

# Expander Decomposition:

Applications and How to use it

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# Goal of this talk

1. Motivate **dynamic** algorithms
2. **Expander Decomposition** through **dynamic graph** applications.
3. How it is also used for **centralized** and **distributed** algorithms.
4. Quick **survey of applications**

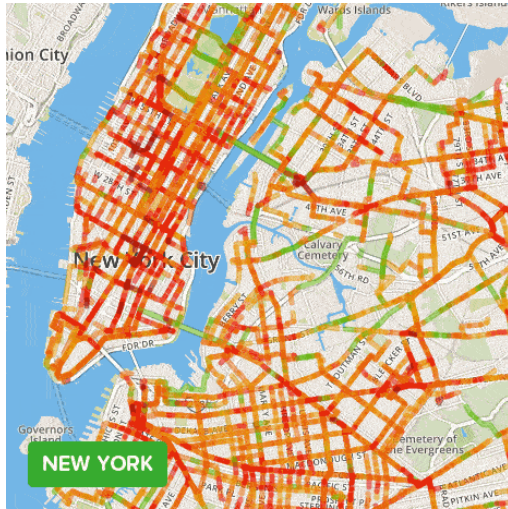
## Part 1

# Dynamic Algorithms: What and Why?

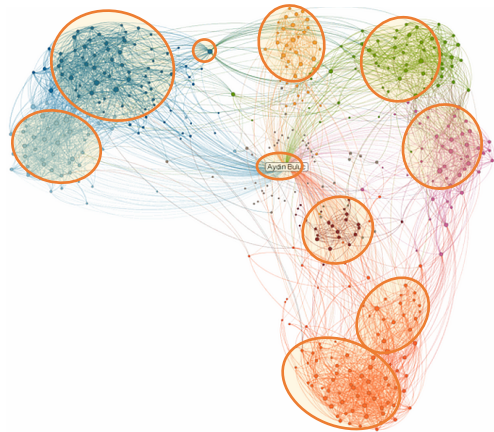
\*Also say **Dynamic Data Structures** as well.

# Analyze **dynamic networks**

Road networks

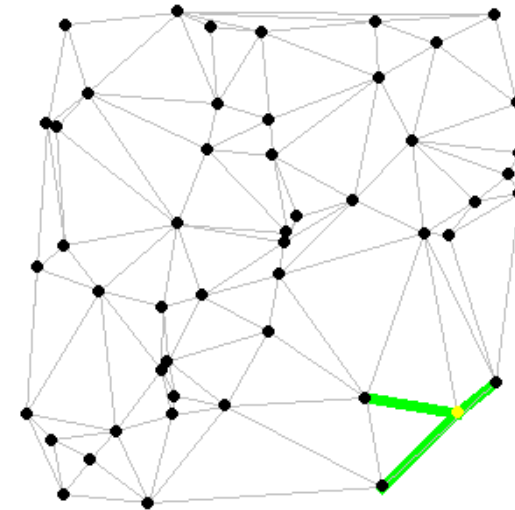


Track communities in social networks

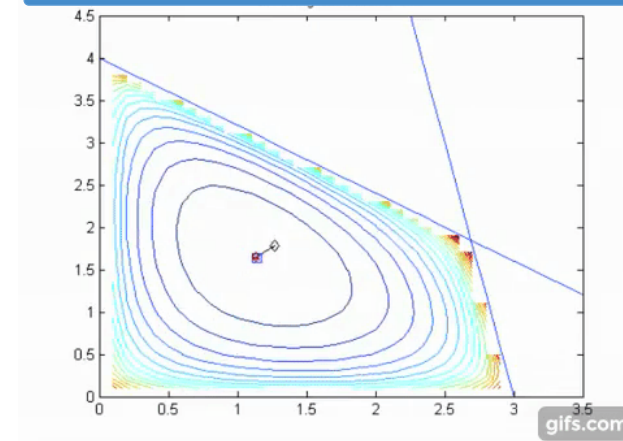


# Subroutines in static algorithms

“inside” Shortest Paths

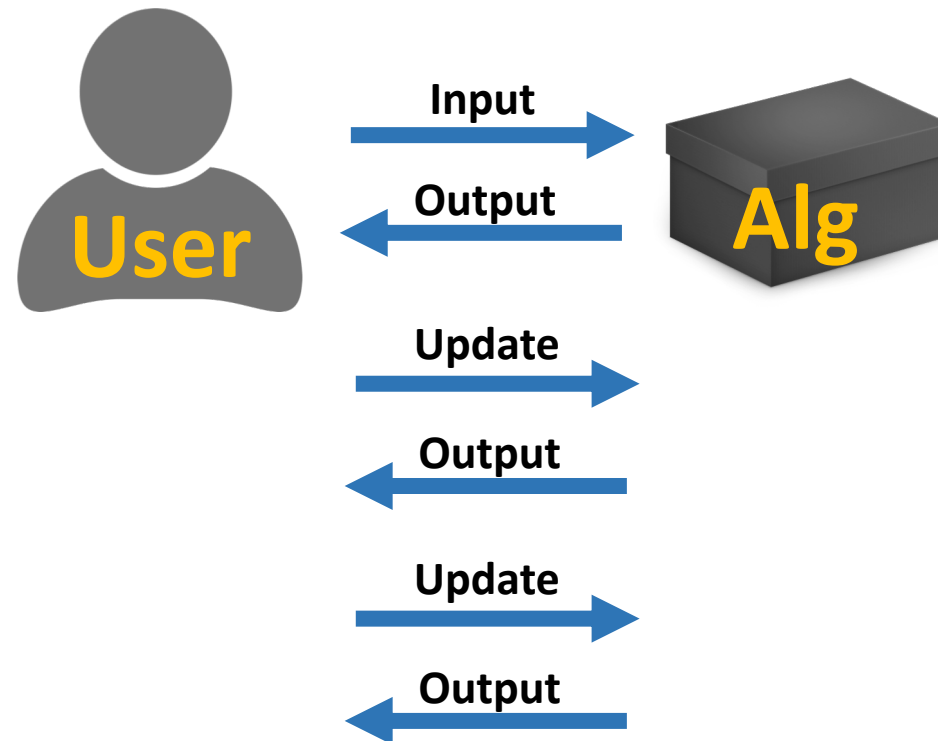


“inside” Linear Programming



# A common theme

We solve the **same** problem **repeatedly**  
where input keeps **changing**



# Dynamic Algorithms

Science of how **not** to compute things from scratch

High-level goal:

“How to Efficiently Prepare for Changes”

# Example: Dynamic Problems

Level	Textbook	Research
<b>Change</b>	Insert/delete a number in a set $S$	Insert/delete an edge in a graph $G$
<b>Maintain</b>	Minimum number in $S$	Is $G$ connected?
<b>Recompute</b>	$O( S )$ time	$O(\#edges)$ time
<b>Can do</b>	$O(\log S )$ time <div data-bbox="726 935 1363 1335" style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><b>Balanced Binary Search tree</b> e.g. AVL tree, red-black tree, etc.</p> <pre> graph TD     50((50)) --&gt; 17((17))     50 --&gt; 72((72))     17 --&gt; 12((12))     17 --&gt; 23((23))     12 --&gt; 9((9))     12 --&gt; 14((14))     23 --&gt; 19((19))     72 --&gt; 54((54))     72 --&gt; 76((76))     54 --&gt; 67((67))           </pre> </div>	<p><b>Example: polylog(n) randomized</b>            [Sleator Tarjan STOC'81, Frederickson, STOC'83            Eppstein et al, FOCS'92, Henzinger King, STOC'95            Holm et al, STOC'98, Thorup, STOC'00            Patrascu Demaine, STOC'04, Patrascu Thorup, FOCS'07            Kapron et al, SODA'13, Wulff-Nilsen, SODA'13            Huang et al, SODA'17, Nanongkai S, STOC'17            Wulff-Nilsen, STOC'17, Nanongkai S Wulff-Nilsen, FOCS'17]</p> <p><b>Many open questions...</b></p>

# More Example: Dynamic Graph Problems (in FOCS/STOC/SODA)

## Dynamic Connectivity / MST

Sleator Tarjan, STOC'81  
Frederickson, STOC'83  
Eppstein et al, FOCS'92  
Henzinger King, STOC'95  
Holm et al, STOC'98  
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Patrascu Thorup, FOCS'07  
Kapron et al, SODA'13  
Wulff-Nilsen, SODA'13  
Huang et al, SODA'17  
Nanongkai S, STOC'17  
Wulff-Nilsen, STOC'17  
Nanongkai S Wulff-Nilsen, FOCS'17

## Dynamic (Directed) Reachability

Even Shiloach, JACM'81  
Henzinger King, FOCS'95  
King Sagert, STOC'99  
Demetrescu Italiano, FOCS'00  
Roditty Zwick, FOCS'02  
Sankowski, FOCS'04  
Lacki, SODA'11  
Henzinger et al, STOC'14  
Chechik et al, FOCS'16  
Italiano et al, STOC'17  
Bernstein et al, STOC'19

## Dynamic Maximum Matching

Sankowski, SODA'07  
Onak Rubinfeld, STOC'10  
Baswana et al, FOCS'11  
Gupta Peng, FOCS'13  
Neiman Solomon, STOC'13  
Bosek et al, FOCS'14  
Gupta et al, SODA'14  
Bhattacharya et al, SODA'15  
Bernstein Stein, SODA'16  
Peleg Solomon, SODA'16  
Bhattacharya et al, STOC'16  
Solomon, FOCS'16  
Bhattacharya et al, SODA'17

## Dynamic Single-Source Shortest Path

Even Shiloach, JACM'81  
Ausiello et al, SODA'90  
Roditty Zwick, FOCS'04  
Bernstein Roditty, SODA'11  
Bernstein, STOC'13  
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Henzinger et al, FOCS'14  
Bernstein Chechik, STOC'16  
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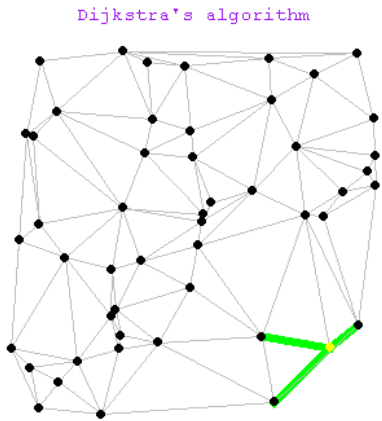
## Dynamic All-Pairs Shortest Path

King, FOCS'99  
Demetrescu Italiano, FOCS'00  
Fakcharoenphol Rao, FOCS'01  
Baswana et al, STOC'02  
Baswana et al, SODA'03  
Roditty Zwick, FOCS'04  
Thorup, STOC'05  
Bernstein, SODA'09  
Abraham et al, STOC'12  
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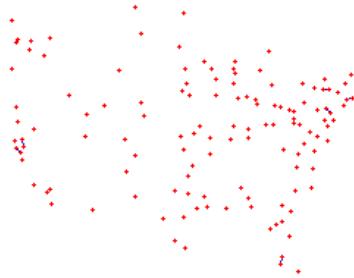
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**Shortest path**

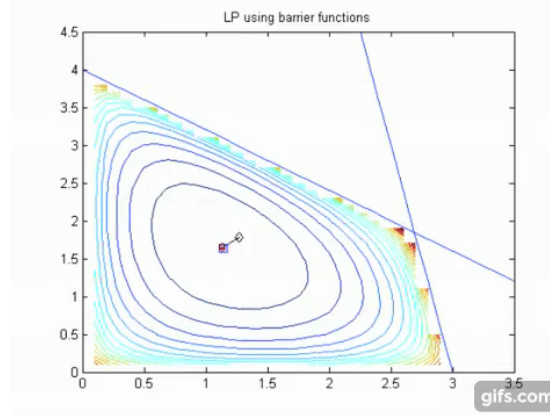
Priority Queue  
(e.g. Fibonacci Heap)

Minimum Spanning Tree



**Kruskal's MST**

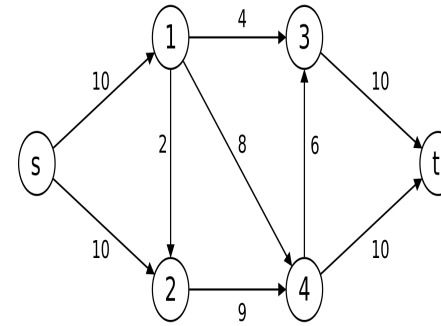
Union-find



**Linear Program**

[Karmakar'84] [Vaidya'89]

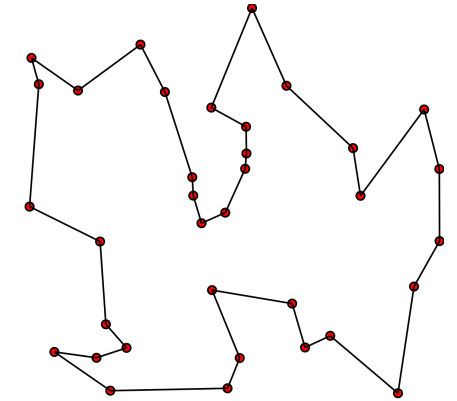
Dynamic Linear  
System Solver



**Max flow**

[Sleator Tarjan'82]

Link-cut Tree



**Traveling Salesman**

[Chekuri Quanrud FOCS'17]

Dyn. "Global  
Min Cut"

**Many more...**

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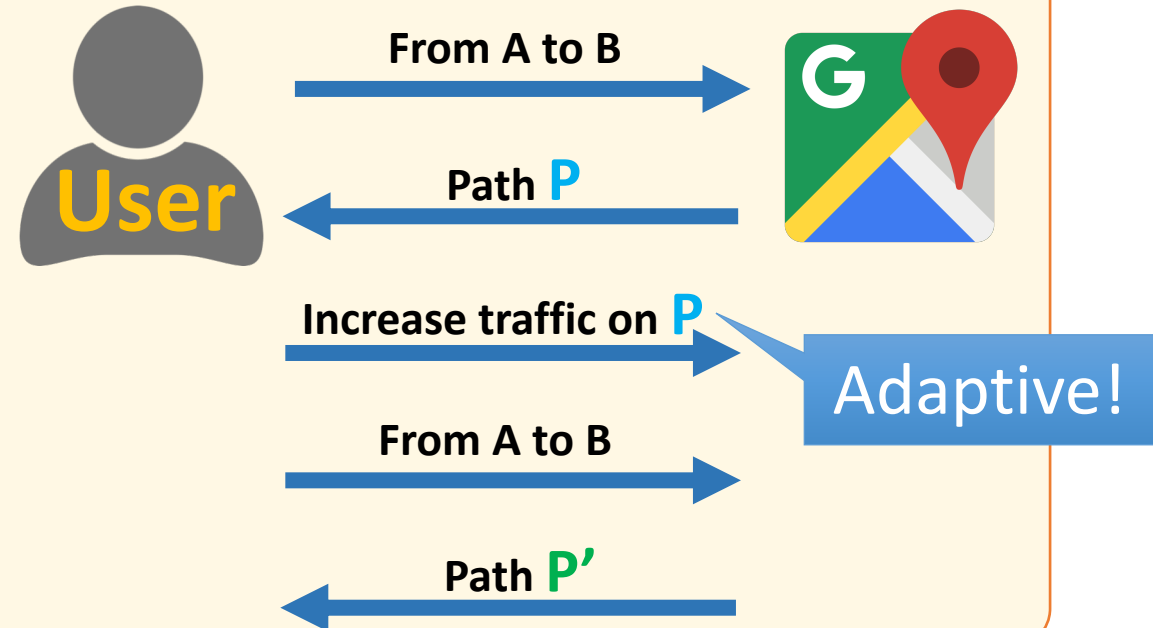
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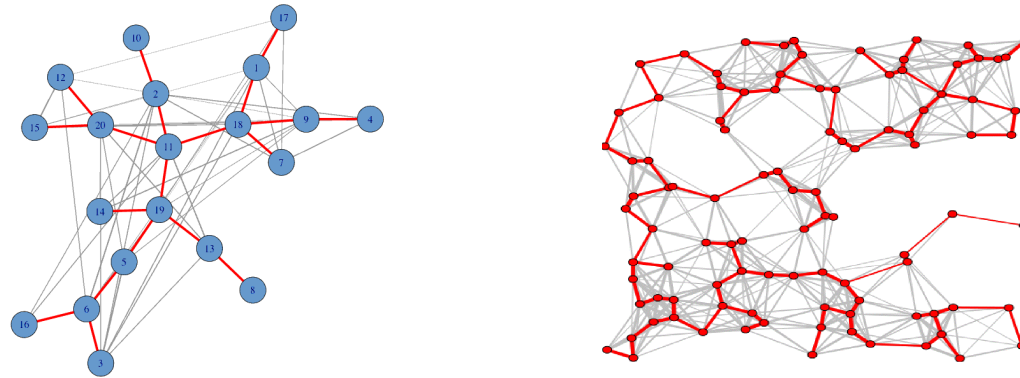
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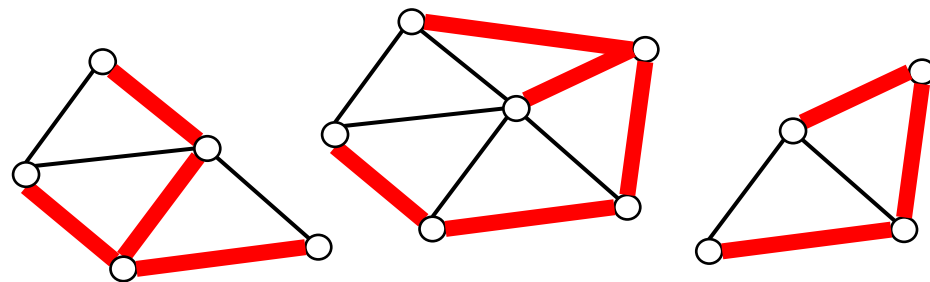
# Dynamic Spanning Forest: Definition and Progress

# Definition: Spanning Tree/Forest

**Spanning tree:** a **smallest** sub-network that **connects all** nodes together



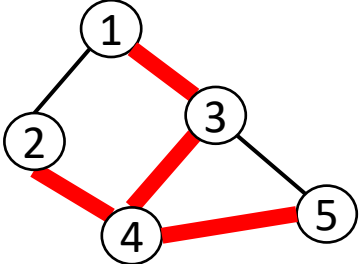
**Spanning forest:** set of **spanning trees** on each connected component



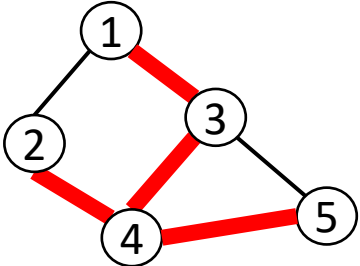
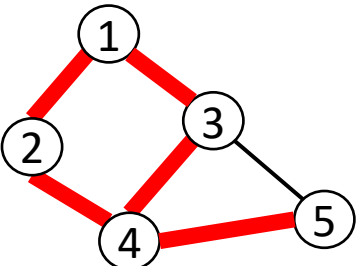
# *Maintaining a **spanning forest** under changes*

\*Will say spanning tree and spanning forest interchangeably

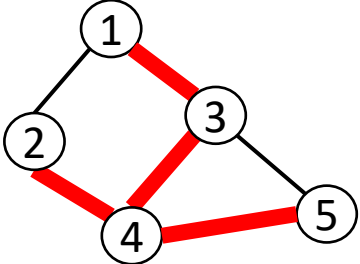
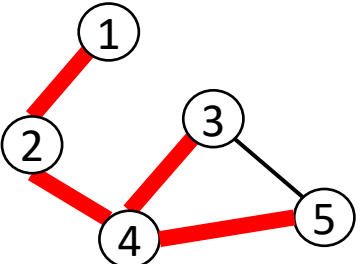
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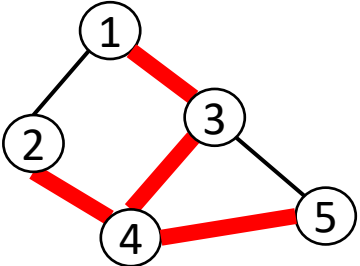
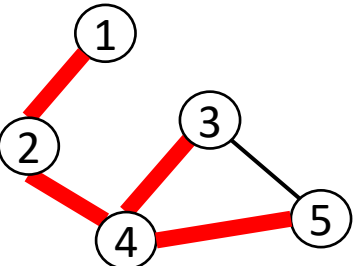
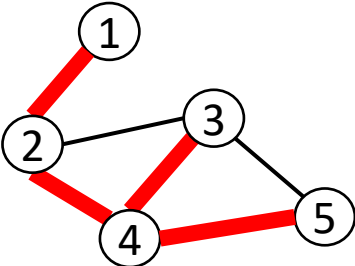
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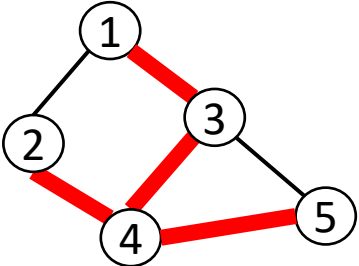
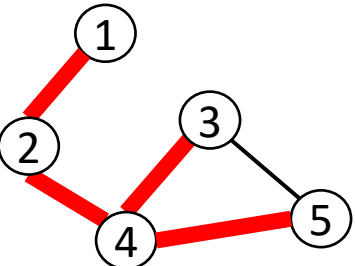
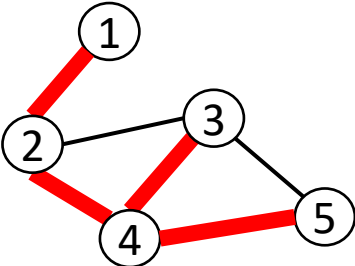
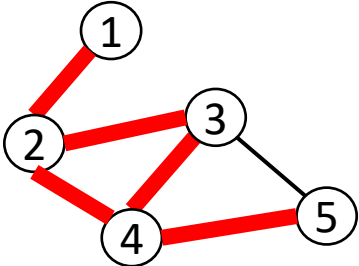
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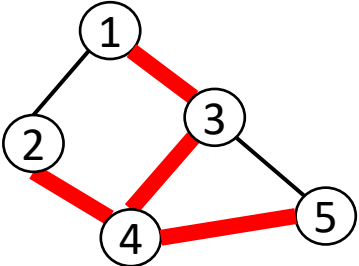
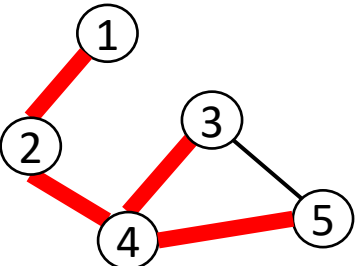
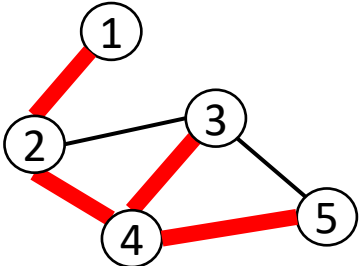
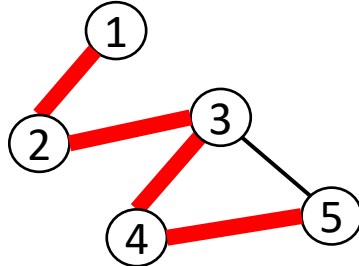
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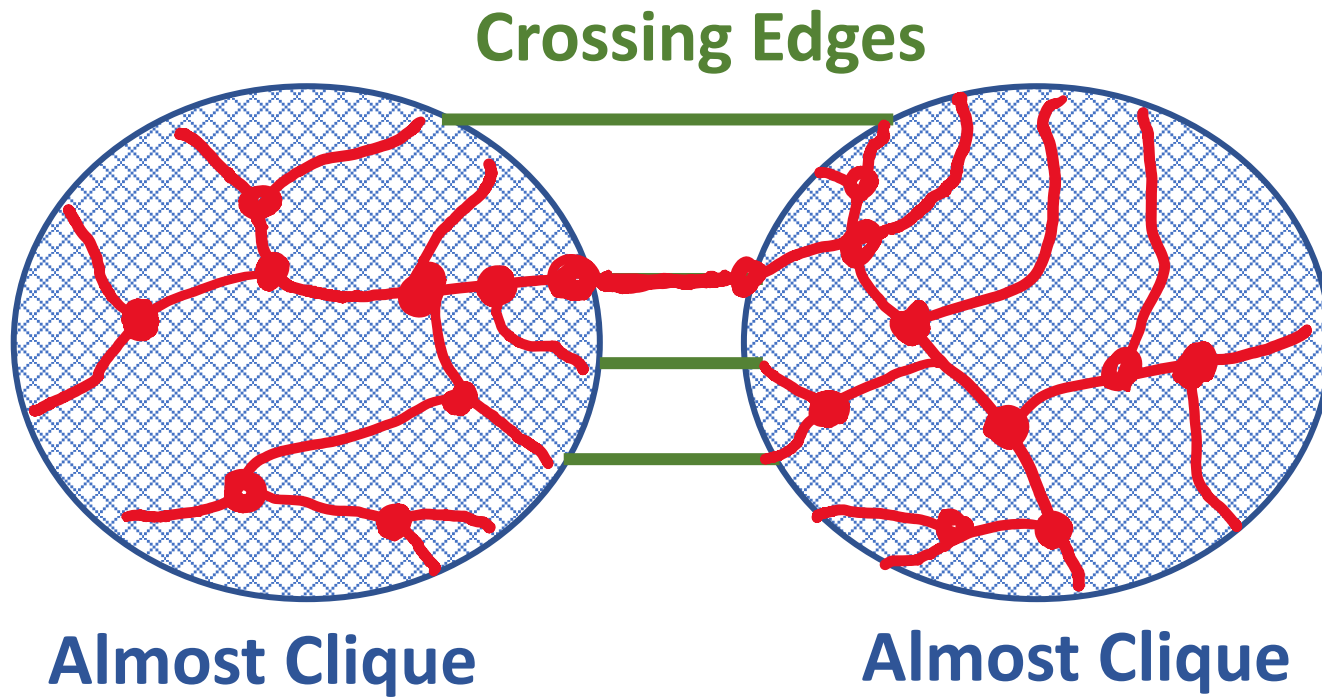
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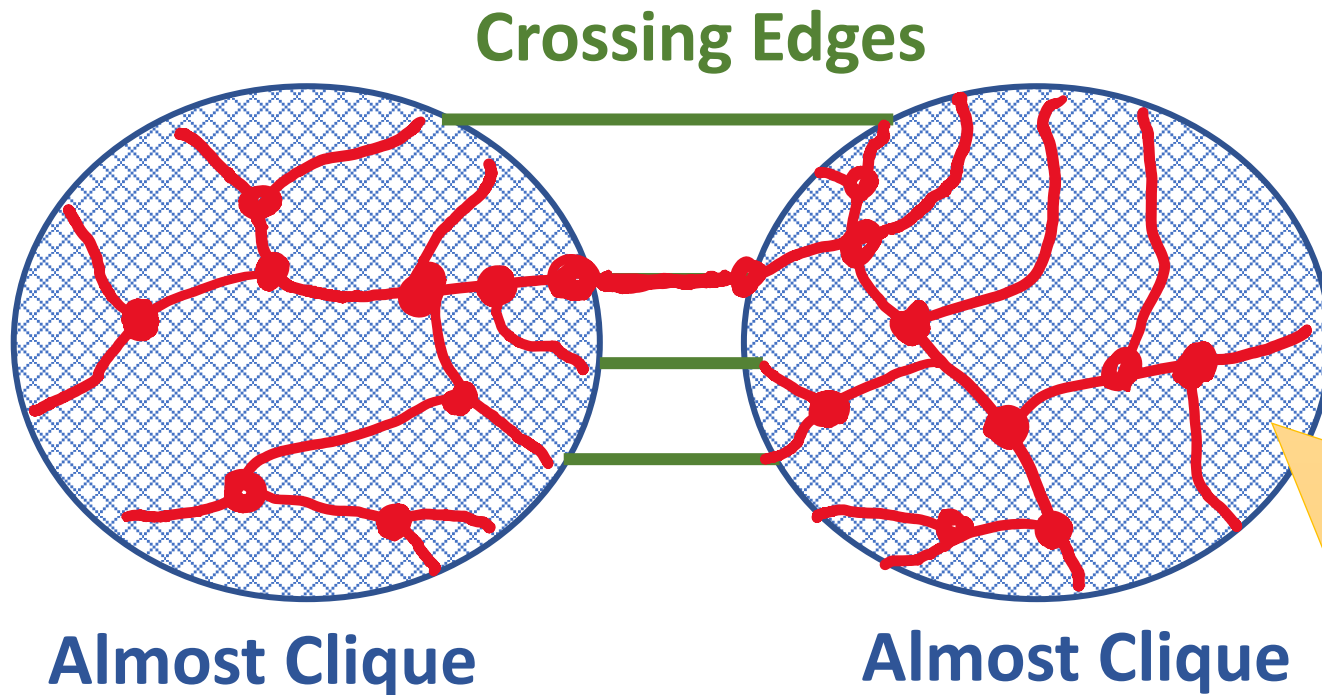
Goal: minimize **update time**

**Worst-case** time to output  
**changes of F** for each update

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Interesting when:  
delete a **tree-edge**

**Want:** Find a **crossing edge**

**Question:**  
Must scan all **clique-edges**?  
**Scan the whole graph?**

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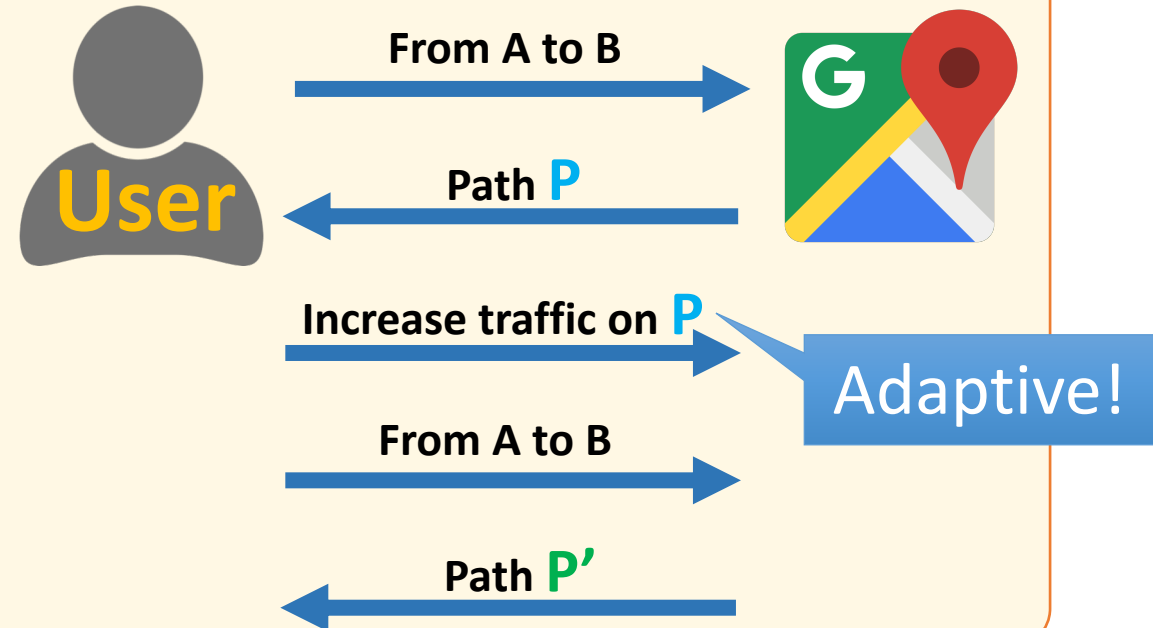
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Independent works

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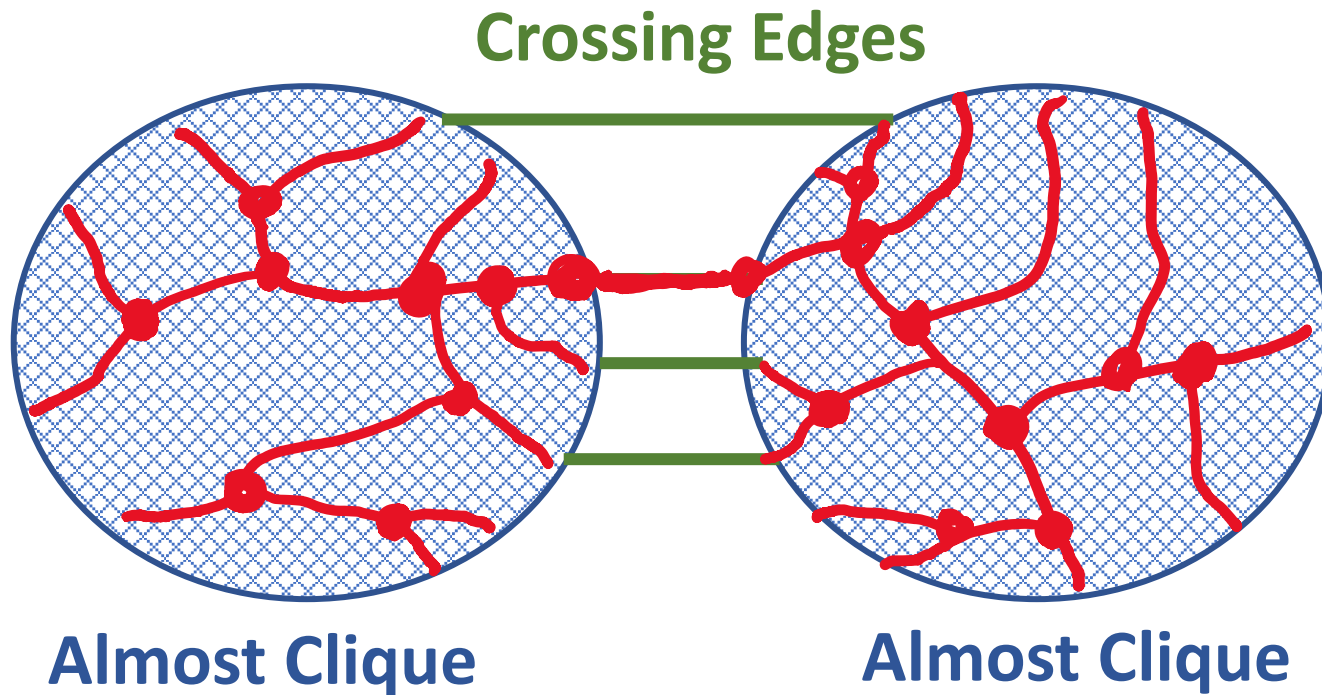
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<b>NSW</b> [FOCS'17]	$n^{o(1)}$

Will explain how to use  
Expander decomposition  
via (simplification of) this work

## Part 1.2

# Dynamic Spanning Forest: How to use Expander Decomposition

# Recall: Why this problem can be hard?



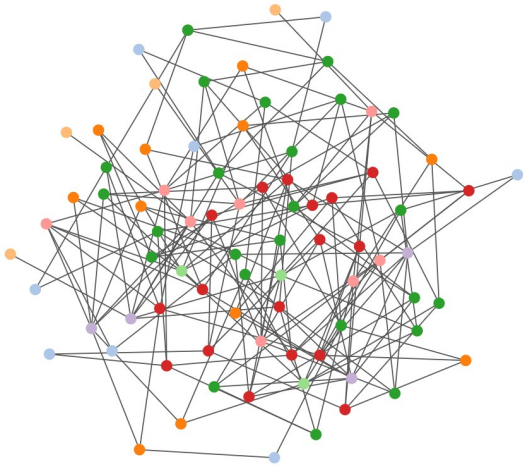
Let's solve the problem on *graphs* that this situation cannot happen...



# Expanders

## Intuition

- Well-connected
- Hard to separate into two equal sides

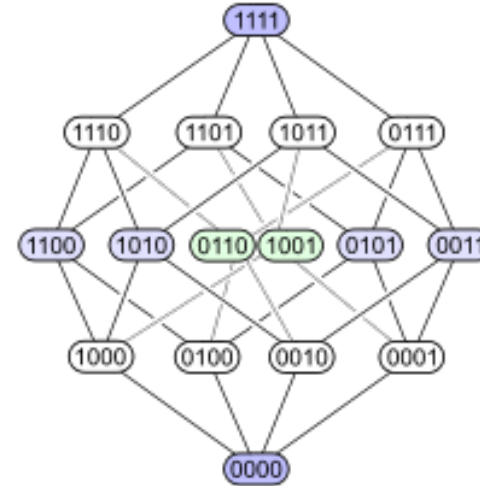


Random Graphs  
(Erdős-Rényi)

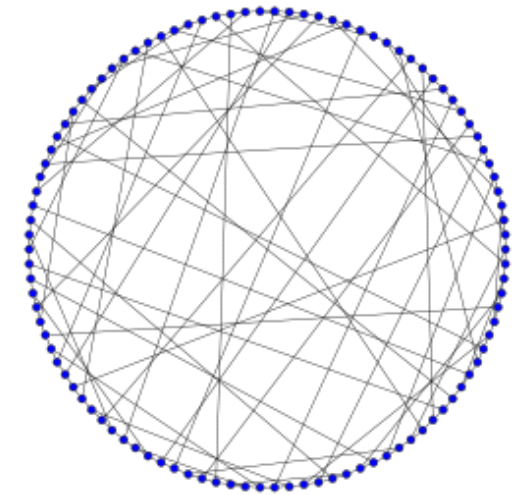


Power-law Graphs  
(preferential attachment)

[Gkantsidis, Mihail, Saberi SIGMETRICS'03]  
[Mihail, Papadimitriou, Saberi FOCS'03]



Hypercubes



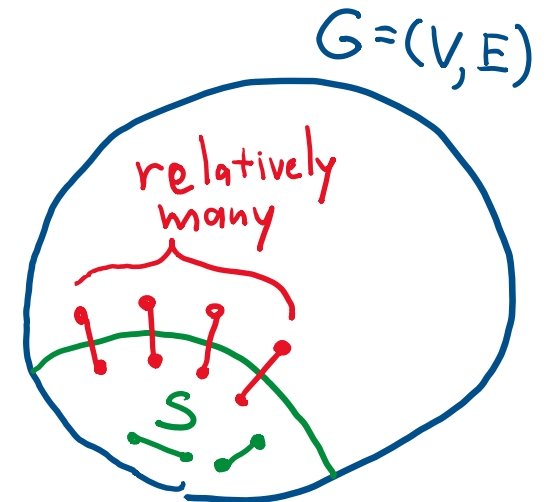
$\mathbb{F}_p$ -cycles  
with inverse chords

# Definition: Expanders

$G = (V, E)$  is an **expander** if

$$\forall S \subset V \quad \frac{|E(S, \bar{S})|}{\min\{vol(S), vol(\bar{S})\}} \geq \frac{1}{\text{polylog}(n)}$$

Sum of degree:  
 $vol(S) = \sum_{u \in S} \deg_G u$



In general,  
 $\phi$ -expander:  $\frac{|E(S, \bar{S})|}{\min\{vol(S), vol(\bar{S})\}} \geq \phi$

# Expander Paradigm

1. Solve it on **expanders**.

2. **Combine** the solutions.

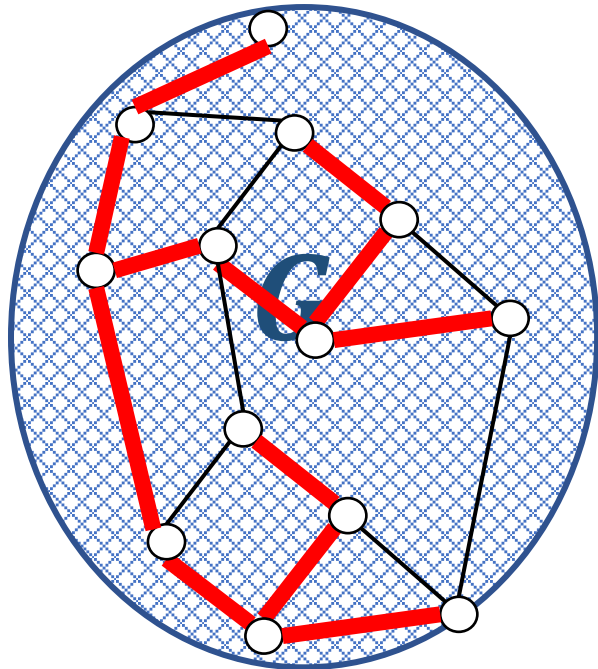
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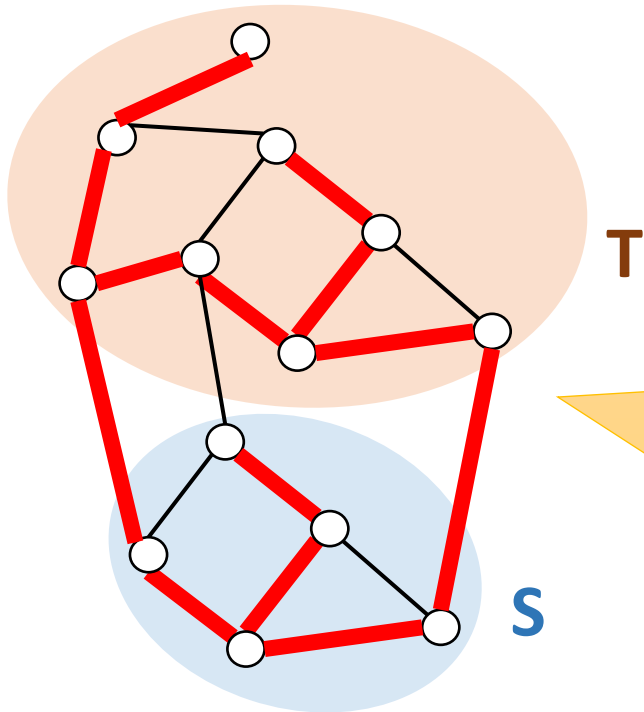
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**Want:** edge crossing  $S$  to reconnect

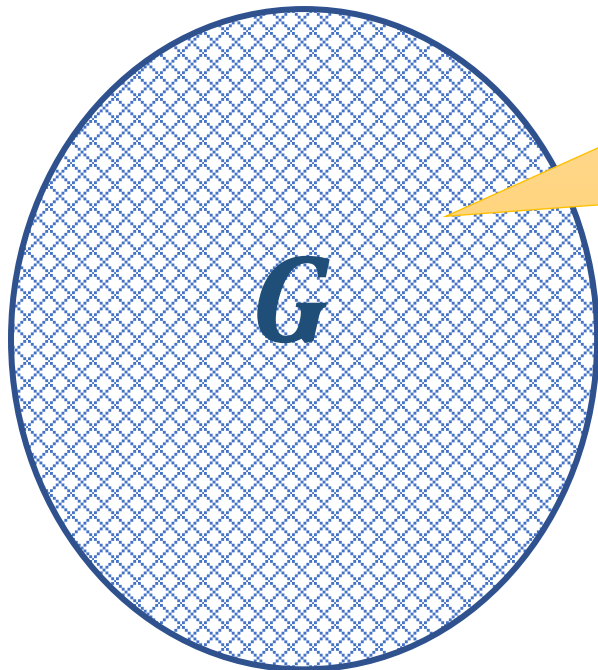
**Alg:** sample an **edge with an endpoint in  $S$**

(can do fast)

**By expansion:** get edge crossing  $S$  w.p.  $\frac{1}{\text{polylog}(n)}$

**Repeat:**  $\tilde{O}(1)$  times. Done w.h.p.

# What if there are more updates?



after many edge deletions,  
**not expander** anymore!

Let's "repair" the expander

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Problem specific:

**e.g. Random Sampling**

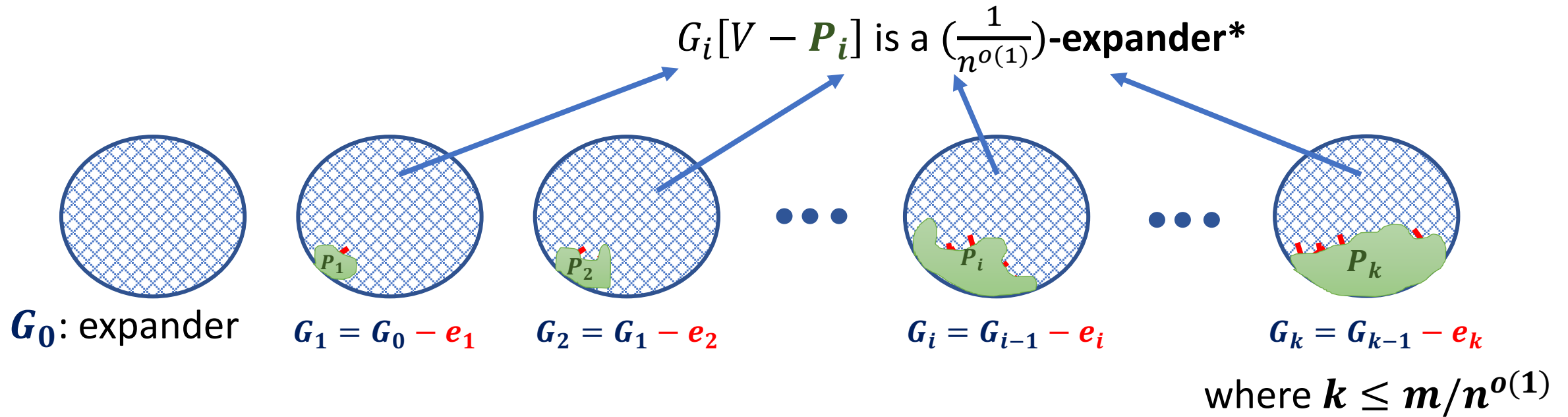
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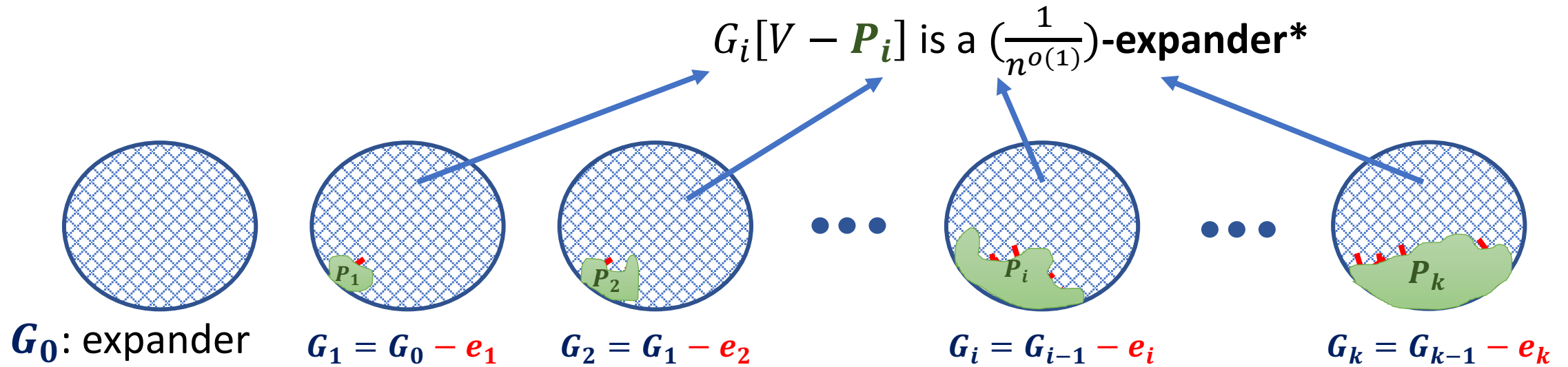


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\*We show something slightly weaker

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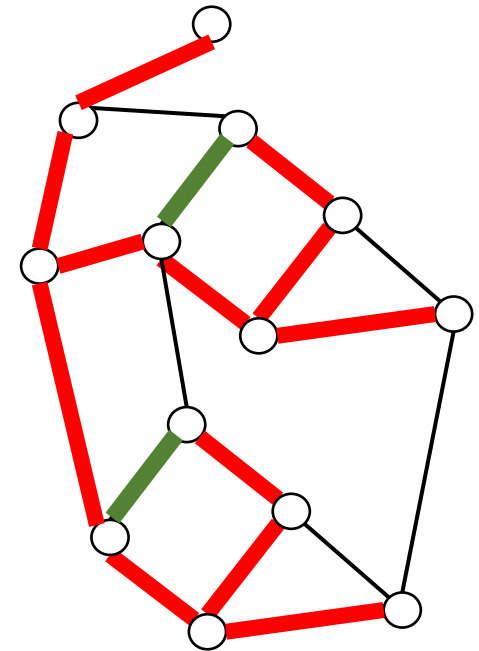
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In this talk, will only show  
how to solve a **relaxed problem**  
(contains all conceptual ideas)

# Relaxed Problem: Dynamic Spanning Subgraphs

1. Maintain **Any Spanning Subgraph** with  $\tilde{O}(n)$  edges  
(Easier than **Spanning Forest**.)
2. There are only  $n^{1-o(1)}$  updates  
(can assume w.l.o.g. by standard techniques.)

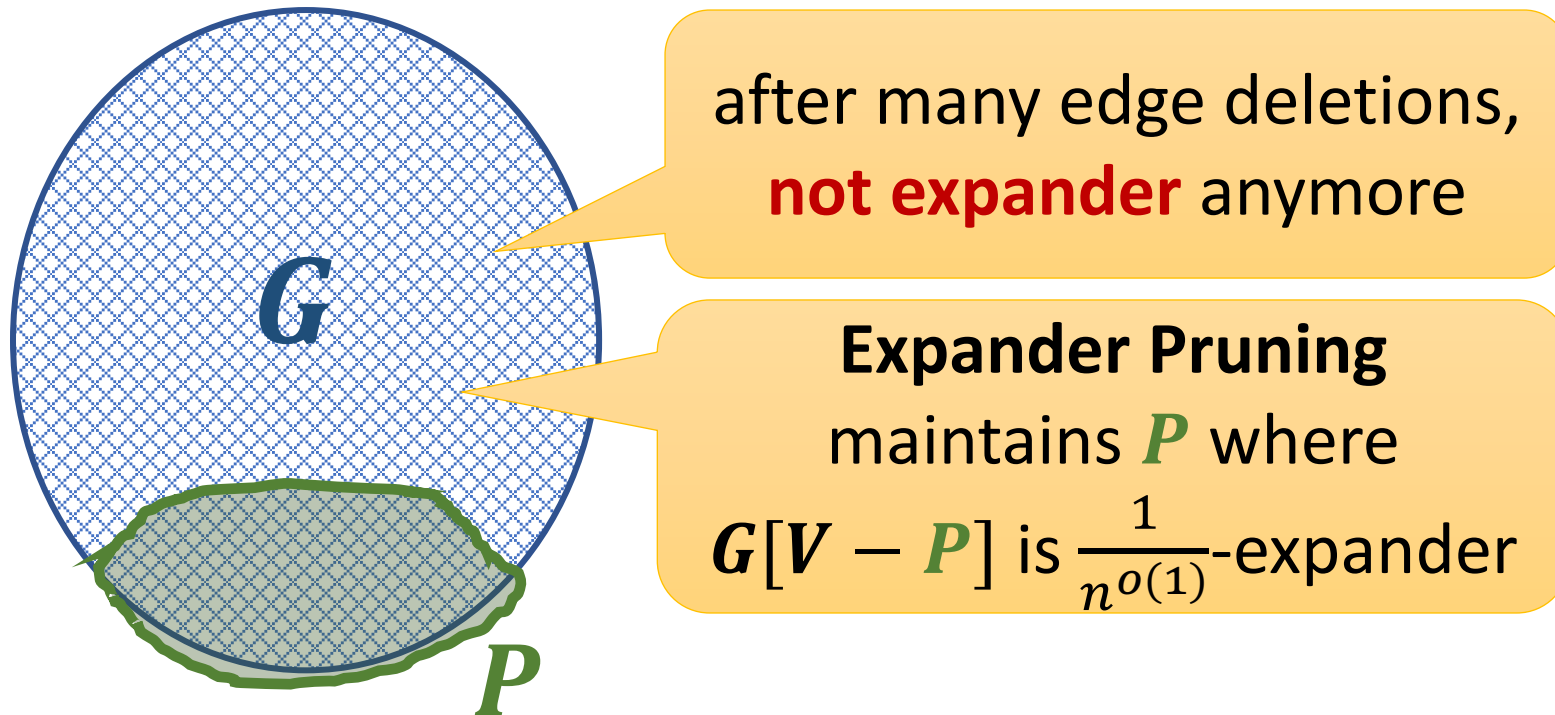


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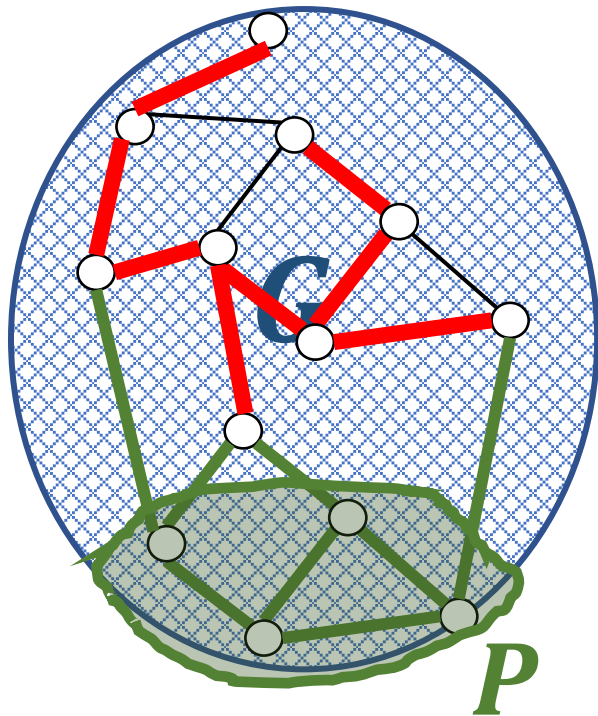
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- Updating  $E(P, V)$ :  $n^{o(1)}$  by **Expander Pruning**.
- Updating  $T$ :  $n^{o(1)}$  by **Random Sampling**
  - $G[V - P]$  is  $\frac{1}{n^{o(1)}}$ -expander at any time.

Work with adaptive users!

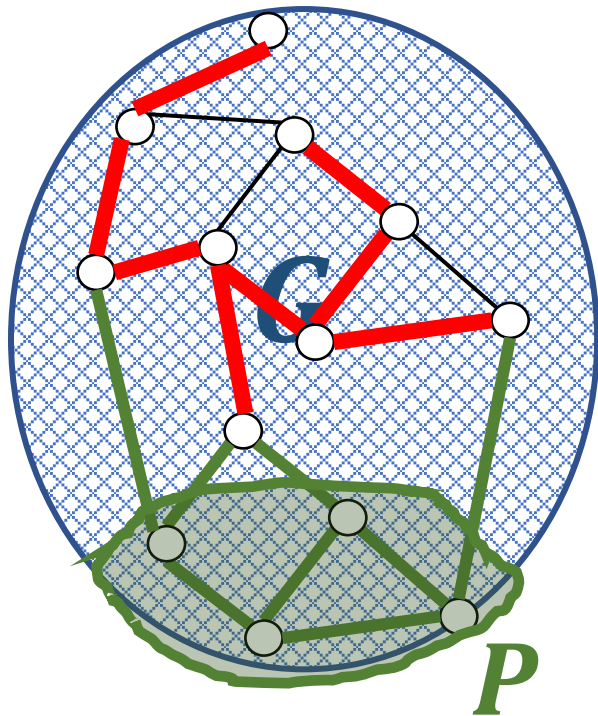
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### Correctness:

- $T \cup E(P, V)$  spans  $G$
- $|T \cup E(P, V)| = O(n)$ 
  - $|T| \leq n$
  - $|E(P, V)| = \text{vol}(P) = O(n)$ 
    - **Recall:** #updates is  $n^{1-o(1)}$



# Expander Paradigm

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Done on expanders

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How to work with  
general graphs?

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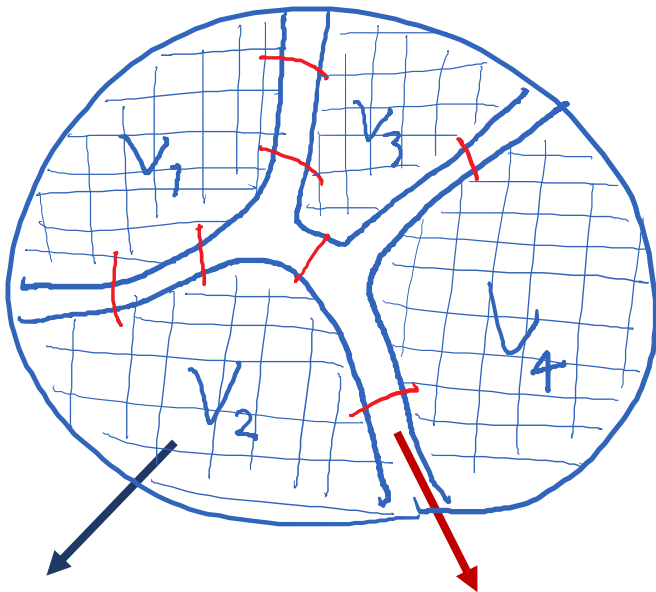
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[S Wang SODA'19]:  
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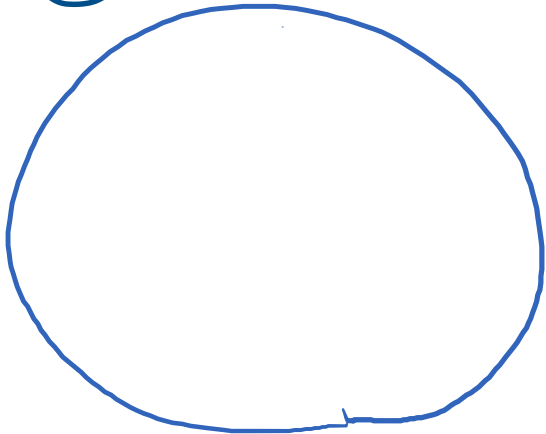
“Graph = Disjoint **Expanders** + **Few Edges**”

$G[V_i]$  is expander  $\leq m/2$  inter-cluster edges

# Repeated Expander Decomposition

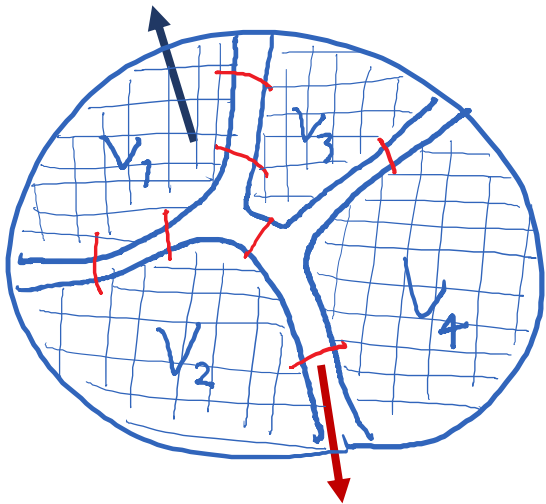
Expander decomposition

$G$



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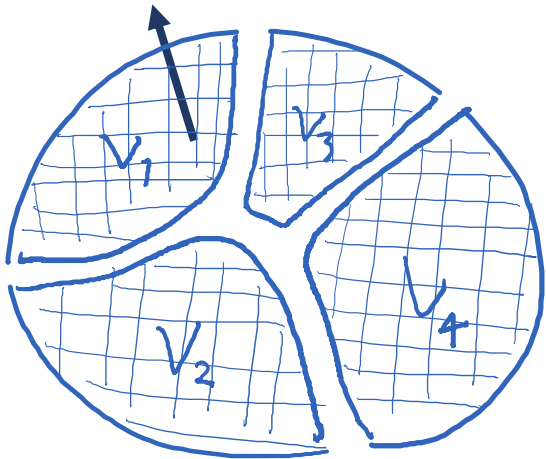
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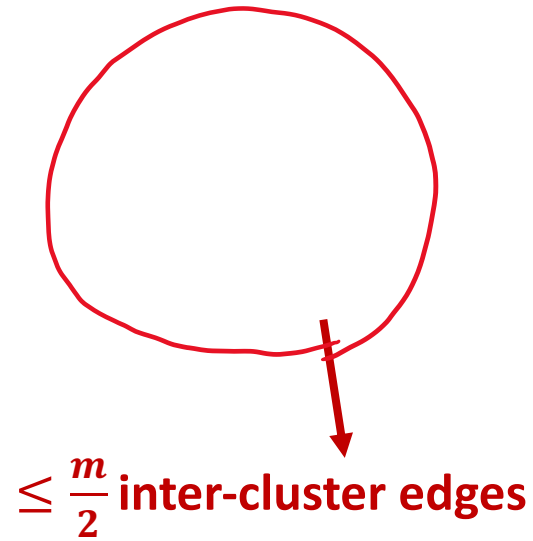
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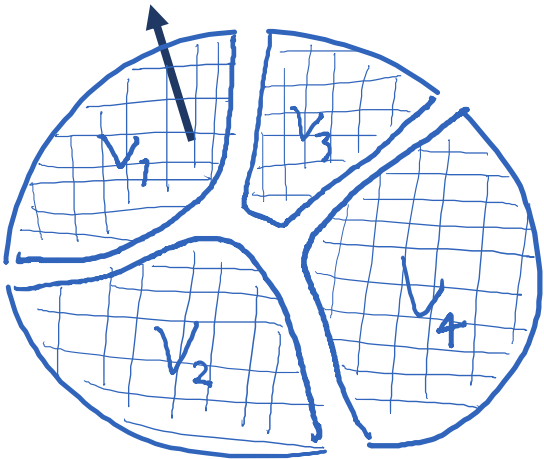
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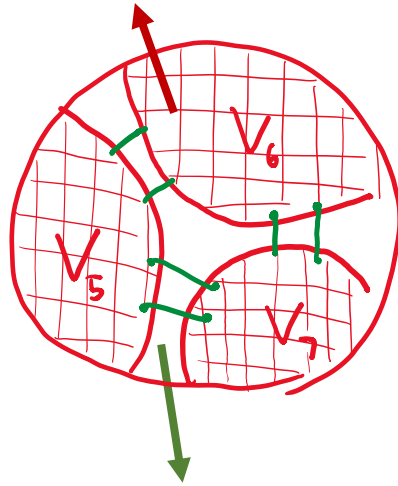
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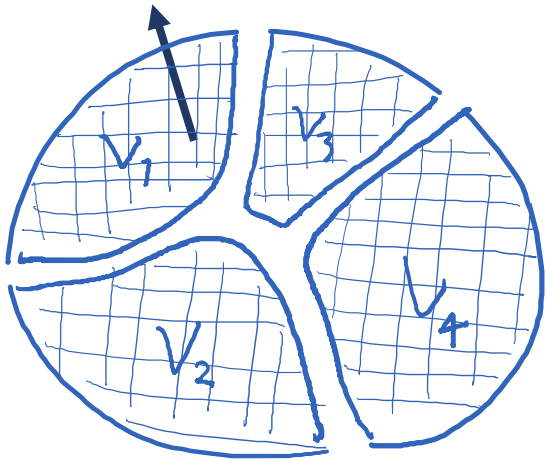
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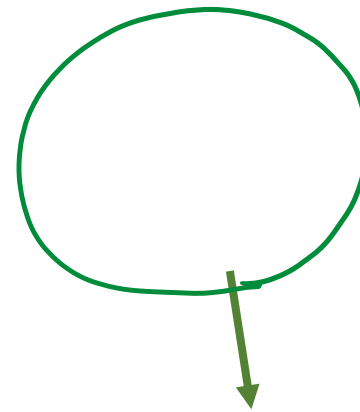
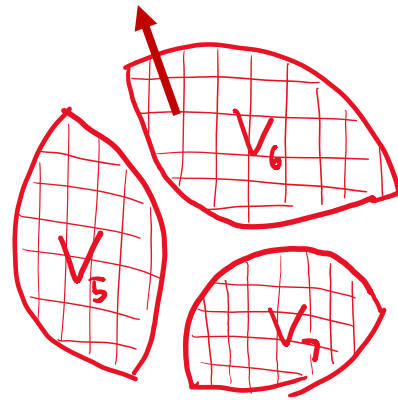
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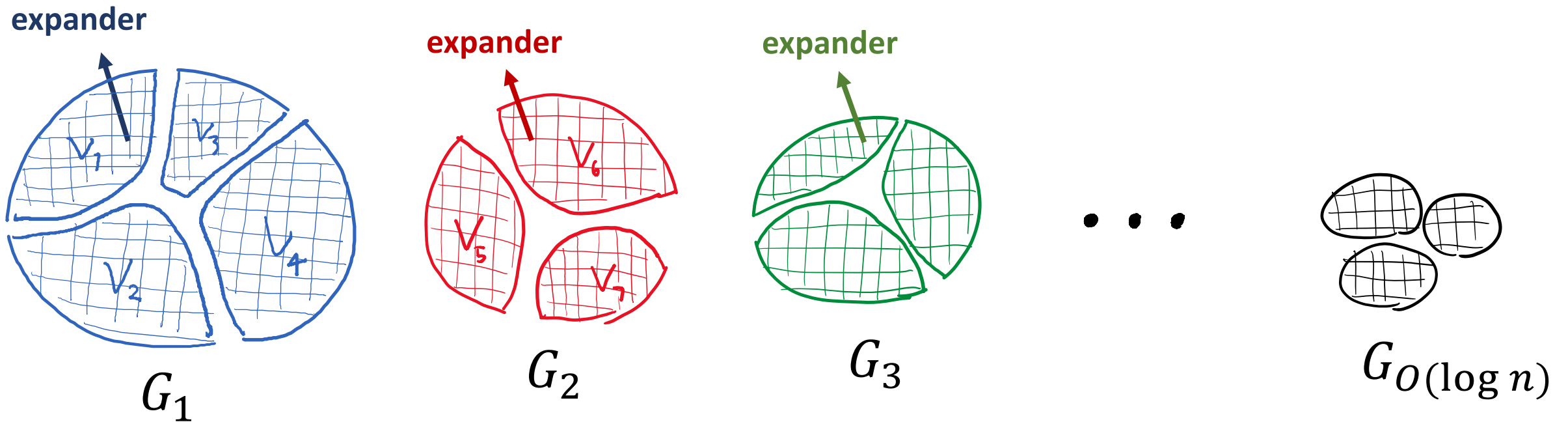
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**Output:**  $(G_1, \dots, G_{O(\log n)})$  such that

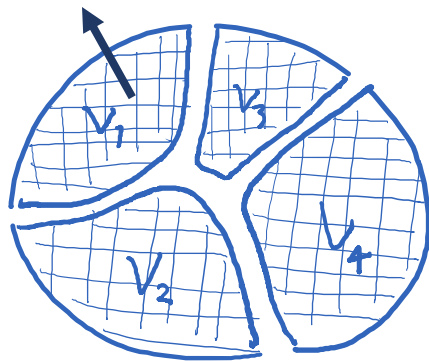
- $G_i =$  disjoint union of expanders
- $E = E(G_1) \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} E(G_{O(\log n)})$

**Time:**  $\tilde{O}(m)$

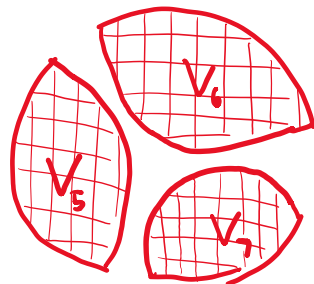
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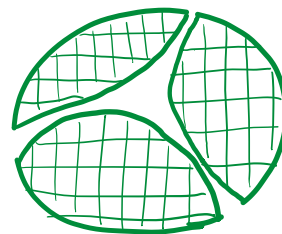
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$G_1$

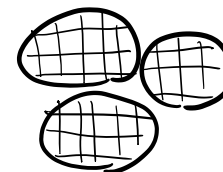


$G_2$



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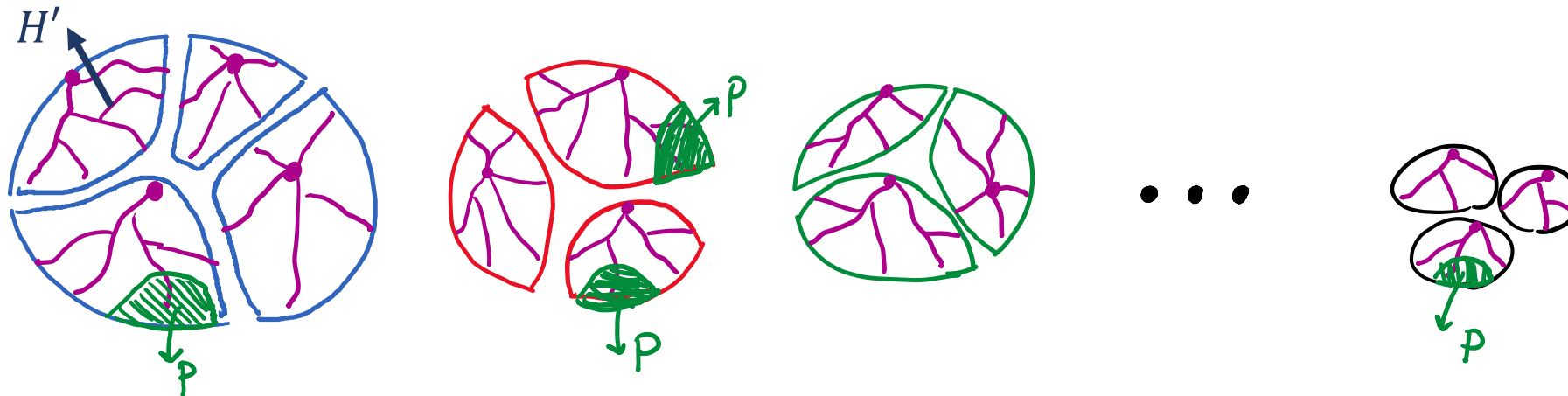
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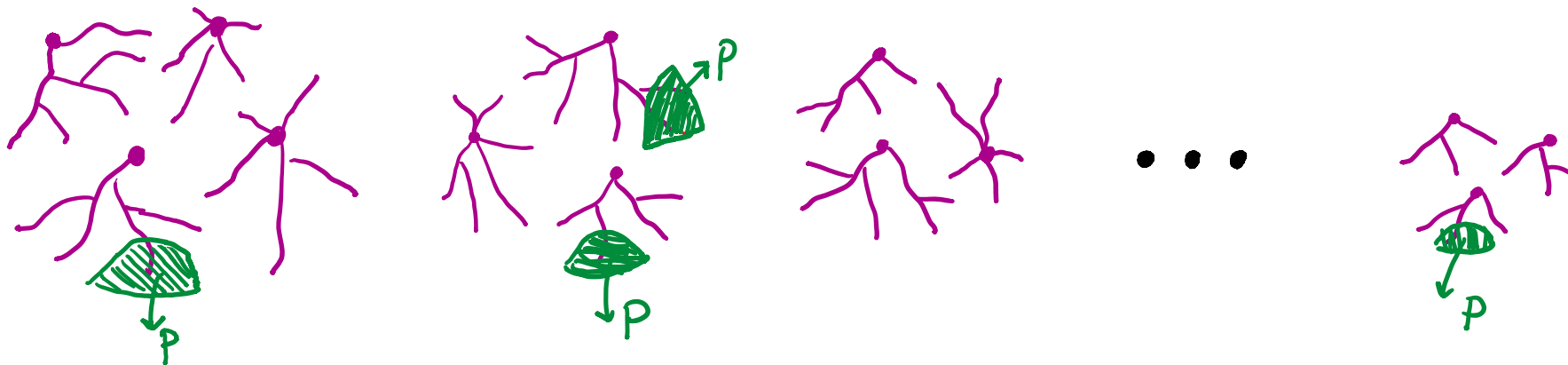
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# Dynamic Spanning Subgraphs

## Conclusion:

Given  $G$  undergoing edge updates,

- maintain spanning subgraph
- with  $O(n \log n)$  edges
- in  $n^{o(1)}$  update time

Part 2

# Centralized Algorithms

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~~General tool:  
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Definition: Spanner

**Informal:** Subgraph that preserves all distances.

# Definition: Spanner

Let  $G = (V, E)$ .

$H = (V, E')$  is a  **$k$ -spanner** of  $G$  if

1.  $E' \subset E$
2.  $\forall (u, v) \in E, \text{dist}_H(u, v) \leq k$

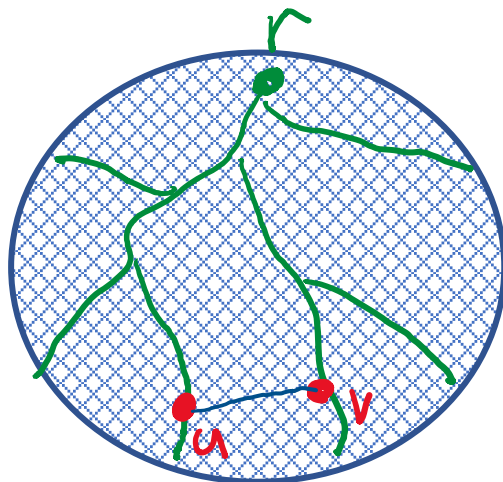
# Spanners of Expanders

$G$ : expander

$T$ : a shortest path tree in  $G$  (rooted at an arbitrary node  $r$ ).

**Observe:**  $T$  is a  $\text{polylog}(n)$ -spanner of  $G$

**Proof:**  $\forall (u, v) \in E, \text{dist}_T(u, v) \leq \text{dist}_T(u, r) + \text{dist}_T(r, v)$   
 $= \text{polylog}(n)$



$G$ :  $\phi$ -expander

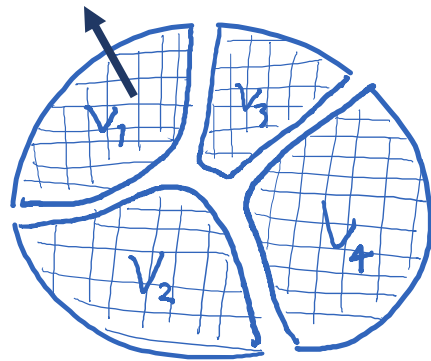
**Fact:** Diameter of expanders is  $\text{polylog}(n)$ .

# Spanners of General Graphs

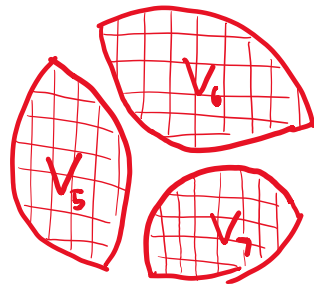
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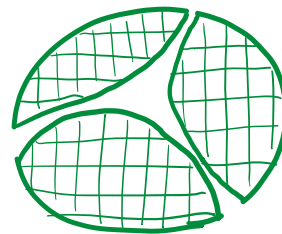
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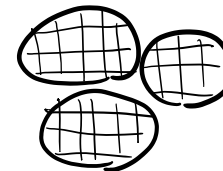


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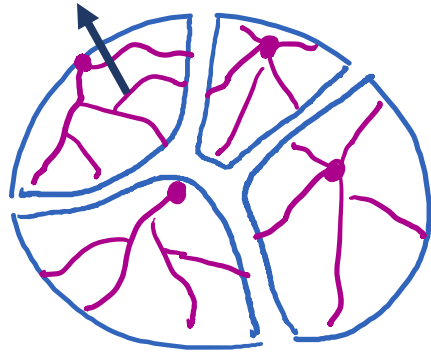
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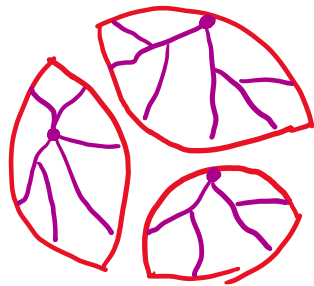
Spanner(G):

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3. Return  $H = \cup_i H_i$

expander

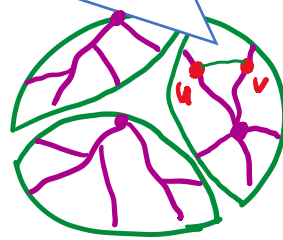


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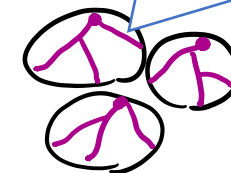
$\forall (u, v) \in E,$   
 $\text{dist}_T(u, v) \leq \text{polylog}(n)$



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$|E(H_i)| \leq n$  (forest),  
so  $|E(H)| = O(n \log n)$ .



$H_{O(\log n)}$

# Spanners of General Graphs

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Problem specific:

**Shortest path tree**

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**Random sampling**

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**More applications:**

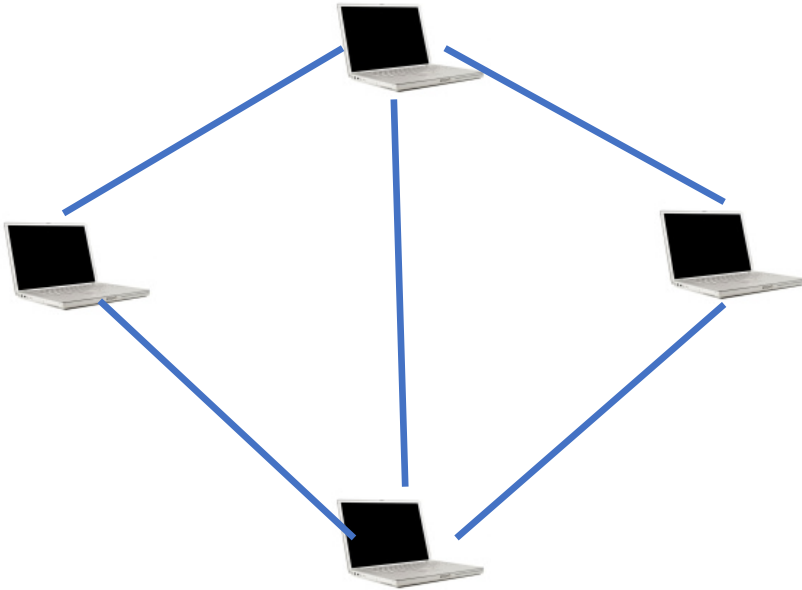
- **Cut sparsifiers:** preserve cut sizes
- **Spectral sparsifiers:** preserve eigenvalues

Part 3

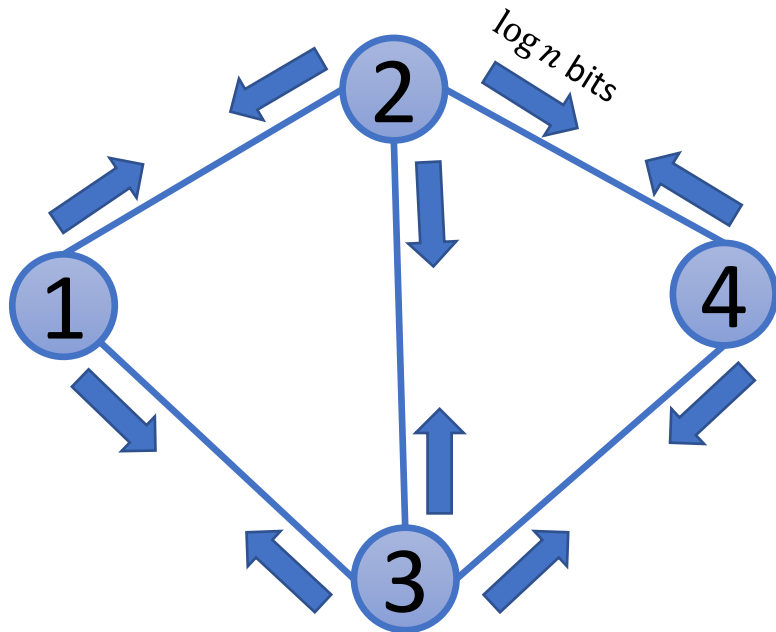
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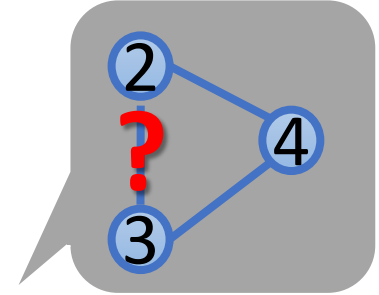
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- **Local knowledge:**  
A node know only its neighbors
- **Local communication:**  
A node can send messages to only its neighbors in each *round*
- **Bounded Bandwidth:**  
Each message has size  $O(\log n)$ -bit



## Goal:

- Compute something about the underlying network
- Minimize the number of rounds

# Expander Paradigm (**Distributed**)

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# Expander Routing (Informal)

[Ghaffari Kuhn Su PODC'17] [Ghaffari Li DISC'18]

A node  $u$  can exchange  $\deg_G(u)$  messages  
with **any set of nodes**  
in  $n^{o(1)}$  rounds in an **expander**

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**Local** communication

In **any** graph,  
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**Input:** *underlying* graph  $G = (V, E)$  and *demand* graph  $D = (V, E')$

- $G$ : expander
- $\deg_D(u) \leq \deg_G(u) \forall u \in V$

**Output:**

- for all  $(u, v) \in E'$  **simultaneously**,
- $u$  and  $v$  can exchange a message in  $n^{o(1)}$  rounds (in  $G$ )

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Can import ideas from algorithms  
in **CONGESTED-CLIQUE** model

## 2. **Combine** the solutions.

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### Round complexity:

- $n^{1-\epsilon}$  [Chang Pettie Zhang SODA'19]  
(with caveat)
- $n^\epsilon$  [Chang **S** PODC'19]
- $\text{polylog}(n)$  [Chang **S**]

## Part 4

Conclusion:

Survey and Open Problems

# Centralized Setting



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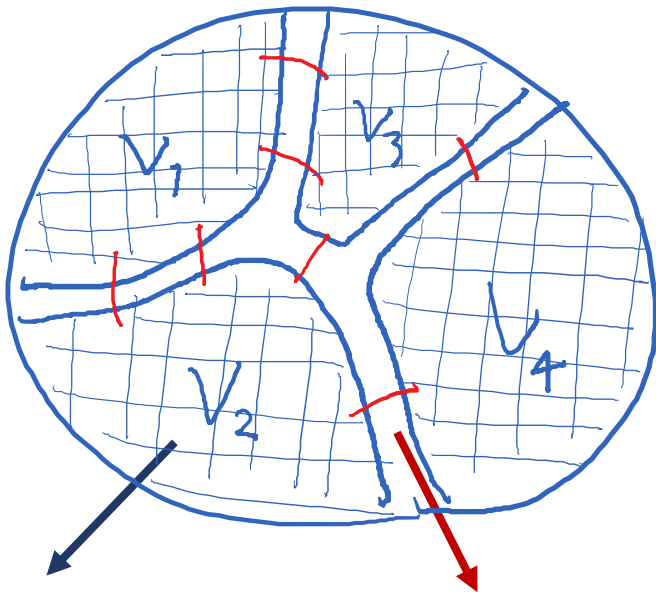
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**New!** [Chuzhoy Gao Li Nanongkai Peng S]:  
Expander decomposition in  
 $m^{1+o(1)}$  **deterministic** time

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# Fast Centralized Algorithms

**Open:** Expander decomposition in  $\tilde{O}(m)$  **deterministic** time  
(would remove all  $m^{o(1)}$  below)

	Time (Randomized)	Time ( <b>Deterministic</b> ) [CGLNPS]
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# Dynamic Setting

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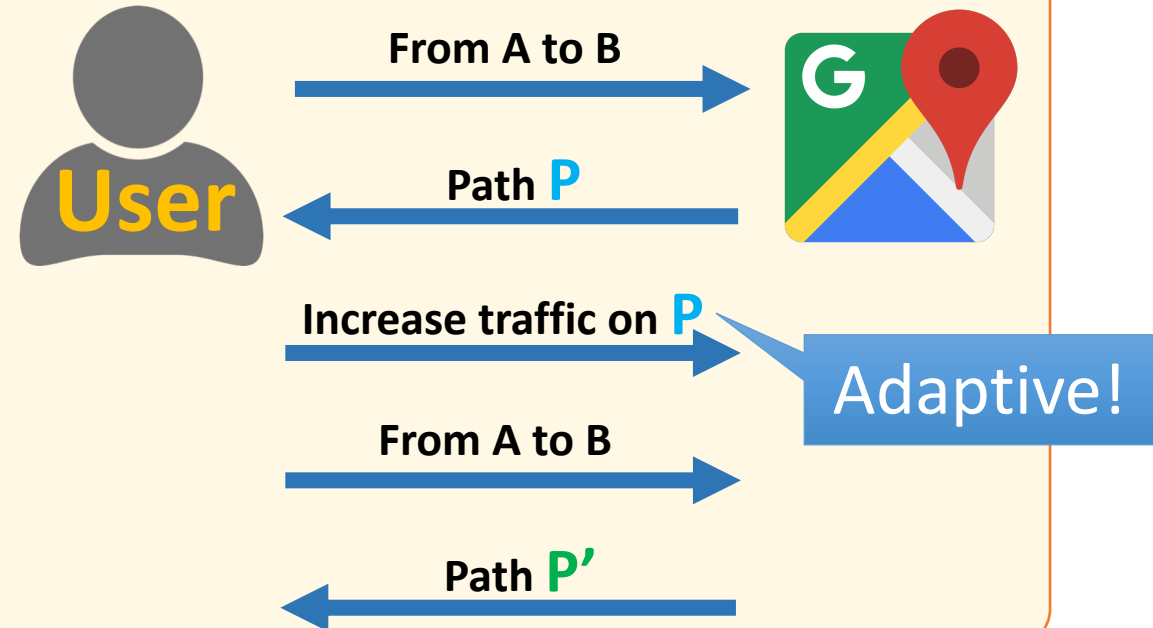
All updates are **fixed from the beginning**.

Usually **cannot** be used as subroutines inside static algo.

### Adaptive users:

Updates from users can **depend on previous answers**

Example:



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Single Source Shortest Paths (decremental approximate amortized)	$m^{1+o(1)}$ [HKN FOCS'14]	$mn$ [Even Shiloah'81]	
Single Source Reachability (decremental amortized)	$m$ [BPW STOC'19]	$mn$ [Even Shiloah'81]	
Cut Sparsifiers (worst-case)	$\text{polylog } n$ [ADKKP FOCS'16]	$m$ [trivial]	
Maximal Matching	$O(1)$ [Solomon FOCS'16]	$\sqrt{m}$ [Neiman Solomon STOC'13]	



# Frontier of Dynamic Graph Algorithms

Expander Paradigm can help in many cases!

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Spanning Forests (worst case)	$\text{polylog } n$ [Kapron King Mountjoy SODA'13]	$\sqrt{n}$ [EGIN FOCs'92]	$n^{o(1)}$ [NSW FOCs'17]
Spanners (amortized)	$\text{polylog } n$ [BKS ESA06, SODA'08]	$m$ [trivial]	$n^{o(1)}$ [BNSS FOCs'17]
Single Source Shortest Paths (decremental approximate amortized)	$m^{1+o(1)}$ [HKN FOCs'14]	$mn$ [Even Shiloah'81]	$n^{2+o(1)}$ [Bernstein Chechik STOC'16] [CS]
Single Source Reachability (decremental amortized)	$m$ [BPW STOC'19]	$mn$ [Even Shiloah'81]	-
Cut Sparsifiers (worst-case)	$\text{polylog } n$ [ADKKP FOCs'16]	$m$ [trivial]	-
Maximal Matching	$O(1)$ [Solomon FOCs'16]	$\sqrt{m}$ [Neiman Solomon STOC'13]	-

We saw this (simplified)

# Expander Paradigm (**Dynamic**)

1. Solve it on **expanders**.

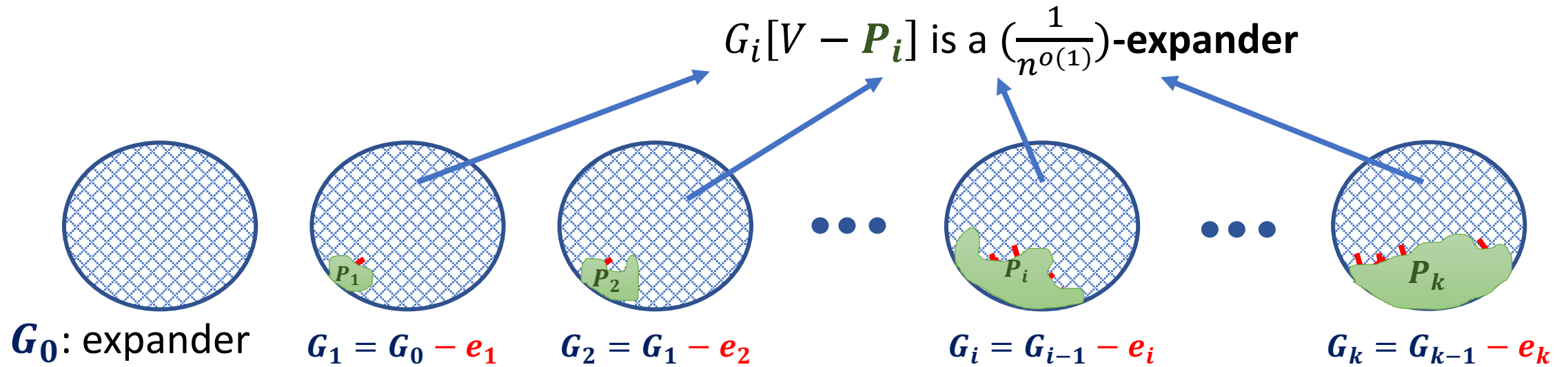
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2. **Combine** the solutions.

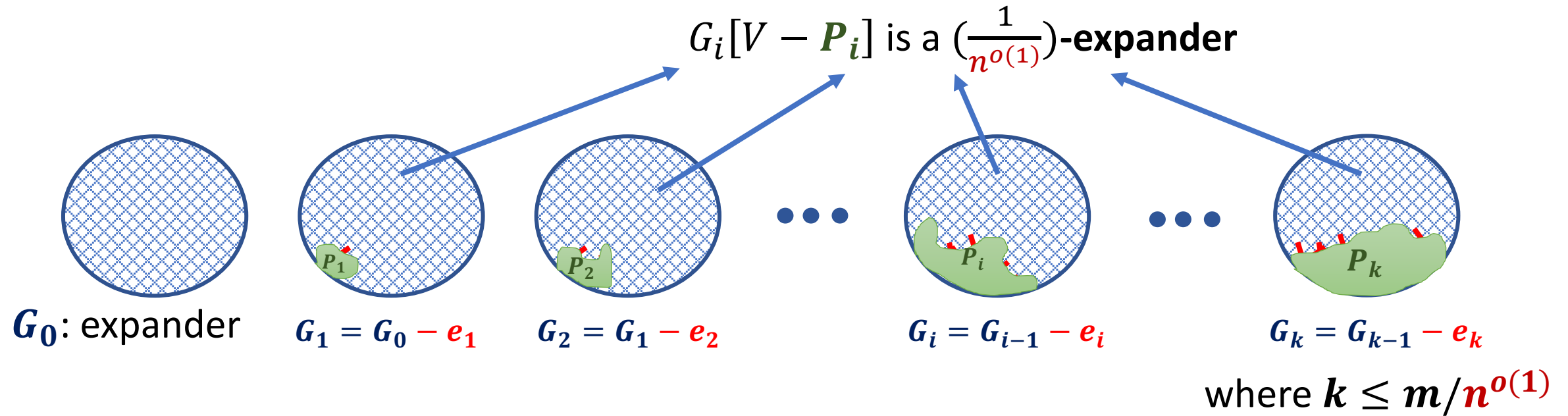
General tool:  
**Expander  
Decomposition**

# Expander Pruning [NSW'17]



**Expanders** can be quickly “repaired”  
under edge updates.

# Expander Pruning [NSW'17]



## Guarantee:

1. Time to update  $P_{i-1}$  to  $P_i$  is  $n^{o(1)}$
2. So  $\text{vol}(P_i) = i \cdot n^{o(1)}$
3.  $G_i[V - P_i]$  is a  $\frac{1}{n^{o(1)}}$ -expander

## Open:

Improve  $n^{o(1)}$  to  $\text{polylog}(n)$   
imply  $\text{polylog}(n)$  worst-case update time for many problems (e.g. spanning subgraphs, spectral sparsifiers)

# Distributed Setting

# Expander Paradigm (**Distributed**)

1. Solve it on **expanders**.

Problem specific:  
**e.g. Random Sampling**

General tool:  
**Expander Routing**

2. **Combine** the solutions.

General tool:  
**Expander  
Decomposition**

# Expander Routing

[Ghaffari Kuhn Su PODC'17] [Ghaffari Li DISC'18]

A node  $u$  can exchange  $\deg_G(u)$  messages  
with **any set of nodes**  
in  $n^{o(1)}$  rounds in an **expander**

**Expanders allow**  
**global communication**  
with small overhead

**Open:**  
Improve  $n^{o(1)}$  to  $\text{polylog}(n)$   
(Many applications even in  
centralized setting (chat offline))

# Distributed CONGEST algorithm

	Upper bound	Lower bound
Triangle (3-clique) listing	$\tilde{O}(n^{1/3})$ [Chang Pettie Zhang SODA'18] [Chang S PODC'19]	$\tilde{\Omega}(n^{1/3})$ [Izumi LeGall PODC'17]
4-clique listing	$\tilde{O}(n^{5/6})$ [Eden Fiat Fischer Kuhn Oshman DISC'19]	$\tilde{\Omega}(n^{1/2})$ [Fischer Gonen Kuhn Oshman SPAA'18]
5-clique listing	$\tilde{O}(n^{21/22})$ [Eden et al. DISC'19]	$\tilde{\Omega}(n^{3/5})$ [Fischer et al. SPAA'18]
$k$ -vertex subgraph detection	$n^{2-\Omega(1/k)}$ [Eden et al. DISC'19]	$n^{2-O(1/k)}$ [Fischer et al. SPAA'18]

**Expander Paradigm used in all **upper** bounds**



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$k$ -clique enumeration	?	$\tilde{\Omega}(n^{1-2/k})$ [Fischer et al. SPAA'18]

**Open:**

Application which is not  
*subgraph detection/listing*

# History: Distributed Expander Decomposition

Reference	Rounds	Note
[Chang Pettie Zhang SODA'19]	$n^{1-\delta}$	Output an extra part: a subgraph with arboricity $n^\delta$
[Chang <b>S</b> PODC'19]	$n^\epsilon$	
[Chang <b>S</b> in progress]	$\text{polylog}(n)$	
[Chang <b>S</b> in progress]	$n^\epsilon$	<b>Deterministic</b>
<b>Open:</b>	$\text{polylog}(n)$	<b>Deterministic</b>