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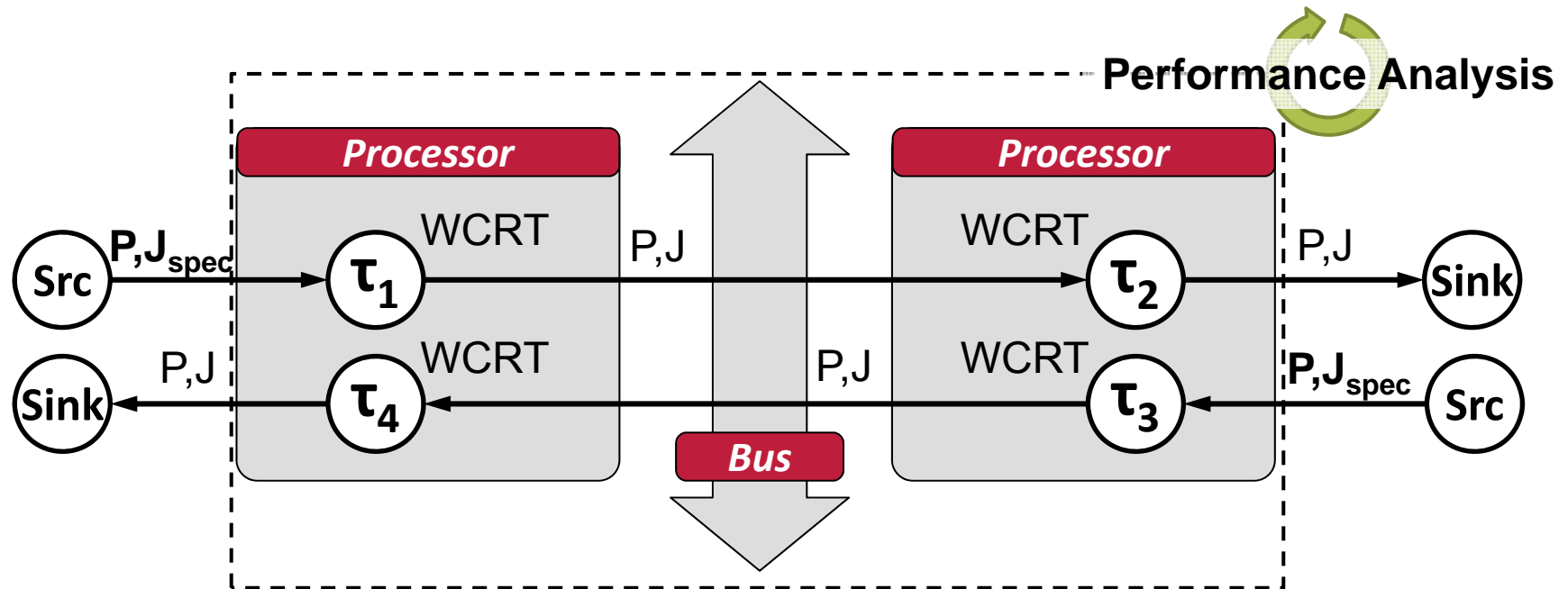


## Deriving Monitoring Bounds for Distributed Real-Time Systems

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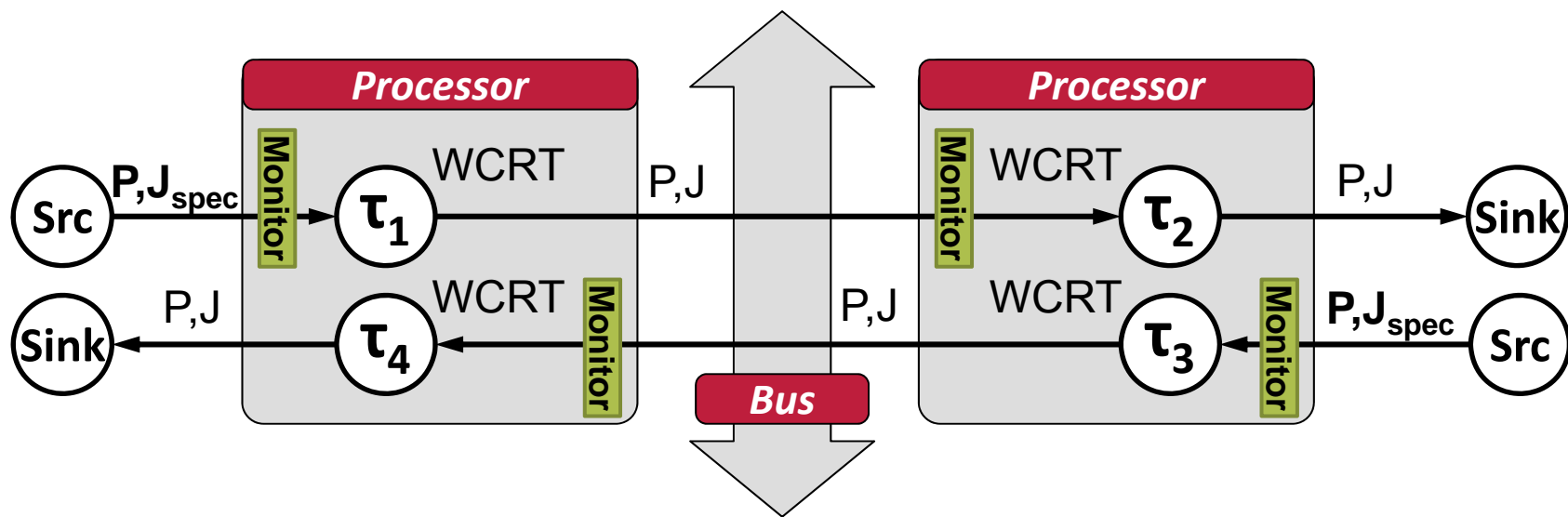
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# Ensuring Timing Constraints

To **ensure real-time constraints** systems are

- **verified** at design-time (e.g. RTC, SymTA/S)
- **monitored** at run-time (key to efficient **mixed-criticality** [Baruah11])
- both **based on model** and formal **specification**



[Baruah11] Baruah, S.; Burns, A. & Davis, R., "Response-Time Analysis for Mixed Criticality Systems," RTSS 2011

# Monitoring According to Verification Model

## Monitoring according to verification model

- Bounds are **safe**
- Bounds are fairly **efficient to derive** through performance analysis  
*e.g. Real-Time Calculus, Compositional Performance Analysis*
- overly **pessimistic**
- does **not** allow **worst acceptable** timing behavior

**Sensitivity Analysis** derives **maximum parameter** variation under which **constraints** still **hold**

**MONITORING** SHOULD BE PERFORMED ACCORDING TO  
**SENSITIVITY BOUNDS**



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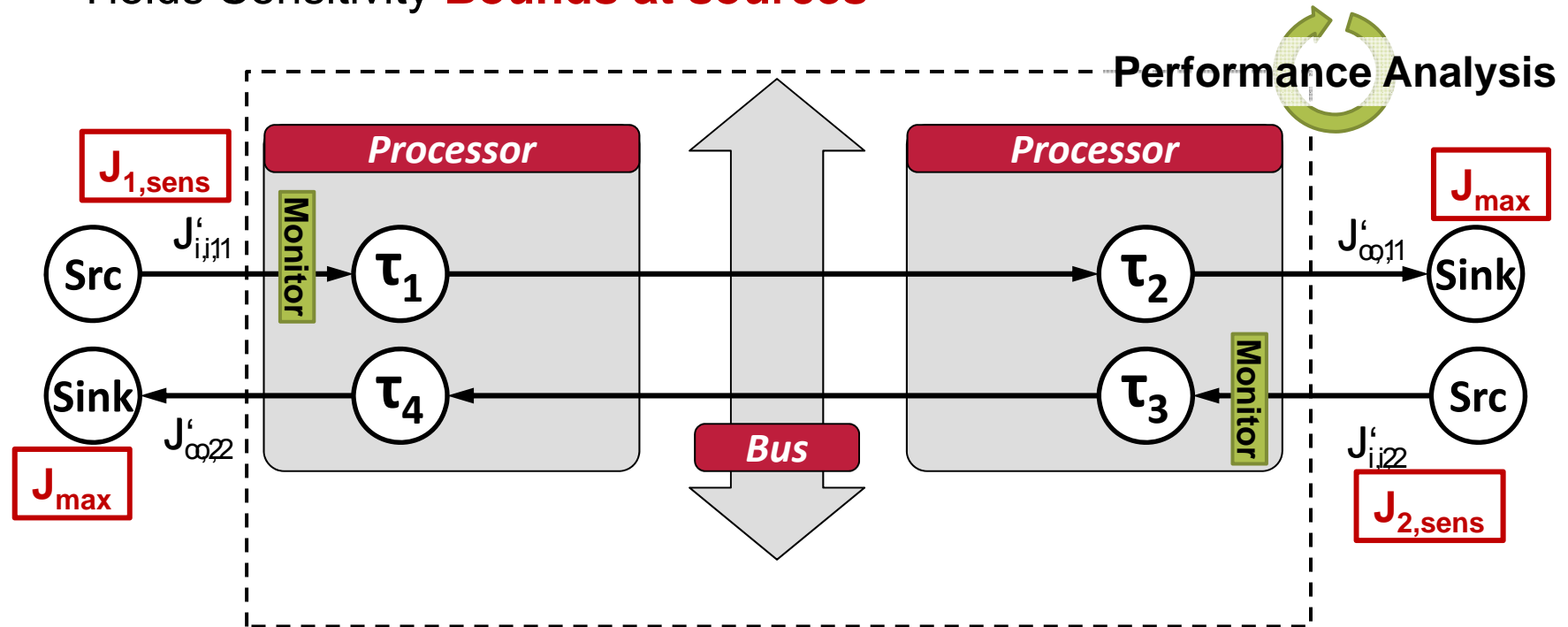
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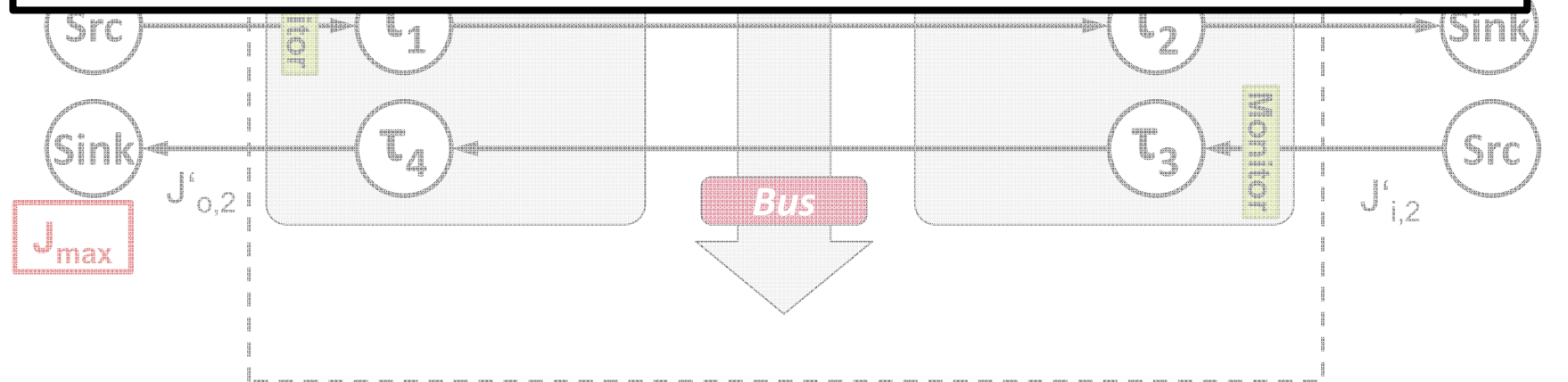
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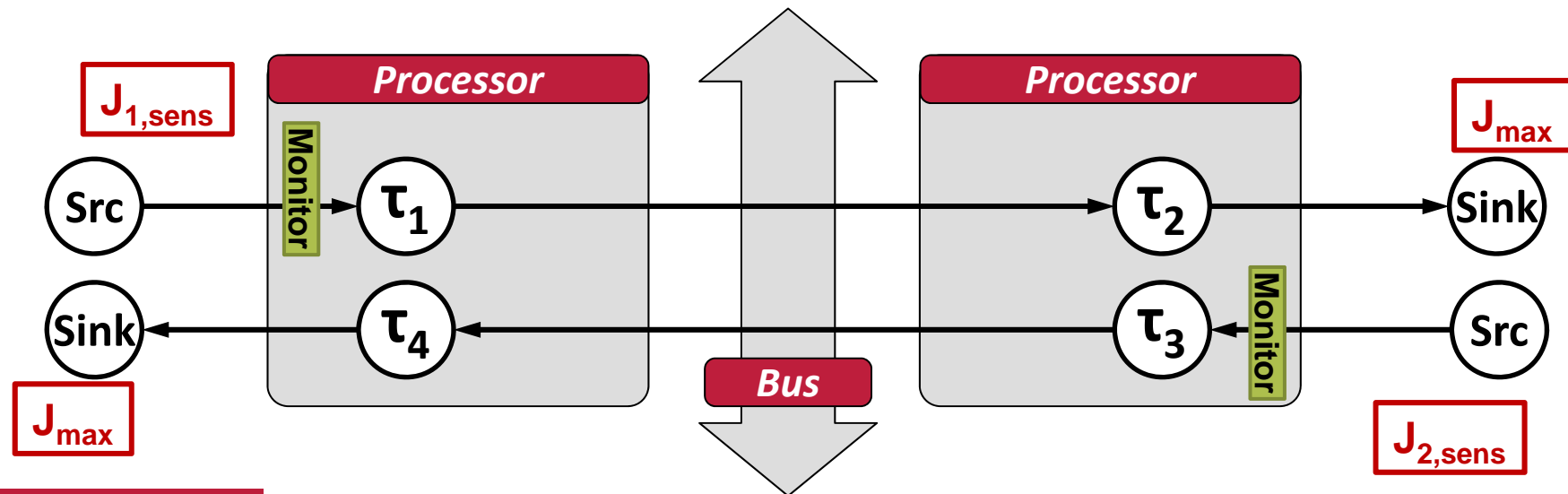
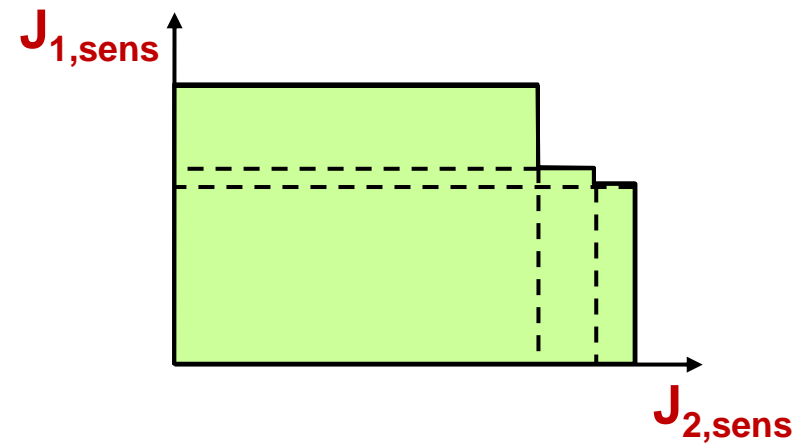
This approach yields **sensitivity bounds only at the sources.**





# Interdependence of Sensitivity Bounds

- **Sensitivity Bounds** are **NOT independent** of each other
- Existing Analysis yield **entire pareto-front**

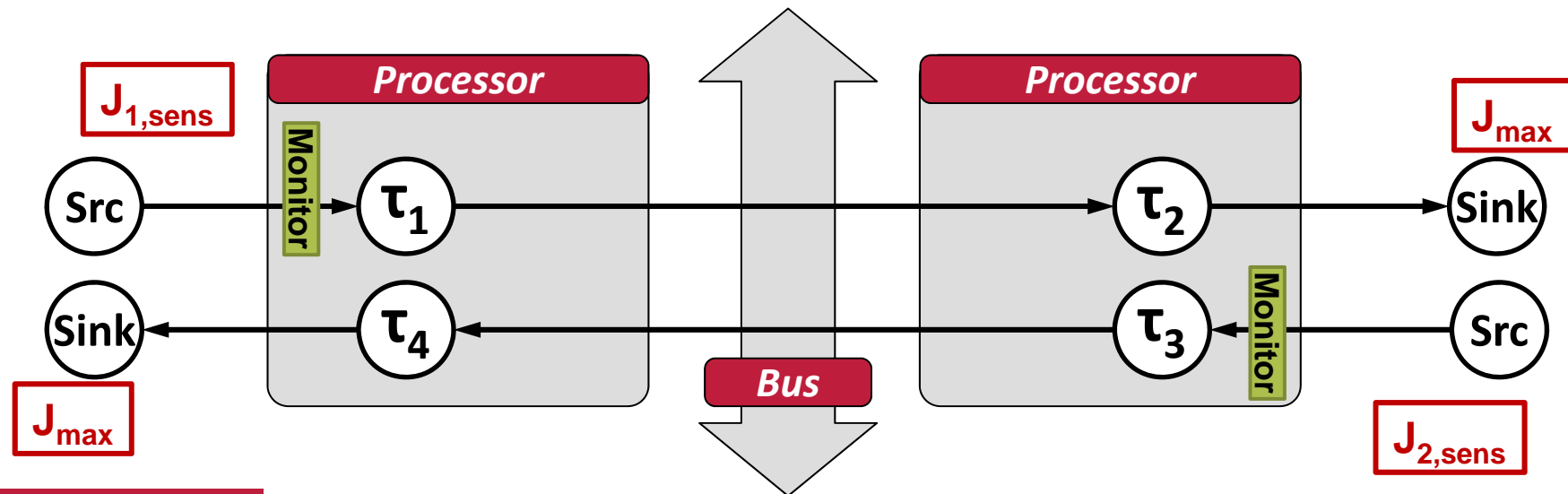


# Interdependence of Sensitivity Bounds

- Sensitivity Bounds are  $J_{1,sens} \uparrow$

For **monitoring** only **one point** of the **pareto front** can be applied.

entire pareto-front



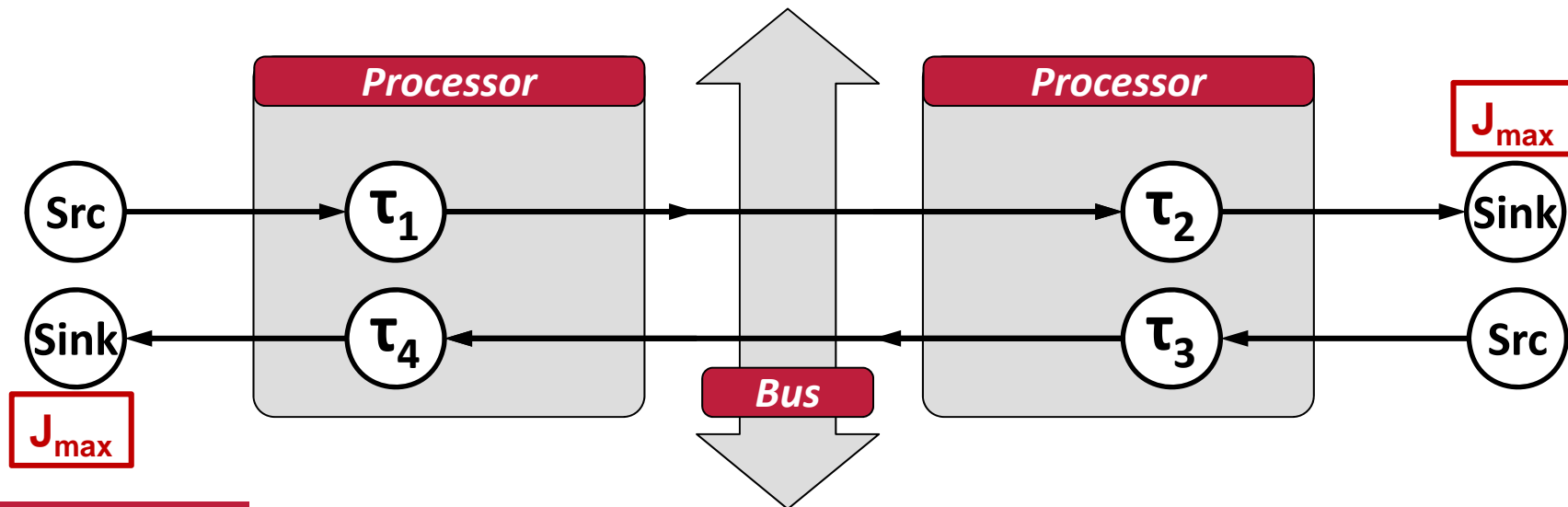
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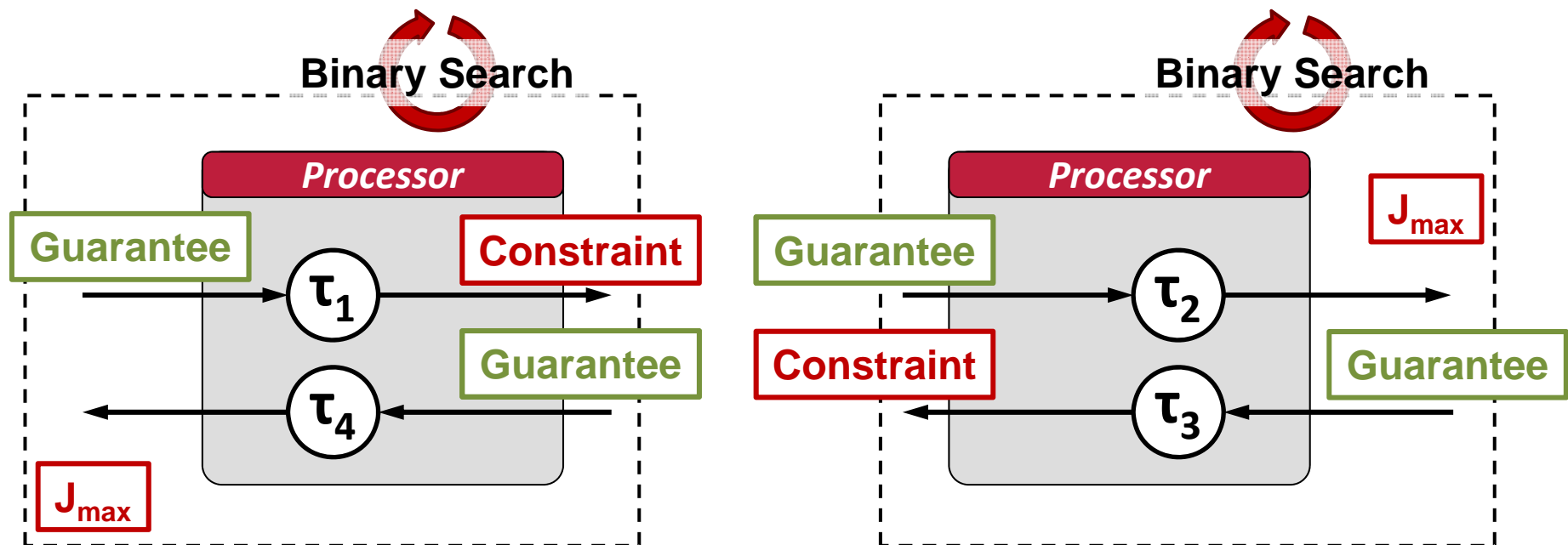
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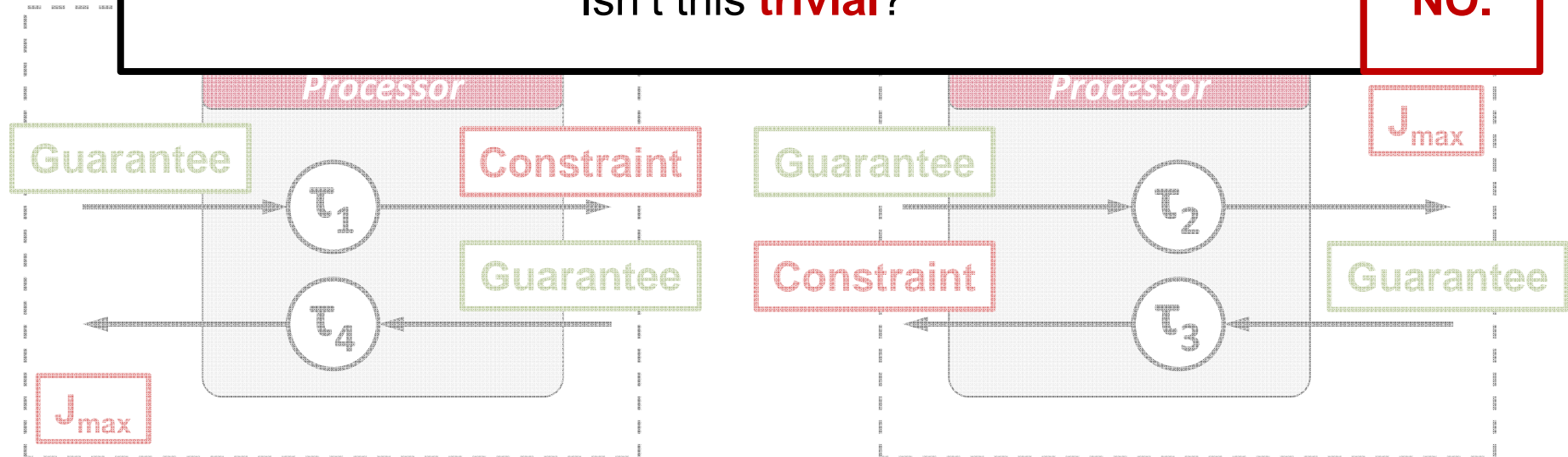


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This is **Compositional Performance Analysis reversed!**  
Isn't this **trivial?**

**YES.  
NO.**



# Problems in Compositional Sensitivity Analysis

## Starting Value (see paper):

- Some tasks may **not** have **valid guarantees when analyzed**
- Cannot be resolved when **cyclic dependencies** exist
- **Conservative starting point** has to be defined

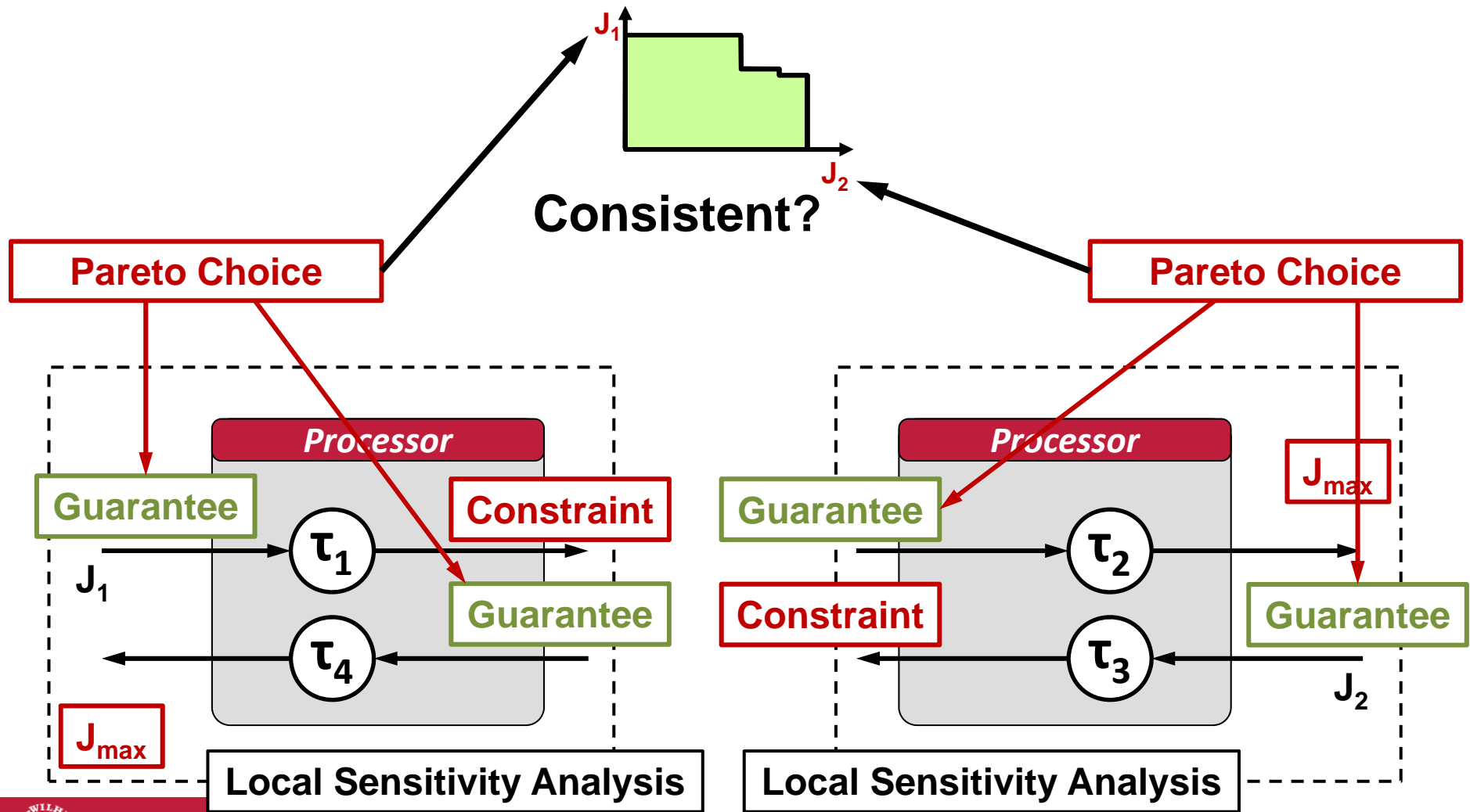
## Convergence (see paper):

- Distributed fixed point algorithm
- Convergence has to be ensured

## Pareto-Choice and Consistency:

- Each **local analysis** performs **pareto choice**
- **Local** pareto **choices** have to be **globally consistent**

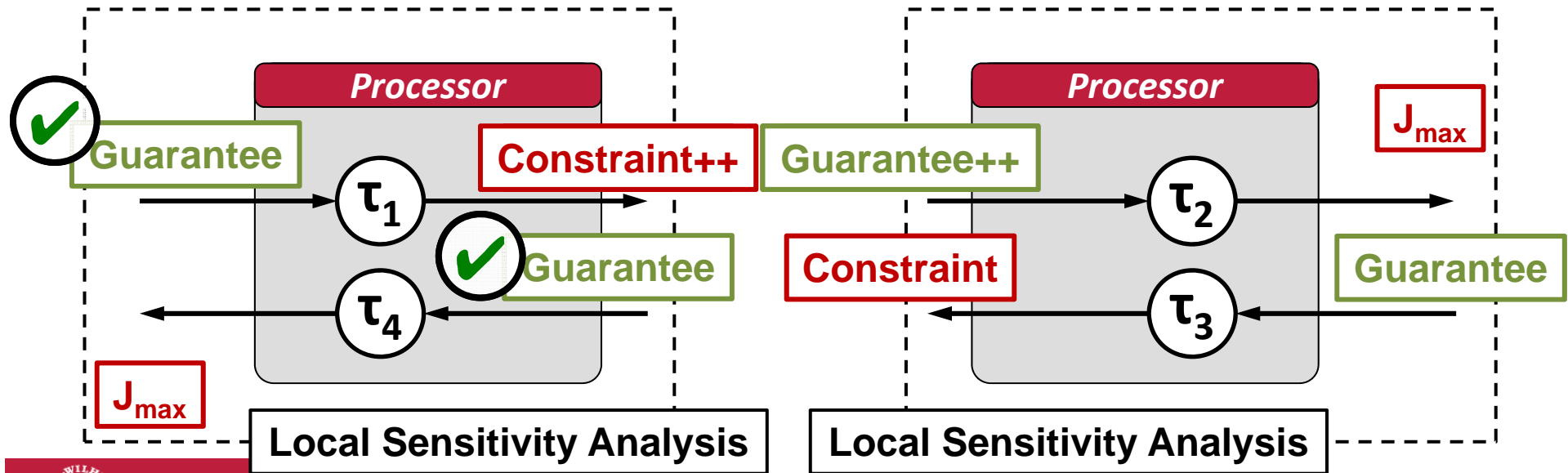
# Pareto Choice And Consistency





# Consistency

- Assume **initial guarantee/constraint** assignment **correct**
- **Local sensitivity analysis** are **increasing**  
*i.e. larger constraint at output  $\rightarrow$  larger or equal guarantee at input*
- $\rightarrow$  **Tuple  $G$  of all guarantees/constraints** can only increase
- $\rightarrow$  **Increasing a single guarantee/constraint cannot violate constraint**

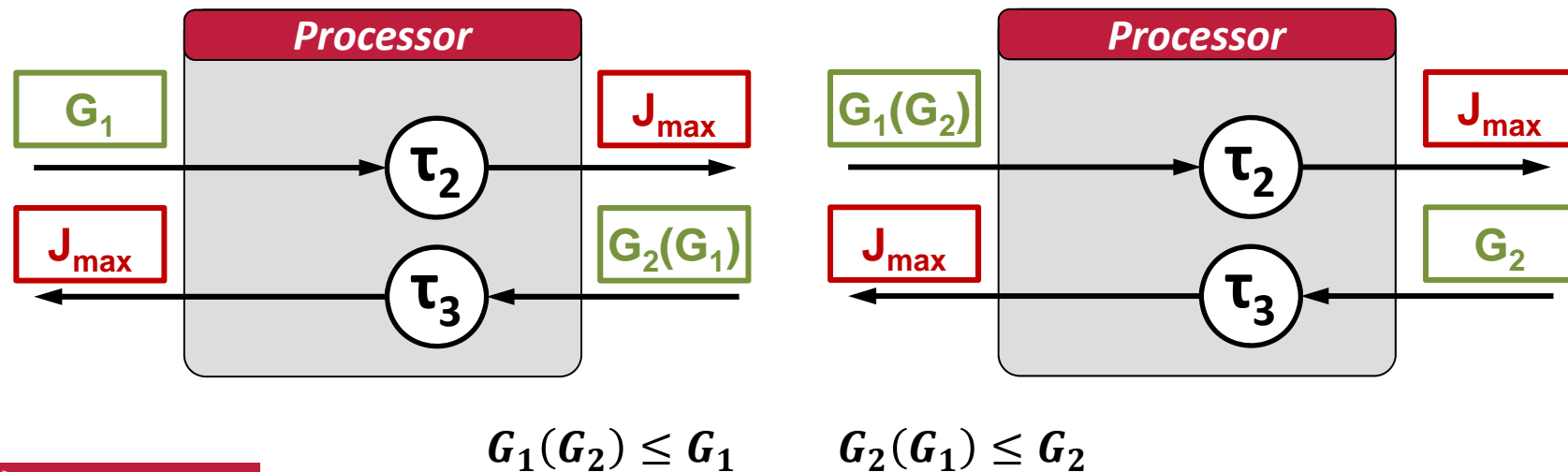


# Pareto Choice

- **Execution order** of greedy local analyses **determines pareto choice**
- Guarantee, that is **analyzed first**, is **maximized**

*Possible exploitation:*

- Analyze *low criticality tasks first*
- *Low criticality tasks can accomodate largest design uncertainty*



## Pareto Choice and Consistency (Summary)

- **Consistency/Correctness** of guarantees formally **proven**  
*Theorems 2 & 5 in the paper*
- All guarantee assignments (**sensitivity bounds**) **conservative**
  - All **intermediate** guarantee **assignments** are **conservative**  
→ Algorithm can be **stopped at any time** and **results** are **valid**
- **Correctness** holds for **any execution order** of local sensitivity analyses
- **Local sensitivity analyses** can be (partly) performed **in parallel**
- **Execution Order** of Local Analyses **determines pareto choice**  
*e.g. analyze **low criticality** applications **first** to allow for **largest uncertainty***

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# Evaluation

- **Our algorithm** yields **one approximated n-dimensional** pareto point
- **Existing** system-level sensitivity **analyses** [8,18] yield **pareto front** of **up to 4 dimensions** (in reasonable runtimes)
- **[8,18]** build on the **same performance analysis** algorithms
- Comparison of **solution quality** for systems up to 4 dimensions *i.e. where comparison to exact solution is possible*
- Evaluation of **runtime** *in terms of required WCRT analyses*

[8] A. Hamann, R. Racu, and R. Ernst, “A formal approach to robustness maximization of complex heterogeneous embedded systems,” CODES 2006

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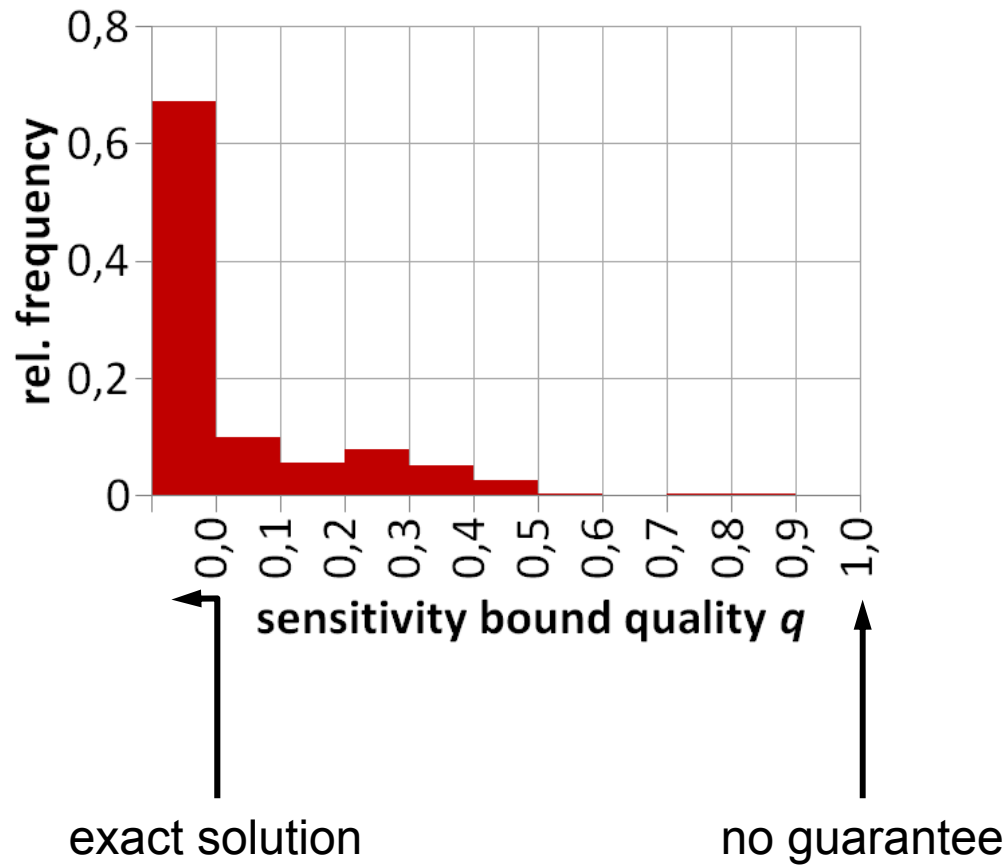


## Test Setup

- **Synthetic testcases** generated with System Models for Free (SMFF)  
*see paper for complete parameter set*
- Key characteristics of testcases:  
5 processors + 2 busses  
**Utilization 35%-45%** (UUnifast)  
Small systems: 4x chain of 3 tasks = **12 tasks,**  
**2-8 comm. tasks**  
**4 dimensions**  
Large systems: 50x chain of 3 tasks = **150 tasks**  
**52-79 comm. tasks**  
**50 dimensions**



# Solution Quality



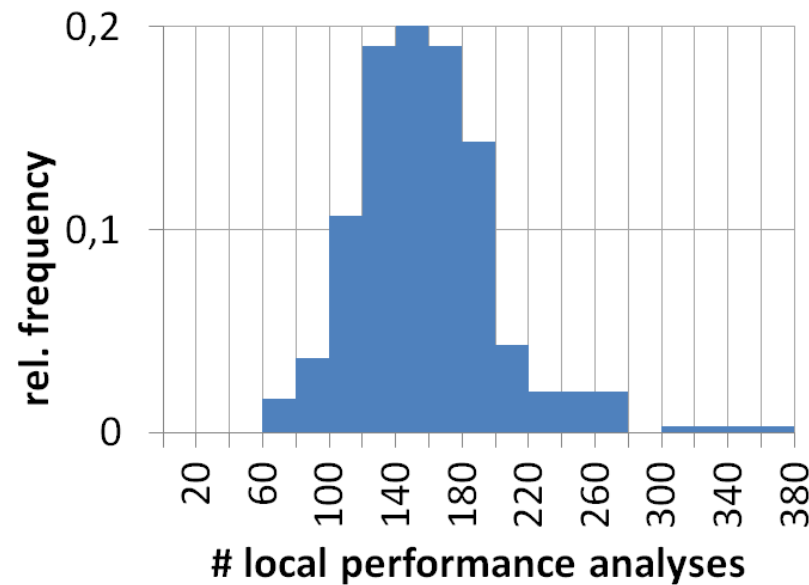
- Solution quality: Normalized Manhattan distance to closest comparable pareto point



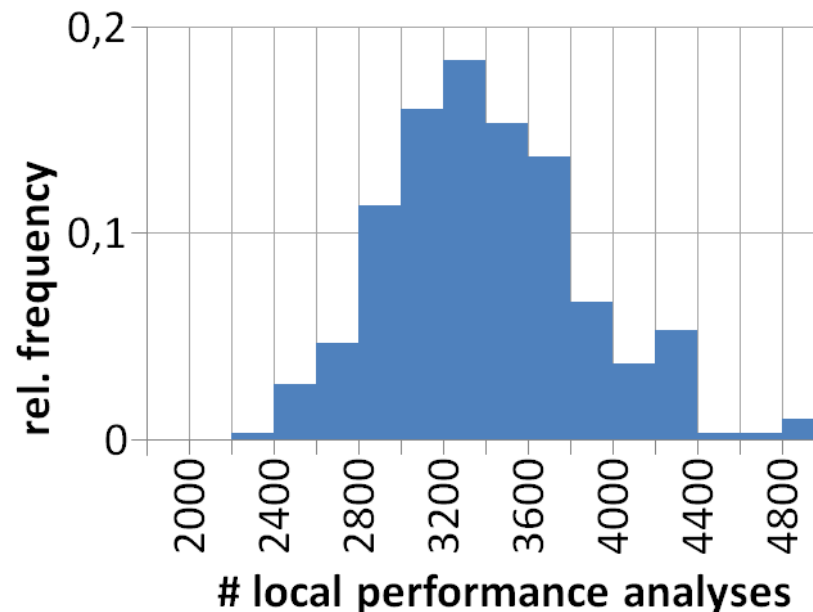
# Runtime

- Existing analyses require  $\sim 10^4$  [8] and  $\sim 10^8$  [18] WCRT analyses to derive entire pareto front (**4 sources/dimensions**)

## Our Approach



### 4 sources



### 50 sources

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# Conclusion

- **Monitoring** should be performed **according to sensitivity bounds**
- **Existing** system-level sensitivity **analyses** yield
  - **entire pareto front** of **bounds at sources**
- We have introduced **Compositional Sensitivity Analysis**
  - yields sensitivity **bounds at every resource**
  - yields **one multi-dimensional** sensitivity bound
- Analysis **significantly faster** than previous approaches
- **Accuracy comparable**

*Thank you for your attention.*

