

Impact of memory size on ECM and E²CM

Single-Hop High Degree Hotspot

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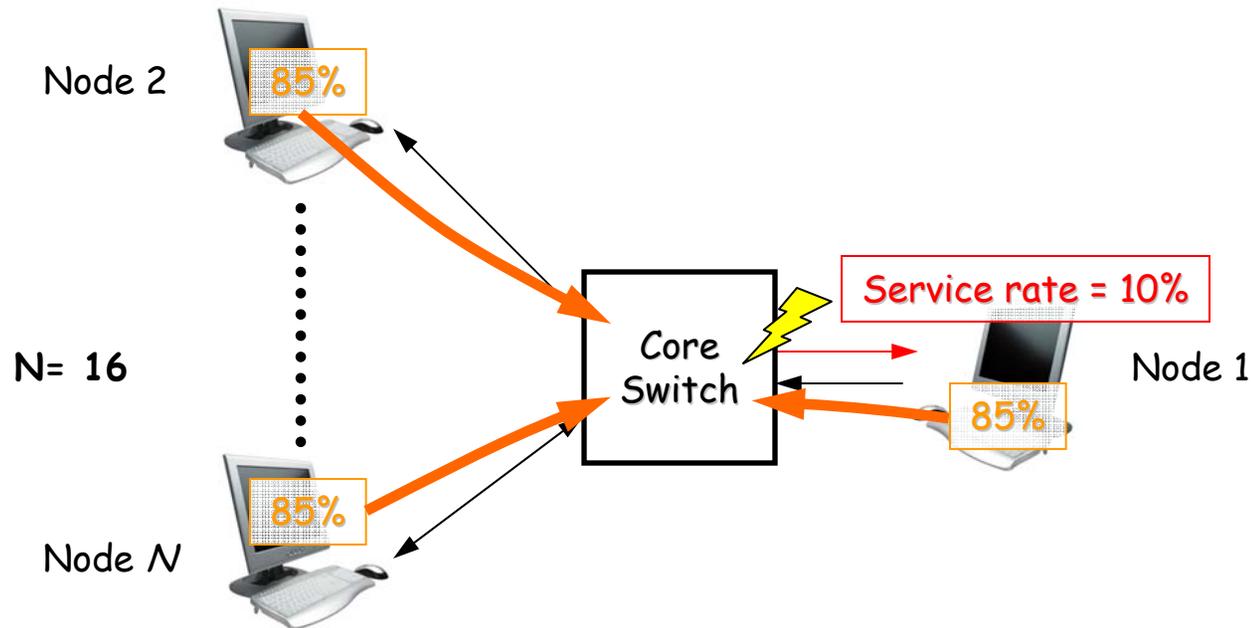
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Targets

- Determine impact of memory size on performance
 - Simulated sizes: 75, 150, 300 KB per port
 - ECM, E²CM
 - PAUSE on/off
 - BCN(0,0) on/off
- Metrics
 - Aggregate & hot port throughput
 - Hot queue length
 - Mean flow completion time, number of flows completed
 - Number of frames dropped

Output-Generated Single-Hop High HSD

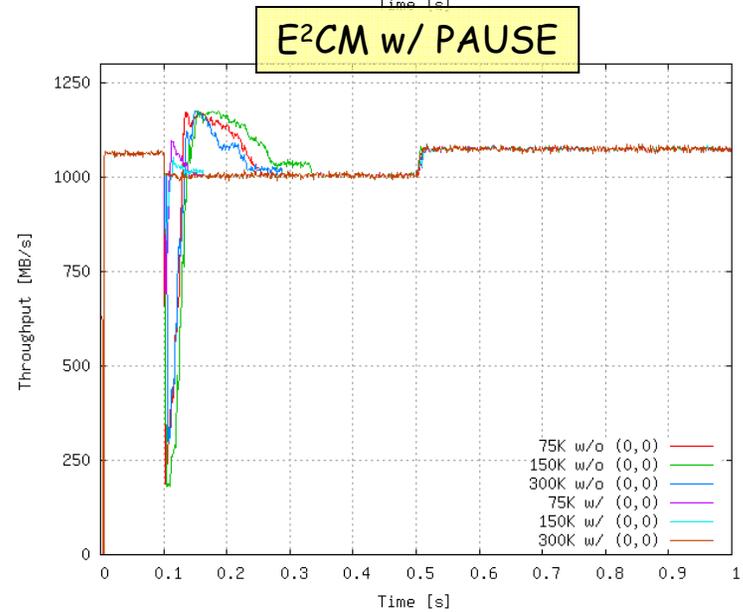
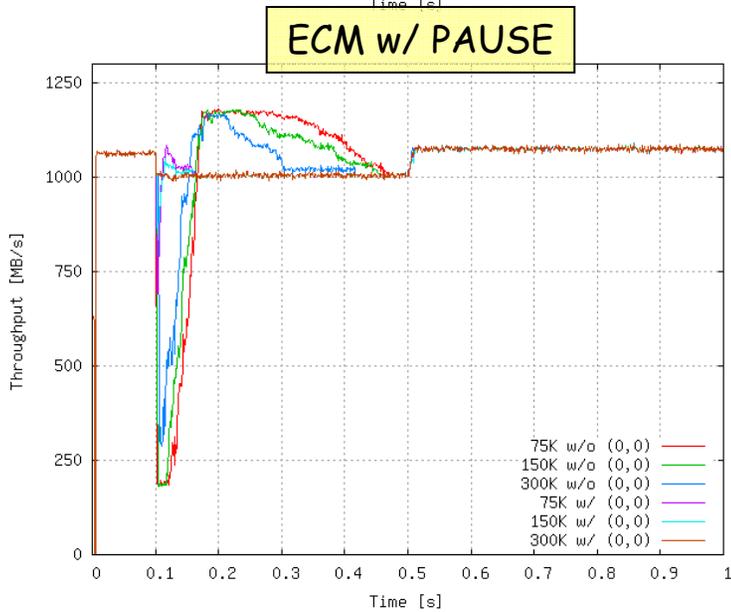
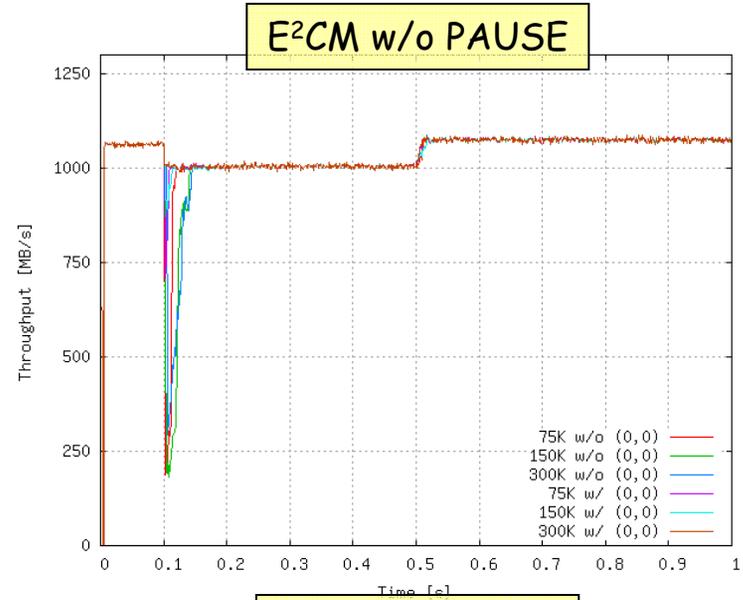
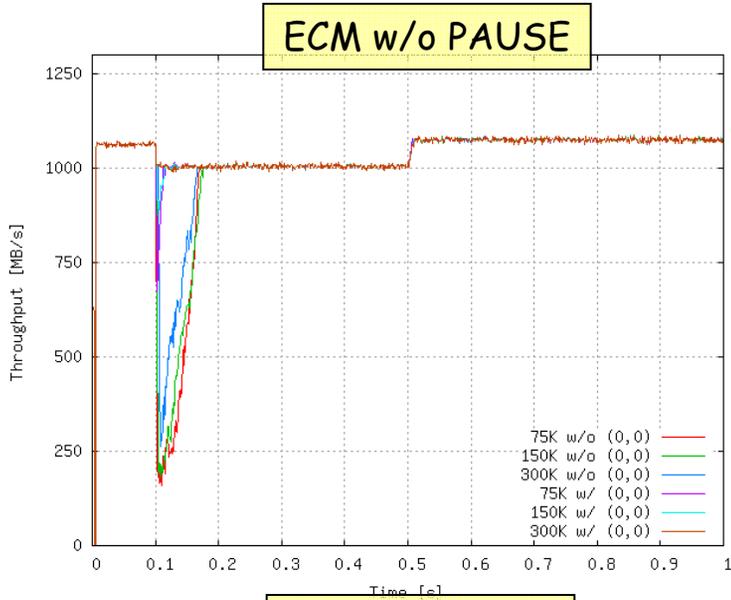


- All nodes: Uniform destination distribution, load = 85% (8.5 Gb/s)
- Node 1 service rate = 10%

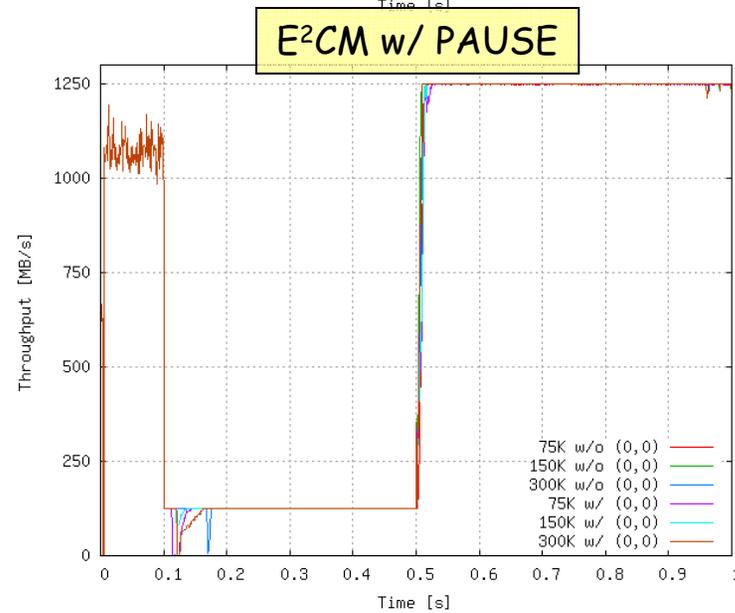
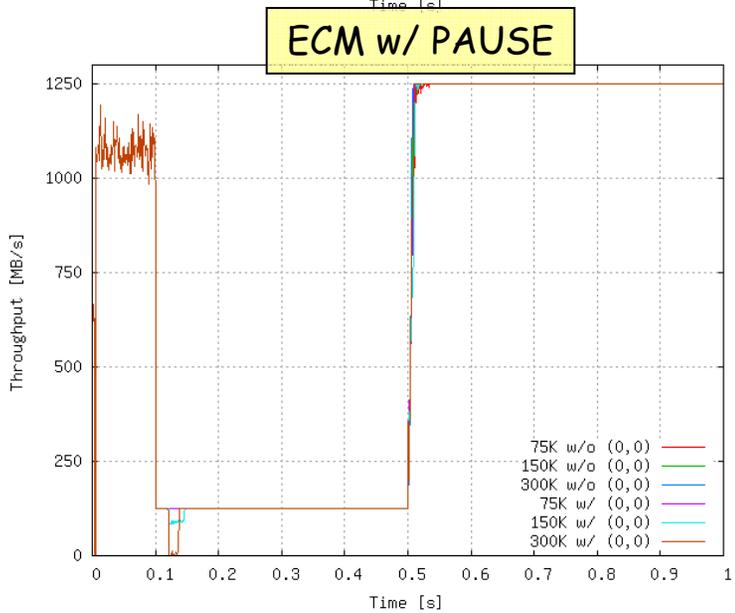
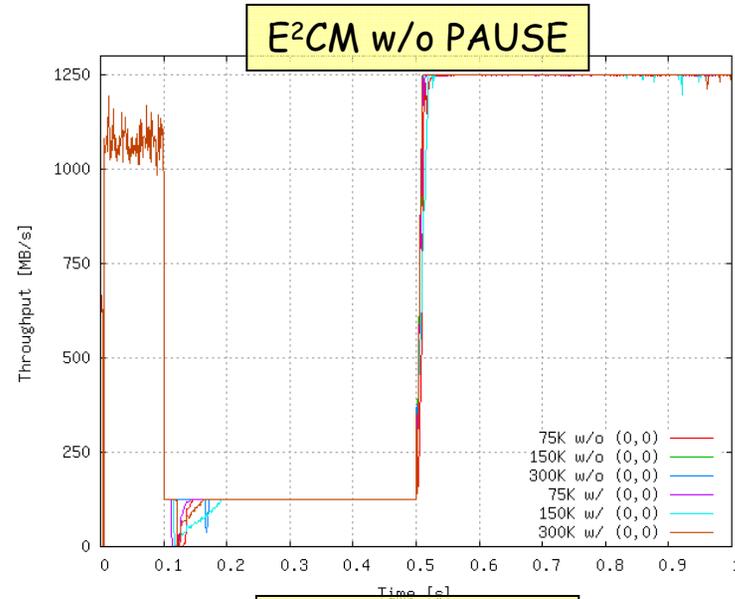
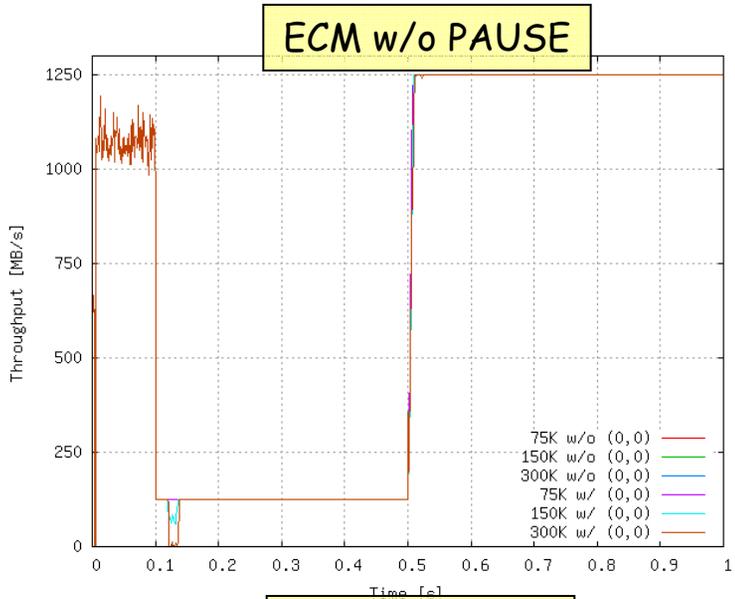
Simulation Setup & Parameters (same as before)

- Traffic
 - Bernoulli
 - Uniform destination distribution (to all nodes except self)
 - Fixed frame size = 1500 B
- Scenario
 1. Single-hop output-generated hotspot
- Switch
 - Radix $N = 16$
 - $M = [75, 150, 300]$ KB/port
 - Link time of flight = 1 us
 - Partitioned memory per input, shared among all outputs
 - No limit on per-output memory usage
 - PAUSE enabled or disabled
 - Applied on a per input basis based on local high/low watermarks
 - $\text{watermark}_{\text{high}} = M - \text{rtt} * \text{bw}$ KB
 - $\text{watermark}_{\text{low}} = M - \text{rtt} * \text{bw}$ KB
 - If disabled, frames dropped when input partition full
- Adapter
 - Per-node virtual output queuing, round-robin scheduling
 - No limit on number of rate limiters
 - Ingress buffer size = infinite, round-robin VOQ service
 - Egress buffer size = 150 KB
 - PAUSE enabled
 - $\text{watermark}_{\text{high}} = 150 - \text{rtt} * \text{bw}$ KB
 - $\text{watermark}_{\text{low}} = \text{watermark}_{\text{high}} - 10$ KB
- ECM
 - $W = 2.0$
 - $Q_{\text{eq}} = M/4$
 - $G_{\text{d}} = 0.5 / ((2*W+1)*Q_{\text{eq}})$
 - $G_{\text{iO}} = (R_{\text{link}} / R_{\text{unit}}) * ((2*W+1)*Q_{\text{eq}})$
 - $G_{\text{i}} = 0.1 * G_{\text{iO}}$
 - $P_{\text{sample}} = 2\%$ (on average 1 sample every 75 KB)
 - $R_{\text{unit}} = R_{\text{min}} = 1$ Mb/s
 - BCN_MAX enabled, threshold = M KB
 - BCN(0,0) dis/enabled, threshold = $4*M$ KB
 - **Drift enabled**
- E²CM (per-flow)
 - $W = 2.0$
 - $Q_{\text{eq,flow}} = M/20$ KB
 - $G_{\text{d,flow}} = 0.5 / ((2*W+1)*Q_{\text{eq,flow}})$
 - $G_{\text{i,flow}} = 0.005 * (R_{\text{link}} / R_{\text{unit}}) / ((2*W+1)*Q_{\text{eq,flow}})$
 - $P_{\text{sample}} = 2\%$ (on average 1 sample every 75 KB)
 - $R_{\text{unit}} = R_{\text{min}} = 1$ Mb/s
 - BCN_MAX enabled, threshold = $M/5$ KB
 - BCN(0,0) dis/enabled, threshold = $4*M/5$ KB

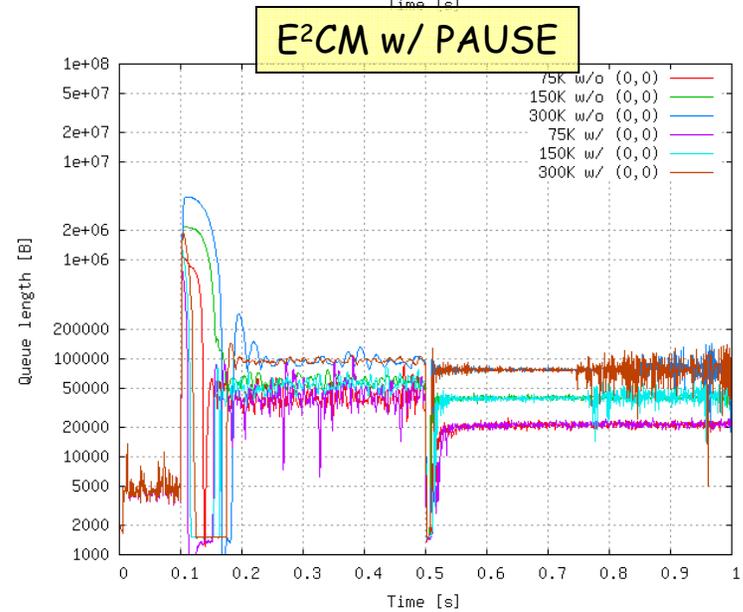
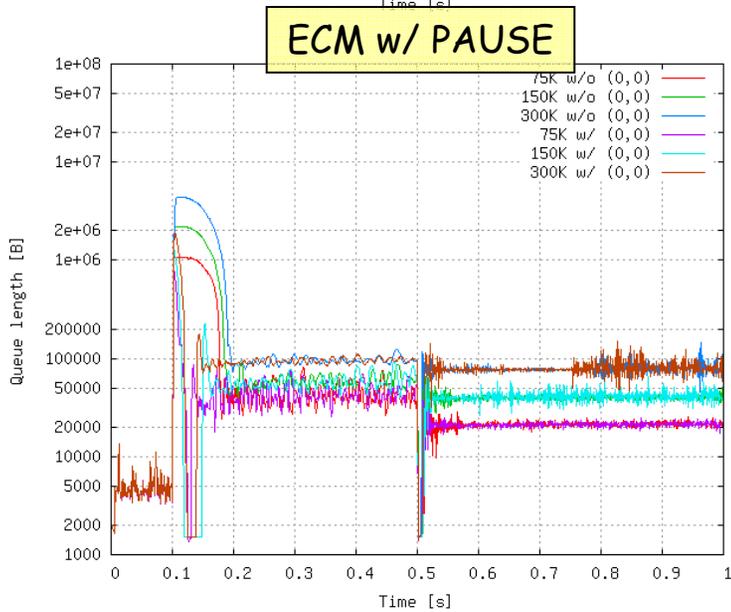
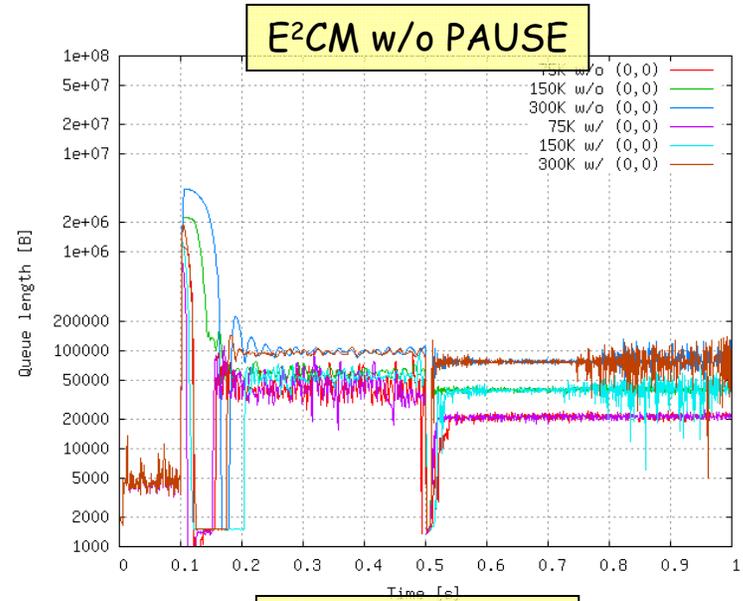
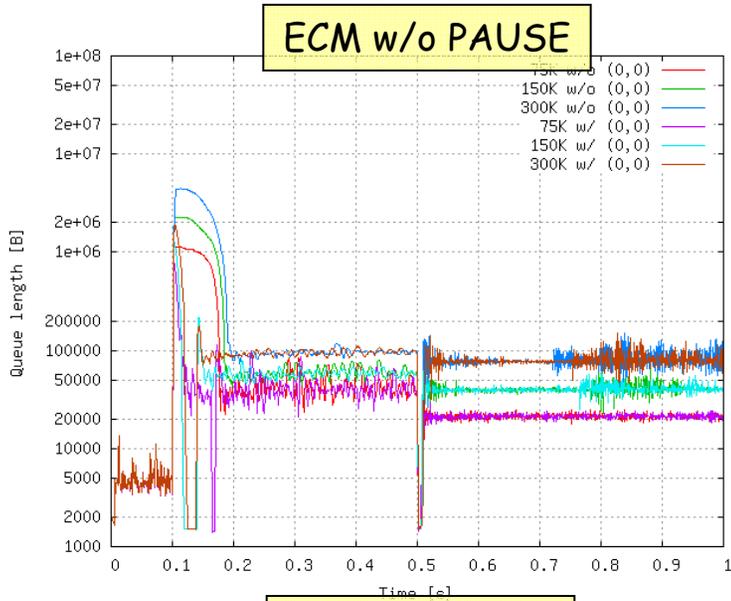
Aggregate throughput



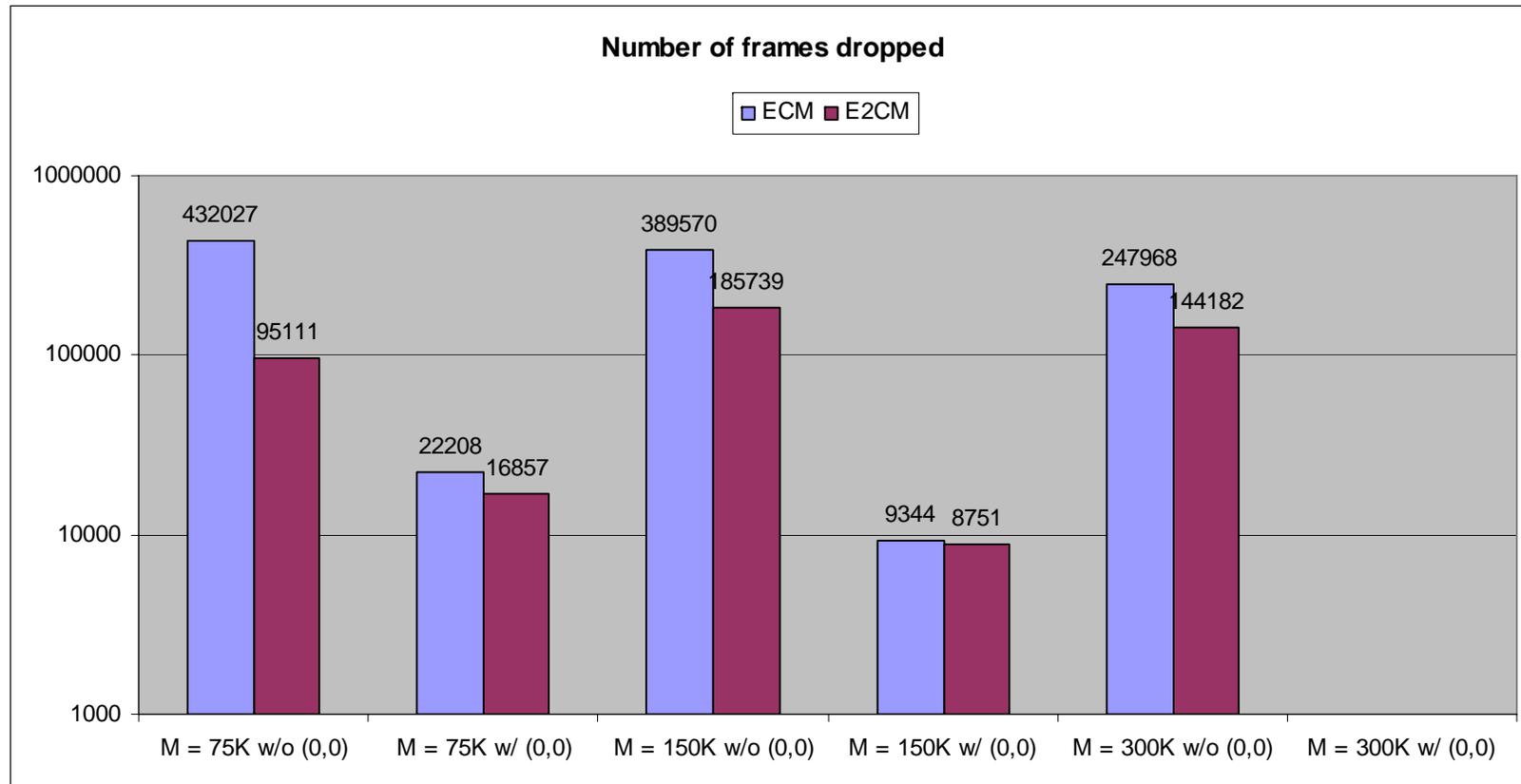
Hot port throughput



Hot port queue length

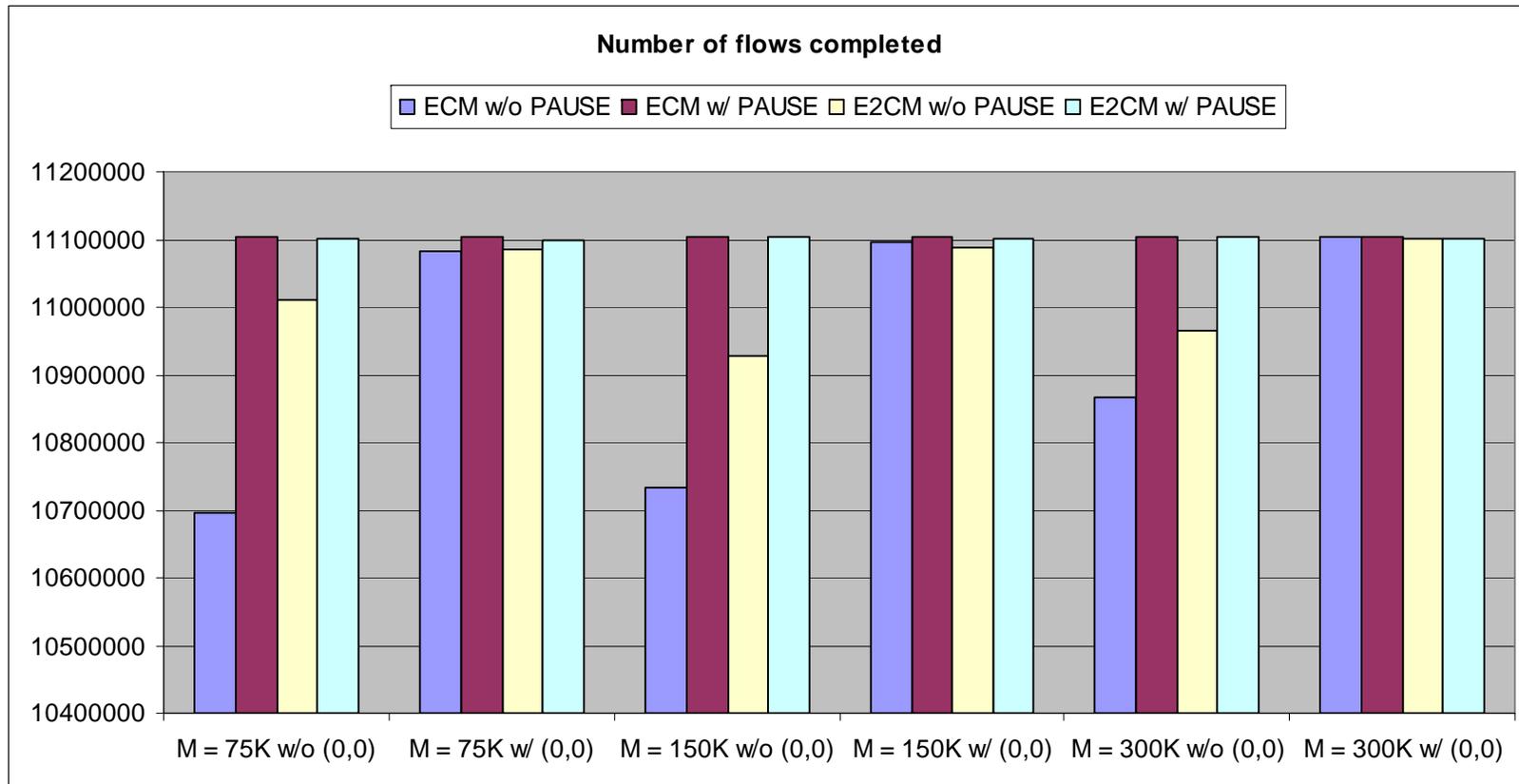


Number of frames dropped (no PAUSE)



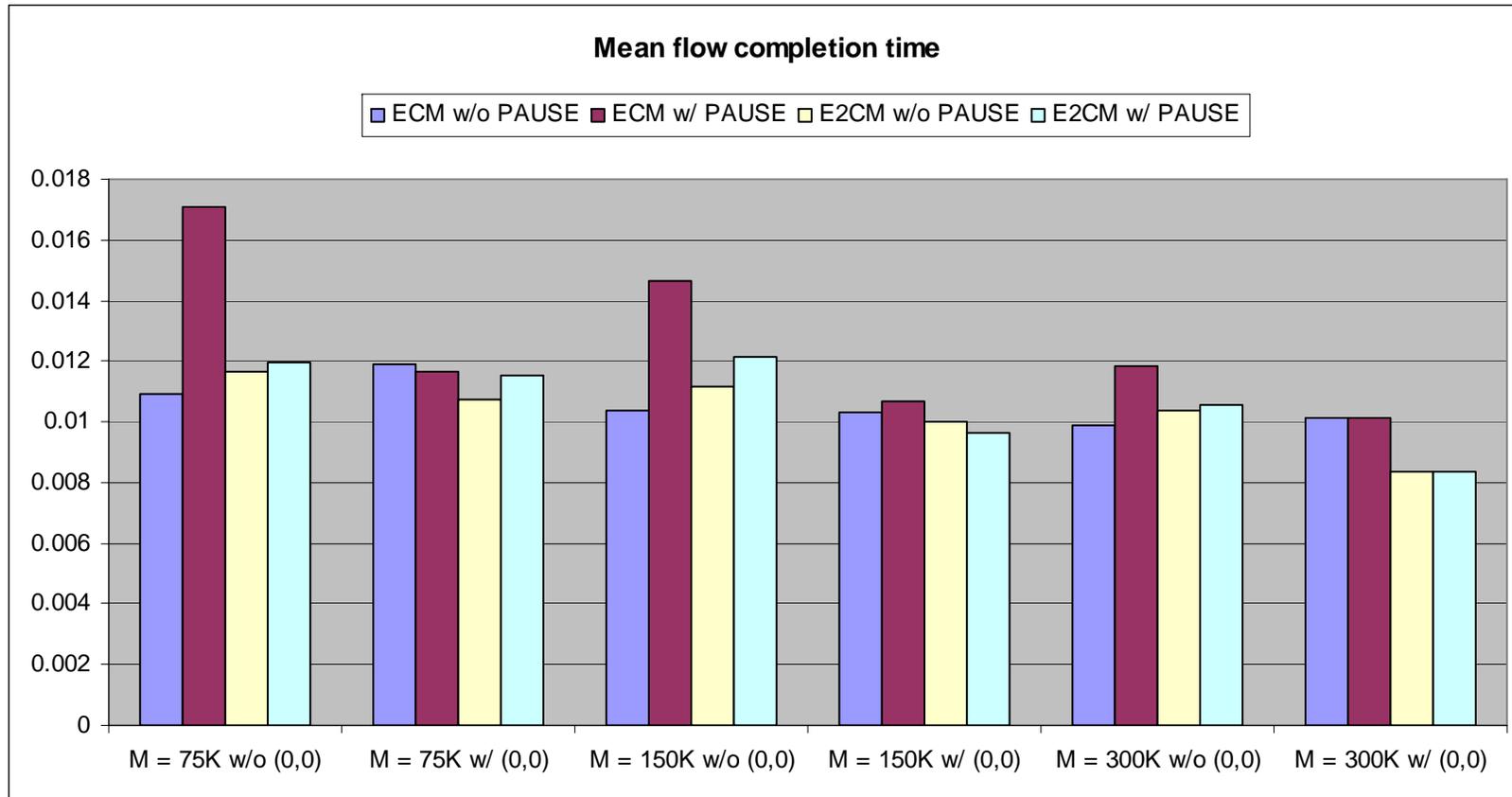
- E²CM drops fewer frames

Number of flows completed



- When either PAUSE or BCN(0,0) are enabled numbers are virtually identical
- Without PAUSE and BCN(0,) E²CM tends to do somewhat better

Mean flow completion time



- Larger memory → shorter flow completion time
- ECM with PAUSE tends to perform worst
- With largest memory, E²CM has about 20% lower FCT than ECM

Conclusions

- Chairman has raised the issue of more realistic (shallow) on-chip buffers
 - Will our CM schemes still work - and how well?
- Findings: Baseline ECM and E2CM show robust performance even with reduced memory
 - Resilience: Both loops have sufficient stability phase margin built in
- Performance is comparable, E²CM sometimes better