

Time-Portable Programming the JAviator in Tiptoe OS

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The JAviator

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- Silviu Craciunas* (Control Systems)
- Harald Röck (Operating Systems)
- Rainer Trummer (Frame, Electronics)

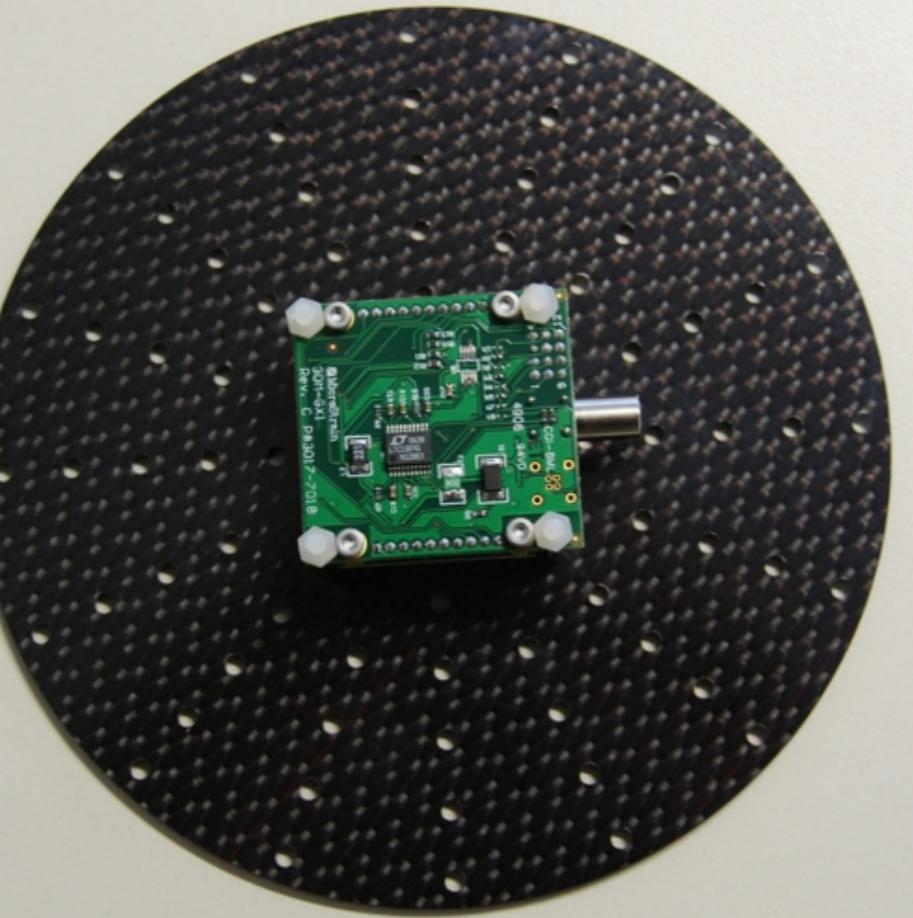
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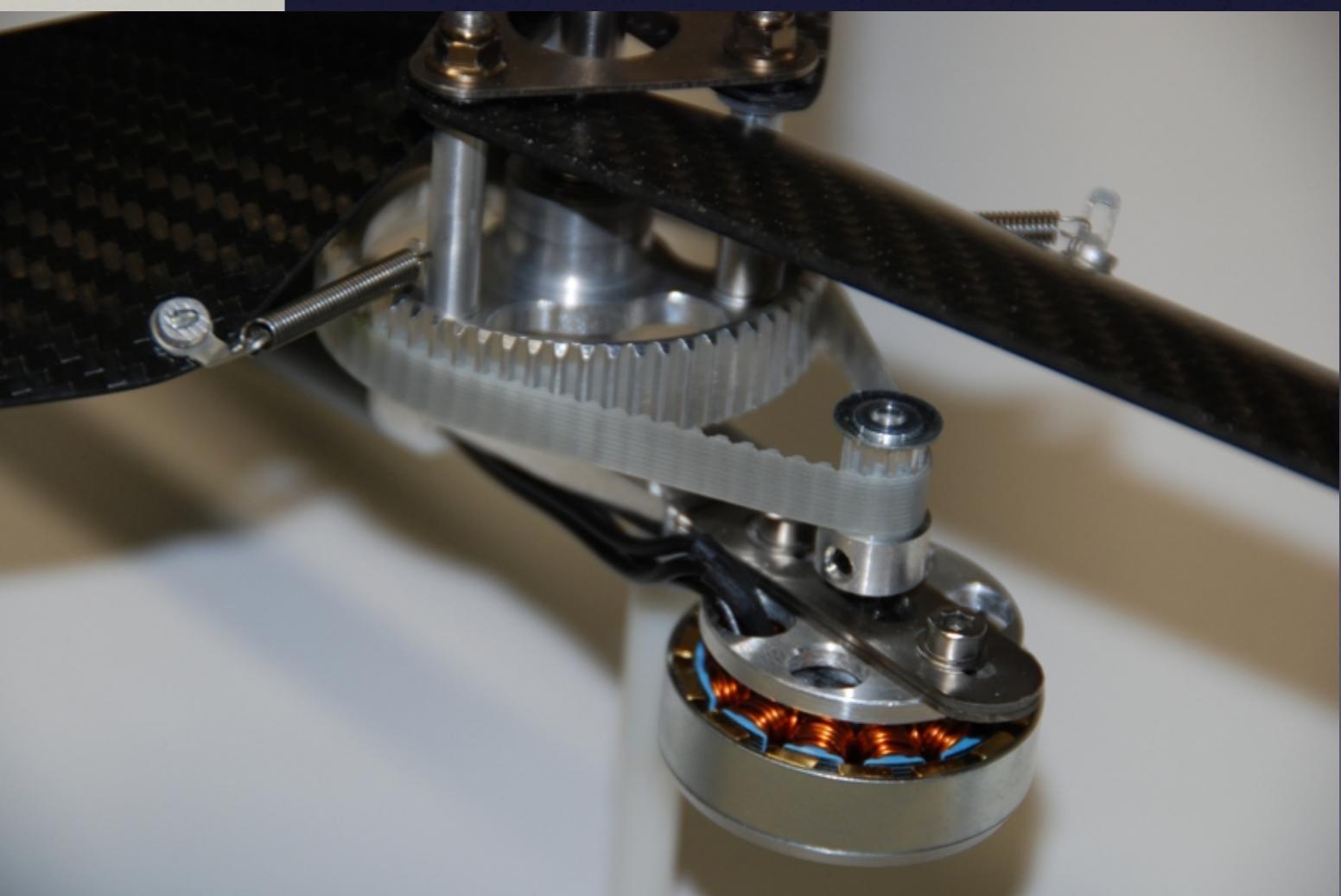
Quad-Rotor Helicopter





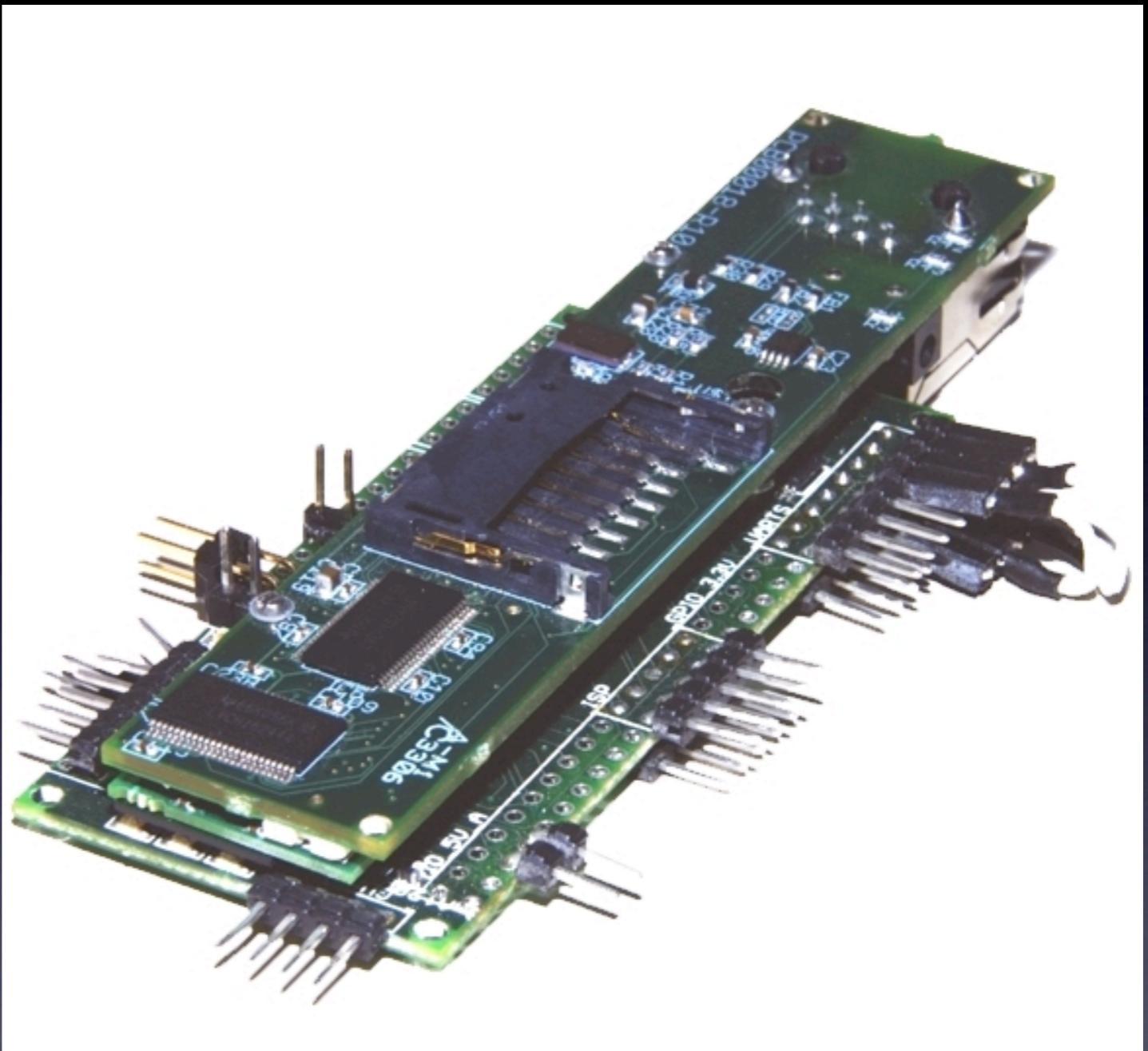


Propulsion



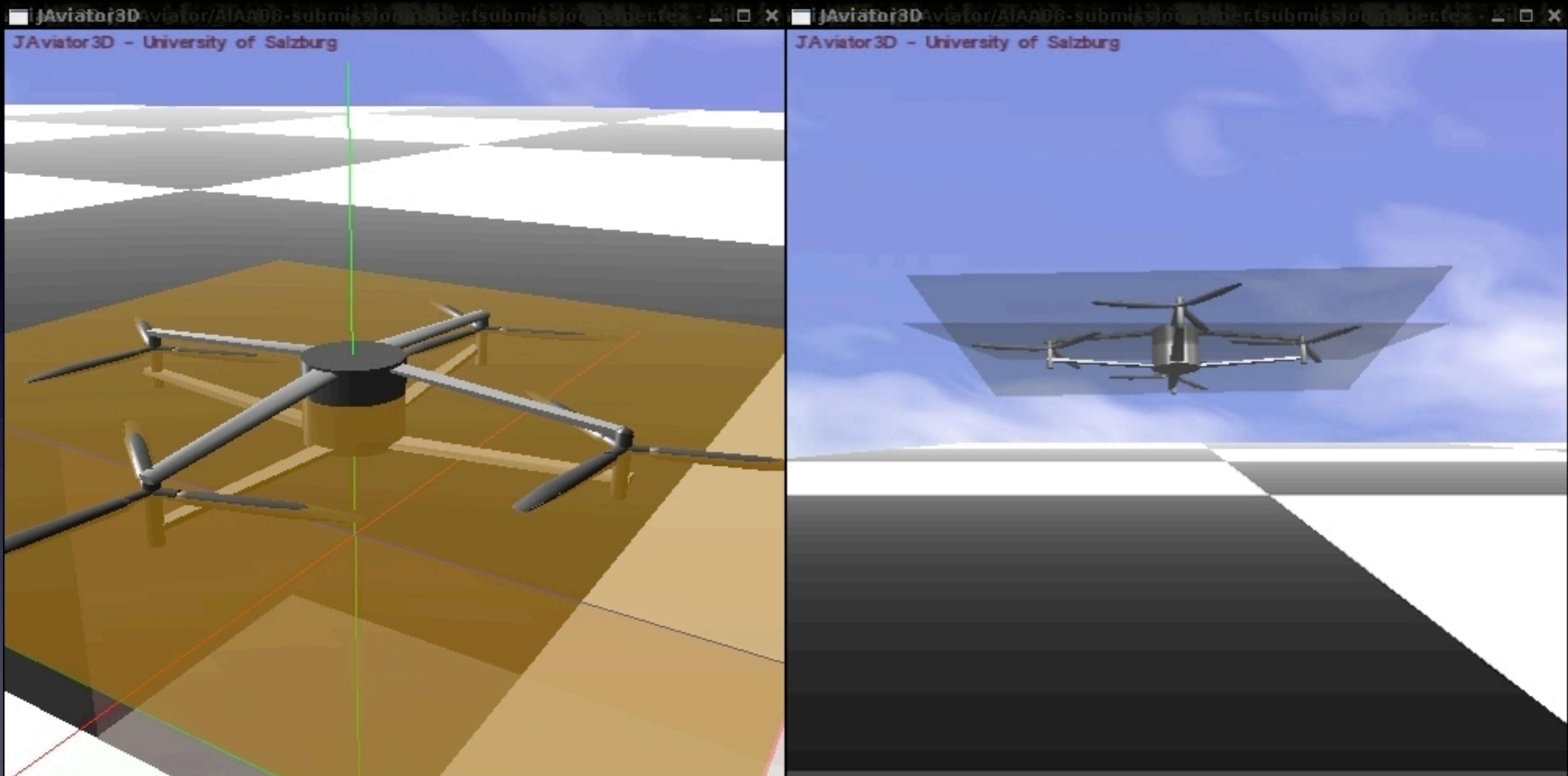
Gyro

Gumstix

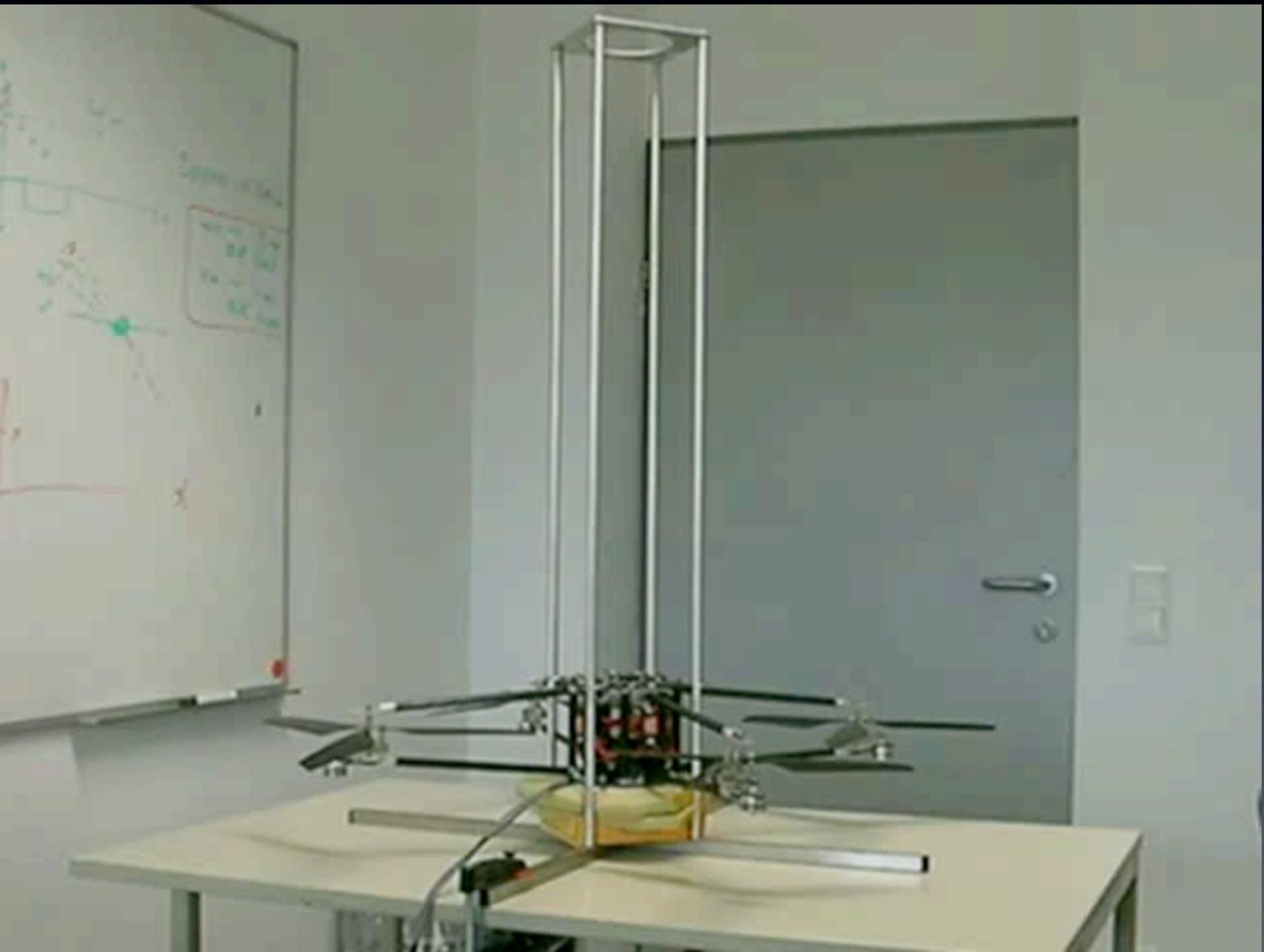


600MHz XScale, 128MB RAM, WLAN, Atmega uController

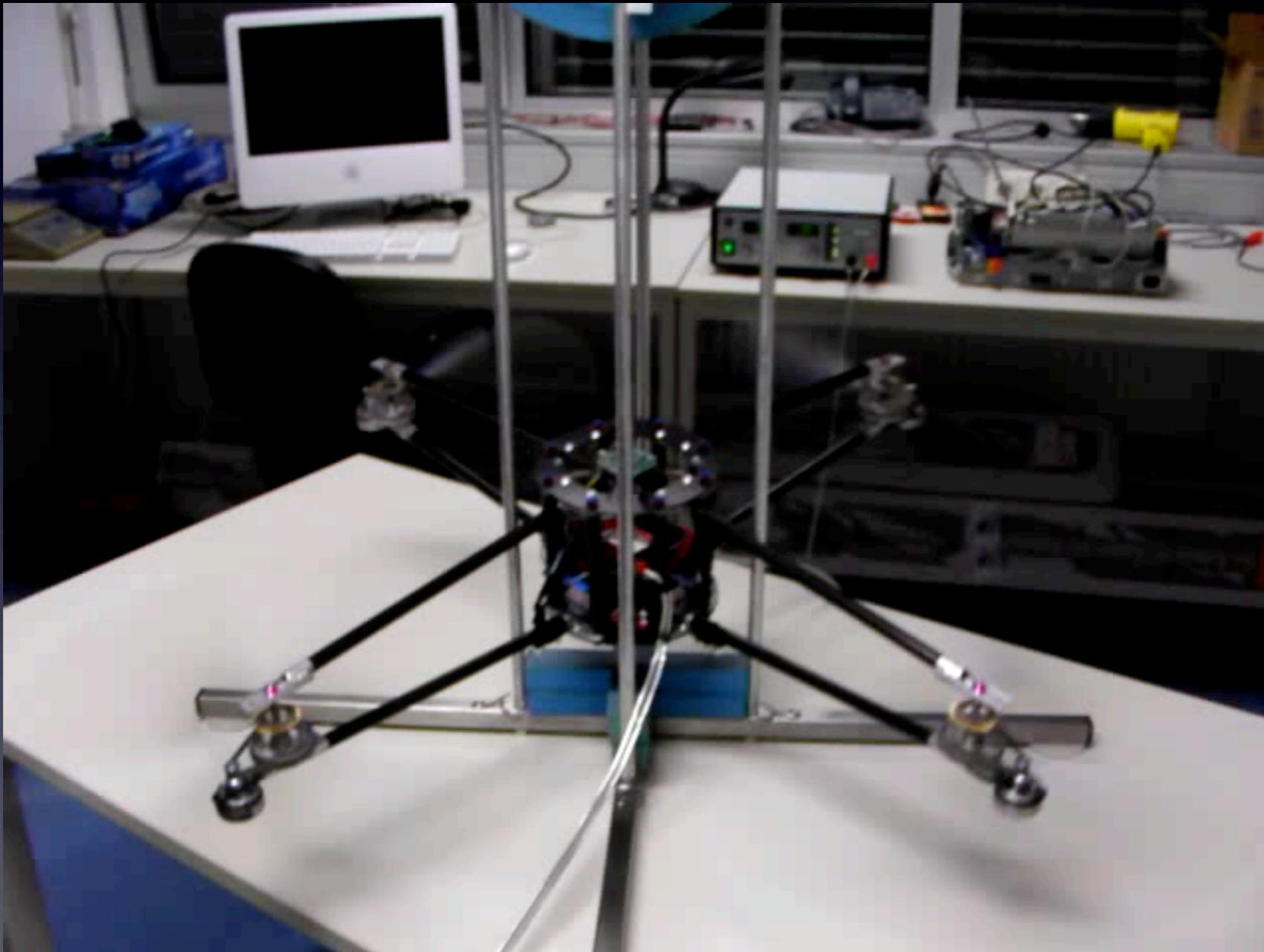




Oops



Flight Control

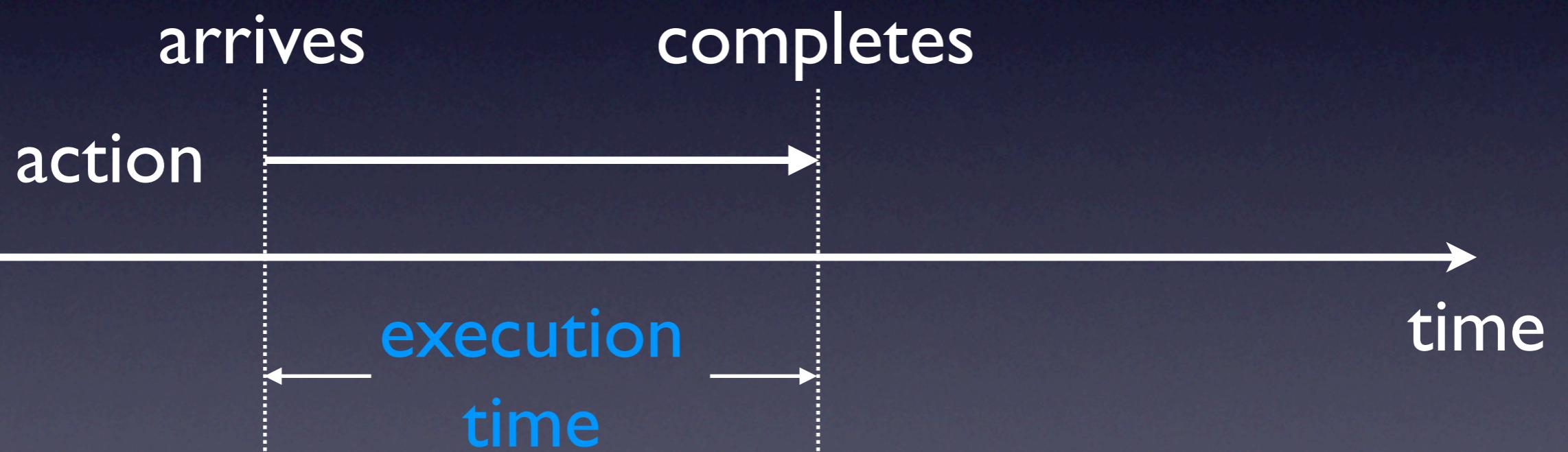


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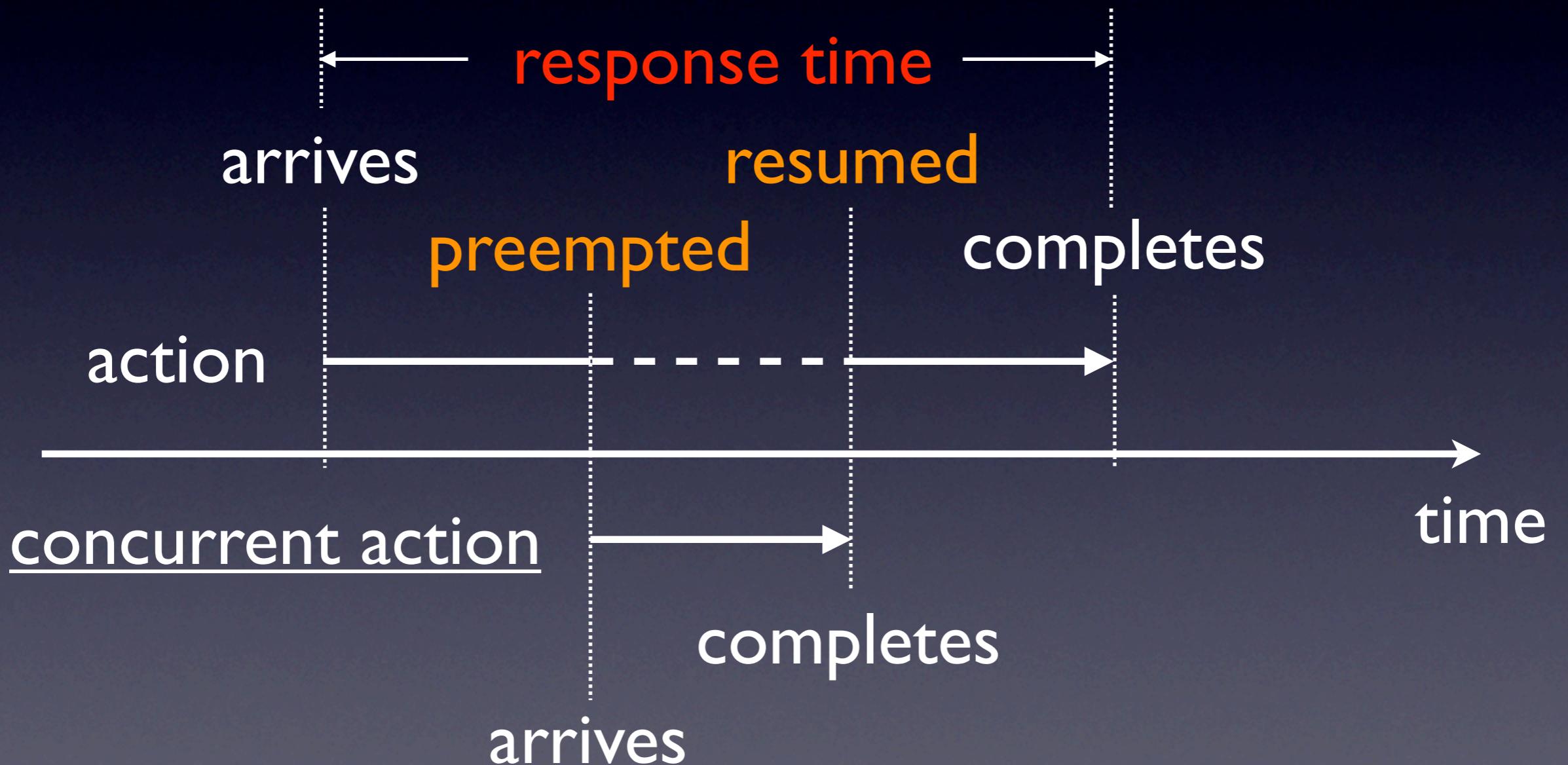
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- 2. Tiptoe OS Scheduler
- 3. Tiptoe OS Memory Management

Process Action



Concurrency



Time

- The temporal behavior of a process action is characterized by its **execution time** and its **response time**
- The **execution time** is the time it takes to execute the action in the absence of concurrent activities
- The **response time** is the time it takes to execute the action in the presence of concurrent activities

Time-Portable Programming

- Time-portable programming specifies and implements upper AND lower bounds on **response times** of process actions
- A program is time-portable if the **response times** of its process actions are maintained across different hardware platforms and software workloads
- The difference ϵ between upper and lower bounds is its “**degree of time portability**”

Time-Portable Programming



Giotto

[EMSOFT 2001, Proceedings of the IEEE 2003]

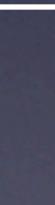
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[EMSOFT 2006]



Exotasks

[LCTES 2007, TECS 2008]



Tiptoe

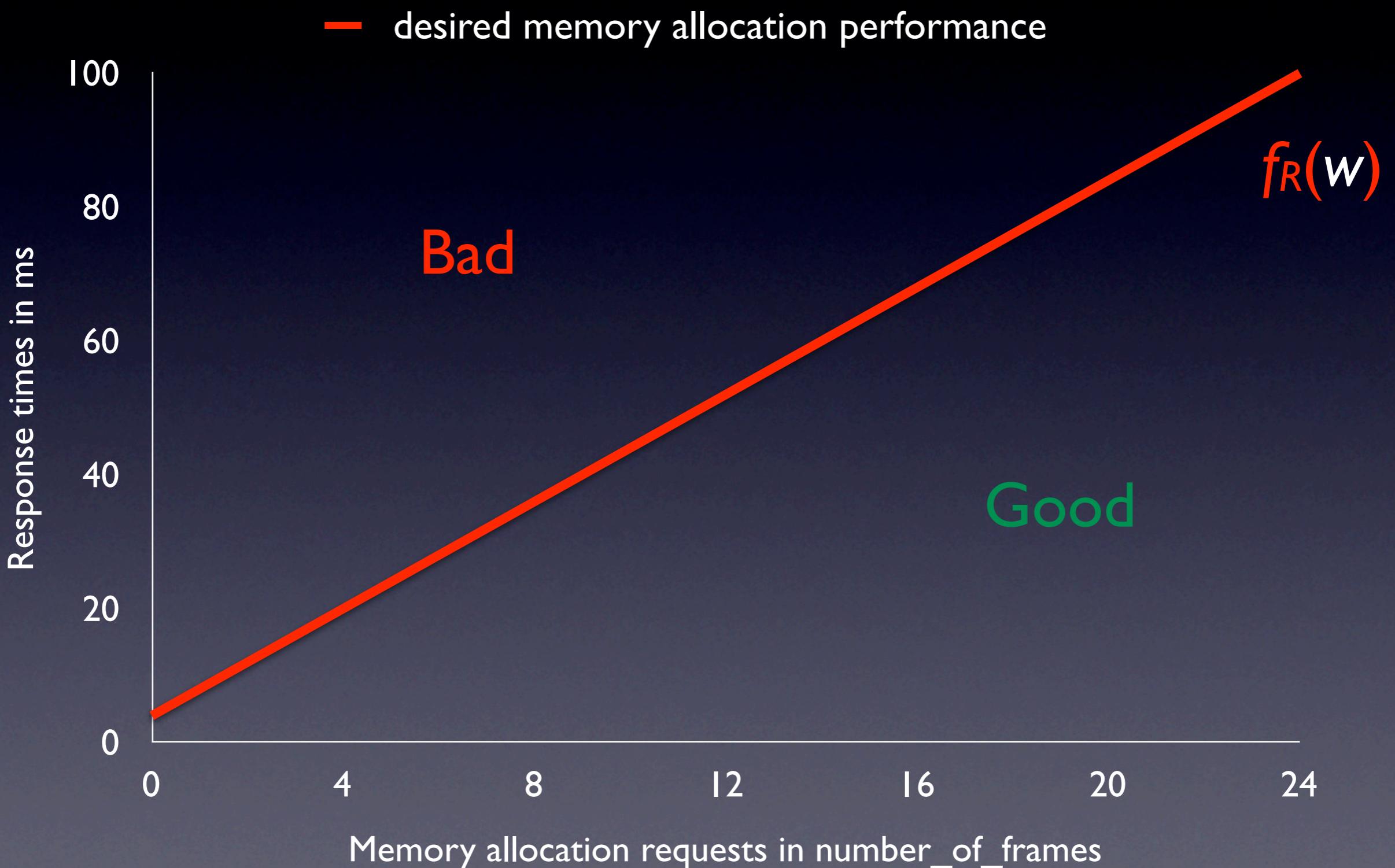
[USENIX 2008]

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- Silviu Craciunas* (Programming Model)
- Hannes Payer* (Memory Management)
- Harald Röck (VM, Scheduling)
- Ana Sokolova* (Theoretical Foundation)
- Horst Stadler (I/O Subsystem)

Response-Time Function



Throughput & Latency

$f_R(1 \text{ frame}) = 8\text{ms}$ but only 125fps

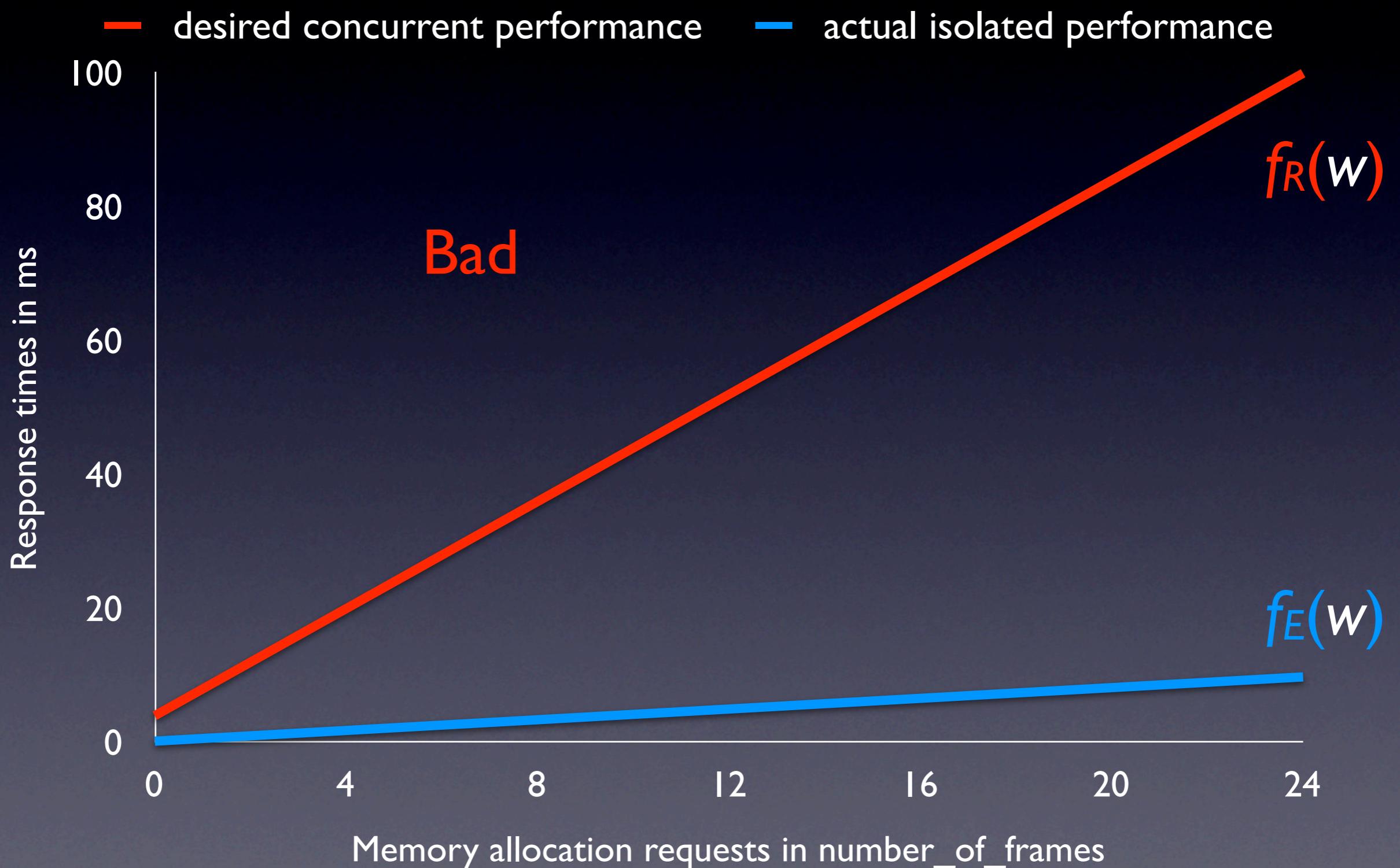
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$f_R(4 \text{ frames}) = 20\text{ms}$ yields 200fps

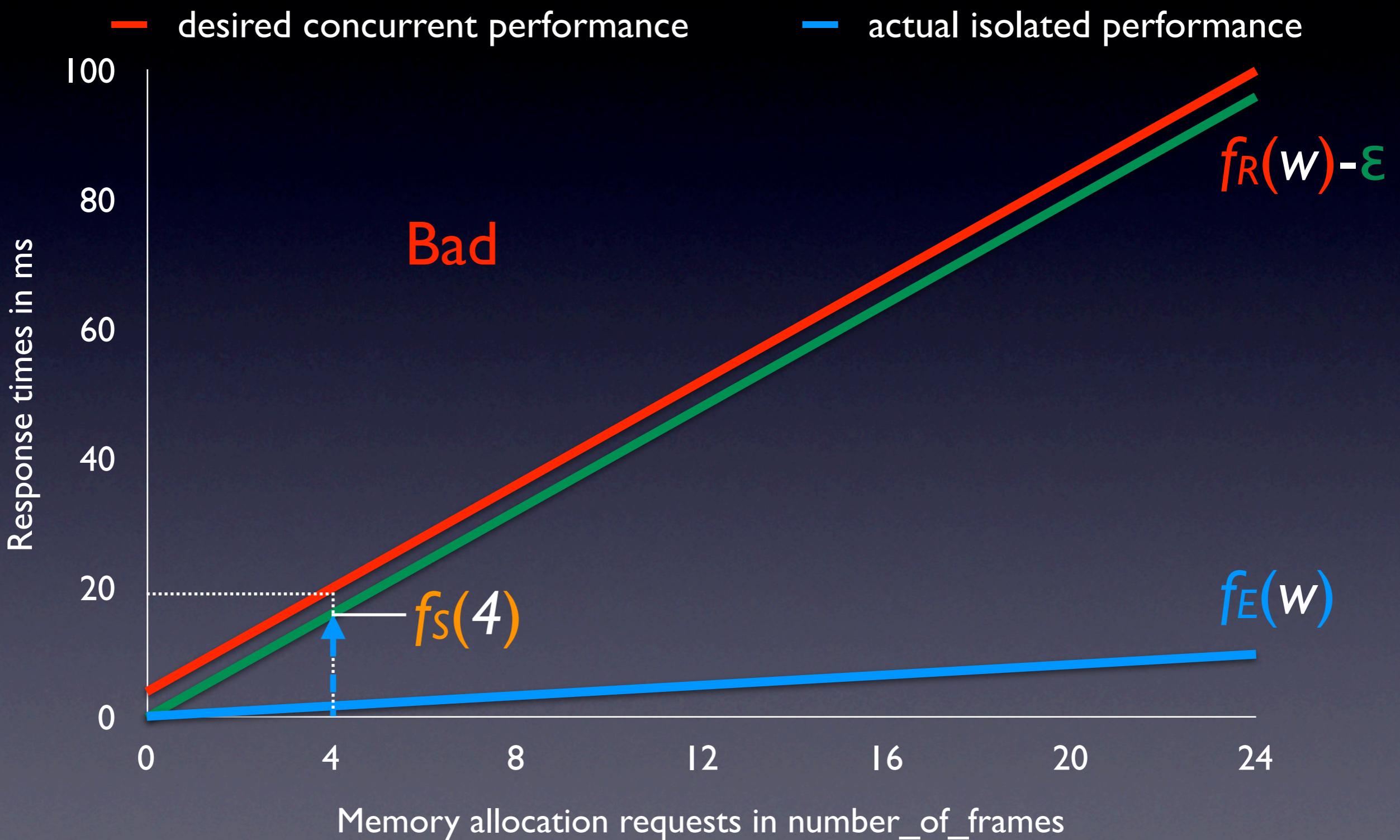
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$f_R(24 \text{ frames}) = 100\text{ms}$ yet 240fps

Execution-Time Function



Scheduled Response Time



$$\forall w. f_S(w) \leq f_R(w) ?$$

and

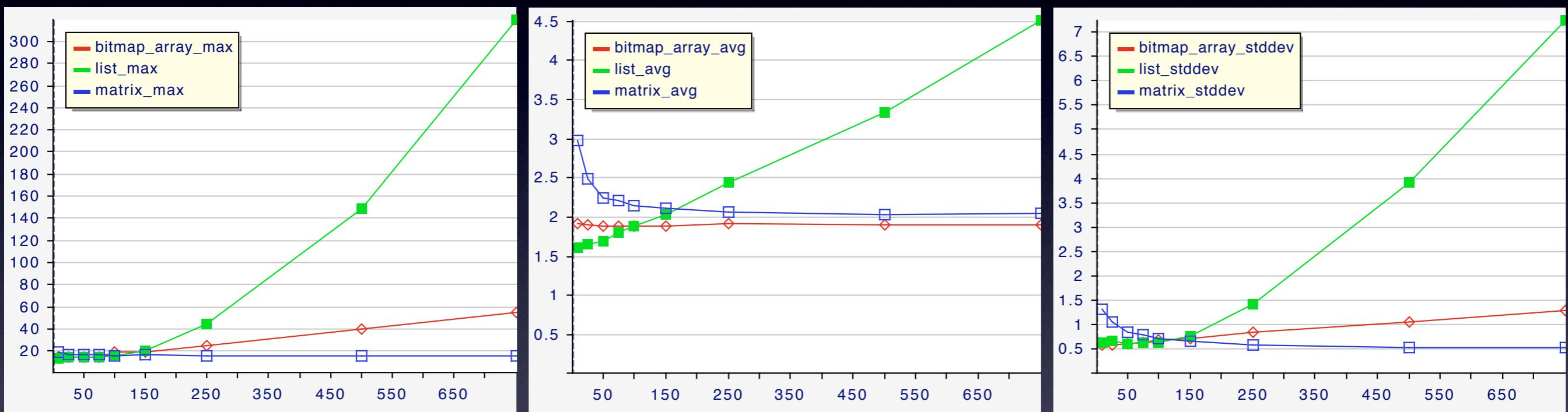
$$\forall w. f_R(w) - \epsilon \leq f_S(w) ?$$

with ϵ representing the
“degree of time portability”

Scheduling Algorithm

- maintains a queue of **ready** processes ordered by deadline and a queue of **blocked** processes ordered by release times
- **ordered-insert** processes into queues
- **select-first** processes in queues
- **release** processes by moving and sorting them from one queue to another queue

Scheduler Overhead

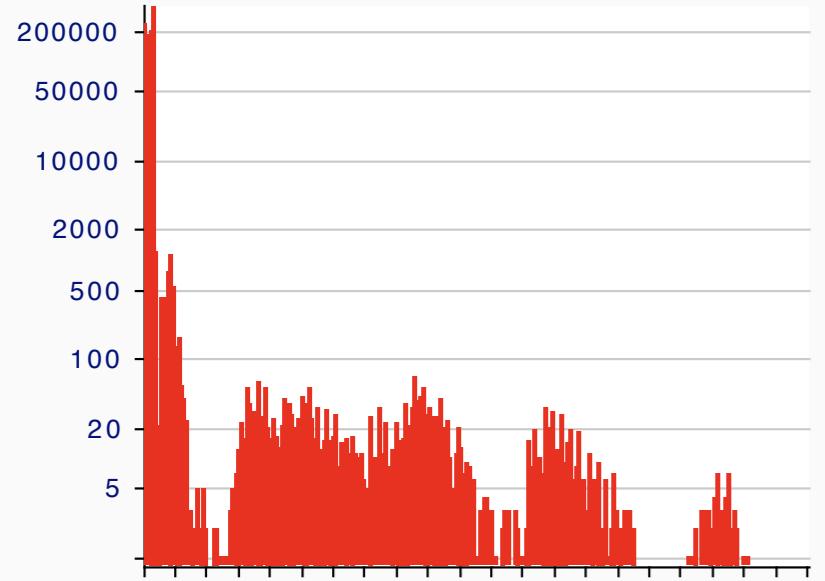


Max

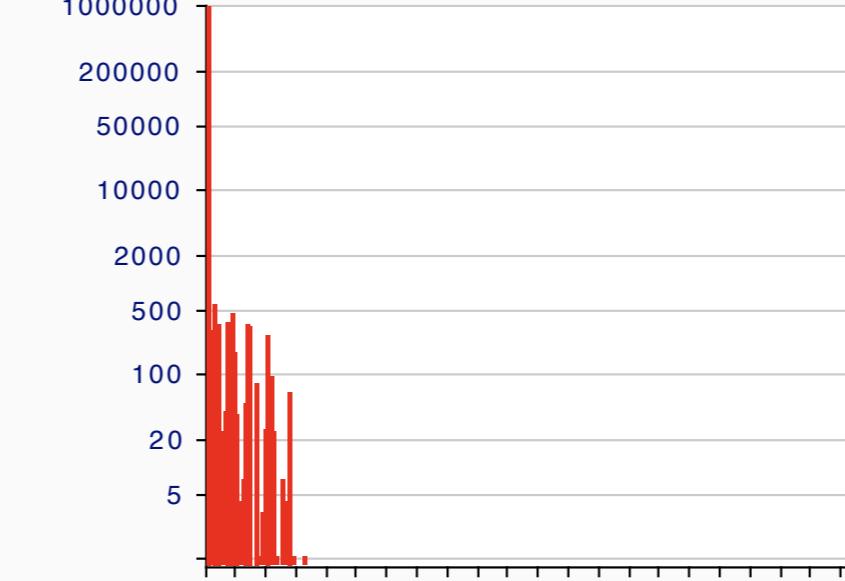
Average

Jitter

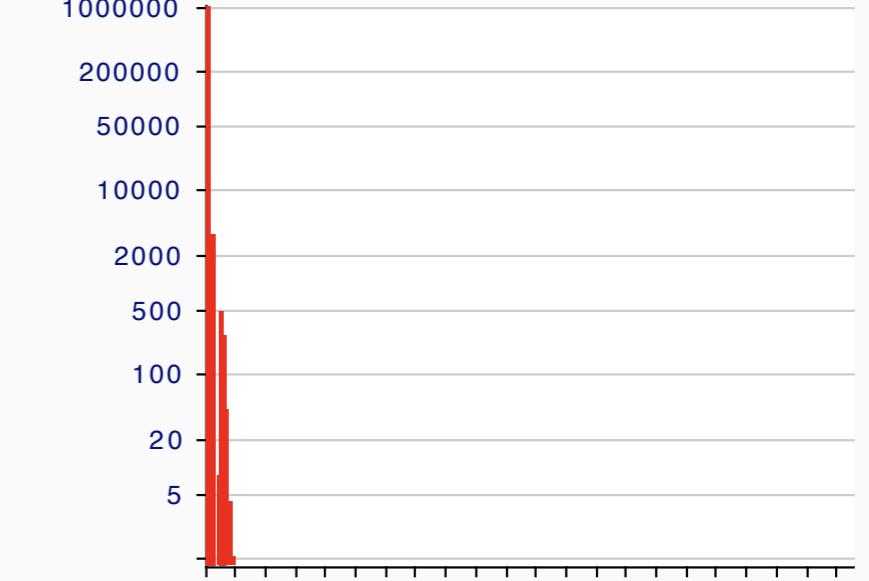
Execution Time Histograms



List

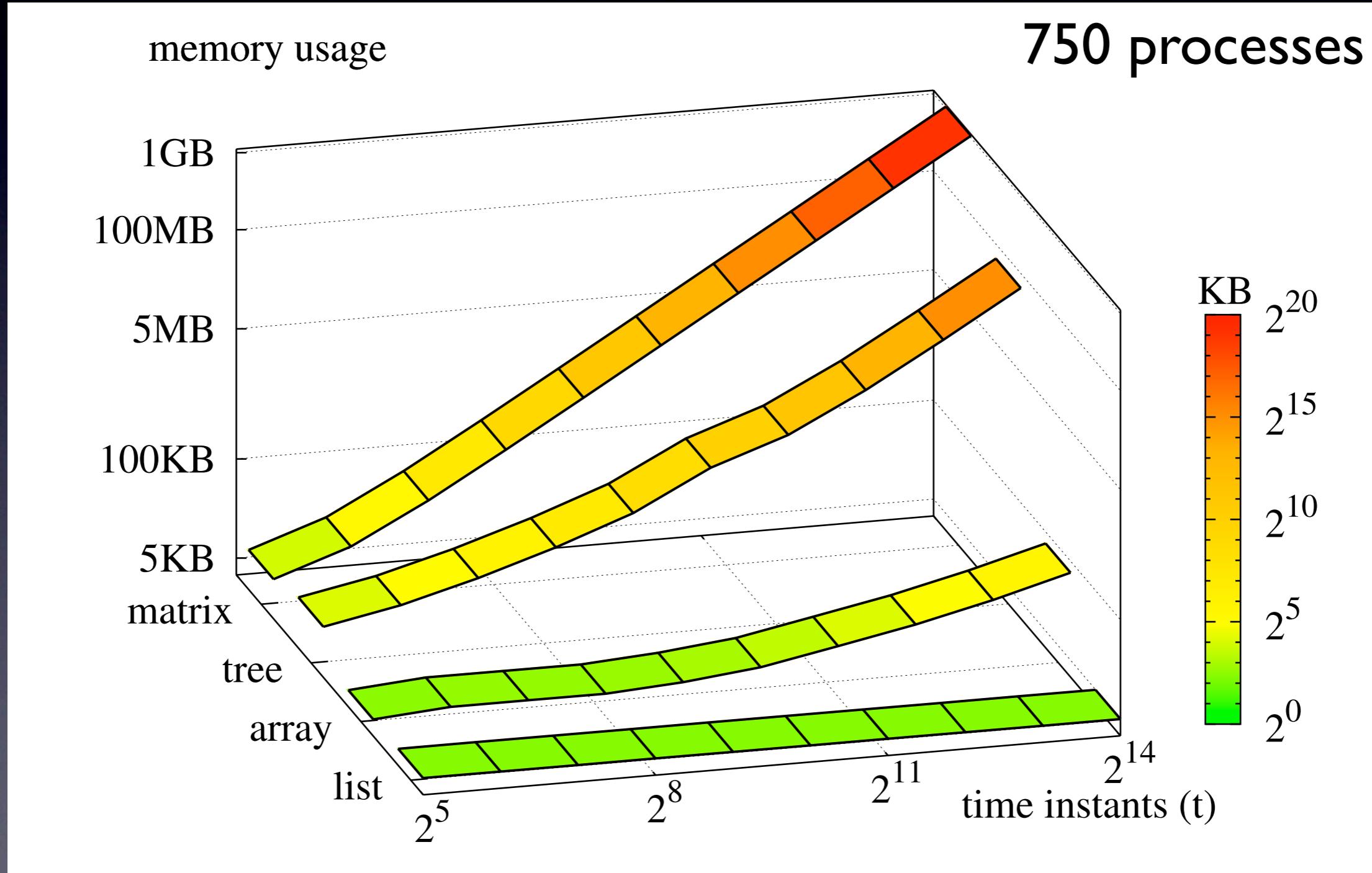


Array



Matrix

Memory Overhead



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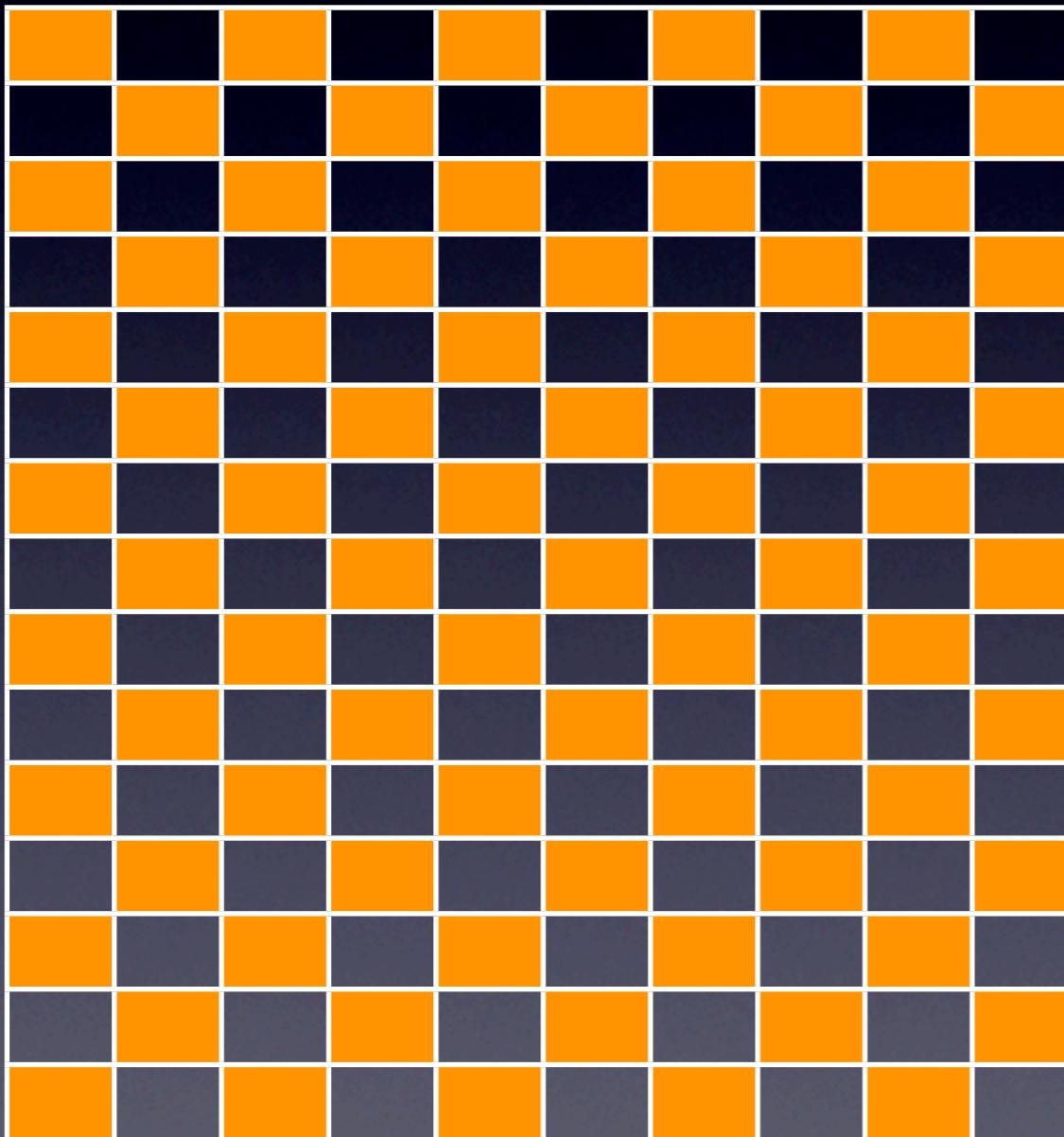
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“Compact-Fit”

[USENIX 2008]

- `malloc(n)` takes $O(1)$
- `free(n)` takes $O(1)$ (or $O(n)$ if compacting)
- access takes **one** indirection
- memory fragmentation is **bounded** and **predictable** in constant time

The Problem

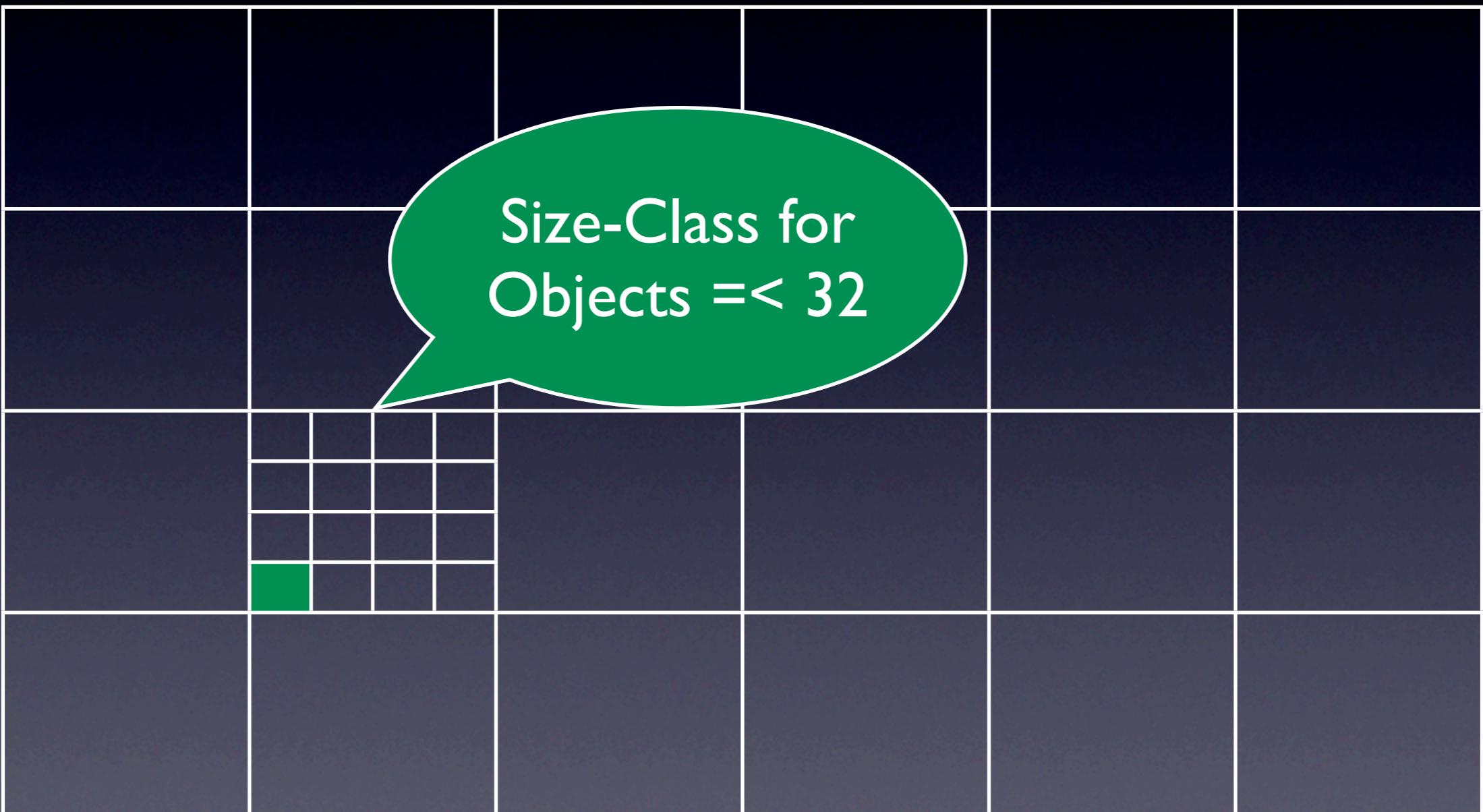


- Fragmentation
 - ▶ Compaction
- References
 - ▶ Abstract Space

Partition Memory into Pages

| | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 16KB | 16KB | 16KB | 16KB | 16KB | 16KB |
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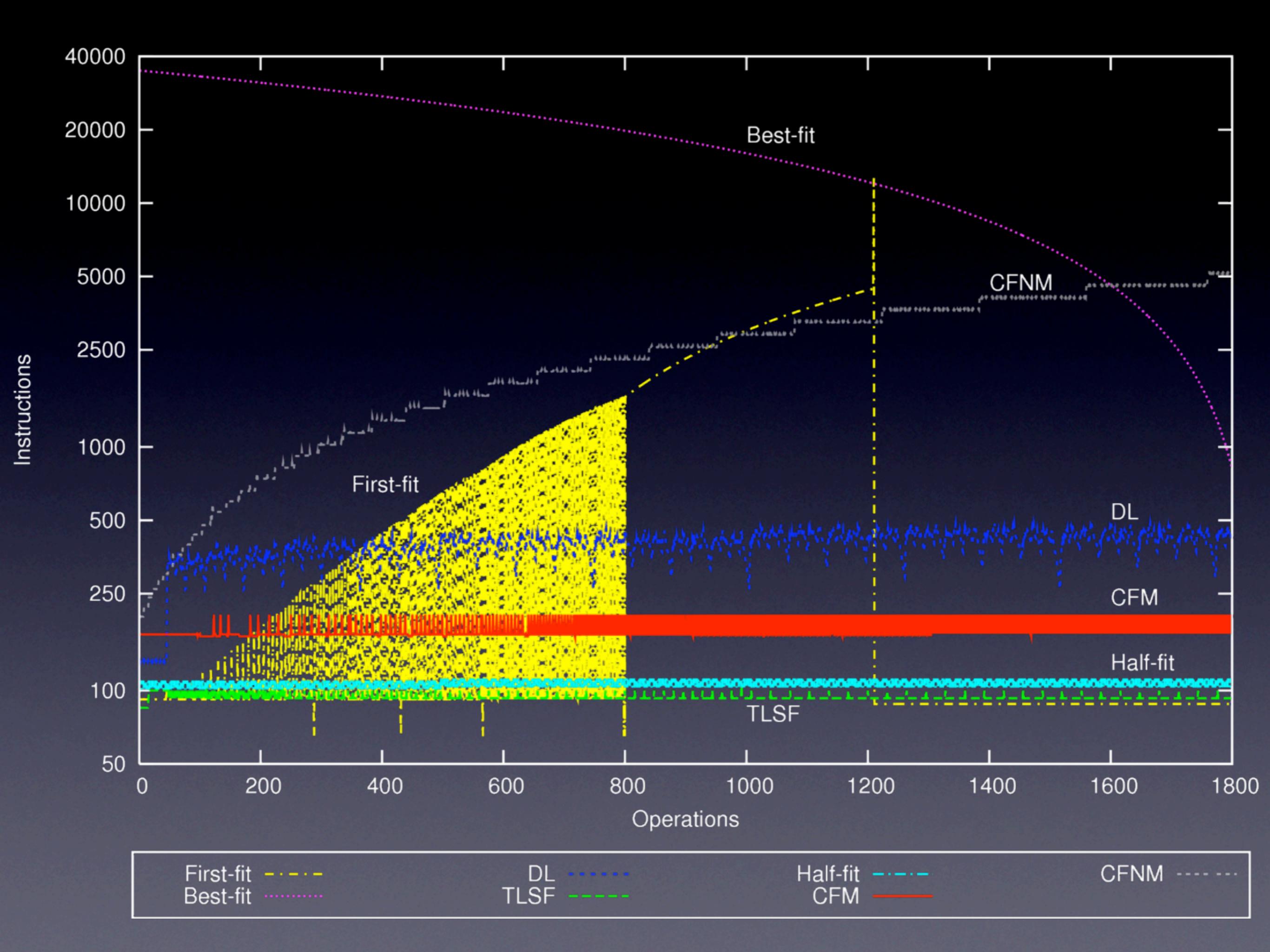
Partition Pages into Blocks



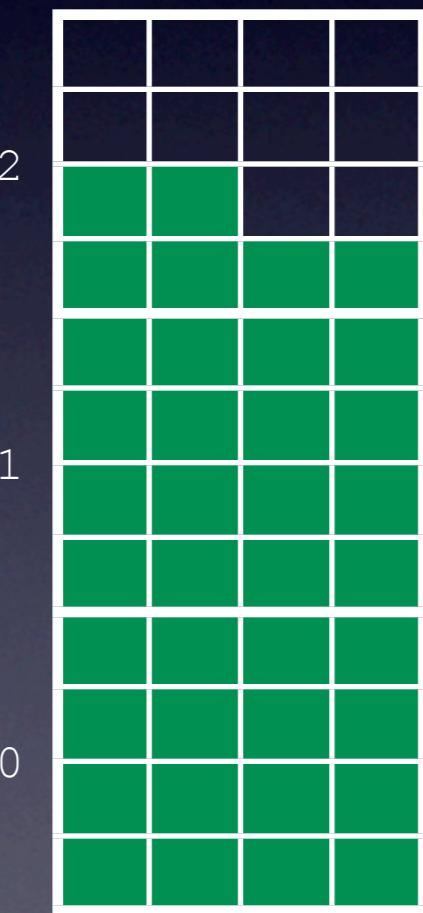
Size-Classes

Size-Class for
 $32 < \text{Objects} \leq 64$

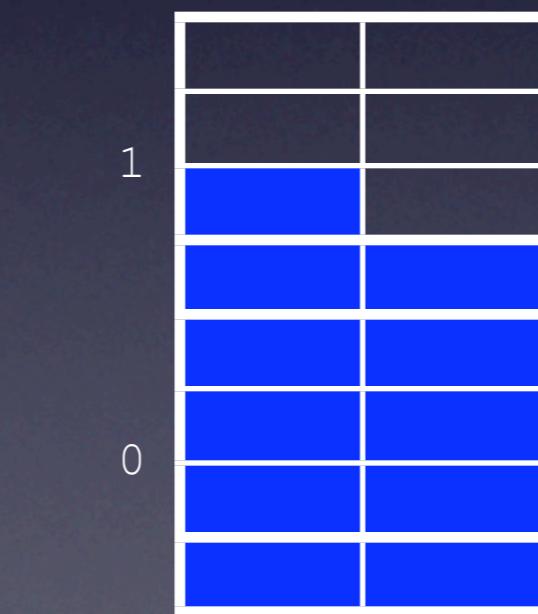
Size-Class for
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Invariant: Size-Class Compact



Objects = < 32



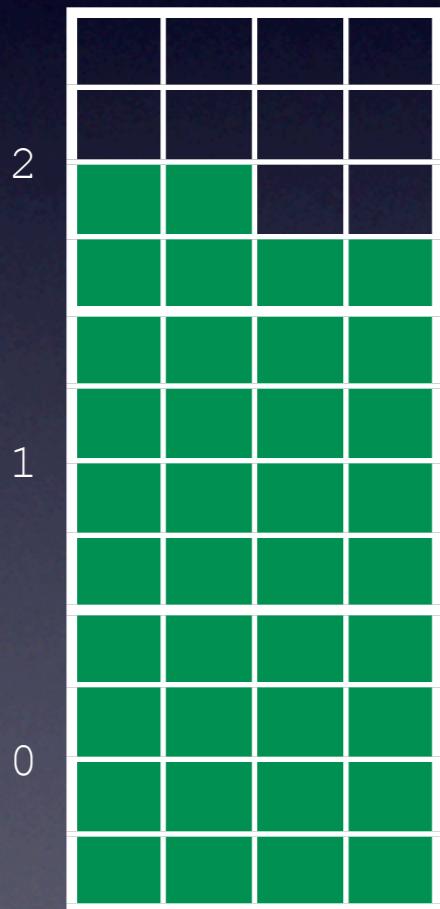
Objects = < 64



Objects = < 128

“Compact-Fit” (Bounded Compaction)

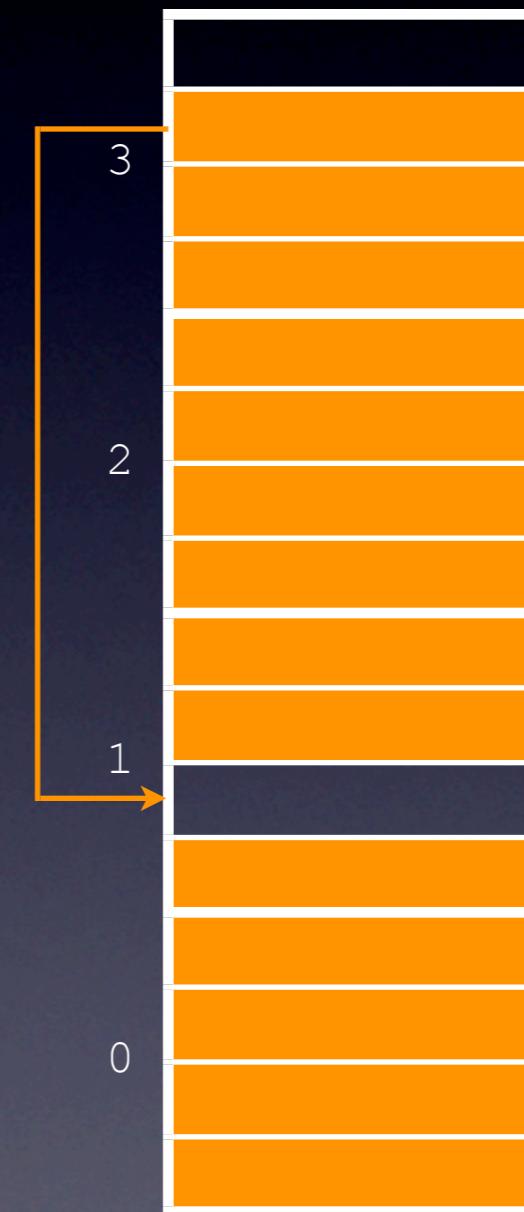
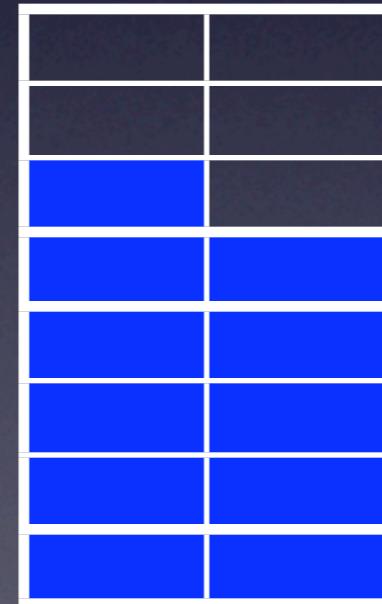
just move ‘last’ object

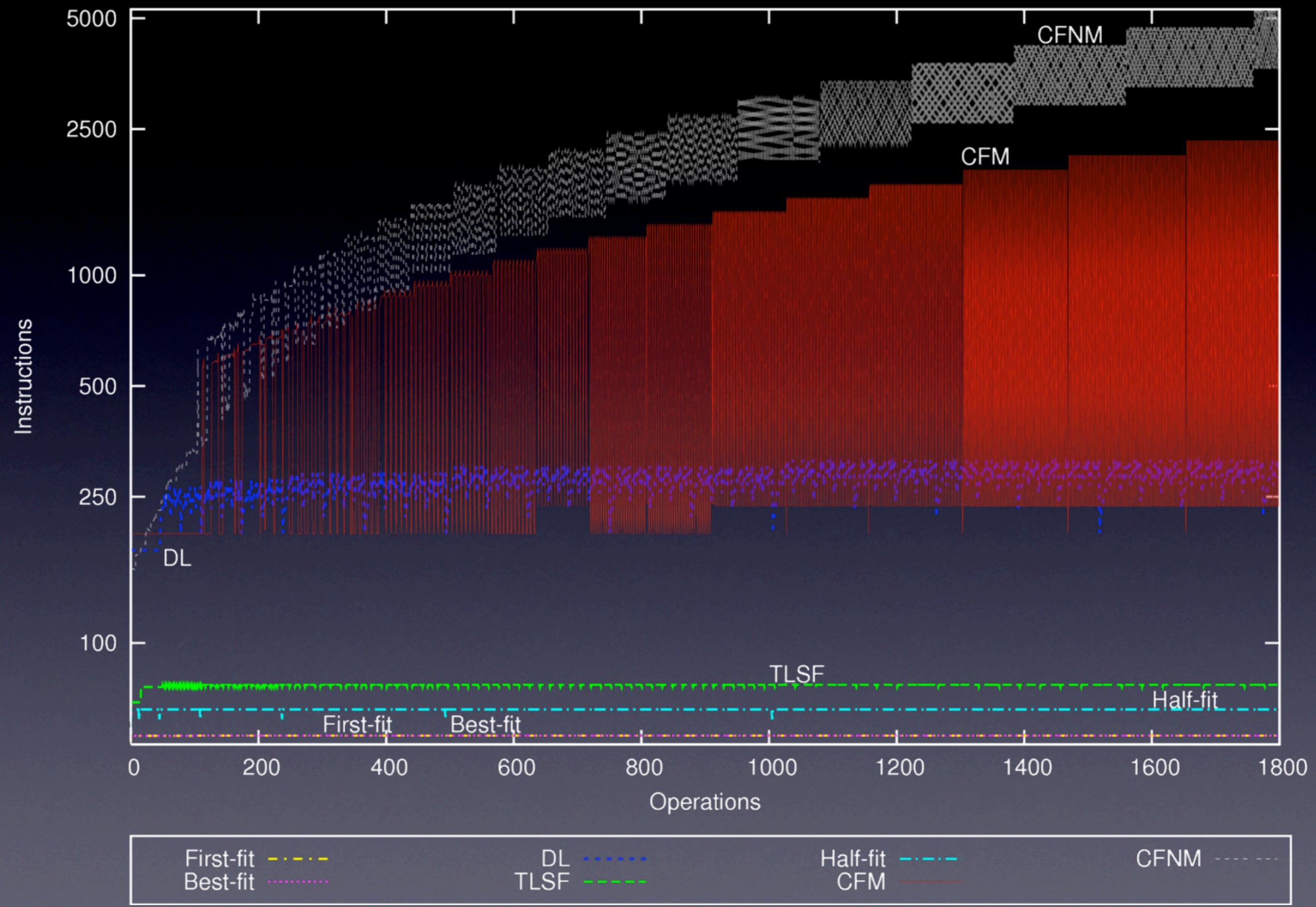


Objects = ≤ 32

Objects = ≤ 64

Objects = ≤ 128





Partial Compaction

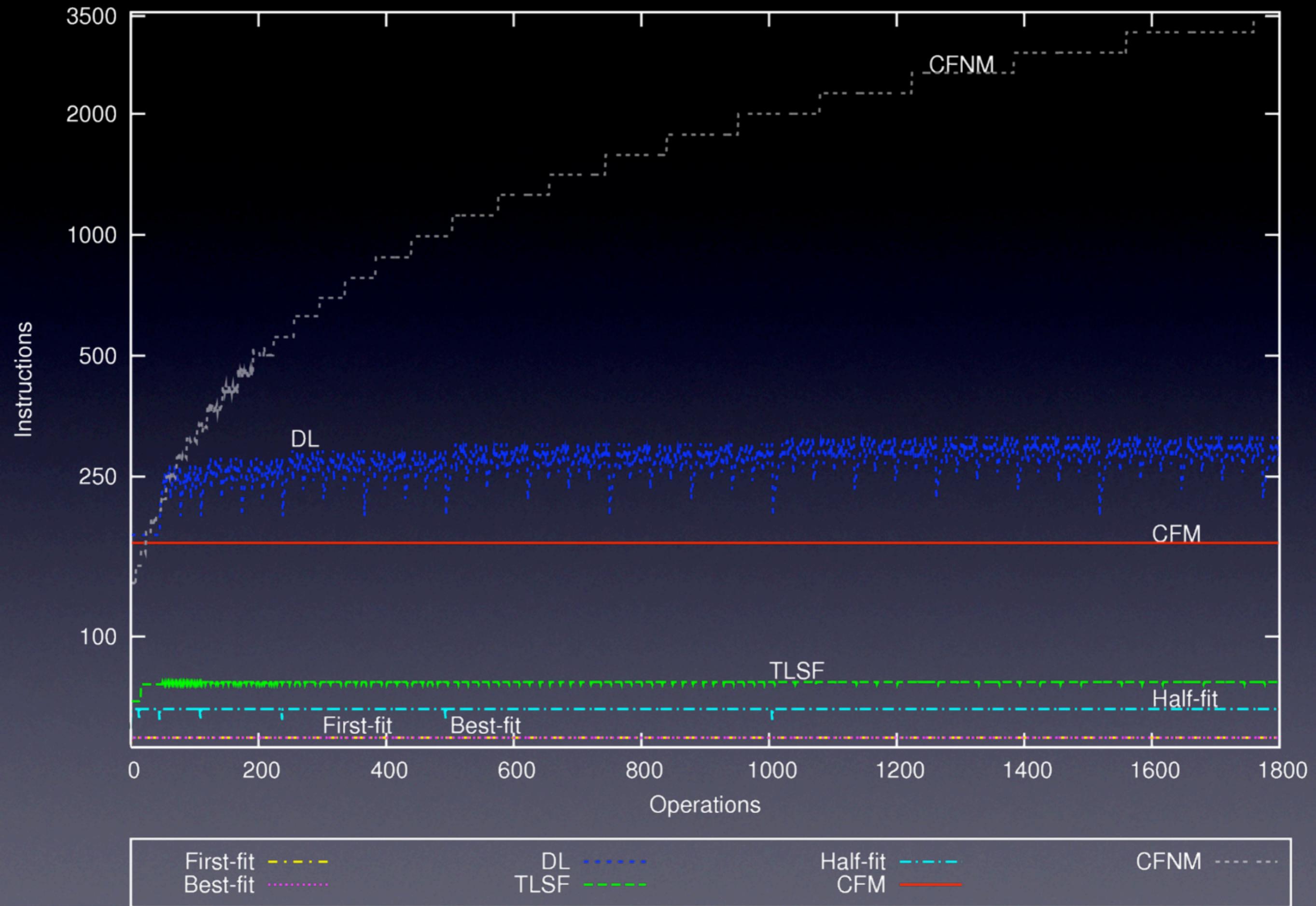


Objects = ≤ 32

Objects = ≤ 64

Objects = ≤ 128





Current/Future Work

- Concurrent memory management
- Process management
- I/O subsystem



Thank you