The RPKI Wayback Machine

(or: Ziggy says there's a 50% chance we'll end up in 2011)

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What we wanted to do

- At NLnet Labs, **we make RPKI Relying Party software** called Routinator
- **Routinator** has seen a **lot of uptake in production** (**thank you!**)
- We want to **test our software** to ensure it is robust
- **Enter:**
  8 years of RPKI ROA data for all the RIRs provided by RIPE NCC!

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How we processed the data

- **RIPE NCC archived all RPKI repositories** pretty much **since RPKI day zero**
- We got **dumps in .tar.gz files** with all RPKI objects, but no historic TALs
- So **we wrote a tool we called "Ziggy"** to transport us **back in RPKI time**

Interlude: Ziggy!

- Remember Quantum Leap? I do :-)

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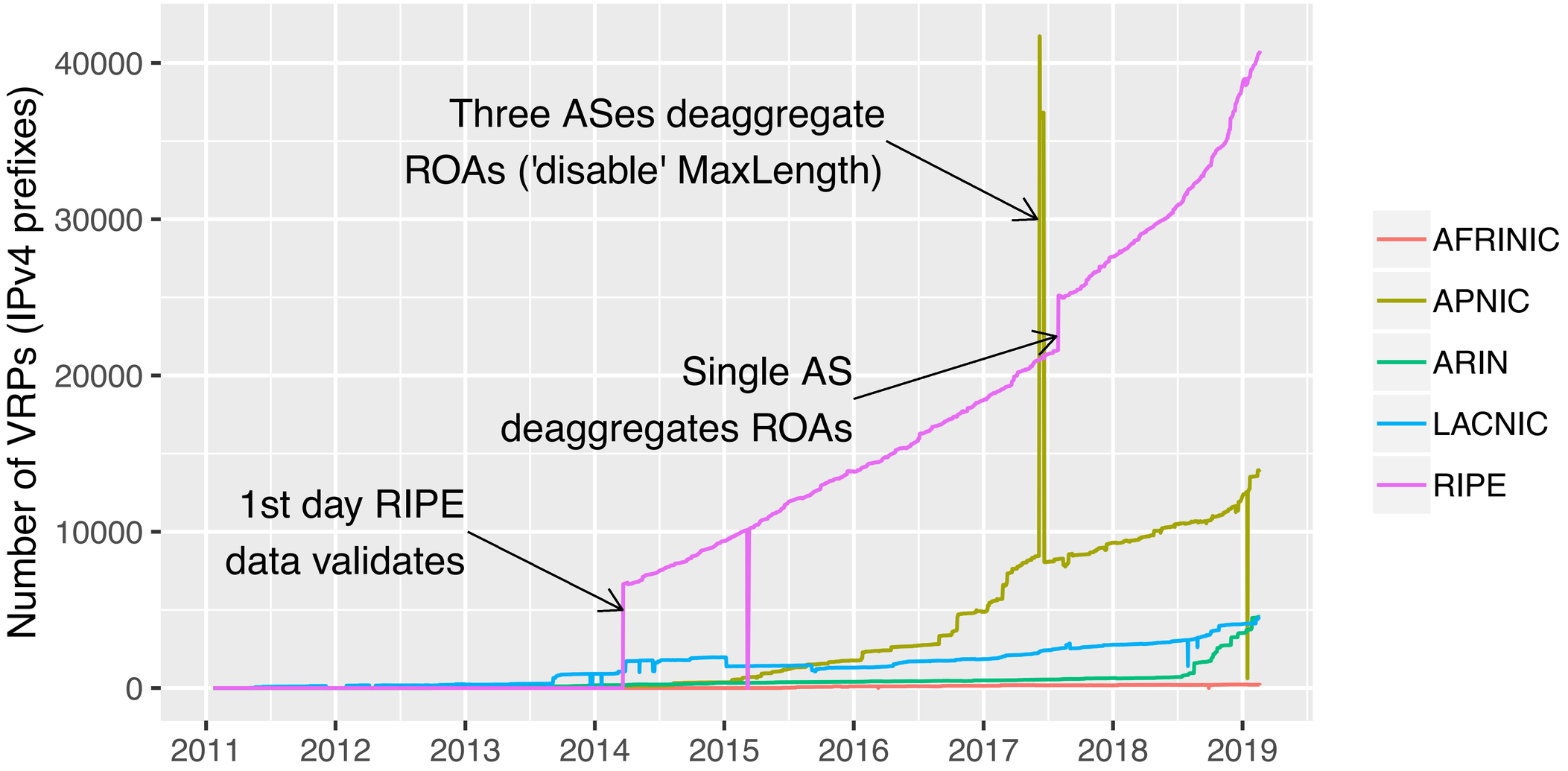
What did Ziggy do?

- You can **give Ziggy** (our Python script) **a date**, and it will then:
  - **Find and unpack all .tar.gz files** for that date, in a Routinator-friendly structure
  - **Recreate TALs** based on the trust anchors from the archives
  - **Run Routinator using "faketime"** for the specified date
- We did this from **January 2011 to February 2019**

Quick recap: jargon

- Reminder (also if you read the slides later):
- **RPKI** **R**esource **P**ublic **K**ey **I**nfrastructure
- **ROA** **R**oute **O**rigin **A**uthorisation
  (authorises a certain AS to announce certain prefixes)
- **VRP** **V**erified **R**OA **P**ayload (yes, acronym in acronym...)
  (a cryptographically valid statement about a prefix from a ROA)

Growth of VRPs over time



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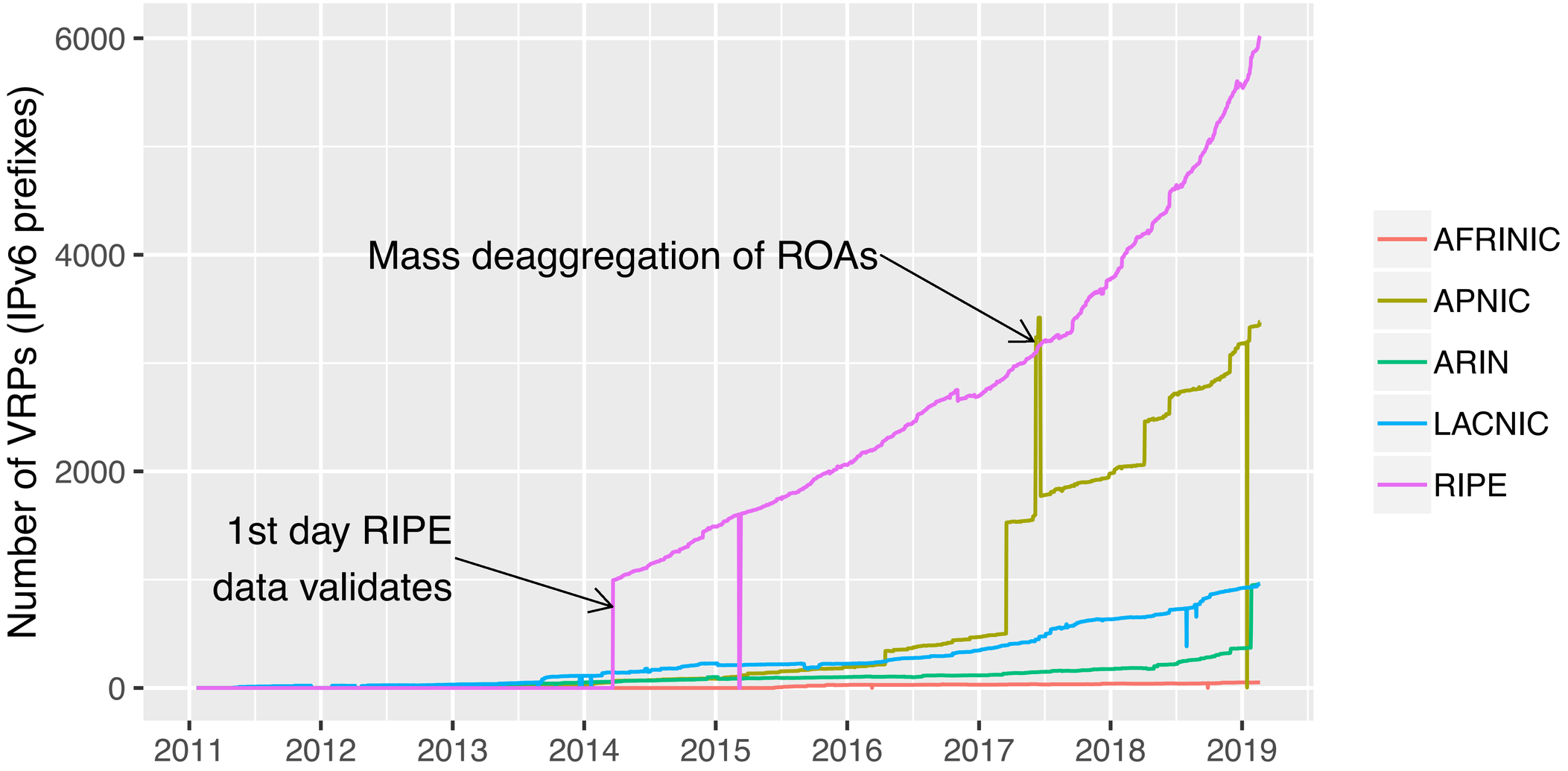
Of course *also* for IPv6 ;-)



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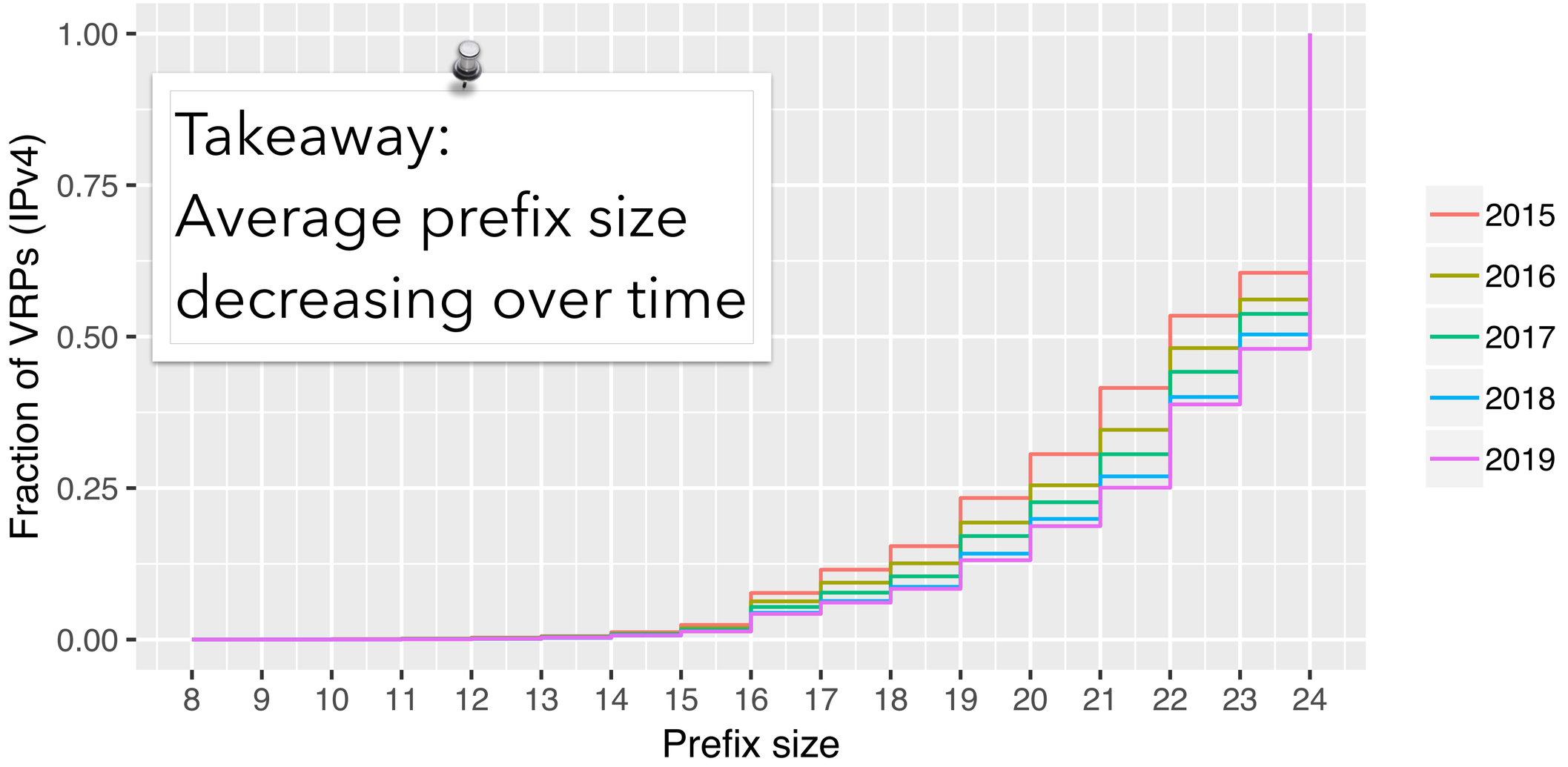

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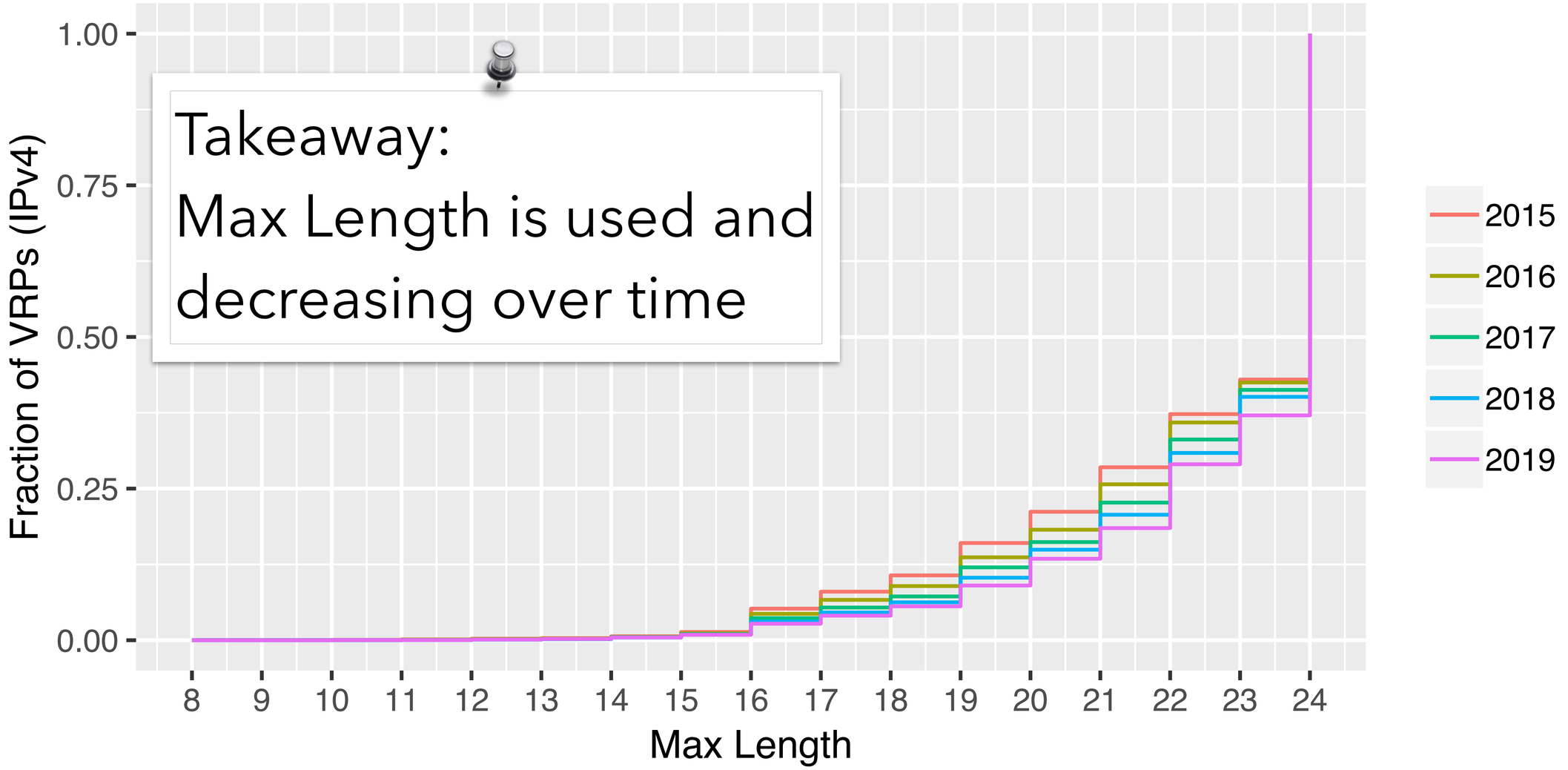

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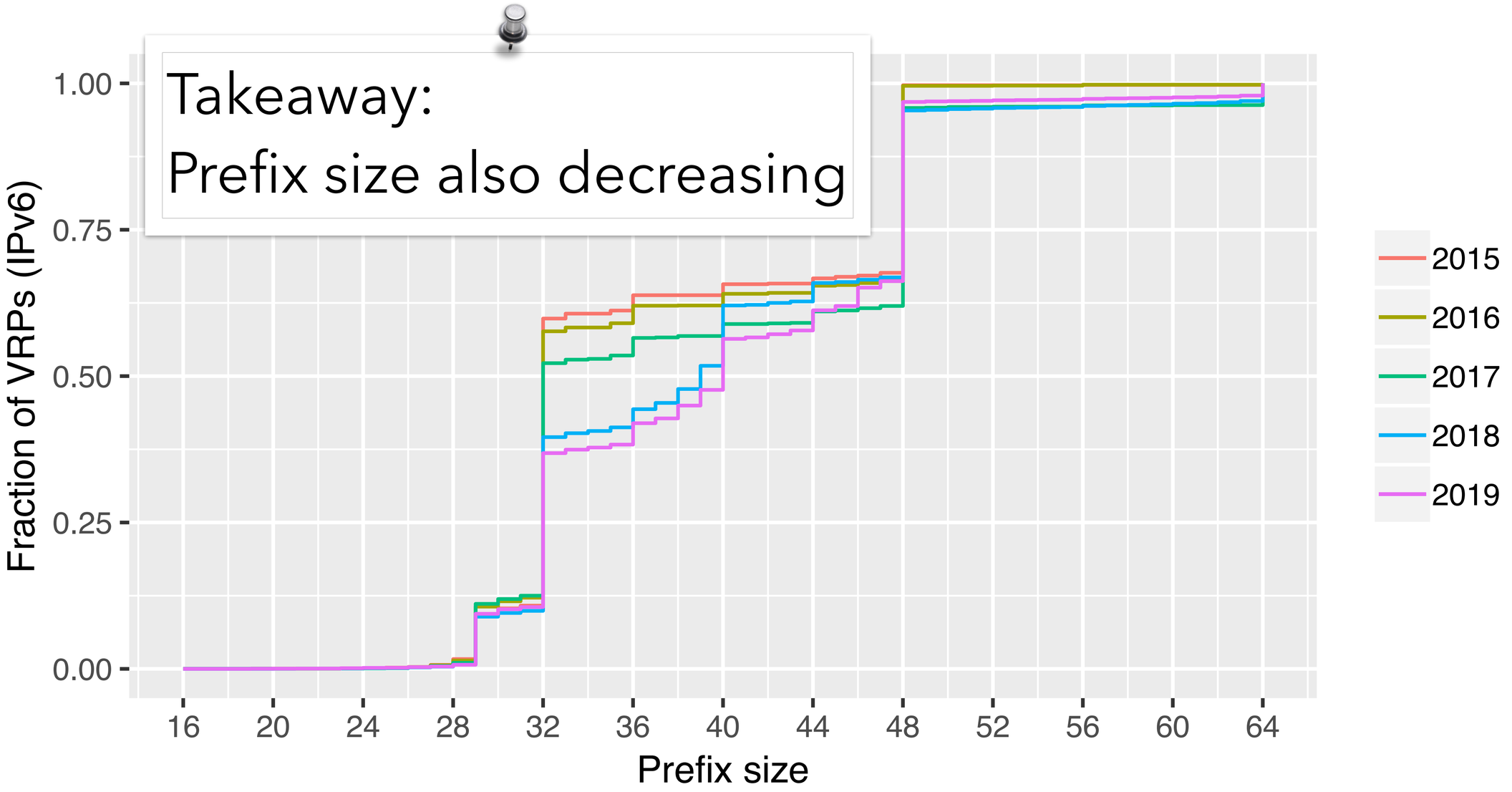

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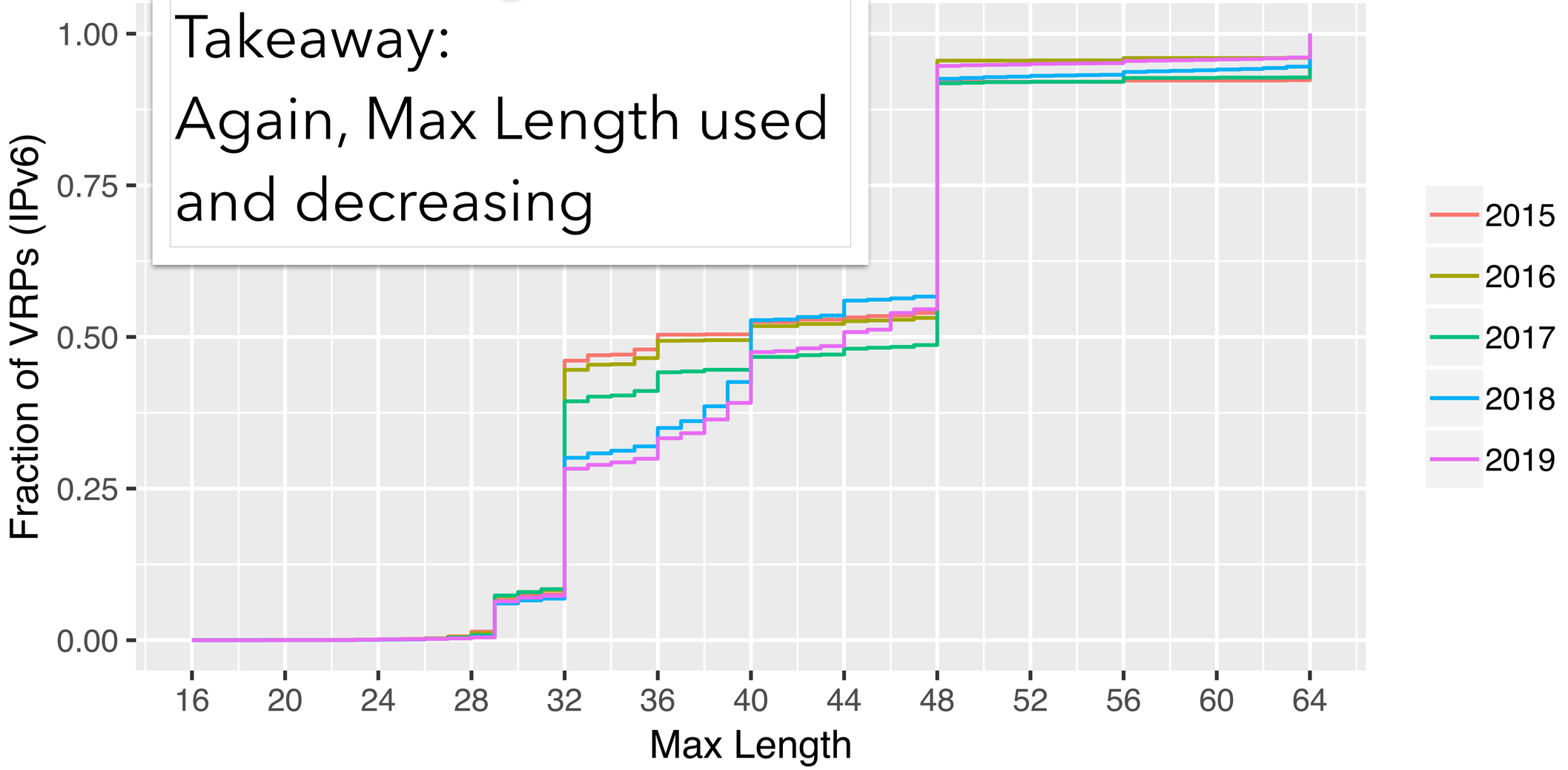
Takeaway:
Again, Max Length used and decreasing



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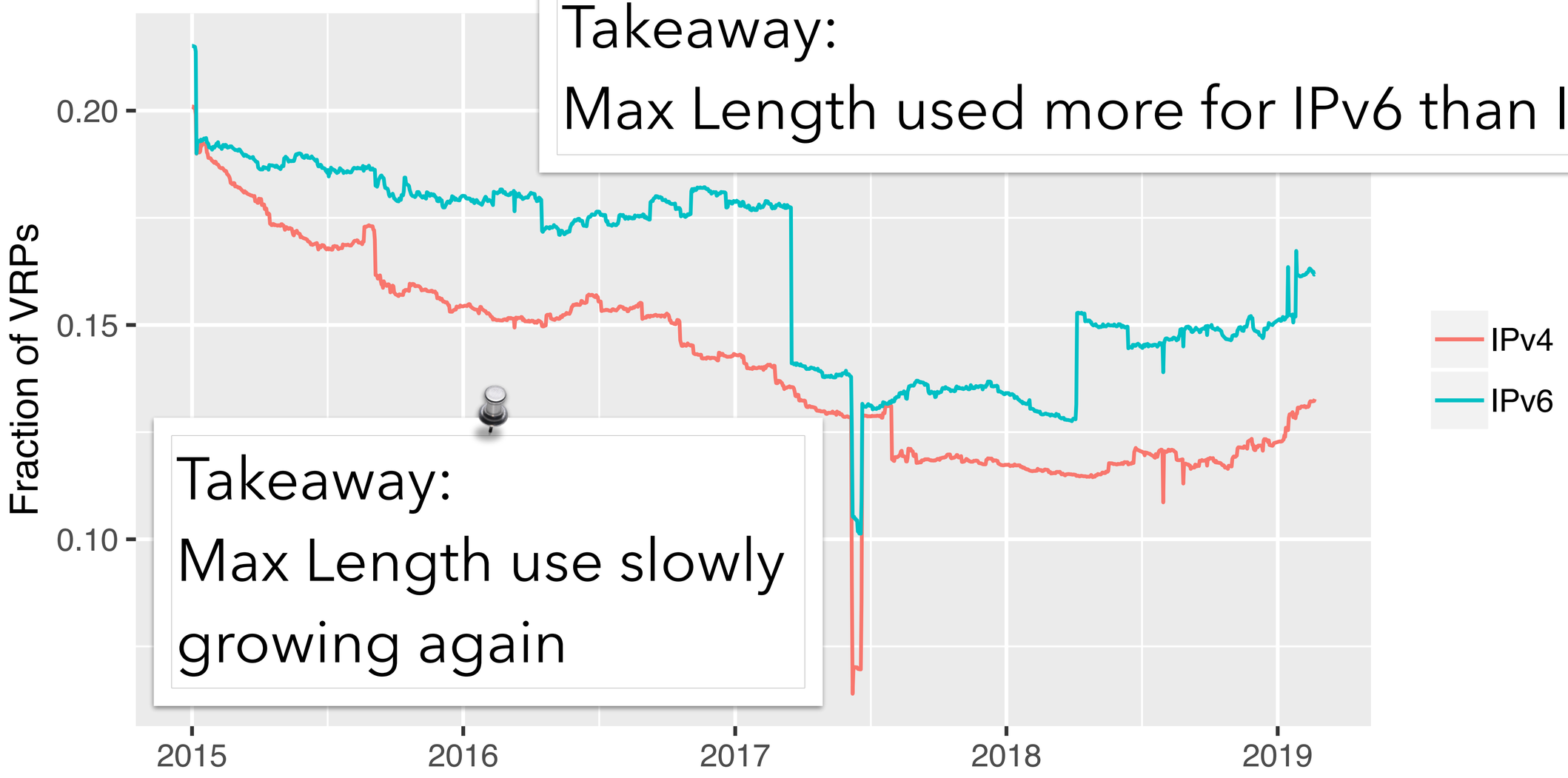
Use of Max Length over time

Takeaway:
Max Length used more for IPv6 than IPv4



Takeaway:
Max Length use slowly growing again

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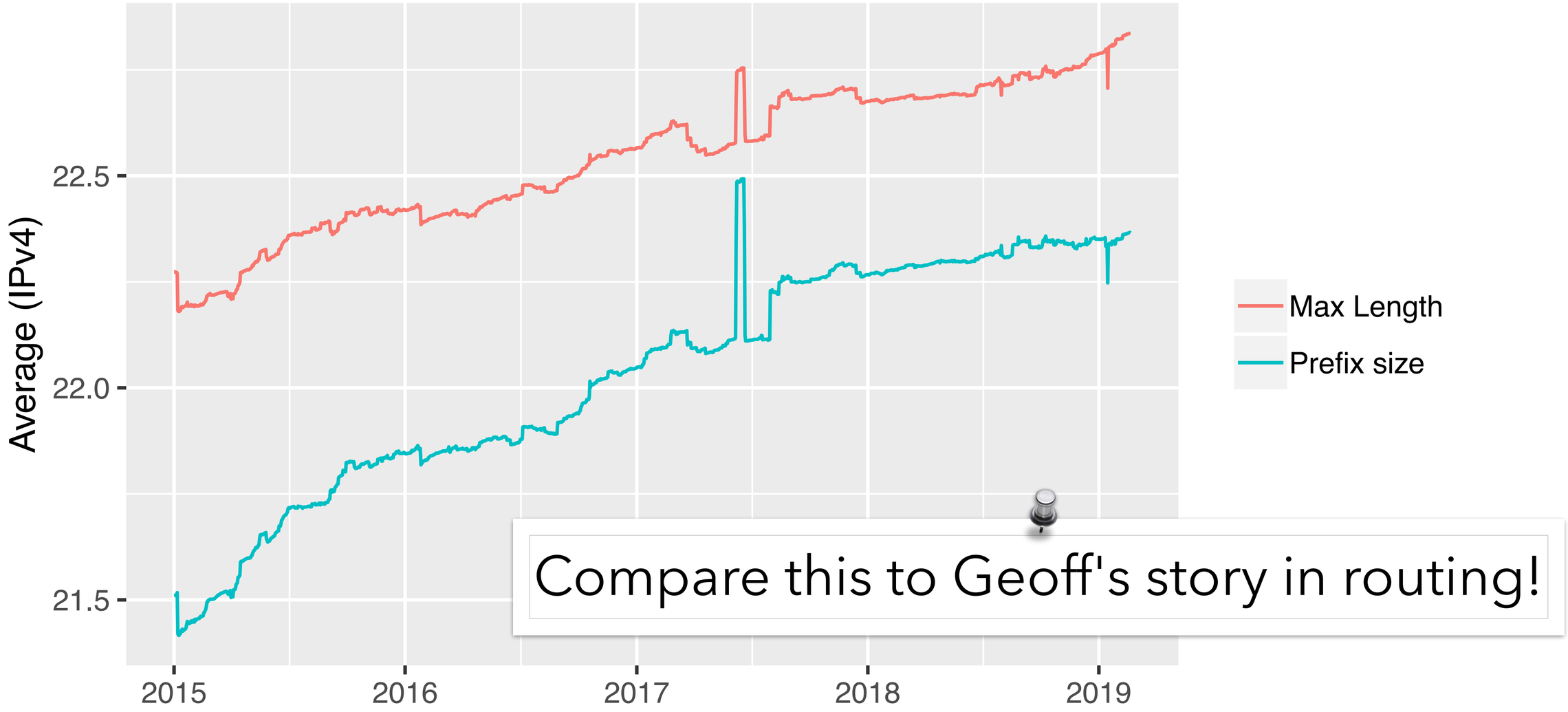
One more thing: average prefix size



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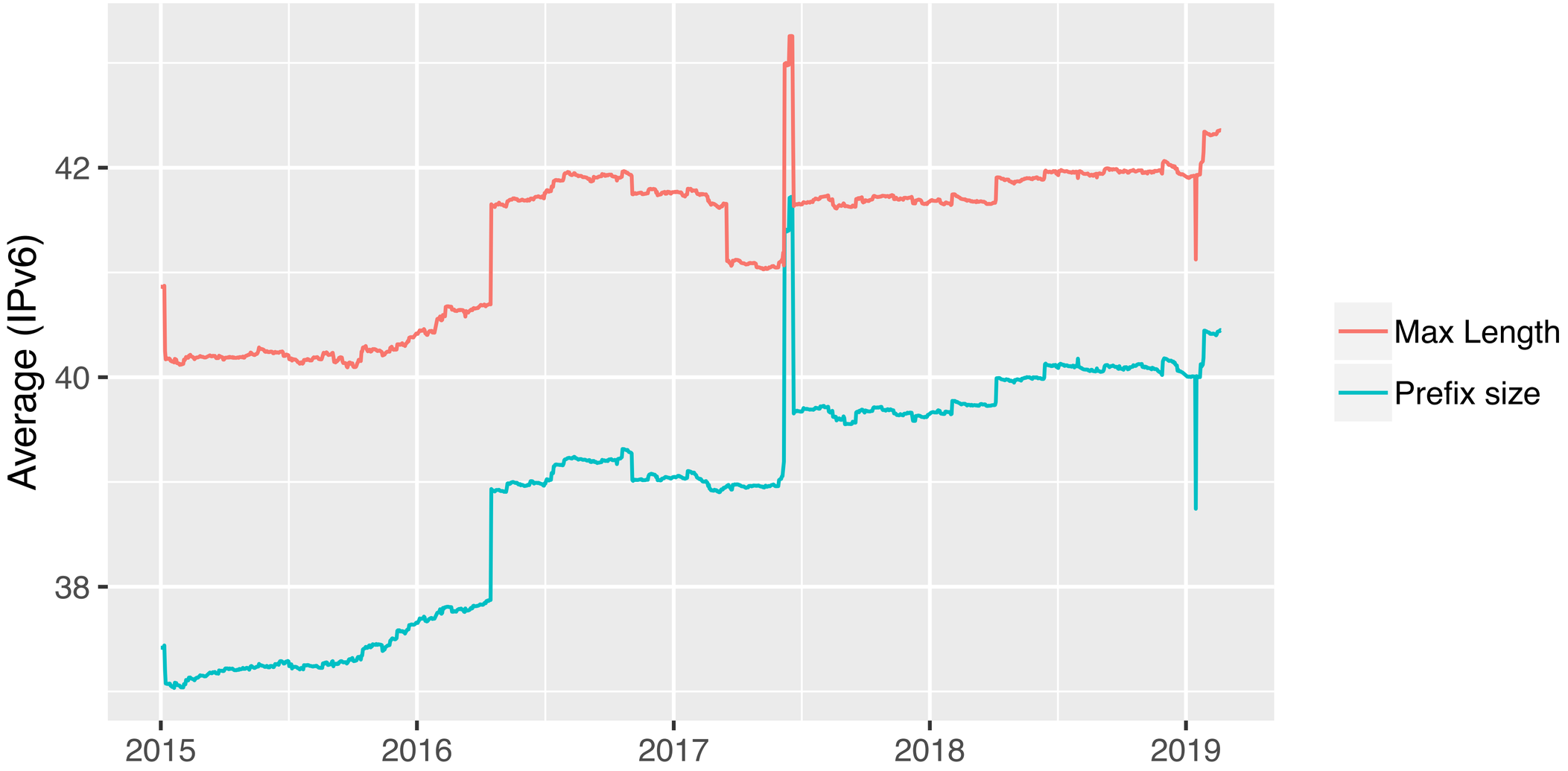
For IPv6 same(-ish) thing



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Conclusions

- We wanted to **test Routinator**; turns out **RPKI** use **took** some **time to stabilise to a** well-defined **standard**
  → *Action item: support older standards in Routinator*

- Very **interesting data**, **raises** lots of **questions** and can help **study** how **RPKI** is deployed **in practice**

- **Next step: compare** this **against routing information** over the same period (from RIS, RouteViews, ...)
  → *Working on a paper*

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Acknowledgements

- A big **thank you to** the **RIPE NCC and** to **Emile Aben** in particular for providing us with the RPKI dataset!

- We are discussing how this data can be made available publicly

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Thank you! Questions?

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BONUS SLIDES

Some more graphs we got from Ziggy that didn't make it to the lightning talk, because "time" ;-)

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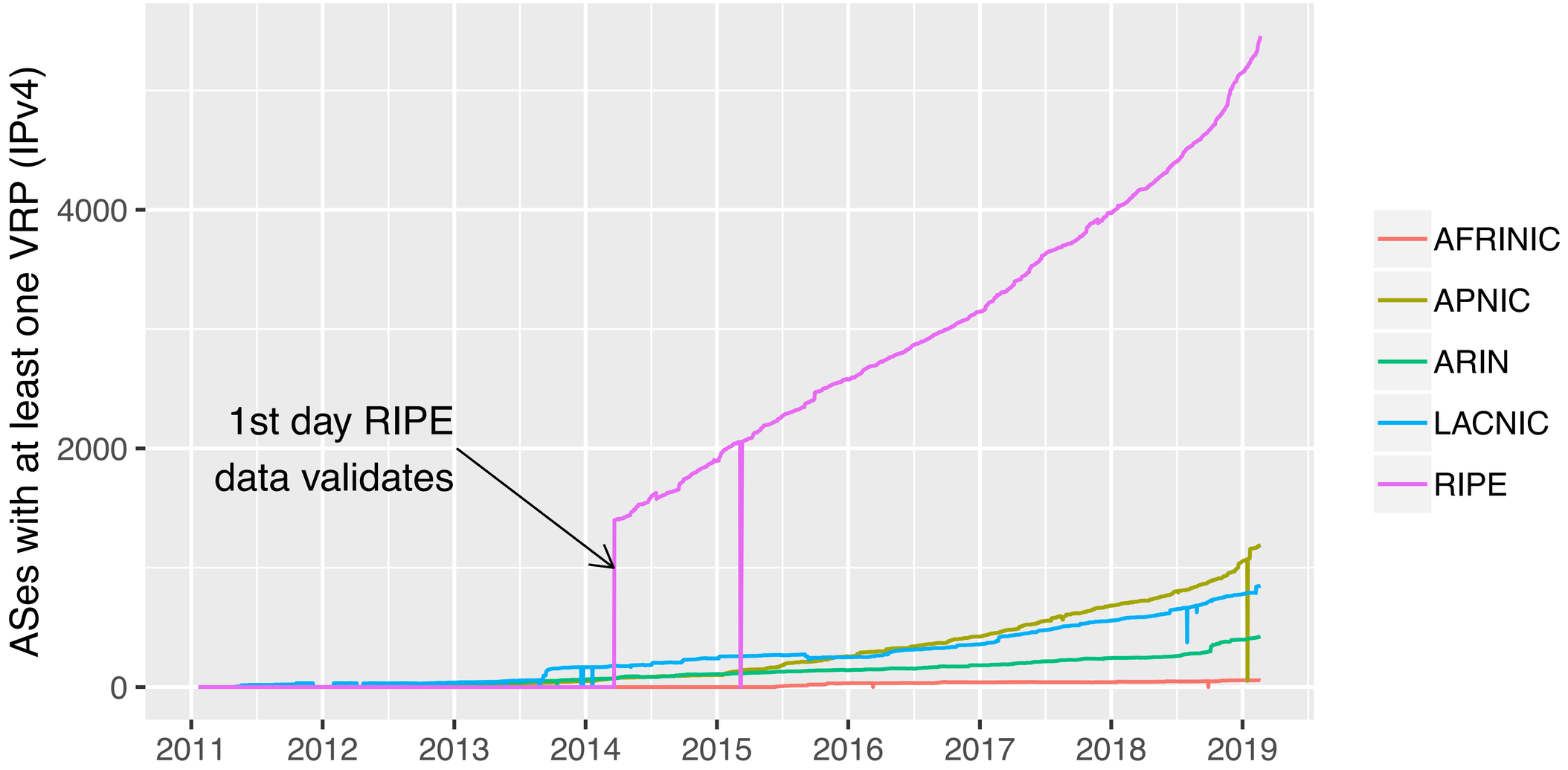

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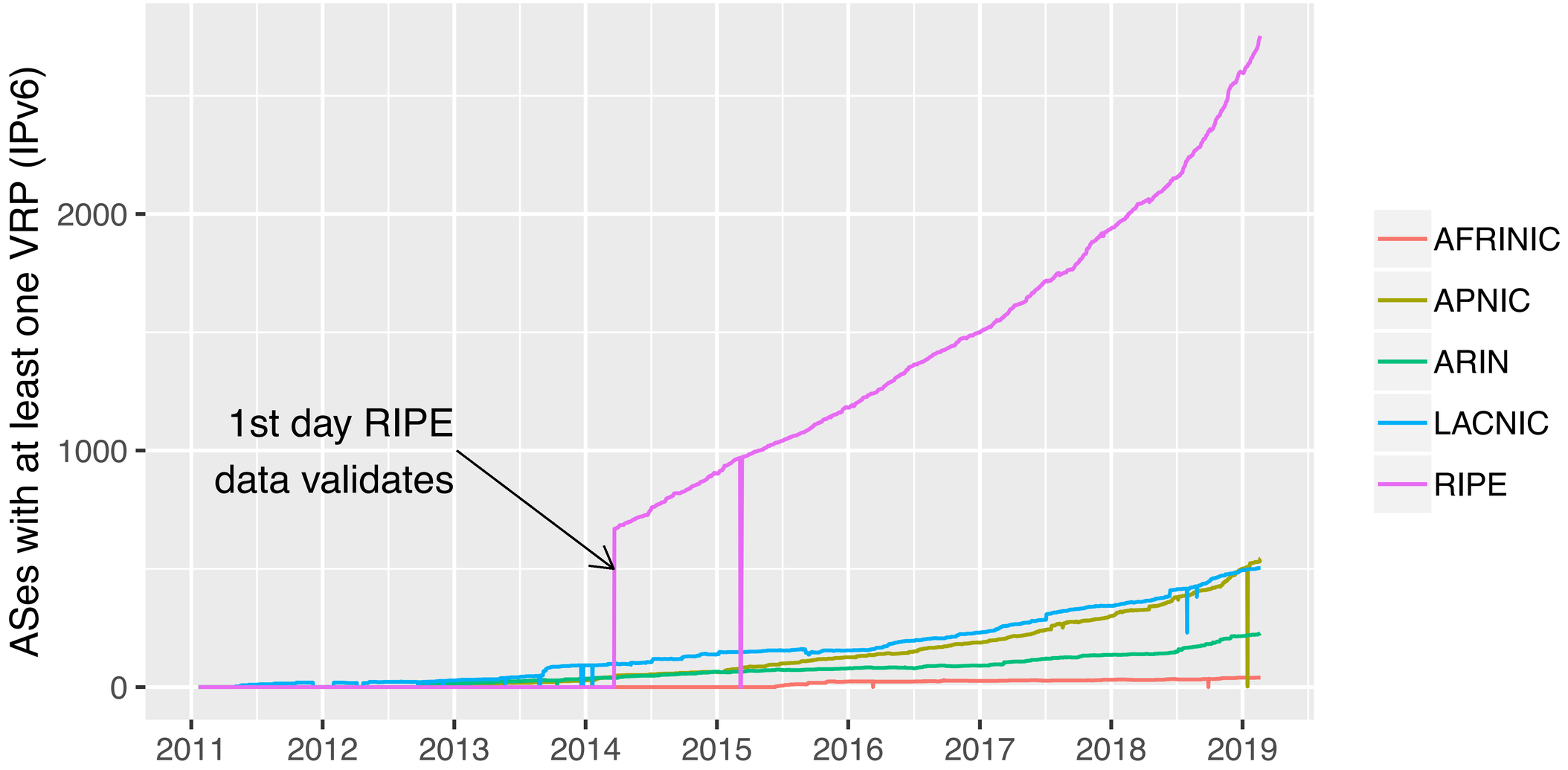

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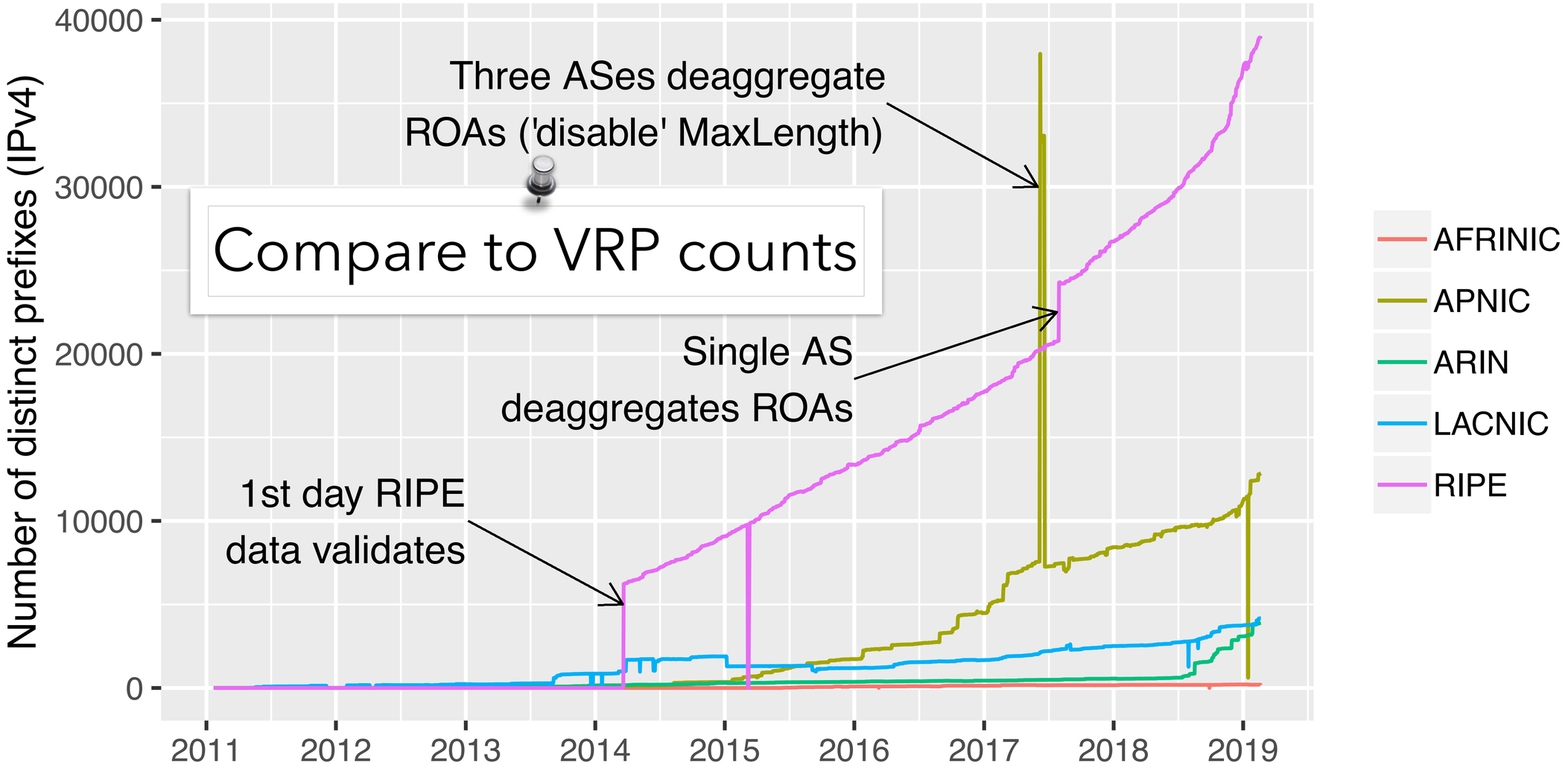

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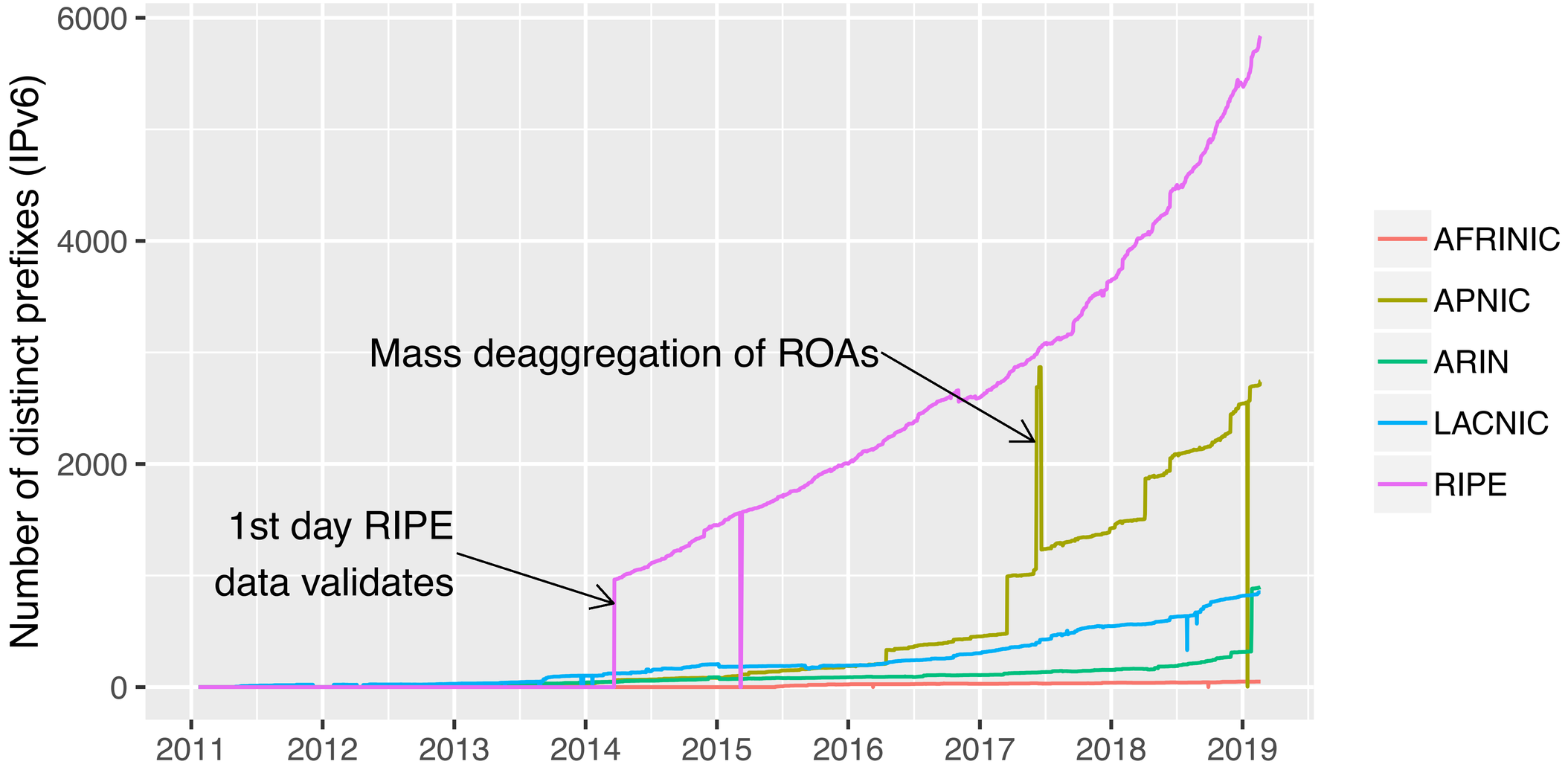

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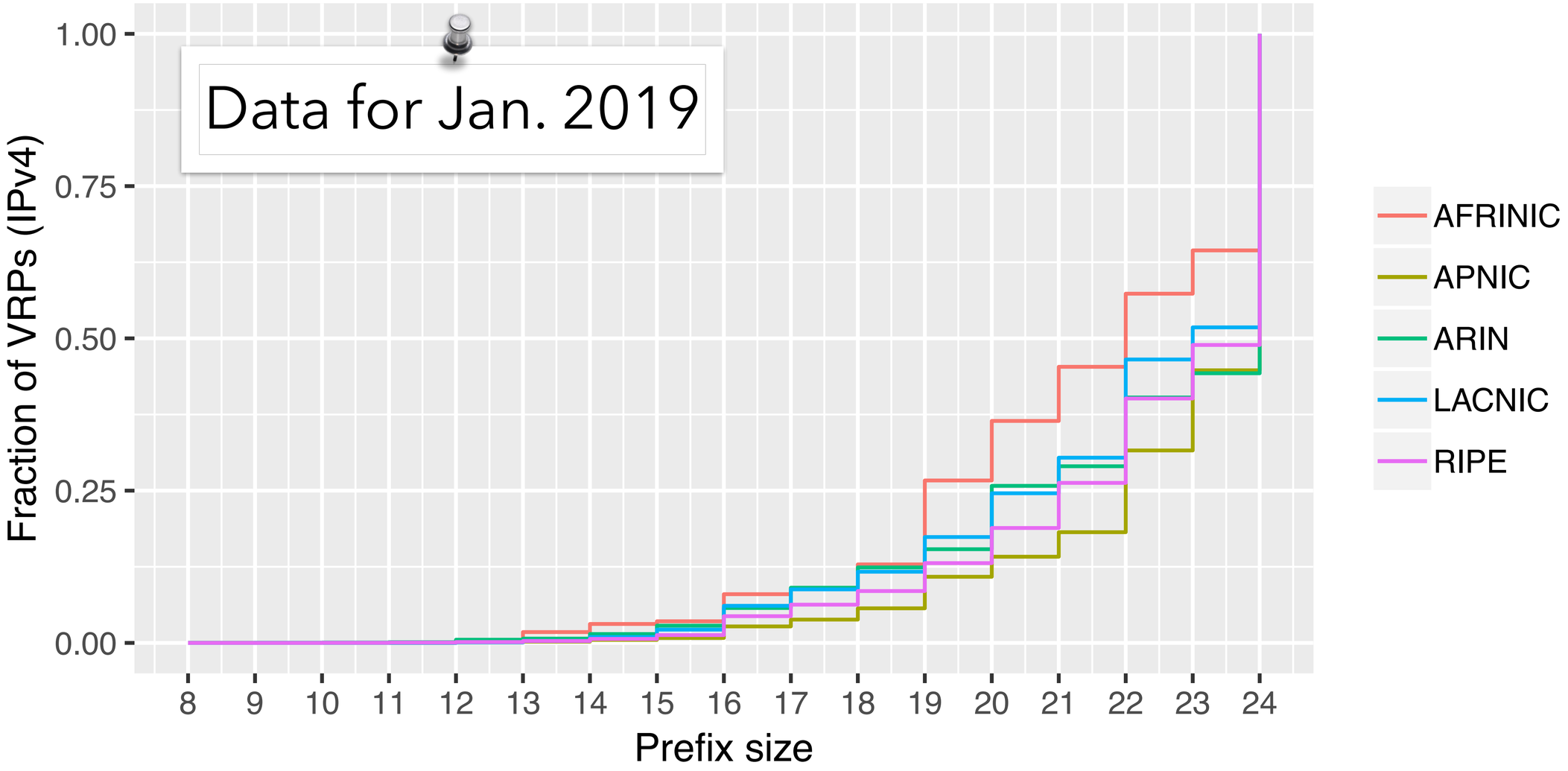

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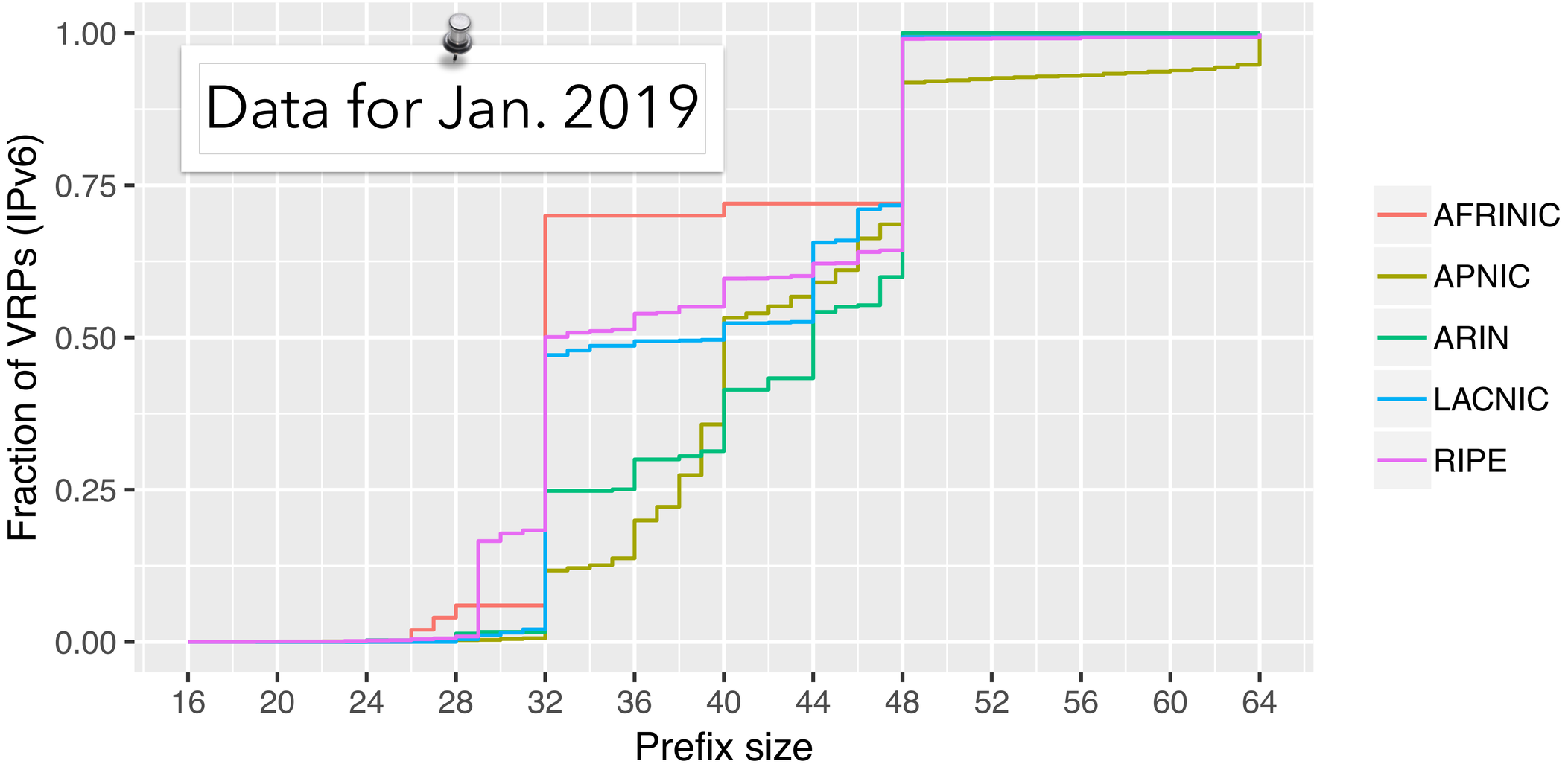

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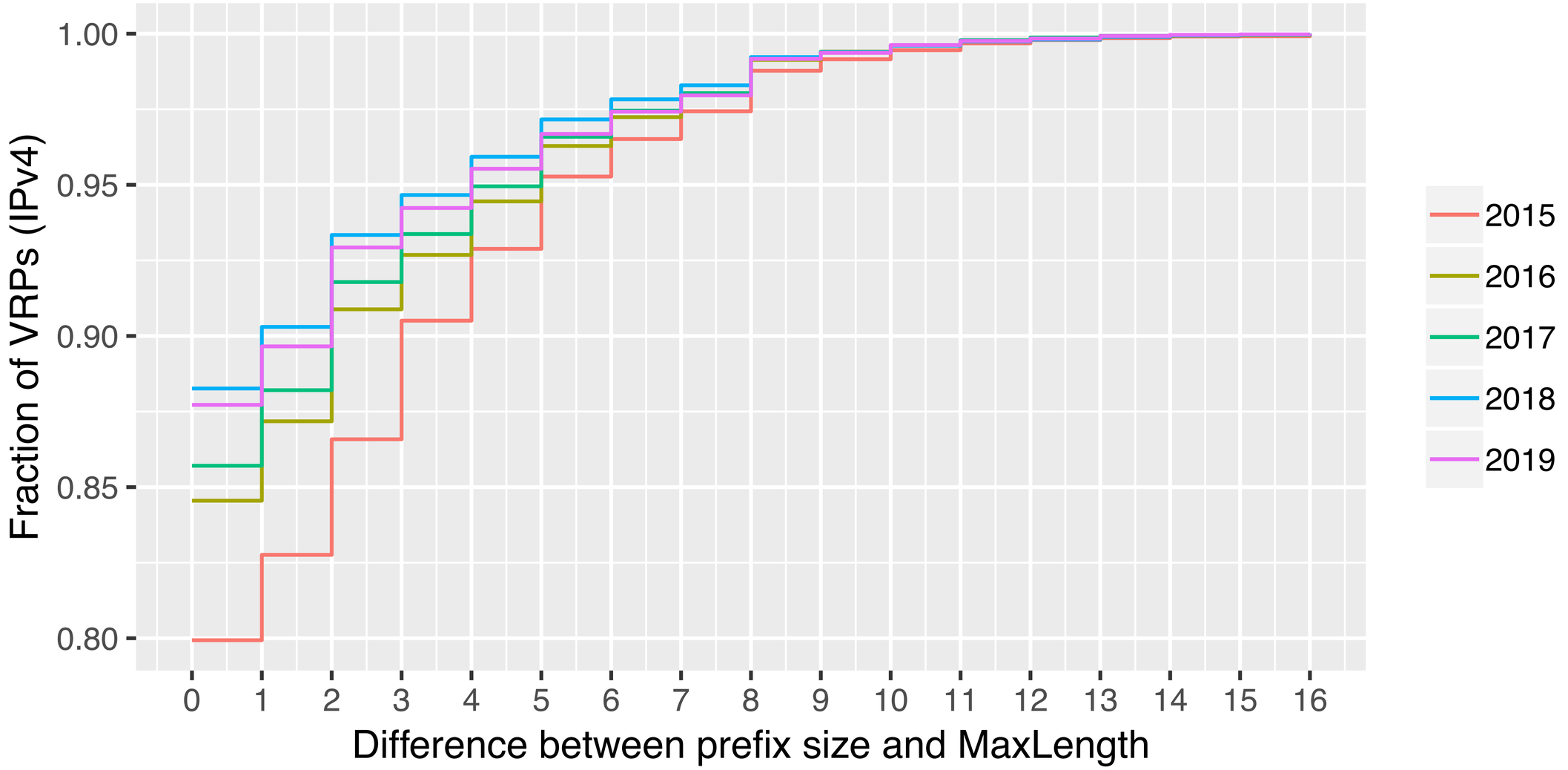

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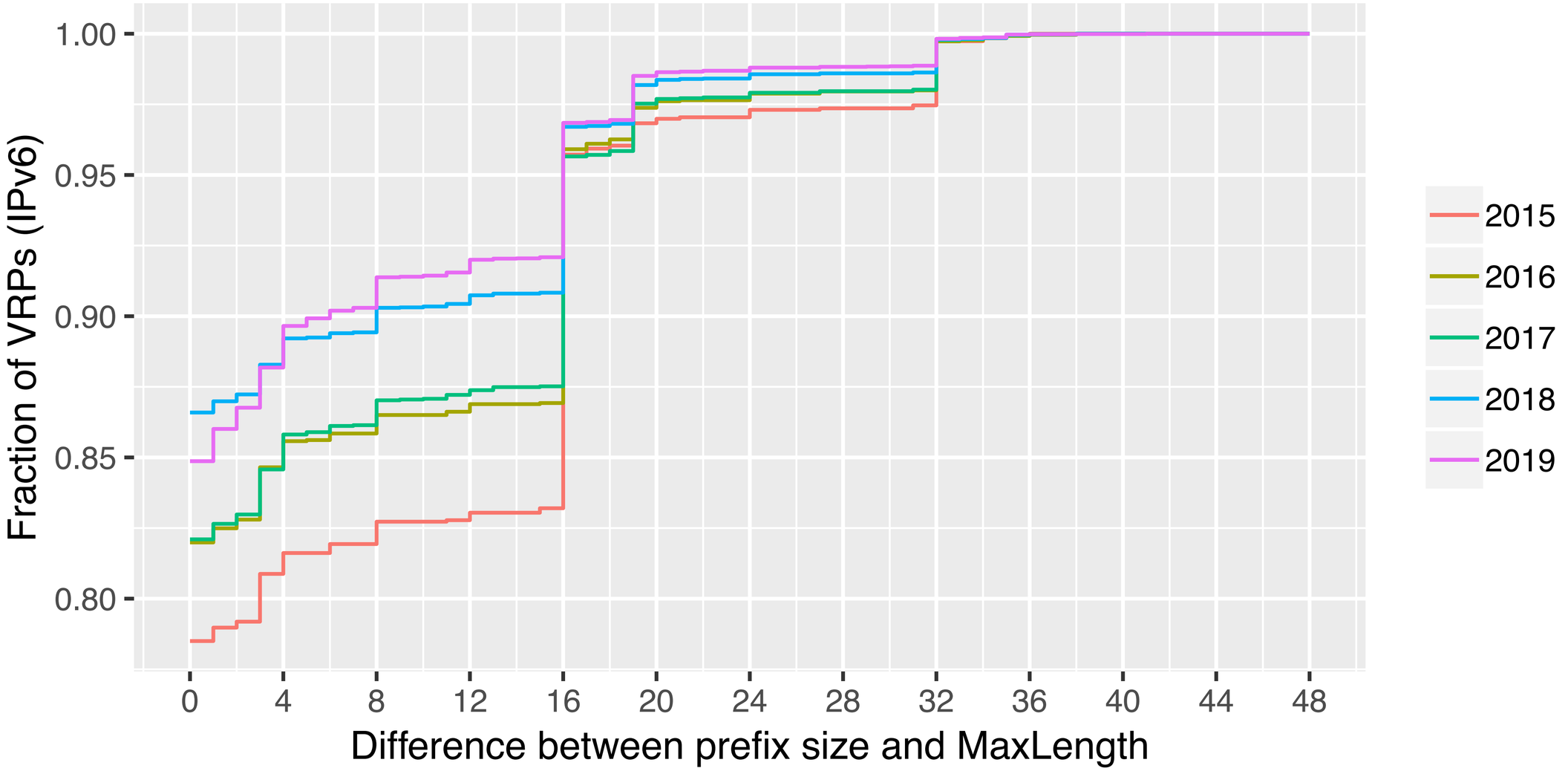

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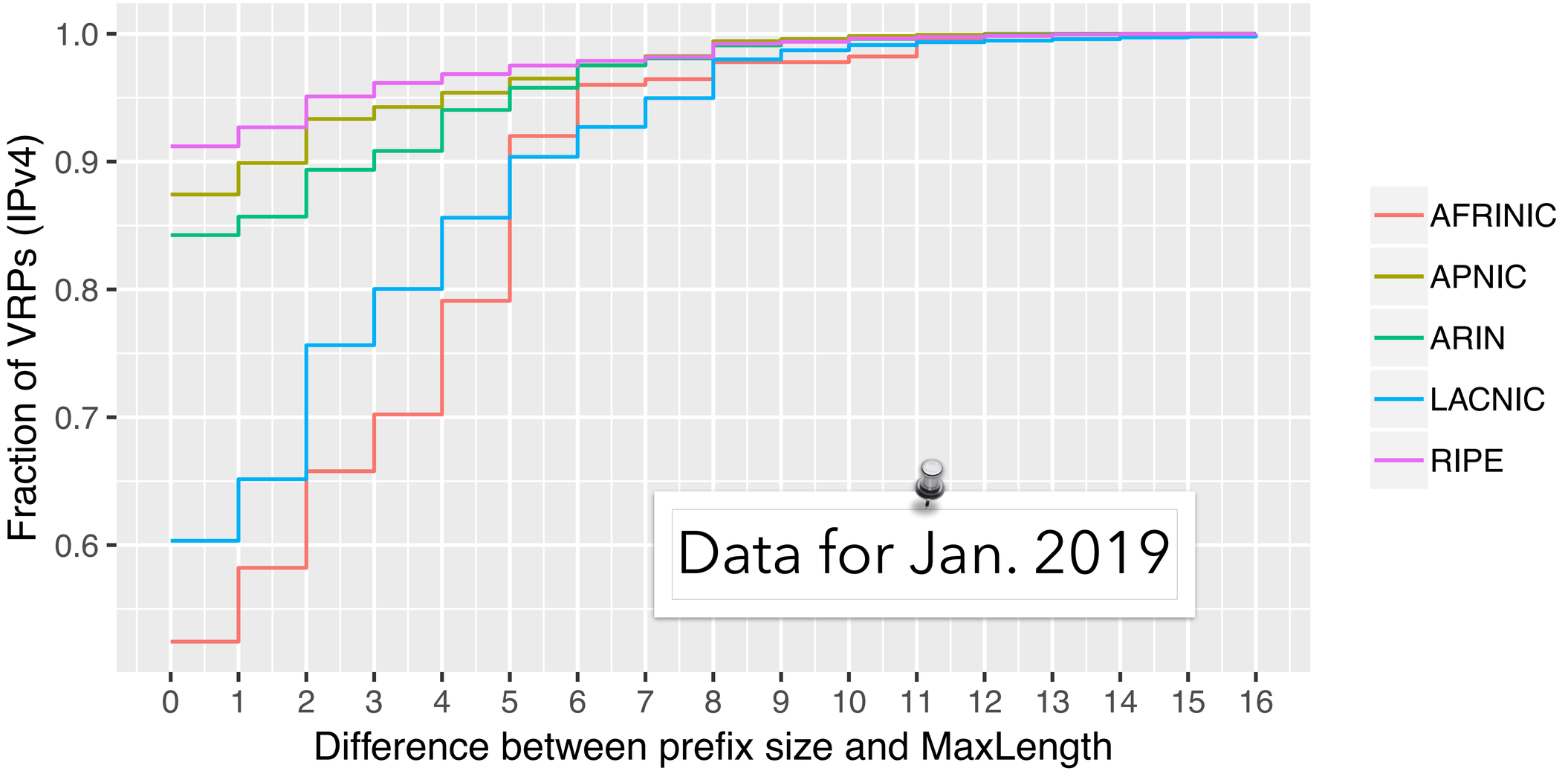

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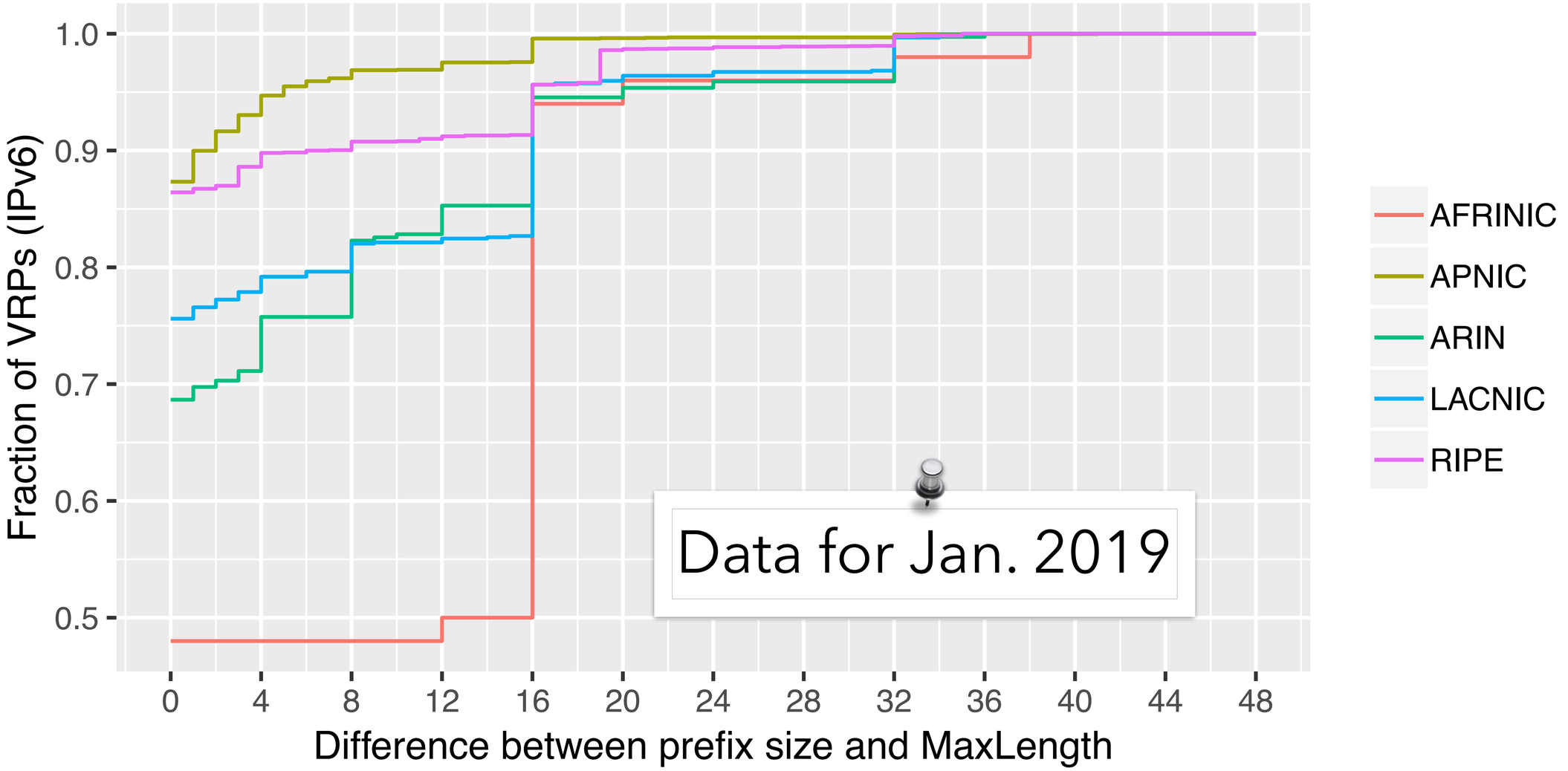

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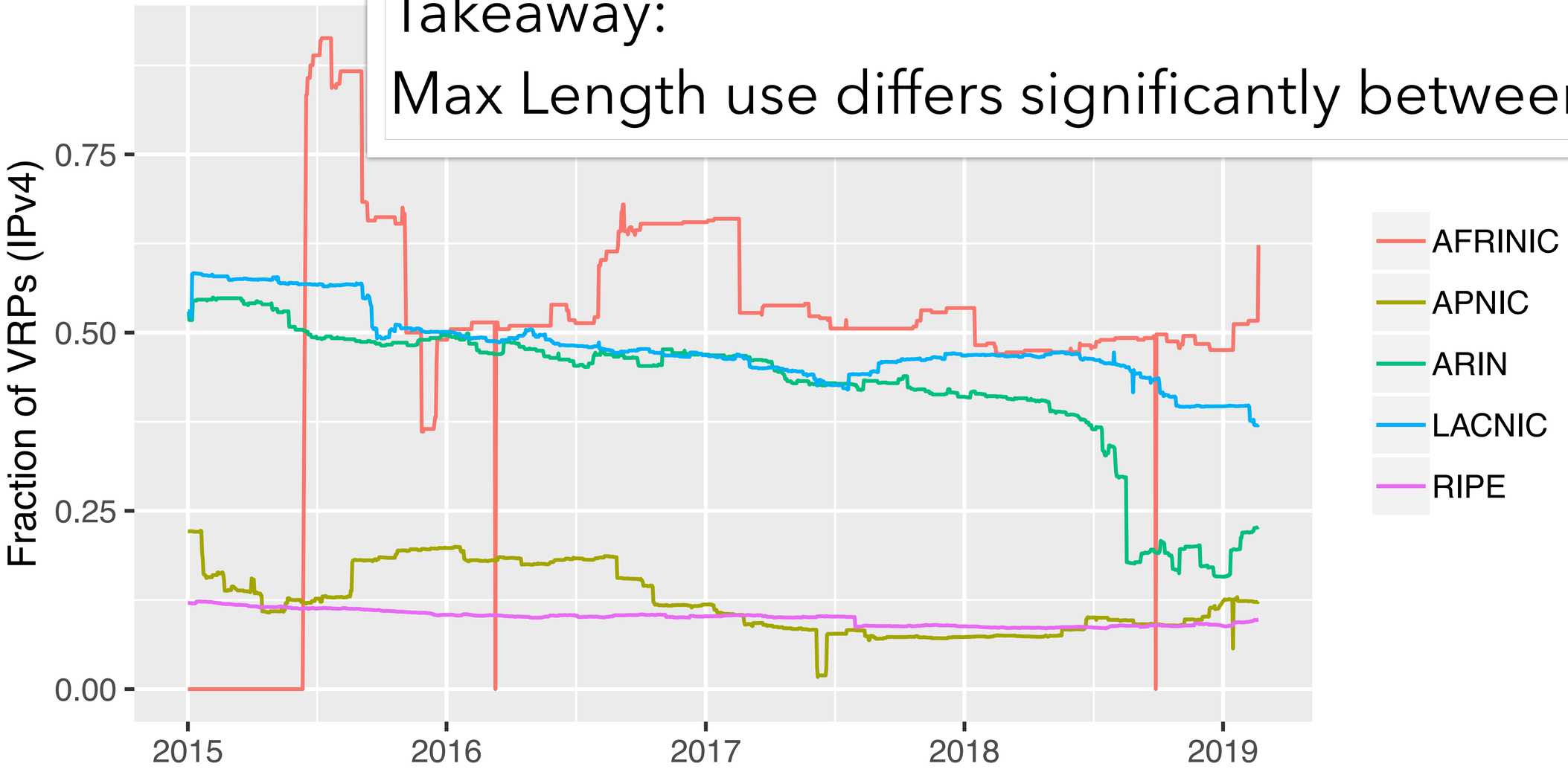
Differences between RIRs

Takeaway:

Max Length use differs significantly between RIRs



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