ASL3 and ColMon

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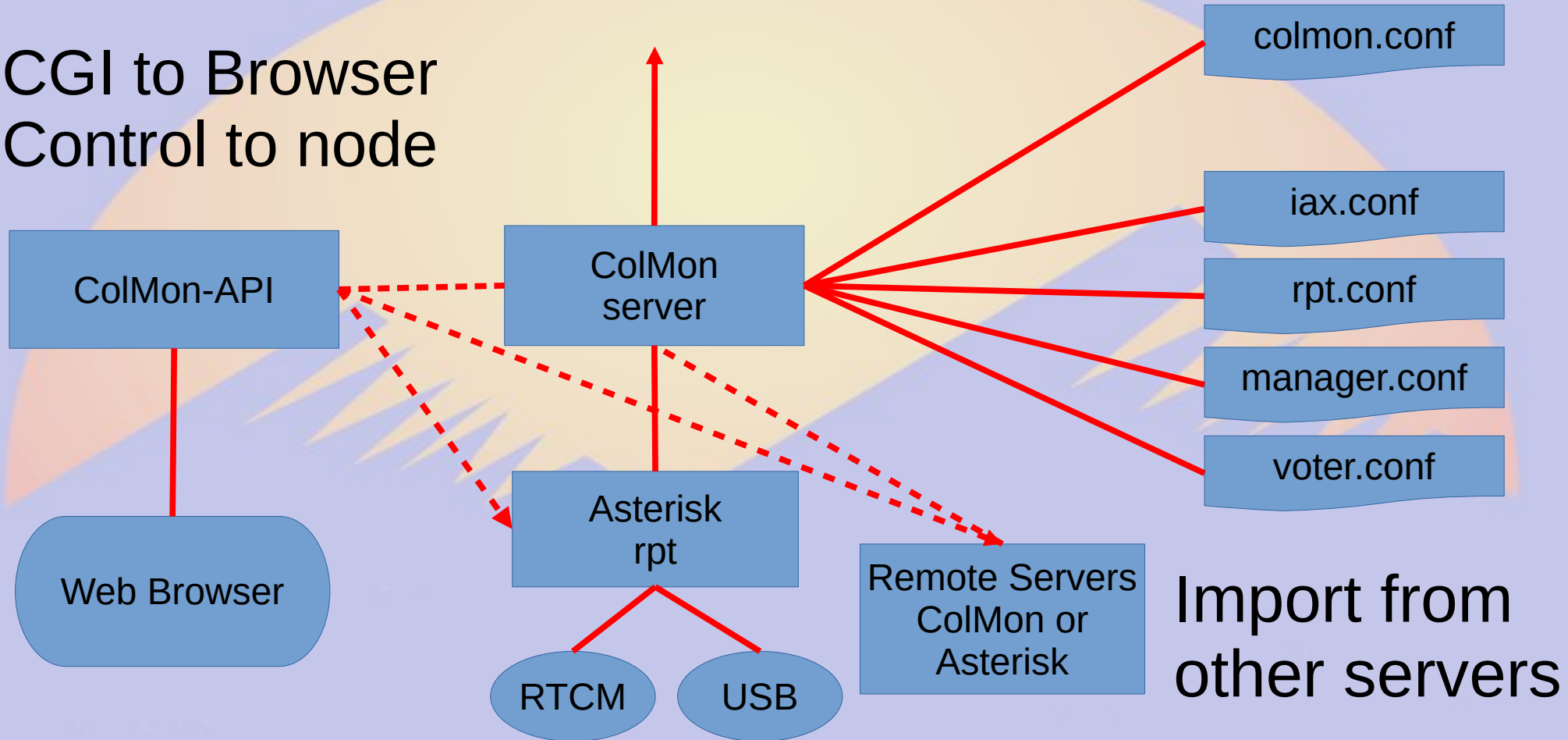with lots of hard work
by **Chris K0SWE**

ColMon

- Complete rewrite
  - C server (AC0KQ)
  - HTML/Javascript (K0SWE)
- Features
  - Integrate displays
  - Distribute servers
  - Minimal configuration
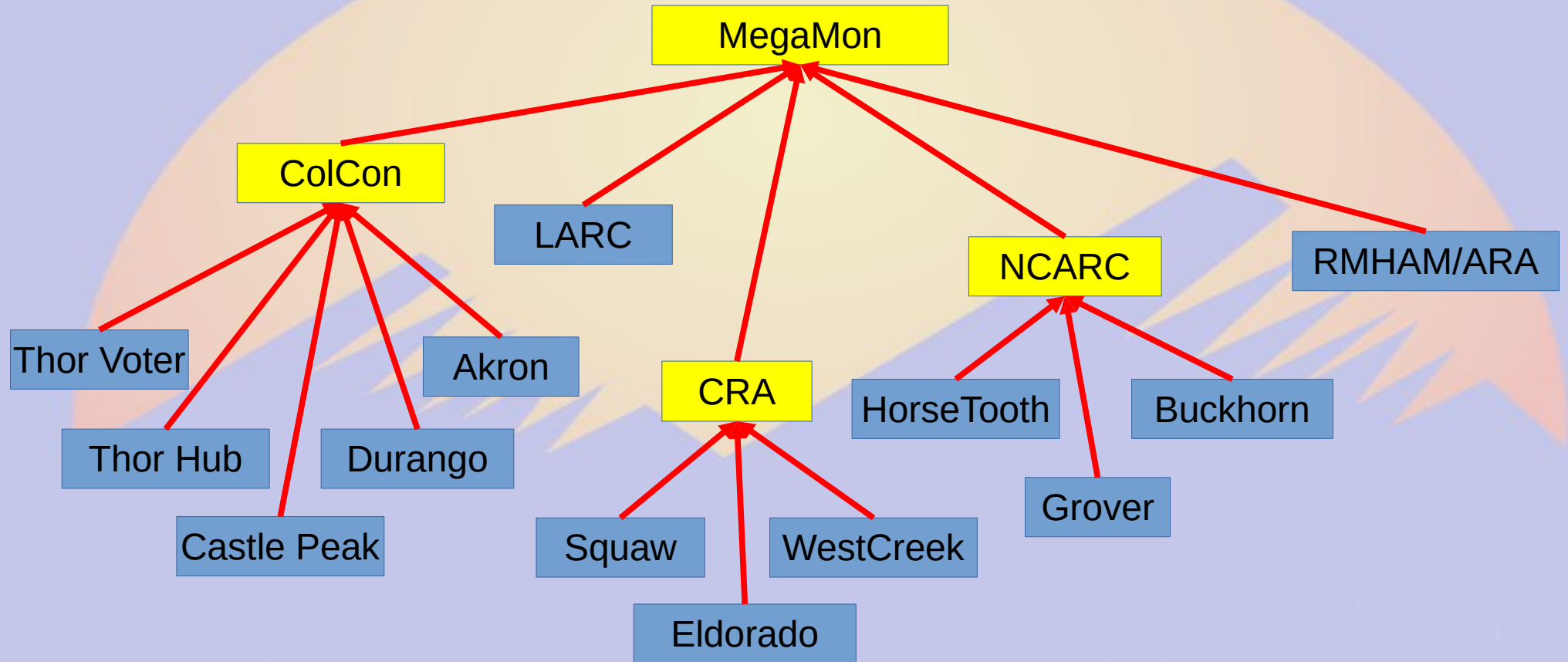 - Focus on private nodes
  - Detailed node status

ColMon Subsystems

CGI to Browser
Control to node

ColMon-API

Web Browser

ColMon
server

Asterisk
rpt

RTCM USB

Remote Servers
ColMon or
Asterisk

colmon.conf

iax.conf

rpt.conf

manager.conf

voter.conf

Import from
other servers

ColMon Hierarchy

Updating Node Data
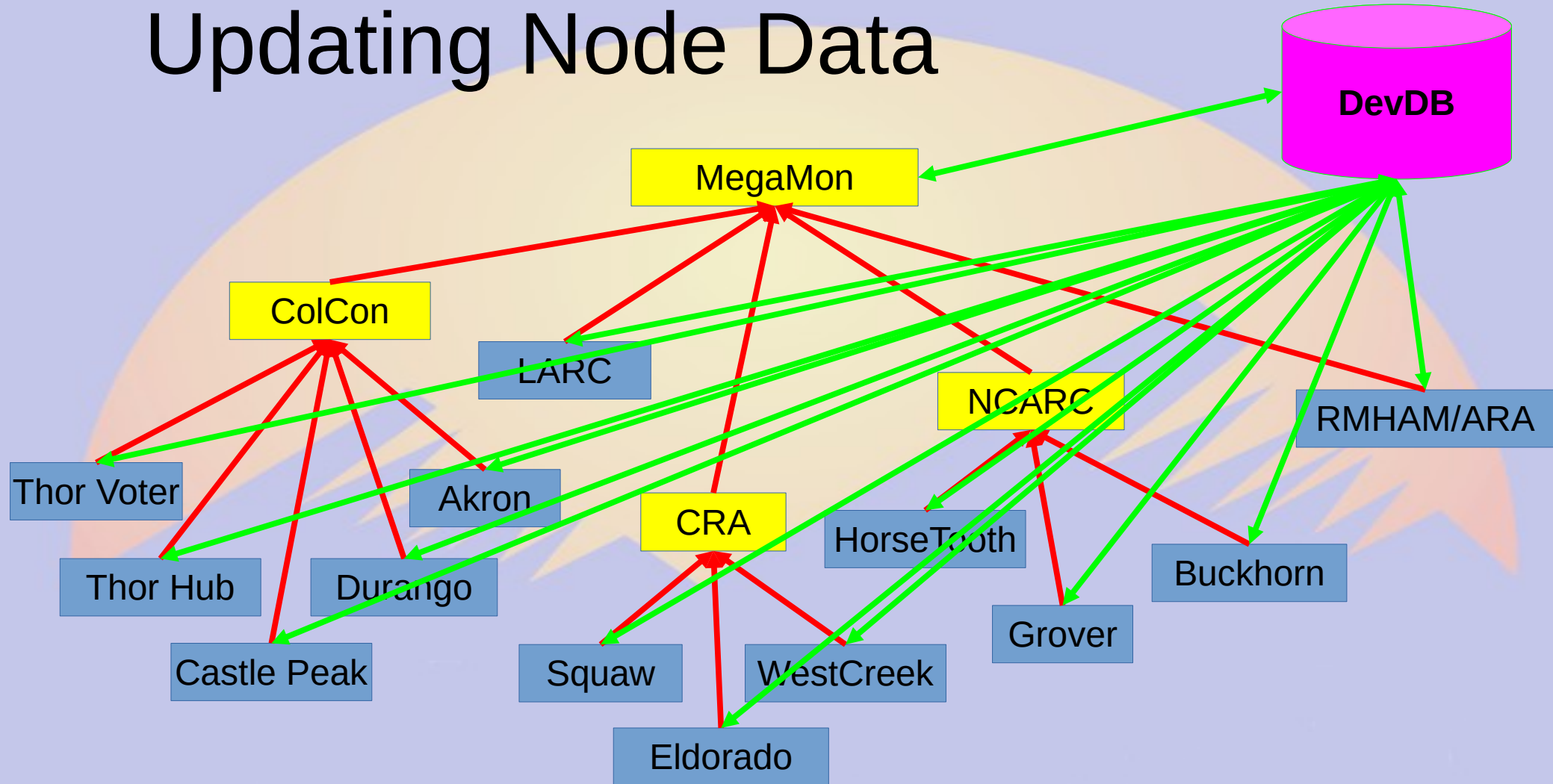
AllStarLink 3 (ASL3)

- Built against Asterisk 20

- Repo and modules for current Debian

- Upgrades handled by apt-get

- Templates simplify configuration files

- Unbound DNS resolver

- Very stable

Upgrading to ASL3

- Config files not backward compatible
  - `asl-menu` streamlines setup
  - `#includeifexists` => `#tryinclude`
  - New format for extensions
- Many new modules
  - resolver_unbound.conf

Unbound Resolver

- Look up node info using DNS

  - Independent of kernel `/etc/resolv.conf`

- modules.conf

  - `load => res_resolver_unbound.so`

- resolver_unbound.conf

  - `nameserver = 10.30.20.237`

MegaMon manages BIND
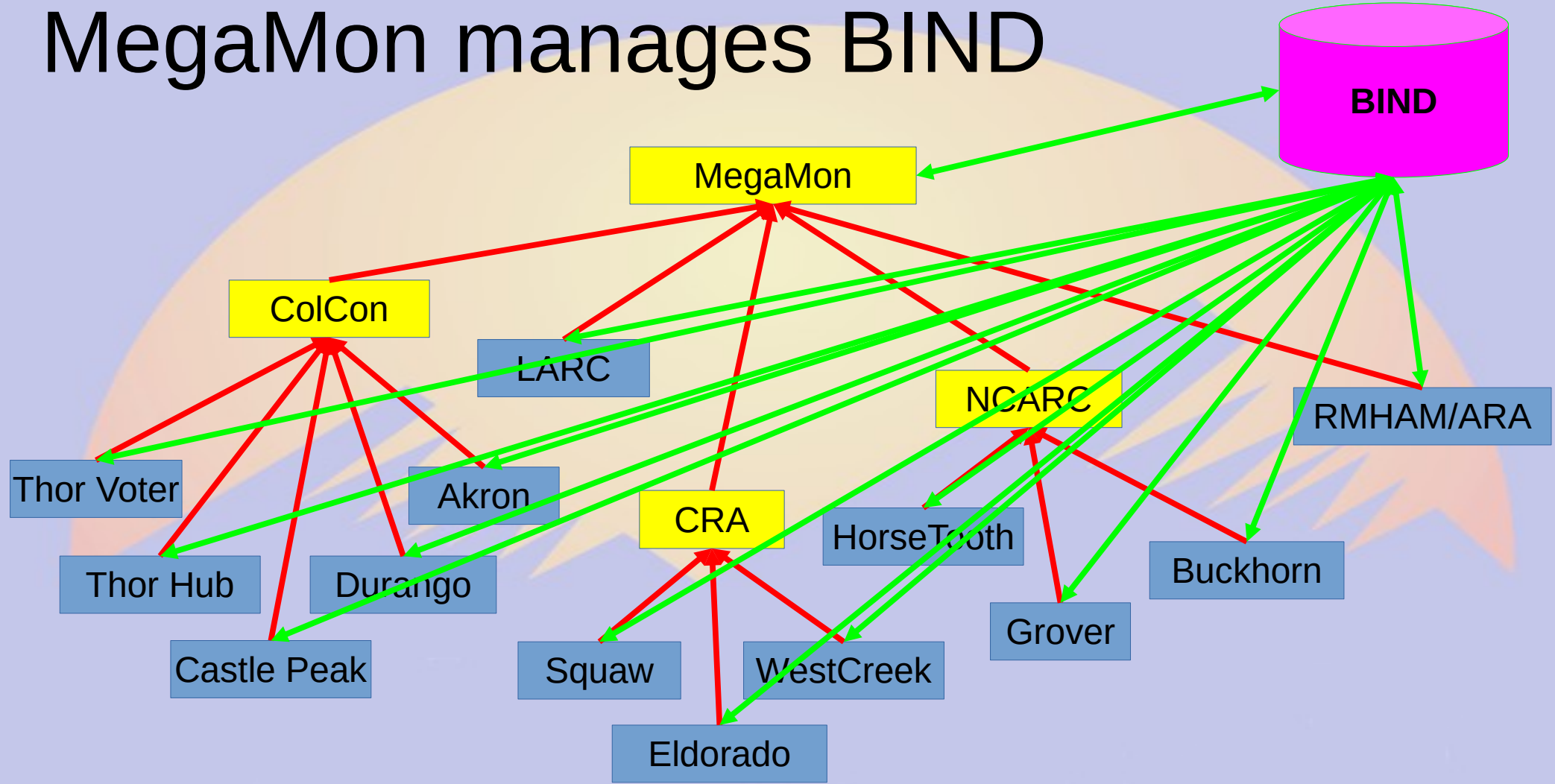
DNS Records

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1801 IN A 10.30.20.230
_iax._udp.1801 IN SRV 10 10 4569 1801
1801 IN TXT ( "NN=1801" "RT=2024-08-12 11:34:28" "RB=0" "PIP=" "PT=4569" "RH=colmon" )


1811 IN A 10.30.20.229
_iax._udp.1811 IN SRV 10 10 4569 1811
1811 IN TXT ( "NN=1811" "RT=2024-08-12 11:34:28" "RB=0" "PIP=" "PT=4569" "RH=colmon" )


1812 IN A 10.30.70.229
_iax._udp.1812 IN SRV 10 10 4569 1812
1812 IN TXT ( "NN=1812" "RT=2024-08-12 11:34:28" "RB=0" "PIP=" "PT=4569" "RH=colmon" )
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Conclusions

- ASL3 is solid and plays well with old versions

- Real time updates of node data with BIND

- ColMon coming attractions

  - AllFall integration

  - Control operator presets