An Introduction to Parallel programming with OpenMP*

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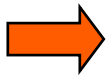

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OpenMP* Overview

C$OMP FLUSH

#pragma omp critical

#pragma omp single

C$OMP THREADPRIVATE(/ABC/)

C$OMP ATOMIC

CALL OMP_SET_NUM_THREADS(10)

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OpenMP: An API for Writing Parallel Applications

- A set of compiler directives and library routines for parallel application programmers
- Greatly simplifies writing multi-threaded (MT) programs in Fortran, C and C++
- Also supports non-uniform memories, vectorization and GPU programming

#pragma omp parallel for private(A, B)

C$OMP PARALLEL REDUCTION (+: A, B)

C$OMP PARALLEL COPYIN(/blk/)

C$OMP DO lastprivate(XX)

#pragma omp atomic seq_cst

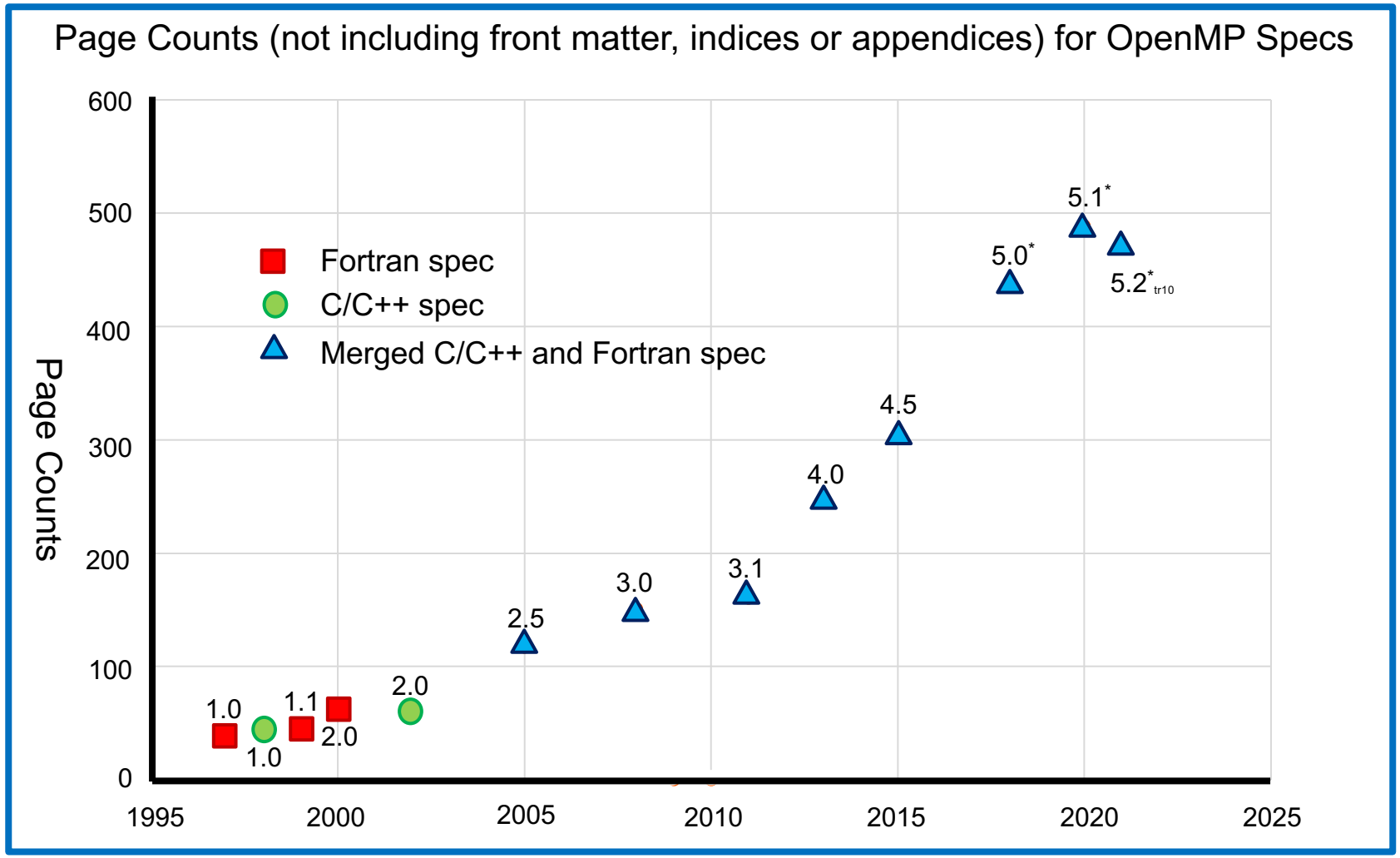
Nthrds = OMP_GET_NUM_PROCS()

omp_set_lock(lck)

* The name "OpenMP" is the property of the OpenMP Architecture Review Board.

The Growth of Complexity in OpenMP

The goal in 1997 ... A simple interface for application programmers

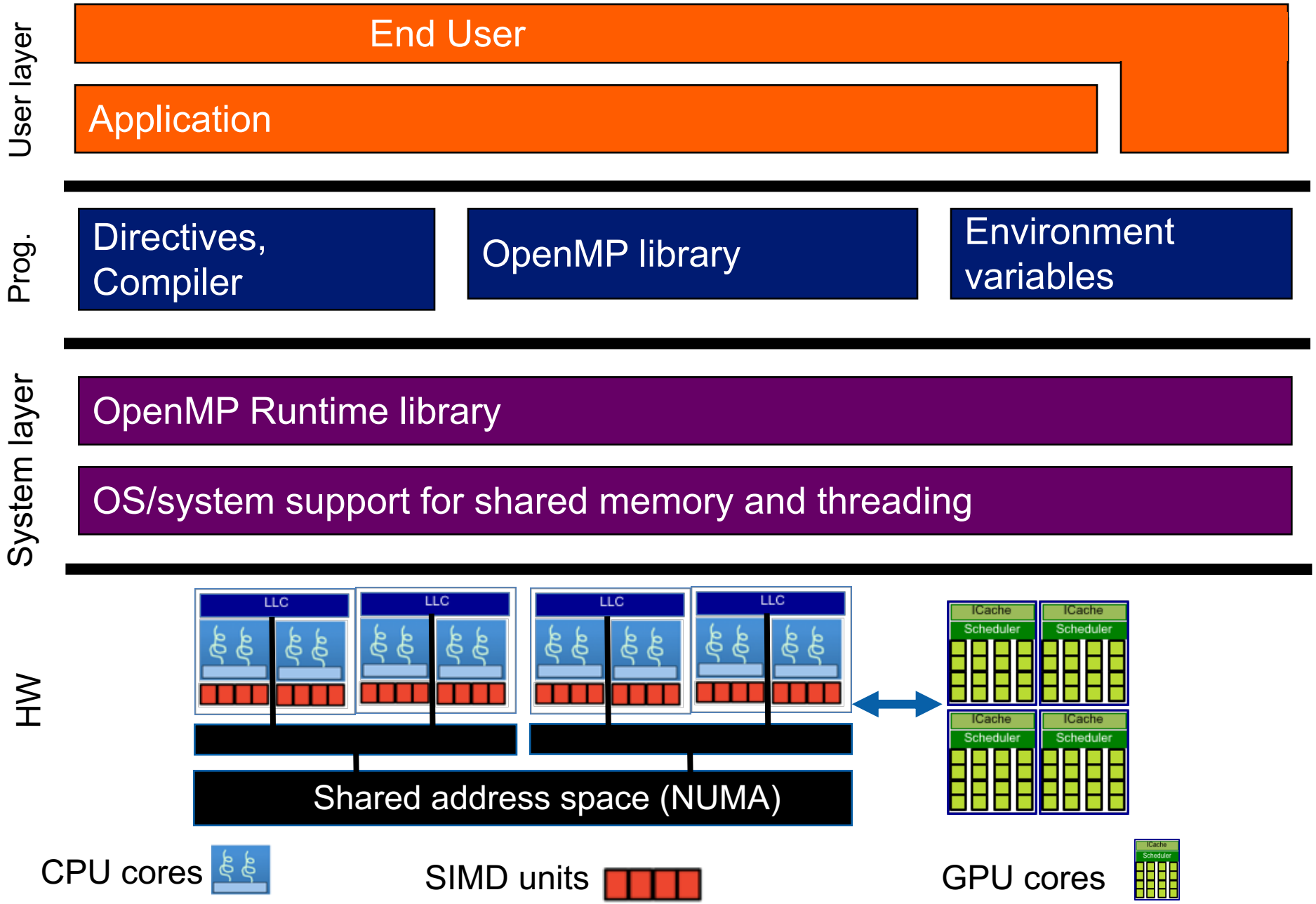


The full spec is overwhelming. We focus on the Common Core: the 21 items most people restrict themselves to

The OpenMP Common Core: Most OpenMP programs only use these 21 items

OpenMP pragma, function, or clause	Concepts
#pragma omp parallel	Parallel region, teams of threads, structured block, interleaved execution across threads.
void omp_set_thread_num() int omp_get_thread_num() int omp_get_num_threads()	Default number of threads and internal control variables. SPMD pattern: Create threads with a parallel region and split up the work using the number of threads and the thread ID.
double omp_get_wtime()	Speedup and Amdahl's law. False sharing and other performance issues.
setenv OMP_NUM_THREADS N	Setting the internal control variable for the default number of threads with an environment variable
#pragma omp barrier #pragma omp critical	Synchronization and race conditions. Revisit interleaved execution.
#pragma omp for #pragma omp parallel for	Worksharing, parallel loops, loop carried dependencies.
reduction(op:list)	Reductions of values across a team of threads.
schedule (static [,chunk]) schedule(dynamic [,chunk])	Loop schedules, loop overheads, and load balance.
shared(list), private(list), firstprivate(list)	Data environment.
default(none)	Force explicit definition of each variable's storage attribute
nowait	Disabling implied barriers on workshare constructs, the high cost of barriers, and the flush concept (but not the flush directive).
#pragma omp single	Workshare with a single thread.
#pragma omp task #pragma omp taskwait	Tasks including the data environment for tasks.

OpenMP Basic Definitions: Basic Solution Stack



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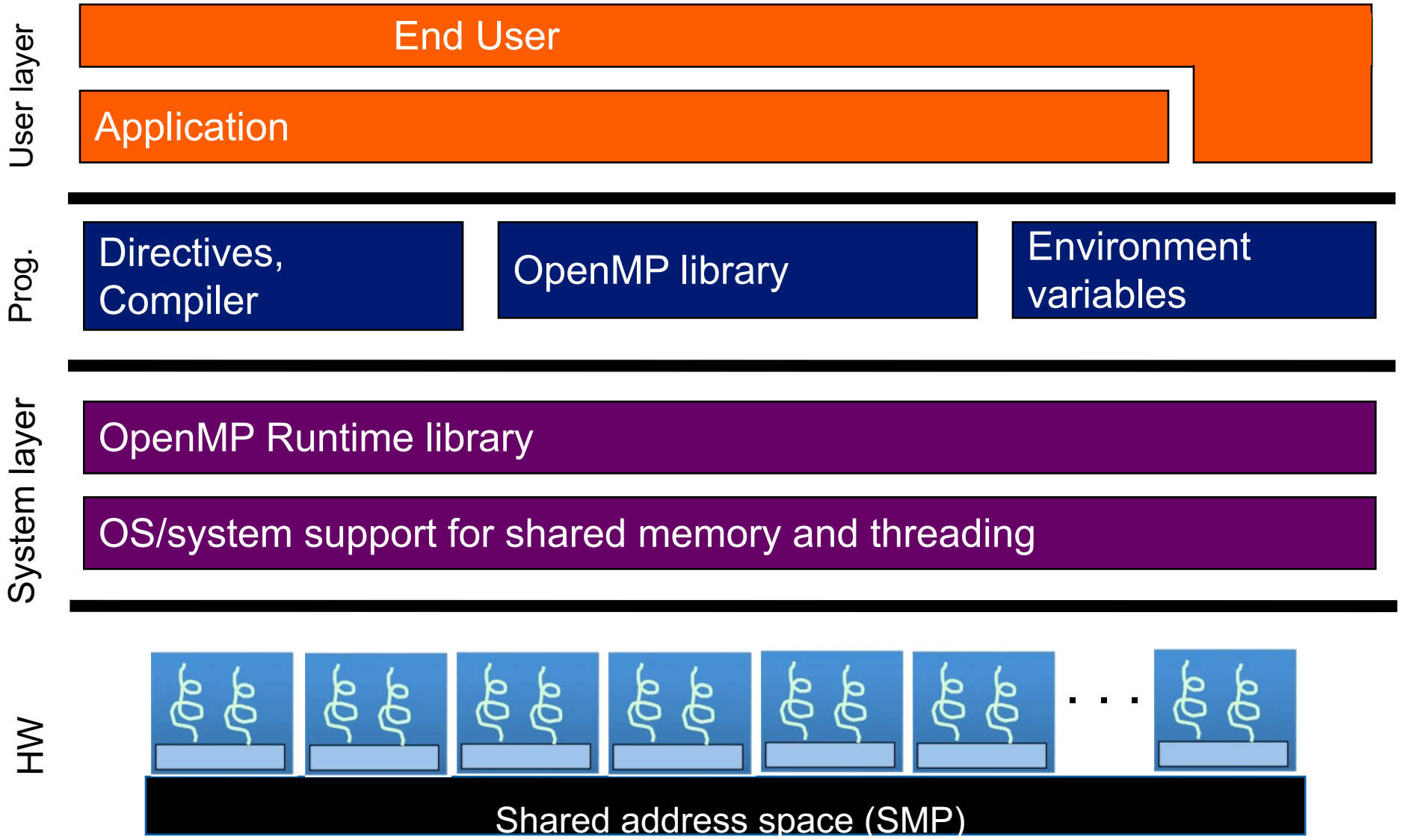

For the OpenMP Common Core, we focus on Symmetric Multiprocessor Case ….
i.e., lots of threads with “equal cost access” to memory

OpenMP Basic Syntax

- Most of the constructs in OpenMP are compiler directives.

C and C++	Fortran
Compiler directives	
#pragma omp construct [clause [clause]…]	***!$OMP construct [clause [clause] …]***
Example	
#pragma omp parallel private(x) ***{*** ***}***	***!$OMP PARALLEL PRIVATE(X)*** ***!$OMP END PARALLEL***
Function prototypes and types:	
#include <omp.h>	***use OMP_LIB***

- Most OpenMP constructs apply to a “structured block”.
  - Structured block: a block of one or more statements with one point of entry at the top and one point of exit at the bottom.
  - It’s OK to have an exit() within the structured block.

Exercise, Part A: Hello World

Verify that your environment works

- Write a program that prints “hello world”.

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```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{




    printf(“ hello ”);
    printf(“ world \n”);

}
```

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Exercise, Part B: Hello World

Verify that your OpenMP environment works

- Write a multithreaded program that prints “hello world”.

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#include <omp.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
 #pragma omp parallel
 {


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    printf(“ world \n”);
 }
}
```

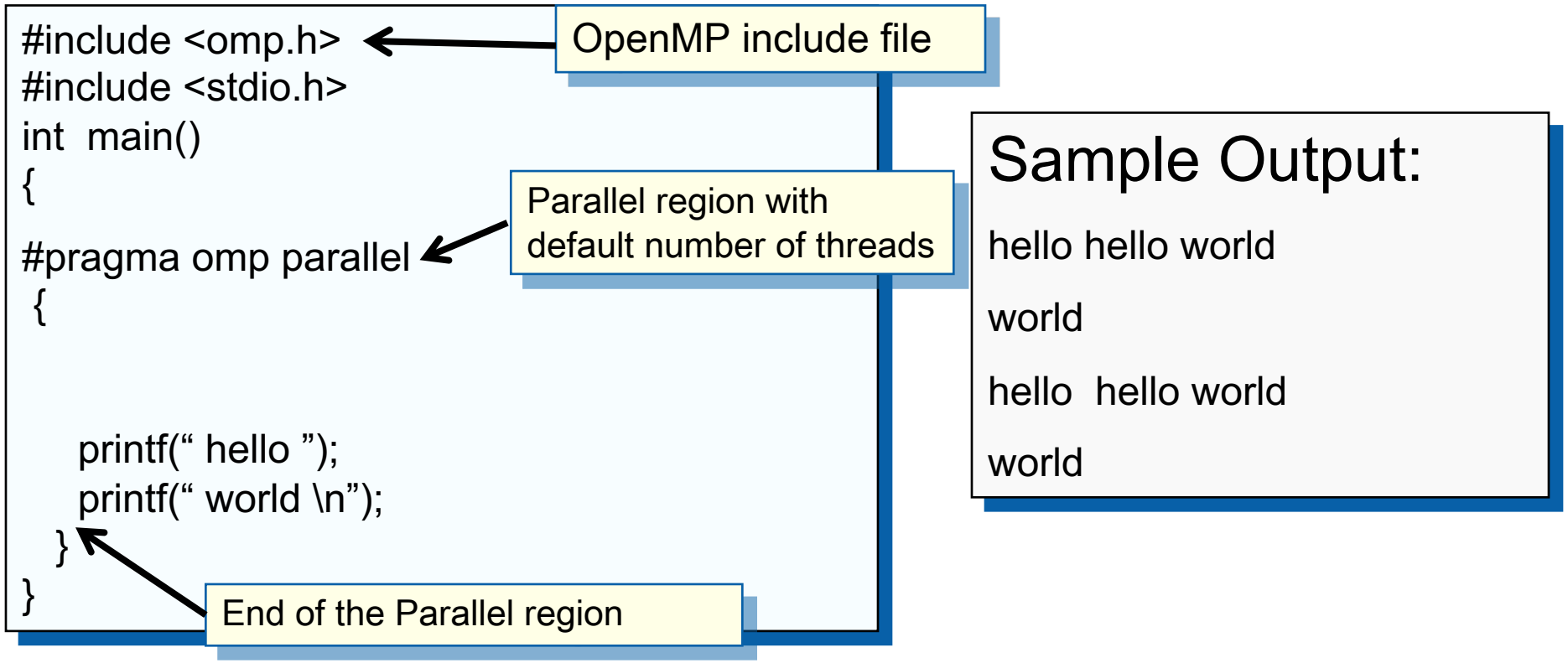
Switches for compiling and linking

gcc -fopenmp	**Gnu (Linux, OSX)**
cc -qopenmp	**Intel (Linux@NERSC)**
icl /Qopenmp	**Intel (windows)**
icc -fopenmp	**Intel (Linux, OSX)**

Solution

A Multi-Threaded “Hello World” Program

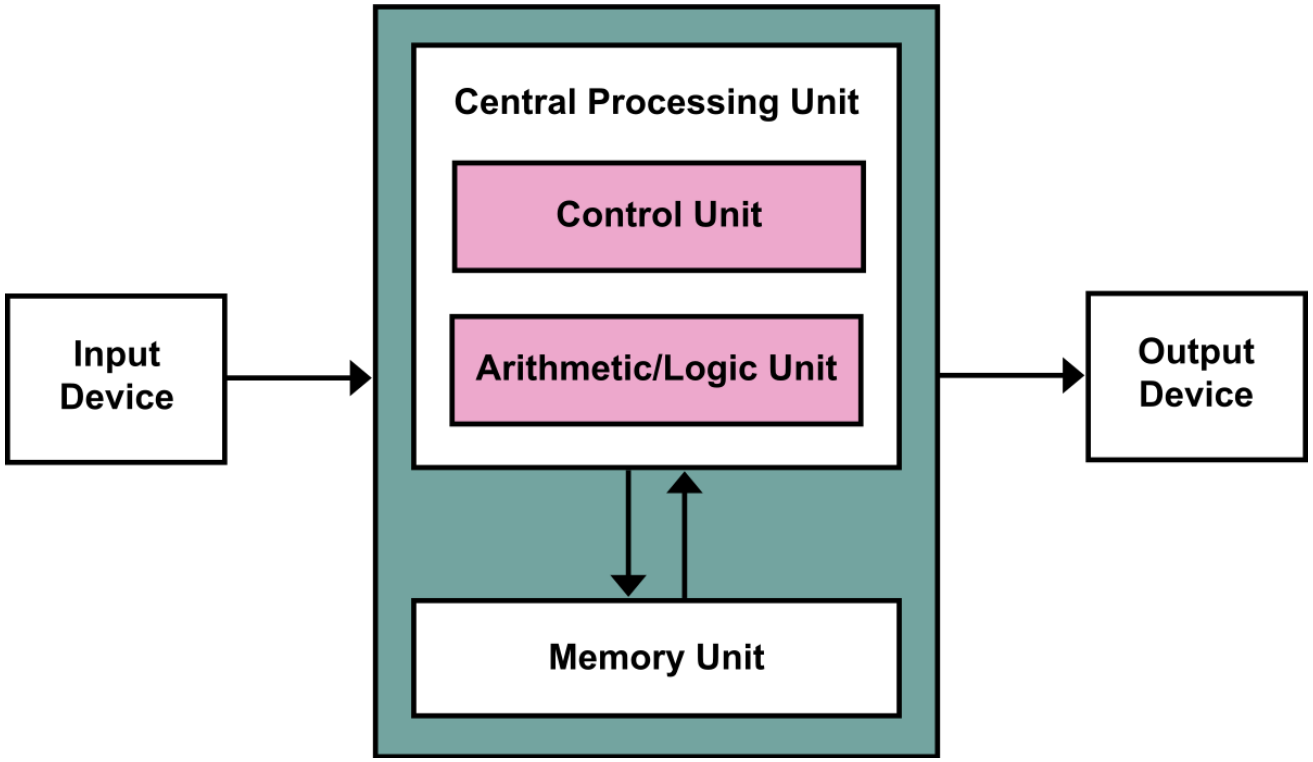
- Write a multithreaded program where each thread prints “hello world”.



The statements are interleaved based on how the operating schedules the threads

Let's agree on a few definitions:

- **Computer:**
  - A machine that transforms *input data* into *output data*.
  - Typically, a computer consists of Control, Arithmetic/Logic, and Memory units.
  - The transformation is defined by a stored **program** (von Neumann architecture).



- **Task:**
  - A specific sequence of instructions plus a data environment. A program is composed of one or more tasks.

- **Active task:**
  - A task that is available to be scheduled for execution. When the task is moving through its sequence of instructions, we say it is making **forward progress**

- **Fair scheduling:**
  - When a scheduler gives each active task an equal *opportunity* for execution.

Concurrency vs. Parallelism

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  - Concurrency: A condition of a system in which multiple tasks are active and unordered. If **scheduled fairly**, they can be described as ***logically*** making **forward progress** at the same time.
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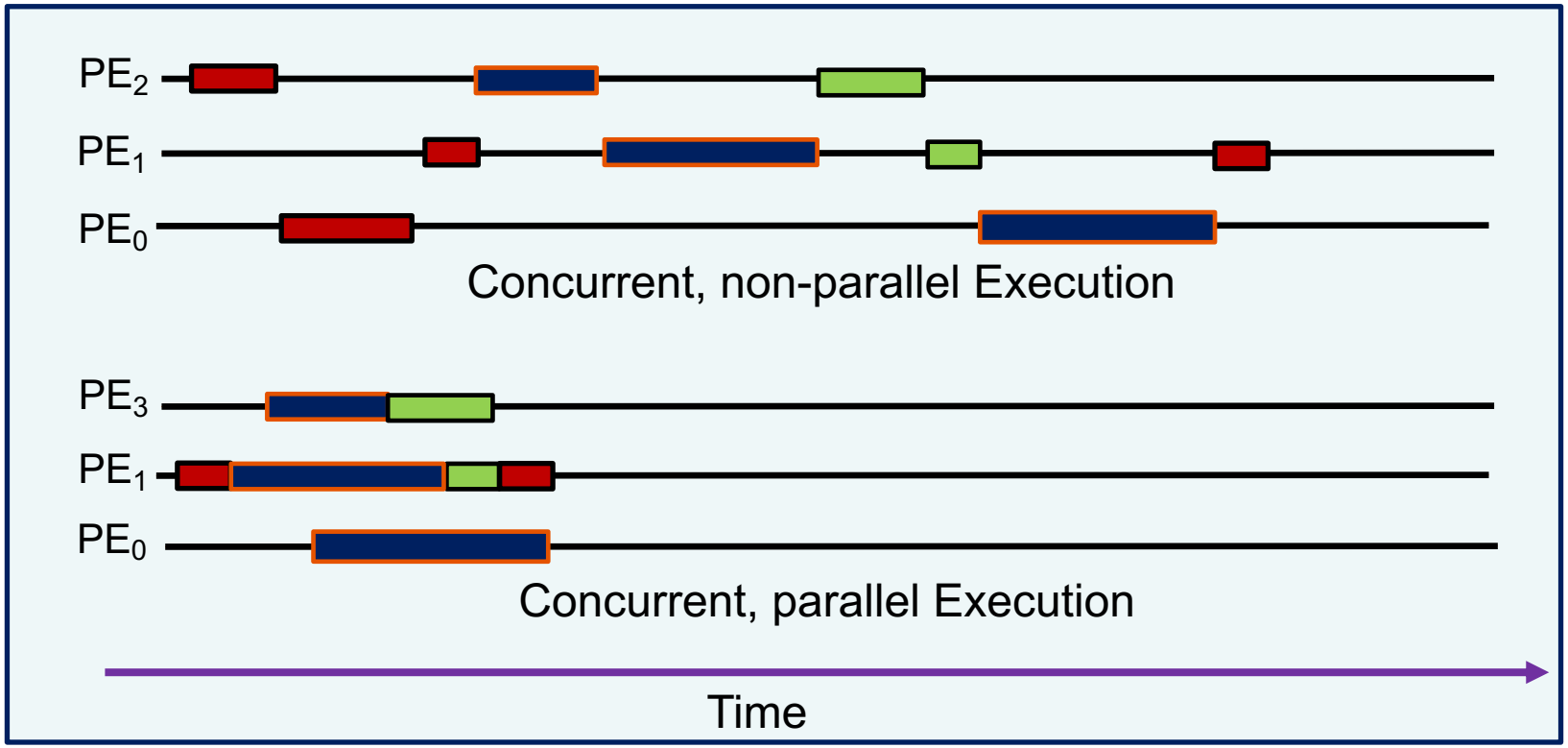

PE = Processing Element

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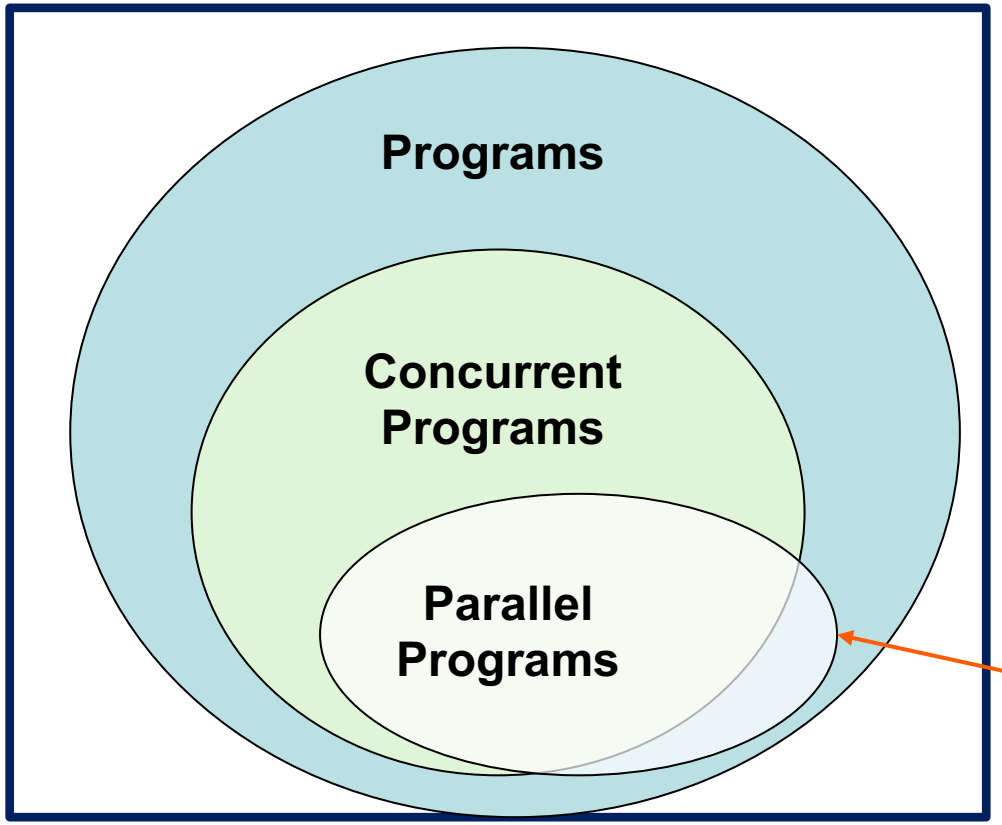

In most cases, parallel programs exploit concurrency in a problem to run tasks on multiple processing elements

We use Parallelism to:
- Do more work in less time
- Work with larger problems

If tasks execute in "lock step" they are not concurrent, but they are still parallel. Example … a SIMD unit.

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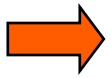

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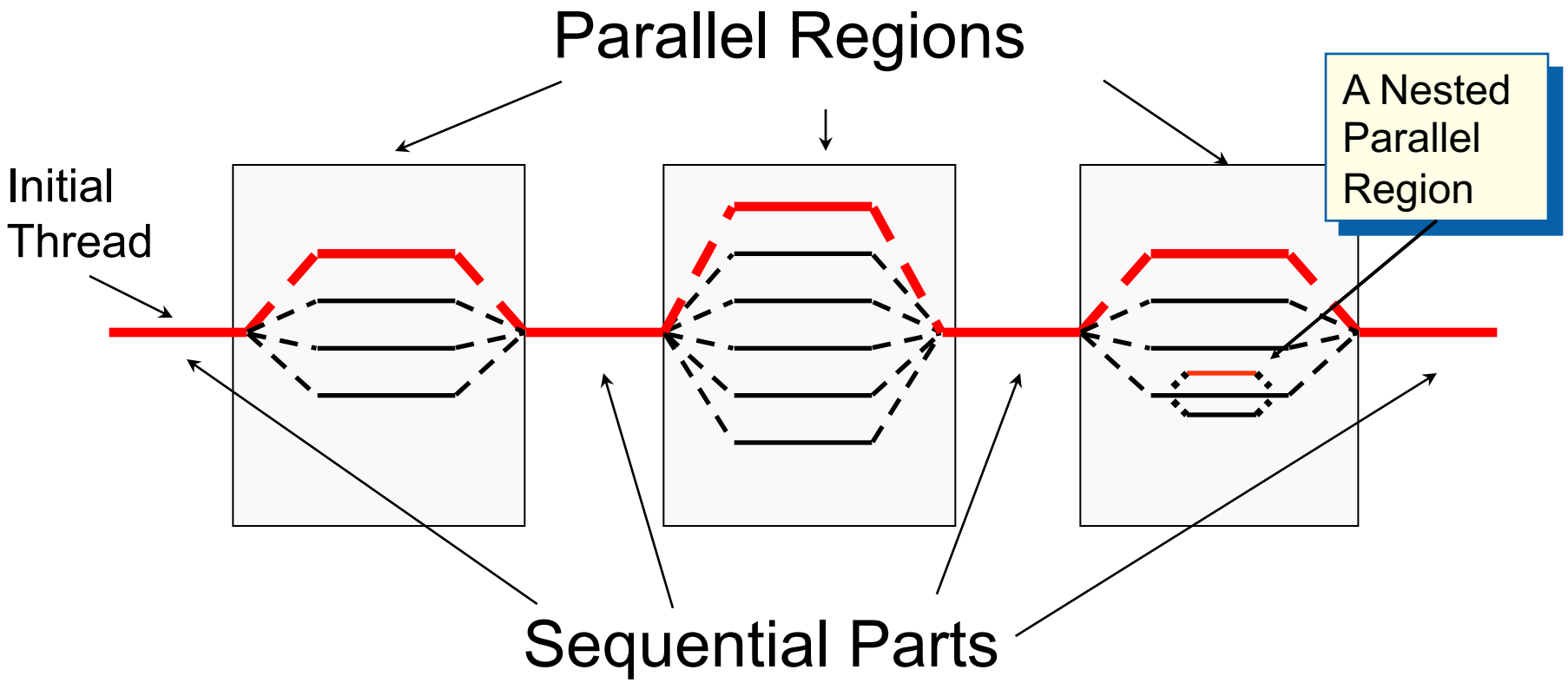
OpenMP Execution model:

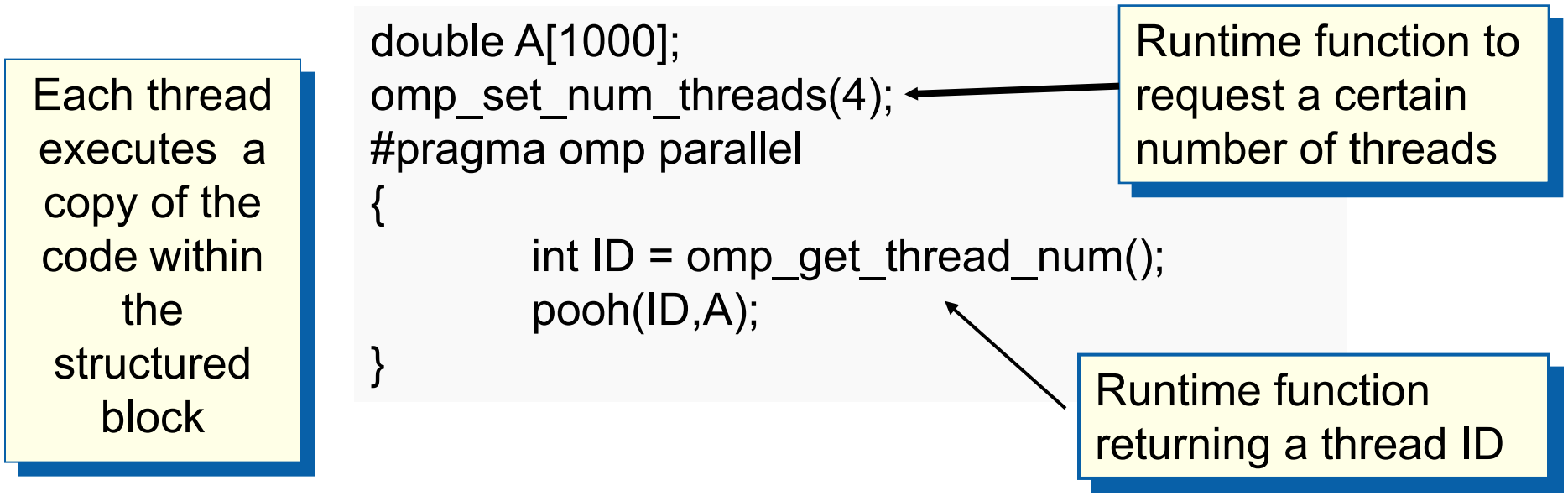
Fork-Join Parallelism:

- Initial thread spawns a team of threads as needed.
- Parallelism added incrementally until performance goals are met, i.e., the sequential program evolves into a parallel program.



Thread Creation: Parallel Regions

- You create threads in OpenMP* with the parallel construct.
- For example, to create a 4 thread Parallel region:

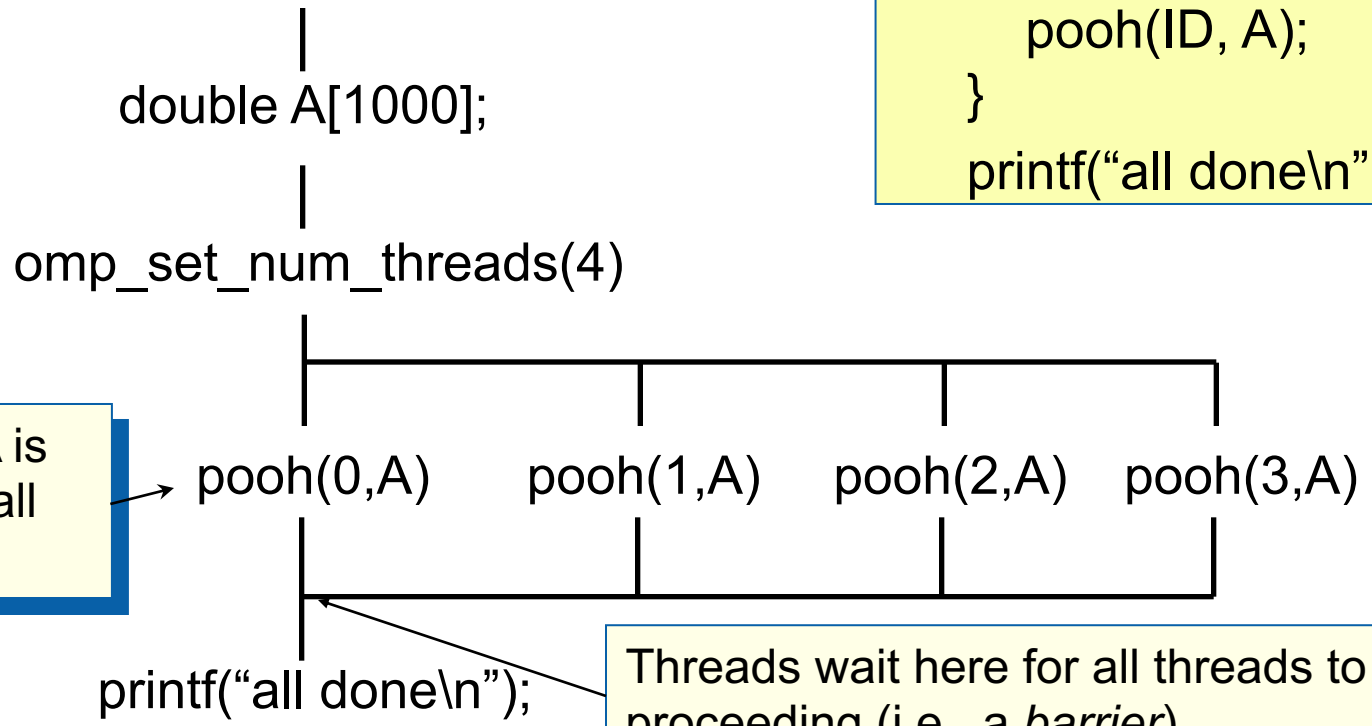


- Each thread calls pooh(ID,A) for ID = 0 to 3

Thread Creation: Parallel Regions Example

- Each thread executes the same code redundantly.

```
double A[1000];
omp_set_num_threads(4);
#pragma omp parallel
{
    int ID = omp_get_thread_num();
    pooh(ID, A);
}
printf("all done\n");
```



A single copy of A is shared between all threads.

Threads wait here for all threads to finish before proceeding (i.e., a *barrier*)

Thread creation: How many threads did you actually get?

- Request a number of threads with omp_set_num_threads()

- The number requested may not be the number you actually get.
  - An implementation may silently give you fewer threads than you requested.
  - Once a team of threads has launched, it will not be reduced.

Each thread executes a copy of the code within the structured block

```
double A[1000];
omp_set_num_threads(4);
#pragma omp parallel
{
        int ID      = omp_get_thread_num();
        int nthrds = omp_get_num_threads();
        pooh(ID,A);
}
```

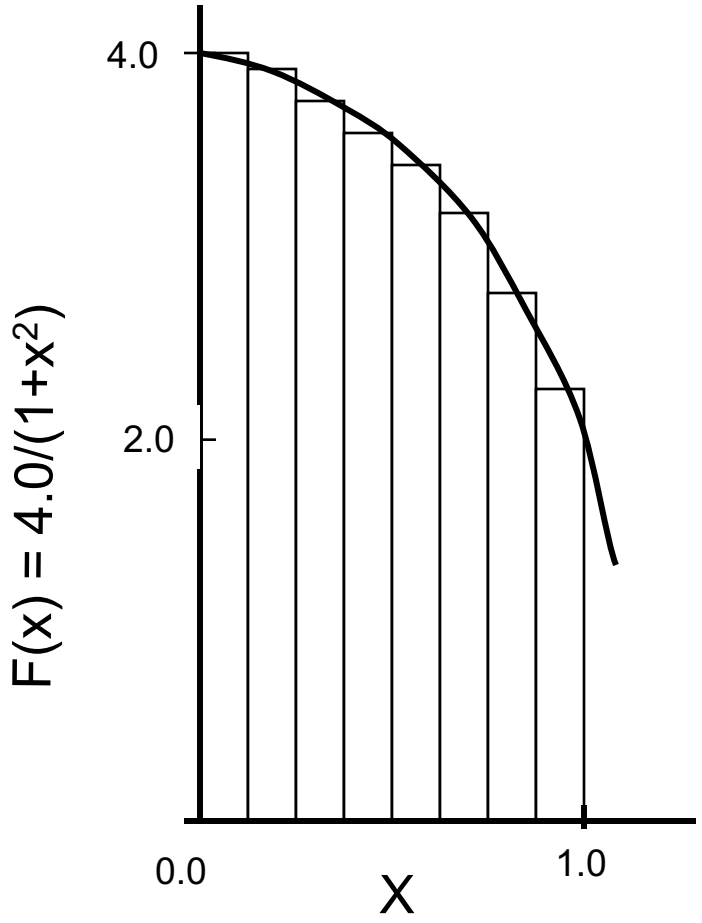
Runtime function to request a certain number of threads

Runtime function to return actual number of threads in the team

- Each thread calls pooh(ID,A) for ID = 0 to nthrds-1

An Interesting Problem to Play With

Numerical Integration



Mathematically, we know that:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{4.0}{(1+x^2)}\,dx = \pi$$

We can approximate the integral as a sum of rectangles:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N} F(x_i)\Delta x = \Delta x \sum_{i=0}^{N} F(x_i) \approx \pi$$

Where each rectangle has width Δx and height $F(x_i)$ at the middle of interval i.

Serial PI Program

```
static long num_steps = 100000;
double step;
int main ()
{           int i;      double x, pi, sum = 0.0;

            step = 1.0/(double) num_steps;

            for (i=0;i< num_steps; i++){
                        x = (i+0.5)*step;
                        sum = sum + 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
            }
            pi = step * sum;
}
```

See ATPESC/OMP_Exercises/pi.c

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        step = 1.0/(double) num_steps;
        double tdata = omp_get_wtime();
        for (i=0;i< num_steps; i++){
                x = (i+0.5)*step;
                sum = sum + 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
        }
        pi = step * sum;
        tdata = omp_get_wtime() - tdata;
        printf(" pi = %f in %f secs\n",pi, tdata);
}
```

The library routine get_omp_wtime() is used to find the elapsed "wall time" for blocks of code

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Exercise: the Parallel Pi Program

- Create a parallel version of the pi program using a parallel construct:

  #pragma omp parallel

- Pay close attention to shared versus private variables.
- In addition to a parallel construct, you will need the runtime library routines
  - int omp_get_num_threads();
  - int omp_get_thread_num();
  - double omp_get_wtime();
  - omp_set_num_threads();

Number of threads in the team

Thread ID or rank

Time in seconds since a fixed point in the past

Request a number of threads in the team

Hints: the Parallel Pi Program

- Use a parallel construct:

  #pragma omp parallel

- The challenge is to:
  - divide loop iterations between threads (use the thread ID and the number of threads).
  - Create an accumulator for each thread to hold partial sums that you can later combine to generate the global sum.

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Example: A simple SPMD pi program

```
#include <omp.h>
static long num_steps = 100000;        double step;
#define NUM_THREADS 2
void main ()
{    int i, nthreads;  double pi, sum[NUM_THREADS];
     step = 1.0/(double) num_steps;
     omp_set_num_threads(NUM_THREADS);
    #pragma omp parallel
     {
            int i, id,nthrds;
            double x;
            id = omp_get_thread_num();
            nthrds = omp_get_num_threads();
            if (id == 0)   nthreads = nthrds;
              for (i=id, sum[id]=0.0;i< num_steps; i=i+nthrds) {
                        x = (i+0.5)*step;
                        sum[id] += 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
              }
      }
     for(i=0, pi=0.0;i<nthreads;i++)pi += sum[i] * step;
}
```

Promote scalar to an array dimensioned by number of threads to avoid race condition.

Only one thread should copy the number of threads to the global value to make sure multiple threads writing to the same address don't conflict.

This is a common trick in SPMD programs to create a cyclic distribution of loop iterations

Results*

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threads	1st SPMD*
1	1.86
2	1.03
3	1.08
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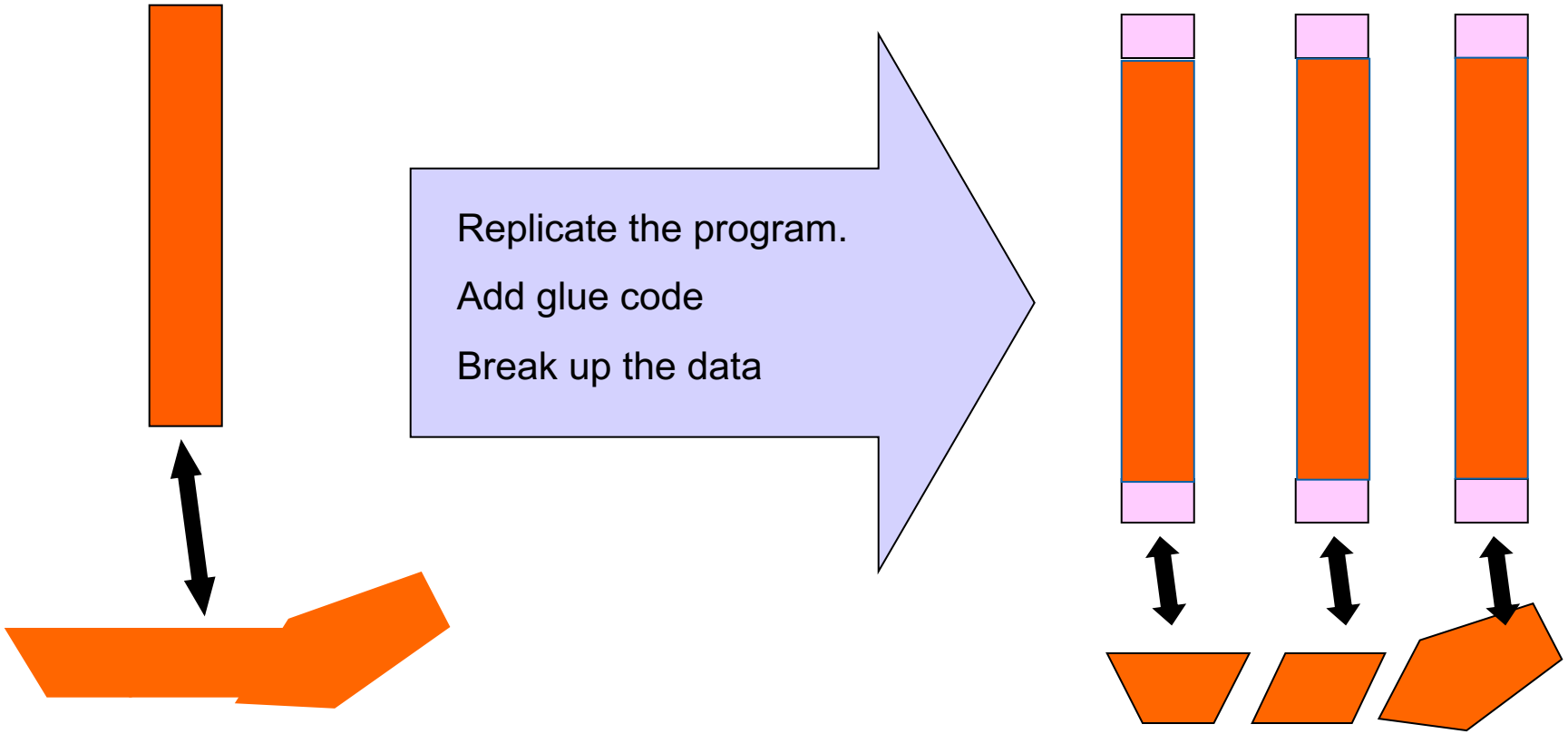
*SPMD: Single Program Multiple Data

SPMD: Single Program Mulitple Data

- Run the same program on P processing elements where P can be arbitrarily large.



- Use the rank … an ID ranging from 0 to (P-1) … to select between a set of tasks and to manage any shared data structures.

MPI programs almost always use this pattern … it is probably the most commonly used pattern in the history of parallel programming.

A brief digression to talk about performance issues in parallel programs

Consider performance of parallel programs

Compute N independent tasks on one processor

Load Data | Compute T_1 | … | Compute T_N | Consume Results

$$Time_{seq}(1) = T_{load} + N*T_{task} + T_{consume}$$

Compute N independent tasks with P processors

Load Data

Compute T_1

…

Compute T_N

Consume Results

Ideally Cut runtime by ~1/P

(Note: Parallelism only speeds-up the concurrent part)

$$Time_{par}(P) = T_{load} + (N/P)*T_{task} + T_{consume}$$

Talking about performance

- Speedup: the increased performance from running on P processors.

$$S(P) = \frac{Time_{seq}(1)}{Time_{par}(P)}$$

- Perfect Linear Speedup: happens when no parallel overhead and algorithm is 100% parallel.

$$S(P) = P$$

- Super-linear Speedup: typically due to cache effects … i.e. as P grows, aggregate cache size grows so more of the problem fits in cache

$$S(P) > P$$

Amdahl's Law

- What is the maximum speedup you can expect from a parallel program?

- Approximate the runtime as a part that can be sped up with additional processors and a part that is fundamentally serial.

$$Time_{par}(P) = (serial\_fraction + \frac{parallel\_fraction}{P}) * Time_{seq}$$

- If the serial fraction is α and the parallel fraction is (1- α) then the speedup is:

$$S(P) = \frac{Time_{seq}}{Time_{par}(P)} = \frac{Time_{seq}}{(\alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{P}) * Time_{seq}} = \frac{1}{\alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{P}}$$

- If you had an unlimited number of processors: $P \to \infty$

- The maximum possible speedup is: $S = \frac{1}{\alpha}$ ← Amdahl's Law

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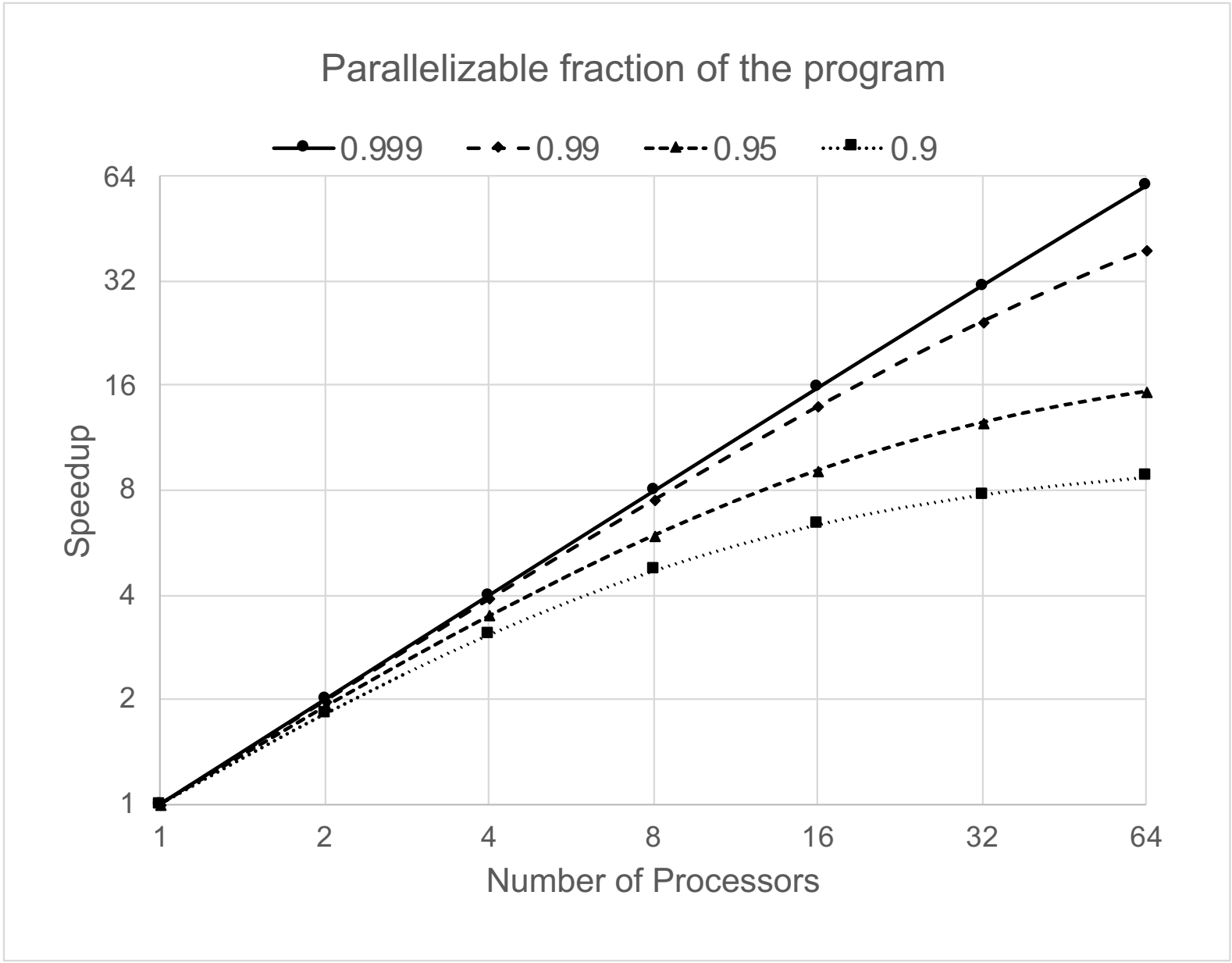
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Number of Processors

Now that you understand how to think about parallel performance, lets get back to OpenMP

Internal control variables and how to control the number of threads in a team

- We've used the following construct to control the number of threads. (e.g. to request 12 threads):
  - omp_set_num_threads(12)

- What does omp_set_num_threads() actually do?
  - It **resets** an "**internal control variable**" the system queries to select the default number of threads to request on subsequent parallel constructs.

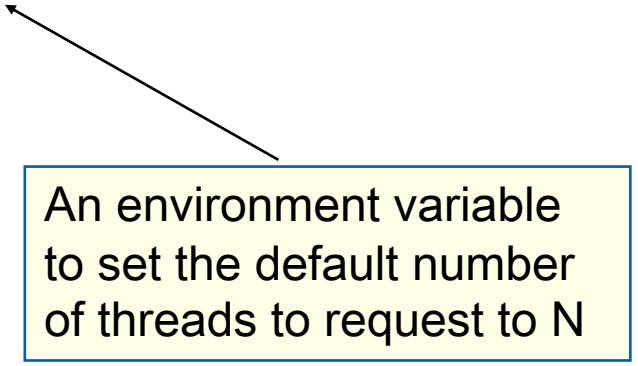
- Is there an easier way to change this internal control variable … perhaps one that doesn't require re-compilation? Yes.
  - When an OpenMP program starts up, it queries an environment variable OMP_NUM_THREADS and sets the appropriate internal control variable to the value of **OMP_NUM_THREADS**
  - For example, to set the initial, default number of threads to request in OpenMP from my apple laptop

    > **export OMP_NUM_THREADS=12**

Exercise

- Go back to your parallel pi program and explore how well it scales with the number of threads.
- Can you explain your performance with Amdahl's law? If not what else might be going on?

  - int omp_get_num_threads();
  - int omp_get_thread_num();
  - double omp_get_wtime();
  - omp_set_num_threads();
  - export OMP_NUM_THREADS = N



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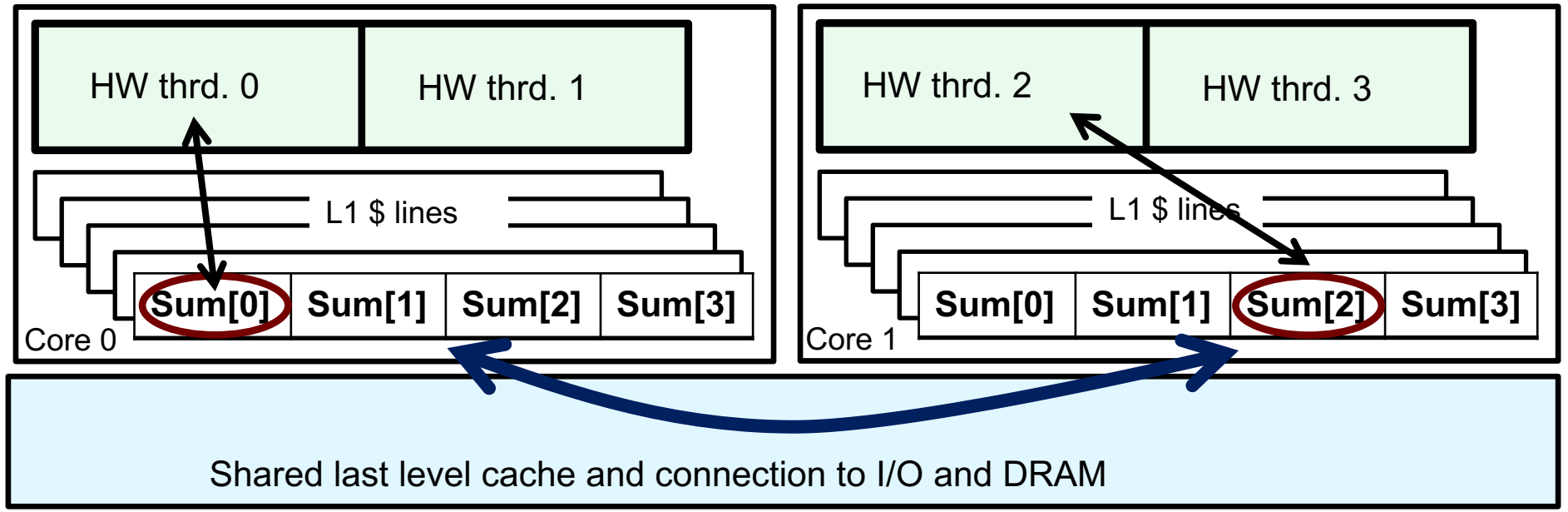
Why Such Poor Scaling? False Sharing

- If independent data elements happen to sit on the same cache line, each update will cause the cache lines to “slosh back and forth” between threads … This is called **“false sharing”**.



- If you promote scalars to an array to support creation of an SPMD program, the array elements are contiguous in memory and hence share cache lines … Results in poor scalability.
- Solution: Pad arrays so elements you use are on distinct cache lines.

Example: Eliminate false sharing by padding the sum array

```
#include <omp.h>
static long num_steps = 100000;        double step;
#define NUM_THREADS 2
#define PAD 8        // assume 64 byte L1 cache line size
void main ()
{    int i, nthreads;  double pi, sum[NUM_THREADS][PAD] ;
     step = 1.0/(double) num_steps;
     omp_set_num_threads(NUM_THREADS);
     #pragma omp parallel
     {
          int i, id,nthrds;
          double x;
          id = omp_get_thread_num();
          nthrds = omp_get_num_threads();
          if (id == 0)   nthreads = nthrds;
          for (i=id, sum[id]=0.0;i< num_steps; i=i+nthrds) {
               x = (i+0.5)*step;
               sum[id][0] += 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
          }
     }
     for(i=0, pi=0.0;i<nthreads;i++)pi += sum[i][0] * step;
}
```

Pad the array so each sum value is in a different cache line

Results*: PI Program, Padded Accumulator

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               sum[id][0] += 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
          }
     }
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}
```

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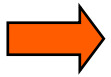

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Synchronization

Synchronization is used to impose order constraints and to protect access to shared data

- High level synchronization included in the common core:
  - critical
  - barrier

- Other, more advanced, synchronization operations:
  - atomic
  - ordered
  - flush
  - locks (both simple and nested)

Synchronization: critical

- Mutual exclusion: Only one thread at a time can enter a **critical** region.

Threads wait their turn – only one thread at a time calls consume()

```
float  res;
#pragma omp parallel
{     float B;   int i, id, nthrds;
      id = omp_get_thread_num();
      nthrds = omp_get_num_threads();
      B =  big_SPMD_job(id, nthrds);
      #pragma omp critical
            res += consume (B);

}
```

Synchronization: barrier

- Barrier: a point in a program all threads much reach before any threads are allowed to proceed.
- It is a “stand alone” pragma meaning it is not associated with user code … it is an executable statement.

```
double Arr[8], Brr[8];          int numthrds;

omp_set_num_threads(8)

#pragma omp parallel

{    int id, nthrds;

     id = omp_get_thread_num();

     nthrds = omp_get_num_threads();

     if (id==0) numthrds = nthrds;

     Arr[id] = big_ugly_calc(id, nthrds);

#pragma omp barrier
     Brr[id] = really_big_and_ugly(id, nthrds, Arr);
}
```

Threads wait until all threads hit the barrier. Then they can go on.

Exercise

- In your first Pi program, you probably used an array to create space for each thread to store its partial sum.
- If array elements happen to share a cache line, this leads to false sharing.
  - Non-shared data in the same cache line so each update invalidates the cache line … in essence "sloshing independent data" back and forth between threads.

- Modify your "pi program" to avoid false sharing due to the partial sum array.

```
int omp_get_num_threads();
int omp_get_thread_num();
double omp_get_wtime();
omp_set_num_threads();
#pragma parallel
#pragma critical
```

PI Program with False Sharing

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    {
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          double x;
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               sum[id] += 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
          }
    }
    for(i=0, pi=0.0;i<nthreads;i++)pi += sum[i] * step;
}
```

Recall that promoting sum to an array made the coding easy, but led to false sharing and poor performance.

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Example: Using a critical section to remove impact of false sharing

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            x = (i+0.5)*step;
            sum += 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
       }
       #pragma omp critical
              pi += sum * step;
   }
}
```

Create a scalar local to each thread to accumulate partial sums.

No array, so no false sharing.

Sum goes “out of scope” beyond the parallel region … so you must sum it in here. Must protect summation into pi in a critical region so updates don’t conflict

Results*: pi program critical section

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         }
        #pragma omp critical
                pi += sum * step;
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              x = (i+0.5)*step;
              #pragma omp critical
                   sum += 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
         }
    }
}
```

What would happen if you put the critical section inside the loop?

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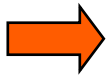

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The Loop Worksharing Construct

- The loop worksharing construct splits up loop iterations among the threads in a team

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp for
        for (I=0;I<N;I++){
                NEAT_STUFF(I);
        }
}
```

Loop construct name:

- C/C++: for
- Fortran: do

The loop control index I is made "private" to each thread by default.

Threads wait here until all threads are finished with the parallel loop before any proceed past the end of the loop

Loop Worksharing Construct

A motivating example

Sequential code

```
for(i=0;i<N;i++)   { a[i] = a[i] + b[i];}
```

OpenMP parallel region

(SPMD Pattern)

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
        int id, i, Nthrds, istart, iend;
        id = omp_get_thread_num();
        Nthrds = omp_get_num_threads();
        istart = id * N / Nthrds;
        iend = (id+1) * (N / Nthrds)-1;
        if (id == Nthrds-1)iend = N;
        for(i=istart;i<iend;i++)   { a[i] = a[i] + b[i];}
}
```

OpenMP parallel region and a worksharing for construct

```
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp for
        for(i=0;i<N;i++)   { a[i] = a[i] + b[i];}
```

Loop Worksharing Constructs: The schedule clause

- The schedule clause affects how loop iterations are mapped onto threads
  - **schedule(static [,chunk])**
    - Deal-out blocks of iterations of size “chunk” to each thread.
  - **schedule(dynamic[,chunk])**
    - Each thread grabs “chunk” iterations off a queue until all iterations have been handled.
- Example:
  - #pragma omp for schedule(dynamic, 10)

Schedule Clause	When To Use
STATIC	**Pre-determined and predictable by the programmer**
DYNAMIC	**Unpredictable, highly variable work per iteration**

Least work at runtime : scheduling done at compile-time

Most work at runtime : complex scheduling logic used at run-time

Combined Parallel/Worksharing Construct

- OpenMP shortcut: Put the “parallel” and the worksharing directive on the same line

```
 double  res[MAX];  int i;
#pragma omp parallel
{
    #pragma omp for
    for (i=0;i< MAX; i++) {
        res[i] = huge();
    }
}
```

```
 double  res[MAX];  int i;
#pragma omp parallel for
    for (i=0;i< MAX; i++) {
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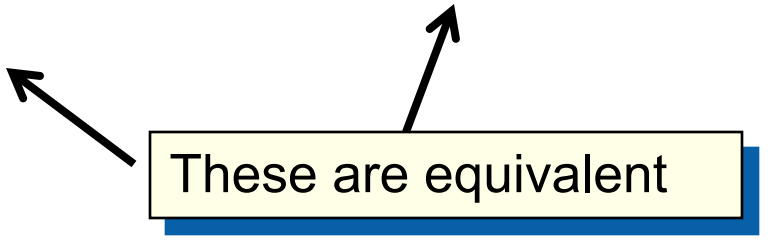
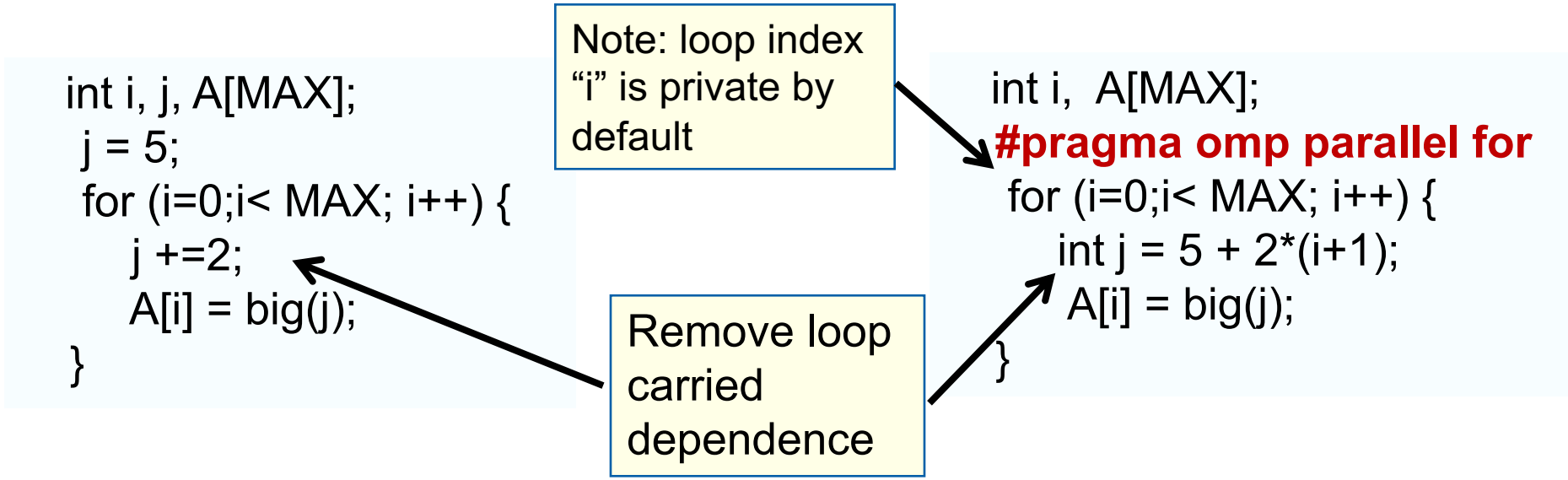
    }
```



Working with loops

- Basic approach
  - Find compute intensive loops
  - Make the loop iterations independent ... So they can safely execute in any order without loop-carried dependencies
  - Place the appropriate OpenMP directive and test



Reduction

- How do we handle this case?

```
double  ave=0.0, A[MAX];
int i;
for (i=0;i< MAX; i++) {
      ave + = A[i];
}
ave = ave/MAX;
```

- We are combining values into a single accumulation variable (ave) … there is a true dependence between loop iterations that can't be trivially removed.
- This is a very common situation … it is called a "reduction".
- Support for reduction operations is included in most parallel programming environments.

Reduction

- OpenMP reduction clause:

  reduction (op : list)

- Inside a parallel or a work-sharing construct:
  - A local copy of each list variable is made and initialized depending on the “op” (e.g. 0 for “+”).
  - Updates occur on the local copy.
  - Local copies are reduced into a single value and combined with the original global value.

- The variables in “list” must be shared in the enclosing parallel region.

```
 double  ave=0.0, A[MAX];    int i;
#pragma omp parallel for reduction (+:ave)
 for (i=0;i< MAX; i++) {
        ave + = A[i];
 }
 ave = ave/MAX;
```

OpenMP: Reduction operands/initial-values

- Many different associative operands can be used with reduction:
- Initial values are the ones that make sense mathematically.

Operator	Initial value
+	0
*	1
-	0
min	Largest pos. number
max	Most neg. number

C/C++ only	
Operator	Initial value
&	~0
|	0
^	0
&&	1
||	0

Fortran Only	
Operator	Initial value
.AND.	.true.
.OR.	.false.
.NEQV.	.false.
.IEOR.	0
.IOR.	0
.IAND.	All bits on
.EQV.	.true.

OpenMP includes user defined reductions and array-sections as reduction variables (we just don't cover those topics here)

Exercise: PI with loops

- Go back to the serial pi program and parallelize it with a loop construct
- Your goal is to minimize the number of changes made to the serial program.

```
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp for
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#pragma omp for reduction(op:list)
#pragma omp critical
int omp_get_num_threads();
int omp_get_thread_num();
double omp_get_wtime();
```

Example: PI with a loop and a reduction

```
#include <omp.h>
static long num_steps = 100000;        double step;
void main ()
{    int i;            double x, pi, sum = 0.0;
      step = 1.0/(double) num_steps;
      #pragma omp parallel
      {
          double x;
         #pragma omp for reduction(+:sum)
             for (i=0;i< num_steps; i++){
                    x = (i+0.5)*step;
                    sum = sum + 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
             }
       }
            pi = step * sum;
}
```

Create a team of threads … without a parallel construct, you'll never have more than one thread

Create a scalar local to each thread to hold value of x at the center of each interval

Break up loop iterations and assign them to threads … setting up a reduction into sum. Note … the loop index is local to a thread by default.

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void main ()
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     step = 1.0/(double) num_steps;

     #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:sum)
     for (int i=0;i< num_steps; i++){
          double x = (i+0.5)*step;
          sum = sum + 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
     }
     pi = step * sum;
}
```

Using modern C style, we put declarations close to where they are used … which lets me use the parallel for construct.

Results*: PI with a loop and a reduction

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Example: Pi with a

```
#include <omp.h>
static long num_steps = 1000
void main ()
{   int i;          double x, pi, su
    step = 1.0/(double) num_s
    #pragma omp parallel
    {
        double x;
      #pragma omp for reduction(+:sum)
          for (i=0;i< num_steps; i++){
                x = (i+0.5)*step;
                sum = sum + 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
          }
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The nowait clause

- Barriers are really expensive. You need to understand when they are implied and how to skip them when it's safe to do so.

```
double A[big], B[big], C[big];

#pragma omp parallel
{
        int id=omp_get_thread_num();
        A[id] = big_calc1(id);
#pragma omp barrier
#pragma omp for
        for(i=0;i<N;i++){C[i]=big_calc3(i,A);}
#pragma omp for nowait
        for(i=0;i<N;i++){ B[i]=big_calc2(C,  i); }
        A[id] = big_calc4(id);
}
```

implicit barrier at the end of a for worksharing construct

implicit barrier at the end of a parallel region

no implicit barrier due to nowait

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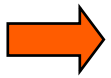

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Data Environment: Default storage attributes

- Shared memory programming model:
  - Most variables are shared by default
- Global variables are SHARED among threads
  - Fortran: COMMON blocks, SAVE variables, MODULE variables
  - C: File scope variables, static
  - Both: dynamically allocated memory (ALLOCATE, malloc, new)
- But not everything is shared...
  - Stack variables in subprograms(Fortran) or functions(C) called from parallel regions are PRIVATE
  - Automatic variables within a statement block are PRIVATE.

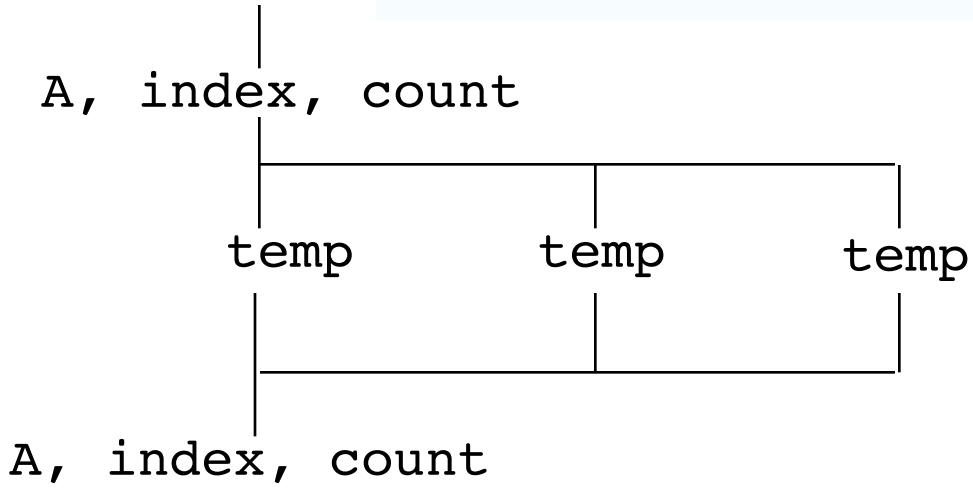
Data Sharing: Examples

```
double A[10];
int main() {
int index[10];
#pragma omp parallel
      work(index);
printf("%d\n", index[0]);
}
```

```
extern double A[10];
void work(int *index) {
  double temp[10];
  static int count;
  ...
}
```

A, index and count are shared by all threads.

temp is local to each thread



Data Sharing: Changing storage attributes

- One can selectively change storage attributes for constructs using the following clauses* (note: ***list*** is a comma-separated list of variables)
  - shared(list)
  - private(list)
  - firstprivate(list)
- These can be used on parallel and for constructs … other than shared which can only be used on a parallel construct

- Force the programmer to explicitly define storage attributes
  - default (none)

default() can only be used on parallel constructs

Data Sharing: Private clause

- private(var) creates a new local copy of var for each thread.

```
int N = 1000;
extern void init_arrays(int N, double *A, double *B, double *C);


void example () {
     int i, j;
     double A[N][N], B[N][N], C[N][N];
     init_arrays(N, *A, *B, *C);


     #pragma omp parallel for private(j)
     for (i = 0; i < 1000; i++)
          for( j = 0; j<1000; j++)
               C[i][j] = A[i][j] + B[i][j];
}
```

OpenMP makes the loop control index on the parallel loop (i) private by default … but not for the second loop (j)

Data Sharing: Private clause

- private(var) creates a new local copy of var for each thread.
  - The value of the private copies is uninitialized
  - The value of the original variable is unchanged after the region

```
void wrong() {
      int tmp = 0;
#pragma omp parallel for private(tmp)
      for (int j = 0; j < 1000; ++j)
            tmp += j;
      printf("%d\n", tmp);
}
```

tmp was not initialized

When you need to refer to the variable tmp that exists prior to the construct, we call it the **original variable**.

tmp is 0 here

Data Sharing: Private and the original variable

- The original variable's value is unspecified if it is referenced outside of the construct
  - Implementations may reference the original variable or a copy ….. a dangerous programming practice!
  - For example, consider what would happen if the compiler inlined work()?

```
int tmp;
void danger() {
      tmp = 0;
#pragma omp parallel private(tmp)
      work();
     printf("%d\n", tmp);
}
```

tmp has unspecified value

```
extern int tmp;
void work() {
      tmp = 5;
}
```

unspecified which copy of tmp

Firstprivate clause

- Variables initialized from a shared variable
- C++ objects are copy-constructed

```
incr = 0;
#pragma omp parallel for firstprivate(incr)
for (i = 0; i <= MAX; i++) {
        if ((i%2)==0) incr++;
        A[i] = incr;
}
```

Each thread gets its own copy of incr with an initial value of 0

Data sharing:
A data environment test

- Consider this example of PRIVATE and FIRSTPRIVATE

```
variables:  A = 1,B = 1, C = 1
#pragma omp parallel private(B)  firstprivate(C)
```

- Are A,B,C private to each thread or shared inside the parallel region?
- What are their initial values inside and values after the parallel region?

Inside this parallel region ...

- "A" is shared by all threads; equals 1
- "B" and "C" are private to each thread.
  - B's initial value is undefined
  - C's initial value equals 1

Following the parallel region ...

- B and C revert to their original values of 1
- A is either 1 or the value it was set to inside the parallel region

Data Sharing: Default clause

- **default(none)**: `Forces you to define the` storage attributes for variables that appear inside the static extent of the construct … if you fail the compiler will complain. Good programming practice!
- You can put the default clause on parallel and parallel + workshare constructs.

The static extent is the code in the compilation unit that contains the construct.

```
#include <omp.h>
int main()
{
    int i, j=5;      double x=1.0, y=42.0;
    #pragma omp parallel for default(none) reduction(*:x)
    for (i=0;i<N;i++){
        for(j=0; j<3; j++)
            x+= foobar(i, j, y);
    }
    printf(" x is %f\n",(float)x);
}
```

The compiler would complain about j and y, which is important since you don't want j to be shared

The full OpenMP specification has other versions of the default clause, but they are not used very often so we skip them in the common core

Exercise: Mandelbrot set area

- The supplied program (mandel.c) computes the area of a Mandelbrot set.
- The program has been parallelized with OpenMP, but we were lazy and didn't do it right.
- Find and fix the errors (hint … the problem is with the data environment).
- Once you have a working version, try to optimize the program.
  - Try different schedules on the parallel loop.
  - Try different mechanisms to support mutual exclusion … do the efficiencies change?

This exercises come from Mark Bull of EPCC (at University of Edinburgh)

The Mandelbrot Set Area Program

```
#include <omp.h>
# define NPOINTS 1000
# define MXITR 1000
struct d_complex{
  double r;     double i;
};
void testpoint(struct d_complex);
struct d_complex c;
int numoutside = 0;

int main(){
  int i, j;
  double area, error, eps  = 1.0e-5;
#pragma omp parallel for private(c, j) firstprivate(eps)
  for (i=0; i<NPOINTS; i++) {
    for (j=0; j<NPOINTS; j++) {
      c.r = -2.0+2.5*(double)(i)/(double)(NPOINTS)+eps;
      c.i = 1.125*(double)(j)/(double)(NPOINTS)+eps;
      testpoint(c);
    }
  }
area=2.0*2.5*1.125*(double)(NPOINTS*NPOINTS-
numoutside)/(double)(NPOINTS*NPOINTS);
  error=area/(double)NPOINTS;
}
```

```
void testpoint(struct  d_complex c){
struct d_complex z;
      int iter;
      double temp;

      z=c;
      for (iter=0; iter<MXITR; iter++){
        temp = (z.r*z.r)-(z.i*z.i)+c.r;
        z.i = z.r*z.i*2+c.i;
        z.r = temp;
        if ((z.r*z.r+z.i*z.i)>4.0) {
        #pragma omp critical
          numoutside++;
          break;
        }
      }
}
```

- eps was not initialized
- Protect updates of numoutside
- Which value of c does testpoint() see? Global or private?

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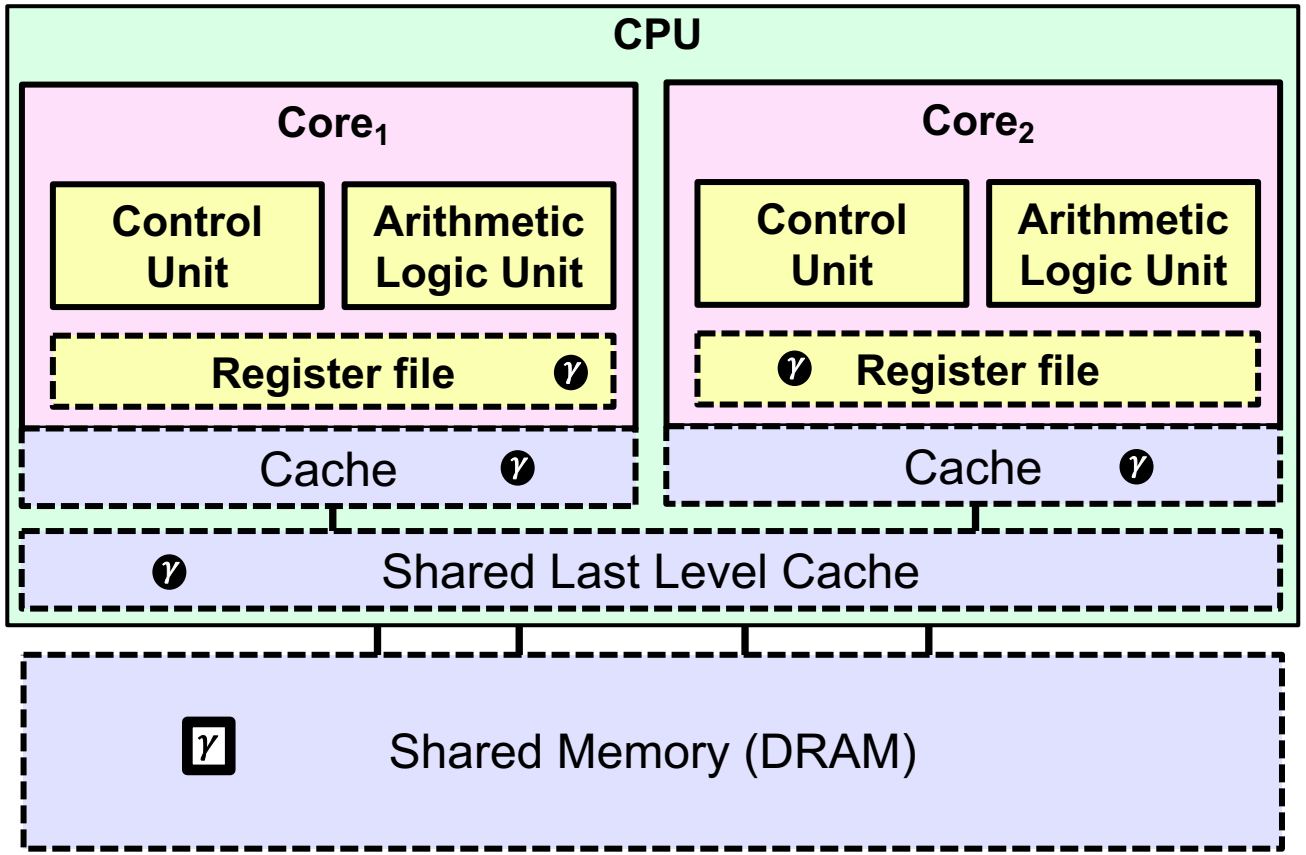

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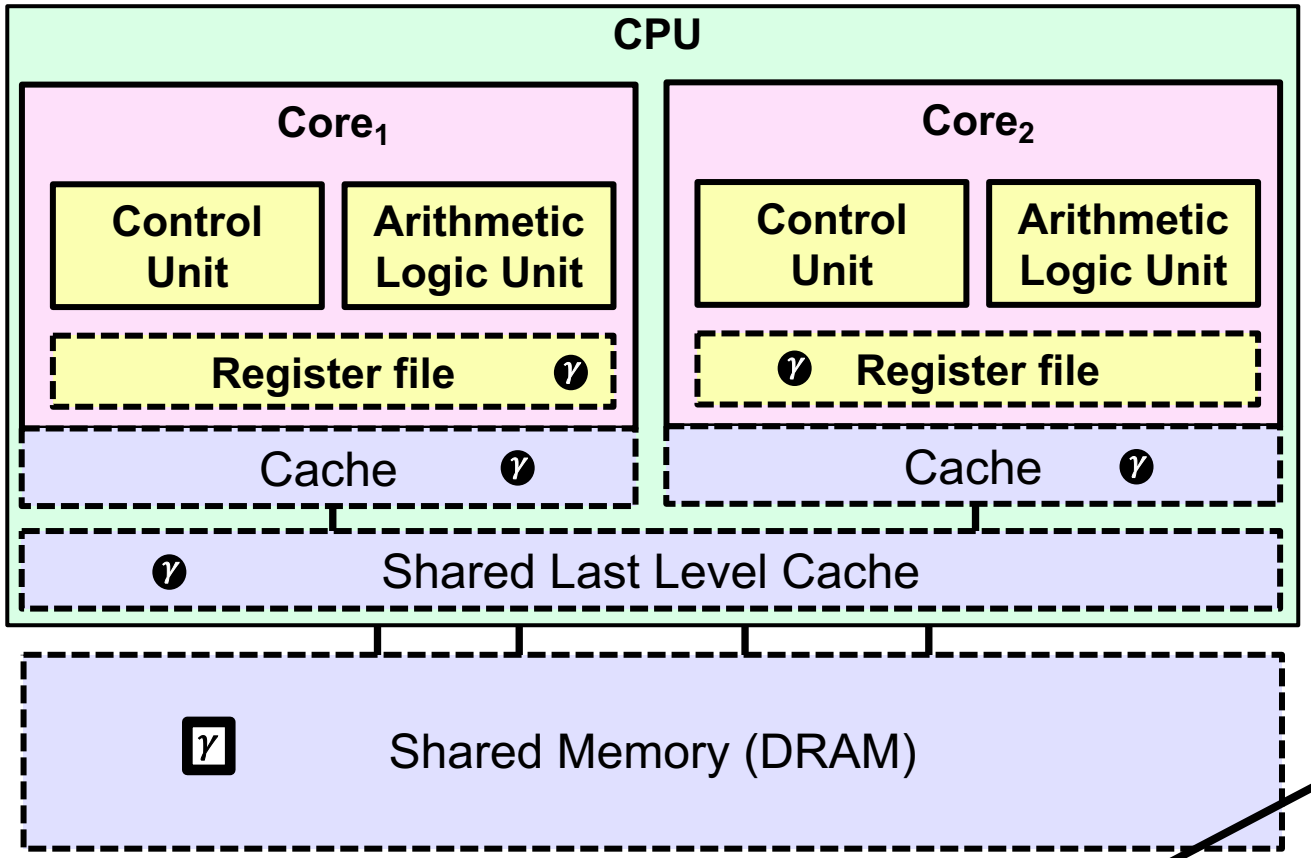

A memory consistency model (or "memory model" for short) provides the rules needed to answer this question.

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OpenMP and Relaxed Consistency

- Most (if not all) multithreading programming models (including OpenMP) supports a **relaxed-consistency** memory model
  - Threads can maintain a **temporary view** of shared memory that is not consistent with that of other threads
  - These temporary views are made consistent only at certain points in the program
  - The operation that enforces consistency is called the **flush operation***

*Note: in OpenMP 5.0 the name for the flush described here was changed to a ”strong flush”. This was done so we could distinguish the traditional OpenMP flush (the strong flush) from the new synchronizing flushes (acquire flush and release flush).

Flush Operation

- Defines a sequence point at which a thread is guaranteed to see a consistent view of memory*
  - Previous read/writes by this thread have completed and are visible to other threads
  - No subsequent read/writes by this thread have occurred

- A flush operation is analogous to a **fence** in other shared memory APIs

* This applies to the set of shared variables visible to a thread at the point the flush is encountered. We call this "**the flush set**"

Flush Example

- Flush forces data to be updated in memory so other threads see the most recent value*

```
double A;
A = compute();
#pragma omp flush(A)
   // flush to memory to make sure other
   //  threads can pick up the right value
```

Note: OpenMP's flush is analogous to a fence in other shared memory APIs

* If you pass a list of variables to the flush directive, then that list is "**the flush set**"

Flush and Synchronization

- A flush operation is implied by OpenMP synchronizations, e.g.,
  - at entry/exit of parallel regions
  - at implicit and explicit barriers
  - at entry/exit of critical regions

  ….

  (but not on entry to worksharing regions)

WARNING:
If you find your self wanting to write code with explicit flushes, stop and get help. It is very difficult to manage flushes on your own. Even experts often get them wrong.

This is why we defined OpenMP constructs to automatically apply flushes most places where you really need them.

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Irregular Parallelism

- Let's call a problem "irregular" when one or both of the following hold:
  - Data Structures are sparse
  - Control structures are not basic for-loops

- Example: Traversing Linked lists:

```
p = listhead ;
while (p) {
  process(p);
  p=p->next;
}
```

- Using what we've learned so far, traversing a linked list in parallel using OpenMP is difficult.

Exercise: Traversing linked lists

- Consider the program linked.c
  - Traverses a linked list computing a sequence of Fibonacci numbers at each node.
- Parallelize this program selecting from the following list of constructs:

```
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp for
#pragma omp parallel for
#pragma omp for reduction(op:list)
#pragma omp critical
int omp_get_num_threads();
int omp_get_thread_num();
double omp_get_wtime();
schedule(static[,chunk]) or schedule(dynamic[,chunk])
private(), firstprivate(), default(none)
```

- Hint: Just worry about the while loop that is timed inside main(). You don't need to make any changes to the "list functions"

Linked Lists with OpenMP (without tasks)

- See the file solutions/linked_notasks.c

```
while (p != NULL) {
     p = p->next;
      count++;
}
struct node *parr = (struct node*) malloc(count*sizeof(struct node));
p = head;
for(i=0; i<count; i++) {
      parr[i] = p;
      p = p->next;
   }
#pragma omp parallel
{
    #pragma omp for schedule(static,1)
    for(i=0; i<count; i++)
       processwork(parr[i]);
}
```

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With so much code to add and three passes through the data, this is really ugly.

There has got to be a better way to do this

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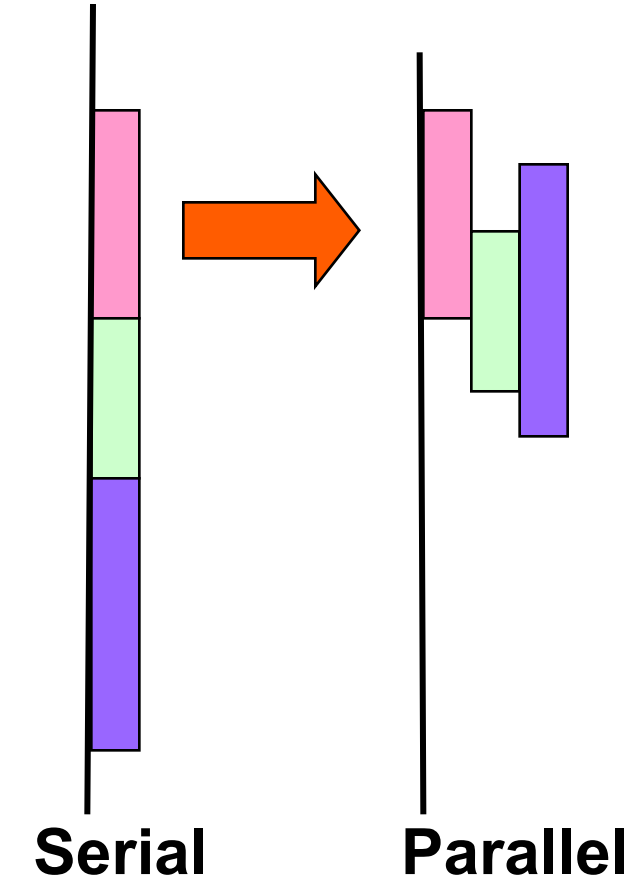
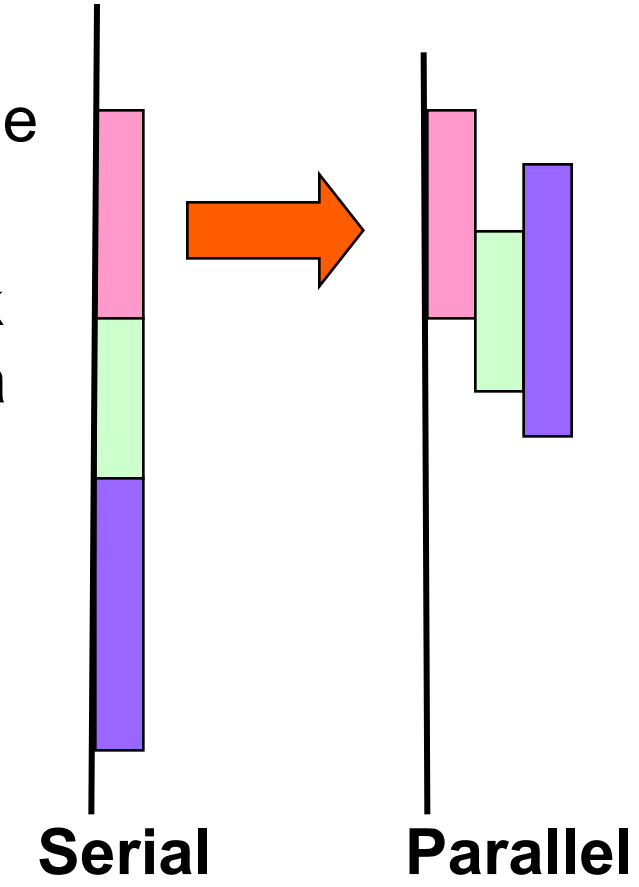
What are Tasks?

- Tasks are independent units of work
- Tasks are composed of:
  - code to execute
  - data to compute with
- Threads are assigned to perform the work of each task.
  - The thread that encounters the task construct may execute the task immediately.
  - The threads may defer execution until later



What are Tasks?

- The task construct includes a structured block of code
- Inside a parallel region, a thread encountering a task construct will package up the code block and its data for execution
- Tasks can be nested: i.e. a task may itself generate tasks.



A common Pattern is to have one thread create the tasks while the other threads wait at a barrier and execute the tasks

Single Worksharing Construct

- The **single** construct denotes a block of code that is executed by only one thread (not necessarily the primary* thread).
- A barrier is implied at the end of the single block (can remove the barrier with a *nowait* clause).

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
        do_many_things();
    #pragma omp single
        {    exchange_boundaries();   }
        do_many_other_things();

}
```

*This used to be called the “master thread”. The term “master” has been deprecated in OpenMP 5.1 and replaced with the term “primary”.

Task Directive

`#pragma omp task` *[clauses]*

structured-block

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
  #pragma omp single
   {
     #pragma omp task
        fred();
     #pragma omp task
        daisy();
     #pragma omp task
        billy();
   }
}
```

Create some threads

One Thread packages tasks

Tasks executed by some thread in some order

All tasks complete before this barrier is released

Exercise: Simple tasks

- Write a program using tasks that will “randomly” generate one of two strings:
  - “I think “ “race” “car” “s are fun”
  - “I think “ “car” “race” “s are fun”

- Hint: use tasks to print the indeterminate part of the output (i.e. the “race” or “car” parts).

- This is called a “Race Condition”. It occurs when the result of a program depends on how the OS schedules the threads.

- NOTE: A “data race” is when threads “race to update a shared variable”. They produce race conditions. Programs containing data races are undefined (in OpenMP but also ANSI standards C++’11 and beyond).

```
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp task
#pragma omp single
```

This exercise comes from Ruud van der Pas of Oracle

Racey Cars: Solution

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
int main()
{  printf("I think");
   #pragma omp parallel
   {
      #pragma omp single
      {
         #pragma omp task
            printf(" car");
         #pragma omp task
            printf(" race");
      }
   }
   printf("s");
   printf(" are fun!\n");
}
```

Data Scoping with Tasks

- Variables can be shared, private or firstprivate with respect to task

- These concepts are a little bit different compared with threads:
  - If a variable is shared on a task construct, the references to it inside the construct are to the storage with that name at the point where the task was encountered
  - If a variable is private on a task construct, the references to it inside the construct are to new uninitialized storage that is created when the task is executed
  - If a variable is firstprivate on a construct, the references to it inside the construct are to new storage that is created and initialized with the value of the existing storage of that name when the task is encountered

Data Scoping Defaults

- The behavior you want for tasks is usually firstprivate, because the task may not be executed until later (and variables may have gone out of scope)
  - Variables that are private when the task construct is encountered are firstprivate by default

- Variables that are shared in all constructs starting from the innermost enclosing parallel construct are shared by default

```
#pragma omp parallel shared(A) private(B)
{
    ...
#pragma omp task
    {
        int C;
        compute(A, B, C);
    }
}
```

A is shared
B is firstprivate
C is private

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#pragma omp single
#pragma omp task
int omp_get_num_threads();
int omp_get_thread_num();
double omp_get_wtime();
private(), firstprivate()
```

- Hint: Just worry about the contents of main(). You don't need to make any changes to the "list functions"

Parallel Linked List Traversal

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
  #pragma omp single
   {
    p = listhead ;
    while (p) {
       #pragma omp task firstprivate(p)
              {
                process (p);
              }
       p=next (p) ;
     }
   }
}
```

Only one thread packages tasks

makes a copy of `p` when the task is packaged

When/Where are Tasks Complete?

- At thread barriers (explicit or implicit)
  - all tasks generated inside a region must complete at the next barrier encountered by the threads in that region. Common examples:
    - **Tasks generated inside a single construct**: all tasks complete before exiting the barrier on the single.
    - **Tasks generated inside a parallel region**: all tasks complete before exiting the barrier at the end of the parallel region.

- At taskwait directive
  - i.e. Wait until all tasks defined in the current task have completed.

```
#pragma omp taskwait
```

  - Note: applies only to tasks generated in the current task, not to “descendants” .

Example

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
  #pragma omp single
   {
     #pragma omp task
        fred();
     #pragma omp task
        daisy();
     #pragma omp taskwait
     #pragma omp task
        billy();
   }
}
```

`fred()` and `daisy()` must complete before `billy()` starts, but this does not include tasks created inside **fred()** and **daisy()**

`All tasks` including those created inside **fred()** and **daisy()** must complete before exiting this barrier

Example

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
  #pragma omp single nowait
   {
     #pragma omp task
        fred();
     #pragma omp task
        daisy();
     #pragma omp taskwait
     #pragma omp task
        billy();
   }
}
```

The barrier at the end of the single is expensive and not needed since you get the barrier at the end of the parallel region. So use nowait to turn it off.

All tasks including those created inside **fred()** and **daisy()** must complete before exiting this barrier

Example: Fibonacci numbers

```
int fib (int n)
{
   int x,y;
   if (n < 2) return n;

   x = fib(n-1);
   y = fib (n-2);
   return (x+y);
}

Int main()
{
   int NW = 5000;
   fib(NW);
}
```

- $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$
- Inefficient $O(n^2)$ recursive implementation!

Parallel Fibonacci

```
int fib (int n)
{   int x,y;
   if (n < 2) return n;

#pragma omp task shared(x)
   x = fib(n-1);
#pragma omp task shared(y)
   y = fib (n-2);
#pragma omp taskwait
   return (x+y);
}

Int main()
{  int NW = 5000;
   #pragma omp parallel
   {
      #pragma omp single
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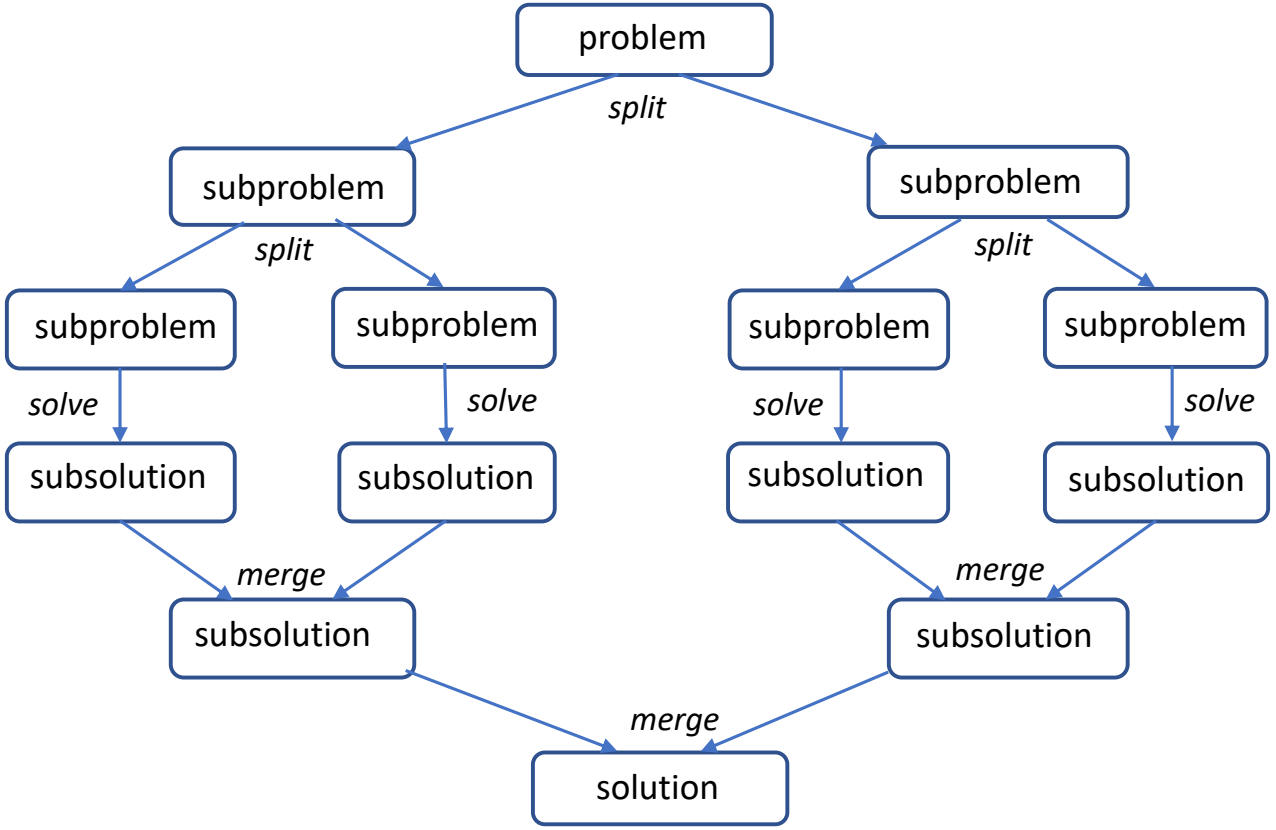
   }
}
```

- Binary tree of tasks
- Traversed using a recursive function
- A task cannot complete until all tasks below it in the tree are complete (enforced with taskwait)
- `x,y` are local, and so by default they are private to current task
  - must be shared on child tasks so they don't create their own firstprivate copies at this level!

Divide and Conquer

- Split the problem into smaller sub-problems; continue until the sub-problems can be solved directly



- 3 Options for parallelism:
  - Do work as you split into sub-problems
  - Do work only at the leaves
  - Do work as you recombine

Exercise: PI with tasks

- Go back to the original pi.c program
  - Parallelize this program using OpenMP tasks

```
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp task
#pragma omp taskwait
#pragma omp single
double omp_get_wtime()
int omp_get_thread_num();
int omp_get_num_threads();
```

- Hint: first create a recursive pi program and verify that it works. **Think about the computation you want to do at the leaves. If you go all the way down to one iteration per leaf-node, won't you just swamp the system with tasks?**

Program: OpenMP tasks

```
include <omp.h>
static long num_steps = 100000000;
#define MIN_BLK  10000000
double pi_comp(int Nstart,int Nfinish,double step)
{   int i,iblk;
    double x, sum = 0.0,sum1, sum2;
    if (Nfinish-Nstart < MIN_BLK){
      for (i=Nstart;i< Nfinish; i++){
        x = (i+0.5)*step;
        sum = sum + 4.0/(1.0+x*x);
      }
    }
    else{
      iblk = Nfinish-Nstart;
      #pragma omp task shared(sum1)
          sum1 = pi_comp(Nstart,        Nfinish-iblk/2,step);
      #pragma omp task shared(sum2)
          sum2 = pi_comp(Nfinish-iblk/2, Nfinish,      step);
      #pragma omp taskwait
        sum = sum1 + sum2;
   }return sum;
}
```

```
int main ()
{
  int i;
  double step, pi, sum;
   step = 1.0/(double) num_steps;
   #pragma omp parallel
   {
      #pragma omp single
          sum =
              pi_comp(0,num_steps,step);
    }
     pi = step * sum;
}
```

Results*: Pi with tasks

threads	1st SPMD	SPMD critical	PI Loop	Pi tasks
1	1.86	1.87	1.91	1.87
2	1.03	1.00	1.02	1.00
3	1.08	0.68	0.80	0.76
4	0.97	0.53	0.68	0.52

*Intel compiler (icpc) with no optimization on Apple OS X 10.7.3 with a dual core (four HW thread) Intel® Core™ i5 processor at 1.7 Ghz and 4 Gbyte DDR3 memory at 1.333 Ghz.

Using Tasks

- Don’t use tasks for things already well supported by OpenMP
  - e.g. standard do/for loops
  - the overhead of using tasks is greater

- Don’t expect miracles from the runtime
  - best results usually obtained where the user controls the number and granularity of tasks

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The OpenMP Common Core: Most OpenMP programs only use these 21 items

OpenMP pragma, function, or clause	Concepts
#pragma omp parallel	Parallel region, teams of threads, structured block, interleaved execution across threads.
void omp_set_thread_num() int omp_get_thread_num() int omp_get_num_threads()	Default number of threads and internal control variables. SPMD pattern: Create threads with a parallel region and split up the work using the number of threads and the thread ID.
double omp_get_wtime()	Speedup and Amdahl's law. False sharing and other performance issues.
setenv OMP_NUM_THREADS N	Setting the internal control variable for the default number of threads with an environment variable
#pragma omp barrier #pragma omp critical	Synchronization and race conditions. Revisit interleaved execution.
#pragma omp for #pragma omp parallel for	Worksharing, parallel loops, loop carried dependencies.
reduction(op:list)	Reductions of values across a team of threads.
schedule (static [,chunk]) schedule(dynamic [,chunk])	Loop schedules, loop overheads, and load balance.
shared(list), private(list), firstprivate(list)	Data environment.
default(none)	Force explicit definition of each variable's storage attribute
nowait	Disabling implied barriers on workshare constructs, the high cost of barriers, and the flush concept (but not the flush directive).
#pragma omp single	Workshare with a single thread.
#pragma omp task #pragma omp taskwait	Tasks including the data environment for tasks.

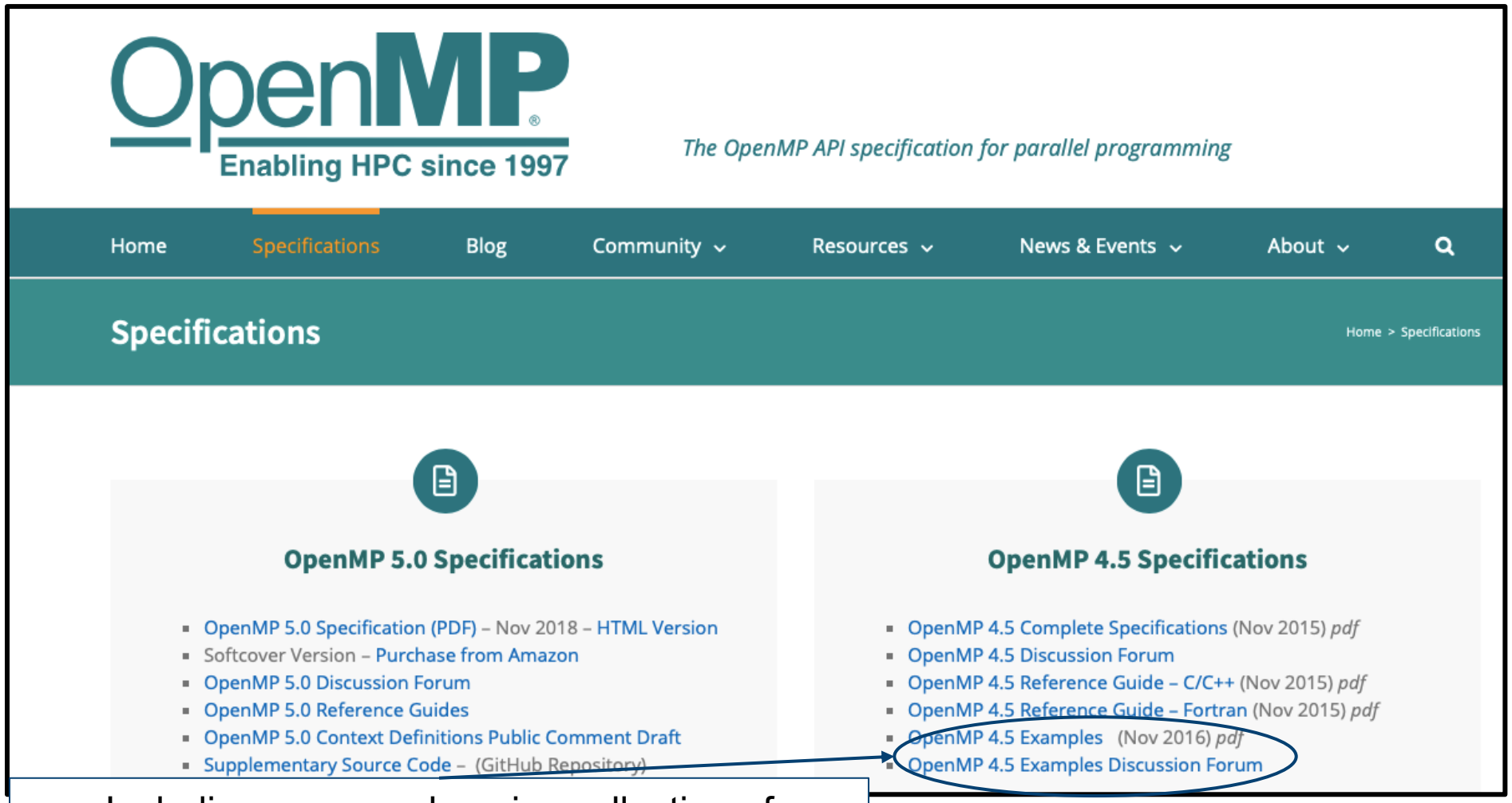
There is Much More to OpenMP than the Common Core

- Synchronization mechanisms
  - locks, synchronizing flushes and several forms of atomic
- Data environment
  - lastprivate, threadprivate, default(private|shared)
- Fine grained task control
  - dependencies, tied vs. untied tasks, task groups, task loops …
- Vectorization constructs
  - simd, uniform, simdlen, inbranch vs. nobranch, ….
- Map work onto an attached device (such as a GPU)
  - target, teams distribute parallel for, target data …
- … and much more. The OpenMP 5.0 specification is over 618 pages!!!

Don’t become overwhelmed. Master the common core and move on to other constructs when you encounter problems that require them.

Resources

- www.openmp.org has a wealth of helpful resources



Including a comprehensive collection of examples of code using the OpenMP constructs