

A First Look at QUIC in the Wild

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The Internet is subject to a major change

- **TCP is difficult to extend**
 - ▶ Only a couple of bytes left to modify
 - ▶ Middleboxes ossify the protocol evolution
- **QUIC is UDP + TCP-like CC + loss recovery + TLS 1.3**
 - ▶ Everything is encrypted → Goodbye middleboxes
 - ▶ QUIC guarantees evolution
- **There is Google QUIC and IETF QUIC**
 - ▶ gQUIC evolves to IETF QUIC when standardization progresses

How much gQUIC is already out there?

- **What infrastructures support QUIC?**

- ▶ Perform ZMap scans over IPv4



- **Is it (practically) used by any website?**

- ▶ Scan full .com / .net / .org zones
- ▶ Scan Alexa Top 1M for “popular” domains

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; .com, and .net top-level domain zone files (including the checksum
; files) is subject to the restrictions described in the access Agreement
; with Verisign Inc.

$ORIGIN COM.
$TTL 900
@ IN SOA a.gtld-servers.net. nstld.verisign-grs.com. (
    1345069530 serial
    1000 :refresh every 30 min
    900 :retry every 15 min
    604800 :expire after a week
    86400 :minimum of 15 min
)

$TTL 172800
NS A.GTLD-SERVERS.NET.
NS C.GTLD-SERVERS.NET.
NS H.GTLD-SERVERS.NET.
NS L.GTLD-SERVERS.NET.
NS I.GTLD-SERVERS.NET.
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- **How much QUIC traffic is there?**

- ▶ in a university network
- ▶ in a major European Tier-1 ISP
- ▶ in a major European mobile network
- ▶ in a major European IXP

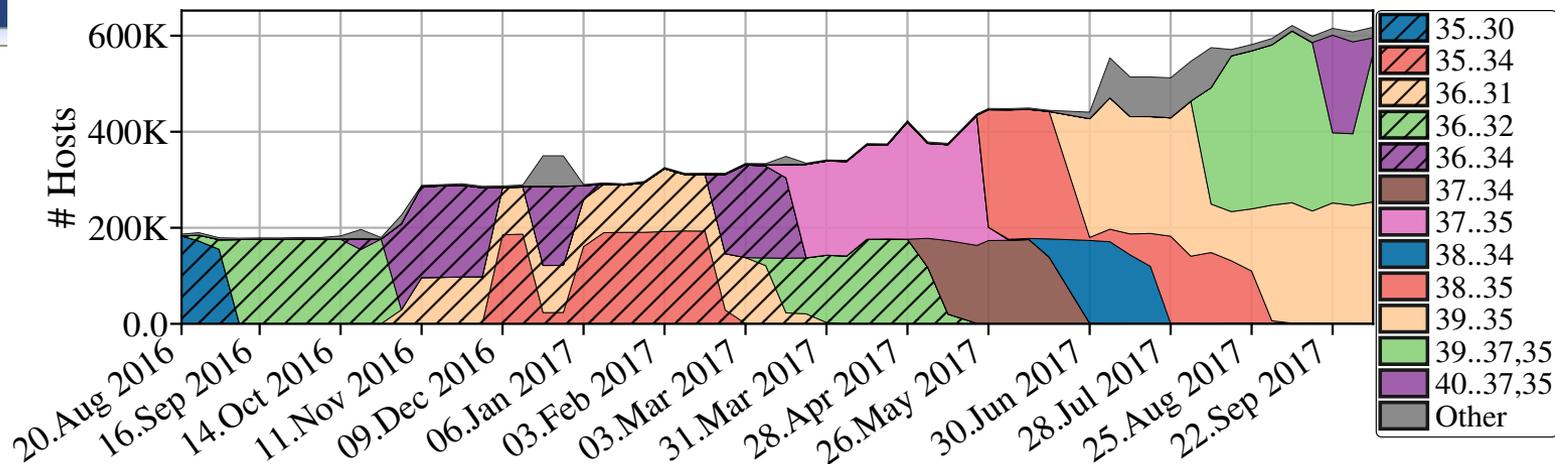


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- **QUIC has a version negotiation feature (evolution!)**
 - ▶ Send version in first Client Hello (CHLO/Initial)
 - ▶ If supported, server continues handshake
 - ▶ Otherwise, sends version negotiation packet

- **Use ZMap to test for gQUIC support + version support**
 - ▶ Send a valid CHLO packet
 - ▶ Include an unused version number that the server does not support
 - ▶ Module available on github

QUIC in IPv4



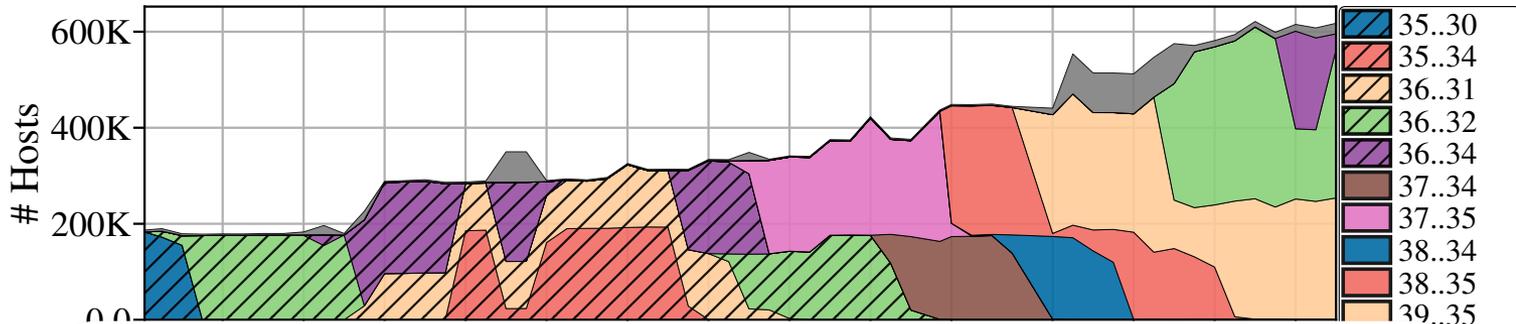
- **Number of QUIC IPs tripled to 617K IPs**

- ▶ Classification using AS, certificate data, and reverse DNS
- ▶ 330K (53.53%) IPs can be attributed to Google
- ▶ Akamai: 983 in Aug., 44K in Nov. 2016, 251K (40.71%) October 2017

- **HTTP via TCP on the remaining IPs reveal**

- ▶ many timeouts and further Google and Akamai servers
- ▶ 7.34K using LightSpeed webserver
- ▶ 356 Caddy webserver

QUIC in IPv4



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- **Number**

- ▶ Class

- ▶ 330

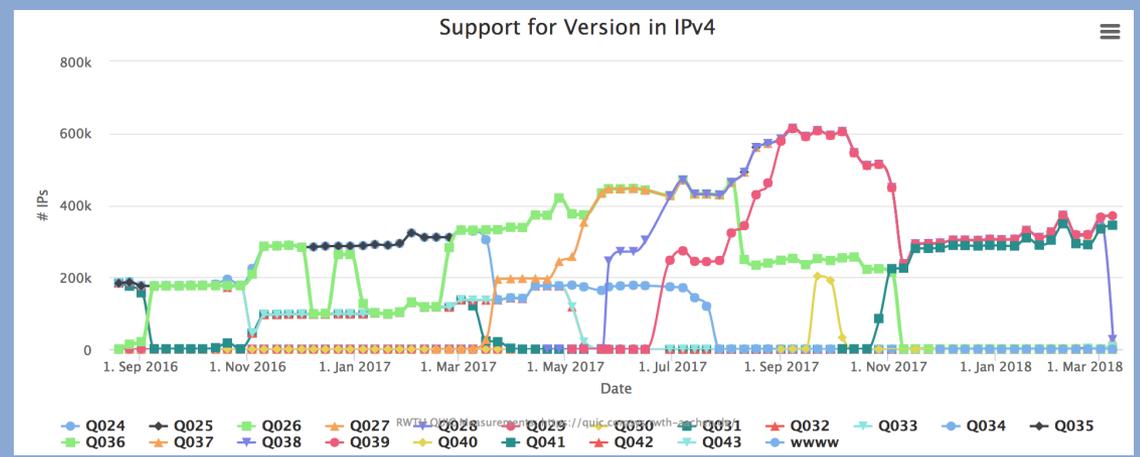
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Weekly raw data available on <https://quic.netray.io>

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- **There are ~150M domains in .com/.net/.org**
 - ▶ There are no tools to investigate QUIC
- **We build upon quic-go to build a scanner**
 - ▶ We modify the library to trace the whole handshake
 - ▶ We enable to dump all connection parameters that are exchanged
 - Certificates, server config, buffer settings, ...
 - ▶ Also available on github
- **We can efficiently scan TLDs for QUIC support**
 - ▶ We can further analyze the connection parameters
 - Certificates valid?

	06. Oct 2017 .com	03. Oct 2017 .net	04. Oct 2017 .org	08. Oct 2017 Alexa 1M
# Domains	129.36 M (100.0%)	14.75 M (100.0%)	10.37 M (100.0%)	999.94 K (100.0%)
QUIC-enabled	133.63 K (0.1%)	8.73 K (0.06%)	6.51 K (0.06%)	11.97 K (1.2%)
Valid Certificate	2.14 K (0.0%)	181 (0.0%)	159 (0.0%)	342 (0.03%)
Timeout	114.63 M (88.61%)	10.80 M (73.23%)	8.09 M (78.06%)	826.67 K (82.67%)
Version-failed	29 (0.0%)	6 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	5 (0.0%)
Protocol-error	606 (0.0%)	222 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)
Invalid-IP	322.24 K (0.25%)	59.24 K (0.4%)	40.15 K (0.39%)	15.42 K (1.54%)
DNS-failure	13.76 M (10.64%)	2.40 M (16.26%)	1.18 M (11.41%)	49.34 K (4.93%)

▶ Timeout → No QUIC support

- **In total: 161K domains**

- ▶ 10% do not deliver any data

- ▶ 2.8K with valid certificate

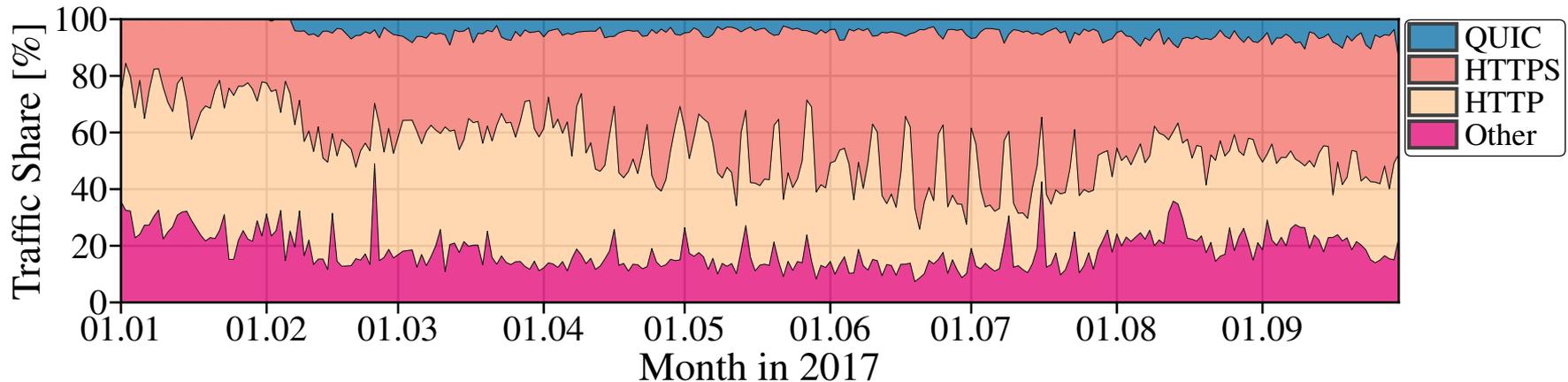
- ▶ Only a fraction presents QUIC discovery headers via HTTP(s)

- **Is there any QUIC traffic in the Internet then?**

- **Classifying QUIC traffic**
 - ▶ Detecting QUIC on sampled (header) data is hard
- **We rely on a port-based classification**
 - ▶ UDP Port 443 → QUIC
 - ▶ TCP Port 443 → HTTPS
 - ▶ TCP Port 80 → HTTP
- **Depending on the data source we have AS-level information available**

- **Mawi: University uplink to ISP**

- ▶ Open dataset: <http://mawi.nezu.wide.ad.jp/mawi/> (samplepoint-F)
- ▶ Capped packet dumps of 15 minutes at 14h each day
- ▶ Source and destination have been anonymized



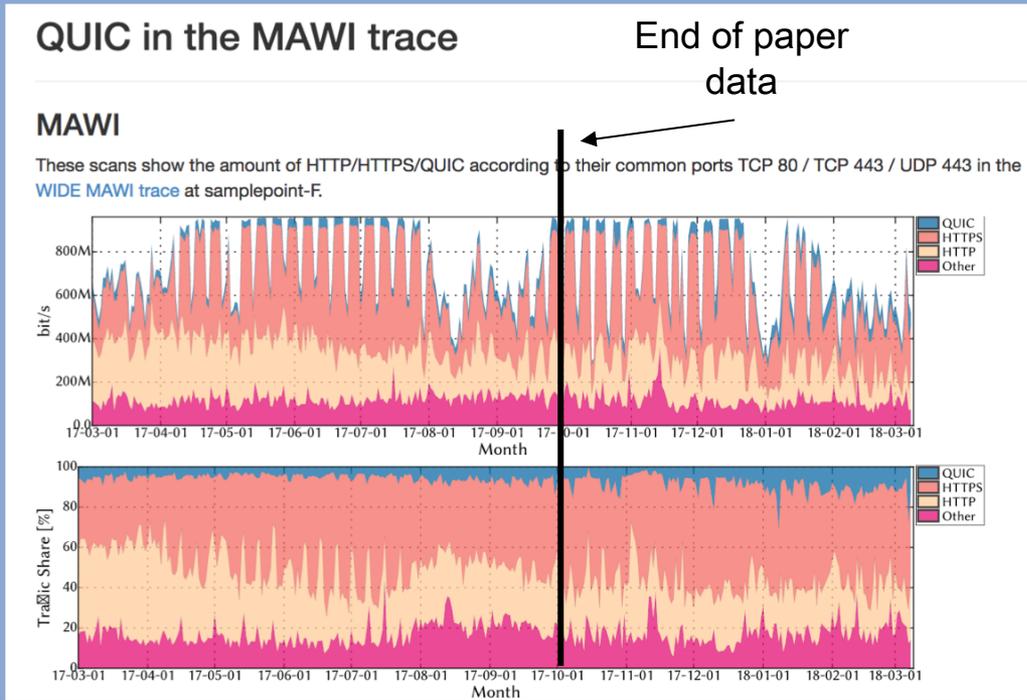
- ▶ No QUIC traffic in January last year
 - Google said activation in January for most customers
- ▶ 5.2% QUIC in March, 6.7% in September

MAWI	6.7%

QUIC Traffic Shares – Mawi Backbone

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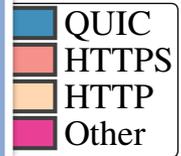
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Daily updates available on <https://quic.netray.io>

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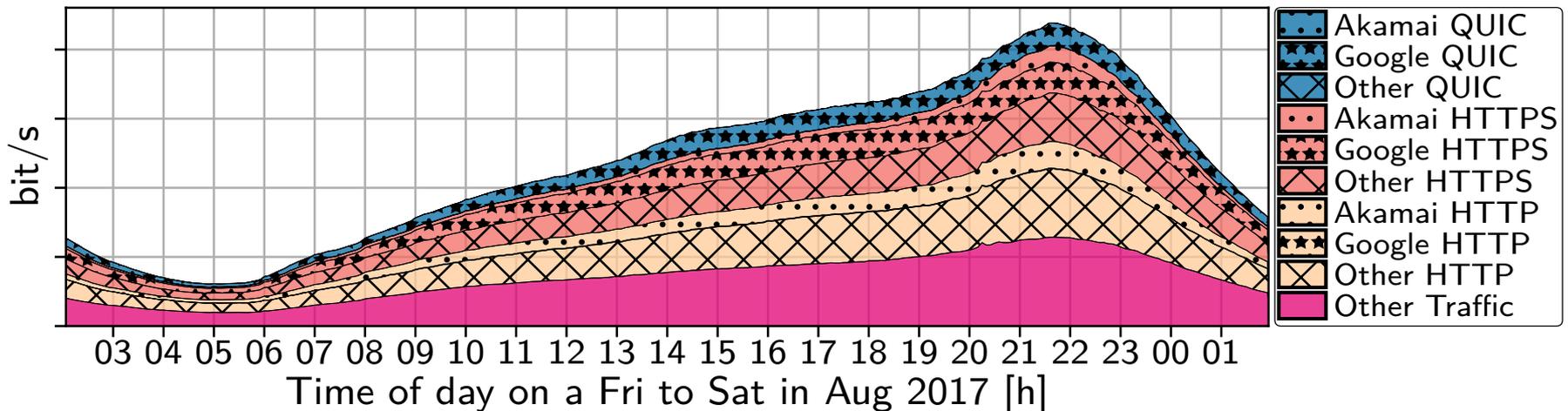
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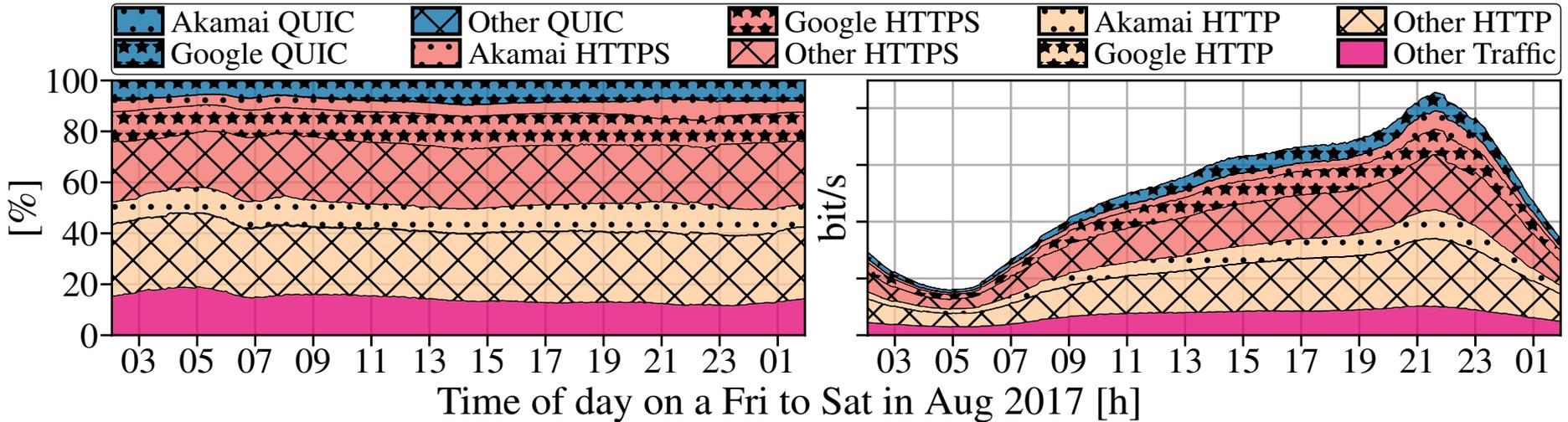
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- **Anonymized Netflows of all boarder routers**

- ▶ 1 full day in August 2017 (a Friday to Saturday)
- ▶ Netflows aggregated to 5 minute bins
- ▶ Upstream and Downstream
- ▶ IPs have been replaced by AS numbers
- ▶ Contains: edge (DSL,..), cellular, and transit backbone traffic



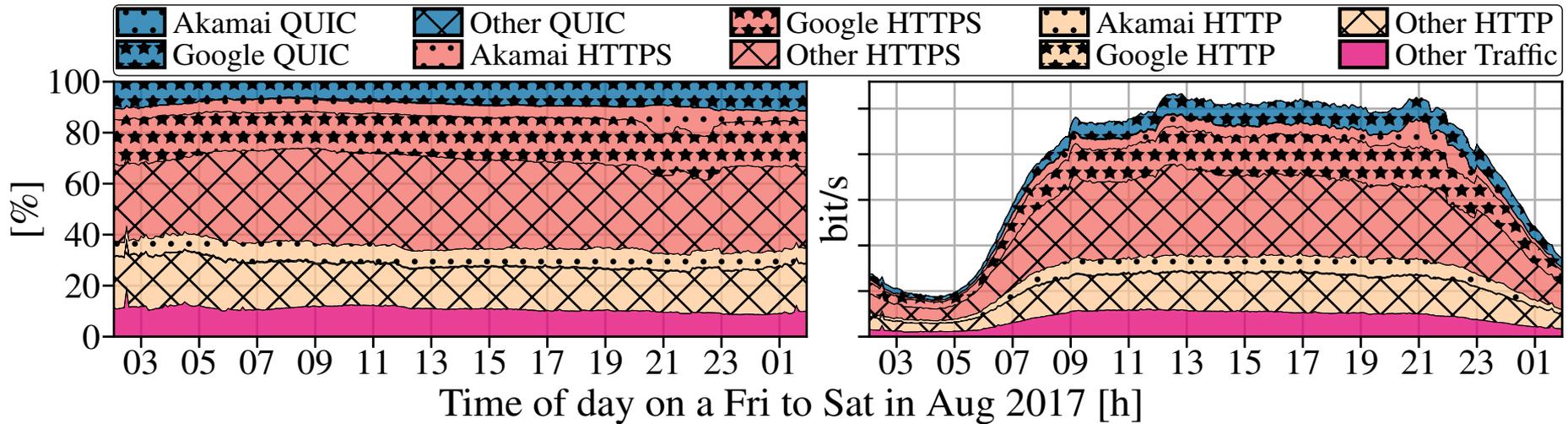
QUIC Traffic Shares – European Tier-1 ISP



- **QUIC share is stable over the day**
- **QUIC at around 7.8% ($\pm 1\%$)**
- **HTTP (~38%) and HTTPS (40%) dominate the shares**
- **98% of the QUIC traffic is from/to Google AS**
 - ▶ Of all Google traffic QUIC accounts for ~39% peaking at ~42%
- **Almost no QUIC traffic to Akamai (0.1%)**
 - ▶ Still Akamai causes ~15% of all traffic → Potential QUIC traffic

MAWI	6.7%
ISP	7.8%

QUIC Traffic Shares – Mobile ISP



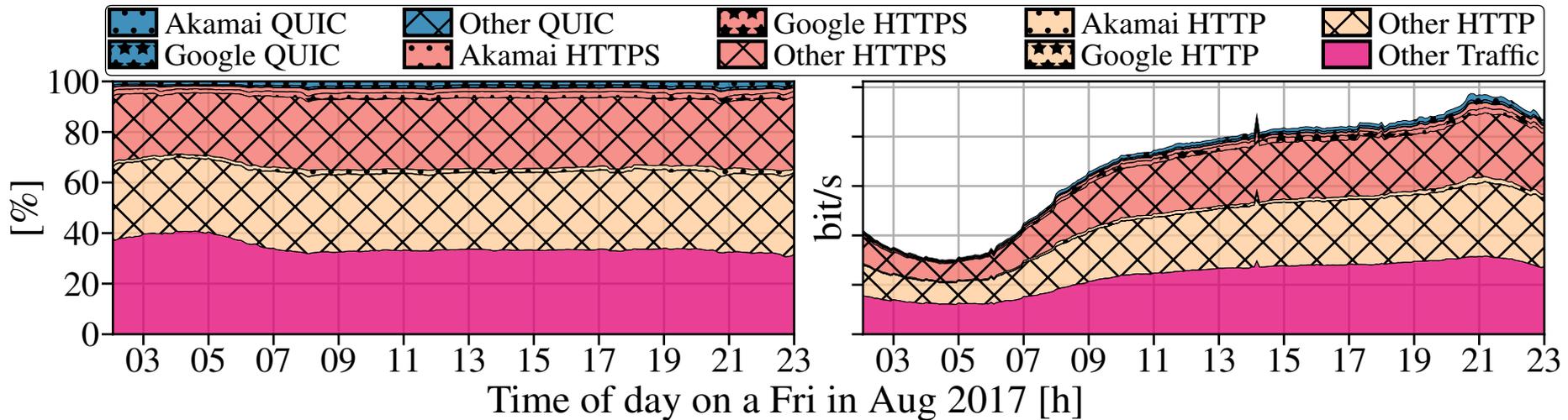
- **ISP told us how to extract mobile traffic from trace**
- **Mobile traffic pattern differs from classic daily pattern**
- **QUIC share slightly larger 9.1% ($\pm 1.4\%$)**
- **Google dominates again**
 - ▶ 34% of their traffic via QUIC

MAWI	6.7%
ISP	7.8%
MOBILE	9.1%

QUIC Traffic Shares – European IXP

- **Sampled flow data for the same day in August**

- ▶ Flows annotated by customer port
- ▶ Aggregated to 5 minute bins



- **QUIC only 2.6% overall**
- **Akamai accounts for ~60% of the QUIC traffic**
 - ▶ 33% by Google
- **Different traffic engineering strategies?**

MAWI	6.7%
ISP	7.8%
MOBILE	9.1%
IXP	2.6%

- **QUIC is on the rise!**
 - ▶ A zoo of versions exist! Future compatibility?
 - ▶ More and more infrastructure is enabled
 - ▶ Some domains map to this infrastructure, only few can actually use it

- **Non-negligible fraction of Internet traffic is QUIC**
 - ▶ Hard to detect in sampled data
 - ▶ Very vantage point dependent
 - ▶ Single companies have potential to drastically increase QUIC share
 - ▶ How does QUIC impact Internet traffic? e.g., Fairness?

We provide our tools and
measurement data, visit
<https://quic.netray.io>

Thank you!

Any questions?

PAM paper on arXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.05168>

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