



Taskflow: A General-purpose Task-parallel Programming System

Dr. Tsung-Wei (TW) Huang

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
University of Wisconsin at Madison, Madison, WI

<https://taskflow.github.io/>



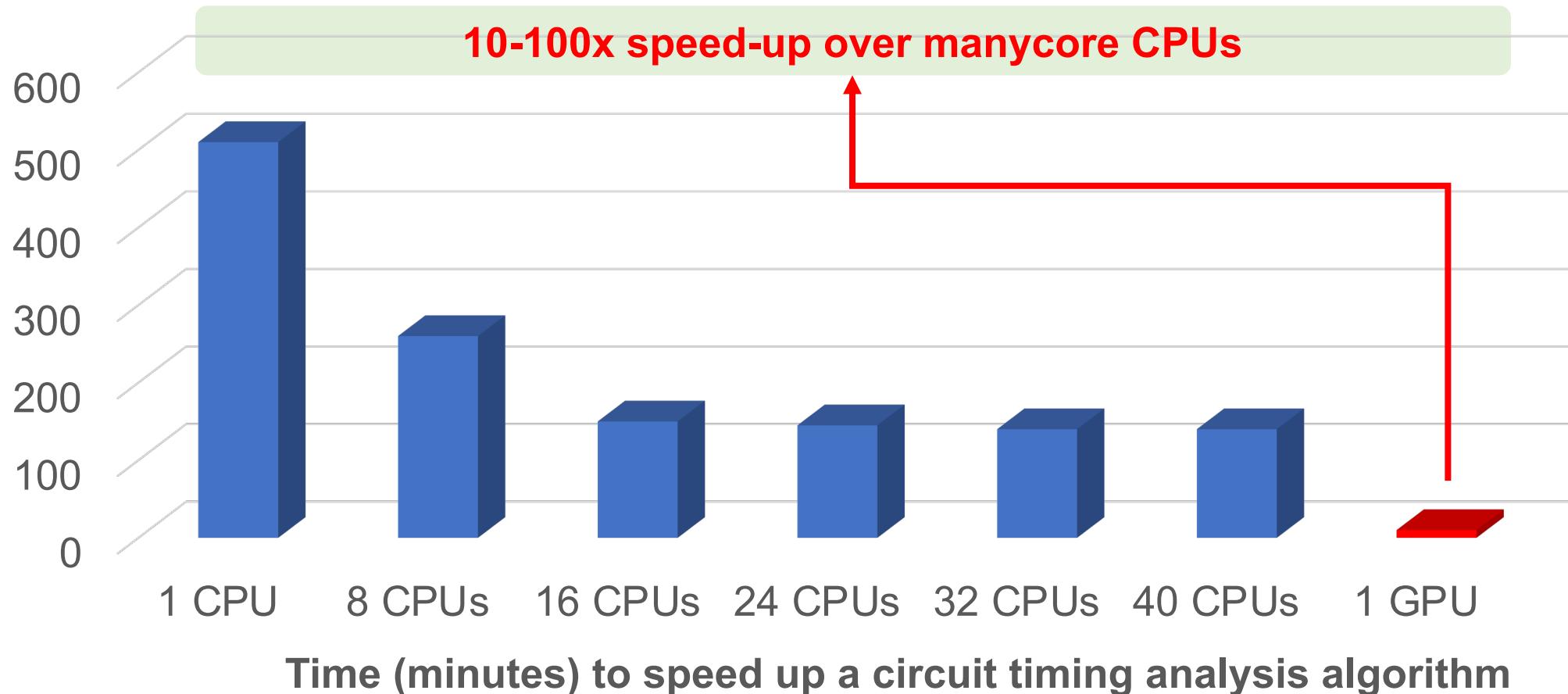


Takeaways

- Express your parallelism in the right way
- Program static task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- Program dynamic task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- Overcome the scheduling challenges
- Demonstrate the efficiency of Taskflow
- Conclude the talk

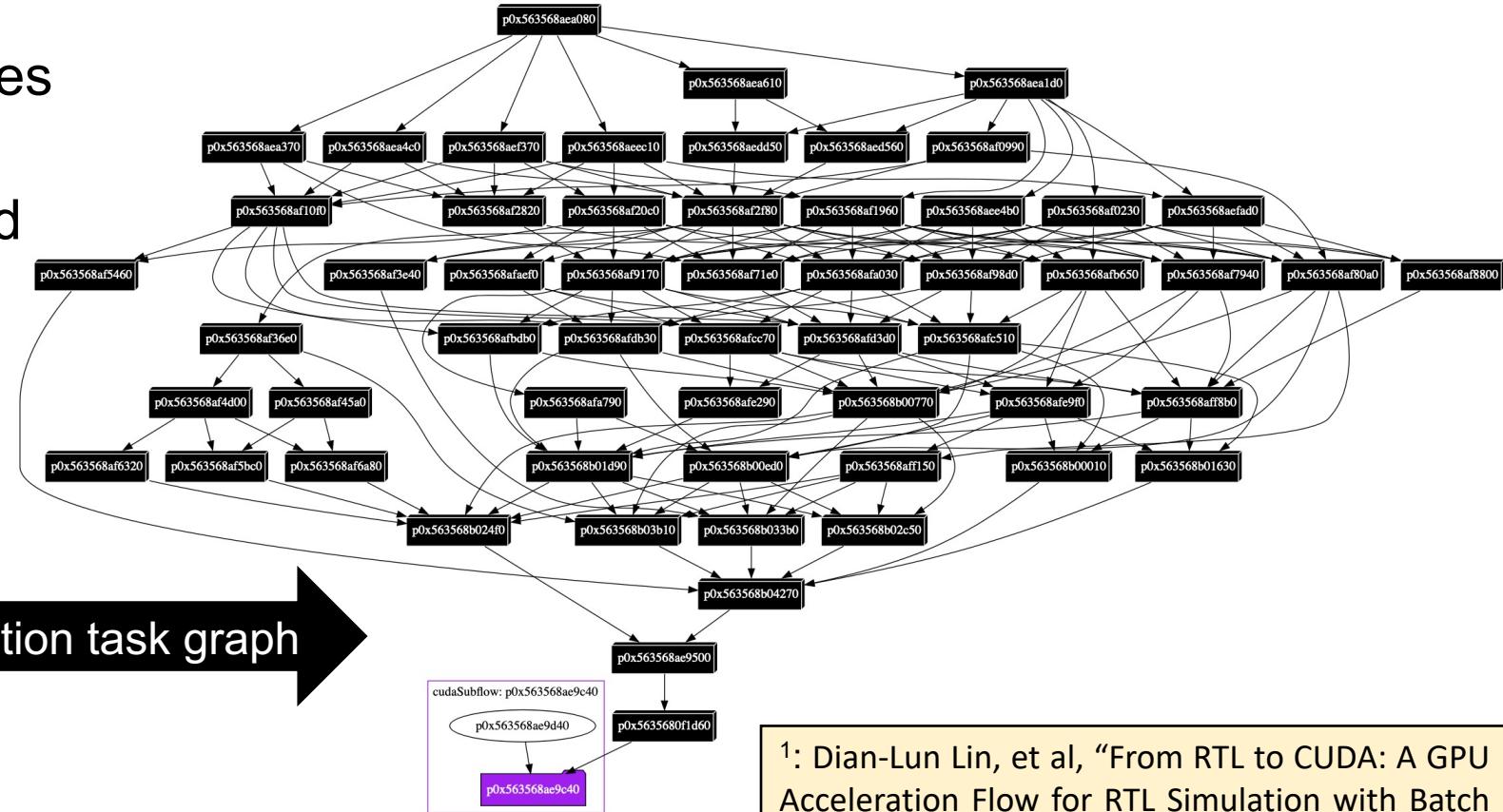
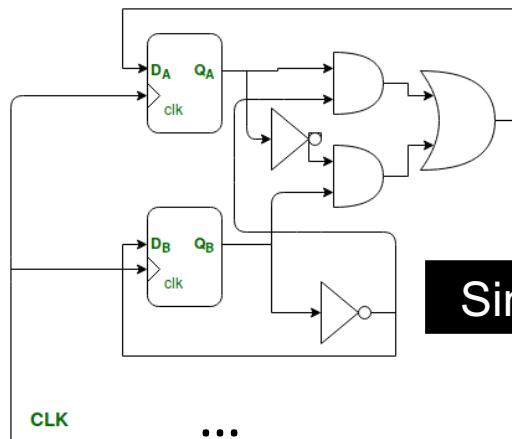
Why Parallel Computing?

- Advances performance to a new level previously out of reach



Today's Parallel Workload is Very Complex

- GPU-accelerated circuit analysis on a design of 500M gates¹
 - >100 kernels
 - >100 dependencies
 - >500s to finish
 - >10hrs turnaround



¹: Dian-Lun Lin, et al, "From RTL to CUDA: A GPU Acceleration Flow for RTL Simulation with Batch Stimulus," ACM ICPP, Bordeaux, France, 2022



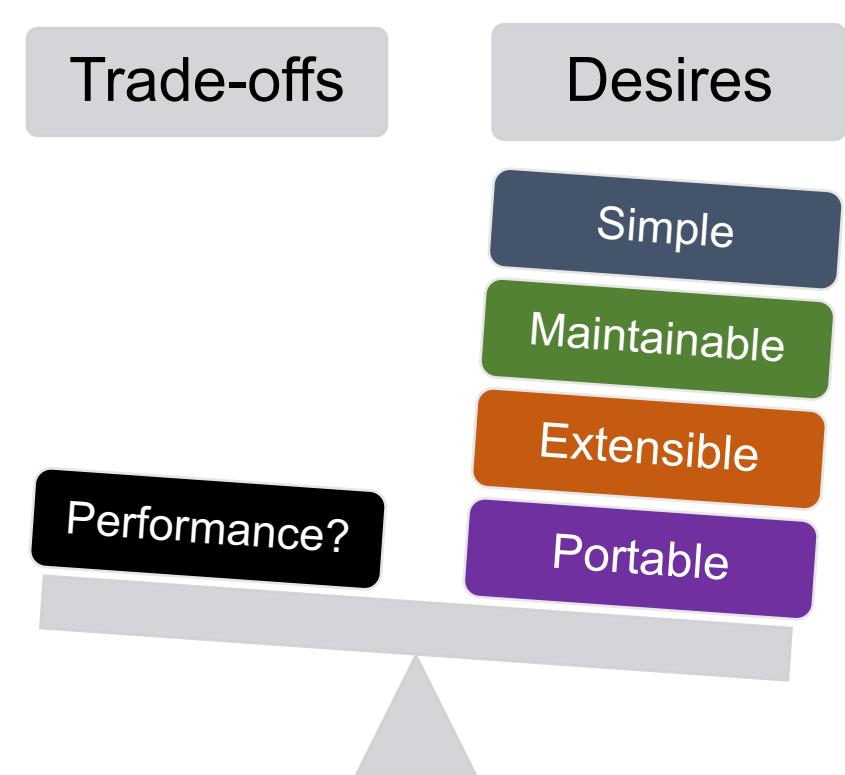
Parallel Programming is Not Easy

- You need to deal with A LOT OF technical details

- Parallelism abstraction (software + hardware)
- Concurrency control
- Task and data race avoidance
- Dependency constraints
- Scheduling efficiencies (load balancing)
- Performance portability
- ...

- And, don't forget about trade-offs

- Performance vs Desires



Need a Good Programming Abstraction

- From user's perspective, the biggest challenge is *transparency*
 - Programming abstraction, runtime optimization, load balancing, etc.
- Observing from the evolution of parallel programming:
 - **Task graph parallelism** (TGP) is the best model for future parallel arch
 - Capture programmers' intention in decomposing a heterogeneous algorithm into a top-down task graph
 - Runtime can schedule dependent tasks across a large number of processing units (e.g., CPUs, GPUs)

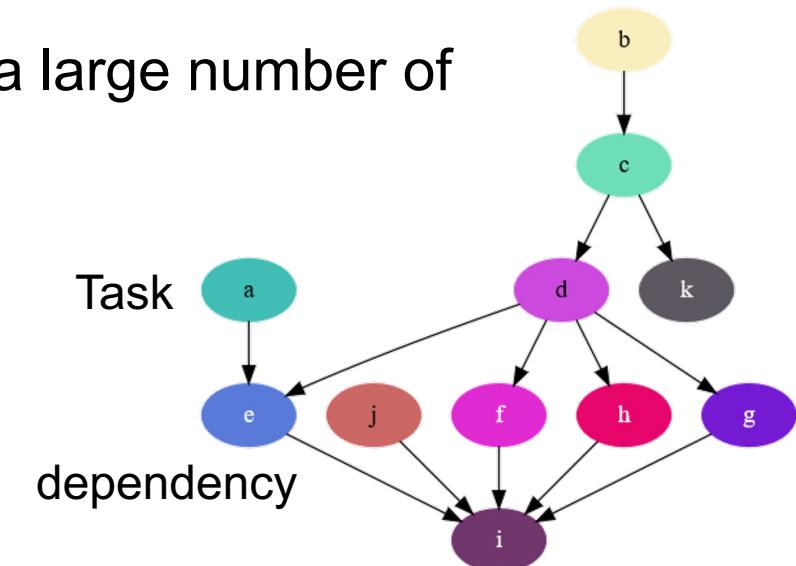
OpenMP



StarPU

PaRSEC

kokkos





Problems of Existing Tools for TGP ...

- Cannot handle ***complex task dependencies***
 - **Example:** circuit analysis algorithms compute the circuit network of multi-millions of nodes and dependencies
 - **Problem:** existing tools are often good at loop parallelism but weak in expressing heterogeneous task graphs at this large scale
- Cannot handle ***complex control flow***
 - **Example:** optimization algorithms make essential use of *dynamic control flow* to implement various patterns
 - Combinatorial optimization (e.g., graph algorithms, discrete math)
 - analytical methods (e.g., physical synthesis)
 - **Problem:** existing tools are often limited to *directed acyclic graph* (DAG) that does not anticipate control flow
 - Lack end-to-end parallelism since you need to synchronize at control-flow points



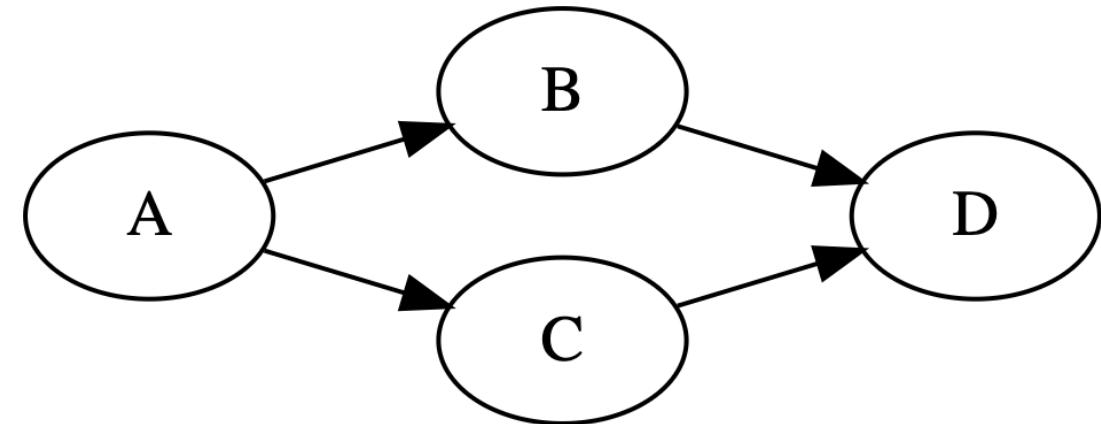
Takeaways

- Express your parallelism in the right way
- Program static task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- Program dynamic task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- Overcome the scheduling challenges
- Demonstrate the efficiency of Taskflow
- Conclude the talk

“Hello World” in Taskflow¹

```
#include <taskflow/taskflow.hpp>
int main(){
    tf::Taskflow taskflow;
    tf::Executor executor;
    auto [A, B, C, D] = taskflow.emplace(
        [] () { std::cout << "TaskA\n"; },
        [] () { std::cout << "TaskB\n"; },
        [] () { std::cout << "TaskC\n"; },
        [] () { std::cout << "TaskD\n"; });
    A.precede(B, C);
    D.succeed(B, C);
    executor.run(taskflow).wait();
    return 0;
}
```

// live: <https://godbolt.org/z/j8hx3xnnx>



¹: T.-W. Huang, et. al, “Taskflow: A Lightweight Parallel and Heterogeneous Task Graph Computing System,” *IEEE TPDS*, vol. 33, no. 6, pp. 1303-1320, June 2022



Drop-in Integration

- Taskflow is header-only – *no wrangle with installation*

```
# clone the Taskflow project
~$ git clone https://github.com/taskflow/taskflow.git
~$ cd taskflow
# compile your program and tell it where to find Taskflow header files
~$ g++ -std=c++20 examples/simple.cpp -I ./ -O2 -pthread -o simple
~$ ./simple
```

TaskA

TaskC

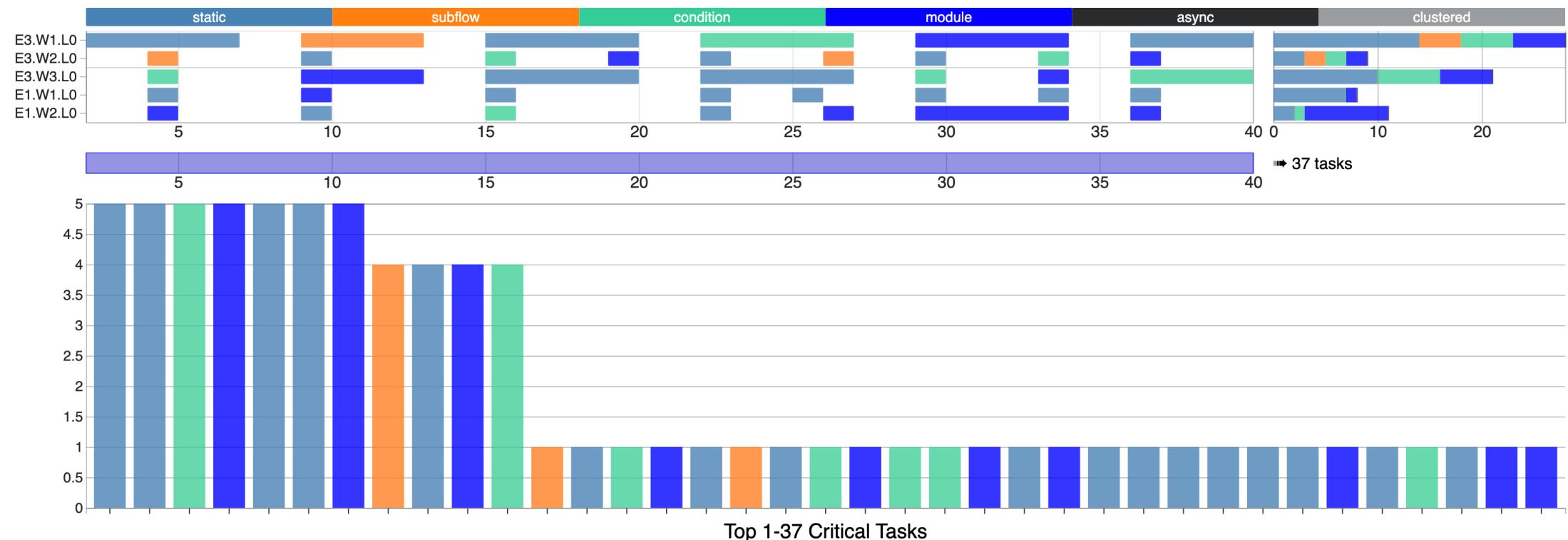
TaskB

TaskD



Built-in Task Execution Visualizer

```
# run your program with the env variable TF_ENABLE_PROFILER enabled  
# and paste the JSON content to https://taskflow.github.io/tfprof/  
~$ TF_ENABLE_PROFILER=simple.json ./simple
```

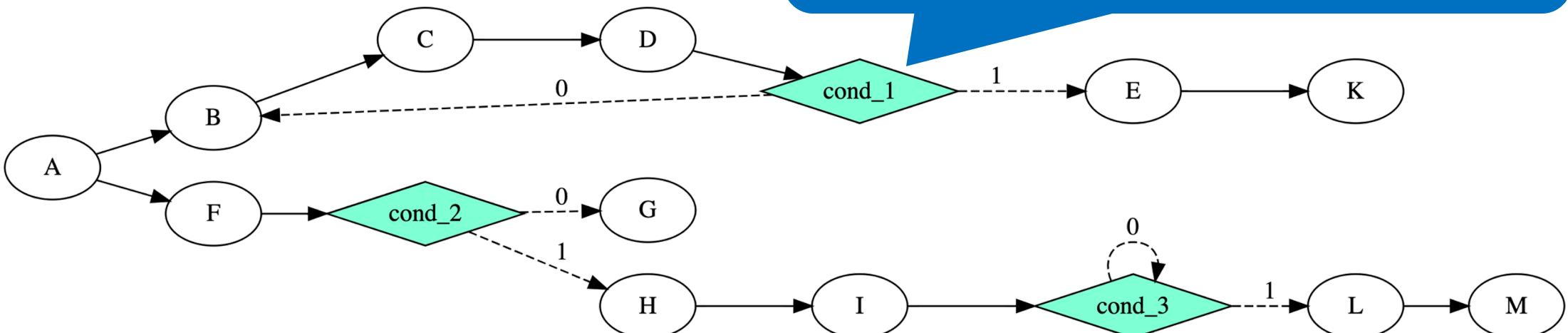


Control Taskflow Graph Programming (CTFG)

// CTFG goes beyond the limitation of traditional DAG-based models

```
auto cond_1 = taskflow.emplace([](){ return run_B() ? 0 : 1; }); // 0: is the index of B
auto cond_2 = taskflow.emplace([](){ return run_G() ? 0 : 1; }); // 0: is the index of G
auto cond_3 = taskflow.emplace([](){ return loop() ? 0 : 1; }); // 0: is the index of cond_3
cond_1.precede(B, E);          // cycle
cond_2.precede(G, H);          // if-else
cond_3.precede(cond_3, L);     // loop
```

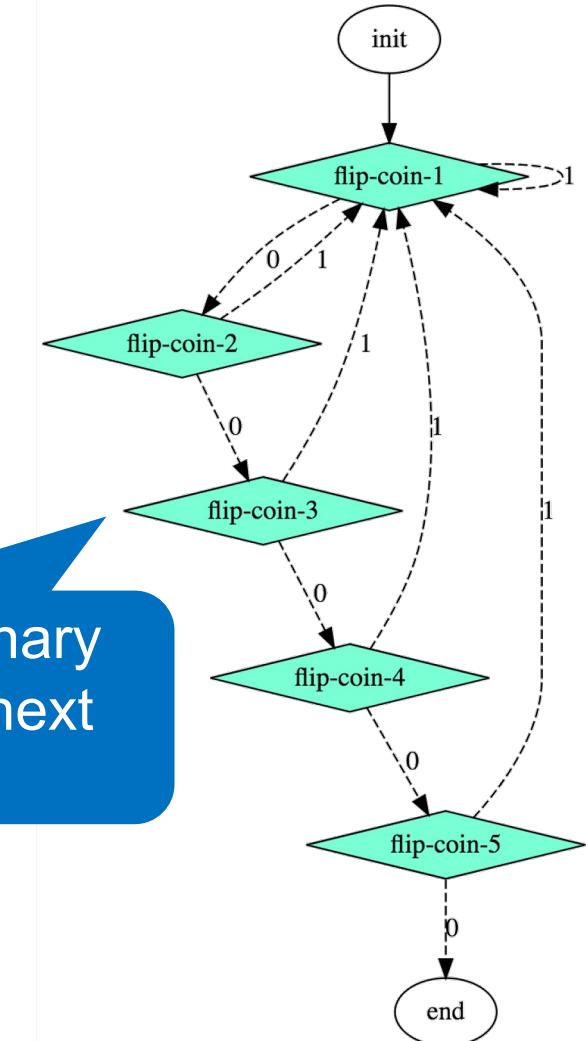
Very difficult for existing DAG-based systems to express an efficient overlap between tasks and control flow ...



Non-deterministic Control Flow with CTFG

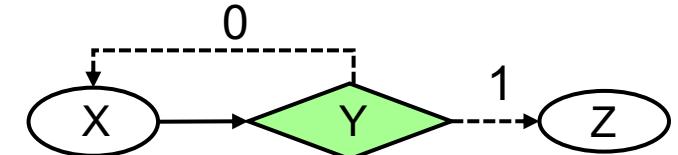
```
auto A = taskflow.emplace([&](){ } );
auto B = taskflow.emplace([&](){ return rand()%2; } );
auto C = taskflow.emplace([&](){ return rand()%2; } );
auto D = taskflow.emplace([&](){ return rand()%2; } );
auto E = taskflow.emplace([&](){ return rand()%2; } );
auto F = taskflow.emplace([&](){ return rand()%2; } );
auto G = taskflow.emplace([&]());
A.precede(B).name("init");
B.precede(C, B).name("flip-coin-1");
C.precede(D, B).name("flip-coin-2");
D.precede(E, B).name("flip-coin-3");
E.precede(F, B).name("flip-coin-4");
F.precede(G, B).name("flip-coin-5");
G.name("end");
```

Each task flips a binary coin to decide the next task to run



Existing Frameworks on Control Flow?

- Most existing libraries are DAG-based
 - Do not anticipate conditional execution ...
- Unroll a task graph over fixed iterations
 - Task graph size becomes very large ...
- What about dynamic control flow?
 - Have no choice but resort to a client-side partition of the task graph
 - Synchronize the execution of partitioned task graphs around decision-making points
 - Lack end-to-end parallelism



```

tf::Taskflow G;
auto X = G.emplace([](){});
auto Y = G.emplace([](){
    return converged() ? 1 : 0;
});
cond.precede(Z, X);
executor.run(G).wait();
  
```

↓

```

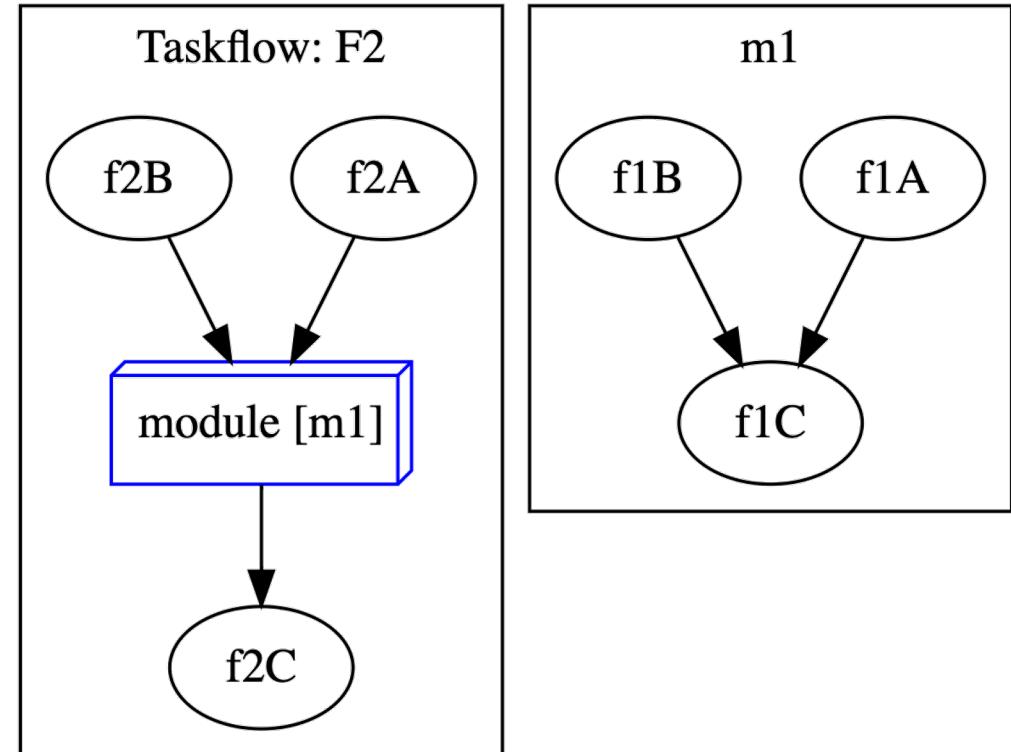
tbb::flow::graph X, Y, Z;
do {
    X.run();
    Y.run();
} while (!converged());
Z.run();
  
```

Composable Tasking

```

tf::Taskflow f1, f2;
auto [f1A, f1B] = f1.emplace(
    []() { std::cout << "Task f1A\n"; },
    []() { std::cout << "Task f1B\n"; }
);
auto [f2A, f2B, f2C] = f2.emplace(
    []() { std::cout << "Task f2A\n"; },
    []() { std::cout << "Task f2B\n"; },
    []() { std::cout << "Task f2C\n"; }
);
auto f1_module_task = f2.composed_of(f1);
f1_module_task.succeed(f2A, f2B)
    .precede(f2C);

```



Everything is Composable in Taskflow

- End-to-end parallelism in one graph
 - Task, dependency, control flow all together
 - Scheduling with whole-graph optimization
 - Efficient overlap among heterogeneous tasks
- Largely improved productivity!

Composition
(HPDC'22, ICPP'22, HPEC'19)

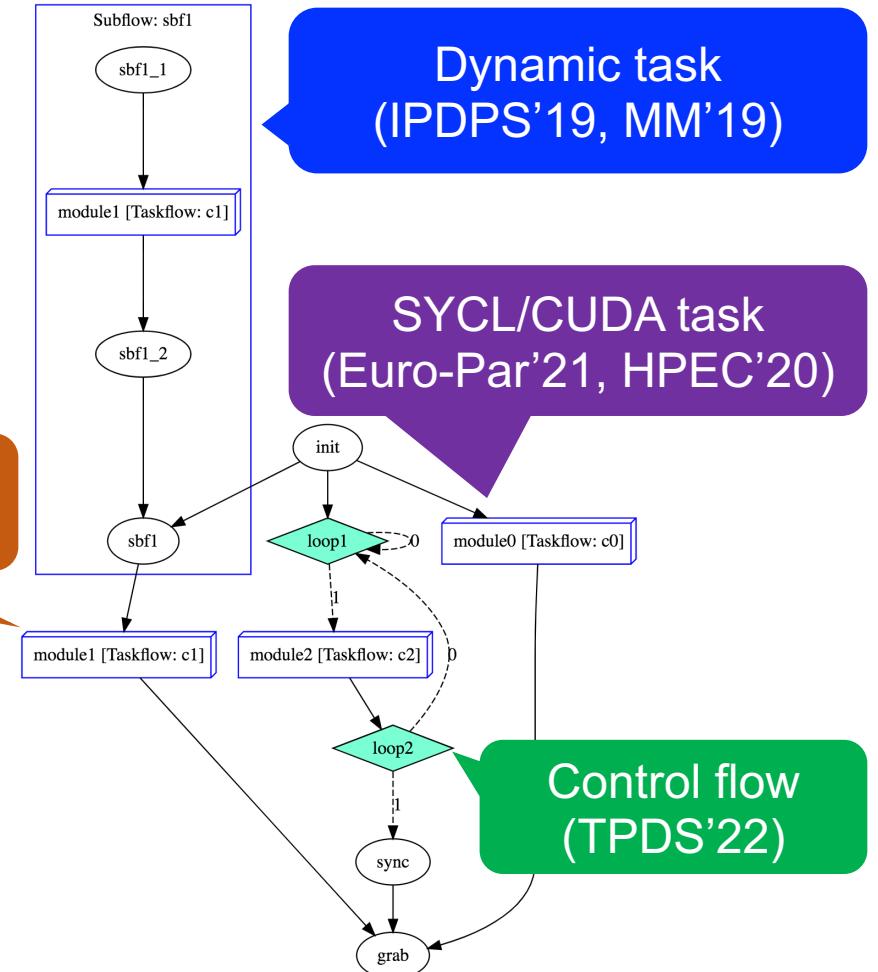
Industrial use-case of productivity improvement using Taskflow

 jcelerier
ossia score

Reddit: <https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/> [under taskflow]

I've migrated <https://ossia.io> from TBB flow graph to taskflow a couple weeks ago. Net +8% of throughput on the graph processing itself, and took only a couple hours to do the change! Also don't have to fight with building the TBB libraries for 30 different platforms and configurations since it's header only.

 8   Reply Share Report Save Follow



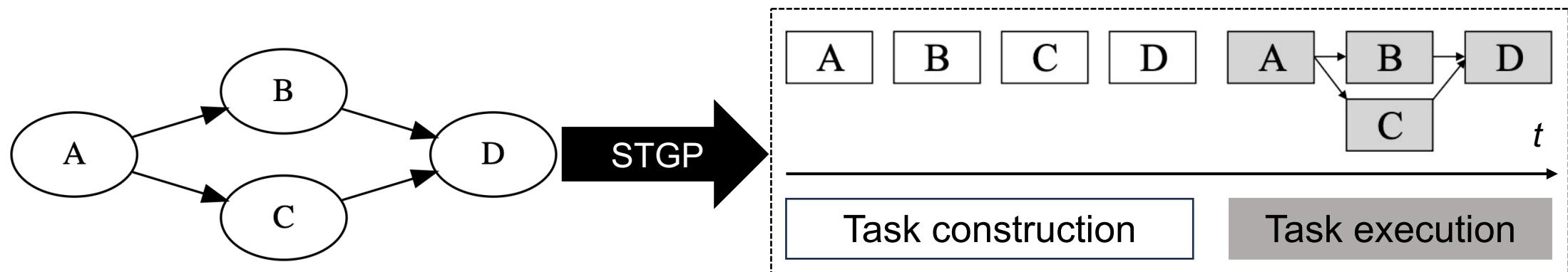


Takeaways

- Express your parallelism in the right way
- Program static task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- **Program dynamic task graph parallelism using Taskflow**
- Overcome the scheduling challenges
- Demonstrate the efficiency of Taskflow
- Conclude the talk

Static Task Graph Parallelism (STGP)

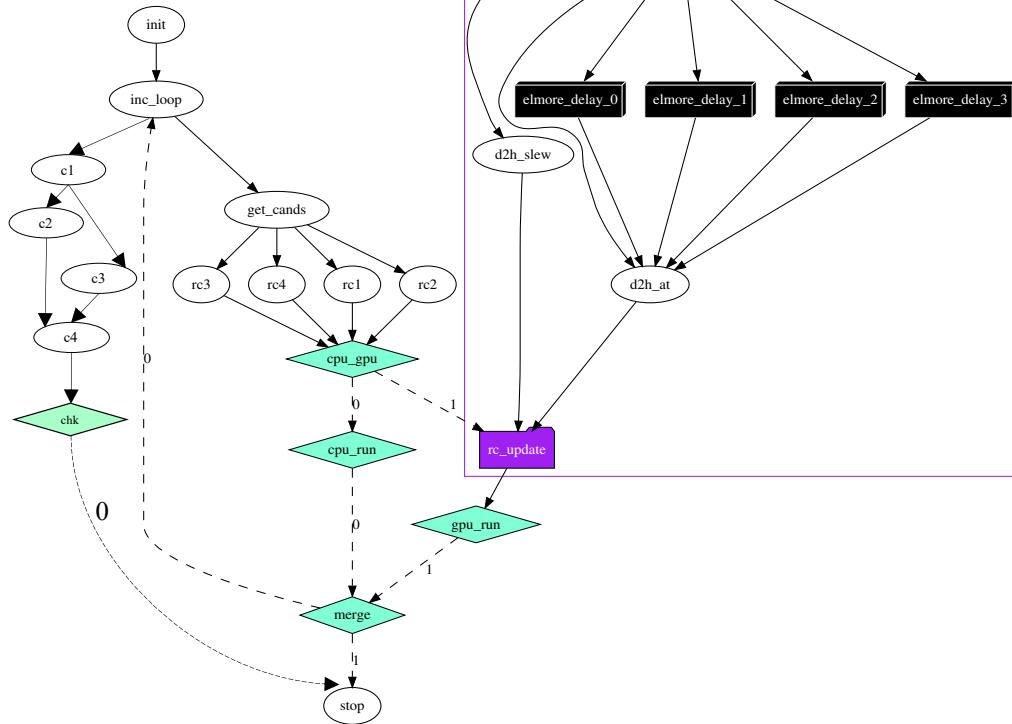
- In STGP, the graph structure must be known up front
 - Execution of STGP is based on the *construct-and-run* model
- Lack of overlap between task construction and task execution
 - For large task graphs (e.g., multi-million tasks and dependencies), such an overlap can bring a significant performance advantage
- Lack of flexible and dynamic expression of TGP
 - Task graph structure cannot depend on runtime values or control-flow results



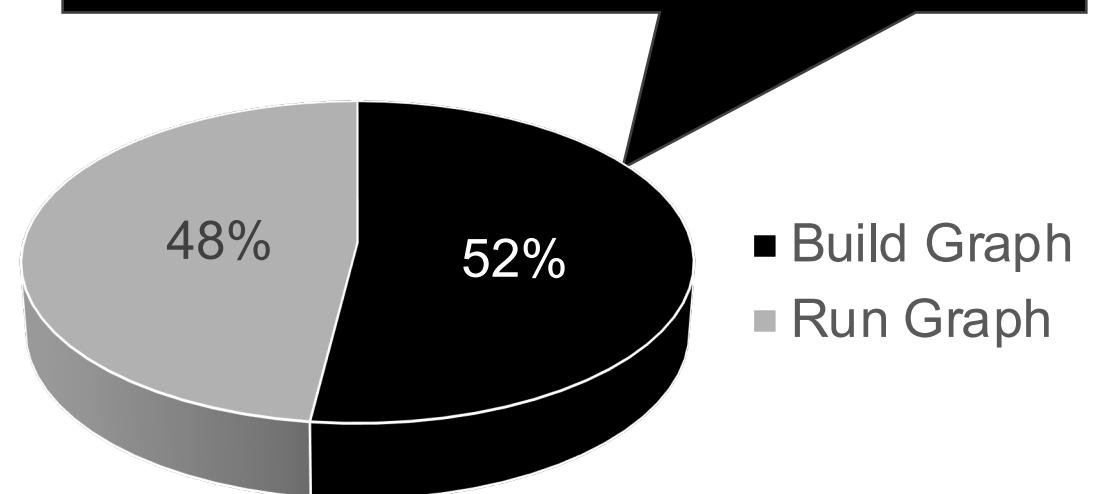
Problem of STGP: Example #1

- Runtime breakdown of a task-parallel circuit analysis algorithm¹

- > 10M tasks
- > 10M edges



Task graph construction time takes over 50% of the entire runtime (typically done in one thread)



¹: Tsung-Wei Huang, et al, “OpenTimer v2: A New Parallel Incremental Timing Analysis Engine,” *IEEE TCAD*, 2022



Problem of STGP: Example #2

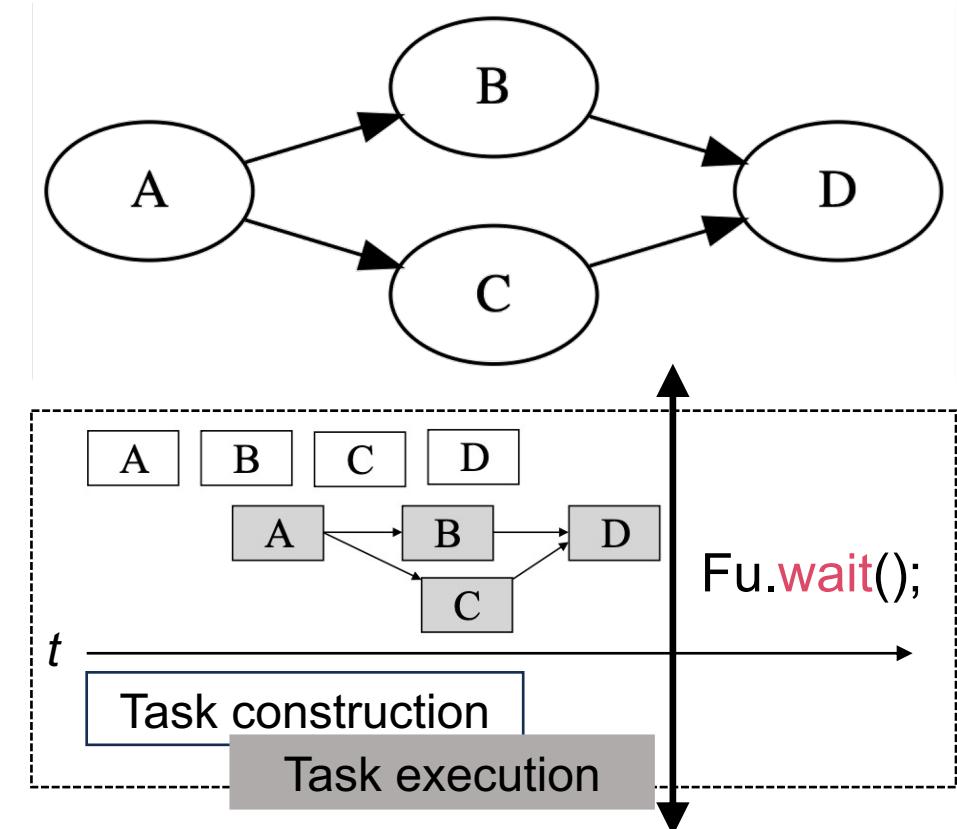
- Express TGP that depends on runtime variables...?

```
if (a == true) {  
    G1 = build_task_graph1();  
    if (b == true) {  
        G2 = build_task_graph2();  
        G1.precede(G2);  
        if (c == true) {  
            ... // need another different TGP  
        }  
    }  
    else {  
        G3 = build_task_graph3();  
        G3.precede(G1);  
    }  
}
```

```
G1 = build_task_graph1();  
G2 = build_task_graph2();  
if (G1.num_tasks() == 100) {  
    G1.precede(G2);  
}  
else {  
    G3 = build_task_graph3();  
    G2.precede(G1, G3);  
    if (G2.num_dependencies() >= 10) {  
        {  
            ... // define dependencies on the fly  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Dynamic TGP (DTGP) in Taskflow

```
// Live: https://godbolt.org/z/j76ThGbWK
tf::Executor executor;
auto A = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskA\n";
});
auto B = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskB\n";
}, A);
auto C = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskC\n";
}, A);
auto [D, Fu] = executor.dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskD\n";
}, B, C); ←
Fu.wait();
```

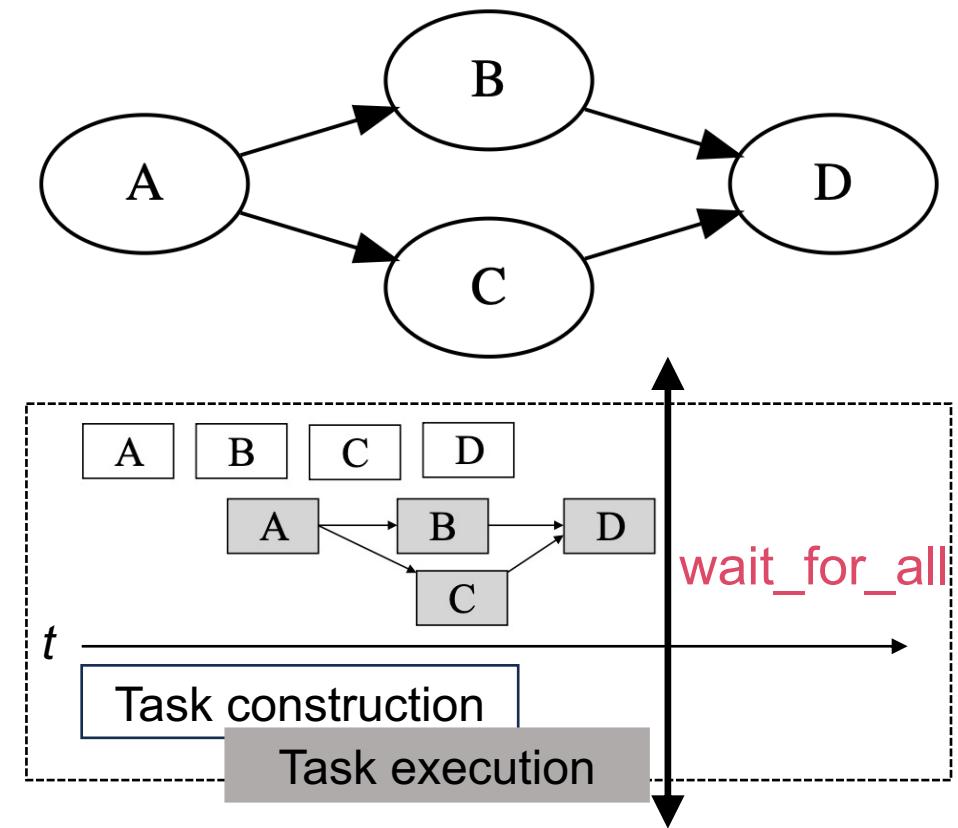


Specify arbitrary task dependencies using
C++ variadic parameter pack

Wait for All Tasks to Finish

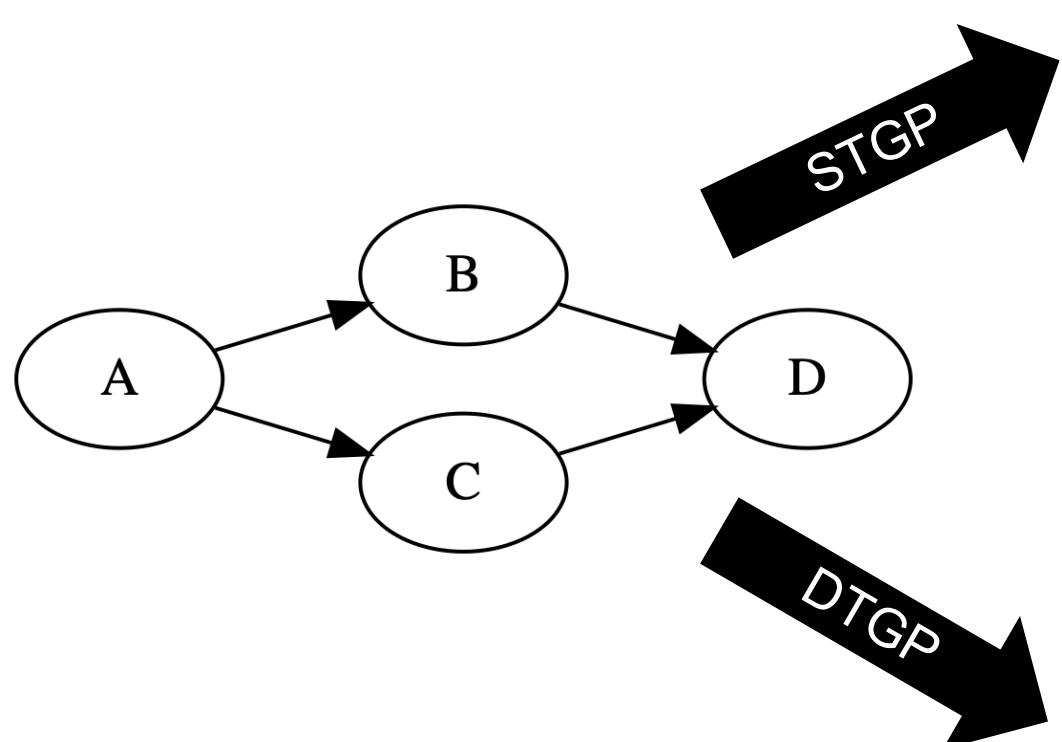
// Live: <https://godbolt.org/z/T87PrTarx>

```
tf::Executor executor;
auto A = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskA\n";
});
auto B = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskB\n";
}, A);
auto C = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskC\n";
}, A);
auto D = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskD\n";
}, B, C);
executor.wait_for_all();
```



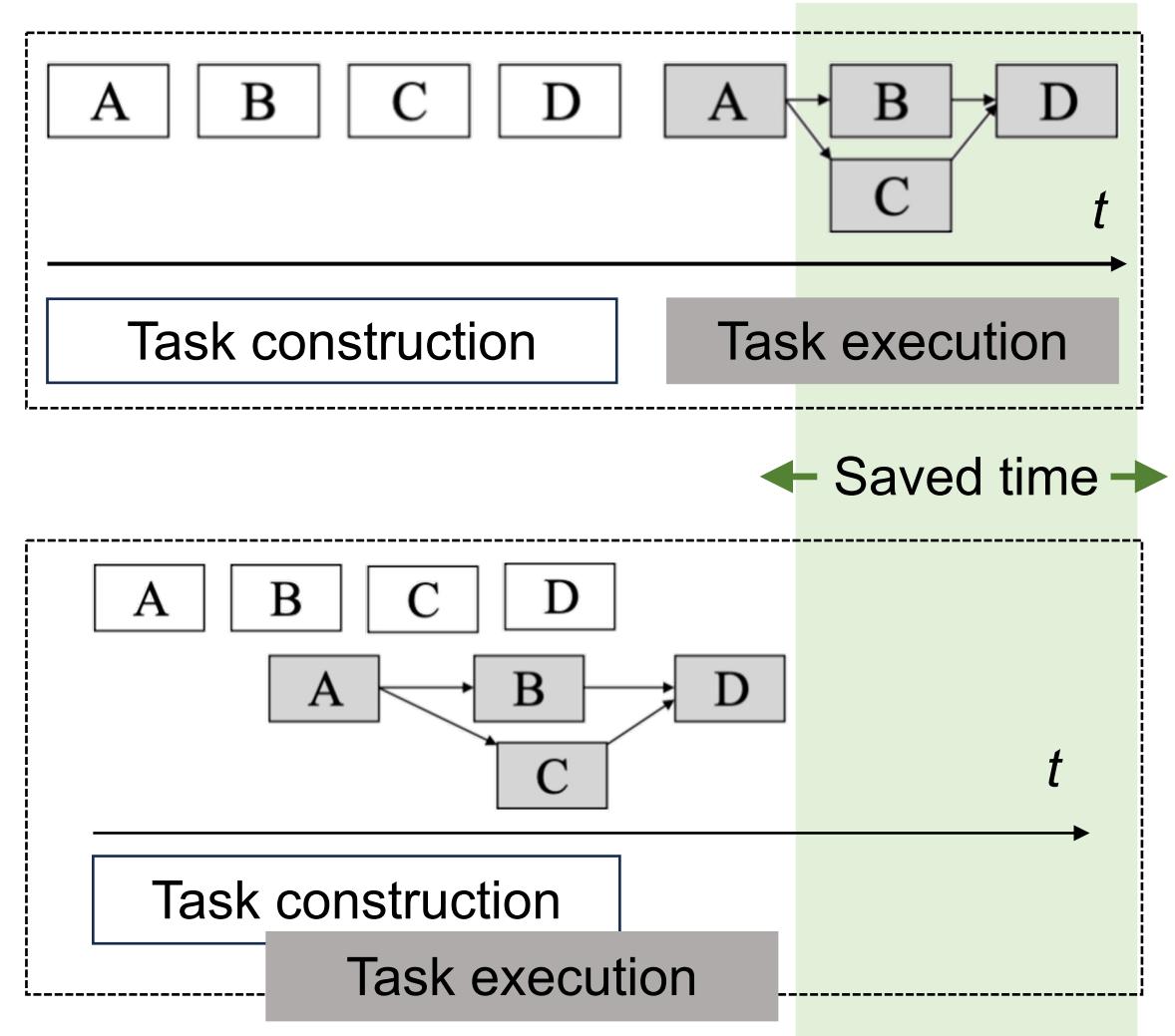
Block the caller until all tasks (A, B, C, and D) finish

Comparison between STGP and DTGP



STGP

DTGP



DTGP Needs a Correct Topological Order

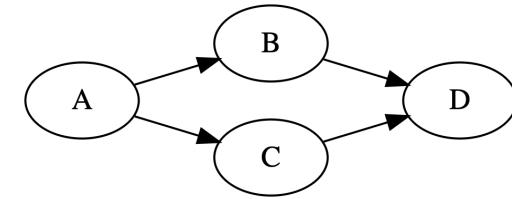
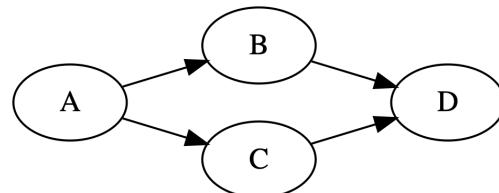
```
auto A = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskA\n";
});

auto B = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskB\n";
}, A);

auto C = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskC\n";
}, A);

auto D = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskD\n";
}, B, C);
```

Topological order #1: A→B→C→D



Topological order #2: A→C→B→D

```
auto A = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskA\n";
});

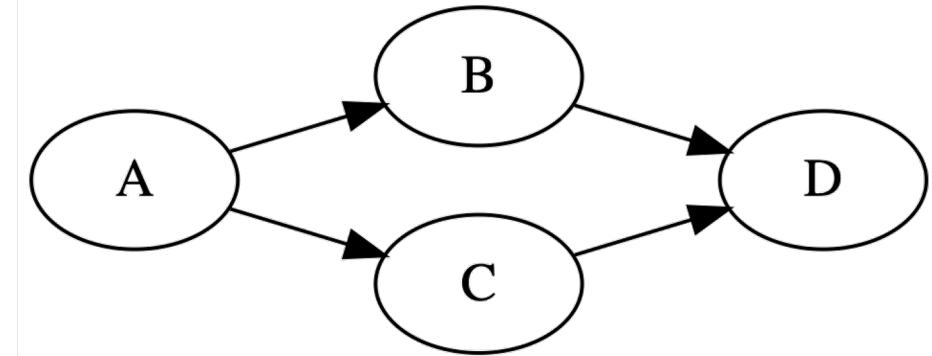
auto C = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskC\n";
}, A);

auto B = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskB\n";
}, A);

auto D = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskD\n";
}, B, C);
```

Incorrect Topological Order ...

```
tf::Executor executor;
auto A = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskA\n";
});
auto D = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskD\n";
}, B-is-unavailable-yet, C-is-unavailable-yet);
auto B = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskB\n";
}, A);
auto C = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskC\n";
}, A);
executor.wait_for_all();
```



An incorrect topological order ($A \rightarrow D \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$) disallows us from expressing correct DTGP



Variable Range of Task Dependencies

- Both methods accept a range of dependent tasks
 - useful when the task dependencies come as a runtime variable

```
// Live: https://godbolt.org/z/6Pvco4KeE
std::vector<tf::AsyncTask> tasks = {
    executor.silent_dependent_async([](){ std::cout << "TaskA\n"; }),
    executor.silent_dependent_async([](){ std::cout << "TaskB\n"; }),
    executor.silent_dependent_async([](){ std::cout << "TaskC\n"; }),
    executor.silent_dependent_async([](){ std::cout << "TaskD\n"; })
};
// create a dependent-async tasks that depends on tasks, A, B, C, and D
executor.dependent_async([](){}, tasks.begin(), tasks.end());

// create a silent-dependent-async tasks that depends on tasks, A, B, C, and D
executor.silent_dependent_async([](){}, tasks.begin(), tasks.end());
```

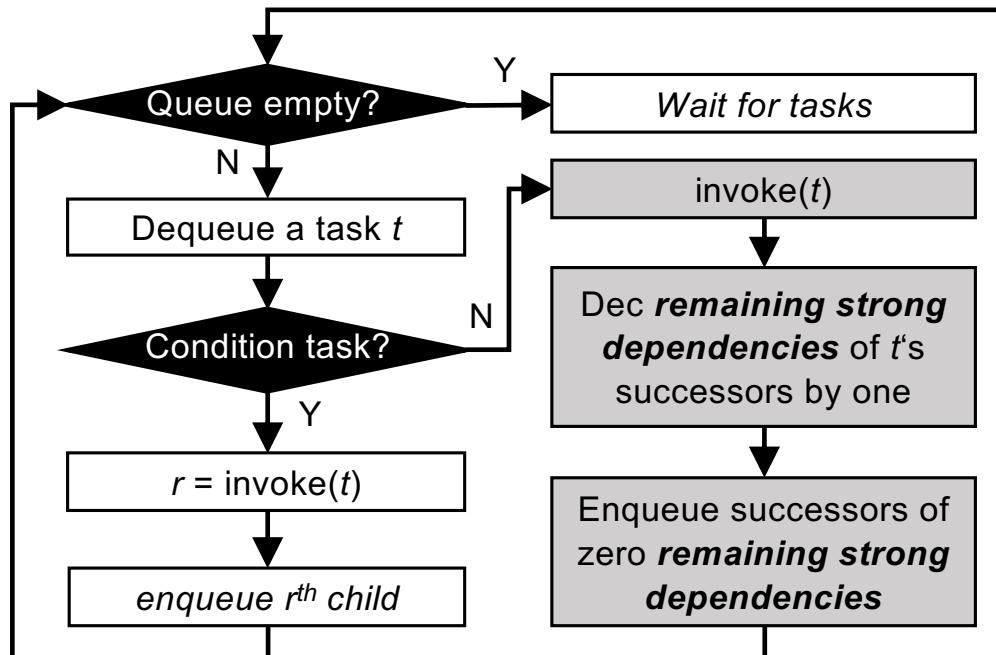


Takeaways

- Express your parallelism in the right way
- Program static task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- Program dynamic task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- Overcome the scheduling challenges
- Demonstrate the efficiency of Taskflow
- Conclude the talk

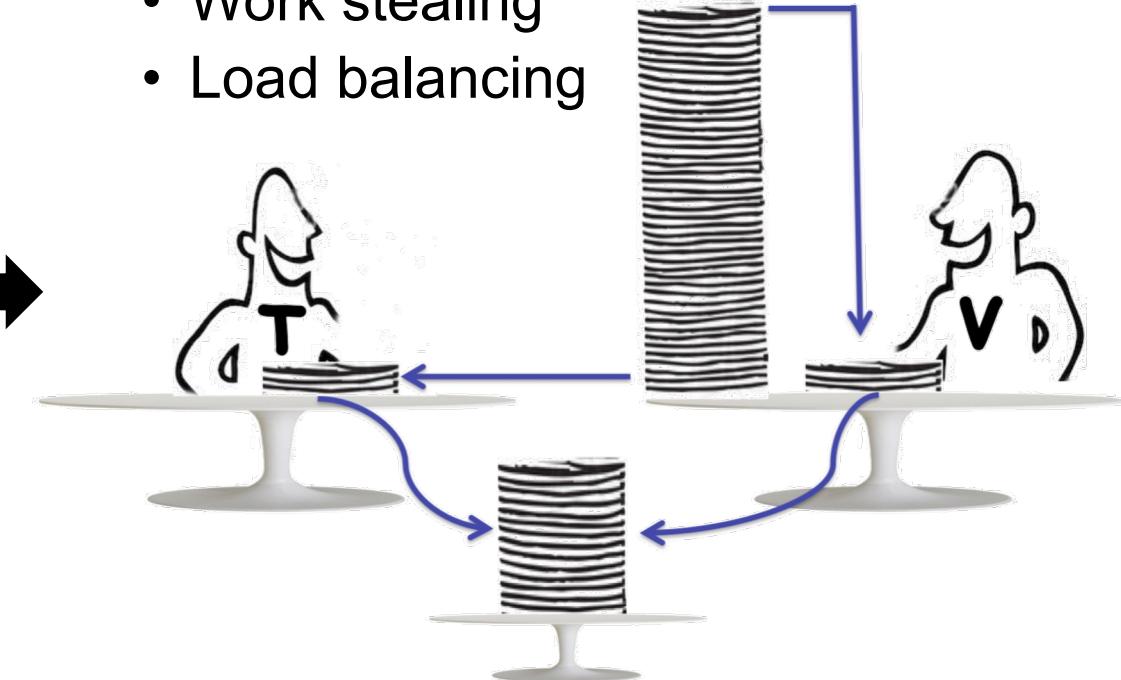
STGP Scheduling Algorithm

- Task-level scheduling



- Worker-level scheduling

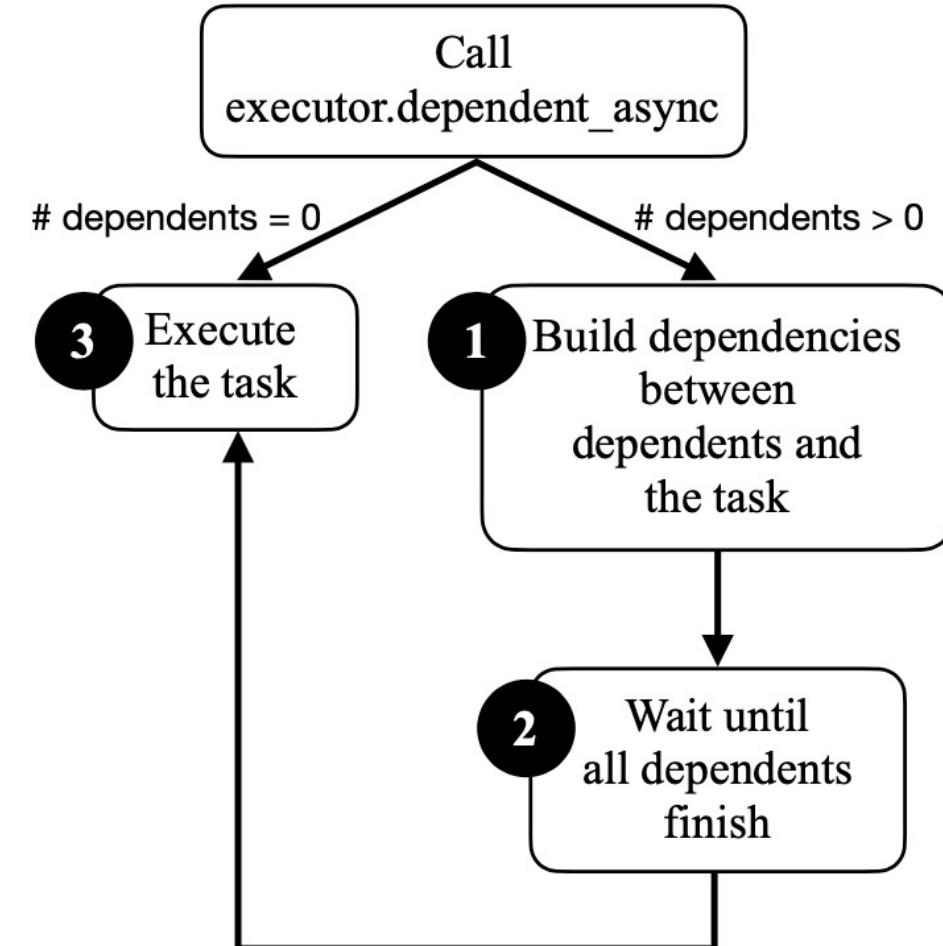
- Work stealing
- Load balancing



Key results: schedule tasks with in-graph control flow with a **strong balance** between the number of active workers and dynamically generated tasks – *low latency, energy efficient, and high throughput*

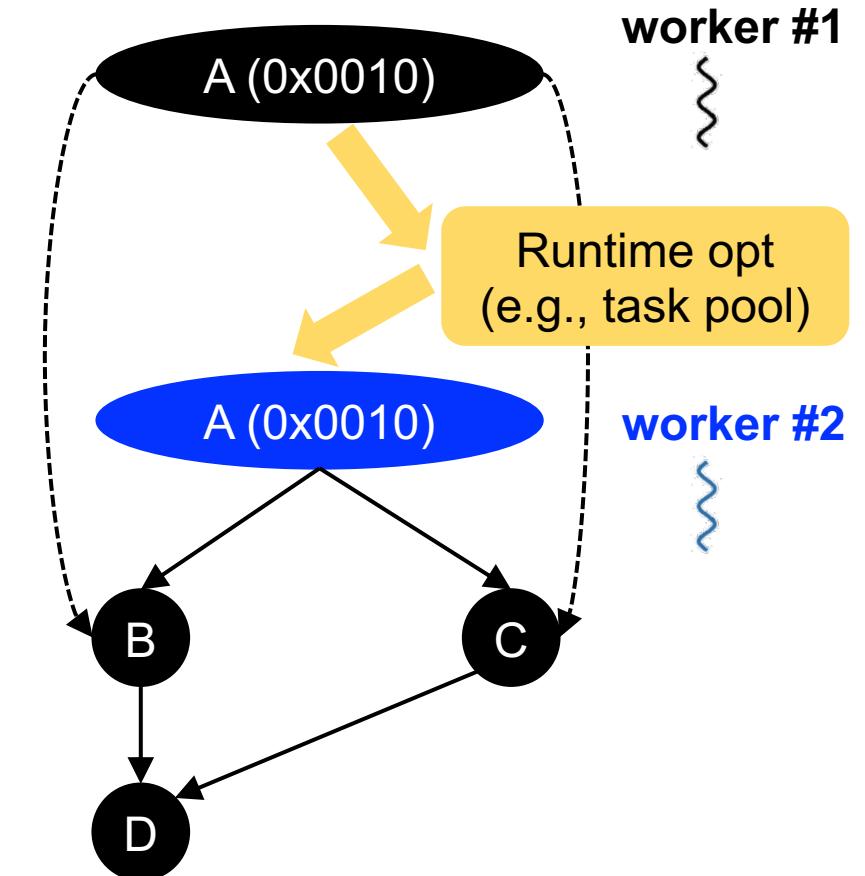
DTGP Scheduling Algorithm

- The algorithm has three parts:
 - Build dependencies
 - Wait for dependents to finish
 - Execute the task
- Three key scheduling challenges:
 1. **ABA** – a specified dependent task must exist correctly
 2. **Data race** – multiple threads may simultaneously add and remove successors to and from a task
 3. **Synchronization** – application can issue a global synchronization at anytime to wait for all tasks to finish



Solving Challenge #1: ABA Problem¹

```
tf::Executor executor;
auto A = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskA\n";
});
auto B = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskB\n";
}, A);
auto C = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskC\n";
}, A);
auto D = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskD\n";
}, B, C);
executor.wait_for_all();
```



¹: ABA Problem: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ABA_problem



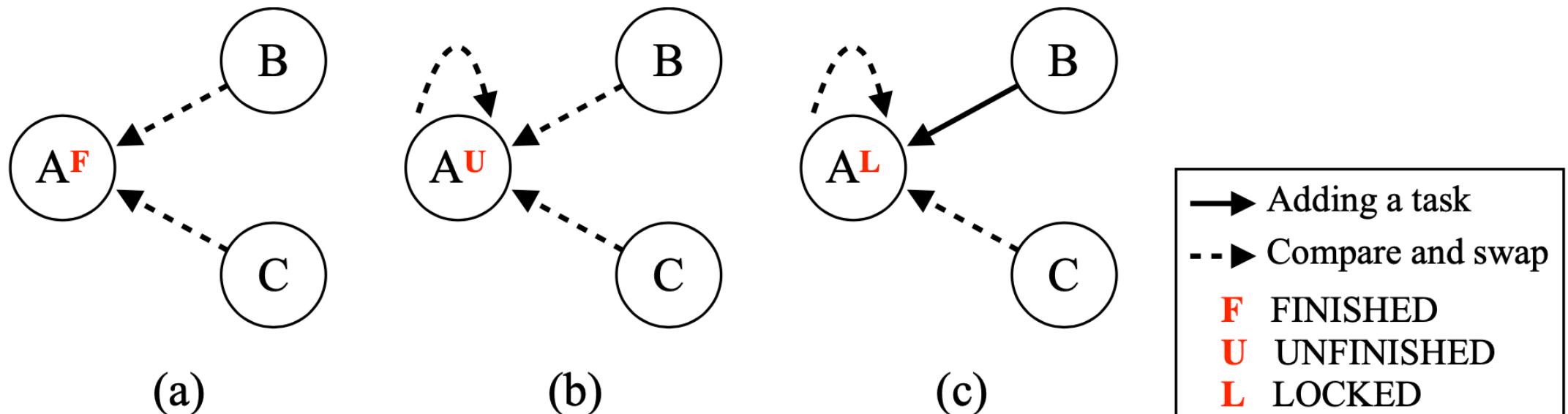
Retain Shared Ownership of Every Task

```
tf::Executor executor;
tf::AsyncTask A = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskA\n";
});
tf::AsyncTask B = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskB\n";
}, A); ←
tf::AsyncTask C = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskC\n";
}, A);
tf::AsyncTask D = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskD\n";
}, B, C);
executor.wait_for_all();
```

tf::AsyncTask acts like
a std::shared_ptr to
ensure tasks stay alive
when they are used

Solving Challenge #2: Data Race

- Both B and C want to add themselves to the successors of A
 - In the meantime, A may want to remove its successor
- Apply compare-and-swap (CAS) to enable exclusive access
 - As a result, constructing a dynamic task graph can be completely thread-safe





Solving Challenge #3: Synchronization

- Application can issue a global synchronization at any time

- executor.wait_for_all();

```
tf::Executor executor;
auto A = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){});  
auto B = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){}, A);
executor.wait_for_all(); // wait for A and B to finish
```

```
auto C = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){}, A);
auto D = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){}, B, C);
executor.wait_for_all(); // wait for C and D to finish
```

```
// lock-based solution
std::unique_lock lock(mutex);
cv.wait(lock, [&](){
    return num_tasks == 0;
});
```

```
// atomic wait-based solution
auto n = num_tasks.load();
while(n != 0) {
    num_tasks.wait(n);
    n = num_tasks.load();
});
```



Lock-free Scheduling Algorithm¹

Algorithm 1 dependent_async(callable, deps)

```
1: Create a future
2: num_deps  $\leftarrow$  sizeof(deps)
3: task  $\leftarrow$  initialize_task(callable, num_deps, future)
4: for all dep  $\in$  deps do
5:   process_dependent(task, dep, num_deps)
6: end for
7: if num_deps == 0 then
8:   schedule_async_task(task)
9: end if
10: return (task, future)
```

Algorithm 2 process_dependent(task, dep, num_deps)

```
1: dep_state  $\leftarrow$  dep.state
2: target_state  $\leftarrow$  UNFINISHED
3: if dep_state.CAS(target_state, LOCKED) then
4:   dep.successors.push(task)
5:   dep_state  $\leftarrow$  UNFINISHED
6: else if target_state == FINISHED then
7:   num_deps  $\leftarrow$  AtomDec(task.join_counter)
8: else
9:   goto line 2
10: end if
```

Algorithm 3 schedule_async_task(task)

```
1: target_state  $\leftarrow$  UNFINISHED
2: while not task.state.CAS(target_state, FINISHED)
   do
3:   target_state  $\leftarrow$  UNFINISHED
4: end while
5: Invoke(task.callable)
6: for all successor  $\in$  task.successors do
7:   if AtomDec(successor.join_counter) == 0 then
8:     schedule_async_task(successor)
9:   end if
10: end for
11: if AtomDec(task.ref_count) == 0 then
12:   Delete task
13: end if
```

¹: Cheng-Hsiang Chiu, et. al, "Programming Dynamic Task Parallelism for Heterogeneous EDA Algorithms," IEEE/ACM ICCAD, CA, 2023

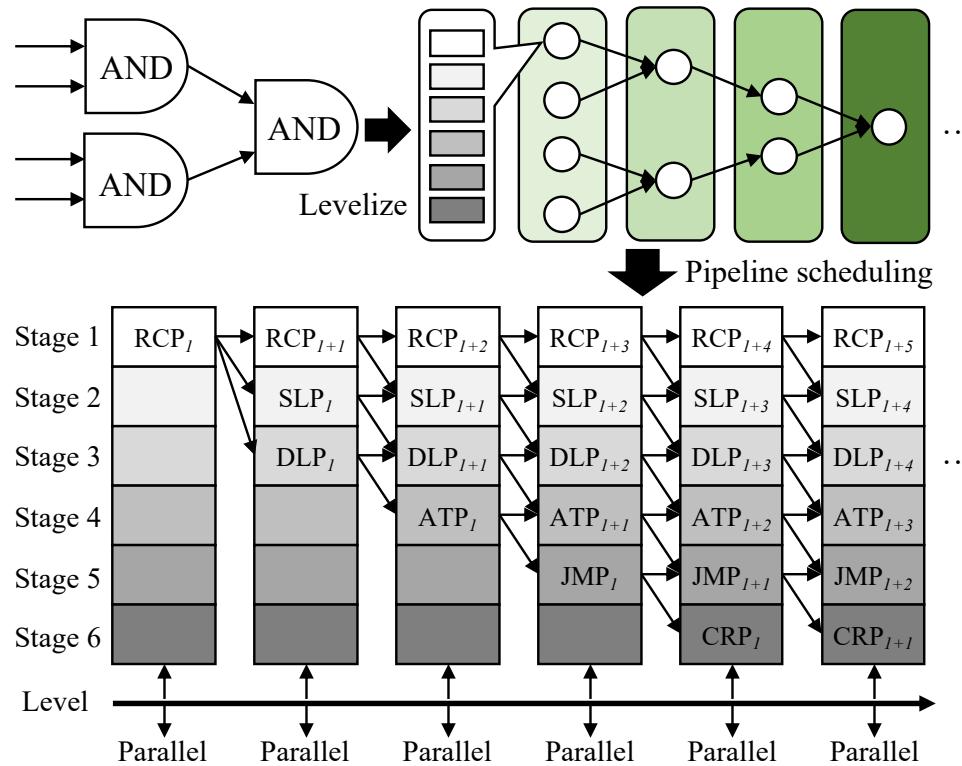


Takeaways

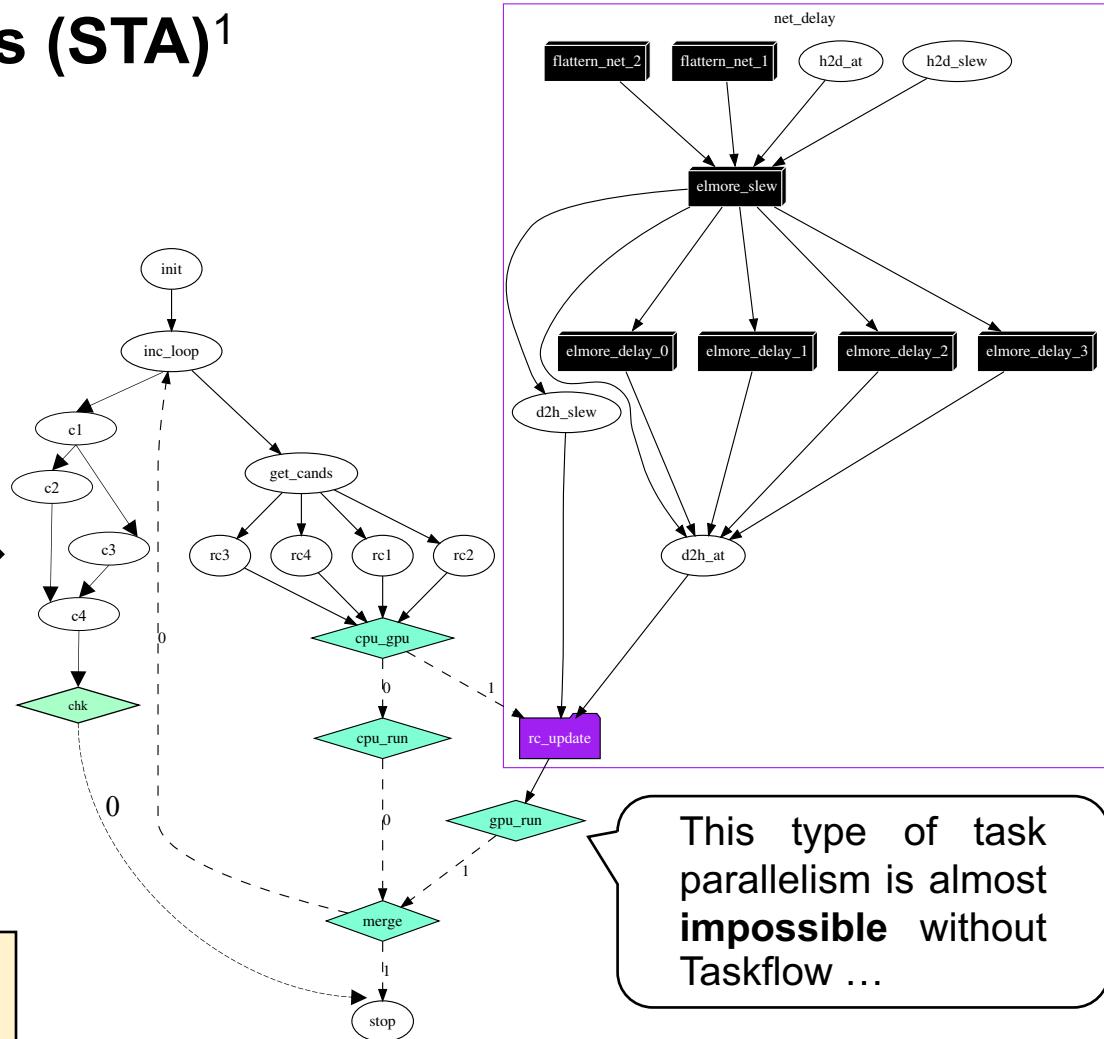
- Express your parallelism in the right way
- Program static task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- Program dynamic task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- Overcome the scheduling challenges
- Demonstrate the efficiency of Taskflow
- Conclude the talk

Case Study 1: Task-parallel STA w/ STGP

- Accelerating static timing analysis (STA)¹

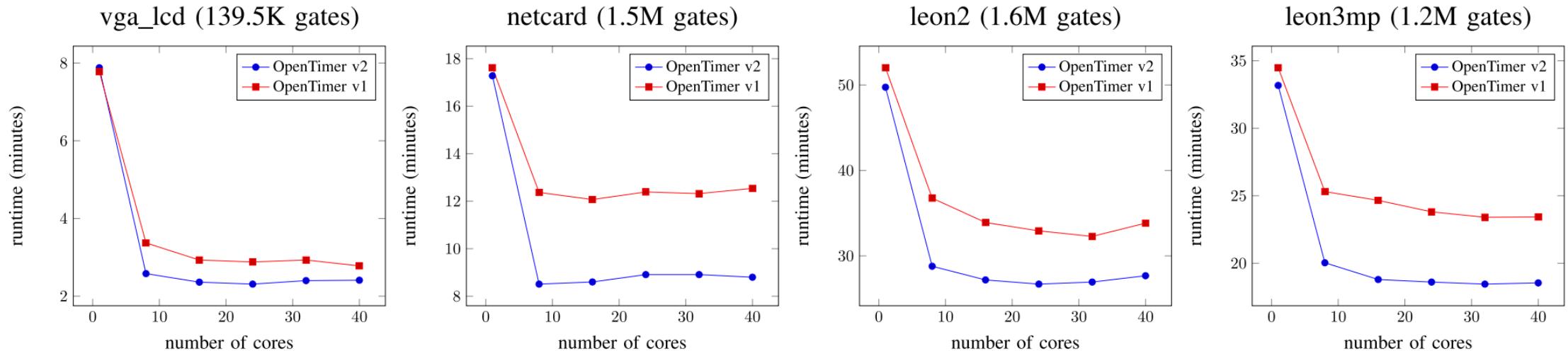


¹: Tsung-Wei Huang, et al, "OpenTimer v2: A New Parallel Incremental Timing Analysis Engine," *IEEE TCAD*, 2022



Levelization-based vs Task-parallel STA

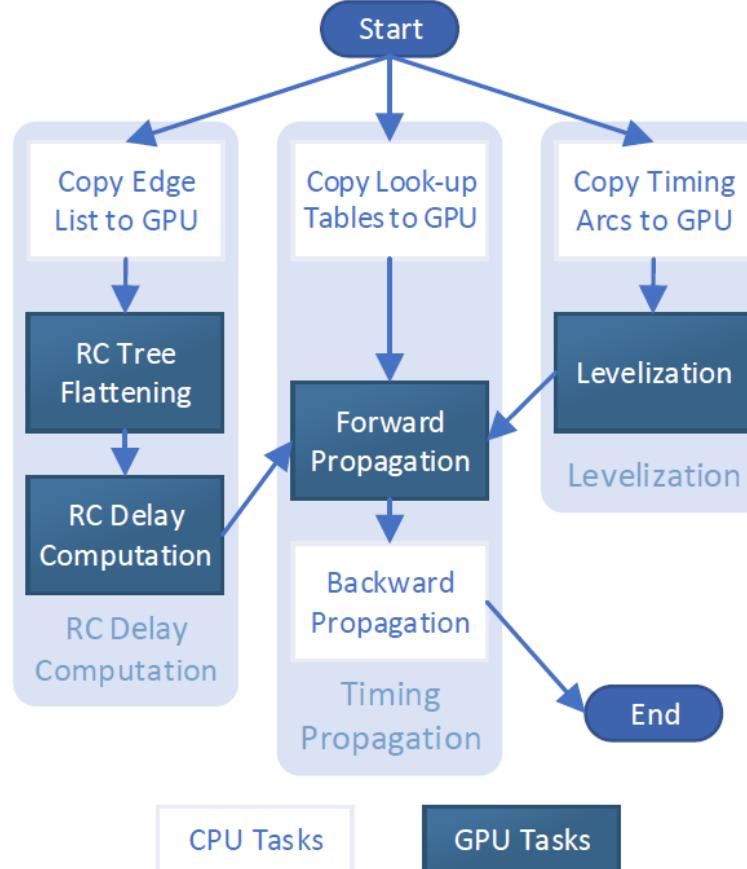
- **OpenTimer v1: levelization-based parallel timing propagation¹**
 - Implemented using OpenMP “parallel_for” primitive
- **OpenTimer v2: task-parallel timing propagation²**
 - Implemented using Taskflow (<https://taskflow.github.io/>)



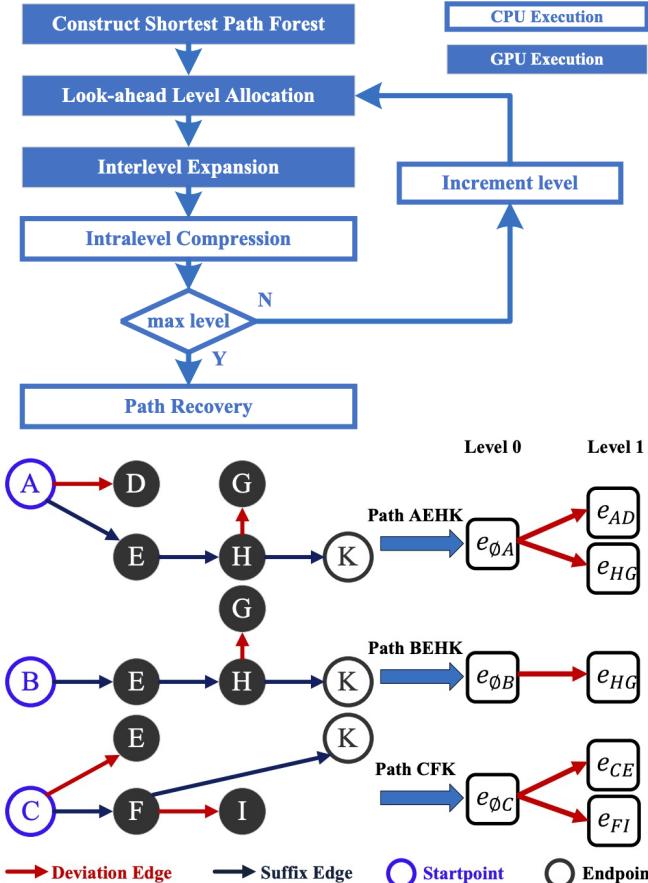
¹: Tsung-Wei Huang and Martin Wong, "OpenTimer: A High-Performance Timing Analysis Tool," *IEEE/ACM ICCAD*, 2015

²: Tsung-Wei Huang, et al, "OpenTimer v2: A New Parallel Incremental Timing Analysis Engine," *IEEE TCAD*, 2022

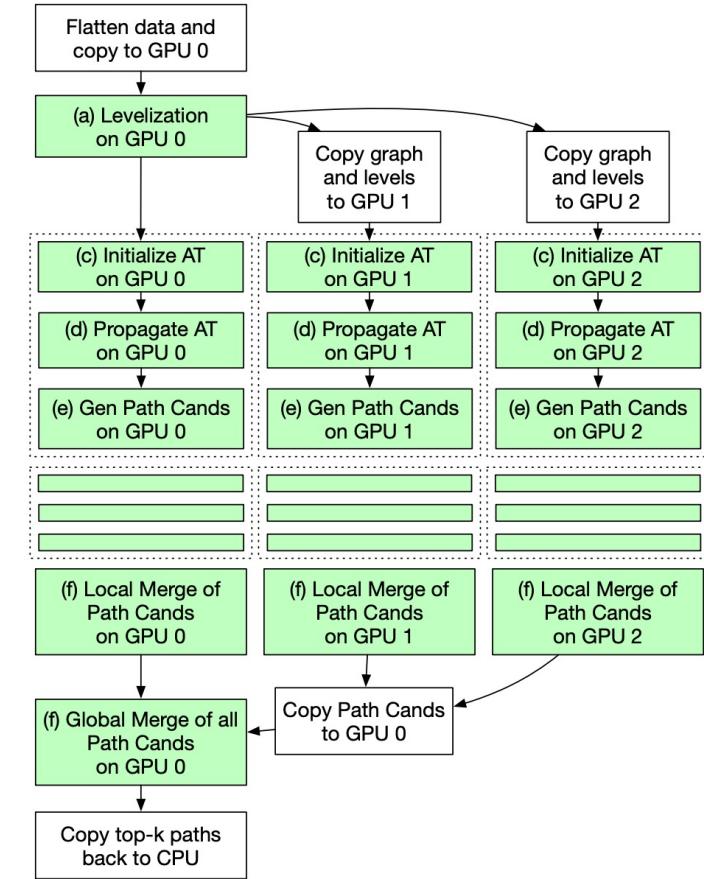
Our Research on Task-parallel STA



GPU-based graph analysis (ICCAD'20)



GPU-based path analysis (DAC'21)



GPU-based CPPR (ICCAD'21)



Example: Path-based Analysis with GPU

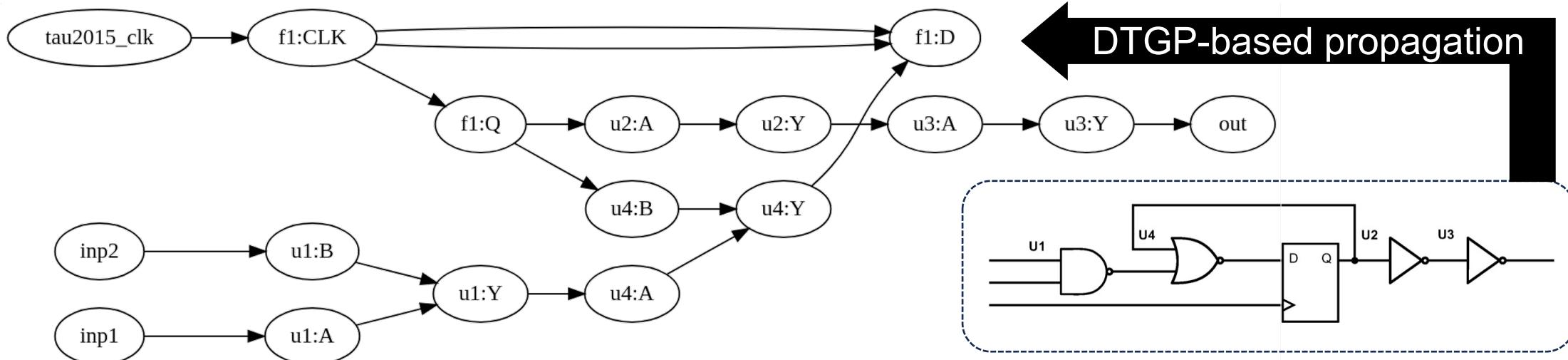
- Applied Taskflow + GPU to accelerate path-based analysis
 - **611x speed-up** over 1 CPU and **44x** over 40 CPUs on a large design
 - Evaluated on an Nvidia RTX 3090 GPU

Benchmark	#Pins	#Gates	#Arcs	OpenTimer Runtime	Our Algorithm #MDL=10		Our Algorithm #MDL=15		Our Algorithm #MDL=20	
					Runtime	Speed-up	Runtime	Speed-up	Runtime	Speed-up
leon2	4328255	1616399	7984262	2875783	4708.36	611×	5295.49ms	543×	5413.84	531×
leon3mp	3376821	1247725	6277562	1217886	5520.85	221×	7091.79ms	172×	8182.84	149×
netcard	3999174	1496719	7404006	752188	2050.60	367×	2475.90ms	304×	2484.08	303×
vga_lcd	397809	139529	756631	53204	682.94	77.9×	683.04ms	77.9×	706.16	75.3×
vga_lcd_iccad	679258	259067	1243041	66582	720.40	92.4×	754.35ms	88.3×	766.29	86.9×
b19_iccad	782914	255278	1576198	402645	2144.67	188×	2948.94ms	137×	3483.05	116×
des_perf_ispd	371587	138878	697145	24120	763.79	31.6×	766.31ms	31.5×	780.56	30.9×
edit_dist_ispd	416609	147650	799167	614043	1818.49	338×	2475.12ms	248×	2900.14	212×
mgc_edit_dist	450354	161692	852615	694014	1463.61	474×	1485.65ms	467×	1493.90	465×
mgc_matric_mult	492568	171282	948154	214980	994.67	216×	1075.90ms	200×	1113.26	193×

¹: Guannan Guo, Tsung-Wei Huang, Yibo Lin, and Martin Wong, "GPU-accelerated Path-based Timing Analysis," *IEEE/ACM Design Automation Conference (DAC)*, CA, 2021

Case Study 2: Task-parallel STA w/ DTGP

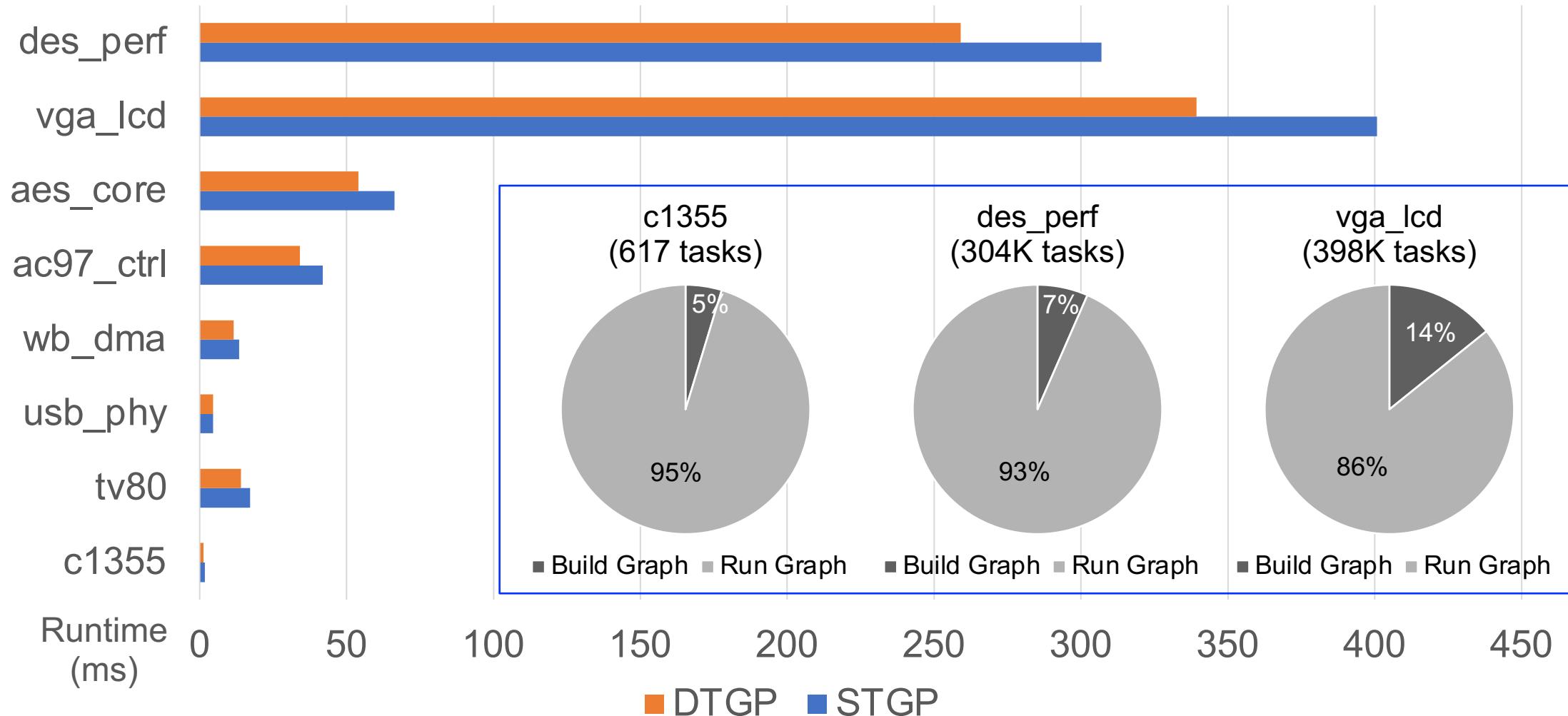
- STGP works pretty well for task-parallel static timing analysis
 - However, STGP may result in suboptimal performance for large circuits
 - Why? constructing a large task graph can be “very” time-consuming ...
- Reformulated the timing propagation into a dynamic task graph
 - Ex (below): a task graph for a full-timing propagation on a five-gate circuit



17 tasks & 18 dependencies

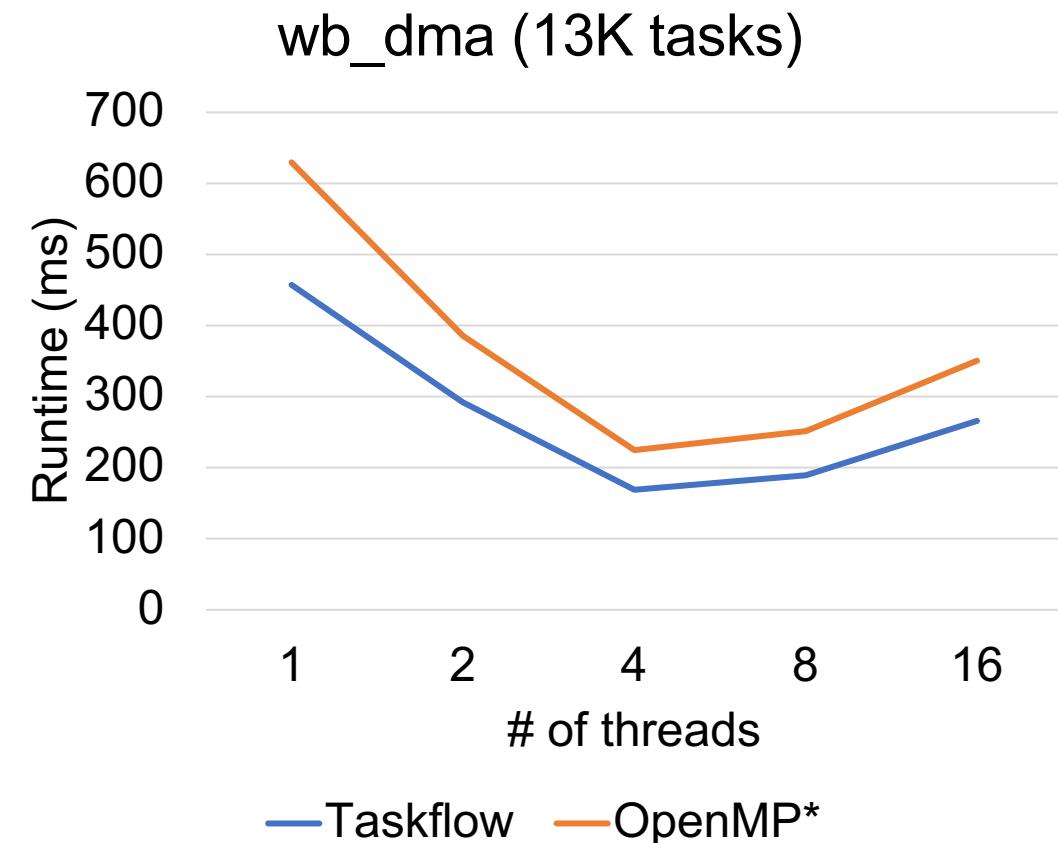
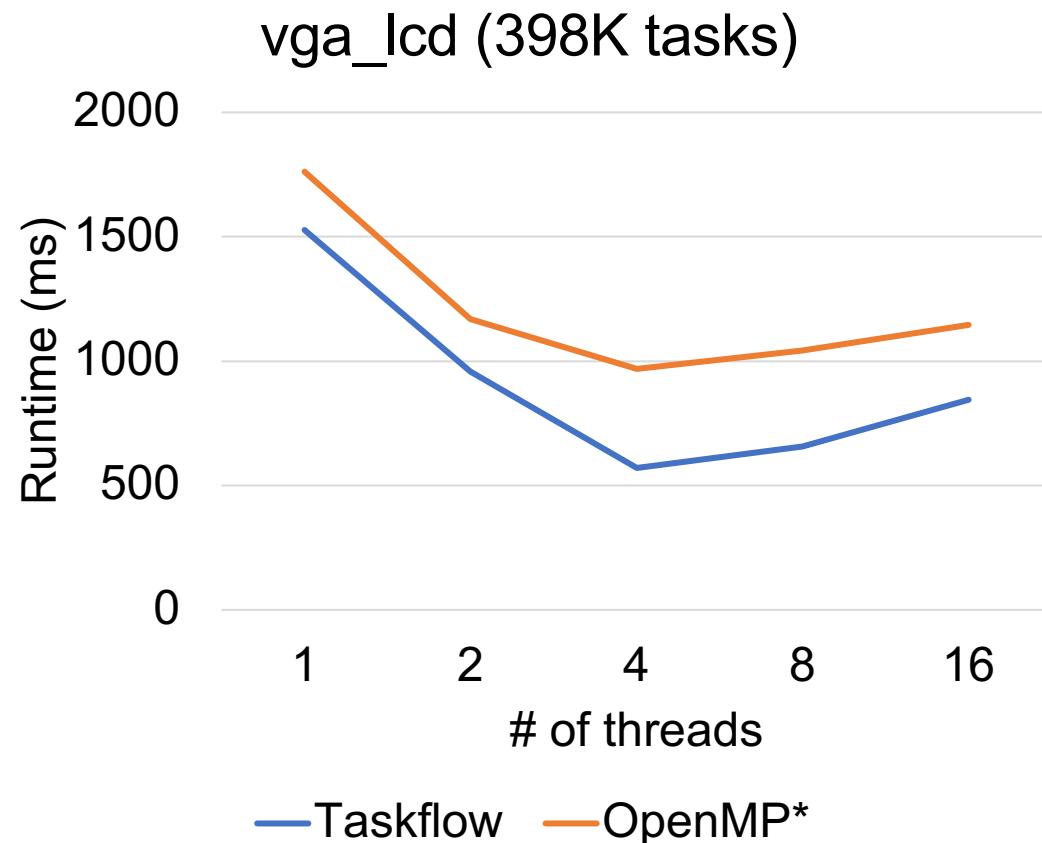
¹: T.-W. Huang, et. al, "OpenTimer v2: A New Parallel Incremental Timing Analysis Engine," *IEEE TCAD*, vol. 40, no. 4, pp. 776-789, April 2021

Runtime Comparison: STGP vs DTGP



Runtime Comparison with OpenMP

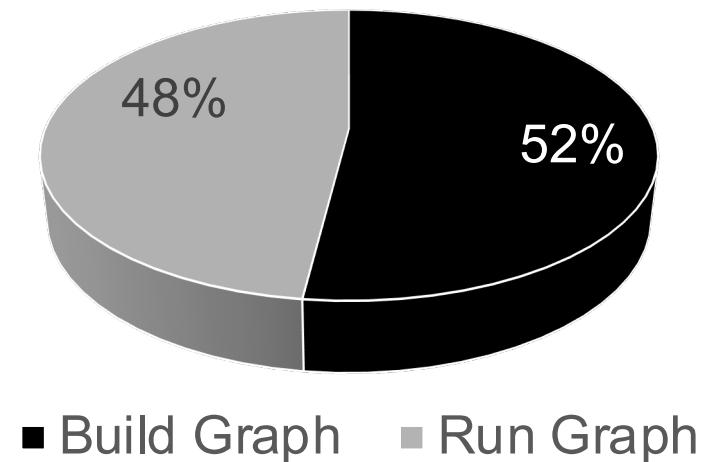
- `#omp depend([depend-modifier],)dependence-type : locator-list)`



Case Study 3: Task Graph Partitioning

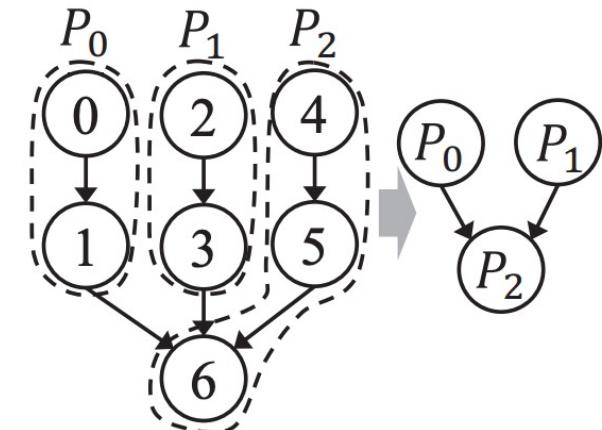
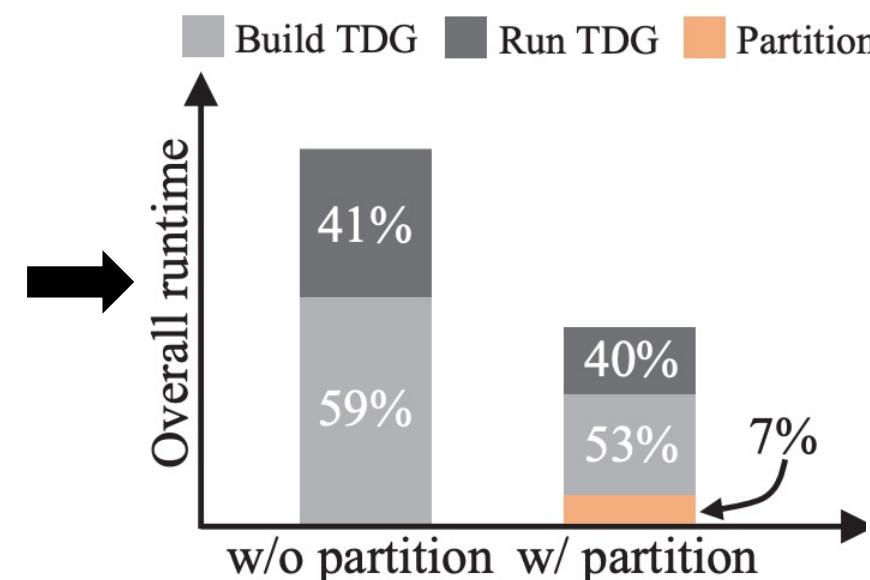
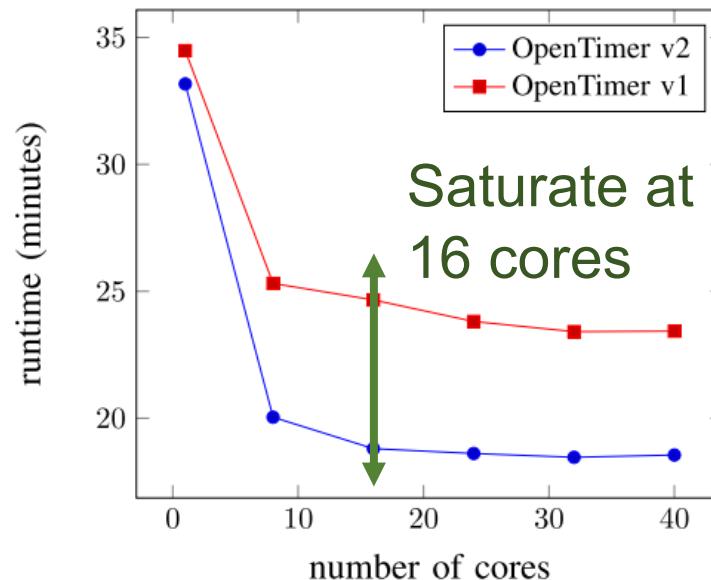
- **Task-parallel STA involves two runtime components**
 - Build a task dependency graph (TDG) – *often done in sequential*
 - Run the built TDG – *actual parallelization*
- **Large circuits induce big TDGs**
 - >10M tasks and >10M dependencies
- **Big TDG has a big scheduling cost**
 - 500–1000us for scheduling a task
 - Dependency breaking
 - Dynamic load balancing
 - Worker notification
 - ...

Runtime Breakdown of
Task-parallel STA



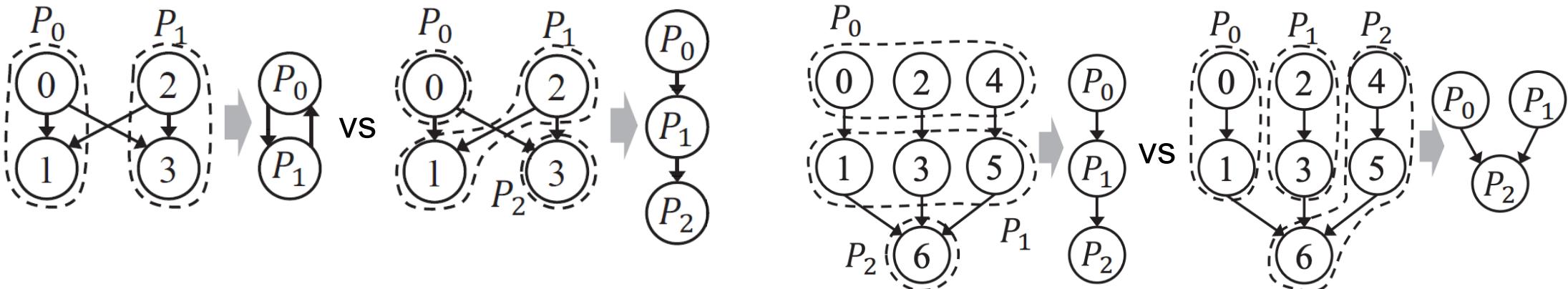
Need for a TDG Partitioning Algorithm

- In practice, task-parallel STA saturates at 8–16 cores
 - No need of a TDG of 10M tasks and 10M dependencies
- We can partition a large TDG into a smaller version to
 - Minimize TDG construction time (static overhead)
 - Minimize TDG scheduling overhead (dynamic overhead)

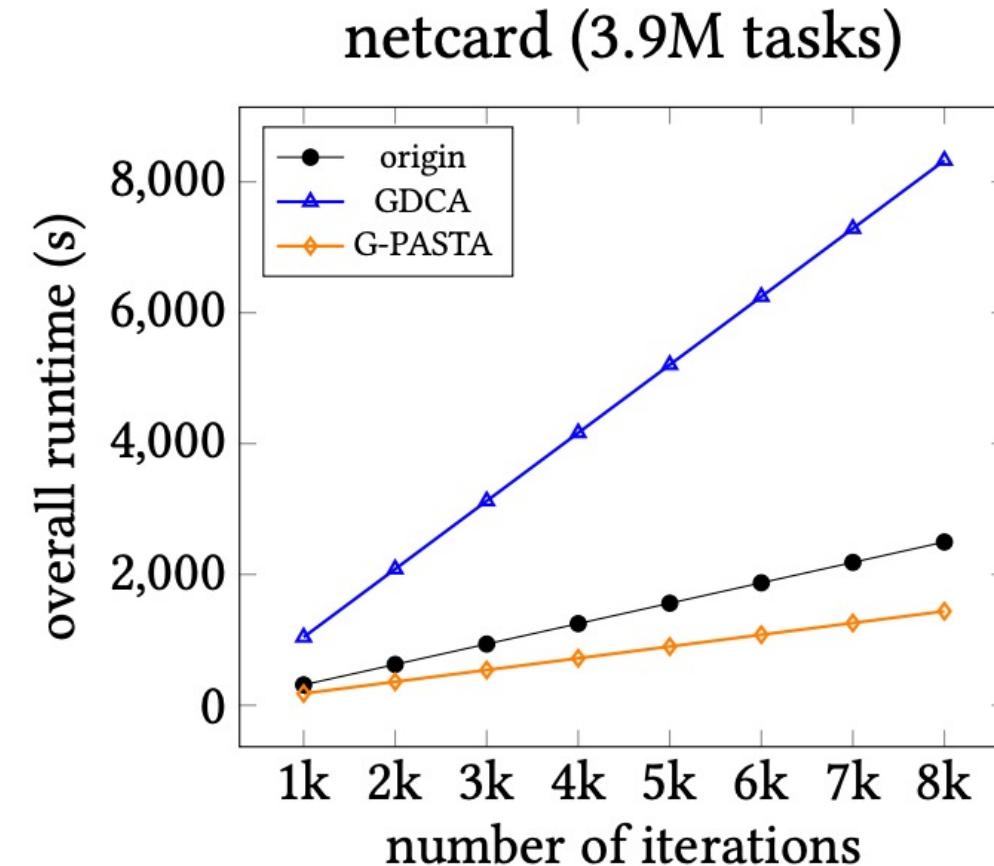
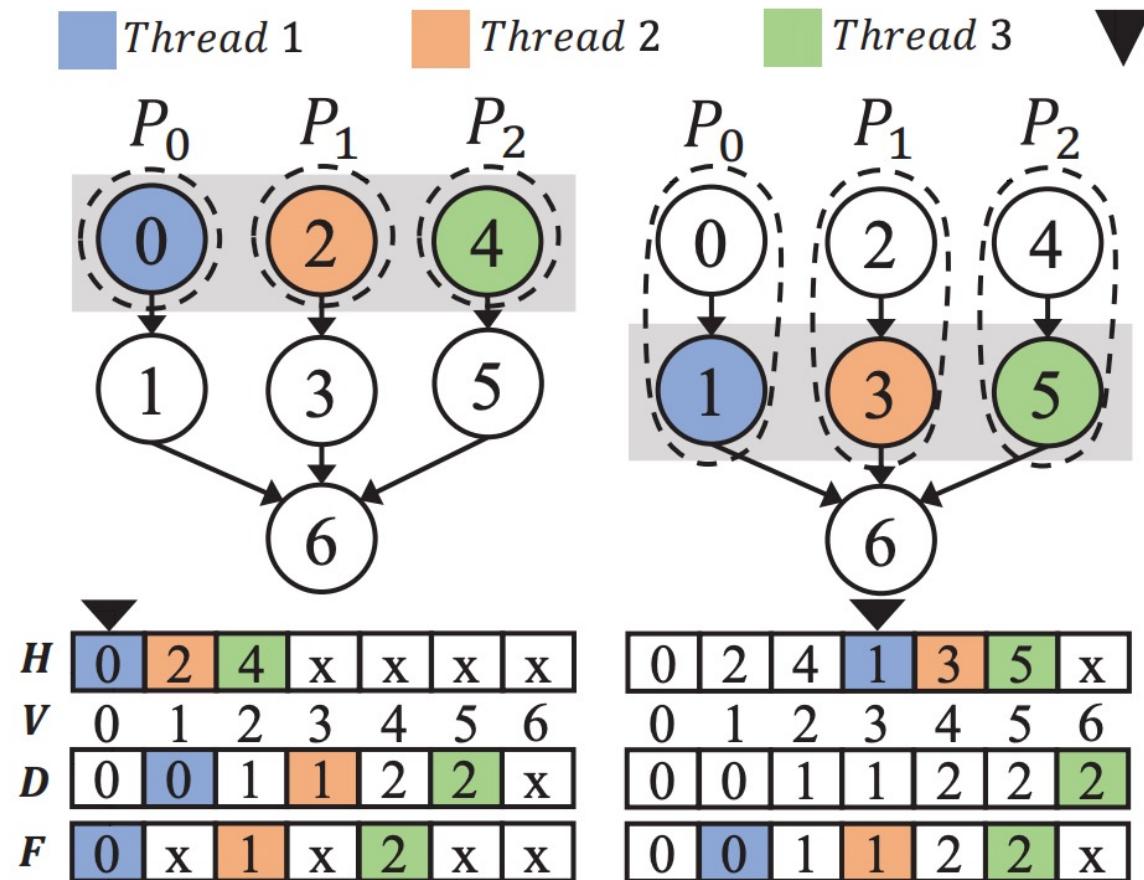


Challenges of TDG Partitioning

- **TDG partitioning is very different from circuit graph partitioning**
 - Circuit graph partitioning targets minimizing “cut”
 - TDG partitioning targets reducing the graph size without impacting too much its original task parallelism
- **TDG partitioning has other constraints to worry about ...**
 - Cannot introduce too much time on TDG partitioning
 - Cannot introduce cyclic task dependencies
 - Cannot introduce too much sequential parallelism



G-PASTA: GPU-parallel TDG Partitioner¹



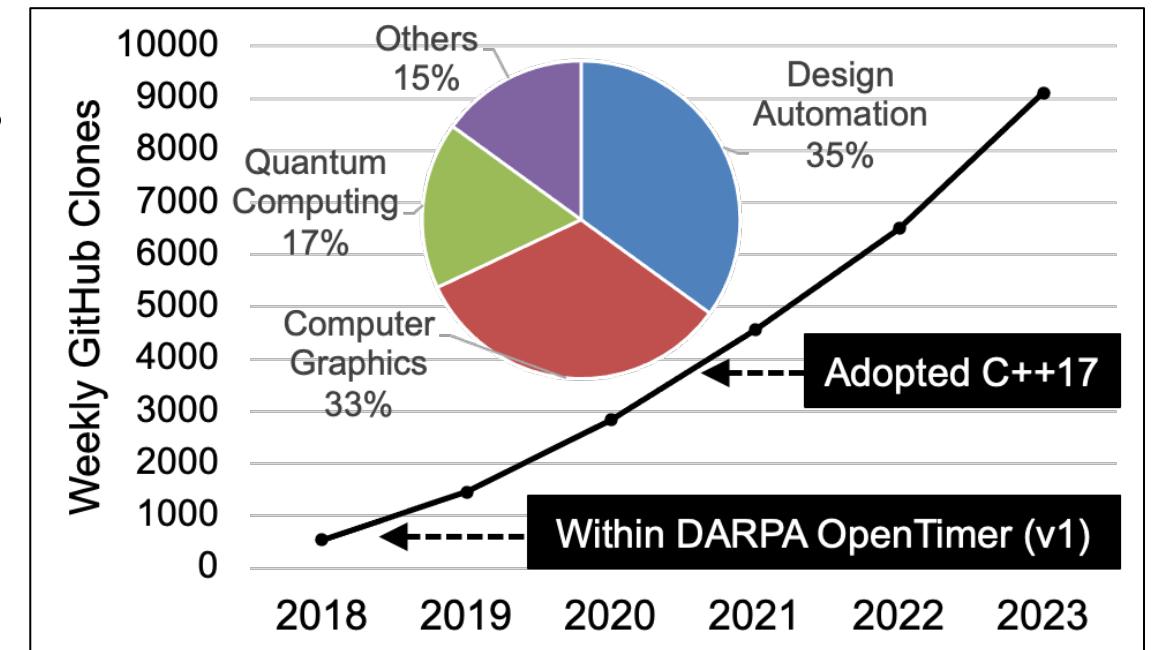
¹: Boyang Zhang, et al. "G-PASTA: GPU Accelerated Partitioning Algorithm for Static Timing Analysis," ACM/IEEE DAC, 2024

Other Industrial Applications of Taskflow

- **Quantum computing**
 - Xanadu deploys Taskflow in their quantum simulator
- **Computer graphics/rendering**
 - Vulkan officially recommends using Taskflow
- **FPGA synthesis**
 - Vivado uses Taskflow for synthesis
- **Embedded/edge computing**
 - Tesseract (robotics planning)
 - Cruise (autonomous car)
 - Reveal.Tech (drone vision)
 - Tesseract Robotic (planning tool)
 - ...



<https://vkguide.dev/docs/extrachapter/multithreading/>



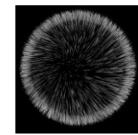


Conclusion

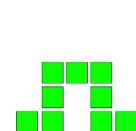
- Expressed your parallelism in the right way
- Programmed static task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- Programmed dynamic task graph parallelism using Taskflow
- Overcame the scheduling challenges
- Demonstrated the efficiency of Taskflow
- **Concluding the talk**



Thank You for using Taskflow!



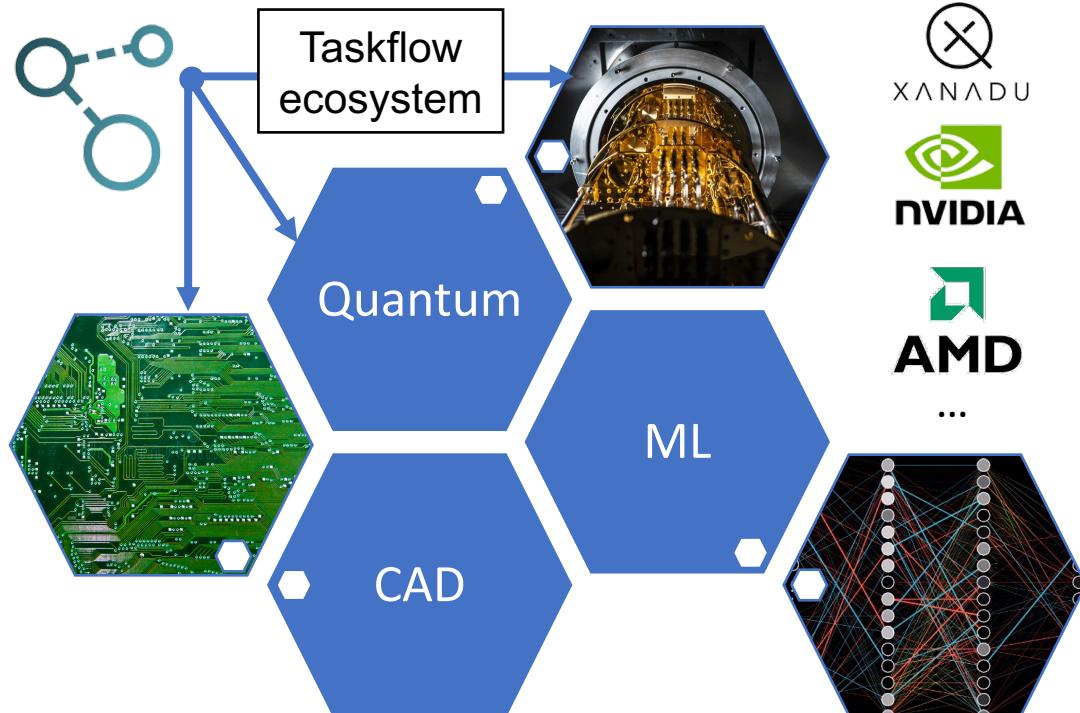
Explosion



...

Our NSF POSE Project¹: Sustainability

- Create a sustainable Taskflow application ecosystem



<https://beta.nsf.gov/tip/updates/nsf-invests-nearly-8-million-inaugural-cohort-open>

NSF National Science Foundation

Menu

NSF invests nearly \$8 million in inaugural cohort of open-source projects

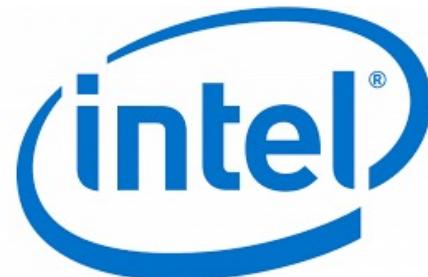
September 29, 2022

The new Pathways to Enable Open-Source Ecosystems program supports more than 20 Phase I awards to create and grow sustainable high-impact open-source ecosystems

¹: “POSE: Phase I: Toward a Task-Parallel Programming Ecosystem for Modern Scientific Computing,” \$298K, 09/15/2022—08/31/2023, NSF POSE, TI-2229304



Thank you for Sponsoring Taskflow!



Google Summer of Code





Questions?



Taskflow: <https://taskflow.github.io>

Static task graph parallelism

```
// Live: https://godbolt.org/z/j8hx3xnnx
tf::Taskflow taskflow;
tf::Executor executor;
auto [A, B, C, D] = taskflow.emplace(
    []() { std::cout << "TaskA\n"; },
    []() { std::cout << "TaskB\n"; },
    []() { std::cout << "TaskC\n"; },
    []() { std::cout << "TaskD\n"; });
A.precede(B, C);
D.succeed(B, C);
executor.run(taskflow).wait();
return 0;
```

Dynamic task graph parallelism

```
// Live: https://godbolt.org/z/T87PrTax
tf::Executor executor;
auto A = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskA\n";
});
auto B = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskB\n";
}, A);
auto C = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskC\n";
}, A);
auto D = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskD\n";
}, B, C);
executor.wait_for_all();
```