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# Flow shop scheduling with Delivery coordination

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# The Model

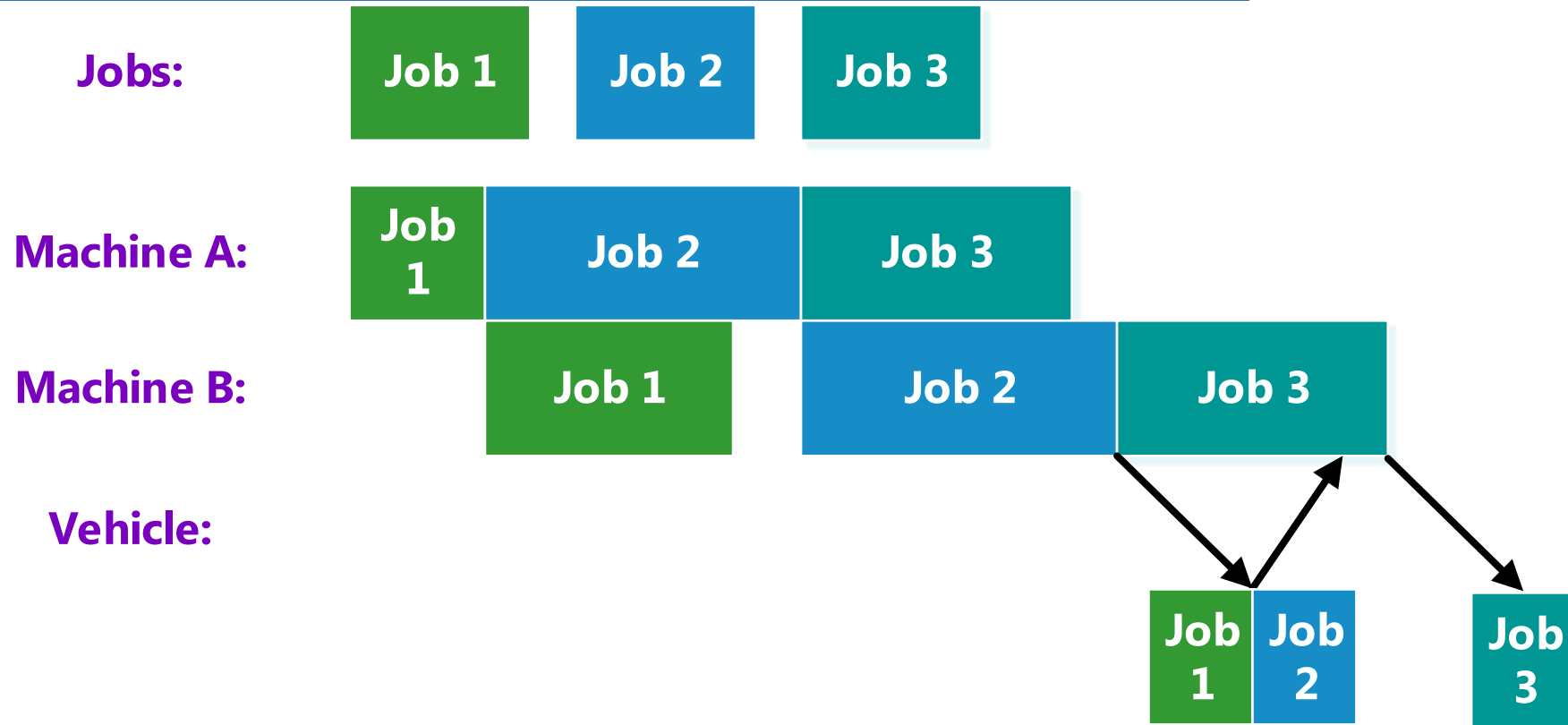
$$F2 \rightarrow D | v = 1, c | C_{max}$$

$F2$	<b>Flowshop scheduling with two machines</b>
$D$	<b>Destination</b>
$v = 1$	<b>One transporter</b>
$c \geq 1$	<b>Capacity <math>\geq 1</math></b>
$C_{max}$	<b>the object of minimize the makespan</b>



# An Example

$$F2 \rightarrow D | v = 1, c = 2 | C_{\max}$$



# Main Results

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|---|---|
| 1 | Prove $F2 \rightarrow D v = 1, c = 2 C_{\max}$ is strongly NP-hard                    |
| 2 | Study three special cases of the model and give related polynomial optimal algorithms |
| 3 | Give PTAS for $F2 \rightarrow D v = 1, c C_{\max}$                                    |



# Previous results

Author	Year	Problem	Complexity
Lee & Chen[1]	2001	$F2 \rightarrow D   v = 1, c = 1   C_{\max}$	SNP
		$F2 \rightarrow D   v = 1, c \geq 4   C_{\max}$	SNP
Yuan et.al.[2]	2007	$F2 \rightarrow D   v = 1, c = 2   C_{\max}$	Binary NP-hard
		$F2 \rightarrow D   v = 1, c = 3   C_{\max}$	SNP

[1] Chung-Yee L, Chen Z. Machine scheduling with transportation considerations[J]. Journal of Scheduling, 2001, 4(1):3-24.

[2] Yuan J, Soukhal A, Chen Y, et al. A note on the complexity of flow shop scheduling with transportation constraints[J]. European Journal of Operational Research, 2007, 178(3):918-925.

# Our first results

$$F2 \rightarrow D | v = 1, c = 2 | C_{\max}$$

**Just binary NP-hard ?**

**NP-hard in strong sense?**



# Main Idea

**4-partition problem**



**equivalent**

$$F2 \rightarrow D|v = 1, c = 2|C_{\max}$$





# 4-Partition problem

Input:  $4m$  positive integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{4m}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{4m} a_i = mb$   
and  $b/5 < a_i < b/3$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, 4m$ .

Output: Find the partition  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_m$  such that  
 $|H_j| = 4$  and  $\sum_{i \in H_j} a_i = b$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

The above 4-PARTITION problem is a Strong NP-hard problem. [3].

[3] Garey M R, Johnson D S. Computers and Intractability:  
A Guide to the Theory of NP-Completeness[C]// W.H.  
Freeman and Company. 1979.



# Instance 4-partirion to $F2 \rightarrow D$

First, use the 4-partirion instance to construct a jobs instance of  $F2 \rightarrow D$ .

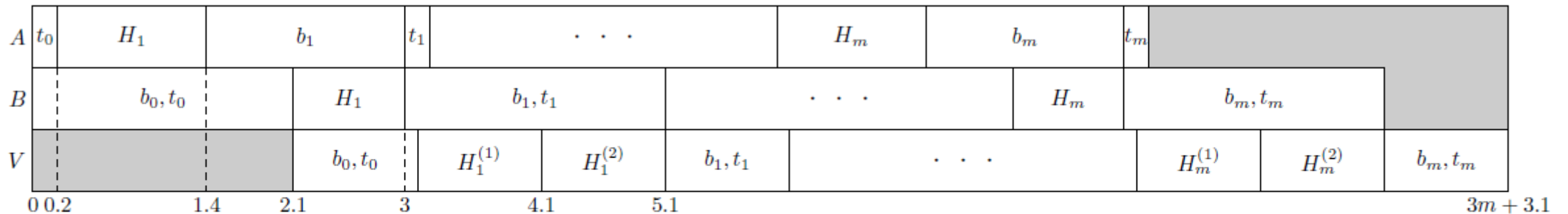
Big	Job 0:	$A(0) = 0,$	$B(0) = 2.1b$
Small	Jobs $i$ :	$A(i) = 0.1b + 0.8a_i,$	$B(i) = 0.9a_i,$ for $i = 1, \dots, 4m$
Big	Jobs $j$ :	$A(j) = 1.6b,$	$B(j) = 2.1b,$ for $j = 4m + 1, \dots, 5m$
Tiny	Jobs $k$ :	$A(k) = 0.2b,$	$B(k) = 0,$ for $k = 5m + 1, \dots, 6m + 1$

The delivery time is  $b$



# 4-partirion to $F2 \rightarrow D$

**Lemma 1:** Assume  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_m$  is a solution for 4-Partition, then there is a feasible schedule  $S$  with makespan no bigger than  $3mb + 3.1b$

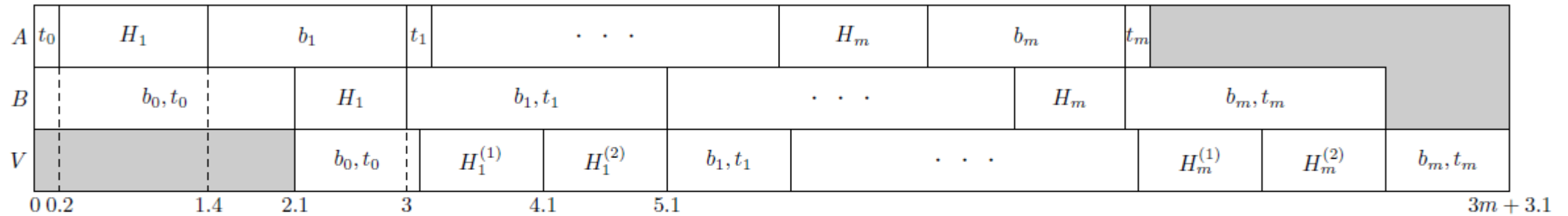


**Fig. 1.** A feasible schedule  $S$  with  $C_{\max}(S) = (3m + 3.1)b$



# 4-partirion to $F2 \rightarrow D$

**Lemma 2.** *If  $C_{\max}(S) \leq y = 3mb + 3.1b$ , then there is no idle time on machine  $B$  and the first job that processed on  $A$  and  $B$  is big job 0.*

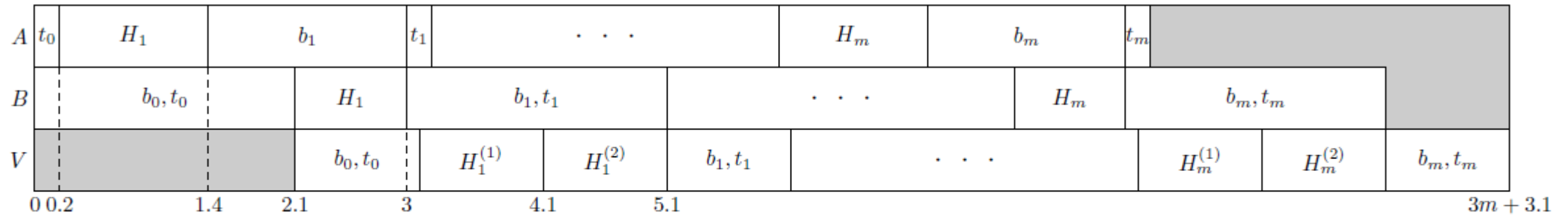


**Fig. 1.** A feasible schedule  $S$  with  $C_{\max}(S) = (3m + 3.1)b$



# 4-partirion to $F2 \rightarrow D$

**Lemma 3.** *The transporter  $V$  is idle during time span  $[0, 2.1b]$  and other time is always busy. And it carries two jobs each time. The second job processed on  $B$  is a tiny job.*



**Fig. 1.** A feasible schedule  $S$  with  $C_{\max}(S) = (3m + 3.1)b$



# $F2 \rightarrow D$ to 4-partirion

**Lemma 4.** *We call big job 0 and a tiny job on B the first batch. If  $C_{max}(S) \leq y$ , then machine B must complete four jobs between the first batch and the second big job.*

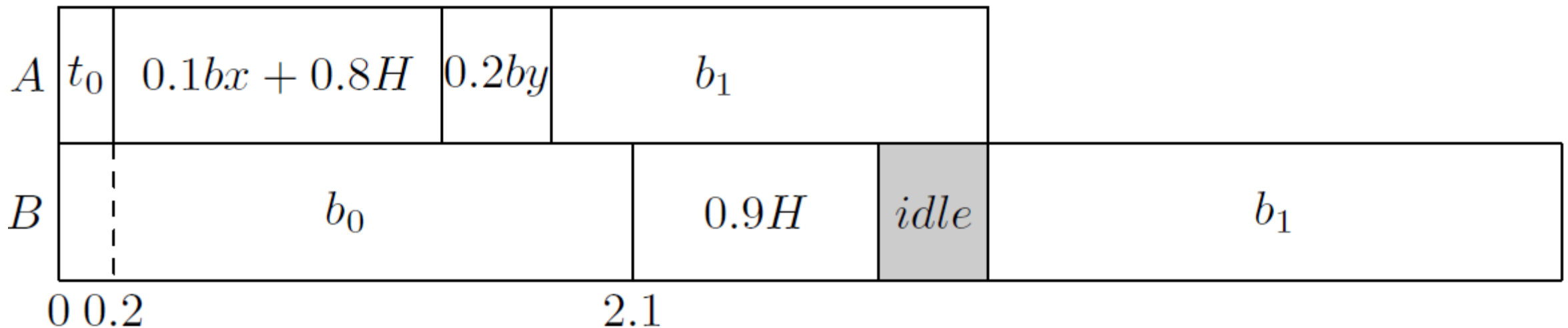


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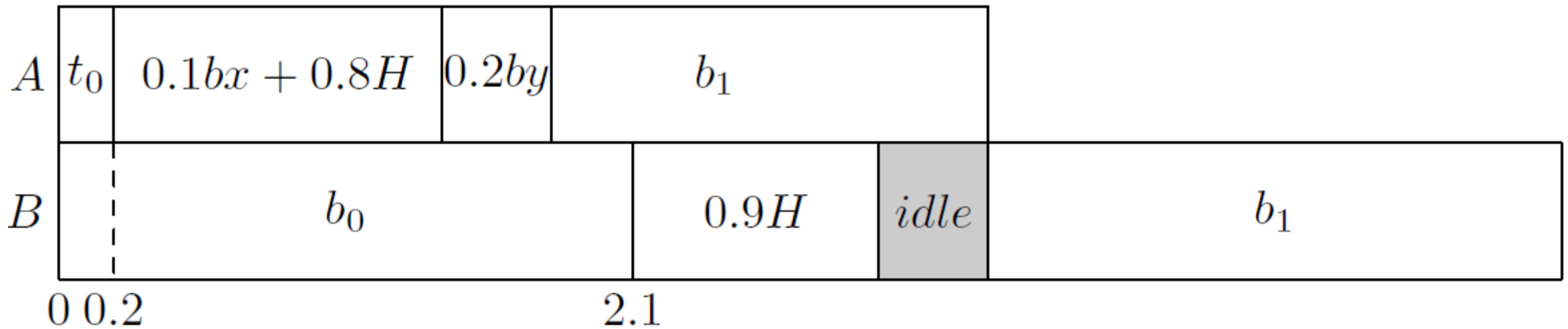
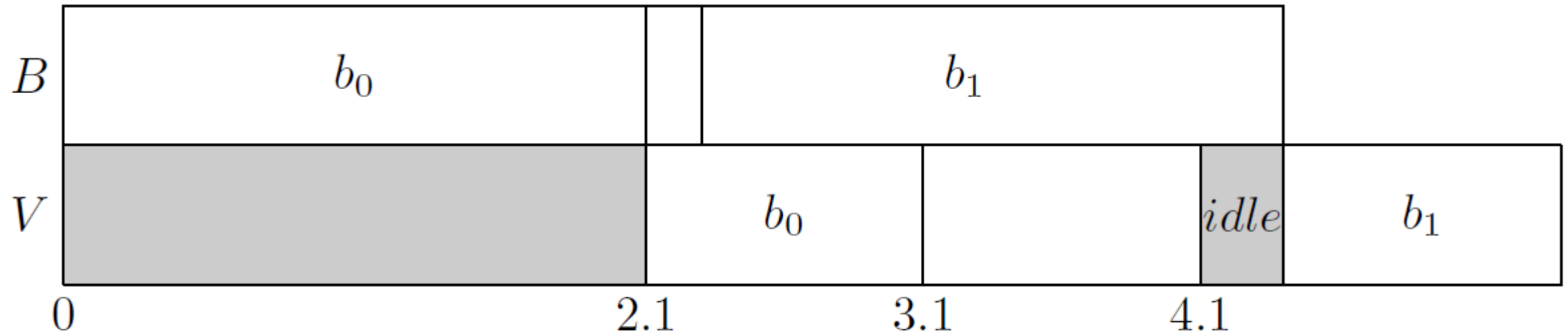


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**Fig. 3.** A schedule when  $x + y = 2$





# $F2 \rightarrow D$ to 4-partirion

**Lemma 5.** *The four jobs between the first batch and big job  $b_1$  on  $B$  are all small jobs. Let  $H$  be the set of elements in 4-PARTITION which correspond with the four small jobs. Then the total size in  $H$  is exactly  $b$ .*

**Lemma 6.** *If  $C_S \leq 3mb + 3.1b$ , then the instance of 4-PARTITION has a feasible solution.*



# Our first results

*By lemma 1 and lemma 6, we can find that*

*4 – partition problem  $\leftrightarrow F2 \rightarrow D|v = 1, c = 2|C_{\max}$*

Then we can get the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.**  *$F2 \rightarrow D|v = 1, c = 2|C_{\max}$  is a NP-hard problem in strong sense.*



# Our Second results

Consider three special cases of

$$F2 \rightarrow D | v = 1, c \geq 1 | C_{\max}$$

and give polynomial optimal Algorithms.



# Three special cases

Problem	Time-Complexity
$F2 \rightarrow D   v = 1, c \geq 1, chain   C_{\max}$	$O(1)$
$F2 \rightarrow D   v = 1, c \geq 1, B(i) = p   C_{\max}$	$O(n \log n)$
$F_2 \rightarrow D   v = 1, c \geq 1, \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{A(i)\} \leq \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{B(i)\}   C_{\max}$	$O(n^2)$



# The Relations

$$F2 \rightarrow D | v = 1, c \geq 1, chain | C_{max}$$

call

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The jobs' processing order on machines A,B has been given before the scheduling.

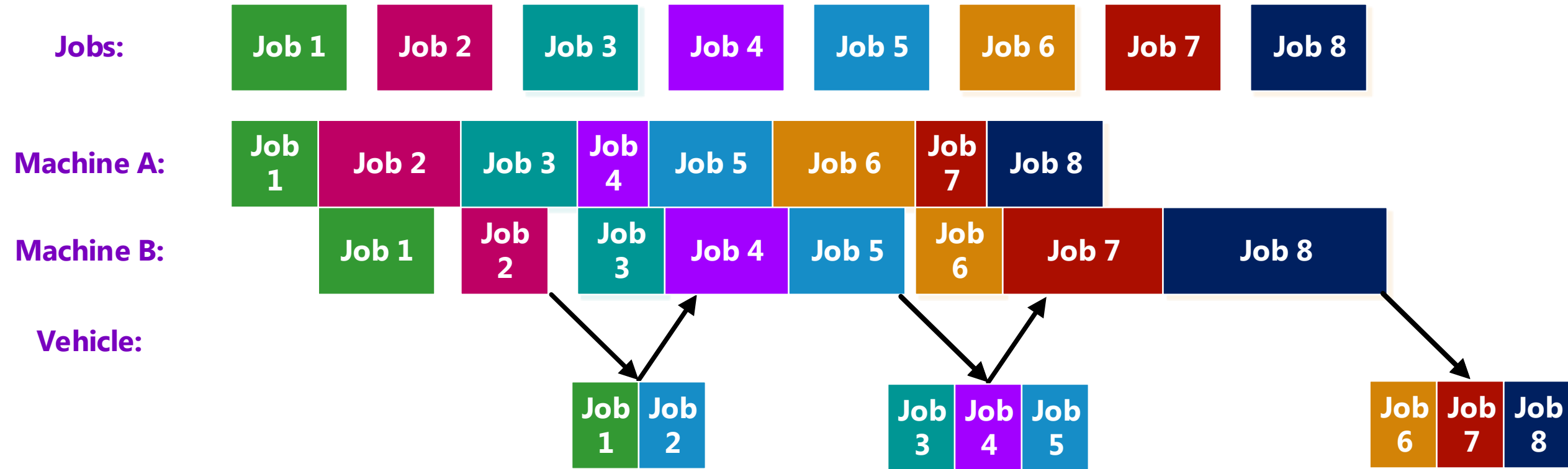


Fig 2



# Conclusion

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