

# Island Hopping and Path Colouring



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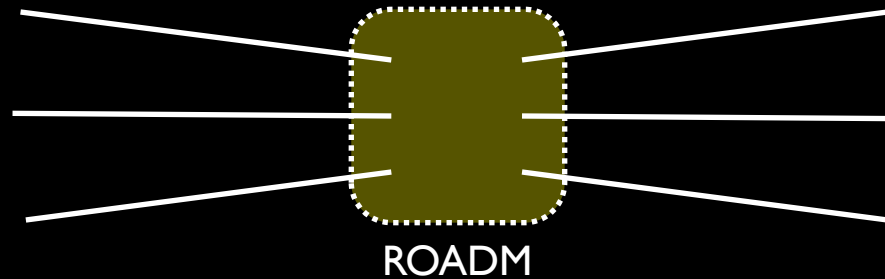
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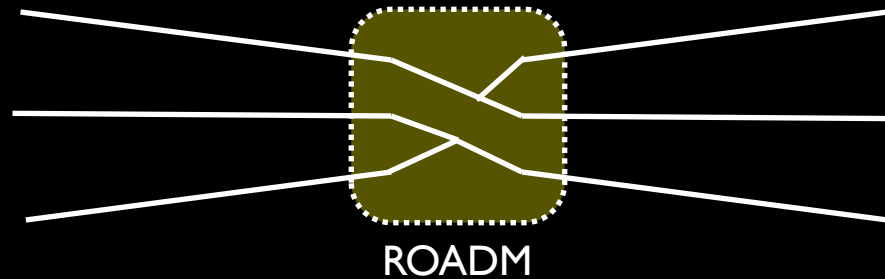
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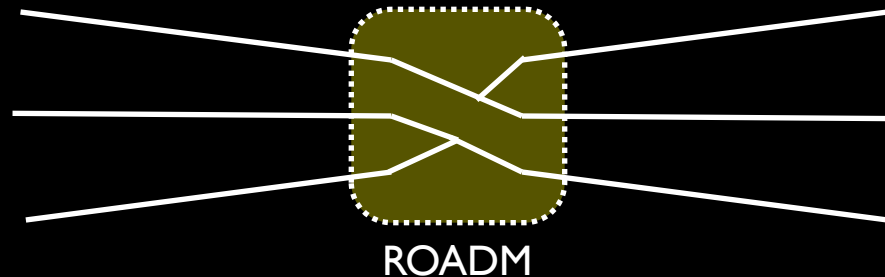
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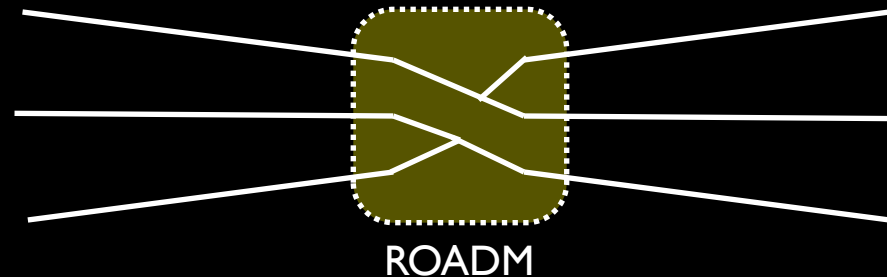
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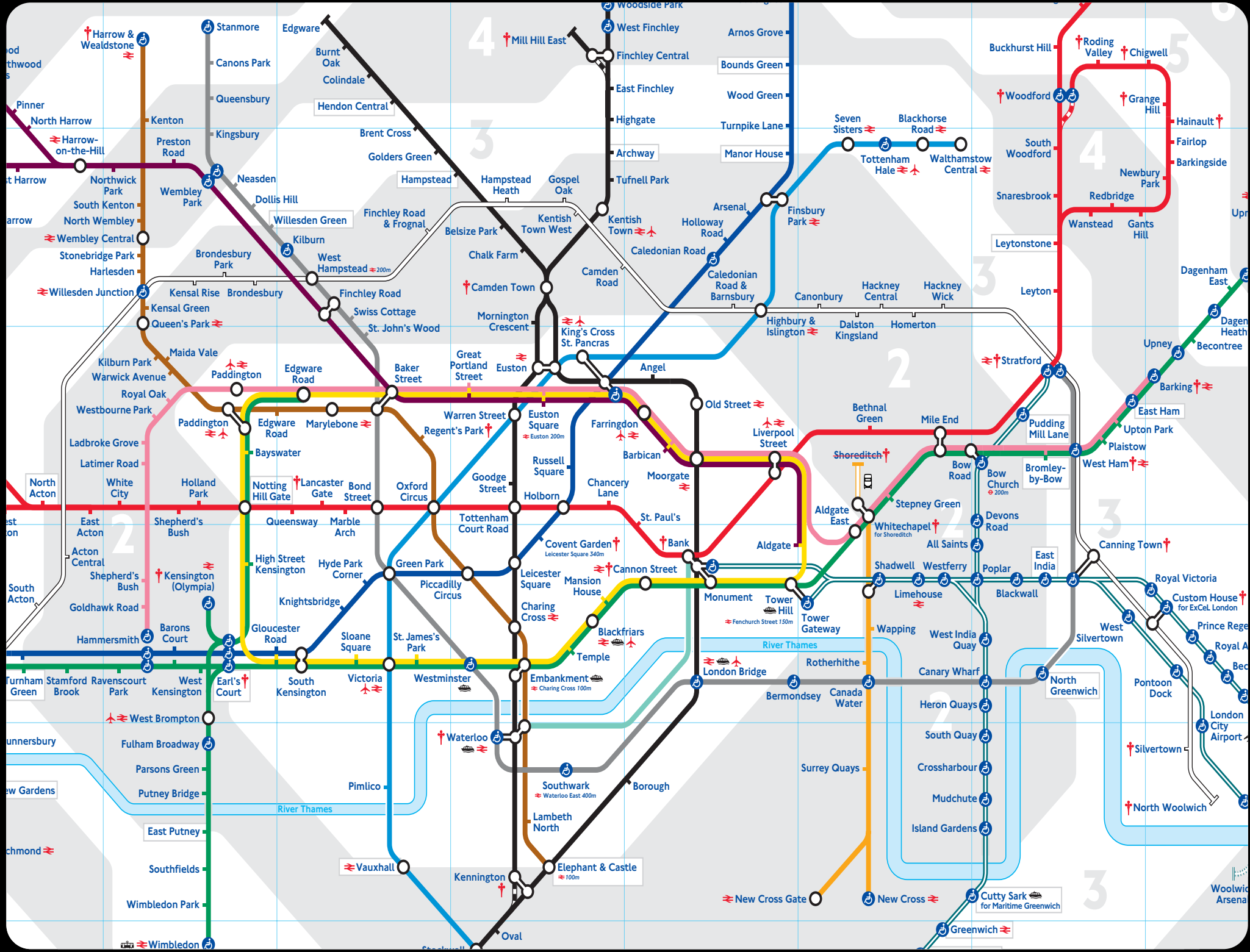
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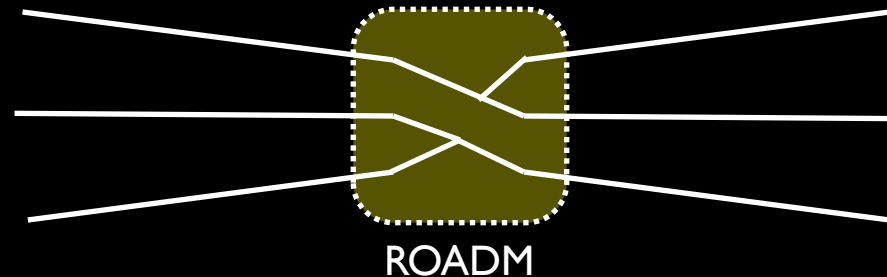


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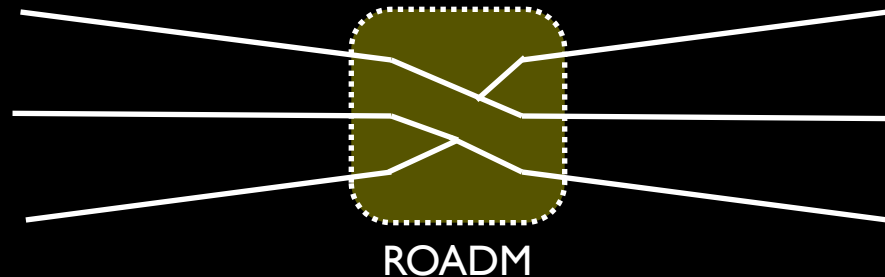


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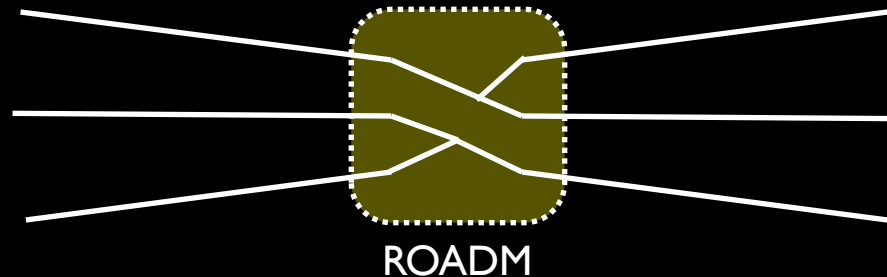
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- **Input:** Supply network  $G=(V,E)$  and demands  $H$ .
- **Solution:**
  - a) Decomposition of  $E$  into “transparent islands”
  - b) Simple routing path  $P_h$  for each demand  $h$
- **Goal:** Minimize average number of times each  $P_h$  needs to hop between transparent islands.

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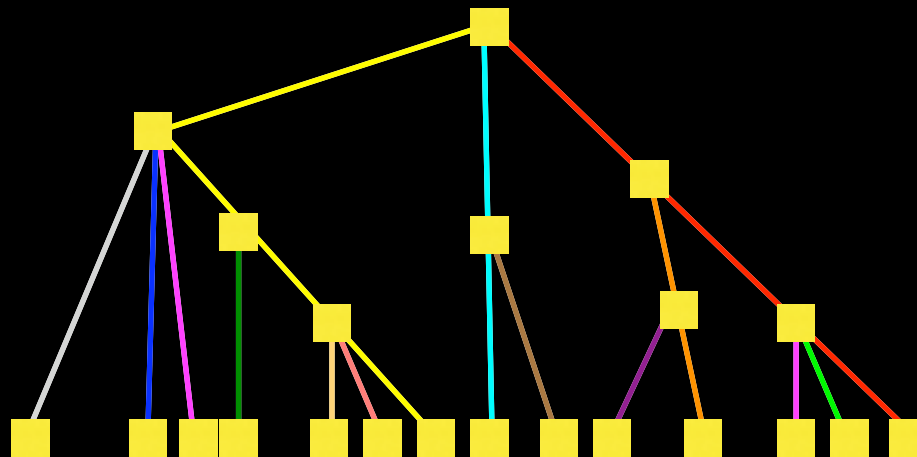




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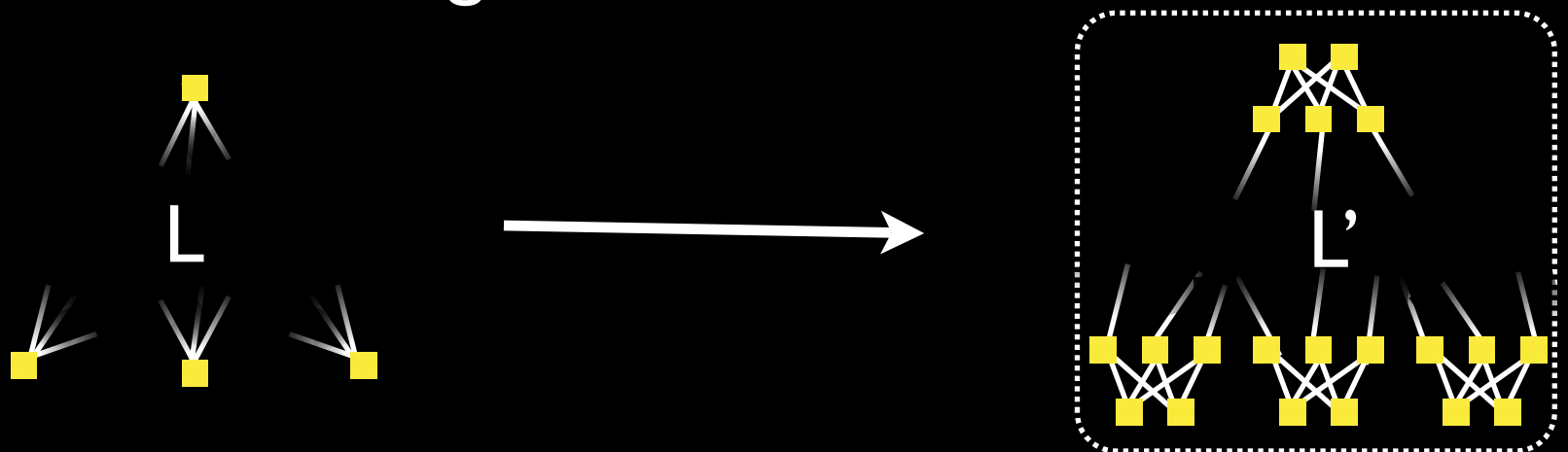
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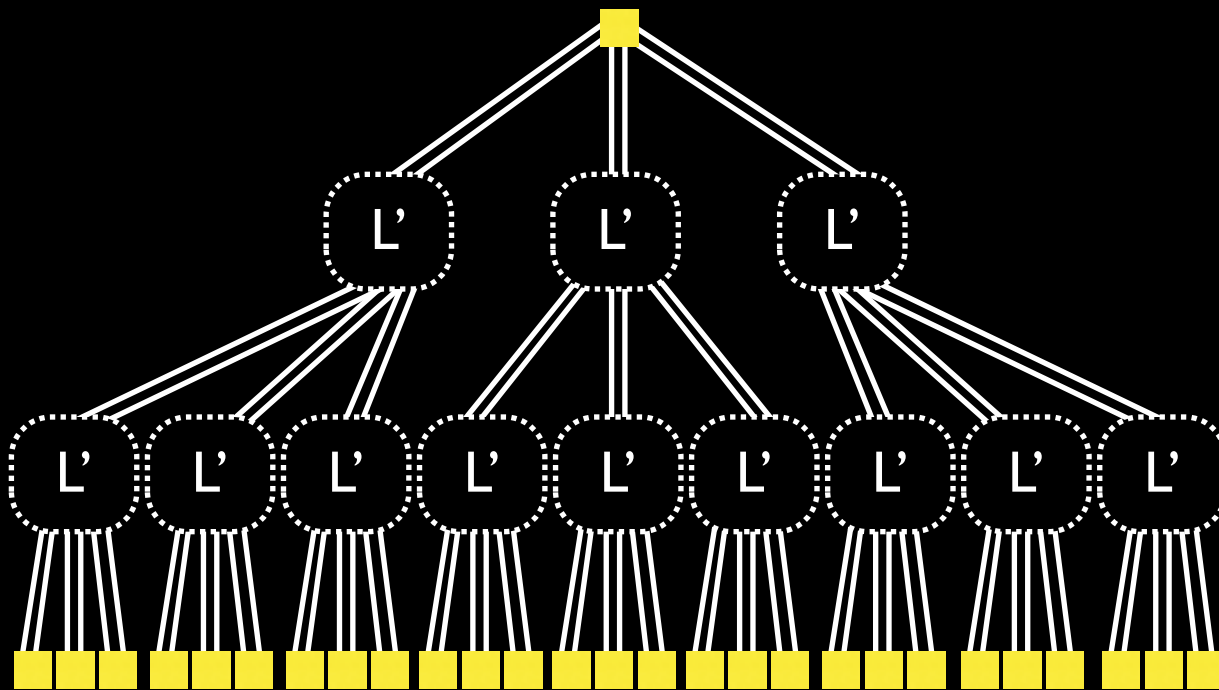
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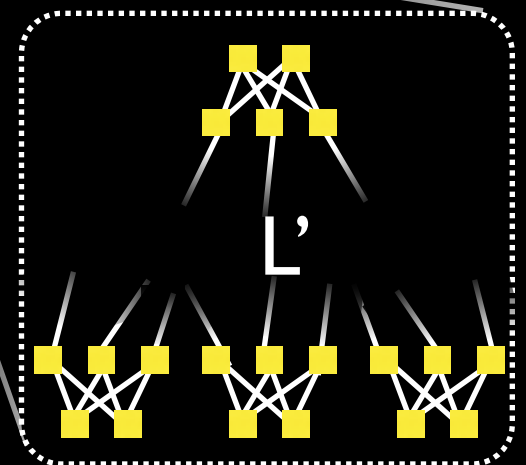


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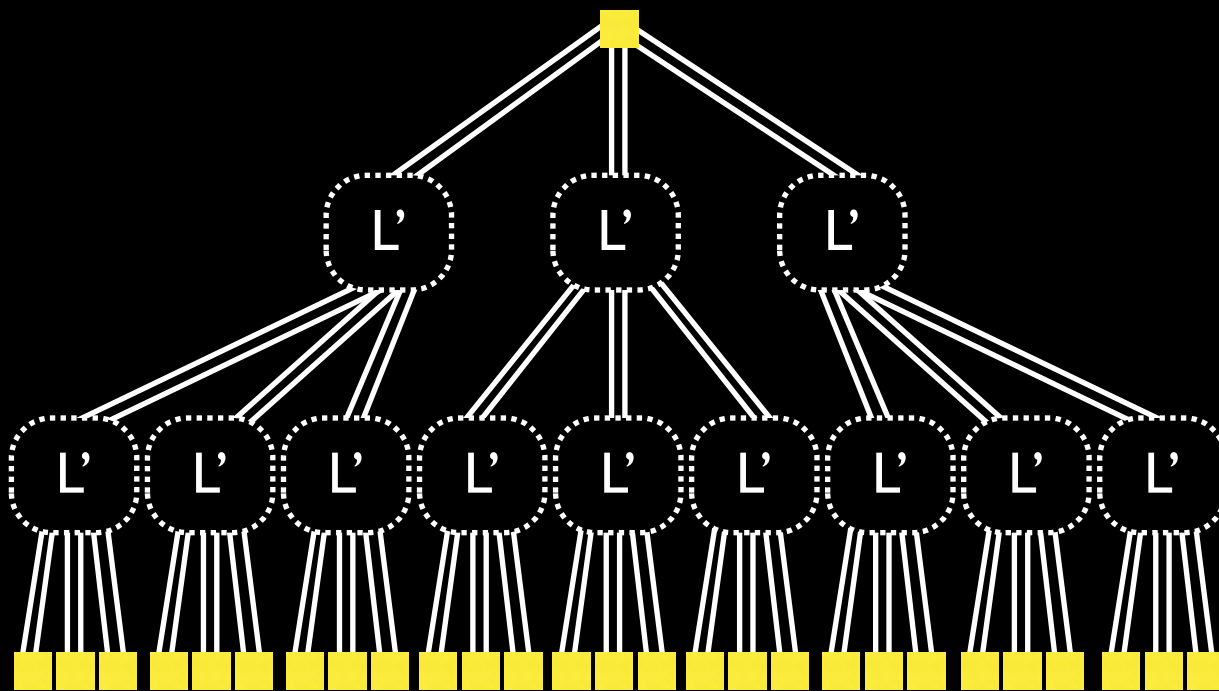


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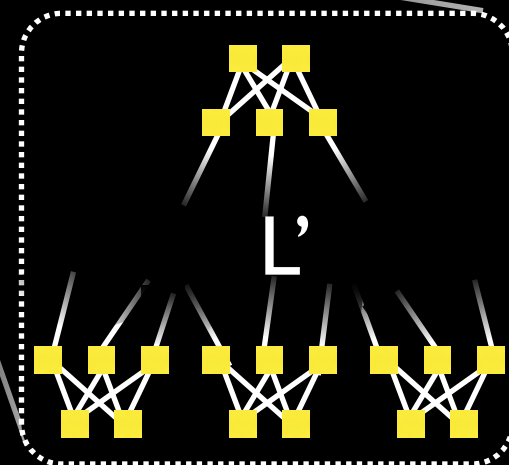
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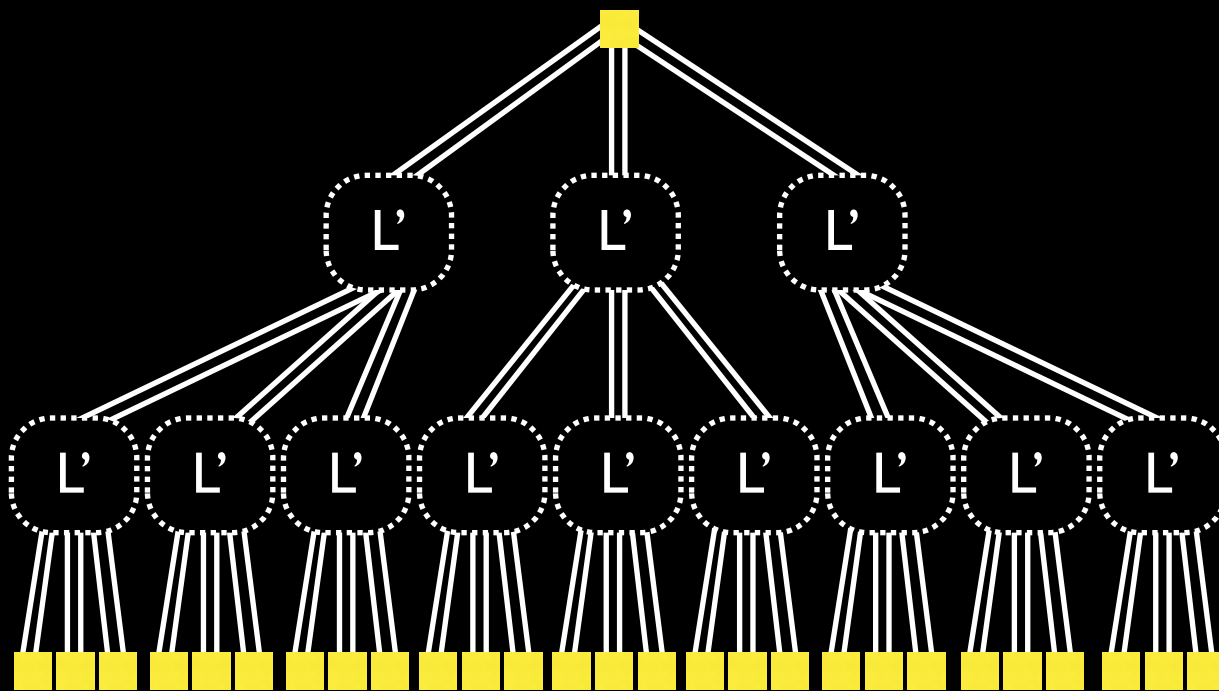
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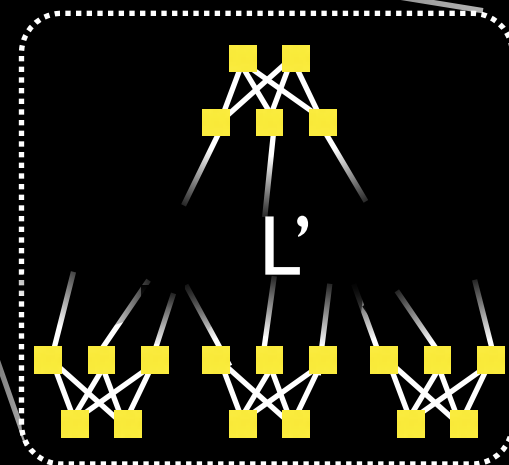
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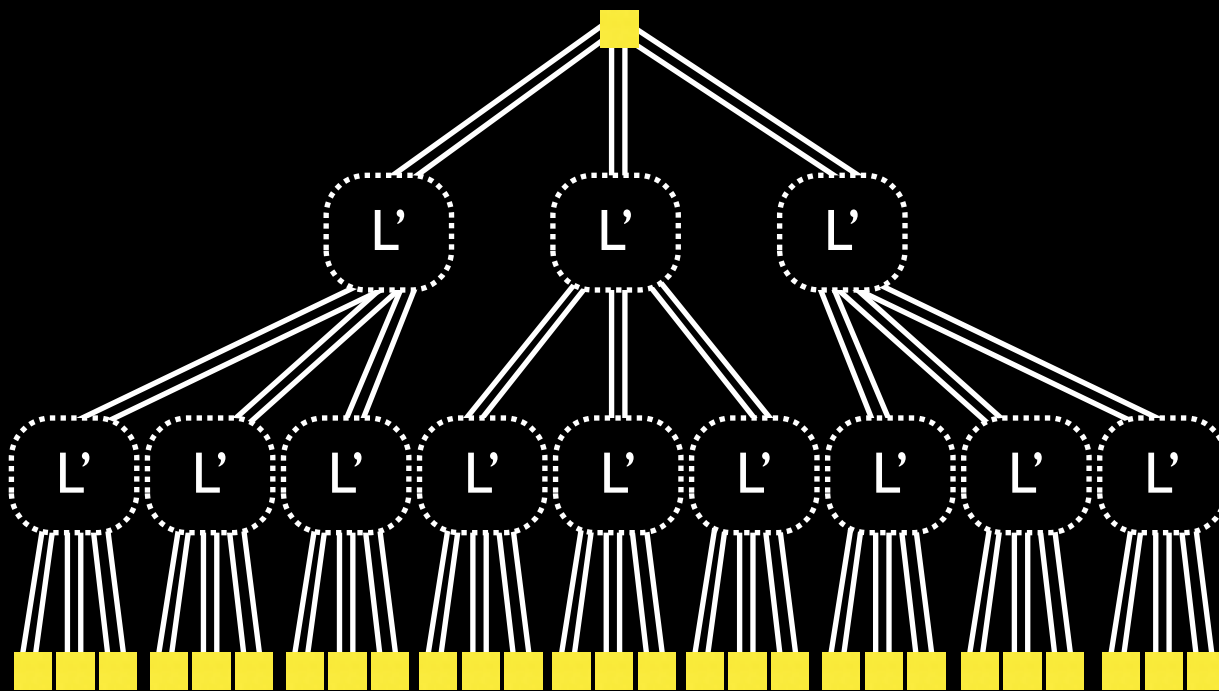
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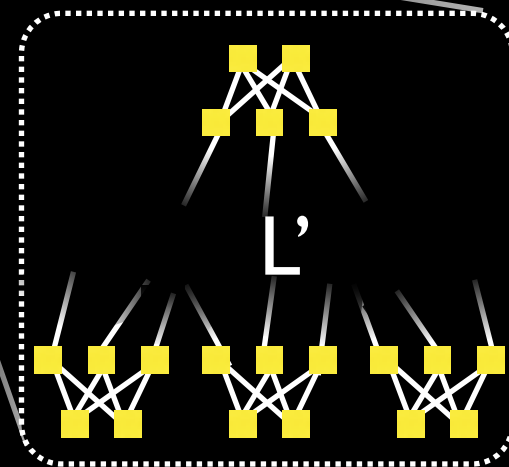
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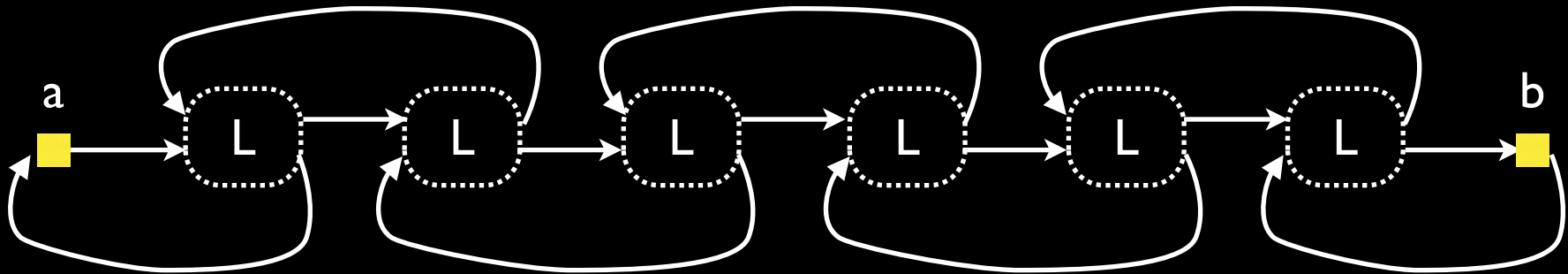
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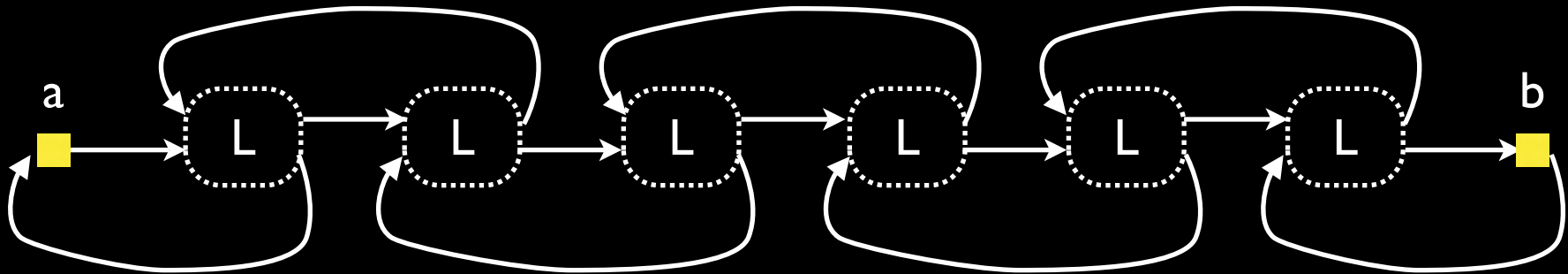
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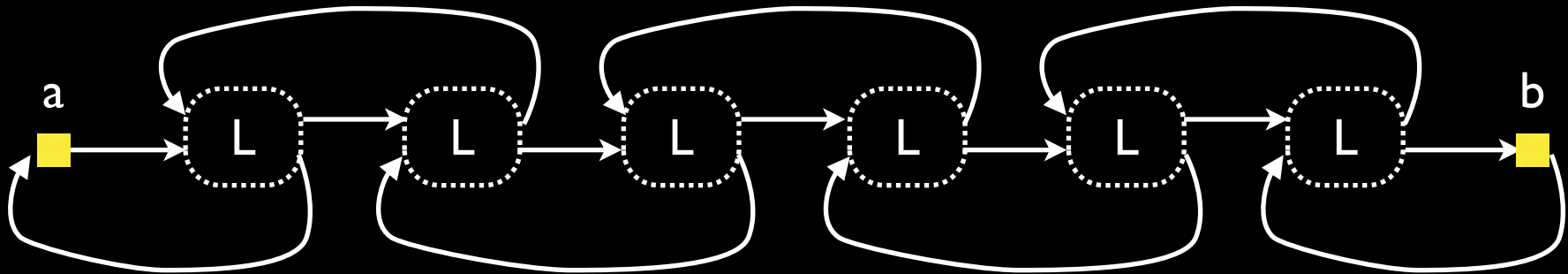
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**Proof:** Induction on  $k$ :  $k=1$  trivial!

Let  $q$  be minimum repeated element and let sequence be of the form  $S q l_1 q l_2 q \dots l_j q P$ .

Assume  $l_1 l_2 \dots l_j$  has length  $r$  and so  $l_1 q l_2 q \dots l_j q$  has length at most  $2r$ .

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$P_j$ : If shortest route in  $G$  augmented by edges of distance  $n^{-2}$  between all pairs of nodes in  $P_i$  for all  $i < j$  is length at least  $n^{1/2}$  then let  $P_j$  be this route.

Define transparent islands as maximal sub-paths of  $P_j \setminus (P_1, \dots, P_{j-1})$  and all remaining individual edges.

$G$  is a DAG implies that  $k = O(n^{1/2})$

Boosting lemma implies every routing requires  $O(k)$  hops

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- **Input:** Supply network  $G=(V,E)$ , demand graph  $H$ , costs  $c_e$  to install a fiber in link  $e$ , and fiber capacity  $\lambda$ .
- **Solution:**
  - a) Multiple  $l_e$  of fibers at link  $e$
  - b) Simple routing path  $P_h$  for each demand
  - c) Assignment of one of  $\lambda$  colours to each  $P_h$  such that the number of paths of the same colour using any edge is at most  $l_e$ .
- **Goal:** Minimize  $\sum c_e l_e$

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- **Thm (Baum, Trotter):** Matrix  $A$  is totally unimodular iff  $\{x : Ax \leq b, x \geq 0\}$  has the IDP for every integer vector  $b$ .

# WDM Flows on Directed Trees

- **Thm:** Exact solution MinFib on directed tree instances.
- **Proof (Sketch):**

Let  $B$  be the matrix with  $B_{ah}=1$  if routing for demand  $h$  goes through arc  $a$ .  $B$  and  $[B^T I]^T$  are totally unimodular.

Let  $l$  an allocation of fibers that satisfies capacity requirements.

Define  $P_l = \{x : B \cdot x \leq l, 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$  and note  $P_l$  is IDP.

By assumption  $(1/\lambda, 1/\lambda, \dots, 1/\lambda)$  is in  $P_l$  and hence there exists a decomposition of demands into  $\lambda$  classes such that each class can be assigned the same colour.

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- **Incompatible Assumptions:**

MinHop assumes an existing infinite capacity fiber in each link.

MinFiber assumes full wavelength selective switching (i.e. infinite-arm Roadms)

- **How can we unify both problems?**

In MinHop, consider purchasing extra fibers in each link at some cost.

If we have to hop, can't we get a wavelength conversion for free?

# Summary

## MinFiber:

Exact Solution for Directed Trees  
3.55 Approximation for Single-Source  
via “Fractional implies Integral” results

## MinHop:

	<i>2-arm Roadms</i>		<i>3-arm Roadms</i>
	<i>Algorithm</i>	<i>Hardness</i>	<i>Algorithm</i>
<i>Undirected</i>	$O(\log n)$	$\Omega(\log^{1-\epsilon} n)$	$O(\log n)$
<i>Strongly Connected</i>	$O(n)$	$\Omega(n^{1-\epsilon})$	$O(\log n)$
<i>DAG</i>	$O(n^{1/2})$	$\Omega(\log n)$	$O(n^{1/2})$