# The history of Internet Exchanges in Sweden

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#### Who am I anyway?

- Ålcom (EUnet Finland) -> 1997
- EUnet Sverige 1997-1998
- KPNQwest Sweden 1998-2000
- KPNQwest 2000-2002
- 2002- Consultant (Netnod)
- Other things...
  - Current chairman of the board for Furo-IX
  - IETF WG chair for shim6 and v6ops
  - Chair of RIPE NCC Services WG
  - Chair of the Swedish Operator Forum
  - Member of the Internet Architecture Board
  - Chair of IAOC
  - Member of the IETF ops-directorate
  - Various consultational groups to governments



# Early history...

- D-GIX located at KTH in Stockholm
  - Started in 1992
  - From the beginning this was a 10/100 Mbps Ethernet Switch
- Was later complemented with an FDDI switch
- During 1996 there was a discussion inside SOF and the Swedish Internet community to discuss the future...
  - Netnod was created in 1997
  - Yet another FDDI switch was installed
  - The goal was a structure that could guarantee independence and continuity
  - The IX was considered critical national infrastructure



- 1999 the Swedish traffic had outgrown existing FDDI switches
  - This led to delay and packet loss
- At a SOF meeting future technologies where discussed
  - Gigabit Ethernet
  - Cisco DPT



- The operators jointly decided to go on with DPT
  - GigE jumboframes was not available then
  - Operators wanted to avoid the possibility of head-ofline blocking
- DPT was (is) a Cisco technology that was later called "Redundant Packet Rings" (RPR).
  - Sent in SONET/SDH format on something that looks like a buss
  - Today standardised as IEEE 802.17



- More IXPs where established in Gothenburg, Malmoe och Sundsvall
- 2001 the original 622Mbps DPT ring in Stockholm was full
- A 2.5Gbps ring was installed to off-load the old ring



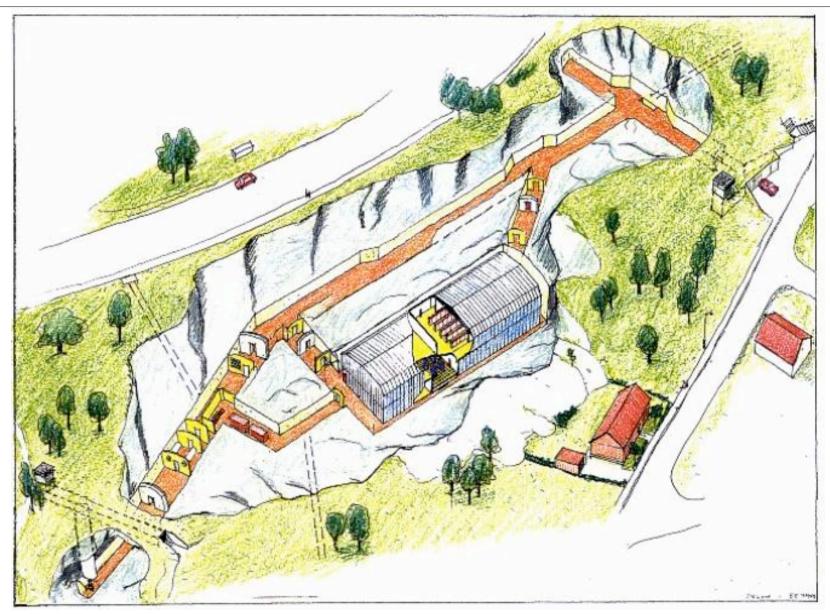
- During 2000/2001 there was a discussion in SOF about using GigE as a complement to DPT622
- Netnod investigated and concluded that 8 providers was needed to make a business case
- As an alternative SOLIX was created out of Arrowhead and some other providers
  - Received government subsides in form of support by KTH in Kista
- Netnod shortly afterwards launched GigE as a service



#### Netnod today

- Operates GigE based IXes in five cities
  - Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmoe, Sundsvall och Luleå
- All IXes are located in government constructed bunkers that are controlled by the regulator
- In Stockholm Netnod provides fiber access
  - In the other cities the location is disclosed after order







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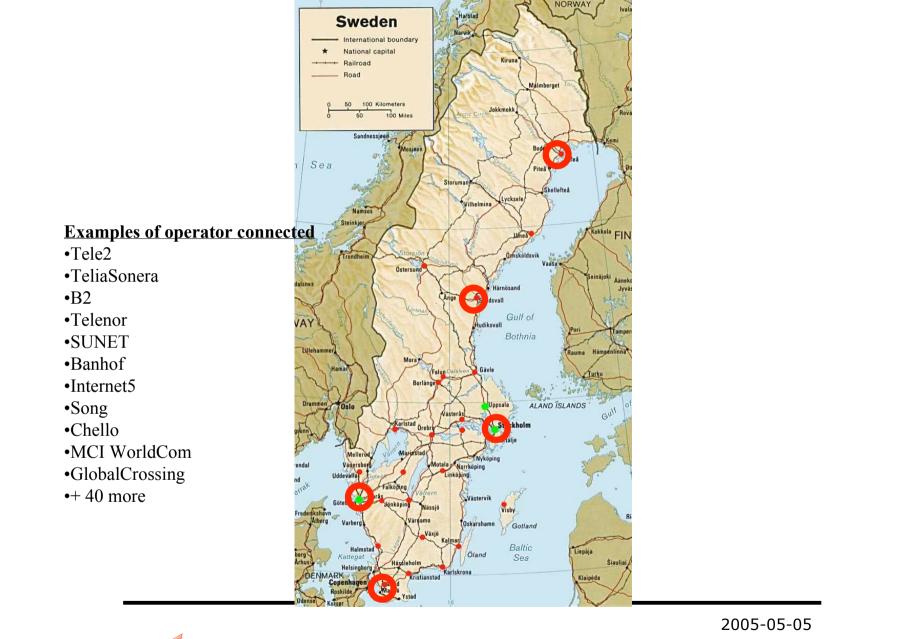


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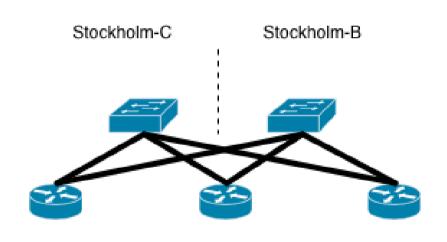


#### Design

- The IXPs consists of independent chassis
  - None of the problems that (can) occure with trunking
    - STP
    - Capacity planning
  - Limiting growth factor is the number of ports
- Makes troubleshooting easier

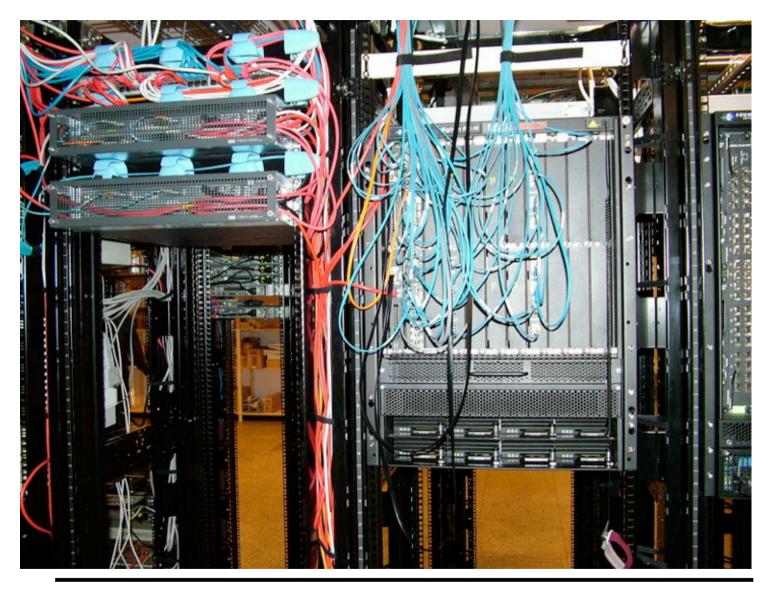


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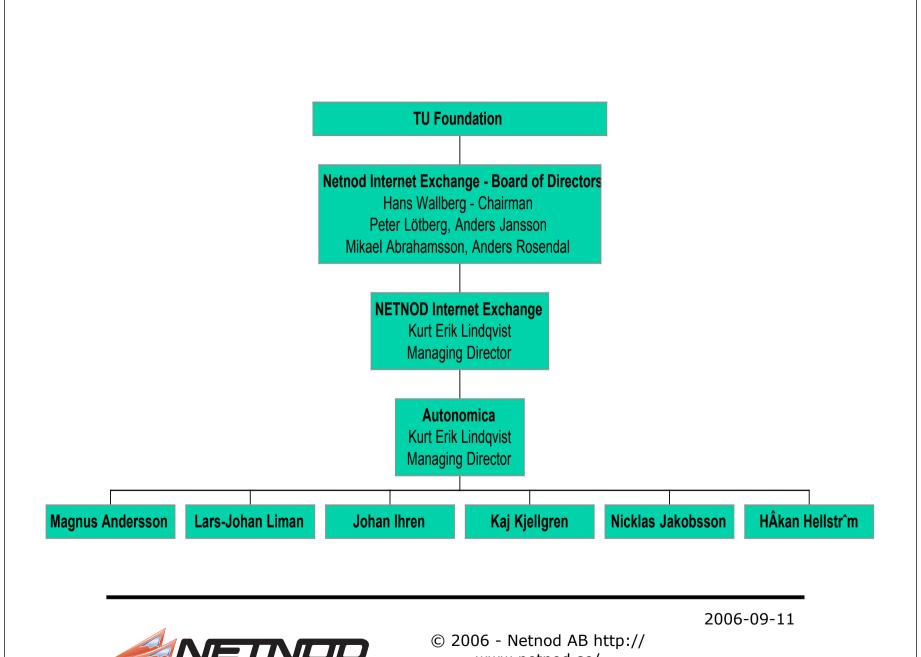


- All IXes are based on Gigabit Ethernet
  - Foundry RX platform
  - Only Gigabit Ethernet / 10GE connections
    - No 10/100
- In Stockholm there is two switches
  - On in each bunker





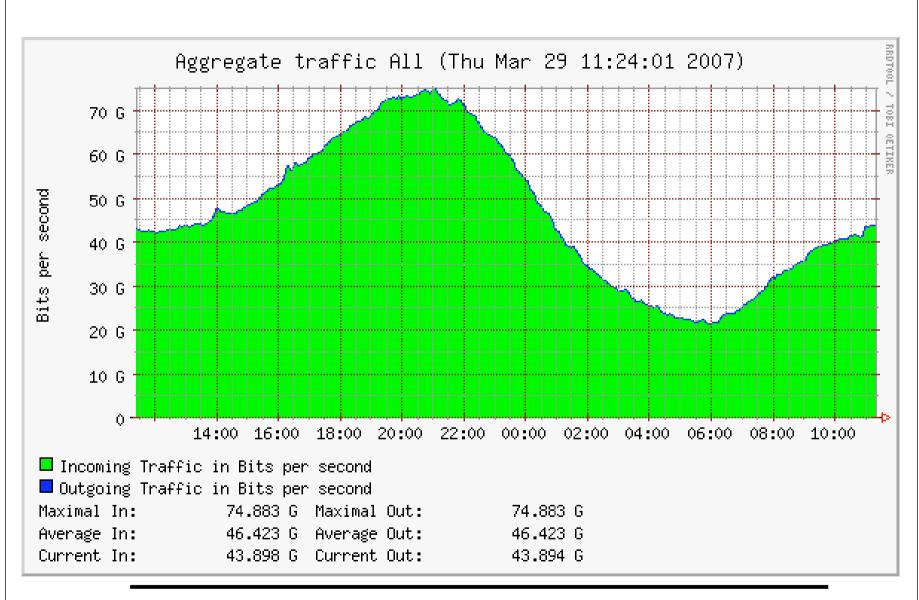




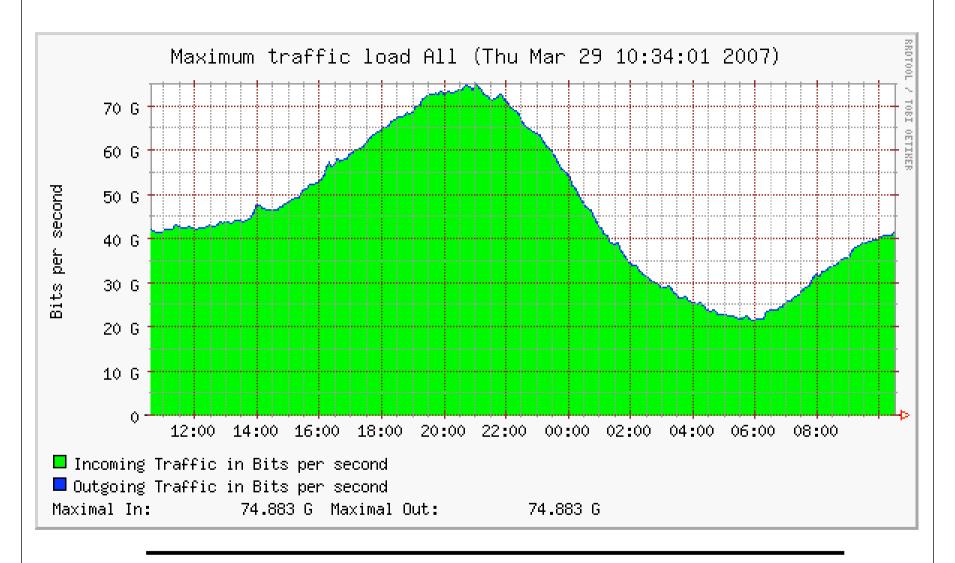
# Netnod today

- Currently no plans to establish more IXes due to lack of interest among the providers
- Two other main activities
  - Infrastructure services and consulting work
  - Research

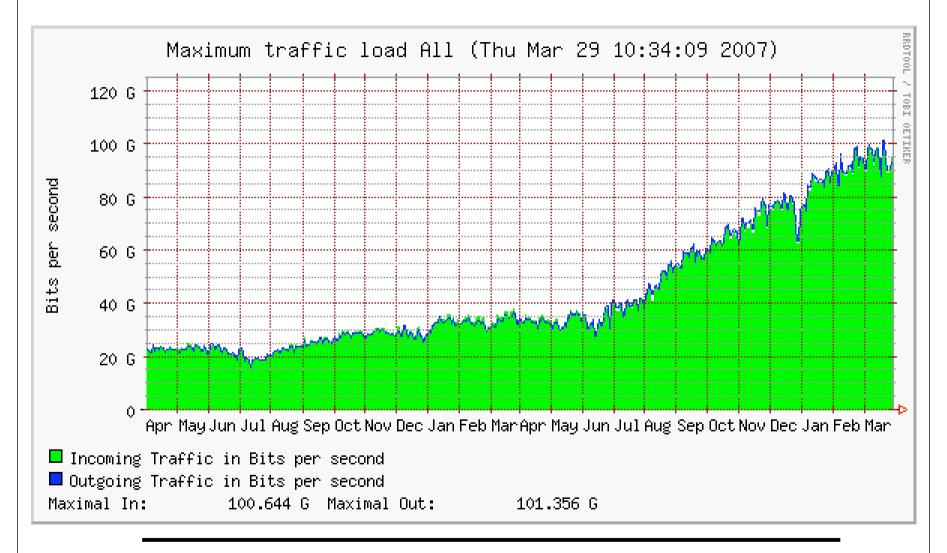




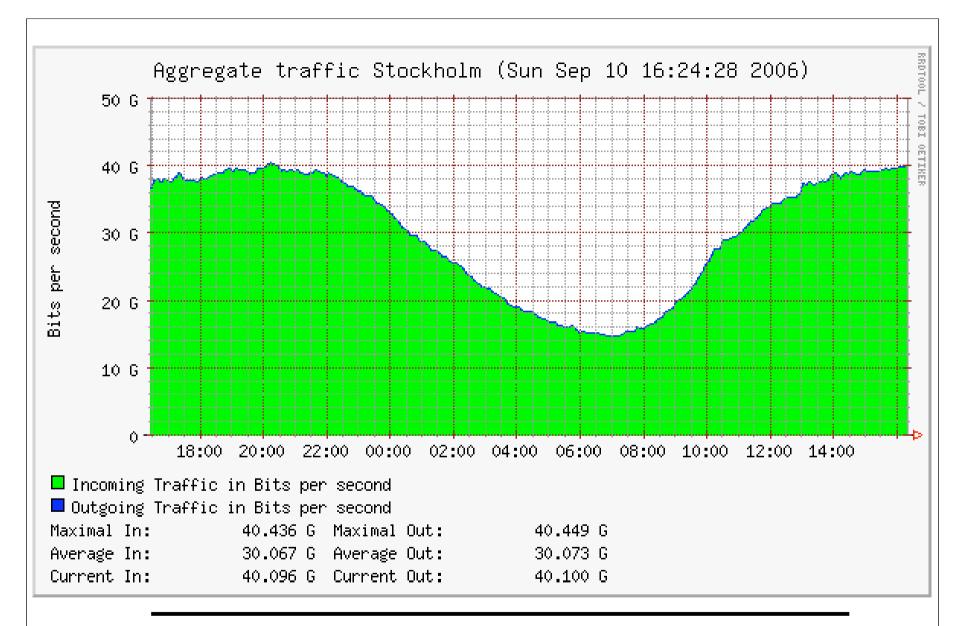




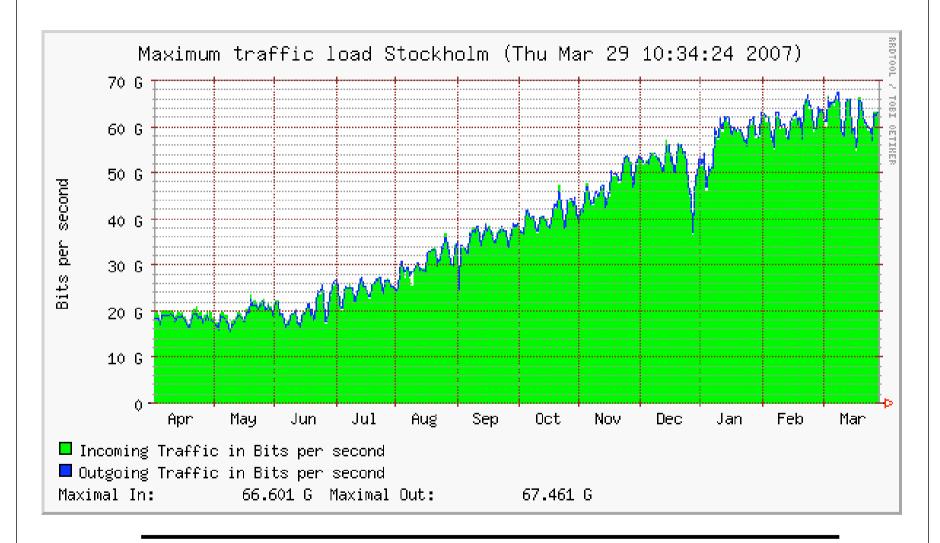




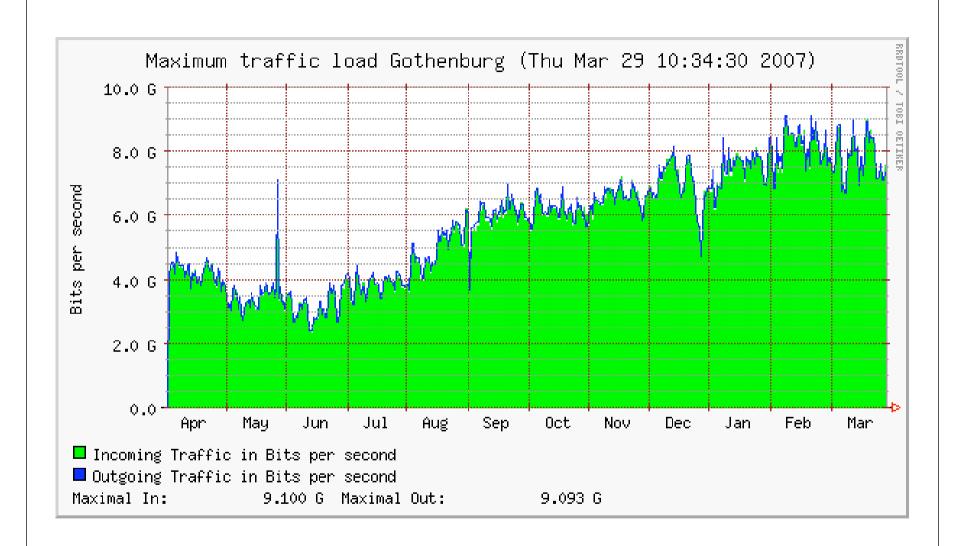




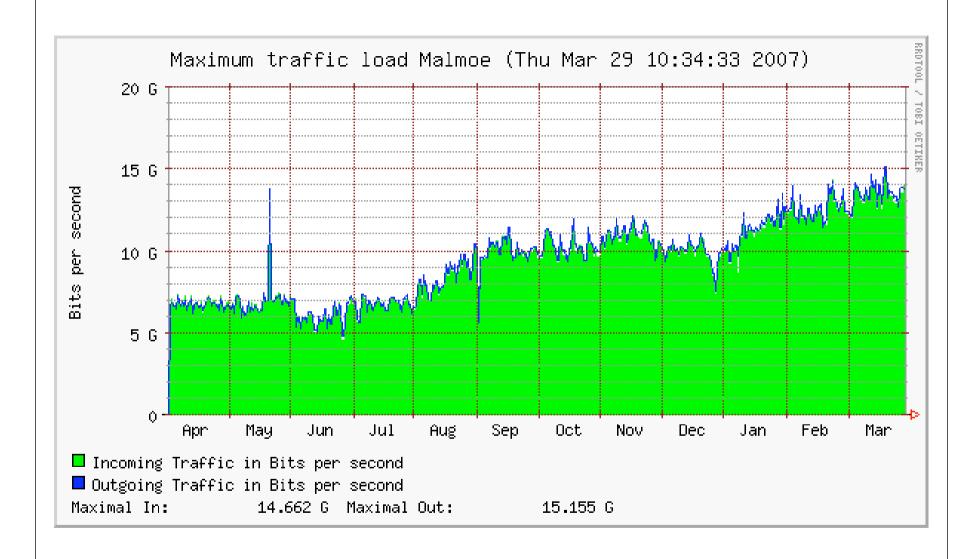




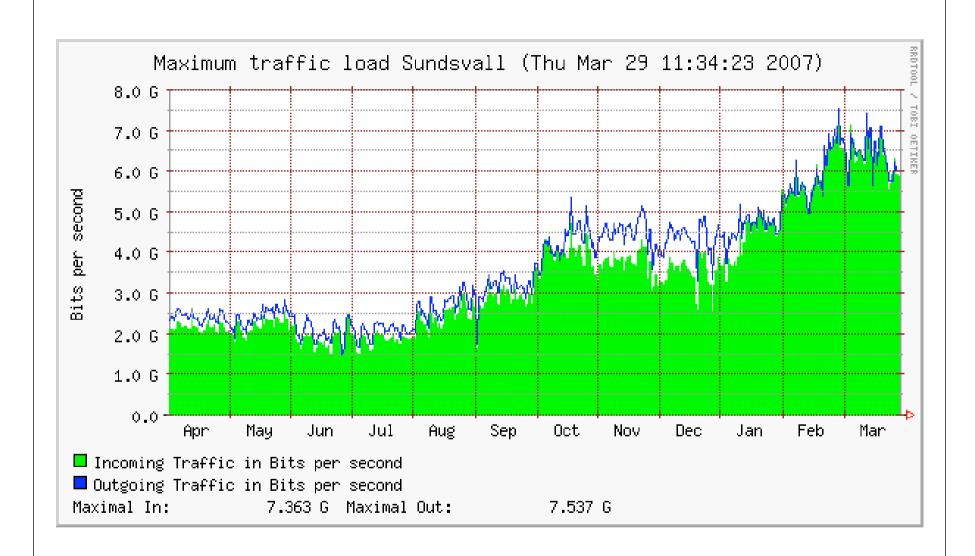














#### Services

- Netnod was also tasked with providing a number of common infrastructure services at the IXes
  - i.root-servers.net
    - Anycasted from approx 30 locations in the world
  - SE slave servers
    - Stockholm, Göteborg och Sundsvall, and anycast
  - Slave services for a number of TLDs (as well as anycast)
    - Verisign (j.rootservers.net, .com, .net), .DE, .NL, .NO, .DK, .CH, .LI, CL, .POST, .FI, .IT (and approx 40 more)
  - Official Swedish time
    - Distributed with NTP from Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmoe, and Sundsvall
  - TPTEST
  - RIPE whois copy



#### Time

- Official Swedish time UTC(sp) is generated by SP in Borås
- Netnod distributes this through NTP from 3 of the bunkers
- Netnod will also start providing SDH/SONET sync services from the bunkers















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