

IP Pseudowire Congestion Considerations

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- Pseudowire (PW): tunneling of X through a PSN (IP or MPLS)
 - X = TDM/SDH (telephony), Ethernet, ATM, SONET/SDH, Frame Relay, ...
- Primary concern: TDM (fixed bandwidth) PWs over IP
 - What if these PWs are mixed with congestion-responsive traffic?
 - PWE3 WG – no defined congestion control mechanism
- Analysis of fixed bandwidth PWs (-01 draft):
 1. Assess congestion situation using TCP throughput equation
 2. Compare with TDM service and voice quality constraints
 3. Initial results promising (TDM service failure often precedes congestion issues)
 - See graphs in pdf version of draft
 4. Provide operational recommendations (preliminary, more coming soon)
- Would appreciate additional congestion-control “eyes”