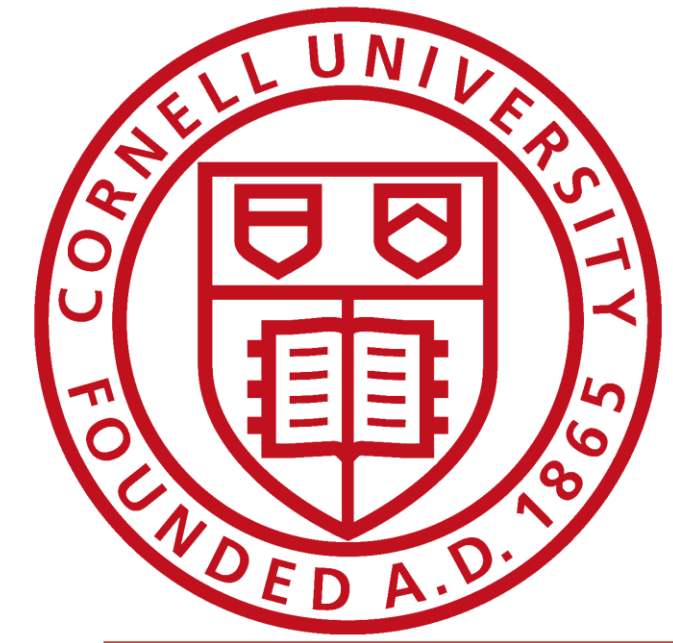


Fast Iterative Graph Computation with Block Updates

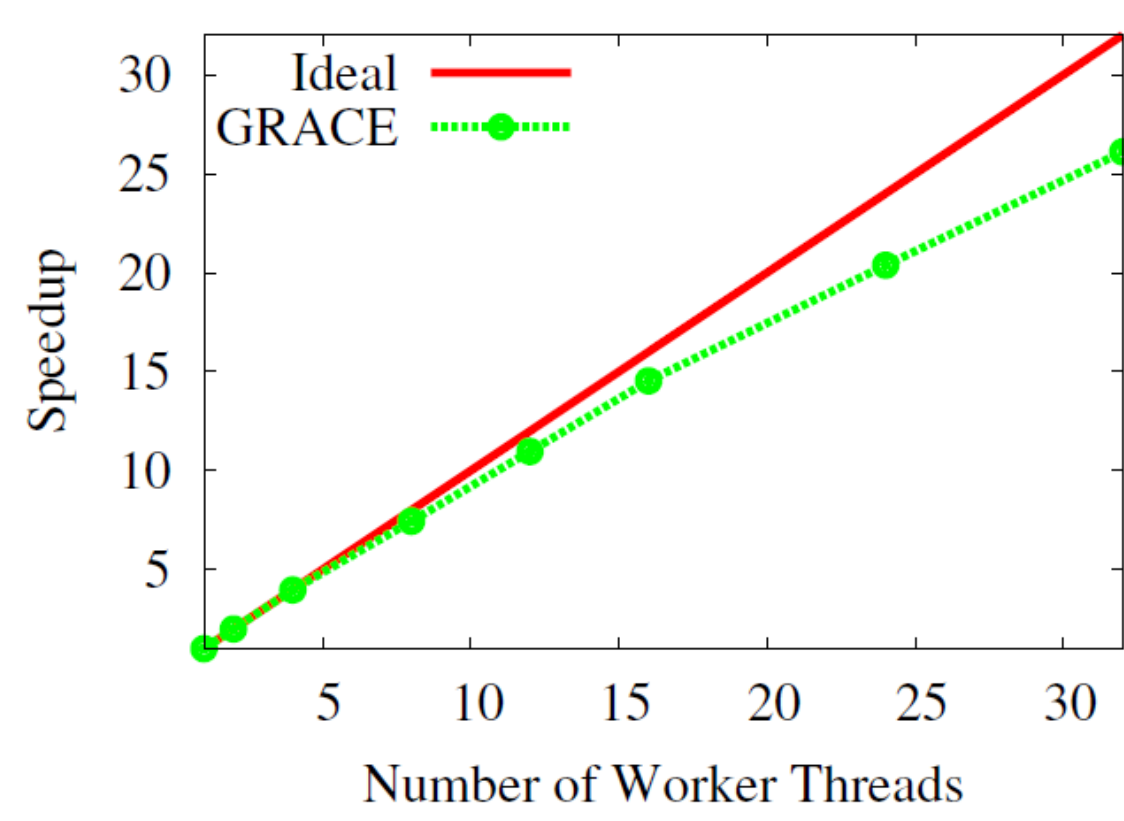


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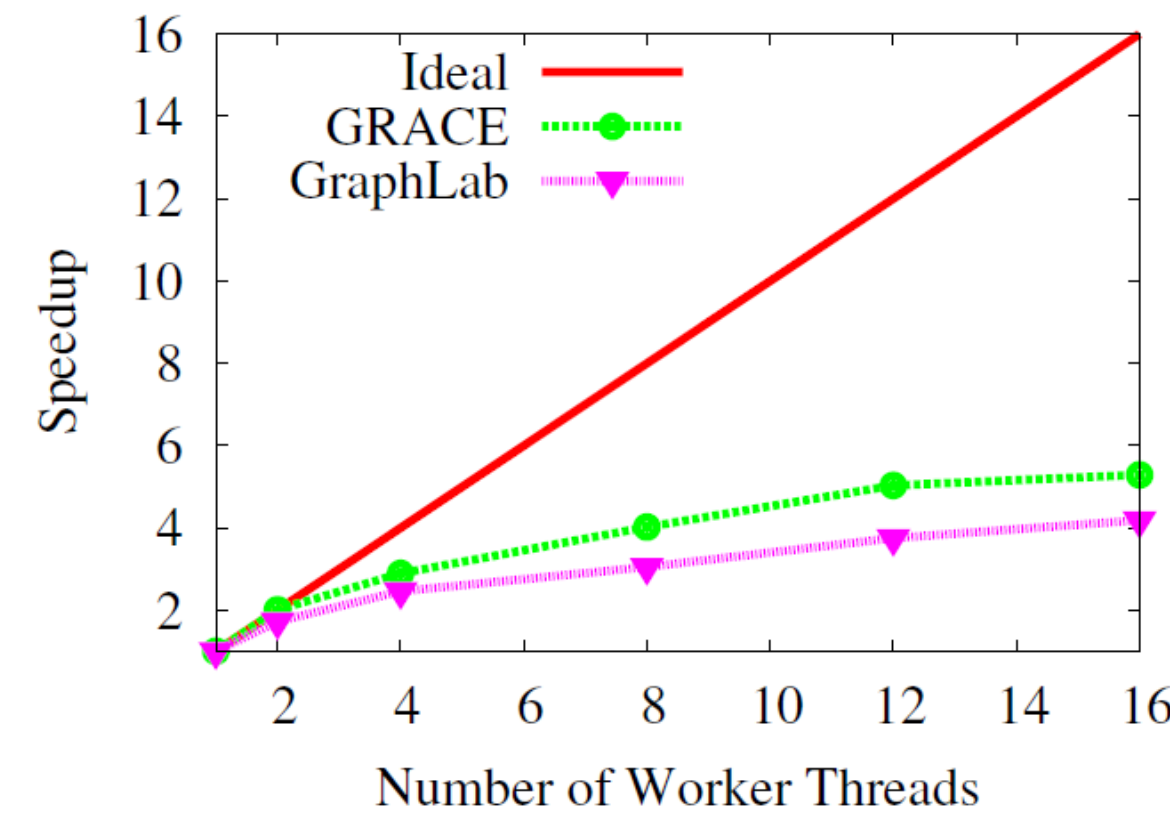
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Multicore Speedup for Graph Applications

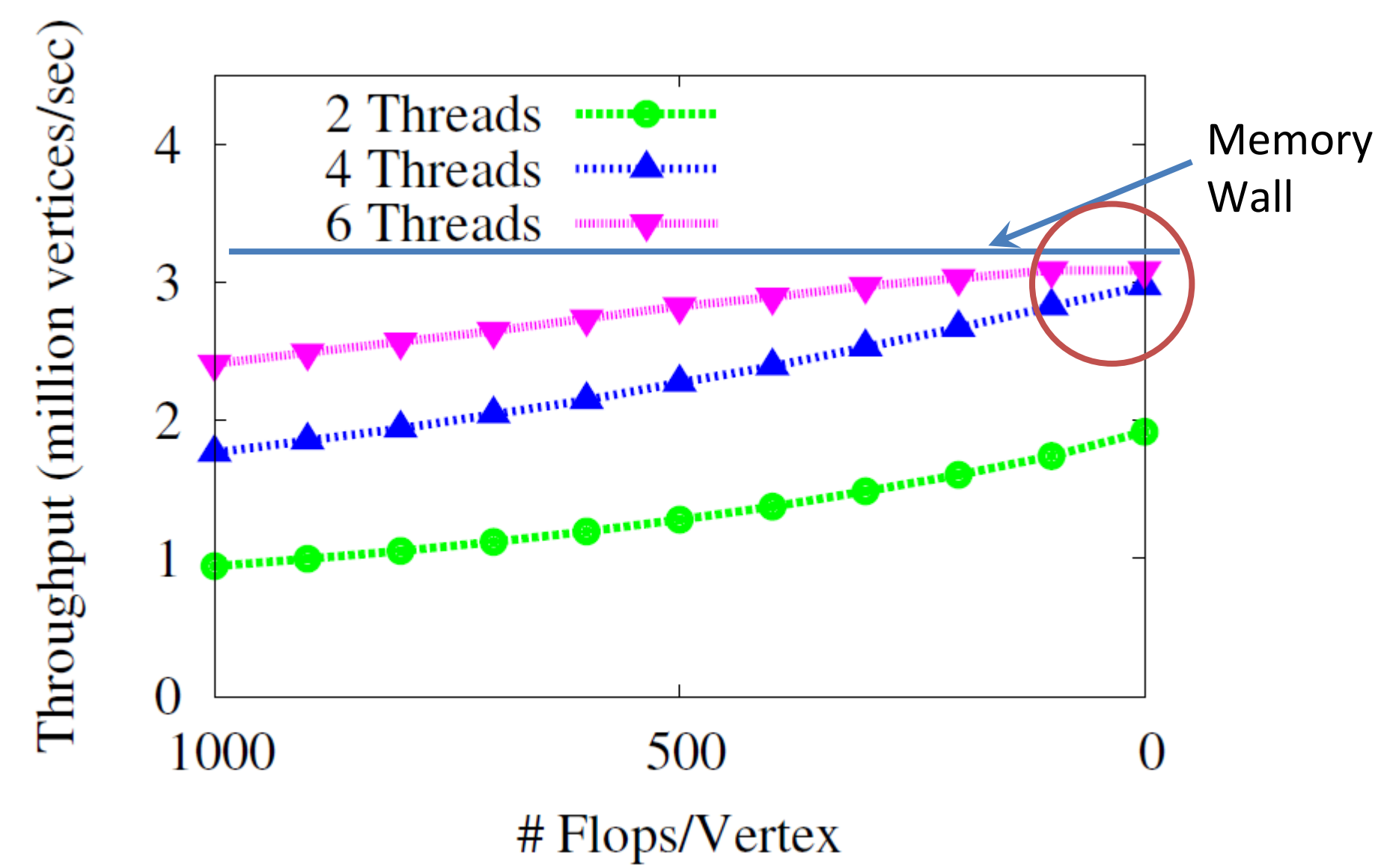


Belief Propagation



PageRank

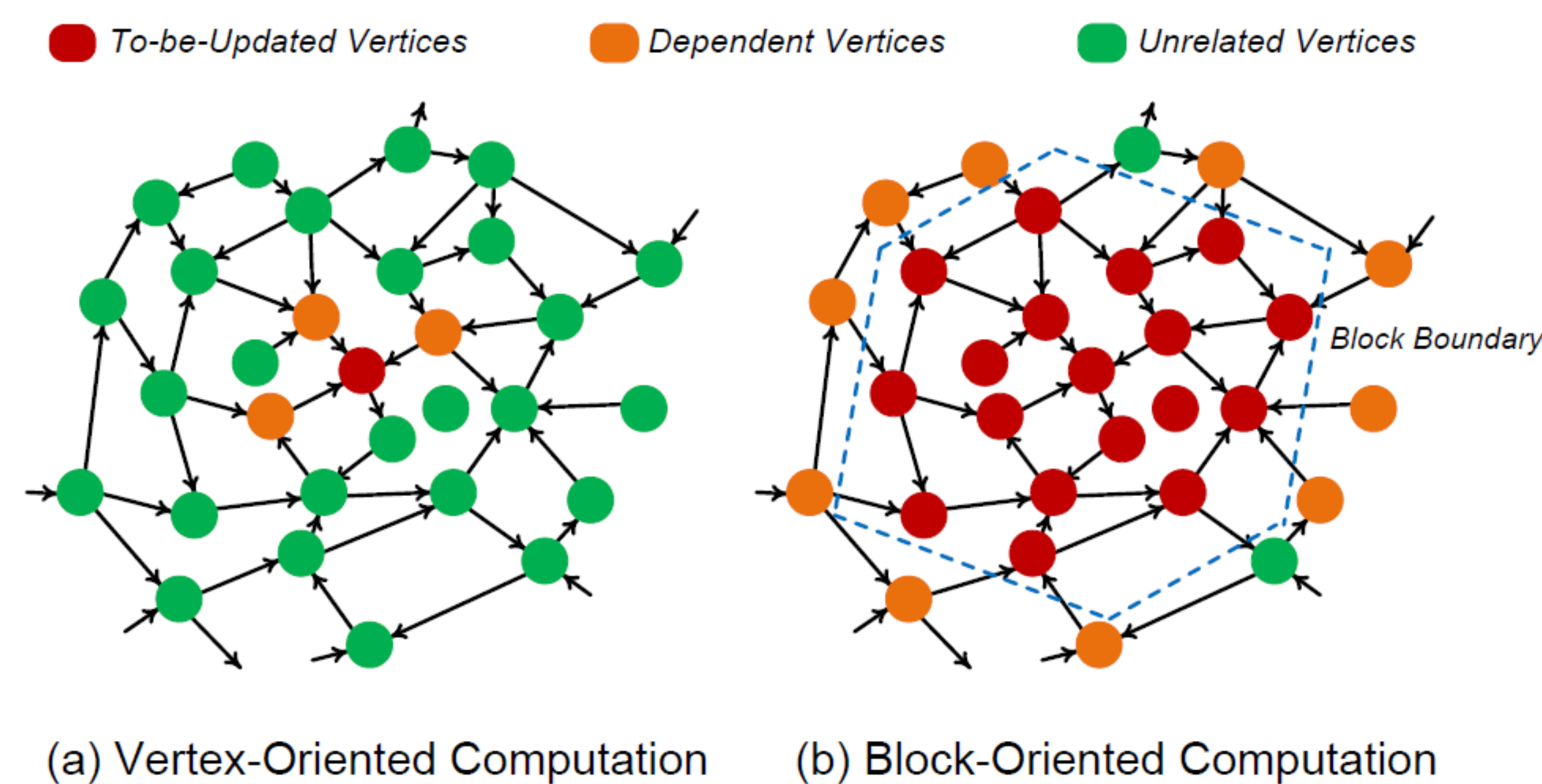
Computation Load: Heavy vs. Light



← Computationally Heavy

→ Computationally Light

Vertex vs. Block Update



Block-Oriented Computation

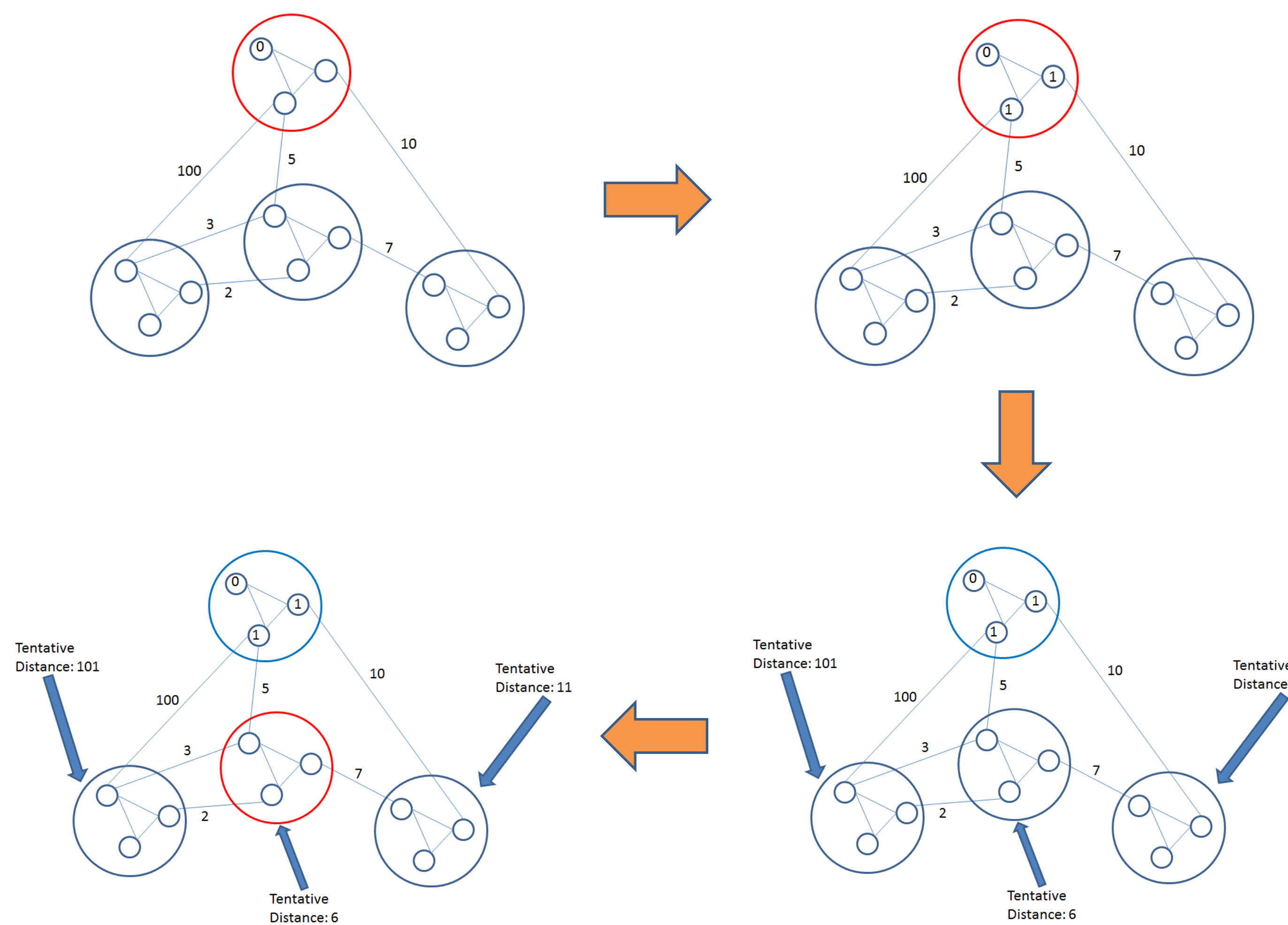
- Block Formulation
 - Block: Closely connected subgraph
 - Graph is pre-partitioned into disjoint blocks
 - Efficient software: (e.g. METIS)
- Block Update Function

$$S_B^{new} = \text{BlockUpdate}(S_B^{old}, S_{NV(B)}, S_{NE(B)}),$$
 - Naturally extends the vertex update function

Two-Level Scheduling

- Define block update as iteratively applying vertex update
 - BlockUpdate = VertexUpdate × InnerScheduler
 - Block-Level Scheduler
- Benefits
 - Better Cache Utilization
 - Reduced Scheduling Overhead

Example: Shortest Path

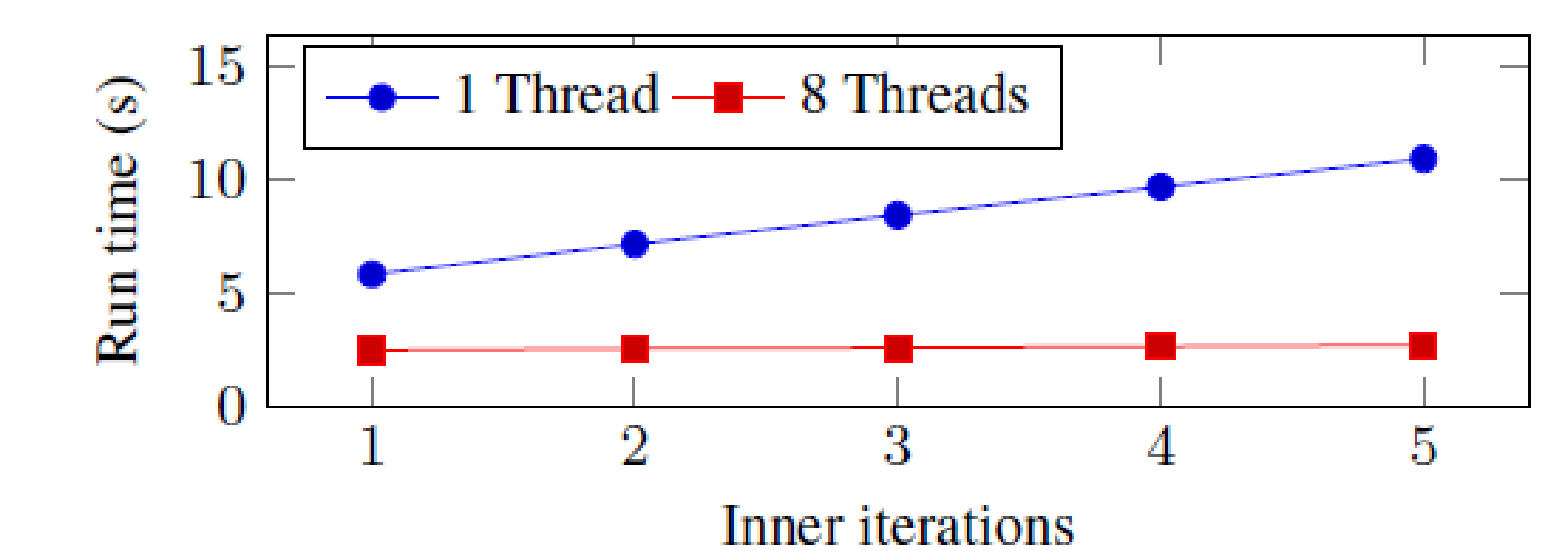


Datasets and Applications

Data Set	Vertices × 10 ³	Edges × 10 ³	Partition Time (s)	Application
DBLP	968	7,050	38	PPR
Web-Google	876	5,105	34	PPR
LiveJournal	4,848	68,994	659	SSSP
3D Grid	1,728	9,858	N/A	Etch Sim
UK02	18,520	298,114	1034	PPR

Microbenchmark: Cache Performance

Scheduler	Time	# Updates	# LLC Misses
Non Cache-Aware	9.52	34,152,807	197,500,000
Cache-Aware	5.15	34,152,807	37,500,000



Experimental Results

