

Taking a Long Look at QUIC

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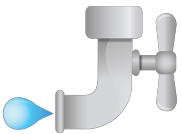
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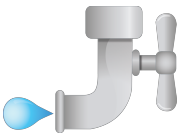
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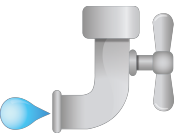
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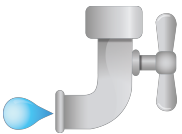
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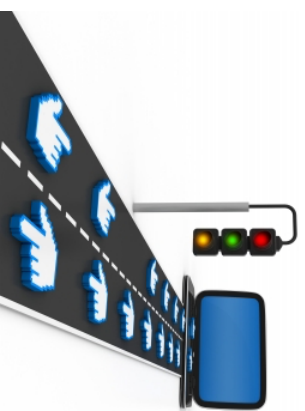


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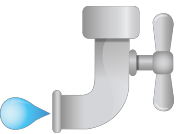
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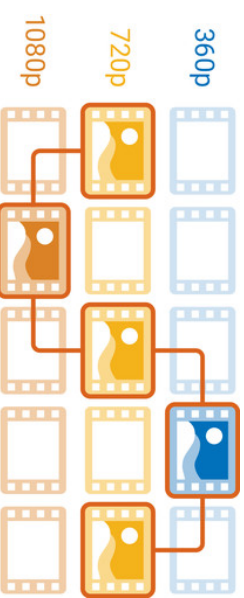
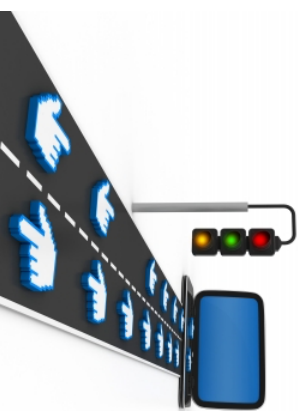


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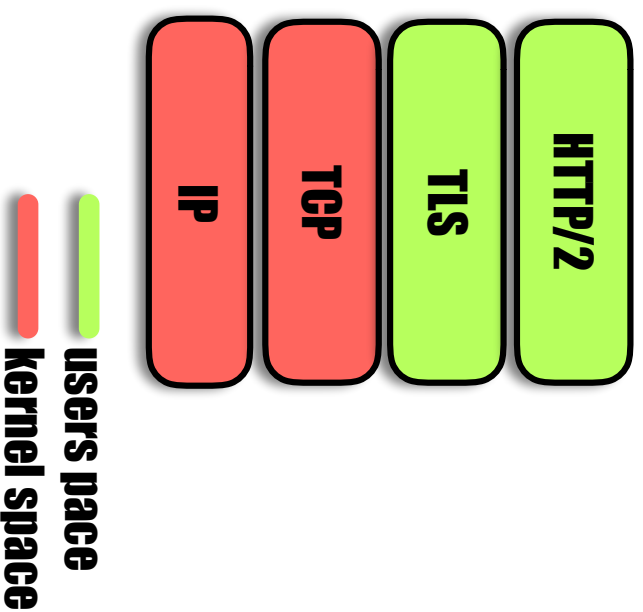
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Summary Findings from Proxy Bypass

Bypassing proxies

- Lowers retransmission rates, increases throughput, and decreases bufferbloat
- Does not negatively impact network traffic
- Improves quality of experience for video
- Increases battery lifetime

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"Cloudflare ... support TLS 1.3 by default on the server side. We expected the client side would follow suit ... It has been over a year ... and still, none of the major browsers have enabled TLS 1.3 by default.

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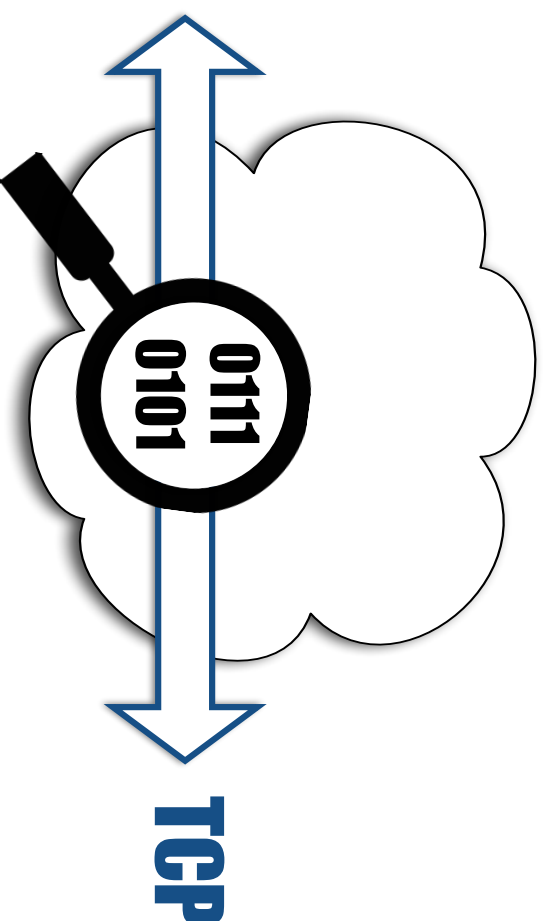
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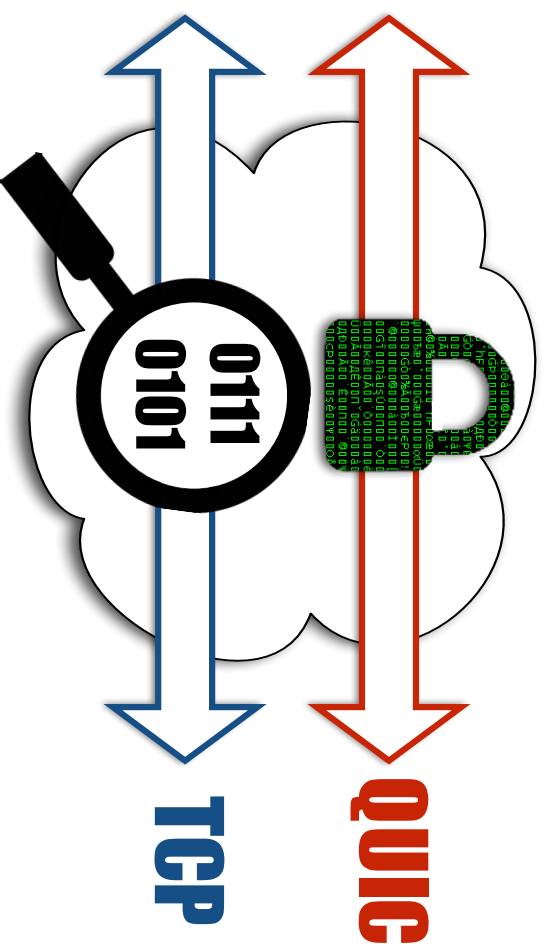
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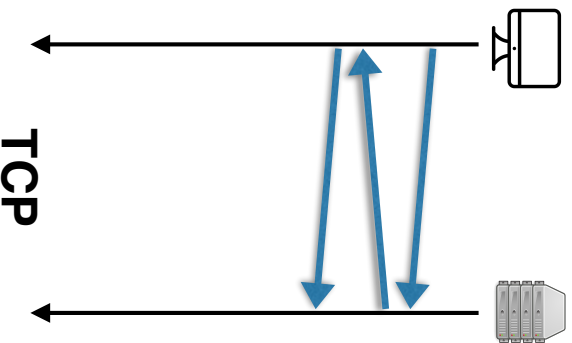
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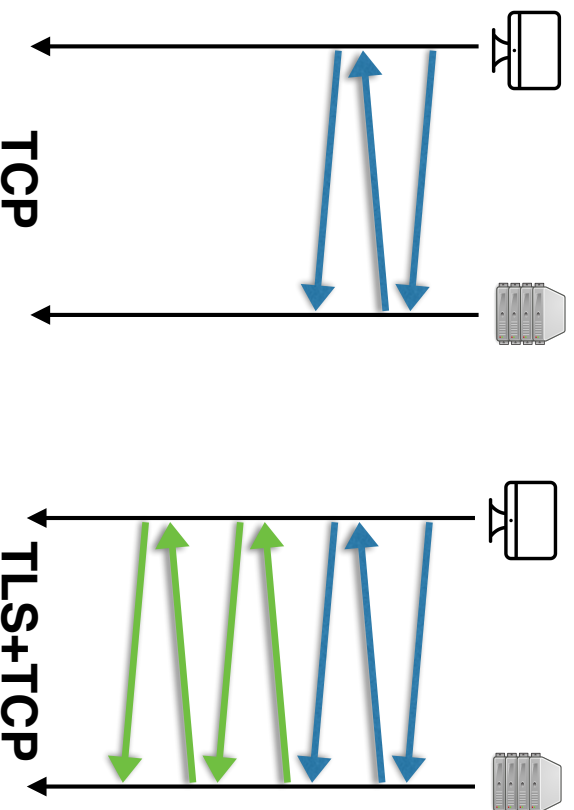


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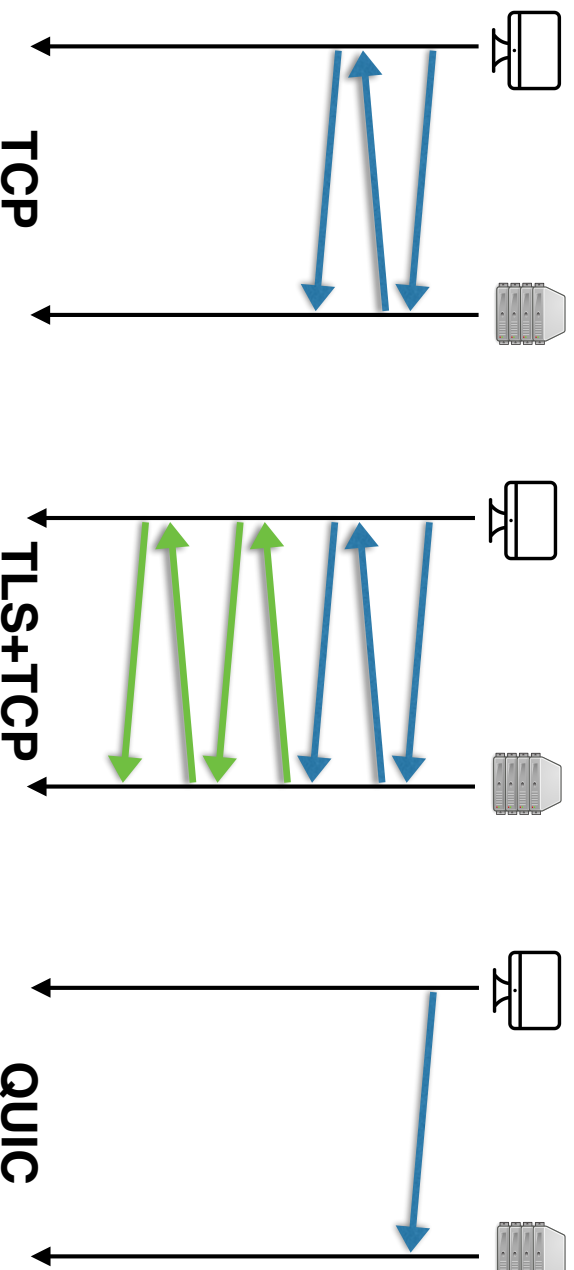


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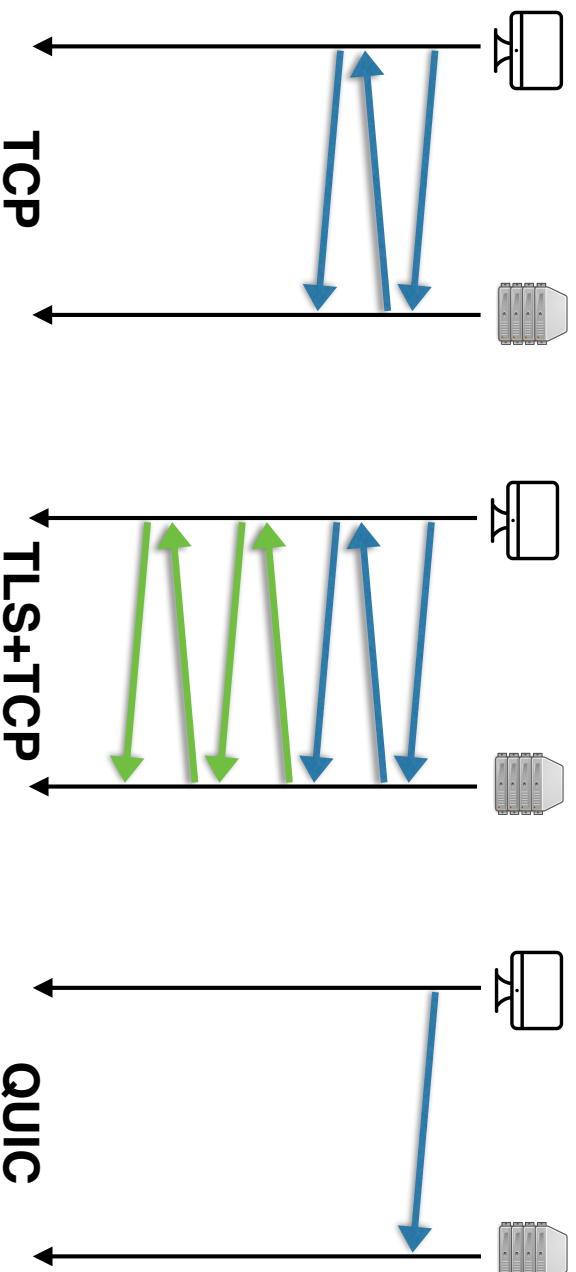


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QUIC connection RTTs:

- 0-RTT: if keys are valid
- 1-RTT: if keys are old
- 2-RTT: if first time

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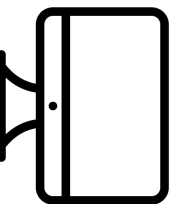
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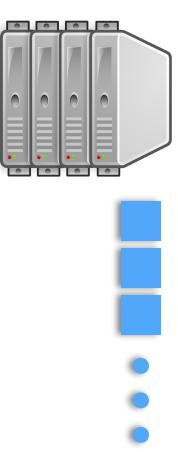
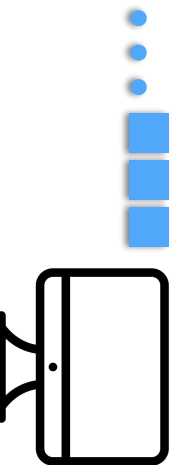
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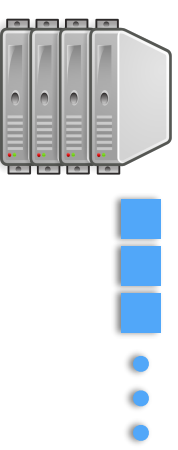
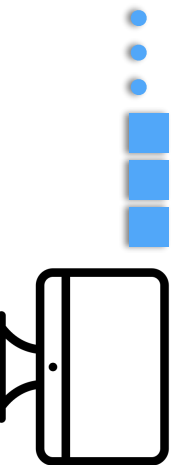


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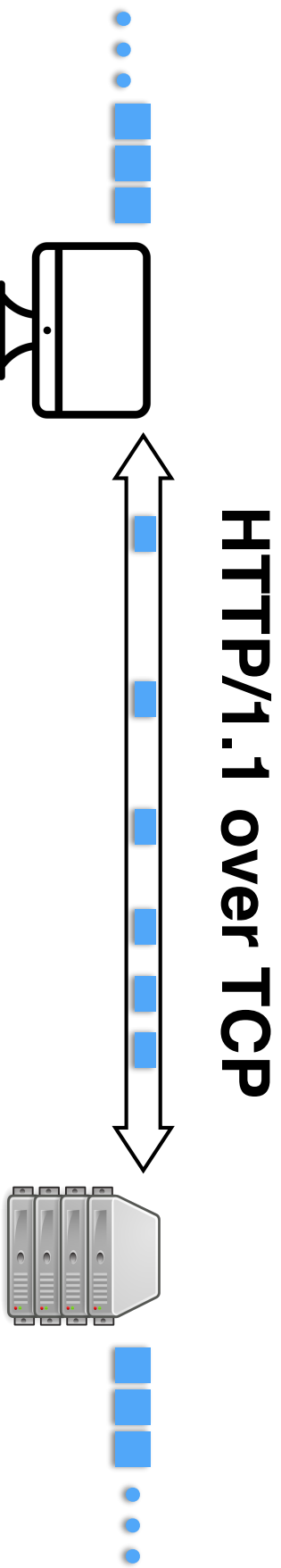
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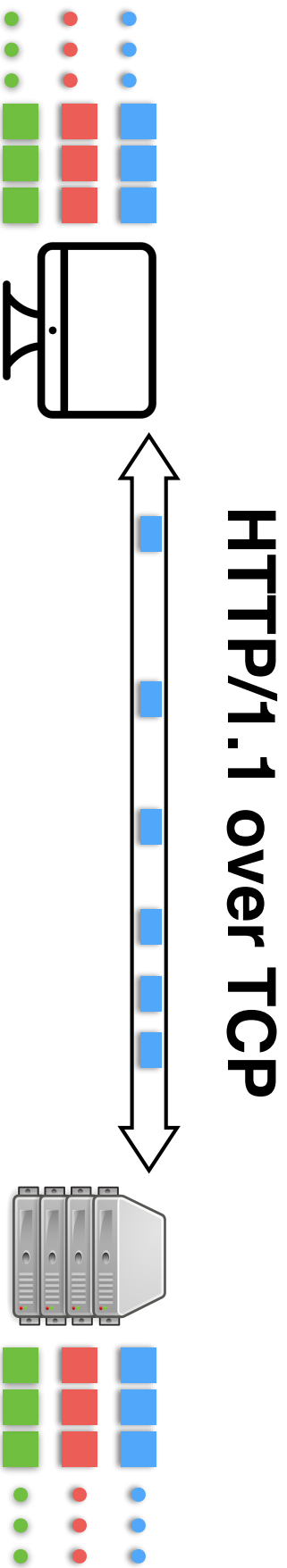
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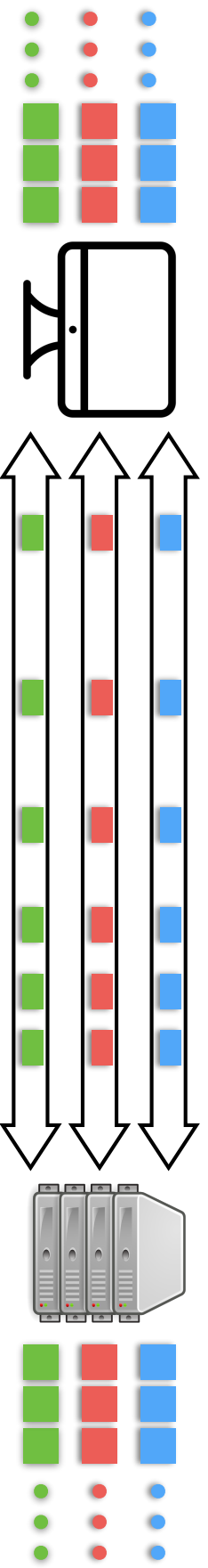


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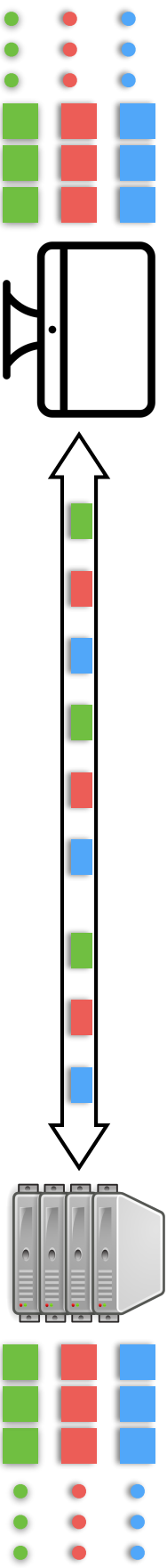


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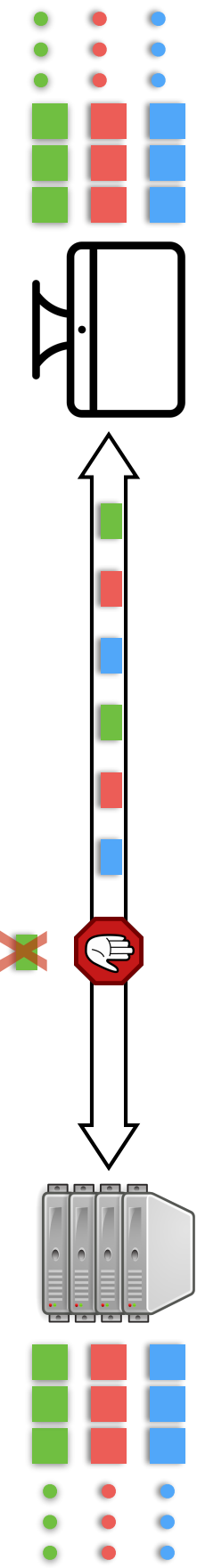


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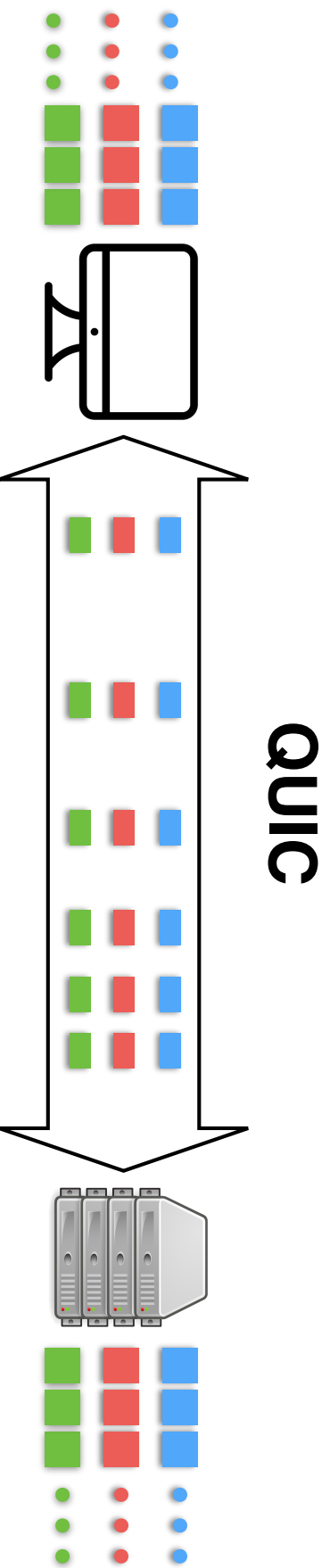
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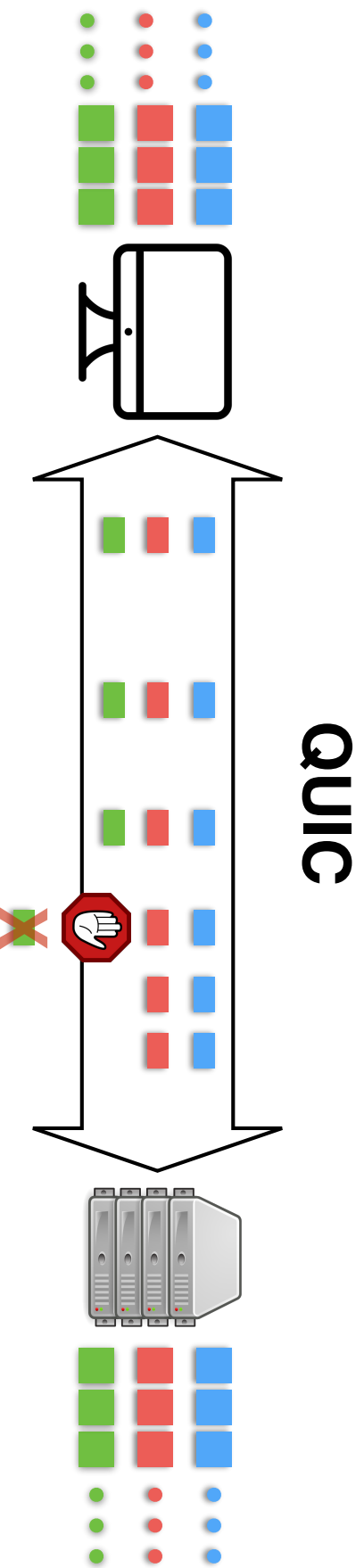
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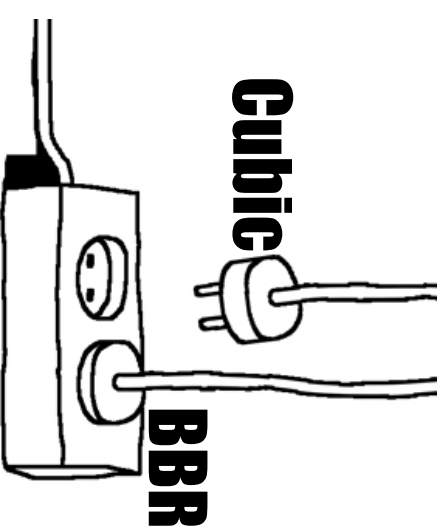


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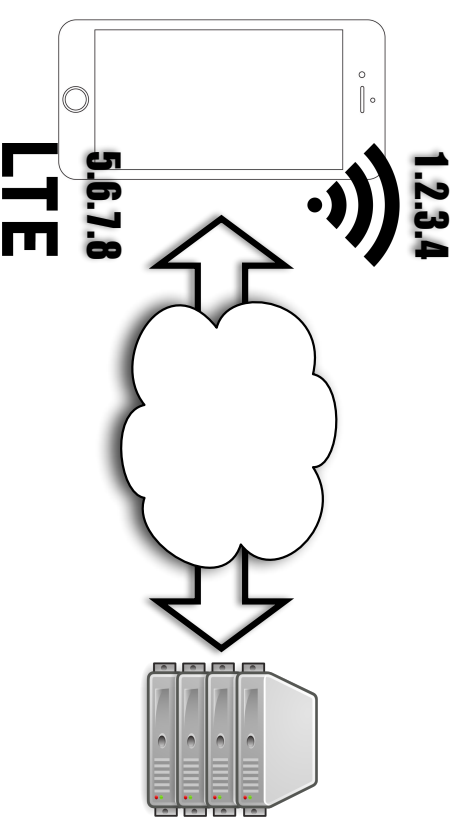
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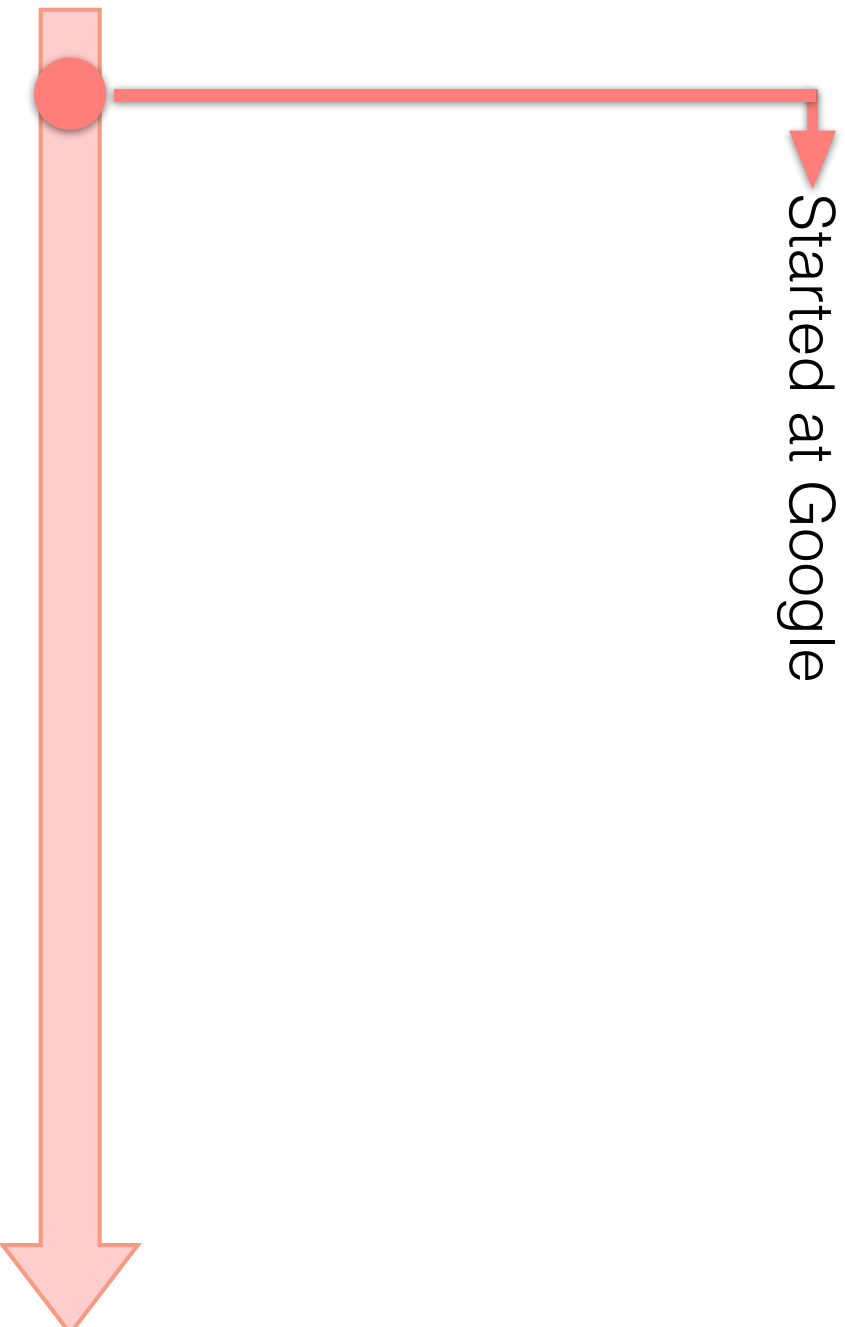
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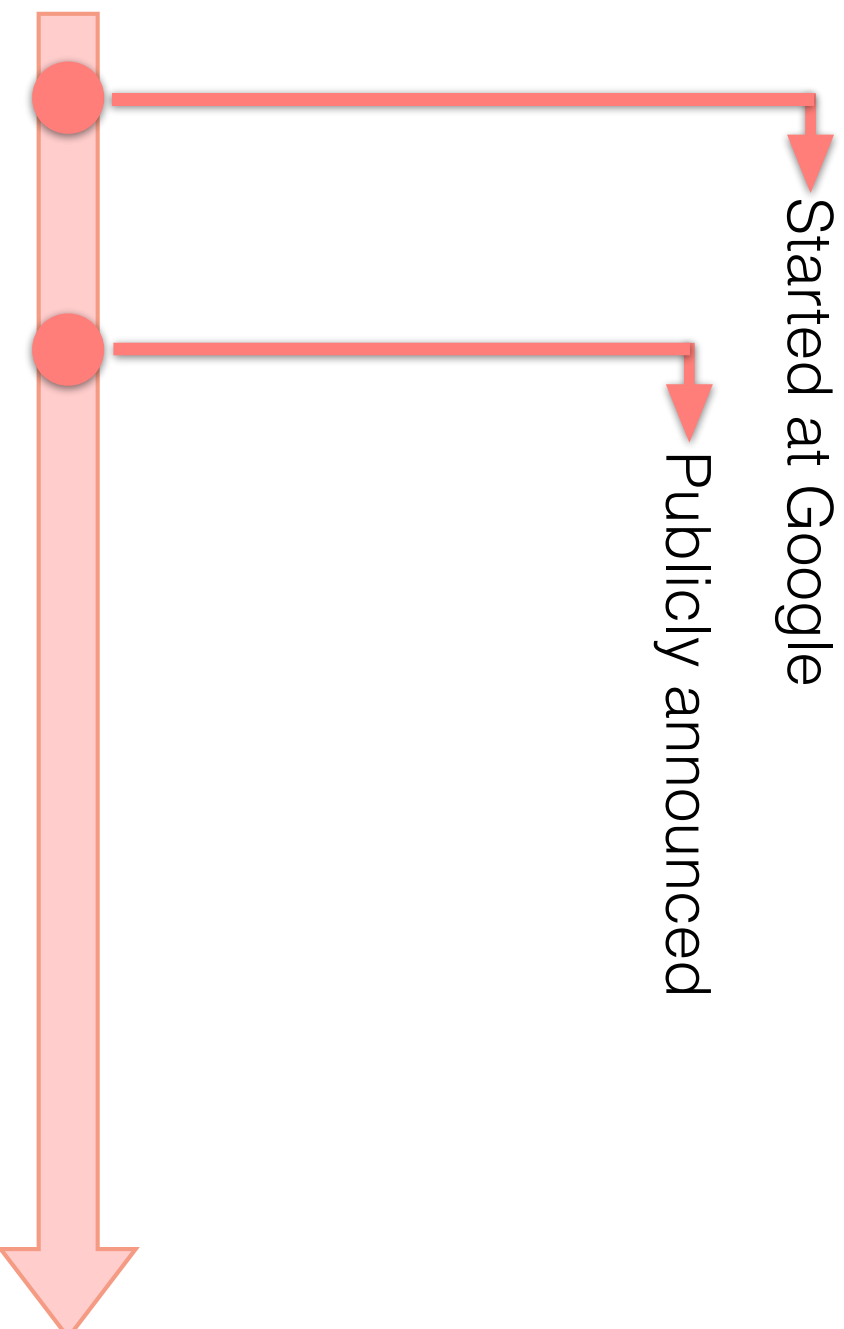
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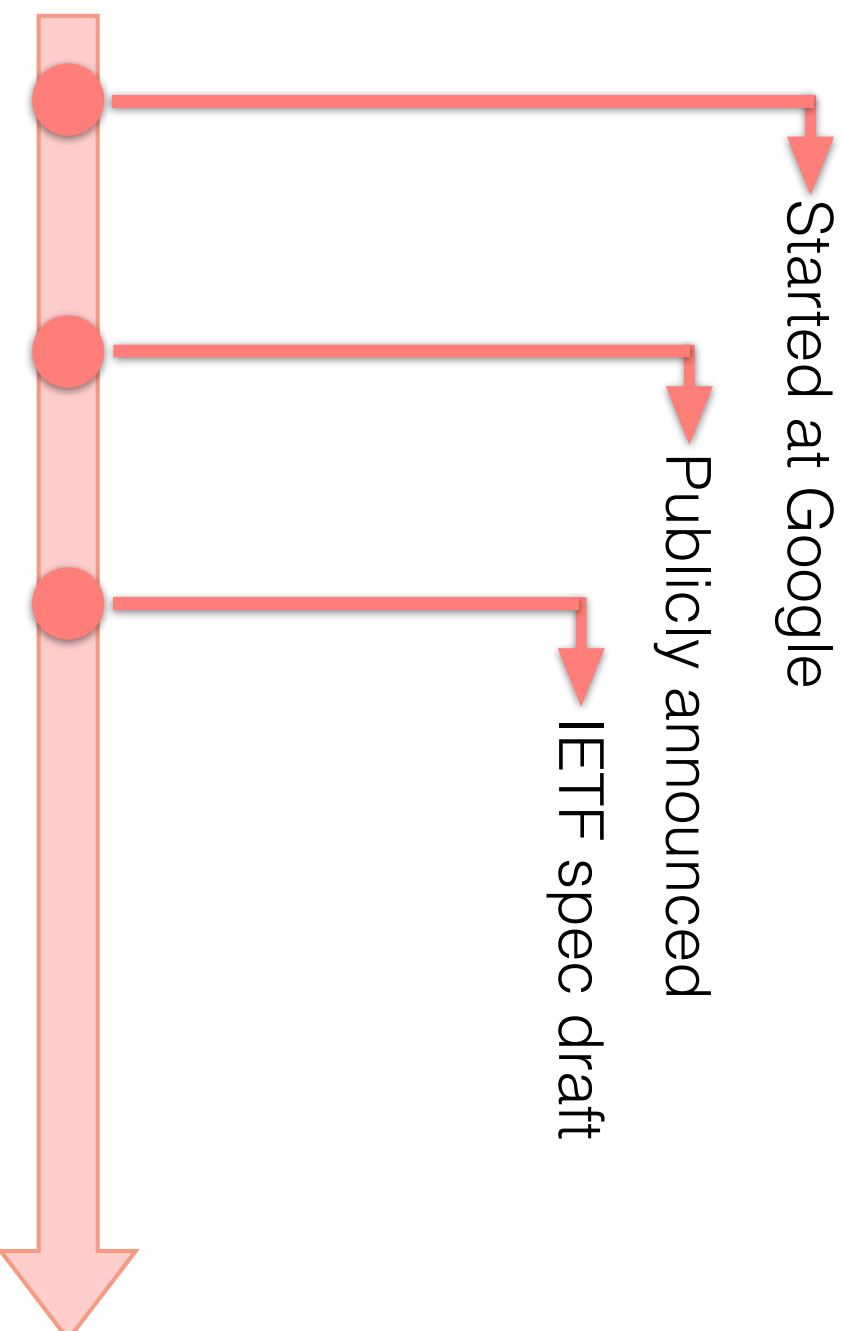
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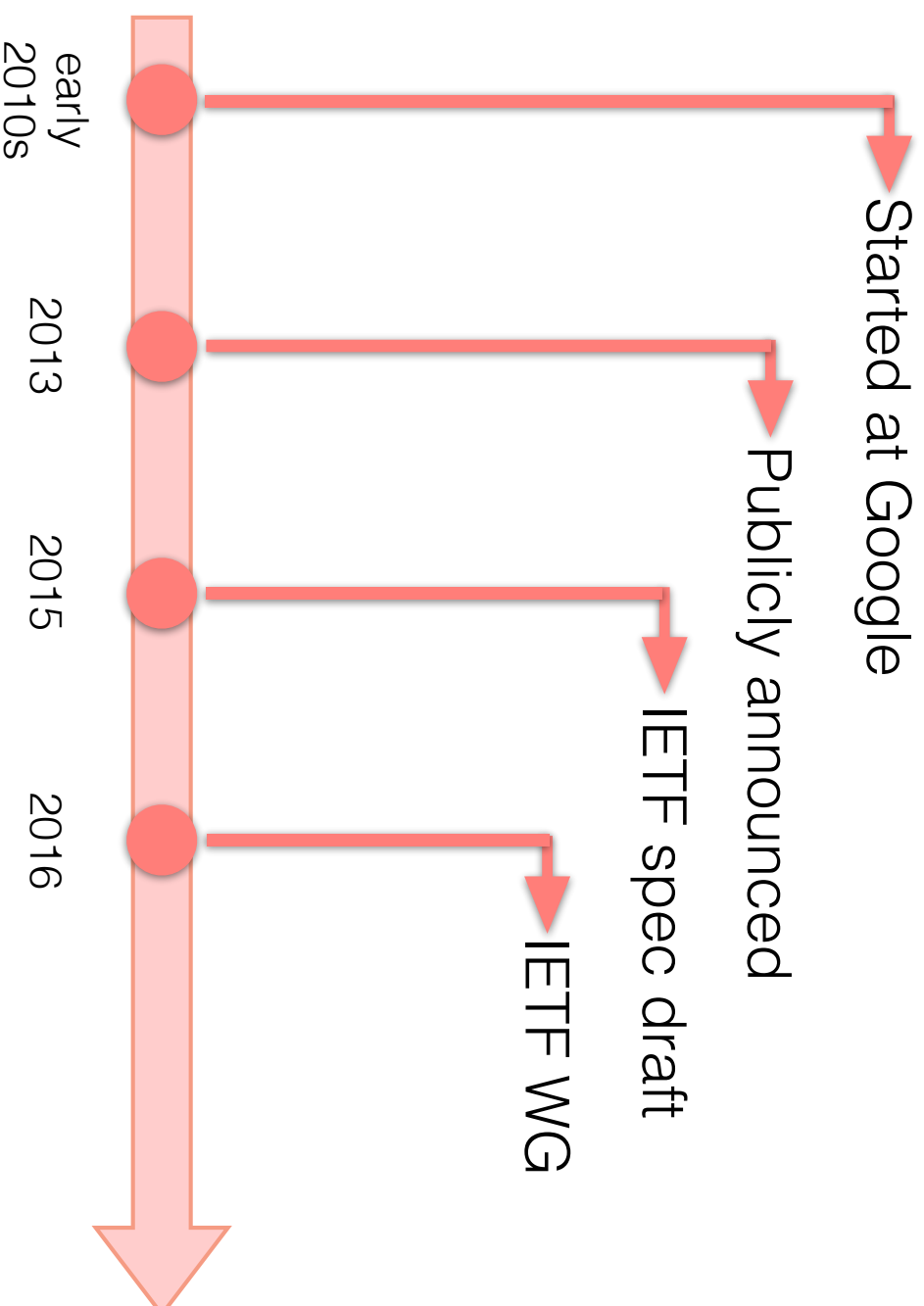
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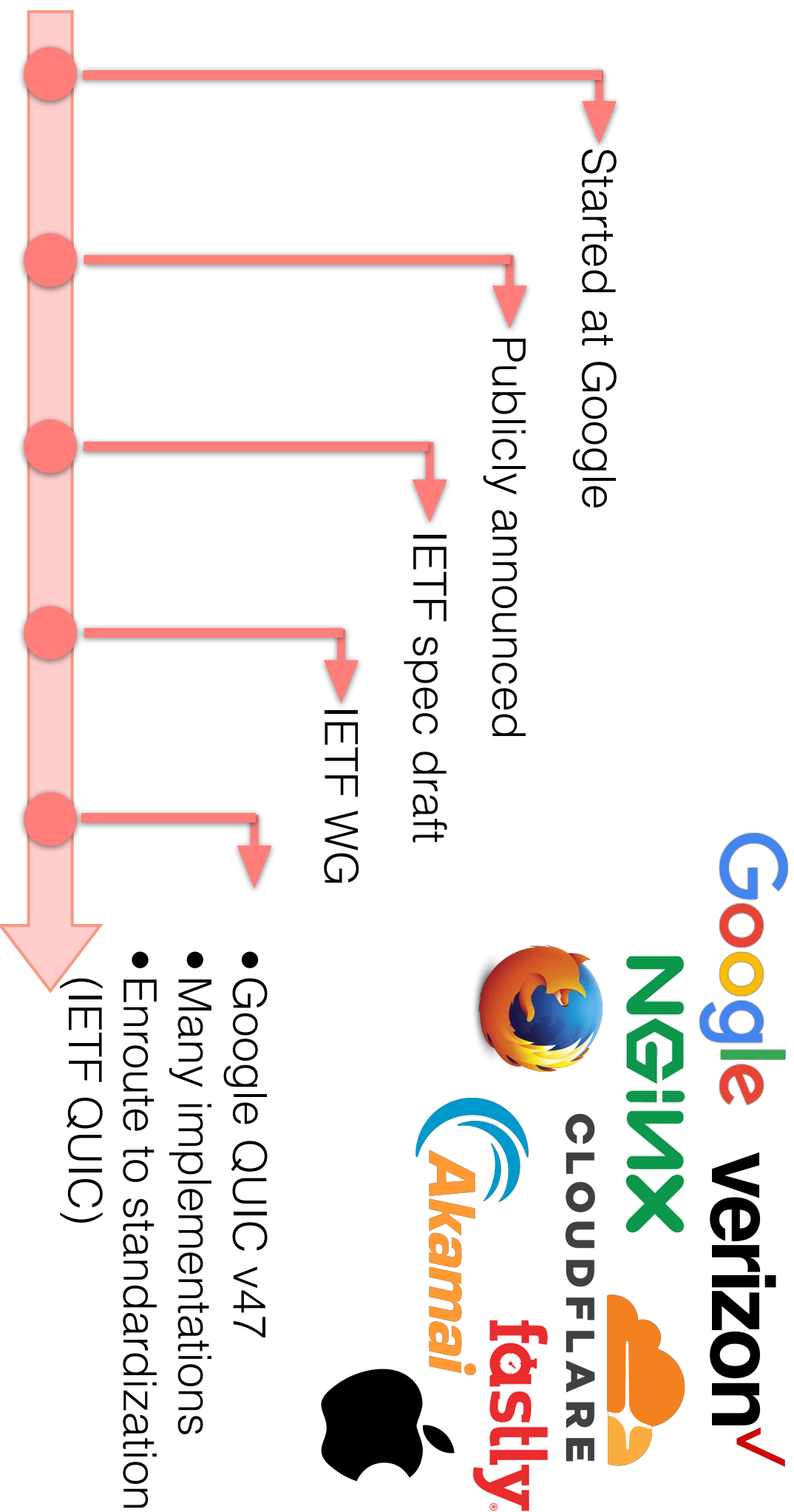
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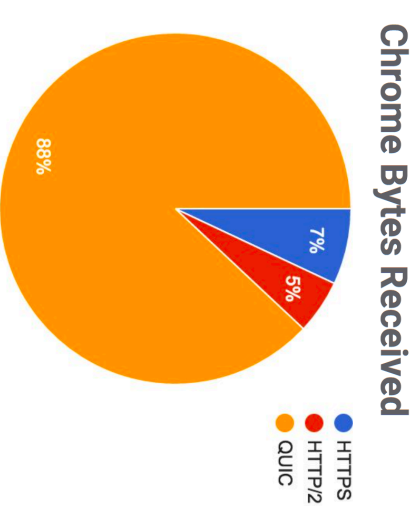
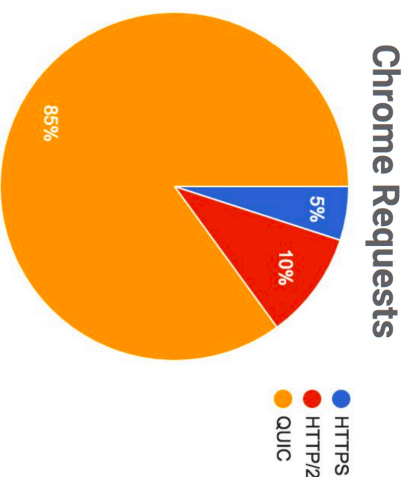
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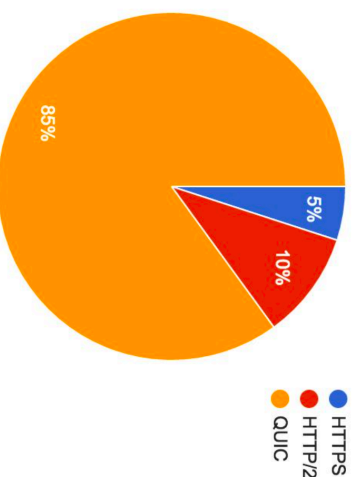
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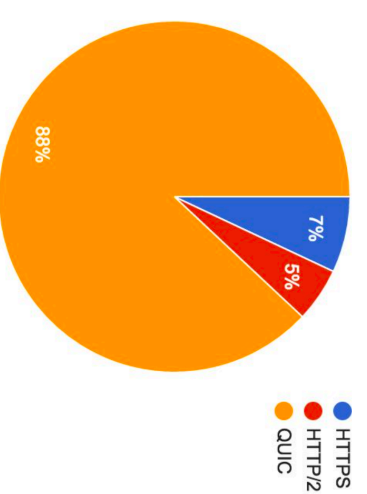
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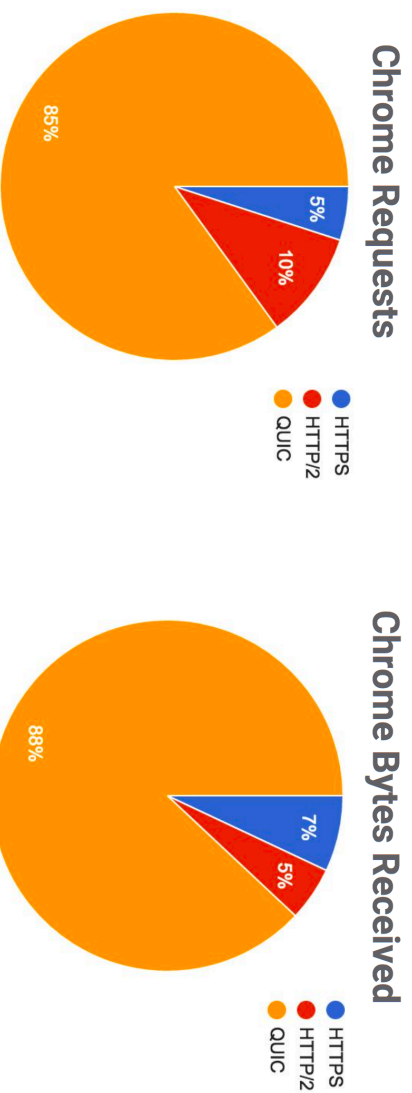


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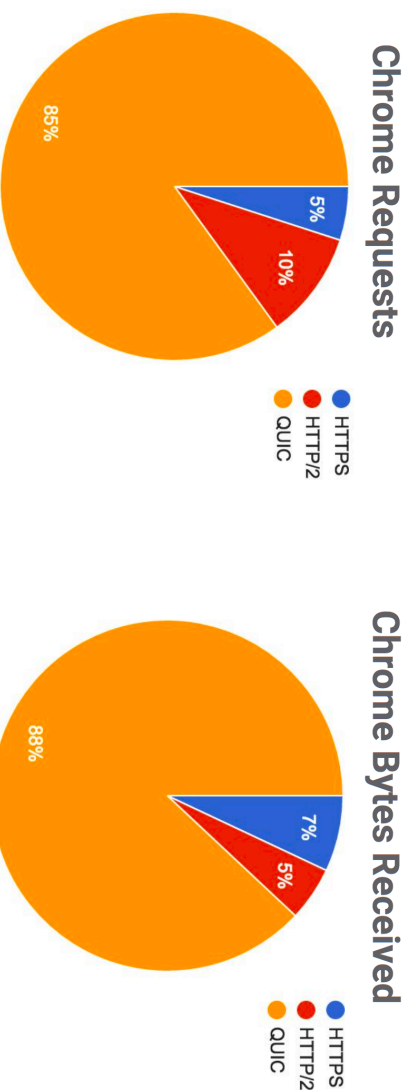


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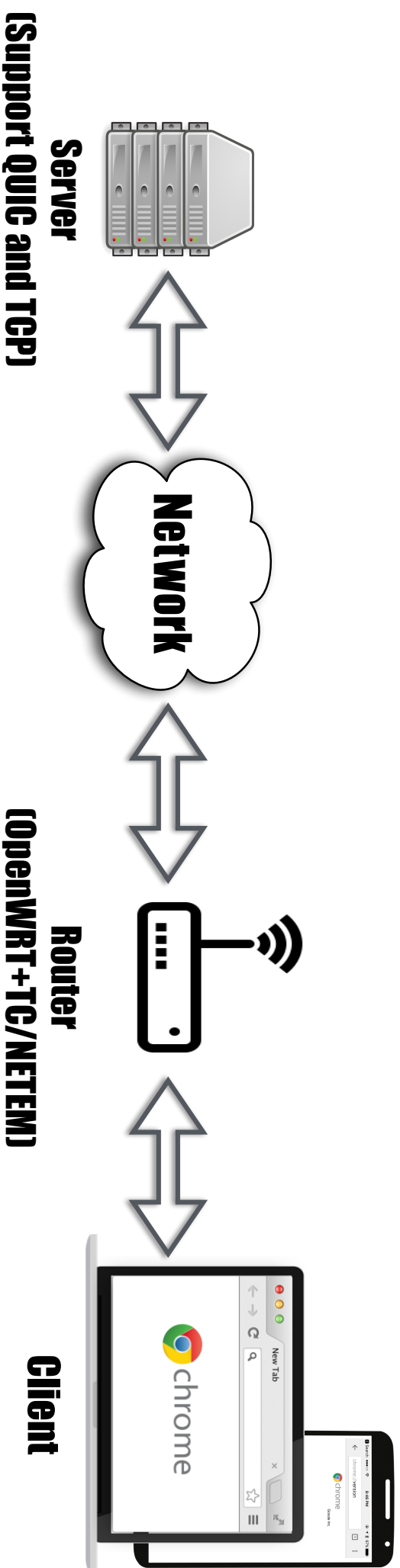
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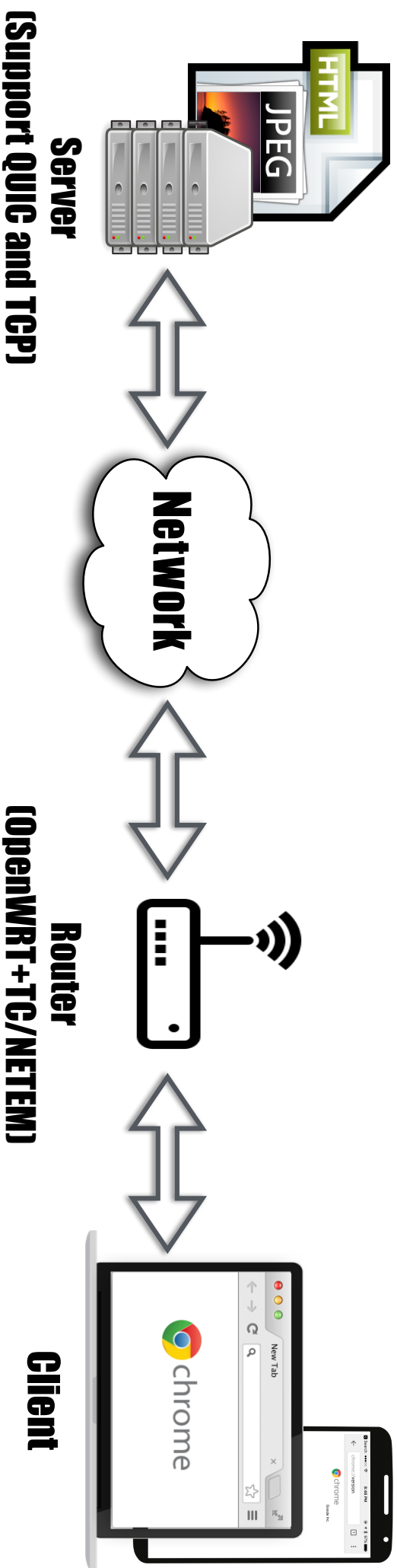
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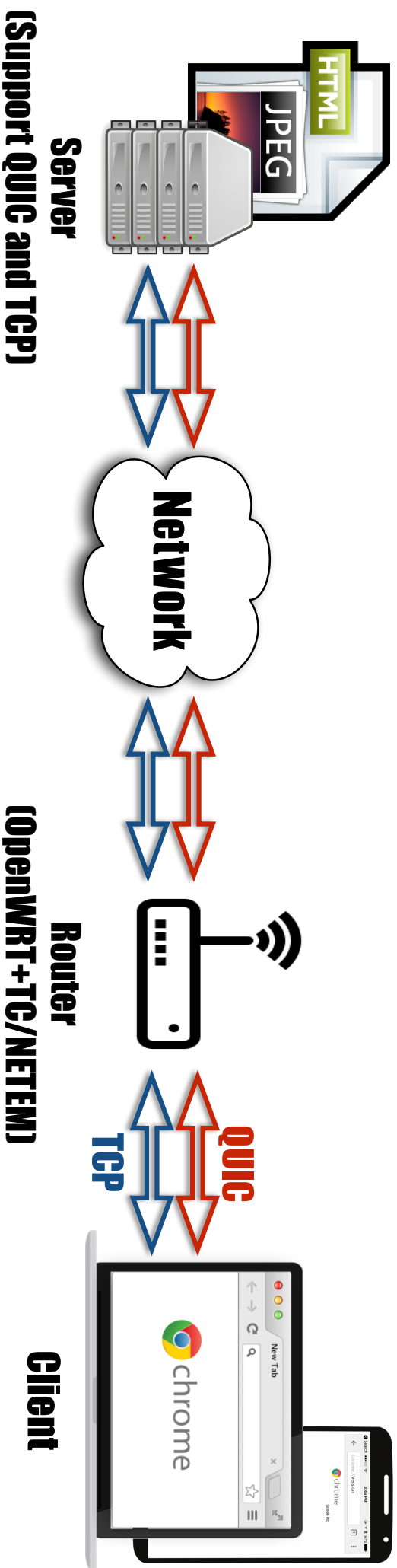
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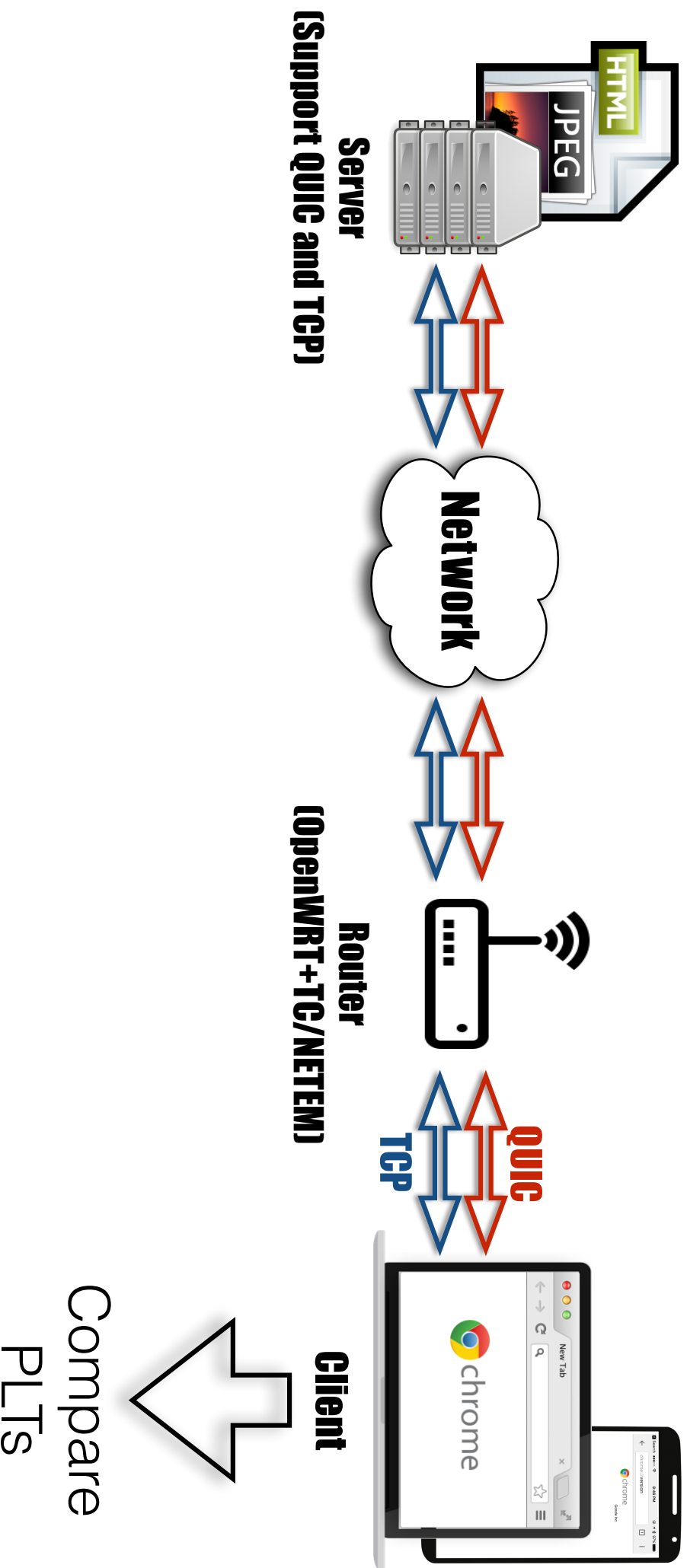
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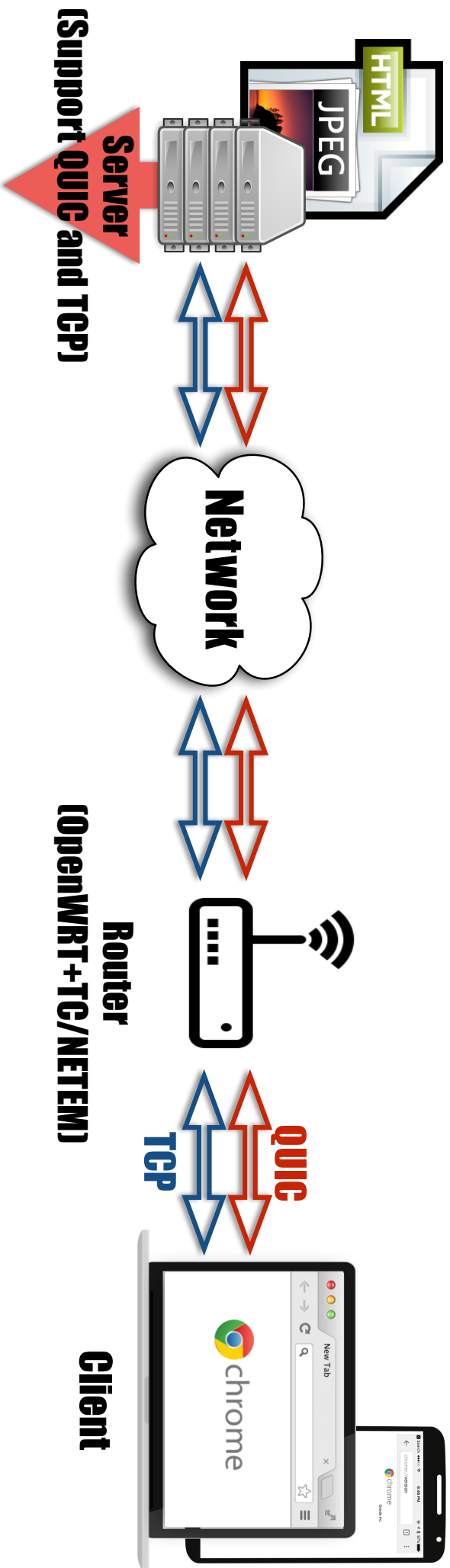
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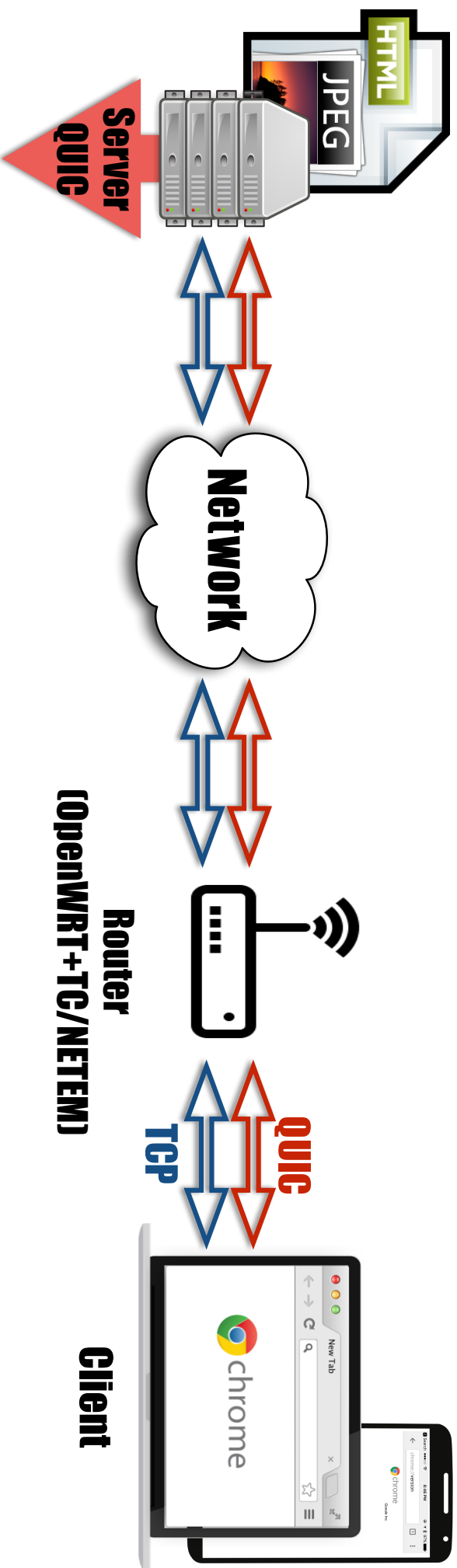
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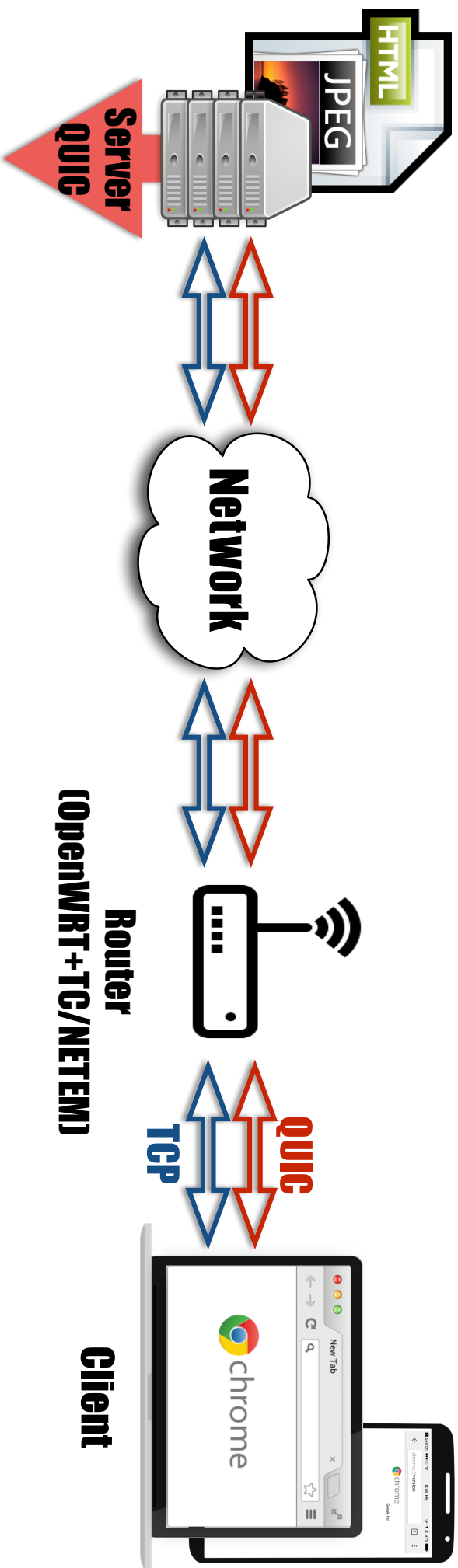


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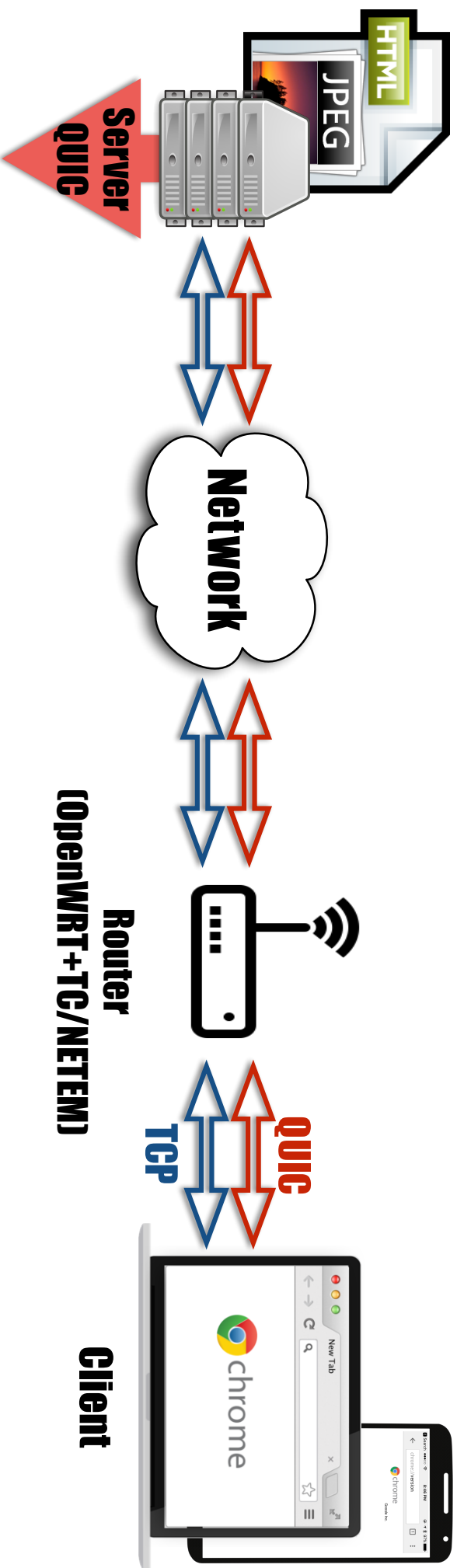
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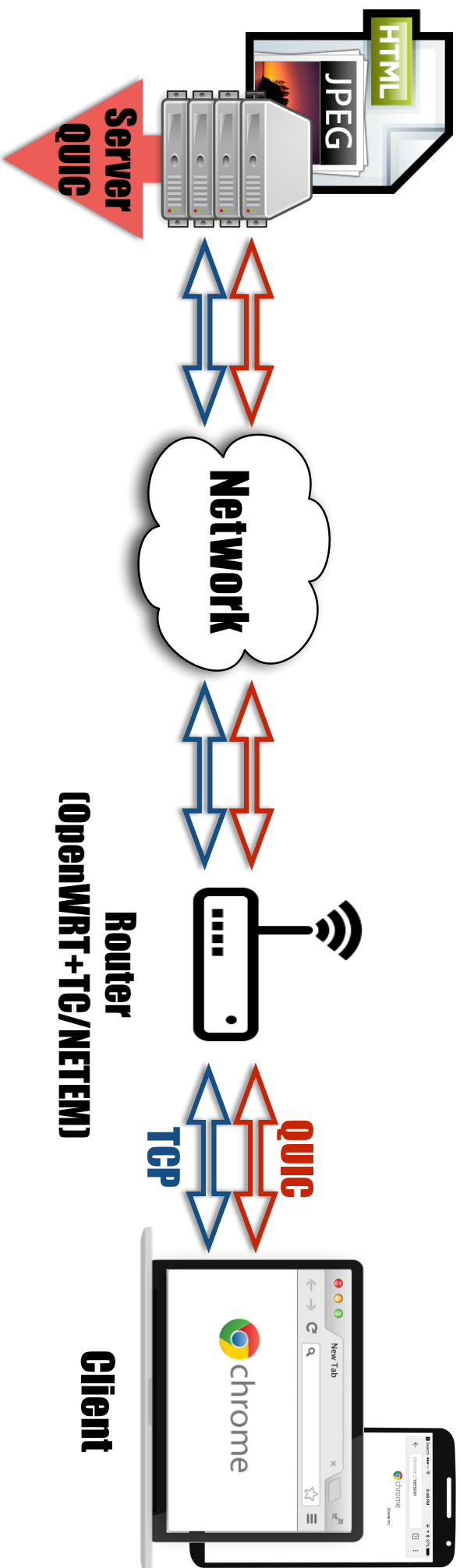
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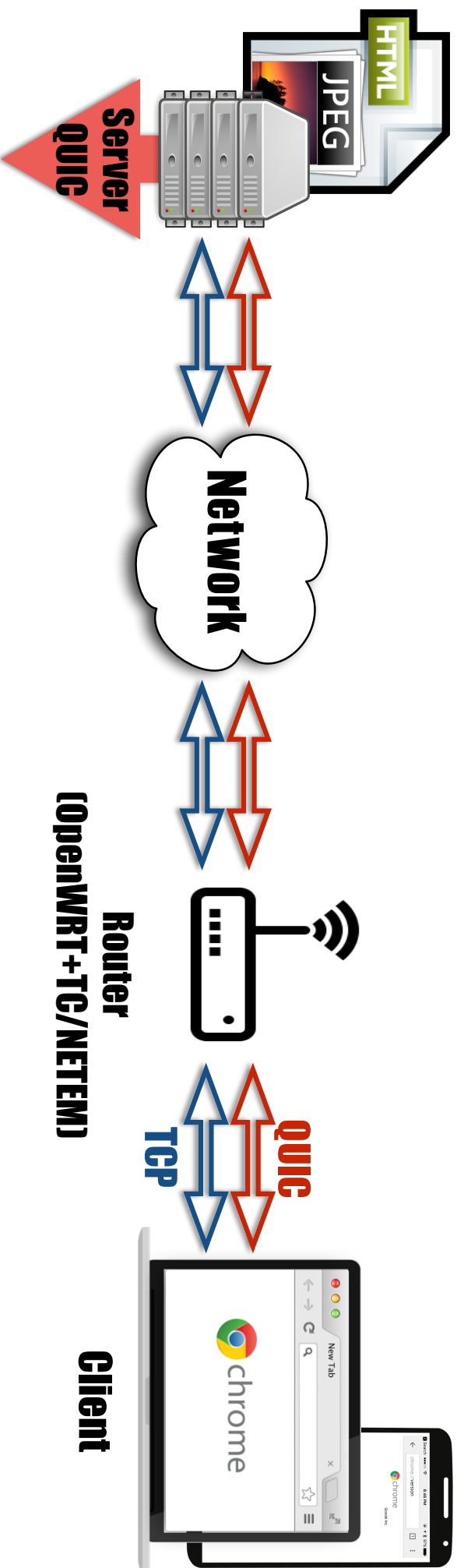


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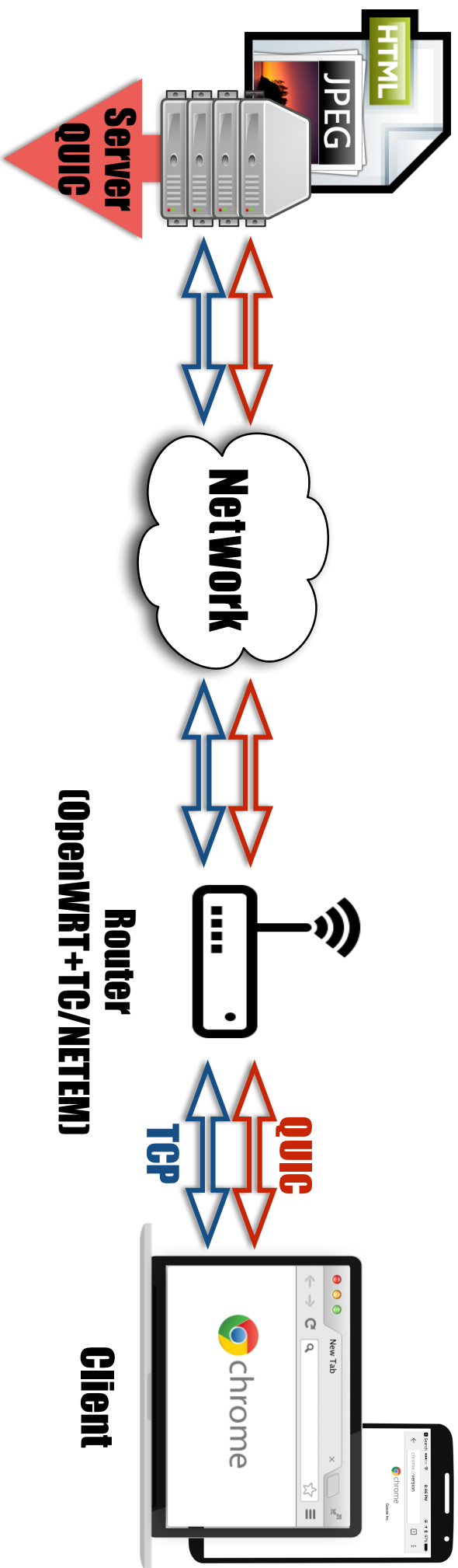


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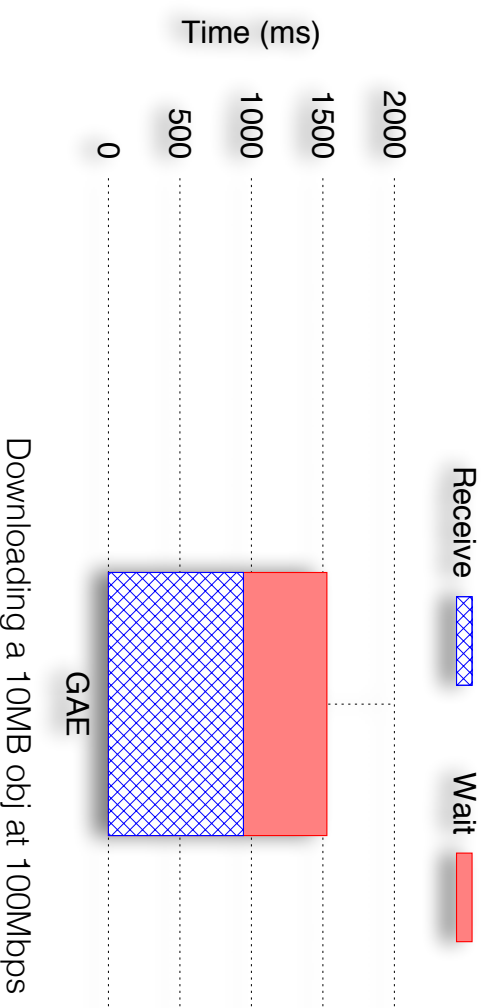
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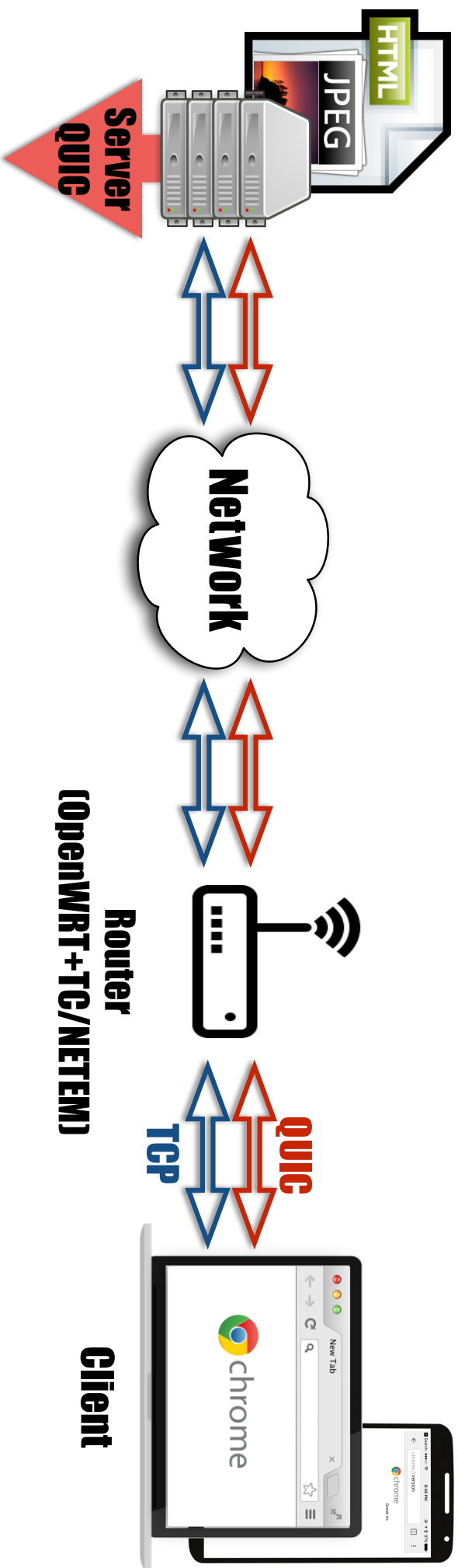
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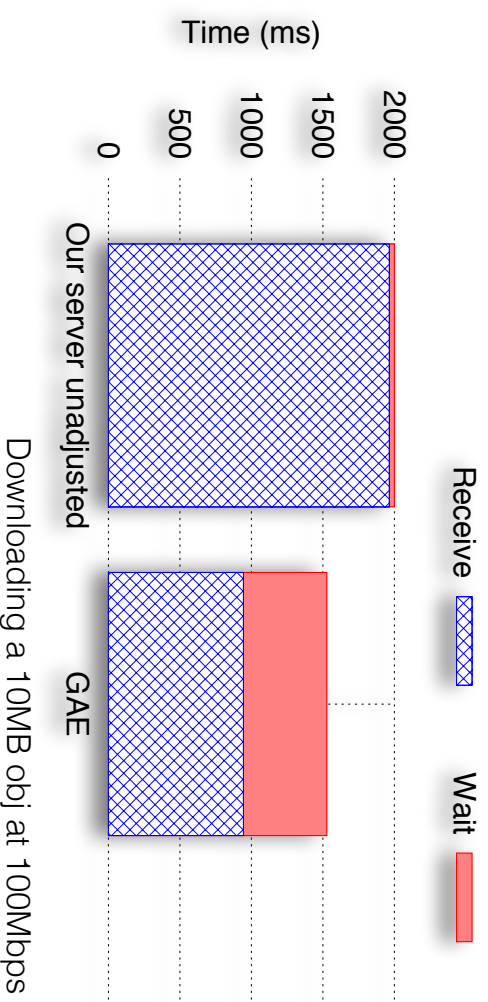


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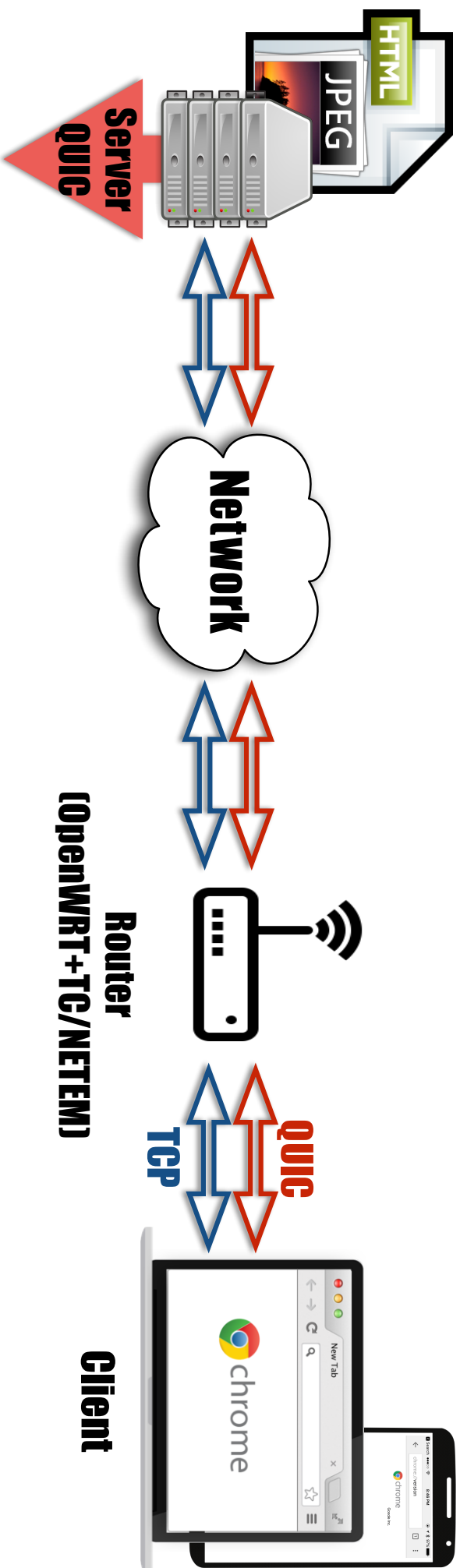
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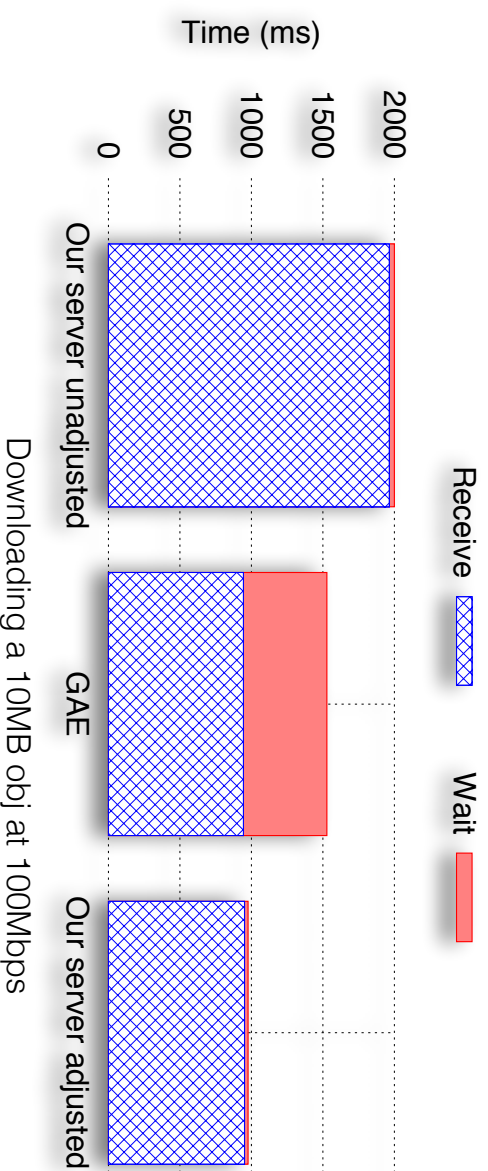
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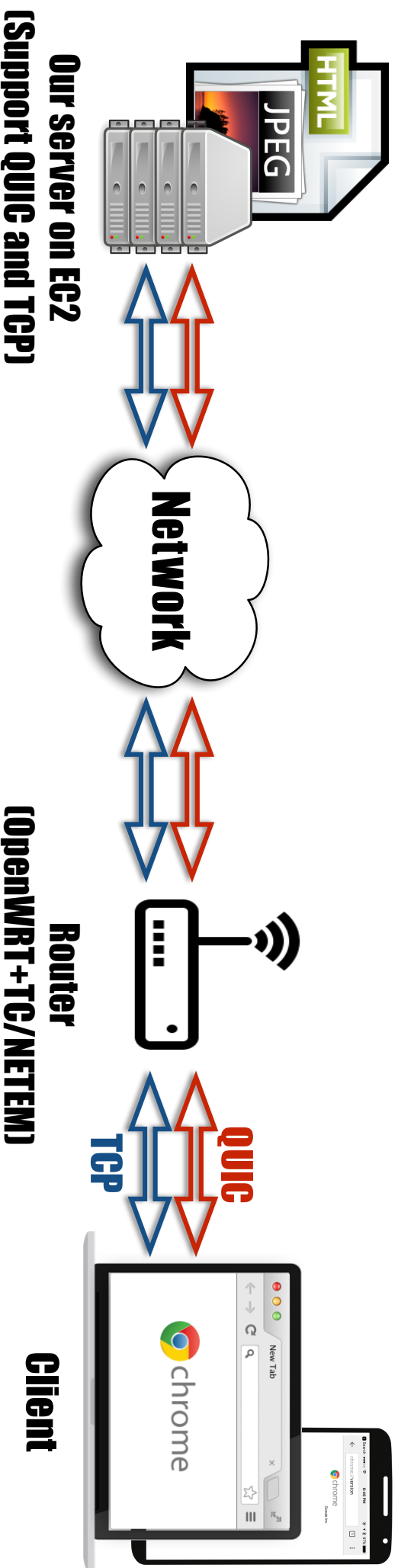
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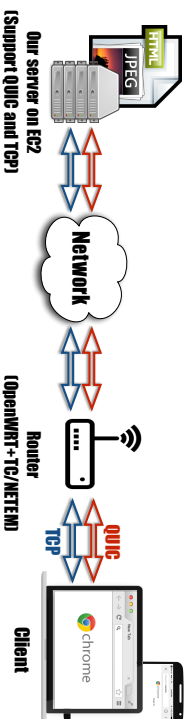
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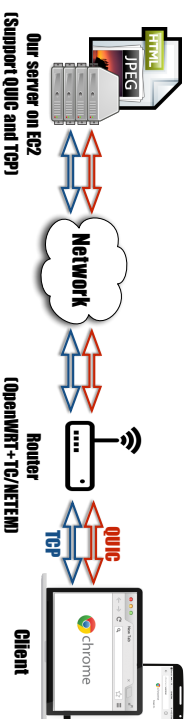
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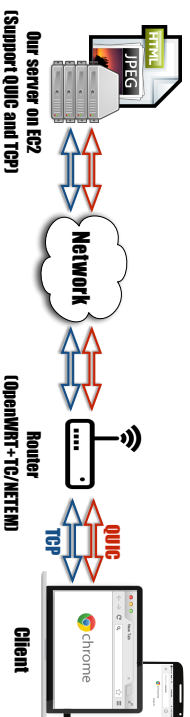
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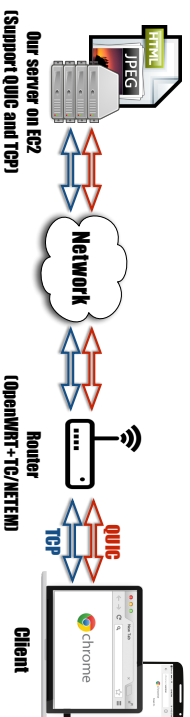


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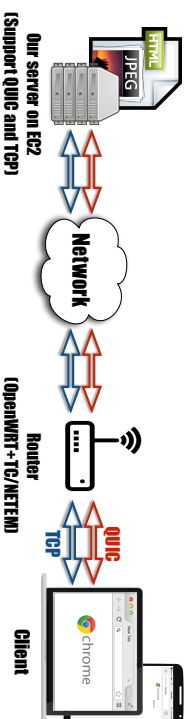
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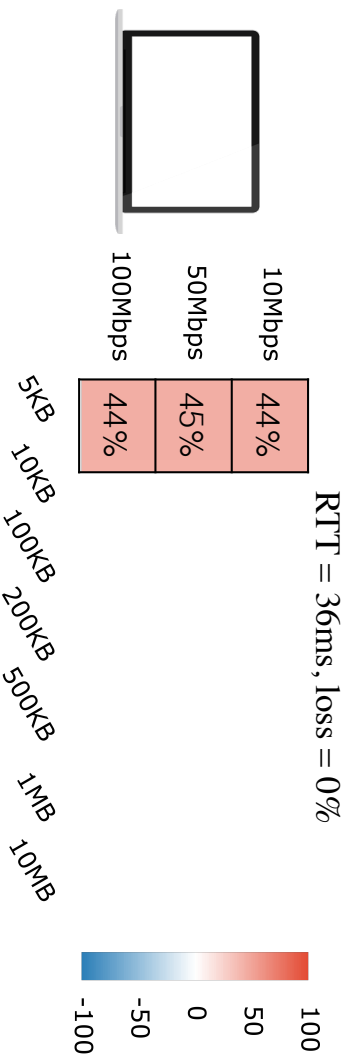
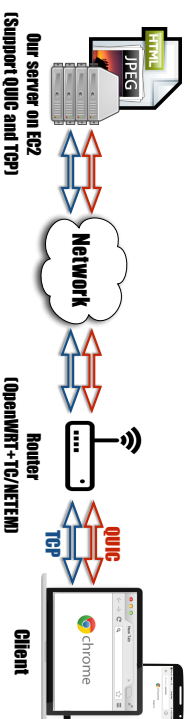


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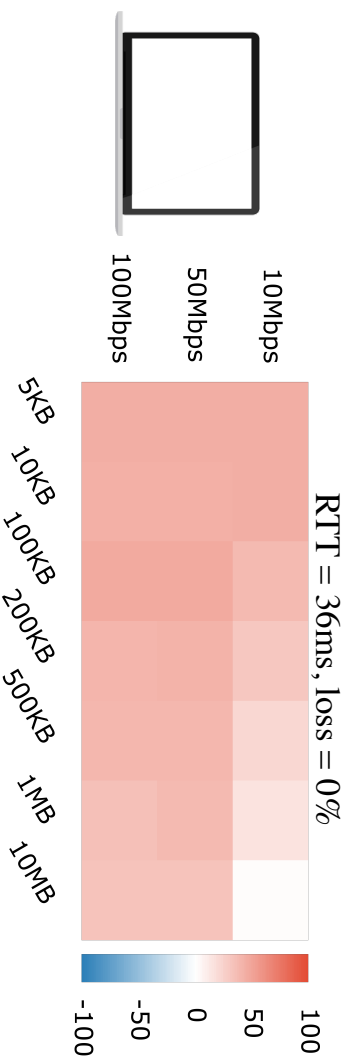
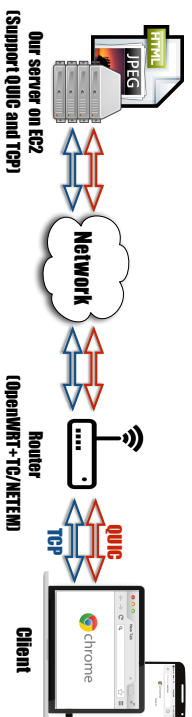
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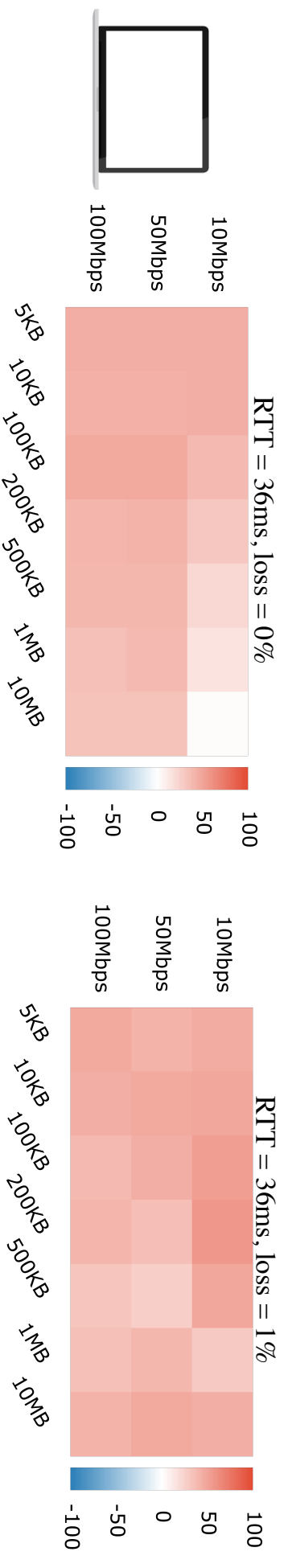
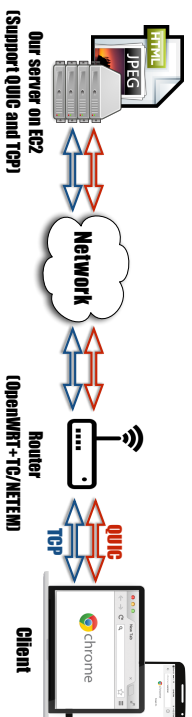
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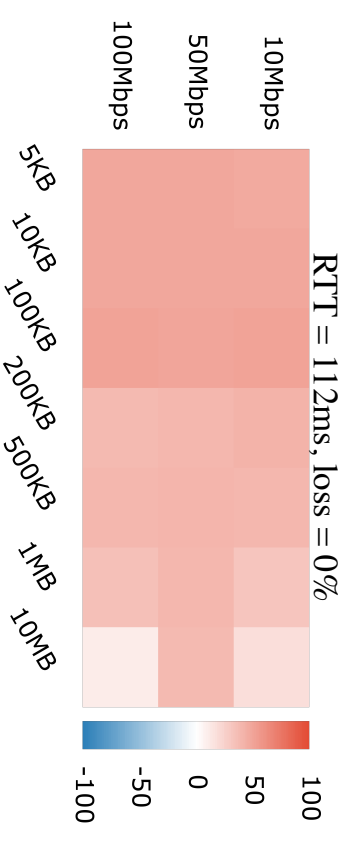
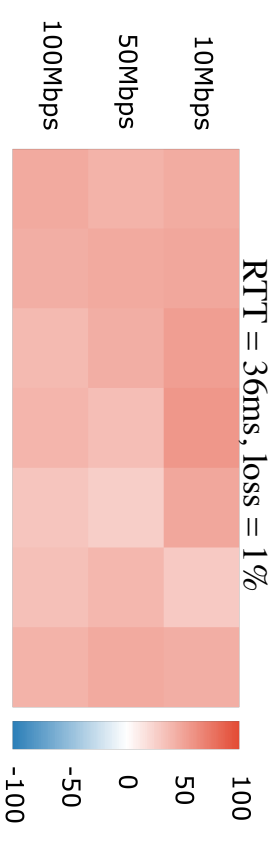
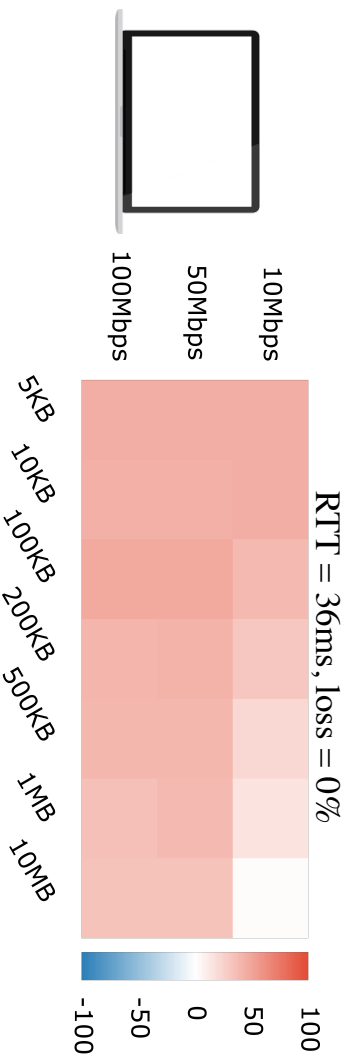
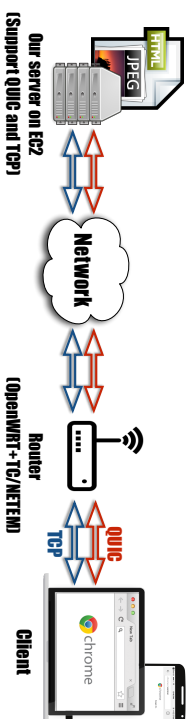
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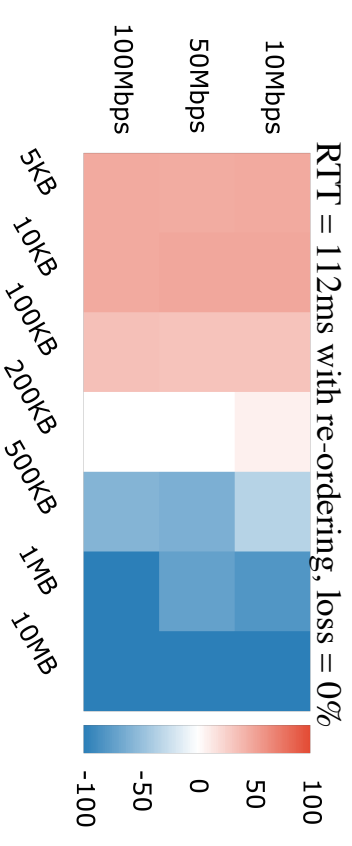
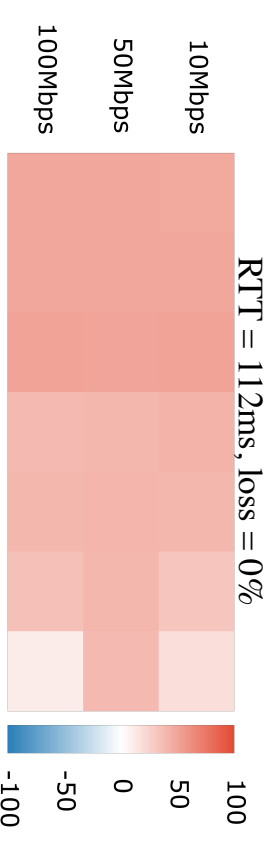
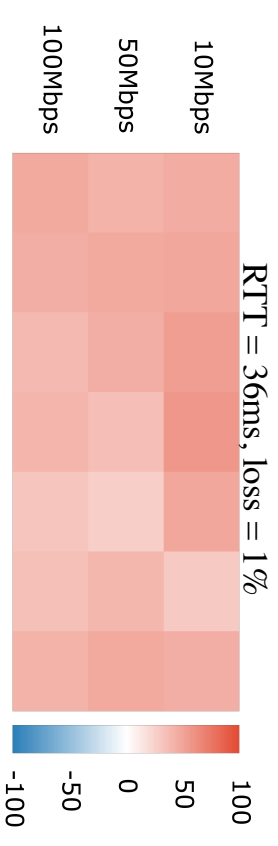
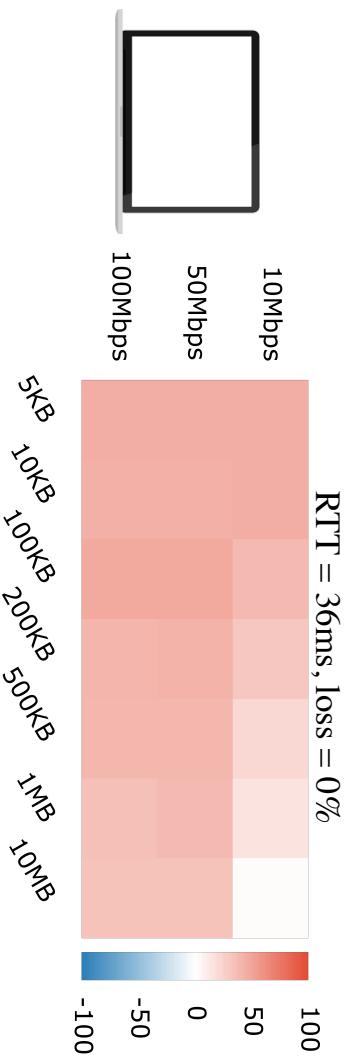
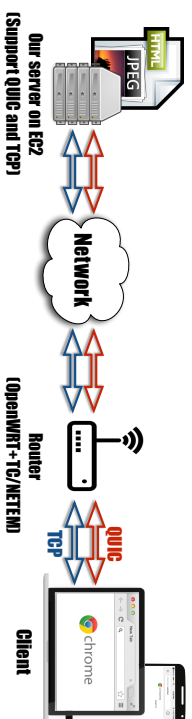
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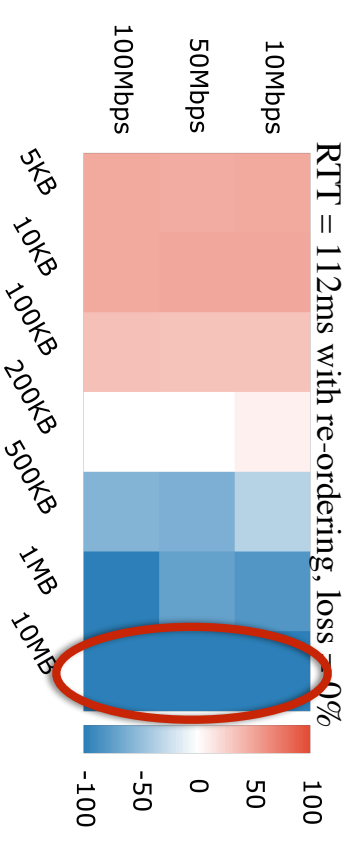
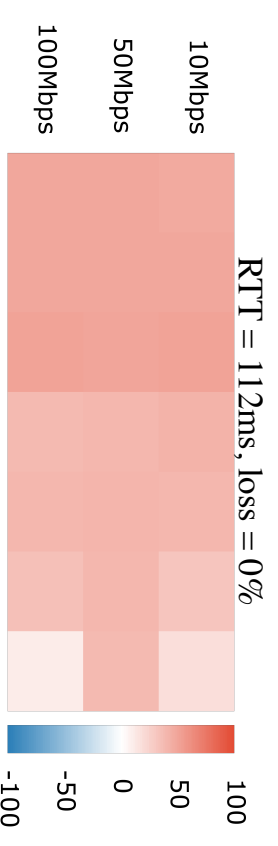
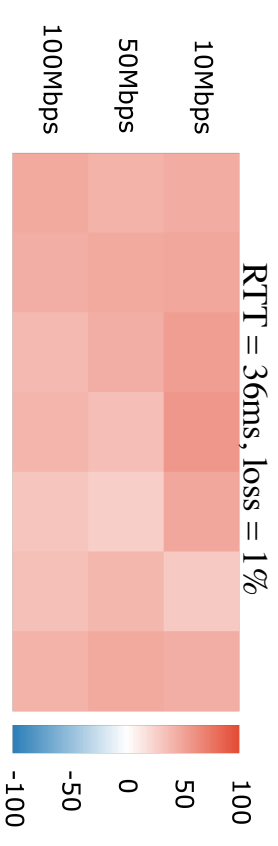
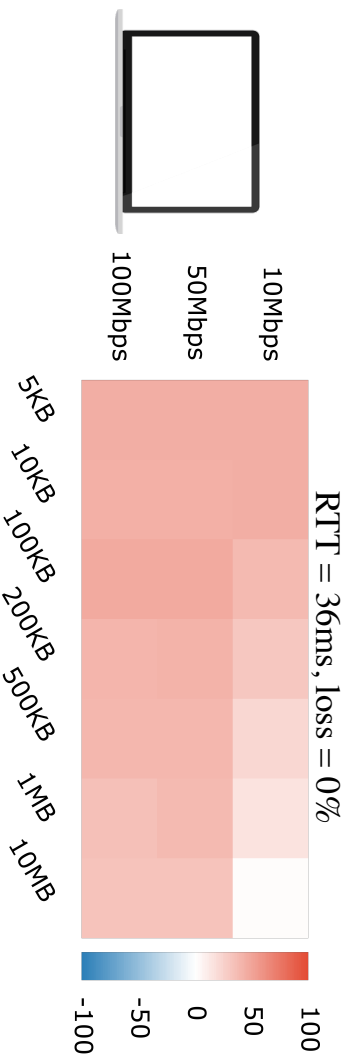
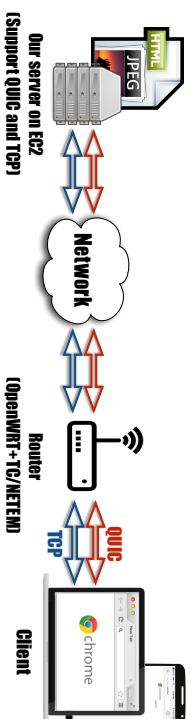
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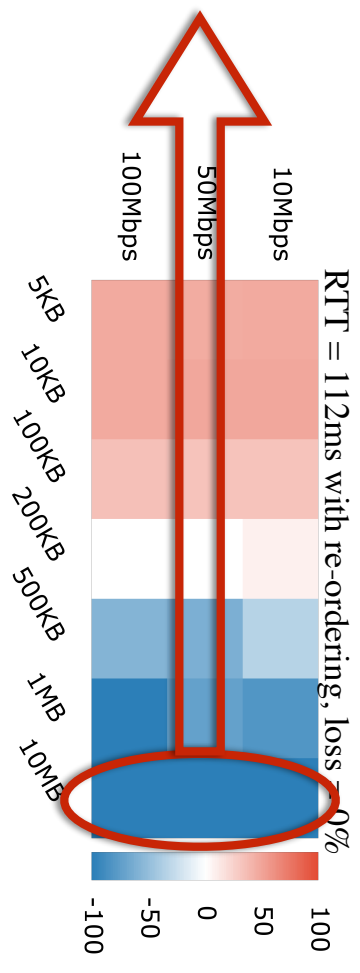
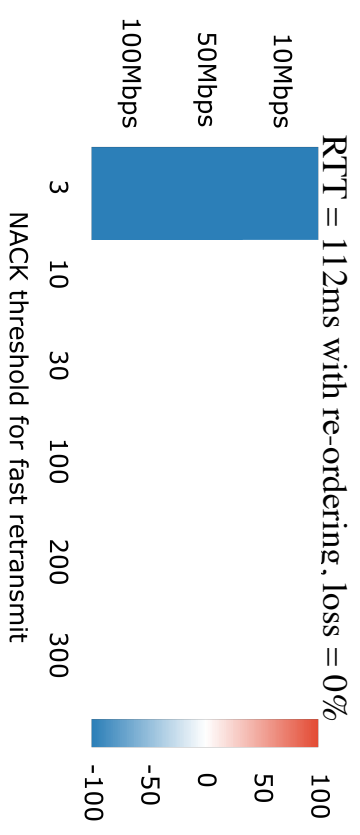
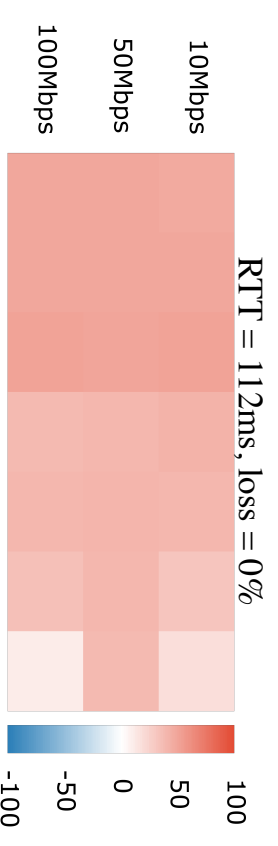
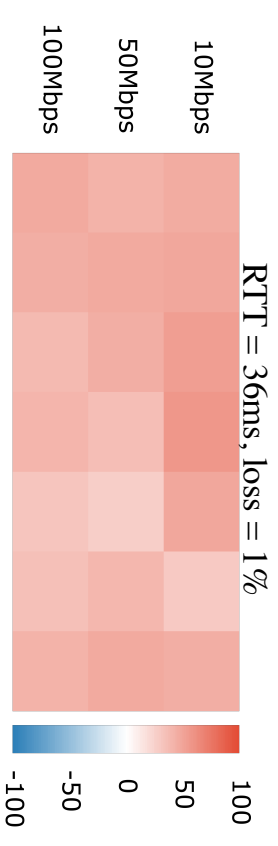
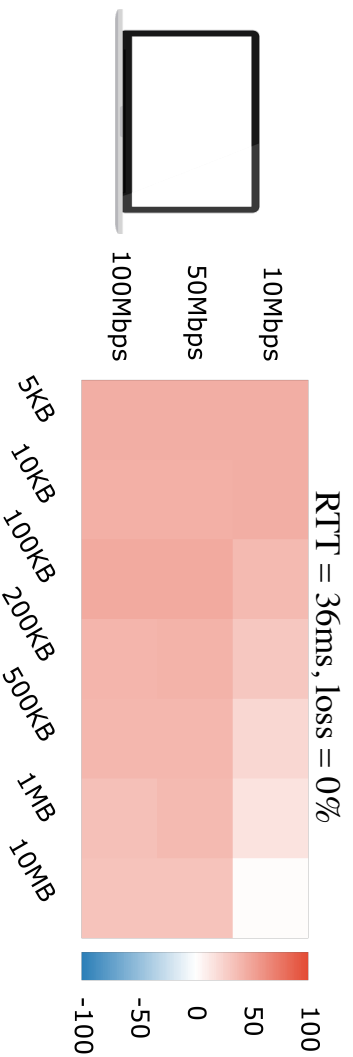
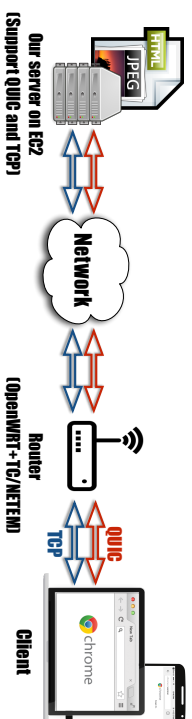
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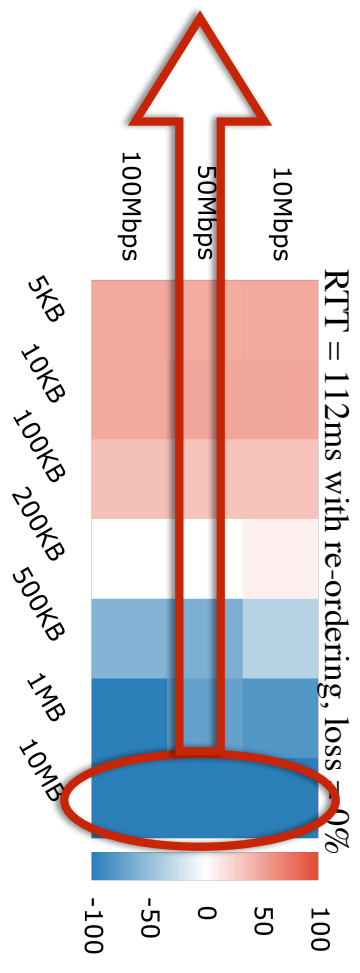
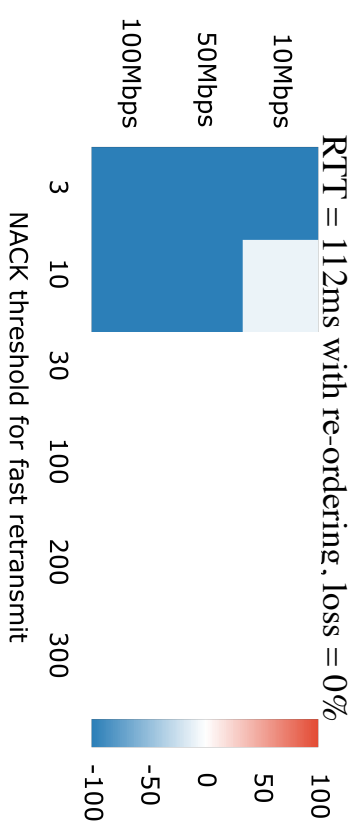
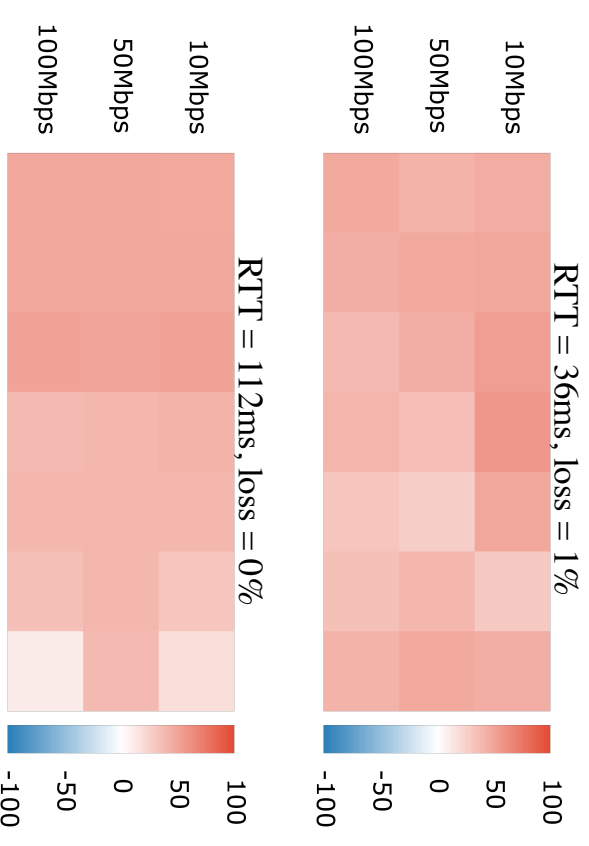
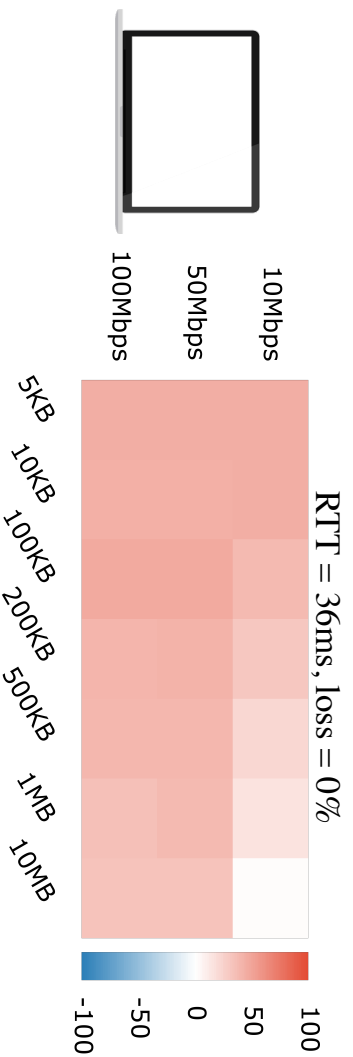
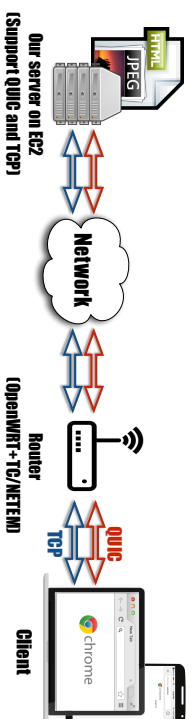
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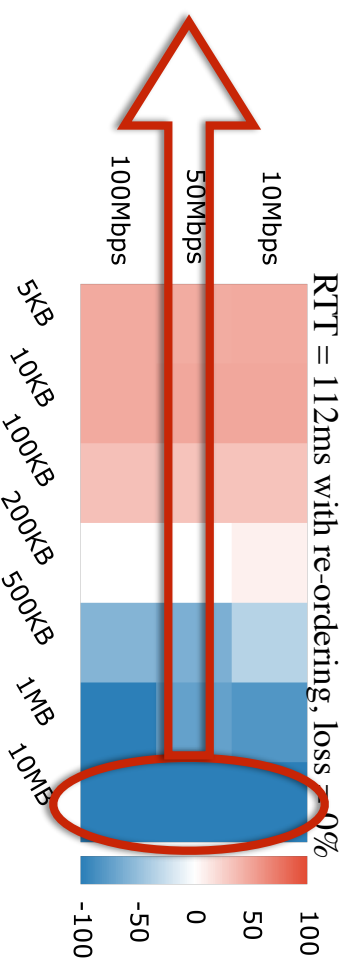
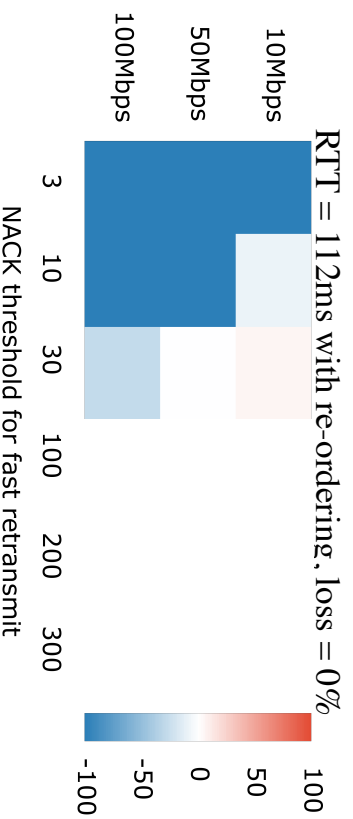
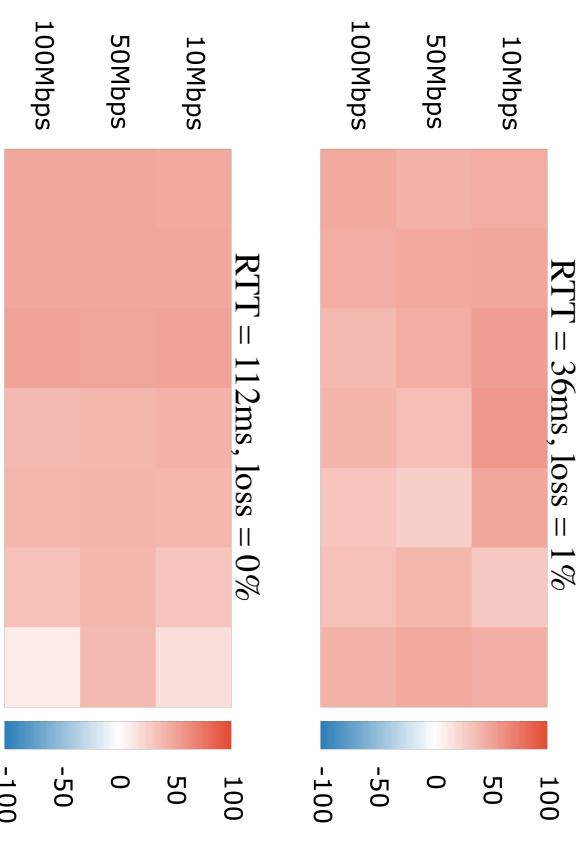
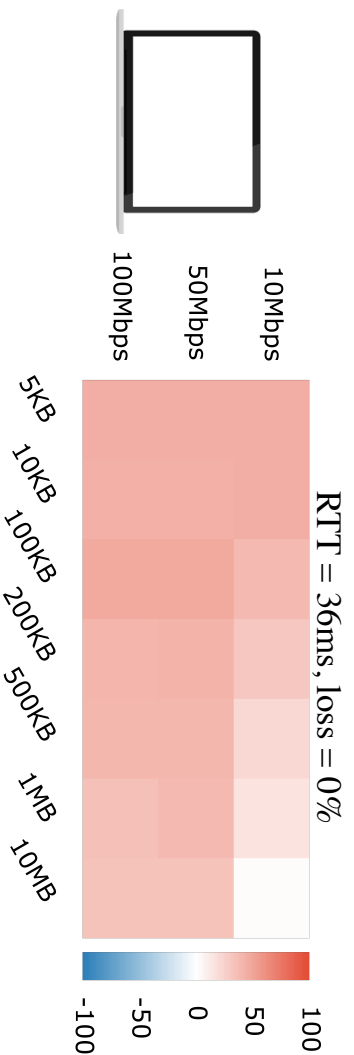
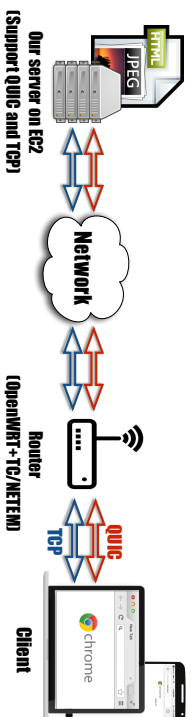
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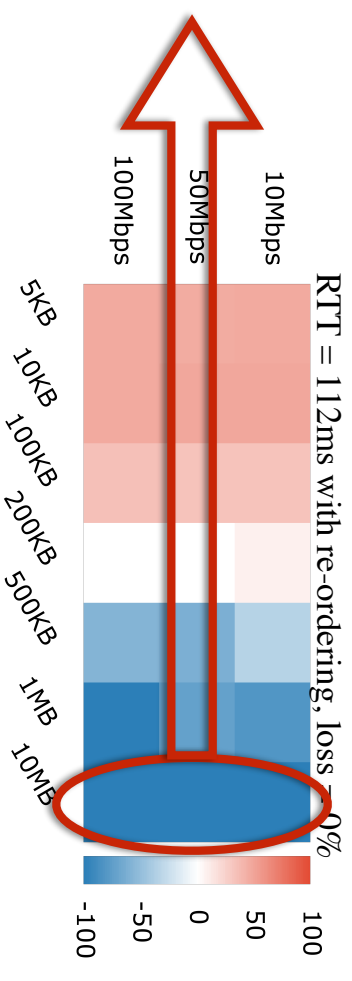
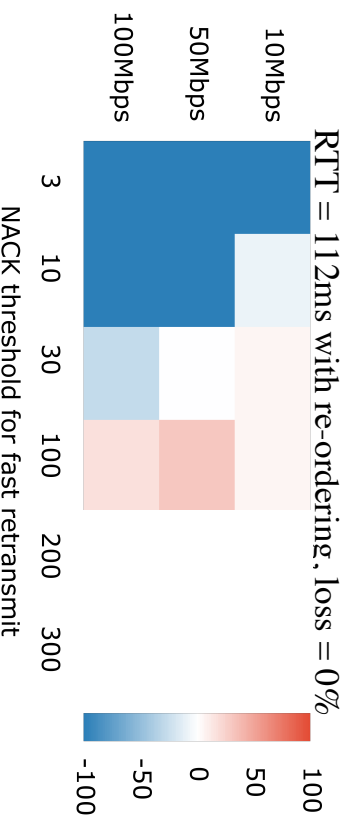
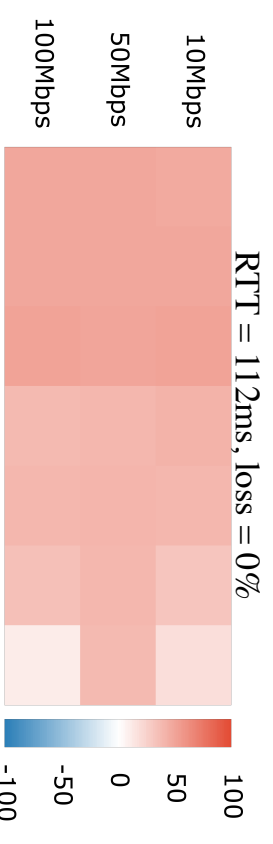
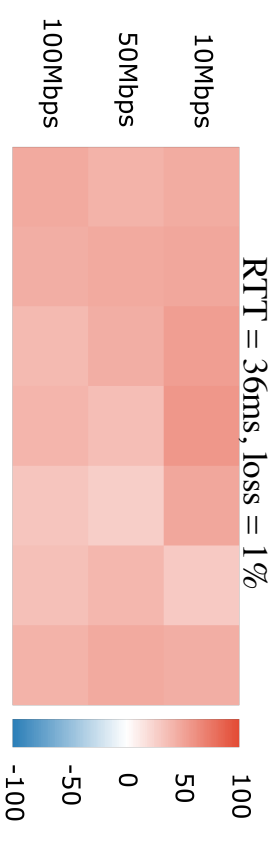
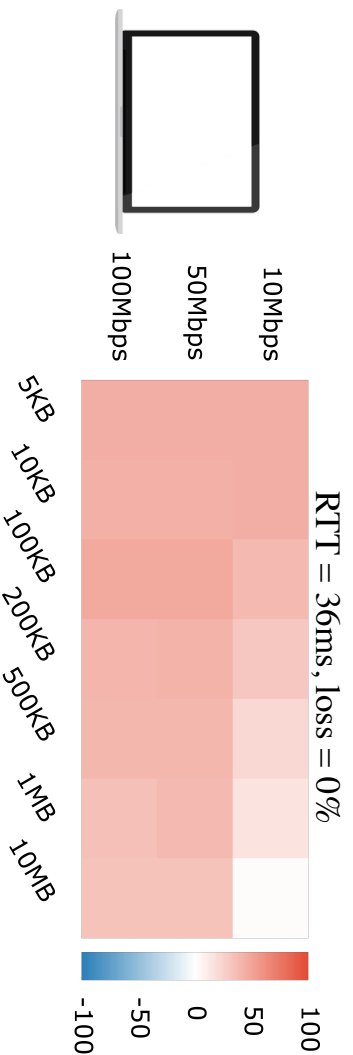
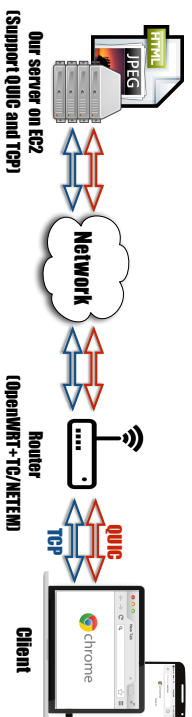
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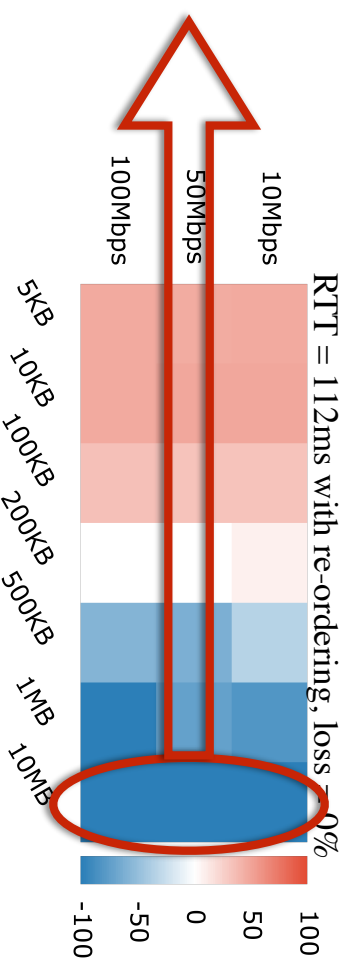
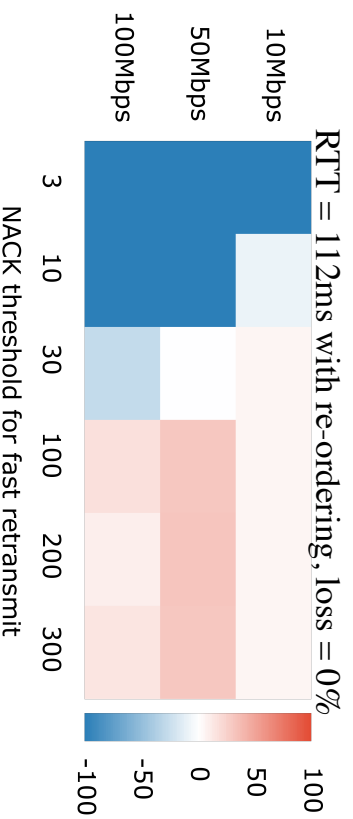
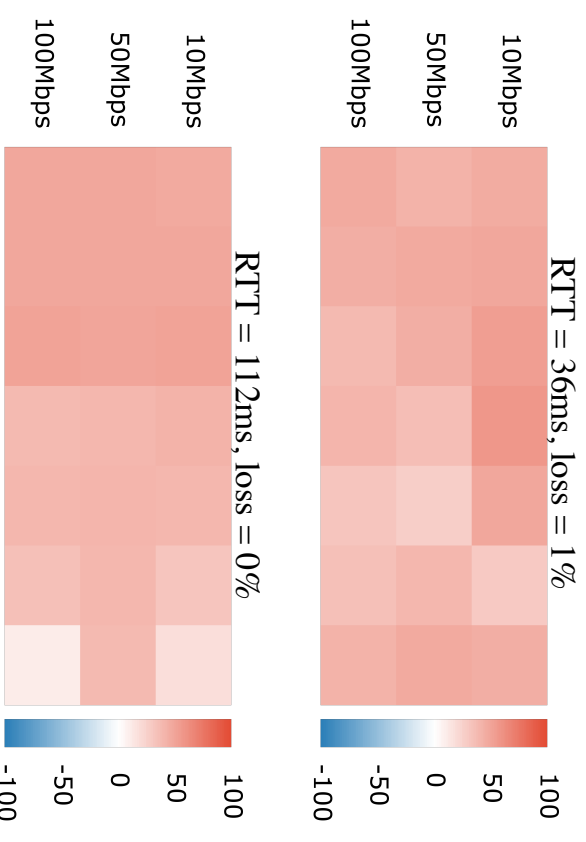
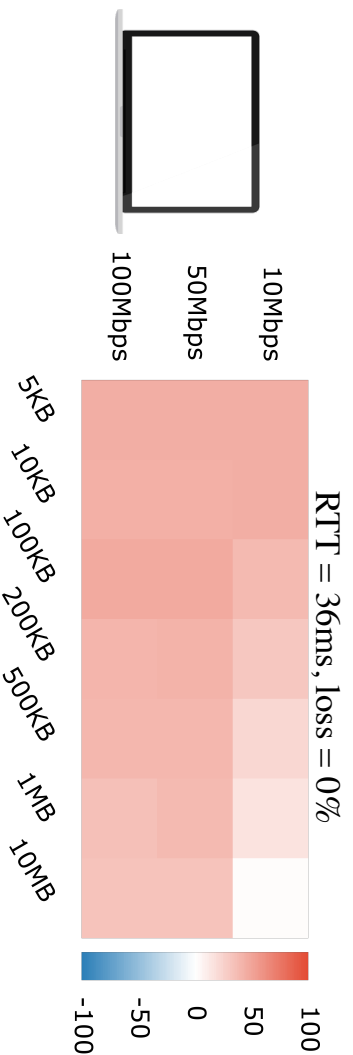
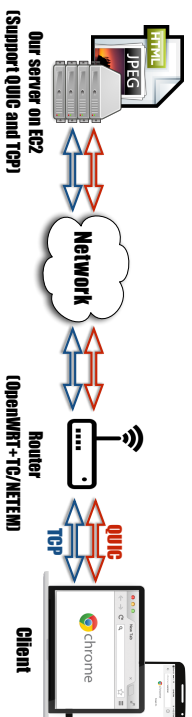
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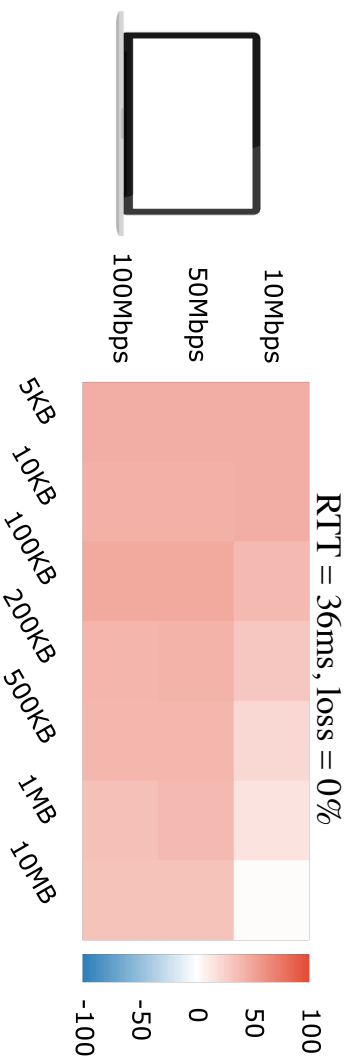
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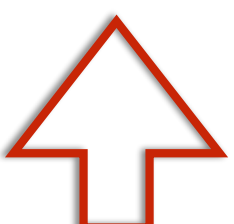
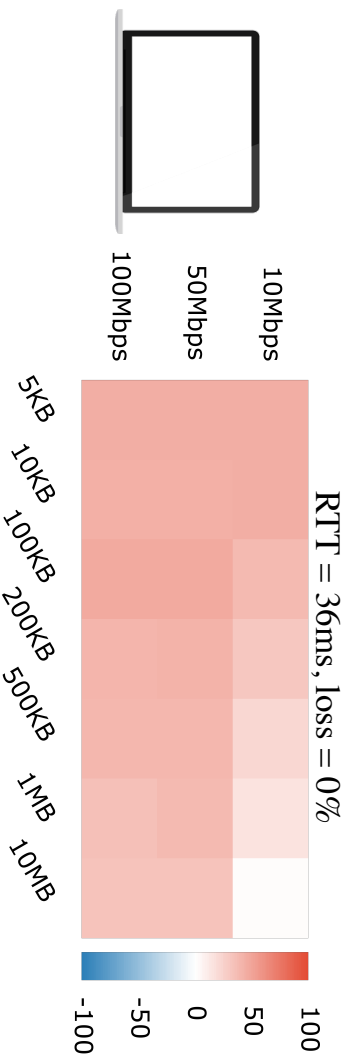
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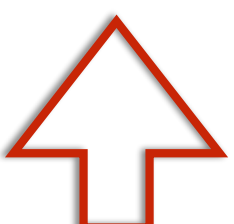
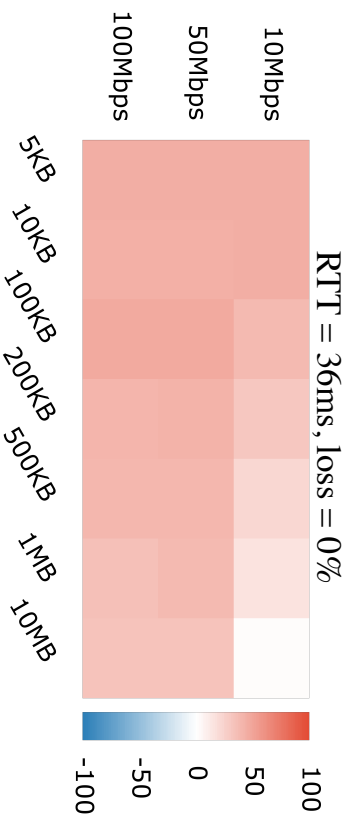


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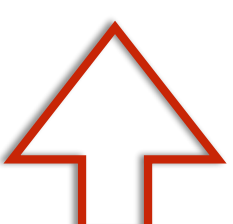
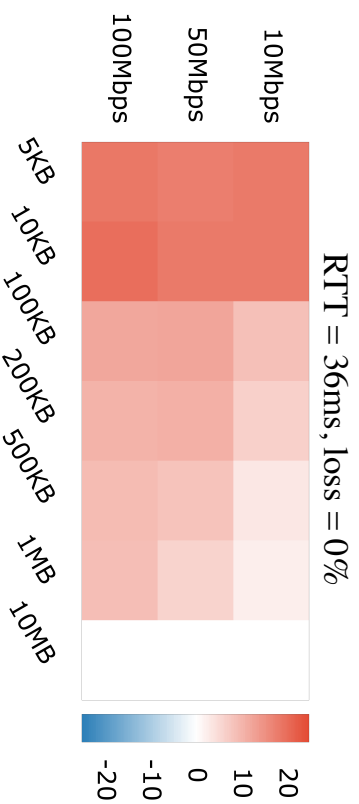


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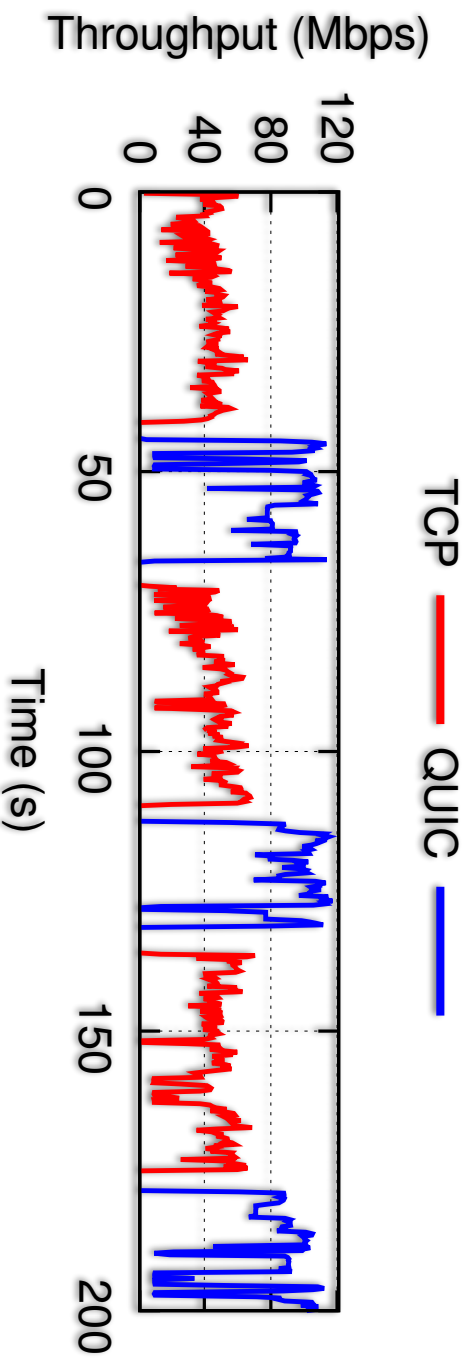
QUIC vs. TCP



QUIC with 0-RTT
vs.
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Variable Bandwidth

Bandwidth fluctuates between 50 Mbps and 150 Mbps



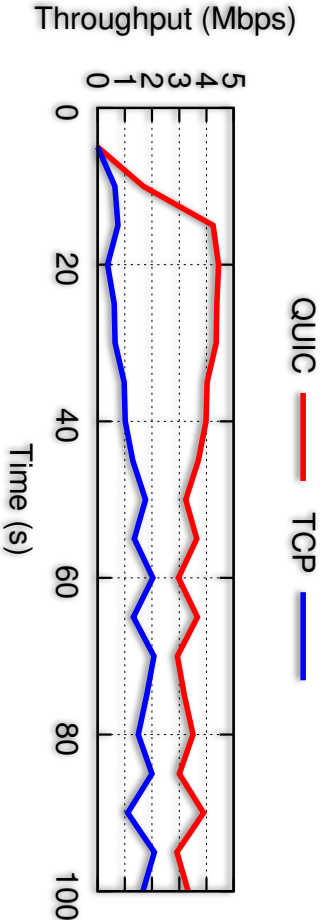
QUIC avg. throughput: 79 Mbps

TCP avg. throughput: 46 Mbps

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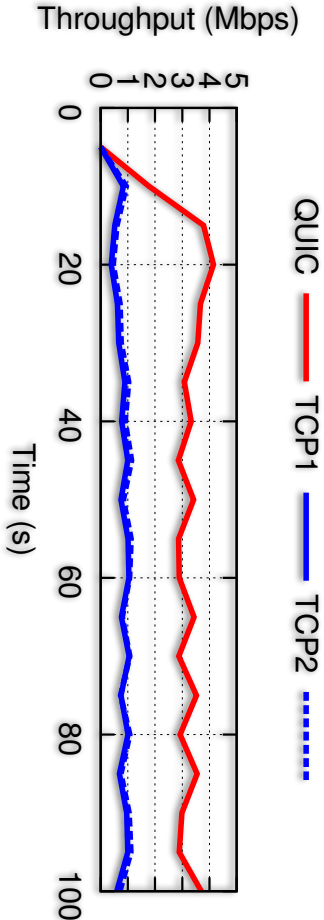
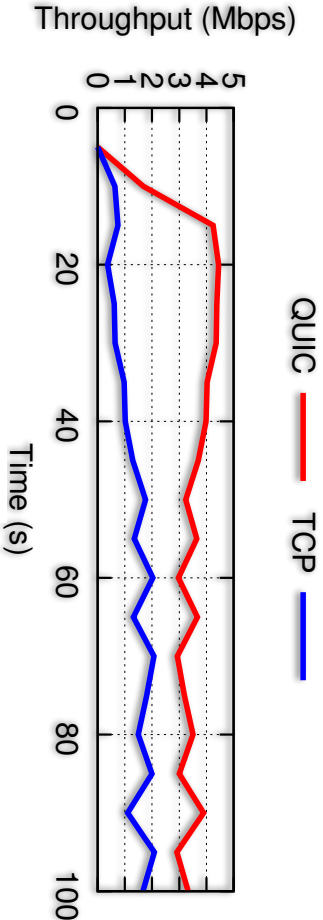
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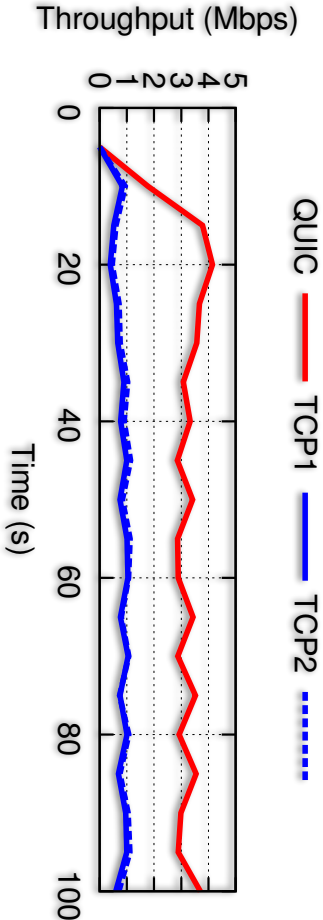
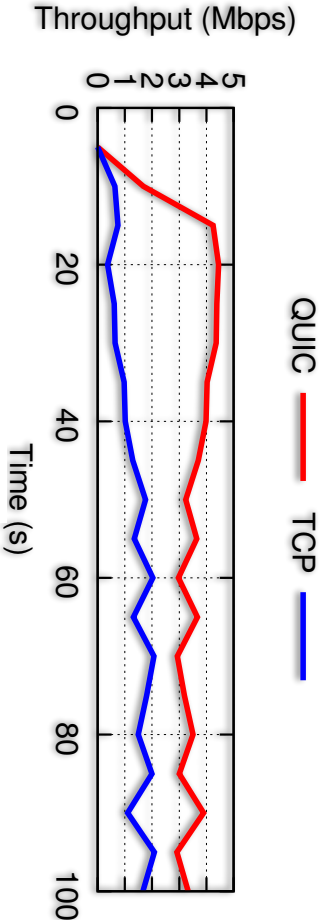
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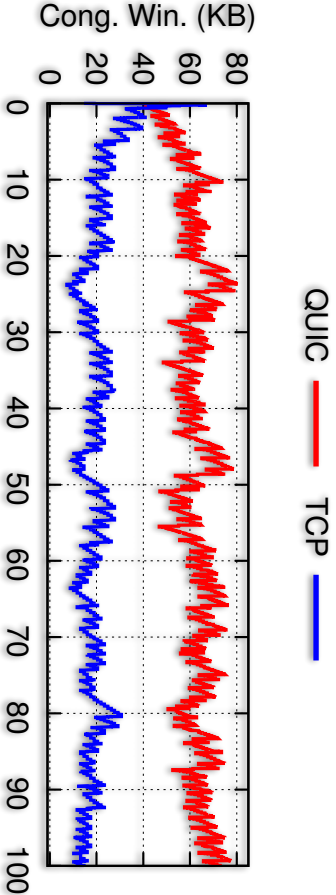
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Under same conditions, our tests shows that QUIC vs. QUIC and TCP vs. TCP resulted in fair splits of the bandwidth

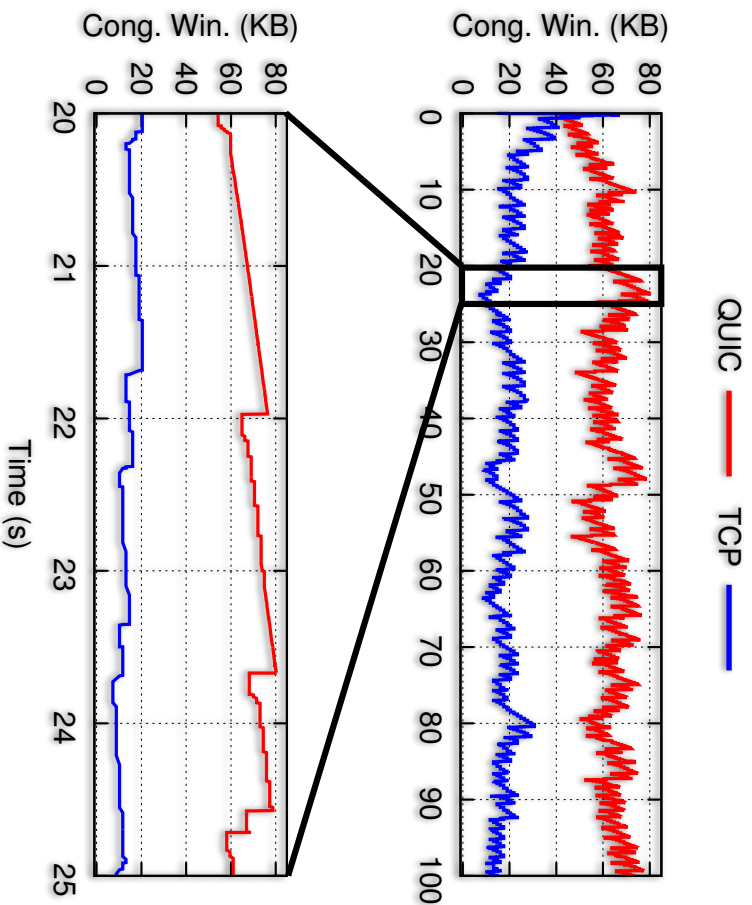
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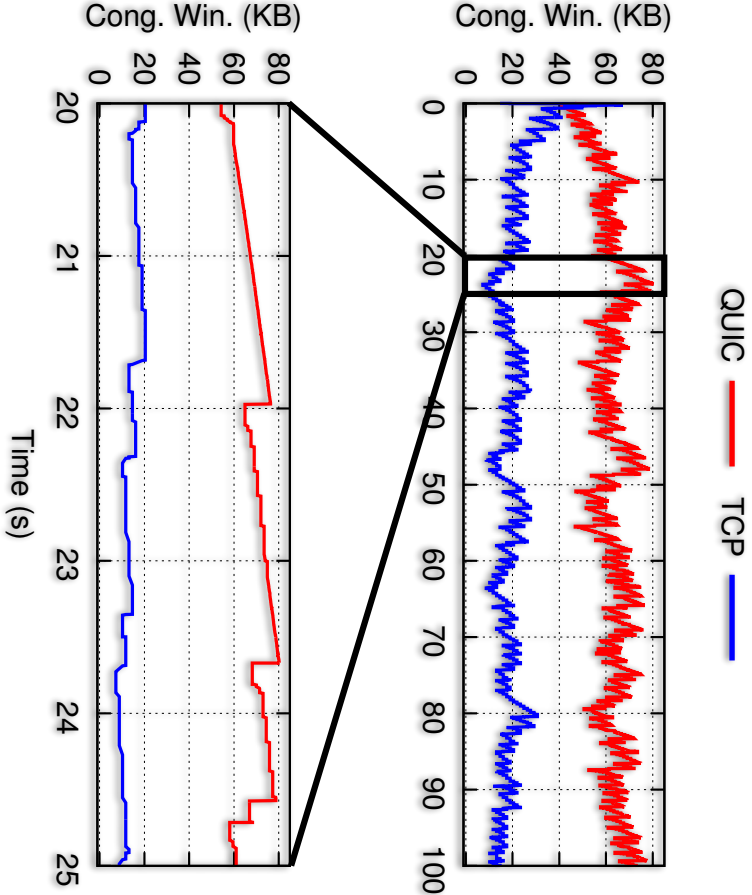
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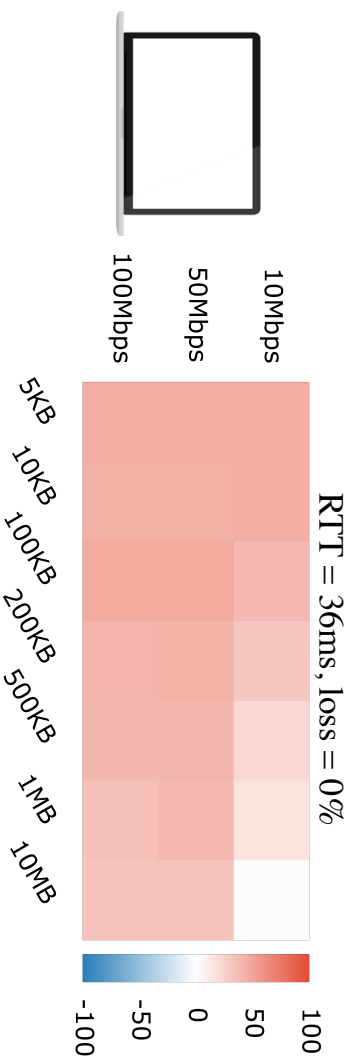
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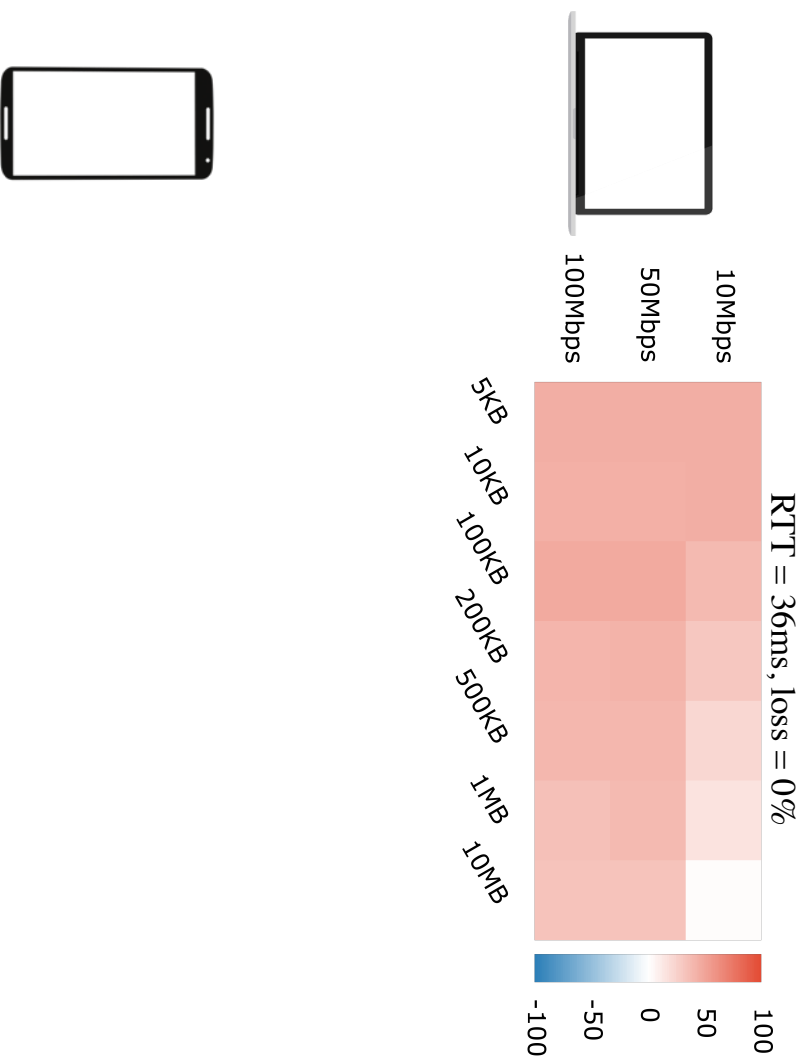
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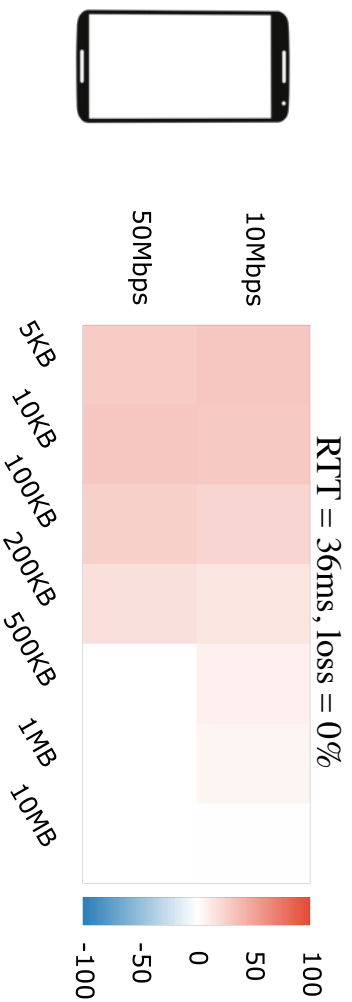
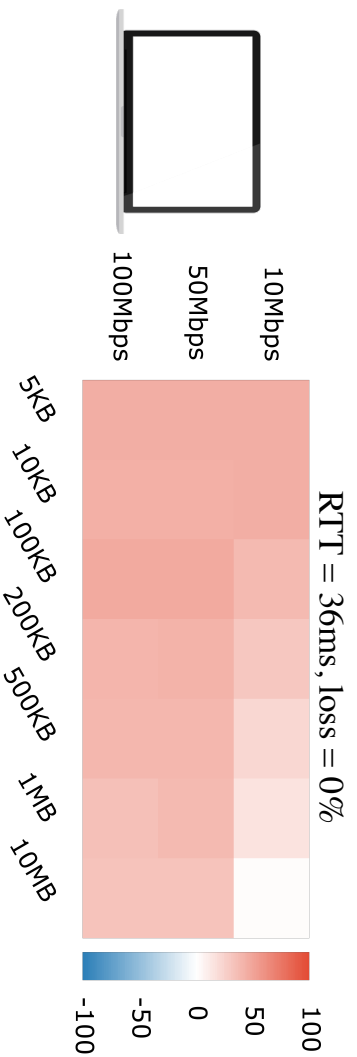
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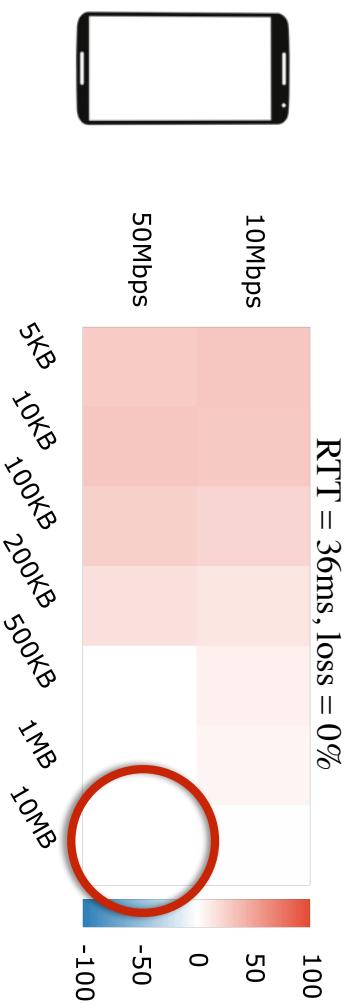
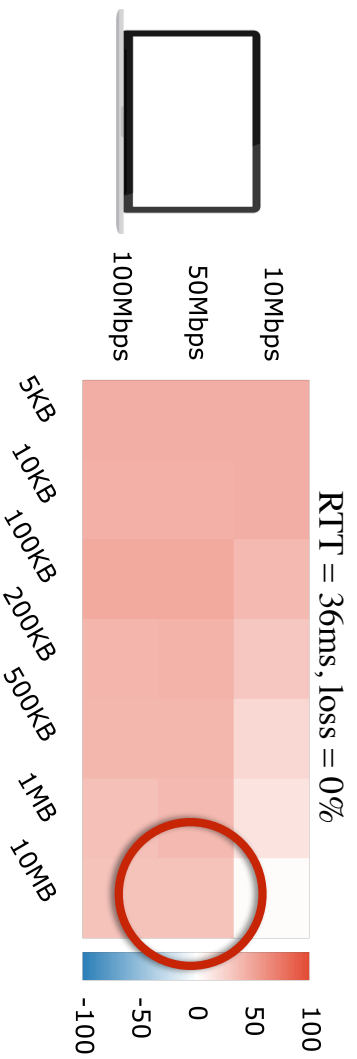
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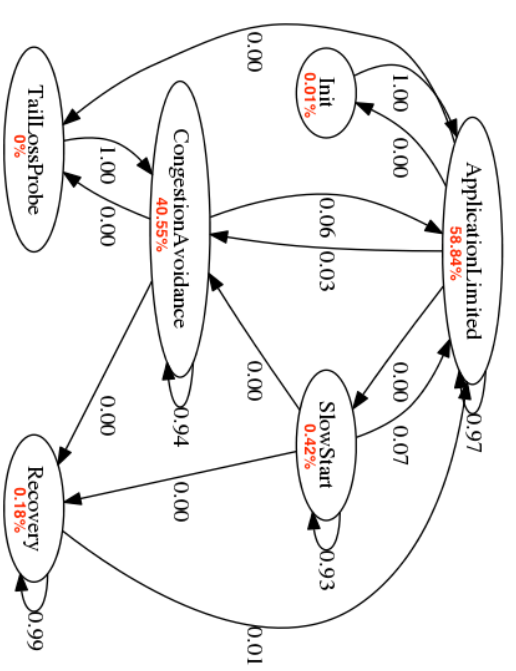
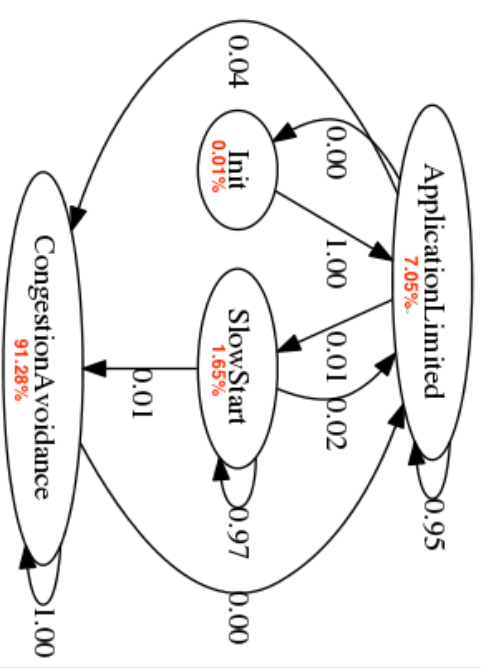
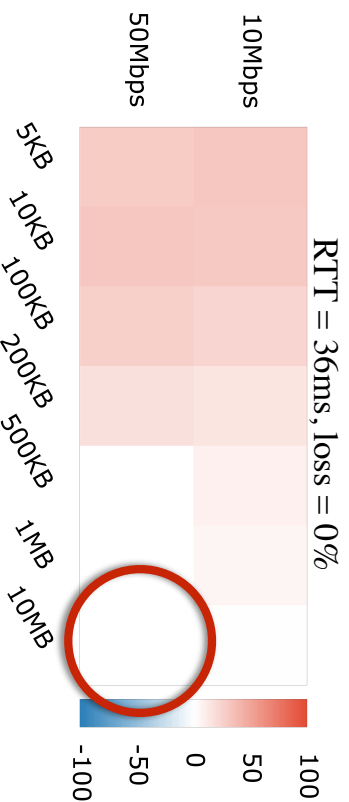
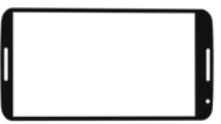
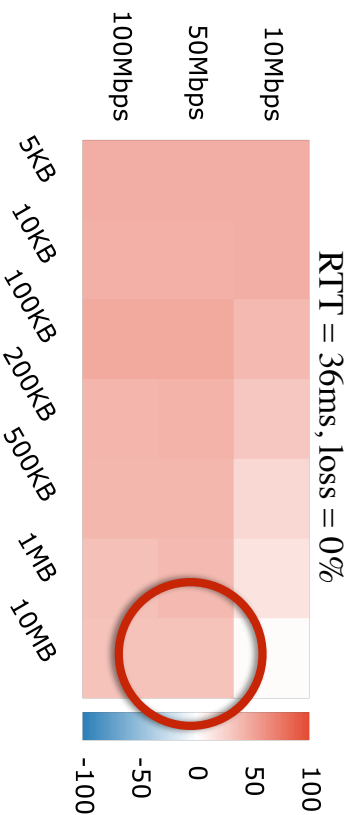
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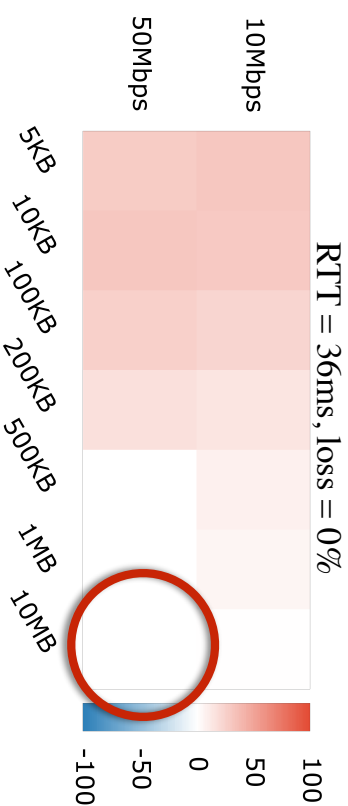
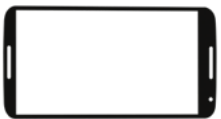
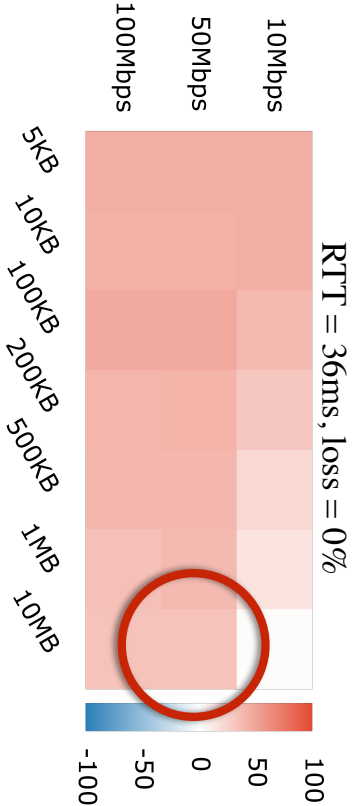
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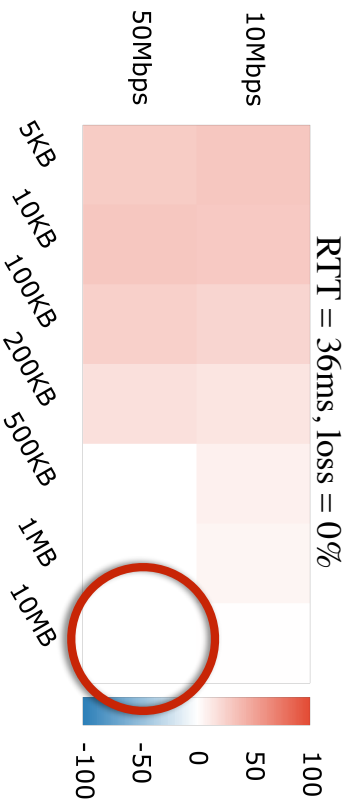
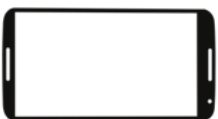
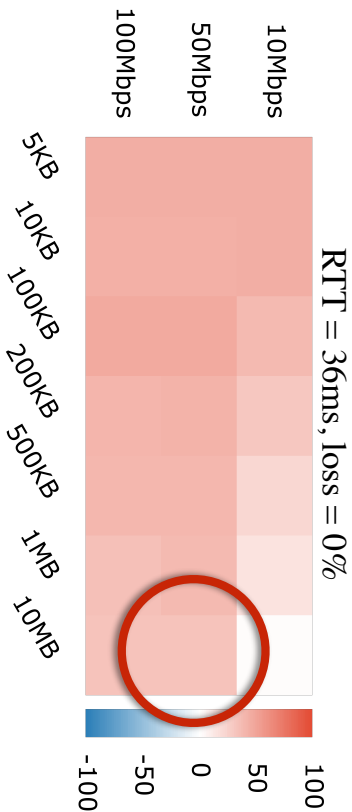
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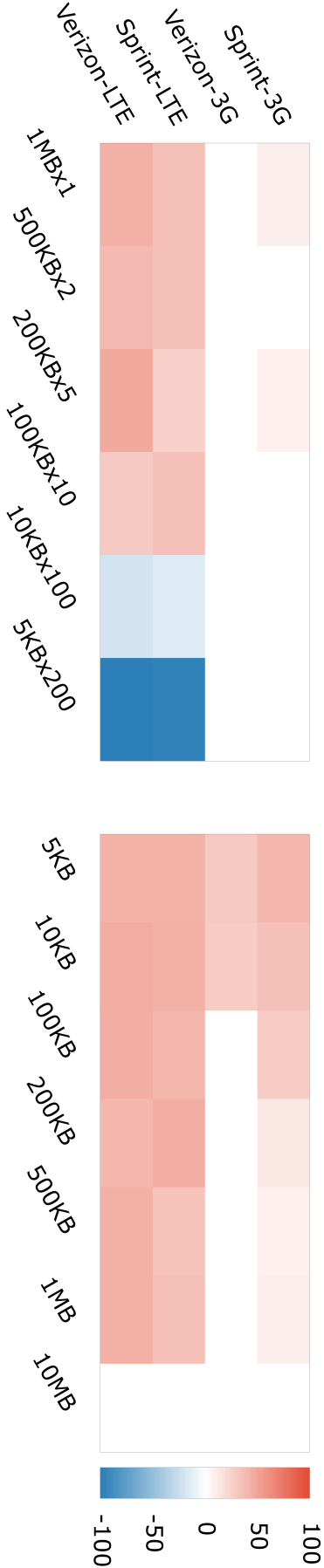
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Thank you!

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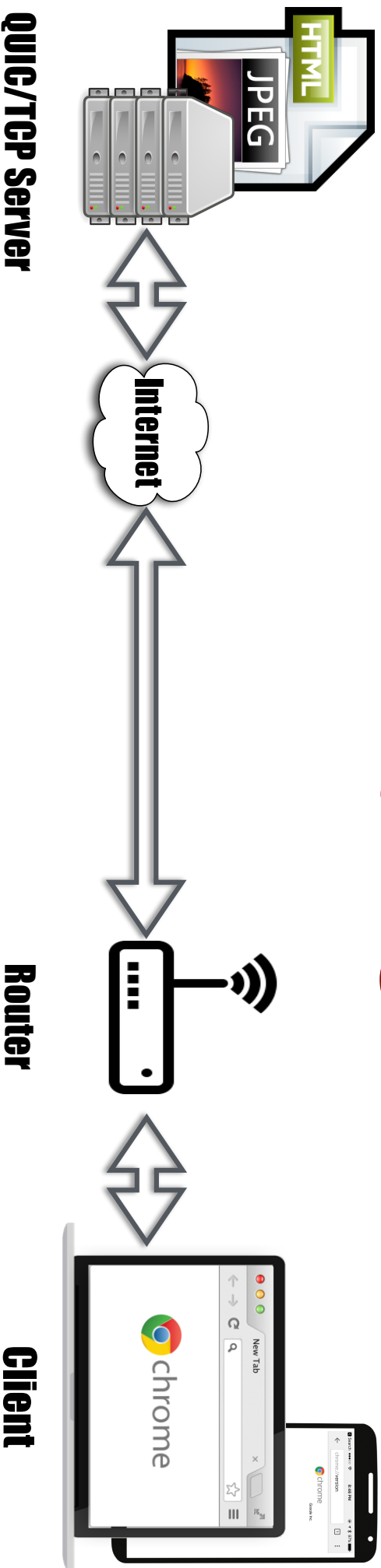
| Parameter | Values tested |
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| Rate limits (Mbps) | 5, 10, 50, 100 |
| Extra Delay (RTT) | 0ms, 50ms, 100ms |
| Extra Loss | 0.1%, 1% |
| Number of objects | 1, 2, 5, 10, 100, 200 |
| Object sizes (KB) | 5, 10, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 10,000, 210,000 |
| Proxy Clients | QUIC proxy, TCP proxy Desktop, Nexus6, MotoG |
| Video qualities | tiny, medium, hd720, hd2160 |

Real Cell Networks

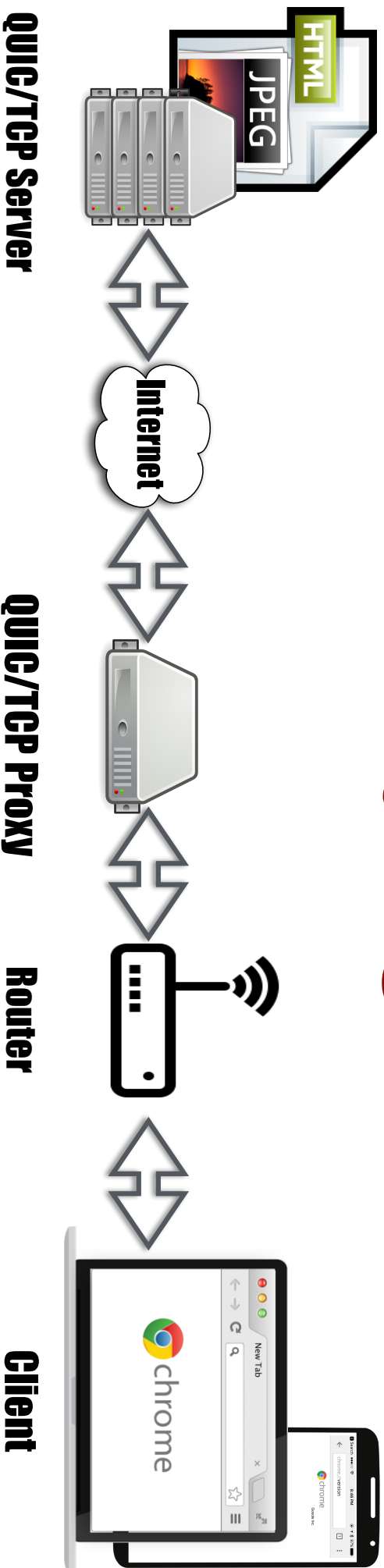


| | Throughput (Mbps) | | RTT (ms) | | Reordering (10%) | | Loss (%) | |
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| | 3G | LTE | 3G | LTE | 3G | LTE | 3G | LTE |
| Verizon | 0.17 | 4.0 | 109 | 62 | 9 | 0.25 | 0.05 | 0 |
| Sprint | 0.31 | 2.4 | 70 | 55 | 1.38 | 0.13 | 0.02 | 0.02 |

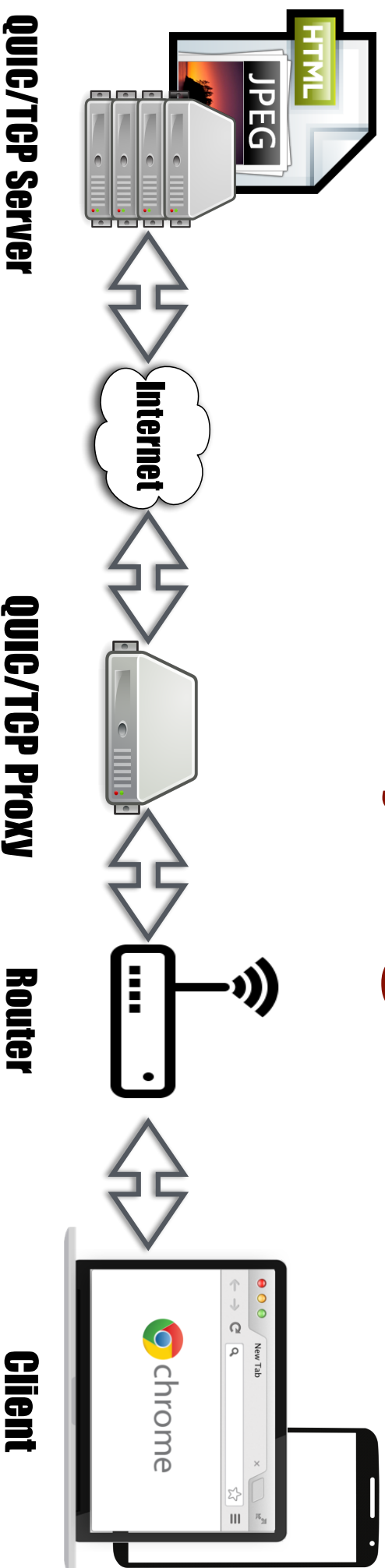
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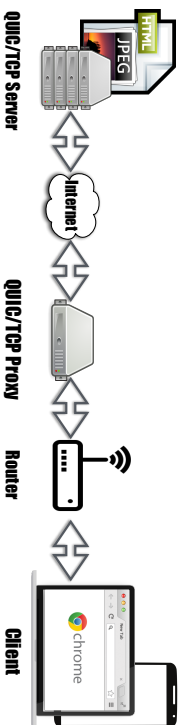
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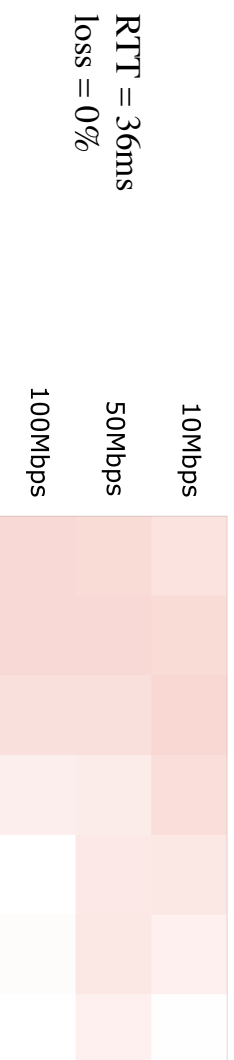
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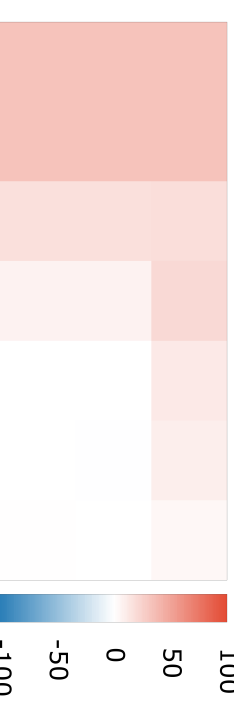
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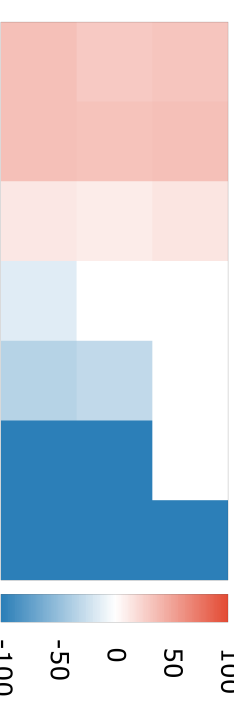
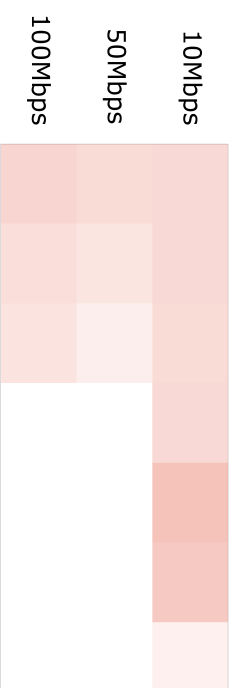
QUIC vs. TCP proxied



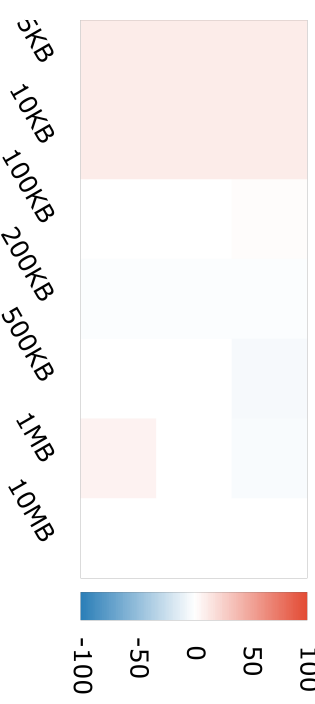
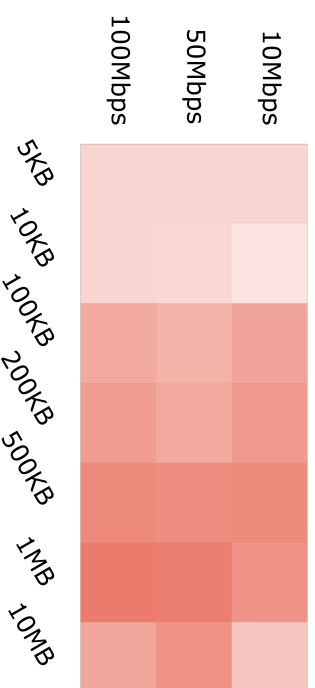
QUIC vs. QUIC proxied



RTT = 36ms
loss = 1%



RTT = 112ms
loss = 0%



Other Experiments

- Historical analysis of QUIC over more than a year
- Proxying
- Video streaming over QUIC
- QUIC in cellular networks

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