

k.root-servers.net  
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# Who is talking: Daniel Karrenberg

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- **1980s**: helped build Internet in Europe
  - GUUG, EUUG, EUnet, Ebone, IXes, RIPE, ...
- **1990s**: helped build RIPE NCC
  - 1st CEO: 1992-2000
- **2000s**: Chief Scientist & Public Service
  - Trustee of the Internet Society, IETF, ...
- **2010s**: Chief Scientist
  - Interests: Internet measurements, stability, trust & identity in the Internet, ...

# What DNS Root Name Servers Do

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**Tell where are**



**once every**



# What DNS Root Name Servers Do



# Attack Mitigation

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## Diversity



12 Professional Operators / 13 Independent Operations

# DDoS Mitigation

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Over-provisioning:



Not to scale !

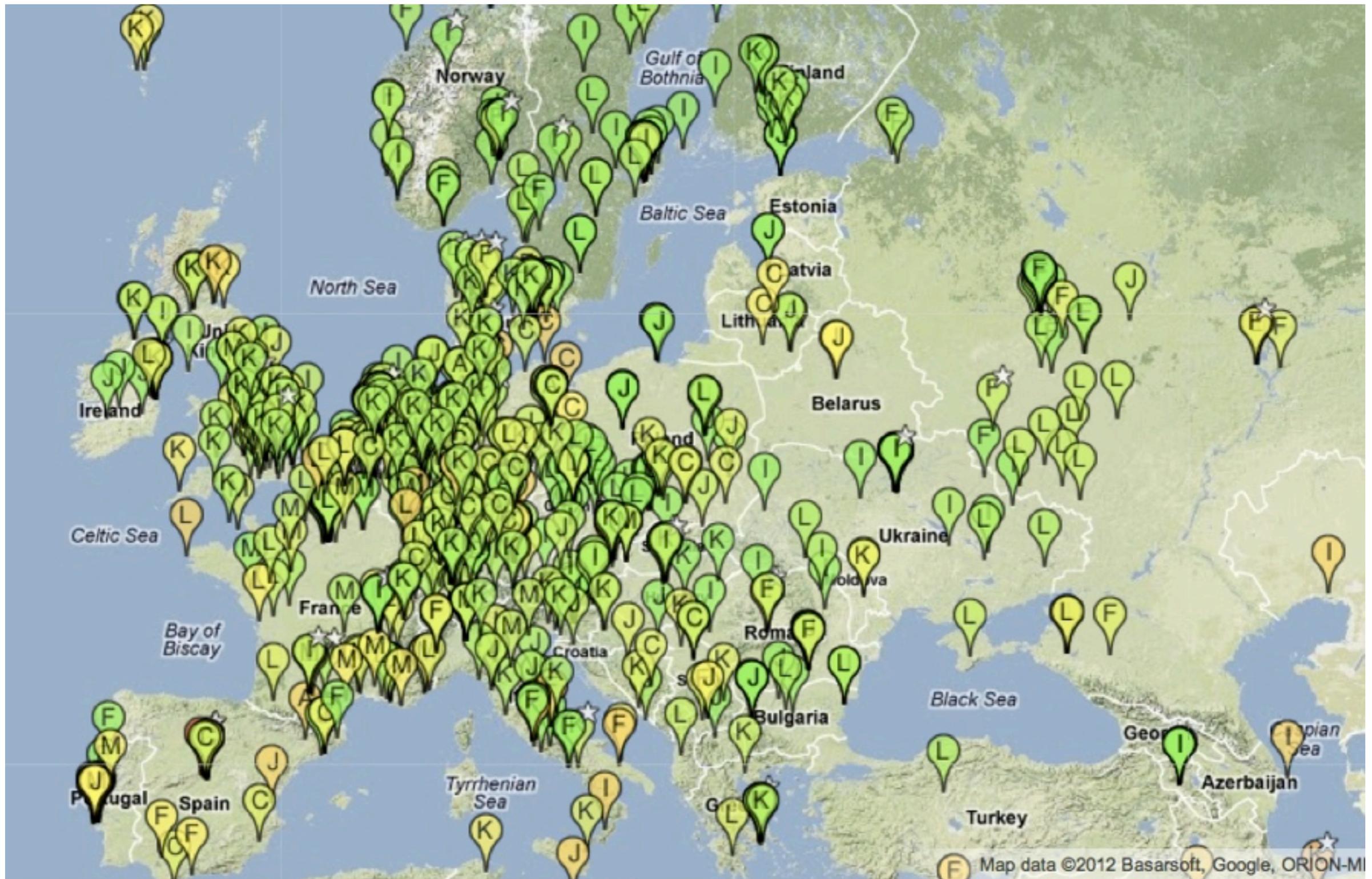
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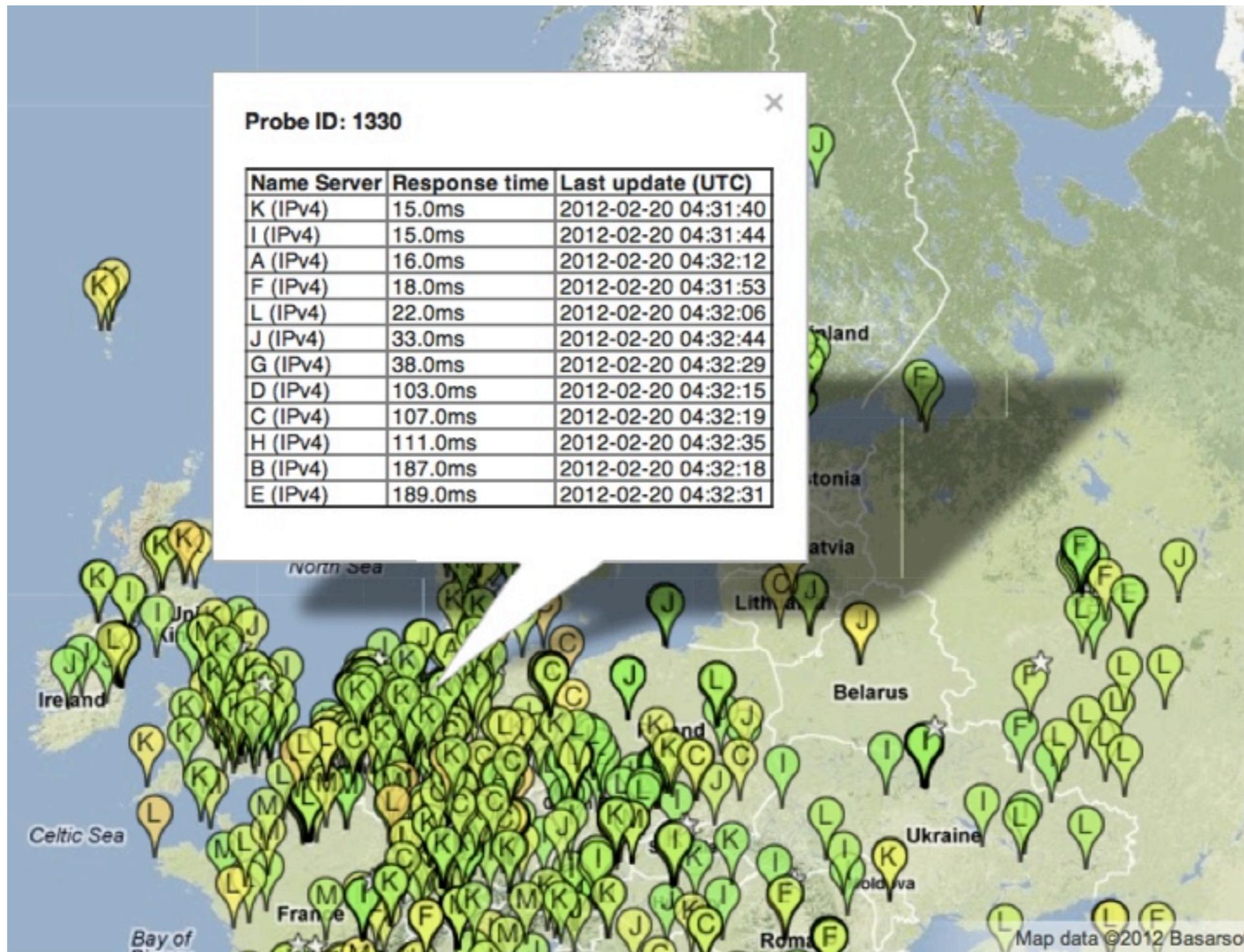


# Closest Root Server as seen by RIPE Atlas



2012-02-20 05:02:01 UTC.

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# k.root-servers.net: Locations



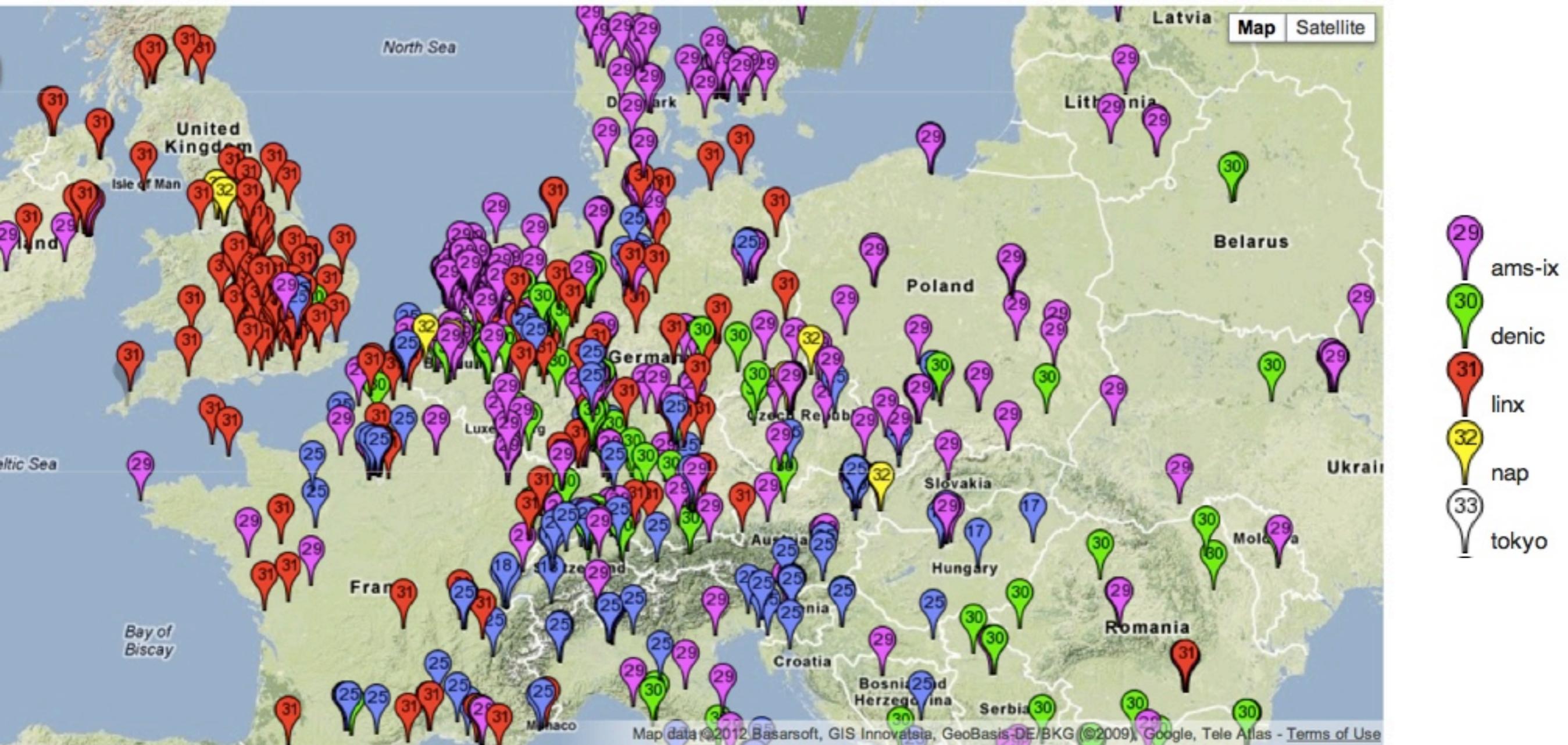
# k-root: Instance seen by RIPE Atlas



Instances Map produced at: 2012-02-20 04:50:16 UTC.  
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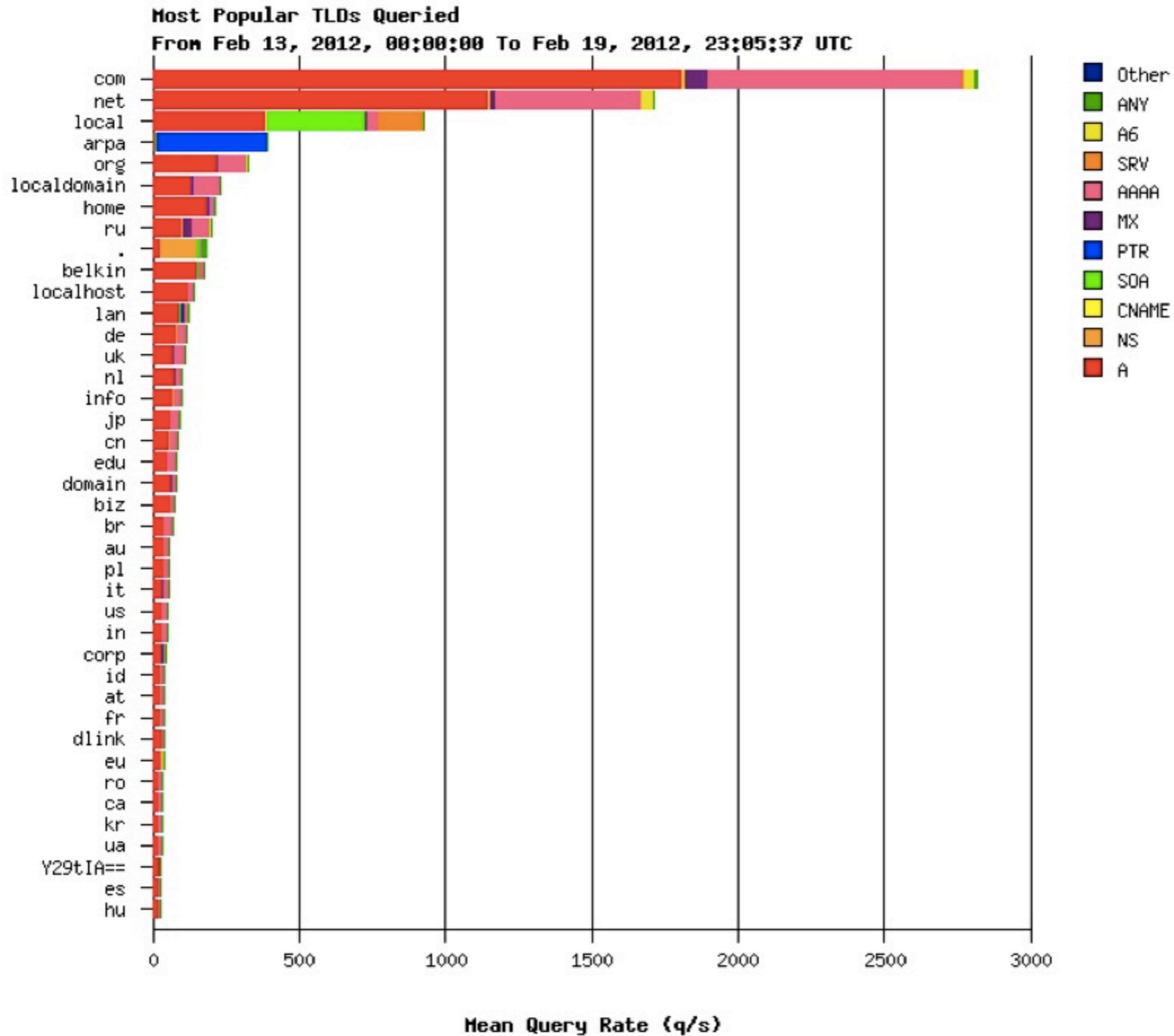
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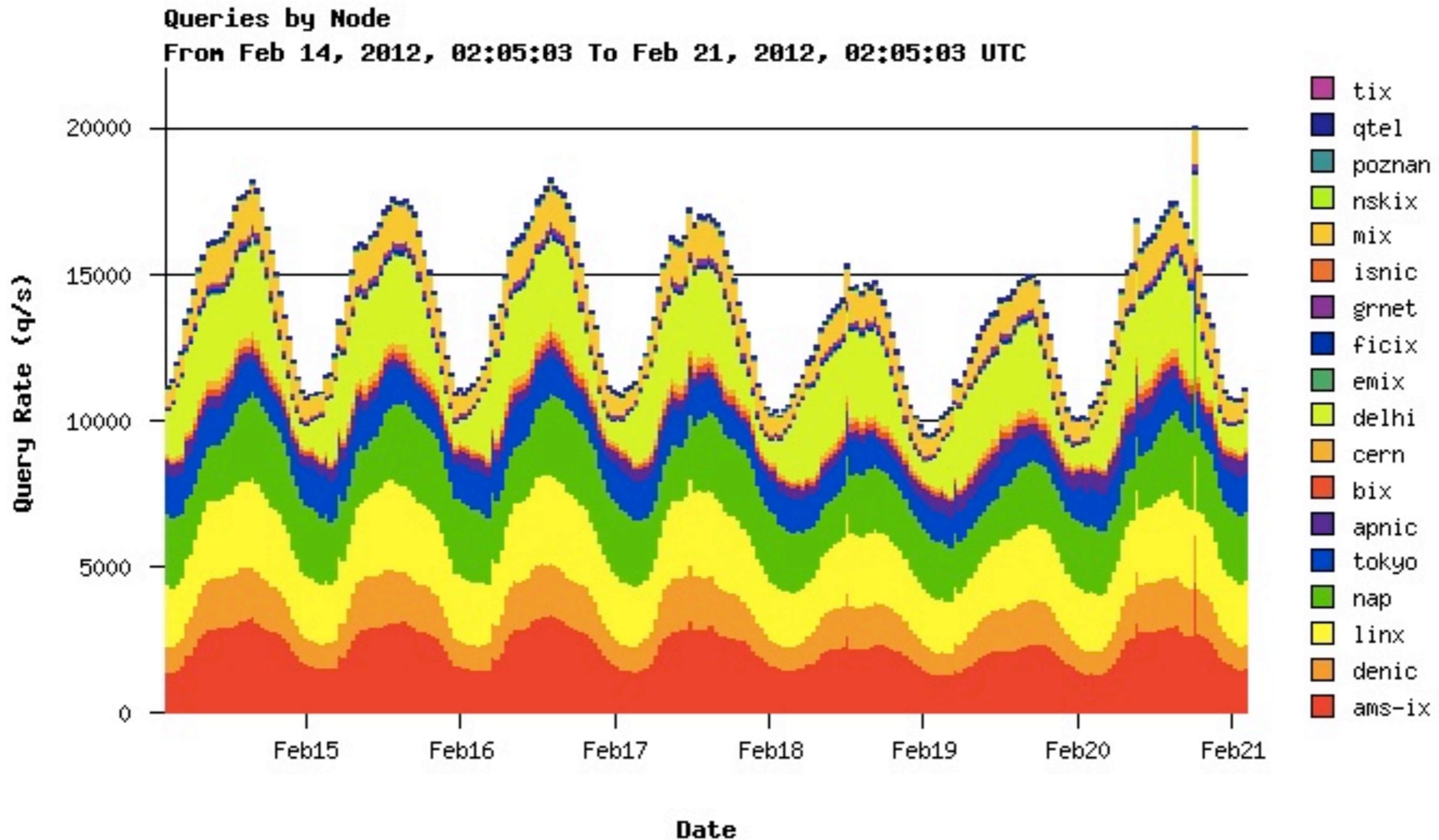


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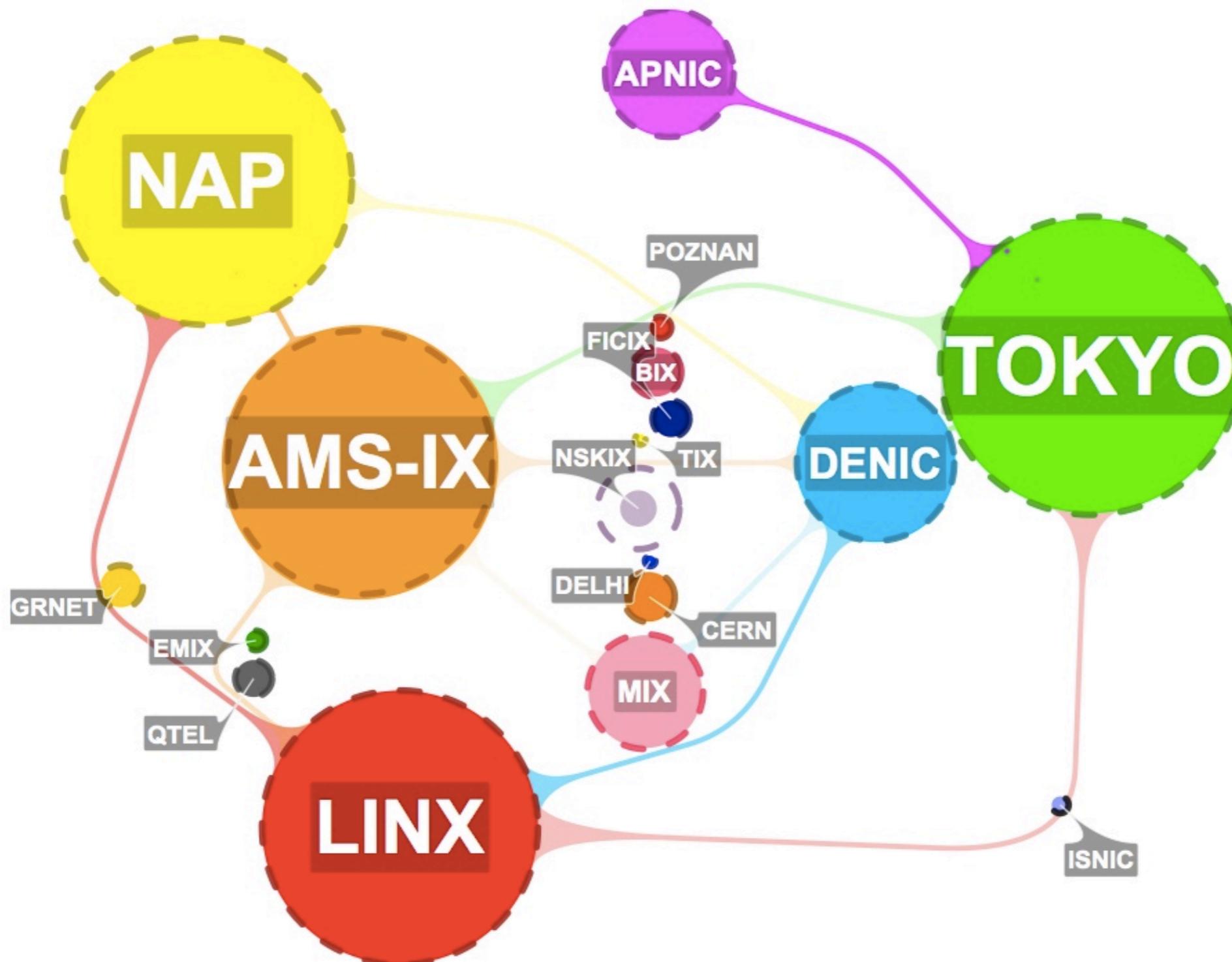
# k.root-servers.net: TLDs Queried



# k.root-servers.net: Query Load



# k.root-servers.net: Load Distribution



# DDoS Mitigation

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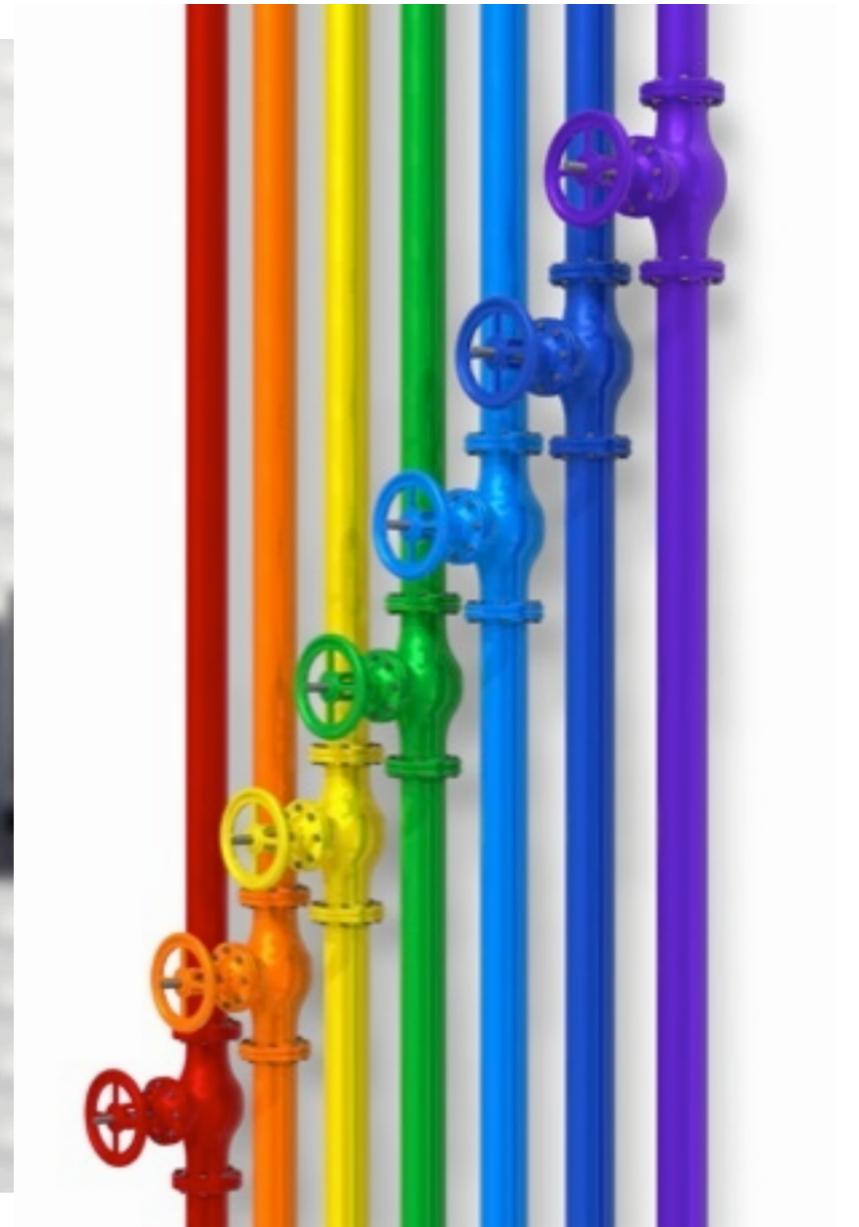
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- Cooperation with ISPs



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# dnsmon



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