Unleashing Segment Routing TE with SR Flexible Algorithms

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Agenda

- Overview
- Operation
- Use Cases

Why are we here?

- Have you ever wished you could tailor IGP computation to fit your own traffic engineering needs? Such as by computing:
  - Paths considering a subset of the routers in your network
  - Paths that minimize cumulative delay to a destination based on measured per-link delay
  - Paths traversing only encrypted MACsec links
  - Paths traversing only high speed interfaces

Why are we here?

- All these use cases are now possible !!!
- And furthermore, they are possible at scale and without adding any extra state into the network

- Meet SR IGP Flexible Algorithms !!!
  - A new member of SRTE family

SR Flexible Algorithm Overview

SR IGP Flexible Algorithm

- Complements the SRTE solution with customizable Prefix-SIDs

- Leverages the SRTE benefits of simplicity and automation
  - Automated sub-50msec FRR (TILFA)
  - On-Demand Policy (ODN)
  - Automated Steering (AS)

SR IGP Flexible Algorithm

- We call “Flex-Algo”
  - The algorithm is defined by the operator, on a per-deployment basis
- Flex-Algo K is defined as
  - The minimization of a specified metric: IGP, delay, …
  - The exclusion of certain link properties: link-affinity, SRLG, …

SR IGP Flexible Algorithms

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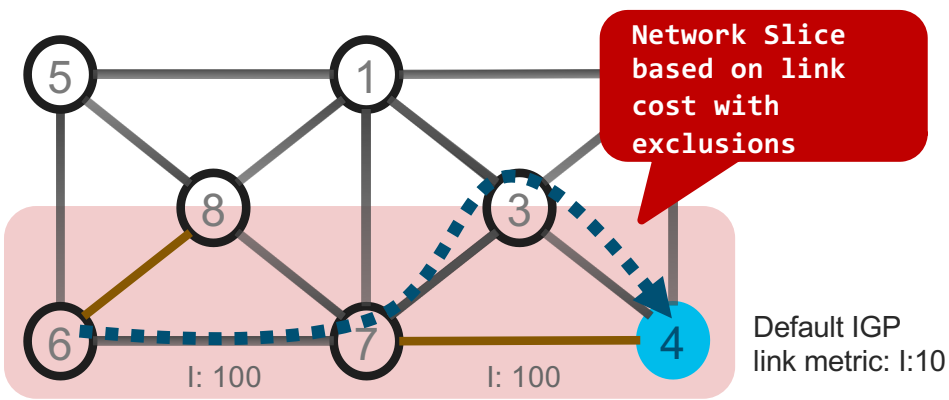

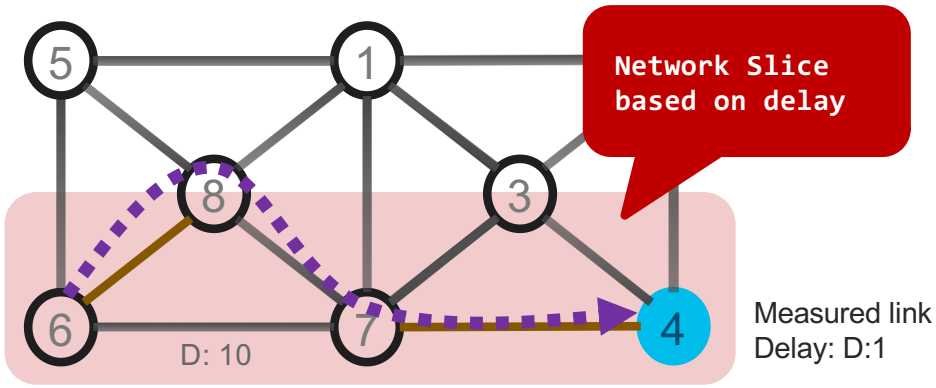

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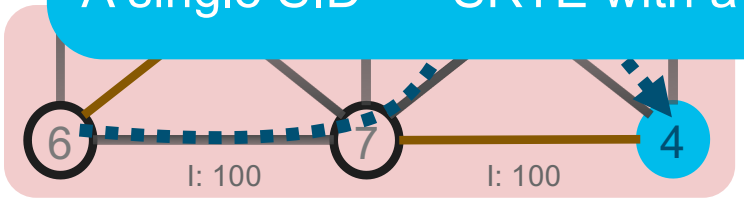
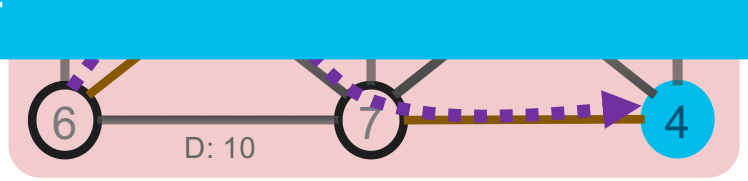
And the question is … How many labels are needed to enforce traffic on the Flex-Algo path?

A single SID == SRTE with a single SID !!!



Default IGP
link metric: I:10

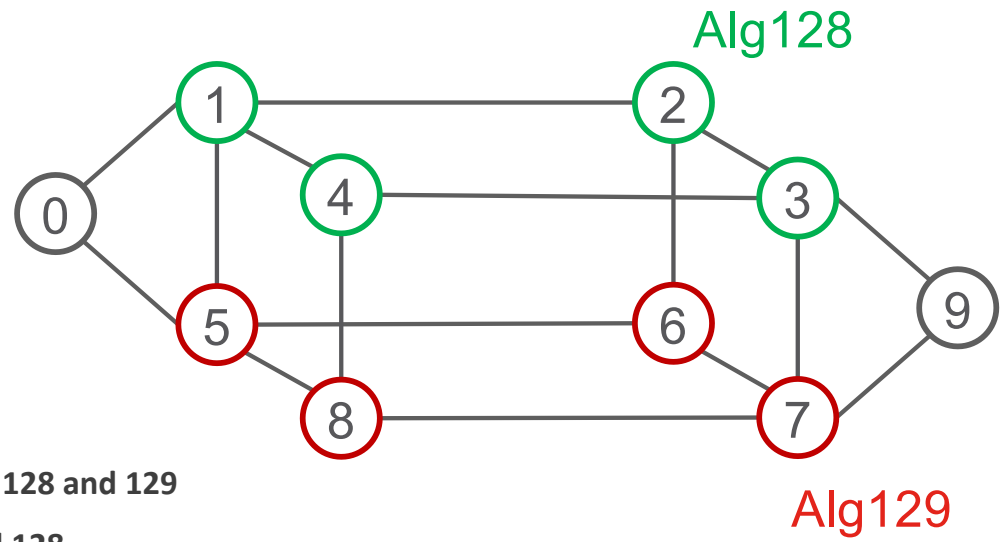


Measured link
Delay: D:1

SR Flexible Algorithm Operation

Flex-Algo Participation

- Each node MUST advertise Flex-Algo(s) that it is participating in
  - A Flex-Algo K can be enabled on all or a subset of nodes
  - Each node can participate in multiple Flex-Algos



Nodes 0 and 9 participate to Algo 0 and 128 and 129

Nodes 1/2/3/4 participate to Algo 0 and 128

Nodes 5/6/7/8 participate to Algo 0 and 129

Flex-Algo Prefix-SIDs

- If a node advertises participation in a Flex-Algo likely it also advertises a prefix SID for that Flex-Algo

Node 9 advertises

Prefix SID 16009 for ALGO 0

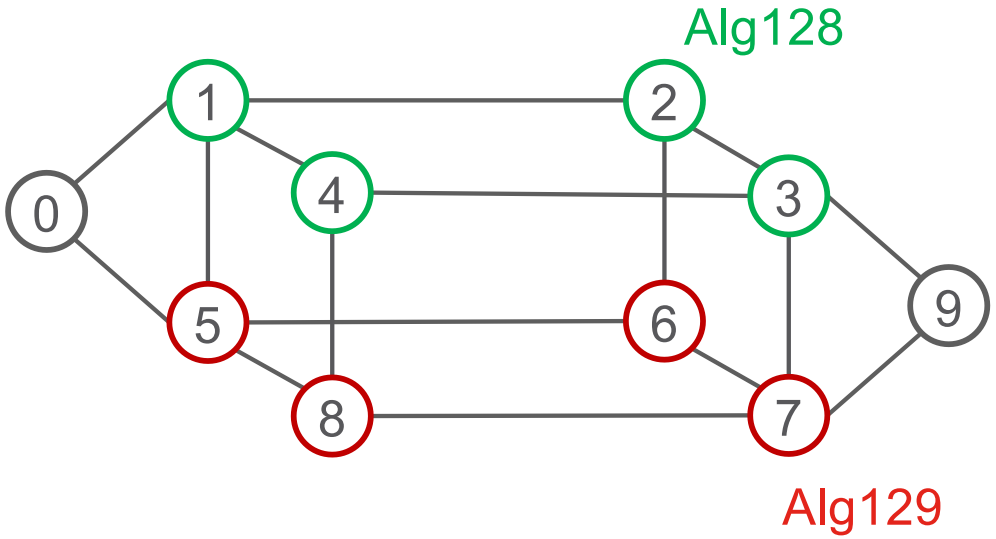
Prefix SID 16809 for ALGO 128

Prefix SID 16909 for ALGO 129

Node 2 advertises

Prefix SID 16002 for ALGO 0

Prefix SID 16802 for ALGO 128



No additional loopback address

- Flex-Algo Prefix SID's can be advertised as additional prefix-SID's of the existing loopback address

Node 9 advertises loopback0 1.1.1.9/32 with

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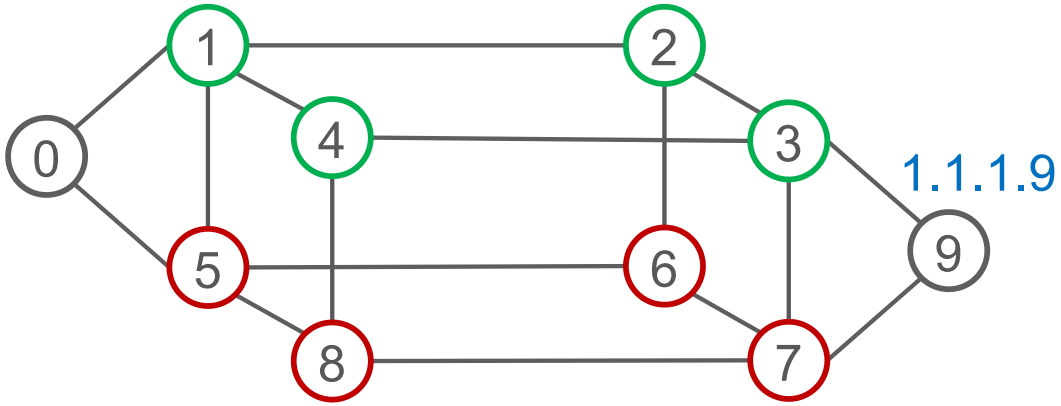
Prefix SID 16809 for ALGO 128

Prefix SID 16909 for ALGO 129



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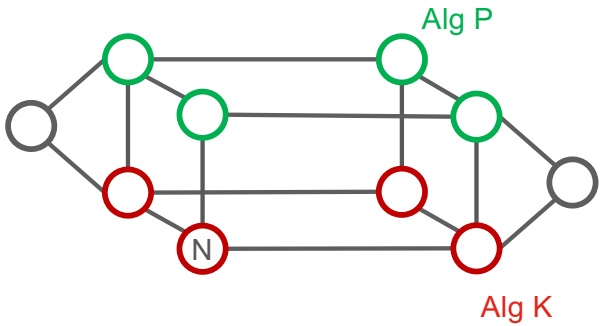
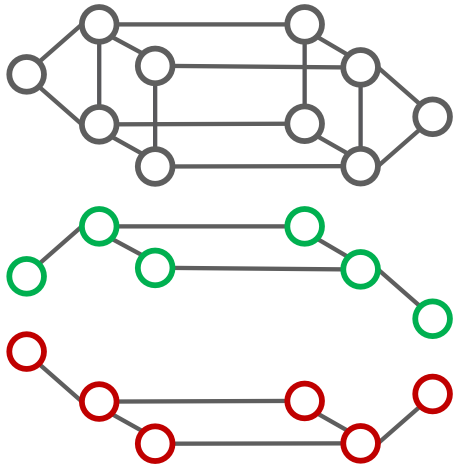


1. Flex-Algo Membership
   - Node N is enabled to participate in Flex-Algo(s) instance K

2. Flex-Algo Definition
   - Node N has a consistent definition of K
   - Local configuration
     - likely automated during day-0 provisioning
   - Learned from a central entity via IGP flooding
     - new top TLV defined for Flex-Algo definition advertisement

Flex-Algo Operation (cont.)



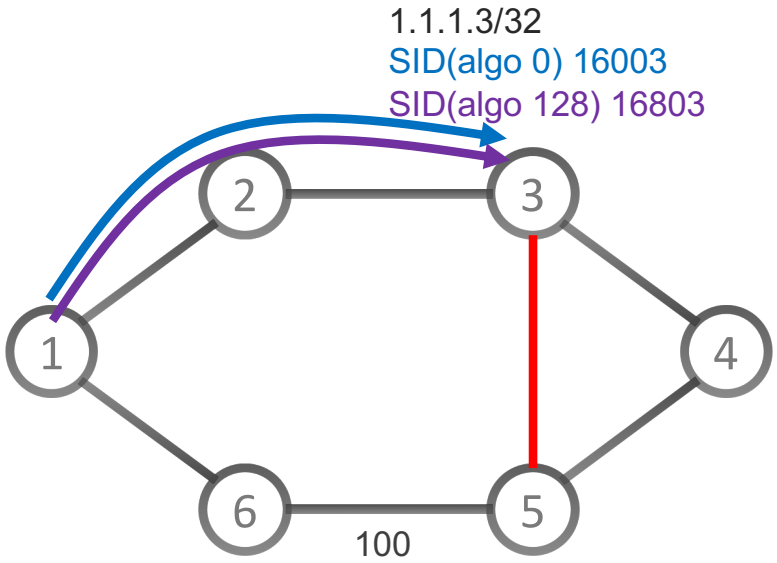
3 • Flex-Algo Computation
  - N prunes any node not a member of K
  - N prunes any link that is exclude by K
  - Resulting topology is called Topo(K)
  - N compute shortest-path tree on Topo(K) with metric defined by K

4 • Flex-Algo Prefix SID FIB installation
  - N installs any reachable Prefix-SID of K in the forwarding table along the computed shortest-path on Topo(K)

TI-LFA

- The TI-LFA algorithm is performed within Topo(K)
- The backup path is expressed with Prefix-SIDs of Algo K
- Benefits: the backup path is optimized per Flex-Algo !!!

Example – Primary paths per Algo



Each node in this topology supports SR alg0, alg128
Default IGP link metric: I:10

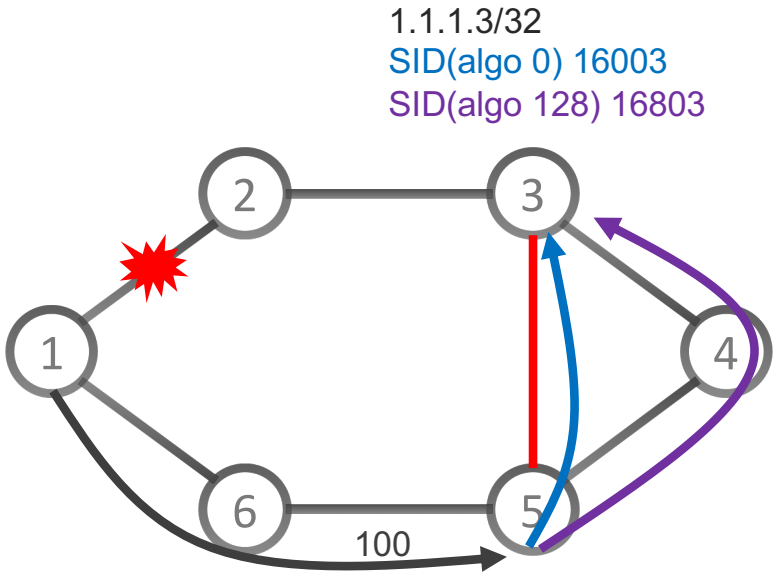
At node 1 for destination 3

16003 => 16003 via 2

16803 => 16803 via 2

All nodes participate in Flex-Algo 128 which is defined as min IGP metric and avoid red affinity

Example – TI-LFA Backup path per Algo



At node 1 for destination 3

16003 => 16003 via 2
Backup: <24065, **16003**> via 6

16803 => 16803 via 2
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The usage of Algo-128 Prefix-SID 16803 ensures that the Algo 128 backup path also avoids the red link

Reminder: 240XY is the Adj SID from node X to node Y

OSPF and SRv6

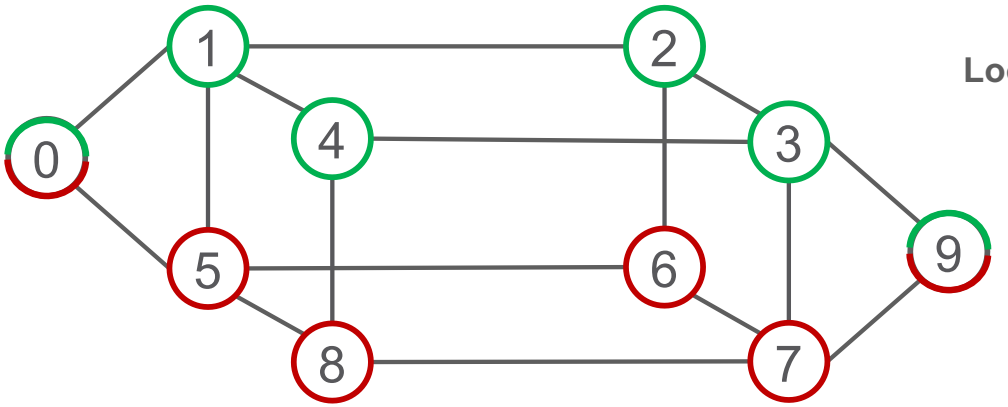
- Same applies to OSPF
- Same applies to SRv6

IETF

- draft-ietf-spring-segment-routing
  - Prefix-SID per Algorithm
- draft-ietf-spring-segment-routing-policy
  - SR Policy architecture, ODN, AS
- draft-ietf-lsr-flex-algo
  - Customization of Algo and consistency
- draft-ketant-idr-bgp-ls-flex-algo
  - Flex-Algo definition advertisement with BGP Link-State
- draft-ietf-isis-te-app
  - Used to flood Flex-Algo specific link affinities
- RFC7810 (IS-IS Traffic Engineering (TE) Metric Extensions)
  - Used to advertise extended TE metrics – e.g. link delay

SR Flexible Algorithm Use-Cases

Use-Case - Multi-Plane Networks



Loopback 1.1.1.9/32

16009 Algo 0

16809 Flex-Algo 128

16909 Flex-Algo 129

- All the nodes support Algo 0: minimize IGP metric
- Green nodes also support 128: minimize IGP metric
- Red nodes also support 129: minimize Delay

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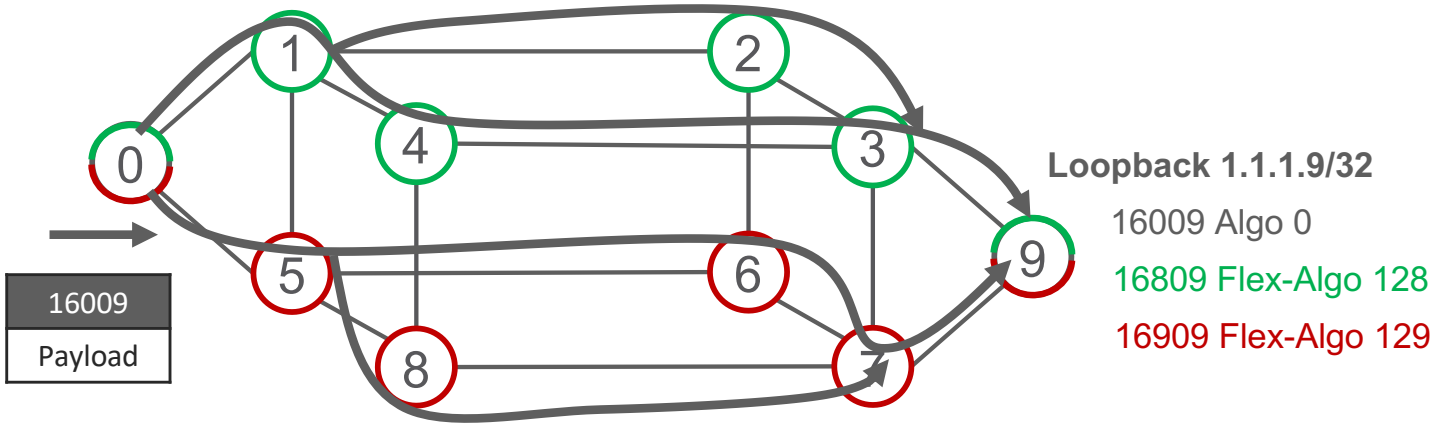

- Path to Node 9 across Algo 0

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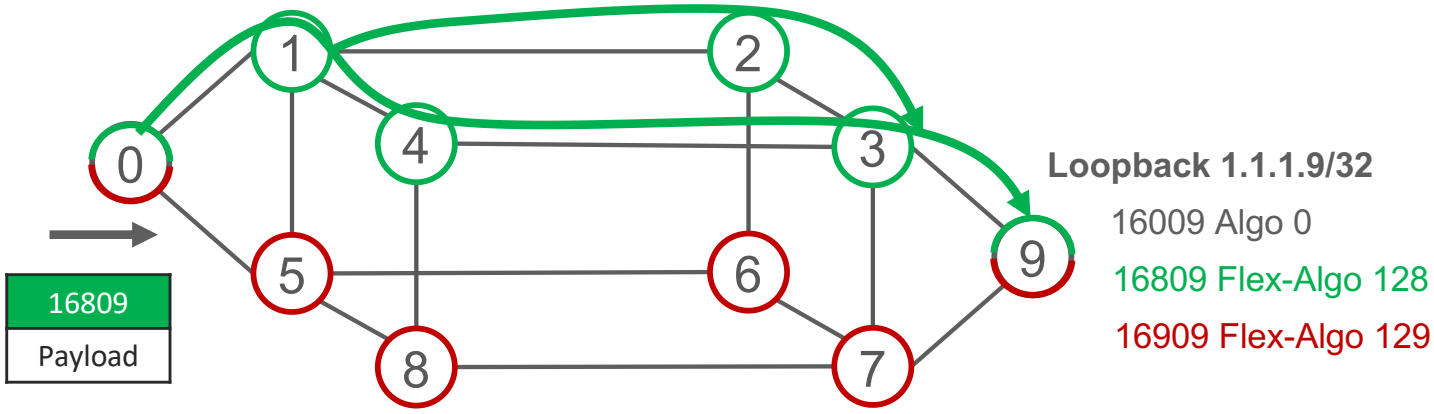

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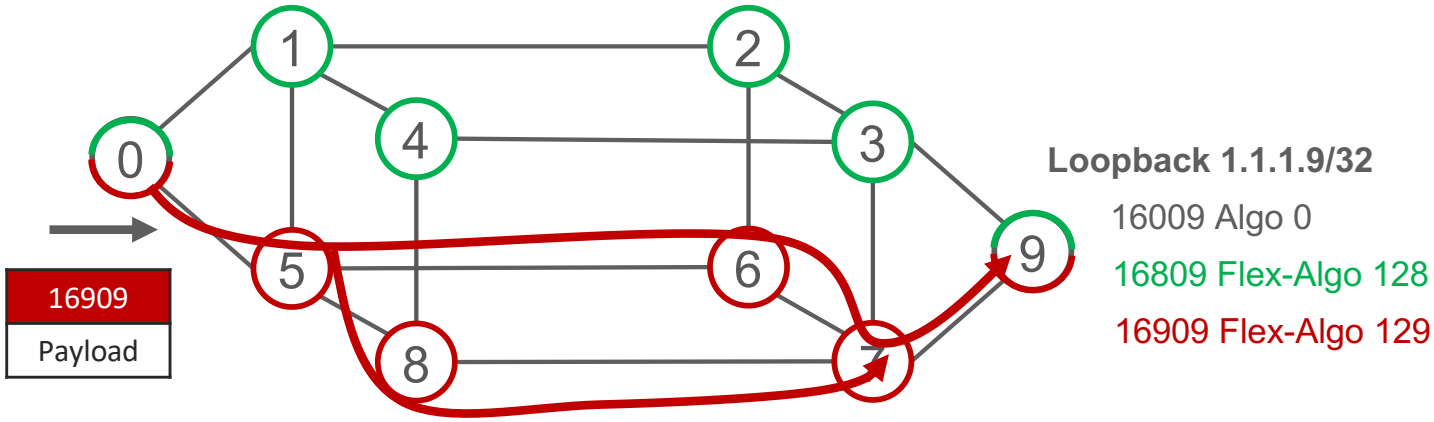

- Path to Node 9 across Flex-Algo 129

Automated Steering

- SRTE Automated Steering (AS) is leveraged for IGP Flex-Algo

```
segment-routing
  traffic-eng
    on-demand color 100
       dynamic mpls
          sid-algorithm 128
```

“Any 100-colored BGP route should be steered via the prefix-SID(ALGO 128) of the BGP nhop”

Cisco IOS-XR configurations shown

Automated Steering – Multi-Plane

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  flex-algo 128
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FIB

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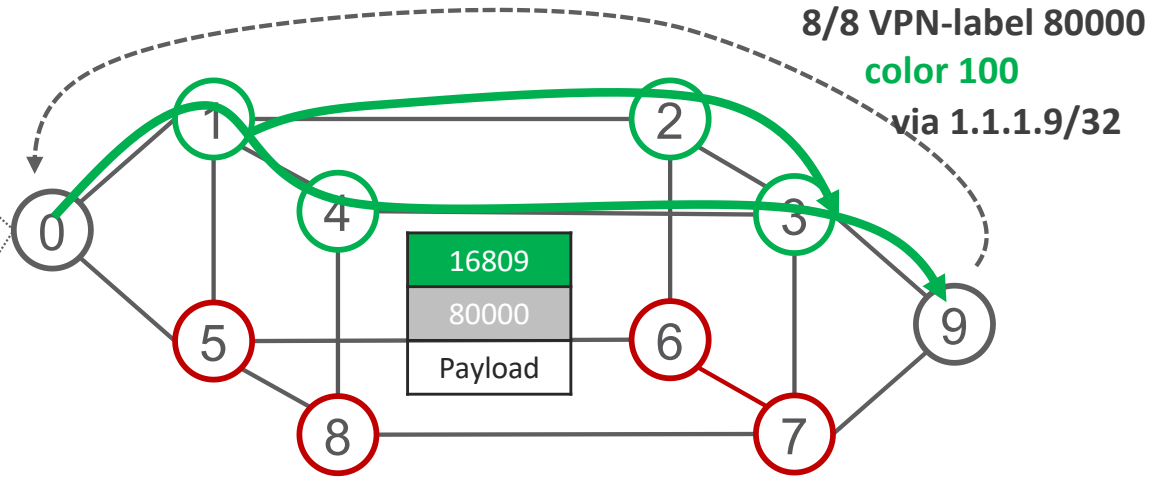

- Node 0 automatically steers any BGP route **with color 100** from 9 via 16809 hence via the green plane only
- One single Flex-Algo Prefix-SID expresses the end-to-end SLA path

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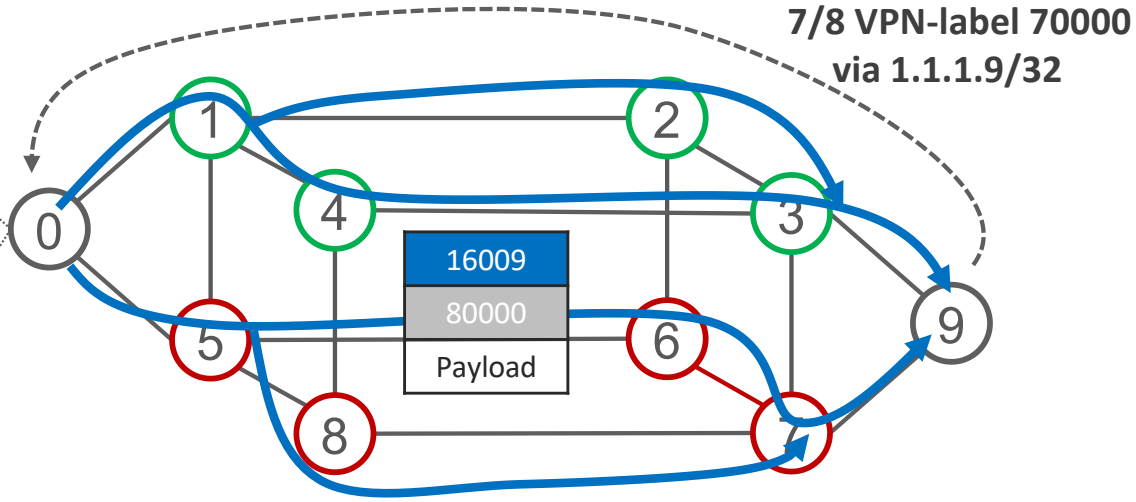
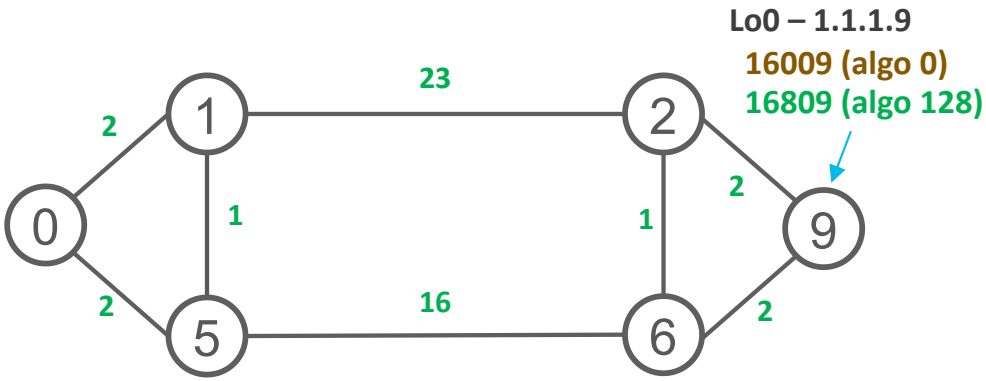
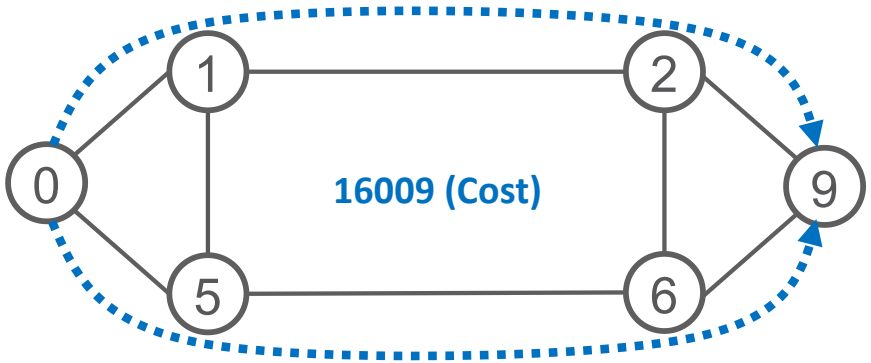


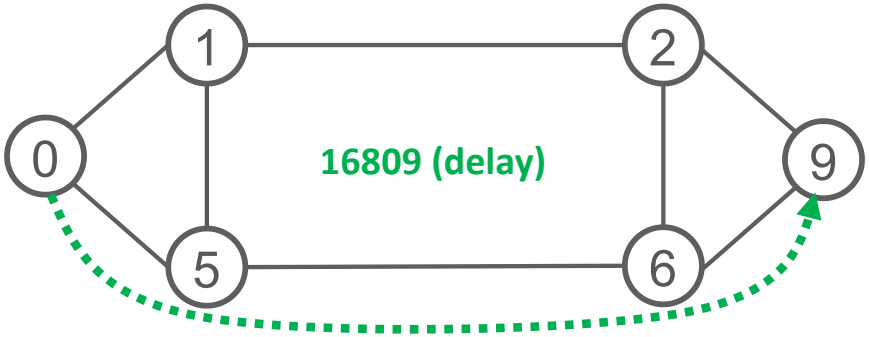
- Node 0 automatically steers any BGP route **without color** from 9 via 16009 (any plane)

Use-Case – Delay vs Cost of Transport

- All nodes support Algo 0 & 128
- ISIS link metric 10
- Algo 128: minimize delay metric
- Per-link measurement of delay and advertisement as delay metric via ISIS
- Delay metric at that time shown in green

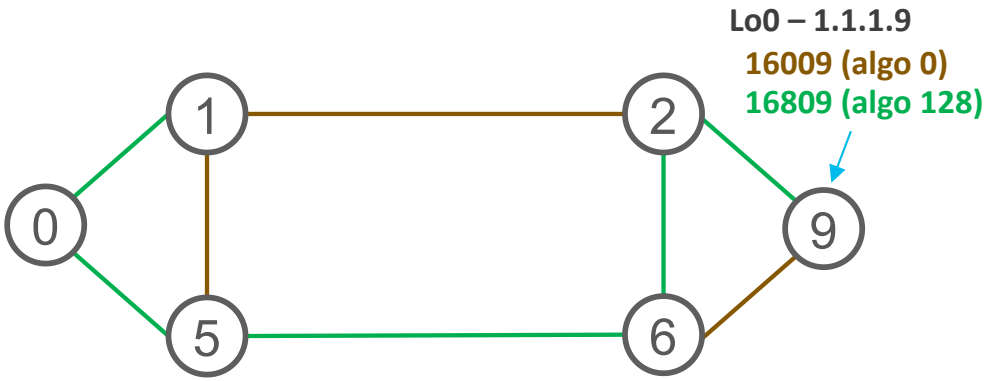


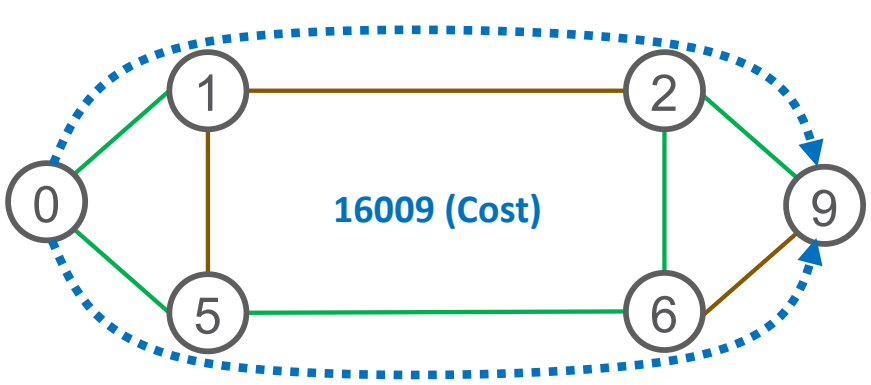


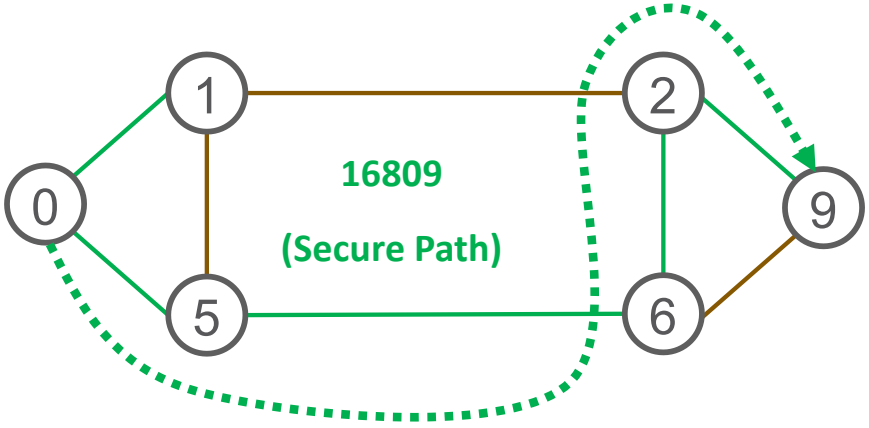


Use-Case – SRTE for Intelligent Secure Paths

- ISIS link metric 10
- Link colors shown **Unencrypted** / **Encrypted**
- All nodes support Algo 0 & 128
- Algo 128: minimize IGP while traversing links with encryption enabled (**exclude brown**)
- Per-link colors flooded in IGP

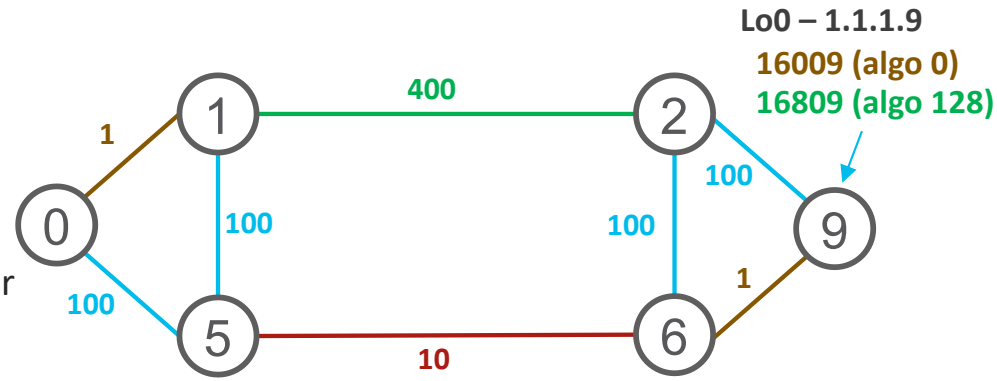


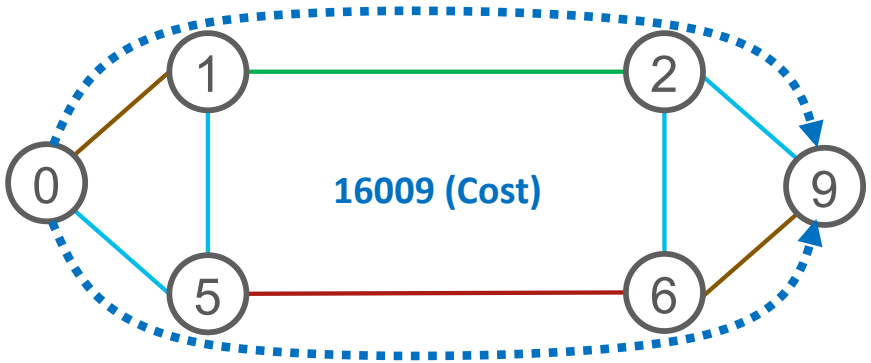


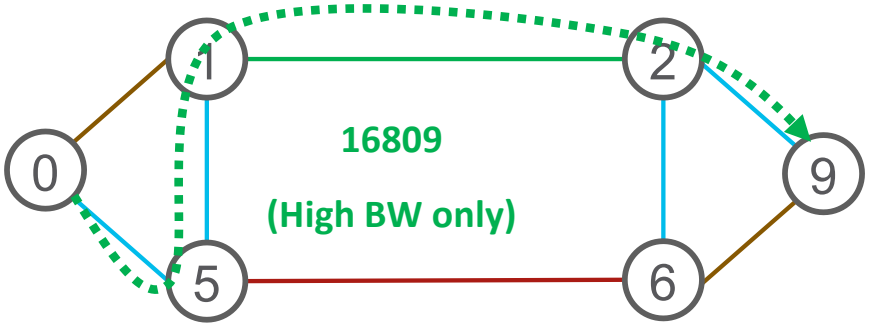


Use-Case - SRTE for High-BW Links Preference

- ISIS link metric 10
- Link colors shown **1G** / **10G** / **100G** / **400G**
- All nodes support Algo 0 & 128
- Algo 128: minimize IGP while traversing links of 100G or more (**exclude brown and red**)
- Per-link colors flooded in IGP







If we had more time …

- Inter-Domain path computation with Flex-Algo

Conclusions

SR IGP Flexible Algorithm

- Complements the SRTE solution by adding new Prefix-Segments with specific optimization objective and constraints
  - minimize igp-metric or delay or te-metric
  - avoid link-affinity or SRLG
- TE path from anywhere to anywhere automatically computed by IGP
- Single SID is used to enforce traffic on the Flex-Algo specific path
- Leverages the SRTE benefits of simplicity and automation
  - Automated sub-50msec FRR (LFA / TI-LFA)
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