

A static scheduling approach to enable safety-critical OpenMP applications

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Motivation

- There is an increasing demand of new safety-critical real-time applications providing high performance
 - Timing guarantees are fundamental to be fulfilled



- Performance demands can be satisfied by using advanced parallel architectures (multi/many-core)

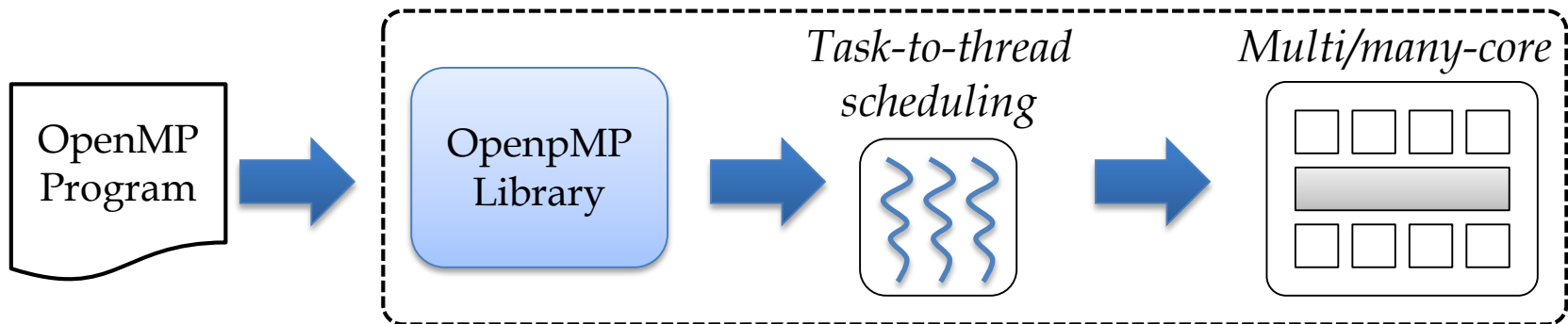
Parallel programming models

- **Fundamental for exploiting the performance of multi- and many-cores**
 - Provide the level of abstraction to express parallel applications, while hiding processor complexities
 - Mandatory to exploit the massively parallel computation capabilities
- **OpenMP is one of the most used in HPC**
 - Increasingly adopted in embedded systems

OpenMP

- Supported by most of current many-core architectures
- Allows expressing fine-grained and unstructured parallelism
 - Tasks
 - Dependencies

Transparent to the programmer



Time predictable OpenMP

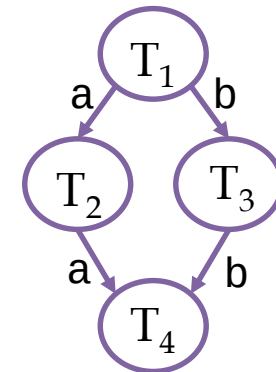
- **OpenMP tasking model**

- Task Dependency Graph (TDG)

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#pragma omp task depend(out:a,b) // T1
{ ... }
#pragma omp task depend(inout:a) // T2
{ ... }
#pragma omp task depend(inout:b) // T3
{ ... }
#pragma omp task depend(in:a,b) // T4
{ ... }
```

- **It resembles the Direct Acyclic Graph (DAG) real-time scheduling model**

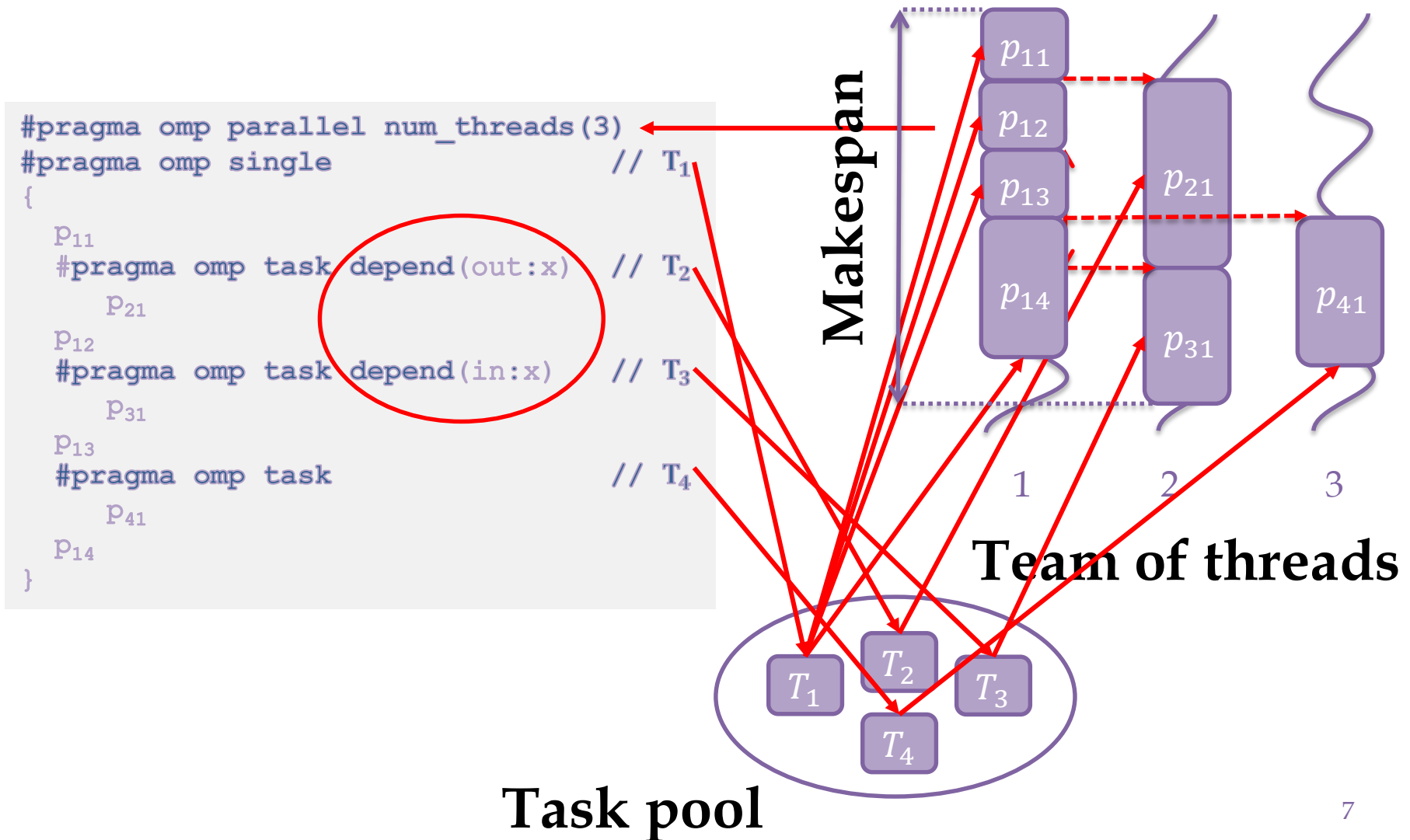
- Addresses the time predictability of real-time parallel computation



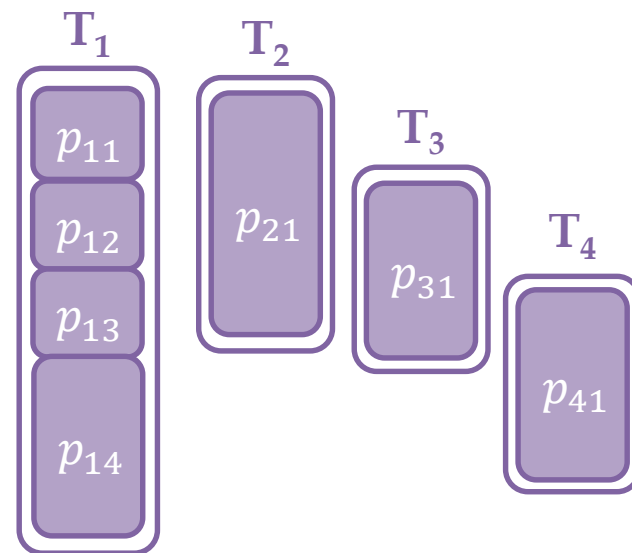
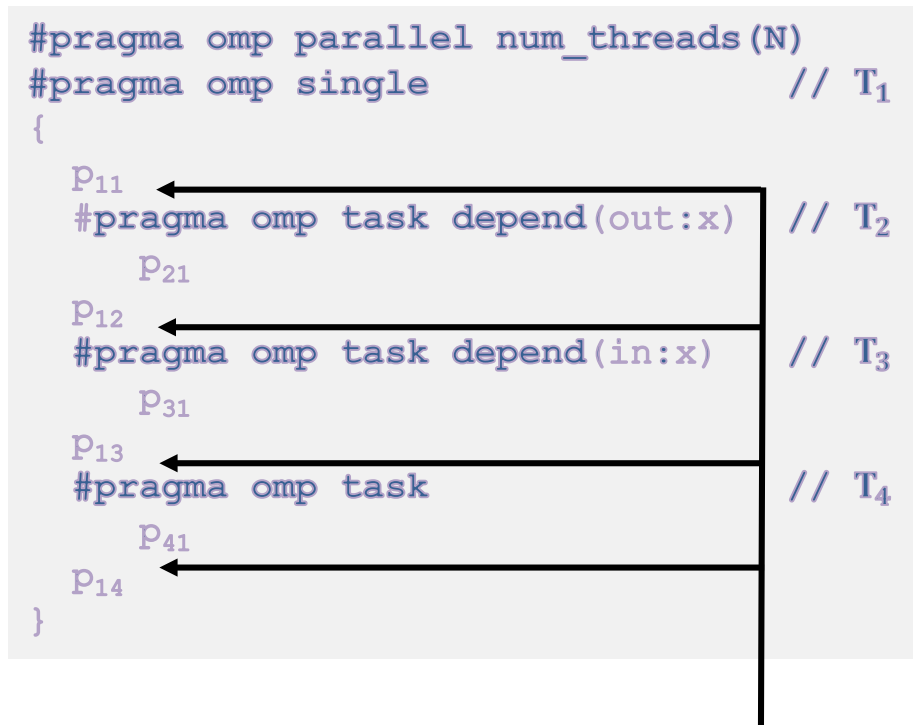
OpenMP for safety-critical systems?

- **Current OpenMP implementations rely on dynamic scheduling approaches**
 - Allow schedulability analysis exploiting the work-conserving nature of scheduling [1]
 - Less suitable to safety-critical systems timing analysis
- **This work provides OpenMP-compliant static allocation strategies**
 - Allow a tighter timing analysis as it knows where each task executes
 - More suitable to safety-critical systems timing analysis

OpenMP tasking model



OpenMP tasking model



Task-parts $p_{i,j}$

- Represented by their WCET $C_{i,j}$

Task Scheduling Points (TSPs)

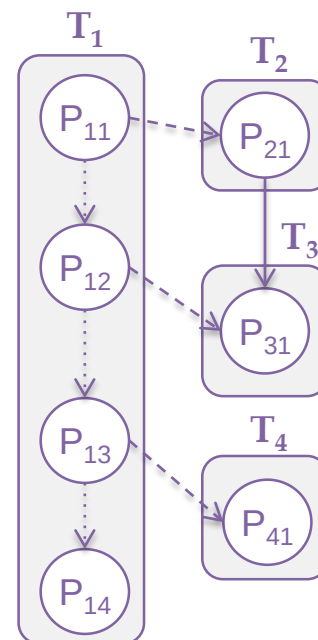
- Task may be suspended

OpenMP tasking model

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#pragma omp parallel num_threads(N)
#pragma omp single // T1
{
    P11
    #pragma omp task depend(out:x) // T2
        P21
    P12
    #pragma omp task depend(in:x) // T3
        P31
    P13
    #pragma omp task // T4
        P41
    P14
}
```



From an OpenMP program, an OpenMP-DAG can be derived [2]



[2] R. Vargas, E. Quiñones and A. Marongiu. "OpenMP and Timing Predictability: A Possible Union?" In 18th Design, Automation and Test in Europe Conference (DATE), 2015.

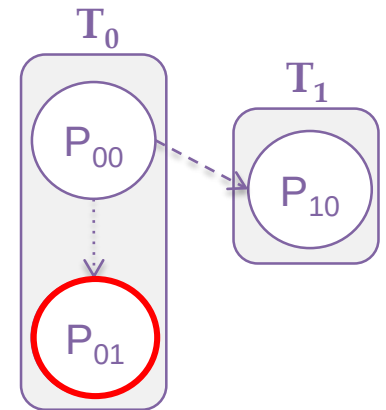
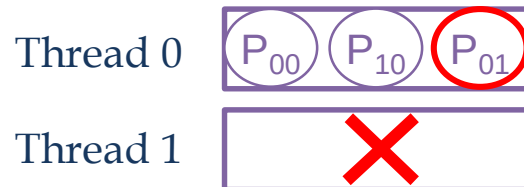
OpenMP4	DAG-based
Task parts	Nodes
Dependencies and TSPs	Edges

OpenMP tasking model

Task classification that affects the scheduling

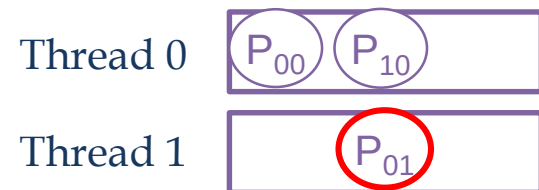
- **Tied tasks**

- Must only be executed by the thread that started it



- **Untied tasks**

- Can be resumed by any thread after being suspended



OpenMP scheduling

- **Dynamic scheduling [1]**
 - Valid only for untied tasks

$$R^{ub} = \text{len}(G) + \frac{1}{m}(\text{vol}(G) - \text{len}(G)) \leq D$$

- **Our proposal: Static scheduling**
 - Valid for tied and untied tasks
 - Two approaches:
 - Optimal ILP based
 - Sub-optimal Heuristics-based

[1] M. A. Serrano, A. Melani, R. Vargas, A. Marongiu, M. Bertogna and E. Quiñones, "Timing characterization of OpenMP4 tasking model", in CASES, 2015.

Strategy 1: Optimal static allocation

- **Problem definition: Optimally allocate OpenMP task-parts to threads**
 - Determine the minimum time interval needed to execute an OpenMP application on m threads
- **Solution**
 - ILP formulation for tied tasks
 - ILP formulation for untied tasks
- **Complexity**
 - NP-hard
 - Number of variables and constraints: $O(N^2 p^2 m)$

Strategy 2: Sub-optimal static allocation

- **Heuristics (priority rules) to solve the makespan minimization problem [3,4]:**
 - Longest Processing Time (LPT)
 - Shortest Processing Time (SPT)
 - Largest Number of Successors in the Next Level (LNSNL)
 - Largest Number of Successors (LNS)
 - Largest Remaining Workload (LRW)

[3] M. L. Pinedo, *Scheduling: theory, algorithms, and systems*. Springer Science & Business Media, 2012.

[4] K. E. Raheb, C. T. Kiranoudis, P. P. Repoussis, and C. D. Tarantilis, "Production scheduling with complex precedence constraints in parallel machines" *Computing and Informatics*, vol. 24, no. 3, 2012.

Strategy 2: Sub-optimal static allocation

- Tied tasks

- Input

- G: OpenMP DAG
- m: Num. threads

- Output

- μ : Makespan
- Ψ : Task-parts starting times
- θ : Task-to-thread mapping

- A: Allocated task-parts

- R: Ready task-parts

- $L[1..m]$: Last idle time of each thread

- $S[1..m]$: Tasks suspended on each thread

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- Tied Tasks

Iterates until all task-parts have been allocated



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- Tied Tasks

Find the earliest available thread

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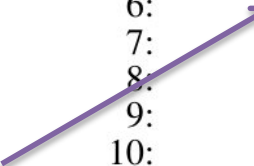

Strategy 2: Sub-optimal static allocation

- Tied Tasks

Find the next ready task-part according to previous heuristics

- Checks tied tasks scheduling restrictions

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Update task-part
mapping



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- Tied Tasks

Update

- task-part starting time
- thread next idle time

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- Tied Tasks

Check next
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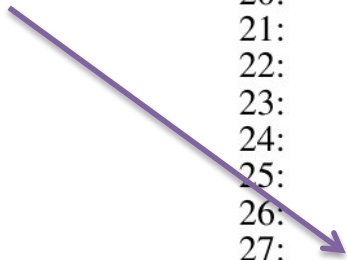


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Computes
makespan



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- Tied Tasks
- Untied task
 - Slightly simpler algorithm
- Complexity: $O(N^2 p^2)$

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Evaluation: Experimental setting

- **Static allocation strategies vs. Response-Time upper bound [1]**
- **Task sets**
 - Real OpenMP 3D path planning application
 - Synthetic DAG task-sets
- **Intel® Core™ i7-4770K CPU 3.50 GHz**
 - 16GB RAM
 - ILP solver: IBM ILOG CPLEX Optimization Studio v.12.61

Evaluation: 3D Path Planning application

- Real case study: Airborne collision avoidance
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 - DAGs composed of 129 and 257 nodes, respectively

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ILP: Converged in ~10 sec.
to the best found solution

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(7s)

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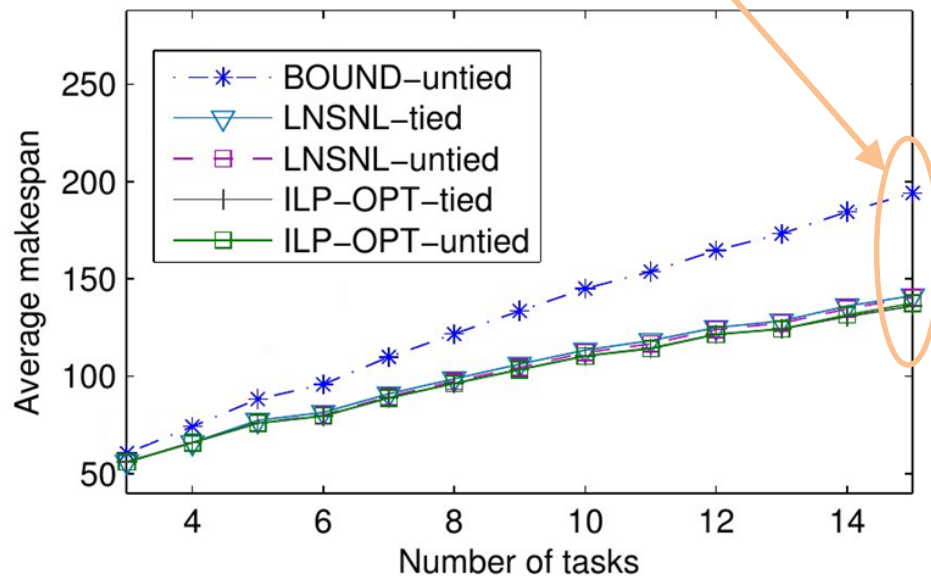
**Dynamic
approach**

Max. over
estimation: 63%

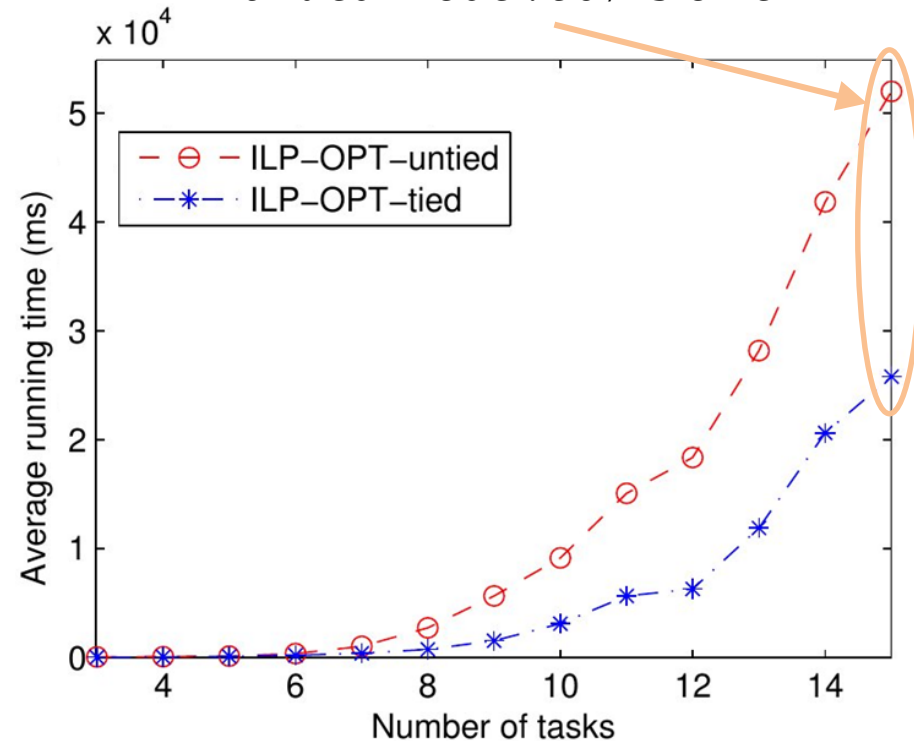
Evaluation: Synthetic OpenMP-DAGs

- Small task sets, 4 cores

Max. over estimation
dynamic vs. static ILP: ~40%



Larger solution space for the
untied model: 50% slower



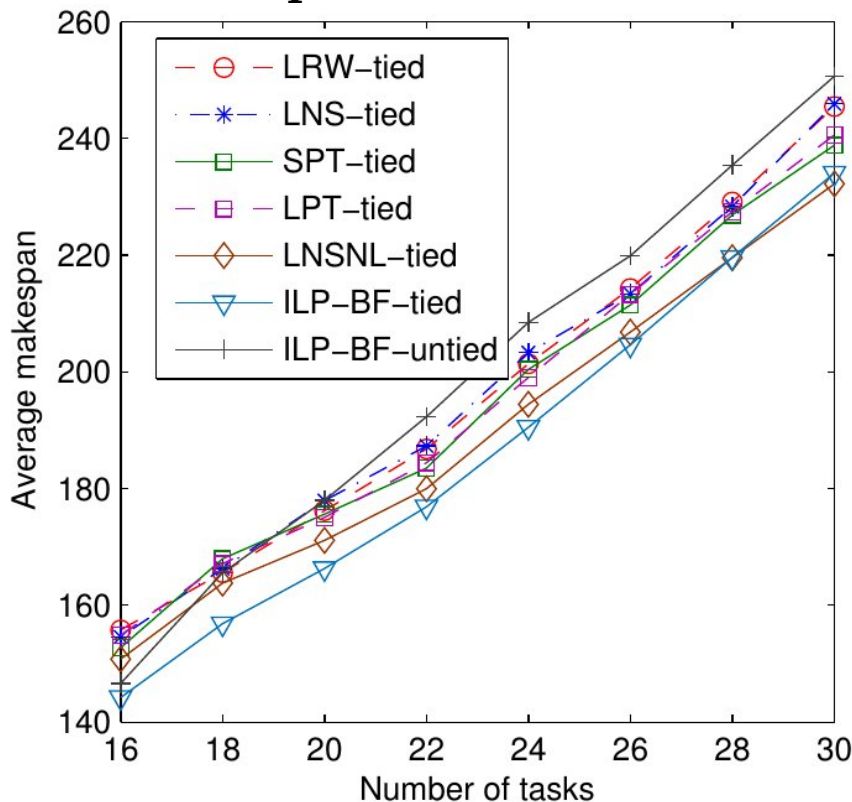
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- **Large task sets, 4 cores**

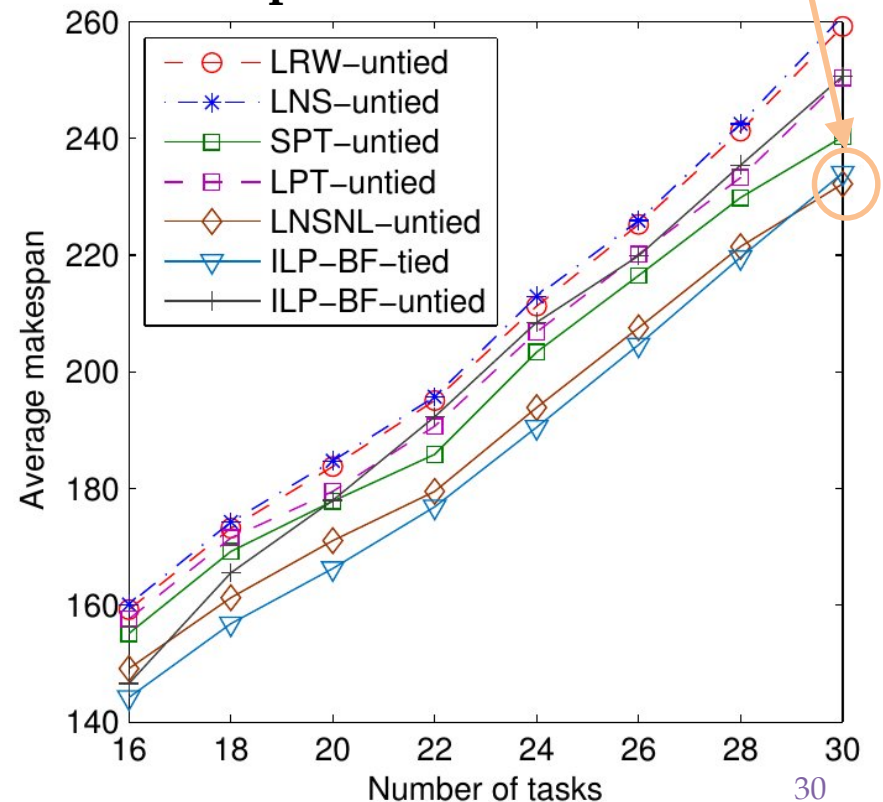
Best feasible solution by ILP solver in 300 s

LNSNL outperforms
ILP for untied

OpenMP Tied Model



OpenMP Untied Model



Conclusions

- **Parallel programming models are fundamental to exploit the performance capabilities of parallel architectures**
 - OpenMP, one of the most advanced
- **However, relies on dynamic scheduling, not suitable in certain safety-critical domains**
- **We propose two OpenMP-complain static allocation strategies:**
 - A computationally expensive but optimal ILP solver
 - More efficient but sub-optimal heuristics

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