



Automated Lookahead Data Migration in SSD-enabled Multi-tiered Storage Systems

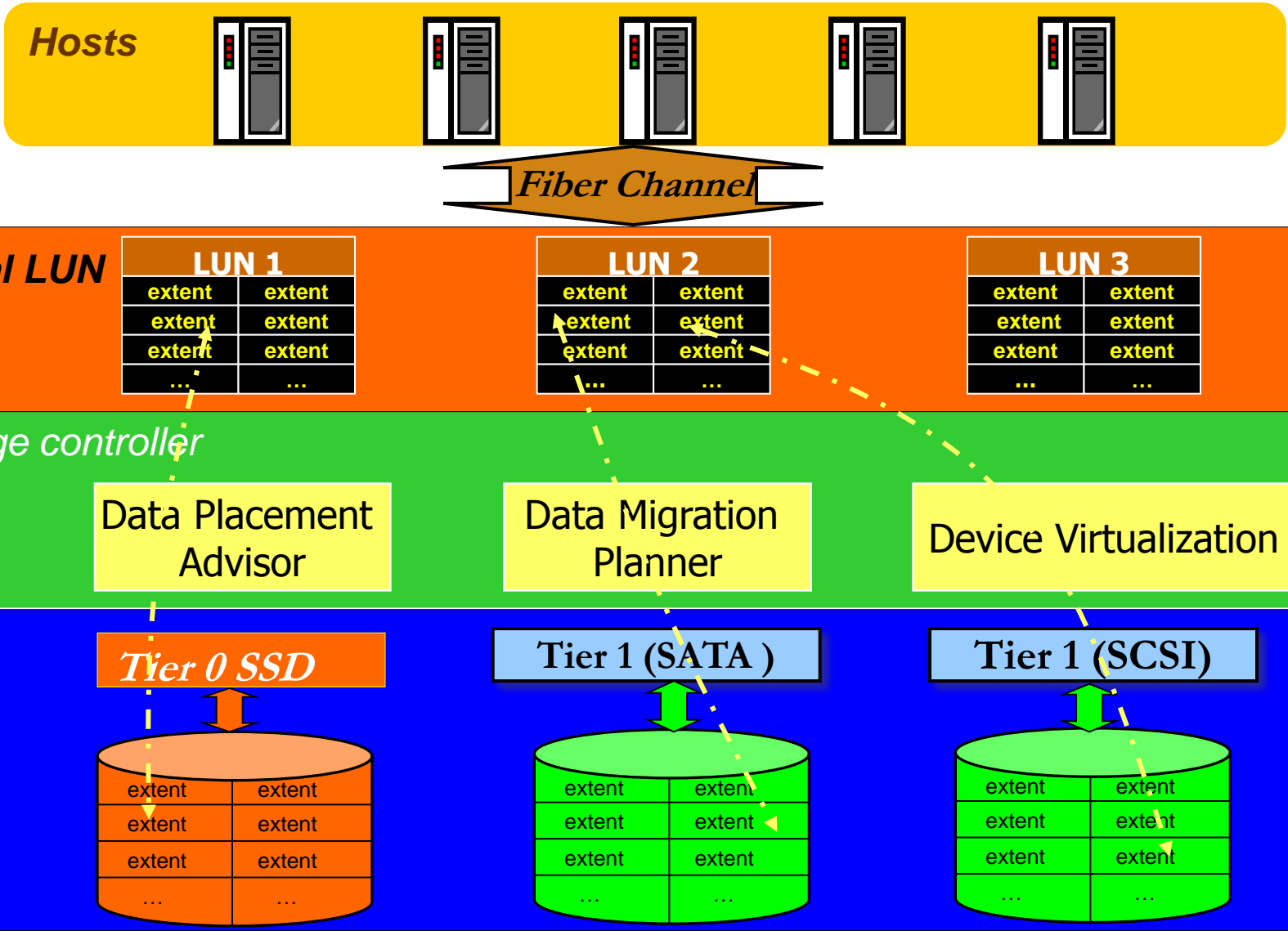
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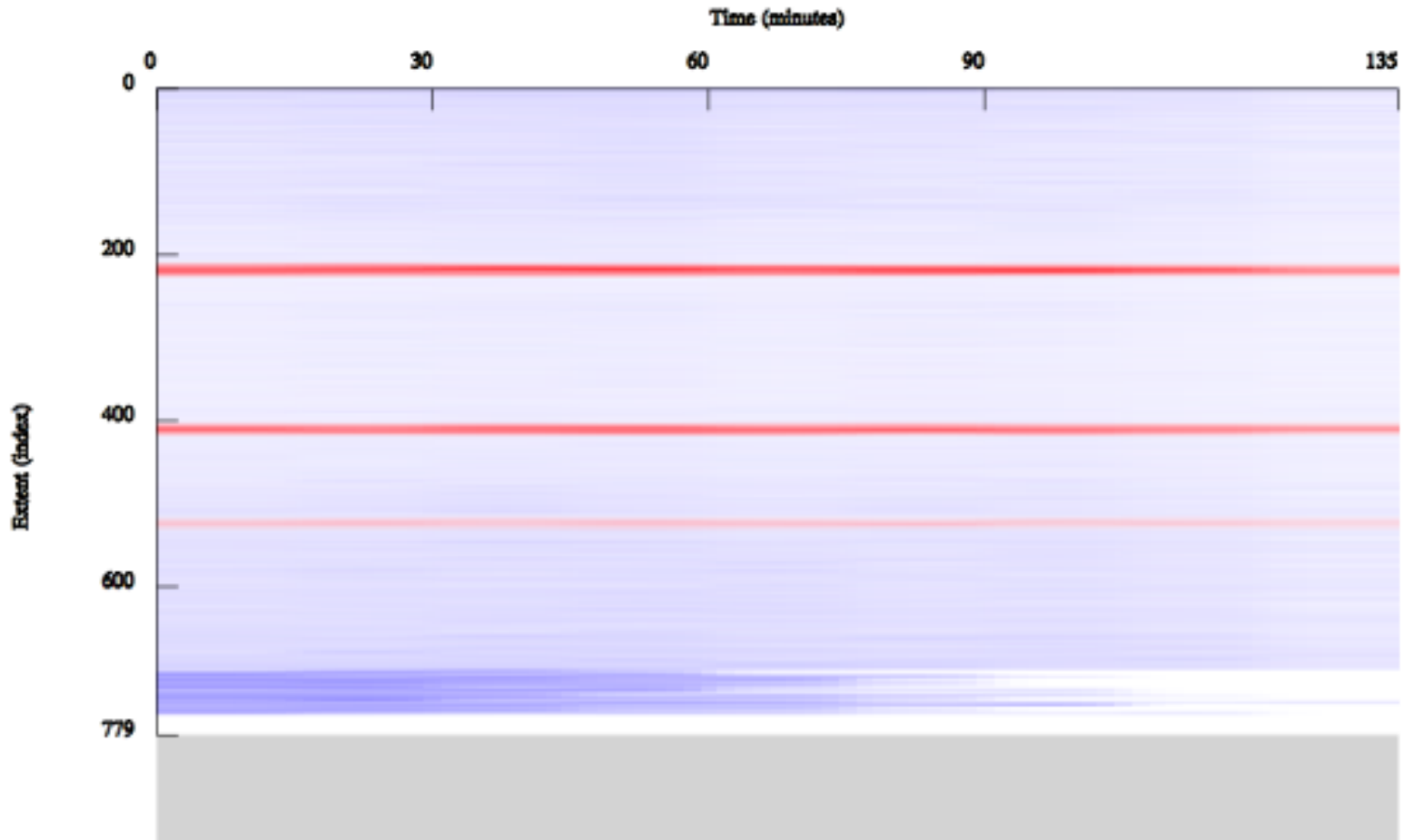
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Multi-tiered Storage Architecture



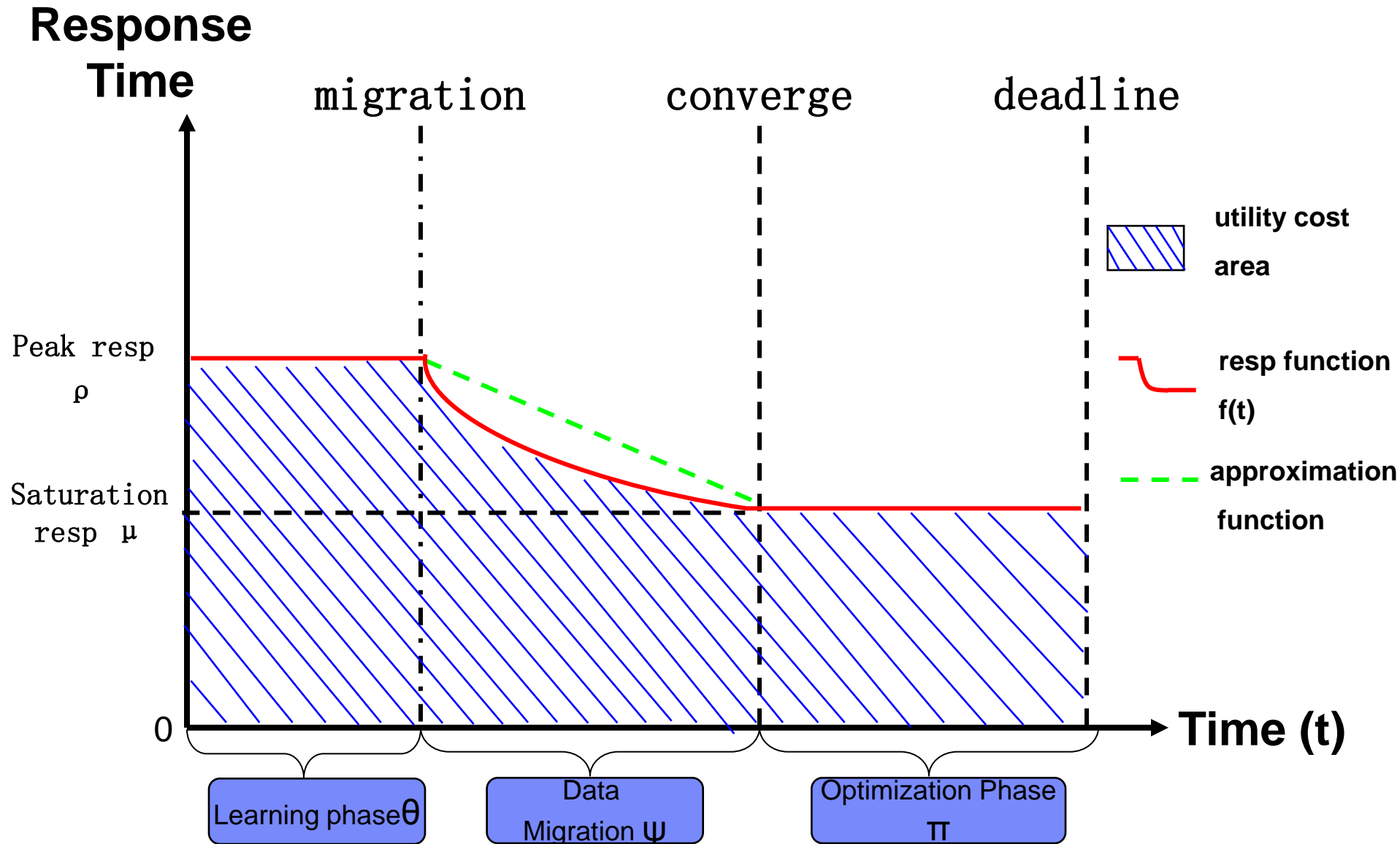
SPC-1 Heat Map



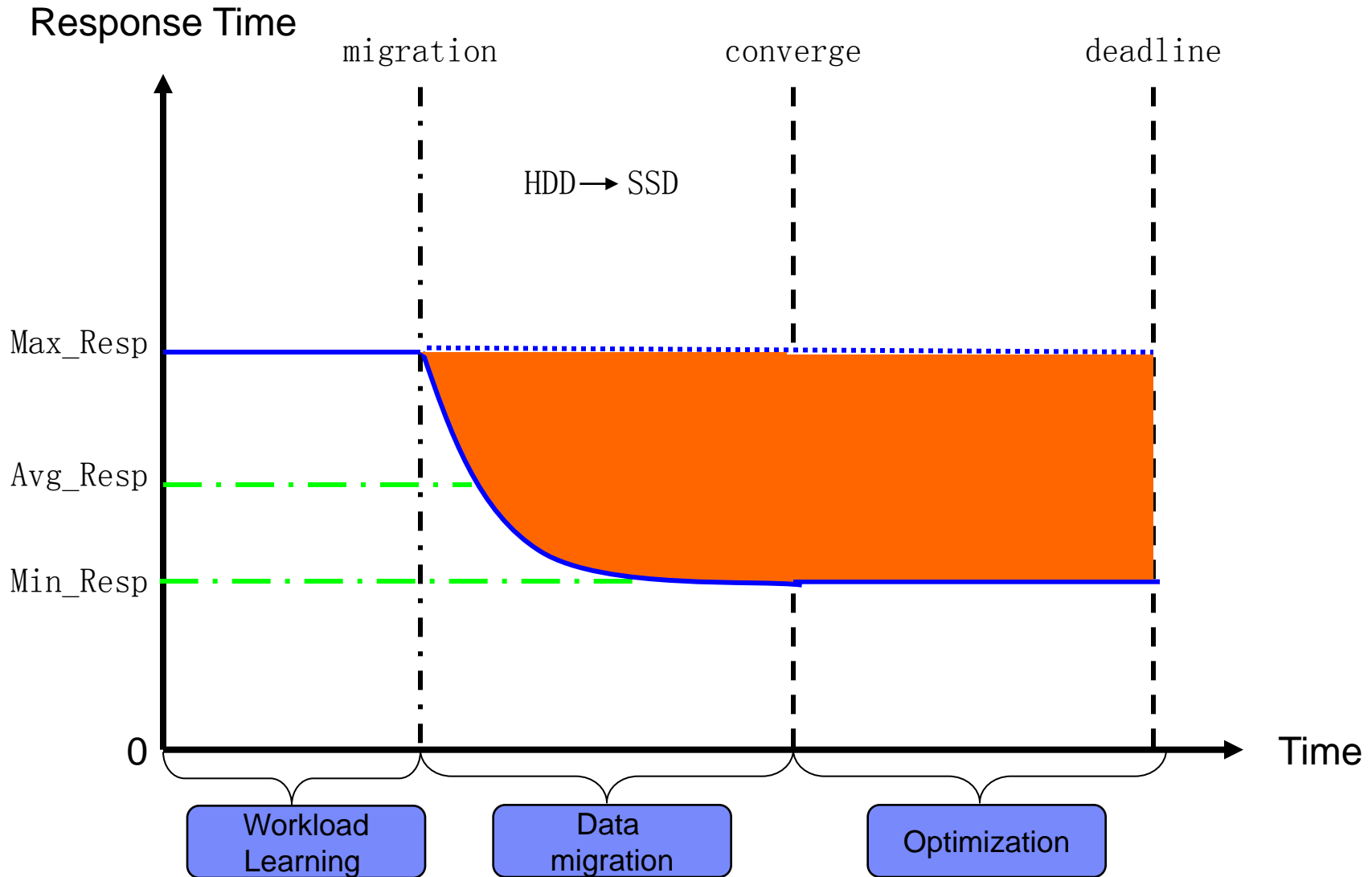
TPC-E Heat Map



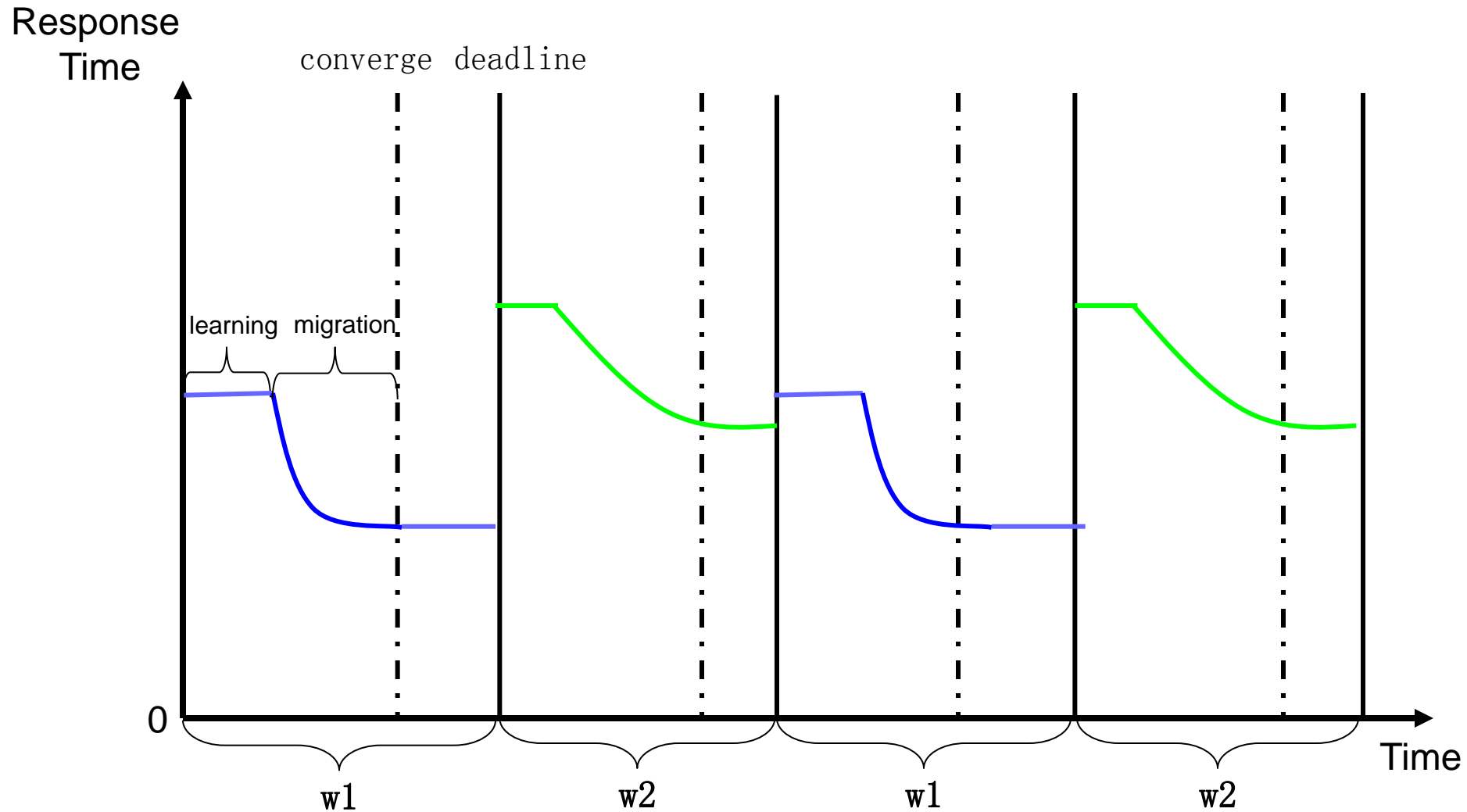
Data Migration



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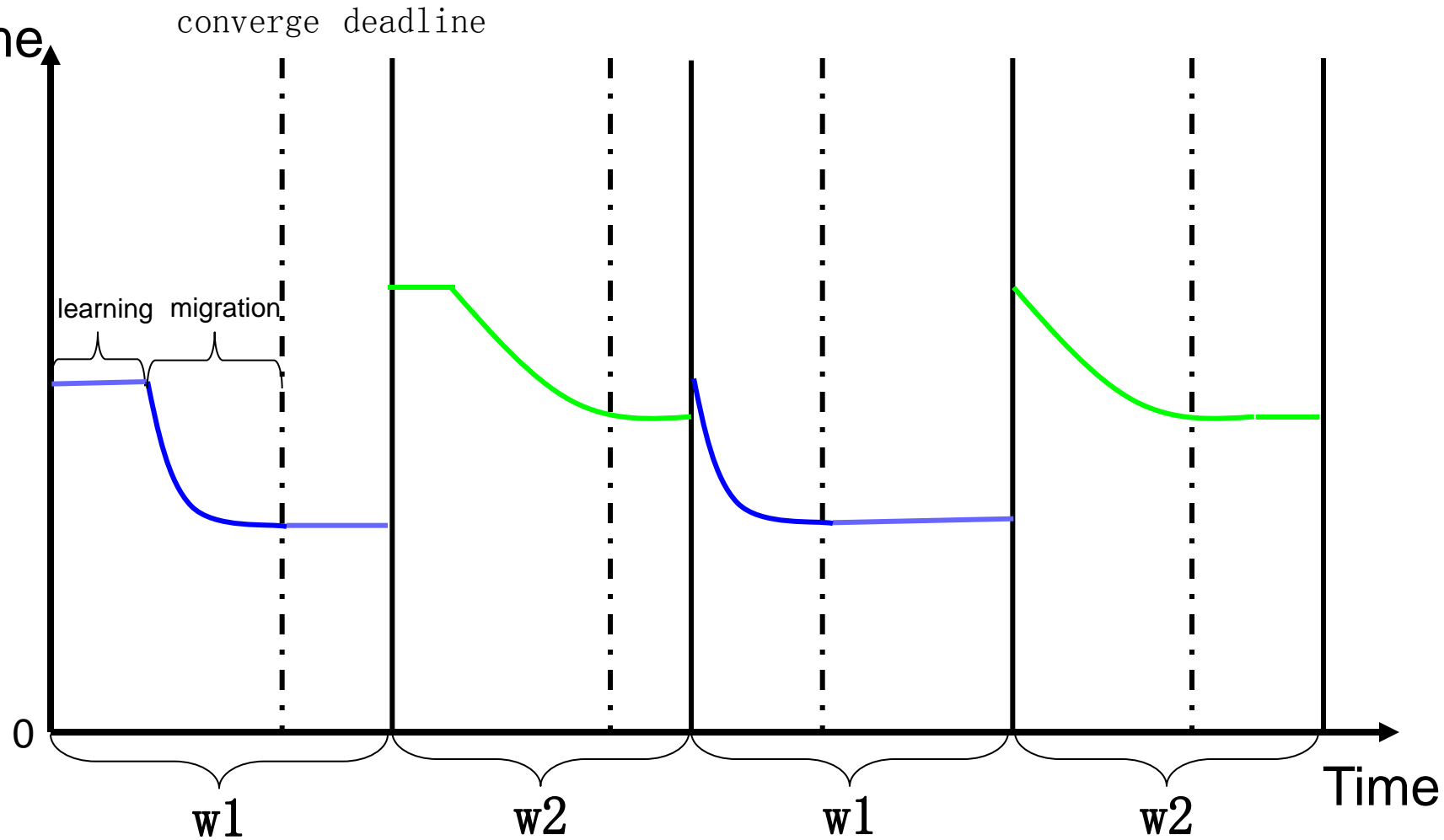


Optimization 1: Reducing Learning Phase

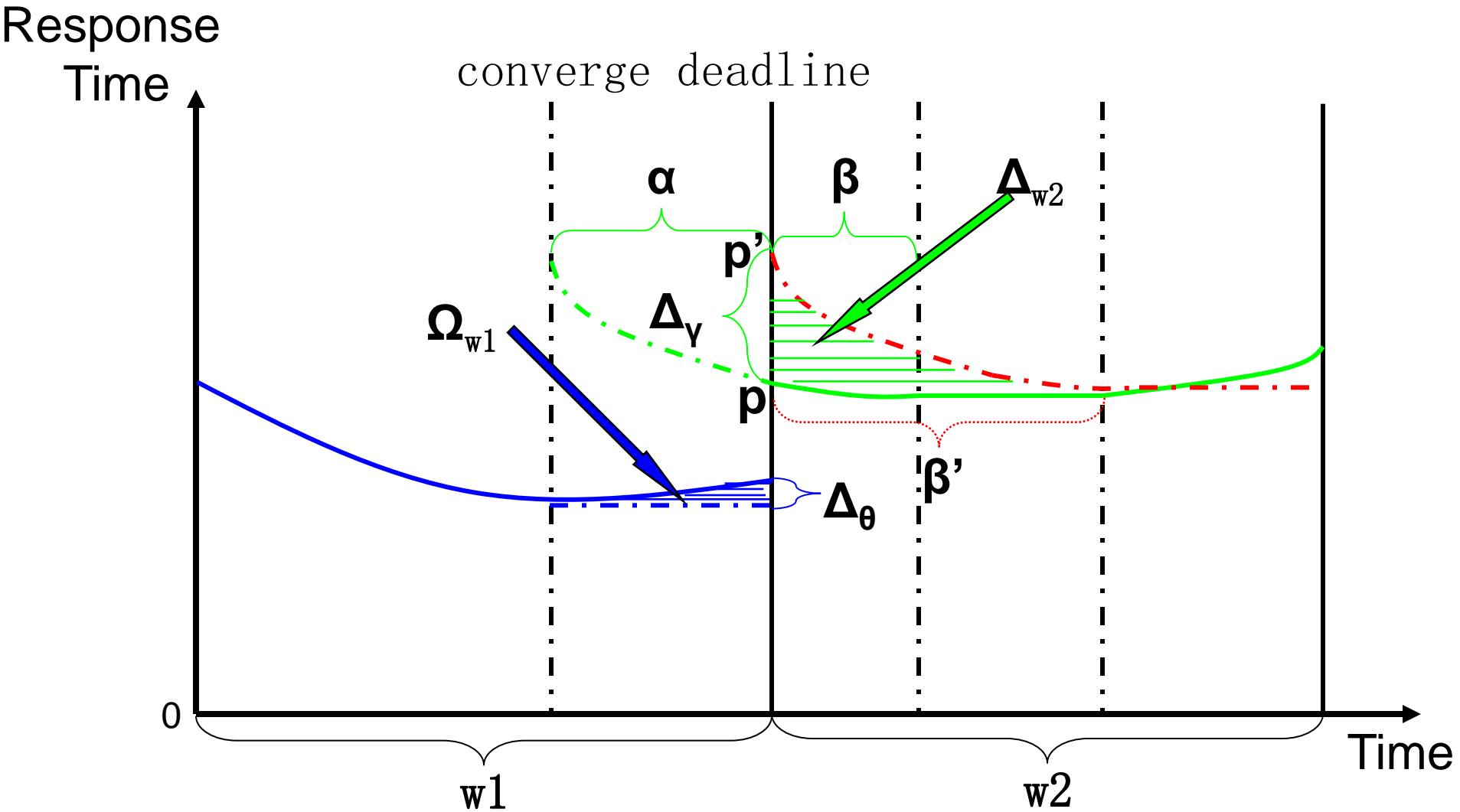


Optimization 1: Reducing Learning Phase

Response
Time



Optimization 2 :Lookahead Migration

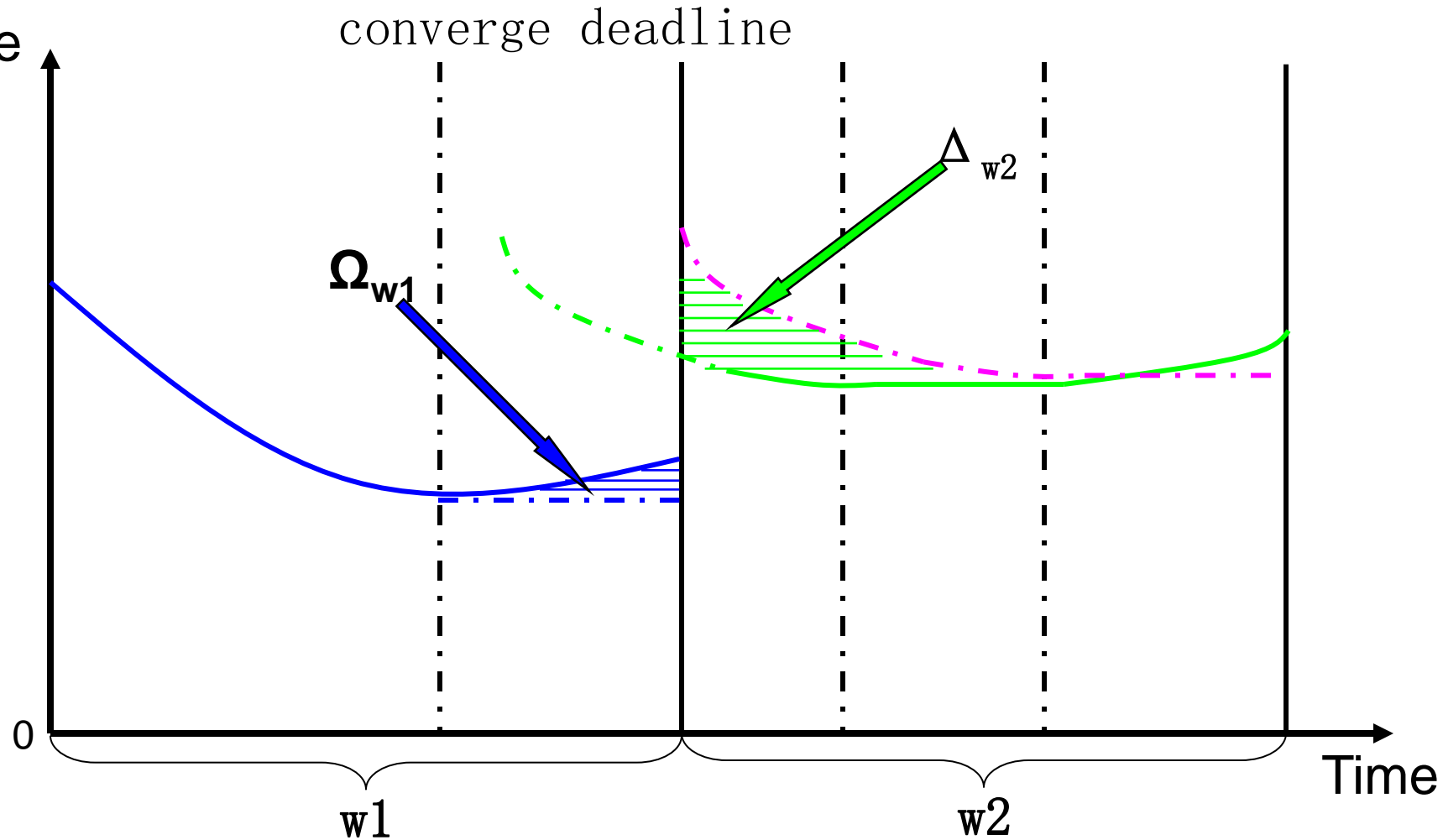


Optimization 3: Adaptive Lookahead Data Migration:

- **Constant lookahead length is not optimal**
- **IO density distribution change**
 - IO density change drives the changes of hot extents in terms of quantity and heat distribution
- **New lookahead length is demanded**
 - Hot extent changes drives the adaptation of lookahead length
- **Greedy algorithm to compute near optimal lookahead length in an approximation manner**
- **New lookahead length is computed based on the learned IO performance profile and constraints**

Greedy Algorithm: $\max(\text{diff}(\Delta w_2 - \Omega w_1))$ near optimal lookahead length

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Adaptive Lookahead Migration Computation

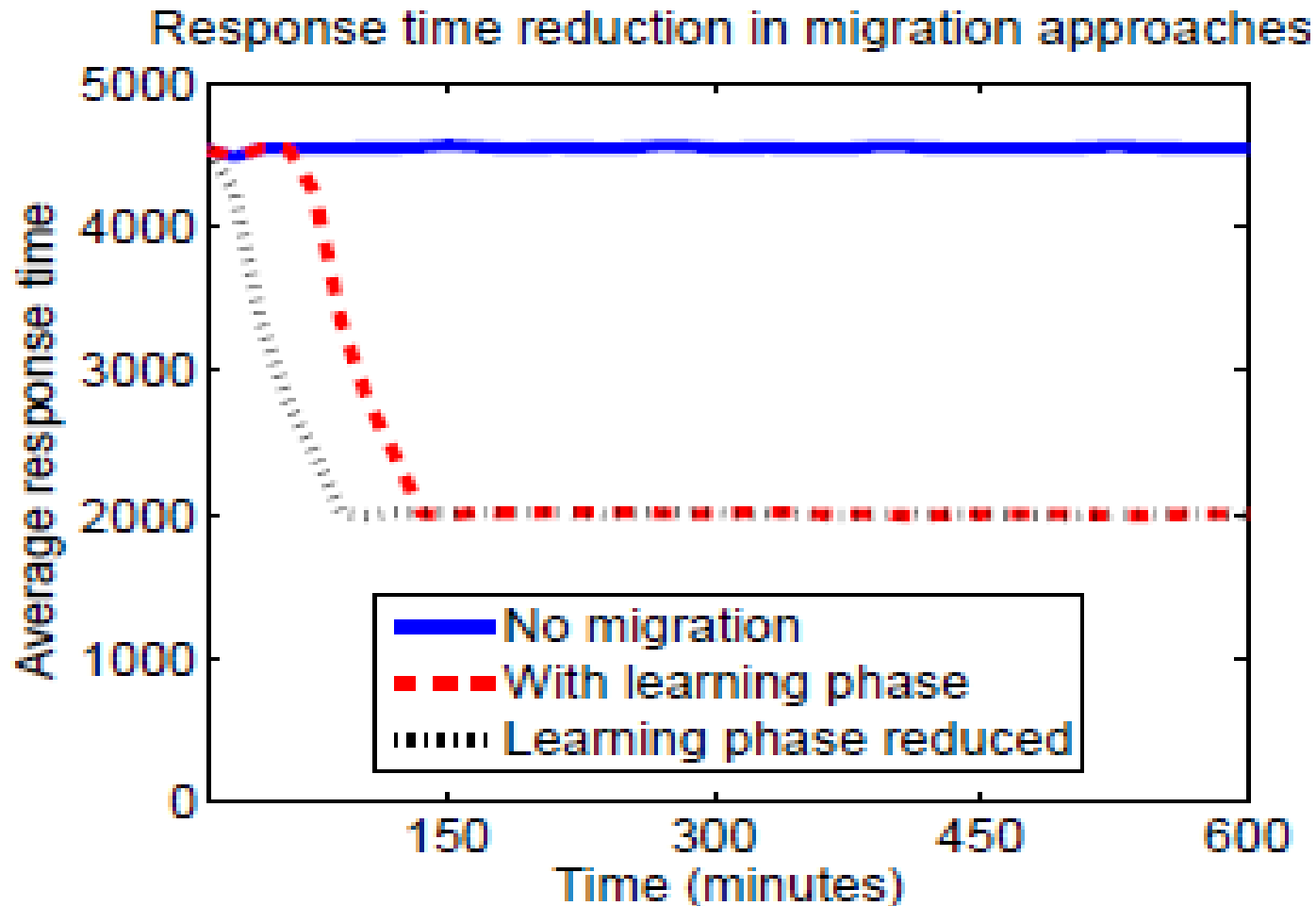
- Greedy algorithm is limited by the increment granularity
- Adaptive lookahead data migration: computing optimal lookahead length through bandwidth, SSD Size, etc.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma(\alpha) &= \Delta_{w2} - \Omega_{w1} \\
 &= (\rho_2 - \mu_2)\alpha - \frac{\rho_2 - \mu_2}{2 \times \psi_2} \alpha^2 - \frac{\rho_1 - \mu_1}{2 \times \psi_1} \alpha^2 \\
 &= (\rho_2 - \mu_2)\alpha - \left(\frac{\rho_2 - \mu_2}{2 \times \psi_2} + \frac{\rho_1 - \mu_1}{2 \times \psi_1} \right) \alpha^2
 \end{aligned}$$

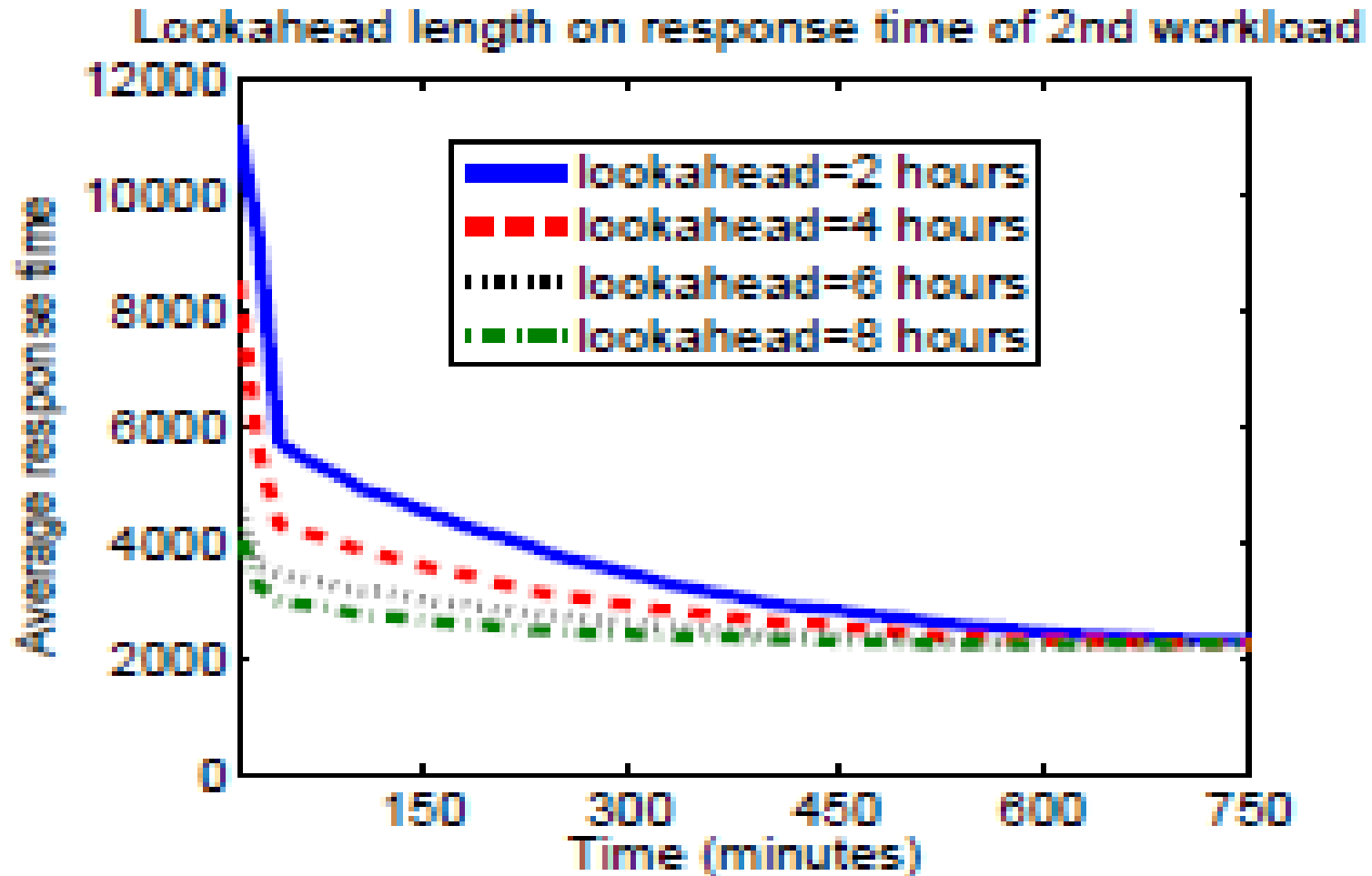
$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= \frac{\psi_1 \psi_2 (\rho_2 - \mu_2)}{\phi_1 (\rho_2 - \mu_2) + \phi_2 (\rho_1 - \mu_1)} \\
 \Gamma_{max} &= \frac{3\phi_1 \phi_2 (\rho_2 - \mu_2)^2}{2\psi_1 (\rho_2 - \mu_2) + 2\psi_2 (\rho_1 - \mu_1)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Response time reduction with learning phase

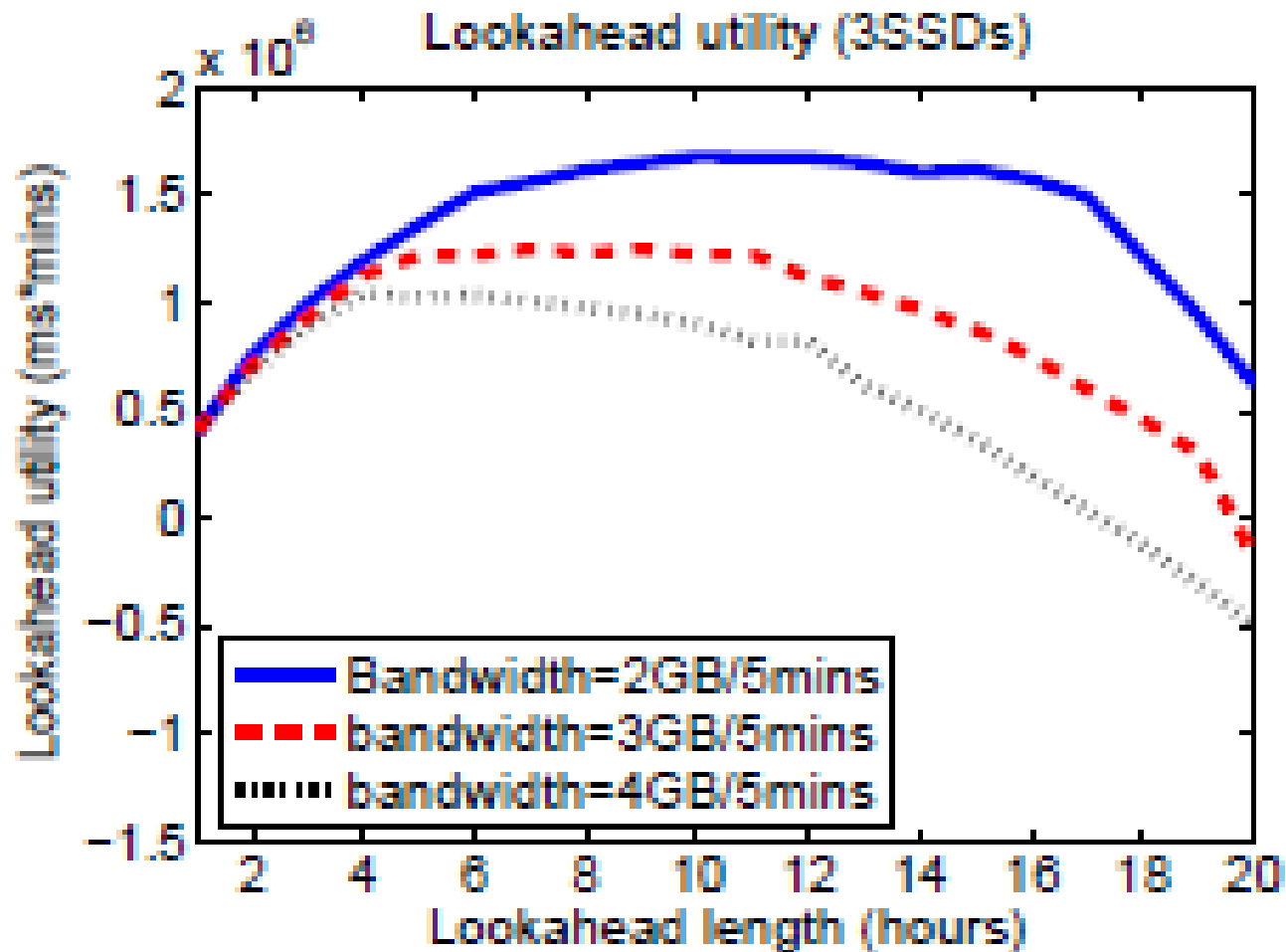
learning phase reduced migration



Lookahead length on response time reduction



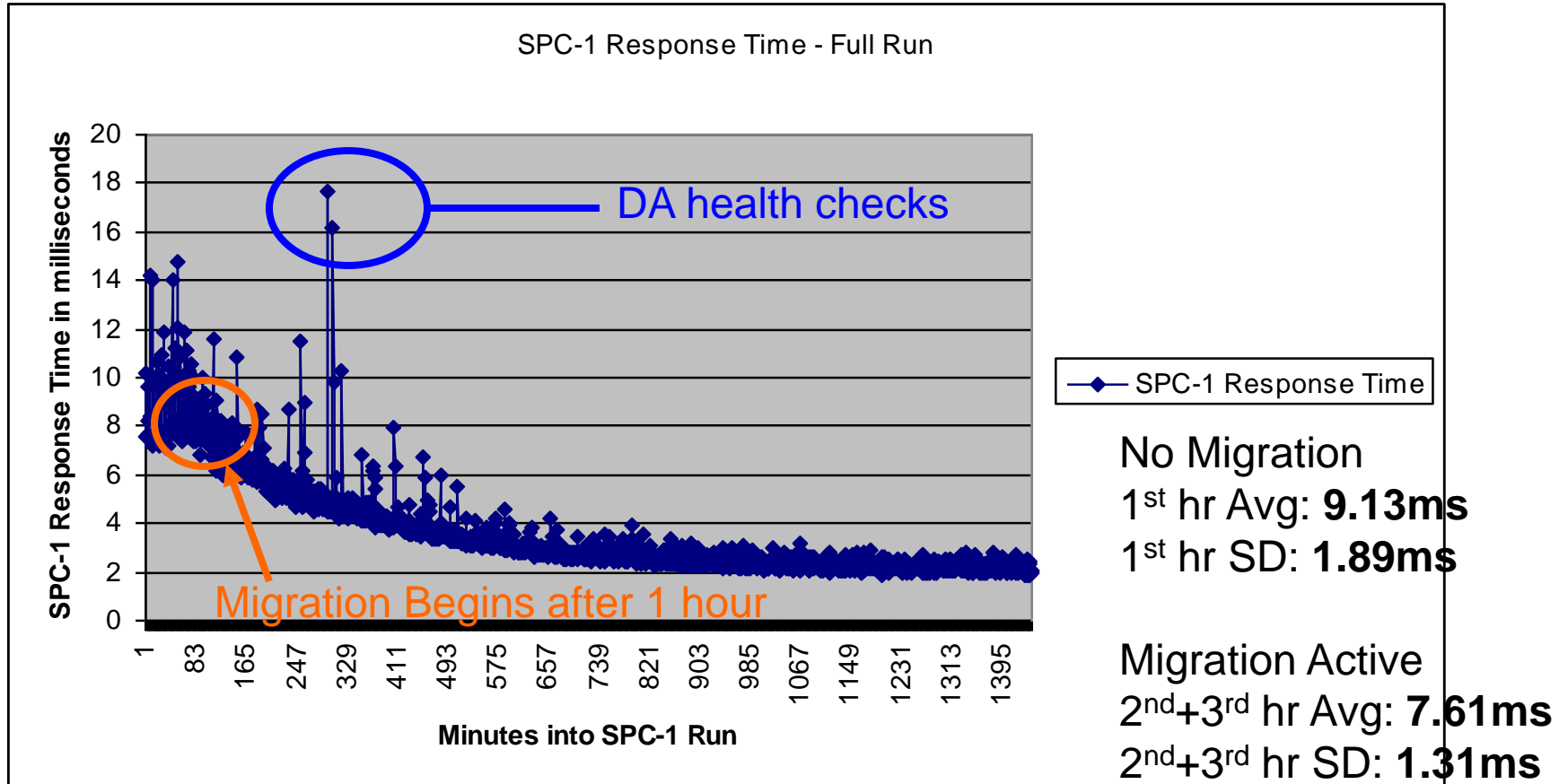
Compute optimal lookahead length



Questions and Thanks

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SPC-1 Average Response Time is only Reduced with Concurrent Migration



What type of workloads are good matching workloads?

- **Sensitivity to migration**

- Stable heat pattern or dynamic heat pattern?
- Heat distribution among all extents
- Hot extents ratio

- **Workload cycle duration**

- Exception: migration not finished before deadline if too short workload time and limited bandwidth

The impacts of SSD size

- **The ratio between SSD and HDD**
- **The ratio is too small**
 - SSD only holds the hottest extent and creates limited migration impacts
- **The ratio is too large**
 - Extra unnecessary cold extents migration
 - Bandwidth waste
- **Convergence point**
 - Time point differentiate necessary migration and unnecessary migration

How to guarantee the migration deadline

- **Migration deadline must be guaranteed**
 - SSD size
 - Saturated
 - unsaturated
 - The data volume to be migrated
 - Impacting extents: extents migrated before convergence
 - Different on different workload
 - The allocated bandwidth for migration
- **Migration deadline must be guaranteed**
 - Unfinished migration
 - Deadline is not ensured
 - Migration finished earlier
 - SSD is full
 - SSD is not full and a mixture of different workloads

Impacts of migration on response time

- **Migration reduces response time**
- **Approximation function**
 - Linear approximation function
 - Non-linear approximation function
- **Convergence process**

Lookahead migration

- **The factors impacting lookahead migration**
 - Peak response time
 - Saturation response time
 - Migration time length
- **Measurement**
 - **Utility cost**

Future Work and Conclusion

■ **Future Work**

- Multiple workloads (>2 workloads)
- Parallel workloads
- Smarter IO density monitoring
- Workload/IO density prediction

■ **Conclusion**

- Lookahead Migration further reduces response time and improves system resource utilization

Deadline Aware Data Migration in Multi-tiered Storage Systems

▪ **User scenario**

- Daytime workload: OLTP
- Night time workload: Batch processing
- SSD is scarce resource

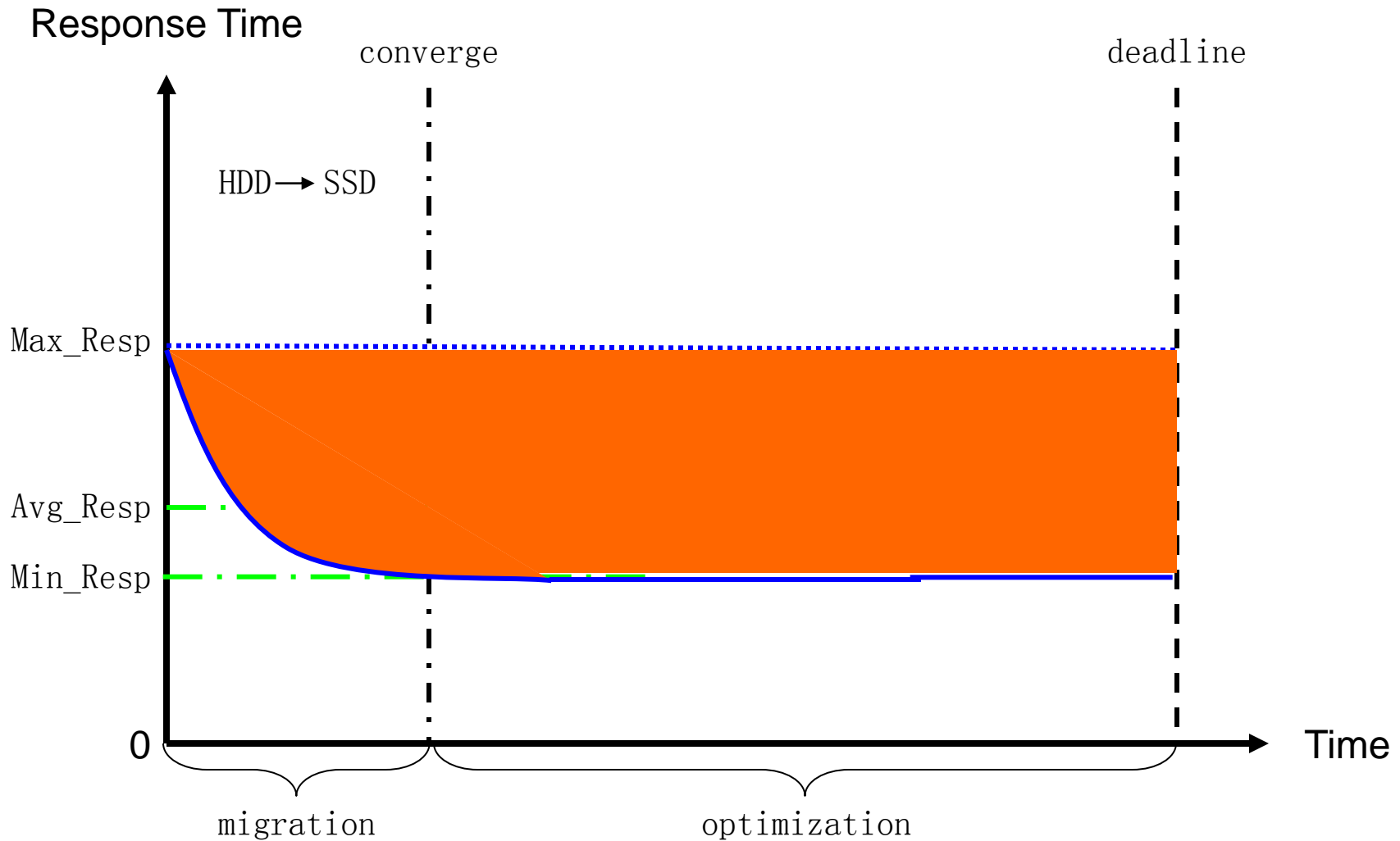
▪ **Constraints**

- Repeating periodical workload cycle
- Finish migration by deadline
- Relatively Stable IO profile
- Diminishing migration return

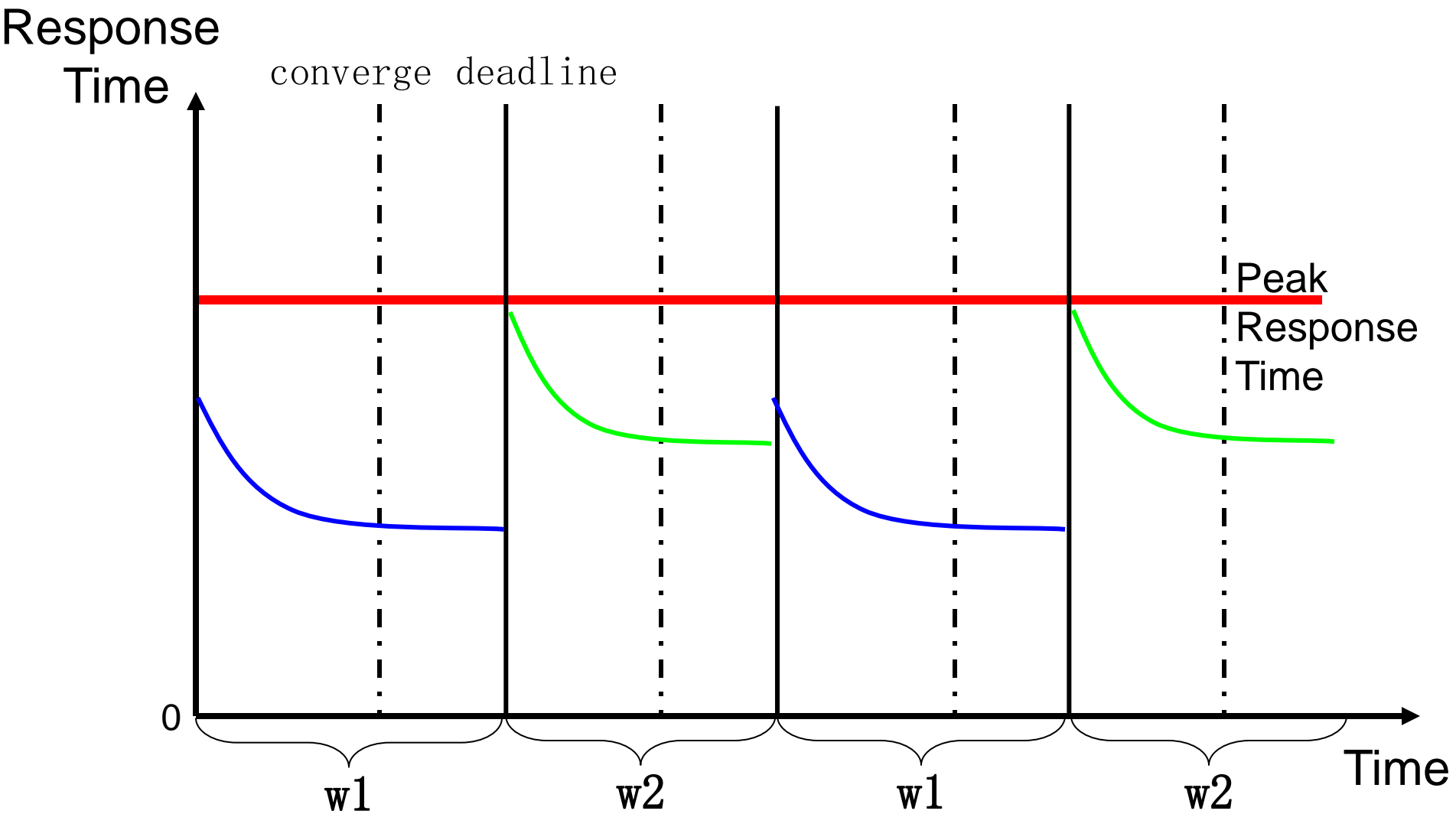
▪ **Challenge**

- How to improve data migration performance gains in migration deadline bounded multi-tier storage environment?
 - Response time
 - Resource utilization

Optimization 1: Reducing Learning Phase



Static Data Migration



Lookahead Data Migration

