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# Congestion Control Fairness and Active Queue Management

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# Our Adventure Awaits



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Internet



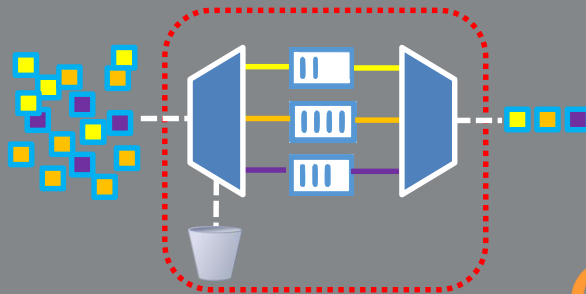
Congestion Control



Fairness



Competition



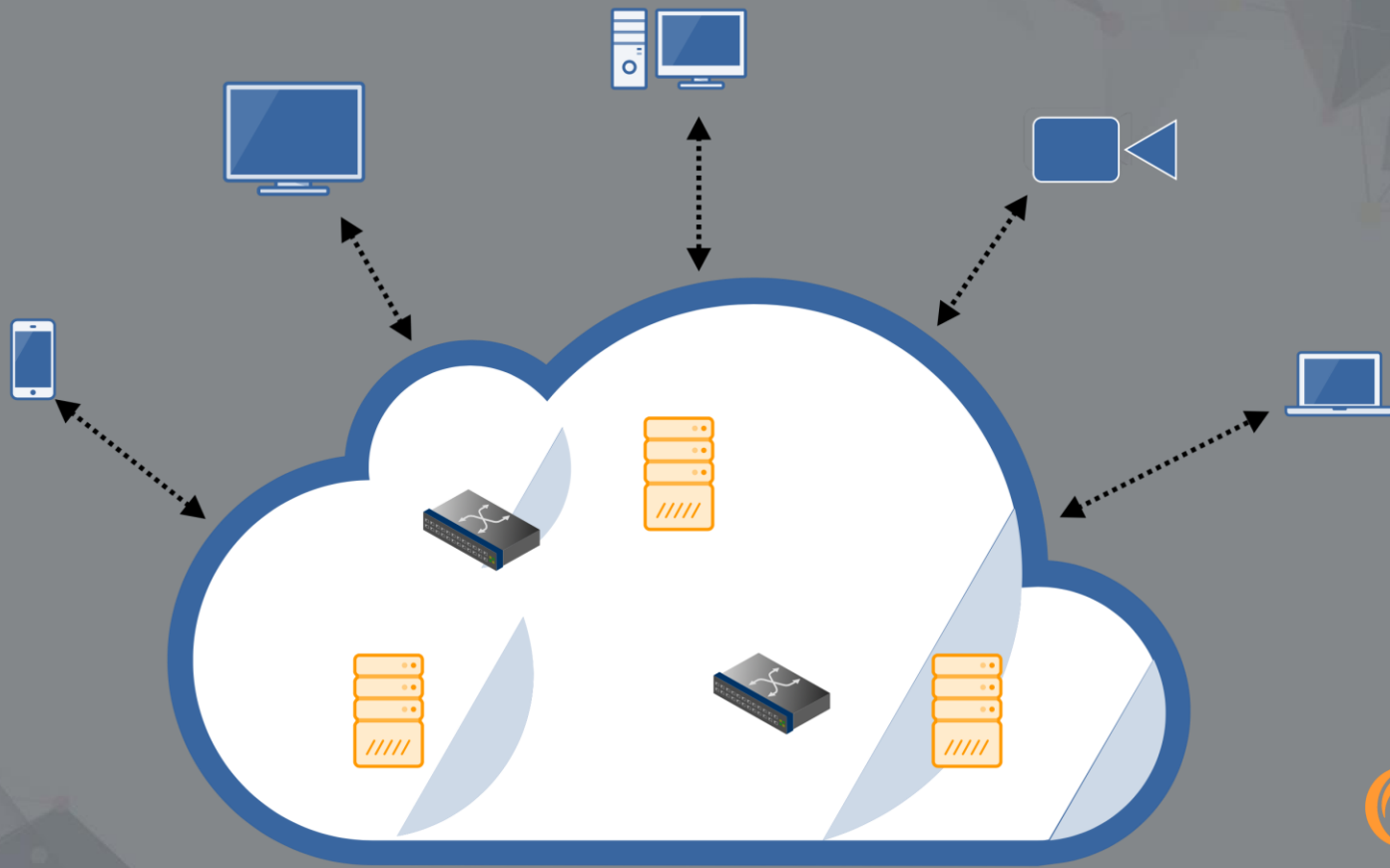
AQMs

# The Internet



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# Congestion Collapse

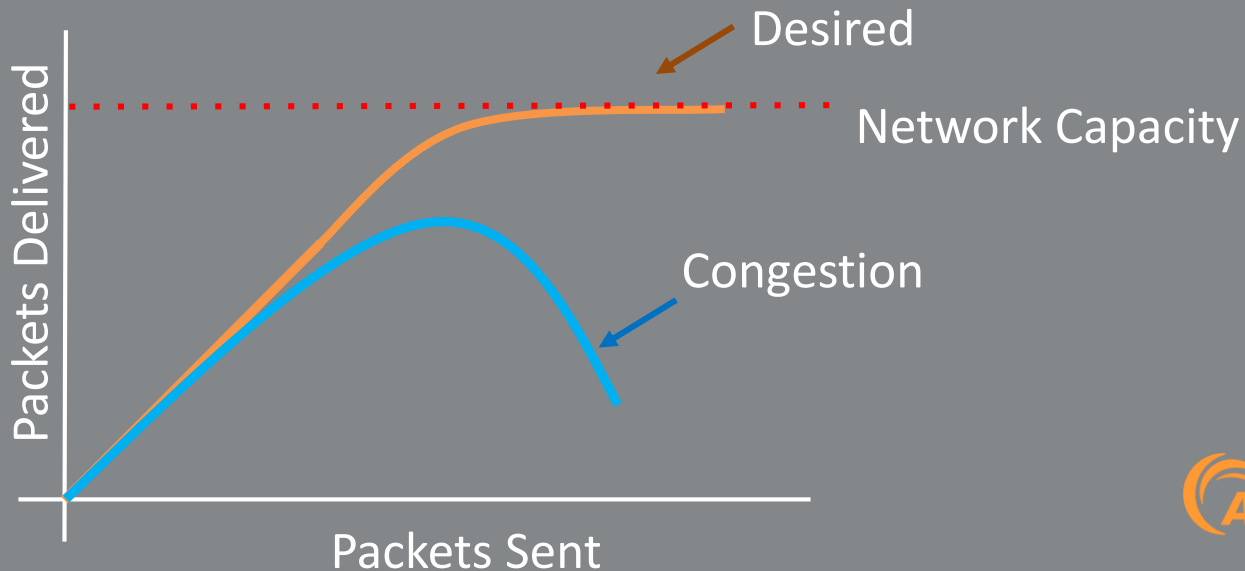


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- Network congestion and retransmission is preventing the network from delivering data.
- 1986: Lasted over a year. Decrease in throughput by a factor of 1000.

Network  
View



# TCP Congestion Control

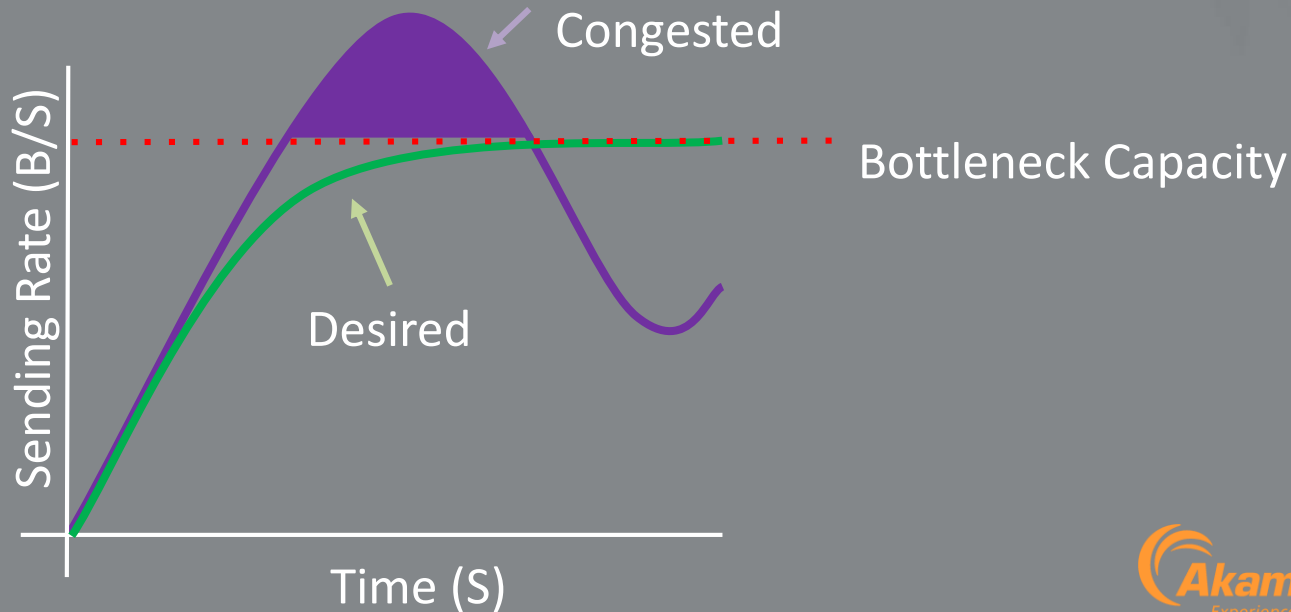


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- Congestion Control is TCP/IP's attempt to match performance with available network bandwidth.

Single Flow  
View



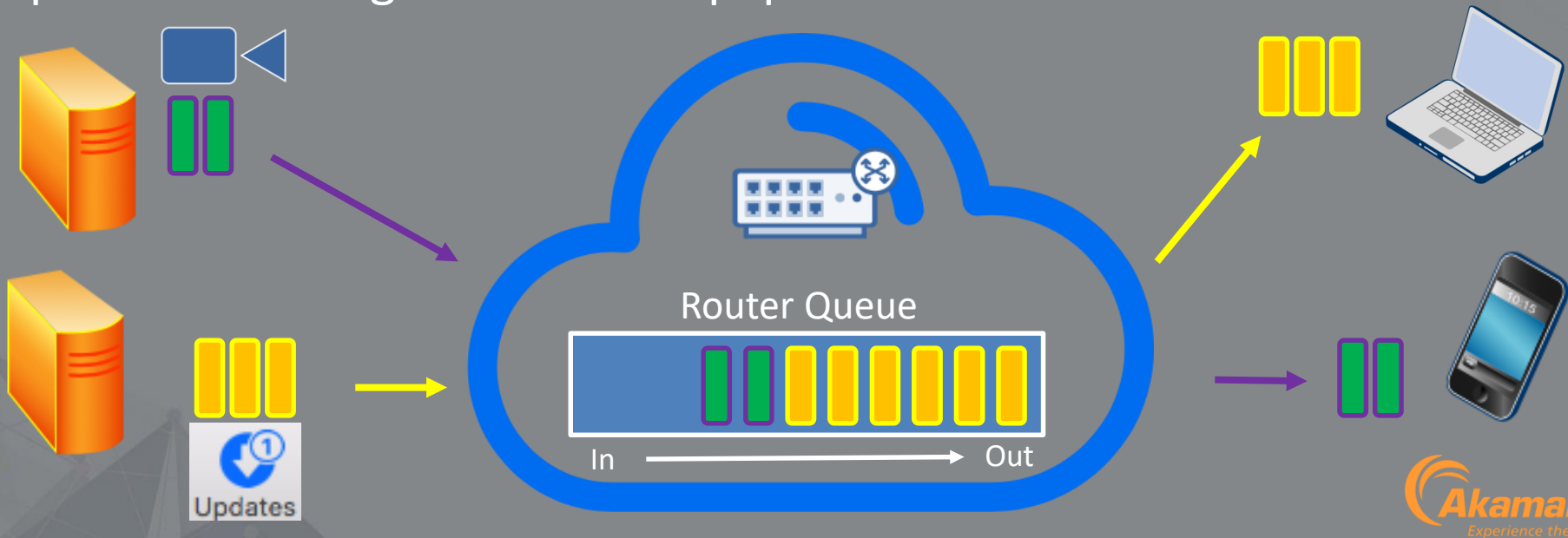
# Bufferbloat



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**A Definition:** High latency or latency variation caused by excess packet buffering in network equipment.

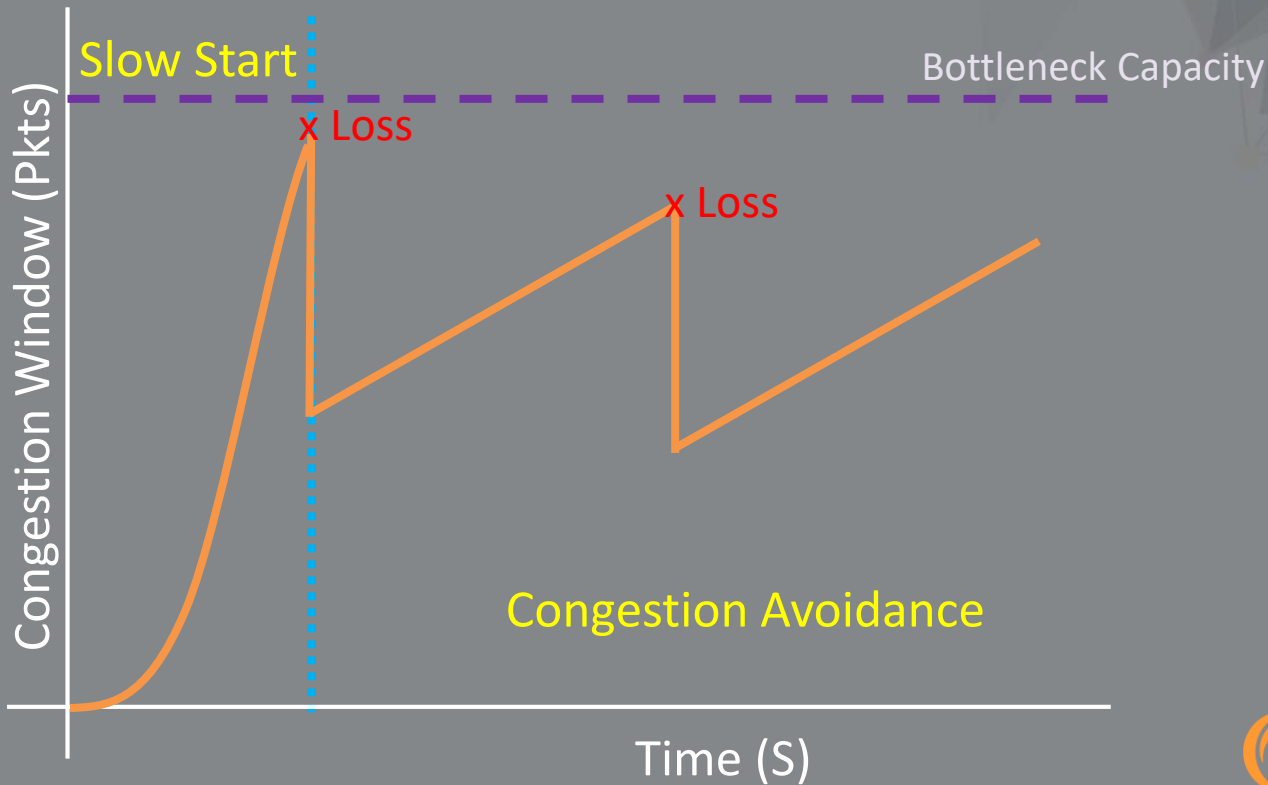


# TCP Congestion Control - Reno



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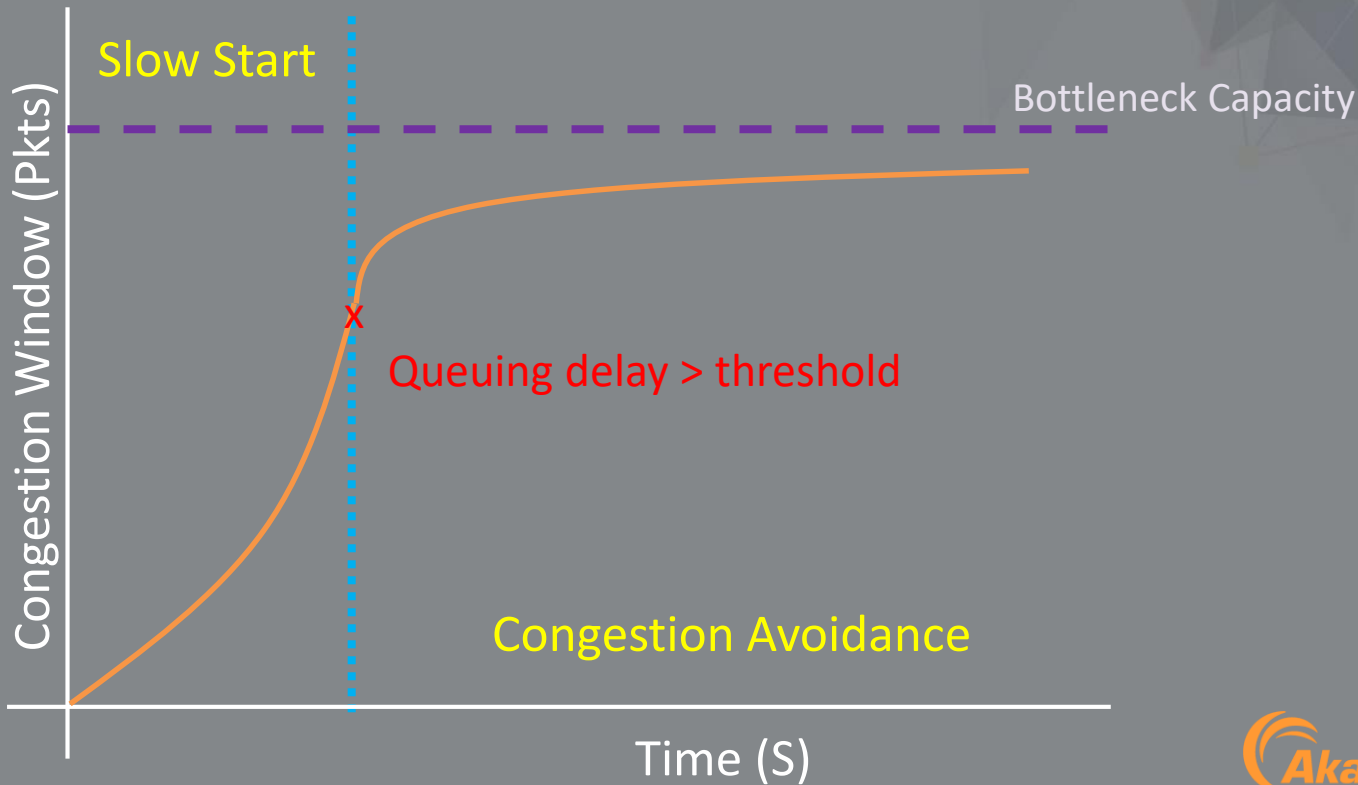


# TCP Congestion Control - FastTCP



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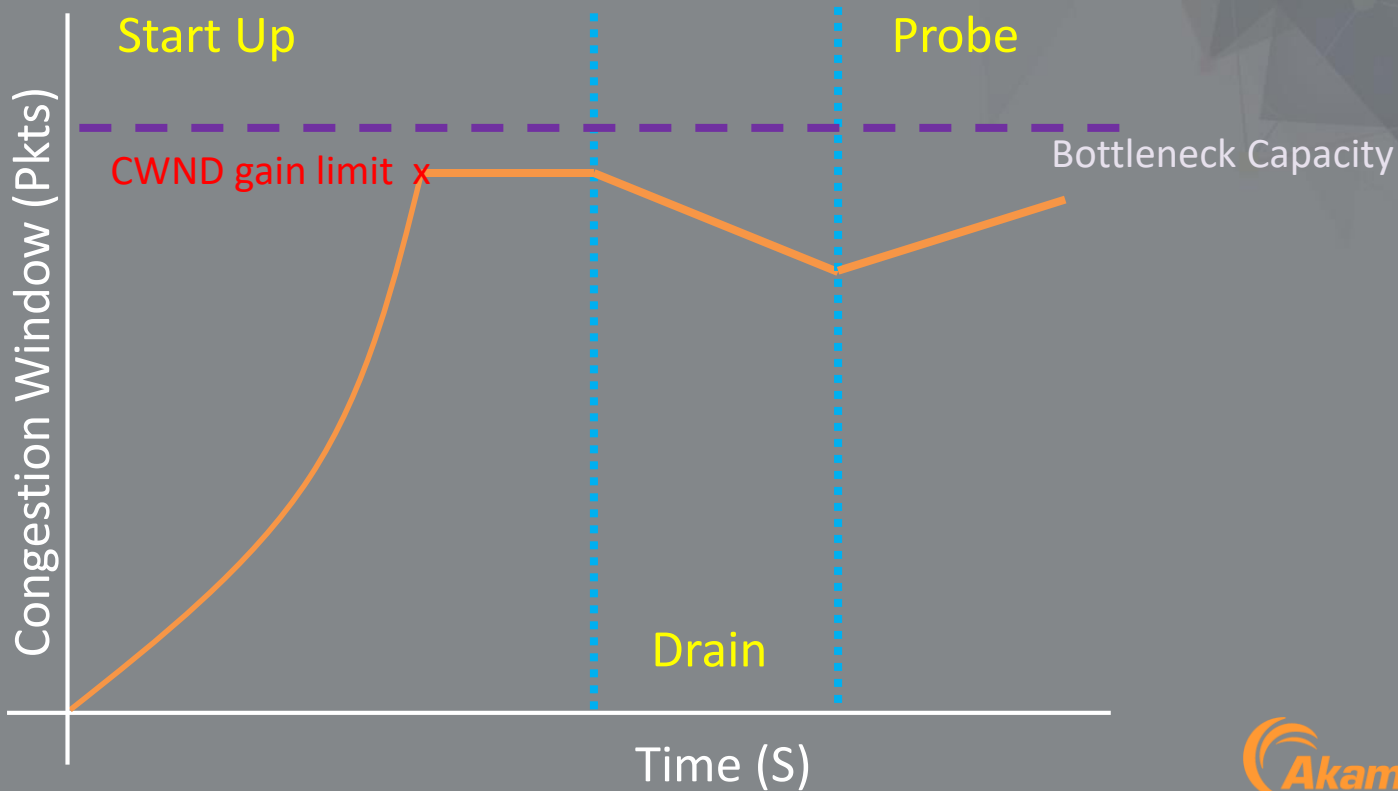


# TCP Congestion Control - BBR



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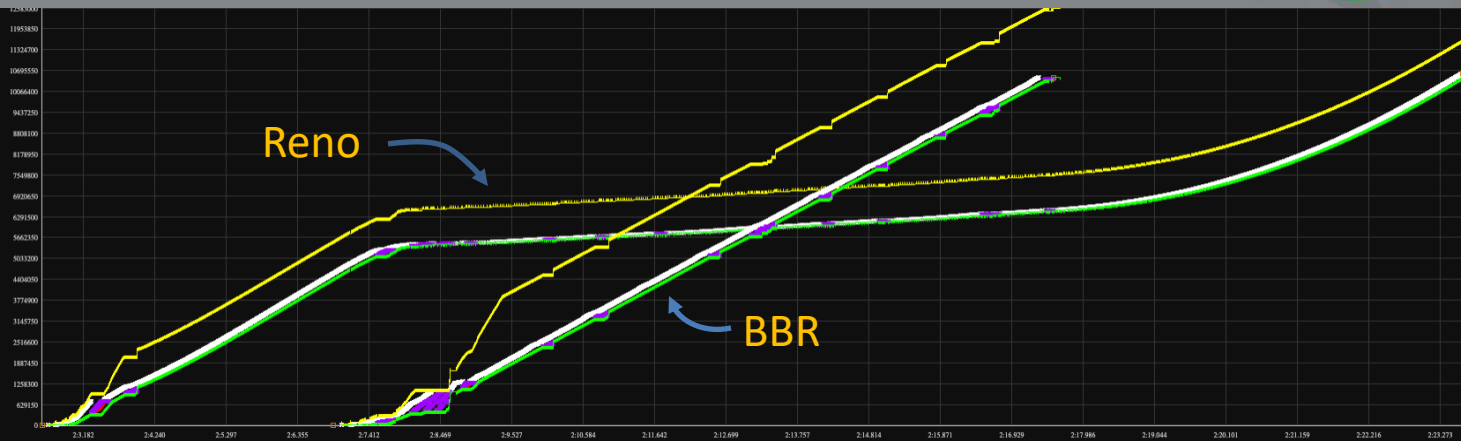


# Congestion Control Fairness



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/data/ghost\_lab731/bbr\_competition/bbr/4/1/LOCAL/sender.merged.pcap.gz goodput

time window: 10 X



Reno vs BBR

50ms latency

1% loss

10 Mbit Bandwidth

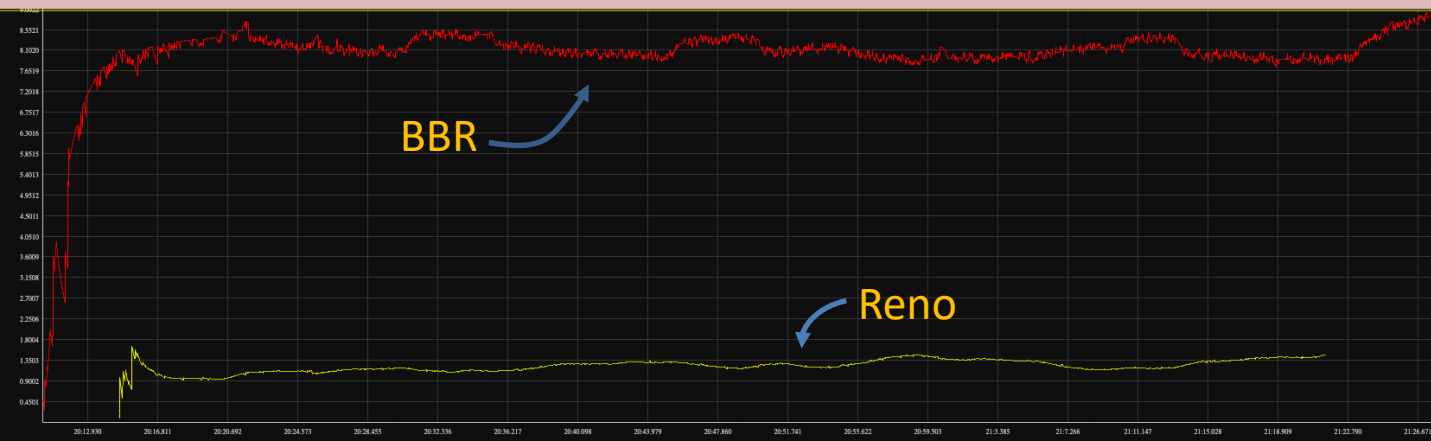
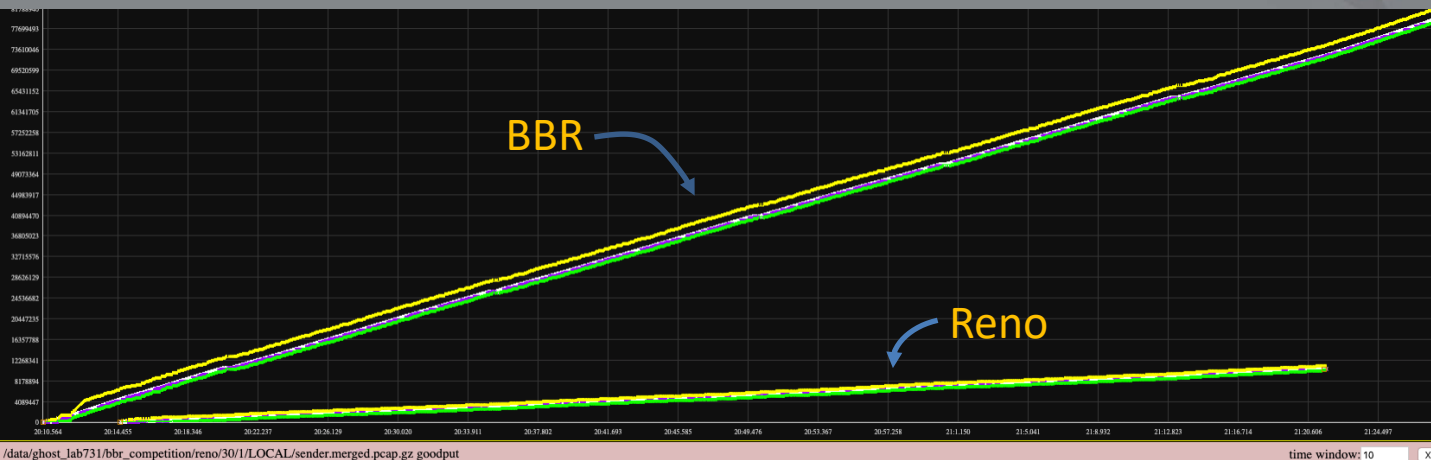
50 packet buffer

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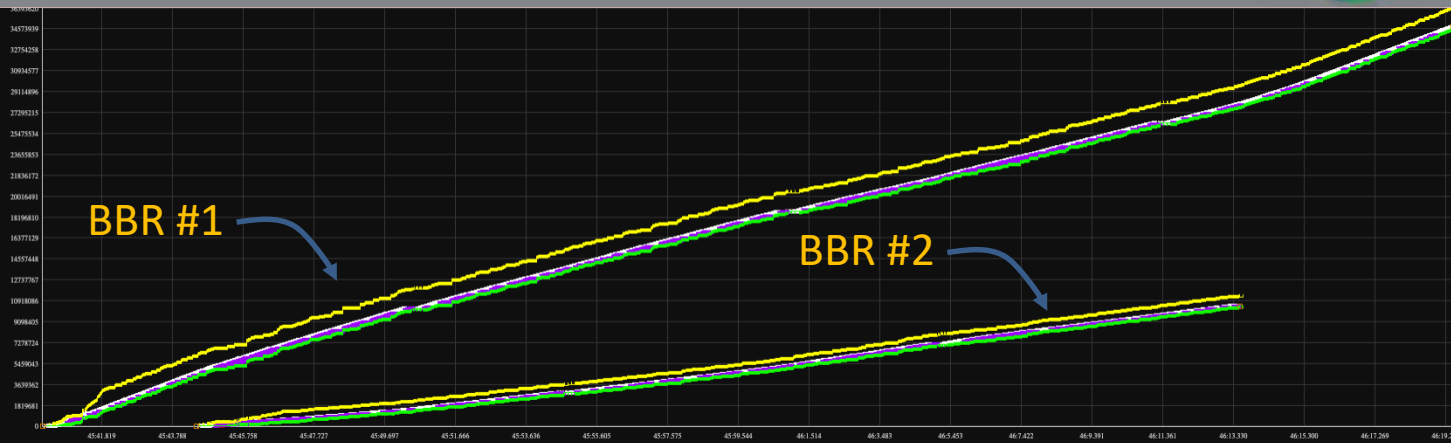
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# Congestion Control Fairness



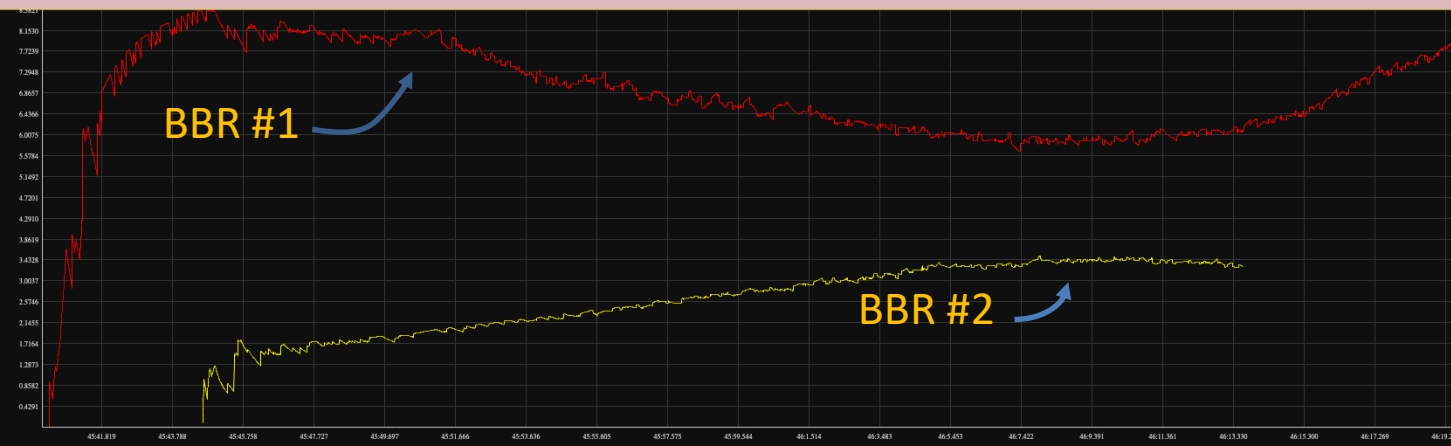
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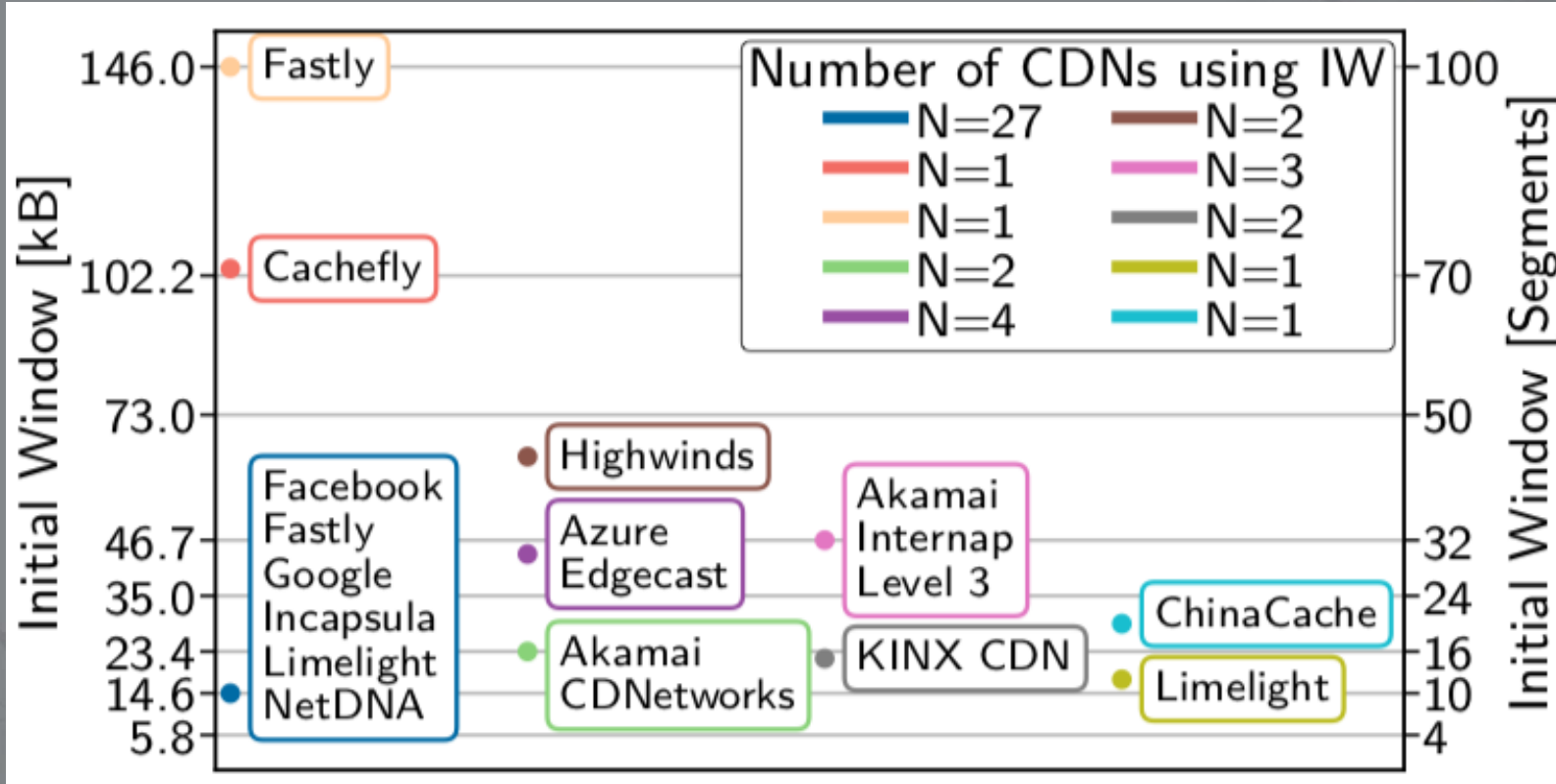
BBR vs BBR  
50ms latency  
1% Loss  
10 Mbit B/W Limit  
50 packet buffer

# TCP Initial CWND



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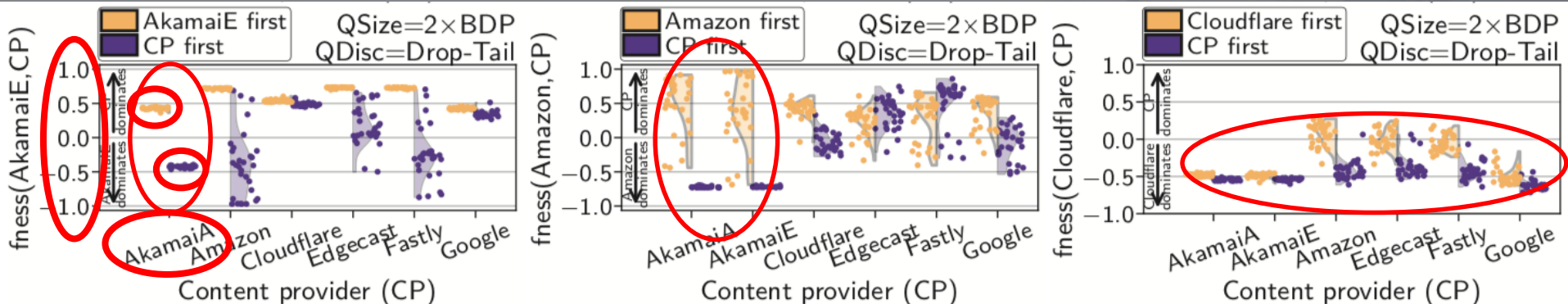


# Content Provider Fairness



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30x download for 45 seconds with Host CP. Target CP joins after 5 seconds.

## Key takeaways:

- 1) Who starts first matters
- 2) Cloudflare is very aggressive

$$f_{ness}(a, b) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\text{bytes}(a)}{\text{bytes}(b)} & \text{if } \text{bytes}(b) \geq \text{bytes}(a) \\ -1 + \frac{\text{bytes}(b)}{\text{bytes}(a)} & \text{if } \text{bytes}(a) > \text{bytes}(b) \end{cases}$$

# Question



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## How Can Network Traffic Be More Fair?

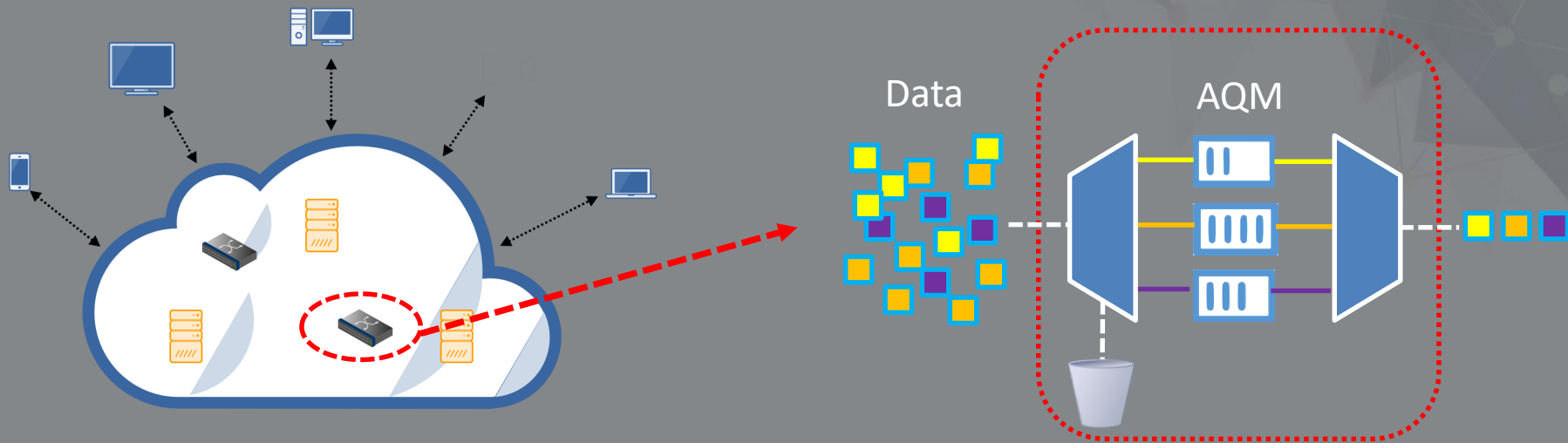


# Active Queue Management (AQM)



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Routers and Switches employ AQM to drop packets from flows:

- 1) To minimize long standing buffers (bufferbloat)
- 2) To improve latency
- 3) To minimize congestion from aggressive and misbehaving flows

# Common AQM Policies



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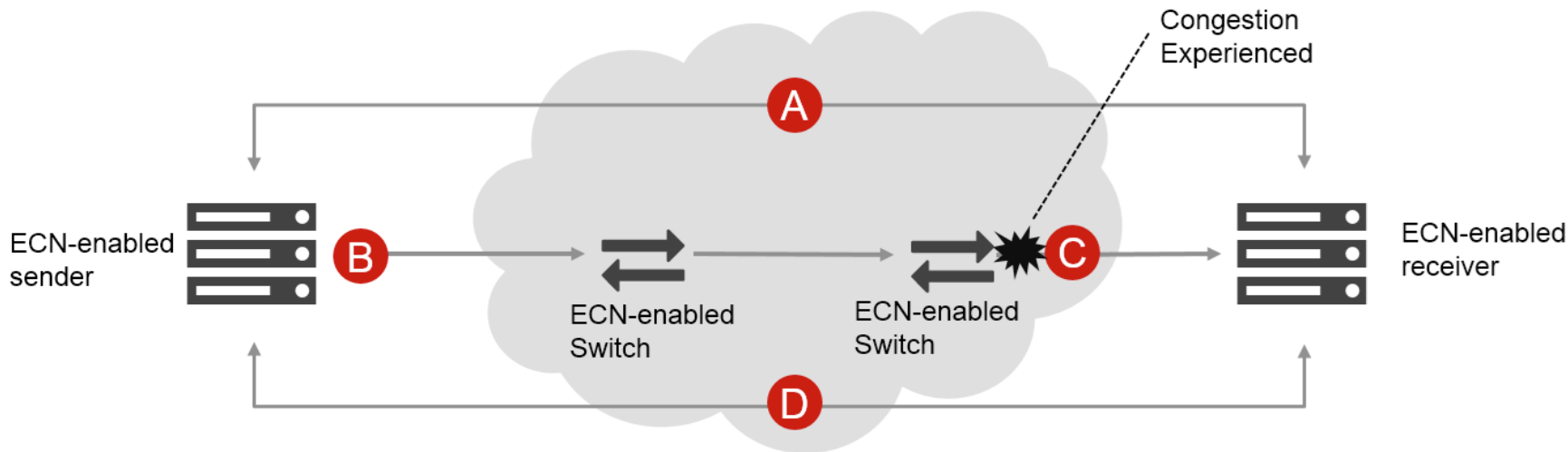
- 1) Random Early Drop / Detection / Discard (**RED**)
  - Drop packets based on a statistical probability tied to average queue length.
- 2) Proportional Integrated Controller Enhanced (**PIE**)
  - Drop packets based on a statistical probability affected by queue latency.
- 3) Controlled Delay (**CoDEL**)
  - If the lowest queuing delay experienced from all packets in a sliding time interval is greater than a set value (5ms), drop the last packet in the interval.
- 4) Fair Queue Control Delay (**FQ-CoDel**)
  - Uses fair queuing with CoDel to more evenly distribute bandwidth amongst flows.
- 5) Common Applications Kept Enhanced (**CAKE**)
  - Enhanced AQM that builds on FQ\_CoDel.

# Explicit Congestion Notification



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**A** ECN (Explicit Congestion Notification) negotiated during connection establishment

**C** CE set (Congestion Experienced)

**B** ECT set (ECN Capable Transport)

**D** Receiver echoes congestion experienced CE to sender

Bytes Transferred

15 MB

10 MB

5 MB

0 MB

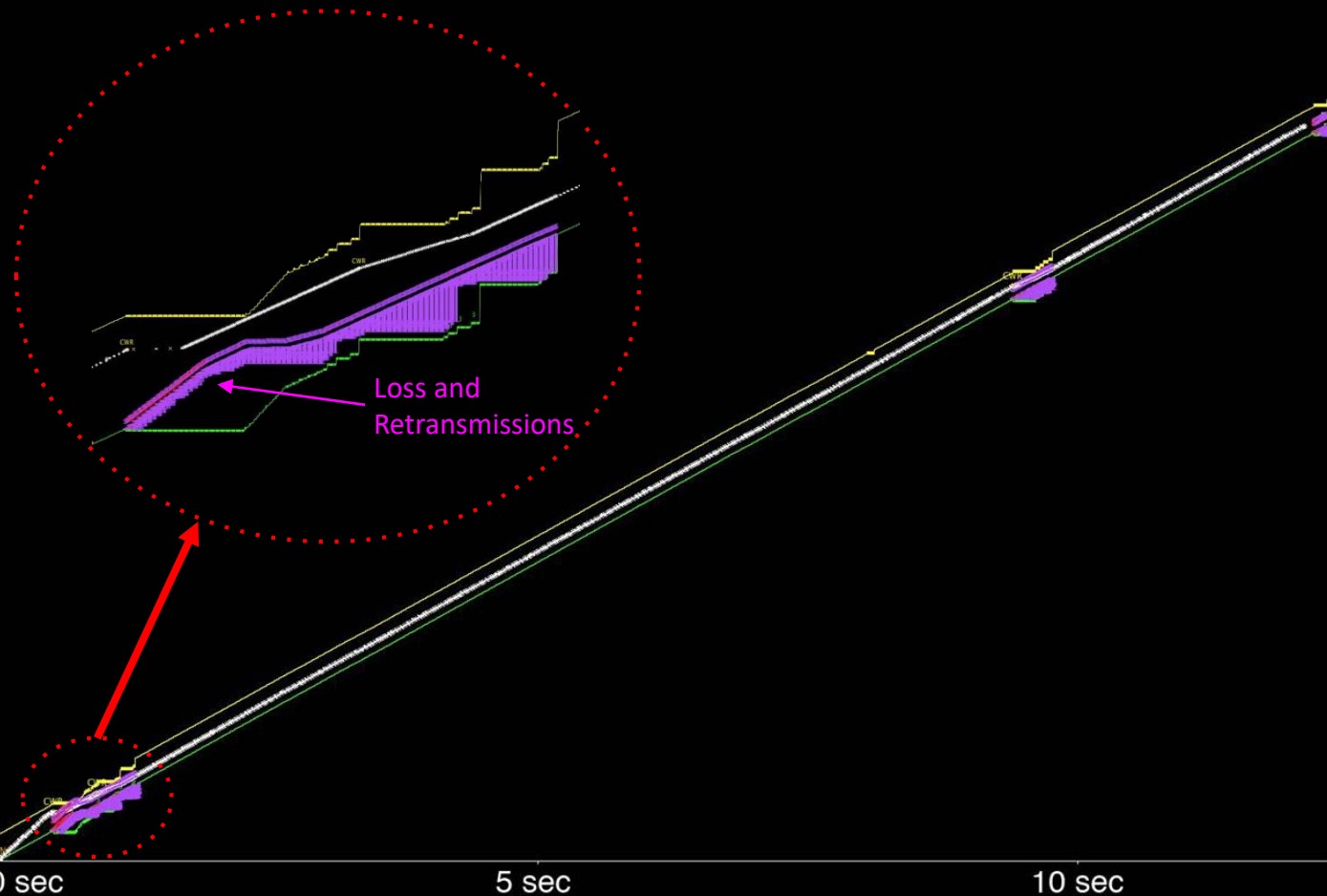
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5 sec

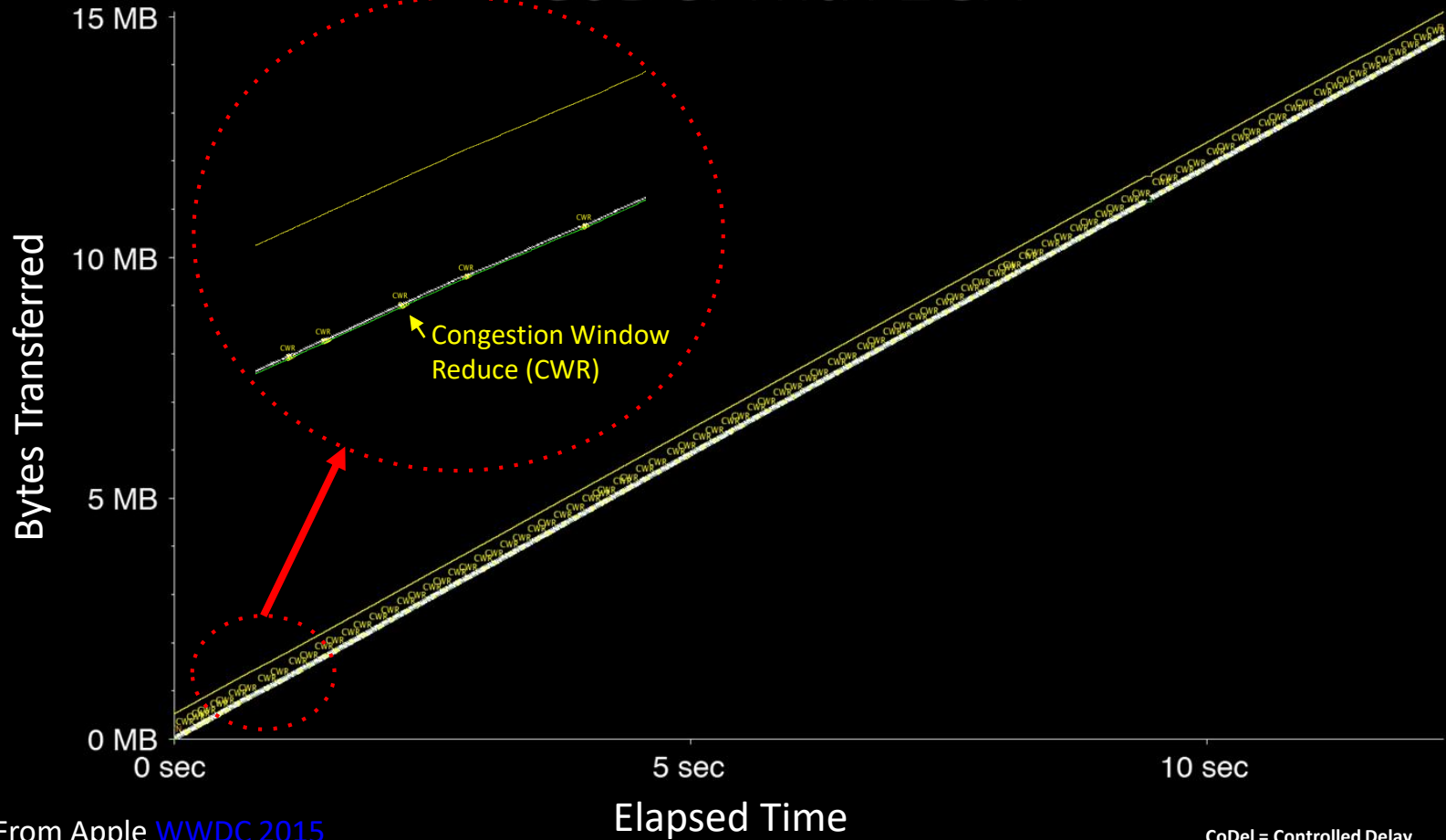
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Elapsed Time

Loss and  
Retransmissions



# CoDel with ECN

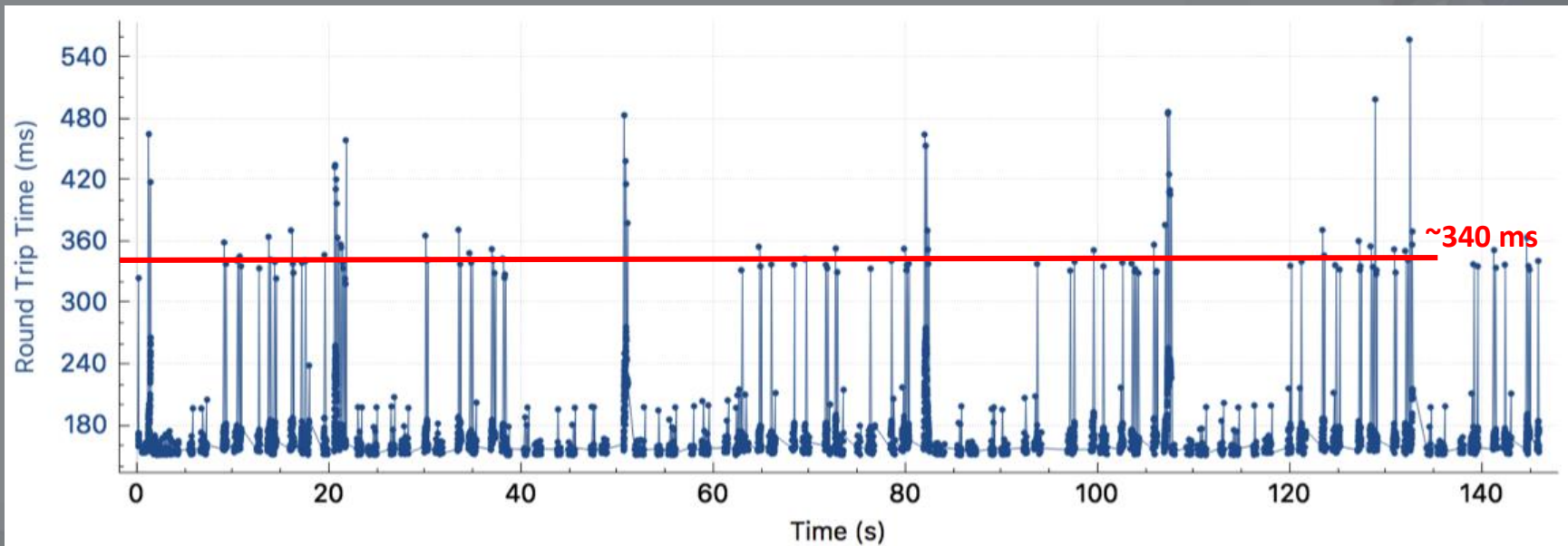


# Latency Without ECN



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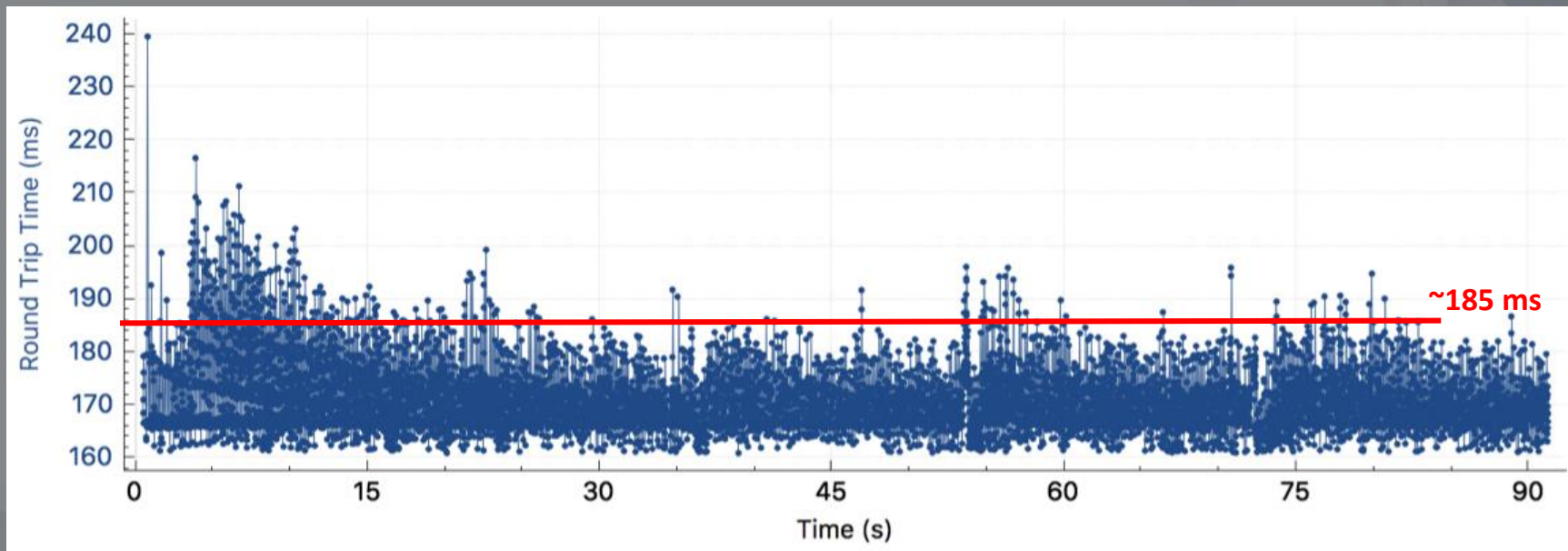


# Latency With ECN



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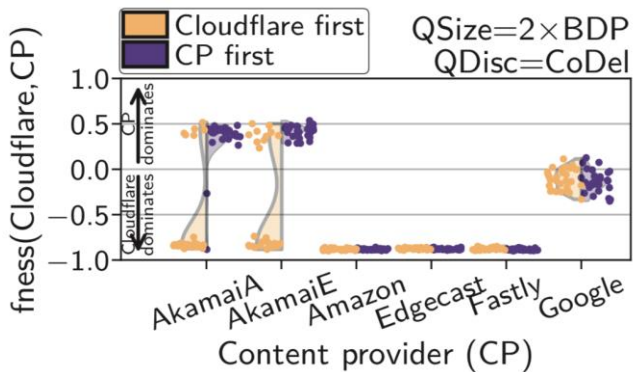
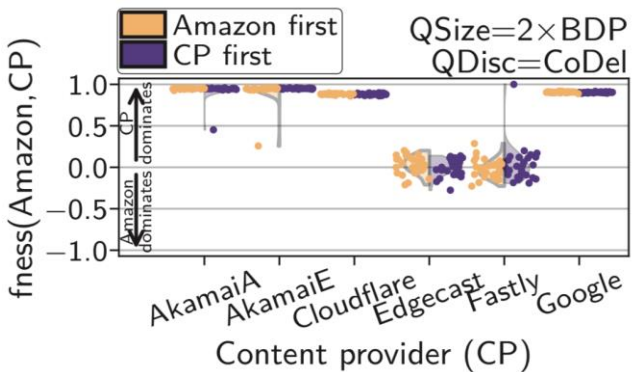
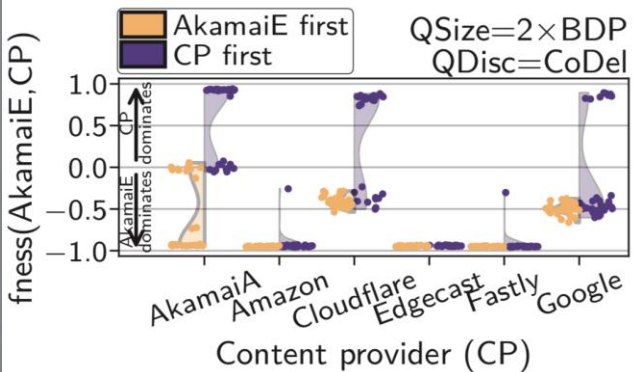
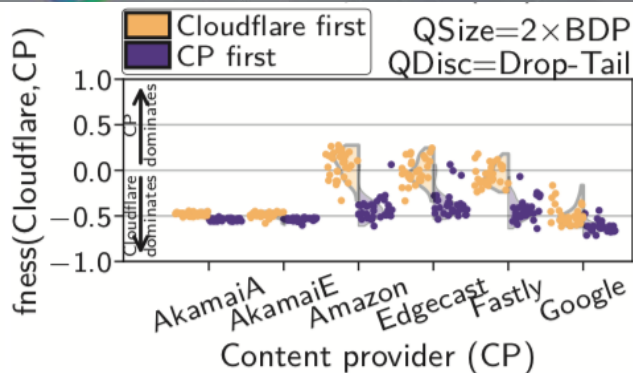
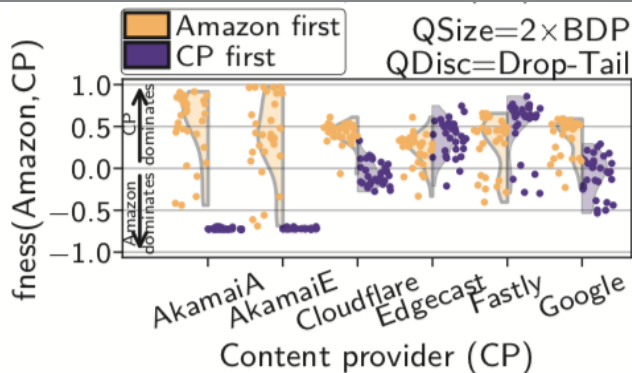
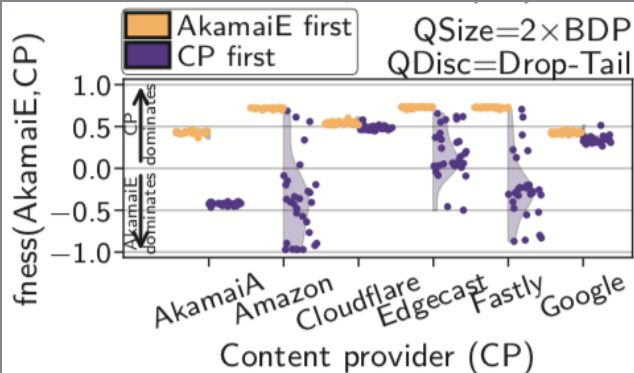


# AQM with CoDel



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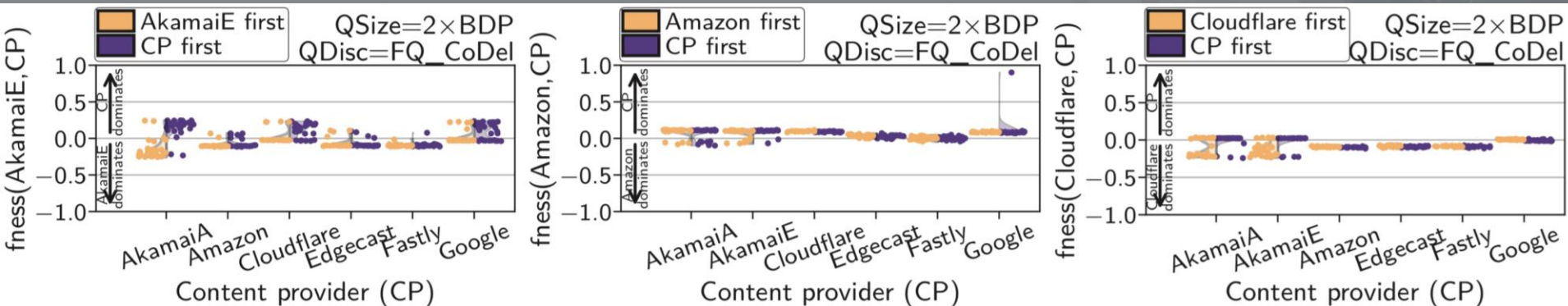


# AQM With FQ\_CoDel



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Fair queuing ensures that TCP flows are serviced equally.

## Key takeaways:

- 1) Bandwidth fairness is close
- 2) Aggressive congestion control algorithms are reigned in.

# Conclusion



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Adaptive Queue Management (AQM) is important for:

1. Bandwidth equality
2. Low latency via reduction in bufferbloat
3. A better Internet experience overall



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# Thank you

