Latest Measurements on DNS Privacy

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Agenda

- Two topics
  - Summary of initial benchmarking work on TCP/TLS for recursive resolvers
  - (Time permitting) Brief look at level of implementation & deployment of both DNS over TLS & HTTP

Benchmarking

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Much more complex than UPD…
Many more parameters…

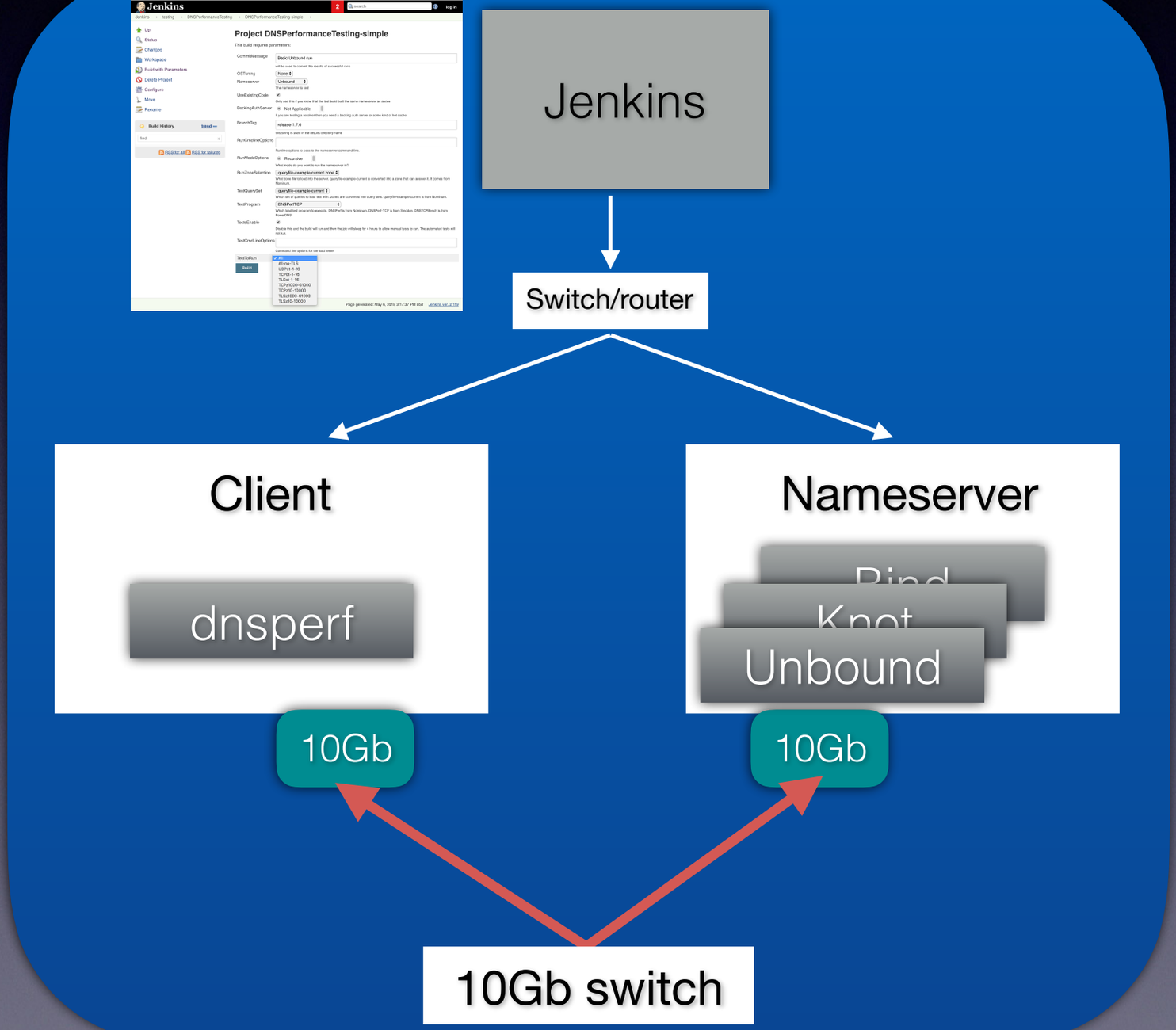
Nameservers tested

- **Bind 9.12.1 (No TLS)**
- **Unbound 1.7.0**
- **Knot Resolver 2.3.0**
- **dnsdist 1.3.0**

Other nameservers are available….

Test setup - Hardware

‘Out of the box’ testing



- 2*8 core Intel Xenon @ 2.1Ghz, 32Gb RAM
- Ubuntu 18.04
- Only basic OS and NS tuning
- NS locked to 4 cores (threads)
- Hot cache

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Focus on few clients,
Varying q per conn

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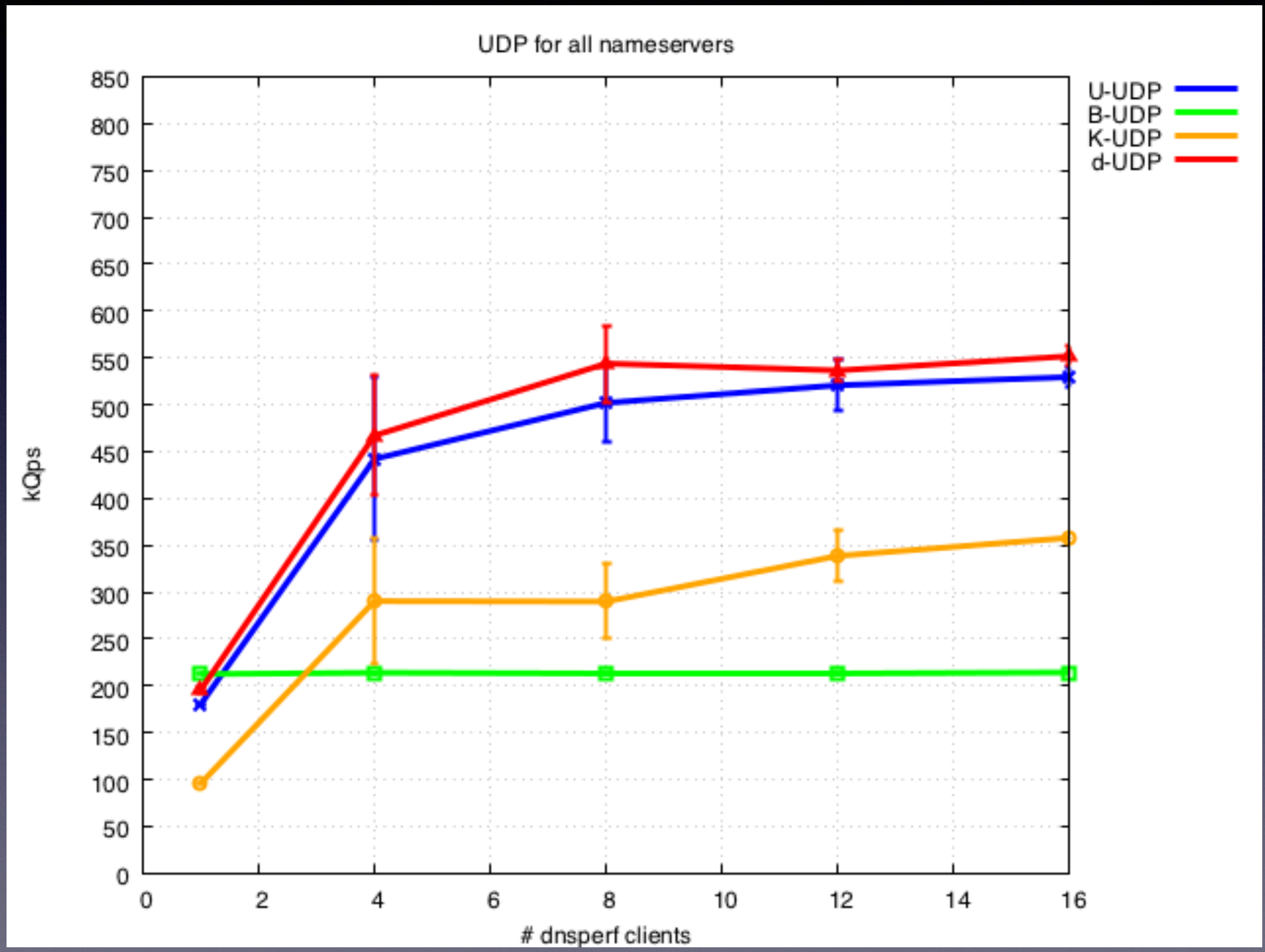
UDP

- Unbound & dnsdist similar
- Bind very flat



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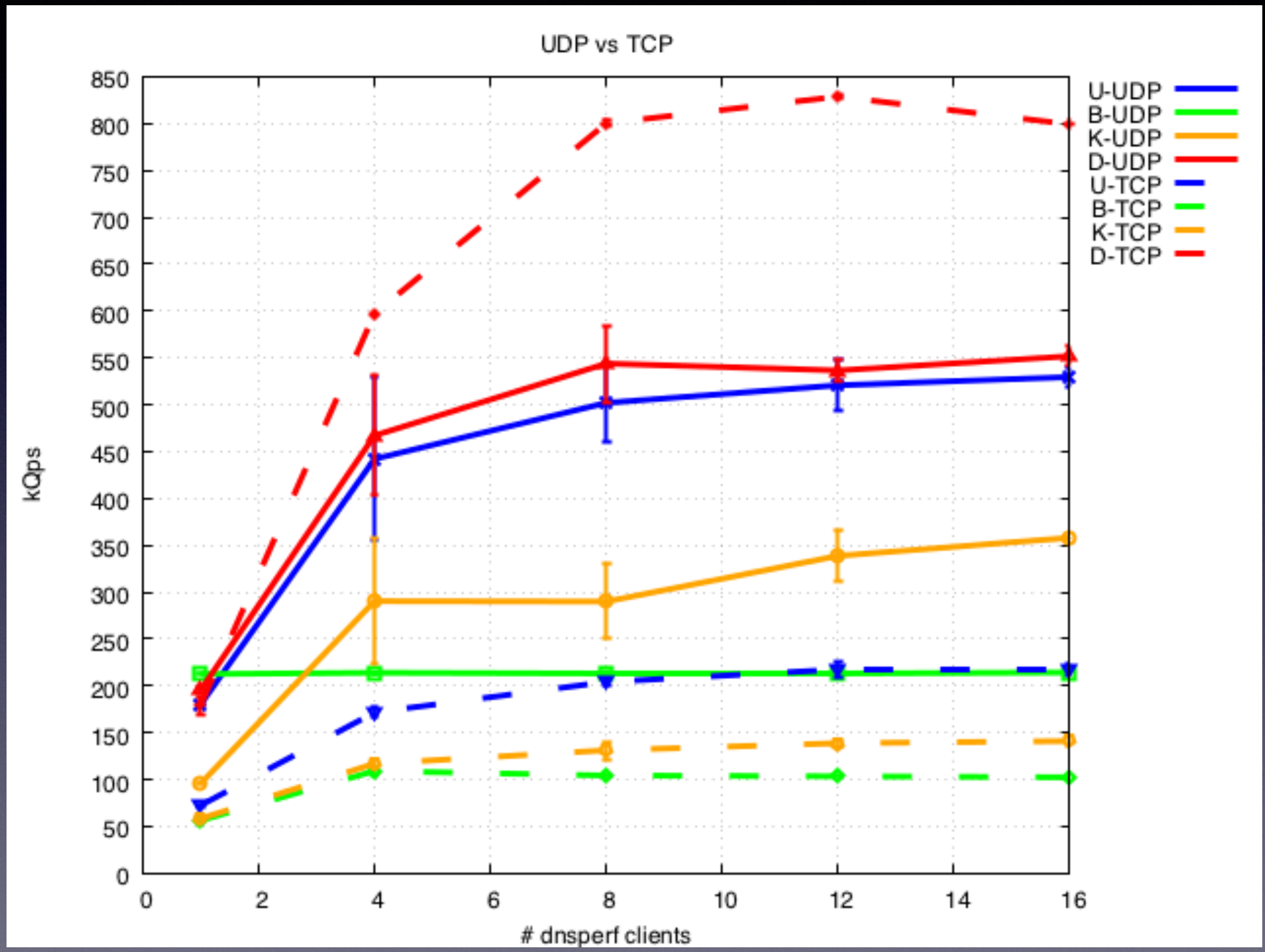
UDP vs TCP

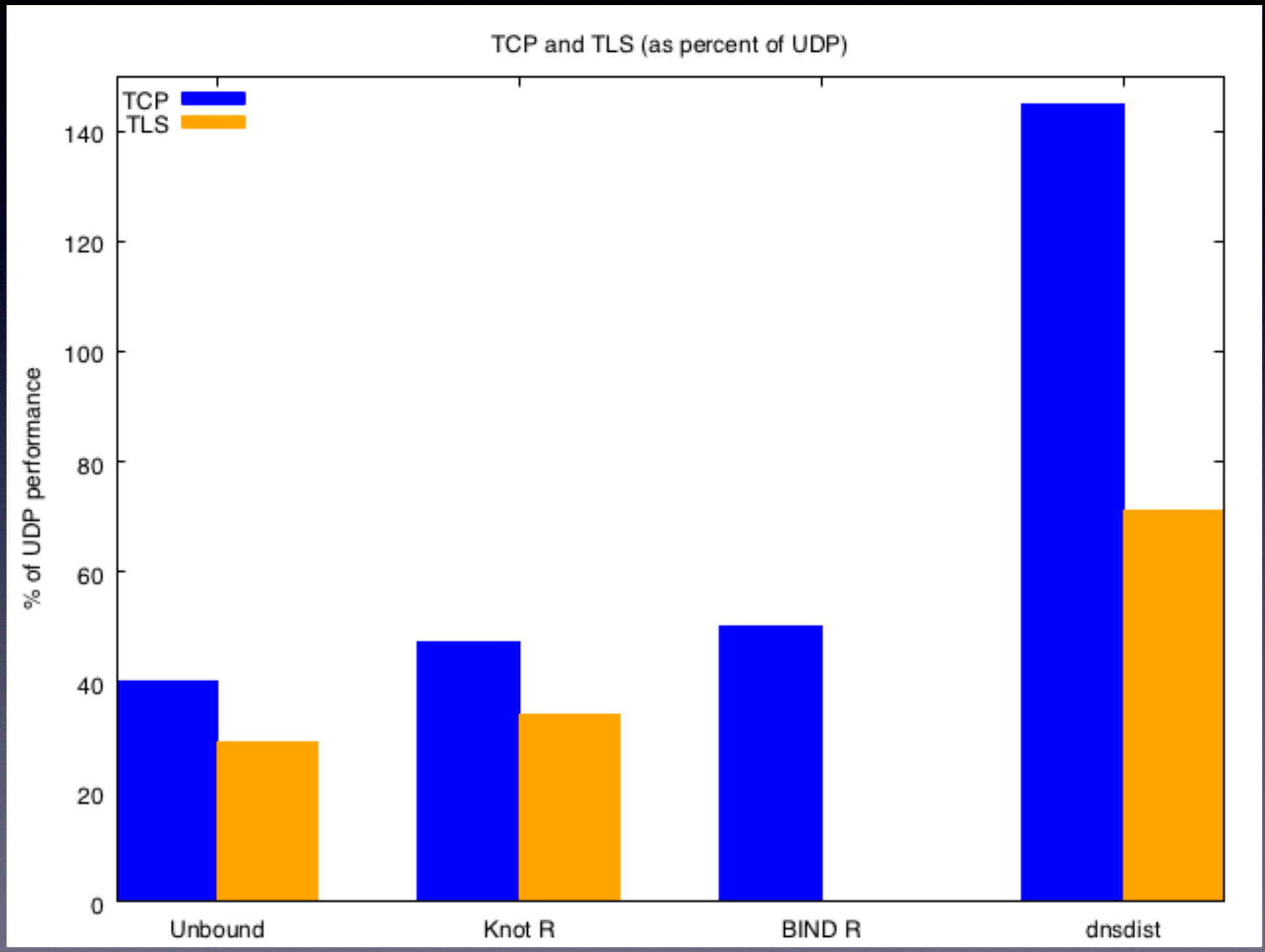
- dnsdist TCP better than UPD (but threading is diff)!
- Others similar reduction



- 8 clients
- 20,000 q per conn

% of UDP

- dnsdist best
- Unbound does not do concurrent processing



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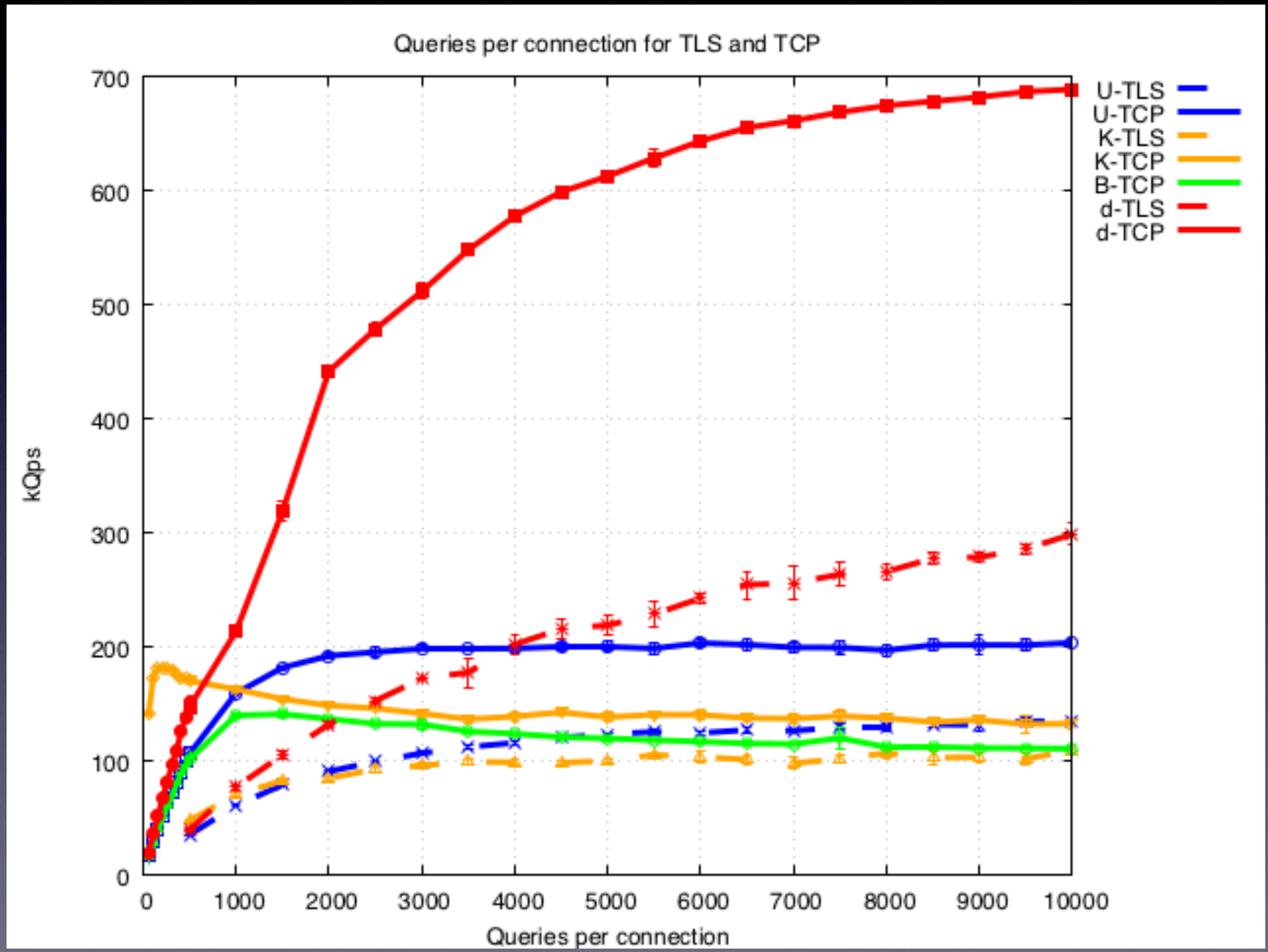

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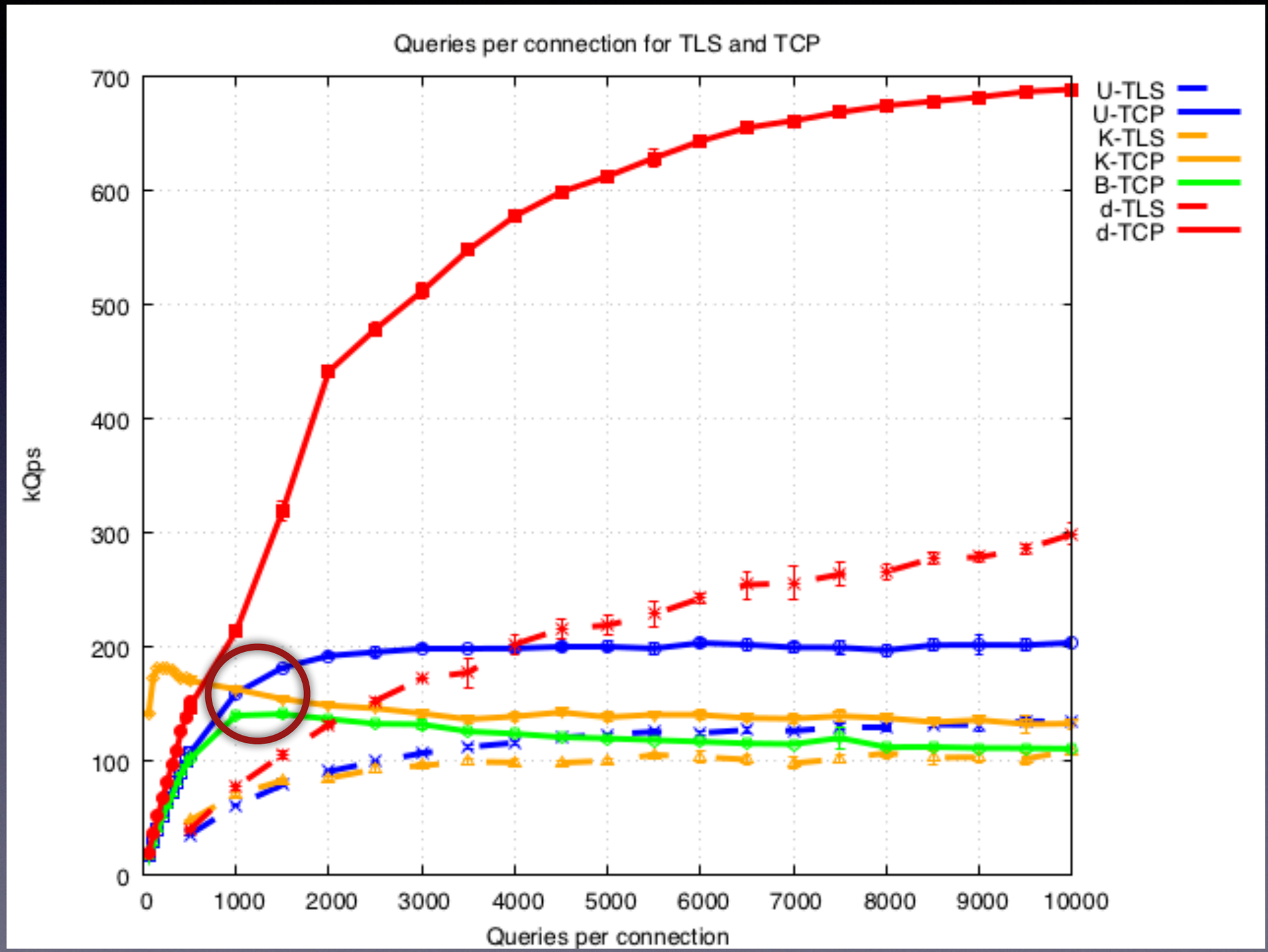

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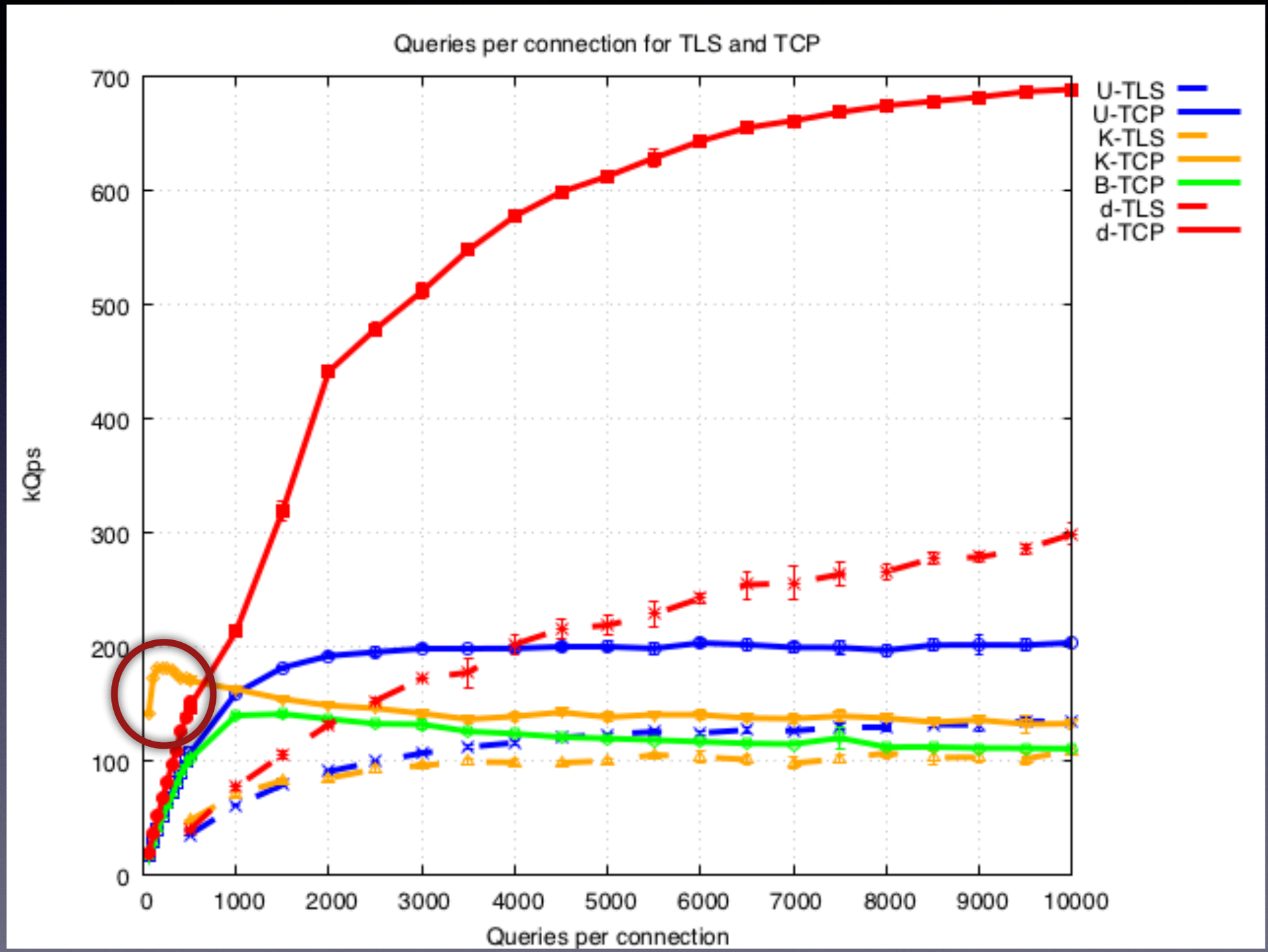

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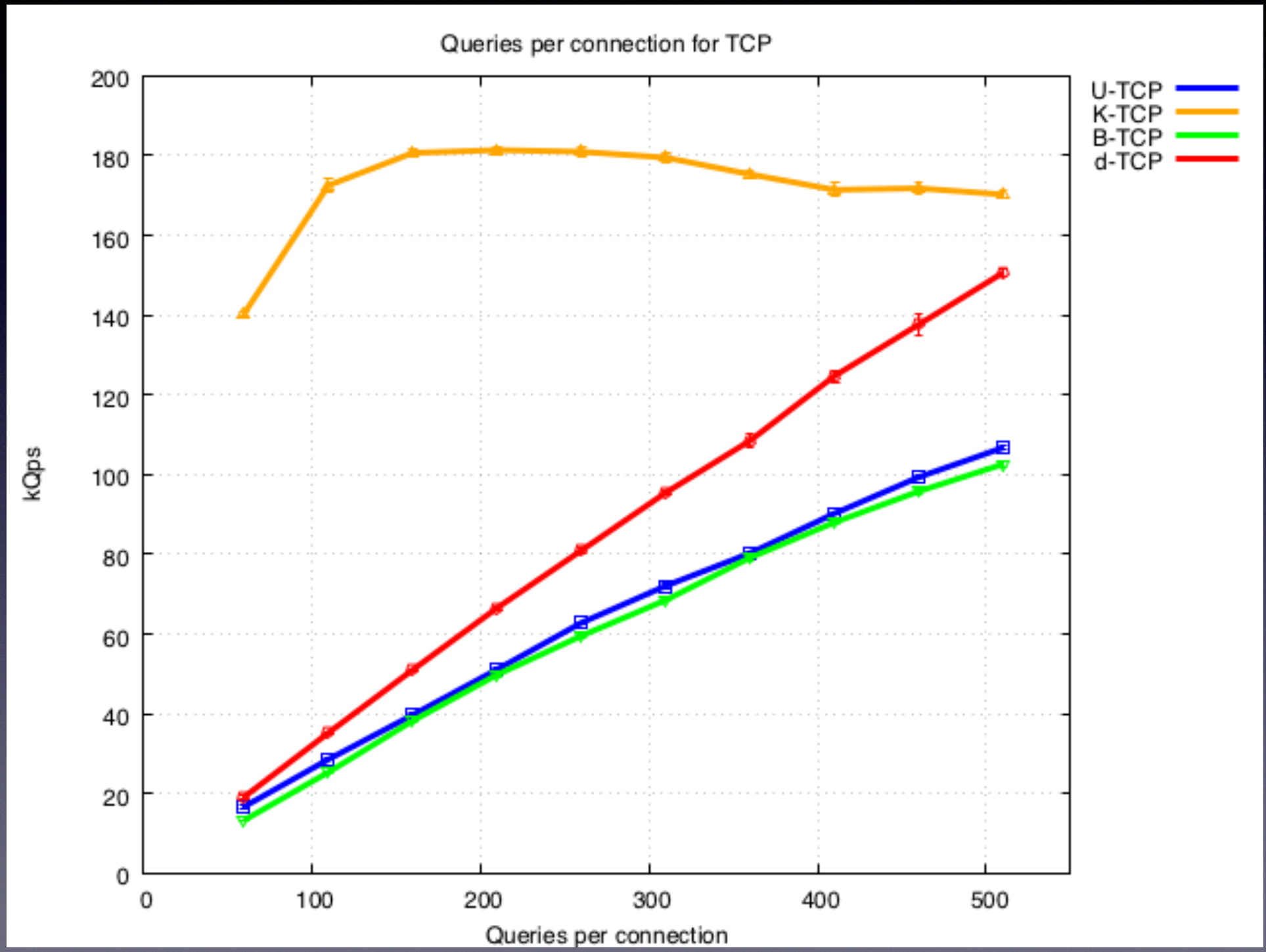

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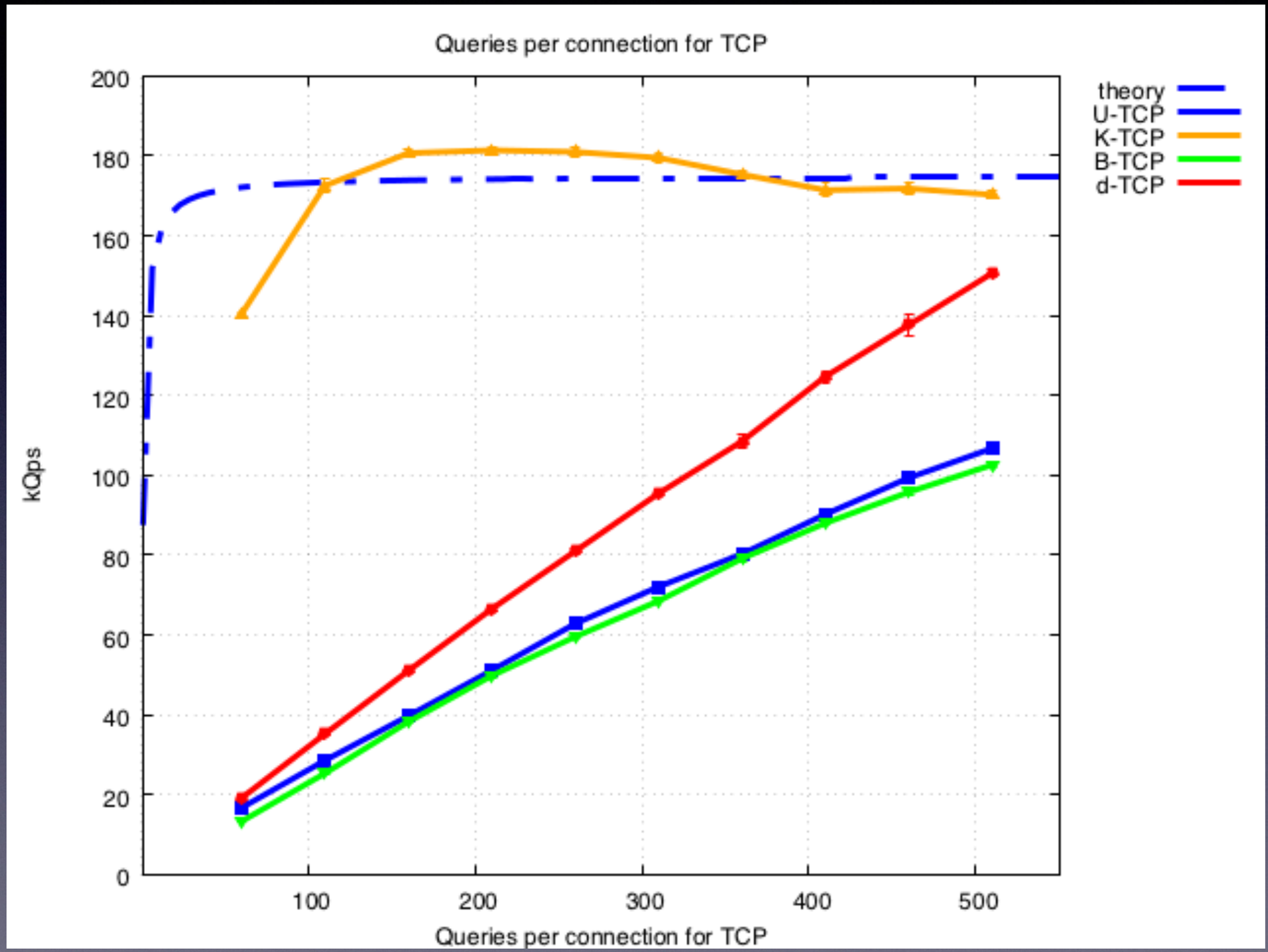

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TODO list

- Understand implementations better
- OS + NS tuning
- Drill to lower q/conn for TCP and TLS
    - Add tricks: TFO, TLS Session Resumption, TLS 1.3,…
- Scale to MANY clients
- Compare to TLS proxy e.g. nginx, haproxy
- Add concurrent processing to Unbound
- Use new/different test tool?

Deployment & Implementation

DOT: DNS-over-TLS
DOH: DNS-over-HTTPS (WIP)

Implementation

	Client	Recursive Resolver
DOT	• Stubby • Unbound/Knot resolver (fwd) • Android system (dev) • systemd (PR)	• Unbound, Knot Resolver, dnsdist + CoreDNS, Tenta • BIND on the way?
DOH*	• Android Intra App • Firefox config option • Stubby (next release) • Various experimental	• Various experimental

* 10+ implementations (see DOH mailing list and IETF 101 Hackathon)

Recursive Resolver Deployment

	Standalone	Large Scale
DOT	• 19 test servers	• Quad9 (9.9.9.9) • Cloudflare (1.1.1.1)
DOH*	• Google https://dns.google.com/experimental • Few other test servers	• Cloudflare https://cloudflare-dns.com/dns-query

* Experimental, some support JSON as well as wireformat

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