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# Spotting Latency Issues With RIPE Atlas

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# Return ticket (*Unwanted trip*) around the world



# RIPE Atlas



- RIPE Atlas is a global active measurements platform, funded by RIPE NCC members and sponsors
- Goal: view Internet reachability
- Probes hosted by volunteers, using a credits system
- Data is publicly available

[atlas.ripe.net](https://atlas.ripe.net)

# RIPE Atlas



- Runs six type of measurements:
  - Ping, Traceroute, DNS, NTP, **SSL/TLS** and **HTTP**(anchors only)
- Accessible via **GUI**, **API** and **CLI Tool**

[atlas.ripe.net](https://atlas.ripe.net)

# Some Problems

- High latency - Impatient gamers
- Many networks, globally
- Realtime application, unpredictable



## Mark

Online gaming company

Runs own LAN

Users from around the world

# Run RIPE Atlas tests



# Issues spotted!



Probe	ASN (IPv4)	ASN (IPv6)		Time (UTC)	RTT		Hops	Success	
4429	55430			2020-05-13 19:02	270.039		17	✗	
14042	55430			2020-05-13 19:02	267.779		17	✗	
22798	55430	55430		2020-05-13 19:02	268.372		17	✗	
24422	55430			2020-05-13 19:02	268.974		17	✗	
25828	4788			2020-05-13 19:02	364.127		15	✗	
28850	4844			2020-05-13 19:02	265.993		17	✗	
54623	4773	4773		2020-05-13 19:02	268.964		16	✗	
55415	55430	55430		2020-05-13 19:02	367.158		13	✗	

**High latency  
Identified**

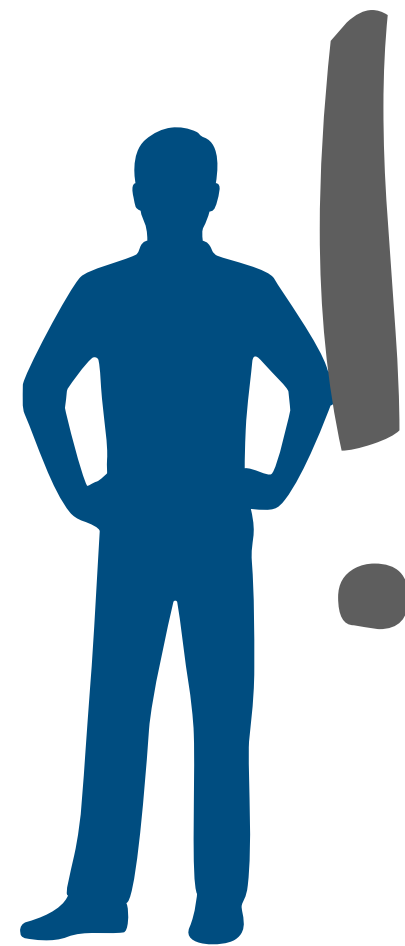
Probe	ASN (IPv4)	ASN (IPv6)		Time (UTC)	RTT		Hops	Success	
1037	55430			2020-05-13 18:36	40.742		13	✓	
4429	55430			2020-05-13 18:36	40.020		13	✓	
14042	55430			2020-05-13 18:36	38.630		13	✓	
22798	55430	55430		2020-05-13 18:36	38.872		13	✓	
24422	55430			2020-05-13 18:36	39.624		13	✓	
25828	4788			2020-05-13 18:36	36.563		13	✓	
28850	4844			2020-05-13 18:36	36.242		13	✓	
54623	4773	4773		2020-05-13 18:36	40.107		12	✓	
55415	55430	55430		2020-05-13 18:36	36.952		13	✓	

**Lower latency  
after debugging**

# Solution attempted



- Talk to peers to improve routing & RTT results
- Talk to the ISP



Settings & Status	Latest Results	Map	Tracemon	IPMap	Downloads						
Probe	ASN (IPv4)	ASN (IPv6)			Time (UTC)	RTT		Hops	Success		
4429	55430				2020-05-13 20:17	4.394		14	✓		
14042	55430				2020-05-13 20:17	3.042		14	✓		
22798	55430	55430			2020-05-13 20:17	3.336		14	✓		
24422	55430				2020-05-13 20:17	3.993		15	✓		
25828	4788				2020-05-13 20:17	3.158		14	✓		
28850	4844				2020-05-13 20:17	3.127		14	✓		
31918	55430				2020-05-13 20:17	5.194		15	✓		
54623	4773	4773			2020-05-13 20:17	4.505		14	✓		
55415	55430	55430			2020-05-13 20:17	3.508		14	✓		

LOW latency



# Hooray Moments!



## 1. Improve performance

Shorter path is selected, better latency, reliability & security

## 2. Control & flexibility

Repeat the tests as much as you need!

## 3. Service desks ❤️ RIPE Atlas GUI to validate findings



# **RIPE Atlas**

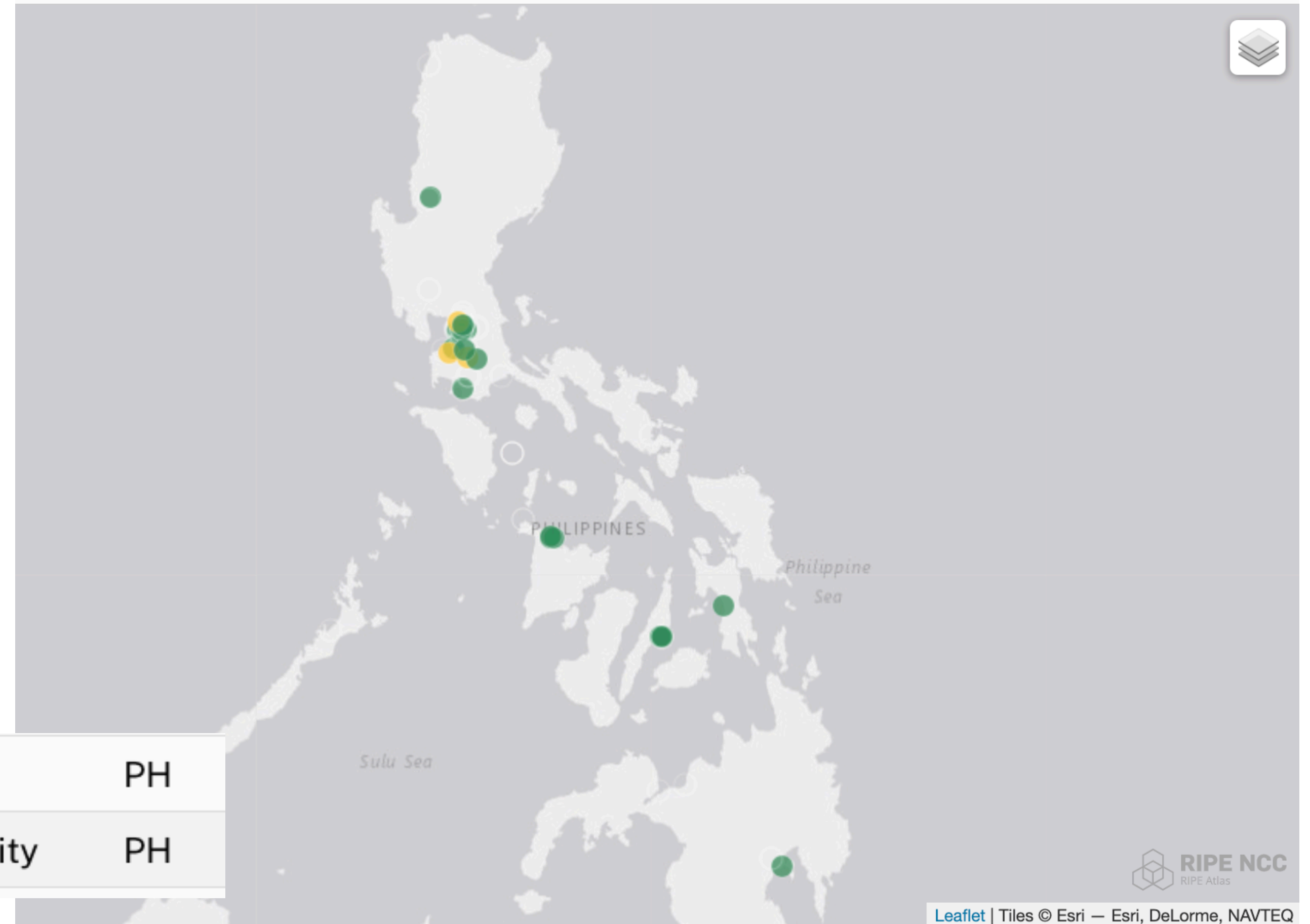
**A view into the  
Philippines (ASEAN)**

# The Philippines



**31 probes connected**  
**2 anchors**

6887	Dreamscape Networks	Cebu	PH
7032	PCCW Global	Makati City	PH



<https://atlas.ripe.net/results/maps/network-coverage/?filter=Philippines+>

Fullscreen + -

Origin (ASN or ix-ID)

9299

Date

18/06/2023

Address Family

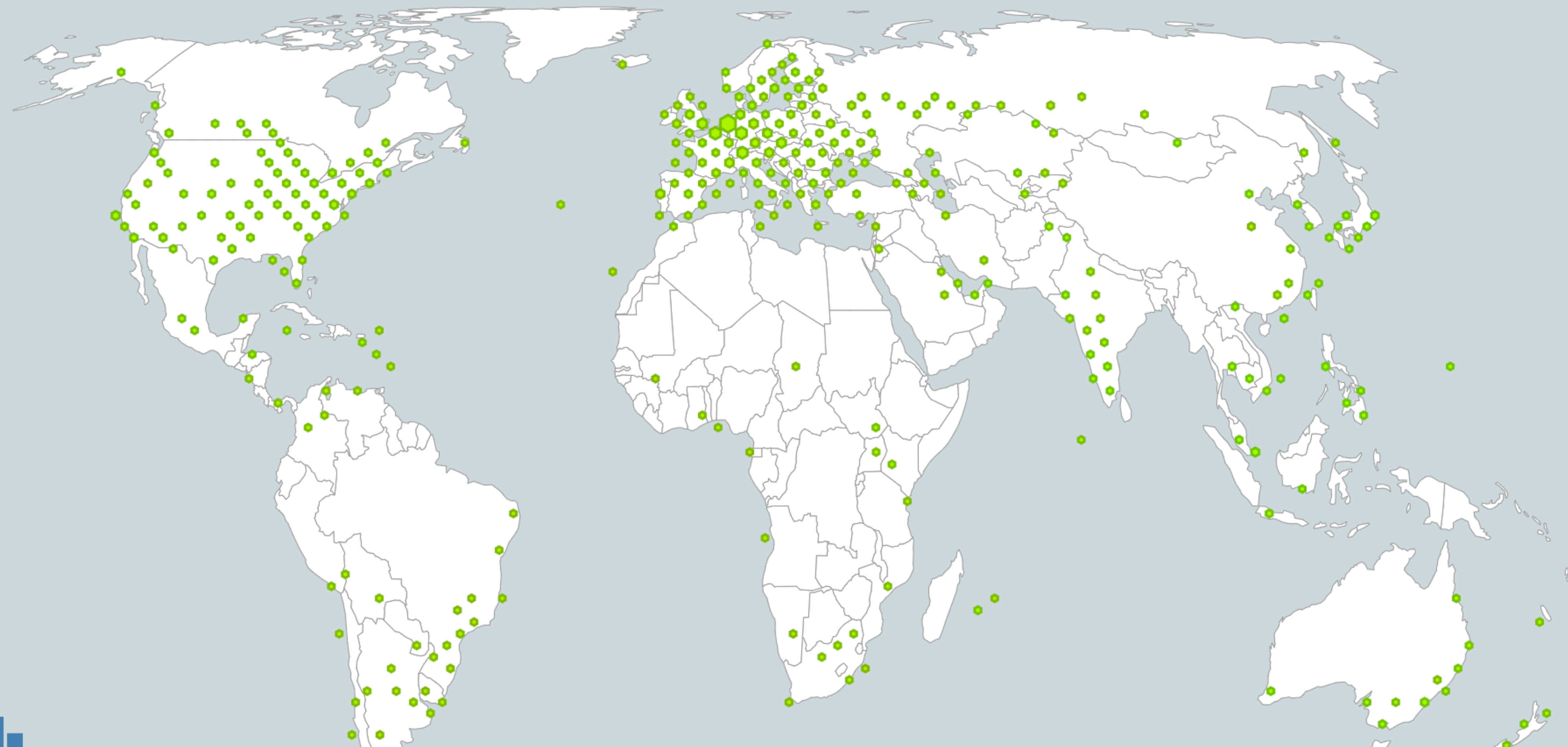
IPv4

Protocol

Any

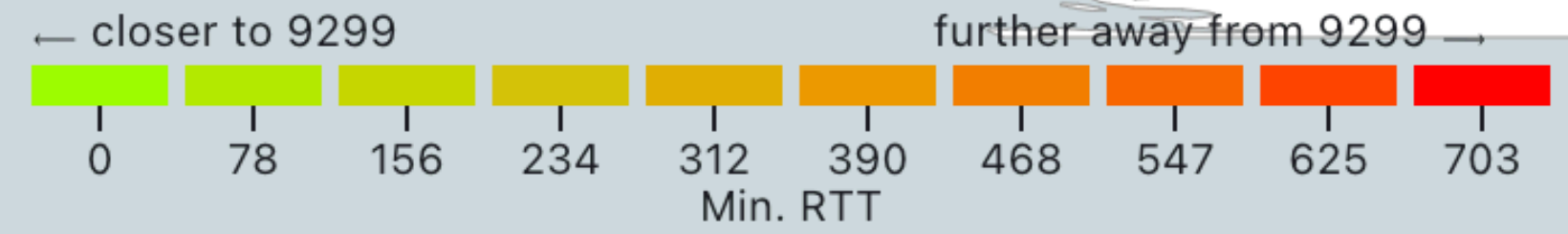
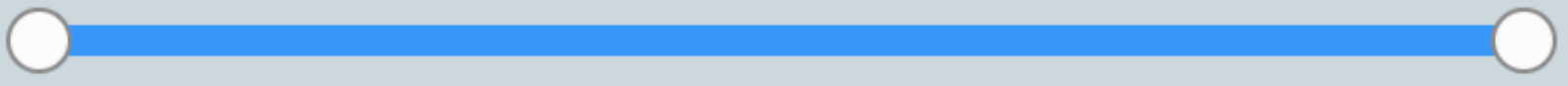
Aggregate function

Median



↑ Frequency

10 30 50 70 90 110 130 150 170 190 210 230 250 270 290 310 330 350 370 390 410 430 450 470 490 510 530 550 570 590 610 630 650 670 690 710 730 750



**MinRTT** **Latency AS9299**  
**Philippines**  
<https://observablehq.com/@ripenc/atlas-latency-worldmap>

Fullscreen + -

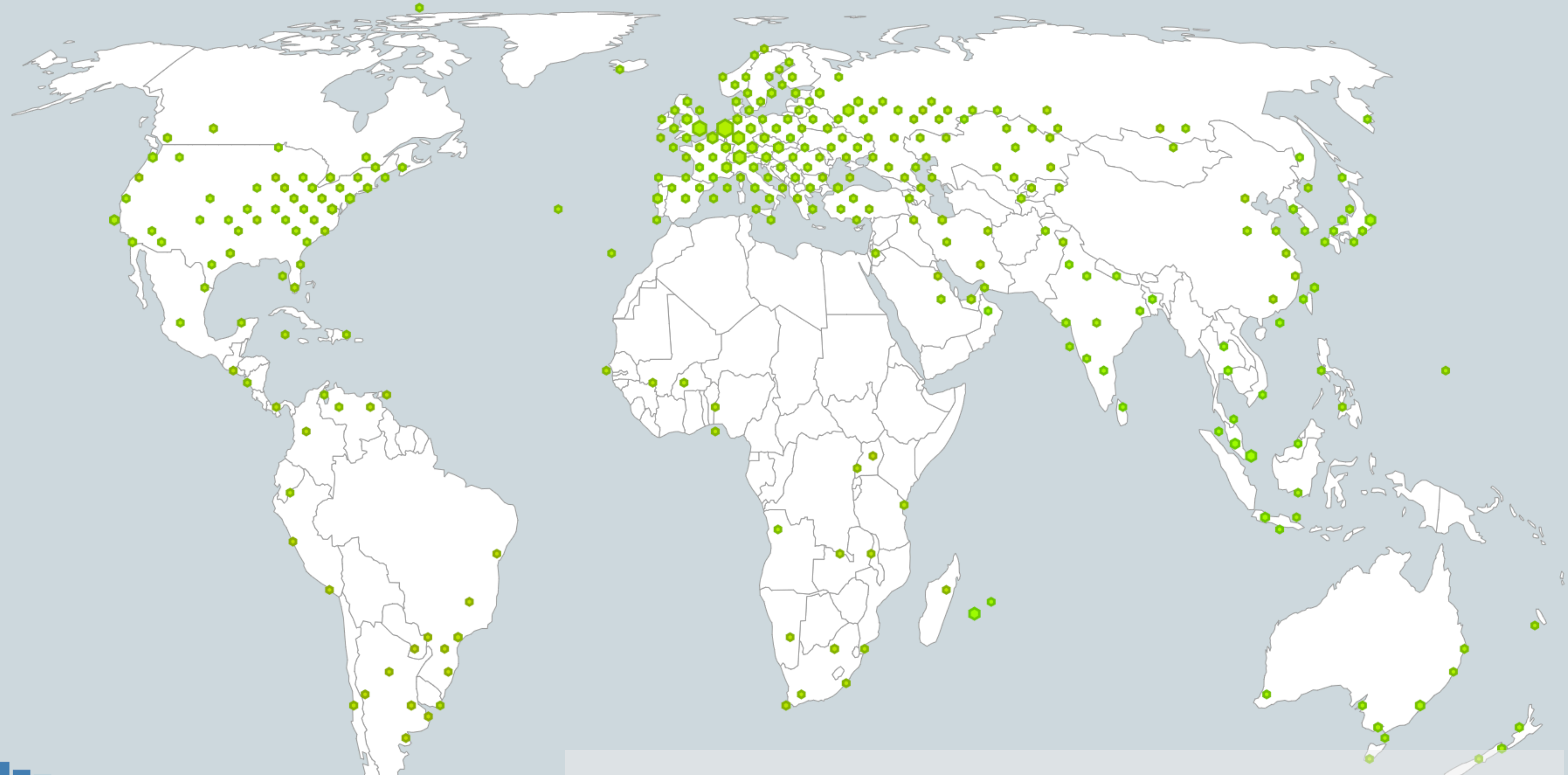
Origin (ASN or ix-ID)  
4788

Date  
18/06/2023

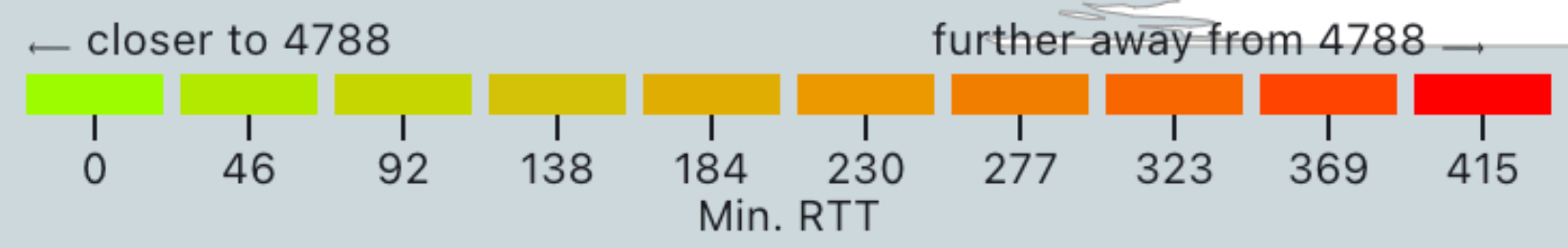
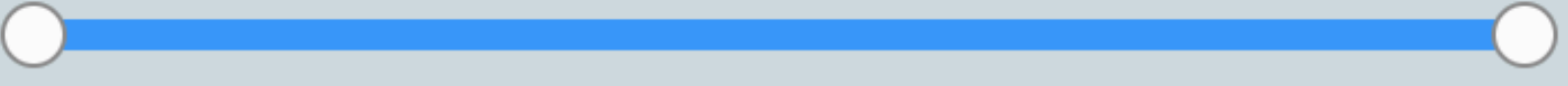
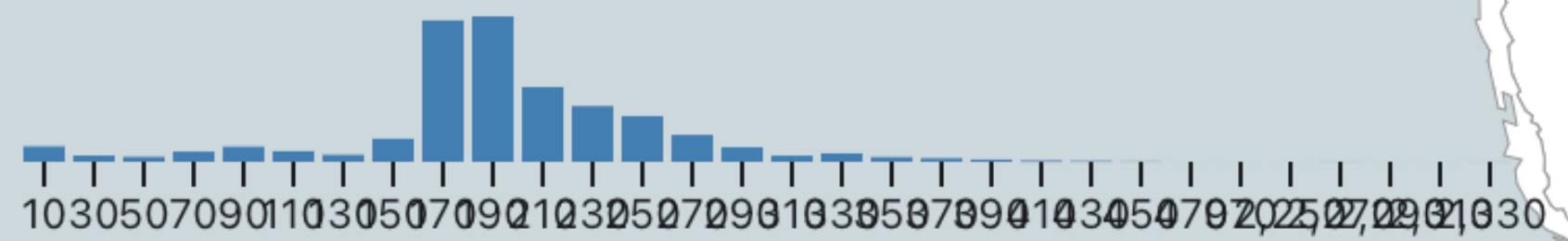
Address Family  
IPv4

Protocol  
Any

Aggregate function  
Median



↑ Frequency



**MinRTT** **Latency AS4788**  
**Malaysia**  
<https://observablehq.com/@ripencc/atlas-latency-worldmap>

Fullscreen + -

Origin (ASN or ix-ID)

133481

Date

18/06/2023



Address Family

IPv4



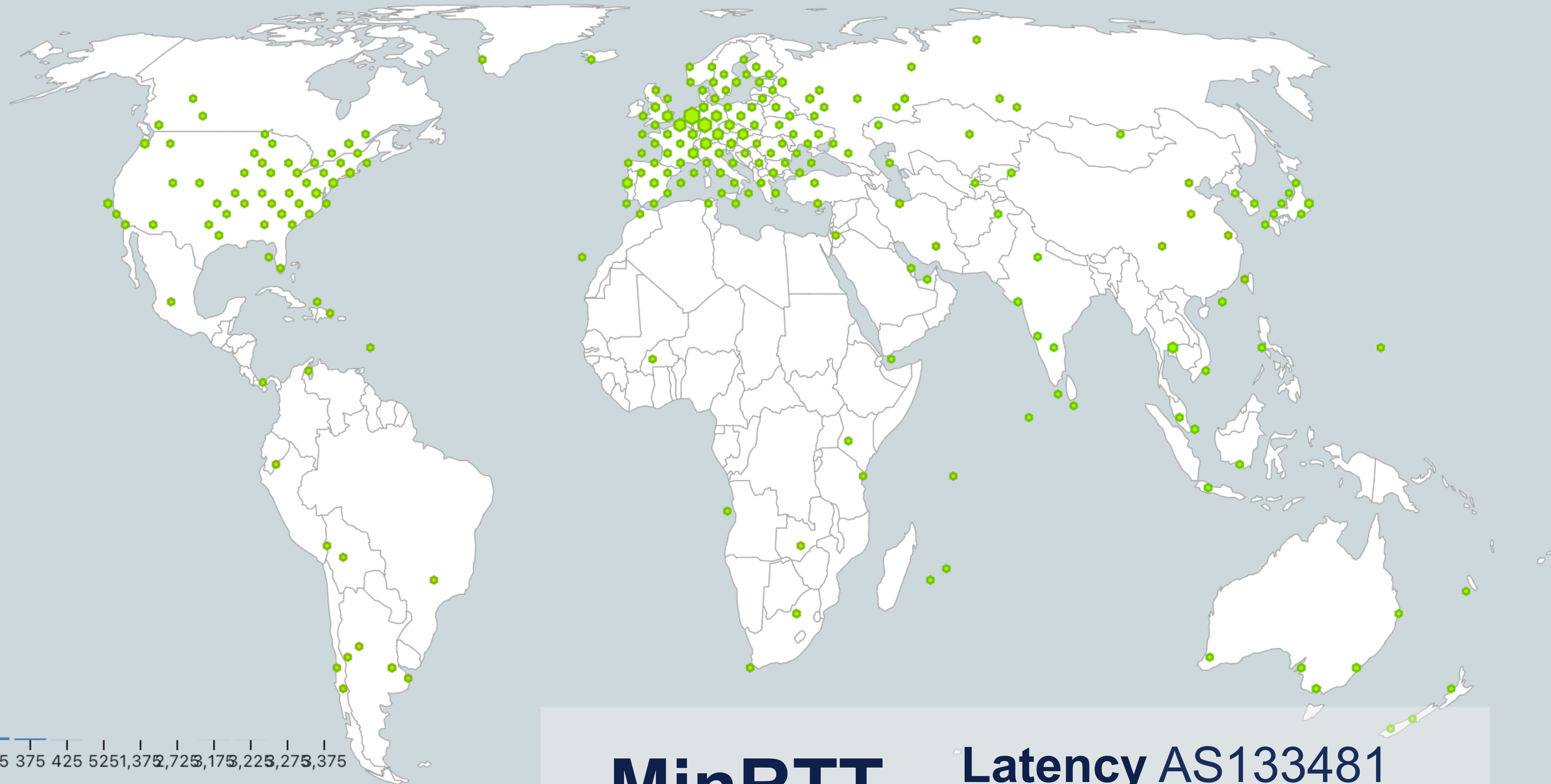
Protocol

Any

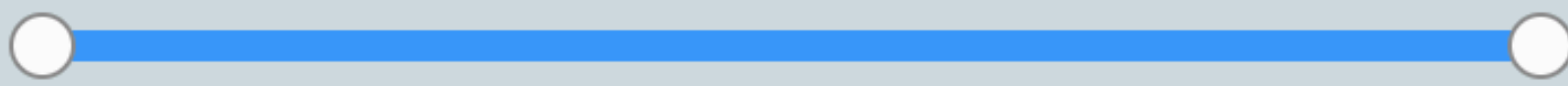
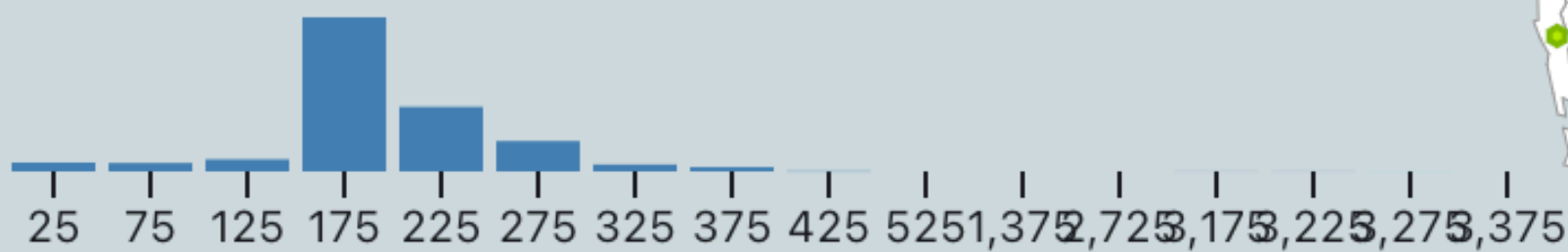


Aggregate function

Median

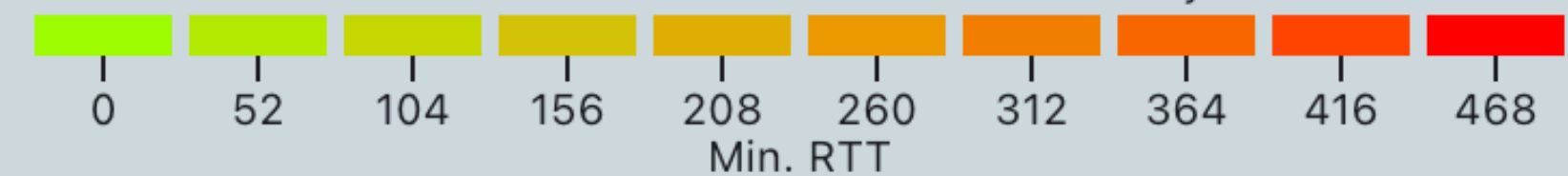


↑ Frequency



← closer to 133481

further away from 133481 →

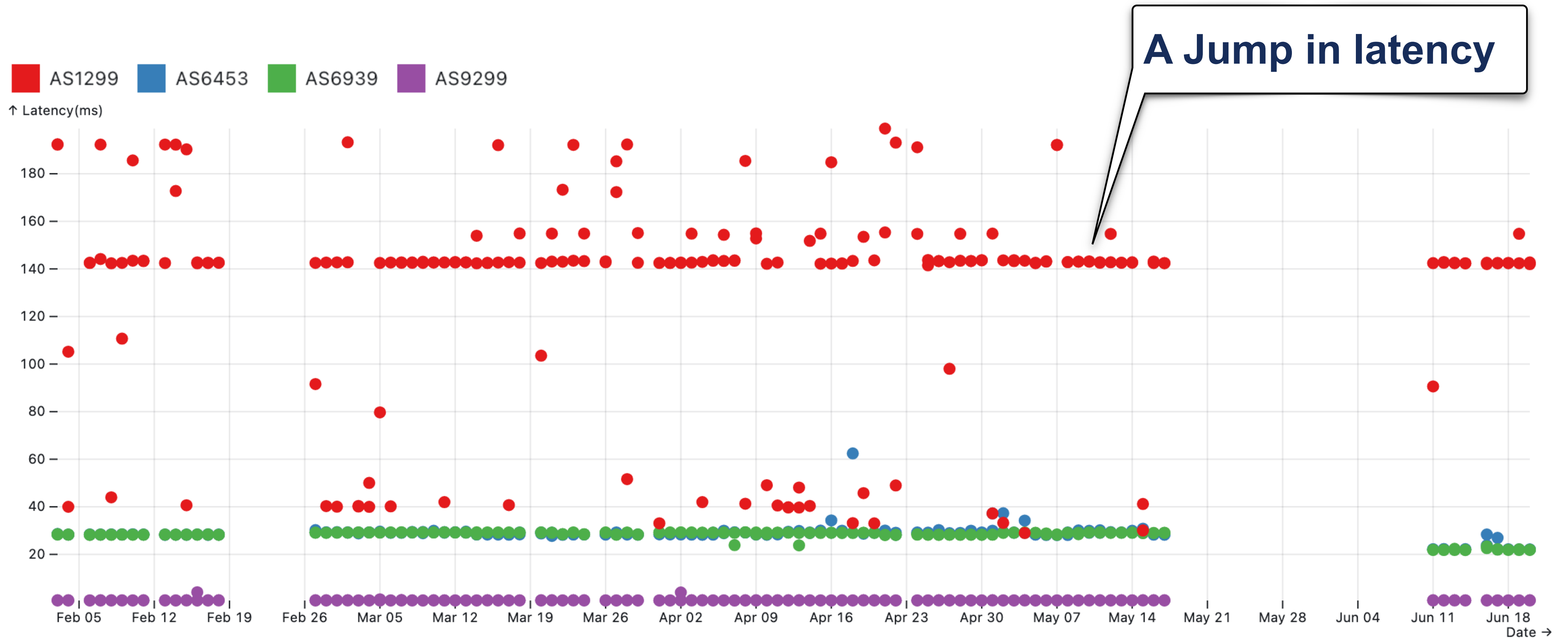


# MinRTT

## Latency AS133481 Thailand

<https://observablehq.com/@ripenc/atlas-latency-worldmap>

# 3. Finding anomalies in Min. RTT explorer Observed by Probe 22471 in AS9299



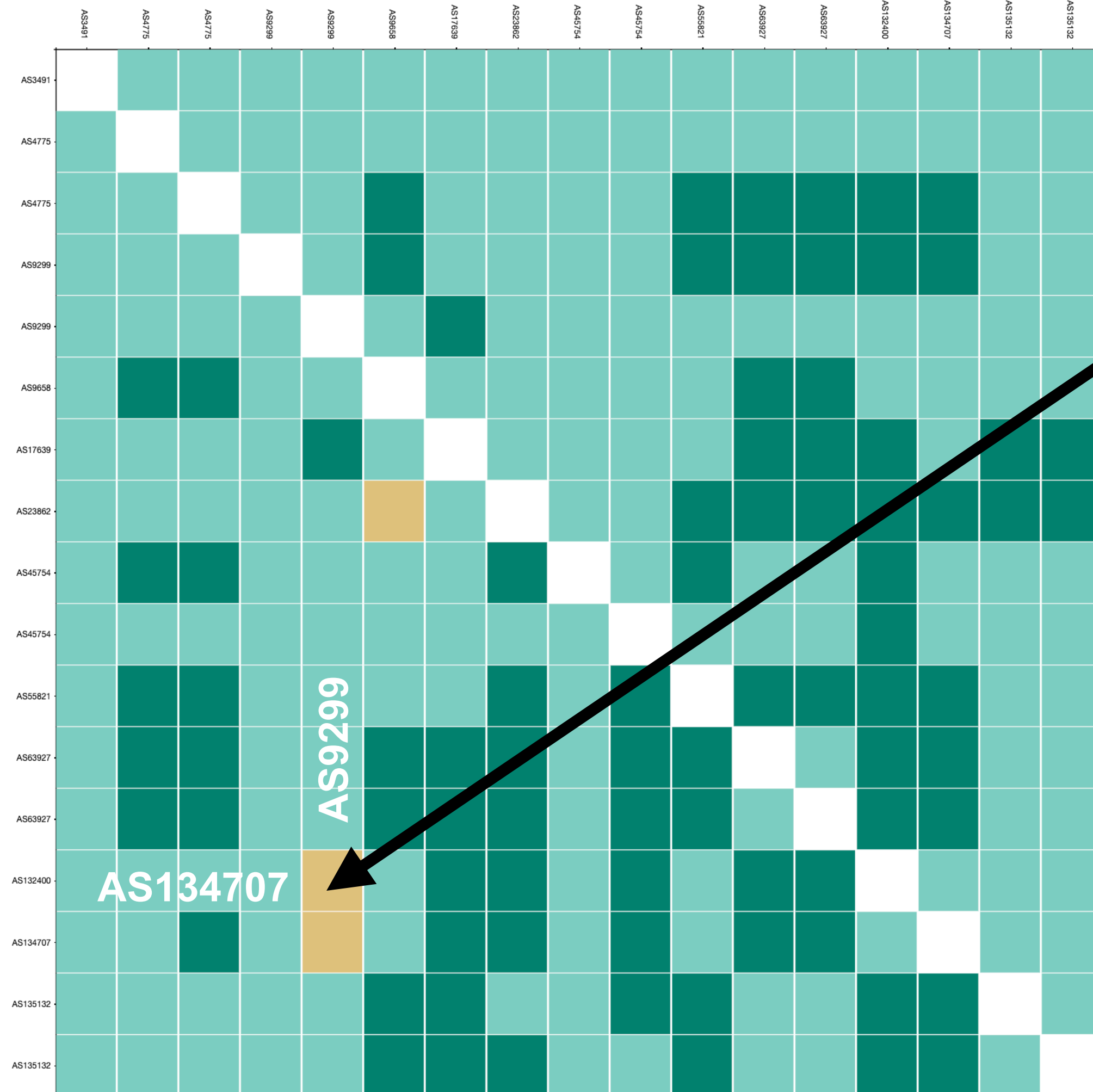
# 3. Finding anomalies in Country IXP JEDI - AS9299



Mouse click on every box to see the traceroute path. | Showing 12 of 12 ASNs (IPv4). | Click here for IPv6.

Show Filter ASNs Hide Legend

- Local IXP found: YES, out-of-country IPs: NO
- Local IXP found: NO, out-of-country IPs: NO
- Local IXP found: YES, out-of-country IPs: YES
- Local IXP found: NO, out-of-country IPs: YES



## IPv4 Traceroute:

AS(v4) Path:  
 1) AS134707  
 2) AS174  
 3) AS1299  
 4) AS9299

<https://jedi.ripe.net/latest/PH/ixpcountry/index.html?ASNS=all&ipv=v4>

v4 Local IXP found: NO, out-of-country IPs: YES

## msm\_id:54834827 prb\_id:60711 dst:112.201.106.95 ts:2023-06-02 08:23:14 +00:00

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0: () 192.168.1.1 (0.565 0.794 0.836) ||
1: (AS134707) 103.196.136.1 (1.491 1.514 7.149) ||
2: () 10.255.255.158 (1.503 1.51 1.522) ||
3: (AS134707) 203.189.117.201 (1.961 2.245 2.394) ||
4: (AS134707) 203.189.117.249 (1.735 3.629 5.062) ||
5: (AS134707) 203.189.117.189 (16.928 17.276 18.238) ||
6: (AS*) Unknown (*) (* * *) |*|
7: (AS174) be2899.ccr31.mrs02.atlas.cogentco.com (176.637 176.808 177.305) ||
8: (AS1299) mei-b5-link.ip.twelve99.net (166.664 167.006 167.908) |Prague,CZ|
9: (AS*) Unknown (*) (* * *) |*|
10: (AS1299) sng-b5-link.ip.twelve99.net (168.471 169.262) |Vienna,AT|
11: (AS1299) pldt-ic-360941.ip.twelve99-cust.net (169.806 170.099 174.129) ||
12: (AS9299) 210.213.130.64.static.pldt.net (195.735 195.829 196.419) ||
13: (AS9299) 210.213.130.53.static.pldt.net (195.741 196.012 196.52) ||
14: (AS9299) 122.2.206.41.static.pldt.net (205.96 206.445 207.002) ||
15: (AS*) Unknown (*) (* * *) |*|
16: (AS*) Unknown (*) (* * *) |*|
17: (AS*) Unknown (*) (* * *) |*|
18: (AS*) Unknown (*) (* * *) |*|
19: (AS*) Unknown (*) (* * *) |*|
20: (AS*) Unknown (*) (* * *) |*|
    
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Grey bar: max min RTT of the hop.  
 Light-blue bar: min RTT of the hop.



# MinRTT

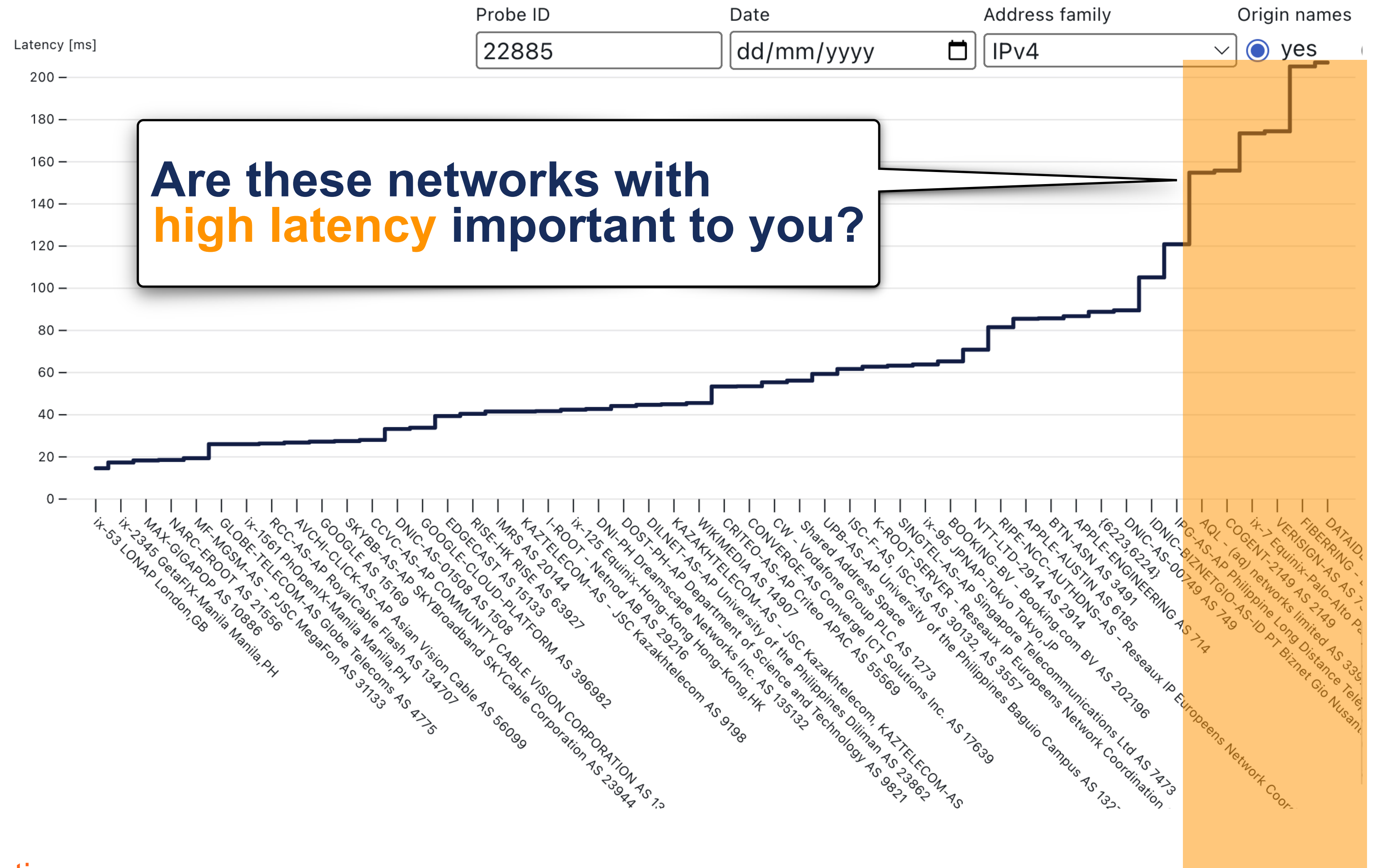
Your network **neighbourhood** as seen through RIPE Atlas



Try your probe here



<https://observablehq.com/@ripencc/atlas-probe-neighbourhood?>





# We'd like to install probes in these ASNs

[https://sg-pub.ripe.net/petros/population\\_coverage/country.html?name=PH](https://sg-pub.ripe.net/petros/population_coverage/country.html?name=PH)

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Network (ASN)	Network Name	Estimated User Population %
9299	IPG-AS-AP	34.99
17639	CONVERGE-AS	17.01
132199	GLOBE-MOBILE-5TH-GEN-AS	14.86
4775	GLOBE-TELECOM-AS	10.52
10139	SMARTBRO-PH-AP	9.58
139831	DTC-AS-AP	2.73
23944	SKYBB-AS-AP	2.3
134707	RCC-AS-AP	0.83
136515	DCSI-AS-AP	0.54
137226	ACCTN-AS-AP	0.49
55821	RADIUSTELECOMS-AS-AP	0.44
45754	CLEARPATH-AS-AP	0.38
56099	AVCHI-CLICK-AS-AP	0.37
56262	USATV-DAGUPAN-AS-AP	0.33
135607	INFINIVAN-AS-AP	0.32
134788	PARASATCABLETV-AS-AP	0.32
138965	SSTI-AS-AP	0.21
56207	COMCLARK-PH	0.19
9658	ETPI-IDS-AS-AP	0.17
132021	KALIBOCABLE-PH	0.13
137239	FPSTI-AS-AP	0.11
45499	CABLELINK-TRANSIT-AS-AP	0.11
134497	CINE-AS-AP	0.1
132400	CCVC-AS-AP	0.1
136929	MERIDIAN1-AS-AP	0.09
135582	GCC-AS-AP	0.09
135345	NEWMOUNTAINVIEW-PH	0.09
139034	SATTLINK-INC-AS-AP	0.08
138958	TETCI-AS-AP	0.08
140243	CCVI-AS-AP	0.07
45622	SKYBB-PILIPINOCABLE-AS-AP	0.06



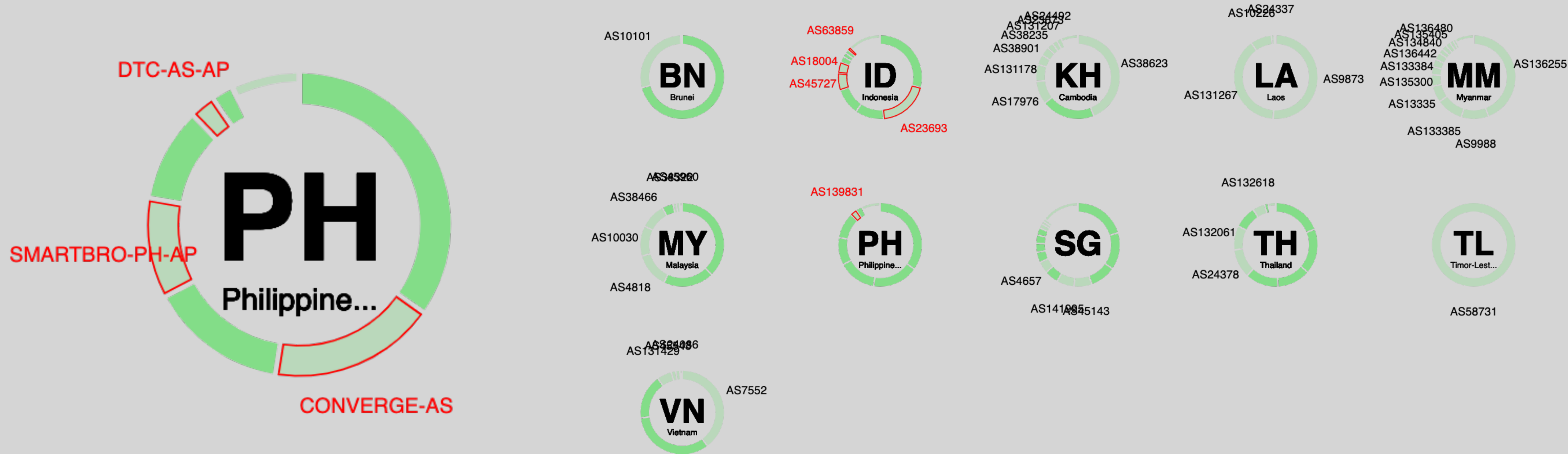
# Help us cover these ASNs in South East Asia



## RIPE Atlas probe coverage

Showing ASNs covering at least 1% of the country's population (2023-04-25)

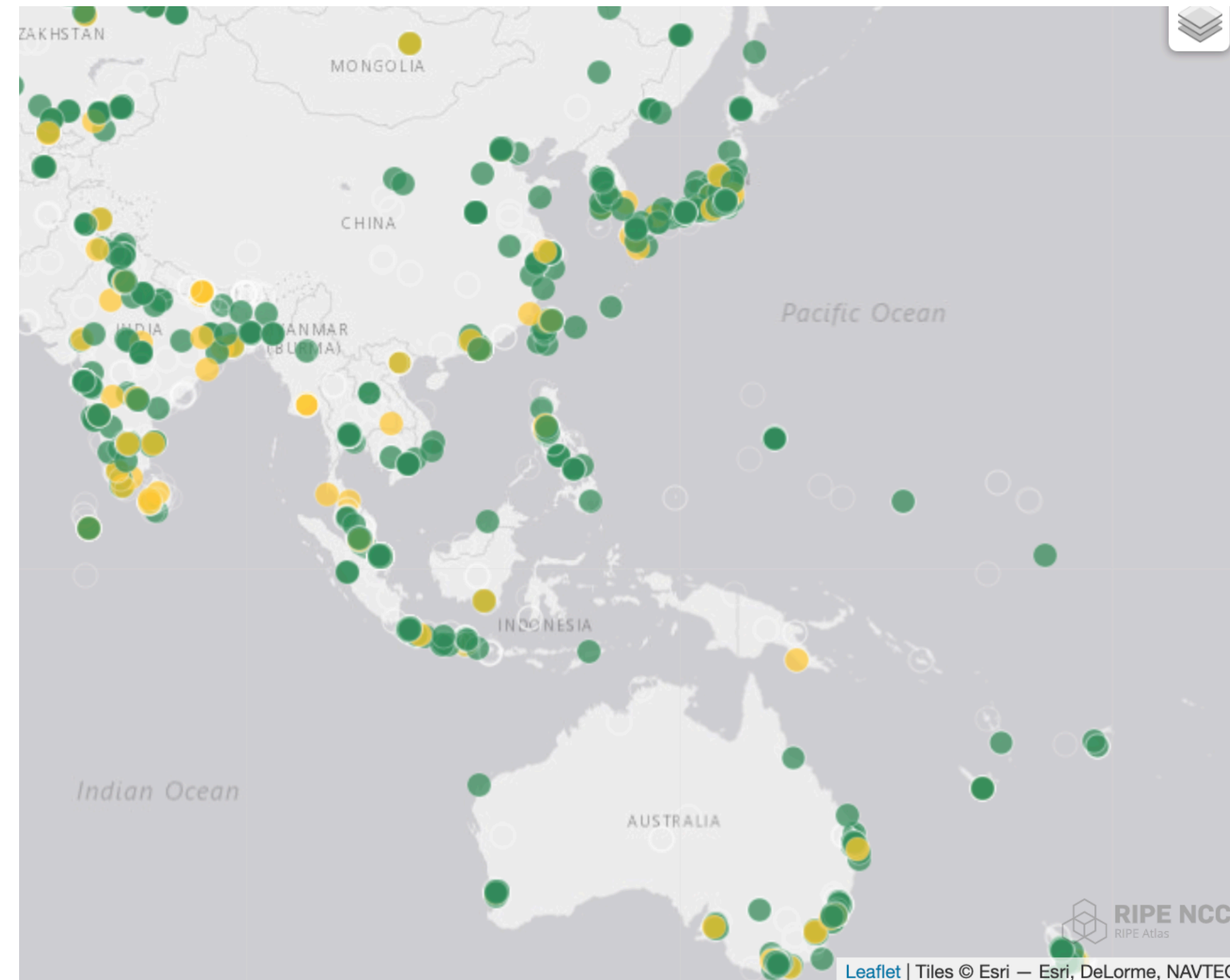
- ASN is not covered
- ASN has at least 2 probes



# Probes in the **ASEAN** region



Economy	Active Probes
BD	6
ID	69
KH	1
LA	2
MM	1
MY	26
PH	31
SG	113
TH	20
TL	1
VN	9



**Distribution in Asia Pacific**

# Some reasons to love RIPE Atlas



12,000 Probes

Global Coverage

Fair Use/  
NON Monetary



Trusted Source

Non-profit organisation  
Volunteers: End Users

Safe & Secure

Regular third-party security review

Open Data

Measurement results open to all

Community Driven

From the community for the  
community



# What's next



1. Increase Coverage by 20 new probes in PH - 2023

2. Deploy SW probes in multiple locations: 7 Sept 2023

3. Reconnect your probes!



# Questions



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# Use Cases



## **A distributed view of the Internet**

[https://labs.ripe.net/author/alun\\_davies/ripe-atlas-a-distributed-view-of-the-internet/](https://labs.ripe.net/author/alun_davies/ripe-atlas-a-distributed-view-of-the-internet/)

## **The Kazakhstan outage as seen from RIPE Atlas**

<https://labs.ripe.net/author/emileaben/the-kazakhstan-outage-as-seen-from-ripe-atlas/>

## **Detecting DNS root manipulation**

<https://labs.ripe.net/author/qasim-lone/detecting-dns-root-manipulation/>

## **DNS vulnerability, configuration errors that can cause DDoS**

[https://labs.ripe.net/author/giovane\\_moura/dns-vulnerability-configuration-errors-that-can-cause-ddos/](https://labs.ripe.net/author/giovane_moura/dns-vulnerability-configuration-errors-that-can-cause-ddos/)