

# SEAM: An Optimal Message Synchronizer in ROS with Well-Bounded Time Disparity

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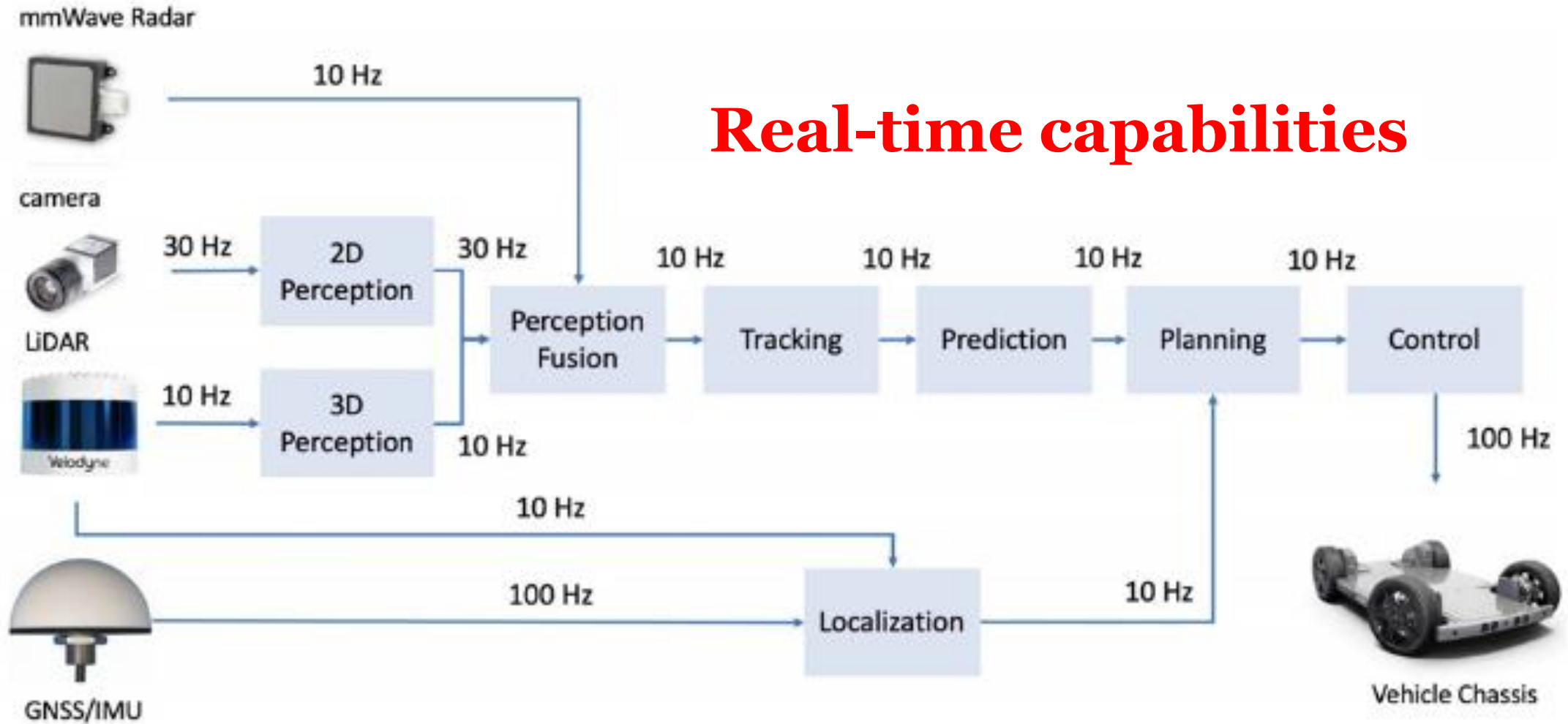
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# Background



# ROS Message Synchronization

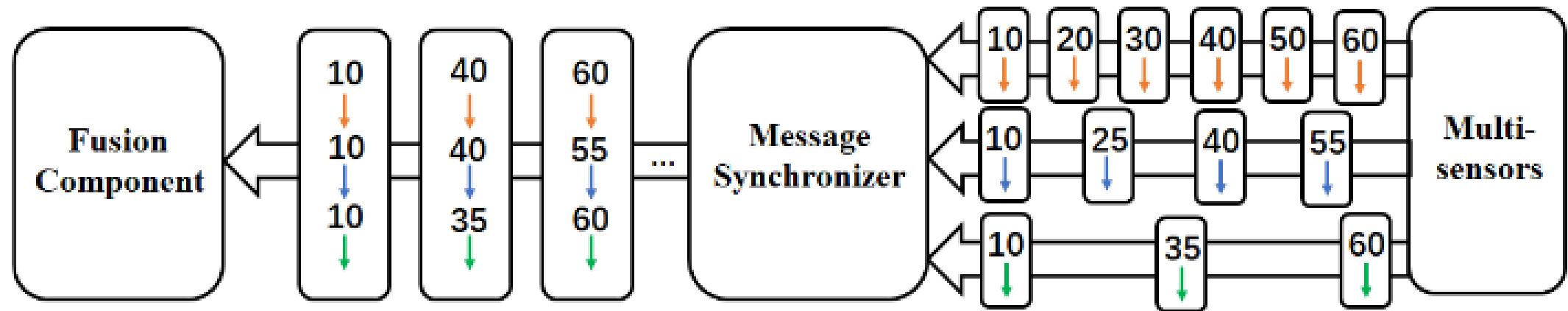


Fig. 2. The overview of Message Synchronizer.

# The *ExactTime* policy

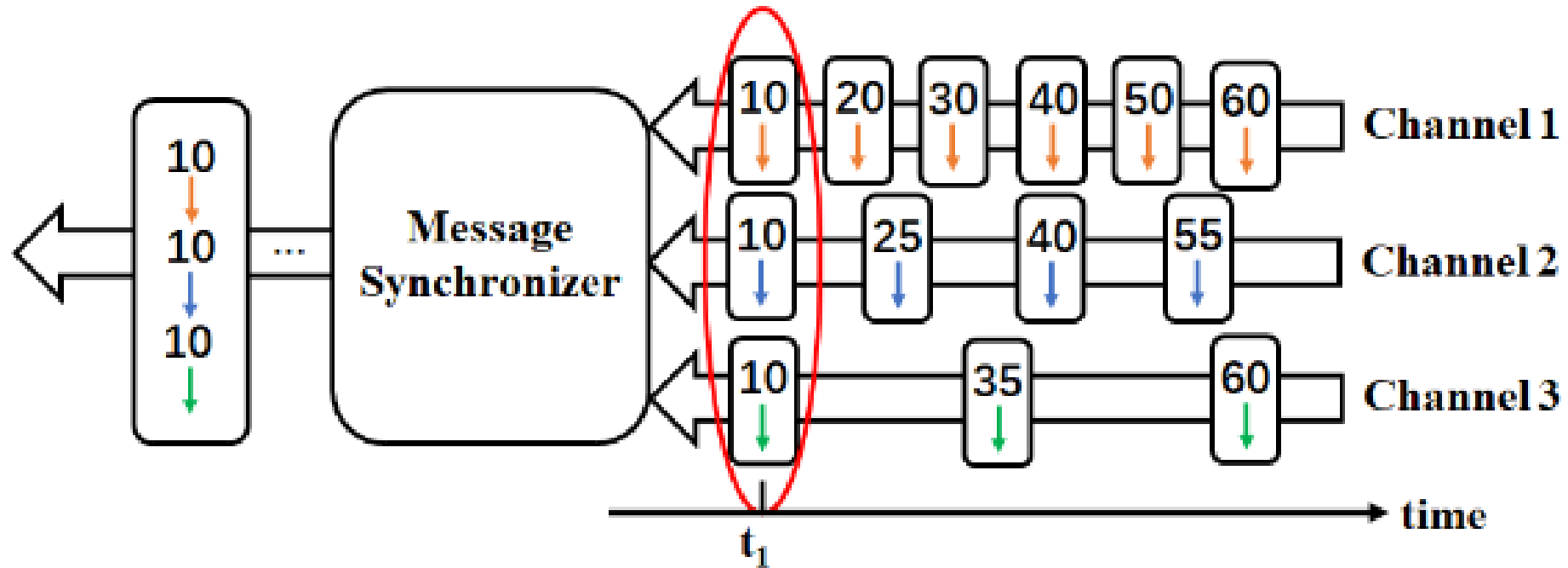


Fig. 3. An example to illustrate the *ExactTime* policy.

# The *ApproximateTime* policy

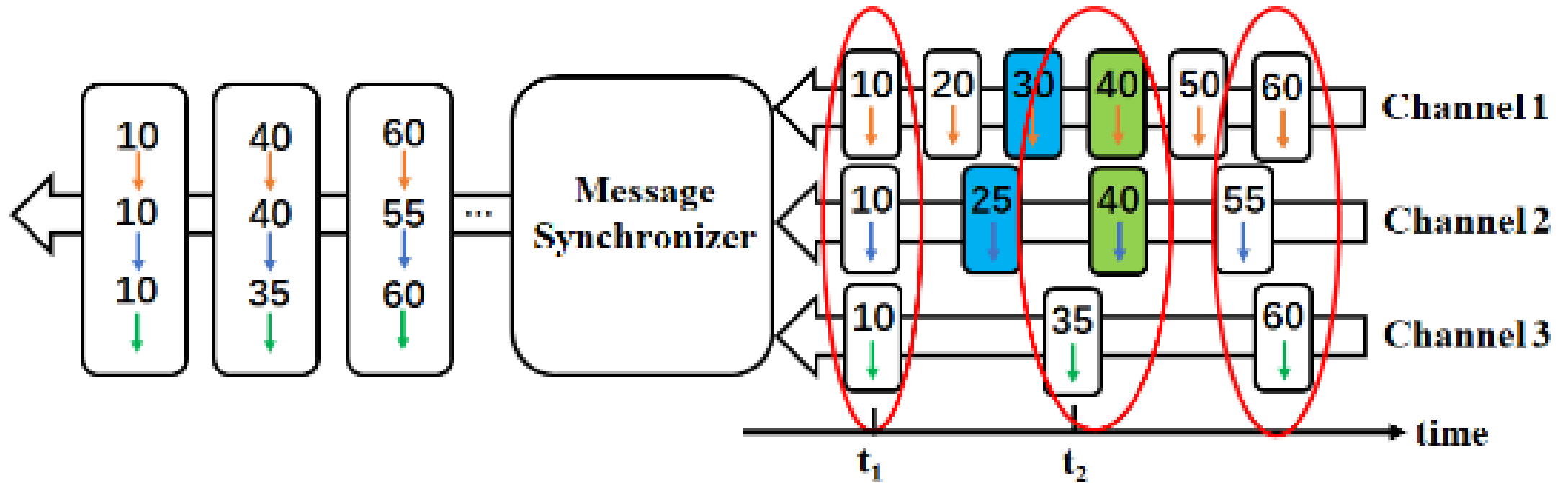
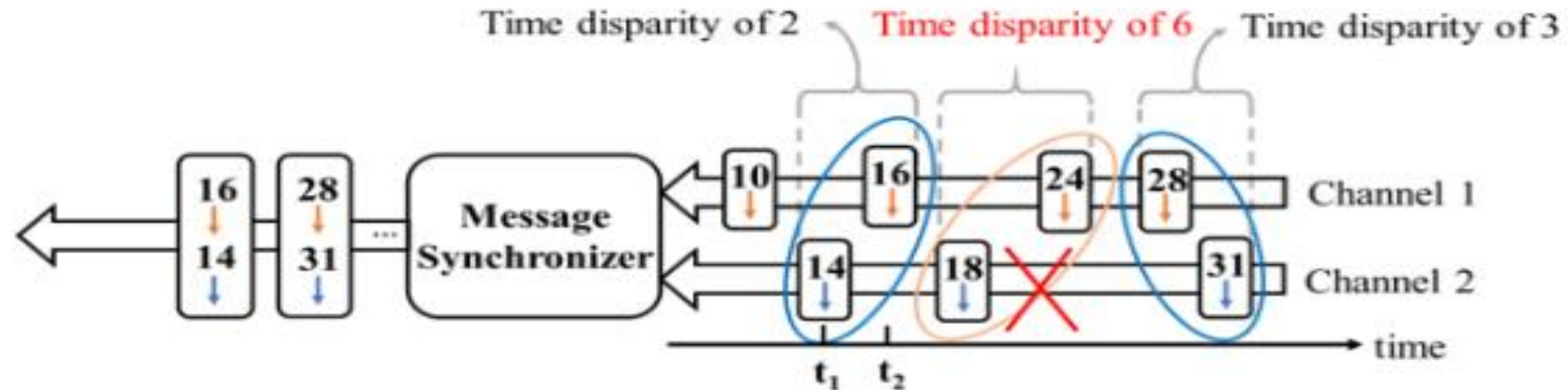
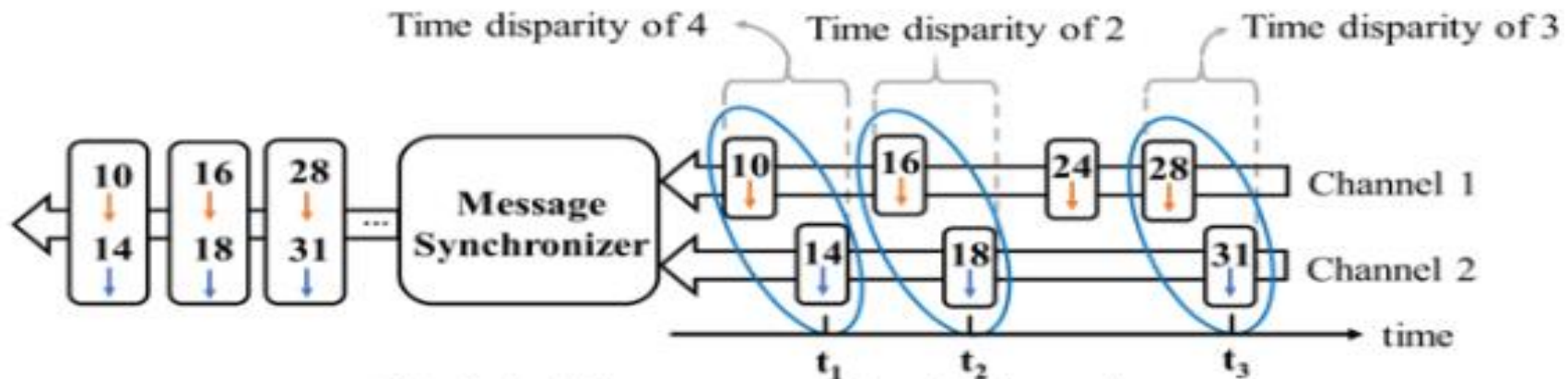


Fig. 4. An example to illustrate the *ApproximateTime* policy.

# the *approximate time* is not optimal



(a) The message synchronization scheme under the *ApproximateTime* policy



(b) A feasible message synchronization scheme

Fig. 5. An example shows that the *ApproximateTime* is not optimal.

execttime policy

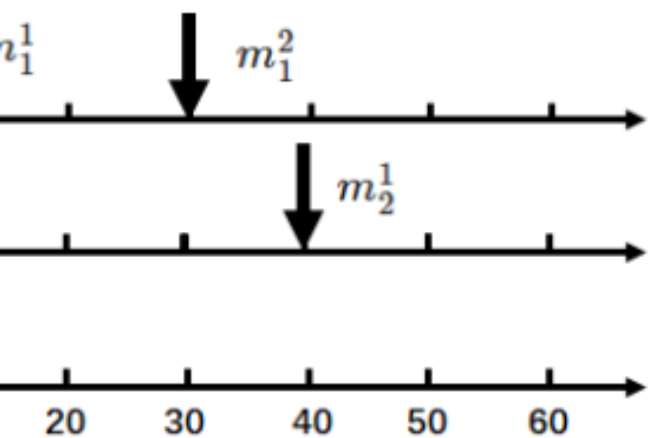
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approximate  
policy

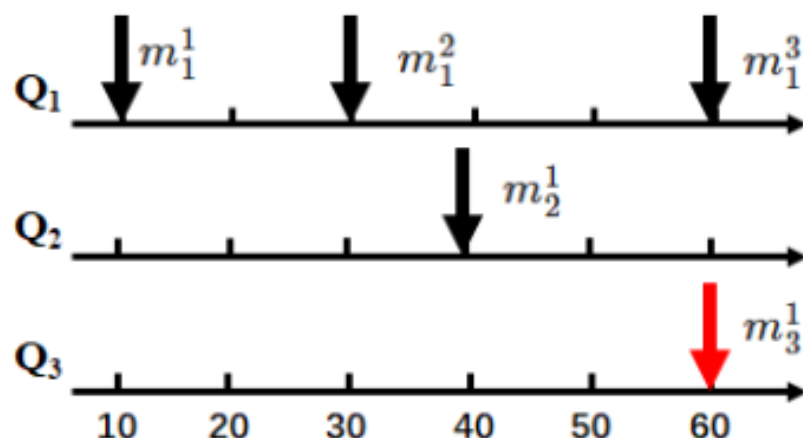
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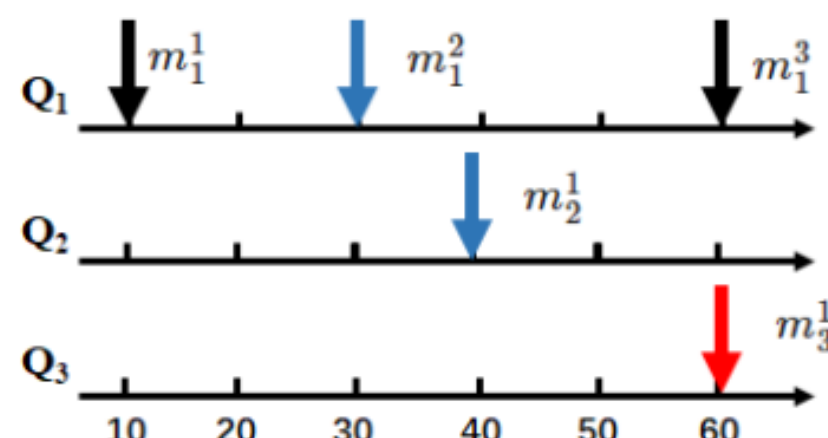
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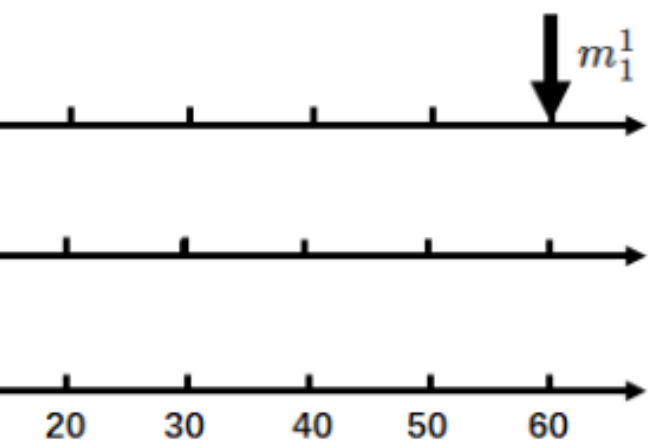
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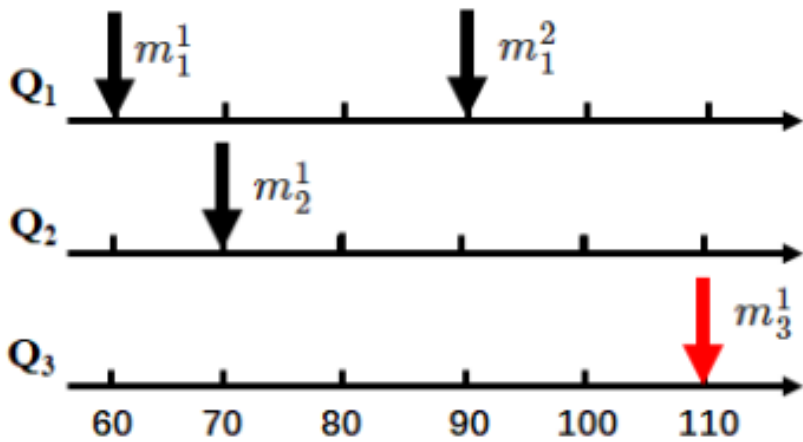
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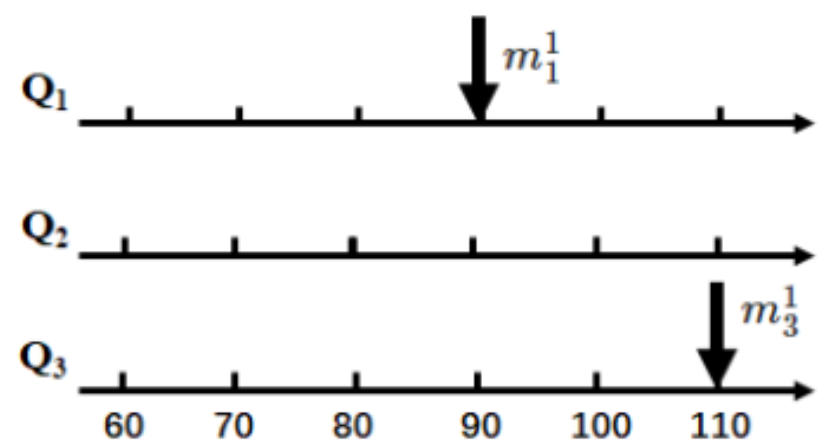
(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)

Fig. 7. An example illustrating the SEAM algorithm.