

# Central Vehicle Computer: Achieving freedom from interference by temporal software separation

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## Realizing customers' vision



- Central Vehicle Computers – Key Requirements
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# Central Vehicle Computers

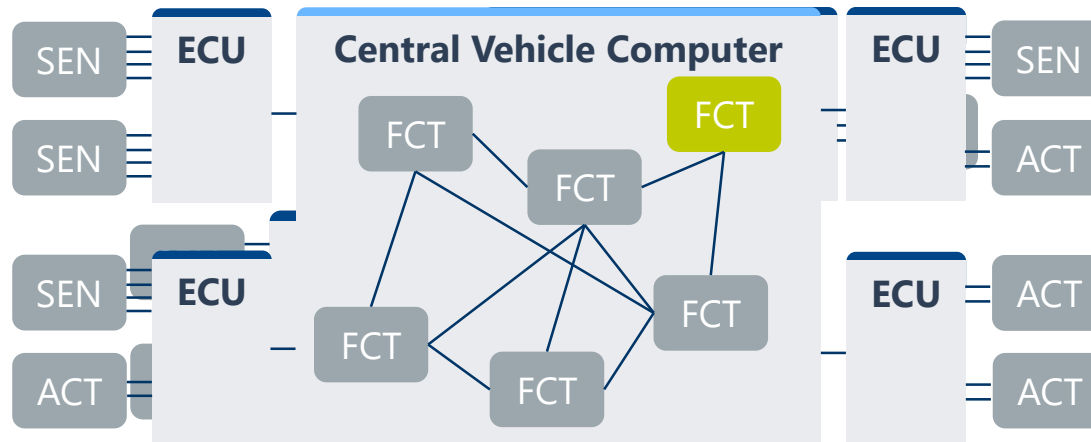
## Key Requirements



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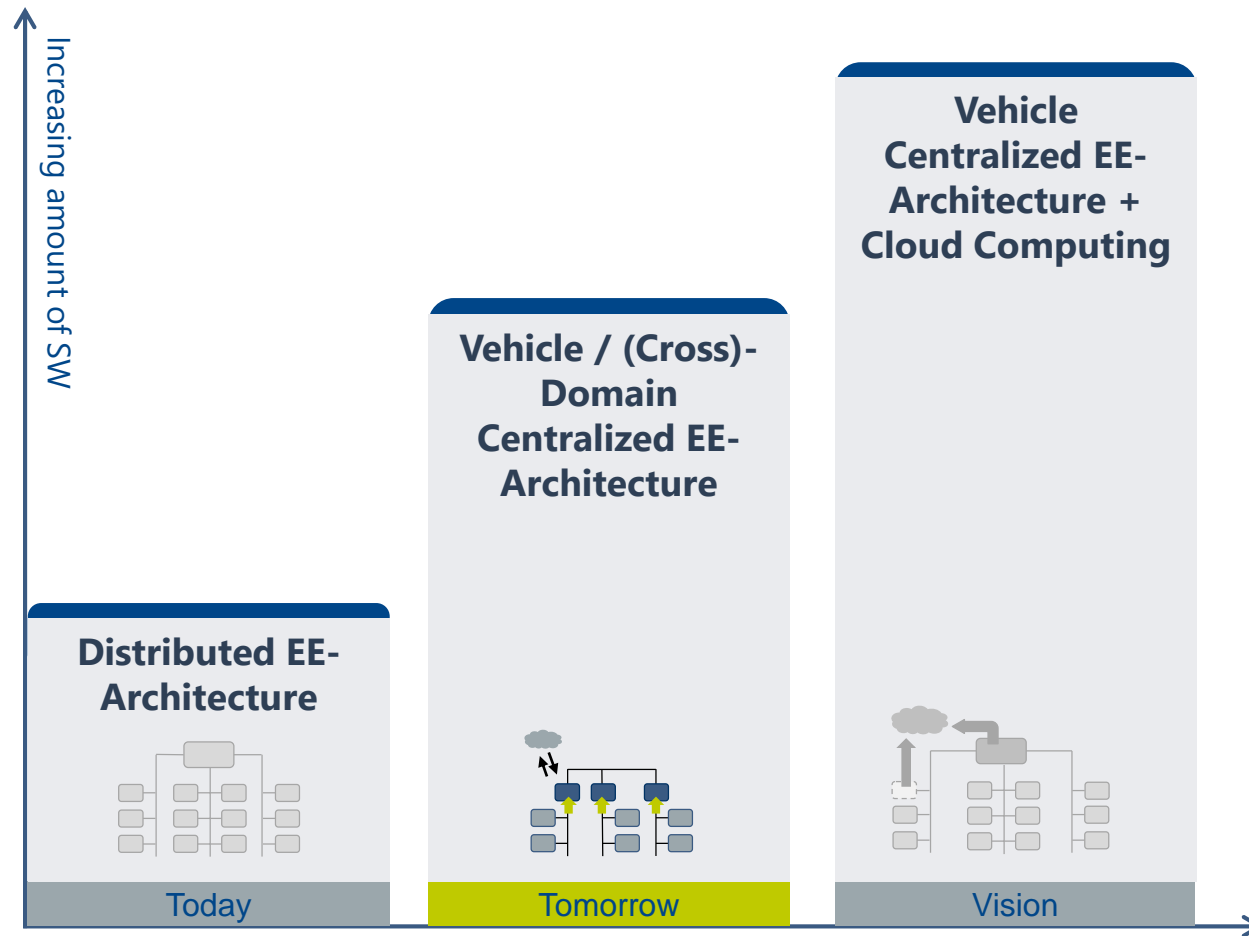
## Logical centralization instead of ECU patchwork

- Today's patchwork approach: adding new ECUs for new features is no longer sustainable
  - Distribution of highly interconnected functions on multiple ECUs is more complex than central integration



Logical centralization & EE architecture drives SW architecture.

## Centralized EE architecture

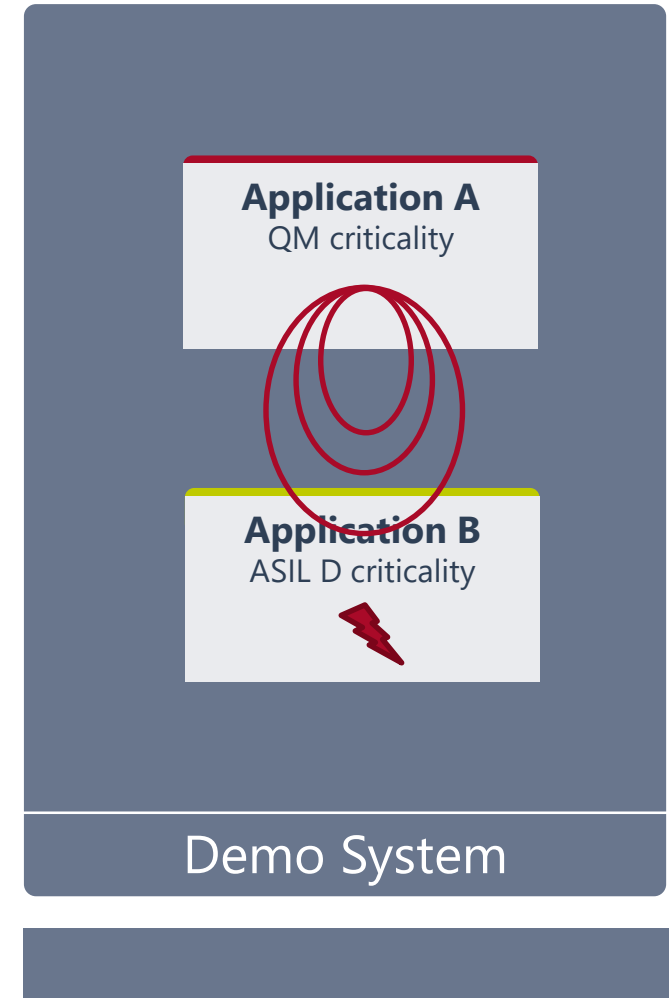


## Extensive software separation / isolation is key requirement

- Central vehicle computers as SW integration platform host many heterogenous applications in terms of
  - Real-time
  - Safety / security properties
  - Provided by cross-domain SW suppliers
- Fault detection via e.g. a watchdog is not sufficient as availability of functions is an increasing demand of future fault tolerant HAF systems

### Key Requirement

Extensive software separation and isolation capabilities to achieve freedom from interference





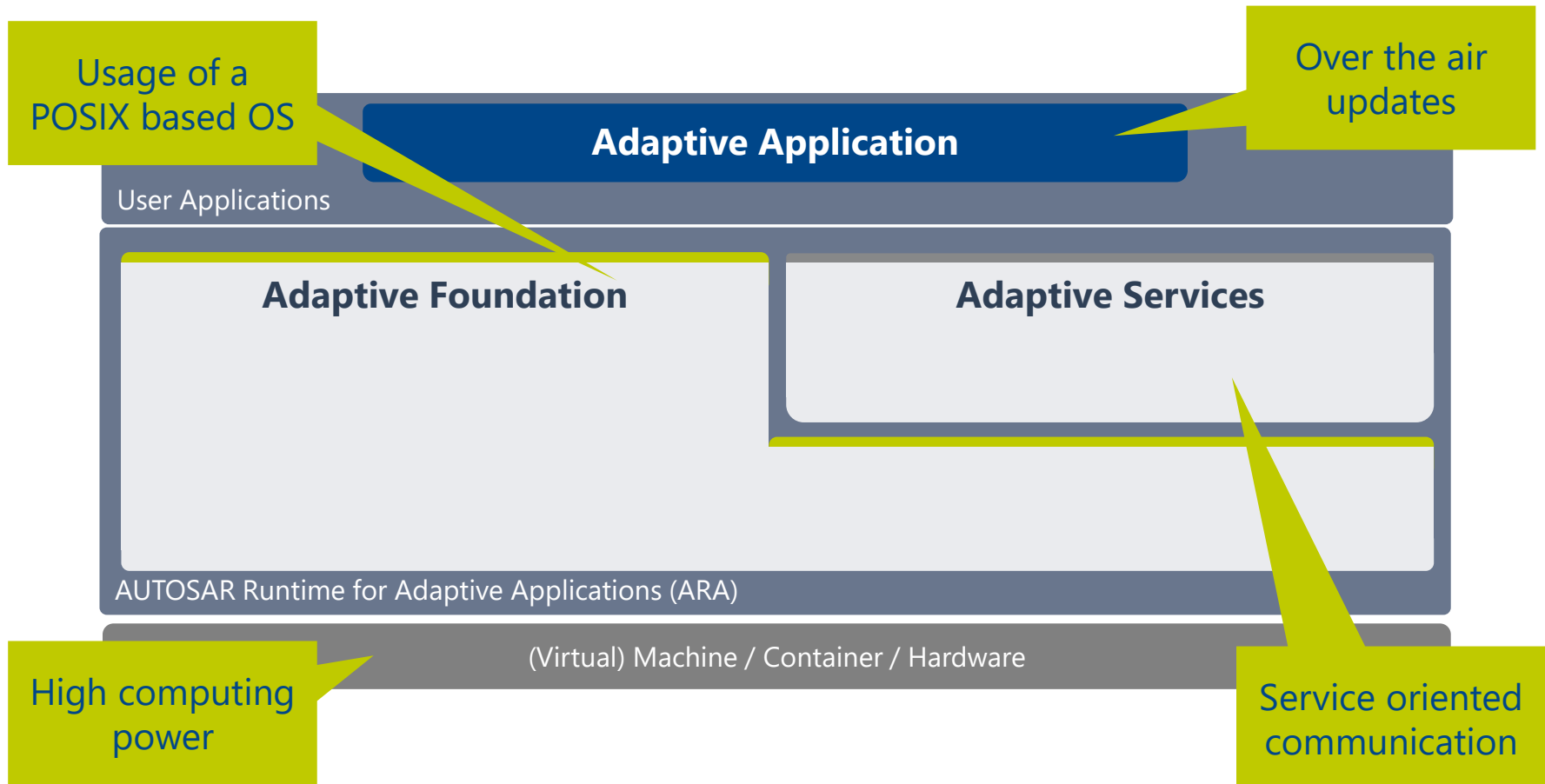
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A Solution Provider for Temporal Software Separation?



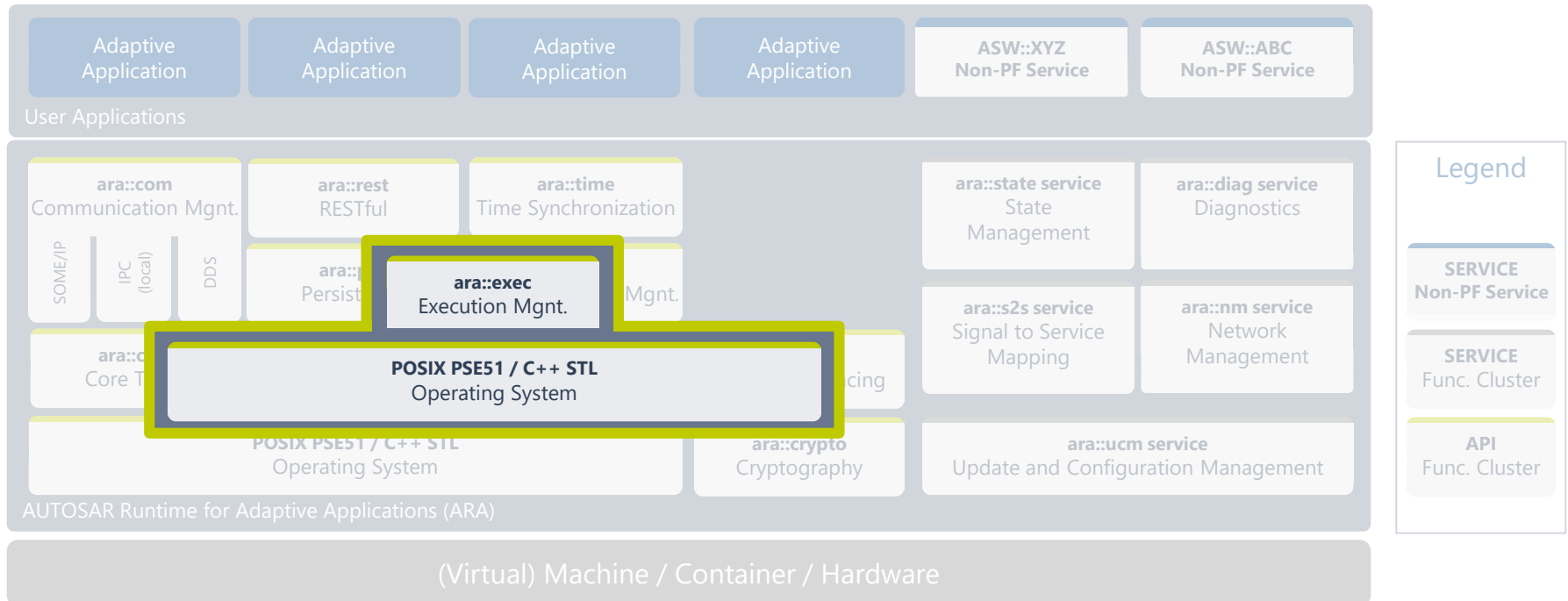


## Adaptive AUTOSAR tackles new market requirements



## A solution provider for temporal software separation?

- 2 functional clusters are related to scheduling & execution of applications
  - Operating system (conform to POSIX PSE51)
  - Execution management



A solution provider for temporal software separation?

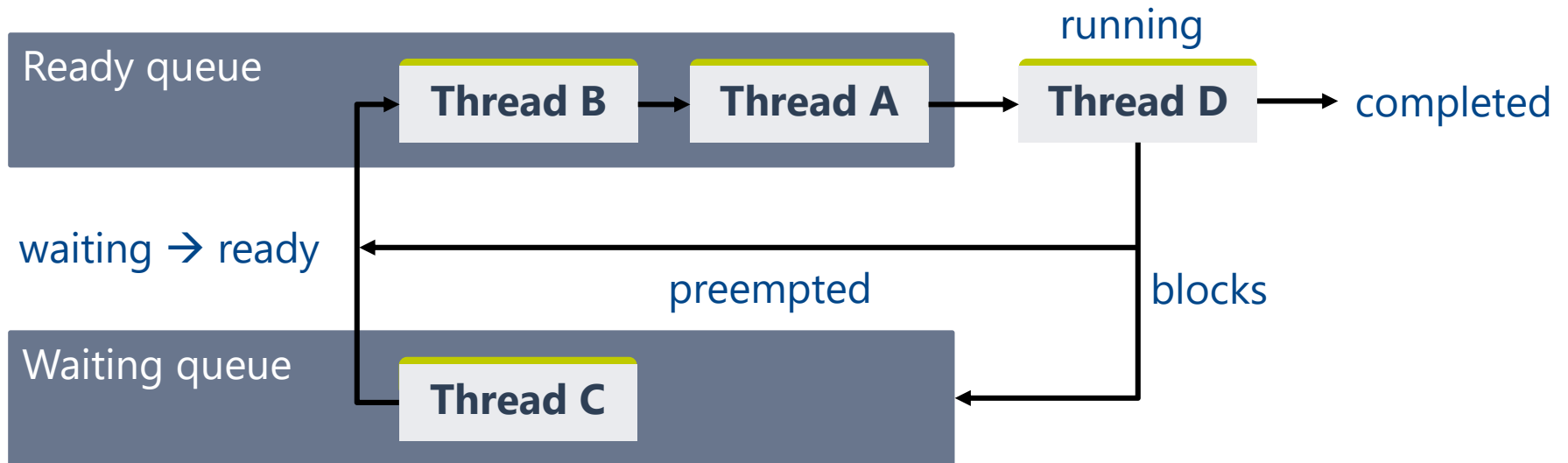
## Operating System Interface Specification

*«The Adaptive Platform Operating System shall support the following scheduling policies defined in the IEEE1003.1 POSIX standard»*

- First in First Out (FiFo)
- Round Robing (RR)
- Other → This is no real-time scheduling policy

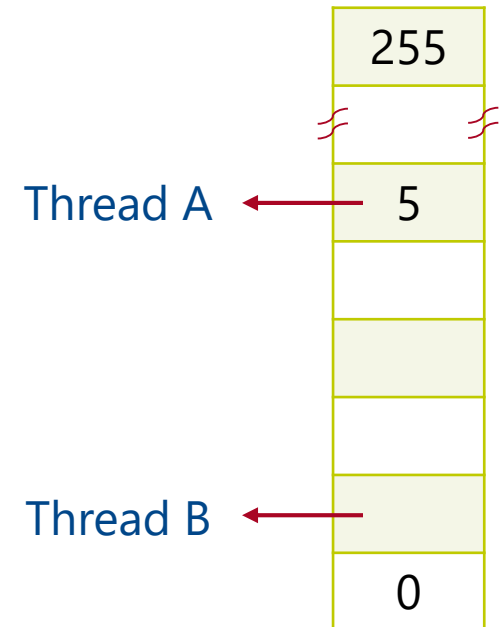
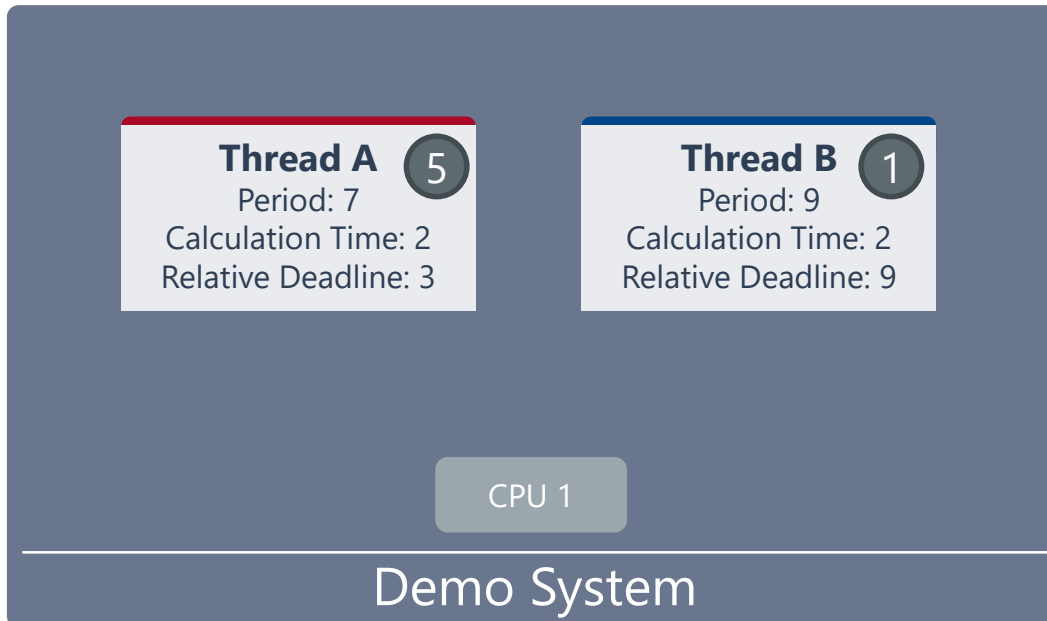
*Remark: «Since the above mentioned default scheduling policies may not guarantee proper execution for all real-time scenarios,...»*

## Wrap-Up: FiFo / Round Robin scheduling



## Initial Setup

- Demo System with 2 threads
  - Thread A has a high criticality (e.g. ASIL D)
  - Thread B has a low criticality (e.g. ASIL A)
- Rate-Monotonic priority assignment





## Initial scheduling using FiFo / Round Robin

- Thread A
  - Always preempts Thread B
  - Always meets its deadline
- Thread B
  - Could be preempted by Thread A

**Thread A** 5

Period: 7

Calculation Time: 2

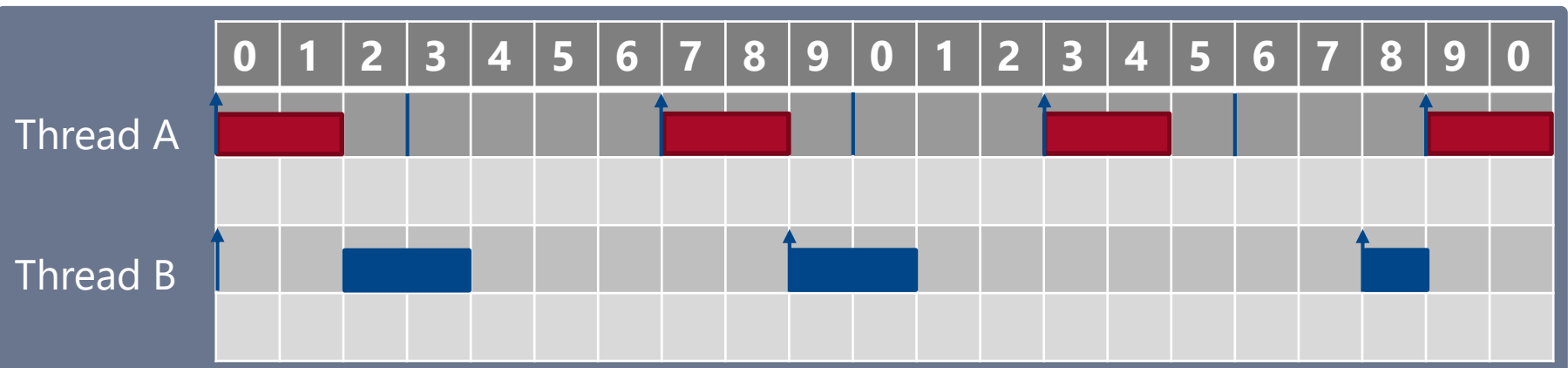
Relative Deadline: 3

**Thread B** 1

Period: 9

Calculation Time: 2

Relative Deadline: 9



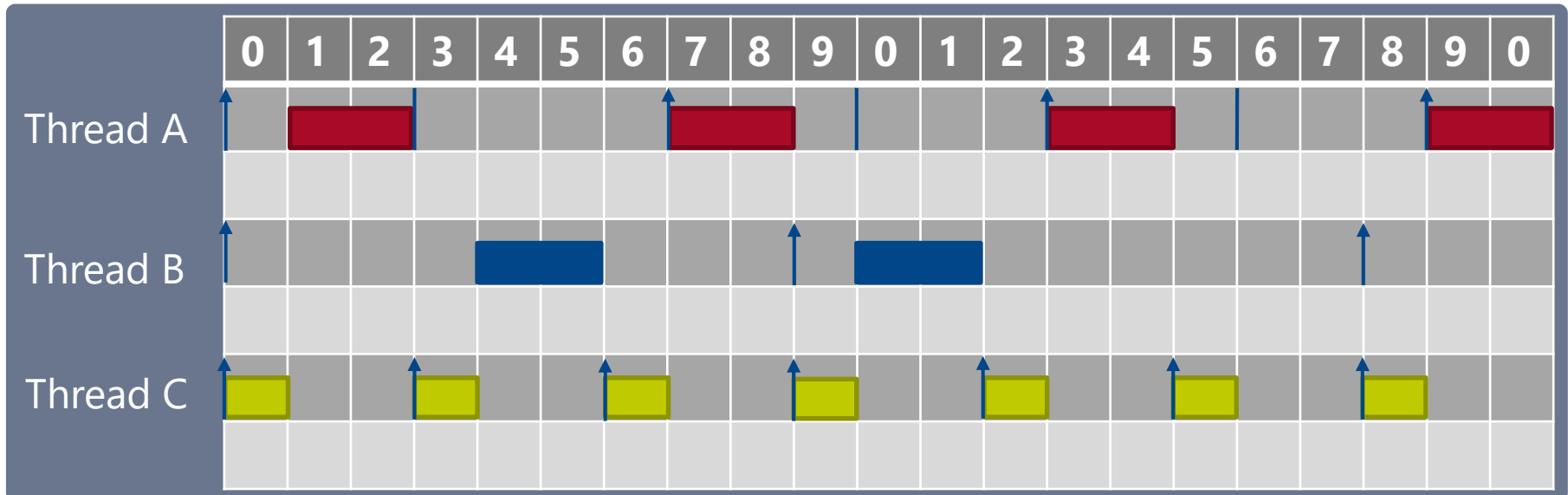
## Adding a third thread

- Thread C
  - QM criticality – e.g. HMI Data Provider
  - Shortest period
  - Highest priority

**Thread A** 5  
 Period: 7  
 Calculation Time: 2  
 Relative Deadline: 3

**Thread B** 1  
 Period: 9  
 Calculation Time: 2  
 Relative Deadline: 9

**Thread C** 8  
 Period: 3  
 Calculation Time: 1  
 Relative Deadline: 3



## Incorrect execution of thread C leads to criticality inversion

### Thread C

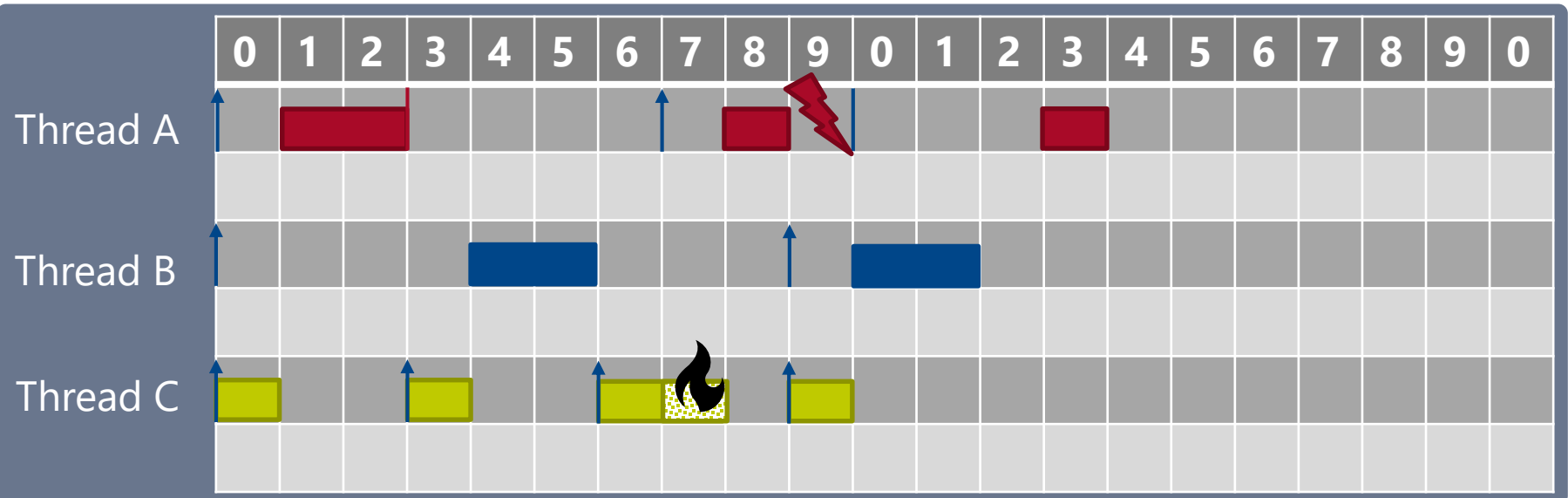
- Thread C is at fault and still meets its deadline
- Thread A is not at fault and misses its deadline

→ criticality inversion → no temporal isolation!

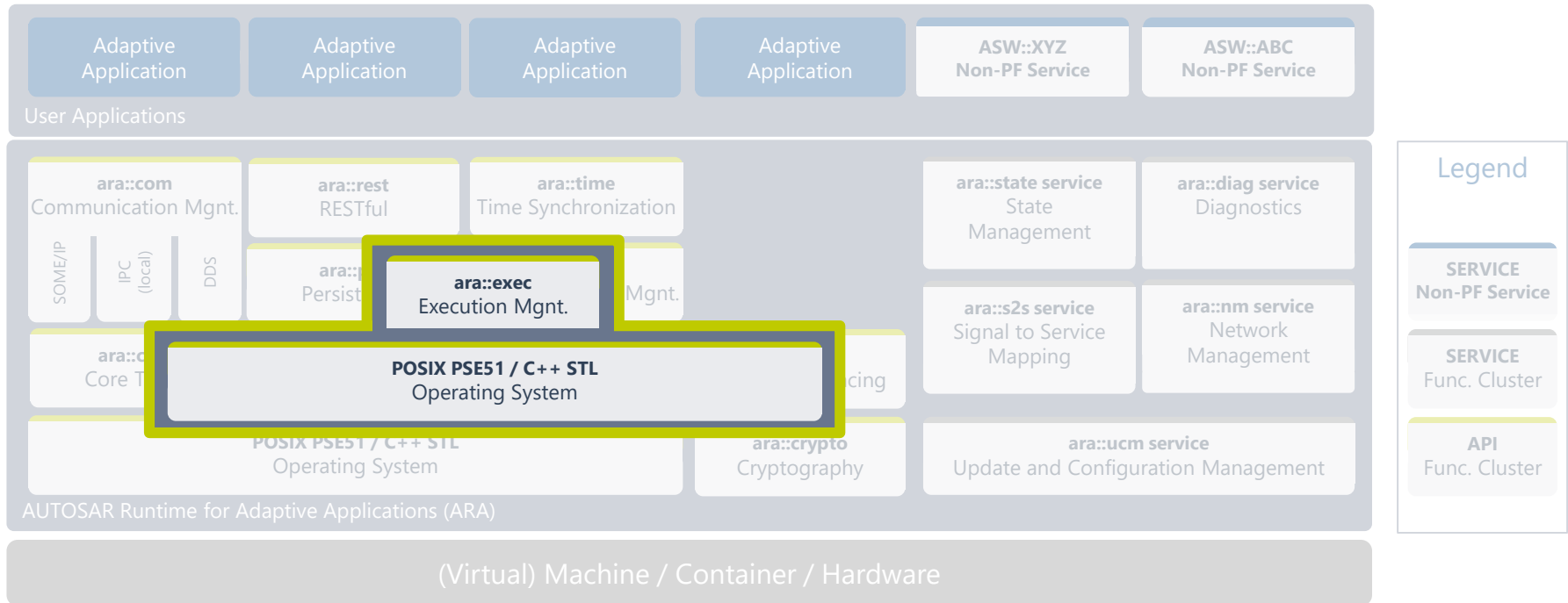
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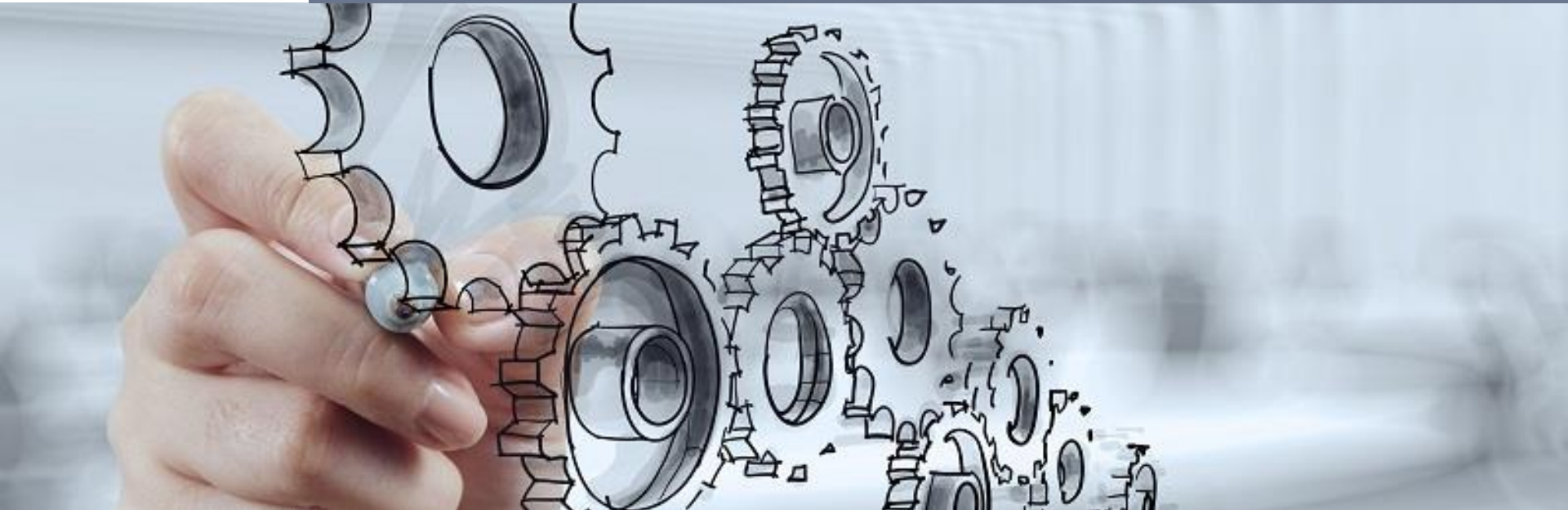


Adaptive AUTOSAR != Standard Solution for Freedom from Interference



POSIX scheduling policies may not guarantee proper execution for all real-time scenarios.

# Mastering Parallel Execution of Code

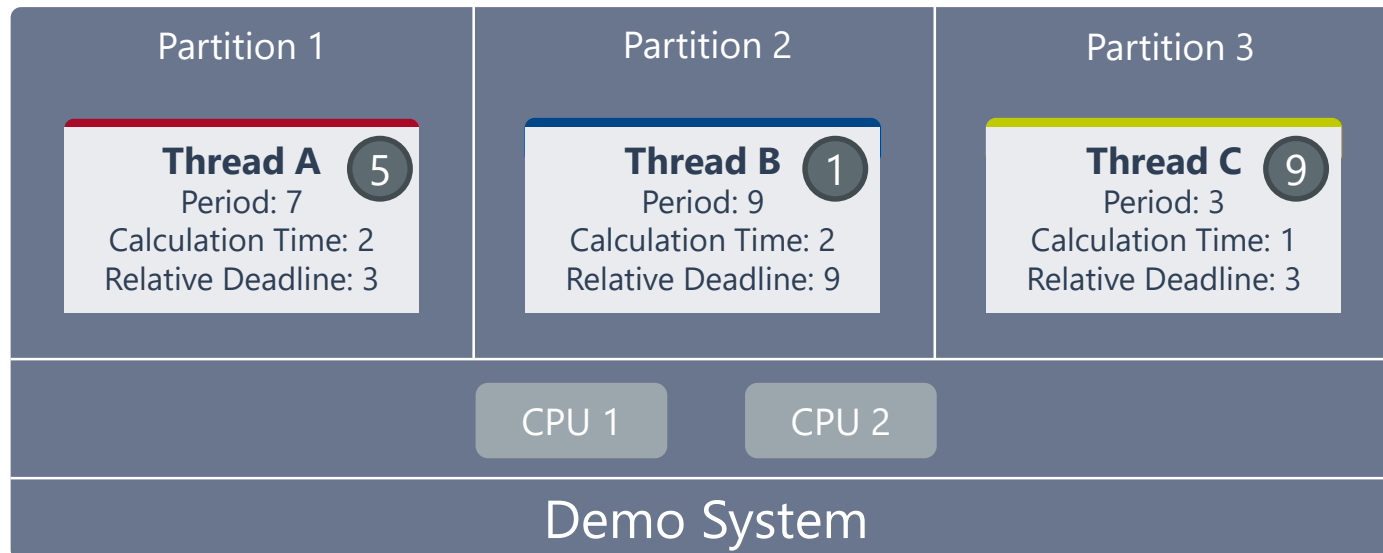




## Partition the system by criticality

### Approach

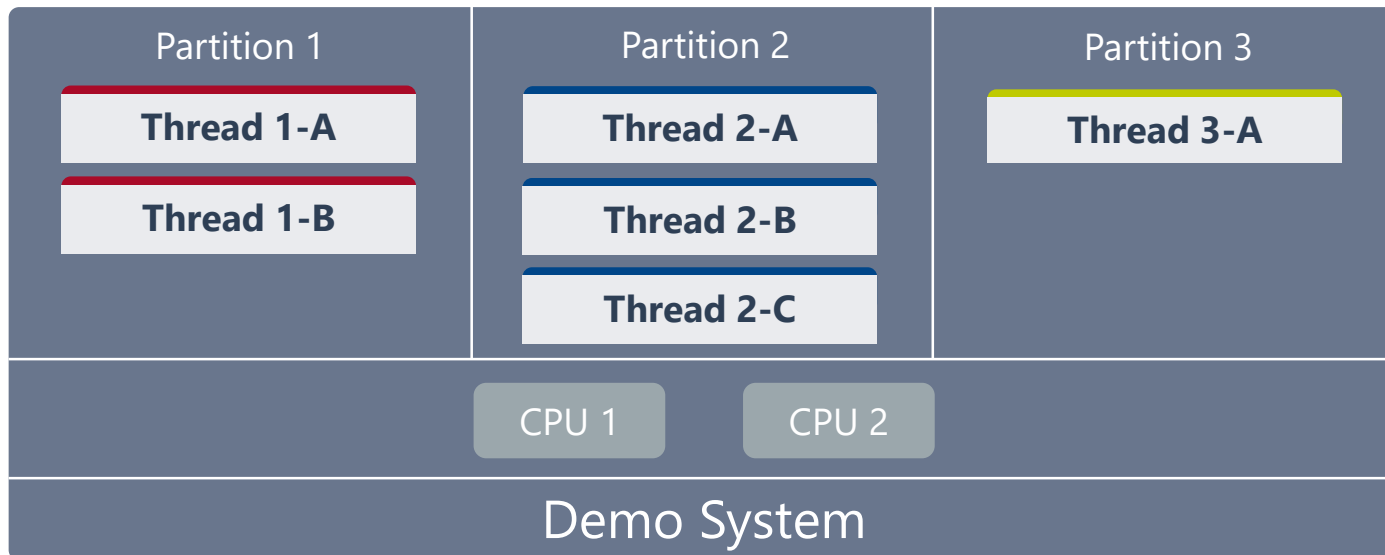
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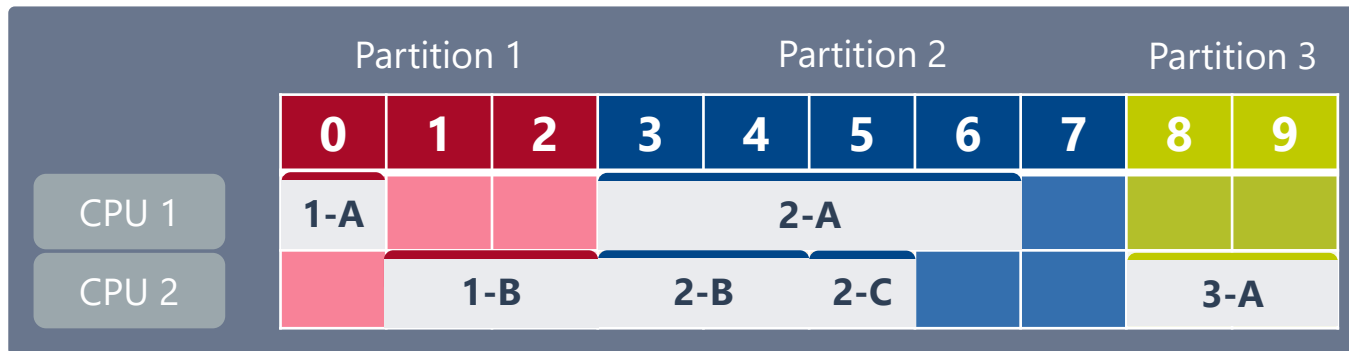
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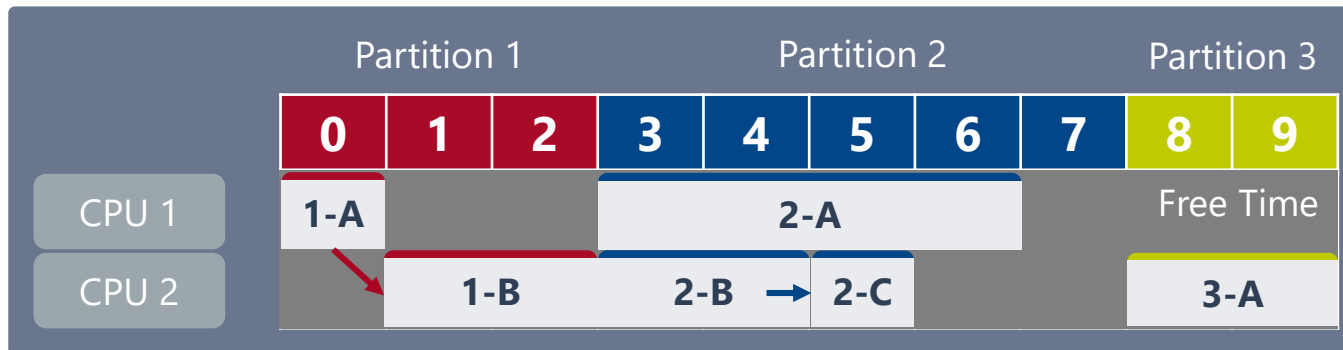
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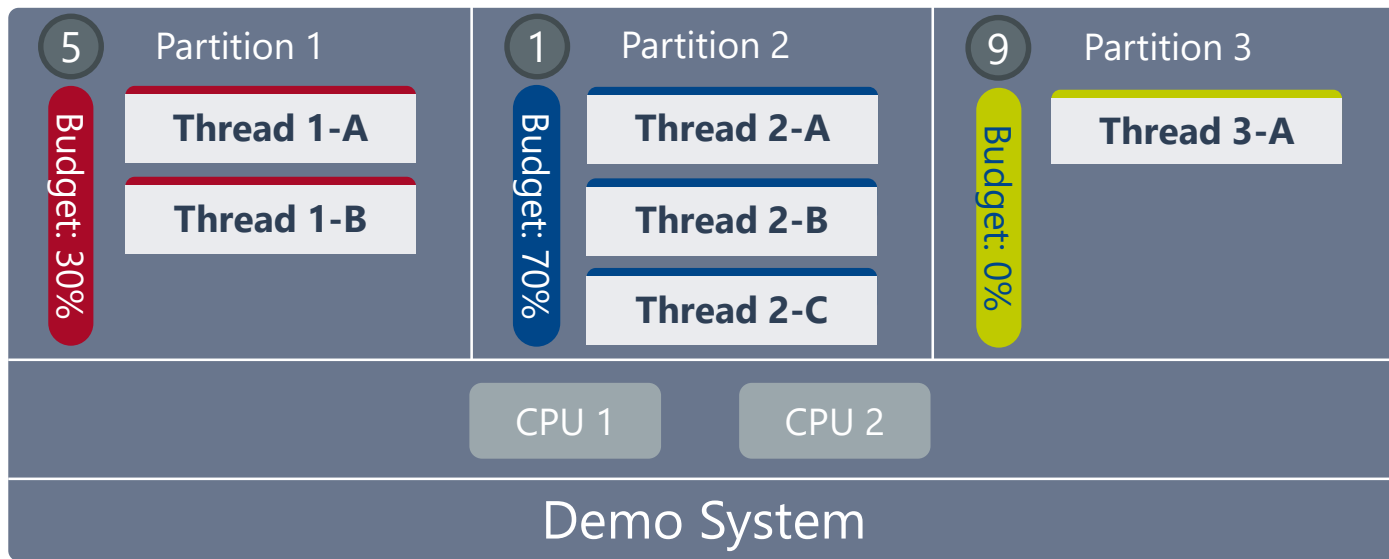
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- Problematic:
  - Dependencies within a partition lead to available free-time which could not be used by other threads living in other partitions



## Adaptive Partitioning

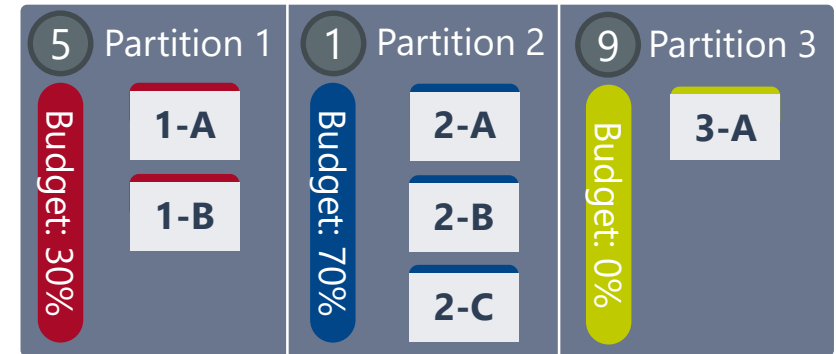
- Instead of assigning static timeslots to partitions, individual budgets which are replenished periodically are defined
- Scheduler runs the thread with the highest priority while the threads partition still has budget available.





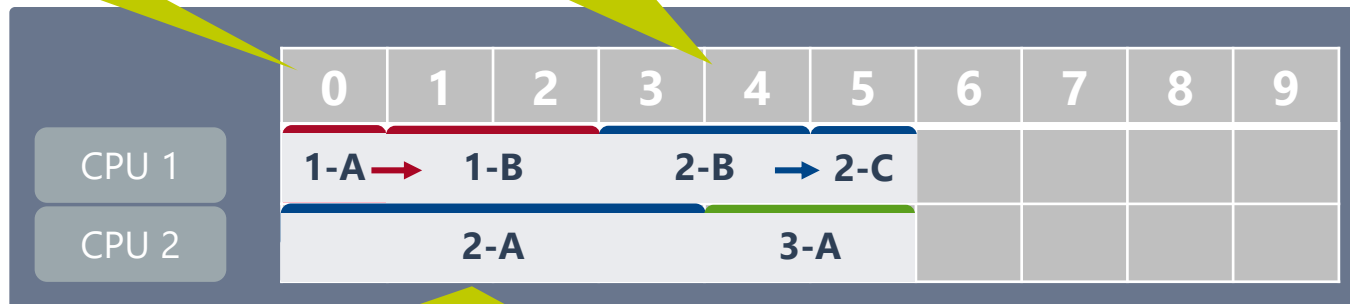
# Mastering Parallel Execution of Code

Available CPU capacity is used whenever possible



1-A, 2-A and 3-A are ready to run

Available capacity is dynamically assigned to 3-A



1-A and 3-A would be scheduled according to the priorities. As partition 3 does not have any budget, 2-A is scheduled instead of 3-A.

## Adaptive partitioning – real target evaluation

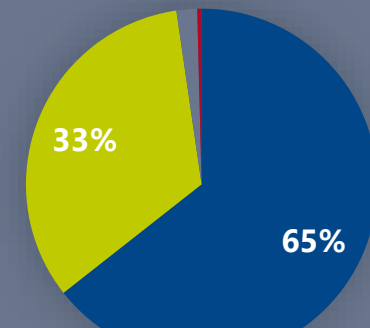
**Emergency Brake Assist**

**Workload Generators**

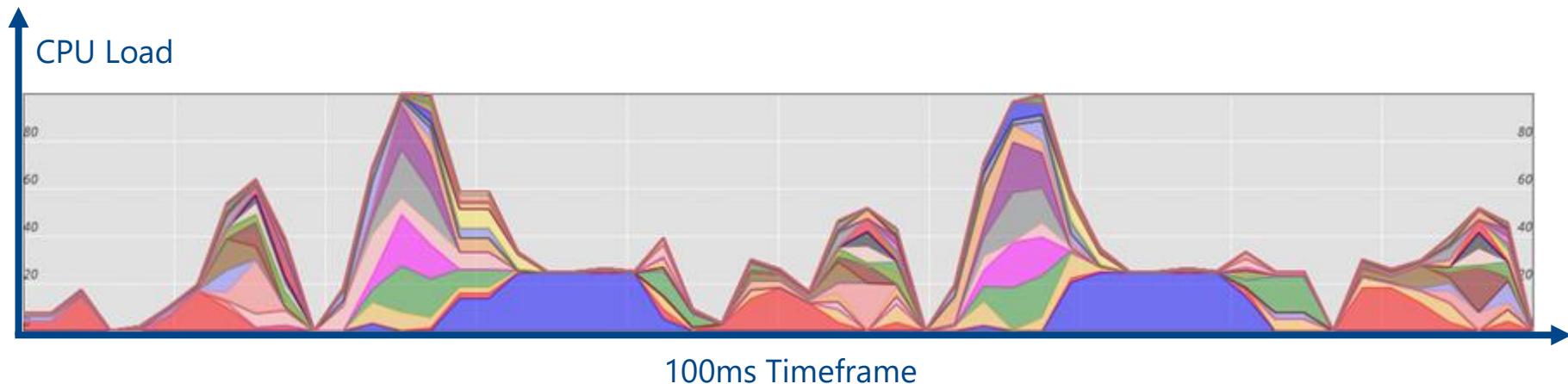
AUTOSAR Runtime for Adaptive Applications (ARA)

(Virtual) Machine / Container / Hardware

### CPU Load Distribution



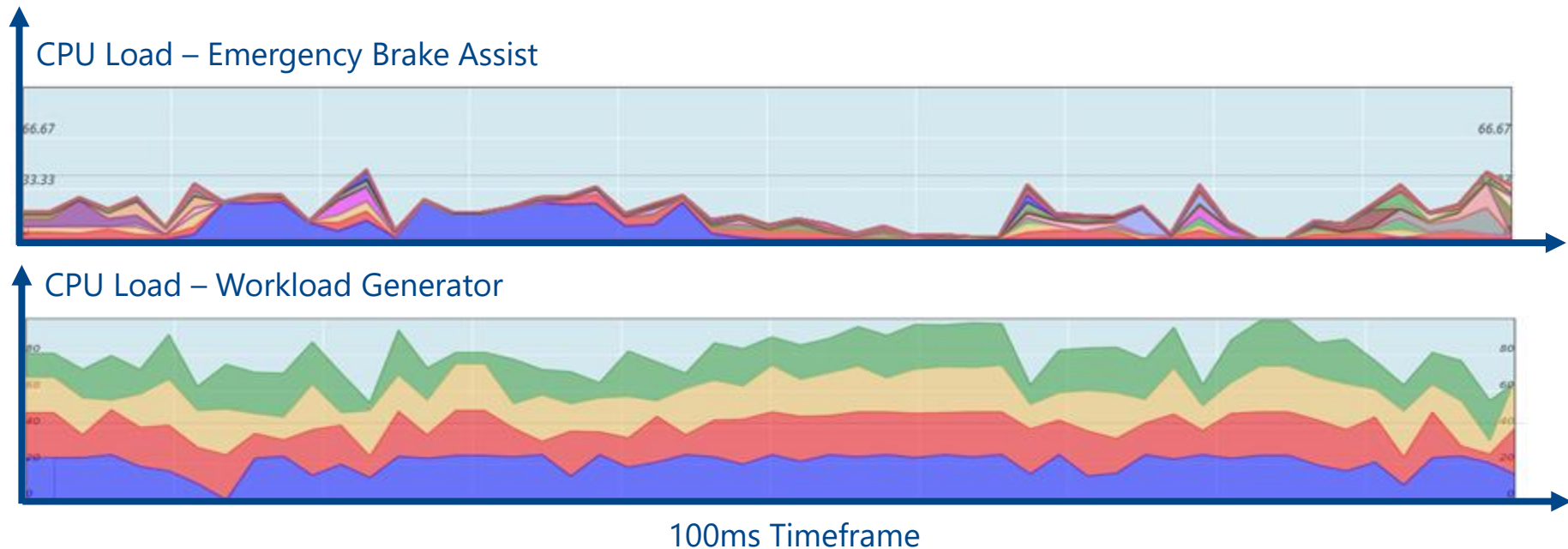
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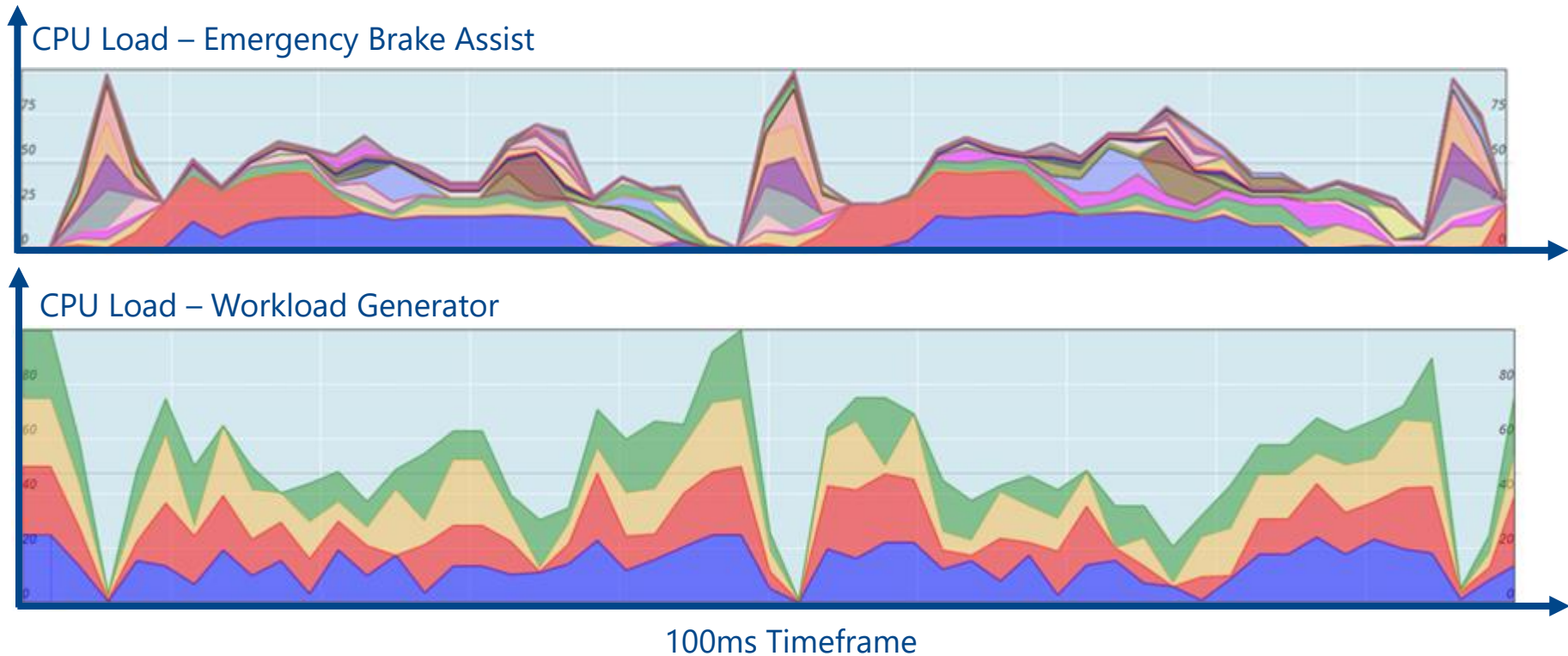
# Mastering Parallel Execution of Code

Four high frequency threads bring down the system

- **No** freedom from interference !
- System without adaptive partitioning is unable to provide its functionality



Adaptive partitioning ensures freedom from interference



## Adaptive partitioning is not the silver bullet

### Adaptive partitioning...

- ... guarantees that every partition gets its assigned budget within a defined time window
- ... does not directly influence the scheduling behavior within a partition but may introduce additional runtime delays
- 1:1 mapping of adaptive applications to partitions is not feasible
- Suitable scheduling algorithm for systems with aperiodic threads assigned to partitions can be based on the slack time





# Conclusion



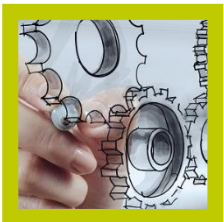
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Extensive software separation and isolation is key requirement for central vehicle computers



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Dynamic system partitioning allows borrowing available free time



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