

Green optical networks: power savings vs. network performance

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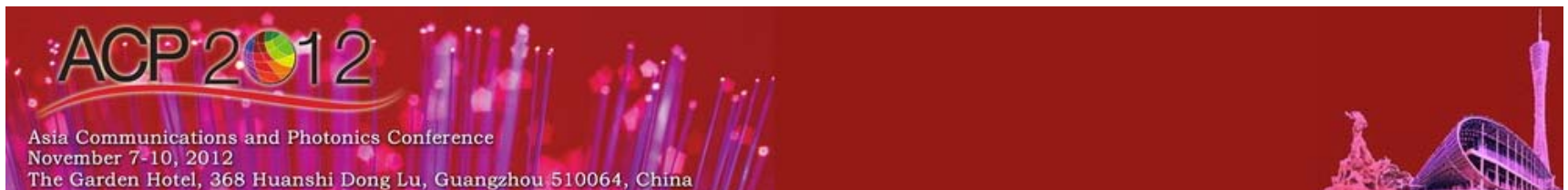
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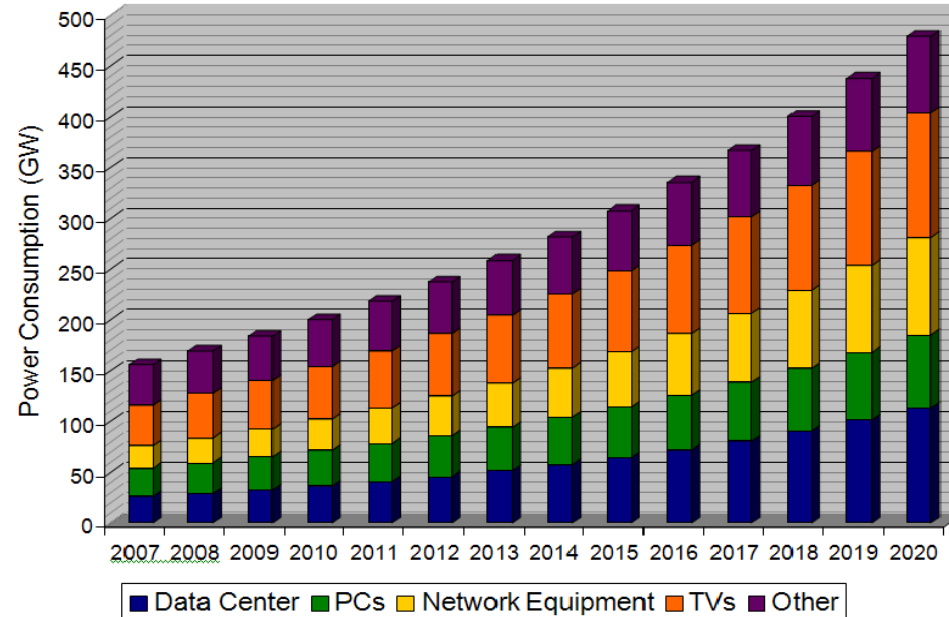
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ICT energy consumption



ICT Power Consumption Forecast, W. Vereecken, Universiteit Gent

- ICT consumes about 6-8% of total energy consumption worldwide
 - tremendous growth of traffic demands
 - high penetration, 24/7 use, new services/devices, etc.
- WDM technology: power-efficient option compared to electronic-based IP network counterpart



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An energy efficient optical layer

- Energy efficiency in the optical layer has attracted a lot of interest
- Wide range of topics are addressed in the literature
 - energy-efficient strategies for *network design* (linear programming formulations and heuristics)
 - *static* and *dynamic provisioning* heuristics proposed to minimize the power necessary to support traffic demands
- Common denominator: set unused or lightly used network resources in a low power consuming state, i.e., into *sleep*



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Sleep mode concept

- Sleep mode in optical network devices
 - low-power inactive state from which devices can be suddenly waken-up
 - not yet available in most network devices, but advocated by current efforts from standardization bodies, e.g., Energy star^(*)
- It is possible to define a number of operational modes
 - **Off**: null power consumption - disconnected
 - **Sleep**: negligible amount of power - promptly switchable to active mode
 - **Active**: power consumption - constant amount + portion dependent on traffic load

^(*) Energy Star, "Small Network Equipment," http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=new_specs.small_network equip.



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Devices in sleep mode: is it overall a good choice?

- *Benefits* in terms of energy efficiency of using network resource in sleep mode are unquestionable
- When setting resources in sleep mode are we *sacrificing* any other network performance metric?



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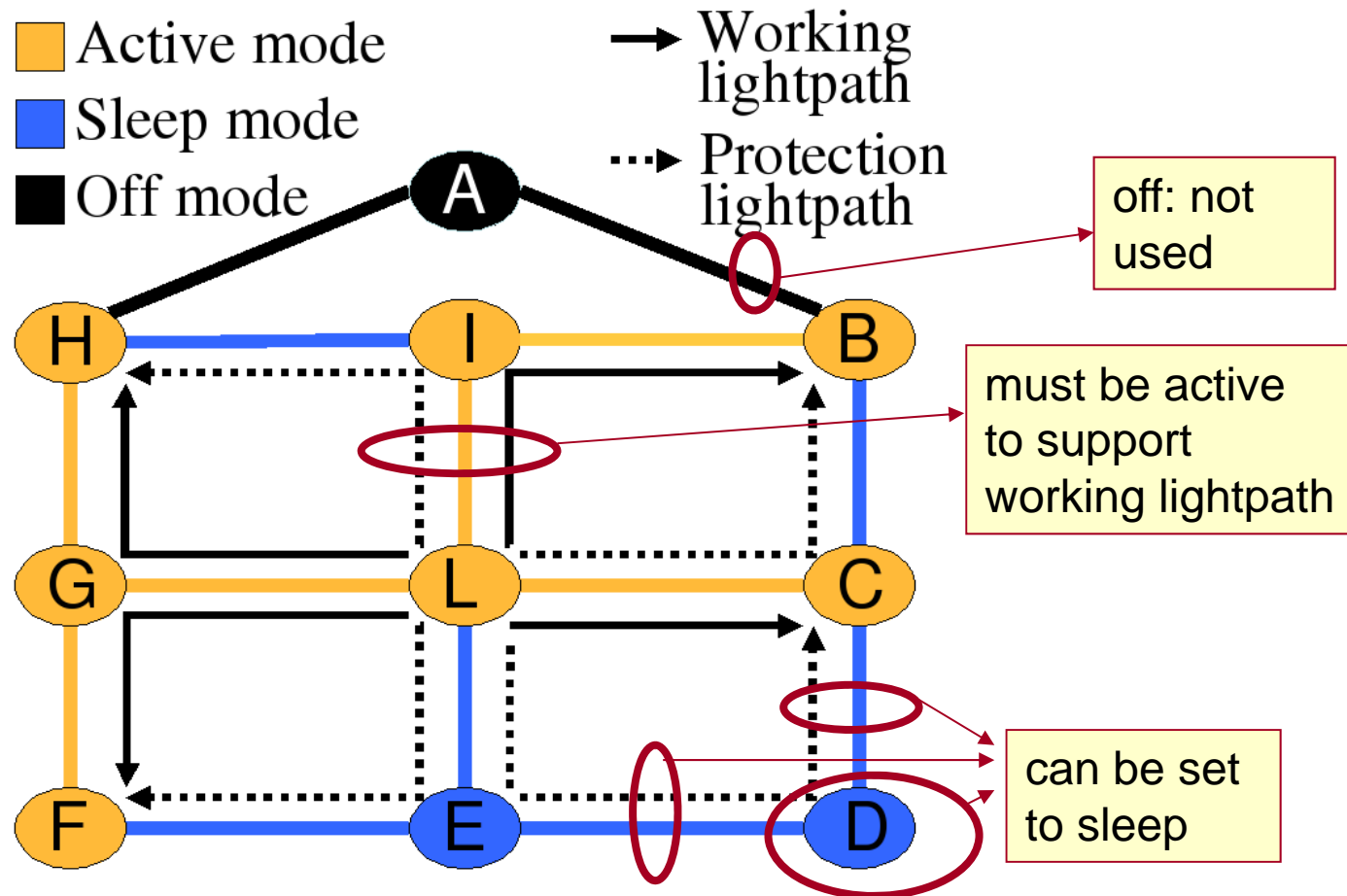
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Protection and energy efficiency

- **Dedicated Path Protection:** for each working, one dedicated (link/node) disjoint protection lightpath



- Intuition: use the sleep mode option for backup resources
 - e.g., amplifiers, optical switches
- Objective: reduce the total power consumption for the optical circuit switching layer



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Sleep aware survivable static routing: possible solutions

- Problem can be formulated as integer linear programming (*ILP*)^(*) where:
 - a set of pre-computed paths are used for routing
 - wavelength conversion is assumed to be available at each node
- Problem can also be solved using a design *heuristic* based on Surballe algorithm^(**) where:
 - all connection are ordered by their increasing estimated power consumption
 - starting from first in the list, connections are provisioned in the network
 - weight of each link/node are varied according to their use

^(*) A. Muhammad, P. Monti, I. Cerutti, L. Wosinska, P. Castoldi, A. Tzanakaki, "Energy-Efficient WDM Network Planning with Dedicated Protection Resources in Sleep Mode," in Proc. **IEEE Globecom**, 2010

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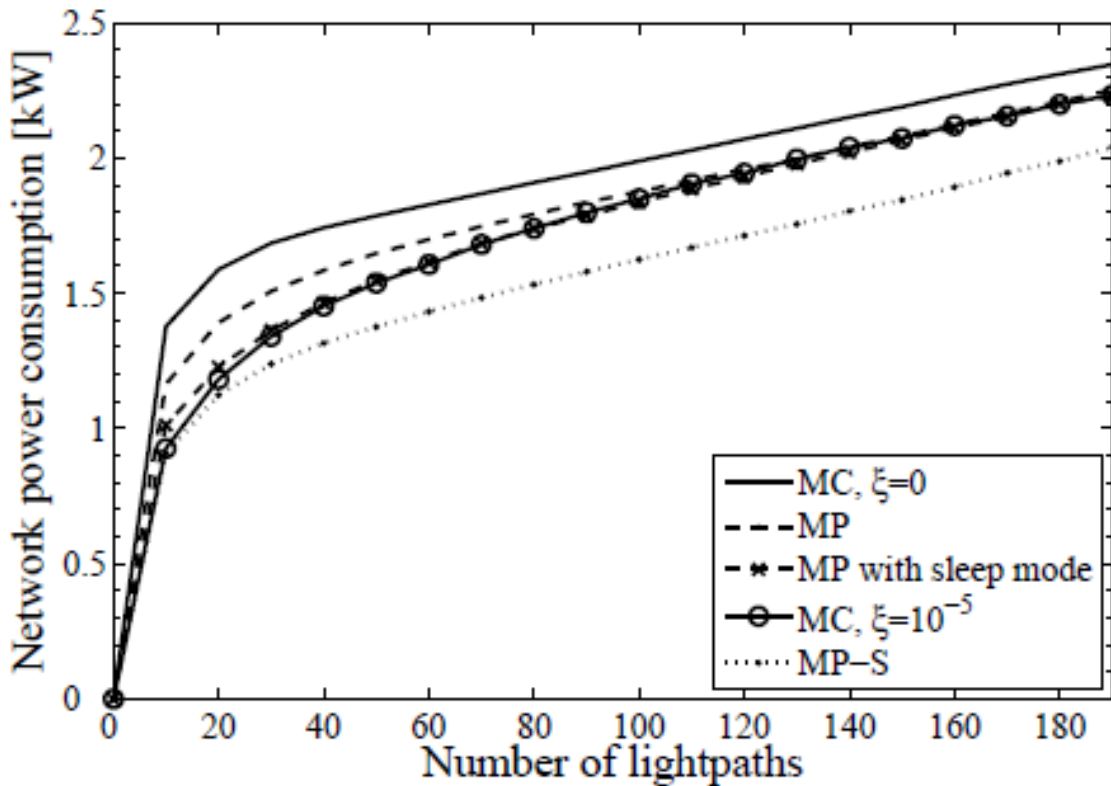
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Sleep aware survivable static routing: evaluated strategies

- **MP-S**: design at minimum power with devices in sleep mode
- MP-S can be compared to:
 - **MP**: design at minimum power with devices without sleep mode enabled
 - **MP with sleep mode**: MP design in which devices can be set to sleep mode
 - **MC**: design at minimum cost in terms of wavelengths requirement and minimum energy consumption
 - i.e., CAPEX minimization
 - second objective function can be power minimization ($\xi > 0$)

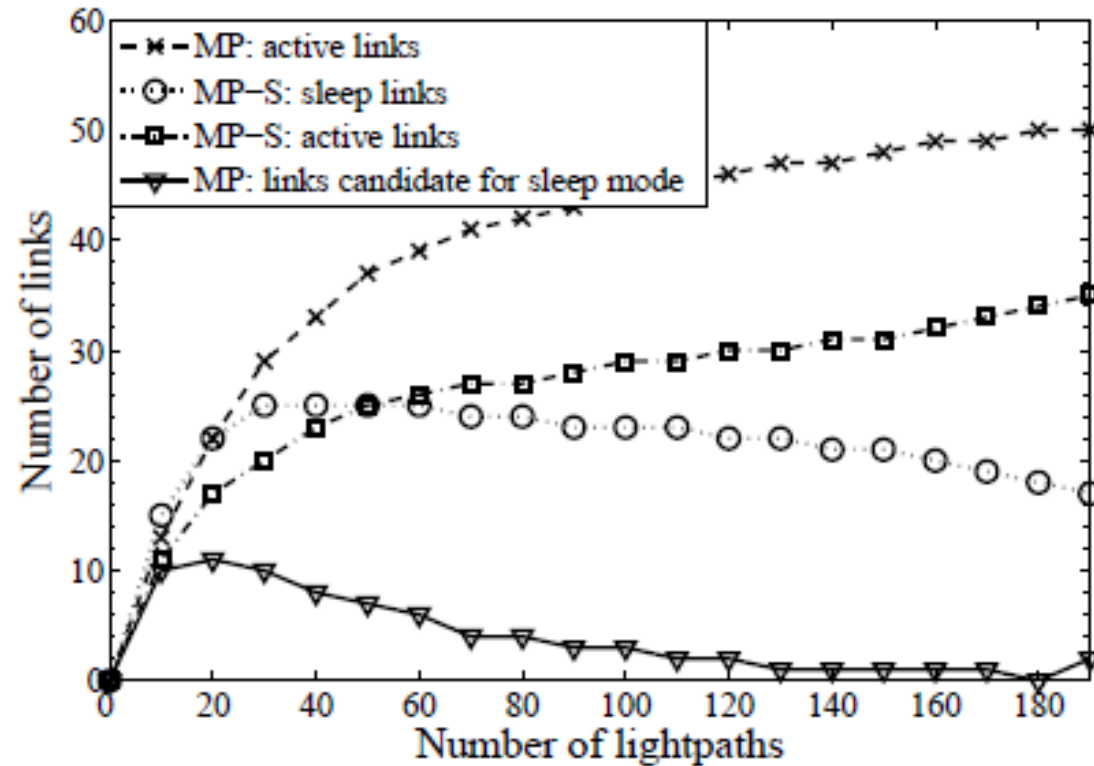
Performance results: ILP formulation (COST 239)

Network power consumption



MP-S saves 25% compared to MC, 15% to MP, and 10% compared to MP with sleep mode support

Number of links in sleep mode



Number of links in sleep mode increase significantly with MP-S, while number active links decrease

Survivability and energy efficiency



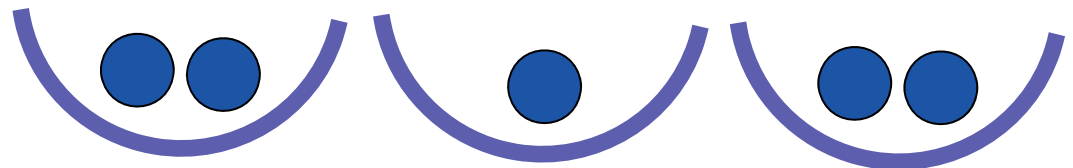
Energy-efficient
routing



...tends to concentrate connections on few links to switch-off lightly loaded resources

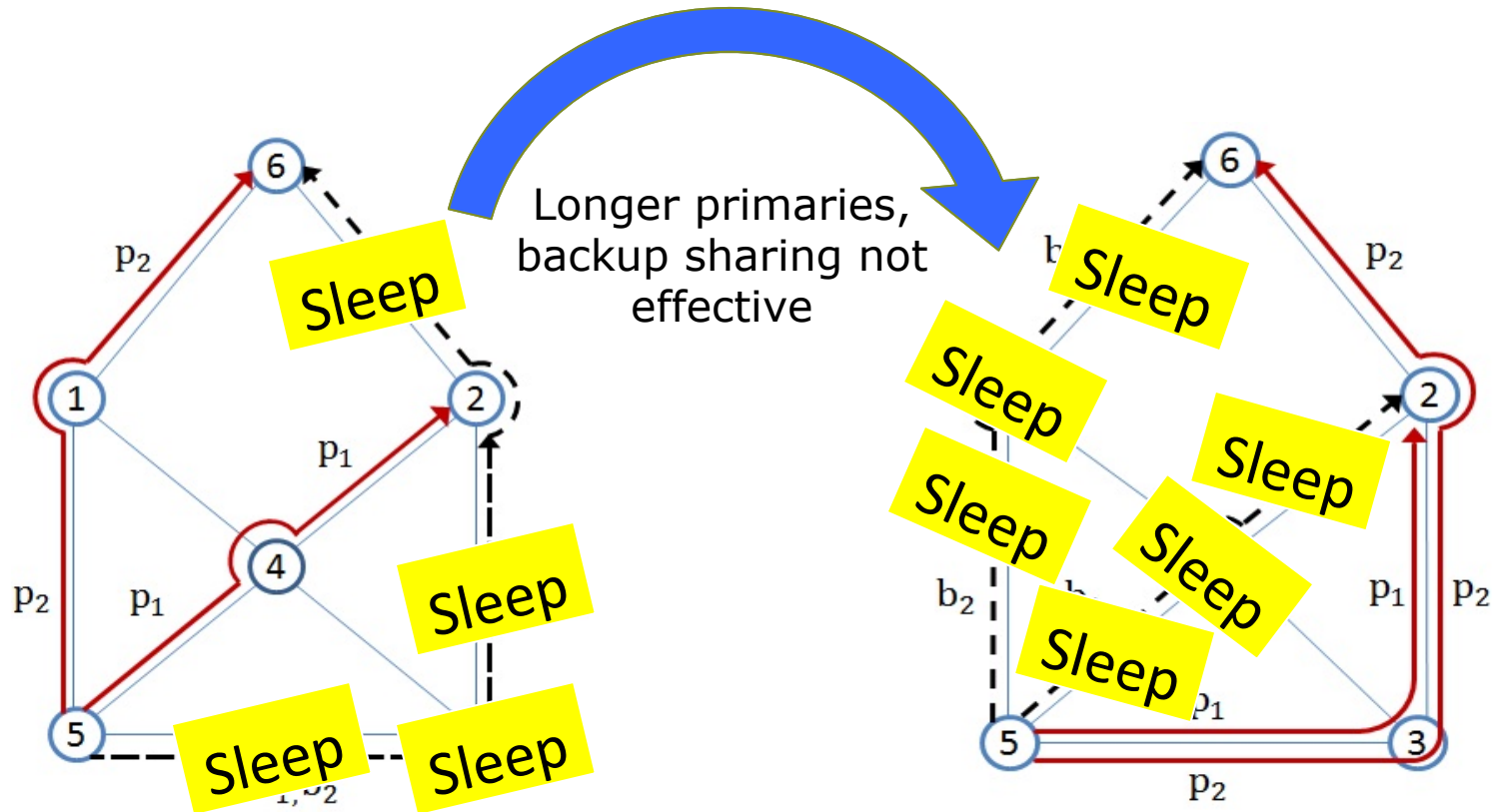


Survivable
routing



...tries to spread traffic over multiple links to use efficiently resources and to decrease the disruptive impact of a failure

Backup sharing vs. energy-efficiency



(a) Minimizing capacity

- Primary=4, backup=3
- Number of fibers in *active mode*=4

(b) Minimizing power

- Primary=5, backup=4
- Number of fibers in *active mode*=3



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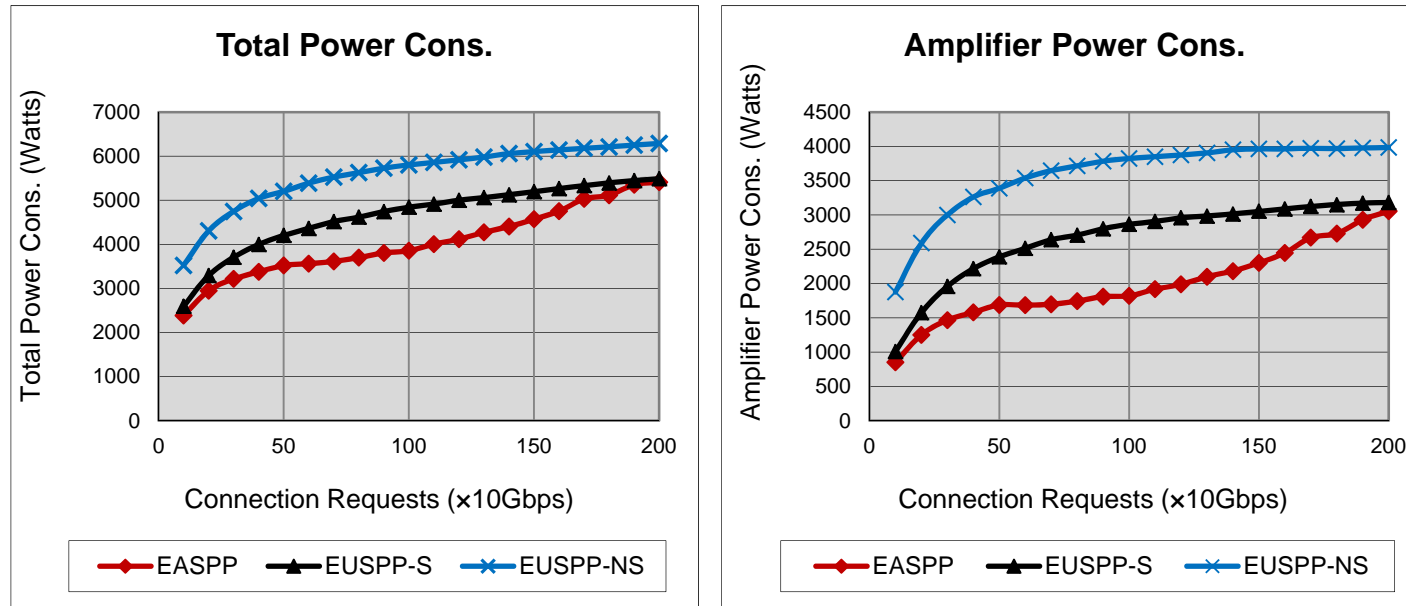
Possible solution?

- Problem formulated as integer linear programming (ILP) (*)
 - energy and capacity are jointly optimized
- Heuristic (**)
 - using separate auxiliary graphs for primary and backup path routing to encourage both shareability and energy-efficiency
 - a tuning parameter T defined to help finding a compromise between capacity and power consumption

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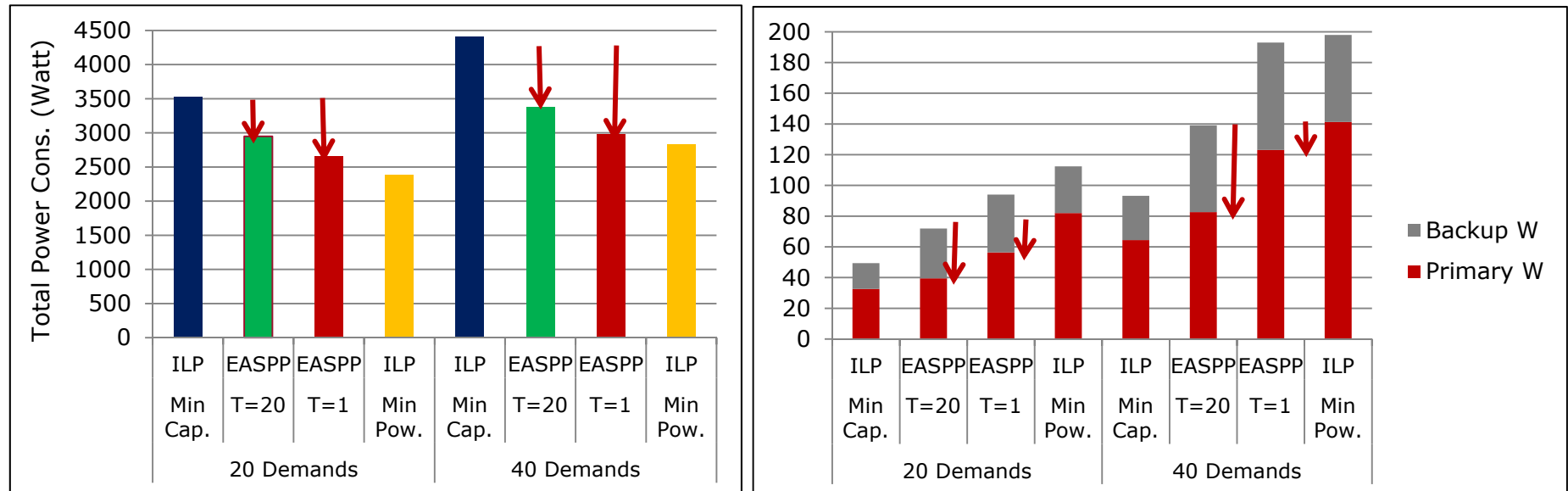
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EASPP heuristic: power consumption results (COST 239)



- In terms of total power consumption
 - EASPP outperforms EUSPP-S except for larger number of connection requests
 - EASPP saves up to 26% and 35% power compared to EUSPP-S and EUSPP-NS respectively

EASPP heuristic vs. ILP results (COST 239)

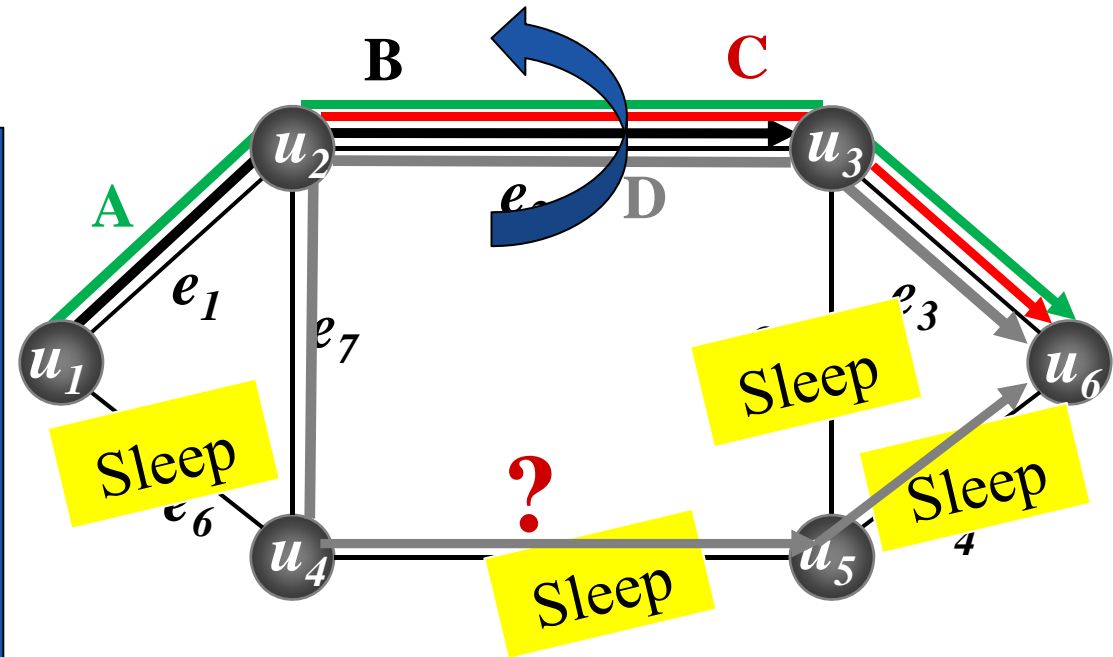


- EASPP (T=20) saves 53% of wavelength-links used by primary paths compared to minimum-power ILP and 24% of power compared to minimum-capacity ILP
- With the packing parameter T tuned to 1, the power saving increases to 32% while the capacity consumption gain becomes 31%

Energy efficiency and optical signal quality guarantee

Energy-Aware Routing
+
transmission impairments

Impairment and Energy
Aware RWA Mechanism



- Longer paths: worse attenuation levels
- Denser fiber links: higher XPM and cross talk levels



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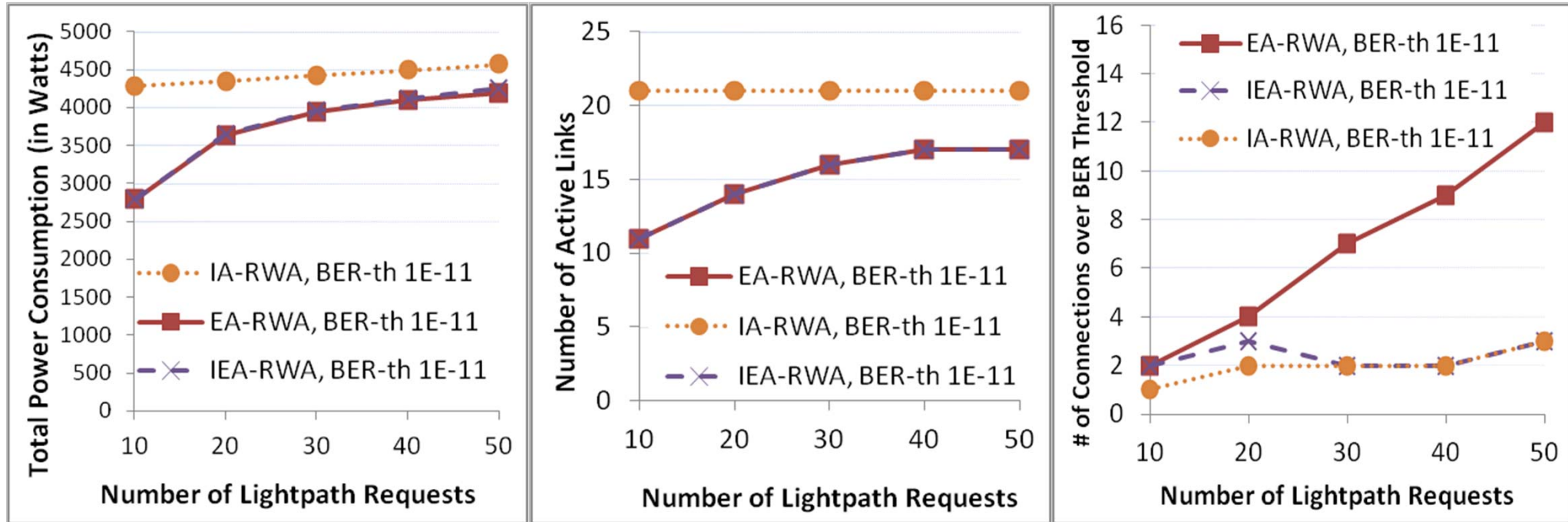
Problem objective and solution

- Objective: find a design approach for energy efficient optical networks with signal-quality guarantee accounting for the *trade-off* between energy saving and impairment-aware network planning
- Solution: problem formulated as mixed integer linear programming (MILP) (*)
 - accounts for, in a linearized form, the impact of linear and non linear optical impairment as a constraint(**)
 - using a set of pre-computed paths for routing
 - wavelength conversion is assumed to be available at each node

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IEA-RWA performance evaluation (COST 239)



- IEA-RWA and EA-RWA achieve same total power consumption reduction (up to 35%) compare to IA-RWA
- IEA-RWA and EA-RWA comparable fiber usage performances, IA-RWA activates all the fibers
- IEA-RWA provides signal quality levels close to IA-RWA while minimizing total power consumption



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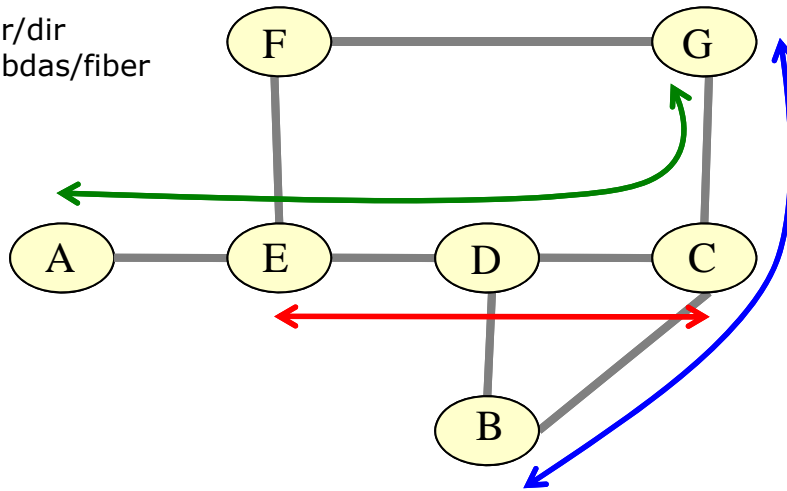
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Energy efficiency vs. blocking probability

1 fiber/dir
2 lambdas/fiber



Power minimization

R1: E-C, route: E-D-C

R2: A-G, route: A-E-D-C-G

R3: B-G, route: B-C-G

R4: C-G, route: blocked

Links off	Nodes off	Blocked requests
$3/8 \approx 35\%$	$1/7 \approx 14\%$	$1/4 \approx 25\%$

Path hop minimization

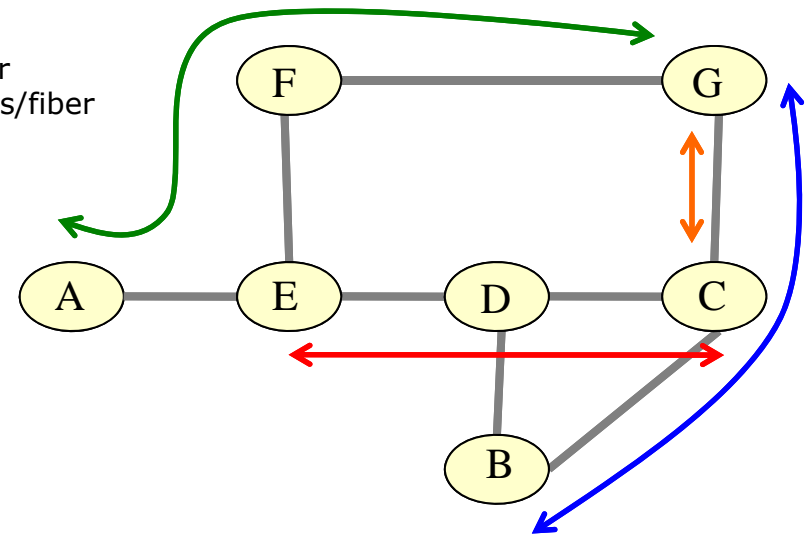
R1: E-C, route: E-D-C

R2: A-G, route: A-E-F-G

R3: B-G, route: B-C-G

R4: C-G, route: C-G

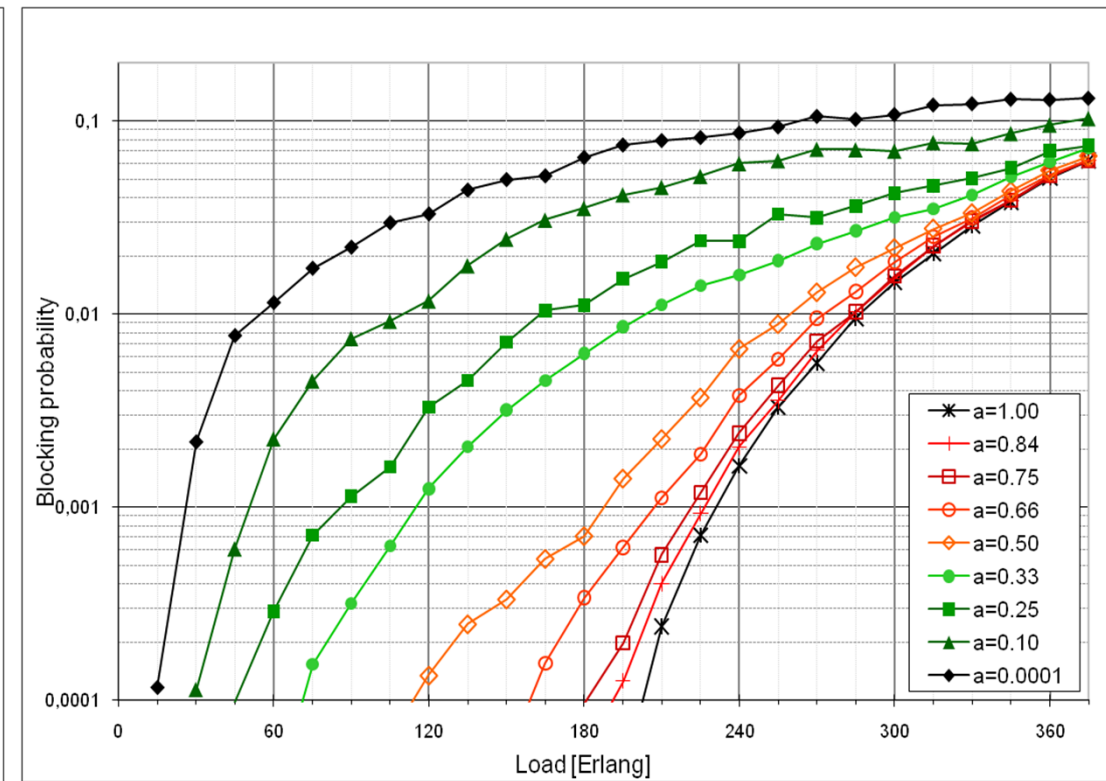
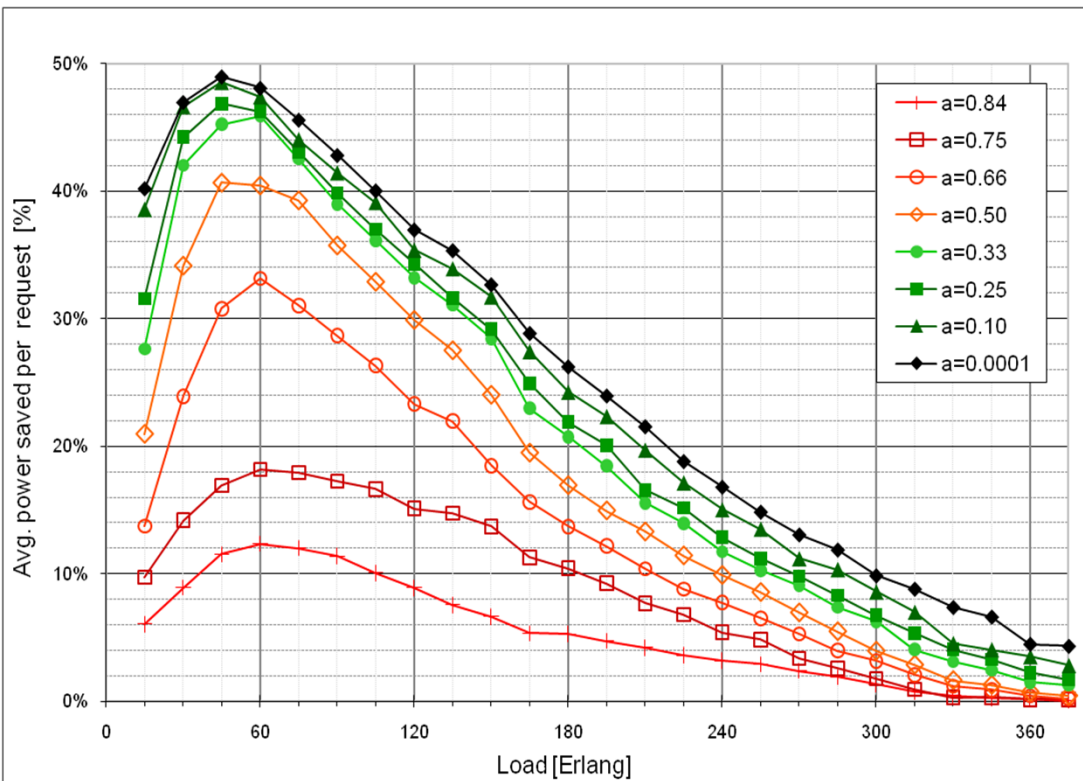
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Links off	Nodes off	Blocked requests
$1/8 \approx 12\%$	$0/7 \approx 0\%$	$0/4 \approx 0\%$

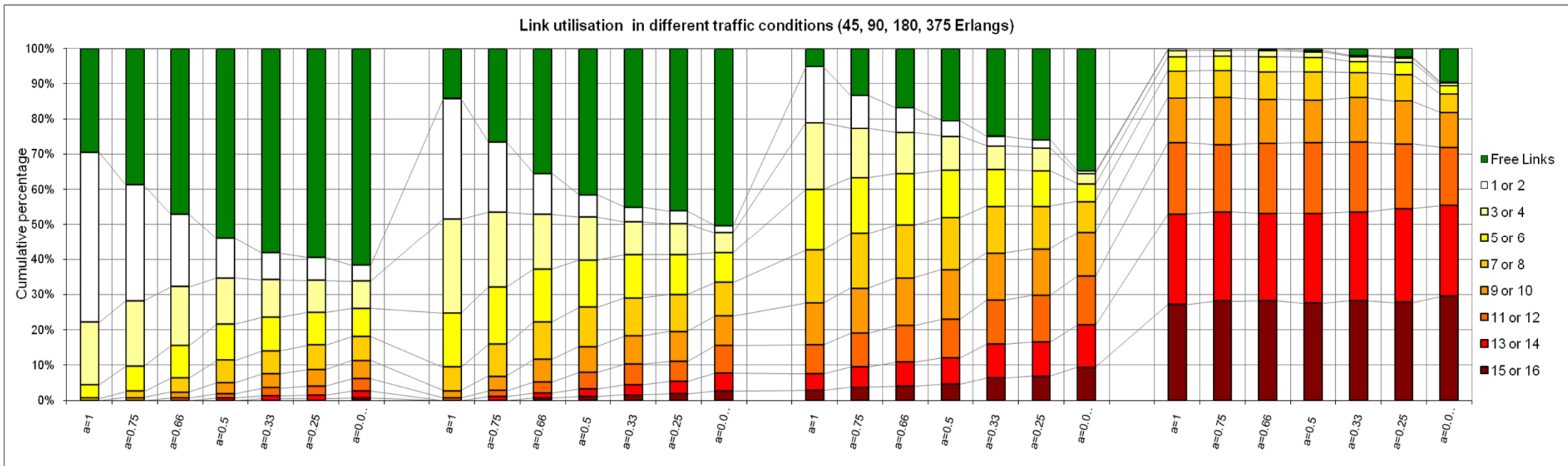
Weighted power-aware RWA (COST 239)

$$C_l = \begin{cases} \alpha \cdot P_{link,l}, & l \text{ in use} \\ P_{link,l}, & l \text{ not in use} \end{cases} \quad \alpha \in [0,1], \forall l \in p$$



α between 0.66 and 1, no significant impact on the blocking probability, but the power saved per request is still significant, e.g., 30% and 15 % in low and medium traffic conditions

Link utilization distribution (COST 239)

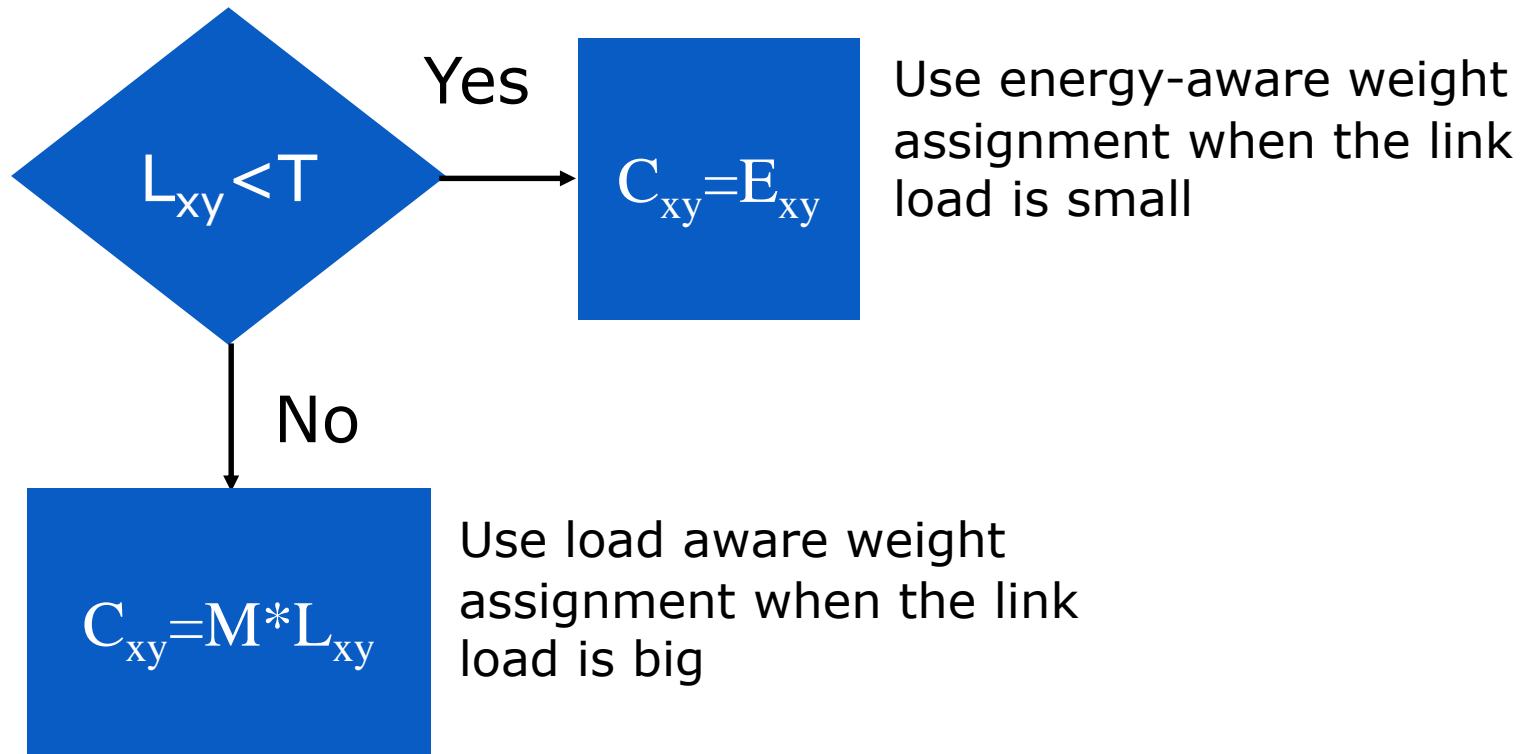




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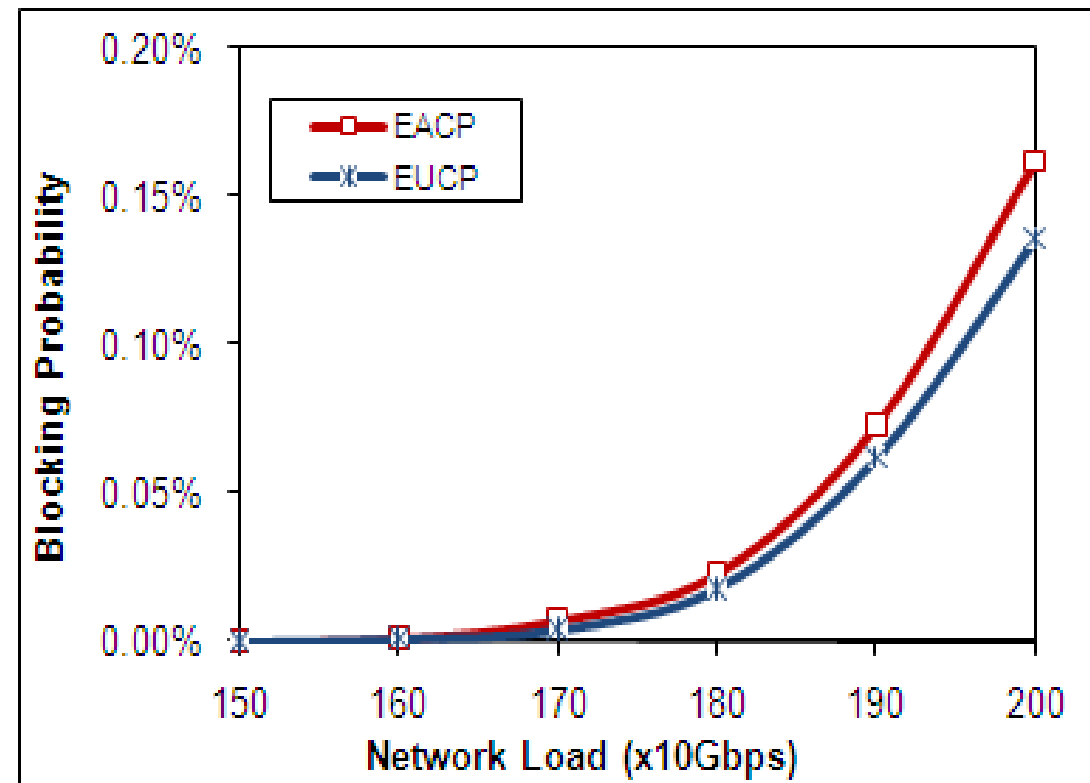
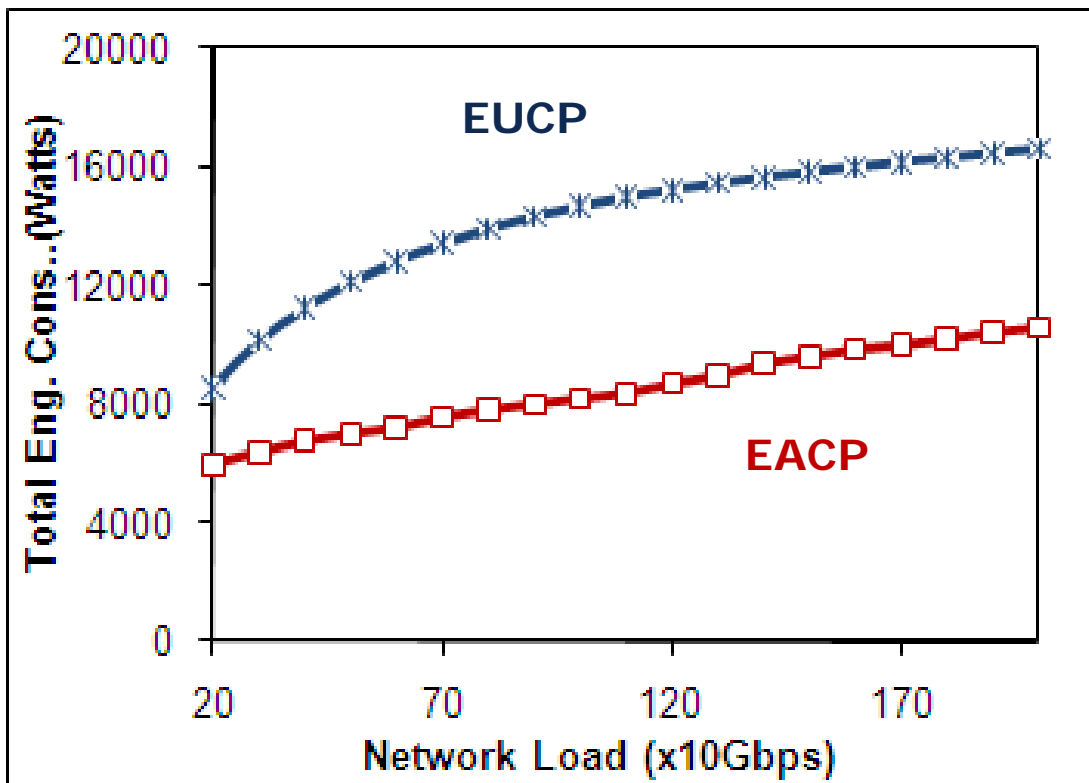
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Dynamic weight assignment mechanism



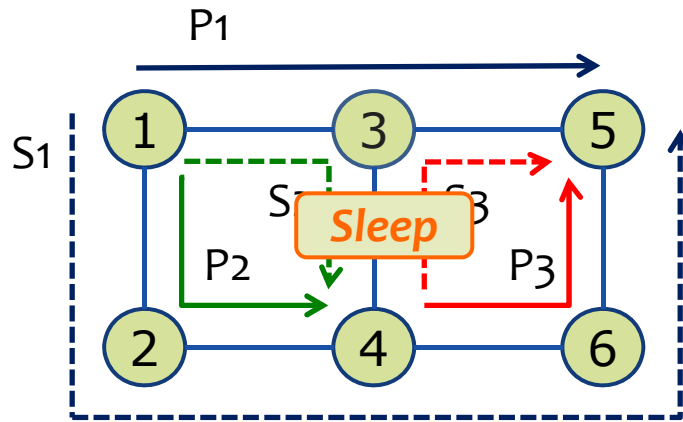
Performance results (COST 239)

- EUCP: energy un-aware connection provisioning
- EACP: energy aware connection provisioning

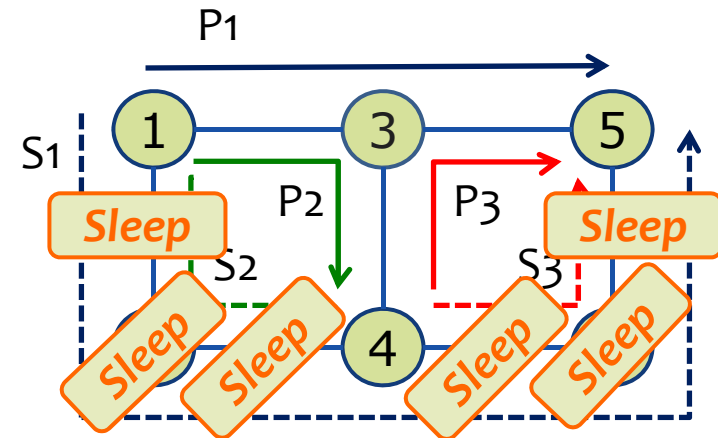


% gain in total energy consumption between 43% and % 36, without drastically impacting the blocking probability

Energy-aware DPP provisioning



Energy-Unaware

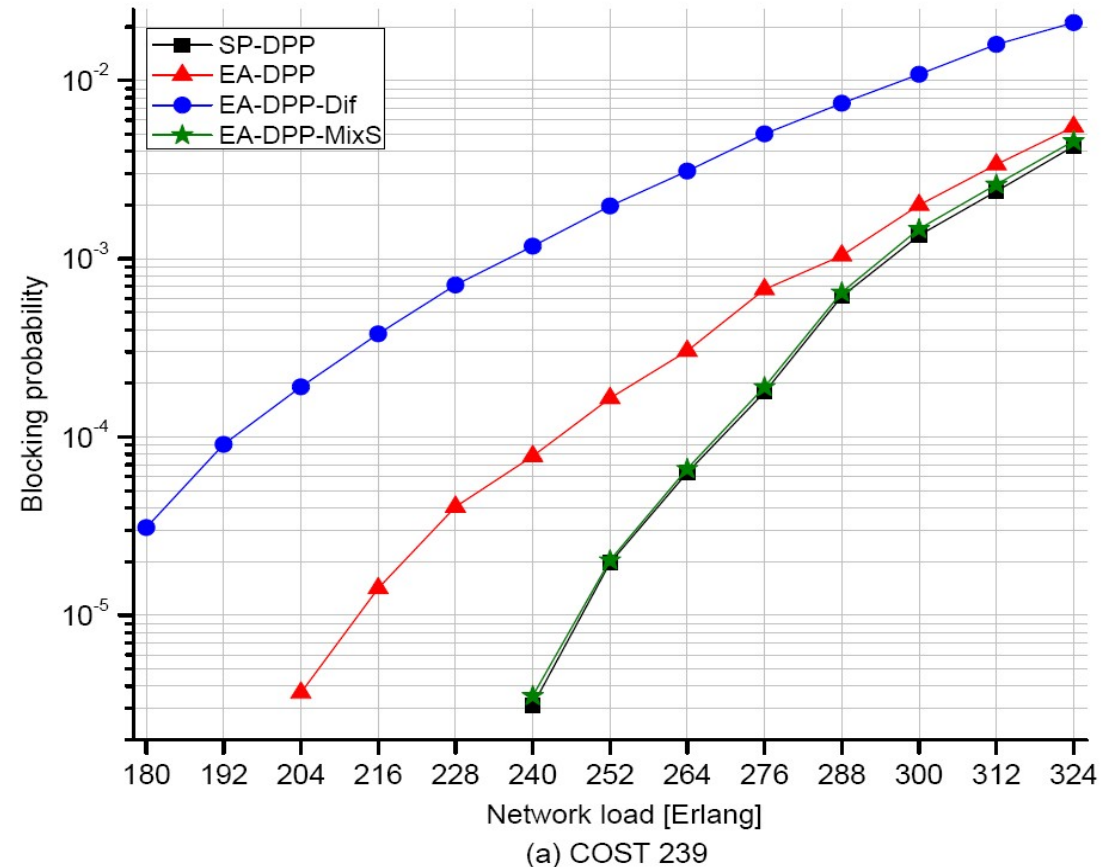
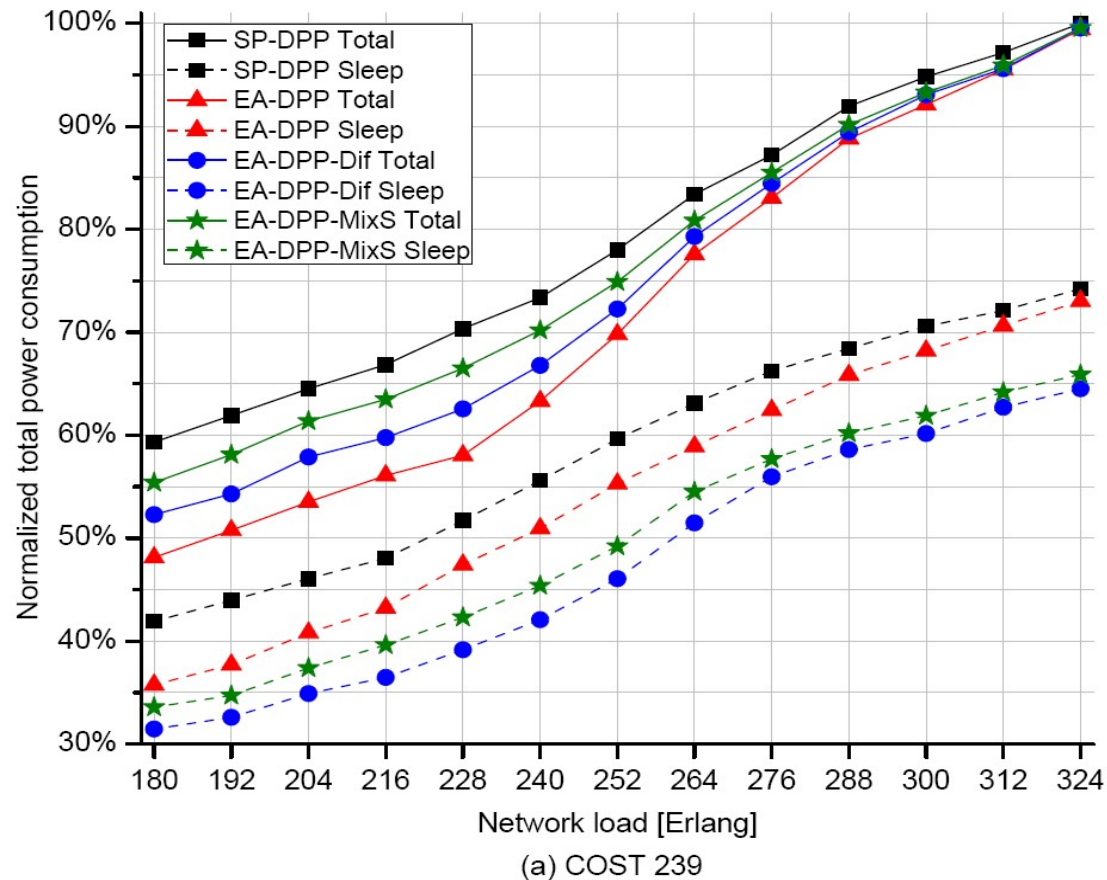


Energy-Aware

Request	Energy -Unaware		Energy -Aware	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
R1(1-5)	P1(1-3-5)	S1(1-2-4-6-5)	P1(1-3-5)	S1(1-2-4-6-5)
R2(1-4)	P2(1-2-4)	S2(1-3-4)	P2(1-3-4)	S2(1-2-4)
R3(4-5)	P3(4-6-5)	S3(4-3-5)	P3(4-3-5)	S3(4-6-5)

Energy-Aware DPP provisioning (COST 239)

- EA-DPP-Dif: primary and secondary resources kept separated as much as possible
- EA-DPP-MixS: only primary paths receive special attention





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Conclusions

- Presented a number of solutions and results that highlight that energy consumption reduction is indeed important but not enough
- A number of trade offs are at play: QoT, resource usage, cost, etc.
- Future studies can not neglect this important new dimensions
- For example studies may include:
 - reach vs. spectral efficiency vs. energy efficiency
 - energy efficiency vs. quality of protection
 - physical/technological constraints of components
 - theoretical limits
 - ...

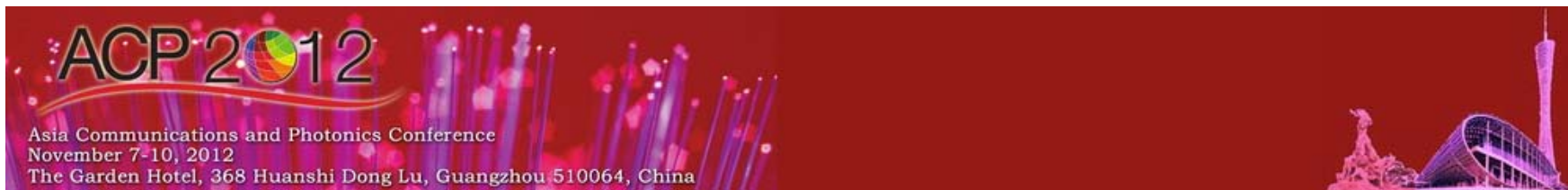


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