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Highlights

- Ground handling modelled as vehicle routing problem with multiple synchronization constraints.
- Problem covers all five synchronization types, making it a vehicle routing problem with multiple synchronization constraints archetype.
- Two flow formulations to efficiently model all synchronization constraints.
- Branch-and-price heuristic with novel fixing technique finds near-optimal solutions.

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