



# CLOUD COMPUTING CONCEPTS

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## MULTICAST

Lecture C

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IMPLEMENTING MULTICAST  
ORDERING 2

# CAUSAL ORDERING

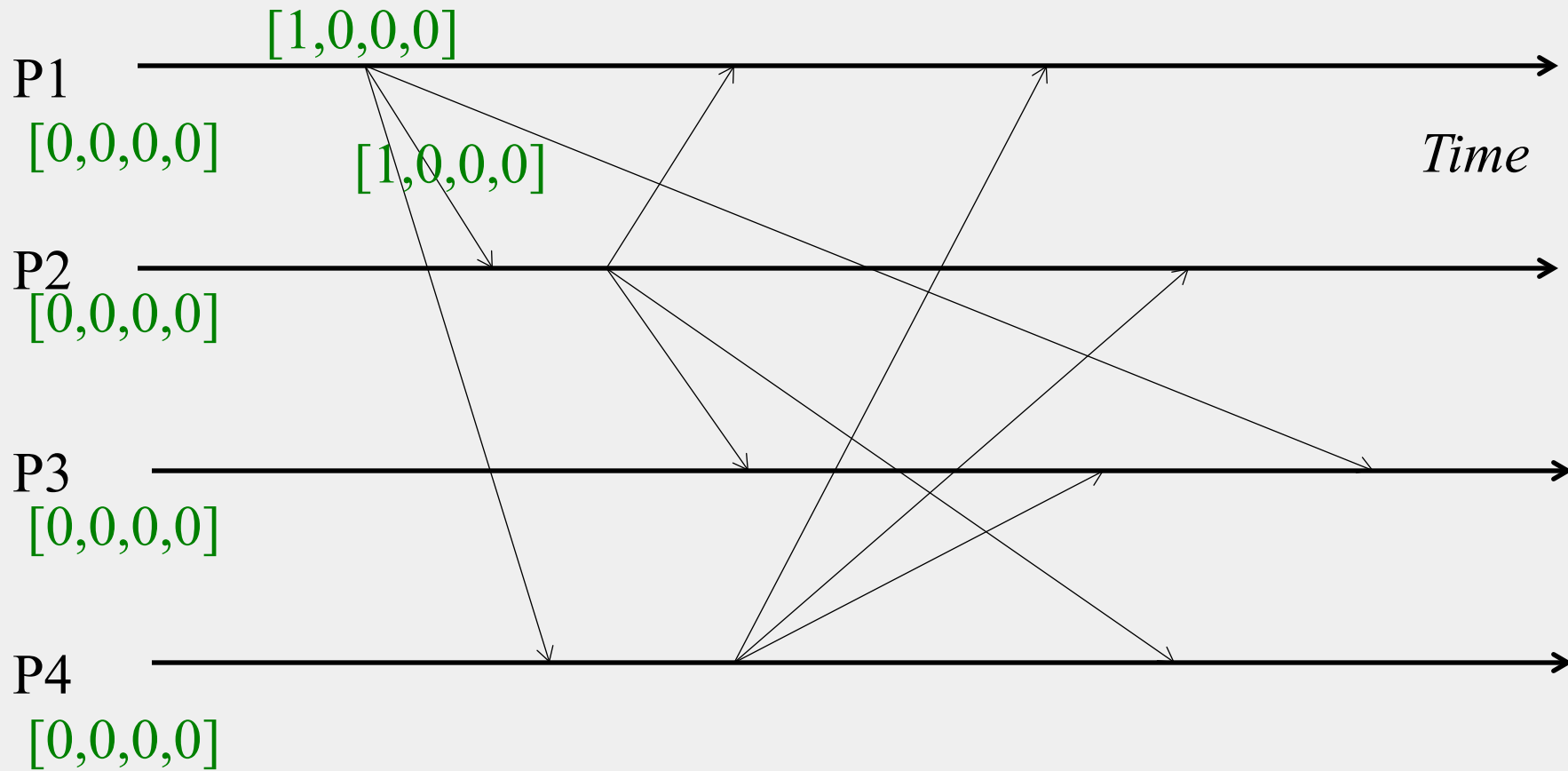
- Multicasts whose send events are causally related, must be received in the same causality-obeying order at all receivers
- Formally
  - *If  $\text{multicast}(g, m) \rightarrow \text{multicast}(g, m')$  then any correct process that delivers  $m'$  would already have delivered  $m$ .*
  - *( $\rightarrow$  is Lamport's happens-before)*

# CAUSAL MULTICAST: DATASTRUCTURES

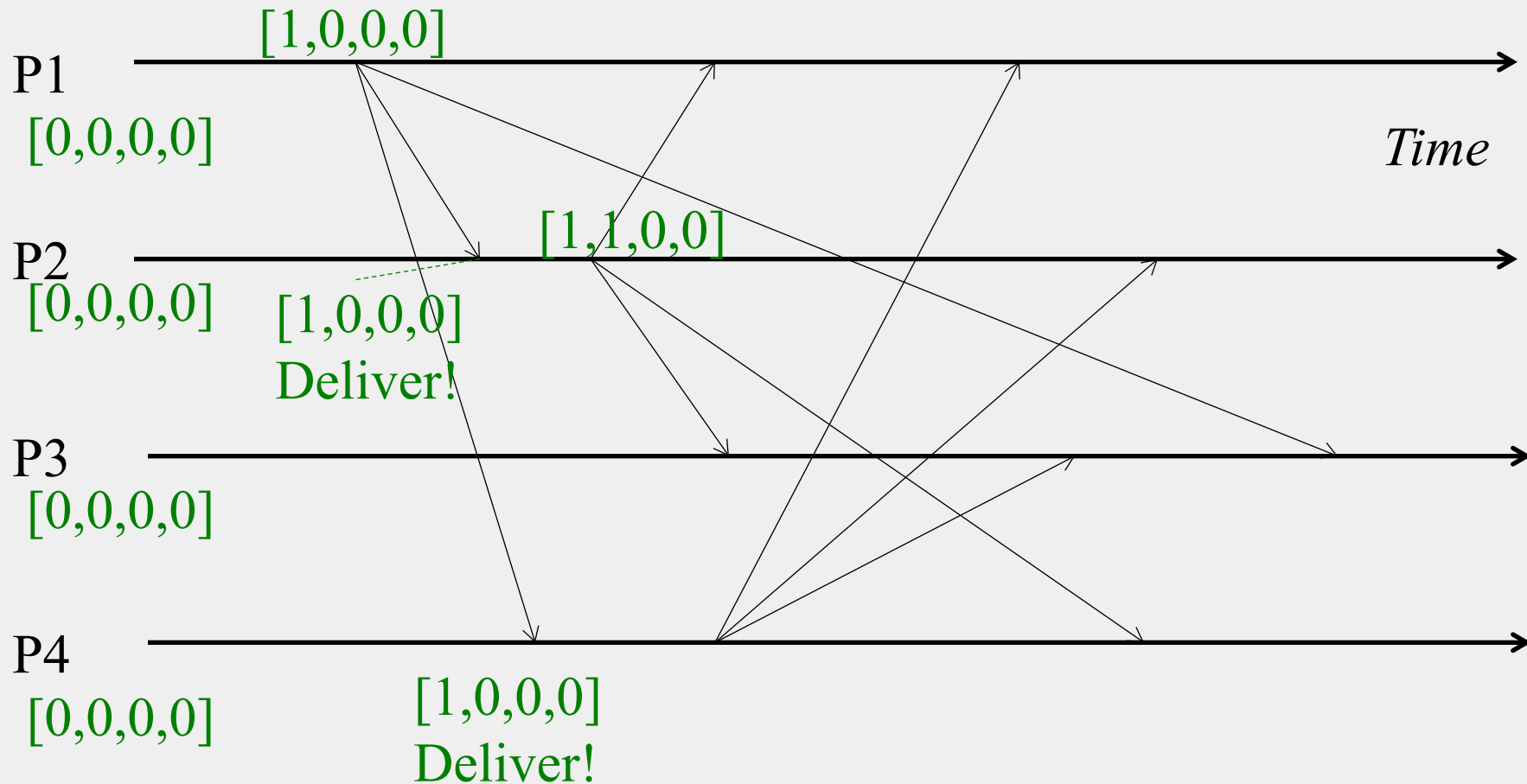
- Each receiver maintains a vector of per-sender sequence numbers (integers)
  - Similar to FIFO Multicast, but updating rules are different
  - Processes  $P_1$  through  $P_N$
  - $P_i$  maintains a vector  $P_i[1 \dots N]$  (initially all zeroes)
  - $P_i[j]$  is the latest sequence number  $P_i$  has received from  $P_j$

# CAUSAL MULTICAST: UPDATING RULES

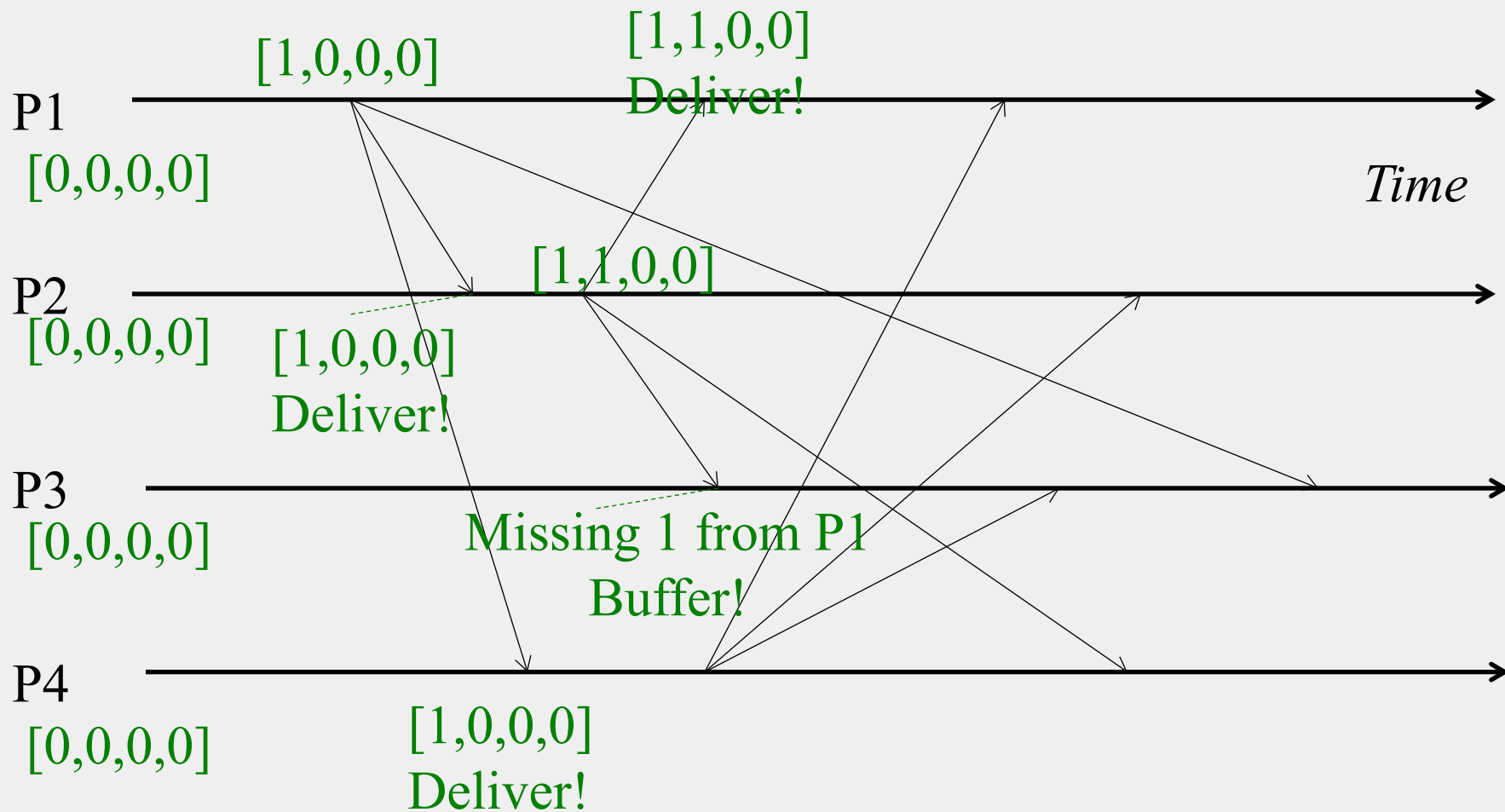
- Send multicast at process  $P_j$ :
  - Set  $P_j[j] = P_j[j] + 1$
  - Include new entire vector  $P_j[1 \dots N]$  in multicast message as its sequence number
- Receive multicast: If  $P_i$  receives a multicast from  $P_j$  with vector  $M[1 \dots N]$  ( $= P_j[1 \dots N]$ ) in message, buffer it until both:
  1. This message is the next one  $P_i$  is expecting from  $P_j$ , i.e.,
    - $M[j] = P_i[j] + 1$
  2. All multicasts, anywhere in the group, which happened-before  $M$  have been received at  $P_i$ , i.e.,
    - For all  $k \neq j$ :  $M[k] \leq P_i[k]$
    - i.e., *Receiver satisfies causality*
  3. When above two conditions satisfied, deliver  $M$  to application and set  $P_i[j] = M[j]$



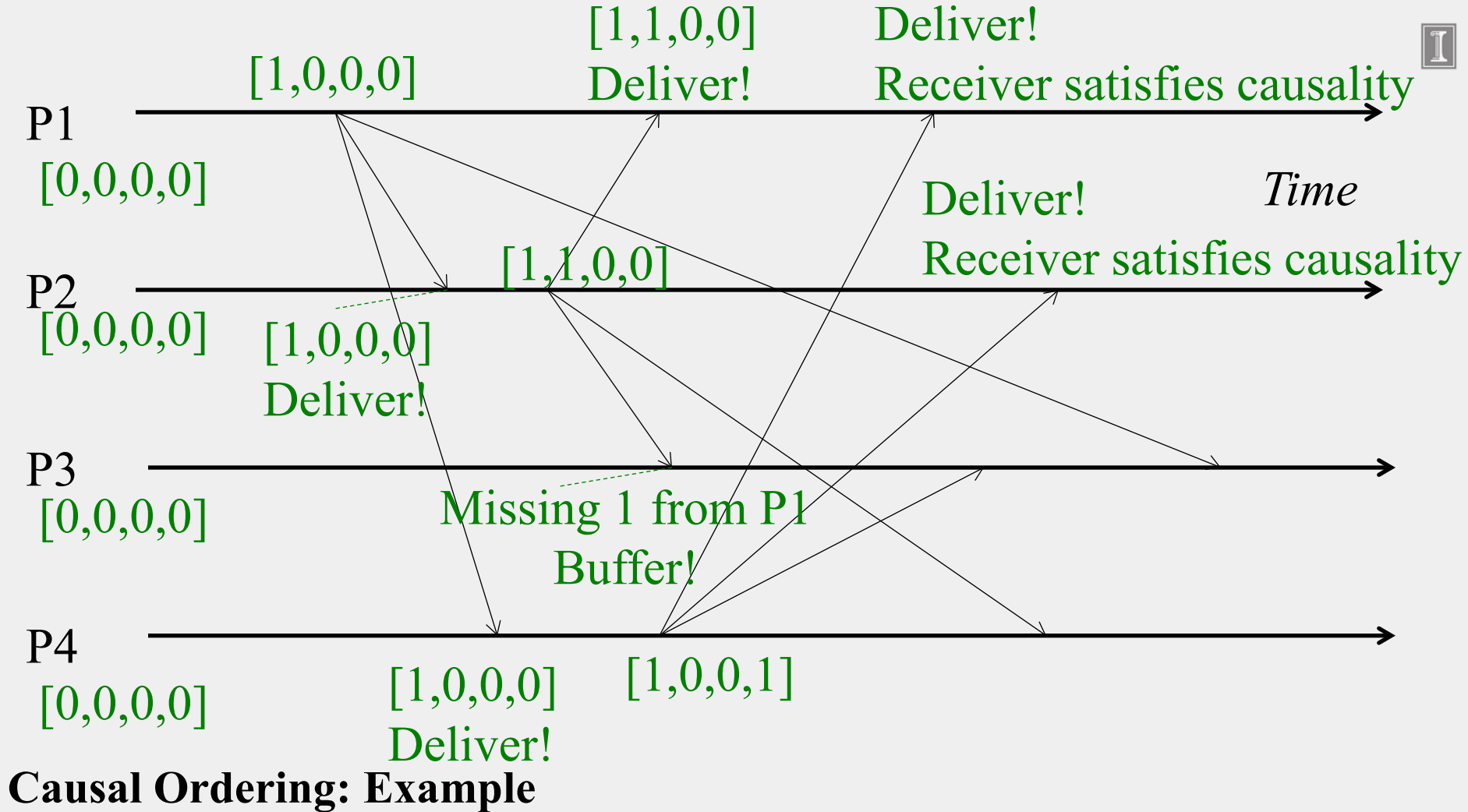
**Causal Ordering: Example**



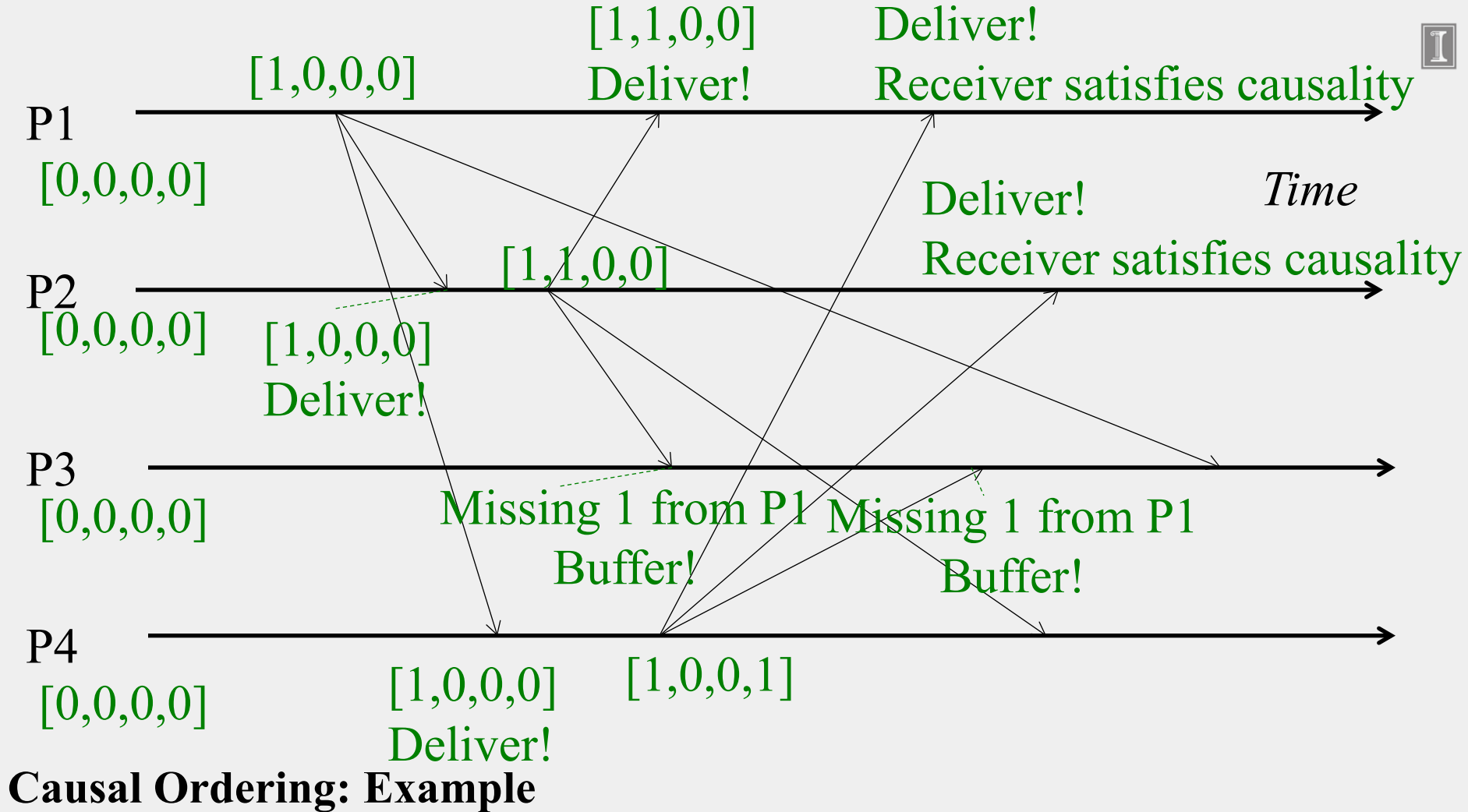
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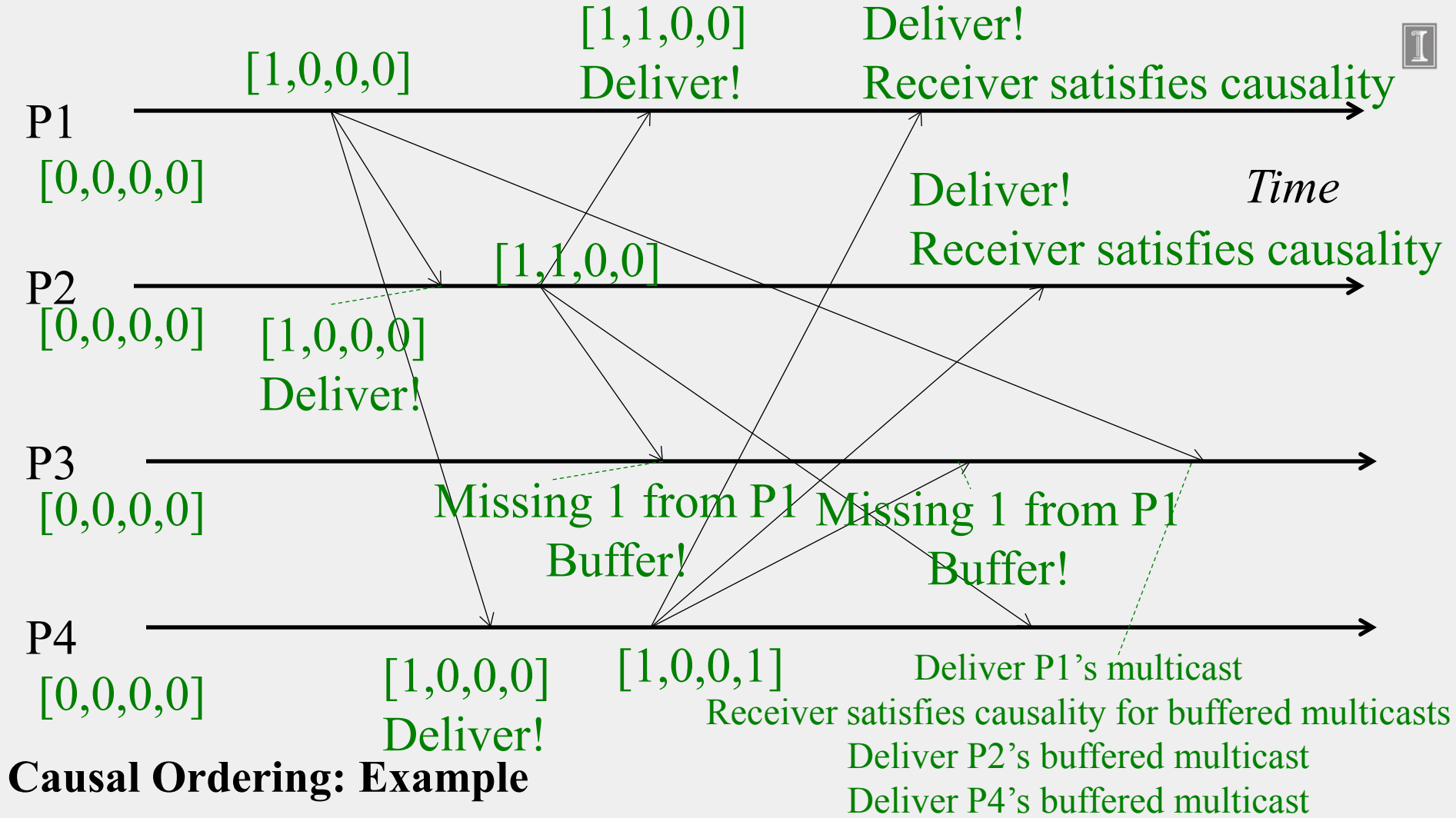


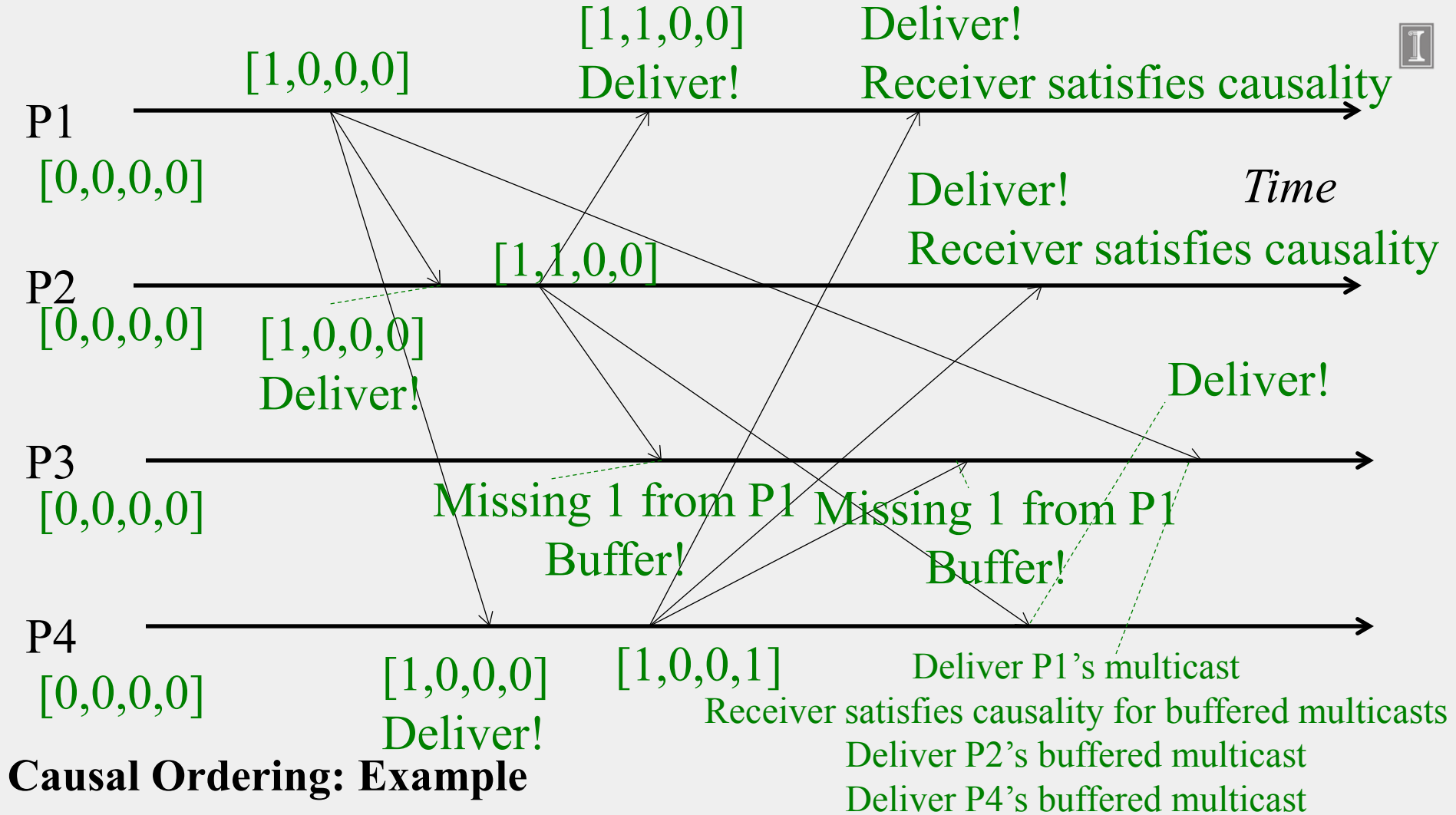
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# SUMMARY: MULTICAST ORDERING

- Ordering of multicasts affects correctness of distributed systems using multicasts
- Three popular ways of implementing ordering
  - FIFO, Causal, Total
- And their implementations
- What about reliability of multicasts?
- What about failures?