

Maximising the Utility of Virtually Sliced Millimetre-Wave Backhauls

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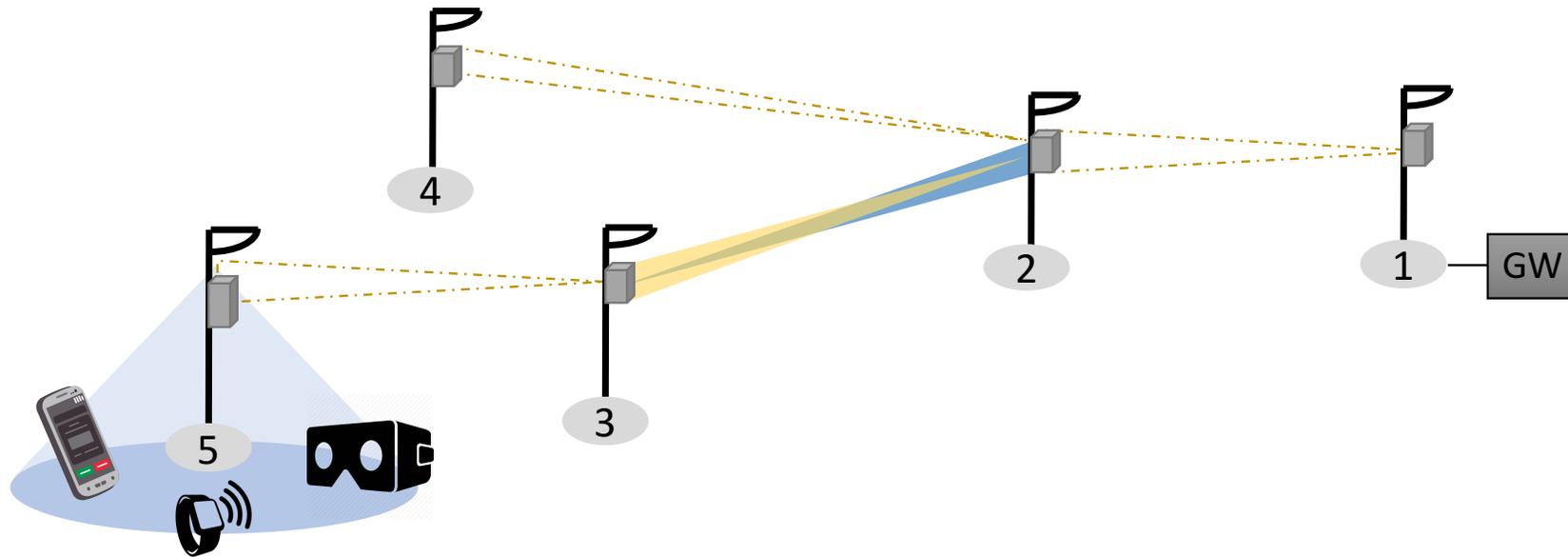
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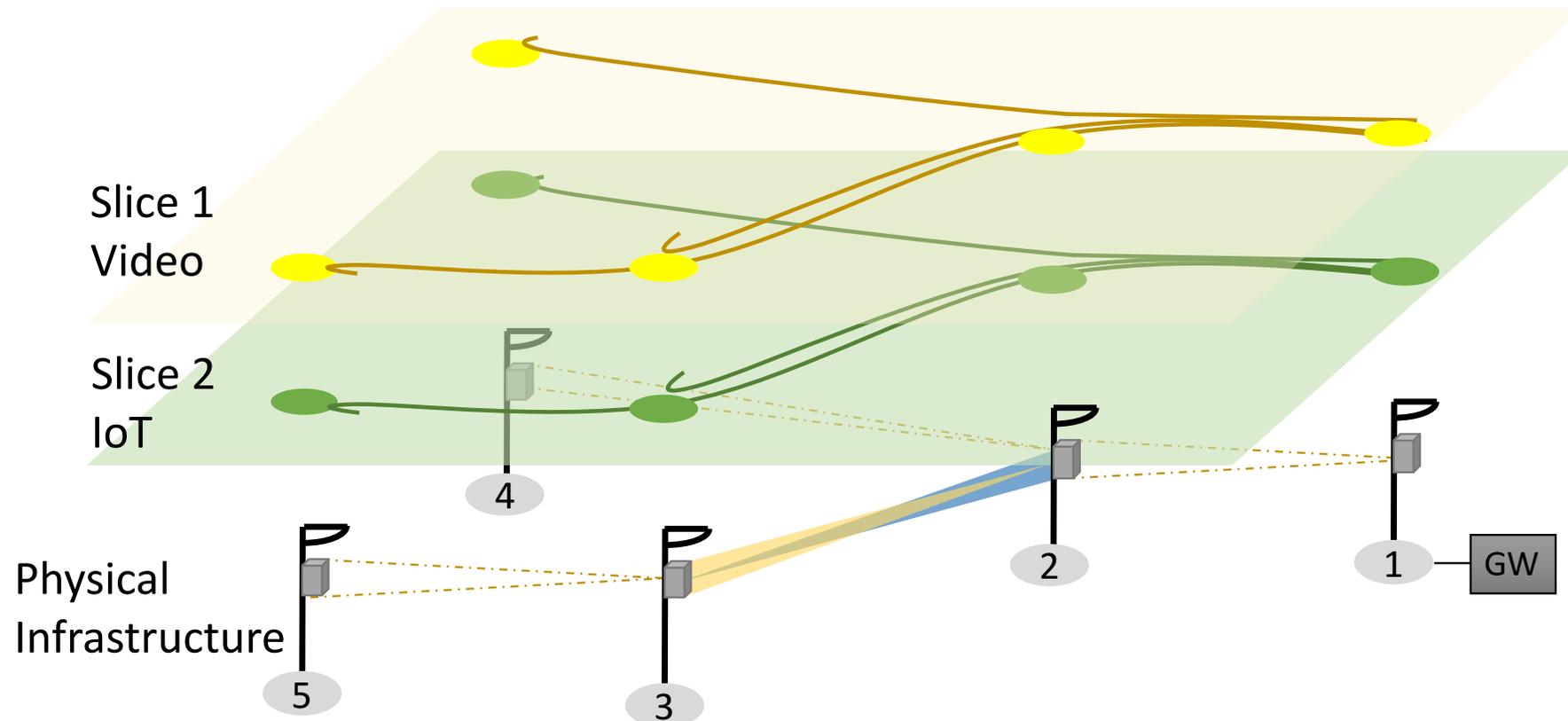
5G Networks

- Use cases with distinct performance requirements
 - Bandwidth: UHD video streaming and AR/VR
 - Delay: Autonomous vehicles and remote medical care
- Network slicing
 - Partition physical infrastructure into logically isolated networks
- Network densification
 - Millimetre-wave (mm-wave) enables multi-Gbps link rates
 - Tangible backhauling solution

Mm-Wave Small Cell Backhaul



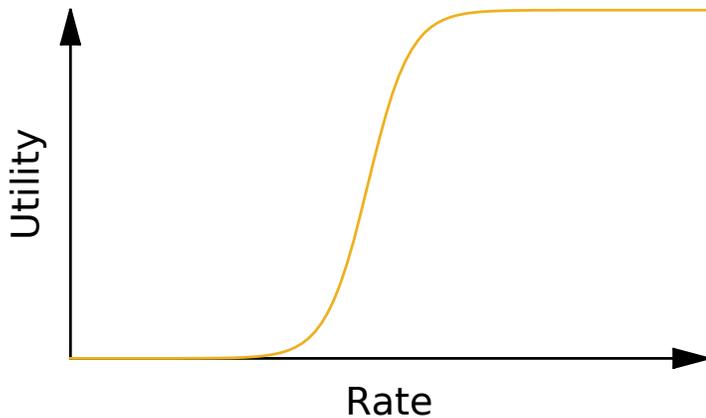
Virtually Sliced Mm-wave Backhaul Network



- Resource Allocation: Rate $r_{i,j}$ for flow $f_{i,j}$
- To meet the service requirements and to maximise resource utilisation

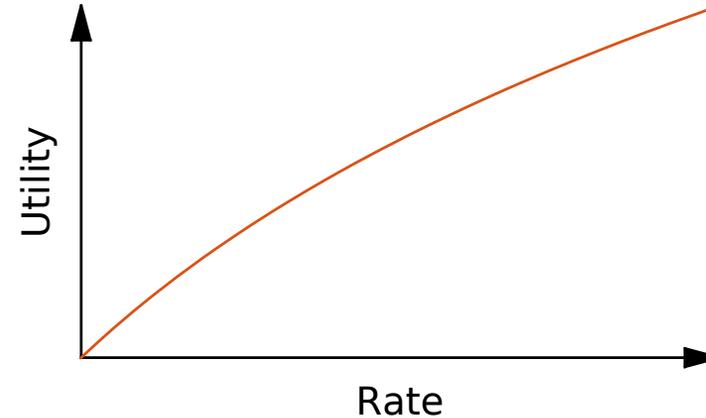
Utility Functions for Different Applications

QoS (AR/VR)



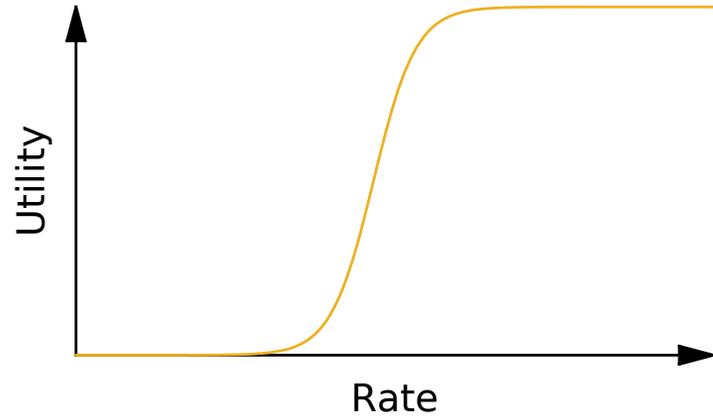
Sigmoid:
$$U_{\text{sig}}(r) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\alpha_1(r - \beta_1)}}$$

Best-effort (IoT)



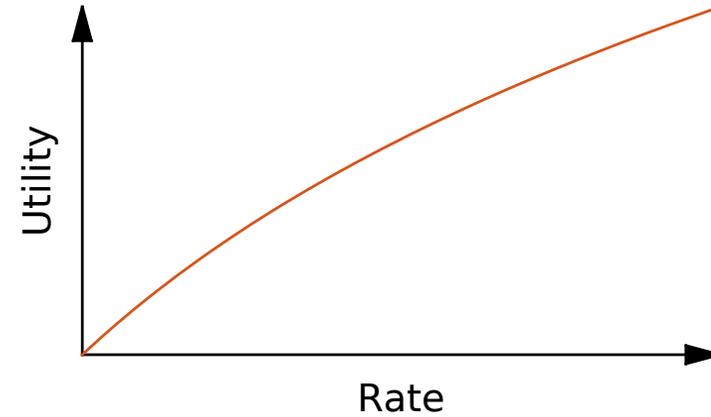
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$$U_{\log}(r) = \log(\alpha_2 r + \beta_2)$$

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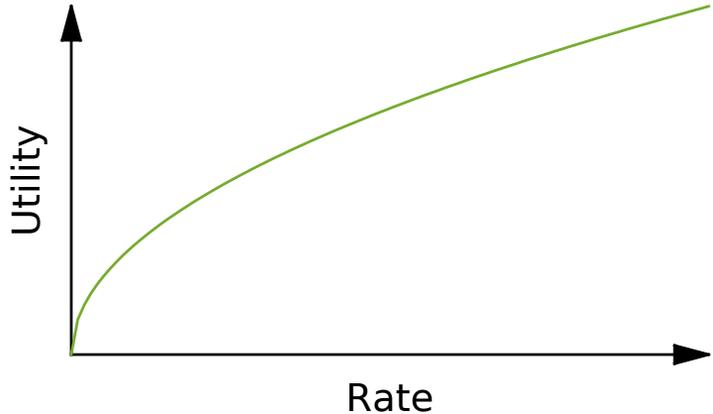
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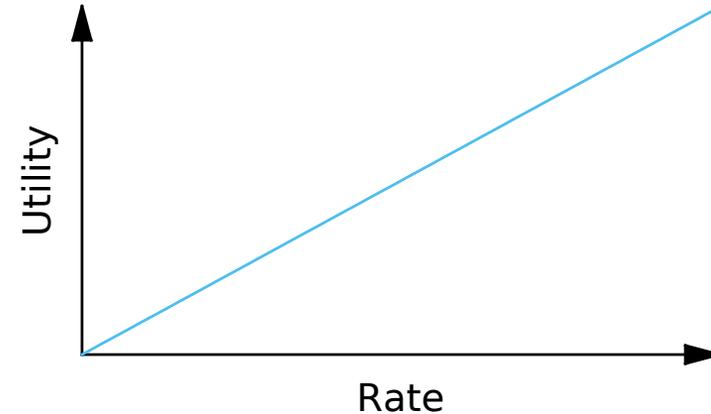
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Delay sensitive (Tele-Operation)



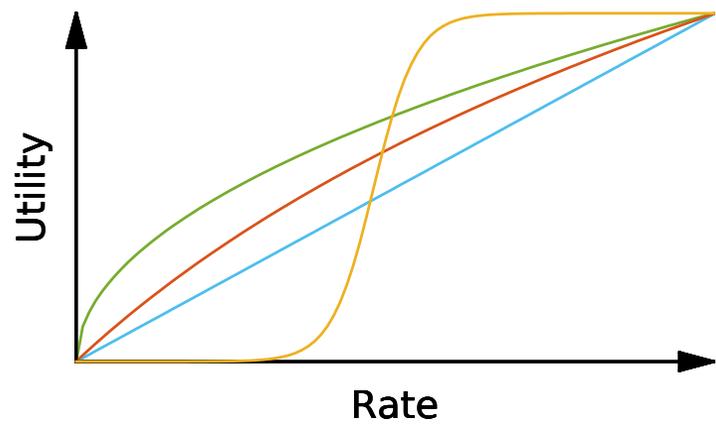
Polynomial:
$$U_{\text{ply}}(r) = \alpha_3(r^{\beta_3})$$

Revenue (other)



Linear
$$U_{\text{lnr}}(r) = \alpha_4 r + \beta_4$$

Utility Framework



Utility Framework

Sigmoidal: $U_{\text{sig}}(r) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\alpha_1(r - \beta_1)}}$

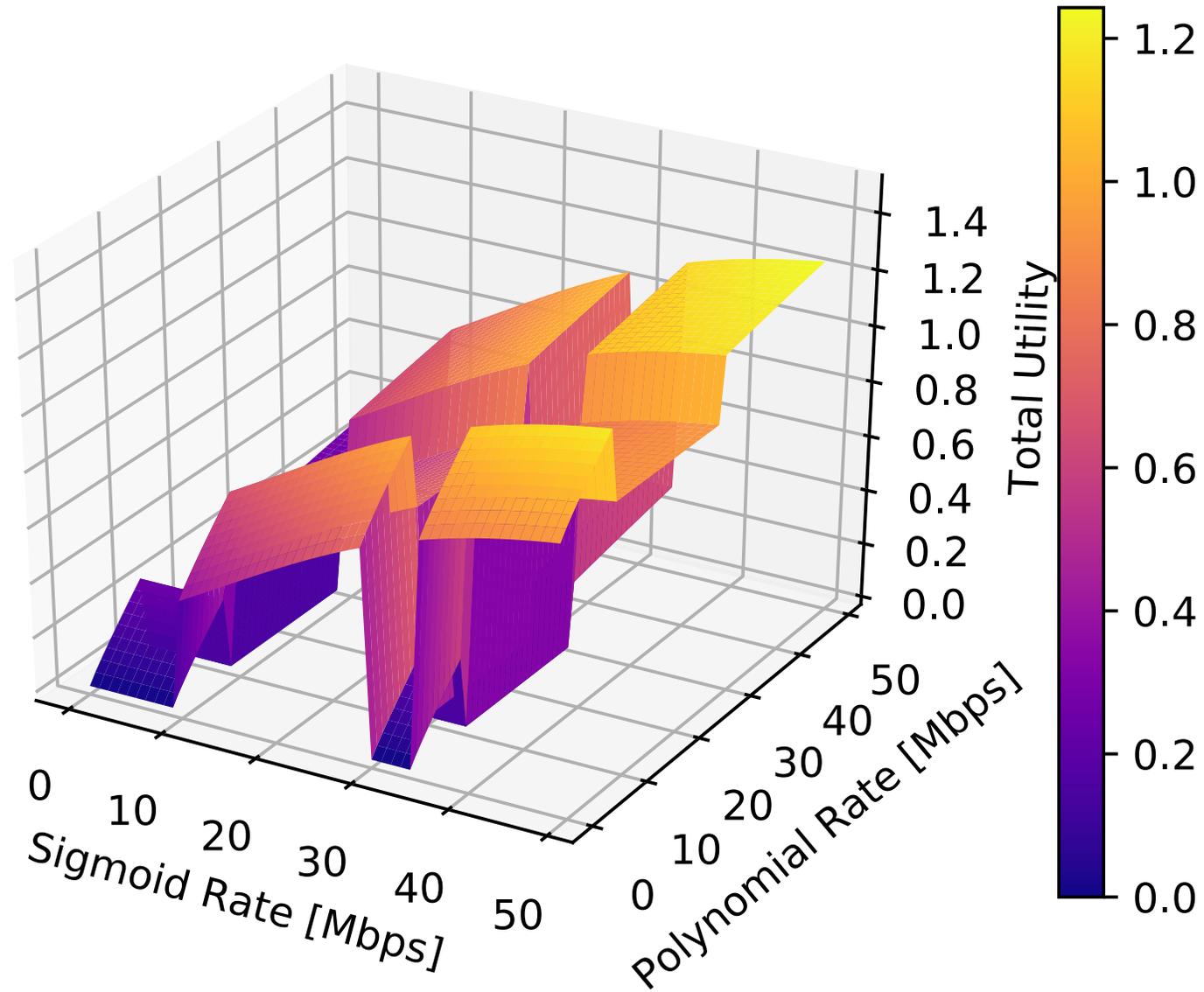
Polynomial: $U_{\text{ply}}(r) = \alpha_2(r^{\beta_2})$

Logarithmic: $U_{\text{log}}(r) = \log(\alpha_3 r + \beta_3)$

Linear: $U_{\text{lnr}}(r) = \alpha_4 r + \beta_4$


$$\max \sum U_i(r_{i,j})$$

Combining these together *in a simple scenario...*

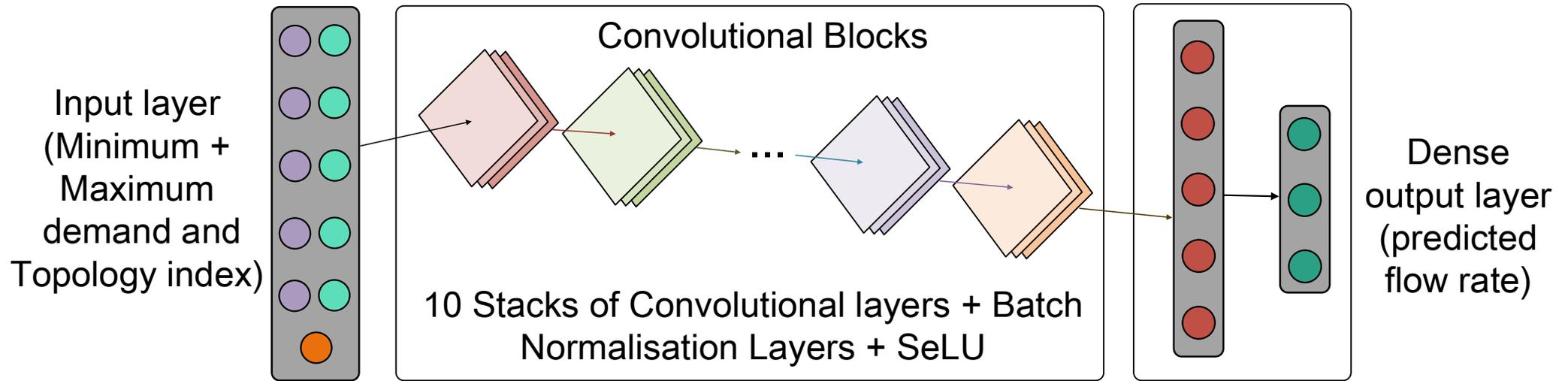


Utility Maximisation

- High-dimensional problem, highly non-convex
- Global search is time consuming
- Heuristic method can solve but sub-optimal

- Learn the correlation between flow demands and optimal allocations

Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) Solution

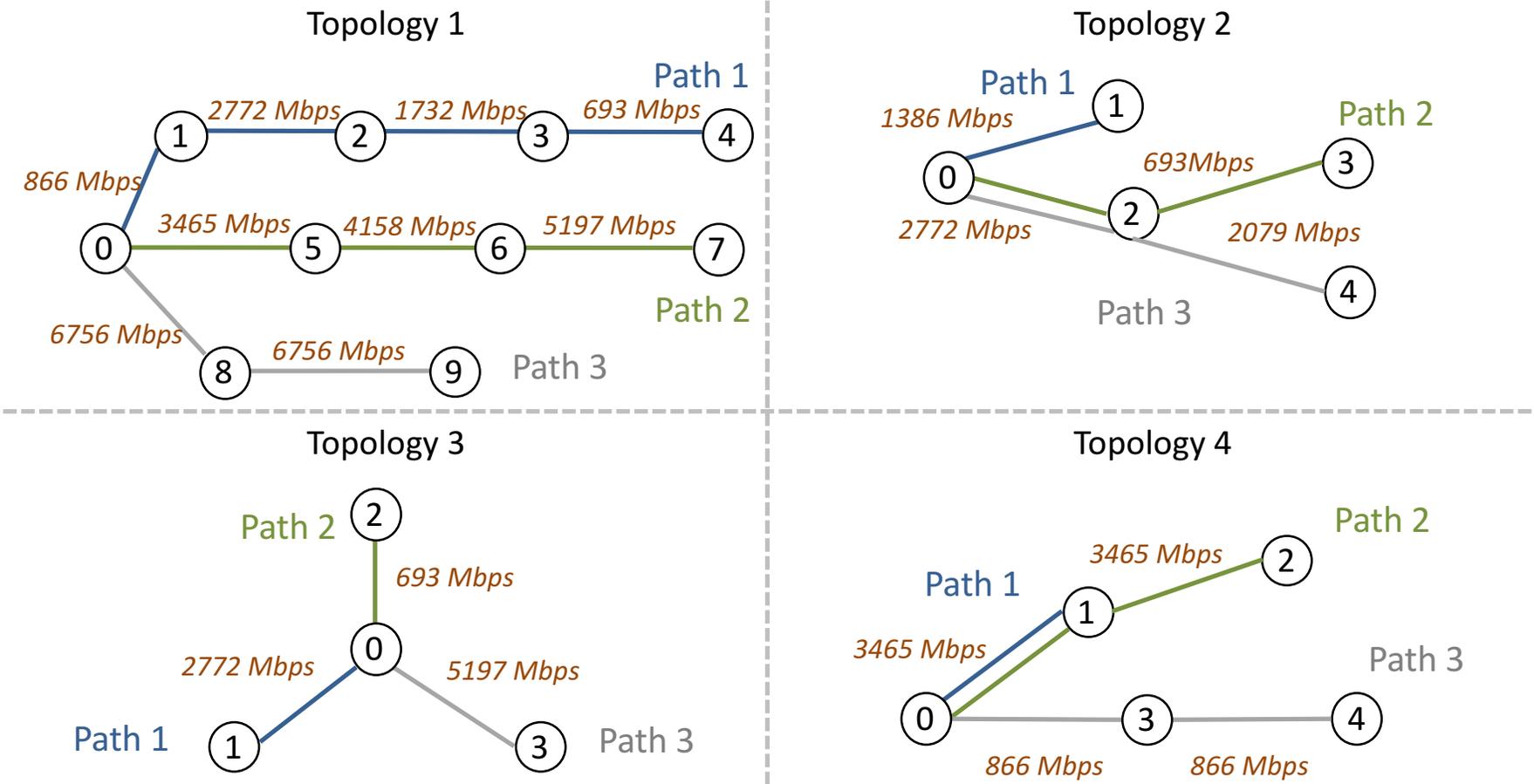


Numerical Evaluation - Methods

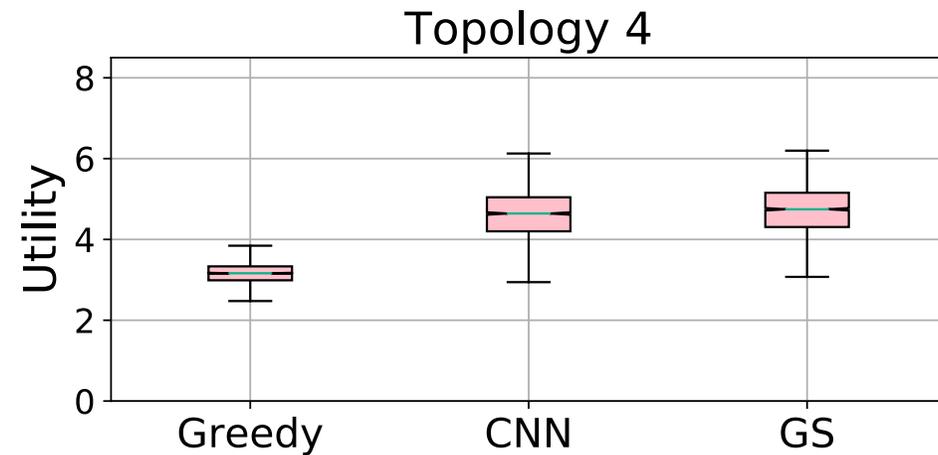
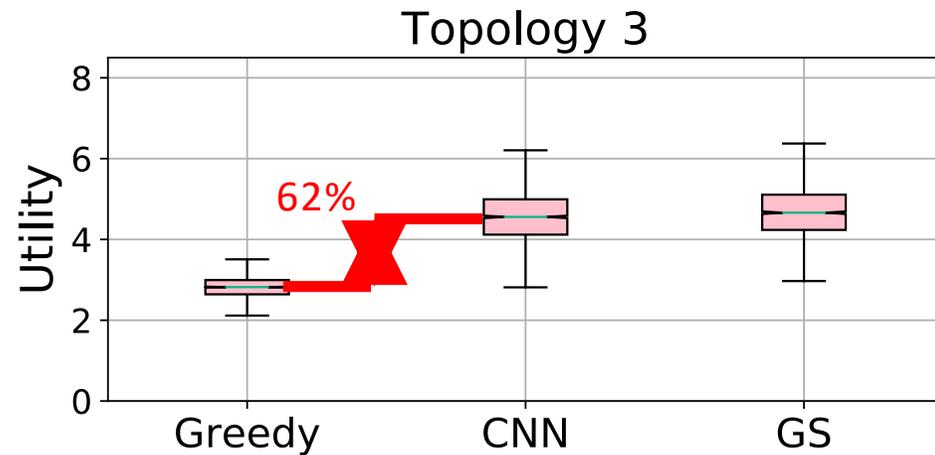
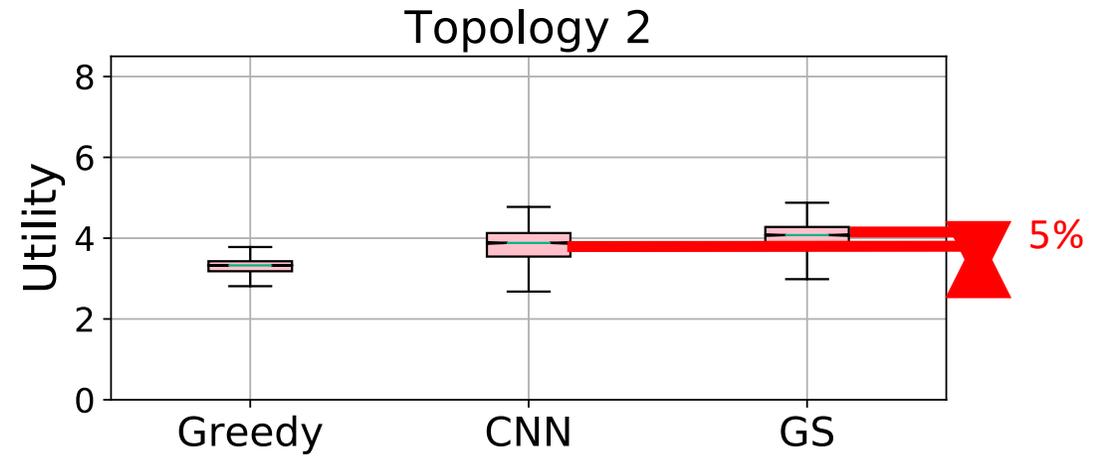
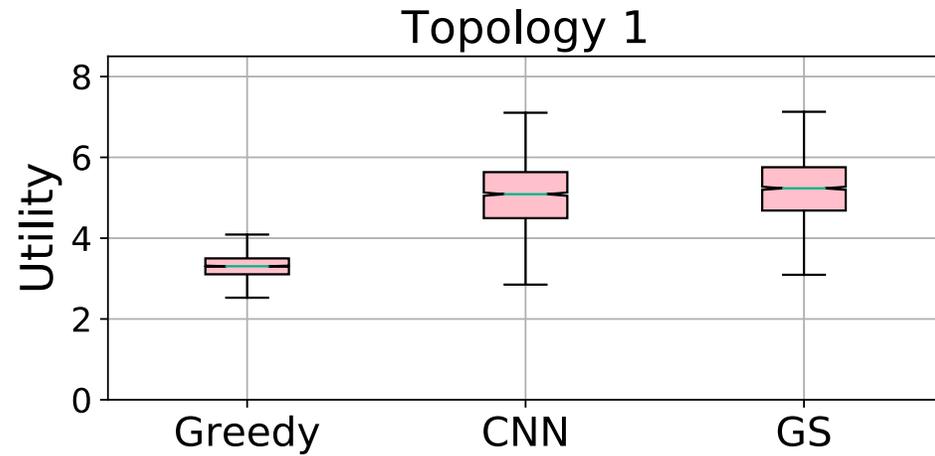
- 10,000 data points
 - Flow demands ($d_{i,j}$) and minimum service rates ($\delta_{i,j}$)
 - Optimal solutions obtained from Global Search (GS) *
 - Training performed on GPU and inference on CPU
- Benchmark greedy solution
 - Supposed to work fast

* Optimality of GS is proven in Z. Ugray et al. Scatter search and local NLP solvers: *A multistart framework for global optimization*. Journal on Computing, 19(3), 2007.

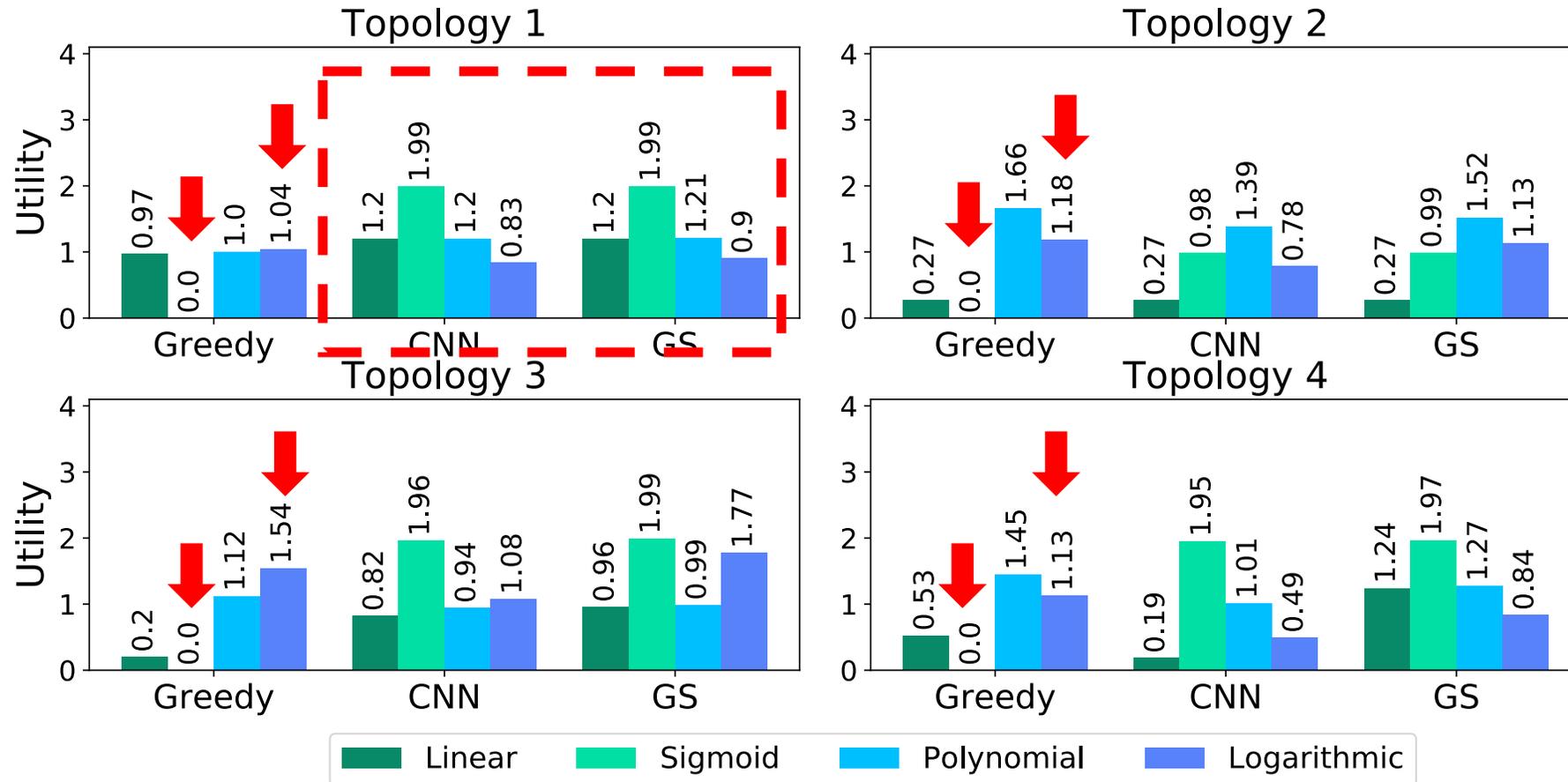
Numerical Evaluation - Topologies



Results: Total Utility Distribution



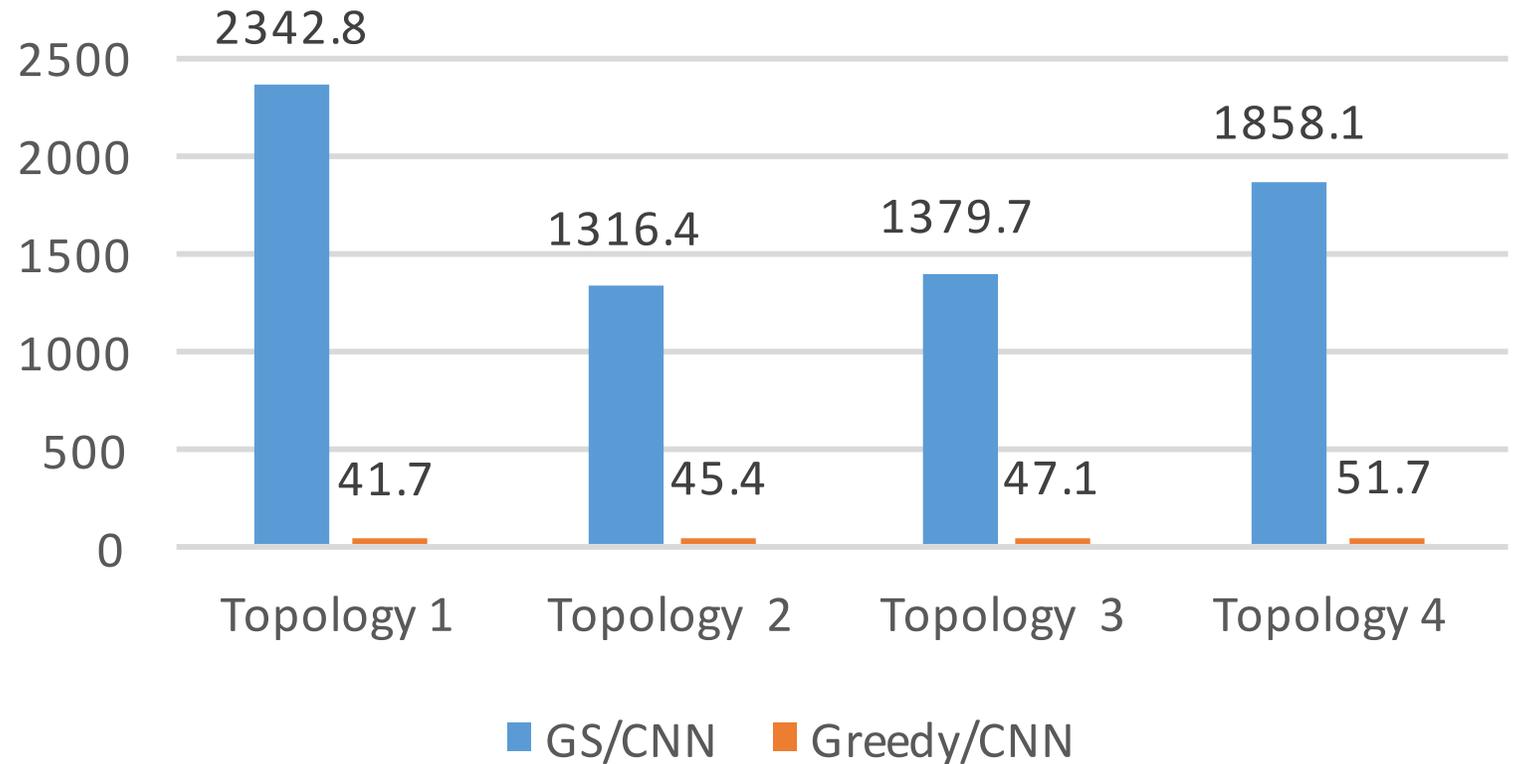
Results: Utility per Traffic Type



Computation Time

2000x faster than GS

50x faster than Greedy



CNN	0.0036s	0.0035s	0.0025s	0.0026s
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Conclusions

- A general utility framework encompasses all known types of utility functions, and formulate an utility optimisation problem
- CNN achieves close-to-optimal solution, and makes rapid inference
- Suitable for 5G with real-time and dynamic requirements

