

The Tier1, LHCONE and LHCOPN

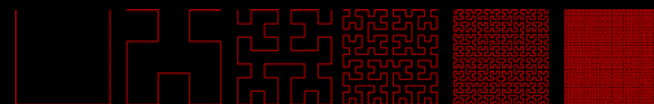
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Background

- The RAL Tier 1 currently connects to:
 - The world
 - via Janet¹ via the RAL Campus Network
 - Tier 0s and other Tier 1s
 - via the LHCOPN² via a private router (OPNR).
 - Tier 2s
 - via Janet¹ via a private router (OPNR)
- Real-Soon-Now™ we want to be connecting to:
 - Tier 2s
 - via LHCONE³ (via ...some stuff...)

NB. Throughout this talk I will be displaying IPv4 space on a 12th order Hilbert Curve (ala <https://xkcd.com/195/>), these maps have been rendered with a modified version of ipv4-heatmap by Duane Wessels of The Measurement Factory (<https://github.com/jrha/ipv4-heatmap>).



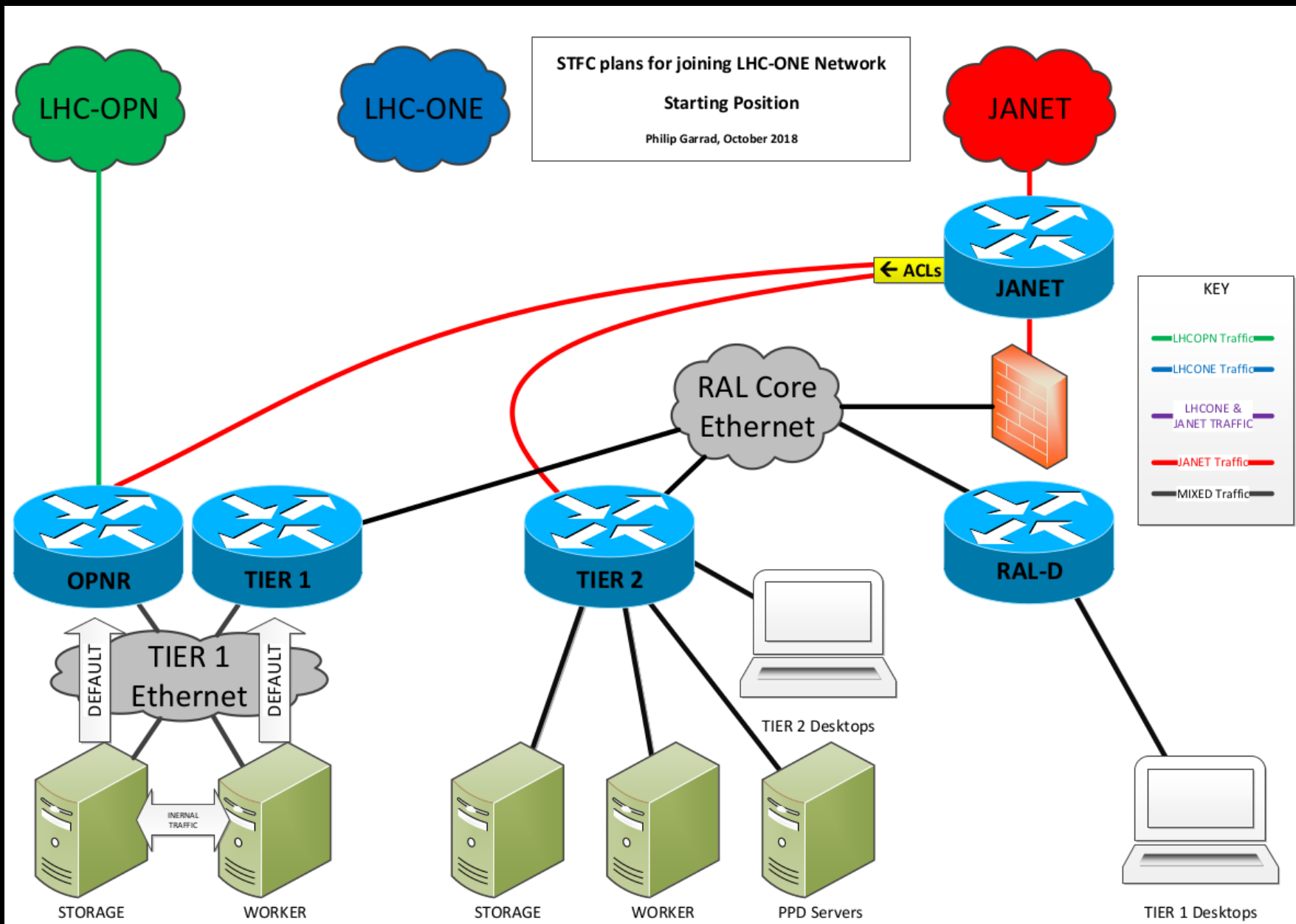
¹ <https://www.jisc.ac.uk/janet>

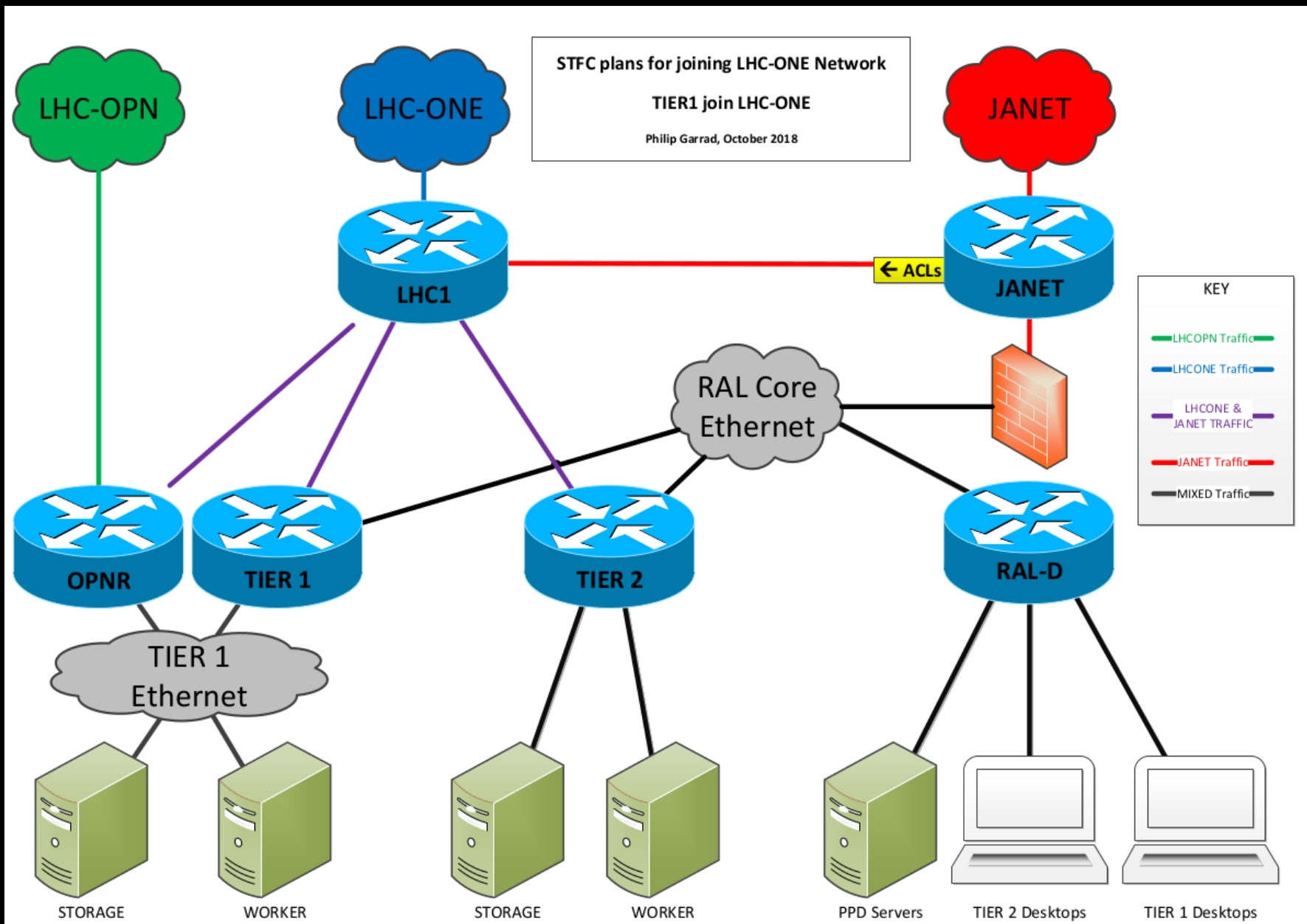
² Large Hadron Collider Optical Private Network <http://lhcopn.web.cern.ch/lhcopn/>

³ Large Hadron Collider Open Network Environment <http://lhcone.web.cern.ch/>

More Background

- Currently the Tier 1 provides compute, storage and services over both IPv4 and IPv6 on a single L2 segment.
 - 3× IPv4 subnets (one for LHCOPN)
 - 2× IPv6 subnets (one for LHCOPN)
- Routing to deal with this is a little arcane...
 - 3+1 physical routers
 - ~7 virtual routers
 - Nodes have ~16 IPv4 and ~8 IPv6 routing table entries
 - More default route (gateway) options than subnets

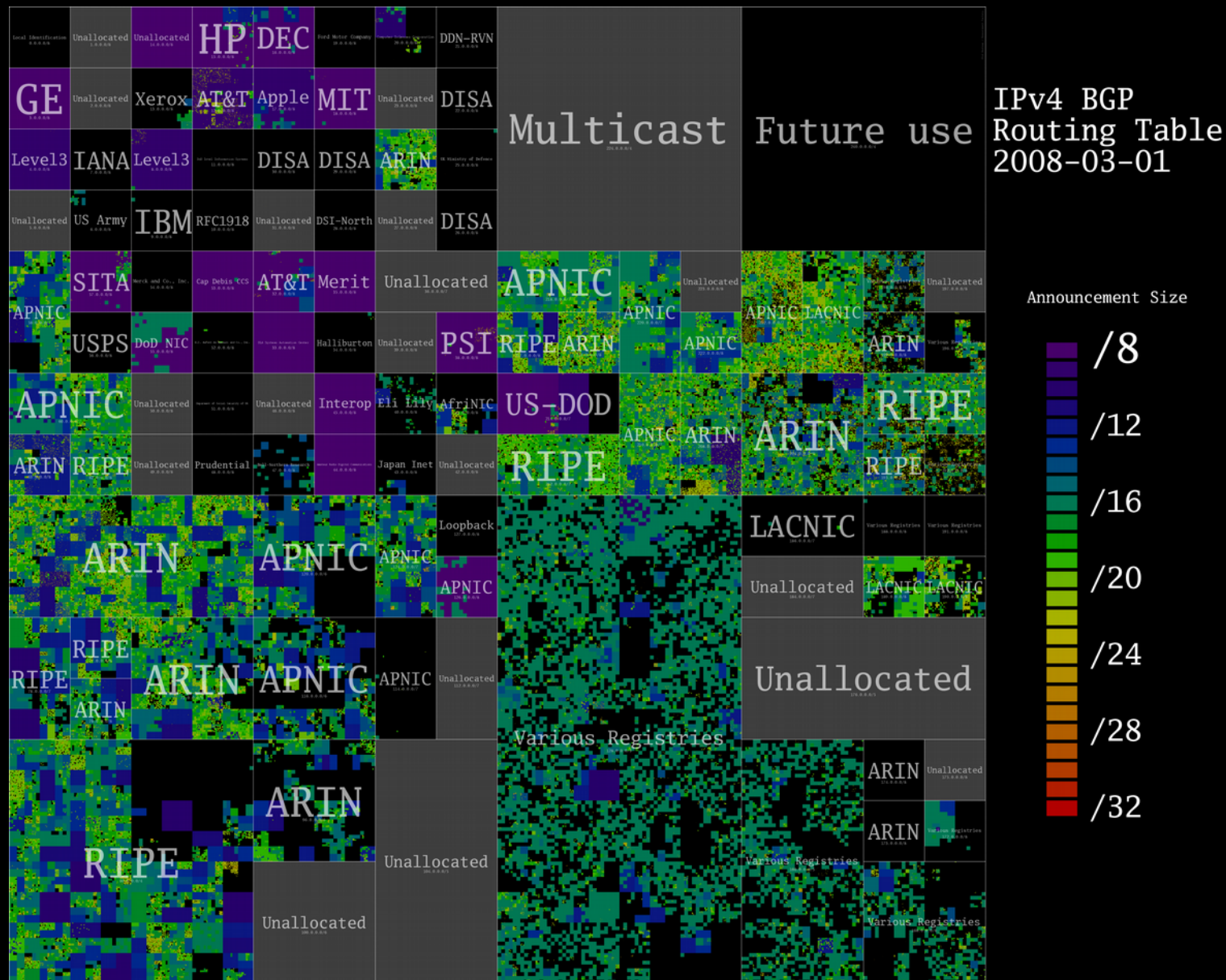




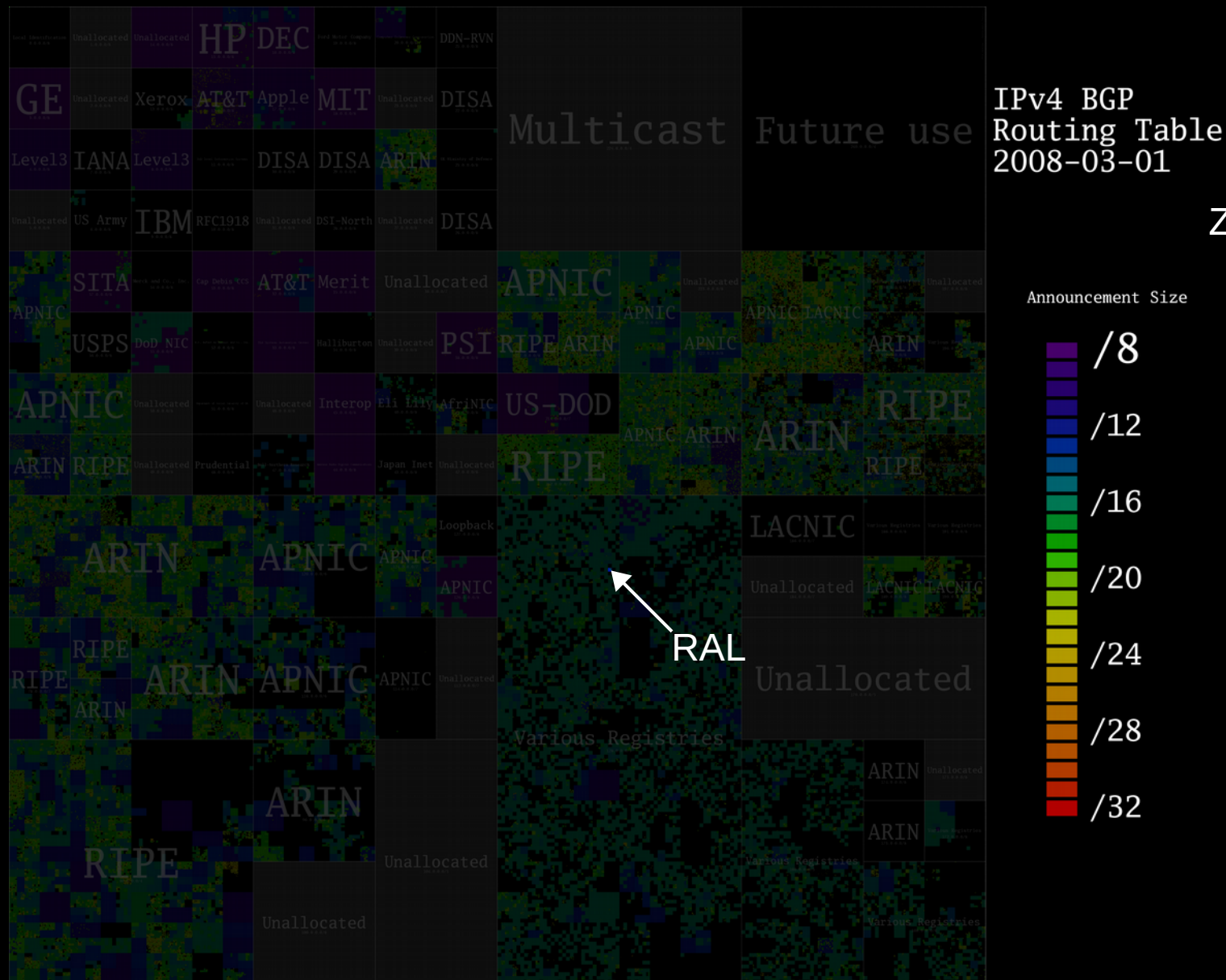
It's complicated...

- Clearly this could benefit from some simplification.
 - But adding more routers and routes to join LHCONE will make things even more complicated.
- GOAL: Tier 1 services should be consistent.
 - i.e. everything should have the same access to:
 - LHCOPN
 - LHCONE
 - Janet
- Best possible option would be to declare:
 - A single IPv4 subnet to the outside world.
 - Non trivial... two however...?
 - A single IPv6 subnet to the outside world.
 - Can do this now!
 - Lets just look at IPv4 for now...

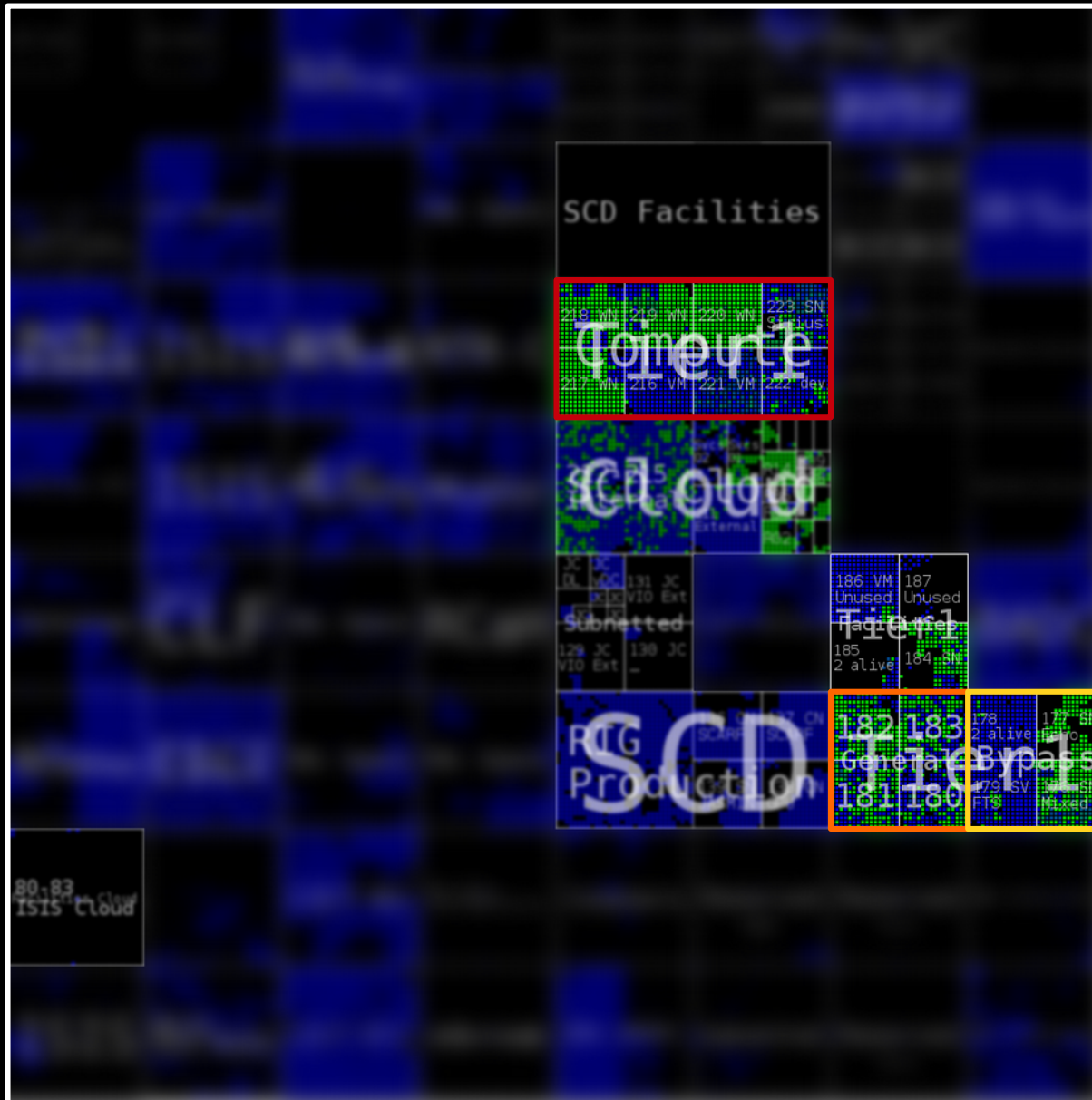
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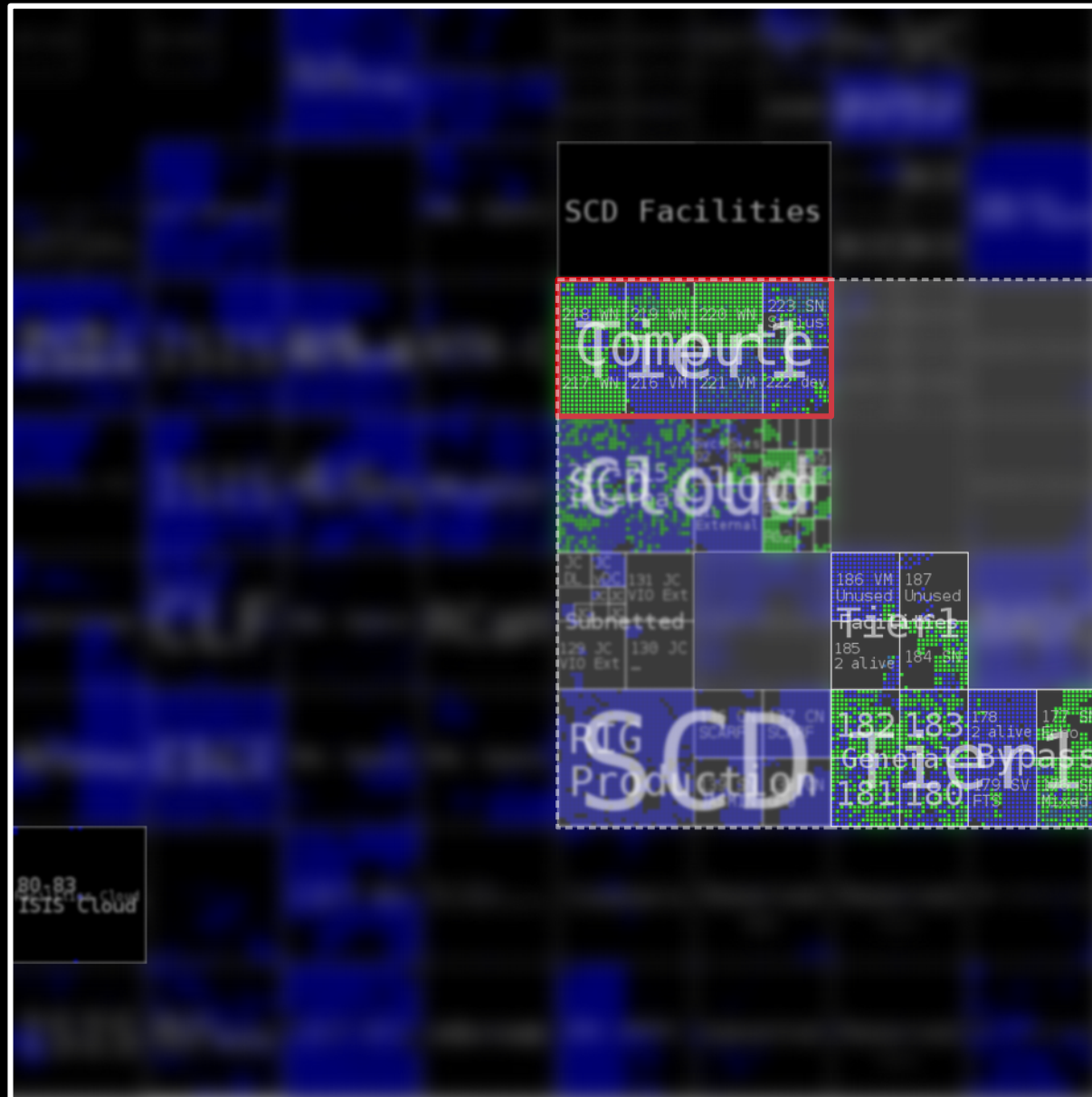


RAL, aka 130.246.0.0/16



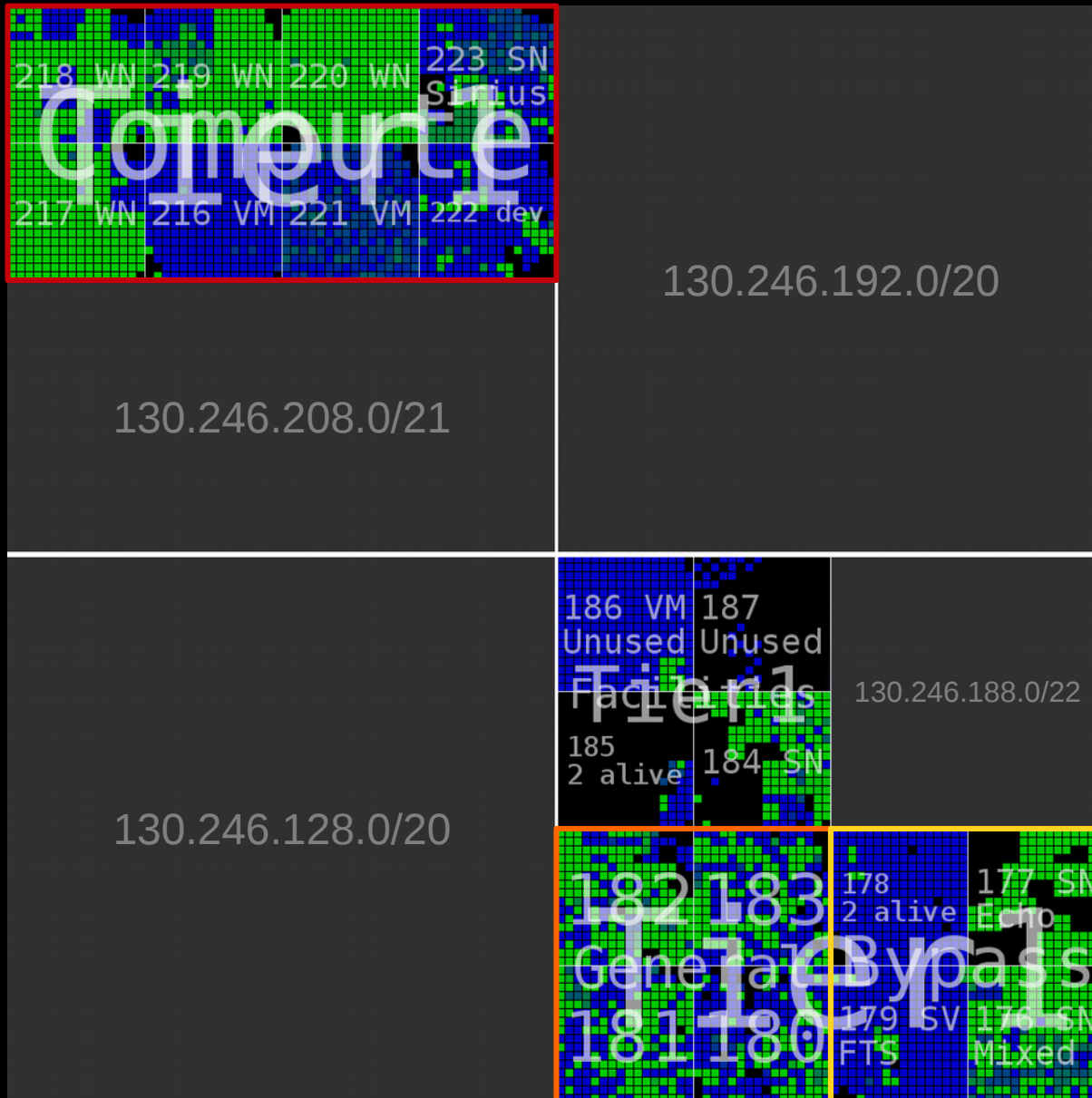
- SCD manages
~20% of RAL IPv4 space
- 3 Tier 1 subnets:
 - OPN:
130.246.176.0/22
 - Services:
130.246.180.0/22
 - Compute:
130.246.216.0/21
- Also manage
 - Facilities Services
130.246.184.0/22

RAL, aka 130.246.0.0/16



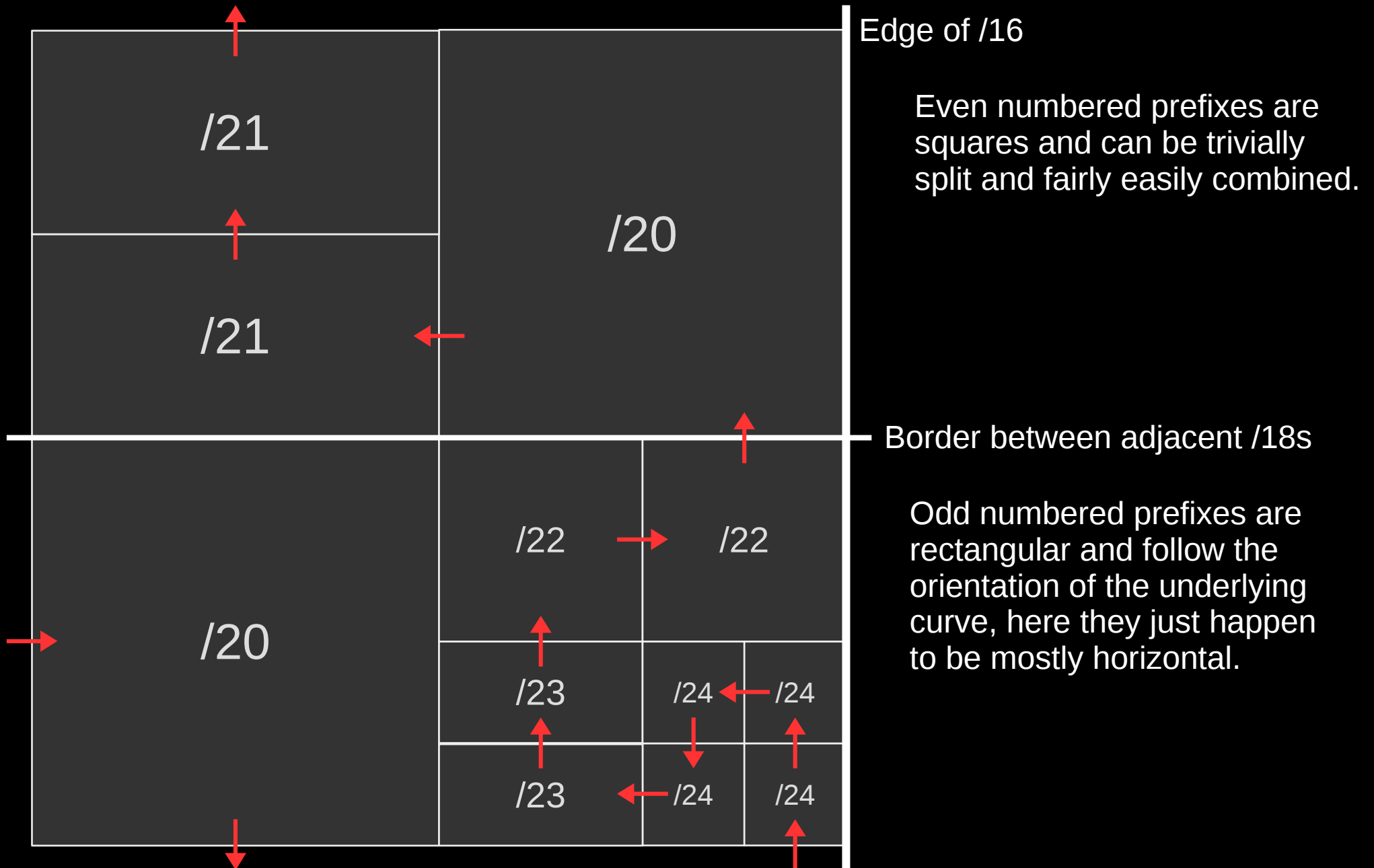
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Tier 1 Up Close

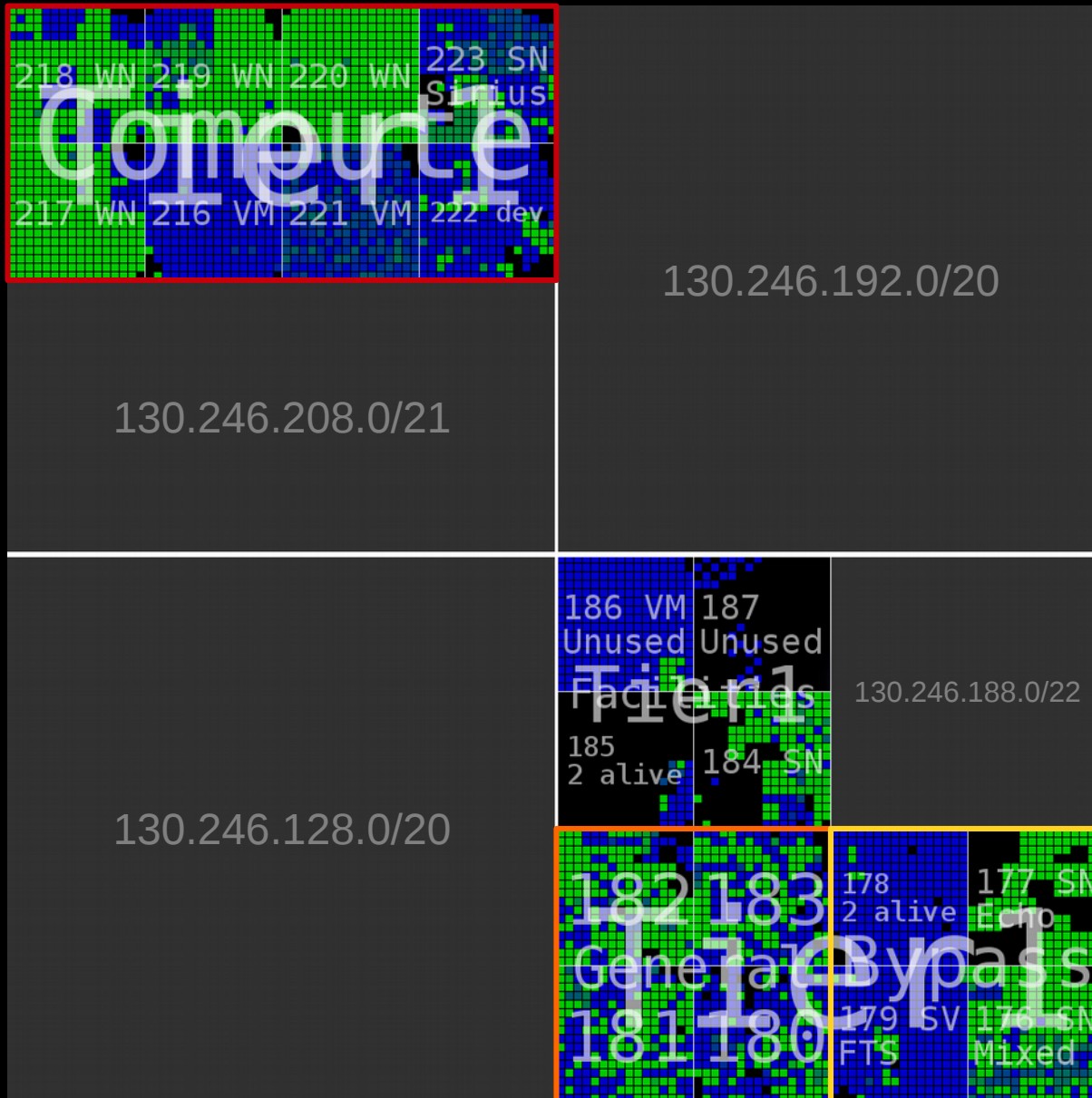


- Define a supernet of all subnets?
 - 130.246.0.0/16
- Surrounded by other projects.
 - Could start horse trading, but very slow.
- Will have to move hosts.
 - Cannot move Facilities Services.
 - Hard to move storage nodes.

Reading Guide

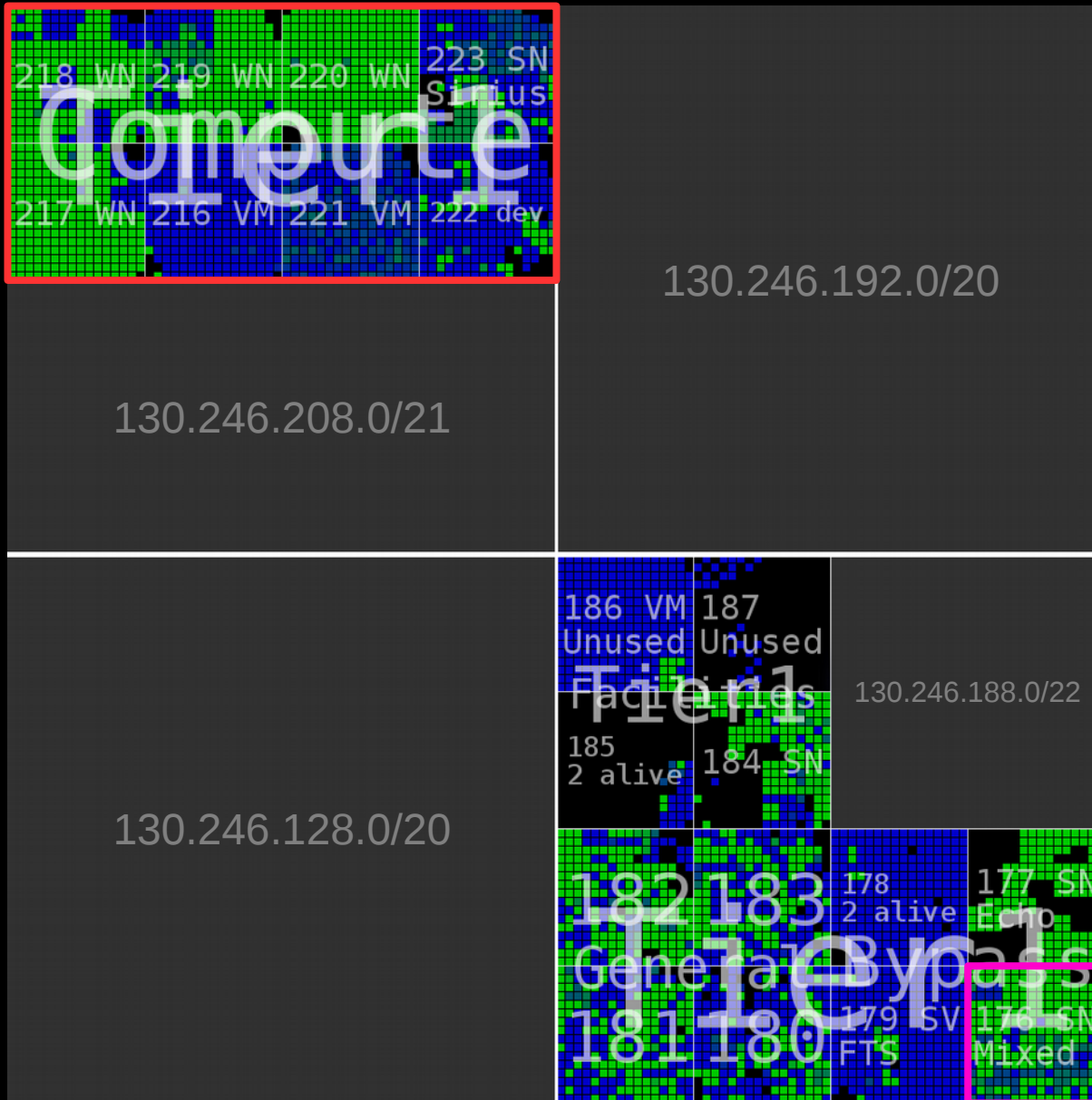


Tier 1 Up Close



- A dwindling number of existing hosts in 130.246.0.176/22 need LHCOPN/ONE.
 - Echo gateways, all CASTOR storage nodes.
 - 99% are within 130.246.0.176/24
- Worker nodes **do** need LHCOPN/ONE access.
- Many nodes in 130.246.0.176/20 **should not** be on LHCOPN/ONE.

Moving forward...



- Consolidate on:
130.246.216.0/21,
130.246.176.0/24.
 - Small number of hosts to move.
 - Move front-end load-balancers.
 - Do not move internal service components.
- Eventually drop 130.246.176.0/24.

Next steps

NB. We currently announce 130.246.176.0/22 and 2001:630:58:1820/64 to LHCOPN.

- 1) Give the handful of hosts with IPv6 addresses in 2001:630:58:1800/64 addresses in 2001:630:58:1820/64.
- 2) Clear out top end of 130.246.216.0/21.
- 3) Announce 130.246.216.0/21 to LHCOPN.
- 4) Move front-end load-balancers.
- 5) Move echo gateways.
- 6) Announce 130.246.216.0/21 and 130.246.176.0/24 to LHCOPN.
- 7) Announce 130.246.216.0/21 and 130.246.176.0/24 to LHCONE.

Conclusions

- With a series of fairly simply steps we can be ready to connect to LHCONE.
- The Tier 1 can finally appear to be a single entity.
 - All Tier 1 services get a uniform routing topology.
 - We can start moving towards a simpler configuration now.