

NS2 REPORT

RED

RED (Random Early Detection) is among the first Active Queue Management (AQM) algorithms. RED operates at the output port during the 'enqueue' time. When a new packet arrives, RED makes a decision; whether this packet should be enqueued or dropped? It makes this decision even if there is space in the queue. It makes this decision because if enqueueing the packet increases overall delay or makes the queue full then it will cause congestion to occur.

RED consists of following components -

- Calculation of average queue length.
- Calculation of drop probability, whether the packet will be enqueued or dropped depends on this probability.
- Decision-making logic (helps to decide whether the incoming packet should be enqueued or dropped).

SRED

SRED (Stabilized Random Early Drop) is a modified version of red. Like RED (Random Early Detection) SRED preemptively discards packets with a load-dependent probability when a buffer in a router in the Internet or an Intranet seems congested. SRED has an additional feature that over a wide range of load levels helps it stabilize its buffer occupation at a level independent of the number of active connections.

ALGORITHMIC OVERVIEW

Simple way of comparing an arriving packet with a recent other packet is to compare it with a packet still in the buffer. This makes it impossible to compare packets more than one buffer drain time apart. To give the system **longer memory**, we augment the information in the buffer with a `zombie list`. We can think of this as a list of `M` recently seen flows, with the following extra information for each flow in the list: a `count` and a `timestamp`. Note that this `zombie list` is small and maintaining this list is not the same as maintaining per-flow state. We call the flows in the zombie list `zombies`.

The zombie list starts out empty. As packets arrive, as long as the list is not full, for every arriving packet the packet flow identifier (`flow id`) is added to the list, the `count` of that zombie is set to zero, and its `timestamp` is set to the arrival time of the packet.

Once the `zombie list` is full it works as follows: Whenever a packet arrives, it is compared with a randomly chosen `zombie` in the `zombie list`.

- **Hit :**

If the arriving packet's flow matches the zombie we declare a "hit". In that case, the `count` of the zombie is increased by one, and the `timestamp` is reset to the arrival time of the packet in the buffer.

- **No Hit :** If the two are not of the same flow, we declare a "no hit". In that case, with probability $p_{\text{overwrite}}$ the flow identifier of the packet is overwritten over the zombie chosen for comparison. The `count` of the zombie is set to 0, and the `timestamp` is set to the arrival time at the buffer. With probability $1 - p_{\text{overwrite}}$ there is no change to the zombie list.

Irrespective of whether there was a hit or not, the packet may be dropped and it will depend on p_{zap} . The drop probability p_{zap} may depend on whether there was a hit or no hit.

We maintain an estimated $P_{\text{hit}}(t)$ for the hit frequency around the time of the arrival of the t -th packet at the buffer. For the t -th packet, let,

$$\text{Hit}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if no hit} \\ 1 & \text{if hit} \end{cases}$$

and let

$$P_{hit}(t) = (1 - \alpha)P_{hit}(t - 1) + \alpha \text{ Hit } (t)$$

where,

$$\alpha \sim \frac{p_{\text{overwrite}}}{M}.$$

Here, $0 < \alpha < 1$, and M is the size of `zombie list`

We have a buffer of capacity B bytes. A function $p_{\text{sred}}(q)$ is defined as follows:

$$p_{\text{sred}}(q) = \begin{cases} p_{\text{max}} & \text{if } \frac{1}{3}B \leq q < B \\ \frac{1}{4} \times p_{\text{max}} & \text{if } \frac{1}{6}B \leq q < \frac{1}{3}B \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq q < \frac{1}{6}B \end{cases}$$

For **Simple SRED** mode, p_{zap} is calculated is as follows

$$p_{zap} = p_{sred}(q) \times \min \left(1, \frac{1}{(256 \times P_{hit}(t))^2} \right)$$

and for **Full SRED** mode,

$$p_{zap} = p_{\text{sred}} \times \min \left(1, \frac{1}{(256 \times P_{hit}(t))^2} \right) \times \left(1 + \frac{\text{Hit}(t)}{P_{hit}(t)} \right)$$

In the SRED paper, `timestamp` is not used as part of the experiments that have been conducted. We extend the SRED algorithm utilizing the `timestamp` of the zombie flows stored in our `zombie list`. We call this the Extended Stabilized RED algorithm or ESRED in short. In the original SRED algorithm, a fixed $p_{\text{overwrite}}$ is used to decide if a zombie flow needs to be overridden when there is no hit. Instead of using a fixed $p_{\text{overwrite}}$ when there is no hit, we dynamically change it according to the flow `timestamp` we are comparing with. We modify this $p_{\text{overwrite}}$ so that it is higher for flows with older `timestamp`.

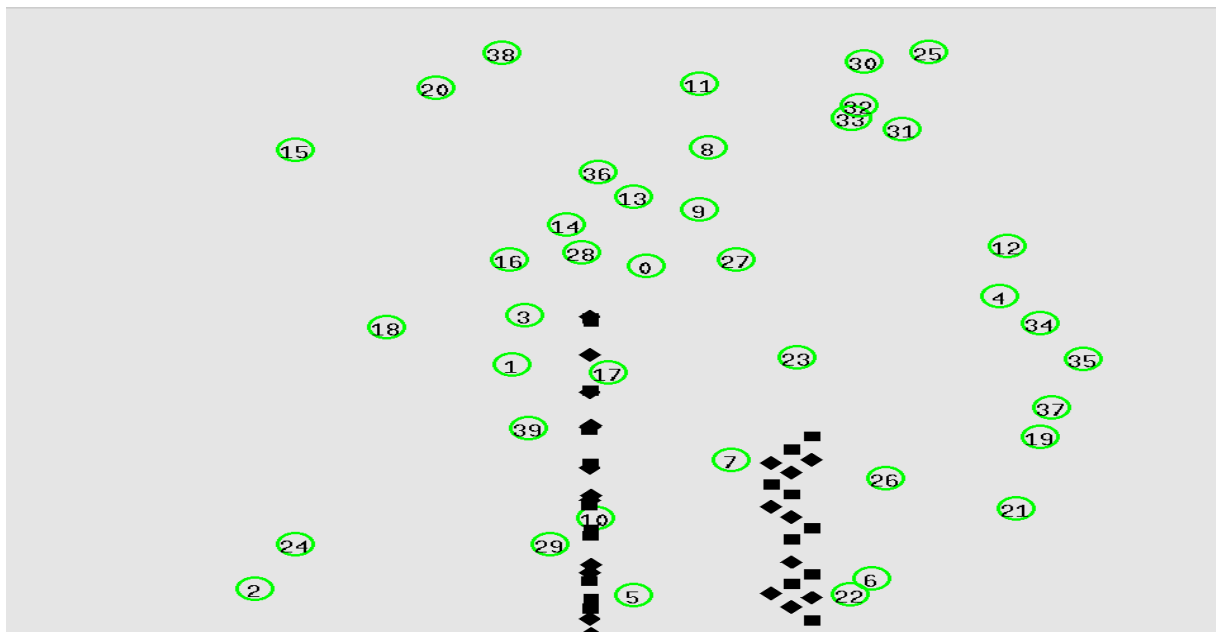
TASK - 1

Topology

For task-1, the given network is **Wireless 802.11 (static)**. For a given number of nodes and flows, for each flow we randomly select two nodes and add a flow in them. So, they don't follow any specific topology.

For the transfer layer protocol we used UDP Protocol and for the application layer we used CBR Traffic.

And in the network layer we used the DSDV Routing Protocol.



Parameters Under Variation

Baseline Parameters are -

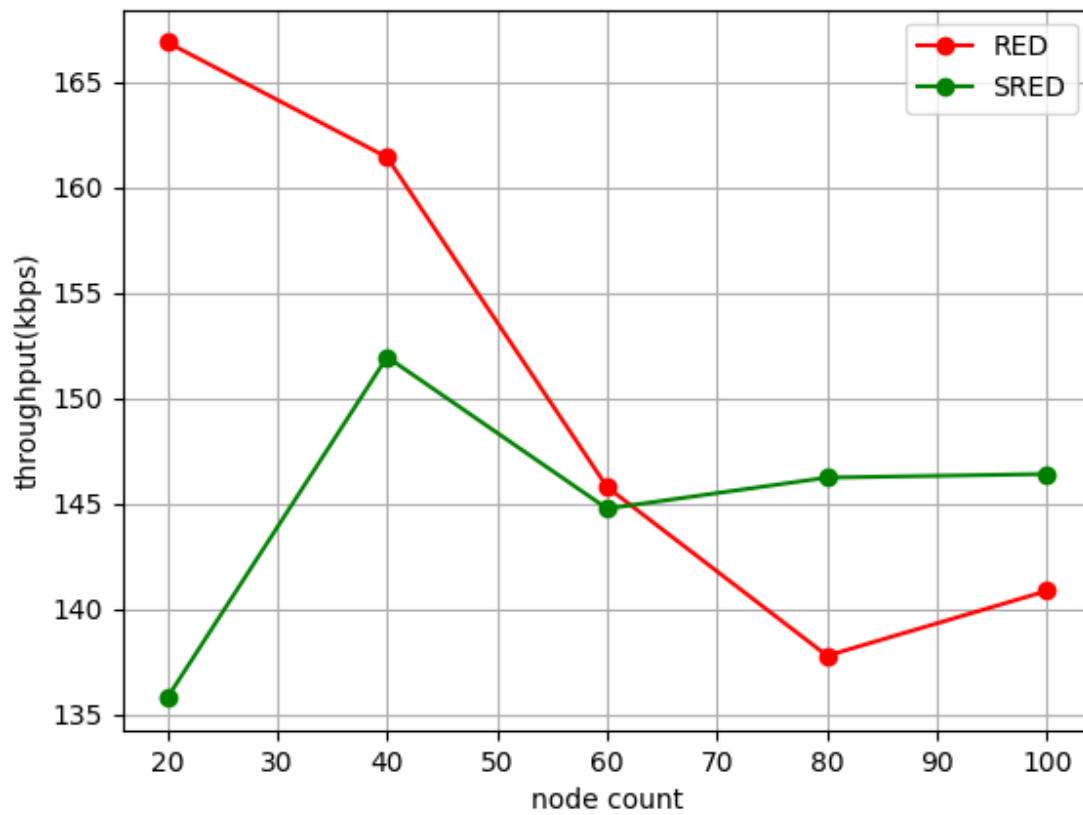
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3. Number of Packet per Second : 300
4. Coverage Area : 3 x TxRange

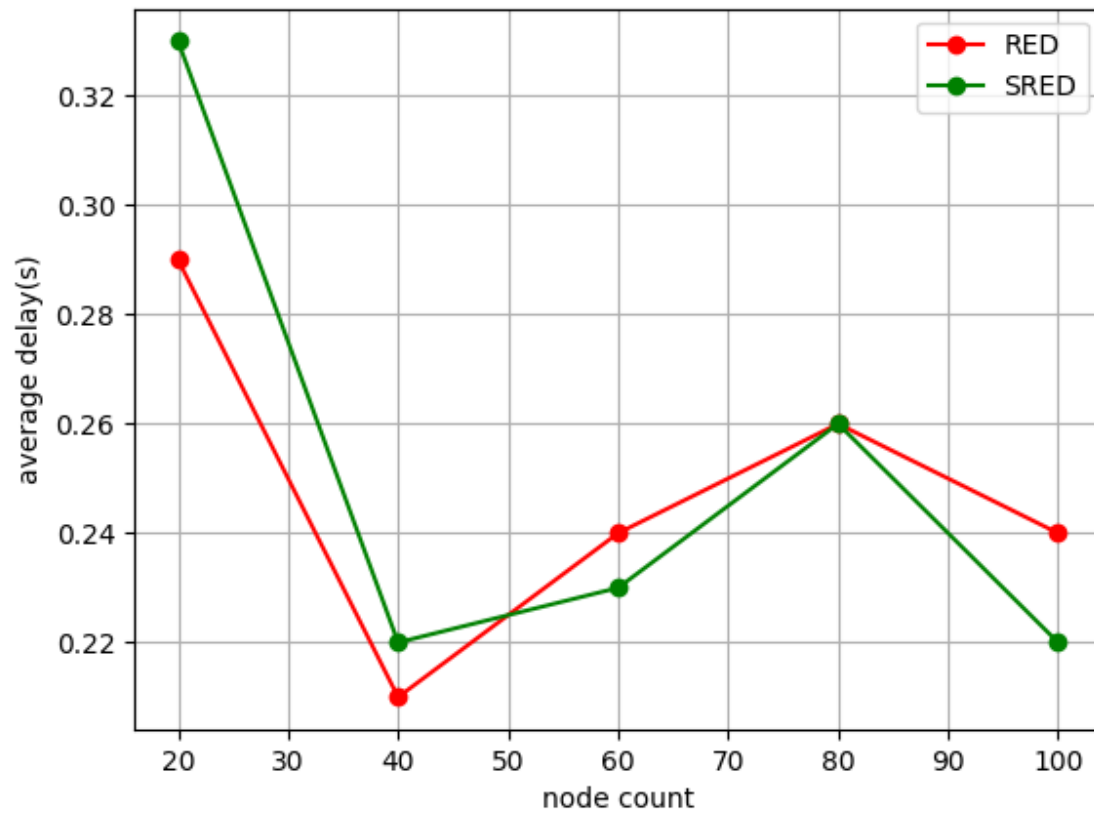
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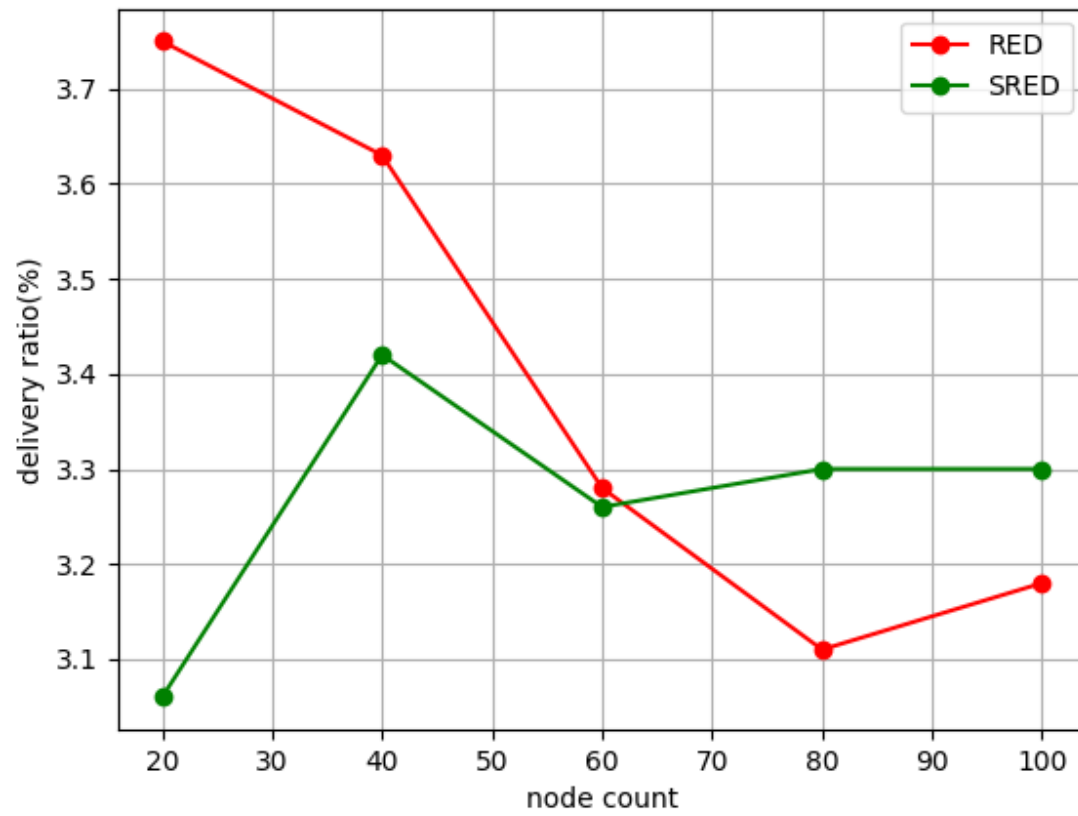
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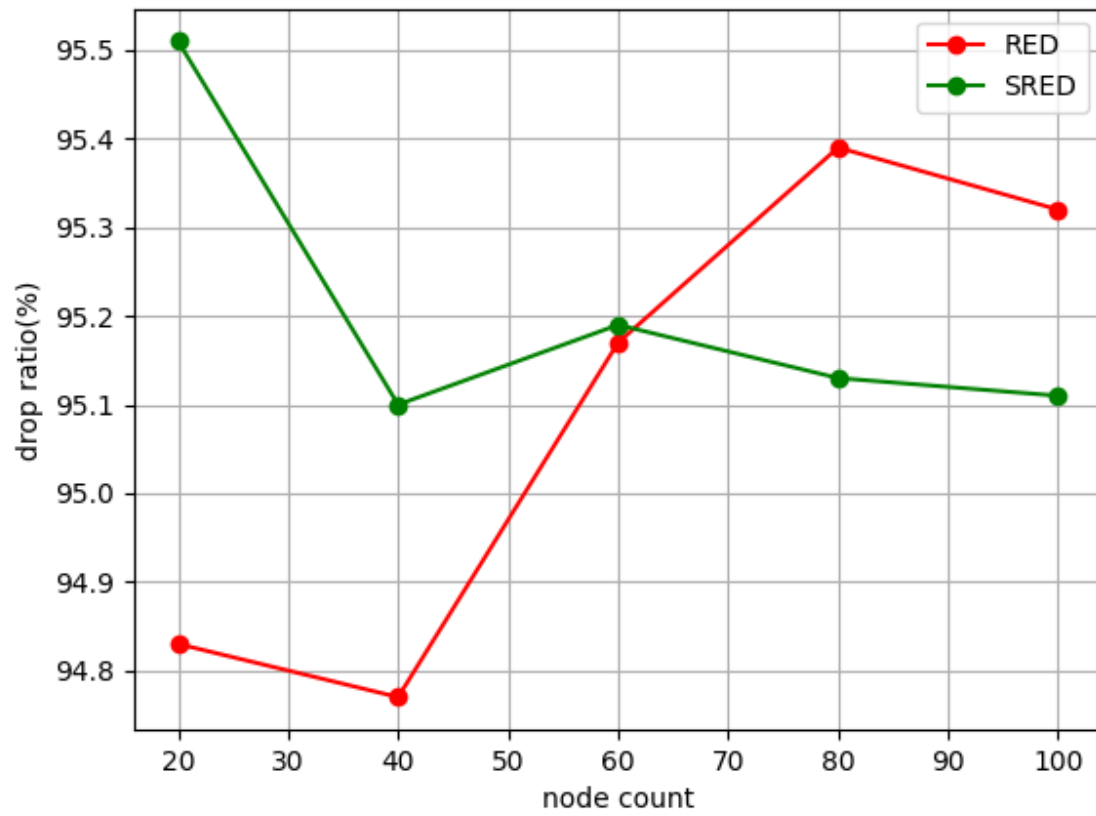
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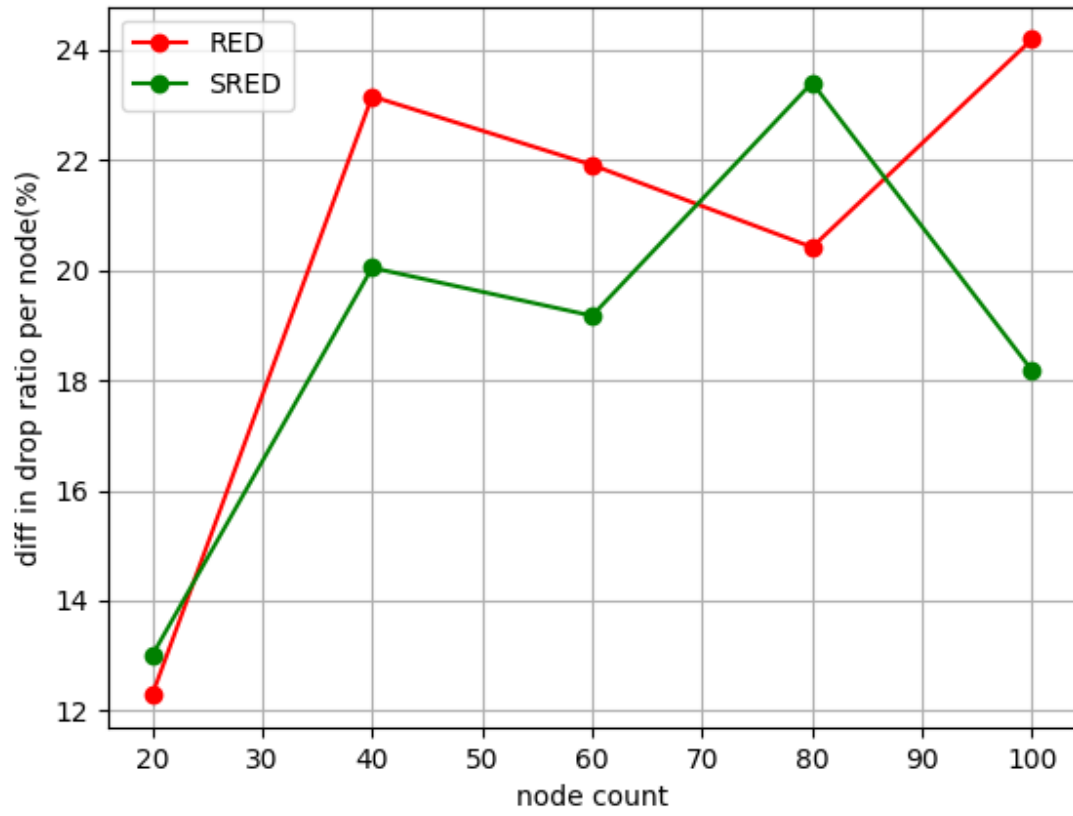
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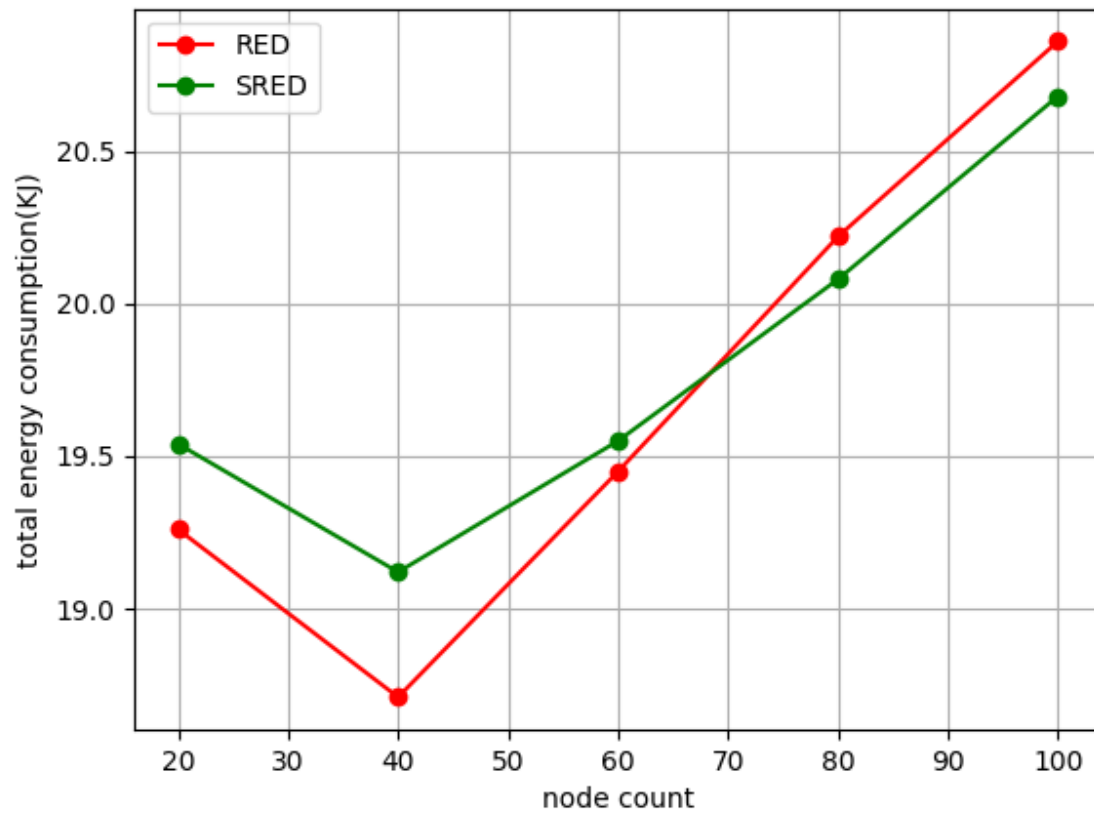




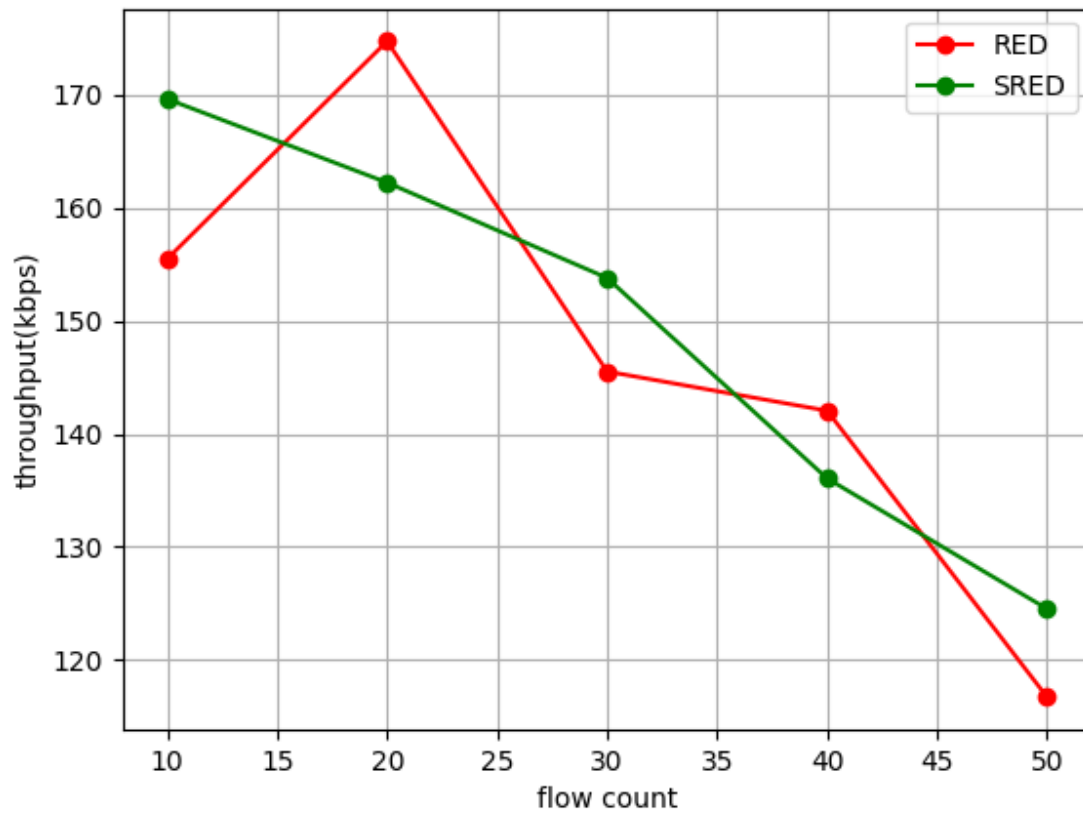


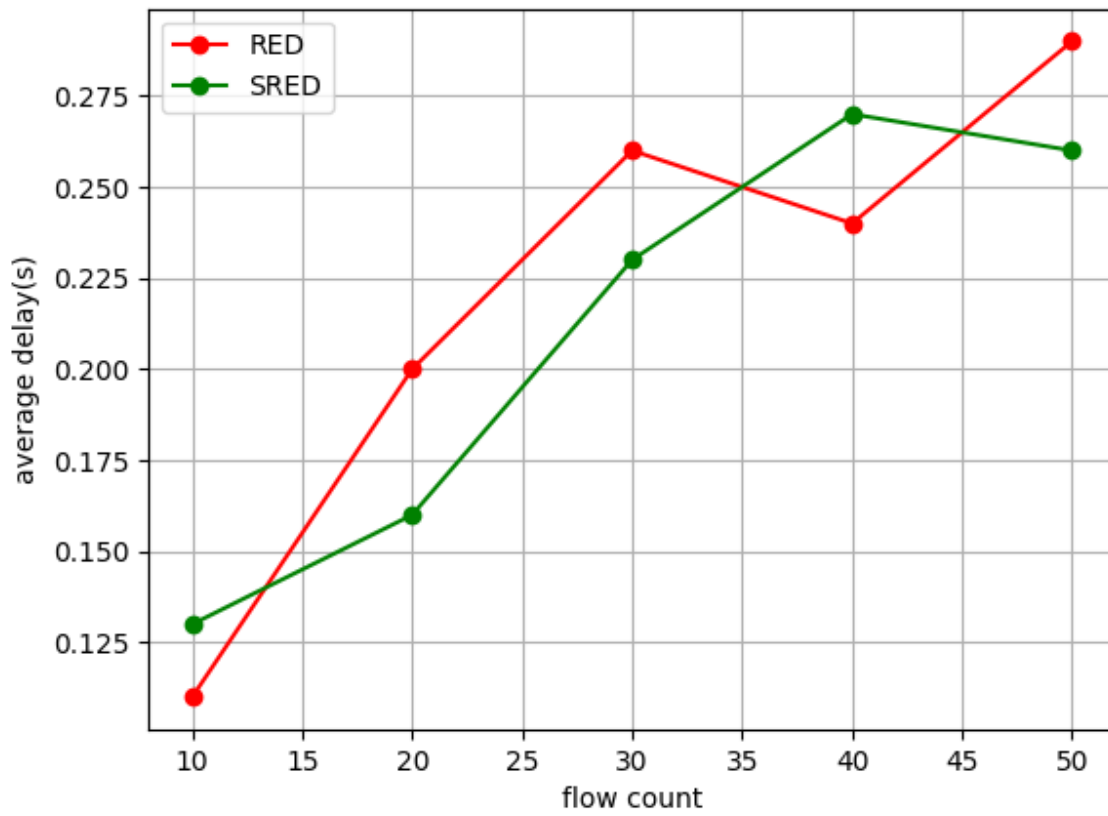


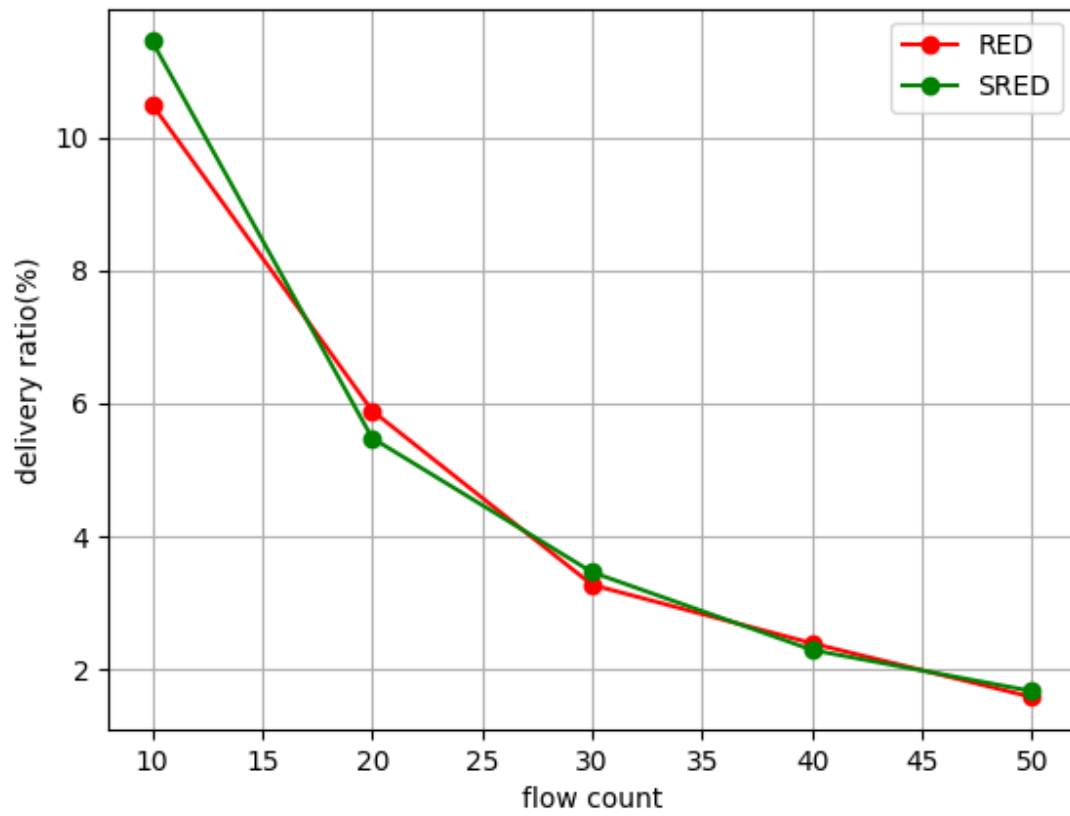


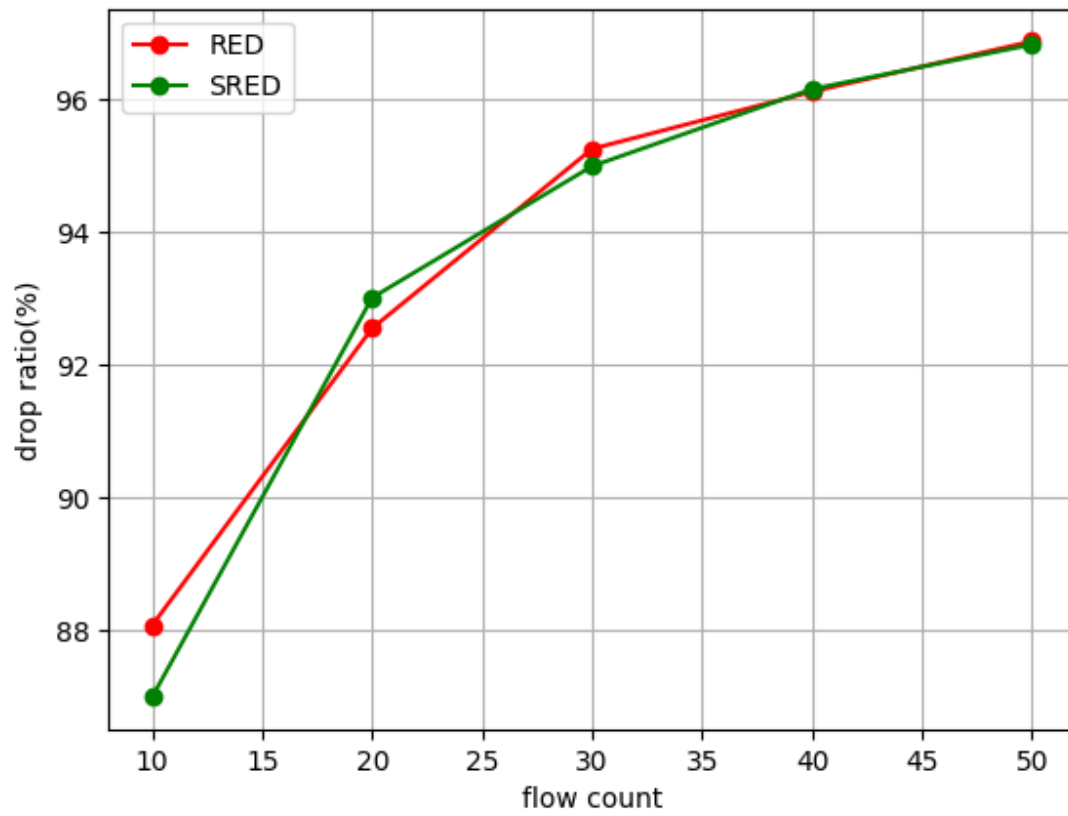


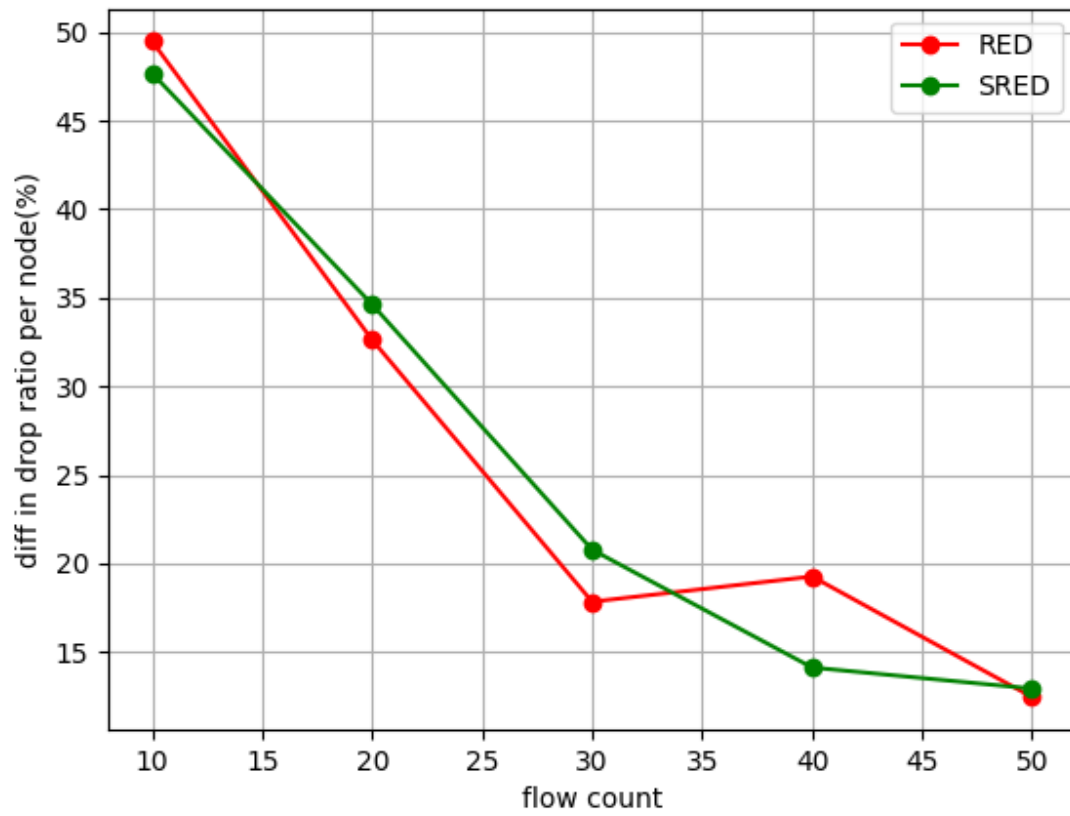
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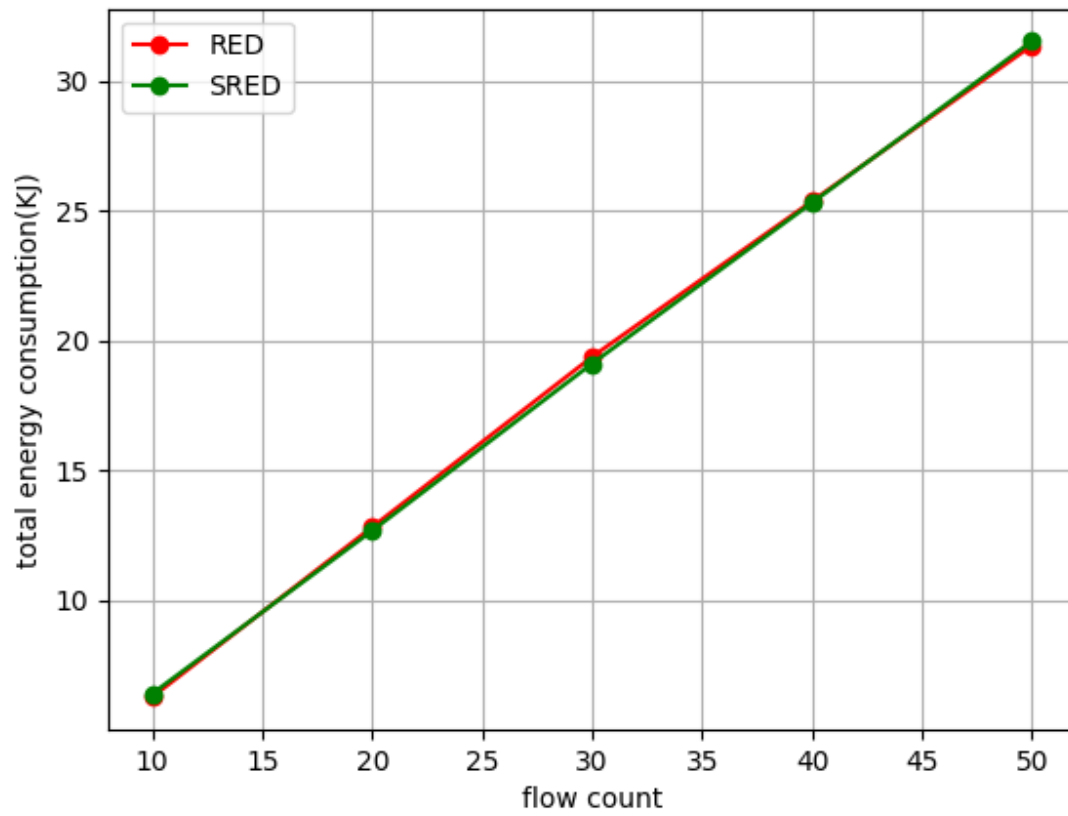




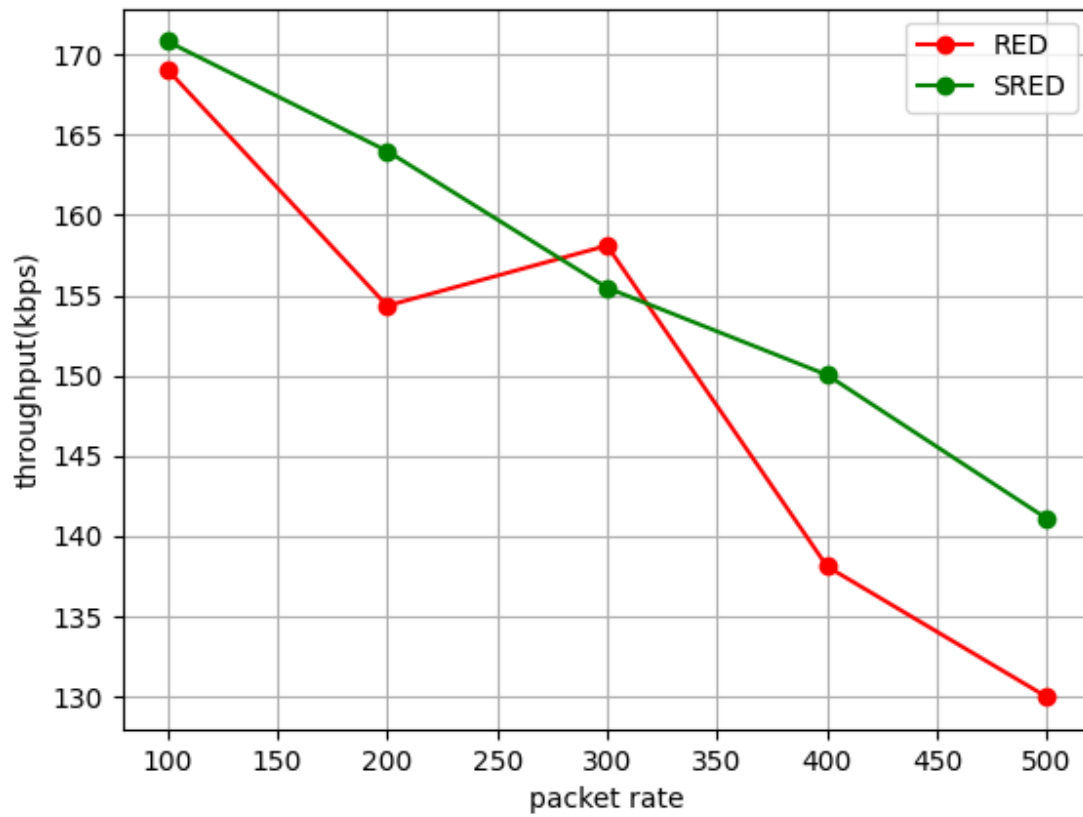


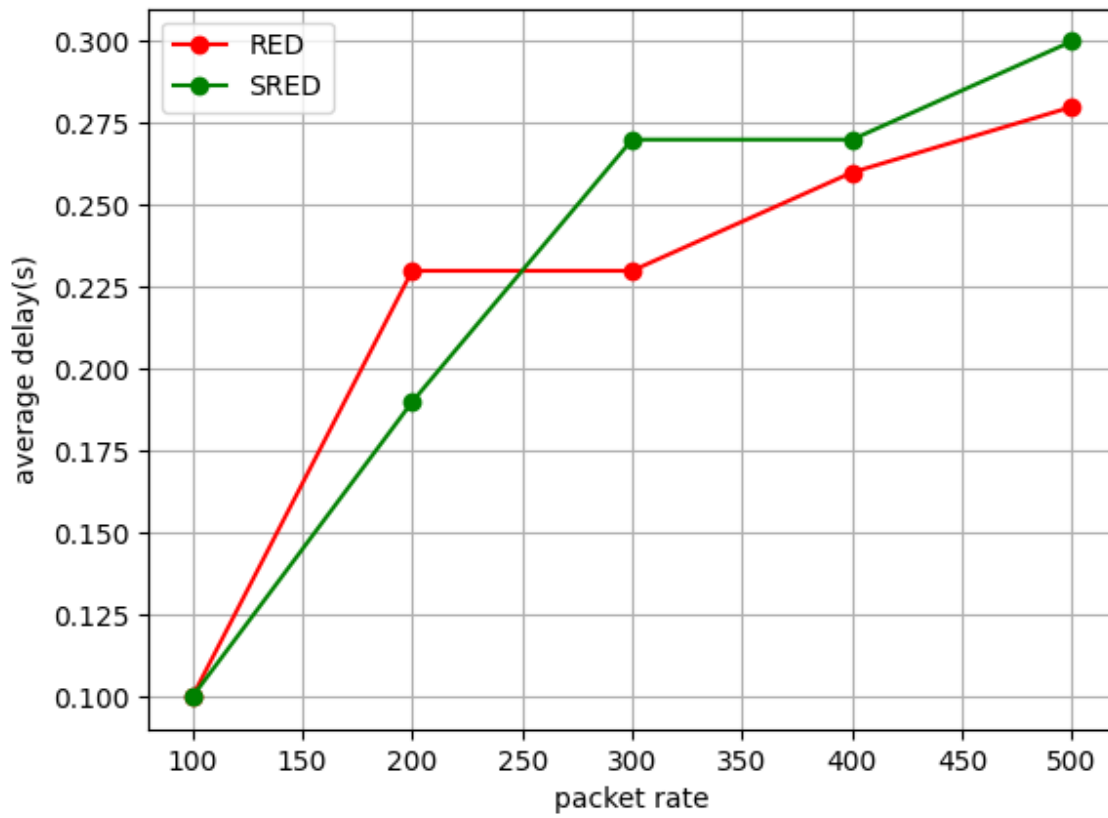


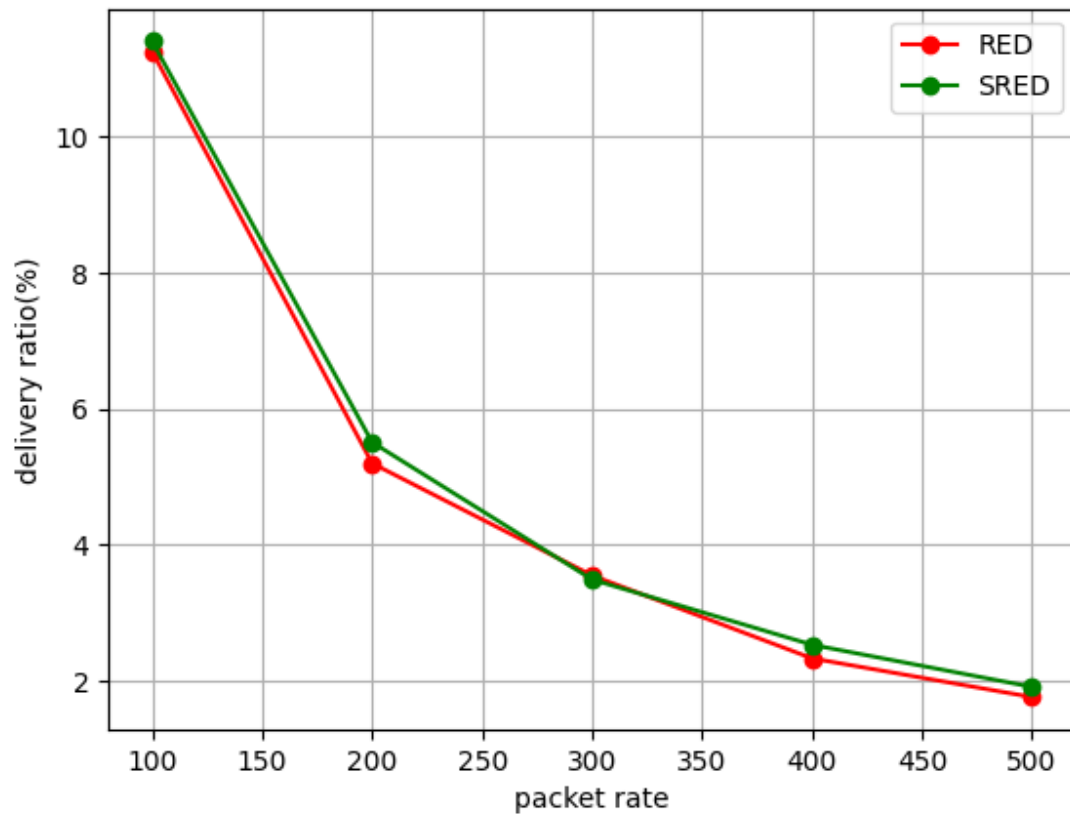


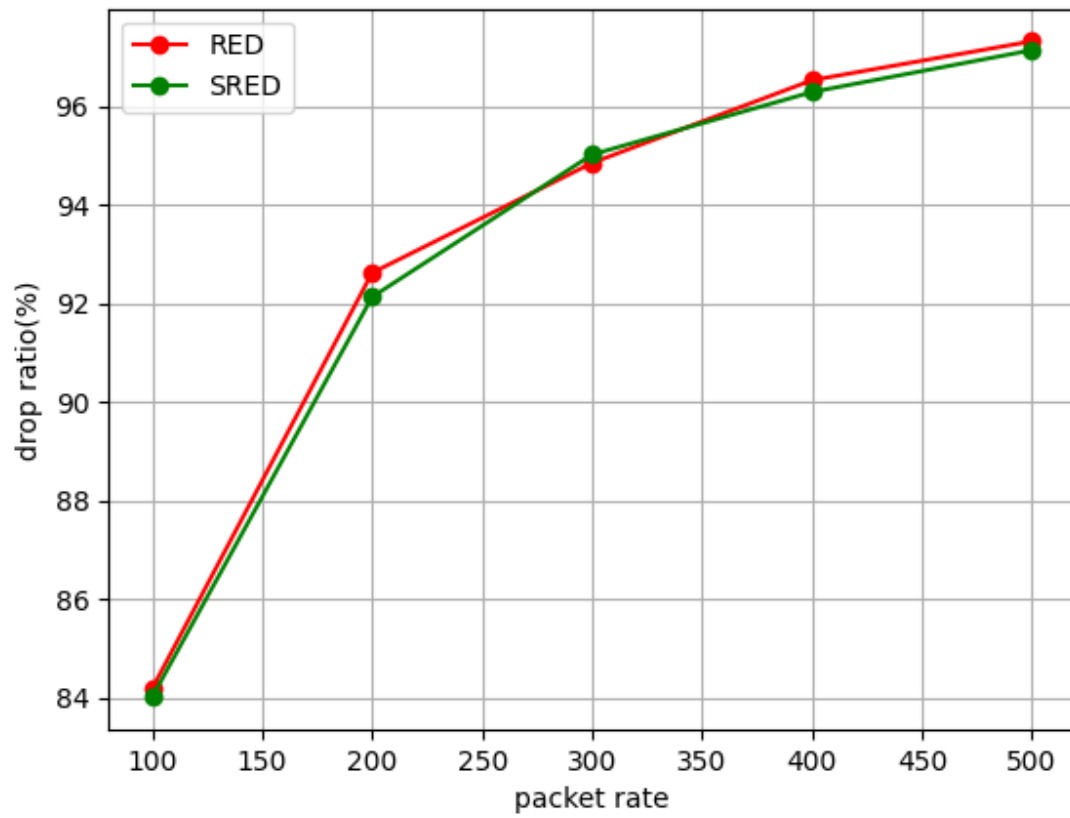


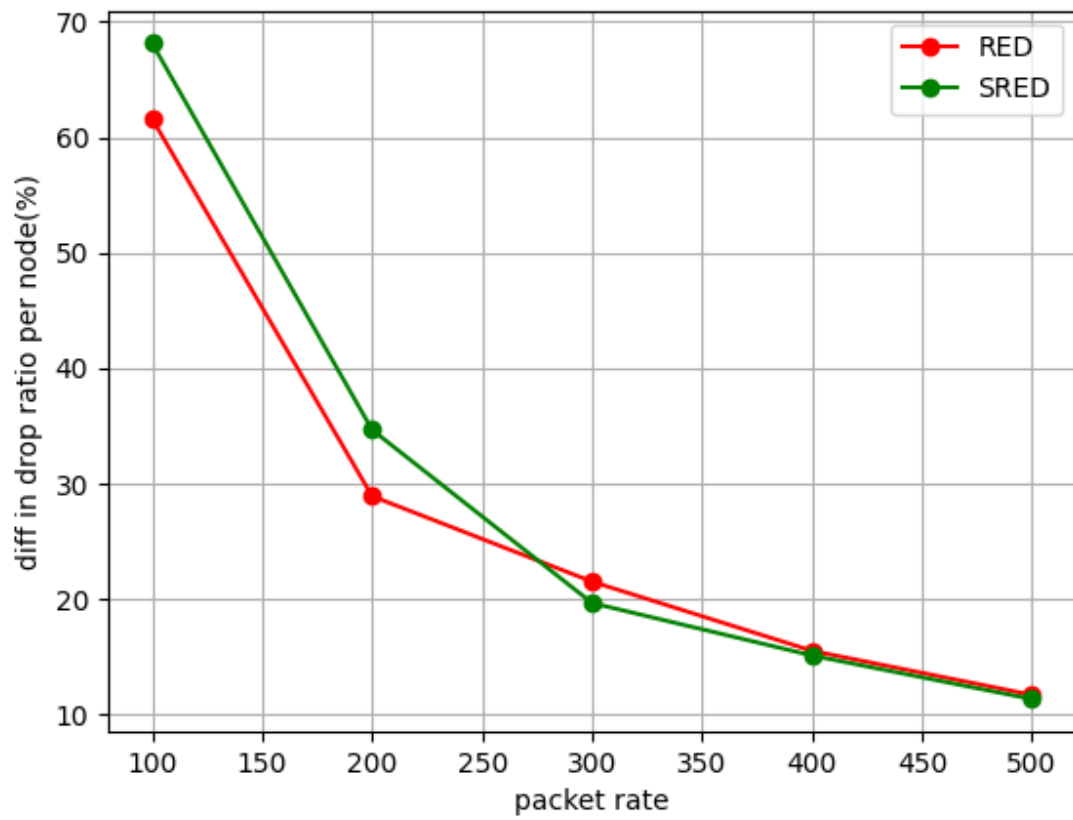
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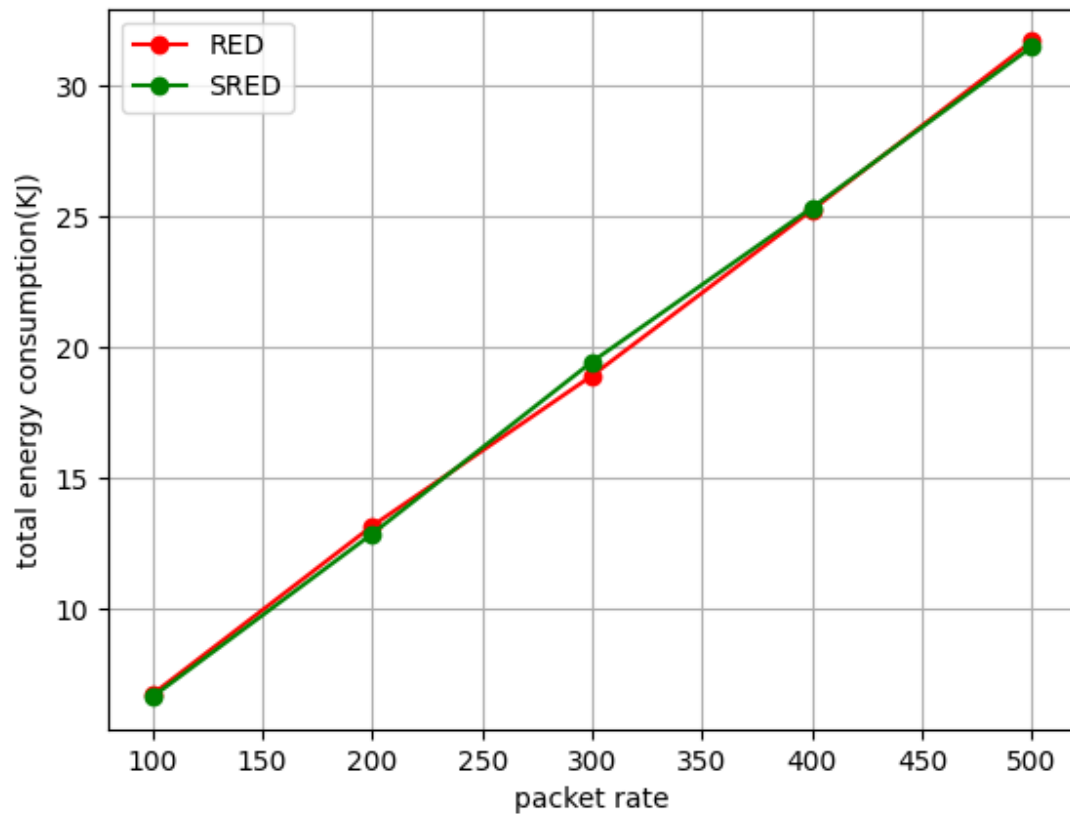




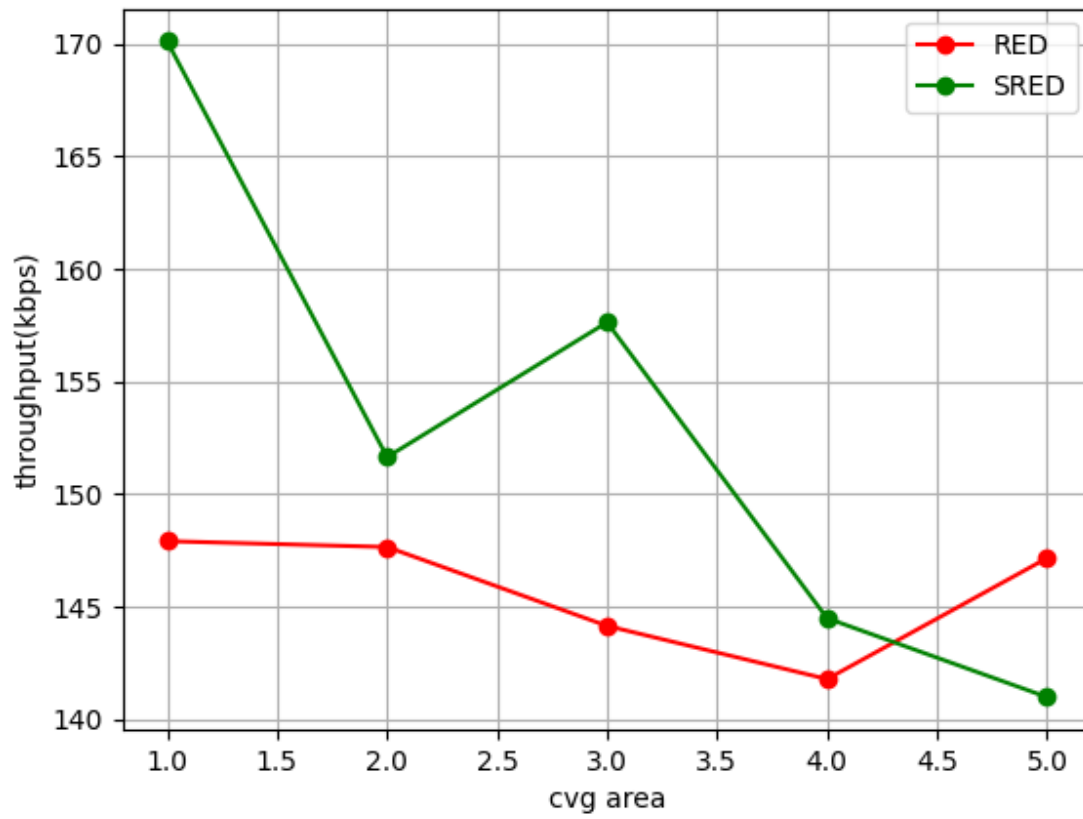


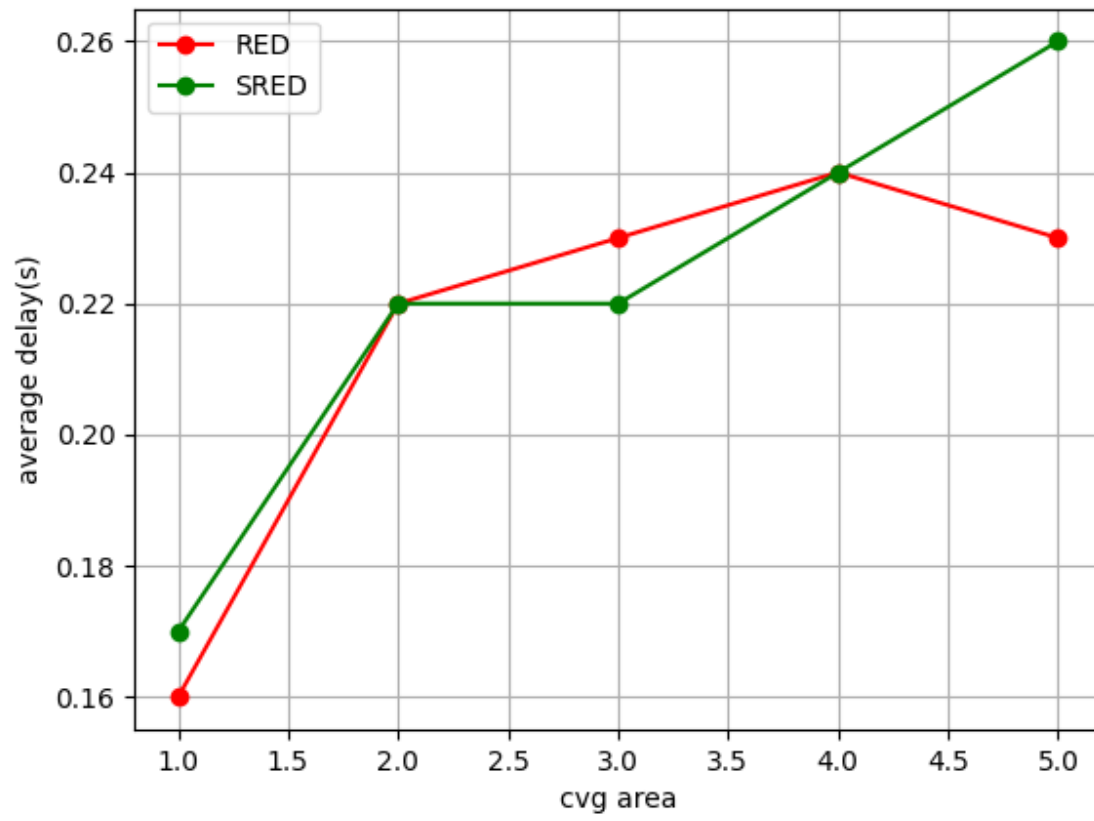


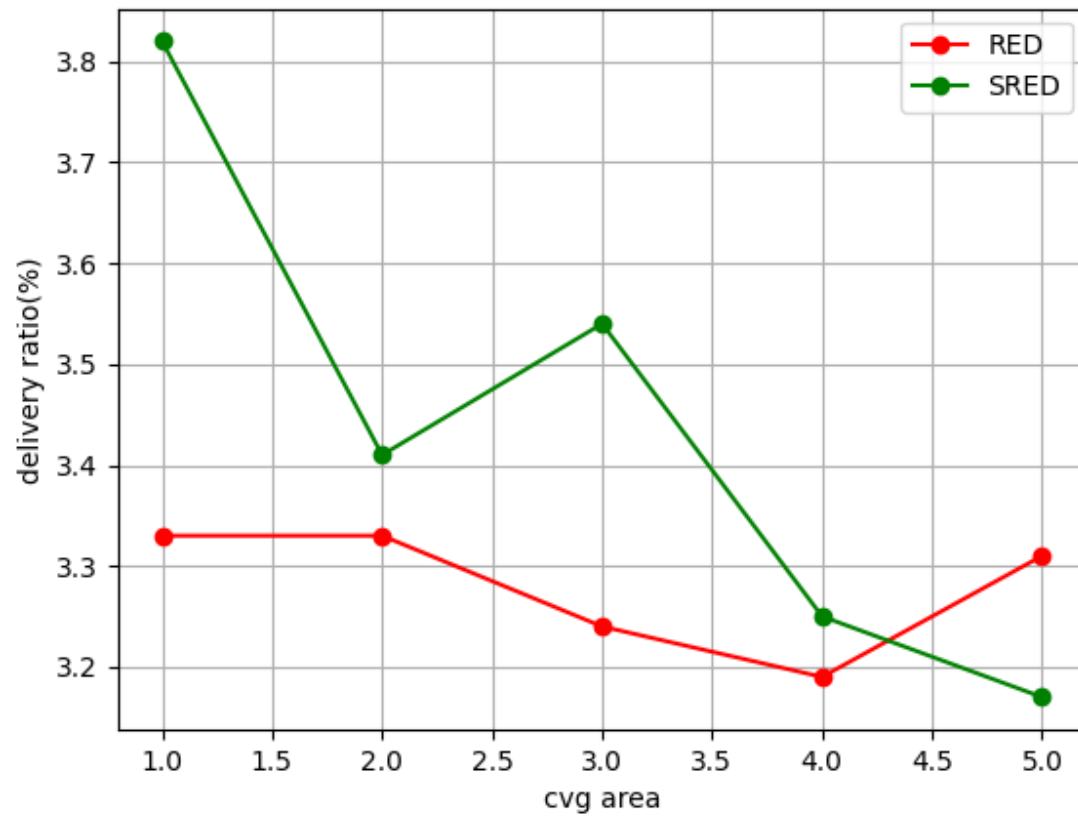


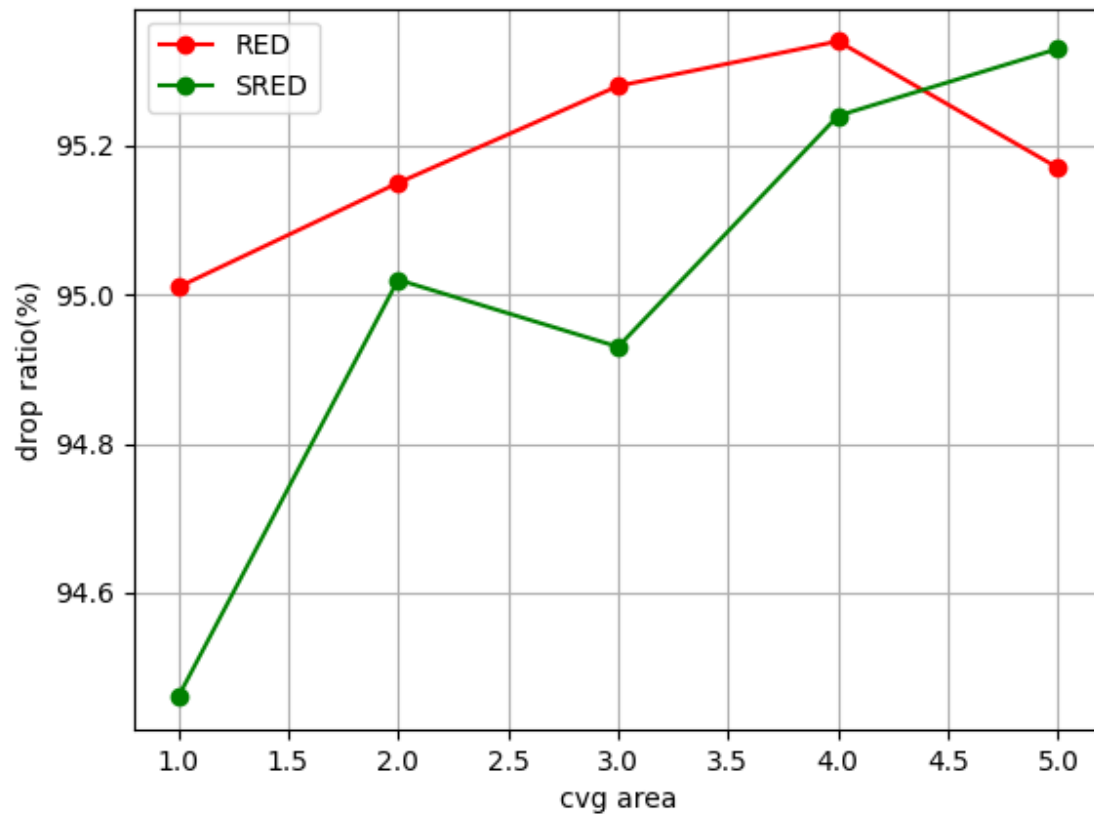


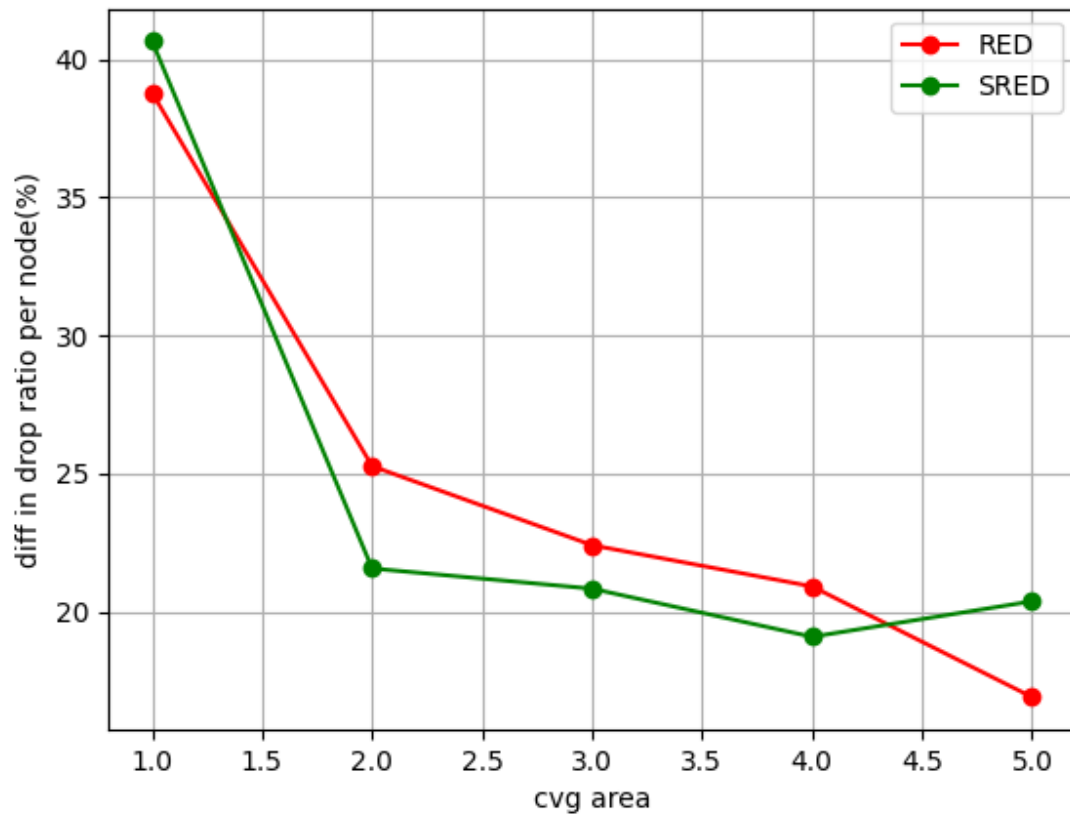
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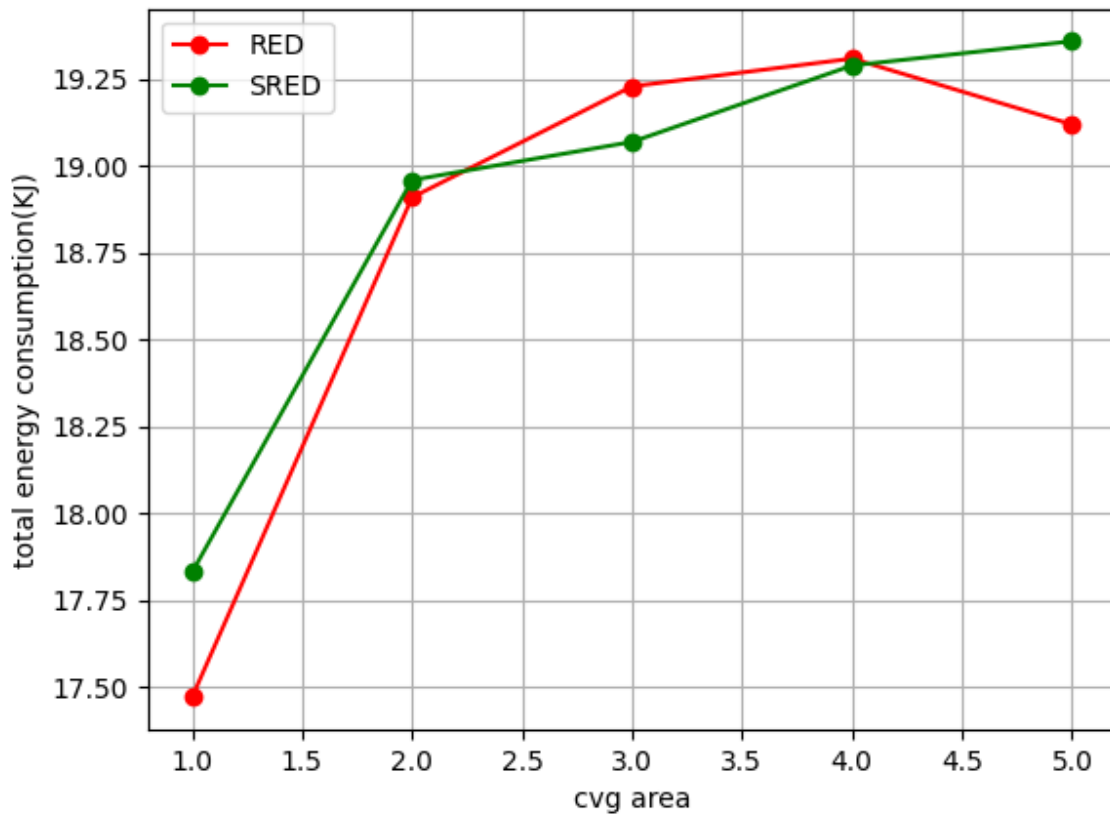










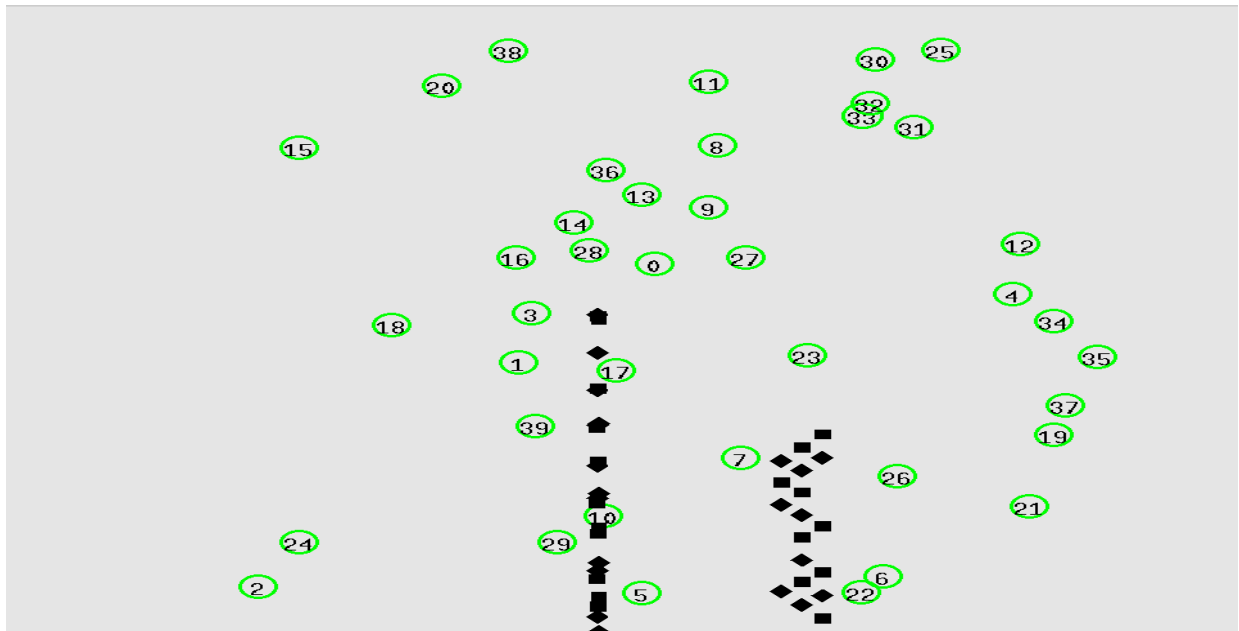


TASK - 2

Topology

For task-2, the given network is **Wireless 802.15.4 (mobile)**. For a given number of nodes and flows, for each flow we randomly select two nodes and add a flow in them. So, they don't follow any specific topology.

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Parameters Under Variation

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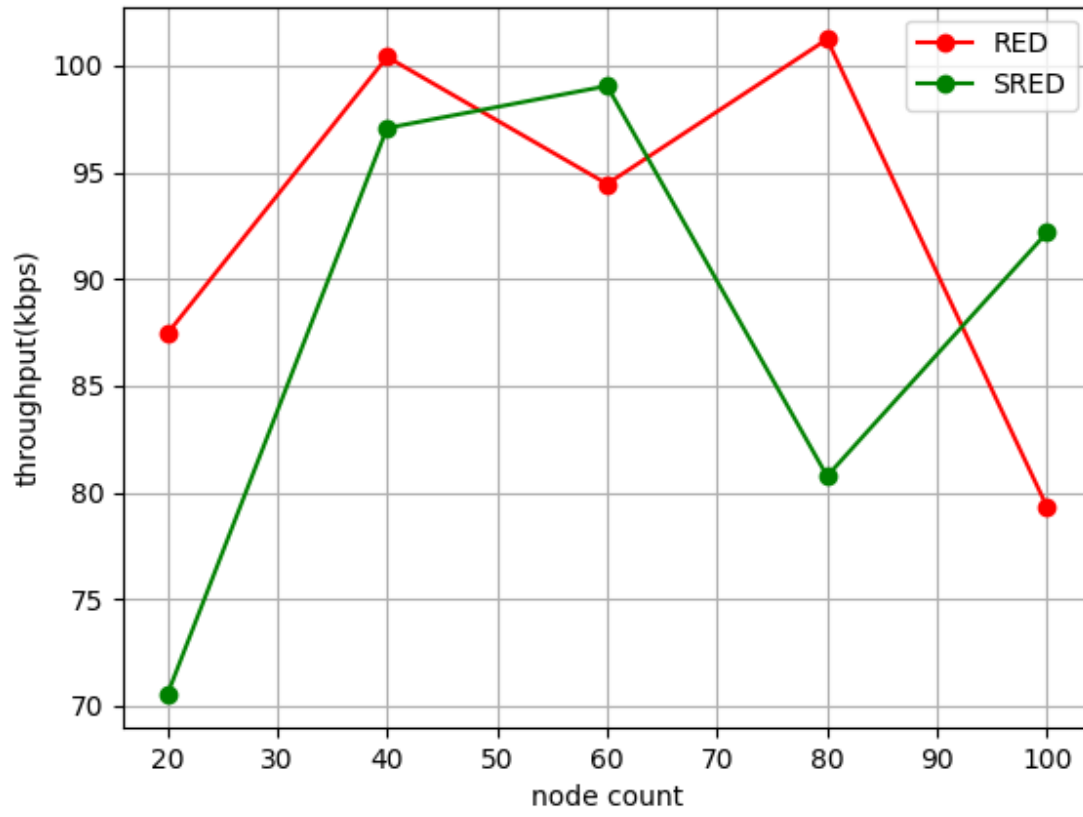
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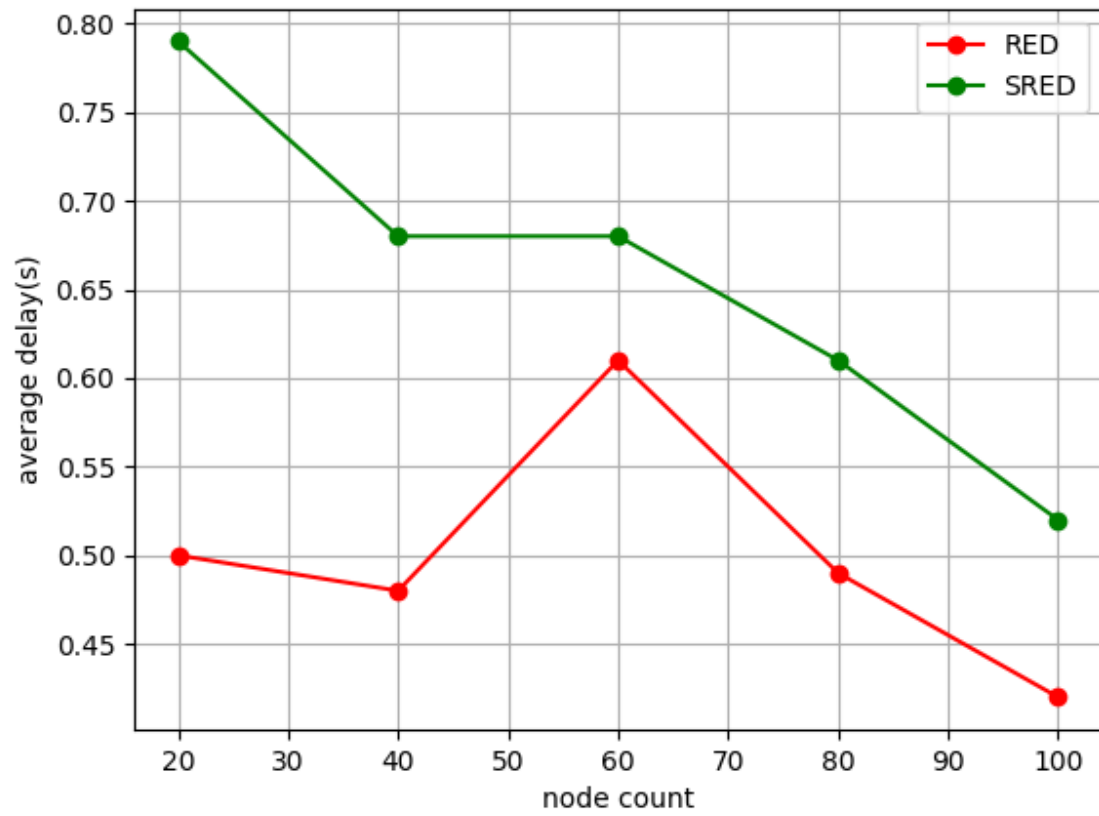
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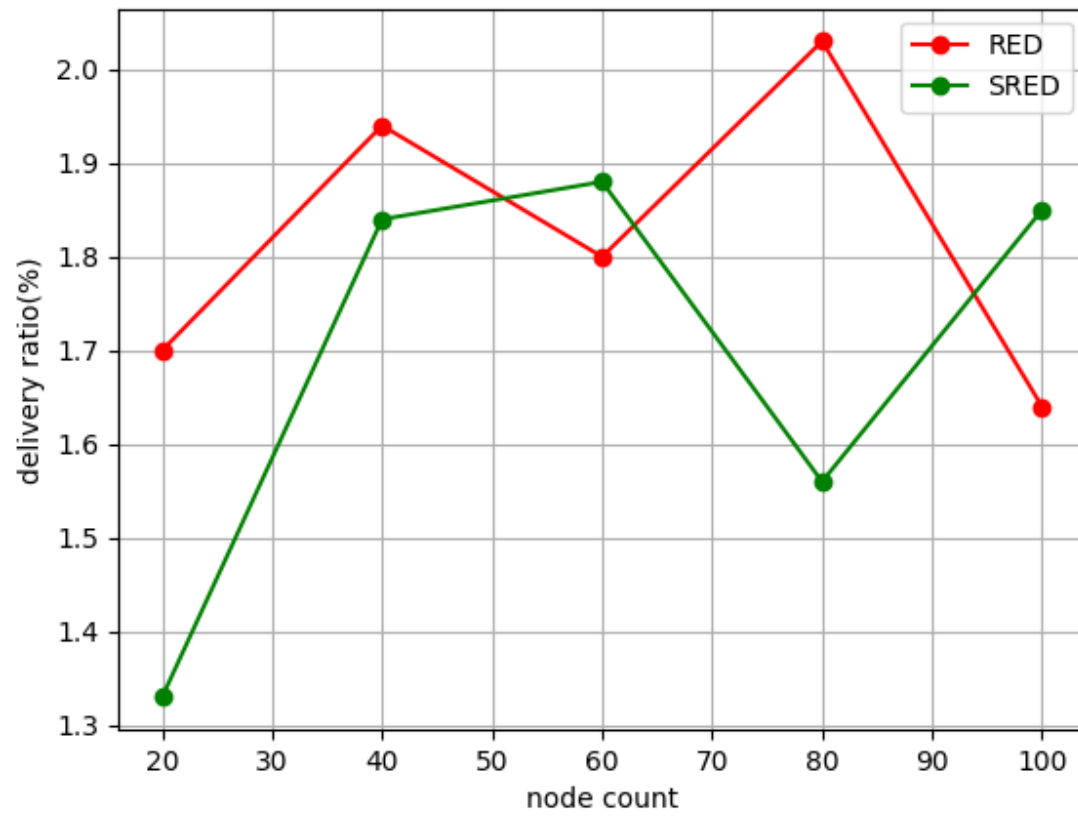
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4. Node Speed (m/s) : 5, 10, 15, 20, 25

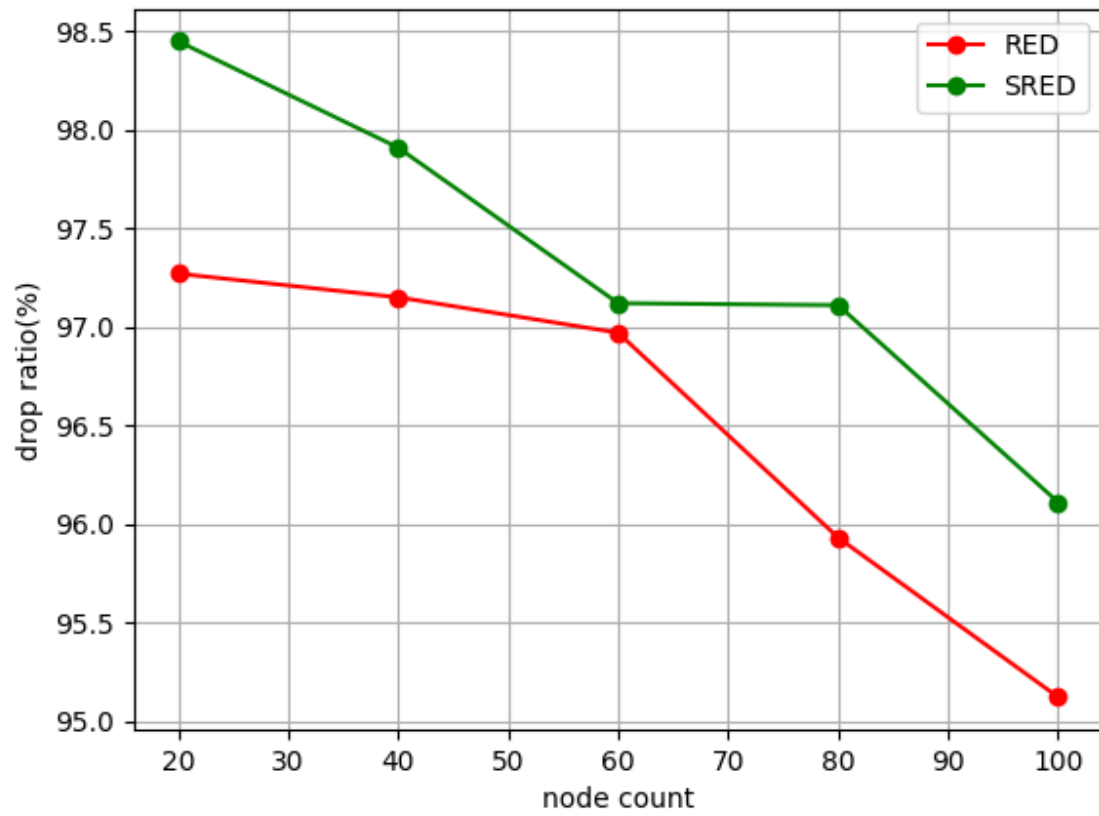
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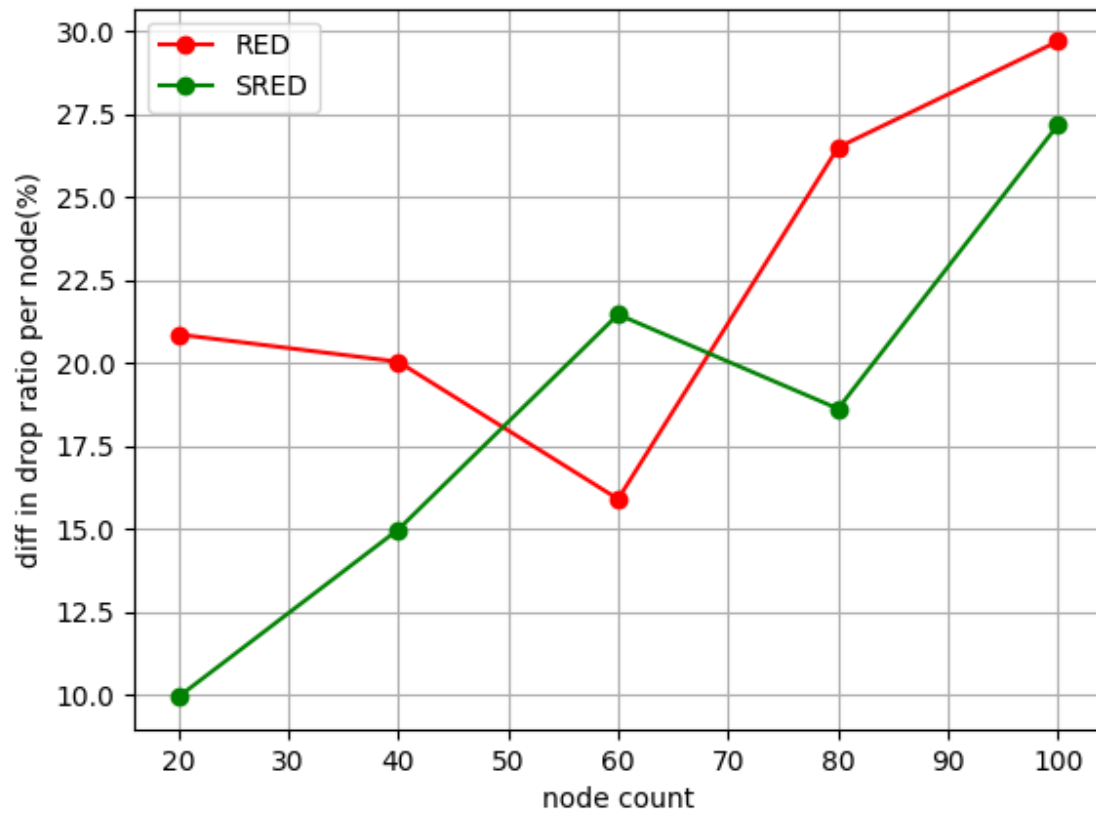
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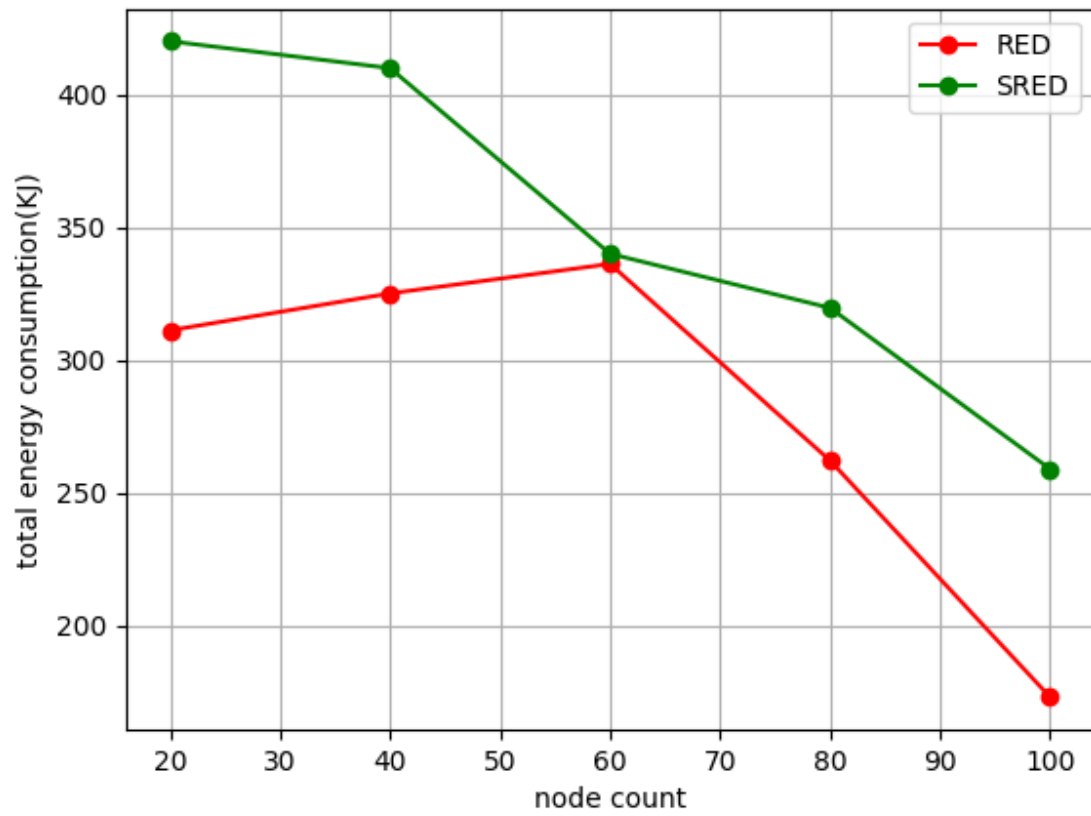




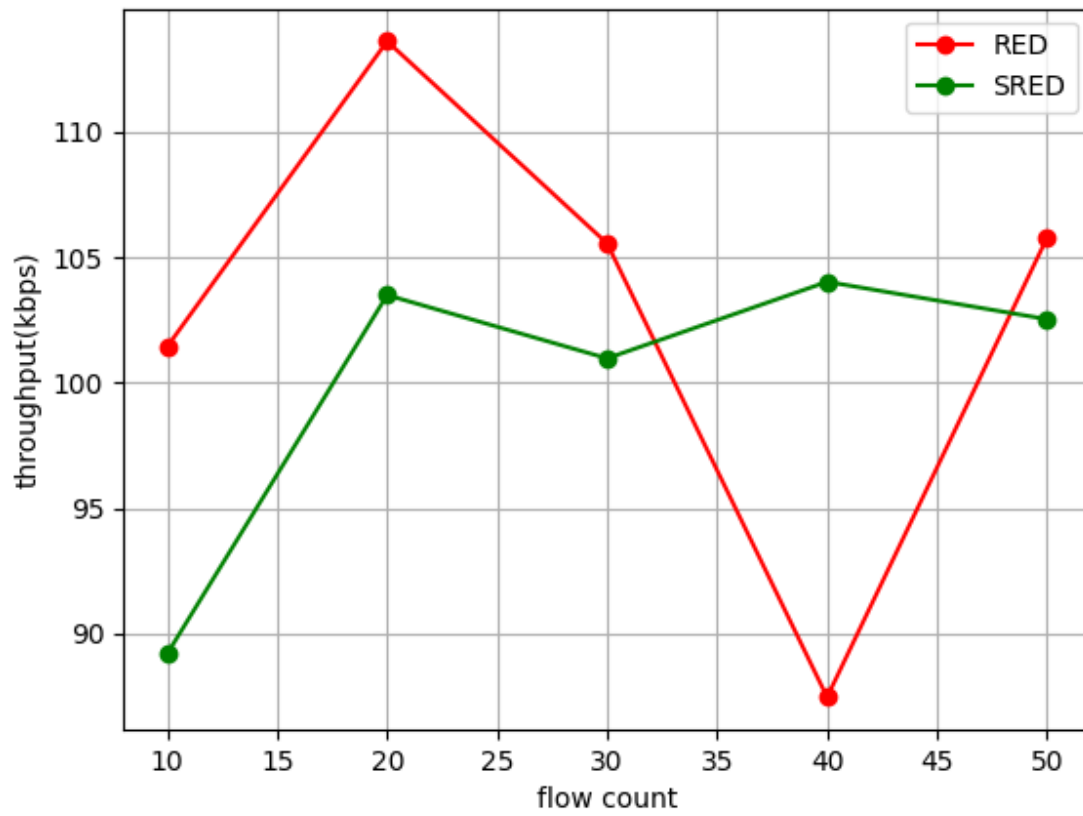


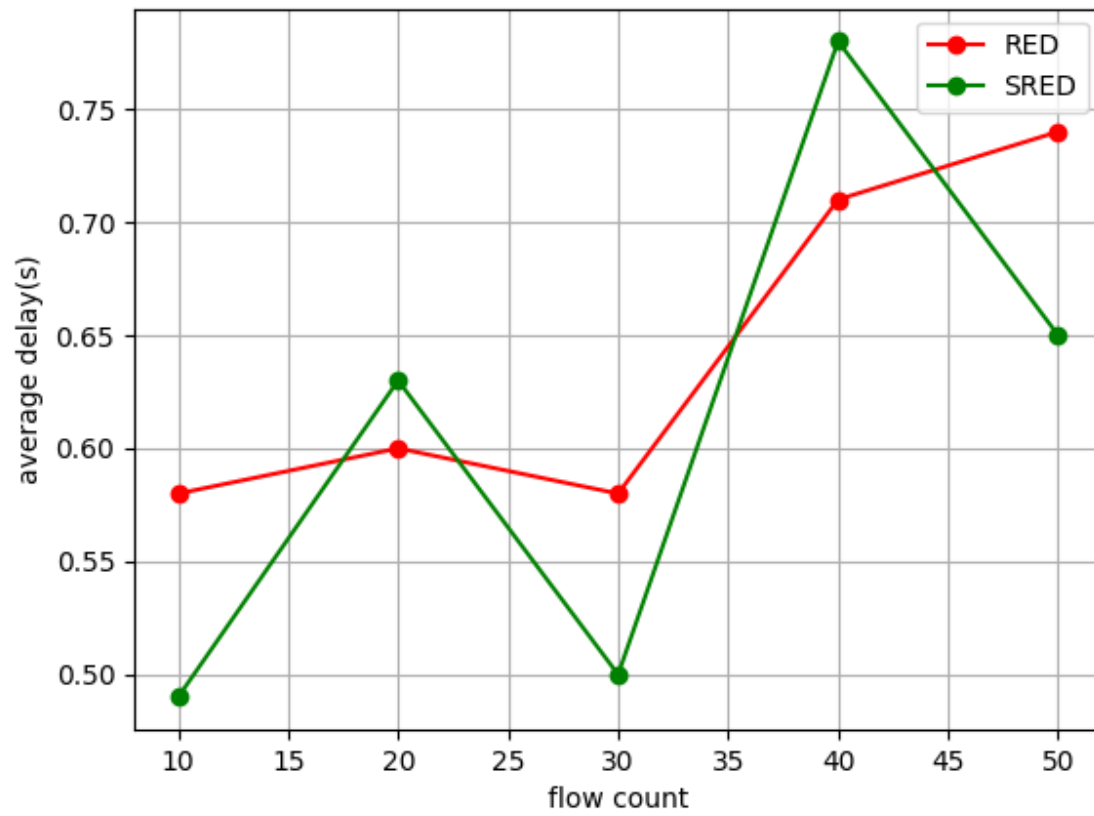


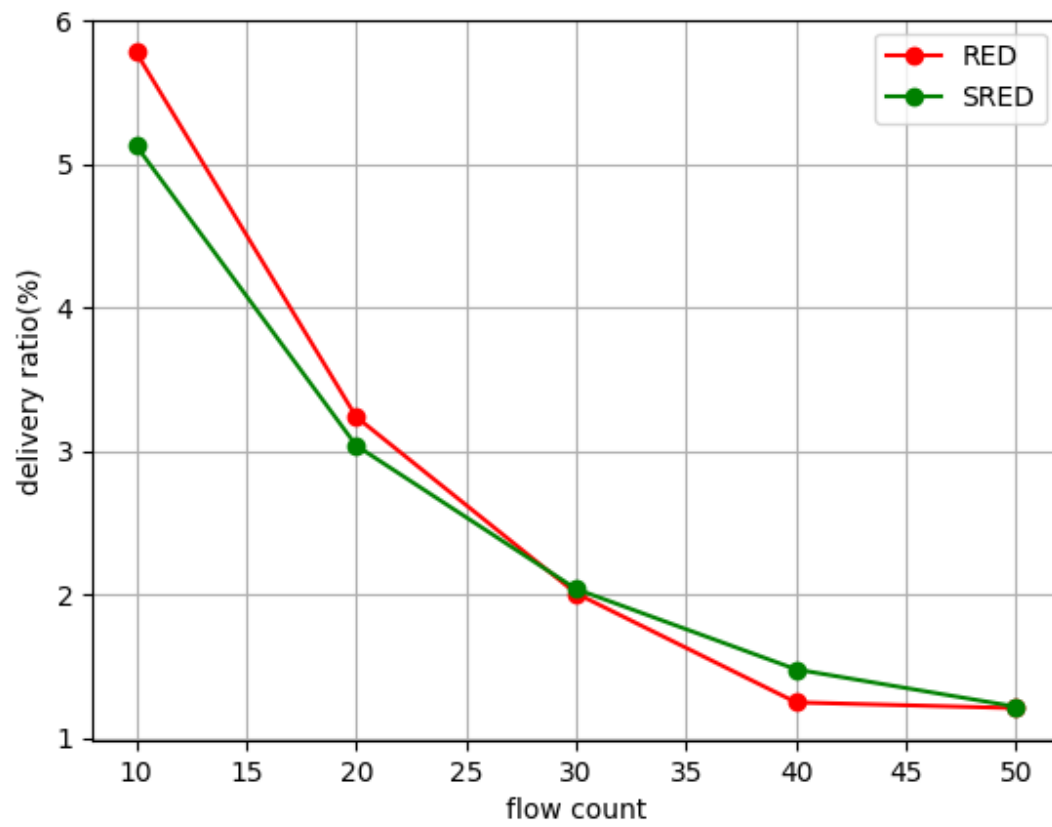


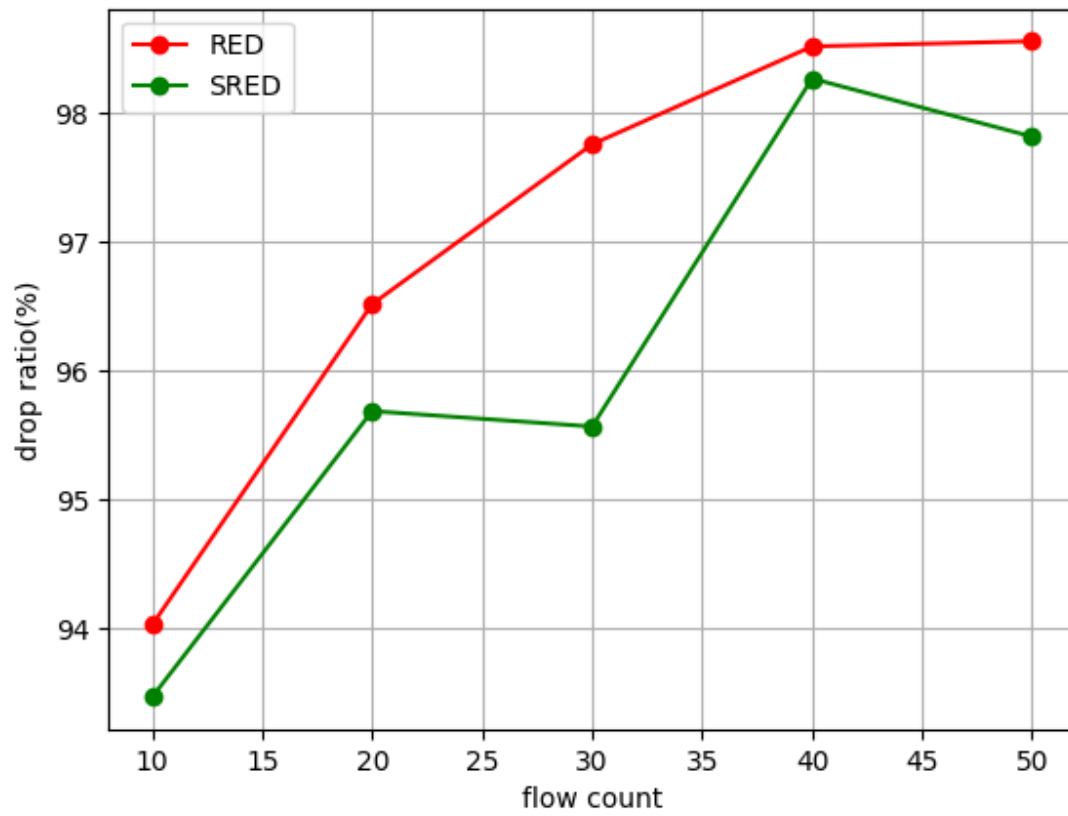


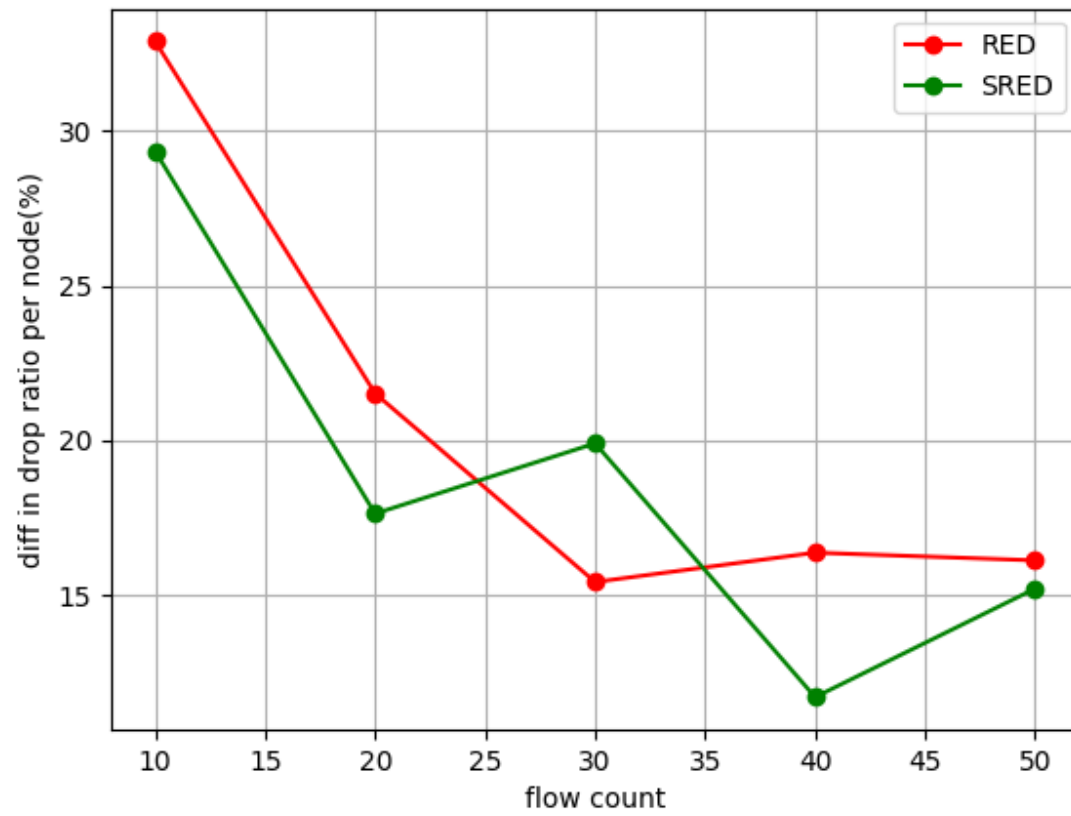
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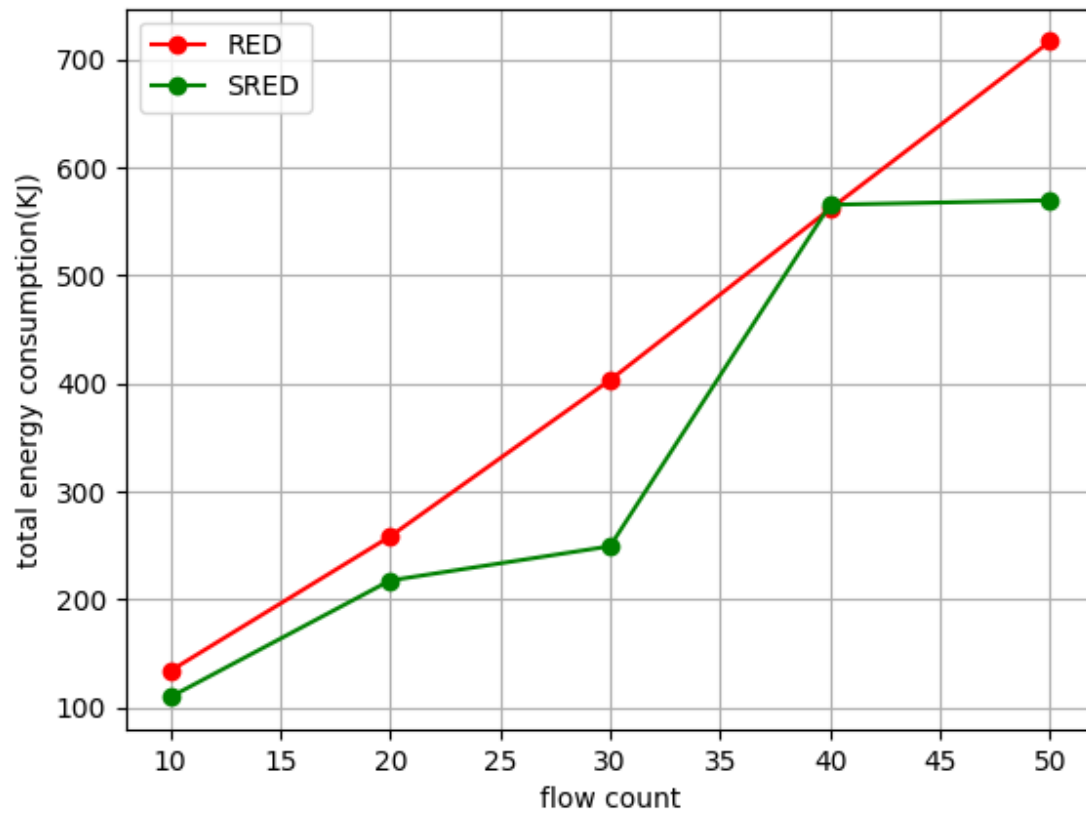




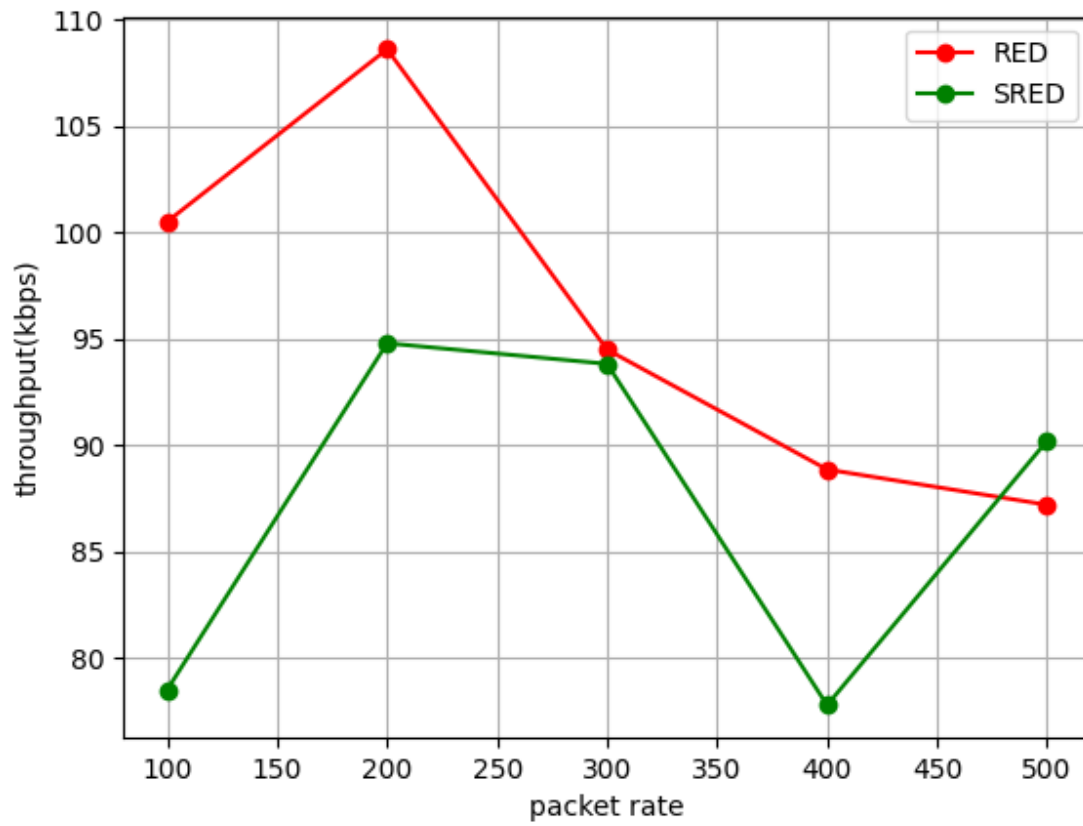


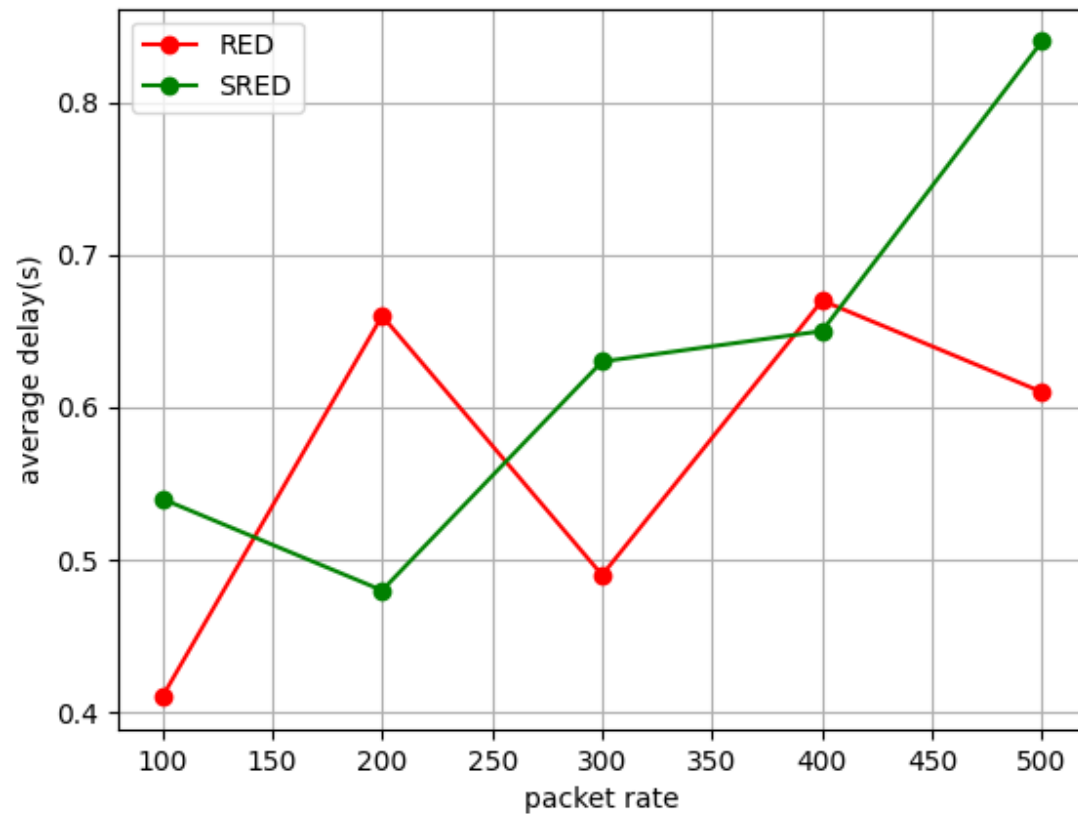


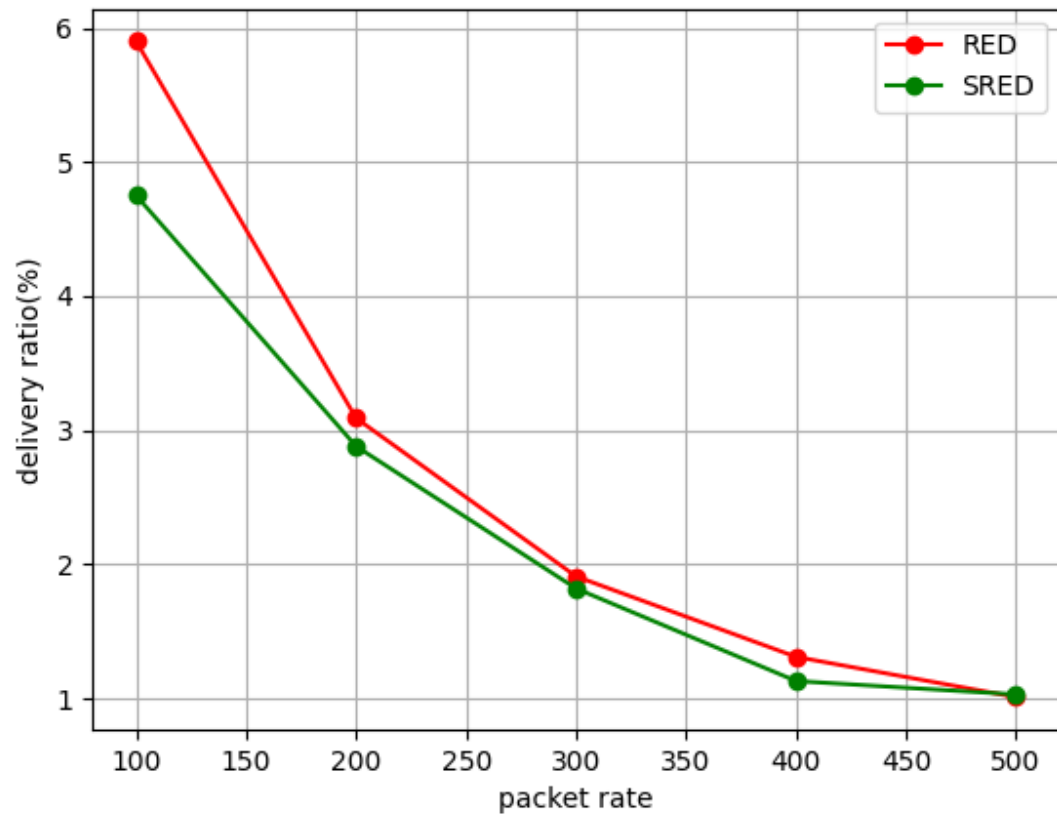


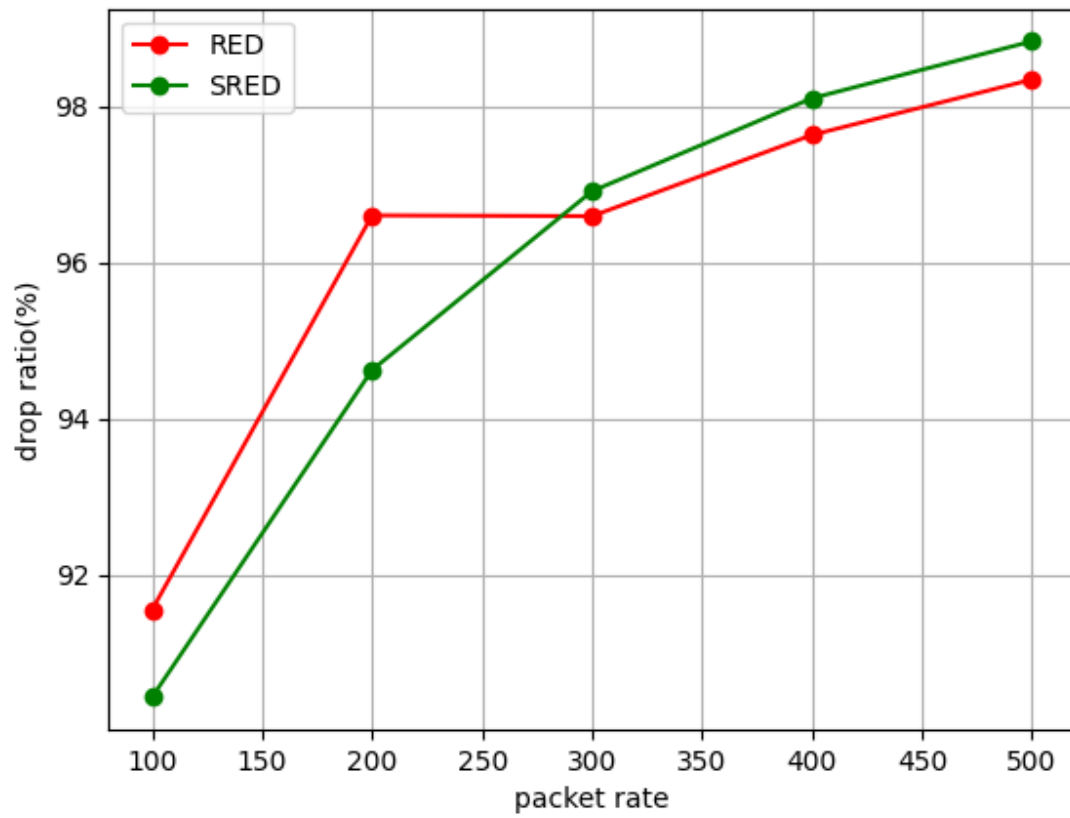


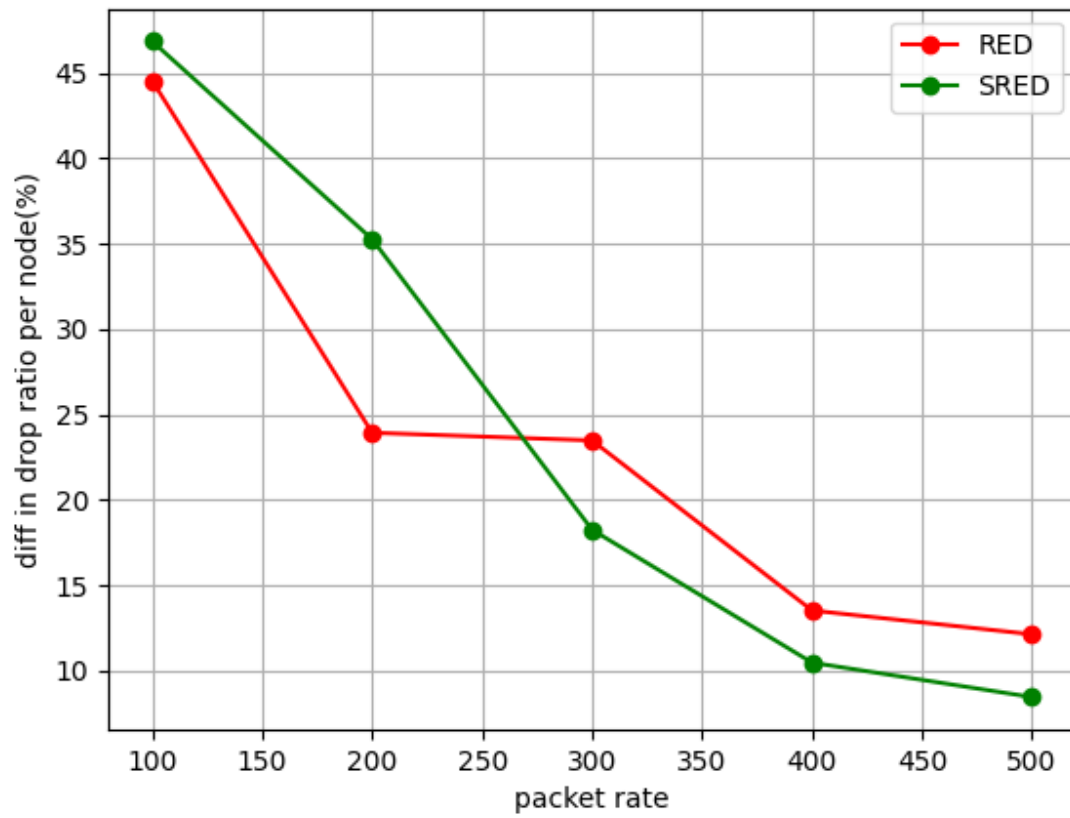
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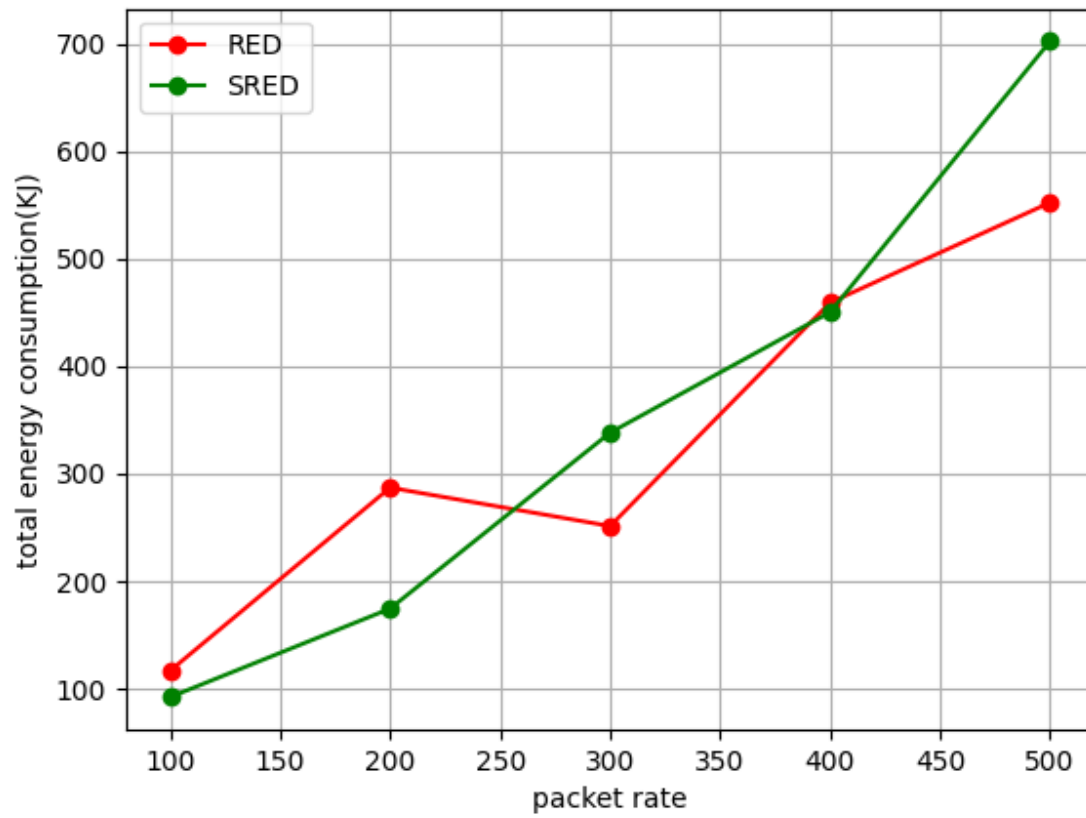




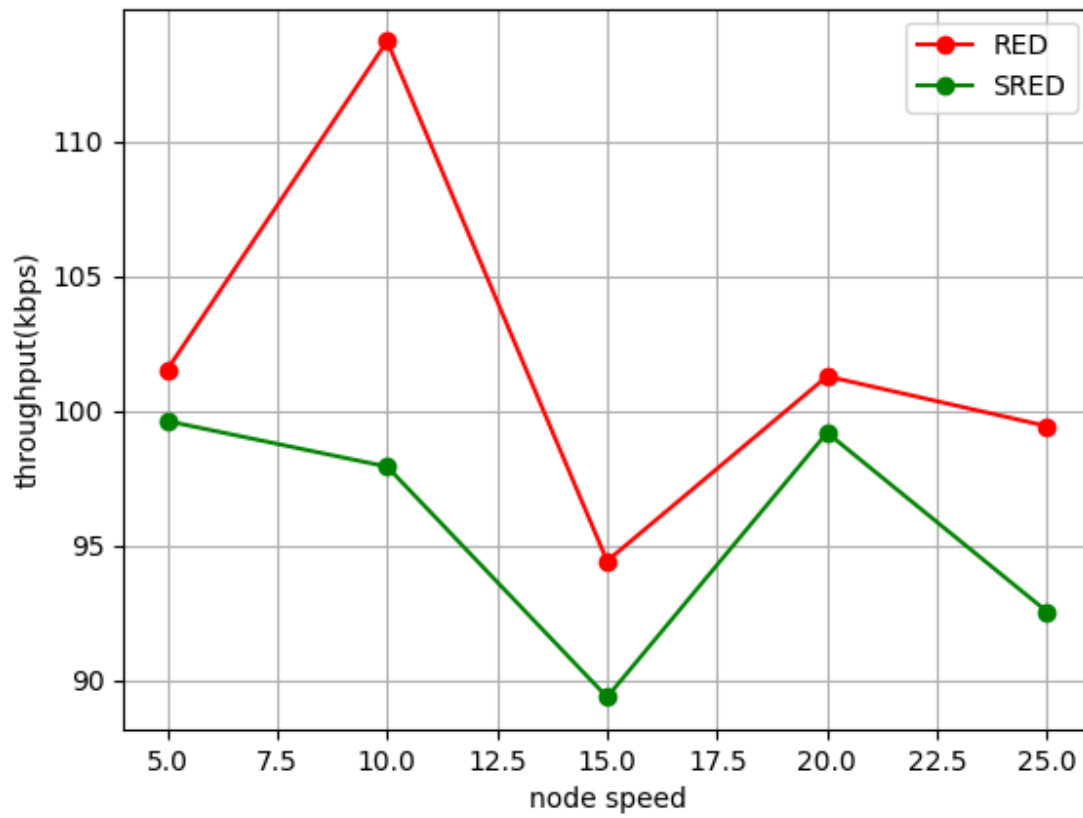


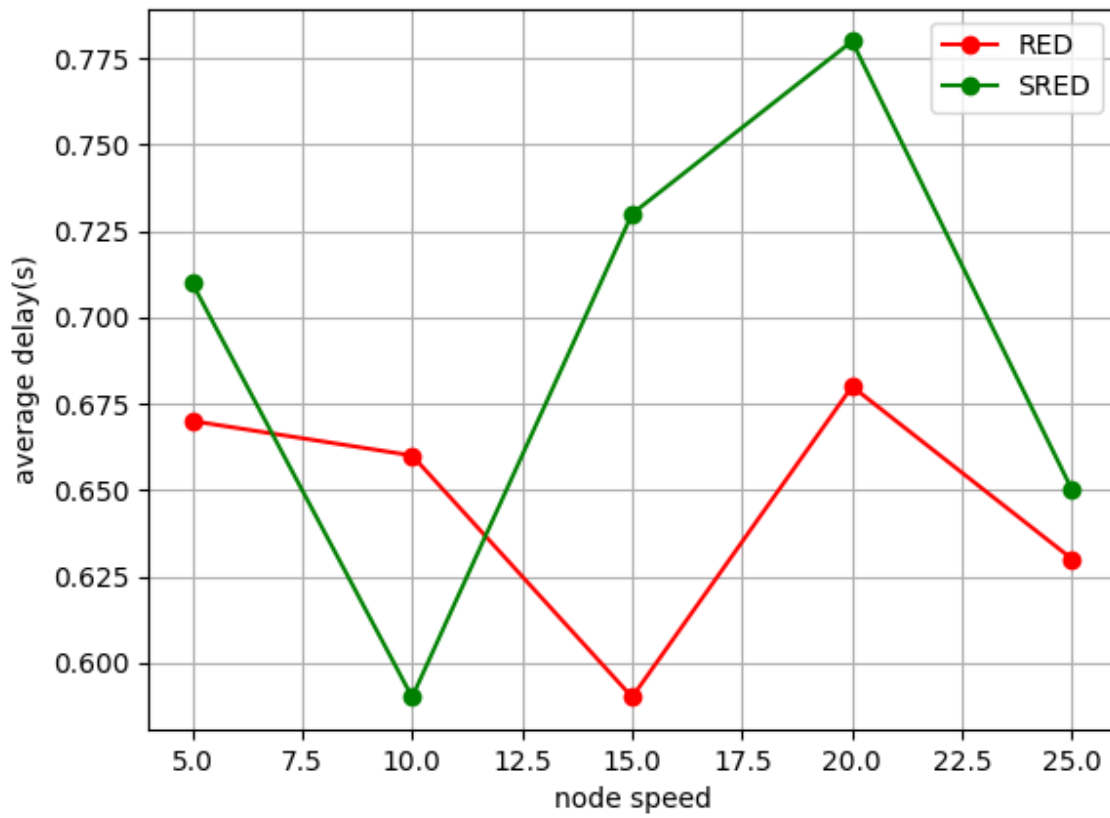


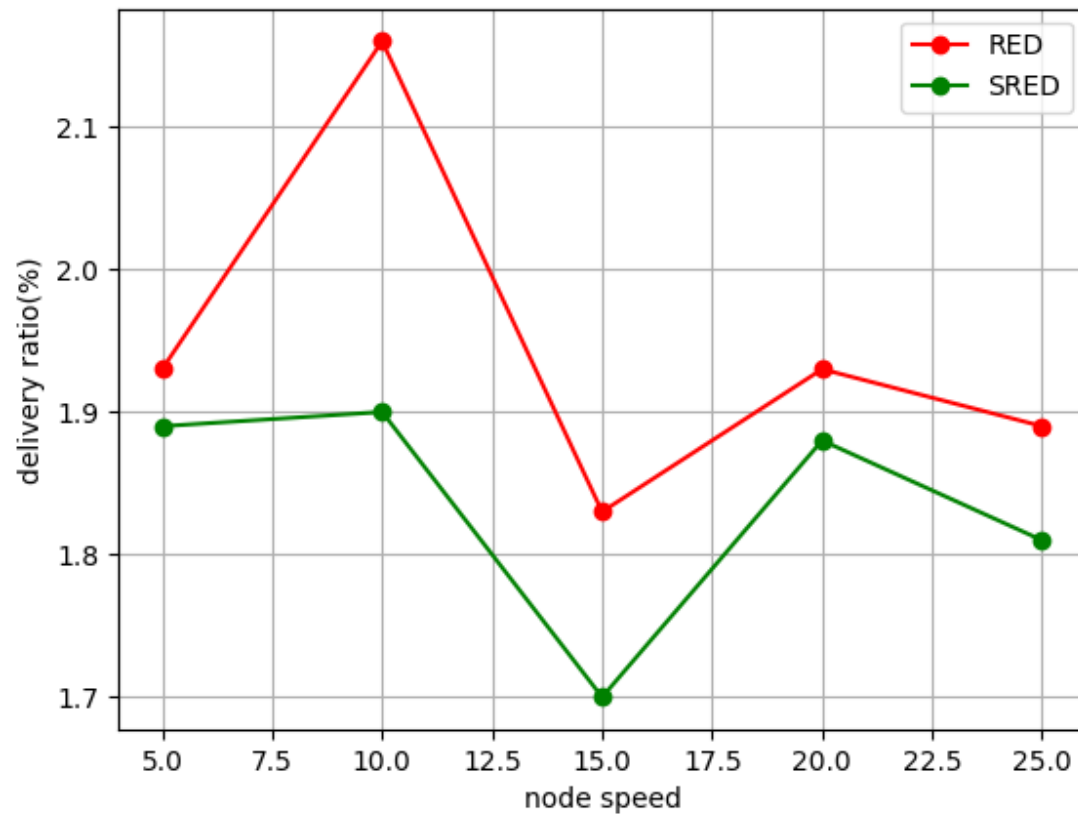


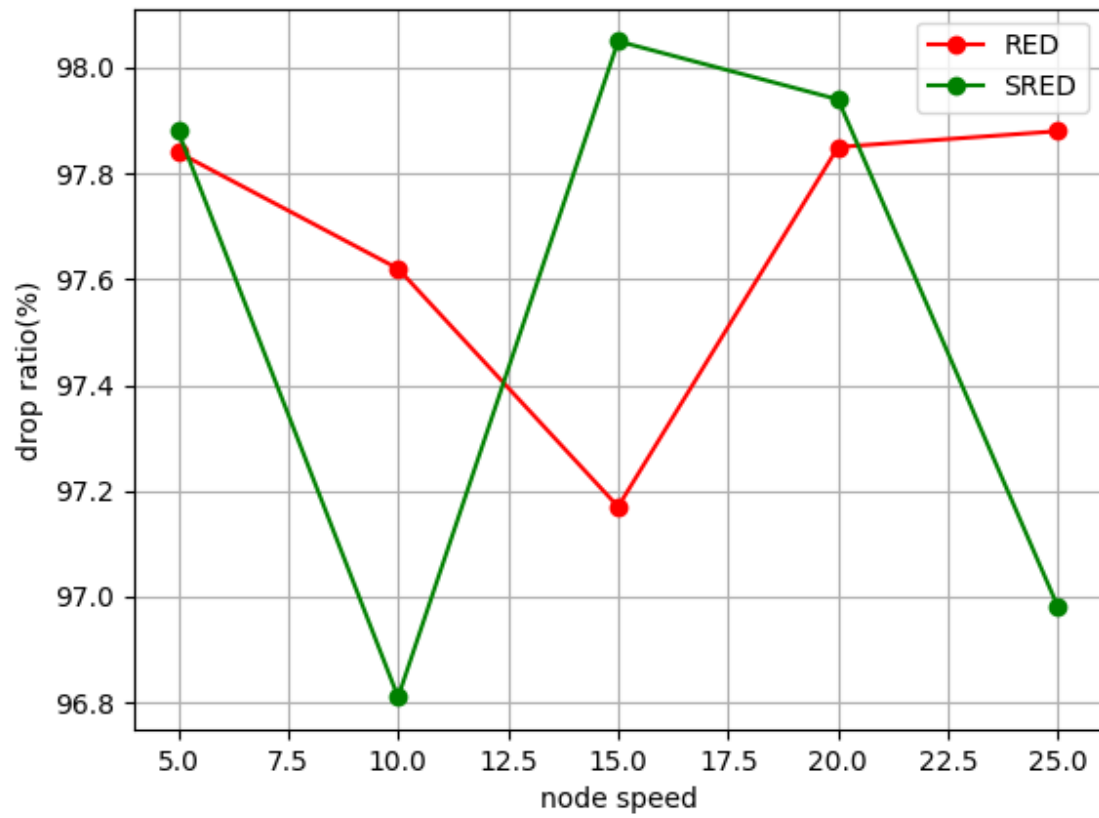


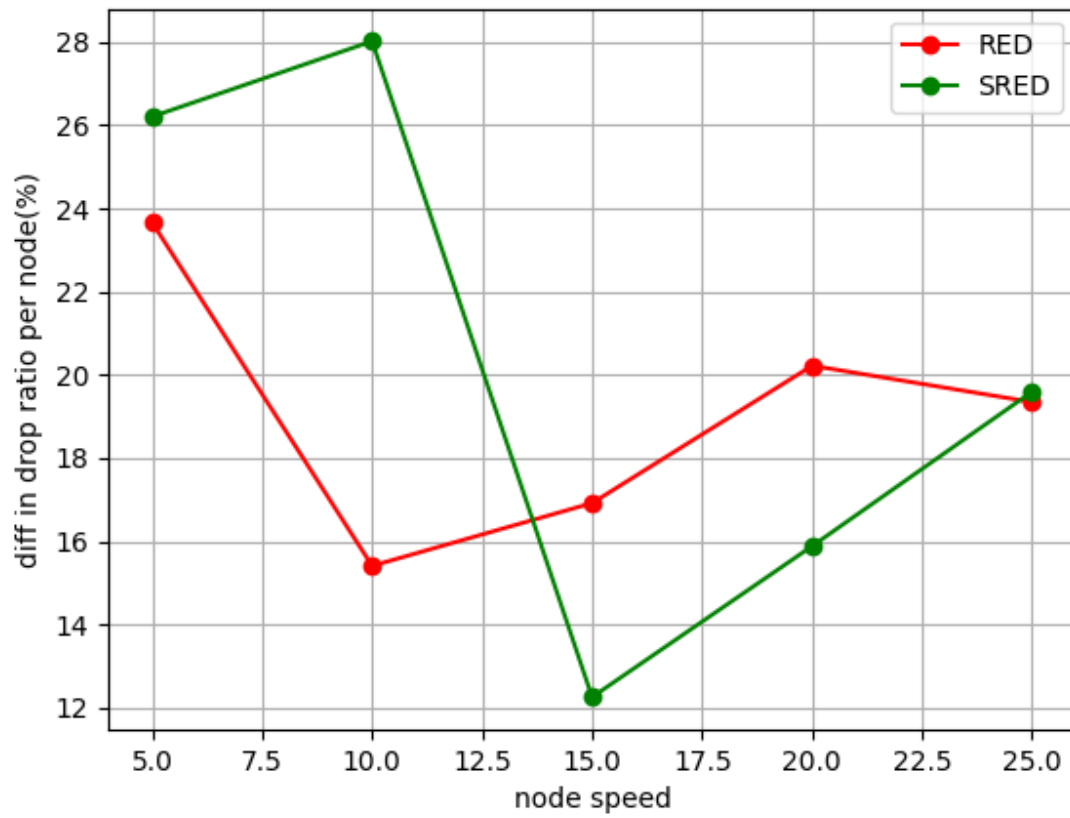
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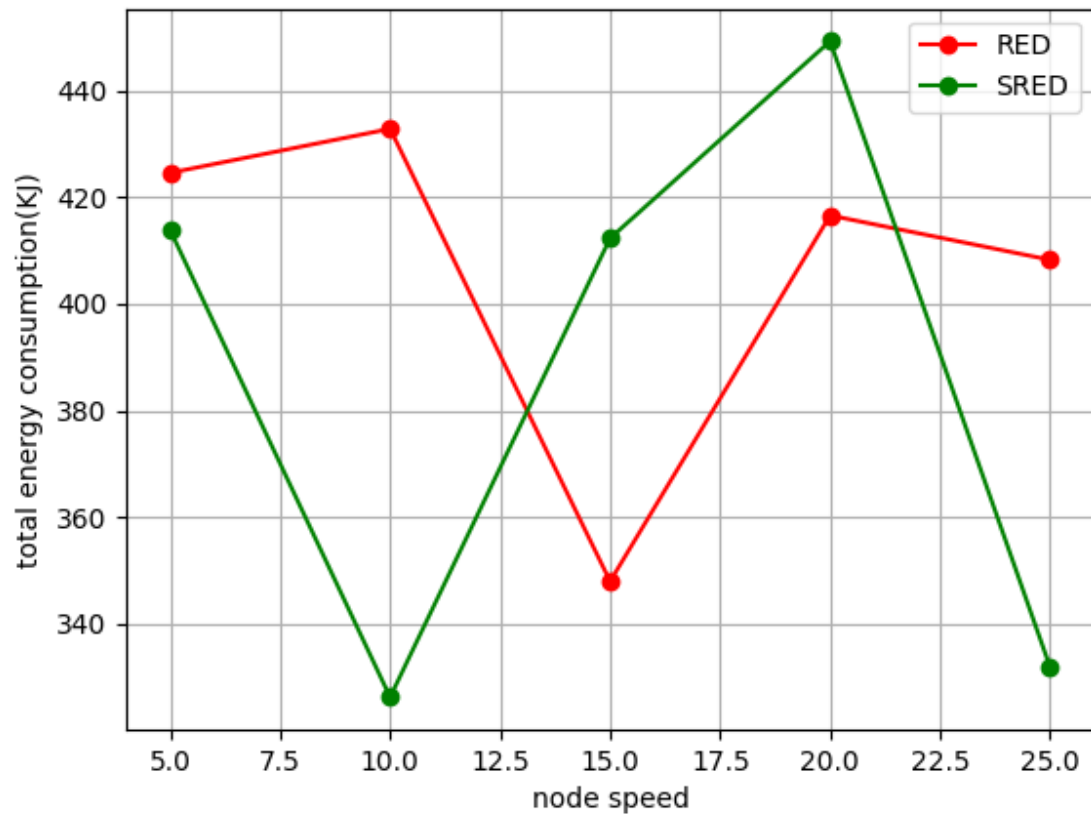












Summary Findings

1. For Most of the graphs SRED and RED follow the same shape, which is expected as SRED is a variant of RED.
2. If we compare RED with SRED, SRED has more fairness as packet dropping probability depends on the hit rate. If the hit occurs, it is more probable to drop the packet.
3. In the graph, we can also see that almost all the time SRED performs better in terms of fairness.
4. Most of the graphs of SRED are smoother than their RED counterparts. This is because SRED can stabilize the queue in different load levels by actively changing the probability function depending on the queue size.