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DVFS PERFORMANCE PREDICTION FOR MANAGED MULTITHREADED APPLICATIONS

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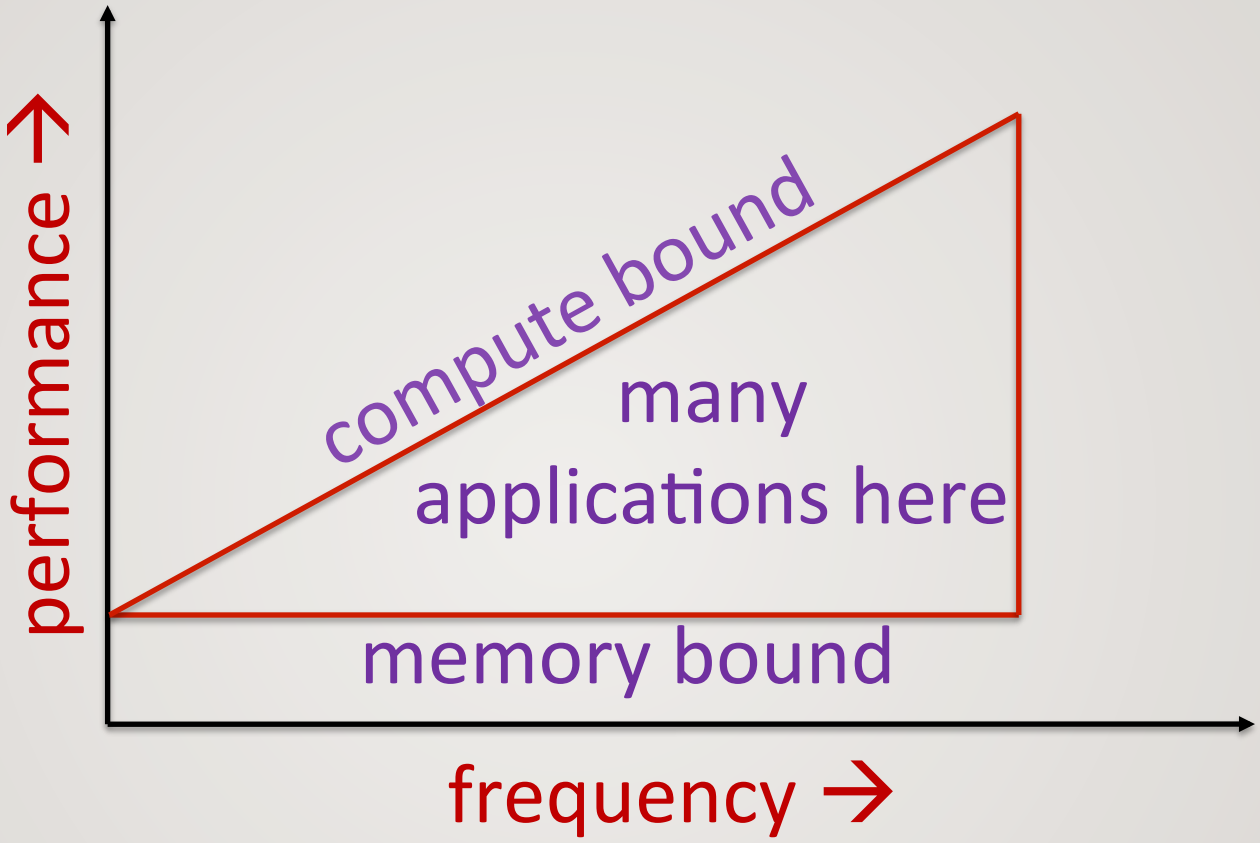
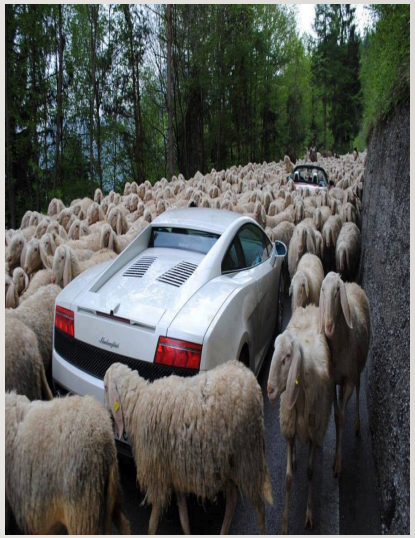
DVFS Performance Prediction



Sample at all DVFS states ☹

Estimate performance ☺

Managed Multithreaded Applications



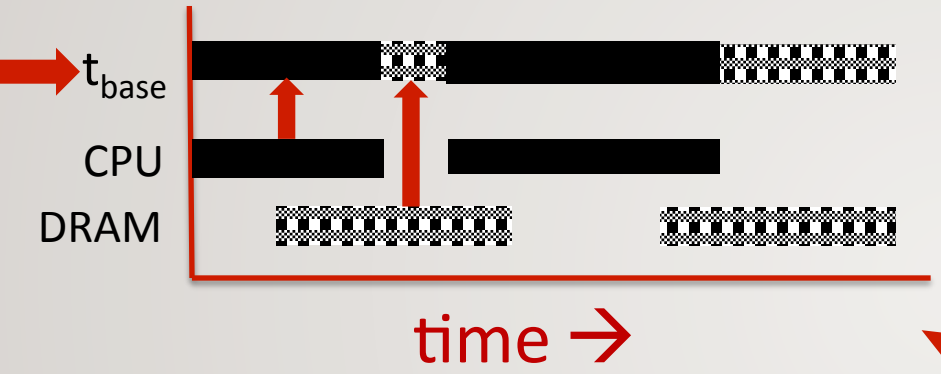
Heterogeneity

Synchronization

Store Bursts

Background

Base Frequency



- t_{base} sum of
  - Scaling (S)
  - Non-Scaling (NS)

Target Frequency

- r = Base/Target
- S → S * r
- NS → No change
- t_{target} = (S*r) + NS

- Not simple
- OOO+MLP

State of the Art

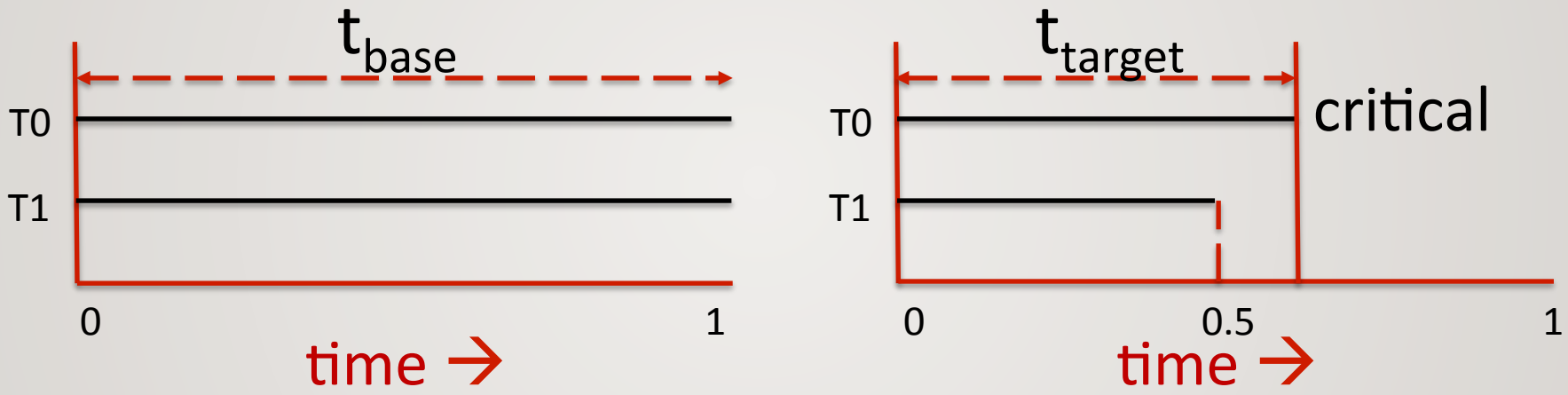
- **CRIT** estimates non-scaling by
  - Measuring critical path through loads
  - Ignoring store operations

R. Miftakhutdinov, E. Ebrahimi, and Y. N. Patt. Predicting performance impact of DVFS for realistic memory systems. MICRO, 2012.

Multithreaded CRIT (M+CRIT)

Base Frequency → Target Frequency

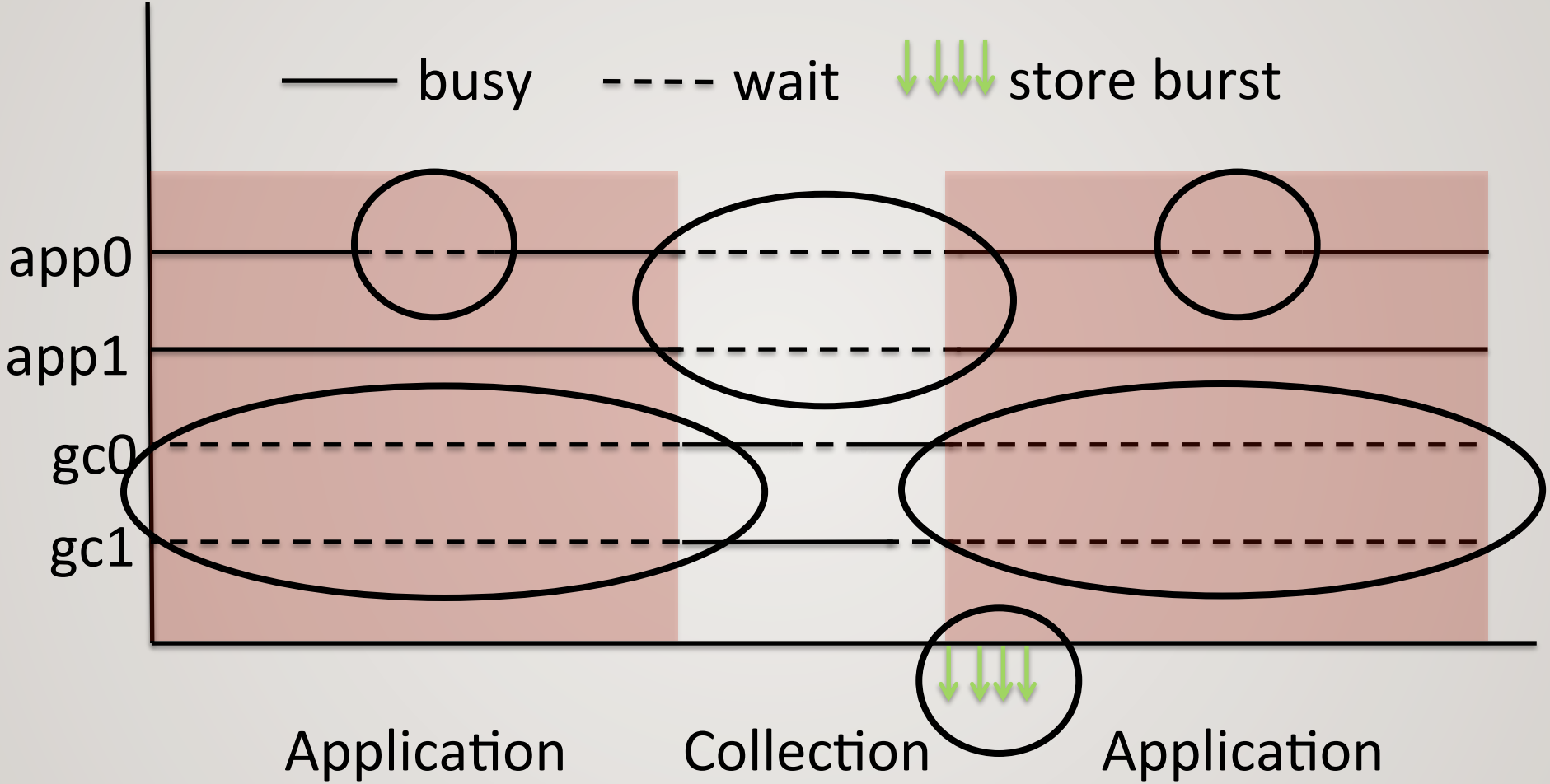
2X



Use CRIT to identify each thread's non-scaling

High error for multithreaded Java!

Sources of Inaccuracy in M+CRIT



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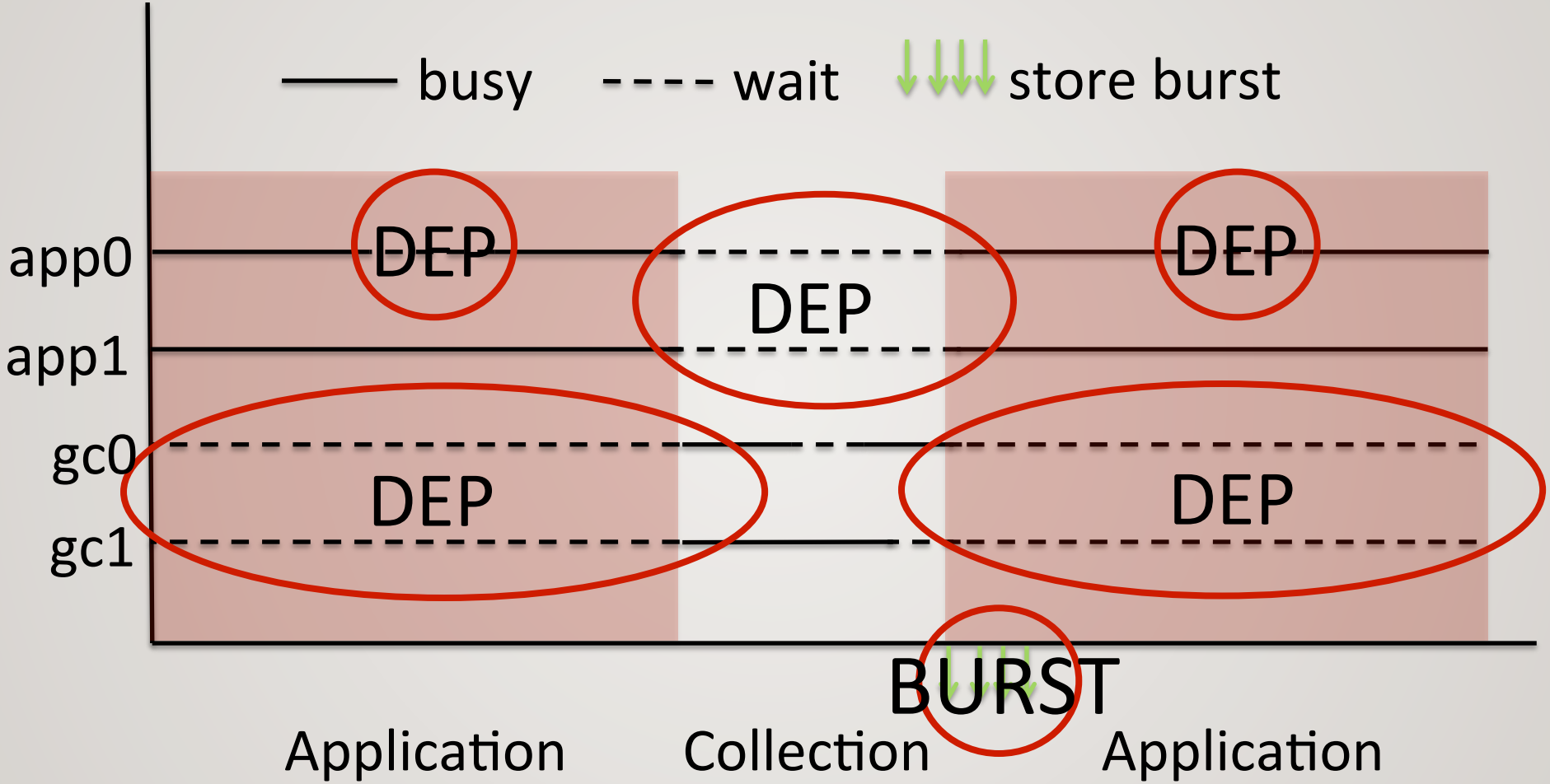

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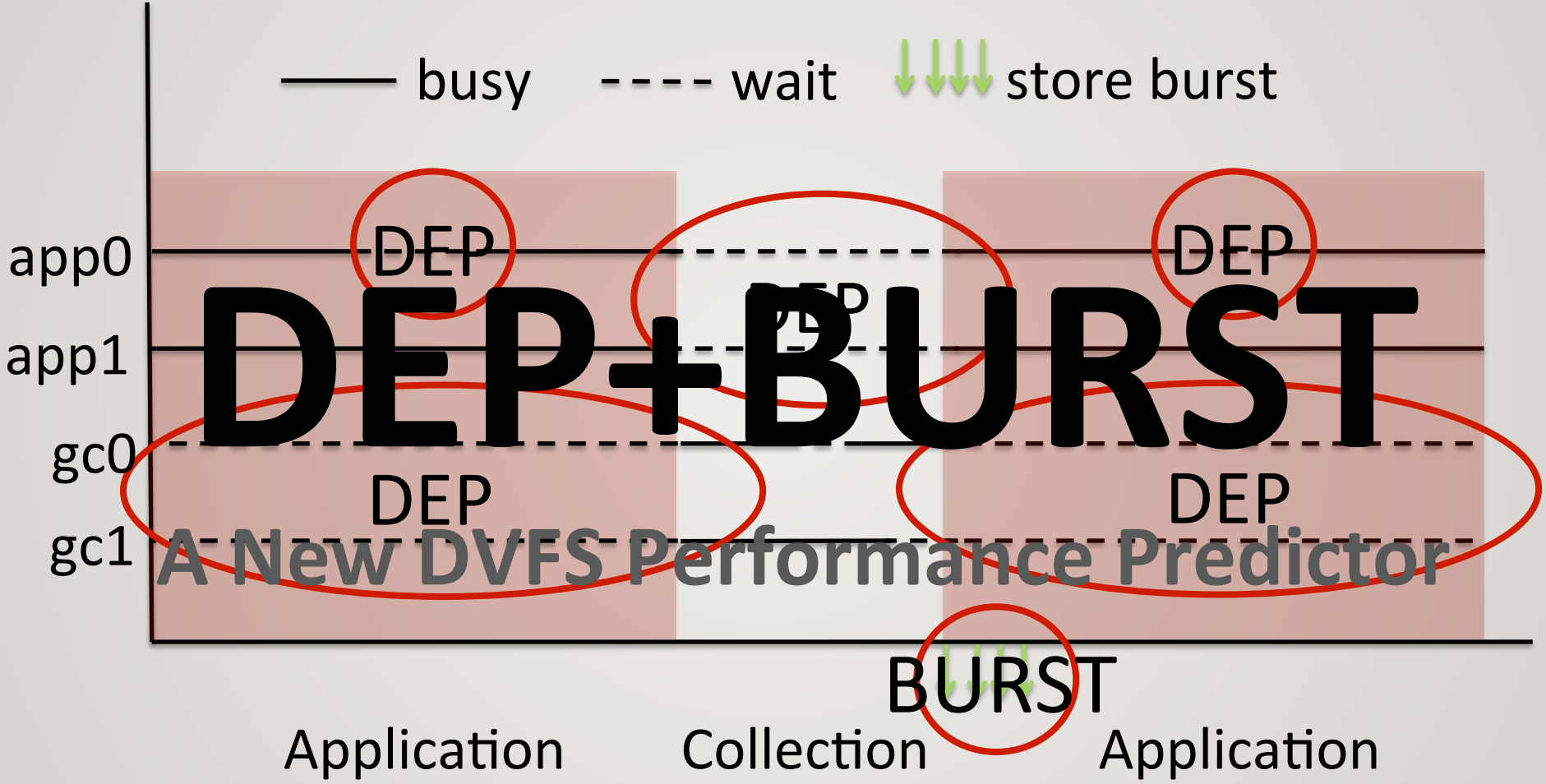

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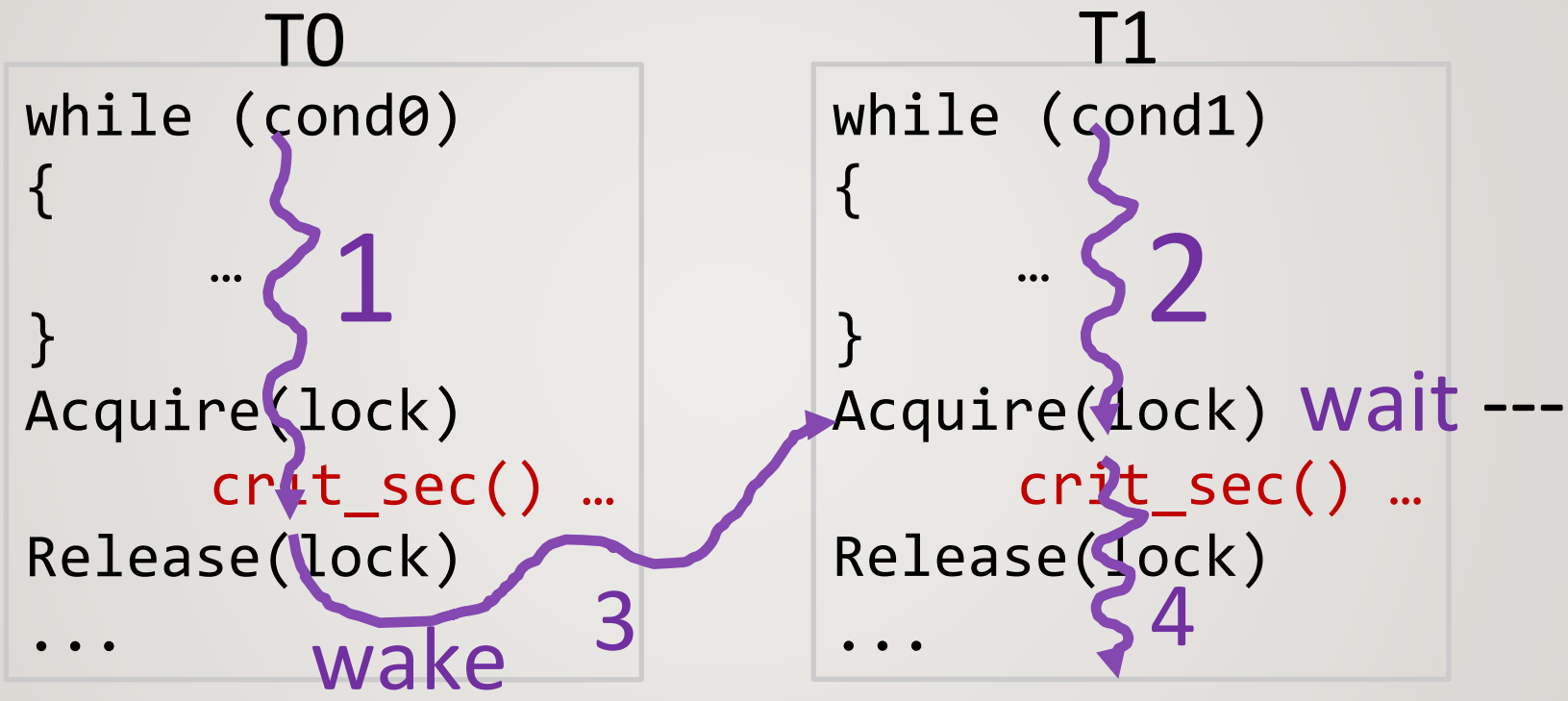
A New DVFS Performance Predictor

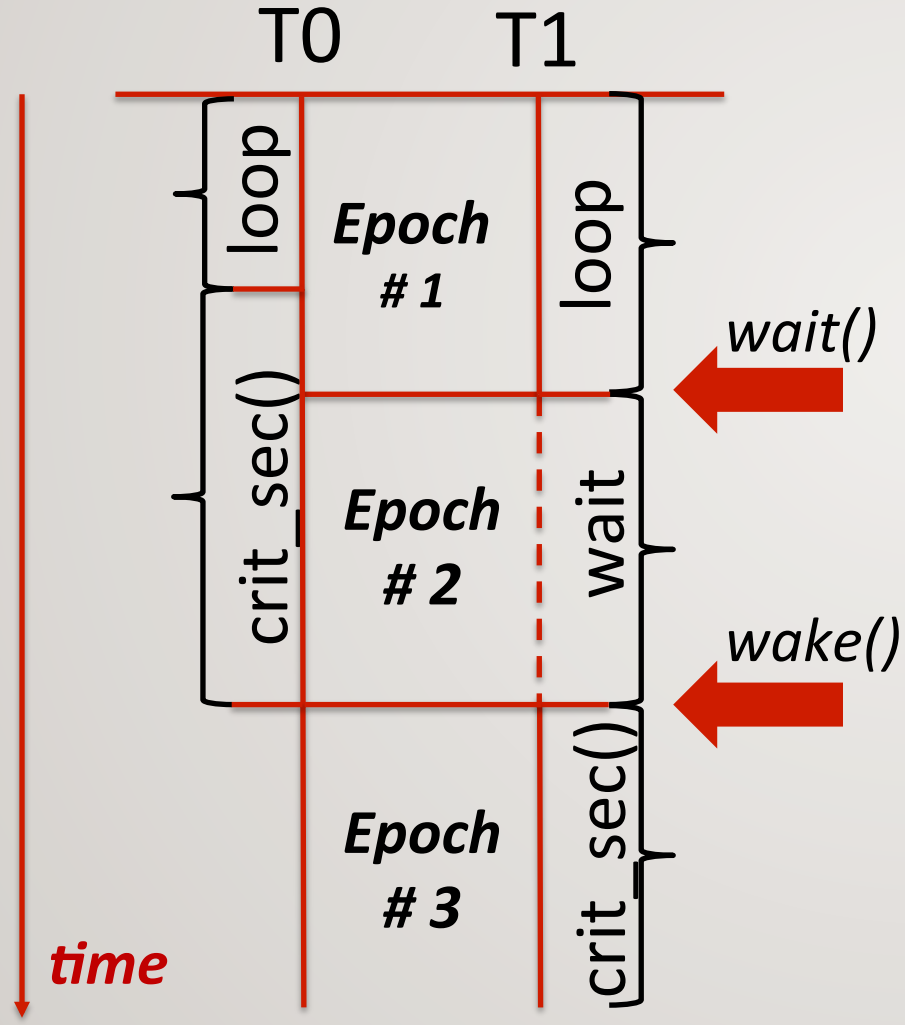
Example: Inter-thread Dependences



- Intercept synchronization activity
- Reconstruct execution at target frequency

Identifying Synchronization Epochs

Base Frequency → Target Frequency



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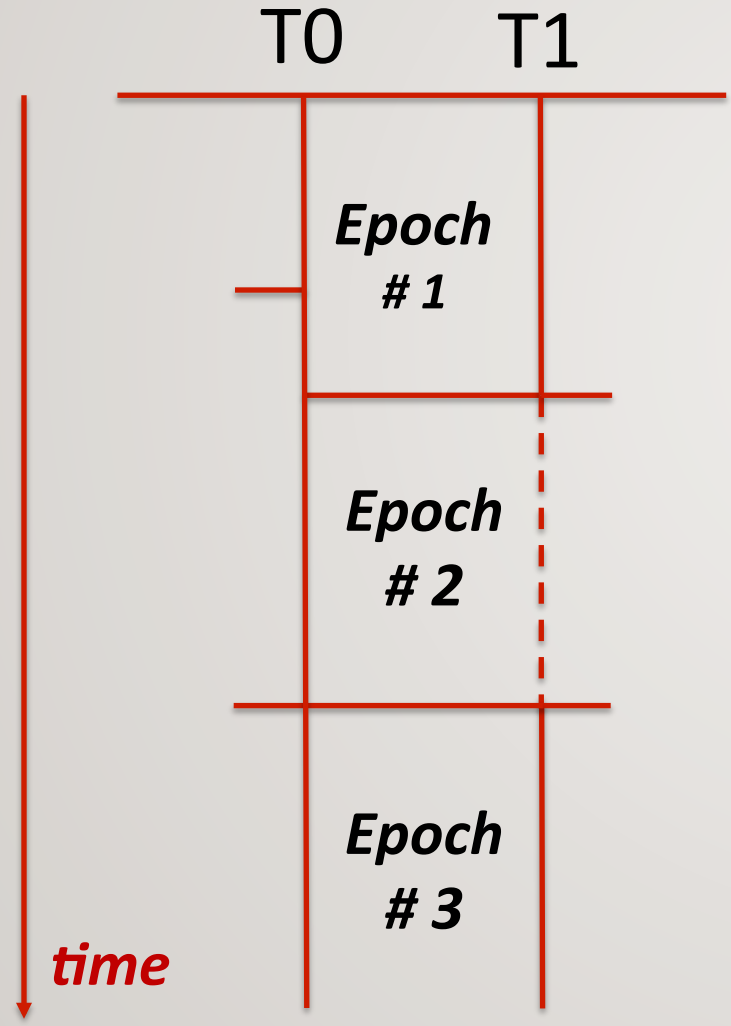

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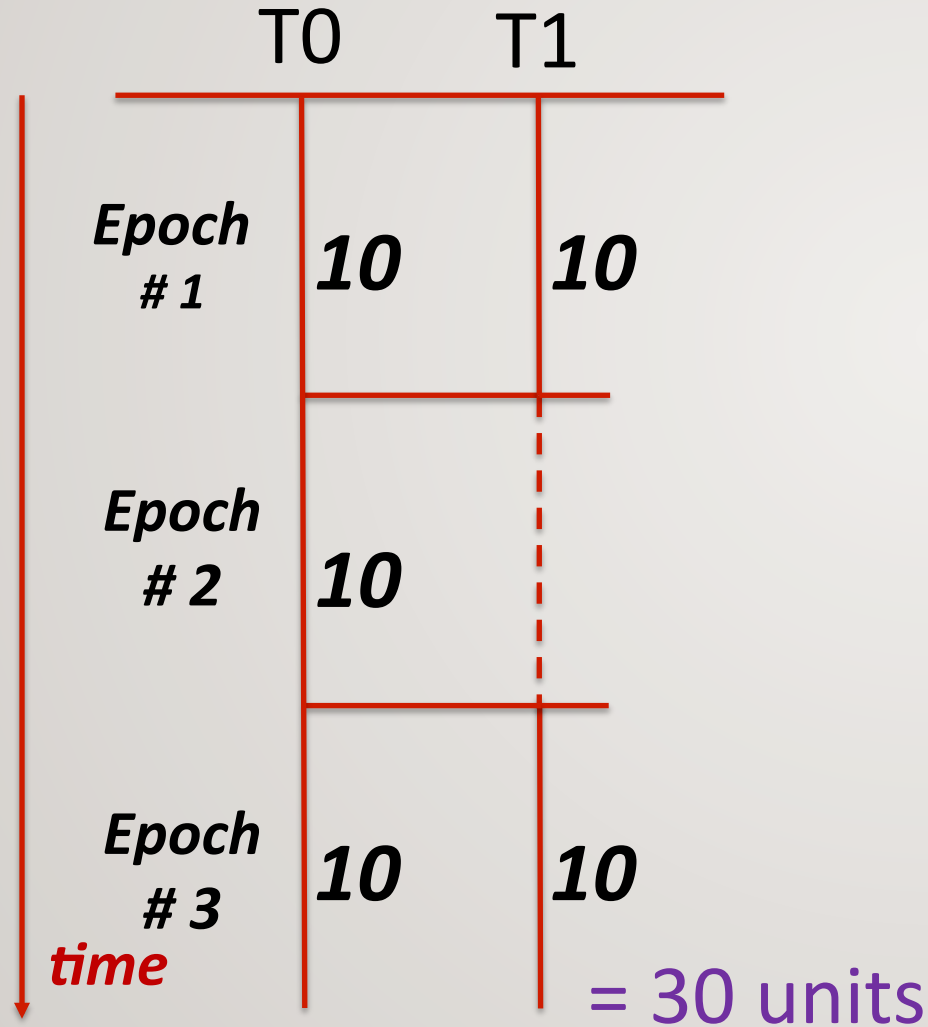
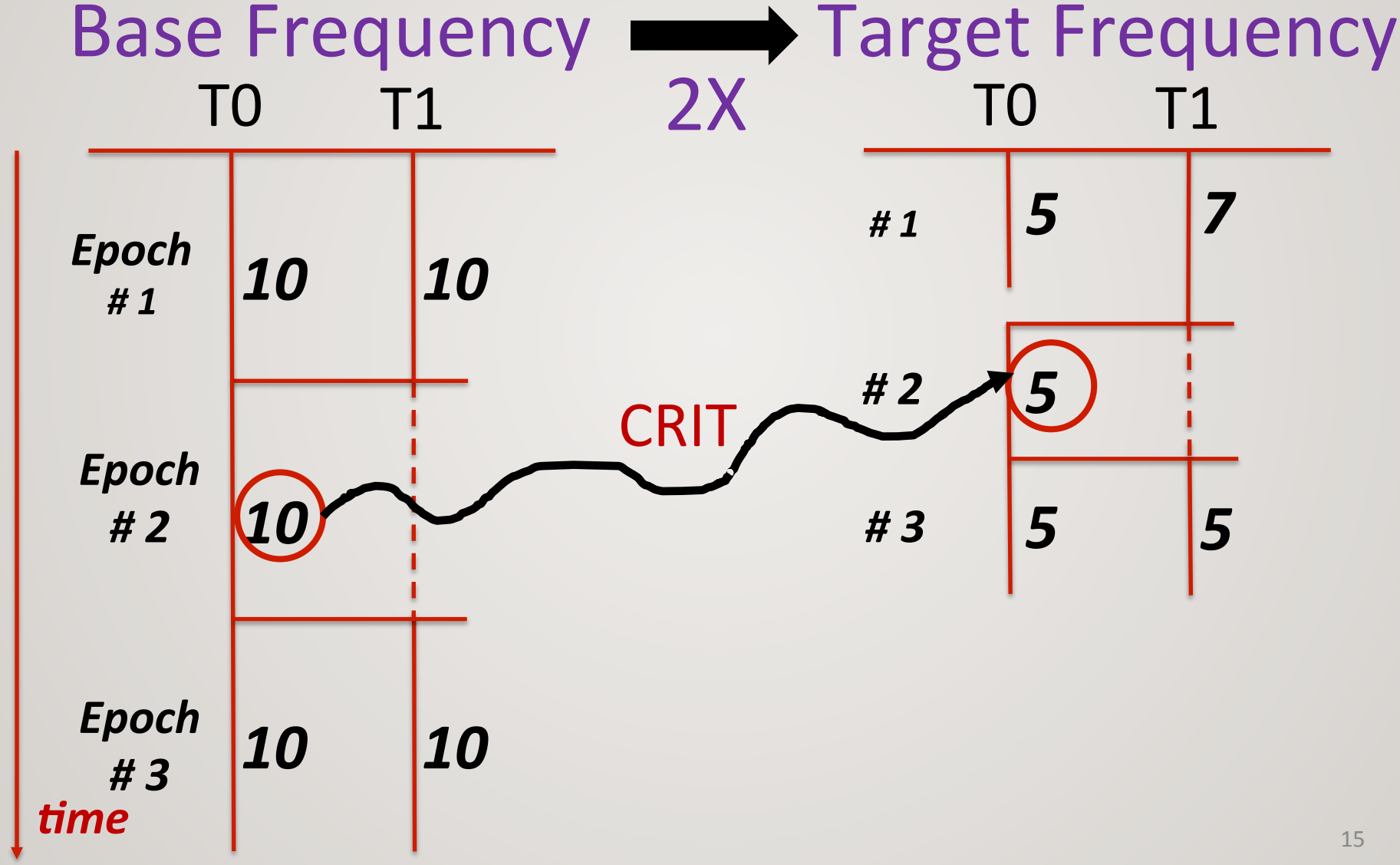


= 30 units

Reconstruction at Target Frequency



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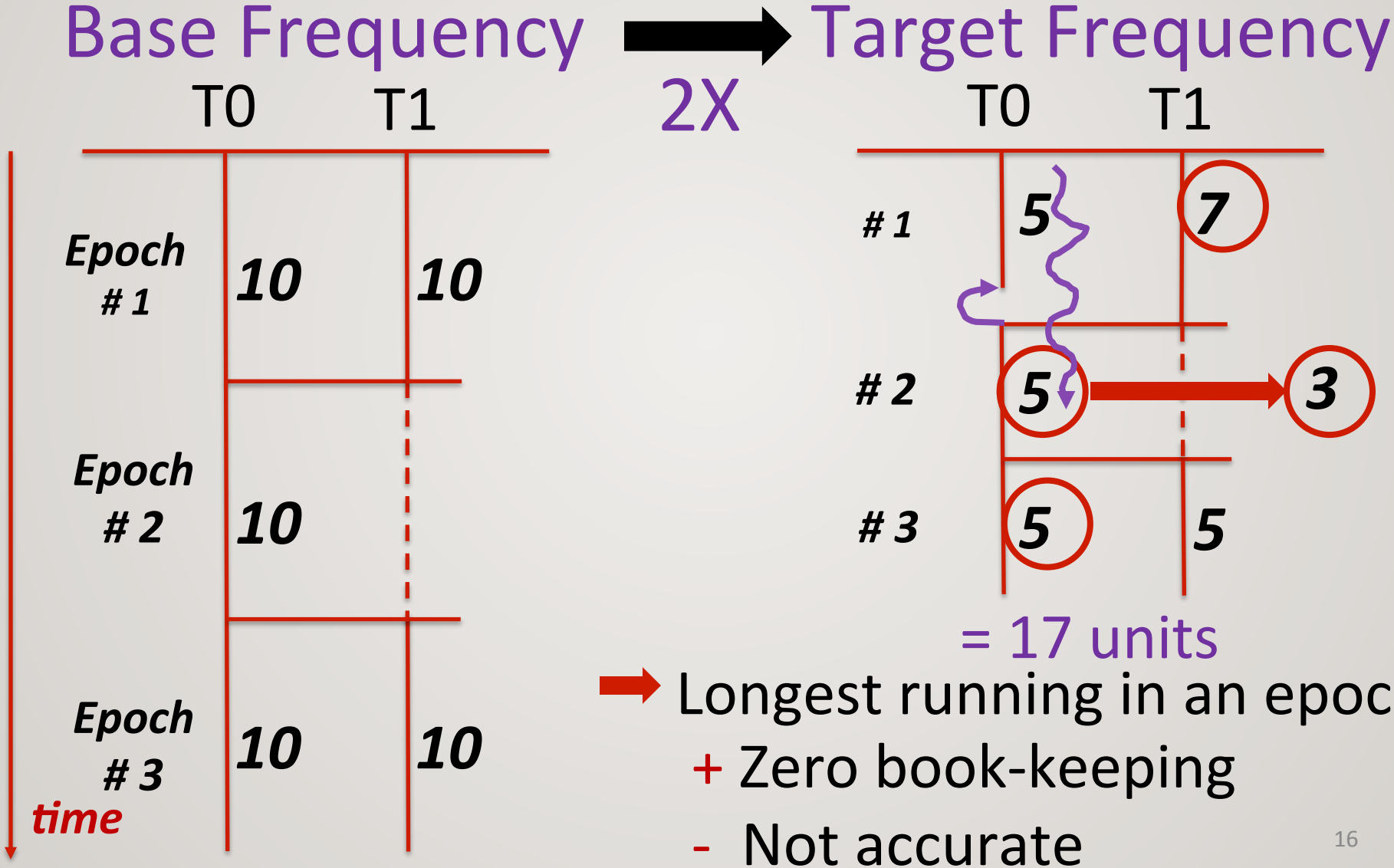

➡ Longest running in an epoch

\+ Zero book-keeping

\- Not accurate

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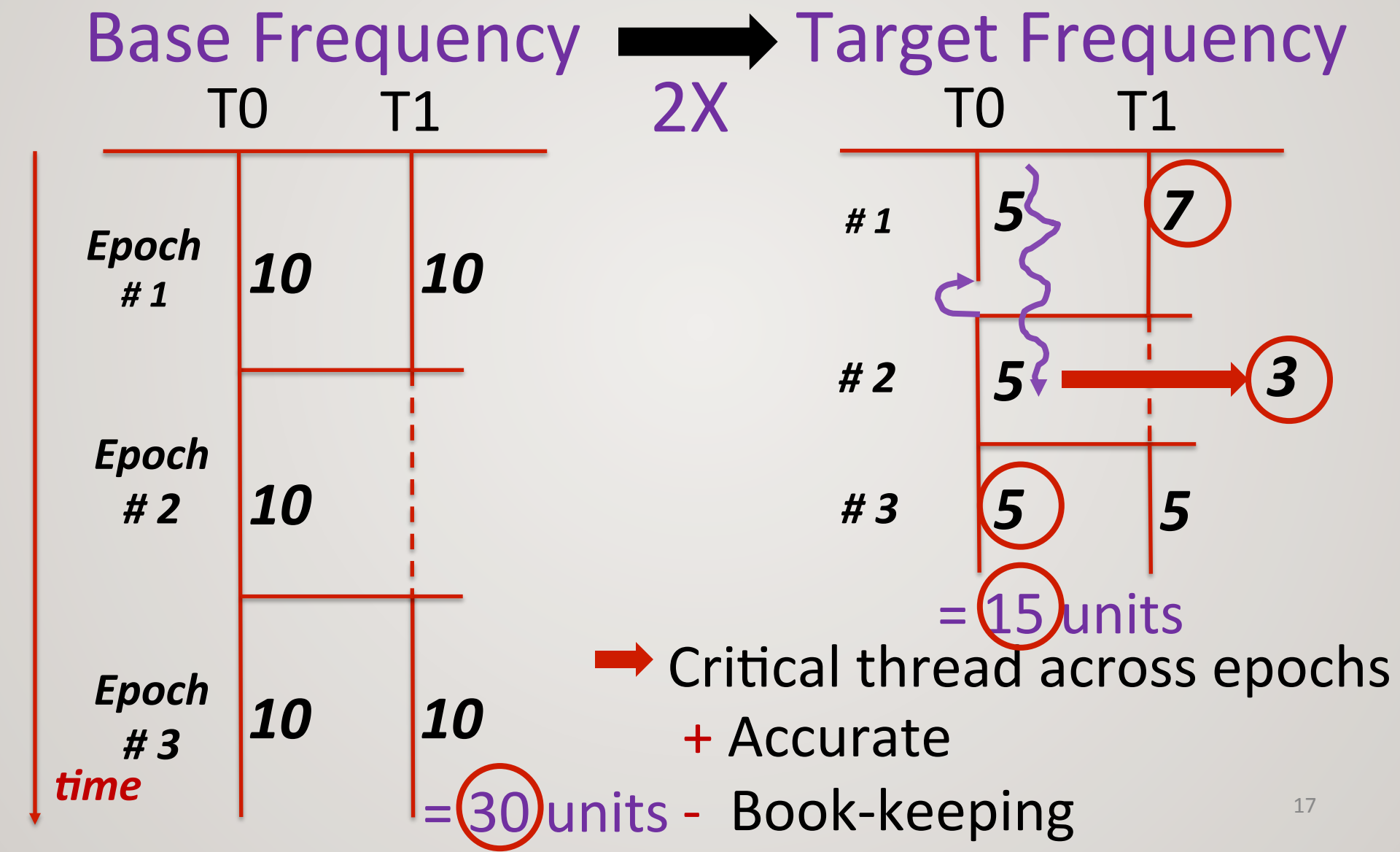
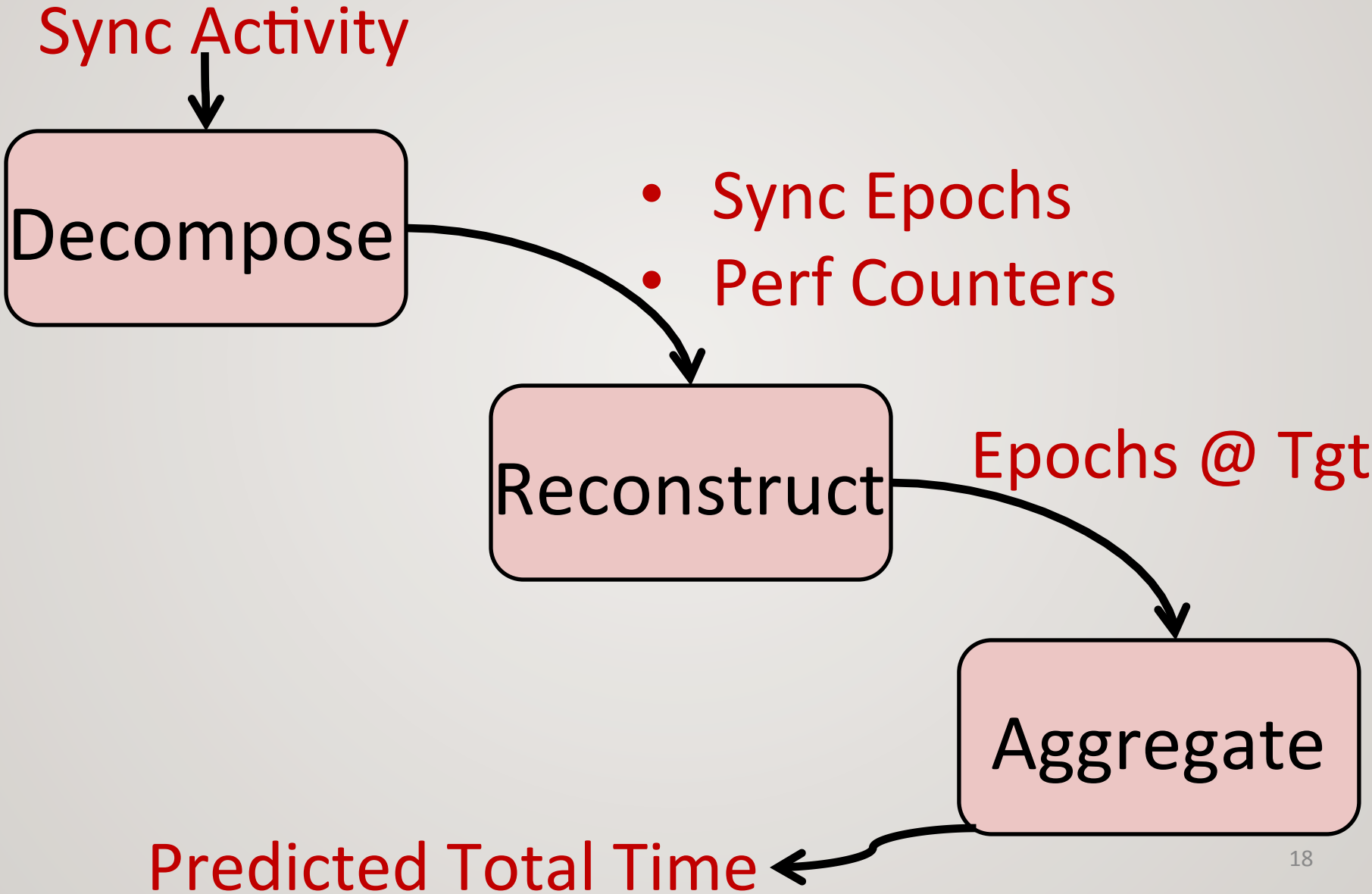


- Critical thread across epochs
  - \+ Accurate
  - \- Book-keeping

DEP: Summary


Sync Activity
Decompose
Sync Epochs
Perf Counters
Reconstruct
Epochs @ Tgt.
Aggregate
Predicted Total Time

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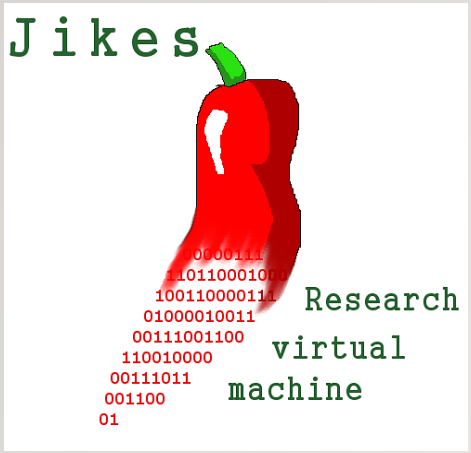
Store Bursts

- Reasons
  - Zero initialization
  - Copying collectors
- Modeling Steps
  - Track how long the store queue is full
  - Add to the non-scaling component

Methodology



- Jikes RVM 3.1.2
- Production collector (Immix)
- # GC threads = 2
- 2x min. heap

Version 6.0

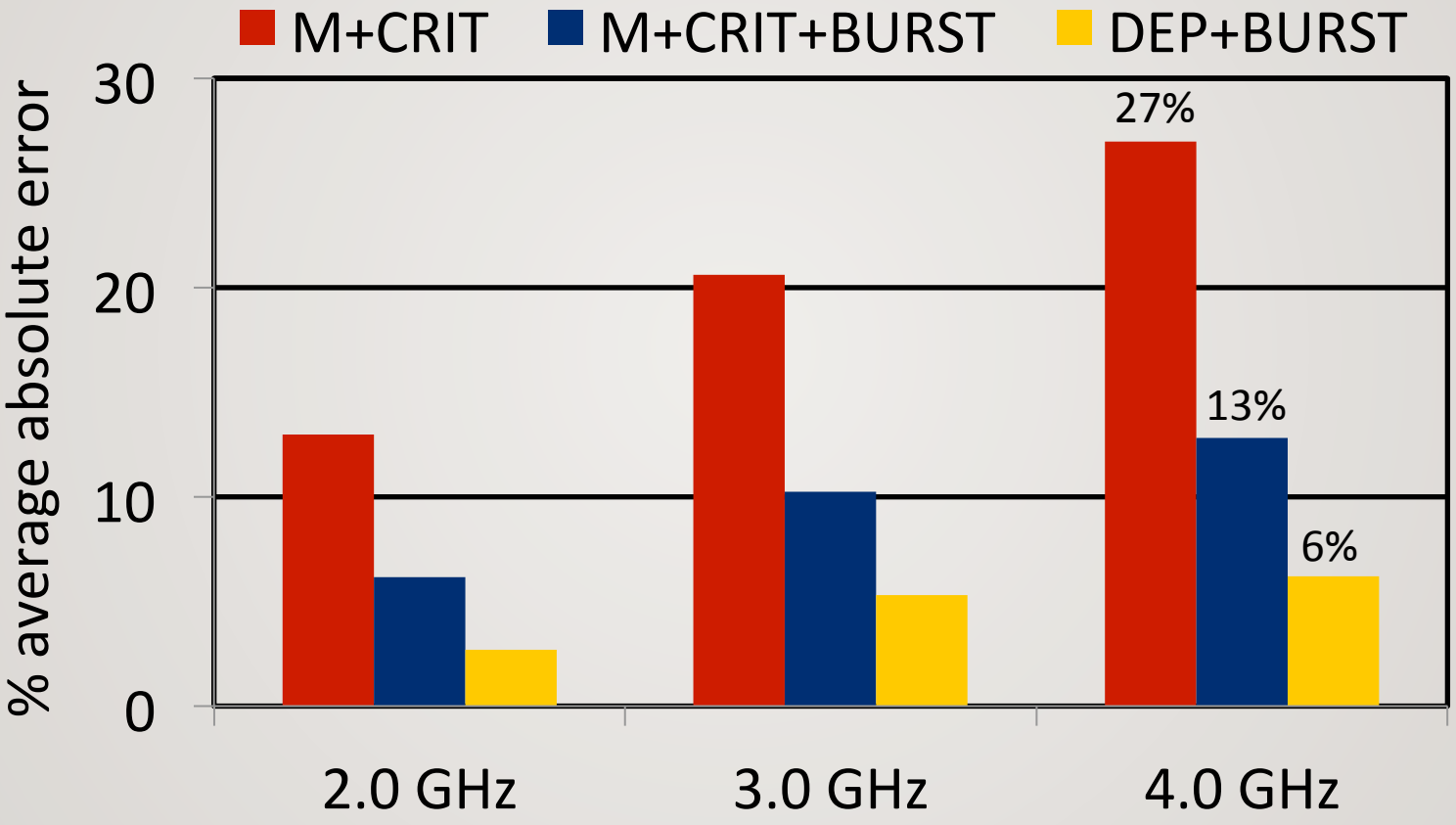
sniper

- 4 cores, 1.0 GHz → 4.0 GHz
- 3-level cache hierarchy
- LLC fixed to 1.5 GHz
- DVFS settings for 22 nm Haswell

the DaCapo benchmark suite

- Seven multithreaded benchmarks
- Four application threads

Accuracy



Baseline Frequency = 1.0 GHz

Energy Manager

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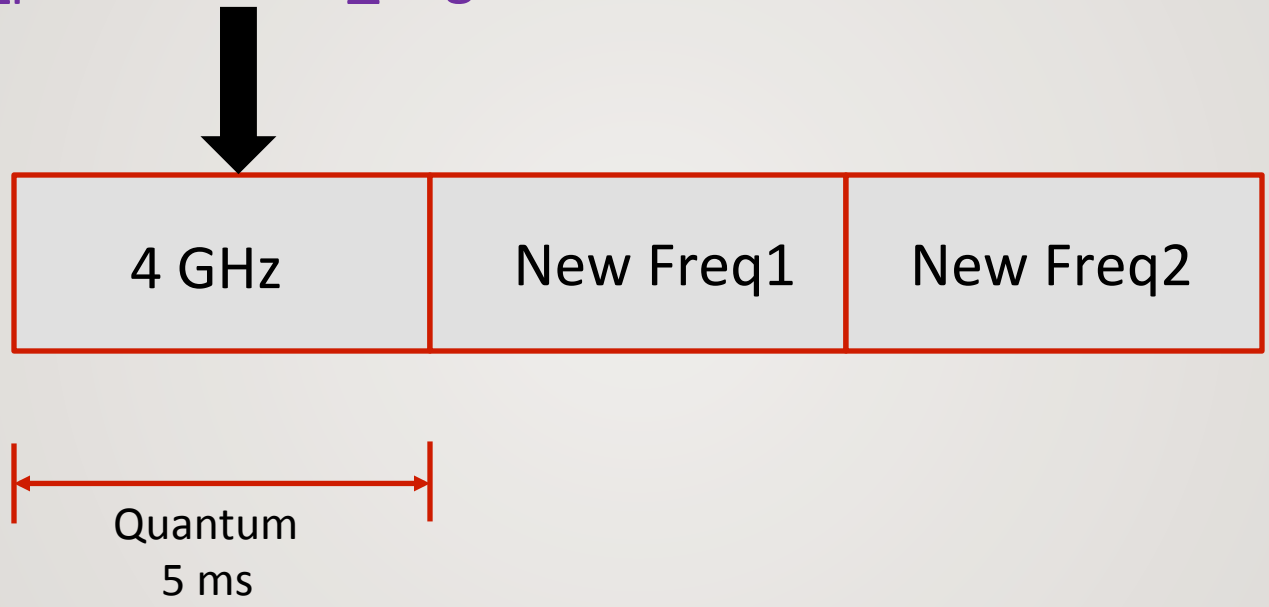
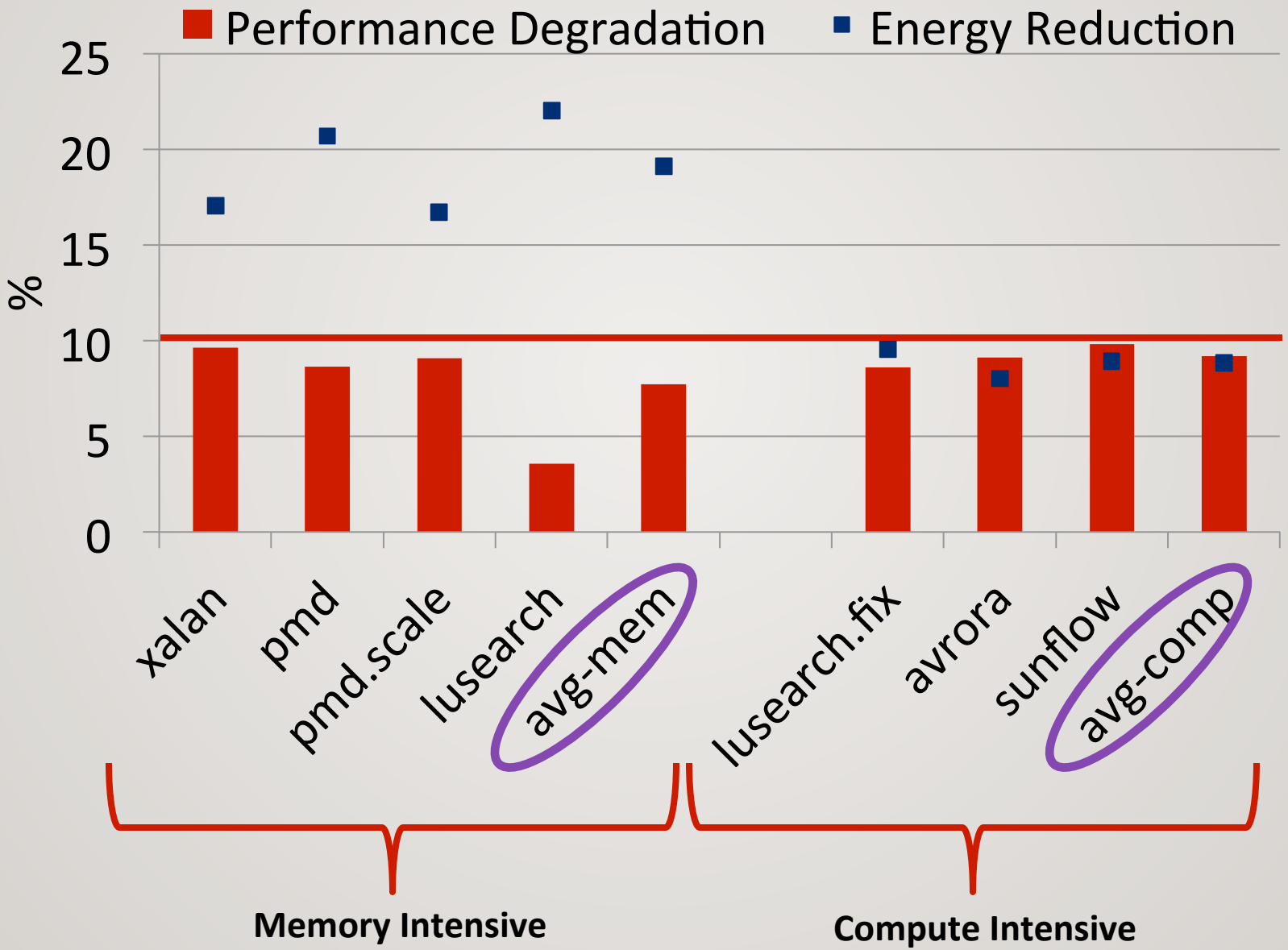


Energy Savings



Conclusions

- DEP+BURST: First predictor that accounts for
  - Application and service threads
  - Synchronization → inter-thread dependencies
  - Store bursts
- High accuracy
  - Less than 10% estimation error for seven Java bmarks.
- Negligible hardware cost
  - One extra performance counter
  - Minor book-keeping across epochs
- Demonstrated energy savings
  - 20 % avg. for a 10% slowdown (mem-intensive Java apps.)

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Thank You !

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