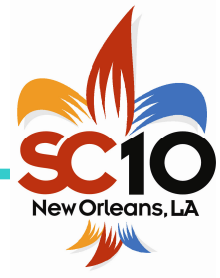

Hybrid MPI & OpenMP Parallel Programming

MPI + OpenMP and other models on clusters of SMP nodes

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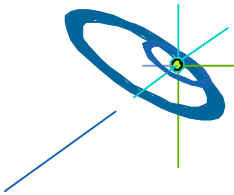

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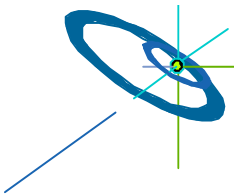
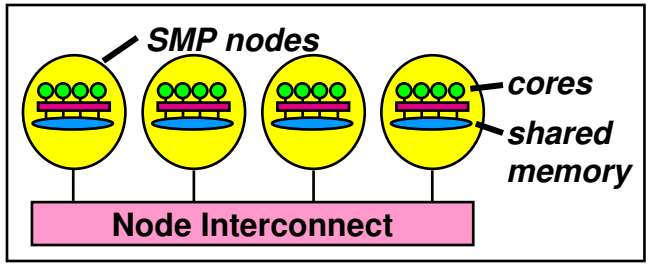
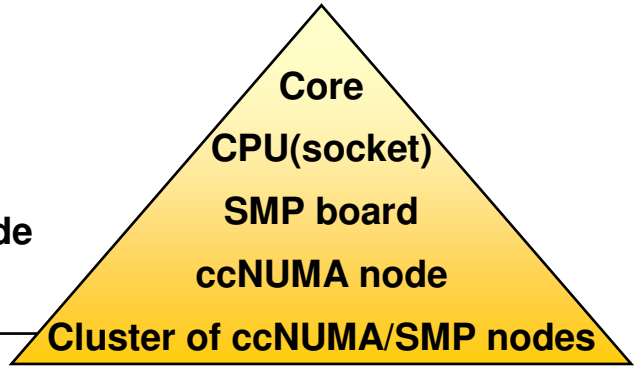


Motivation

- Efficient programming of clusters of SMP nodes
  - **SMP nodes:**
    - **Dual/multi core CPUs**
    - **Multi CPU shared memory**
    - **Multi CPU ccNUMA**
    - **Any mixture with shared memory programming model**



- Hardware range
  - **mini-cluster with dual-core CPUs**
  - **…**
  - **large constellations with large SMP nodes**
    … with several sockets (CPUs) per SMP node
    … with several cores per socket
  - → **Hierarchical system layout**



- Hybrid MPI/OpenMP programming seems natural
  - **MPI between the nodes**
  - **OpenMP inside of each SMP node**

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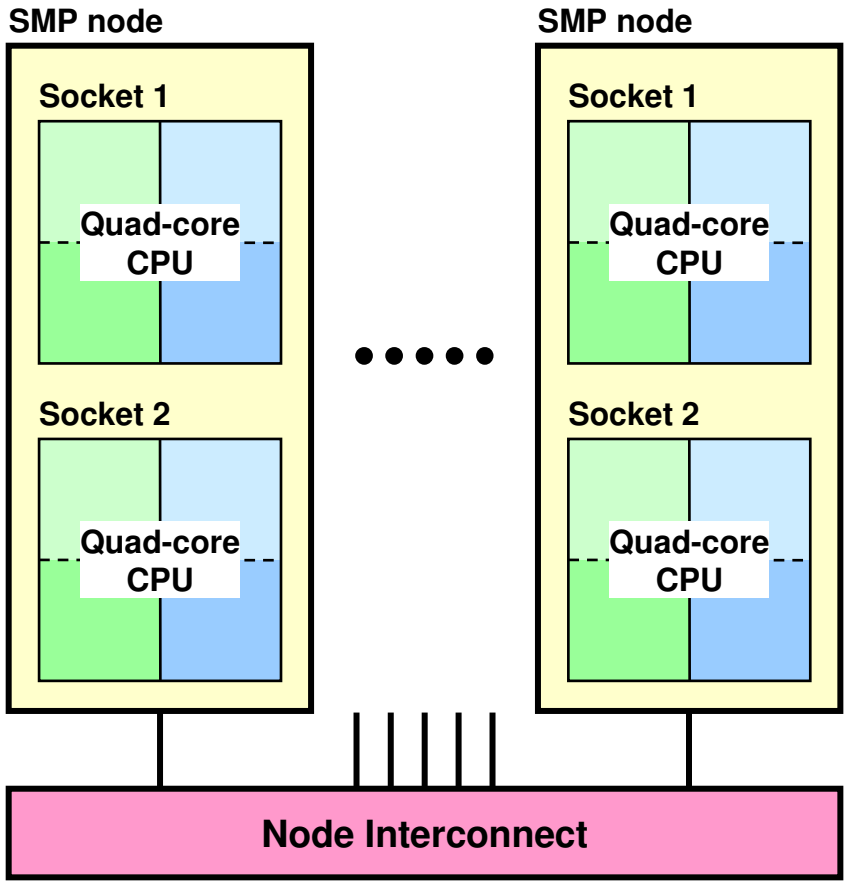
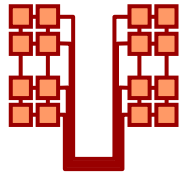
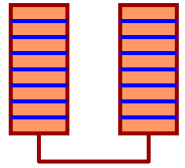


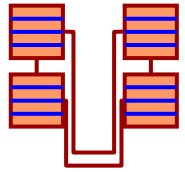
- Which programming model is fastest?
- MPI everywhere?



- Fully hybrid MPI & OpenMP?



- Something between? (Mixed model)



- Often hybrid programming **slower** than pure MPI
  - Examples, Reasons, …

Goals of this tutorial

- Sensitize to problems on clusters of SMP nodes

  see sections → Case studies
  → Mismatch problems

- Technical aspects of hybrid programming

  see sections → Programming models on clusters
  → Examples on hybrid programming

- Opportunities with hybrid programming

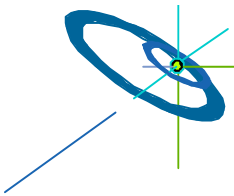
  see section → Opportunities: Application categories that can benefit from hybrid paralleliz.

- Issues and their Solutions

  with sections → Thread-safety quality of MPI libraries
  → Tools for debugging and profiling for MPI+OpenMP

- **Less frustration &**
- **More success**

with your parallel program on clusters of SMP nodes



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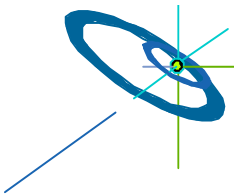
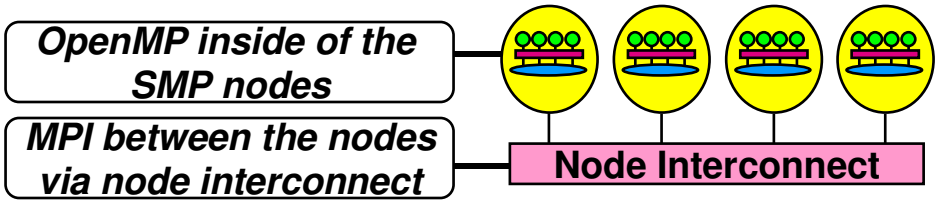
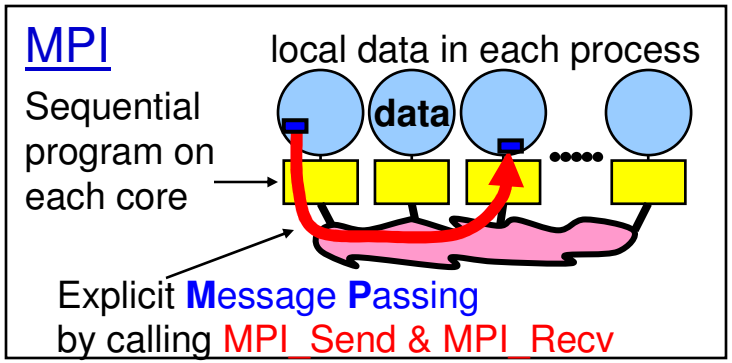


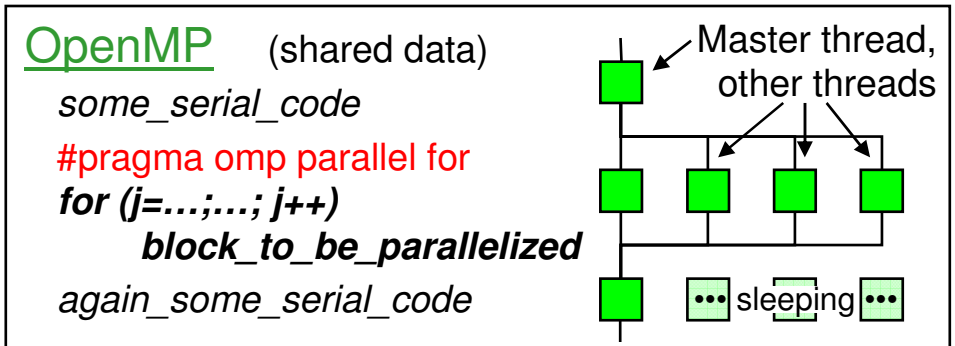
Major Programming models on hybrid systems

- Pure MPI (one MPI process on each core)
- Hybrid MPI+OpenMP
  - shared memory OpenMP
  - distributed memory MPI

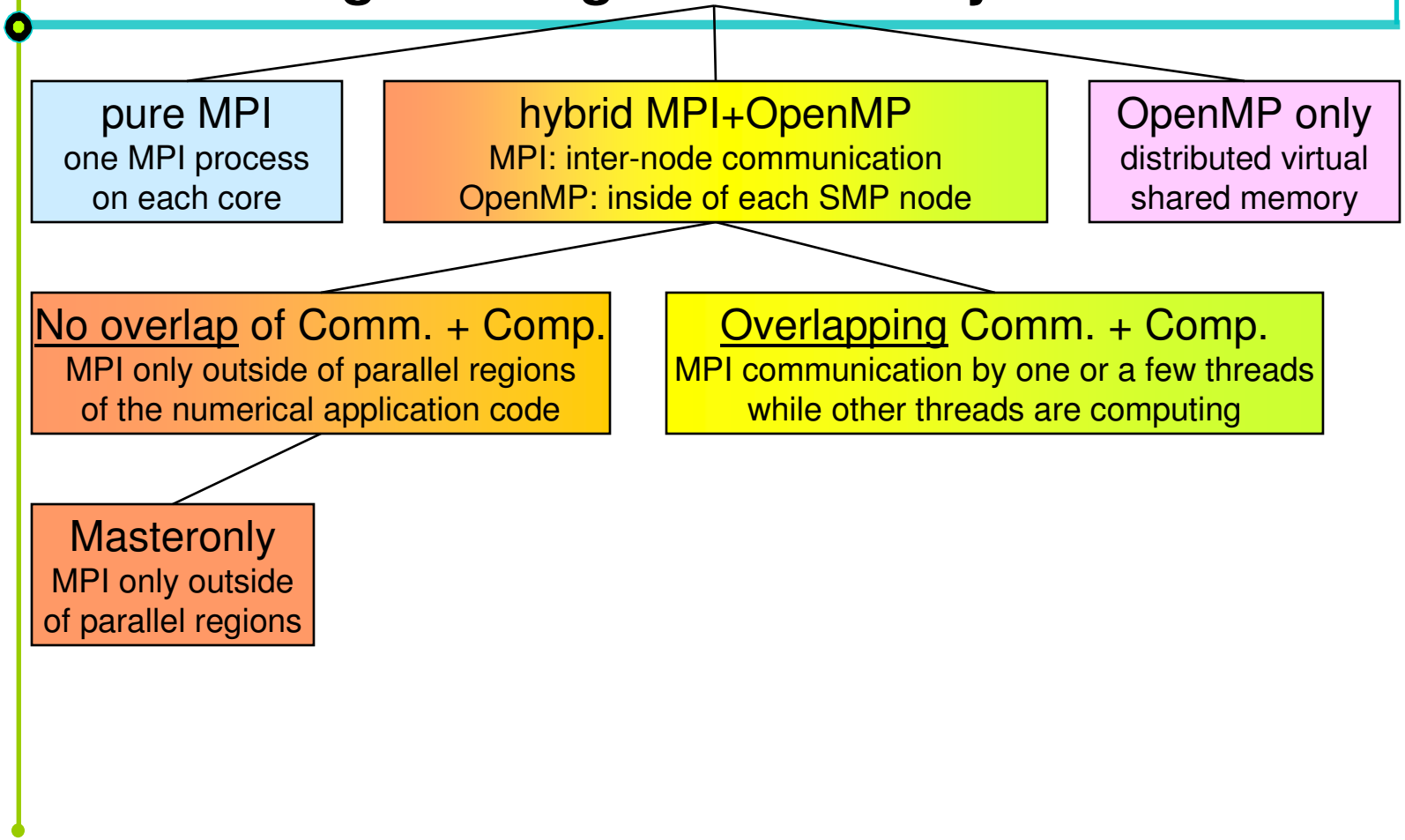


- Other: Virtual shared memory systems, PGAS, HPF, …
- Often **hybrid programming (MPI+OpenMP)** slower than **pure MPI**
  - why?





Parallel Programming Models on Hybrid Platforms



Pure MPI

pure MPI
one MPI process
on each core

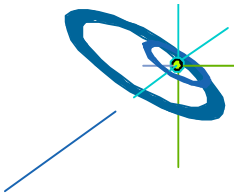
Advantages

- No modifications on existing MPI codes
- MPI library need not to support multiple threads

Major problems

- Does MPI library uses internally different protocols?
  - **Shared memory inside of the SMP nodes**
  - **Network communication between the nodes**
- Does application topology fit on hardware topology?
- Unnecessary MPI-communication inside of SMP nodes!

Discussed in detail later on in the section **Mismatch Problems**



Hybrid Masteronly

Masteronly
MPI only outside of parallel regions

Advantages

- No message passing inside of the SMP nodes
- No topology problem

```
for (iteration ….)
{
  #pragma omp parallel
    numerical code
  /*end omp parallel */

  /* on master thread only */
    MPI_Send (original data
      to halo areas
      in other SMP nodes)
    MPI_Recv (halo data
      from the neighbors)
} /*end for loop
```

Major Problems

- All other threads are sleeping while master thread communicates!
- Which inter-node bandwidth?
- MPI-lib must support at least MPI_THREAD_FUNNELED

→ Section **Thread-safety quality of MPI libraries**

Overlapping Communication and Computation

MPI communication by one or a few threads while other threads are computing

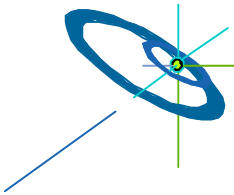
```
if (my_thread_rank < …) {

   MPI_Send/Recv….
     i.e., communicate all halo data

} else {

   Execute those parts of the application
     that do not need halo data
     (on non-communicating threads)
}


Execute those parts of the application
  that  need halo data
  (on all threads)
```



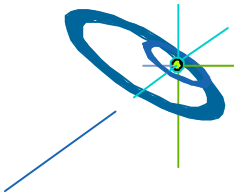
Pure OpenMP (on the cluster)

OpenMP only
distributed virtual
shared memory

- Distributed shared virtual memory system needed
- Must support clusters of SMP nodes
- e.g., Intel® Cluster OpenMP
  - Shared memory parallel inside of SMP nodes
  - Communication of modified parts of pages at OpenMP flush (part of each OpenMP barrier)

Experience:
→ **Mismatch** section

i.e., the OpenMP memory and parallelization model is prepared for clusters!



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    - **Performance results and analysis on different hardware architectures**
  - Compilation and Execution Summary

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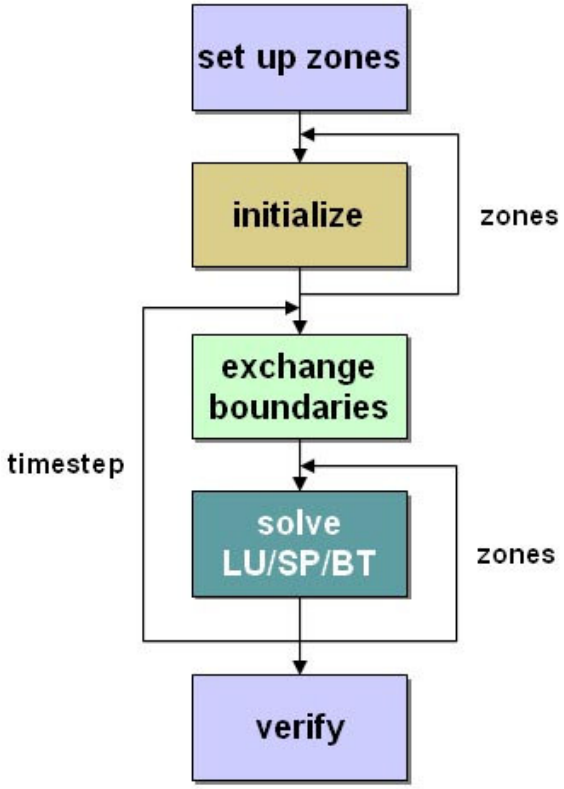
The Multi-Zone NAS Parallel Benchmarks



	MPI/OpenMP	MLP	Nested OpenMP
Time step	sequential	sequential	sequential
inter-zones	MPI Processes	MLP Processes	OpenMP
exchange boundaries	Call MPI	data copy+ sync.	OpenMP
intra-zones	OpenMP	OpenMP	OpenMP

- Multi-zone versions of the NAS Parallel Benchmarks LU,SP, and BT
- Two hybrid sample implementations
- Load balance heuristics part of sample codes
- www.nas.nasa.gov/Resources/Software/software.html

Using MPI/OpenMP: ADI Method

```
call omp_set_numthreads (weight)
do step = 1, itmax
  call exch_qbc(u, qbc, nx,…)

do zone = 1, num_zones
    if (iam .eq. pzone_id(zone)) then
        call zsolve(u,rsd,…)
      end if
    end do

end do
  ...
```

call mpi_send/recv

```
subroutine zsolve(u, rsd,…)
  ...
!$OMP PARALLEL DEFAULT(SHARED)
!$OMP& PRIVATE(m,i,j,k...)
!$OMP DO
  do k = 2, nz-1
    do j = 2, ny-1
      do i = 2, nx-1
        do m = 1, 5
          u(m,i,j,k)=
            dt*rsd(m,i,j,k-1)
        end do
      end do
    end do
  end do
!$OMP END DO nowait
  ...
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```

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Pipelined Thread Execution in SSOR

```
subroutine  ssor
!$OMP PARALLEL DEFAULT(SHARED)
!$OMP& PRIVATE(m,i,j,k...)
  call sync1 ()
  do k = 2, nz-1
!$OMP DO
    do j = 2, ny-1
      do i = 2, nx-1
        do m = 1, 5
       rsd(m,i,j,k)=
         dt*rsd(m,i,j,k-1)
        end do
      end do
    end do
!$OMP END DO nowait
  end do
  call sync2 ()
  ...
!$OMP END PARALLEL
  ...
```

```
subbroutine sync1
 …neigh = iam -1
 do while (isync(neigh) .eq. 0)
!$OMP FLUSH(isync)
 end do
 isync(neigh) = 0
!$OMP FLUSH(isync)
 …
 subroutine sync2
 …
 neigh = iam -1
 do while (isync(neigh) .eq. 1)
!$OMP FLUSH(isync)
 end do
 isync(neigh) = 1
!$OMP FLUSH(isync)
```

Benchmark Characteristics

- Aggregate sizes:
  - Class D: 1632 x 1216 x 34 grid points
  - Class E: 4224 x 3456 x 92 grid points
- **BT-MZ: (Block tridiagonal simulated CFD application)**
  - Alternative Directions Implicit (ADI) method
  - #Zones: 1024 (D), 4096 (E)
  - Size of the zones varies widely:
    - large/small about 20
    - requires multi-level parallelism to achieve a good load-balance
- **LU-MZ: (LU decomposition simulated CFD application)**
  - SSOR method (2D pipelined method)
  - #Zones: 16 (all Classes)
  - Size of the zones identical:
    - no load-balancing required
    - limited parallelism on outer level
- **SP-MZ: (Scalar Pentadiagonal simulated CFD application)**
  - #Zones: 1024 (D), 4096 (E)
  - Size of zones identical
    - no load-balancing required

Expectations:

Pure MPI: Load-balancing problems!

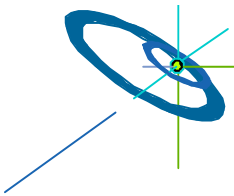
Good candidate for MPI+OpenMP

Limitted MPI Parallelism:
→ MPI+OpenMP increases Parallelism

Load-balanced on MPI level: Pure MPI should perform best

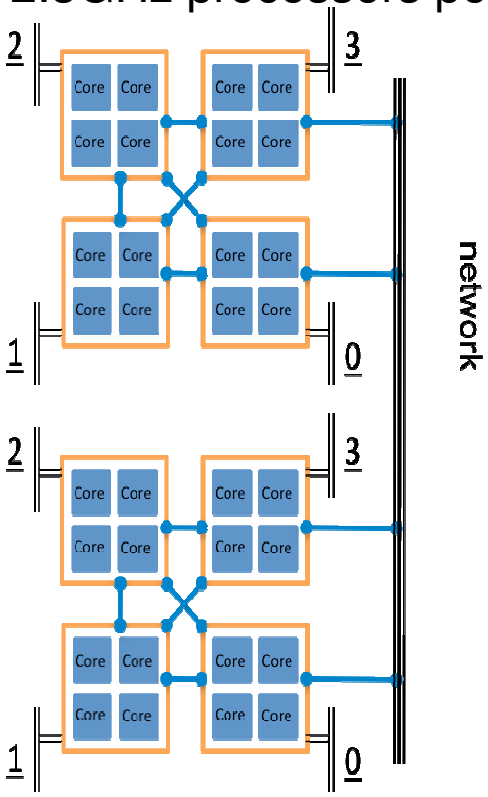
Benchmark Architectures

- Sun Constellation (Ranger)
- Cray XT5 **(-skipped-)**
- IBM Power 6



Sun Constellation Cluster Ranger (1)

- Located at the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC), University of Texas at Austin (http://www.tacc.utexas.edu)
- 3936 Sun Blades, 4 AMD Quad-core 64bit 2.3GHz processors per node (blade), 62976 cores total
- 123TB aggregrate memory
- Peak Performance 579 Tflops
- InfiniBand Switch interconnect
- Sun Blade x6420 Compute Node:
  - 4 Sockets per node
  - 4 cores per socket
  - HyperTransport System Bus
  - 32GB memory

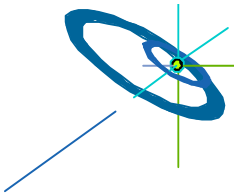


Sun Constellation Cluster Ranger (2)

- **Compilation:**
  - PGI pgf90 7.1
  - mpif90 -tp barcelona-64 -r8 -mp

i.e., with OpenMP

- **Cache optimized benchmarks Execution:**
  - MPI MVAPICH
  - setenv OMP_NUM_THREADS ***nthreads***
  - Ibrun numactl bt-mz.exe
- **numactl** controls
  - Socket affinity: select sockets to run
  - Core affinity: select cores within socket
  - Memory policy:where to allocate memory
  - http://www.halobates.de/numaapi3.pdf



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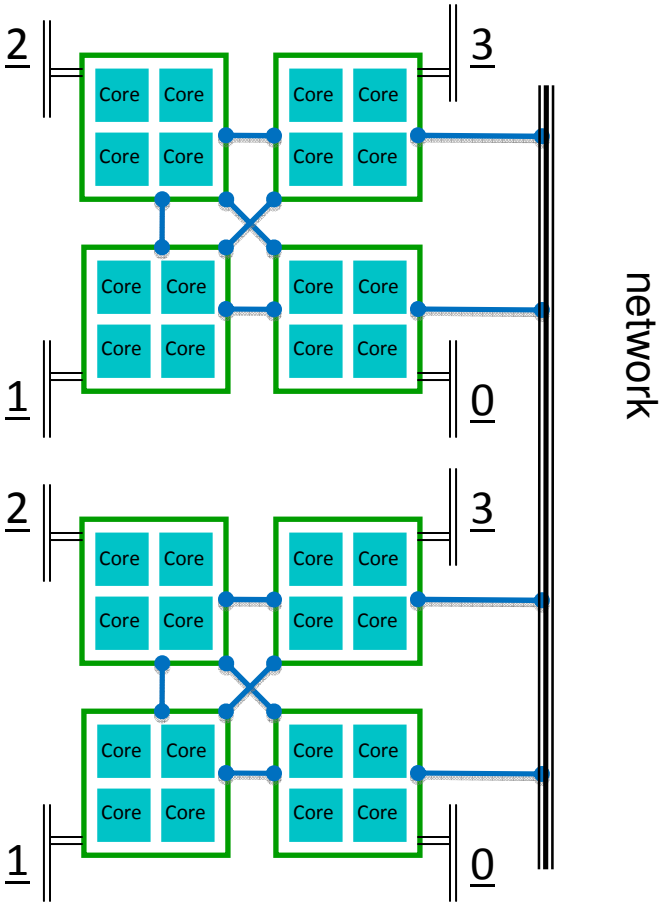
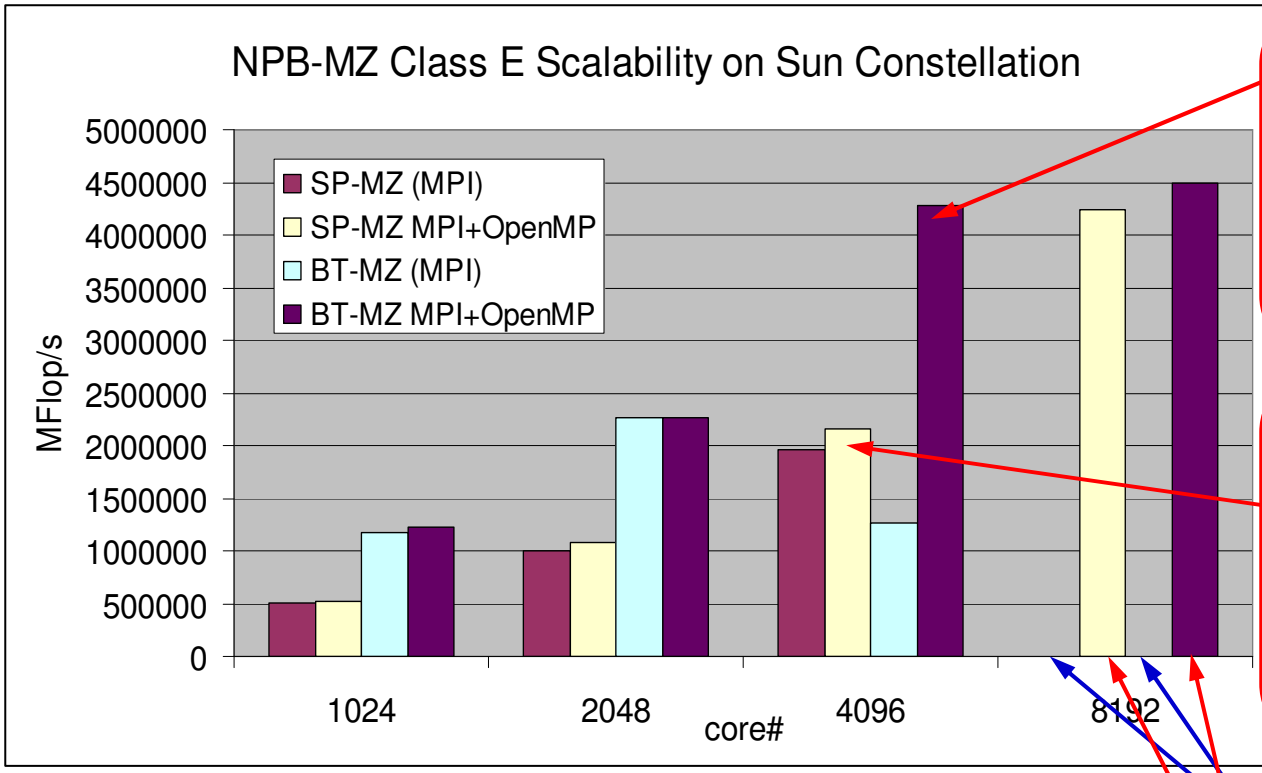
SUN: Running hybrid on Sun Constellation Cluster Ranger

- Highly hierarchical
- Shared Memory:
  - Cache-coherent, Non-uniform memory access (ccNUMA) 16-way Node (Blade)
- Distributed memory:
  - Network of ccNUMA blades
    - **Core-to-Core**
    - **Socket-to-Socket**
    - **Blade-to-Blade**
    - **Chassis-to-Chassis**



SUN: NPB-MZ Class E Scalability on Ranger



BT

Significant improvement (235%):

Load-balancing issues solved with MPI+OpenMP

SP

Pure MPI is already load-balanced.

But hybrid 9.6% faster, due to smaller message rate at NIC

Cannot be build for 8192 processes!

Hybrid:

SP: still scales

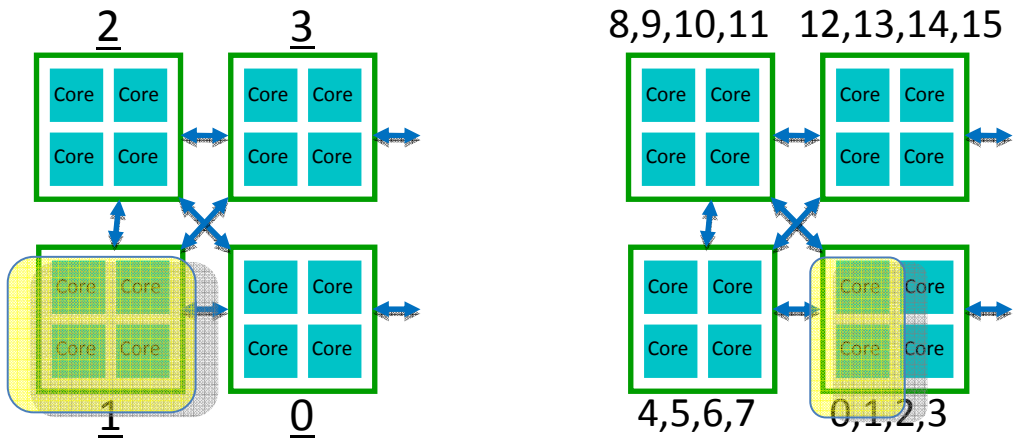
BT: does not scale

- Scalability in Mflops
- MPI/OpenMP outperforms pure MPI
- Use of numactl essential to achieve scalability

NUMA Control: Process Placement

- Affinity and Policy can be changed externally through numactl at the socket and core level.

Command: numactl <options> ./a.out



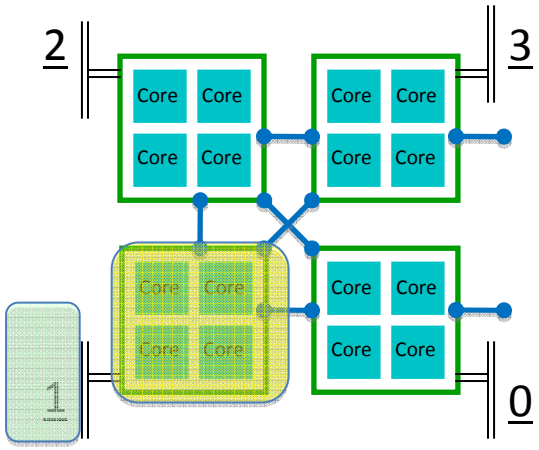
Socket References

Example: numactl -N 1 ./a.out

Core References

Example: numactl –c 0,1 ./a.out

NUMA Operations: Memory Placement



Memory: Socket References

Memory allocation:

- MPI
  - local allocation is best
- OpenMP
  - Interleave best for large, completely shared arrays that are randomly accessed by different threads
  - local best for private arrays
- Once allocated, a memory-structure is fixed

Example: `numactl -N 1 -l ./a.out`

NUMA Operations (cont. 3)

	cmd	option	arguments	description
Socket Affinity	numactl	-N	{0,1,2,3}	Only execute process on cores of this (these) socket(s).
Memory Policy	numactl	-l	{no argument}	Allocate on current socket.
Memory Policy	numactl	-i	{0,1,2,3}	Allocate round robin (interleave) on these sockets.
Memory Policy	numactl	--preferred=	{0,1,2,3} select only one	Allocate on this socket; fallback to any other if full .
Memory Policy	numactl	-m	{0,1,2,3}	Only allocate on this (these) socket(s).
Core Affinity	numactl	-C	{0,1,2,3, 4,5,6,7, 8,9,10,11, 12,13,14,15}	Only execute process on this (these) Core(s).

Hybrid Batch Script: 4 tasks, 4 threads/task

for mvapich2

job script (Bourne shell)

```
...
#! -pe 4way 32
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
ibrun numa.sh
```

4 MPI per node

job script (C shell)

```
...
#! -pe  4way  32
...
setenv OMP_NUM_THREADS 4
ibrun numa.csh
```

numa.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
export       MV2_USE_AFFINITY=0
export MV2_ENABLE_AFFINITY=0
export  VIADEV_USE_AFFINITY=0
                                #TasksPerNode
TPN=`echo $PE | sed 's/way//'`
[ ! $TPN ] && echo TPN NOT defined!
[ ! $TPN ] && exit 1

socket=$(( $PMI_RANK % $TPN ))

numactl -N $socket -m $socket ./a.out
```

numa.csh

```
#!/bin/tcsh
setenv       MV2_USE_AFFINITY 0
setenv MV2_ENABLE_AFFINITY 0
setenv  VIADEV_USE_AFFINITY 0
                                #TasksPerNode
set TPN = `echo $PE | sed 's/way//'`
if(! ${%TPN}) echo TPN NOT defined!
if(! ${%TPN}) exit 0

@ socket = $PMI_RANK % $TPN

numactl -N $socket -m $socket ./a.out
```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Numactl – Pitfalls: Using Threads across Sockets

bt-mz.1024x8 yields
best load-balance

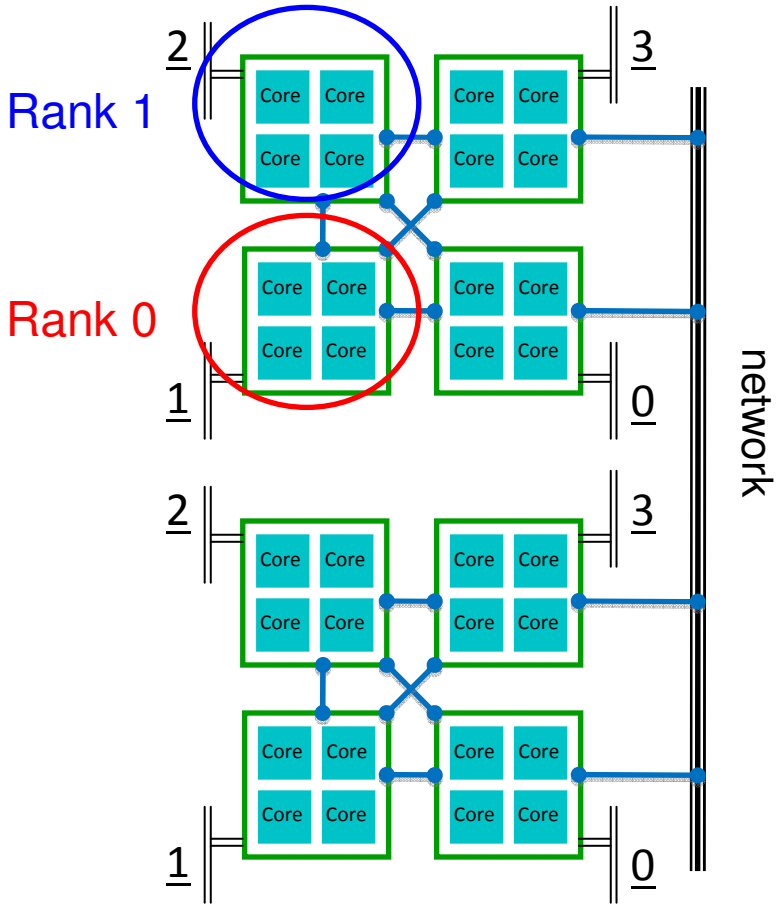
```
-pe 2way 8192
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8

my_rank=$PMI_RANK
local_rank=$(( $my_rank % $myway ))
numnode=$(( $local_rank + 1 ))
```

Original:

```
numactl -N $numnode -m $numnode $*
```

Bad performance!

- **Each process runs 8 threads on 4 cores**
- **Memory allocated on one socket**



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numnode=$(( $local_rank + 1 ))
```

Original:

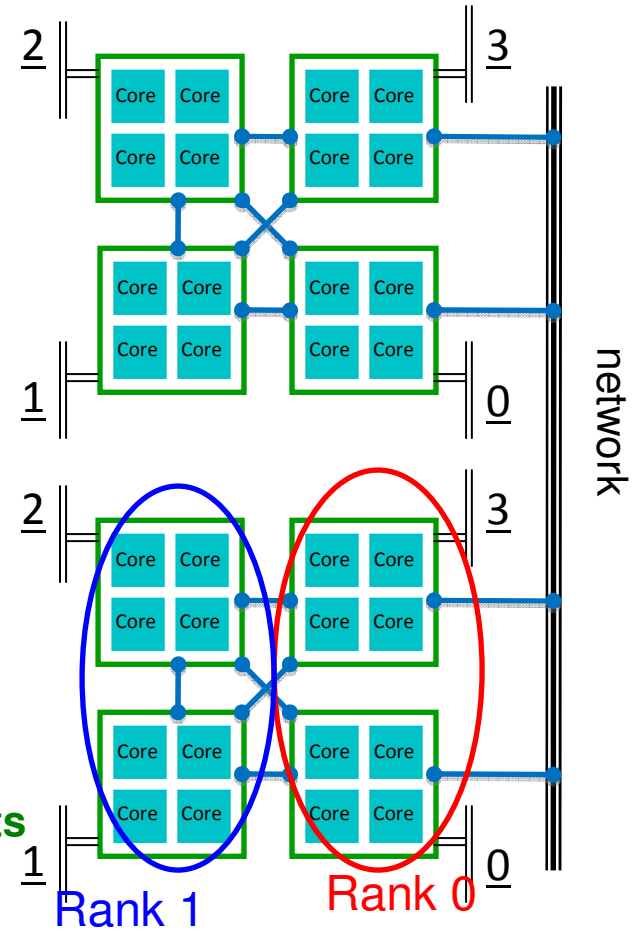
```
numactl -N $numnode -m $numnode $*
```

Modified:

```
if [ $local_rank -eq 0 ]; then
    numactl -N 0,3 -m 0,3 $*
else
    numactl -N 1,2 -m 1,2 $*
fi
```

Achieves Scalability!

- **Process uses cores and memory across 2 sockets**
- **Suitable for 8 threads**



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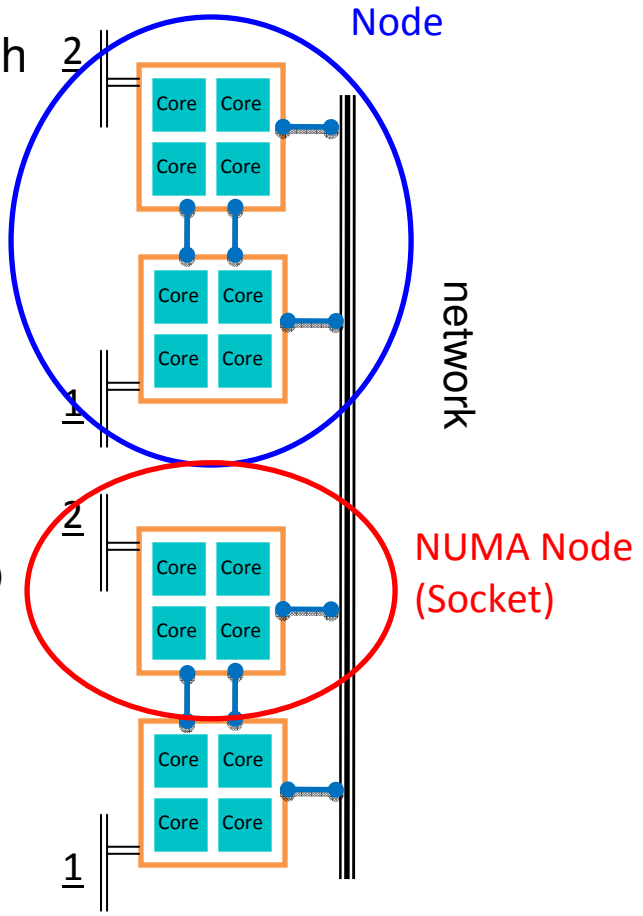
Cray XT5

- Results obtained by the courtesy of the HPCMO Program and the Engineer Research and Development Center Major Shared Resource Center, Vicksburg, MS (http://www.erdc.hpc.mil/index)
- Cray XT5 is located at the Arctic Region Supercomputing Center (ARSC) (http://www.arsc.edu/resources/pingo)
  - 432- Cray XT5 compute nodes with
    - 32 GB of shared memory per node (4 GB per core)
    - 2 - quad core 2.3 GHz AMD Opteron processors per node.
    - 1 - Seastar2+ Interconnect Module per node.
  - Cray Seastar2+ Interconnect between all compute and login nodes



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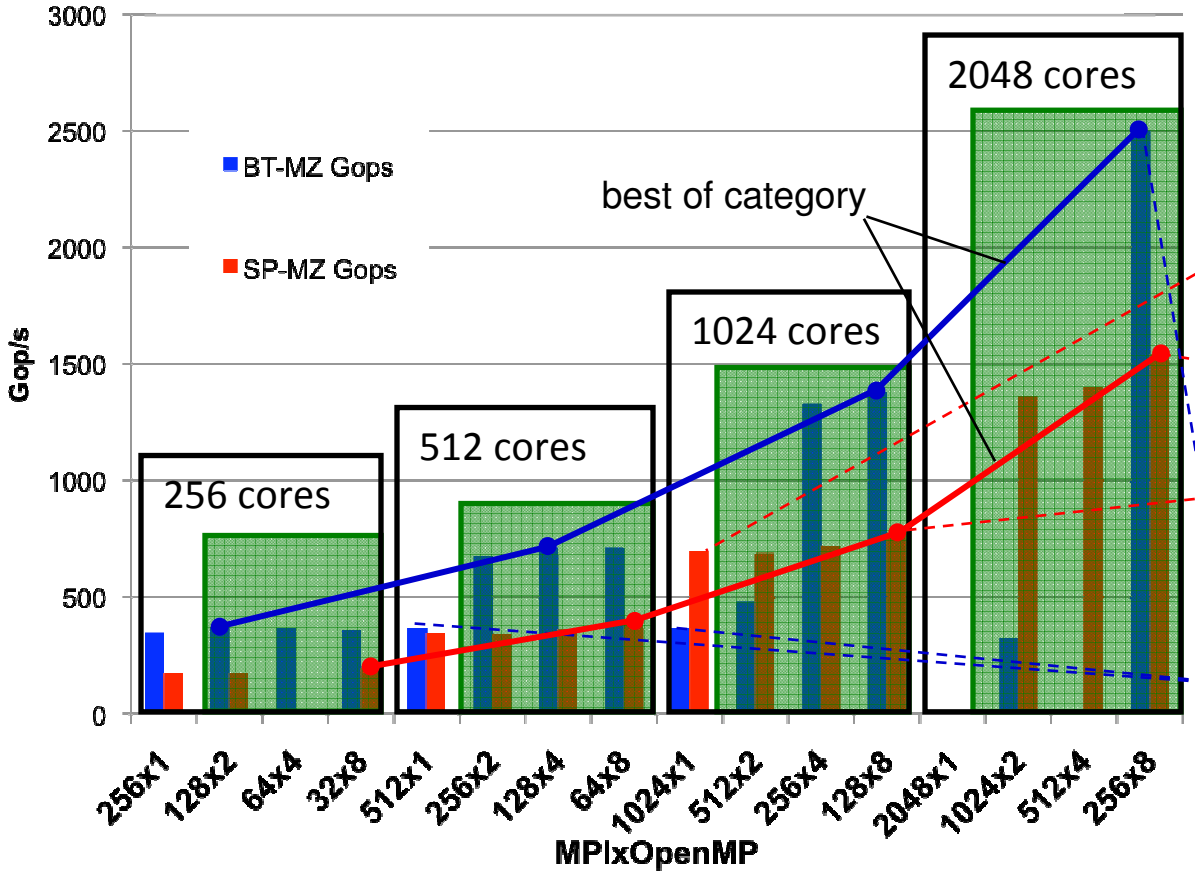
Cray XT5: NPB-MZ Class D Scalability



Results reported for Class D on 256-2048 cores

Expected: #MPI processes limited

- SP-MZ pure MPI scales up to 1024 cores
- SP-MZ MPI/OpenMP scales to 2048 cores
- SP-MZ MPI/OpenMP outperforms pure MPI for 1024 cores

Unexpected!

- BT-MZ MPI does not scale
- BT-MZ MPI/OpenMP scales to 2048 cores, outperforms pure MPI

Expected: Load-Imbalance for pure MPI

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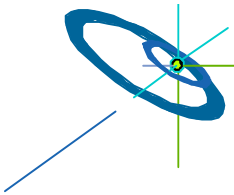
Cray XT5: CrayPat Performance Analysis

- **`module load xt-craypat`**
- Compilation:
  - ftn –fastsse –tp barcelona–64 –r8 –mp=nonuma,[trace]
- Instrument:
  - pat_build –w –T TraceOmp, –g mpi,omp bt.exe bt.exe.pat
- Execution :
  - (export PAT_RT_HWPC {0,1,2,..})
  - export OMP_NUM_THREADS 4
  - aprun –n *NPROCS* –S 1 –d 4 ./bt.exe.pat
- Generate report:
  - pat_report –O load_balance,thread_times,program_time,mpi_callers –O profile_pe.th $1



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Cray XT5: BT-MZ 32x4 Function Profile

```
42
43  !$OMP PARALLEL DEFAULT(SHARED) PRIVATE(n,m,k,i,j,ksize)
44  !$OMP&  SHARED(dz5,dz4,dz3,dz2,dz1,tz2,tz1,dt,c1345,c4,c3,con43,c3c4,c1,
45  !$OMP&         c2,nx,ny,nz)
46        ksize = nz-1
47
48  c---------------------------------------------------------------------
49  c     Compute the indices for storing the block-diagonal matrix;
50  c     determine c (labeled f) and s jacobians
51  c---------------------------------------------------------------------
52  !$OMP DO
53        do j = 1, ny-2
54           do i = 1, nx-2
55              do k = 0, ksize
56
57                 tmp1 = 1.d0 / u(1,i,j,k)
58                 tmp2 = tmp1 * tmp1
59                 tmp3 = tmp1 * tmp2
60
61                 fjac(1,1,k) = 0.d0
62                 fjac(1,2,k) = 0.d0
63                 fjac(1,3,k) = 0.d0
64                 fjac(1,4,k) = 1.d0
65                 fjac(1,5,k) = 0.d0
cc
```

```
nt=1

ead='HIDE'

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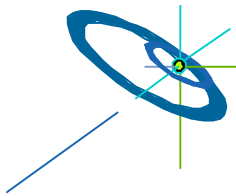
e_.LOOP@li.43
e_.LOOP@li.43
e_.LOOP@li.46
e_rhs_.MASTER@li.291
e_rhs_.LOOP@li.187
e_rhs_.LOOP@li.53
e_rhs_.LOOP@li.76
e_rhs_.LOOP@li.28
e_rhs_.LOOP@li.297
lize_.LOOP@li.40
e_rhs_.LOOP@li.381
||   1.2% | 0.016753 | 0.000972 |  19.3% |    168 |add_.LOOP@li.22
||=================================================================
|   2.1% | 0.030491 |       -- |     -- |  1040 |MPI
||-----------------------------------------------------------------
||   1.8% | 0.026193 | 0.111613 |  81.6% |    105 |mpi_waitall_
|=================================================================
```



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Cray XT5: BT-MZ Load-Balance 32x4 vs 128x1

```
Table 2:  Load Balance across PE's by FunctionGroup

 Time % |     Time | Calls |Experiment=1
        |          |       |Group
        |          |       | PE[mmm]
        |          |       |  Thread

 100.0% | 1.782603 | 18662 |Total
|-----------------------------------
|  86.1% | 1.535163 |  7783 |USER
||----------------------------------
||   2.7% | 1.535987 |  6813 |pe.0
|||---------------------------------
3||   0.7% | 1.535987 |  6188 |thread.1
3||   0.7% | 1.535871 |  6188 |thread.3
3||   0.7% | 1.535829 |  6188 |thread.2
3||   0.7% | 1.466954 |  6813 |thread.0
|||=================================
||   2.7% | 1.535147 |  7783 |pe.18
|||---------------------------------
3||   0.7% | 1.535147 |  7072 |thread.1
3||   0.7% | 1.534995 |  7072 |thread.3
3||   0.7% | 1.534968 |  7072 |thread.2
3||   0.6% | 1.290502 |  7783 |thread.0
|||=================================
||   2.7% | 1.534239 |  7783 |pe.16
|||---------------------------------
3||   0.7% | 1.534239 |  7072 |thread.1
3||   0.7% | 1.534101 |  7072 |thread.3
3||   0.7% | 1.534076 |  7072 |thread.2
3||   0.6% | 1.268085 |  7783 |thread.0
|||=================================
```

bt-mz-C.32x4

```
Table 2:  Load Balance across PE's by FunctionGroup

 Time % |      Time | Calls |Group
        |           |       | PE[mmm]

 100.0% | 24.277514 | 38258 |Total
|-------------------------------------
|  54.2% | 13.166225 |  4545 |MPI
||------------------------------------
||   0.5% | 16.454993 |  4846 |pe.91
||   0.5% | 14.058598 |  2434 |pe.29
||   0.0% |  0.289479 |  2434 |pe.0
||====================================
|  44.9% | 10.894808 | 17983 |USER
||------------------------------------
||   0.7% | 23.205797 |  9093 |pe.0
||   0.3% | 10.084200 | 26873 |pe.110
||   0.3% |  8.070997 | 17983 |pe.91
|=====================================
```

bt-mz-C.128x1

- maximum, median, minimum PE are shown
- bt-mz.C.128x1 shows large imbalance in User and MPI time
- bt-mz.C.32x4 shows well balanced times

IBM Power 6

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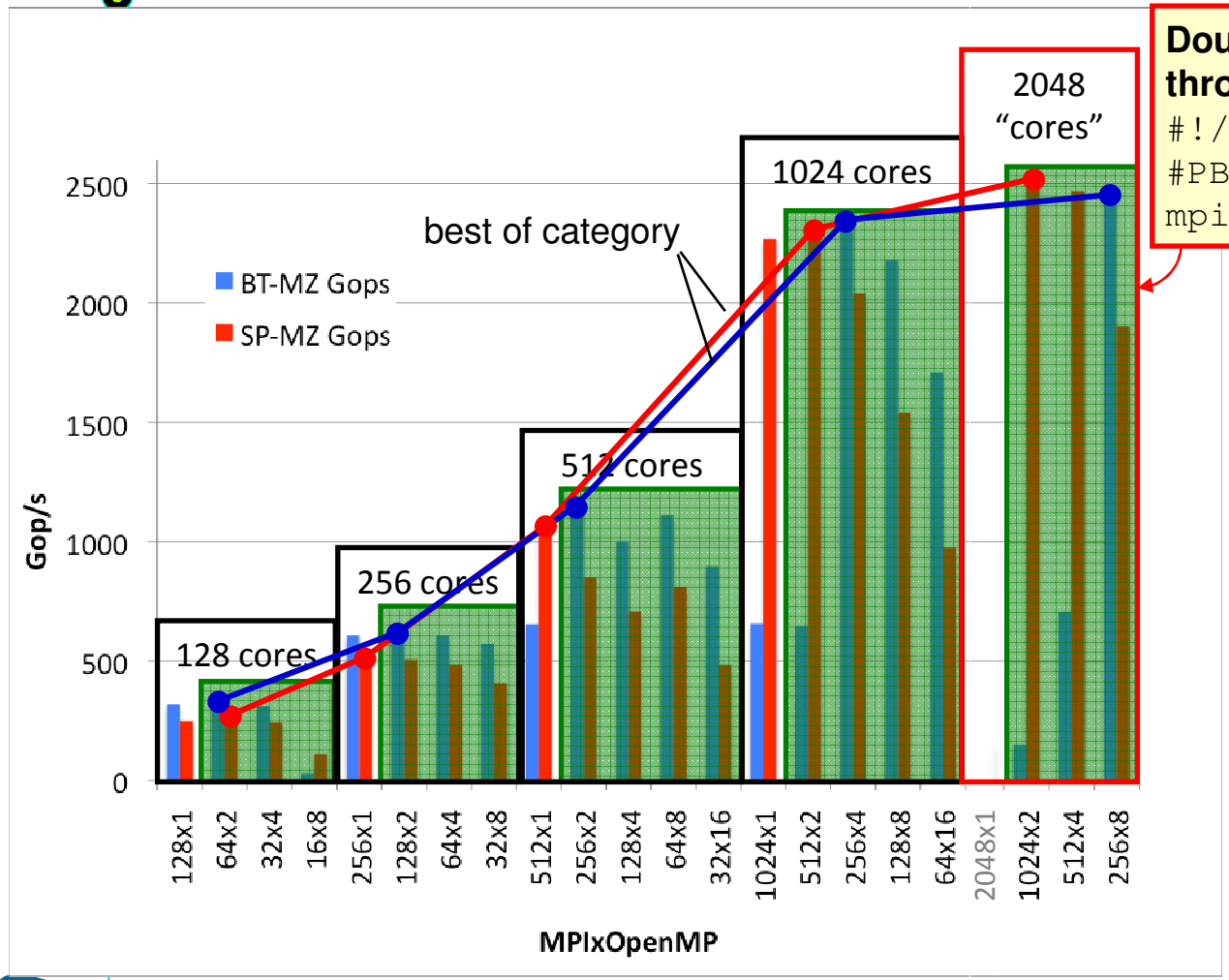
- The IBM Power 6 System is located at (http://www.navo.hpc.mil/davinci_about.html)
- 150 Compute Nodes
- 32 4.7GHz Power6 Cores per Node (4800 cores total)
- 64 GBytes of dedicated memory per node
- QLOGOC Infiniband DDR interconnect
- IBM MPI: MPI 1.2 + MPI-IO
  - mpxlf_r –O4 –qarch=pwr6 –qtune=pwr6 –qsmp=omp

Flag was essential to achieve full compiler optimization in presence of OMP directives!

- Execution:
  - poe launch $PBS_O_WORKDIR./sp.C.16x4.exe

NPB-MZ Class D on IBM Power 6: Exploiting SMT for 2048 Core Results

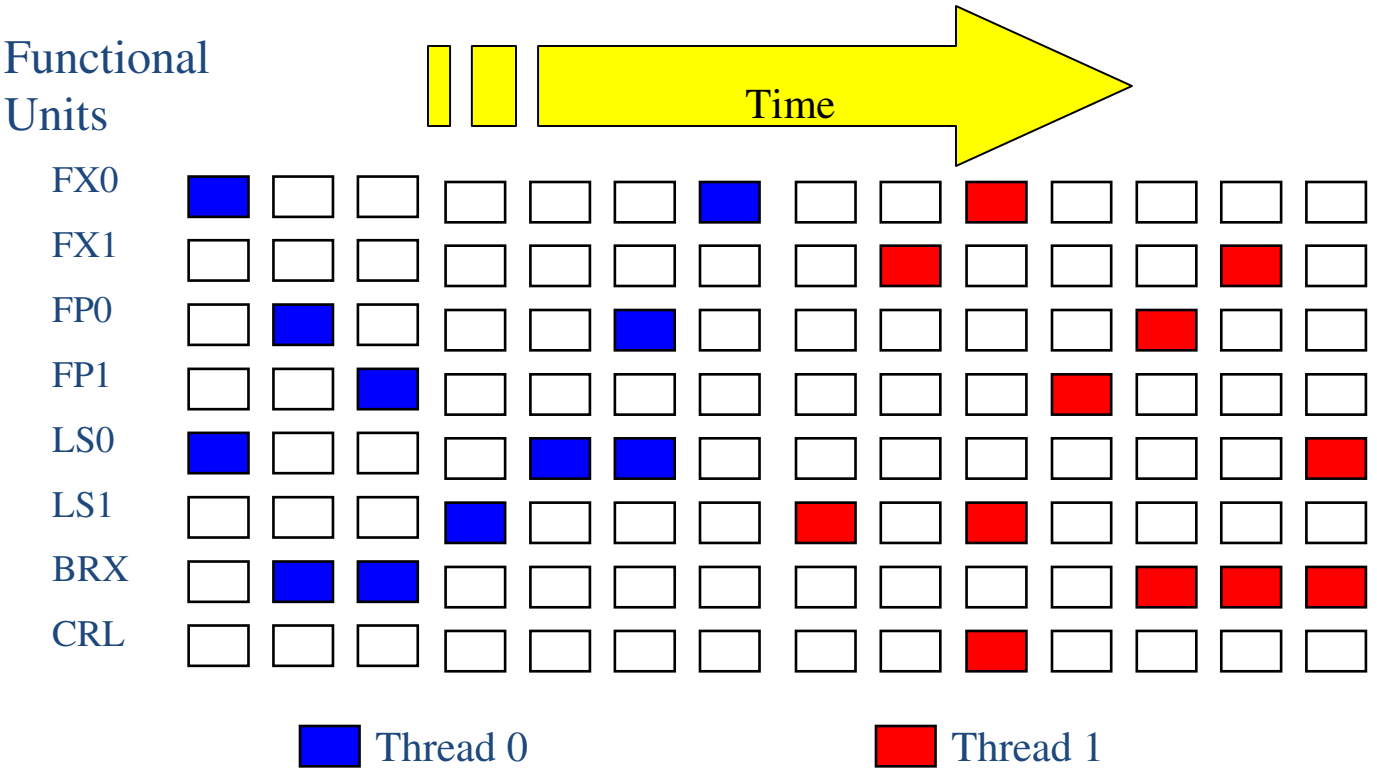


Doubling the number of threads through hyperthreading (SMT):

```
#!/bin/csh
#PBS -l select=32:ncpus=64:
mpiprocs=NP:ompthreads=NT
```

- Results for 128-2048 cores
- Only 1024 cores were available for the experiments
- BT-MZ and SP-MZ show benefit from **Simultaneous Multithreading** (**SMT**): 2048 threads on 1024 cores

Conventional Multi-Threading



- Threads alternate
  - Nothing shared

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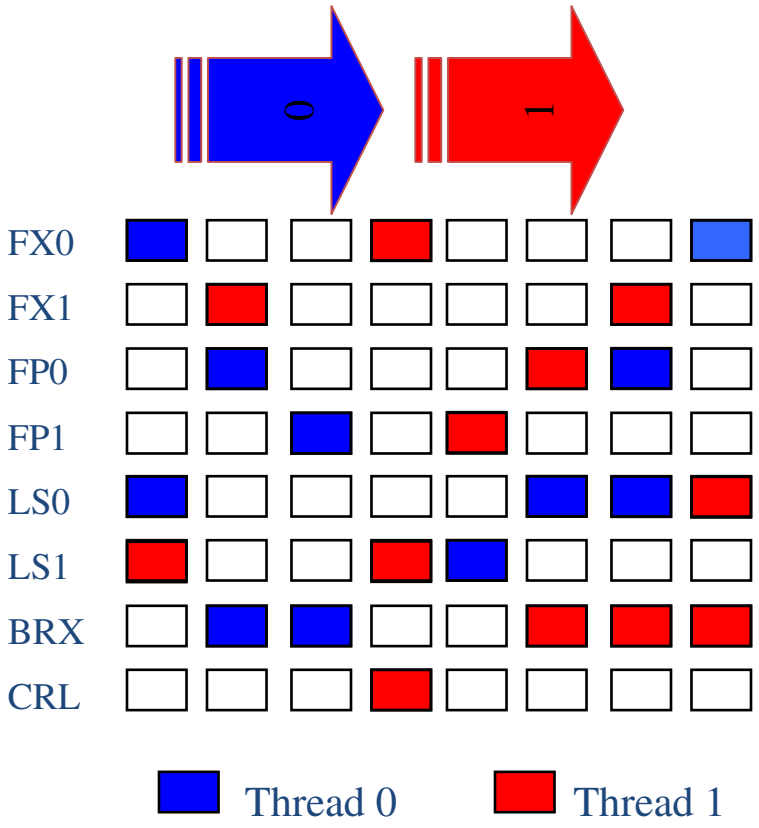
Simultaneous Multi-Threading



- Simultaneous execution
  - Shared registers
  - Shared functional units

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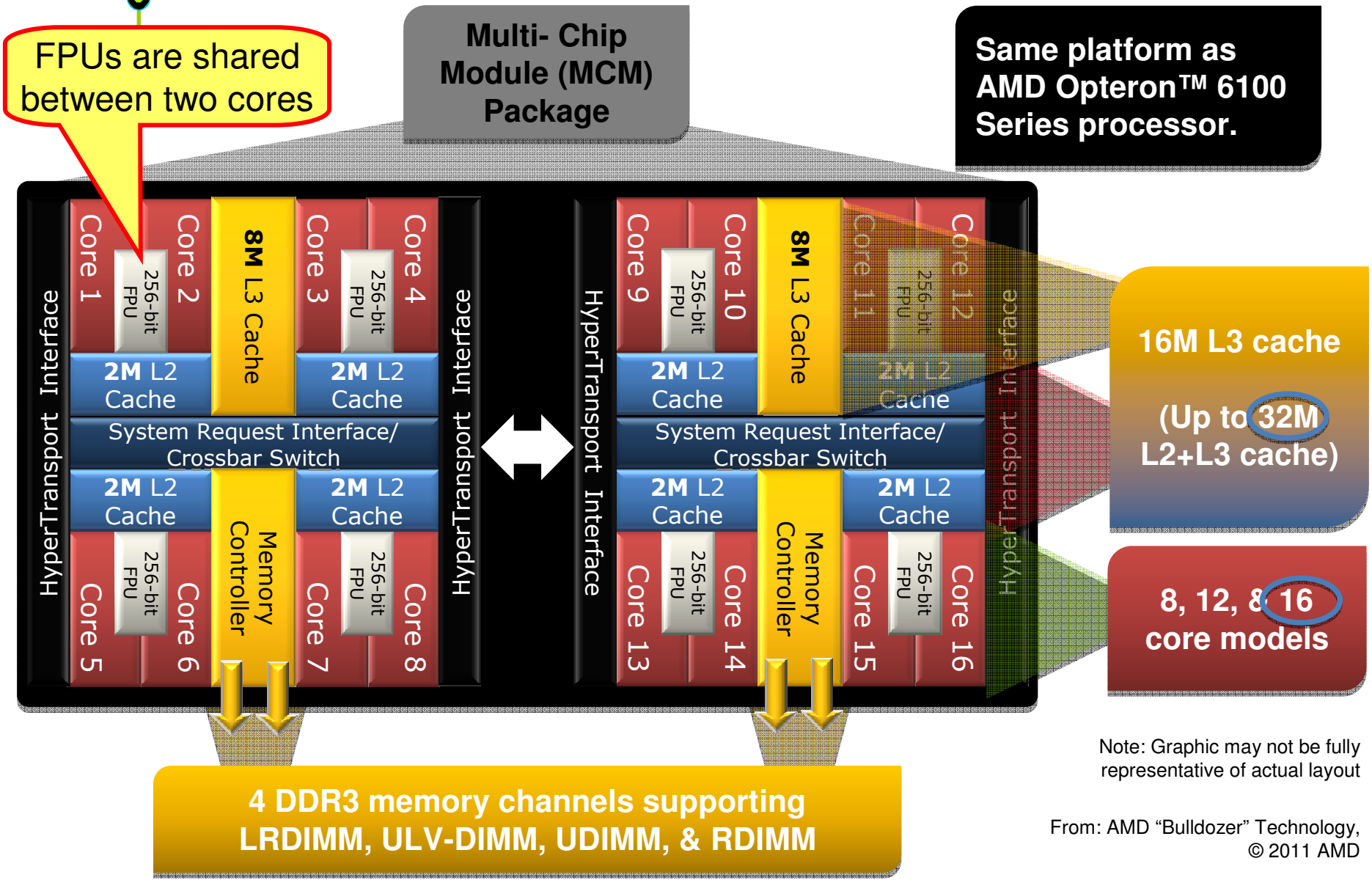
AMD OPTERON™ 6200 SERIES PROCESSOR ("INTERLAGOS")



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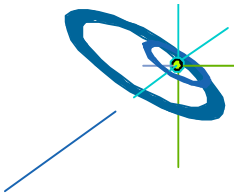
Performance Analysis on IBM Power 6

- Compilation:
  - mpxlf_r –O4 –qarch=pwr6 –qtune=pwr6 –qsmp=omp –pg
- Execution :
  - export OMP_NUM_THREADS 4
  - poe launch $PBS_O_WORKDIR./sp.C.16x4.exe
  - Generates a file gmount.MPI_RANK.out for each MPI Process
- Generate report:
  - gprof sp.C.16x4.exe gmon*

```
%   cumulative   self              self     total
time   seconds   seconds    calls  ms/call  ms/call  name
16.7     117.94   117.94   205245     0.57     0.57  .@10@x_solve@OL@1 [2]
14.6     221.14   103.20   205064     0.50     0.50  .@15@z_solve@OL@1 [3]
12.1     307.14    86.00   205200     0.42     0.42  .@12@y_solve@OL@1 [4]
 6.2     350.83    43.69   205300     0.21     0.21  .@8@compute_rhs@OL@1@OL@6 [5]
```

Conclusions:

- **BT-MZ:**
  - Inherent workload imbalance on MPI level
  - #nprocs = #nzones yields poor performance
  - #nprocs < #zones => better workload balance, but decreases parallelism
  - Hybrid MPI/OpenMP yields better load-balance, maintains amount of parallelism
- **SP-MZ:**
  - No workload imbalance on MPI level, pure MPI should perform best
  - MPI/OpenMP outperforms MPI on some platforms due contention to network access within a node
- **LU-MZ:**
  - Hybrid MPI/OpenMP increases level of parallelism
- **"Best of category" depends on many factors**
  - Depends on many factors
  - Hard to predict
  - Good thread affinity is essential



Outline

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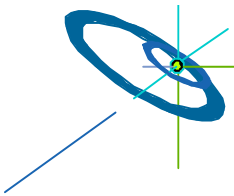

Hybrid Programming How-To: Overview

- A practical introduction to hybrid programming
  - How to compile and link
  - Getting a hybrid program to run on a cluster

- Running hybrid programs efficiently on multi-core clusters
  - Affinity issues
    - **ccNUMA**
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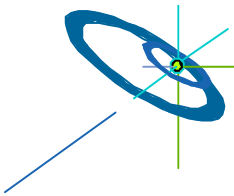
  - Thread/process binding



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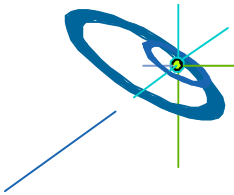
How to compile, link and run

- Use appropriate OpenMP compiler switch (-openmp, -xopenmp, -mp, -qsmp=openmp, …) and MPI compiler script (if available)
- Link with MPI library
  - Usually wrapped in MPI compiler script
  - If required, specify to link against thread-safe MPI library
    - **Often automatic when OpenMP or auto-parallelization is switched on**
- Running the code
  - Highly non-portable! Consult system docs! (if available…)
  - If you are on your own, consider the following points
  - Make sure OMP_NUM_THREADS etc. is available on all MPI processes
    - **Start "env VAR=VALUE … <YOUR BINARY>" instead of your binary alone**
    - **Use Pete Wyckoff's *mpiexec* MPI launcher (see below): http://www.osc.edu/~pw/mpiexec**
  - Figure out how to start less MPI processes than cores on your nodes



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Some examples for compilation and execution (1)

- **NEC SX9**
  - NEC SX9 compiler
  - `mpif90 -C hopt -P openmp … # -ftrace for profiling info`
  - Execution:

```
$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=<num_threads>
$ MPIEXPORT="OMP_NUM_THREADS"
$ mpirun -nn <# MPI procs per node> -nnp <# of nodes> a.out
```

- **Standard Intel Xeon cluster (e.g. @HLRS):**
  - Intel Compiler
  - `mpif90 -openmp …`
  - Execution (**handling of OMP_NUM_THREADS, see next slide**):

```
$ mpirun_ssh -np <num MPI procs> -hostfile machines a.out
```

Some examples for compilation and execution (2)

Handling of OMP_NUM_THREADS

- **without any support by mpirun:**
  - E.g. with mpich-1
  - Problem:
    mpirun has no features to export environment variables to the via ssh automatically started MPI processes
  - Solution: Set
    `export OMP_NUM_THREADS=``<# threads per MPI process>`
    in ~/.bashrc (if a bash is used as login shell)
  - If you want to set OMP_NUM_THREADS individually when starting the MPI processes:
    - **Add**
      `test -s ~/myexports && . ~/myexports`
      in your ~/.bashrc
    - **Add**
      `echo '$OMP_NUM_THREADS=``<# threads per MPI process>`**`' > ~/myexports`**
      before invoking mpirun
    - **Caution: Several invocations of mpirun cannot be executed at the same time with this trick!**

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Some examples for compilation and execution (3)

Handling of OMP_NUM_THREADS (continued)

- **with support by OpenMPI –x option:**

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS= <# threads per MPI process>
mpiexec -x OMP_NUM_THREADS -n <# MPI processes> ./executable
```

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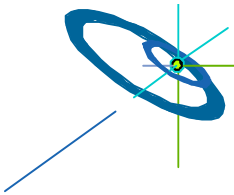
Some examples for compilation and execution (4)

- **Sun Constellation Cluster:**
  - `mpif90 -fastsse -tp barcelona-64 -mp …`
  - SGE Batch System
  - `setenv OMP_NUM_THREADS`
  - `ibrun numactl.sh a.out`
  - Details see TACC Ranger User Guide (www.tacc.utexas.edu/services/userguides/ranger/#numactl)
- **Cray XT5:**
  - `ftn -fastsse -tp barcelona-64 -mp=nonuma …`
  - `aprun -n` *`nprocs`* `-N` *`nprocs_per_node`* `a.out`



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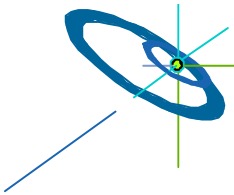
Interlude: Advantages of mpiexec or similar mechanisms

- Uses PBS/Torque Task Manager ("TM") interface to spawn MPI processes on nodes
  - As opposed to starting remote processes with ssh/rsh:
    - **Correct CPU time accounting in batch system**
    - **Faster startup**
    - **Safe process termination**
    - **Understands PBS per-job nodefile**
    - **Allowing password-less user login not required between nodes**
  - Support for many different types of MPI
    - **All MPICHs, MVAPICHs, Intel MPI, …**
  - Interfaces directly with batch system to determine number of procs
  - Downside: If you don't use PBS or Torque, you're out of luck…
- Provisions for starting less processes per node than available cores
  - Required for hybrid programming
  - "-pernode" and "-npernode #" options – does not require messing around with nodefiles



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Running the code

Examples with mpiexec

- Example for using mpiexec on a dual-socket quad-core cluster:

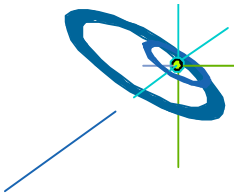
```
$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
$ mpiexec -pernode ./a.out
```

- Same but 2 MPI processes per node:

```
$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
$ mpiexec -npernode 2 ./a.out
```

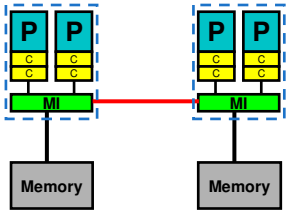
- Pure MPI:

```
$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1 # or nothing if serial code
$ mpiexec ./a.out
```

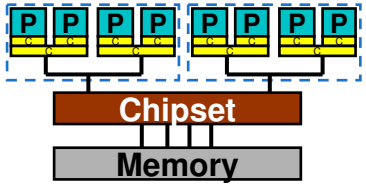


Running the code *efficiently?*

- Symmetric, UMA-type compute nodes have become rare animals
  - NEC SX
  - Intel 1-socket ("Port Townsend/Melstone/Lynnfield") – see case studies
  - Hitachi SR8000, IBM SP2, single-core multi-socket Intel Xeon… (all dead)
- Instead, systems have become "non-isotropic" on the node level
  - ccNUMA (AMD Opteron, SGI Altix, IBM Power6 (p575), Intel Nehalem)



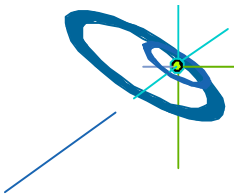
  - Multi-core, multi-socket
    - **Shared vs. separate caches**
    - **Multi-chip vs. single-chip**
    - **Separate/shared buses**



Issues for running code efficiently on "non-isotropic" nodes

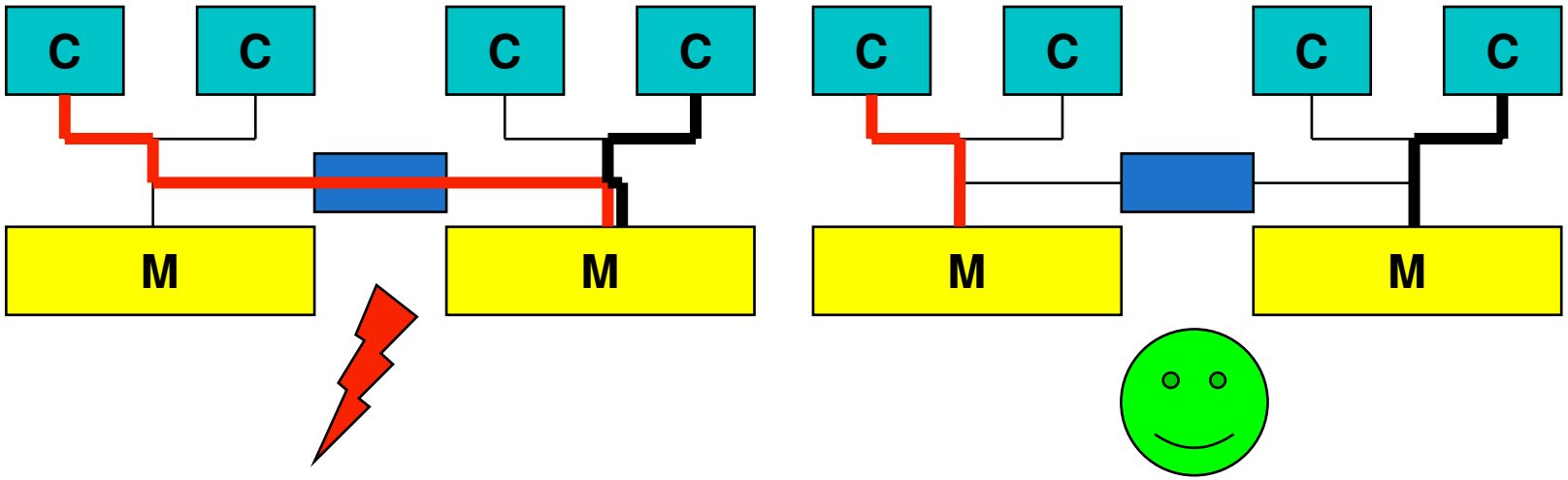
- ccNUMA locality effects
  - Penalties for inter-LD access
  - Impact of contention
  - Consequences of file I/O for page placement
  - Placement of MPI buffers

- Multi-core / multi-socket anisotropy effects
  - Bandwidth bottlenecks, shared caches
  - Intra-node MPI performance
    - **Core ↔ core vs. socket ↔ socket**
  - OpenMP loop overhead depends on mutual position of threads in team



A short introduction to ccNUMA

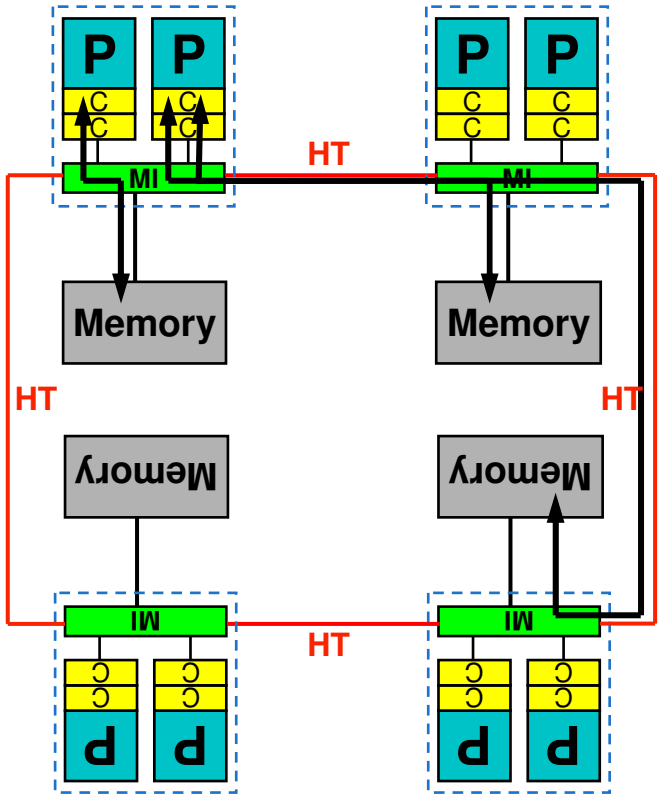
- ccNUMA:
  - whole memory is transparently accessible by all processors
  - but physically distributed
  - with varying bandwidth and latency
  - and potential contention (shared memory paths)



Example: HP DL585 G5

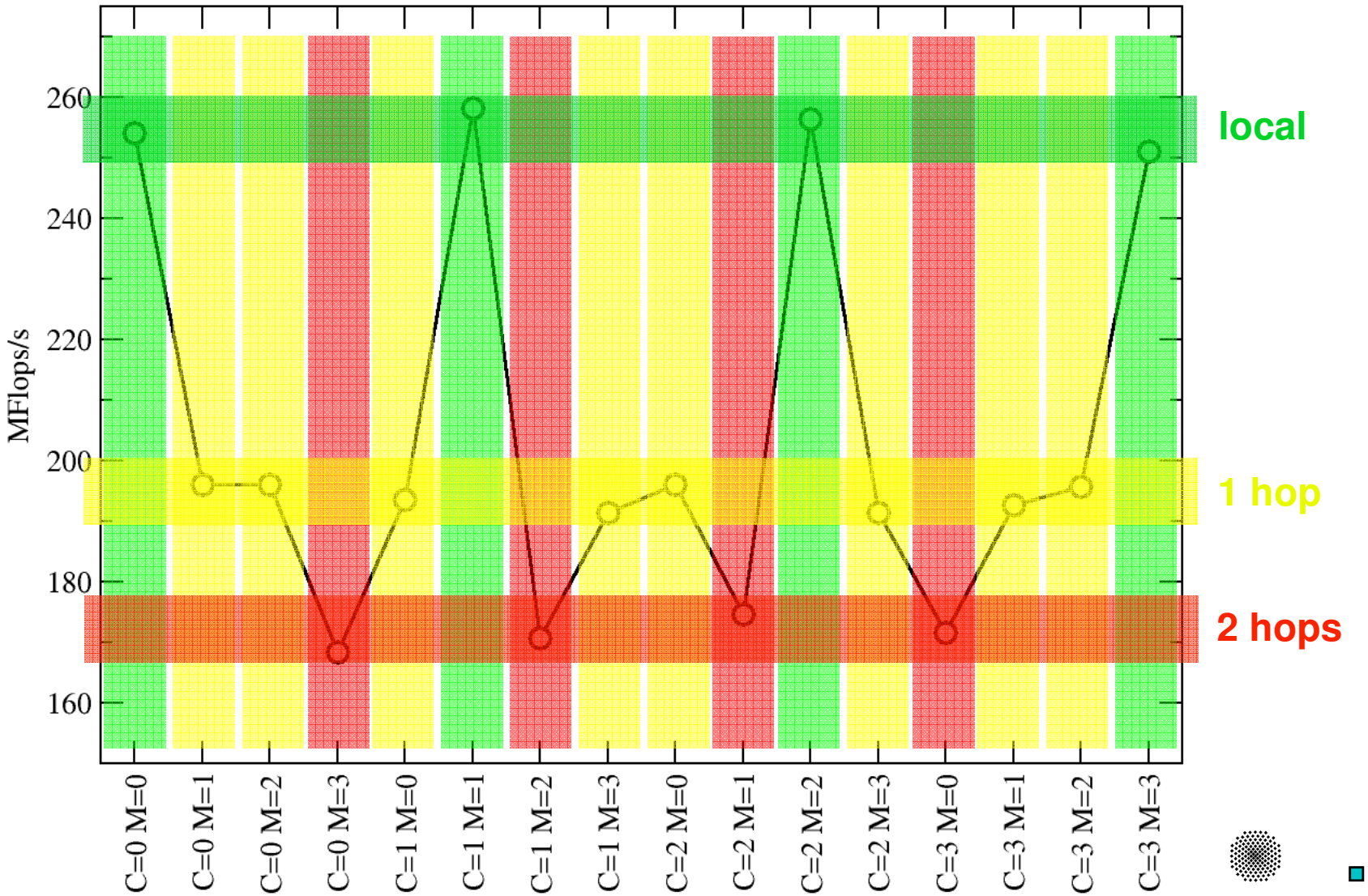
4-socket ccNUMA Opteron 8220 Server

- CPU
  - 64 kB L1 per core
  - 1 MB L2 per core
  - No shared caches
  - On-chip memory controller (MI)
  - 10.6 GB/s local memory bandwidth
- HyperTransport 1000 network
  - 4 GB/s per link per direction
- 3 distance categories for core-to-memory connections:
  - same LD
  - 1 hop
  - 2 hops
- Q1: What are the real penalties for non-local accesses?
- Q2: What is the impact of contention?



Effect of non-local access on HP DL585 G5:

Serial vector triad `A(:)=B(:)+C(:)*D(:)`



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Contention vs. parallel access on HP DL585 G5:

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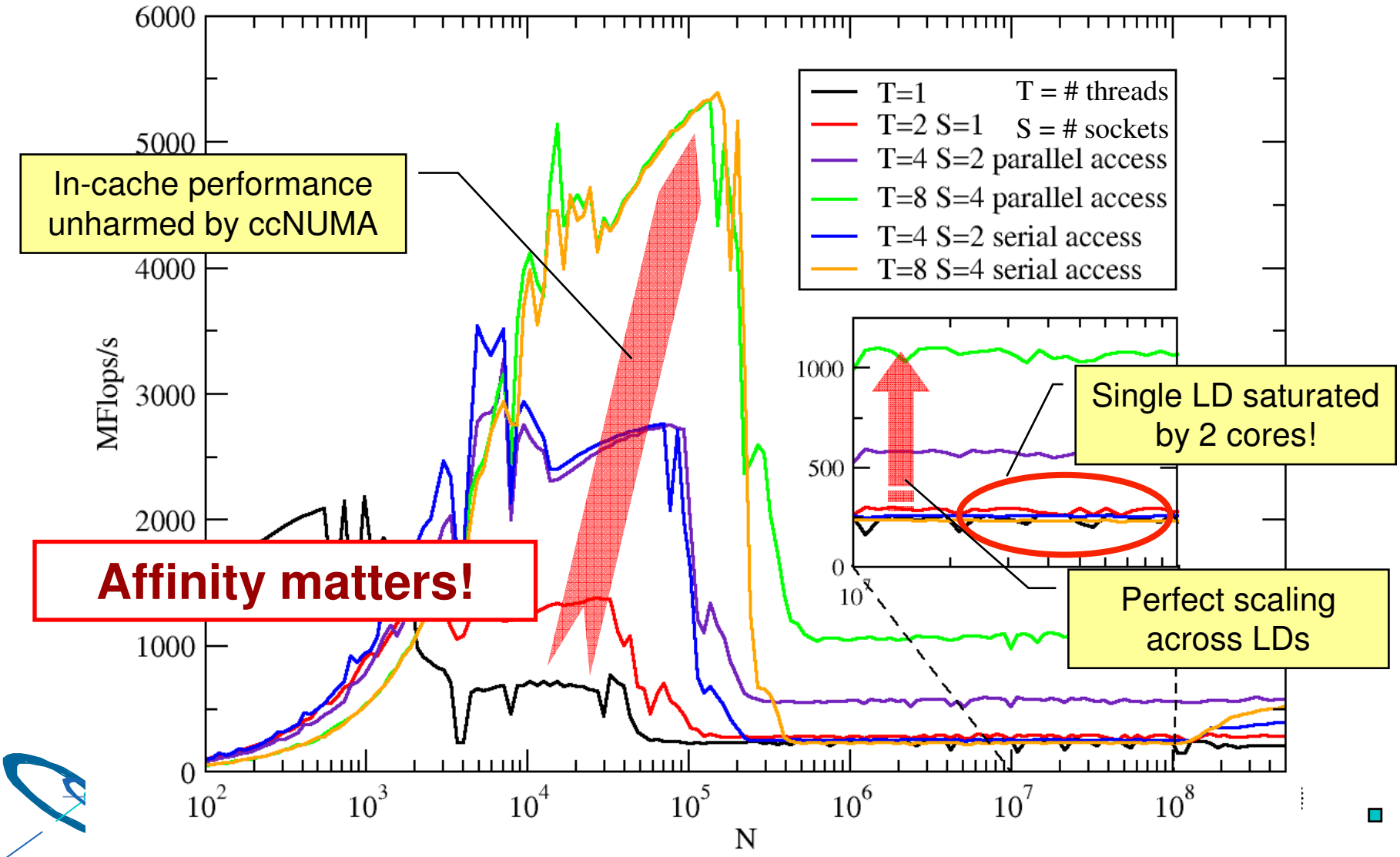
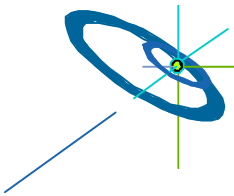


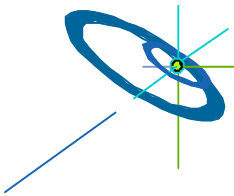
ccNUMA Memory Locality Problems

- Locality of reference is key to scalable performance on ccNUMA
  - Less of a problem with pure MPI, but see below
- What factors can destroy locality?
- MPI programming:
  - processes lose their association with the CPU the mapping took place on originally
  - OS kernel tries to maintain strong affinity, but sometimes fails
- Shared Memory Programming (OpenMP, hybrid):
  - threads losing association with the CPU the mapping took place on originally
  - improper initialization of distributed data
  - Lots of extra threads are running on a node, especially for hybrid
- All cases:
  - Other agents (e.g., OS kernel) may fill memory with data that prevents optimal placement of user data



Avoiding locality problems

- How can we make sure that memory ends up where it is close to the CPU that uses it?
  - See the following slides
- How can we make sure that it stays that way throughout program execution?
  - See end of section



Solving Memory Locality Problems: First Touch

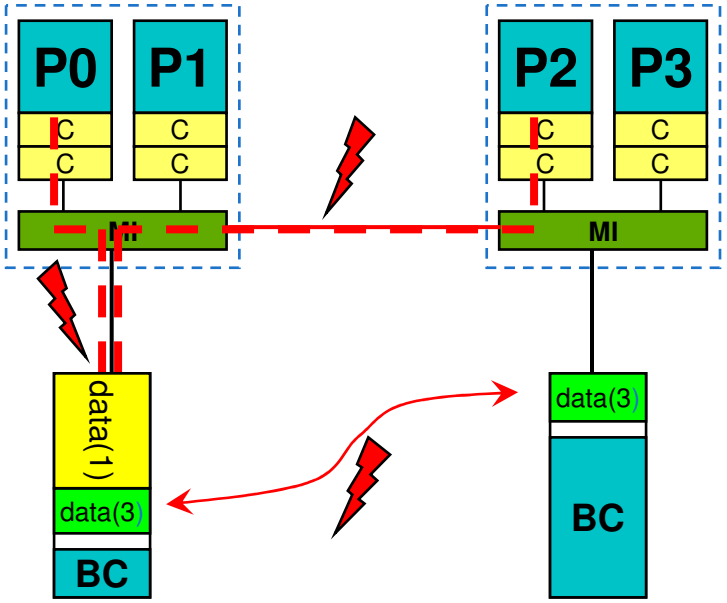
- "Golden Rule" of ccNUMA:
  A memory page gets mapped into the local memory of the processor that first touches it!
  - Except if there is not enough local memory available
  - this might be a problem, see later
  - Some OSs allow to influence placement in more direct ways
    - **cf. libnuma (Linux), MPO (Solaris), …**
- Caveat: "touch" means "write", not "allocate"
- Example:

```
double *huge = (double*)malloc(N*sizeof(double));
// memory not mapped yet
for(i=0; i<N; i++) // or i+=PAGE_SIZE
   huge[i] = 0.0;  // mapping takes place here!
```

- It is sufficient to touch a single item to map the entire page

ccNUMA problems beyond first touch

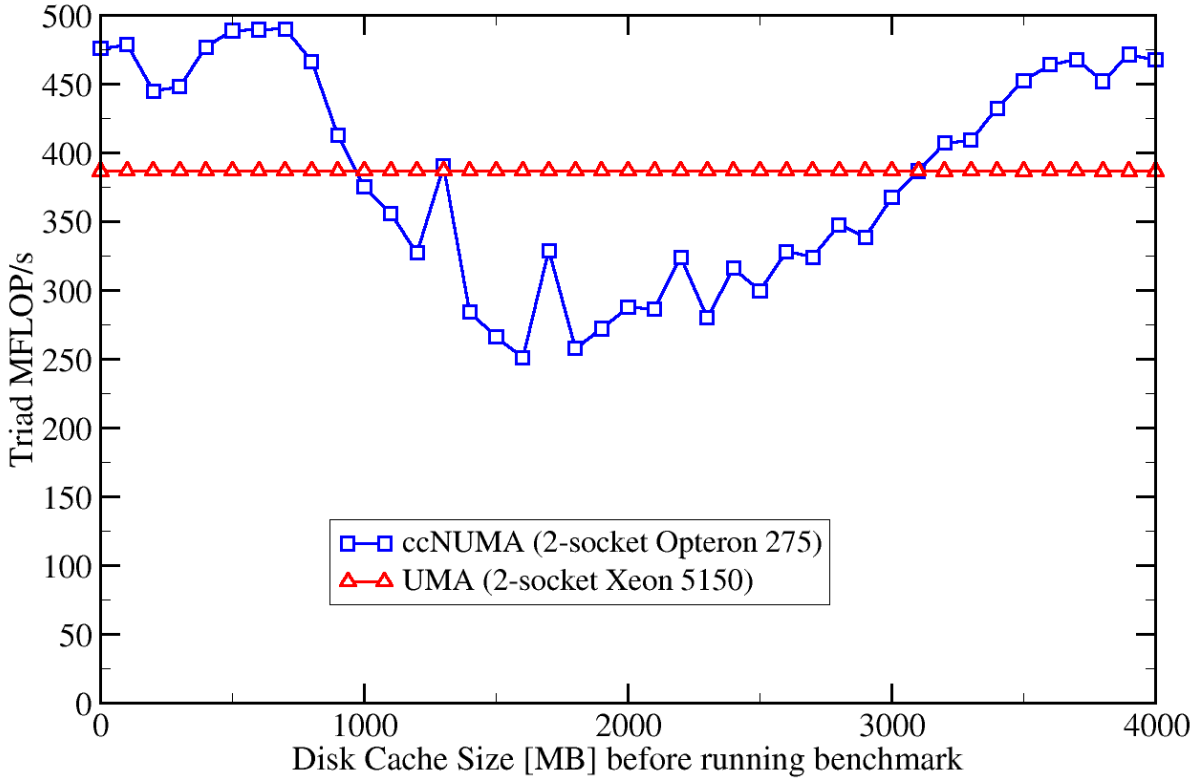
- OS uses part of main memory for disk buffer (FS) cache
  - If FS cache fills part of memory, apps will probably allocate from foreign domains
  - → non-local access!
  - Locality problem even on hybrid and pure MPI with "asymmetric" file I/O, i.e. if not all MPI processes perform I/O



- Remedies
  - Drop FS cache pages after user job has run (admin's job)
    - **Only prevents cross-job buffer cache "heritage"**
  - "Sweeper" code (run by user)
  - Flush buffer cache after I/O if necessary ("sync" is not sufficient!)

ccNUMA problems beyond first touch

- Real-world example: ccNUMA vs. UMA and the Linux buffer cache
- Compare two 4-way systems: AMD Opteron ccNUMA vs. Intel UMA, 4 GB main memory
- Run 4 concurrent triads (512 MB each) after writing a large file
- Report performance vs. file size
- Drop FS cache after each data point



Intra-node MPI characteristics: IMB Ping-Pong benchmark

- Code (to be run on 2 processors):

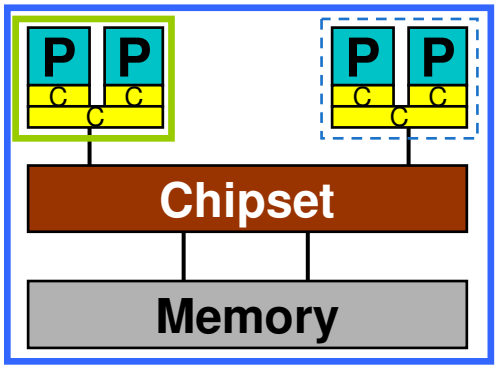
```
wc = MPI_WTIME()

do i=1,NREPEAT

  if(rank.eq.0) then
   MPI_SEND(buffer,N,MPI_BYTE,1,0,MPI_COMM_WORLD,ierr)
   MPI_RECV(buffer,N,MPI_BYTE,1,0,MPI_COMM_WORLD, &
                 status,ierr)
  else
   MPI_RECV(…)
   MPI_SEND(…)
  endif

enddo

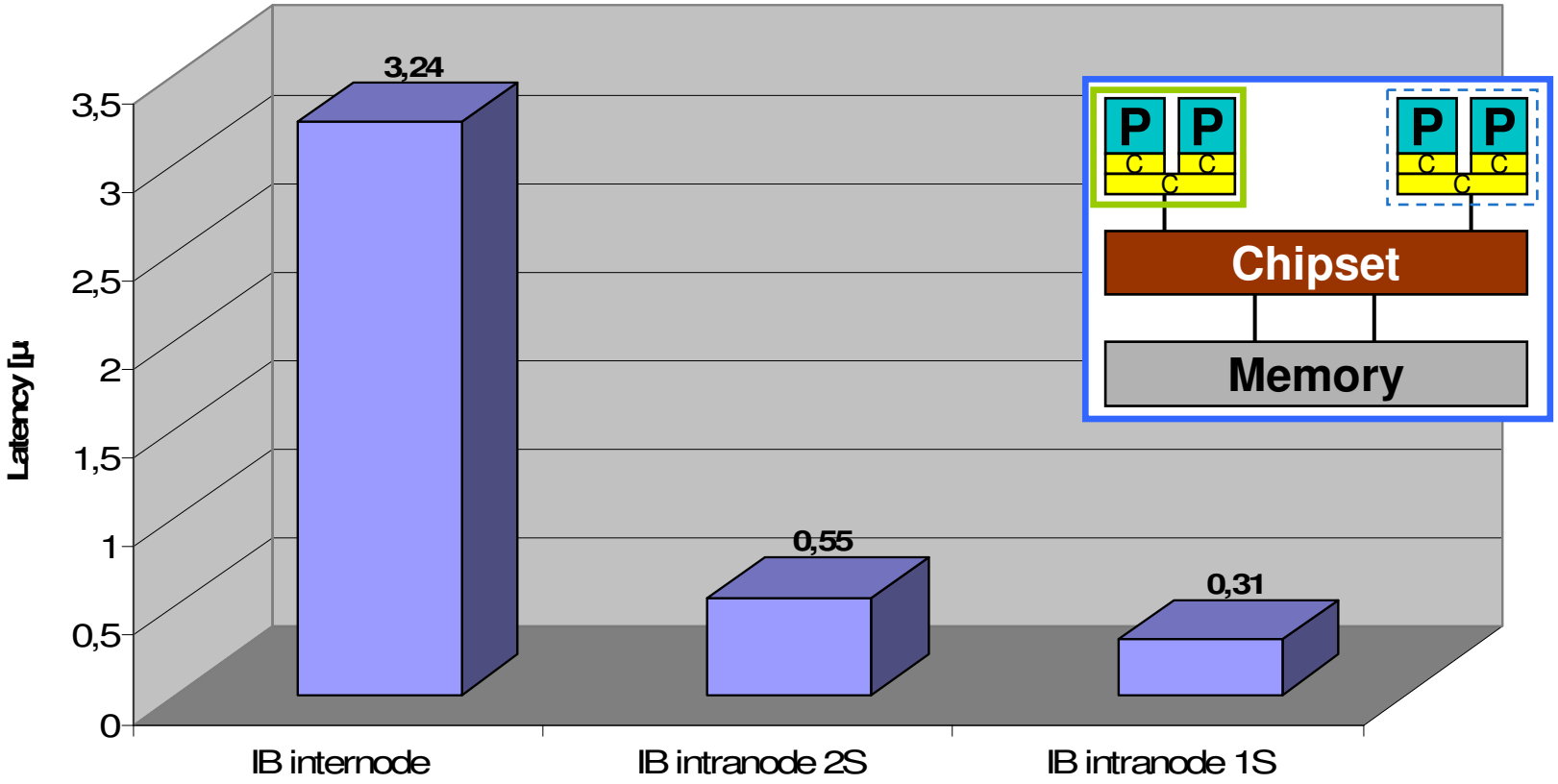
wc = MPI_WTIME() - wc
```



- Intranode (1S): `mpirun -np 2 -pin "1 3" ./a.out`
- Intranode (2S): `mpirun -np 2 -pin "2 3" ./a.out`
- Internode: `mpirun -np 2 -pernode ./a.out`

IMB Ping-Pong: Latency

Intra-node vs. Inter-node on Woodcrest DDR-IB cluster (Intel MPI 3.1)



Affinity matters!

IMB Ping-Pong: Bandwidth Characteristics

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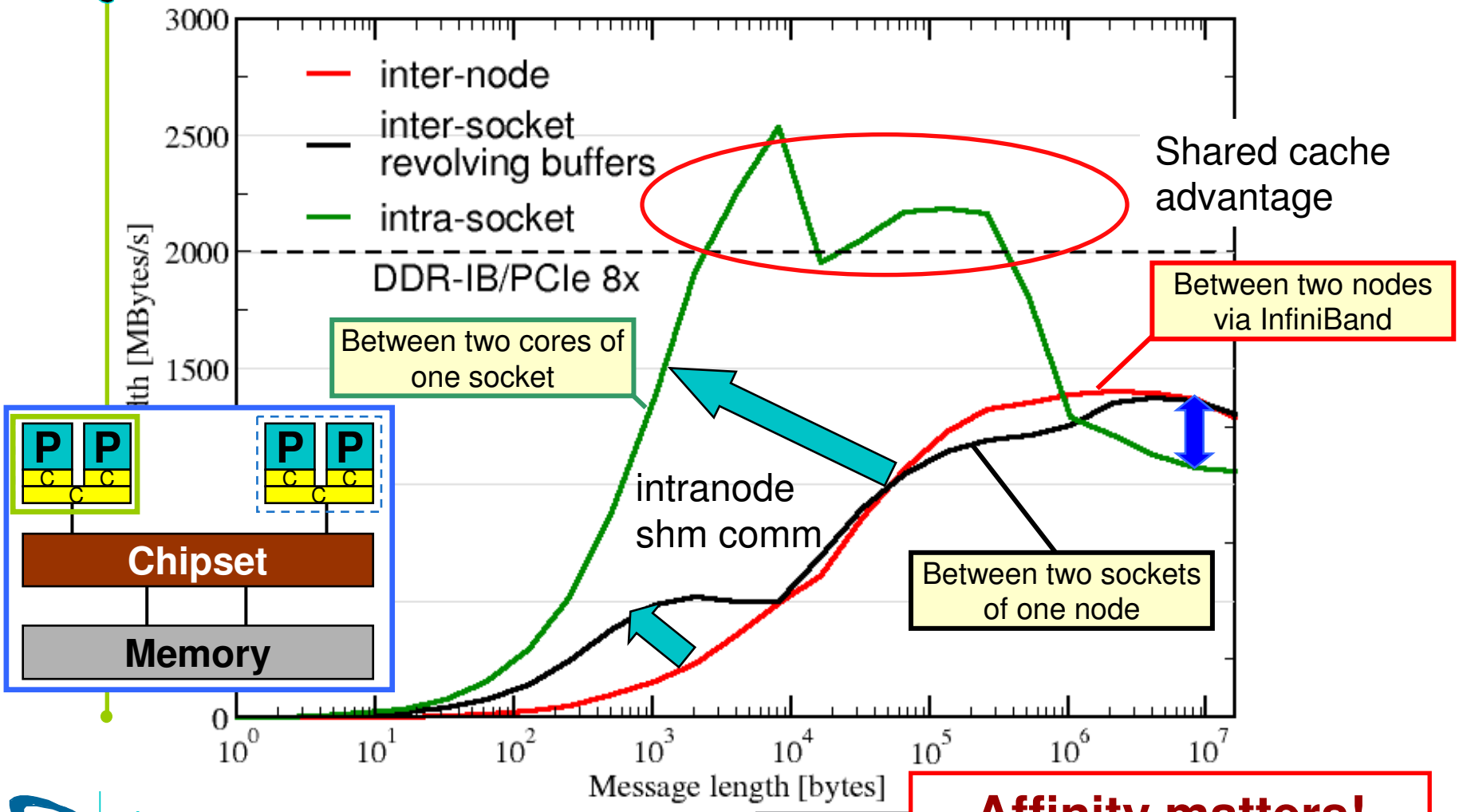


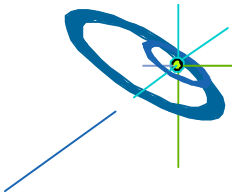
Affinity matters!

OpenMP Overhead

- As with intra-node MPI, OpenMP loop start overhead varies with the mutual position of threads in a team
- Possible variations
  - Intra-socket vs. inter-socket
  - Different overhead for "parallel for" vs. plain "for"
  - If one multi-threaded MPI process spans multiple sockets,
    - **… are neighboring threads on neighboring cores?**
    - **… or are threads distributed "round-robin" across cores?**
- Test benchmark: **Vector triad**

```
#pragma omp parallel
for(int j=0; j < NITER; j++){
#pragma omp (parallel) for
  for(i=0; i < N; ++i)
    a[i]=b[i]+c[i]*d[i];
    if(OBSCURE)
      dummy(a,b,c,d);
}
```

Look at performance for small array sizes!



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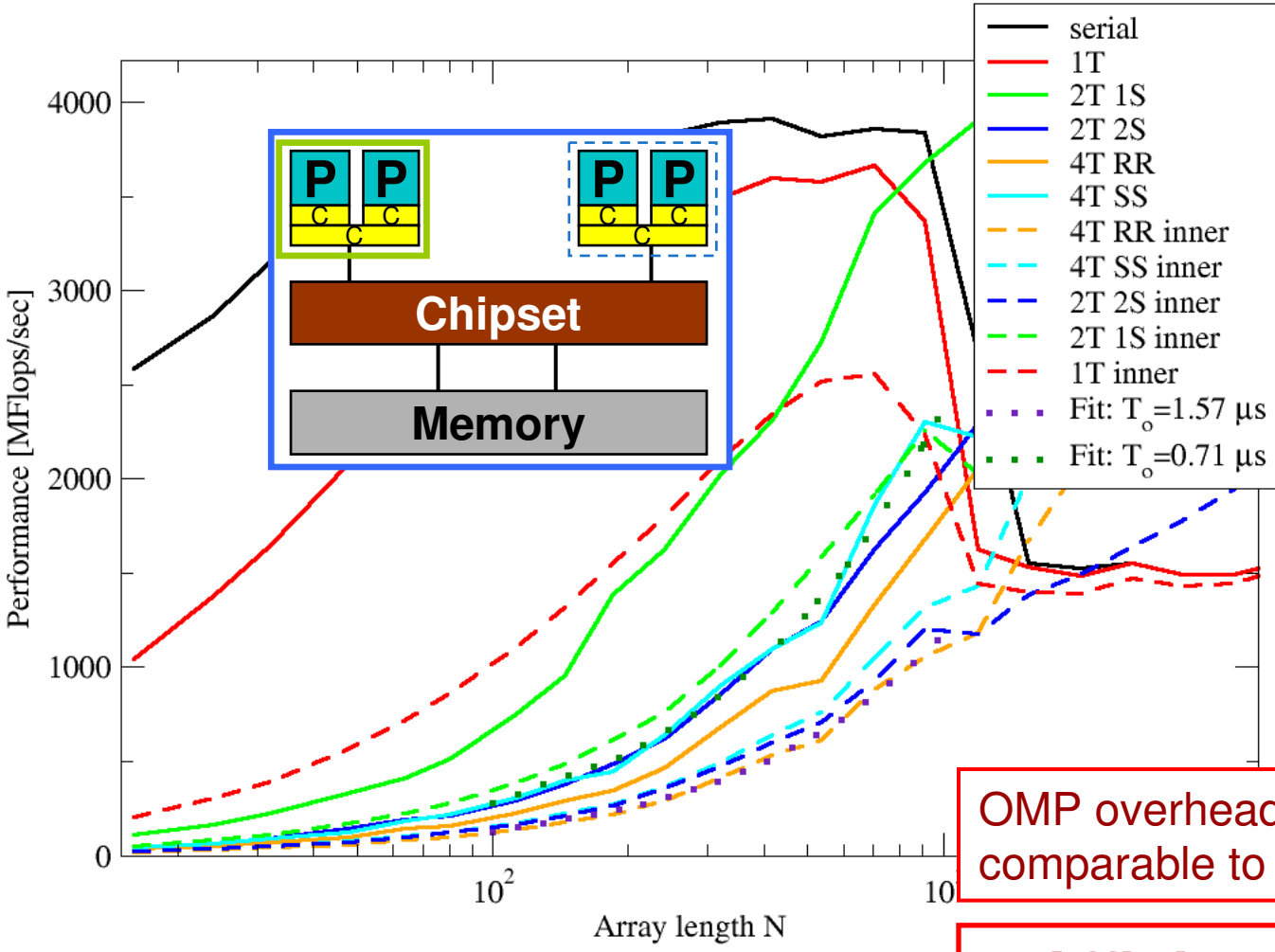


Nomenclature:

1S/2S
1-/2-socket

RR
round-robin

SS
socket-socket

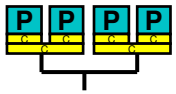
inner
`parallel` on inner loop

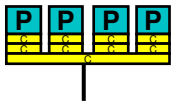
OMP overhead can be comparable to MPI latency!

Affinity matters!

Thread synchronization overhead

Barrier overhead in CPU cycles: pthreads vs. OpenMP vs. spin loop





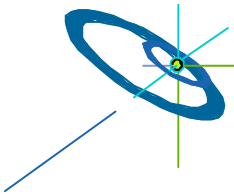
2 Threads	Q9550 (shared L2)	i7 920 (shared L3)
pthreads_barrier_wait	23739	6511
omp barrier (icc 11.0)	399	469
Spin loop	231	270

4 Threads	Q9550	i7 920 (shared L3)
pthreads_barrier_wait	42533	9820
omp barrier (icc 11.0)	977	814
Spin loop	1106	475

pthreads → OS kernel call 

Spin loop does fine for shared cache sync

OpenMP & Intel compiler 



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Thread synchronization overhead

Barrier overhead: OpenMP icc vs. gcc

gcc obviously uses a pthreads barrier for the OpenMP barrier:

2 Threads	Q9550 (shared L2)	i7 920 (shared L3)
gcc 4.3.3	22603	7333
icc 11.0	399	469

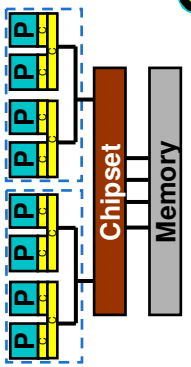
4 Threads	Q9550	i7 920 (shared L3)
gcc 4.3.3	64143	10901
icc 11.0	977	814

Correct pinning of threads:

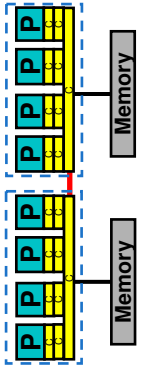
- Manual pinning in source code (see below) or
- likwid-pin: http://code.google.com/p/likwid/

Thread synchronization overhead

Barrier overhead: Topology influence



Xeon E5420 2 Threads	shared L2	same socket	different socket
pthreads_barrier_wait	5863	27032	27647
omp barrier (icc 11.0)	576	760	1269
Spin loop	259	485	11602



Nehalem 2 Threads	Shared SMT threads	shared L3	different socket
pthreads_barrier_wait	23352	4796	49237
omp barrier (icc 11.0)	2761	479	1206
Spin loop	17388	267	787

- SMT can be a big performance problem for synchronizing threads
  - Well known for a long time…

Thread/Process Affinity ("Pinning")

- Highly OS-dependent system calls
  - But available on all systems

    Linux: `sched_setaffinity()`, PLPA (see below) → hwloc
    Solaris: `processor_bind()`
    Windows: `SetThreadAffinityMask()`
    …
- Support for "semi-automatic" pinning in some compilers/environments
  - Intel compilers > V9.1 (**`KMP_AFFINITY`** environment variable)
  - Pathscale
  - SGI Altix **`dplace`** (works with logical CPU numbers!)
  - Generic Linux: **`taskset`**, **`numactl`**, **`likwid-pin`** (see below)
- Affinity awareness in MPI libraries
  - SGI MPT
  - OpenMPI
  - Intel MPI
  - …

Seen on SUN Ranger slides

Widely usable example: Using PLPA under Linux!

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Explicit Process/Thread Binding With PLPA on Linux:

http://www.open-mpi.org/software/plpa/

- Portable Linux Processor Affinity
- Wrapper library for `sched_*affinity()` functions
  - Robust against changes in kernel API
- Example for pure OpenMP: Pinning of threads

```
#include <plpa.h>
...
#pragma omp parallel
  {
#pragma omp critical
  {
    if(PLPA_NAME(api_probe)()!=PLPA_PROBE_OK) {
        cerr << "PLPA failed!" << endl; exit(1);
  }
    plpa_cpu_set_t msk;
    PLPA_CPU_ZERO(&msk);
    int cpu = omp_get_thread_num();
    PLPA_CPU_SET(cpu,&msk);
    PLPA_NAME(sched_setaffinity)((pid_t)0, sizeof(cpu_set_t), &msk);
  }
```

Pinning available?

Which CPU to run on?

Pin “me”

Care about correct core numbering! 0…N-1 is not always contiguous! If required, reorder by a map:
`cpu = map[cpu];`

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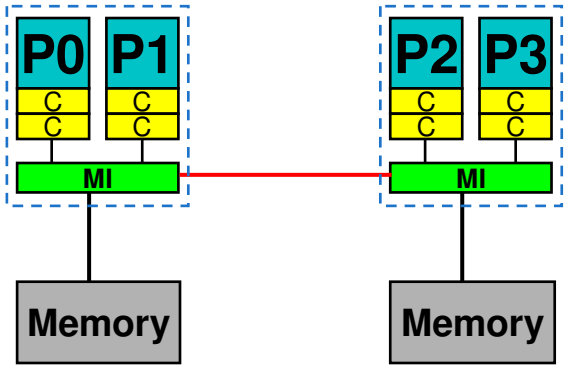
Process/Thread Binding With PLPA

- Example for pure MPI: Process pinning
  - Bind MPI processes to cores in a cluster of 2x2-core machines




```
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD,&rank);
int mask = (rank % 4);
PLPA_CPU_SET(mask,&msk);
PLPA_NAME(sched_setaffinity)((pid_t)0,
                             sizeof(cpu_set_t), &msk);
```

- Hybrid case:

```
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD,&rank);
#pragma omp parallel
  {
    plpa_cpu_set_t msk;
    PLPA_CPU_ZERO(&msk);
    int cpu = (rank % MPI_PROCESSES_PER_NODE)*omp_num_threads
                + omp_get_thread_num();
    PLPA_CPU_SET(cpu,&msk);
    PLPA_NAME(sched_setaffinity)((pid_t)0, sizeof(cpu_set_t), &msk);
  }
```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How do we figure out the topology?

- … and how do we enforce the mapping without changing the code?
- Compilers and MPI libs may still give you ways to do that

- But LIKWID supports all sorts of combinations:

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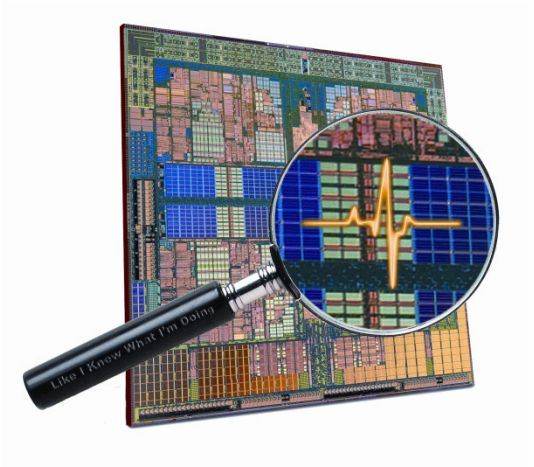


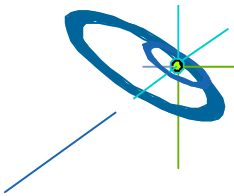
- Open source tool collection (developed at RRZE):

  http://code.google.com/p/likwid

Likwid Tool Suite

- Command line tools for Linux:
  - works with standard linux 2.6 kernel
  - supports Intel and AMD CPUs
  - Supports all compilers whose OpenMP implementation is based on pthreads

- Current tools:
  - **likwid-topology:** Print thread and cache topology (similar to lstopo from the hwloc package)
  - **likwid-pin:** Pin threaded application without touching code
  - likwid-perfCtr: Measure performance counters (similar to SGI's perfex or lipfpm tools)
  - likwid-features: View and enable/disable hardware prefetchers (Core2 only at the moment)
  - likwid-bench: Low-level benchmark construction tool



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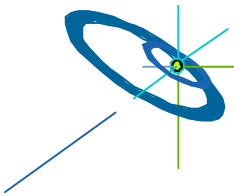
likwid-topology – Topology information

- Based on cpuid information
- Functionality:
  - Measured clock frequency
  - Thread topology
  - Cache topology
  - Cache parameters (-c command line switch)
  - ASCII art output (-g command line switch)
- Currently supported:
  - Intel Core 2 (45nm + 65 nm)
  - Intel Nehalem
  - AMD K10 (Quadcore and Hexacore)
  - AMD K8



Output of likwid-topology

```
CPU name:       Intel Core i7 processor
CPU clock:      2666683826 Hz
*************************************************************
Hardware Thread Topology
*************************************************************
Sockets:                2
Cores per socket:       4
Threads per core:       2
-------------------------------------------------------------
HWThread        Thread          Core            Socket
0               0               0               0
1               1               0               0
2               0               1               0
3               1               1               0
4               0               2               0
5               1               2               0
6               0               3               0
7               1               3               0
8               0               0               1
9               1               0               1
10              0               1               1
11              1               1               1
12              0               2               1
13              1               2               1
14              0               3               1
15              1               3               1
-------------------------------------------------------------
```

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likwid-topology continued

```
Socket 0:  ( 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 )
Socket 1:  ( 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 )
--------------------------------------------------------------

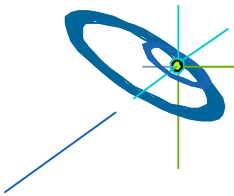
**************************************************************
Cache Topology
**************************************************************
Level:    1
Size:     32 kB
Cache groups:    ( 0 1 ) ( 2 3 ) ( 4 5 ) ( 6 7 ) ( 8 9 ) ( 10 11 ) ( 12 13 ) ( 14 15 )
--------------------------------------------------------------
Level:    2
Size:     256 kB
Cache groups:    ( 0 1 ) ( 2 3 ) ( 4 5 ) ( 6 7 ) ( 8 9 ) ( 10 11 ) ( 12 13 ) ( 14 15 )
--------------------------------------------------------------
Level:    3
Size:     8 MB
Cache groups:    ( 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ) ( 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 )
--------------------------------------------------------------
```

- … and also try the ultra-cool `-g` option!

likwid-pin

- Inspired and based on **`ptoverride`** (Michael Meier, RRZE) and **`taskset`**
- Pins process and threads to specific cores without touching code
- Directly supports pthreads, gcc OpenMP, Intel OpenMP
- Allows user to specify skip mask (i.e., supports many different compiler/MPI combinations)
- Can also be used as replacement for **`taskset`**
- Uses logical (contiguous) core numbering when running inside a restricted set of cores
- Supports logical core numbering inside node, socket, core

- Usage examples:
  - `env OMP_NUM_THREADS=6 likwid-pin -t intel -c 0,2,4-6  ./myApp parameters`
  - `env OMP_NUM_THREADS=6 likwid-pin -c S0:0-2@S1:0-2 ./myApp`
  - ```
    env OMP_NUM_THREADS=2 mpirun -npernode 2 \
                  likwid-pin -s 0x3 -c 0,1  ./myApp parameters
    ```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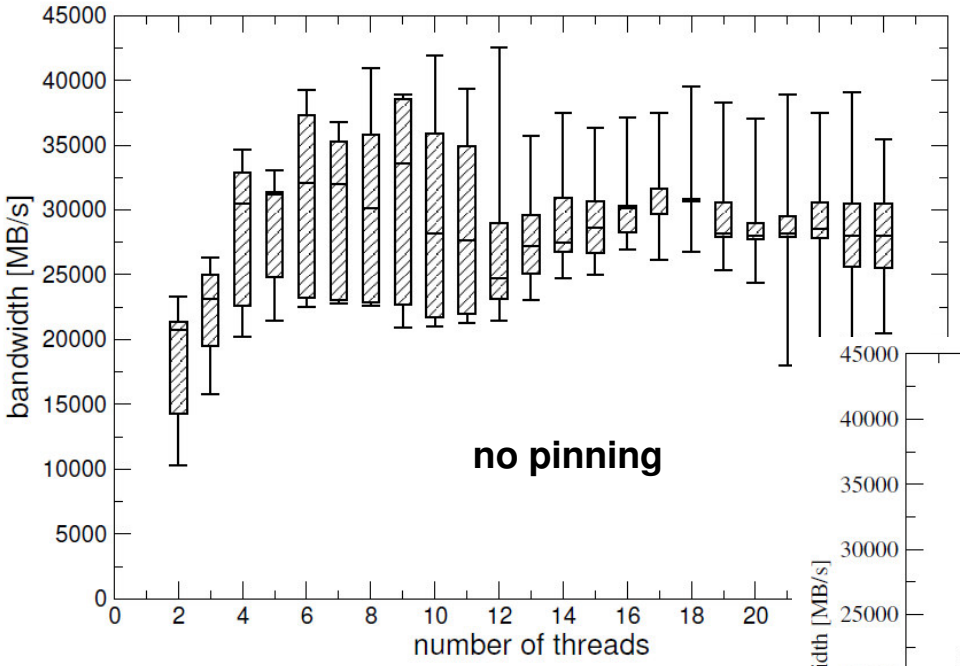
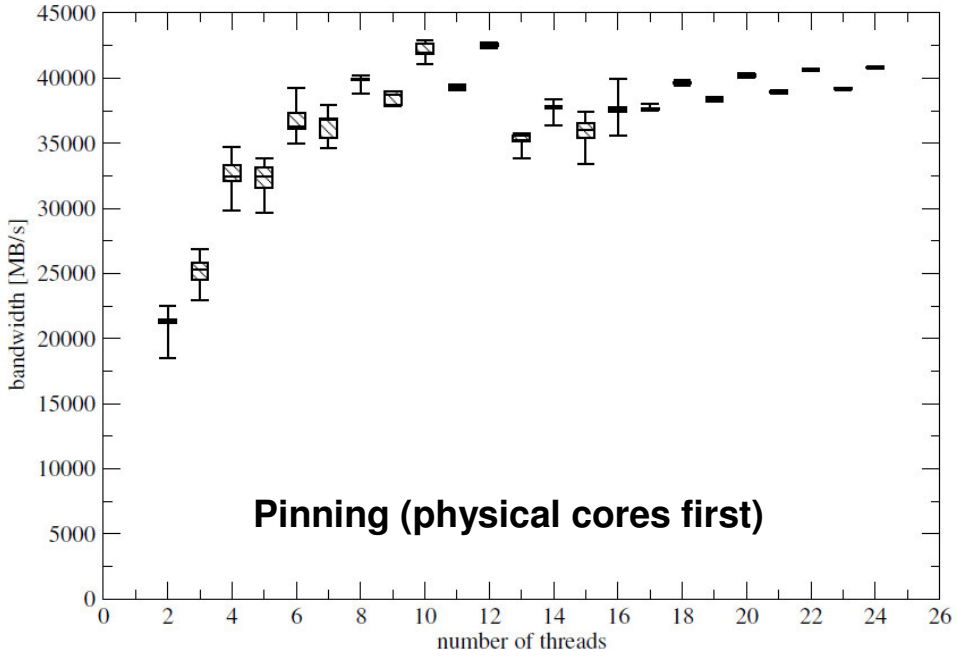
Example: STREAM benchmark on 12-core Intel Westmere

Anarchy vs. thread pinning

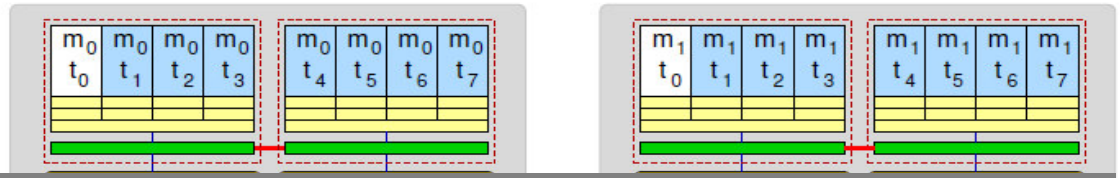




Topology ("mapping") choices with MPI+OpenMP:

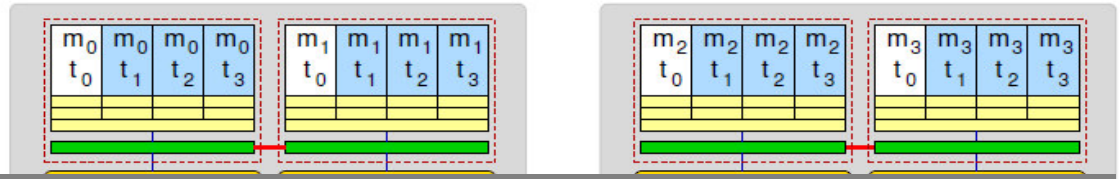
More examples using Intel MPI+compiler & home-grown mpirun

One MPI process per node



```
env OMP_NUM_THREADS=8 mpirun -pernode \
          likwid-pin -t intel -c 0-7 ./a.out
```

One MPI process per socket



```
env OMP_NUM_THREADS=4 mpirun -npernode 2 \
        -pin "0,1,2,3_4,5,6,7" ./a.out
```

OpenMP threads pinned "round robin" across cores in node

```
env OMP_NUM_THREADS=4 mpirun -npernode 2 \
        -pin "0,1,4,5_2,3,6,7" \
        likwid-pin -t intel -c 0,2,1,3 ./a.out
```

Two MPI processes per socket

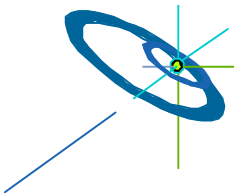
```
env OMP_NUM_THREADS=2 mpirun -npernode 4 \
        -pin "0,1_2,3_4,5_6,7" \
        likwid-pin -t intel -c 0,1 ./a.out
```

MPI/OpenMP hybrid "how-to": Take-home messages

- Do not use hybrid if the pure MPI code scales ok

- Be aware of intranode MPI behavior
- Always observe the topology dependence of
  - Intranode MPI
  - OpenMP overheads
- Enforce proper thread/process to core binding, using appropriate tools (whatever you use, but use SOMETHING)
- Multi-LD OpenMP processes on ccNUMA nodes require correct page placement

- Finally: Always compare the best pure MPI code with the best OpenMP code!



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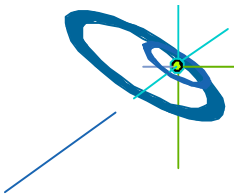
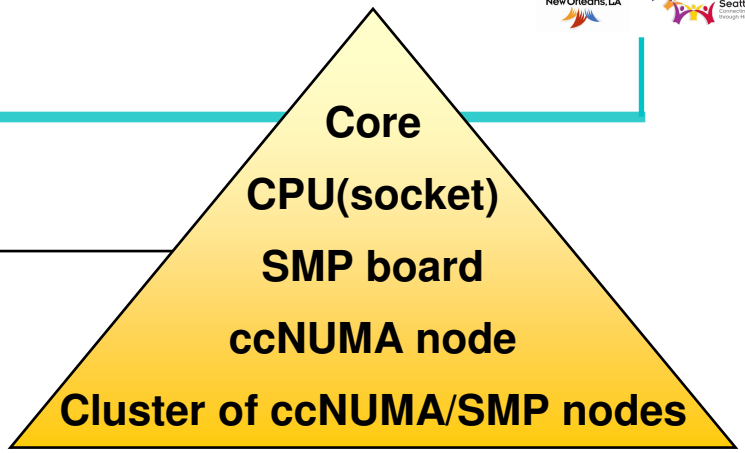


Mismatch Problems

- None of the programming models fits to the hierarchical hardware (cluster of SMP nodes)
- Several mismatch problems
  → following slides
- Benefit through hybrid programming
  → Opportunities, see next section
- Quantitative implications
  → depends on you application



Examples:	No.1	No.2
Benefit through hybrid (see next section)	30%	10%
Loss by mismatch problems	–10%	–25%
Total	+20%	–15%

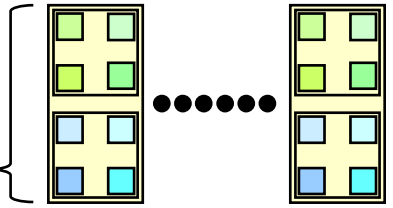
In most cases: **Both categories!**

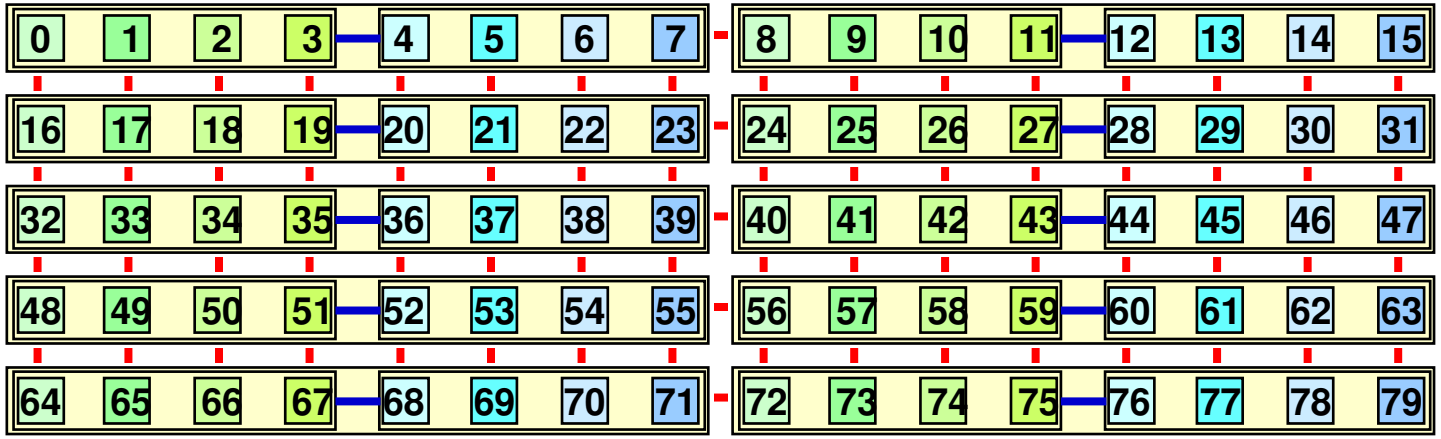
The Topology Problem with **pure MPI**

one MPI process on each core

Application example on 80 cores:

- Cartesian application with 5 x 16 = 80 sub-domains
- On system with 10 x dual socket x quad-core





\+ 17 x inter-node connections per node

− 1 x inter-socket connection per node

Sequential ranking of MPI_COMM_WORLD

Does it matter?

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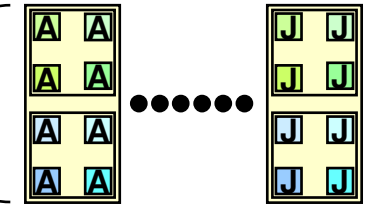

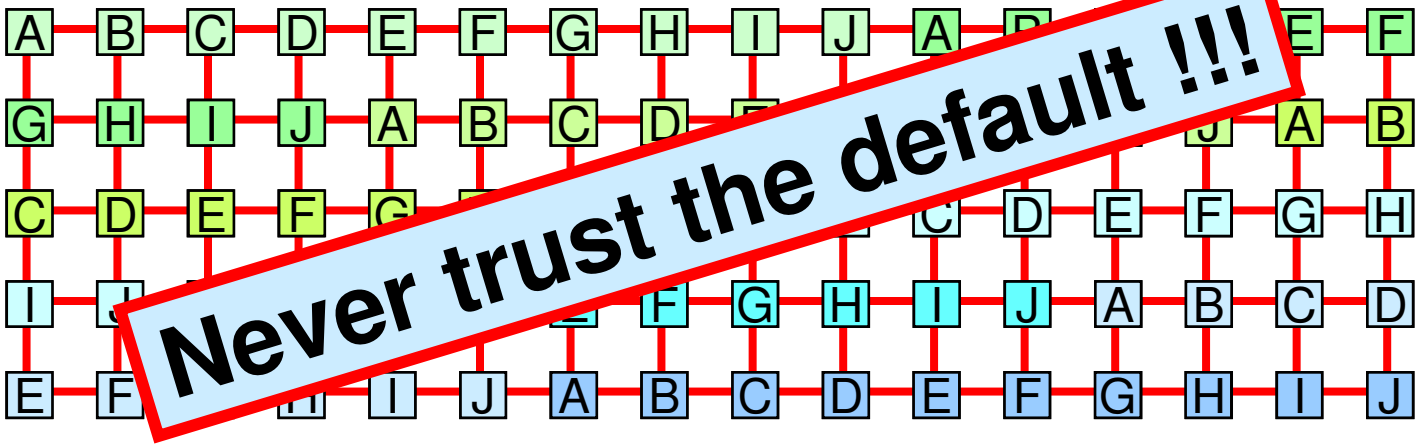

Never trust the default !!!

\+ 32 x inter-node connections per node

− 0 x inter-socket connection per node

Round robin ranking of MPI_COMM_WORLD

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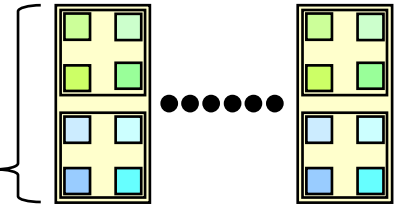

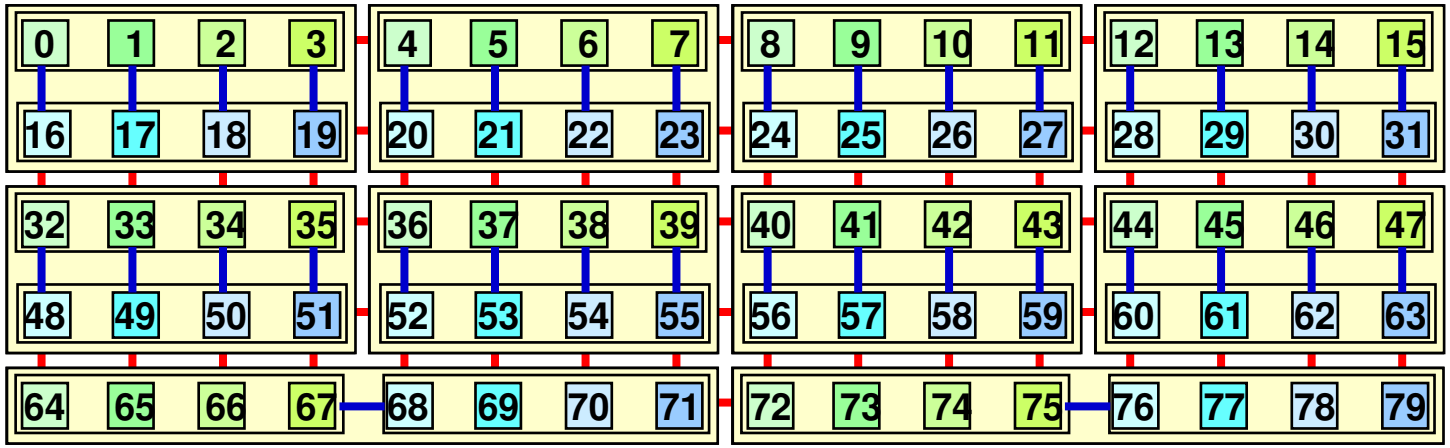

\+ 12 x inter-node connections per node

\+ 4 x inter-socket connection per node

Two levels of domain decomposition

Bad affinity of cores to thread ranks

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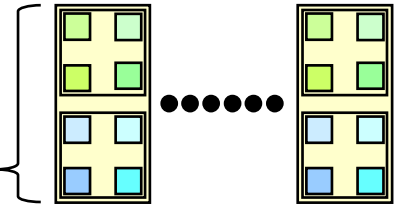

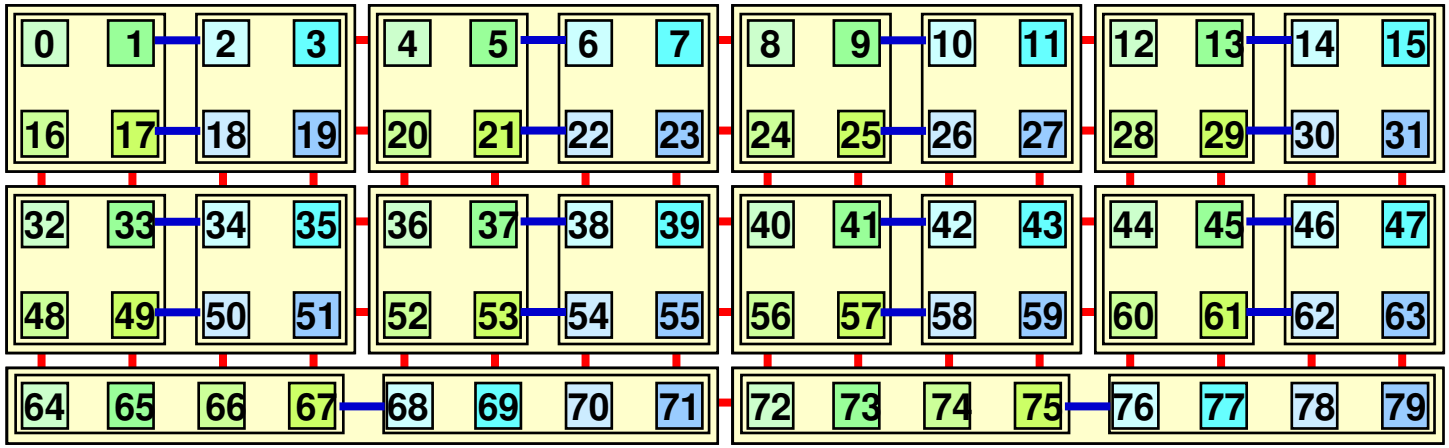

\+ 12 x inter-node connections per node

\+ 2 x inter-socket connection per node

Two levels of domain decomposition

Good affinity of cores to thread ranks

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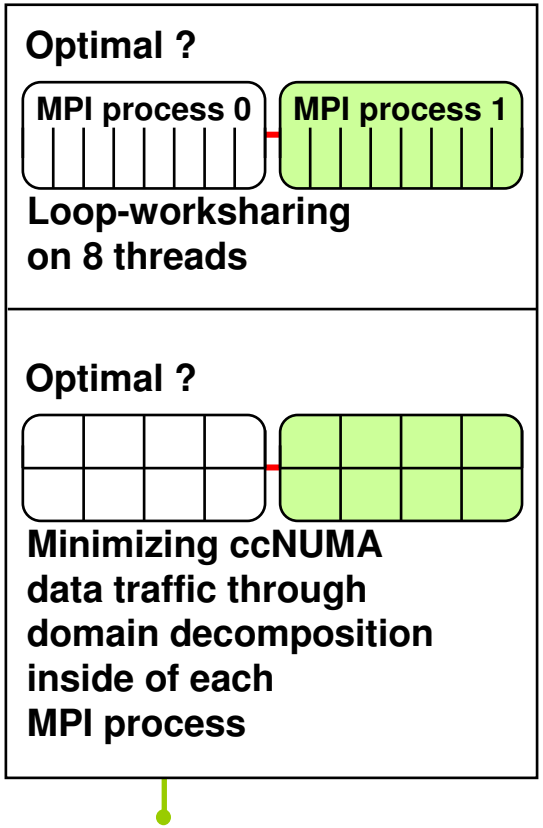
The Topology Problem with hybrid MPI+OpenMP

MPI: inter-node communication
OpenMP: inside of each SMP node

Exa.: 2 SMP nodes, 8 cores/node



Problem

- Does application topology inside of SMP parallelization fit on inner hardware topology of each SMP node?

Solutions:

- Domain decomposition inside of each thread-parallel MPI process, and
- first touch strategy with OpenMP

Successful examples:

- Multi-Zone NAS Parallel Benchmarks (MZ-NPB)

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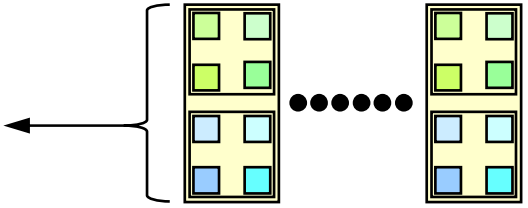
The Topology Problem with hybrid MPI+OpenMP

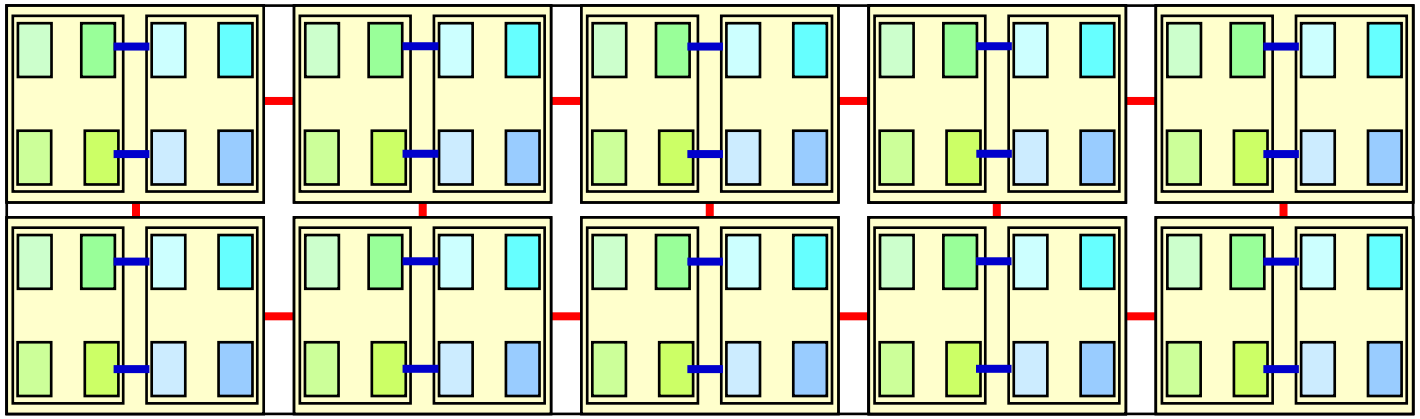
MPI: inter-node communication
OpenMP: inside of each SMP node

Application example:

- Same Cartesian application aspect ratio: 5 x 16
- On system with 10 x dual socket x quad-core
- 2 x 5 domain decomposition



Application
MPI Level
OpenMP



\+ 3 x inter-node connections per node, but ~ 4 x more traffic

\+ 2 x inter-socket connection per node

Affinity of cores to thread ranks !!!

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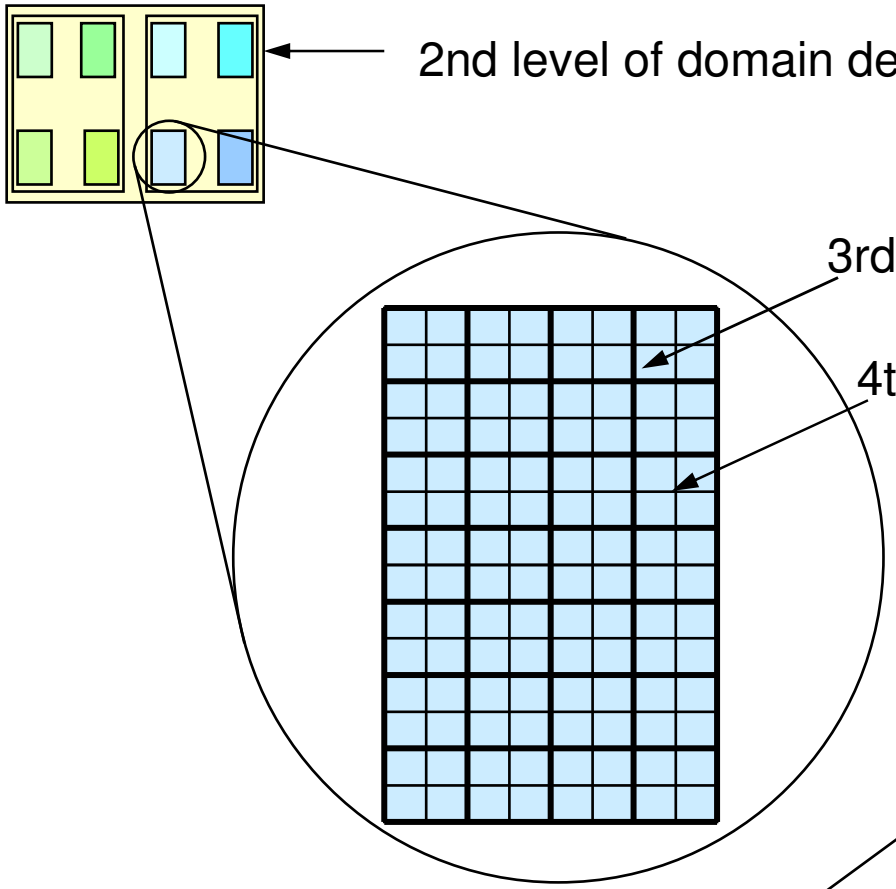
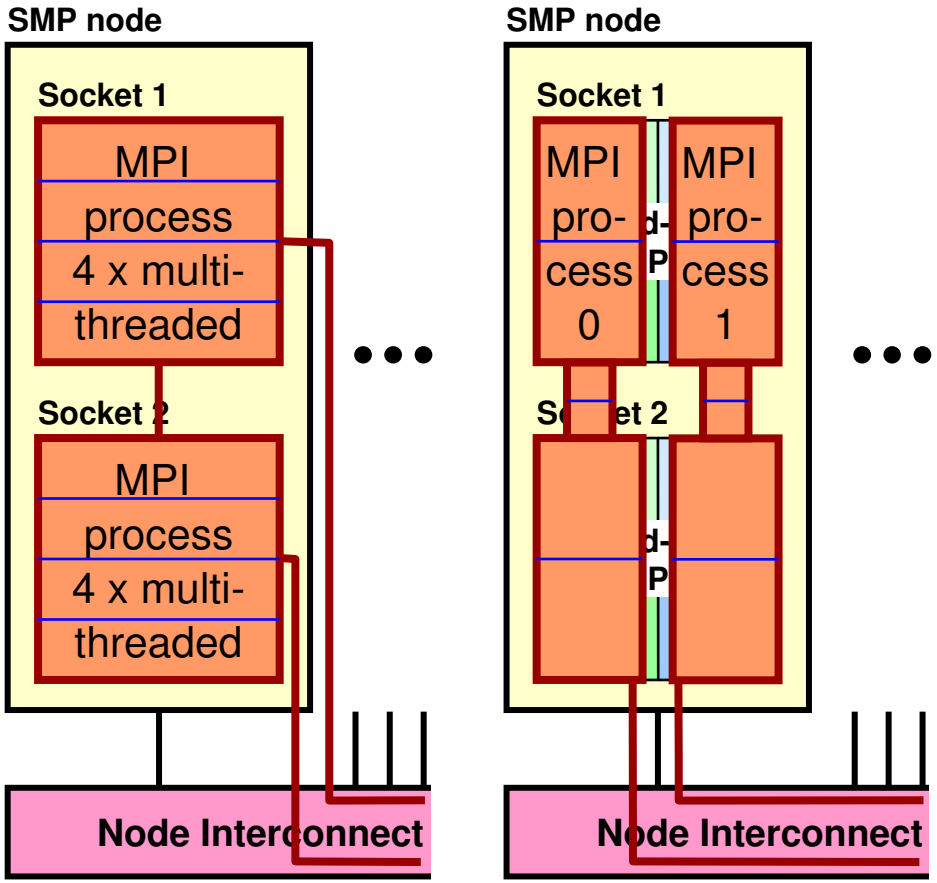
Numerical Optimization inside of an SMP node



The Mapping Problem with mixed model

pure MPI
&
hybrid MPI+OpenMP

Do we have this? … or that?



Several multi-threaded MPI process per SMP node:

Problem
- Where are your processes and threads really located?

Solutions:
- Depends on your platform,
- e.g., with **numactl**

→ Case study on Sun Constellation Cluster Ranger with BT-MZ and SP-MZ

Further questions:
- Where is the NIC[1)] located?
- Which cores share caches?

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1) NIC = Network Interface Card

Unnecessary intra-node communication

pure MPI

Mixed model
(several multi-threaded MPI processes per SMP node)

Problem:

- If several MPI process on each SMP node
  → unnecessary intra-node communication

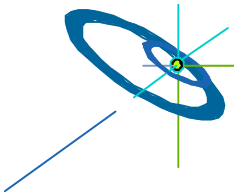
Solution:

- Only one MPI process per SMP node

Remarks:

- MPI library must use appropriate fabrics / protocol for intra-node communication
- Intra-node bandwidth higher than inter-node bandwidth
  → problem may be small
- MPI implementation may cause unnecessary data copying
  → waste of memory bandwidth

Quality aspects of the MPI library



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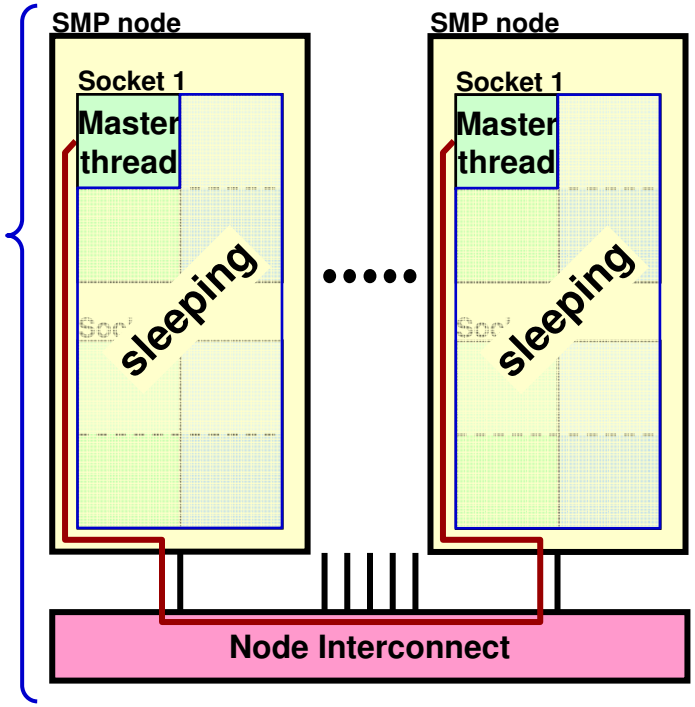
Sleeping threads and network saturation with Masteronly

MPI only outside of parallel regions

```
for (iteration ….)
{
  #pragma omp parallel
    numerical code
  /*end omp parallel */

  /* on master thread only */
    MPI_Send (original data
      to halo areas
      in other SMP nodes)
    MPI_Recv (halo data
      from the neighbors)
} /*end for loop
```



Problem 1:

- **Can the master thread saturate the network?**

Solution:

- If not, use mixed model
- i.e., several MPI processes per SMP node

Problem 2:

- **Sleeping threads are wasting CPU time**

Solution:

- Overlapping of computation and communication

Problem 1&2 together:

- Producing more idle time through lousy bandwidth of master thread

OpenMP: Additional Overhead & Pitfalls

- Using OpenMP
  - → may prohibit compiler optimization
  - → **may cause significant loss of computational performance**
- Thread fork / join overhead
- On ccNUMA SMP nodes:
  - **Loss of performance due to missing memory page locality or missing first touch strategy**
  - E.g. with the masteronly scheme:
    - One thread produces data
    - Master thread sends the data with MPI

    → data may be internally communicated from one memory to the other one
- Amdahl's law for each level of parallelism
- Using MPI-parallel application libraries? → Are they prepared for hybrid?

See, e.g., the necessary **–O4** flag with mpxlf_r on IBM Power6 systems

Overlapping Communication and Computation

MPI communication by one or a few threads while other threads are computing

Three problems:

- the application problem:
  - one must separate application into:
    - **code that can run before the halo data is received**
    - **code that needs halo data**

  ➔very hard to do !!!

- the thread-rank problem:
  - comm. / comp. via thread-rank
  - cannot use work-sharing directives

  ➔loss of major OpenMP support
  (see next slide)

- the load balancing problem

```
if (my_thread_rank < 1) {
   MPI_Send/Recv….
} else {
   my_range = (high-low-1) / (num_threads-1) + 1;
   my_low = low + (my_thread_rank+1)*my_range;
   my_high=high+ (my_thread_rank+1+1)*my_range;
   my_high = max(high, my_high)
   for (i=my_low; i<my_high; i++) {
            ….
   }
}
```

Overlapping Communication and Computation

MPI communication by one or a few threads while other threads are computing

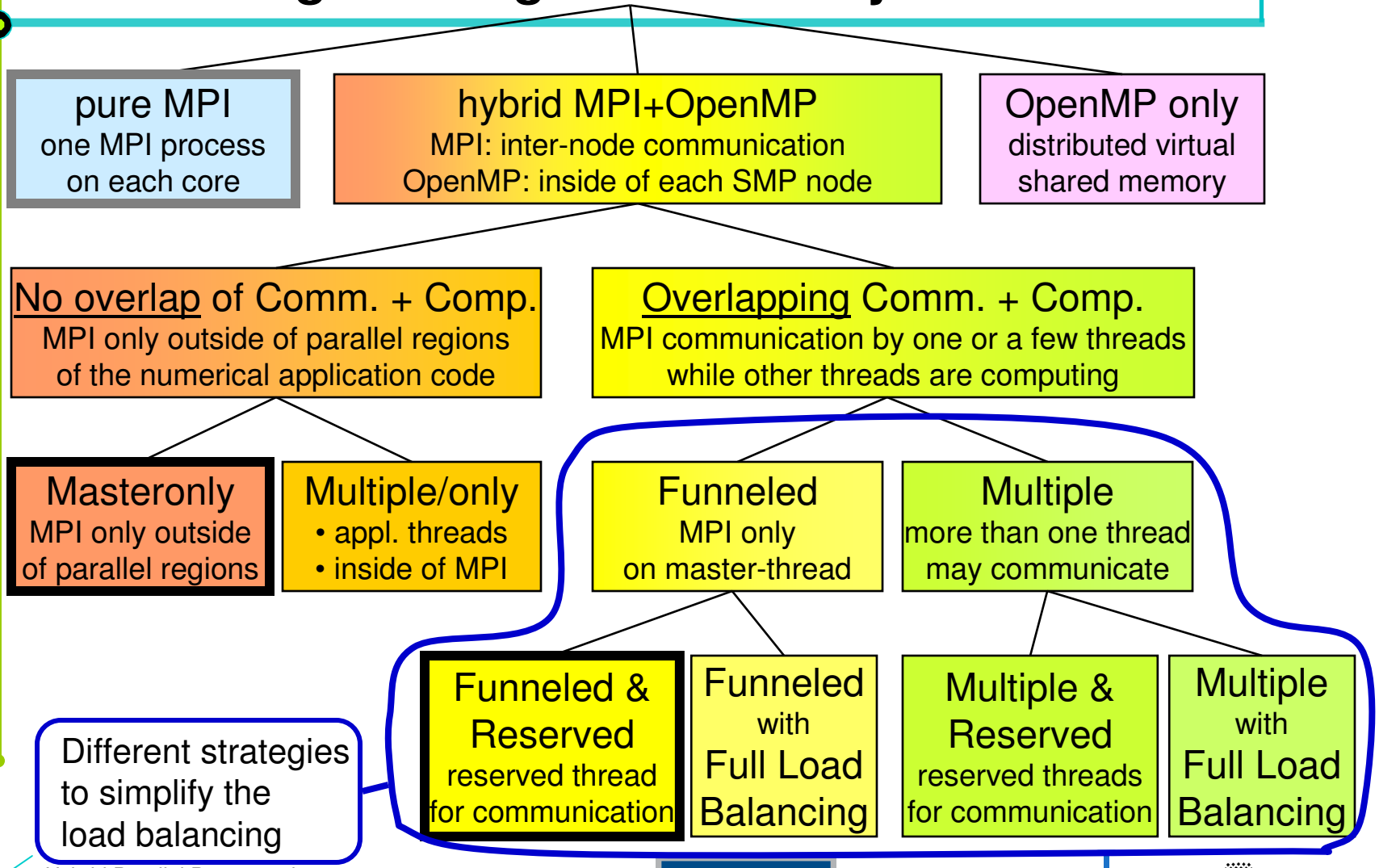
Subteams

- Important proposal for OpenMP 3.x or OpenMP 4.x

Barbara Chapman et al.:
Toward Enhancing OpenMP's Work-Sharing Directives.
In proceedings, W.E. Nagel et al. (Eds.): Euro-Par 2006, LNCS 4128, pp. 645-654, 2006.

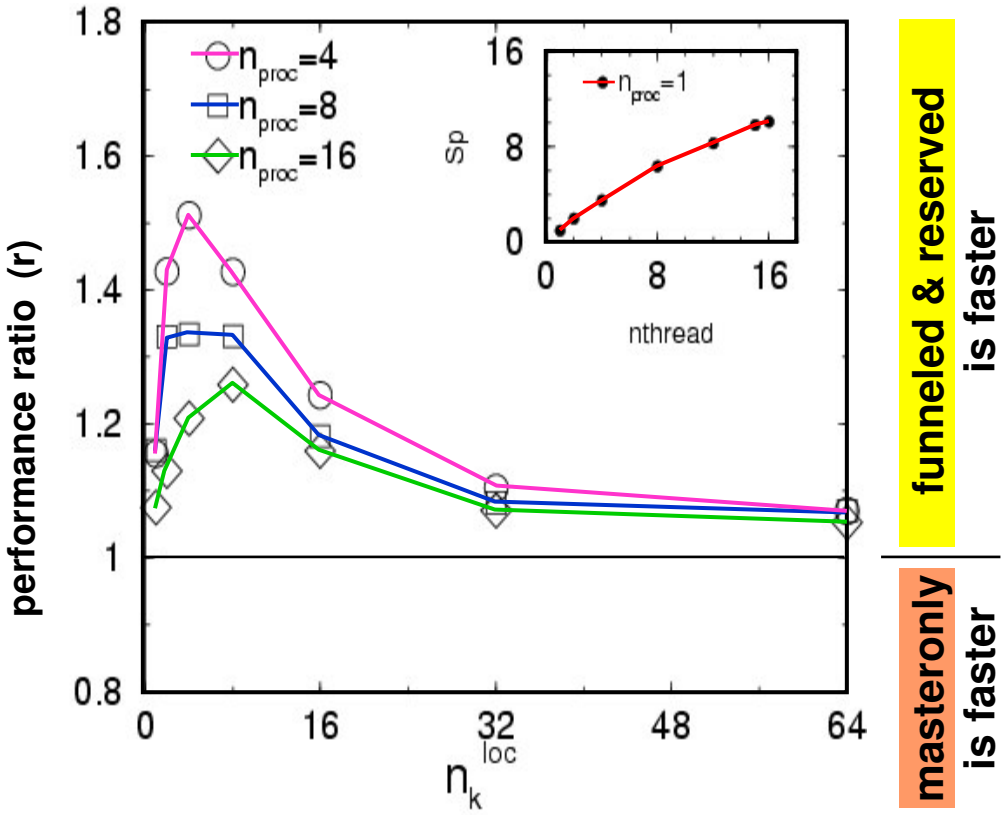
```
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp single onthreads( 0 )
  {
    MPI_Send/Recv….
  }
#pragma omp for onthreads( 1 : omp_get_numthreads()-1 )
    for (……..)
    { /* work without halo information */
    }  /* barrier at the end is only inside of the subteam */
   …
#pragma omp barrier
#pragma omp for
    for (……..)
    { /* work based on halo information */
    }
} /*end omp parallel */
```

Parallel Programming Models on Hybrid Platforms



Experiment: Matrix-vector-multiply (MVM)

Masteronly
funneled & reserved



- Jacobi-Davidson-Solver on **IBM SP Power3** nodes with **16 CPUs per node**
- funneled&reserved is **always faster** in this experiments
- Reason: Memory bandwidth is already saturated by 15 CPUs, see inset
- Inset: Speedup on 1 SMP node using different number of threads

Source: R. Rabenseifner, G. Wellein:
Communication and Optimization Aspects of Parallel Programming Models on Hybrid Architectures.
International Journal of High Performance Computing Applications, Vol. 17, No. 1, 2003, Sage Science Press .

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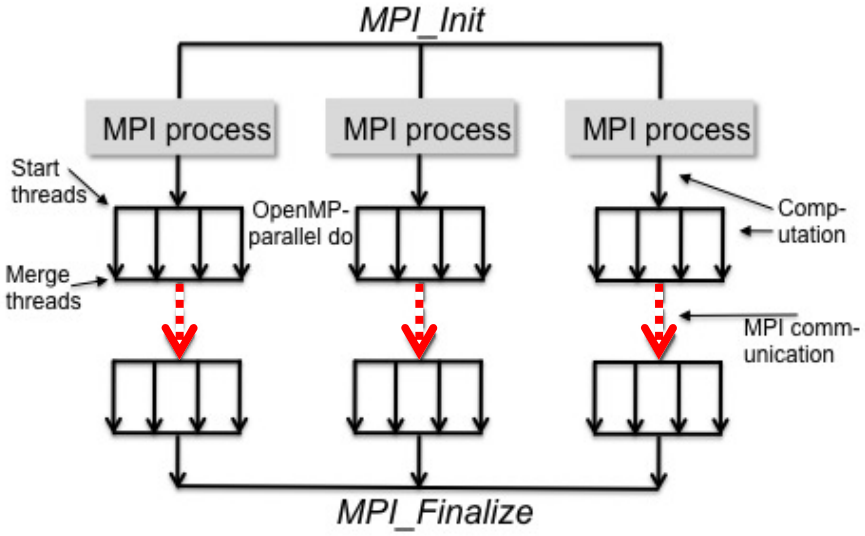
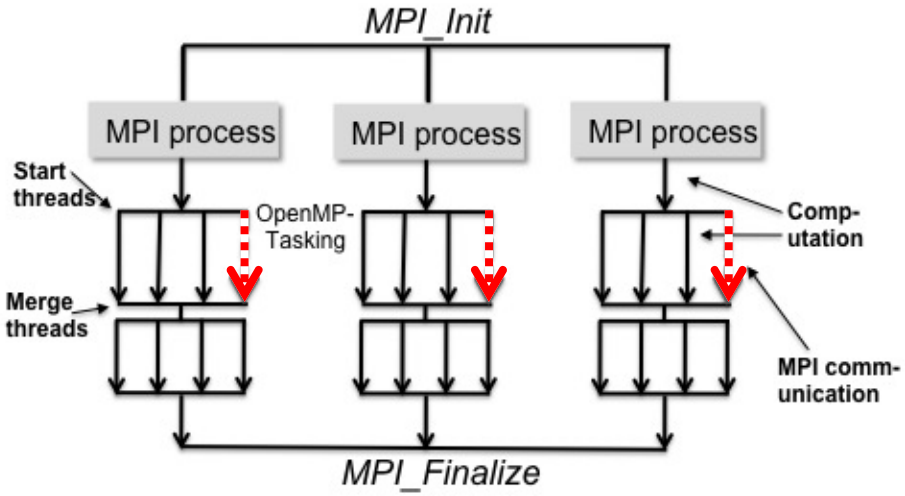
Overlapping: Using OpenMP tasks





NEW OpenMP Tasking Model gives a new way to achieve more parallelism form hybrid computation.

Alice Koniges et al.:
Application Acceleration on Current and Future Cray Platforms.
Proceedings, CUG 2010, Edinburgh, GB, May 24-27, 2010.

Slides, courtesy of Alice Koniges, NERSC, LBNL

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Case study: Communication and Computation in Gyrokinetic Tokamak Simulation (GTS) shift routine

```
do iterations=1,N
!compute particles to be shifted
  !$omp parallel do
  shift_p=particles_to_shift(p_array);

!communicate amount of shifted
! particles and return if equal to 0
  shift_p=x+y
  MPI_ALLREDUCE(shift_p,sum_shift_p),
  if(sum_shift_p==0) { return; }

!pack particle to move right and left
  !$omp parallel do
  do m=1,x
    sendright(m)=p_array(f(m));
  enddo
  !$omp parallel do
  do n=1,y
    sendleft(n)=p_array(f(n));
  enddo
```

INDEPENDENT

```
!reorder remaining particles: fill holes
  fill_hole(p_array);

!send number of particles to move right
  MPI_SENDRECV(x,length=2,..);
!send to right and receive from left
  MPI_SENDRECV(sendright,length=g(x),..);
!send number of particles to move left
  MPI_SENDRECV(y,length=2,..);
!send to left and receive from right
  MPI_SENDRECV(sendleft,length=g(y),..);

!adding shifted particles from right
  !$omp parallel do
  do m=1,x
    p_array(h(m))=sendright(m);
  enddo
!adding shifted particles from left
  !$omp parallel do
  do n=1,y
    p_array(h(n))=sendleft(n);
  enddo
}
```

INDEPENDENT

SEMI-INDEPENDENT

GTS shift routine

Work on particle array (packing for sending, reordering, adding after sending) can be overlapped with **data independent** MPI communication using **OpenMP tasks.**

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Overlapping can be achieved with OpenMP tasks (1st part)

```
integer stride=1000
!$omp parallel
!$omp master
!pack particle to move right
  do m=1,x-stride,stride
    !$omp task
    do mm=0,stride-1,1
      sendright(m+mm)=p_array(f(m+mm));
    enddo
    !$omp end task
  enddo
  !$omp task
  do m=m,x
    sendright(m)=p_array(f(m));
  enddo
  !$omp end task
```

```
!pack particle to move left
  do n=1,y-stride,stride
    !$omp task
    do nn=0,stride-1,1
      sendleft(n+nn)=p_array(f(n+nn));
    enddo
    !$omp end task
  enddo
  !$omp task
  do n=n,y
    sendleft(n)=p_array(f(n));
  enddo
  !$omp end task
  MPI_ALLREDUCE(shift_p,sum_shift_p);
!$omp end master
!$omp end parallel
if(sum_shift_p==0) { return; }
```

Overlapping MPI_Allreduce with particle work

- **Overlap**: Master thread encounters (!$omp master) tasking statements and creates work for the thread team for deferred execution. MPI Allreduce call is immediately executed.
- MPI implementation has to support at least MPI_THREAD_FUNNELED
- Subdividing tasks into smaller chunks to allow better *load balancing* and *scalability* among threads.

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Overlapping can be achieved with OpenMP tasks (2nd part)

```
!$omp parallel
!$omp master
  !$omp task
  fill_hole(p_array);
  !$omp end task

  MPI_SENDRECV(x,length=2,..);
  MPI_SENDRECV(sendright,length=g(x),..);
  MPI_SENDRECV(y,length=2,..);
!$omp end master
!$omp end parallel
}
```

Overlapping particle reordering

```
!$omp parallel
!$omp master
!adding shifted particles from right
    do m=1,x-stride,stride
      !$omp task
      do mm=0,stride-1,1
        p_array(h(m))=sendright(m);
      enddo
      !$omp end task
  enddo
  !$omp task
  do m=m,x
    p_array(h(m))=sendright(m);
  enddo
  !$omp end task

  MPI_SENDRECV(sendleft,length=g(y),..);
!$omp end master
!$omp end parallel

!adding shifted particles from left
!$omp parallel do
do n=1,y
  p_array(h(n))=sendleft(n);
enddo
```

Overlapping remaining MPI_Sendrecv

Particle reordering of remaining particles (above) and adding sent particles into array (right) & sending or receiving of shifted particles can be independently executed.

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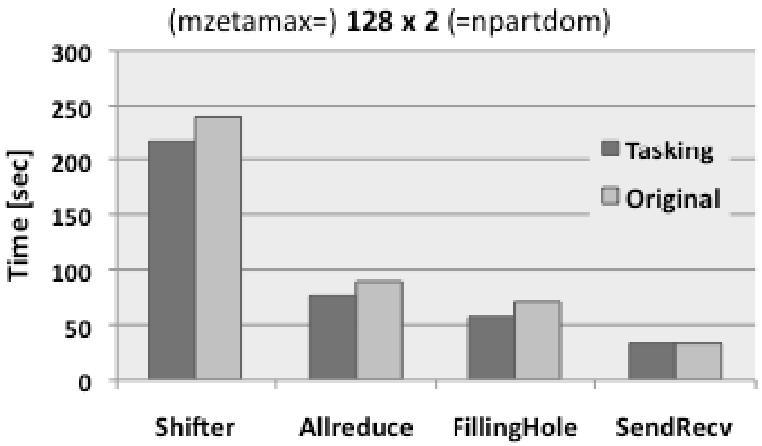
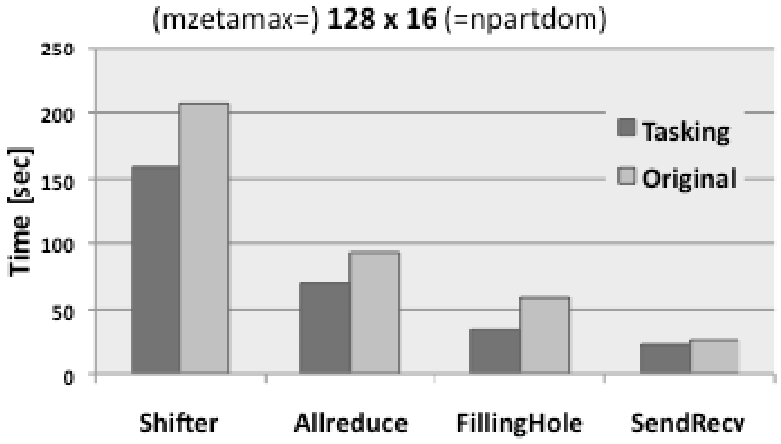
OpenMP tasking version outperforms original shifter, especially in larger poloidal domains

256 size run



2048 size run



- Performance breakdown of GTS shifter routine using 4 OpenMP threads per MPI process with varying domain decomposition and particles per cell on Franklin Cray XT4.
- MPI communication in the shift phase uses a **toroidal MPI communicator** (constantly 128).
- Large performance differences in the 256 MPI run compared to 2048 MPI run!
- Speed-Up is expected to be higher on larger GTS runs with hundreds of thousands CPUs since MPI communication is more expensive.

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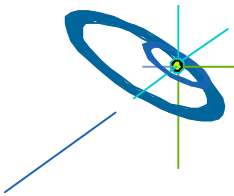
OpenMP/DSM

- Distributed shared memory (DSM) //
- Distributed virtual shared memory (DVSM) //
- Shared virtual memory (SVM)

- Principles
  - emulates a shared memory
  - on distributed memory hardware

- Implementations
  - e.g., Intel® Cluster OpenMP



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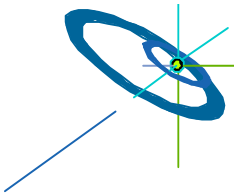
Intel® Compilers with Cluster OpenMP – Consistency Protocol

Basic idea:

- Between OpenMP barriers, data exchange is not necessary, i.e., visibility of data modifications to other threads only after synchronization.
- When a page of sharable memory is not up-to-date, it becomes ***protected.***
- Any access then faults (SIGSEGV) into Cluster OpenMP runtime library, which requests info from remote nodes and updates the page.
- Protection is removed from page.
- Instruction causing the fault is re-started, this time successfully accessing the data.



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Comparison: MPI based parallelization ←→ DSM

- MPI based:
  - Potential of boundary exchange between two domains in one large message
    - → Dominated by **bandwidth** of the network
- DSM based (e.g. Intel® Cluster OpenMP):
  - Additional latency based overhead in each barrier
    - → May be marginal
  - Communication of **updated data of pages**
    - → Not all of this data may be needed
    - → i.e., too much data is transferred
    - → Packages may be to small
    - → Significant latency
  - Communication not oriented on boundaries of a domain decomposition
    - → probably more data must be transferred than necessary

by rule of thumb:

Communication may be 10 times slower than with MPI

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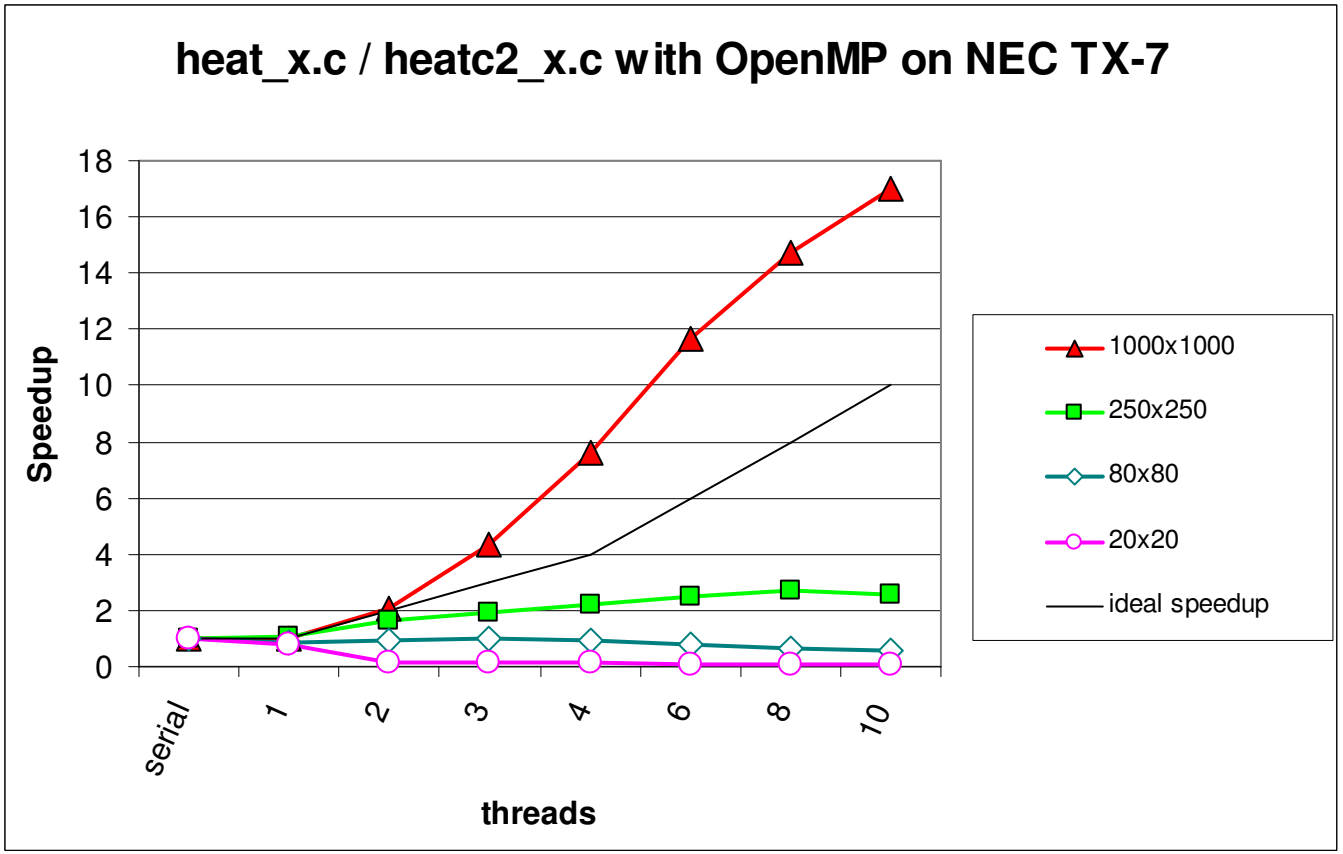
Comparing results with heat example

- Normal OpenMP on shared memory (ccNUMA) NEC TX-7



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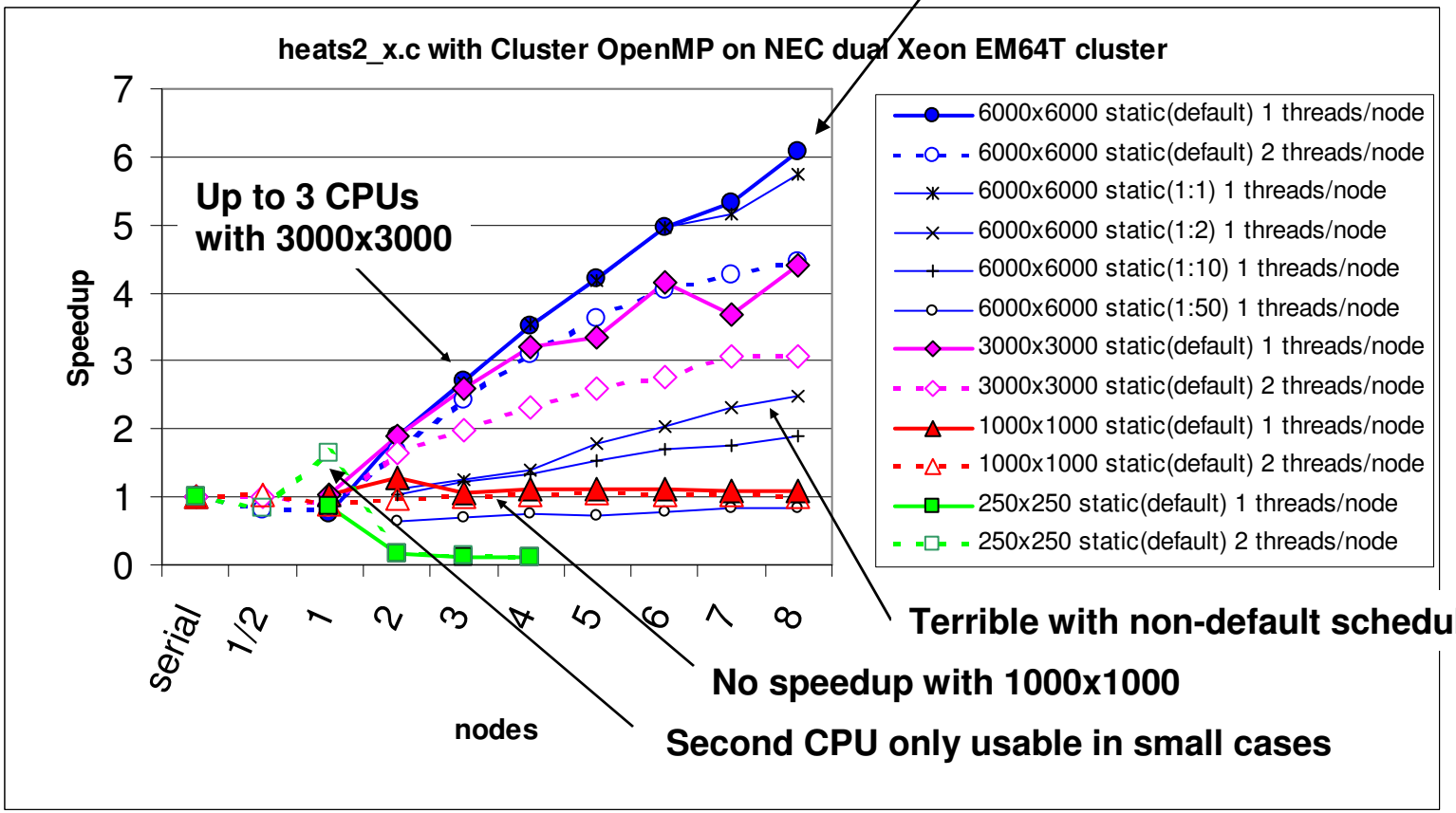
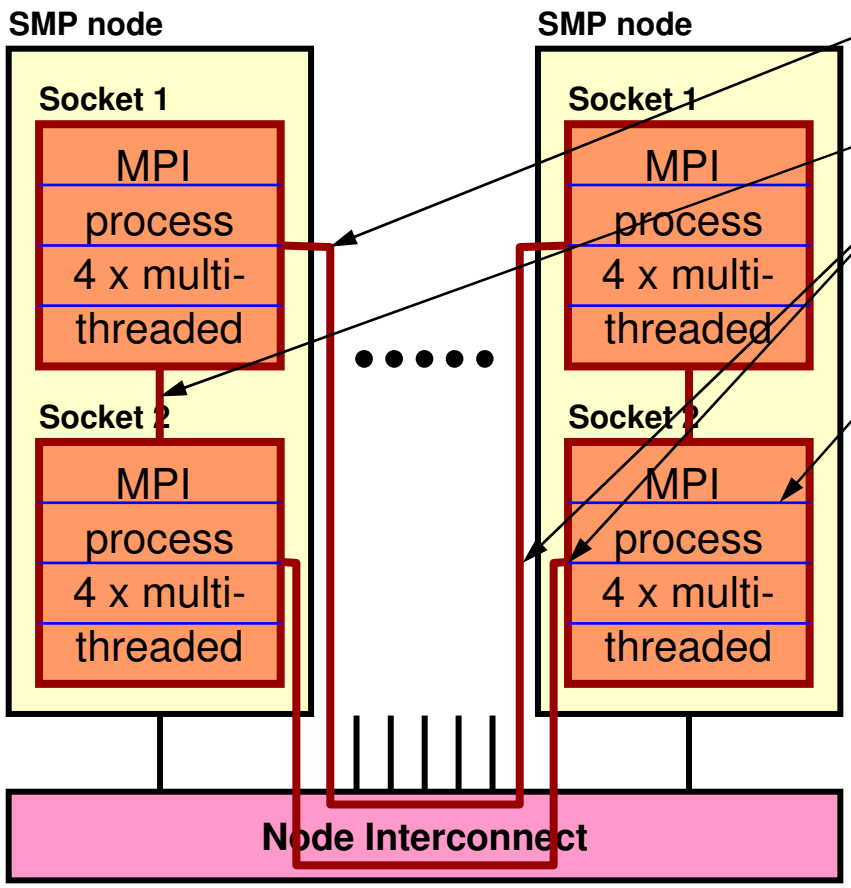
Heat example: Cluster OpenMP Efficiency

- Cluster OpenMP on a Dual-Xeon cluster



Back to the mixed model – an Example



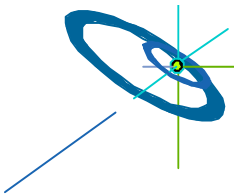
- Topology-problem solved:
  Only horizontal inter-node comm.
- Still intra-node communication
- Several threads per SMP node are communicating in parallel:
  → network saturation is possible
- Additional OpenMP overhead
- With Masteronly style:
  75% of the threads sleep while master thread communicates
- With Overlapping Comm.& Comp.:
  Master thread should be reserved for communication only partially – otherwise too expensive
- MPI library must support
  - Multiple threads
  - Two fabrics (shmem + internode)

No silver bullet

- The analyzed programming models do **not** fit on hybrid architectures
  - whether drawbacks are minor or major
    - **depends on applications' needs**
  - But there are major opportunities → next section

- In the NPB-MZ case-studies
  - We tried to use optimal parallel environment
    - **for pure MPI**
    - **for hybrid MPI+OpenMP**
  - i.e., the developers of the MZ codes and we tried to minimize the mismatch problems

→ the opportunities in next section dominated the comparisons



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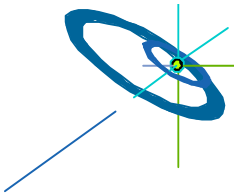
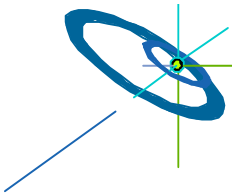


Nested Parallelism

- Example NPB: BT-MZ (Block tridiagonal simulated CFD application)
  - Outer loop:
    - **limited number of zones → limited parallelism**
    - **zones with different workload → speedup < $\frac{\text{Sum of workload of all zones}}{\text{Max workload of a zone}}$**
  - Inner loop:
    - **OpenMP parallelized (static schedule)**
    - **Not suitable for distributed memory parallelization**

- Principles:
  - Limited parallelism on outer level
  - Additional inner level of parallelism
  - Inner level not suitable for MPI
  - Inner level may be suitable for static OpenMP worksharing



Load-Balancing (on same or different level of parallelism)

- OpenMP enables
  - Cheap ***dynamic*** and ***guided*** load-balancing
  - Just a parallelization option (clause on omp for / do directive)
  - Without additional software effort
  - Without explicit data movement

```
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(dynamic)
for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
  /* poorly balanced iterations */ …
}
```

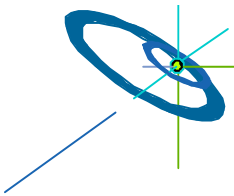
- On MPI level
  - **Dynamic load balancing** requires moving of parts of the data structure through the network
  - Significant runtime overhead
  - Complicated software / therefore not implemented

- **MPI & OpenMP**
  - Simple static load-balancing on MPI level, dynamic or guided on OpenMP level } **medium quality cheap implementation**

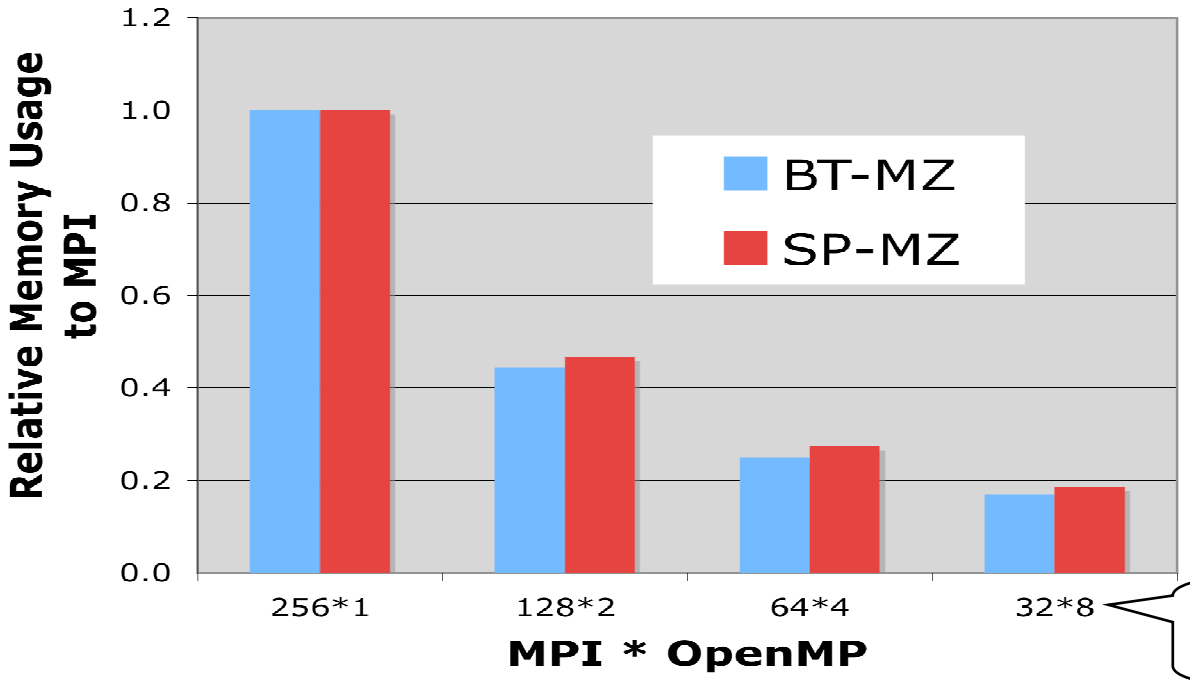
Memory consumption

- Shared nothing
  - Heroic theory
  - In practice: Some data is duplicated

- **MPI & OpenMP**
  With n threads per MPI process:
  - Duplicated data may be reduced by factor n



Case study: MPI+OpenMP memory usage of NPB



Always same number of cores

Using more OpenMP threads could reduce the memory usage **substantially**, up to **five** times on Hopper Cray XT5 (eight-core nodes).

Hongzhang Shan, Haoqiang Jin, Karl Fuerlinger, Alice Koniges, Nicholas J. Wright: Analyzing the Effect of Different Programming Models Upon Performance and Memory Usage on Cray XT5 Platorms. Proceedings, CUG 2010, Edinburgh, GB, May 24-27, 2010.

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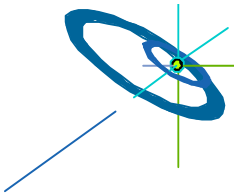
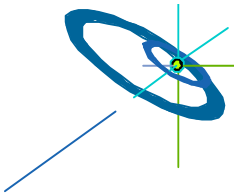
Memory consumption (continued)

- Future:
  With 100+ cores per chip the memory per core is limited.
  - Data reduction through usage of shared memory may be a key issue
  - Domain decomposition on each hardware level
    - **Maximizes**
      - Data locality
      - Cache reuse
    - **Minimizes**
      - ccNUMA accesses
      - Message passing
  - No halos between domains inside of SMP node
    - **Minimizes**
      - Memory consumption



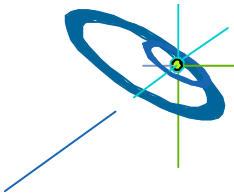
How many threads per MPI process?

- SMP node = with **m sockets** and **n cores/socket**
- How many threads (i.e., cores) per MPI process?
  - Too many threads per MPI process
    → overlapping of MPI and computation may be necessary,
    → some NICs unused?
  - Too few threads
    → too much memory consumption (see previous slides)
- Optimum
  - somewhere between 1 and m x n threads per MPI process,
  - Typically:
    - **Optimum = n, i.e., 1 MPI process per socket**
    - **Sometimes = n/2 i.e., 2 MPI processes per socket**
    - **Seldom = 2n, i.e., each MPI process on 2 sockets**



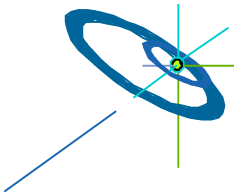
Opportunities, if MPI speedup is limited due to algorithmic problems

- Algorithmic opportunities due to larger physical domains inside of each MPI process
  - → If multigrid algorithm only inside of MPI processes
  - → If separate preconditioning inside of MPI nodes and between MPI nodes
  - → If MPI domain decomposition is based on physical zones



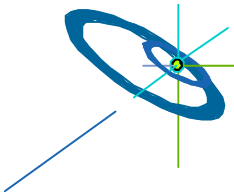
To overcome MPI scaling problems

- Reduced number of MPI messages, reduced aggregated message size } compared to pure MPI
- MPI has a few scaling problems
  - Handling of more than 10,000 MPI processes
  - Irregular Collectives: MPI_....v(), e.g. MPI_Gatherv()
    - **Scaling applications should not use MPI_....v() routines**
  - MPI-2.1 Graph topology (MPI_Graph_create)
    - **MPI-2.2 MPI_Dist_graph_create_adjacent**
  - Creation of sub-communicators with MPI_Comm_create
    - **MPI-2.2 introduces a new scaling meaning of MPI_Comm_create**
  - … see P. Balaji, et al.: **MPI on a Million Processors.** Proceedings EuroPVM/MPI 2009.
- Hybrid programming reduces all these problems (due to a smaller number of processes)



Summary: Opportunities of hybrid parallelization (MPI & OpenMP)

- Nested Parallelism
  → Outer loop with MPI / inner loop with OpenMP
- Load-Balancing
  → Using OpenMP ***dynamic*** and ***guided*** worksharing
- Memory consumption
  → Significantly reduction of replicated data on MPI level
- Opportunities, if MPI speedup is limited due to algorithmic problem
  → Significantly reduced number of MPI processes
- Reduced MPI scaling problems
  → Significantly reduced number of MPI processes



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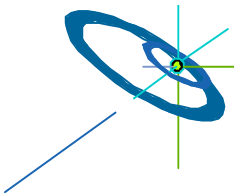


MPI rules with OpenMP / Automatic SMP-parallelization

- Special MPI-2 Init for multi-threaded MPI processes:

```
int MPI_Init_thread(   int * argc, char ** argv[],
                       int thread_level_required,
                       int * thead_level_provided);
int MPI_Query_thread(  int * thread_level_provided);
int MPI_Is_main_thread(int * flag);
```

- REQUIRED values (increasing order):
  - **MPI_THREAD_SINGLE:** **Only one thread will execute**
  - **THREAD_MASTERONLY:** **MPI processes may be multi-threaded,**
    (virtual value, **but only master thread will make MPI-calls**
    not part of the standard) **AND only while other threads are sleeping**
  - **MPI_THREAD_FUNNELED:** **Only master thread will make MPI-calls**
  - **MPI_THREAD_SERIALIZED:** **Multiple threads may make MPI-calls, but only one at a time**
  - **MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE:** **Multiple threads may call MPI, with no restrictions**
- returned `provided` may be less than REQUIRED by the application

Calling MPI inside of OMP MASTER

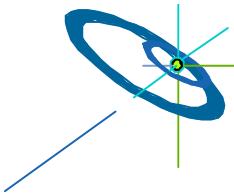
- Inside of a parallel region, with "**OMP MASTER**"
- Requires MPI_THREAD_FUNNELED,
  i.e., only master thread will make MPI-calls
- **Caution:** There isn't any synchronization with "OMP MASTER"!
  Therefore, "**OMP BARRIER**" normally necessary to guarantee, that data or buffer space from/for other threads is available before/after the MPI call!

```
!$OMP BARRIER
!$OMP MASTER
        call MPI_Xxx(...)
!$OMP END MASTER
!$OMP BARRIER
```

```
#pragma omp barrier
#pragma omp master
        MPI_Xxx(...);

#pragma omp barrier
```

- But this implies that all other threads are sleeping!
- The additional barrier implies also the necessary cache flush!



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… the barrier is necessary – example with MPI_Recv

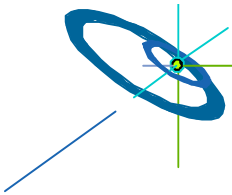
```
!$OMP PARALLEL
!$OMP DO
        do i=1,1000
           a(i) = buf(i)
        end do
!$OMP END DO NOWAIT
!$OMP BARRIER
!$OMP MASTER
        call MPI_RECV(buf,...)
!$OMP END MASTER
!$OMP BARRIER
!$OMP DO
        do i=1,1000
           c(i) = buf(i)
        end do
!$OMP END DO NOWAIT
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp for nowait
      for (i=0; i<1000; i++)
           a[i] = buf[i];

#pragma omp barrier
#pragma omp master
           MPI_Recv(buf,...);
#pragma omp barrier

#pragma omp for nowait
      for (i=0; i<1000; i++)
           c[i] = buf[i];

}
/* omp end parallel */
```



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Thread support in MPI libraries

- The following MPI libraries offer thread support:

Implementation	Thread support level
MPIch-1.2.7p1	Always announces `MPI_THREAD_FUNNELED`.
MPIch2-1.0.8	ch3:sock supports `MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE`
	ch:nemesis has “Initial Thread-support”
MPIch2-1.1.0a2	ch3:nemesis (default) has `MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE`
Intel MPI 3.1	Full `MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE`
SciCortex MPI	`MPI_THREAD_FUNNELED`
HP MPI-2.2.7	Full `MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE (with libmtmpi)`
SGI MPT-1.14	Not thread-safe?
IBM MPI	Full `MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE`
Nec MPI/SX	`MPI_THREAD_SERIALIZED`

- Testsuites for thread-safety may still discover bugs in the MPI libraries

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Thread support within Open MPI

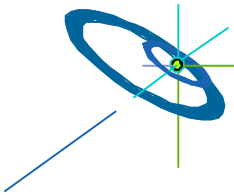
- In order to enable thread support in Open MPI, configure with:

```
configure --enable-mpi-threads
```

- This turns on:
  - Support for full `MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE`
  - internal checks when run with threads (`--enable-debug`)

```
configure --enable-mpi-threads --enable-progress-threads
```

- This (additionally) turns on:
  - Progress threads to asynchronously transfer/receive data per network BTL.
- Additional Feature:
  - Compiling **with** debugging support, but **without** threads will check for recursive locking



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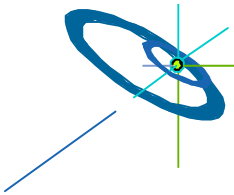

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Thread Correctness – Intel ThreadChecker 1/3

- Intel ThreadChecker operates in a similar fashion to `helgrind`,
- Compile with `-tcheck`, then run program using `tcheck_cl`:

```
Application finished

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|  |        |     | |      |"pthread_race.c":31 (output       |       |       |
|  |        |     | |      |dependence)                       |       |       |
```

- Caution: Intel Inspector XE 2011 is a GUI based tool → not suitable for hybrid code execution (?)

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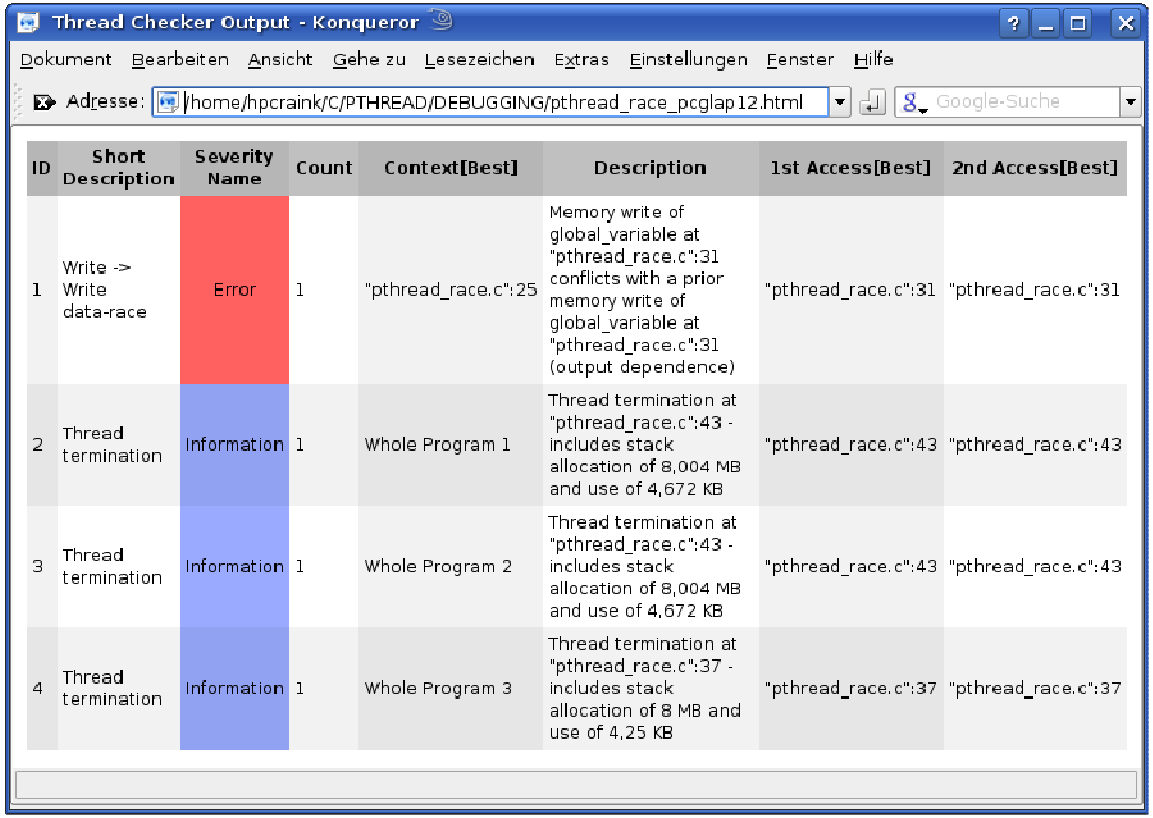
Thread Correctness – Intel ThreadChecker 2/3

- One may output to HTML:

```
tcheck_cl --format HTML --report pthread_race.html pthread_race
```



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1	Write -> Write data-race	Error	1	"pthread_race.c":25	Memory write of global_variable at "pthread_race.c":31 conflicts with a prior memory write of global_variable at "pthread_race.c":31 (output dependence)	"pthread_race.c":31	"pthread_race.c":31
2	Thread termination	Information	1	Whole Program 1	Thread termination at "pthread_race.c":43 - includes stack allocation of 8,004 MB and use of 4,672 KB	"pthread_race.c":43	"pthread_race.c":43
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4	Thread termination	Information	1	Whole Program 3	Thread termination at "pthread_race.c":37 - includes stack allocation of 8 MB and use of 4,25 KB	"pthread_race.c":37	"pthread_race.c":37

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Thread Correctness – Intel ThreadChecker 3/3

- If one wants to compile with threaded Open MPI (option for IB):

```
configure --enable-mpi-threads
          --enable-debug
          --enable-mca-no-build=memory-ptmalloc2
      CC=icc F77=ifort FC=ifort
      CFLAGS='-debug all -inline-debug-info tcheck'
      CXXFLAGS='-debug all -inline-debug-info tcheck'
      FFLAGS='-debug all -tcheck'    LDFLAGS='tcheck'
```

- Then run with:

```
mpirun --mca tcp,sm,self -np 2 tcheck_cl                  \
    --reinstrument -u full --format html                  \
    --cache_dir '/tmp/my_username_$$__tc_cl_cache'        \
    --report 'tc_mpi_test_suite_$$'                       \
    --options 'file=tc_my_executable_%H_%I,               \
               pad=128, delay=2, stall=2'          --     \
./my_executable my_arg1 my_arg2 …
```


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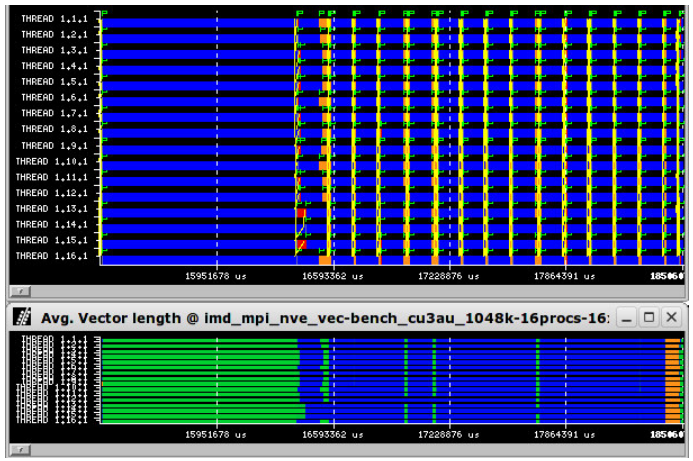
Performance Tools Support for Hybrid Code

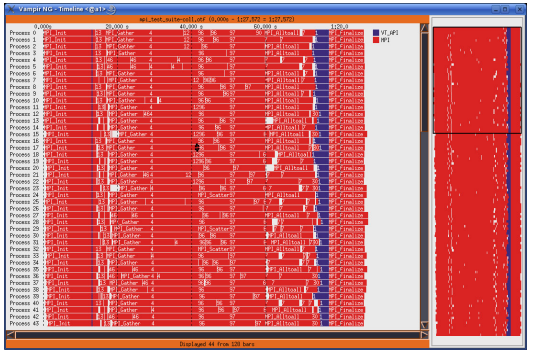
- Paraver examples have already been shown, tracing is done with linking against (closed-source) `omptrace` or `ompitrace`



- For Vampir/Vampirtrace performance analysis:

```
./configure -enable-omp
  -enable-hyb
  -with-mpi-dir=/opt/OpenMPI/1.3-icc
CC=icc F77=ifort FC=ifort
```

(Attention: does not wrap `MPI_Init_thread`!)



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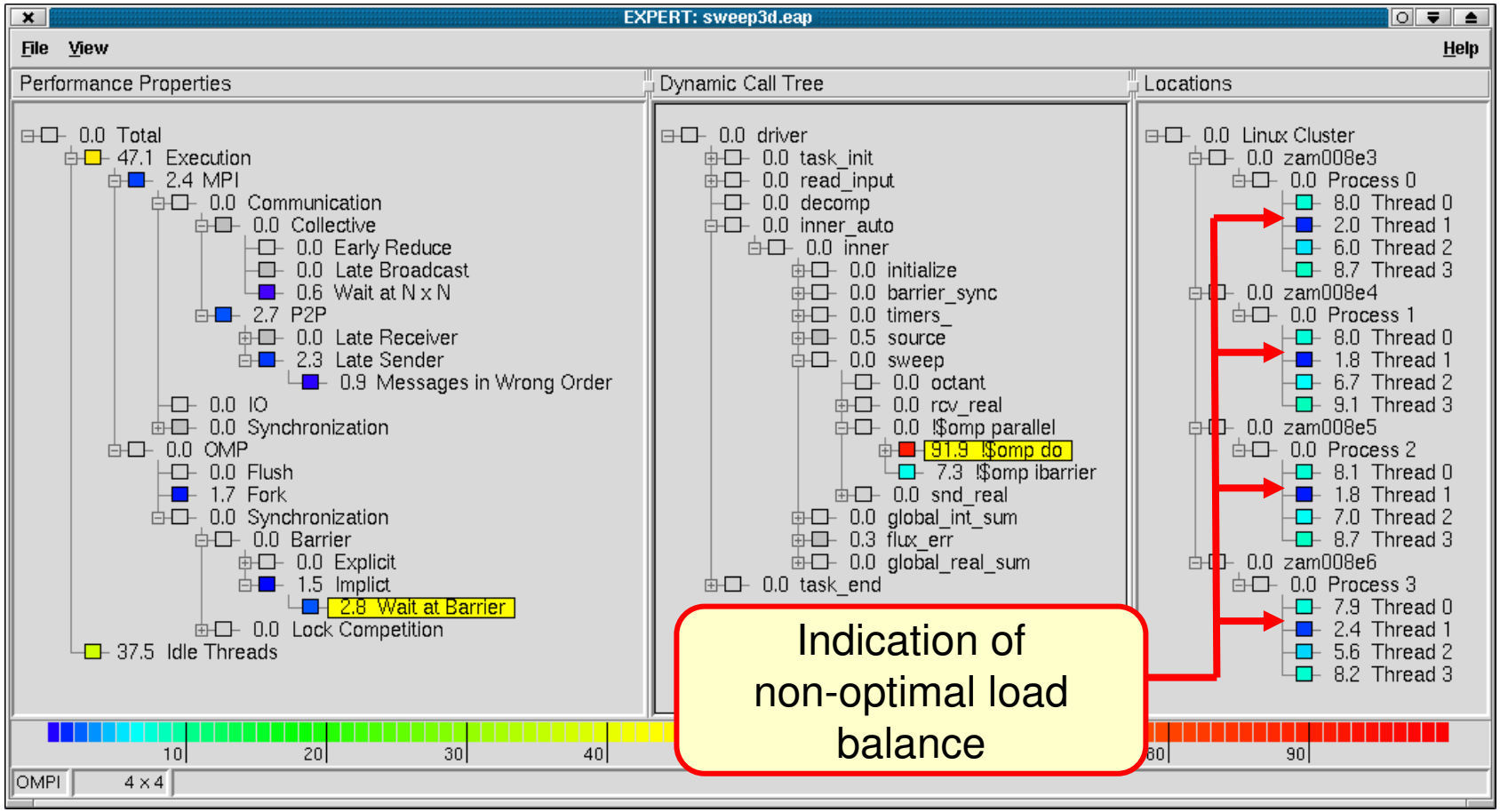

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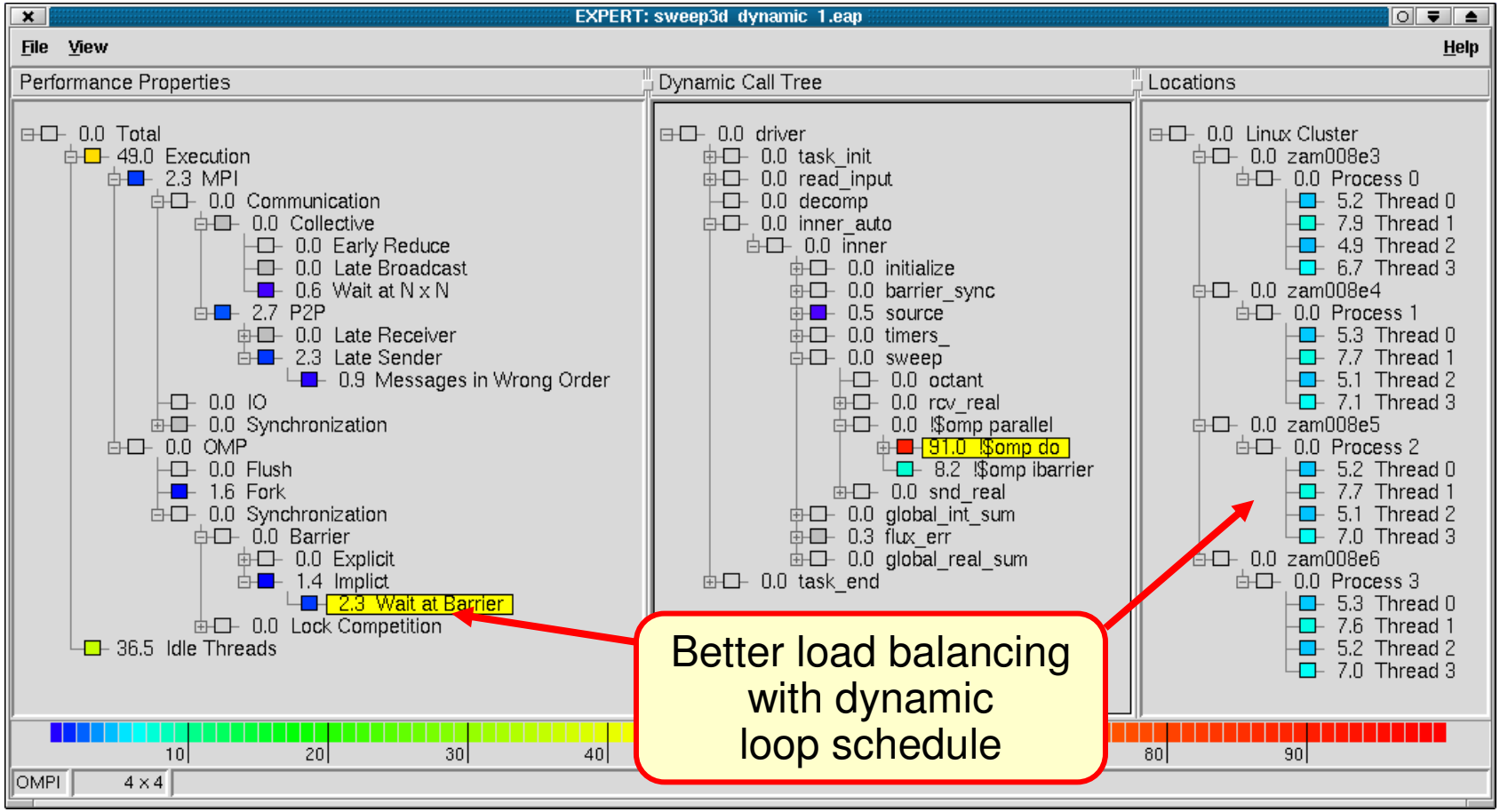

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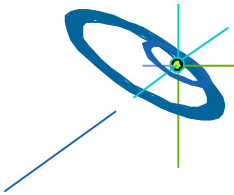
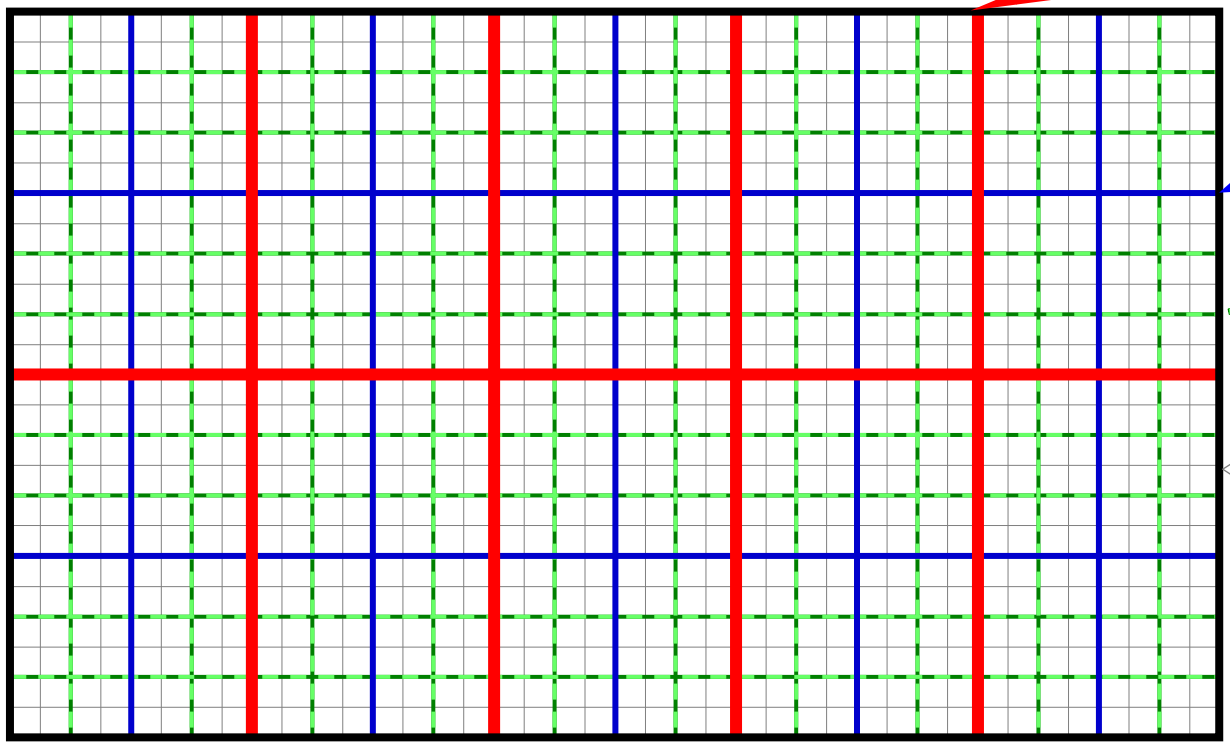


Pure MPI – multi-core aware

- **Hierarchical domain decomposition**
  (or distribution of Cartesian arrays)



Domain decomposition:
1 sub-domain / **SMP node**

Further partitioning:
1 sub-domain / **socket**

1 / **core**

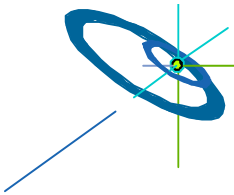
Cache optimization:
Blocking inside of each core,
block size relates to cache size.
1-3 cache levels.

Example on 10 nodes, each with 4 sockets, each with 6 cores.

How to achieve a hierarchical domain decomposition (DD)?

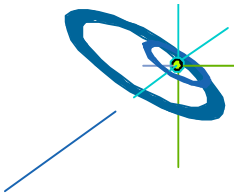
- **Cartesian grids:**
  - Several levels of subdivide
  - Ranking of MPI_COMM_WORLD – three choices:
    - **a) Sequential ranks through original data structure**
      + locating these ranks correctly on the hardware
      - ➢ can be achieved with one-level DD on finest grid
        + special startup (mpiexec) with optimized rank-mapping
    - **b) Sequential ranks in comm_cart (from MPI_CART_CREATE)**
      - ➢ requires optimized MPI_CART_CREATE,
        or special startup (mpiexec) with optimized rank-mapping
    - **c) Sequential ranks in MPI_COMM_WORLD**
      + additional communicator with sequential ranks in the data structure
      + self-written and optimized rank mapping.

- **Unstructured grids:**
  - → next slide



How to achieve a hierarchical domain decomposition (DD)?

- **Unstructured grids:**
  - Multi-level DD:
    - Top-down: Several levels of (Par)Metis →not recommended
    - Bottom-up: Low level DD + higher level recombination
  - Single-level DD (finest level)
    - Analysis of the communication pattern in a first run (with only a few iterations)
    - Optimized rank mapping to the hardware before production run
    - E.g., with CrayPAT + CrayApprentice



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Top-down – several levels of (Par)Metis

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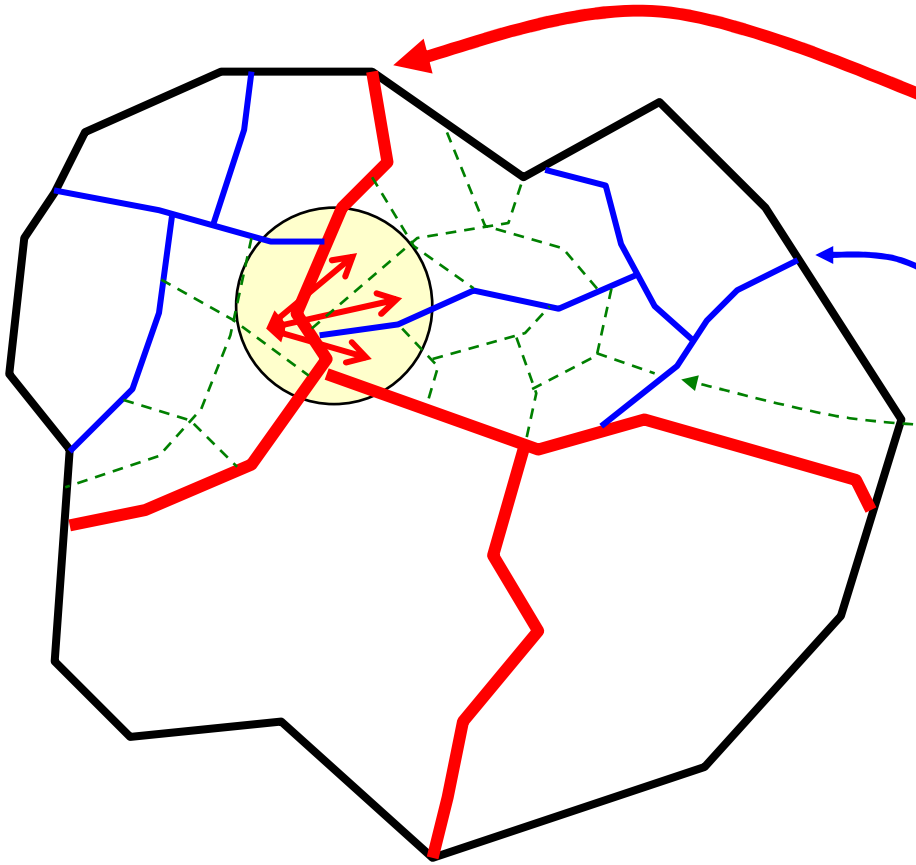


Steps:

- Load-balancing (e.g., with ParMetis) on outer level, i.e., between all SMP nodes
- Independent (Par)Metis inside of each node
- Metis inside of each socket

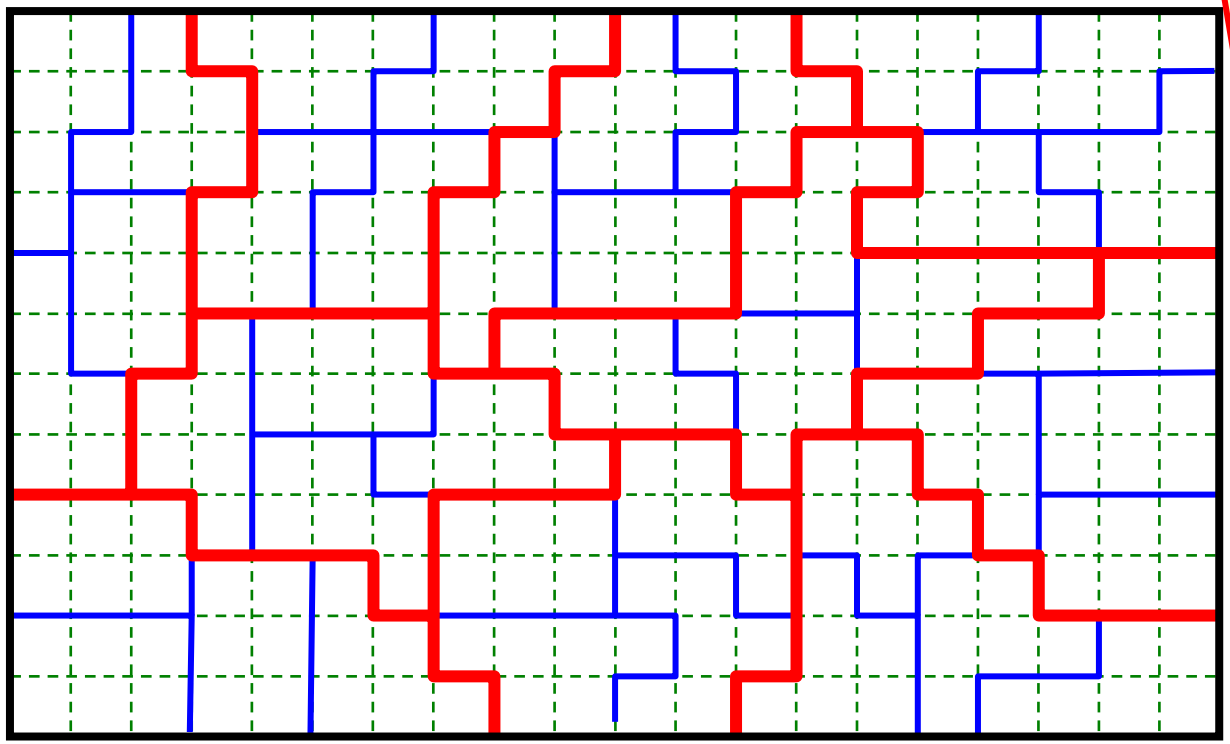
➢ Subdivide does not care on balancing of the outer boundary

➢ processes can get a lot of neighbors with inter-node communication

➢ unbalanced communication

Bottom-up – Multi-level DD through recombination

1. **Core-level DD:** partitioning of application's data grid
2. **Socket-level DD:** recombining of core-domains
3. **SMP node level DD:** recombining of socket-domains

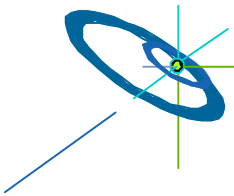


- **Problem:** Recombination must **not** calculate patches that are smaller or larger than the average
- In this example the load-balancer **must** combine always
  - 6 cores, and
  - 4 sockets
- **Advantage:** Communication is balanced!

Profiling solution

- First run with profiling
  - Analysis of the communication pattern
- Optimization step
  - Calculation of an optimal mapping of ranks in MPI_COMM_WORLD to the hardware grid (physical cores / sockets / SMP nodes)
- Restart of the application with this optimized locating of the ranks on the hardware grid

- Example: CrayPat and CrayApprentice



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Scalability of MPI to hundreds of thousands …

Weak scalability of pure MPI

- As long as the application does not use
  - MPI_ALLTOALL
  - MPI_<collectives>V (i.e., with length arrays)

  and application
  - distributes all data arrays

  one can expect:
  - Significant, but still scalable memory overhead for halo cells.
  - MPI library is internally scalable:
    - **E.g., mapping ranks → hardware grid**
      - Centralized storing in shared memory (OS level)
      - In each MPI process, only used neighbor ranks are stored (cached) in process-local memory.
    - **Tree based algorithm wiith O(log N)**
      - From 1000 to 1000,000 process O(Log N) only doubles!

The vendors will (or must) deliver scalable MPI libraries for their largest systems!

Remarks on Cache Optimization

- **After** all parallelization domain decompositions (DD, up to 3 levels) are done:
- Additional DD into data blocks
  - that fit to 2nd or 3rd level cache.
  - It is done inside of each MPI process (on each core).
  - Outer loops over these blocks
  - Inner loops inside of a block
  - Cartesian example: 3-dim loop is split into

```
do i_block=1,ni,stride_i
   do j_block=1,nj,stride_j
      do k_block=1,nk,stride_k
         do i=i_block,min(i_block+stride_i-1, ni)
            do j=j_block,min(j_block+stride_j-1, nj)
               do k=k_block,min(k_block+stride_k-1, nk)
                  a(i,j,k) = f( b(i±0,1,2, j±0,1,2, k±0,1,2) )
         … … … end do
end do
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Access to 13-point stencil

Remarks on Cost-Benefit Calculation

Costs

- for optimization effort
  - e.g., additional OpenMP parallelization
  - e.g., 3 person month x 5,000 € = 15,000 € (full costs)

Benefit

- from reduced CPU utilization
  - e.g., Example 1:
    100,000 € hardware costs of the cluster
    x 20% used by this application over whole lifetime of the cluster
    x 7% performance win through the optimization
    = 1,400 € → **total loss = 13,600 €**
  - e.g., Example 2:
    10 Mio € system x 5% used x 8% performance win
    = 40,000 € → **total win = 25,000 €**

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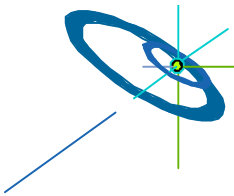
Remarks on MPI and PGAS (UPC & CAF)

- Parallelization always means
  - expressing locality.
- If the application has no locality,
  - Then the parallelization needs not to model locality

  → UPC with its round robin data distribution may fit
- If the application has locality,
  - then it must be expressed in the parallelization
- Coarray Fortran (CAF) expresses data locality explicitly through “co-dimension”:
  - A(17,15)[3]
    = element A(17,13) in the distributed array A in process with rank 3



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Remarks on MPI and PGAS (UPC & CAF)

- Future shrinking of memory per core implies
  - Communication time becomes a bottleneck
  - → Computation and communication must be overlapped, i.e., latency hiding is needed
- With PGAS, halos are not needed.
  - But it is hard for the compiler to access data such early that the transfer can be overlapped with enough computation.
- With MPI, typically too large message chunks are transferred.
  - This problem also complicates overlapping.
- Strided transfer is expected to be slower than contiguous transfers
  - Typical packing strategies do not work for PGAS on compiler level
  - Only with MPI, or with explicit application programming with PGAS

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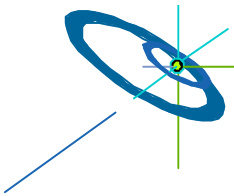
Remarks on MPI and PGAS (UPC & CAF)

- Point-to-point neighbor communication
  - PGAS or MPI nonblocking may fit
    if message size makes sense for overlapping.
- Collective communication
  - Library routines are best optimized
  - Non-blocking collectives (comes with MPI-3.0)
    versus calling MPI from additional communication thread
  - Only blocking collectives in PGAS library?



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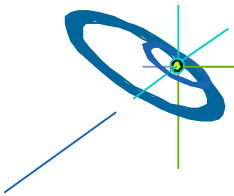
Remarks on MPI and PGAS (UPC & CAF)

- For extreme HPC (many nodes x many cores)
  - Most parallelization may still use MPI
  - Parts are optimized with PGAS, e.g., for better latency hiding
  - PGAS efficiency is less portable than MPI
  - #ifdef … PGAS
  - Requires mixed programming PGAS & MPI
    → will be addressed by MPI-3.0



Outline

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- Mismatch Problems
- Opportunities:
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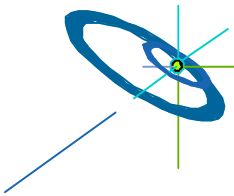
- Tools for debugging and profiling MPI+OpenMP
- Other options on clusters of SMP nodes
- **Summary**



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Summary –  the good news

MPI + OpenMP

- Significant opportunity → higher performance on smaller number of threads
- Seen with NPB-MZ examples
  - BT-MZ → strong improvement (as expected)
  - SP-MZ → small improvement (none was expected)
- Usable on higher number of cores
- Advantages
  - Load balancing
  - Memory consumption
  - Two levels of parallelism
    - **Outer → distributed memory → halo data transfer → MPI**
    - **Inner → shared memory → ease of SMP parallelization → OpenMP**
- You can do it → "How To"

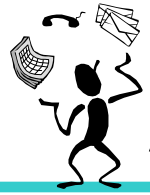
Summary – the bad news

MPI+OpenMP: There is a huge amount of pitfalls

- Pitfalls of MPI
- Pitfalls of OpenMP
  - On ccNUMA → e.g., first touch
  - Pinning of threads on cores
- Pitfalls through combination of MPI & OpenMP
  - E.g., topology and mapping problems
  - Many mismatch problems
- Tools are available ☺
  - It is not easier than analyzing pure MPI programs ☹
- Most hybrid programs → Masteronly style
- Overlapping communication and computation with several threads
  - Requires thread-safety quality of MPI library
  - Loss of OpenMP worksharing support → using OpenMP tasks as workaround

Summary – good and bad

- Optimization
  - 1 MPI process per core ..... mismatch problem ..... 1 MPI process per SMP node
    ^– somewhere between may be the optimum
- ☺ Efficiency of MPI+OpenMP is not for free:
  The efficiency strongly depends on
  ☹ the amount of work in the source code development

Summary –  Alternatives

Pure MPI

- \+ Ease of use
- – Topology and mapping problems may need to be solved
  (depends on loss of efficiency with these problems)
- – Number of cores may be more limited than with MPI+OpenMP
- \+ Good candidate for perfectly load-balanced applications

Pure OpenMP

- \+ Ease of use
- – Limited to problems with tiny communication footprint
- – source code modifications are necessary
  (Variables that are used with "*shared*" data scope must be allocated as "*sharable*")
- ± (Only) for the appropriate application a suitable tool

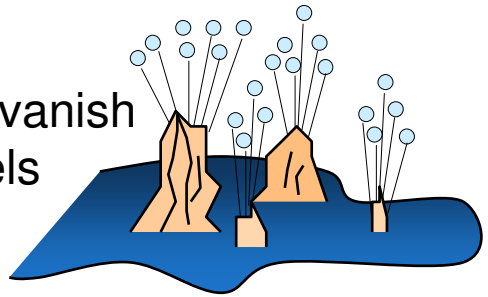
Summary

- This tutorial tried to
  - help to negotiate obstacles with hybrid parallelization,
  - give hints for the design of a hybrid parallelization,
  - and technical hints for the implementation → “How To”,
  - show tools if the application does not work as designed.

- This tutorial was not an introduction into other parallelization models:
  - Partitioned Global Address Space (PGAS) languages **(Unified Parallel C (UPC), Co-array Fortran (CAF), Chapel, Fortress, Titanium, and X10).**
  - High Performance Fortran (HPF)

  → Many rocks in the cluster-of-SMP-sea do not vanish into thin air by using new parallelization models

  → Area of interesting research in next years



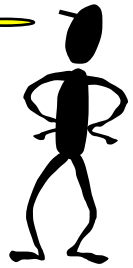
Conclusions

- Future hardware will be more complicated
  - Heterogeneous → GPU, FPGA, …
  - ccNUMA quality may be lost on cluster nodes
  - ….
- High-end programming → more complex
- Medium number of cores → more simple
  (if **#cores / SMP-node** will not shrink)
- MPI+OpenMP → work horse on large systems
- Pure MPI → still on smaller cluster
- OpenMP → on large ccNUMA nodes
  (**not ClusterOpenMP**)

Thank you for your interest

Q & A

Please fill in the feedback sheet – Thank you



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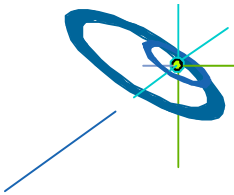

Abstract

Half-Day Tutorial (Level: 20% Introductory, 50% Intermediate, 30% Advanced)

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Abstract. Most HPC systems are clusters of shared memory nodes. Such systems can be PC clusters with single/multi-socket and multi-core SMP nodes, but also "constellation" type systems with large SMP nodes. Parallel programming may combine the distributed memory parallelization on the node inter-connect with the shared memory parallelization inside of each node.

This tutorial analyzes the strength and weakness of several parallel programming models on clusters of SMP nodes. Various hybrid MPI+OpenMP programming models are compared with pure MPI. Benchmark results of several platforms are presented. The thread-safety quality of several existing MPI libraries is also discussed. Case studies will be provided to demonstrate various aspects of hybrid MPI/OpenMP programming. Another option is the use of distributed virtual shared-memory technologies. Application categories that can take advantage of hybrid programming are identified. Multi-socket-multi-core systems in highly parallel environments are given special consideration.

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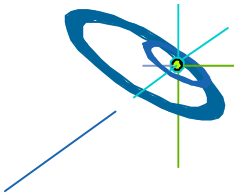

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