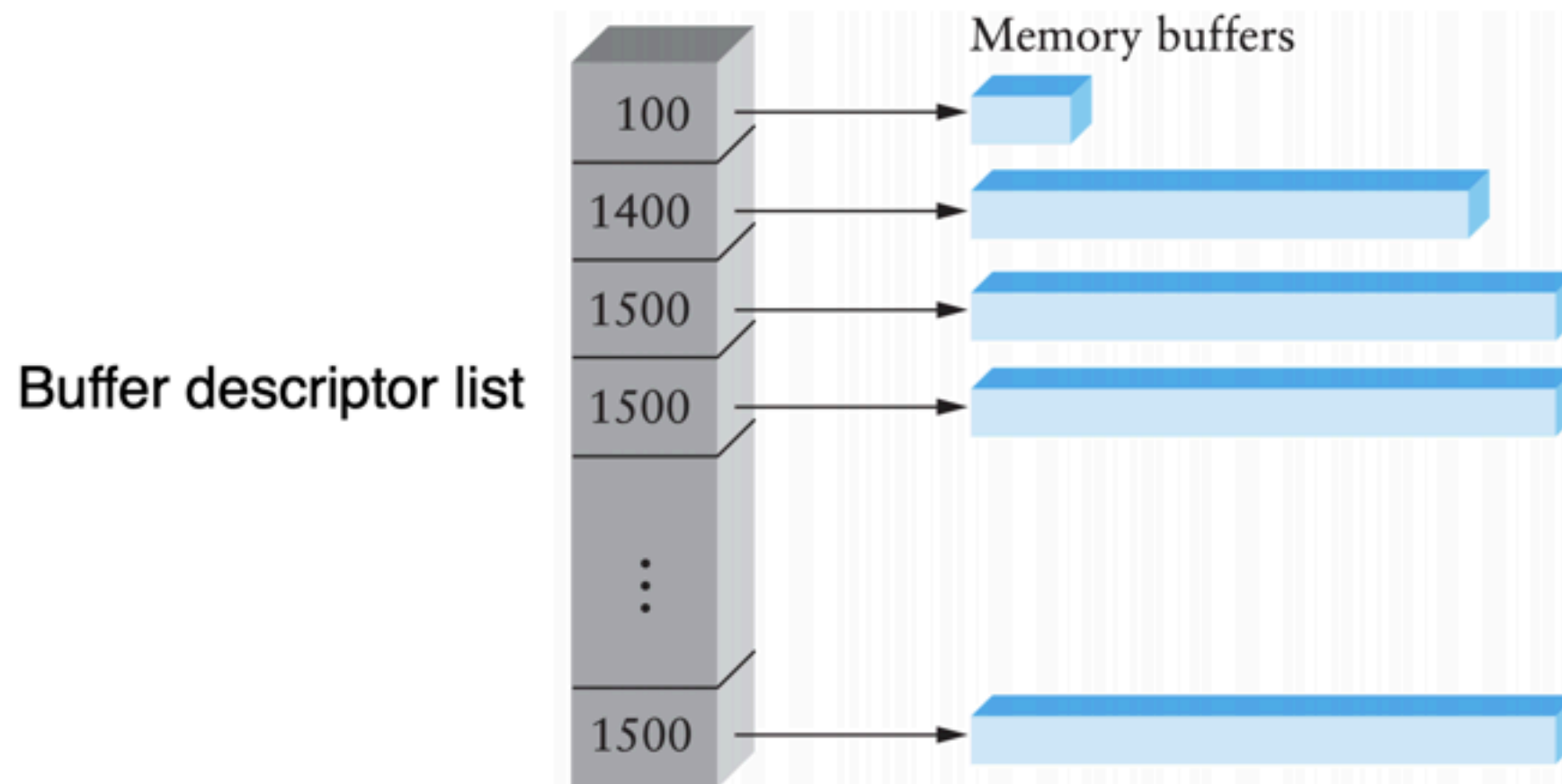


DMA (Direct Memory Access)

- ➔ Only use CPU to transfer control requests, not data, by passing buffer locations in memory
 - Device reads list and accesses buffers through DMA
 - Descriptions sometimes allow for scatter/gather I/O



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1. OS writes DMA command block into memory
2. DMA bypasses CPU to transfer data directly between I/O device and memory
3. When completed, DMA raises an interrupt

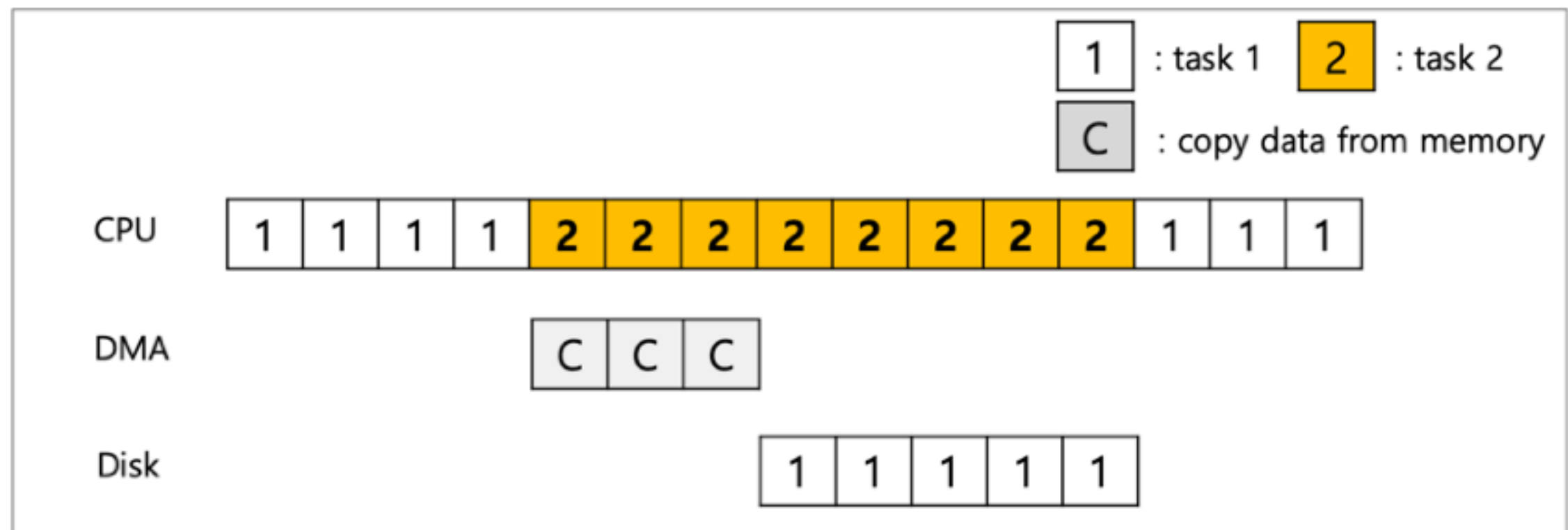


Diagram of CPU utilization by DMA