What flows in a research & education network?



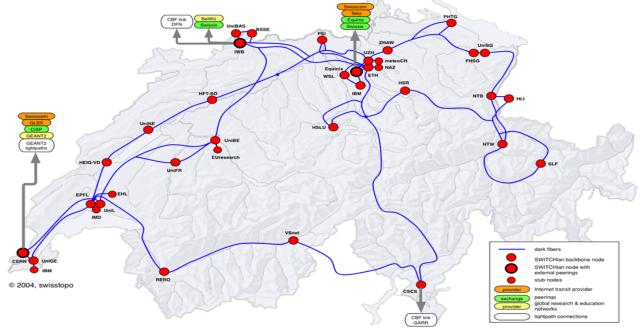
SWITCH

Serving Swiss Universities

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The "SWITCHlan" backbone

- Fiber/WDM-based backbone connecting ~50 R&E sites
- 10 Gb/s and 1 Gb/s backbone links
- 10 Gb/s, 1 Gb/s, and 100/300 Mb/s customer connections
- External connections (Zurich, Geneva, Basel, Kreuzlingen):
 - 13.2Gb/s transit, 22 Gb/s peering, 21 Gb/s other research nets



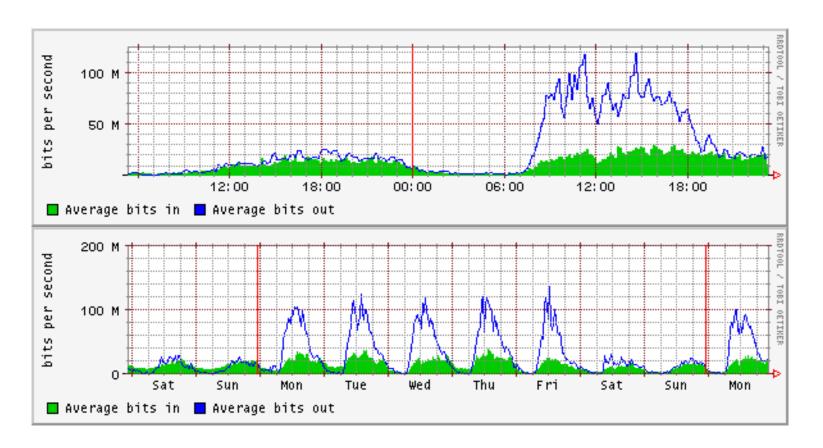


But we like traffic!

- SWITCH charges connected sites for (some) traffic:
 - Traffic they receive (outbound is free)
 - From non-research sources (on-net and research nets are free)
 - During extended office hours (nights & weekends are free)
- Complex accounting required we use unsampled Netflow
 - Upside: helps us understand (external) traffic; supports research
- Perceived as expensive (other ISPs charge flat rates)
- But right incentive structure between ISP and customers
 - Caveat: This breaks down between sites and their resp. users

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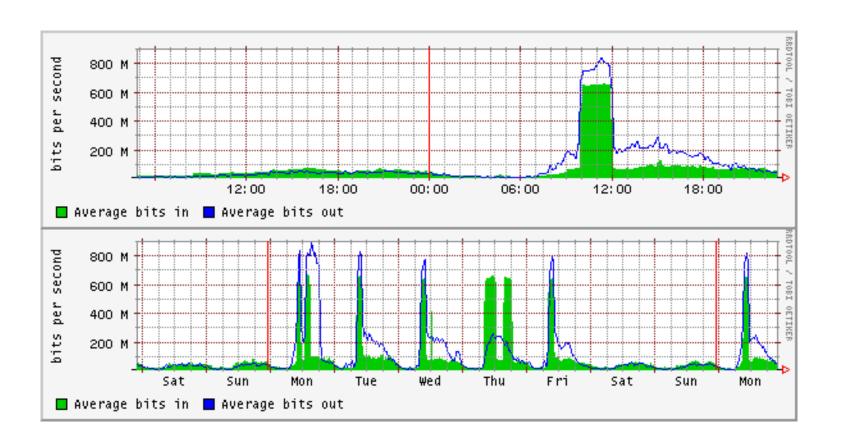
Not very – most look a lot like large enterprises





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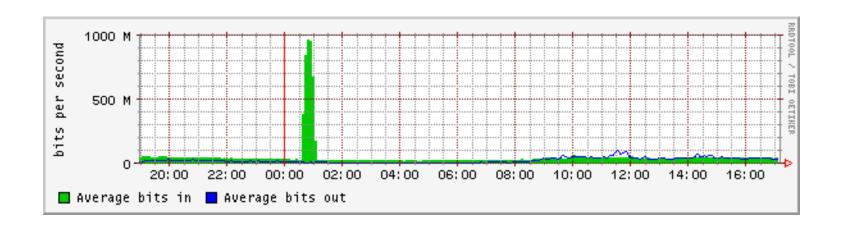
Audio/video link between two lecture halls





(Non-distributed) DoS

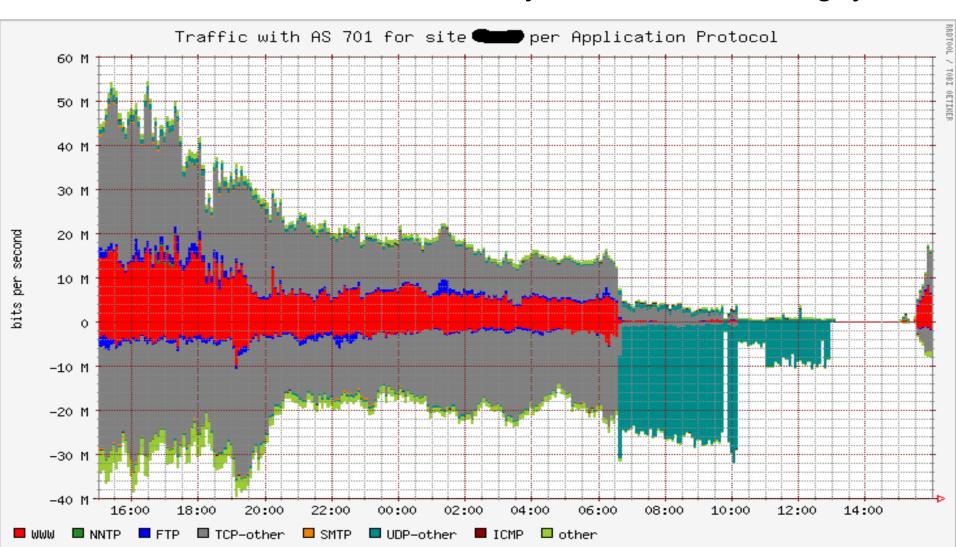
- Fortunately infrequent
- Mostly outbound
 - Universities are more attractive as sources than as targets
- Happens every few months



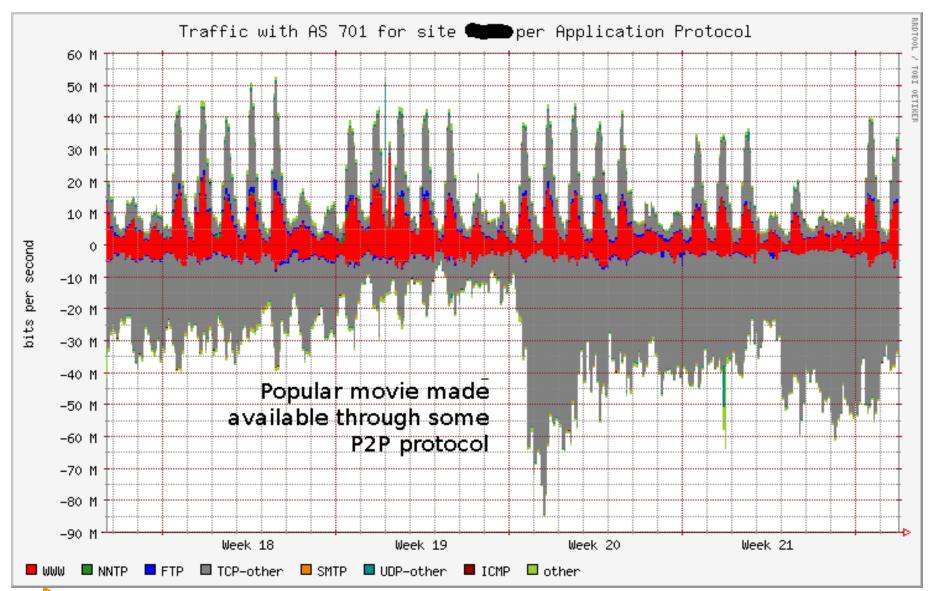


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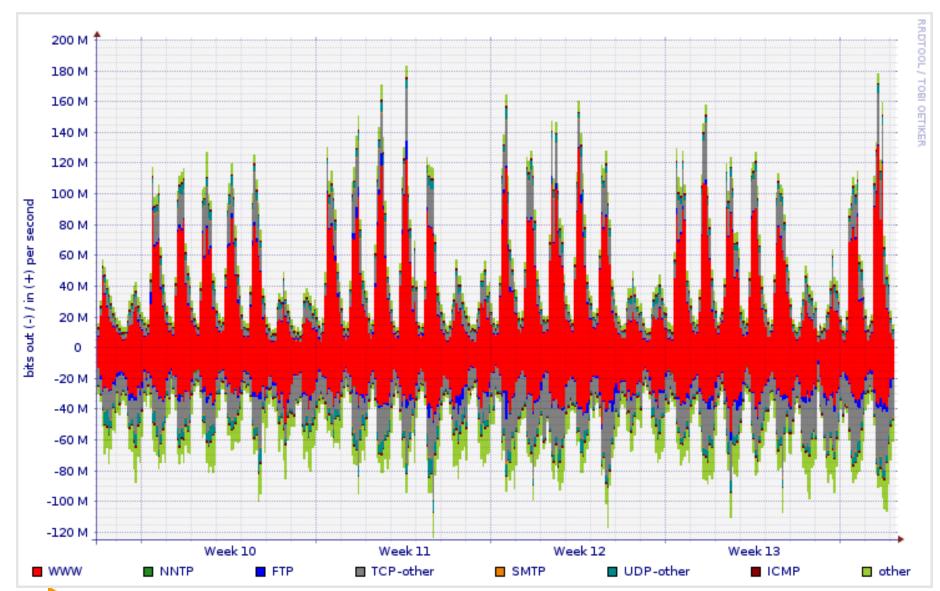
• Not seen much since 2003 – anyone remember this guy?



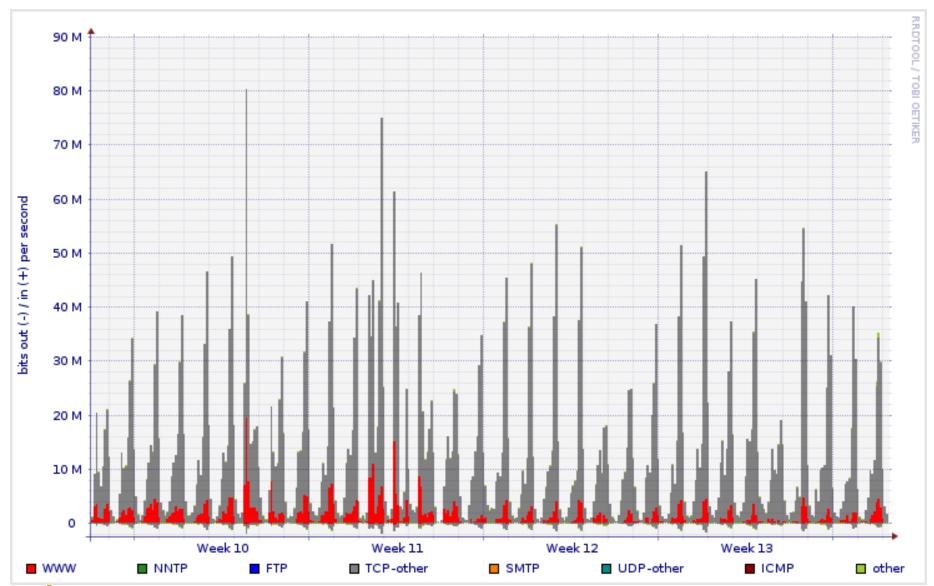
P2P - 2003



P2P(?) - 2009

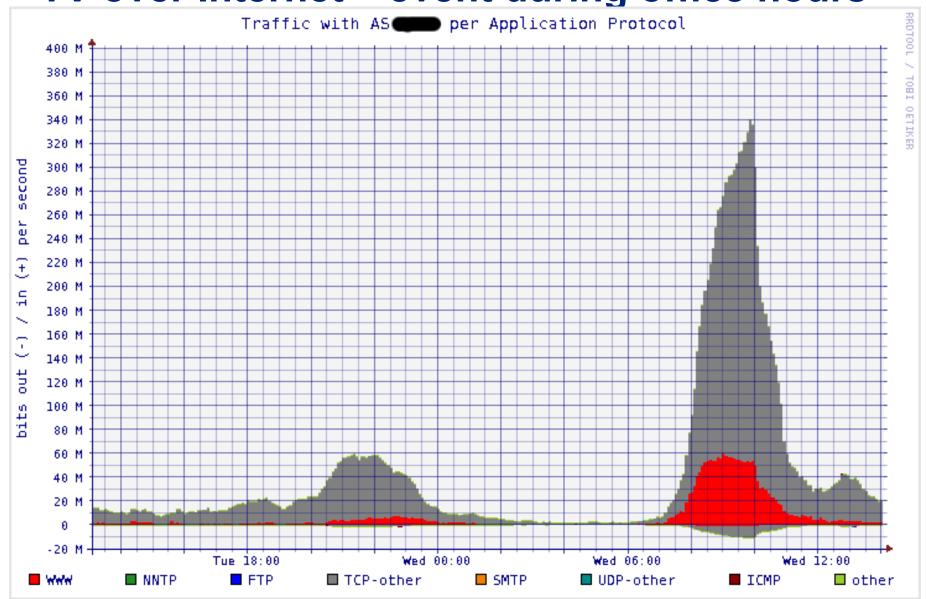


TV over Internet – "P2P" TV peering traffic



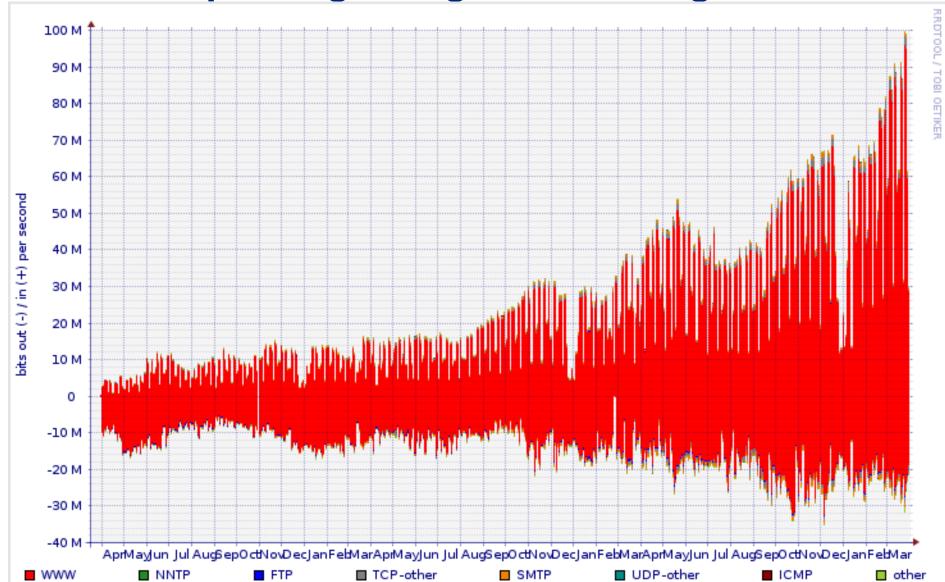


TV over Internet – event during office hours





Content peering – large search engine





"Cloud" use by researchers – still very rare

