



TCMTF: Tunneling, Compressing and Multiplexing Traffic Flows

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Problem: Inefficiency of real-time flows

- High frequency implies:
 - Small payloads
 - IPv4/UDP/RTP headers: 40 bytes

One IPv4/TCP packet 1500 bytes
 $\eta=1460/1500=97\%$



One IPv4/UDP/RTP VoIP packet with two samples of 10 bytes
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 - IPv6/UDP/RTP headers: 60 bytes

One IPv6/TCP packet 1500 bytes
 $\eta=1440/1500=96\%$



One IPv6/UDP/RTP packet of VoIP with two samples of 10 bytes
 $\eta=20/80=25\%$

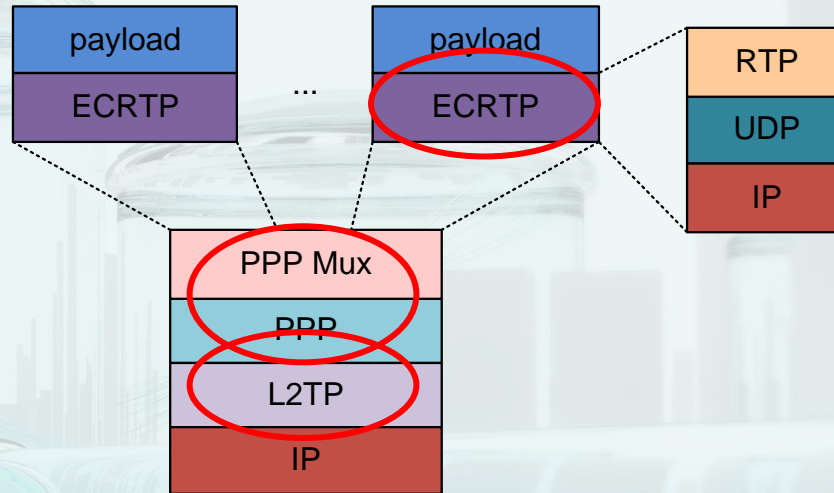


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- Ten years ago: **Question:** Can we **improve efficiency** when a number of flows share the same path?
- **Answer:** TCRTTP (RFC 4170) **2005:** *Best current practice.*
 - **Audio/Video Transport** (avt) (concluded WG) of RAI Area: it was designed for RTP

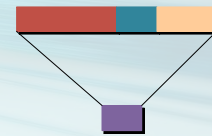
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TCRTP for IPv4



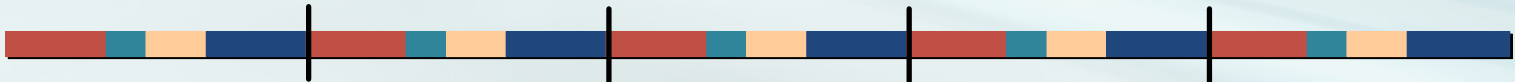
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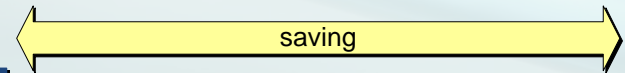


40 to 6-8 bytes compression

Five IPv4/UDP/RTP VoIP packets with two samples of 10 bytes
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One IPv4 TCMF Packet multiplexing five two sample packets
 $\eta=100/161=62\%$

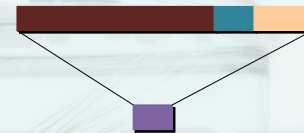


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IPv6

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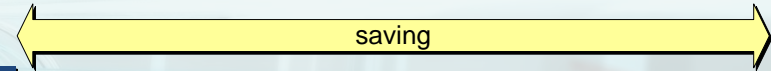


60 to 6-8 bytes compression

Four IPv4/UDP/RTP VoIP packets with two samples of 10 bytes
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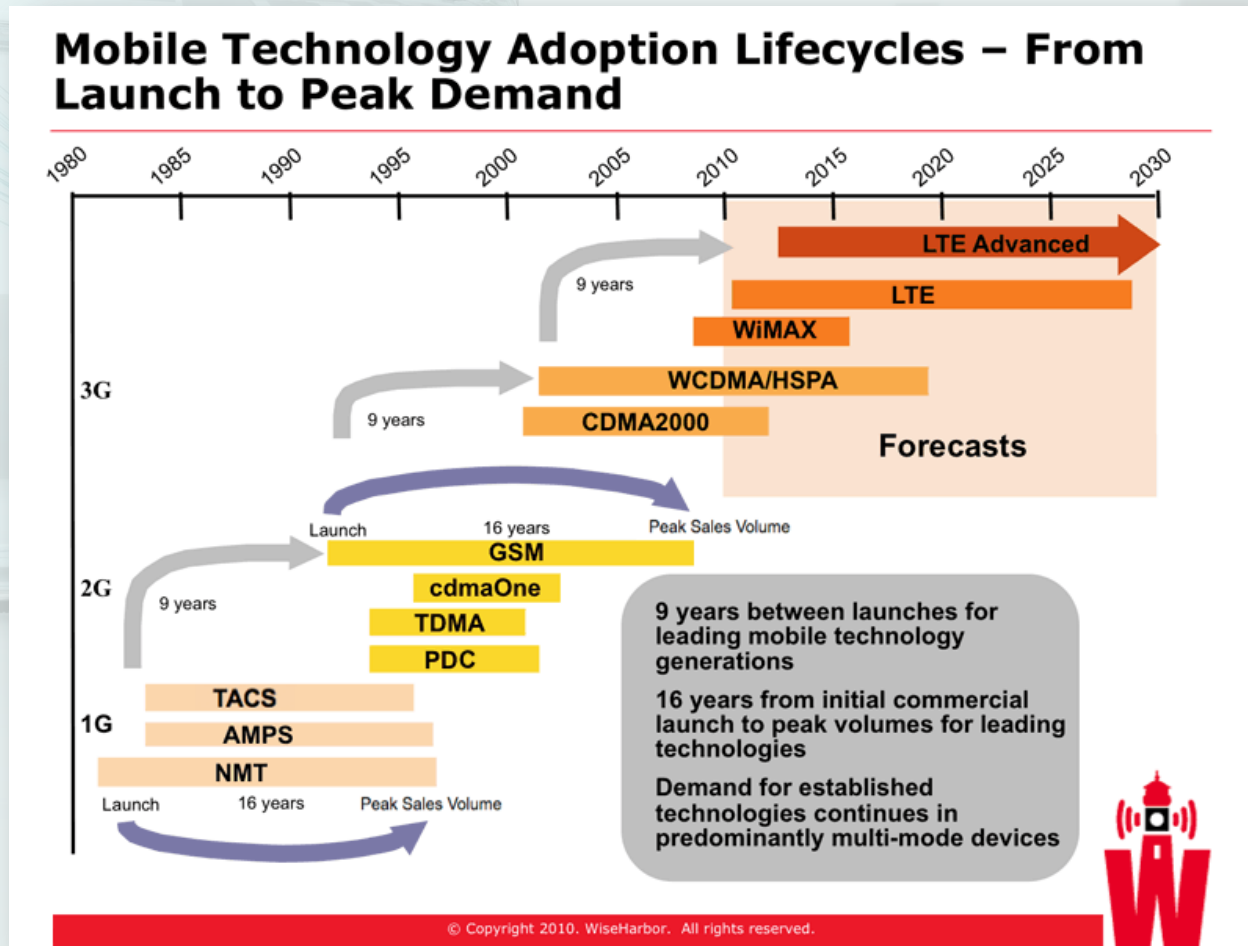
One IPv4 TCMTF Packet multiplexing **four** two sample packets
 $\eta=100/161=62\%$



TCRTP saves bandwidth, but what has happened since its publication in 2005?

Is there a problem?

1) Outbreak of wireless access networks*



Is there a problem?

2) Publication of **ROHC** (RFC 4995), 2007*:

Designed for robustness when dealing with high RTT, packet loss. Typical in wireless scenarios.

- Able to compress: **RTP/UDP/IP**, **UDP/IP**, **TCP/IP**
 - Robust: it is able to maintain context synchronization
 - Drawback: Implementation complexity
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- May 2010: RFC 5856: ROHC over IPSec

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3) **New real-time services** have increased their popularity (e.g. online games)

- Some of them **do not use RTP** (bare UDP, or TCP)
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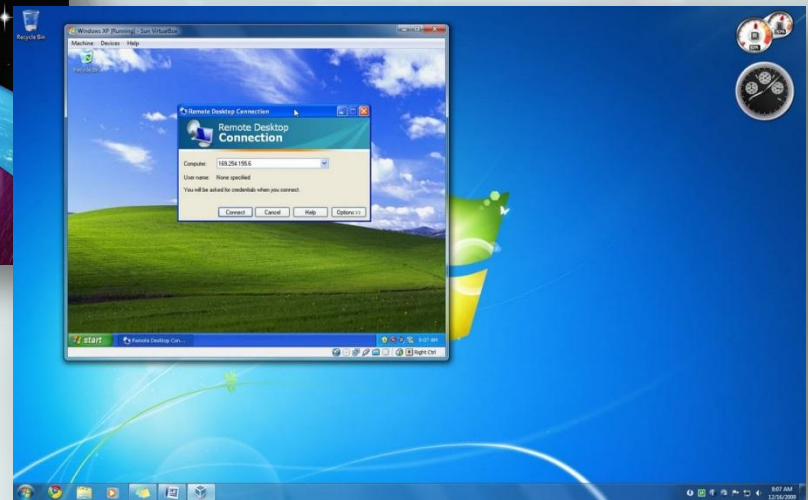
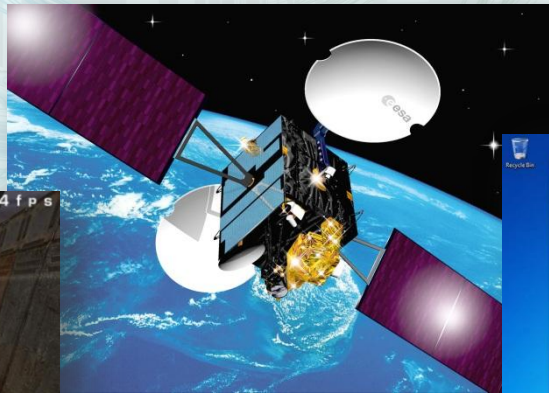
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So...why not widen TCRTP's scope in order to:

- Allow **other traffics** different from RTP
- Allow these **new developed header compression techniques**



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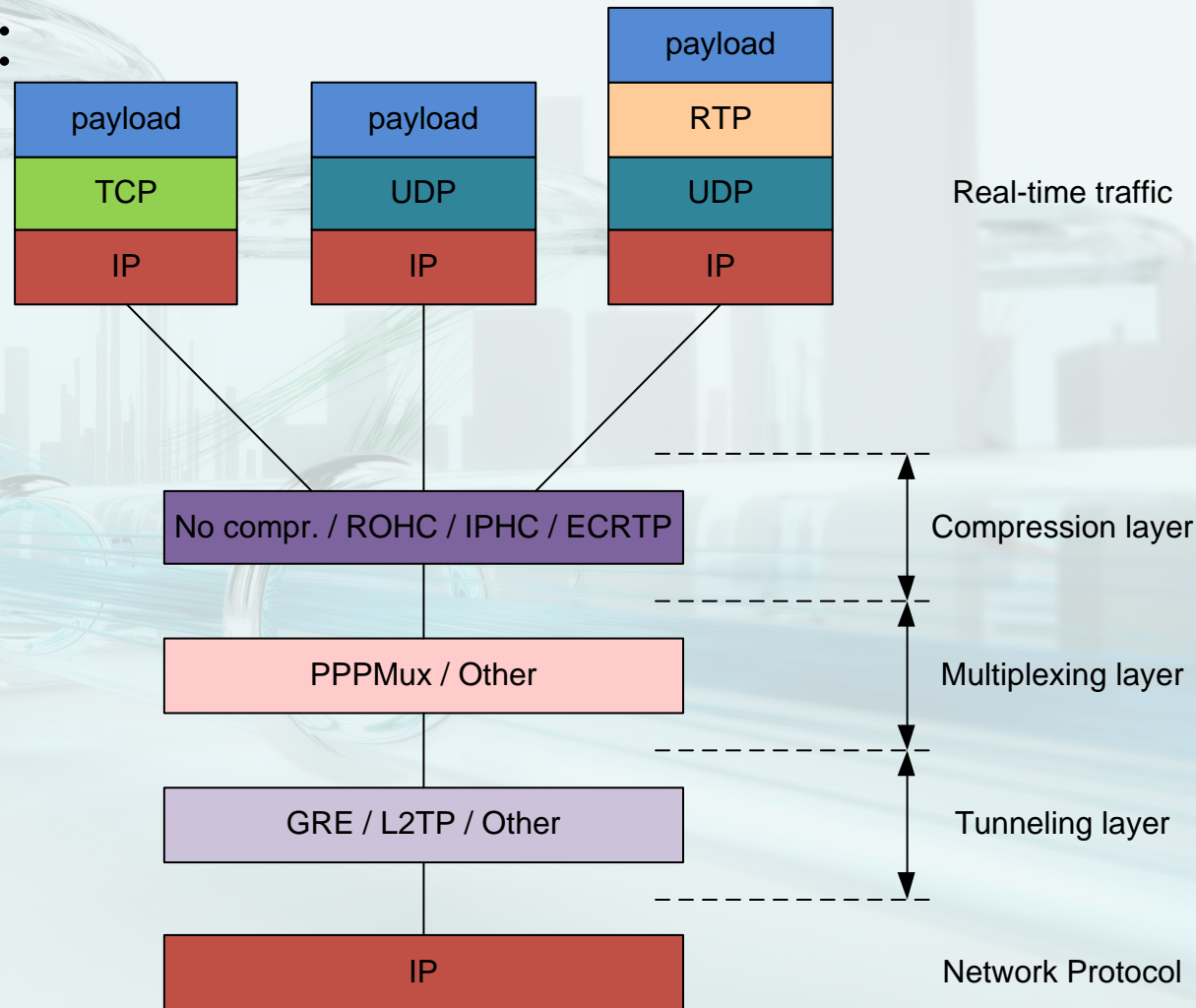
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TCMTF proposal:

Three layers

1. Tunneling
2. Multiplexing
3. Compressing

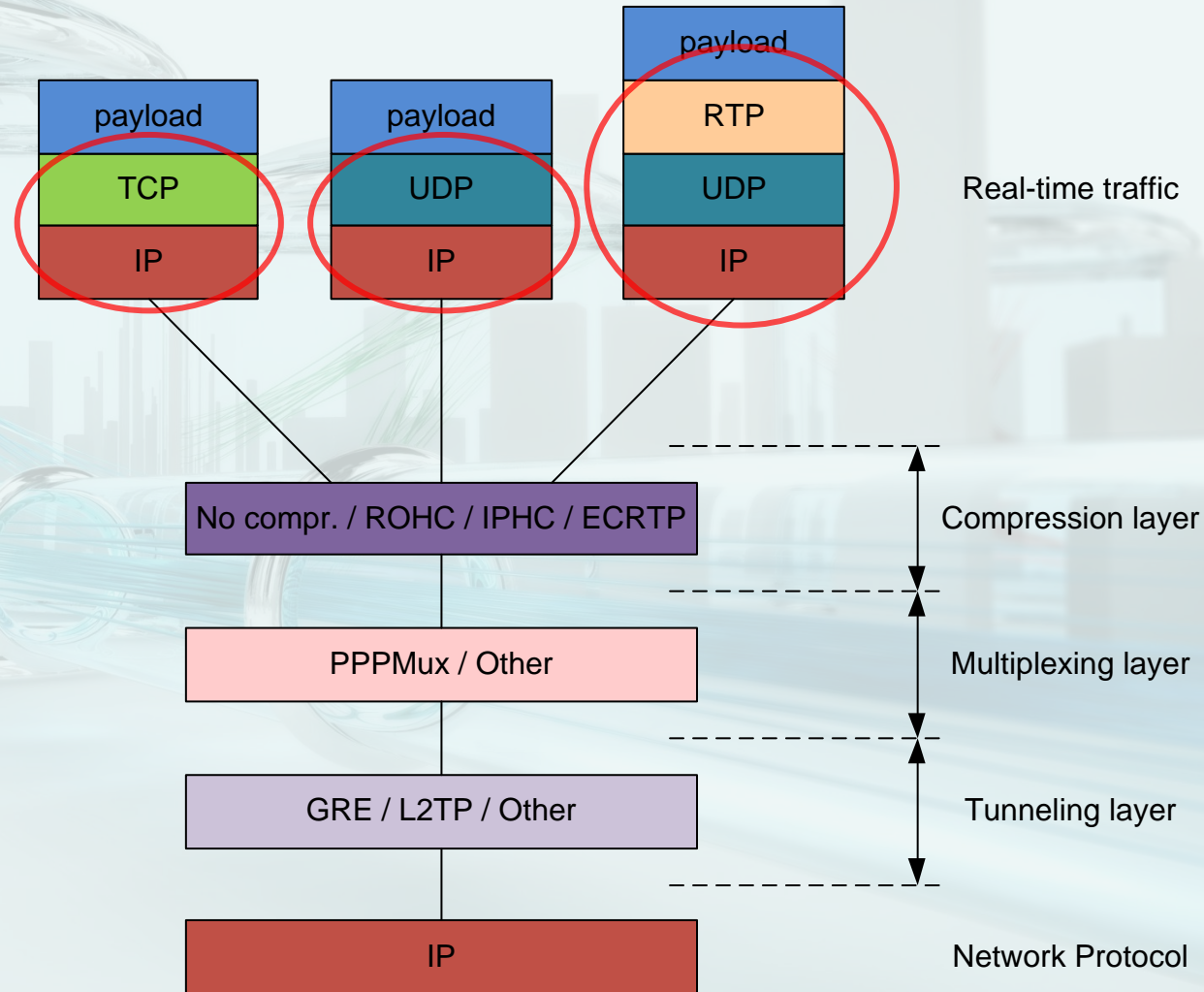


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New options:

1) Different **traffics**

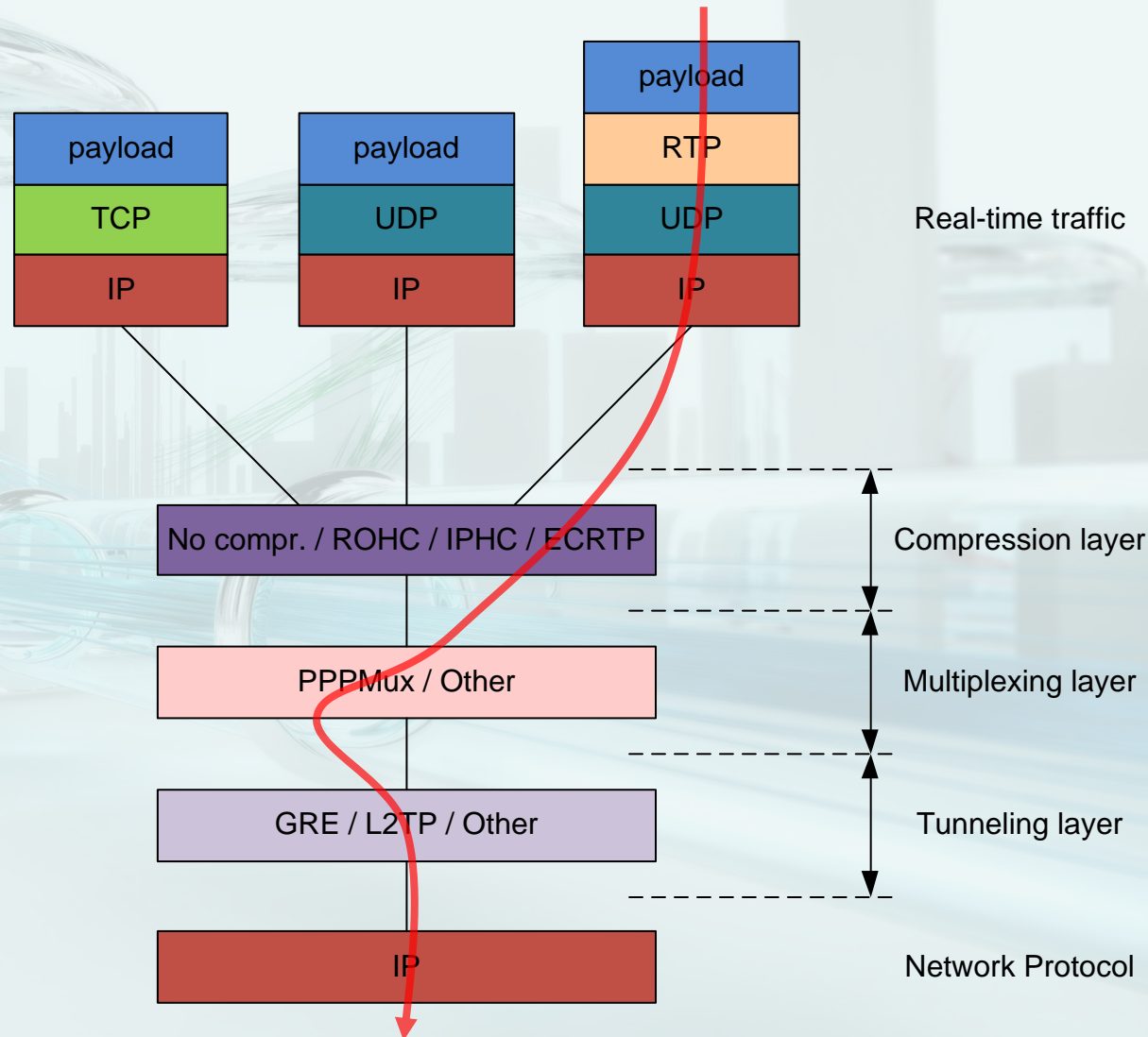
- RTP
- UDP
- TCP



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Backwards
compatibility:

TCRTP is this
“branch”



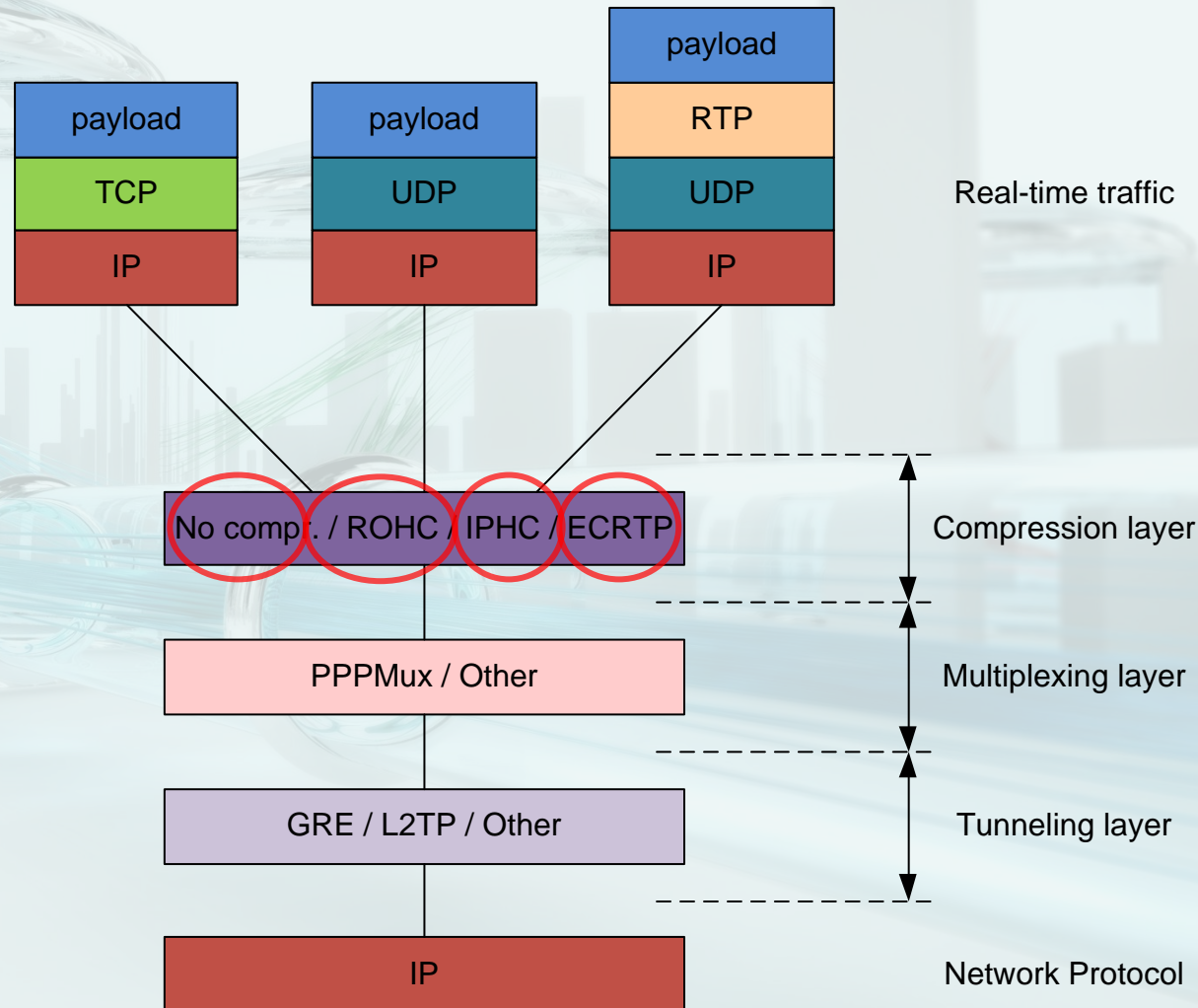
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New options:

2) Different **header compression** algorithms.

The most adequate one can be selected according to:

- Kind of traffic
- Scenario: loss, delay
- Processing capacity
- Etc.

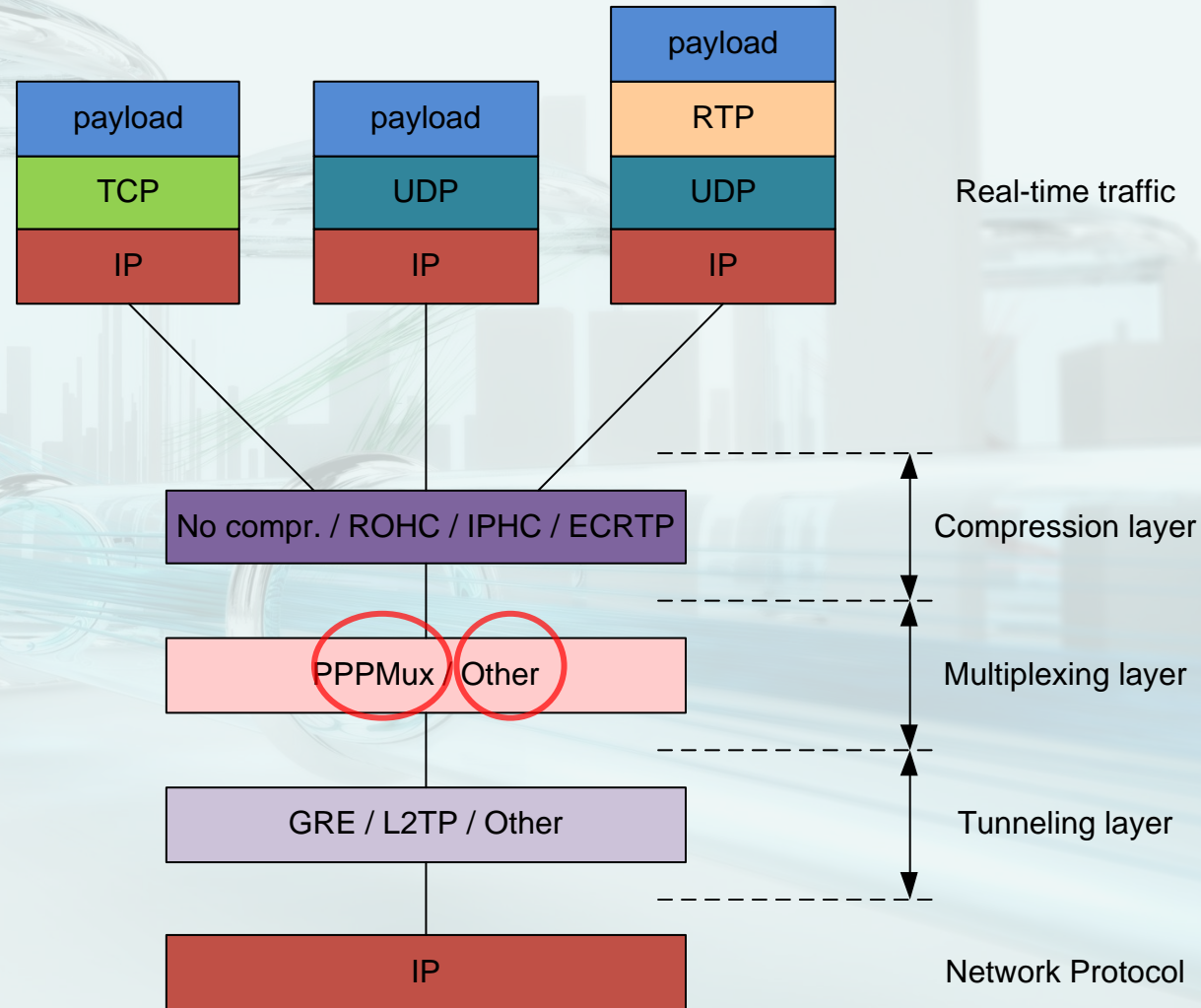


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3) Different **mux** algorithms

- Currently: PPPMux
- New developed ones

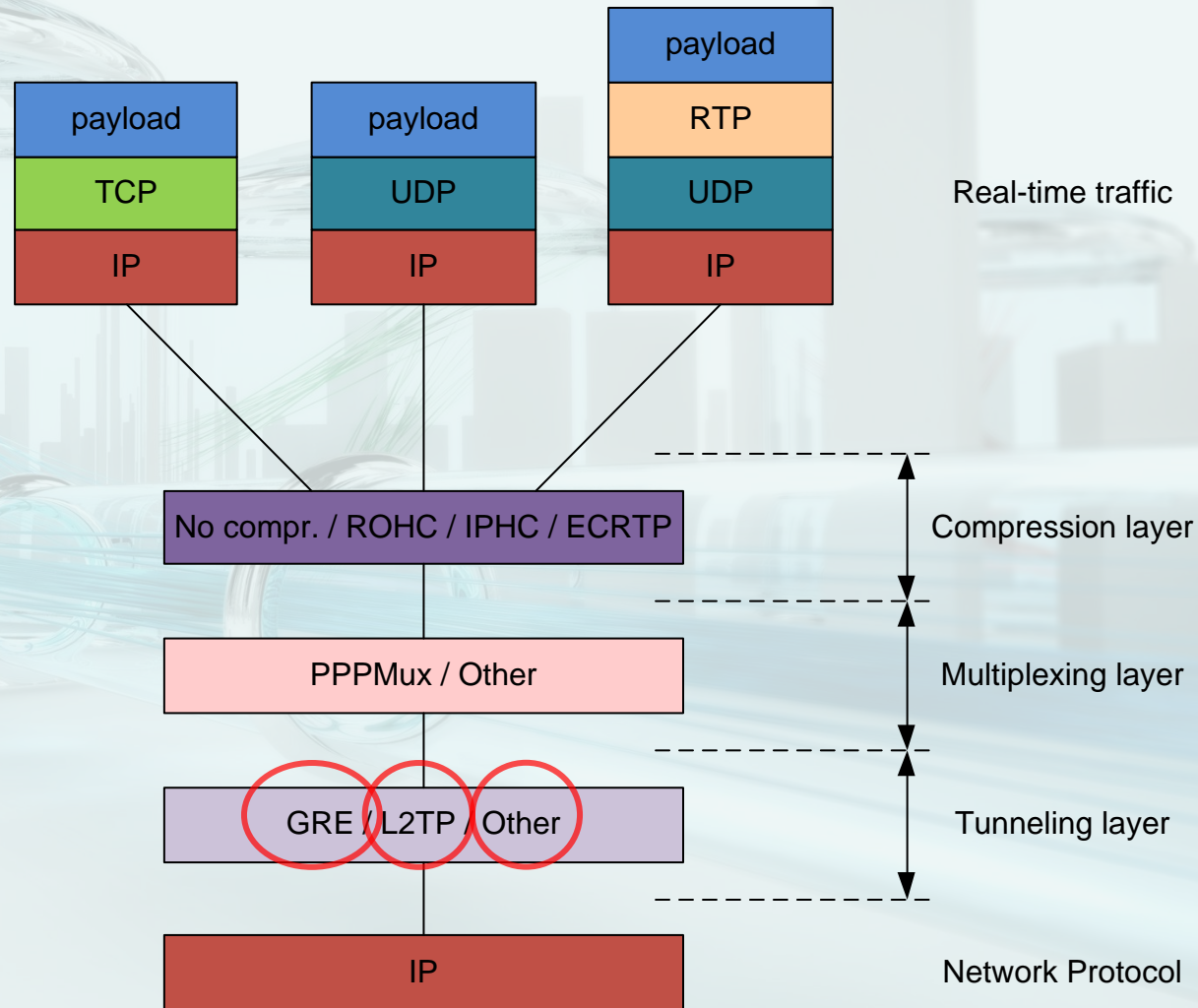


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New options:

4) Different **tunneling** algorithms

- Currently: L2TPv3
- GRE
- others



Is TCMTF a solution to the problem?

Does it work?

First Person Shooter game (UDP)

One IPv4/UDP server-to-client packet of Counter Strike with 9 players

$$\eta = 160/188 = 85\%$$



28 to 4 bytes compression

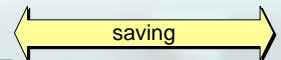
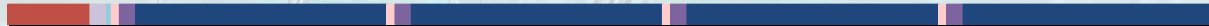
Four IPv4/UDP client-to-server packets of Counter Strike

$$\eta = 61/89 = 68\%$$



One IPv4/TCM packet multiplexing four client-to-server Counter Strike packets

$$\eta = 244/293 = 83\%$$



Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game (TCP)

Six IPv4/TCP client-to-server packets of World of Warcraft. $E[P]=20$ bytes

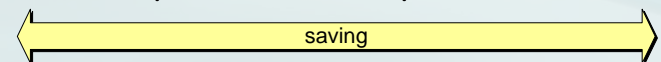
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40 to 7-9 bytes compression

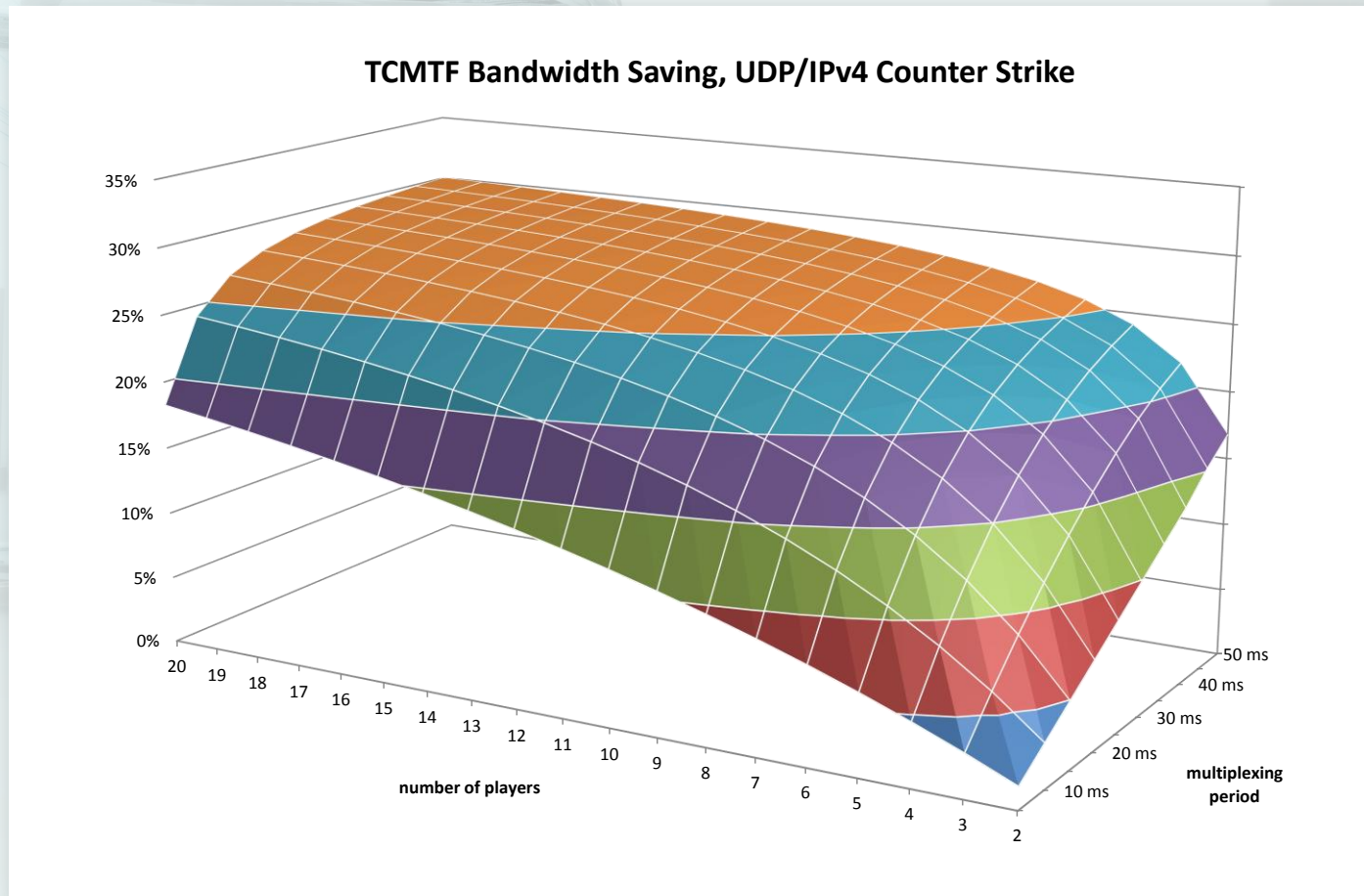
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$$\eta = 120/187 = 64\%$$



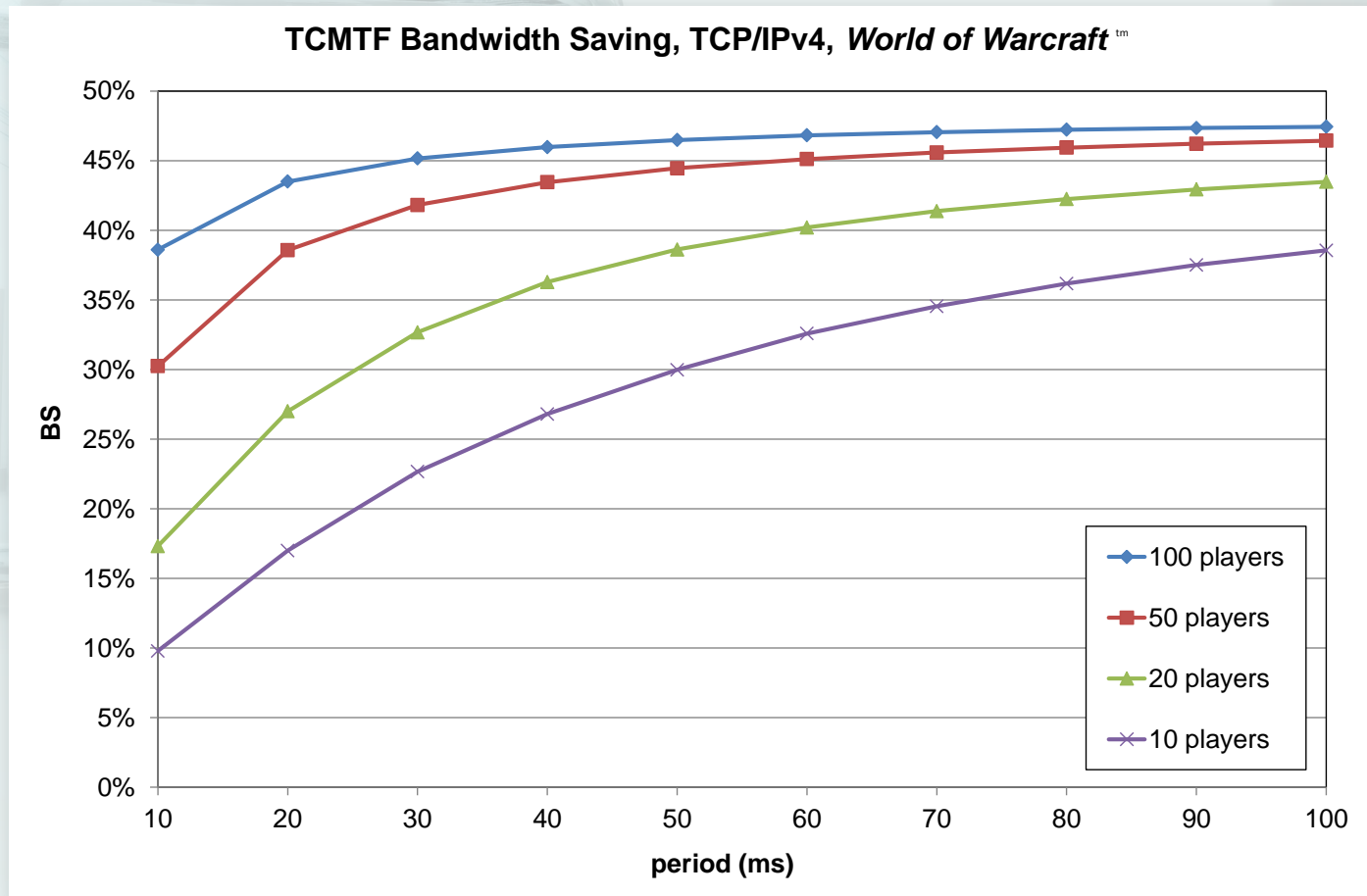
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- This is **cross-area work**. It relates to RAI, Transport, and Internet.
 - L2TPv3: **Internet Area** (RFC 3931, March 2005)
 - PPPMux: **Internet Area** (RFC 3153, August 2001)
 - ECRTTP: **RAI Area** (RFC 3545, July 2003)
 - ROHC: **Transport Area**, although it can also compress RTP (RFC 5795, March 2010)
- RAI Area: It does not fit, because RTP is only a **particular case** of the solution.
- **Internet or Transport Area?**

Is TSVWG the correct place to solve it?

- RFC 1122:
 - Transport Layer: “The transport layer **provides end-to-end communication services** for applications”.
 - Internet Layer: “All Internet transport protocols use the Internet Protocol (IP) to carry data from source host to destination host. IP is a connectionless or datagram internetwork service, providing **no end-to-end delivery guarantees**”.
- TCMTF is an **end-to-end solution**, requiring some knowledge of the traffic to multiplex, and a synchronization of the context **on both sides**.

A 3D rendered scene featuring a glass jar on the left and a glass tube on the right. Both are filled with numerous thin, glowing lines in shades of blue and green, suggesting data or light. The background is a stylized city skyline with various building silhouettes. The overall aesthetic is clean, modern, and technological.

So, why not **TSVWG**?

Thank you

Additional slides



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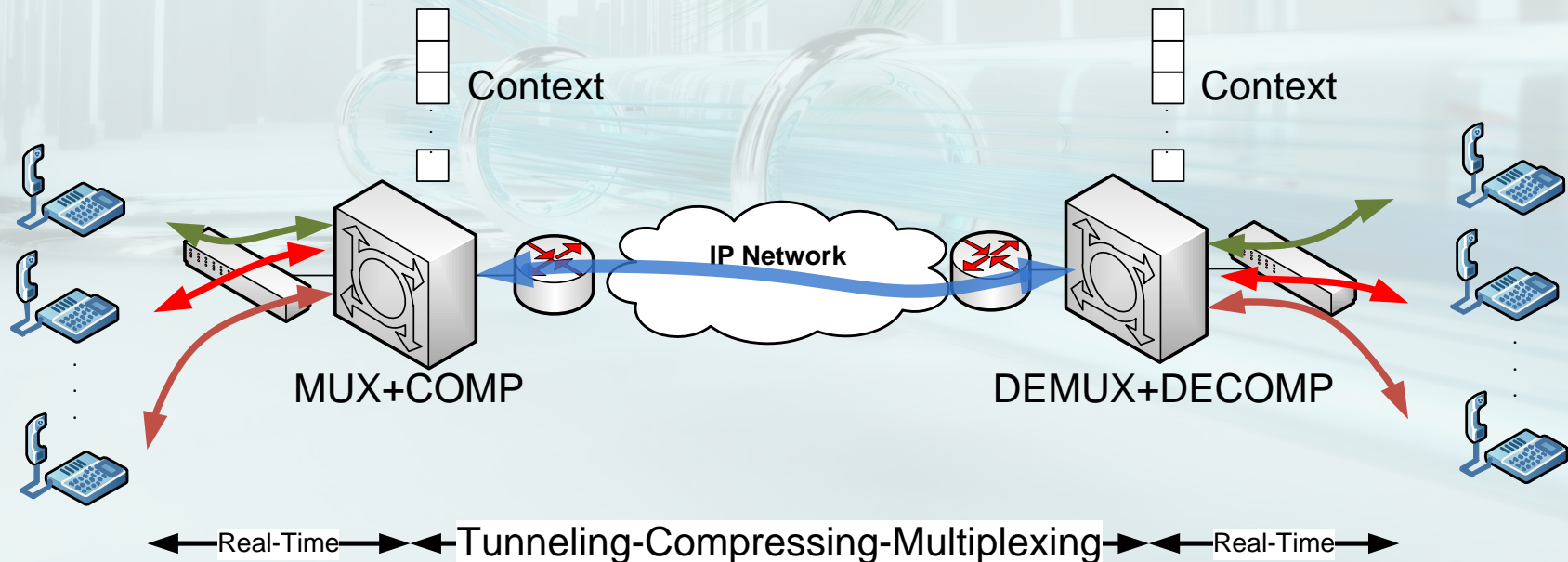
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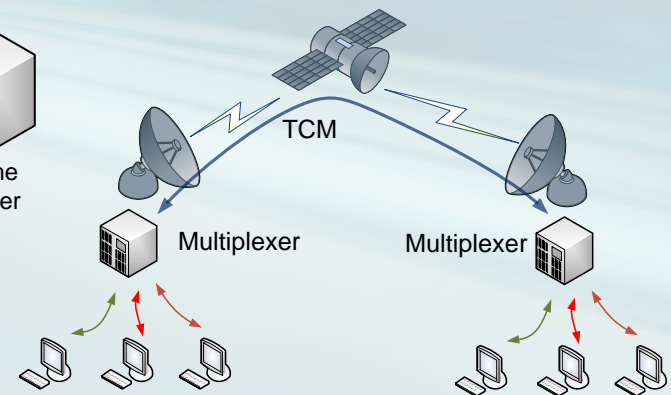
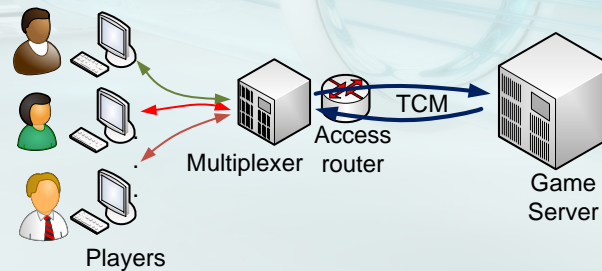
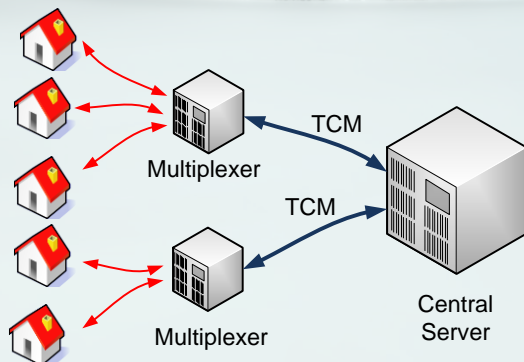
- An enterprise with different offices
- A number of calls share a common path: they can also share the common header



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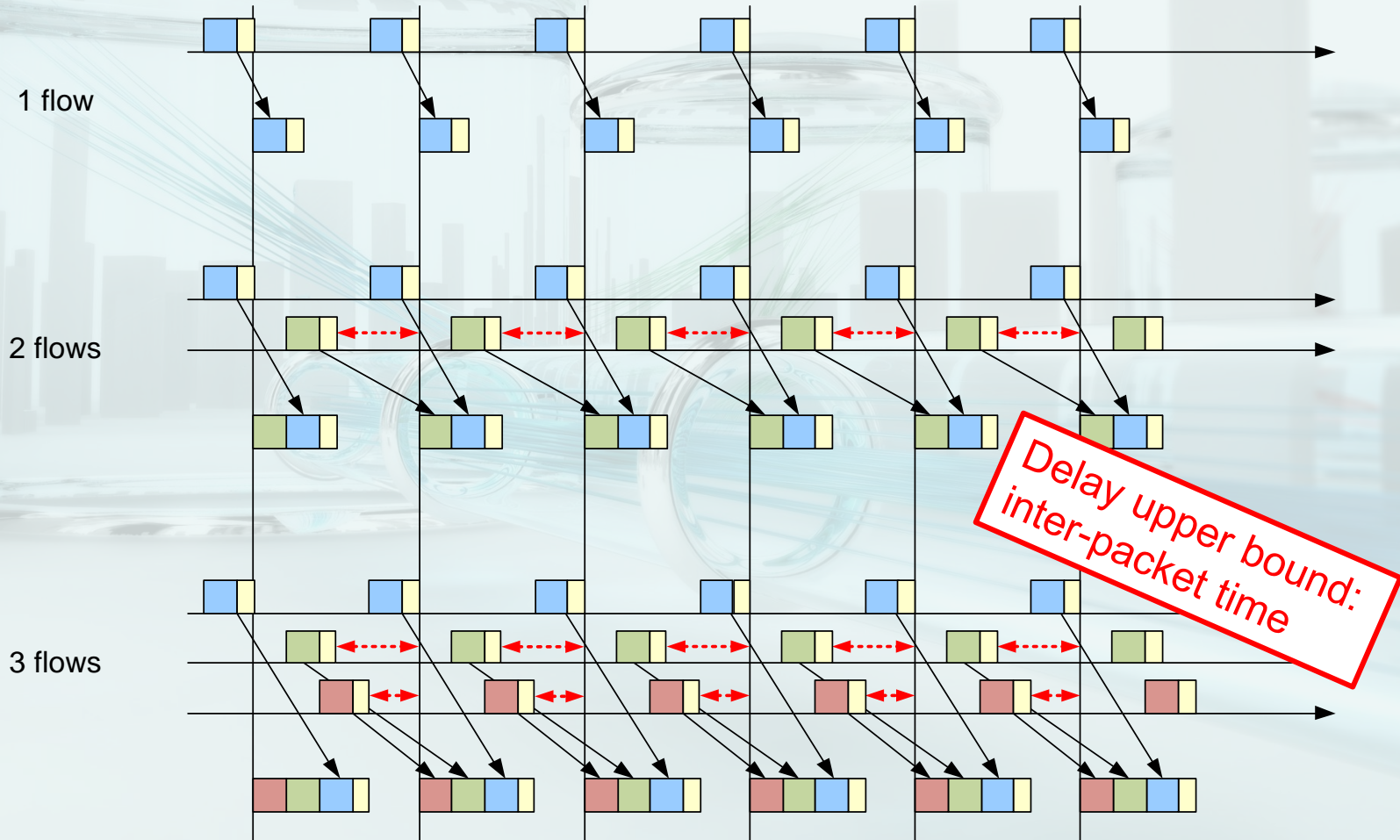
Other non-RTP scenarios

- Proxies of a game-provider or access network
- Internet café
- Satellite link: **Reducing pps**: Compressing ACKs of different flows
- A group of users of a remote desktop system (webRTC)



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- The users are very **sensitive to delay**
- They use **wireless access** networks
- **Supporting infrastructures are critical.** They **MUST** work 24/7.
 - Over-provisioning?. Multiplexing tradeoff: in the rush hour, we can save bandwidth at the cost of adding small delays: **flexibility**

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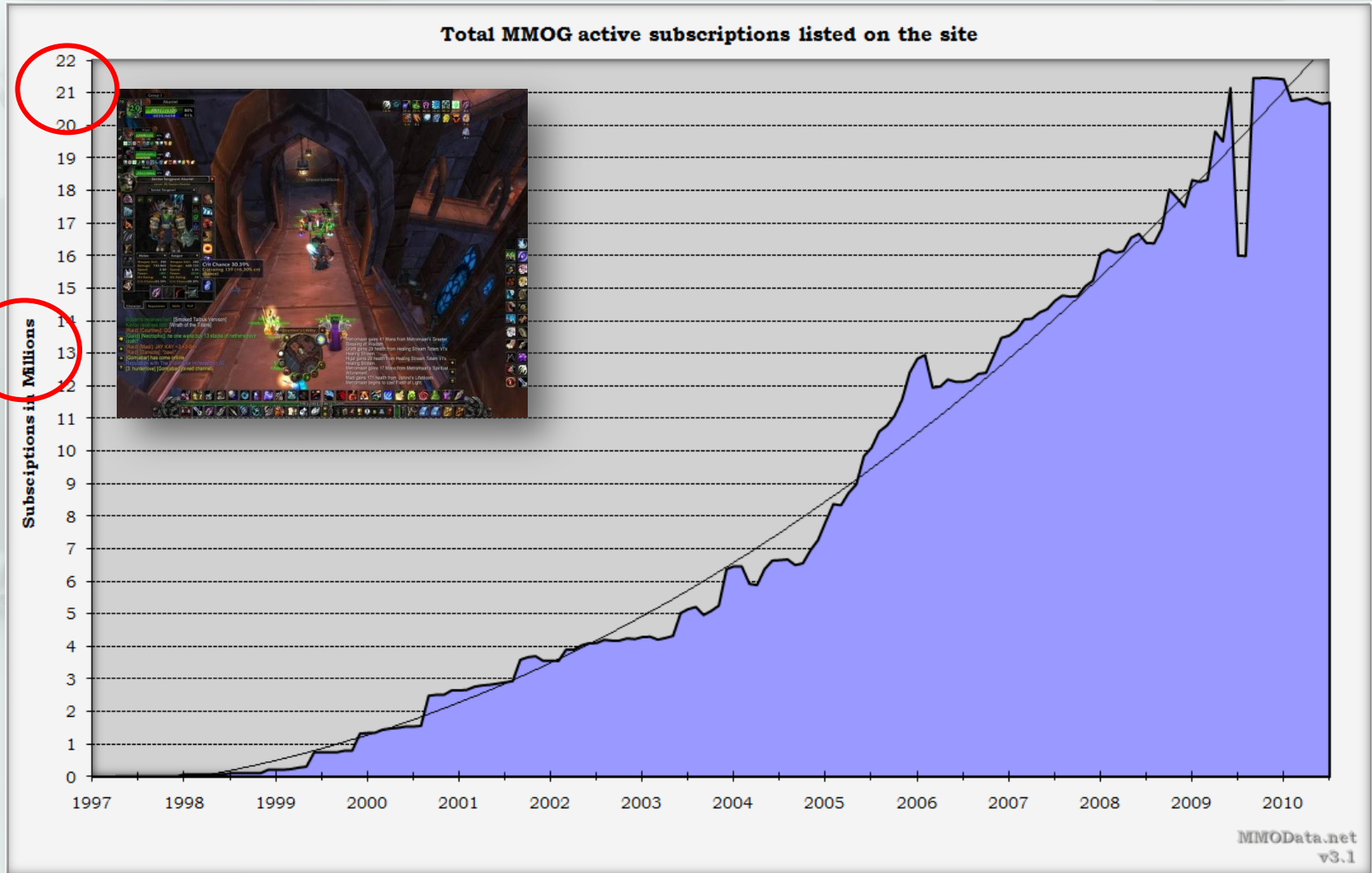
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Battlefield Bad Company 2	804	804	59	404
Call of Duty	592	614	144	2,156
Call of Duty 2	3,088	3,384	1,897	29,035
Call of Duty 4	11,581	13,365	6,806	91,995
Call of Duty: United Offense	615	804	511	6,633
Call of Duty: World at War	469	597	217	7,913
Counter-Strike	167,304	284,468	27,854	592,414
Counter-Strike: Source	47,082	70,029	28,190	322,610
Crysis	113	114	20	805
Day of Defeat	1,096	1,608	108	4,228
Day of Defeat: Source	1,906	5,744	1,418	14,539
Doom 3	1	1	32	499
Enemy Territory: Quake Wars	220	391	91	2,106
F.E.A.R.	41	43	101	2,625
Fortress Forever	2	2	9	4,907
Half-Life	879	1,003	248	2,789
Half-Life 2	20	624	690	9,325
Halo	429	429	318	7,531
Left 4 Dead 1	499	510	1,129	29,013

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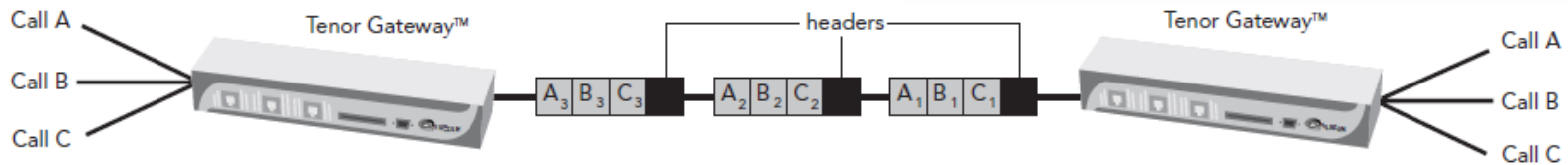
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Does this scenario exist?



PacketSaver™

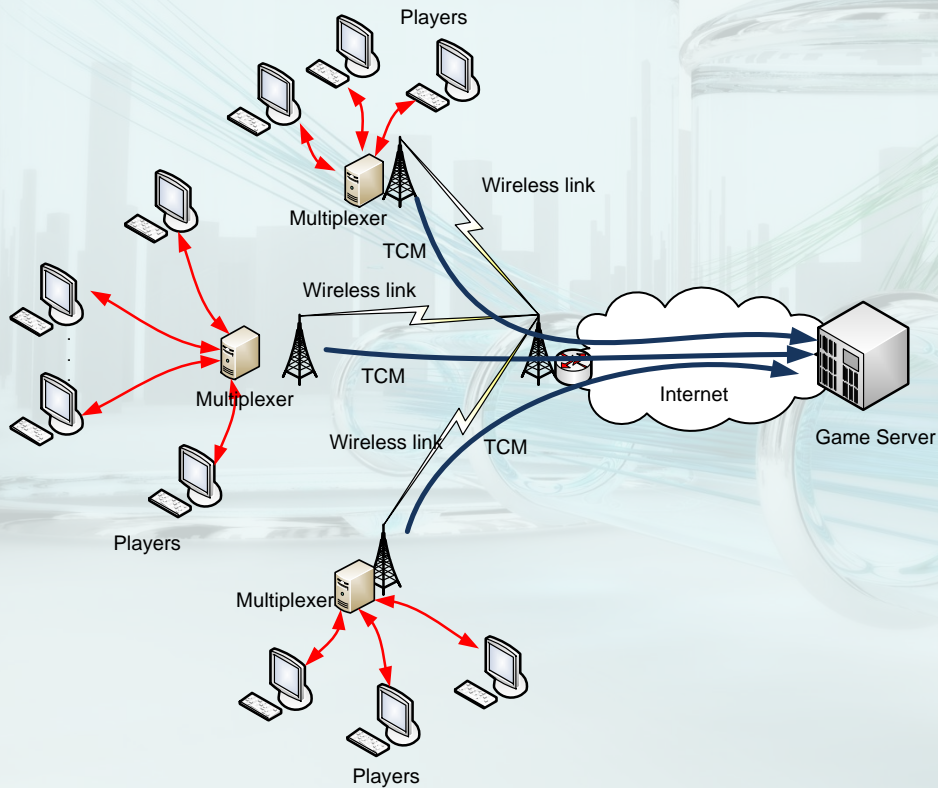
More Efficient, More Reliable VoIP



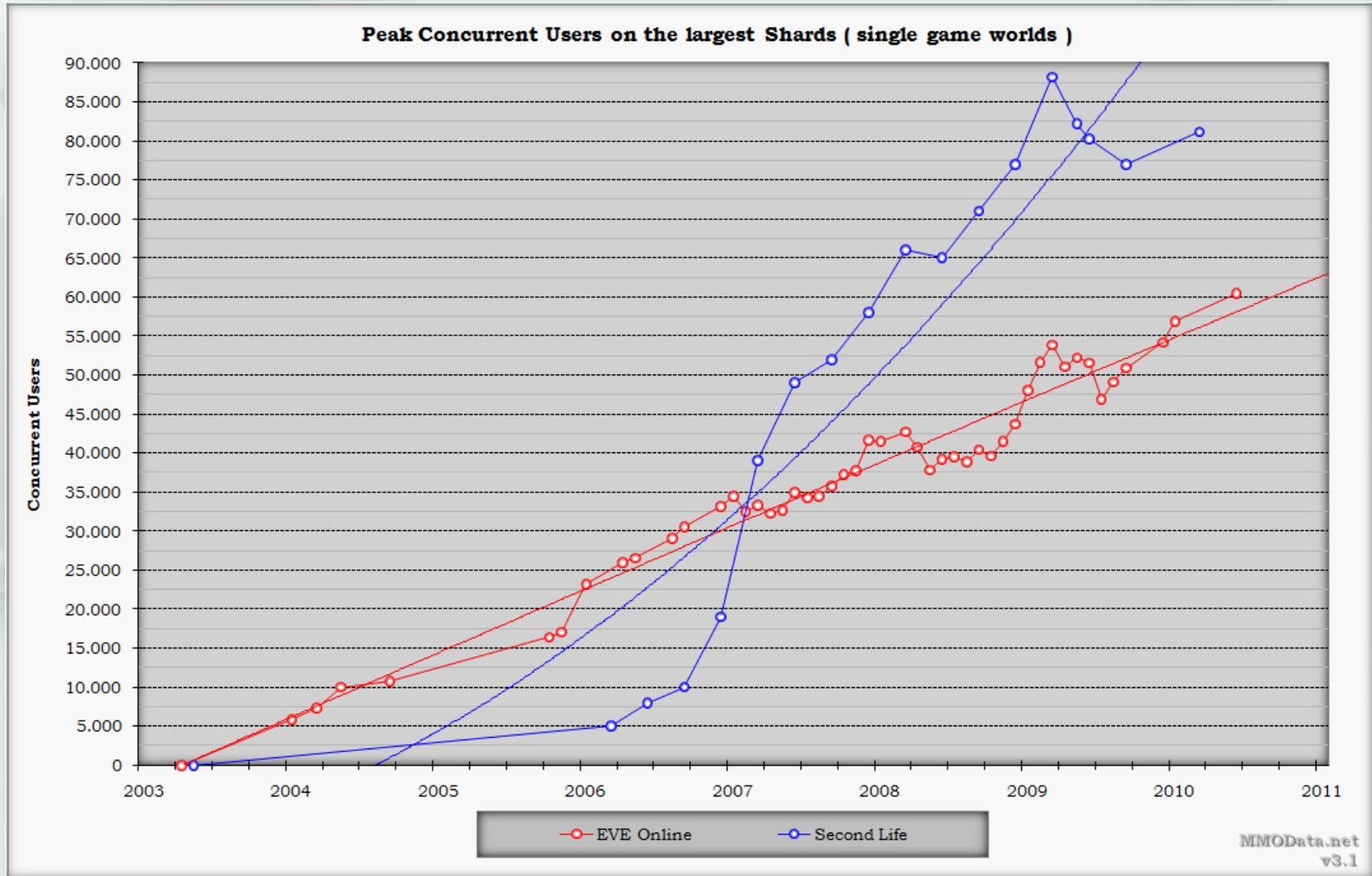
Quintum's *PacketSaver* technology multiplexes small voice/fax-over-IP packets into larger packets to increase network efficiency, thereby reducing the total amount of packet "overhead" required to transmit voice and fax over IP networks

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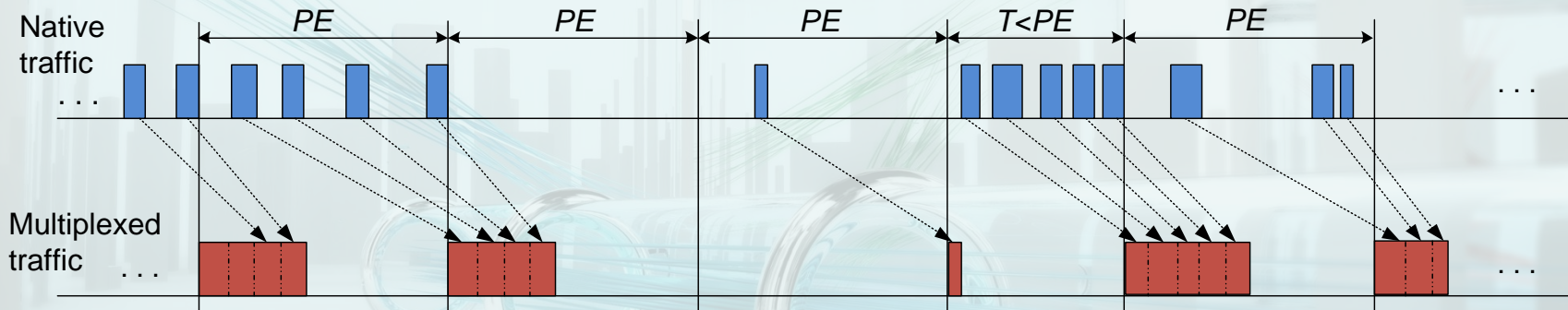


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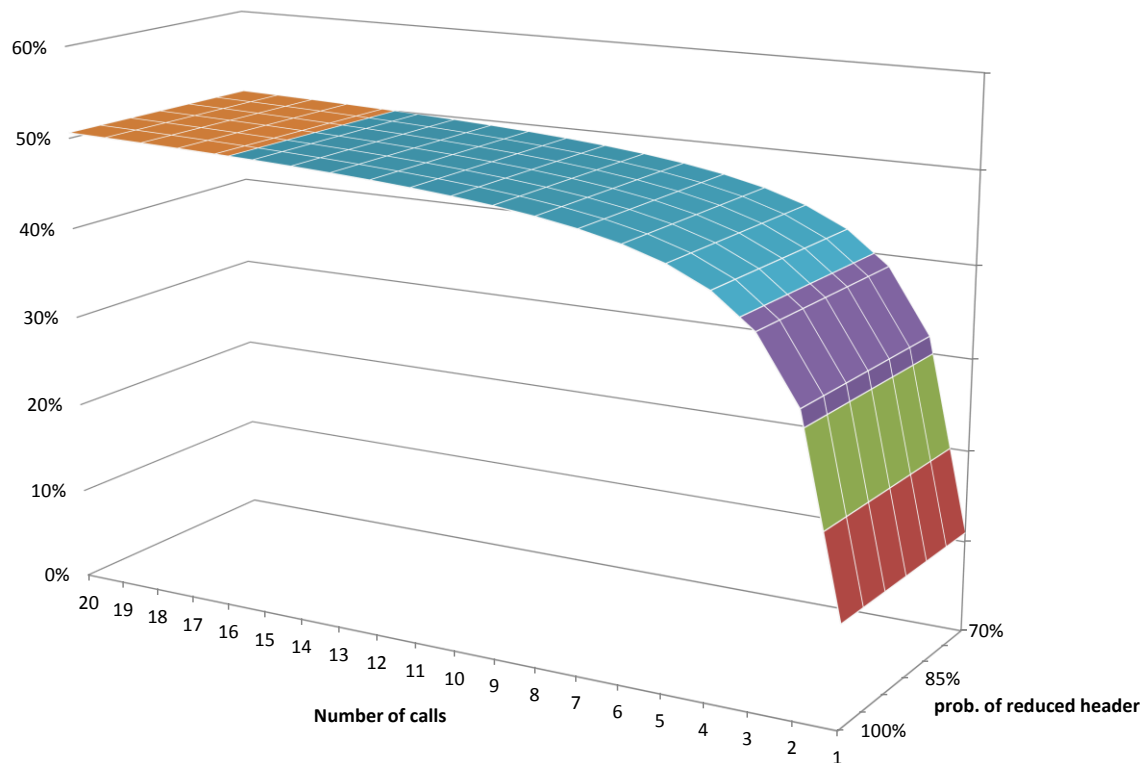
- As inter-packet time is not fixed, we would need a policy to select the packet to multiplex.



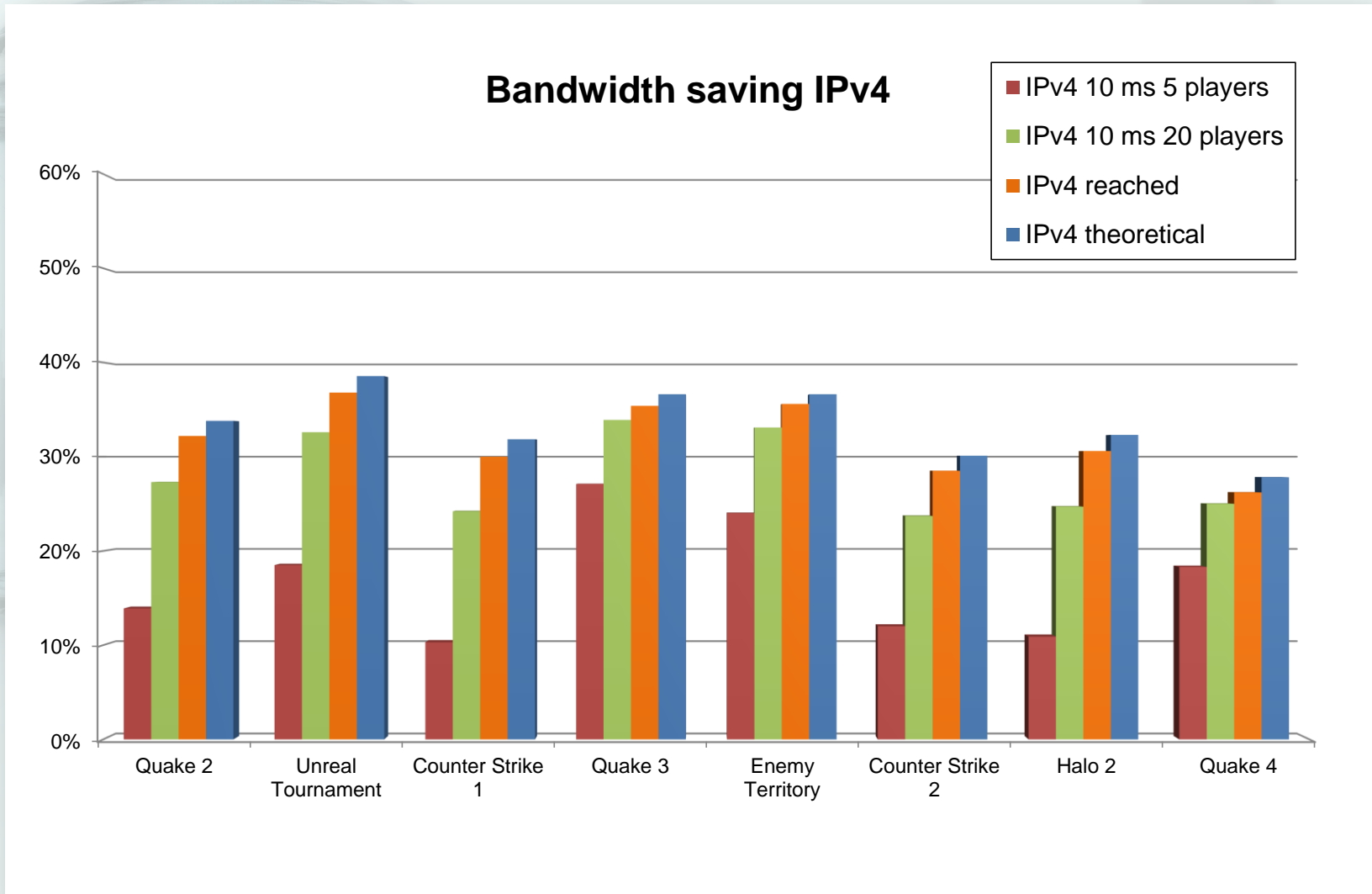
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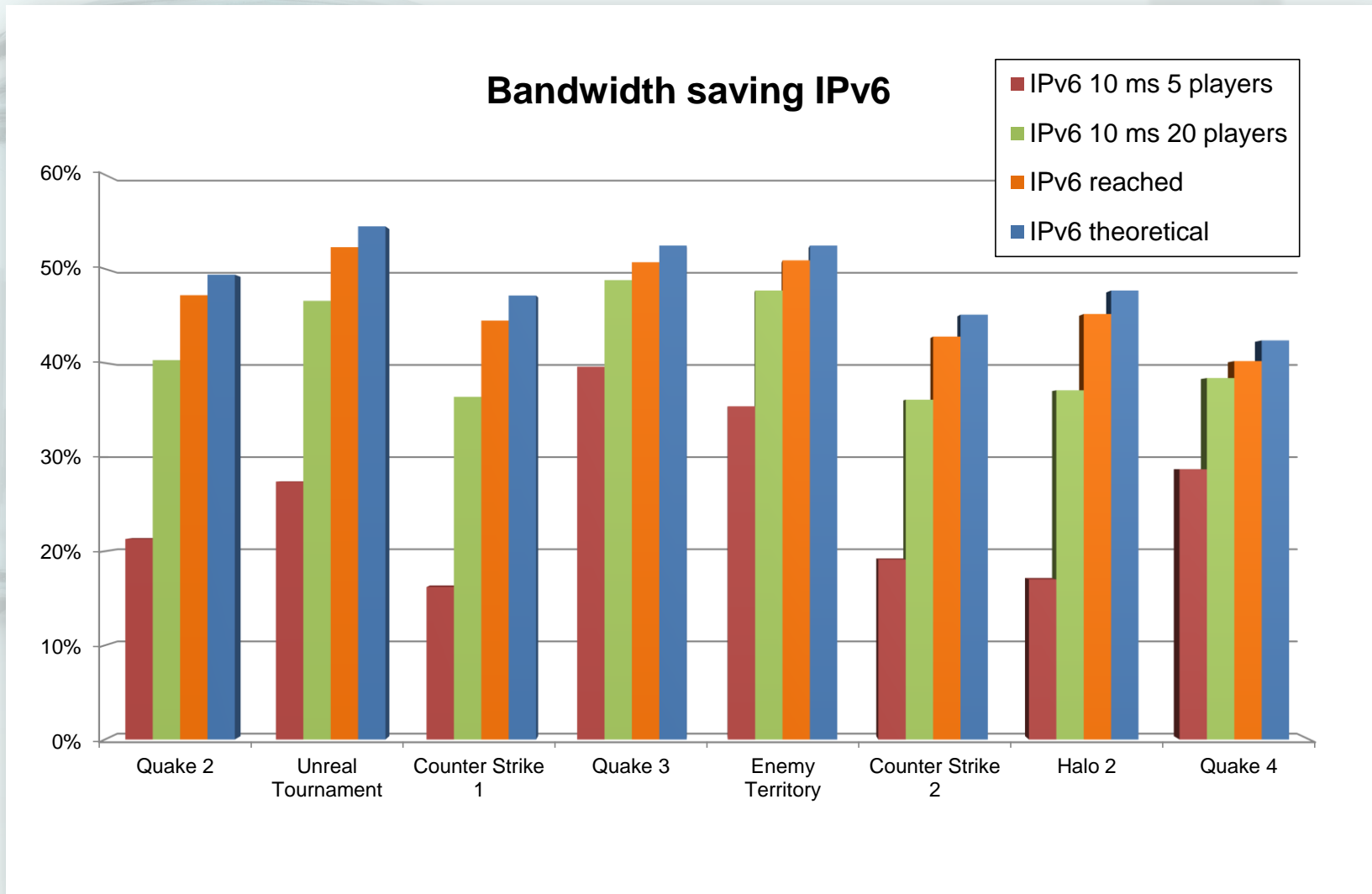
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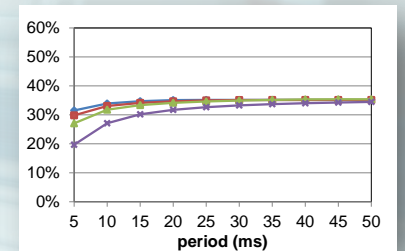
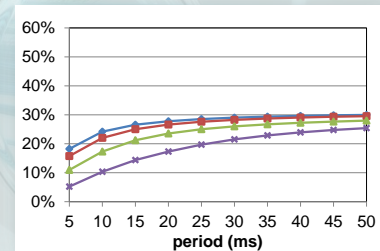
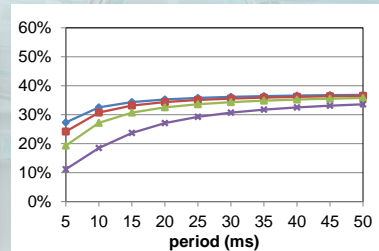
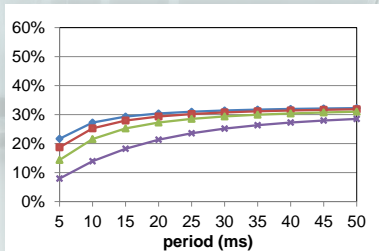
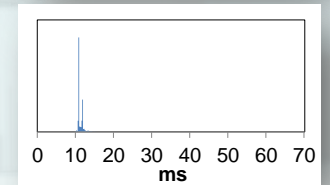
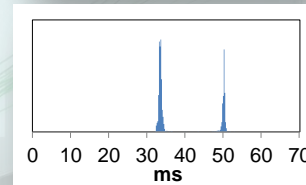
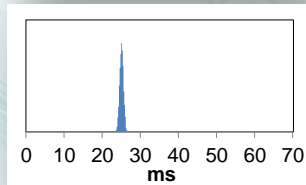
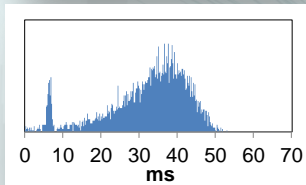
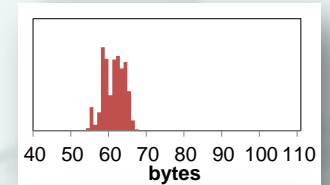
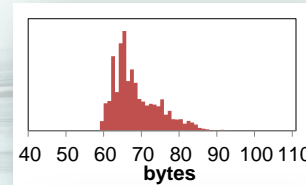
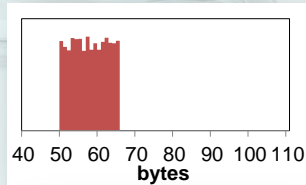
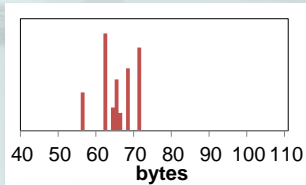
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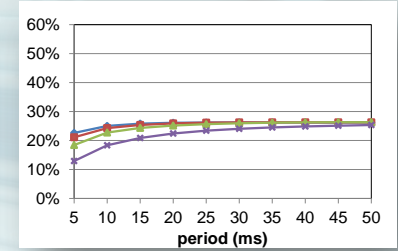
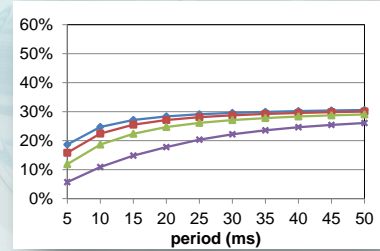
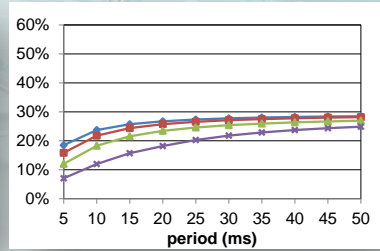
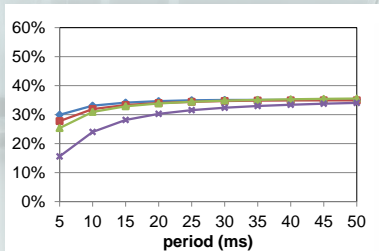
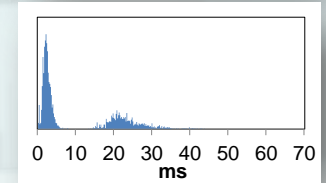
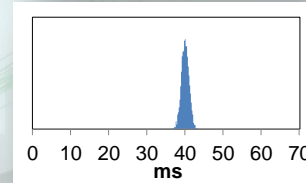
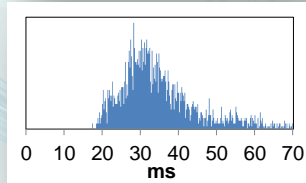
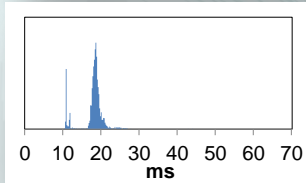
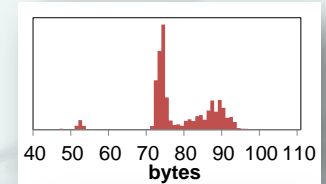
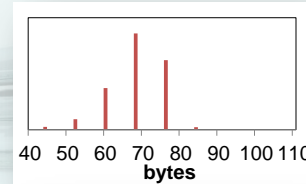
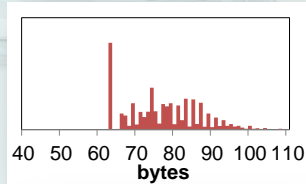
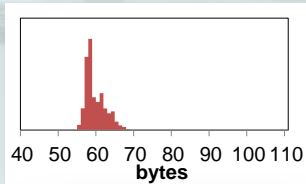
Quake II

Unreal
Tournament

Counter
Strike I

Quake III

Is TCMTF a solution to the problem?



Wolfenstein:
Enemy
Territory

Counter
Strike II

Halo II

Quake IV