ERONs: Dynamic Optical Networking via Overlay Control of Static Lightpaths

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Outline

- Dynamic Optical Networking: Vision vs. Reality
- Edge Reconfigurable Optical Networks (ERONs)
- ERON Dimensioning
- Simulation Results

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  - High administrative burden $\longrightarrow$ coordinate multiple providers
  - High cost of (semi-)permanent lightpaths

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  - dedicated between two end-users
    $\longrightarrow$ high-end devices, instruments, . . .
  - held in place for long time periods ($>$ months)

Challenges

- Applications require sporadic access to lightpaths
  $\longrightarrow$ extremely low utilization
- Dedicated lightpaths
  $\longrightarrow$ only available to small fraction of potential users

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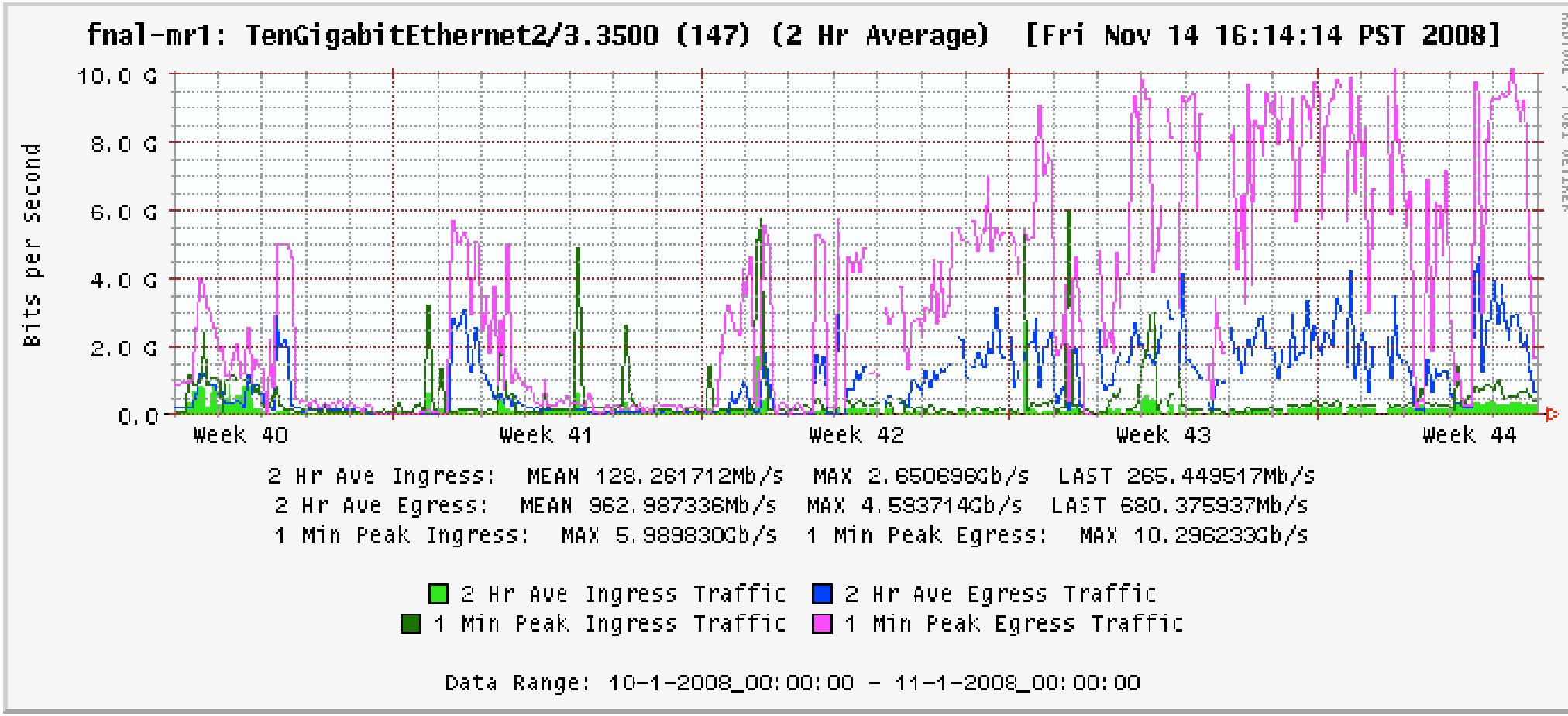

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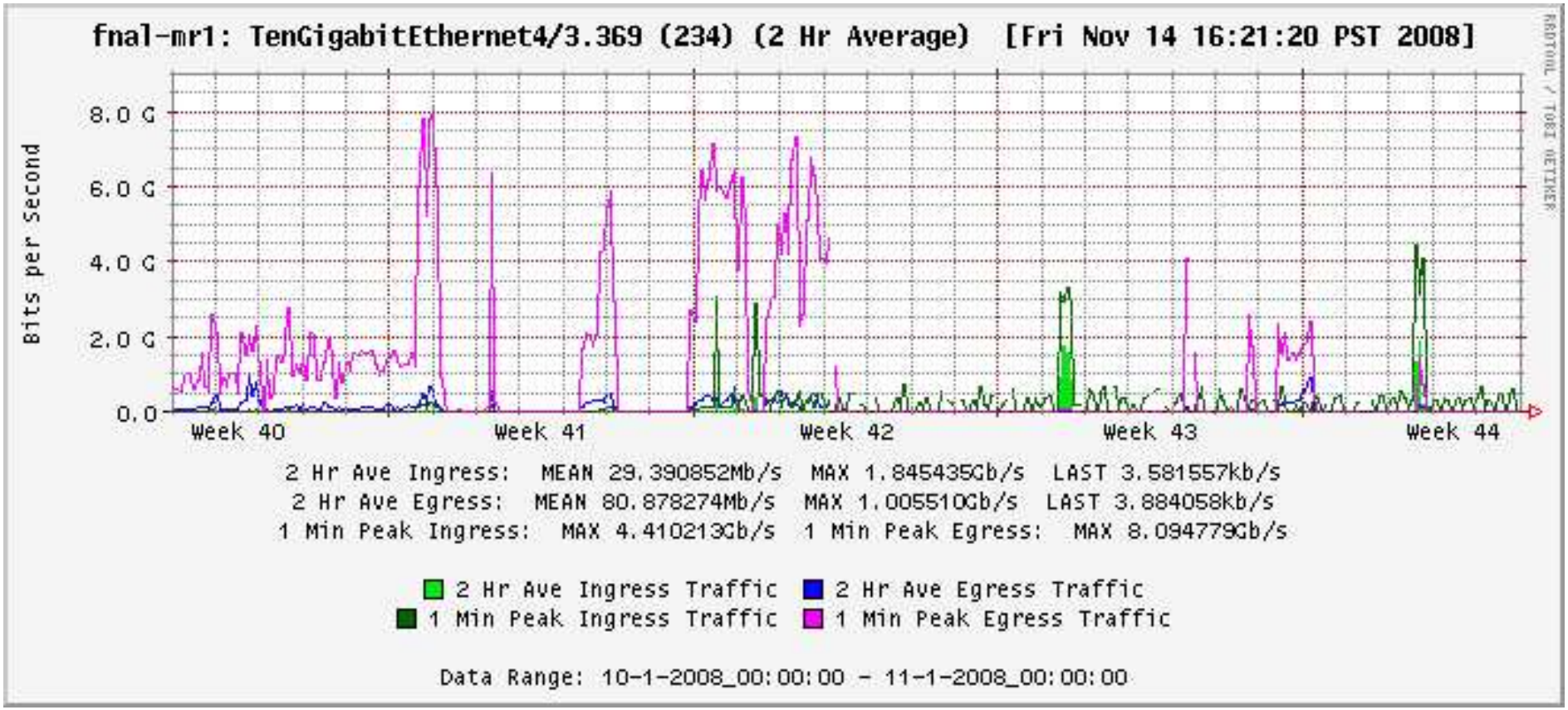

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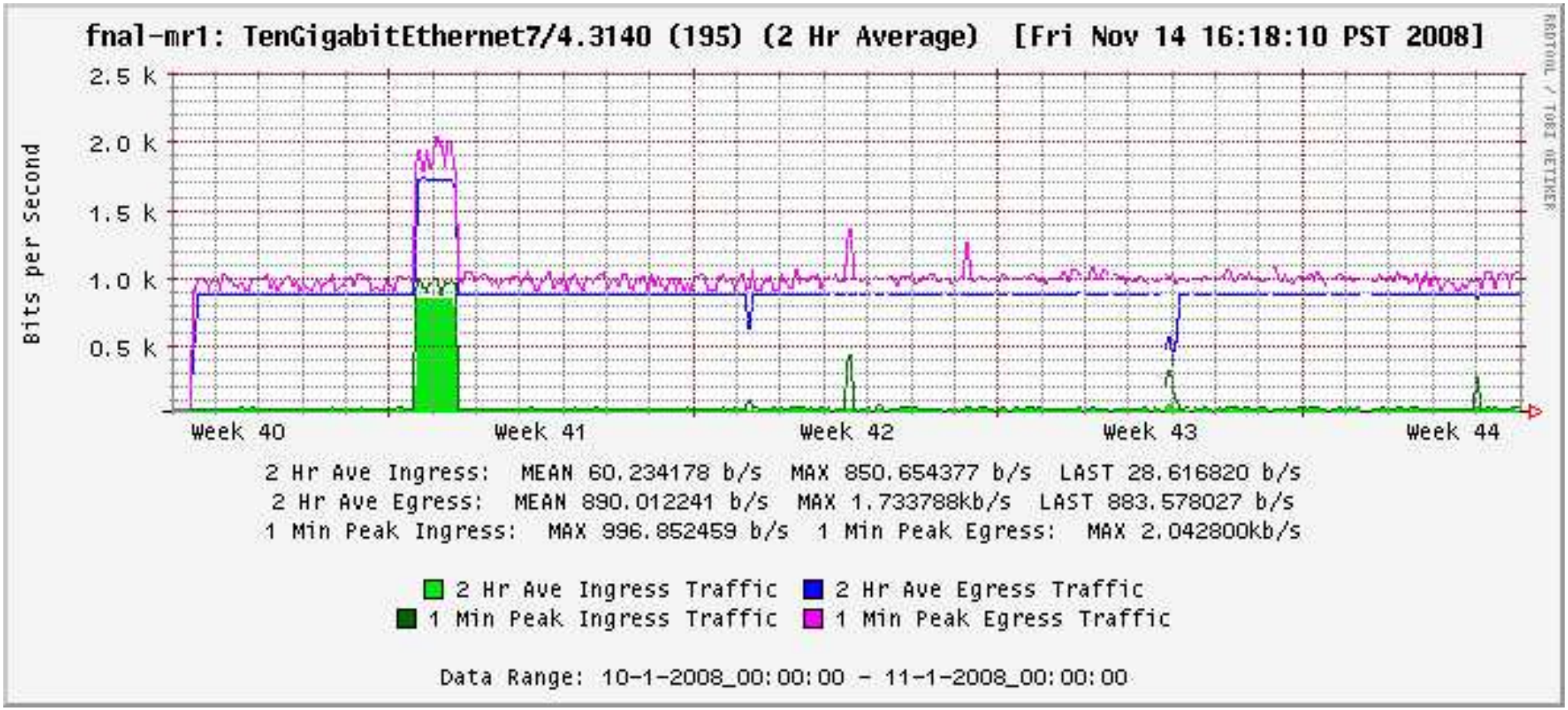

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   - GMPLS signaling
   - resource broker

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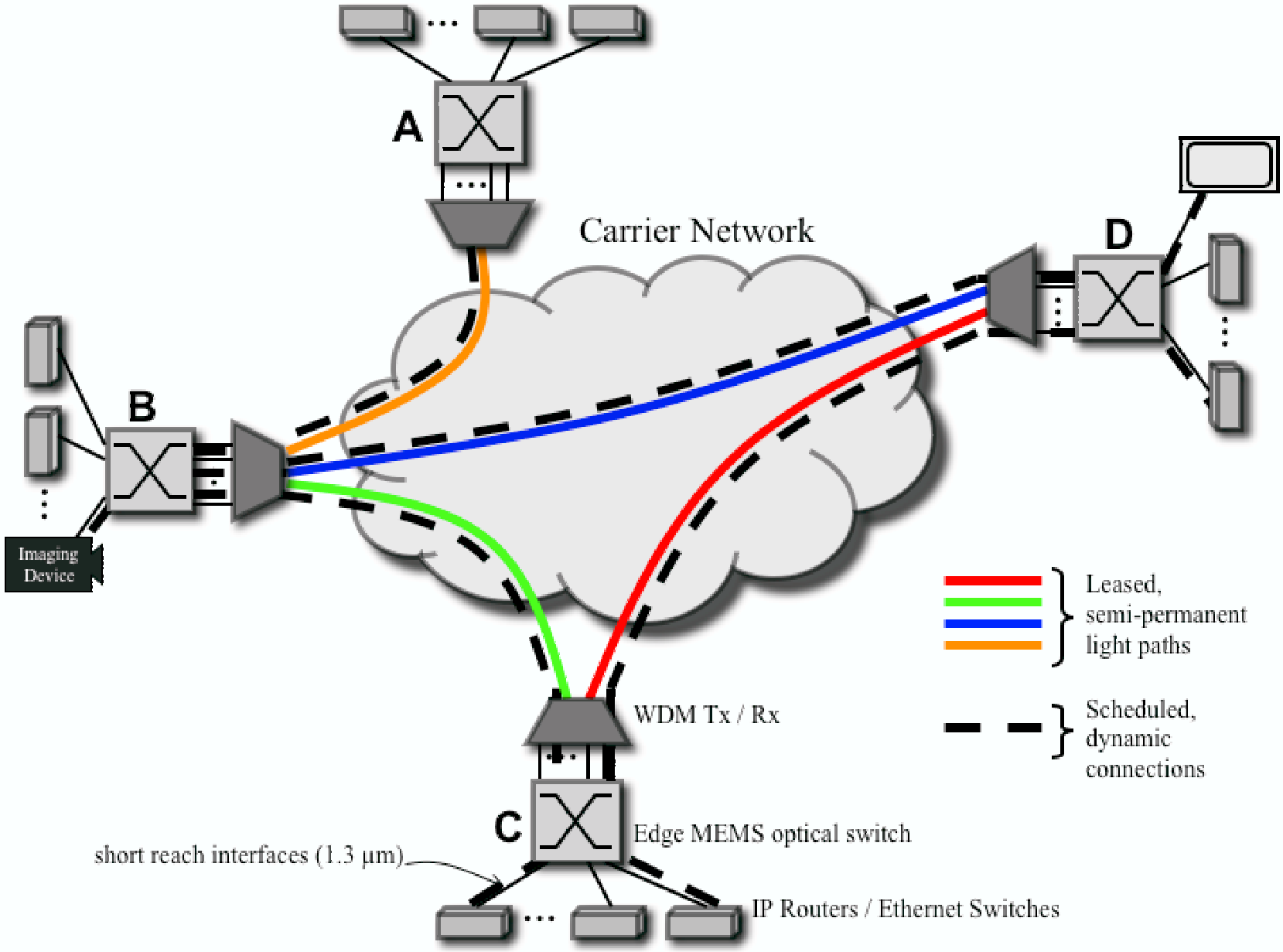
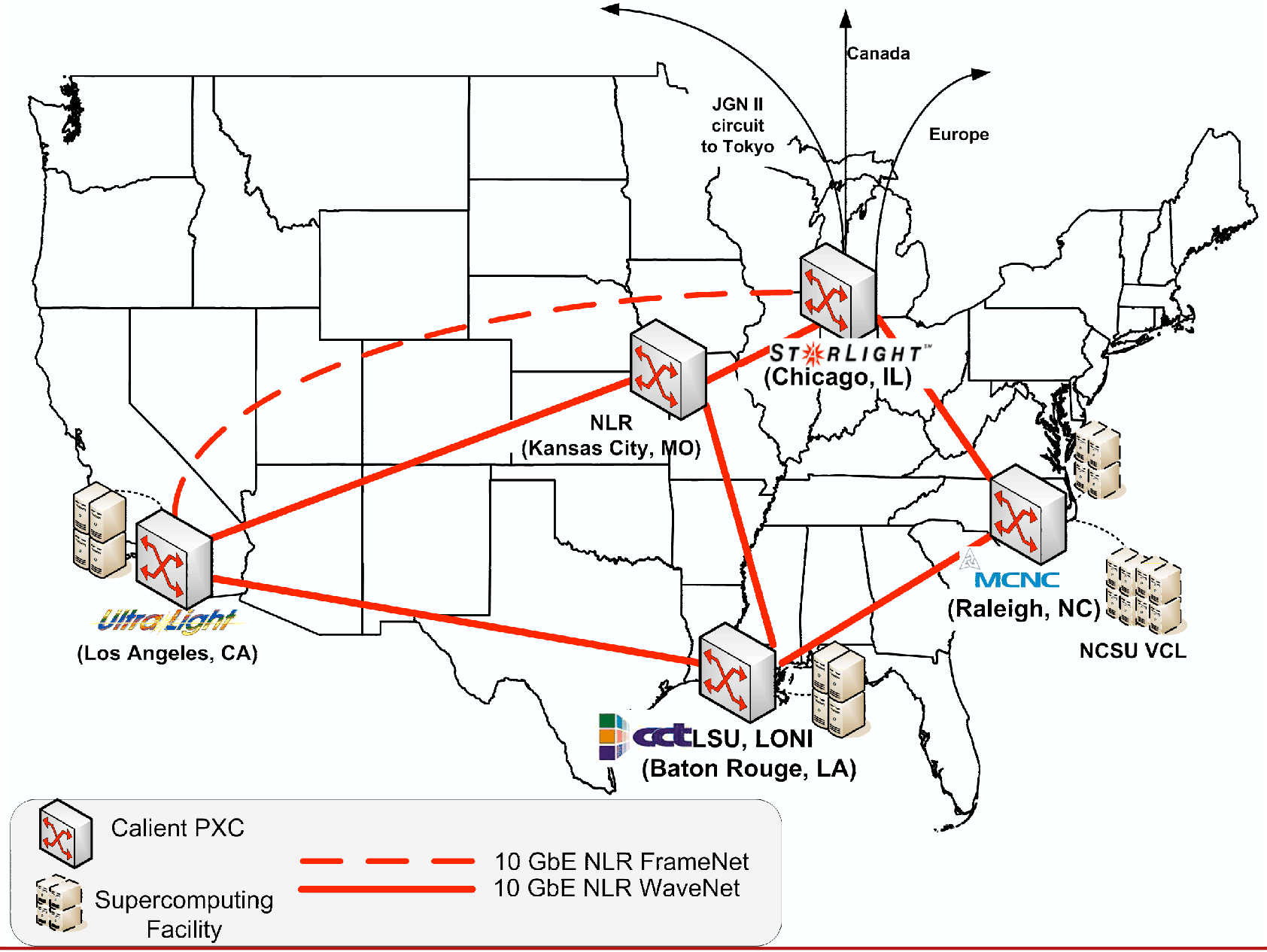

A
Carrier Network
D
B
Imaging Device
Leased, semi-permanent light paths
WDM Tx / Rx
Scheduled, dynamic connections
C
Edge MEMS optical switch
short reach interfaces (1.3 μm)
IP Routers / Ethernet Switches

ERON Benefits

- Dynamic connections over static topology
- Multihop connections (transparent to network provider)
- Lightpath sharing among multiple users
- Increased “degree of connectivity”
- Higher utilization
- Amortization of high resource cost over many users/applications

EnLIGHTened Computing Testbed



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- Objective:
  - quantify practically achievable benefits
  - no attempt to find optimal solutions

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1. Start with static topology $\longrightarrow$ link capacities
2. Run simulation $\longrightarrow$ link utilizations
3. Consider each link in isolation
   - Erlang-B $\longrightarrow$ target link utilization
4. Reduce capacity of link with smallest relative link utilization
5. Repeat from Step 2 while BP$< 10^{-3}$

Assumptions: Topology

- $M = 100$ users (end-devices)
- $D = 3$ domains
- $N = 20$ nodes ($\leftrightarrow$ MEMS switches)
  - $N_L = 6$ large nodes (including $N_R = 4$ relay nodes)
  - $N_S = 14$ small nodes
- Domains under different administrative control
  - lightpaths terminate at boundaries
  - end-to-end lightpaths $\leftrightarrow$ intra-domain lightpaths
  - end-to-end lightpath consists of $1 - 3$ intra-domain lightpaths

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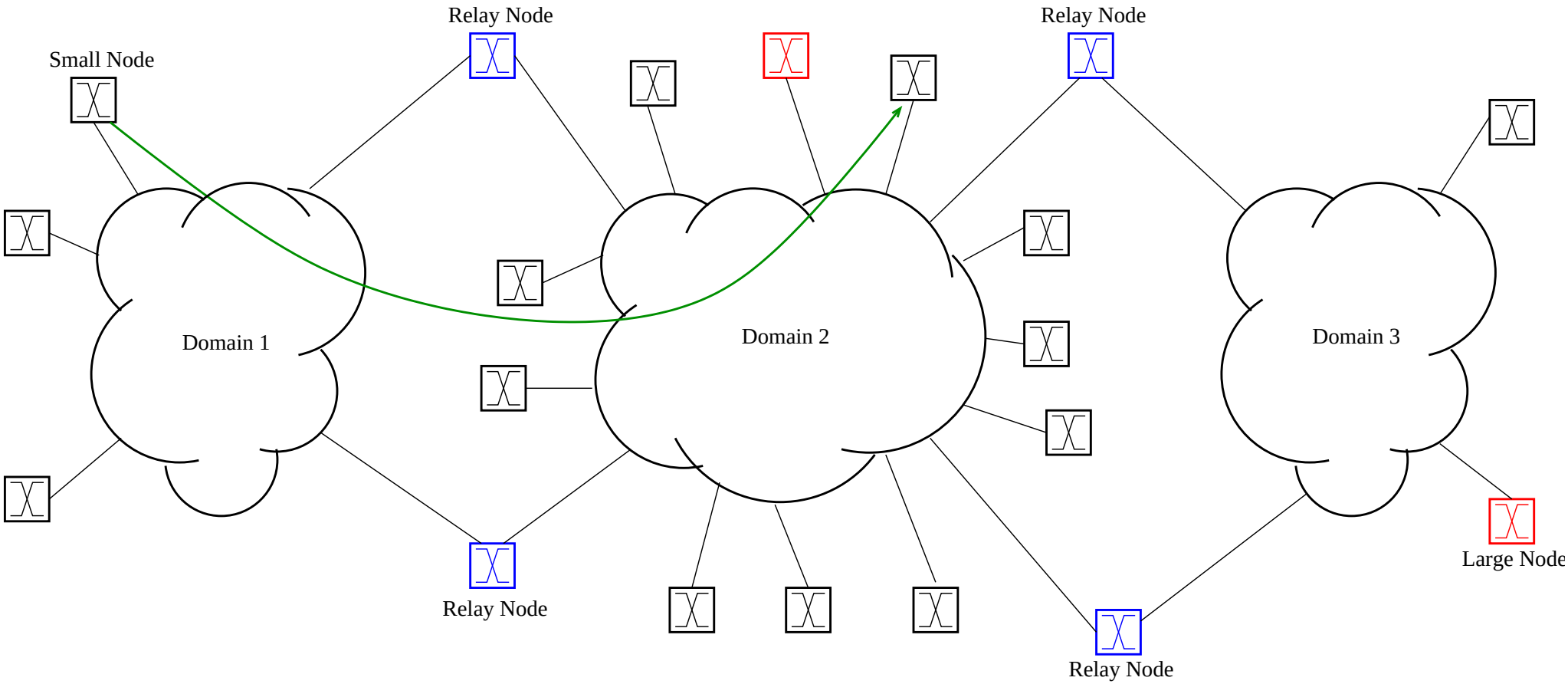

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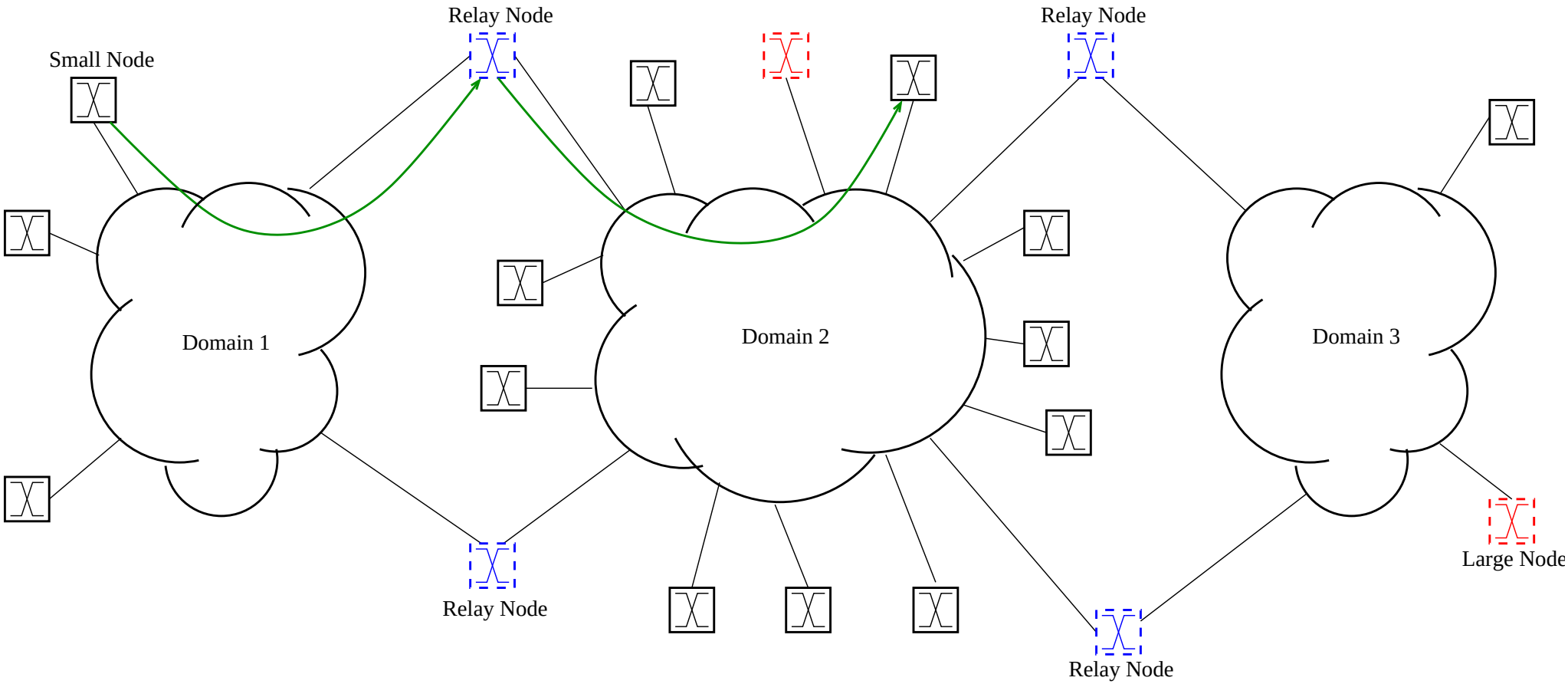


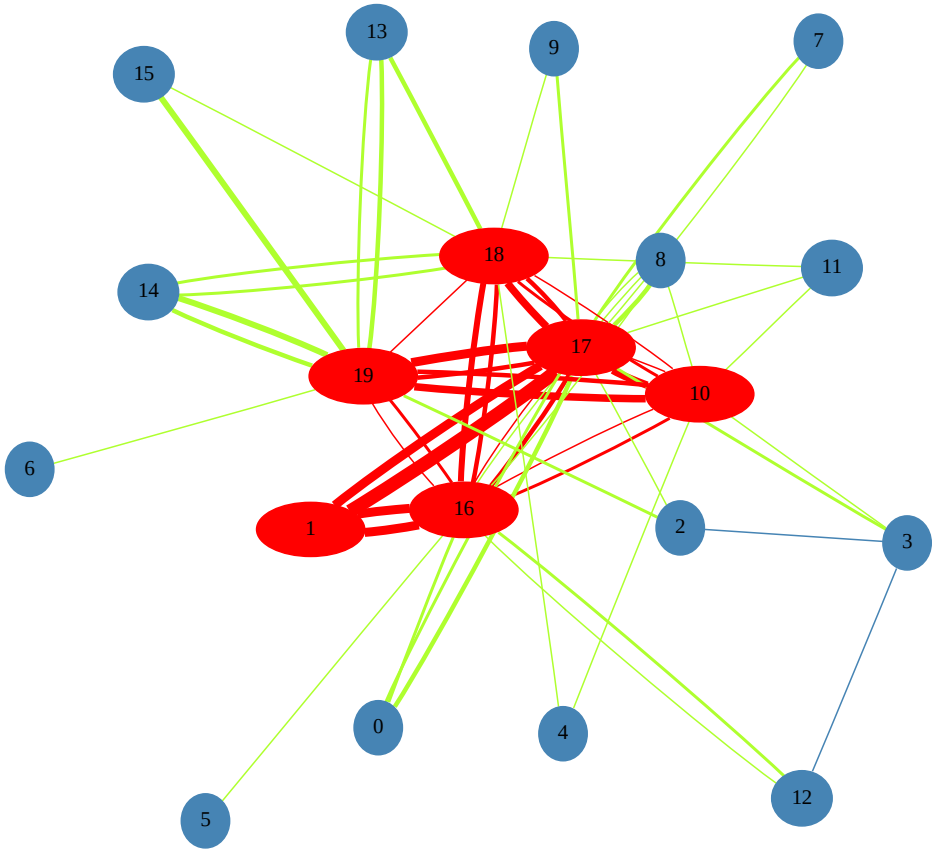
Assumptions: Traffic

- Lightpath capacity: 10 Gbps
- Traffic distribution:
  - 40% Large-Large
  - 40% Large-Small
  - 20% Small-Small
- Traffic Pattern:
  - uniform
  - distance decreasing
  - distance increasing

Simulation Scenarios

- Low traffic scenario
  - aggregate traffic: 5, 10, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300 Gbps
- High traffic scenario
  - aggregate traffic: 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 Tbps

Topology Visualizations: Low Traffic, 100 Connections



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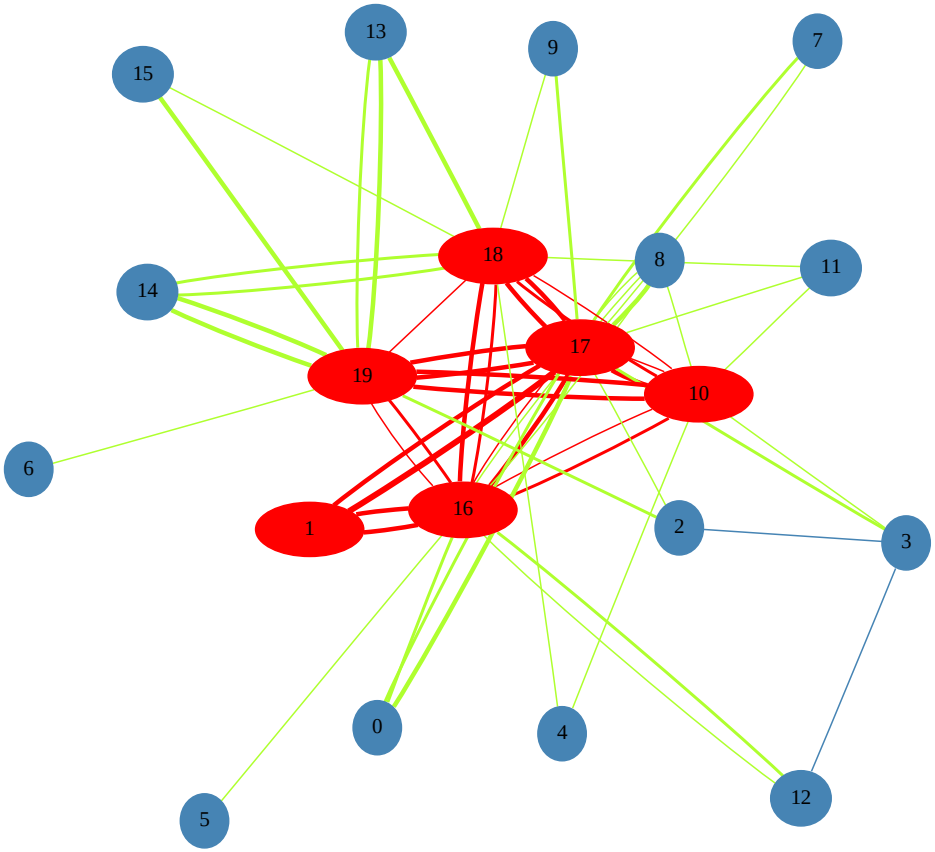

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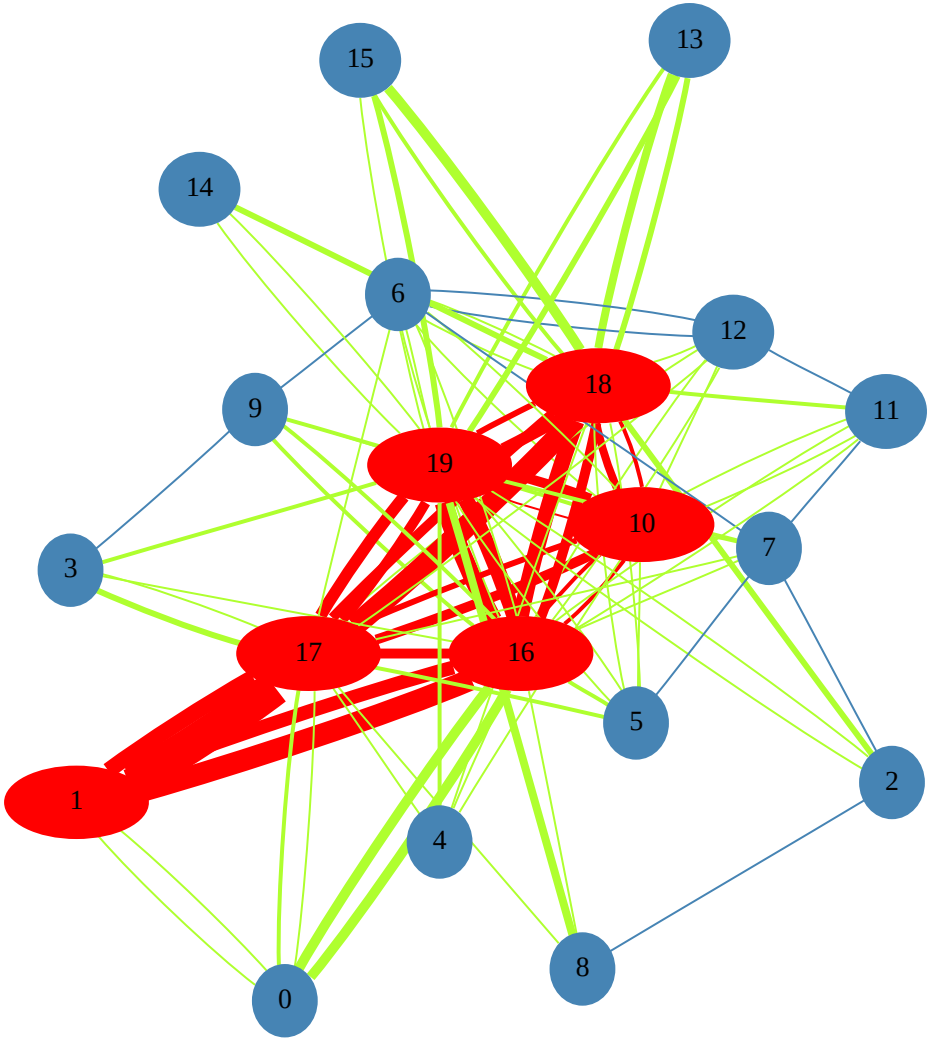

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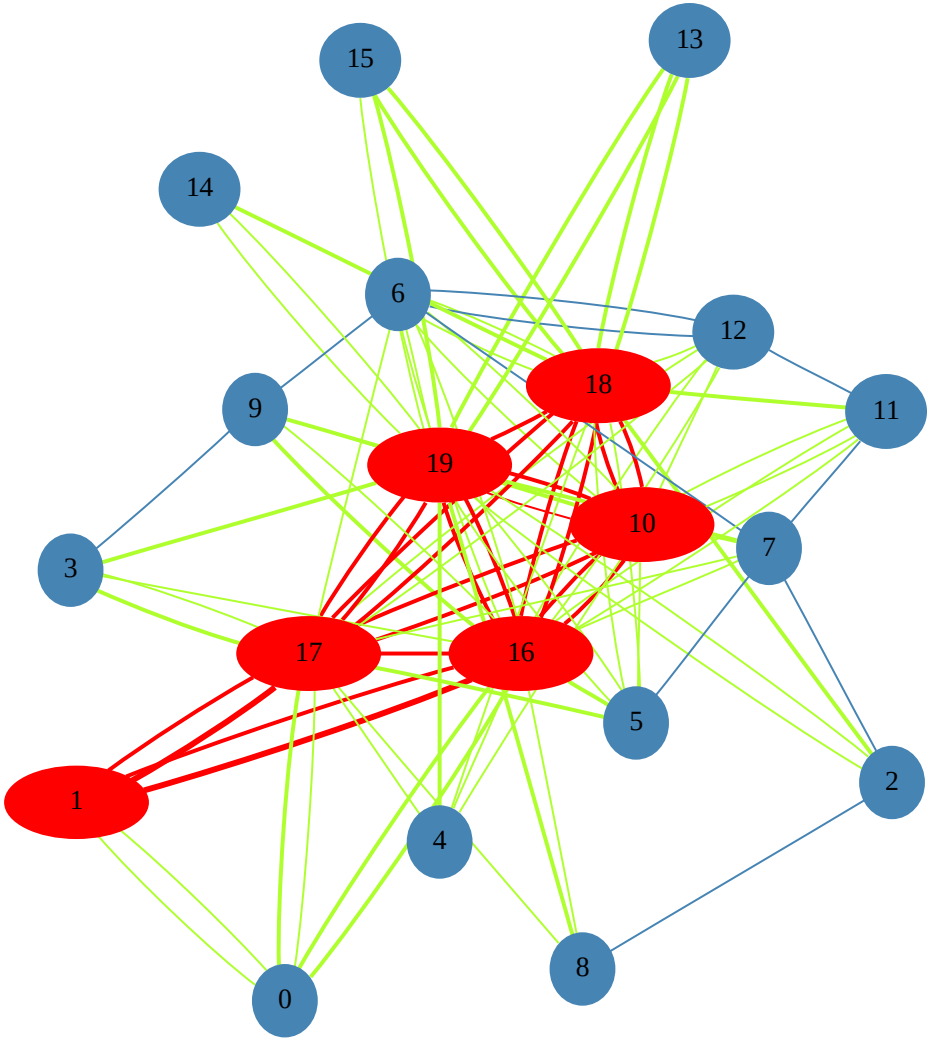

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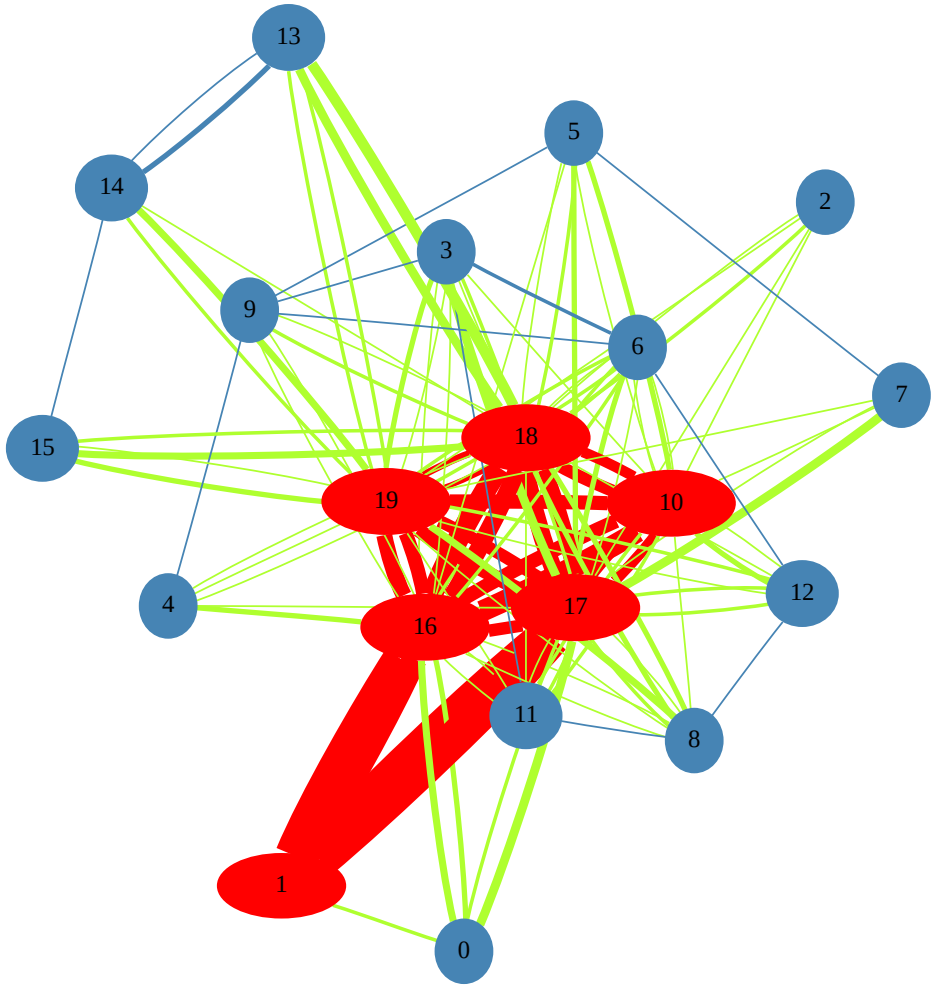

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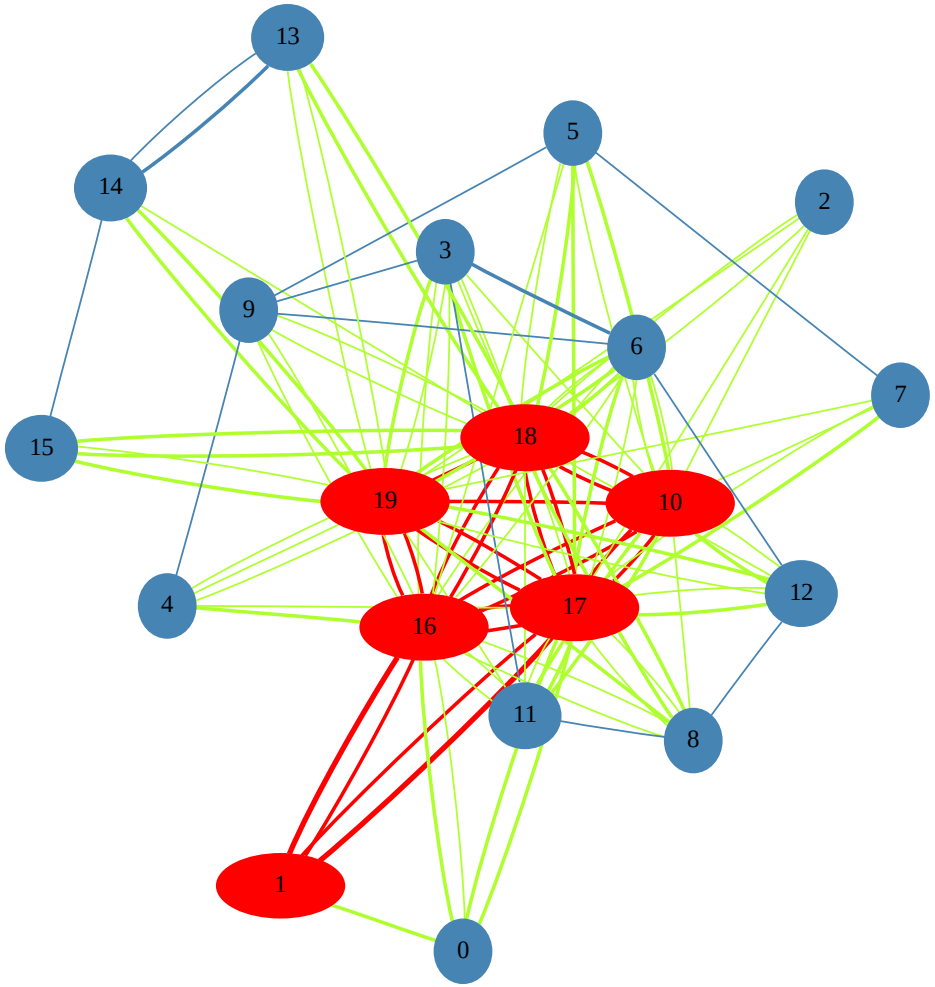

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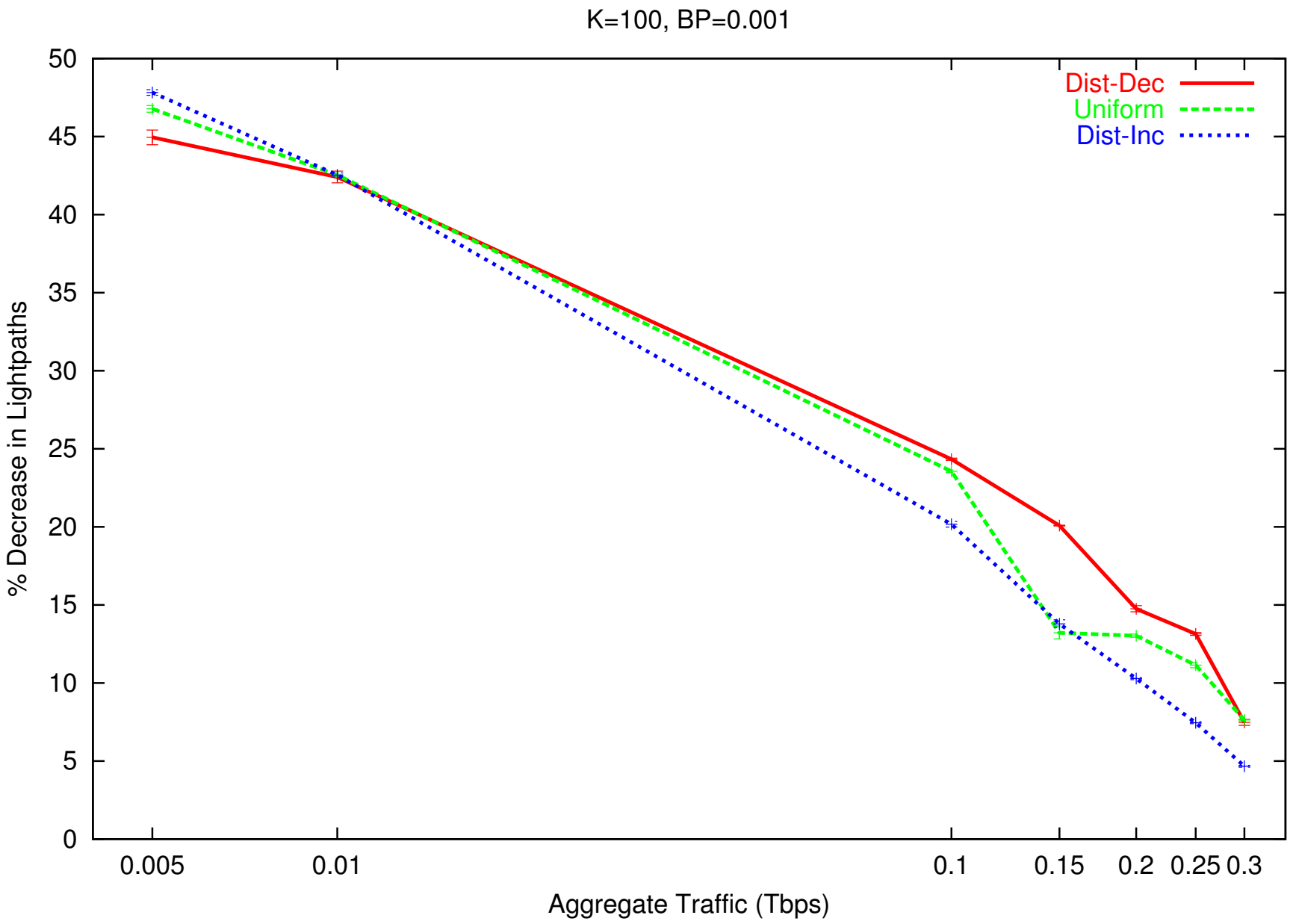

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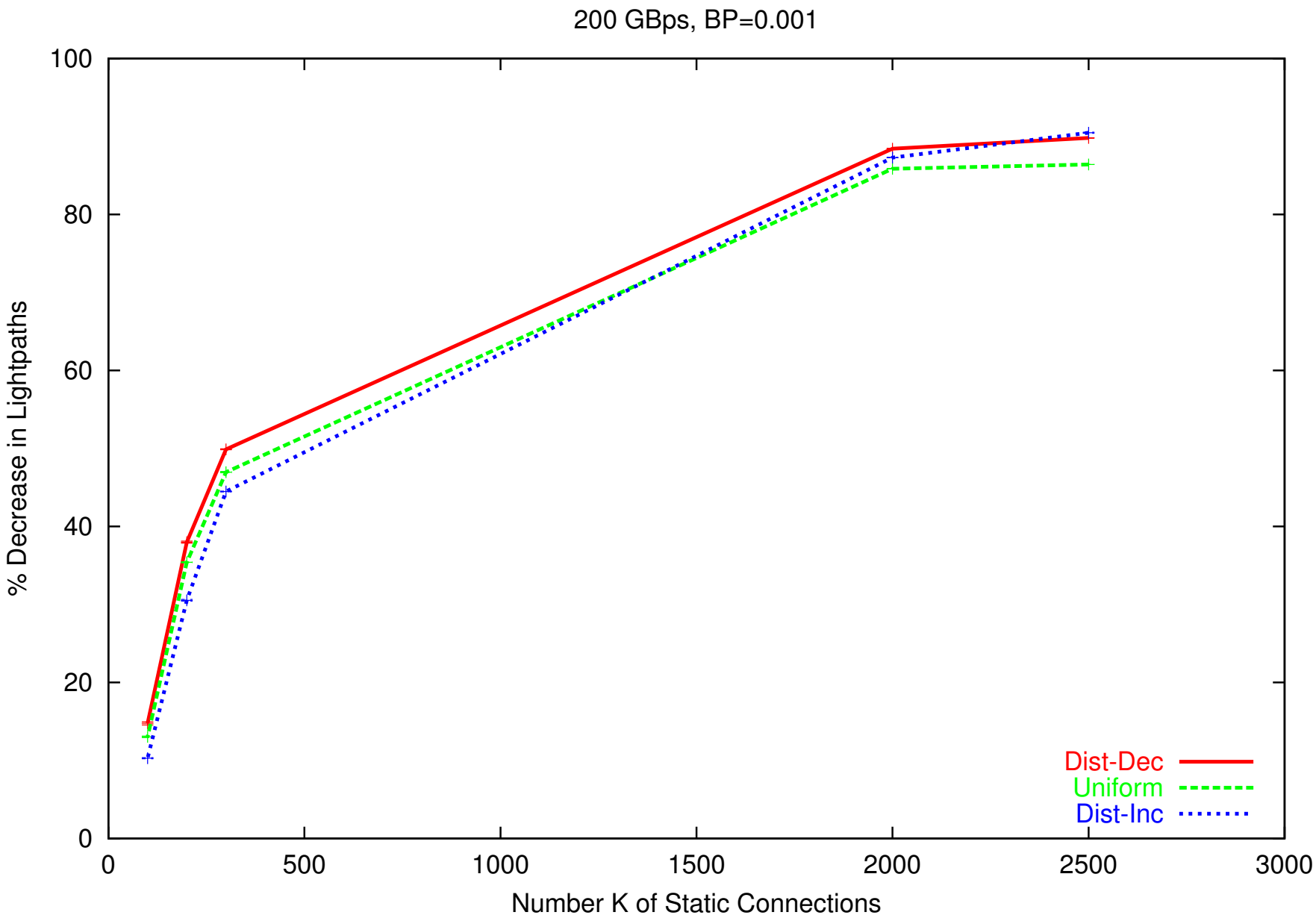

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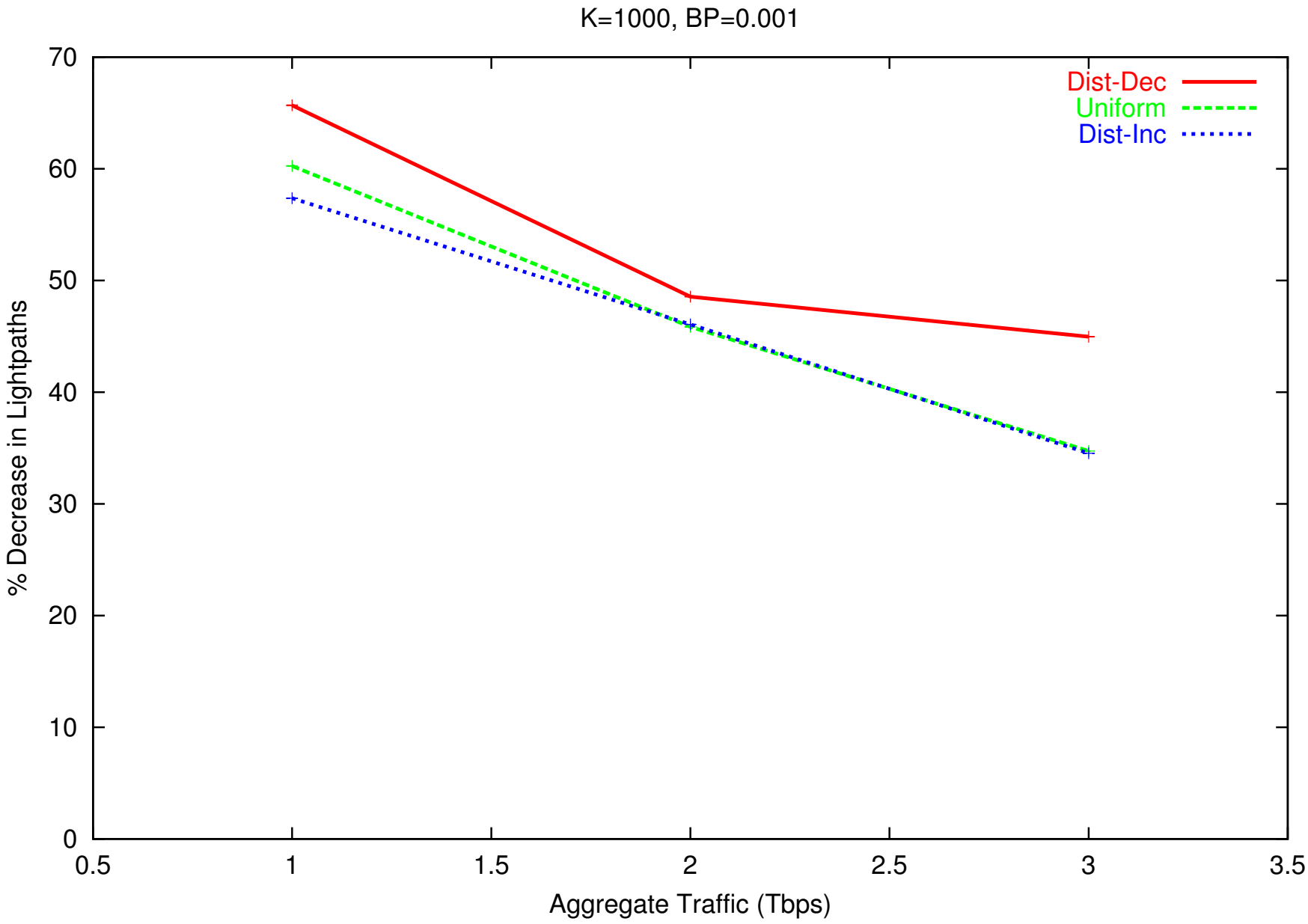

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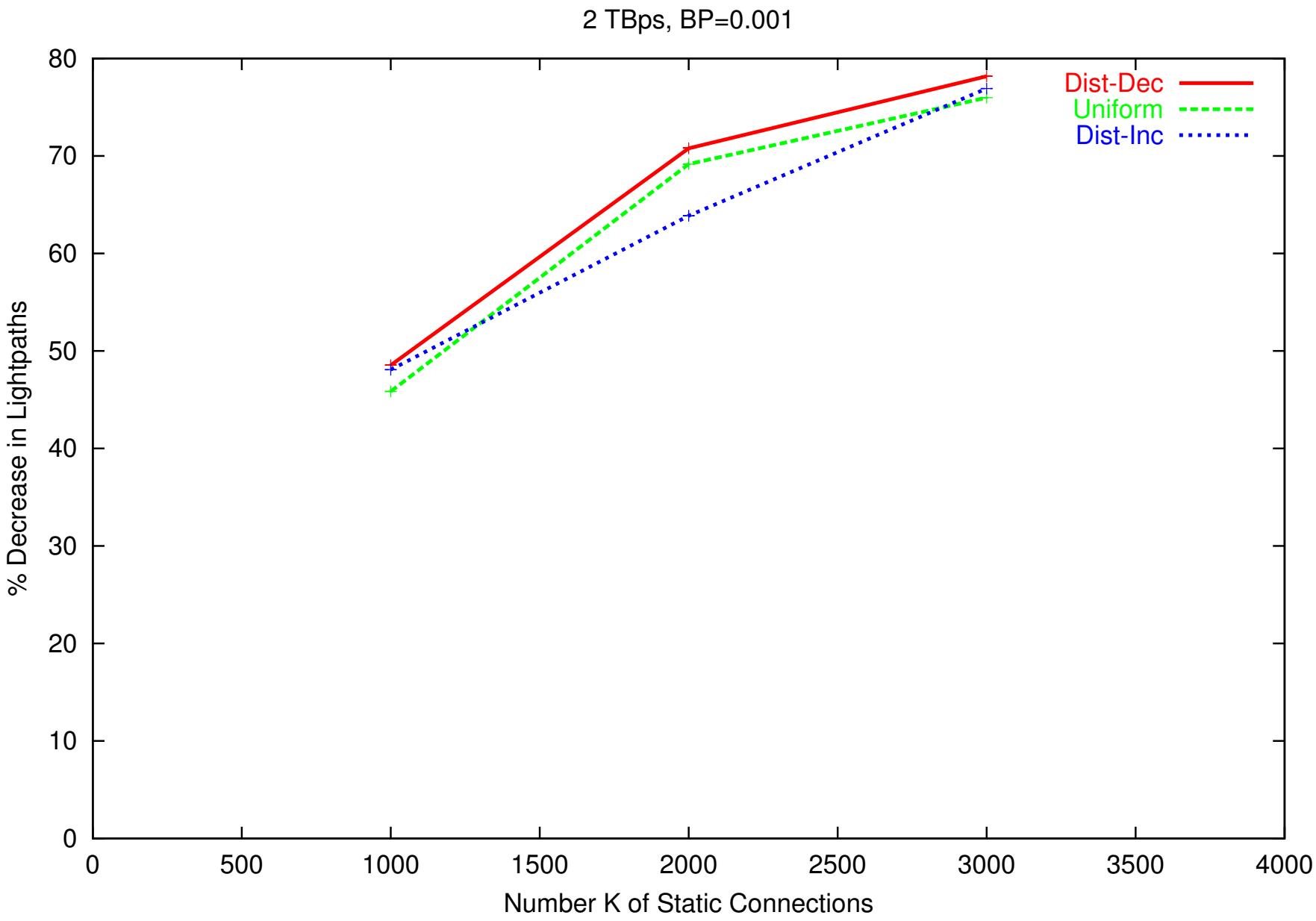

Summary

- ERON overlay control networks: medium-term solution
  - static topologies $\longrightarrow$ ERON $\longrightarrow$ reconfigurable core
- Easy to implement and deploy
  - use existing hardware and software technology
- Substantial benefits:
  - user-controlled dynamic optical networking
  - lightpath savings
  - sharing $\longrightarrow$ higher utilization, “degree of connectivity”
  - low blocking