

# BGP Extensions for Source Address Validation Networks (BGP SAVNET)

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# Source Address Validation

- Source address validation (SAV) is important for defending against source address spoofing attacks
  
- Our focus:
  - ◆ **Route-based SAV**: Validate source address by checking whether its incoming interface is valid
  - ◆ **Intra- and inter-domain SAVs**: Do validation at edge/border routers
  
- Not our focus:
  - ◆ Cryptology-based SAV
  - ◆ Access SAV: Do validation at access devices using techniques such as RADIUS/DIAMETER, SAVI (e.g., IP Source Guard), Cable Source-Verify, etc.

# Existing SAV Mechanisms and Gaps

- ❑ ACL-based ingress filtering [RFC2827][RFC3704]
- ❑ Source-based RTBH filtering [RFC5635]
- ❑ Loose uRPF [RFC3704]
- ❑ Strict uRPF [RFC3704]
- ❑ FP-uRPF [RFC3704]
- ❑ VRF-uRPF [RFC8704]
- ❑ EFP-uRPF [RFC8704]

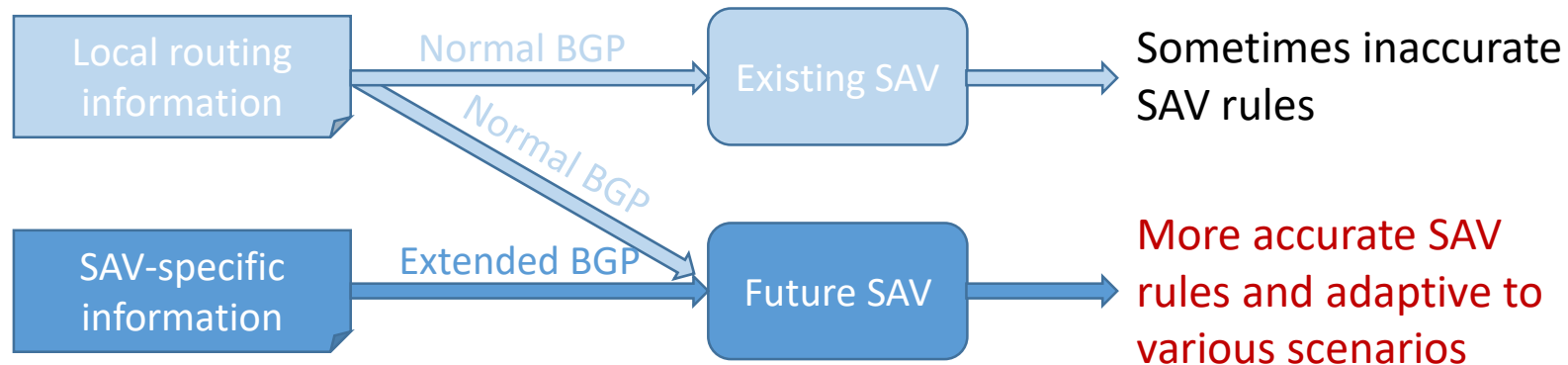
Not specific for SAV.  
High operational overhead  
especially in dynamic or  
complex networks.

uRPF generates SAV rules  
based on local FIB/RIB: **Good  
automation but inaccurate  
under asymmetric routing.**

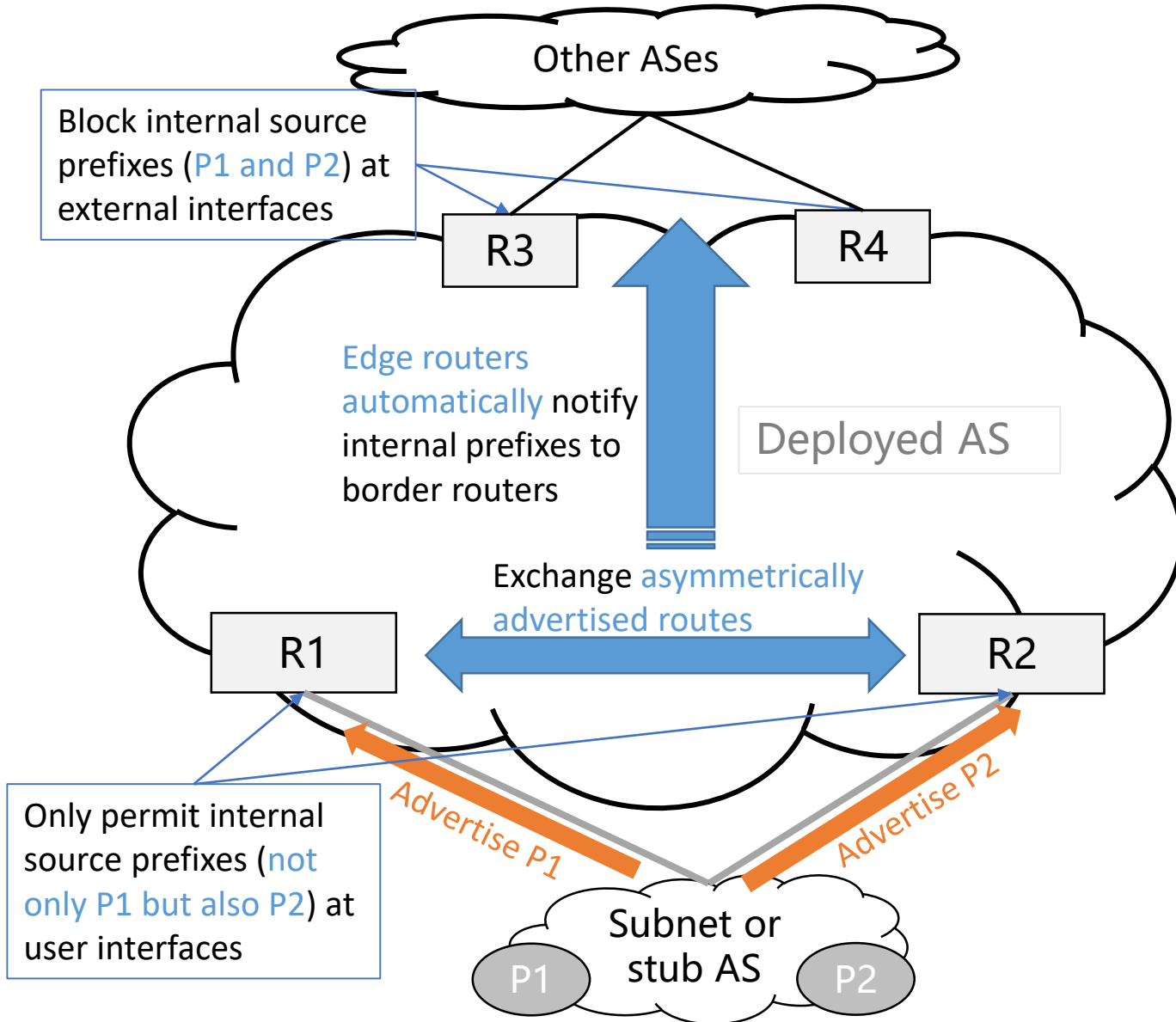
Observation: **Purely relying on local routing information for SAV is not enough for achieving both good automation and high accuracy**

# BGP SAVNET

- ❑ Extend BGP protocols to advertise **SAV-specific information** between **edge/border routers** of **one or multiple ASes**
  - ◆ Follow draft-li-savnet-intra-domain-architecture-05 and draft-wu-savnet-inter-domain-architecture-05
- ❑ **SAV-specific information examples** (Will explain in the following slides)
  - ◆ Asymmetrically advertised routes
  - ◆ Prefixes tagged as internal ones
  - ◆ Target source prefixes with expected incoming directions
- ❑ Assist **edge/border routers on the network boundary** to generate SAV rules



# BGP SAVNET for Protecting Internal Prefixes

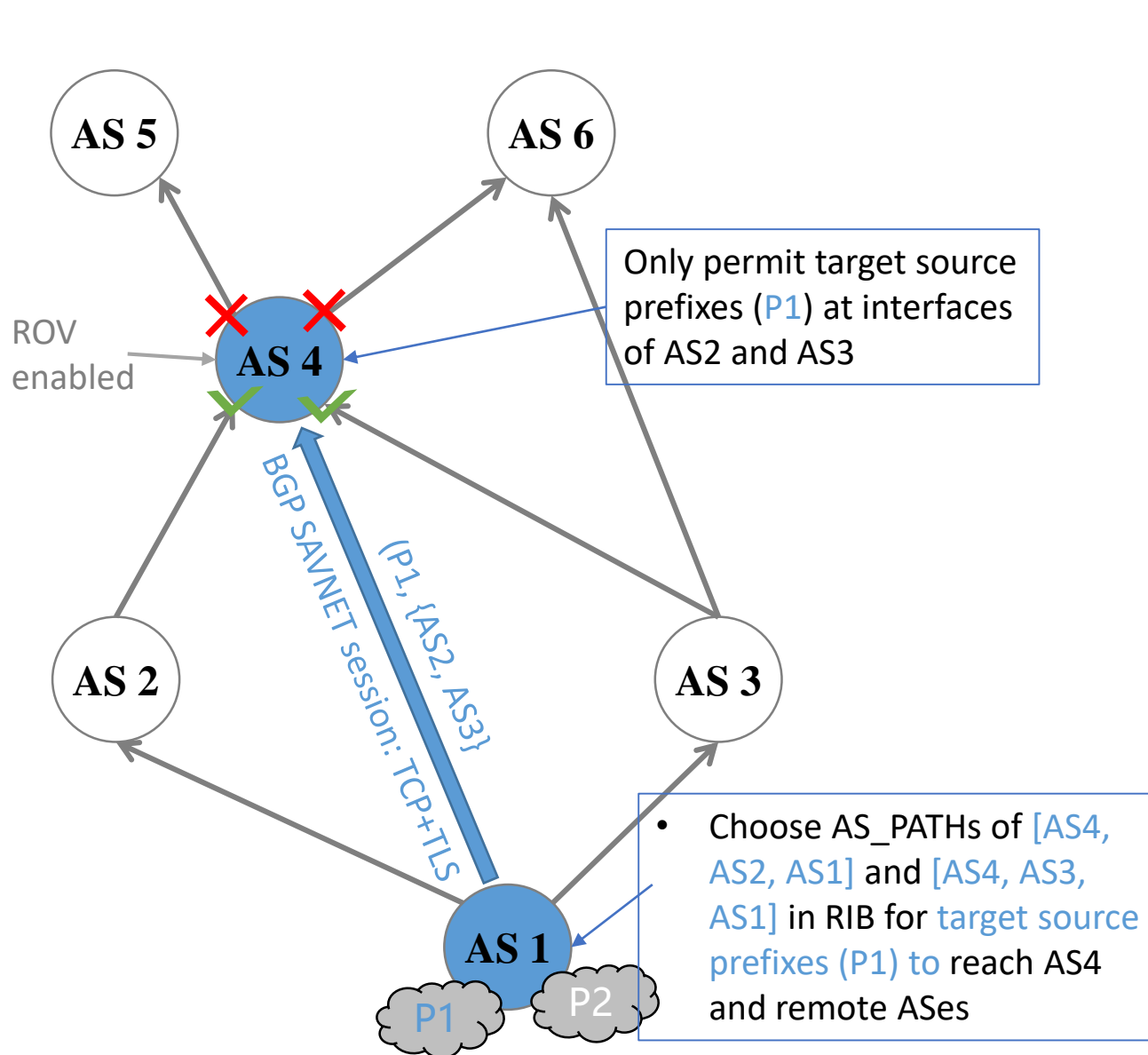


➔ User's normal route advertisement  
➔ BGP SAVNET advertisement

## Features:

- **Border routers** can automatically collect internal prefixes and **simplifies operations** compared to manually configuring ACL rules.
- **Edge routers** can exchange asymmetrically advertised routes and **avoids improper block** of strict uRPF.
- **Good deployability**, i.e., upgrading part of routers can also work well
- **Good convergence**, i.e., 1) similar propagation speed to route and 2) support independent and incremental update (no need to wait for complete information)

# BGP SAVNET for Protecting Remote Prefixes



## Features:

- Source AS (AS1) can notify **target source prefixes** that need to be specially protected.
- Source AS (AS1) can notify the **legitimate incoming directions** of target source prefixes.
- Validation AS (AS4) can provide services like **1) proactive SAV, 2) reactive source address filtering for mitigating DDoS, 3) key source address forwarding path protection**
- **Good deployability**, i.e., any pair of upgraded ASes can work well
- **Good convergence**, i.e., 1) similar propagation speed to route and 2) support independent and incremental update (no need to wait for complete information)
- **Simple trust model**

# Design Considerations

- ❑ **Extending routing protocols for carrying SAV-specific information is an intuitive method**
  - ◆ Existing SAV mechanisms primarily rely on local routing information.
- ❑ **Extending BGP for advertising intra- and inter-domain SAV-specific information**
  - ◆ Focus on doing validation on the network boundary for protecting internal and remote source prefixes. Using one protocol can adapt to various scenarios and simplify design workload
  - ◆ Reuse existing basic design and quality attributes to reduce design and development workload and facilitate application
  - ◆ Easy to extend and provide good service isolation
  - ◆ Explicit update and withdrawal without unnecessary periodic flooding
- ❑ **Define new SAFIs (AFI:1, SAFI:TBD) and (AFI:2, SAFI:TBD)**
  - ◆ New SAFIs provide good service isolation, and only the interested routers will receive the information

# Next Step

- Make the design complete
- Comments are welcome



**Thanks!**