

Parallel algorithms for butterfly computations

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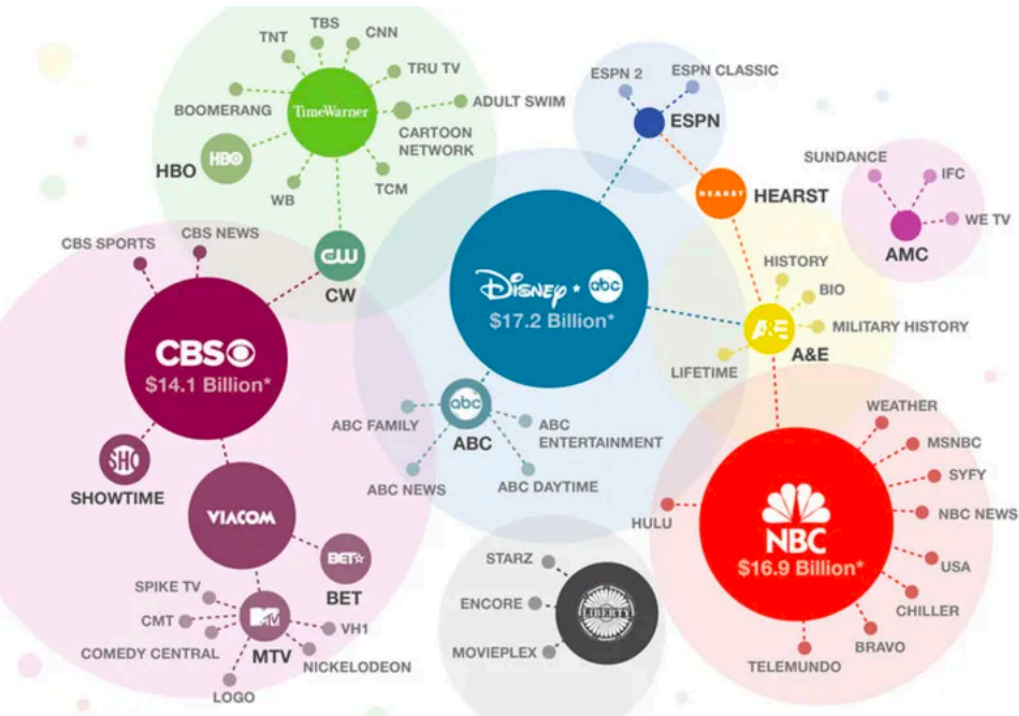
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Outline

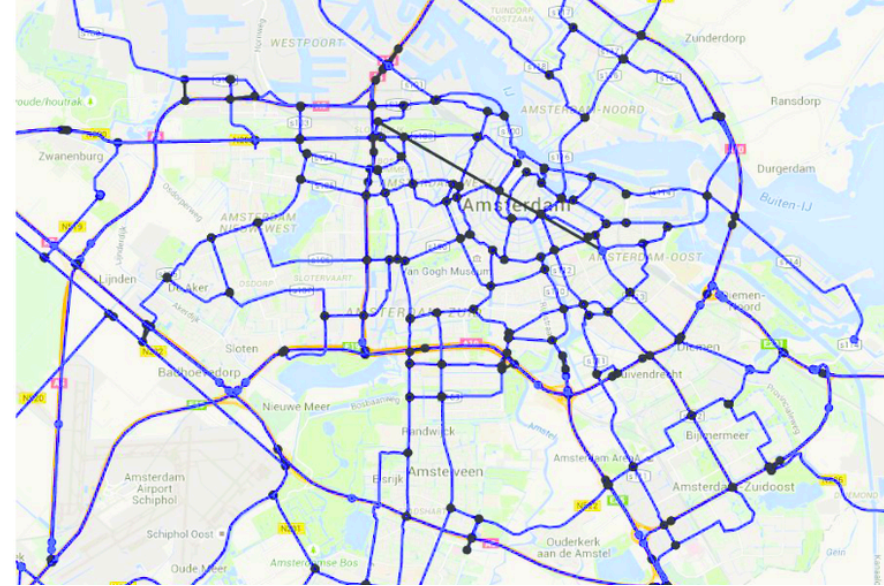
- Problem statement + Applications
- ParButterfly framework
 - Parallel butterfly counting
 - Parallel butterfly peeling
- Implementation + Evaluation
- Conclusion + Future work

Graph processing

● Graphs are ubiquitous



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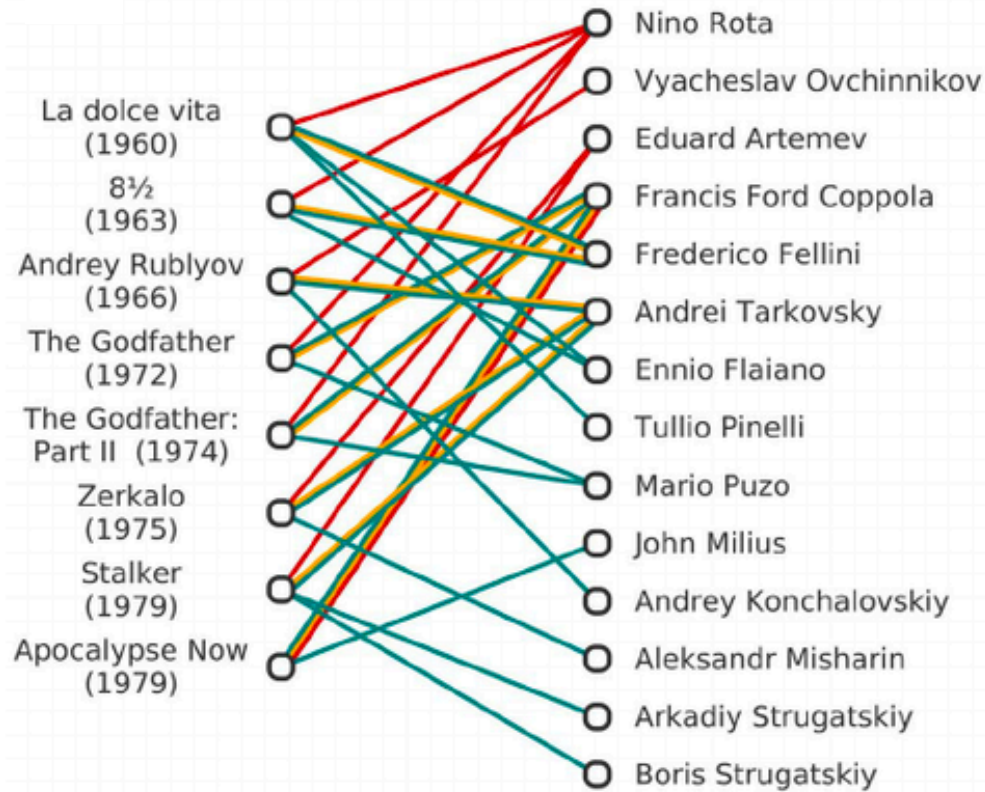
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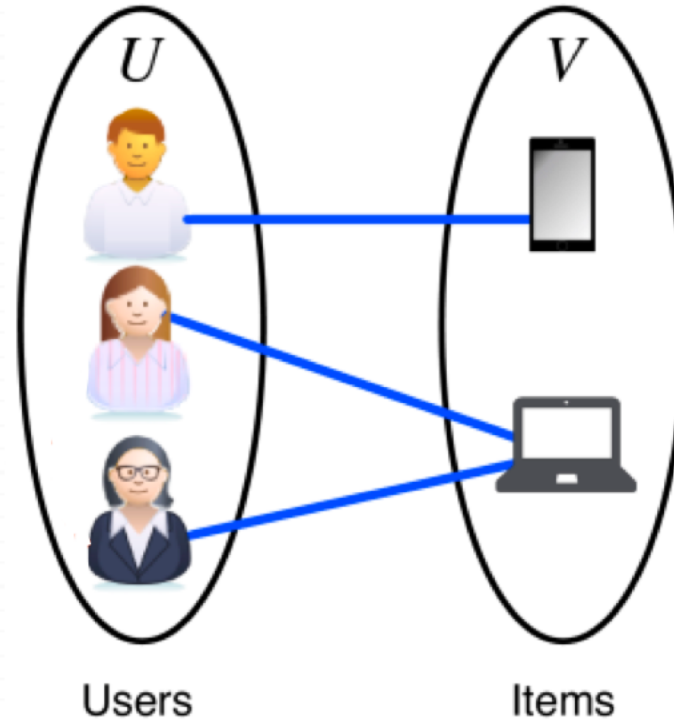
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Bipartite graphs

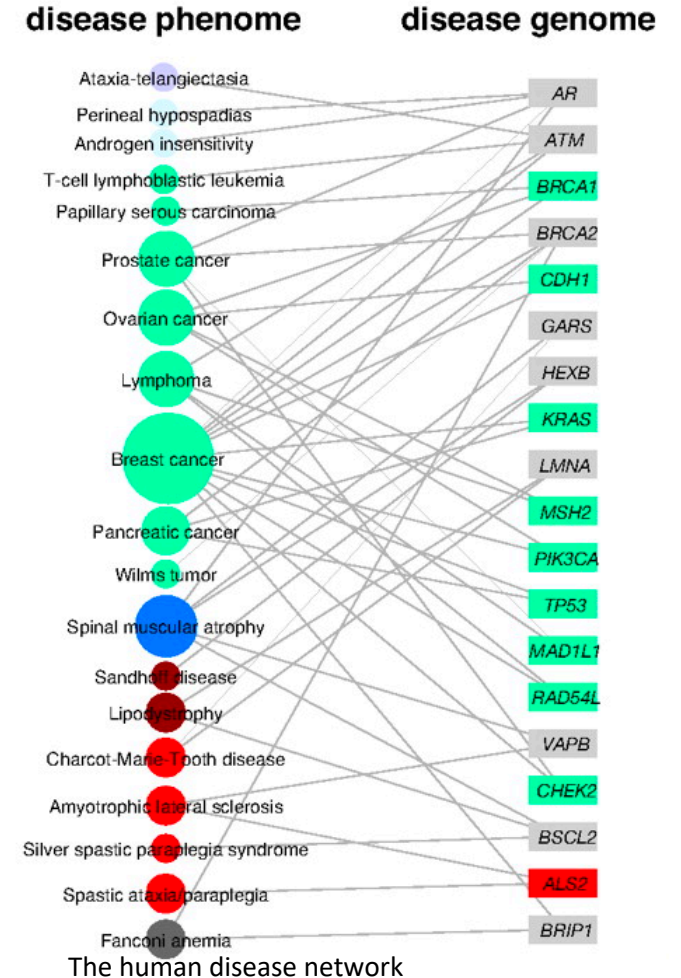
- **Bipartite graphs:** Represent relationships between two groups



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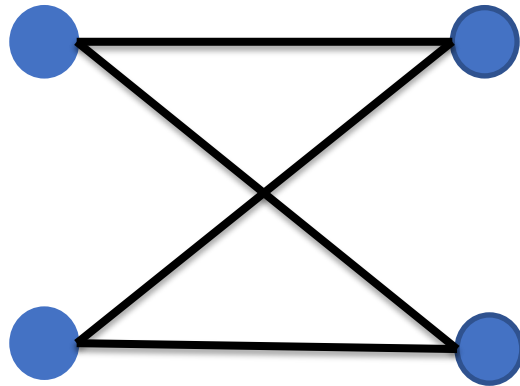
Parallelism

- Parallelism enables us to efficiently process large graphs



Bipartite graphs

- Butterflies = 4-cycles = $K_{2,2}$



Think of these as the bipartite analogue of triangles (K_3)

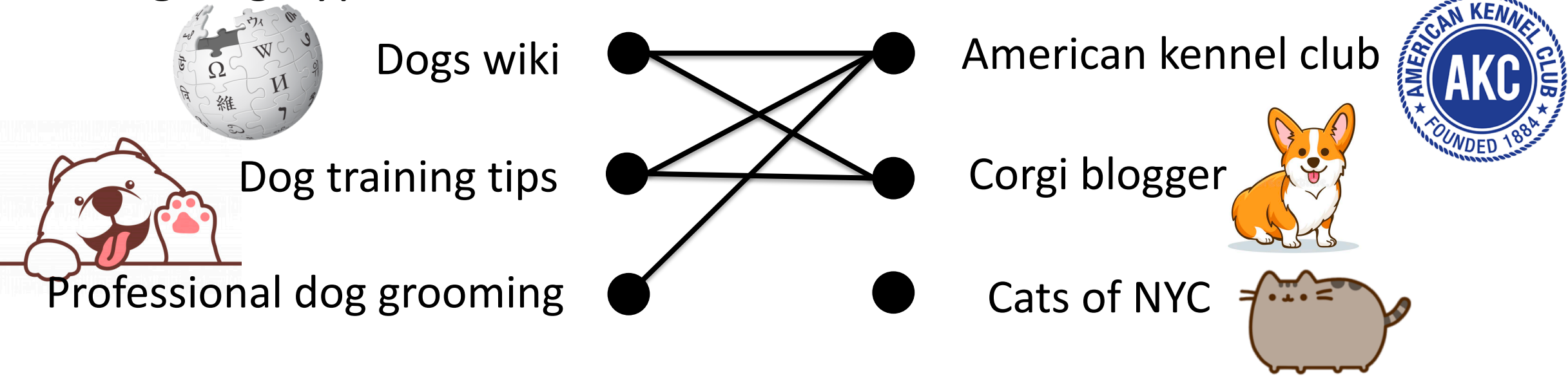
Note: Bipartite graphs contain no triangles

Finding dense subgraphs

- **Problem:** Given a graph G , find dense bipartite subgraphs
- **Applications:**
 - Find communities in social networks, websites, etc.
 - Discovering protein interactions in computational biology
 - Fraud detection in finance (tampered derivatives)

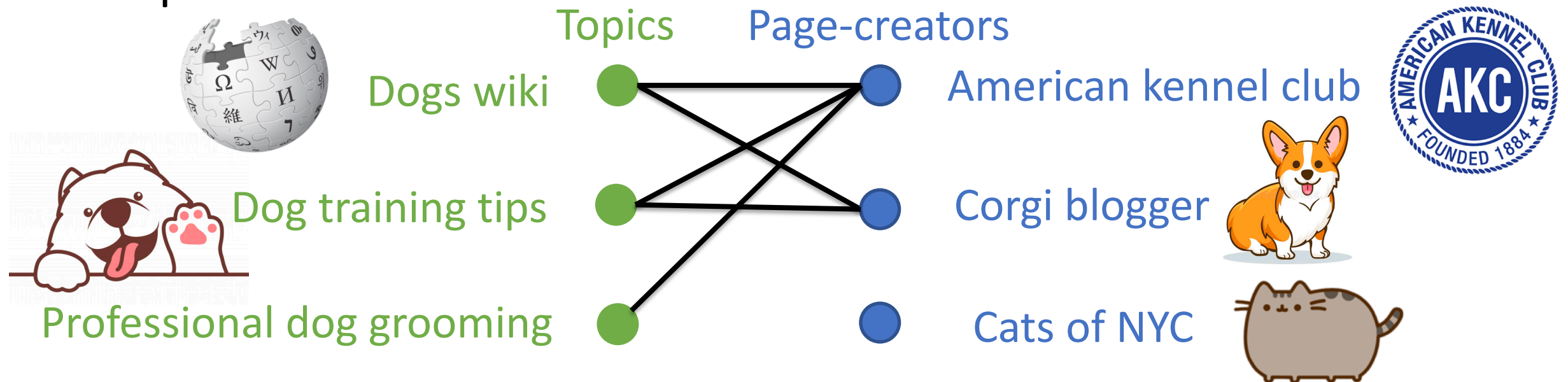
Link spam detection

- **Link spam:** Create many external links to a spam page, for web search ranking promotion
- **Link graph:** Webpages are nodes, connected by incoming / outgoing hyperlinks



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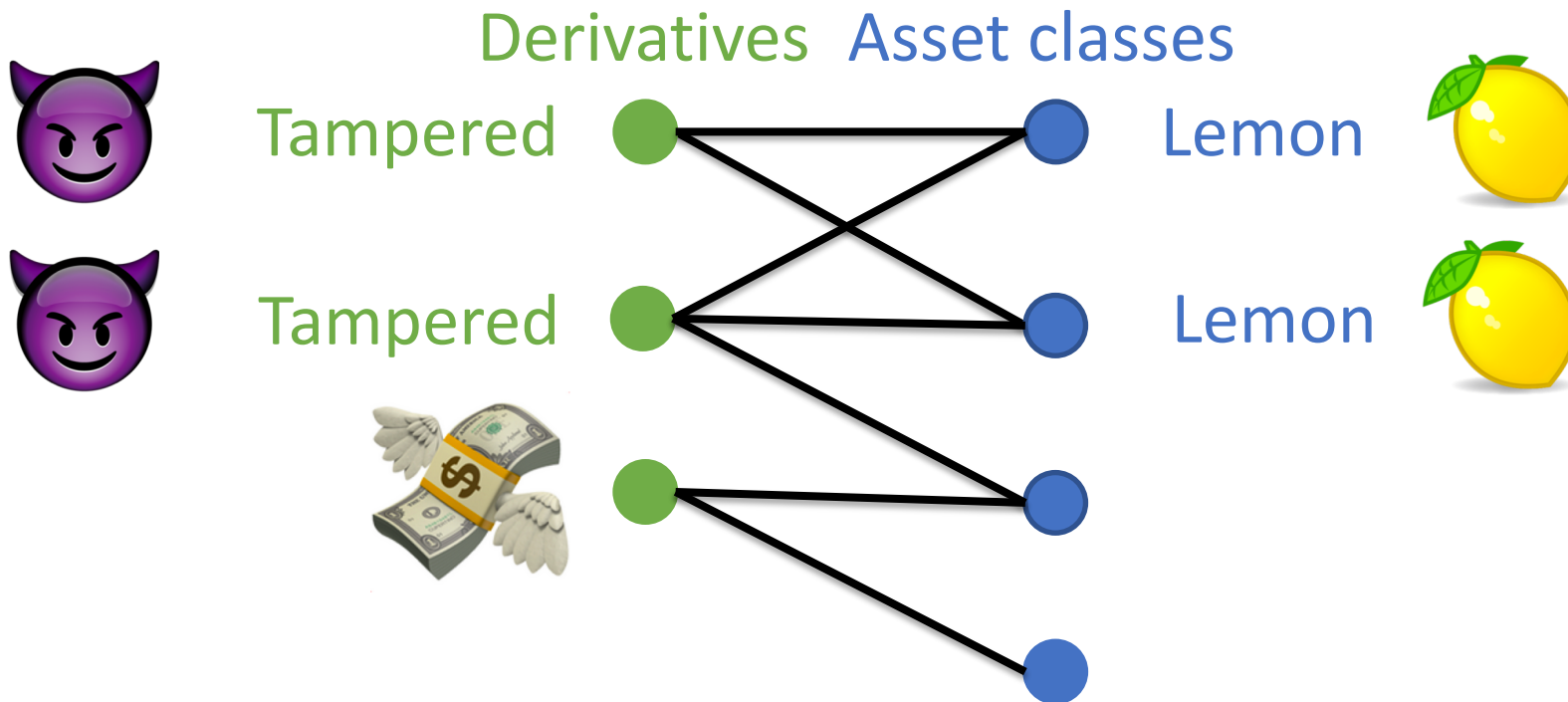
- **Note:** Web communities tend to be dense bipartite subgraphs^[1]
- **Web community bipartitions:** topics, page creators interested in topics



[1] Kumar, Raghavan, Rajagopalan, Tomkins (99)

Tampered derivatives

- **Tampered derivatives:** Backed by set of assets/loans, tampered to contain many unprofitable (lemon) asset classes^[2]



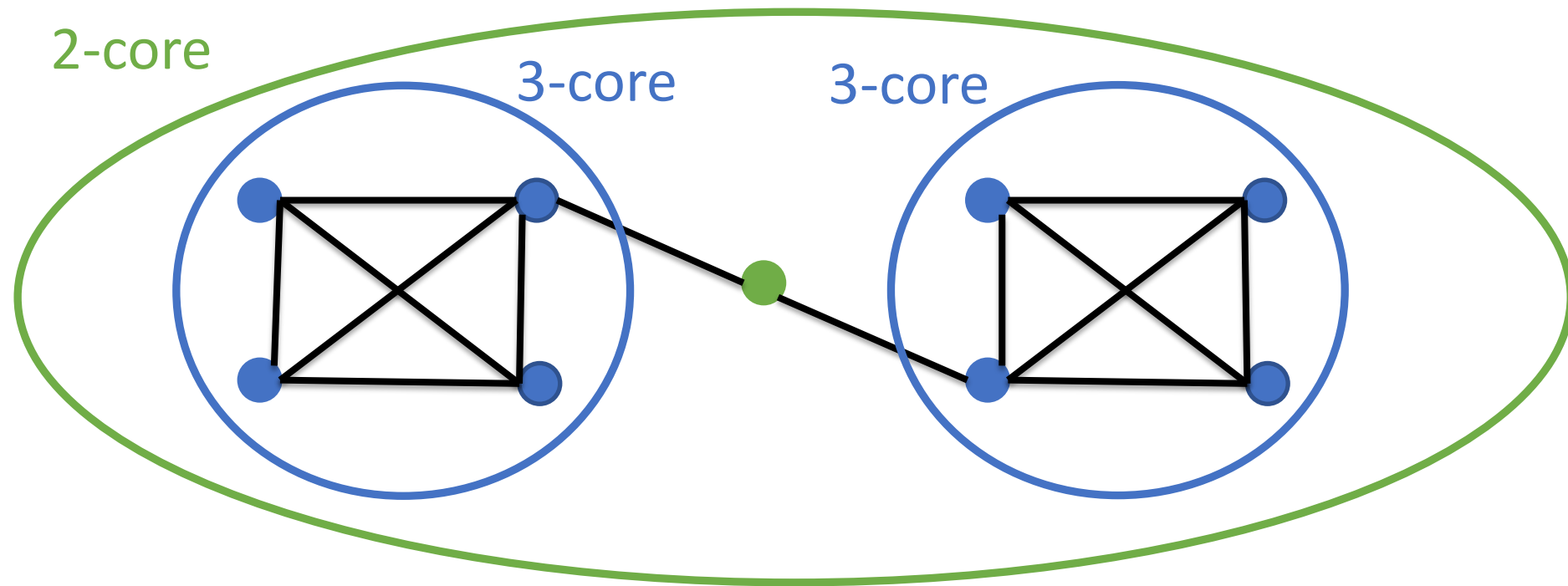
[2] Arora, Barak, Brunnermeier, Ge (09)

How do we find dense subgraphs?

- How do we find dense subgraphs (in general)?
- Algorithms:
 - K-core
 - Triangle peeling
- How do we find dense bipartite subgraphs?

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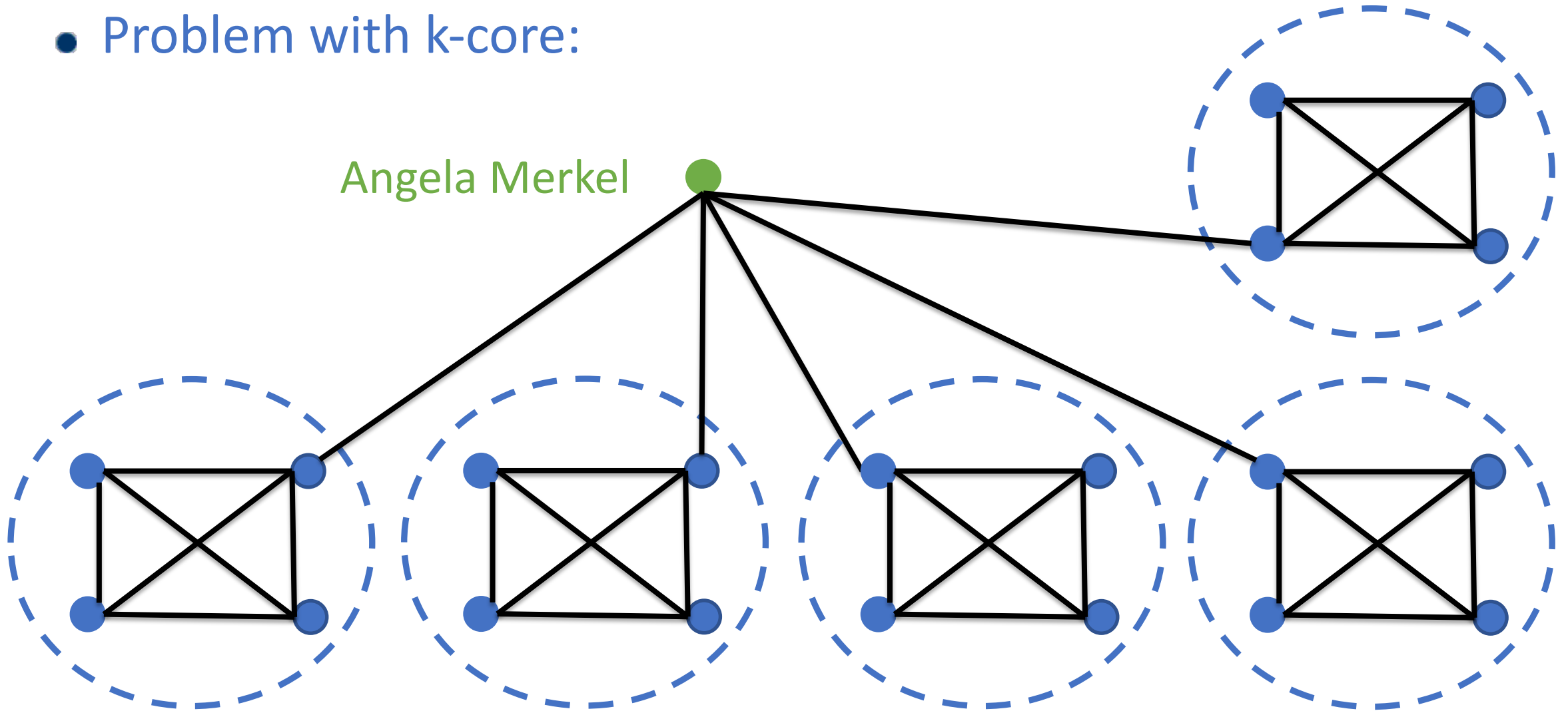
- **K-core**: Repeatedly find + delete min degree vertex



Formally: A **k-core** is an induced subgraph where every vertex has degree at least k

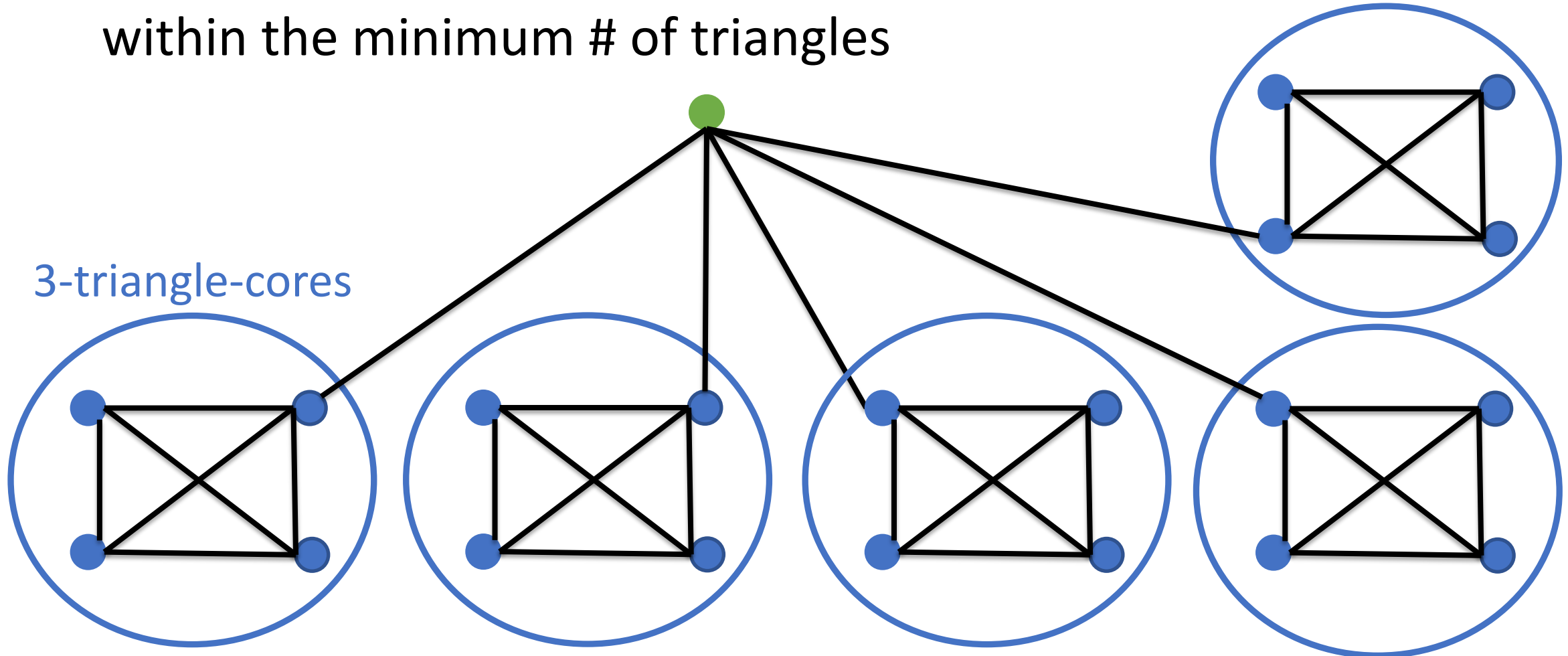
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- Problem with k-core:



How do we find dense subgraphs?

- **Triangle peeling:** Repeatedly find + delete vertex contained within the minimum # of triangles



How do we find dense subgraphs?

- **Problem:** Bipartite graphs do not contain any triangles
- **Butterfly peeling:** Repeatedly find + delete vertex containing min # of butterflies^[3]

[3] Sariyuce and Pinar (18)

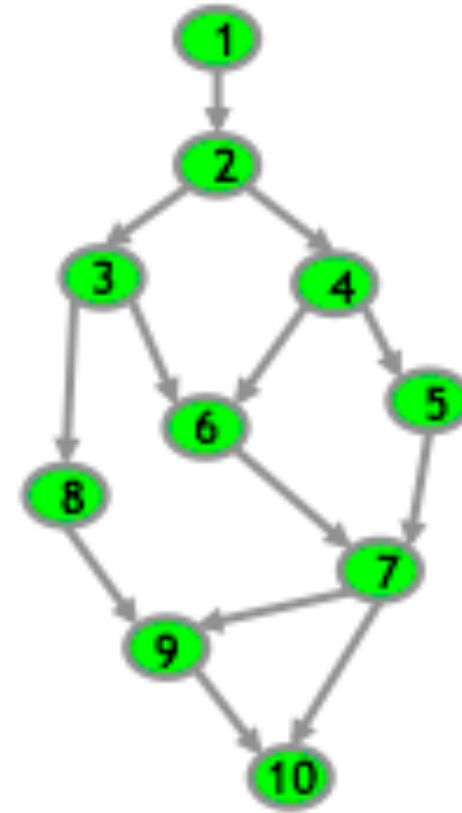
Outline

- **Main goal:** Build a framework **ParButterfly** to count and peel butterflies
- New parallel algorithms for butterfly counting + peeling
- **ParButterfly** framework with modular settings
 - Tradeoff b/w theoretical bounds + practical speedups
- Comprehensive evaluation
 - Counting outperforms fastest seq algorithms by up to **13.6x**
 - Peeling outperforms fastest seq algorithms by up to **10.7x**

Important paradigms

- Strong theoretical bounds
 - **Work** = total # operations = # vertices in graph
 - **Span** = longest dependency path = longest directed path
 - **Running time** \leq (work / # processors) + $O(\text{span})$
 - **Work-efficient** = work matches sequential time complexity

Parallel computation graph

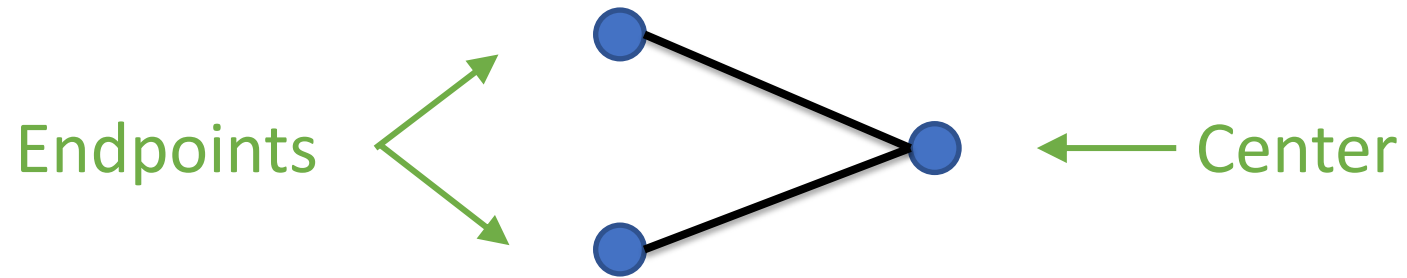


ParButterfly counting framework

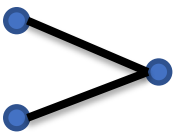


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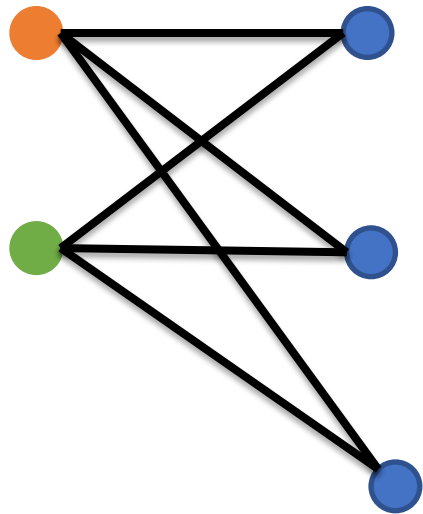
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Wedges with the same endpoints form butterflies:

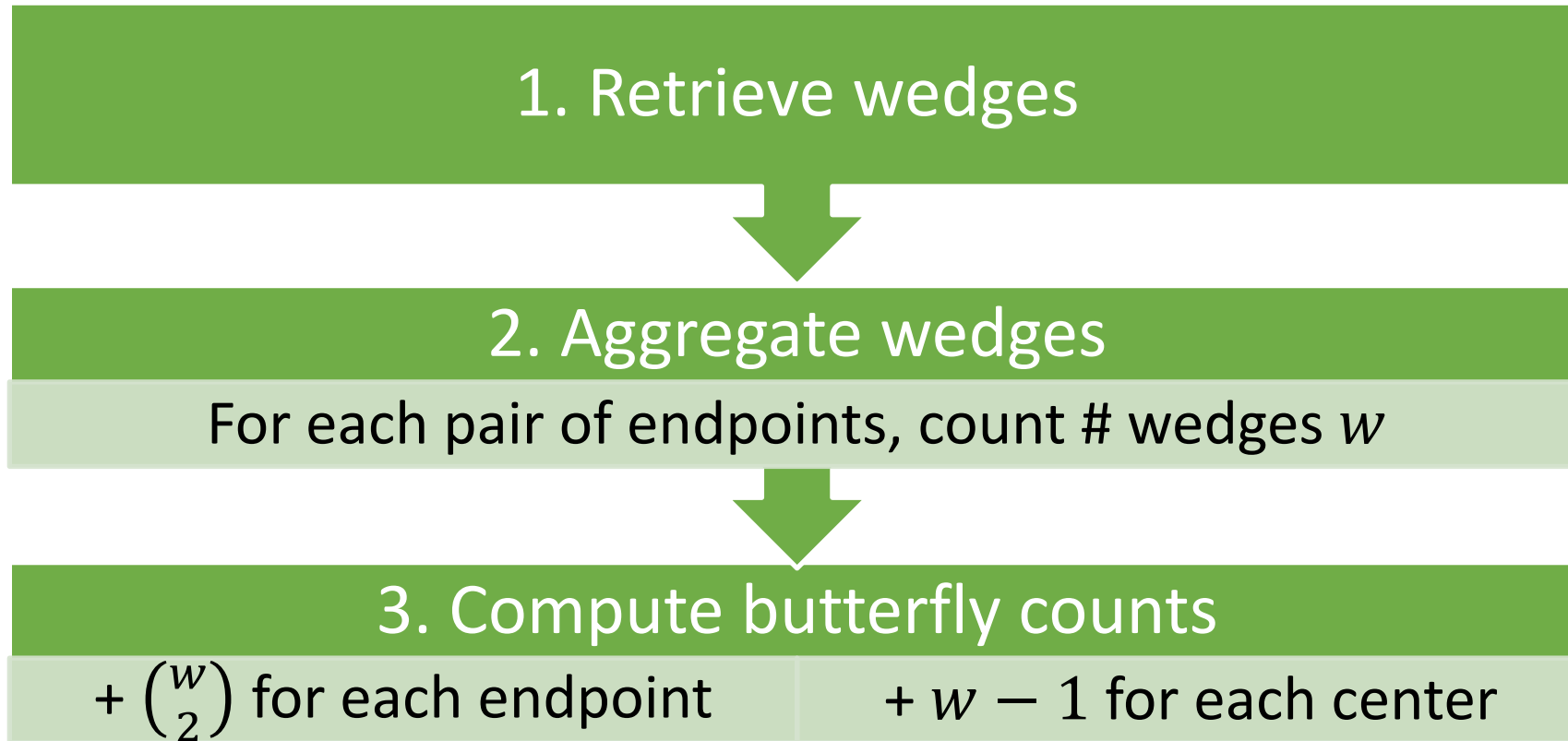


wedges w/endpoints   = $w = 3$

butterflies on endpoints   = $\binom{w}{2} = \binom{3}{2} = 3$

butterflies on each center  = $w - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2$

Counting framework so far

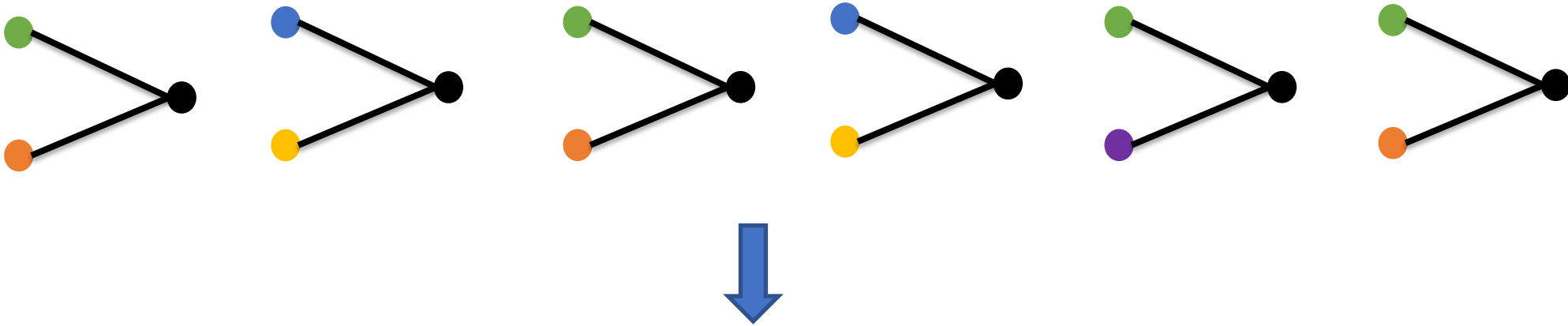


One question: How do we aggregate wedges?

(will discuss wedge retrieval after)

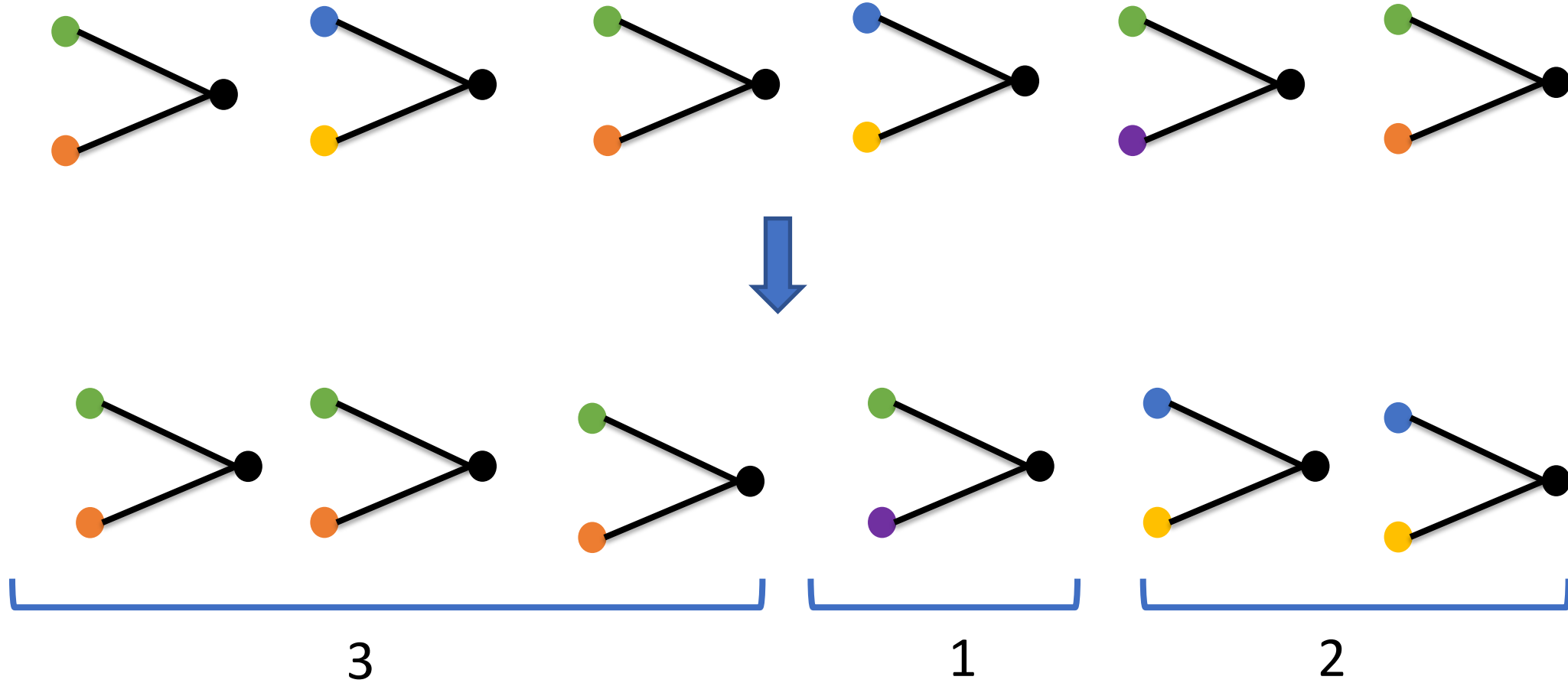
Wedge aggregating

- Method 1: **Semisorting** (on endpoints)



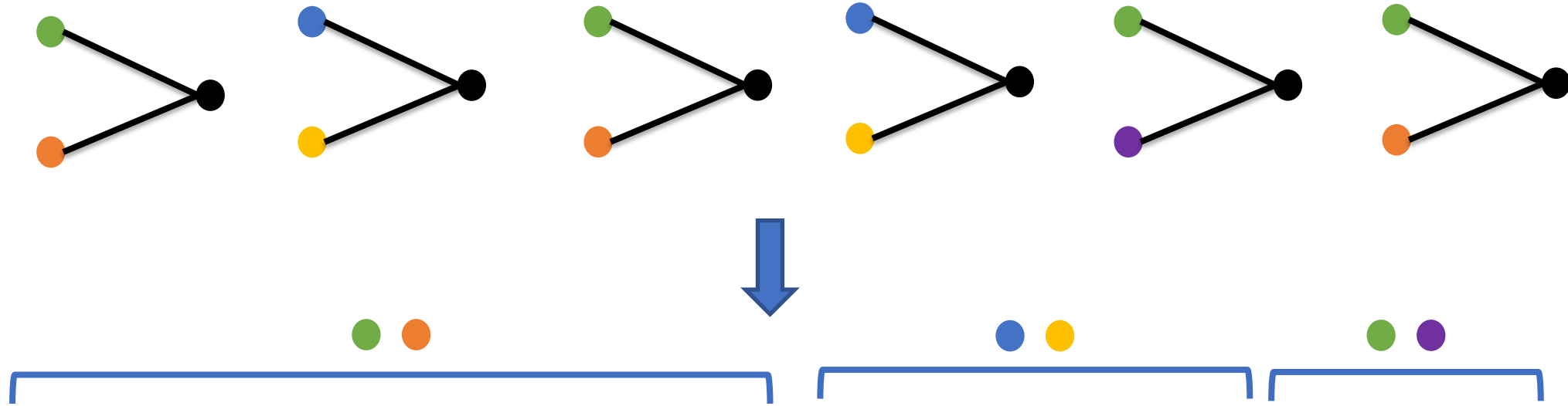
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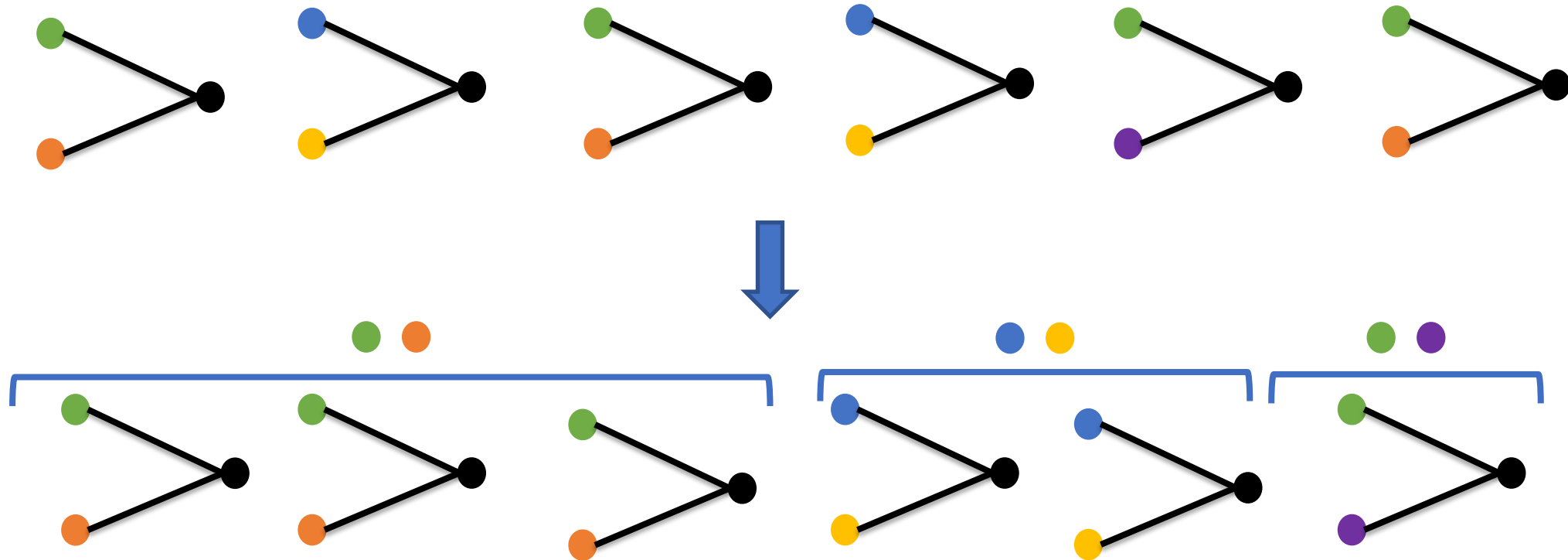
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- Method 2: **Hashing** (keys = endpoints)



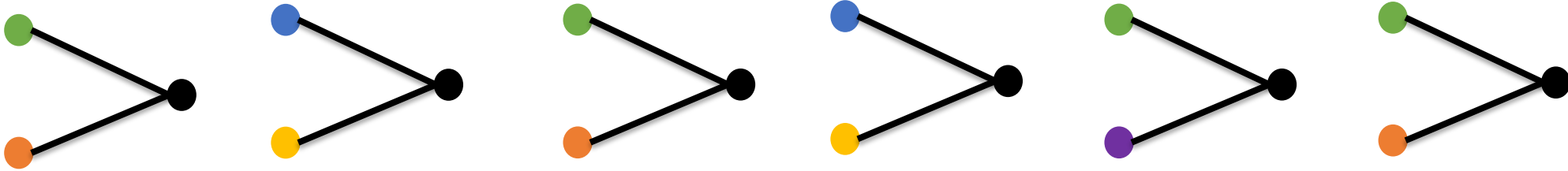
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Wedge aggregating

- Method 3: **Histogramming** (frequencies of endpoints)



$$\text{Green} \text{ Orange} = 3$$

$$\text{Blue} \text{ Yellow} = 2$$

$$\text{Green} \text{ Purple} = 1$$

Wedge aggregating bounds

Semisorting^[1], hashing^[2], and histogramming^[3] are all **work-efficient**

$w = \#$ of wedges

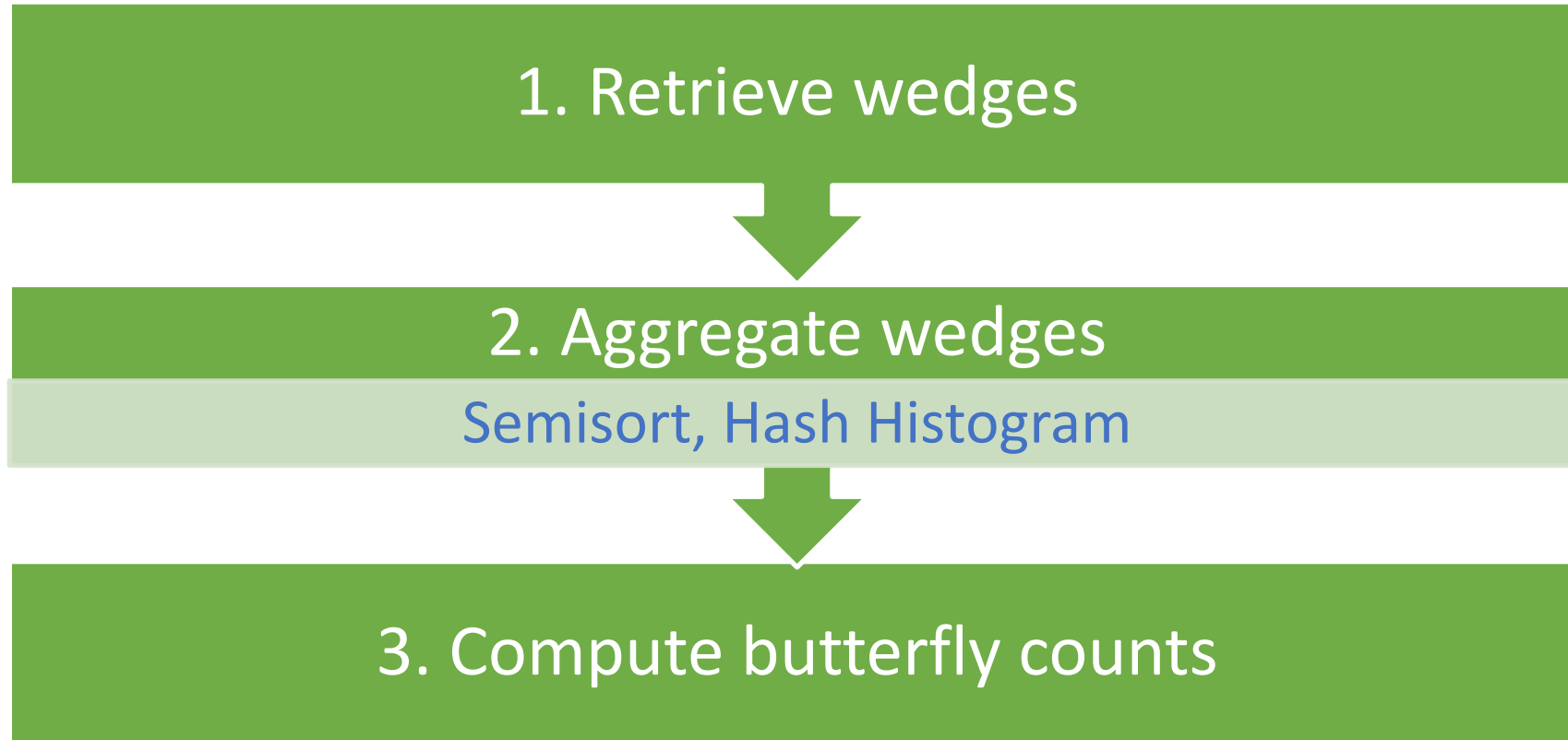
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[1] Gu, Shun, Sun, and Blelloch (15)

[2] Shun and Blelloch (14)

[3] Dhulipala, Blelloch, and Shun (17)

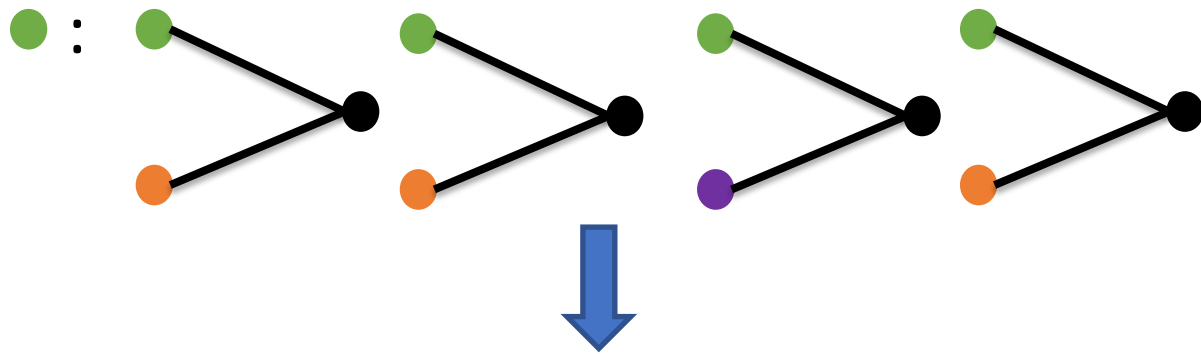
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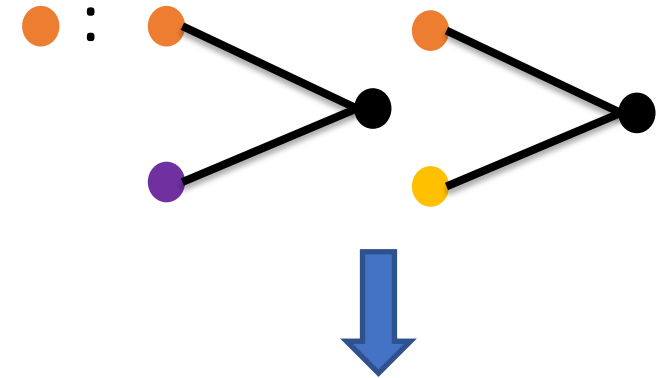
One more way to count wedges: **Batching**
(not with polylogarithmic span, but fast in practice)

Wedge aggregating (batching)

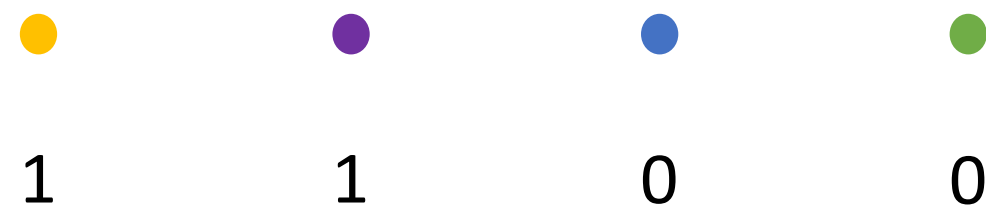
- **Main idea:** Process a subset of **vertices** in parallel, finding all wedges where those vertices are endpoints



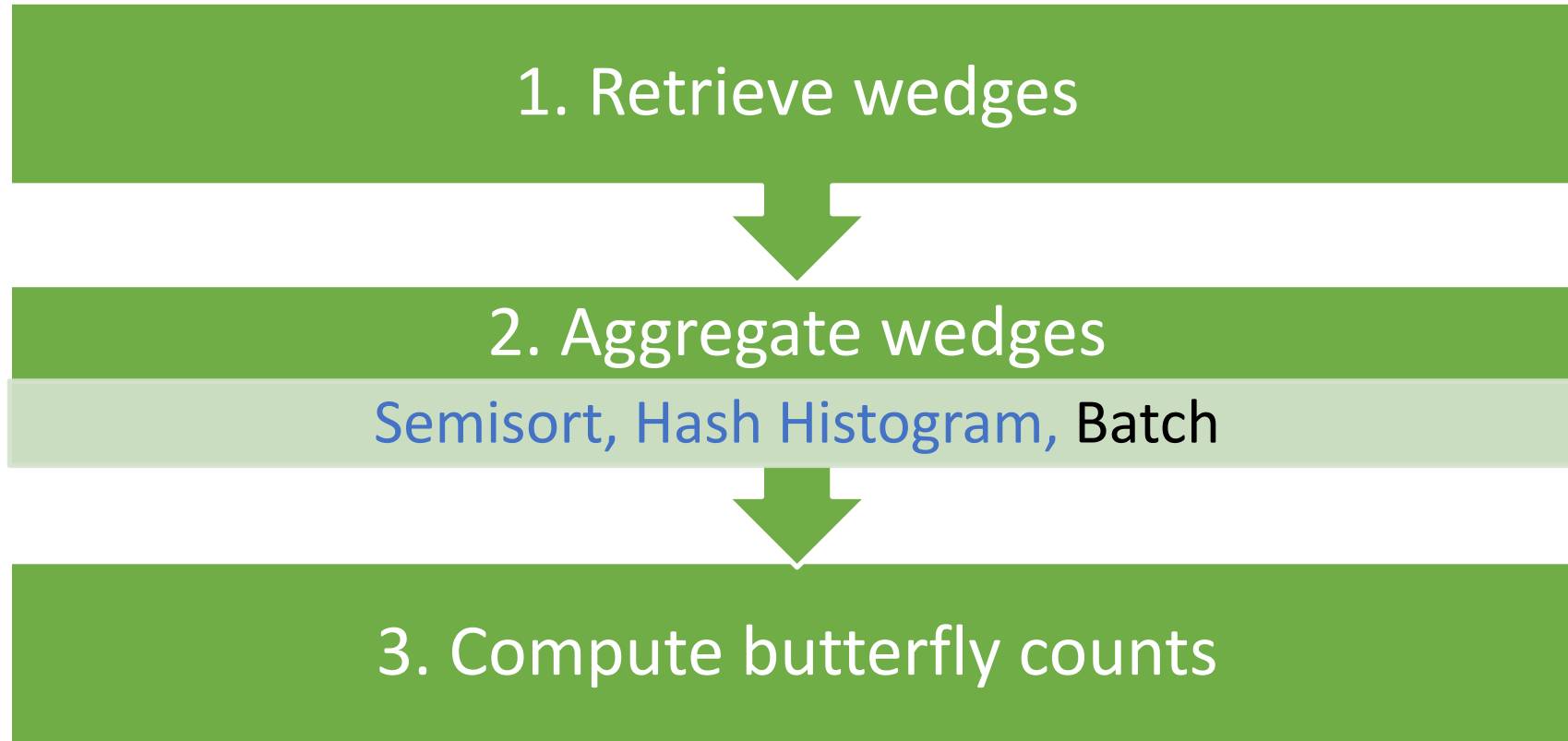
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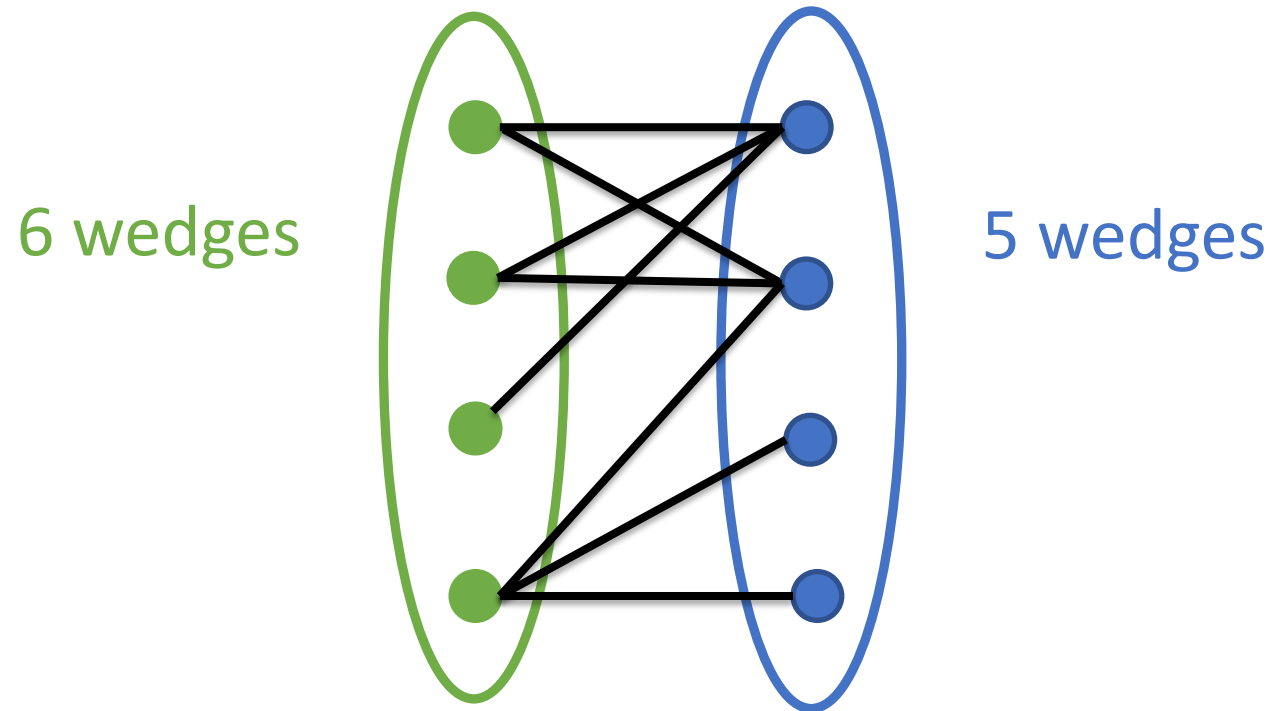


More questions:

How do we retrieve wedges?
How many wedges are there?

It depends!

- Method 1: Process wedges w/endpoints from one bipartition (Side) ^[1]

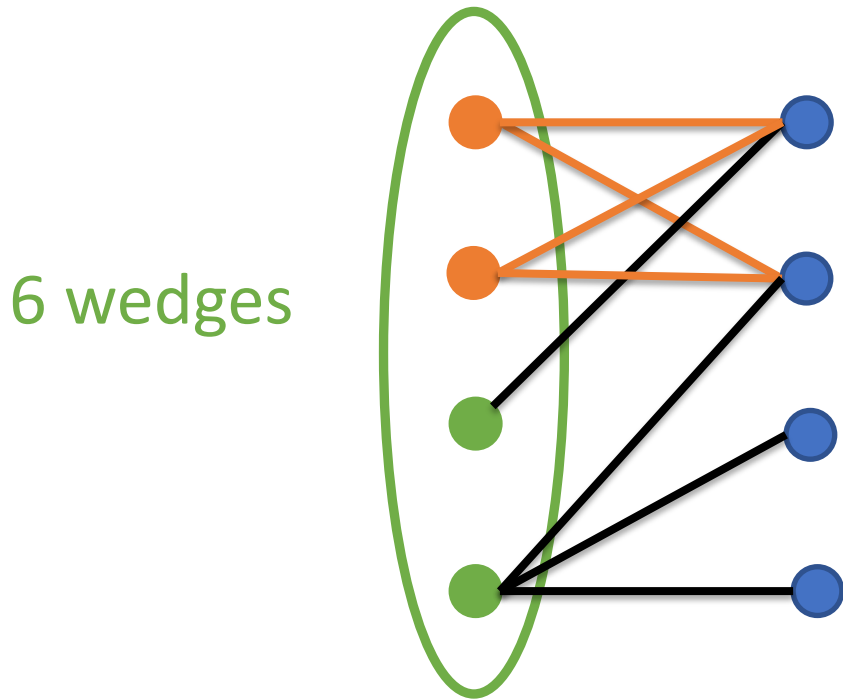


Is this optimal (min # wedges)? Not always.

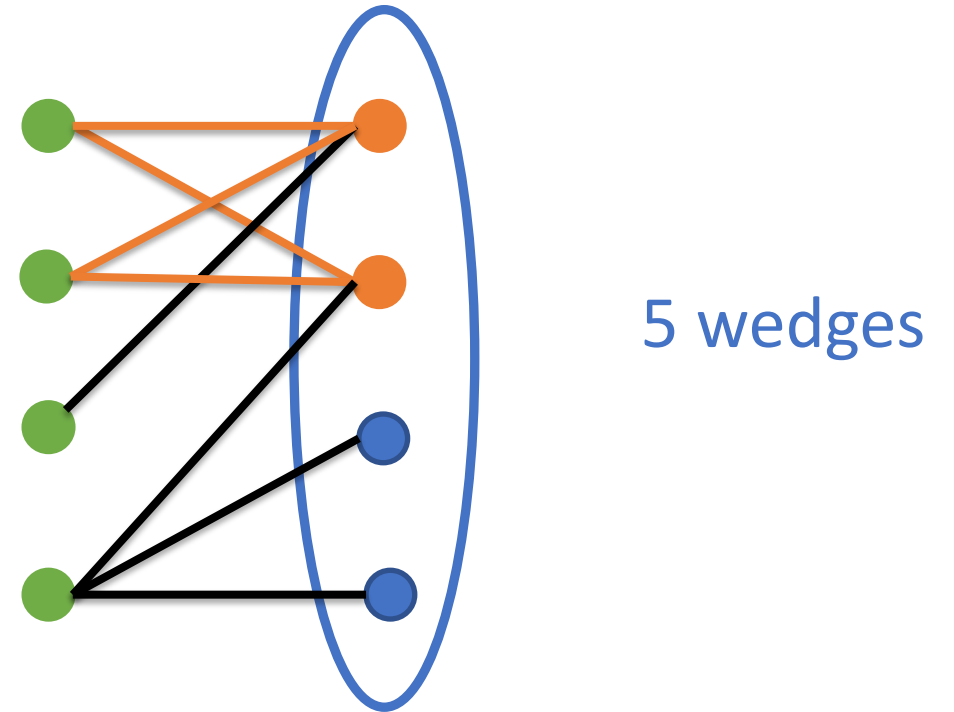
[1] Sanei-Mehri, Sariyuce, Tirthapura (18)

(Note: Butterfly count remains the same)

- Regardless of which side we pick, butterfly count does not change – only some “useful” wedges create butterflies



2 “useful” wedges = 1 butterfly



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Retrieve wedges

- Method 2: Degree ranking

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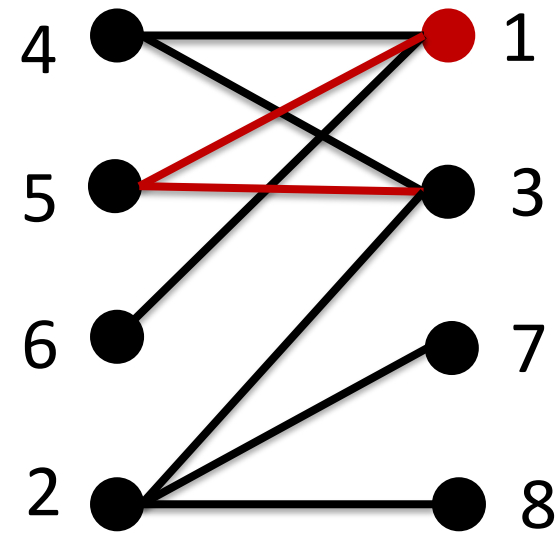
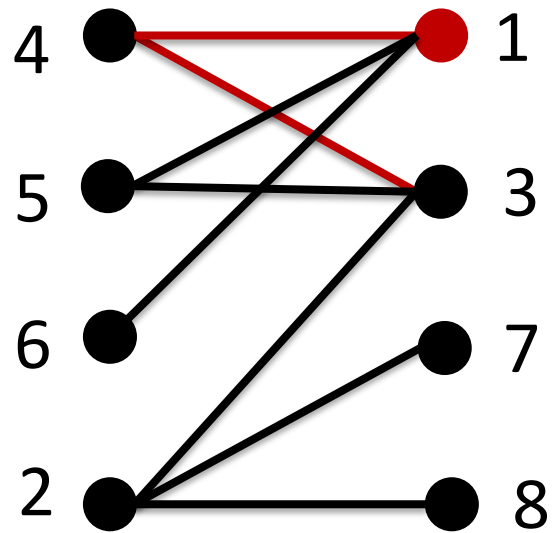
Once we obtain all wedges with endpoint v , we do not have to consider wedges with endpoint v again.

Retrieve wedges

- Method 2: Degree ranking
 1. Order vertices by non-increasing degree
 2. For each vertex v , only consider wedges with endpoint v that is formed by vertices later in the ordering than v

Retrieve wedges

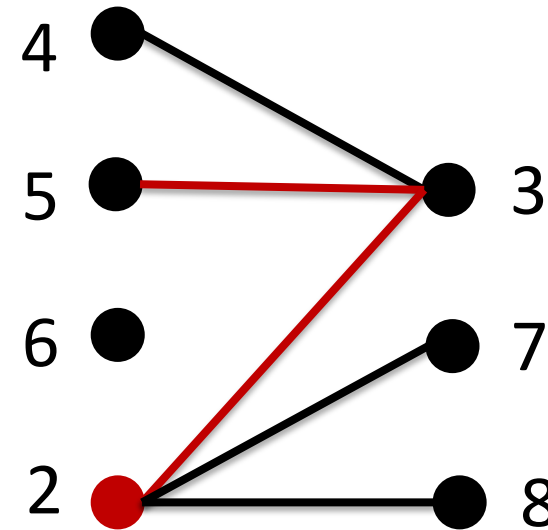
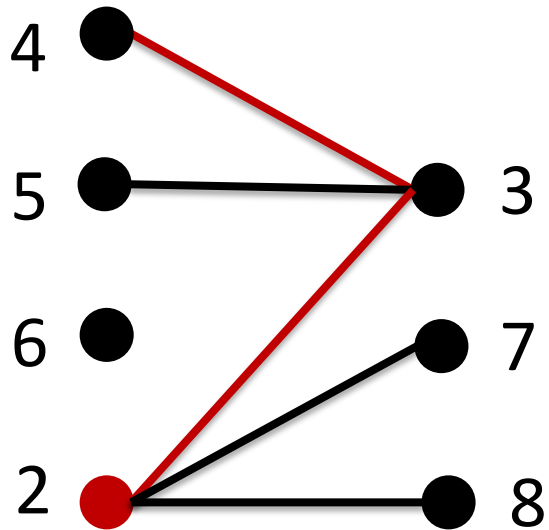
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2 wedges

Retrieve wedges

- Method 2: Degree ranking



2 wedges

Retrieve wedges

- Method 2: Degree ranking



We only processed 4 wedges!

Degree ranking

- # wedges processed using degree order = $O(\alpha m)$ ^[1]
 - α = arboricity/degeneracy ($O(\sqrt{m})$)
 - m = # edges
 - Therefore: (using work-efficient options)
 - Ranking vertices = $O(m)$ expected work, $O(\log m)$ span whp
 - Retrieving wedges = $O(\alpha m)$ expected work, $O(\log m)$ span whp
 - Counting wedges = $O(\alpha m)$ expected work, $O(\log m)$ span whp
 - Computing butterfly counts = $O(\alpha m)$ expected work, $O(\log m)$ span whp
- Total = $O(\alpha m)$ expected work, $O(\log m)$ span whp**

[1] Chiba and Nishizeki (85)

Other rankings

- Approximate degree order
 - Log degree
- Complement degeneracy order
 - Ordering given by repeatedly finding + deleting greatest degree vertex
- Approximate complement degeneracy order
 - Complement degeneracy order, but using log degree

We show these are all work-efficient

Counting framework

1. Rank vertices

Side, Degree, Approx Degree, Co Degeneracy, Approx Co Degeneracy



2. Retrieve wedges



3. Aggregate wedges

Semisort, Hash Histogram, Batch



4. Compute butterfly counts

$O(\alpha m)$ expected work, $O(\log m)$ span whp

ParButterfly peeling framework



How do we peel butterflies?

- **Goal:** Iteratively remove all vertices with min butterfly count

Subgoal 1: A way to keep track of vertices with min butterfly count

Subgoal 2: A way to update butterfly counts after peeling vertices

Note: We've already done subgoal 2 in counting framework

For subgoal 1, we give a work-efficient batch-parallel Fibonacci heap which supports batch insertions/decrease-keys (see paper).

Peeling framework

1. Obtain butterfly counts



2. Iteratively remove vertices with min butterfly count

- Use **batch-parallel Fibonacci heap** to find vertex set S
- Count wedges with endpoints in S
 - **Semisort, Hash, Histogram, Batch**
- Compute updated butterfly counts

We show this algorithm is work-efficient
(with respect to peeling complexity)

Evaluation



Environment

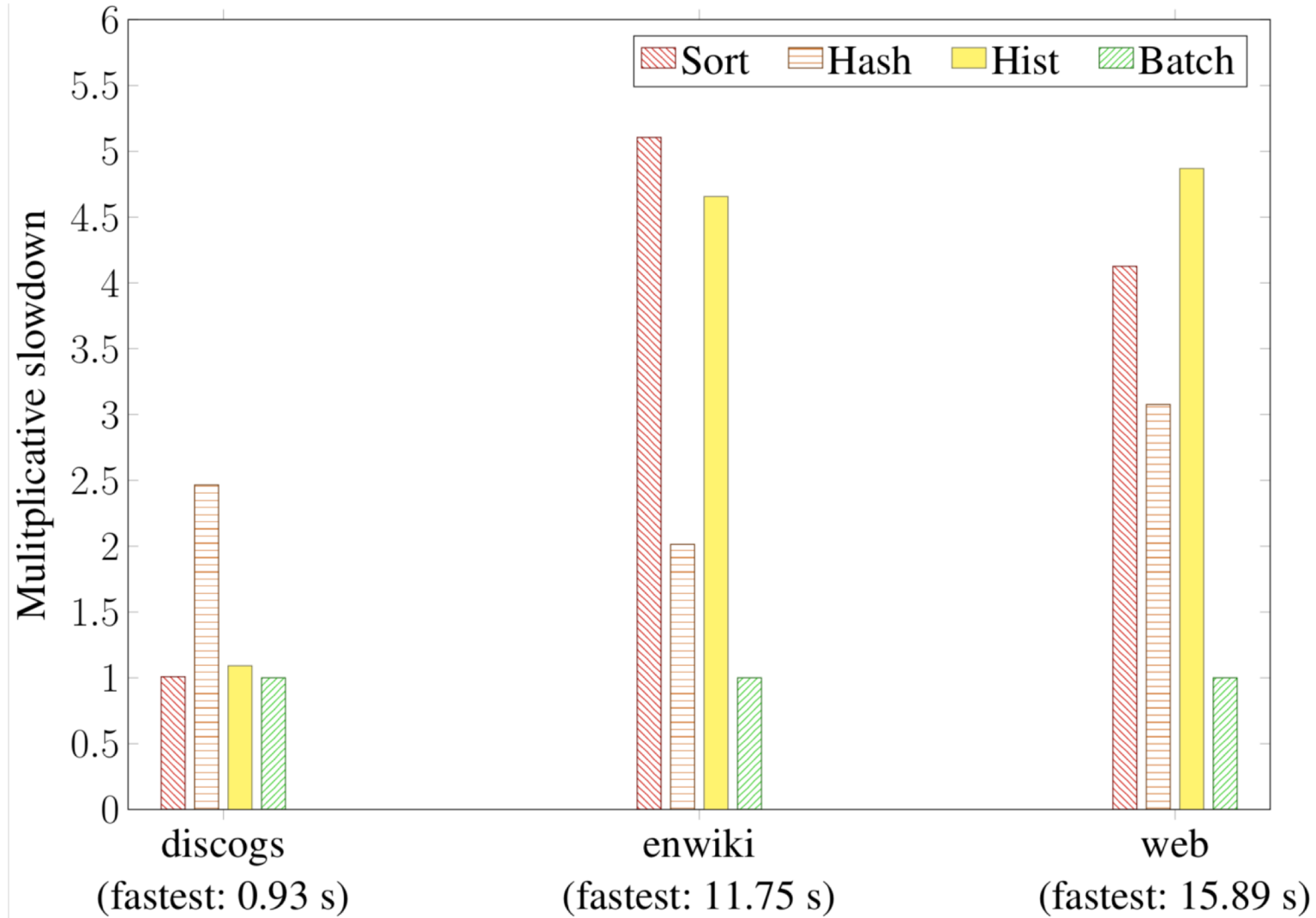
- m5d.24xlarge AWS EC2 instance: 48 cores (2-way hyper-threading), 384 GiB main memory
- Cilk Plus^[1] work-stealing scheduler
- Koblenz Network Collection (KONECT) bipartite graphs
- Experiments for the different modular options in our framework
- Some modifications:
 - Julienne^[2] instead of batch-parallel Fibonacci heap
 - Cannot hold all wedges in memory – batch wedge retrieval

[1] Leiserson (10)

[2] Dhulipala, Blelloch, and Shun (17)

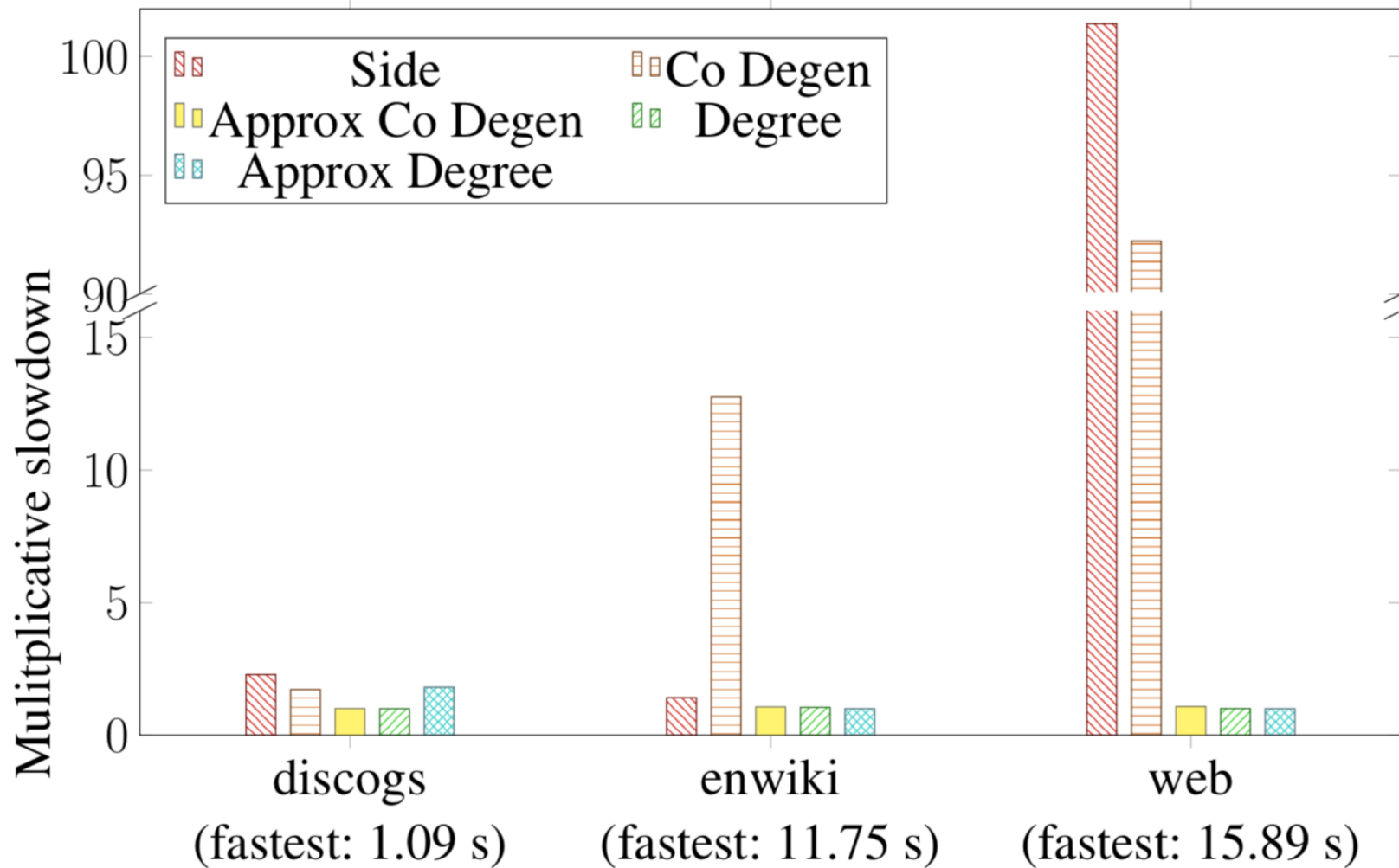
Counting:

Best aggregation method: **Batching**



Counting:

Best ranking method: **Approx Complement Degeneracy / Approx Degree**



Butterfly counting results

- 6.3 – 13.6x speedups over best seq implementations^[1] ^[2]
- 349.6 – 5169x speedups over best parallel implementations^[3]
 - Due to work-efficiency
- 7.1 – 38.5x self-relative speedups
- Up to 1.7x additional speedup using a cache-optimization^[4]

[1] Sanei-Mehri, Sariyuce, Tirthapura (18)

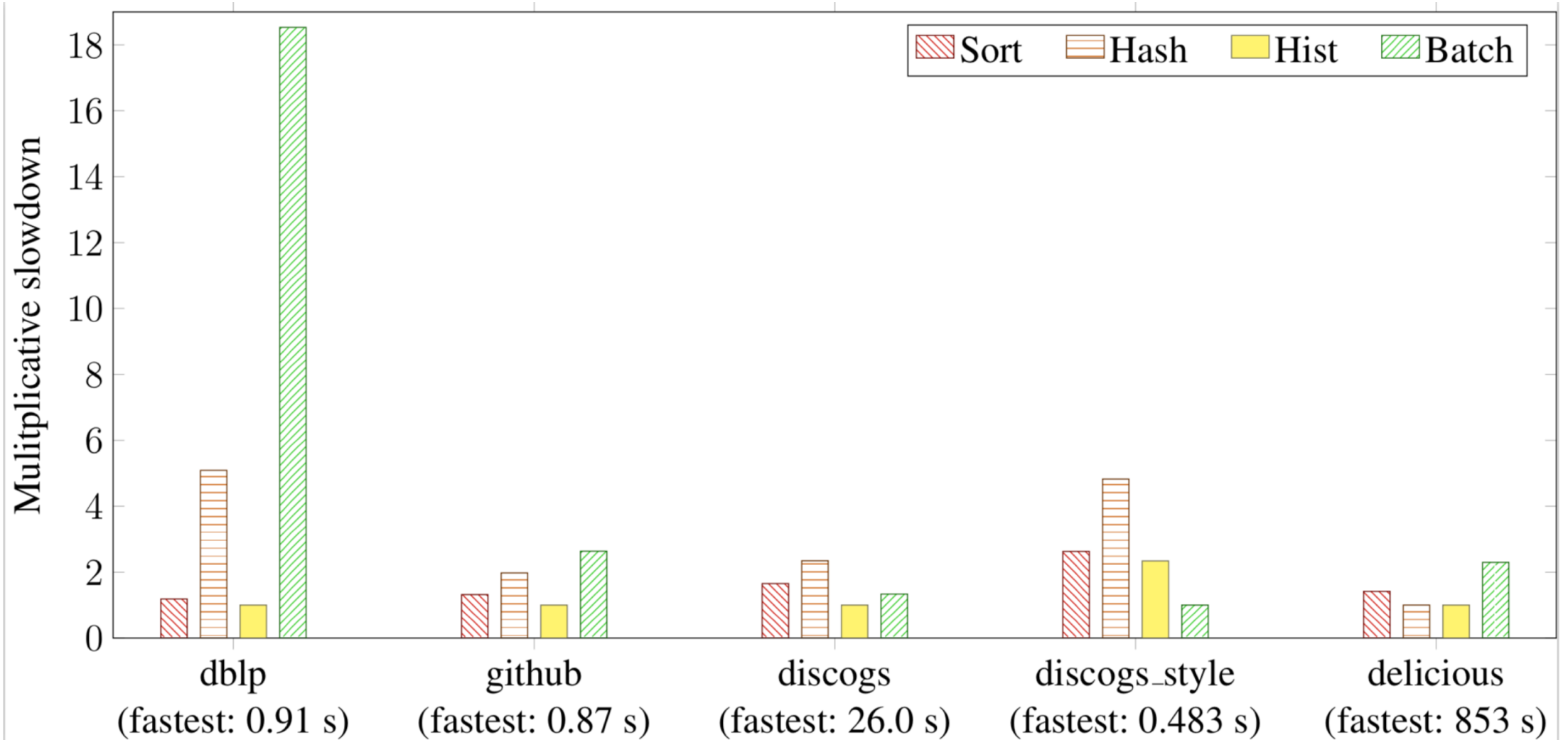
[2] ESCAPE: Pinar, Seshadhri, Vishal (17)

[3] PGD: Ahmed, Neville, Rossi, Duffield, and Wilke (17)

[4] Wang, Lin, Qin, Zhang, and Zhang (19)

Peeling:

Best aggregation method: **Histogramming**



Butterfly peeling results

- 1.3 – 30696x speedups over best seq implementations^[1]
 - Depends heavily on peeling complexity
 - Largest speedup due to better work-efficiency for some graphs
- Up to 10.7x self-relative speedups
 - No self-relative speedups if small # of vertices peeled

[1] Sariyuce and Pinar (18)

Conclusion



Conclusion

- New parallel algorithms for butterfly counting/peeling
- Modular **ParButterfly** framework w/ranking + aggregation options
- Strong theoretical bounds + high parallel scalability
- Github: <https://github.com/jeshi96/parbutterfly>

Limitations

- Butterfly peeling is P-complete (limited speedups)
- Work-efficient butterfly counting is not the fastest in practice
 - Reducing space usage in butterfly counting
- Not easily generalized to other subgraphs

Future Work

- Cycle counting (for $k \geq 6$)^[1, 2, 3]
- Dynamic/Streaming subgraph counting^[4, 5]
- Clique counting / Nucleus decomposition^[6]
- Objective function for butterfly peeling^[7]
- GraphIt extensions
- Hypergraph algorithms

[1] Bera, Pashanasangi, Seshadhri (19)

[2] Kowalik (03)

[3] Pinar, Seshadhri, Vishal (16)

[4] Sanei-Mehri, Zhang, Sariyuce, Tirthapura (19)

[5] Eppstein, Spiro (09)

[6] Sariyuce, Seshadhri, Pinar, Catalyurek (15)

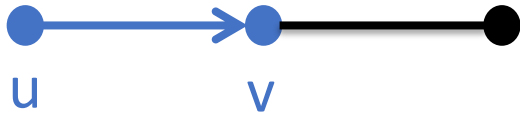
[7] Tsourakakis (15)

Thank you



Deriving αm

- # wedges = $\sum_{x \in V} \sum_{y \in N_x(x)} \deg_x(y)$
 - Where $N_x(y)$ and $\deg_x(y)$ refer to neighbors / degree of y considering vertices with rank $>$ rank(x)



(where u has higher degree
(lower rank) than v)

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \min(\deg(u), \deg(v)) \\ &\leq \sum_{\text{forest } F} \sum_{(u,v) \in F} \min(\deg(u), \deg(v)) \\ &\leq \sum_{\text{forest } F} \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) \\ &= O(\alpha m) \end{aligned}$$

Priority queue for butterfly counts

Batch-parallel Fibonacci heap:

- k insertions: $O(k)$ amortized expected work, $O(\log(n+k))$ span whp
- k decrease-keys: $O(k)$ amortized work, $O(\log^2 n)$ span whp
- delete-min: $O(\log n)$ amortized expected work, $O(\log n)$ span whp

Analysis follows directly from serial Fibonacci heap analysis, except marks are integers instead of booleans

Additionally, we use a parallel hash table to maintain buckets for butterfly peeling

Peeling framework bounds

- **By vertex:** (ρ_v = number of peeling rounds across all vertices)
 $O(\min(\max-b_v, \rho_v \log m) + \sum \text{degree}(v)^2)$ expected work, $O(\rho_v \log^2 m)$ span whp, $O(n^2 + \max-b_v)$ space
- **By edge:** (ρ_e = number of peeling rounds across all edges)
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(Using batch-parallel Fibonacci heap and Julienne)

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Peeling framework bounds (Storing all wedges)

- **By vertex:** (ρ_v = number of peeling rounds across all vertices)
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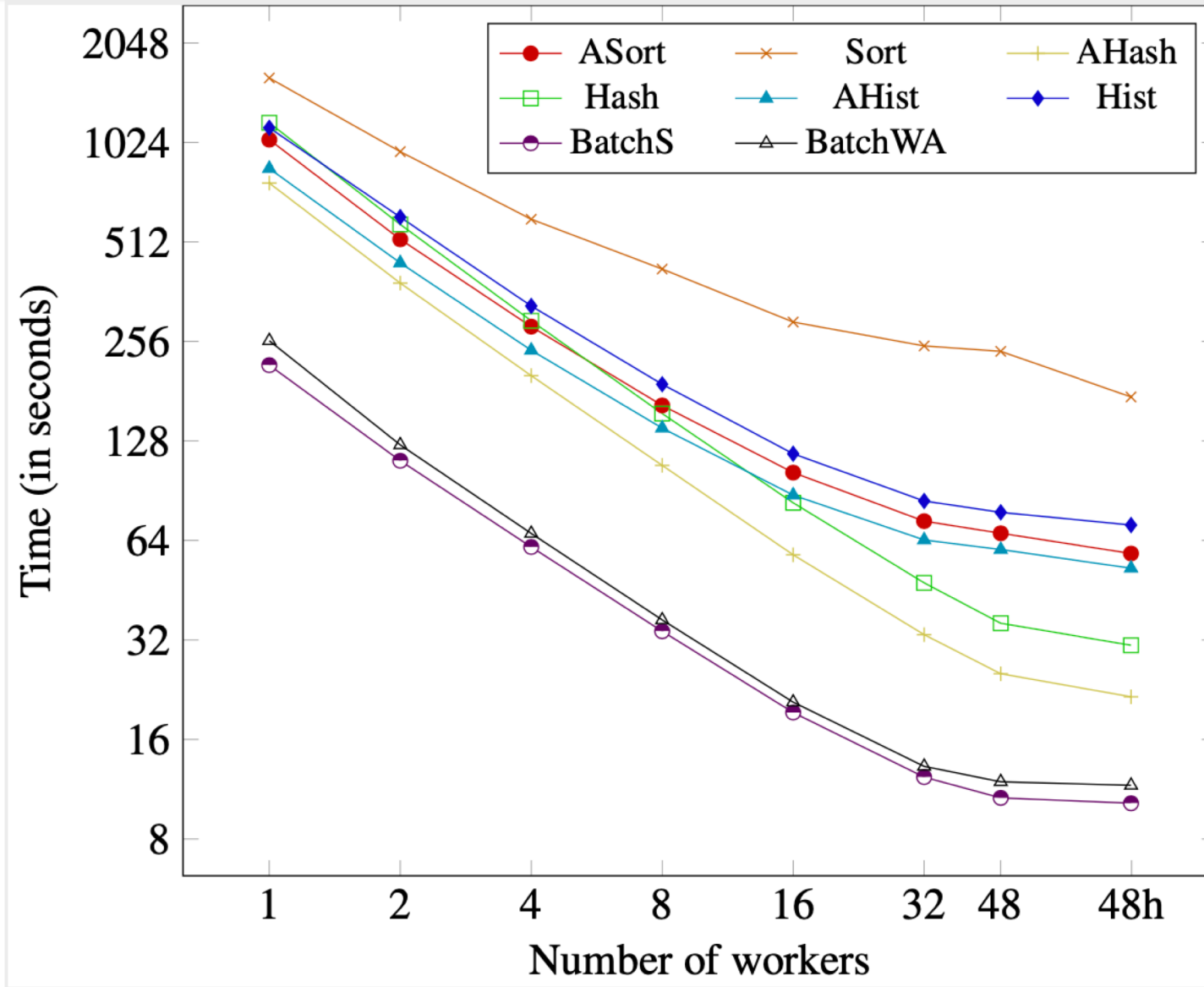
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(Using Julienne)

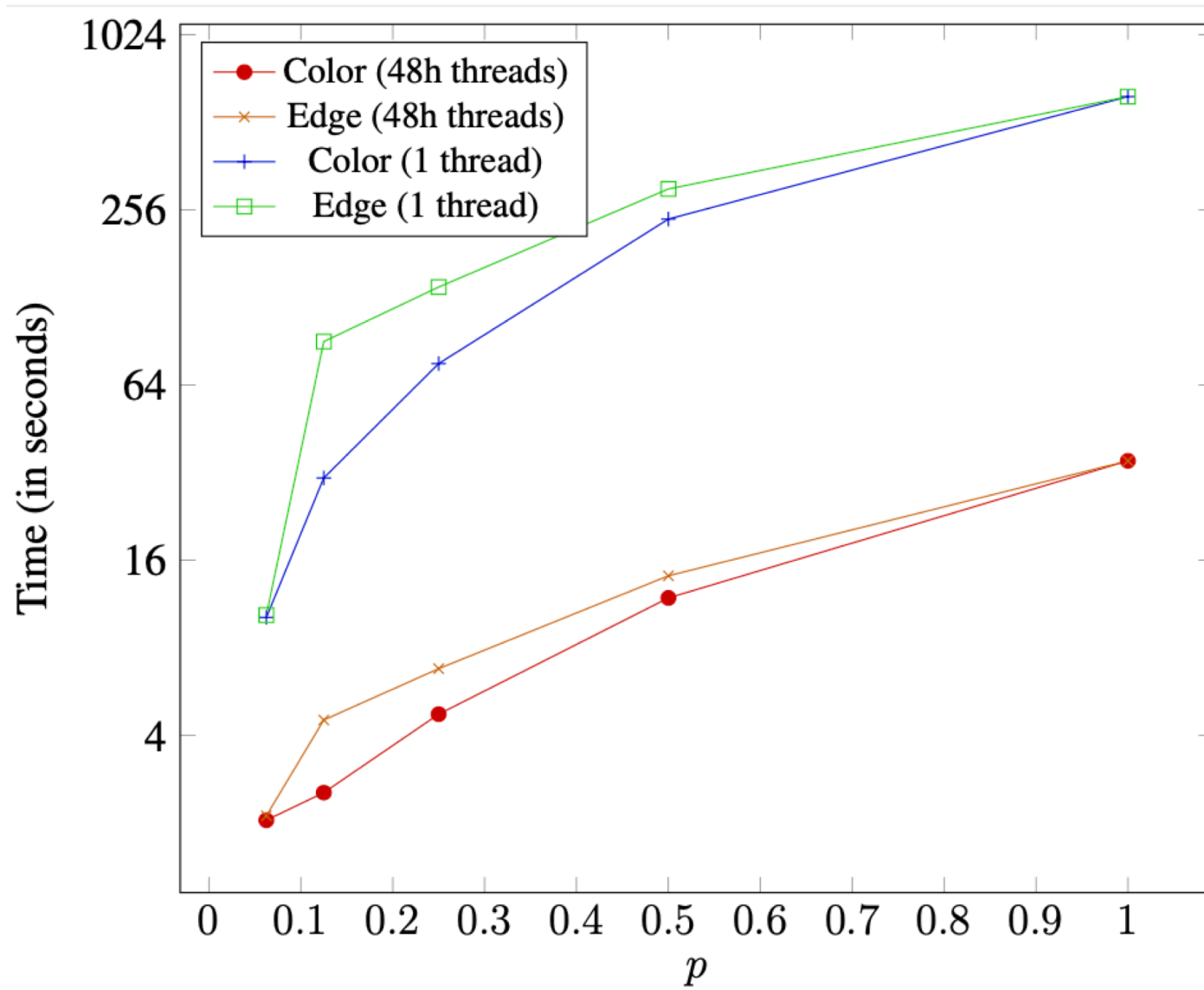
Sampling

- **Edge sparsification:** Keep each edge independently w/probability p
- **Colorful sparsification:** Assign a random color $[1, \dots, 1/p]$ to each vertex + keep each edge if the endpoints match

Scalability (Per vertex counting)



Sampling



Wedge Aggregation (Per vertex counting with cache optimization)

