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I	Fast tests mean fast feedback. Fast tests are executed more often.
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Independent

Independent tests don't hide bugs. They don't fail as often as tests with dependencies. They support faster and more easy debugging.

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Isolated

Tests without external dependencies are faster, less complex, can be executed in different environments and they will less likely break.

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Repeatable

Tests are more trustworthy if they have always the same results under same conditions. They will actively support debugging instead of confusing the team.

Self-Verifying

Tests can build trust if they contain every thing needed to decide if they succeed or fail.

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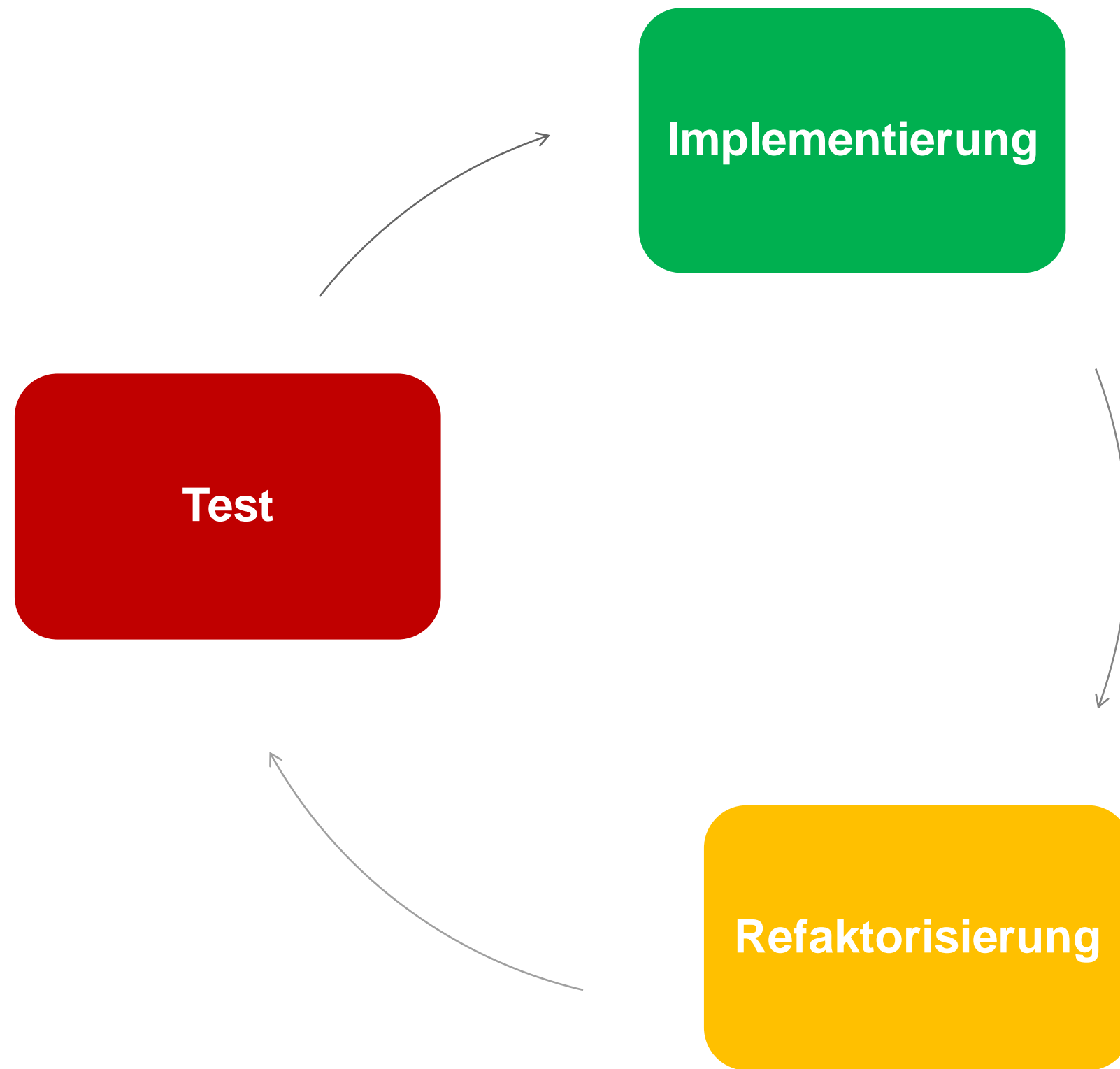
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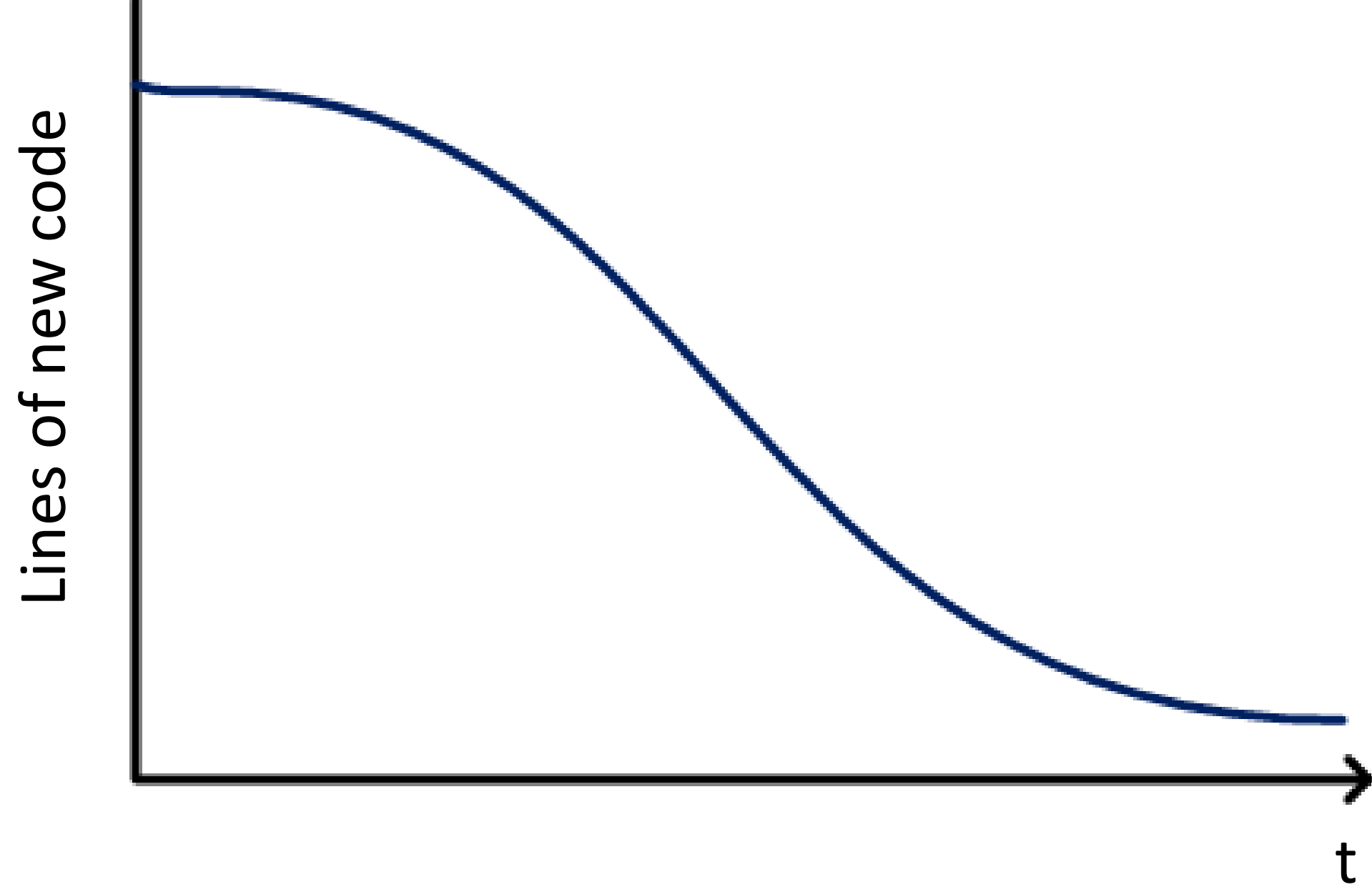
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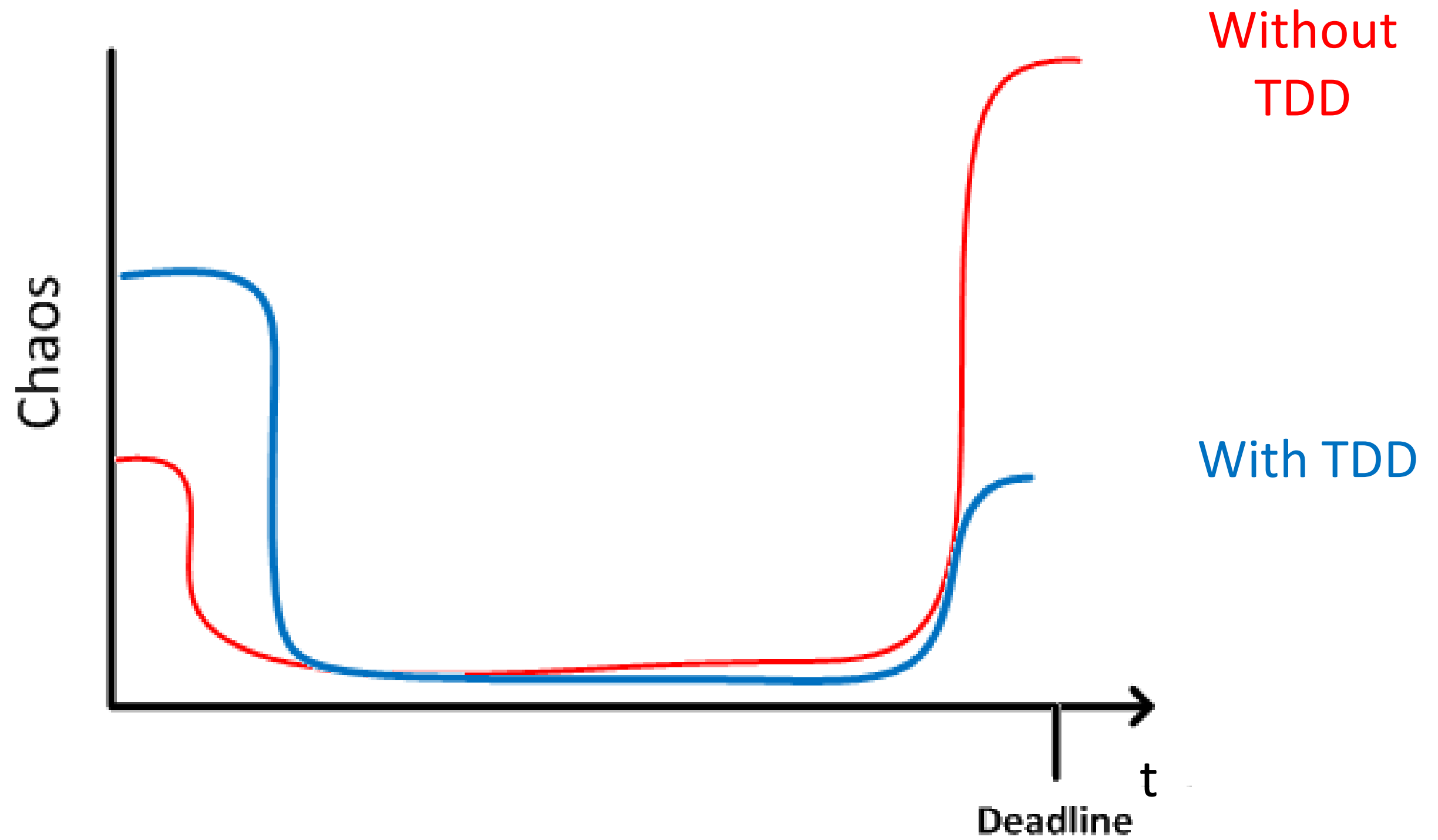
Timely

Tests should be written as close as possible to the actual implementation. Then they are more detailed, more accurate and it is easier to write them at all.

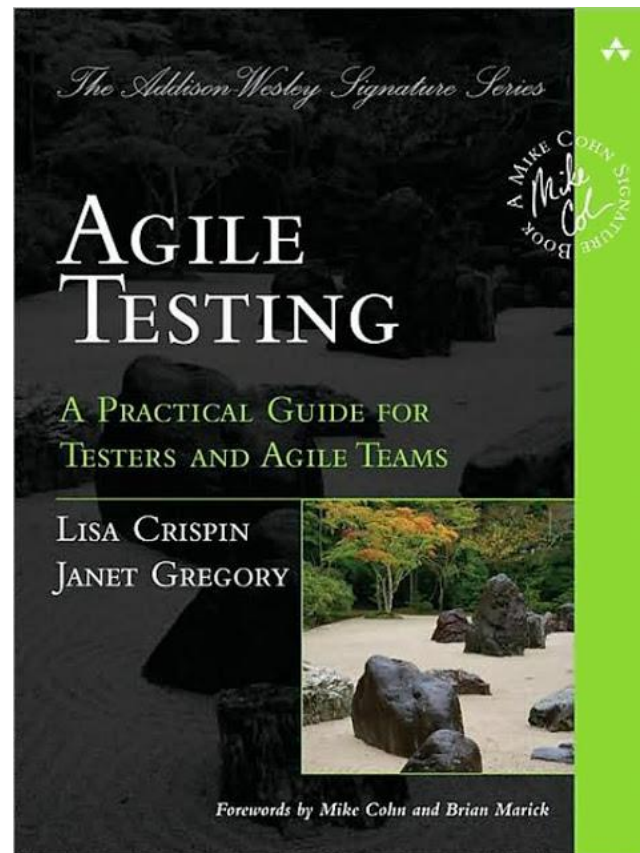


- Write only code demanded by a test.
- Developer your code step-by-step.
- Choose steps as small as possible.
- Every step must enhance the code.





Quelle: Growing Object oriented Software guided by tests, Freeman & Price, Addison-Wesley 2009



TDD learning curve

