

Congestion control and in-network caching

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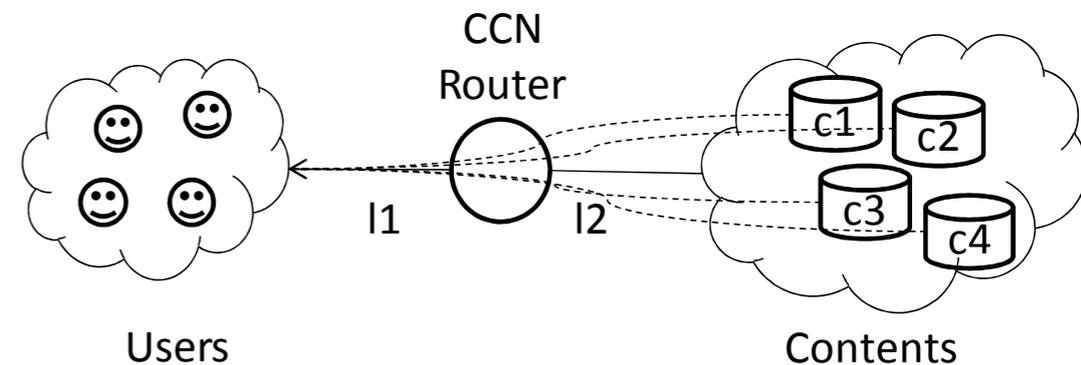
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- One *consumer* site initiates ALL the Interests
- One (other) site initiates ALL the Data packets (*content producer*)
- Consumer and producer sites connected by a chain of LRU caches of length H
- Every link with delay d , total delay $H*d$



Example for $H=1$

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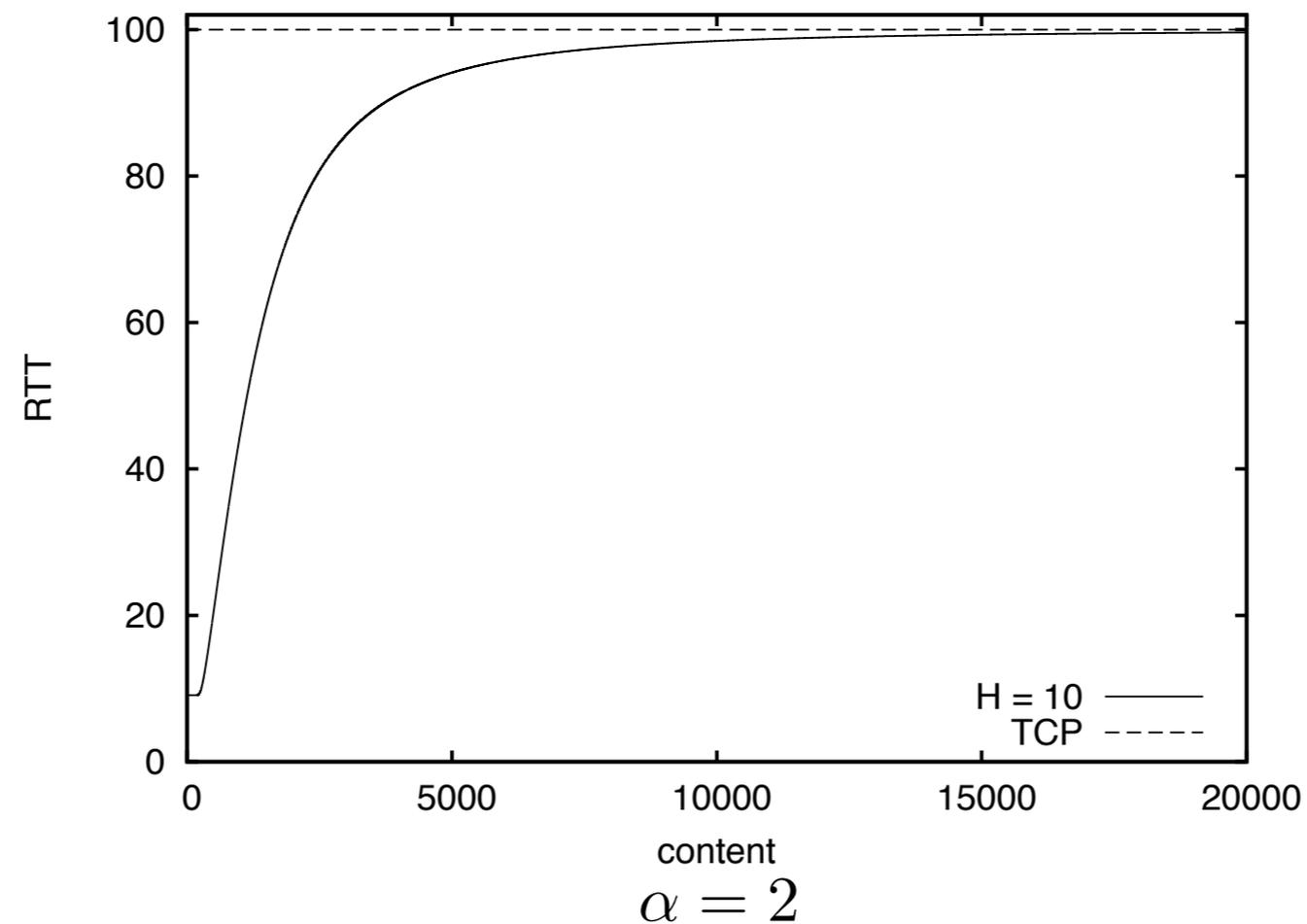
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Short RTT for popular contents

- 1,000,000 contents
- 10,000 caching entries total



How does it influence the fairness?

- Baseline: TCP (i.e., no cache) throughput
- Is the throughput gain identical for every of the N downloads?
- Metric: ratio of throughput with and without cache, for any download i

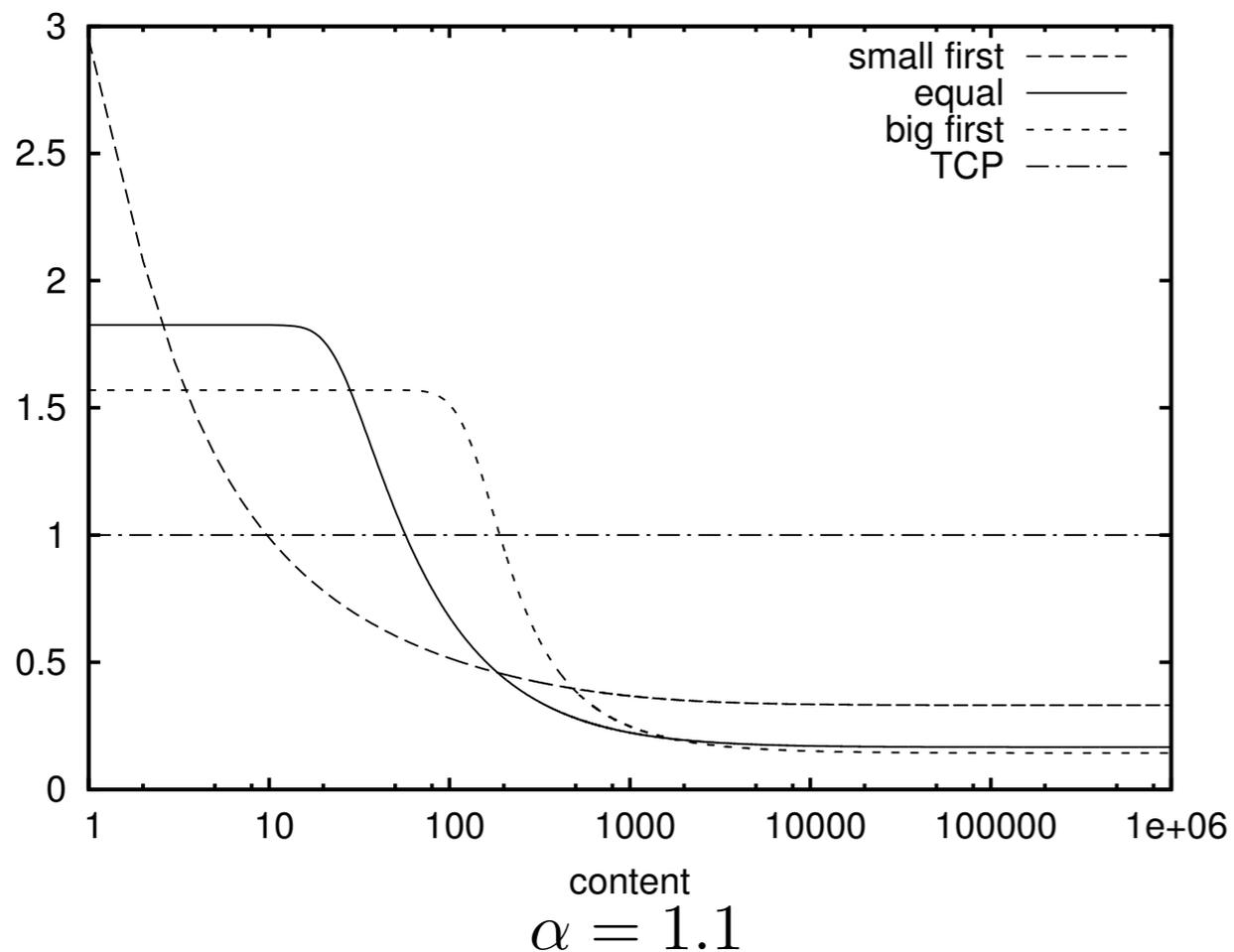
$$\eta(c_i) = \frac{T(c_i)}{\hat{T}(c_i)} \approx \frac{1/RTT(c_i)}{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^N 1/RTT(c_j)}{N}}$$

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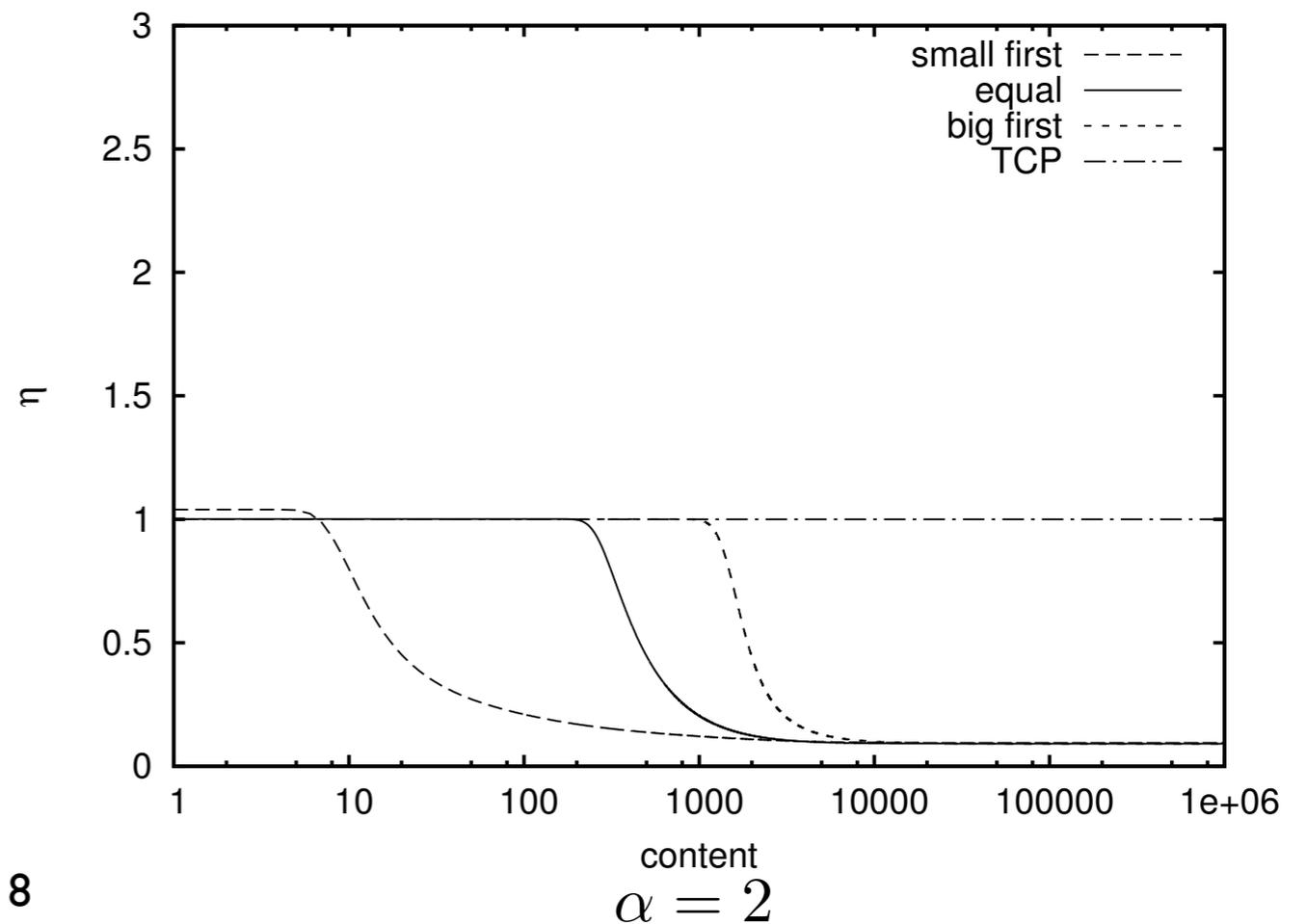
Negative impact for least popular contents

- Individually, very popular contents might not gain that much...

- ... but least popular lose a lot (up to $\frac{1}{H+1}$)



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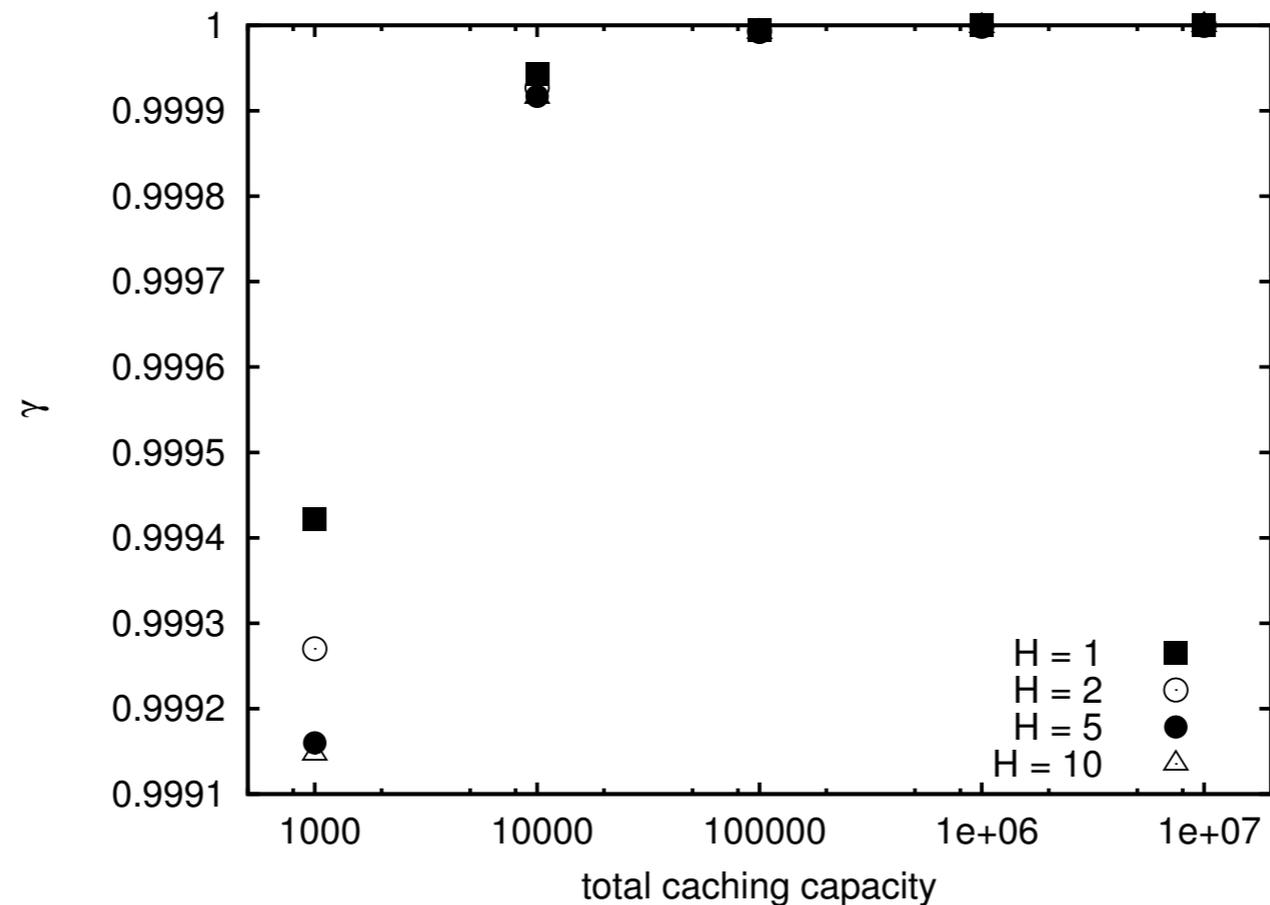
How does in-network on-path caching impact server load?

- Hypothesis: processing cost and data size is the same for every content
- Metric: ratio of server link usage with and without cache, for any content c

$$\gamma = 1 - \frac{\Lambda(l_{H+1})}{\Lambda(\hat{l}_{H+1})} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\prod_{j=1}^H [1 - \omega_j(c_i)]}{RTT(c_i)}}{\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{RTT(c_j)}}$$

Server load is reduced

- Limited impact of the chain length on server load



$$\alpha = 2$$

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Conclusion

- What's happening if AIMD is used by ICN clients?
 - RTT is a function of the popularity when caches are used
 - Throughput is a function of the invert of RTT
 - Popular contents obtain more resources than the others
- We **MUST** think about this problem when we will design a congestion control

Question to the RG

- Is the RG ready to work on this?
 - Who?

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