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# Resilience for Task-Based Parallel Codes

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## Moore's Law + Memory Wall + Power Wall

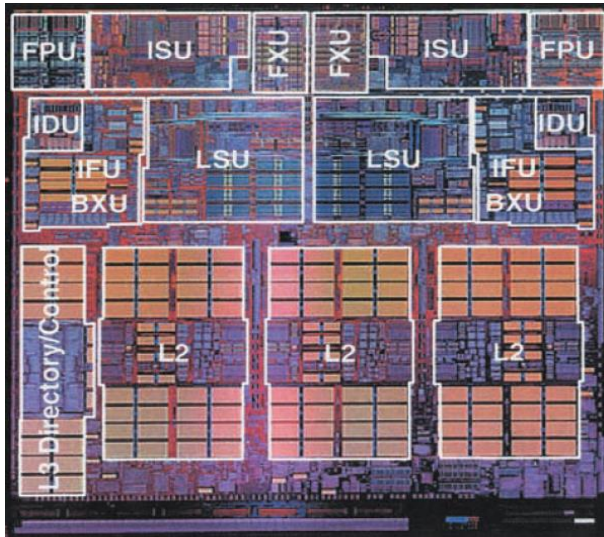
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# How are the Multicore architectures designed?

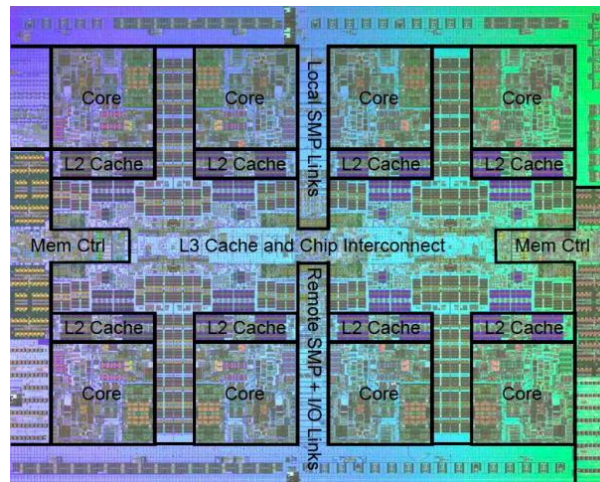
## IBM Power4 (2001)

- 2 cores, ST
- 0.7 MB/core L2, 16MB/core L3 (off-chip)
- 115W TDP
- 10GB/s mem BW



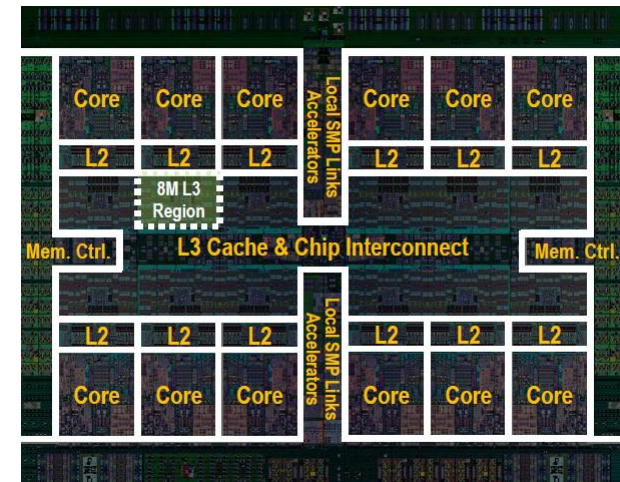
## IBM Power7 (2010)

- 8 cores, SMT4
- 256 KB/core L2, 16MB/core L3 (on-chip)
- 170W TDP
- 100GB/s mem BW



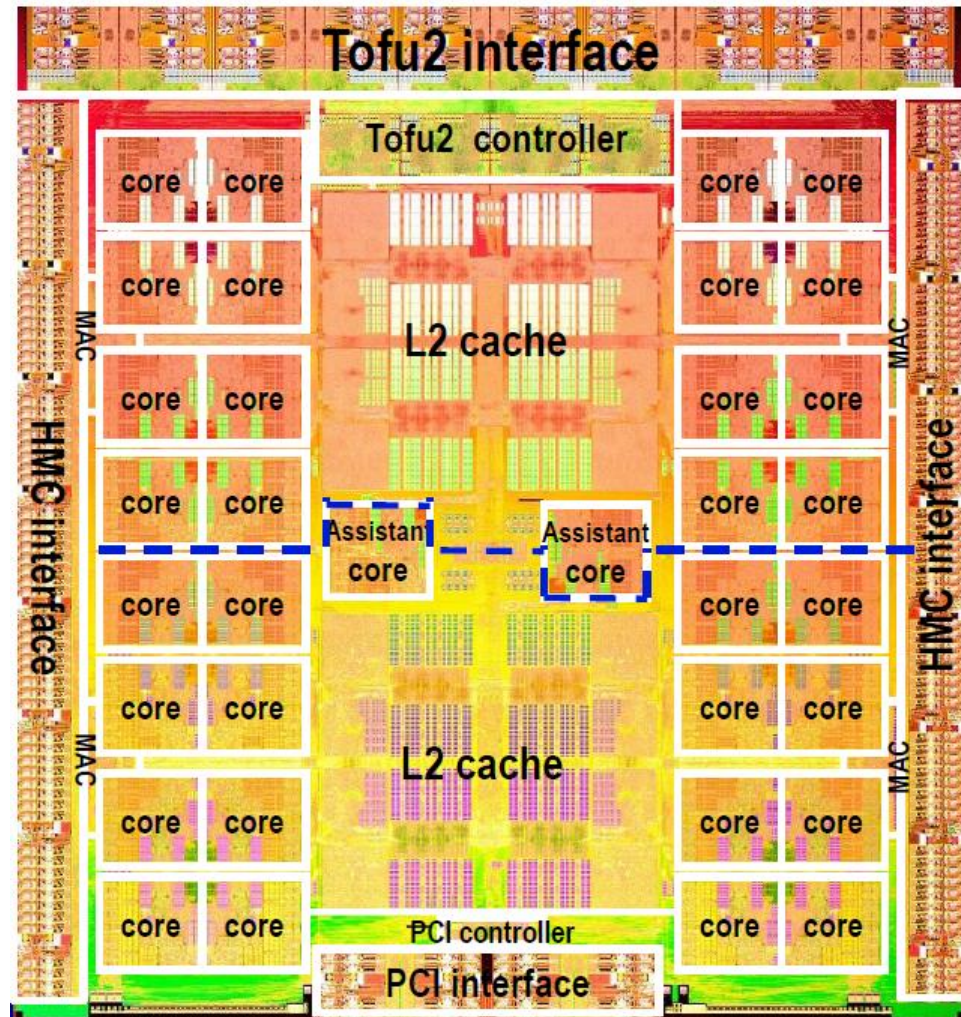
## IBM Power8 (2014)

- 12 cores, SMT8
- 512 KB/core L2, 8MB/core L3 (on-chip)
- 250W TDP
- 410GB/s mem BW



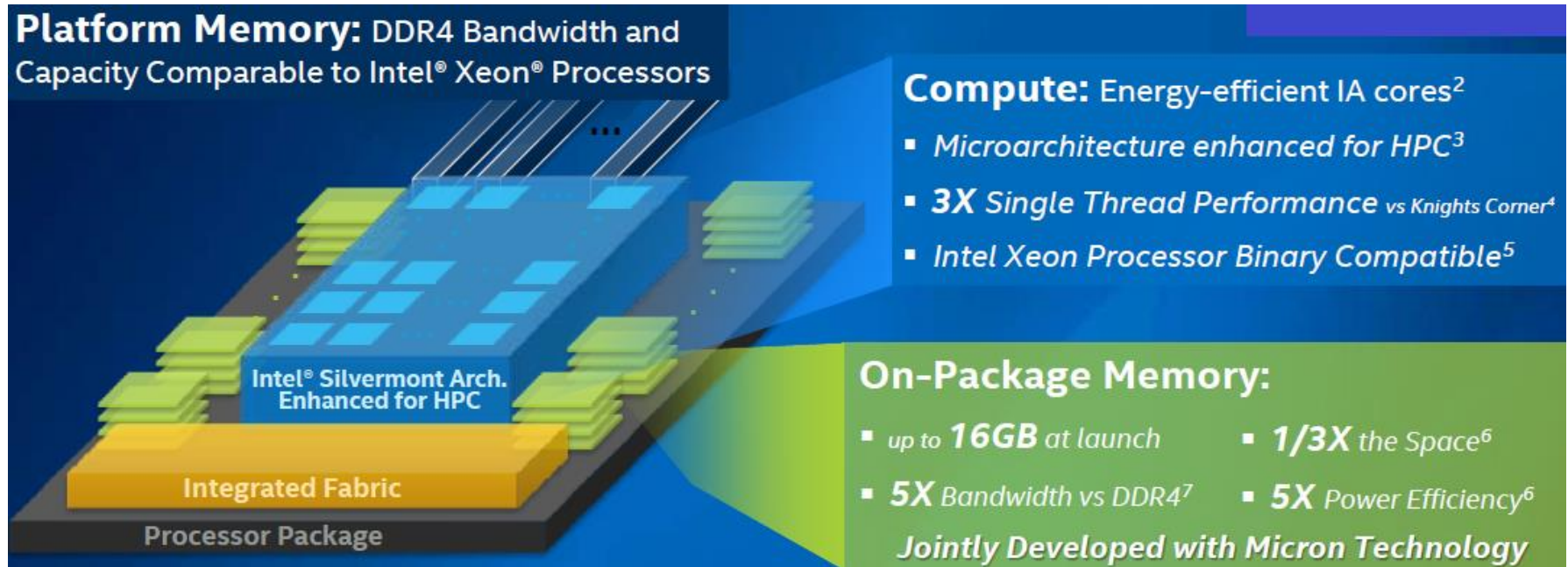
# Fujitsu SPARC64 Xifx (2014)

- 32 computing cores (single threaded) + 2 assistant cores
- 24MB L2 sector cache
- 256-bit wide SIMD
- 20nm, 3.75M transistors
- 2.2GHz frequency
- 1.1TFlops peak performance
- High BW interconnects
  - HMC (240GB/s x 2 in/out)
  - Tofu2 (125GB/s x 2 in/out)





# Intel Knights Landing (2016)

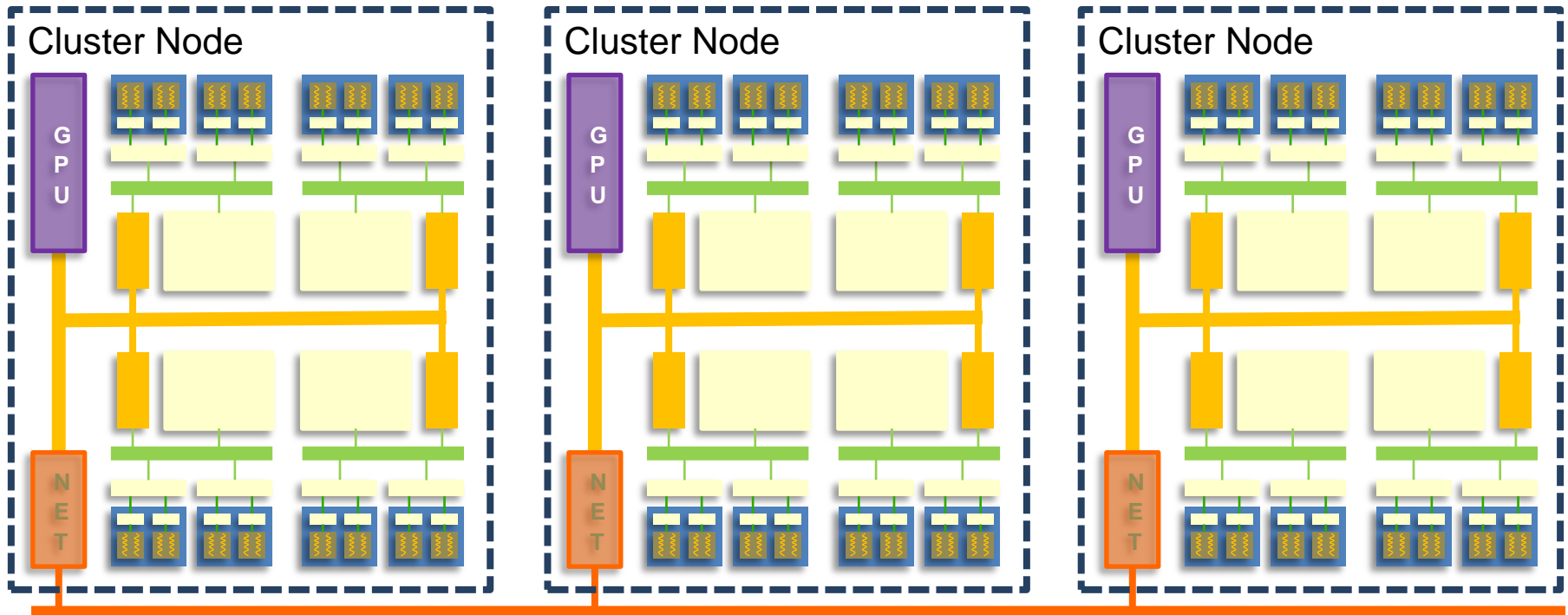


From Intel Corporation

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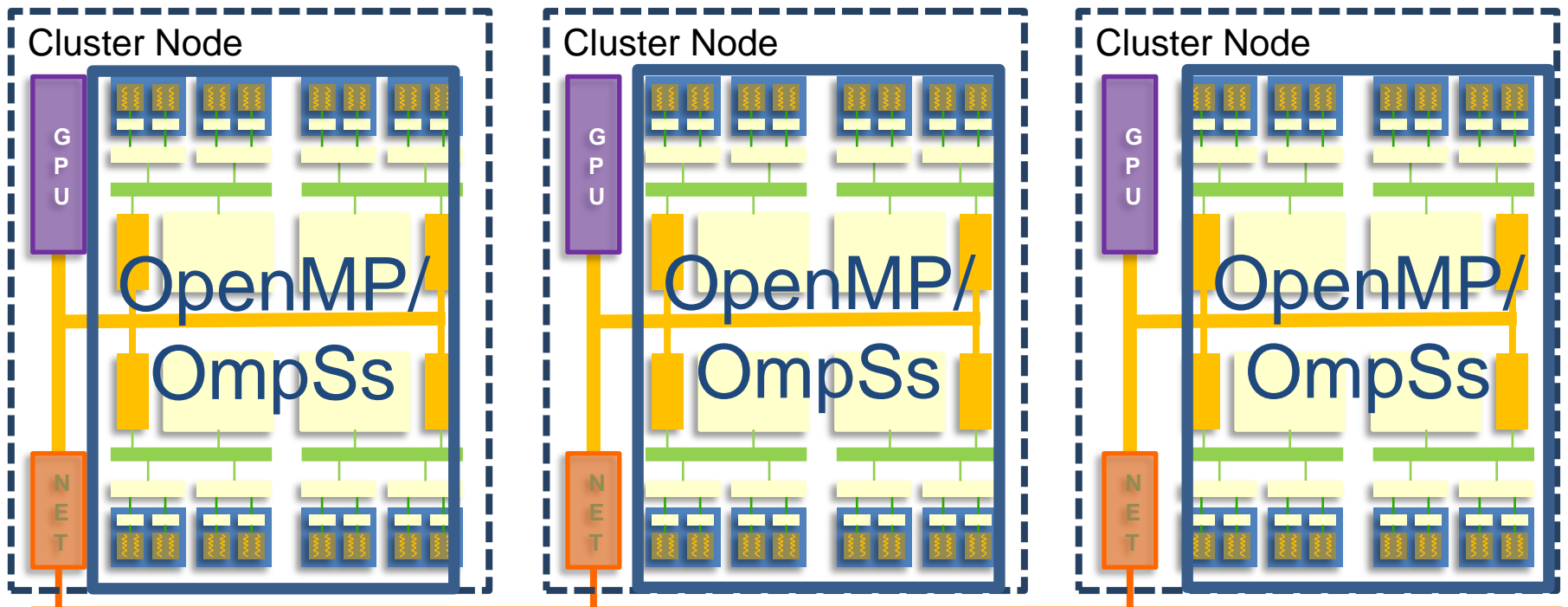


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# OmpSs: A Sequential Program ...

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void scale_add (float sum, float A[BS],  
               float B[BS]);  
  
void accum (float A[BS], float *sum);
```

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    vadd3 ( &A[i], &B[i], &C[i]);  
...  
for (i=0; i<N; i+=BS)           //sum(C[i])  
    accum (&C[i], &sum);  
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for (i=0; i<N; i+=BS)           // B=sum*A  
    scale_add (sum, &E[i], &B[i]);  
...  
for (i=0; i<N; i+=BS)           // A=C+D  
    vadd3 (&C[i], &D[i], &A[i]);  
...  
for (i=0; i<N; i+=BS)           // E=G+F  
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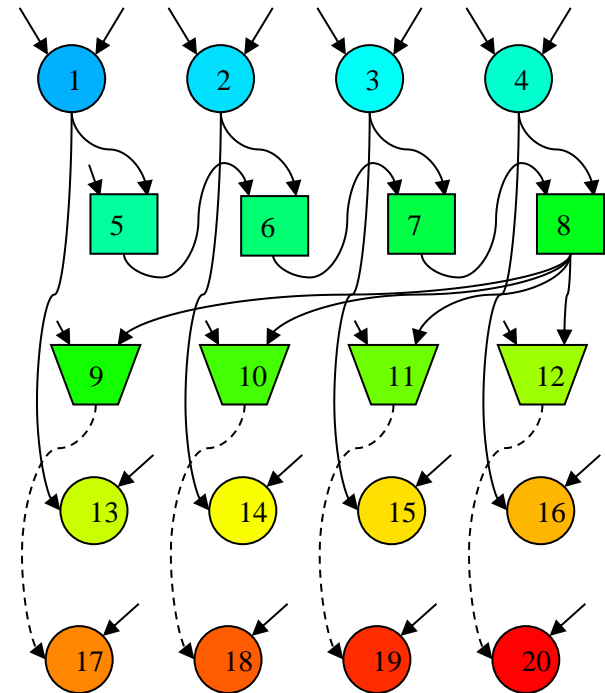
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Write



Color/number: order of task instantiation

Some antidependences covered by flow dependences not drawn



# OmpSs: ... and Executed in a Data-Flow Model

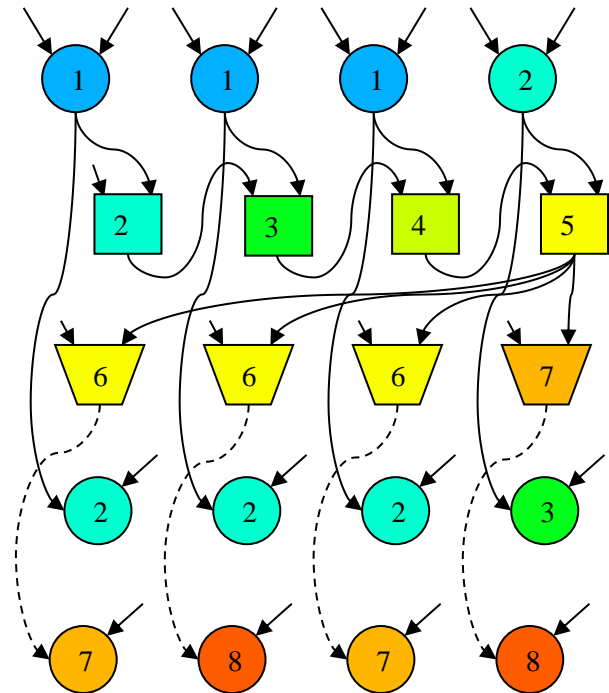
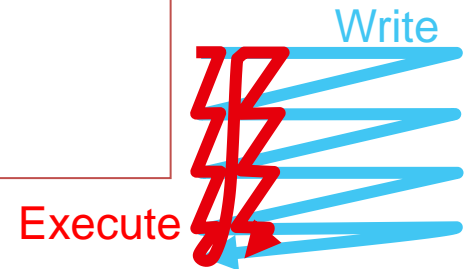
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Decouple  
how we write  
form  
how it is executed



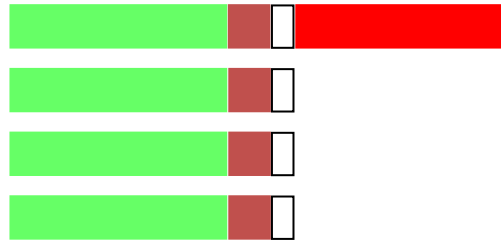
Color/number: a possible order of task execution

# OmpSs/OpenMP4.0: Data-flow and asynchronous execution

Four loops/routines  
Sequential program order



OpenMP 2.5  
not parallelizing one loop



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## Initial port from Pthreads to OmpSs and optimization

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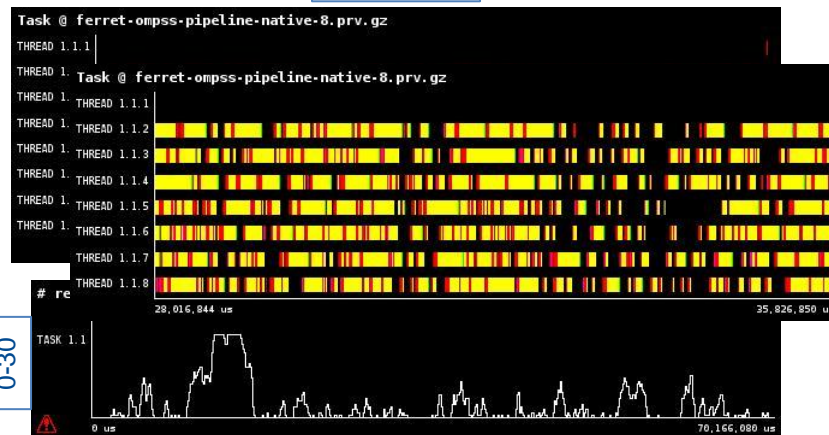
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“Direct”

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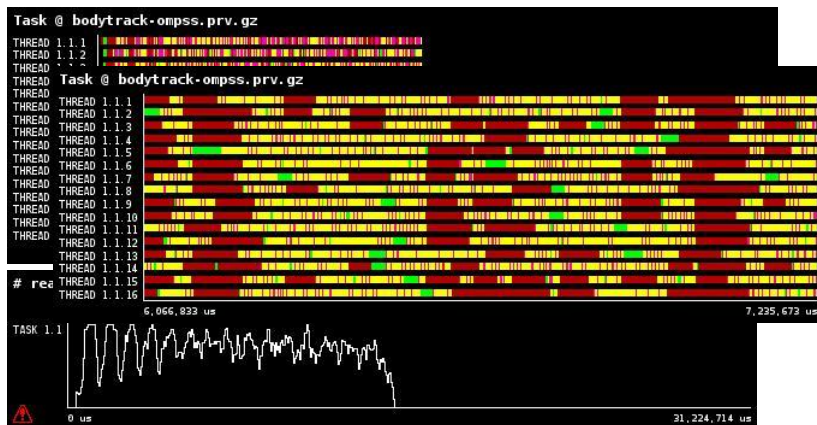


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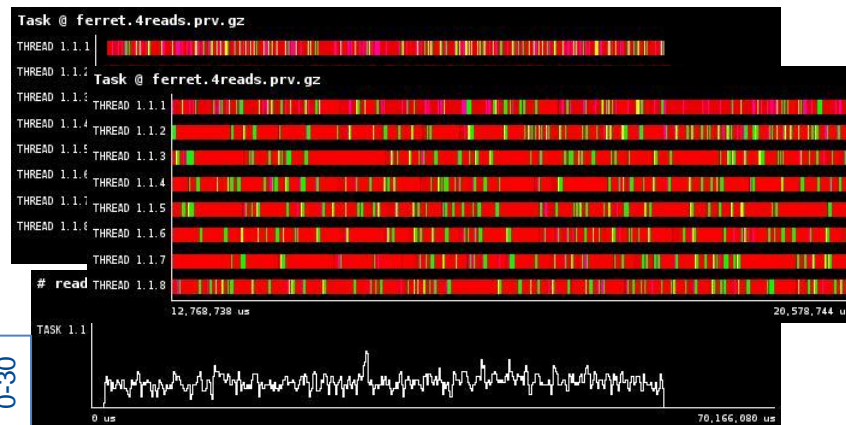


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# Motivation: Error Trends

## ⌘ Increased number of memory errors

- Error Correcting Codes (ECC) make correctable errors transparent
- Checkpointing-Restart (CR) enables recovery from uncorrectable error
- ECC may not be able to address failures projected for next generation systems
- Frequent system failure and high CR overhead projected

## ⌘ Soft Errors

- Unpredictable transient errors
- Expected decrease due technological trends

## ⌘ Hard Errors

- Recurring errors caused by aging of transistors, expected to be the dominant type
- Symptom based techniques (ECC corrections) can be used to deal with hard errors

# Error detection and reporting

- « Modern architectures discover data that is incoherent with memory ECC's
- « Faulty Memory Page Management
  - If number of errors exceeds a threshold, the OS relocates the page at another physical location
    - Memory Page Retirement in Solaris
    - Page off-lining in Linux Kernels
  - If a Detected and Uncorrectable Error (DUE) is reported,
    - The OS kills the affected process via a signal that also specifies the faulty page
- « Thus, to be resilient against memory DUE, an application “simply” has to **replace data contained in the faulty page**

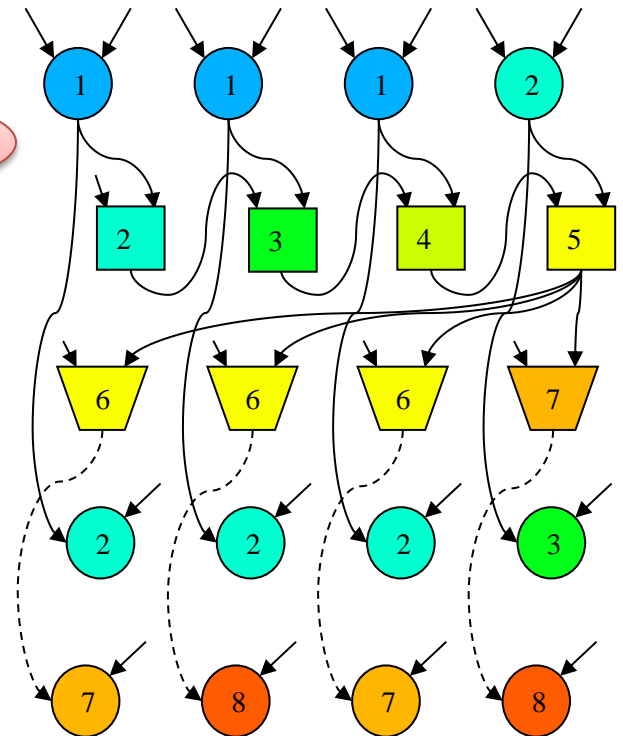
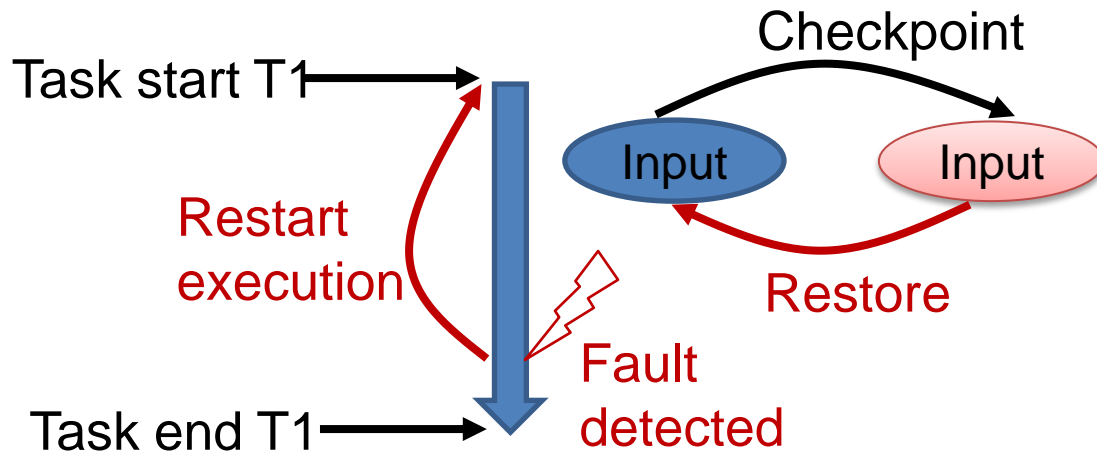


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# Our Design: Checkpoint and Restart of Tasks

- Recover task execution from the detected errors.
- Contain errors within the task boundaries



- Inputs are known at runtime through programmer annotations.
- Recovery is asynchronous

# Experimental Setup

- « Marenostrom supercomputer at Barcelona Supercomputing Center
- « Two sets of benchmarks:
  - Task-parallel SMP (Shared memory)
  - Hybrid OmpSs+MPI
- « Fault injection to evaluate the overhead of recovery and stress **NanoCheckpoints**

# Benchmarks

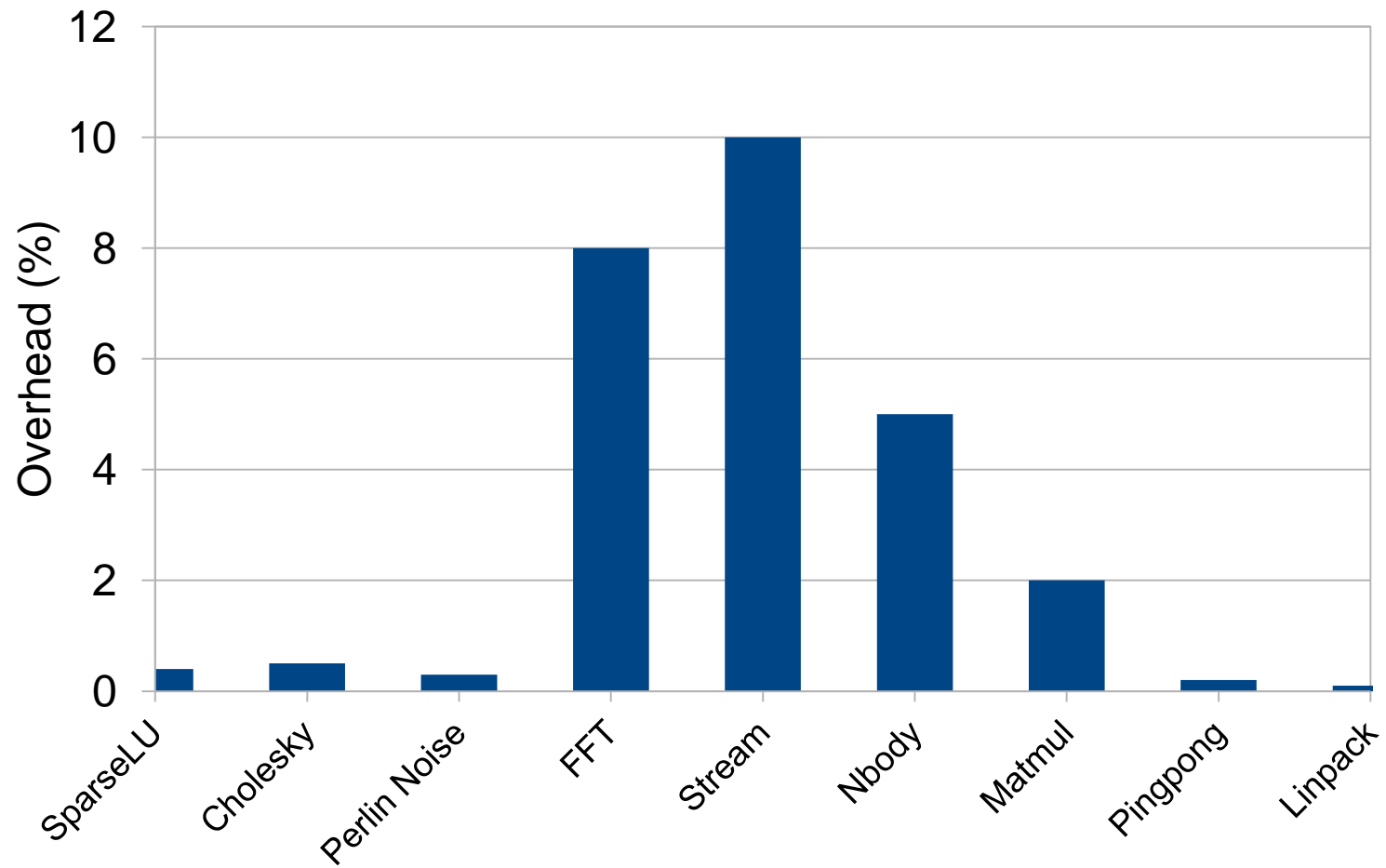
## Task-parallel SMP (Shared memory)

Sparse LU	Matrix size 6400x6400, block size 100x100
Cholesky	Matrix size 16384x16384, block size 512x512
FFT	Array size 16384x16384 (complex doubles), block size 16384x128
Perlin Noise	Array of pixels with size of 65536 (1500 iterations), block size
Stream	Array size 2048x2048 (doubles), block size 32768

## Hybrid OmpSs+MPI

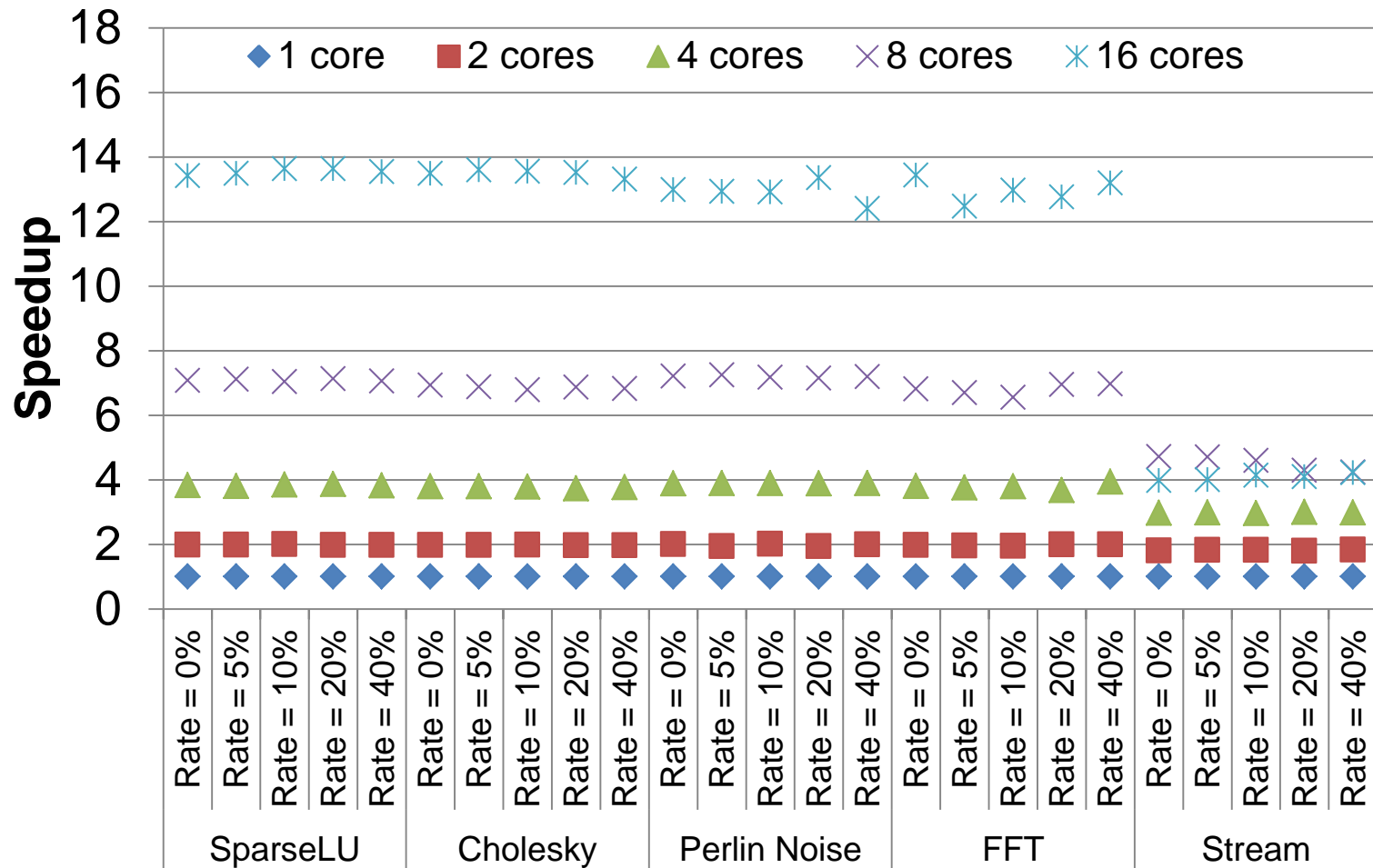
Nbody	65536 bodies, block size depends on #nodes
Matrix Multiplication	Matrix size 9216x9216 and block size 1024x1024
Pingpong	Array size 65536, block size 1024
Linpack	Matrix size 131072, block size 256x256

# Fault-Free Overheads

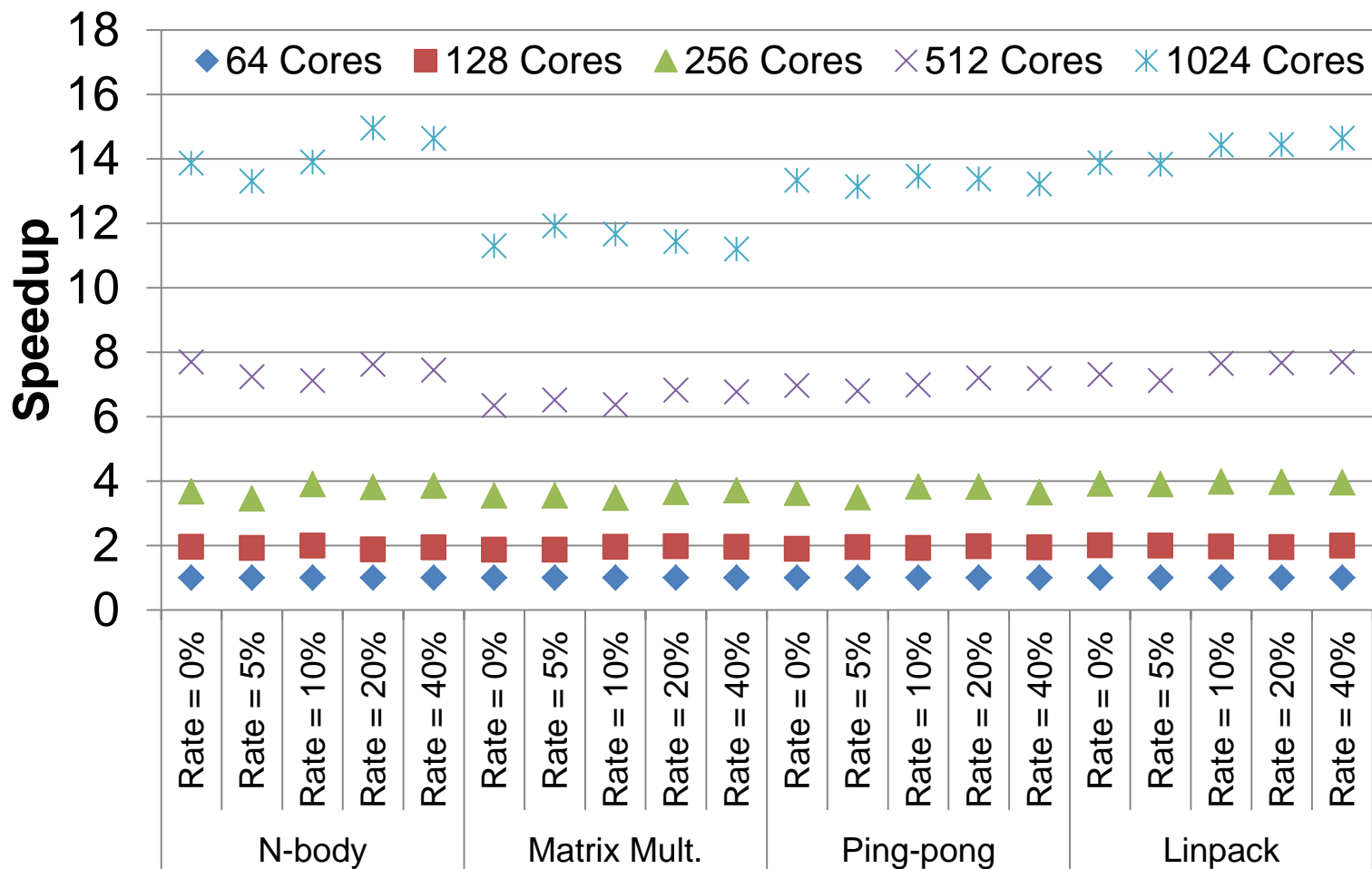




# Results: Scalability (1)



# Results: Scalability (2)



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# Extracting Trivial Redundancies of Linear Operations

« Linear transformations consists in operations like:

- Matrix-vector multiplication  $q = Ap$
- Linear combinations of vectors  $u = \alpha v + \beta w$
- Gradient or residual  $g = b - Ax$
- ...

« It is possible to decompose these relationships into several blocks

$$q_i = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} A_{ij} p_j$$

$$u_i = \alpha v_i + \beta w_i$$

$$g_i = b_i - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} A_{ij} x_j$$

$$A_{ii} p_i = q_i - \sum_{j \neq i} A_{ij} p_j$$

$$w_i = (u_i - \alpha v_i) / \beta$$

$$A_{ii} x_i = b_i - g_i - \sum_{j \neq i} A_{ij} x_j$$



# Forward Recoveries Based on Trivial Redundancies

- ⌘ In many cases, the left hand side (LHS) and the right hand side (RHS) of these operations coexist
- ⌘ Recoveries:
  - LHS is trivial
  - RHS involves inverting  $A_{ii}$ , only possible if block size is small
- ⌘ The block size that we use for recovery is a memory page of 4K bytes, that is, 512 double precision floating-point values

Block relation, recover lhs	Inverted relation, recover rhs
$q_i = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} A_{ij} p_j$ $u_i = \alpha v_i + \beta w_i$ $g_i = b_i - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} A_{ij} x_j$	$A_{ii} p_i = q_i - \sum_{j \neq i} A_{ij} p_j$ $w_i = (u_i - \alpha v_i) / \beta$ $A_{ii} x_i = b_i - g_i - \sum_{j \neq i} A_{ij} x_j$

# Dealing with multiple faults by using Forward Recoveries

## « Multiple faults in a single vector

- Trivial for vectors recovered from linear relationships
- For sub-matrix inversion relations

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{ii} & A_{ij} \\ A_{ji} & A_{jj} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ x_j \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_i - g_i - \sum_{k \neq i,j} A_{ik} x_k \\ b_j - g_j - \sum_{k \neq i,j} A_{jk} x_k \end{pmatrix}$$

## « For multiple faults in related data, i. e., $q_i$ and $p_j$ in $q = Ap$

- Alternative relationship that allows to recover each piece of lost data separately
- Rollback mechanism

# Extracting Forward Recoveries from CG

- « The relation that last produced data is used
- « The invariant  $g = b - Ax$  makes possible to protect  $x$  and  $g$  updates
- « When updating  $d$ , we can not use  $d = A^{-1}q$  to recover  $d_i$ , because in the block formulation

$$d_i = A_{ii}^{-1} \left( q_i - \sum_{j \neq i} A_{ij} d_j \right)$$

the parameters  $d_0, \dots, d_{i-1}$  are at iteration  $k+1$  while  $d_{i+1}, \dots, d_{n-1}$  are at iteration  $k$

Listing 1: CG pseudo code

1	$\epsilon_{old} \leftarrow +\infty$	
2	$g \leftarrow b - Ax$	$g = b - Ax$
3	for $t$ in $0..t_{max}$	
4	$\epsilon \leftarrow   g  ^2$	
5	if $\epsilon < tol$ : break	
6	$\beta \leftarrow \epsilon / \epsilon_{old}$	
7	$d \leftarrow \beta d + g$	$d = A^{-1}q \quad g = b - Ax$
8	$q \leftarrow Ad$	
9	$\alpha \leftarrow \epsilon / \langle q, d \rangle$	$q = Ad \quad d = A^{-1}q$
10	$x \leftarrow x + \alpha d$	$d = A^{-1}q \quad x = A^{-1}(b - g)$
11	$g \leftarrow g - \alpha q$	$q = Ad \quad g = b - Ax$
12	$\epsilon_{old} \leftarrow \epsilon$	

# Effective Protection of Iterative Solvers

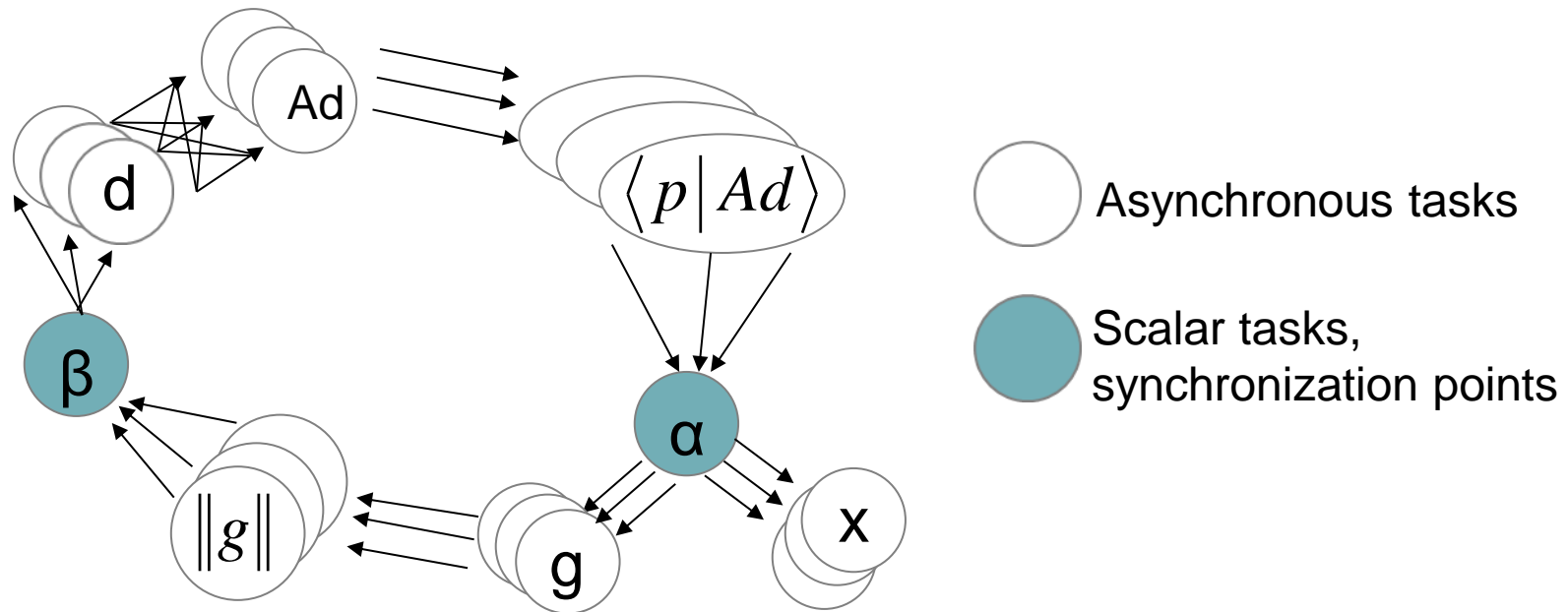
- « Double buffering to protect  $d$  update in CG
- « Trivial linear relations to protect the other CG transformations
- « The invariant  $g = b - Ax$  plays a fundamental role
- « General scheme in iterative solvers:
  - Bi-Conjugate Gradient Stabilized (BiCGStab) requires 1 variable double buffered plus trivial linear relations
  - Generalized Minimal Residual (GMRES) does not require double buffering

## Double buffered CG

```
1  for t in 0.. $t_{max}$ 
2      ...
3       $d_1 \Leftarrow \beta d_2 + g$ 
4       $q \Leftarrow Ad_1$ 
5       $\alpha \Leftarrow \epsilon / \langle q, d_1 \rangle$ 
6       $x \Leftarrow x + \alpha d_1$ 
7      ...
8       $t++$ 
9       $d_2 \Leftarrow \beta d_1 + g$ 
10      $q \Leftarrow Ad_2$ 
11      $\alpha \Leftarrow \epsilon / \langle q, d_2 \rangle$ 
12      $x \Leftarrow x + \alpha d_2$ 
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# Conjugate Gradient

## « Representation of one iteration:

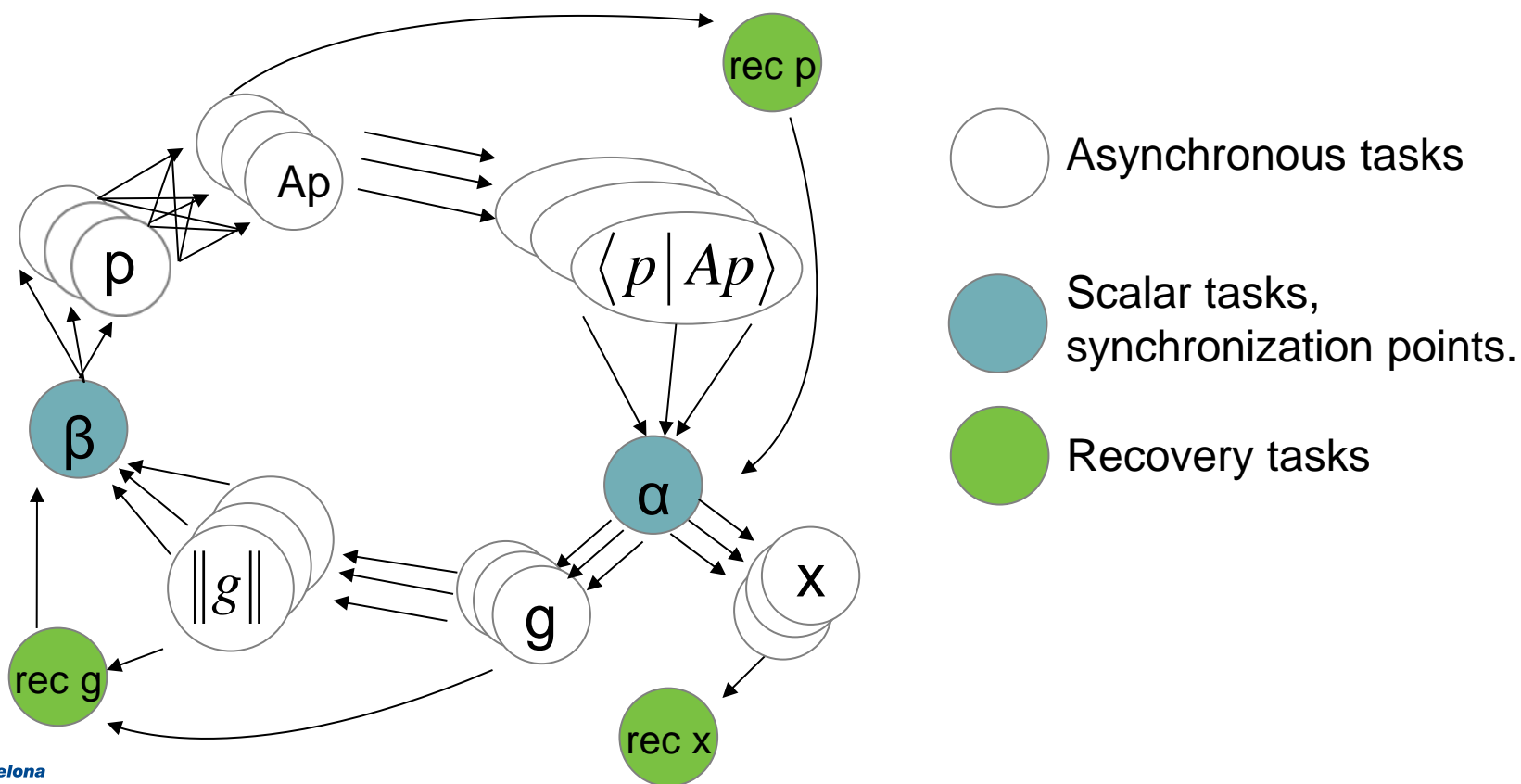


## « Errors need to be corrected before scalar tasks to avoid propagation



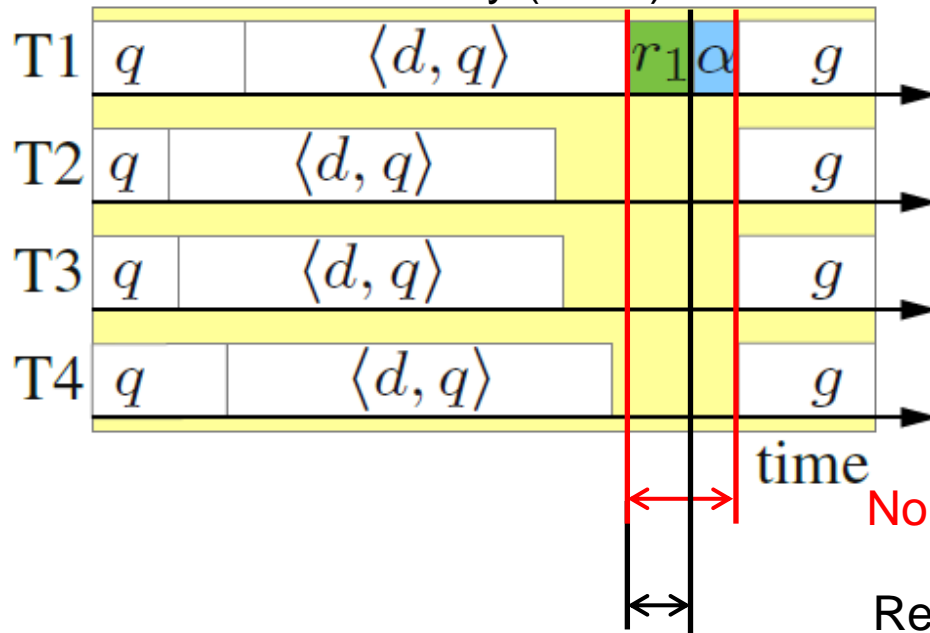
# Detecting and Correcting Memory Errors in CG

- Retired memory pages are marked as “failed” inside application and skipped in subsequent computations
- Recovery tasks are executed to fill in missing data and complete partial computations before synchronization points

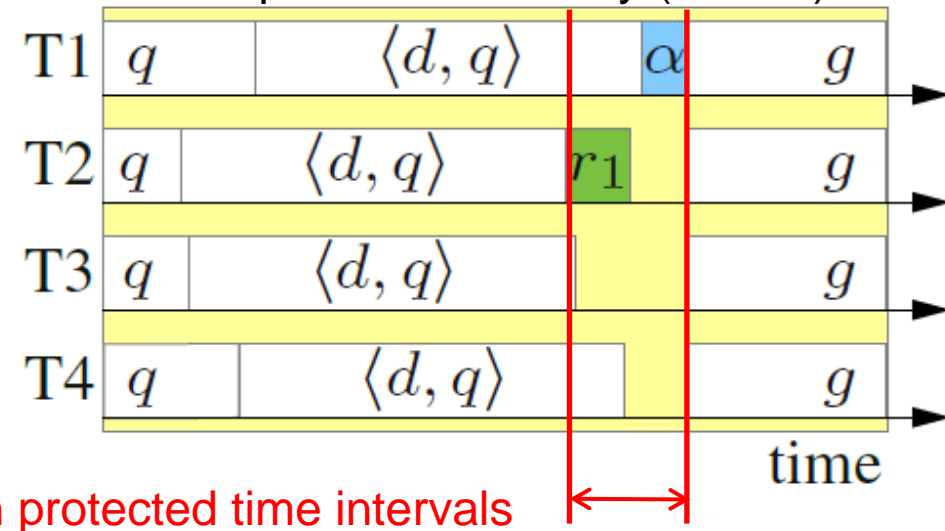


# Deployment of the Forward Recovery

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Recovery (FEIR)

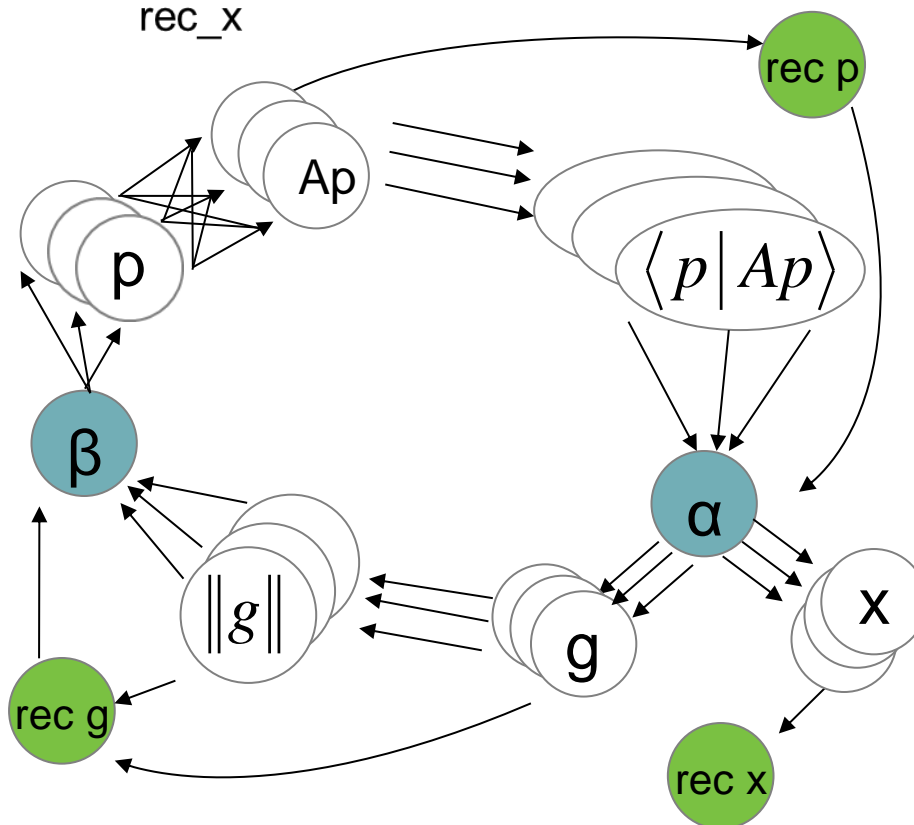


Asynchronous Forward Exact  
Interpolation Recovery (AFEIR)



Trade-off: Recovery Overhead vs Errors Coverage

# OmpSs makes the implementation easy



# Experimental Evaluation

## « FEIR/AFEIR approaches

## « Checkpoiting the x vector to disk every:

- 200 CG iterations
- 1000 CG iterations
- 5000 CG iterations

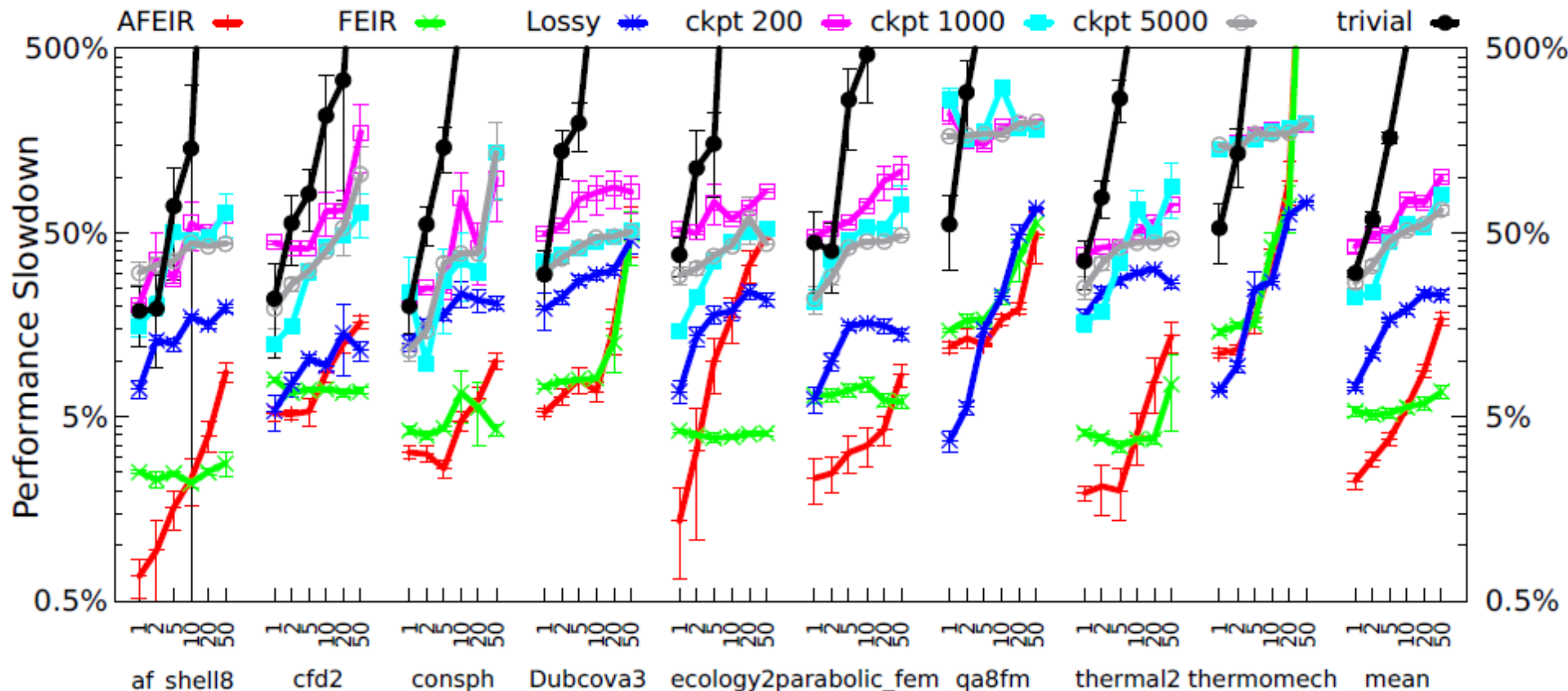
## « Lossy Restart Approach

J. Langou, Z. Chen, G. Bosilca and J. Dongarra, *SIAM Journal of Scientific Computing*, 2007

E. Agullo, L. Giraud, et al, “Towards Resilient Parallel Krylov Solvers”, 2013

## « Trivial

# Evaluation Experiments

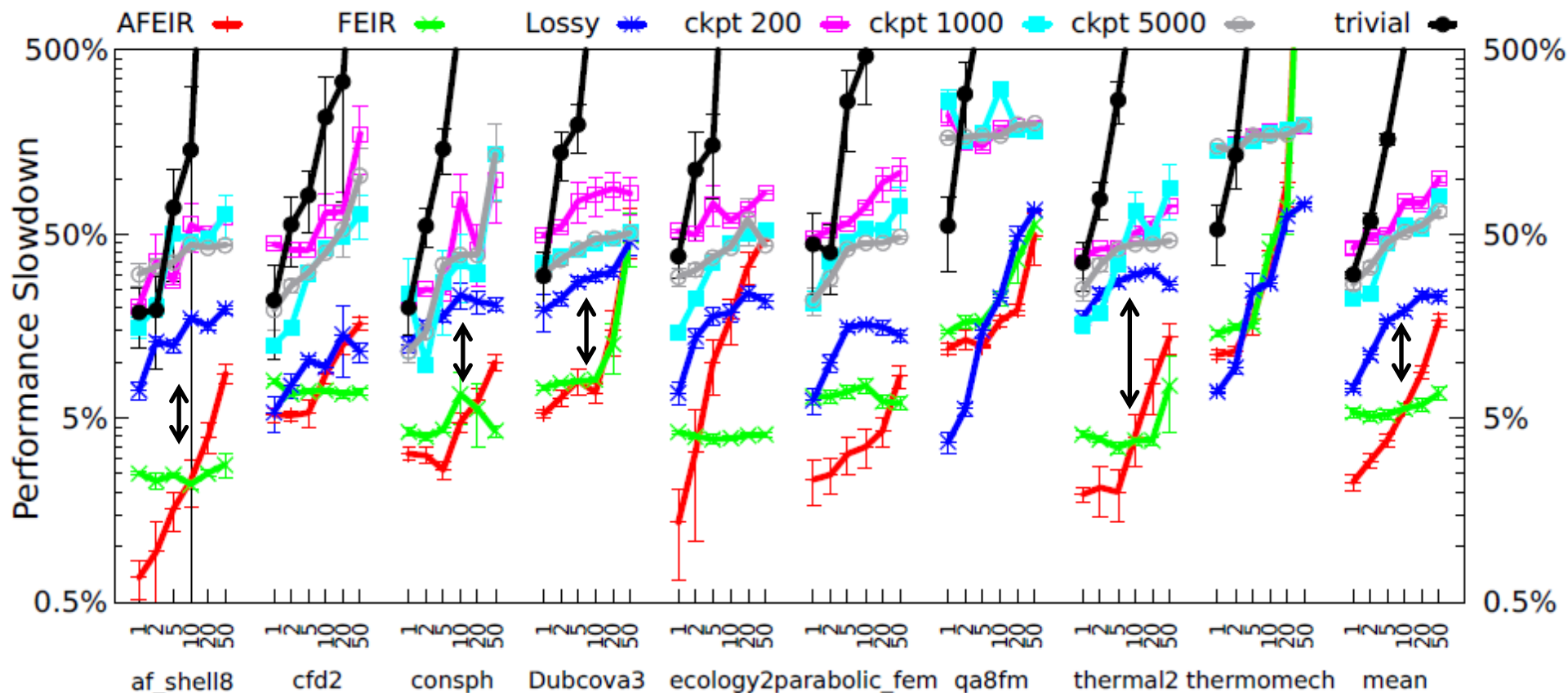


- 7 different resilience techniques, 9 test matrices, 6 different fault rates per matrix
- 20 8-cores runs per experiment with faults injected randomly via the mprotect system call
- For each experiment we report harmonic mean and standard deviation

method	Lossy	Trivial	AFEIR	FEIR	ckpt 5000	ckpt 1000	ckpt 200
overhead	0.00%	0.00%	0.23%	2.73%	8.21%	17.62%	46.20%

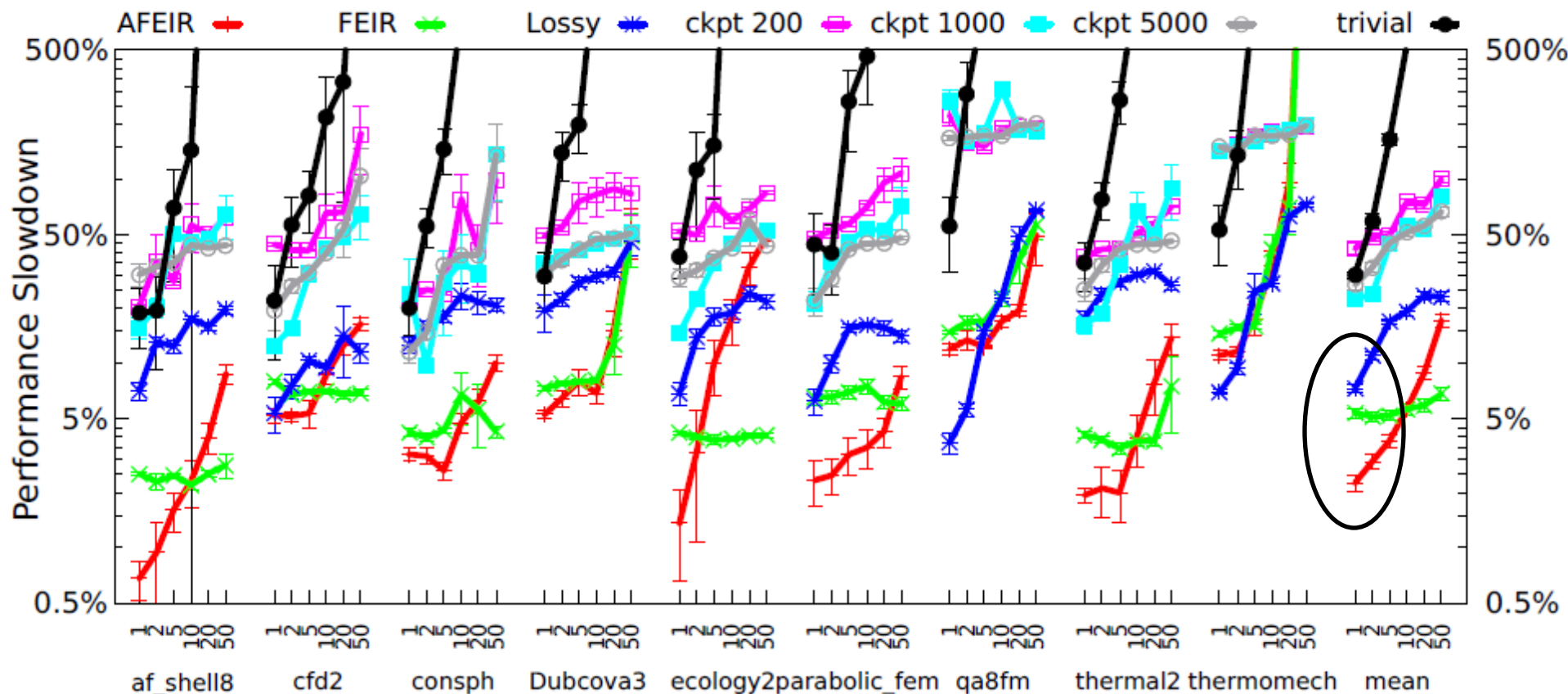


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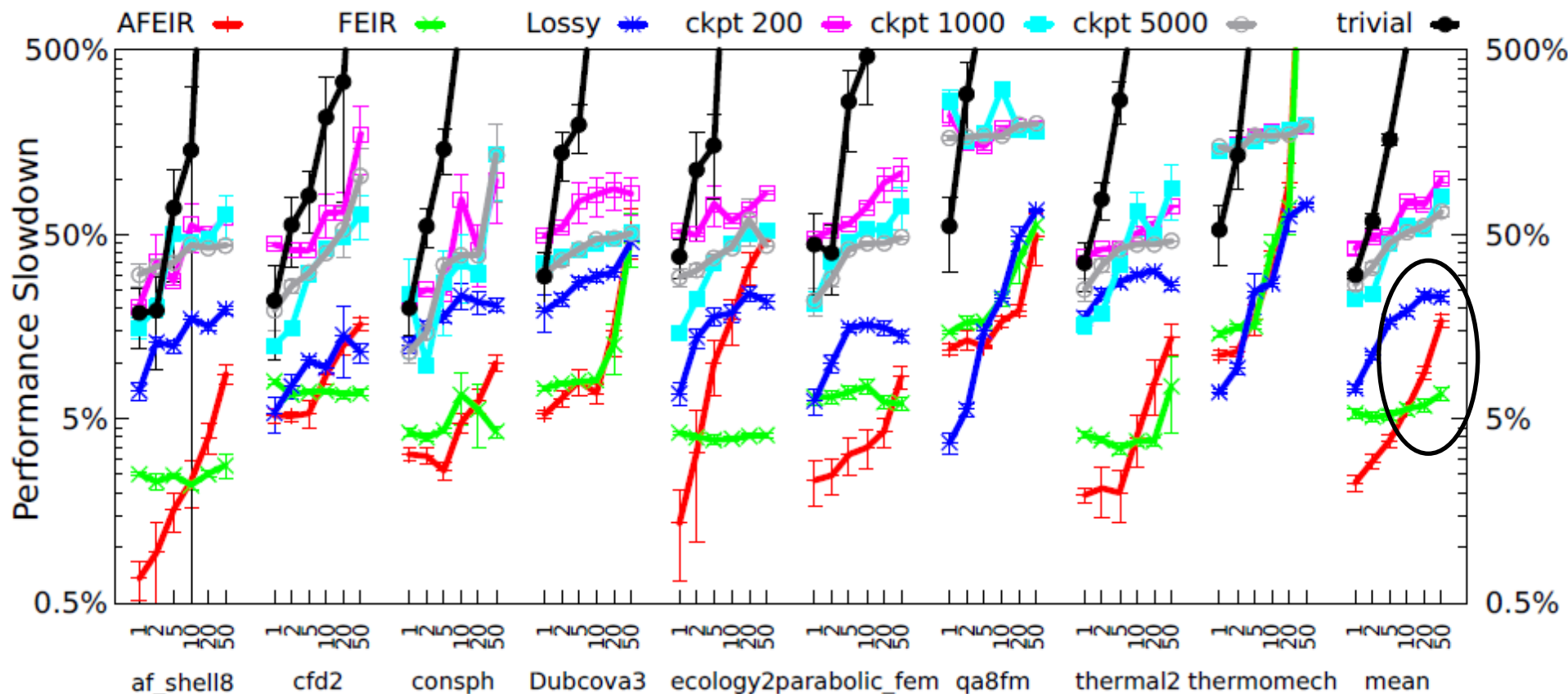
Exact recovery performs better than the lossy restart approach

# Evaluation Experiments



Overlapping the exact recovery with computation is the best option if less than 10 errors per run are injected (0.1 error/second)

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Recovery/computation overlap stops paying off when more than 10 errors per run are injected (0.1 error/second)

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# Hybrid MPI + OmpSs

## « Shared + Distributed Programming Model

- Analogous to MPI+OpenMP

## « Intra-node communications can be encapsulated into a task

## « Communication/Computation overlap is the goal

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inout(C)
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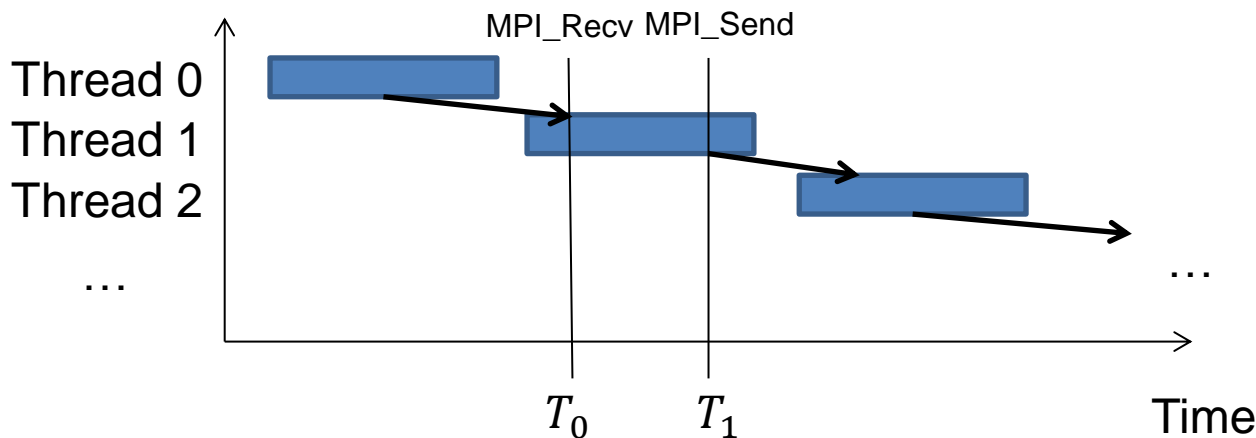
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void mxm (double A[N], double  
B[N],double C[N]);
```

```
#pragma omp task input(A)  
output(receivebuf)
```

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void SendRecv (double A[N],double  
receivebuf[N]);
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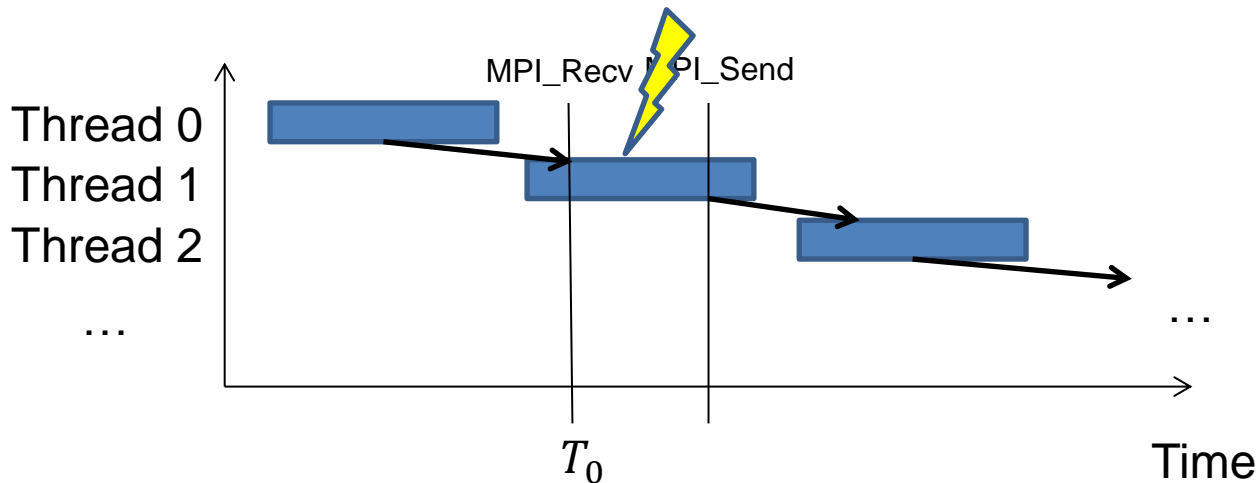
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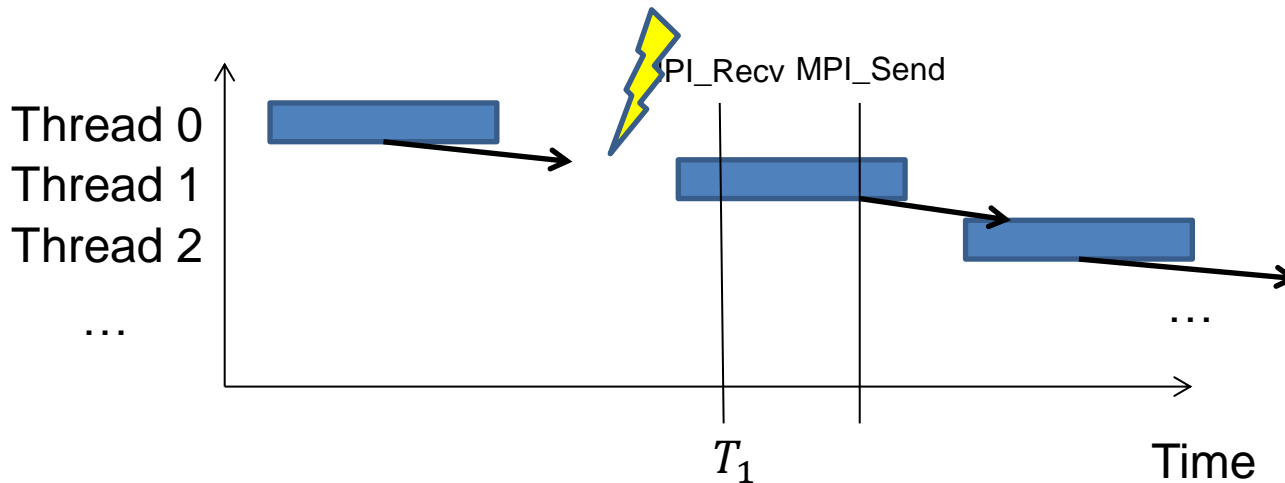
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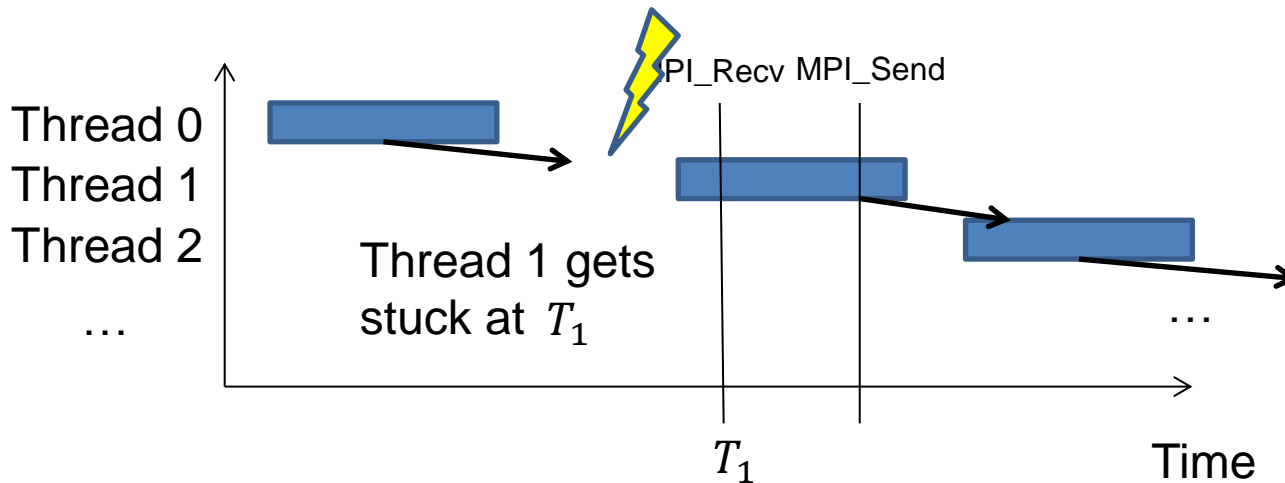
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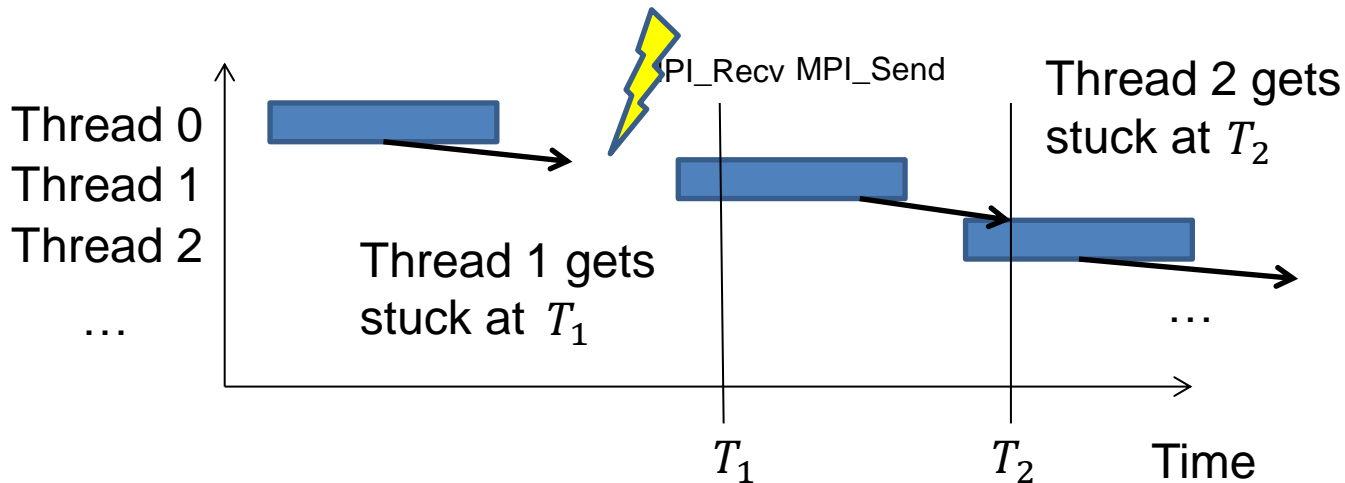
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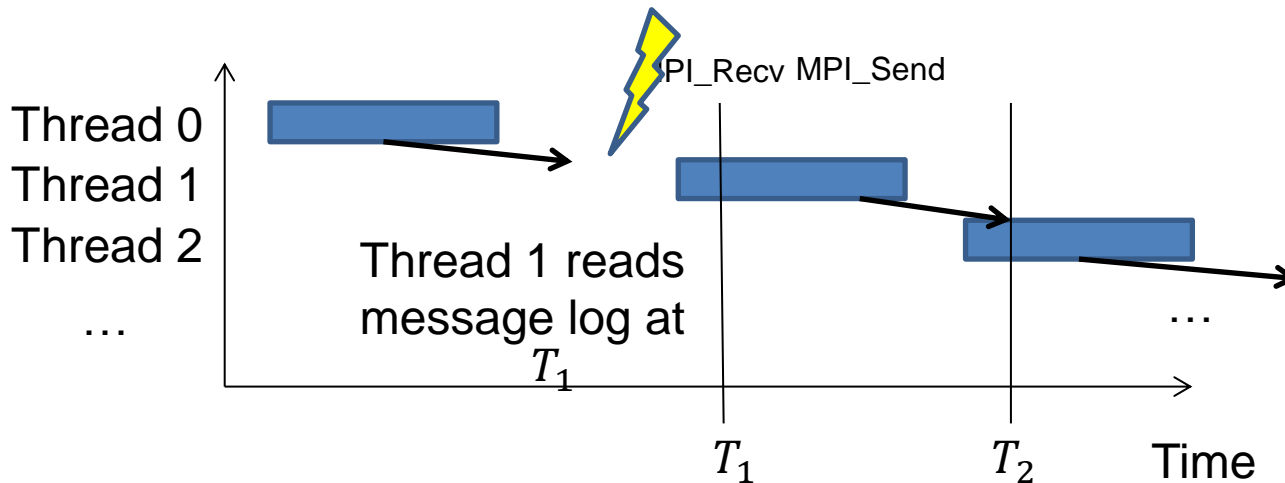
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# Solution: Message Logging

- Log incoming messages in per each task
- Task Log is deleted after task completion
- If the sequential order of incoming task is an invariant, it is straightforward to apply per-task message logging



# Evaluation

	<b>Checkpoint Size (MB)</b>	<b>Messages Logged (MB)</b>	<b>Messages Log Peak Size (MB)</b>	<b>Fault-free Overhead (%)</b>
<b>HPL</b>	627,0	4268,0	34,0	7,3
<b>Heat</b>	129,0	5,0	0,5	1,0
<b>Dense Matrix Multiply</b>	512,0	8064,0	128,0	6,1
<b>N-Body</b>	0,2	0,8	0,3	0,3

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# Conclusions

## « Software Perspective:

- Task Parallelism Enables Asynchronous Recoveries:
  - Forward ABFT techniques can effectively correct DUE's in iterative solvers.
  - Rollback CheckPointing Strategies
- Overlapping recoveries with computation:
  - Trivial to implement with OmpSs
  - Trade-off's between overhead and fault coverage

## « Hardware Perspective:

- Precise memory ECC are required
- How precise? Do we really need memory-page level detection accuracy?
- Can ECC's be relaxed?



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