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Re: [ICNP15] Shepherd for Paper #74 "How Hard Can It Be? Understanding the..."

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Dear Kihong Park,

thank you for your email and for being our shepherd!

We went through the reviews and plan to address them on the following fronts:

- We state upfront that the scope of the paper is on the fundamental algorithmic problems, and especially on the computational tractability of optimal solutions. We will motivate better why being able to compute optimal solutions in polynomial time is not only theoretically interesting but also practically relevant. We will also improve the discussion of recent work at SIGCOMM and related conferences motivating the studied structural features. This especially addresses the comments by Reviewers A and B.

- We explicitly state that the study of approximation algorithms is an interesting direction for future research, as indicated by Reviewer C.

- We motivate better our assumption that the distribution of chunks is not subject to optimization, and why interconnects are symmetric.

- Finally, we will of course address all the minor comments from the reviewers, and also do a polishing pass over language and Grammar.

Please let us know if you have any comments. Otherwise, and in any case, we will start working on the revision in the next days.

Thank you and kind regards from Berlin, Wroclaw and Cambridge, respectively.

Stefan, Carlo, Maciek, Paolo

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