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RoundRole: Unlocking the Efficiency of Multi-party Computation with Bandwidth-aware Execution

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Secure Multi-party Computation.

- Secure Multi-party Computation (MPC) enables multiple parties to jointly compute a function \mathcal{F} on their private inputs to obtain the correct results while protecting the inputs data.
- One commonly-used scheme, Secret Sharing (SS) splits inputs to multiple random shares, and implements \mathcal{F} by designing corresponding protocols.
- Joint parties communicating with each other following the protocol.

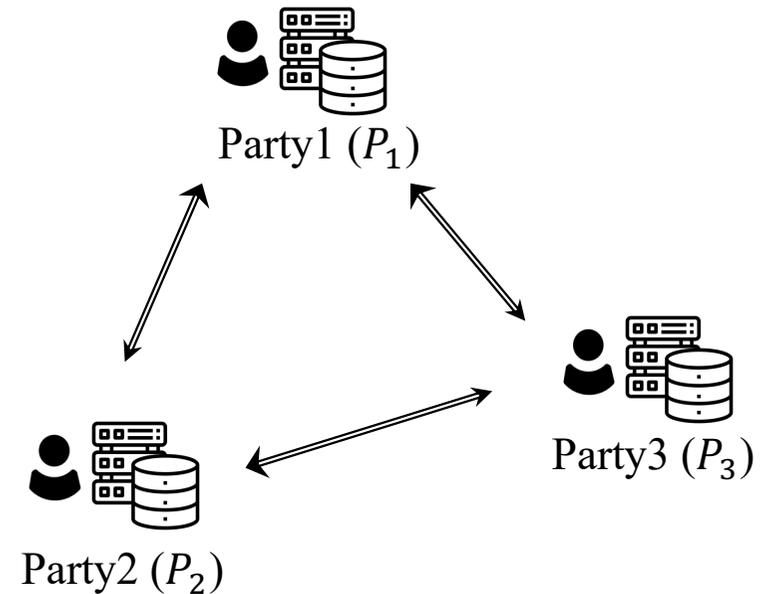


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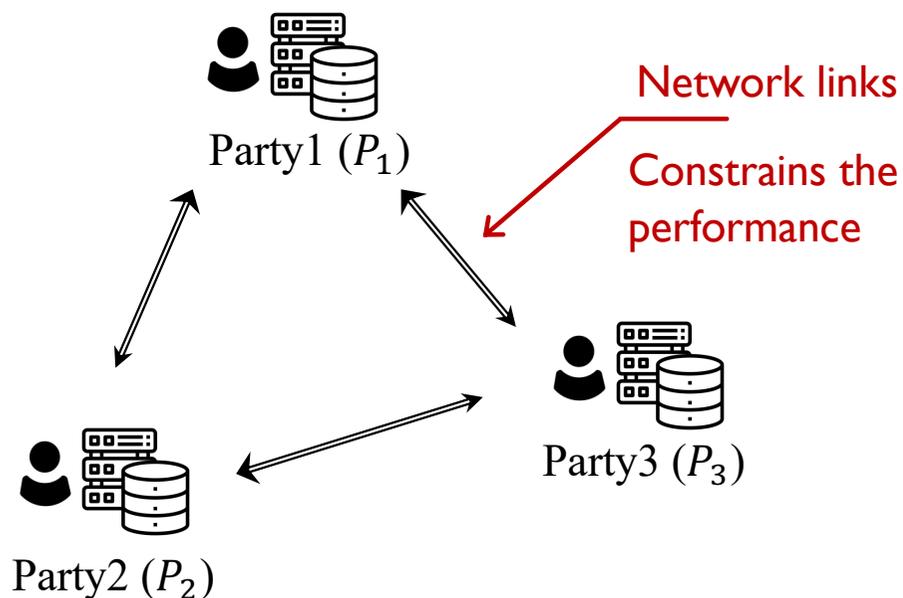


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- During the execution of MPC protocols, the performance is constrained by the cross-party communications.
- Classic bandwidths:
 - LAN - 10 Gbps
 - WAN - 100 Mbps ~ 1 Gbps
- However, modern CPU can process approx 30 ~100 GB/s.
- Therefore, cross-party communication often makes the CPU waiting for data.



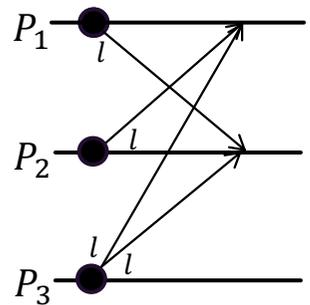
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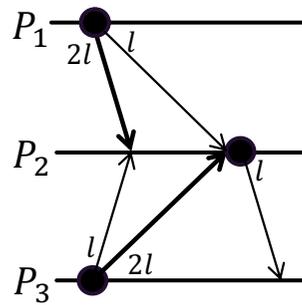


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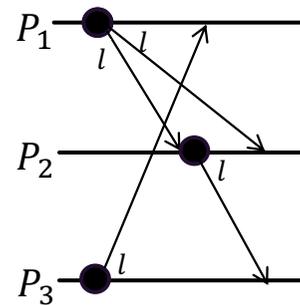
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- During the optimization, we found that many state-of-the-art protocols include asymmetric communication patterns.



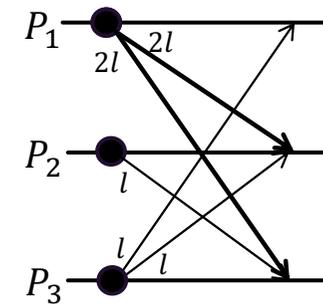
Mul (Fixed-point)



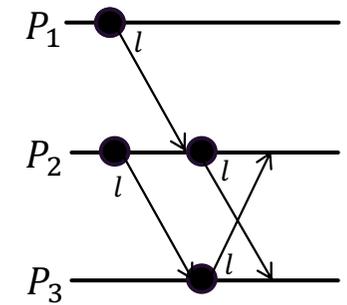
Arith to Bool



Bool to Arith



Shuffle

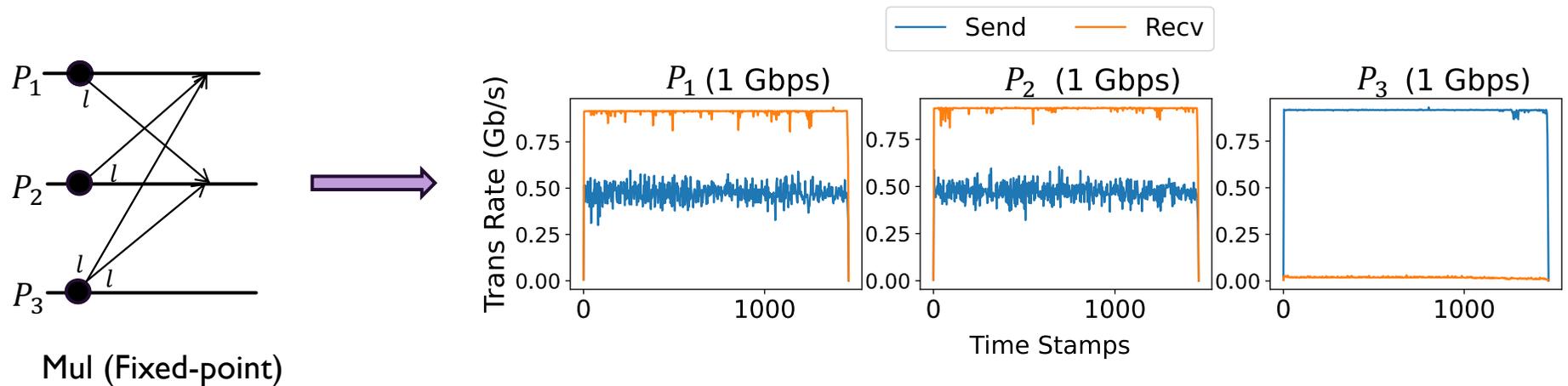


Trio Mul (Online)

- Sending and receiving volume varies for different parties.



However, the asymmetry “locks” the efficiency.



- The receiving capacity of P_3 is totally wasted – no receiving bits.
- The sending capacities of P_1 and P_2 are 50% wasted – constrained by the receiving capacity of P_2 and P_1 .
- **33.3% bandwidths are wasted in total!**



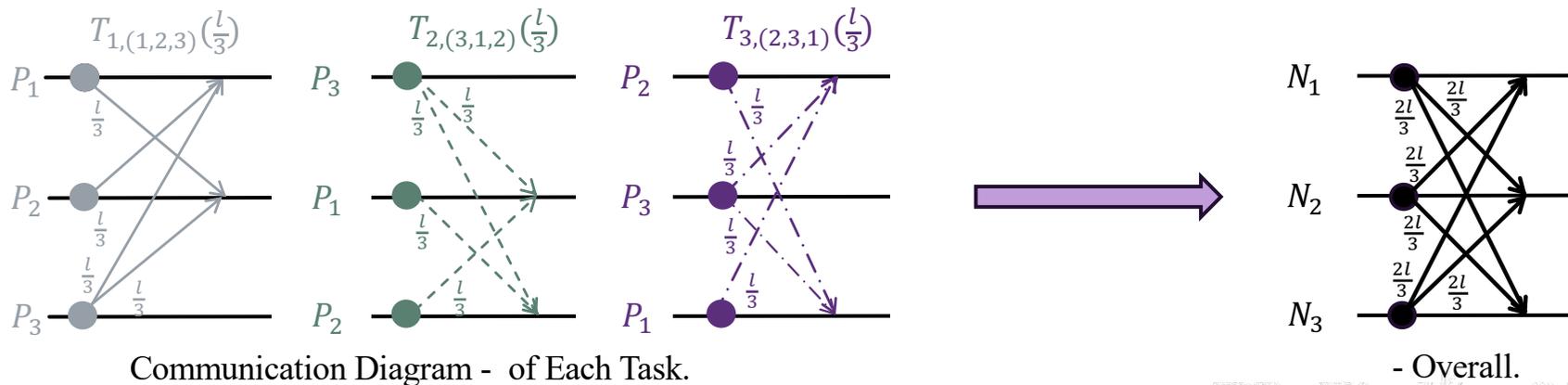
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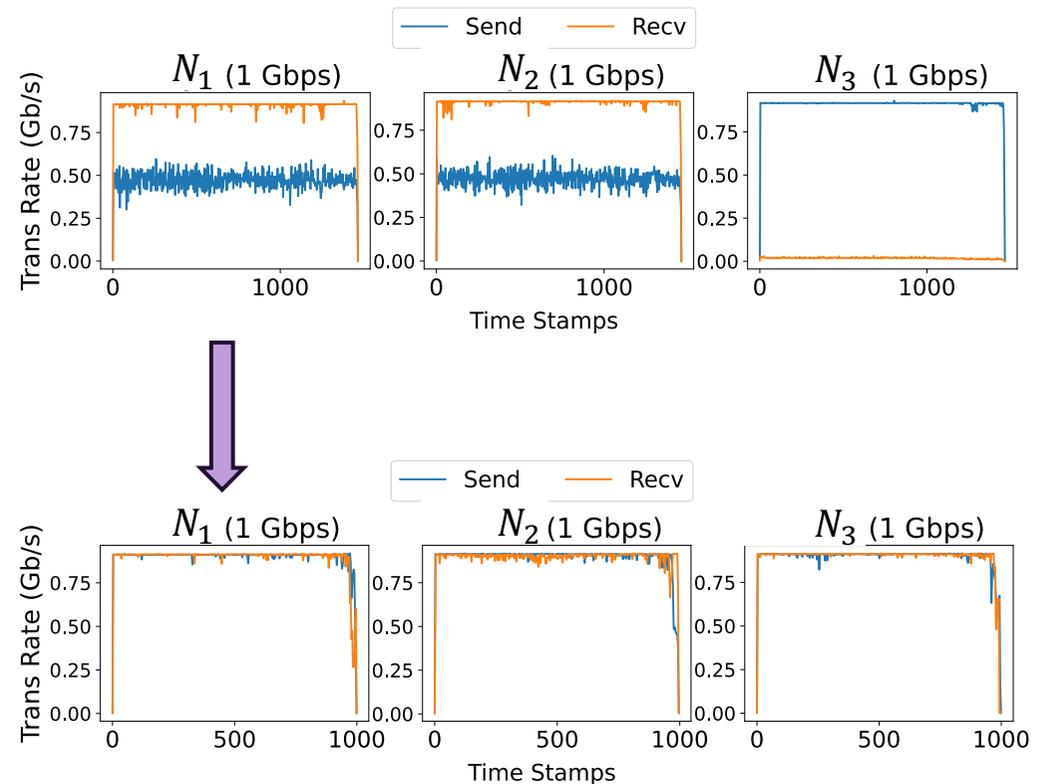
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- Thereby improving the bandwidth utilization to 100%!



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- Based on the above motivation, we design RoundRole, which begins with the protocol and the physical bandwidths.

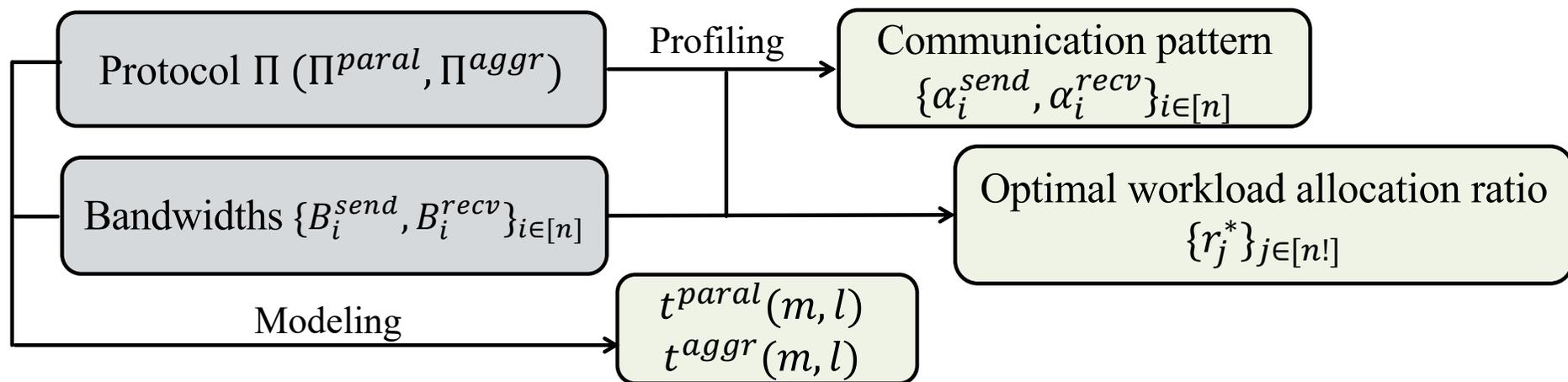
Protocol Π (Π^{para} , Π^{aggr})

Bandwidths $\{B_i^{send}, B_i^{recv}\}_{i \in [n]}$



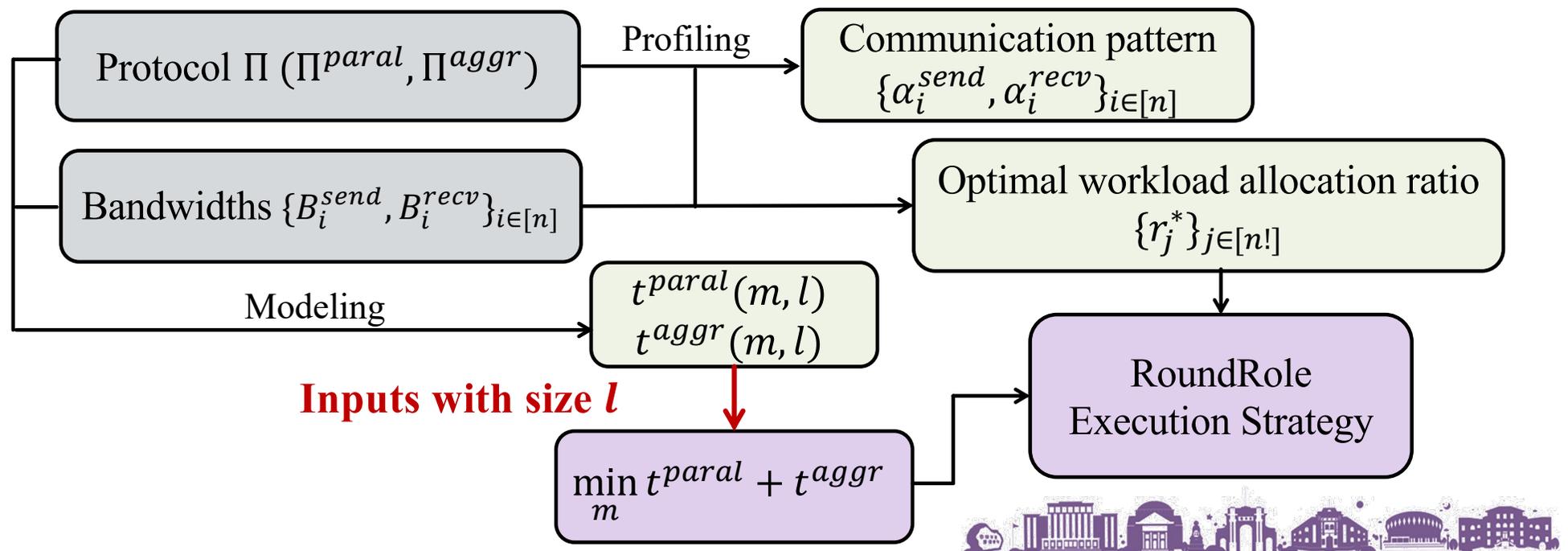
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- Then, RoundRole automatically profiles three sets of **input-size-independent** parameters from the protocol and the bandwidths capturing the performance characters.



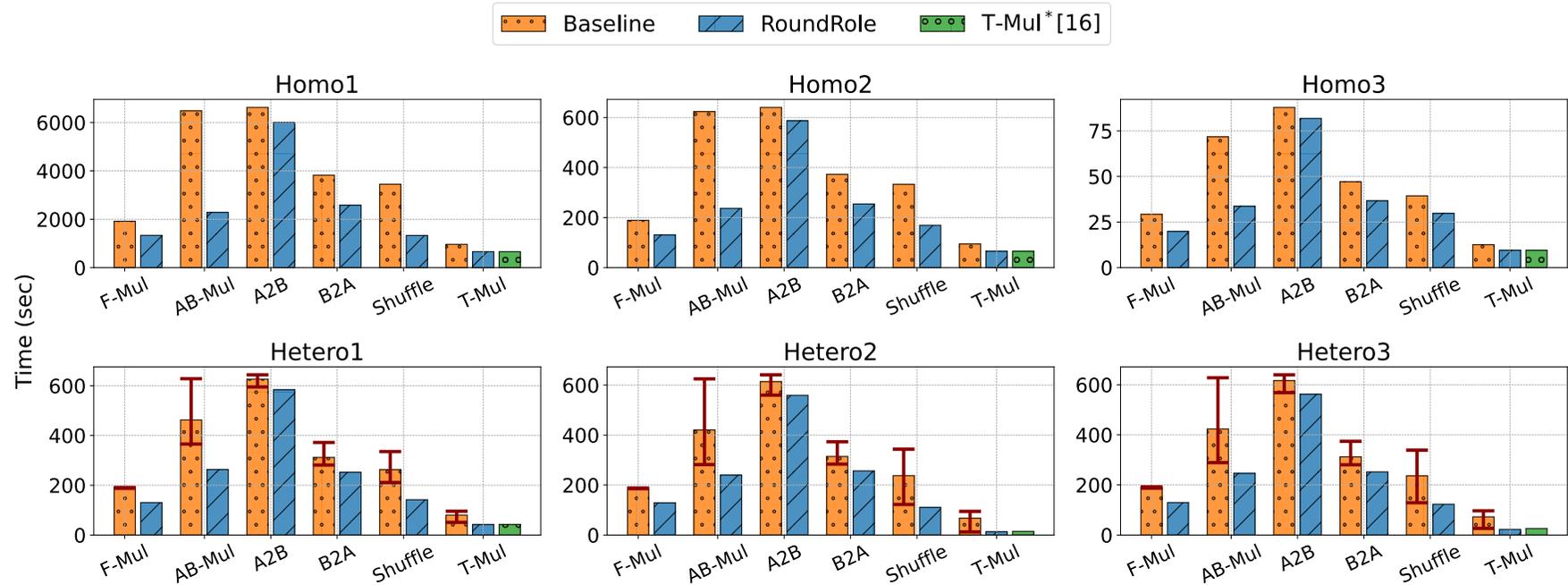
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- When given the inputs with size l , RoundRole then decides the execution strategy promptly – including the number of tasks and the corresponding mappings of each task.

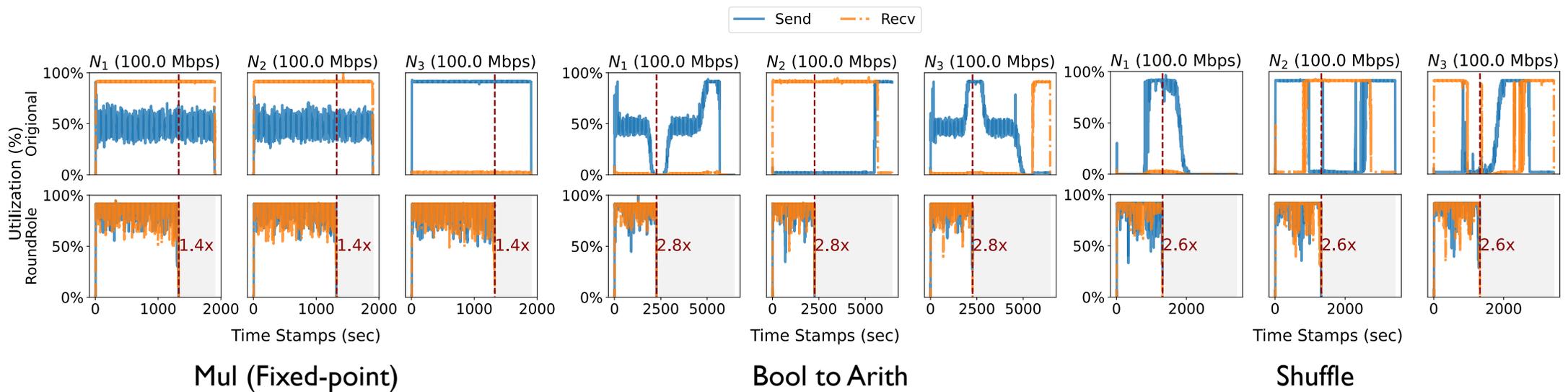


Evaluation: Performance speedup.

- The performance of six protocols with and without RoundRole across six network settings shows significant speedup!



Evaluation: Performance improvement comes from bandwidth utilization.



RoundRole effectively utilizes the originally wasted bandwidth and therefore improving the performance!



Conclusion and future work.

- RoundRole exploits one crucial yet overlooked aspect in practical MPC: the inherently asymmetric communication patterns, then it improves the performance by leveraging the wasted bandwidths.
- Now, MPC researchers can focus on improving the complexity and RoundRole handles all the execution-level details.
- We want to highlight that there optimizing the practical MPC is a multi-angle system, not just the communication rounds and volumes. We should also pay effort on other overlooked problems in the future.





Thanks for your listening!



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