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AATR: Vendor's Response

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Who Voted you King?

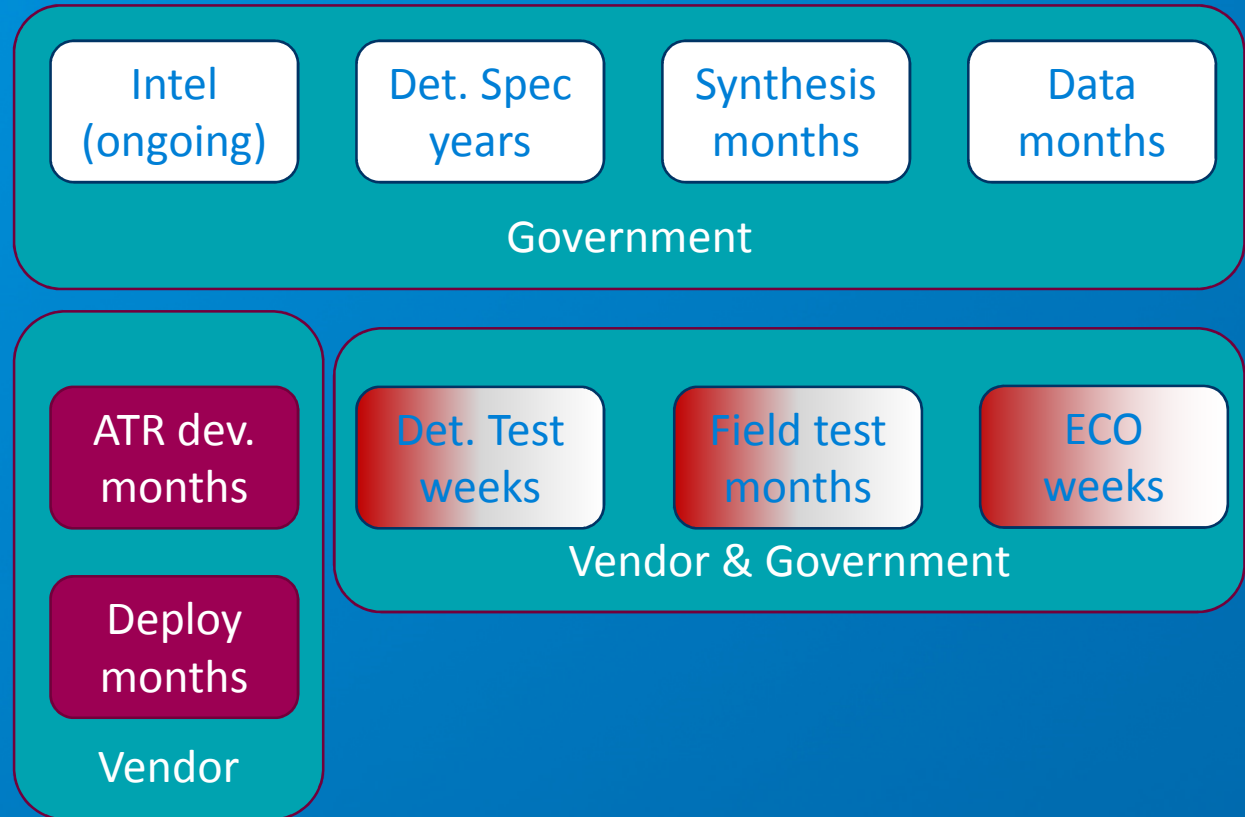
- Problem: Fielding a response to an emerging threat is slow
- Goal: Same-day deployment of solutions
- The current process fails in that goal
 - Today: new threat means accept (for a long time) or shut-down
- How can we accelerate... and at what risk?
 - Take the modern “service” approach: field first, ask questions later
 - Does the approach make sense?
 - What else makes sense?
 - Where are the gorillas?
 - Hint: they aren't where you think they are!



Current Process

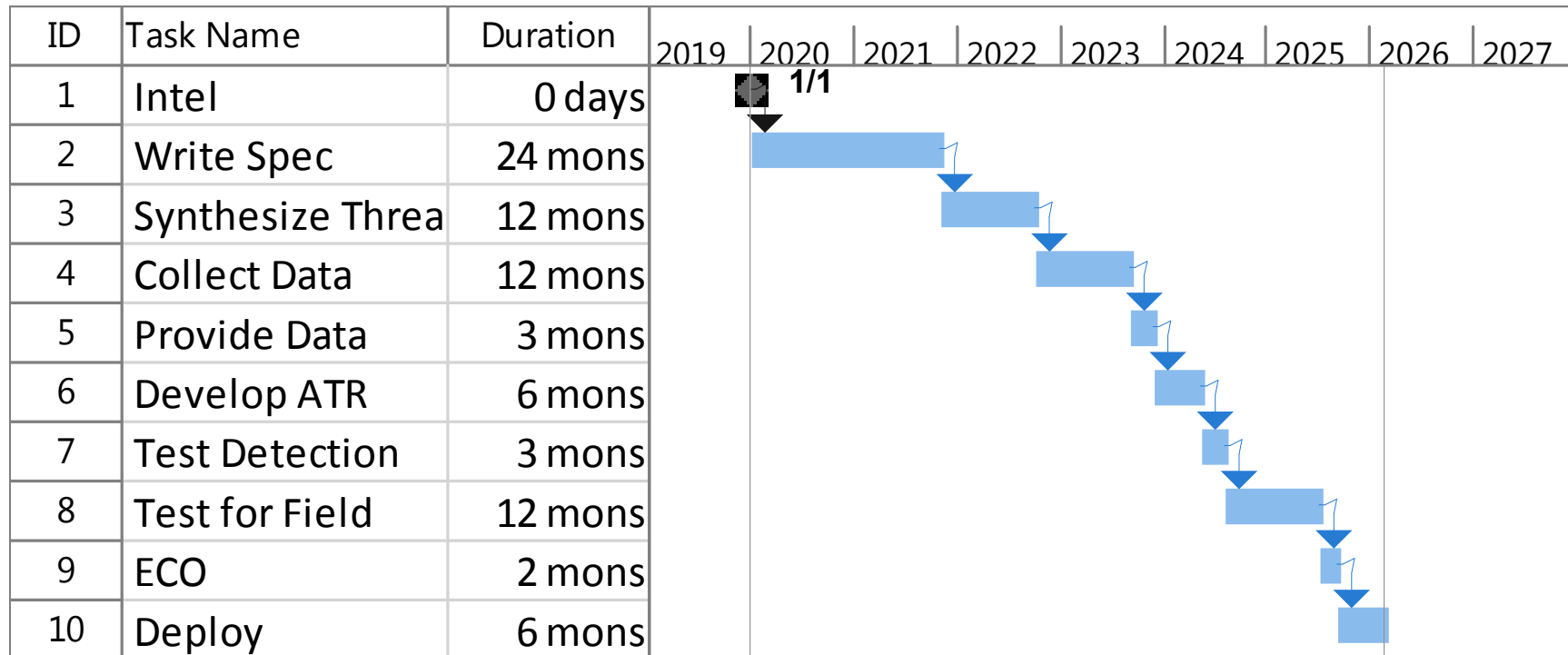
- Serial
- Risk-Averse
- Lengthy

- Can be accelerated... some



In Gantt Form

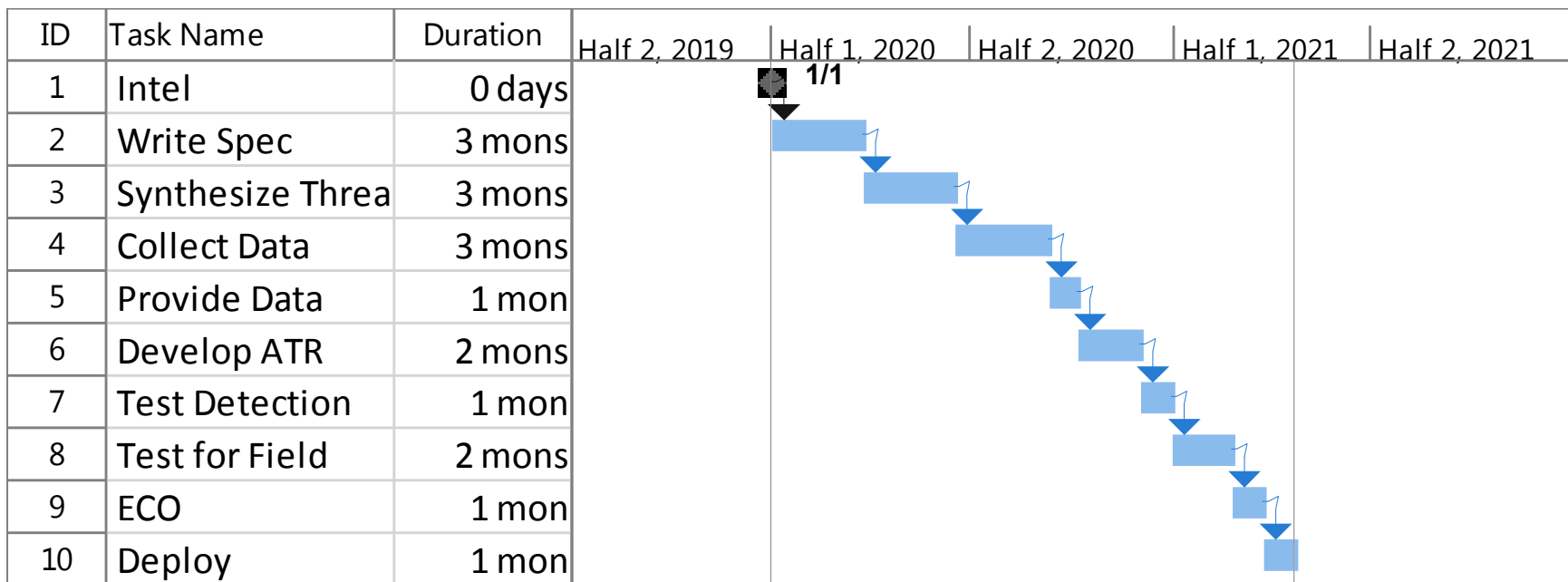
- **Almost realistic**



- **By the time deployment happens, intel has identified a new threat**
- **What if we try to go faster?**

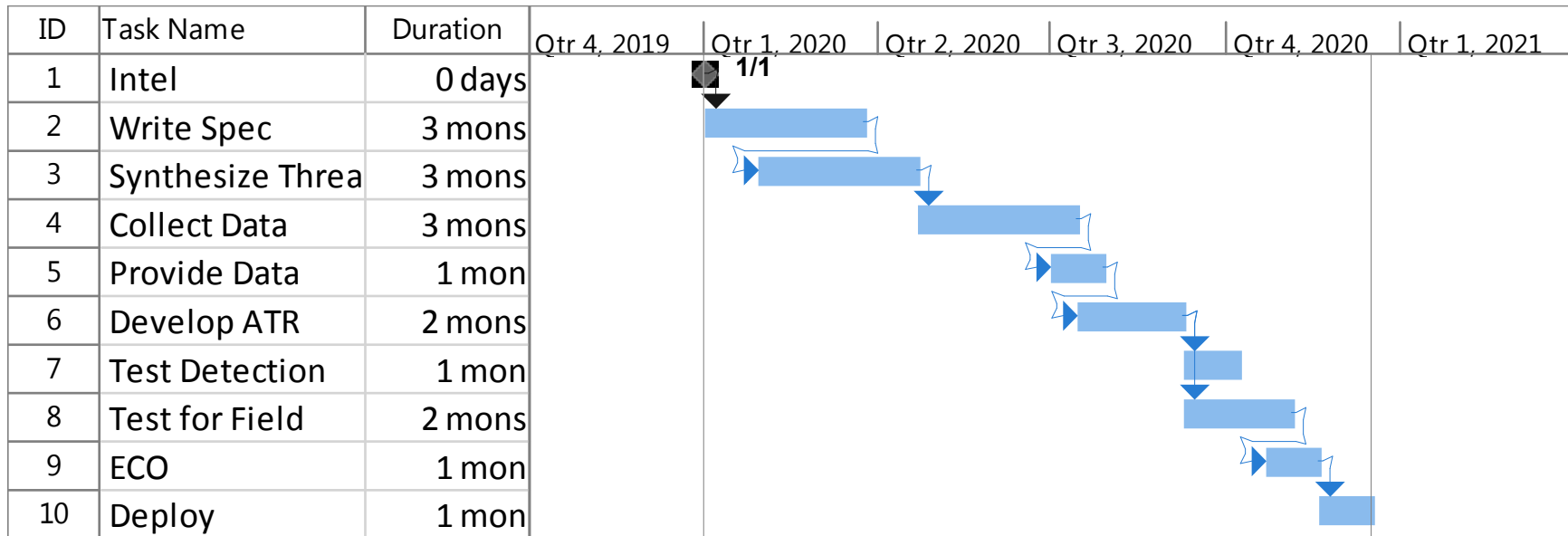
Accelerated

- Optimistic



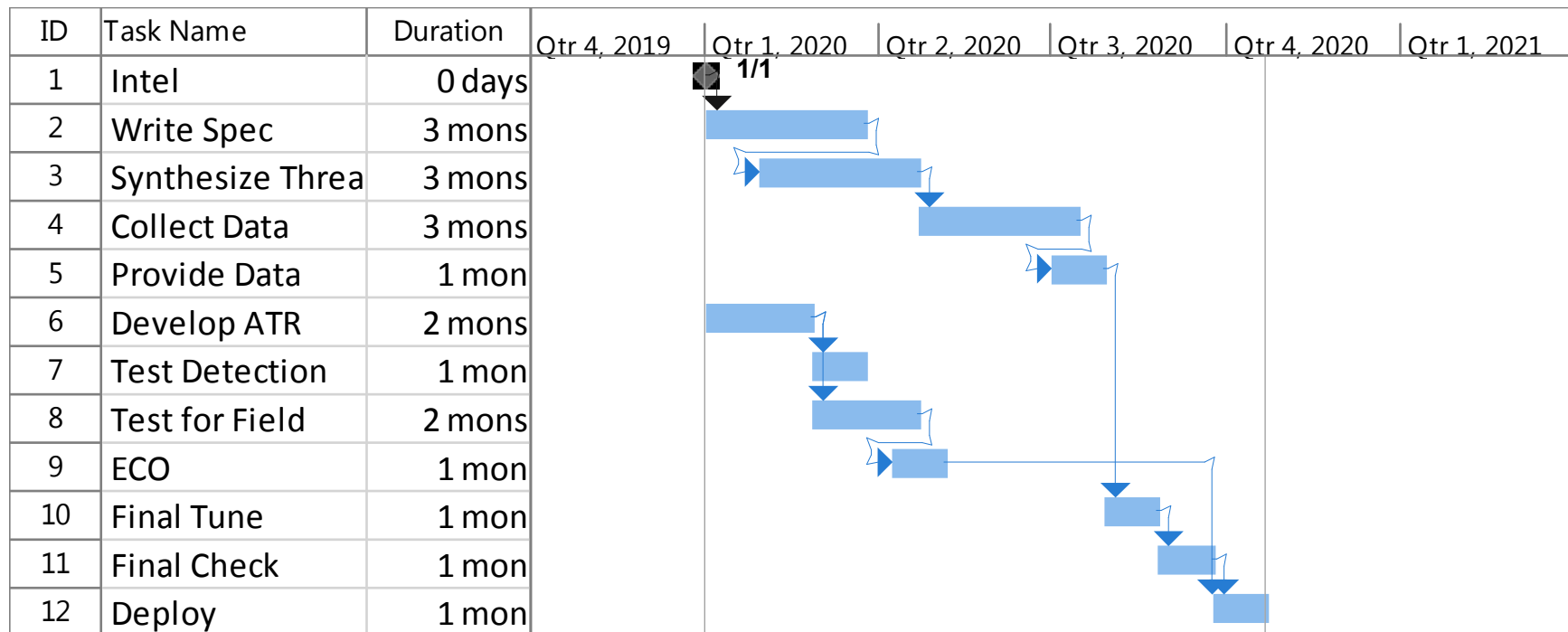
- Requires some risk acceptance
- Still suffers from serialization

Parallelized



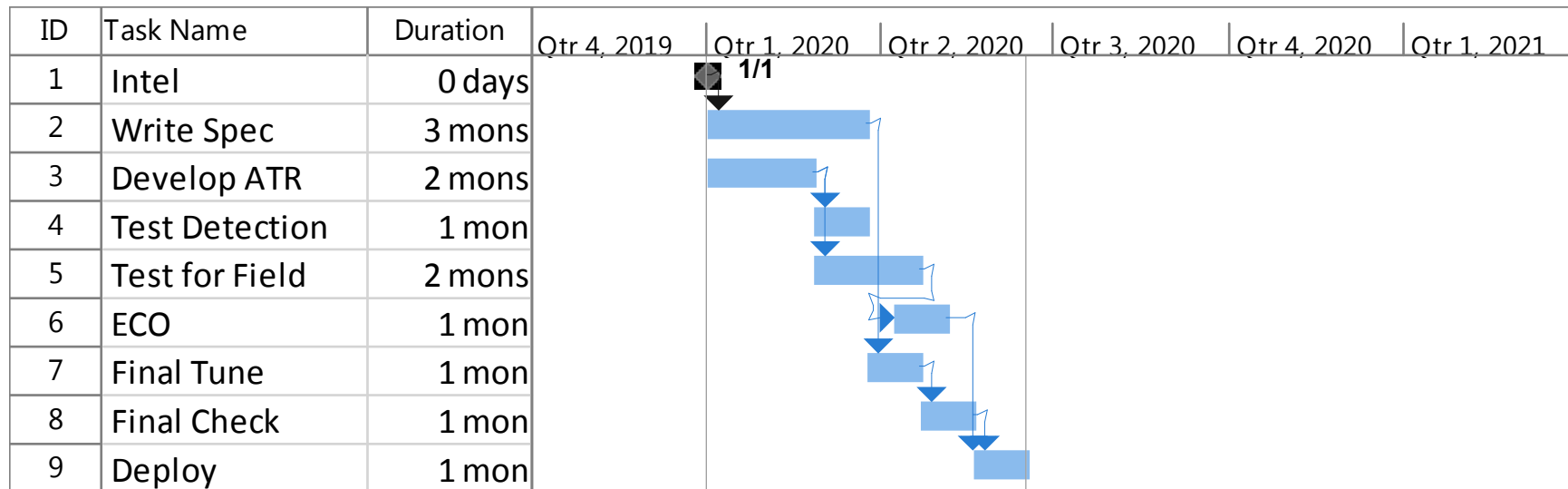
- Got it under a year!
- Is there anything else we can do?
 - Early ATR

Parallelized early ATR



- What if we don't need data?

Parallelized early ATR without data



- What is needed to achieve this?
 - ATR that is pre-validated and can be updated without data
 - AATR

Burning Questions – The Three Gorillas

- The Market is the 800 lb. gorilla
 - How do vendors fit in?
 - How can we apply experience and expertise?
 - Talk fast, fail faster
- Integration is the invisible 800 lb. gorilla
 - How do we present adapting results in a world with CommonGUI?
 - How do we handle computation and sandboxing?
 - Early integration is key
- Validation is the invisible 8000 lb. gorilla with poisonous fangs
 - How do we pre-validate?
 - Can we ensure (relative) robustness?
 - (When) can we adapt without data?
 - Keep trying

You said “Same-Day”

- Can't accelerate threat specification (see Larry McMichael's talk)
- Can accelerate development (automated) and testing (automated)
- Can build and field prototypes and revise

- Risk-aversion is the invisible 8 ton gorilla with...
 - Need mechanism to field and roll-back “instantaneously”
 - How do we control that?

- Should we fast-field an approach to fast-fielding?

Thank You
