

## 2IMN20 - Real-Time Systems

# The end-to-end timing analysis (putting all together)



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# Agenda of the topic

- **Event chains (cause-effect chains)**

- Response-time analysis (single-core setup)
- Response-time analysis (distributed setup)

- **Multi-rate task chains**

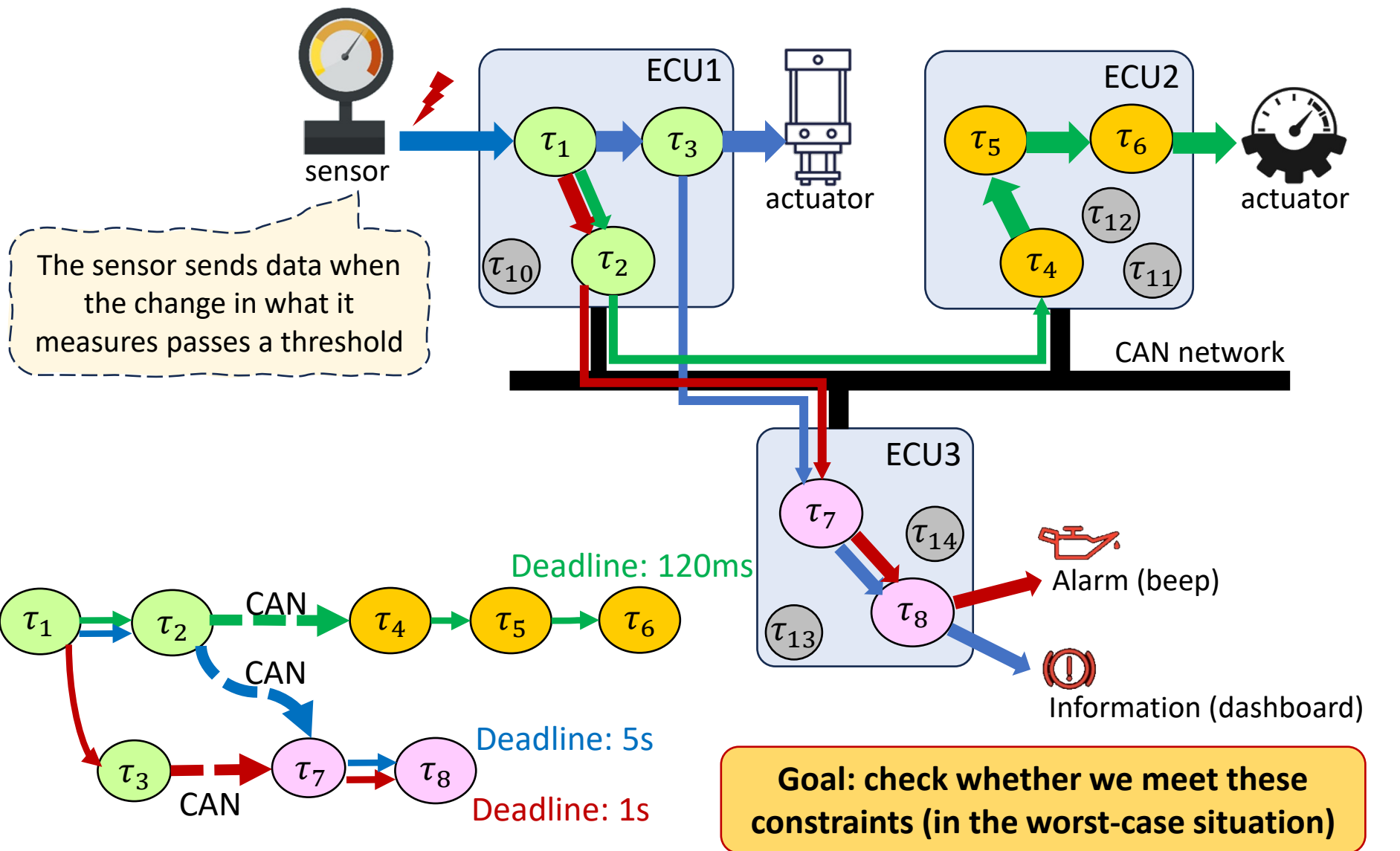
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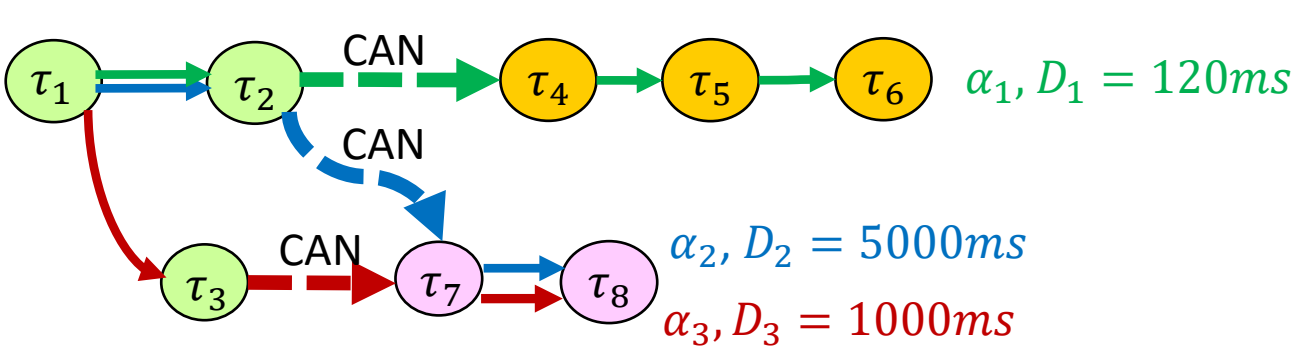
ECU is a computing node in a car

# Event chains: workload model

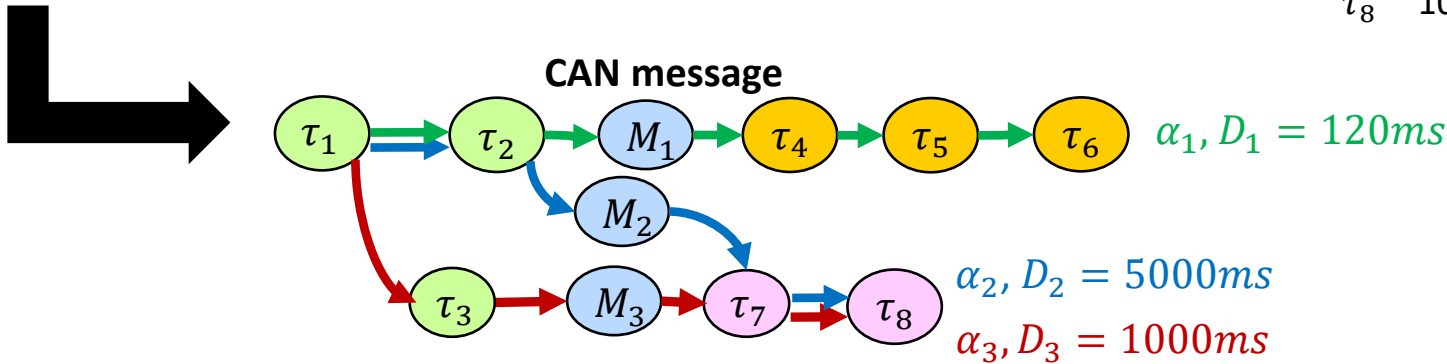
The **task graph** (dependency between task executions) is a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG).

Time-constrained chains are denoted by  $\alpha = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\}$ . Each chain  $\alpha_i$  has a deadline  $D_i$ .

If a task sends a message on the network, we need the priority and transmission time of that message and have to add that to the graph as well.



$\tau_i$	$C_i$	$P_i$
$\tau_1$	5	90
$\tau_2$	10	80
$\tau_3$	3	78
$\tau_4$	10	91
$\tau_5$	20	90
$\tau_6$	5	80
$\tau_7$	10	10
$\tau_8$	100	20



# Event chains: workload model

Task  $\tau_1$  (the root) is activated sporadically with a minimum inter-arrival time  $T$ .

This should be obtained after analyzing how frequently the event can be generated in the worst case.

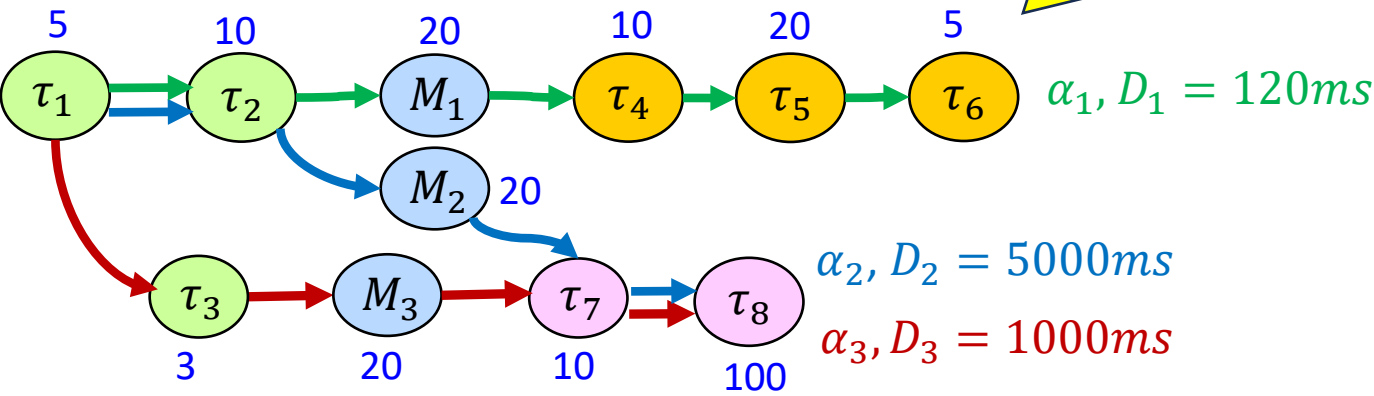
Other tasks are **released** only when their **predecessor** is **completed**. Therefore, they are also sporadic (with the same minimum inter-arrival time  $T$ ), but with a **release jitter**  $\sigma_i$  which **depends on the chain**.

The worst-case execution time (WCET) of each task  $\tau_i$  is denoted by  $C_i$ .

Priority of a task  $\tau_i$  is denoted by  $P_i$  (larger values indicate higher priorities).

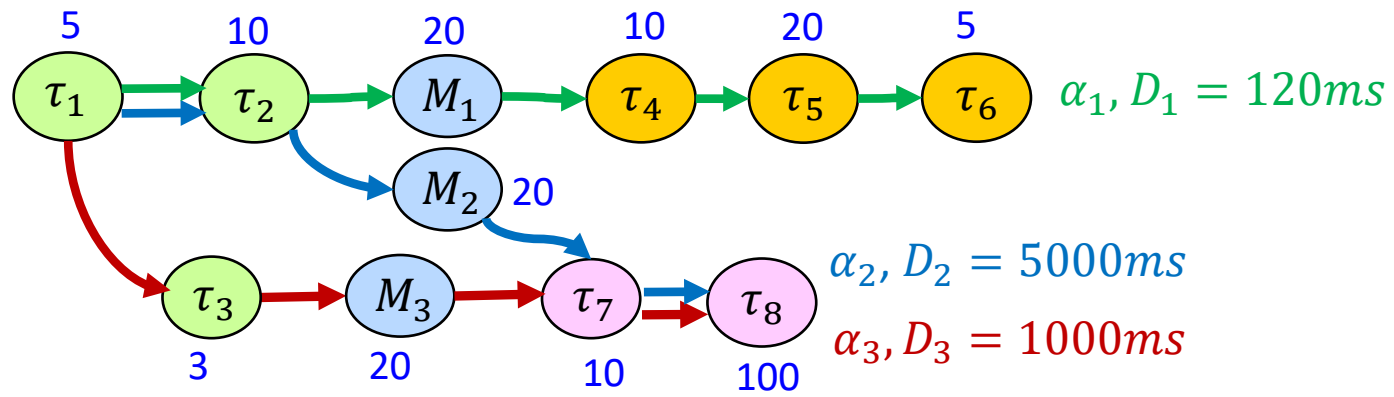
$T = 2000ms$

Do you think will meet our deadlines? Why?



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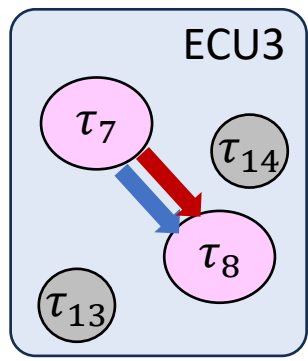
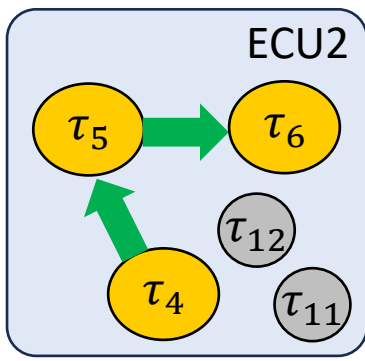
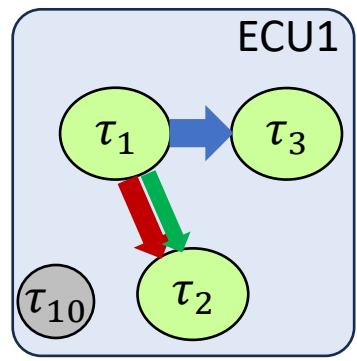
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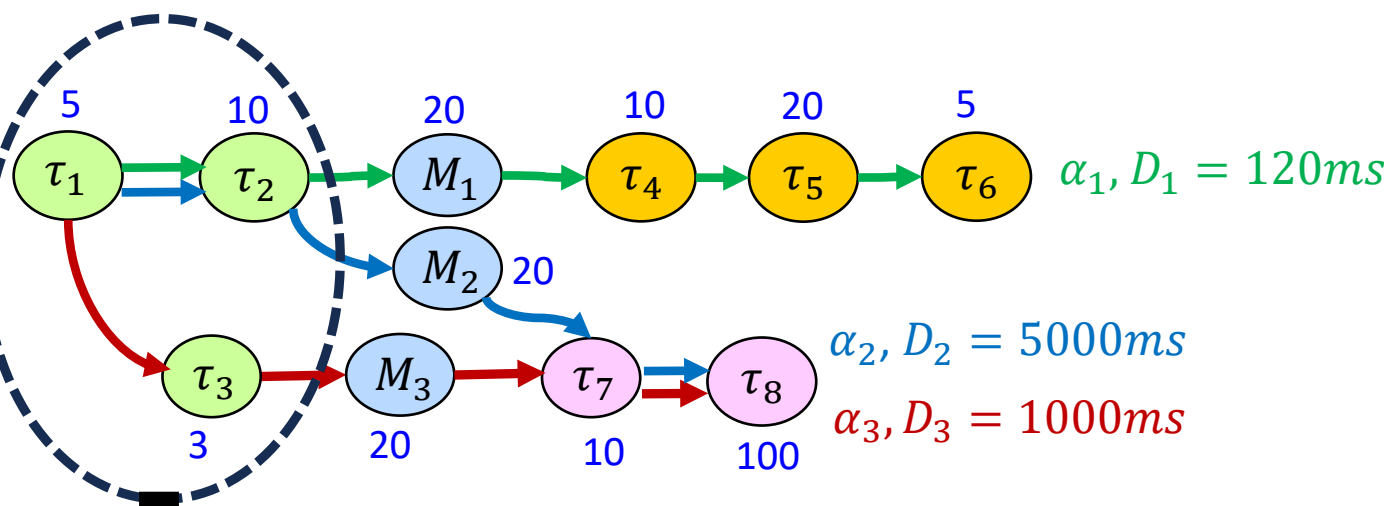
What else do we need before we can find the response-time of each task and each chain?

**Activation pattern** (period or minimum inter-arrival time), **WCET**, and **priority** of all other tasks and other messages on the network!



CAN network

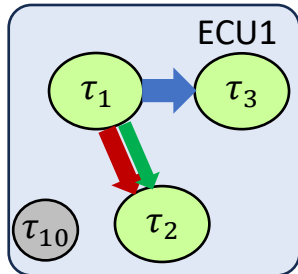
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$M_3$	20	Low
$\tau_{10}$	8	86 ( $T_{10} = 21$ )

## The assumptions

- In each ECU, tasks are scheduled on the same core using partitioned preemptive fixed-priority scheduling
- Assume that  $T$  is larger than the worst-case response time of the longest chain in the event chain.
- Note that there is no precedence constraint between  $\tau_3$  and  $\tau_2$ , but  $P_3 < P_2$ .



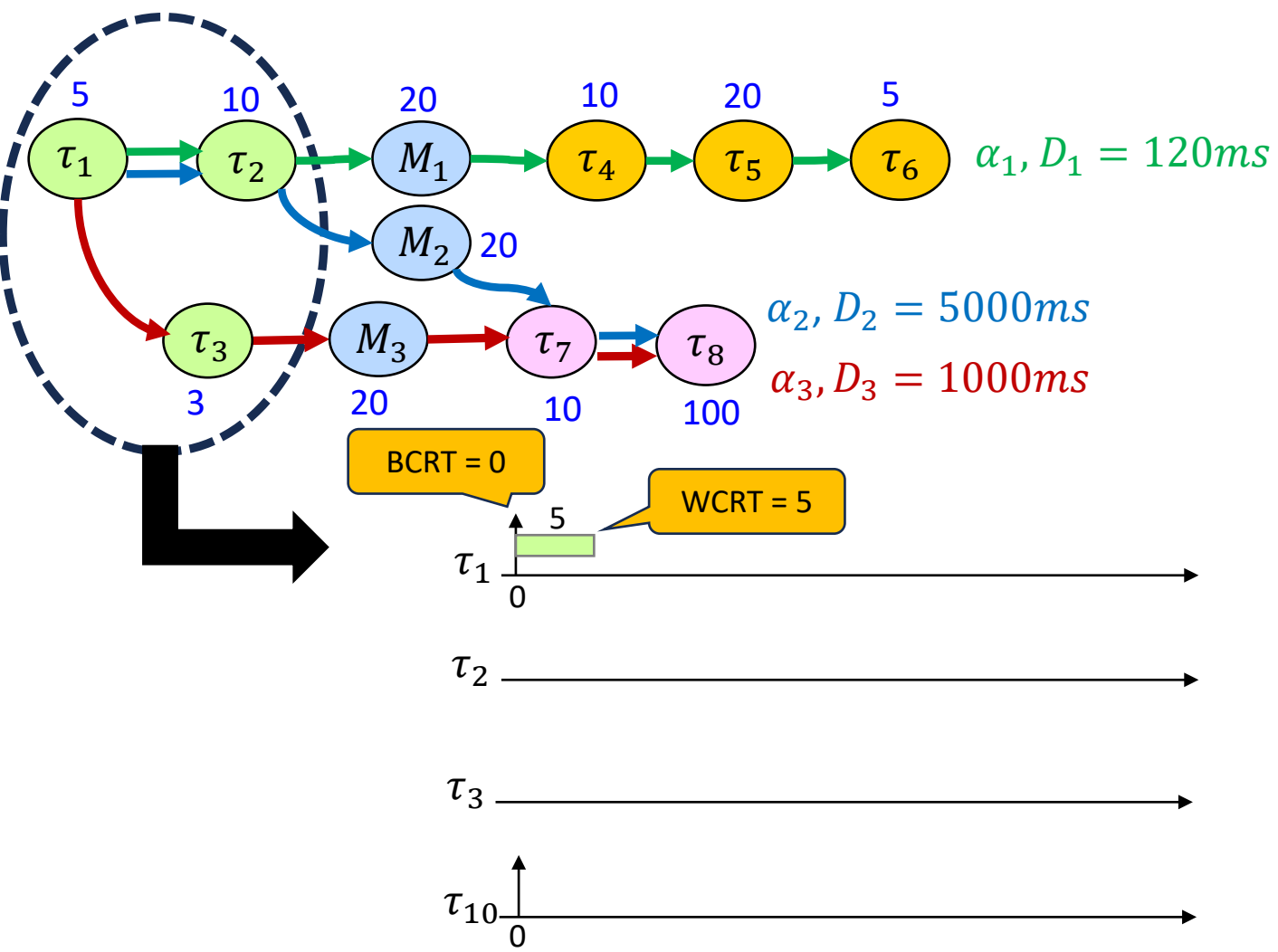
$P_{10} = 86$



# Event chains: A closer look

$\tau_i$	$C_i$	$P_i$	$\sigma_i$
$\tau_1$	5	90	0
$\tau_2$	10	80	5
$\tau_3$	3	78	5
$\tau_{10}$	8	86	$T_{10} = 21$

Assume that the BCET of each task is 0.

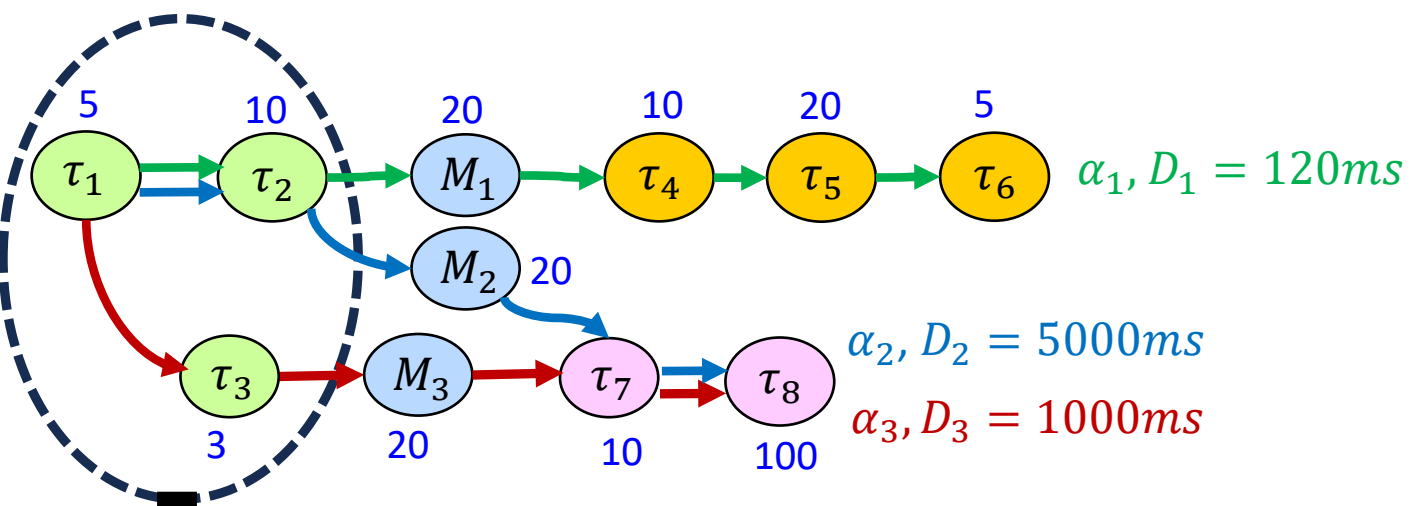


Why can I not just schedule these tasks to see what is the response time?

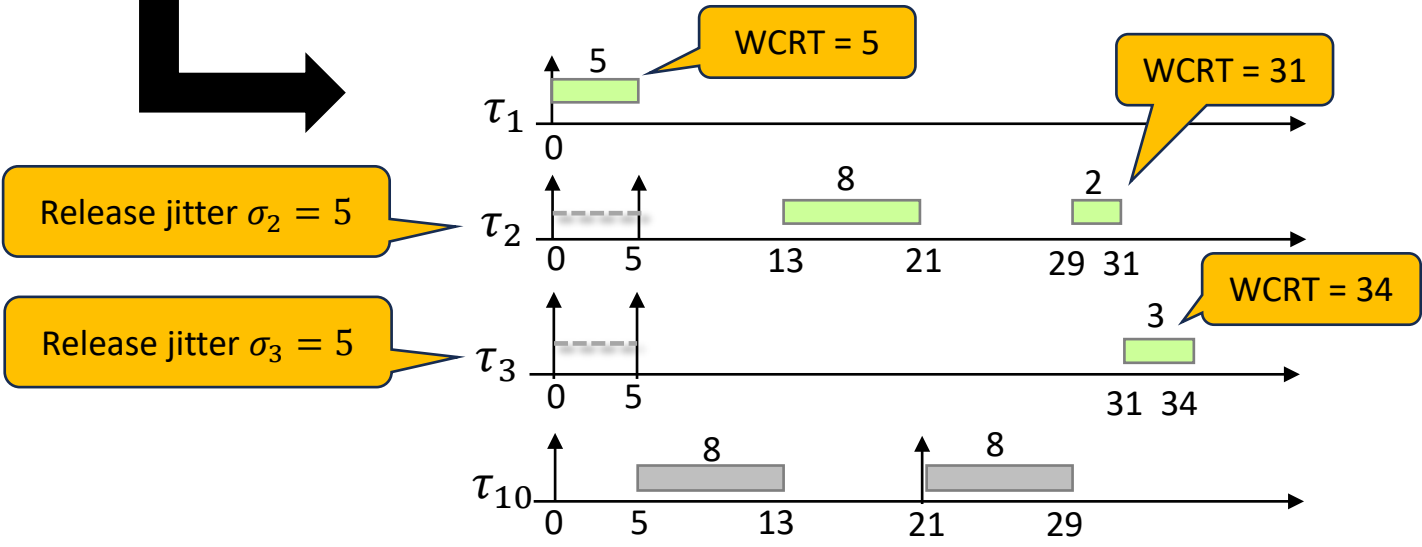
Because the execution time variation of  $\tau_1$  becomes like a release jitter for  $\tau_2$ .

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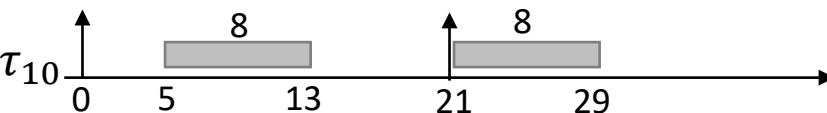
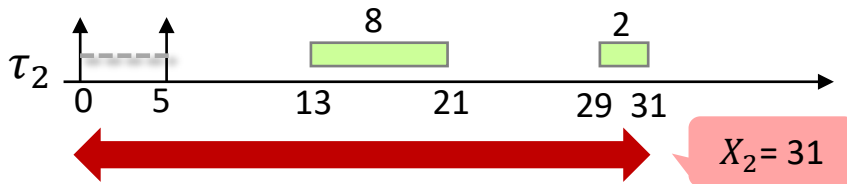
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$\tau_3$  had to wait for  $\tau_2$ , because  $P_3 < P_2$ .

Release jitter of a task  $\tau_i$  in a chain  $\alpha_x$ , is the difference between the best-case and worst-case response time of the task before  $\tau_i$  on the chain  $\alpha_x$

# Event chains: A closer look



$hp(\tau_i)$  is the set of tasks with a higher priority than  $\tau_i$  that are assigned to the same core as  $\tau_i$ .

**Worst-case response-time (WCRT)** of task  $\tau_i$  under FP scheduling is

$$R_i = \sigma_i + X_i$$

where  $X_i$  is the **worst-case delay of the task** (when it is interfered the most by other tasks on the same core):

$$X_i^{(0)} = C_i$$

$$X_i^{(k)} = C_i + \sum_{j \in hp(\tau_i)} \left\lceil \frac{X_i^{(k-1)} + \sigma_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \cdot C_j$$

Stop if  $X_i^{(k)} = X_i^{(k-1)}$ .

$X_i$  is the final answer of the above fixed-point iteration.

# Event chains: A closer look

$$X_2^{(0)} = 10$$

$$X_2^{(1)} = 10 + \sum_{j \in hp(\tau_2) = \{\tau_1, \tau_{10}\}} \left\lceil \frac{X_2^{(0)} + \sigma_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \cdot C_j$$

$$= 10 + \left\lceil \frac{10+0}{2000} \right\rceil \cdot 5 + \left\lceil \frac{10+0}{21} \right\rceil \cdot 8 = 23$$

$$X_2^{(2)} = 10 + \left\lceil \frac{23+0}{2000} \right\rceil \cdot 5 + \left\lceil \frac{23+0}{21} \right\rceil \cdot 8 = 31$$

$$X_2^{(3)} = 10 + \left\lceil \frac{31+0}{2000} \right\rceil \cdot 5 + \left\lceil \frac{31+0}{21} \right\rceil \cdot 8 = 31$$

$$X_2 = 31$$

$\tau_i$	$C_i$	$P_i$	$\sigma_i$	period
$\tau_1$	5	90	0	2000
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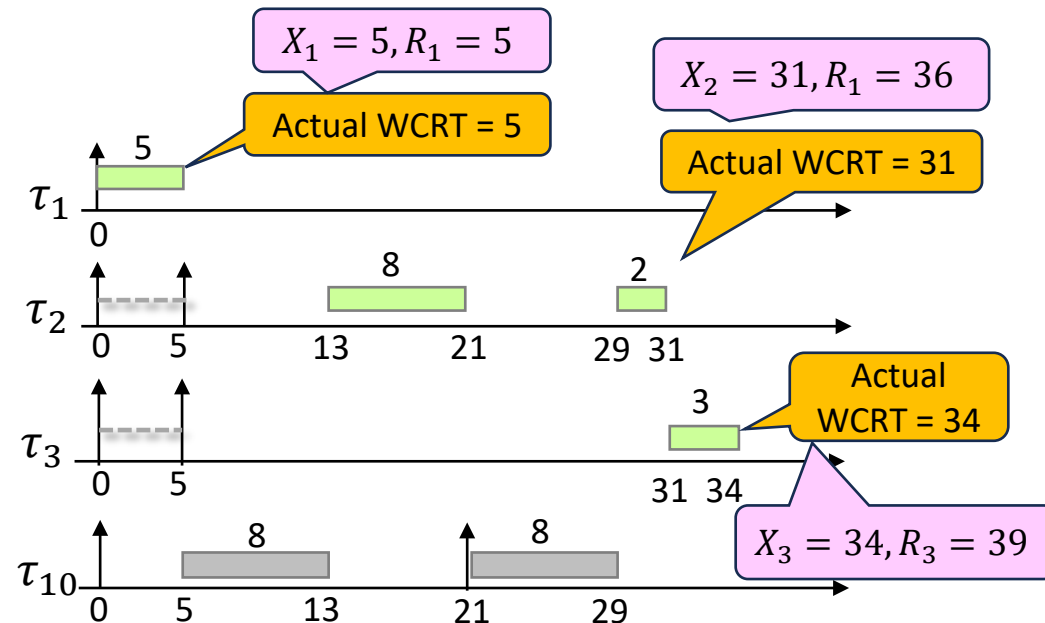
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# Event chains: A closer look + a note

**Note: these equations are pessimistic.  
The analysis is sufficient but not exact.**

Because it accounts for the interference by the higher-priority **predecessors** and **successors** of a task more than once.



$$R_i = \sigma_i + X_i$$

$$X_i^{(0)} = C_i$$

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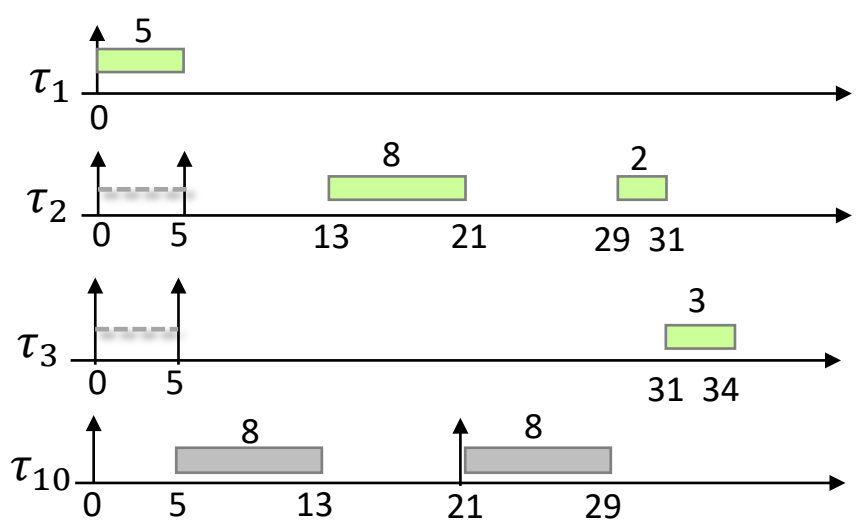
$hp(\tau_i)$  is the set of tasks with a higher priority than  $\tau_i$  that are assigned to the same core as  $\tau_i$ .

There are some recent more accurate analyses in the state of the art, but they are very complex, so we omitted them in the course

# Event chains: A closer look + a note

What happens if we do not include the high-priority predecessors of  $\tau_i$  in  $hp(\tau_i)$ ?

$\tau_i$	$C_i$	$P_i$	$\sigma_i$	period
$\tau_1$	5	90	0	2000
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$\tau_3$	3	78	5	2000
$\tau_{10}$	8	86	0	21



$$R_i = \sigma_i + X_i$$

$$X_i^{(0)} = C_i$$

$$X_i^{(k)} = C_i + \sum_{j \in hp(\tau_i)} \left\lceil \frac{X_i^{(k-1)} + \sigma_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \cdot C_j$$

$$X_2^{(0)} = 10$$

$$X_2^{(1)} = 10 + \sum_{j \in hp(\tau_2) = \{\tau_{10}\}} \left\lceil \frac{X_2^{(0)} + \sigma_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \cdot C_j$$

$$= 10 + \left\lceil \frac{10+0}{21} \right\rceil \cdot 8 = 18$$

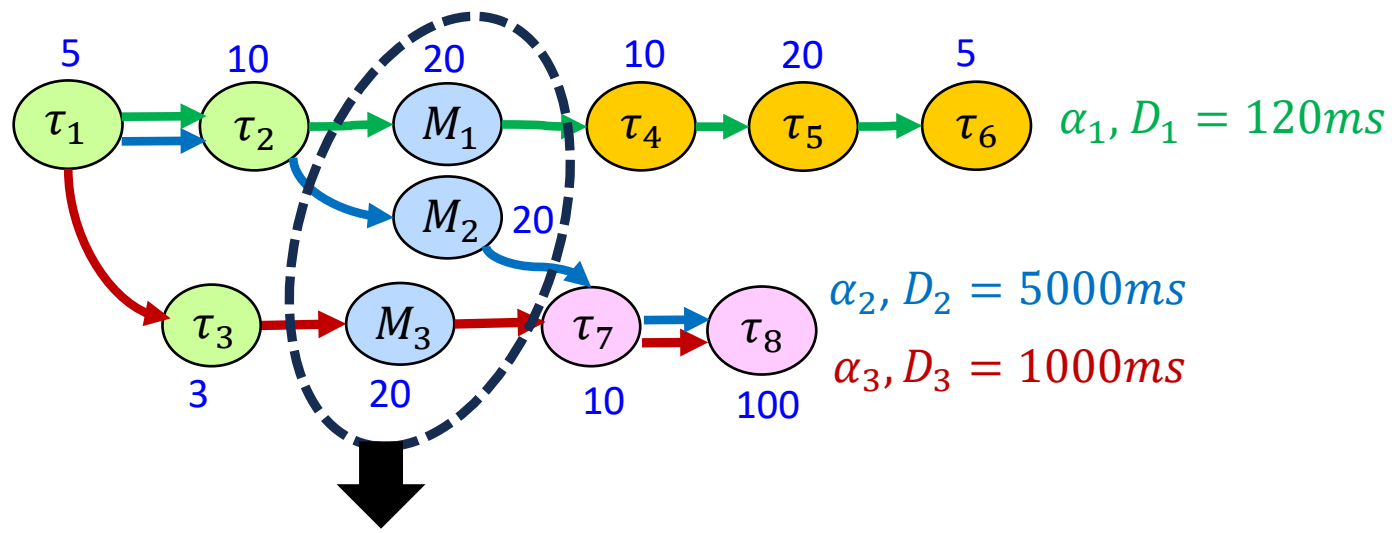
$$X_2^{(2)} = 10 + \left\lceil \frac{18+0}{21} \right\rceil \cdot 8 = 18$$

$$X_2 = 18$$

$$R_2 = 18 + 5 = 23$$

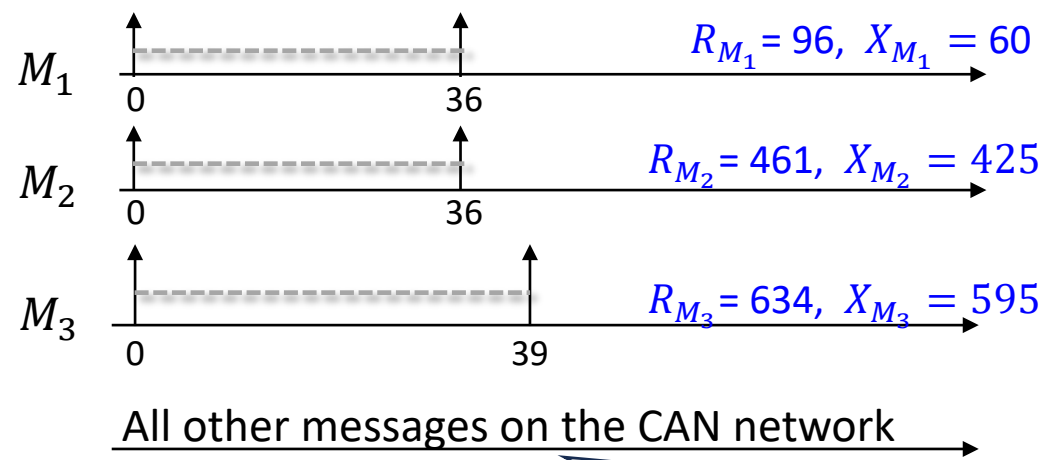
Definitely wrong because the worst-case response-time of  $\tau_2$  can be 31!

# Event chains: A closer look



$\tau_i$	$C_i$	$P_i$	$\sigma_i$
$M_1$	20	High	31
$M_2$	20	Medium	31
$M_3$	20	Low	34

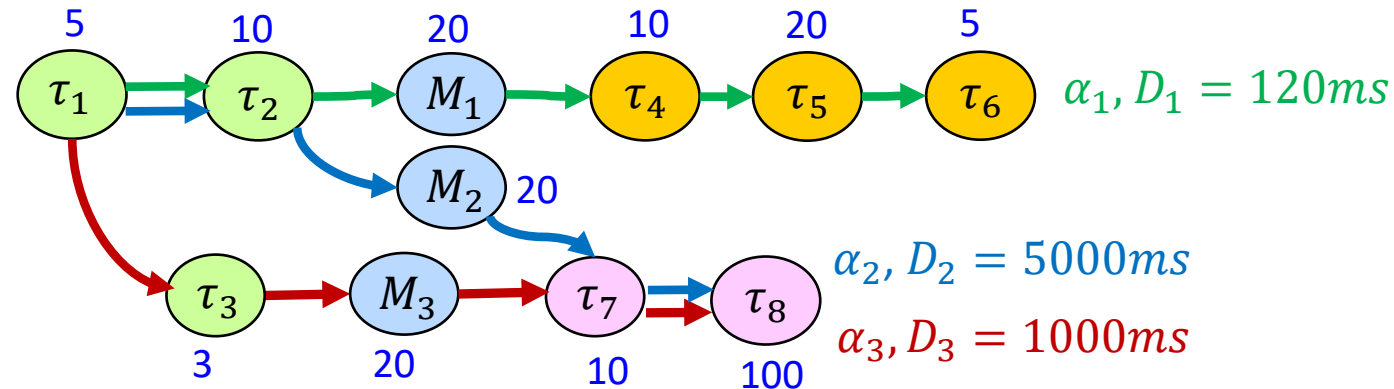
$\tau_i$	$R_i$
$\tau_1$	5
$\tau_2$	36
$\tau_3$	39



Use the worst-case response-time equations for the CAN.  
  
(don't forget to include **release jitter** and the **blocking factor** in the equations)

Note that priority of messages in a chain might be lower than some other messages not in the chain.

# Event chains: A closer look

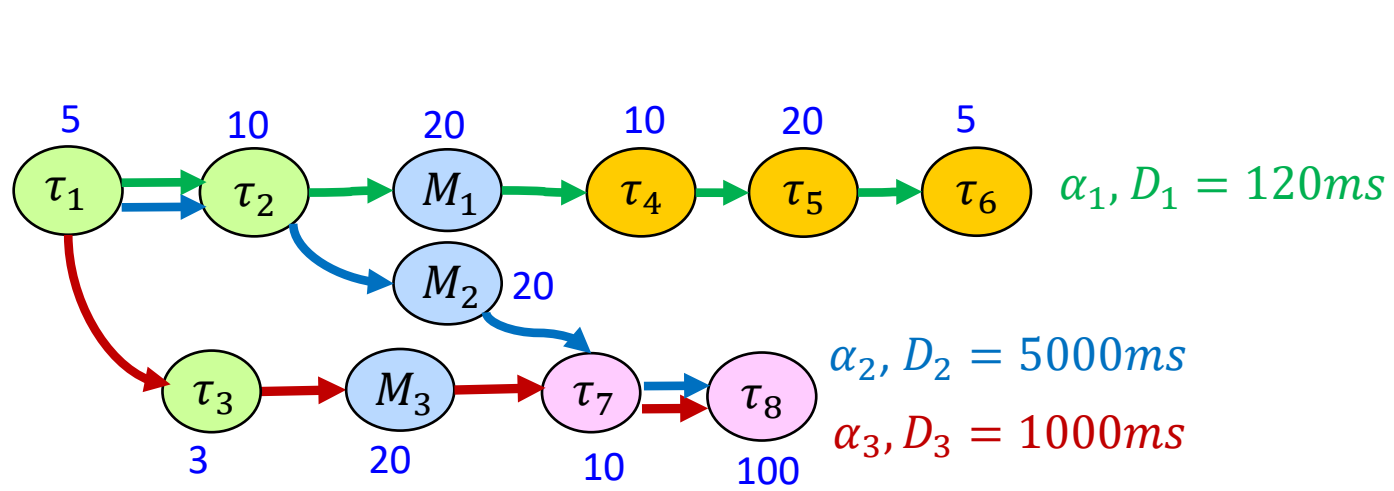


**Worst-case response time** of a chain  $\alpha_i$  is

$$WCRT(\alpha_i) = \sigma_i + \sum_{\tau_j \text{ is the } j^{th} \text{ task of } \alpha_i} X_j$$



# Event chains: A closer look



$\tau_i$	$R_i$	$X_i$
$\tau_1$	5	5
$\tau_2$	36	31
$\tau_3$	39	34
$M_1$	96	60
$M_2$	461	425
$M_3$	634	595
$\tau_4$	106	10
$\tau_5$	126	30
$\tau_6$	131	35
$\tau_7(\alpha_2)$	479	18
$\tau_8(\alpha_2)$	619	140
$\tau_7(\alpha_3)$	652	18
$\tau_8(\alpha_3)$	792	140

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$$WCRT(\alpha_1) = 0 + 5 + 31 + 60 + 10 + 30 + 35 = 171$$

$$WCRT(\alpha_2) = 0 + 5 + 31 + 425 + 18 + 140 = 619$$

$$WCRT(\alpha_3) = 0 + 5 + 34 + 595 + 18 + 140 = 792$$

**Deadline miss**

# Event chains: more details (check out at home)

$$X_4^{(0)} = 10$$

$$X_4^{(1)} = 10 + \sum_{j \in hp(\tau_4) = \{\}} \left\lceil \frac{X_4^{(0)} + \sigma_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \cdot C_j$$

$$= 10$$

$$X_4 = 10$$

$$R_4 = 96 + 10 = 106 \rightarrow \sigma_5 = 106$$

$$X_5^{(0)} = 20$$

$$X_4^{(1)} = 20 + \sum_{j \in hp(\tau_5) = \{\tau_4\}} \left\lceil \frac{X_5^{(0)} + \sigma_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \cdot C_j$$

$$= 20 + \left\lceil \frac{20 + 96}{2000} \right\rceil \cdot 10 = 30$$

$$X_5^{(2)} = 20 + \left\lceil \frac{30 + 96}{2000} \right\rceil \cdot 10 = 30$$

$$X_5 = 30$$

$$R_5 = 106 + 30 = 136 \rightarrow \sigma_6 = 136$$

$\tau_i$	$C_i$	$P_i$	$\sigma_i$	period
$\tau_4$	10	91	96	2000
$\tau_5$	20	90	106	2000
$\tau_6$	5	80	136	2000
$\tau_{11}$	100	10	0	500
$\tau_{12}$	12	8	0	30

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$$X_6^{(0)} = 5$$

$$X_6^{(1)} = 5 + \sum_{j \in hp(\tau_6) = \{\tau_4, \tau_5\}} \left\lceil \frac{X_6^{(0)} + \sigma_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \cdot C_j$$

$$= 5 + \left\lceil \frac{5 + 96}{2000} \right\rceil \cdot 10 + \left\lceil \frac{5 + 106}{2000} \right\rceil \cdot 20 = 35$$

$$X_5^{(2)} = 20 + \left\lceil \frac{35 + 96}{2000} \right\rceil \cdot 10 + \left\lceil \frac{35 + 106}{2000} \right\rceil \cdot 20 = 35$$

$$X_5 = 35$$

$$R_5 = 136 + 35 = 171$$

# Event chains: more details (check out at home)

$$X_7^{(0)} = 10$$

$$X_7^{(1)} = 10 + \sum_{j \in hp(\tau_7) = \{\tau_{14}\}} \left\lceil \frac{X_7^{(0)} + \sigma_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \cdot C_j$$

$$= 10 + \left\lceil \frac{10}{50} \right\rceil \cdot 8 = 18$$

$$X_7^{(2)} = 10 + \left\lceil \frac{18}{50} \right\rceil \cdot 8 = 18$$

$$X_7 = 18$$

$$R_7 = 18 + 461 = 479 \rightarrow \sigma_8 = 479$$

$$X_8^{(0)} = 100$$

$$X_8^{(1)} = 100 + \sum_{j \in hp(\tau_8) = \{\tau_7, \tau_{13}, \tau_{14}\}} \left\lceil \frac{X_i^{(k-1)} + \sigma_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \cdot C_j$$

$$= 100 + \left\lceil \frac{10+461}{2000} \right\rceil \cdot 10 + \left\lceil \frac{10}{200} \right\rceil \cdot 6 + \left\lceil \frac{10}{50} \right\rceil \cdot 8 = 124$$

$$X_8^{(2)} = 100 + \left\lceil \frac{124 + 461}{2000} \right\rceil 10 + \left\lceil \frac{124}{200} \right\rceil 6 + \left\lceil \frac{124}{50} \right\rceil 8 = 140$$

$$X_8^{(3)} = 100 + \left\lceil \frac{140 + 461}{2000} \right\rceil 10 + \left\lceil \frac{140}{200} \right\rceil 6 + \left\lceil \frac{140}{50} \right\rceil 8 = 140$$

$$X_8 = 140$$

$$R_8 = 479 + 140 = 619$$

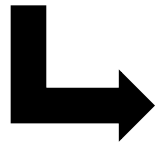
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$\tau_7$	10	20	461	2000
$\tau_8$	100	10		2000
$\tau_{13}$	6	15	0	200
$\tau_{14}$	8	30	0	50

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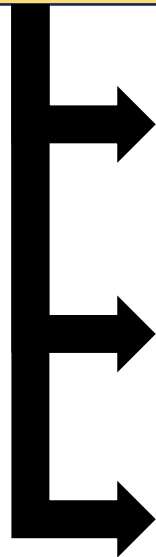
# Summary of the response-time analysis of event chains

Obtain the workload model. It includes **arrival pattern, execution time, and priority** of **every task or message in the system** that runs on the **same ECU or network**.

For each chain  $\alpha_x$



Obtain the BCRT and WCRT and the best-case and worst-case delay of the tasks on the chain in the order they appear in the chain.



The difference between the BCRT and WCRT of the  $i^{th}$  task in the chain is the **release jitter** of the  $(i + 1)^{th}$  task in the chain.

Tasks may have different release jitter when considering different chains. It may change their final response time.

When using response-time equations, don't forget to **consider all higher-priority tasks on the same core** (and **do not include** those that are not on the same core)

# Agenda of the topic

## Part a: end-to-end timing analysis

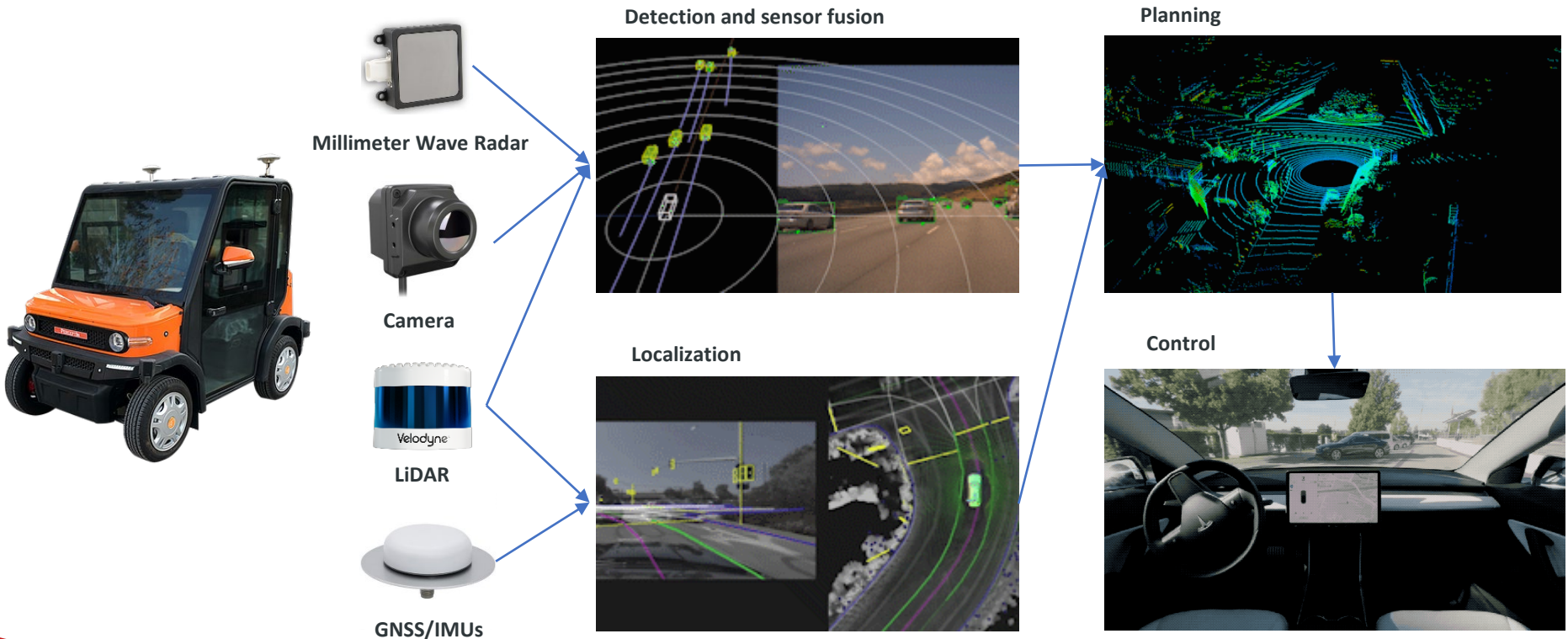
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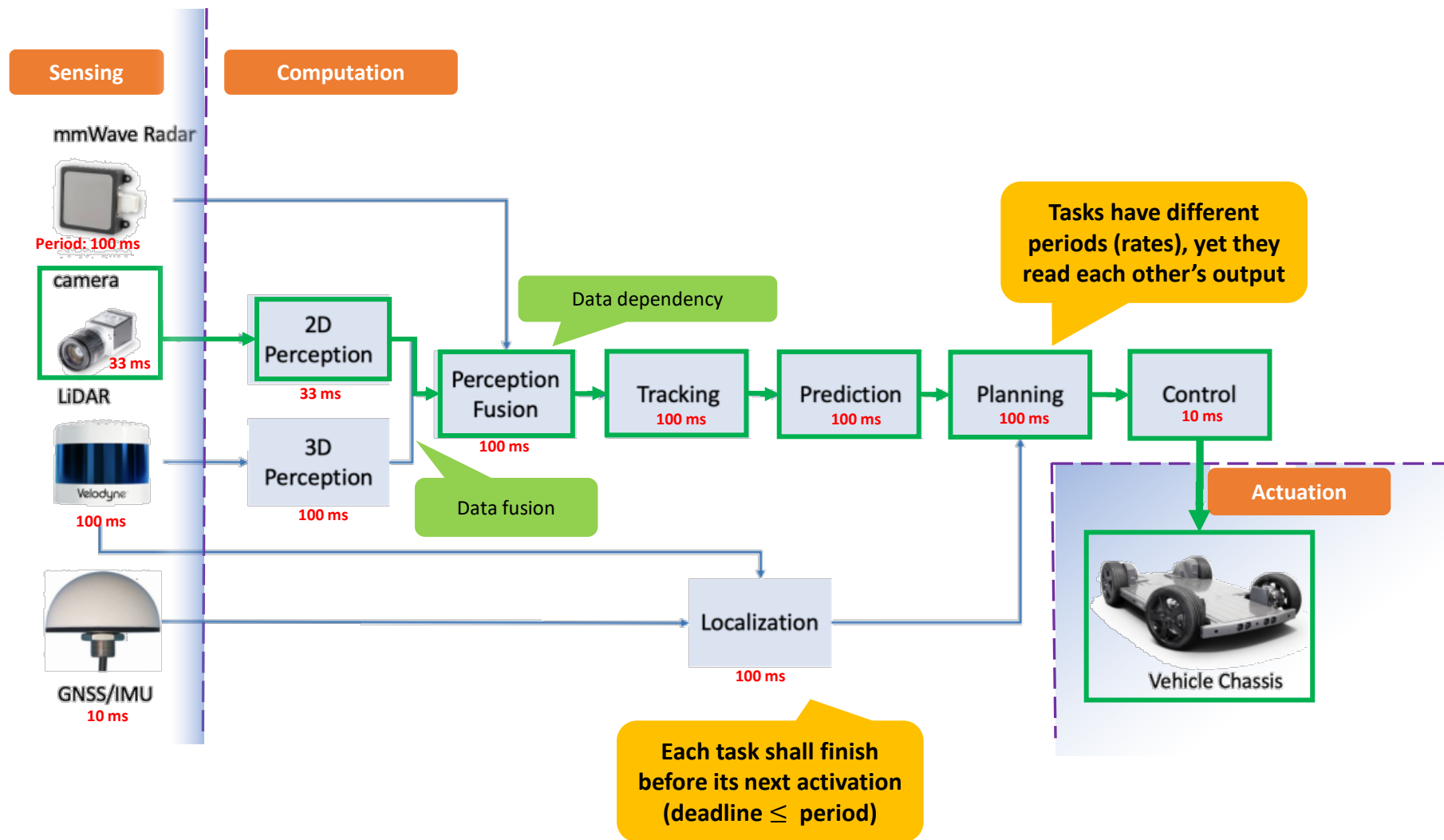
### 2. Multi-rate task graphs

- Common end-to-end timing constraints
- Analyzing end-to-end response-time

# Time-triggered task chains (multi-rate periodic tasks)

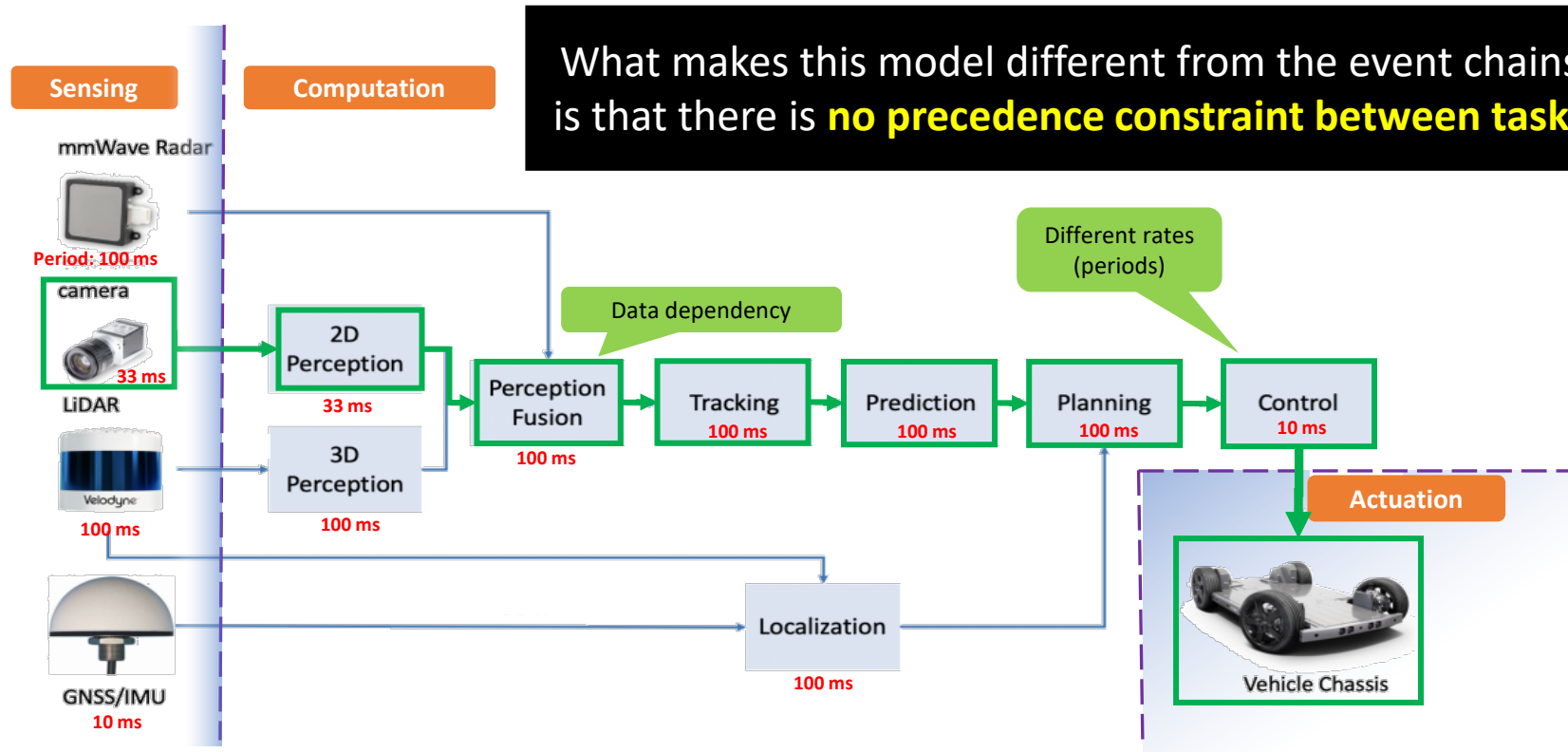


# Data-dependent multi-rate tasks



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# Multi-rate task chain



## Task chain:

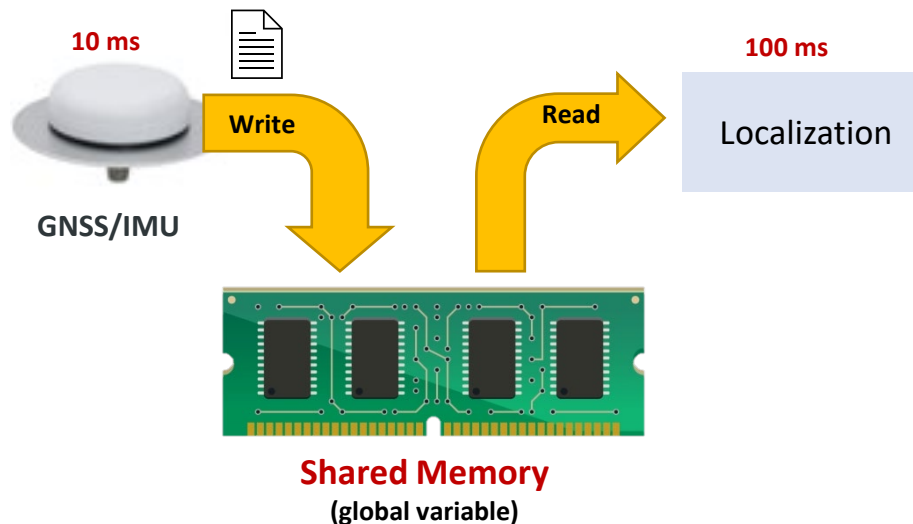
A sequence of tasks in which every two consecutive tasks are data-dependent.

- Often from sensing to actuation
- Often contains tasks that together fulfill **a certain functionality**
- **Does not force** the **data-producer** to execute before **data-consumer**



# Multi-rate task chain

- Tasks are executed **independently** and **produce their output at their own rate**
- **Data consumer tasks** use the **most recent data** produced by their predecessor task (**data producer**)
- Examples: **publisher-subscriber model in ROS [1]**, **read-execute-write in AUTOSAR [2]**
- Provide flexibility in terms of system design, scheduling, and sharing of information [3]

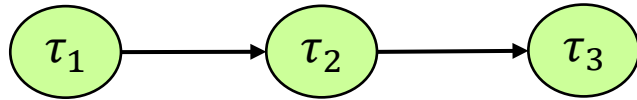


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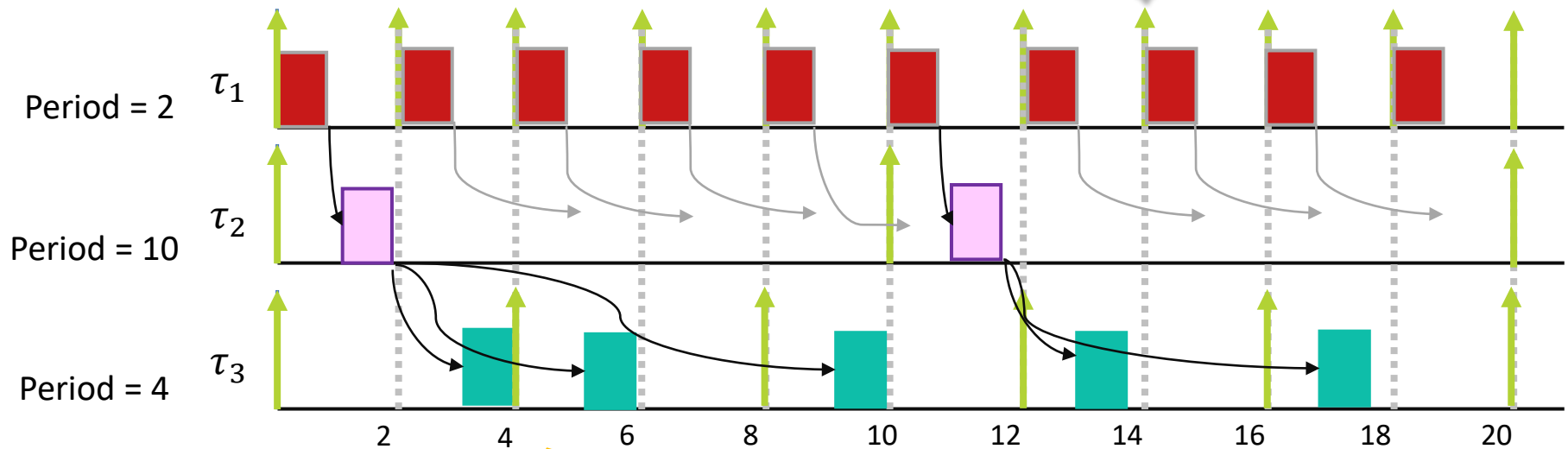
[2] AUTOSAR - specification of timing extensions. <https://www.autosar.org/>

[3] H. Choi, M. Karimi and H. Kim, "Chain-Based Fixed-Priority Scheduling of Loosely-Dependent Tasks," In International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD), 2020.

# Multi-rate task graphs



**Oversampling happens  
if  $T_1 < T_2$ .**

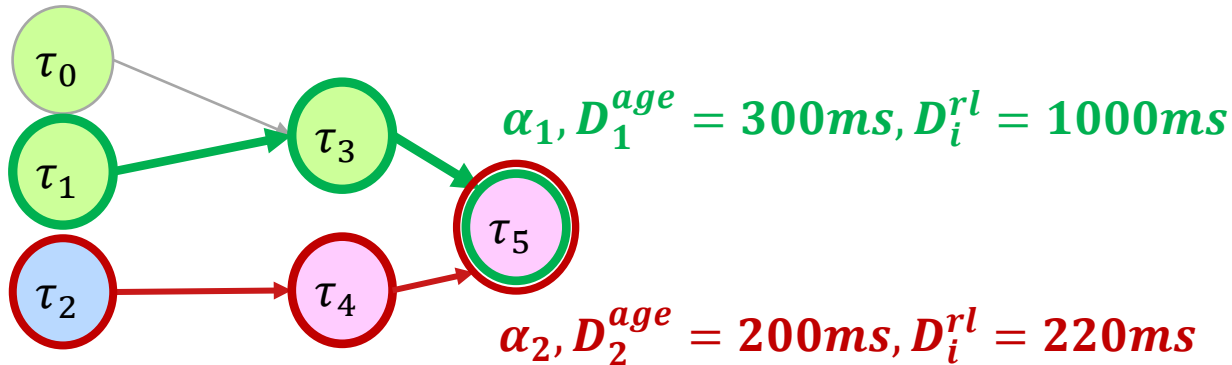


**Under-sampling  
happens if  $T_2 > T_3$ .**

$T_i$  is the period of task  $\tau_i$

# Assumptions

## Workload model: task graph



- Tasks are periodic without release jitter.
- ECUs (computing nodes) are synchronized.
- There is no enforcement of precedence constraint.
- BCET and WCET of the tasks are known.
- Tasks are partitioned on different cores.
- Scheduling policy is preemptive fixed-priority scheduling.
- For each chain  $\alpha_i$ , the maximum tolerable **data age** is given by  $D_i^{age}$ , and maximum tolerable **reaction latency** is given by  $D_i^{rl}$ .
- Some data might need to be shared on the network. In that case, they are sent via periodic messages (same period as the data producer) on the network.

# Types of end-to-end latency constraints

**Data age**

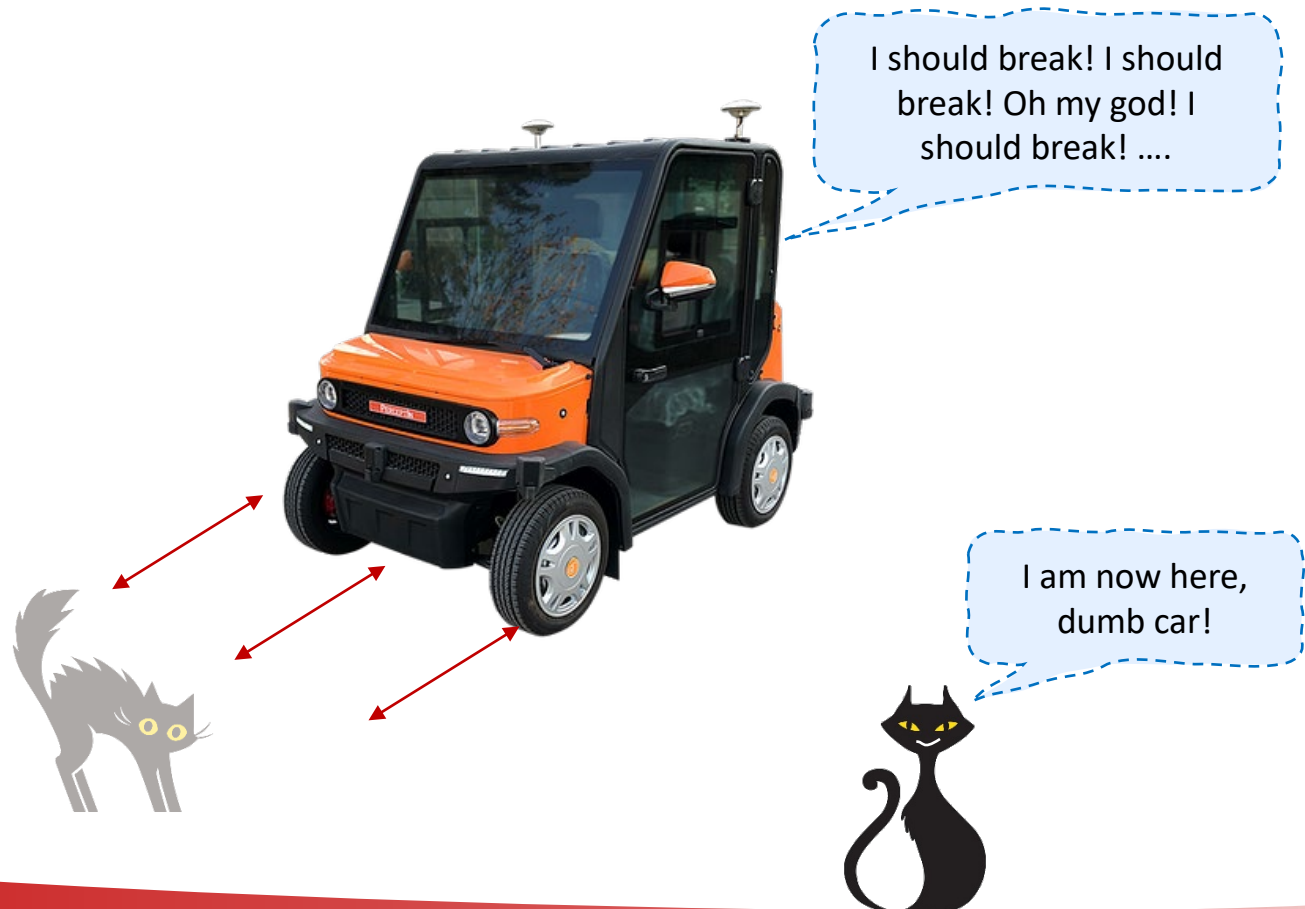
**Reaction latency**



# Data age (data freshness)

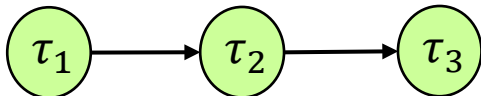
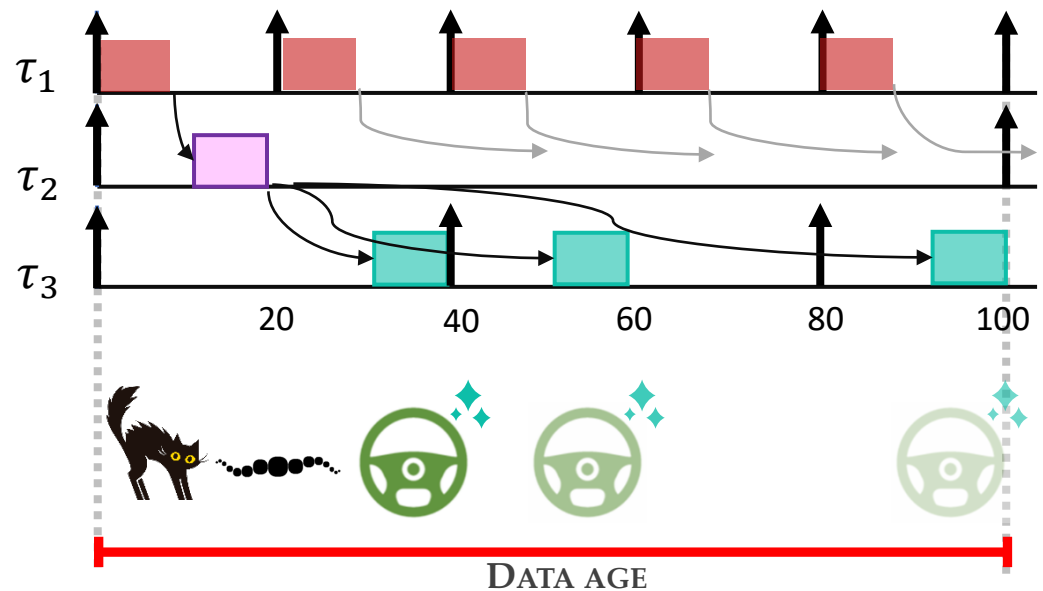
We want data age to be small.

**Data age** is the maximum amount of time during which an **[old] input data** still affects the output of the system.



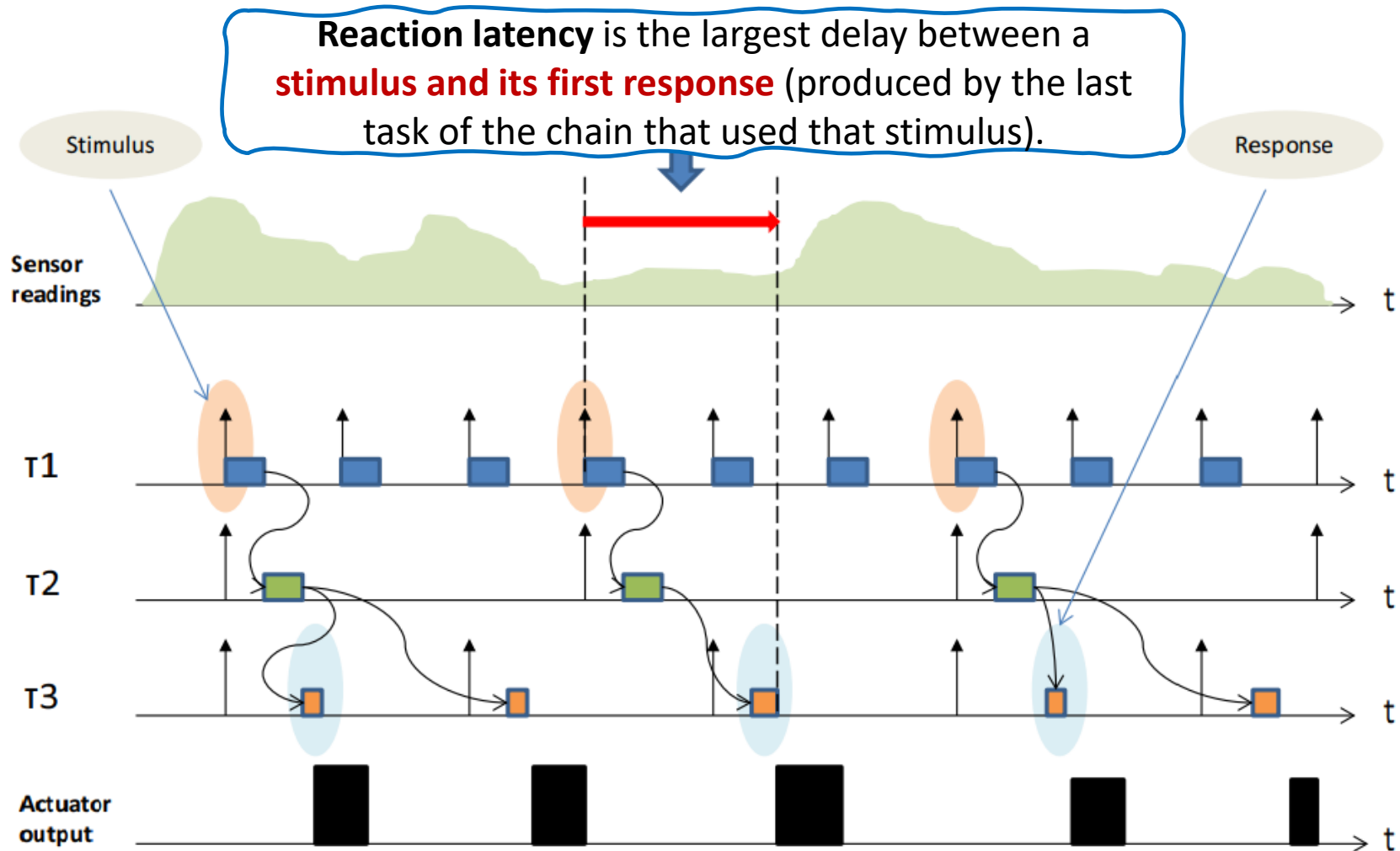
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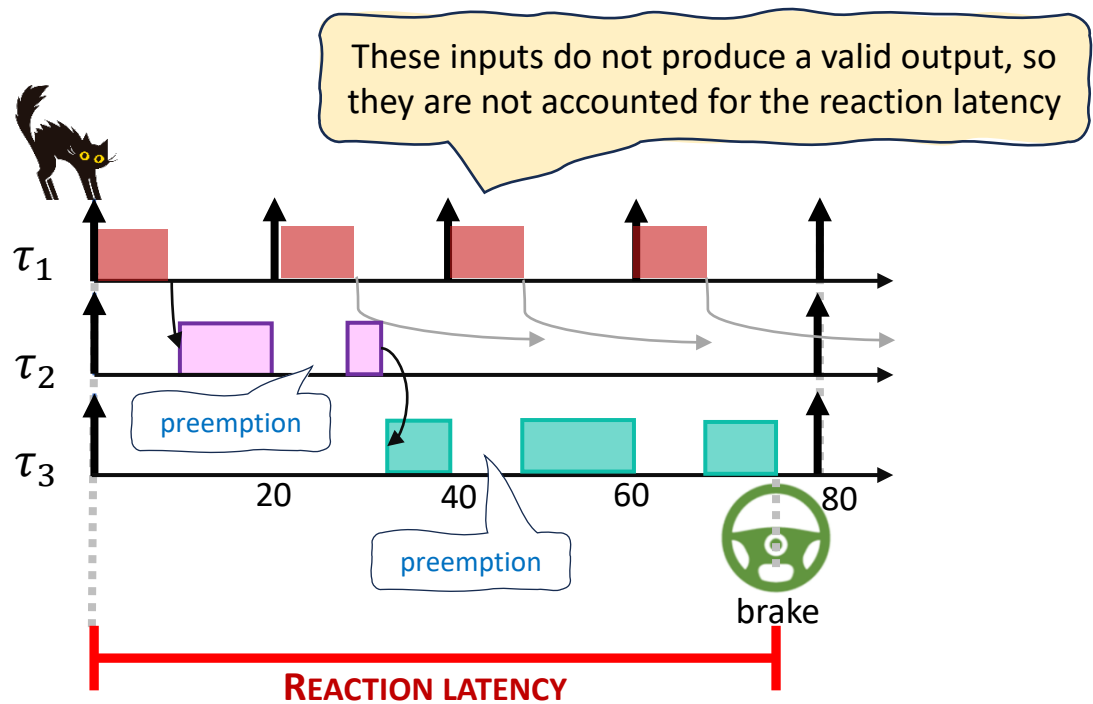
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# Reaction latency

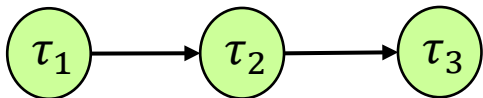


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# Reaction latency: an example



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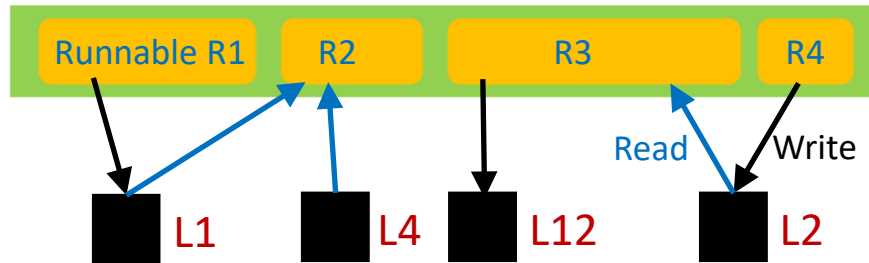




# When to read or write?

Let's have a look at AUTOSAR (a standard widely used in automotive)

## Task



- Runnables are the smallest executable units.
- They are grouped into tasks.

Runnables communicate with each other via reading or writing on “labels”

Each label contains a certain type of data, for example, car speed, engine's angle, amount of fuel in the tank, ...

Real world automotive benchmark for free (2015)

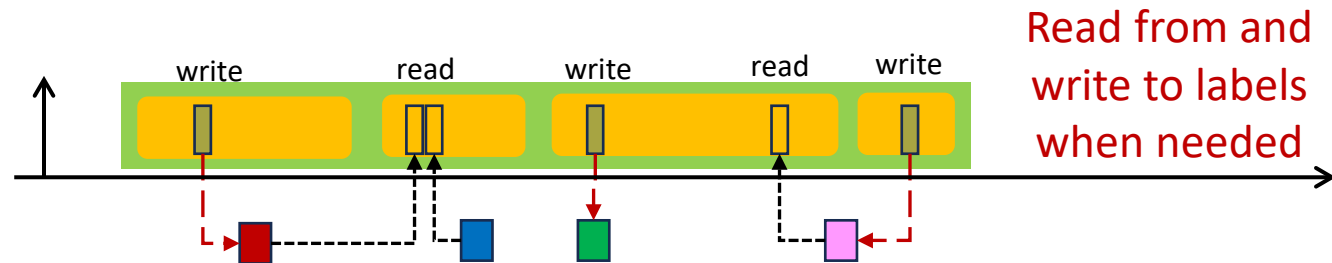
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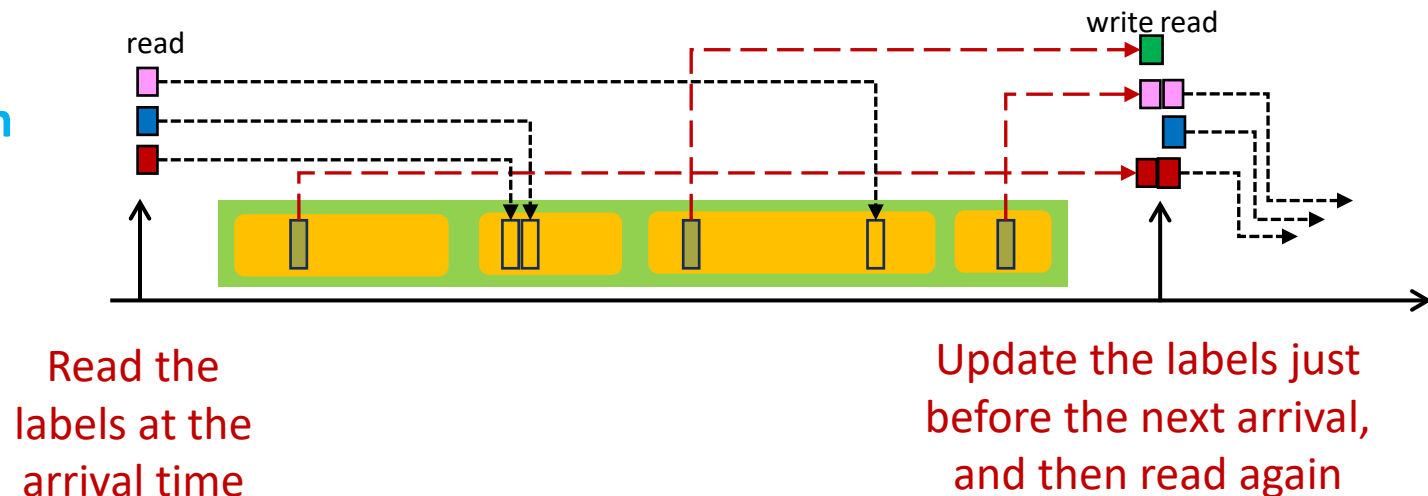
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# When to read or write?

Explicit access  
model



Logical Execution  
Time (LET)  
a.k.a. implicit  
access model



Implicit model has no I/O jitter and has a fixed sampling delay, so it facilitates design of control systems.

Deriving the bound on the blocking time caused by accessing shared resources is simpler in the implicit model.

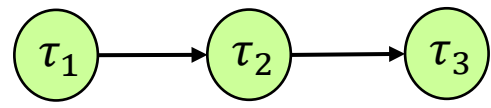
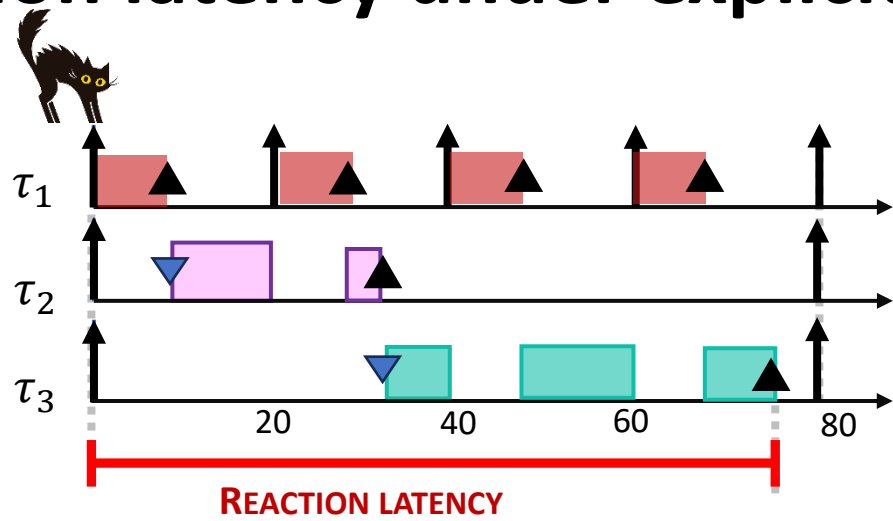
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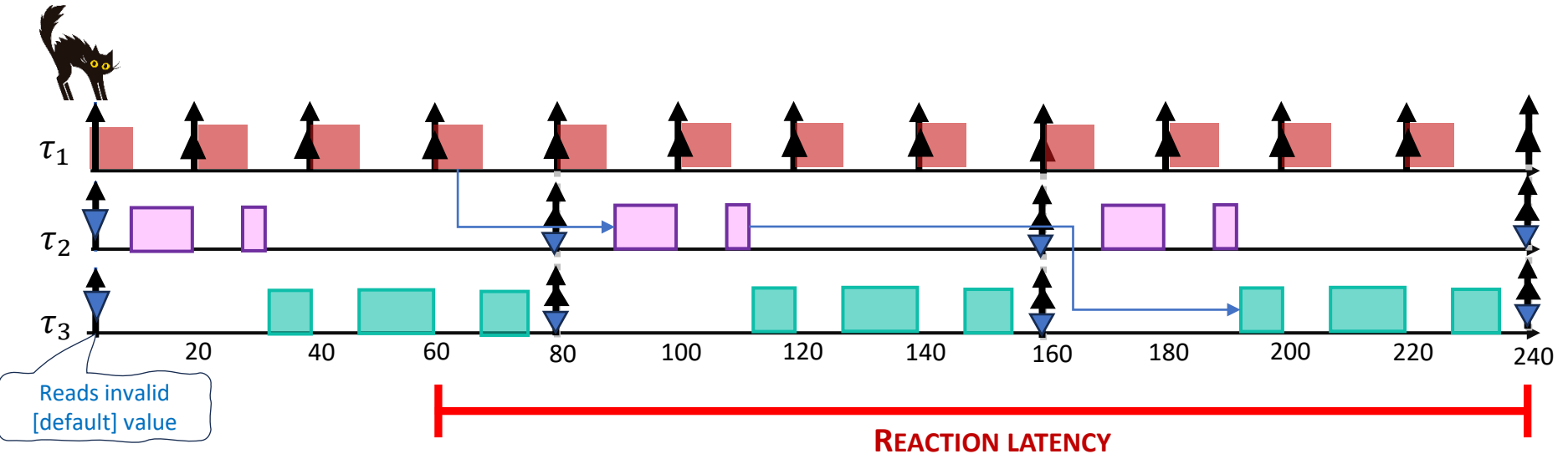
# Reaction latency under explicit and LET models

## Explicit



- + Implicit communication model is more predictable, has less jitter, is easier to analyze
- Implicit model imposes long reaction latency (and data age)

## LET



Reads invalid [default] value

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▼ read

# Simplifying assumption

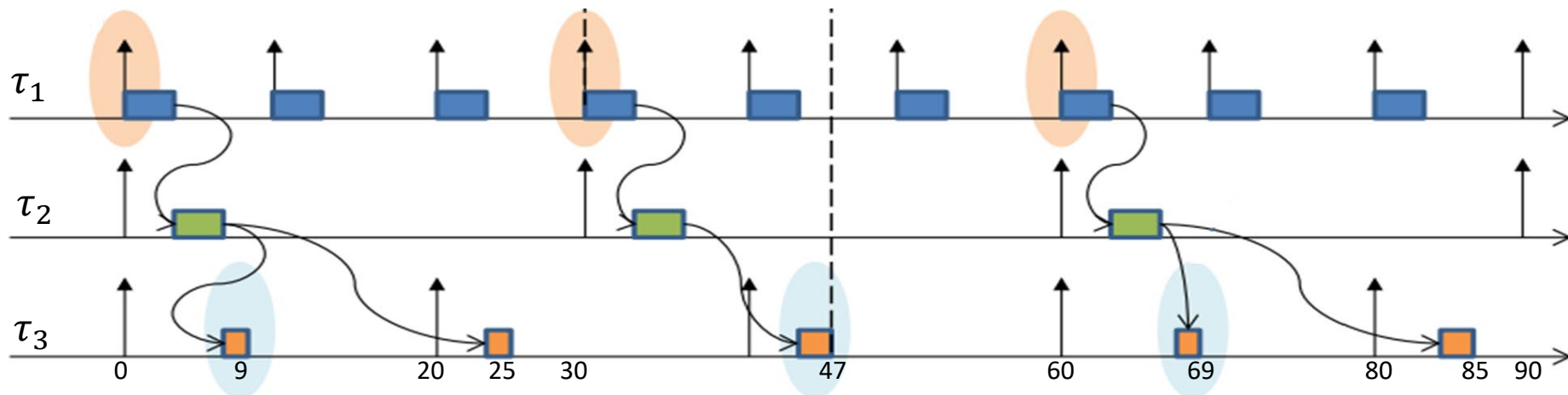
In this part of the lecture (to analyze data age and reaction latency), assume that tasks always execute for the worst-case execution time ( $BCET = WCET$ )

The literature provides solutions for cases where the execution times vary, but that's not covered by the course in the analysis of reaction latency and data age.

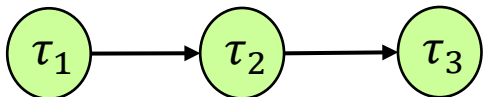
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# Calculating reaction latency

1. Find all **complete chain instances** (that start from a stimulus and end in a response)
2. Obtain the **reaction latency of each chain instance** (only until its first response, not other responses for the same stimulus)
3. Keep **track of the longest** response
4. Continue until **all** possible complete chain instances are found (may go beyond one hyperperiod)



$$\text{Reaction latency} = \max\{9 - 0, 47 - 30, 69 - 60\} = 17$$



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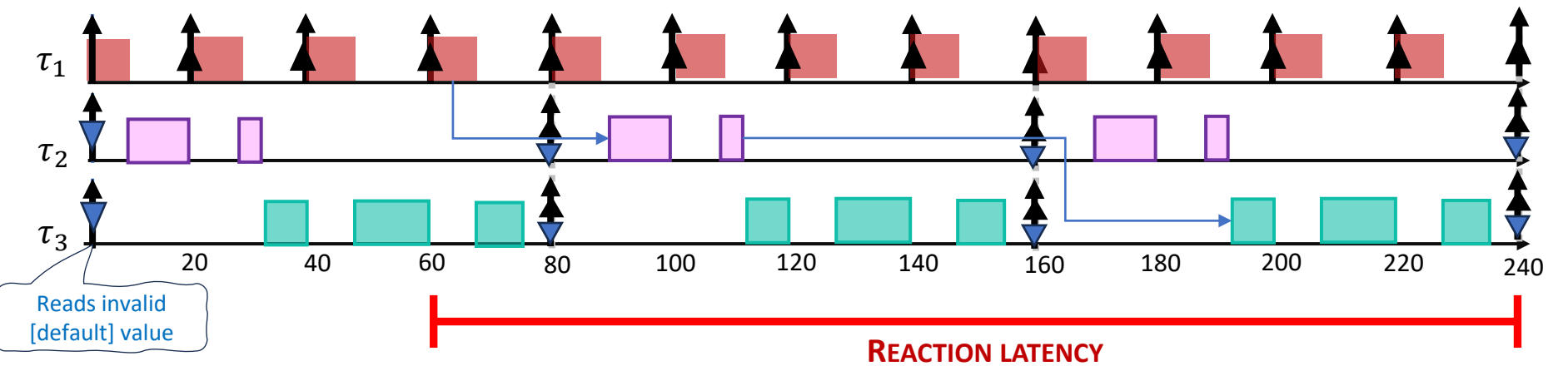
# The observation window

Under the assumption that tasks do not have release jitter and all ECUs are time synchronized, **the largest reaction latency and data age** of a task on the chain  $\alpha_k$  appears during the interval  $[0, OW(\alpha_k)]$

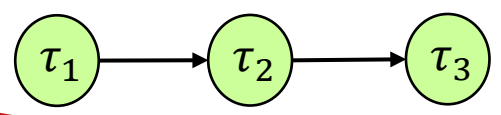
$$OW(\alpha_k) = \sum_{\tau_i \in \alpha_k} 2 \times T_i$$

Matthias Becker, Dakshina Dasari, Saad Mubeen, Moris Behnam, and Thomas Nolte. 2016. Synthesizing job-level dependencies for automotive multi-rate effect chains. In Conference on Embedded and Real-Time Computing Systems and Applications (RTCSA). Pp. 159–169.

# Reaction latency in the LET example



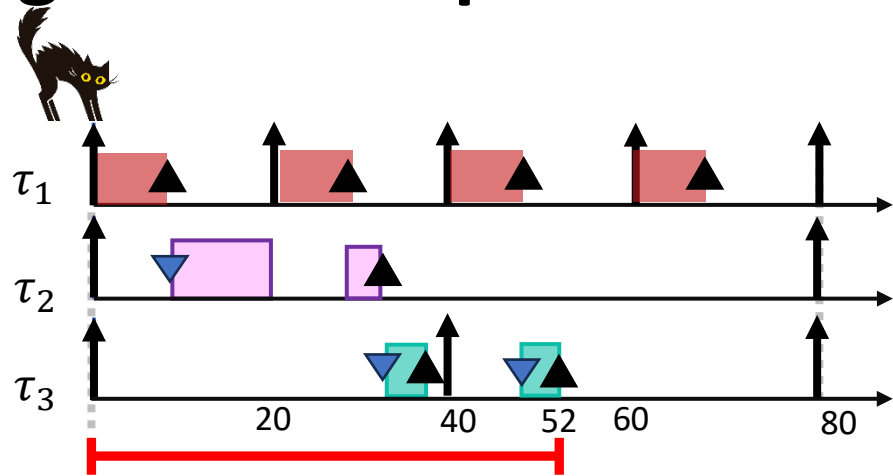
**Reaction latency =  $\max\{240 - 60\} = 180$**



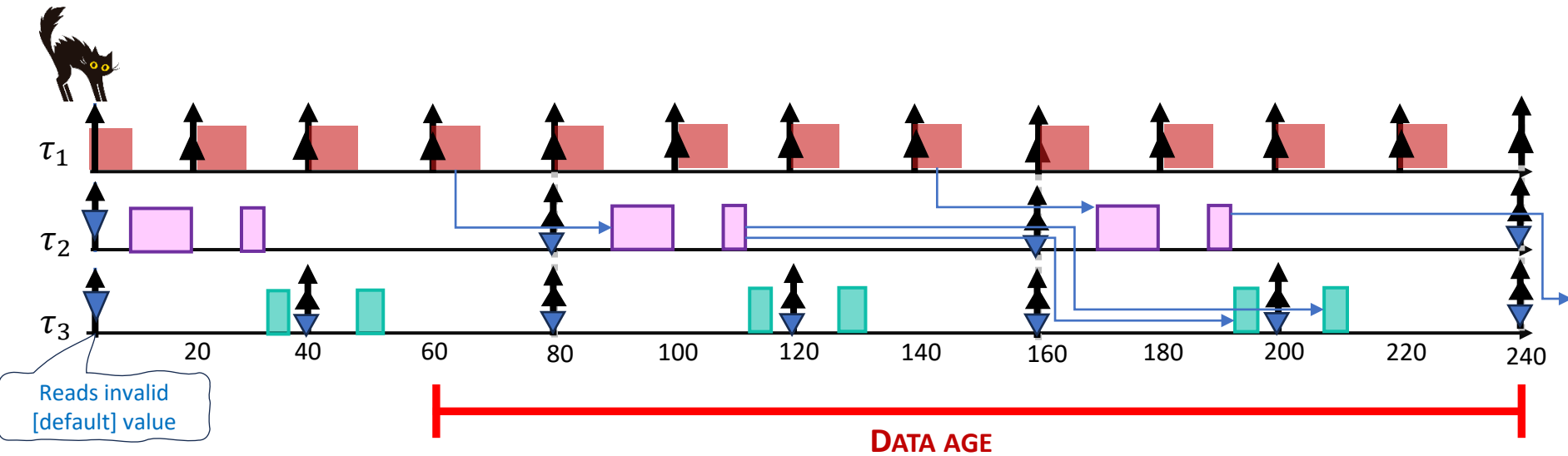
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# Data age under implicit and explicit models

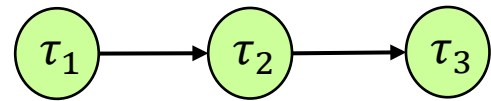
## Explicit



## LET



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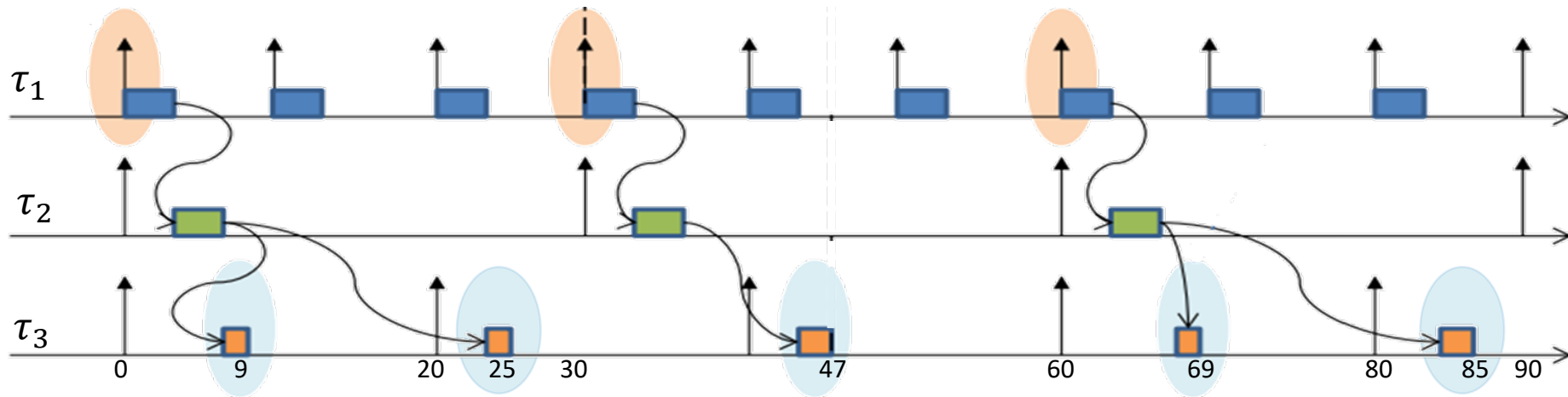


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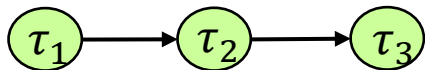


# Data age under **implicit** and **explicit** models

1. Find all **complete chain instances** (that start from a stimulus and end in a response)
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$$\text{Data age} = \max\{9 - 0, 25 - 0, 47 - 30, 69 - 60, 85 - 60\} \\ = 25$$

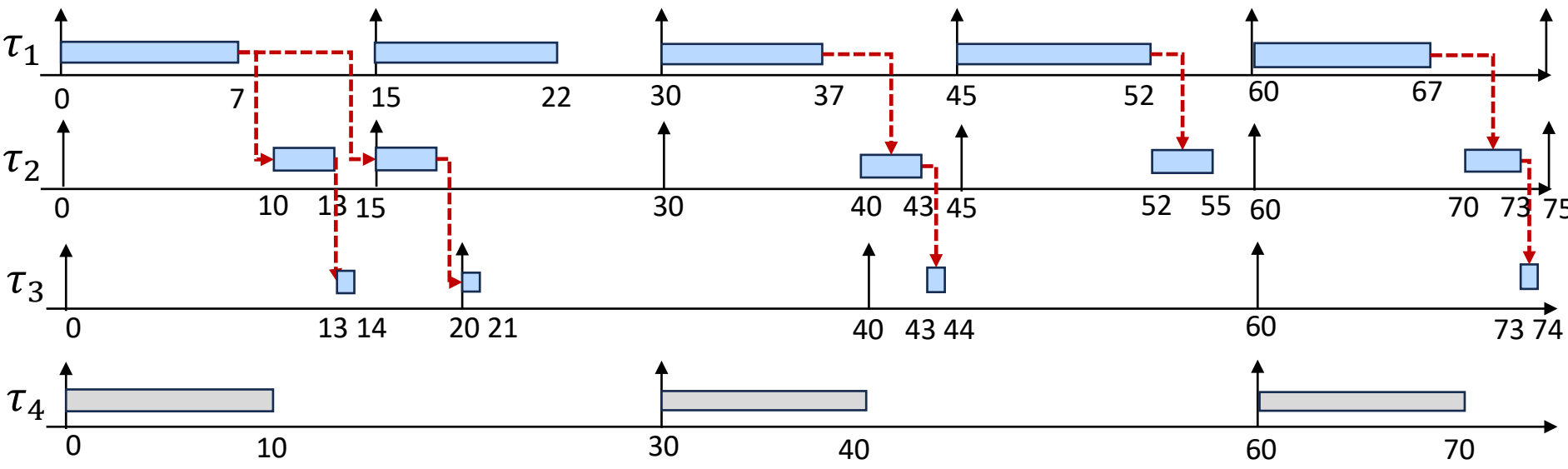


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# Impact of execution time variation

Shorter execution times (than WCET) may result in longer **reaction latency**

$\tau_i$	$C_i$	$P_i$	core	period
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$\tau_3$	1	70	Core2	20
$\tau_4$	10	90	Core2	30



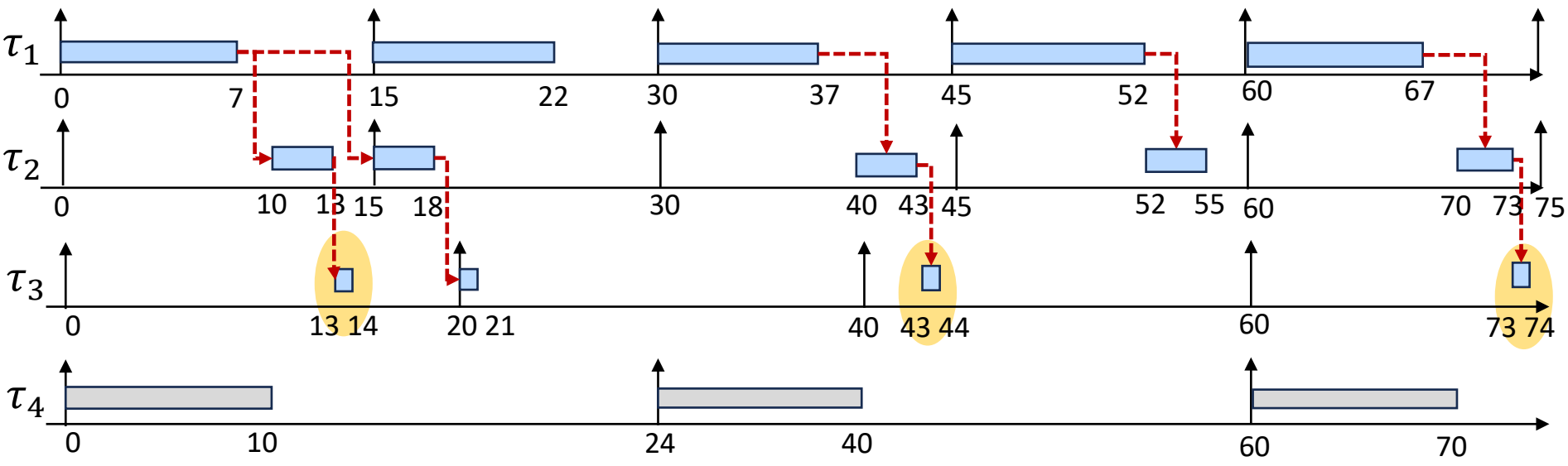
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Reaction latency =  $\max\{14 - 0, 44 - 30, 74 - 60, \dots\} = 14$

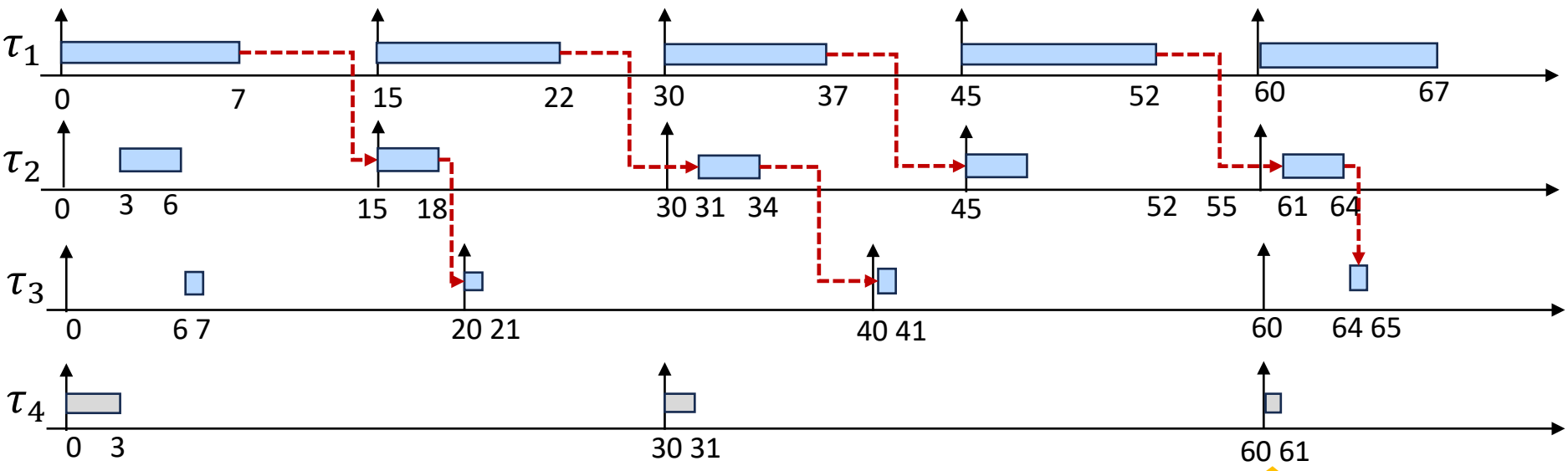
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Reaction latency  $\geq \max\{21 - 0, 41 - 15, 65 - 45, \dots\} \geq 21$

Task  $\tau_4$  has execution time variation

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# Impact of execution time variation: conclusion

**Execution time variation does not impact the reaction latency and data age of the LET model**

In the **explicit model**, if there is **execution time variation**, there might be **many scheduling scenarios** and therefore **our previous solution** reaction latency and data age (namely, finding all chains by drawing the schedule) **is not valid**.

Solutions to this problem require working with uncertainty intervals:

Pourya Gohari, Mitra Nasri, Jeroen Voeten, "Data-Age Analysis for Multi-Rate Task Chains under Timing Uncertainty," the International Conference on Real-Time Networks and Systems (RTNS), 2022.

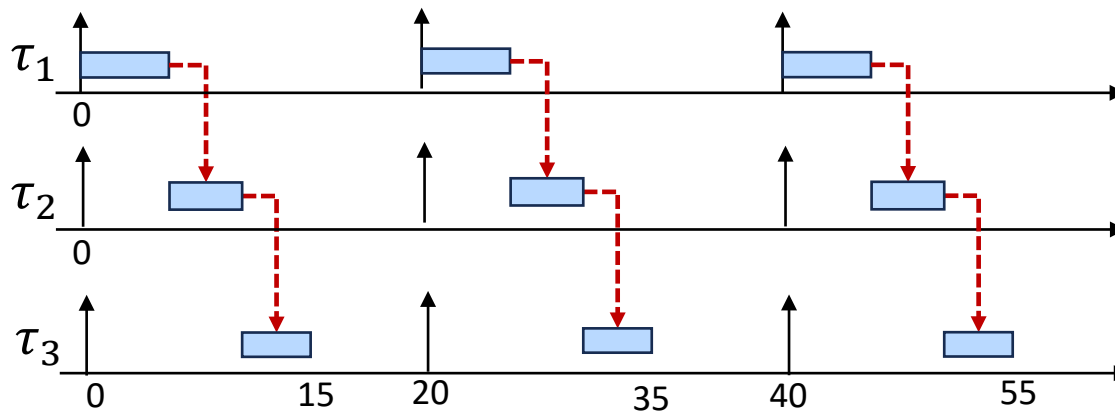


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# Quiz review

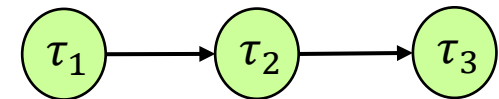
In the explicit model, Reaction Latency is larger than the period of the first task of a task chain.

Depends on the periods



Reaction latency = data age = 15

Core 1:  $\{\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3\}$



$$T_1 = T_2 = T_3 = 20$$

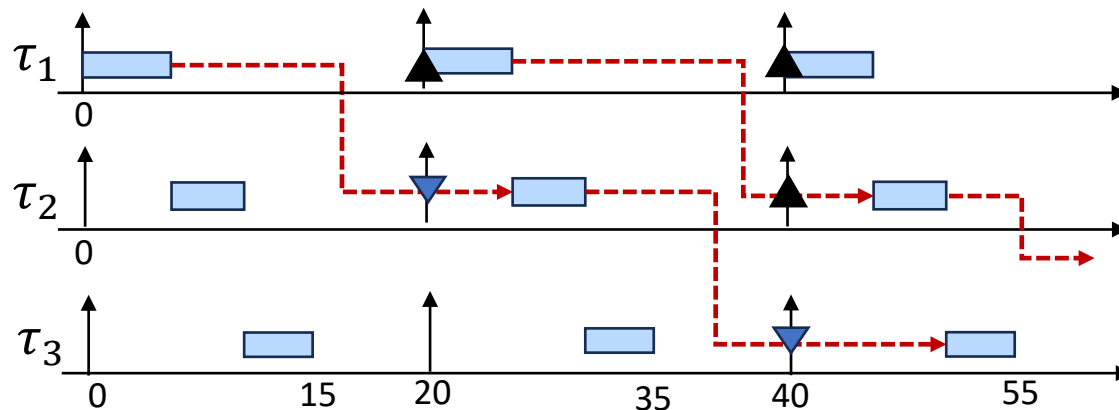
$$C_1 = 5, C_2 = 5, C_3 = 5$$

$$P_1 > P_2 > P_3$$

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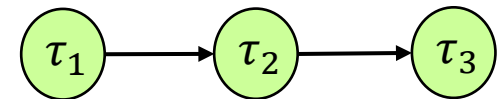
In the LET model, Reaction Latency is larger than the period of the first task of a task chain.

Always true



Reaction latency = data age = 55

Core 1:  $\{\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3\}$



$$T_1 = T_2 = T_3 = 20$$

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$$P_1 > P_2 > P_3$$

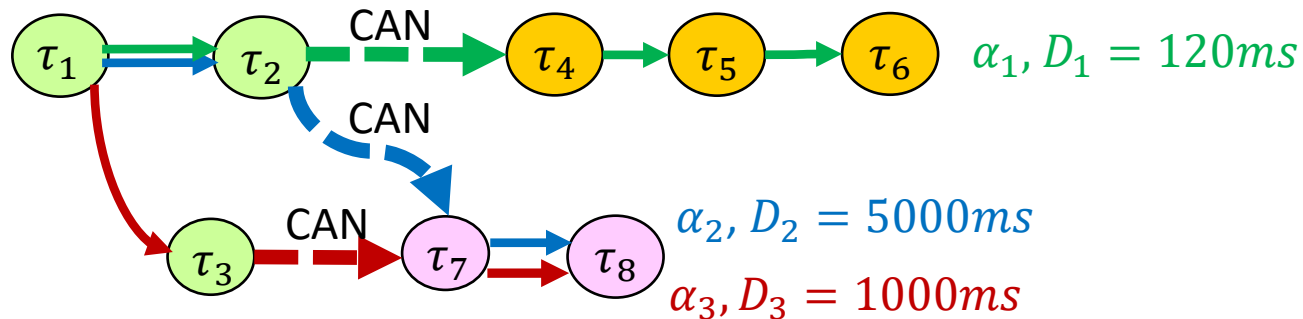
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# Quiz review

In an event chain, predecessors and successors of a task can never preempt it even when they have a higher priority.

Always true




# Quiz review

**$X_i$  is a lower bound and  $R_i$  is an upper bound on the WCRT of a task in a cause-effect chain.**

$$R_i = \sigma_i + X_i$$

$$X_i^{(0)} = C_i$$

$$X_i^{(k)} = C_i + \sum_{j \in hp(\tau_i)} \left\lceil \frac{X_i^{(k-1)} + \sigma_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \cdot C_j$$


**False**

$X_i$  can be larger than the true WCRT.

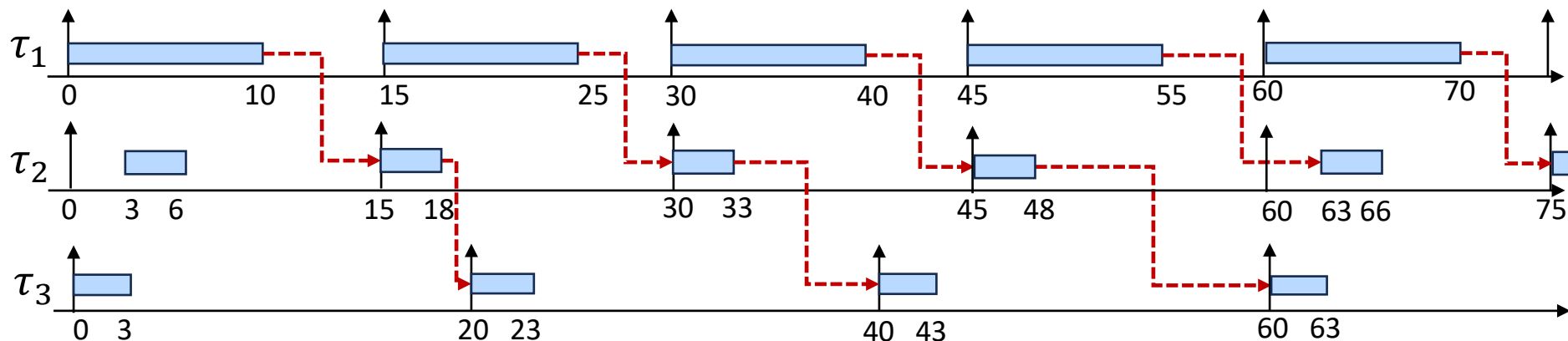
Calculating  $X_i$  requires knowing the **release jitter** of other higher-priority tasks (including those that might be on an event chain).

However, release jitter of those tasks comes from the WCRT of the tasks that were before them in the chain. Namely, it is derived from  $R_j$  values.

As mentioned before, there is no exact method to obtain tight bounds on  $R_j$ , therefore, the release jitter of the tasks on the chain is only an upper approximation. This means that  $X_i$  which is obtained using those release jitters is also an upper approximation of the worst-case delay, and hence, might be smaller than the actual WCRT.

# Quiz review

Which of these value can be a response for this multi-rate task chain?



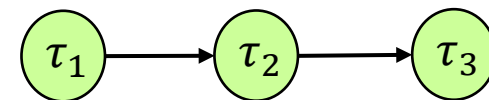
Core 1:  $\tau_1$

Core 2:  $\{\tau_2, \tau_3\}$

$$P_1 > P_3 > P_2$$

$$T_1 = 15, T_2 = 15, T_3 = 20$$

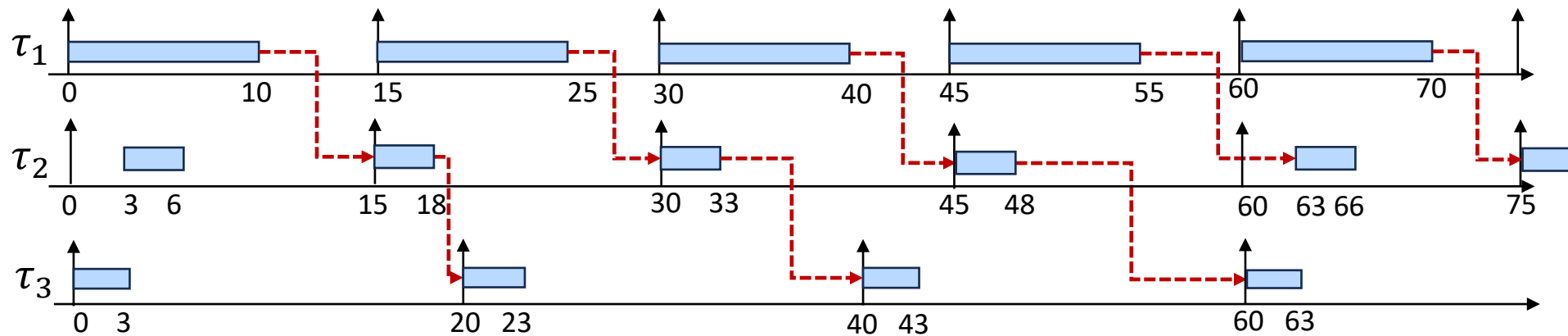
$$C_1 = 10, C_2 = 3, C_3 = 3$$



**Responses:  $\{23-0, 43-15, 63-30, \dots\} = \{23, 28, 33\}$**

Note: a response is calculated from the arrival time of the root task until the time the data produced by the last task is written onto the memory.

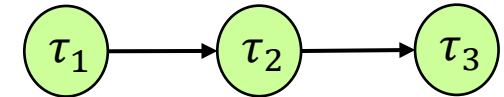
# Quiz review: Reaction latency



**Core 1:**  $\tau_1$   
**Core 2:**  $\{\tau_2, \tau_3\}$

$$P_1 > P_3 > P_2 \quad T_1 = 15, T_2 = 15, T_3 = 20$$

$$C_1 = 10, C_2 = 3, C_3 = 3$$

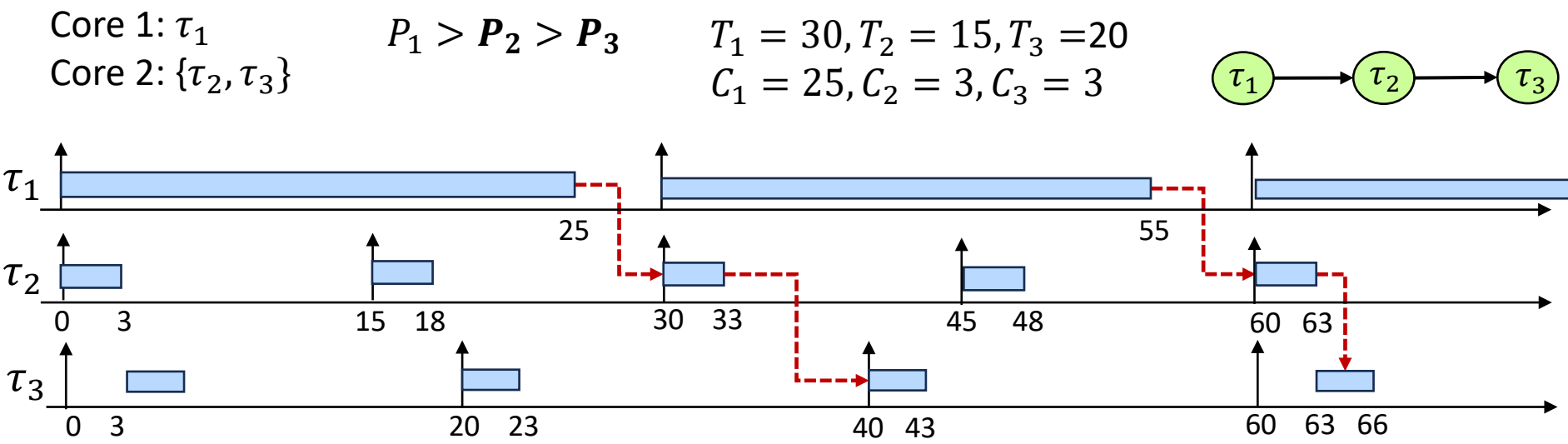


$$\text{Reaction latency} = \max \{23 - 0, 43 - 15, 63 - 30, \dots\}$$

$$= \max \{23, 28, 33\} = 33$$

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# Could the execution time variation of any of these task change the reaction latency of the chain (assume the explicit model)?



**Reaction latency =  $\max \{43 - 0, 66 - 30, \dots\} = \max \{43, 36, \dots\} = 43$**

**No** → Any change in the execution times would still result in a response that starts from time 0 or 30, or 60, etc.  
Changes in the execution times here can only decrease the reaction latency.

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