

Connecting the Dots: Selective Fragment Recovery in ICNLoWPAN

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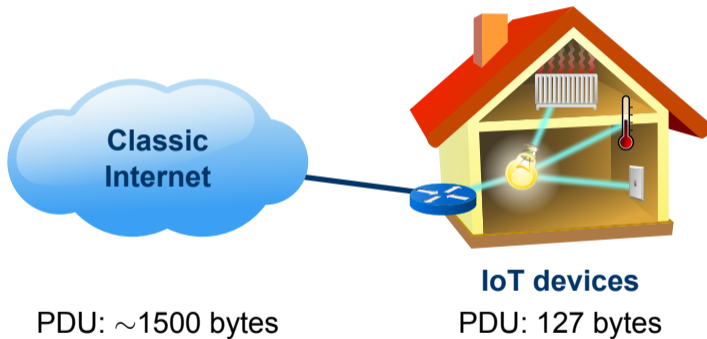


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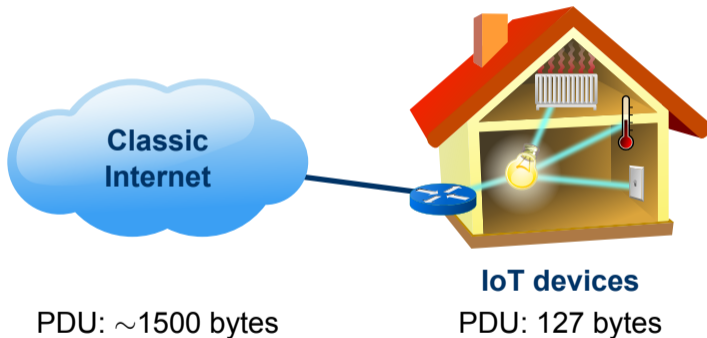


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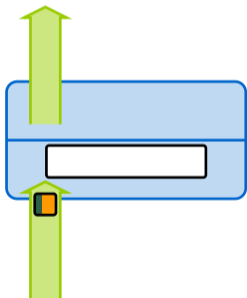
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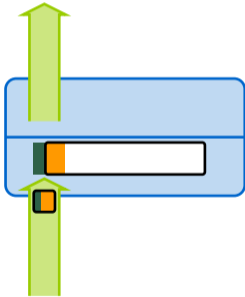
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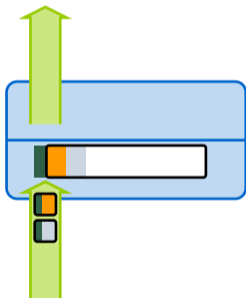
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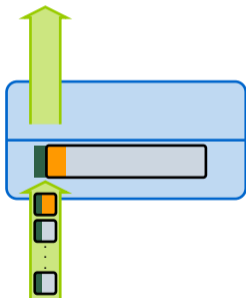
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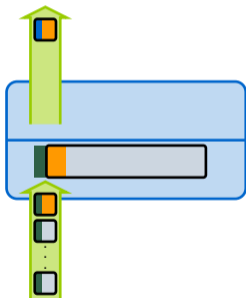
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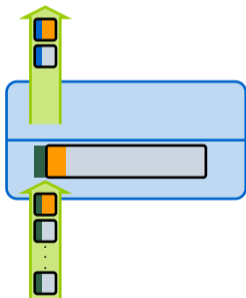
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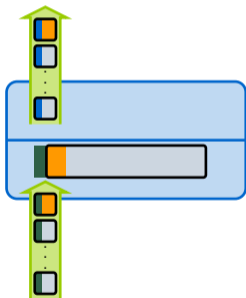
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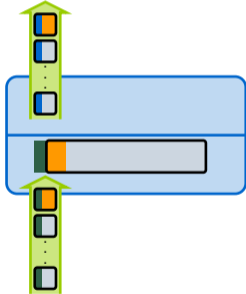
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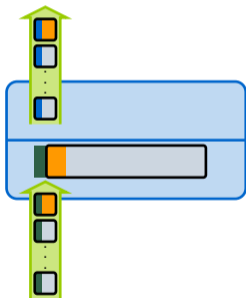
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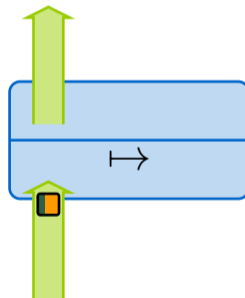
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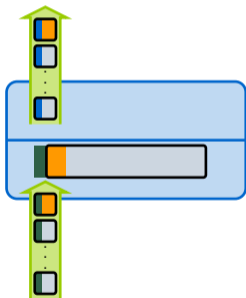
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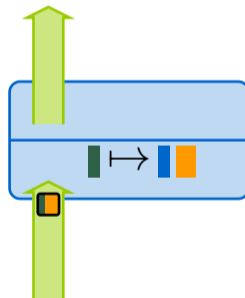
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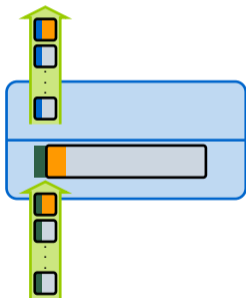
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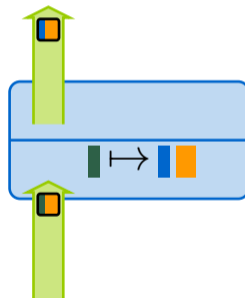
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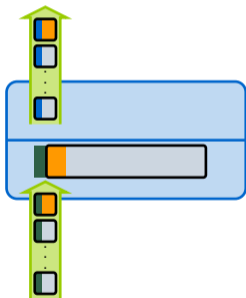
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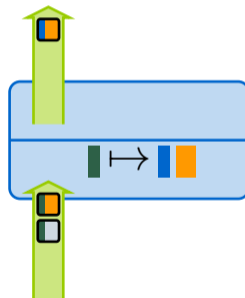
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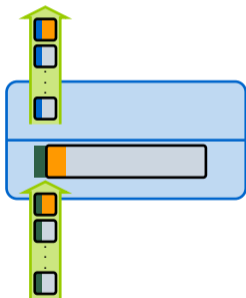
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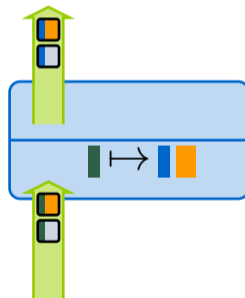
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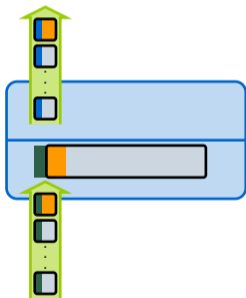
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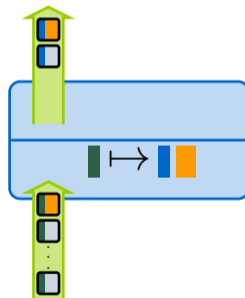
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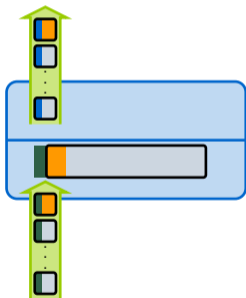
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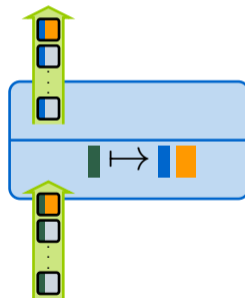
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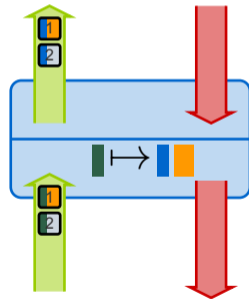
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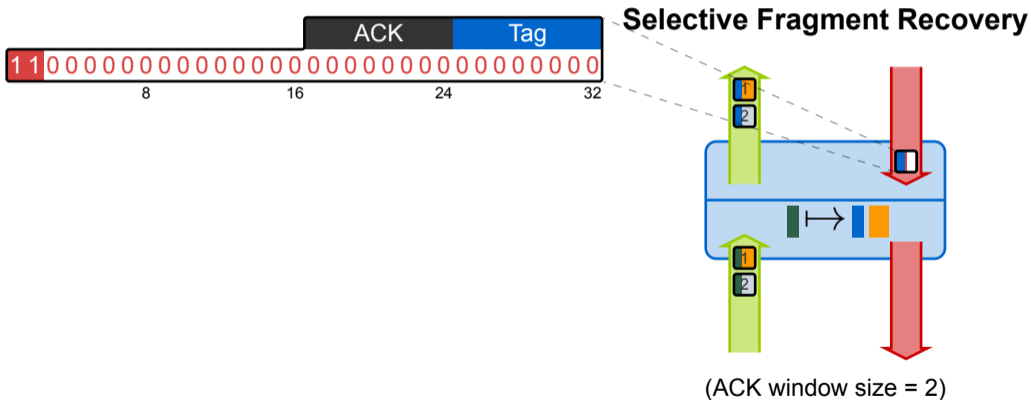
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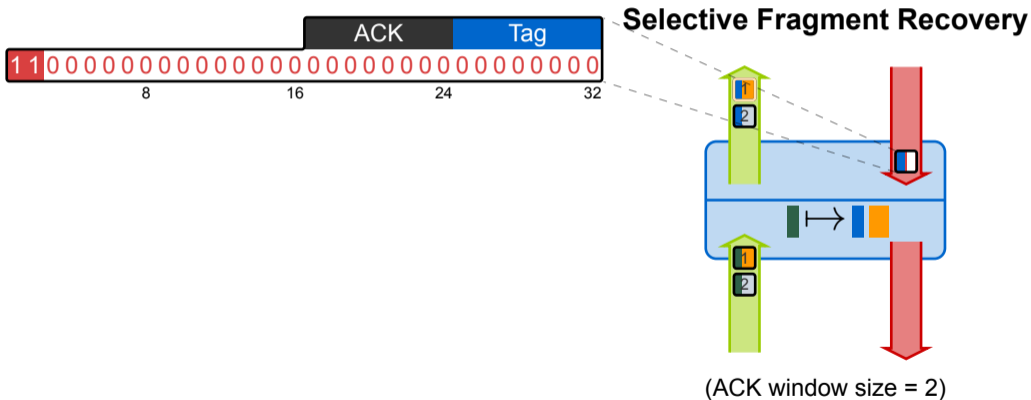
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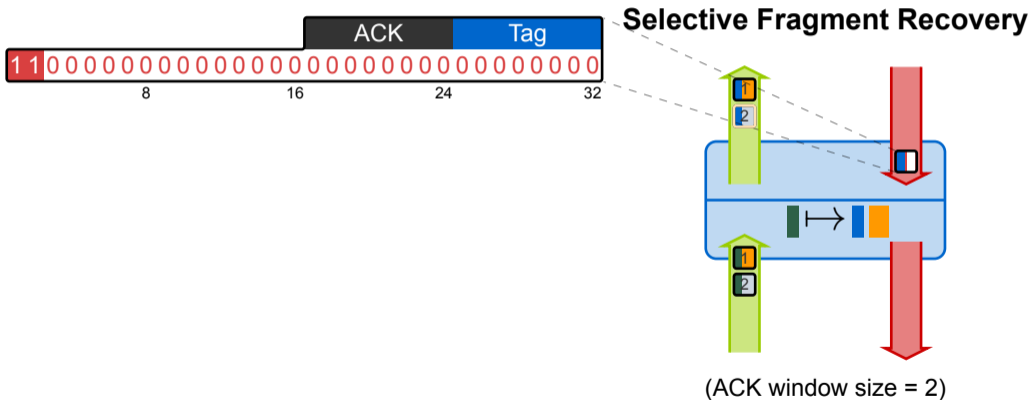
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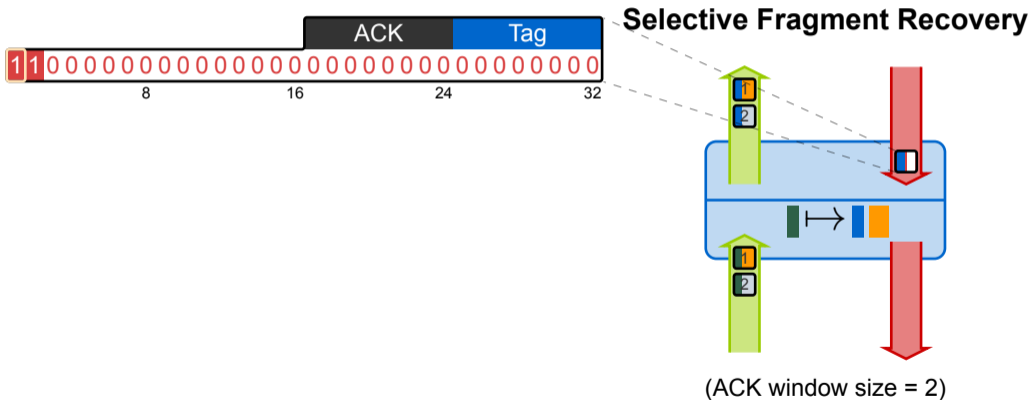
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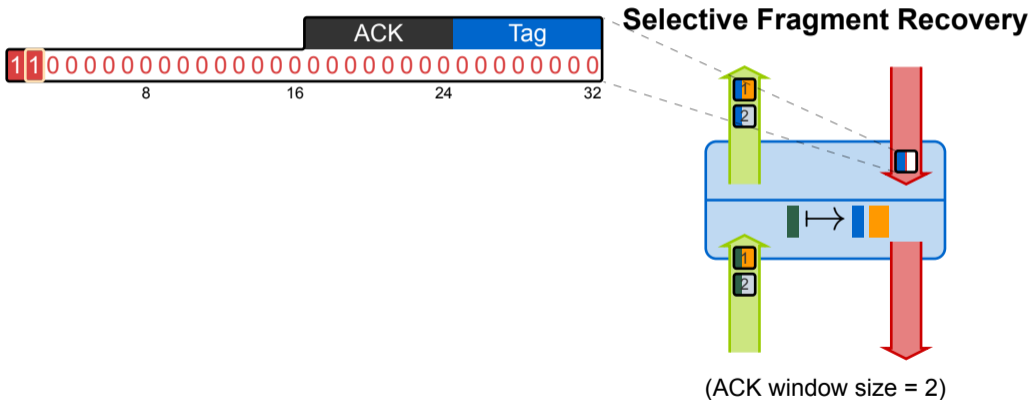
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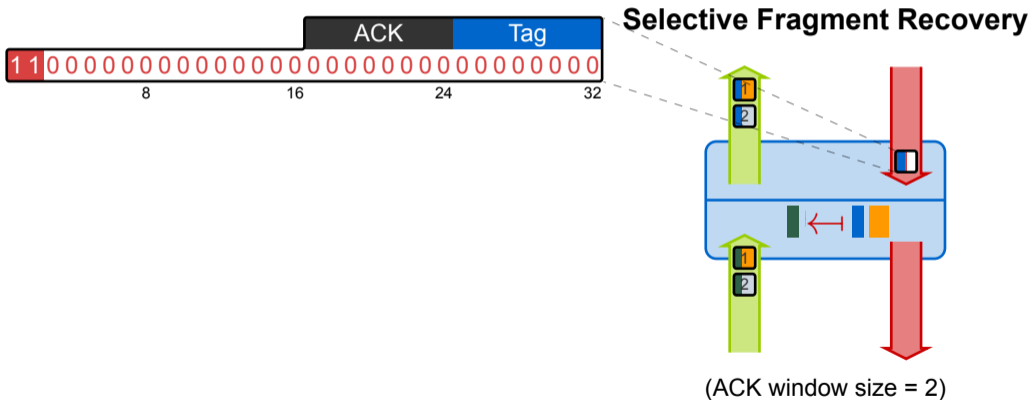
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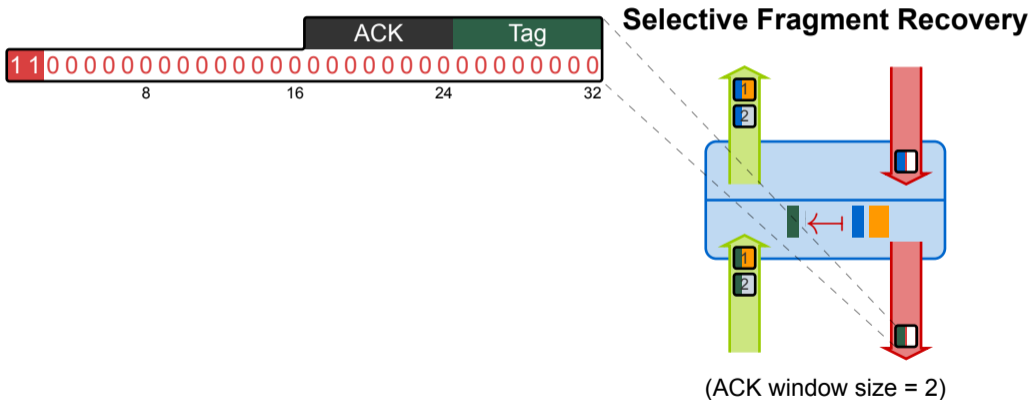
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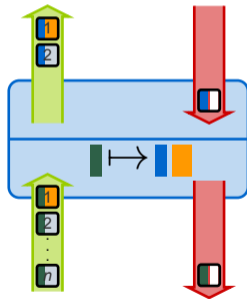
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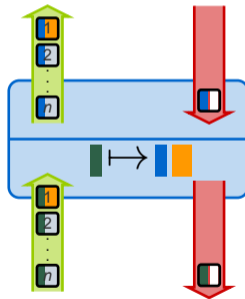


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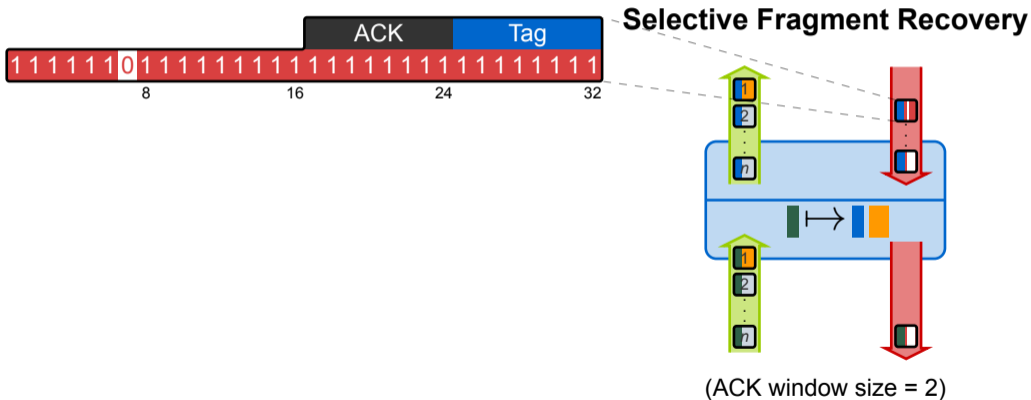
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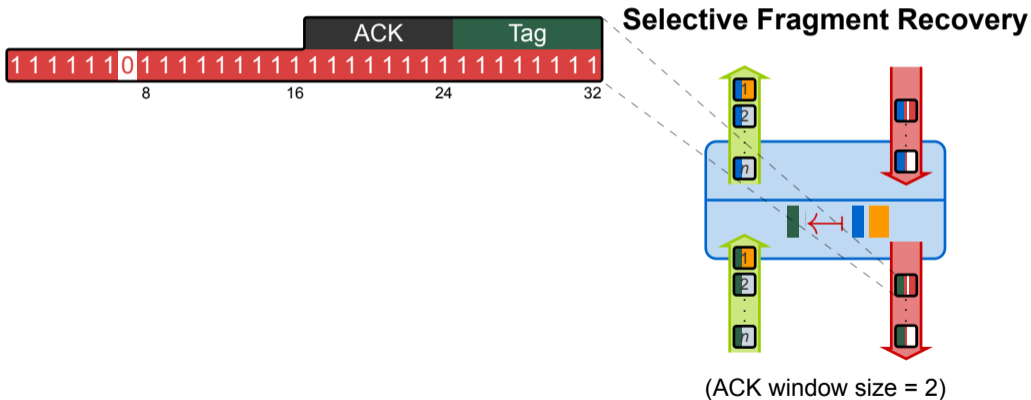
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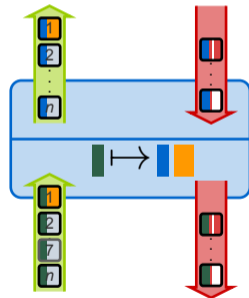
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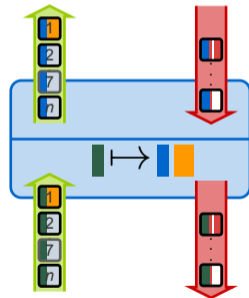


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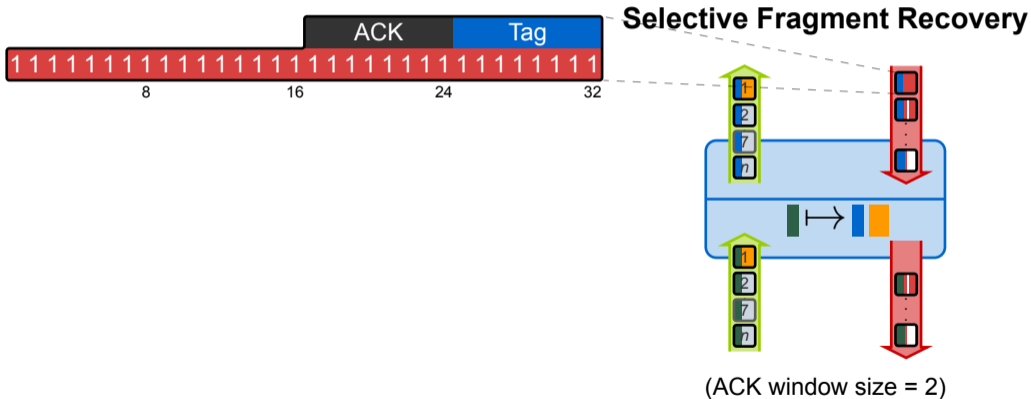
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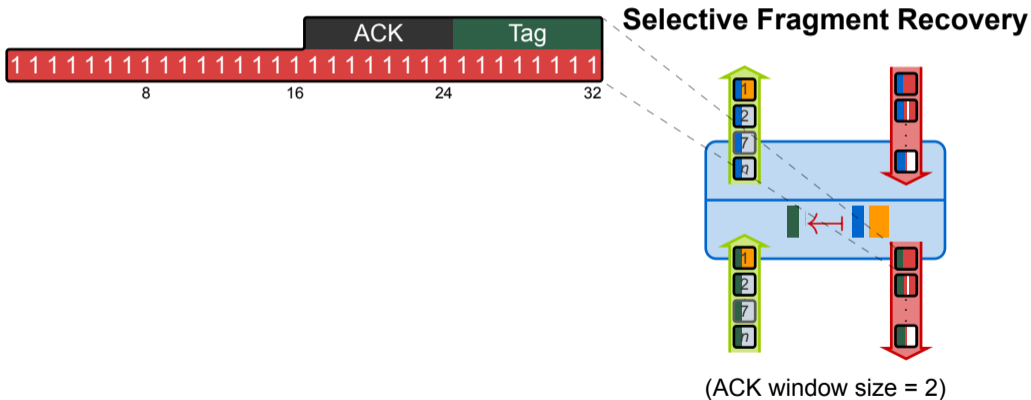
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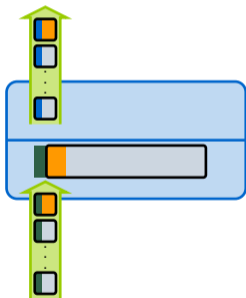
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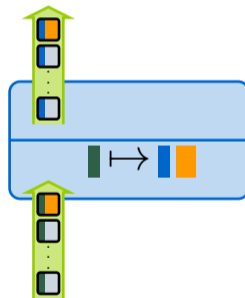
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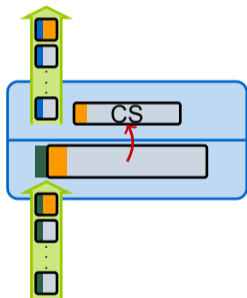
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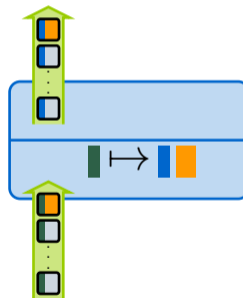
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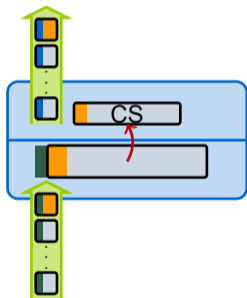
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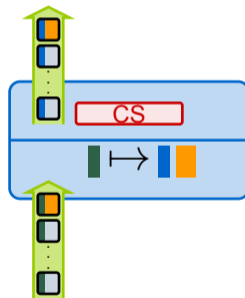
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CS never gets complete datagram

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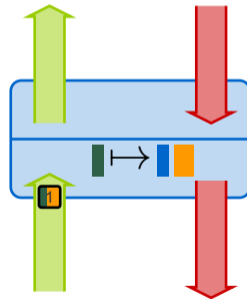
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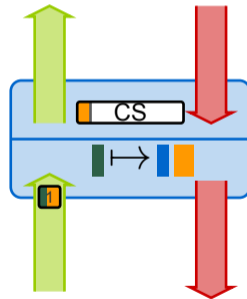


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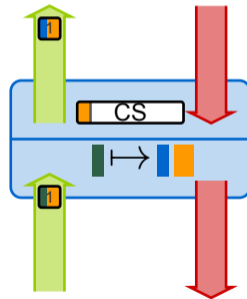


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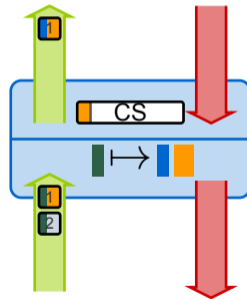


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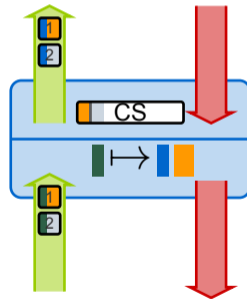


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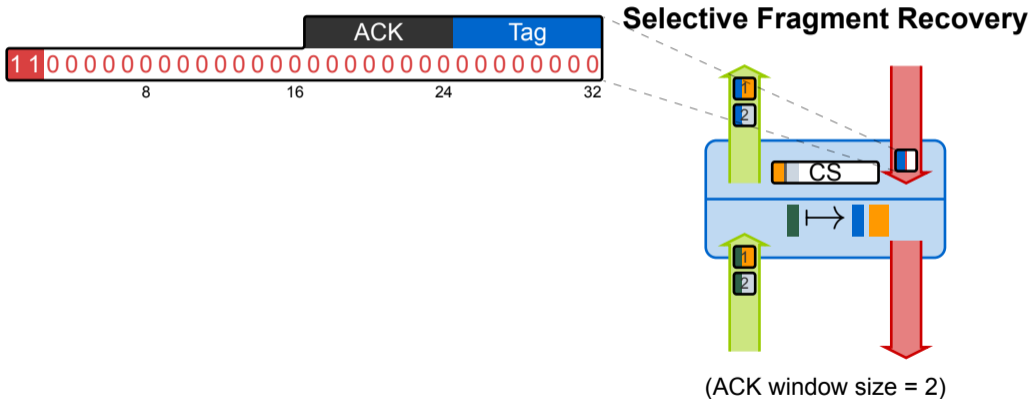
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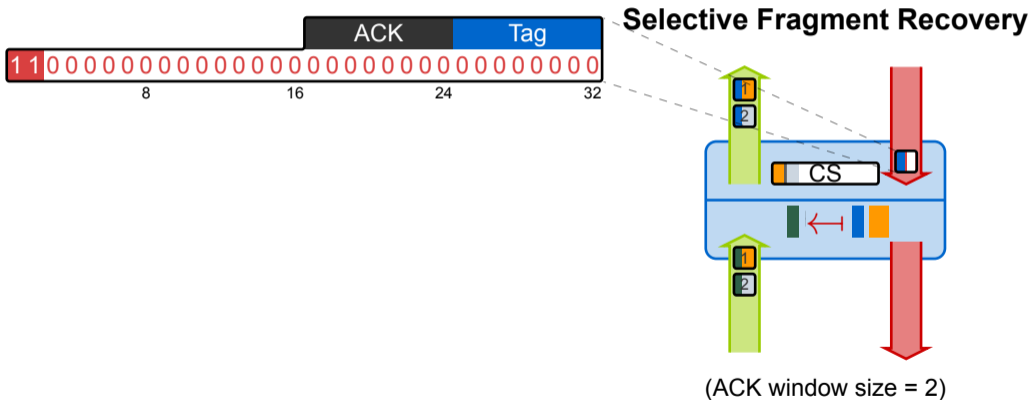
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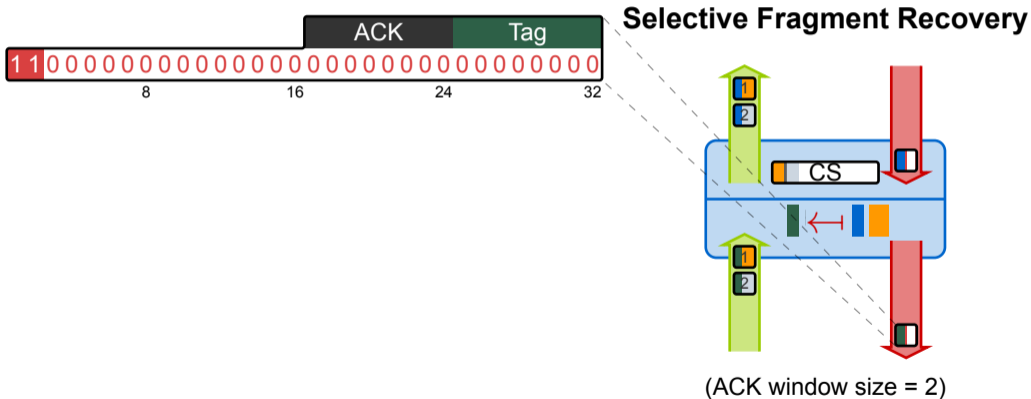
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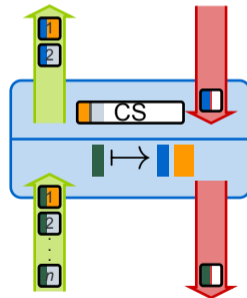
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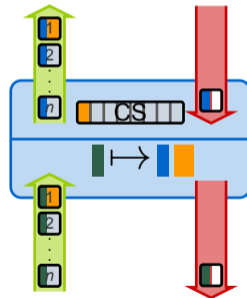


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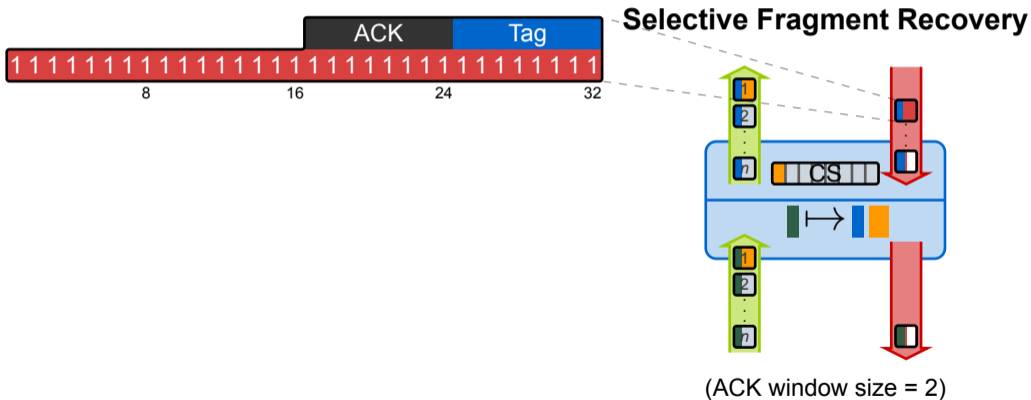
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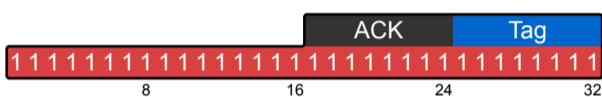
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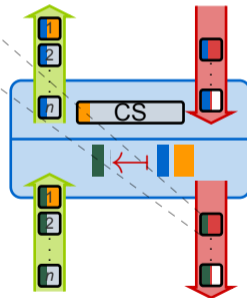
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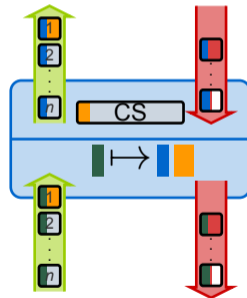
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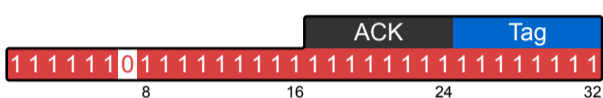
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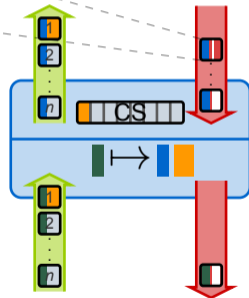
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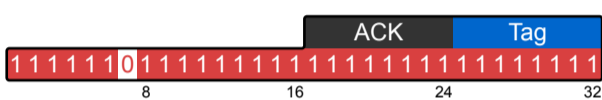
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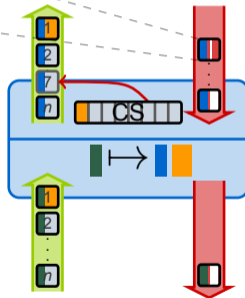
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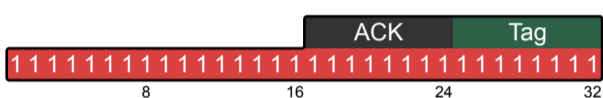
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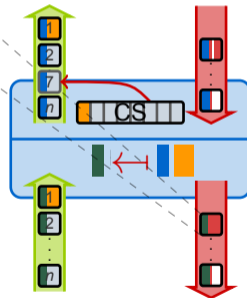
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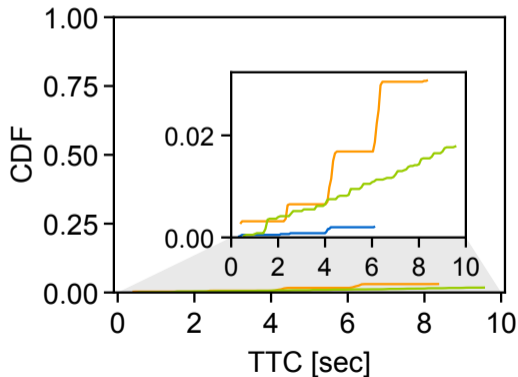


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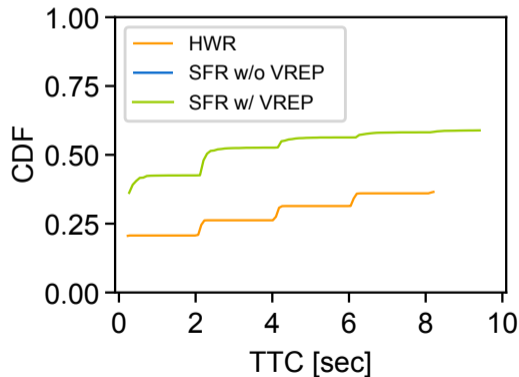


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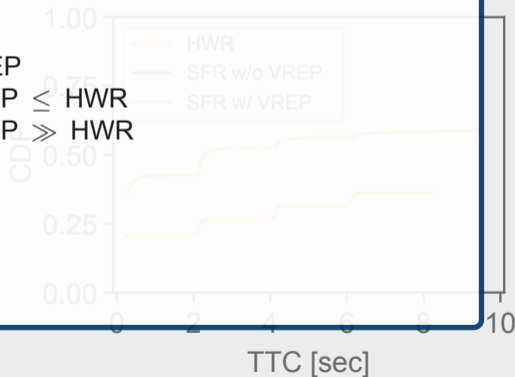
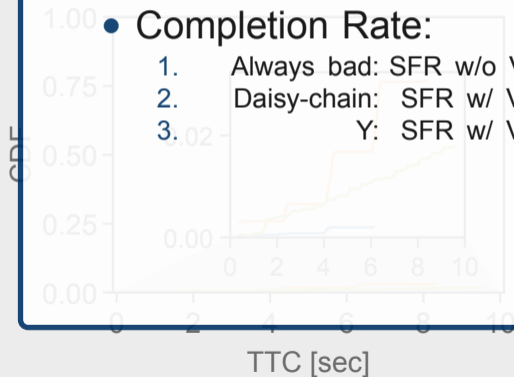


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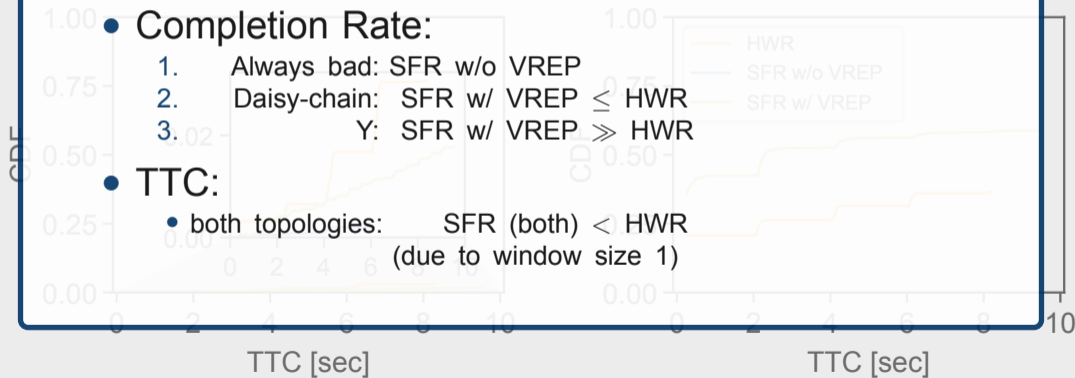
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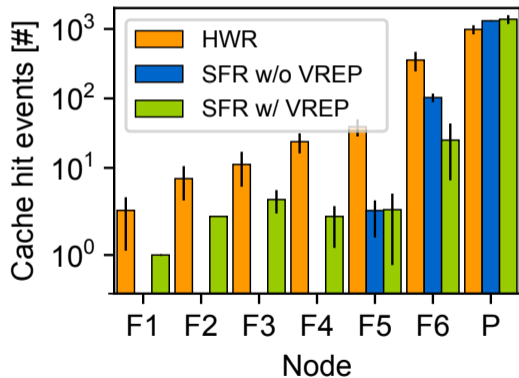
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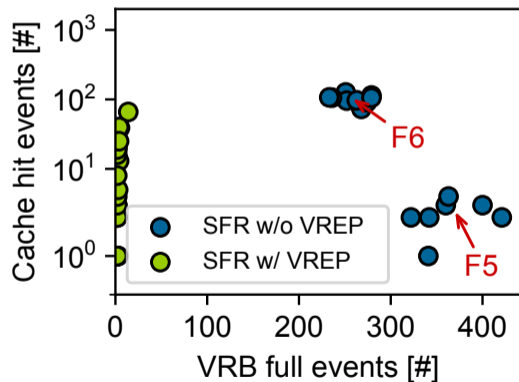
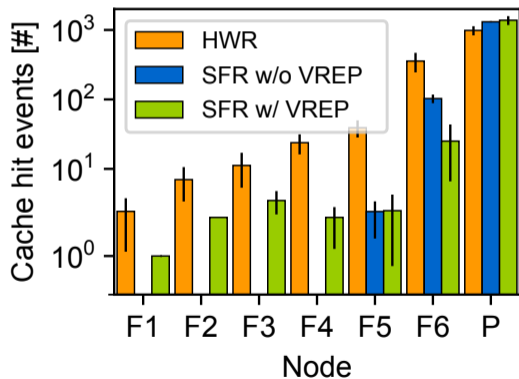
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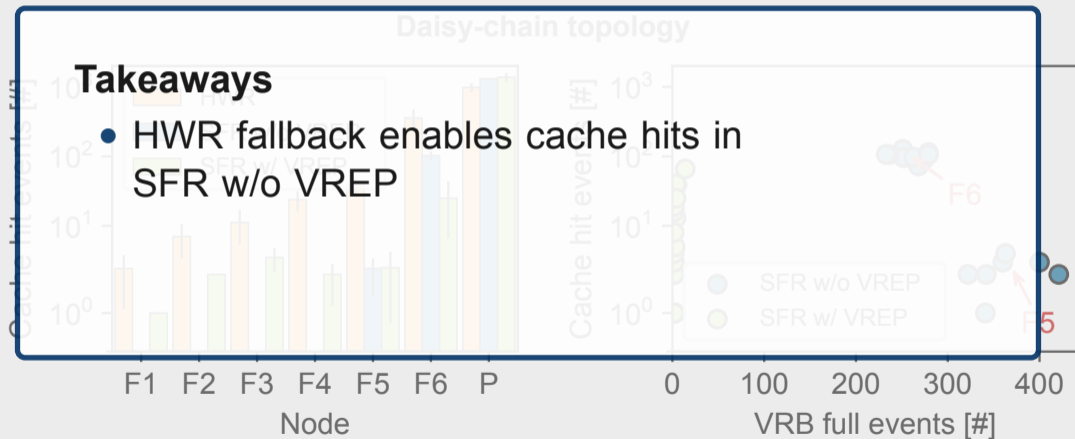
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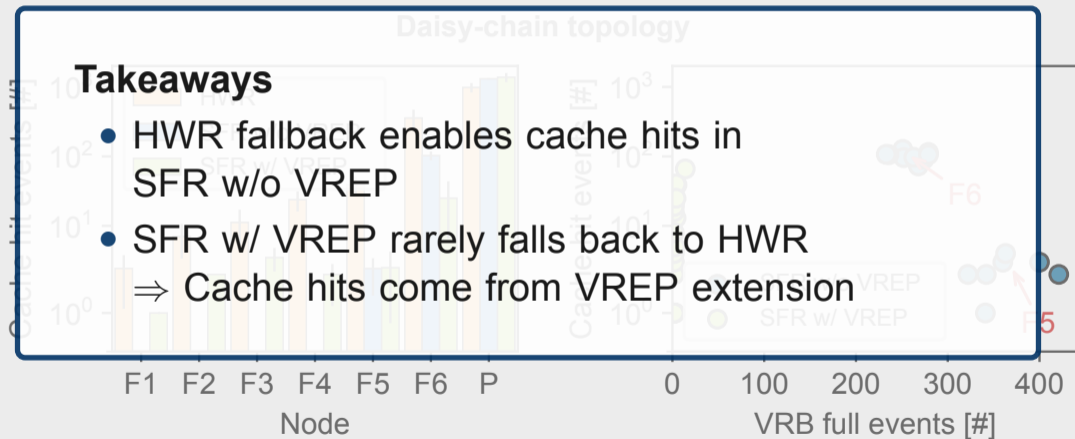
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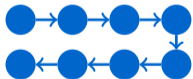
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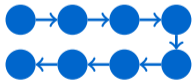
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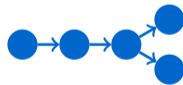
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Next steps

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- Congestion control mechanisms within SFR
- Different ICN caching strategies

Reproducible research? Yes!
Find the code of our experiments at

<https://github.com/5G-I3/ACM-ICN-2020-SFR>
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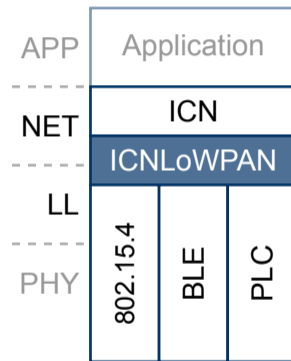
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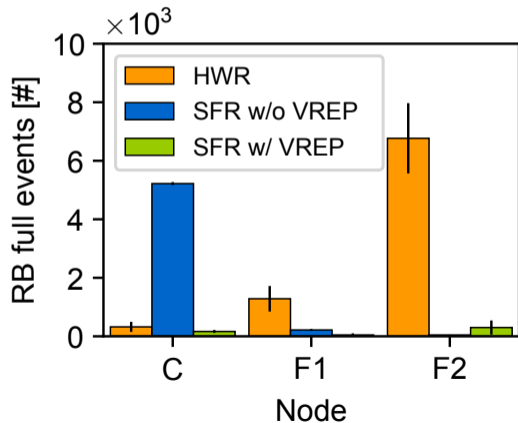
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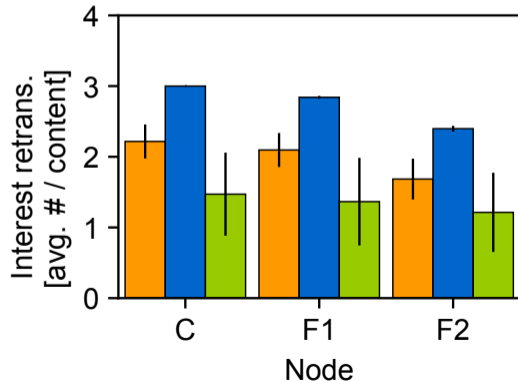
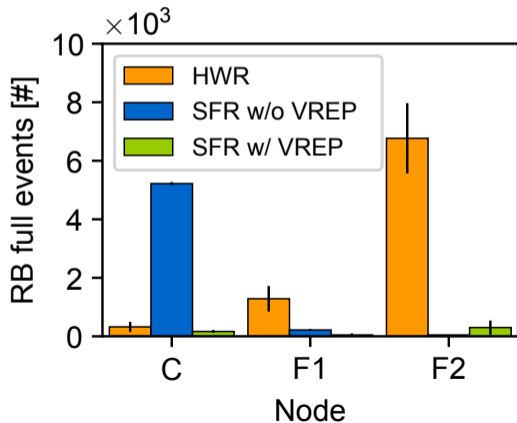
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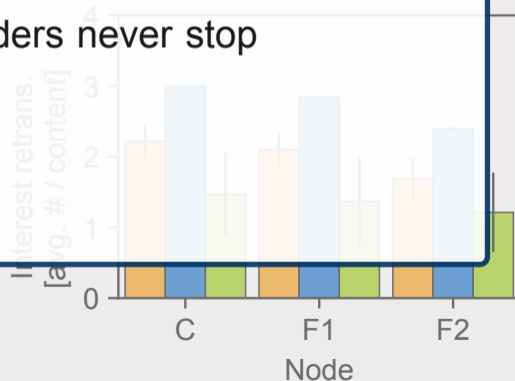
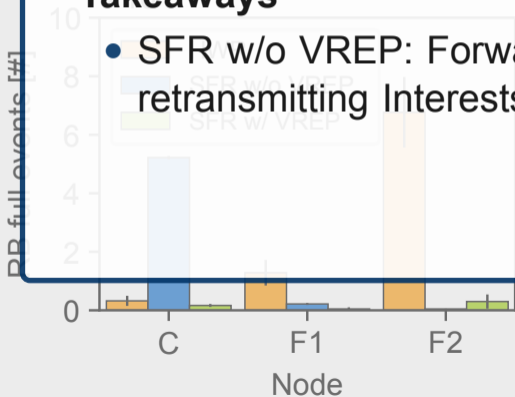


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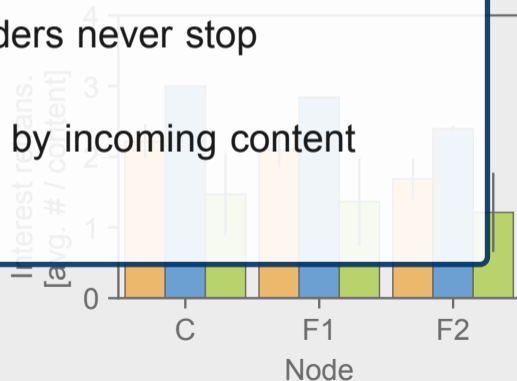
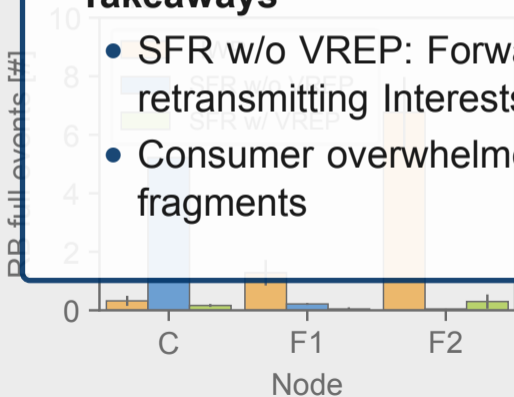
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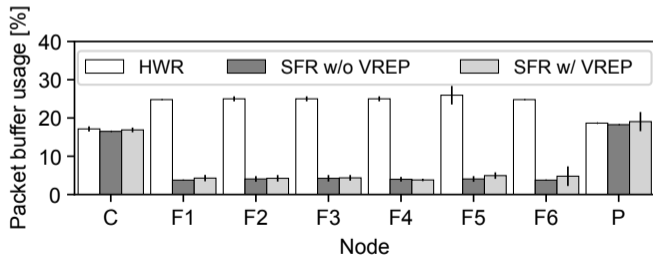


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