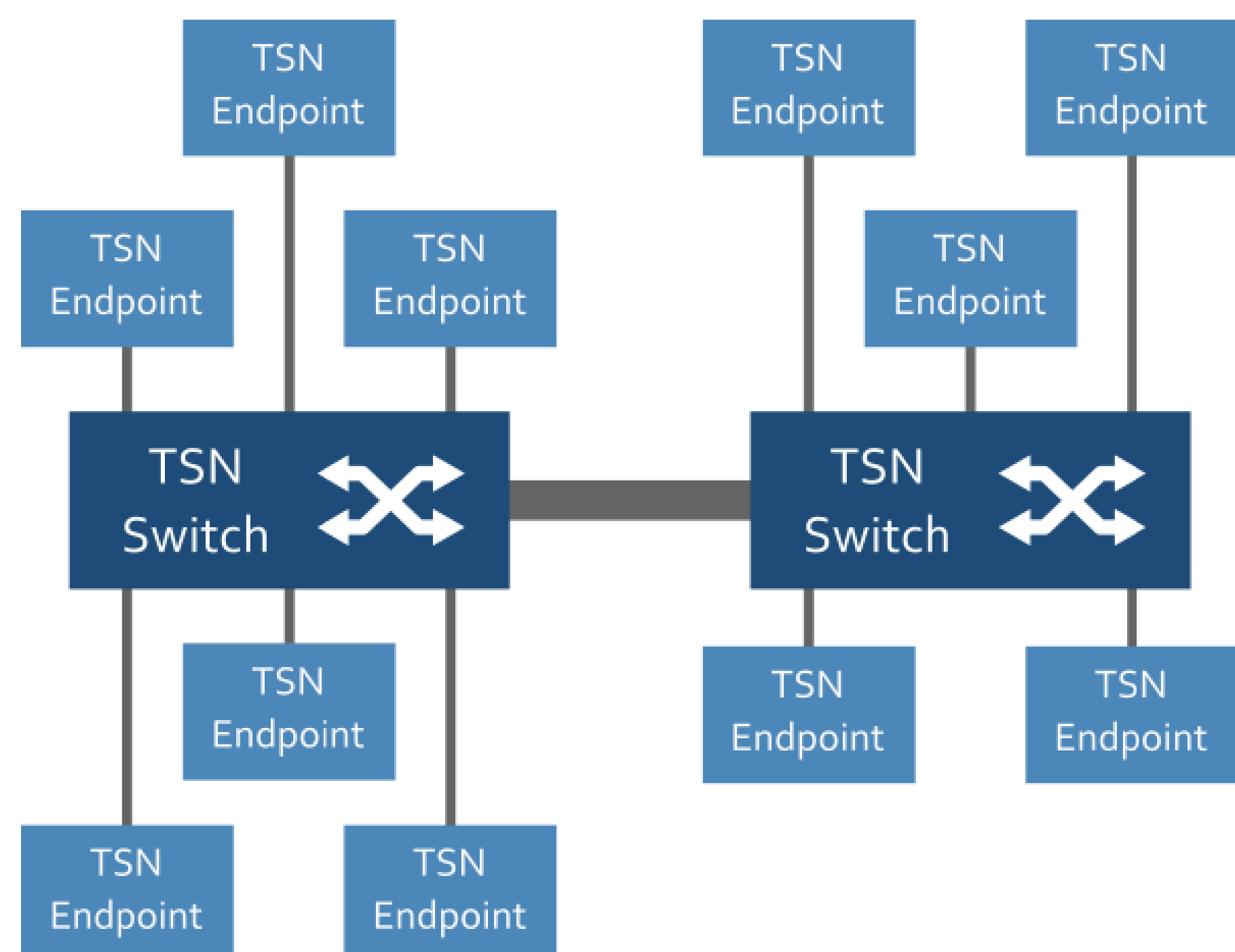


TSN Incremental Routing and Scheduling through parallel MILP computation

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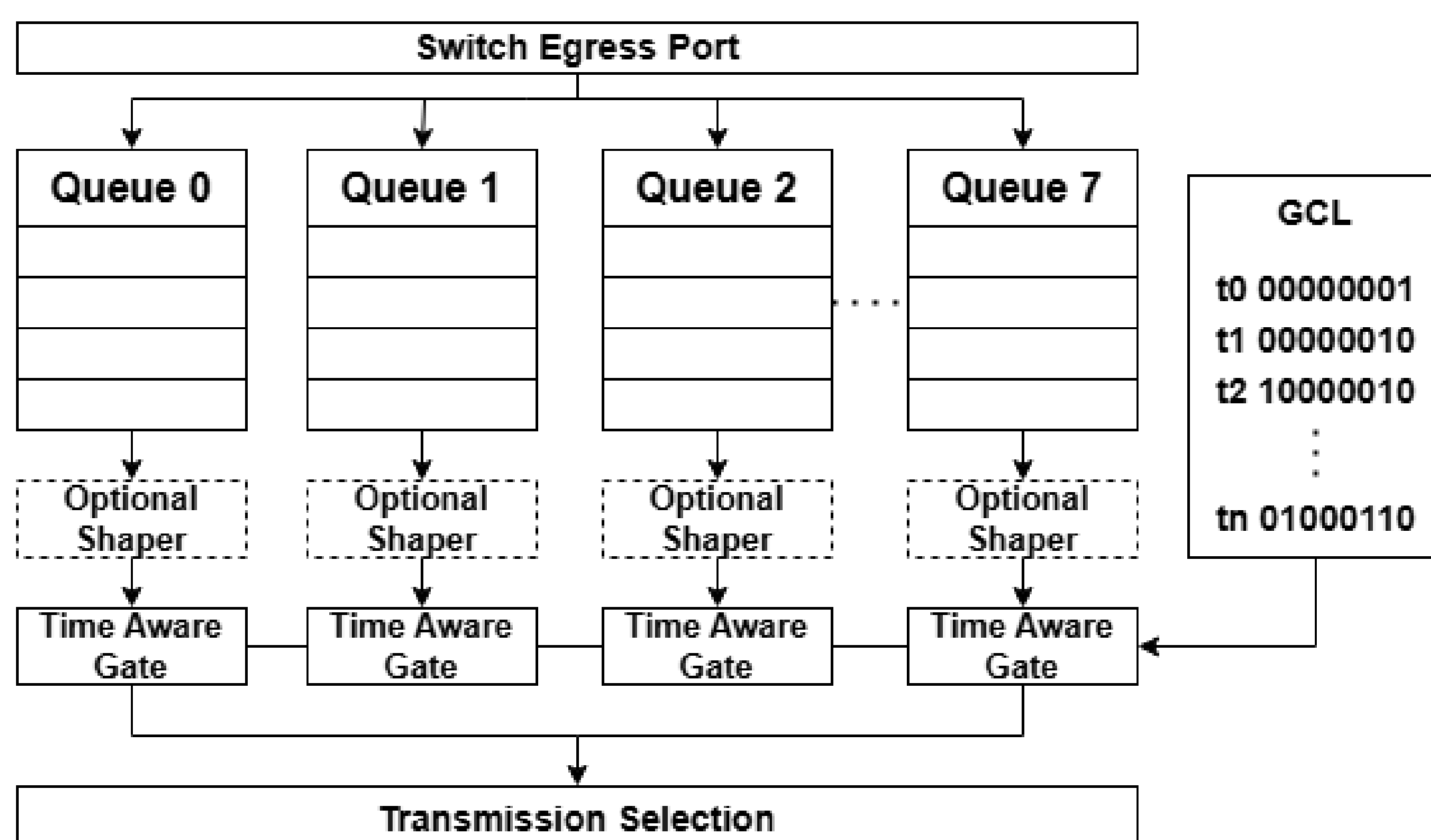
Time Sensitive Networking

TSN is a set of IEEE standards that enables deterministic communication over Ethernet



IEEE 802.1 Qbv - Time Aware Shaper

The IEEE 802.1Qbv standard delineates a time-triggered communication paradigm, incorporating a time-aware shaper (TAS) that governs the selection of frames at egress queues of network bridges in accordance with a predetermined schedule.

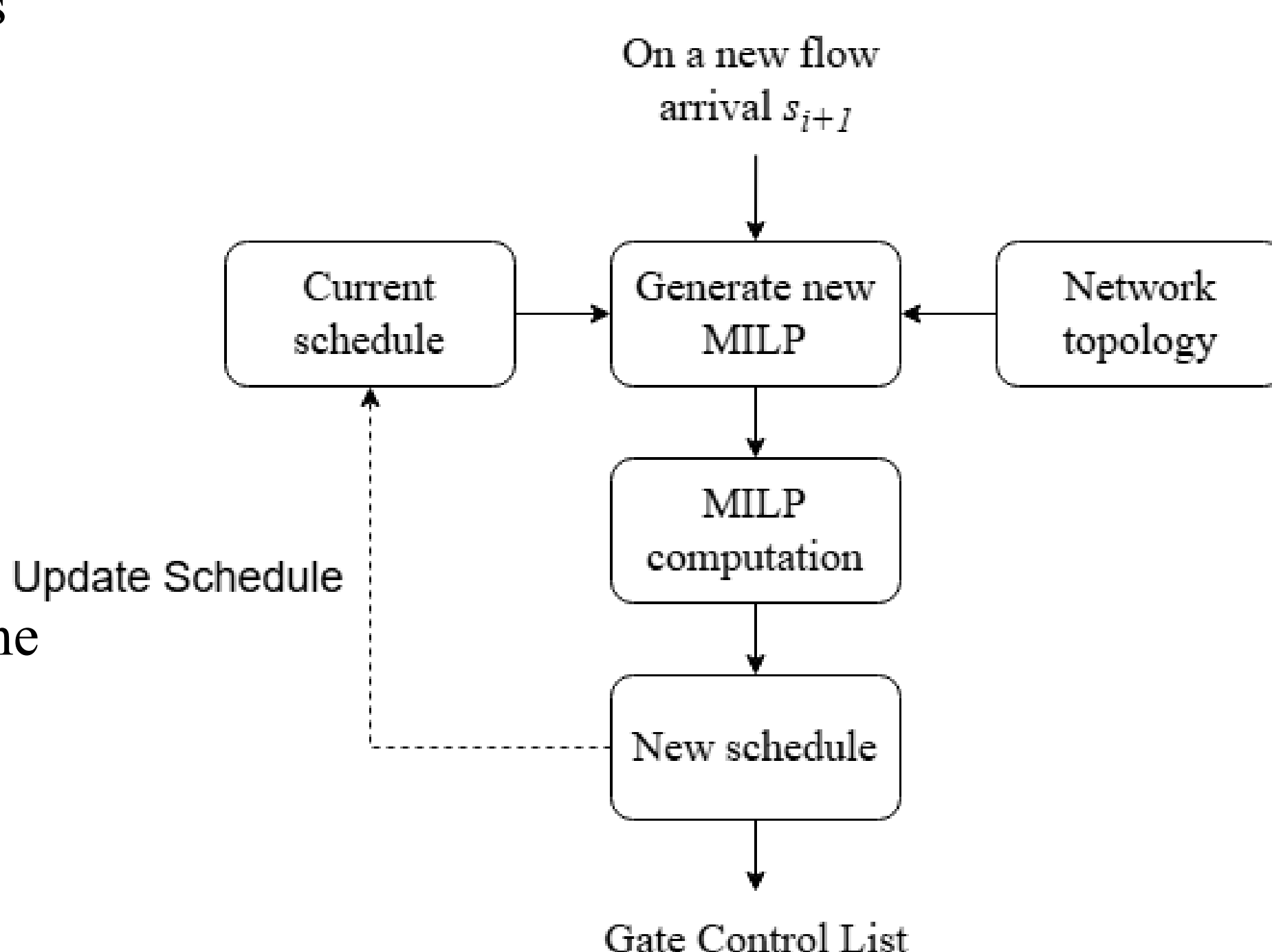


Scheduling a stream in the TSN network means optimizing the timing of its frames for the best path, and setting Gate Control List (GCL) accordingly

GCL SCHEDULE IS A NP COMPLETE PROBLEM WITH HIGH COMPUTATIONAL DEMANDS!!!

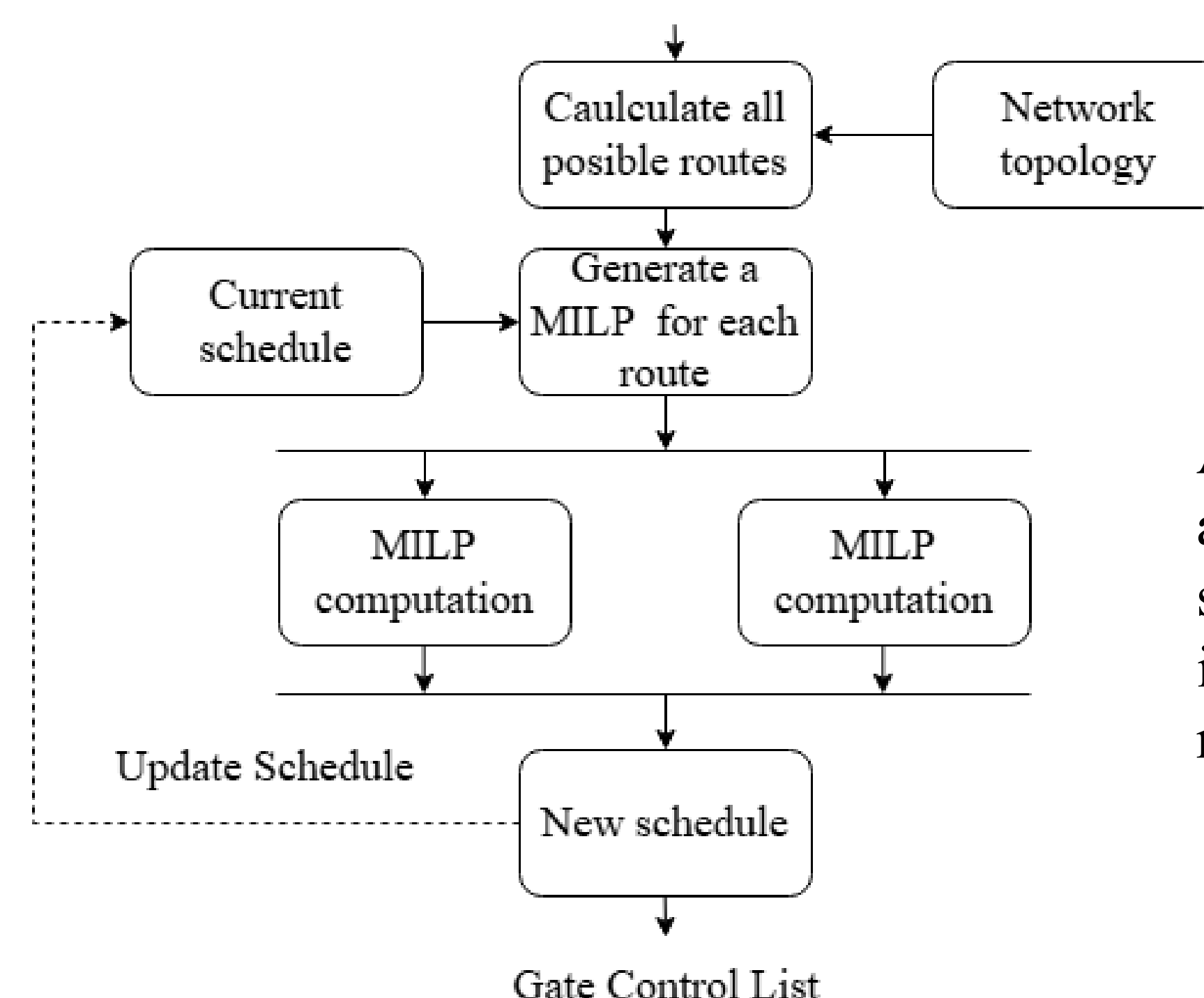
Monolithic MILP Solution

A MILP model based on [1] is constructed to schedule all frames of a single stream across all possible routes, and then selects the best schedule among the candidate paths. Once a stream has been scheduled, a new model is generated for the subsequent streams, taking into account the remaining network resources.



Parallel MILP Solution

On a new flow arrival s_{i+1}

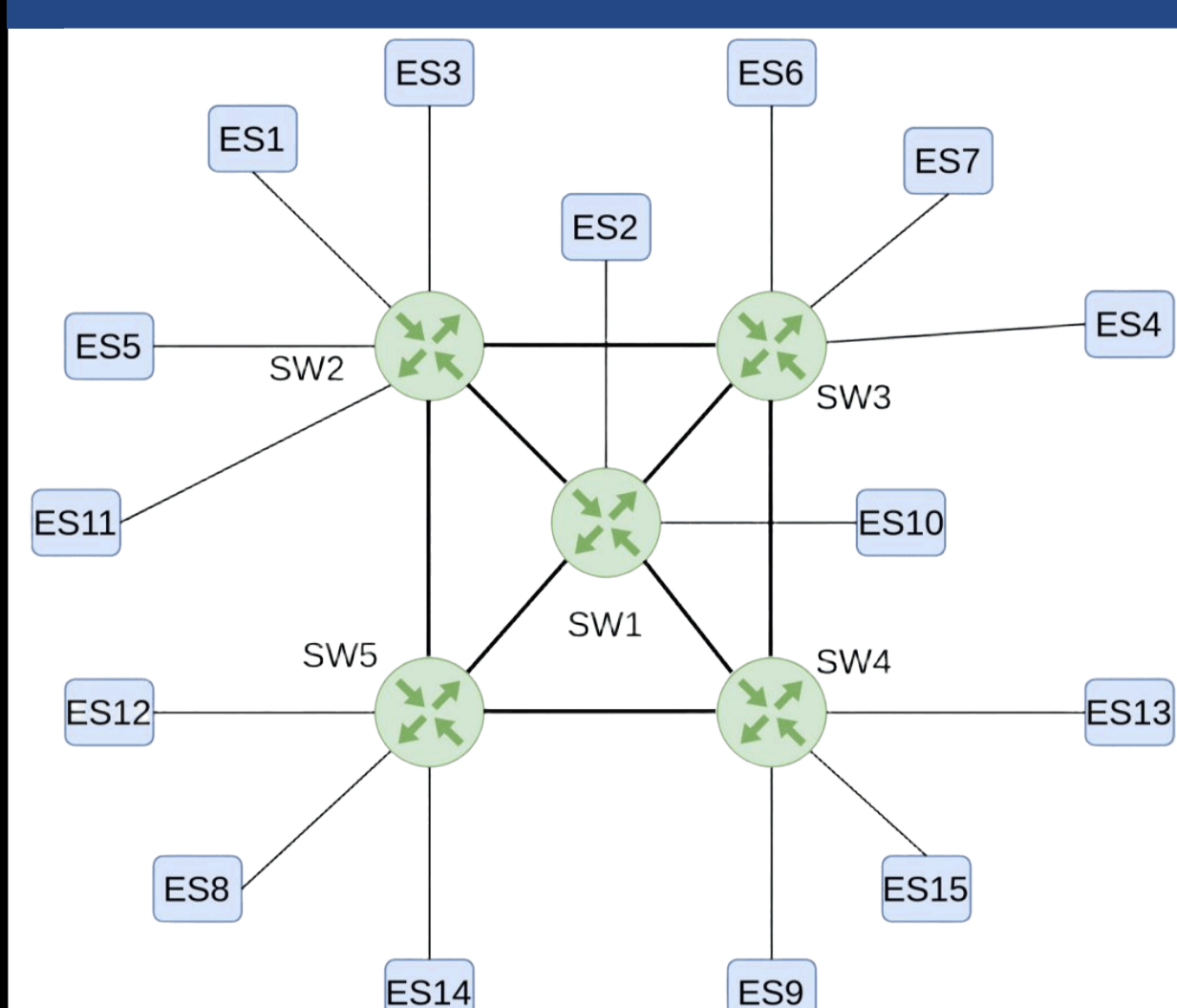


A MILP model is generated from all the candidate paths and solved in parallel. The final path is selected based on the computed results.

TSN Avionics Use Case

Avionics TSN use case provided by Thales [2].

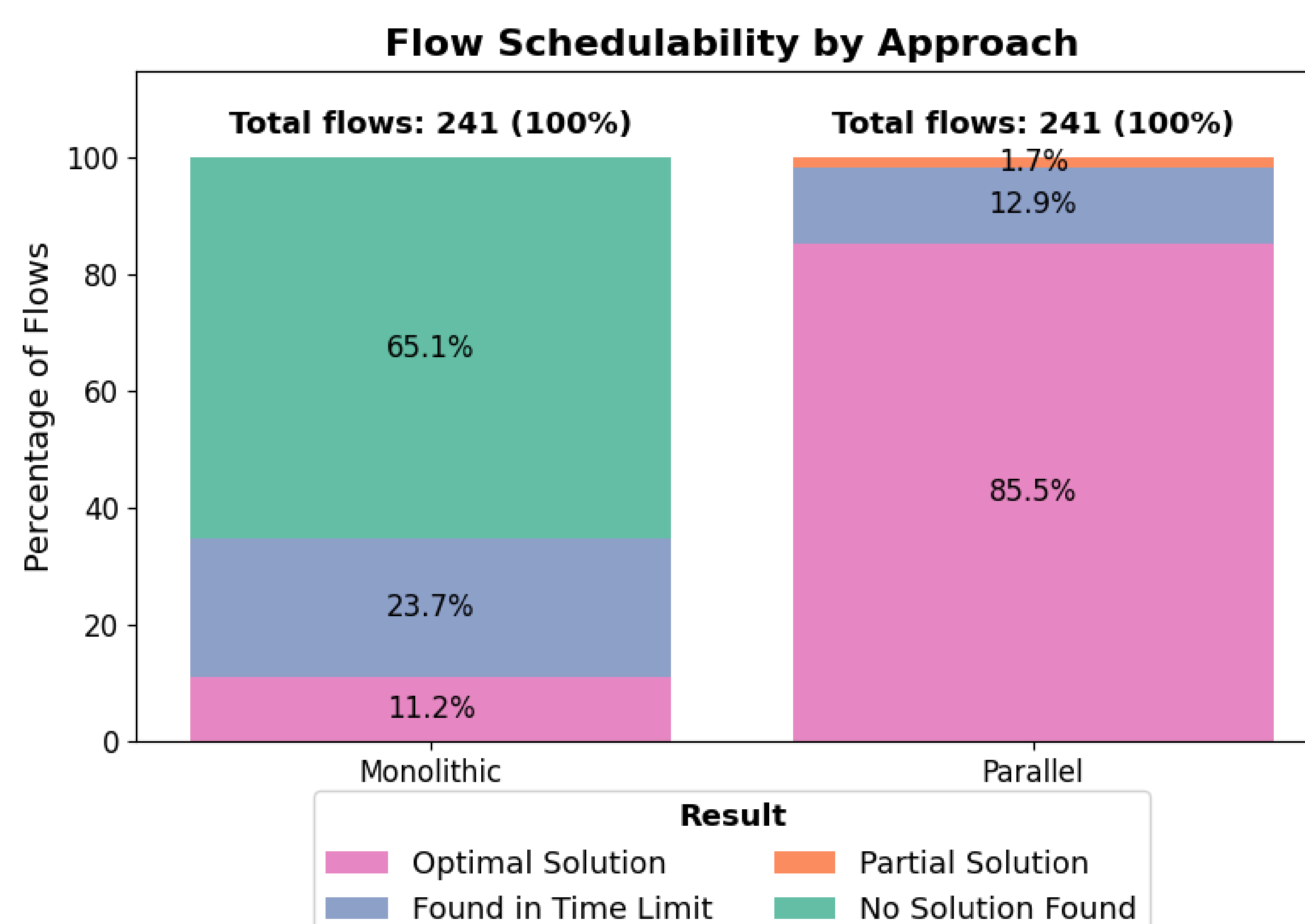
- 241 Streams
- From 1 to 32 frames per stream



Evaluation Methodology

- The experiments are conducted on an Intel® Xeon® Gold 5120 CPU running at 2.20 GHz, with 56 cores (Skylake architecture)
- MILP models are solved using the CBC solver [3], version 2.10.12.
- A one-hour timeout is set for solving the MILP model in the first approach. In the second approach, this time is evenly divided among the individual tasks.

Evaluation Results



Monolithic model falls short in complex cases.

Parallel model reaches the optimal schedule in 85.5% of the cases.

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