

# Applicability of Path Computation Element (PCE) for Fast Reroute (FRR) Boundary Node protection.

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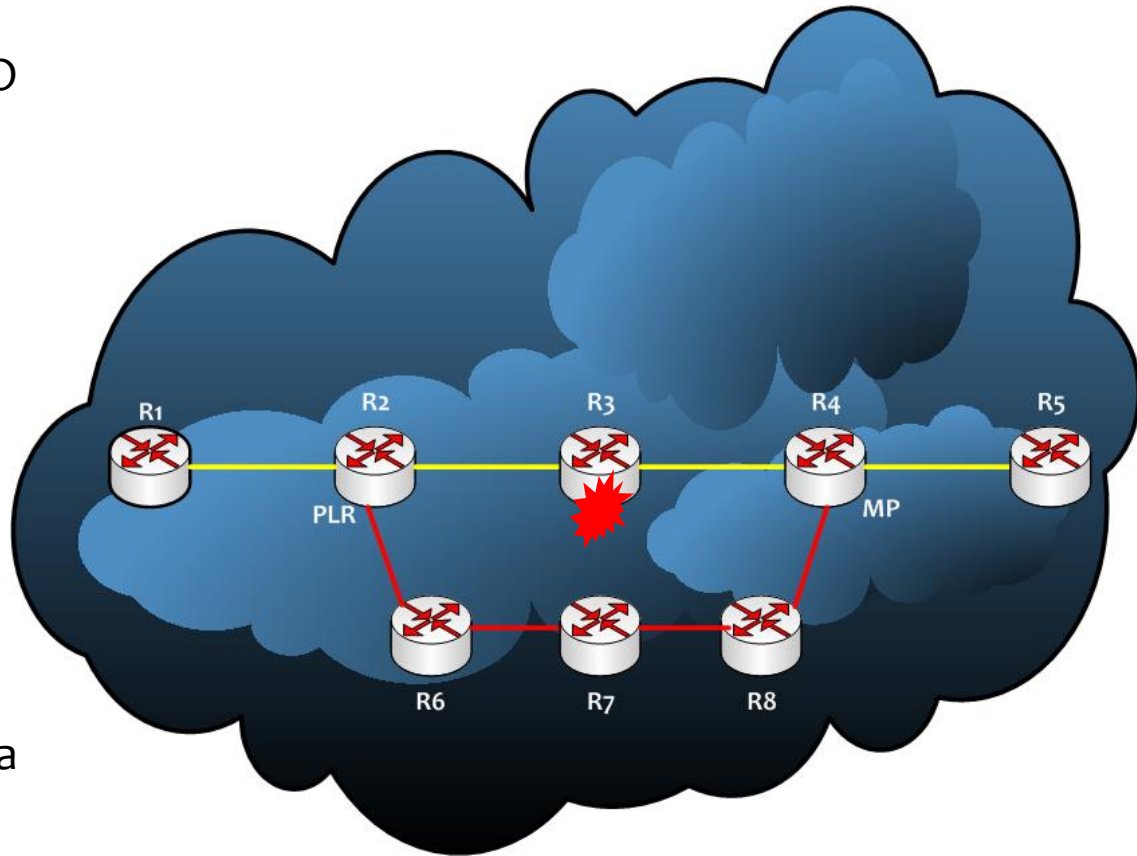
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# Motivation

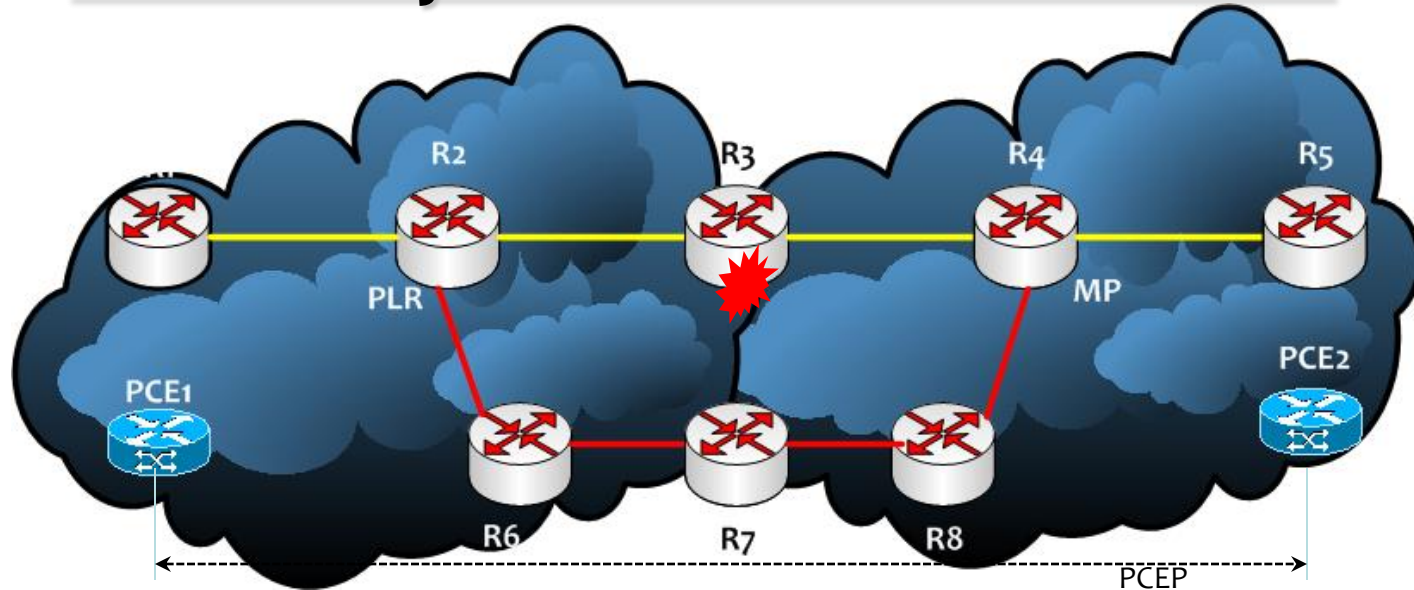
- [RFC4090] [Fast ReRoute \(FRR\)](#) protection – a mechanism to establish backup LSP tunnels for local repair of primary LSP. These mechanisms enable the re-direction of traffic onto backup LSP in the event of a failure.
  - The one-to-one backup method creates detour LSPs for protected LSP at a potential [point of local repair \(PLR\)](#).
  - The facility backup method creates a bypass tunnel at a PLR to protect a potential failure point by finding a backup path to [Merge Point \(MP\)](#).
- PCE can be used for backup path computation. Especially needed in inter-domain scenario for boundary node protection (ABR / ASBR) .
- In case of facility-backup, MP needs to be identified. This document explains the mechanism to find MP in inter-domain scenario.
- If Path-key (confidentiality) is enabled, new mechanisms are needed.

# FRR Protection

- R2 (PLR) can determine the MP by RSVP Path Resv's RRO
  - Explicitly identified via NODE-ID subobject [RFC4561]
  - Determined from RRO IPv4/IPv6 subobject (because it has complete TED visibility)
- PLR can unambiguously identify
  - MP address
  - Backup tunnel intersecting primary at a downstream LSR exists
- PCE may be used for backup path computation.

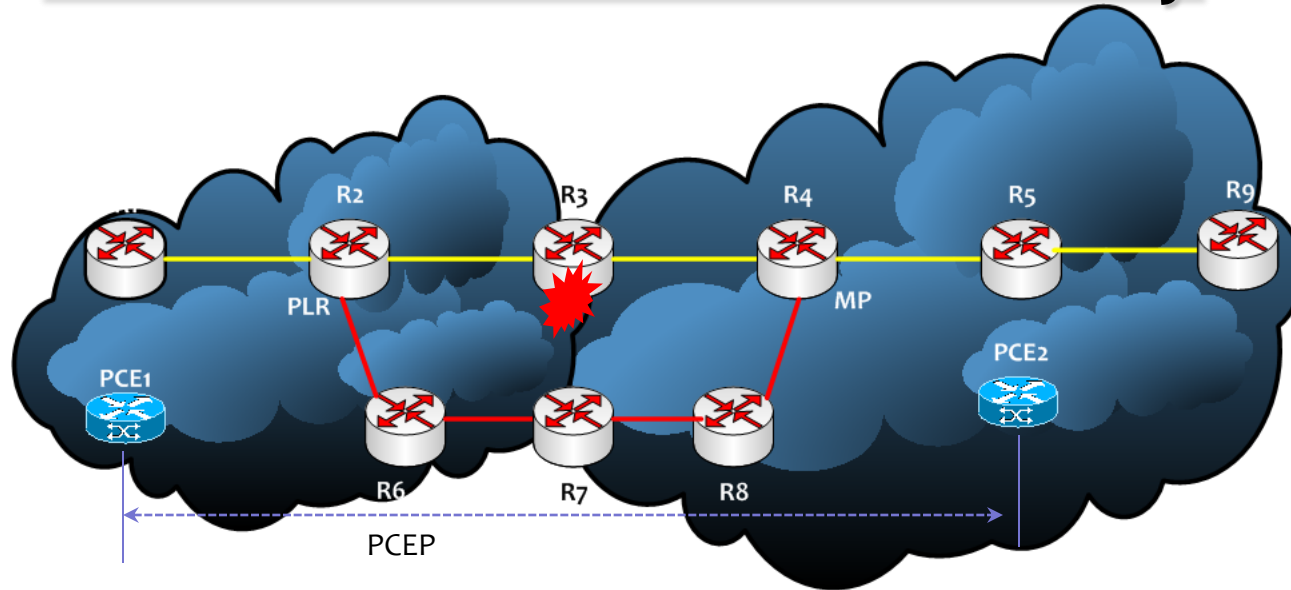


# Boundary Node FRR Protection



- R2 has to build a bypass tunnel that protects against the failure of Boundary Node ABR (R3)
- R2 (PLR) can determine the MP by RSVP Path Resv's RRO identified via NODE-ID subobject [RFC4561]
- PCE should be used for inter-domain backup path computation

# FRR Protection with Pathkey



- When path-key is enabled on PCE2, the primary LSP Path  
[R1->R2->R3->**PKS**->R9]
- R2 (PLR) cannot determine the MP via any existing mechanism
- Following mechanism are suggested –
  - A new MP subobject in RSVP RRO
  - Change in PCE Path-key handling

# FRR Protection with Pathkey

New MP Subobject	Change in Path-Key Handling
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This sub-object should be added by the boundary node (R3) during the RRO Path key processing. The PLR(R2) can use the MP sub-object to identify the MP. To avoid the looping issue, PLR should remove this sub-object from the RRO at the time of RRO processing.</li><li>• For the IPv4 and IPv6 RRO subobjects a new flag:</li><li>• MP-id: 0x40 (TBA)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scope of confidential path segment is relaxed to immediate downstream node i.e. [R3-&gt;R4-&gt;PKS-&gt;R9] is returned during path-key expansion instead of [R3-&gt;PKS-&gt;R9]. Note that path-key expansion should be done by R4 now.</li><li>• R4 now will insert node-id sub-object [RFC4561] in the RRO object and aids the PLR in previous domain to determine MP</li><li>• Since there is no node-id sub-object in RRO beyond R4, R3 may not be able to find R5 as MP without expansion of PKS. Multiple Path-key expansion are needed.</li></ul>

# Next Steps

- Get WG feedback on FRR protection with Path-Key
- Manageability and security considerations needs analysis.

# Questions & Comments?



Thanks!