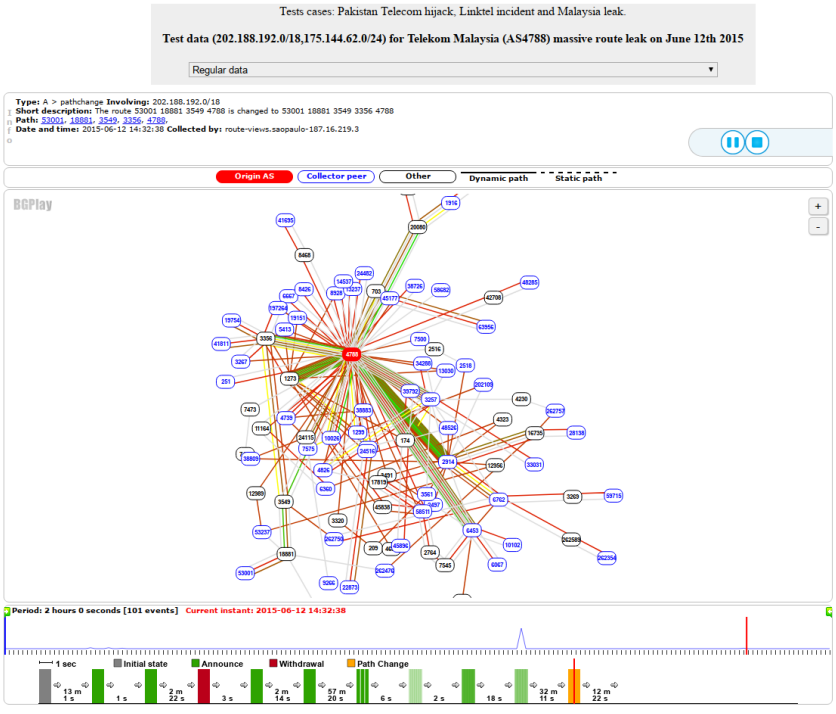

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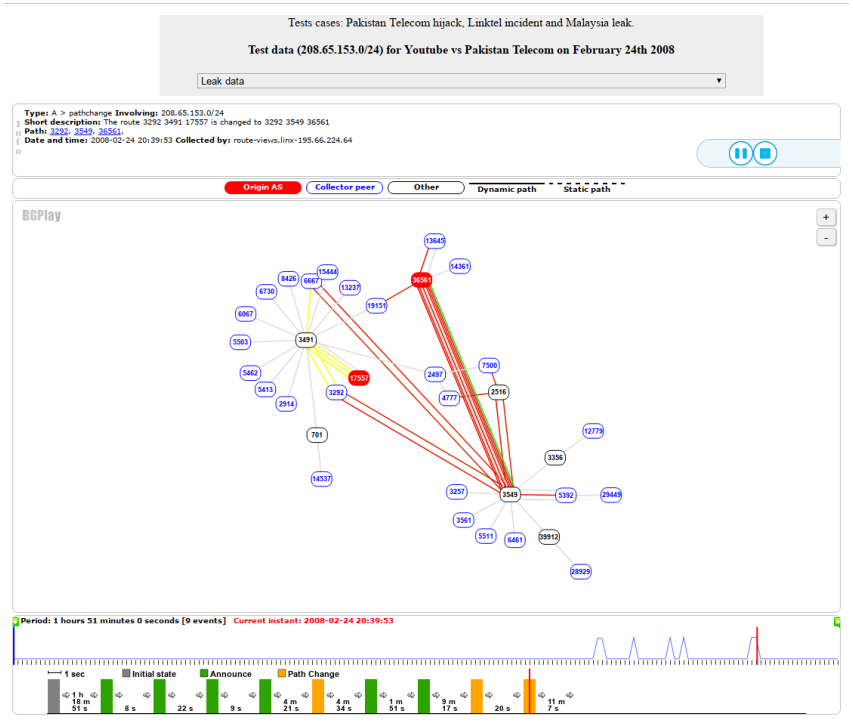

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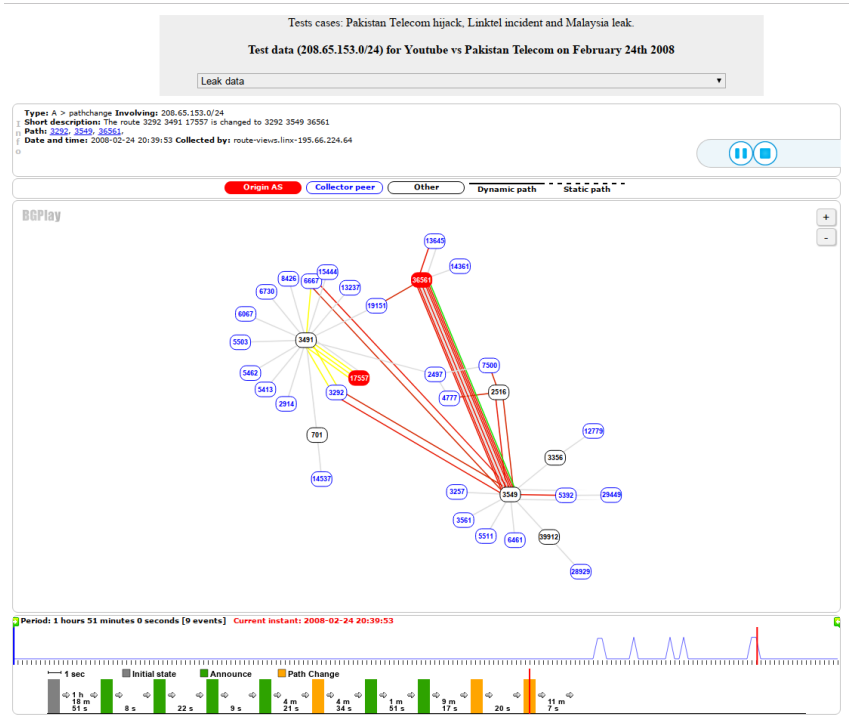

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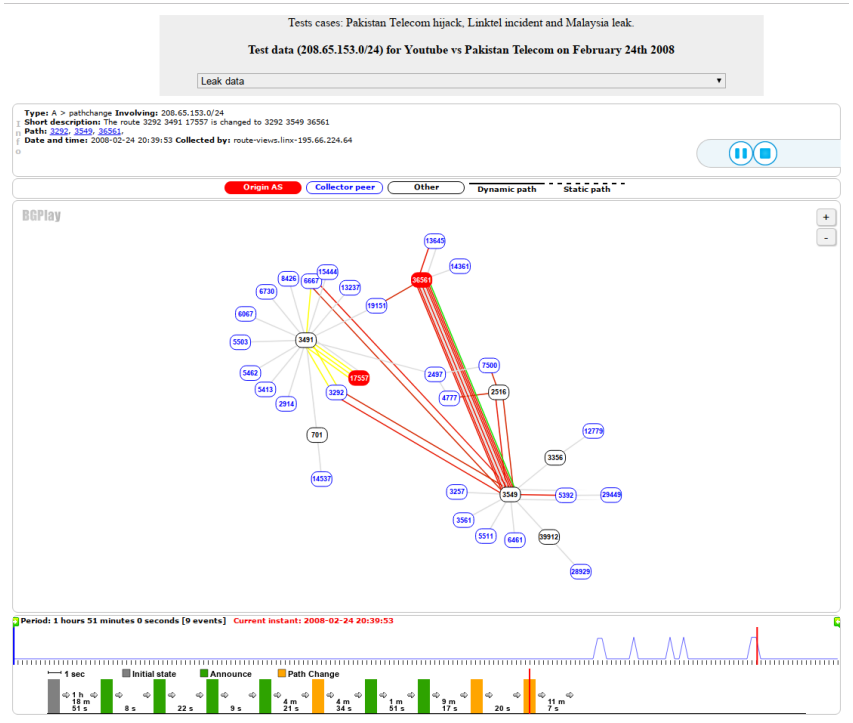

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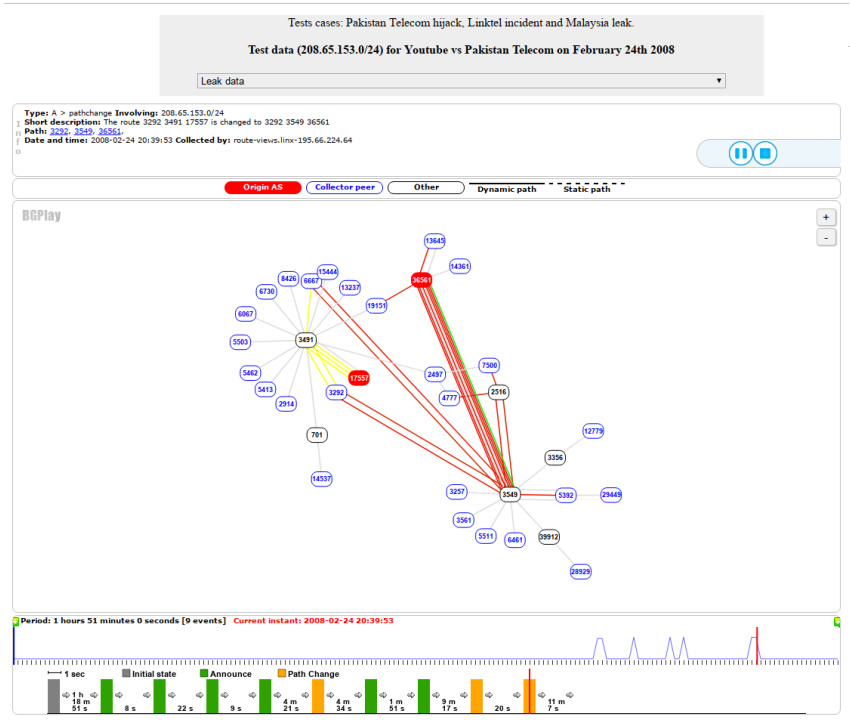

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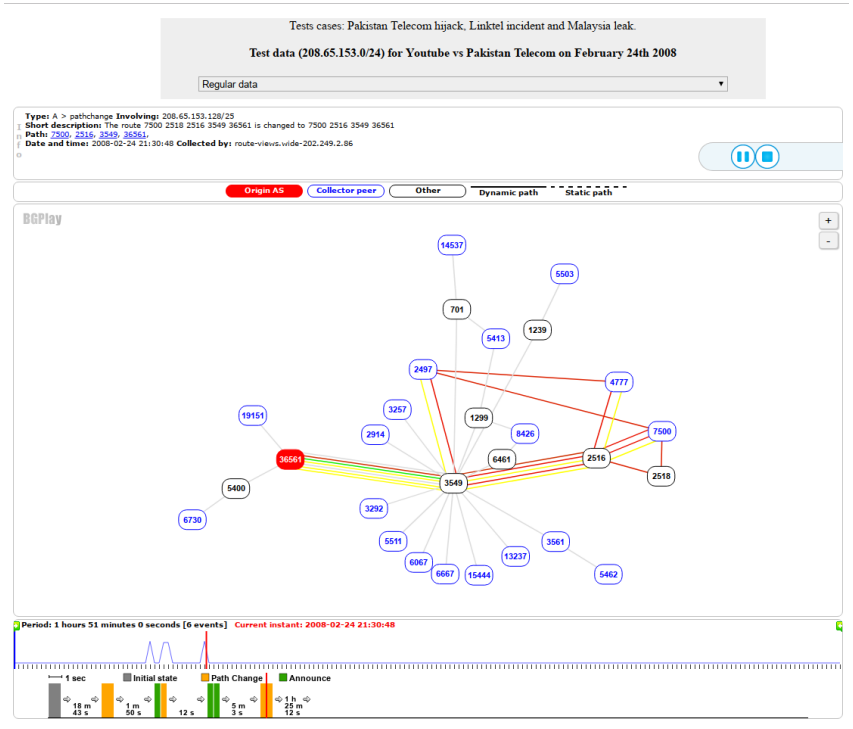

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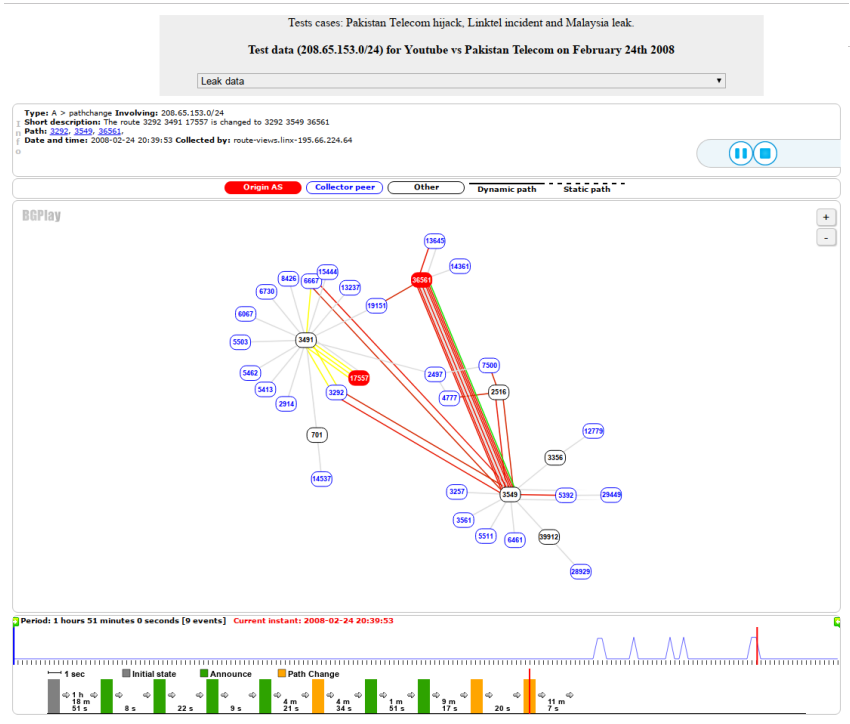

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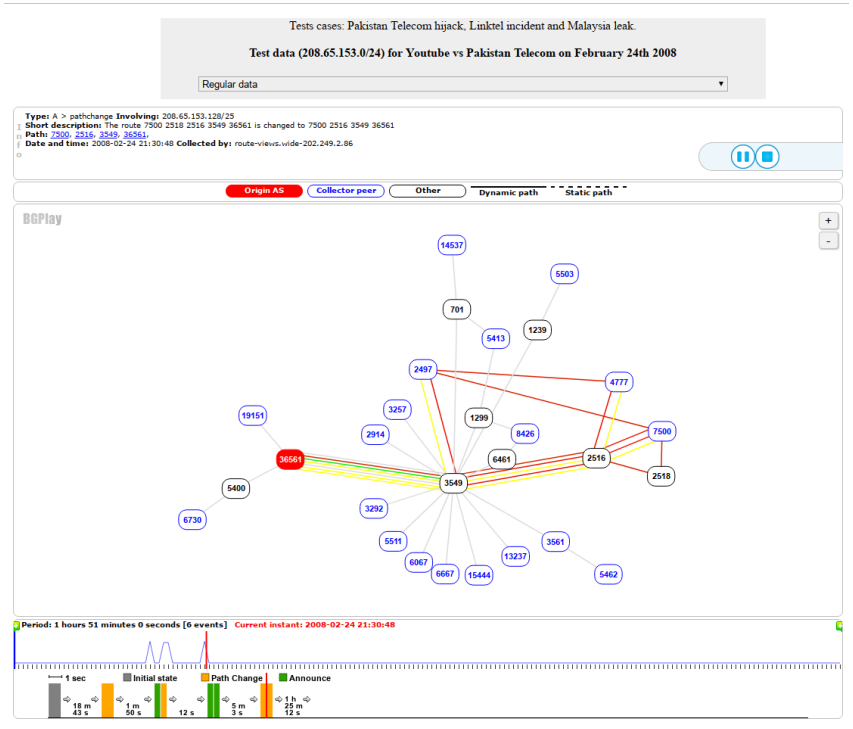

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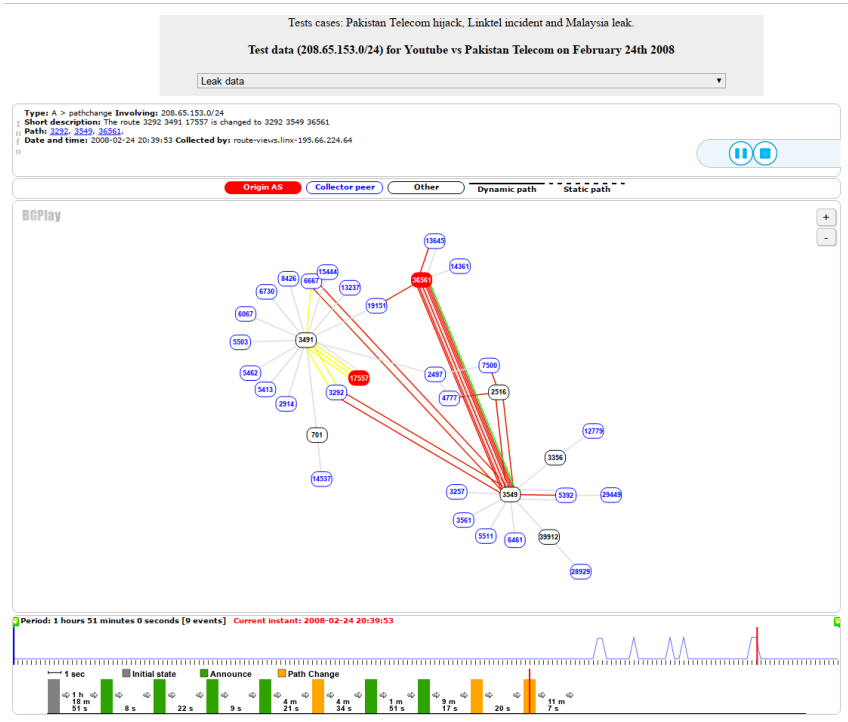

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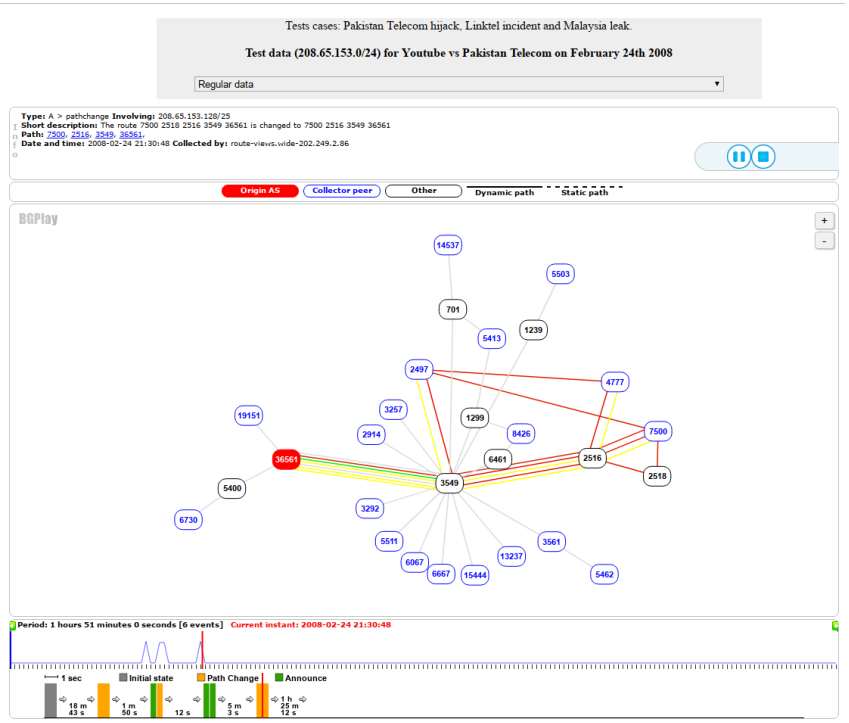

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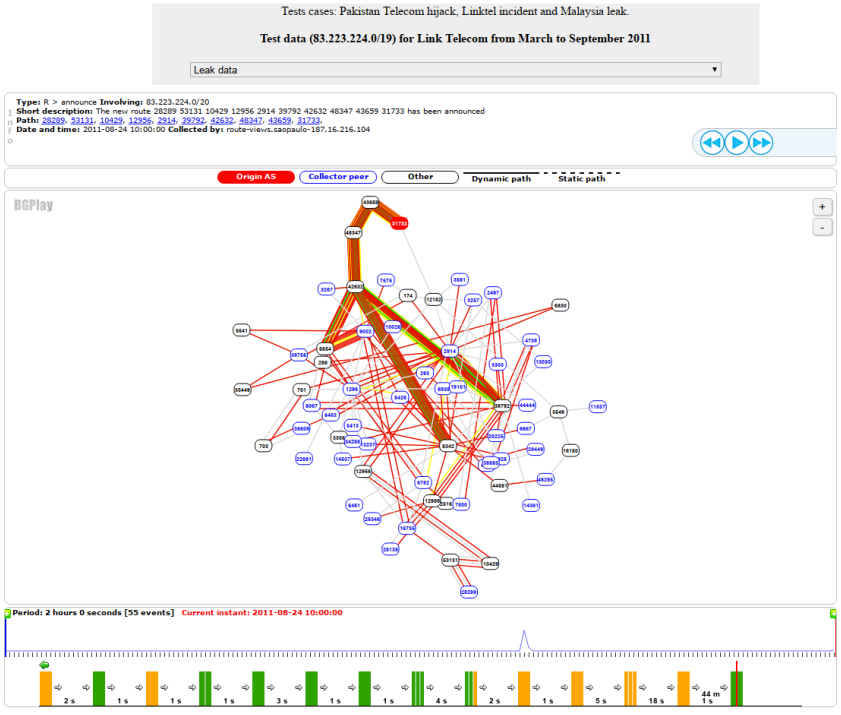

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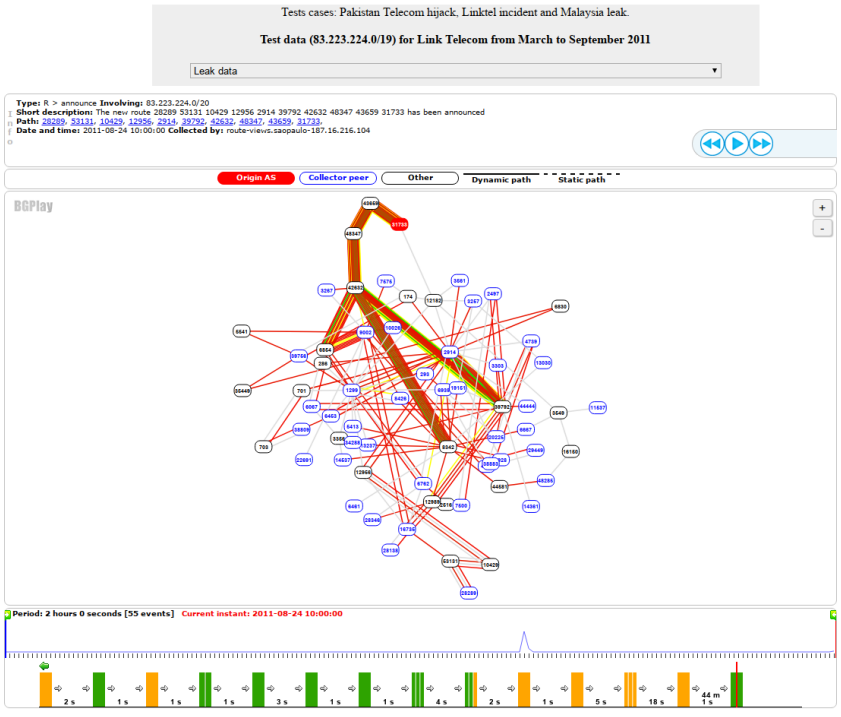

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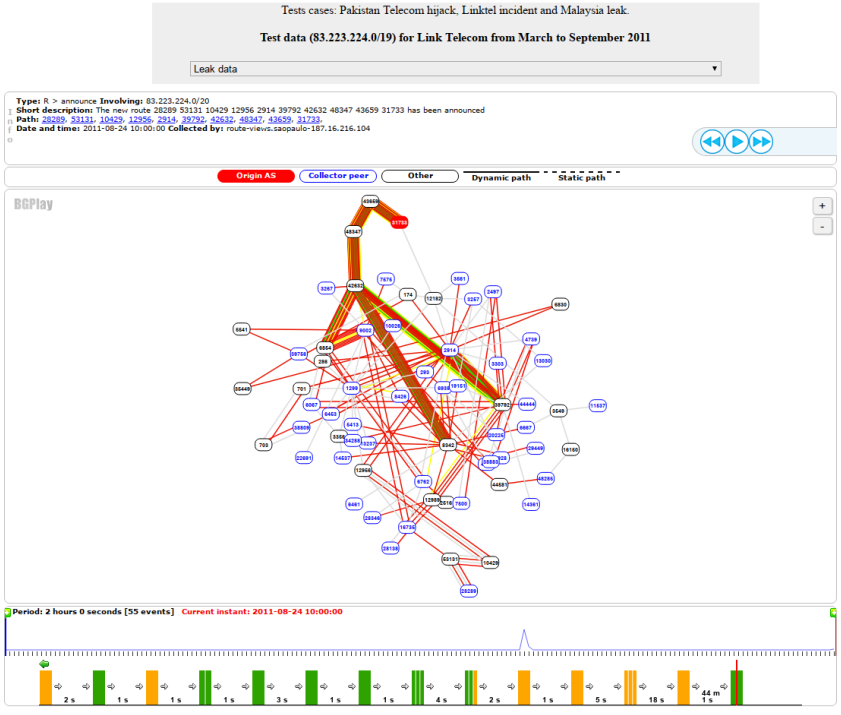

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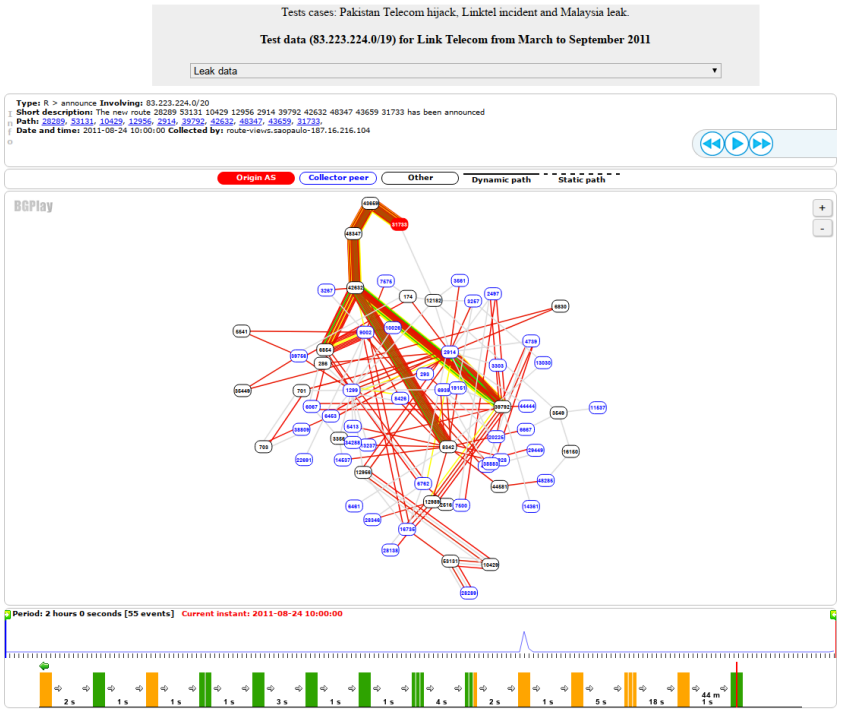

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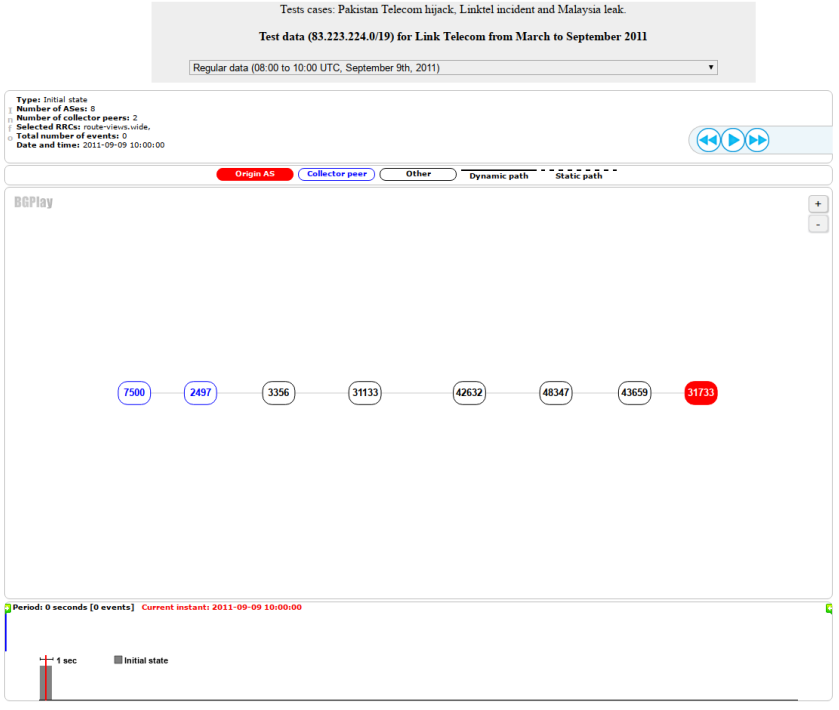

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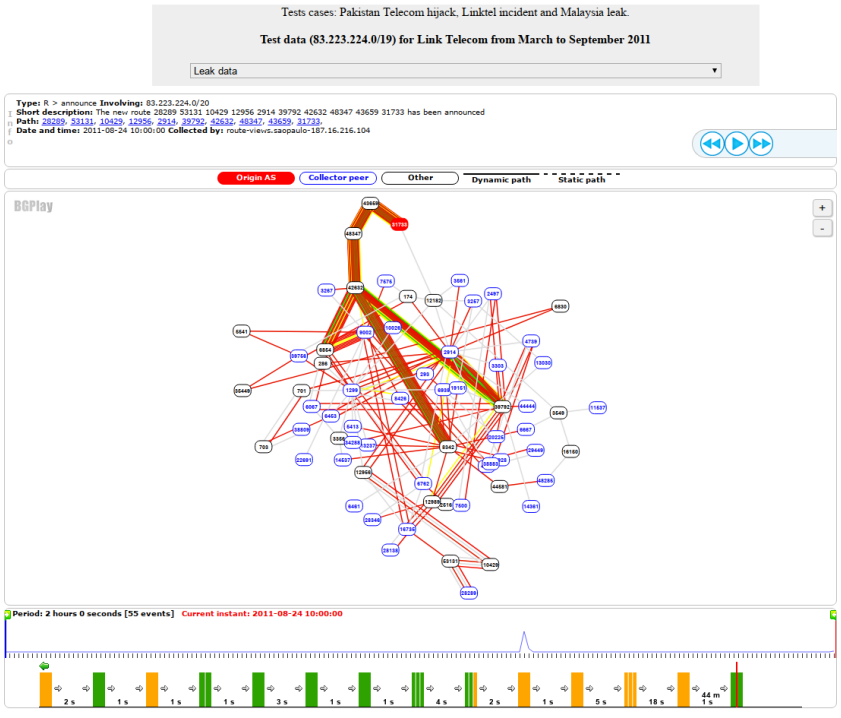

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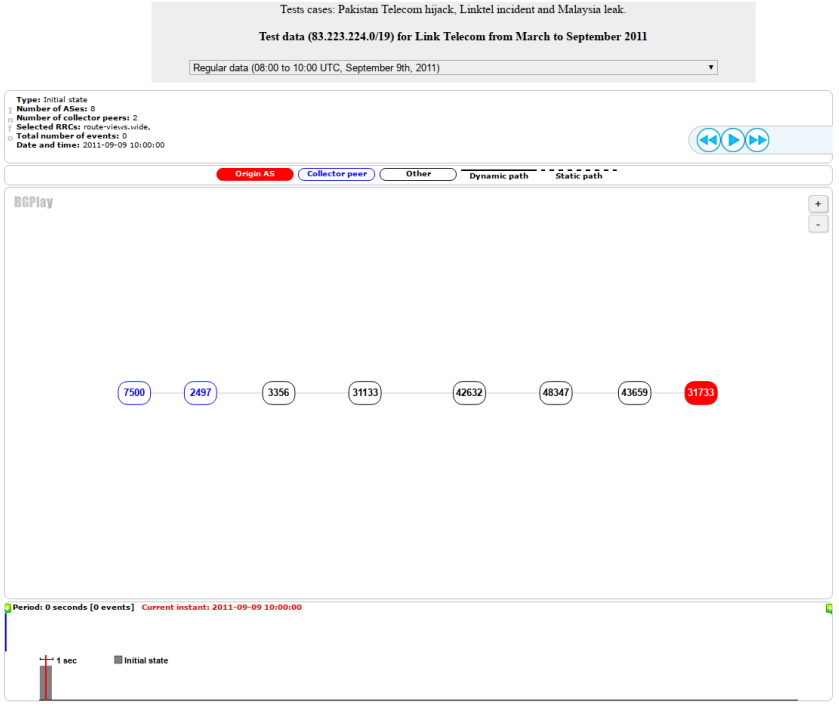

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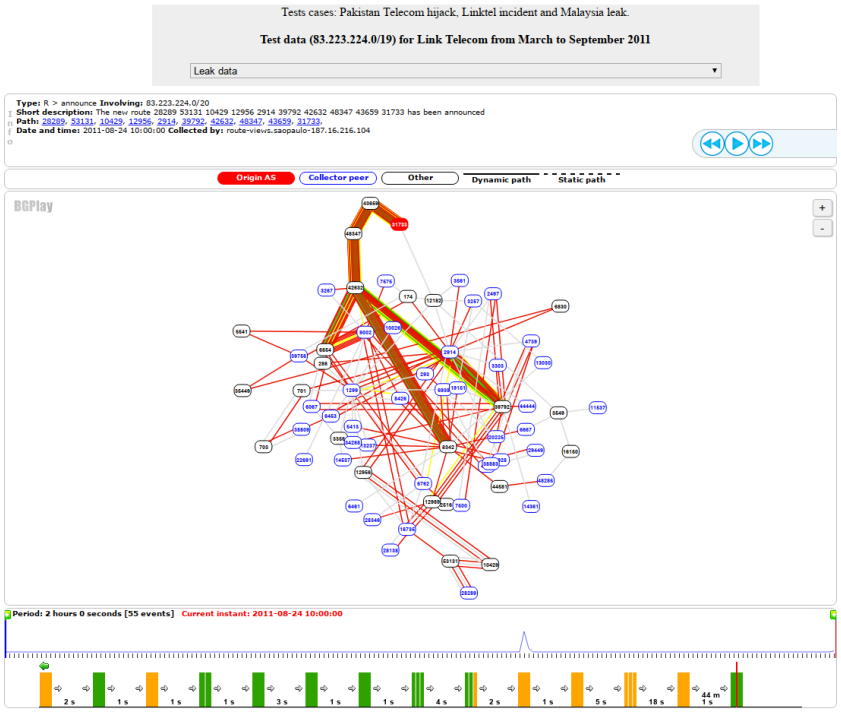

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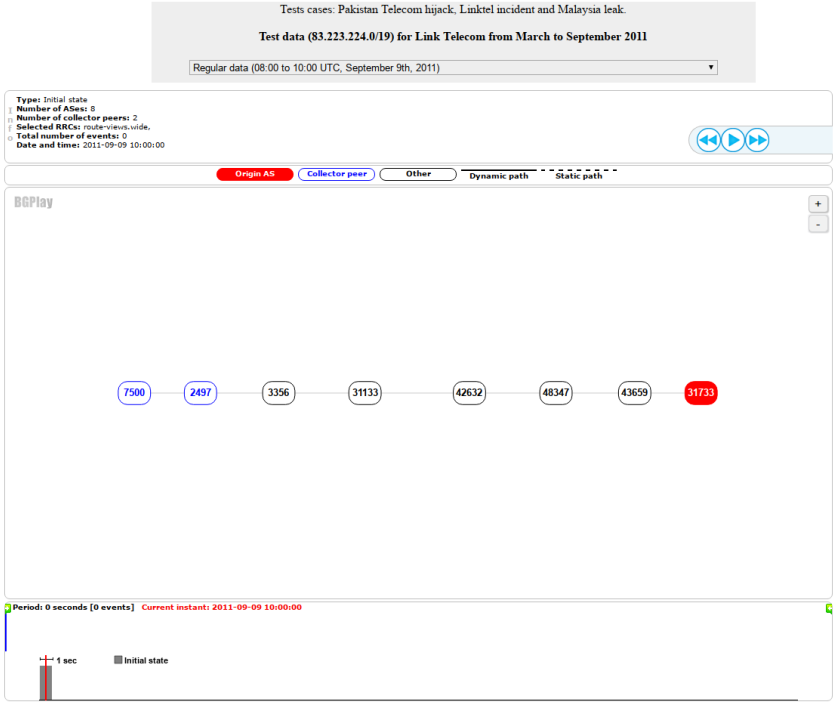

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