

Real-Time Systems

Hard Real-Time Multiprocessor Scheduling

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Outline

- Introduction
- Terminology, Notation and Assumptions
- Anomalies + Impossibility Results
- Partitioned Scheduling (no migration)
- Global Scheduling (task- / job-level migration)
 - G-FP
 - G-EDF
- Optimal MP Scheduling
- MP – Resource Access Protocols
- Open Research Issues

Lessons Learned From UP

- **Liu-Layland Criterion for fixed task priority algorithms:**
 - can schedule any workload up to a utilization of $U_{RMS}(n) = n\sqrt{2} - 1 \leq 0.693$
 - scheduling of workloads with higher utilization not guaranteed
- **fixed job priority algorithms are optimal: (e.g., EDF)**
- **there are optimal greedy algorithms**
 - with a single measure characterizing the “importance” of a job (e.g., time to deadline, laxity, ...)
- **all preemptive FTP, FJP algorithms are predictable**
 - response times cannot increase when decreasing execution times
- **all preemptive FTP algorithms and EDF are sustainable**
 - no period / deadline anomalies
- **simultaneous release is critical instant**
- **response times depend on set but not on order of high-priority tasks**

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- Priority Problem: When to run a given job of the workload?
 - fixed task priority (e.g., RMS, ...)
 - fixed job priority (e.g., EDF, ...)
 - dynamic job priority (e.g., LST, ...)
 - Allocation Problem: Where to run this job?
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 - task-level migration (no migration of running jobs)
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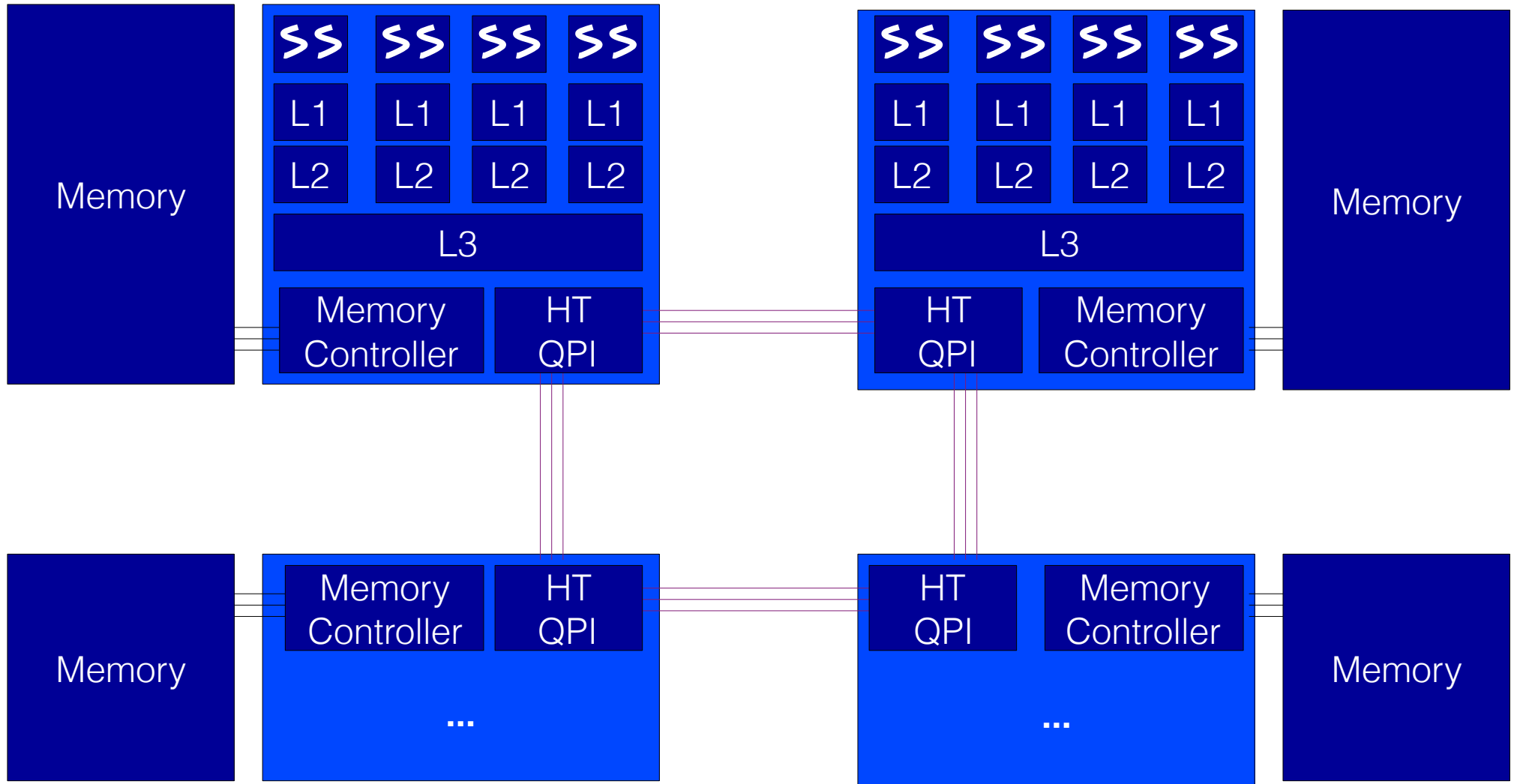
- direct costs:
 - timer / device interrupt
 - save register state
 - manipulate ready list
 - UP: no synchronization required
 - load register state of next thread
- indirect costs
 - cache evictions between two consecutive runs
 - TLB refills after evictions / shutdown

Migration Costs

- job-level migration
 - migration of running job implies preemption at source CPU
- task-level migration
 - job is already preempted
- direct costs
 - manipulate remote / global ready list
 - synchronization
 - fetch register state
- indirect costs
 - fetch active cache working set from remote cache
 - load remaining data from remote memory

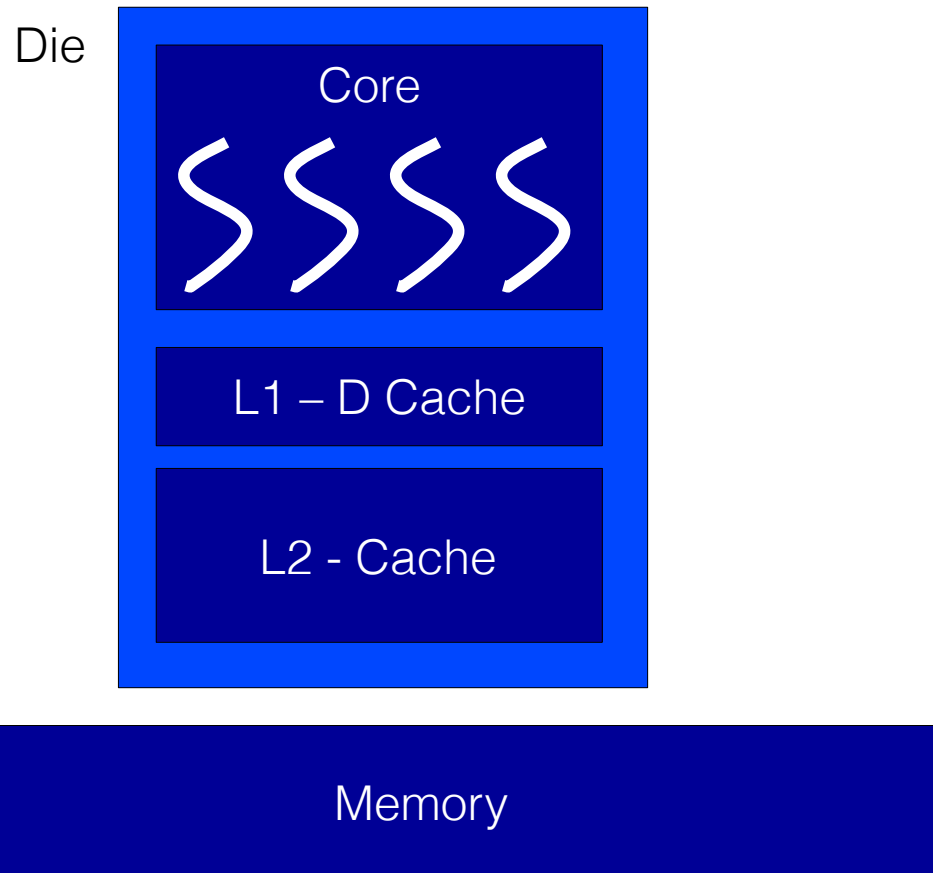
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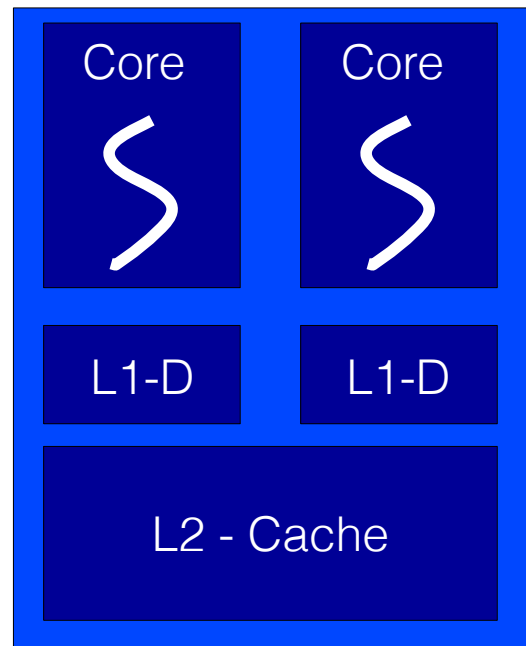
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 - caches + pipeline is shared => no indirect migration costs



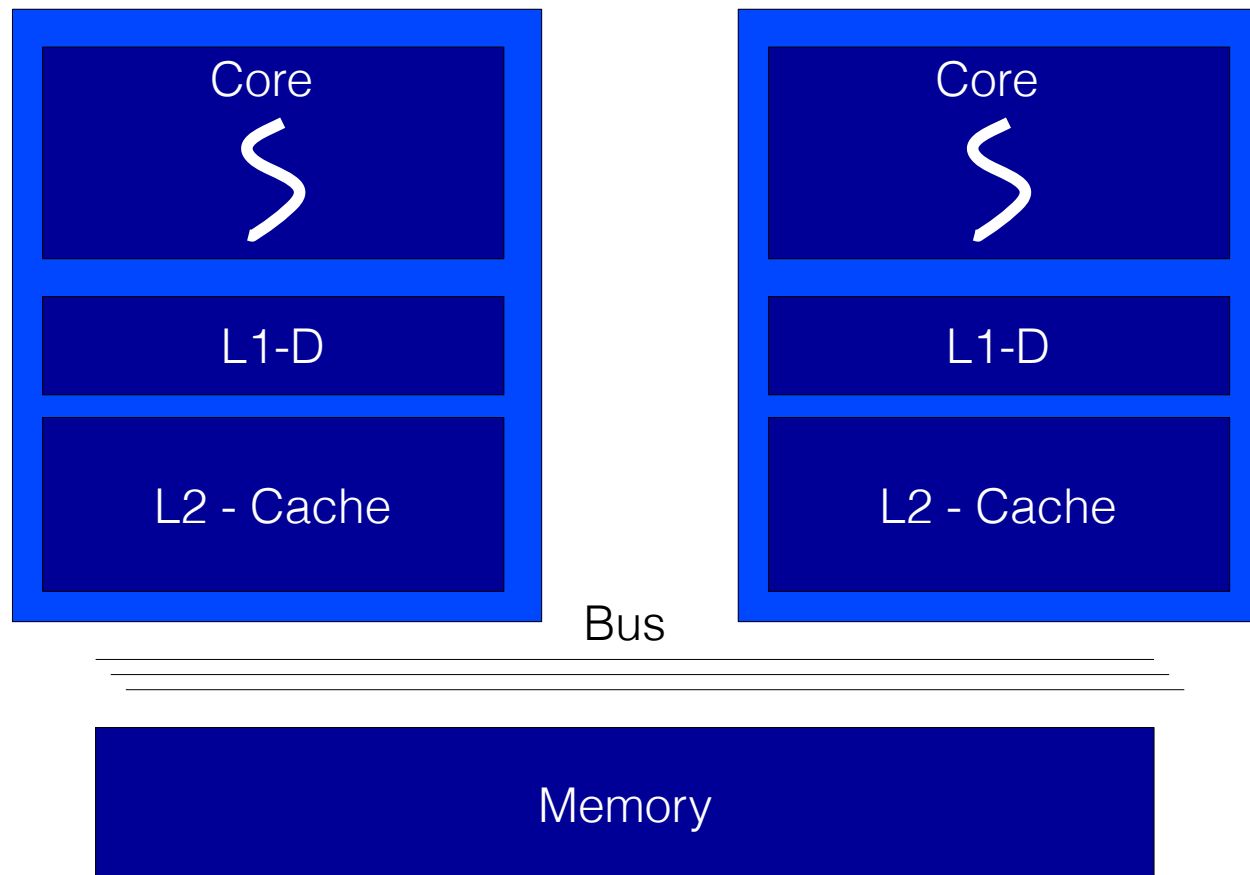
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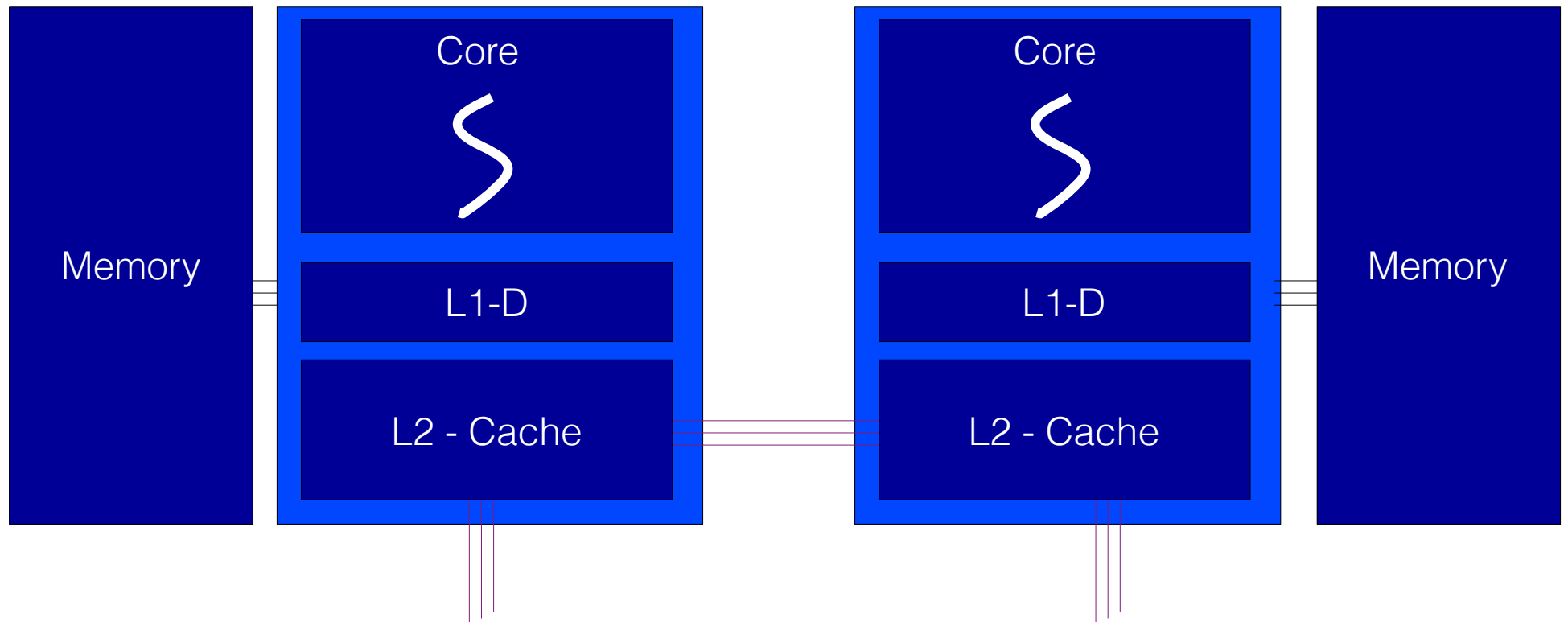
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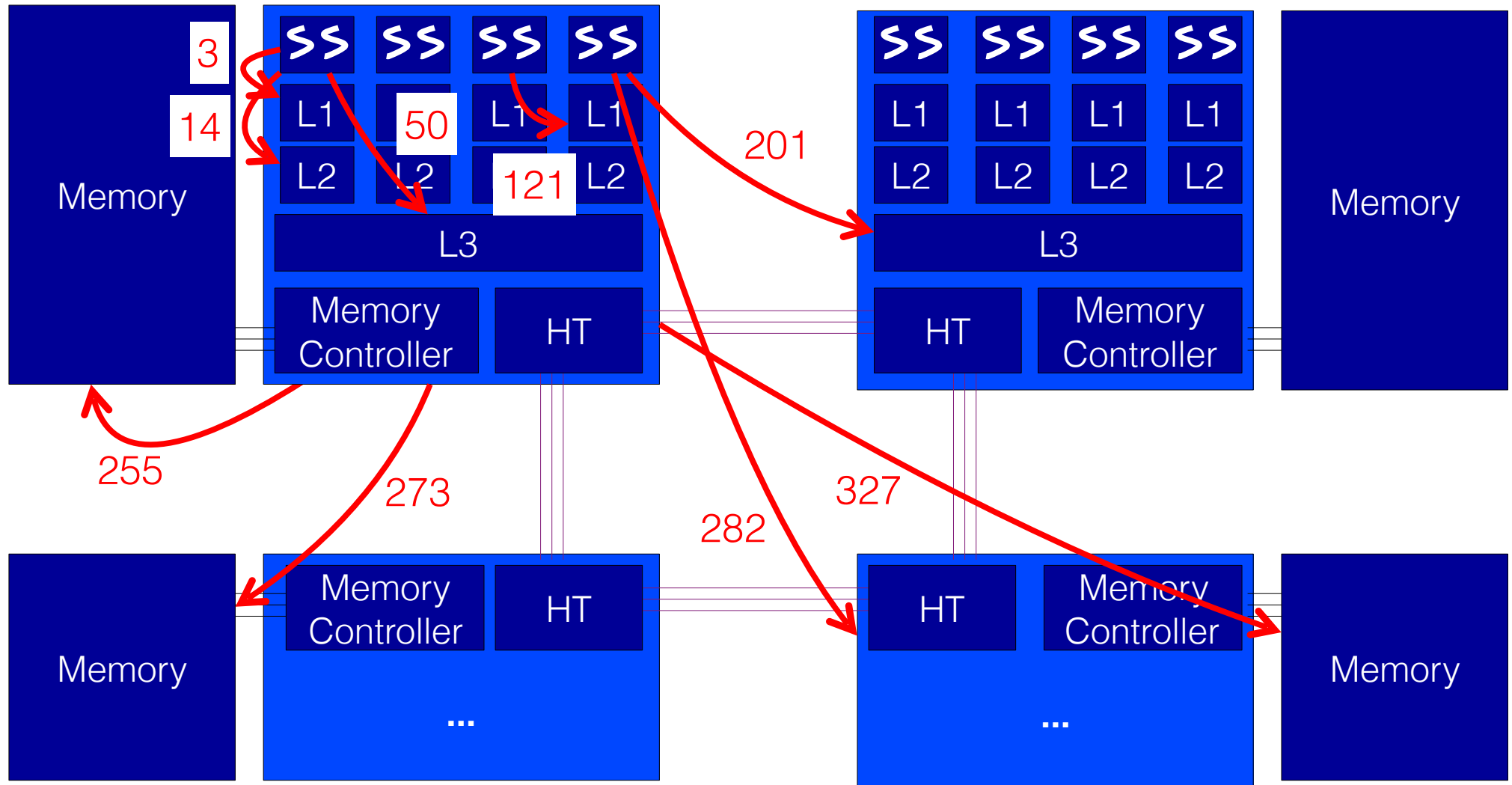
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- (cache coherent) NUMA
 - like SMP
 - non-uniform memory access: fetch from remote memory



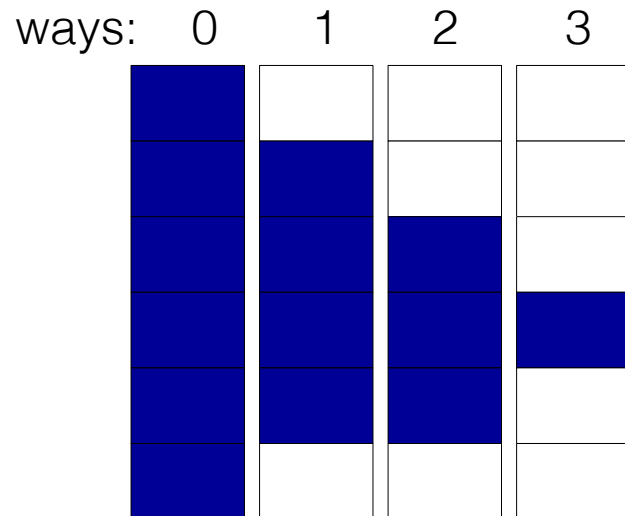
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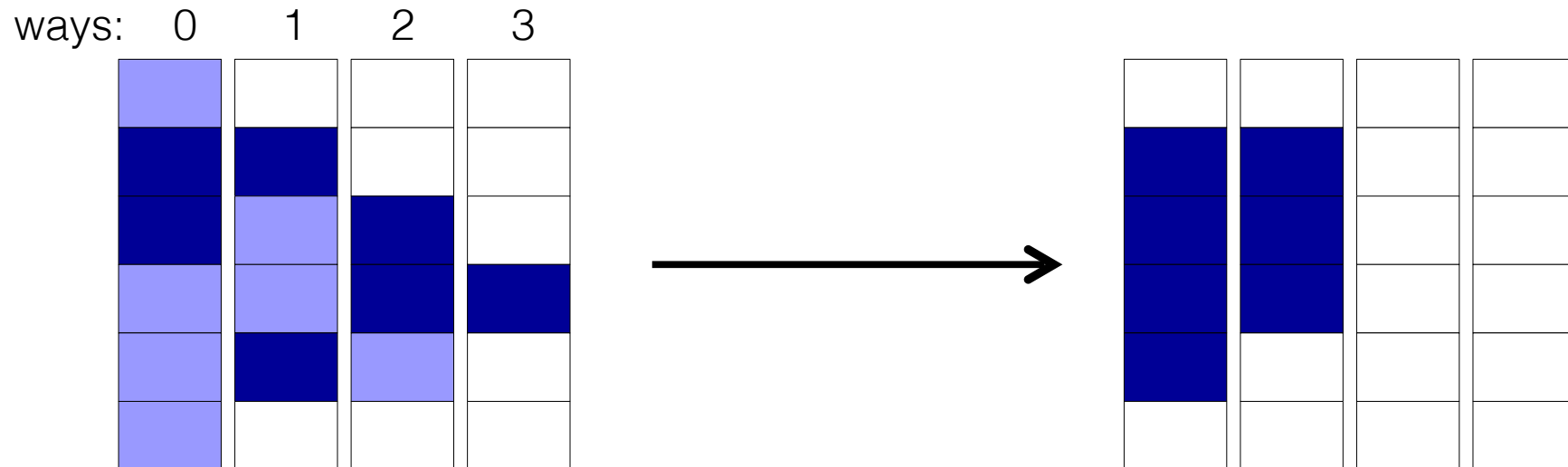
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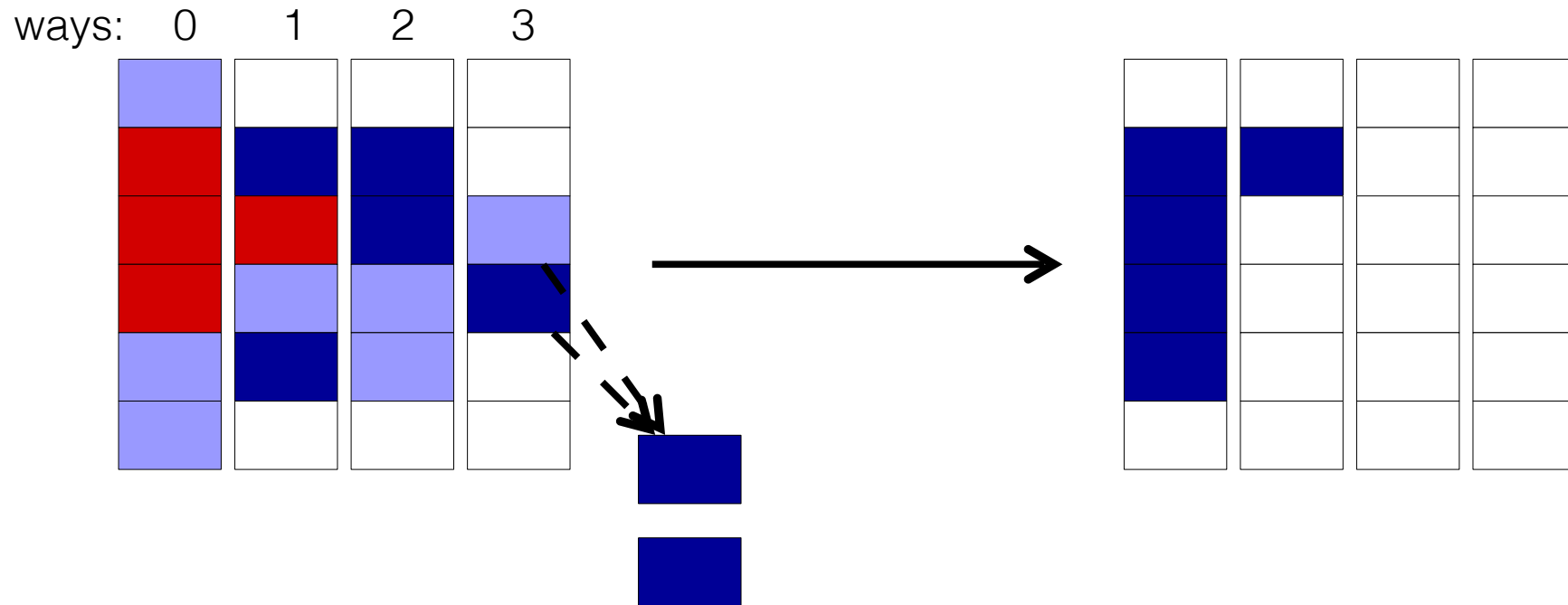
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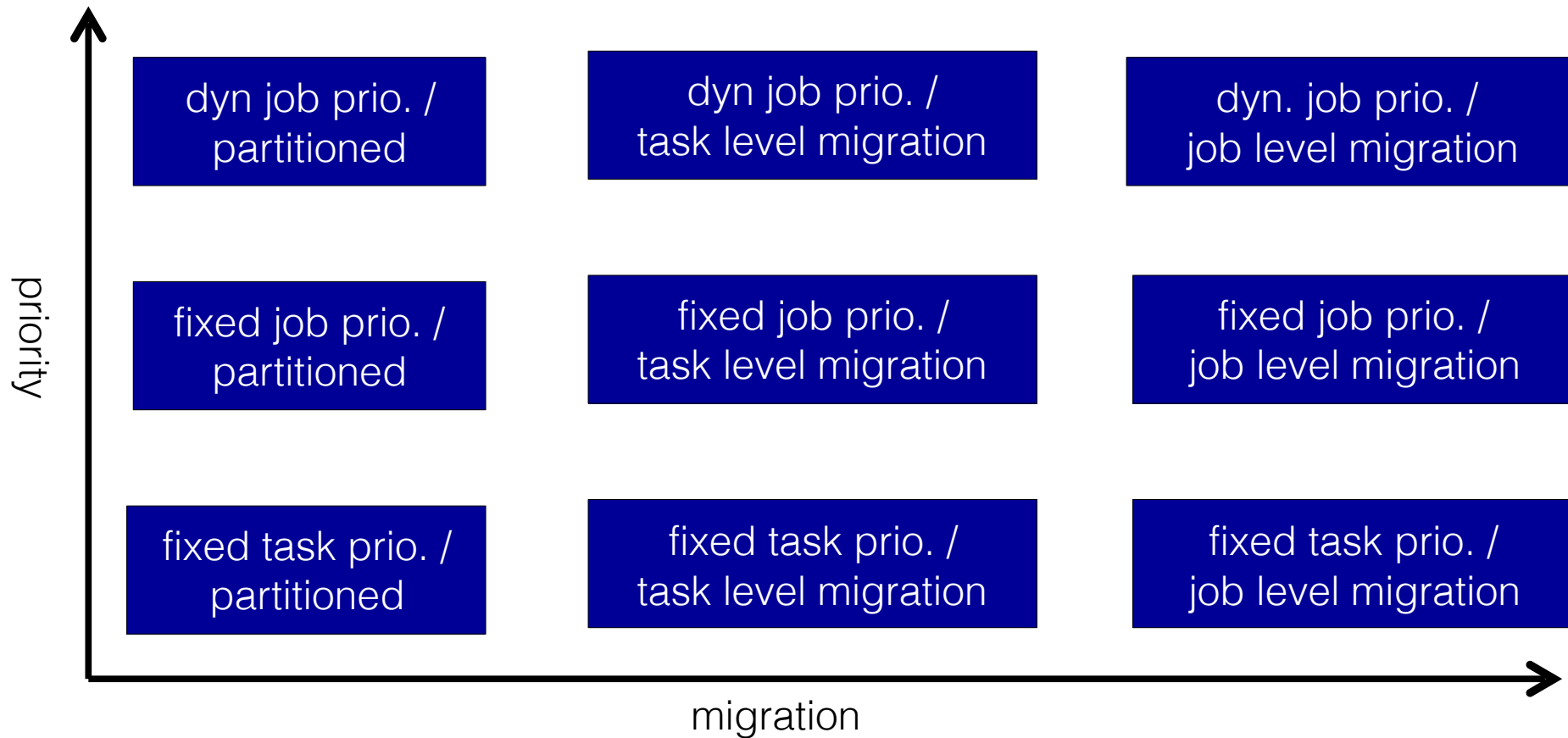
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Migration Costs

- Summary
 - migration costs are highly architecture dependent
 - non-trivial to predict
 - may cause a significant delay when a thread resumes execution
- Assumption for the remainder of this lecture:
 - zero preemption and migration costs / attributed to WCET

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Relative ordering between classes of scheduling algorithms

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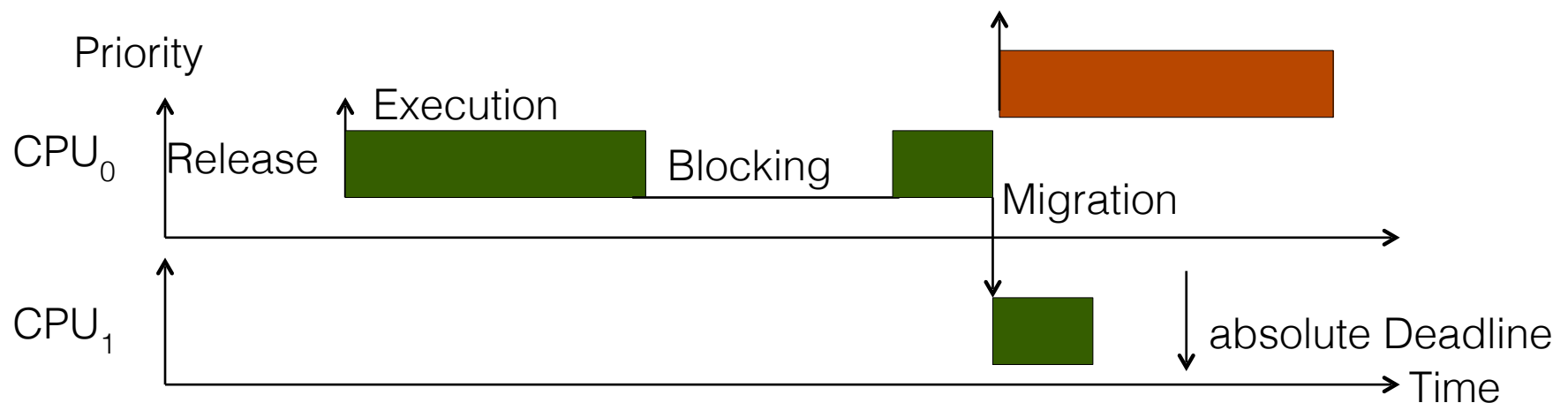
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Terminology, Notation and Assumptions

- Periodic Tasks
 - Task $t_i = (P_i, D_i, C_i)$ $P_i = \text{const.}$
- Sporadic Tasks
 - $P_i =$ Minimal Interrelease Time
- Deadlines
 - implicit deadline: $D_i = P_i$ (relative deadline = period)
 - constrained: $D_i \leq P_i$ (relative deadline < period)
 - arbitrary (deadline may be after period end)
- Utilization $U_i = \frac{C_i}{P_i}$
- Density $\partial_i = \frac{C_i}{\min(D_i, P_i)}$

Terminology, Notation and Assumptions

- Assumptions for the remainder of this lecture
 - independent tasks
 - fully preemptible / migratable (negligible costs)
 - unlimited number of priorities
 - tasks are single threaded: a job can utilize only 1 CPU at a time
 - jobs do not block (shared resources later in this lecture)
 - pictures show schedules for 2 CPUs

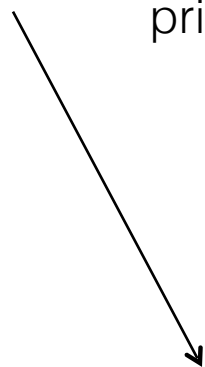


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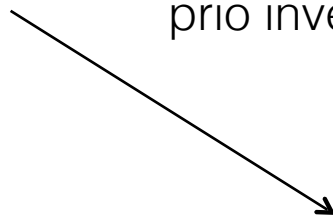
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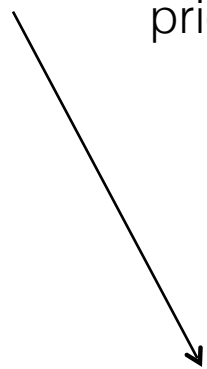


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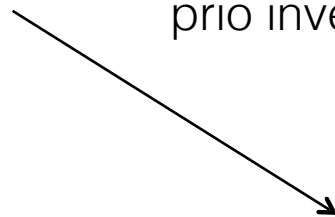


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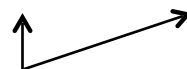
- assign threads to processors
- scheduler picks threads from local (per CPU) ready queue
- no synchronization overhead for accessing the ready queue

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G-RMS / G-EDF



Global:

- threads may migrate to other CPUs
- scheduler picks thread from global ready queue
- accesses to ready queue must be synchronized

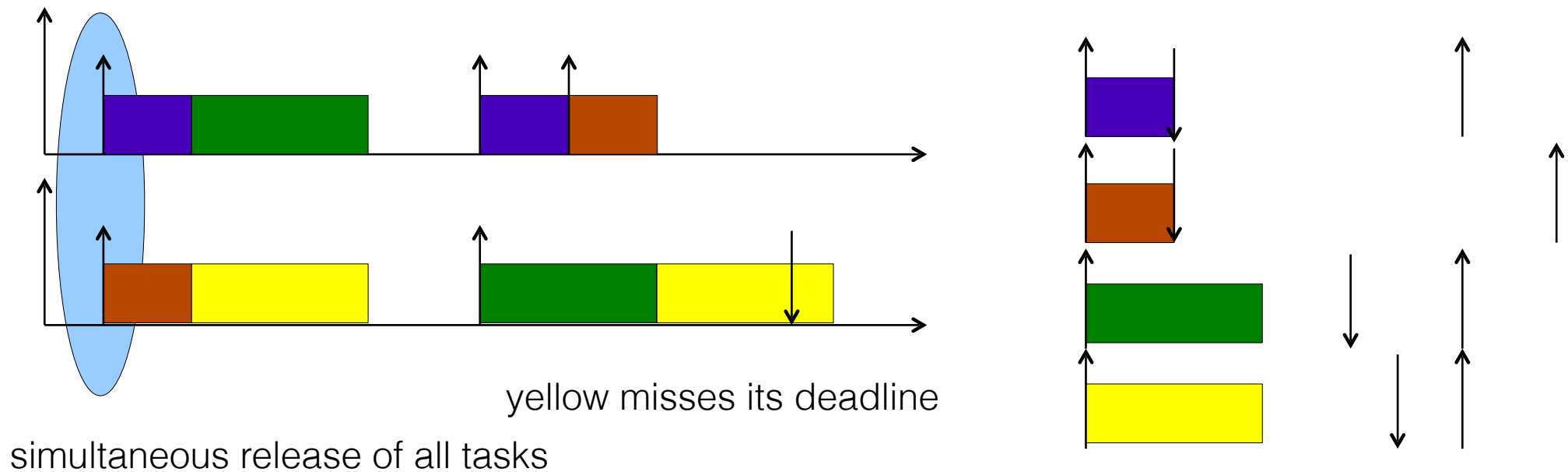
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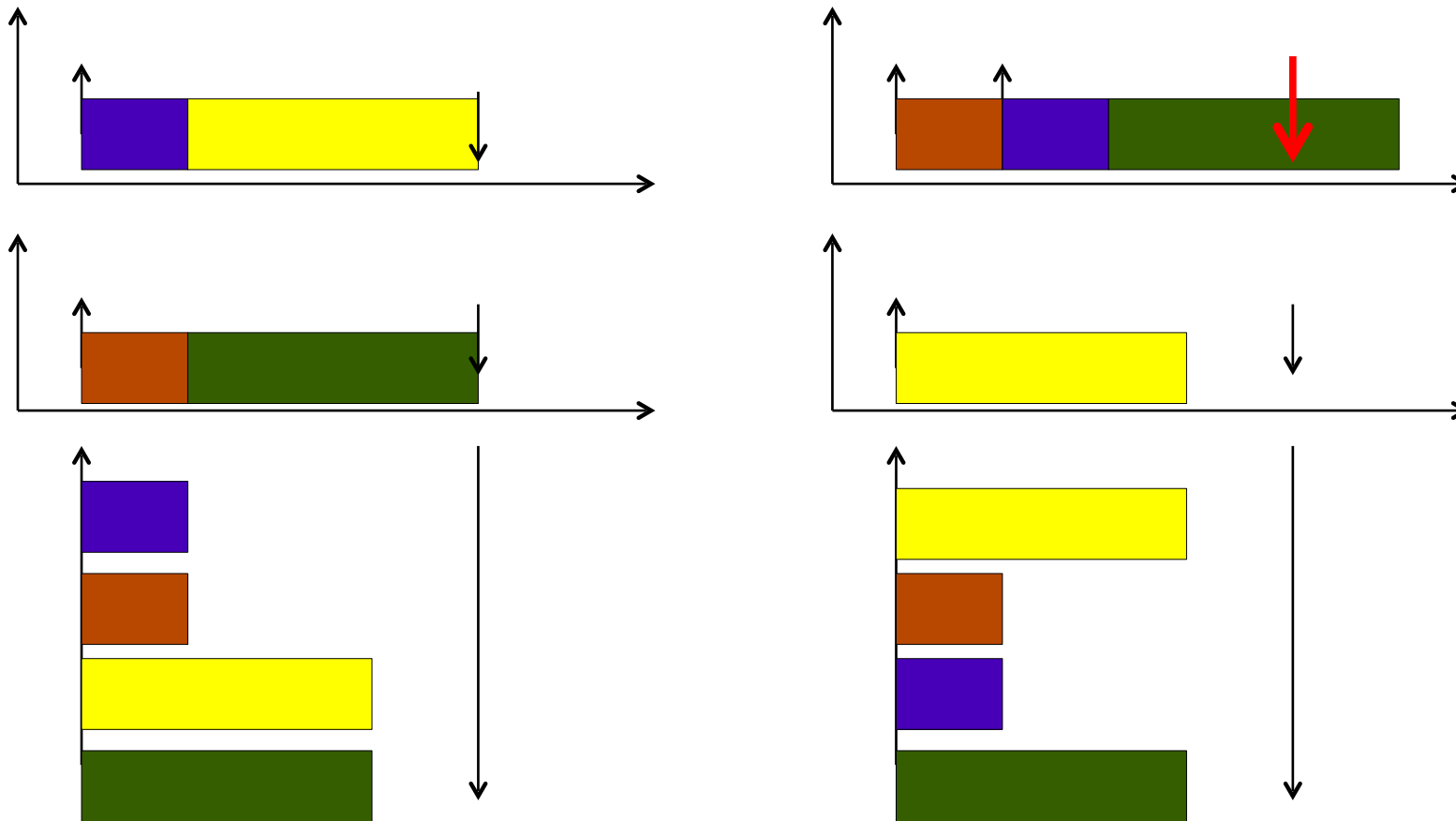
Anomalies

- Simultaneous Release is not Critical Instance [Lauzac '98]
 - longer response time in second period



Anomalies

- Response time (of green) depends not only on set of higher prioritized tasks but also on their relative priority ordering



Sustainability [Baruah '06]

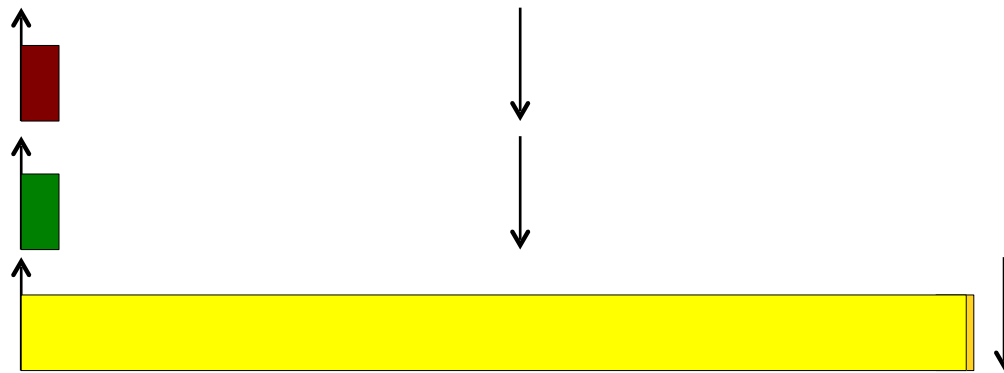
- A schedulable workload remains schedulable if we
 - decrease the execution time of a task (predicability)
 - otherwise, WCET won't work as admission criterion
 - increase the minimal interrelease time (period) of a task
 - otherwise, more frequent recurrence is no safe approximation
 - increase the relative deadline of a task
 - otherwise, earlier deadline is no safe approximation
- G-FTP + G-EDF are not sustainable if $\#CPU\text{s} > 1$
- all preemptive FJP / FTP algorithms are predictable

Fixed Job Priority Fixed Task Priority



Dhall Effect

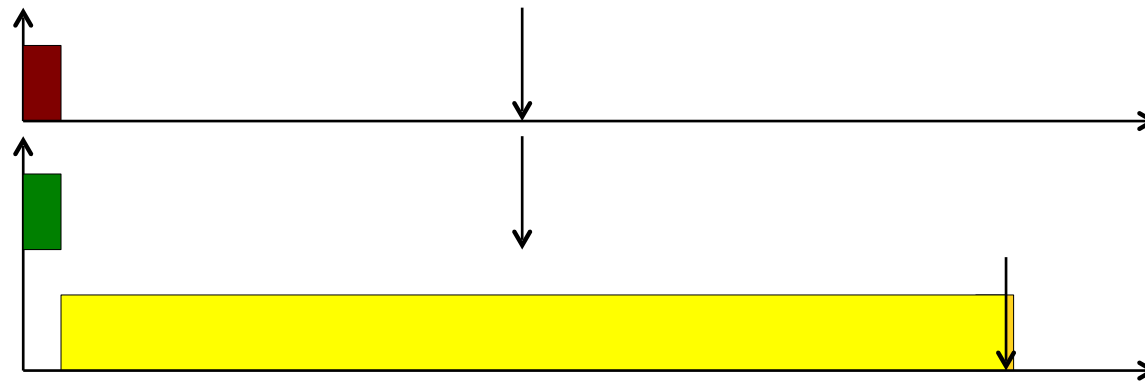
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some Impossibility Results

- [Hong '88]
 - No optimal online MP scheduling algorithm for arbitrary collections of jobs, unless all jobs have the same relative deadline.
- [Dertouzos '89]
 - Even if execution times are known precisely, clairvoyance for job arrivals is necessary for optimality.
- [Fisher '07]
 - No optimal online algorithm for sporadic tasksets with constrained or arbitrary deadlines.

Partitioned Scheduling

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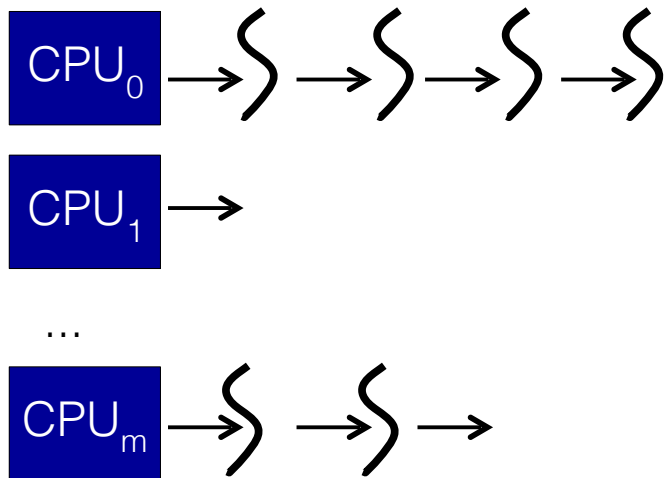
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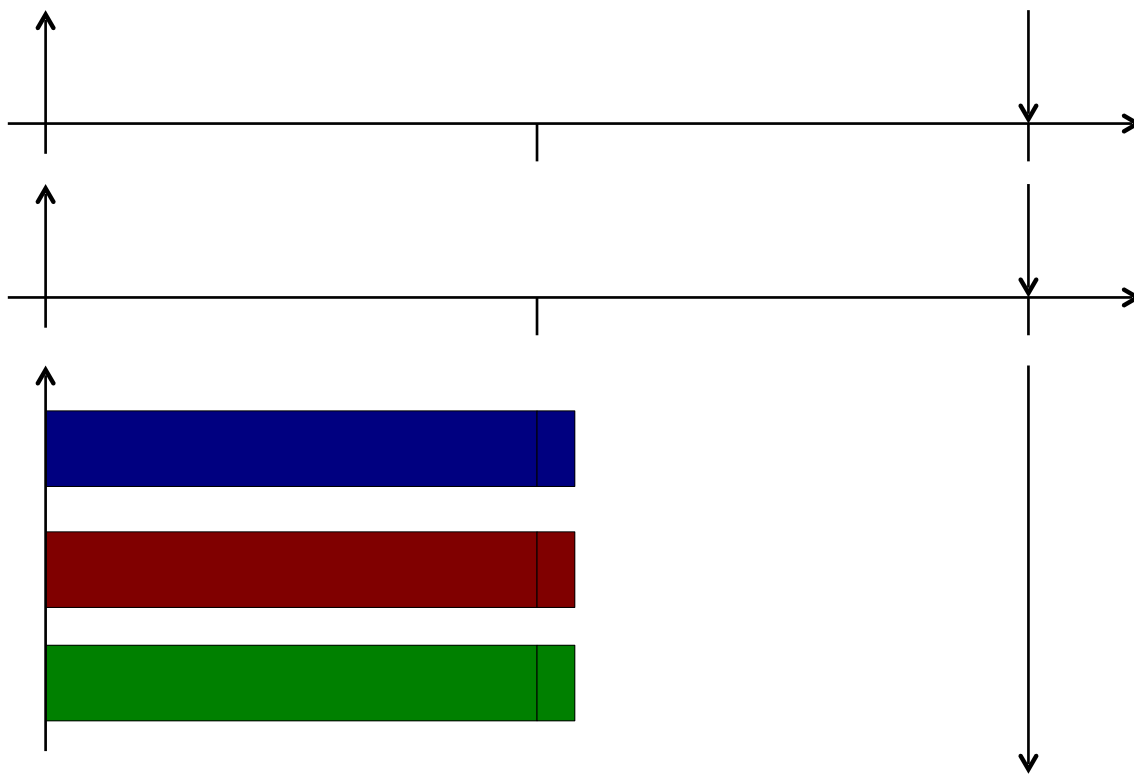
Partitioned Scheduling

- Split workload by allocating tasks to CPUs
- Run allocated task with UP scheduling algorithm
 - reap benefit of well known UP results
 - optimal task allocation is NP complete:
 - pack n tasks with density d_i on m CPUs with capacity $d_{\max} = 1$
 - Bin-packing



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- Utilization bound for implicit deadline workloads [Anderson '01]

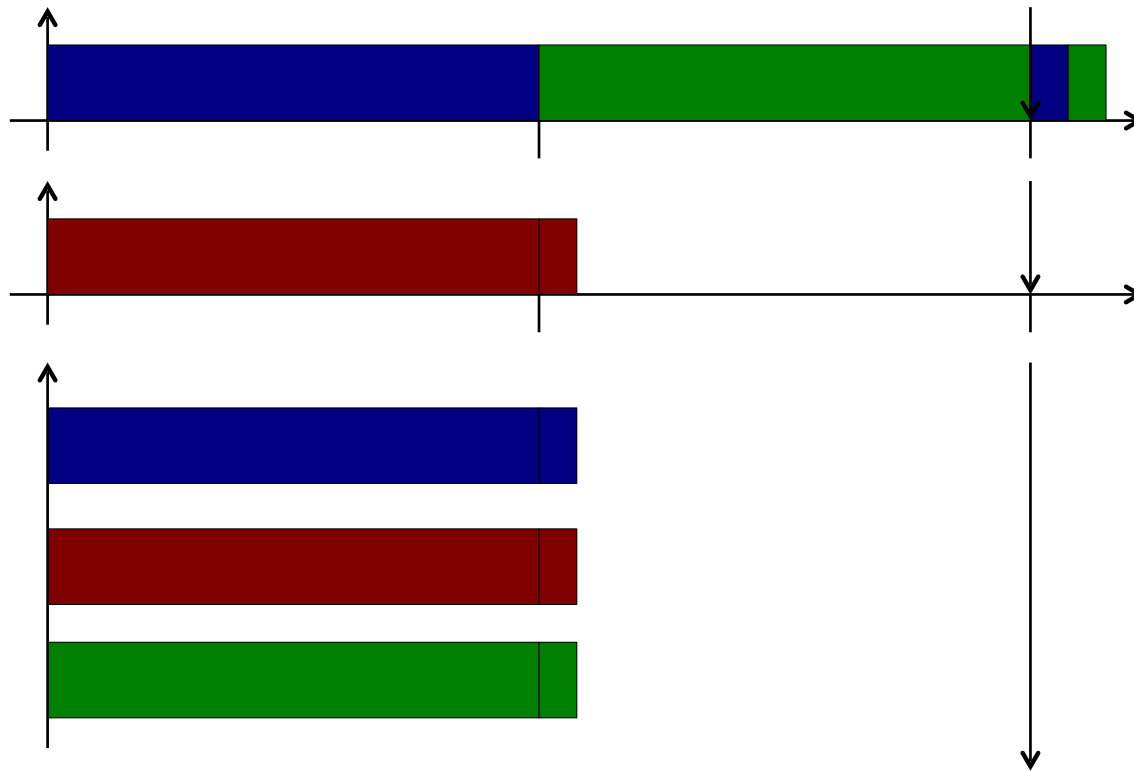


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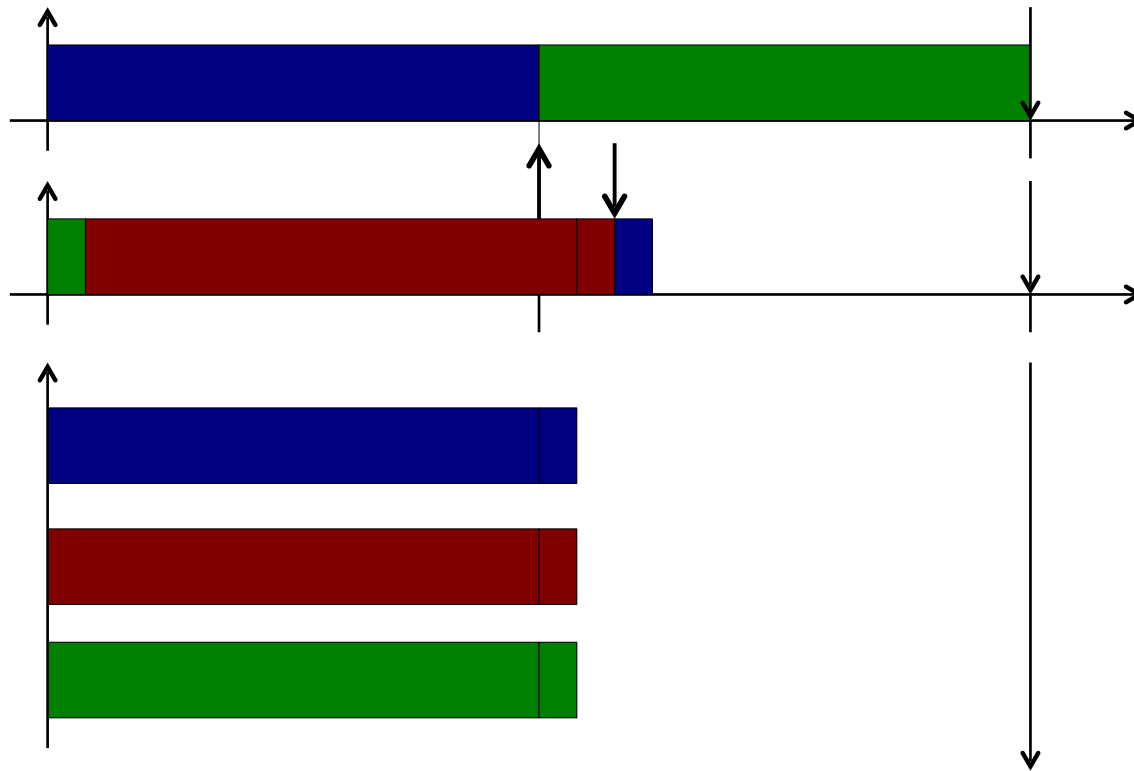


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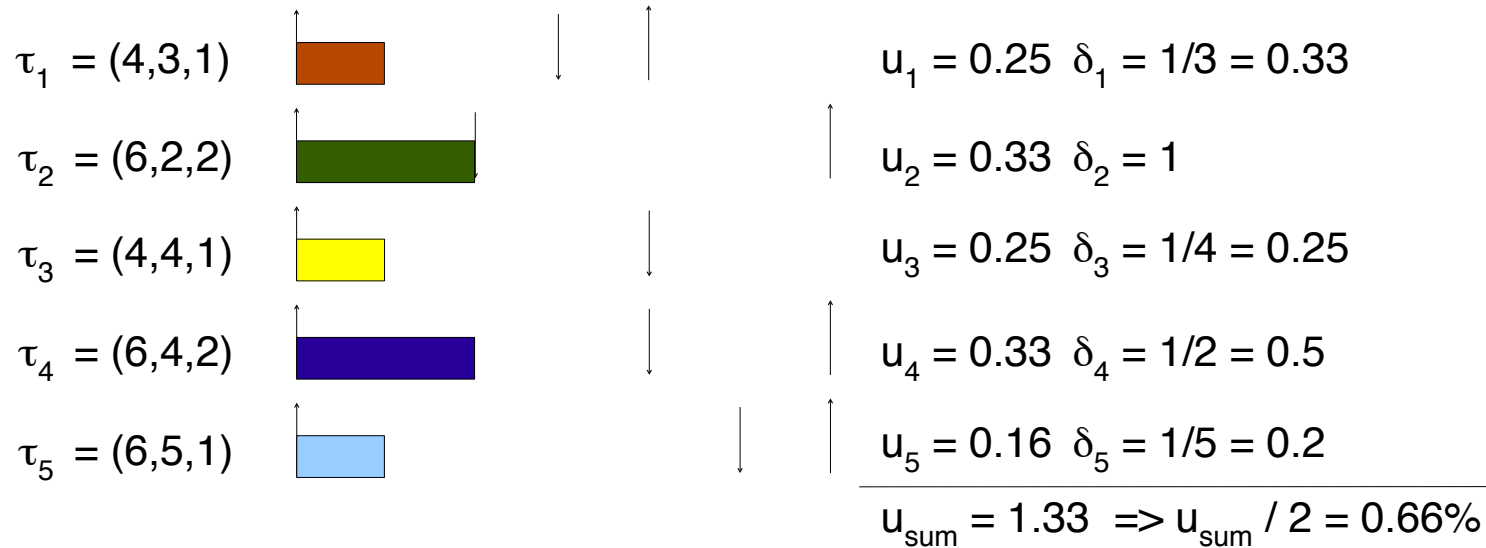
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Easy if blue and green can migrate to CPU_2

PDMS-HPTS-DS [Lakshmanan '09]

- Can we improve on Anderson's Utilization Bound?
 - by allowing a few jobs to migrate
- **PDMS** Partitioned Deadline Monotonic Scheduling
- **HPTS** Split Highest Priority Task
- **DS** Allocate according to Highest Density First

PDMS-HPTS-DS



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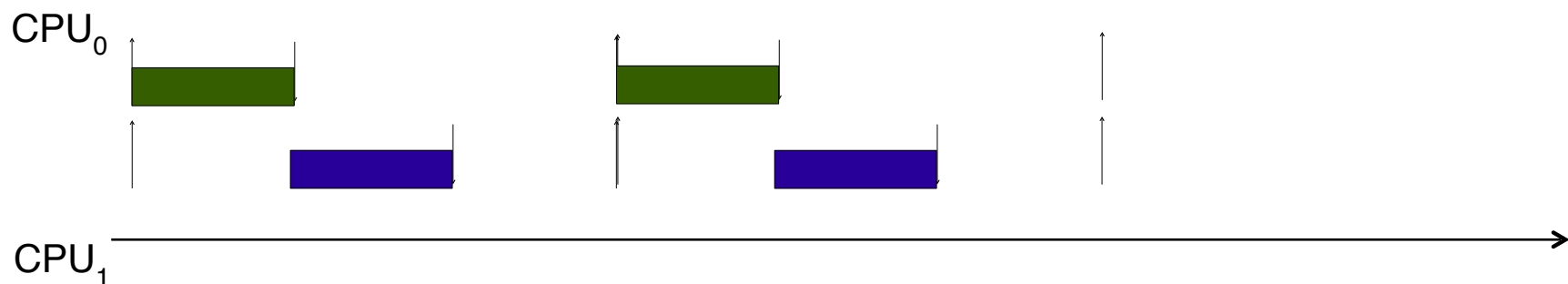
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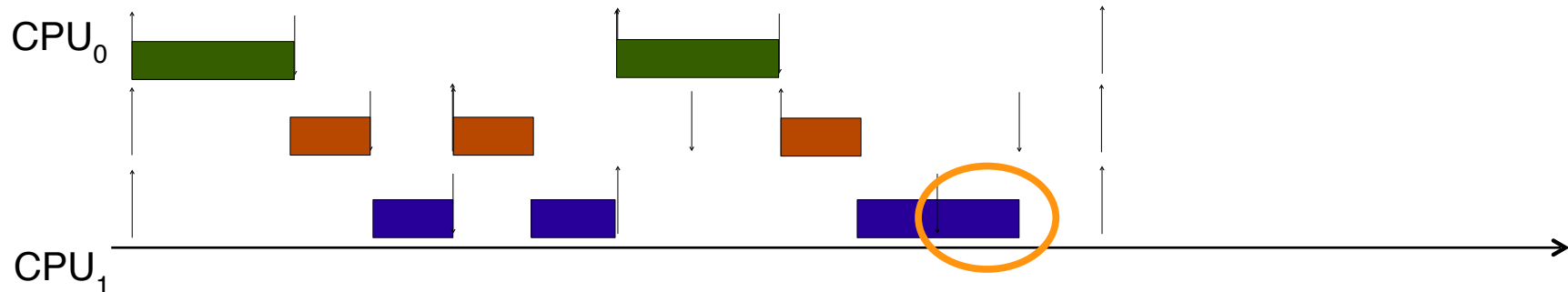
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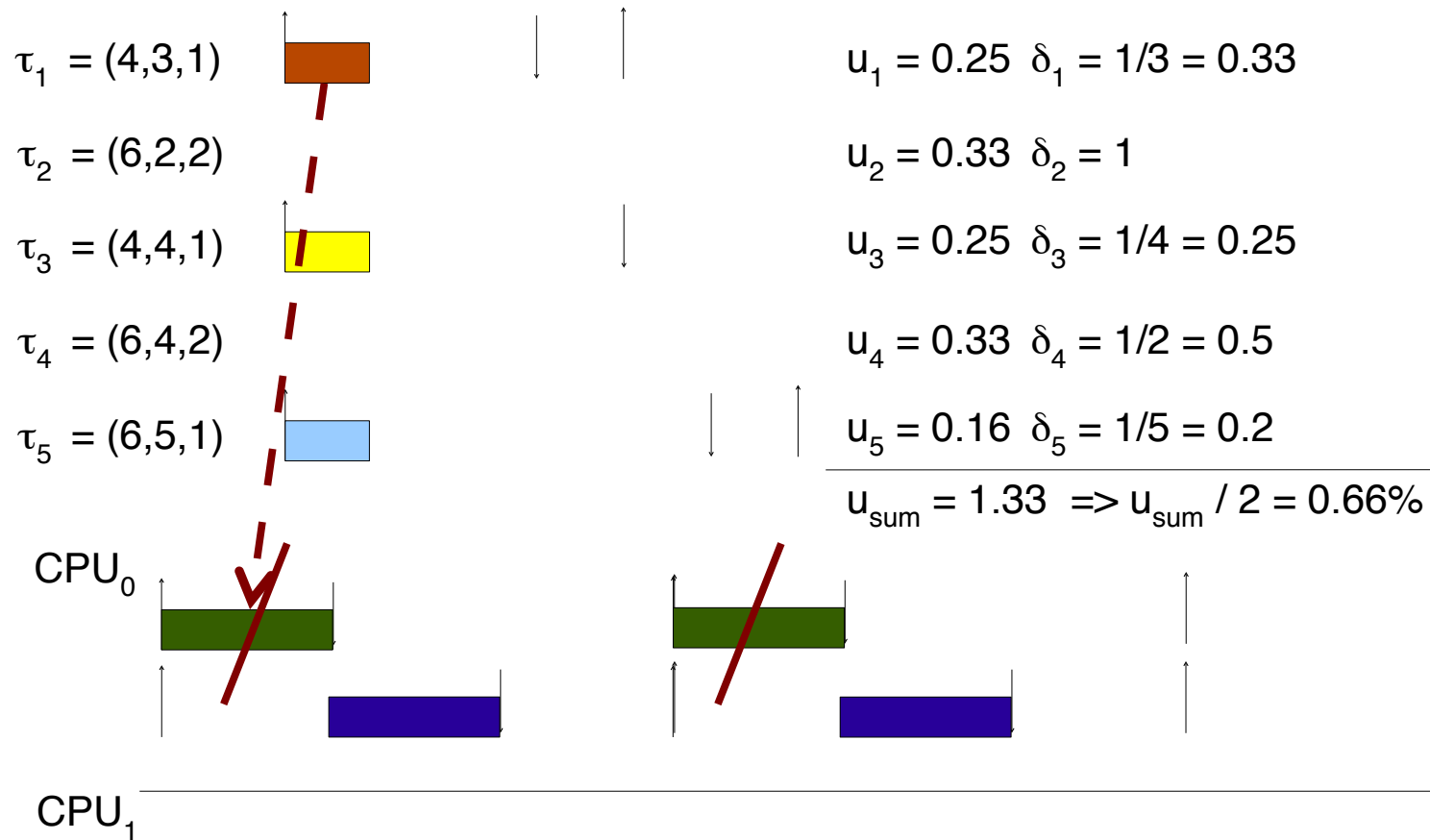


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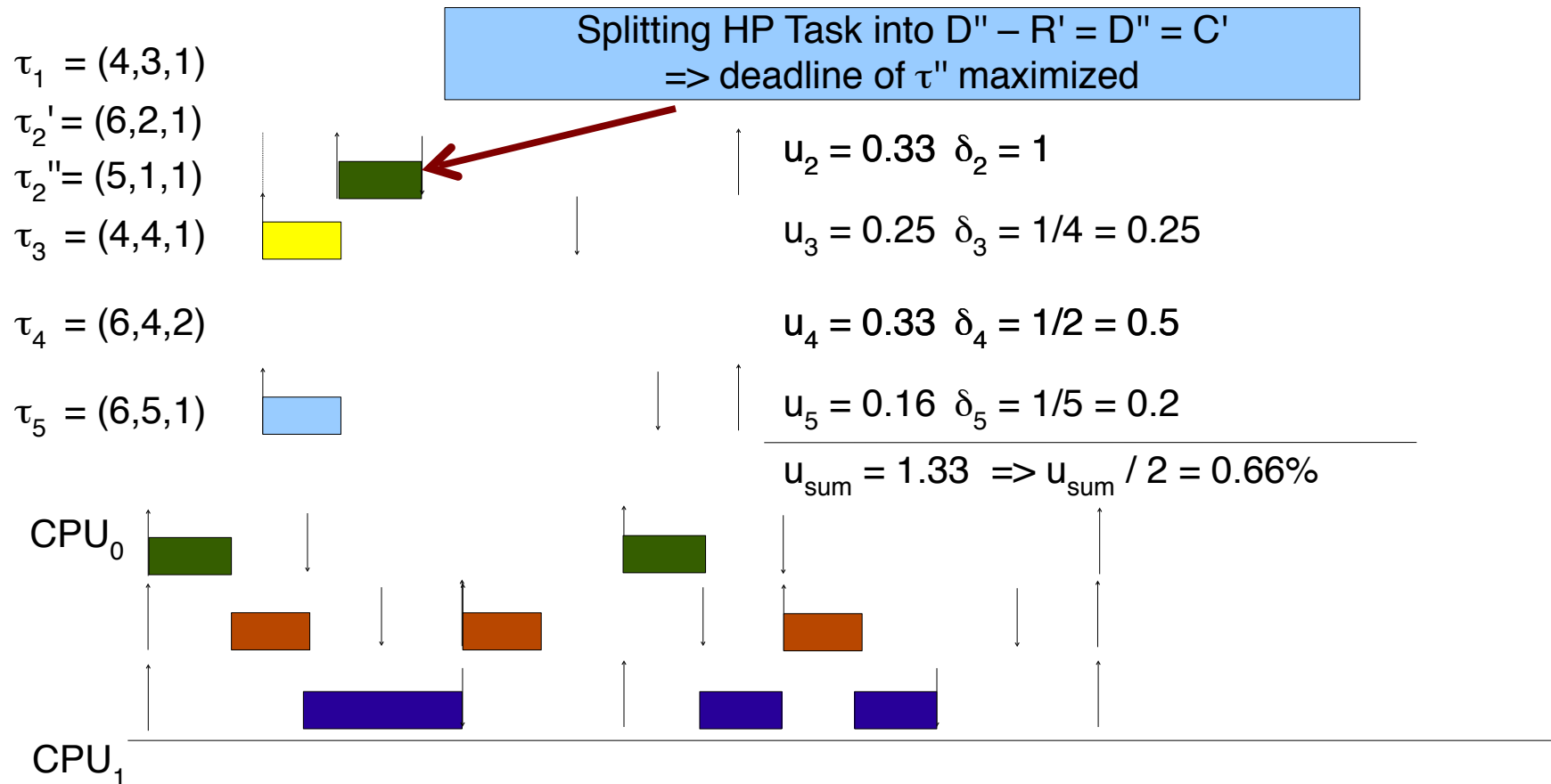
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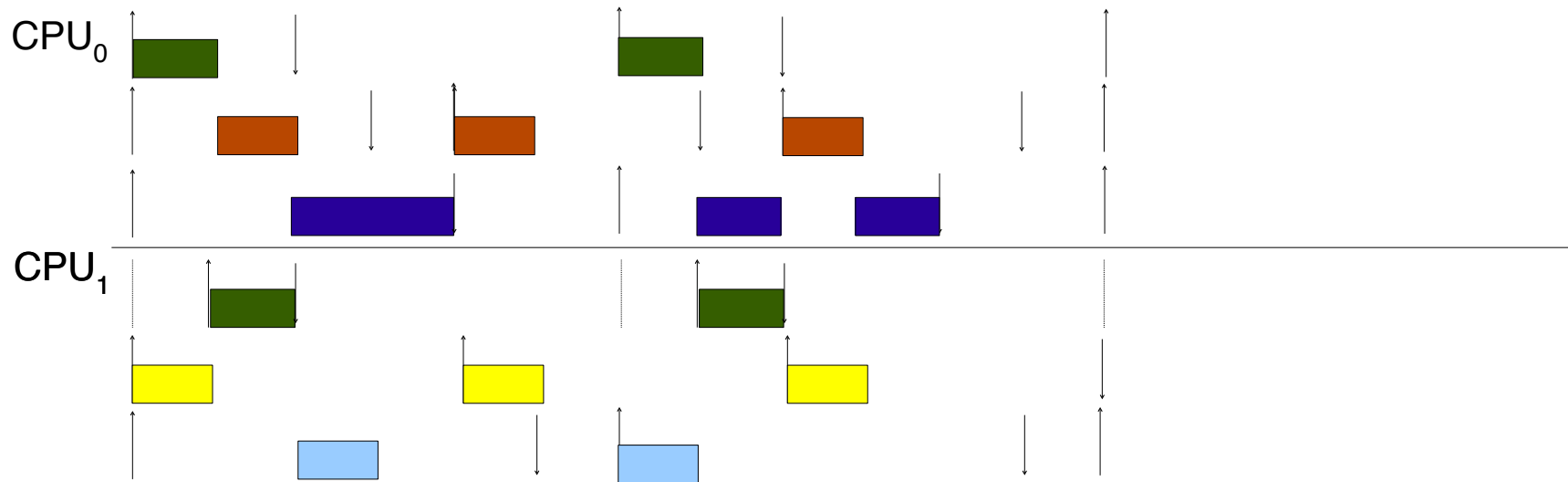
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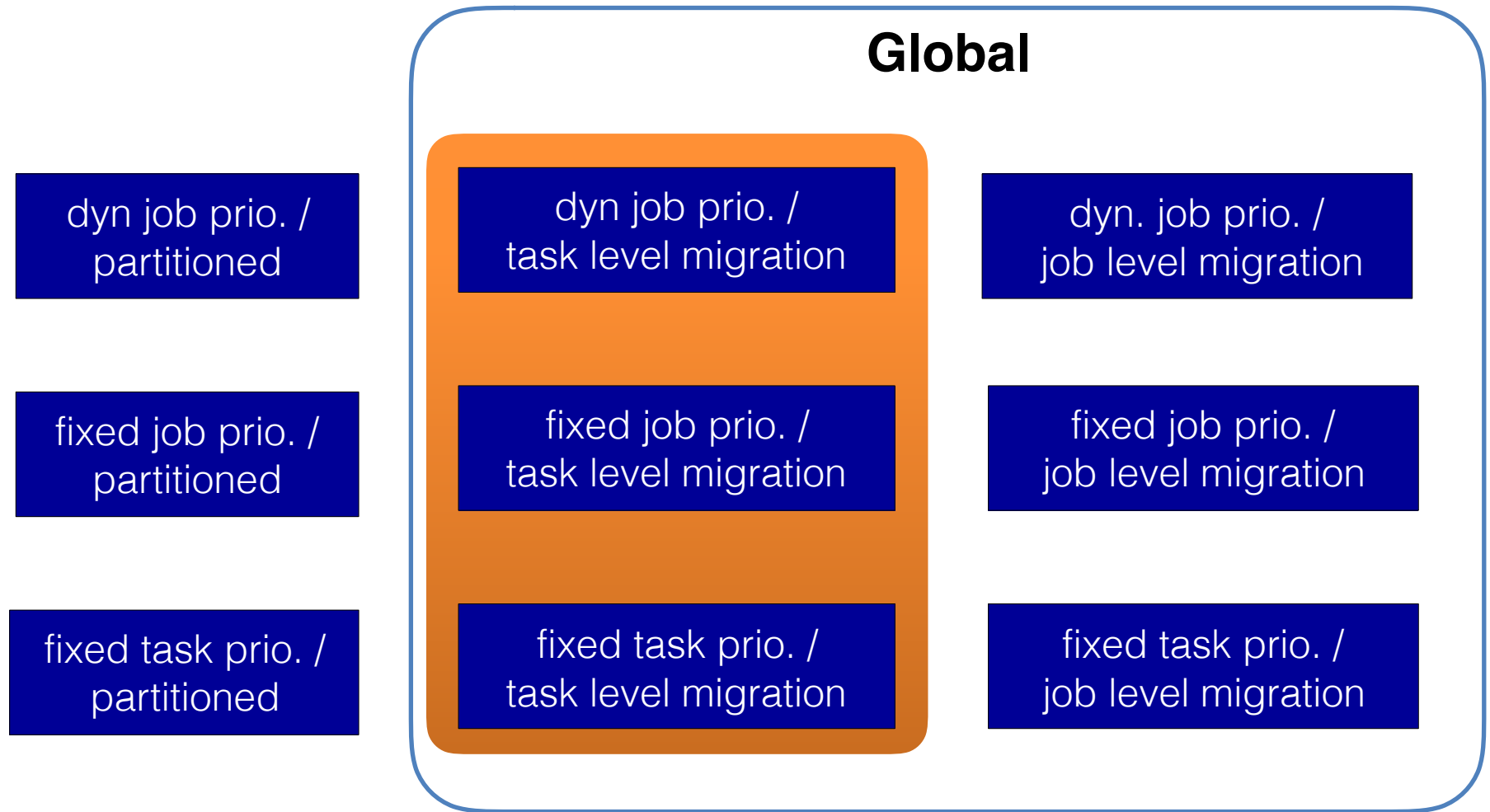
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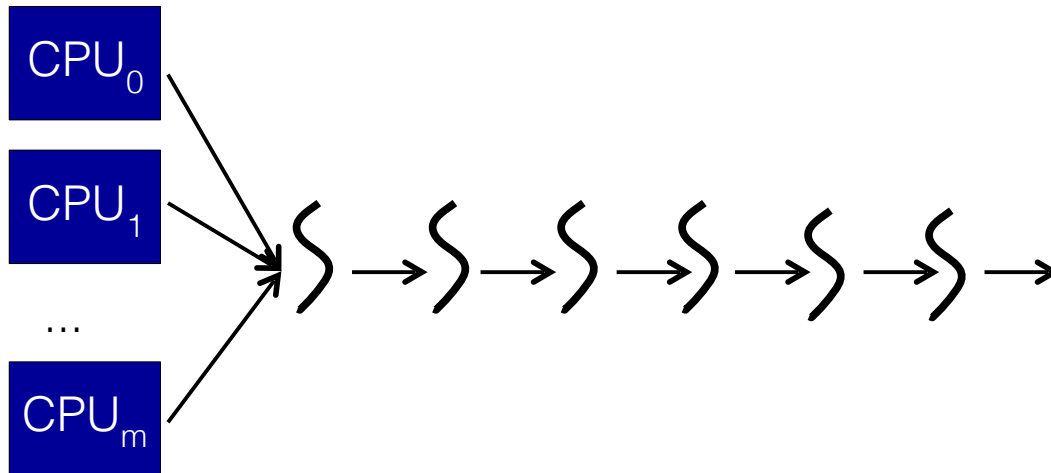
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Global Scheduling



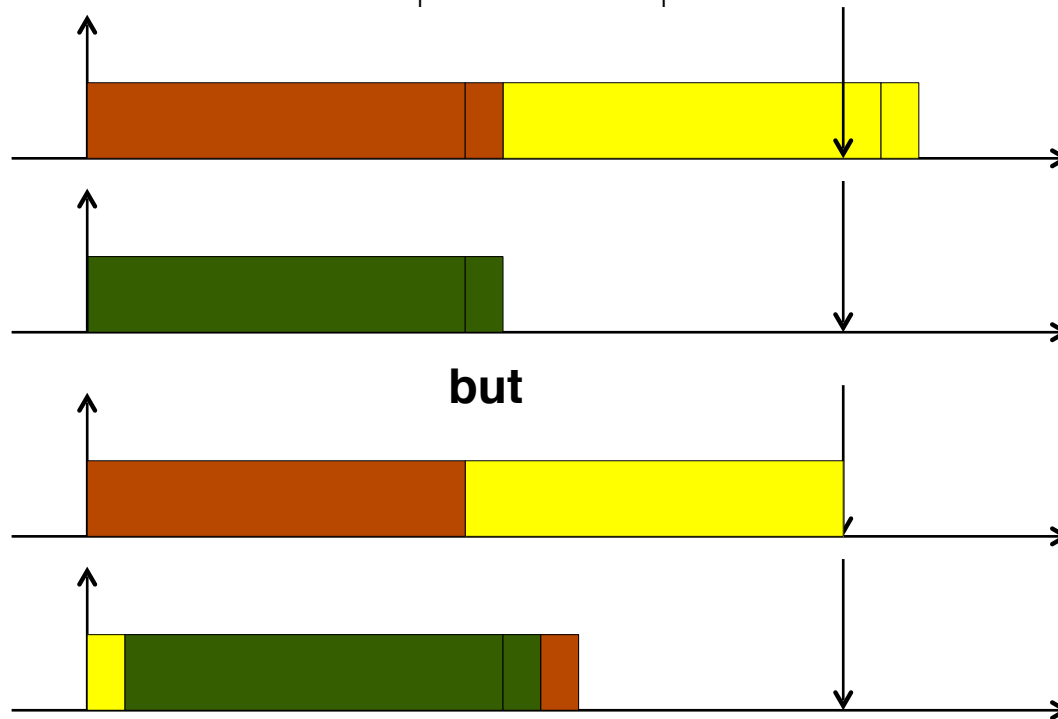
Global Scheduling

- Always pick the ready jobs of the m most “important” tasks
- A task may migrate
 - When a new job of a task is released it may receive a different CPU; once started, a job is no longer migrated
- No need for allocation / load balancing
 - Load balancing is automatic



Global Scheduling – Utilization Bound

- Utilization bound for global fixed-job priority algorithms
 - on m CPUs, G-FJP algorithms cannot schedule $m+1$ tasks with $C_i = 1 + e$, $P_i = 2$ ($e \rightarrow 0$)



- $$U_{\text{OPT}} = \lim_{e \rightarrow 0} \frac{(m+1)(1+e)}{2} = \frac{m+1}{2}$$

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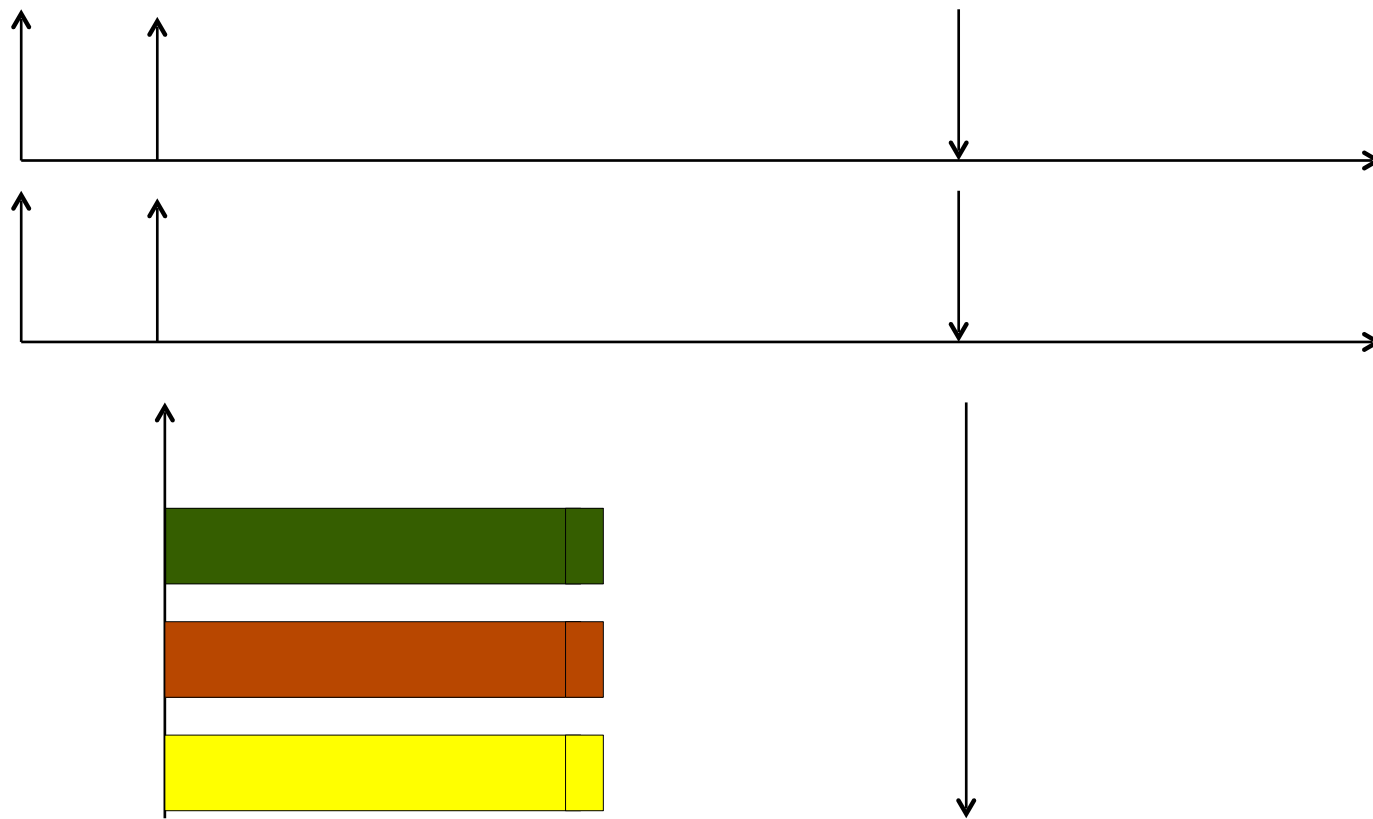
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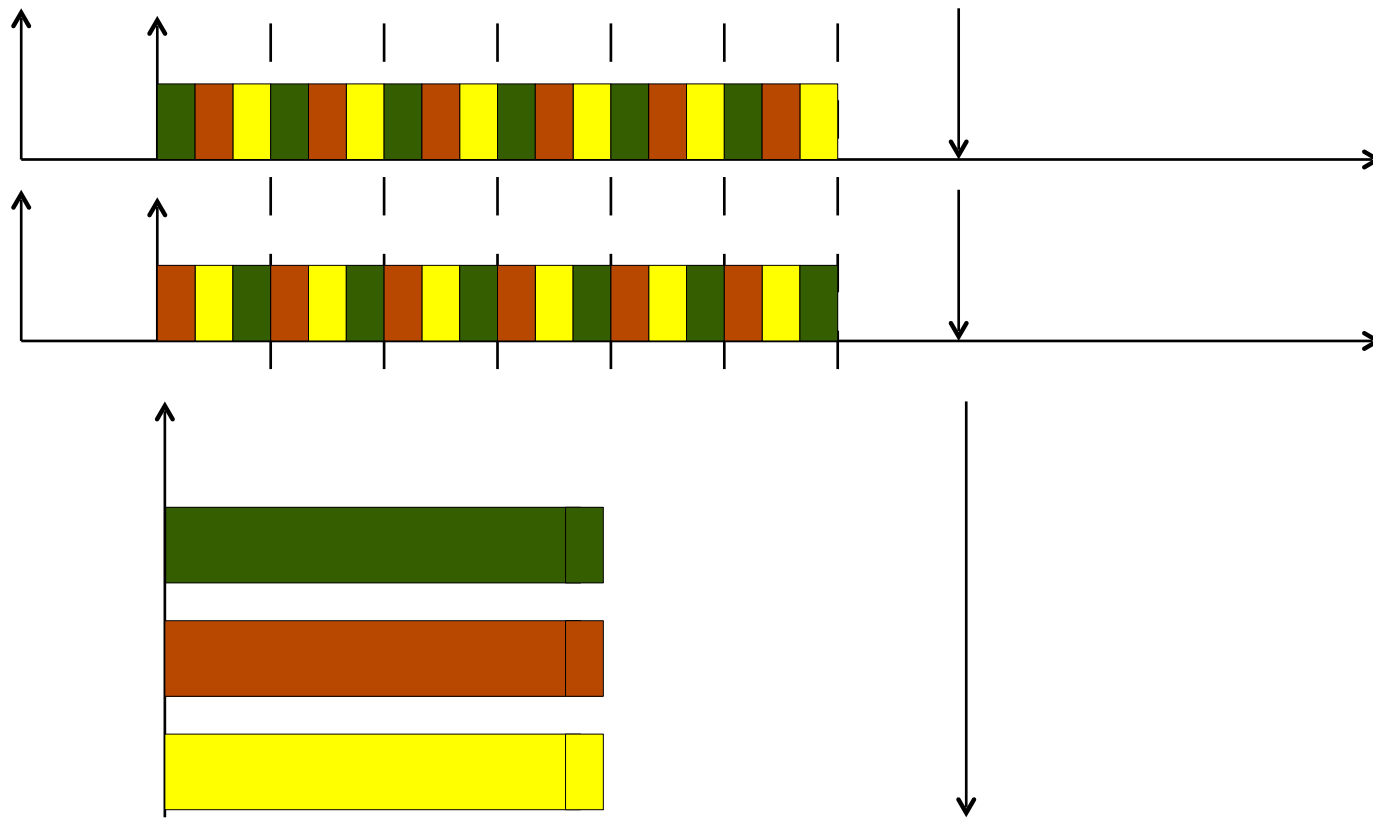
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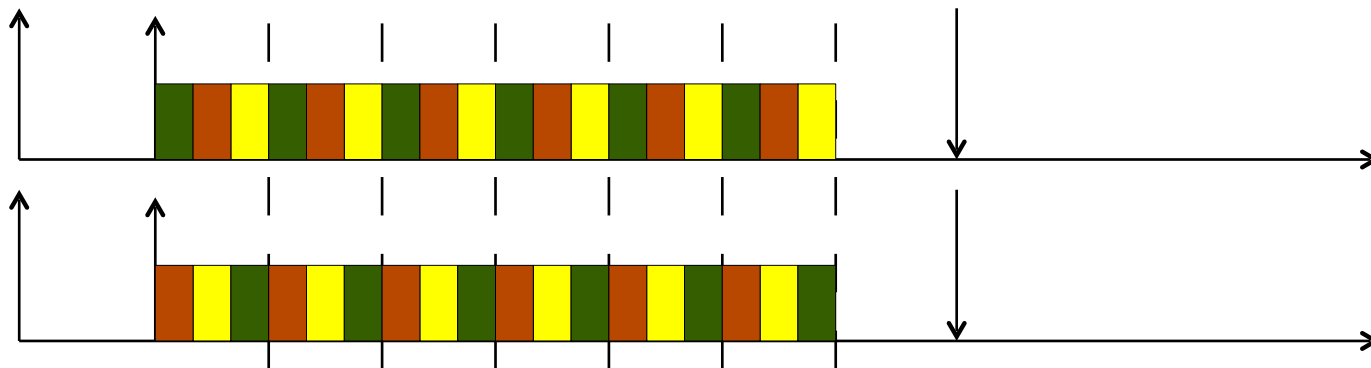
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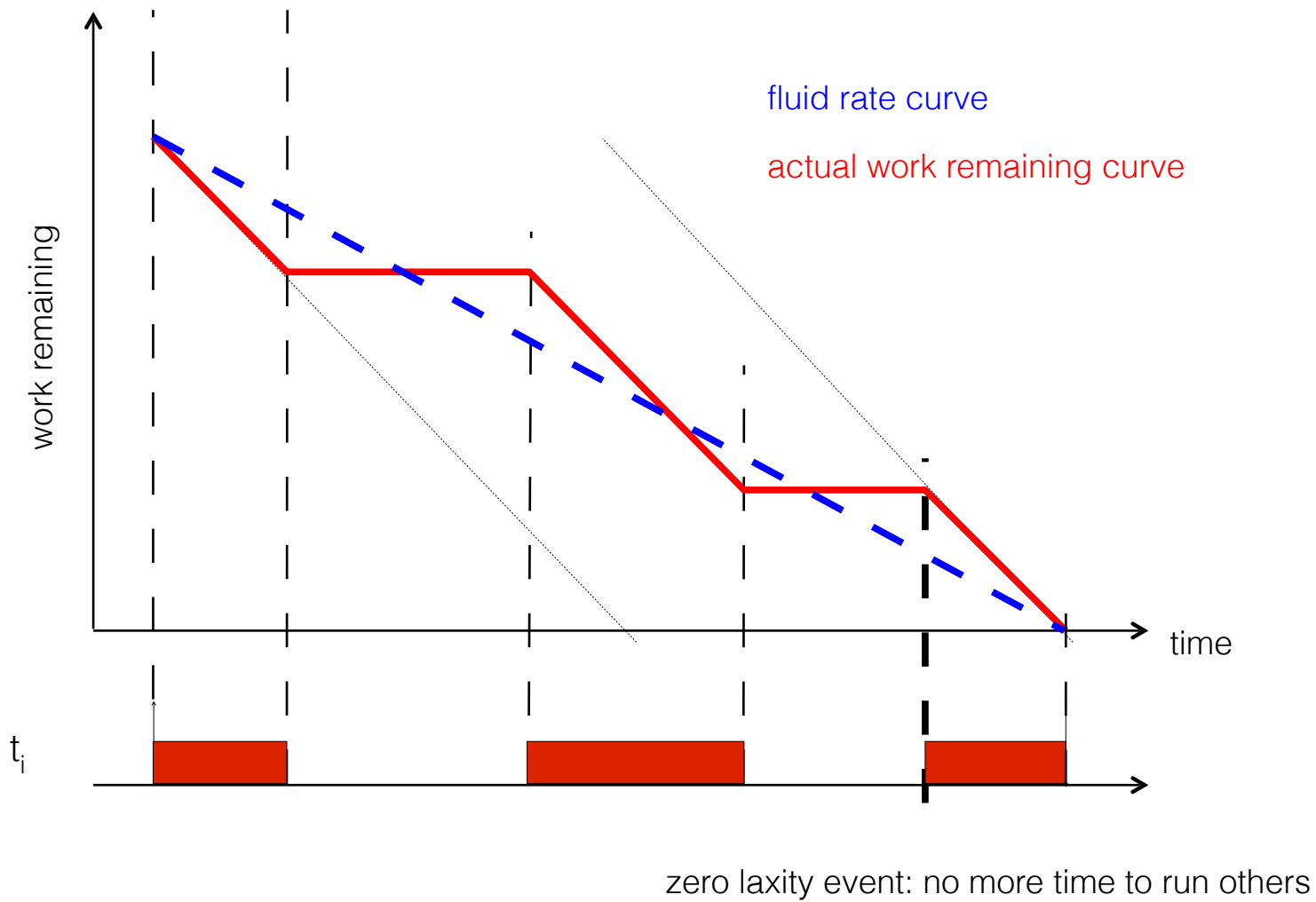
- PFAIR is optimal for periodic implicit deadline tasksets: $U_{OPT} = m$
- Very high preemption and migration costs

DP-Fair [Brandt '10]

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 - Optimal scheduler for periodic implicit deadline tasksets with a minimal number of preemptions / migrations?
 - Recall [Hong '88]:
 - No optimal MP scheduling algorithm for arbitrary tasksets if not all tasks have the same relative deadline
 - deadline partitioning
 - any task's deadline becomes a deadline for all tasks
 - always run zero laxity jobs
 - laxity = time to deadline – remaining execution time
 - zero laxity => job may miss its deadline if it is not run
 - jobs that twine themselves around the *fluid rate curve* are somehow in good shape

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- Fluid Rate Curve

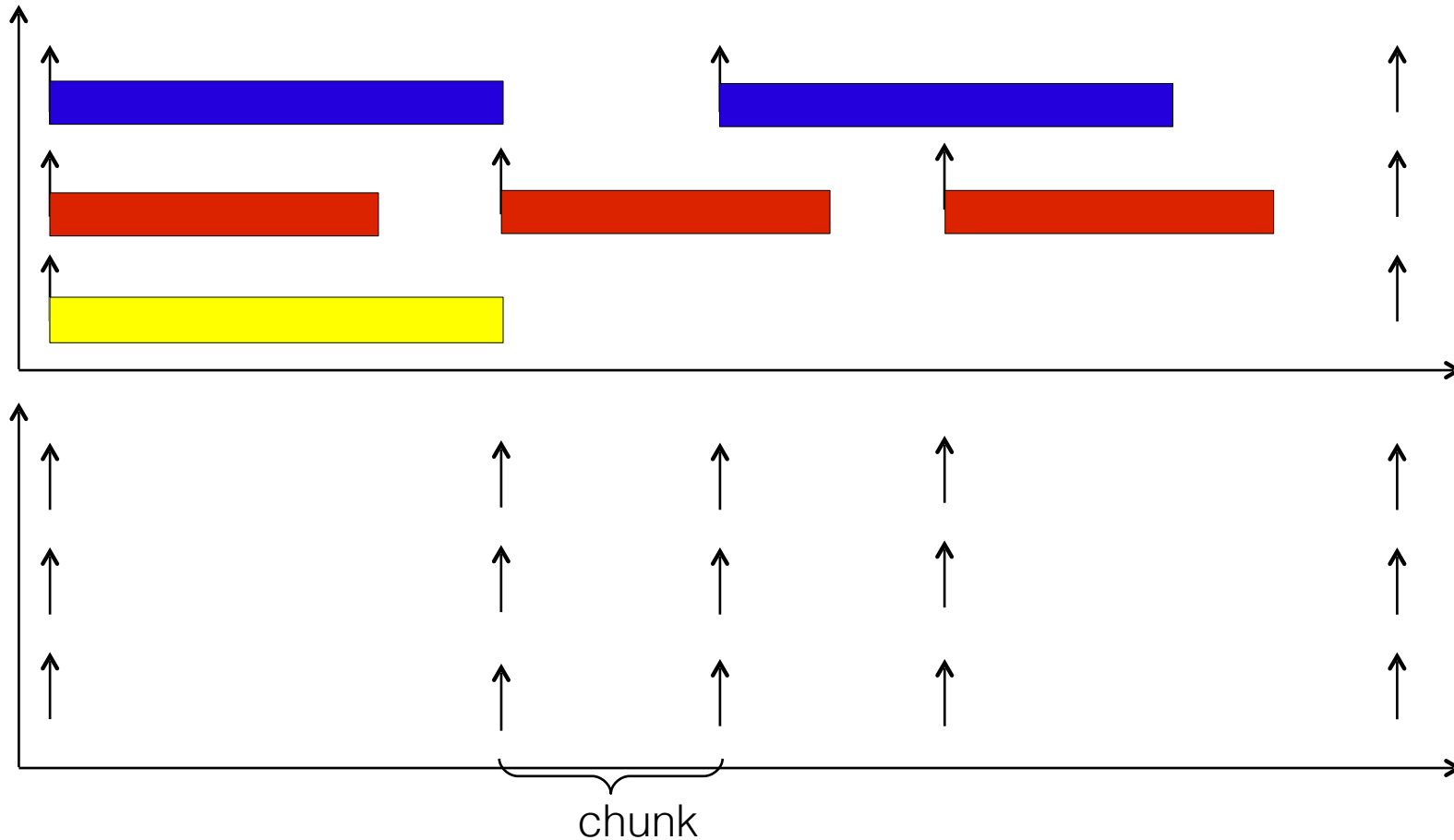


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- DP-Fair:
 - a family of optimal, deadline partitioning scheduling algorithms
 - Split timeline into chunks according to job deadlines
 - Allocate work to a chunk proportional to U_i
 - local execution time: $C_{i,j} = (t_{j+1} - t_j) U_i$
 - Rule 1: always run a job with zero local laxity
 - jobs with remaining local execution time = time to end of chunk
 - Rule 2: never run a job with no remaining local work
 - Rule 3: split up idle time proportional to length of chunk
 - allocate at most $(m - U_{\text{sum}}) (t_{j+1} - t_j)$ idle time to chunk j

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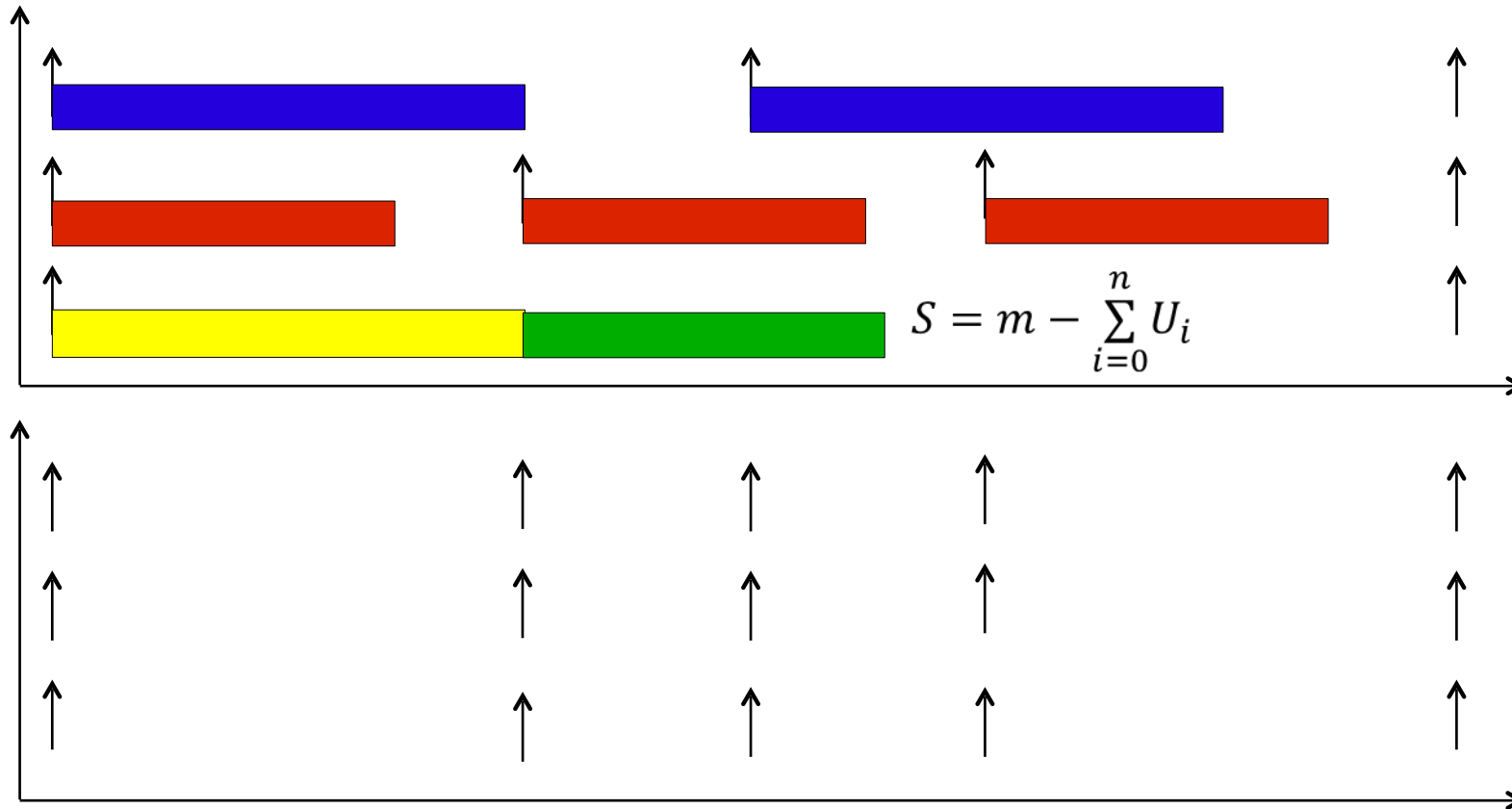
Deadline partitioning



Introduce additional releases / deadlines for all jobs whenever there is such an event for one job in the original schedule => chunks

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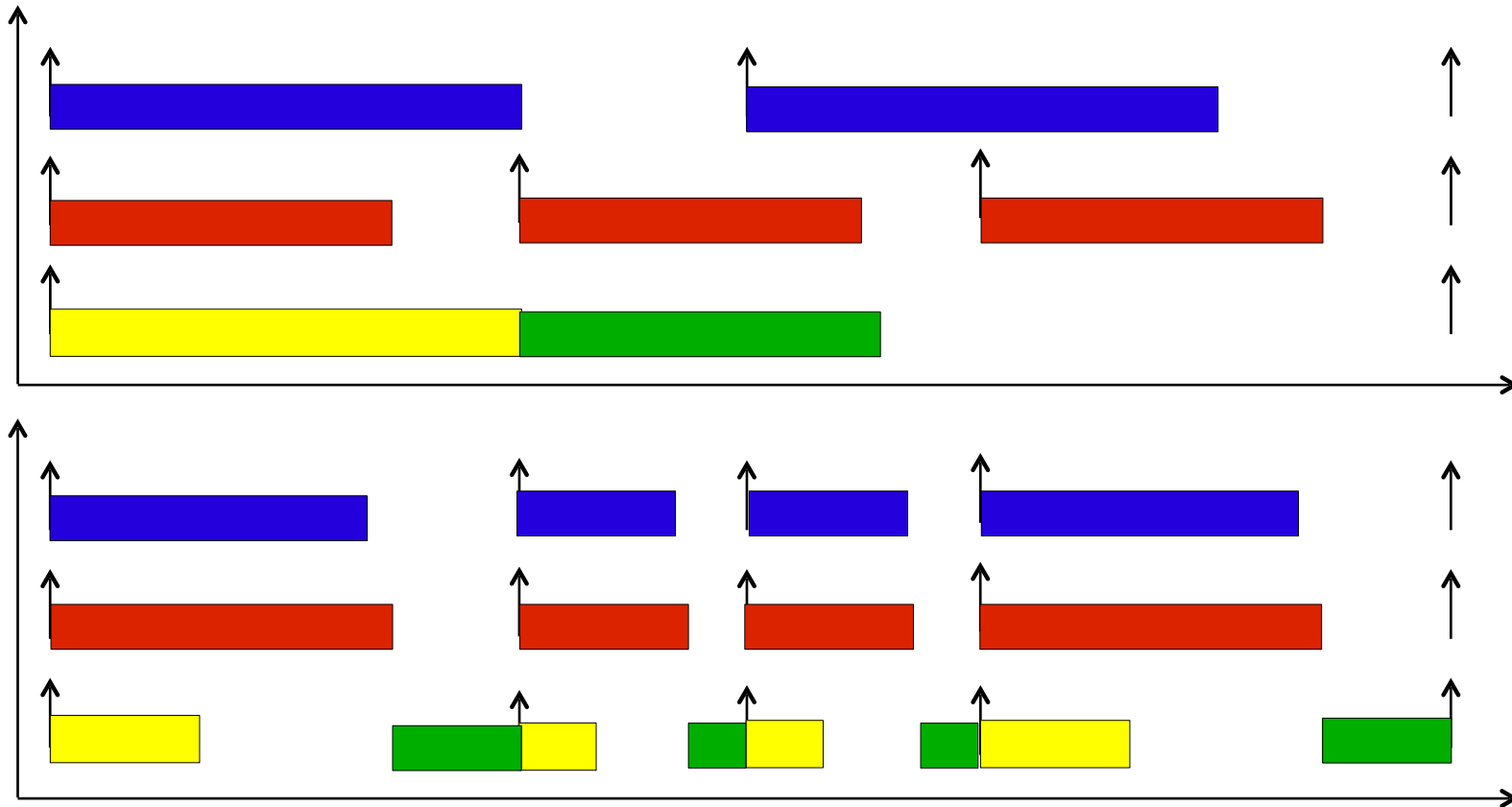
Idle time



Treat idle time as just another job to schedule.

DP-Fair [Brandt '10]

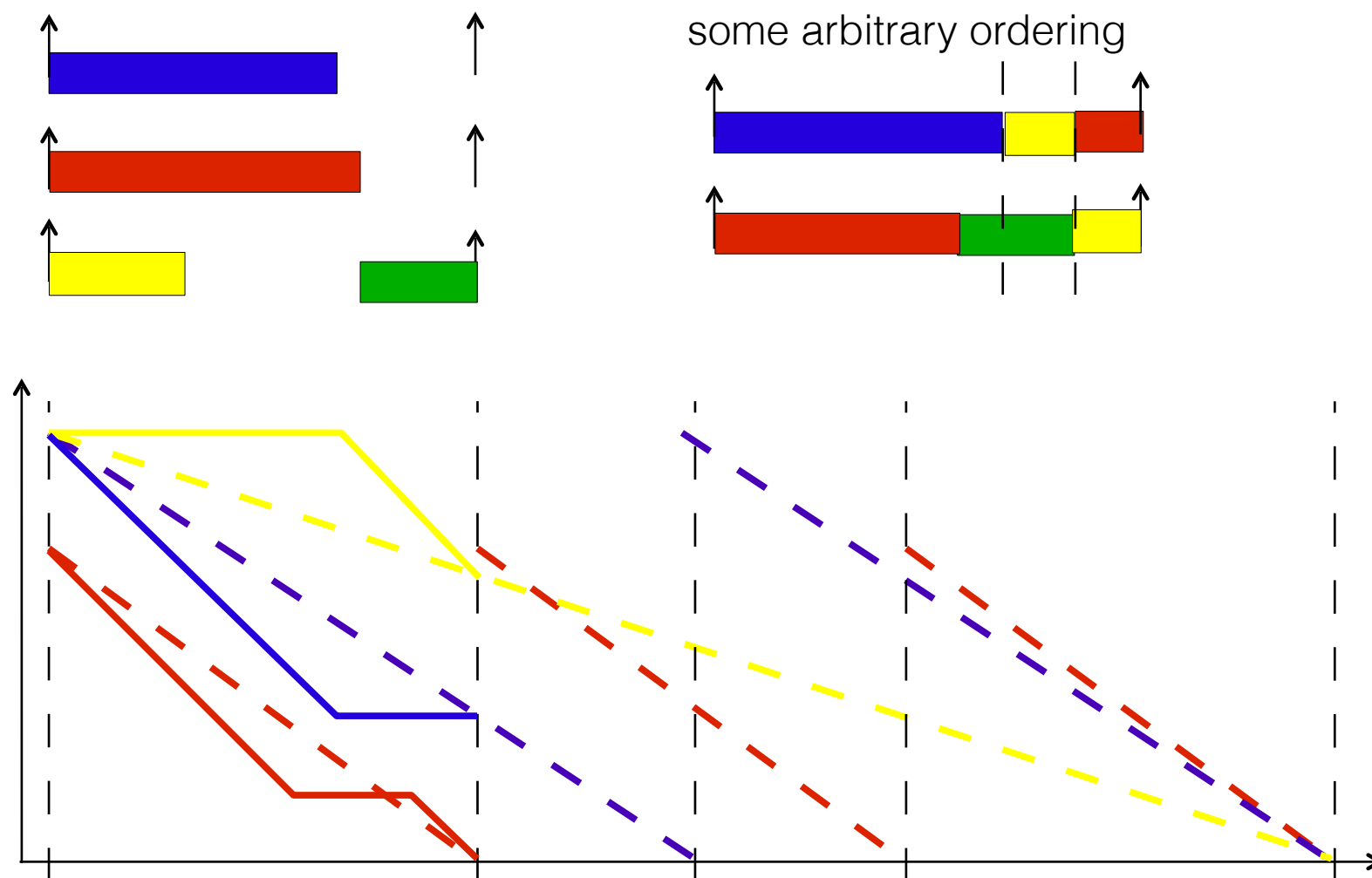
Allocate work proportional to U_i



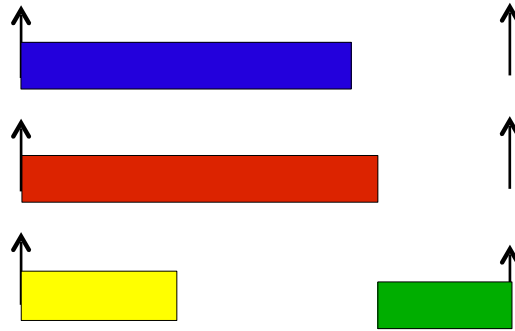
Allocate execution (and idle) time of a job proportionally to its utilization
=> amount of time that this job must run in a given chunk

DP-Fair [Brandt '10]

Jobs hit their fluid rate curve at the end of each chunk

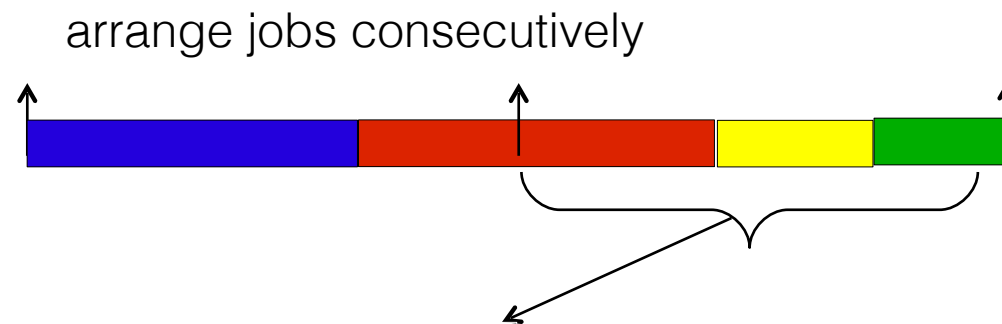
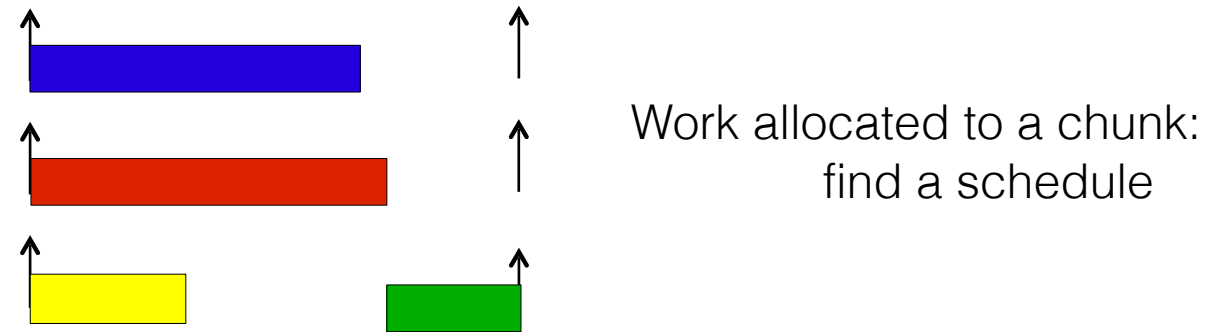


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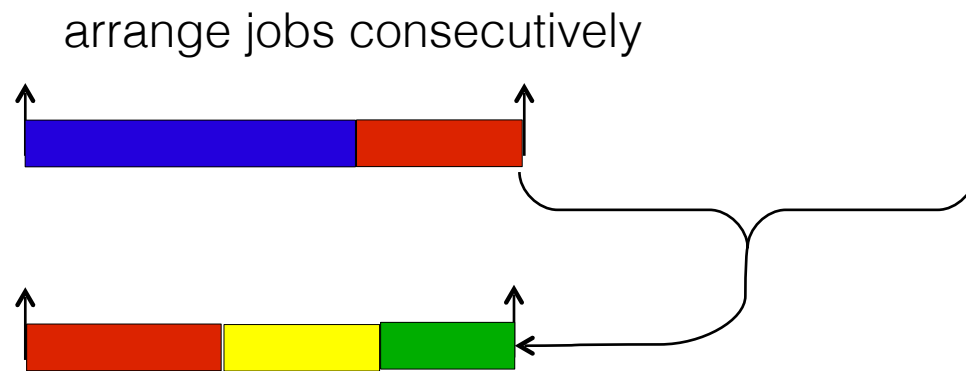
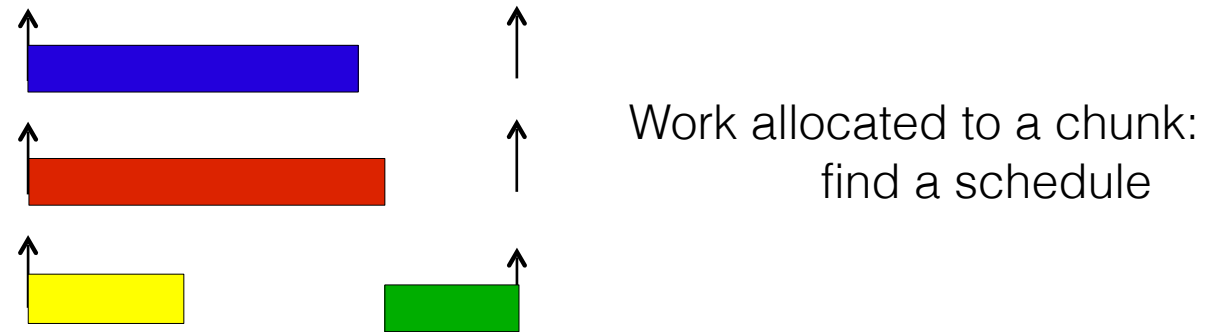
Work allocated to a chunk:
find a schedule

DP-Wrap – a DP-Fair Scheduler



wrap around to obtain schedule for 2nd CPU, ...

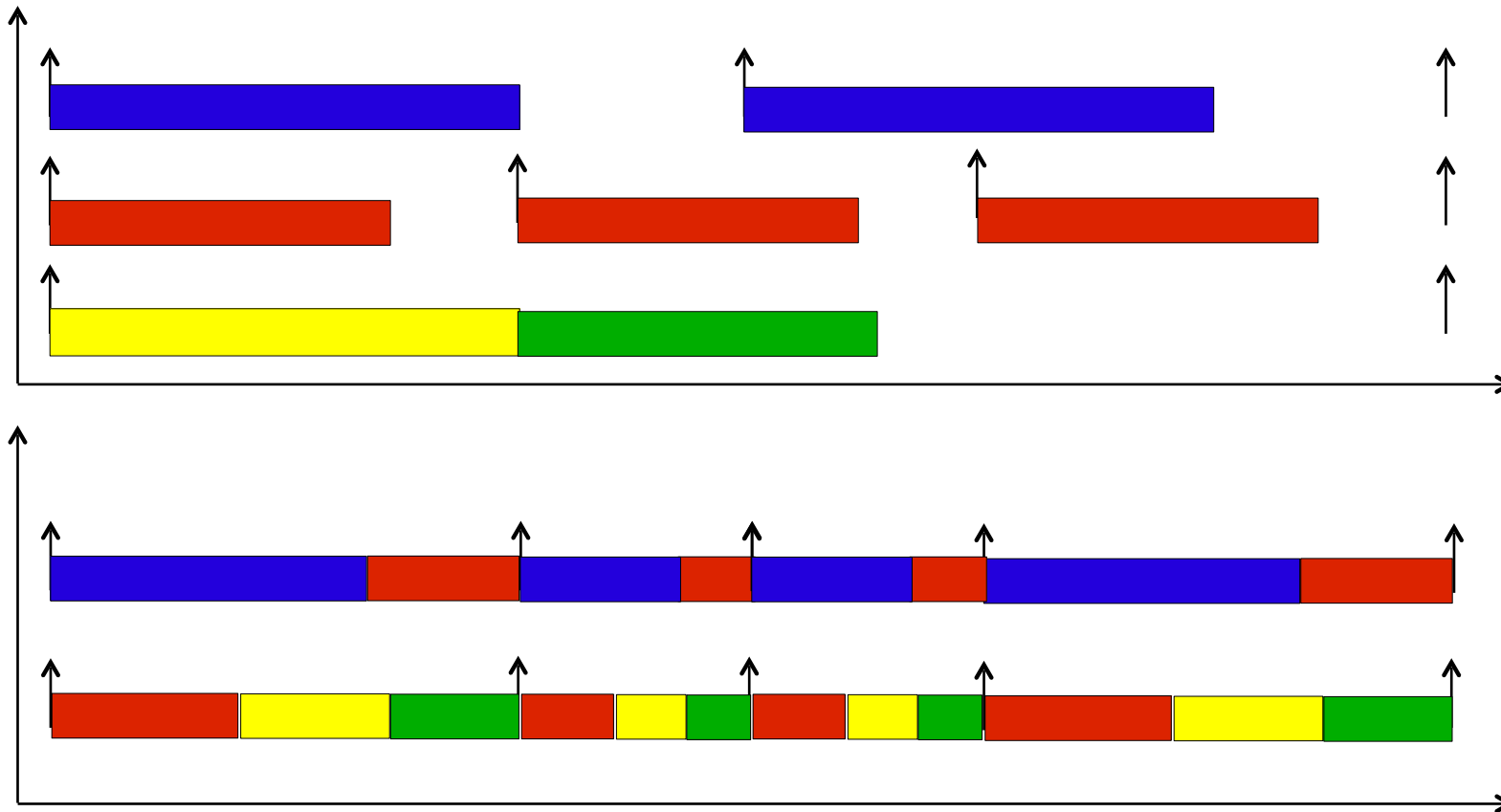
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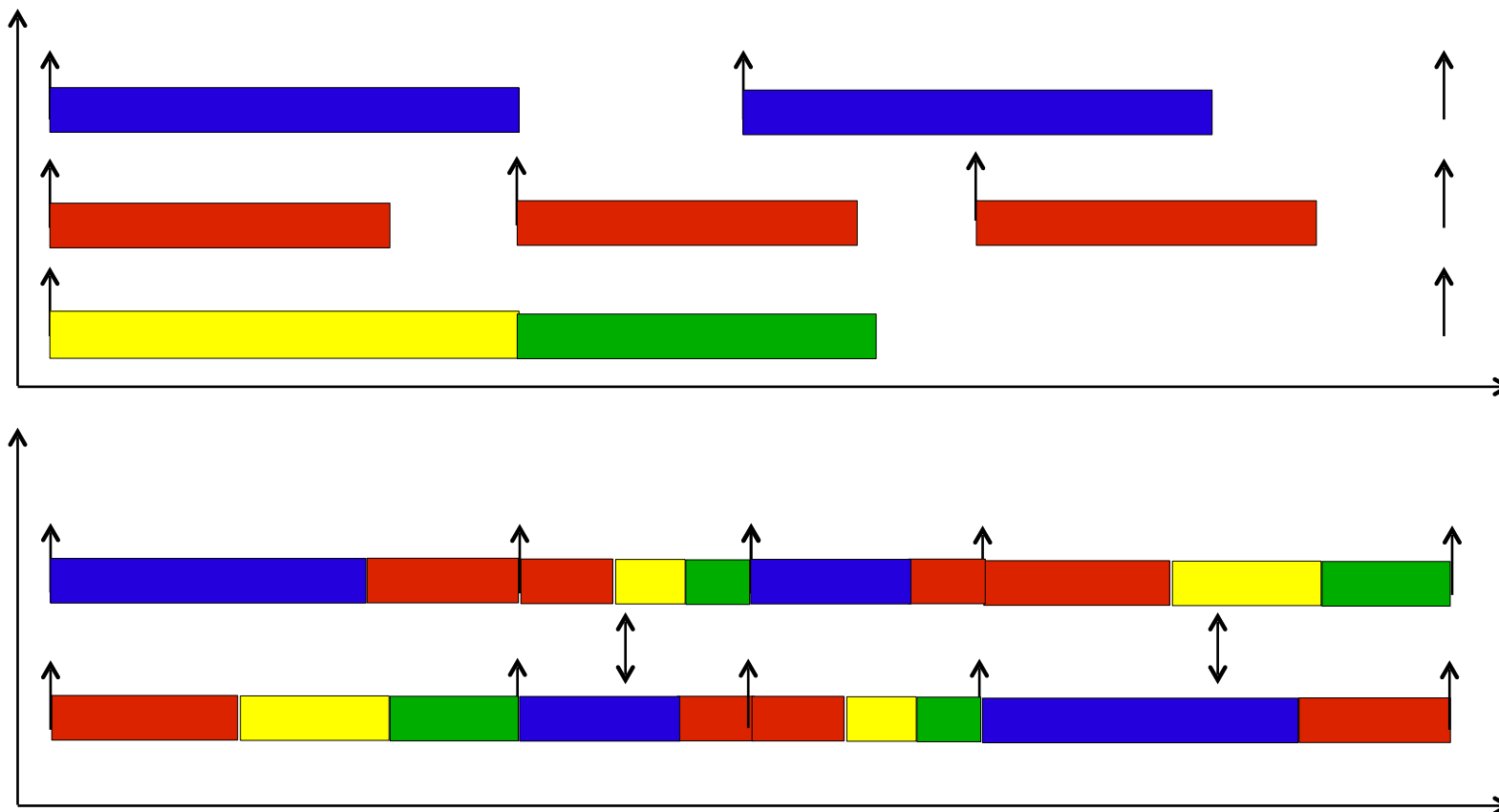
- $m - 1$ migrations per chunk
- $n - 1$ context switches per chunk

DP-Wrap – a DP-Fair Scheduler



Unnecessary migration of red task at chunk boundaries
=> mirror processor assignment of every second chunk

DP-Wrap (mirrored)



Design Space of MP Scheduling

dyn job prio. /
partitioned

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task level migration

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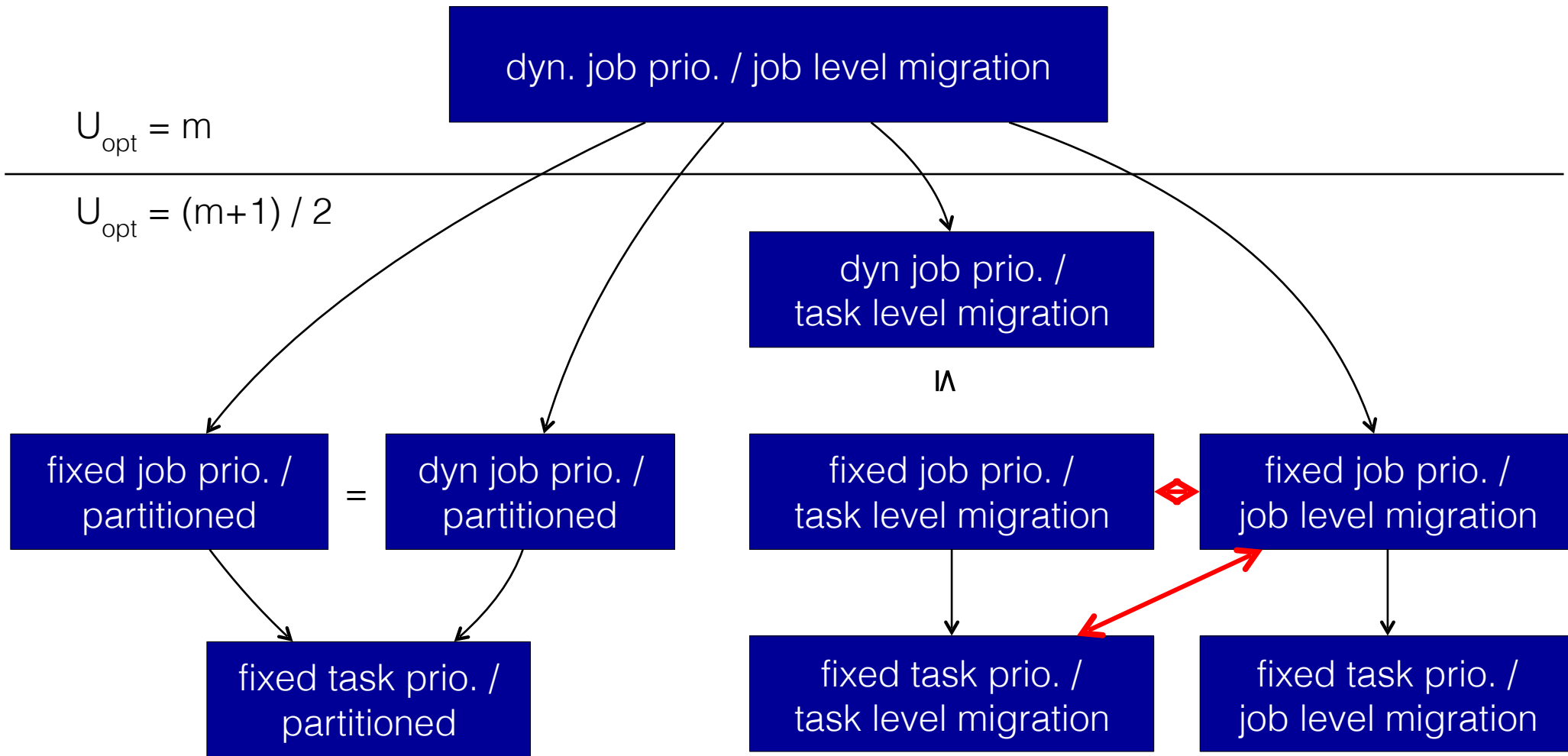
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Design Space of MP Scheduling



$A \rightarrow B \Rightarrow A$ can schedule any taskset that B can schedule and more

$A \leftrightarrow B \Rightarrow$ dominance is not yet known

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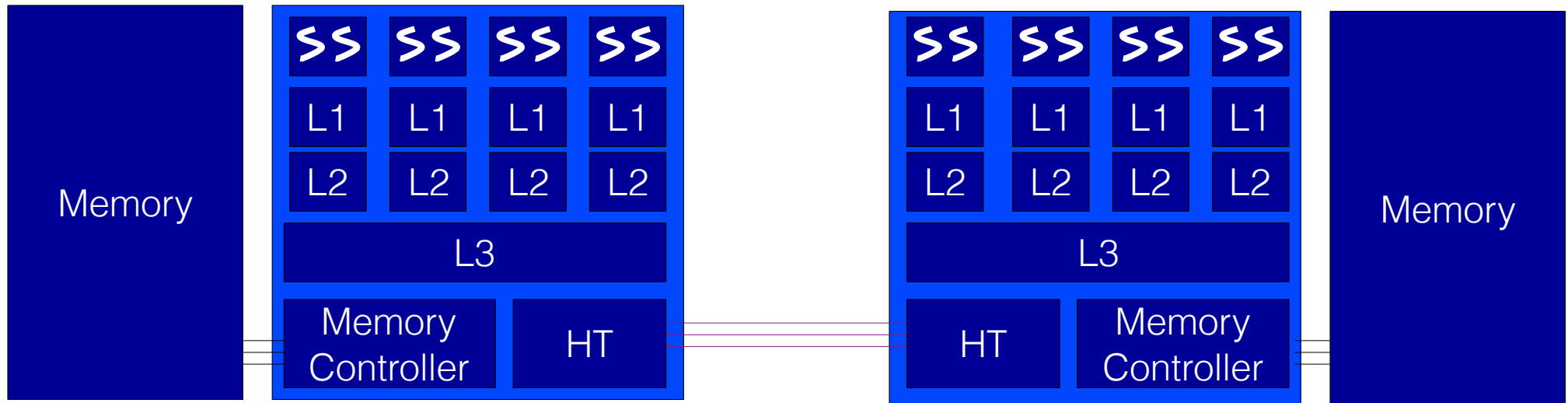
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MP Resource Access Protocols

- UP:
 - Basic Priority Ceiling Protocol BPCP
 - Stack Resource Protocol SRP (Ceiling Priority Protocol CPP)
 - bounded priority inversion: $|CS|$
 - BPCP does not influence unrelated threads
- General Idea:
 - run UP protocol on every CPU of MP system
- Ceiling Priority i of Resource R_i : $\hat{R}_i = \max \text{prio}(t_j)$
 - here, priorities have a global meaning
- System Ceiling $\hat{S} = \max \hat{R}_i$ of held resources
- Synchronization Processor: CPU on which R_i is executed

Locking for Clustered Scheduling

- [Brandenburg '11]:
 - clustered scheduling: global within the cluster; partitioned in between



- Idea:
 - Every task helps out resource holders for a bounded time
 - Only the n-highest prioritized threads may acquire resources

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Open Issues [Burns '09]

- Limited processor Utilization
 - minimally dynamic algorithms
 - novel partitioning approaches
 - increase the guaranteed processing capability; overheads
- Ineffective Schedulability Tests (in particular, sporadic workloads)
 - large gap between feasibility / infeasibility tests
 - identify finite collection of worst-case job arrival sequences
- Overheads
 - migration costs; run queue manipulations; context switching
 - algorithms that permit intra-cluster migration; task-level migr.
- **Task Models**
 - intra-task parallelism, runtime integration
 - heterogeneous resources, Turbo Boost, GPUs

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