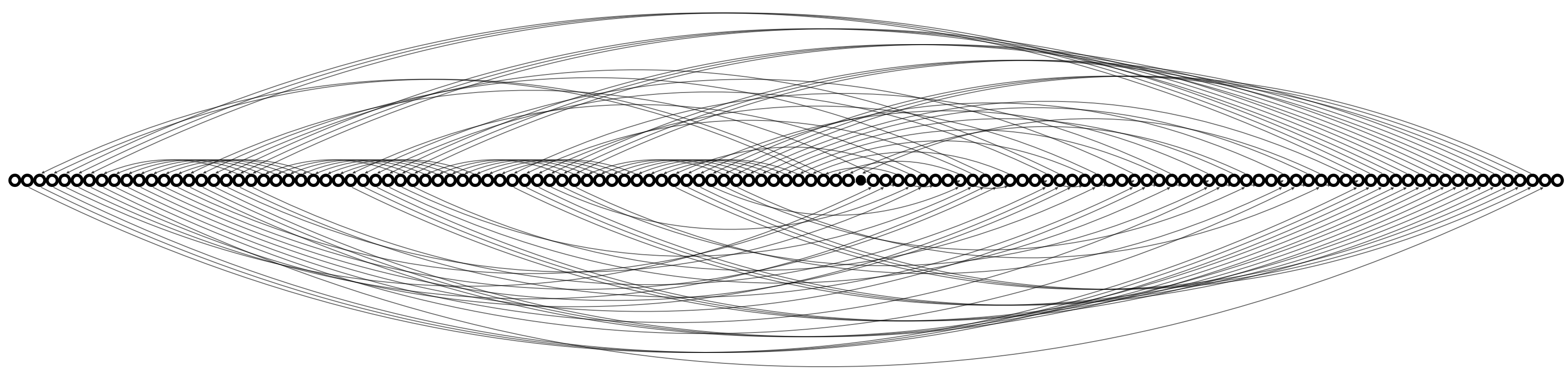
Transiently Secure Network Updates



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Network Updates

How to transition from old to new path?

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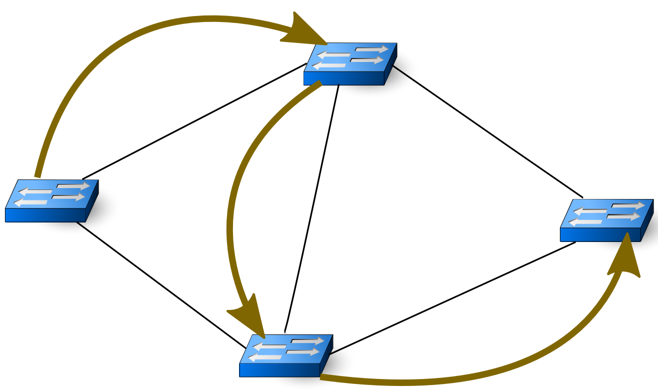

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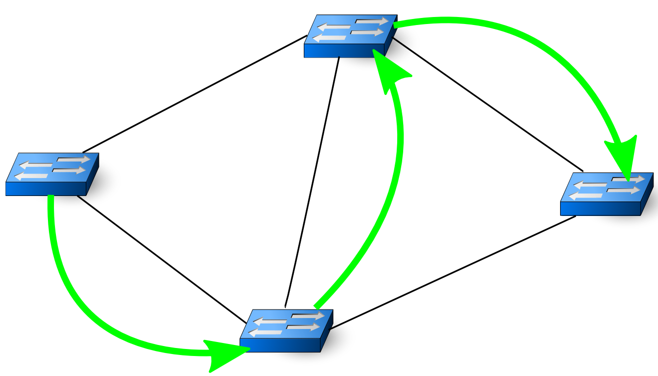

While not discarding any packets!

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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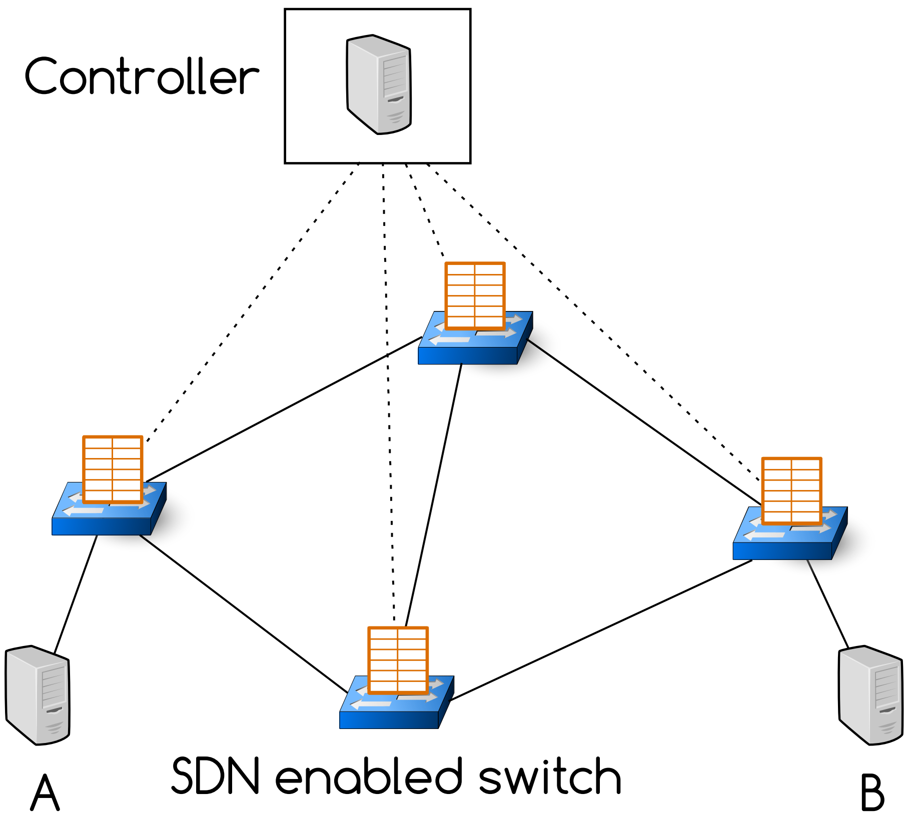

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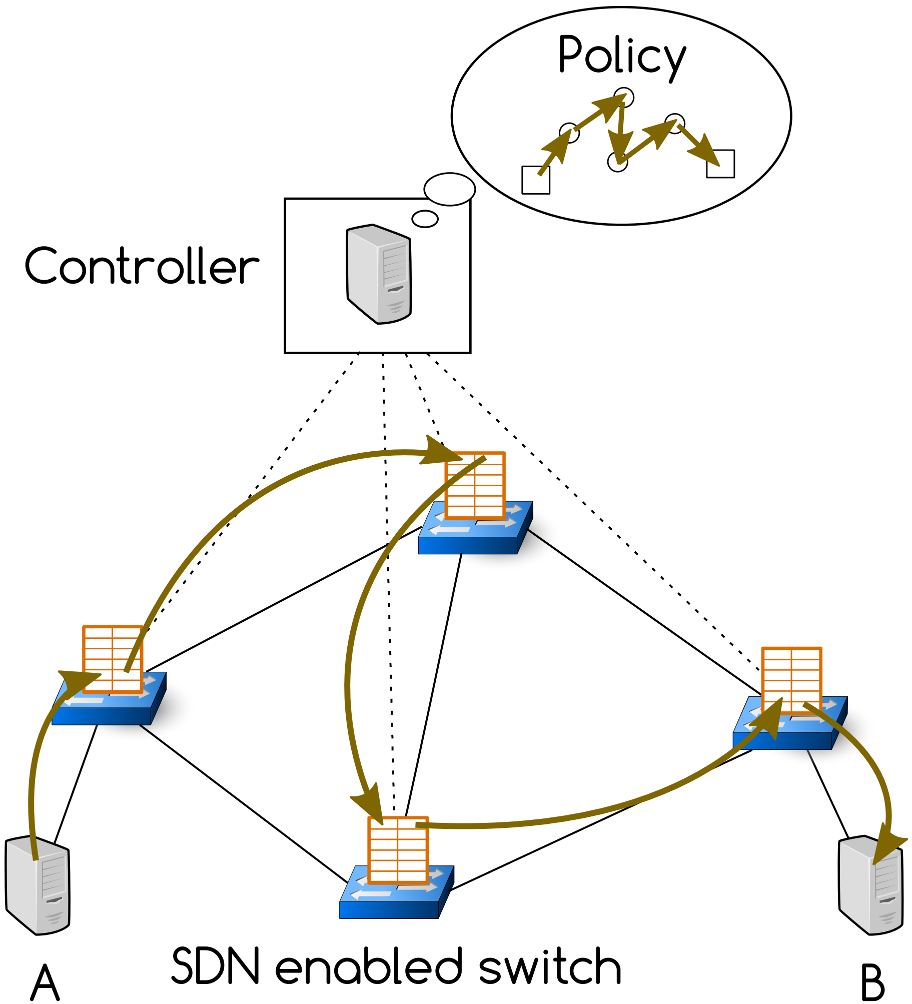

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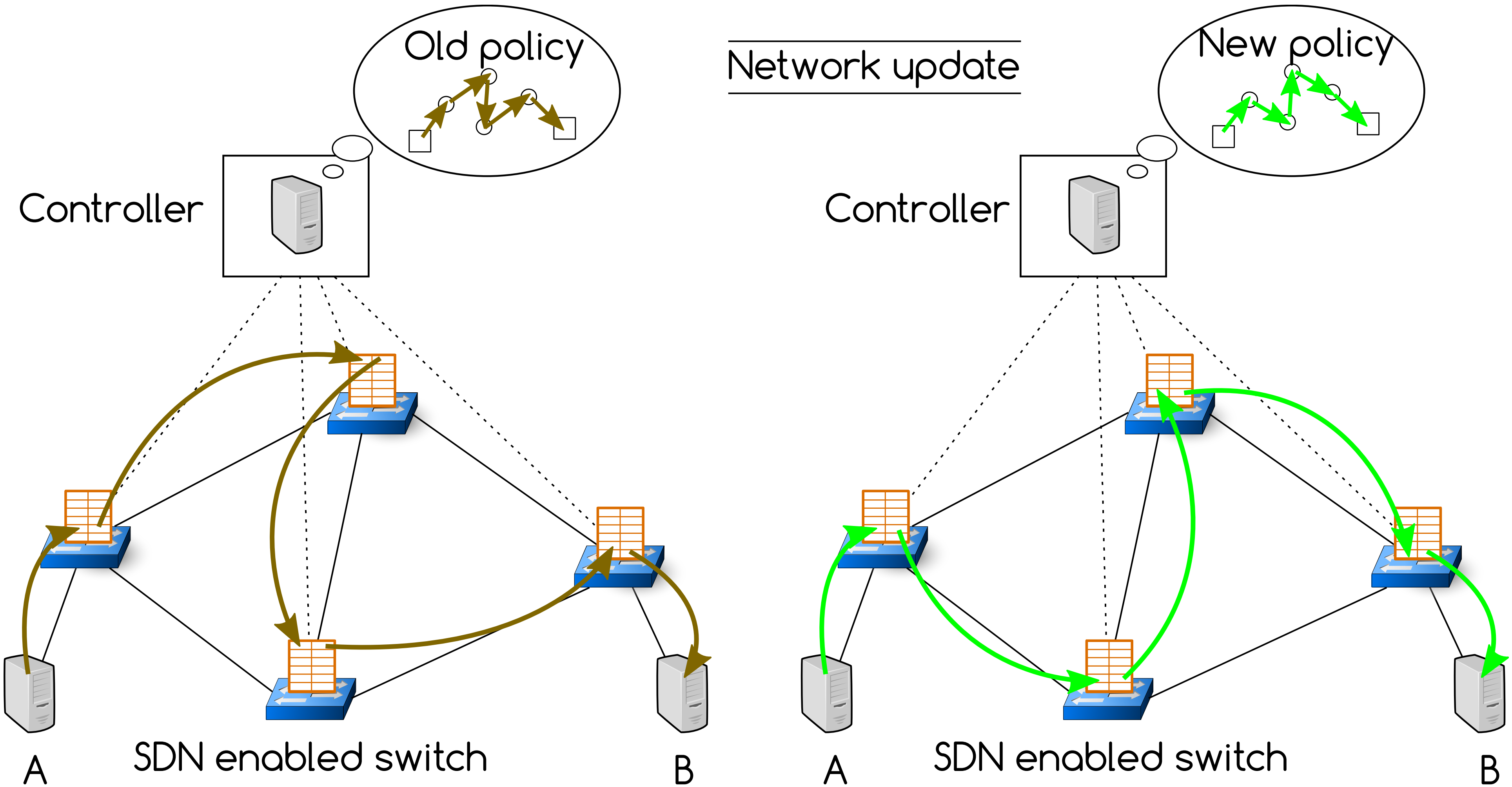
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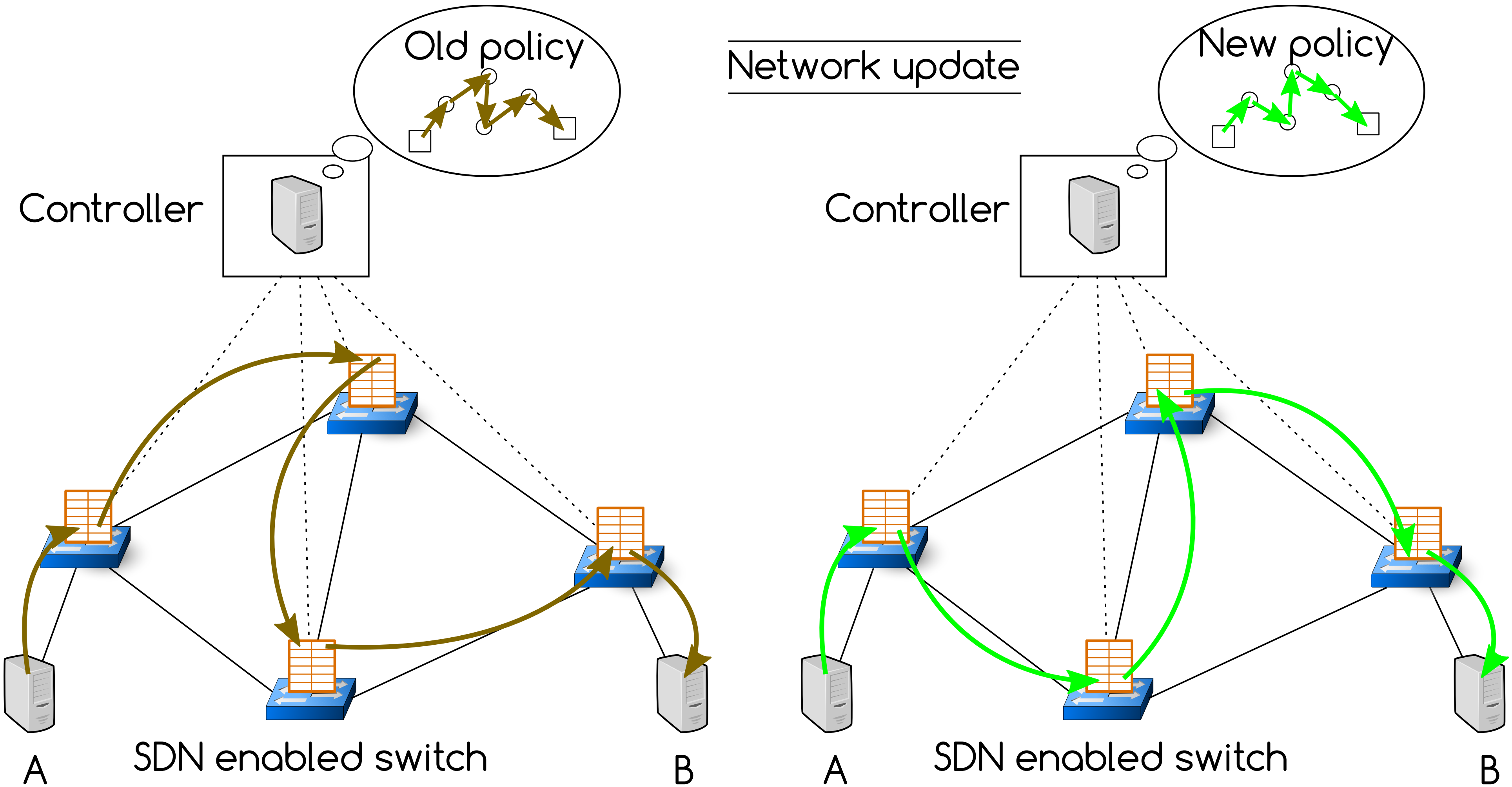
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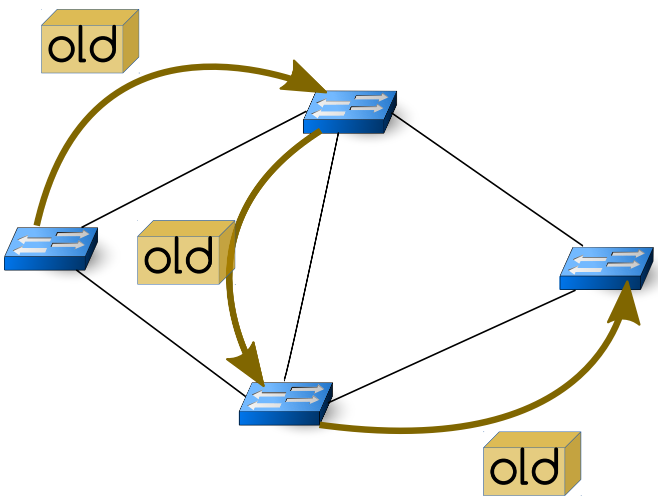
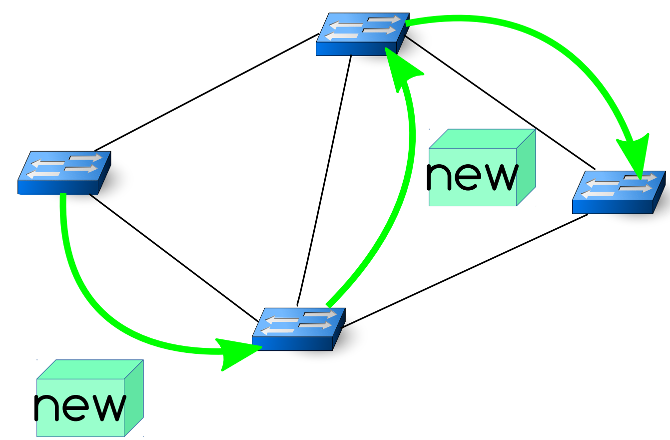


Tagging packets
at ingress port



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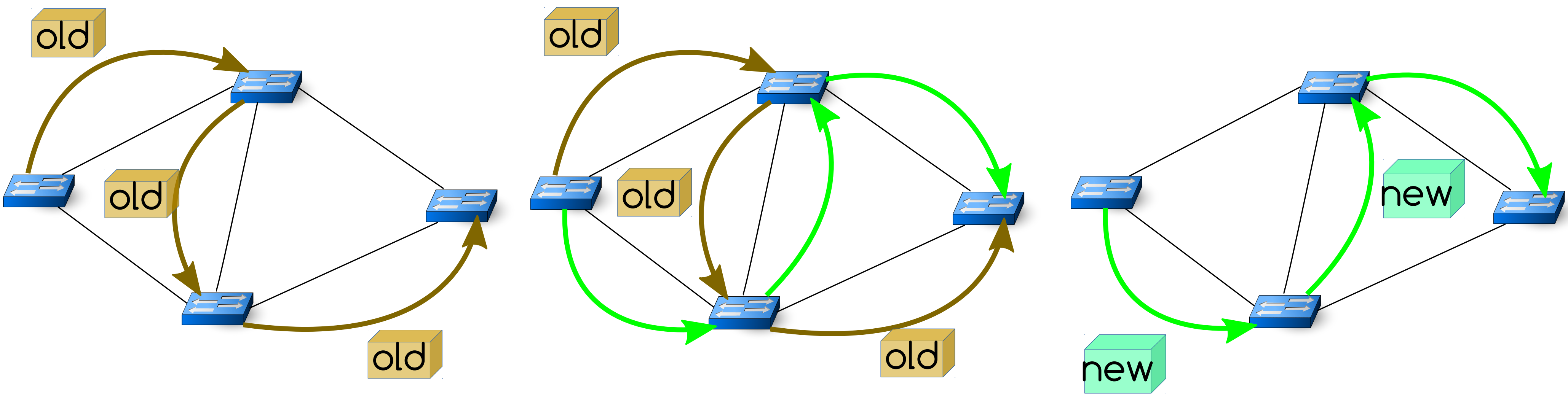

Cons:

- 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**

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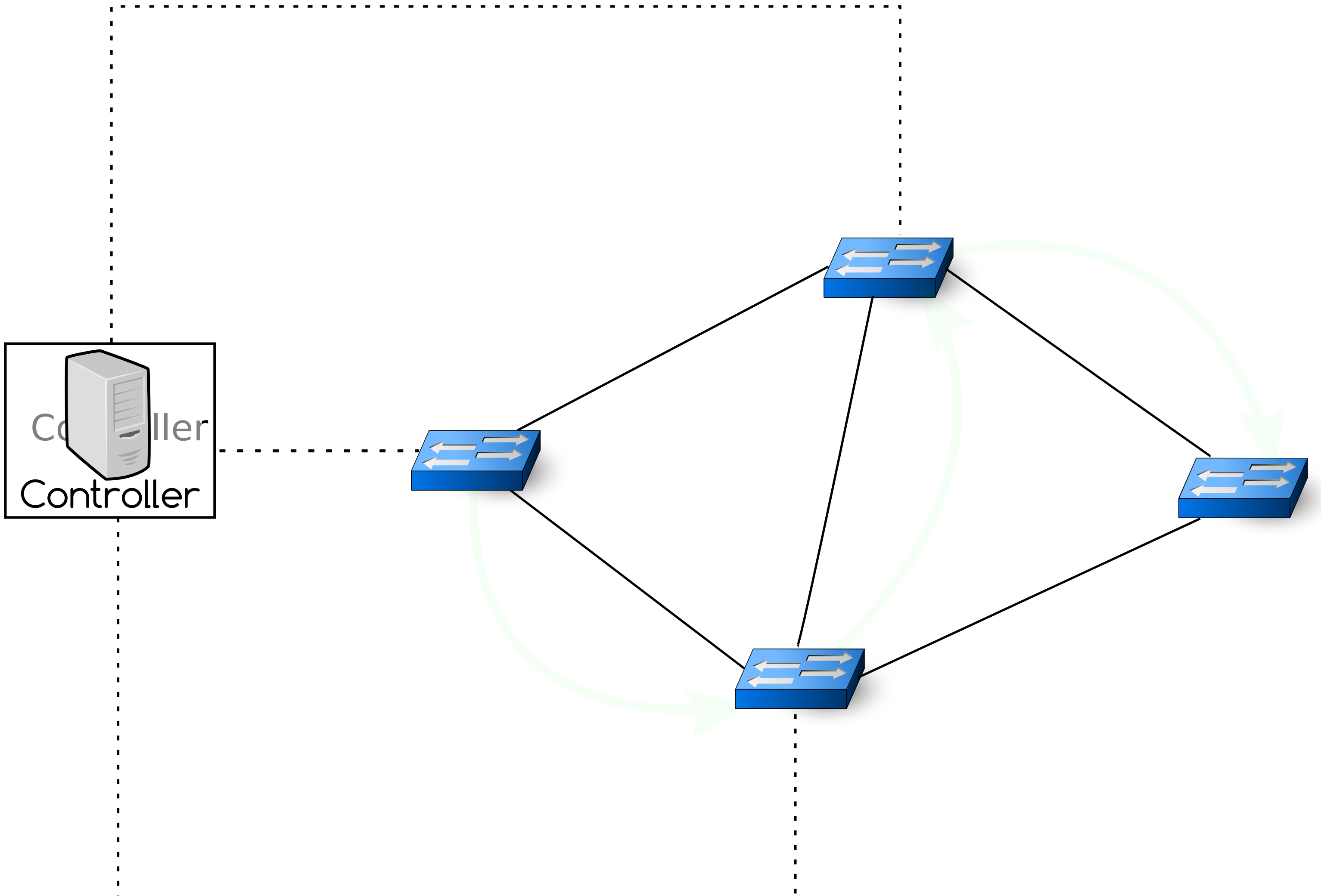

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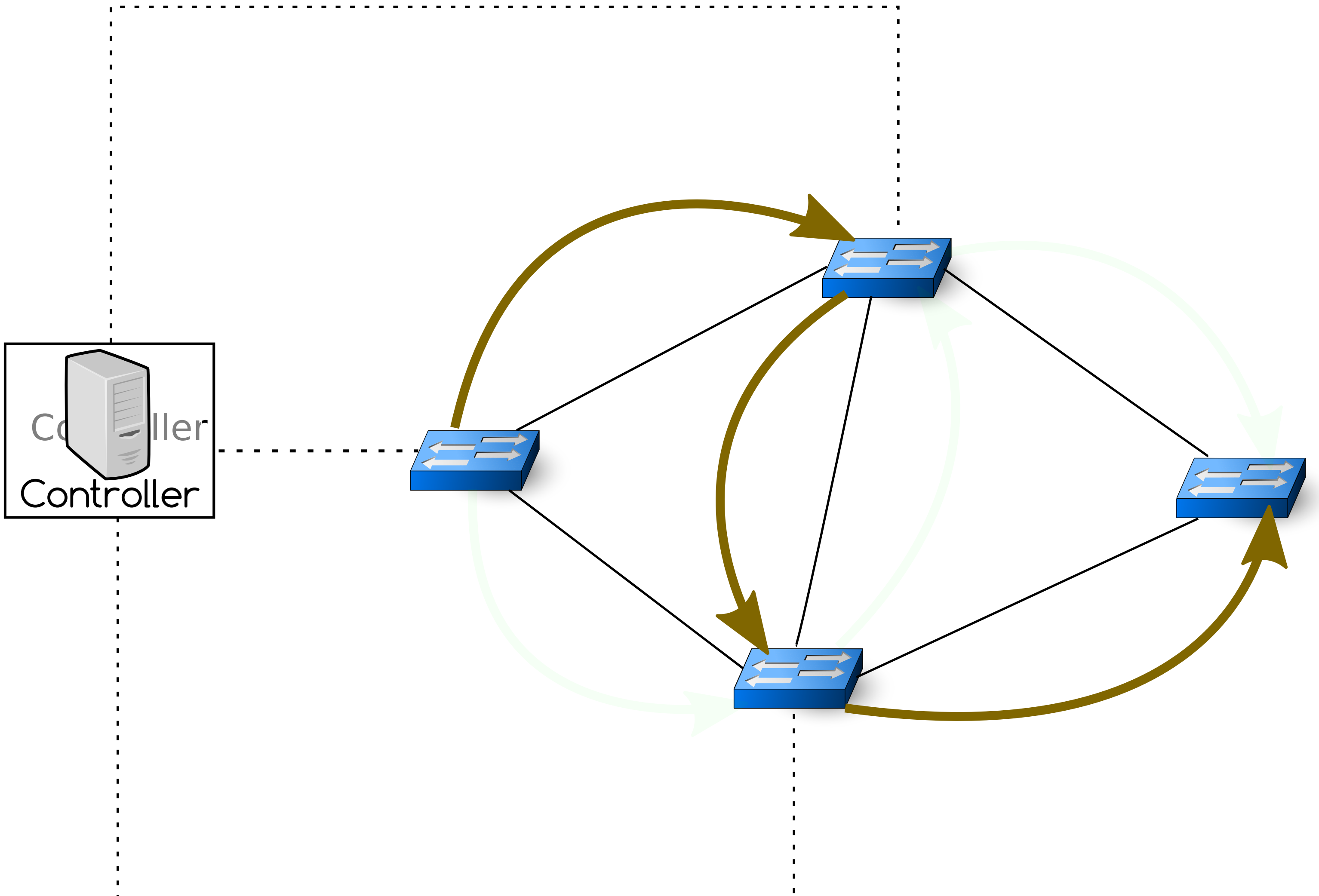

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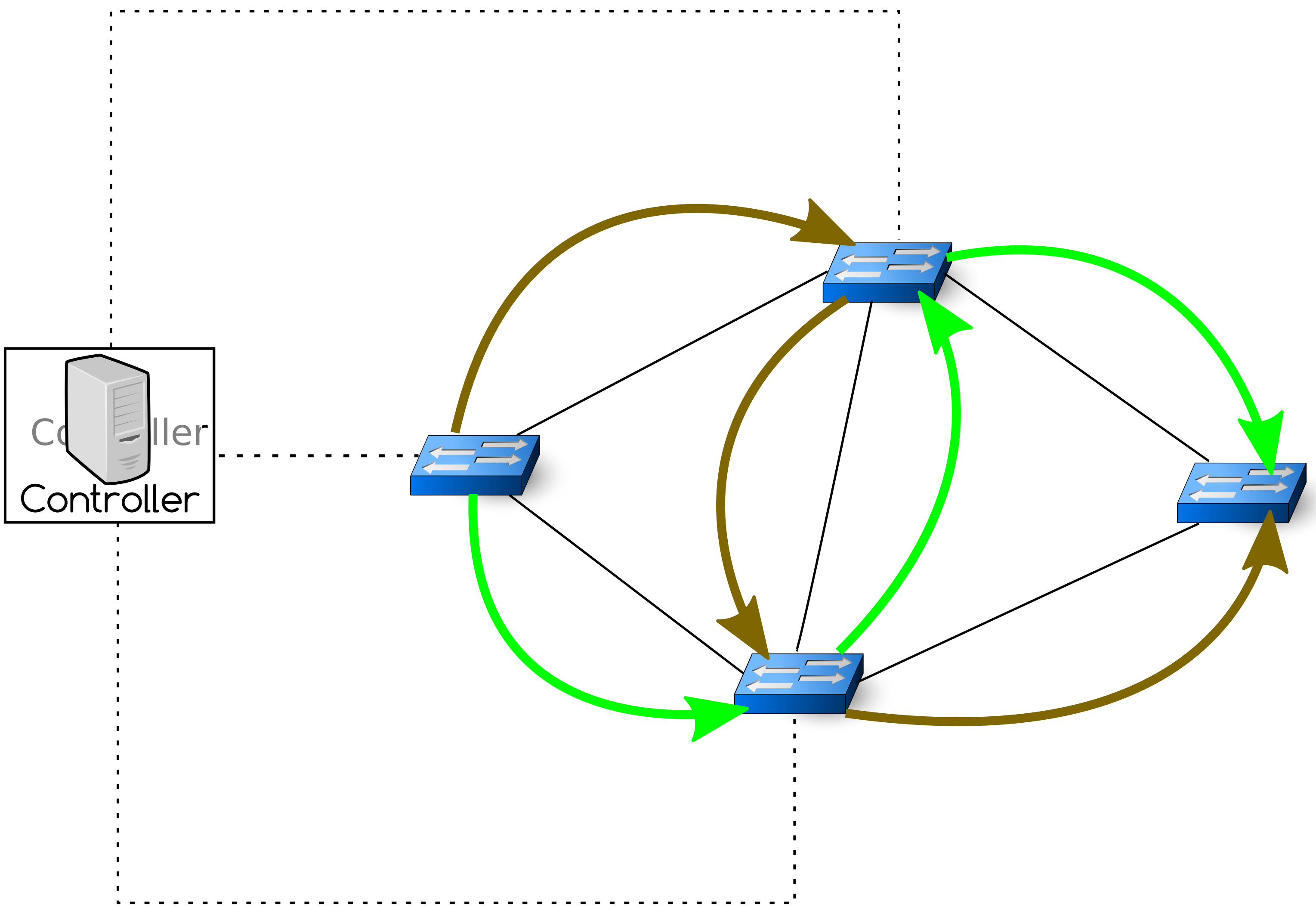

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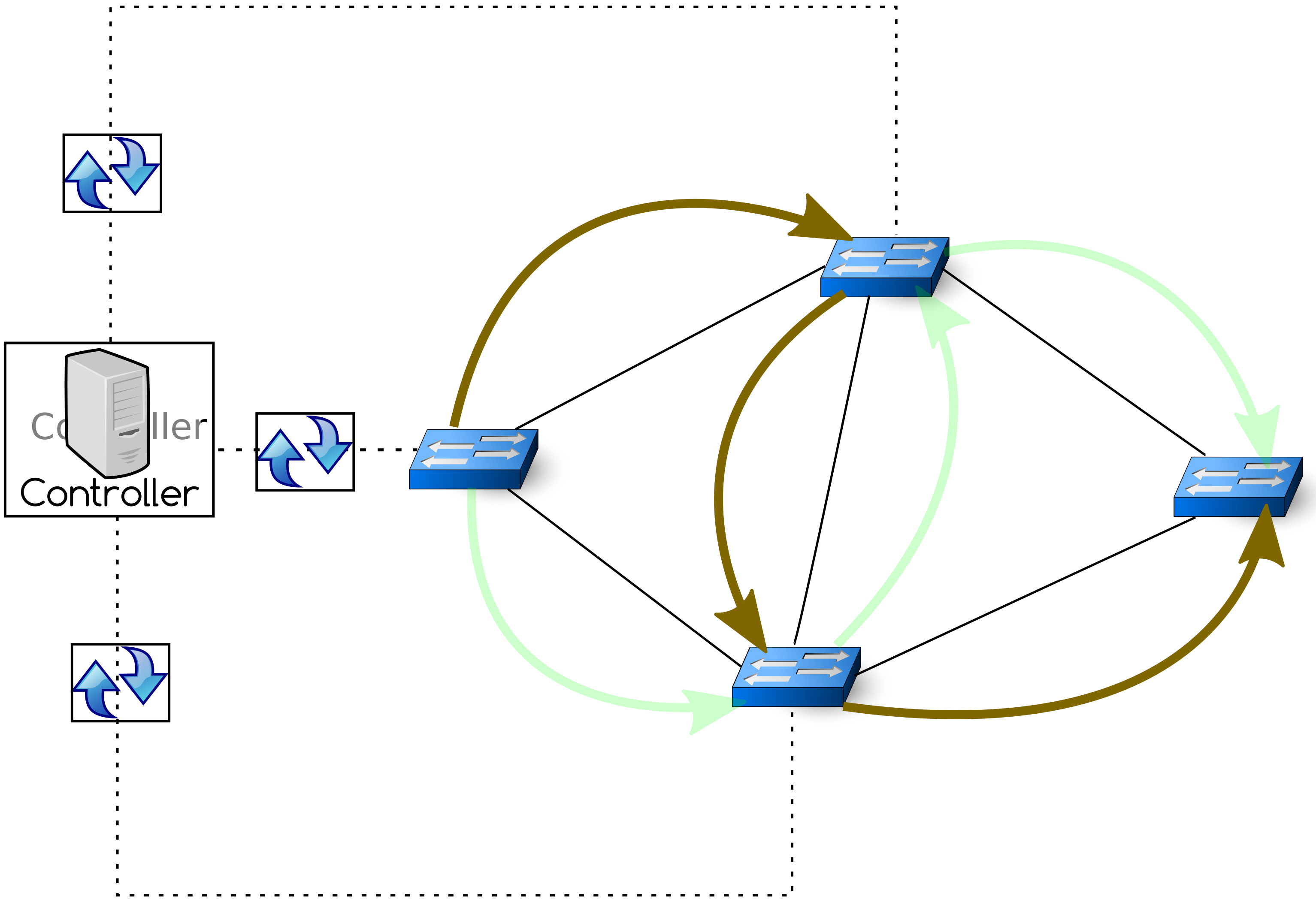

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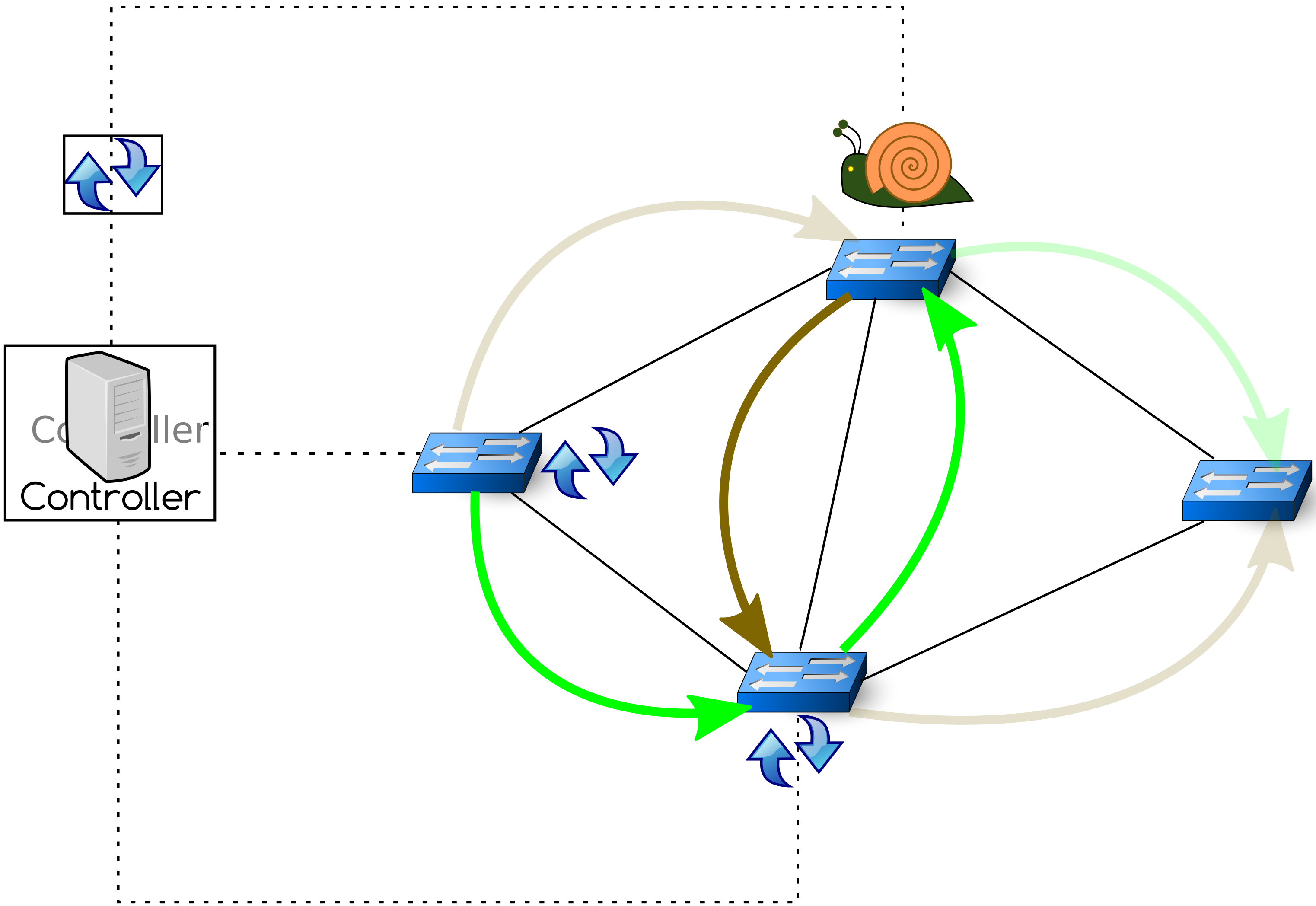

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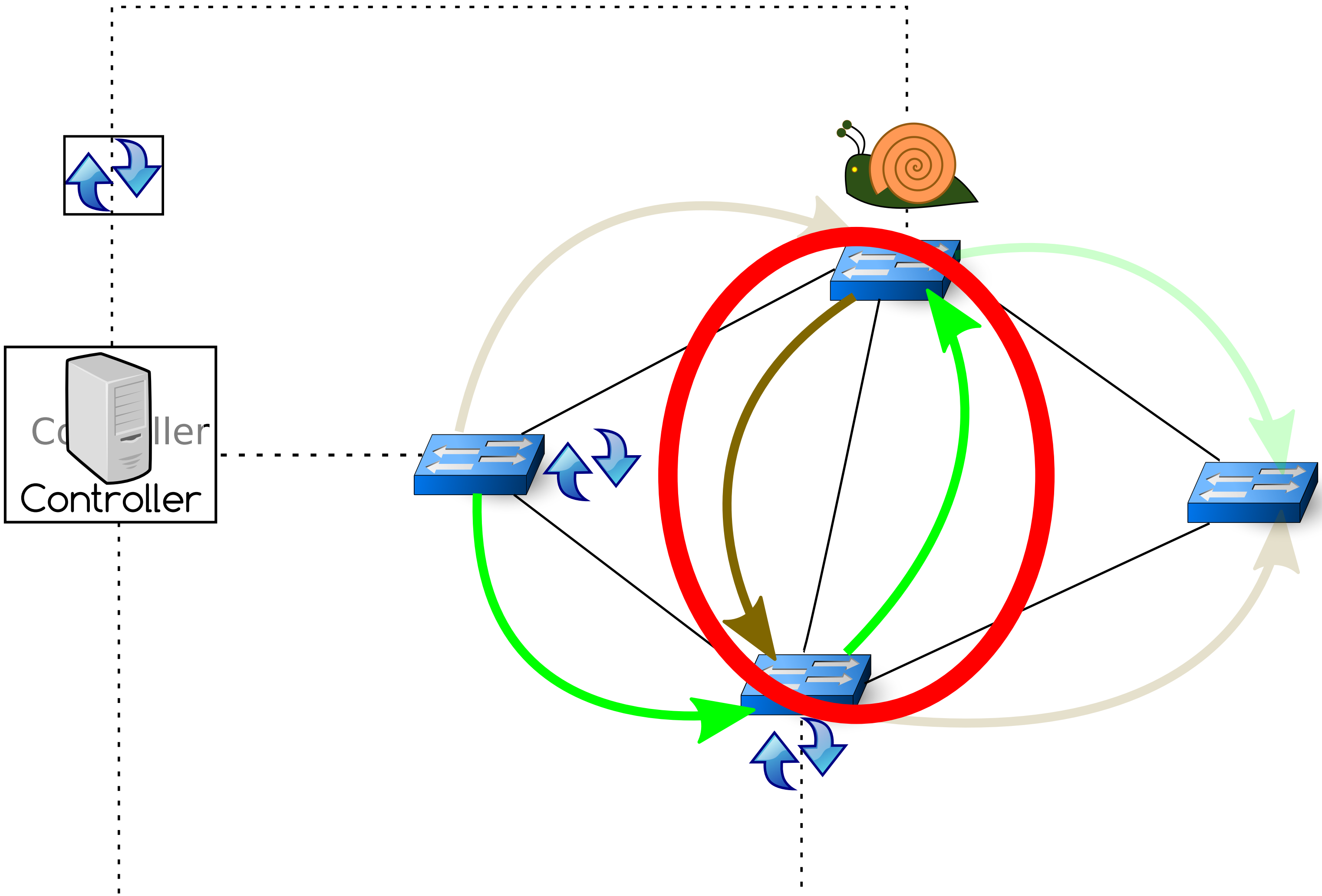

We have to be selective which switches to update

Asynchronous Updates: Round model

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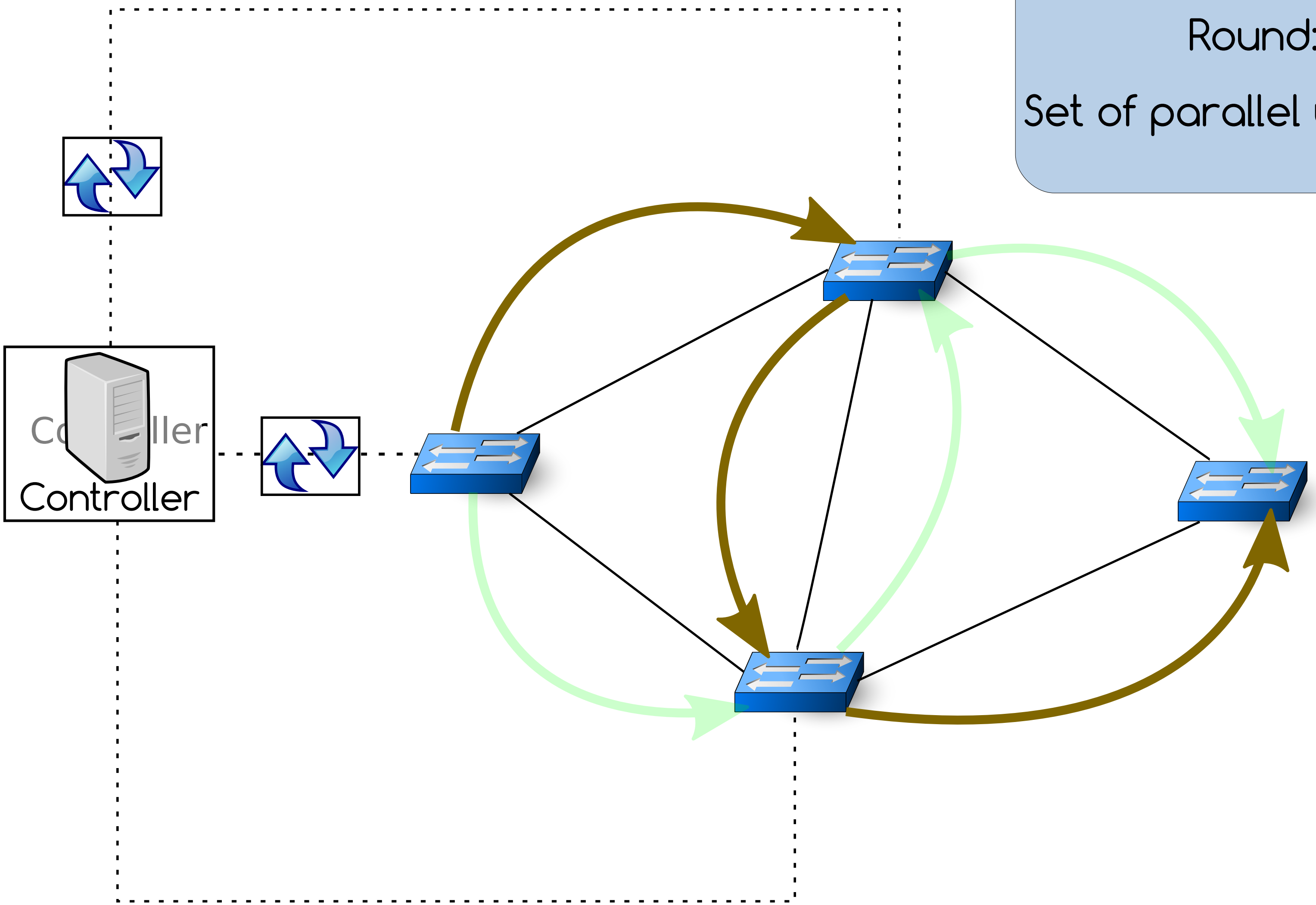

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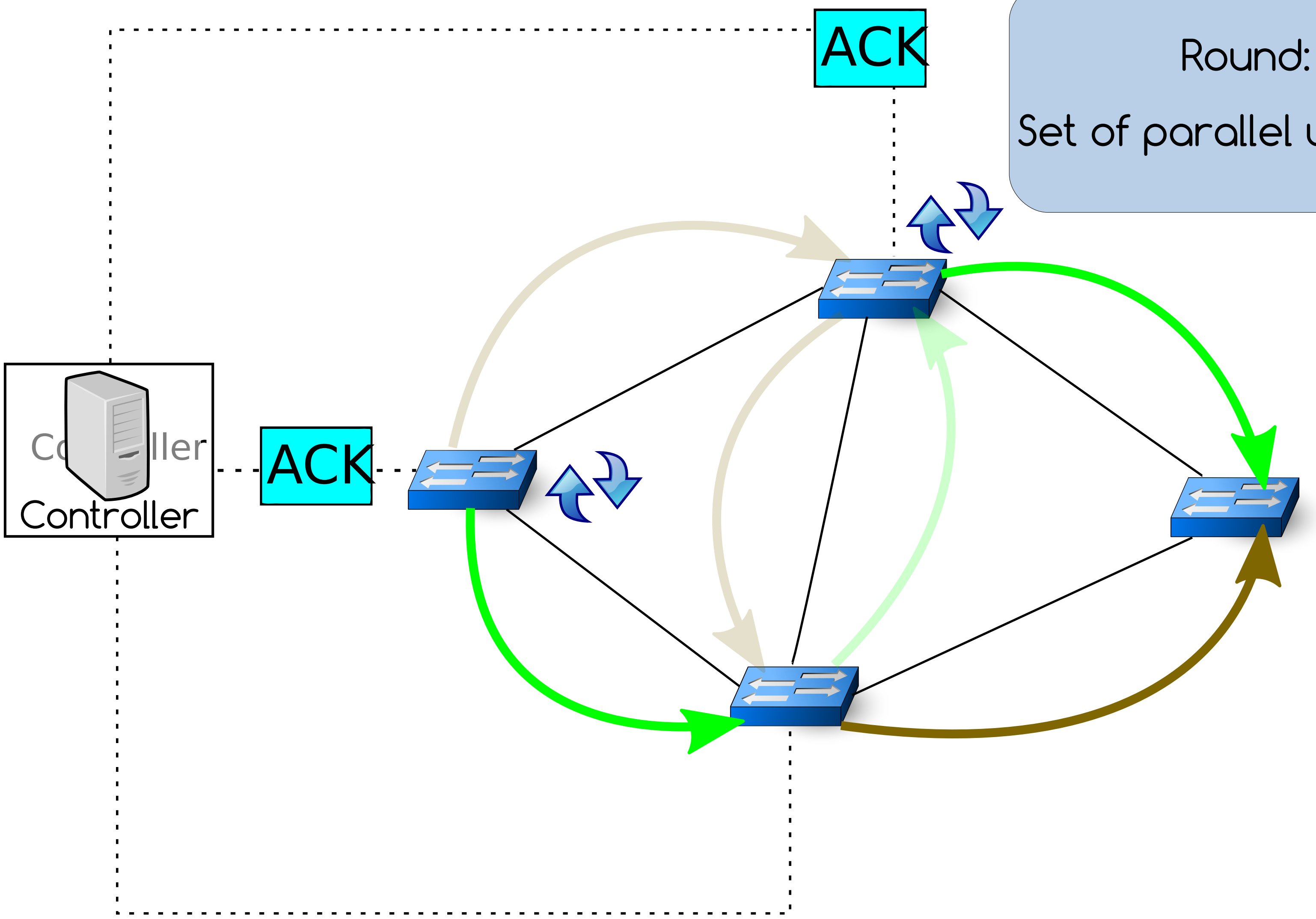

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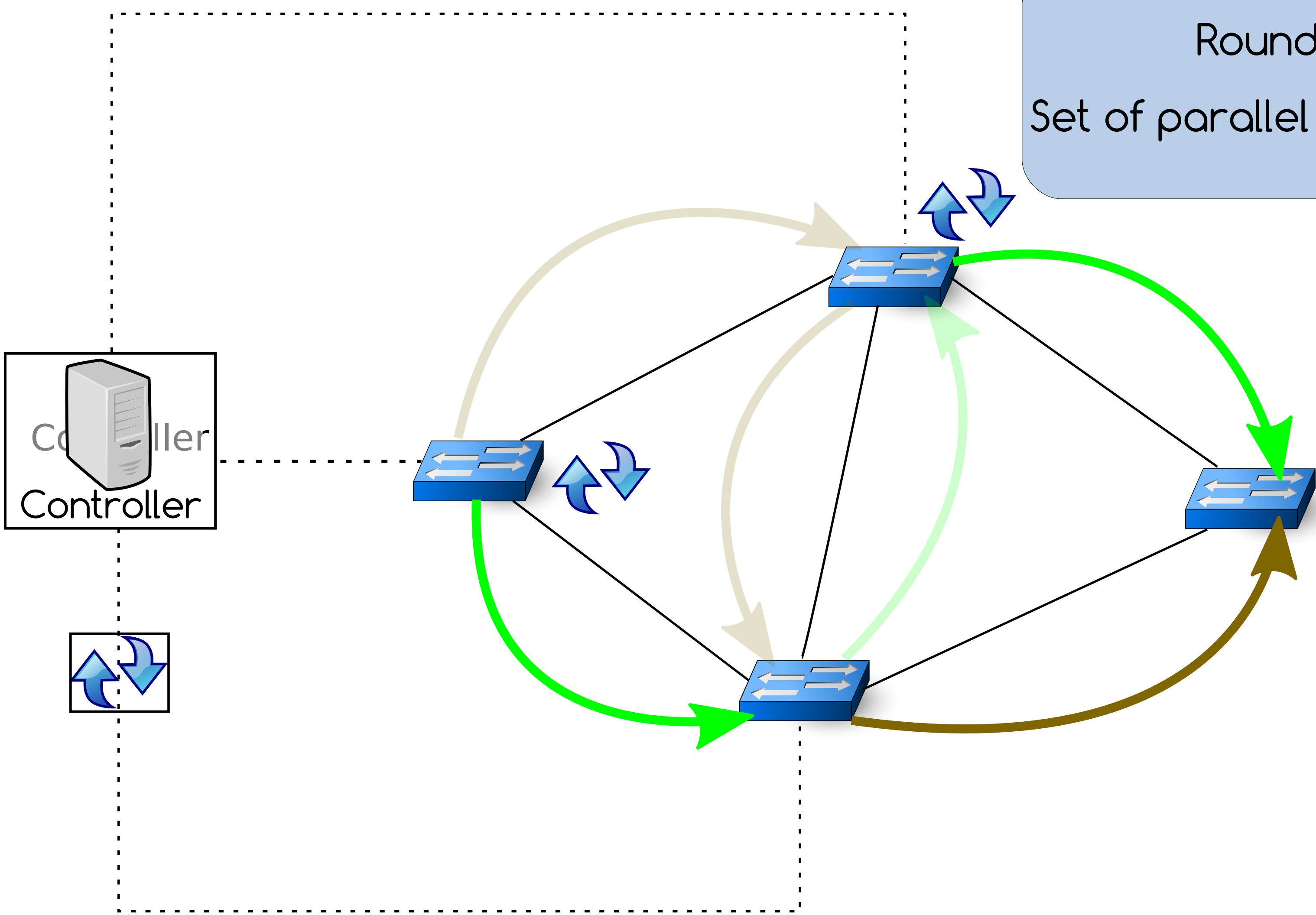

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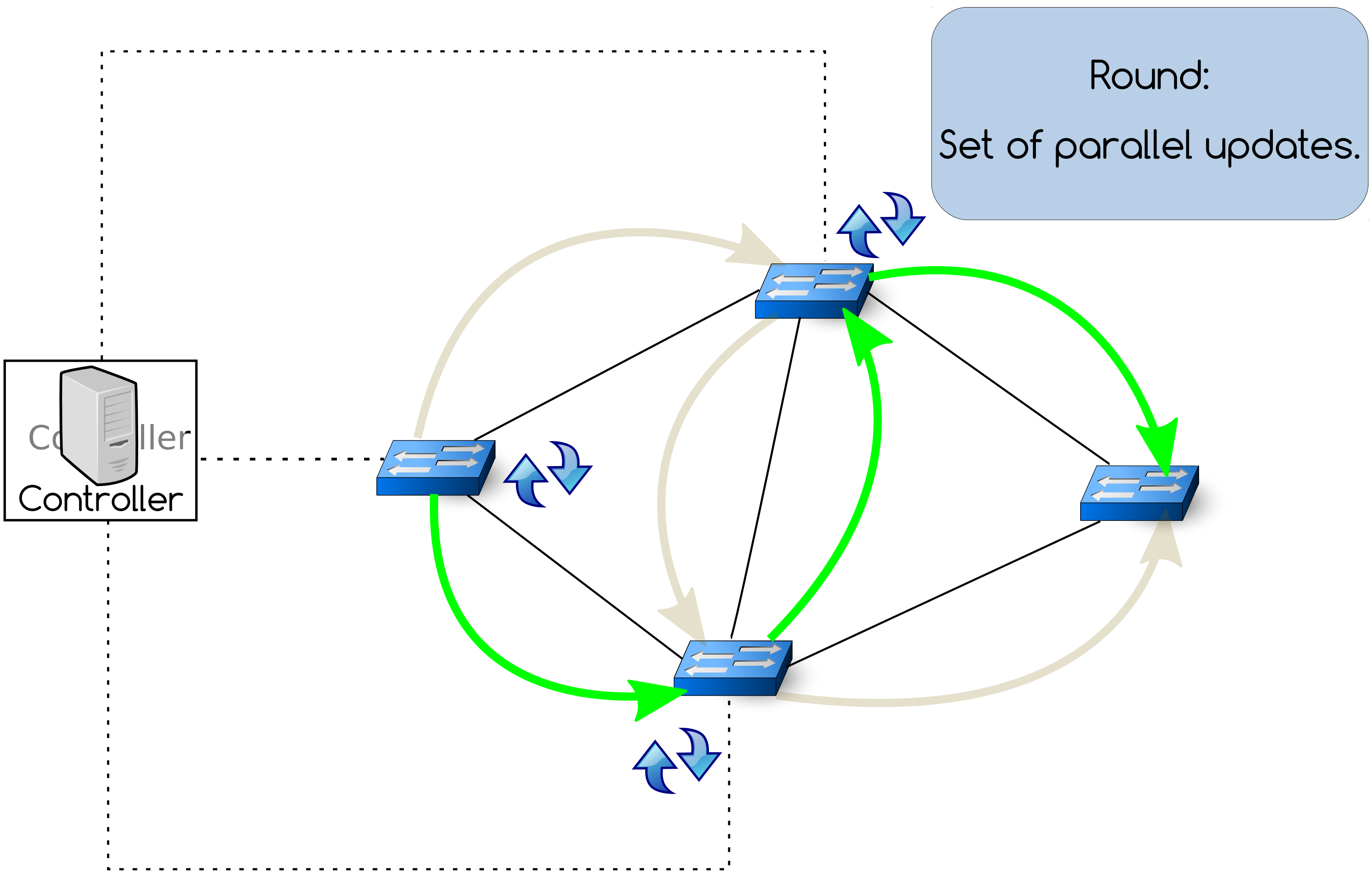

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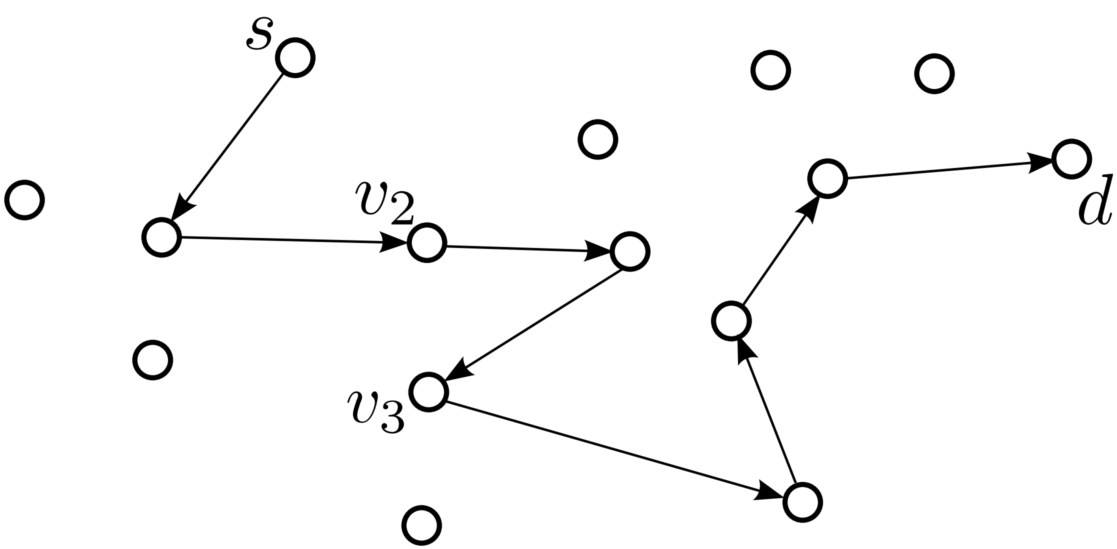

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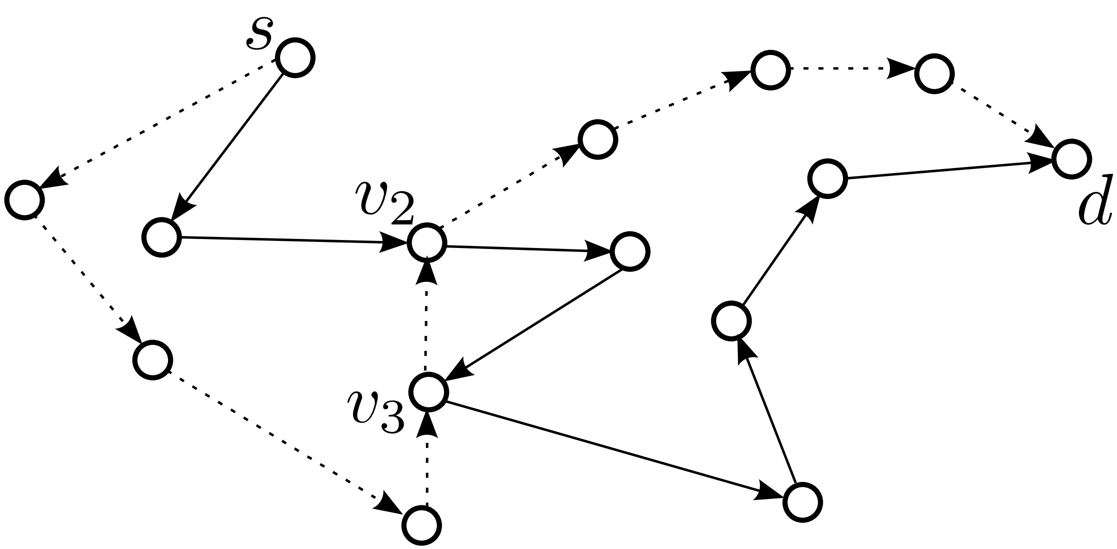

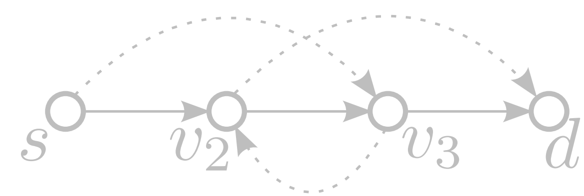

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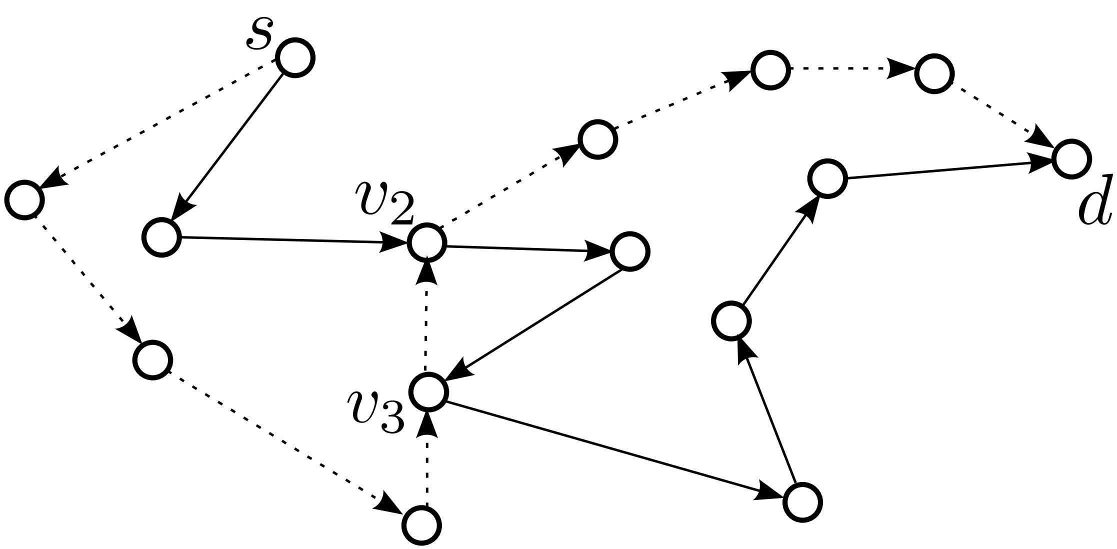

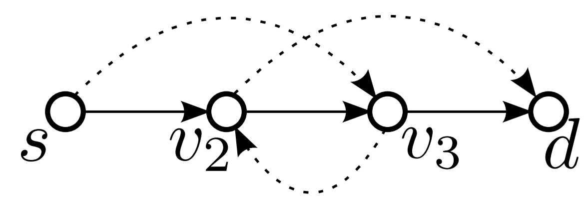

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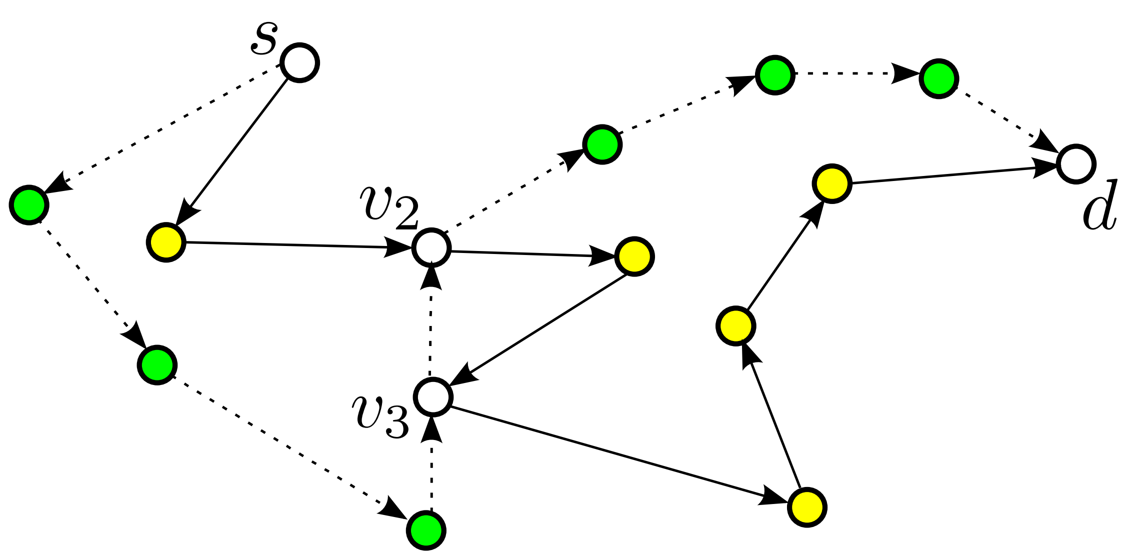

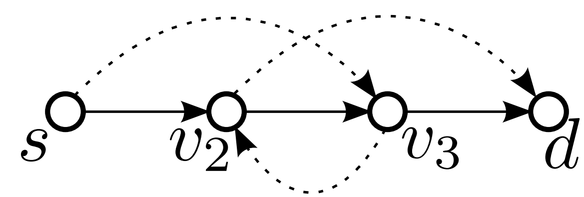

Safe to be updated

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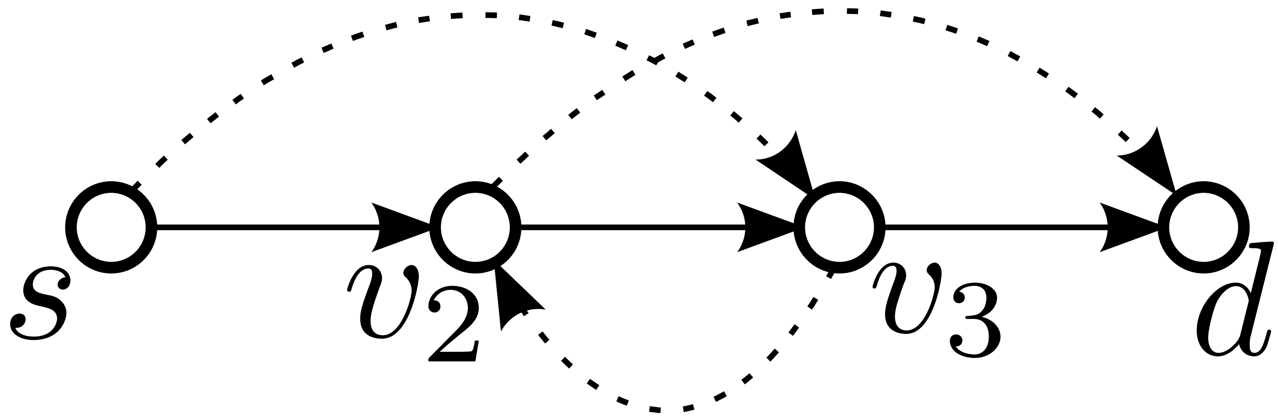

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Consistency Properties

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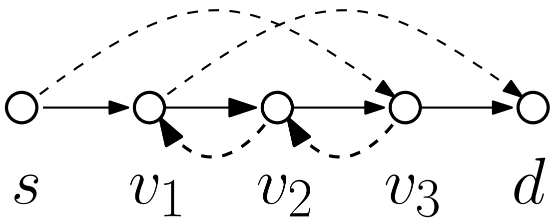

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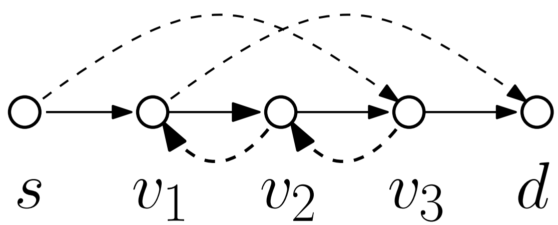

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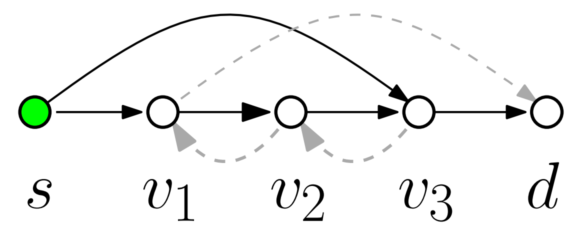

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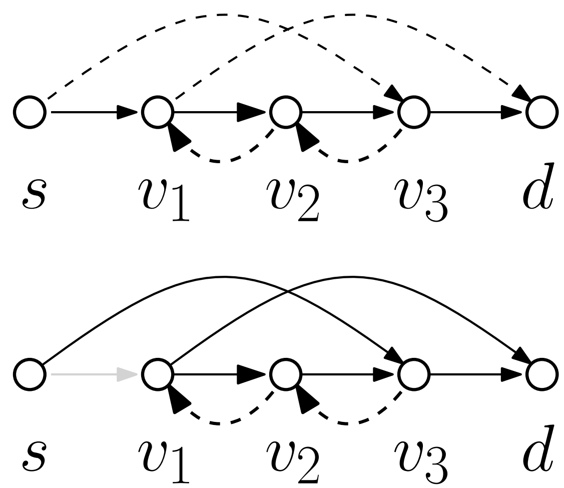

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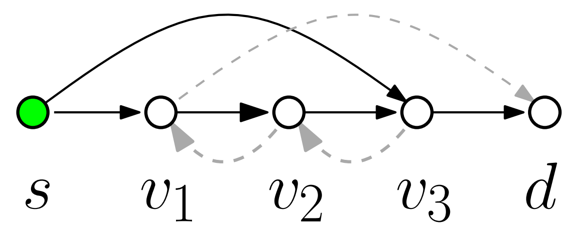

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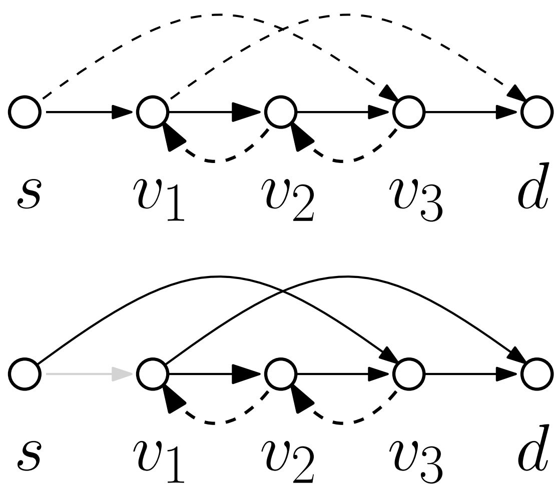

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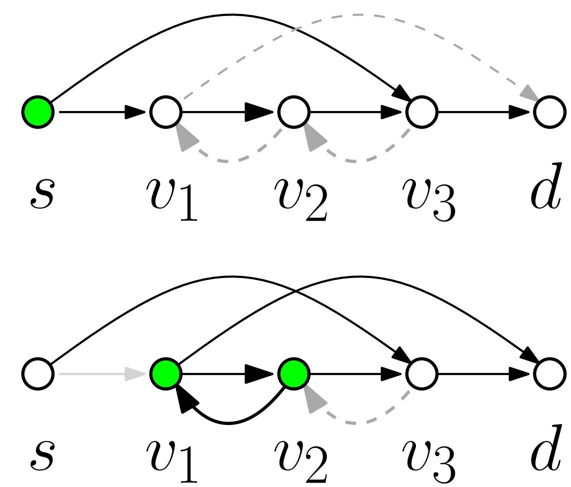

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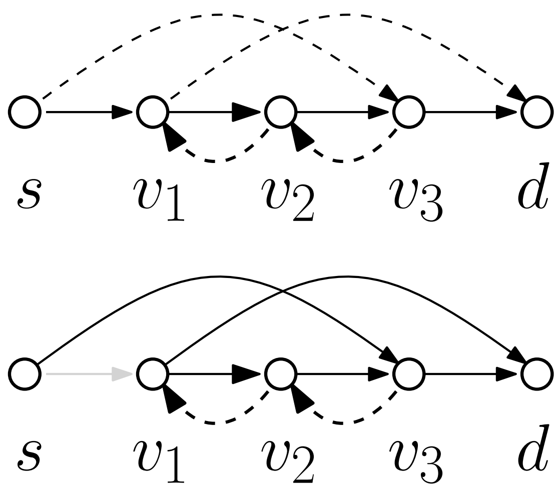

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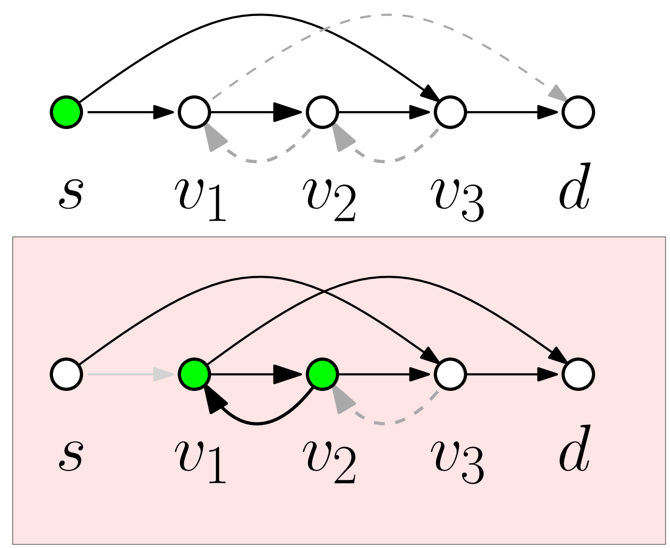

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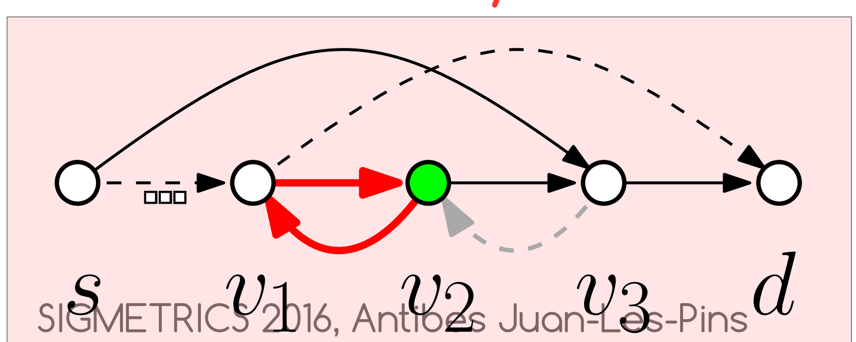

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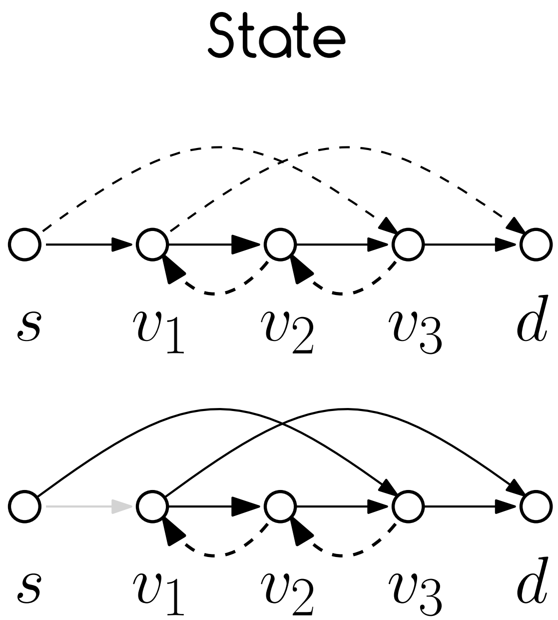

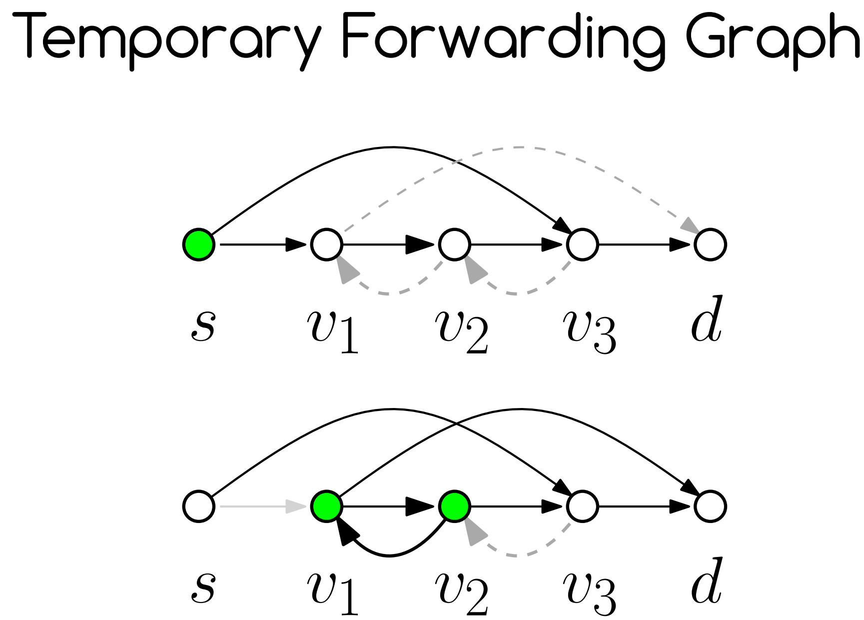

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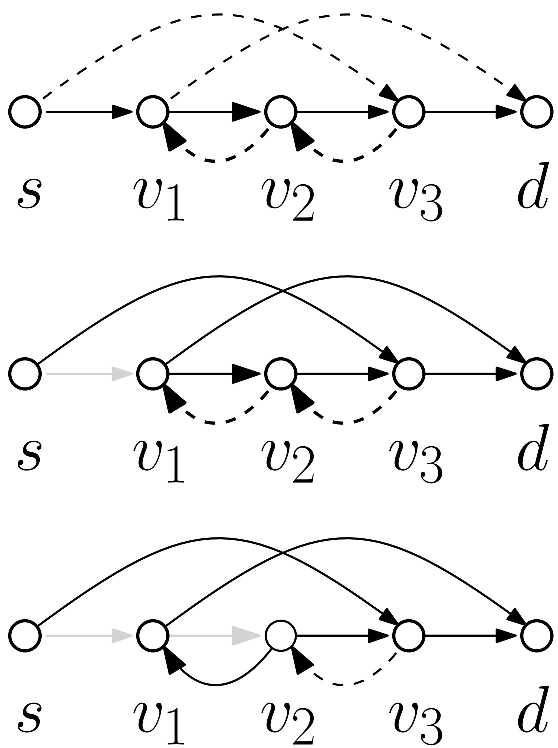

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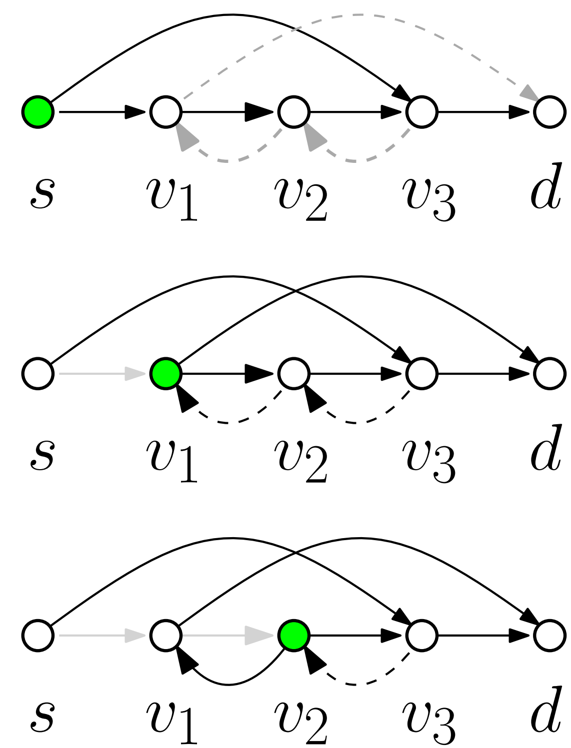

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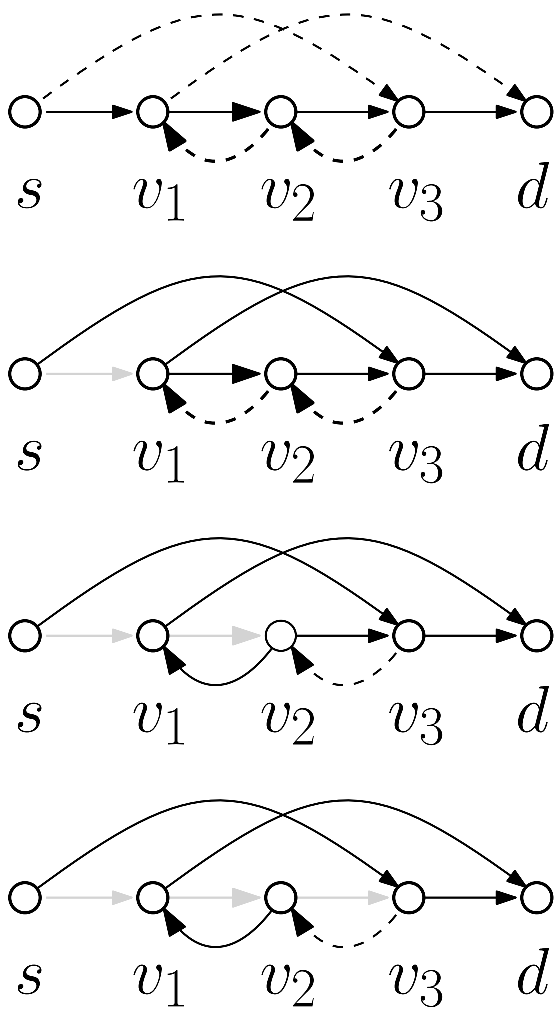

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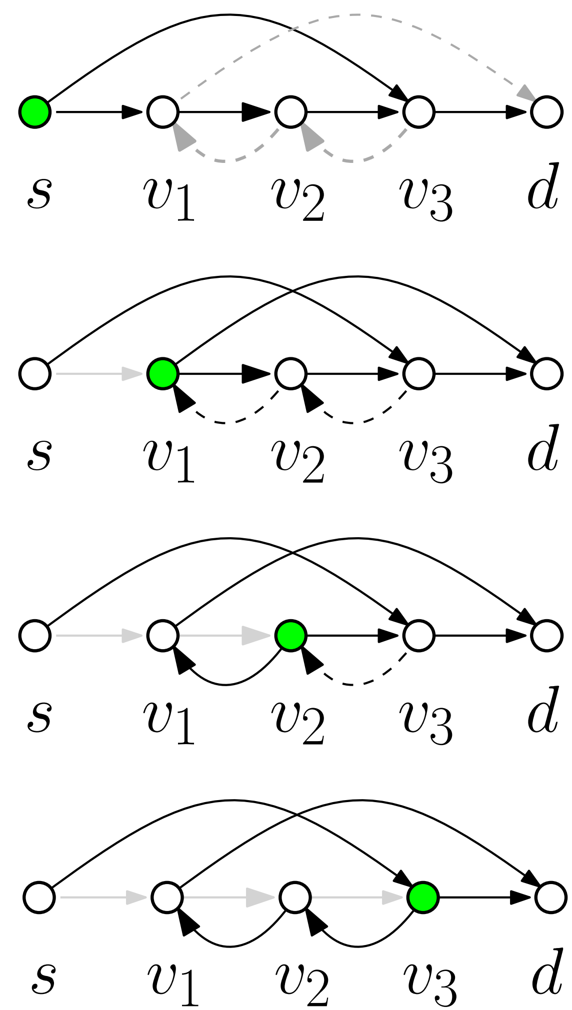

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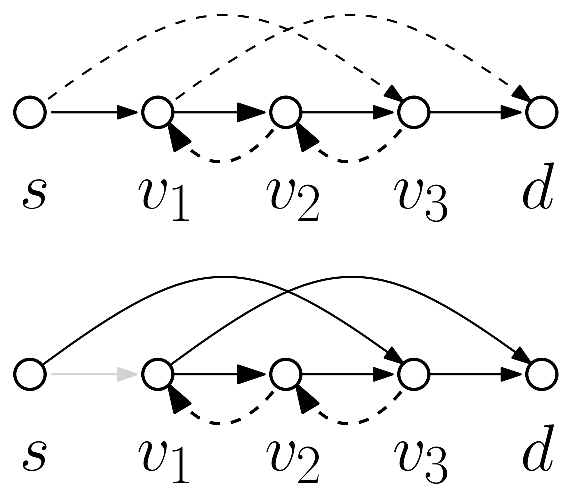

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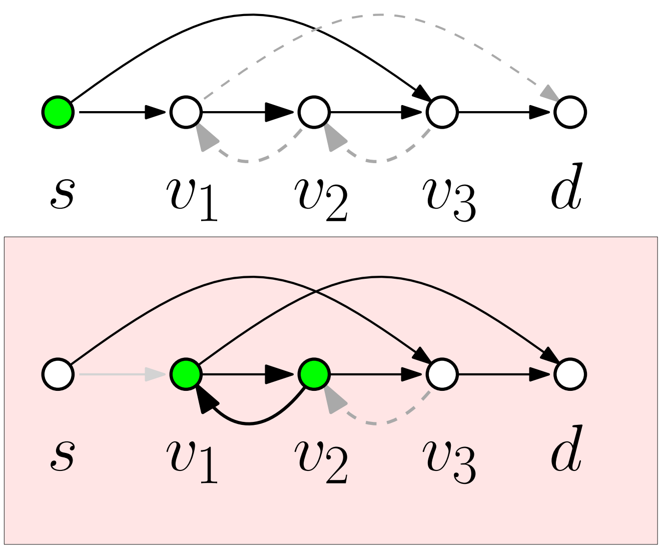

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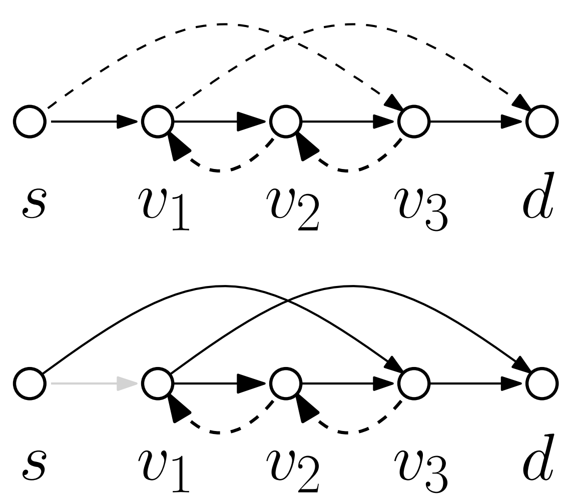

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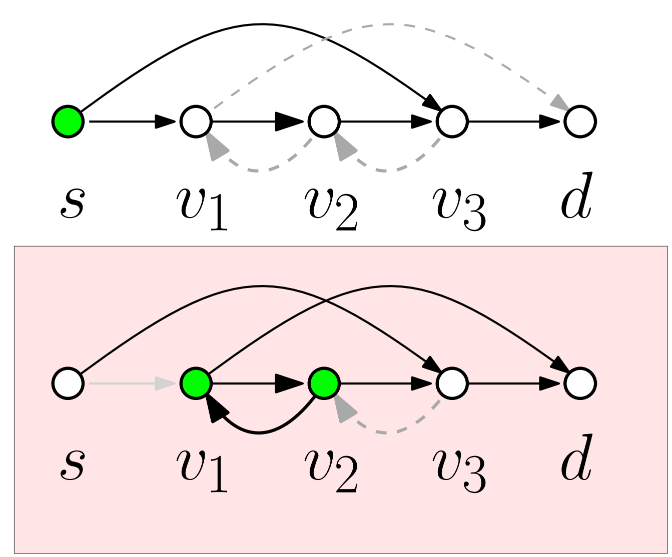

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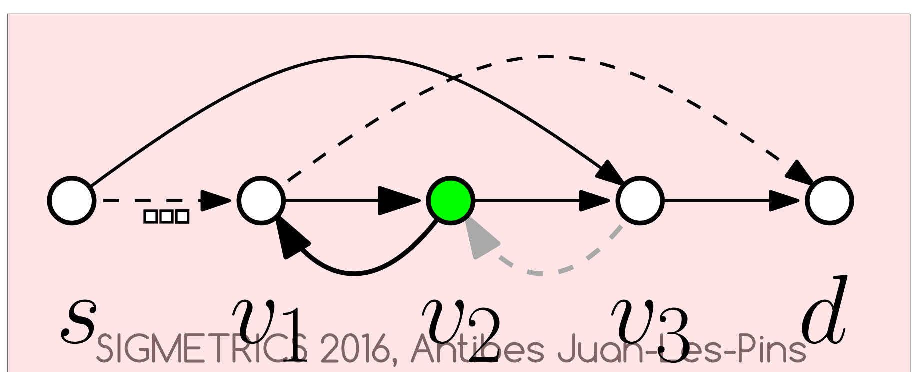

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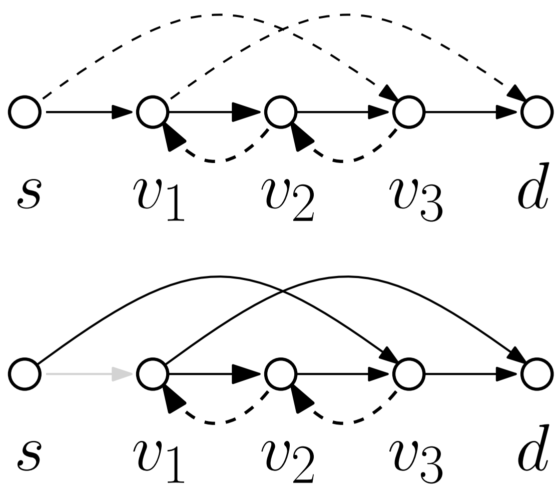

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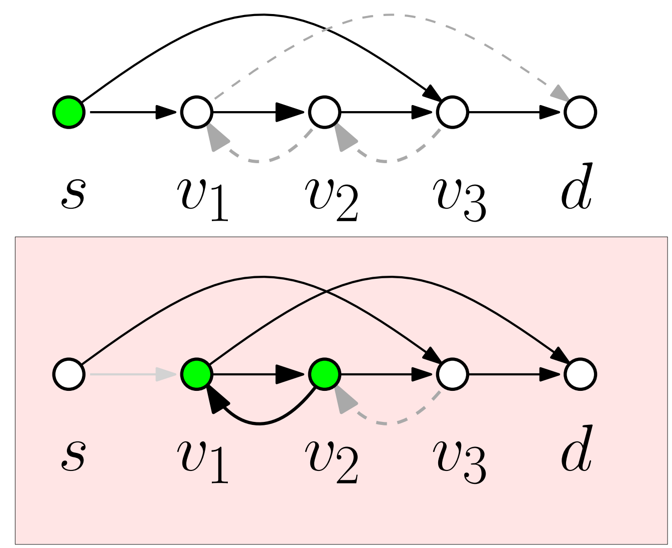

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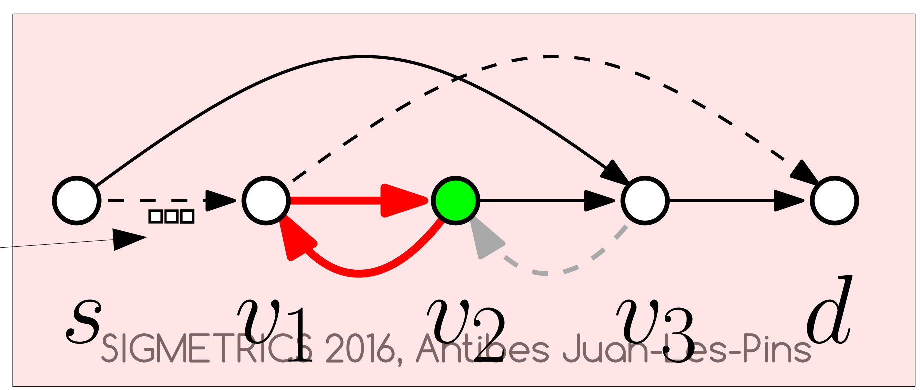

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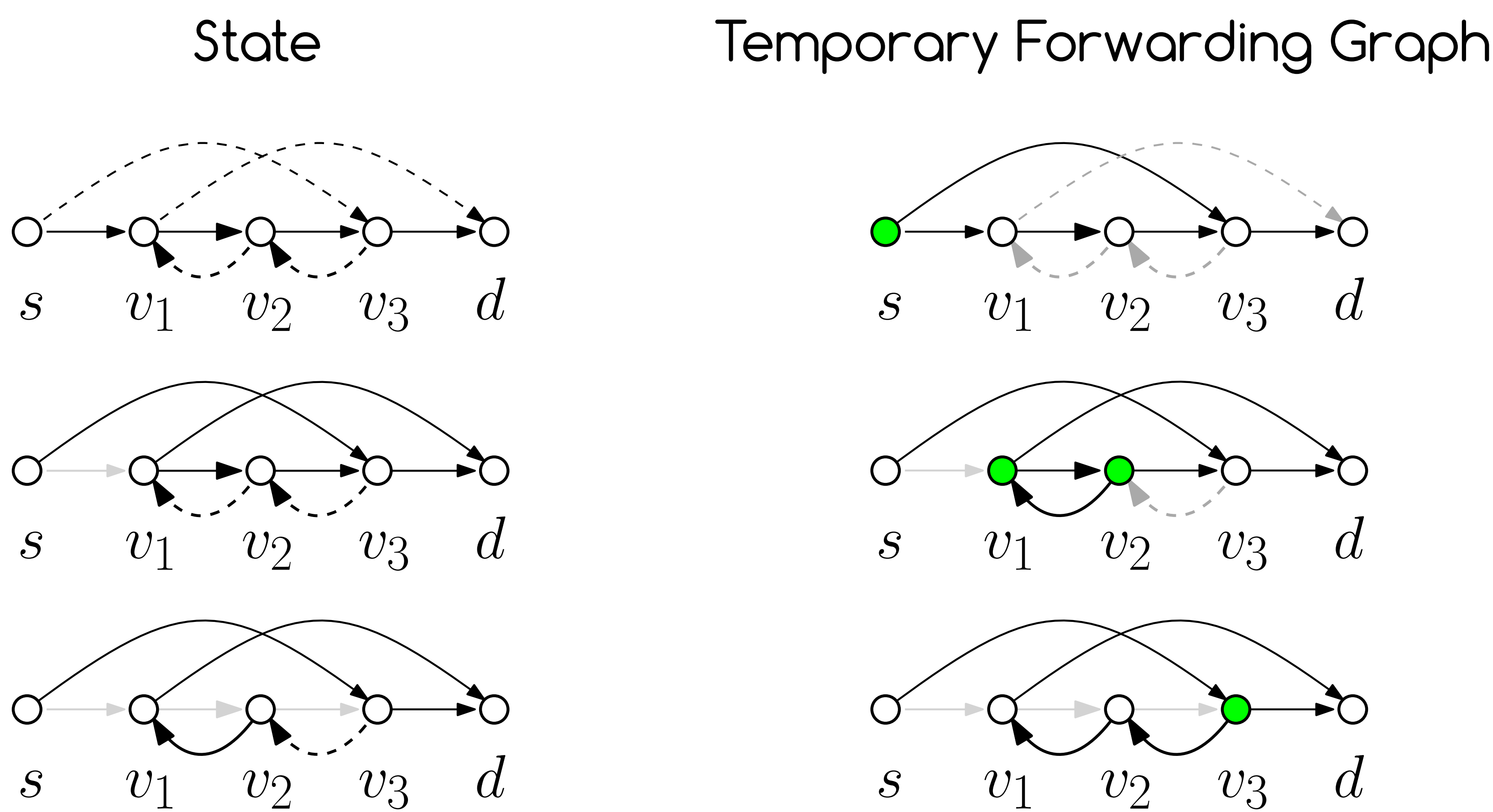

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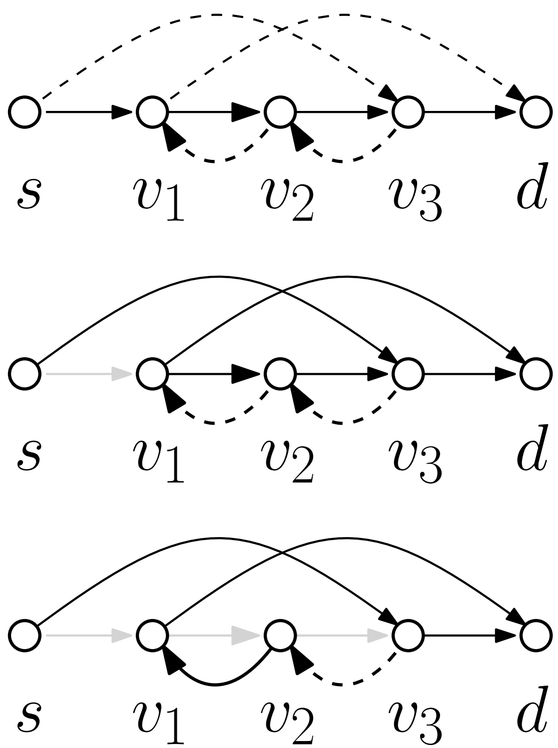

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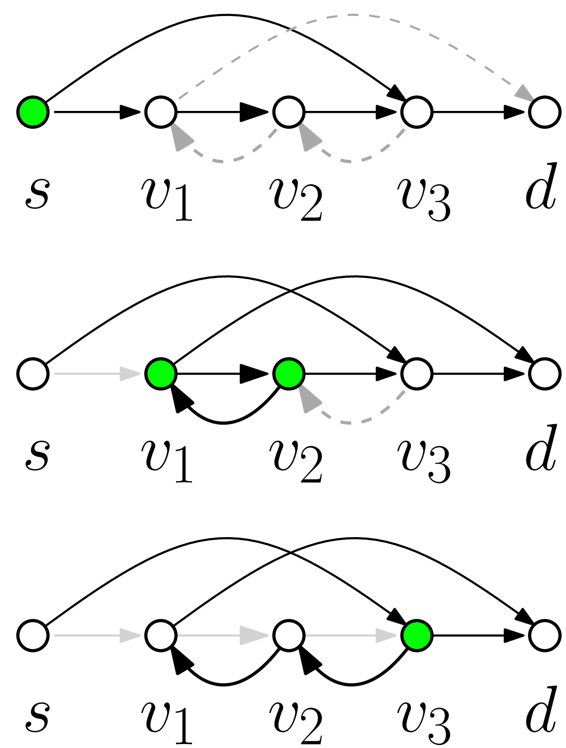
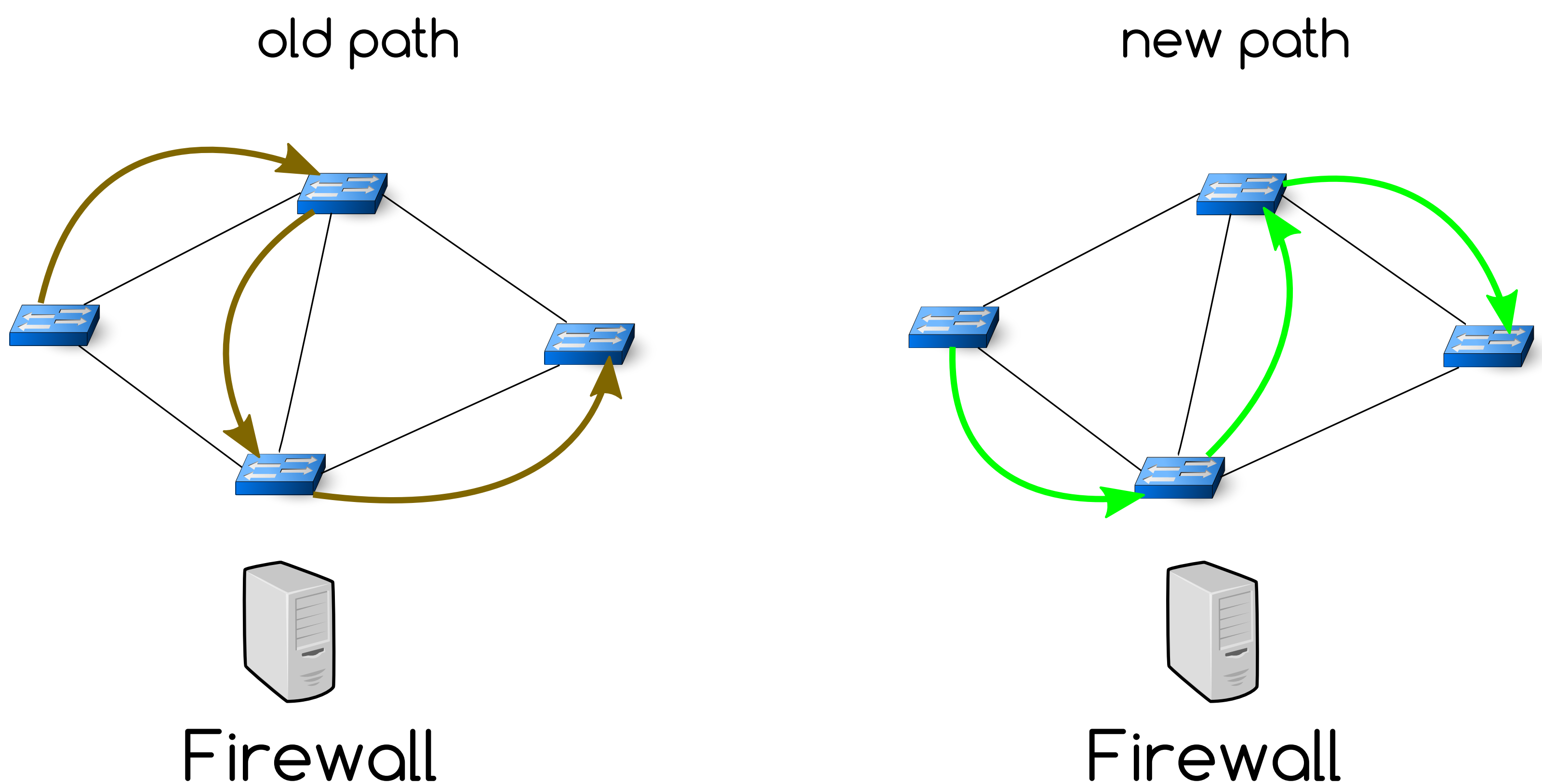


Observation: RLF requires one round less than SLF.

Property: Waypoint Enforcement (WPE)

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



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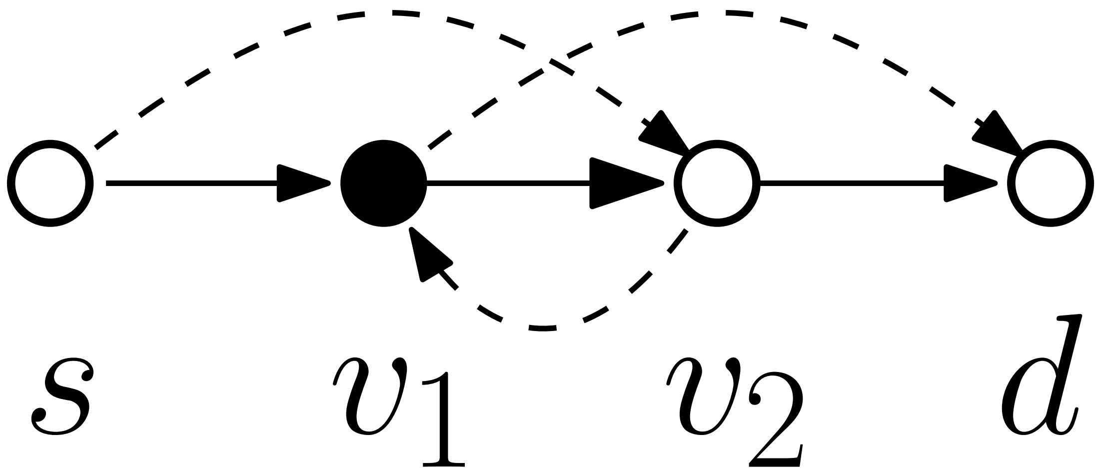

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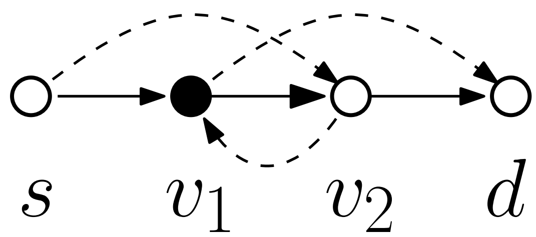

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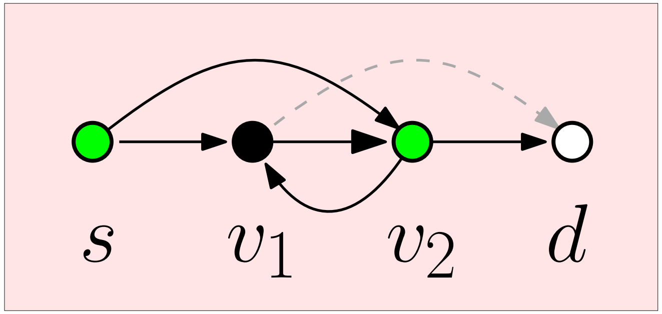

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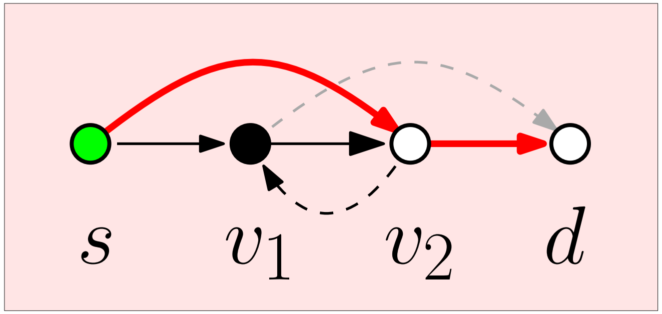

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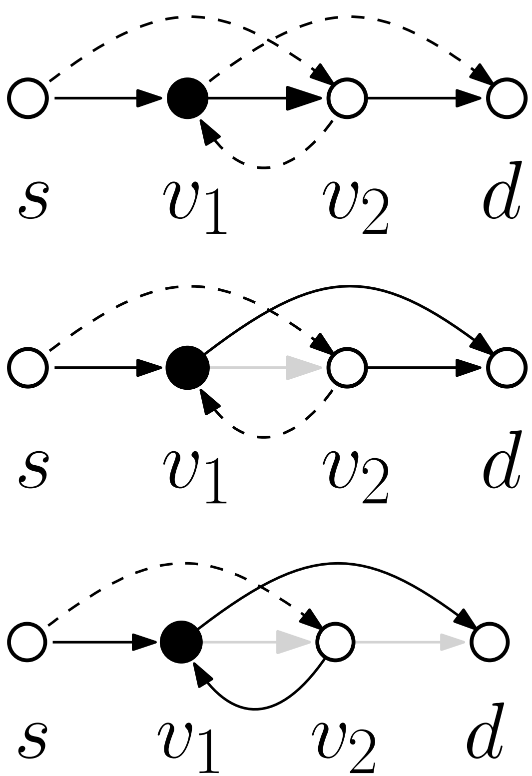

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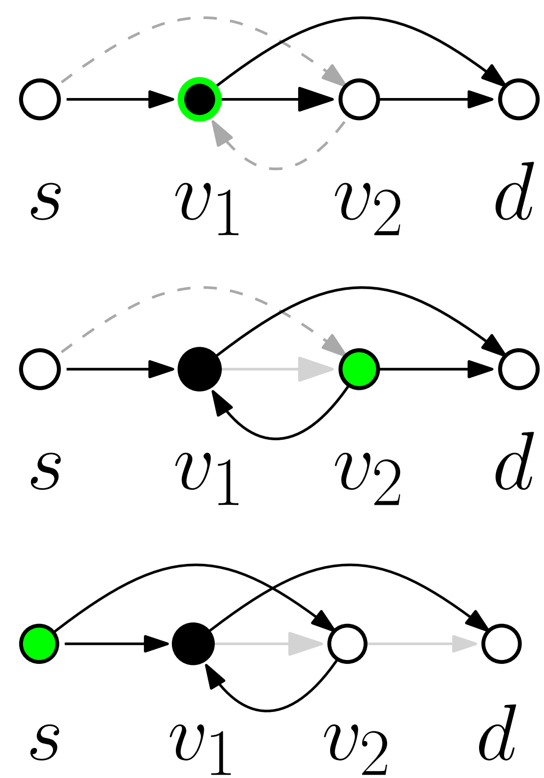

Overview

Task: Minimize overall update time, while

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

Theory

- 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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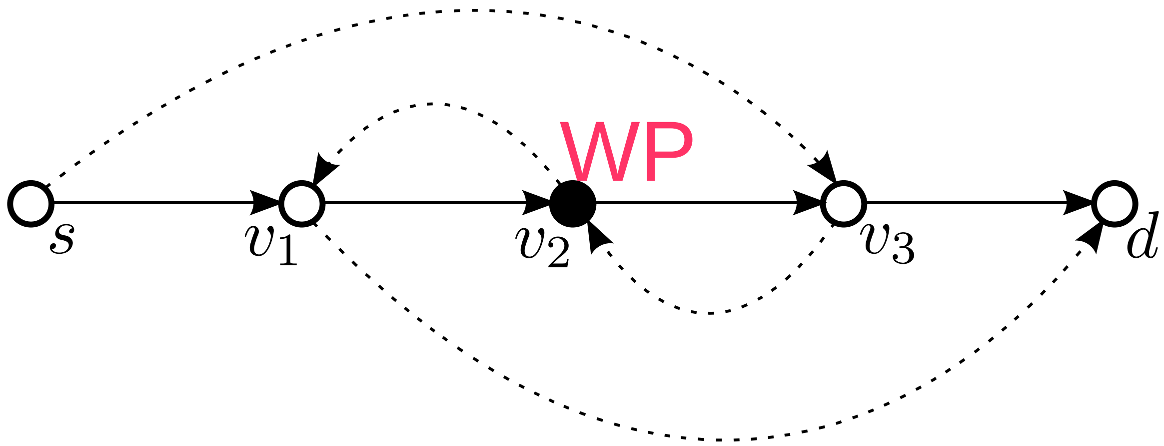

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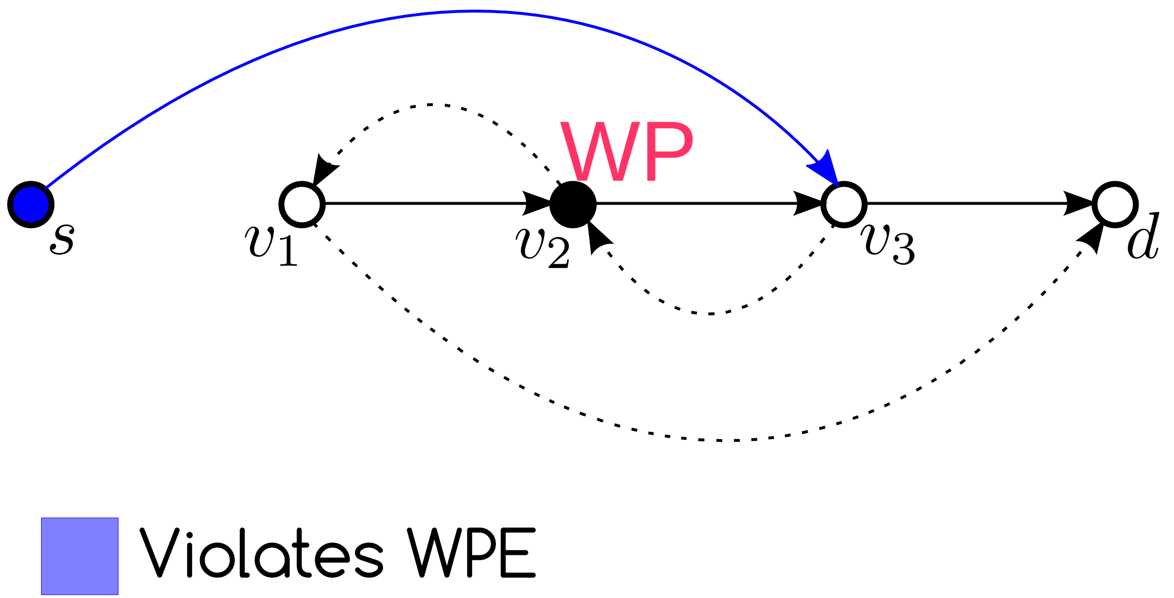

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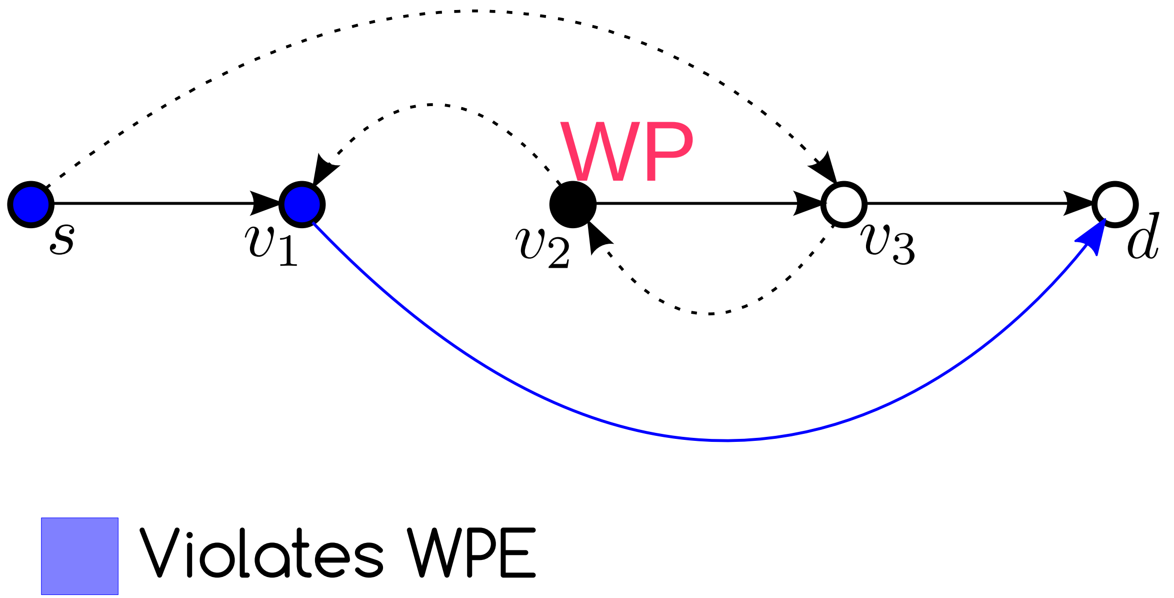

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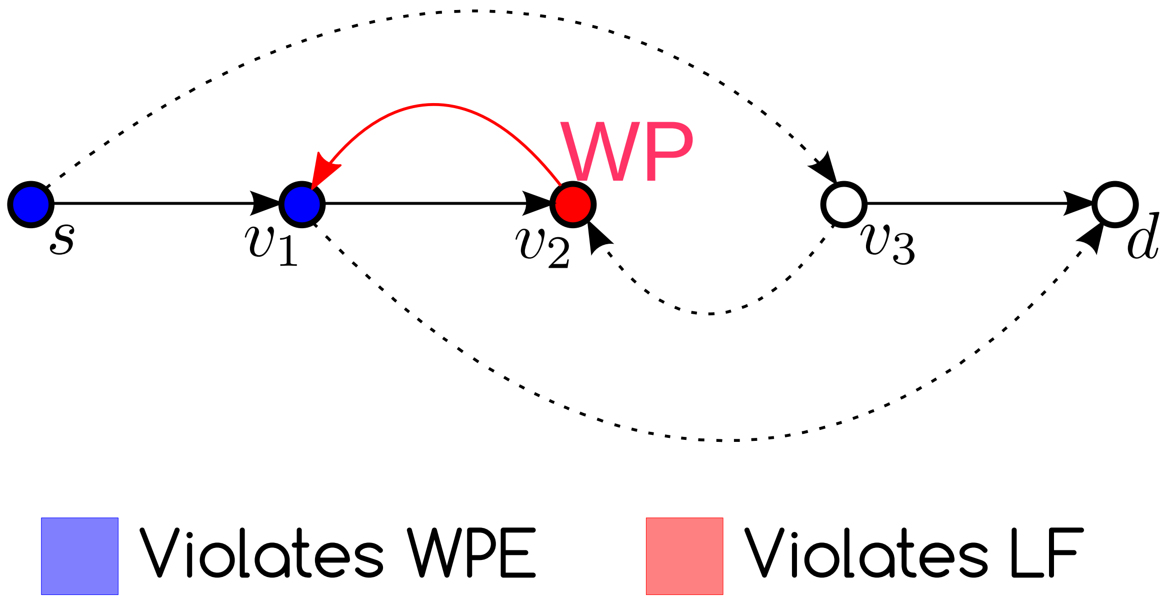

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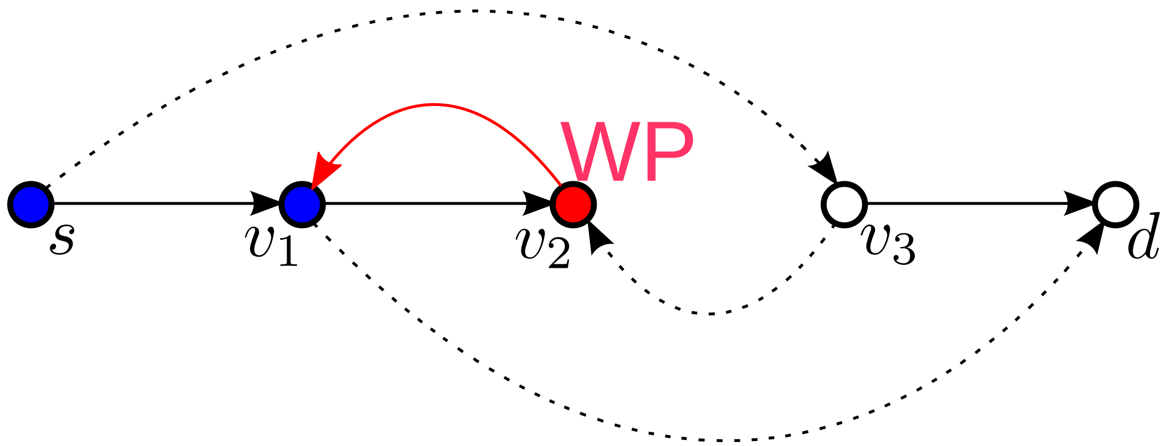

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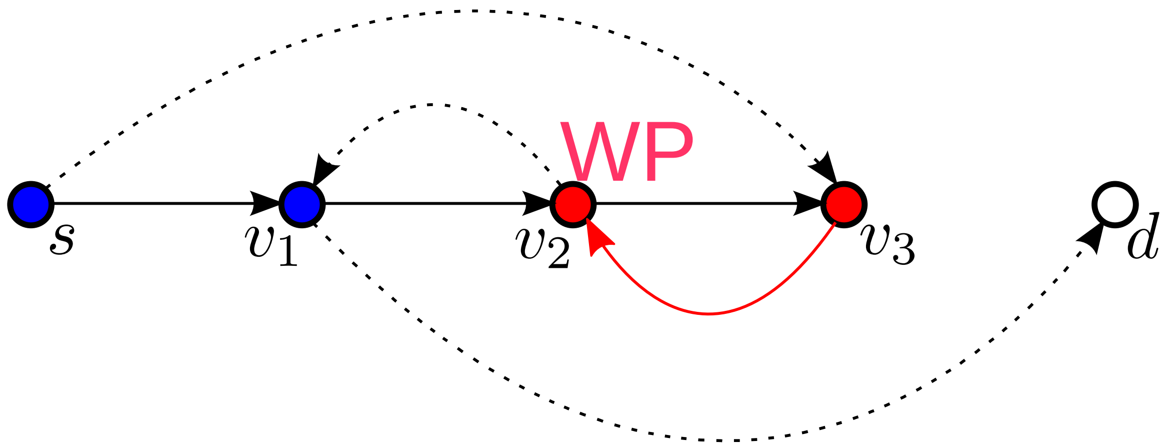

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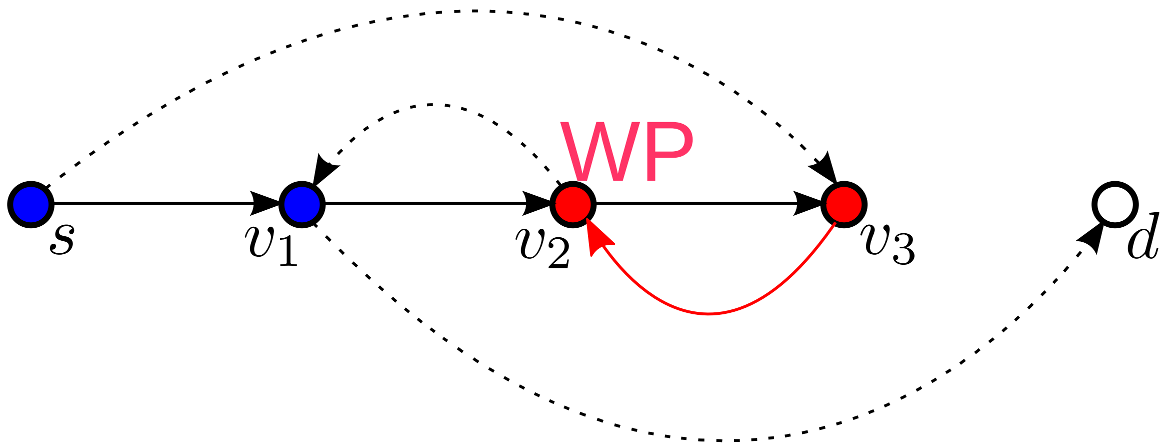

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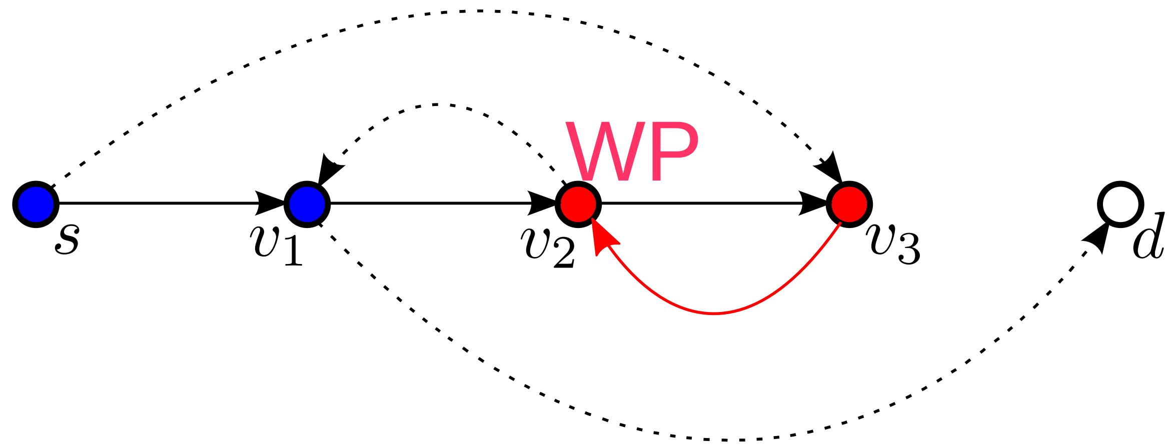

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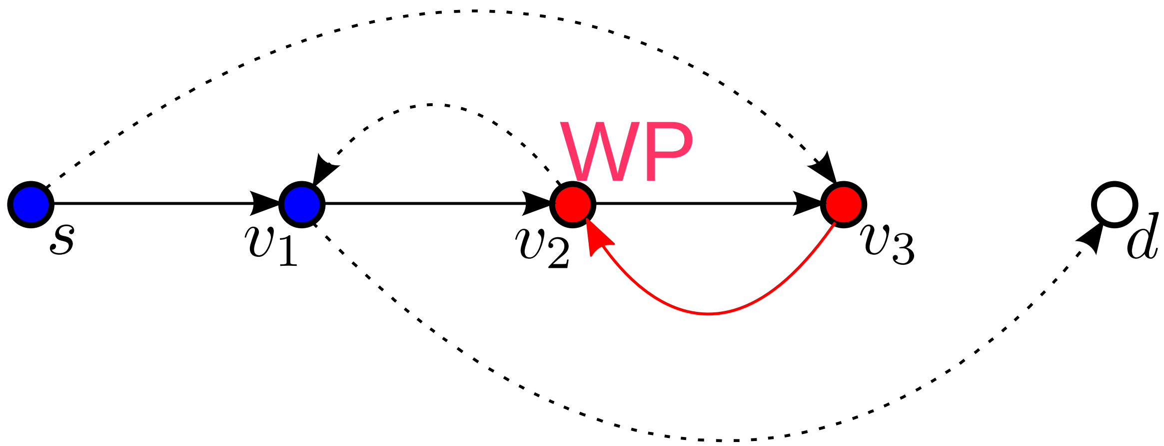

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Can we determine these cases easily?

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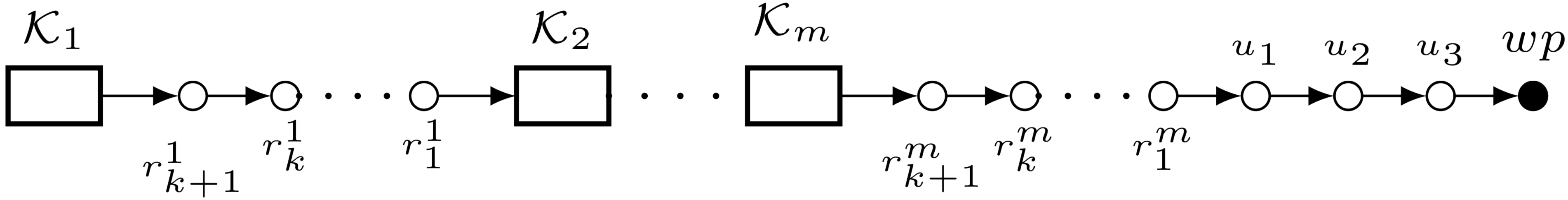

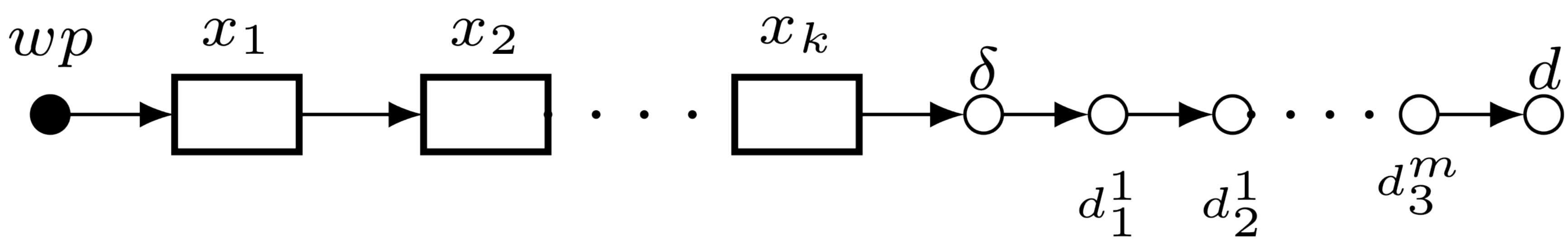

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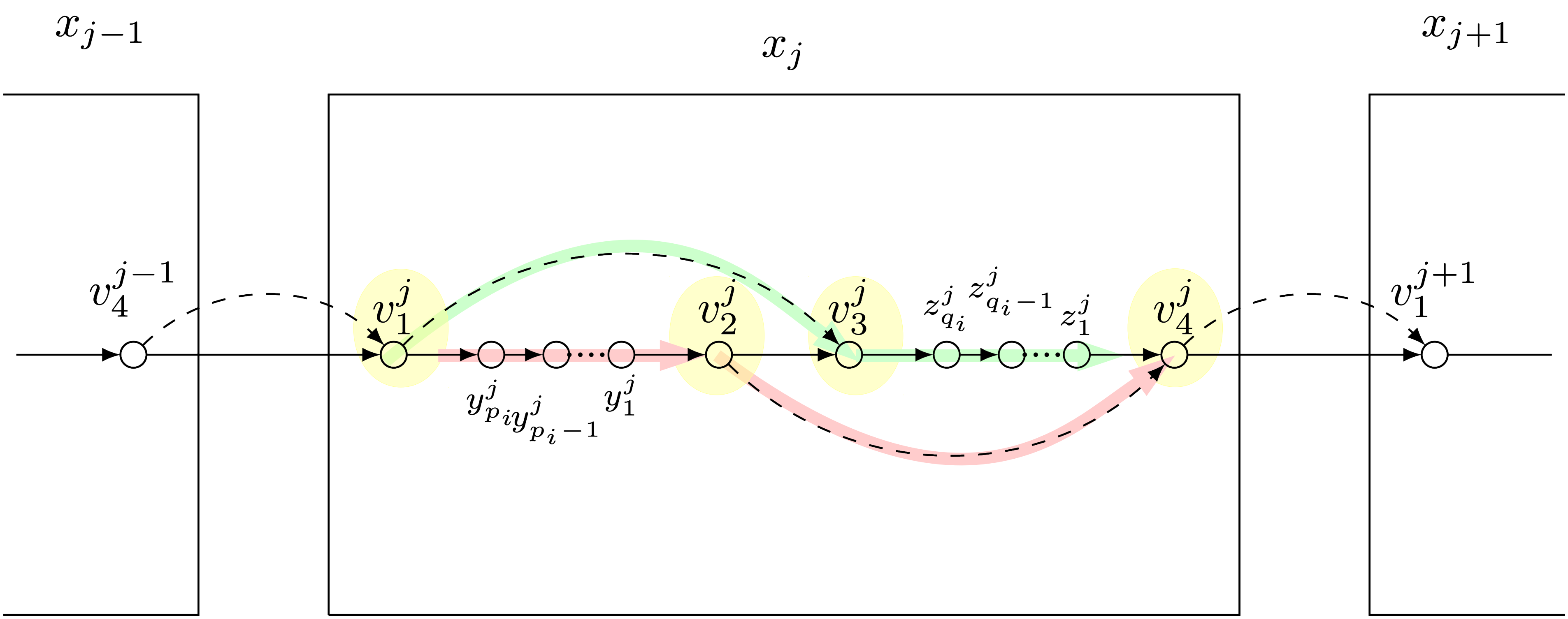

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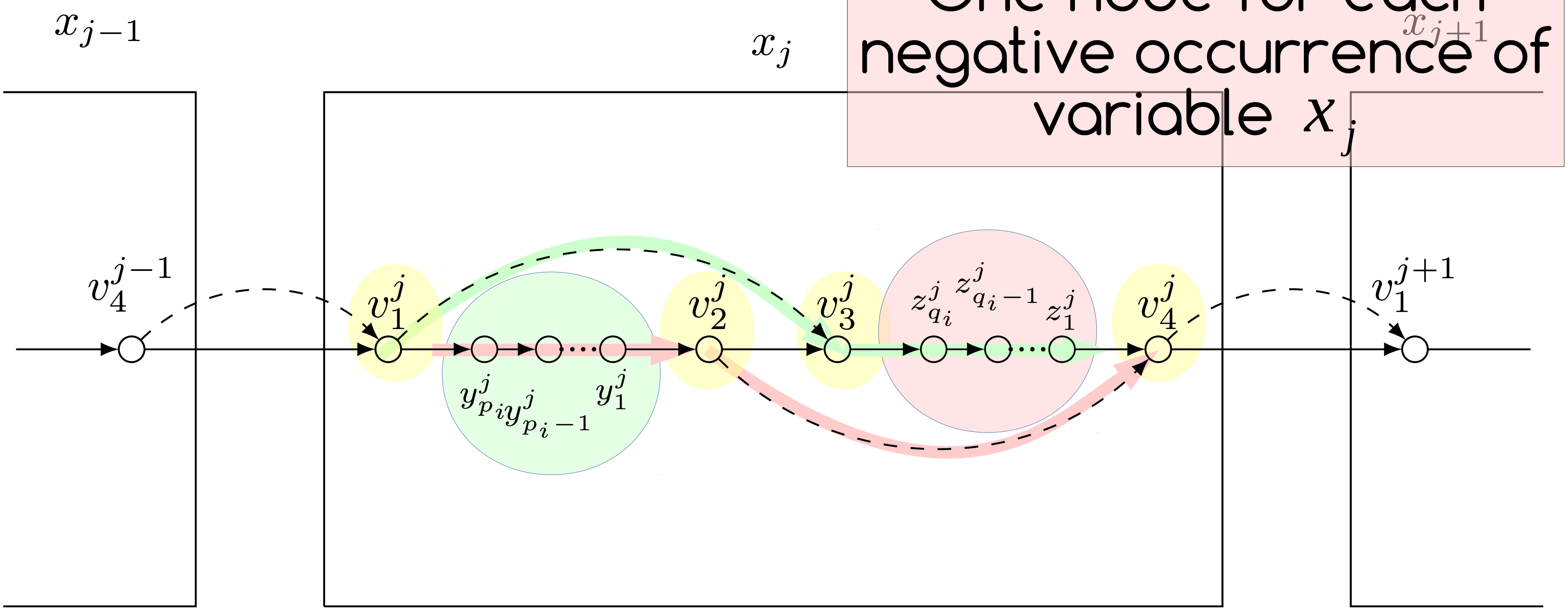

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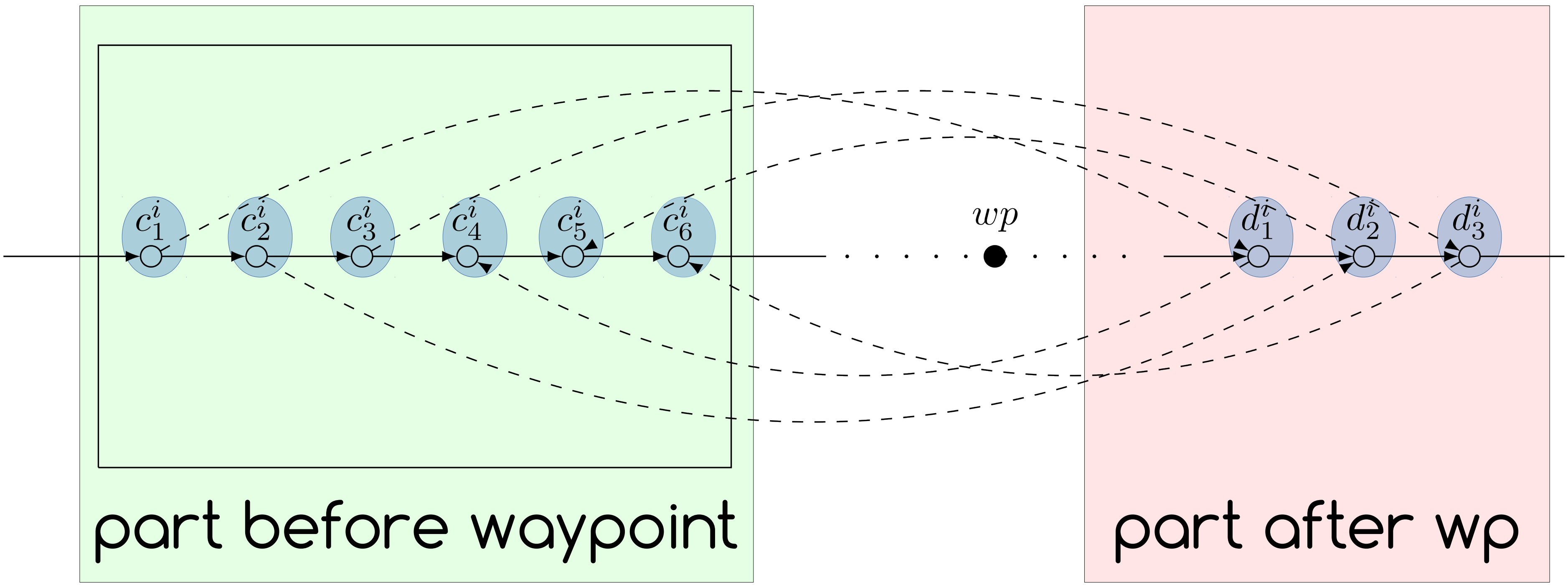

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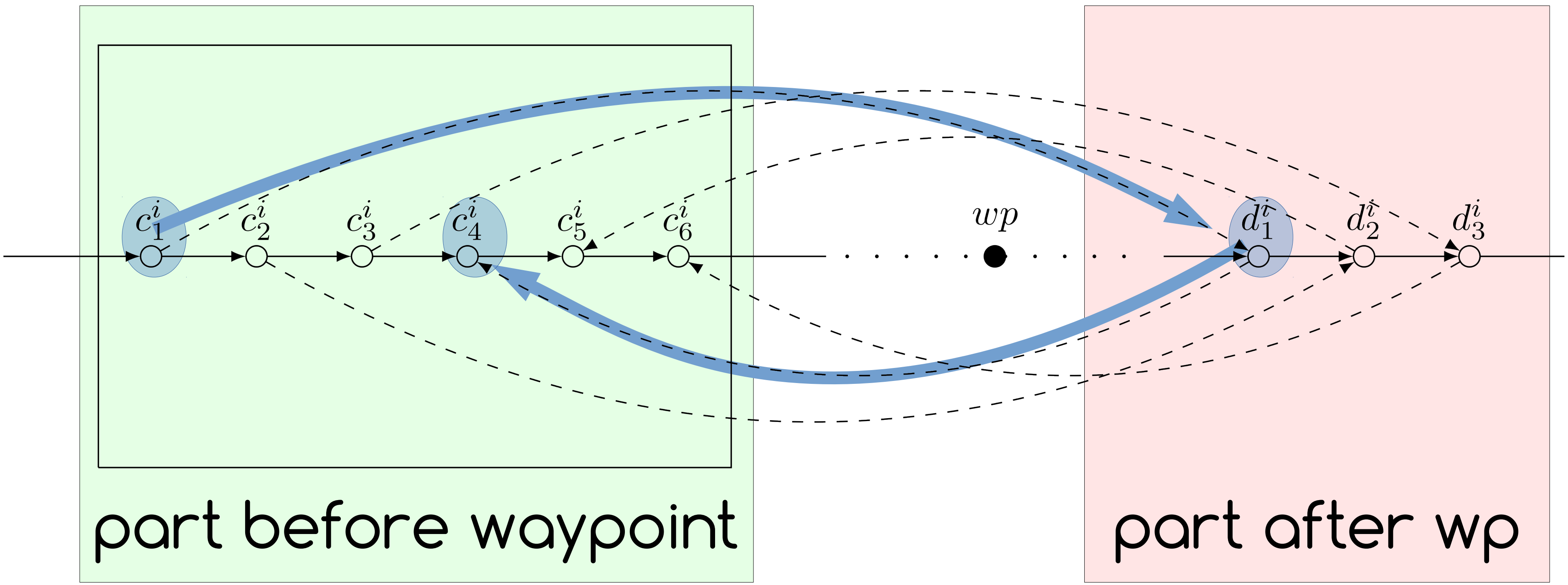

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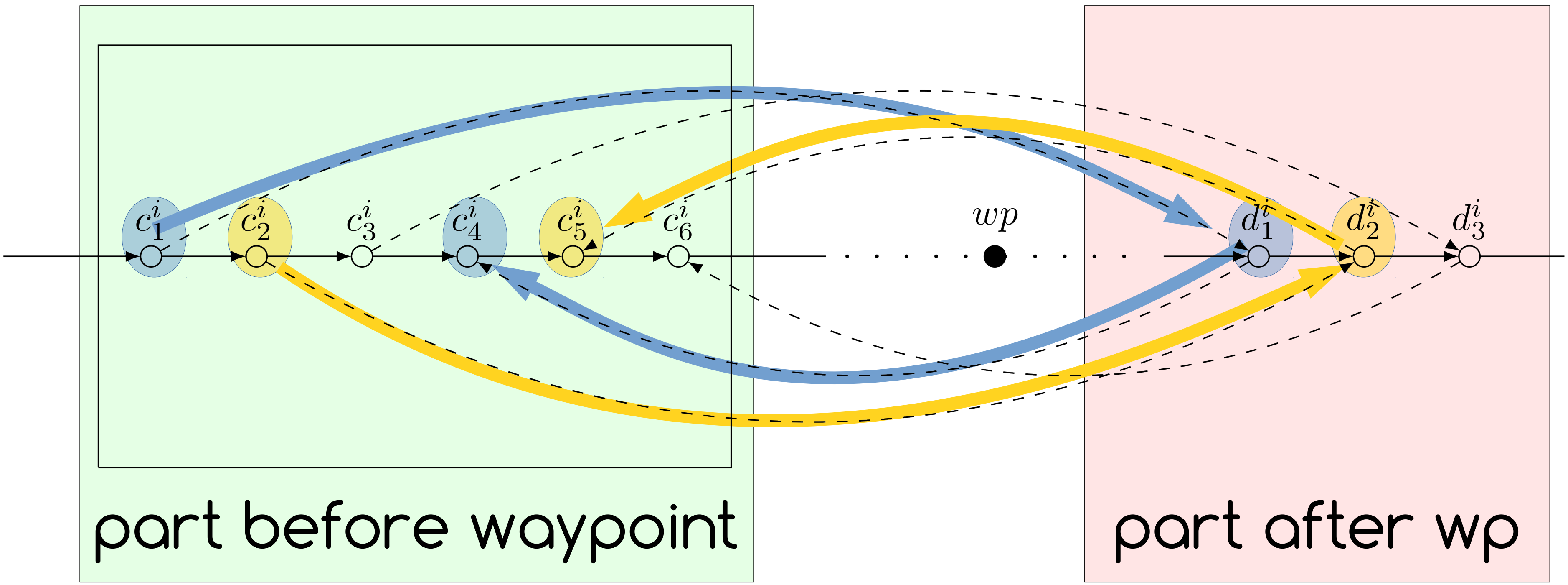

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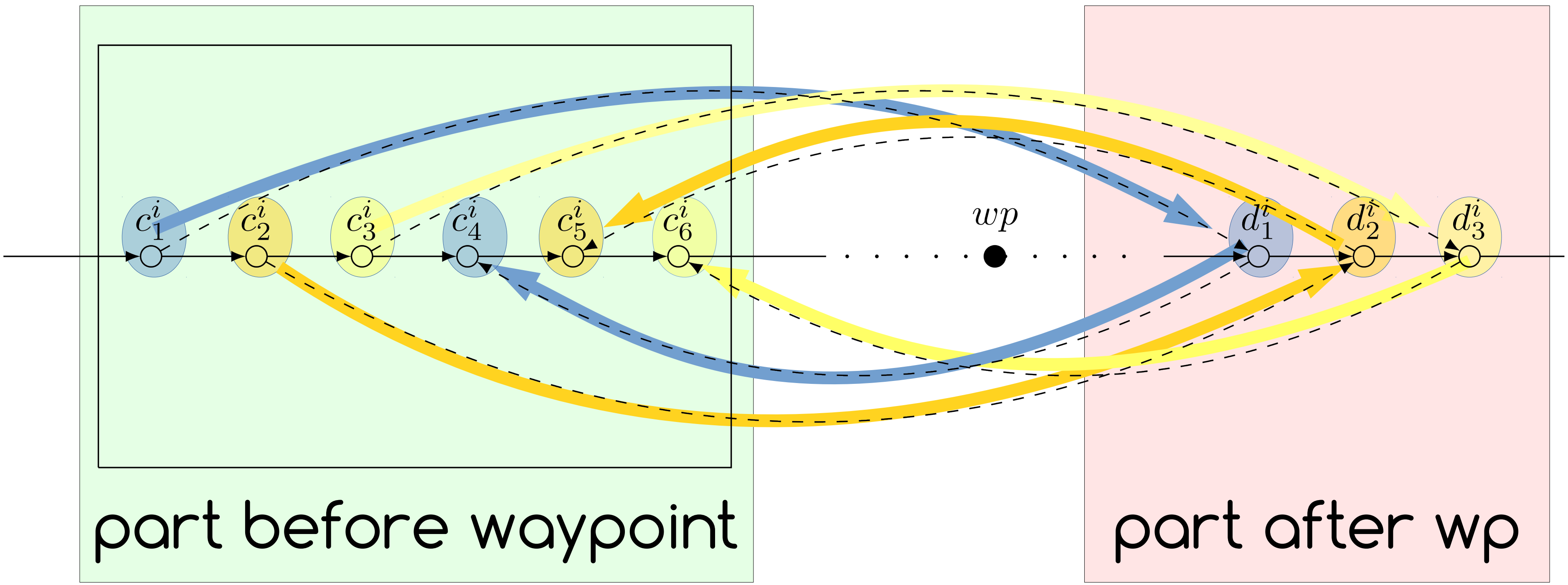

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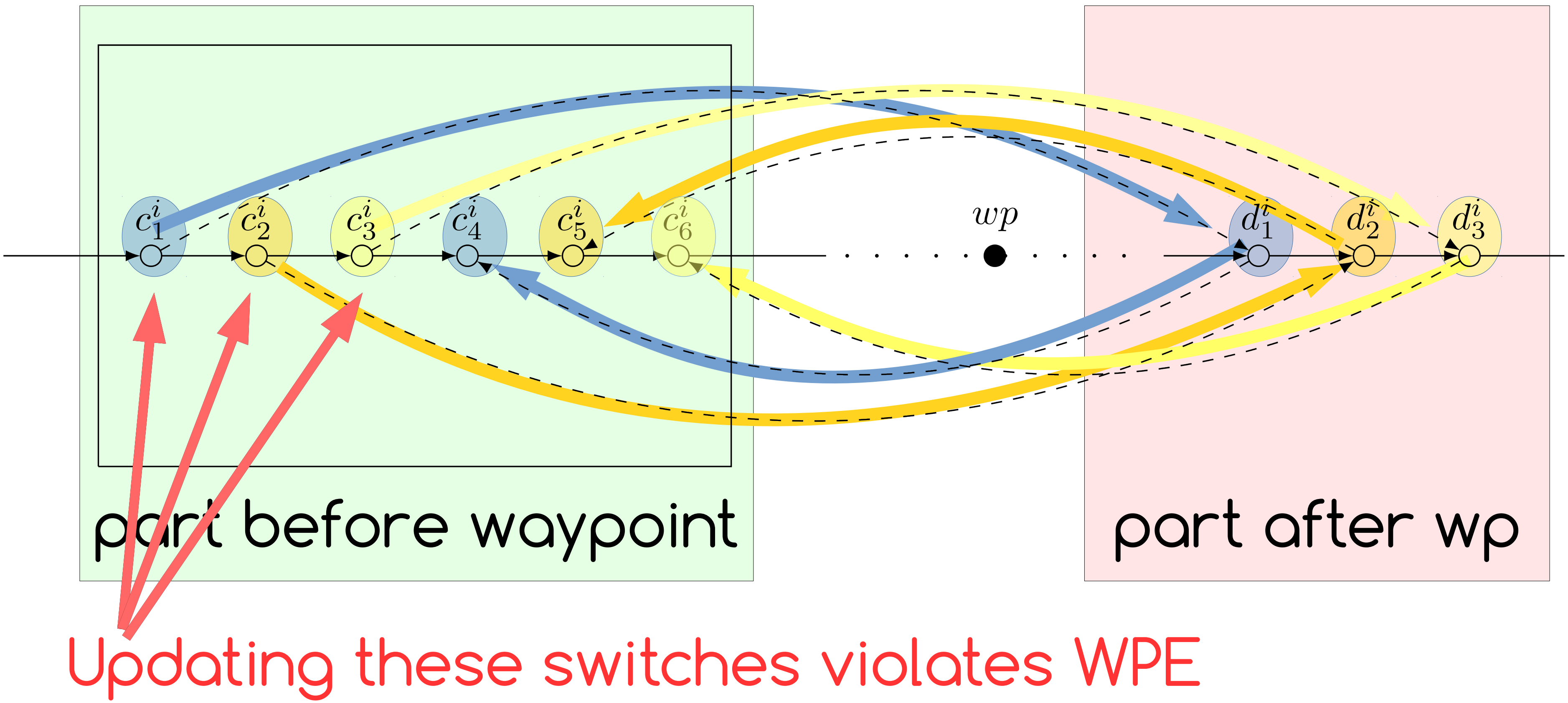

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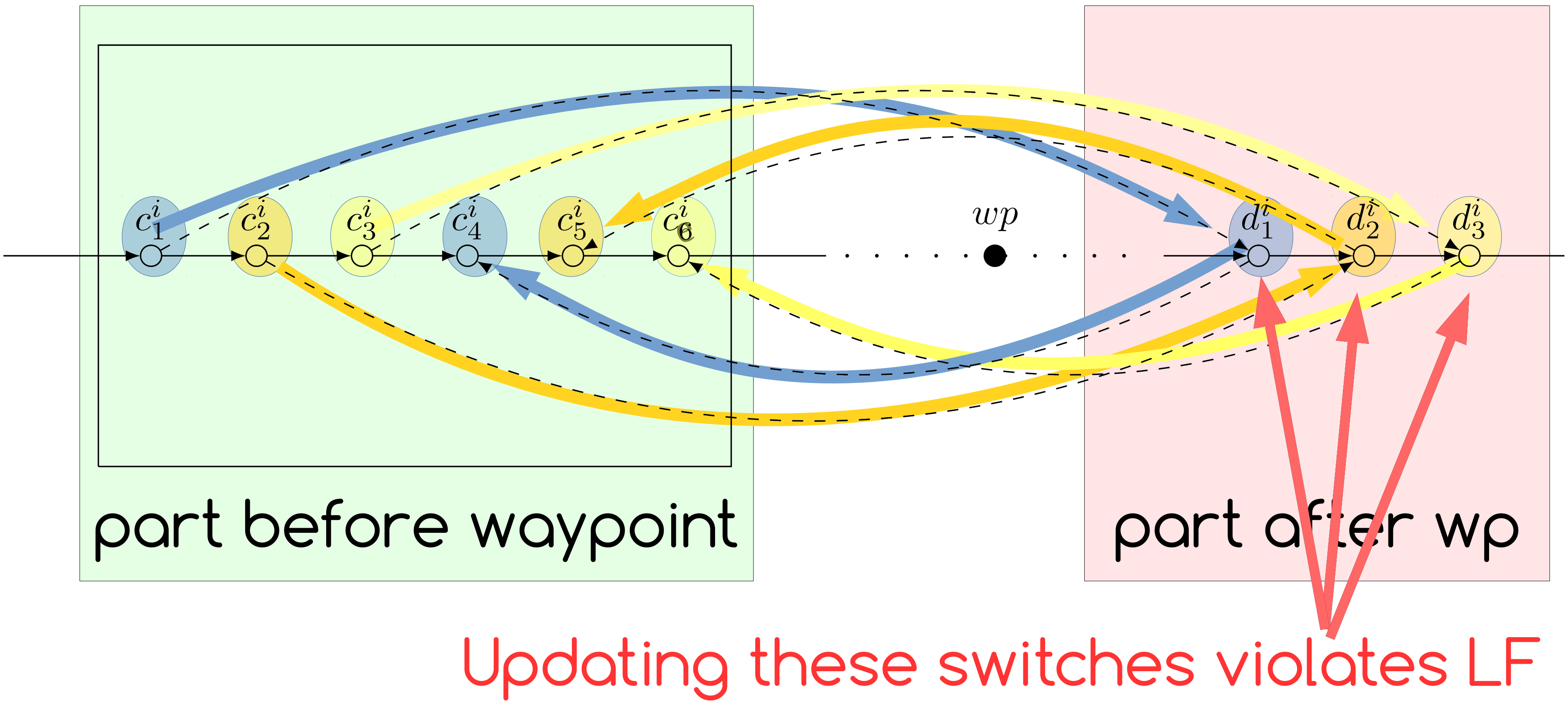

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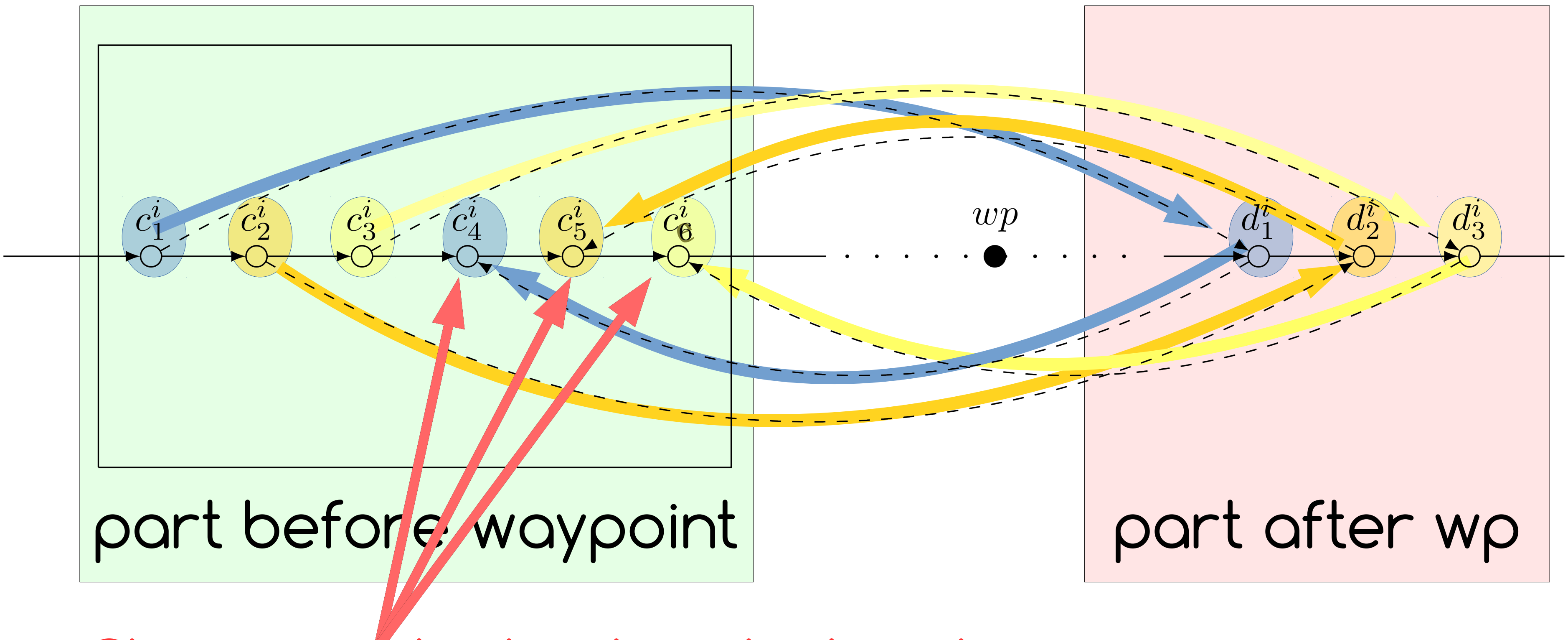

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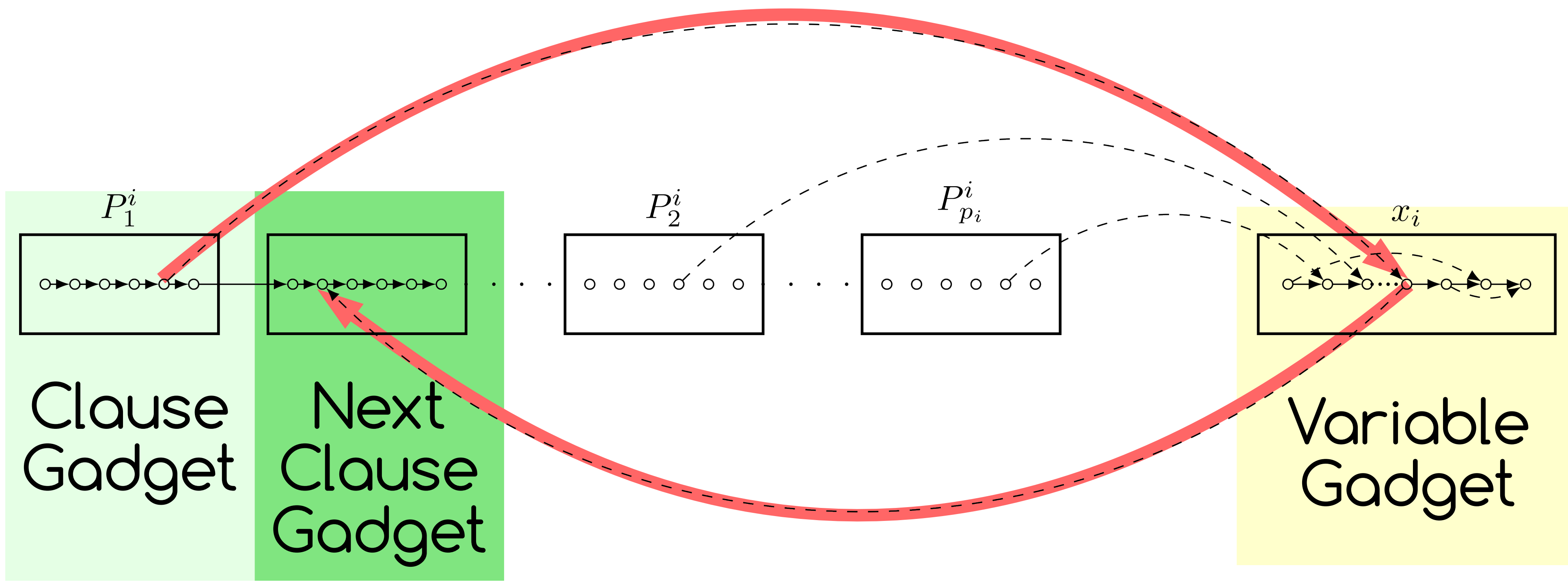

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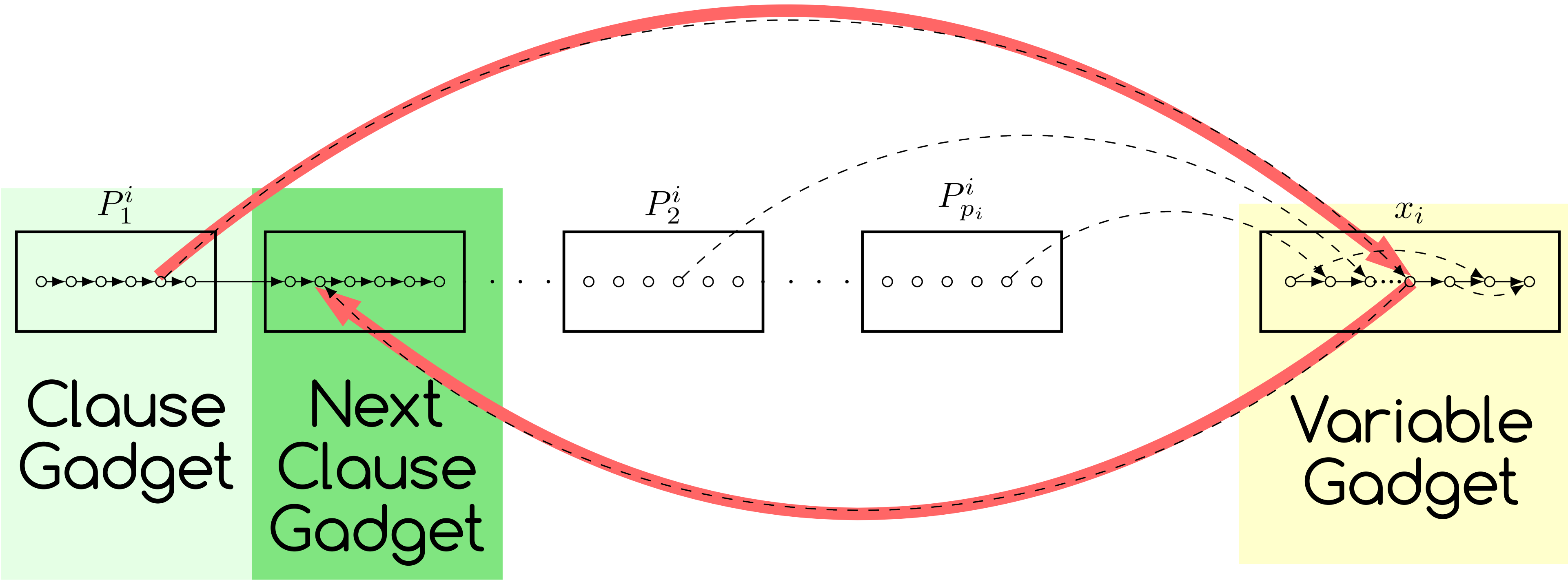

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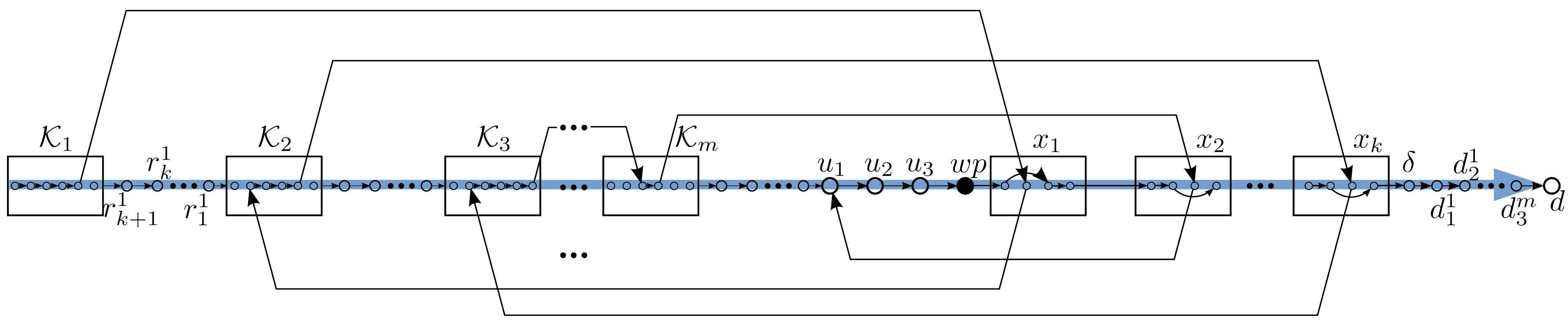

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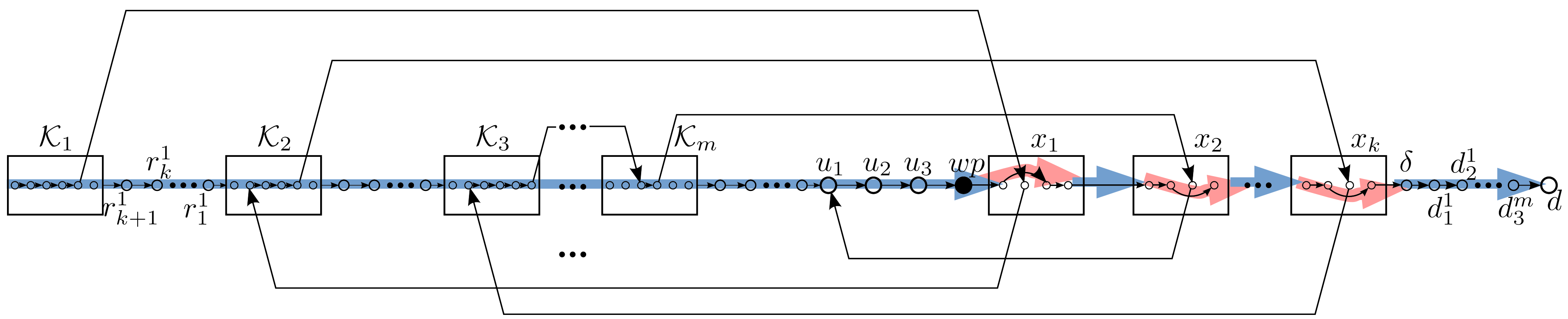

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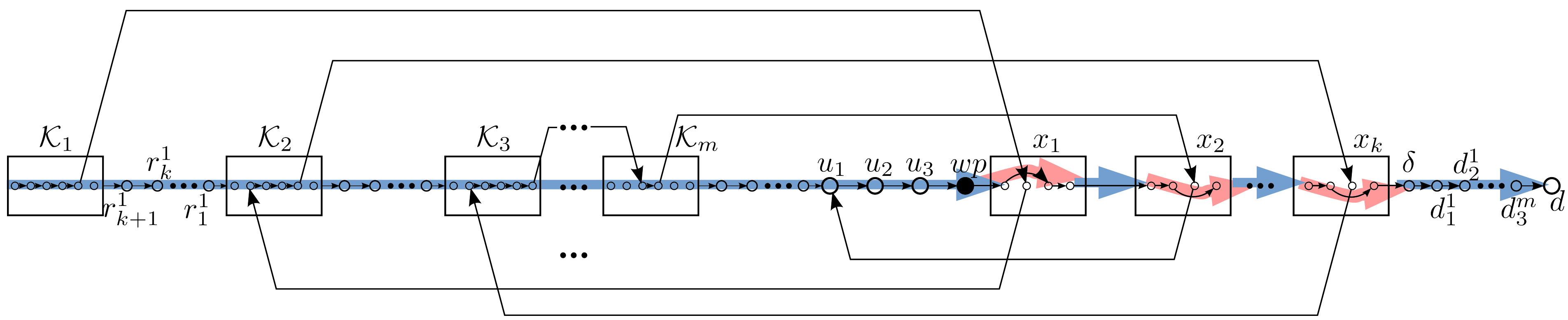

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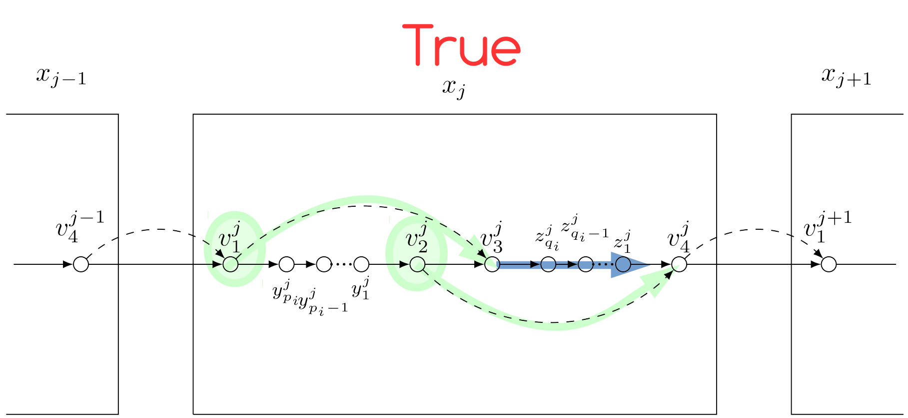

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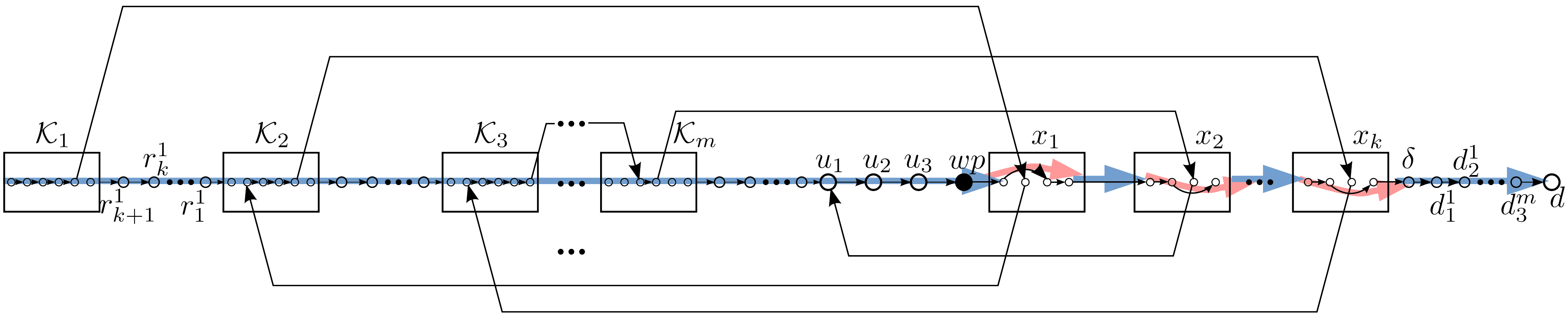

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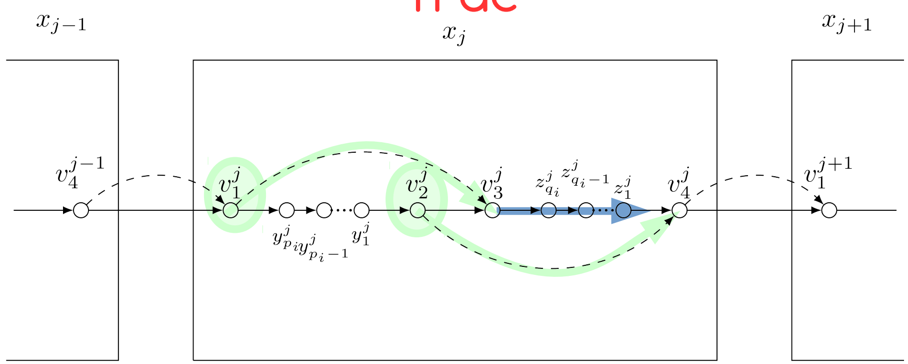

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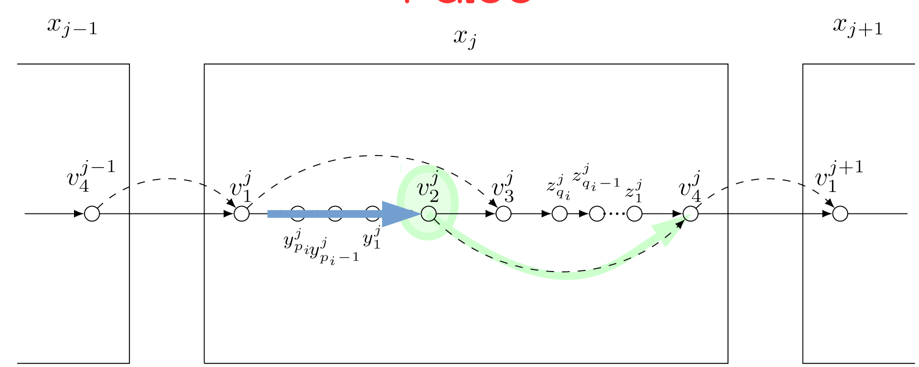

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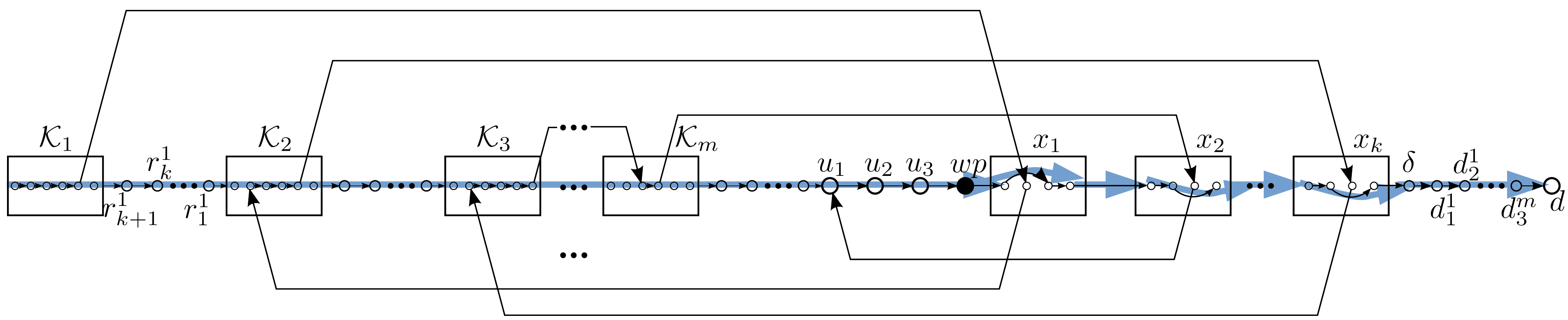

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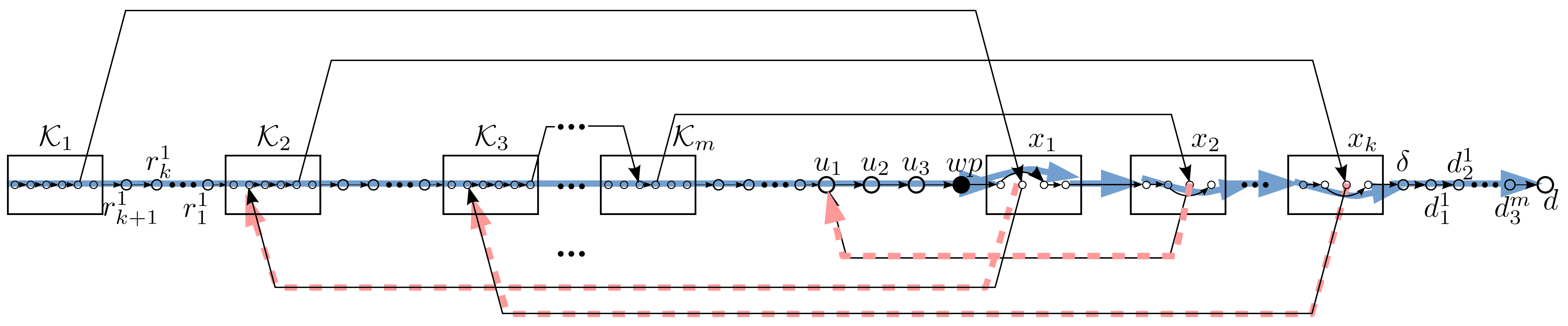

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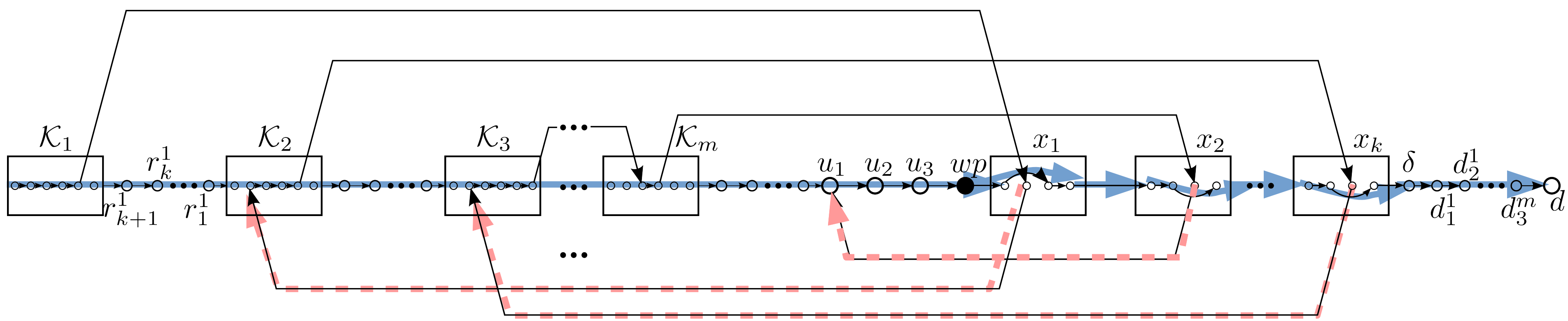

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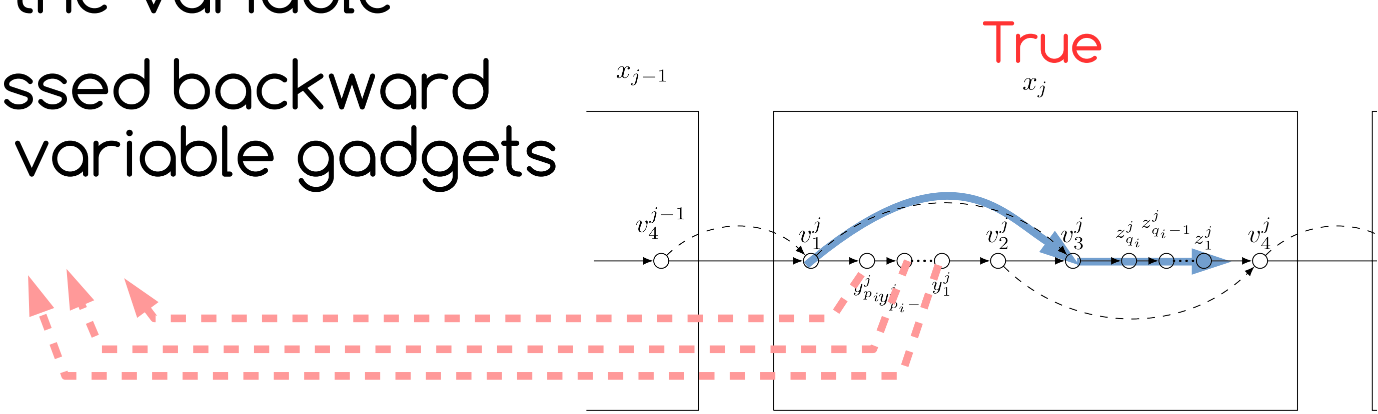

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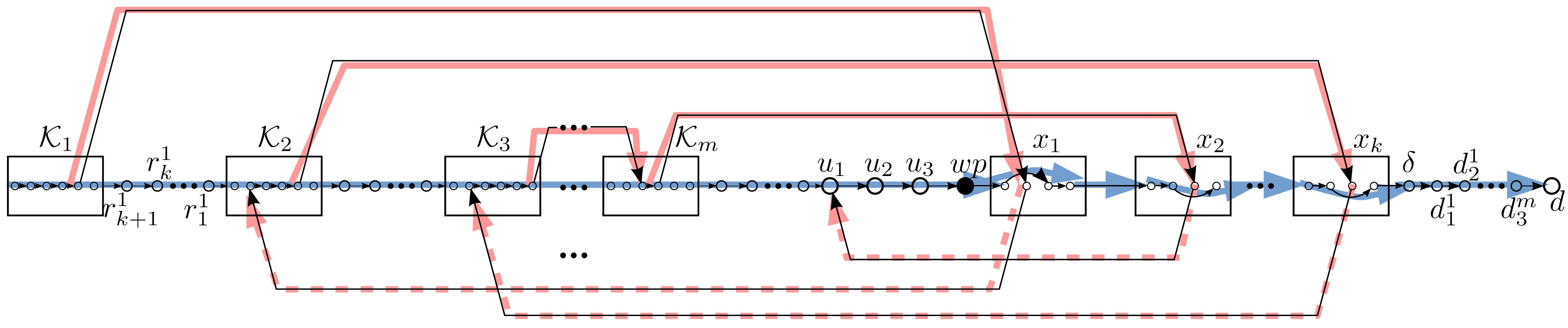

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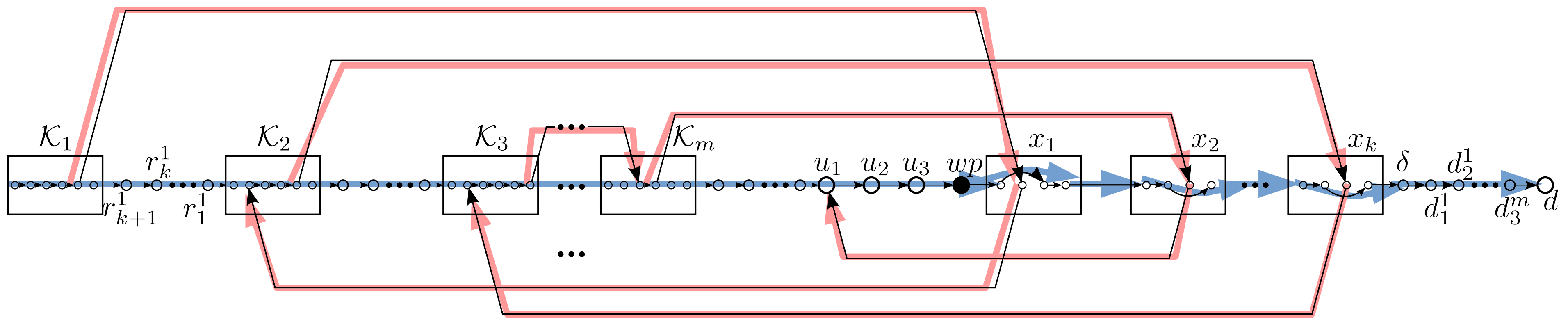

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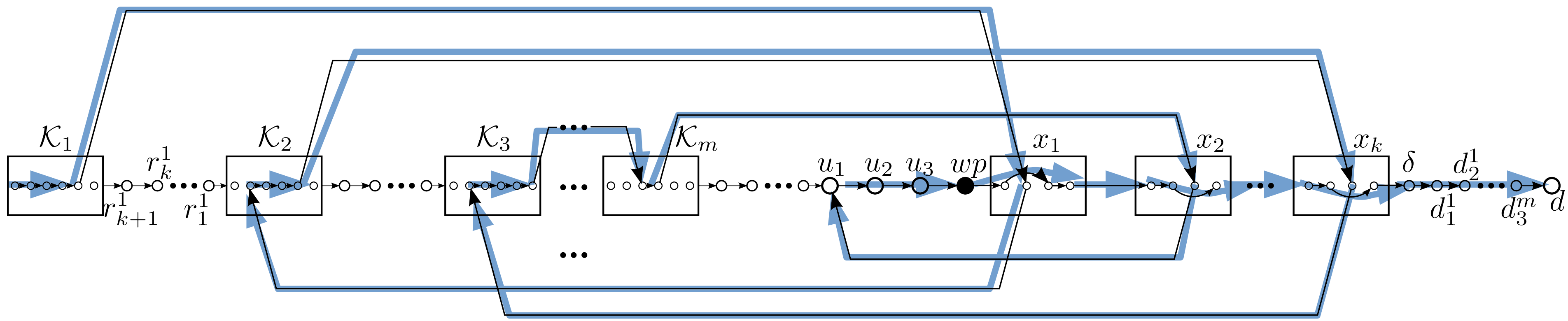

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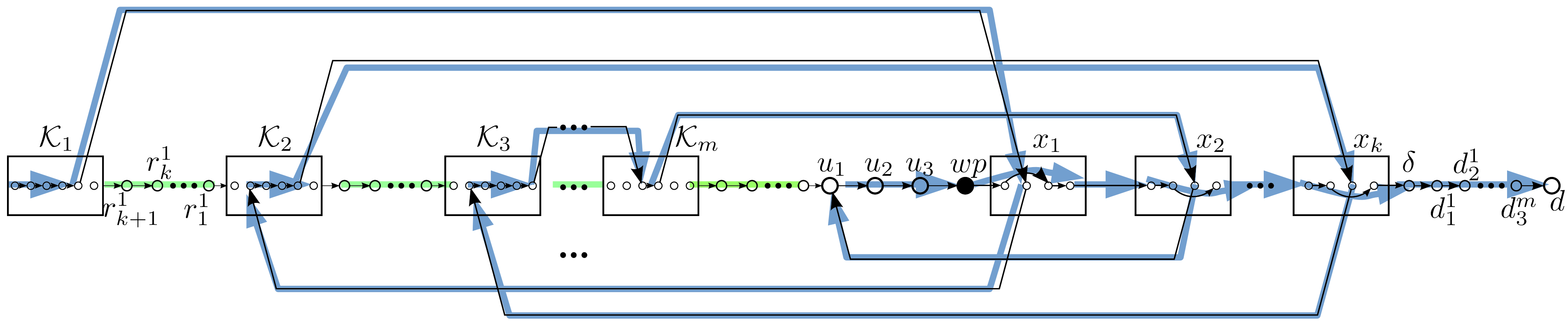

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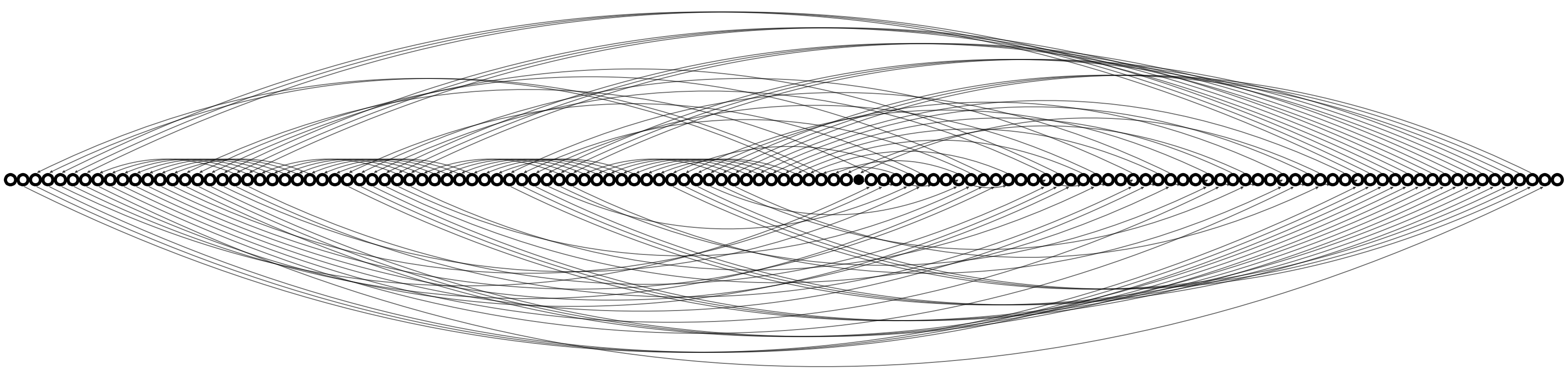

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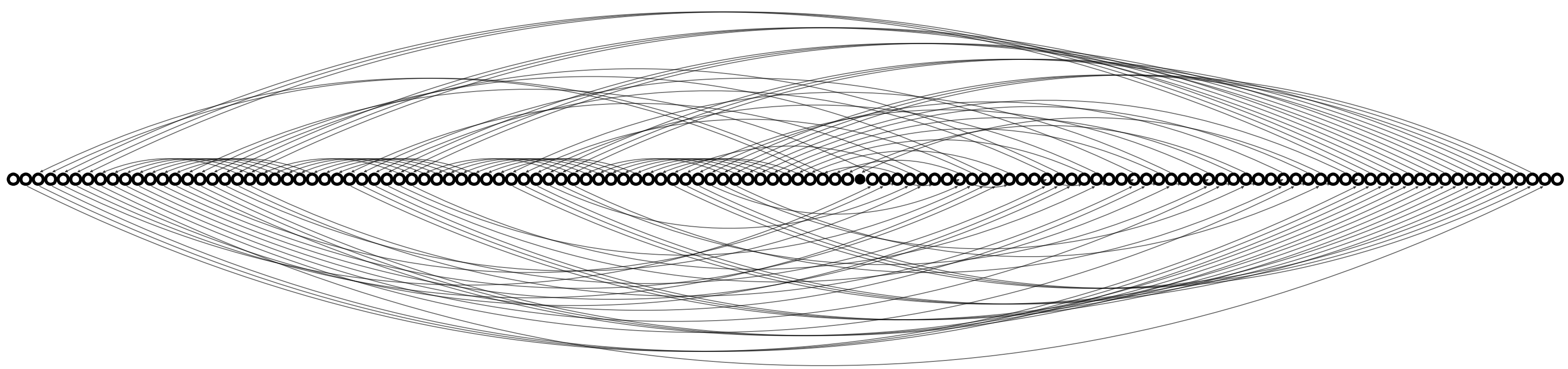

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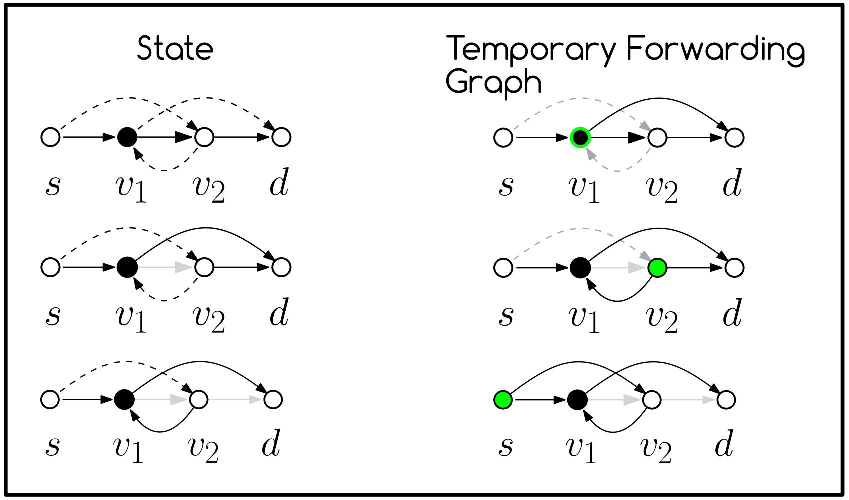

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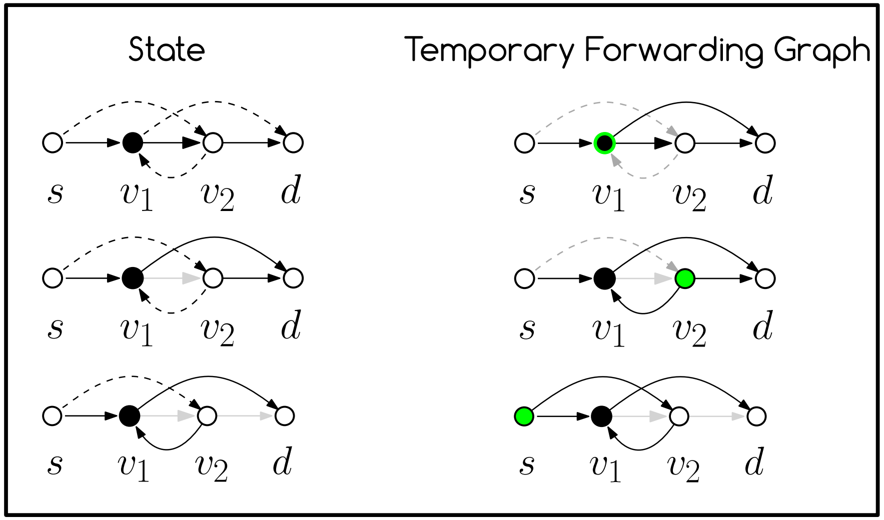

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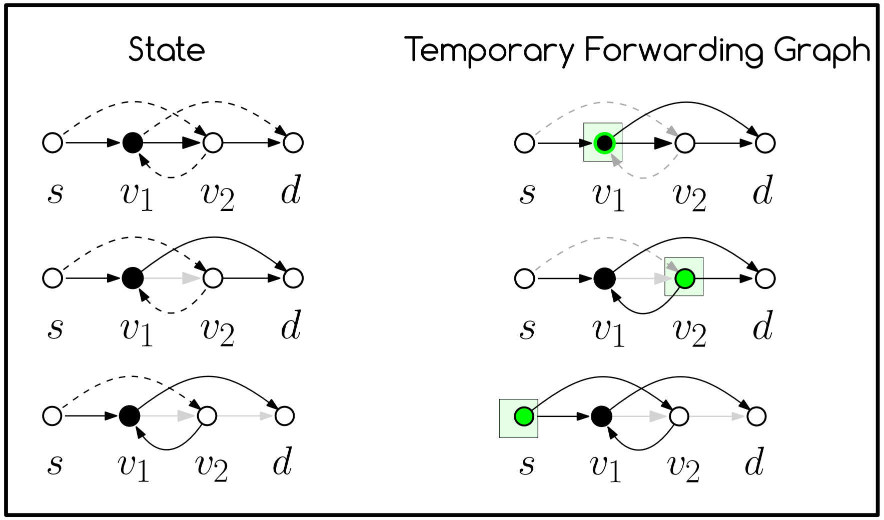

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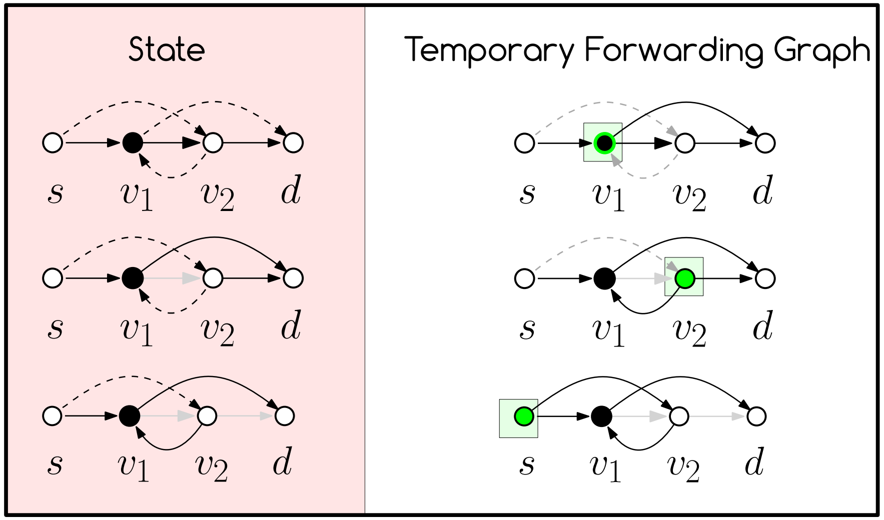

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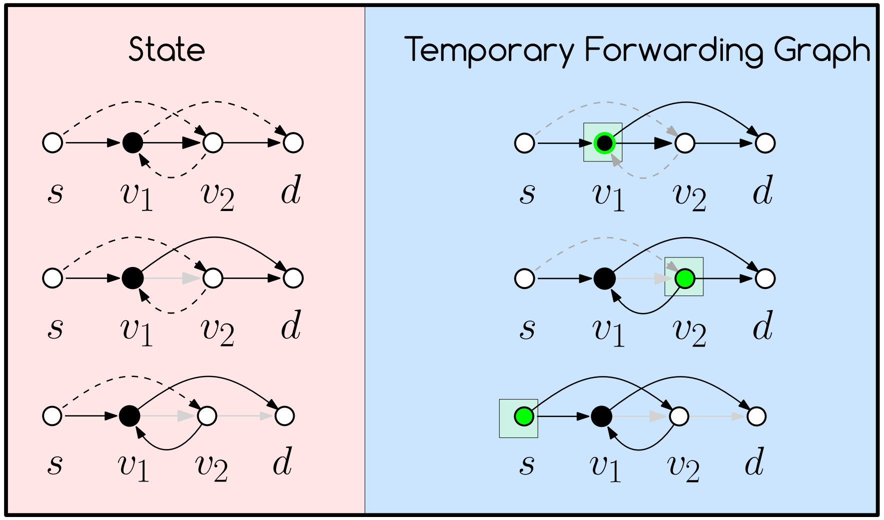

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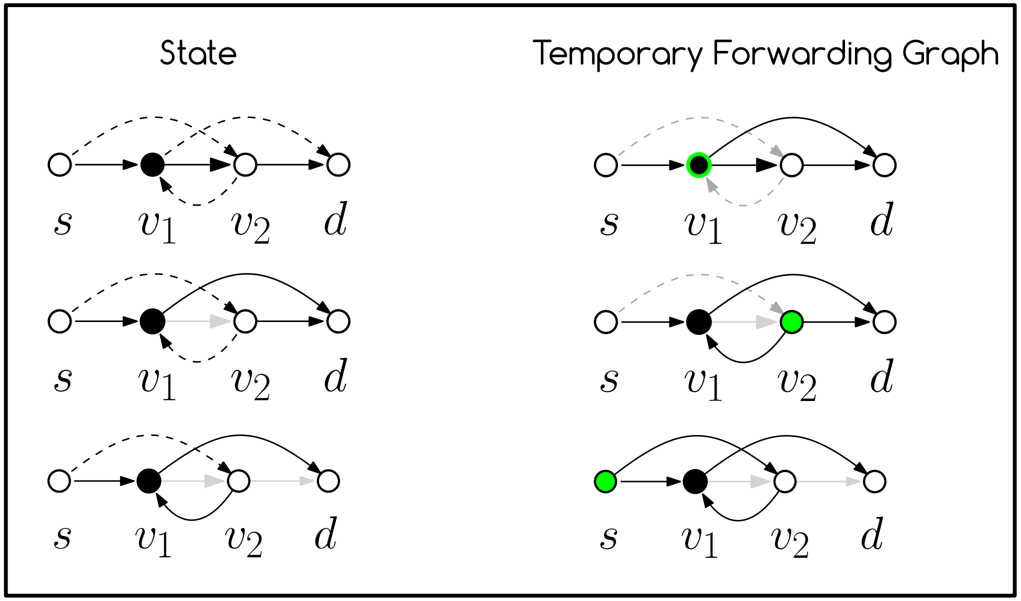

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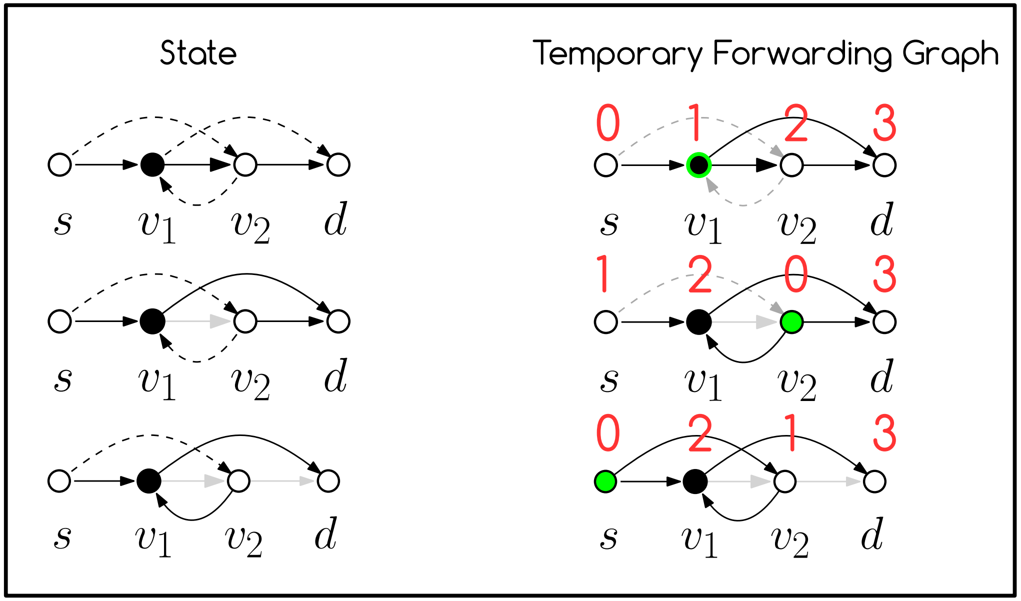

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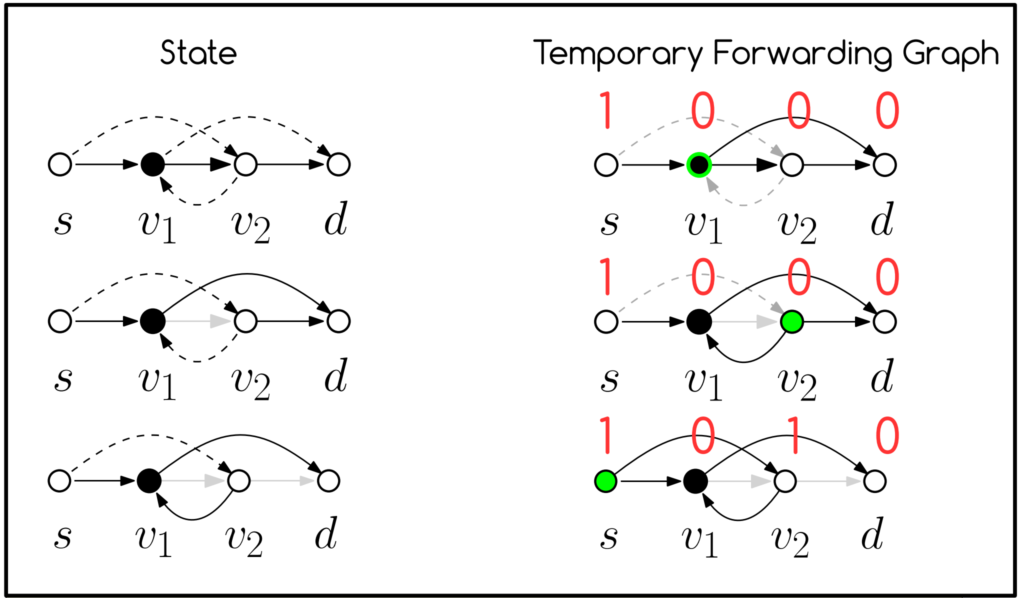

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Additional s-d flows for each round to improve relaxations.

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Practice: Computational Experiments

Computational Setup

- 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)

Computational Setup

- Consider 8 different MIP formulations

  S(LF) vs. **R**(LF)

  D(ecision) vs. -

  F(low Extension) vs. -

- Use Gurobi 6.5.0 to solve the formulations using branch-and-bound
- Terminate computations after 600 seconds

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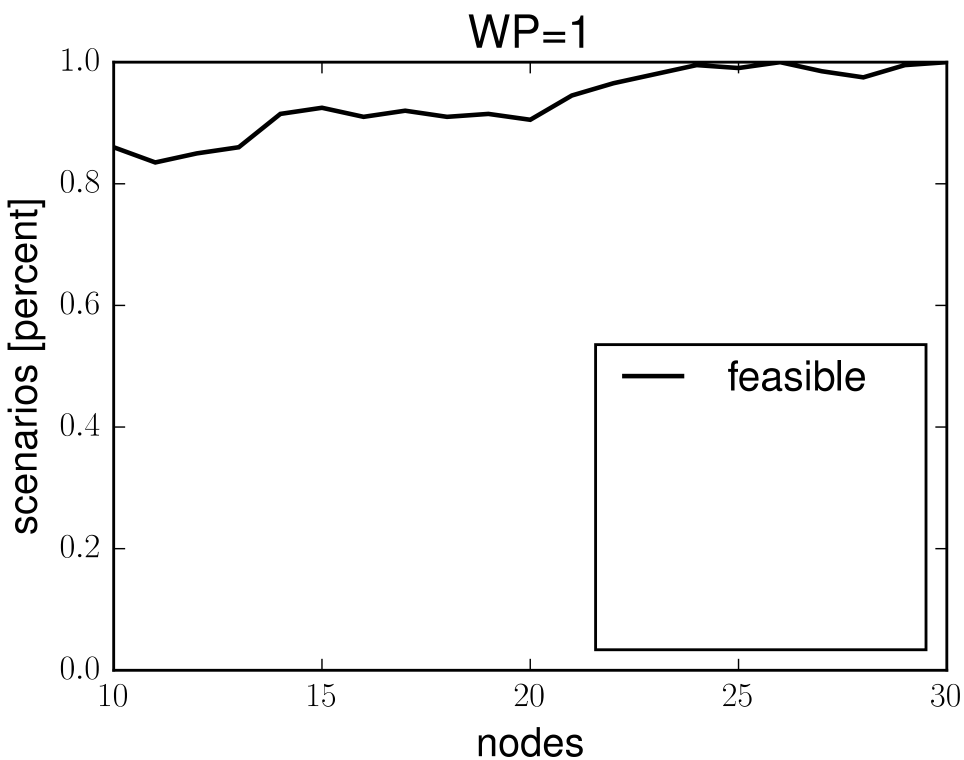

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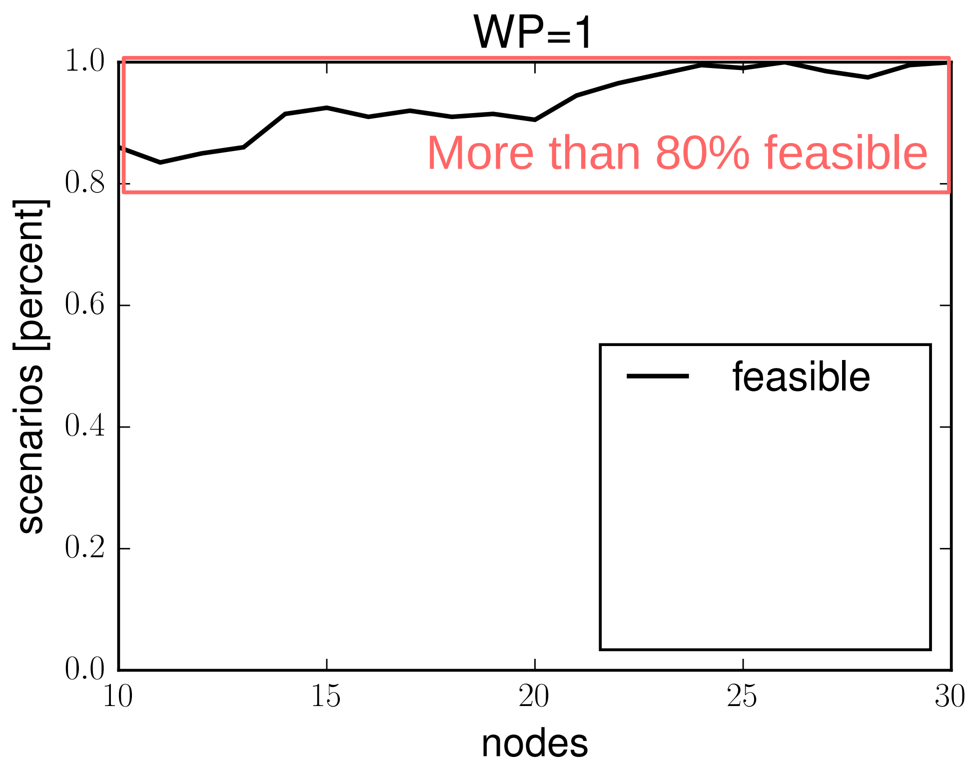

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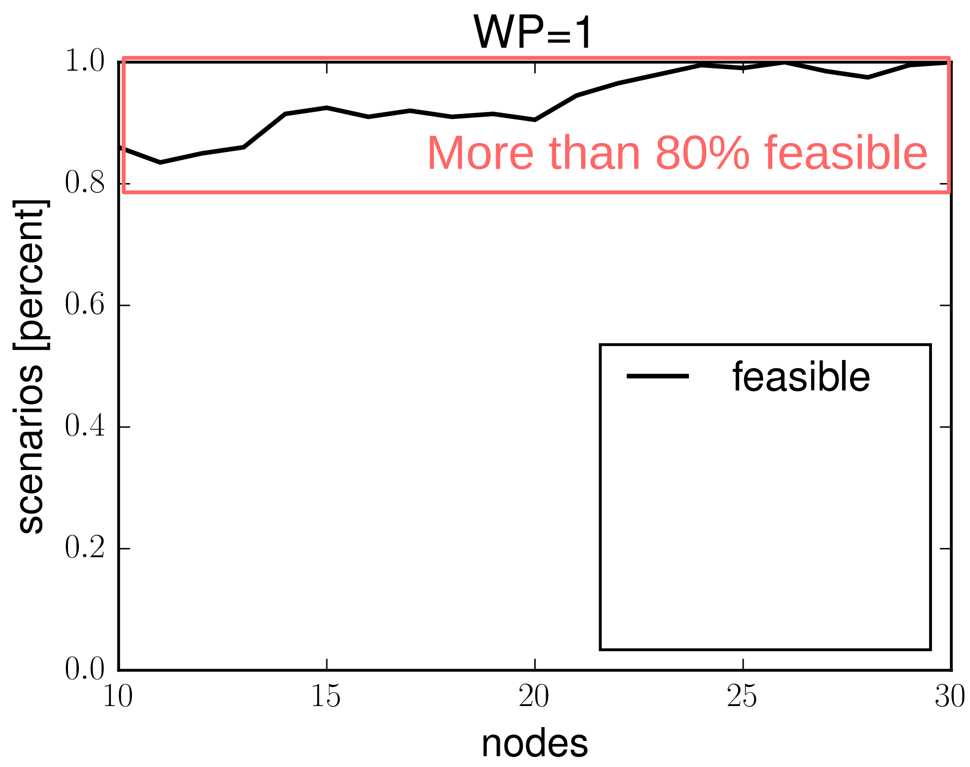

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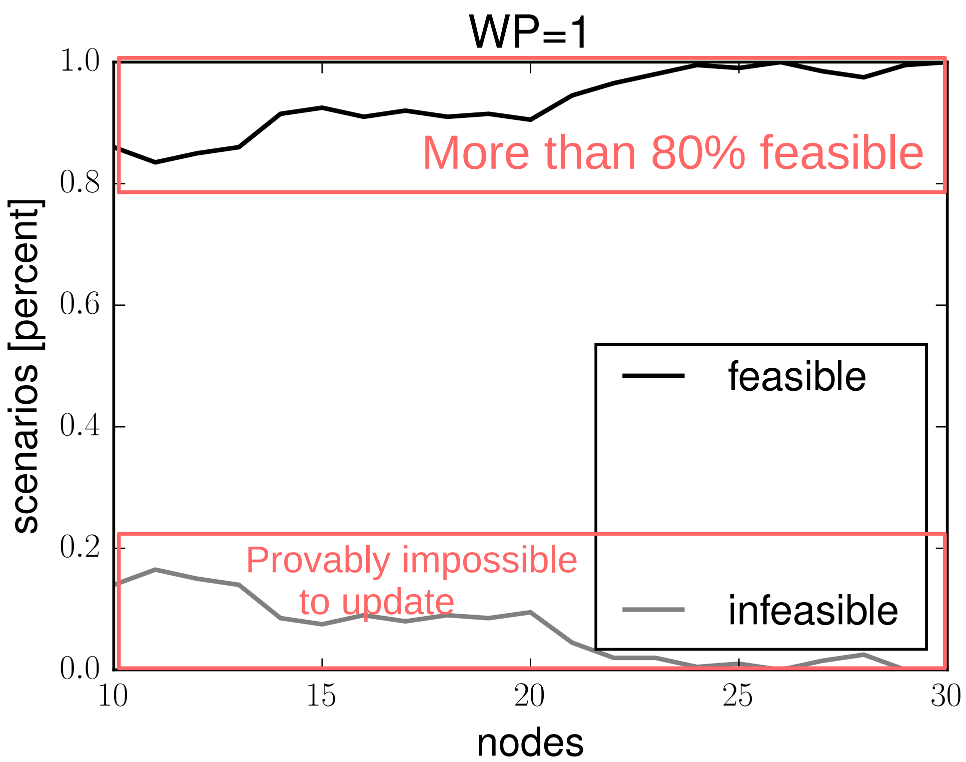

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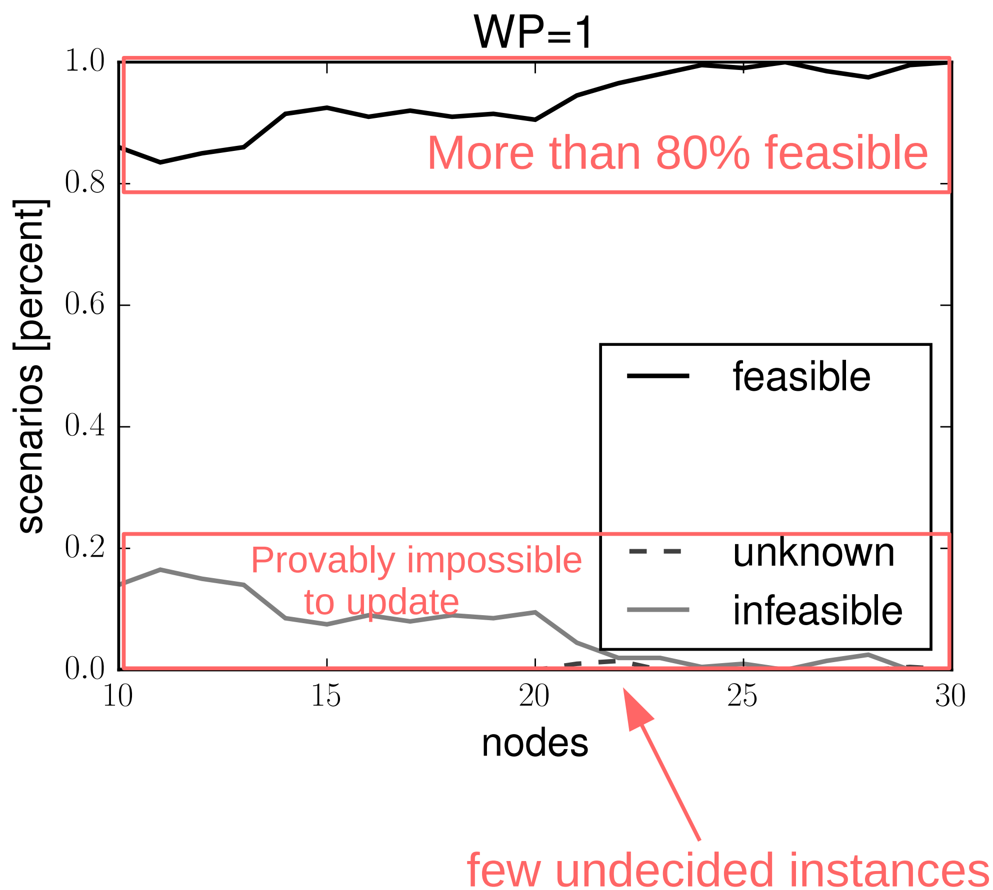

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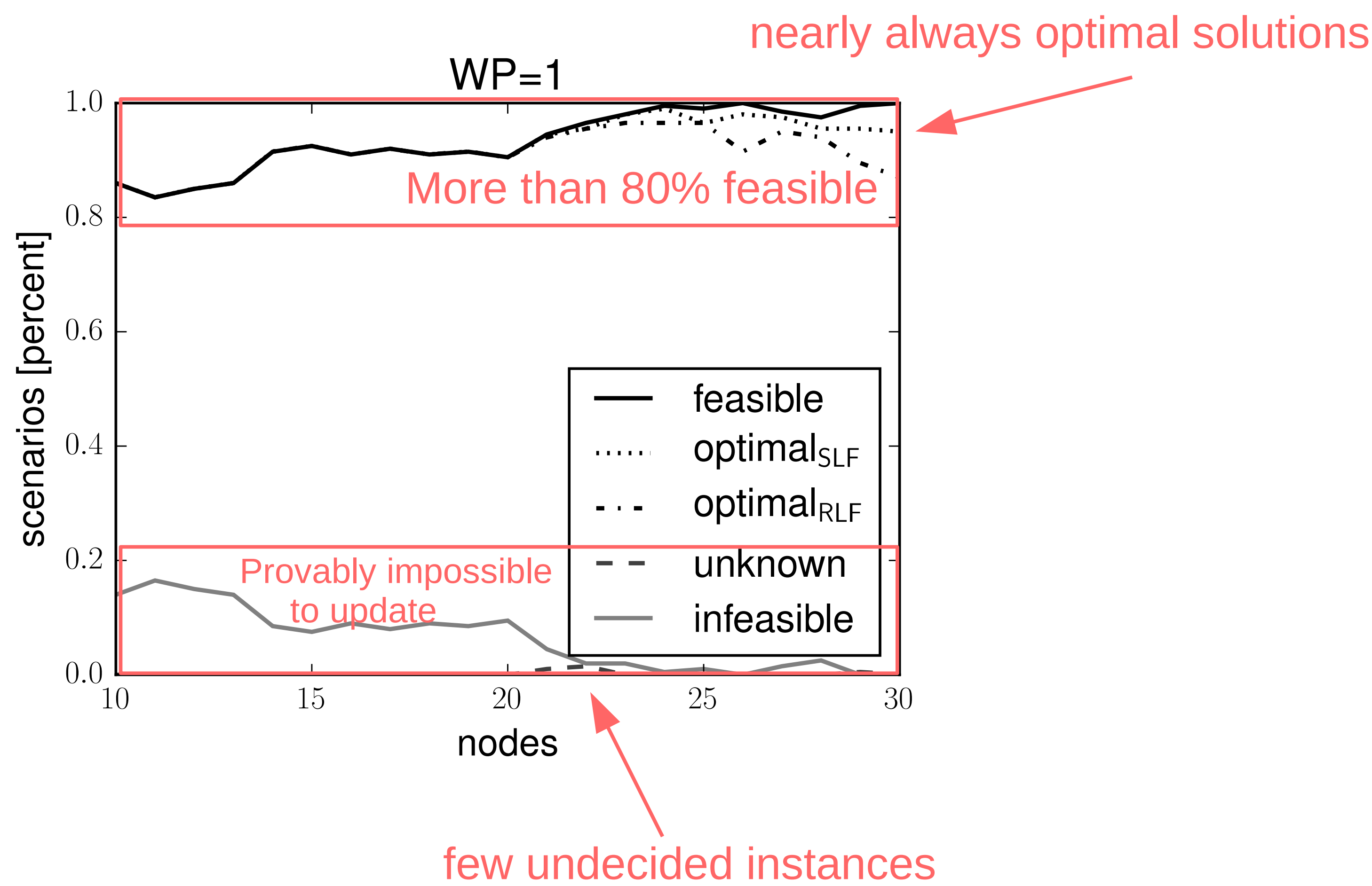

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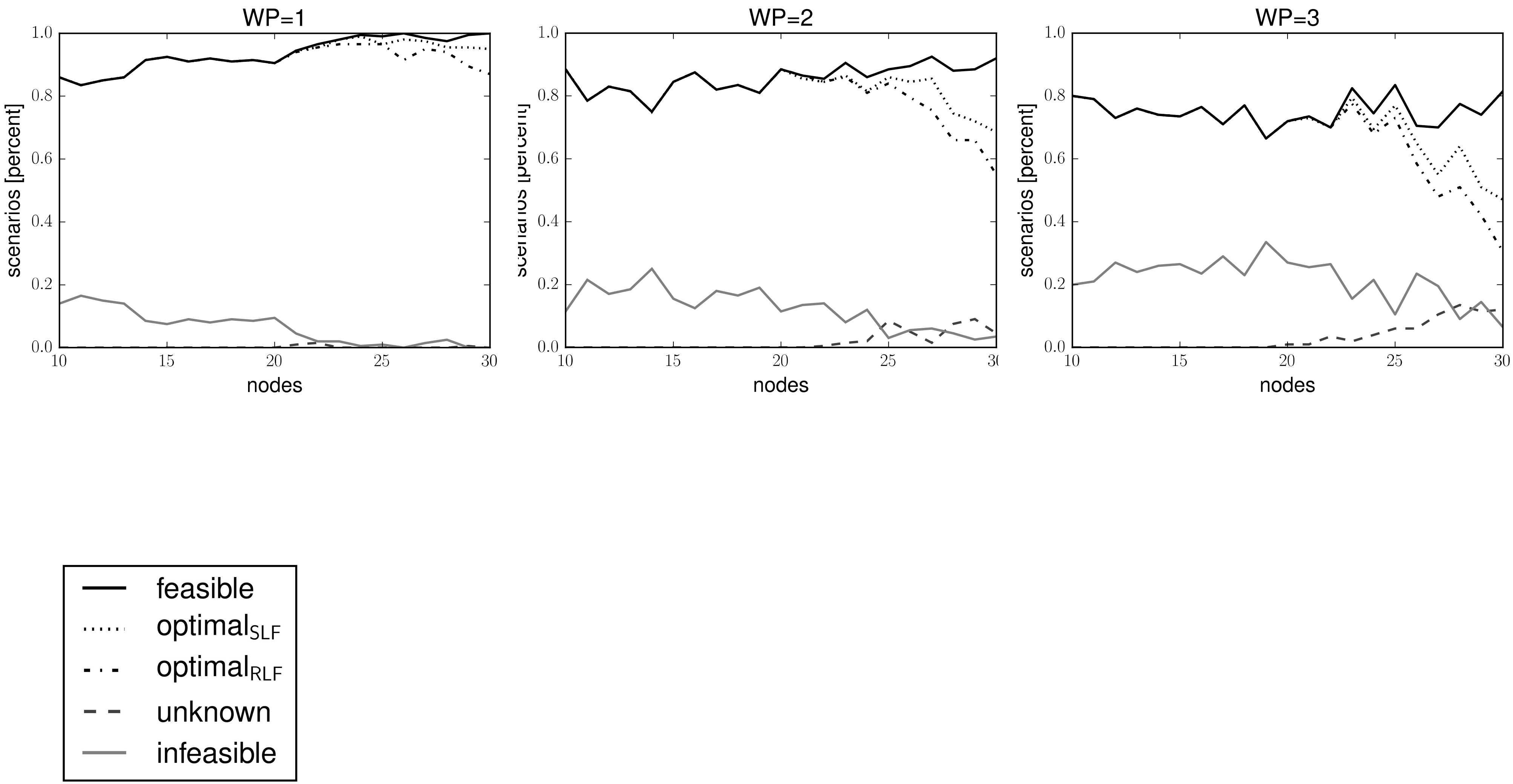

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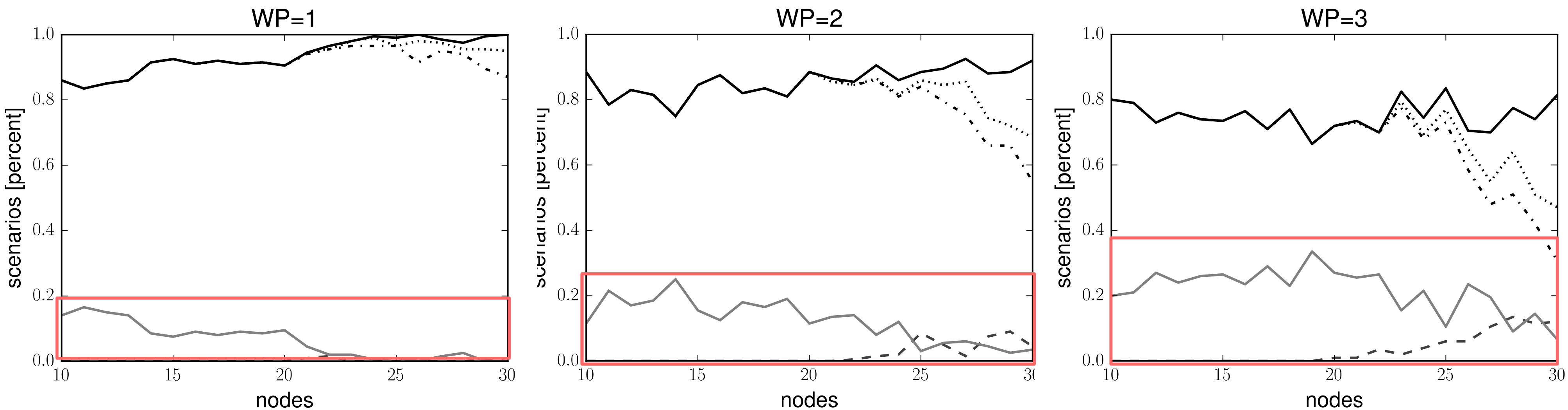

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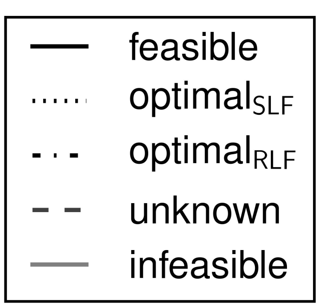

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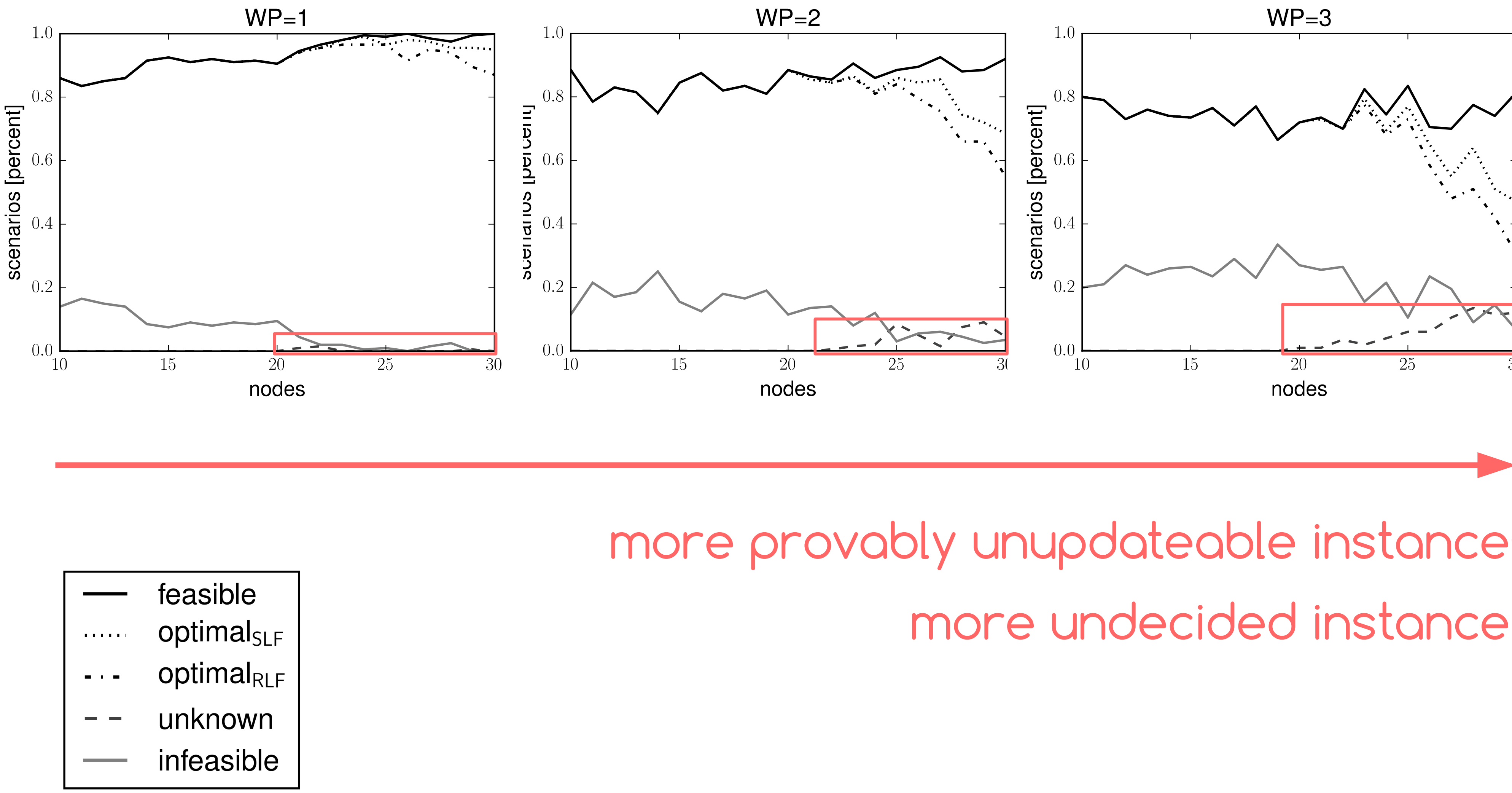

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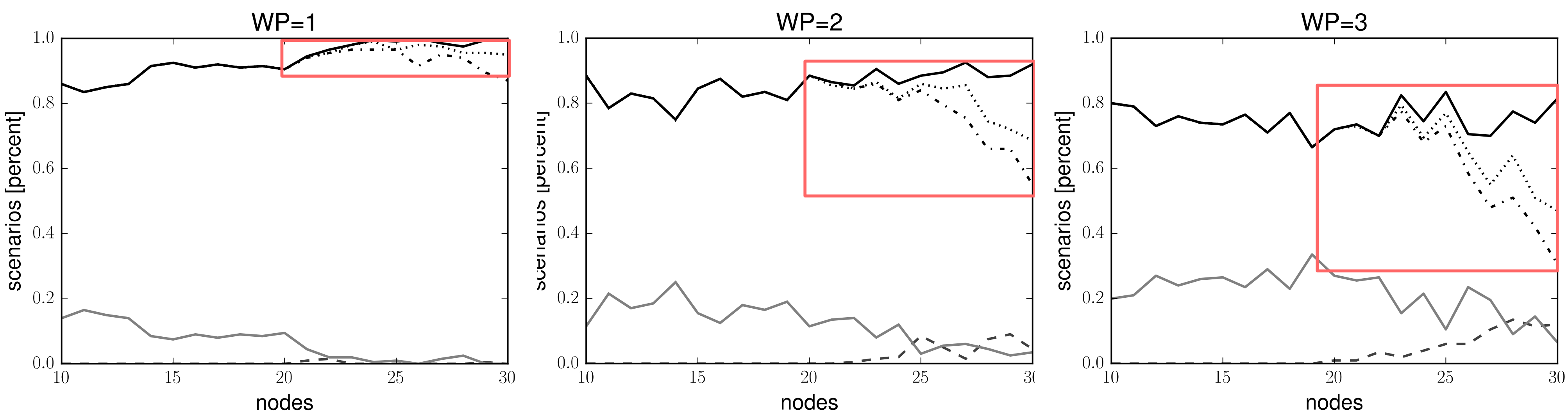

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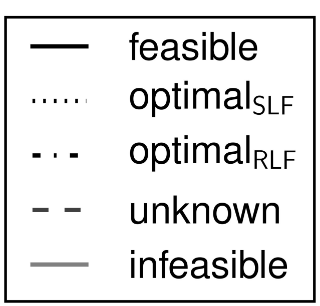

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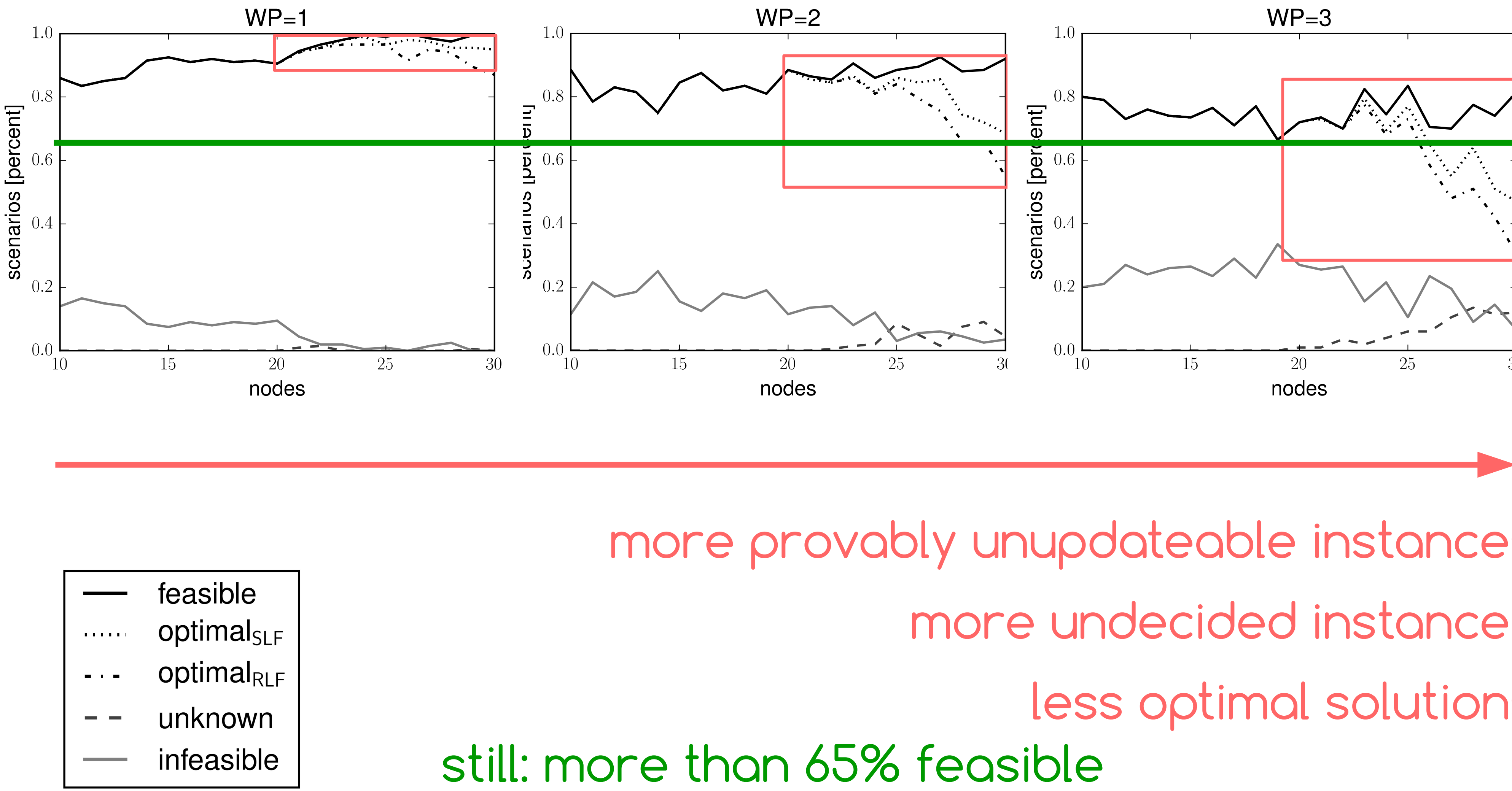

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still: more than 65% feasible

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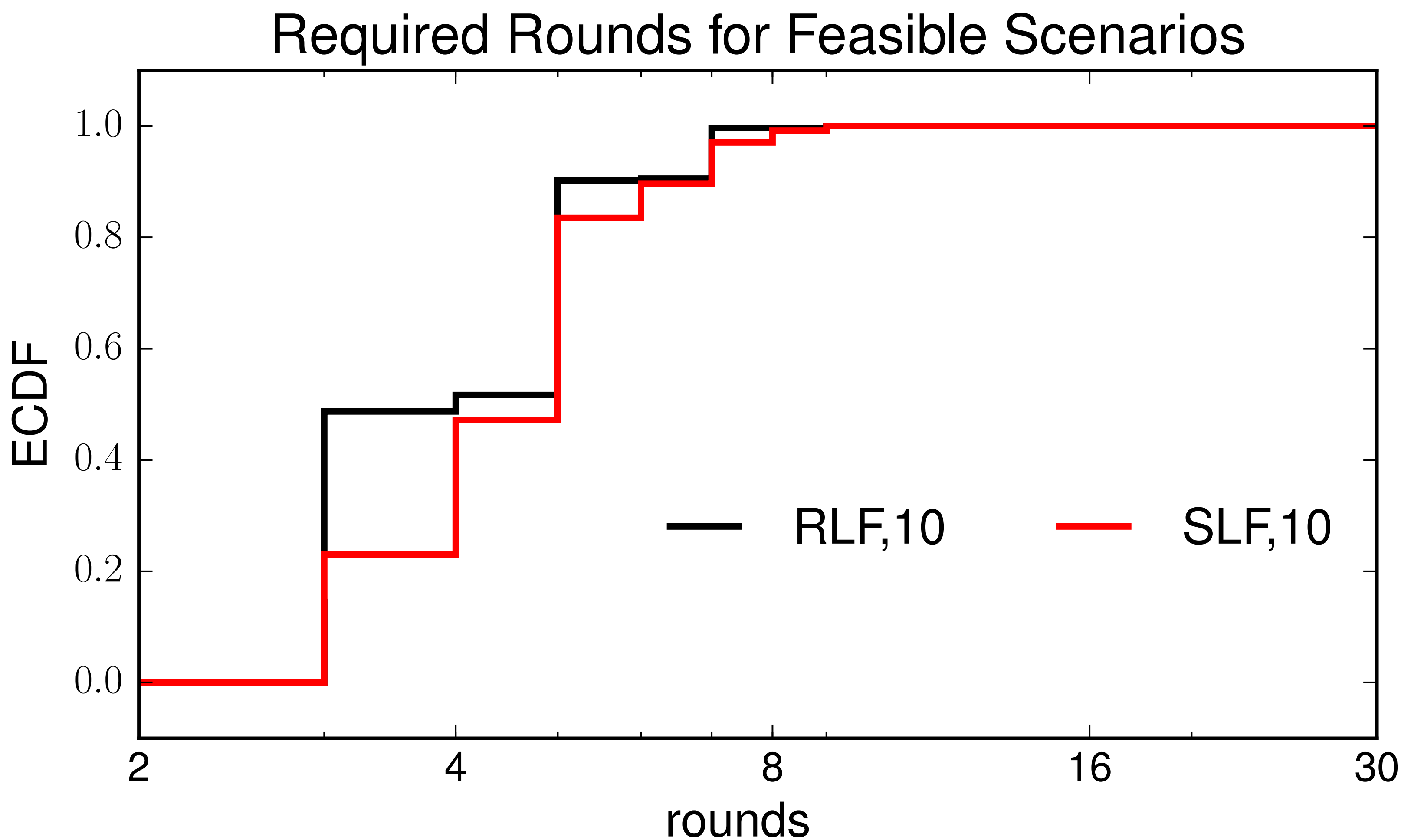

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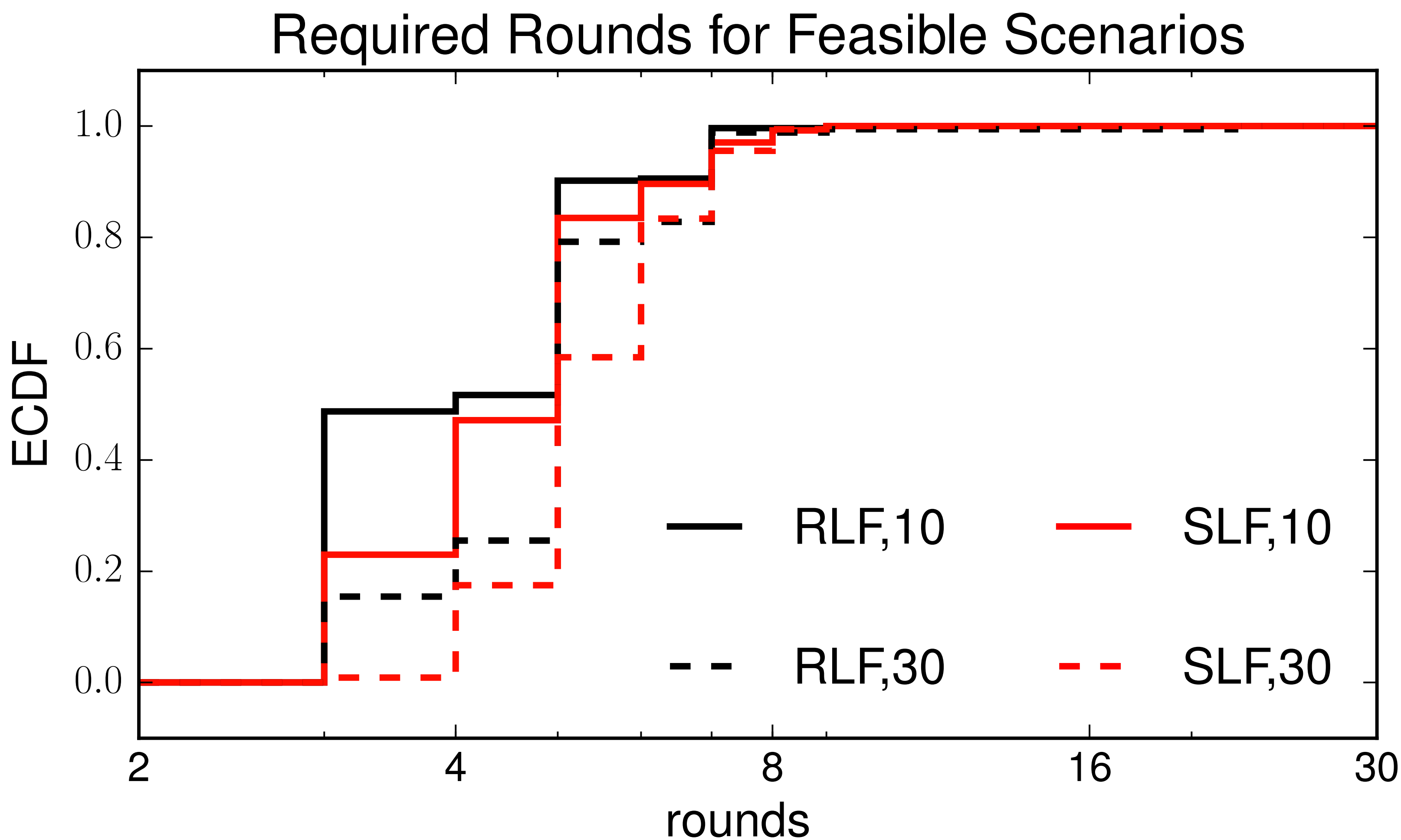

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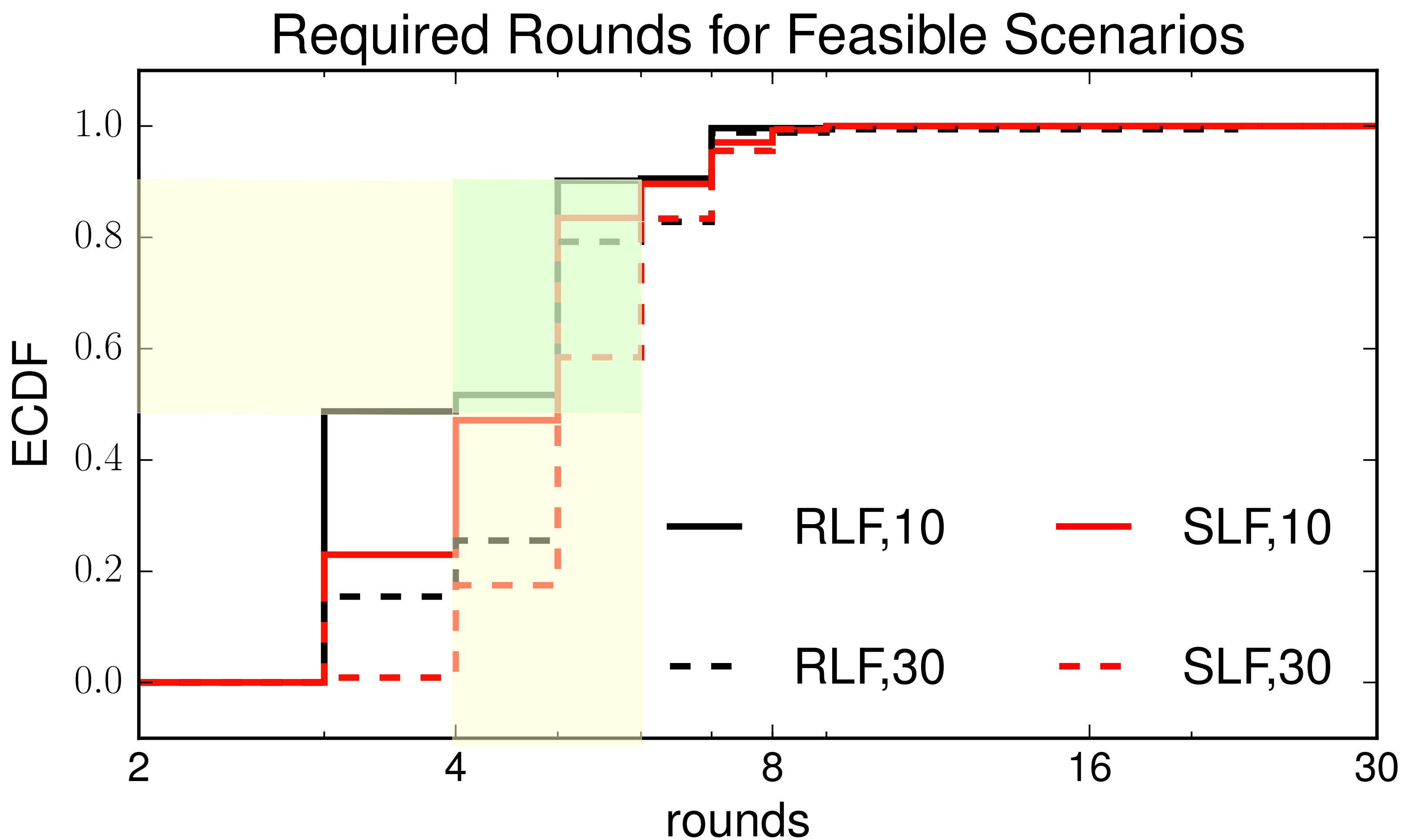

50% to 90% within 4-6 rounds

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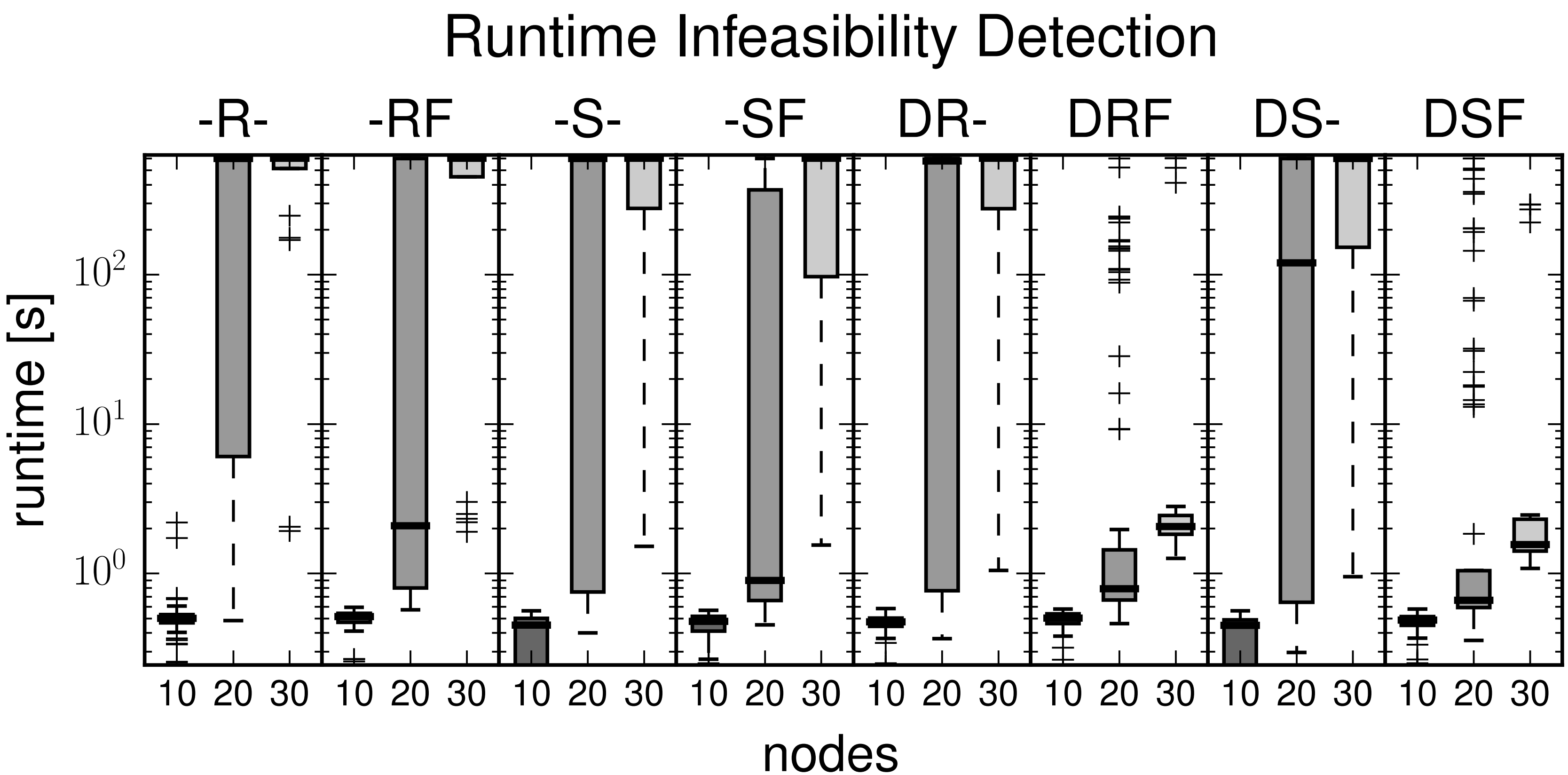

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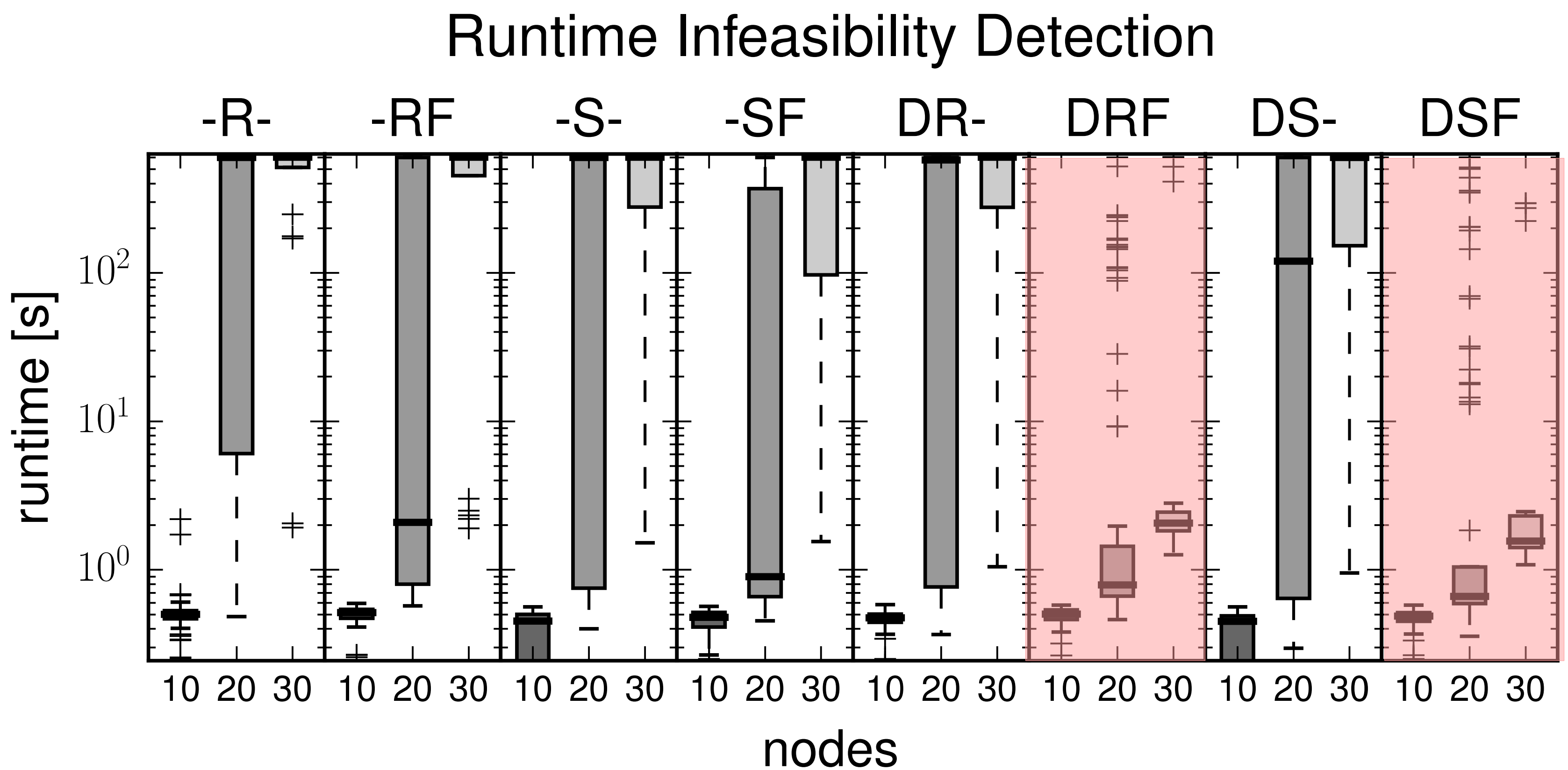

Combining Decision and Flow extension yields infeasibility certificates approx. 2 orders of magnitude faster.

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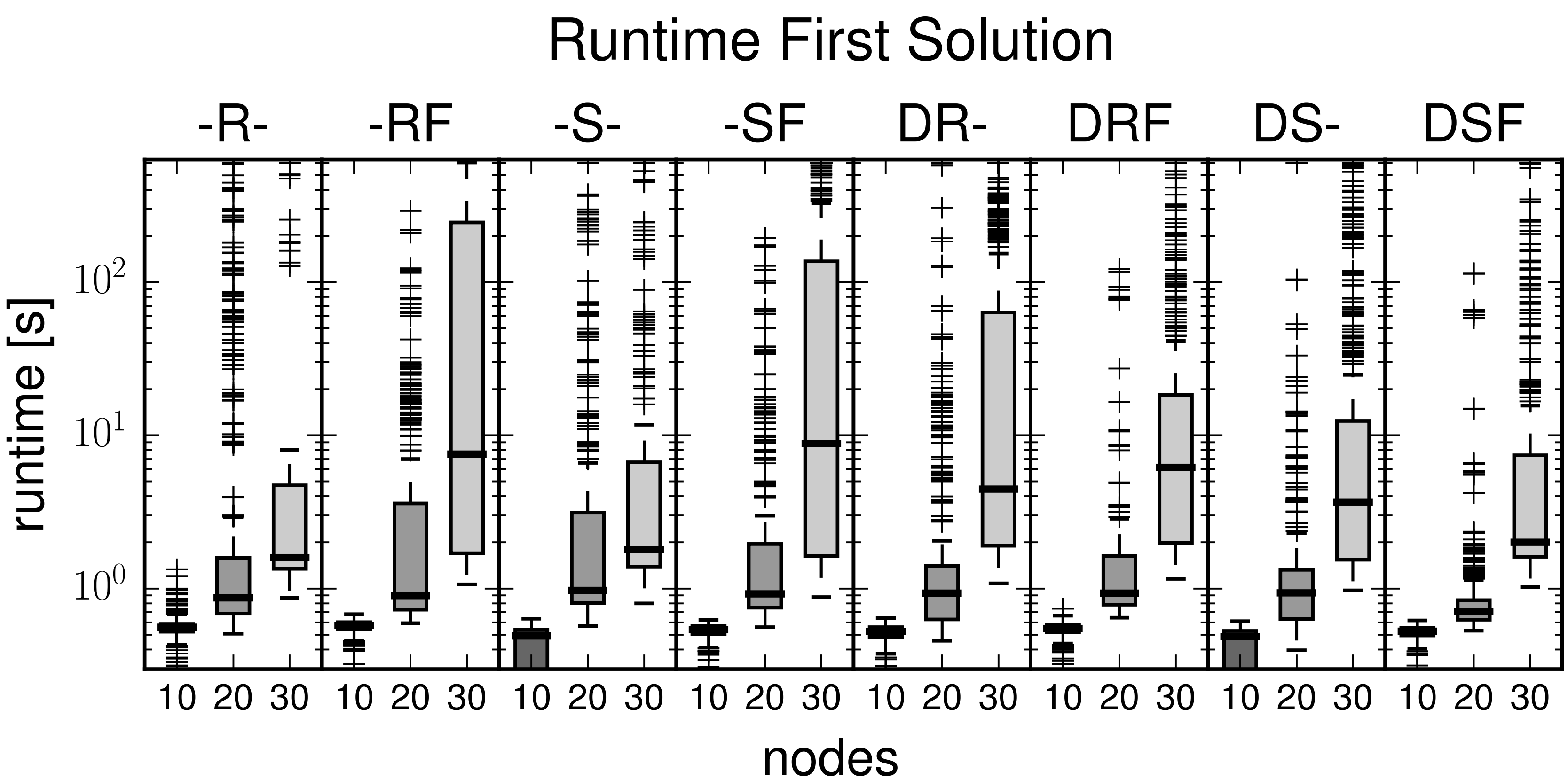

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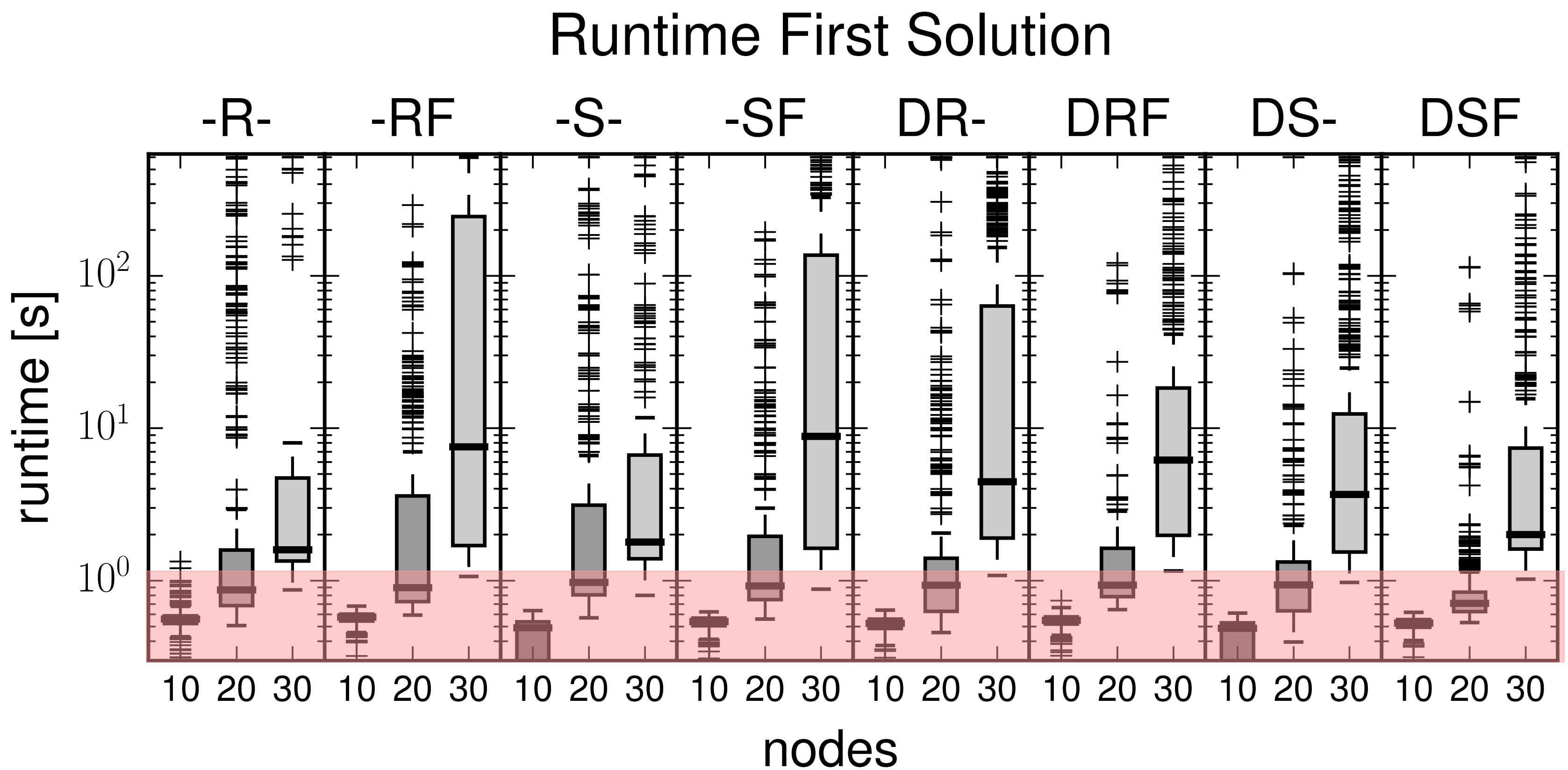

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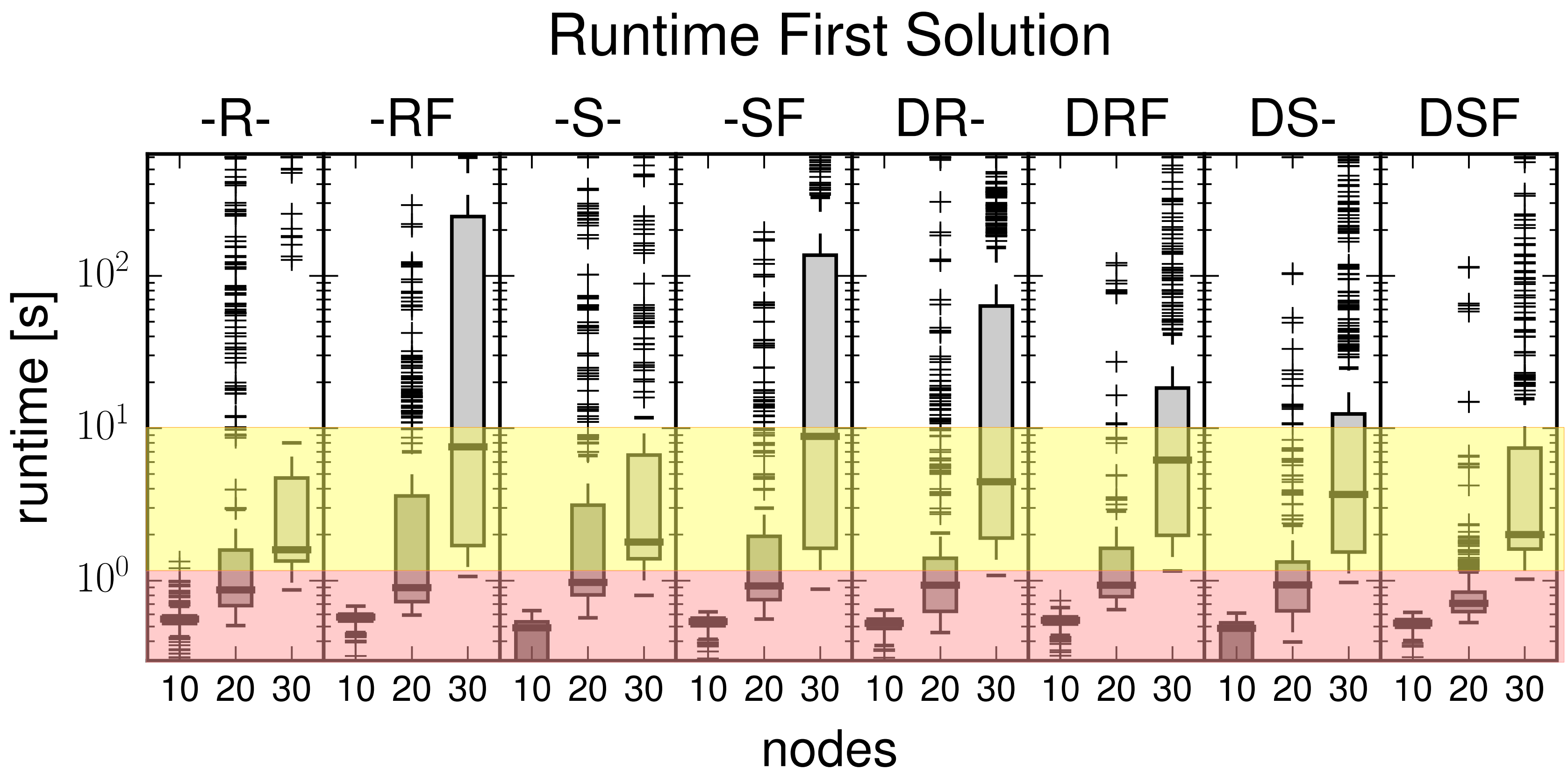

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Related Work

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

Evaluation

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

Backup

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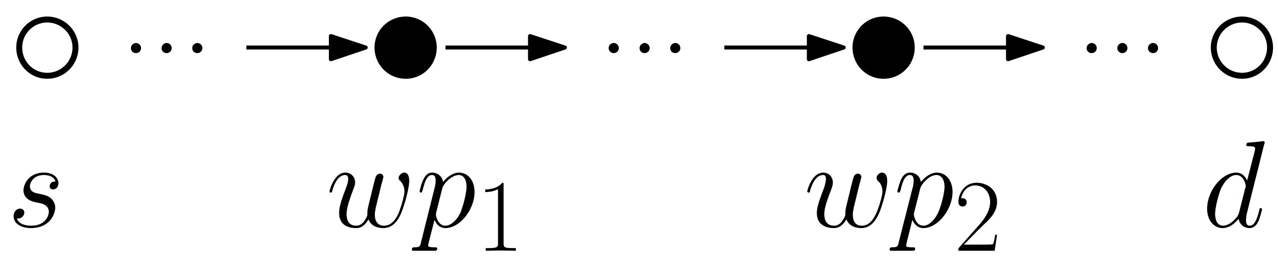

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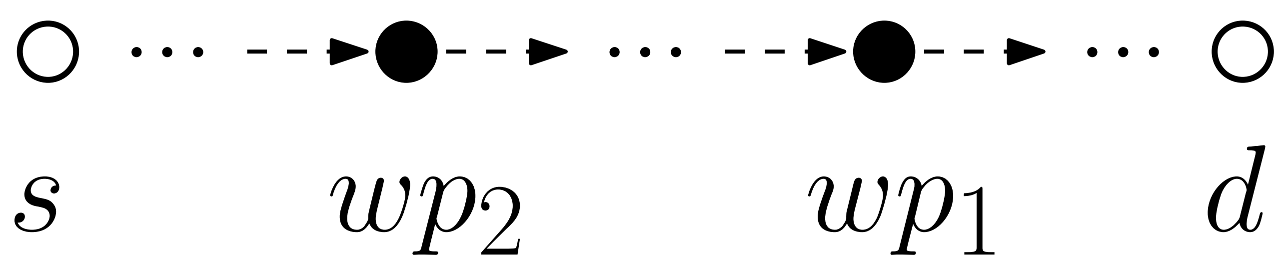

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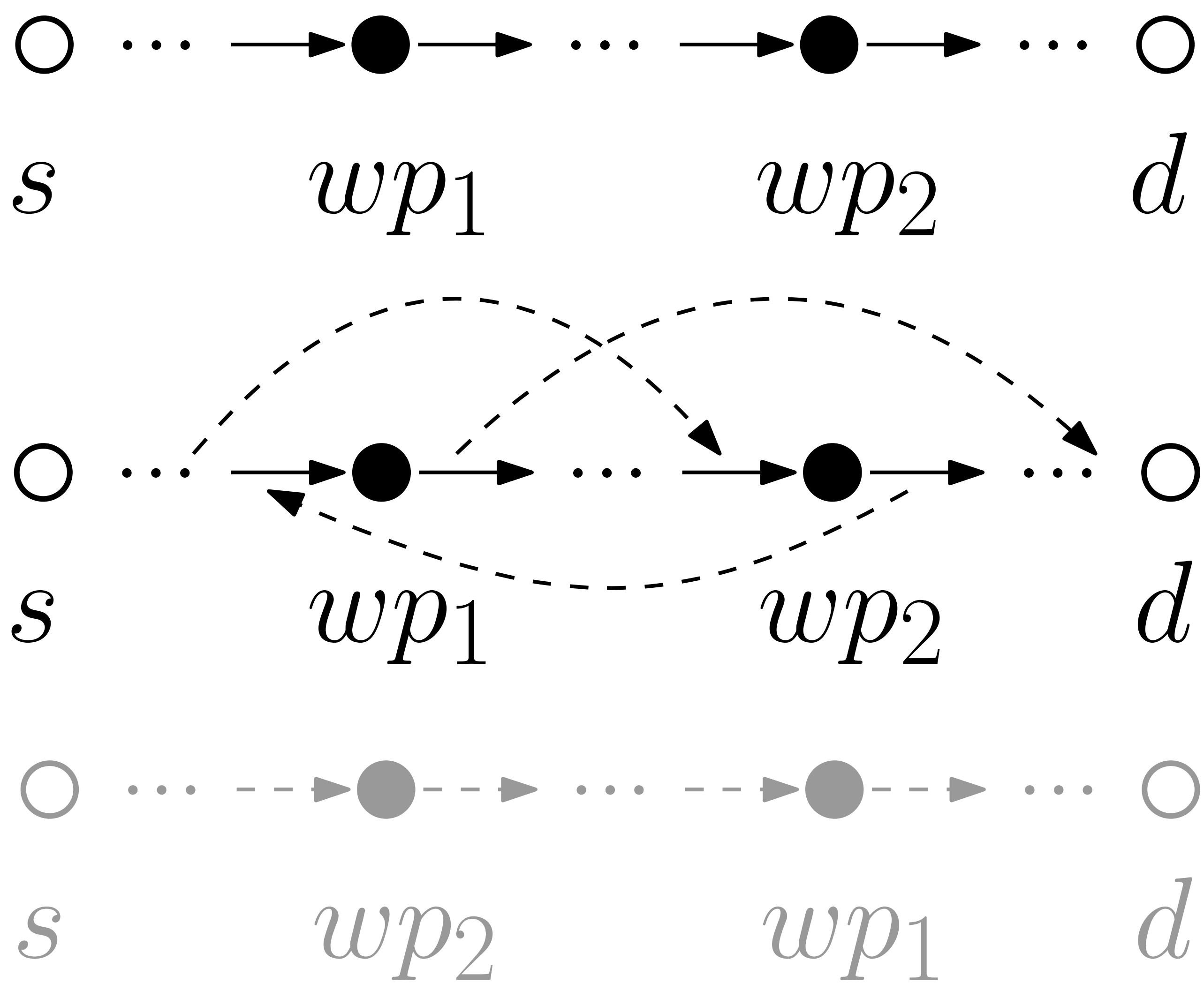

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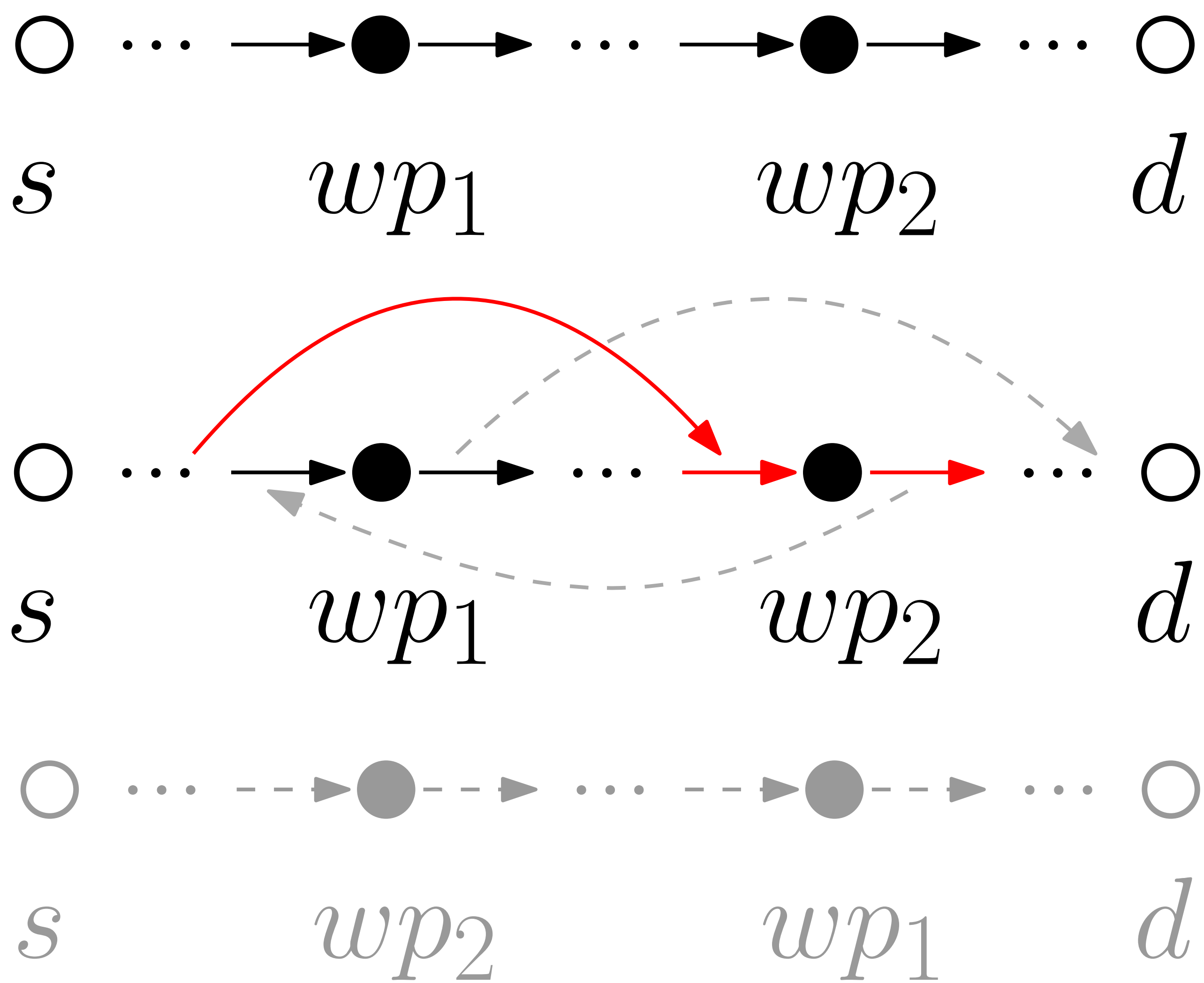

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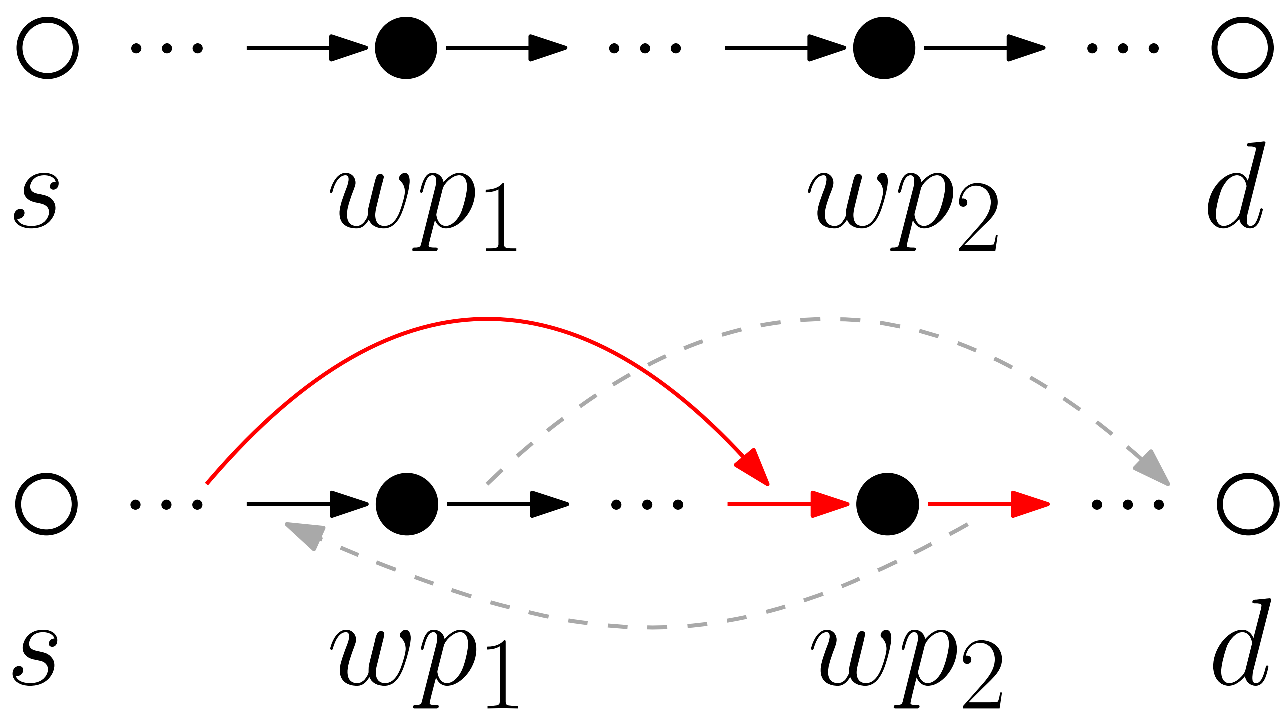

There must exist an update bypassing the first waypoint.

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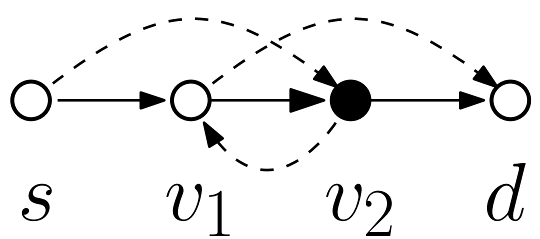

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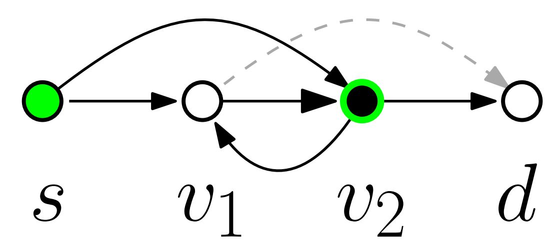

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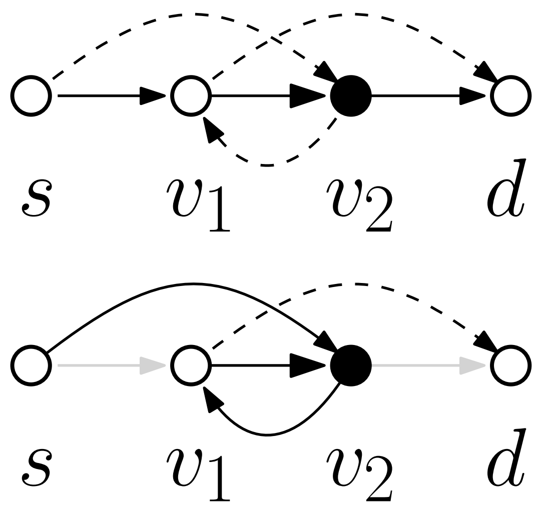

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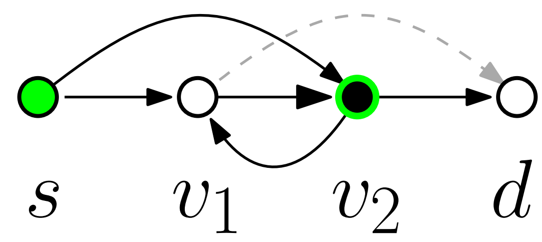

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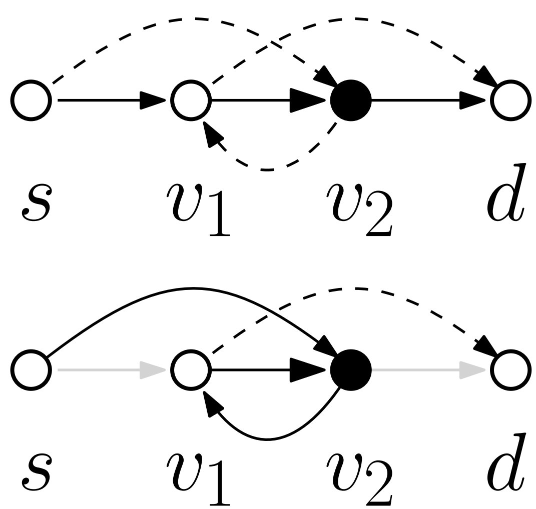

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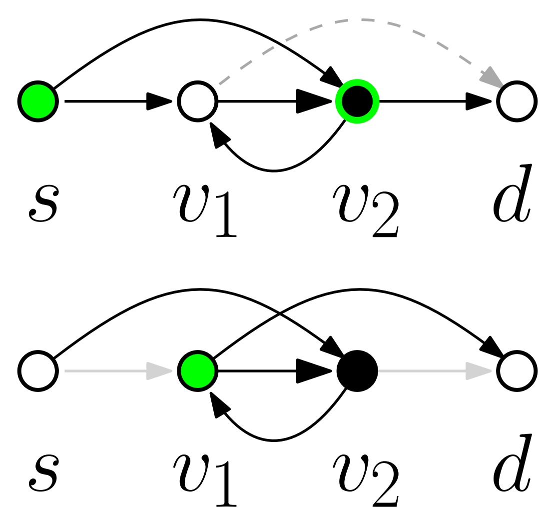

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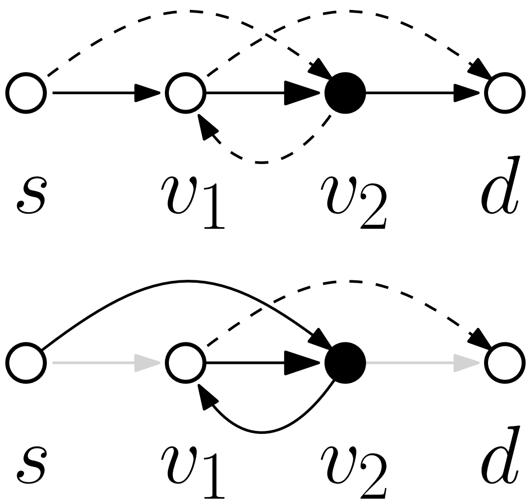

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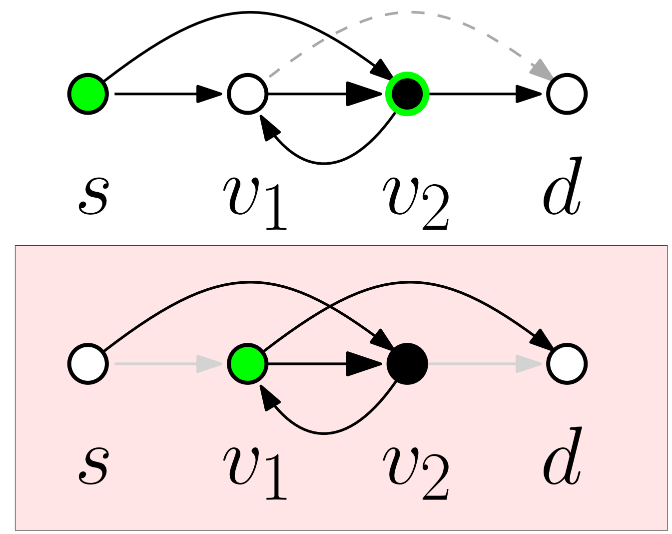
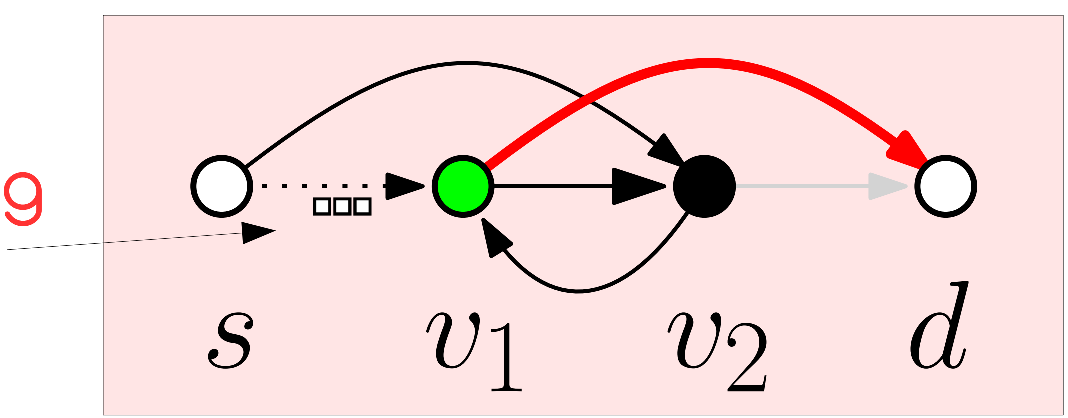


Packets still traversing link will bypass WP



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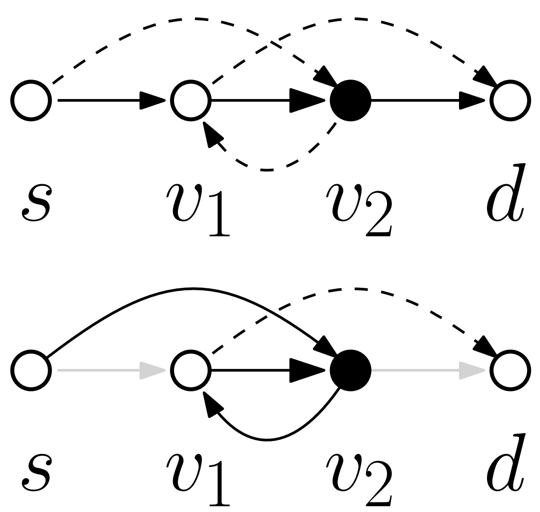

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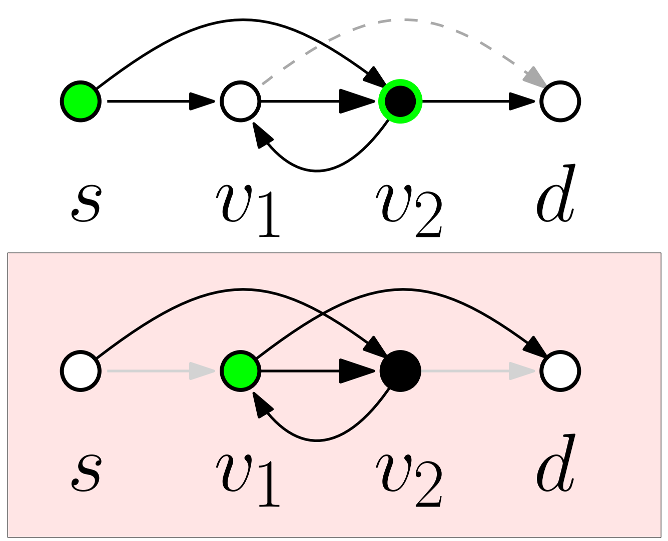

WPE requires upper bound on link delays, if the relative ordering of nodes changes.

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