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Agenda (in total 5 webinars)



Webinar 1: OpenMP Introduction
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Webinar 3: Optimization for NUMA and SIMD

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- →Task Affinity
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Questions?

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Example: Quick Sort



```
void quicksort(int * array, int first, int last) {
       int pivotElement;
       if((last - first + 1) < 10000) {
               serial quicksort(array, first, last);
       } else {
               pivotElement = pivot(array,first,last);
               #pragma omp task default(shared)
                       quicksort(array,first,pivotElement-1);
               #pragma omp task default(shared)
                       quicksort(array,pivotElement+1,last);
               #pragma omp taskwait
```

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Example: matmul - taskloop Version





Example: matmul - task Version





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OpenMP: Memory Access

Non-uniform Memory





memory

memory

}

Non-uniform Memory



Serial code: all array elements are allocated in the memory of the NUMA node closest to the core executing the initializer thread (first touch)

```
double* A;
A = (double*)
    malloc(N * sizeof(double));
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    A[i] = 0.0;
}</pre>
```



About Data Distribution



Important aspect on cc-NUMA systems

 \rightarrow If not optimal, longer memory access times and hotspots

Placement comes from the Operating System

→This is therefore Operating System dependent

Windows, Linux and Solaris all use the "First Touch" placement policy by default

 \rightarrow May be possible to override default (check the docs)

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```

```
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
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}</pre>
```



First Touch Memory Placement



First Touch w/ parallel code: all array elements are allocated in the memory of the NUMA node that contains the core that executes the thread that initializes the partition

```
double* A;
A = (double*)
    malloc(N * sizeof(double));
omp set num threads(2);
```

```
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    A[i] = 0.0;
}</pre>
```



Serial vs. Parallel Initialization



Stream example on 2 socket sytem with Xeon X5675 processors, 12 OpenMP threads:



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Get Info on the System Topology



- Before you design a strategy for thread binding, you should have a basic understanding of the system topology. Please use one of the following options on a target machine:
 - >Intel MPI's cpuinfo tool
 - → cpuinfo
 - →Delivers information about the number of sockets (= packages) and the mapping of processor ids to cpu cores that the OS uses.
 - hwlocs' hwloc-ls tool
 - → hwloc-ls
 - →Displays a graphical representation of the system topology, separated into NUMA nodes, along with the mapping of processor ids to cpu cores that the OS uses and additional info on caches.

Decide for Binding Strategy



Selecting the "right" binding strategy depends not only on the topology, but also on application characteristics.

→Putting threads far apart, i.e., on different sockets

 \rightarrow May improve aggregated memory bandwidth available to application

 \rightarrow May improve the combined cache size available to your application

 \rightarrow May decrease performance of synchronization constructs

→Putting threads close together, i.e., on two adjacent cores that possibly share some caches

 \rightarrow May improve performance of synchronization constructs

 \rightarrow May decrease the available memory bandwidth and cache size

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Places + Binding Policies (1/2)



Define OpenMP Places

- → set of OpenMP threads running on one or more processors
- \rightarrow can be defined by the user, i.e. OMP_PLACES=COTES

Define a set of OpenMP Thread Affinity Policies

- SPREAD: spread OpenMP threads evenly among the places, partition the place list
- → CLOSE: pack OpenMP threads near master thread
- → MASTER: collocate OpenMP thread with master thread

Goals

- \rightarrow user has a way to specify where to execute OpenMP threads
- Iocality between OpenMP threads / less false sharing / memory bandwidth



Places

Assume the following machine:

p0 p1 p2 p3 p4 p5 p6 p7

- \rightarrow 2 sockets, 4 cores per socket, 4 hyper-threads per core
- Abstract names for OMP_PLACES:
 - \rightarrow threads: Each place corresponds to a single hardware thread on the target machine.
 - → cores: Each place corresponds to a single core (having one or more hardware threads) on the target
 machine.
 - Sockets: Each place corresponds to a single socket (consisting of one or more cores) on the target machine.
 - \rightarrow II_caches: Each place corresponds to a set of cores that share the last level cache.
 - Inuma_domains: Each place corresponds to a set of cores for which their closest memory is: the same memory; and at a similar distance from the cores.

Places + Binding Policies (2/2)



Example's Objective:

→ separate cores for outer loop and near cores for inner loop

Outer Parallel Region: proc_bind(spread) num_threads(4) Inner Parallel Region: proc_bind(close) num_threads(4)

 \rightarrow spread creates partition, compact binds threads within respective partition

```
OMP_PLACES=(0,1,2,3), (4,5,6,7), ... = (0-3):8:4 = cores
#pragma omp parallel proc_bind(spread) num_threads(4)
#pragma omp parallel proc_bind(close) num_threads(4)
```



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More Examples (1/3)

Assume the following machine:

p0 p1 p2 p3 p4 p5 p6 p7

 \rightarrow 2 sockets, 4 cores per socket, 4 hyper-threads per core

Parallel Region with two threads, one per socket

 \rightarrow OMP_PLACES=sockets

→#pragma omp parallel num_threads(2) proc_bind(spread)

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More Examples (2/3)

Assume the following machine:

p0 p1 p2 p3 p4 p5 p6 p7

Parallel Region with four threads, one per core, but only on the first socket

→OMP_PLACES=cores

→#pragma omp parallel num_threads(4) proc_bind(close)

More Examples (3/3)



Spread a nested loop first across two sockets, then among the cores within each socket, only one thread per core

→OMP_PLACES=cores

→#pragma omp parallel num_threads(2) proc_bind(spread)

 \rightarrow #pragma omp parallel num_threads(4) proc_bind(close)

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Working with OpenMP Places

Places API (1/2) (just for reference)



- 1: Query information about binding and a single place of all places with ids 0 ... omp_get_num_places():
- omp_proc_bind_t omp_get_proc_bind(): returns the thread affinity policy
 (omp_proc_bind_false, true, master, ...)
- int omp get num places(): returns the number of places
- Int omp_get_place_num_procs(int place_num): returns the number of processors in the given place
- void omp_get_place_proc_ids(int place_num, int* ids): returns the ids of the processors in the given place

Places API (2/2) (just for reference)



- 2: Query information about the place partition:
- Int omp_get_place_num(): returns the place number of the place to which the current thread is bound
 - Int omp_get_partition_num_places(): returns the number of places in the current partition
- void omp_get_partition_place_nums(int* pns): returns the list of place numbers corresponding to the places in the current partition

Places API: Example (just for reference)



Simple routine printing the processor ids of the place the calling thread is bound to:

```
void print binding info() {
     int my place = omp get place num();
     int place num procs = omp get place num procs (my place);
     printf("Place consists of %d processors: ", place num procs);
     int *place processors = malloc(sizeof(int) * place_num_procs);
     omp get place proc ids (my place, place processors)
     for (int i = 0; i < place num procs - 1; i++) {
             printf("%d ", place processors[i]);
     printf("\n");
     free(place processors);
```

OpenMP 5.0 way to do this



Set OMP_DISPLAY_AFFINITY=TRUE

 \rightarrow Instructs the runtime to display formatted affinity information

→Example output for two threads on two physical cores:

| nesting_level= | 1, | thread_num= | Ο, | thread_affinity= | 0,1 |
|----------------|----|-------------|----|------------------|-----|
| nesting_level= | 1, | thread_num= | 1, | thread_affinity= | 2,3 |

→Output can be formatted with OMP_AFFINITY_FORMAT env var or
corresponding routine

 \rightarrow Formatted affinity information can be printed with

omp_display_affinity(const char* format)

Affinity format specification



| t | <pre>omp_get_team_num()</pre> | |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
|---|-------------------------------|--|

- T omp_get_num_teams()
- L omp_get_level()
- n omp_get_thread_num()
- N omp_get_num_threads()

| а | <pre>omp_get_ancestor_thread_num() at level-1</pre> |
|---|---|
| Н | hostname |
| Ρ | process identifier |
| i | native thread identifier |
| А | thread affinity: list of processors (cores) |

Example:

OMP_AFFINITY_FORMAT="Affinity: %0.3L %.8n %.15{A} %.12H"

\rightarrow Possible output:

| Affinity: | 001 | 0 | 0-1,16-17 | host003 |
|-----------|-----|---|-----------|---------|
| Affinity: | 001 | 1 | 2-3,18-19 | host003 |



A first summary

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Everything under control?In principle Yes, but only if

 \rightarrow threads can be bound explicitly,

 \rightarrow data can be placed well by first-touch, or can be migrated,

 \rightarrow you focus on a specific platform (= OS + arch) \rightarrow no portability

What if the data access pattern changes over time?

What if you use more than one level of parallelism?

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- First Touch: Modern operating systems (i.e., Linux >= 2.4) decide for a physical location of a memory page during the first page fault, when the page is first "touched", and put it close to the CPU causing the page fault.
- Explicit Migration: Selected regions of memory (pages) are moved from one NUMA node to another via explicit OS syscall.
- Automatic Migration: Limited support in current Linux systems.

 \rightarrow Not made for HPC and disabled on most HPC systems.

User Control of Memory Affinity



Explicit NUMA-aware memory allocation:

- \rightarrow By carefully touching data by the thread which later uses it
- \rightarrow By changing the default memory allocation strategy
 - →Linux: numactl command
 - →Windows: VirtualAllocExNuma() (limited functionality)
- \rightarrow By explicit migration of memory pages
 - →Linux: move_pages()
 - →Windows: no option

Example: using numactl to distribute pages round-robin:

```
> numactl -interleave=all ./a.out
```

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Managing Memory Spaces

Memory Management



Allocator := an OpenMP object that fulfills requests to allocate and deallocate storage for program variables

OpenMP allocators are of type omp_allocator_handle_t

Default allocator for Host

→via OMP_ALLOCATOR env. var. or corresponding API

OpenMP 5.0 supports a set of memory allocators

OpenMP Allocators



Selection of a certain kind of memory

| Allocator name | Storage selection intent |
|----------------------------|--|
| omp_default_mem_alloc | use default storage |
| omp_large_cap_mem_alloc | use storage with large capacity |
| omp_const_mem_alloc | use storage optimized for read-only variables |
| omp_high_bw_mem_alloc | use storage with high bandwidth |
| omp_low_lat_mem_alloc | use storage with low latency |
| omp_cgroup_mem_alloc | use storage close to all threads in the contention group of the thread requesting the allocation |
| omp_pteam_mem_alloc | use storage that is close to all threads in the same parallel region of the thread requesting the allocation |
| omp_thread_local_mem_alloc | use storage that is close to the thread requesting the allocation |

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Using OpenMP Allocators



New clause on all constructs with data sharing clauses:

→ allocate([allocator:] list)

Allocation:

>omp_alloc(size_t size, omp_allocator_handle_t allocator)

Deallocation:

> omp_free(void *ptr, const omp_allocator_handle_t allocator)

→ allocator argument is optional

allocate directive: standalone directive for allocation, or declaration of allocation stmt.



Allocator traits control the behavior of the allocator

| sync_hint | contended, uncontended, serialized, private default: contended |
|-----------|--|
| alignment | positive integer value that is a power of two default: 1 byte |
| access | all, cgroup, pteam, thread default: all |
| pool_size | positive integer value |
| fallback | default_mem_fb, null_fb, abort_fb, allocator_fb default: default_mem_fb |
| fb_data | an allocator handle |
| pinned | true, false default: false |
| partition | environment, nearest, blocked, interleaved default: environment |

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fallback: describes the behavior if the allocation cannot be fulfilled

default mem fb: return system's default memory

 \rightarrow Other options: null, abort, or use different allocator

pinned: request pinned memory, i.e. for GPUs



partition: partitioning of allocated memory of physical storage resources (think of NUMA)

>environment: use system's default behavior

>nearest: most closest memory

Dlocked: partitioning into approx. same size with at most one block per storage resource

interleaved: partitioning in a round-robin fashion across the storage
resources

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Construction of allocators with traits via

>omp_allocator_handle_t omp_init_allocator(

omp_memspace_handle_t memspace,

int ntraits, const omp_alloctrait_t traits[]);

→ Selection of memory space mandatory

→Empty traits set: use defaults

Allocators have to be destroyed with *_destroy_*

Custom allocator can be made default with omp_set_default_allocator(omp_allocator_handle_t allocator)

OpenMP Memory Spaces



Storage resources with explicit support in OpenMP:

| omp_default_mem_space | System's default memory resource |
|-------------------------|---|
| omp_large_cap_mem_space | Storage with larg(er) capacity |
| omp_const_mem_space | Storage optimized for variables with constant value |
| omp_high_bw_mem_space | Storage with high bandwidth |
| omp_low_lat_mem_space | Storage with low latency |

 \rightarrow Exact selection of memory space is implementation-def.

 \rightarrow Pre-defined allocators available to work with these



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Improving Tasking Performance: Task Affinity

Motivation



Techniques for process binding & thread pinning available

- →OpenMP thread level: OMP_PLACES & OMP_PROC_BIND
- →OS functionality: taskset -c

OpenMP Tasking:

- In general: Tasks may be executed by any thread in the team
 - → Missing task-to-data affinity may have detrimental effect on performance

<u>OpenMP 5.0:</u>

affinity clause to express affinity to data

affinity clause



New clause: #pragma omp task affinity (list)

 \rightarrow Hint to the runtime to execute task closely to physical data location

→Clear separation between dependencies and affinity

Expectations:

→Improve data locality / reduce remote memory accesses

→ Decrease runtime variability

Still expect task stealing

 \rightarrow In particular, if a thread is under-utilized



Code Example

Excerpt from task-parallel STREAM

```
1
    #pragma omp task \
        shared(a, b, c, scalar) \
2
        firstprivate(tmp_idx_start, tmp_idx_end) \
3
        affinity( a[tmp_idx_start] )
4
    {
5
       int i;
6
       for(i = tmp_idx_start; i <= tmp_idx_end; i++)</pre>
7
             a[i] = b[i] + scalar * c[i];
8
    }
9
```

→Loops have been blocked manually (see tmp_idx_start/end)

→Assumption: initialization and computation have same blocking and same affinity

Selected LLVM implementation details



introduced to location information of data that was previously

Jannis Klinkenberg, Philipp Samfass, Christian Terboven, Alejandro Duran, Michael Klemm, Xavier Teruel, Sergi Mateo, Stephen L. Olivier, and Matthias S. Müller. Assessing Task-to-Data Affinity in the LLVM OpenMP Runtime. Proceedings of the 14th International Workshop on OpenMP, IWOMP 2018. September 26-28, 2018, Barcelona,

Evaluation



Program runtime Median of 10 runs



Distribution of single task execution times



LIKWID: reduction of remote data volume from 69% to 13%

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Requirement for this feature: thread affinity enabled

- The affinity clause helps, if
 - →tasks access data heavily
 - →single task creator scenario, or task not created with data affinity
 - \rightarrow high load imbalance among the tasks

Different from thread binding: task stealing is absolutely allowed



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SIMD on x86_64



Width of SIMD registers has been growing in the past:





SIMD instructions become more powerful





SIMD instructions become more powerful





SIMD instructions become more powerful





SIMD instructions become more powerful



Auto-vectorization



Compilers offer auto-vectorization as an optimization pass

- \rightarrow Usually part of the general loop optimization passes
- Code analysis detects code properties that inhibit SIMD vectorization
- Heuristics determine if SIMD execution might be beneficial
- \rightarrow If all goes well, the compiler will generate SIMD instructions

Example: clang/LLVM

- →-fvectorize
- -mprefer-vector-width=<width>

Why Auto-vectorizers Fail

Data dependencies

Other potential reasons

- →Alignment
- →Function calls in loop block
- →Complex control flow / conditional branches
- →Loop not "countable"
 - \rightarrow e.g., upper bound not a runtime constant
- →Mixed data types
- →Non-unit stride between elements
- →Loop body too complex (register pressure)
- \rightarrow Vectorization seems inefficient
- Many more ... but less likely to occur

Data Dependencies



Suppose two statements S1 and S2

S2 depends on S1, iff S1 must execute before S2

→Control-flow dependence

 \rightarrow Data dependence

 \rightarrow Dependencies can be carried over between loop iterations

Important flavors of data dependencies

FLOWANTIs1: a = 40b = 40b = 21s1: a = b + 1s2: c = a + 2s2: b = 21

Loop-Carried Dependencies



Dependencies may occur across loop iterations

→Loop-carried dependency

The following code contains such a dependency:

```
void lcd_ex(float* a, float* b, size_t n, float c1, float c2)
{
    size_t i;
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        a[i] = c1 * a[i + 17] + c2 * b[i];
    }
}</pre>
```

Some iterations of the loop have to complete before the next iteration can run -> Simple trick: Can you reverse the loop w/o getting wrong results?

Loop-carried dependency for a[i] and a[i+17]; distance is 17.

Loop-carried Dependencies



Can we parallelize or vectorize the loop?



 \rightarrow Parallelization: no

(except for very specific loop schedules)

 \rightarrow Vectorization: yes

(iff vector length is shorter than any distance of any dependency)

Example: Loop not Countable



"Loop not Countable" plus "Assumed Dependencies"

```
typedef struct {
   float* data;
   size_t size;
} vec_t;
void vec_eltwise_product(vec_t* a, vec_t* b, vec_t* c) {
   size_t i;
   for (i = 0; i < a->size; i++) {
      c->data[i] = a->data[i] * b->data[i];
   }
}
```

In a Time Before OpenMP 4.0

Support required vendor-specific extensions
 Programming models (e.g., Intel® Cilk Plus)
 Compiler pragmas (e.g., #pragma vector)
 Low-level constructs (e.g., _mm_add_pd())



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SIMD Loop Construct

Vectorize a loop nest

→Cut loop into chunks that fit a SIMD vector register

 \rightarrow No parallelization of the loop body

Syntax (C/C++)
#pragma omp simd [clause[[,] clause],...]
for-loops

Syntax (Fortran)

!\$omp simd [clause[[,] clause],...]
do-loops
[!\$omp end simd]

Example



```
float sprod(float *a, float *b, int n) {
  float sum = 0.0f;
#pragma omp simd reduction(+:sum)
  for (int k=0; k<n; k++)
    sum += a[k] * b[k];
  return sum;
}</pre>
```



Data Sharing Clauses



private(var-list):

Uninitialized vectors for variables in var-list



firstprivate(var-list):

Initialized vectors for variables in var-list

reduction(op:var-list):

Create private variables for *var-list* and apply reduction operator *op* at the end of the construct

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SIMD Loop Clauses

safelen (length)

Maximum number of iterations that can run concurrently without breaking a dependence

→In practice, maximum vector length

linear (list[:linear-step])

 \rightarrow The variable's value is in relationship with the iteration number

 $\rightarrow x_i = x_{orig} + i * linear-step$

aligned (list[:alignment])

 \rightarrow Specifies that the list items have a given alignment

 \rightarrow Default is alignment for the architecture

collapse (n)

SIMD Worksharing Construct



Parallelize and vectorize a loop nest

- \rightarrow Distribute a loop's iteration space across a thread team
- → Subdivide loop chunks to fit a SIMD vector register

Syntax (C/C++)
#pragma omp for simd [clause[[,] clause],...]
for-loops

Syntax (Fortran)

```
!$omp do simd [clause[[,] clause],...]
do-loops
[!$omp end do simd [nowait]]
```

Example



```
float sprod(float *a, float *b, int n) {
  float sum = 0.0f;
#pragma omp for simd reduction(+:sum)
  for (int k=0; k<n; k++)
    sum += a[k] * b[k];
  return sum;
}</pre>
```



Be Careful What You Wish For...



• You should choose chunk sizes that are multiples of the SIMD length

- → Remainder loops are not triggered
- → Likely better performance
- In the above example ...
 - \rightarrow and AVX2, the code will only execute the remainder loop!
 - → and SSE, the code will have one iteration in the SIMD loop plus one in the remainder loop!

OpenMP 4.5 Simplifies SIMD Chunks



Chooses chunk sizes that are multiples of the SIMD length

First and last chunk may be slightly different to fix alignment and to handle loops that are not exact multiples of SIMD width

- →Remainder loops are not triggered
- →Likely better performance

SIMD Function Vectorization


SIMD Function Vectorization



Declare one or more functions to be compiled for calls from a SIMDparallel loop

Syntax (C/C++):

#pragma omp declare simd [clause[[,] clause],...]
[#pragma omp declare simd [clause[[,] clause],...]]
[...]

function-definition-or-declaration

Syntax (Fortran):

!\$omp declare simd (proc-name-list)

SIMD Function Vectorization



```
#pragma omp declare simd
                                ZGVZN16vv min(%zmm0, %zmm1):
float min(float a, float b)
                                   vminps %zmm1, %zmm0, %zmm0
   return a < b ? a : b;
                                   ret
#pragma omp declare simd
                                ZGVZN16vv distsq(%zmm0, %zmm1):
float distsq(float x, float y)
                                   vsubps %zmm0, %zmm1, %zmm2
   return (x - y) * (x - y)
                                   vmulps %zmm2, %zmm2, %zmm0
                                   ret
void example() {
#pragma omp parallel for simd
   for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
        d[i] = min(distsq(a[i], b[i]), c[i]);
                              vmovups (%r14,%r12,4), %zmm0
                              vmovups (%r13,%r12,4), %zmm1
                              call ZGVZN16vv distsq
                              vmovups (%rbx,%r12,4), %zmm1
                              call ZGVZN16vv min
```

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SIMD Function Vectorization



simdlen (length)

→ generate function to support a given vector length

uniform (argument-list)

 \rightarrow argument has a constant value between the iterations of a given loop

inbranch

→ function always called from inside an if statement

notinbranch

 \rightarrow function never called from inside an if statement

Inear (argument-list[:linear-step])
aligned (argument-list[:alignment])

inbranch & notinbranch



SIMD Constructs & Performance





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Motivation for hybrid programming



Increasing number of cores per node





Hybrid programming

• (Hierarchical) mixing of different programming paradigms





MPI and OpenMP

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MPI – threads interaction



- MPI needs special initialization in a threaded environment
 - Use MPI_Init_thread to communicate thread support level
- Four levels of threading support

| Higher levels | Level identifier | Description |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|
| | MPI_THREAD_SINGLE | Only one thread may execute |
| | MPI_THREAD_FUNNELED | Only the main thread may make MPI calls |
| | MPI_THREAD_SERIALIZED | Any one thread may make MPI calls at a time |
| | MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE | Multiple threads may call MPI concurrently with no restrictions |

• MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE may incur significant overhead inside an MPI implementation



- MPI_THREAD_SINGLE
 - Only one thread per MPI rank

MPI Communication
 Thread Synchronization





- MPI_THREAD_FUNNELED
 - Only one thread communicates

MPI Communication
 Thread Synchronization





- MPI_THREAD_SERIALIZED
 - Only one thread communicates at a time

MPI Communication
Thread Synchronization





- MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE
 - All threads communicate concurrently without synchronizatio

MPI Communication
Thread Synchronization

