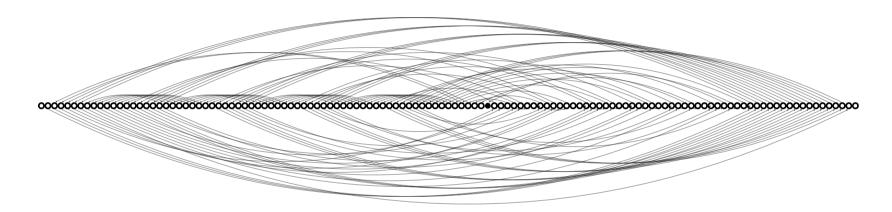
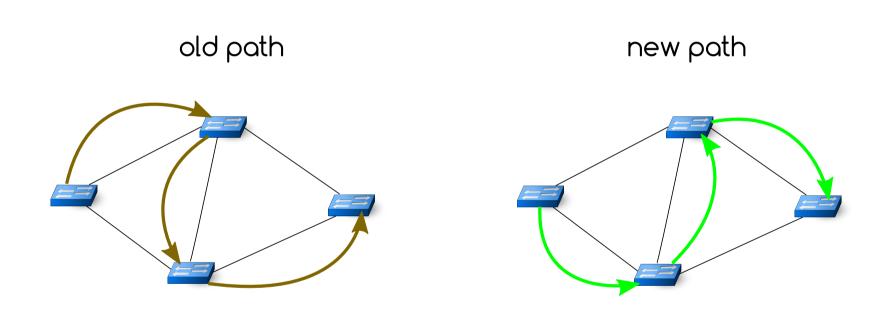
## Transiently Secure Network Updates



Arne Ludwig<sup>1</sup>, Szymon Dudycz<sup>2</sup>, <u>Matthias Rost<sup>1</sup></u>, Stefan Schmid<sup>3</sup> TU Berlin<sup>1</sup>, University of Wroclaw<sup>2</sup>, Aalborg University<sup>3</sup>

# Network Updates

How to transition from old to new path?



While not discarding any packets!

# Network Updates Happen

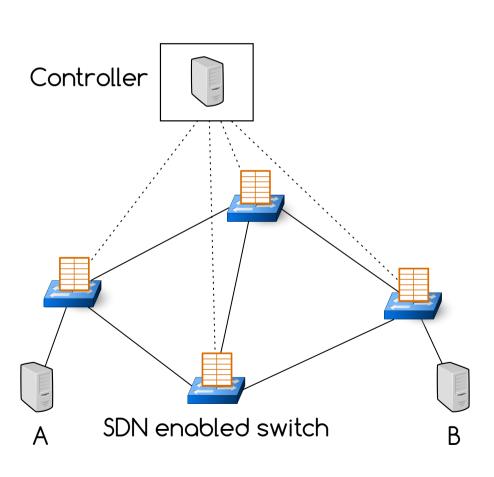
Error prone task manual updates per device, despite global goals



Misconfiguration on switches that caused a "bridge loop". [2012]

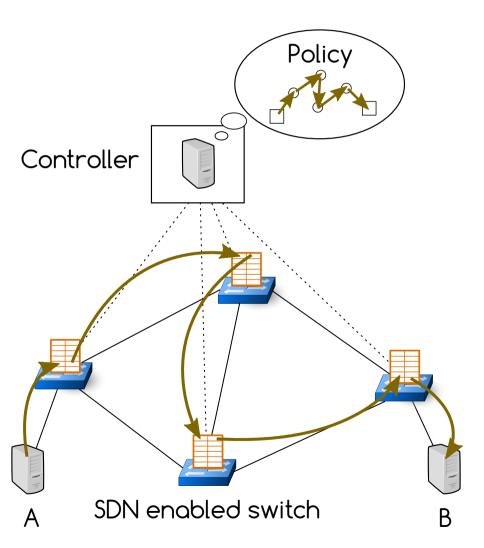


A network change was [...] executed incorrectly [...] re-mirroring storm [2011]



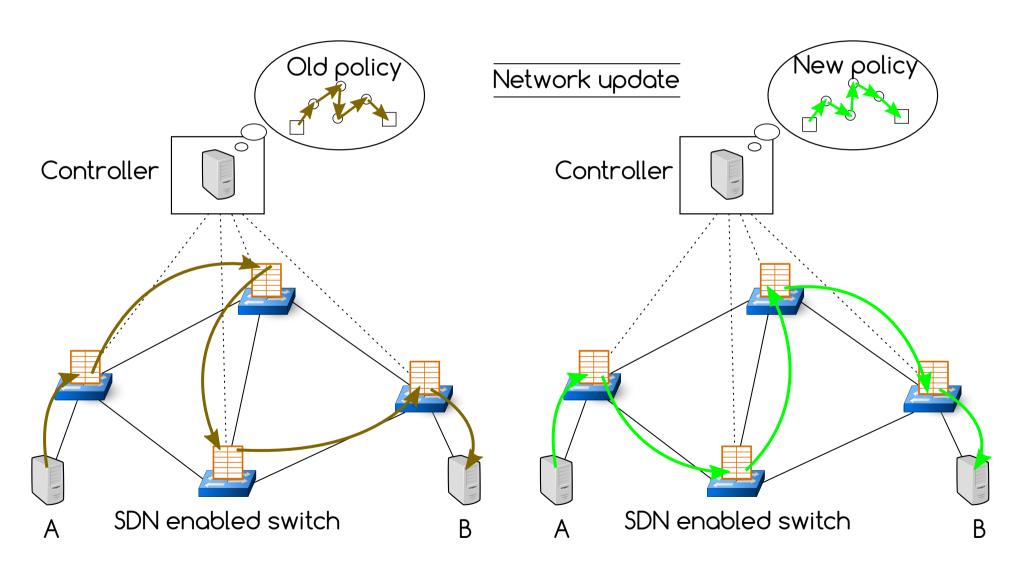
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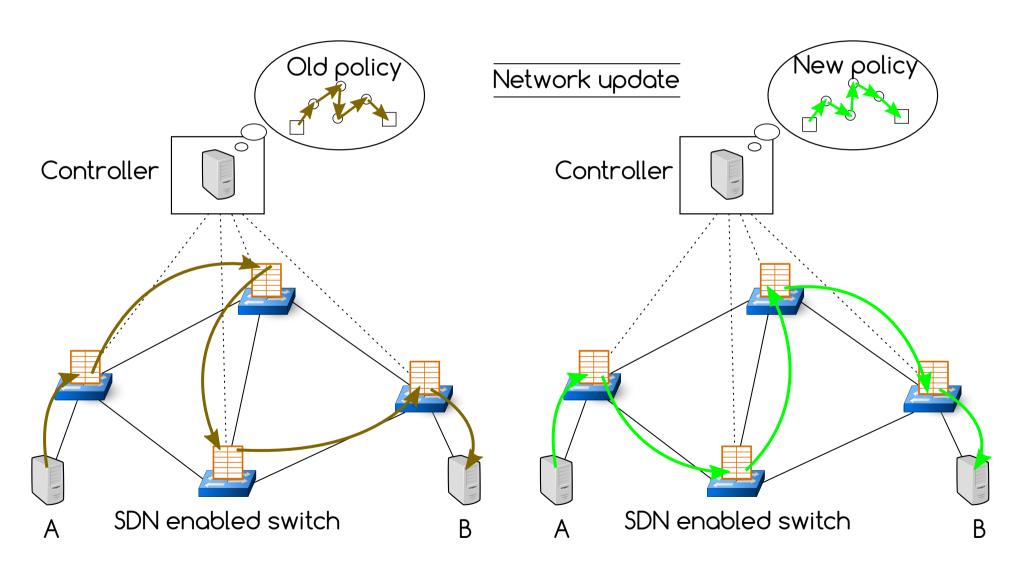
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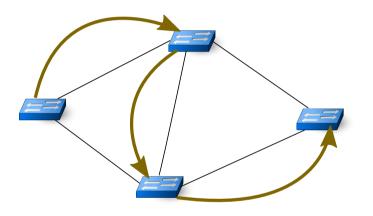
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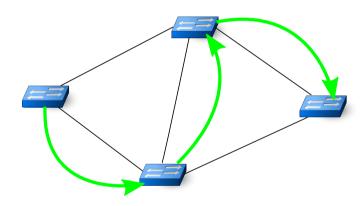




# Strong Consistency

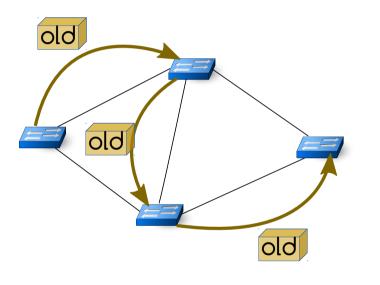
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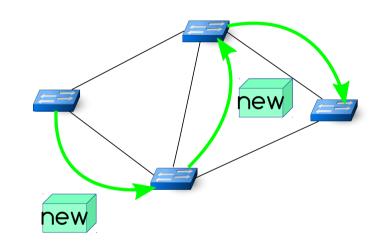


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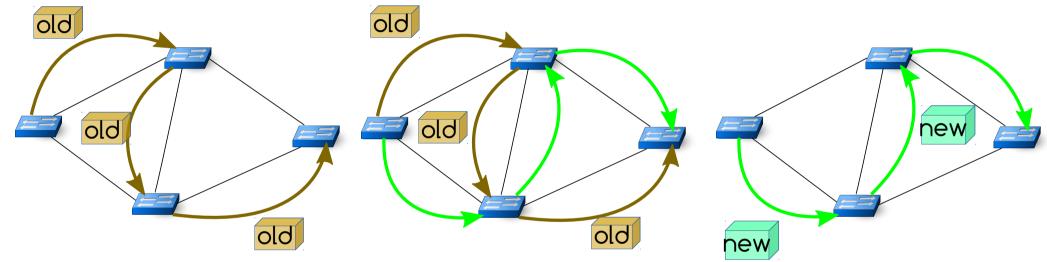


Tagging packets at ingress port



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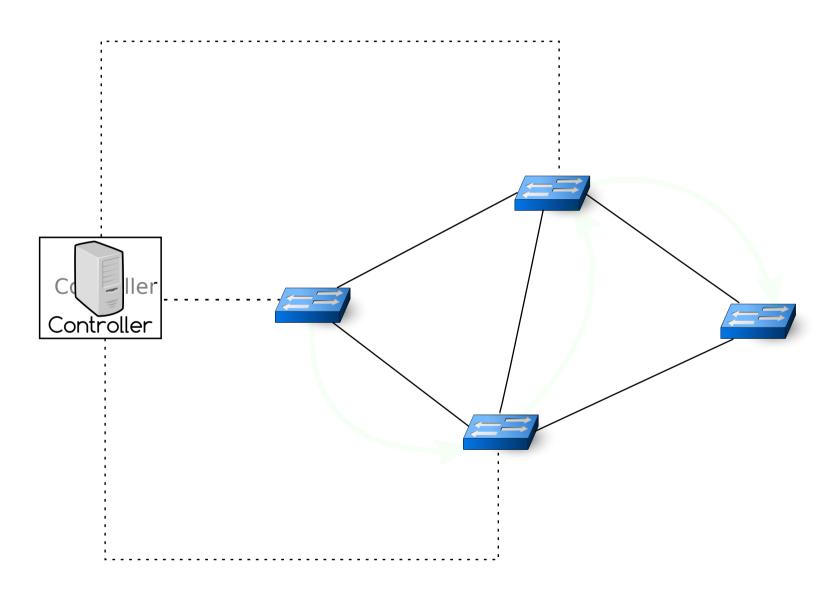


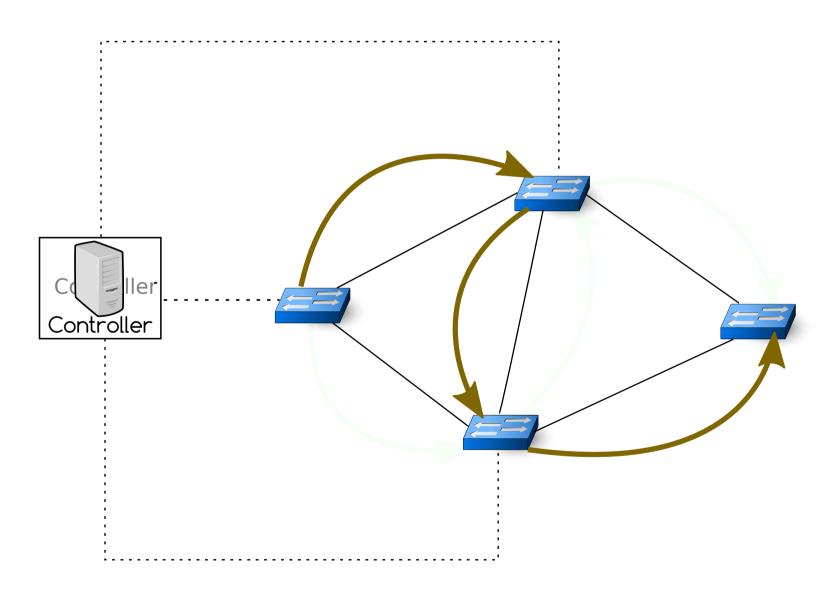
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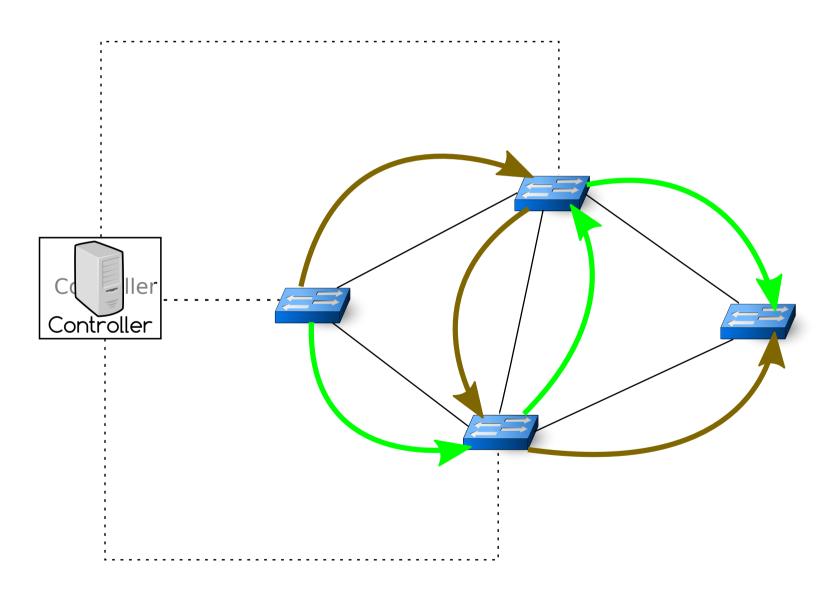
- Needs more switch memory
- Problematic with middleboxes (changed headers)

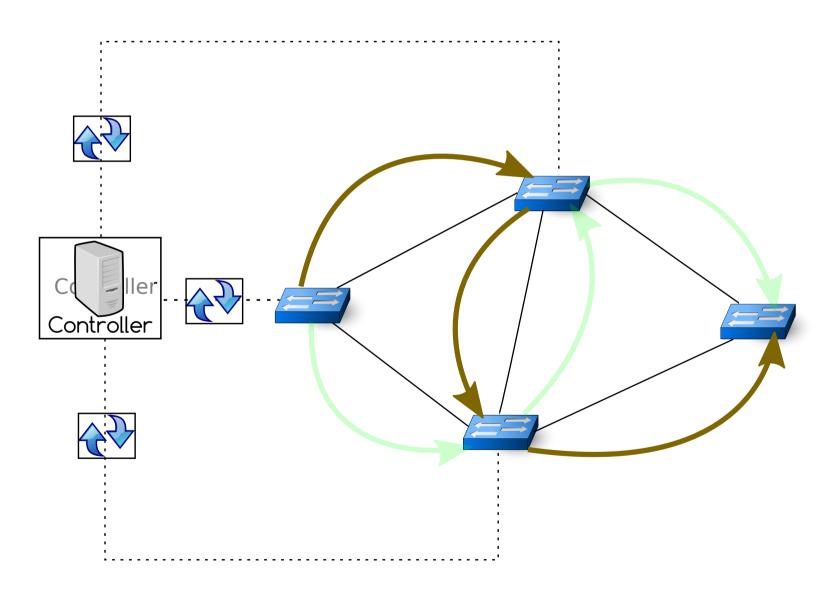
# The Challenge: Transiently Secure Updates

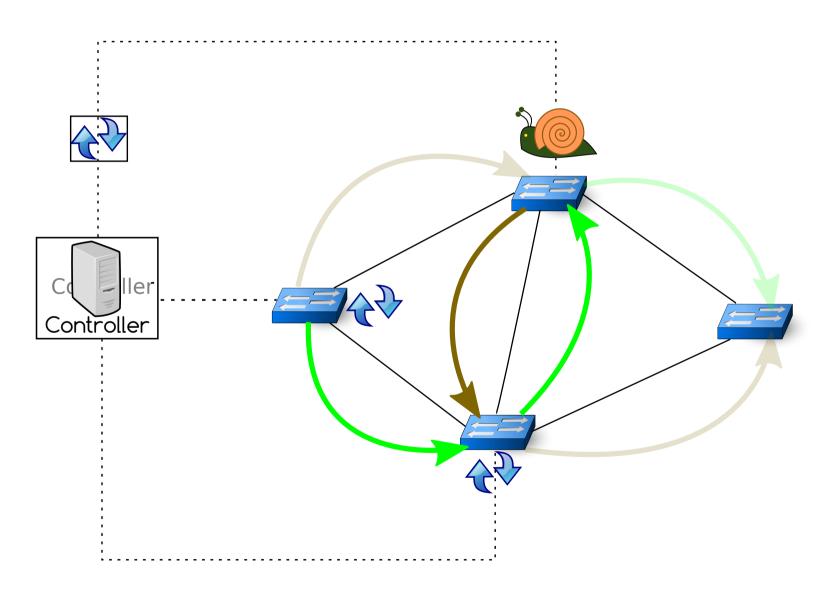
- Consider dynamic updates without tagging [Mahajan et al., HotNets '13]
- Consistent forwarding state needs to be secured:
  - Ensure reachability by forbidding loops
  - Ensure traversal of waypoints, e.g. firewalls

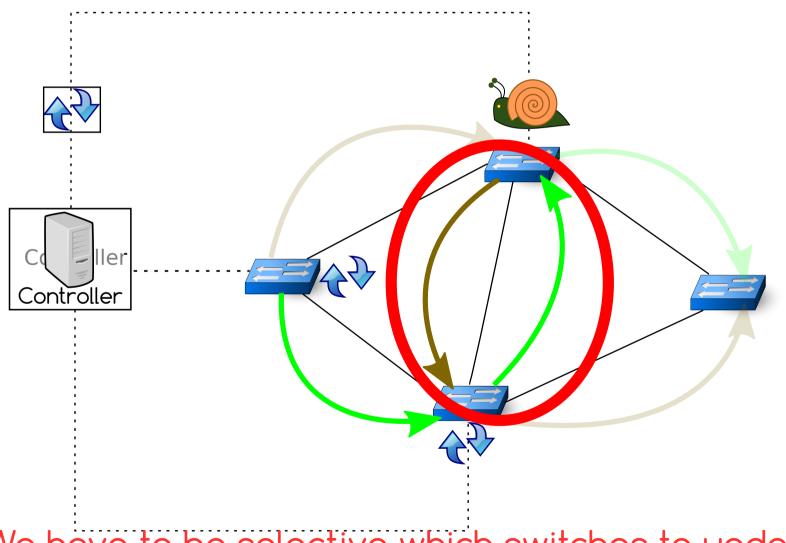




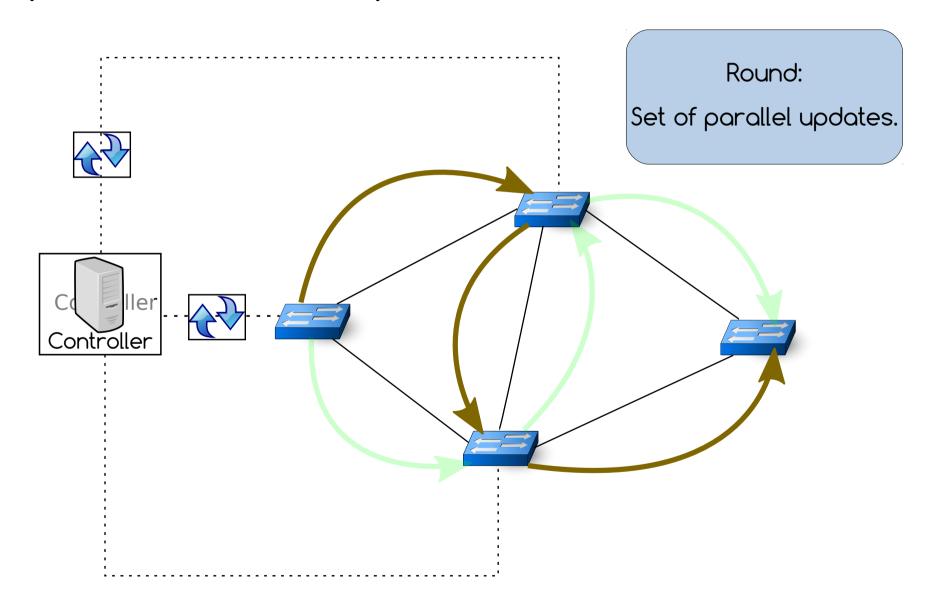


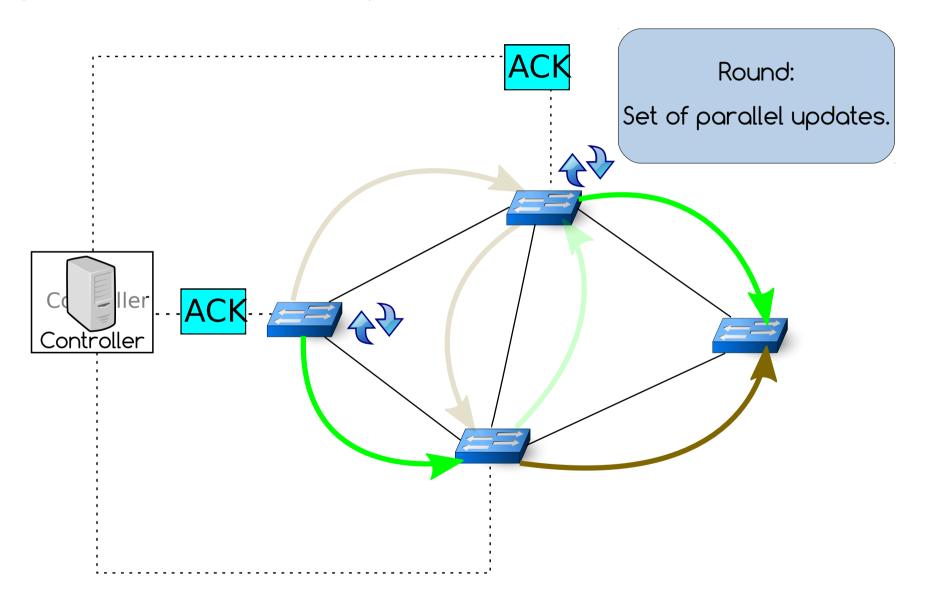


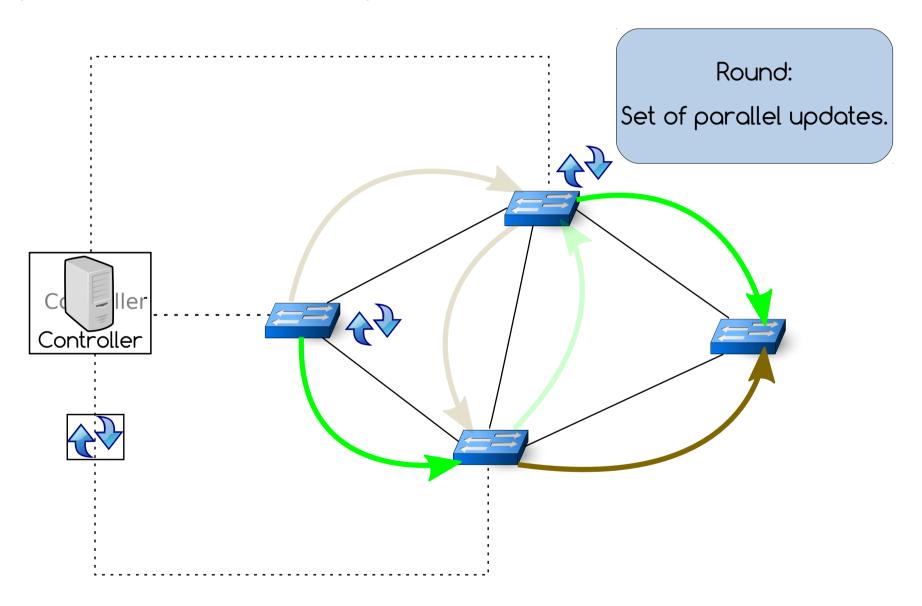


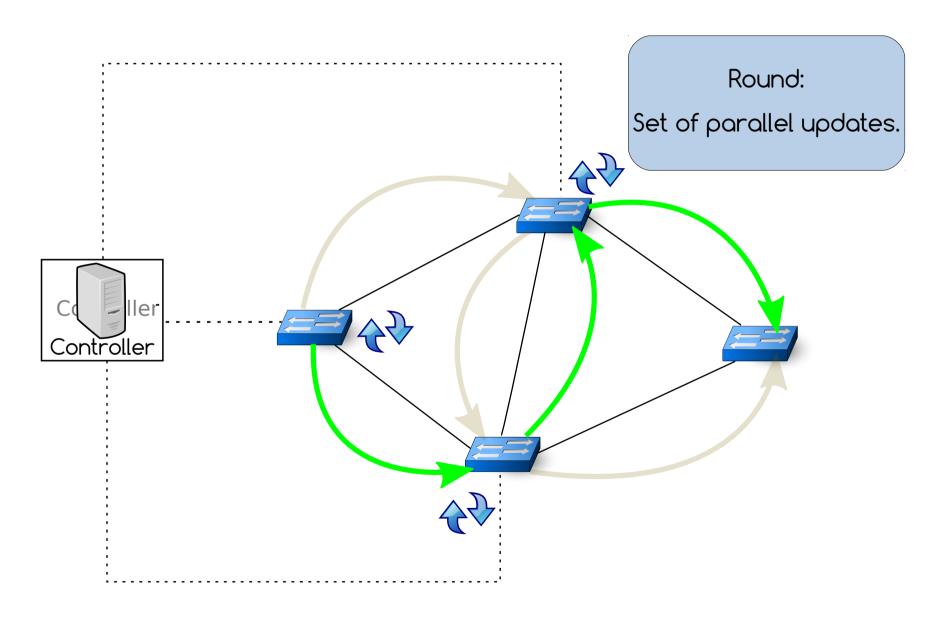


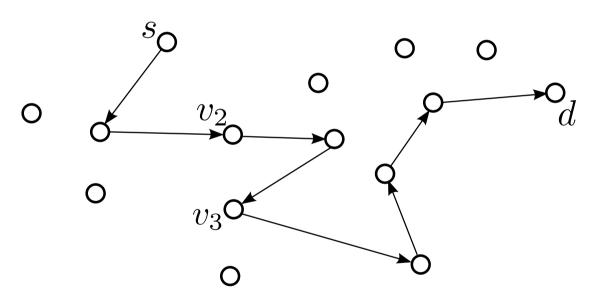
We have to be selective which switches to update

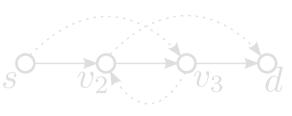


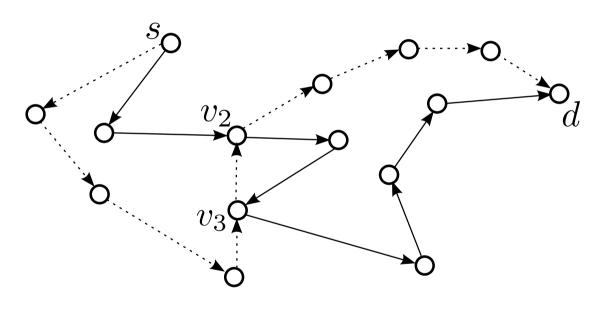


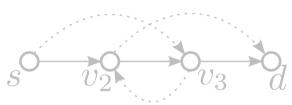


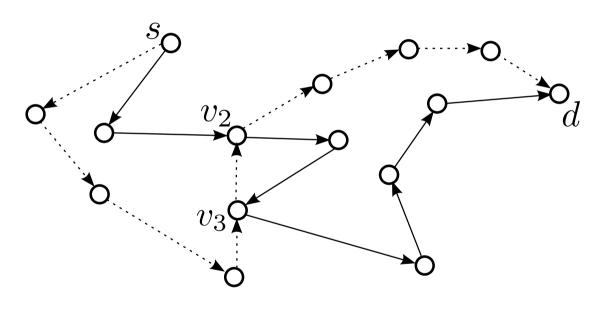


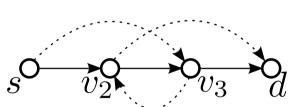


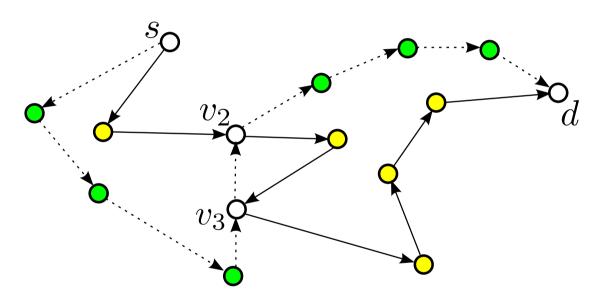


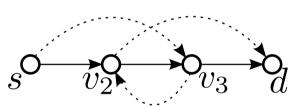




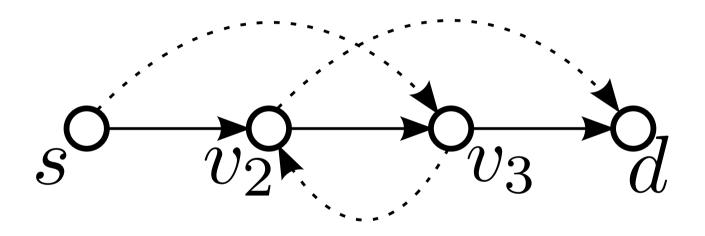








- Safe to be updated
- Safe to be left untouched

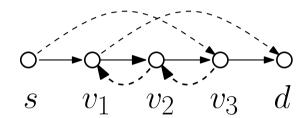


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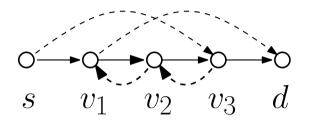
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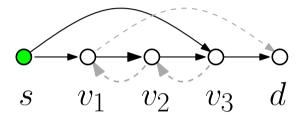
# Consistency Properties

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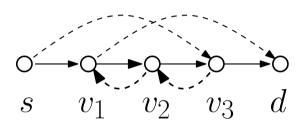


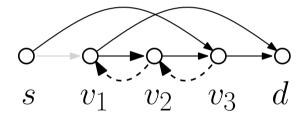
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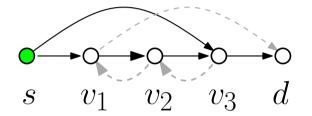




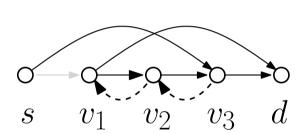
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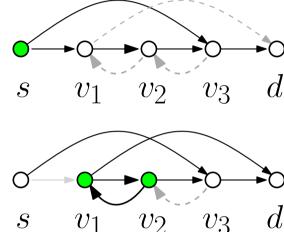






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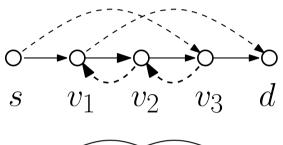


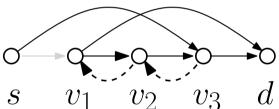
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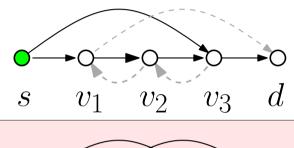
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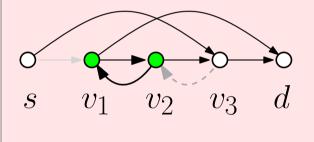
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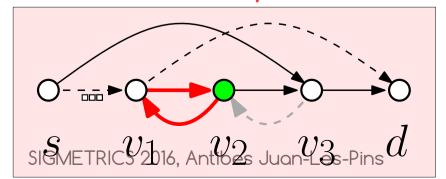






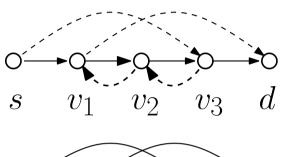
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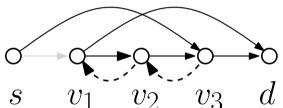
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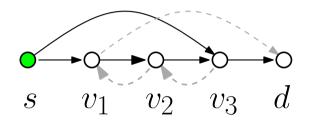


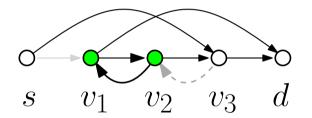
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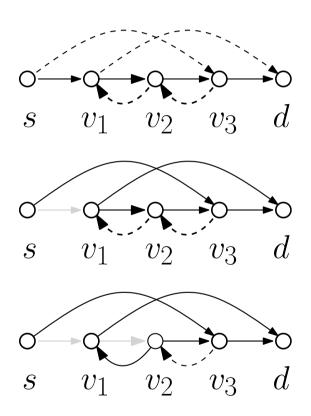


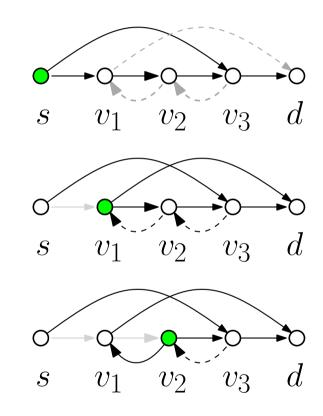


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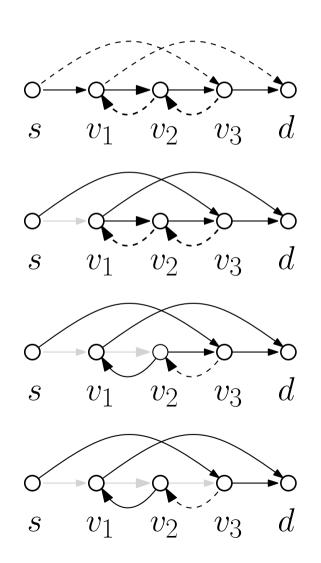
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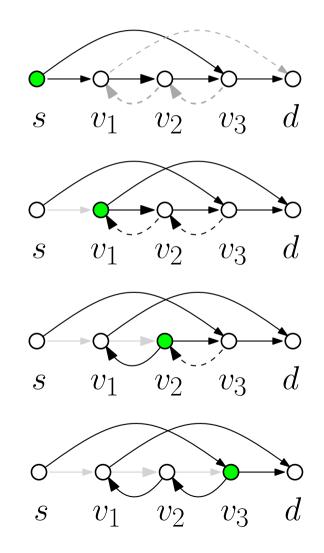
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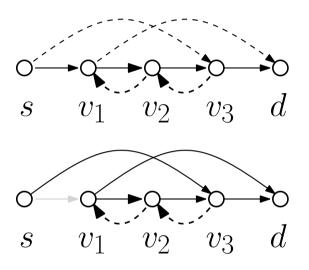
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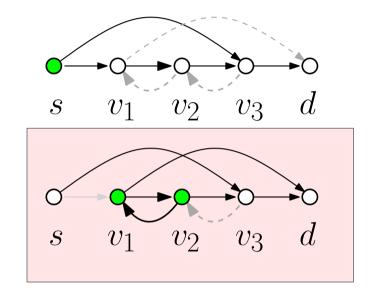




## Property: Relaxed Loop Freedom (RLF)

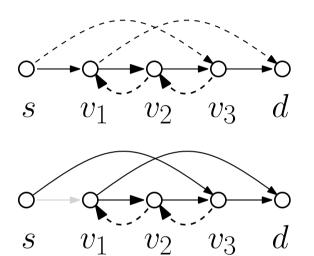
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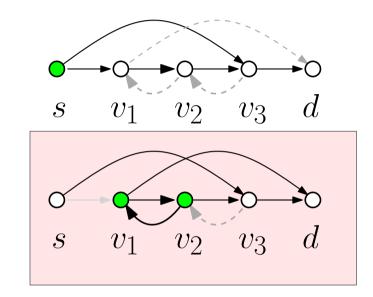




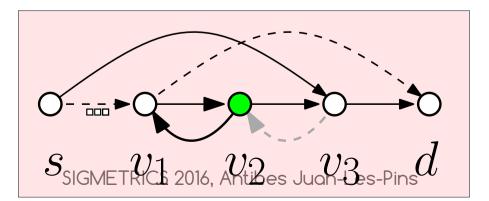
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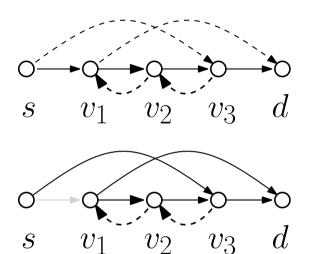


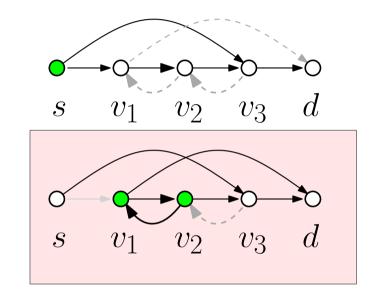
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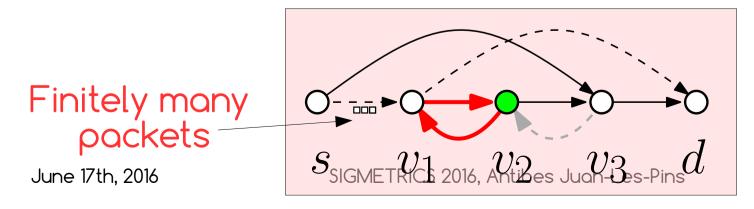
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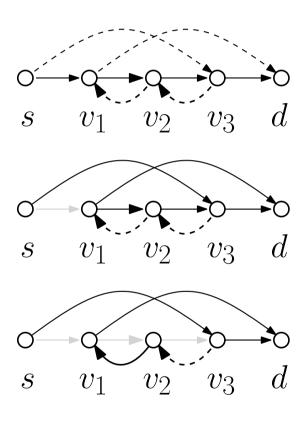




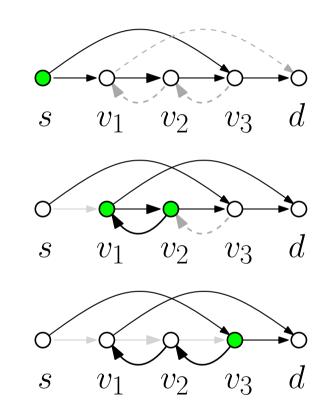
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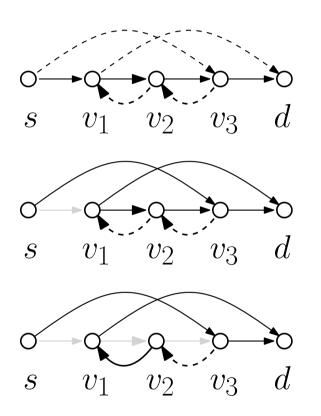


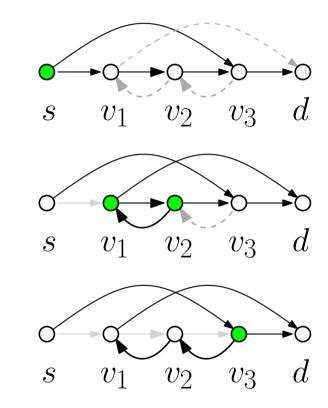
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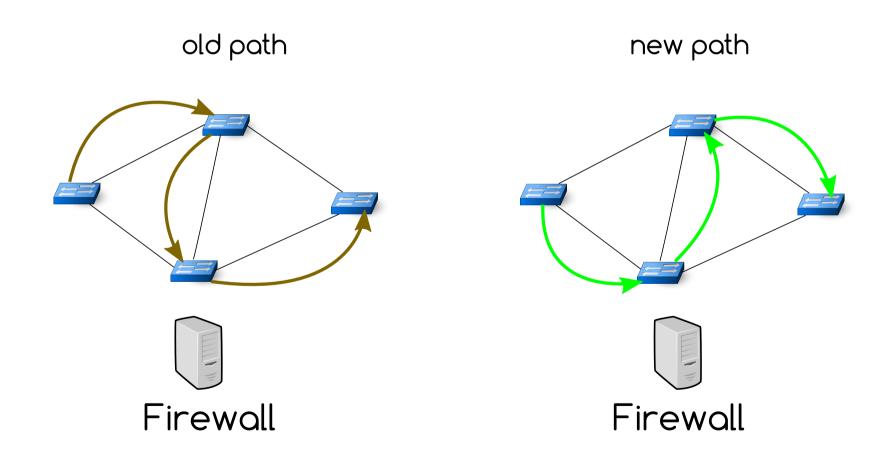
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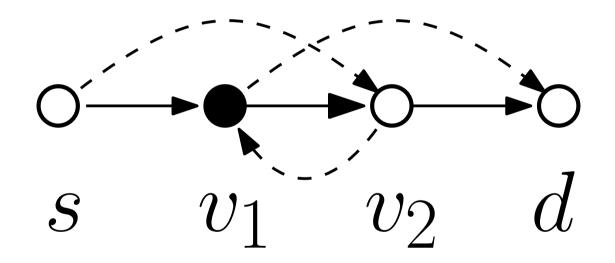


Observation: RLF requires one round less than SLF.

Increasing number of middleboxes [Sherry et al., SIGCOMM '12]



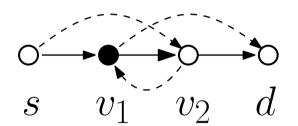
'Waypoint (e.g. firewall) may never be bypassed.'



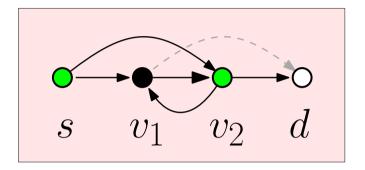
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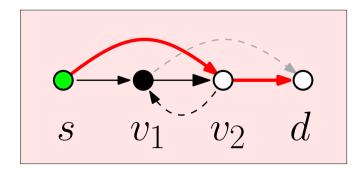
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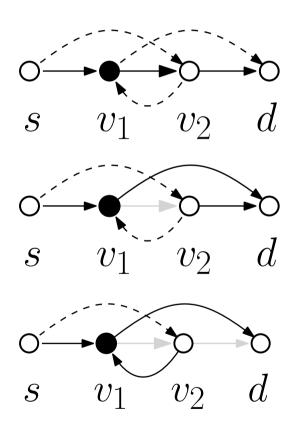
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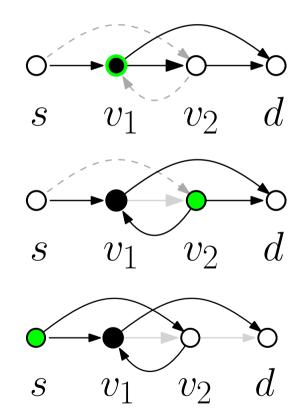
There may not exist a path bypassing the waypoint in the Temporary Forwarding Graph.



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Temporary Forwarding Graph



#### Overview

Task: Minimize overall update time, while

- ensuring Loop Freedom (LF)
- ensuring Waypoint Enforcement (WPE)

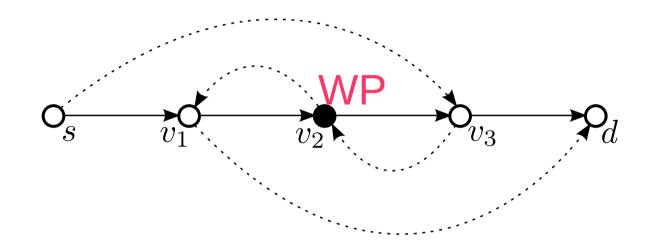
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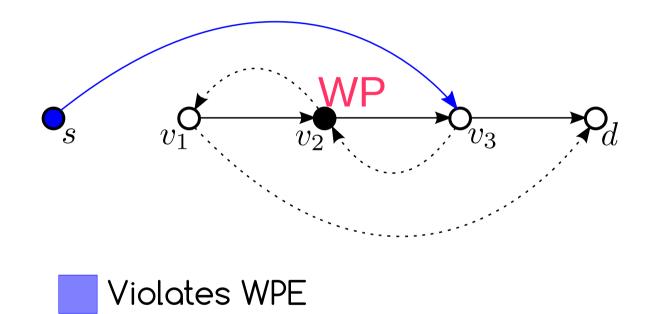
- LF + WPE may conflict
- Deciding LF + WPE is NP-hard
- other 'negative' results

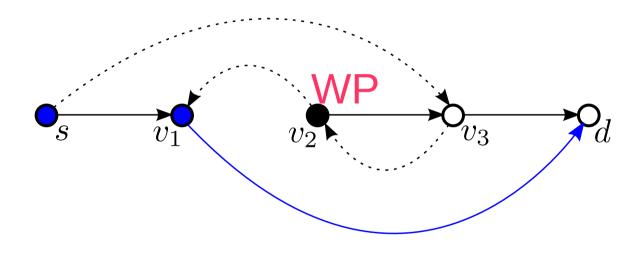
#### Practice

- Mixed-Integer Programming Formulations
- Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis

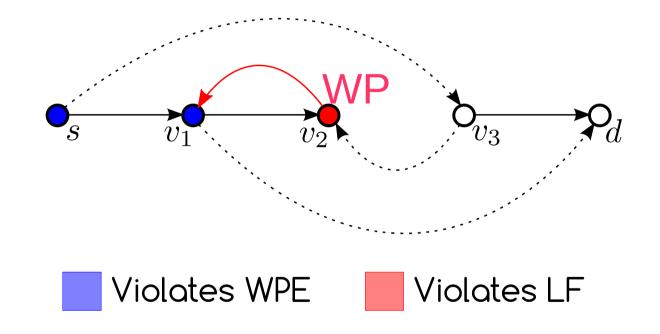
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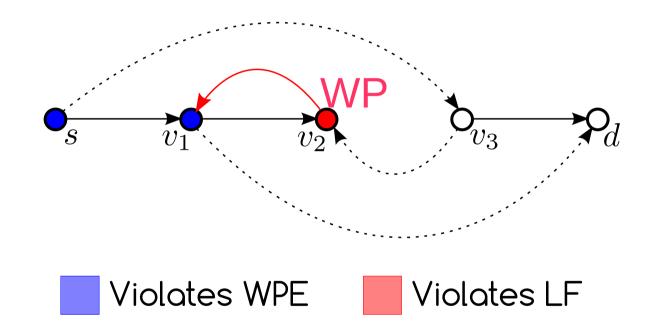


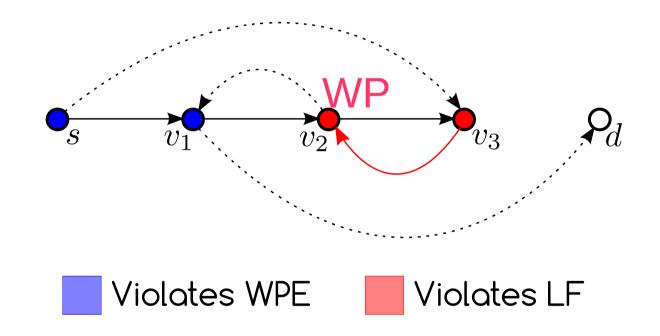


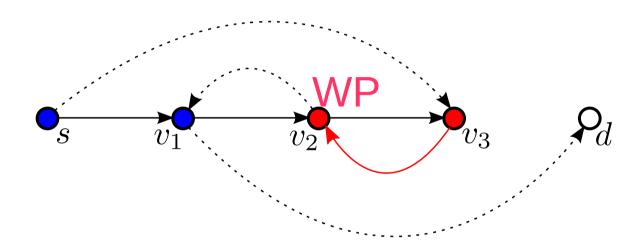


Violates WPE

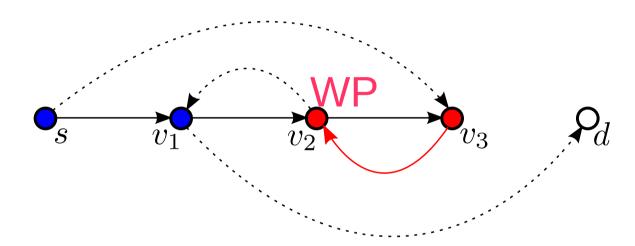






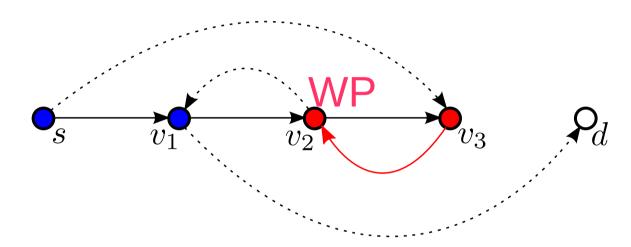


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Can we determine these cases easily?

# Theory: Deciding whether an Update Schedule exists is NP-hard

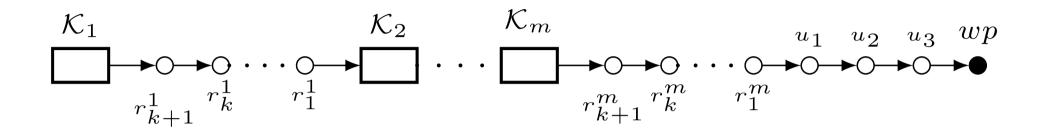
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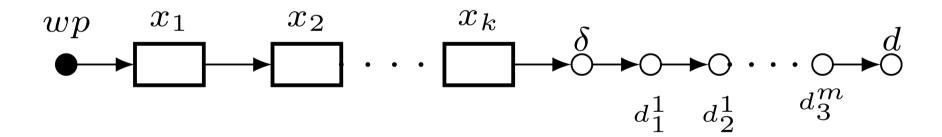
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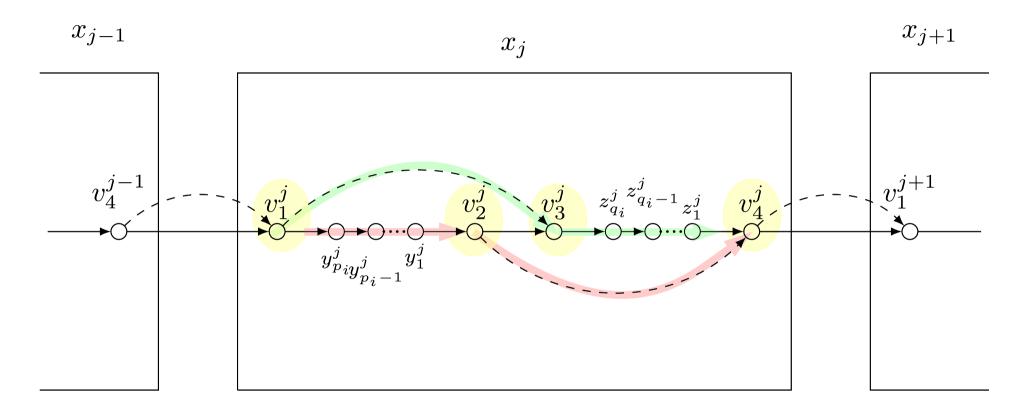
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  - 3-SAT Clause  $\mathcal{K}_1 \wedge \mathcal{K}_2 \wedge \ldots \wedge \mathcal{K}_m$  over Variables  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k$
  - Here: we only sketch the idea.

#### Construction of 3-SAT Reduction: Outline

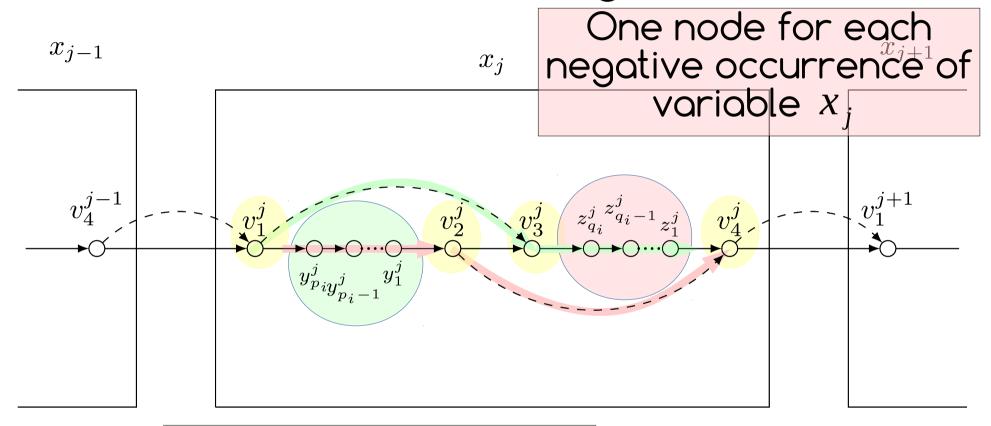




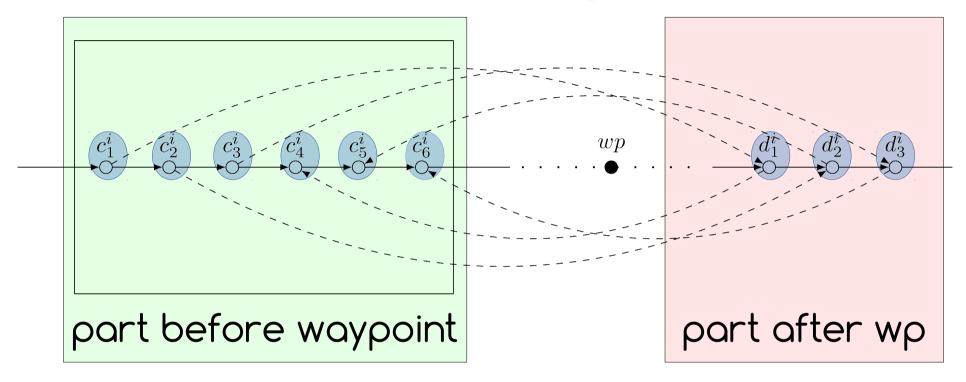
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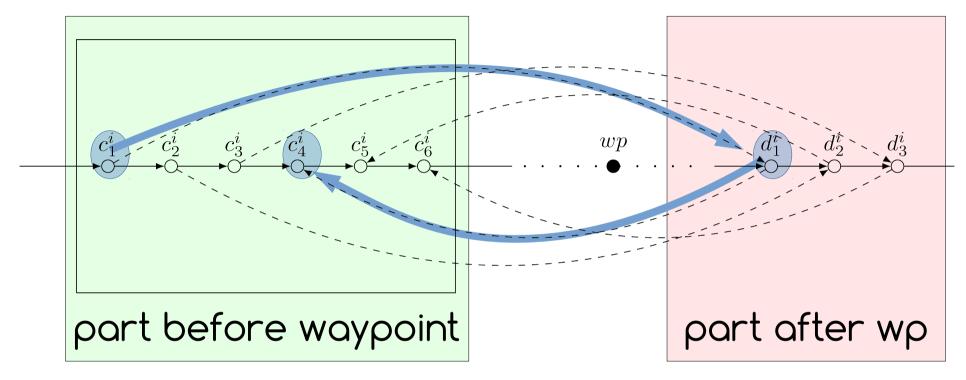


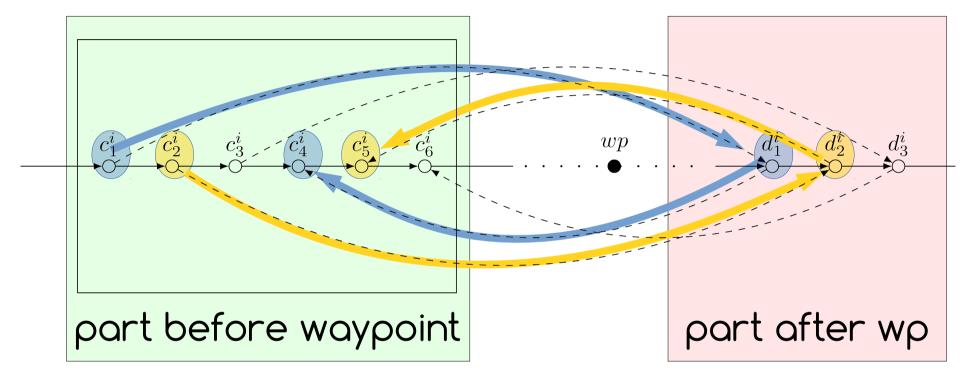
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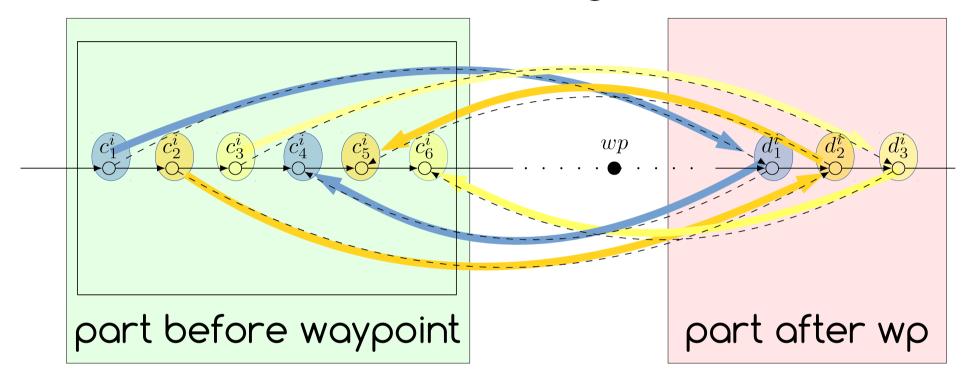


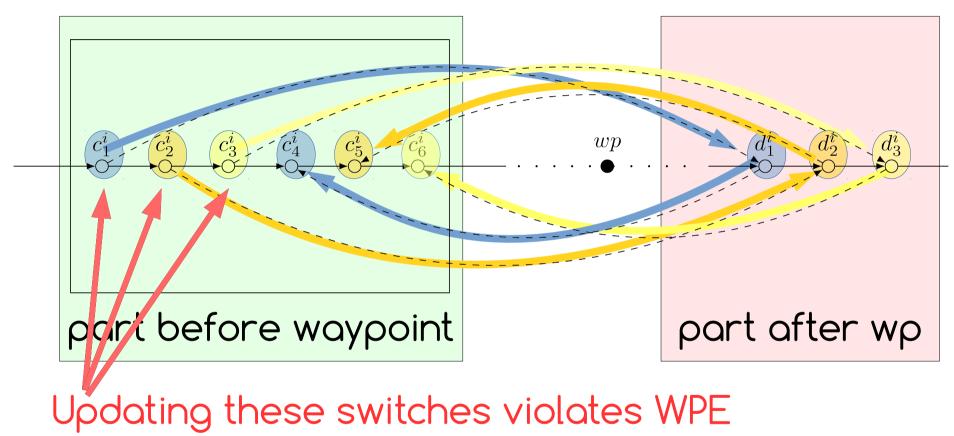
One node for each positive occurrence of variable  $x_j$ 

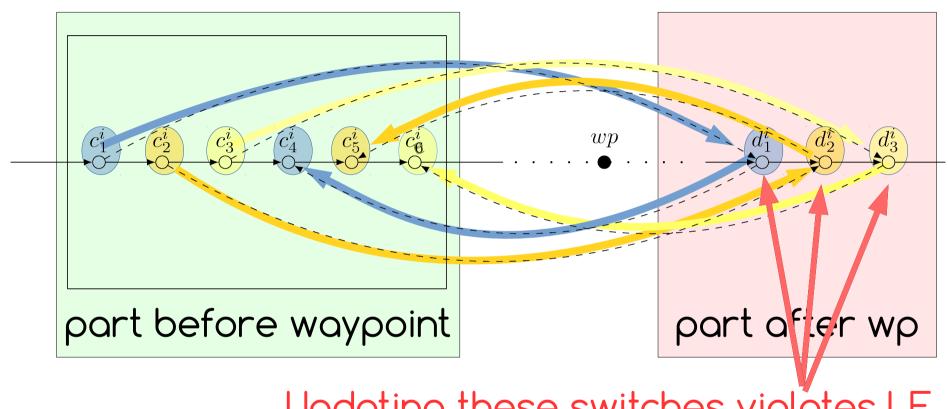




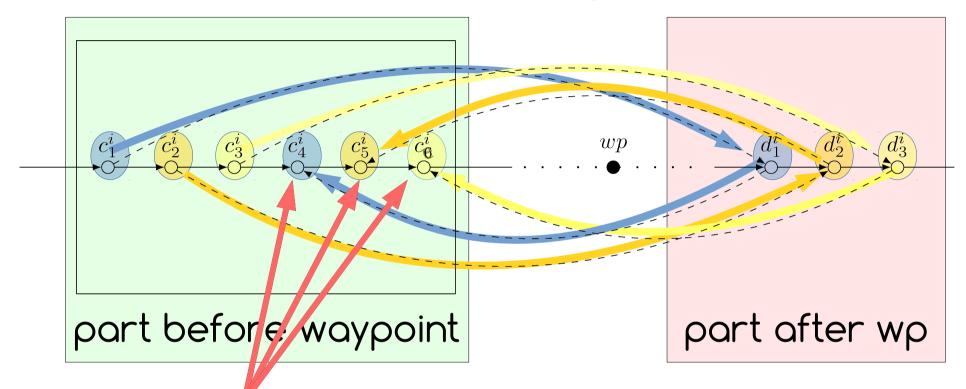






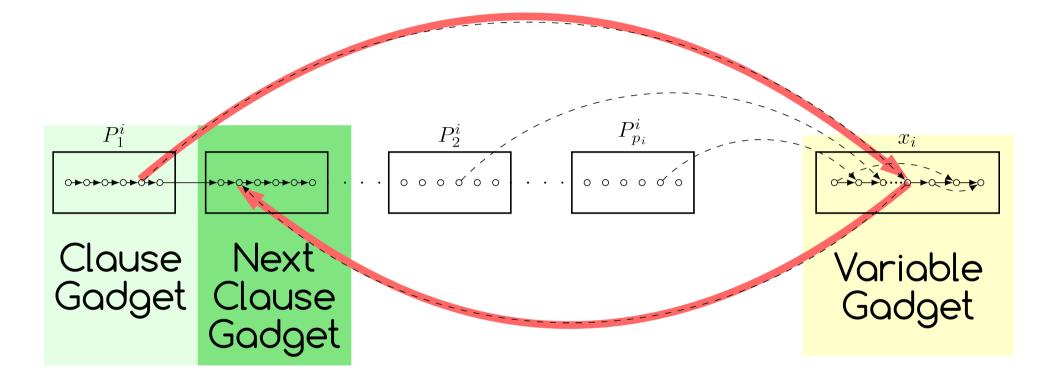


Updating these switches violates LF

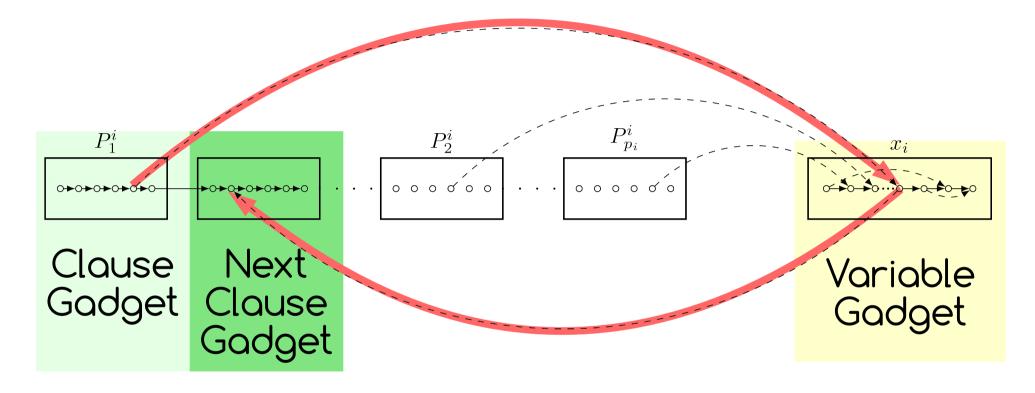


Clause gadget is tangled, as long as neither of these nodes is updated.

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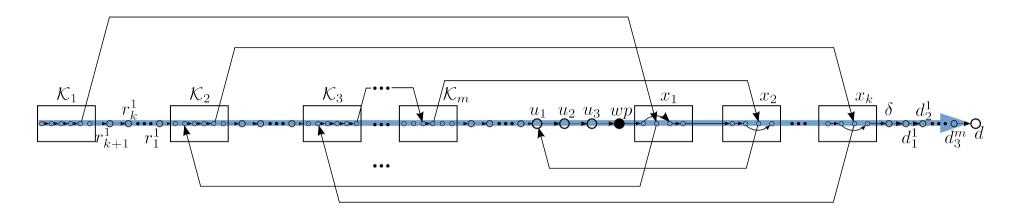


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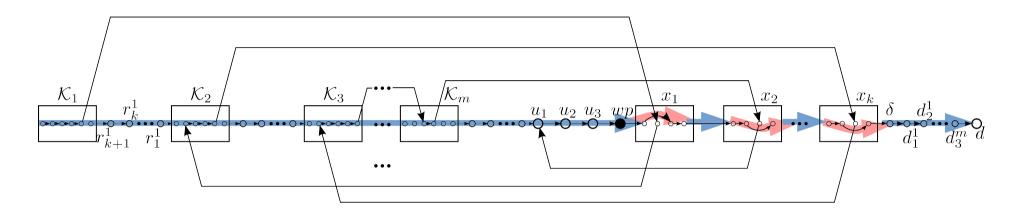


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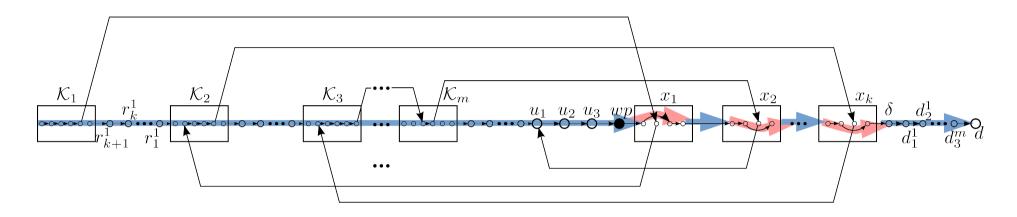
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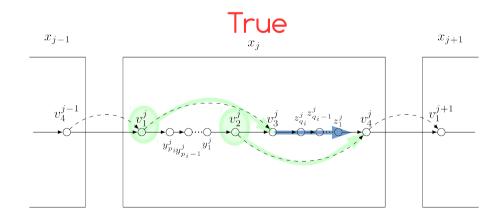
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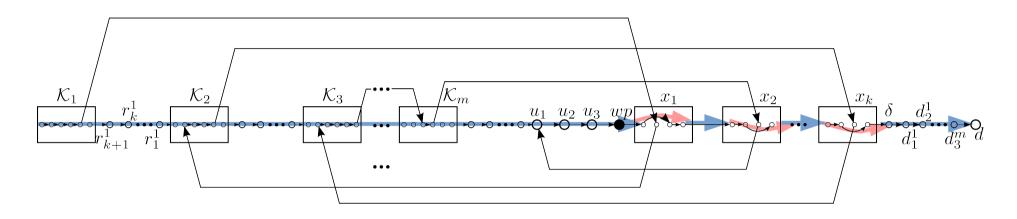


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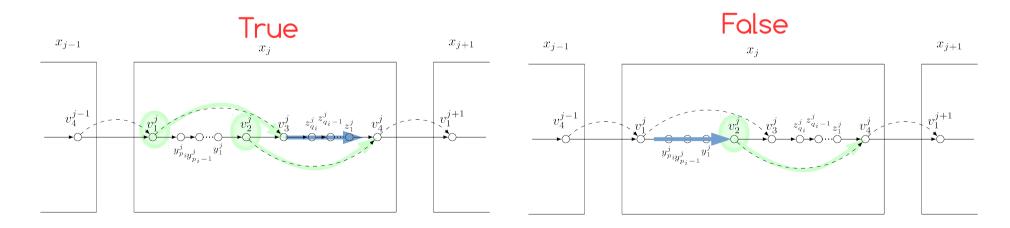


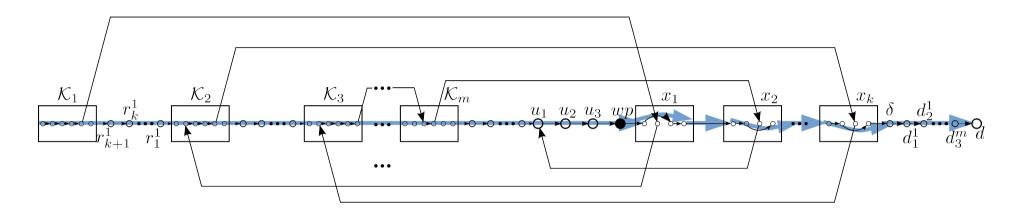
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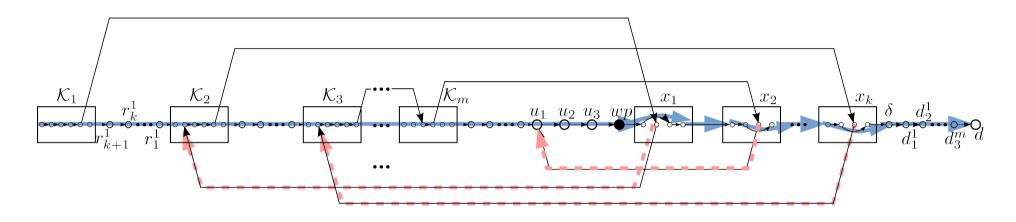


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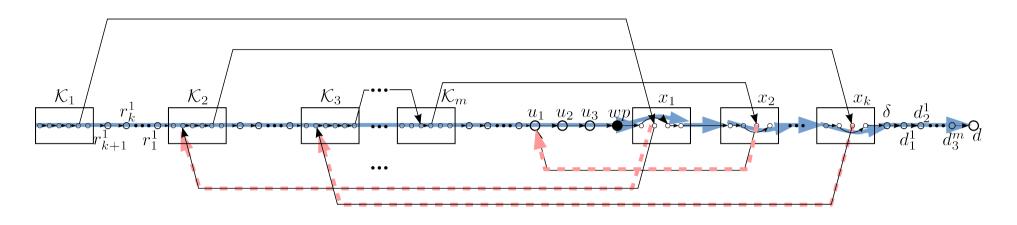




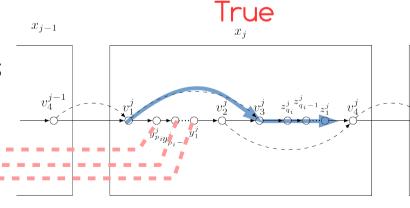
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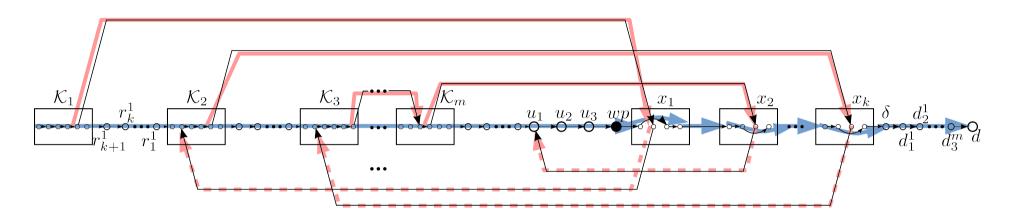


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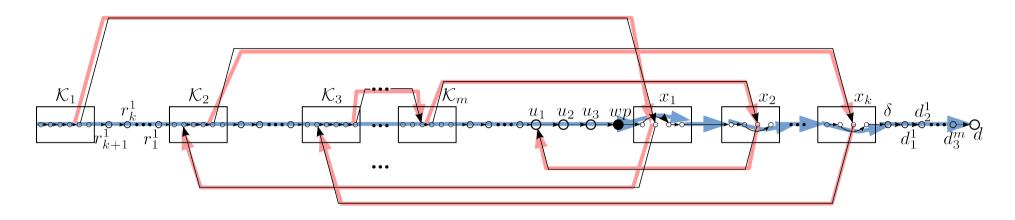


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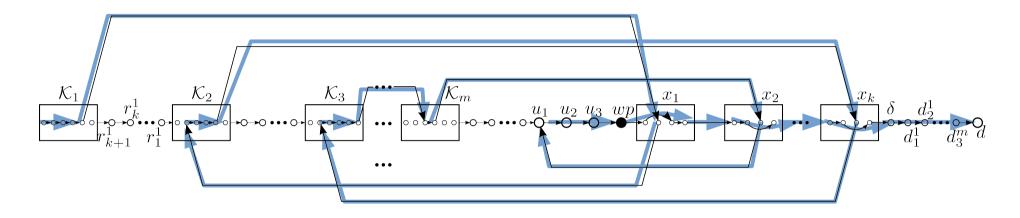




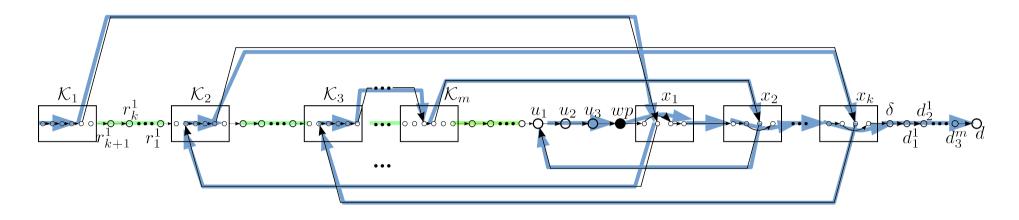
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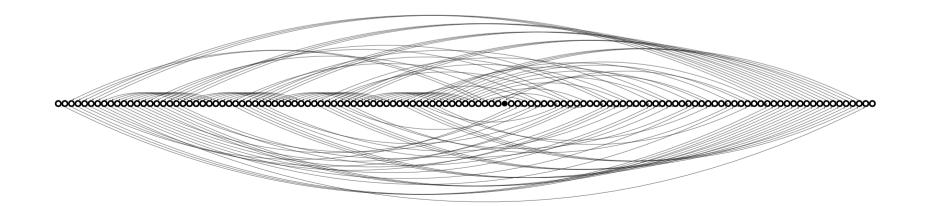
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- 4) (start updating remaining nodes)

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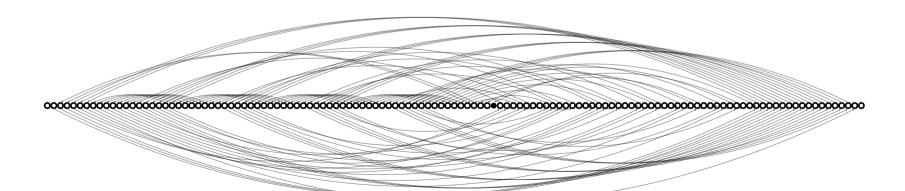


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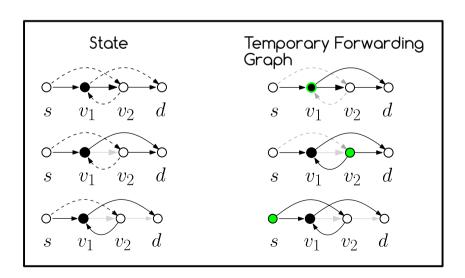
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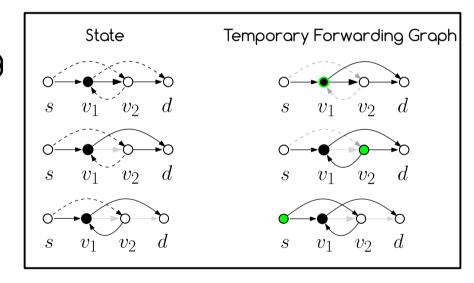
Independent of whether RLF or SLF is considered.

#### Practice: Computing Update Schedules

- Finding a solution is NP-hard
- We employ Mixed-Integer Programming to compute solutions
  - evaluate computational hardness
  - quantitatively analyze feasibility

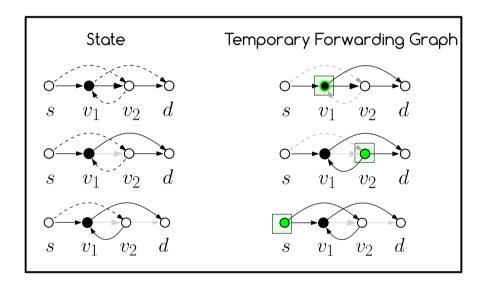


- LF and WPE are checked using Temporary Forwarding Graph
- Given decisions which switches to update, the state and the Temporary Forwarding Graph follow



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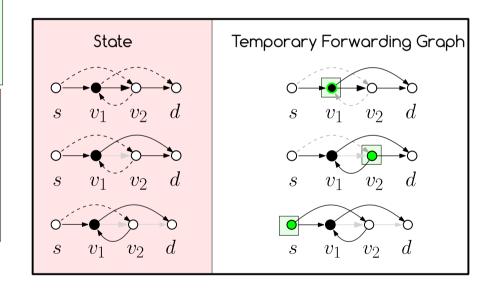


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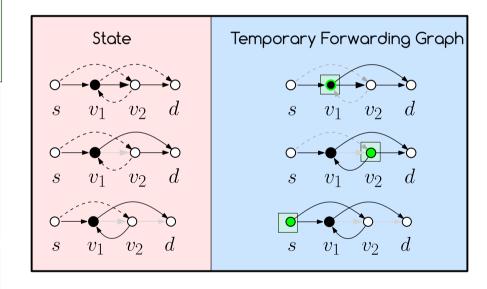
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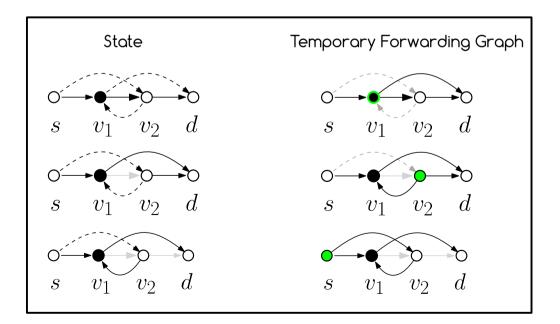
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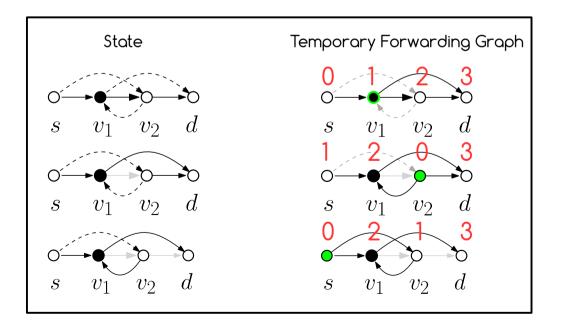
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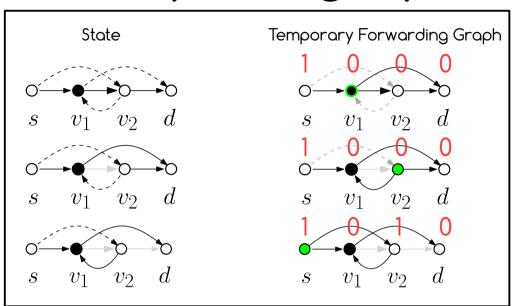
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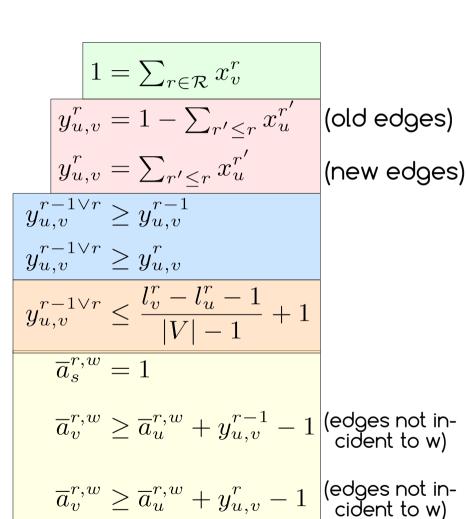
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(F)

$$\sum_{e \in \delta^+(s)} f_e^r = 1 \qquad r \in \mathcal{R} \qquad (18)$$

$$\sum_{e \in \delta^+(v)} f_e^r = \sum_{e \in \delta^-(v)} f_e^r \qquad r \in \mathcal{R}, v \in V \setminus \{s, d\}$$
 (19)

$$f_e^r \le y_e^r \qquad \qquad r \in \mathcal{R}, e \in E_{\pi_1} \cup E_{\pi_2}$$
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#### Practice: Computational Experiments

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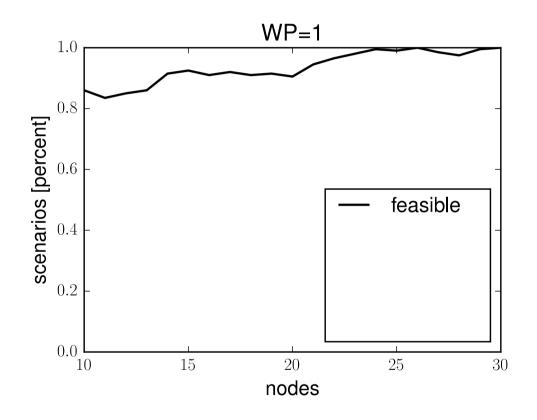
- Generate update instances at random by permuting nodes
- 12,600 instances overall
  - 10 to 30 switches with 1 to 3 waypoints
  - 200 instances for each combination
- (We discard scenarios which can a priori be determined to be infeasible to update, e.g. when waypoints are reordered)

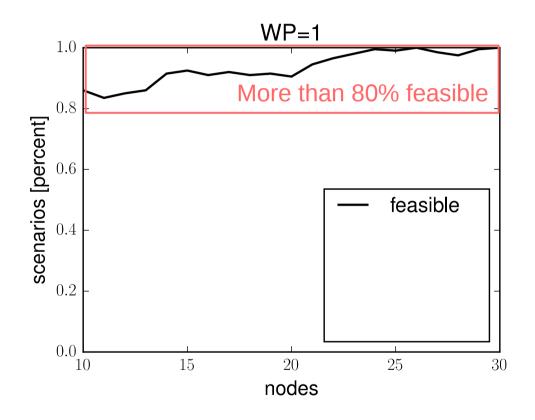
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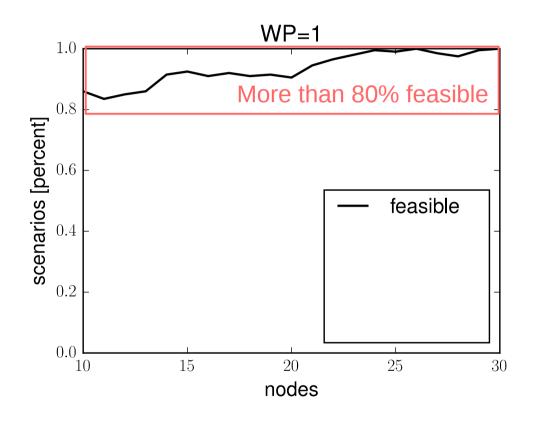
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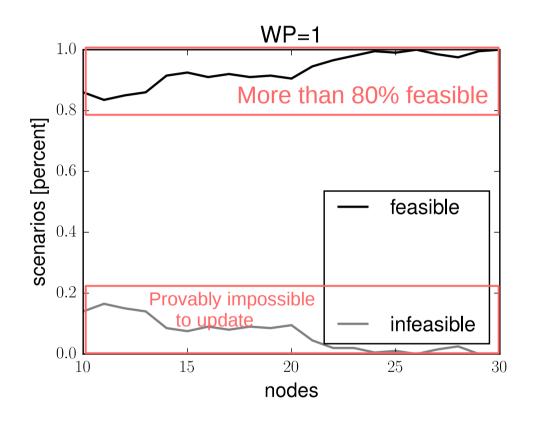
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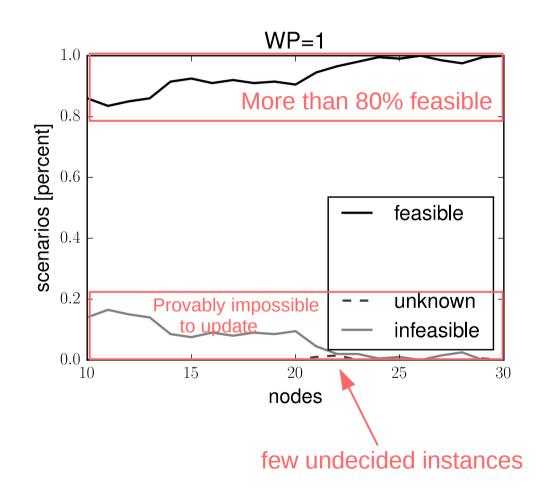
- Use Gurobi 6.5.0 to solve the formulations using branch-and-bound
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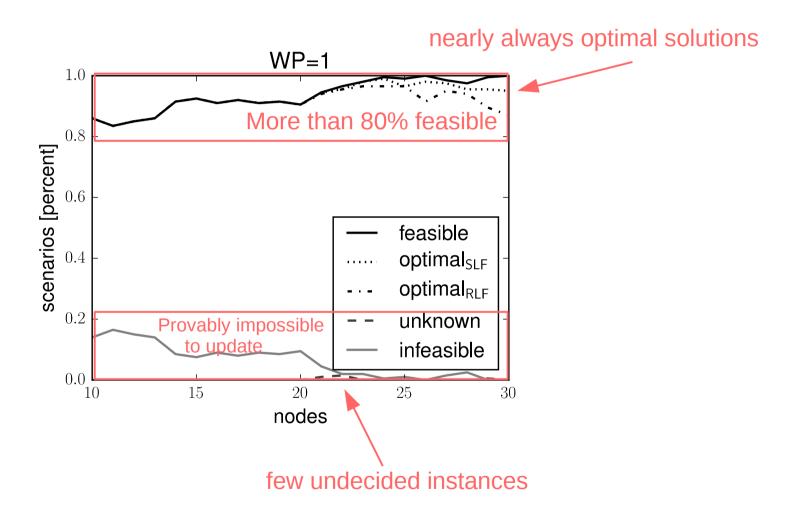


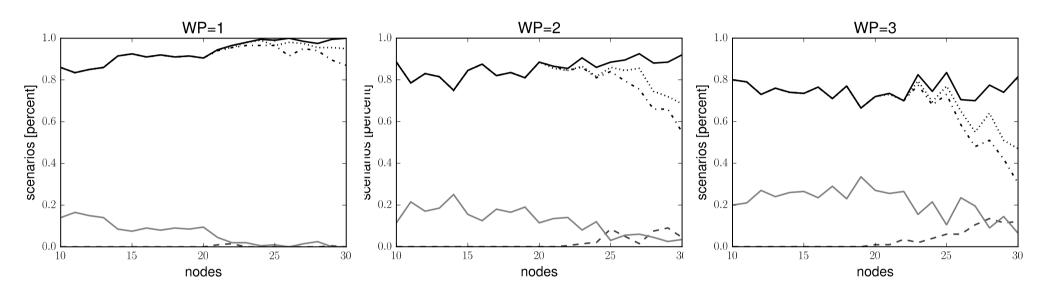


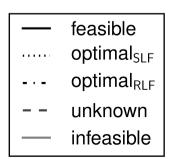


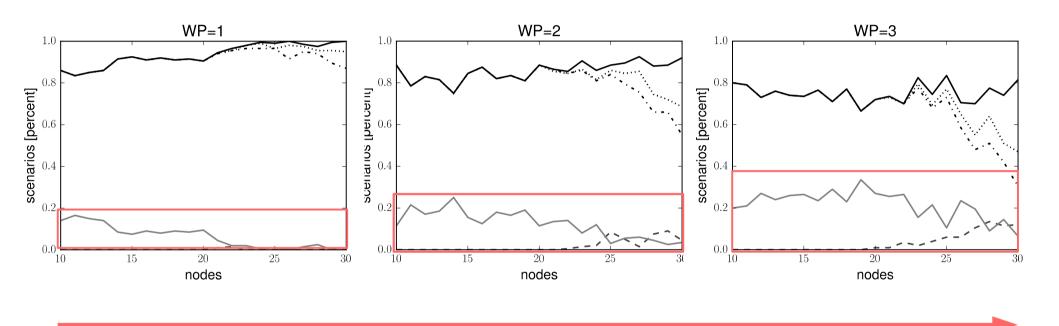




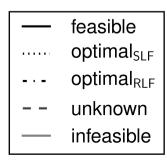


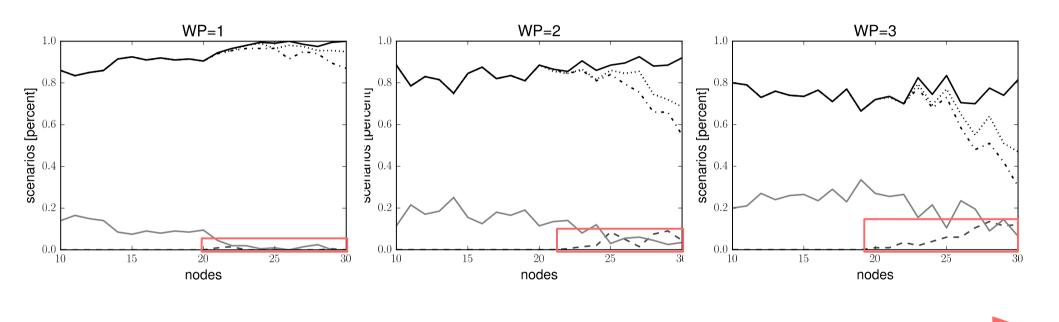


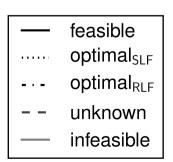




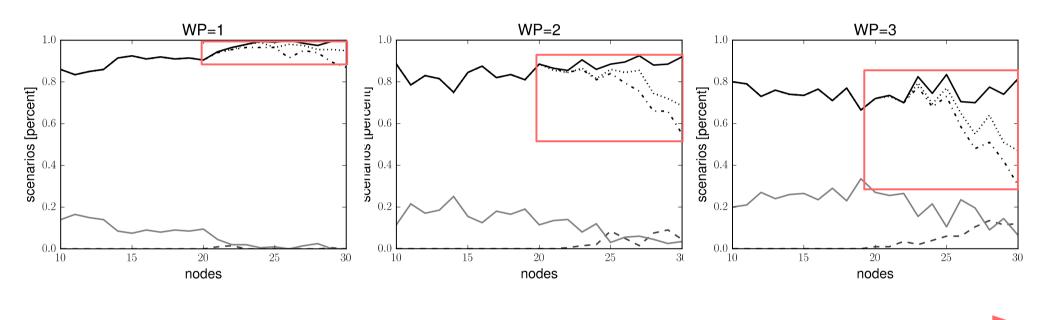
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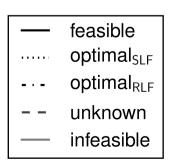




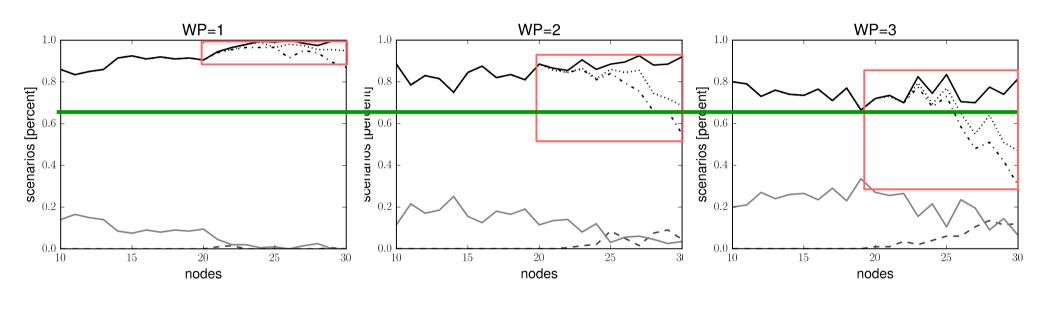


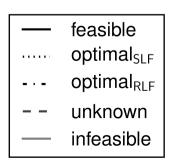
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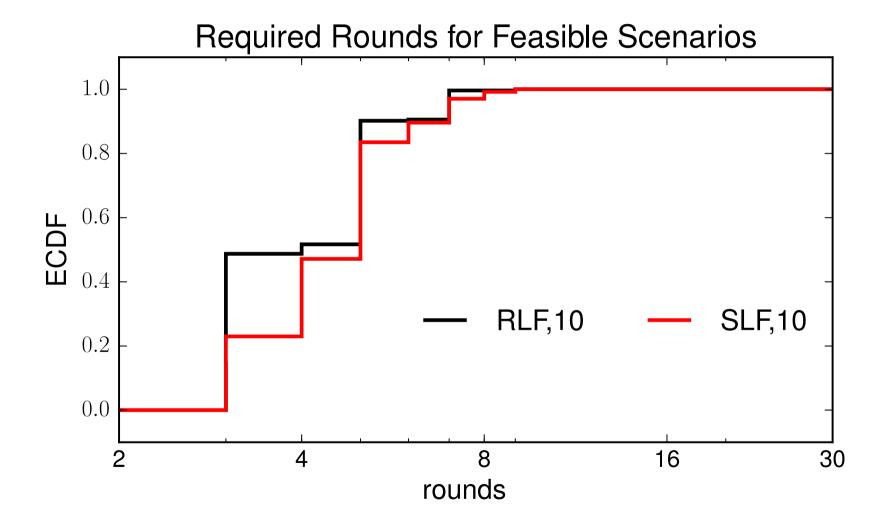


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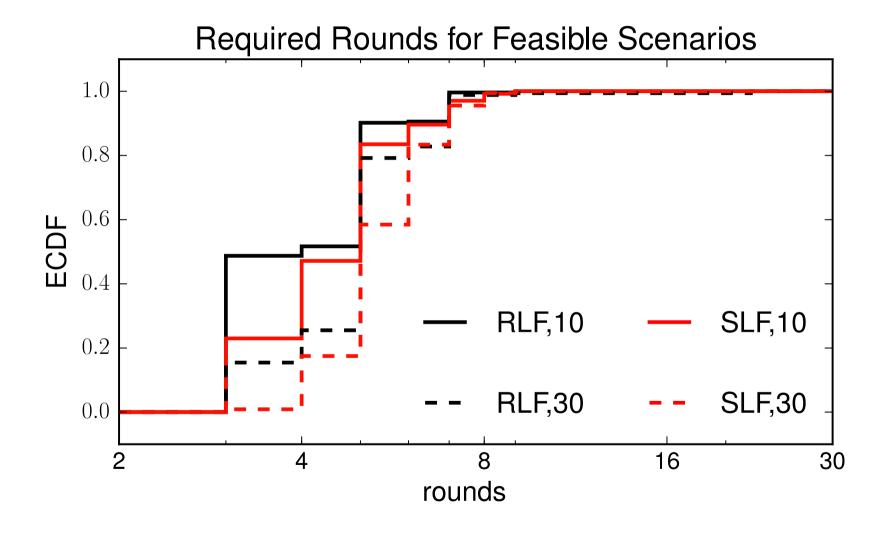
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still: more than 65% feasible

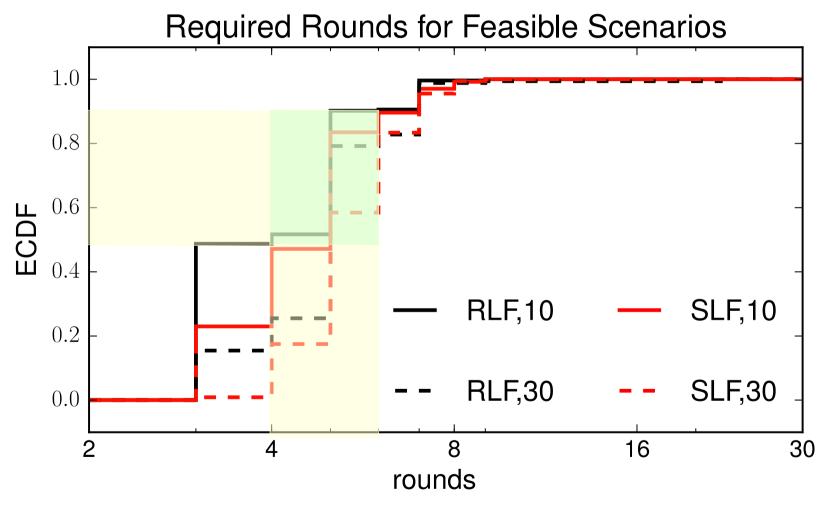
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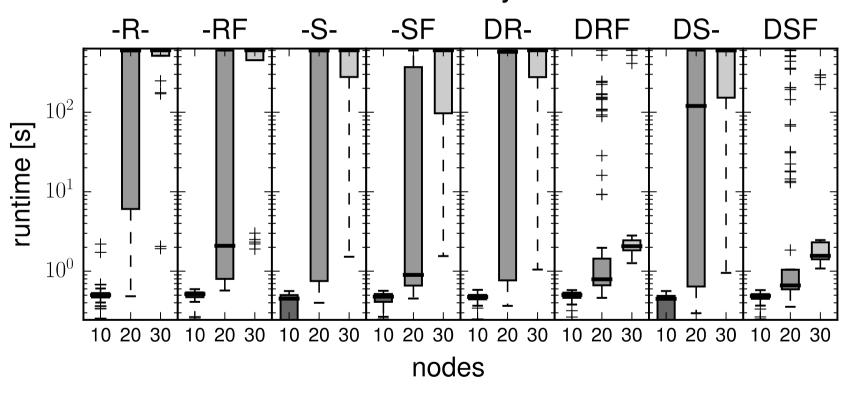


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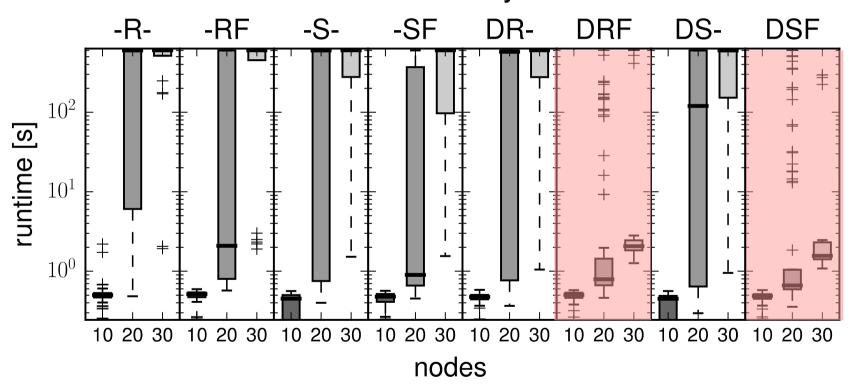


50% to 90% within 4-6 rounds

#### Runtime Infeasibility Detection

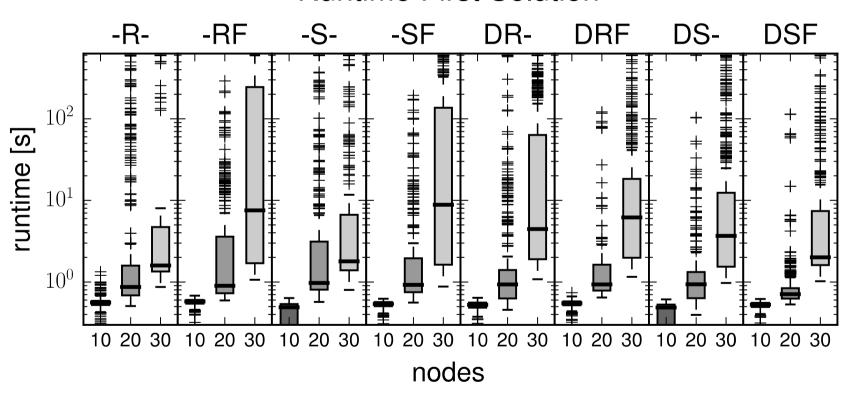


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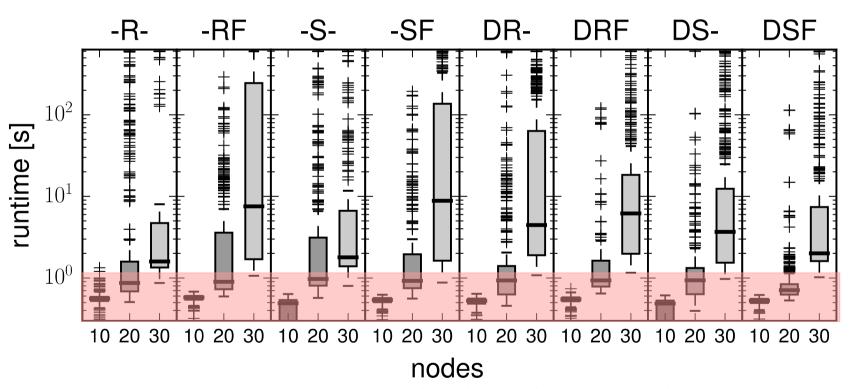


Combining Decision and Flow extension yields infeasibility certificates approx. 2 orders of magnitude faster.

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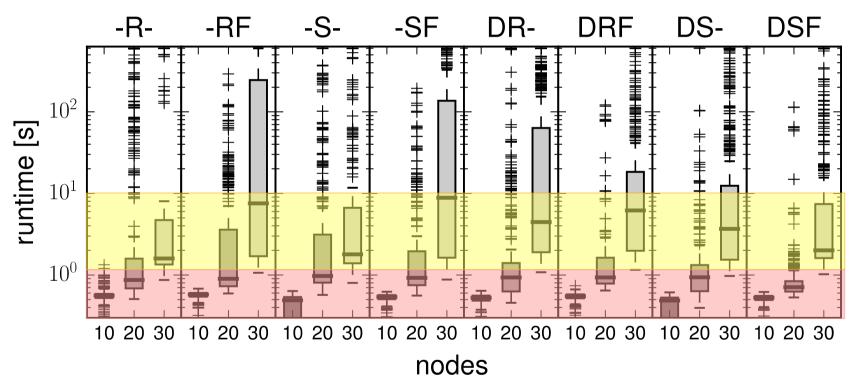


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## Related Work

## Loop Freedom

- Model and greedy algorithm [Mahajan et al., HotNets '13]
- NP-hardness of optimization, introduction of RLF [Ludwig et al., PODC '15]
- Updating multiple schedules at the same time [Dudycz et al., DSN '16 (to appear)]
- Hardness of computing maximum set of switches to update [Amiri et al., SIROCCO '16 (to appear)]

## Waypoint Enforcement

Introduction of WPE, impossibility and first MIP formulations [Ludwig et al., HotNets '14]

## Conclusion

#### Problem

- Dynamic network updates ensuring LF and WPE

## Theory

- LF + WPE may conflict
- LF + WPE is NP-hard to decide
- (other results)

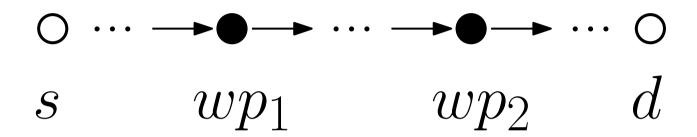
### Practice

- MIP Formulations for computing schedules
- Flow and Decision extensions to improve infeasibility detection

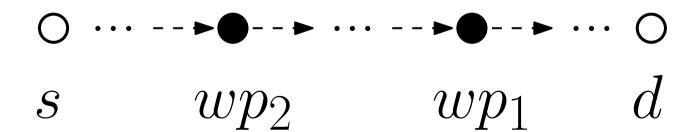
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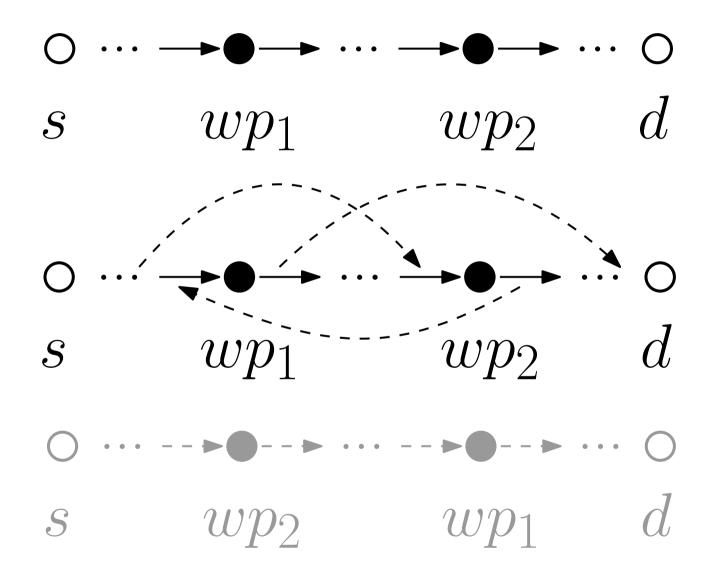
- Many scenarios are updateable using few rounds
- MIP formulations have reasonable runtimes

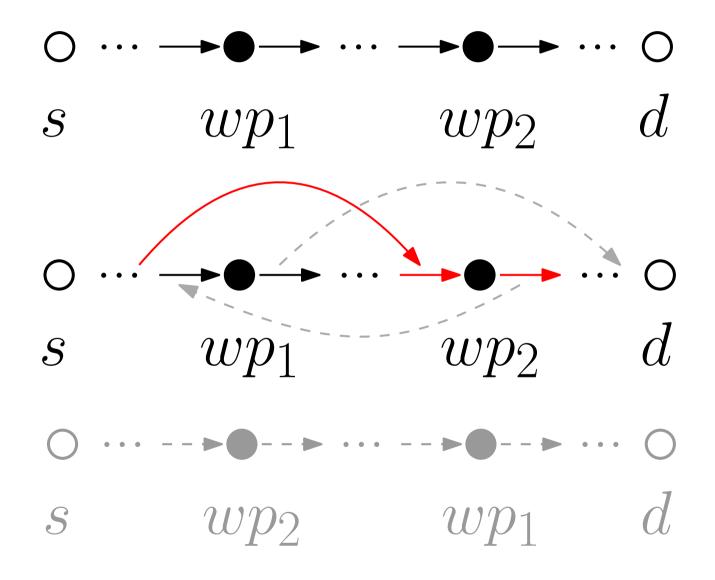
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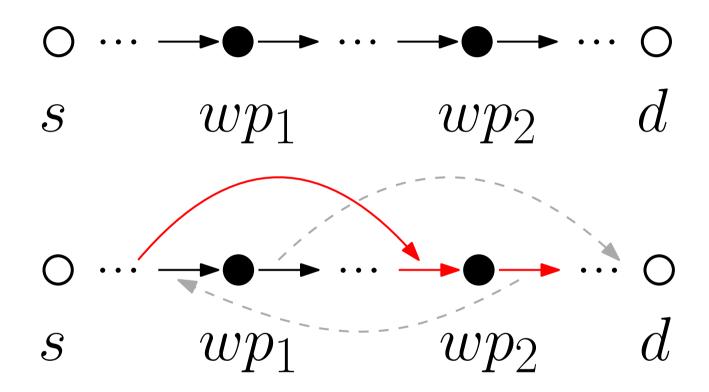


## update to







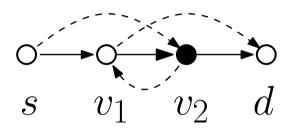


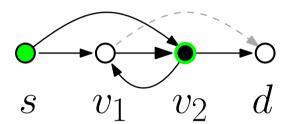
There must exist an update bypassing the first waypoint.

# Theory: WPE requires waiting

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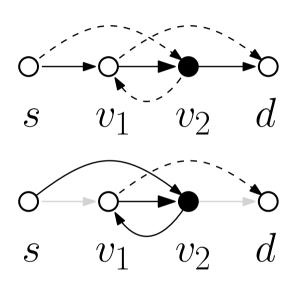
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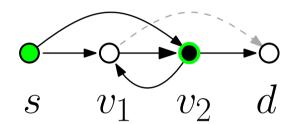




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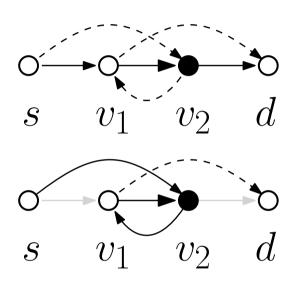
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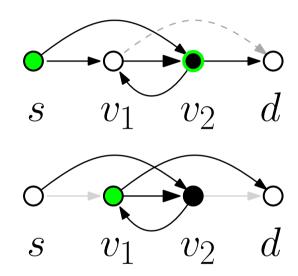




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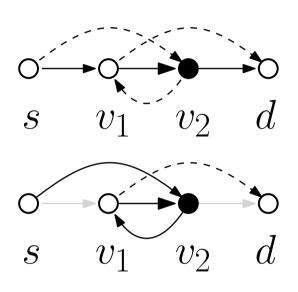
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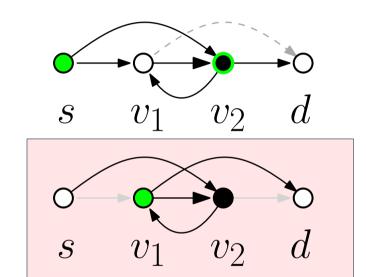




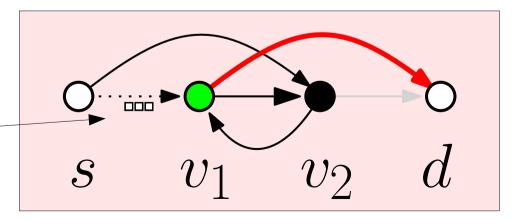
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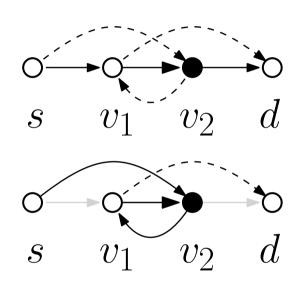


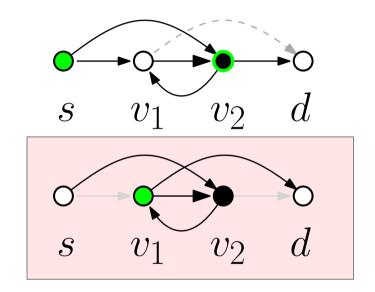
Packets still traversing link will bypass WP



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WPE requires upper bound on link delays, if the relative ordering of nodes changes.

## Construction of 3-SAT Reduction: Remaining Connections

