

TCP RENO PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Comparison: DropTail vs RED Queue Management
QUEUE MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS

DropTail (Tail Drop)

- Accepts packets until buffer is full
- Drops new packets when buffer reaches capacity
 - Simple FIFO (First In First Out) implementation
- May cause "global synchronization" problem

RED (Random Early Detection)

- Monitors average queue length continuously
- Randomly drops packets BEFORE queue is full
 - Provides early congestion warning to TCP
- Prevents global synchronization effectively

KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

Metric	DropTail	RED	Winner
Throughput (Mbps)	0.643	0.665	☐ RED
Packet Loss Rate (%)	4.98	4.85	☐ RED
Average Delay (ms)	30.09	30.23	☐ DT
Timeout Events	2	1	☐ RED
Fast Retransmits	10	15	☐ DT

ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

DropTail PROS

- ✓ Simple implementation
- ✓ Minimal CPU overhead
- ✓ Predictable behavior

DropTail CONS

- ✗ Global synchronization
- ✗ Buffer bloat issues
- ✗ Higher latency spikes

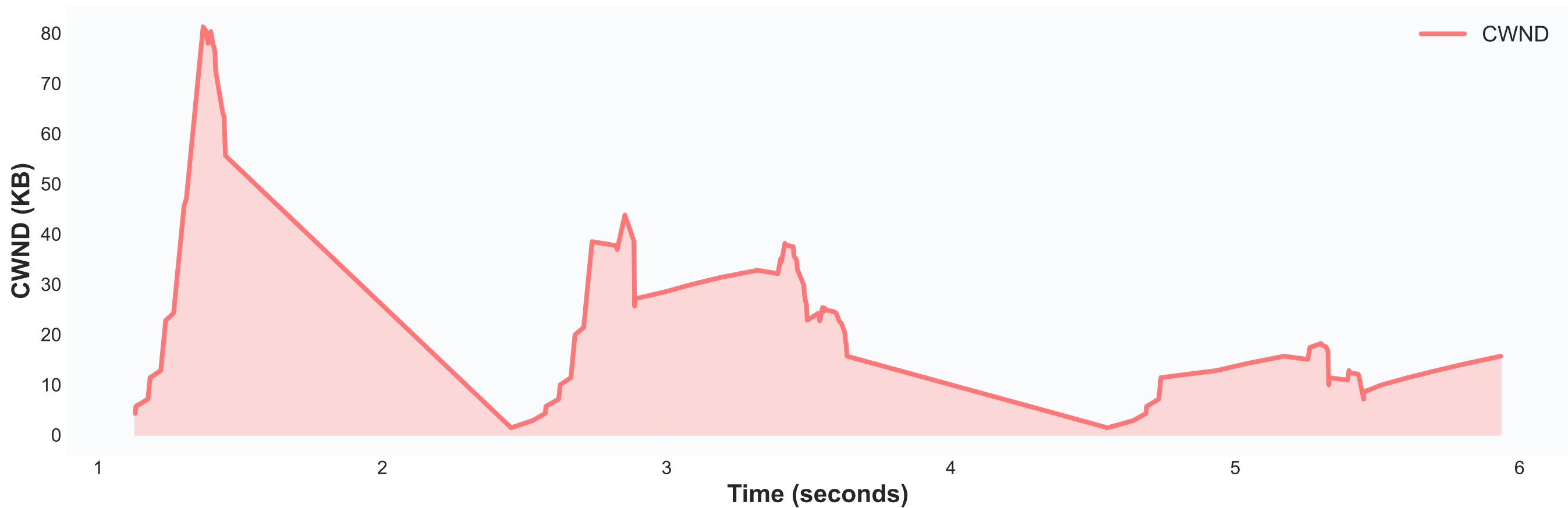
RED PROS

- ✓ Prevents global sync
- ✓ Lower average delay
- ✓ Better flow fairness

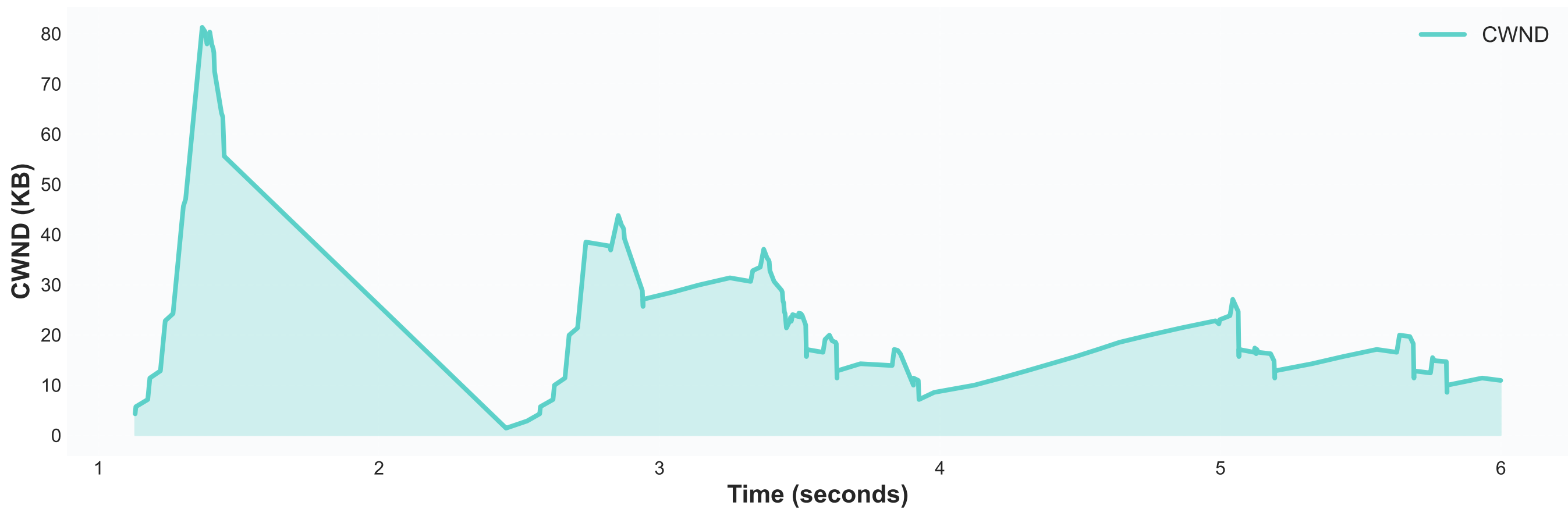
RED CONS

- ✗ Complex configuration
- ✗ Parameter sensitivity
- ✗ Higher CPU overhead

CONGESTION WINDOW EVOLUTION

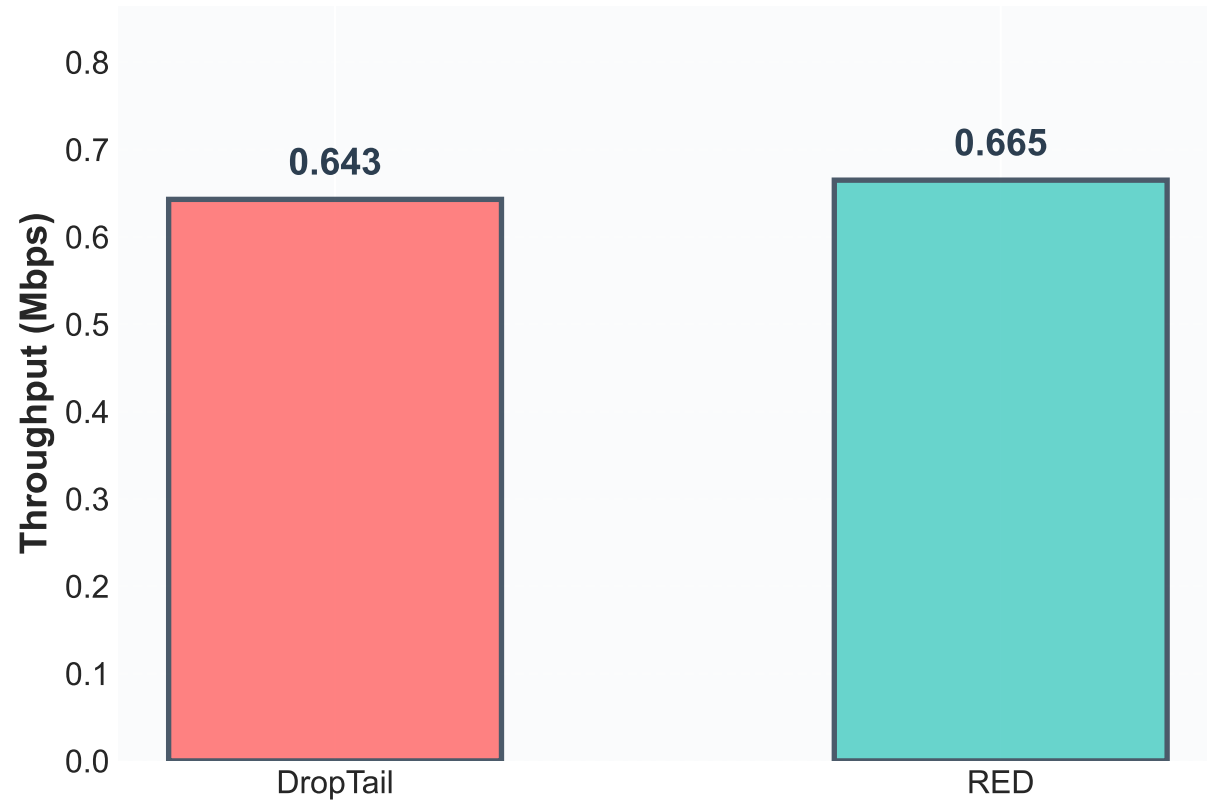


RED - Congestion Window Evolution

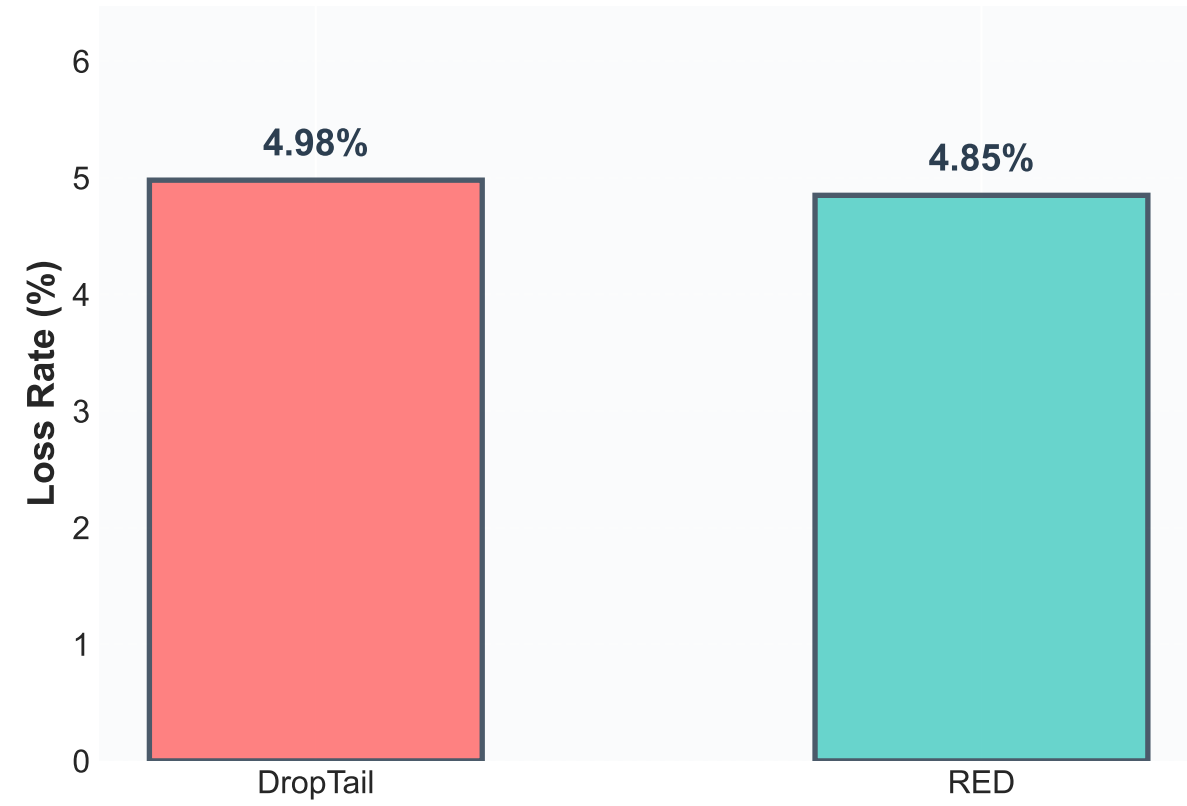


PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

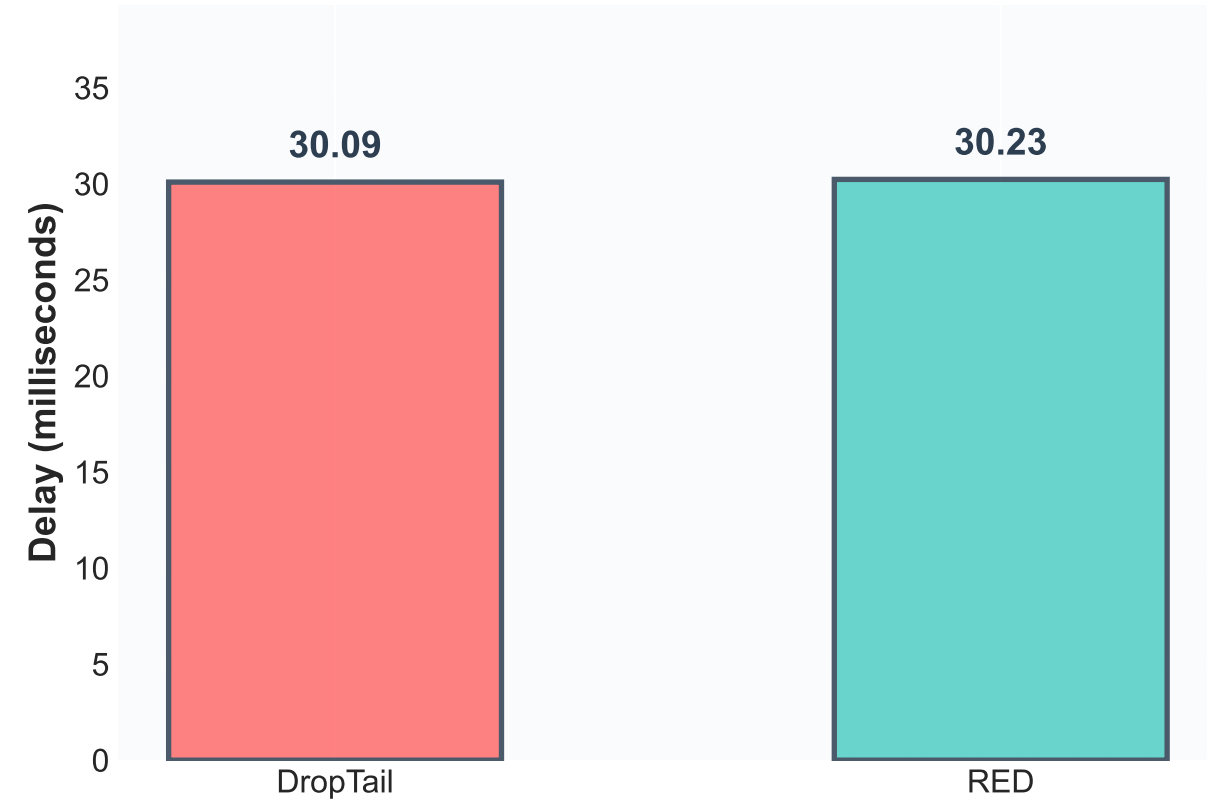
Throughput Comparison



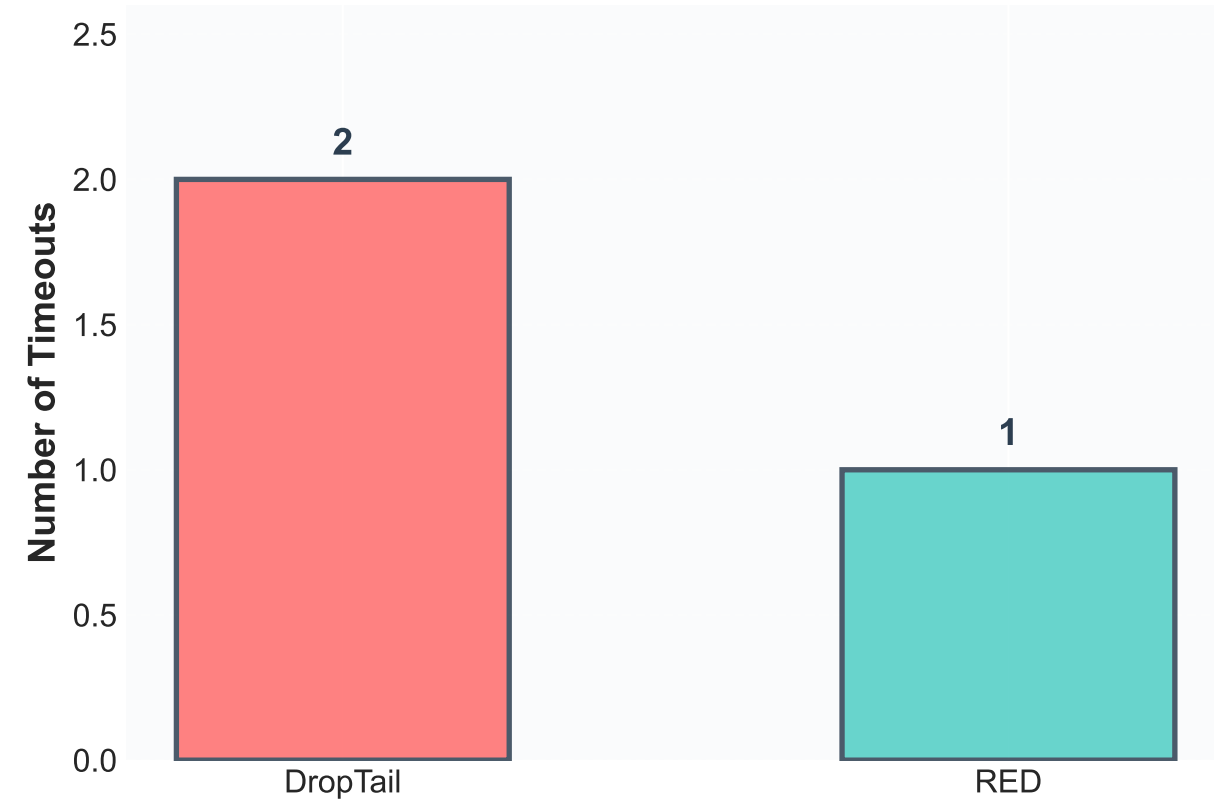
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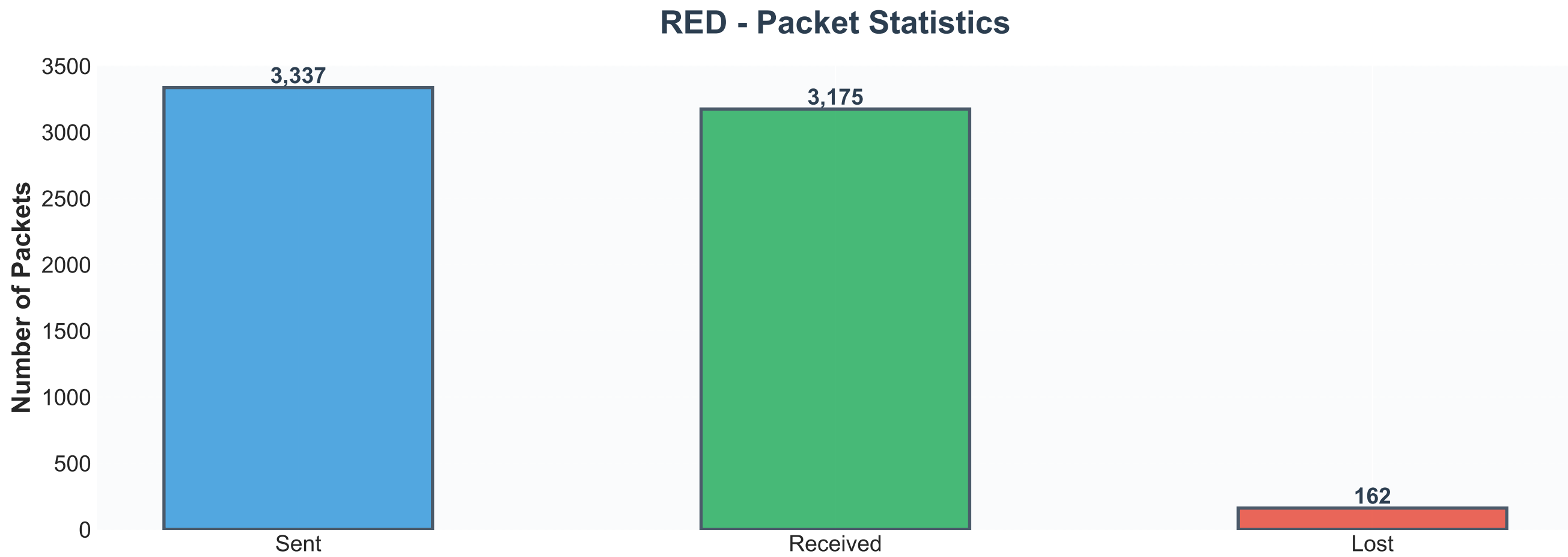
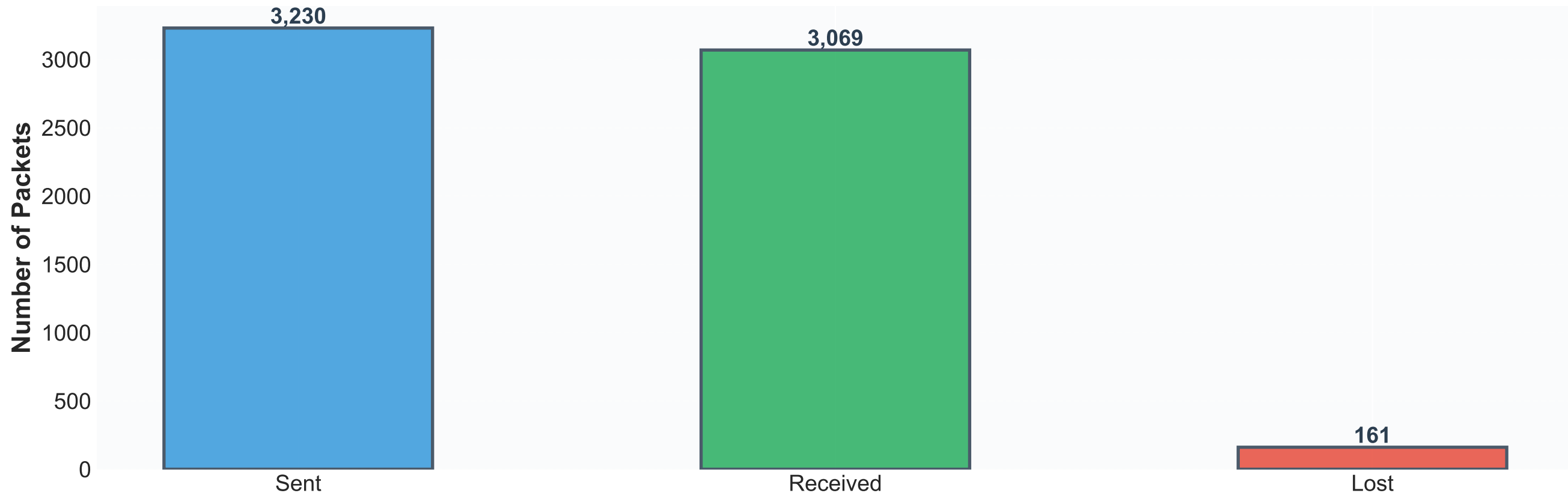
Average Delay



Timeout Events



PACKET STATISTICS



FINAL RECOMMENDATION

Winners:

☐☐ Lower Delay: DropTail

☐ Lower Loss: RED

Choose DropTail When:

- Simplicity and ease of implementation are top priorities
- CPU and memory resources are limited
- Network load is light to moderate
- Basic queue management is sufficient
- Low maintenance overhead is needed

Choose RED When:

- Minimizing latency is critical for applications
- Handling high traffic with multiple concurrent flows
- Preventing global synchronization is important
- Better fairness among flows is required
- Advanced congestion control is beneficial