

Asynchronous Rust in Embedded Systems

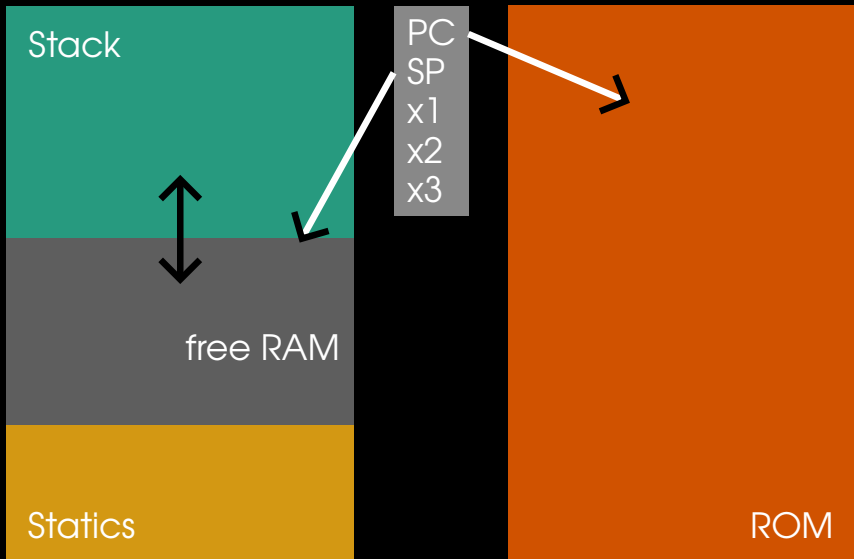
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Embedded systems

- ▶ single chip
- ▶ ≈ 100 KiB ROM, < 100 KiB RAM
- ▶ Serial, I2C, analog pins, simple networking (< 1 Kbps)

Execution model: bare metal



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No parallelism

```
loop:
    if button pressed:
        increase counter
    if socket.is_pending():
        connection = socket.accept()
        connection.recv(...)
        connection.send(...)
        connection.close()
```

Execution model: bare metal

Interrupts

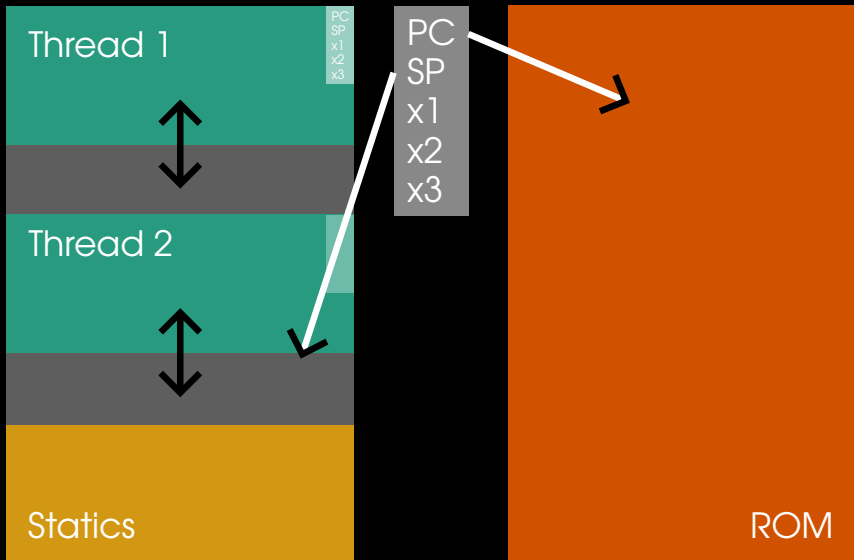
```
on button_pressed():  
    increase counter  
  
on network activity():  
    ... (see next slide)
```

Execution model: bare metal

Hand rolled parallelism

```
connection = None
loop:
  if button pressed:
    increase counter
  if let event = socket.take_pending():
    if connection:
      match event:
        new connection: reject
        new data: receive and process
        ready to send: send(); close(); connection = None
    else:
      match event:
        new connection: connection = Some(accept())
        _: reject
```

Execution model: threads



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Idiomatic parallelism

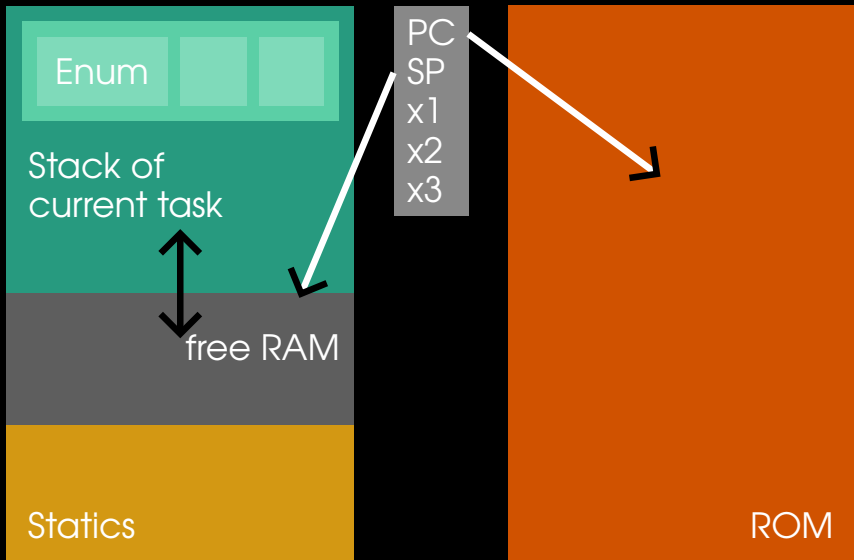
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button_main():  
    if button pressed:  
        increase counter  
  
network_main():  
    loop:  
        connection = socket.accept()  
        connection.recv(...)  
        connection.send(...)  
        connection.close()
```


Communication between threads

...and interrupts

T: Send

Execution model: async



Execution model: async

Idiomatic parallelism with explicit yielding

```
async button_main():  
    if button_pressed.await:  
        increase counter
```

```
async network_main():  
    loop:  
        connection = socket.accept().await  
        connection.recv(...).await  
        connection.send(...).await  
        connection.close()
```

Async: Tools and further reading

Get started with it!

- ▶ `core`
 - ▶ `embedded-hal-async`
 - ▶ `embedded-nal-async`
 - ▶ `embassy`
 - ▶ `RIOT-OS`
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- ▶ Interrupts Is Threads (James Munns)
 - ▶ Embedded Concurrency Patterns (Ferrous Systems)

Thanks for having me here

Slides and more links on <https://github.com/RustVienna/meetup-history/tree/master/2024-02/embedded-async/>



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