

Model-Based Insights on the Performance, Fairness, and Stability of BBR

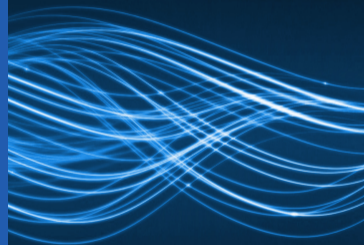
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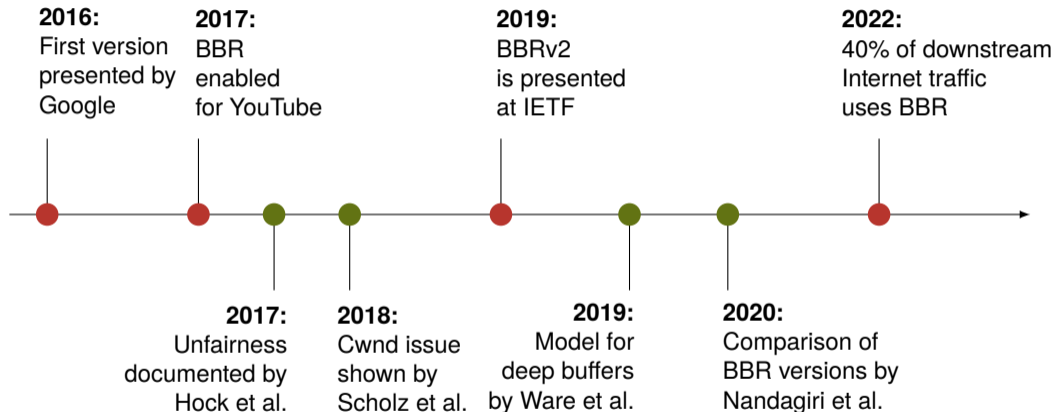
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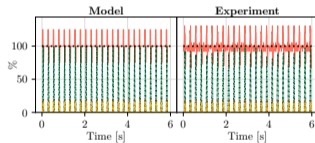
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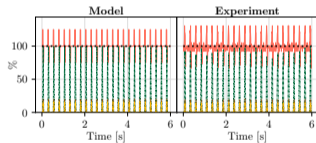
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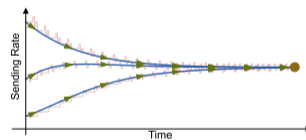
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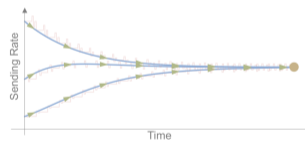
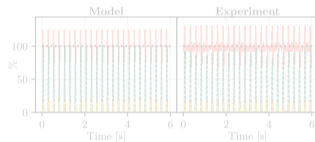
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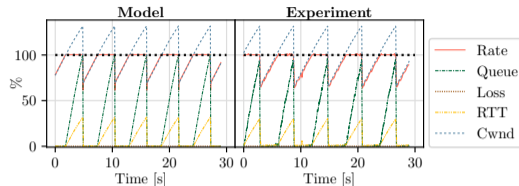
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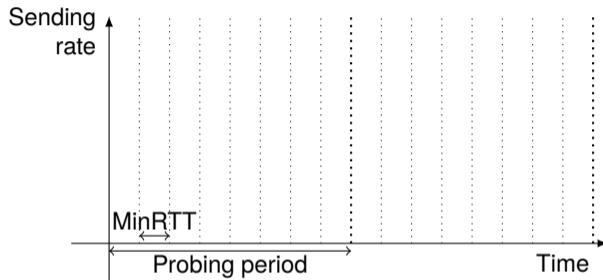
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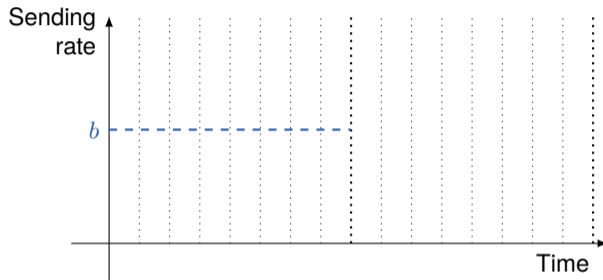
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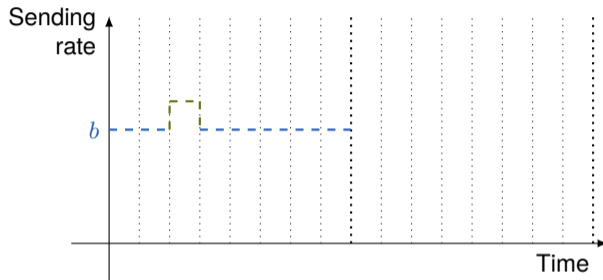
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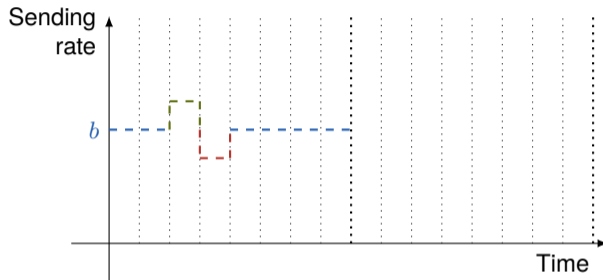
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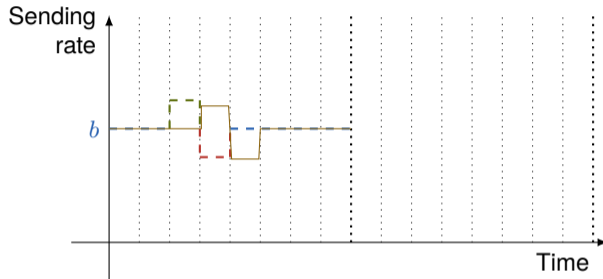
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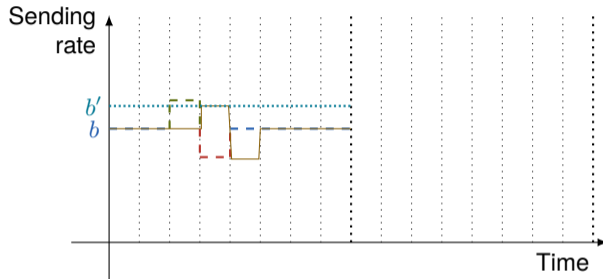
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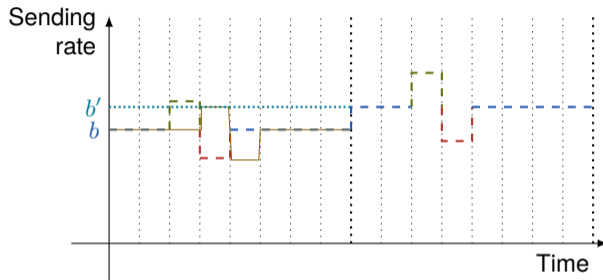
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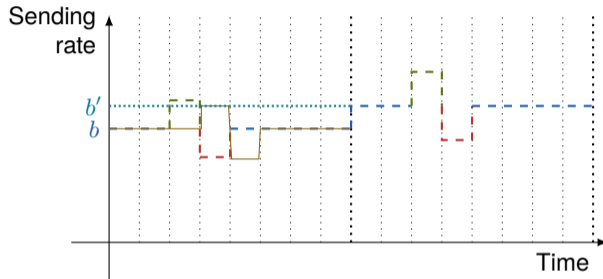
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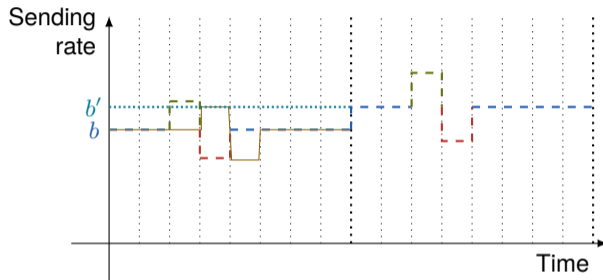
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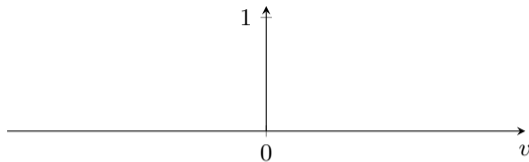
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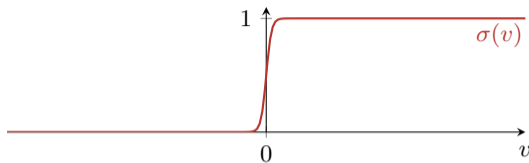
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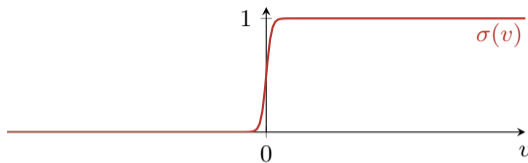
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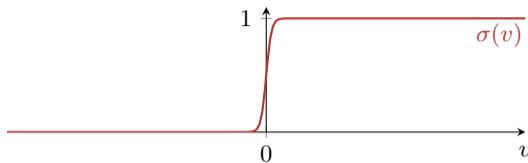
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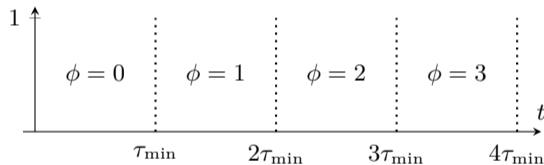
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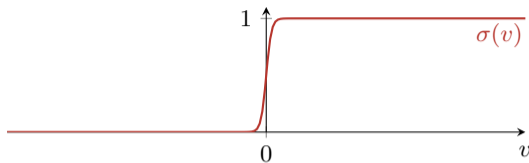
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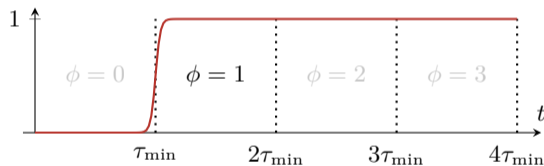
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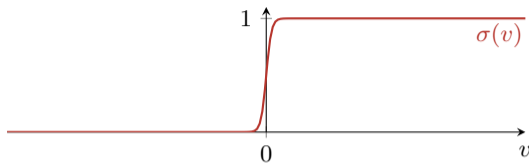
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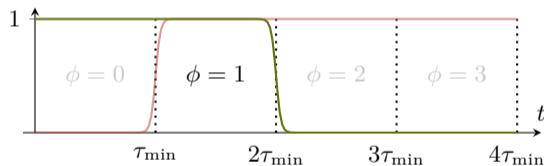
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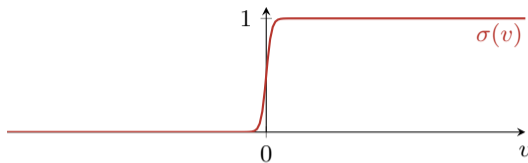
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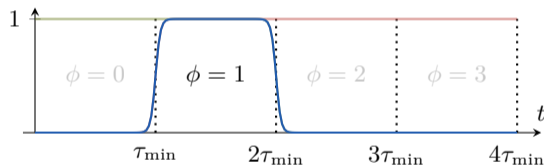
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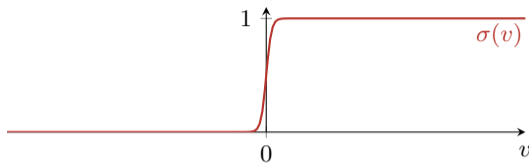
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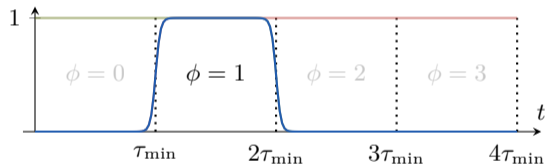
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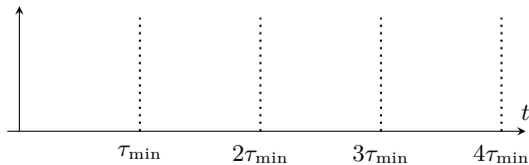
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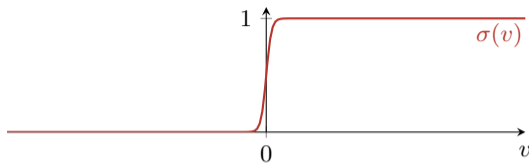
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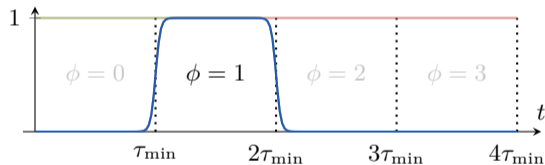
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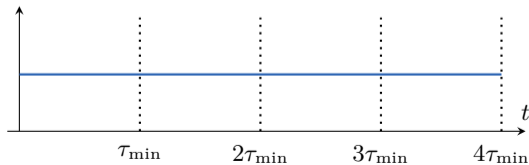
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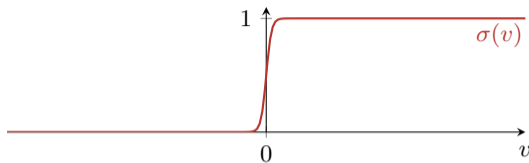
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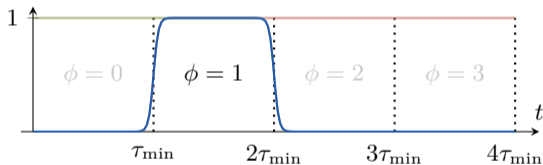
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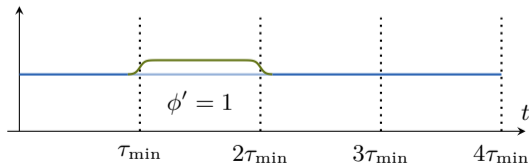
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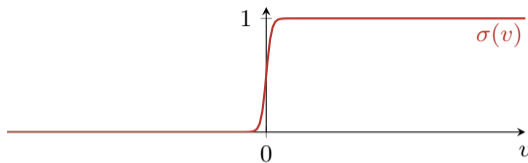
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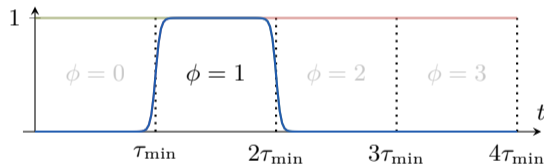
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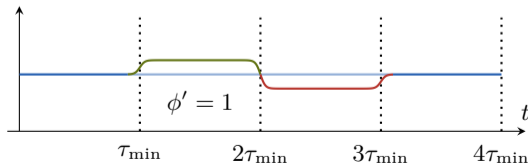
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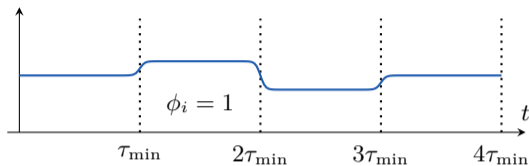
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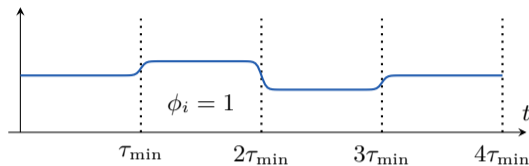
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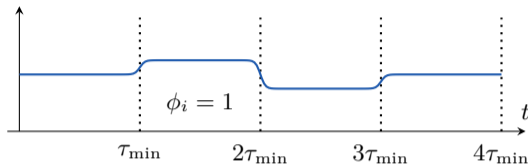
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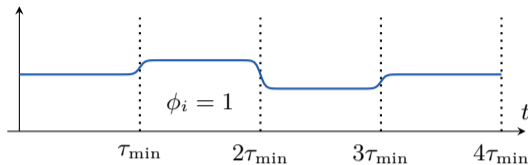
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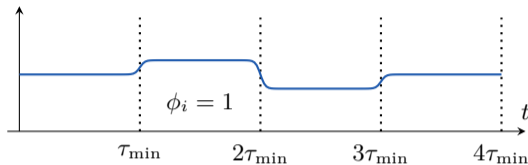
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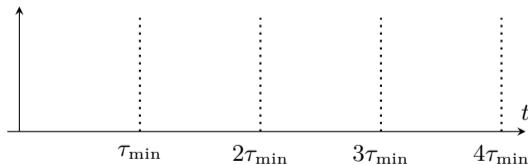
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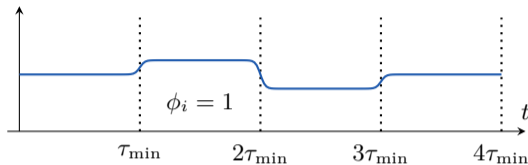
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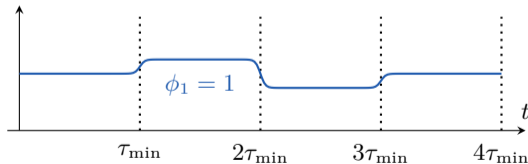
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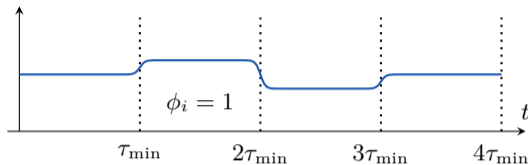
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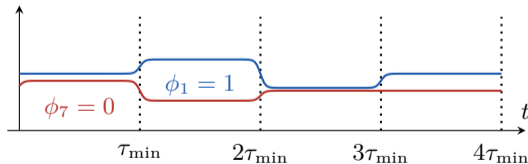
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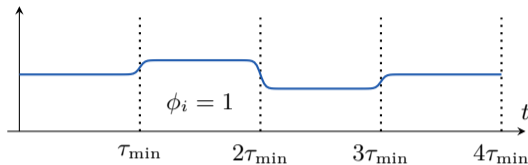
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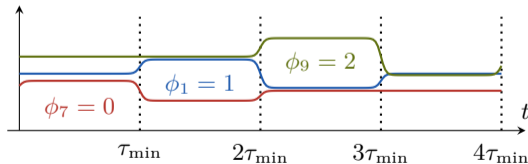
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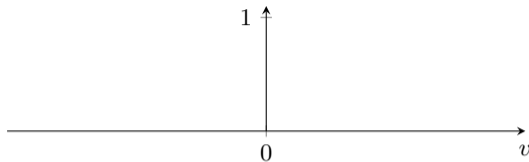


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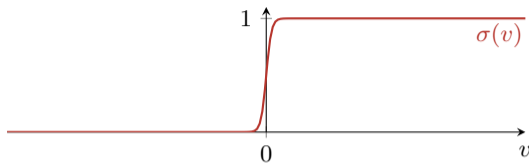
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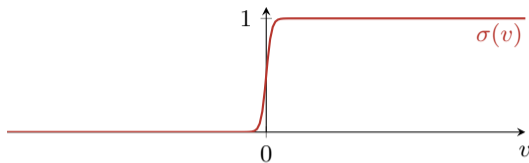
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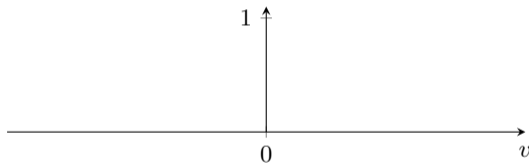
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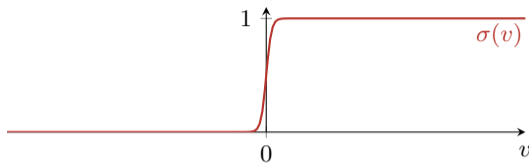
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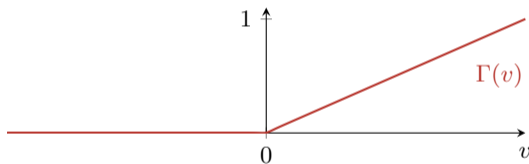
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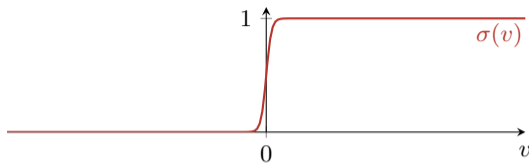
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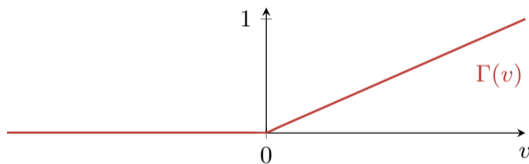
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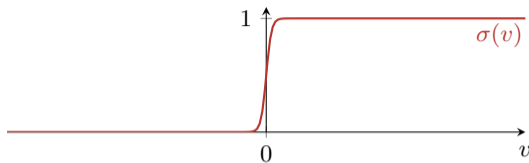
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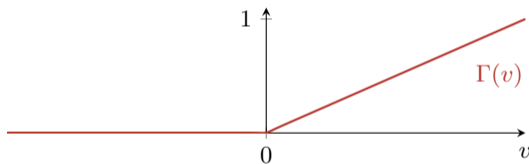
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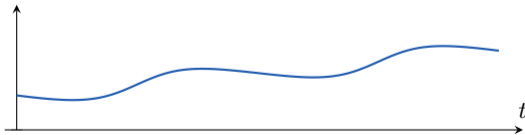
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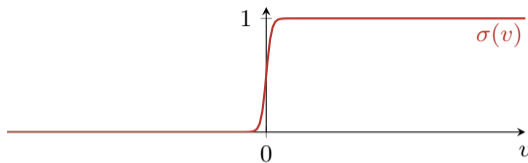
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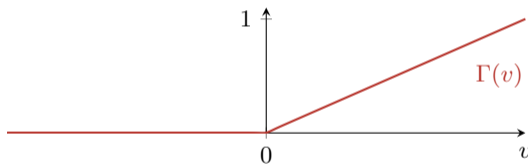
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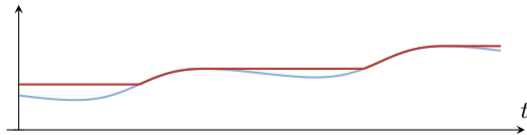
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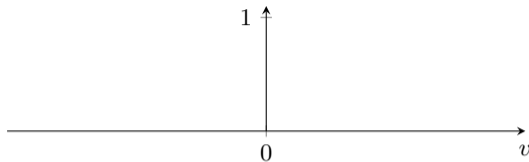


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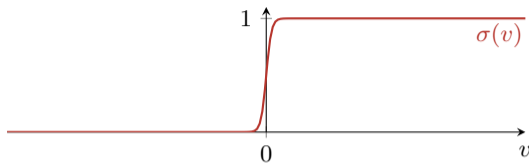
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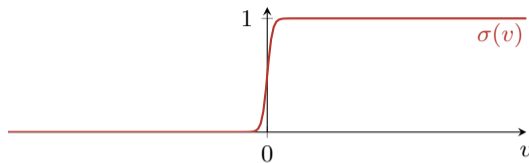
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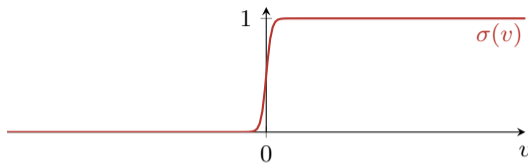
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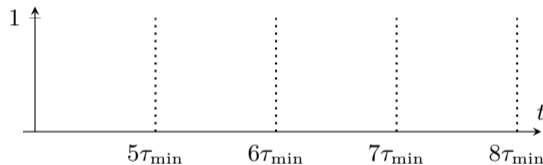
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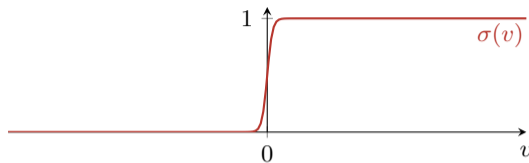
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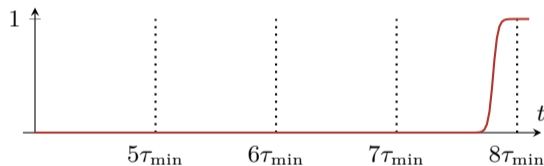
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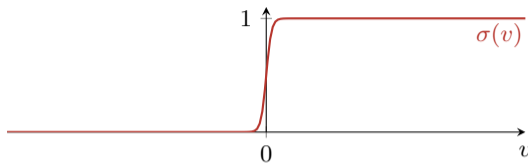
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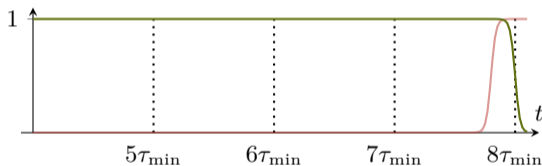
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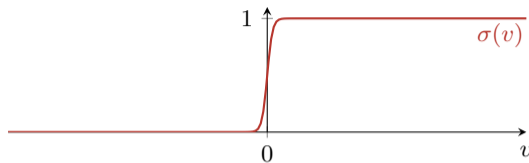
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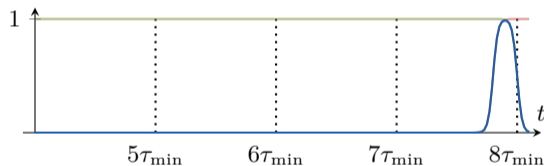
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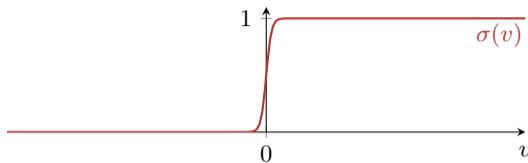
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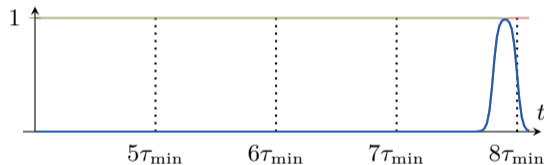
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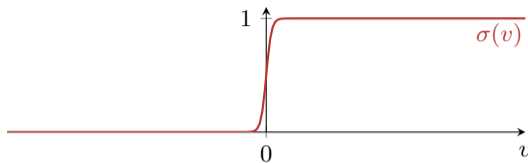
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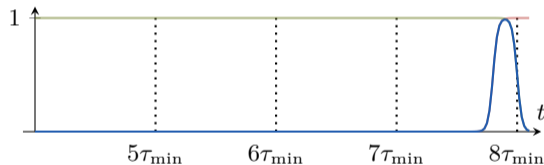
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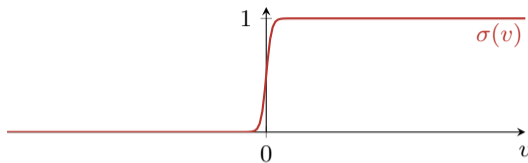
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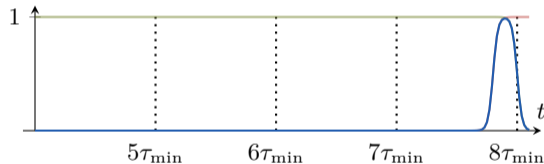
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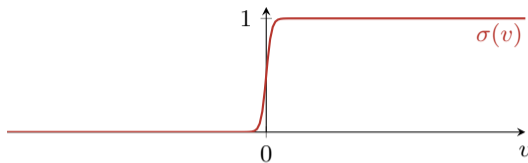
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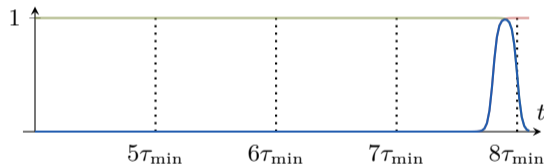
Sigmoid function

$$\sigma(v) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-K \cdot v}}$$



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$$y_r = \sum_{i \in U_r} x_i(t - d_{i,r}^t),$$

$$\dot{q}_r = (1 - p_r) \cdot y_r - C_r, \quad q_r(t) \in [0, B_r],$$

$$\tau_{u_i} = \sum_{l \in S_{u_i}} \tau_l = \sum_{l \in S_{u_i}} d_l + \frac{q_l}{C_l},$$

$$p_r(t) = \sigma(y_r(t) - C_r) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{C_r}{y_r}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{q_r}{B_r}\right)^L,$$

$$p_l = \frac{q_l}{B_l} \in [0, 1],$$

$$p_{u_i}(t) = 1 - \prod_{l \in S_{u_i}} (1 - p_l(t + d_{l,u_i}^t)) \approx \sum_{l \in S_{u_i}} p_l(t + d_{l,u_i}^t),$$

$$x_i = \frac{w_i}{\tau_i}.$$

Basic BBR model

$$i_j^{\text{min}} = -\Gamma \left(i_j^{\text{min}}(t) - \tau_j(t - d_j^t) \right)$$

$$\Gamma(v) = \sigma \cdot \sigma(v),$$

$$\Delta m_i^{\text{ret}} = \sigma \left(r_i^{\text{ret}} - \tau_i^{\text{ret}} \right) \cdot \left((1 - m_i^{\text{ret}}) - m_i^{\text{ret}} \right)$$

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$$i_j^{\text{ret}} = 1 - \sigma \left(r_j^{\text{ret}} - \tau_j^{\text{ret}} \right) \cdot i_j^{\text{ret}} - \sigma \left(r_j^{\text{min}} - \tau_j(t - d_{j,r}^t) \right) \cdot i_j^{\text{ret}}$$

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$$x_i^{\text{max}} = \Gamma(x_i^{\text{dr}}, x_i^{\text{max}}) - \sigma(0.01 - i_i^{\text{bbr}}) \cdot x_i^{\text{max}}$$

$$\phi_i = x_i - x_i^{\text{dr}}$$

BBRv1 model

$$x_i^{\text{dr}} = \sigma \left(r_i^{\text{bbr}} - \tau_i^{\text{bbr}} + 0.01 \right) \cdot \left(x_i^{\text{max}} - x_i^{\text{dr}} \right)$$

$$\Phi_i(t, \phi) = \sigma \left(r_i^{\text{bbr}}(t) - \phi - \tau_i^{\text{min}} \right) \cdot \sigma \left(\phi + 1 - \tau_i^{\text{min}} - r_i^{\text{bbr}} \right)$$

$$x_i^{\text{csp}} = x_i^{\text{dr}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \Phi_i(t, \phi) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \Phi_i(t, \phi + 1) \right)$$

$$w_i^{\text{ret}} = 4$$

$$w_i^{\text{bbr}} = 2 \cdot \bar{w}_i = 2 \cdot x_i^{\text{dr}} \cdot \tau_i^{\text{min}}$$

BBRv2 model

$$\tau_i^{\text{bbr}} = \min \left(62 \cdot \tau_i^{\text{min}}, 2 + \frac{i}{N} \right)$$

$$x_i^{\text{csp}} = x_i^{\text{dr}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sigma \left(r_i^{\text{bbr}} - \tau_i^{\text{min}} \right) \cdot \left(1 - m_i^{\text{bbr}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot m_i^{\text{bbr}} \right)$$

$$\Delta m_i^{\text{bbr}} = (1 - m_i^{\text{csp}}) \cdot (1 - m_i^{\text{bbr}}) \cdot \sigma \left(r_i^{\text{bbr}} - \tau_i^{\text{min}} \right) - \min \left(\sigma \left(v_i - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \bar{w}_i \right) + \sigma \left(p_{e_i} - 0.02 \right), 1 \right) - m_i^{\text{bbr}} \cdot \sigma \left(w_i^{\text{csp}} - v_i \right)$$

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$$x_i^{\text{dr}} = m_i^{\text{bbr}} \cdot \left(\max \left(x_i^{\text{max}}, x_i^{\text{max}}(1 - \tau_i^{\text{bbr}}) \right) - x_i^{\text{dr}} \right)$$

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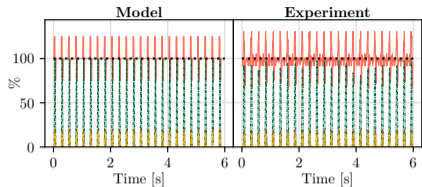
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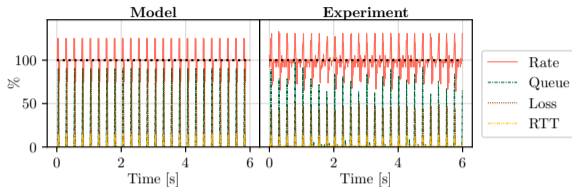
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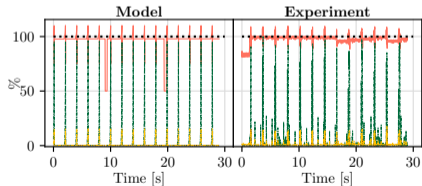


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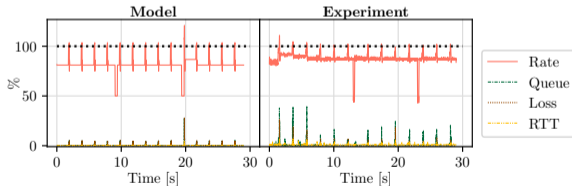


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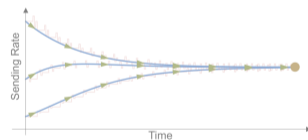
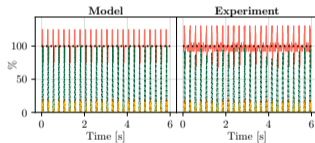
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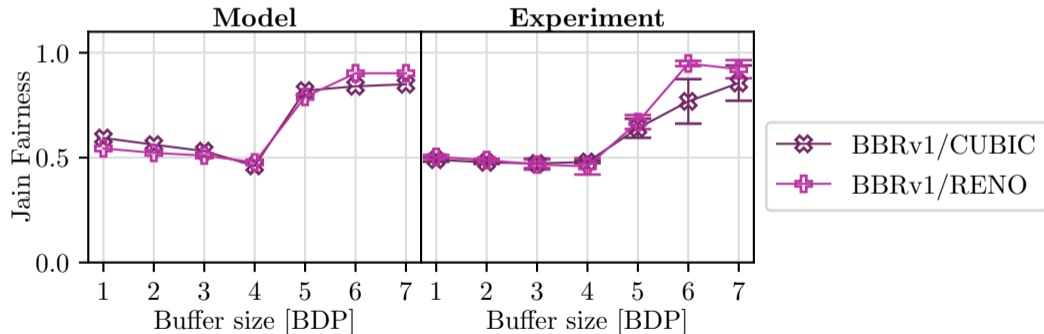
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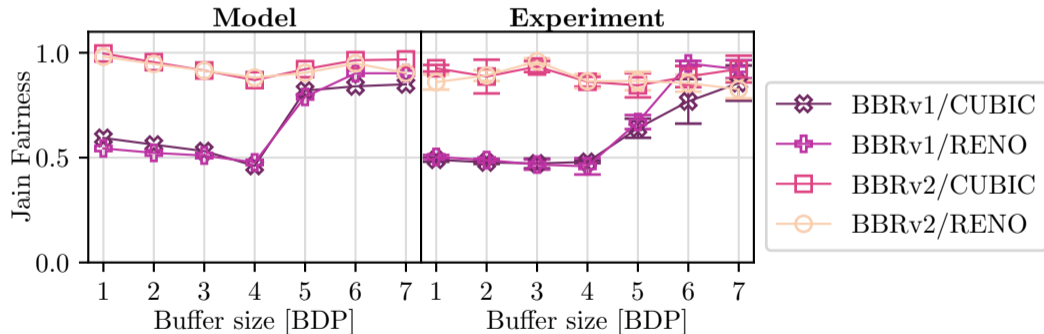
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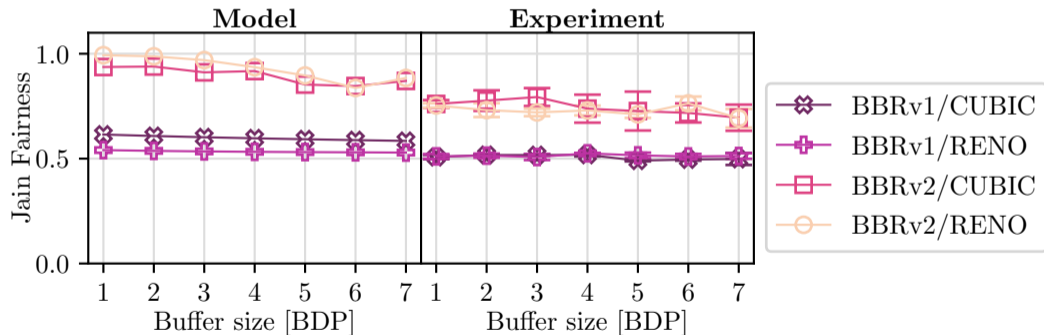
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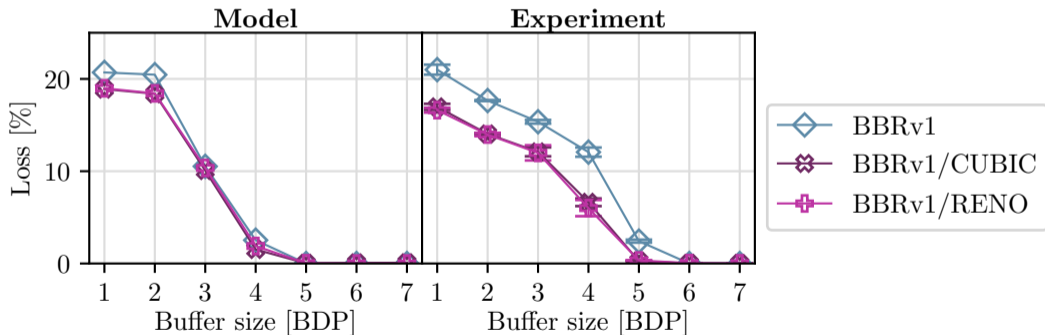
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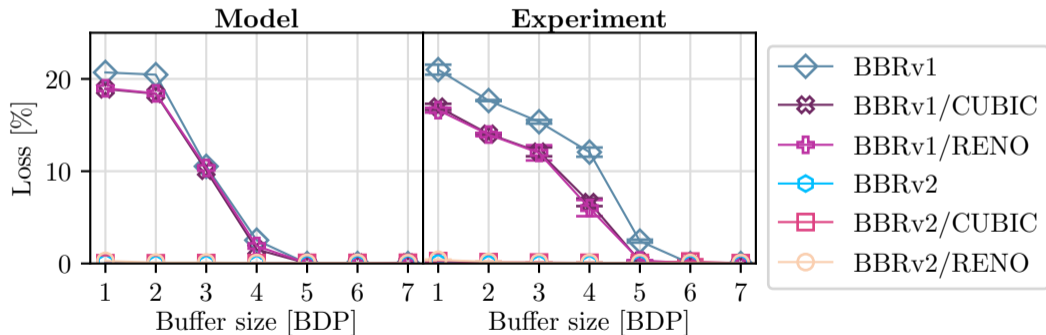
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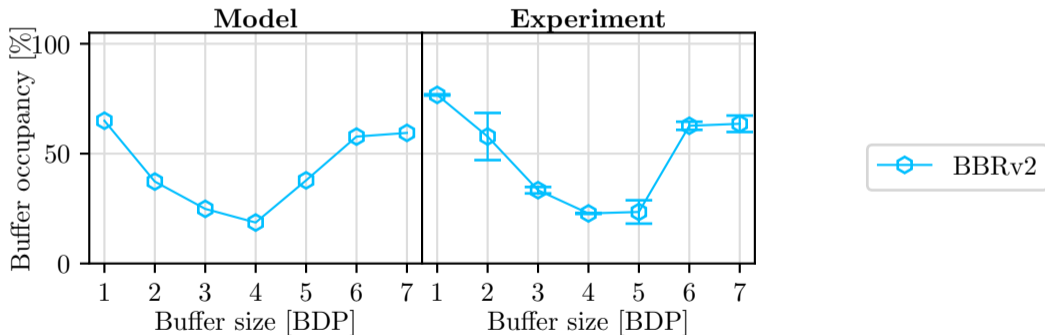
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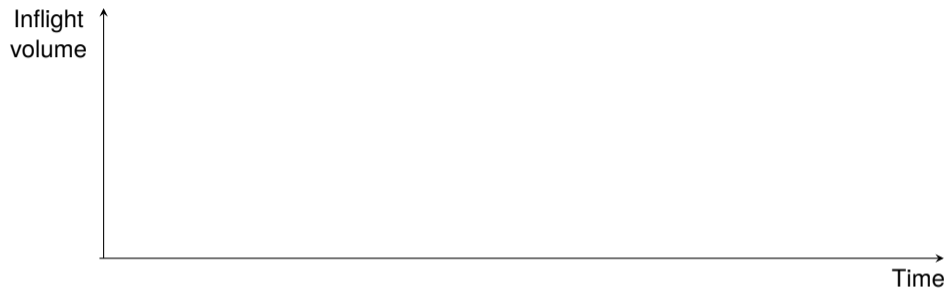


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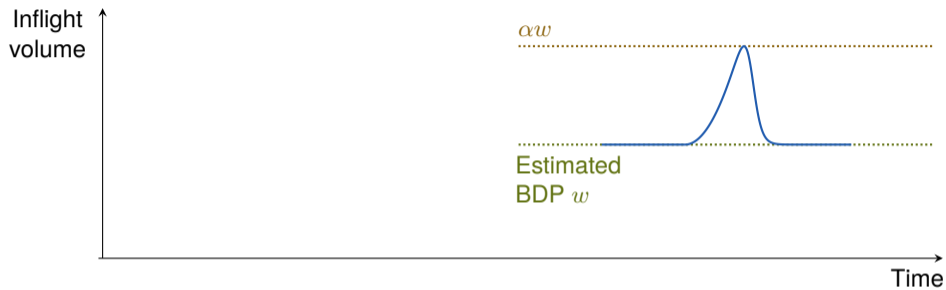
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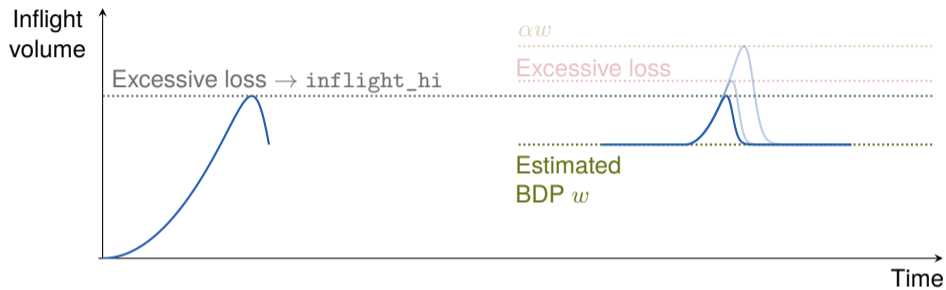
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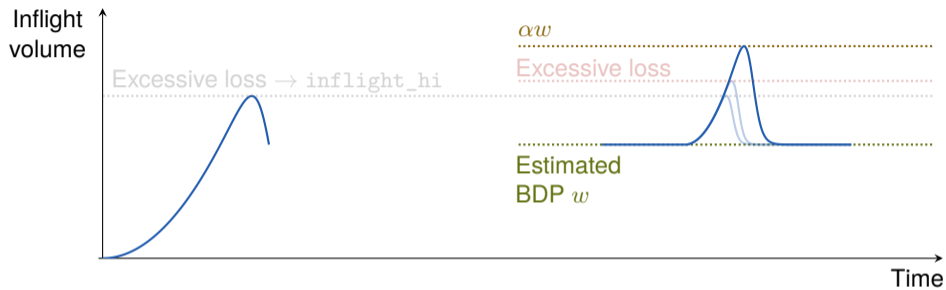
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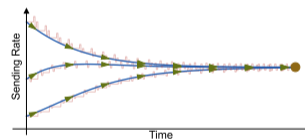
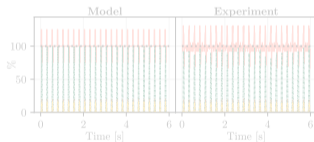
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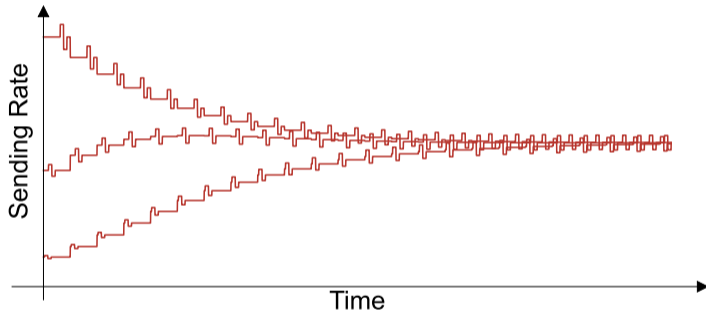
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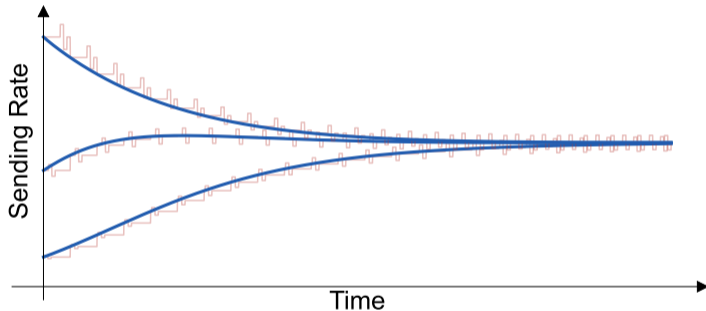
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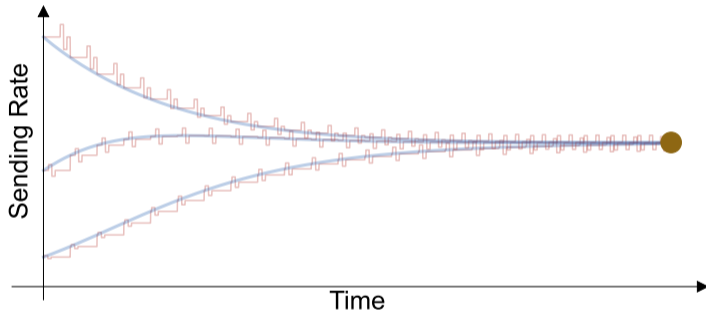
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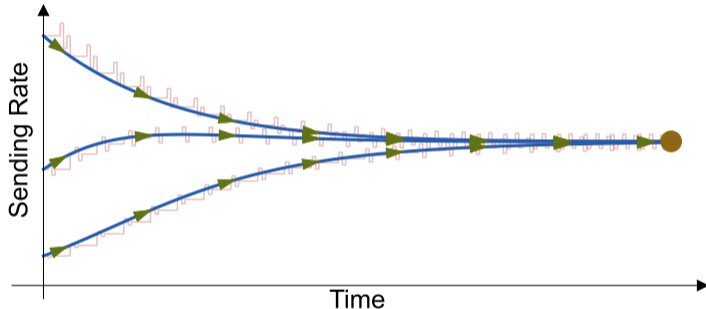
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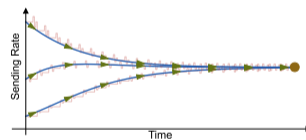
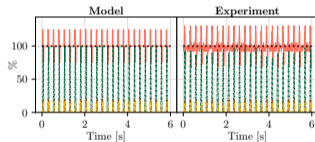
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