

# lecture 09:

# state management, continued

5590: software defined networking

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# about review

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## what to write (4 parts)

- summary: 3-4 sentences, this is part of the review
- strength
- weakness
- (optional, constructive) comments: suggest what to improve on the technical side, on presentation (writing, organization)

## what not to include

- repeat technical details of the paper
  - DO NOT include figures/texts from the paper

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## language

- be formal
  - e.g., “the authors may want to” instead of “you should ...”
- work on grammar

## guideline

- keep reviews informative
- an opportunity to start conversation
- write the review for your own understanding
  - remember: your reviews are not graded

statesman: use cases,  
evaluations ...

# statesman deployment

10 geographically-distributed datacenter (DC)

- cover switches, links within each DC and across DC (WAN)

three applications

- switch-upgrade
- failure-mitigation
- inter-DC TE

# challenges—maintaining globally available and distributed states

- inter-DC

- due to WAN failures, DCs may be disconnected

- within-DC

- huge volume of state data: hundreds of thousands of switches and links
  - millions of state variables



# challenges—updating DCN states

- heterogeneity: diverse range of network elements expose heterogeneous interfaces for updates
- device can fail during an update
- device respond slow, dominating the application control loop

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partitioning monitor

- split monitor's responsibility into many instances
  - each covers 1k switches

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## heterogeneity

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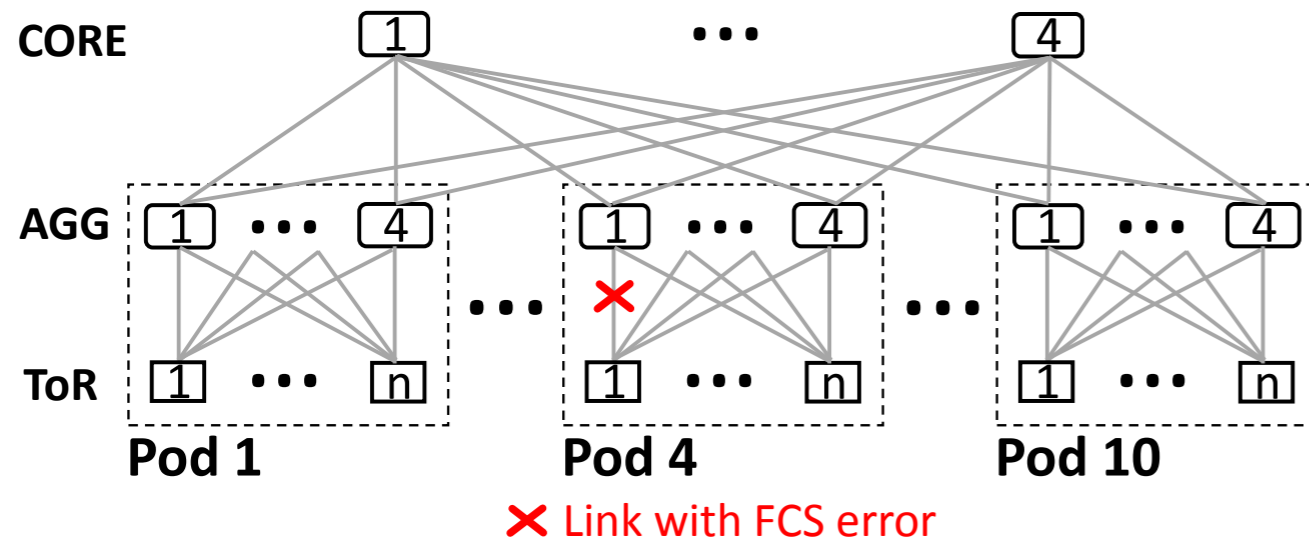
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- OpenFlow and command templates

## dynamic failures

- stateless updates
- simply push to the devices the latest OS-TS difference

# use case: maintaining invariants



**switch\_upgrade** and  
**failure\_mitigation**

coexist

statesman goal:

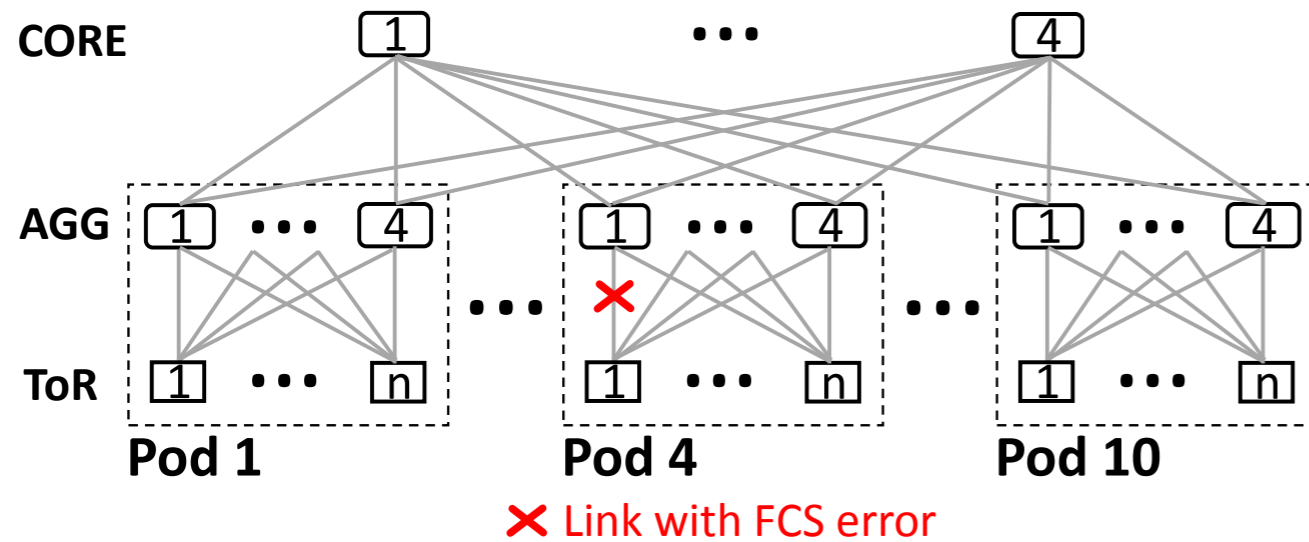
maintaining capacity

**invariant**

- 99% ToR pairs have at least 50% capacity



# use case: maintaining invariants



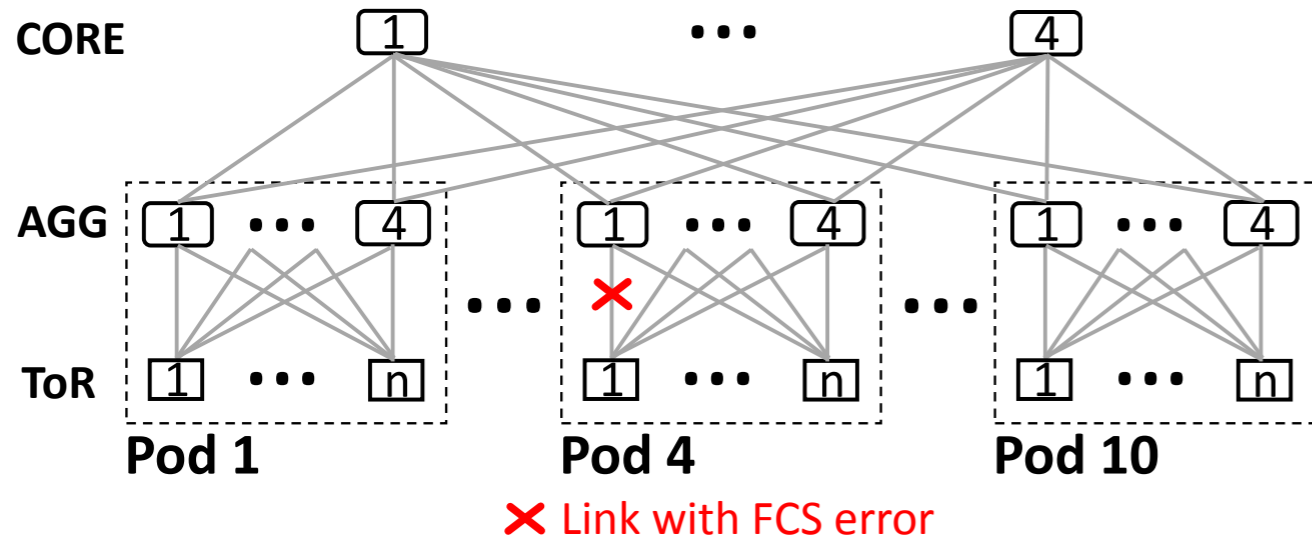
one DC with 10 pods

- each pod has 4 AGGs and a number of ToRs

## switch\_upgrade

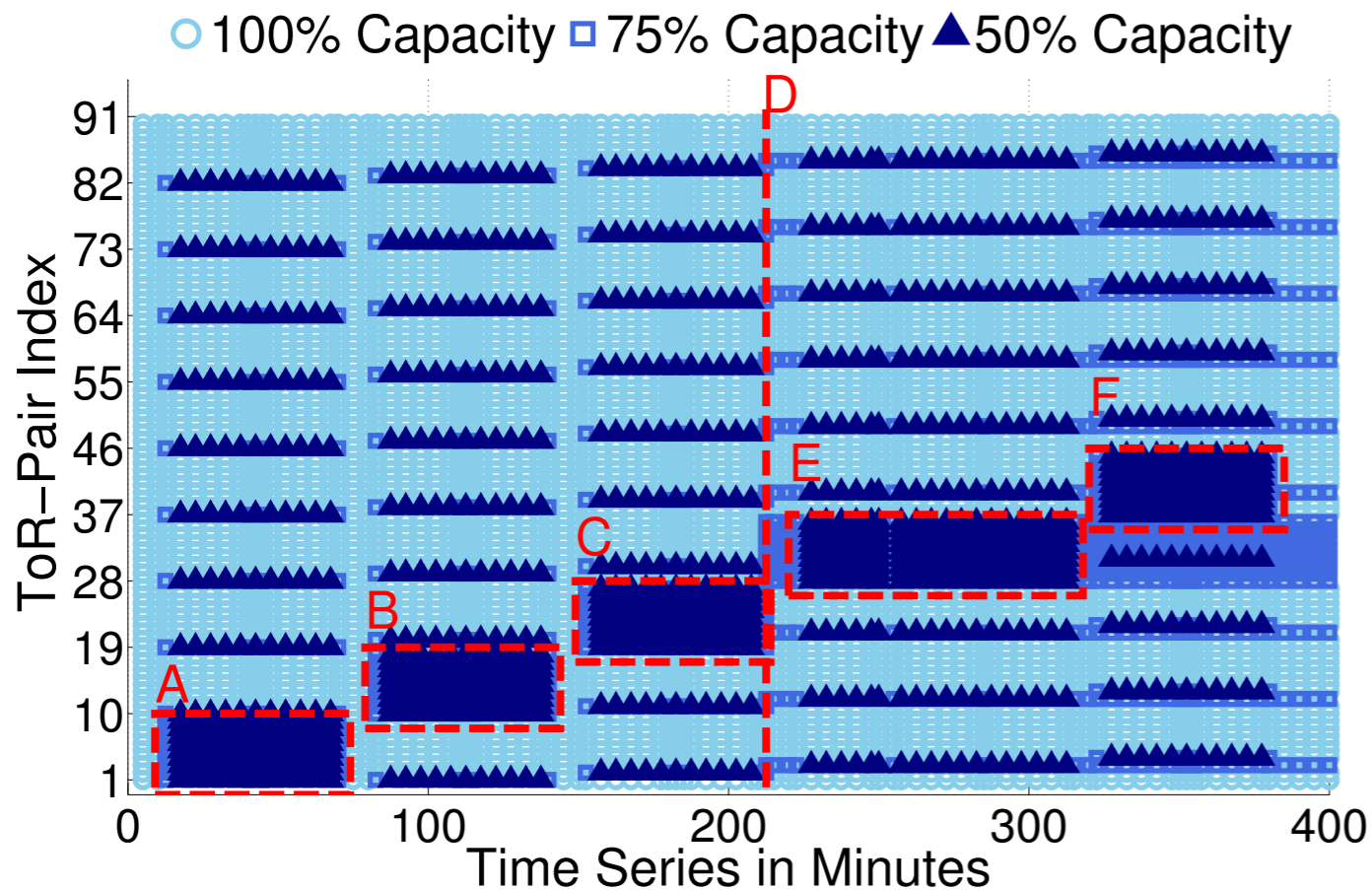
- upgrade all 40 AGGs
- (sequentially) pod by pod
- attempt parallel upgrades within each pod

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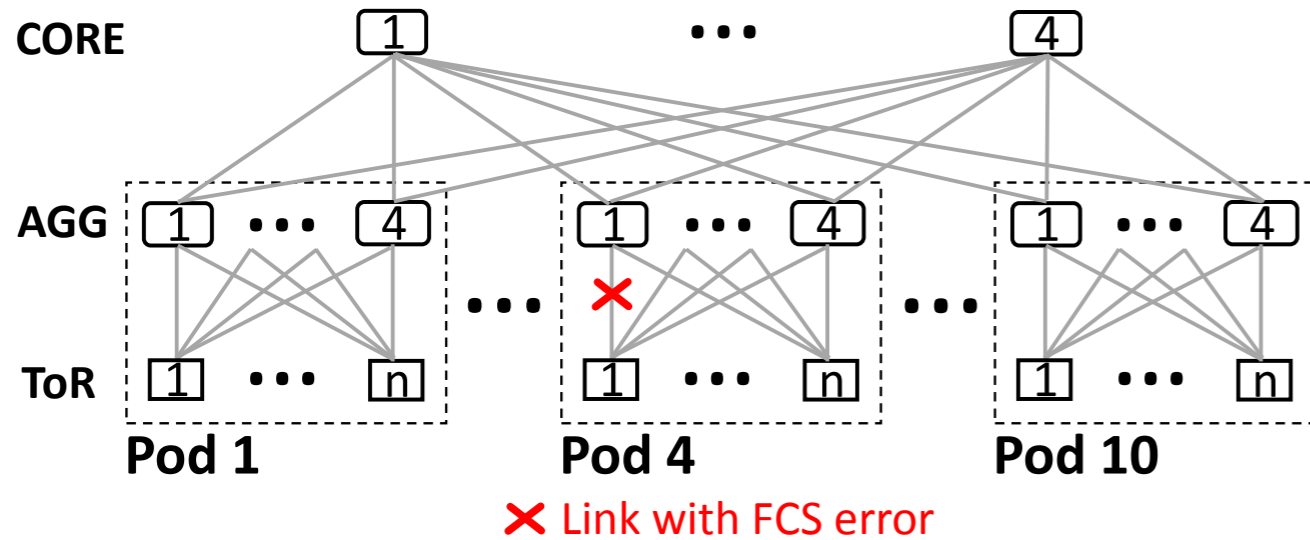


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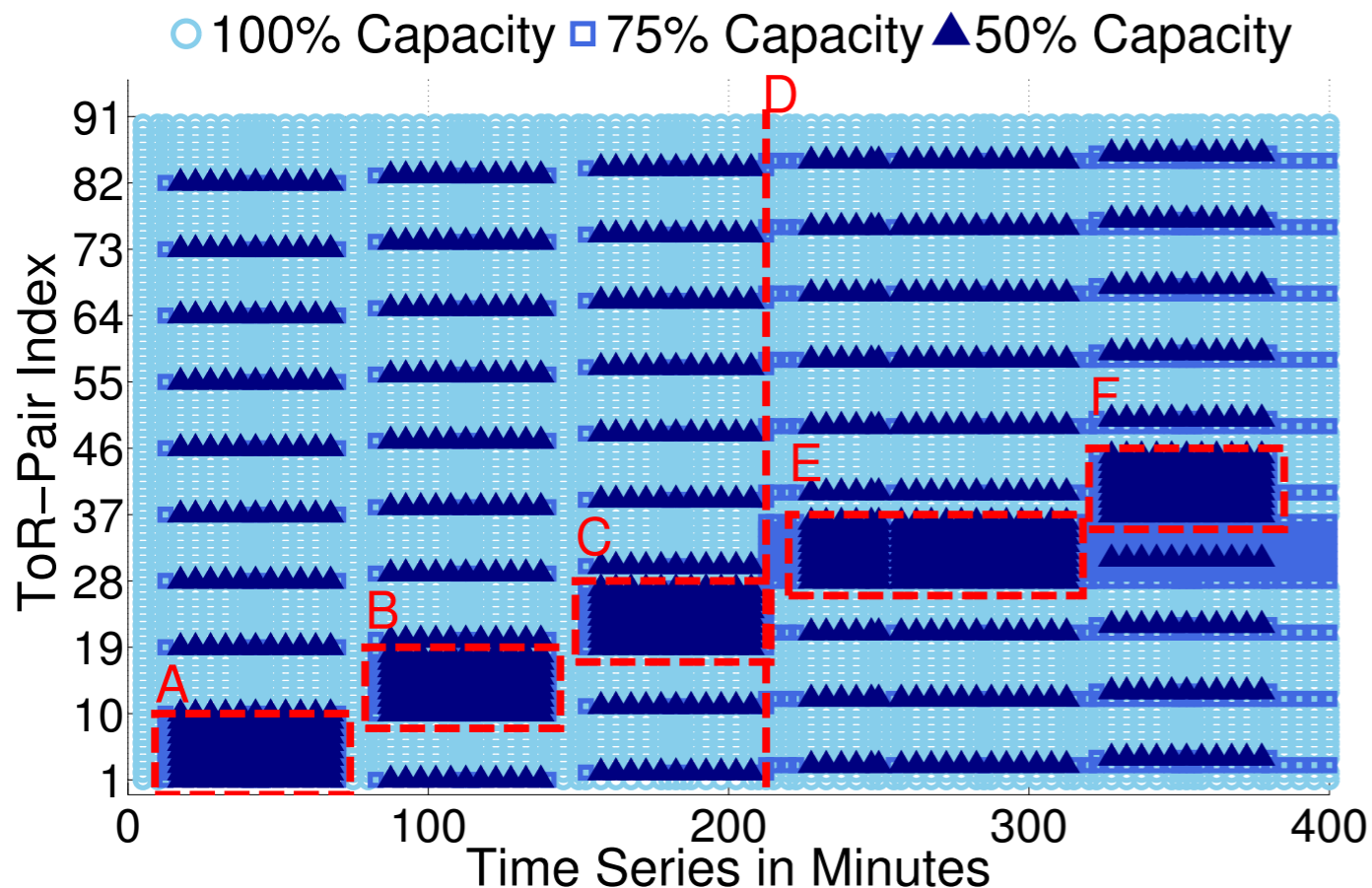


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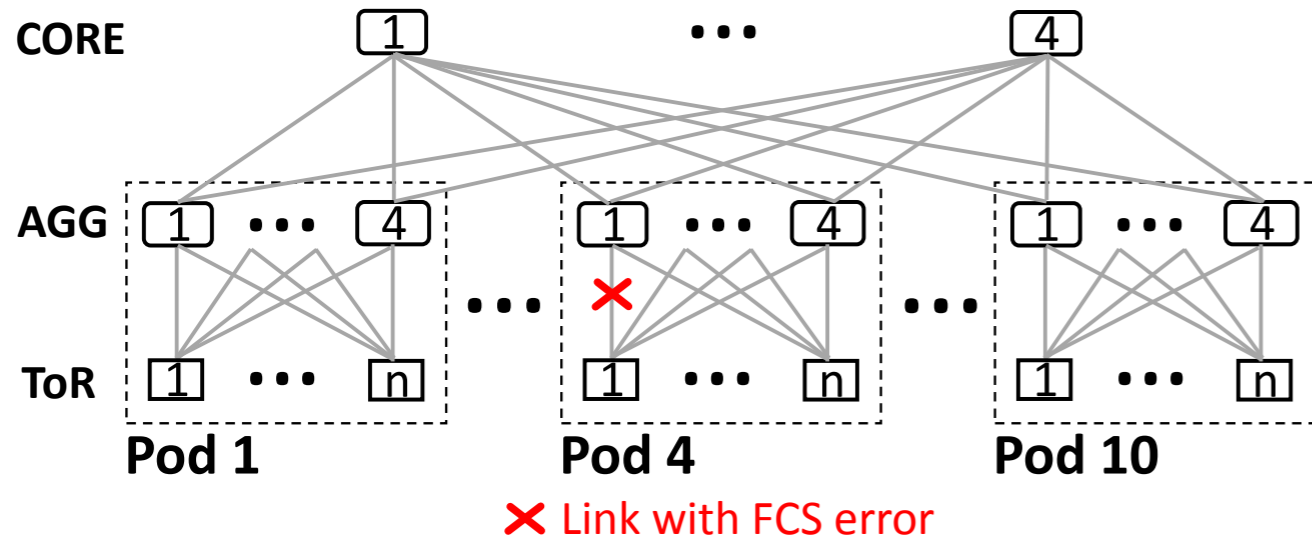
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A, B, C

- switch-upgrade upgrades pod 1,2,3



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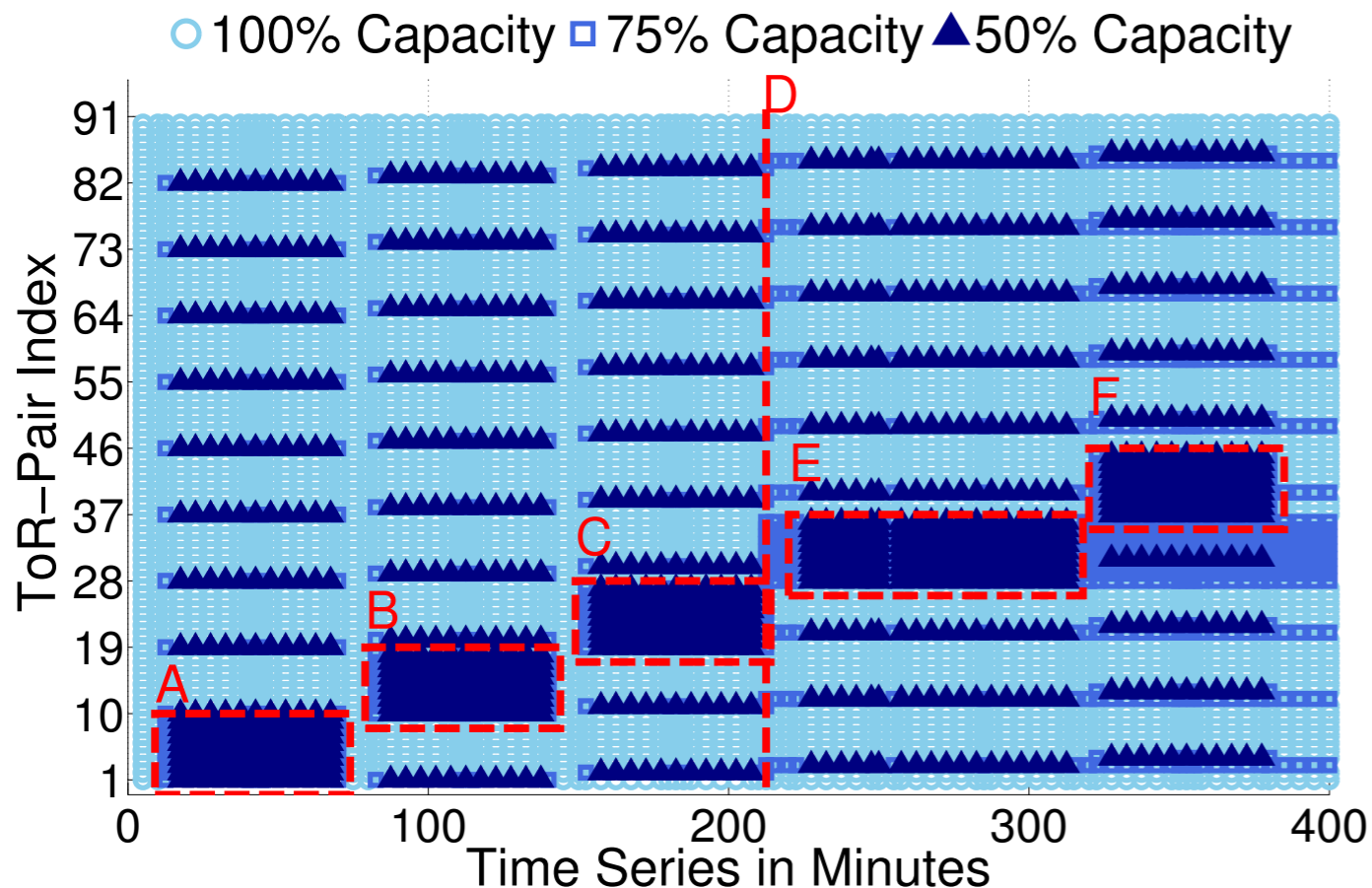


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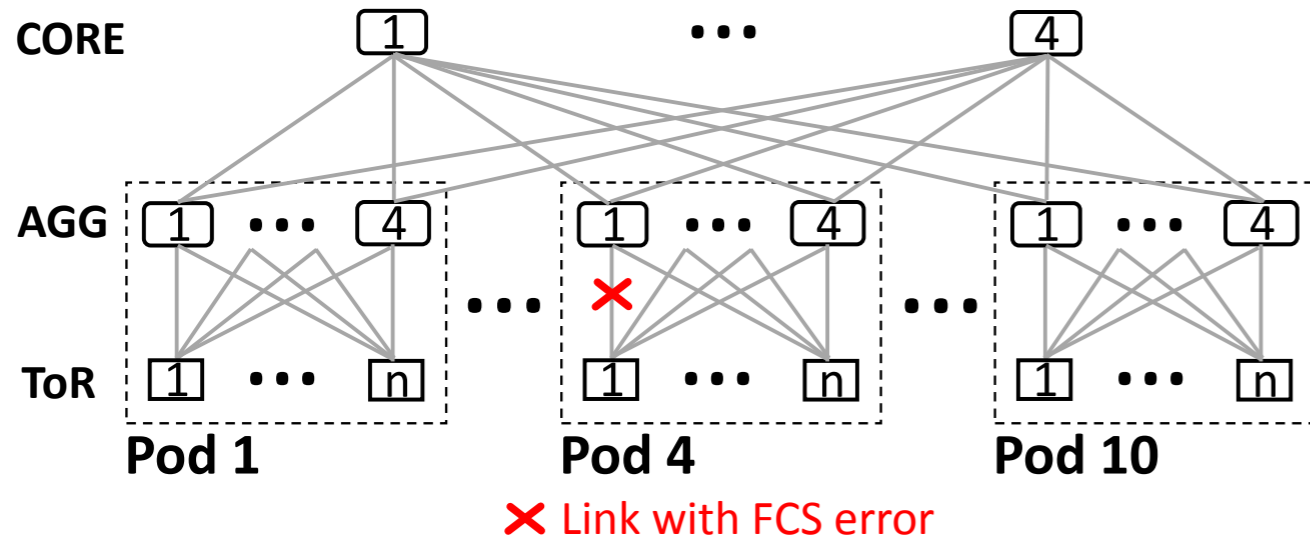
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- failure-mitigation detects problem, shutting down link



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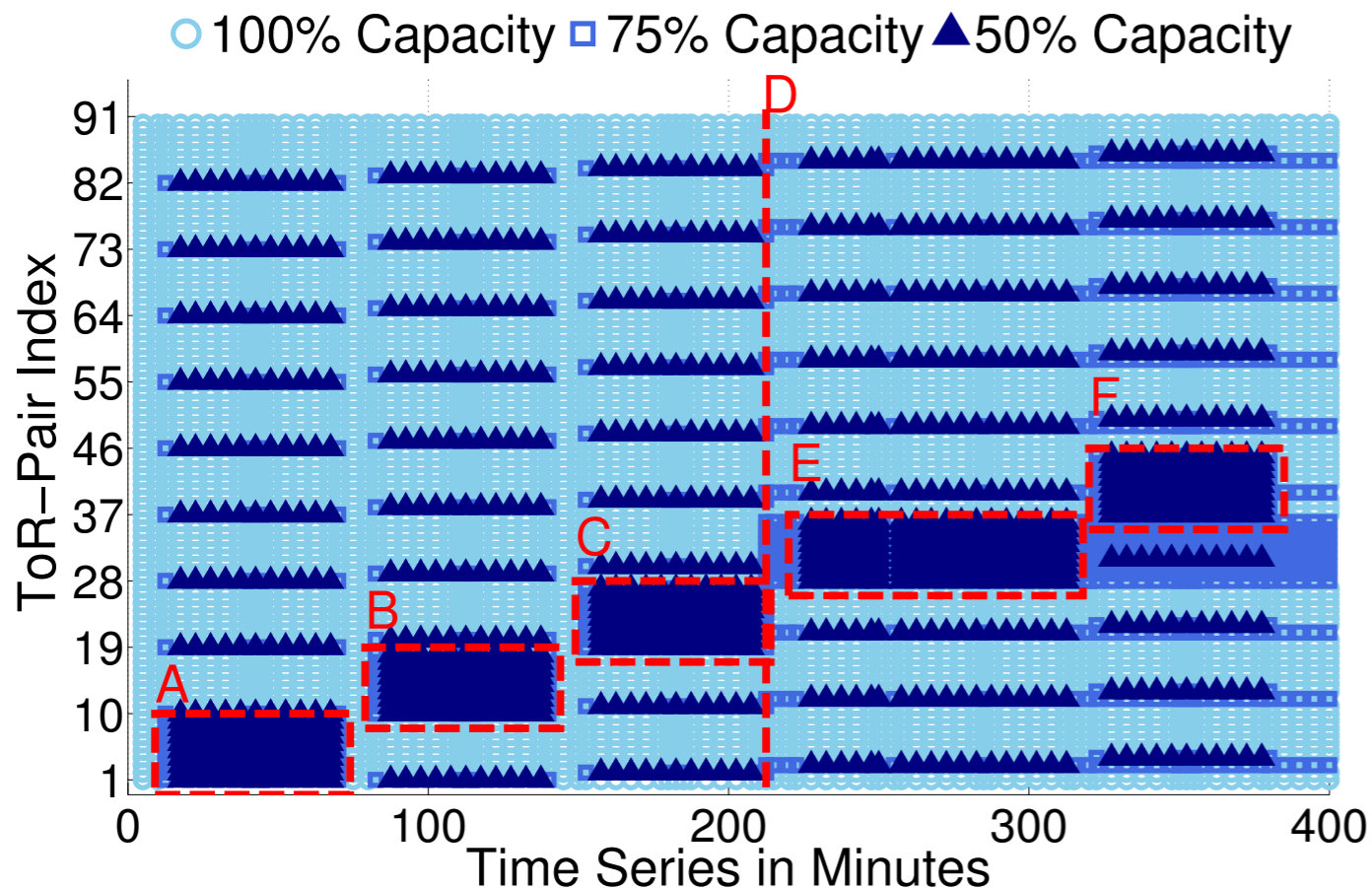


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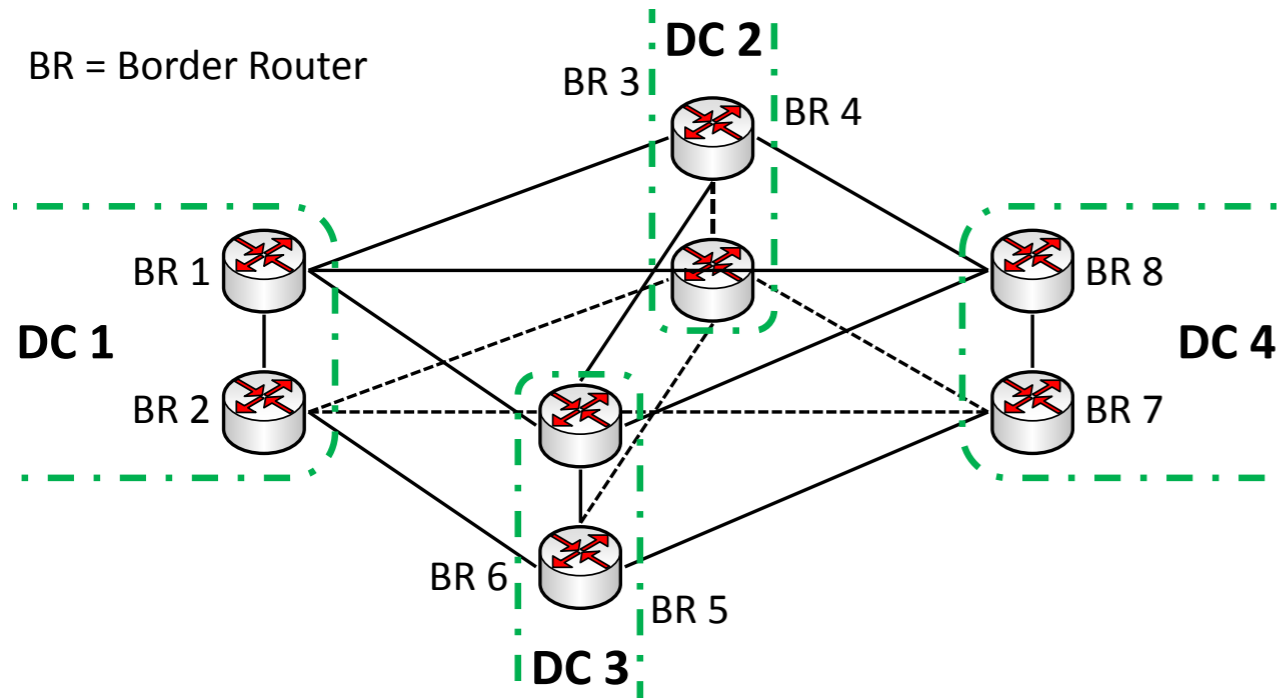
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**E**

- switch-upgrade slows down by the checker
- upgrades Agg 1,2 together; then Agg 3; finally Agg 3



# use case: resolving conflicts



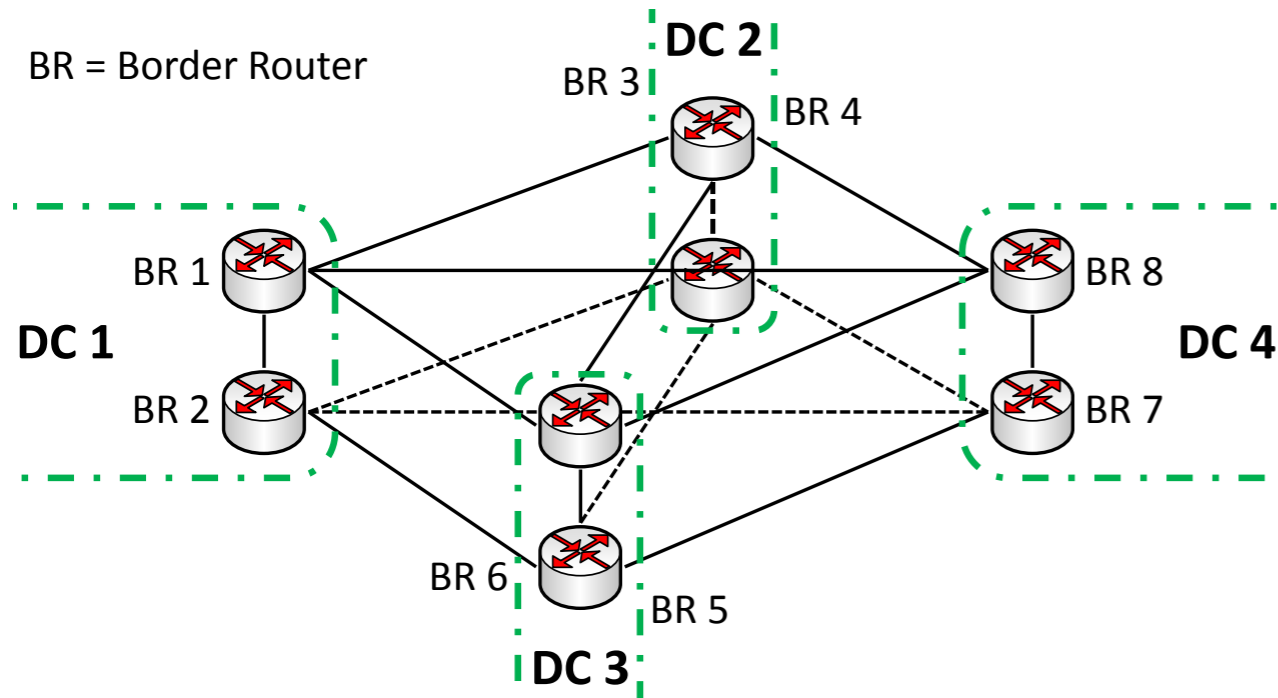
## setup

- 8 border routers (BRs)
- 24 (bi-directional WAN) inter-DC links

## statesman goal

- upgrade BRs while inter-DC is on

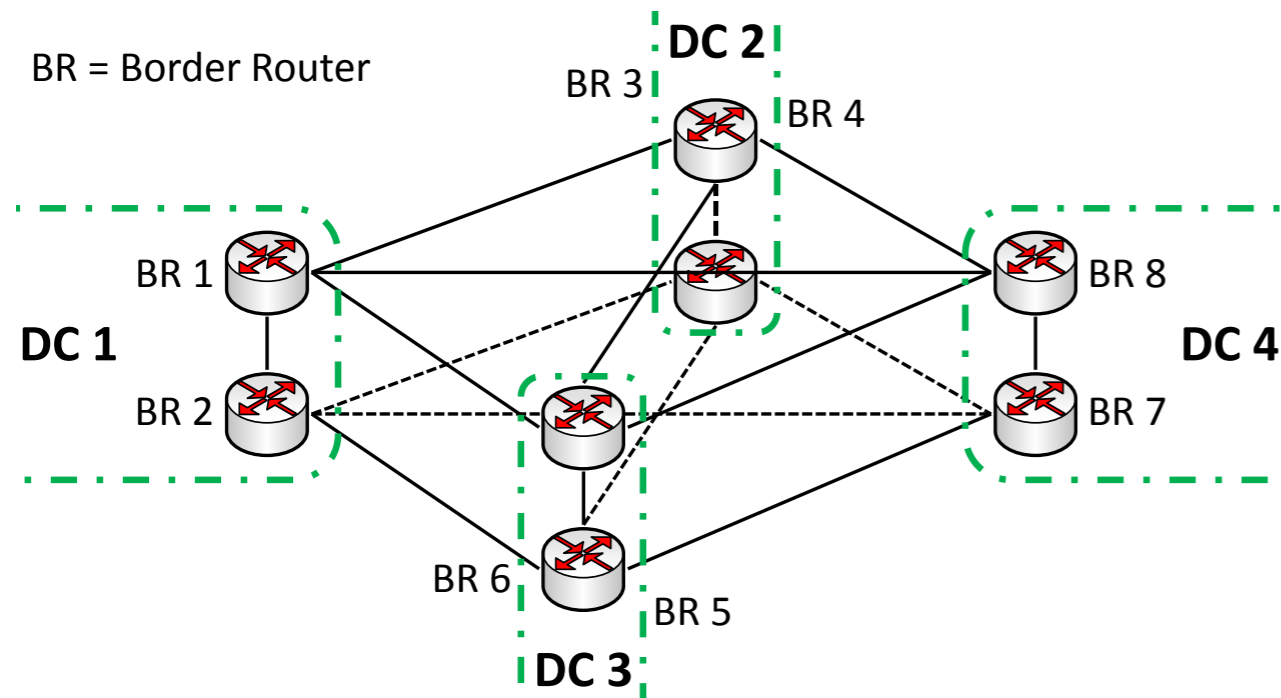
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solution: statesman  
coordinates, by locks,  
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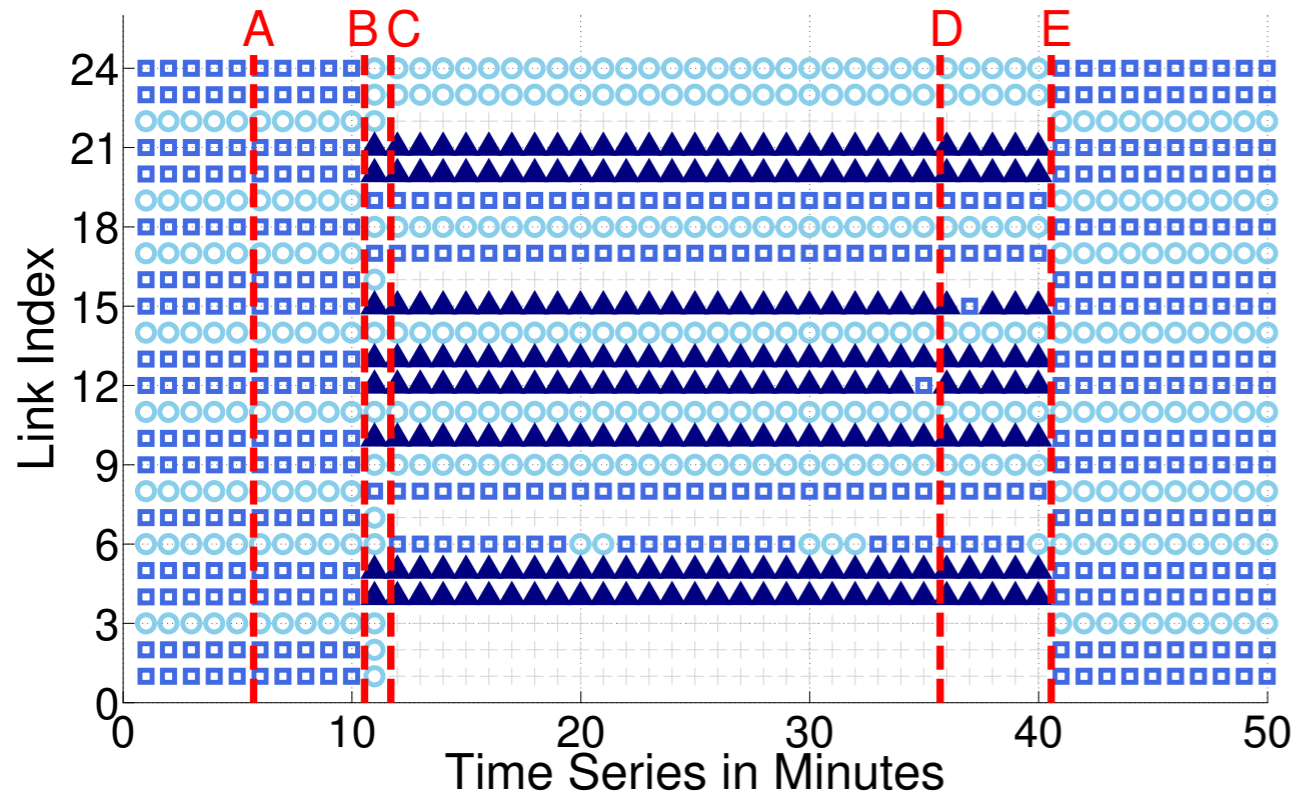


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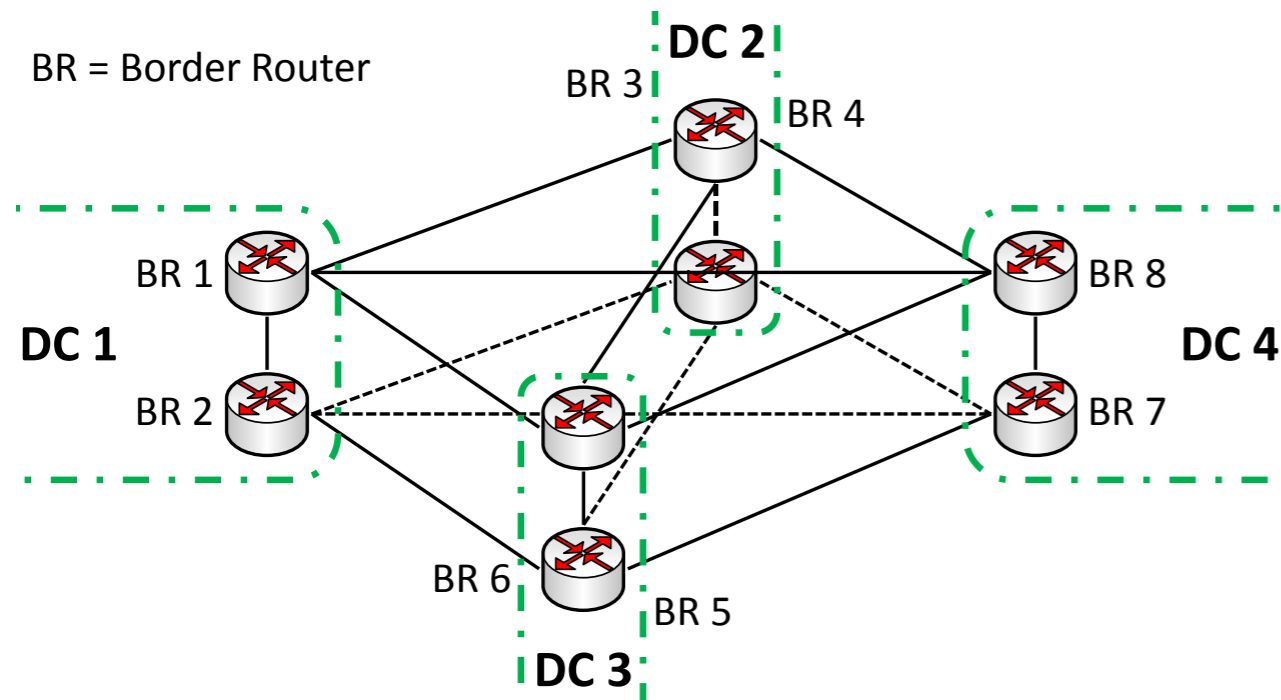


**A**

- switch\_upgrade acquires high-level lock



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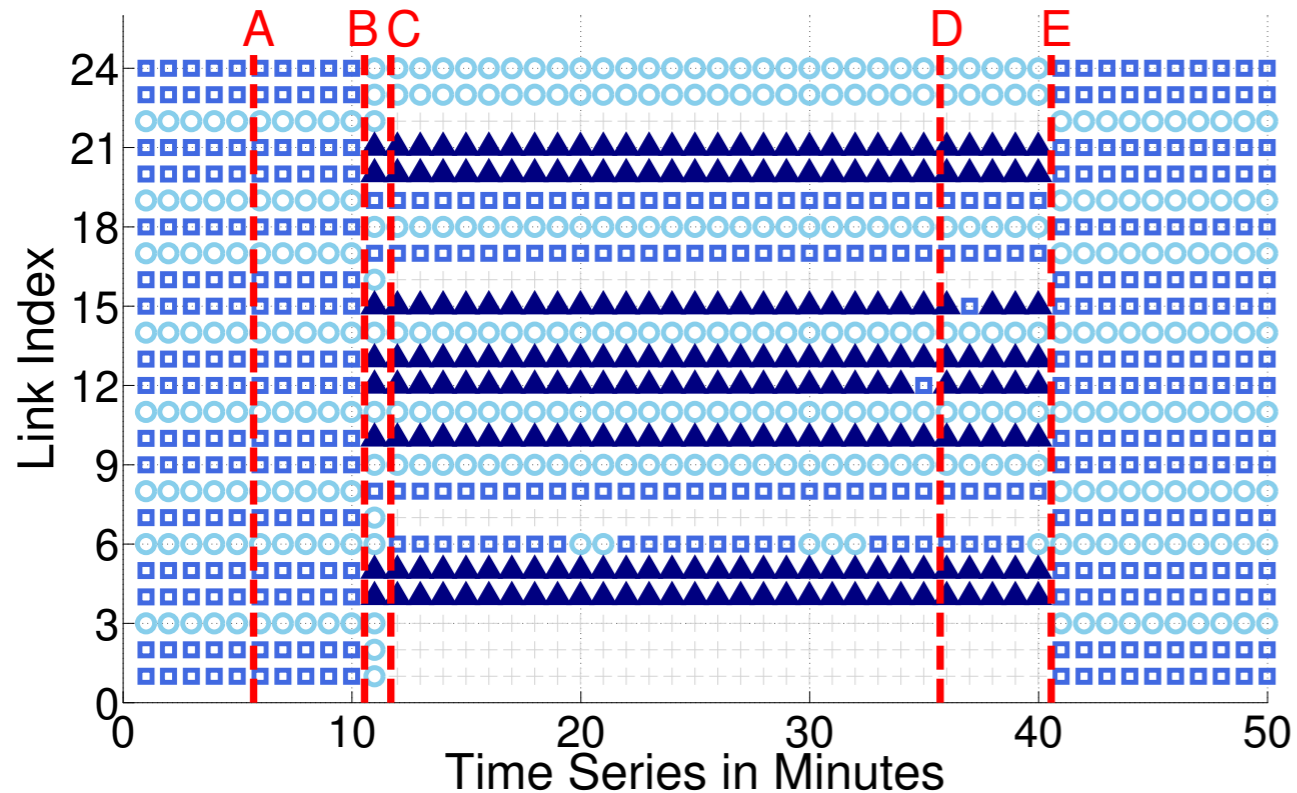


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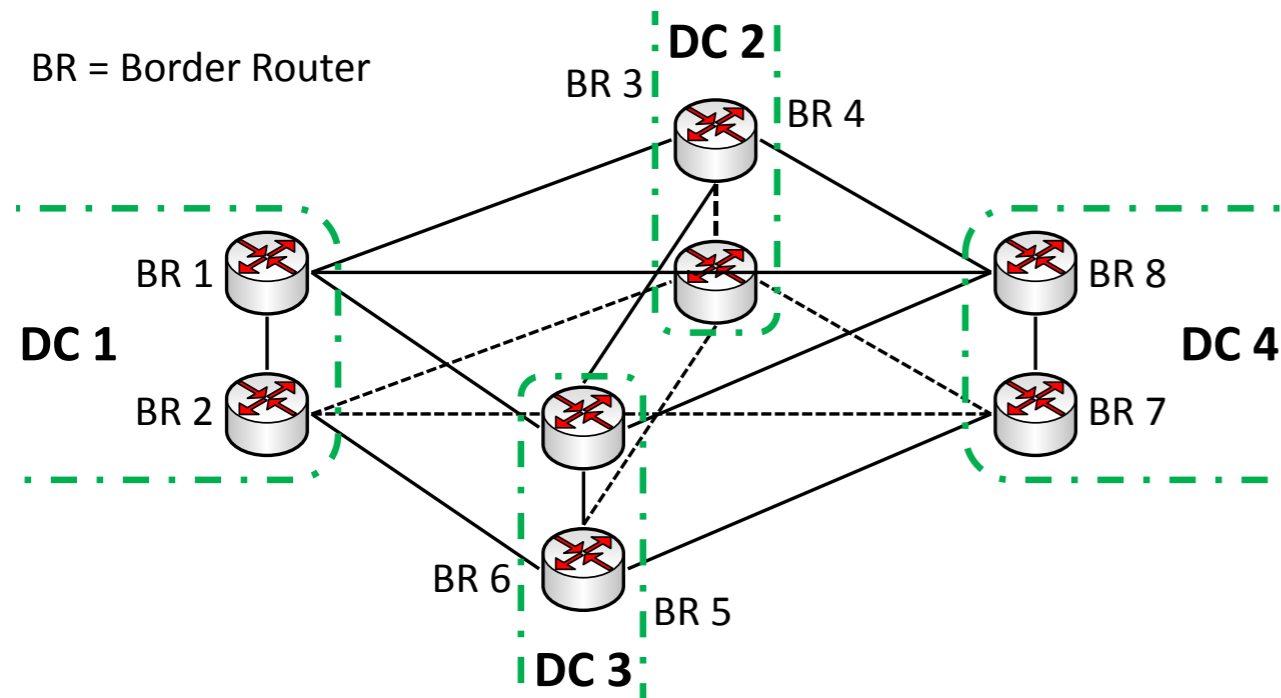
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**B**

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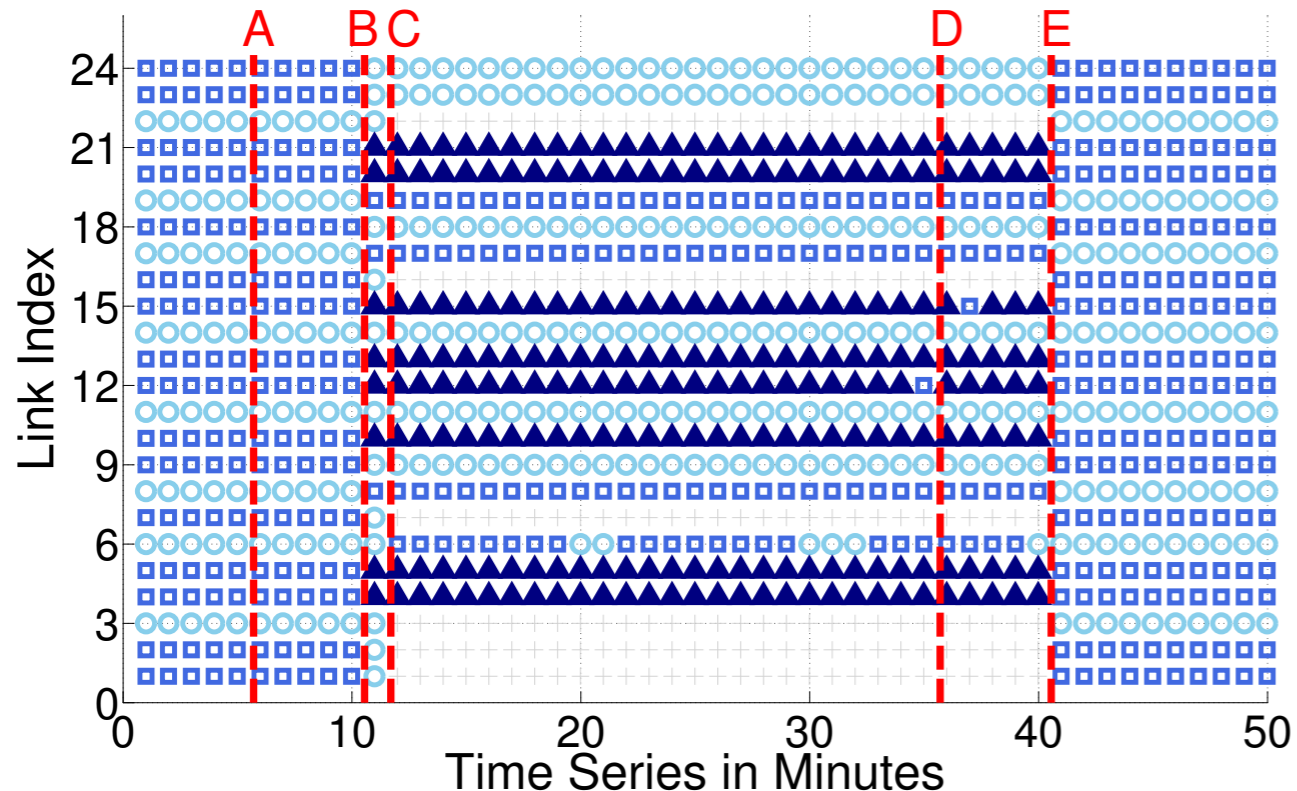


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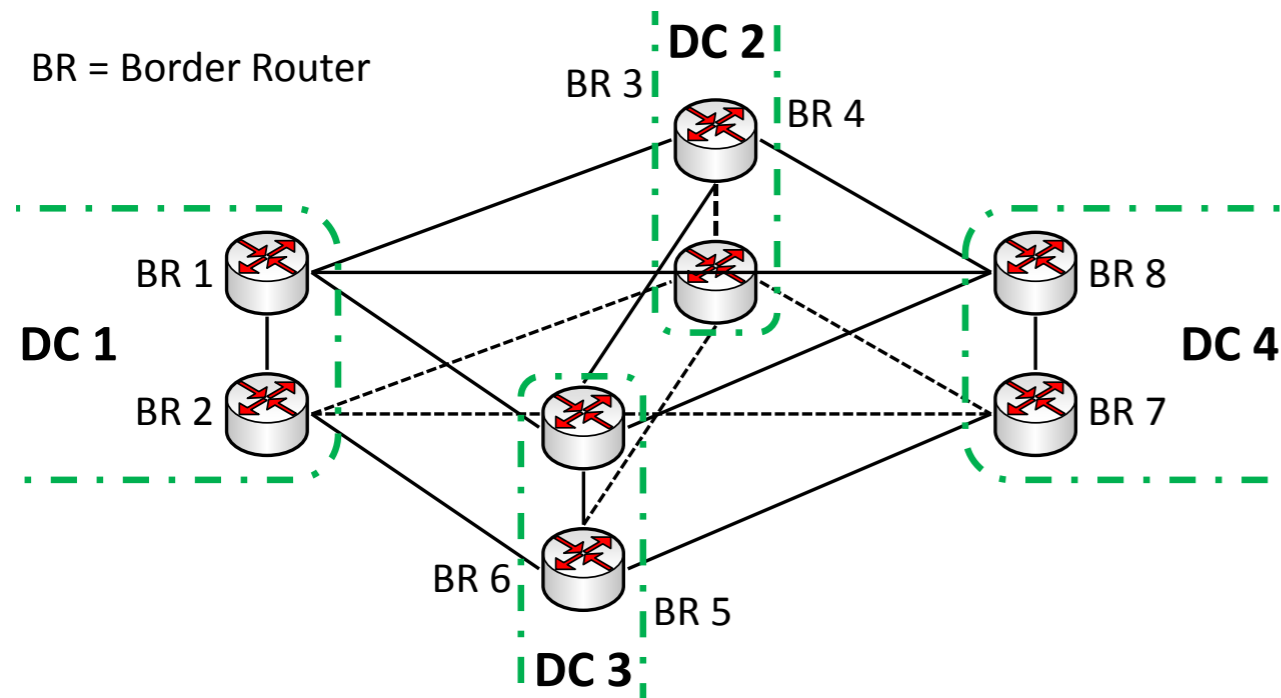


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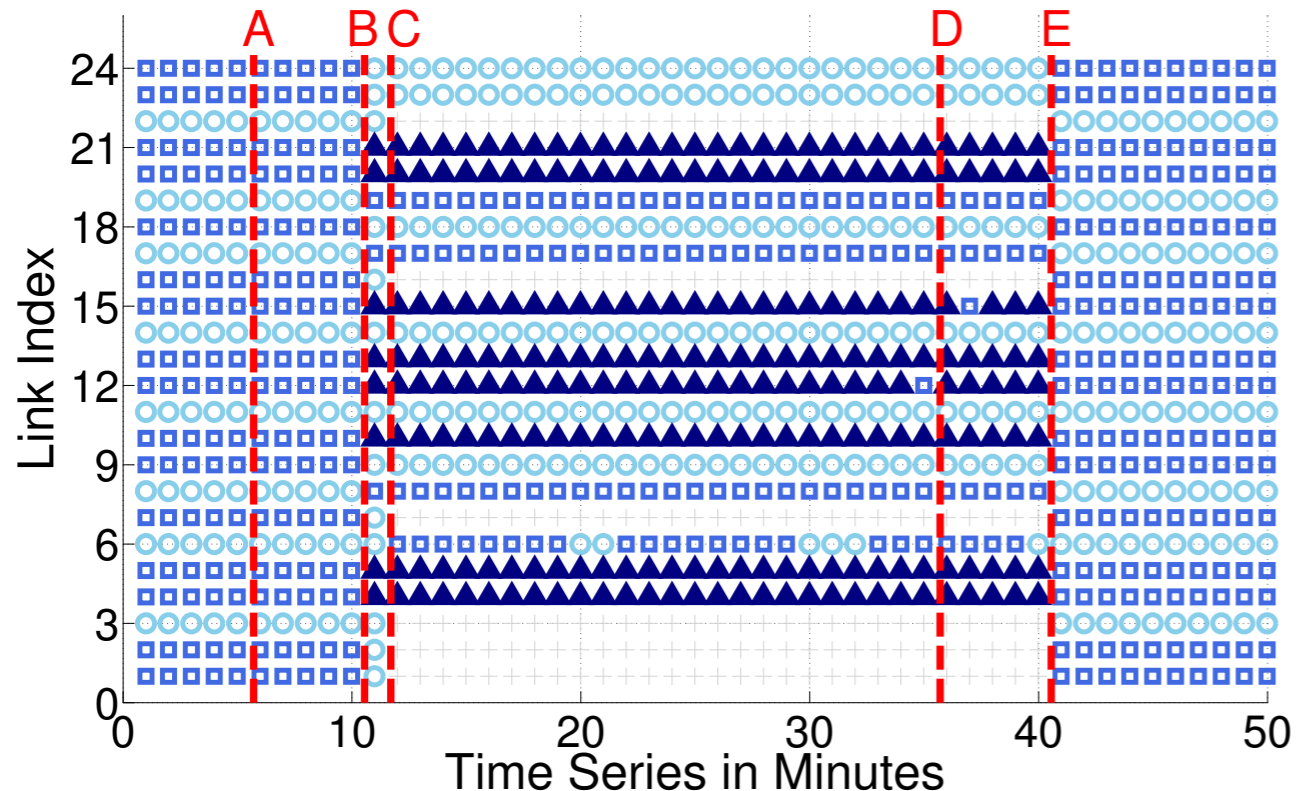
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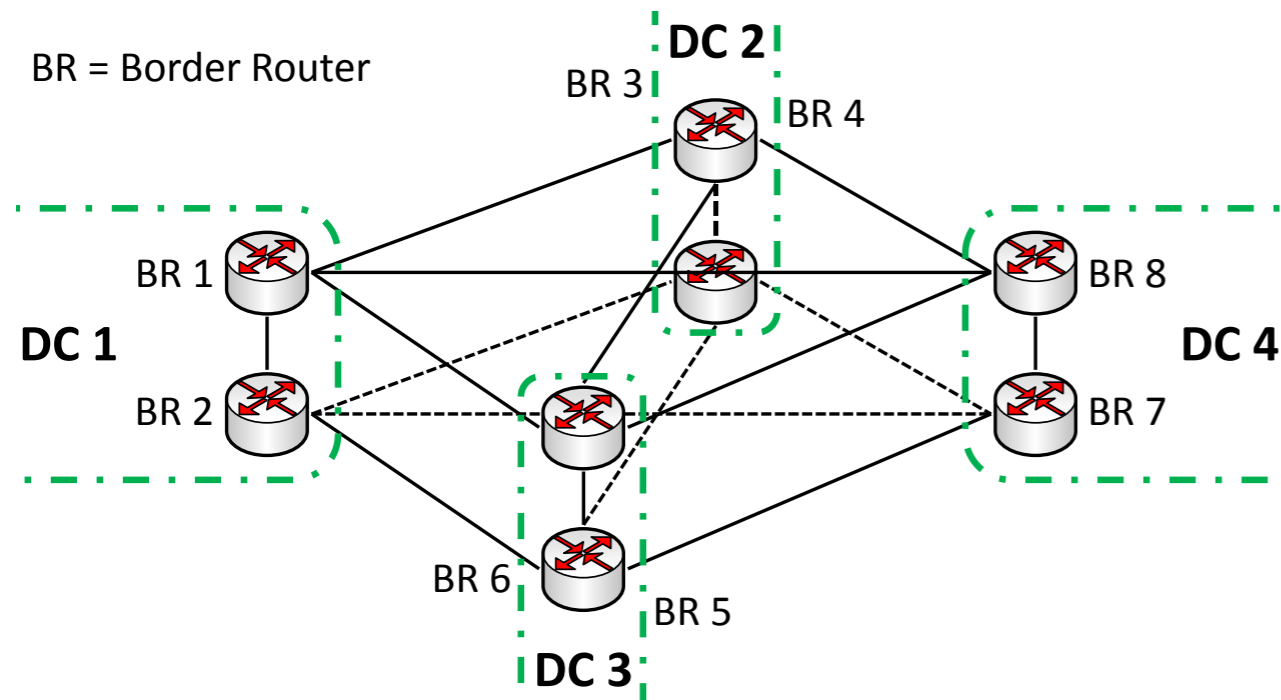
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**C, D**

- upgrading BRs in progress
- done, releasing high-level lock

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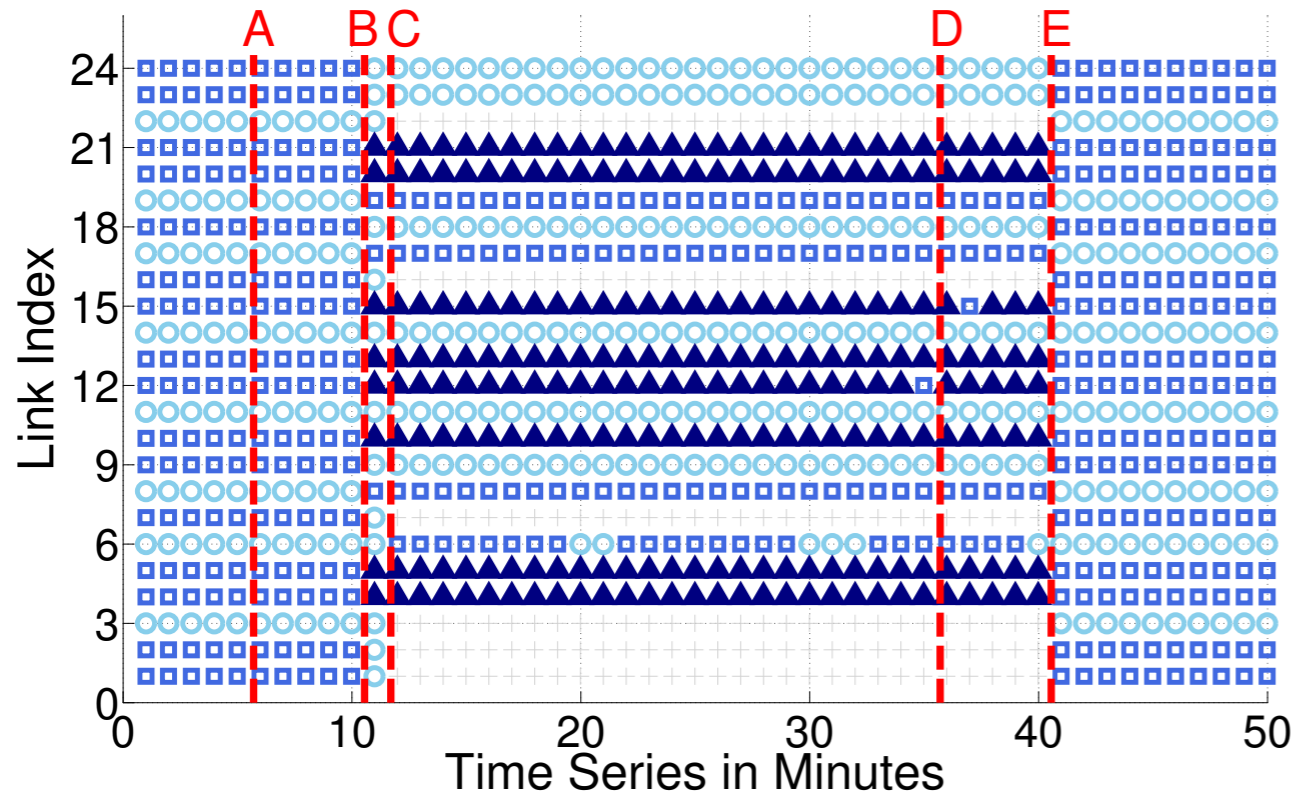


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**E**

- TE grabs low-level lock, in operation

# statesman performance

## evaluating latency

- application: (<10ms) negligible
- checker: seconds
- updater: (>50%) dominating