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IXP Traffic and Major Sports Events

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EURO-IX | Bucharest | early 21th century

What did we do?

- RIPE NCC and EURO-IX cooperation
 - IXP traffic volume during major (sports) events
 - Football World Cup 2010 (South Africa)
 - Euro 2012 (Poland/Ukraine)
 - Football World Cup 2014 (Brasil)
- Traffic volume variations during matches
- Stats from participating IXPs

- It's fun :)
- Operational awareness
- Brings IXPs to the attention of whole new audience

• It's fun :)



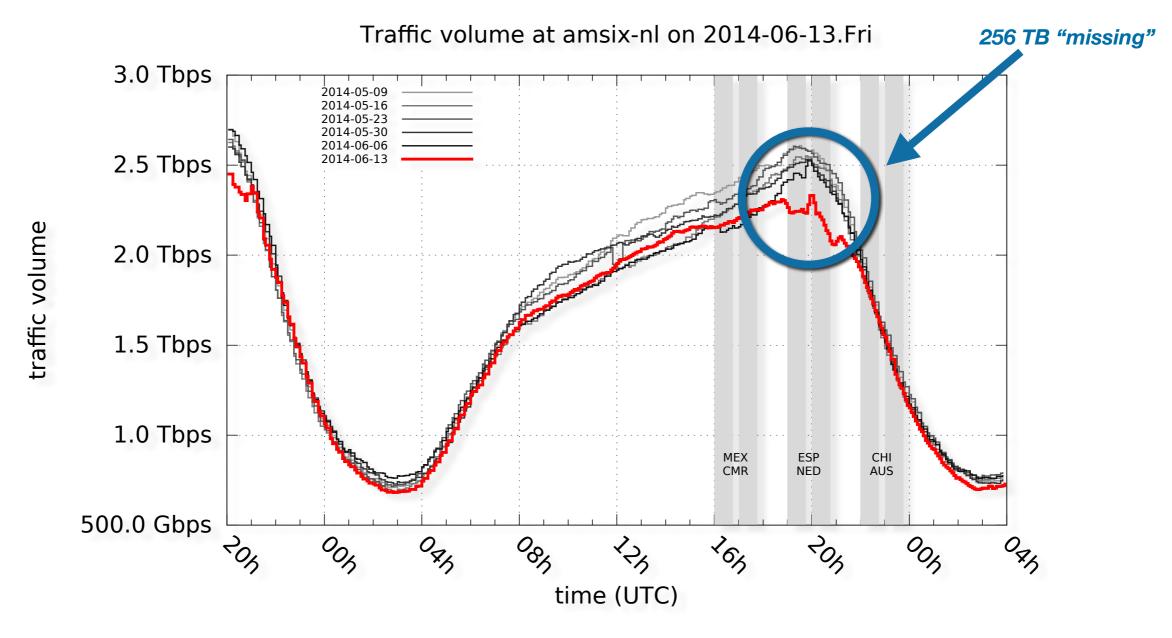


Pitfalls

- IXP traffic quite often not a representative sample of Internet traffic for a location (city,country)
 - Makes it harder to grok for my dad
 - In-network Caches, PNI
- Human behaviour
 - Event causes human to generate packets or not?
 - Event causes shift in where packets go to:
 - streaming-video-of-match-traffic up, rest down?



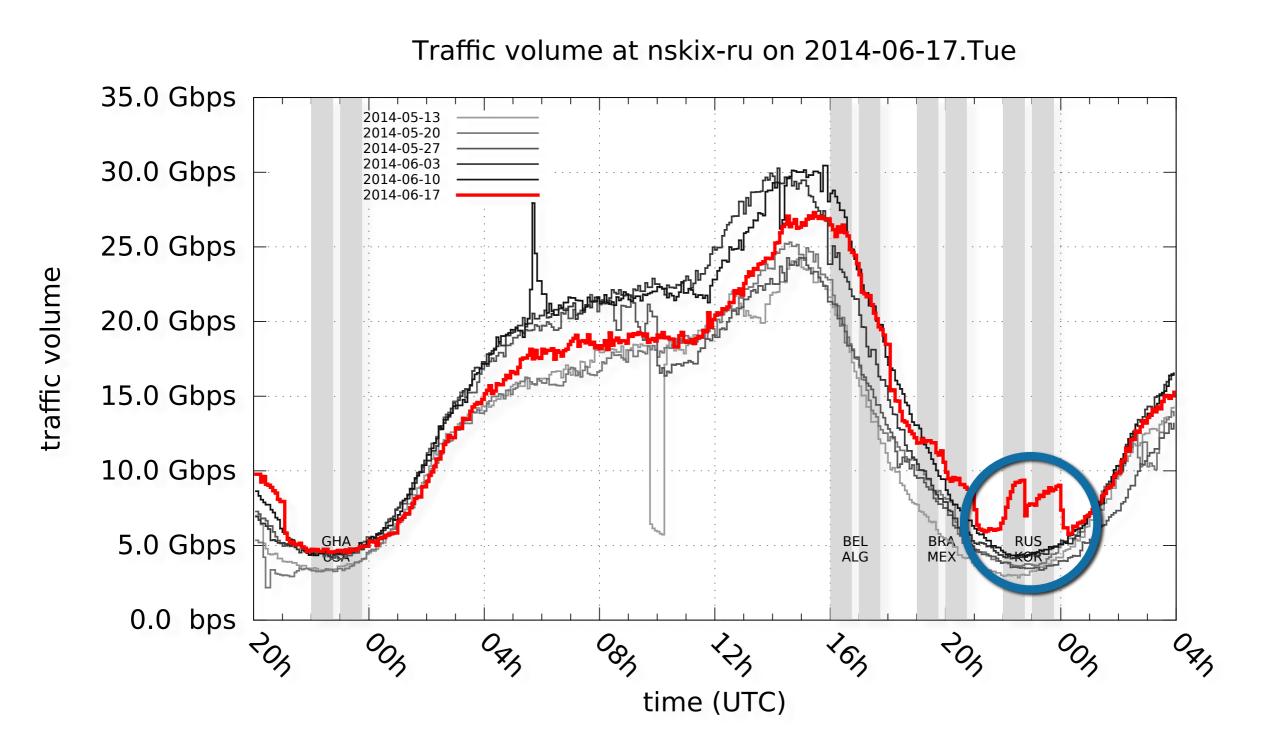
Common Patterns - "Double Dip"



 "Double dip" even on larger IXPs (AMS-IX, DE-CIX, LINX,etc.)

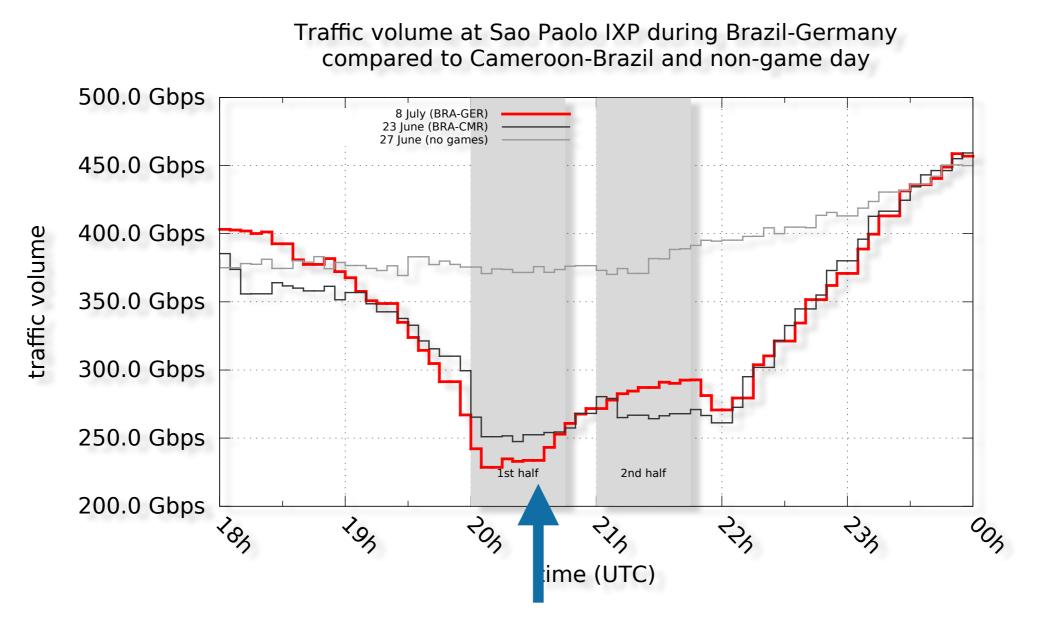


Common Patterns - "Twin Peaks"





Euro-IX - October 2014



 Dramatic game, 7 DE goals, correlating to uptick in traffic in BR



• Full report at:

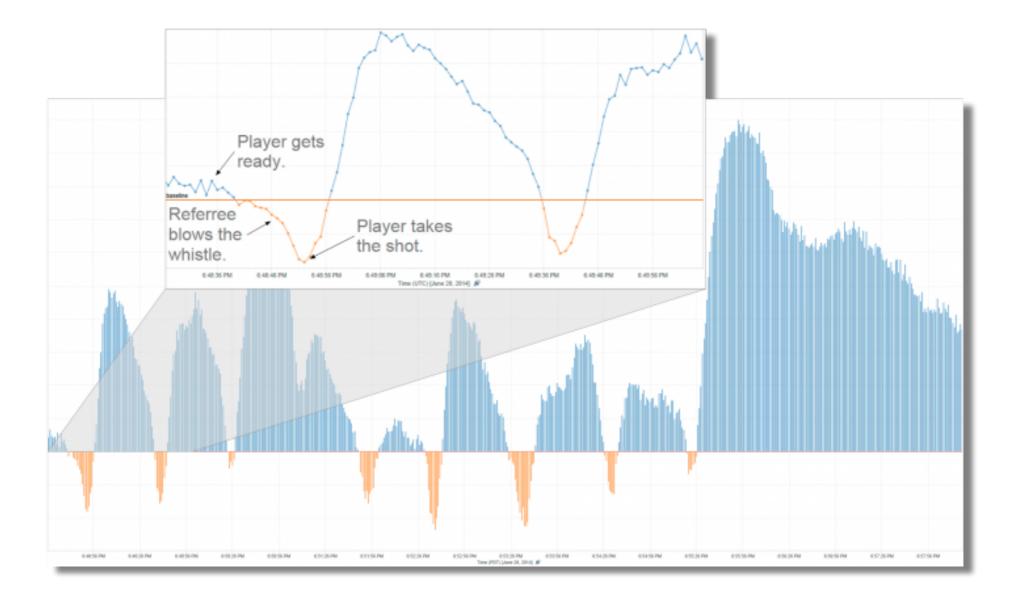
<u>https://labs.ripe.net/Members/emileaben/internet-traffic-during-the-</u> <u>world-cup-2014</u>

- Featuring
 - Overtime
 - Non IXP data sources
 - First RIPE Labs article with picture of a cat



High Granularity Data Source

 https://blog.twitter.com/2014/penalty-kicks-asseen-through-twitter-data





Future?

- Great coop between Euro-IX IXPs and RIPE NCC
 - Euro-IX asked for IXP volunteers to provide data
 - Many thanks for that!
 - Popular content on RIPE Labs
- Keep on going:
 - More of the same?
 - More direct IXP involvement?
 - Finer granularity, 1 minute, 30 second?
 - Better correlation to exact event, and structure of event.
- Other ideas?



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