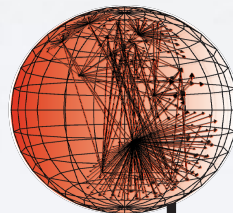


Internet Outage Detection & Analysis

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IODA PROJECT

ioda *Bio Sketch*

Started in Sep. 2012 with an NSF award from a program to *Transition to Practice Cybersecurity* research



Funding also provided by DHS S&T



- **Goal:** prototype an *operational capability* to monitor the Internet 24/7 to detect and analyze, in *near-realtime*, Internet blackouts affecting large networks / geographical areas

- **Project Website:** <http://www.caida.org/projects/ioda>

- **Experimental service:** <https://ioda.caida.org>

BEFORE IODA

methodologies used for post-event manual analysis

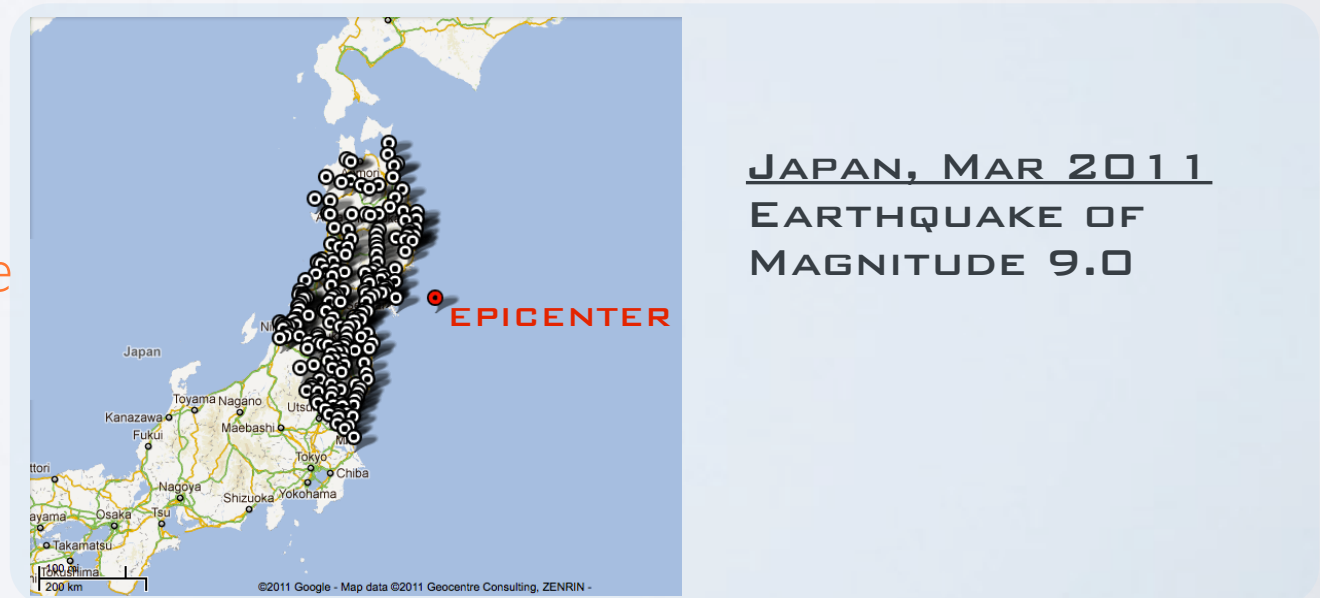
- Country-level Internet Blackouts during the Arab Spring

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- Natural disasters affecting the infrastructure

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OUR METHODOLOGY

combining various types of measurements



- **multiple types of sources for inference**

- Routing Plane [BGP]
- Data Plane
 - Active probing
 - Passive traffic analysis [IBR]

- **meta-data** to extract *liveness* signals for various aggregations (e.g., countries, ASNs)

- **visualize and compare signals**

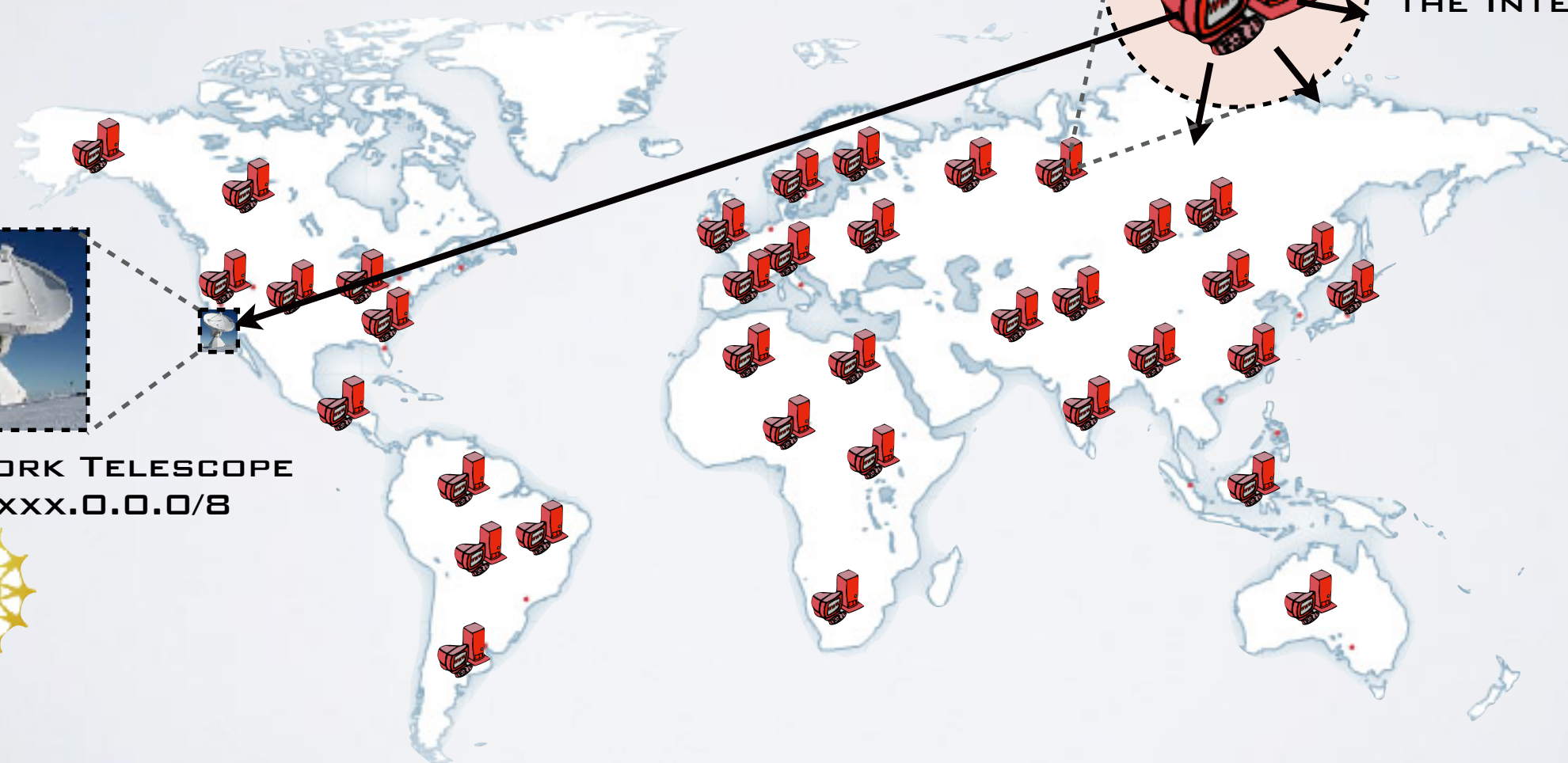
IBR

“Extracting benefit from harm..”

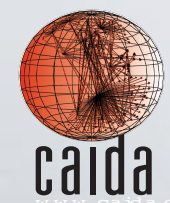


- Use *Internet Background Radiation (IBR)*, mostly generated by *malware-infected hosts* as a “signal”

**INFECTED HOST
RANDOMLY SCANNING
THE INTERNET**



**UCSD NETWORK TELESCOPE
DARKNET XXX.0.0.0/8**

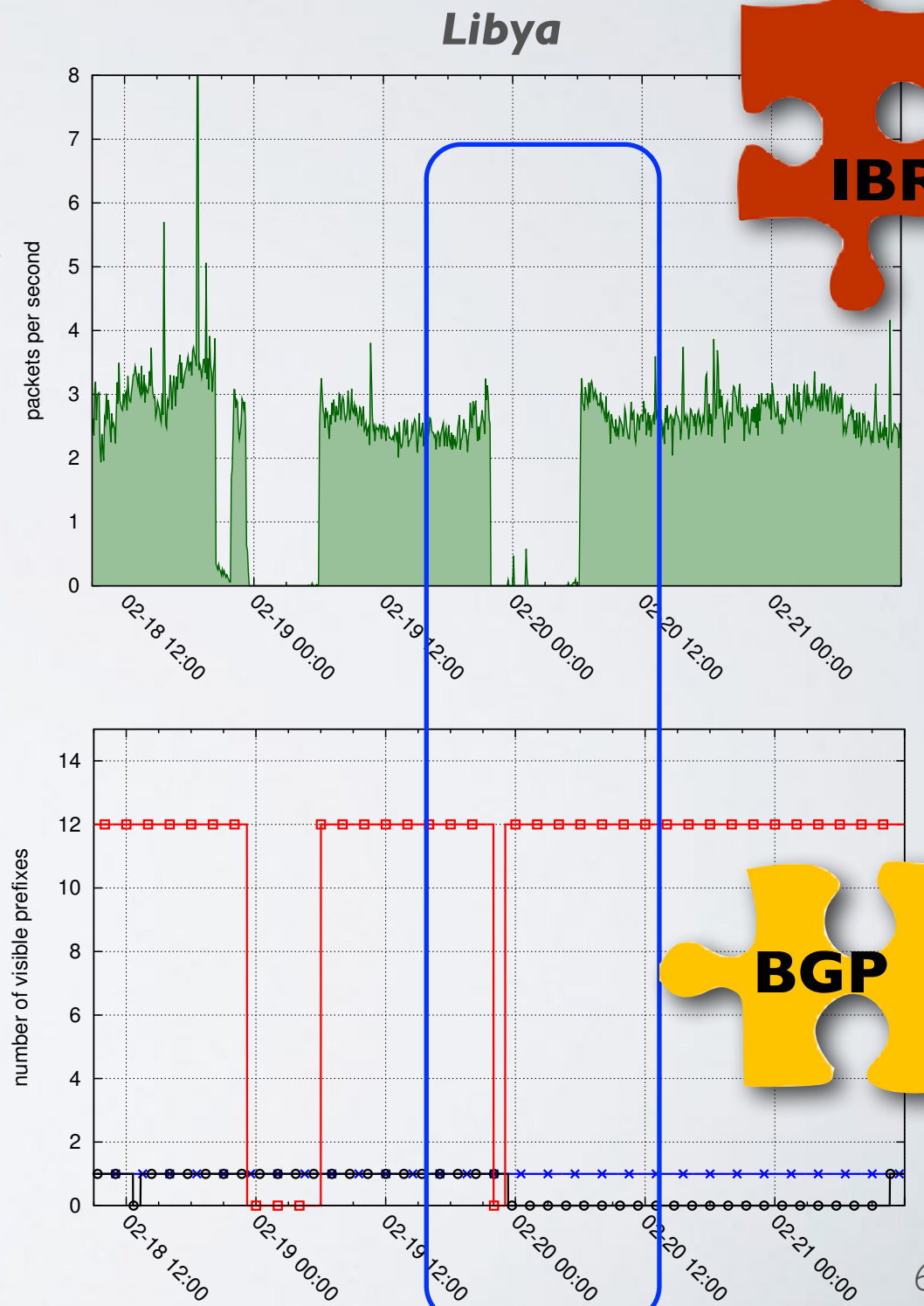


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TELESCOPE + BGP

Complementarity

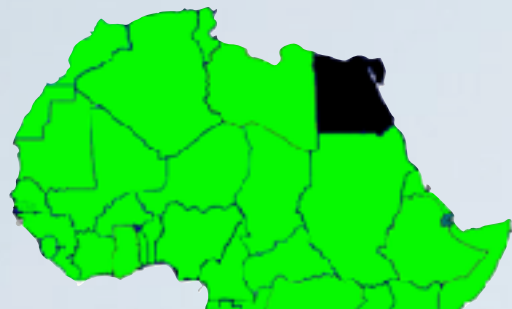
- Contrasting telescope traffic with BGP measurements **revealed a mix of blocking techniques** that was not publicized by others
- The second Libyan outage involved overlapping of **BGP withdrawals** and **packet filtering**



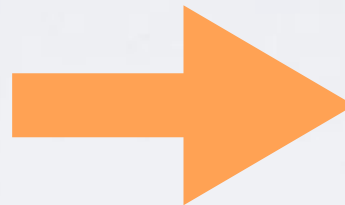
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BEFORE IODA

post-event manual analysis



EGYPT, JAN 2011
GOVERNMENT ORDERS
TO SHUT DOWN THE
INTERNET



4 months of work

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Analysis of Country-wide Internet Outages Caused by Censorship

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ABSTRACT

In the last months of 2011, several North African countries and the state of Libya experienced a significant internet outage. We conducted the first manual analysis of these outages by examining network data, user reports, and other information. We determined which services were affected and how they were affected. We also determined which services were not affected and how they were not affected. Our analysis is the first to provide a detailed view of the impact of these outages on the internet. We also provide a detailed view of the impact of these outages on the internet. We also provide a detailed view of the impact of these outages on the internet.

Categories and Subject Descriptors

C.2.1 [Networks]: Network types

General Terms

Measurement, Security

1.1 Introduction

Provision of stable high-speed internet access is a key factor in the development of a country. It is also a key factor in the development of a country. It is also a key factor in the development of a country.

2.1 Libya

2.1.1 Overview

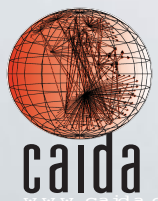
Libya's internet infrastructure is a mix of state-owned and private-owned infrastructure. It is also a mix of state-owned and private-owned infrastructure. It is also a mix of state-owned and private-owned infrastructure.

2.1.2 Outages in detail

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Figure 2: A bar chart showing the number of outages in Libya from January to February 2011. The x-axis shows dates from 1/20 to 2/10. The y-axis shows the number of outages. There are several peaks, with the highest being on 1/25 and 2/10.

Figure 1: A line graph showing the first three Libyan outages. The x-axis shows dates from 1/20 to 2/10. The y-axis shows the number of outages. There are three distinct peaks, each corresponding to an outage event.



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IODA GOALS

applied research



**manual
analysis**

post-event

a couple of events

4 months of work



automated

**near-realtime
detection**

24/7 monitoring

whole Internet

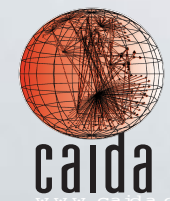
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IODA CHALLENGES

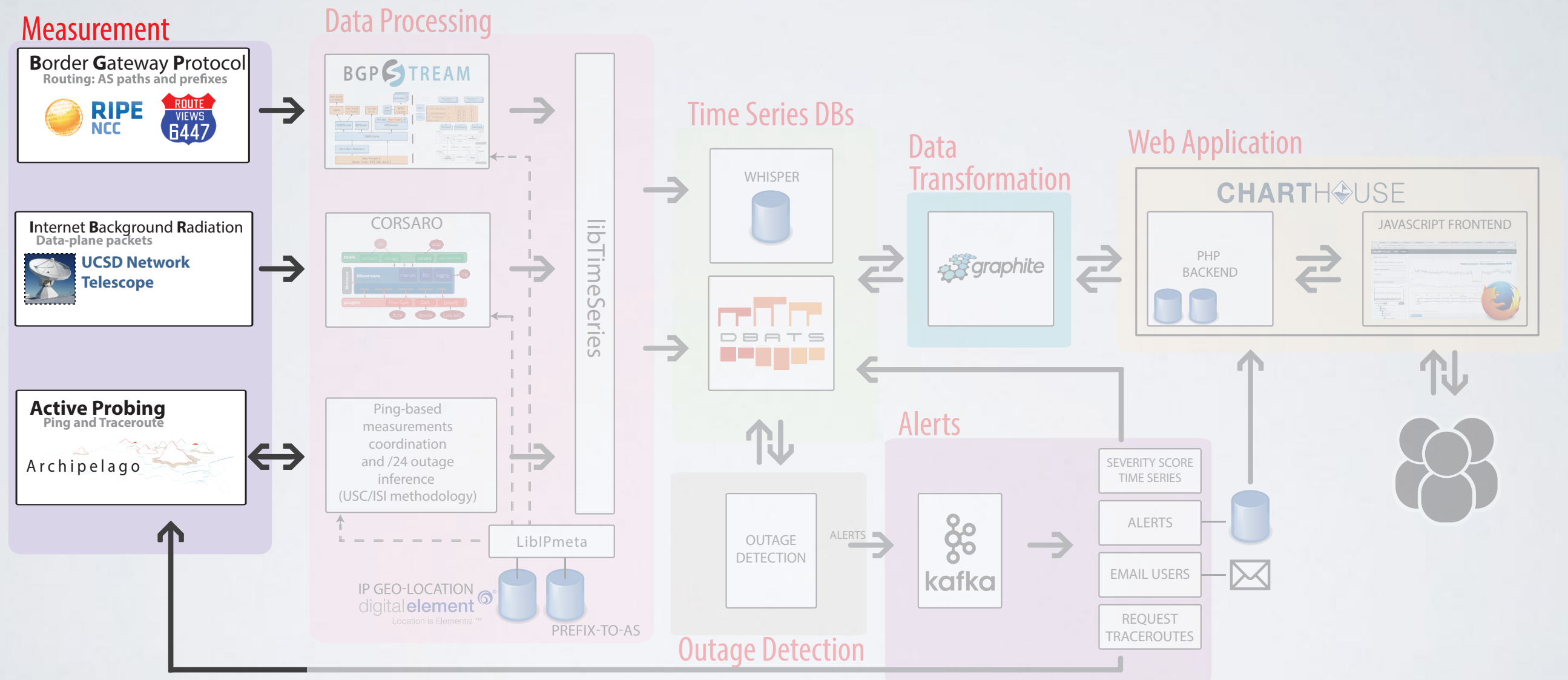
Why this is a tough problem

- refine/extend inference methodologies
- automate inference methodologies
- complex data
- noisy data
- big data
- heterogeneous data
- velocity
- lack of tools
- distributed system
- visualization for dashboards and data exploration
- lots of infrastructure to maintain/operate
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- all with relatively few money/people/time..



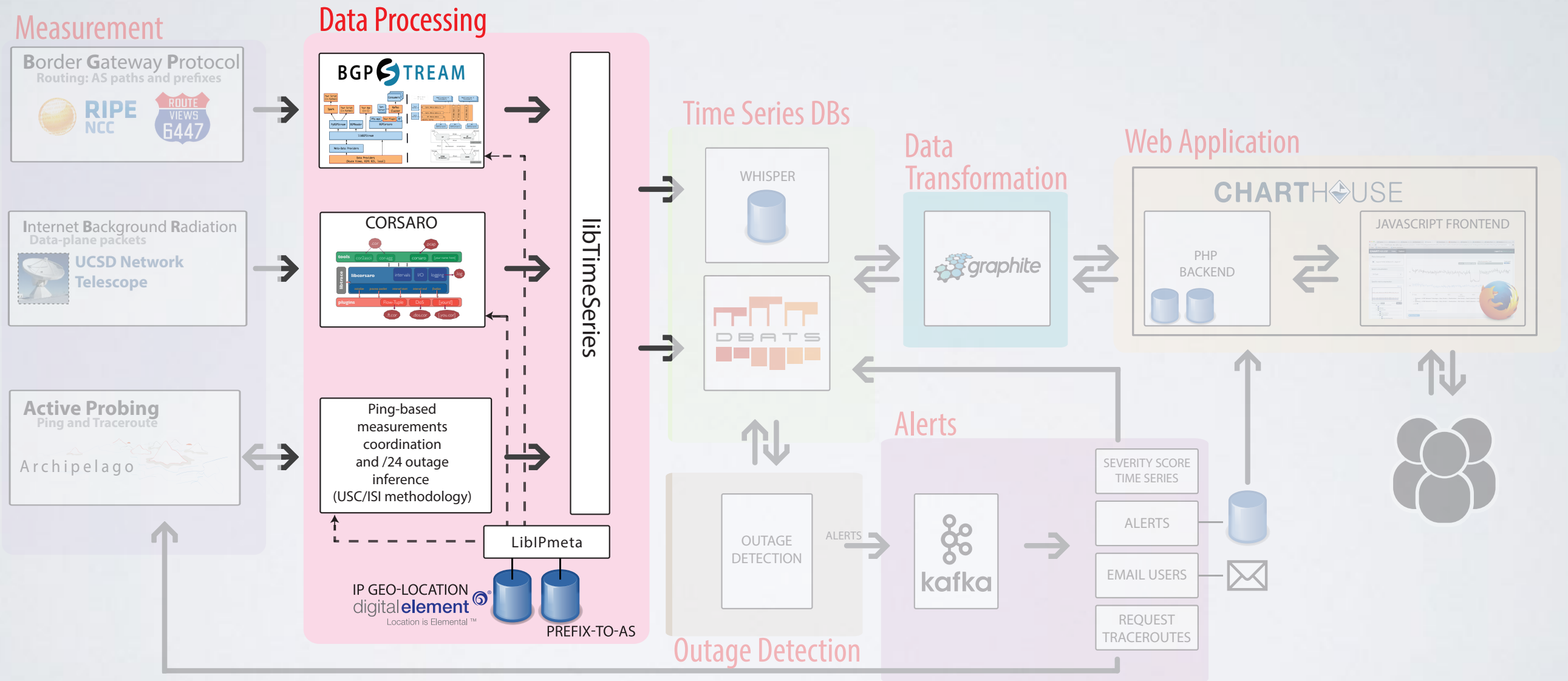
IODA'S CITY MAP

high-level system view



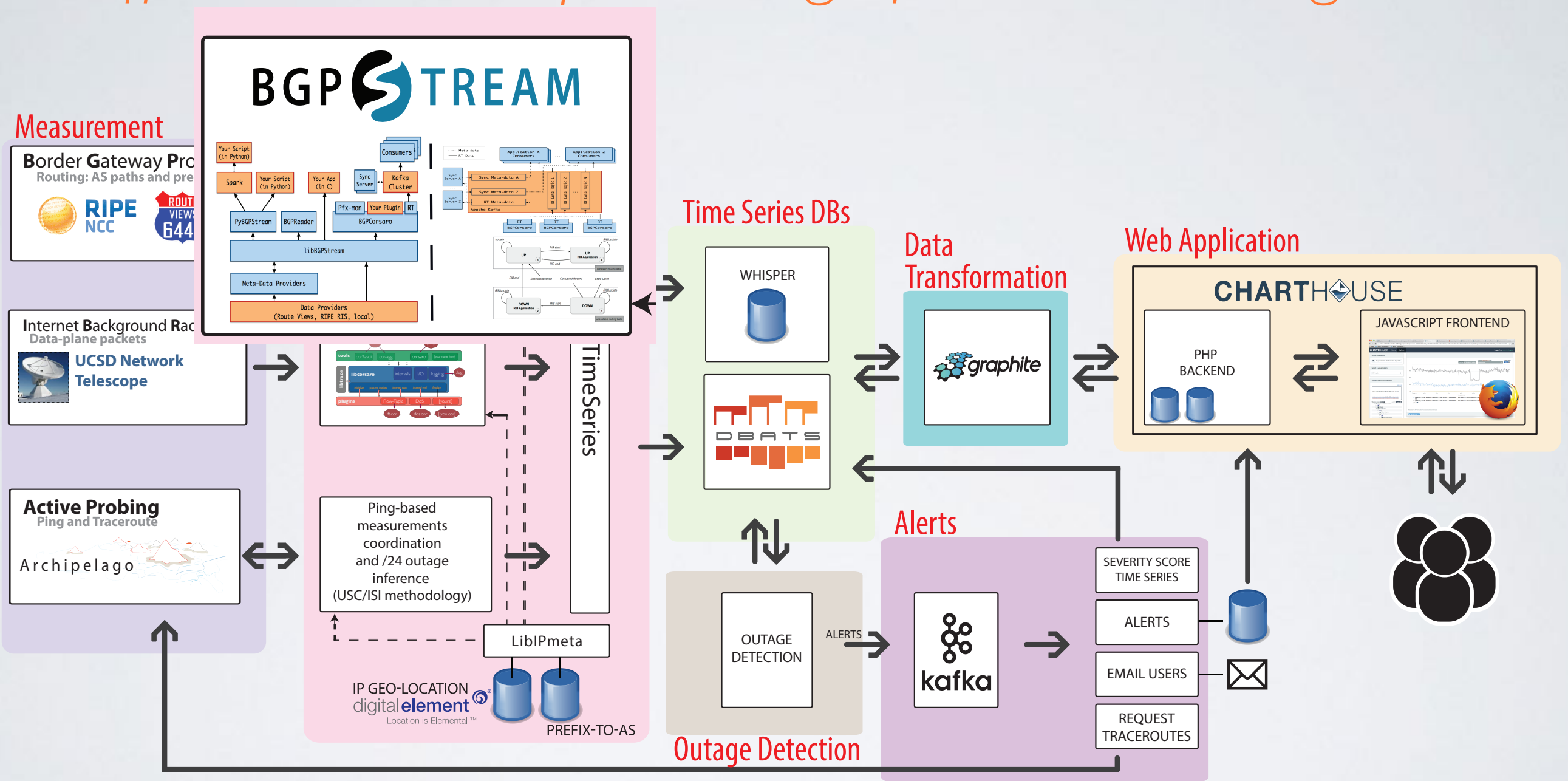
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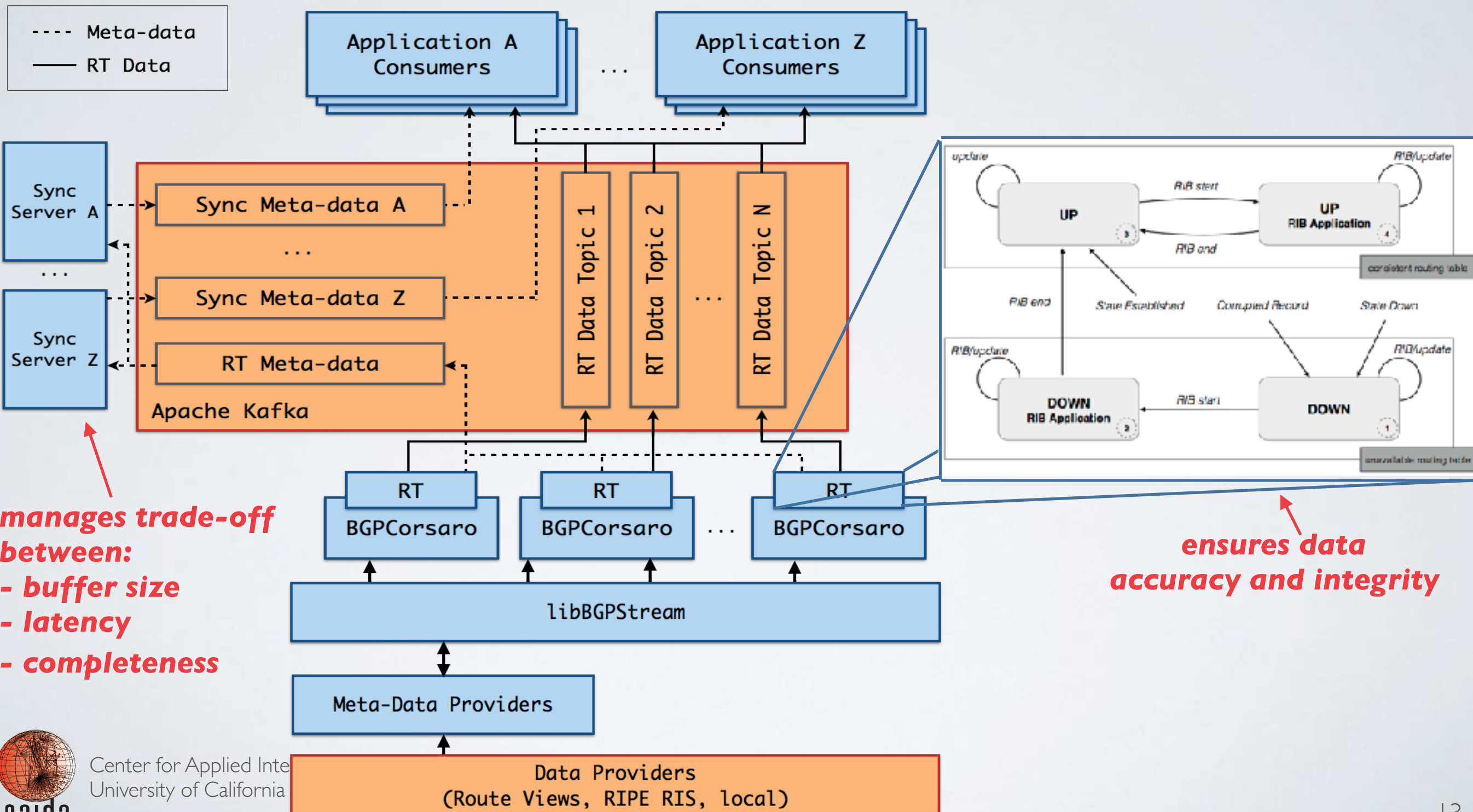
BGPSTREAM

efficient scalable processing of Internet routing data



BGPSTREAM IN IODA

32 BGPCorsaro instances processing data from ~500 routers



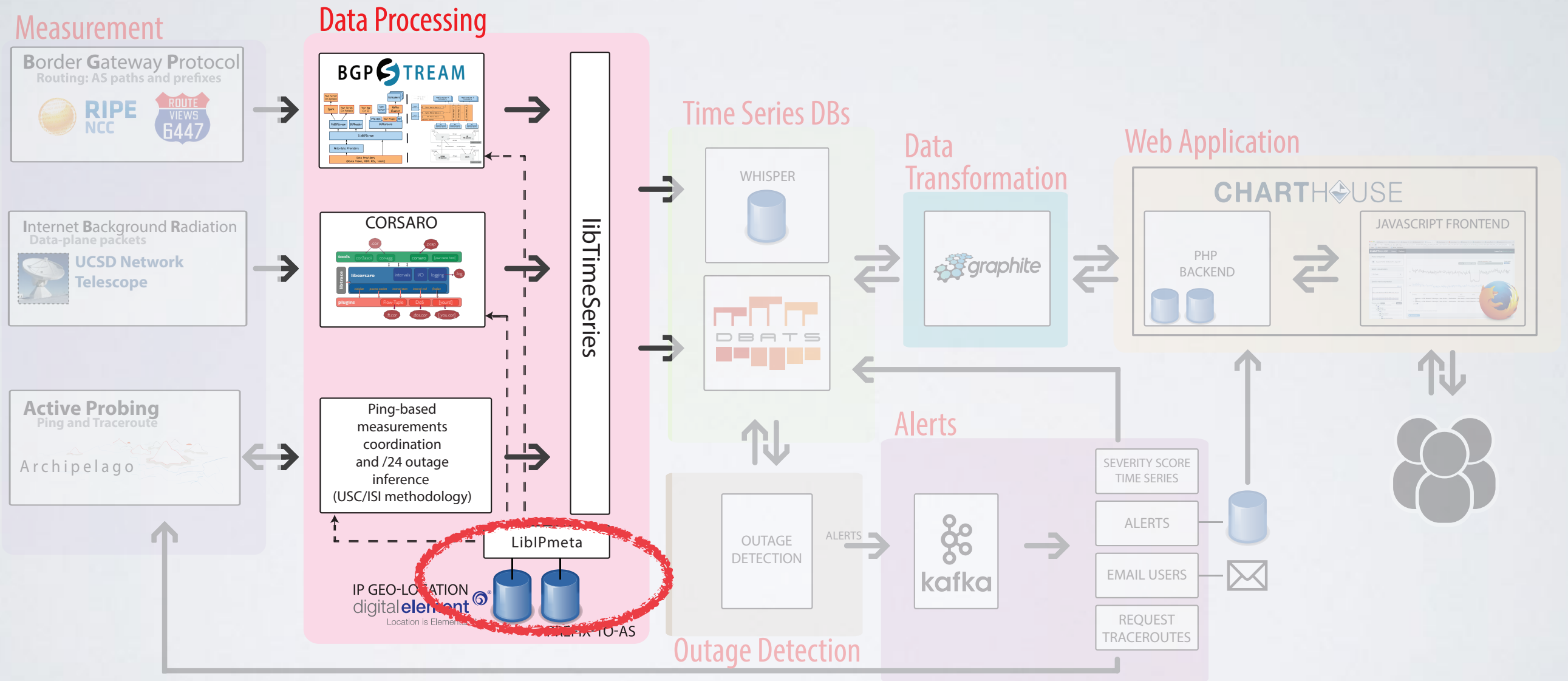
manages trade-off between:

- **buffer size**
- **latency**
- **completeness**

ensures data accuracy and integrity

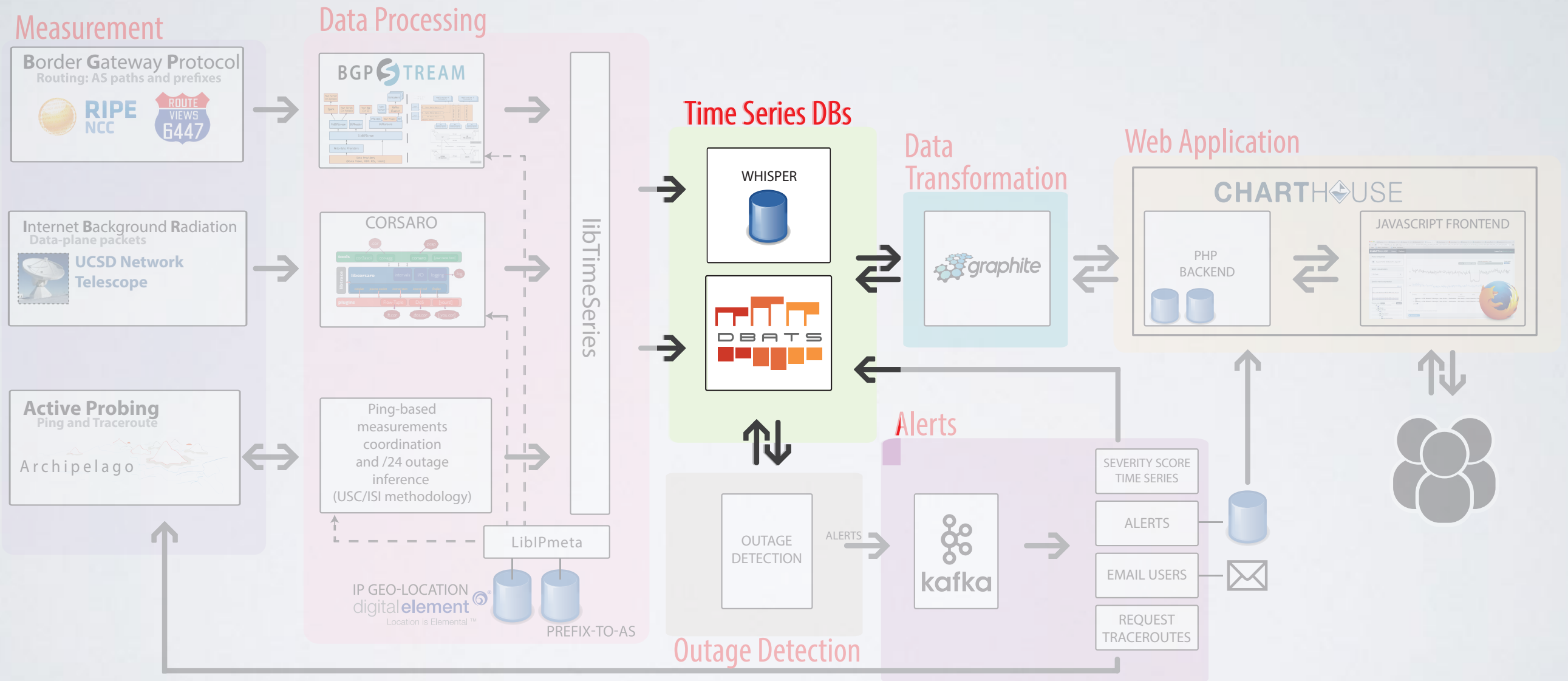
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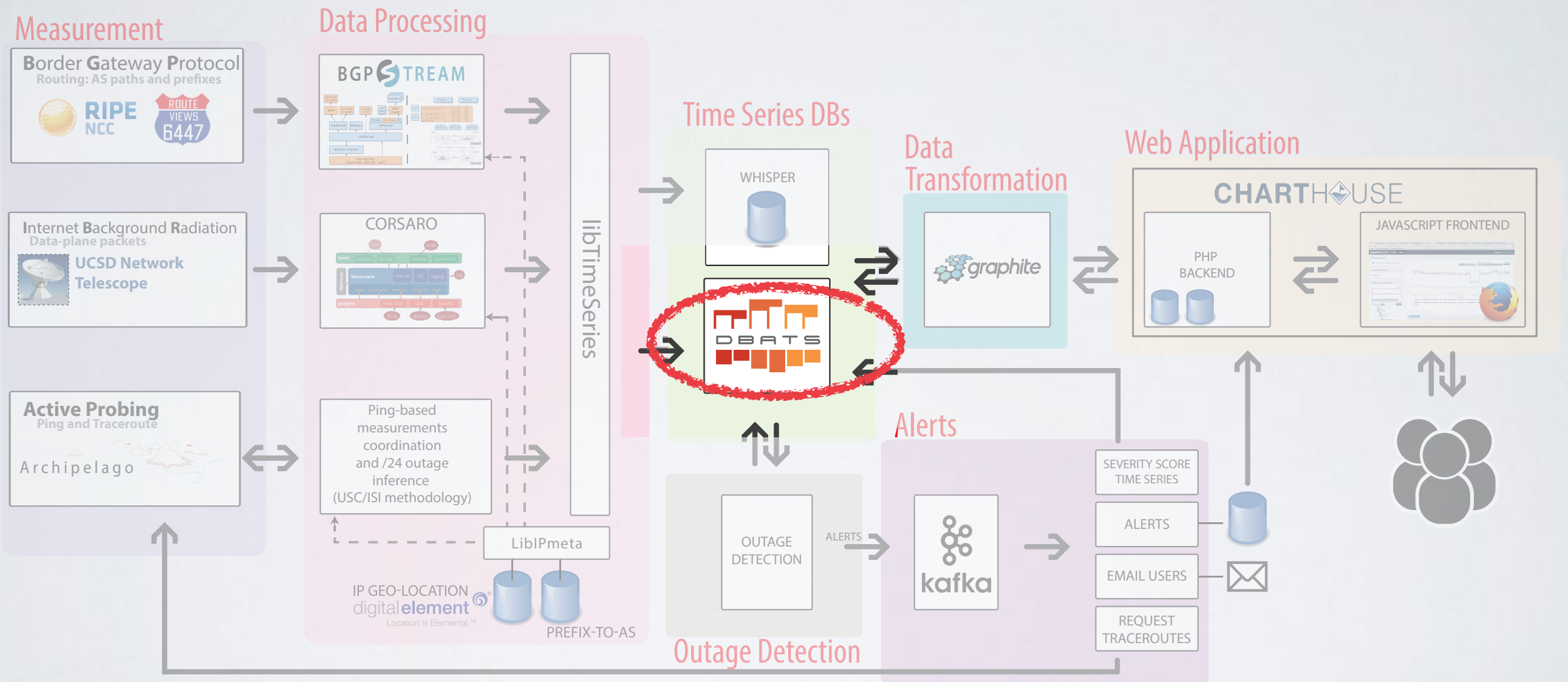
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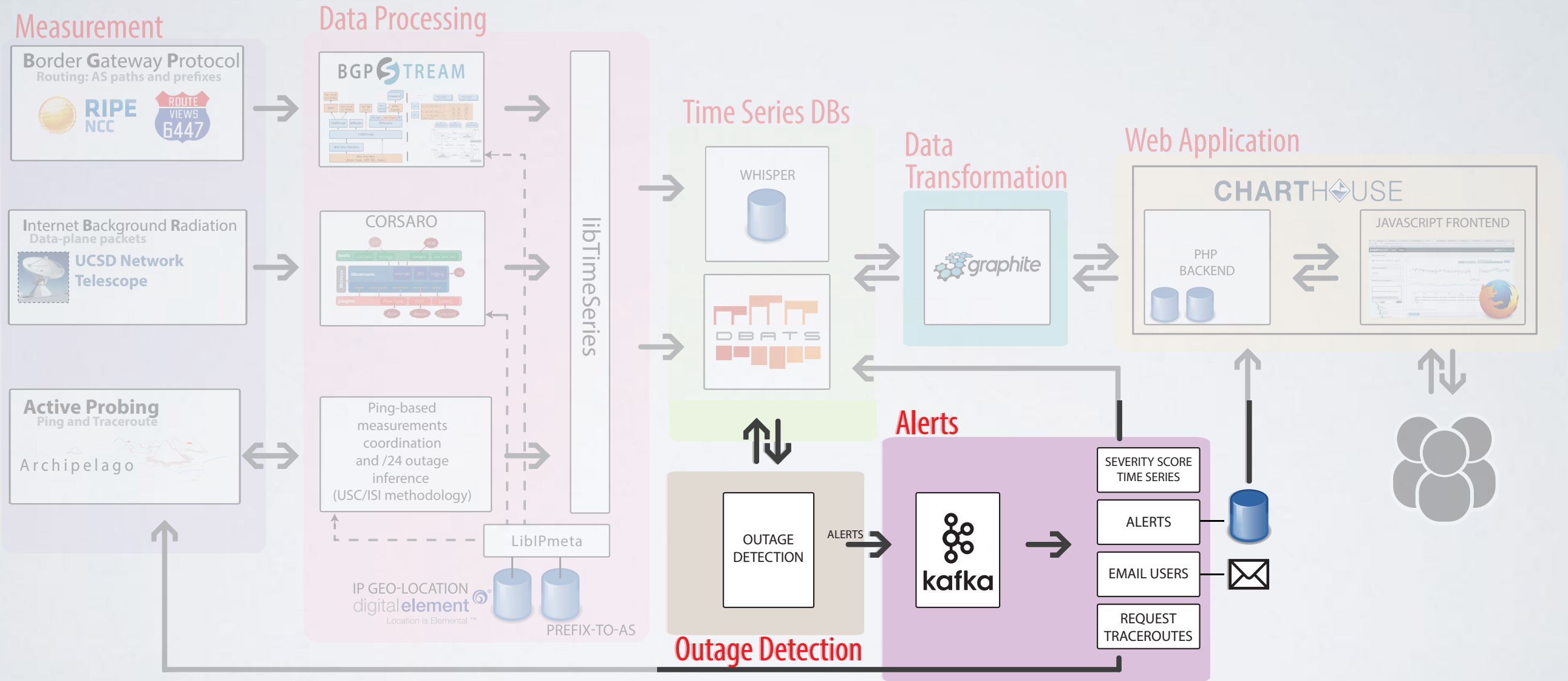
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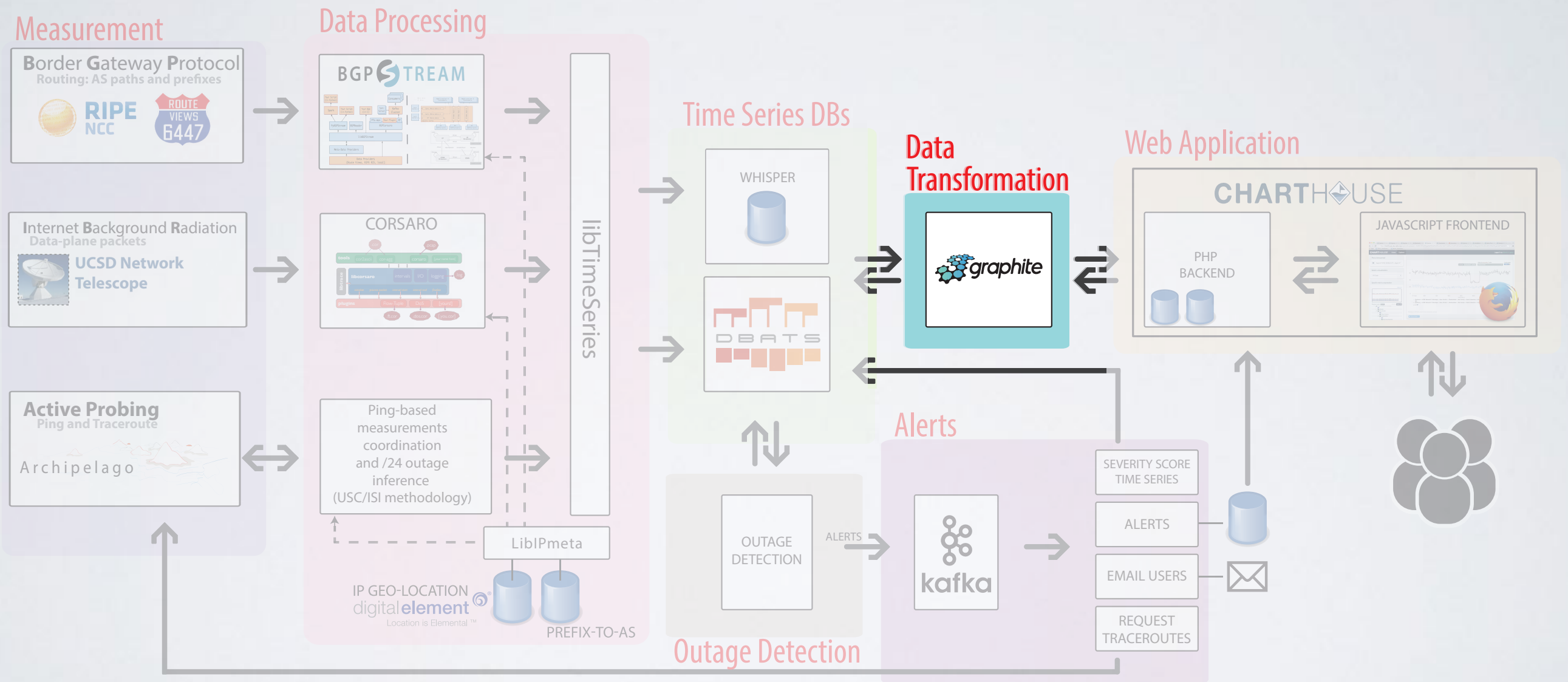
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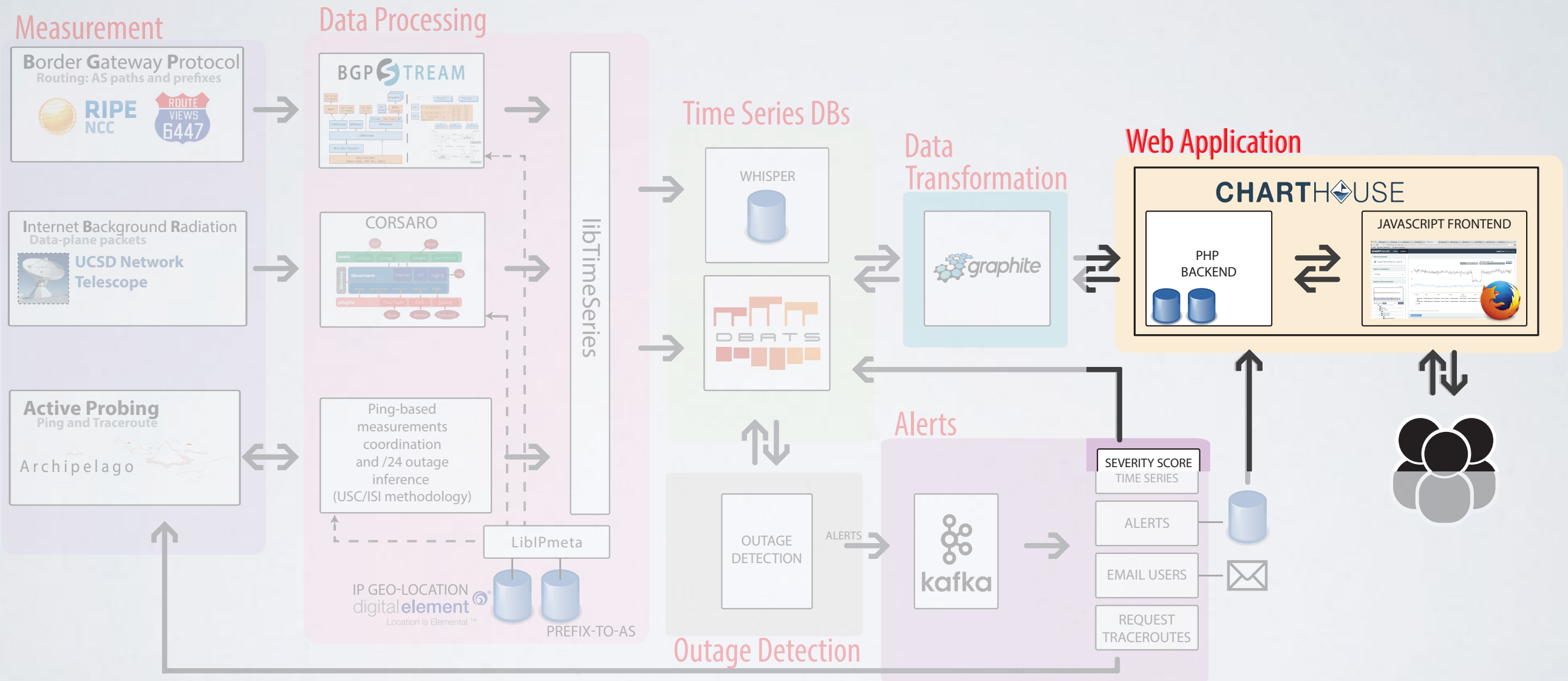
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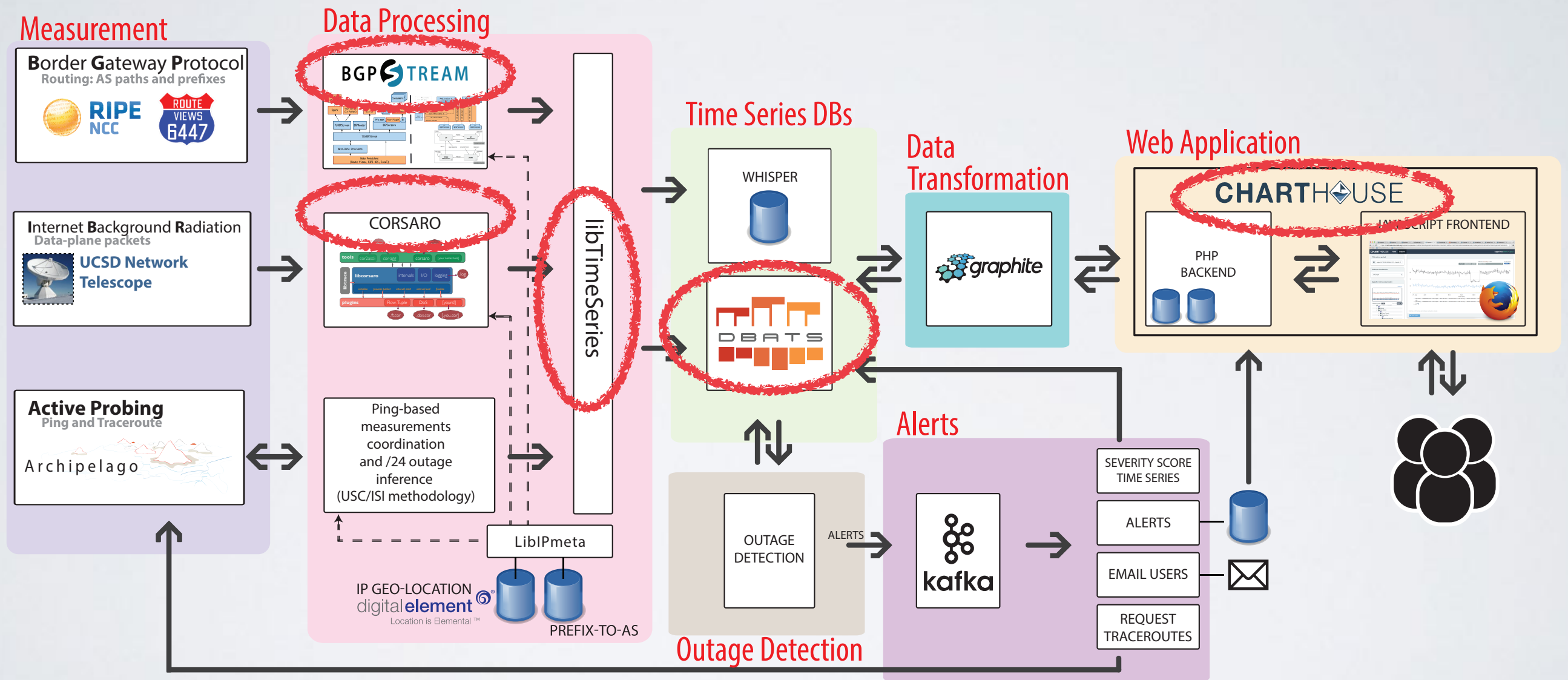
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IODA SW SPIN OFFS

open-source frameworks of more general utility

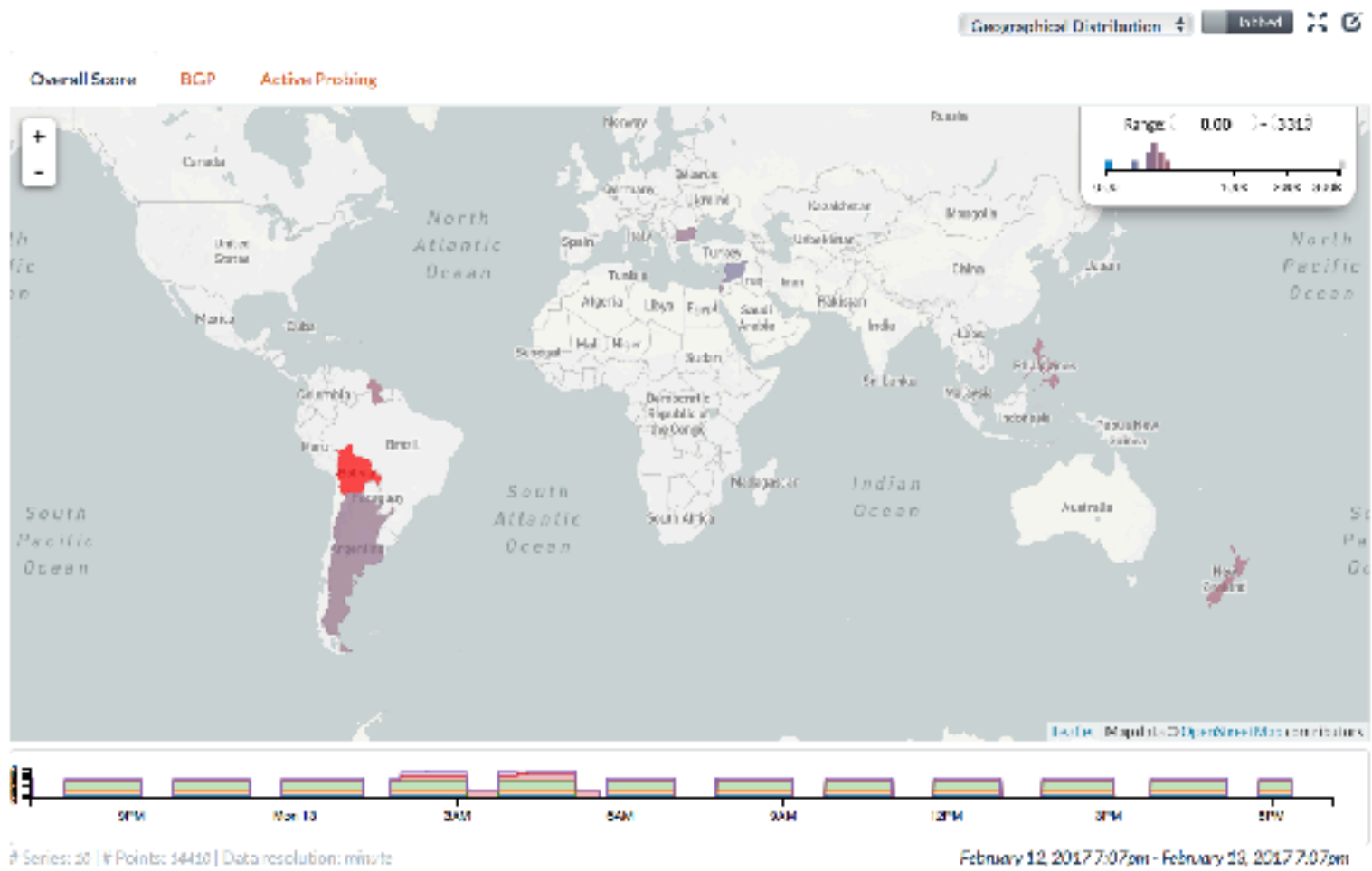


IODA DEMO

Select a time range:

Outage Severity Overview

Country Outages



Show 10 entries

Country	Overall Score	Active Probing	BGP	Darlnet
Bolivia	589M	10.5k	56.3k	
Philippines	30.3k		30.3k	
New Zealand	25.6k		25.6k	
Israel	21.7k		21.7k	
Argentina	20.5k		20.5k	
Guyana	18.4k	18.4k		
Martinique	18.0k		18.0k	
Bulgaria	16.9k		16.9k	
Reunion	16.2k		16.2k	
Syrian Arab Republic	5.65k	5.65k		

Showing 1 to 10 of 10 entries Previous Next

TALK/DEMO PURPOSE

feedback/interest

- Pre-release: use it!
- Collect feedback
- Add other data sources

IODA FUTURE

Ongoing work

- day-to-day maintenance to keep it online
 - backfill of historical data
 - sw/hw infrastructure updates
 - more documentation
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- make a kafka stream (we already have it. if you're interested) publicly available and share historical datasets through DHS IMPACT

IODA FUTURE

Improvements

- More functionalities in web interface (e.g., add menu selectors of AS/Country/region)
- Finer geo granularity
 - Engineering + Research (e.g., improve prefix geolocation)
- Reduce latency (IBR, BGP, active probing)
- Improvements to IBR signals
 - clean up
 - detection
 - systematically validate / evaluate IBR detection (we started at country level)
- IPv6 support

ONGOING COLLABS

Academia, Industry, Government

Collaboration with Industry



We are collaborating with Comcast researchers, who are using IODA to support their own research on Internet reliability and performance. In addition, Comcast, through their Innovation Fund provided a research grant for the development of visual interfaces to monitor and characterize Internet outages.



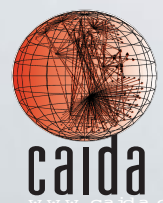
We established a collaboration with researchers at Cisco Systems, who are using BGPStream and are collaborating in extending it to support internal and open source projects carried out by Cisco, such as the OpenBMP implementation of the BGP Monitoring Protocol.

Public Safety



The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has the responsibility for ensuring that communications networks are reliable, resilient and secure. To accomplish this task, the PSHSB developed a data-driven process centered on collecting information on and performing analyses of communication outages. CAIDA had several meetings with the FCC to discuss results of the IODA project, providing the FCC with additional insight into the complexity of Internet outage monitoring and to discuss technology transfer of some of these research results and infrastructure capabilities.

- Also, research collaborations with networking and poli-sci researchers



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IODA FUTURE

Collabs

- Work with John to validate our ``Trinocular`` implementation and maybe integrate his data source
- Work with Neil + Rama on combining the *micro* view with the *macro* view
- Add other data sources (Merit, VNG, ...)

THANKS

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