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Proxy-Arp considered harmful

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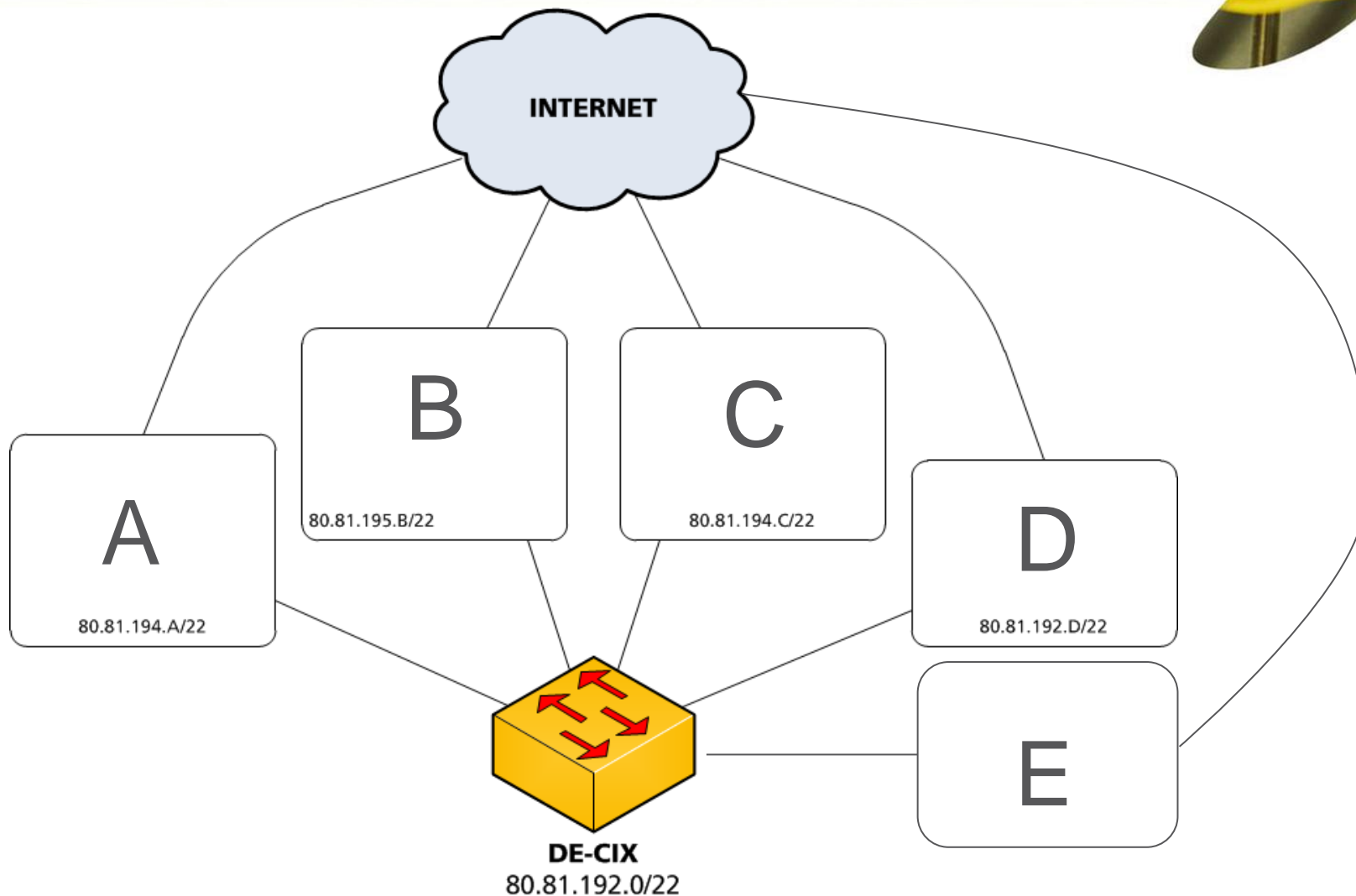
Proxy ARP – a recap

We do not want Proxy ARP on our platform

- Security tests
 - Configuration tests
 - Light levels
 - Counters

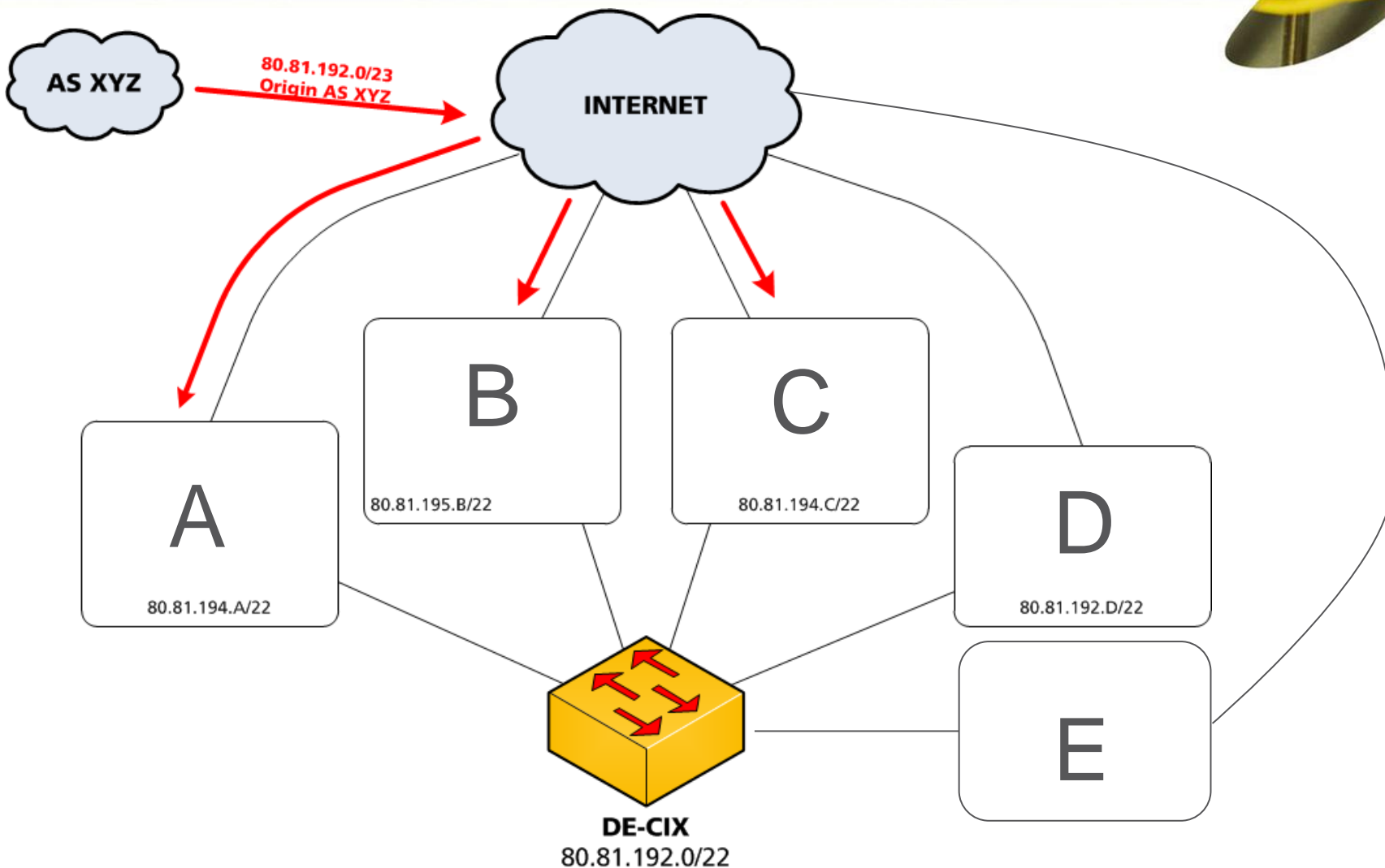


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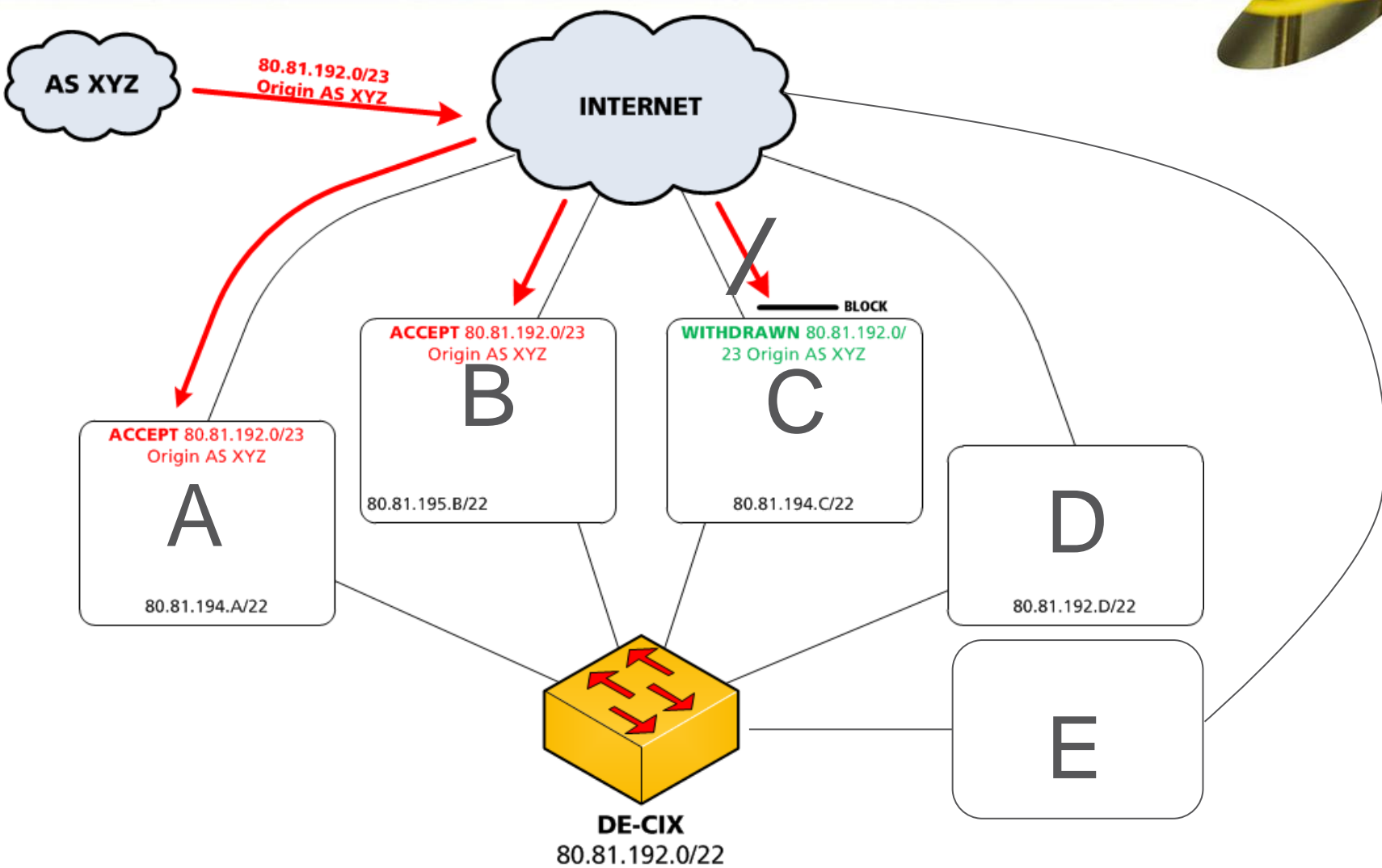


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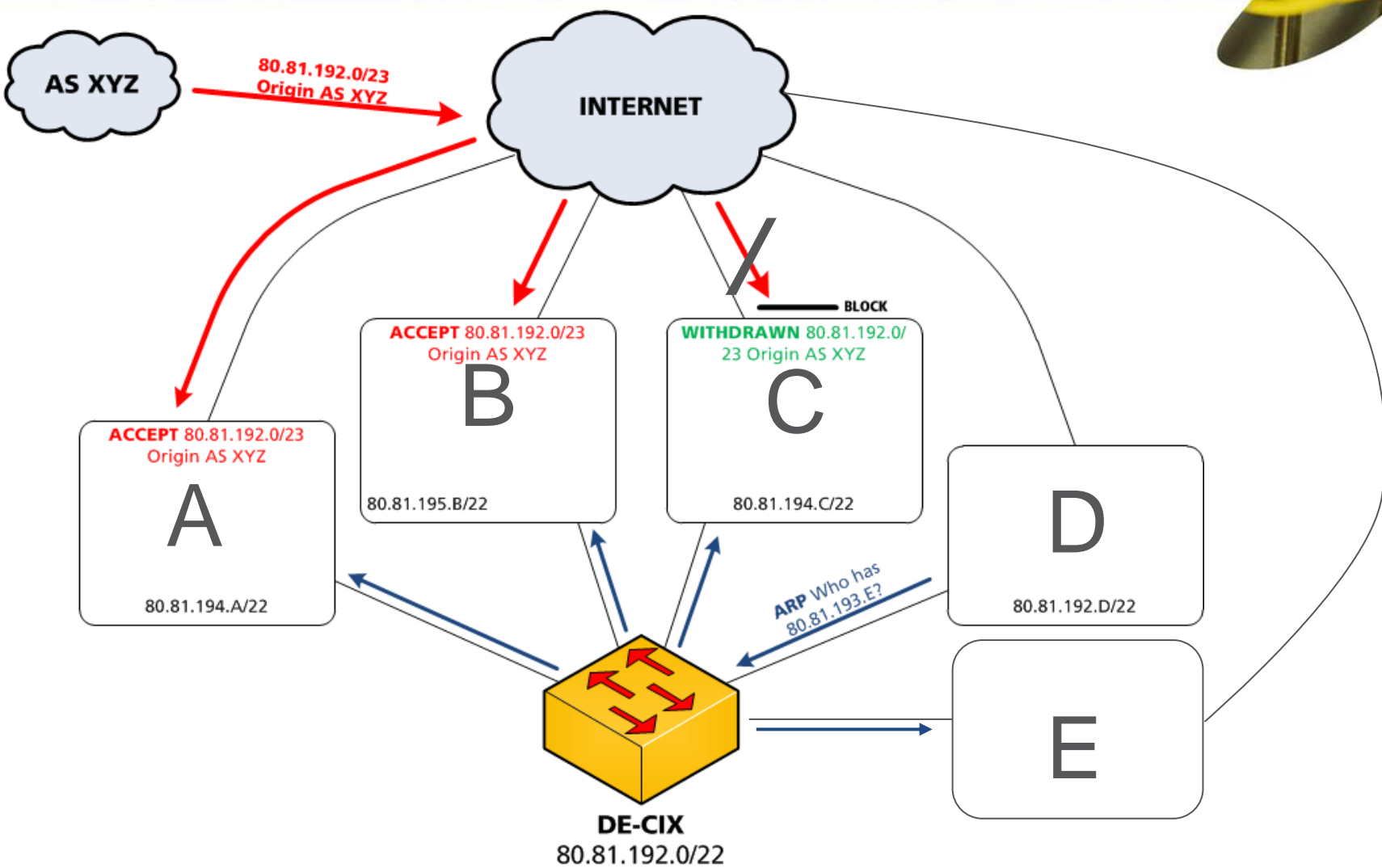


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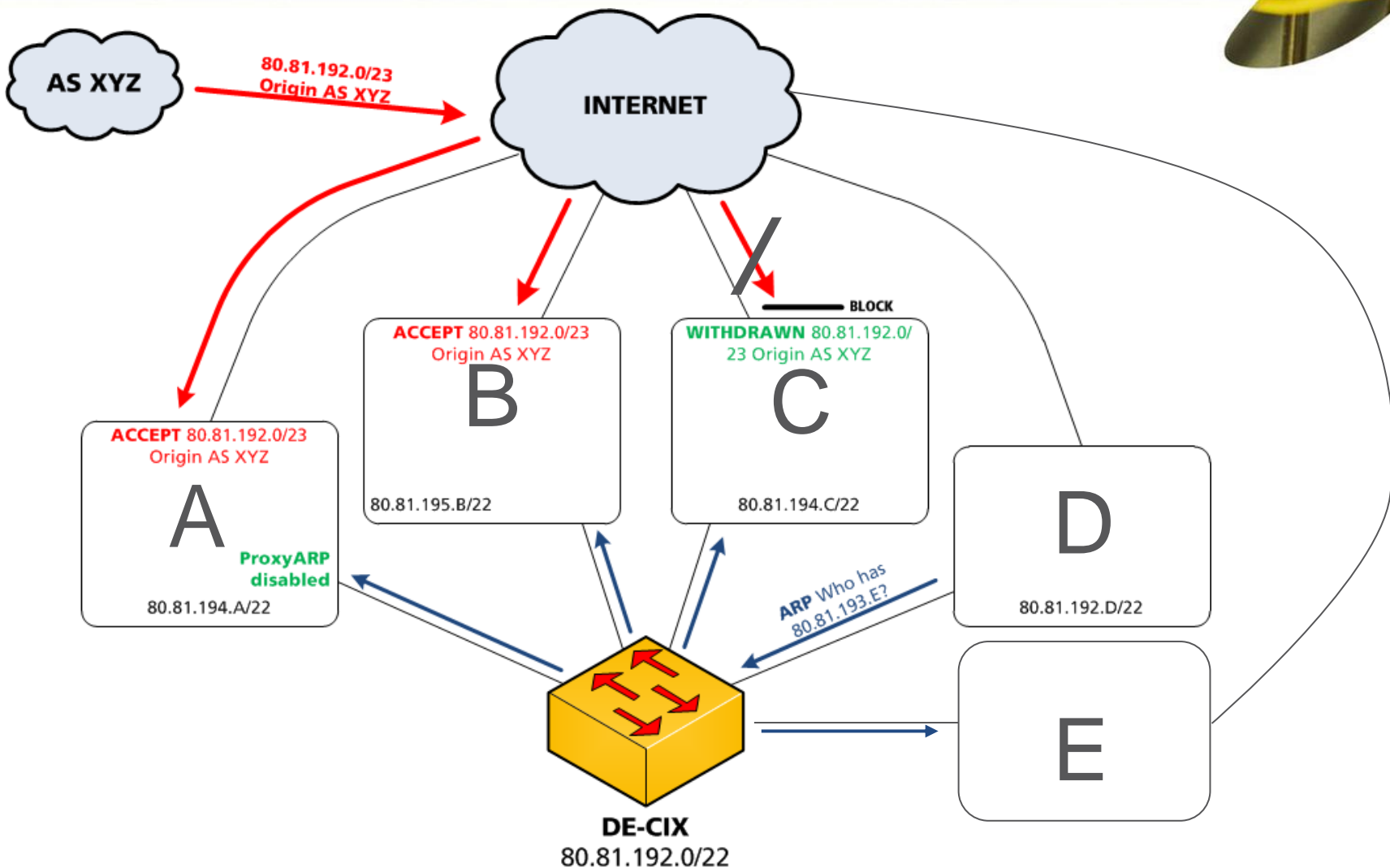


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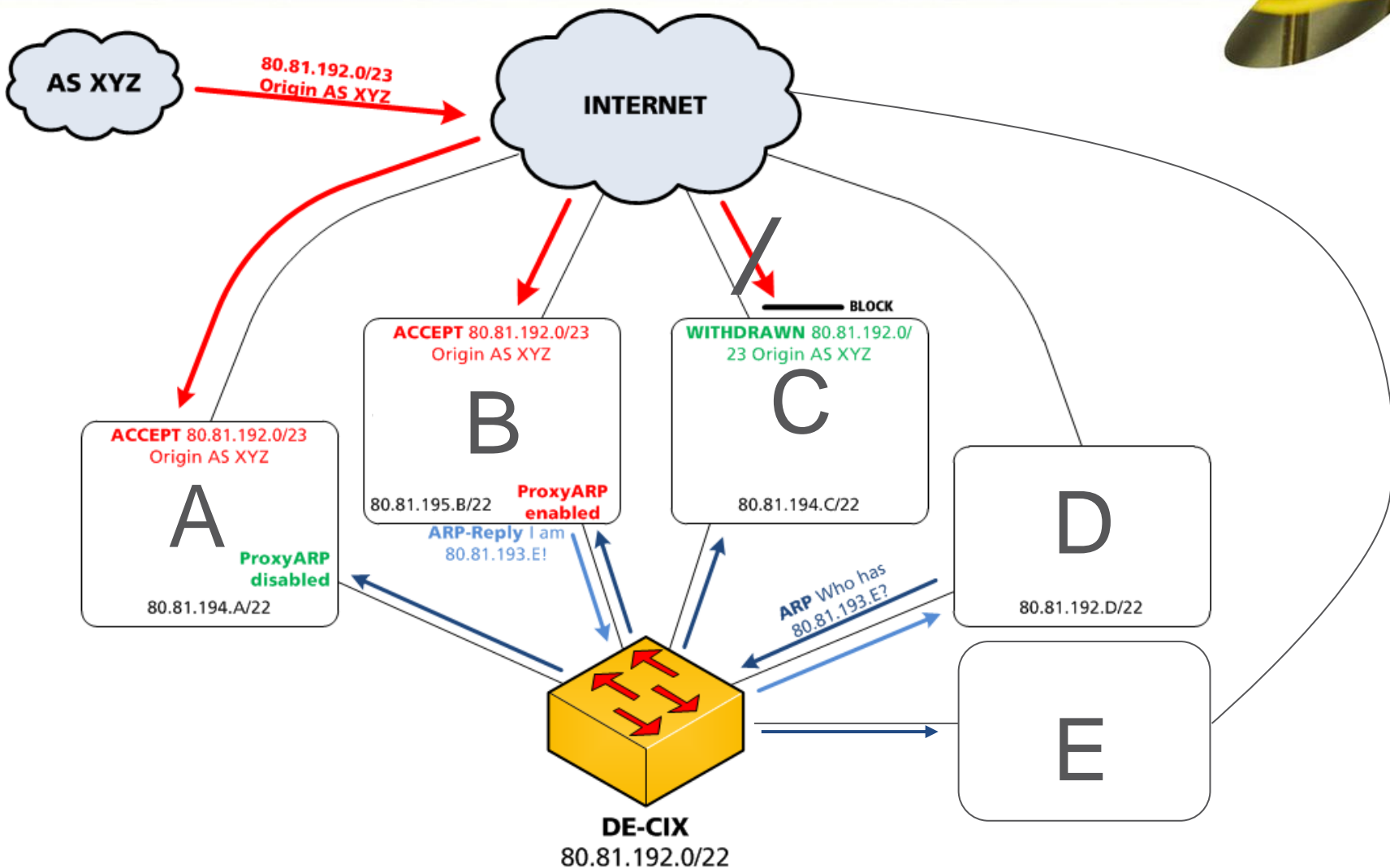


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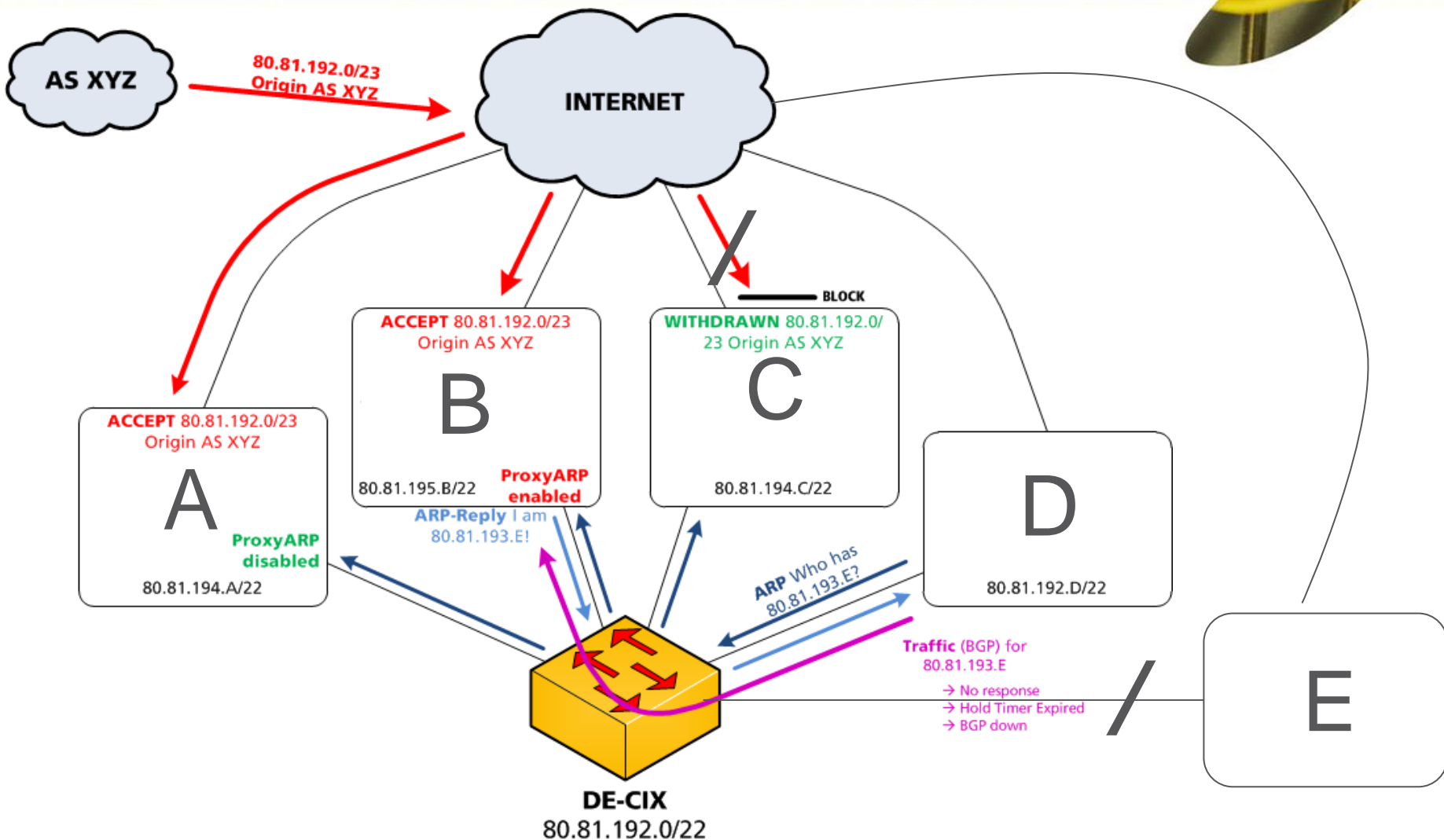


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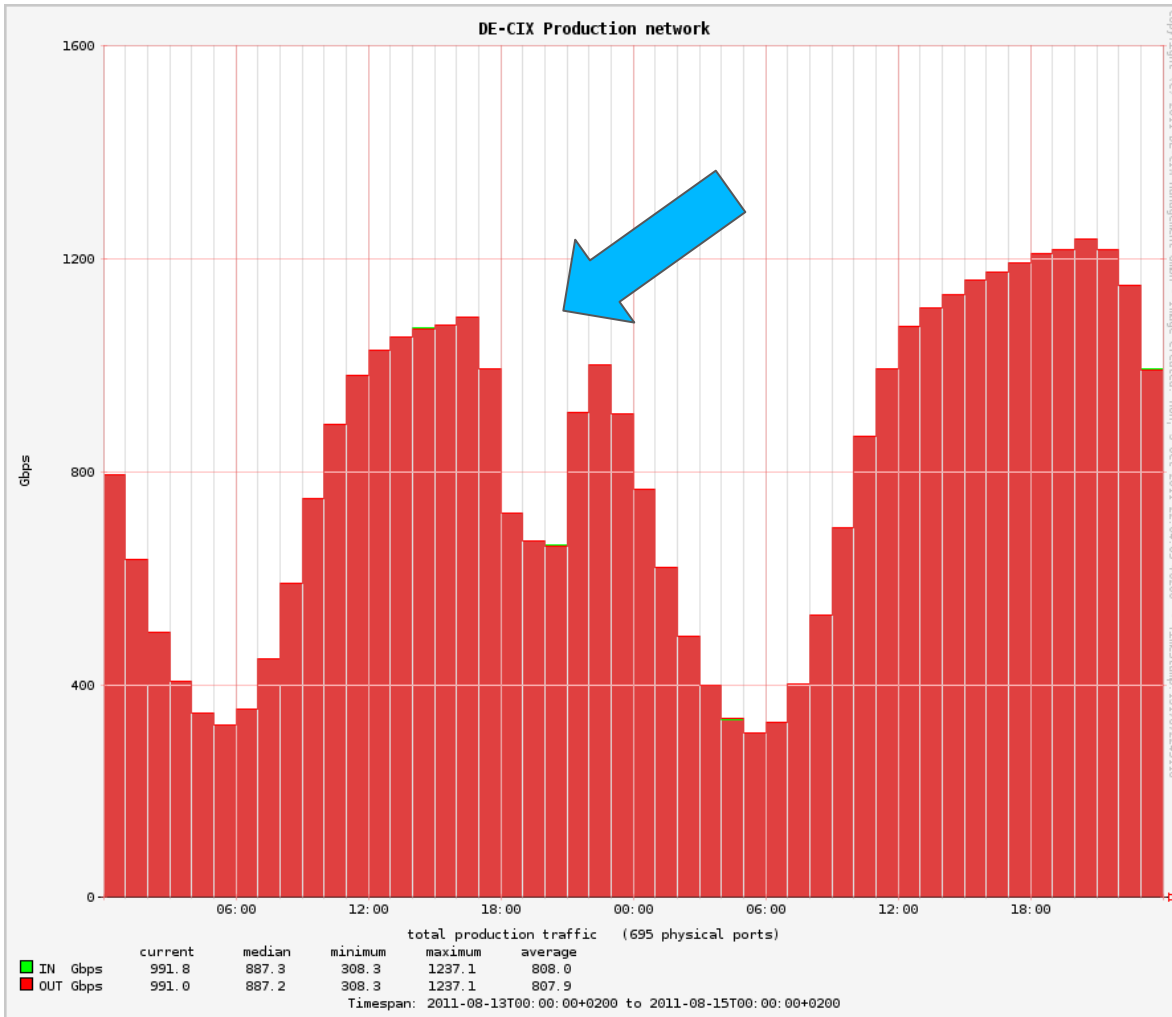


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The 2011-08-13 incident:

It was a Saturday.

It was peak time.

It took 3.5 hours to fix

145 customers affected

Up to 45% traffic loss



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Countermeasures:

- Regular proactive checks to identify proxy ARP

Additional Countermeasures:

- Vendor implementation: disable default proxy ARP
- Use of dynamic ARP inspection with static bindings



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Thank you

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