

Internet Policy and Independent Network Performance Measurement

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Overview of Measurement Lab



International Collaboration,
Modern Research

Interdisciplinary, Open, Reviewed



M-Lab's Global Footprint

Servers on Every Continent,
Infrastructure Diversity

Throughput Measurements

- M-Lab hosts two active throughput measurements:
 - Network Diagnostic Tool (NDT)
 - BISmark
- NDT is integrated with numerous applications and receives about 100,000 tests per day.
- Nearly every country is well-covered.

YOUR TEST RESULTS

UPLOAD SPEED

15.68 mb/s

DOWNLOAD SPEED

12.53 mb/s

Network latency: 26 msec round trip time

Jitter: 40 msec

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More information about M-Lab

How Does M-Lab Collect Its Data?

Measurement Clients

Performance measurement clients for informing users of their network capacity.

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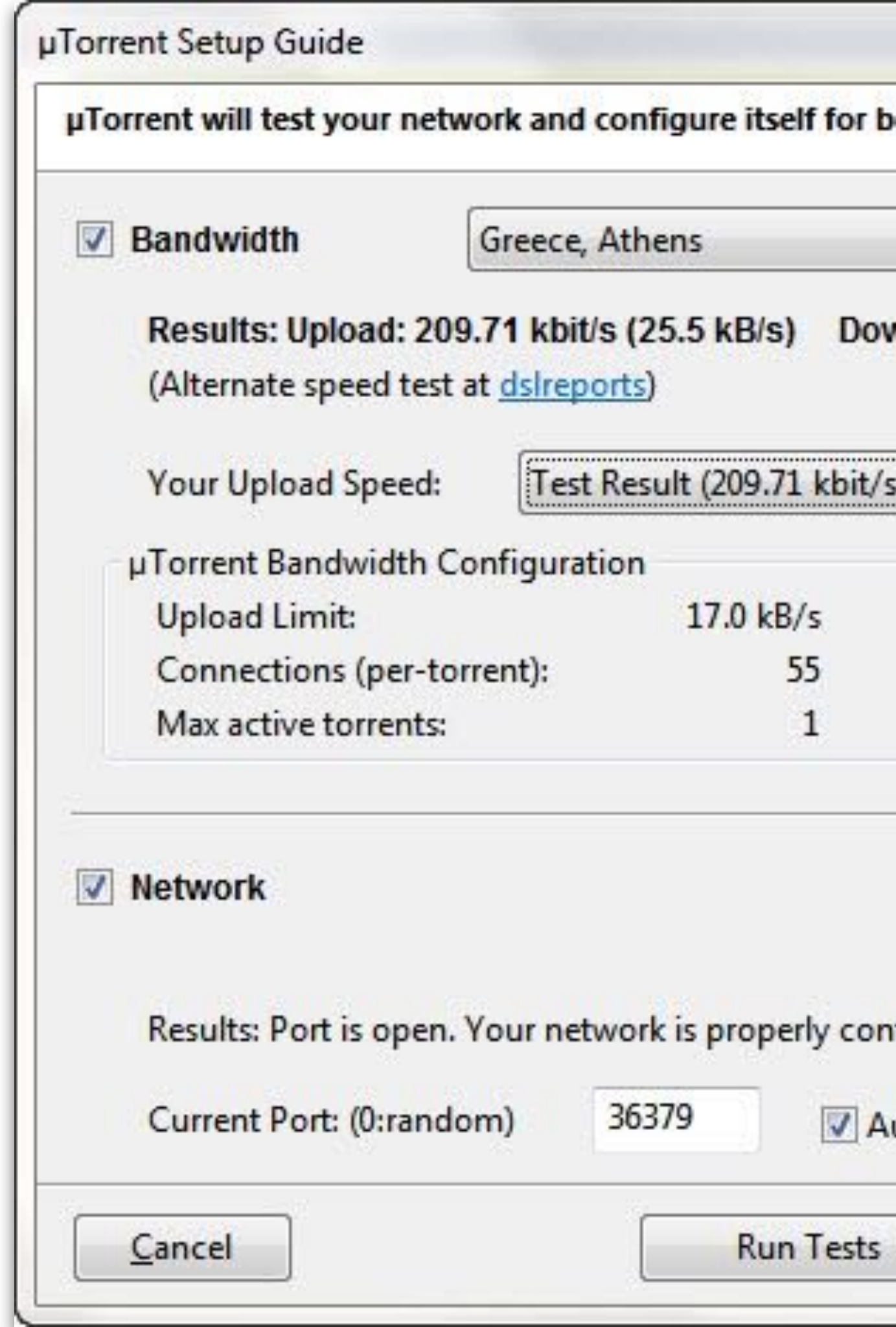
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Software Integrations

Providing network information to software to enable better user experience.



Partnerships with Regulatory Agencies

Monitoring the progress of
broadband deployment for policy-
making.

Εργαλεία

Μετρήστε την
πραγματική απόδοση
της σύνδεσής σας.

NDT Network Diagnostic Tool

Ελέγξτε αν ο πάροχός
σας περιορίζει
υπηρεσίες.

Glasnost

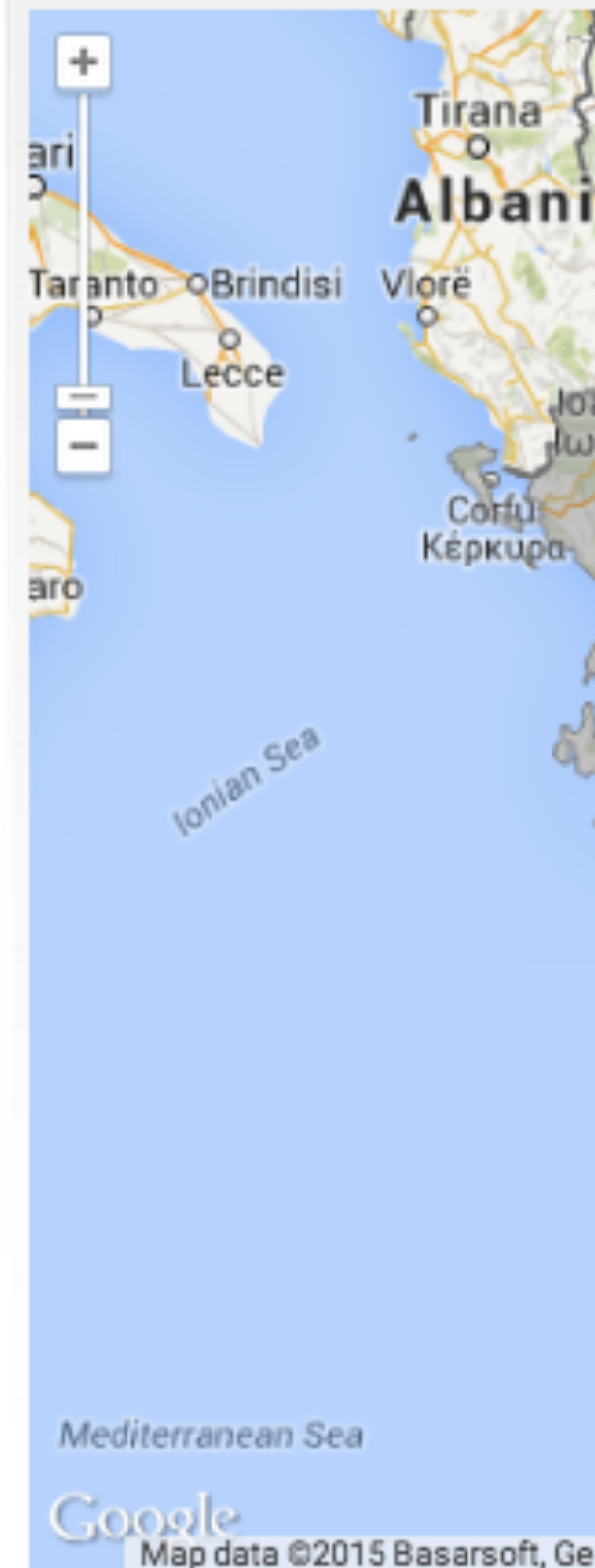
Ενεργοποιήστε την
υπενθύμηση για
περιοδικές μετρήσεις.

M-LAB Notifier **MLAB**

Χάρτης

NDT

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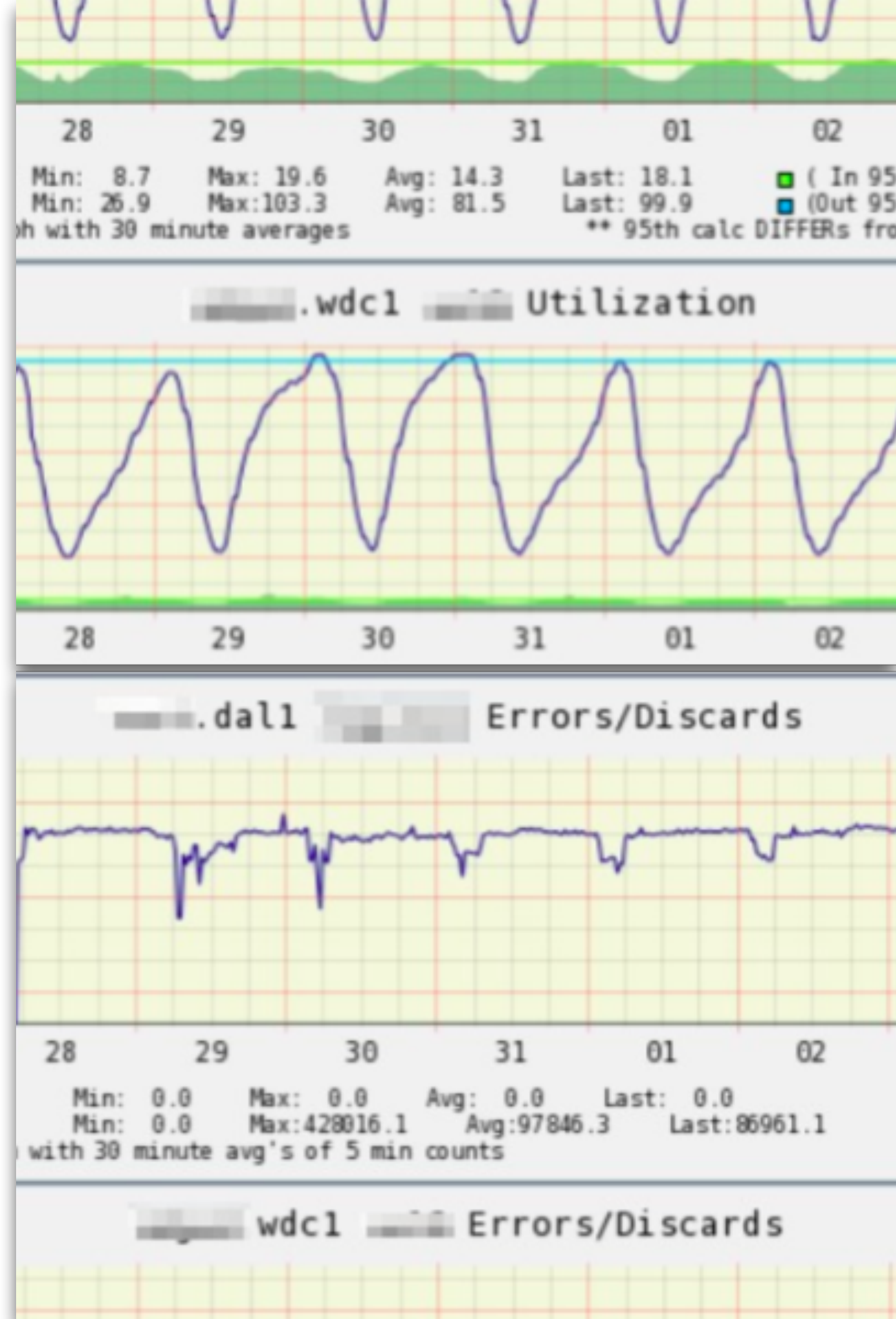
< 4 Mbps 4 - 8 Mbps

Consumer Measurement and Policy Case Study

Interconnection Disputes in the United States

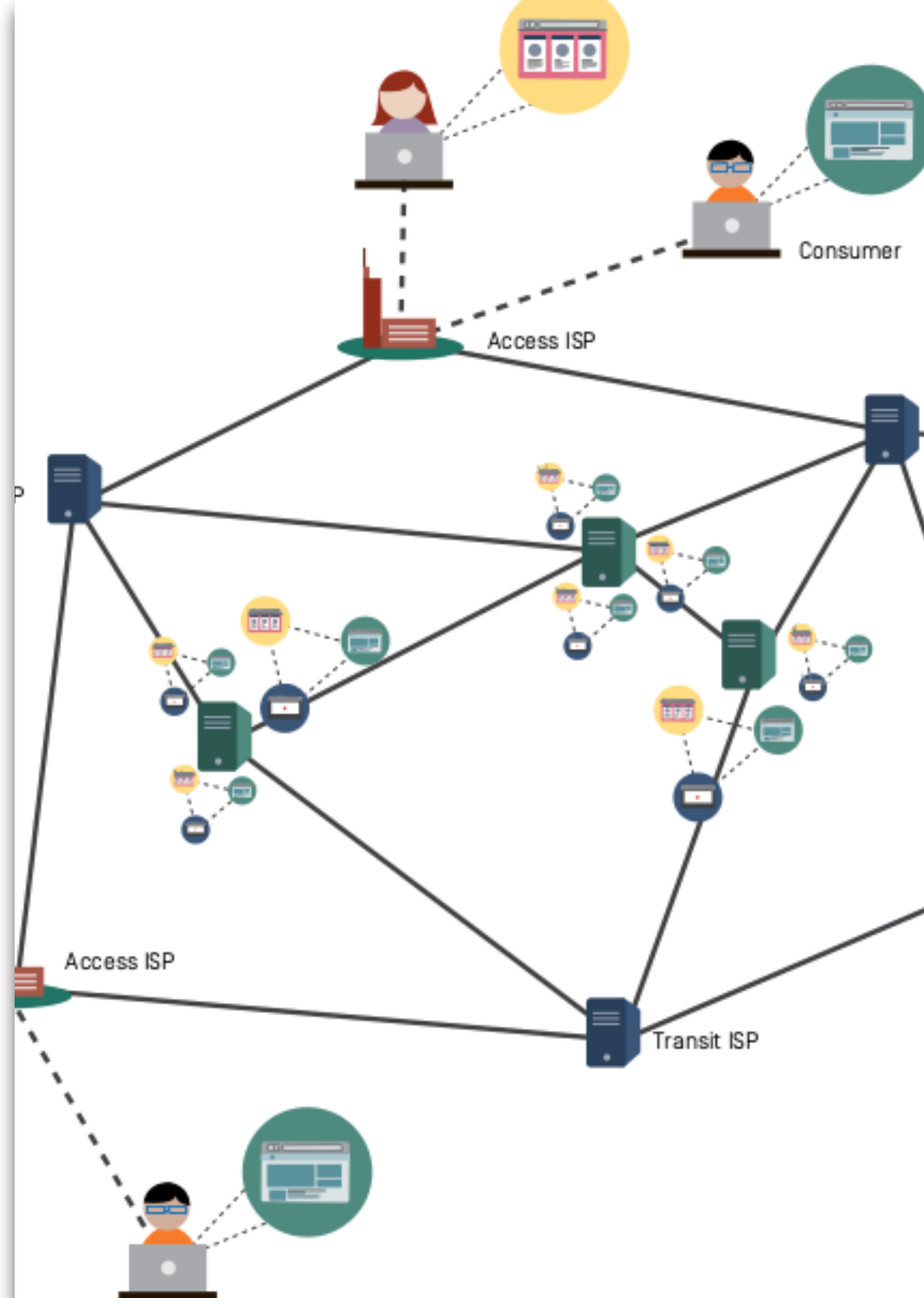
The Regulator's Problem

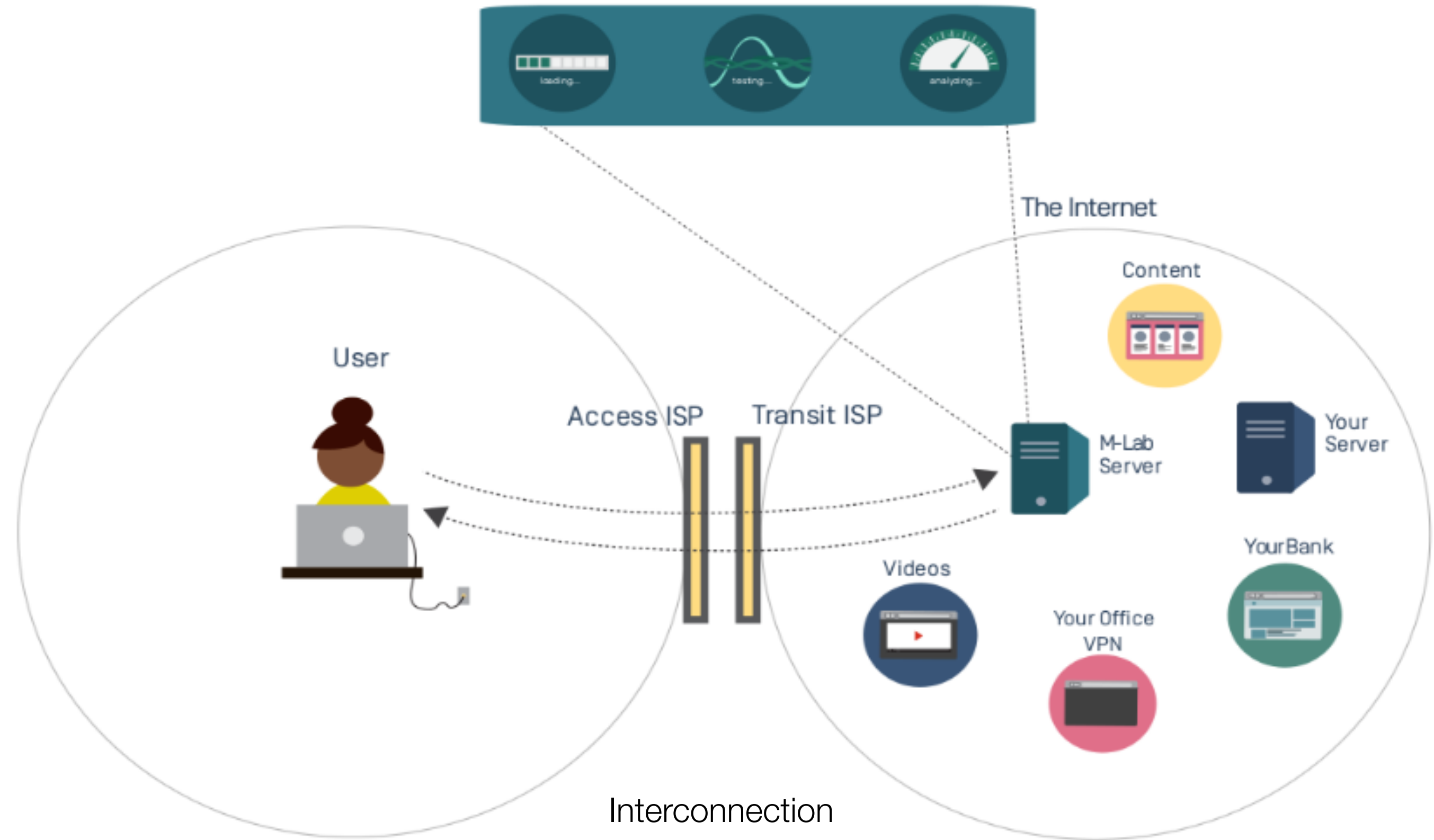
- Utilization and performance data is proprietary and hidden from the public.
- User collected information is often unreliable, incomparable, methodologically inconsistent and narrowly scoped.
- Longitudinal data is rare, so is comparative measurement.
- Independent data is expensive, collection efforts are burdensome.



Network Diagnostic Tool

- M-Lab's most popular hosted test, tens of thousands of measurements daily.
- Simple test of bulk transfer capacity.
- Multiple NDT implementations available, across different languages and for diversity of purposes.
- All implementations share the same methodology and are inter compatible.



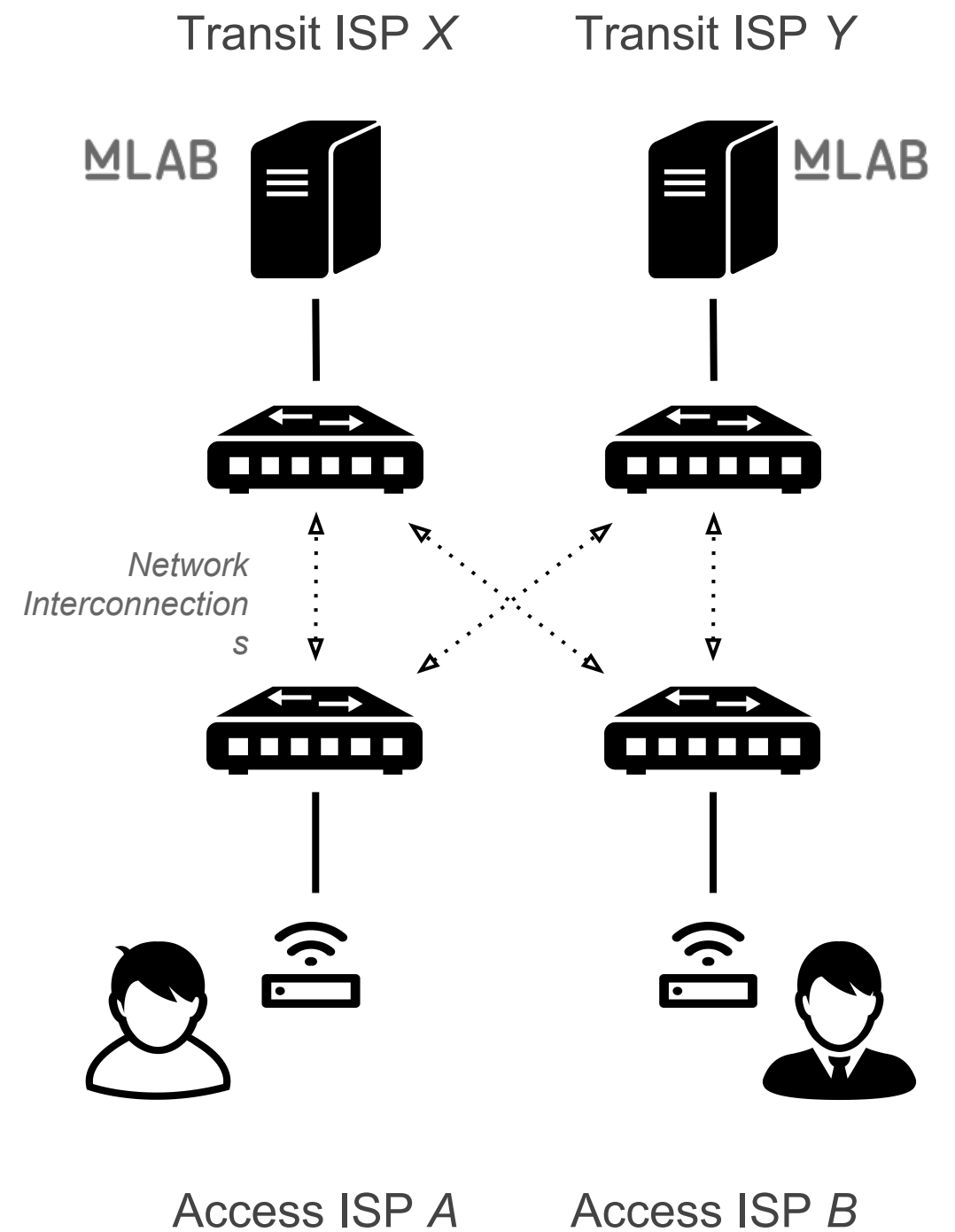


Measuring Performance

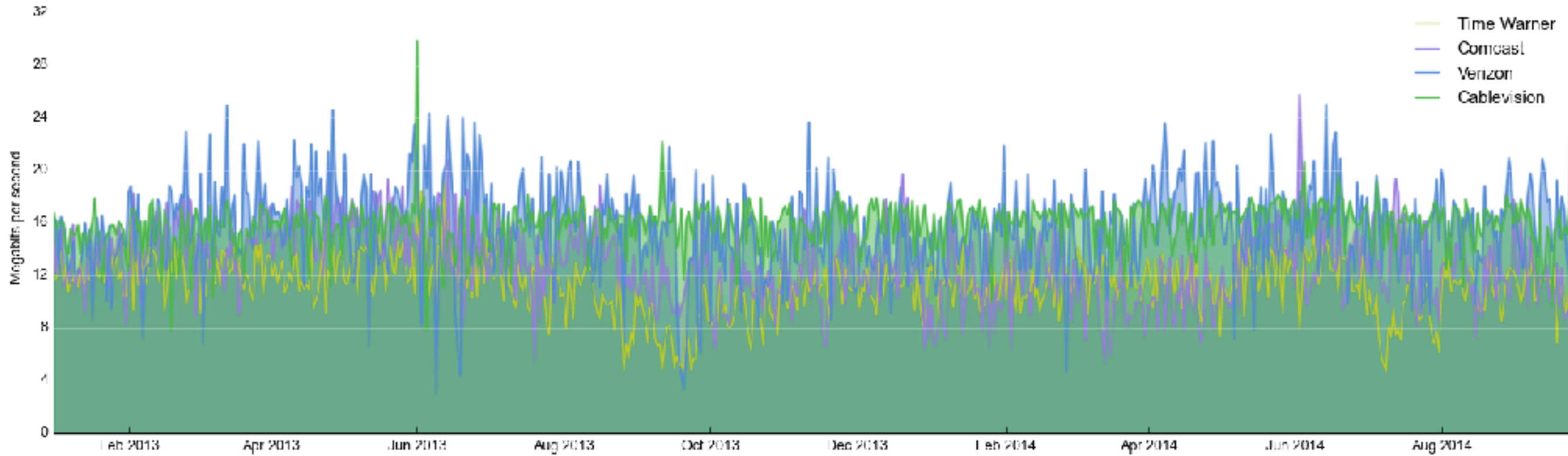
Bulk Transfer Capacity

Methodology

Inferring the Source of Congestion



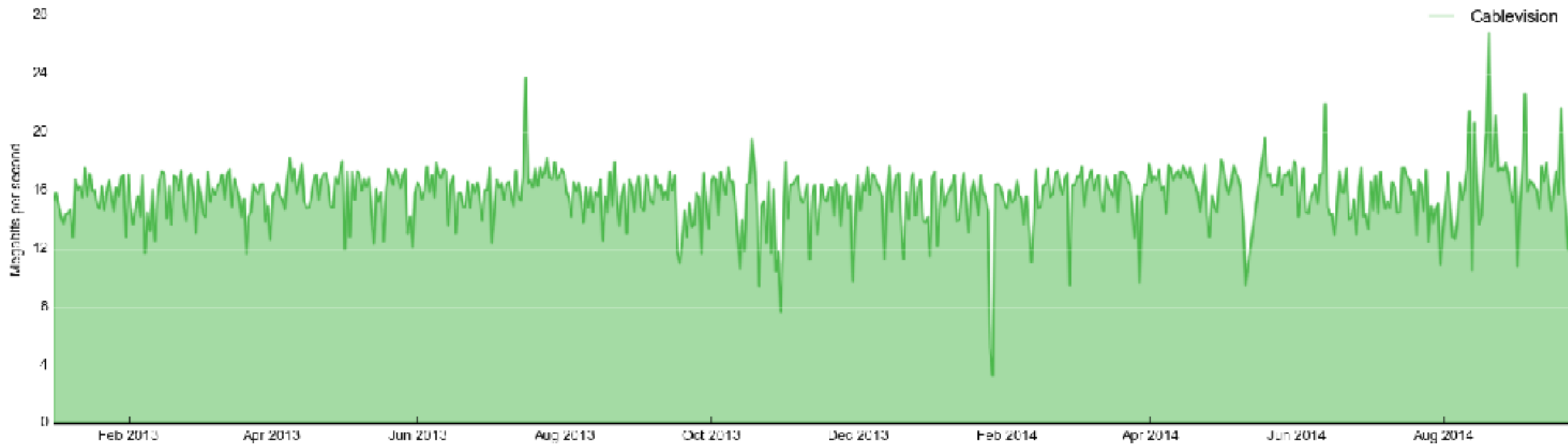
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Inferring Sources of Congestion in Practice

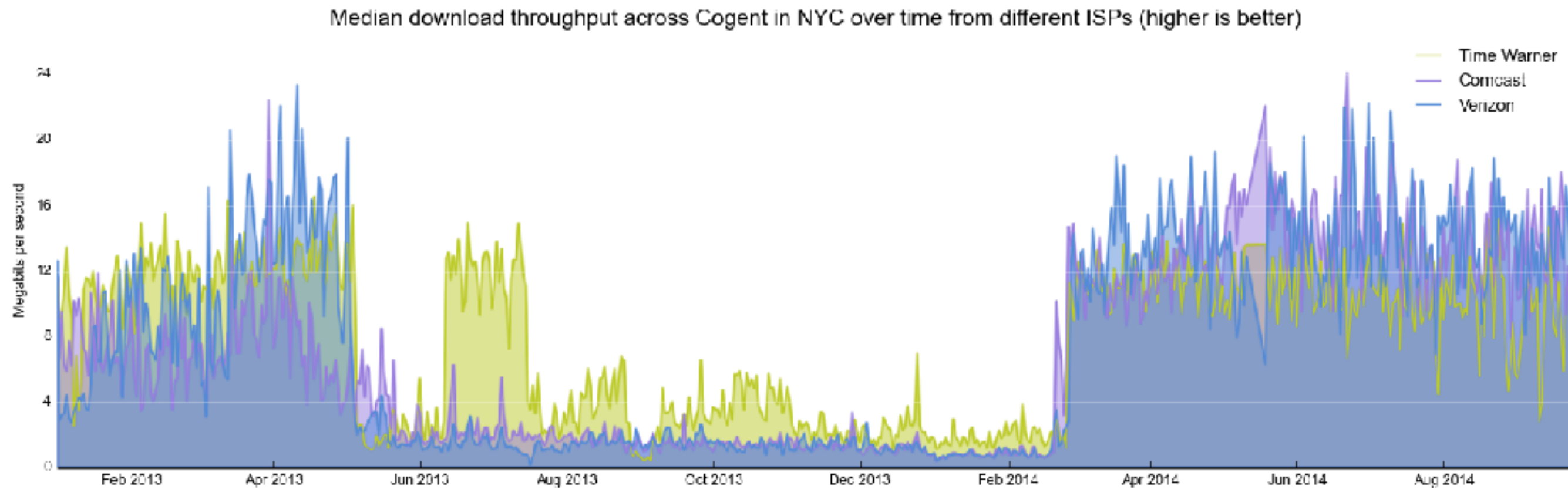
Using New York's Comparison

Median download throughput across Cogent to Cablevision in NYC over time (higher is better)



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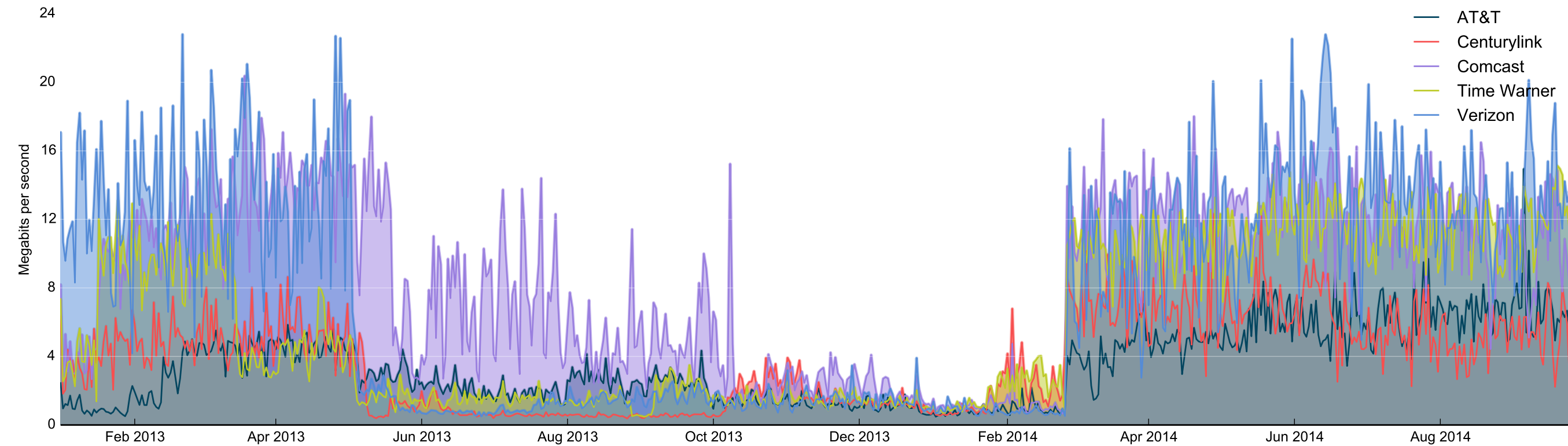
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Inferring Sources of Congestion in Practice

US Access ISPs and Cogent (2013-2014)

Median download throughput across Cogent in LA over time from different ISPs (higher is better)

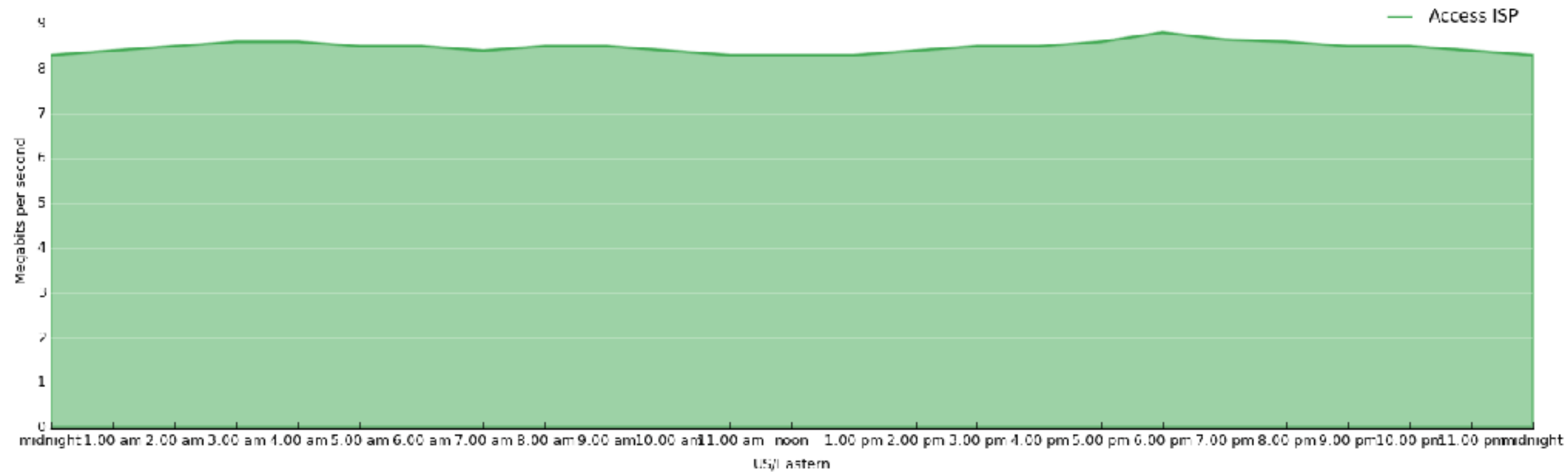


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Internet Performance Varies Significantly
Throughout the Day and Across Interconnections

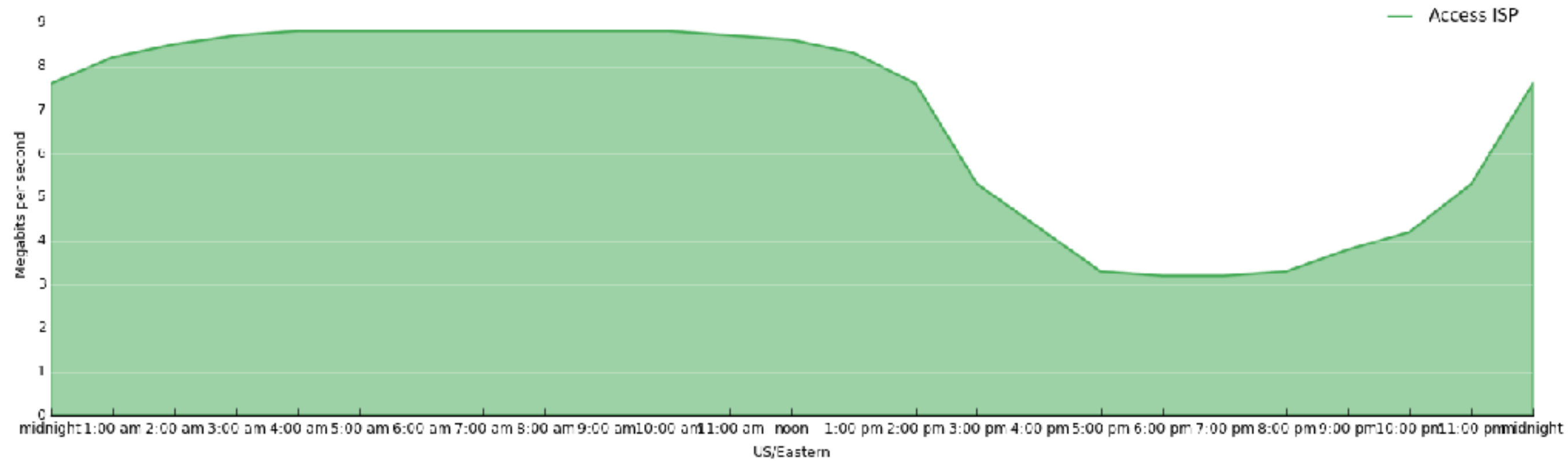
Median download throughput during the average day between access ISP and transit ISP (higher is better)



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Instructive

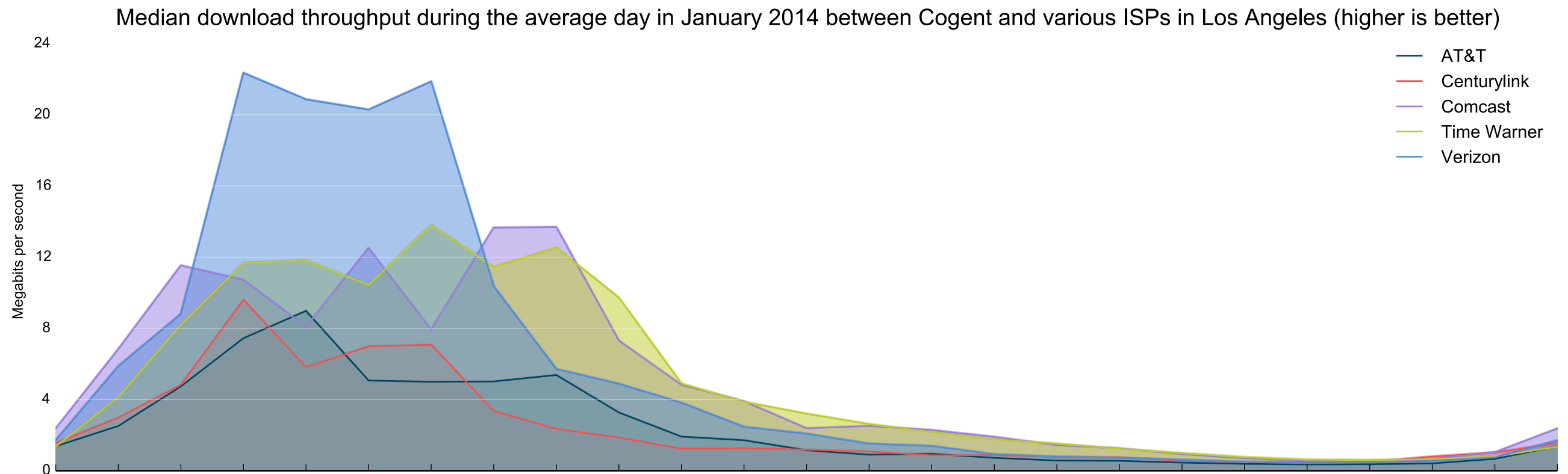
Expectations of Normal Performance

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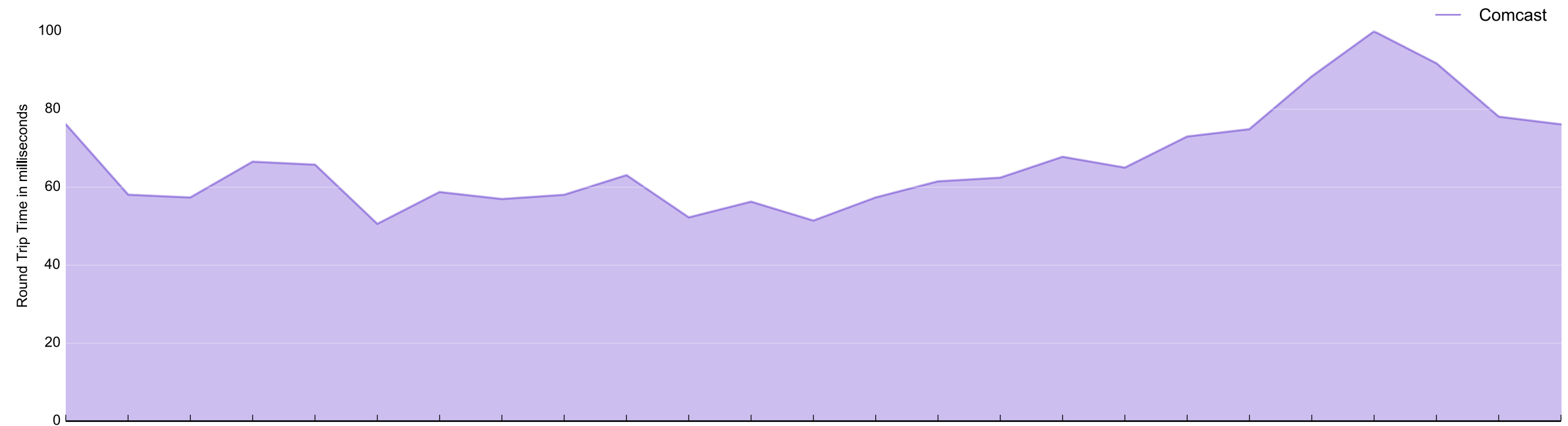
Expectations of Congested Performance



Diurnal Cycles In Practice

Peak Hours, Peak Disruption

Median RTT during the average day in October 2013 between Level 3 and Comcast in Atlanta (lower is better)

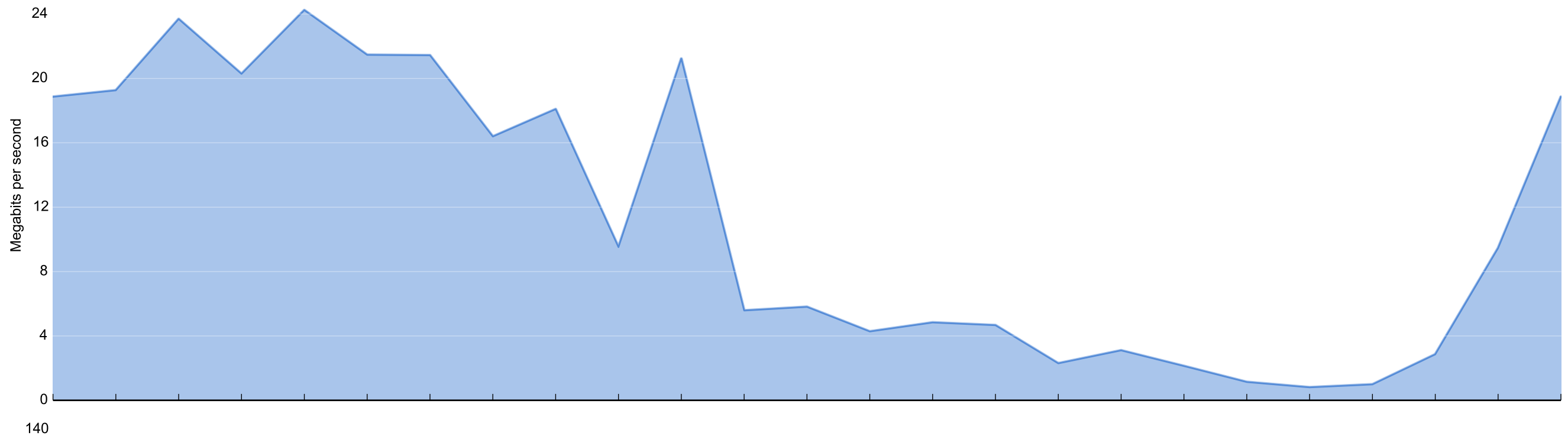


Not Limited to Throughput

Latency Sensitive Applications Affected

Median download throughput during the average day in February 2014 between Level 3 and Verizon in Chicago (higher is better)

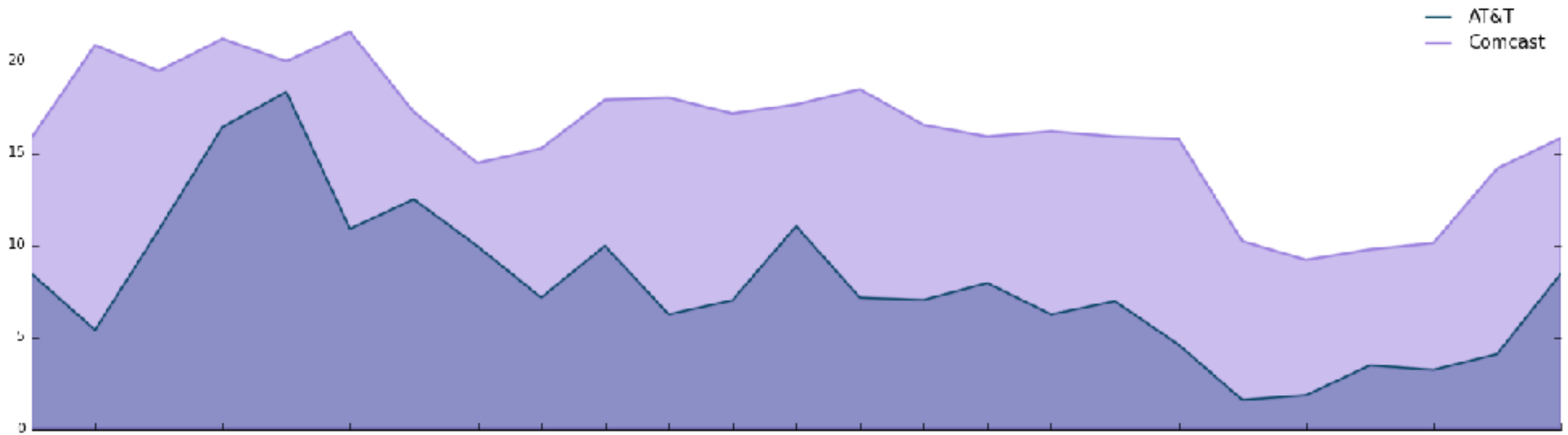
Verizon



Not Limited to One Transit
Provider

Level 3 and Verizon

Median download throughput across XO in Washington D.C. for Fall 2014



Congestion is Continuing

Congestion as of Q4 2014

Public Interest Data

- Interconnection Study results were referred to in filings to United States regulator agency since the start of this year alone.
- M-Lab data has been used by public interest organizations, private companies and individual citizens representing all sides of the debate.
- Cited in dozens of media articles in interconnection.

378 results (0.115 seconds)

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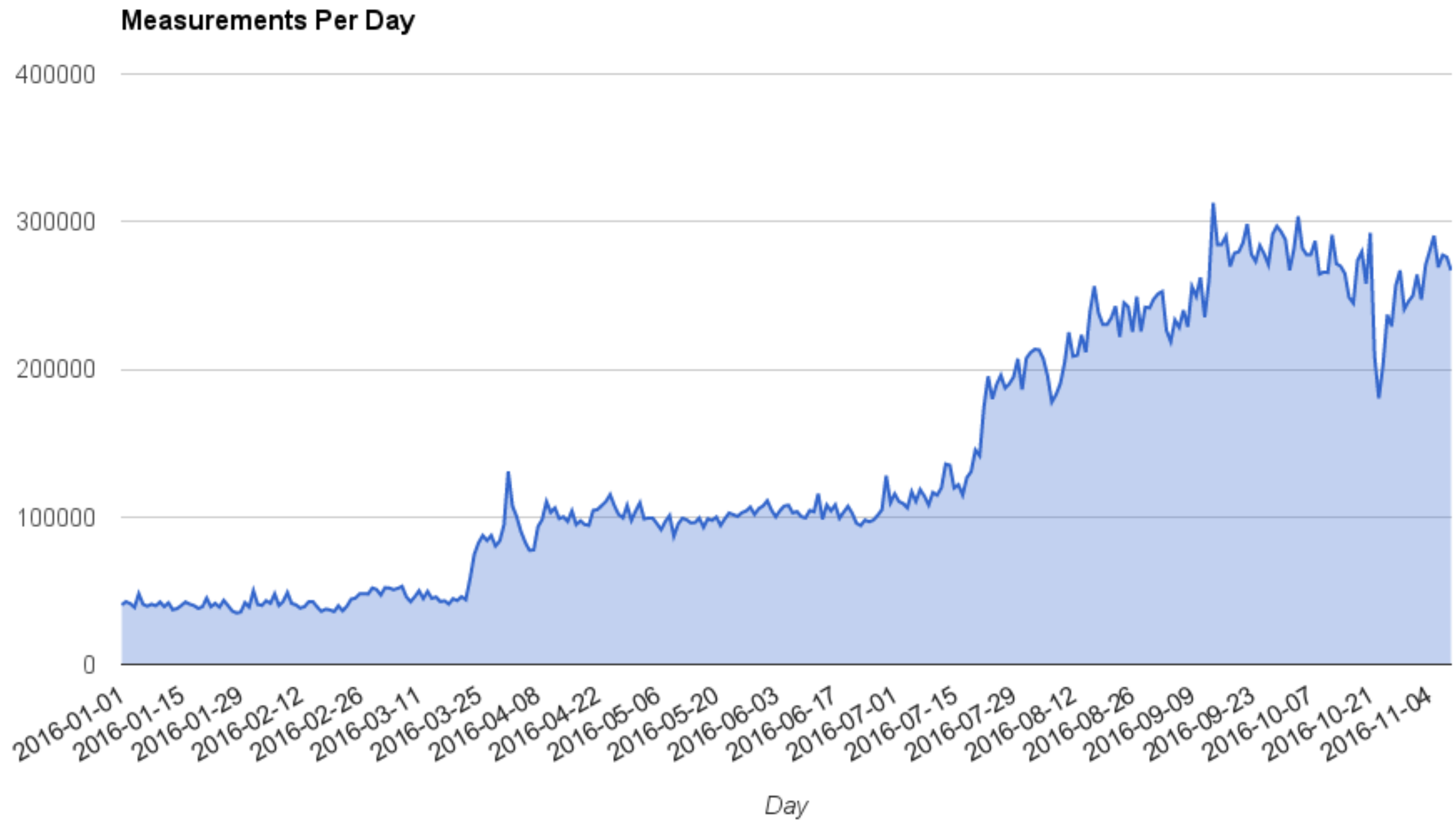
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Next Steps for Measurement Lab

Measurement Volume and Site Expansion



Partners and Integrations

Increased Test Volume



New Sites in Europe

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