

Taking a Long Look at QUIC

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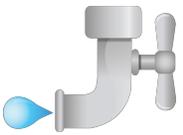
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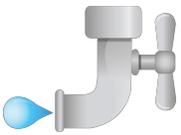
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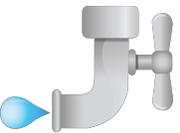
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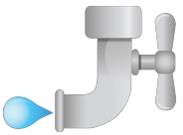
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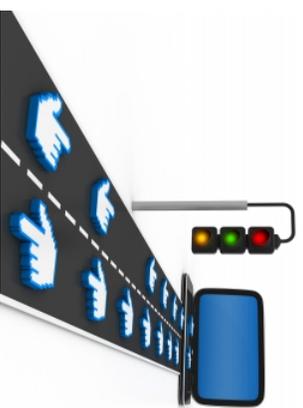


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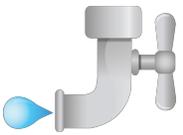
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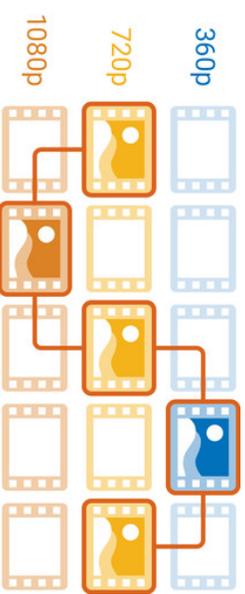
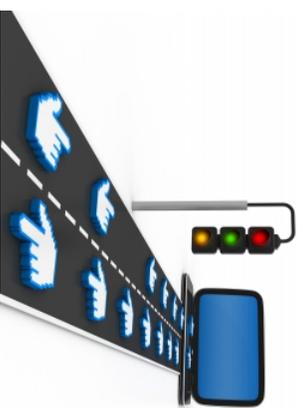


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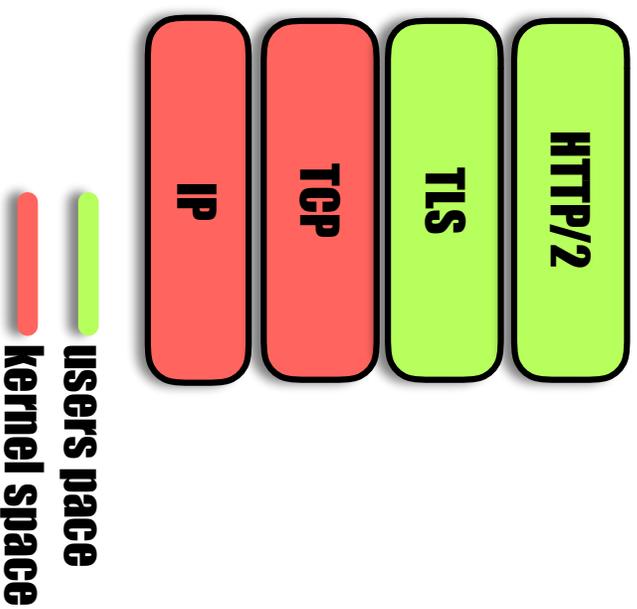
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Summary Findings from Proxy Bypass

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. The reductive answer to why TLS 1.3 hasn't been deployed yet is *middleboxes*."

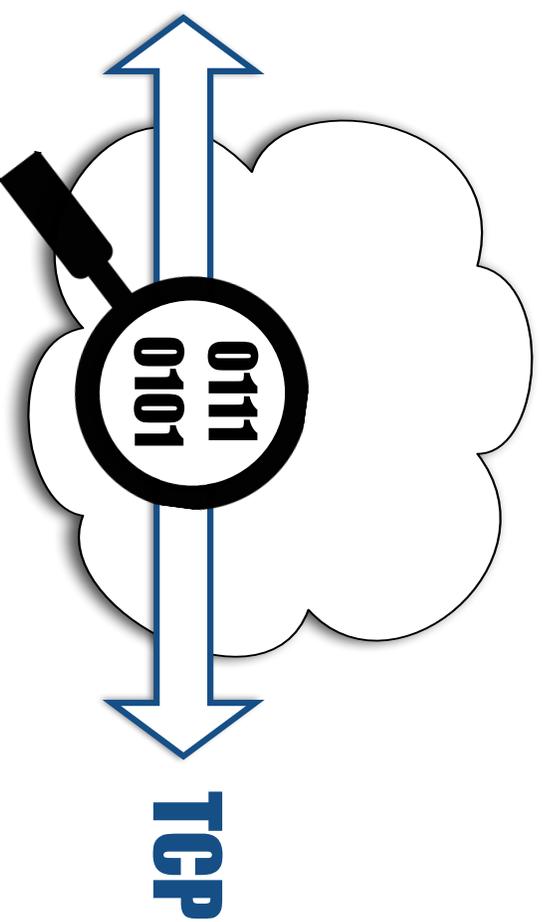
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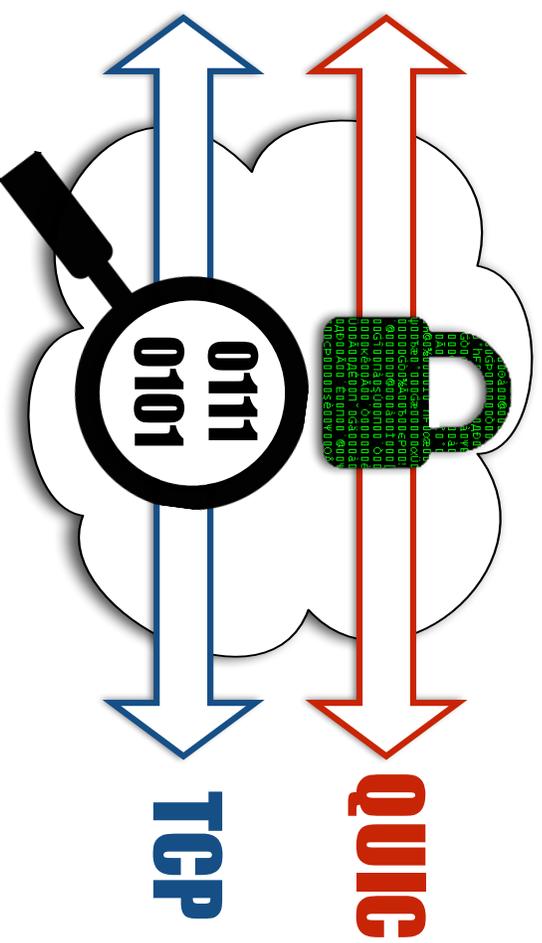
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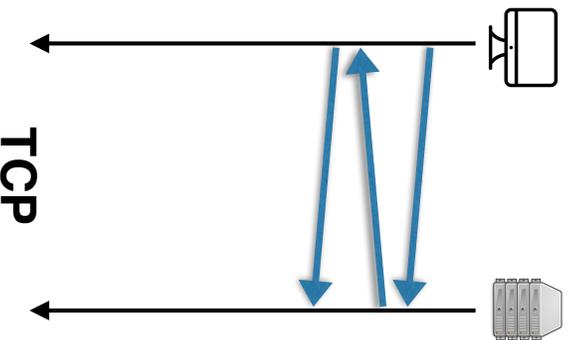
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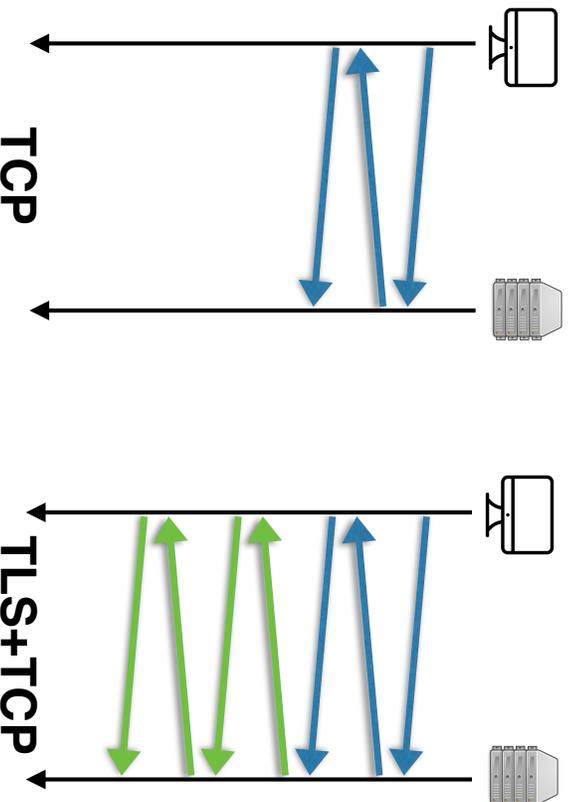
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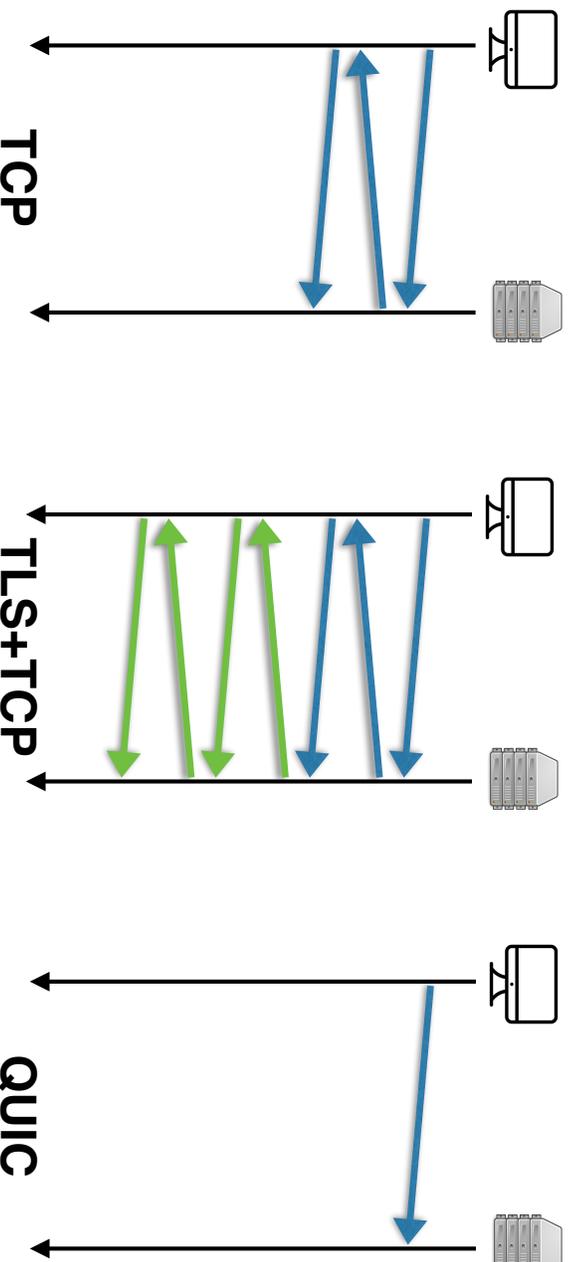


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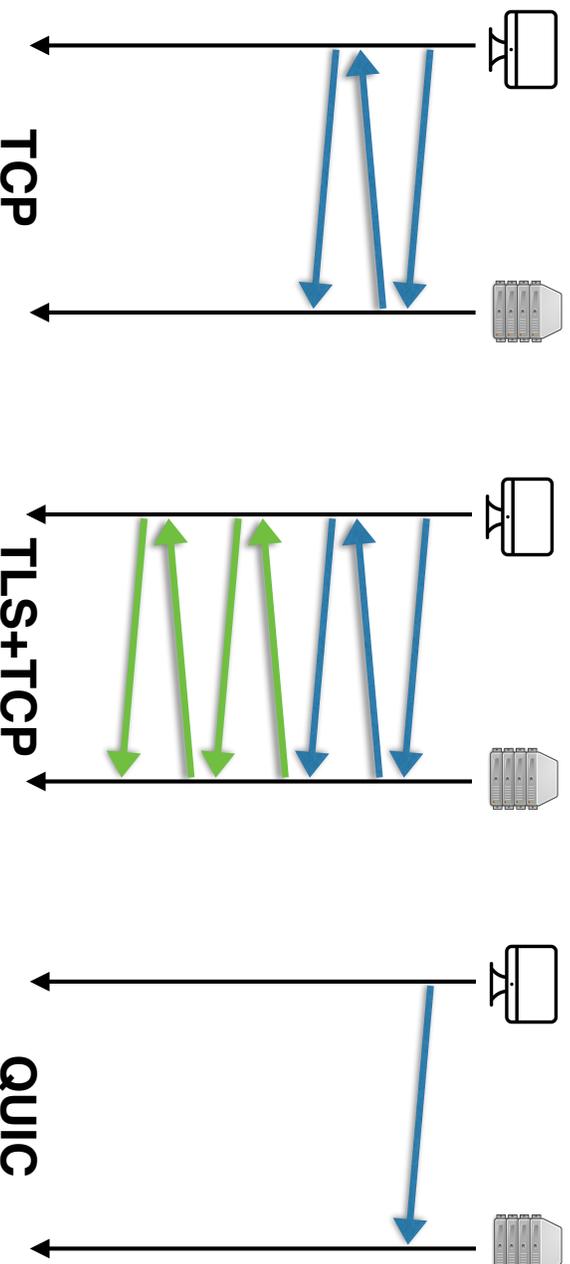


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QUIC connection RTTs:

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

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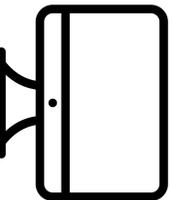
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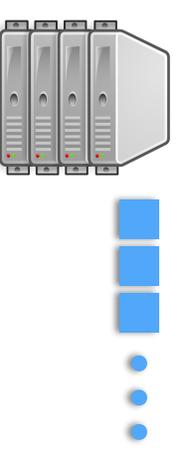
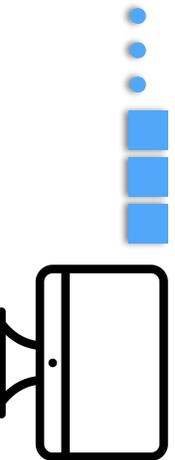
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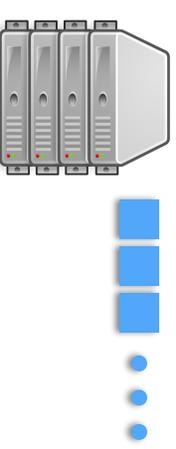
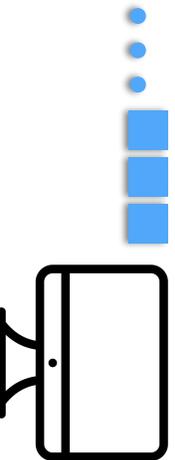


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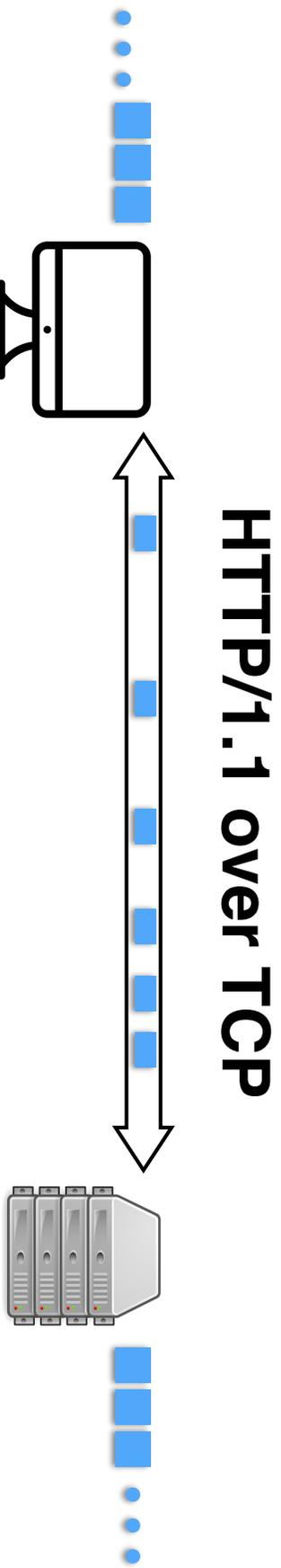
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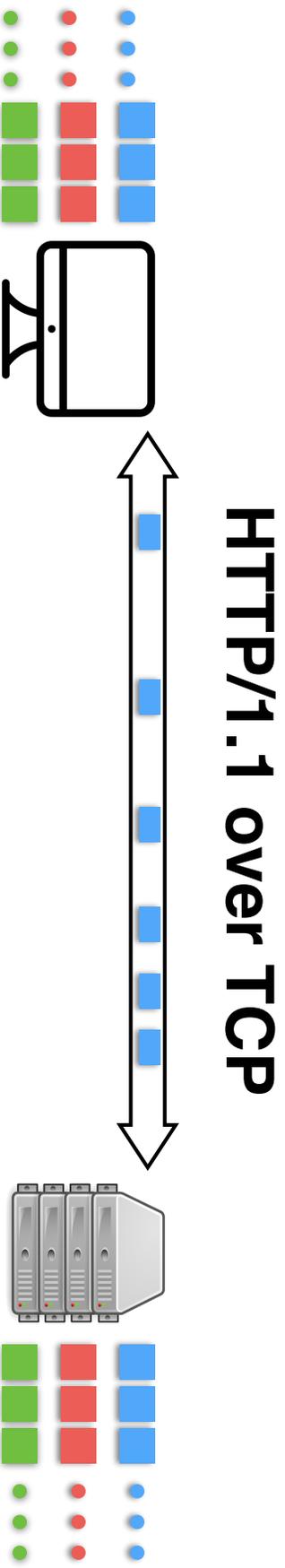
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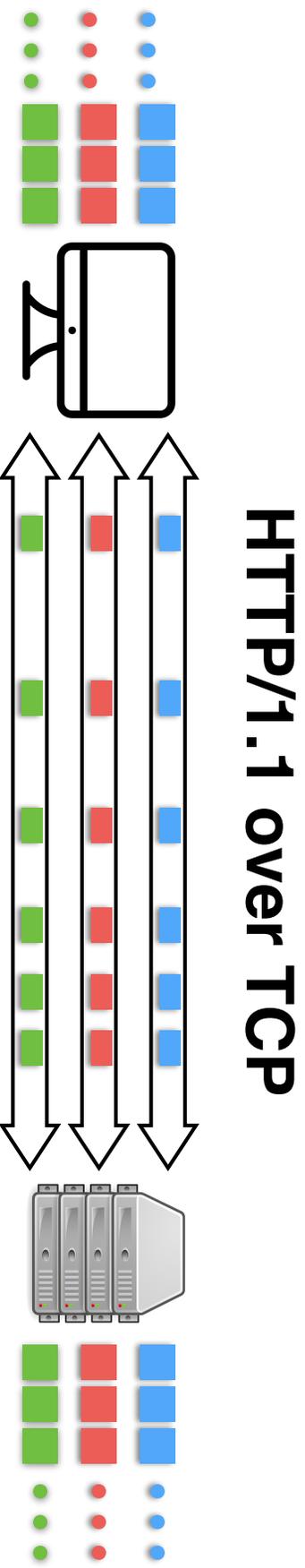
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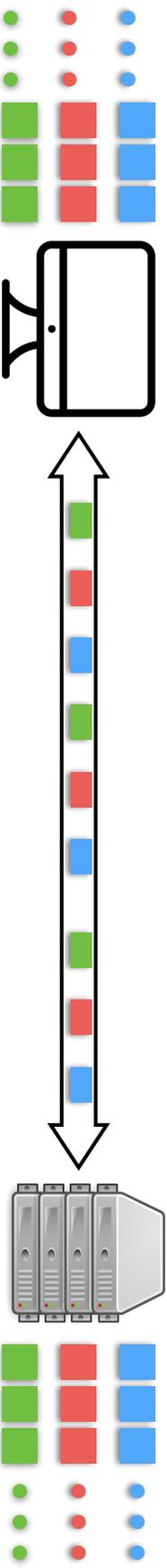


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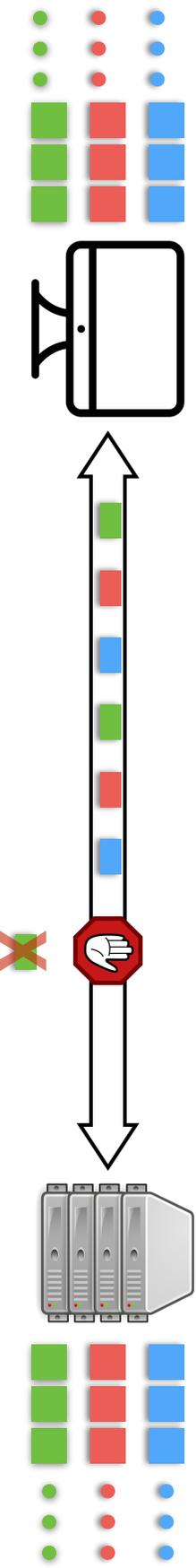


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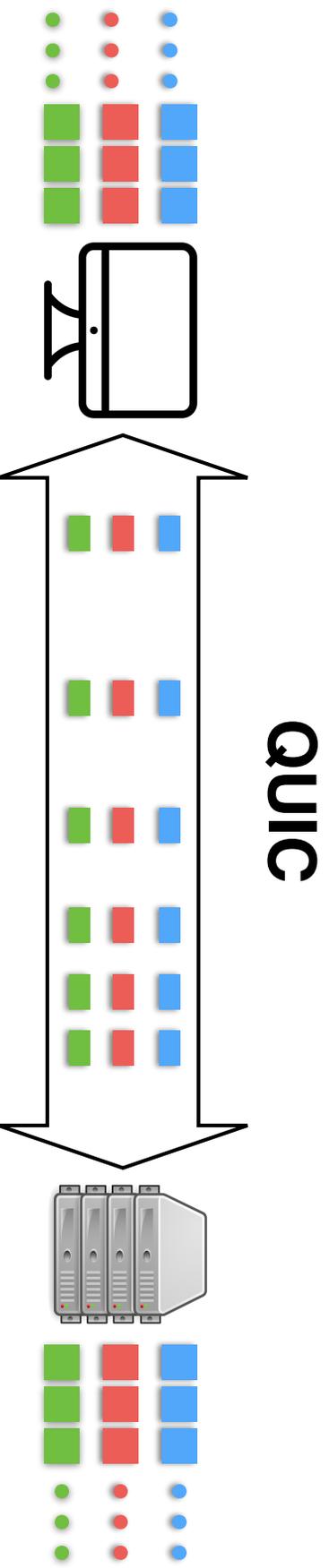
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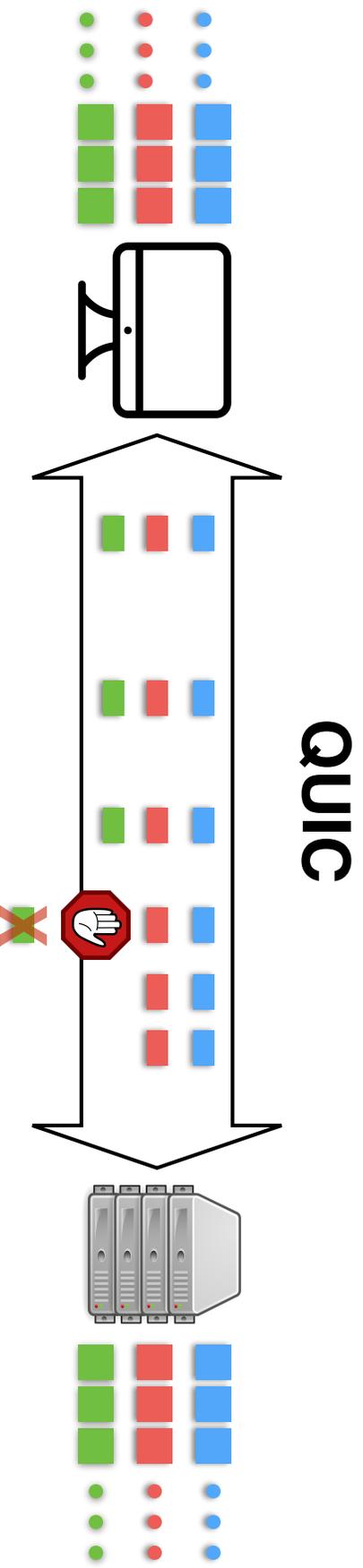
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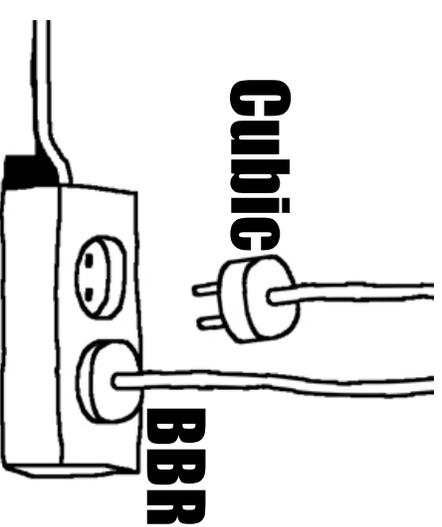


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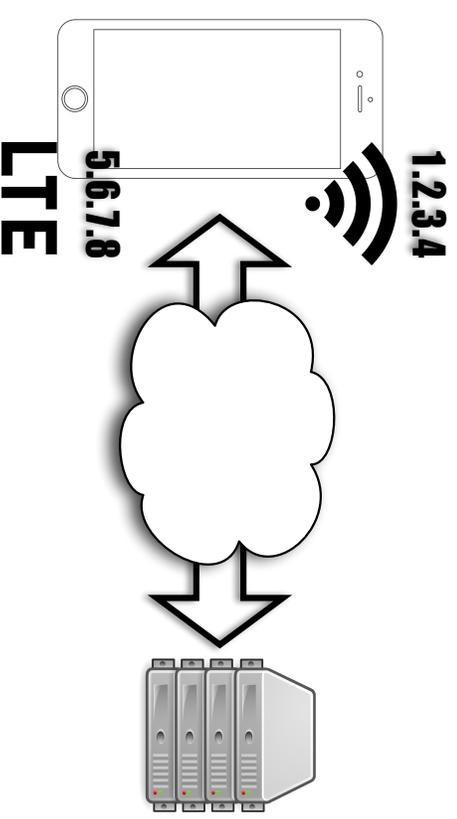
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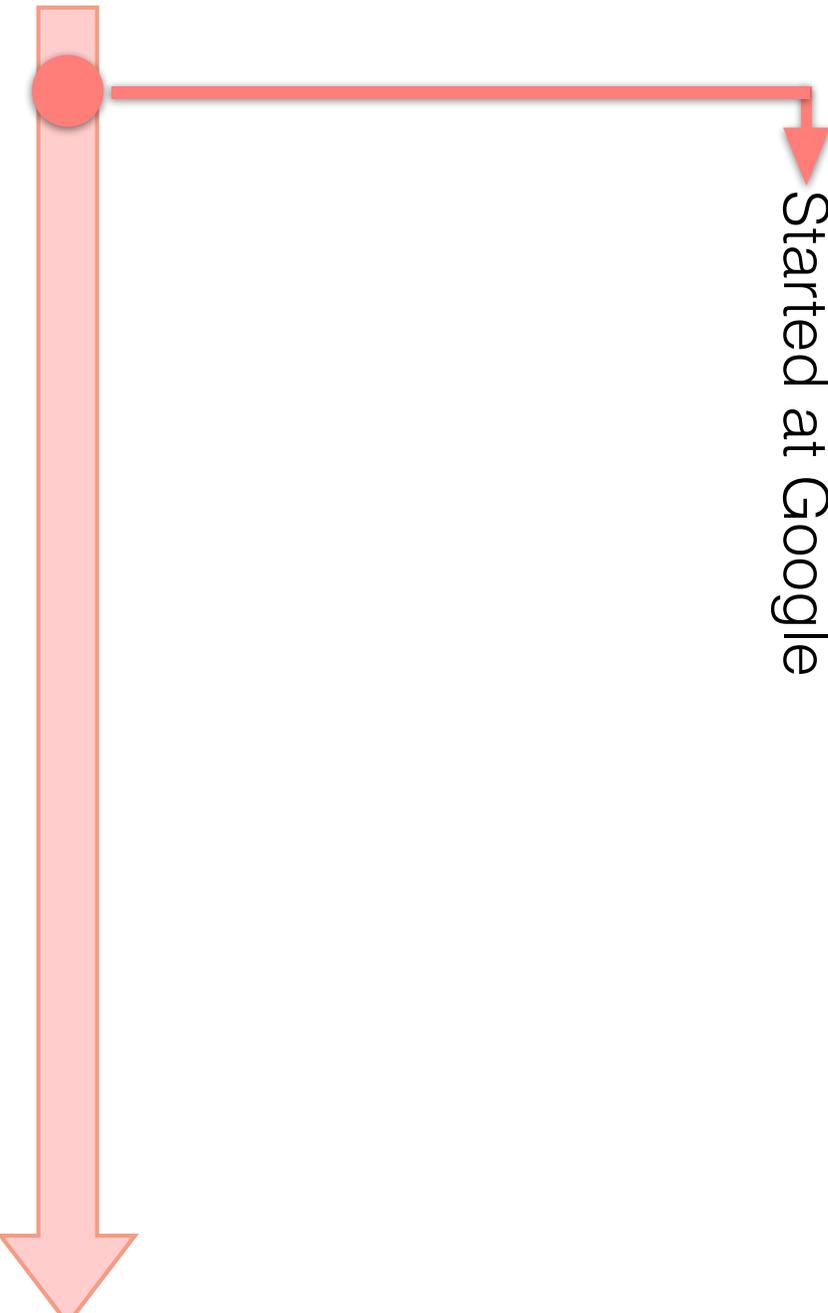
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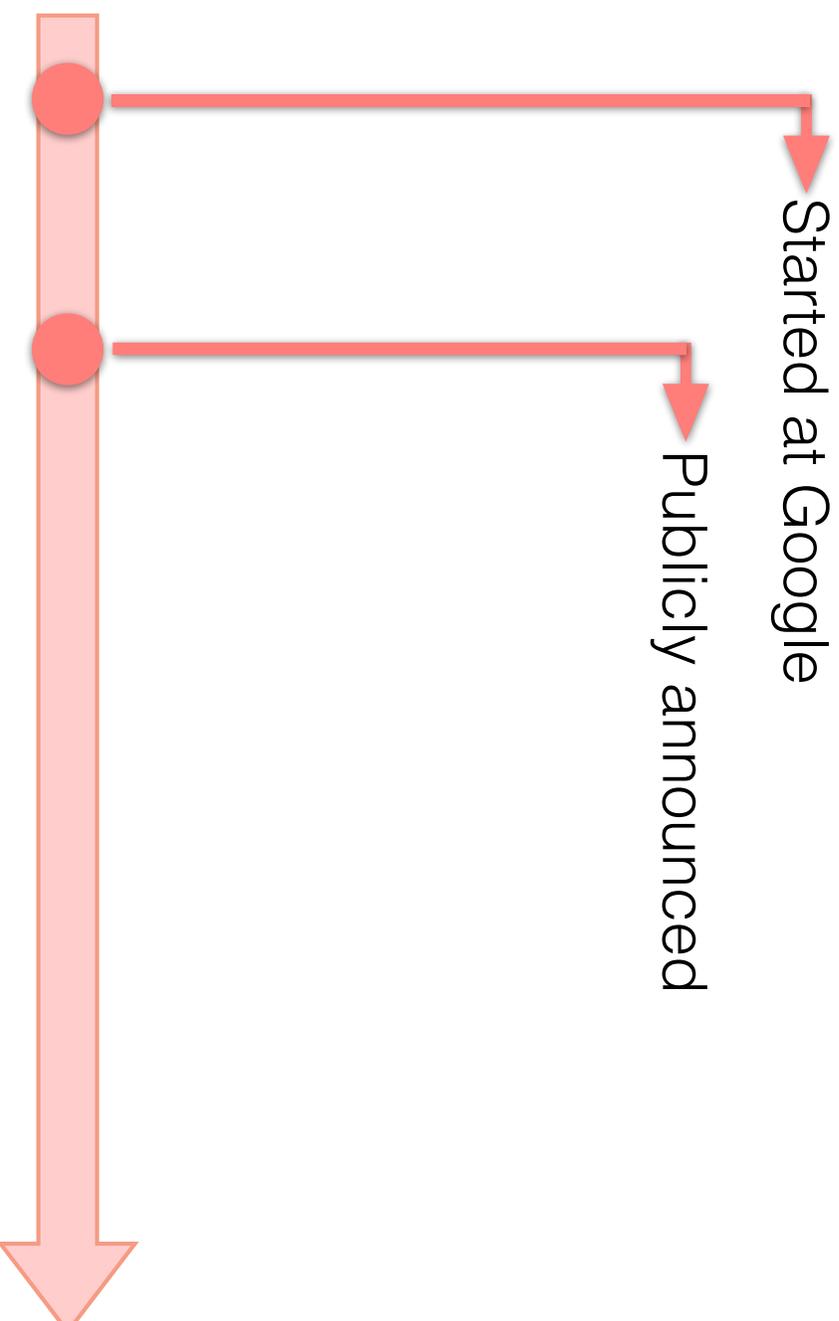
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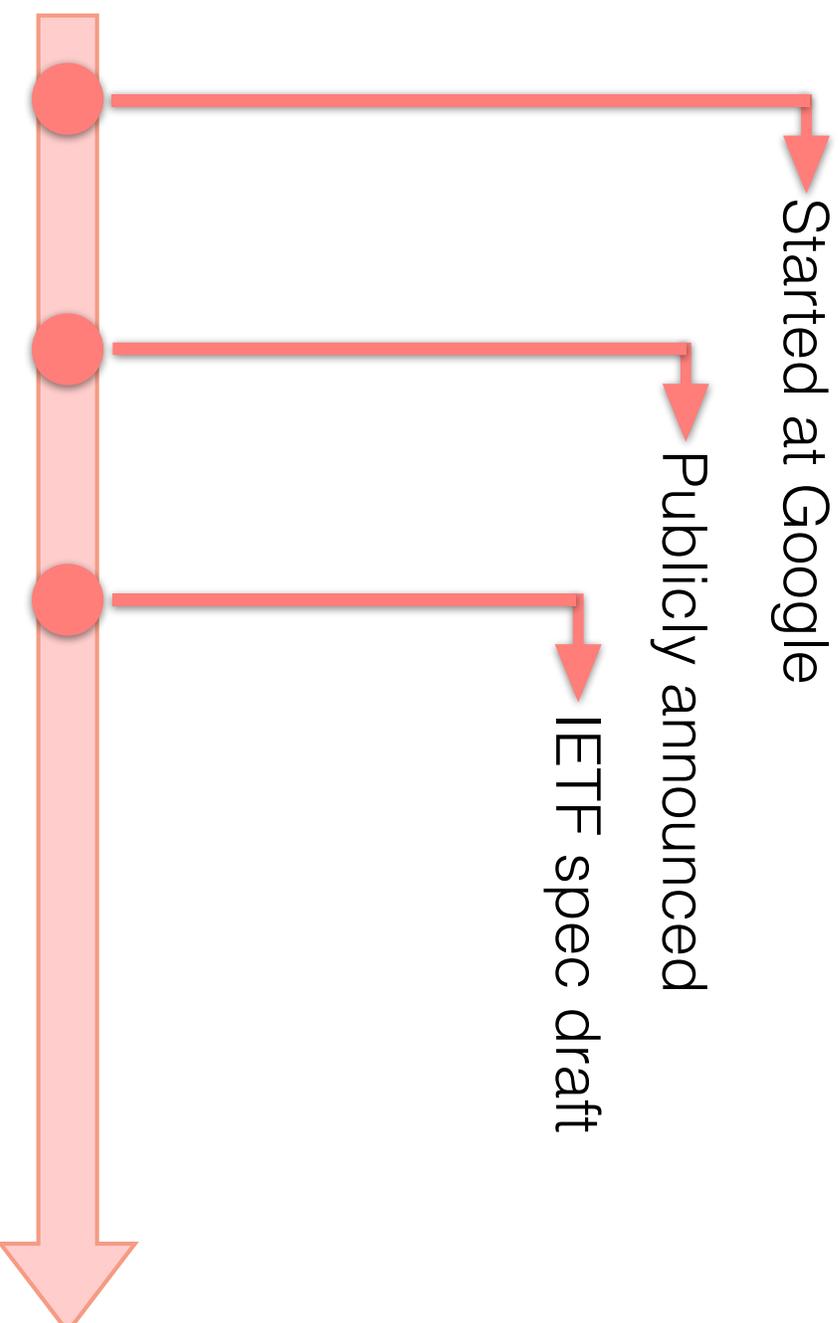
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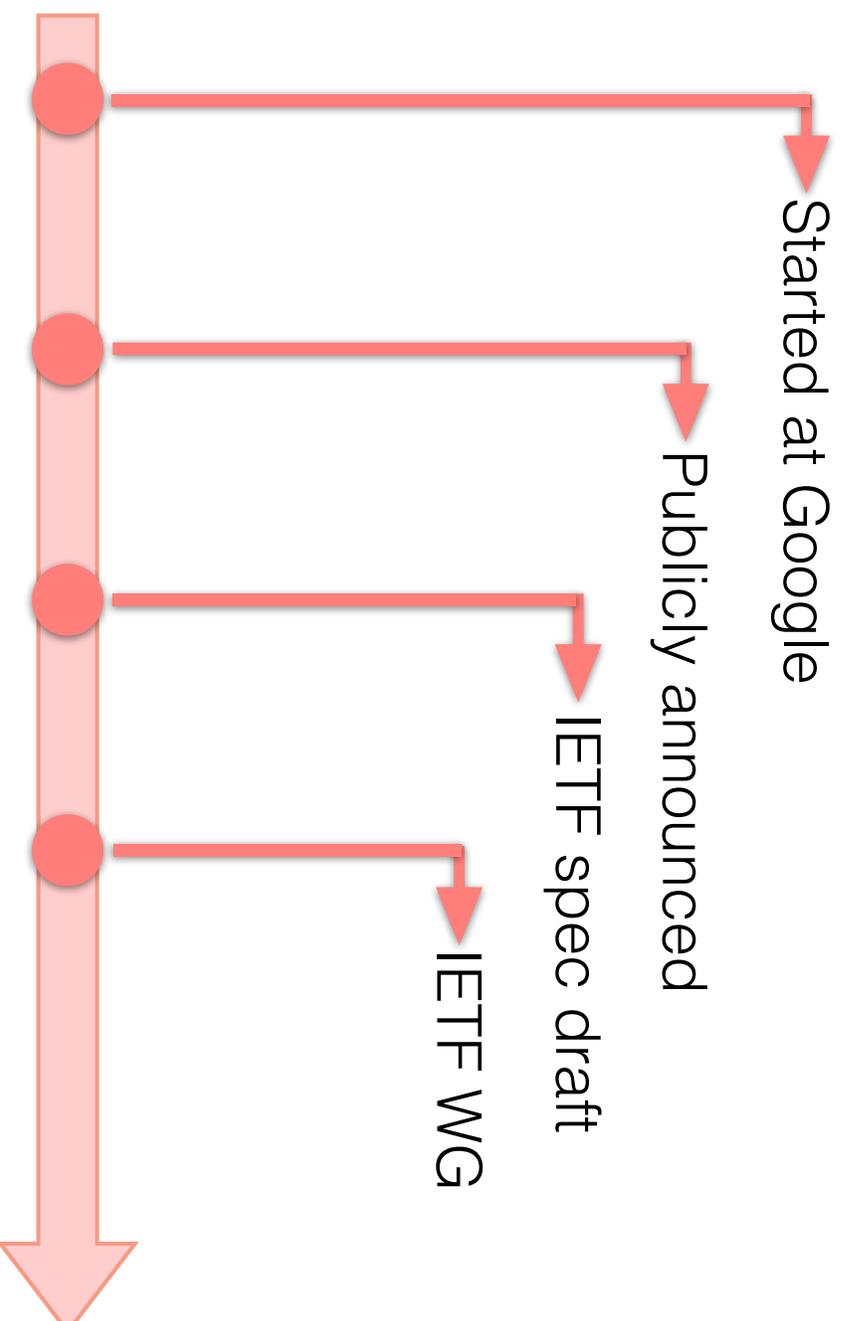
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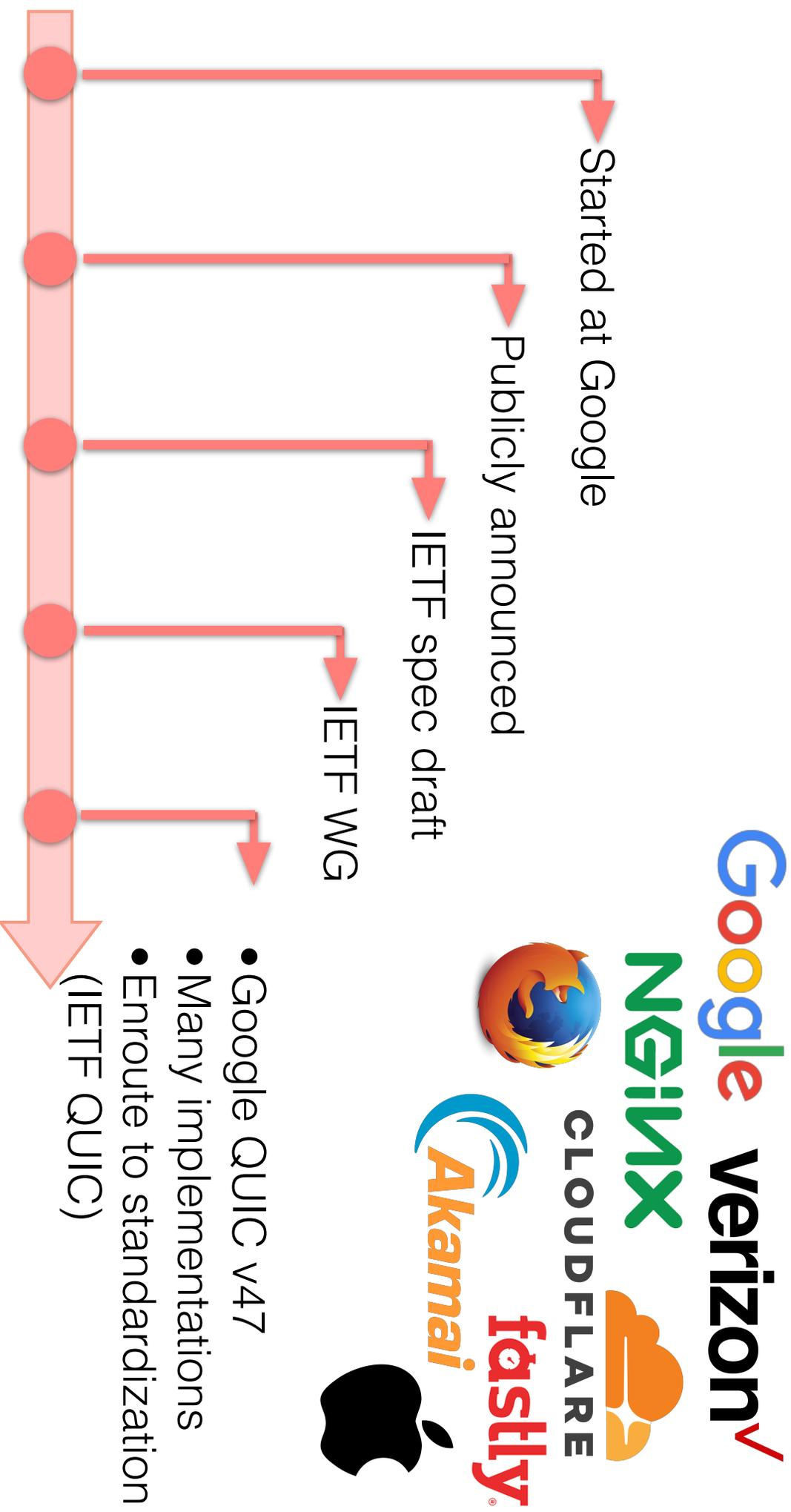
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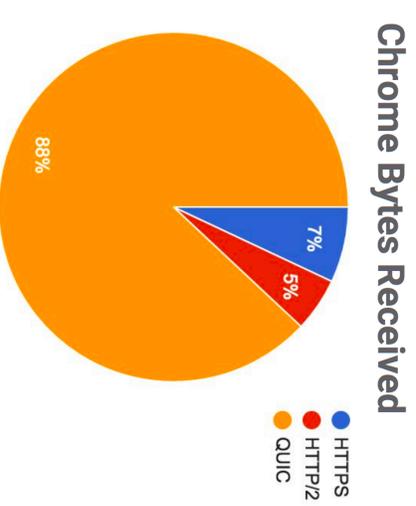
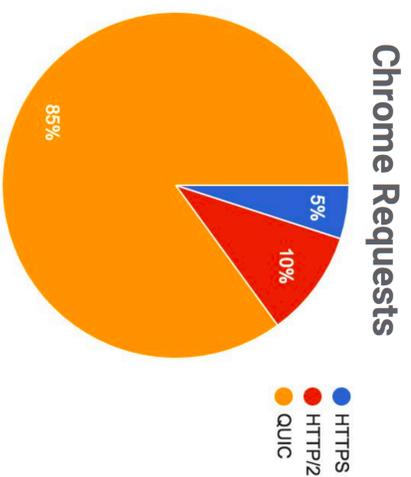
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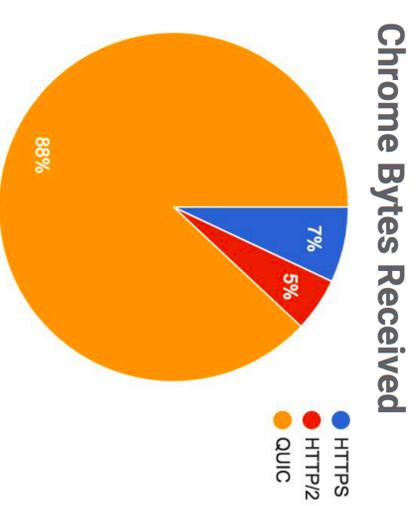
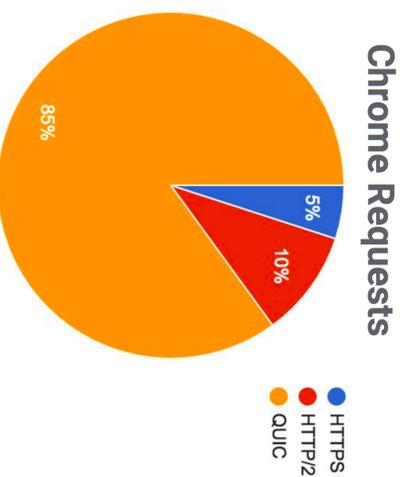


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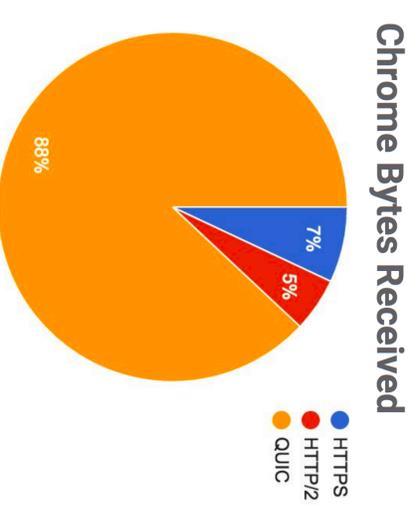
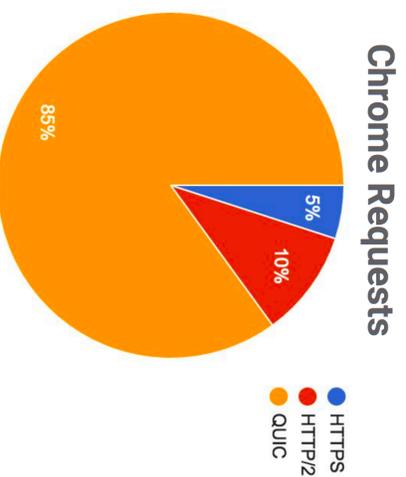


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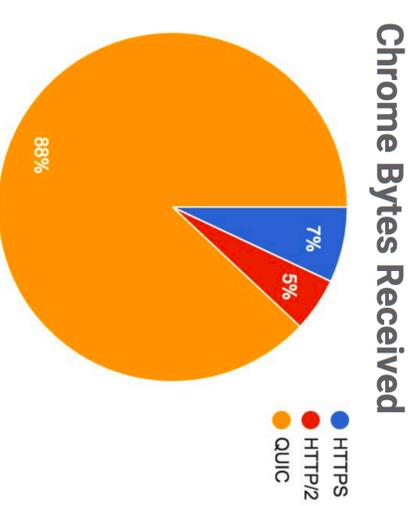
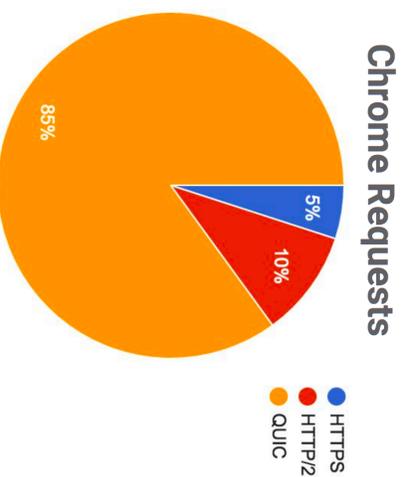


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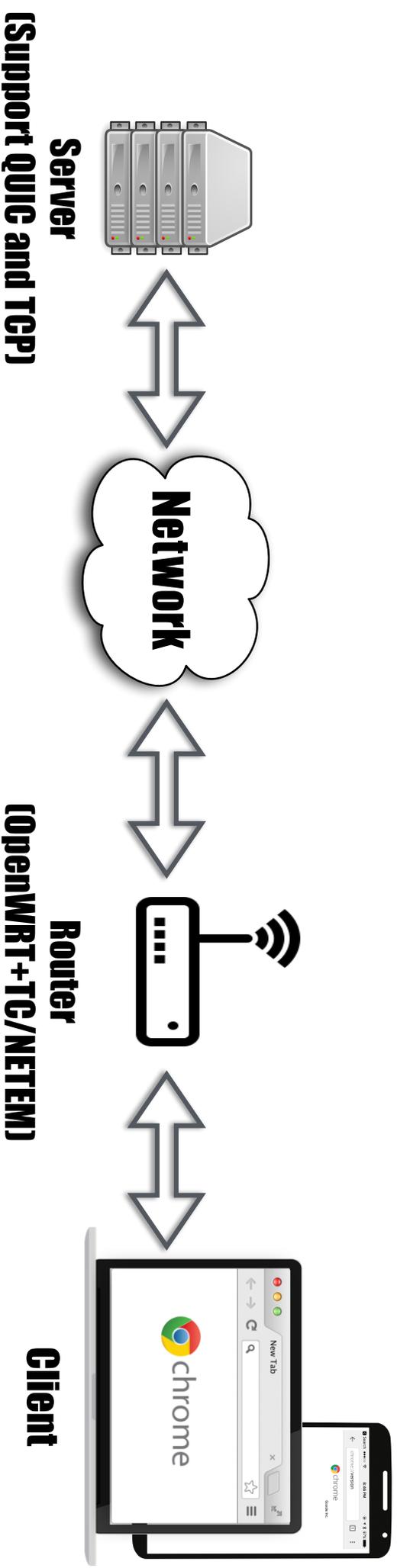
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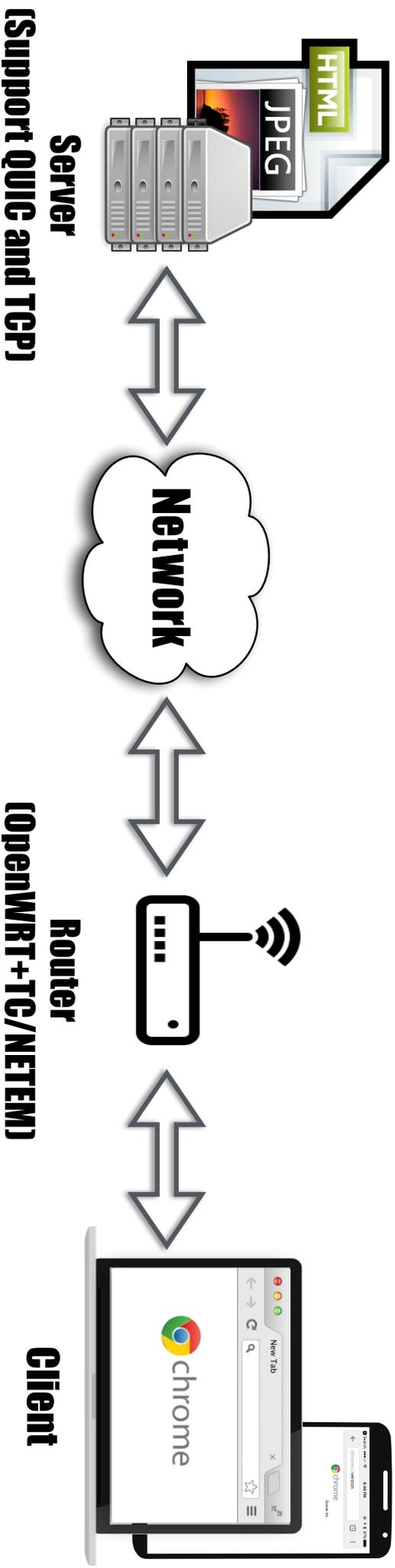
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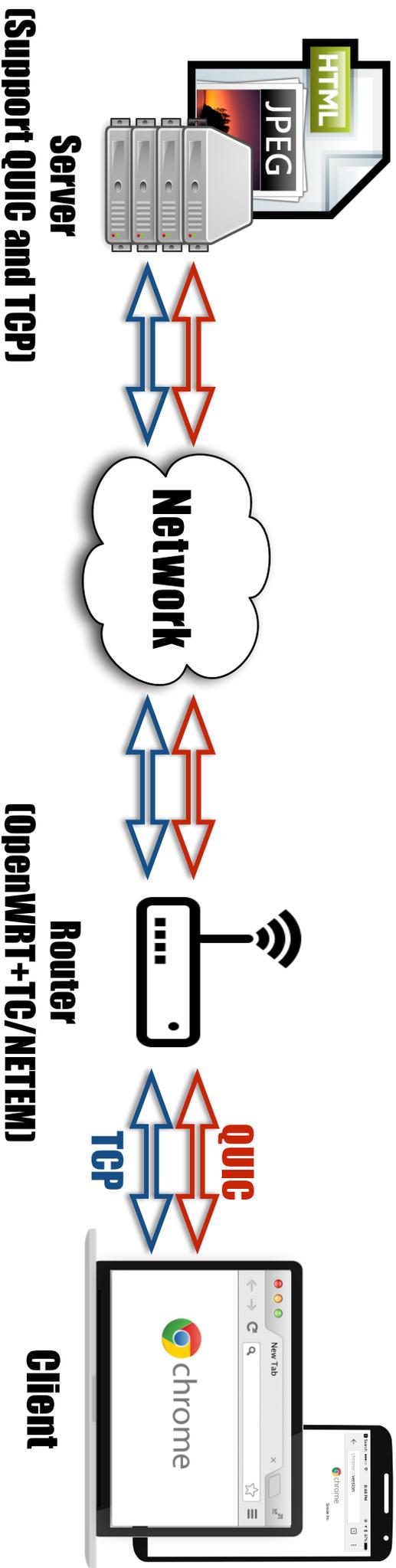
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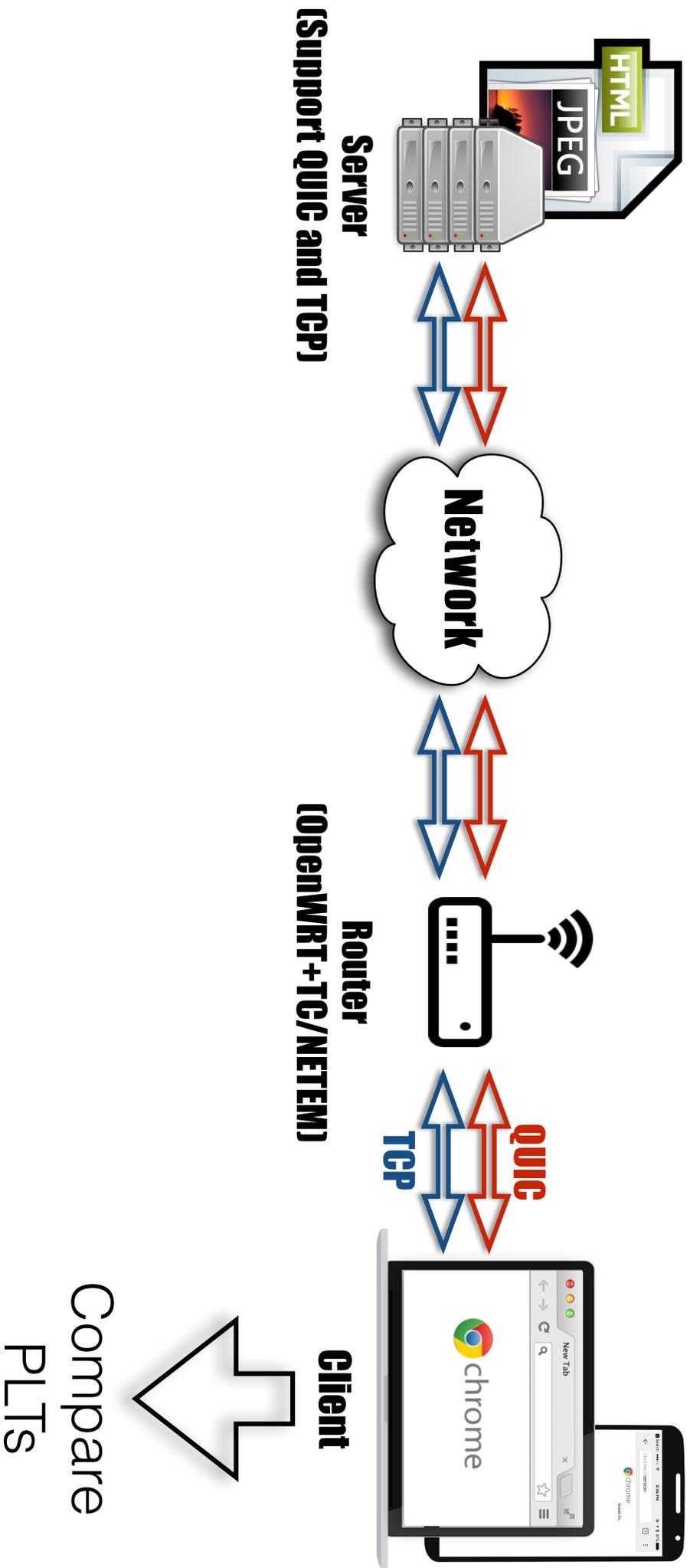
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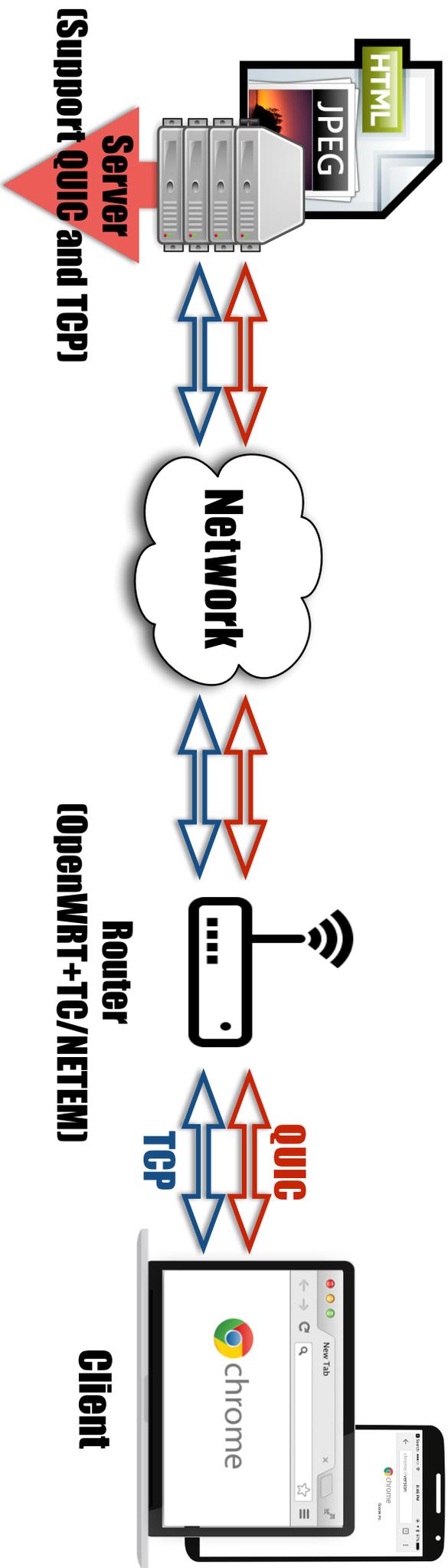
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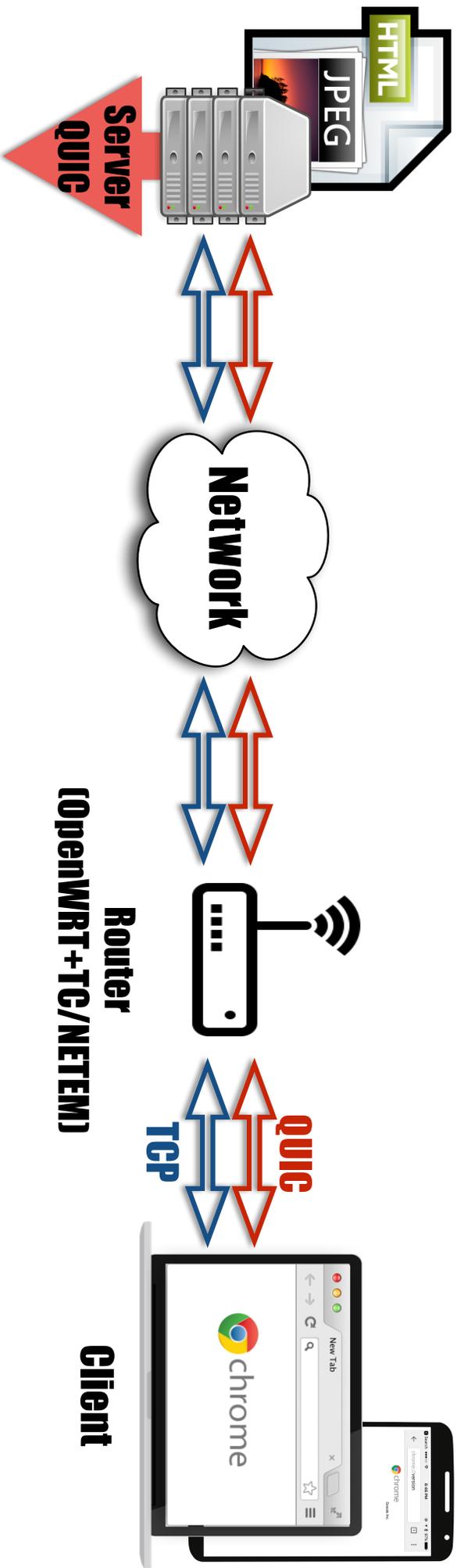
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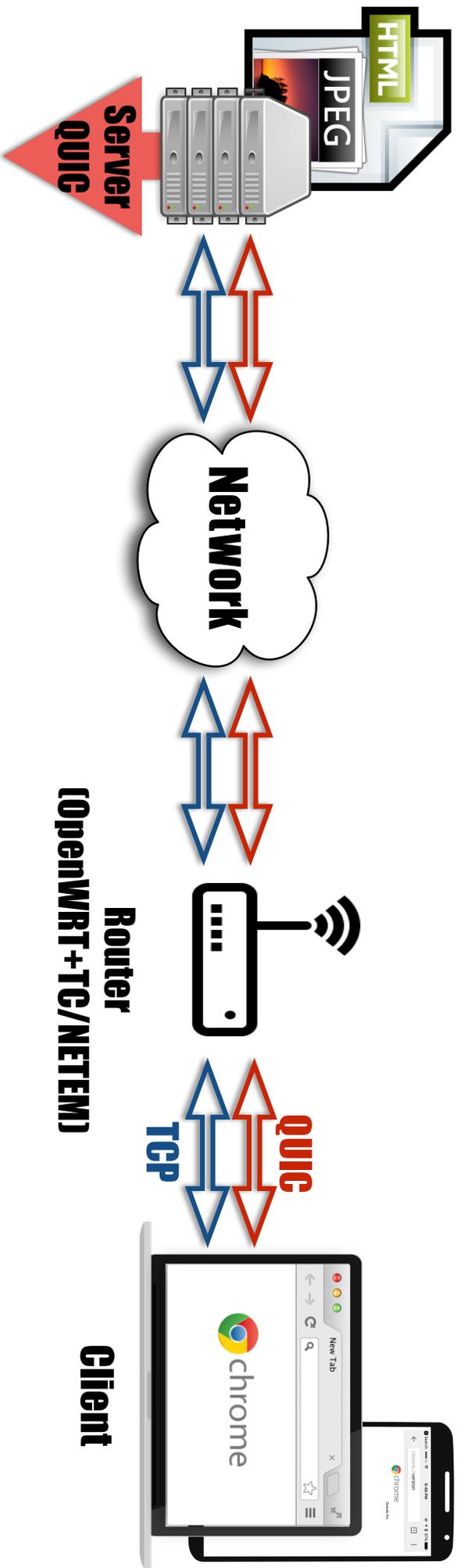


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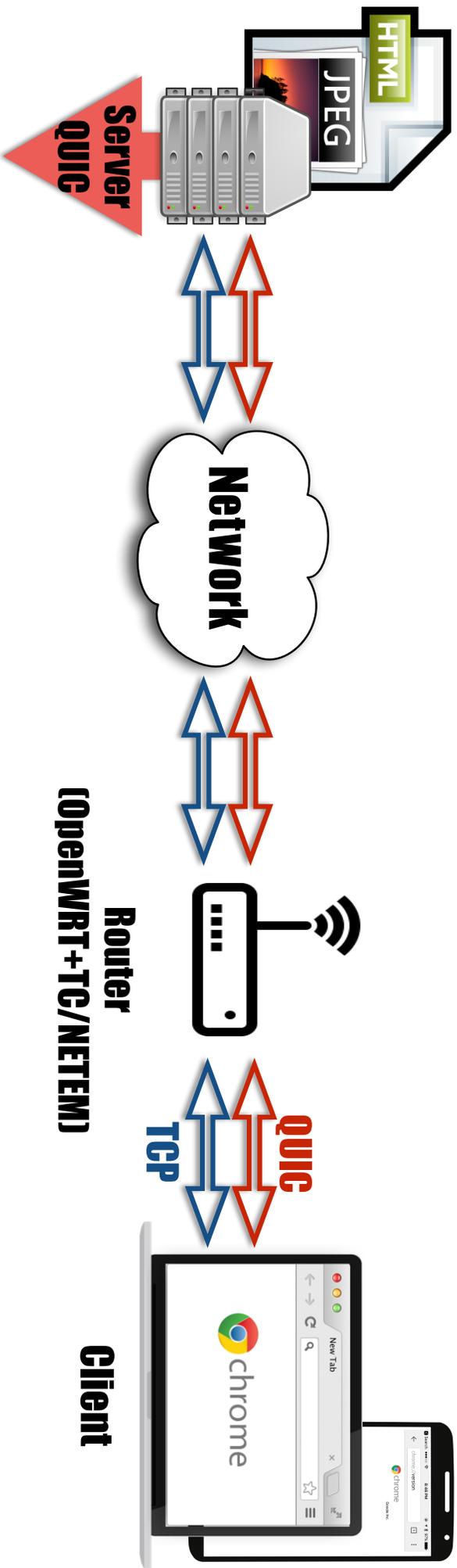
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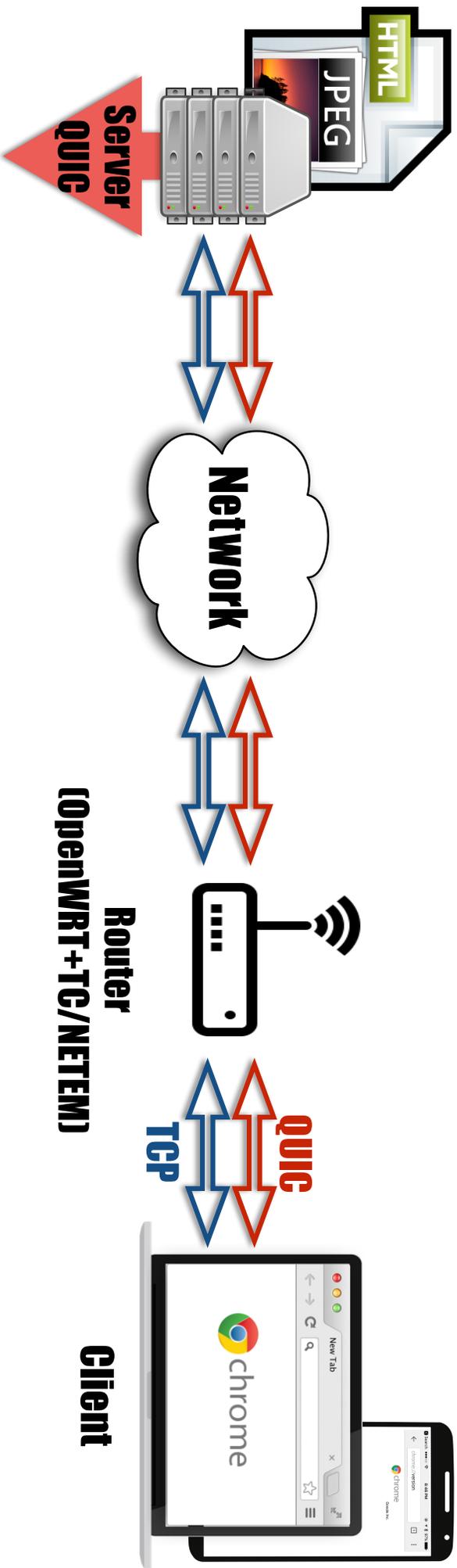
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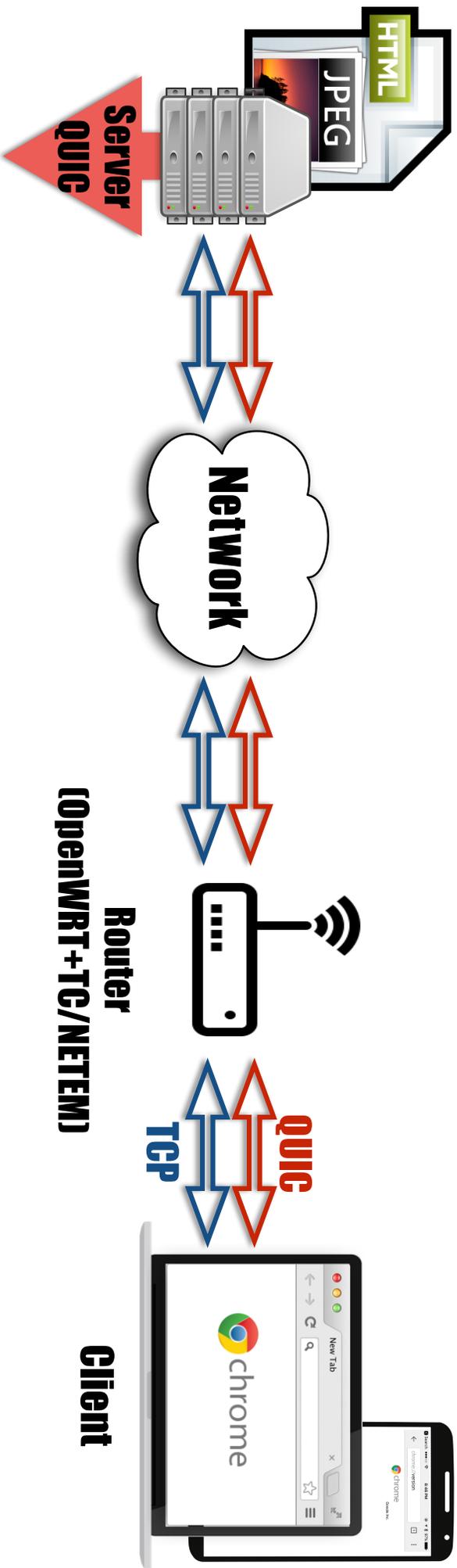


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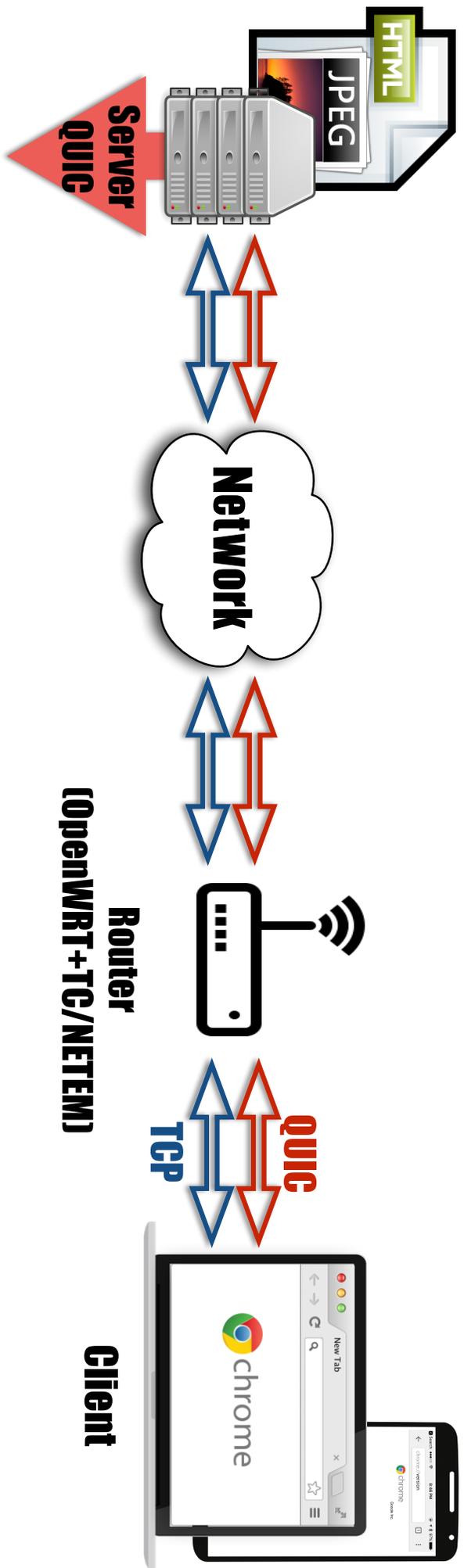


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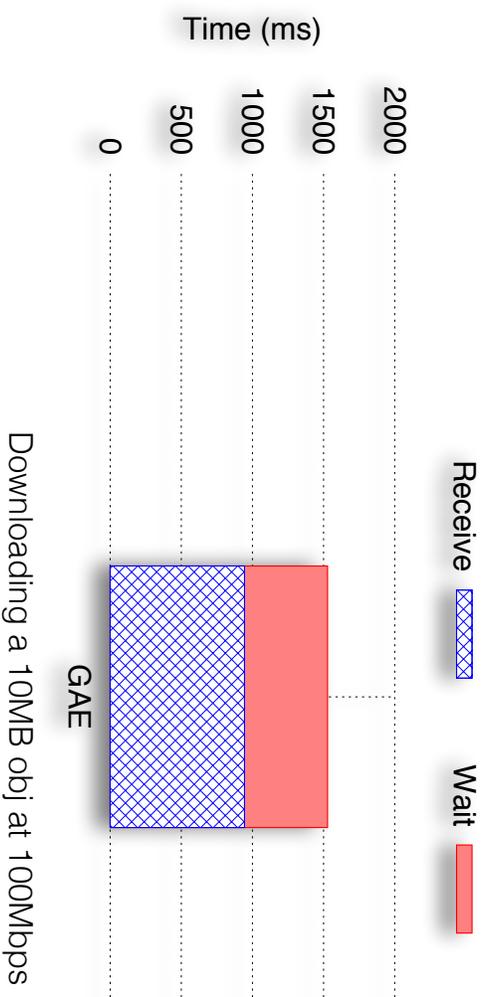
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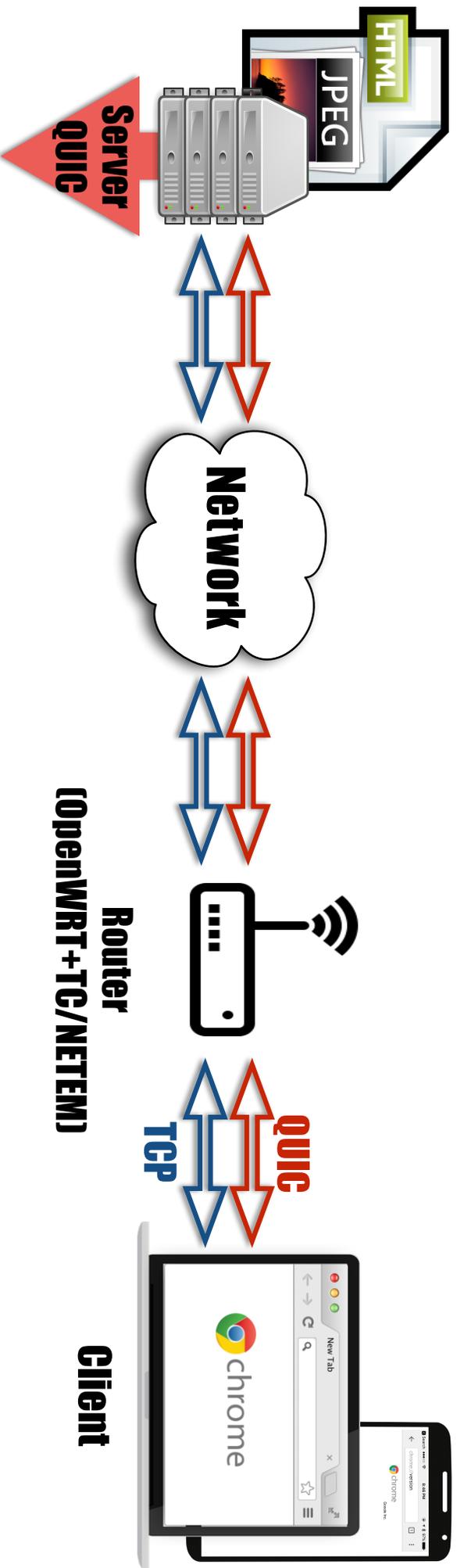


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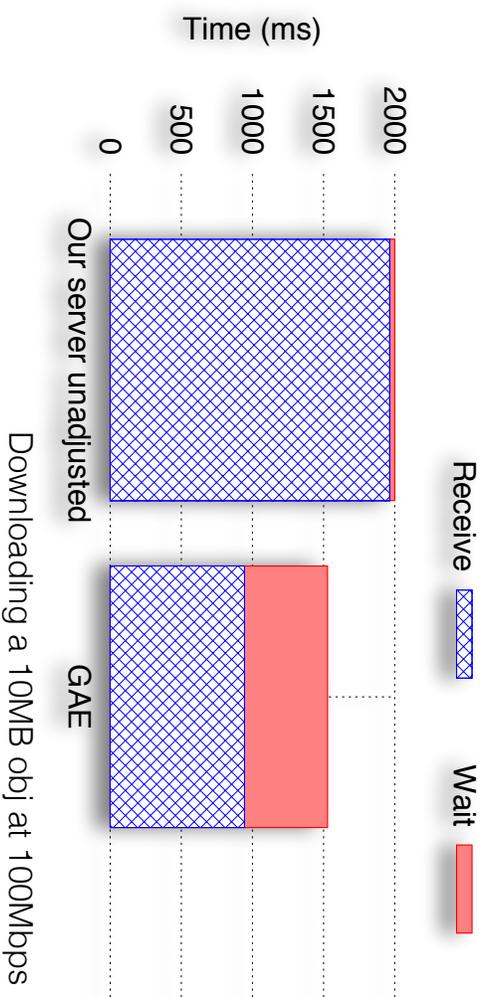


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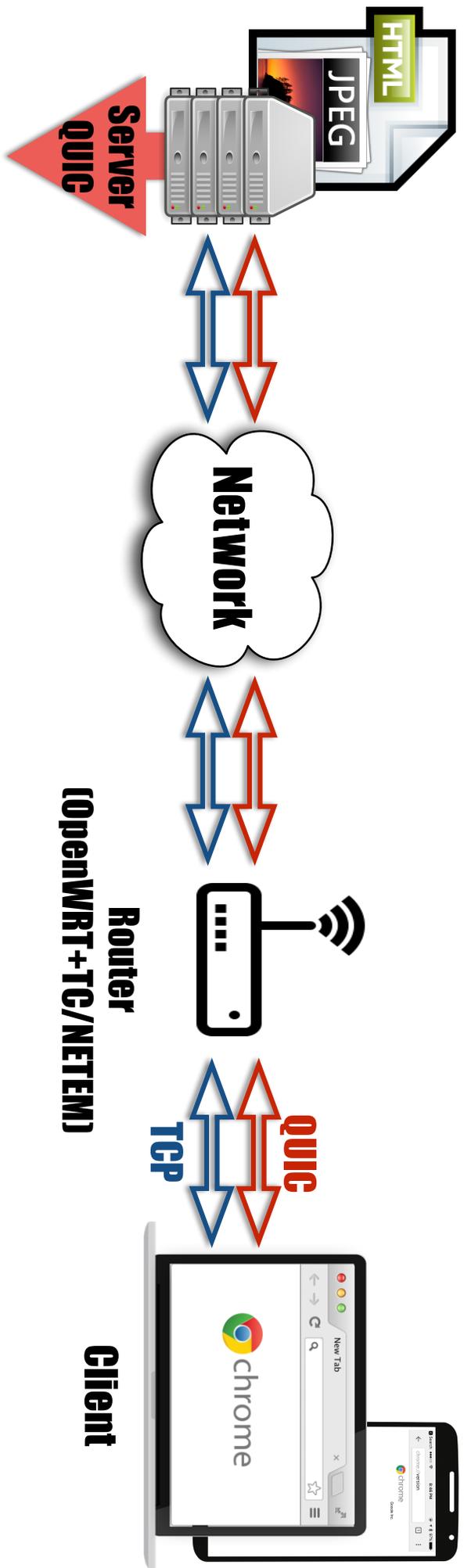
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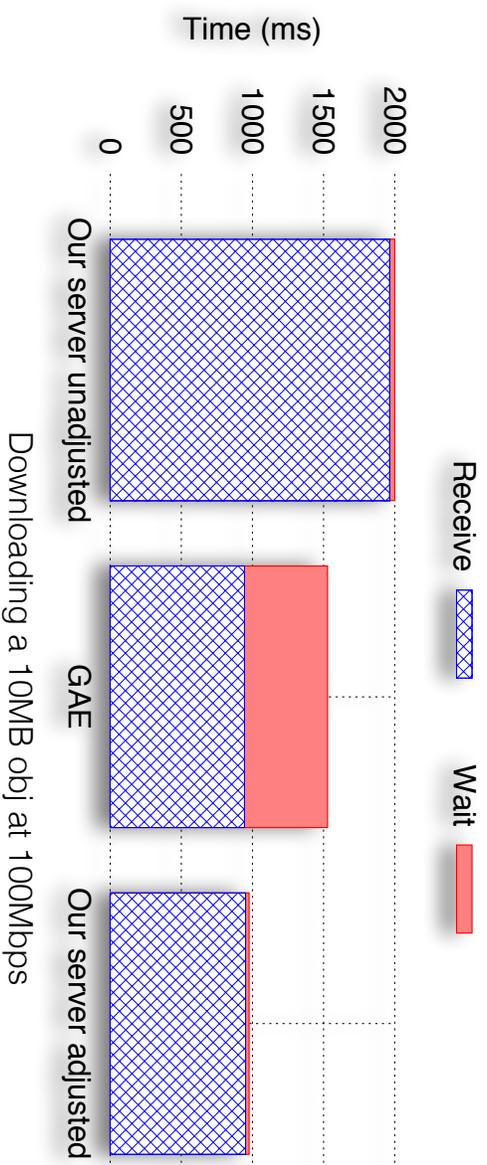


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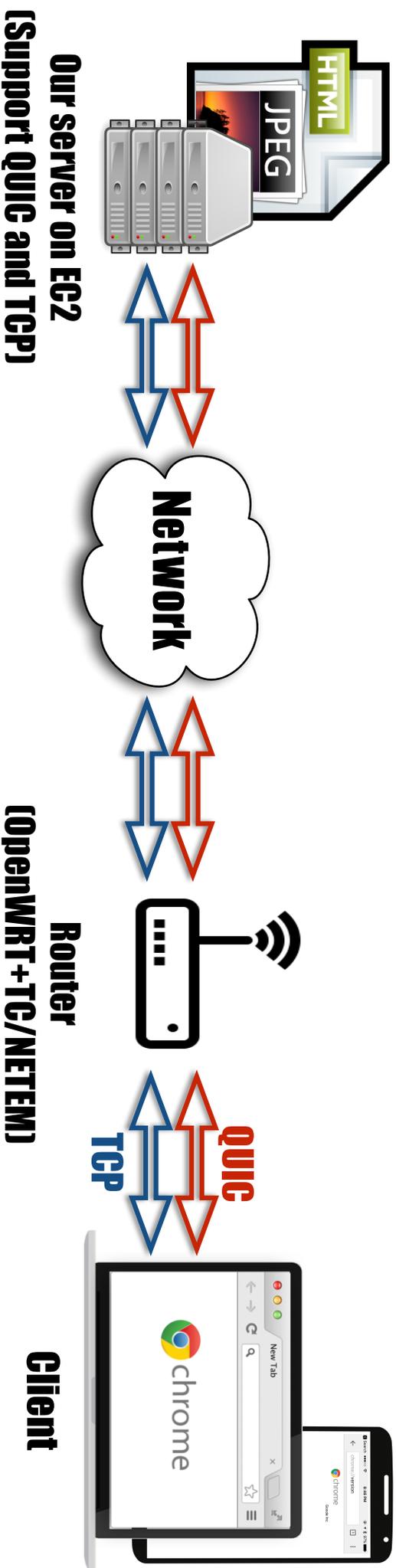
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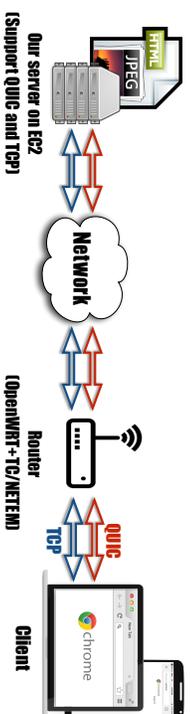
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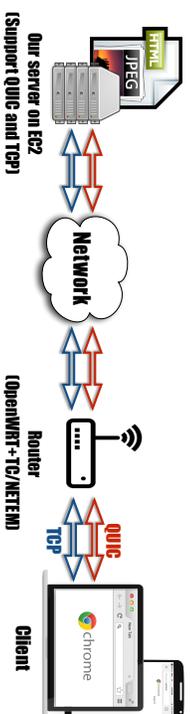
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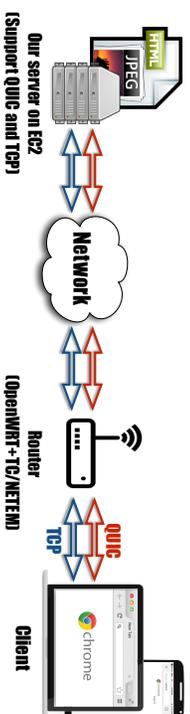
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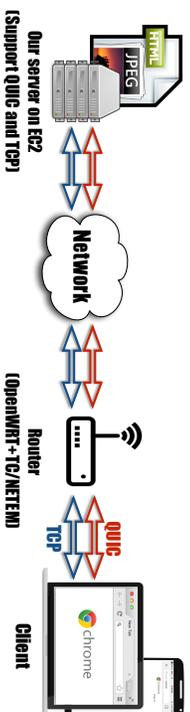


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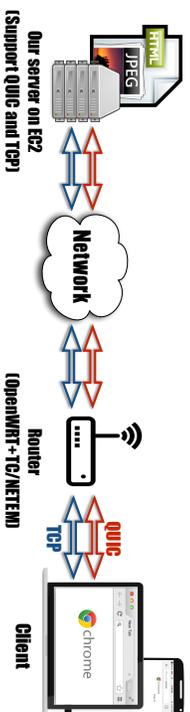
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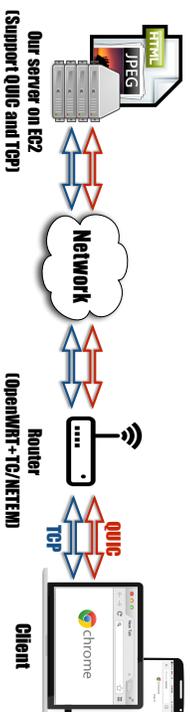


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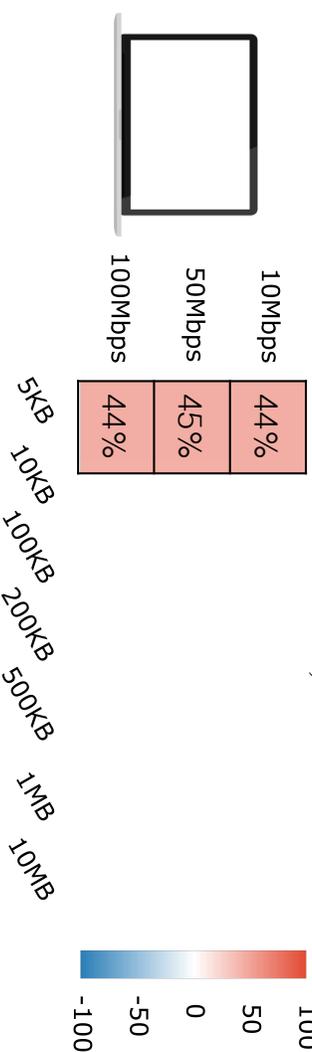
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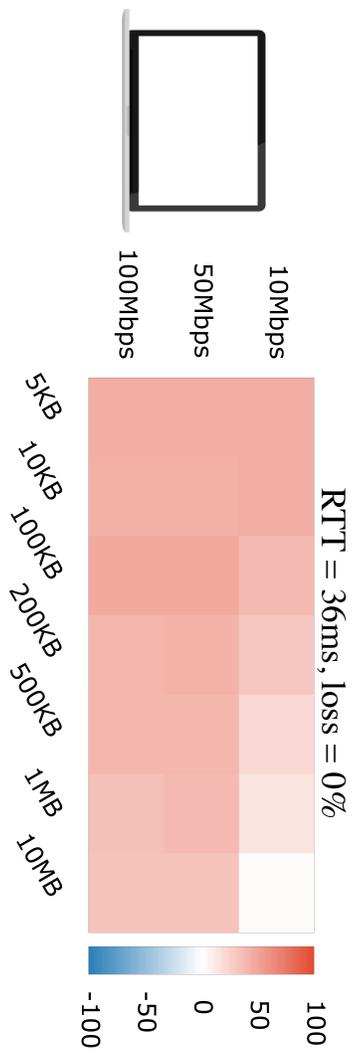
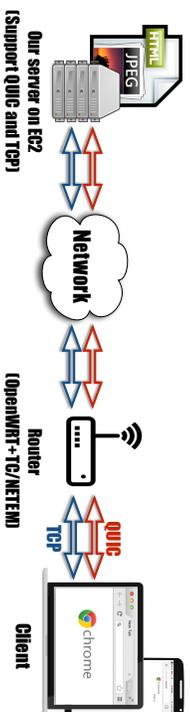
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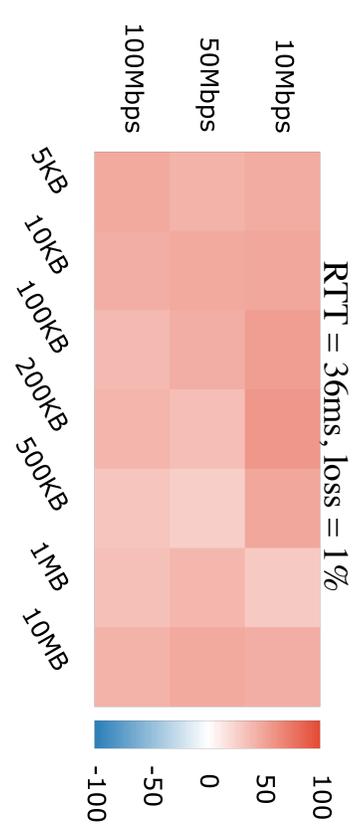
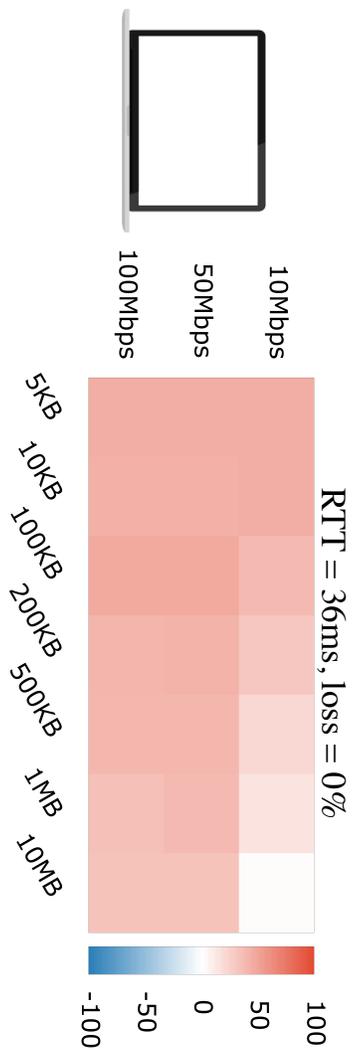
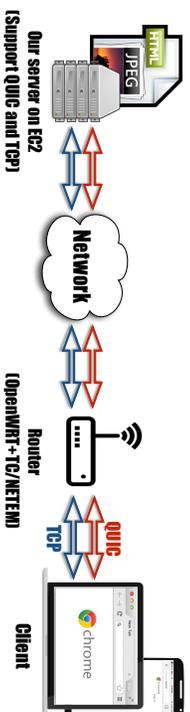
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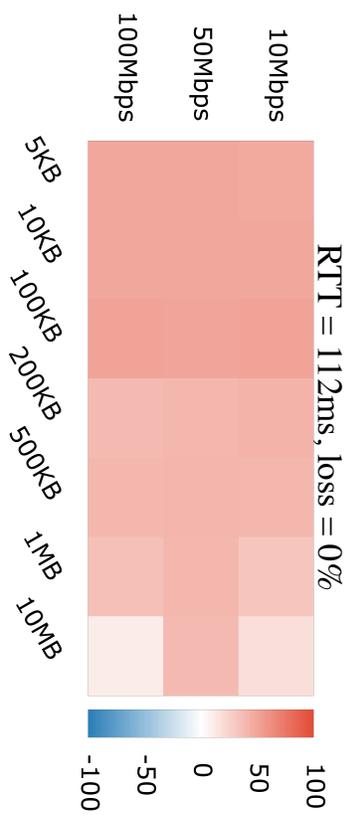
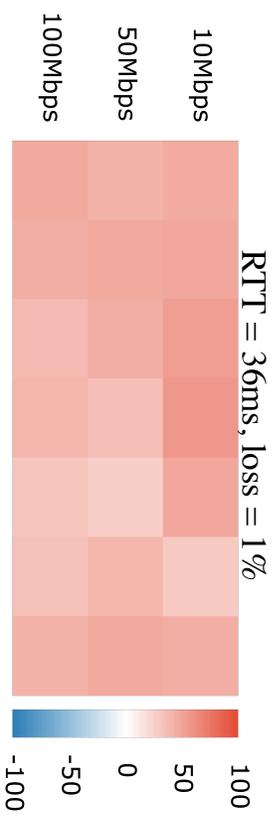
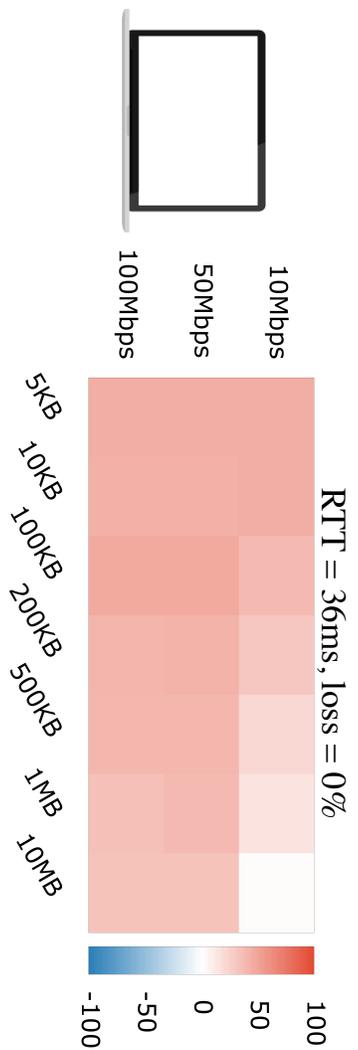
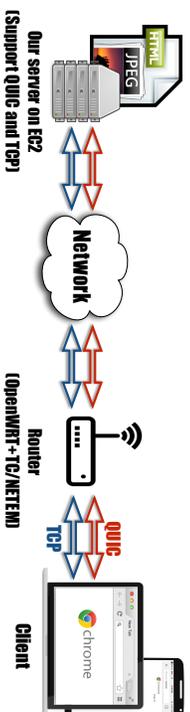
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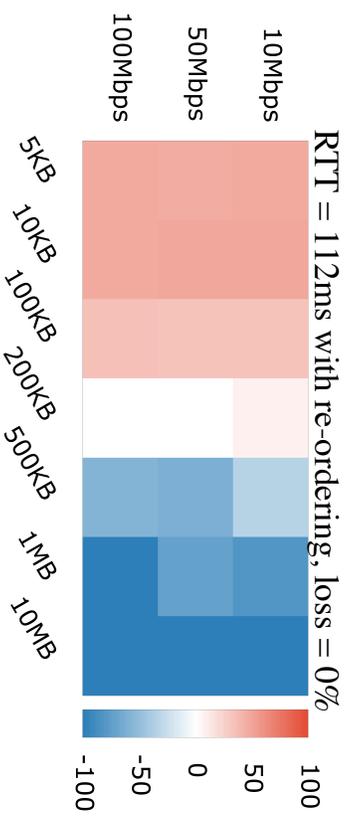
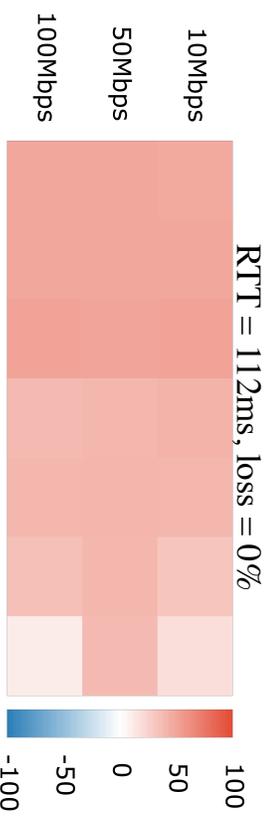
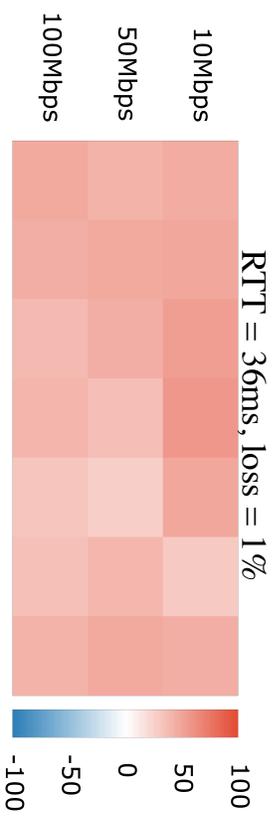
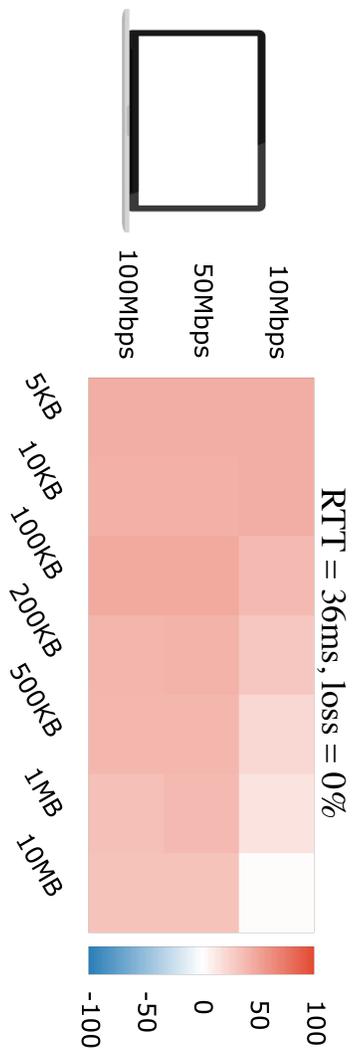
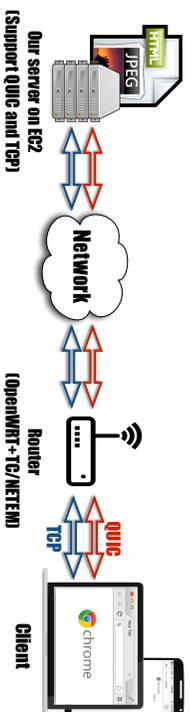
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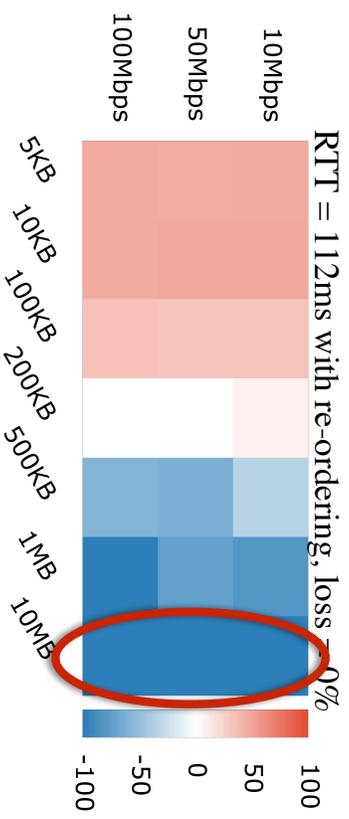
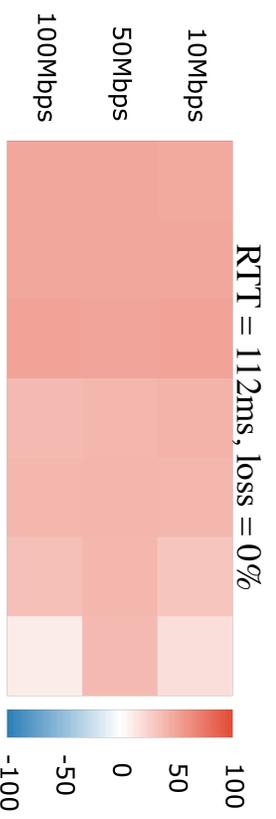
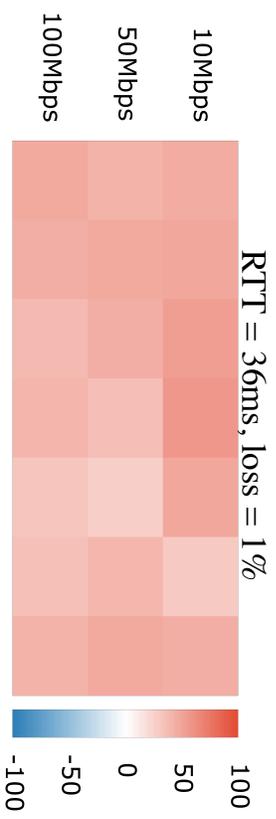
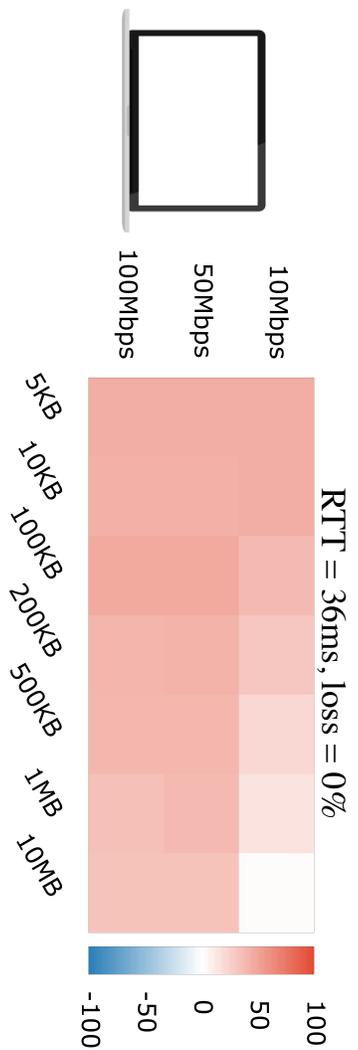
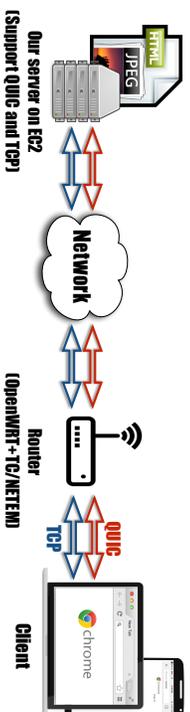
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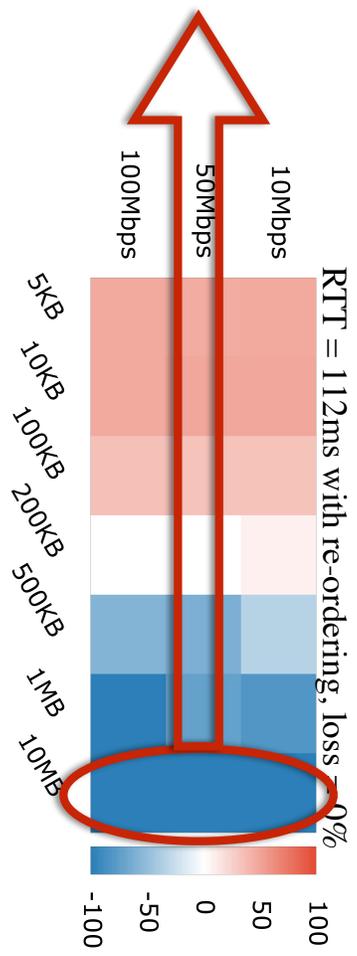
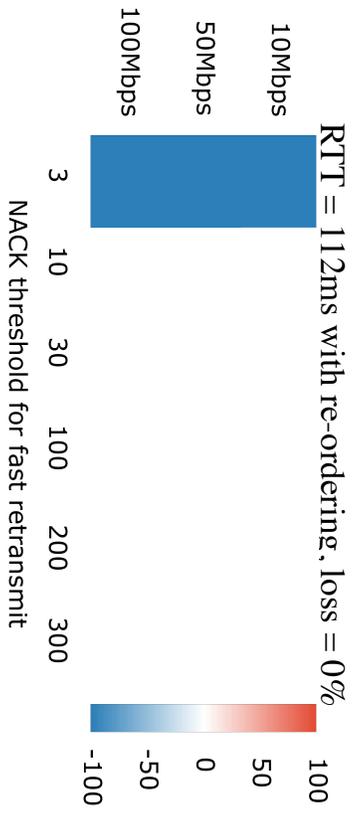
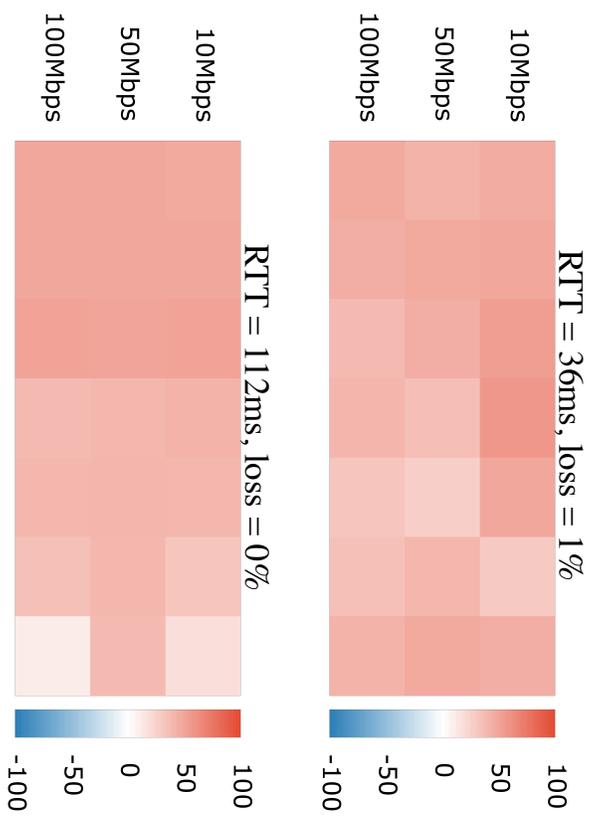
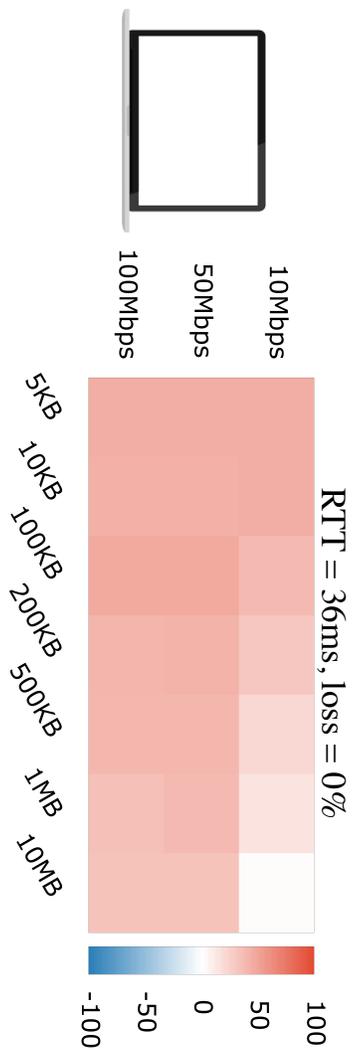
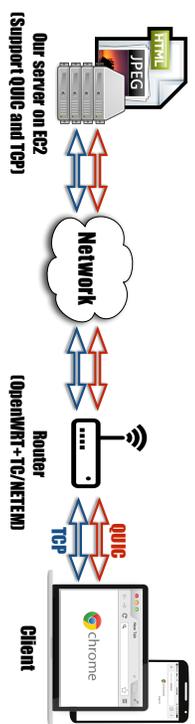
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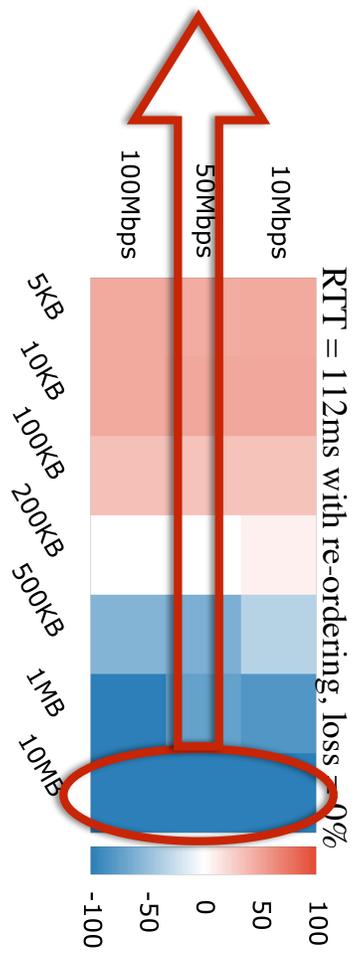
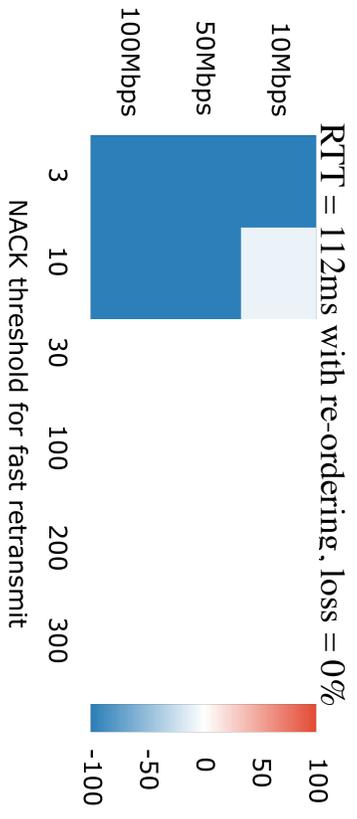
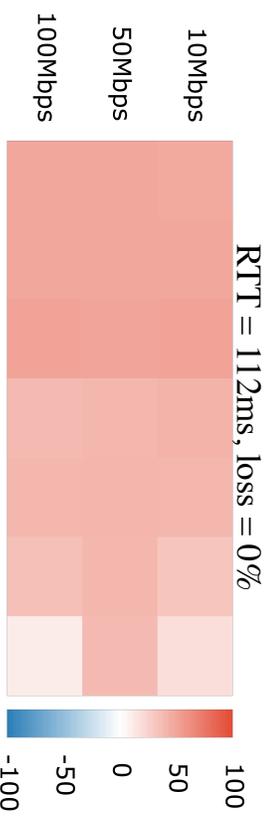
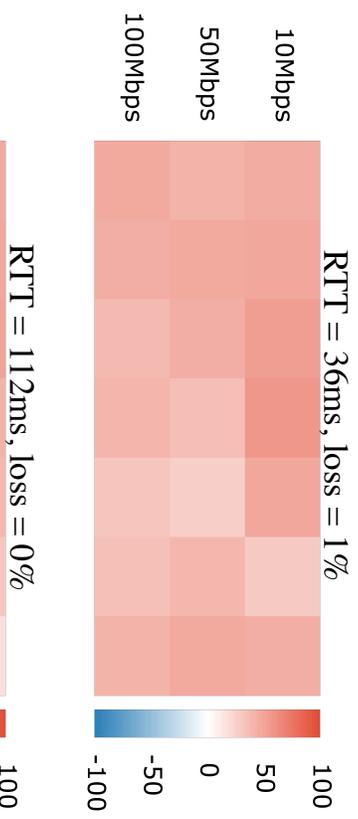
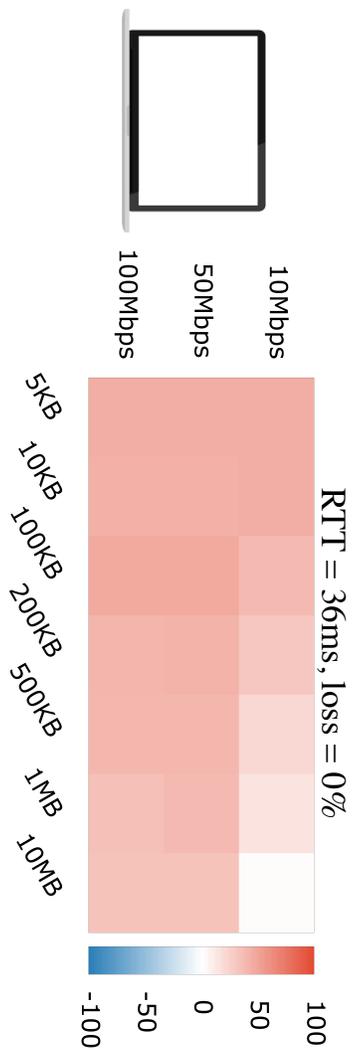
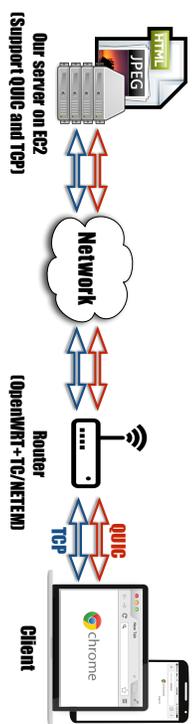
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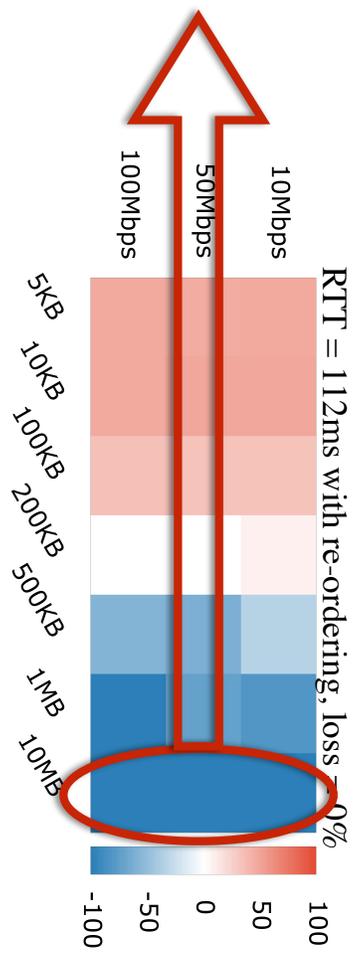
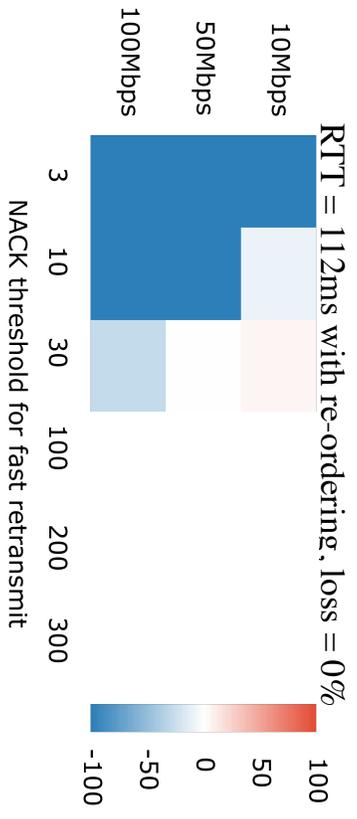
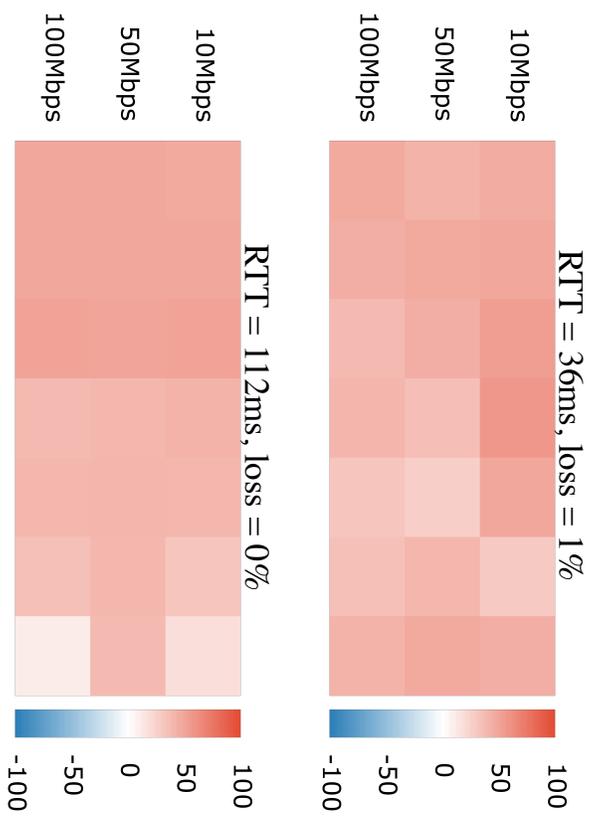
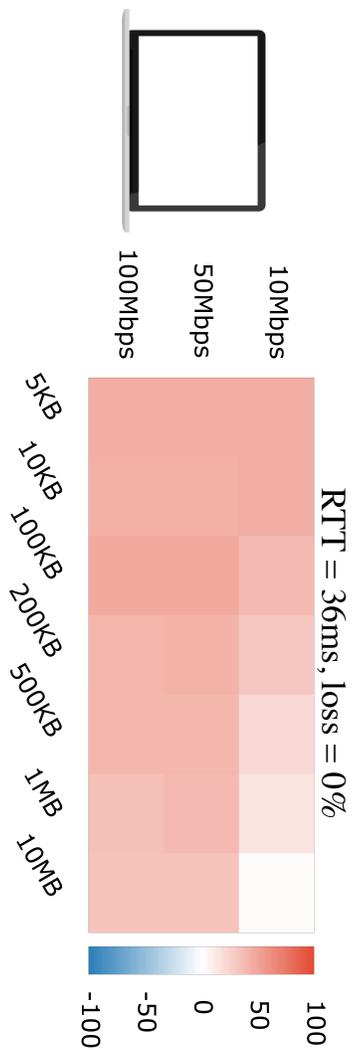
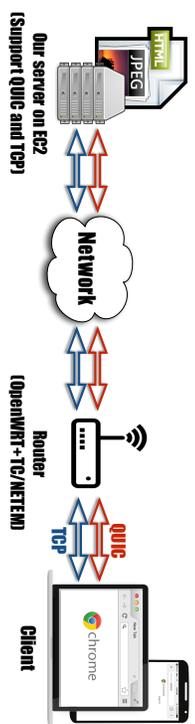
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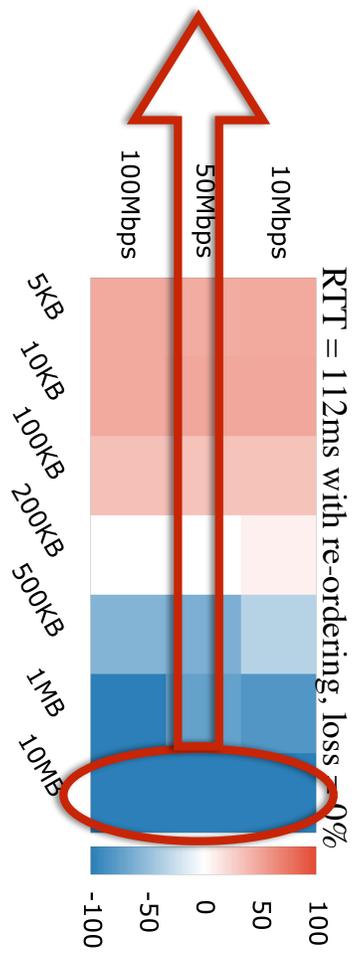
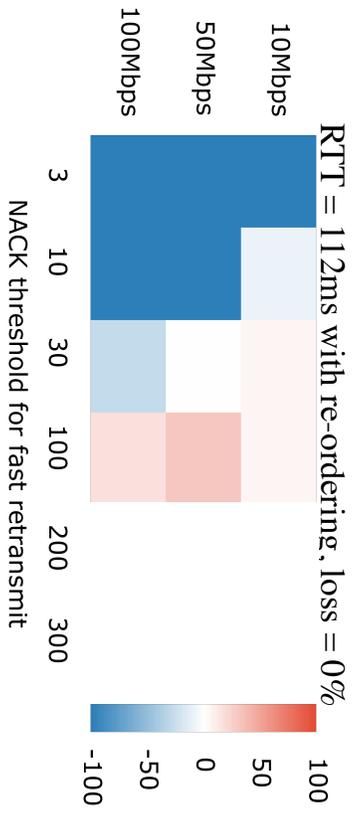
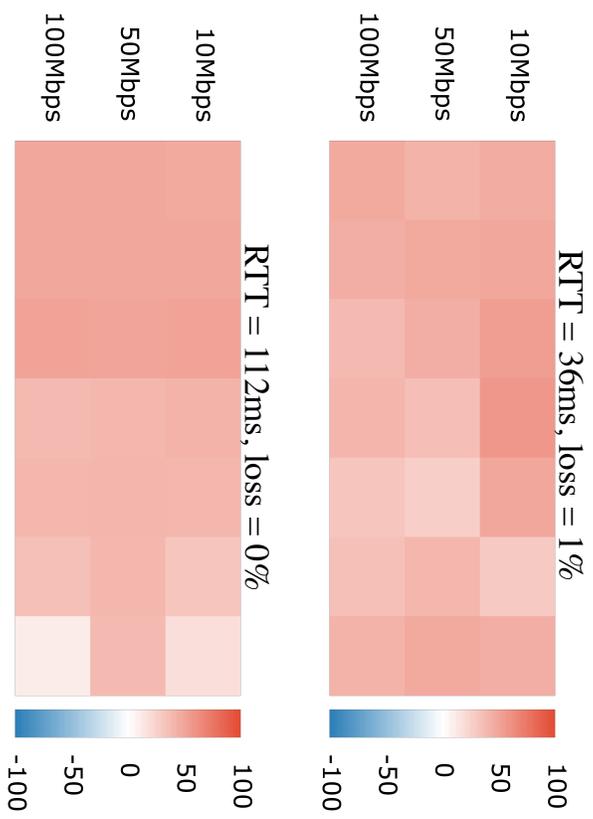
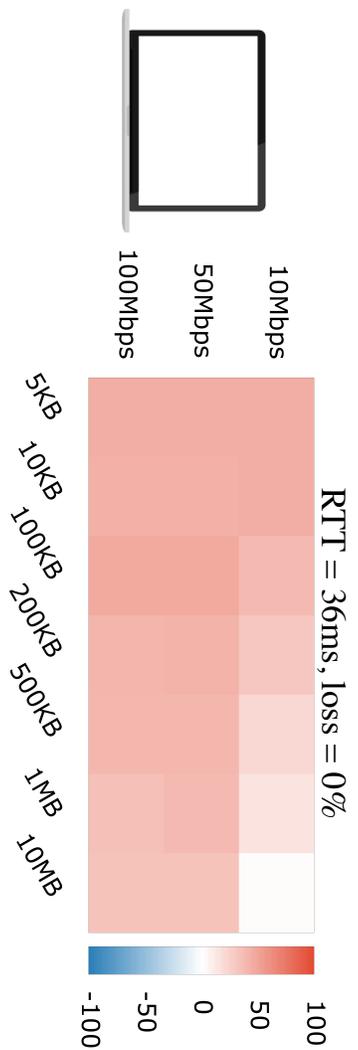
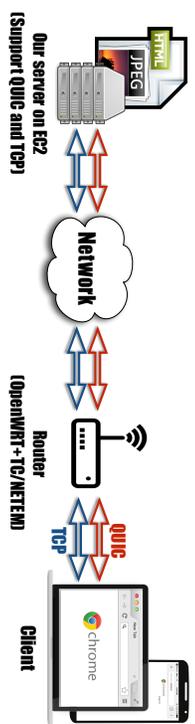
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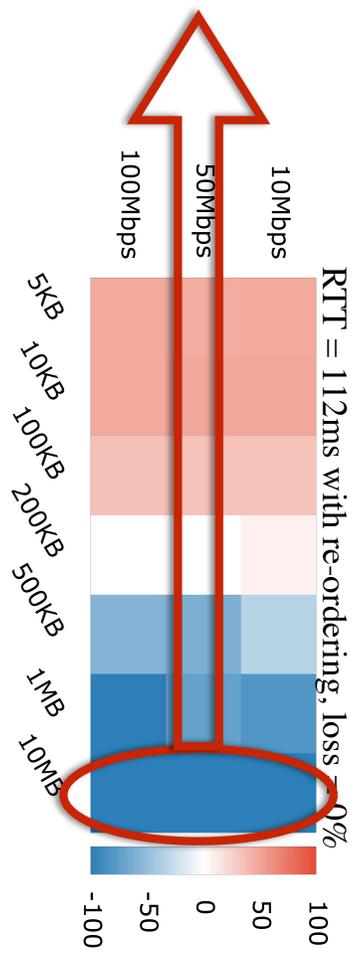
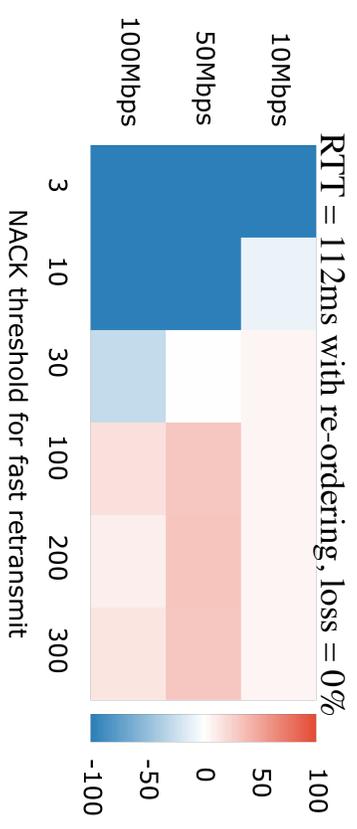
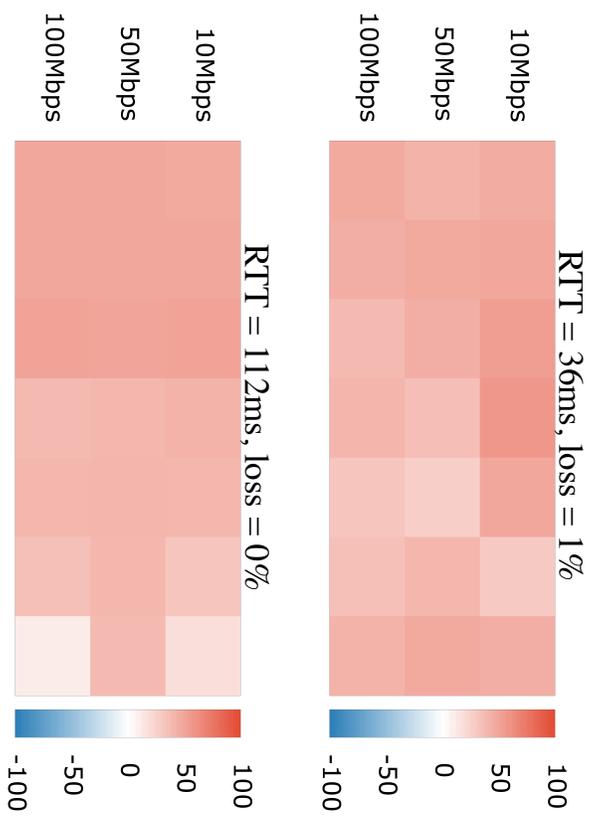
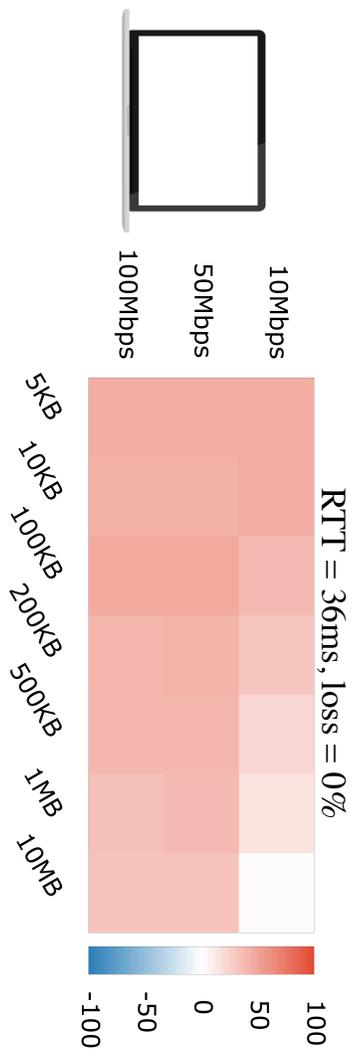
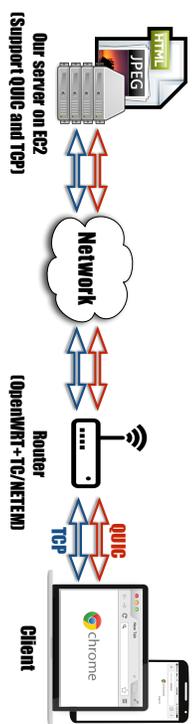
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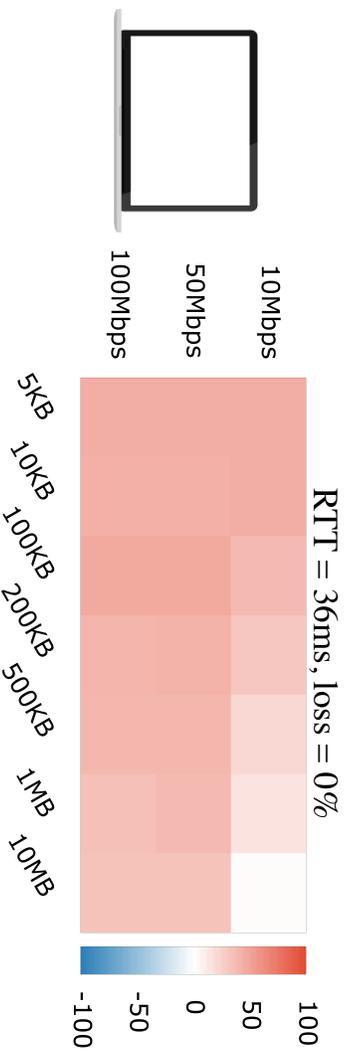
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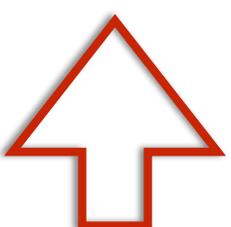
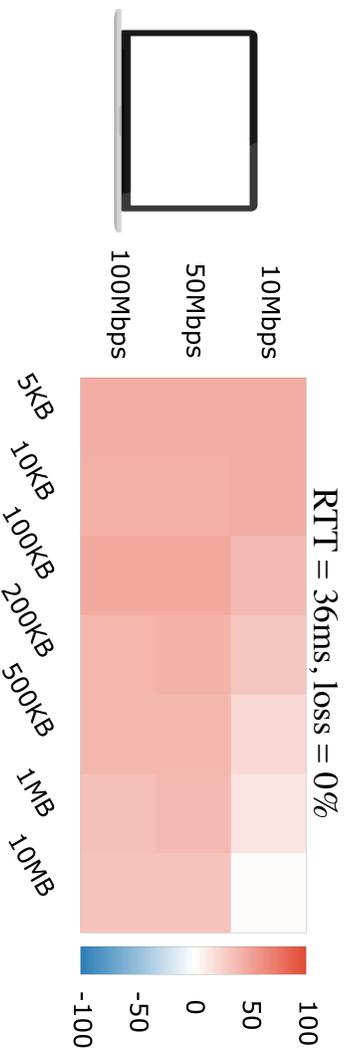
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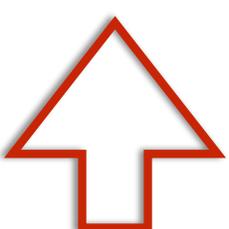
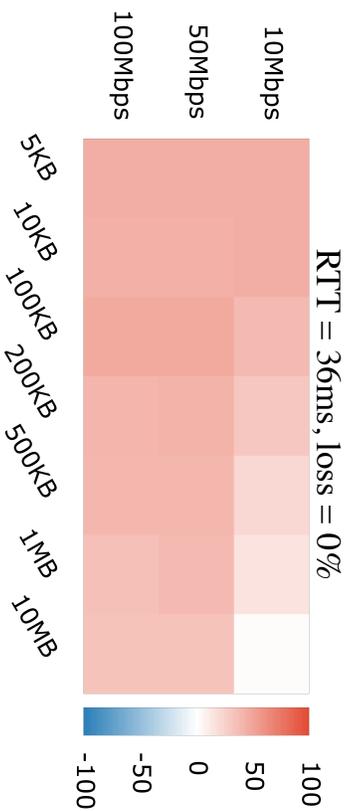


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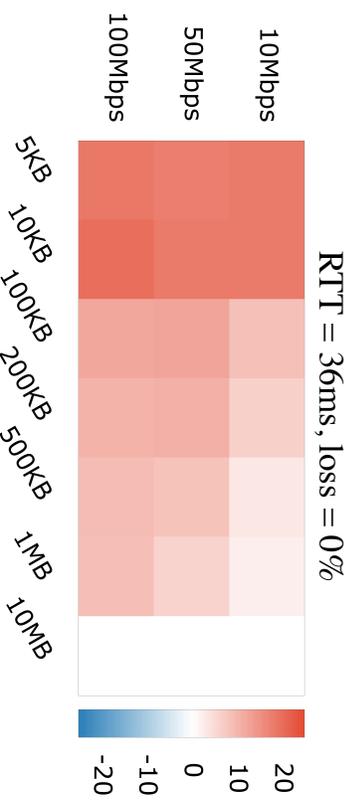


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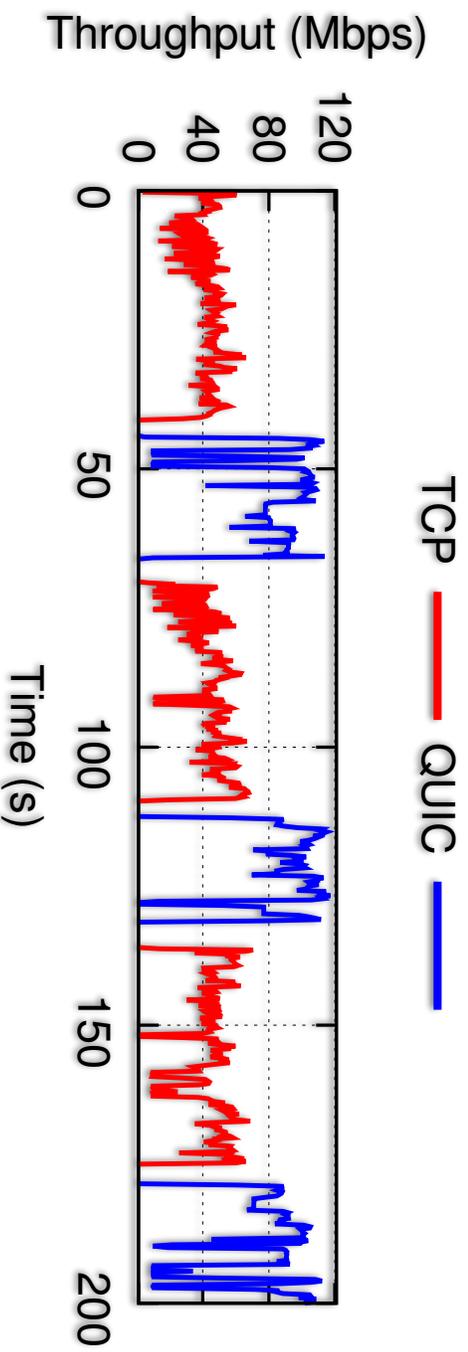
QUIC vs. TCP



QUIC with 0-RTT
vs.
QUIC without 0-RTT

Variable Bandwidth

Bandwidth fluctuates between 50 Mbps and 150 Mbps



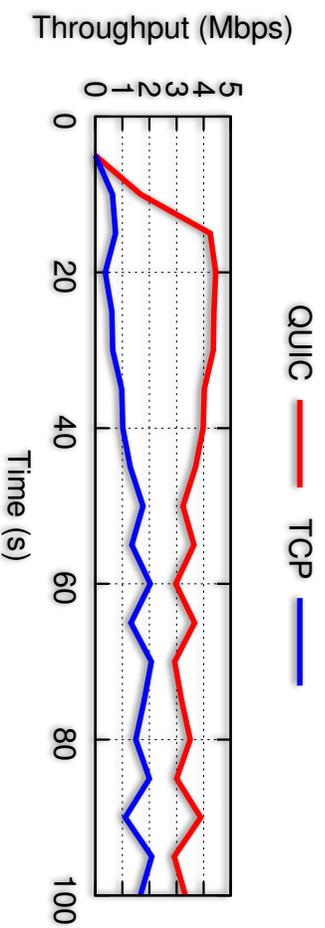
QUIC avg. throughput: 79 Mbps

TCP avg. throughput: 46 Mbps

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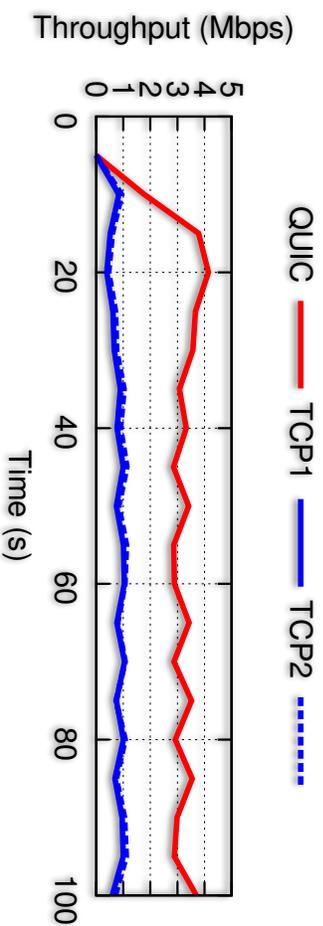
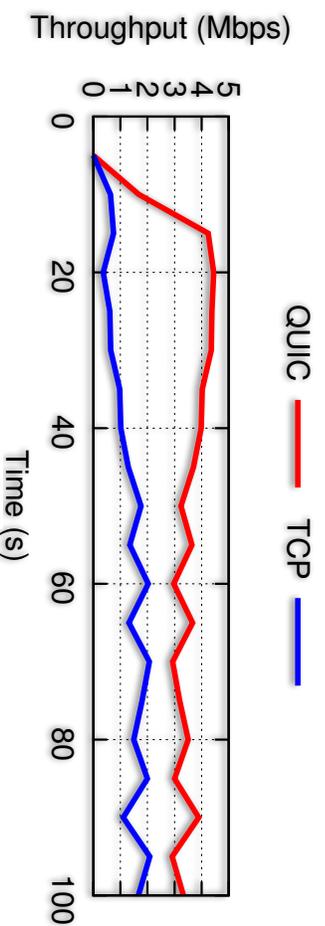
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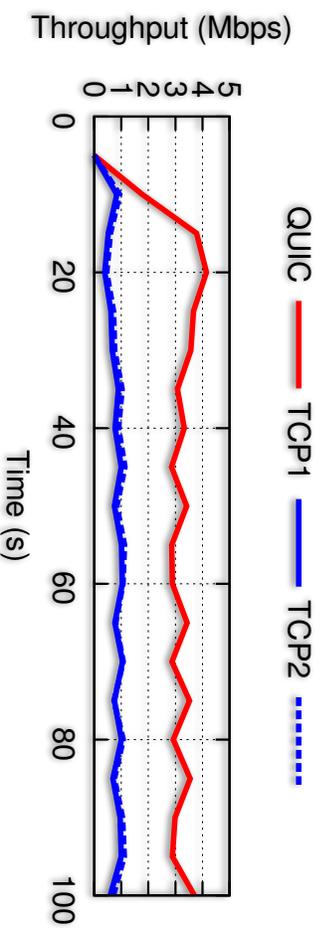
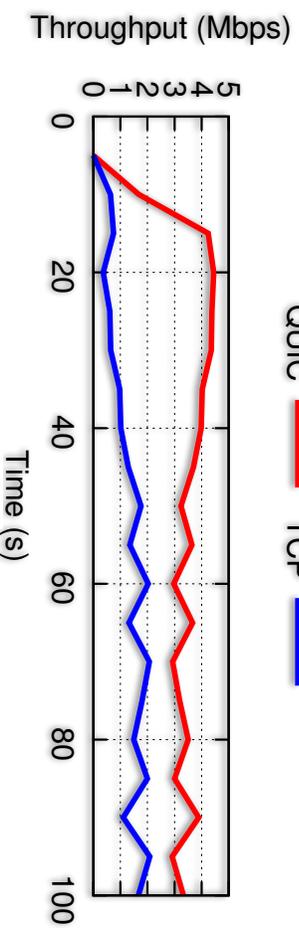
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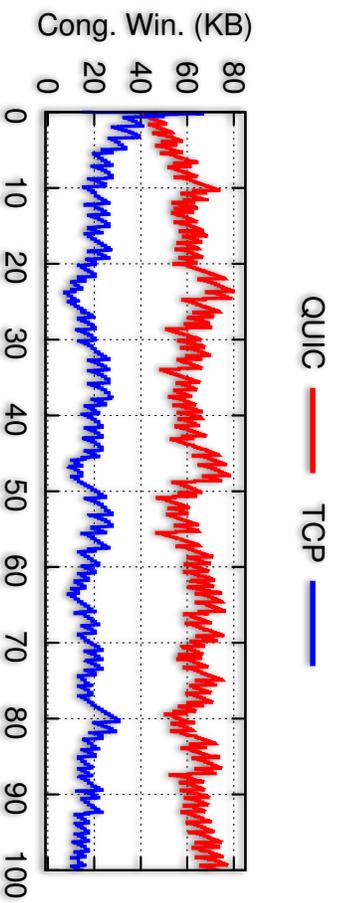
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Under same conditions, our tests shows that QUIC vs. QUIC and TCP vs. TCP resulted in fair splits of the bandwidth

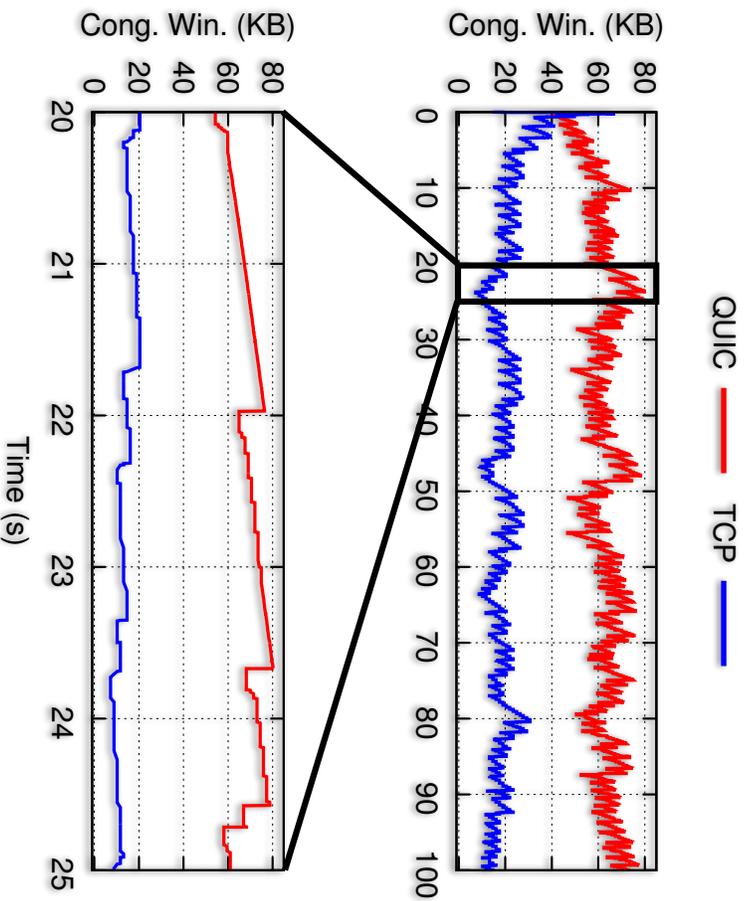
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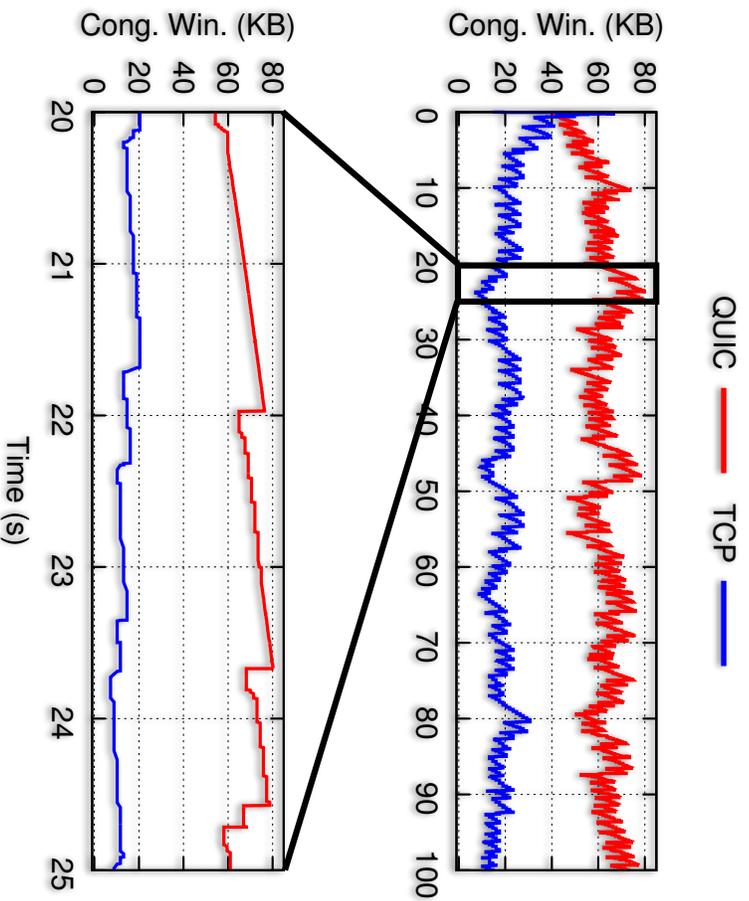
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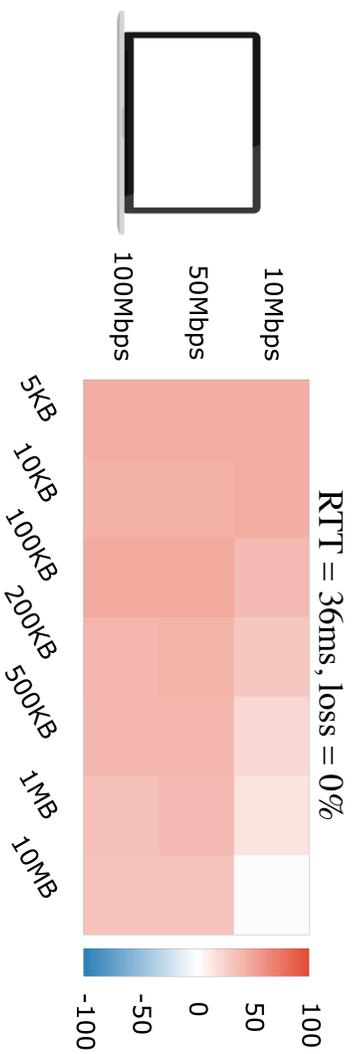
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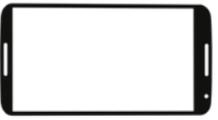
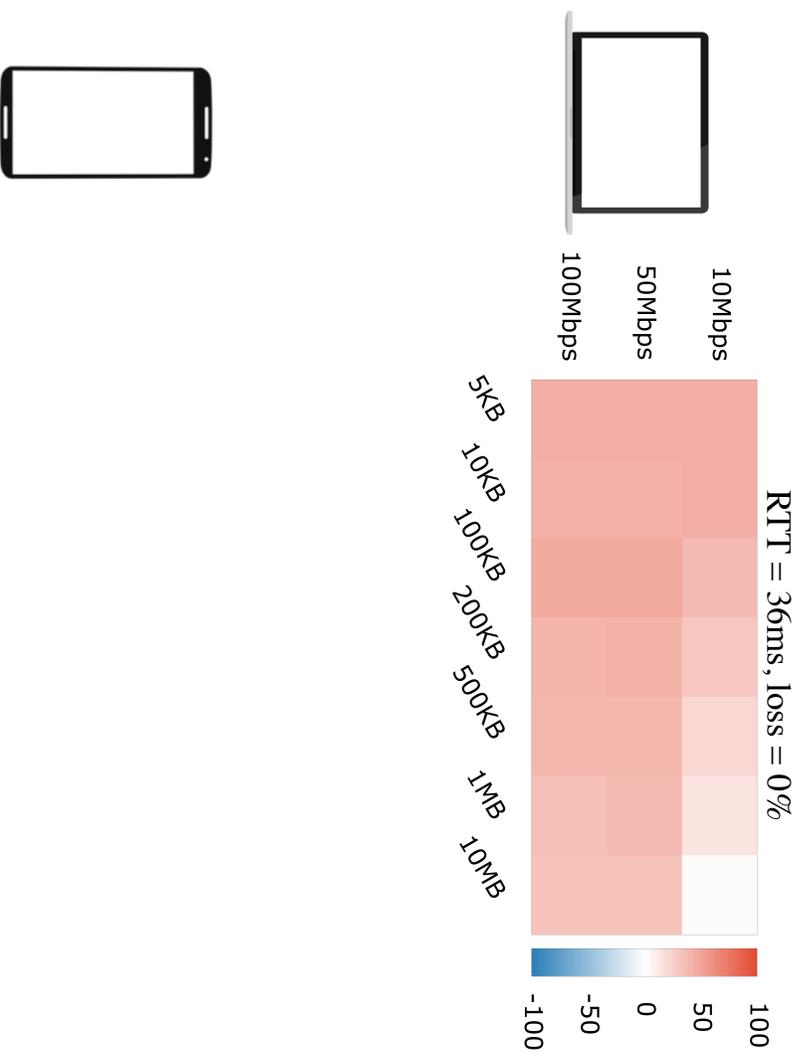
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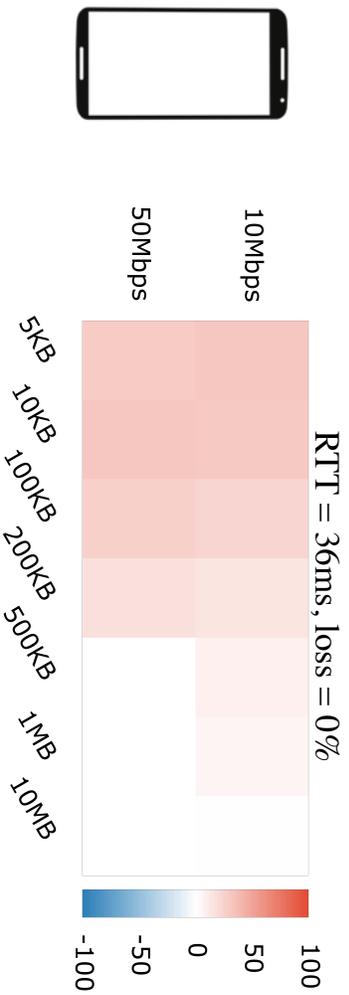
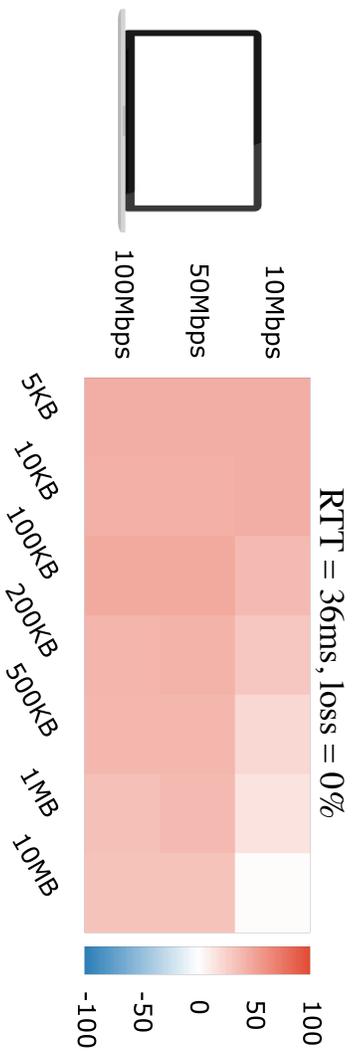
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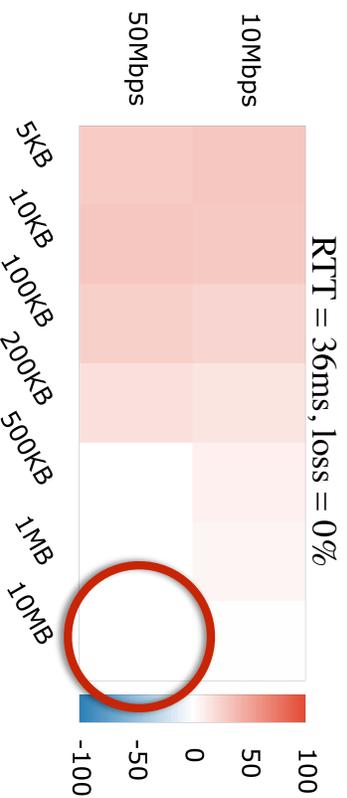
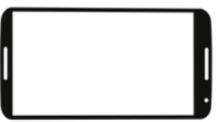
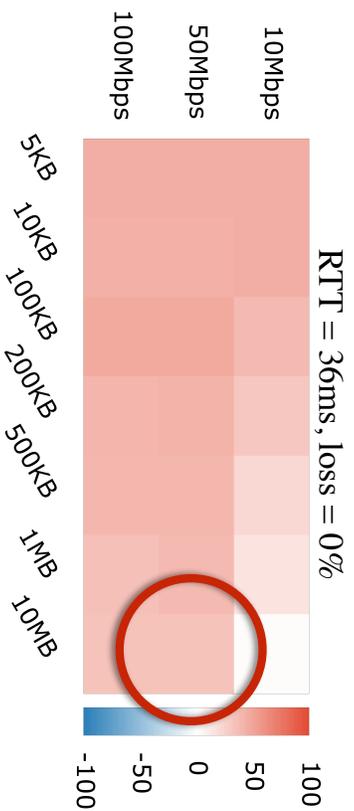
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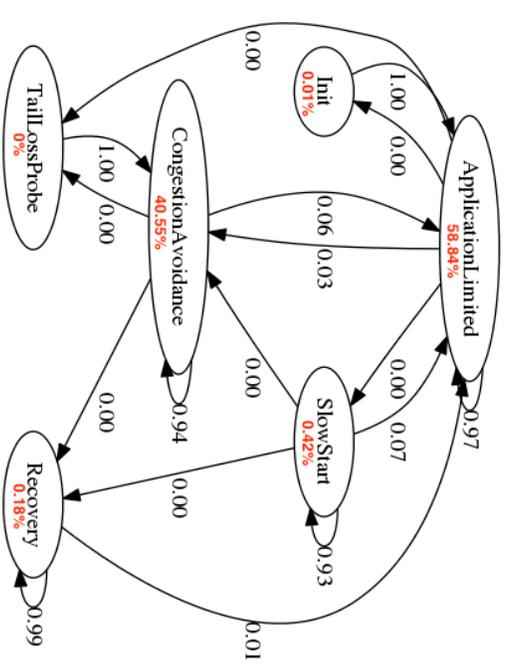
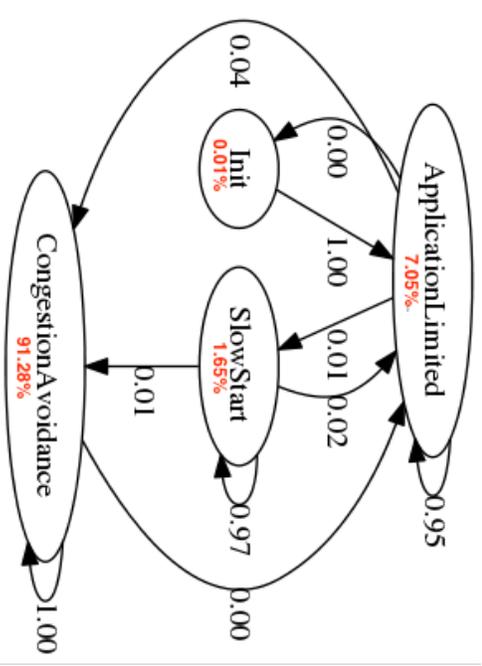
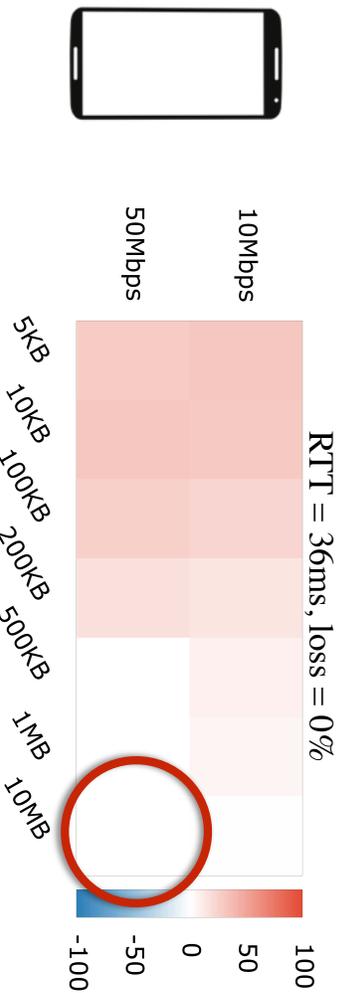
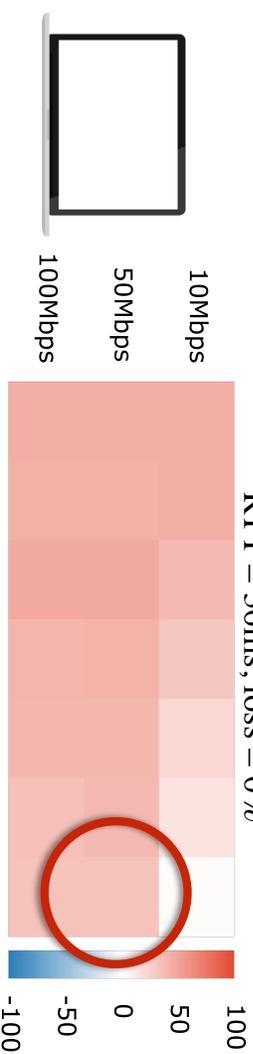
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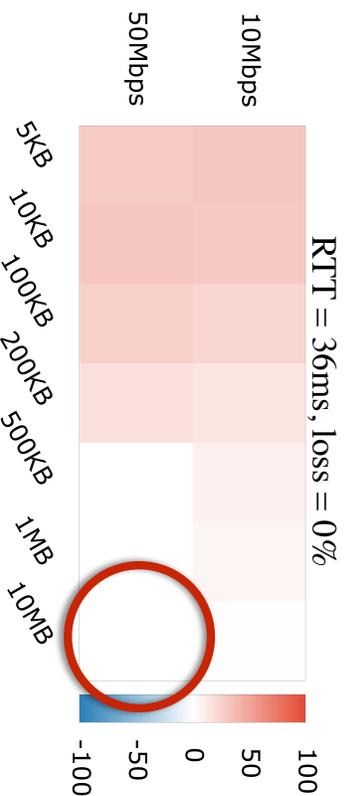
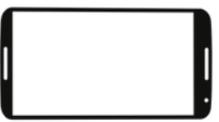
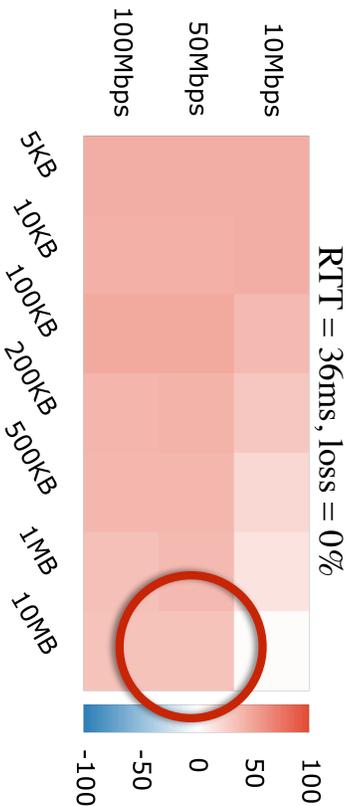
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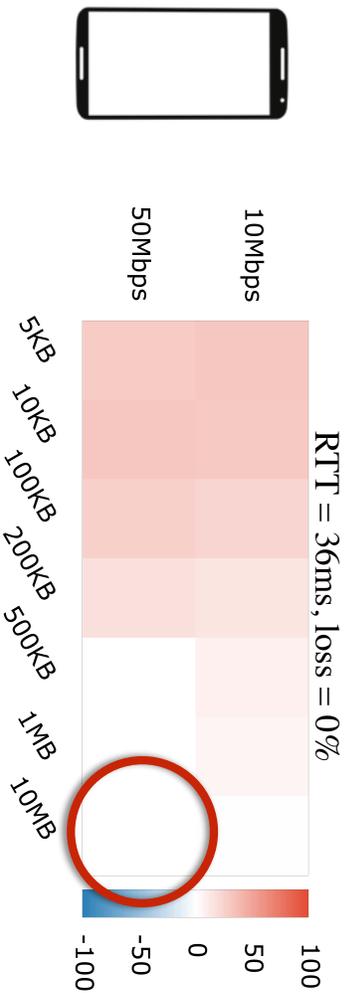
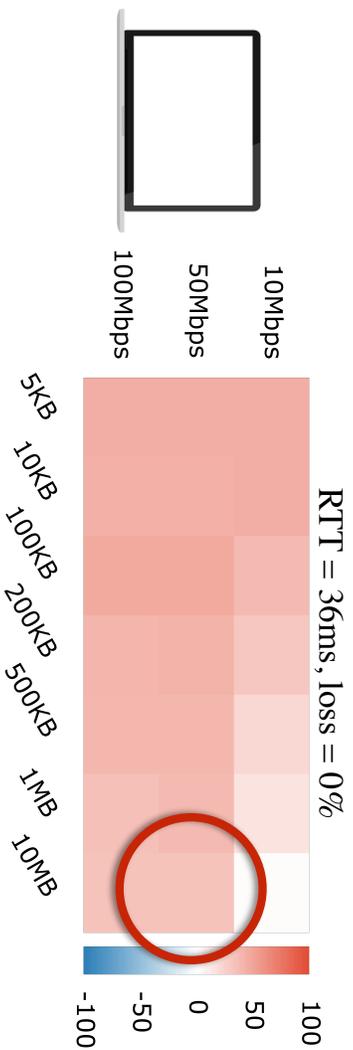
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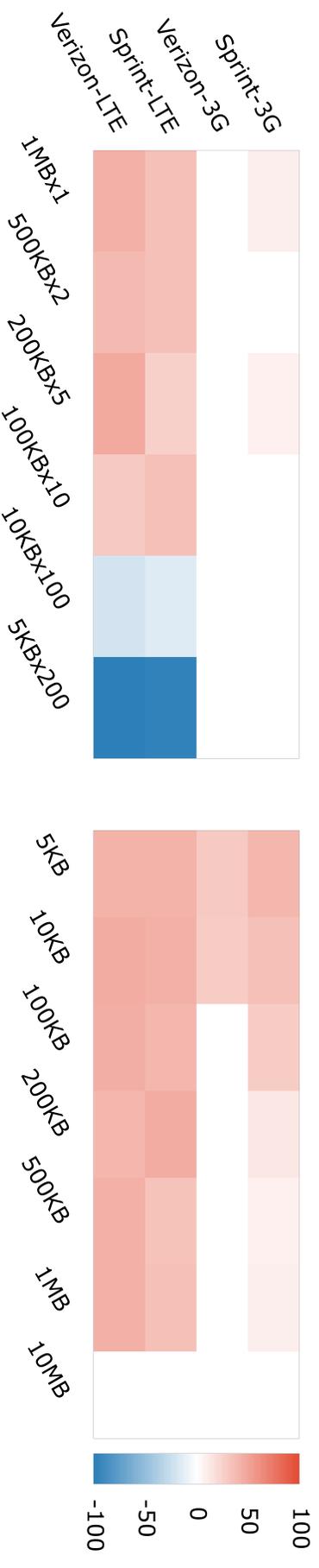
1. Evaluated an application-layer transport protocol
 - Rapidly evolving
 - Deployed at scale with nonpublic configuration parameters.
2. Evaluations used settings that approximate those deployed in the wild
3. Controlled experiments
 - Variety of conditions and environments
 - Multiple versions
4. Instrumented the protocol
 - Inferred state machines
 - Provided root cause analysis
5. Approach can be applied to future versions and protocols

Thank you!

Explored Space

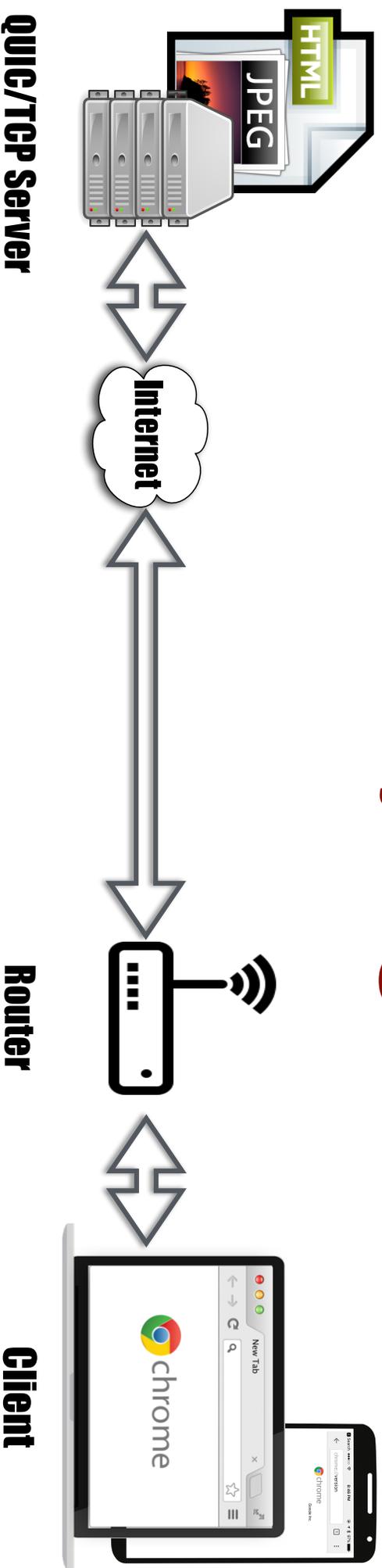
Parameter	Values tested
Rate limits (Mbps)	5, 10, 50, 100
Extra Delay (RTT)	0ms, 50ms, 100ms
Extra Loss	0.1%, 1%
Number of objects	1, 2, 5, 10, 100, 200
Object sizes (KB)	5, 10, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 10,000, 210,000
Proxy Clients	QUIC proxy, TCP proxy Desktop, Nexus6, MotoG
Video qualities	tiny, medium,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

Real Cell Networks

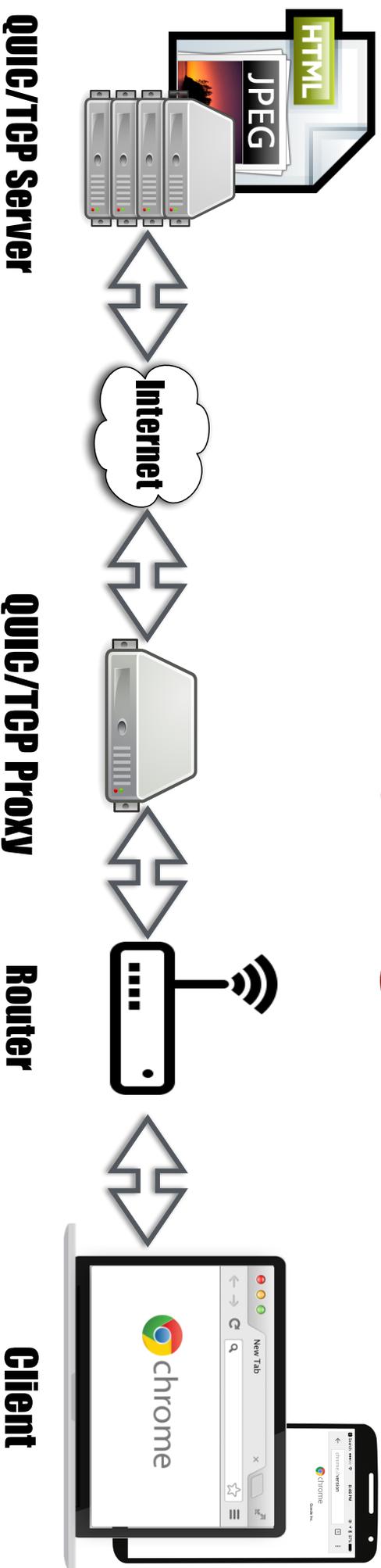


	Throughput (Mbps)		RTT (ms)		Reordering (10%)		Loss (%)	
	3G	LTE	3G	LTE	3G	LTE	3G	LTE
Verizon	0.17	4.0	109	62	9	0.25	0.05	0
Sprint	0.31	2.4	70	55	1.38	0.13	0.02	0.02

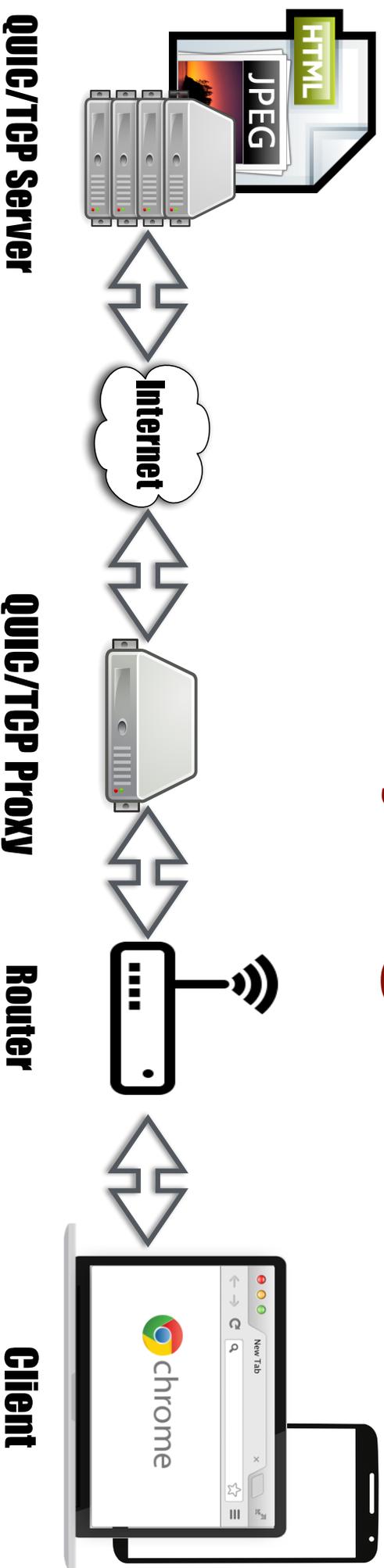
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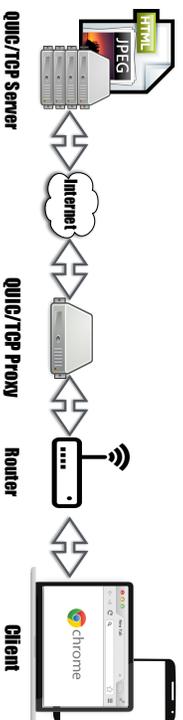
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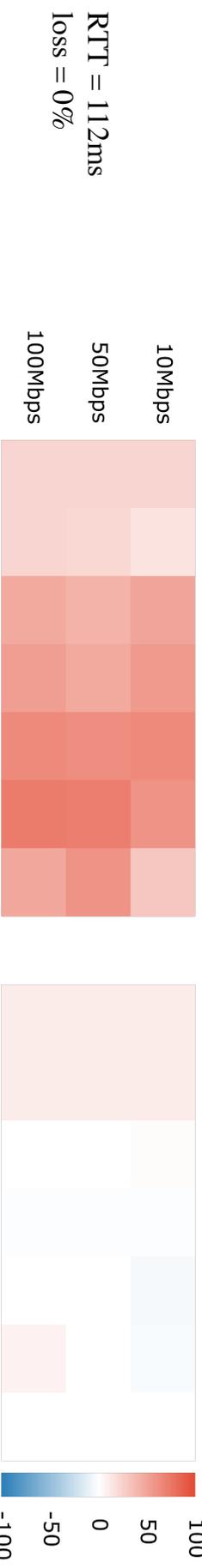
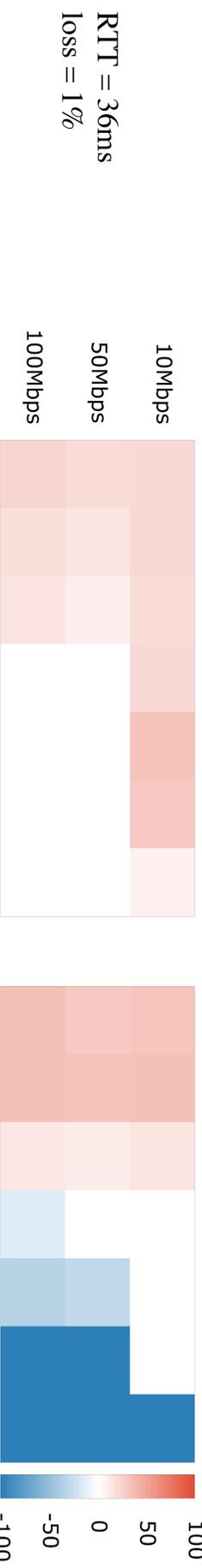
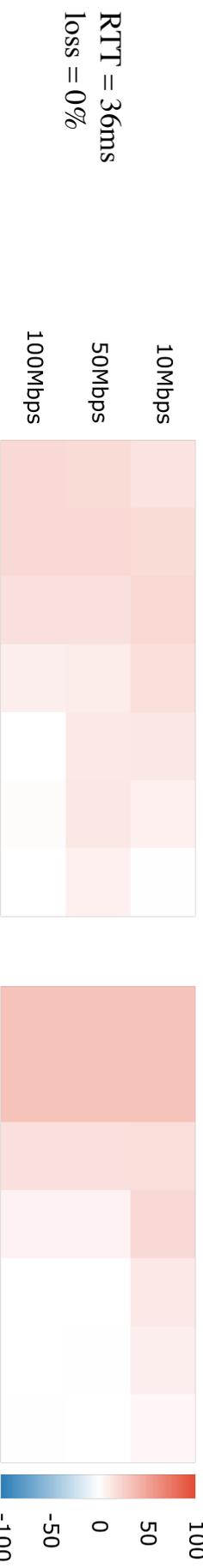


Proxying



QUIC vs. TCP proxied

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Other Experiments

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

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