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# Tutorial OmpSs: single node programming

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## Agenda

10:00 – 11:00	Tasking in OpenMP 3.0 and 4.0	60 min
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break	15 min
11:15 – 12:15	Introduction to OmpSs programming model <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to StarSs</li><li>• OmpSs syntax</li><li>• Simple examples</li><li>• Development methodology and infrastructure</li></ul>	60 min
12:15– 12:45	Practical: heat equation example and divide-and-conquer (part I)	30 min
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch	75 min
14:00 – 15:00	Practical: heat equation example and divide-and-conquer (part II)	90 min
15:00 – 15:30	Programming using a hybrid MPI/OmpSs approach	15 min
15:30 – 17:00	Practical: heat equation example and matrix-multiply	105 min

# Outline

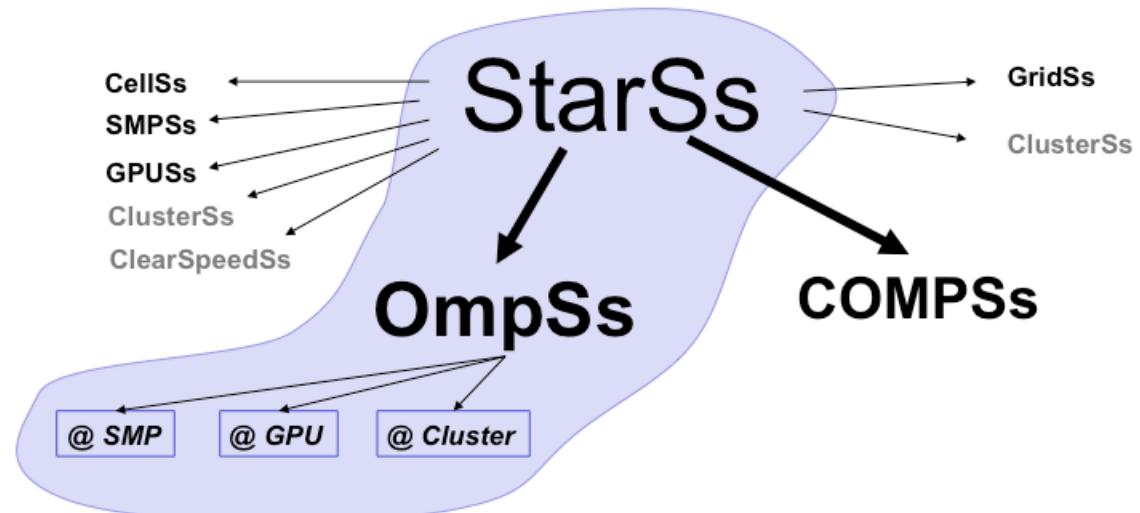
- Introduction to StarSs
- OmpSs overview
- OmpSs syntax
- OmpSs environment
- Hands-on

- Contact: pm-tools@bsc.es
- Source code available from <http://pm.bsc.es/ompss/>

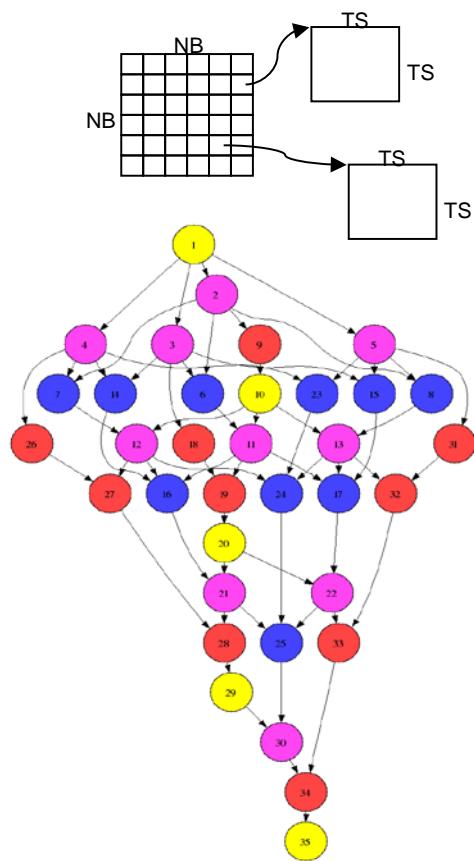
# StarSs principles

## StarSs: a family of **task based** programming models

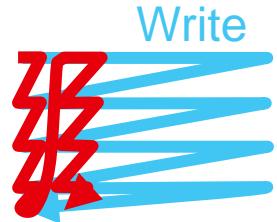
- Basic concept: **write sequential on a flat single address space + directionality annotations**
  - Order **IS** defined
  - Dependence and data access related **information** (NOT specification) in a single mechanism
  - Think global, specify local
  - Intelligent runtime



# StarSs: data-flow execution of sequential programs



Decouple  
how we write  
form  
how it is executed



```
void Cholesky( float *A ) {  
    int i, j, k;  
    for (k=0; k<NT; k++) {  
        spotrf (A[k*NT+k]) ;  
        for (i=k+1; i<NT; i++)  
            strsm (A[k*NT+k], A[k*NT+i]);  
        // update trailing submatrix  
        for (i=k+1; i<NT; i++) {  
            for (j=k+1; j<i; j++)  
                sgemm( A[k*NT+i], A[k*NT+j], A[j*NT+i]);  
                ssyrk (A[k*NT+i], A[i*NT+i]);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
#pragma omp task inout ([TS][TS]A)  
void spotrf (float *A);  
#pragma omp task in ([TS][TS]T) inout ([TS][TS]B)  
void strsm (float *T, float *B);  
#pragma omp task in ([TS][TS]A,[TS][TS]B) inout ([TS][TS]C )  
void sgemm (float *A, float *B, float *C);  
#pragma omp task in ([TS][TS]A) inout ([TS][TS]C)  
void ssyrk (float *A, float *C);
```

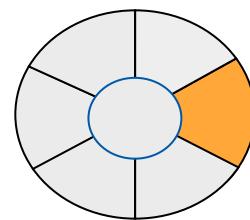
# StarSs vs OpenMP 3.1

```
void Cholesky( float *A ) {  
    int i, j, k;  
    for (k=0; k<NT; k++) {  
        spotrf ( A[k*NT+k] );  
        #pragma omp parallel for  
        for (i=k+1; i<NT; i++)  
            strsm ( A[k*NT+k], A[k*NT+i] );  
        for (i=k+1; i<NT; i++) {  
            #pragma omp parallel for  
            for (j=k+1; j<i; j++)  
                sgemm( A[k*NT+i], A[k*NT+j], A[j*NT+i] );  
            ssyrk ( A[k*NT+i], A[i*NT+i] );  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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            strsm ( A[k*NT+k], A[k*NT+i] );  
        for (i=k+1; i<NT; i++) {  
            for (j=k+1; j<i; j++) {  
                #pragma omp task  
                sgemm( A[k*NT+i], A[k*NT+j], A[j*NT+i] );  
            }  
            #pragma omp task  
            ssyrk ( A[k*NT+i], A[i*NT+i] );  
            #pragma omp taskwait  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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            strsm ( A[k*NT+k], A[k*NT+i] );  
        // update trailing submatrix  
        for (i=k+1; i<NT; i++) {  
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            {  
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            ssyrk ( A[k*NT+i], A[i*NT+i] );  
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        }  
    }  
}
```

# OmpSs syntax



- « OmpSs execution model and memory model
- « Inlined pragmas
- « Outlined pragmas
- « Array sections
- « Concurrent
- « Commutative
- « Nesting
- « Sentinels

# OmpSs = OpenMP + StarSs extensions

¶ OmpSs is based on OpenMP + StarSs with some differences:

- Different execution model
- Extended memory model
- Extensions for point-to-point inter-task synchronizations
  - data dependencies
- Extensions for heterogeneity
- Other minor extensions

# Main Program

## (C) Sequential control flow

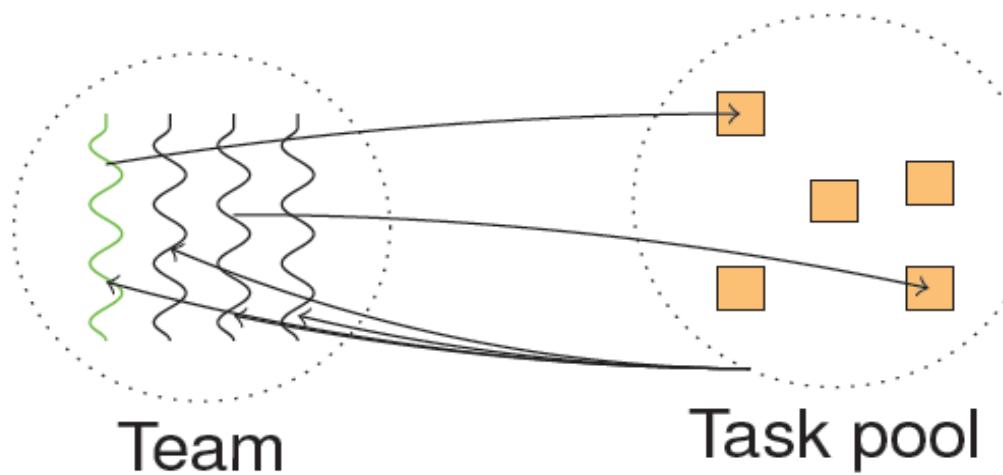
- Defines a single address space
- Executes sequential code that
  - Can spawn/instantiate tasks than will be executed sometime in the future
  - Can stall/wait for tasks

## (C) Tasks annotated with directionality clauses

- Input, output, inout
- Used to build dependences between tasks and for main to wait for data to be produced
- Can be used for memory management functionalities (replication, locality, movement,...)

# Execution Model

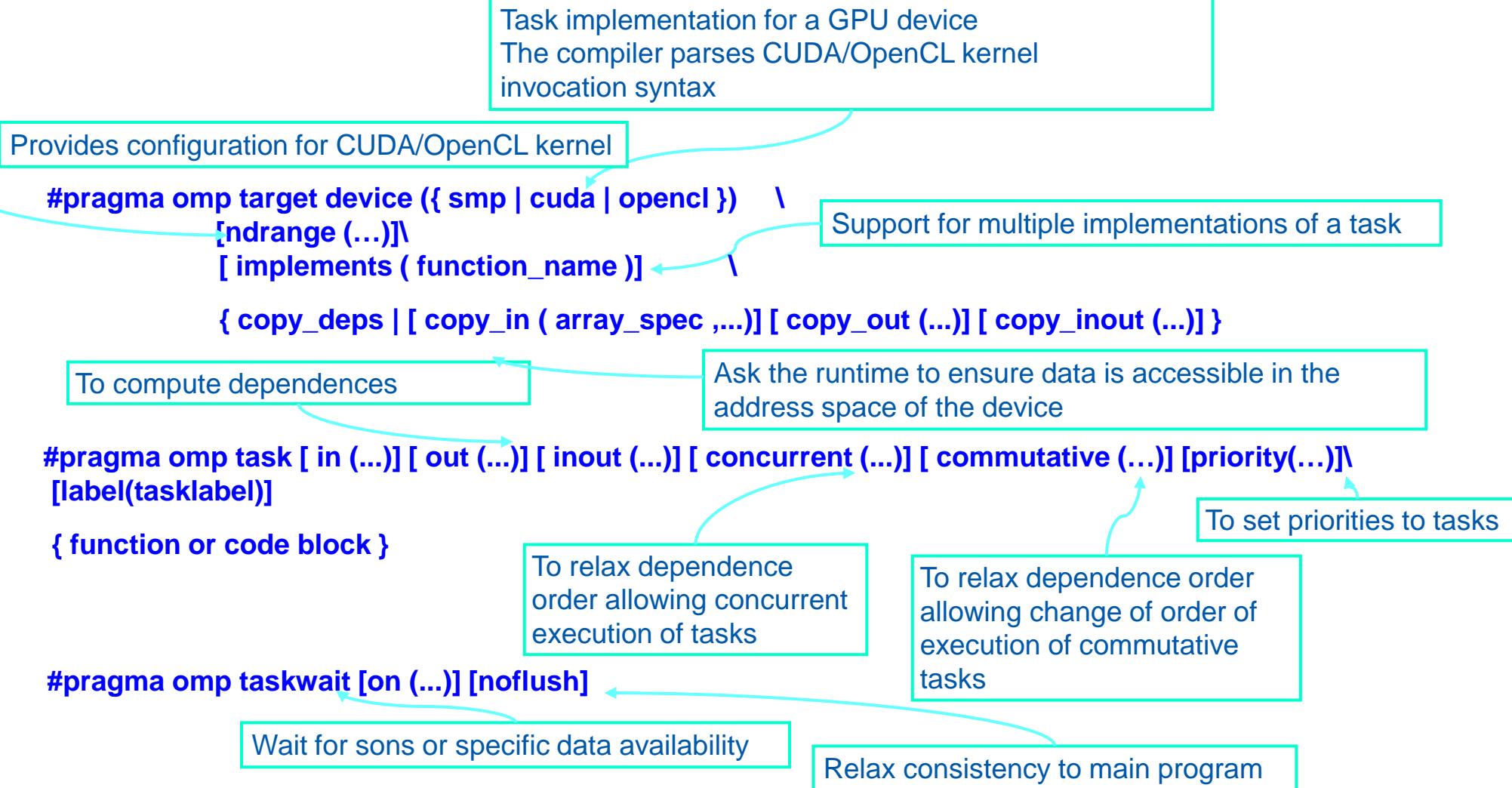
- « Thread-pool model
  - OpenMP parallel not required
- « All threads created on startup
  - One of them starts executing main
- « All get work from a task pool
  - And can generate new work



# Memory Model

- « From the point of view of the programmer a single naming space exists
- « From the point of view of the runtime and target platform, different possible scenarios
  - Pure SMP:
    - Single address space
  - Distributed/heterogeneous (cluster, gpus, ...):
    - Multiple address spaces exist
      - Versions of same data may exist in multiple of these
    - Data consistency ensured by the implementation

# OmpSs: Directives



# OpenMP: Directives

OpenMP dependence specification

```
#pragma omp task [ depend (in: ...)] [ depend(out:...)] [ depend(inout:...)]  
{ function or code block }
```

Direct contribution of BSC at  
OpenMP promoting dependences  
and heterogeneity clauses

# Main element: tasks

## Task

- Computation unit. Amount of work (granularity) may vary in a wide range ( $\mu$ secs to msecs or even seconds), may depend on input arguments,...
- Once started can execute to completion independent of other tasks
- Can be declared inlined or outlined

## States:

- **Instantiated**: when task is created. Dependences are computed at the moment of instantiation. At that point in time a task may or may not be ready for execution
- **Ready**: When all its input dependences are satisfied, typically as a result of the completion of other tasks
- **Active**: the task has been scheduled to a processing element. Will take a finite amount of time to execute.
- **Completed**: the task terminates, its state transformations are guaranteed to be globally visible and frees its output dependences to other tasks.

## « Pragmas inlined

- Pragma applies to immediately following statement
- The compiler outlines the statement (as in OpenMP)

## « Pragmas outlined:

- Attached to function declaration
  - All function invocations become a task
  - The programmer gives a name, this enables later to provide several implementations

# Main element: inlined tasks

## « Pragmas inlined

- Applies to a statement
- The compiler outlines the statement (as in OpenMP)

## « Pragmas parallel and single not required

```
int main ( )
{
    int x[100];

    #pragma omp task
    for (int i =0; i< 100; i++) x[i]=i;
    #pragma omp taskwait

    ...
}
```

for

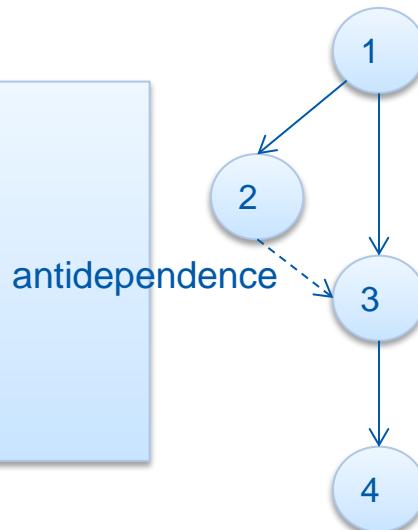
# Defining dependences

## « Clauses that express data direction:

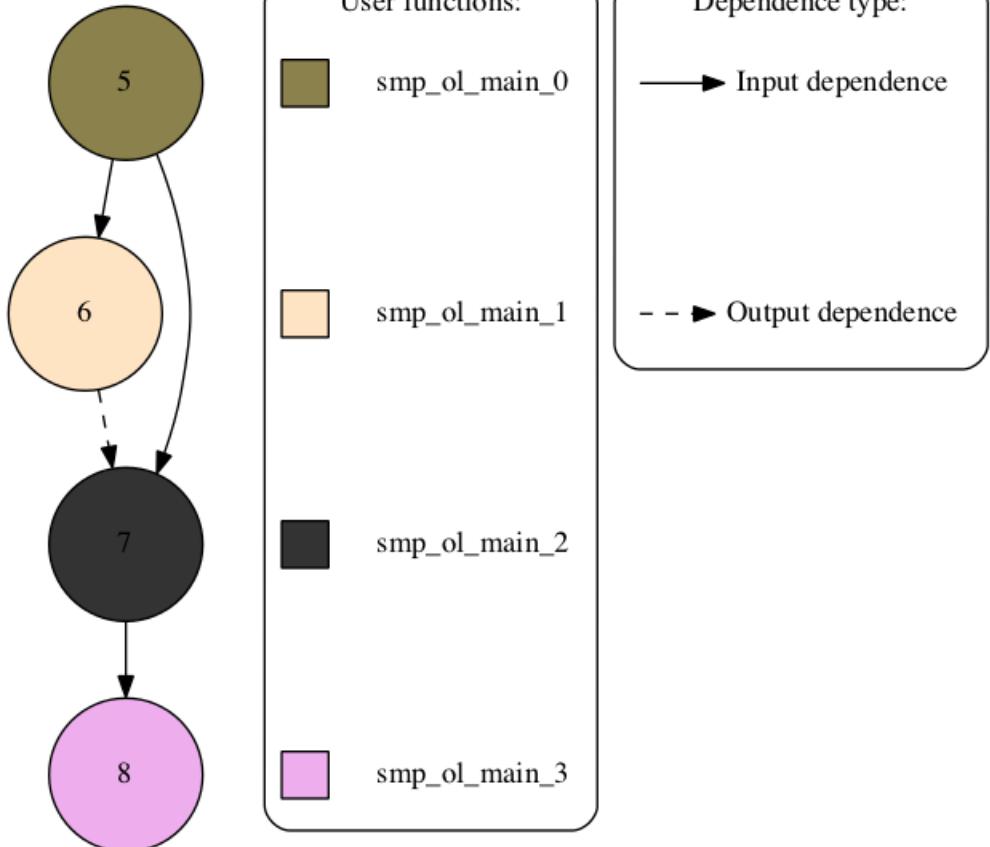
- in
- out
- inout

## « Dependences computed at runtime taking into account these clauses

```
#pragma omp task out( x )
x = 5;                                //1
#pragma omp task in( x )
printf("%d\n" , x ) ;                  //2
#pragma omp task inout( x )
x++;                                    //3
#pragma omp task in( x )
printf (" %d\n" , x ) ;                //4
```



# Graph automatically generated



# Partial control flow synchronization

#pragma taskwait on ( expression )

- Expressions allowed are the same as for the directionality clauses
- Stalls the encountering control flow until the data is available

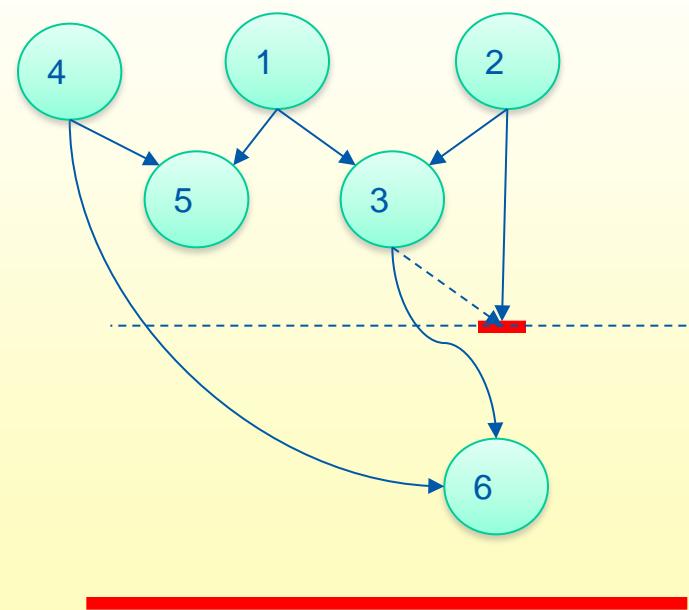
```
double A[N][N], B[N][N], C[N][N], D[N][N], E[N][N],
      F[N][N], G[N][N], H[N][N], I[N][N], J[N][N];

main() {
    #pragma omp task in(A, B) inout(C)
    dgemm(A,B,C); //1
    #pragma omp task in(D, E) inout(F)
    dgemm(D,E,F); //2
    #pragma omp task in(C, F) inout(G)
    dgemm(C,F,G); //3
    #pragma omp task in(A, D) inout(H)
    dgemm(A,D,H); //4
    #pragma omp task in(C, H) inout(I)
    dgemm(C,H,I); //5

    #pragma omp taskwait on (F)
    printf ("result F = %f\n", F[0][0]);

    #pragma omp task in(C, H) inout(I)
    dgemm(H,G,J); //6

    #pragma omp taskwait
    printf ("result J = %f\n", J[0][0]);
}
```



# Main element: outlined tasks

## « Pragmas outlined: attached to function definition

- All function invocations become a task
- The programmer gives a name, this enables later to provide several implementations

```
#pragma omp task
void foo (int Y[size], int size) {
    int j;

    for (j=0; j < size; j++) Y[j]= j;
}

int main()
{
    int X[100];

    foo (X, 100) ;
    #pragma omp taskwait
    ...
}
```

foo

# Main element: outlined tasks

## « Pragmas attached to function definition

- The semantic is capture value
  - For scalars is equivalent to firstprivate
  - For pointers, the address is captured

```
#pragma omp task
void foo (int Y[size], int size) {
    int j;

    for (j=0; j < size; j++) Y[j]= j;
}

int main()
{
    int X[100];

    foo (X, 100) ;
    #pragma omp taskwait
    ...
}
```

foo

# Defining dependences for outlined tasks

## ¶ Clauses that express data direction:

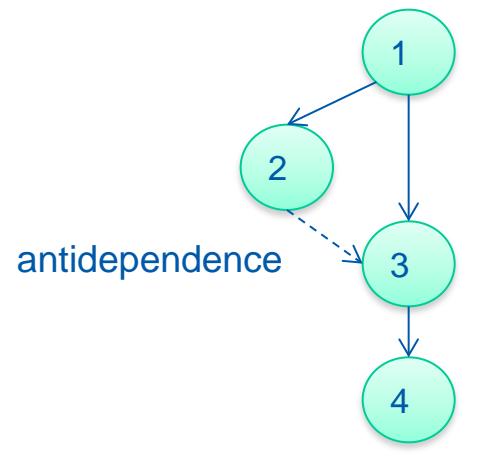
- Input, output, inout
- The argument is an lvalue expression based on data visible at the point of declaration (global variables and arguments)
- The object pointed by the lvalue expression will be used to compute dependences.

```
#pragma omp task out(*px)
void set (int *px, int v) {*px = v;}
```

```
#pragma omp task inout(*px)
void incr (int *px) {(*px)++;}
```

```
#pragma omp task in(x)
void do_print (int x) {
    printf("from do_print %d\n" , x );
}
```

```
set(&x,5);      //1
do_print(x);    //2
incr(&x);      //3
do_print(x);    //4
#pragma omp taskwait
```



antidependence

# Mixing inlined and outlined tasks

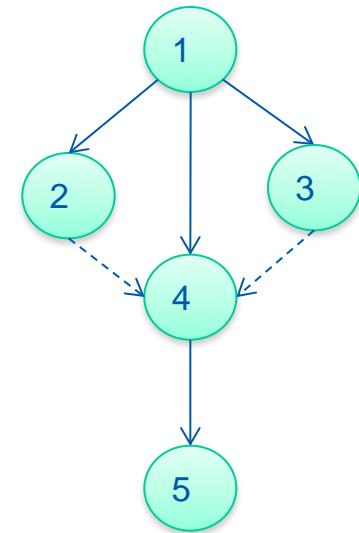
```
#pragma omp task input (x)
void do_print (int x) {
    printf("from do_print %d\n" , x ) ;
}

int main( )
{
int x;

    x=3;

    #pragma omp task out( x )
    x = 5;                                //1
    #pragma omp task in( x )
    printf("from main %d\n" , x );        //2
    do_print(x);                          //3
    #pragma omp task inout( x )
    x++;                                  //4
    #pragma omp task in( x )
    printf ("from main %d\n" , x ); //5
}
```

non-taskified:  
executed  
sequentially



# Partial control flow synchronization

## #pragma taskwait on ( expression )

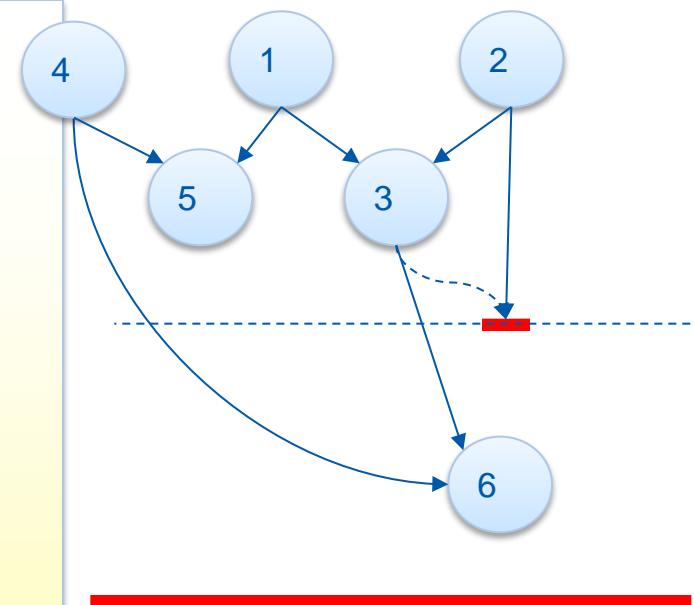
- Expressions allowed are the same as for the dependency clauses
- Blocks the encountering task until the data is available

```
#pragma omp task in([N][N]A, [N][N]B) inout([N][N]C)
void dgemm(float *A, float *B, float *C);
main() {
(
...
dgemm(A,B,C); //1
dgemm(D,E,F); //2
dgemm(C,F,G); //3
dgemm(A,D,H); //4
dgemm(C,H,I); //5

#pragma omp taskwait on (F)
printf ("result F = %f\n", F[0][0]);

dgemm(H,G,C); //6

#pragma omp taskwait
printf ("result C = %f\n", C[0][0]);
}
```



# Task directive: array regions

« Indicating as input/output/inout subregions of a larger structure:

**in (A[i])**

→ the input argument is element  $i$  of A

« Indicating an array section:

**In ([BS]A)**

→ the input argument is a block of size BS from address A

**in (A[i;BS])**

→ the input argument is a block of size BS from address &A[i]

→ the lower bound can be omitted (default is 0)

→ the upper bound can be omitted if size is known (default is N-1, being N the size)

**In (A[i:j])**

→ the input argument is a block from element A[i] to element A[j] (included)

→ A[i:i+BS-1] equivalent to A[i; BS]

# Examples dependency clauses, array sections

```
int a[N];
#pragma omp task in(a)
```

=

```
int a[N];
#pragma omp task in(a[0:N-1])
//whole array used to compute dependences
```

=

```
int a[N];
#pragma omp task in([N]a)
//whole array used to compute dependences
```

=

```
int a[N];
#pragma omp task in(a[0:N])
//whole array used to compute dependences
```

```
int a[N];
#pragma omp task in(a[0:3])
//first 4 elements of the array used to compute dependences
```

=

```
int a[N];
#pragma omp task in(a[0:4])
//first 4 elements of the array used to compute dependences
```

# Examples dependency clauses, array sections (multidimensions)

```
int a[N][M];
#pragma omp task in(a[0:N-1][0:M-1])
//whole matrix used to compute dependences
```

=

```
int a[N][M];
#pragma omp task in(a[0:N][0:M])
//whole matrix used to compute dependences
```

```
int a[N][M];
#pragma omp task in(a[2:3][3:4])
// 2 x 2 subblock of a at a[2][3]
```

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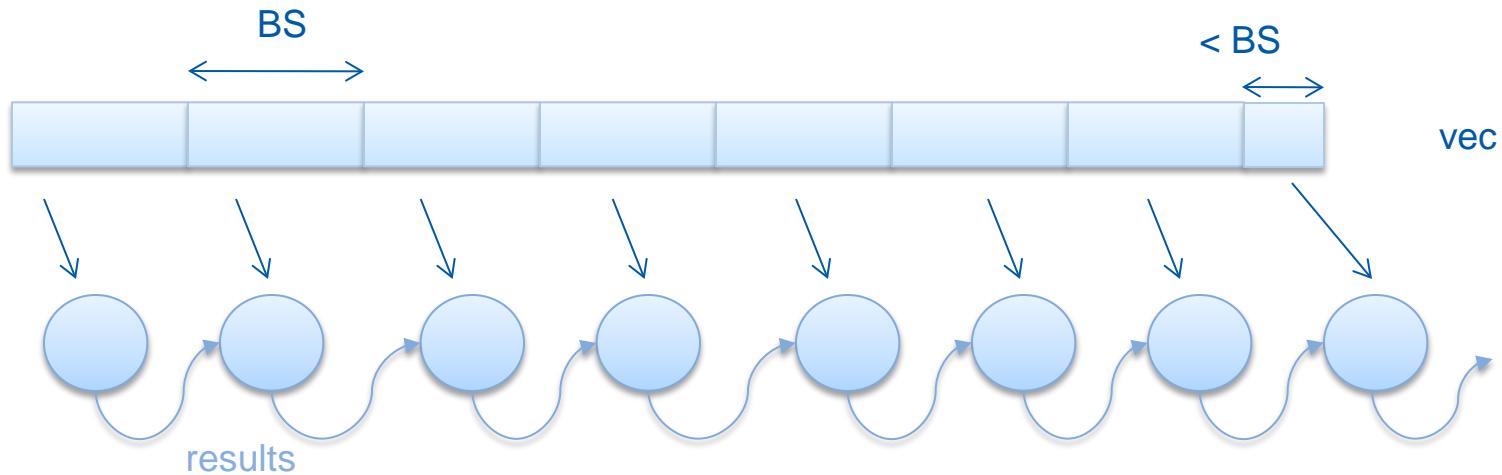
```
int a[N][M];
#pragma omp task in(a[2;2][3;2])
// 2 x 2 subblock of a at a[2][3]
```

```
int a[N][M];
#pragma omp task in(a[2:3][0:M-1])
//rows 2 and 3
```

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//rows 2 and 3
```

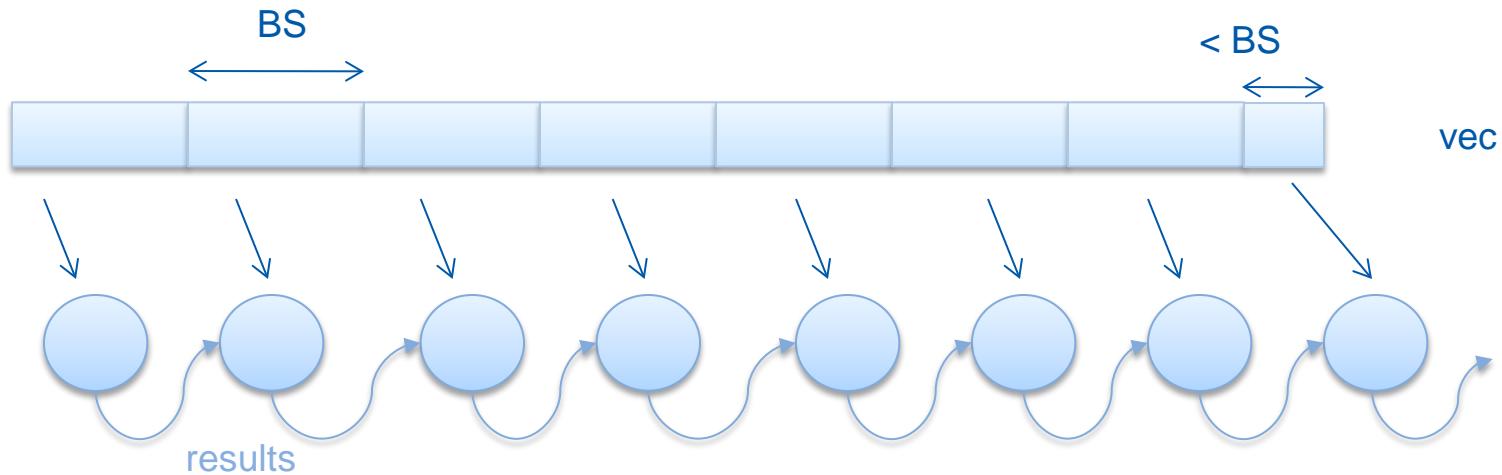
# Examples dependency clauses, array sections



```
#pragma omp task in([n]vec) inout (*results)
void sum_task ( int *vec , int n , int *results);
void main(){
int actual_size;
for (int j=0; j<N; j+=BS){
actual_size = (N- j> BS ? BS: N-j);
sum_task (&vec[j], actual_size, &total);
}
}
```

dynamic size of argument

# Examples dependency clauses, array sections

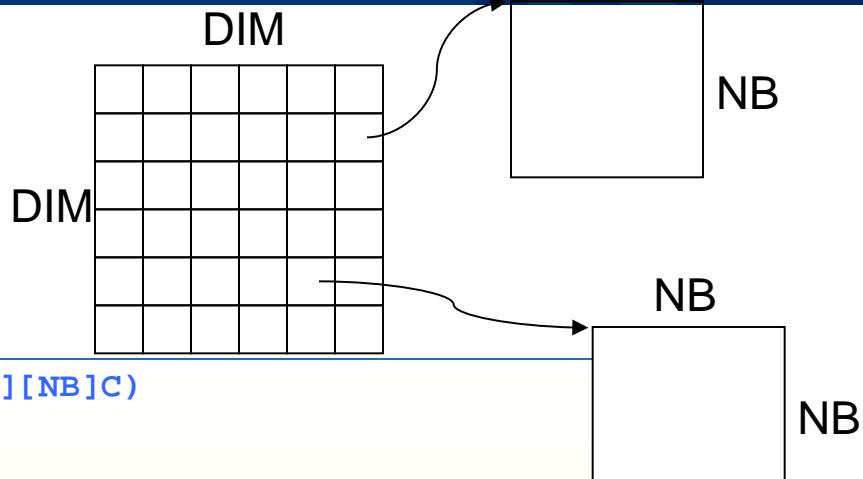


```
for (int j=0; j<N; j+=BS){  
    actual_size = (N- j) > BS ? BS: N-j);  
#pragma omp task in (vec[j;actual_size]) inout(results) firstprivate(actual_size,j)  
for (int count = 0; count < actual_size; count++)  
    results += vec [j+count] ;  
}
```

dynamic size of argument

# Examples dependency clauses, array sections

NB



```
#pragma omp task input([NB][NB]A, [NB][NB]B) inout([NB][NB]C)
void matmul(double *A, double *B, double *C,
unsigned long NB)
{
    int i, j, k;

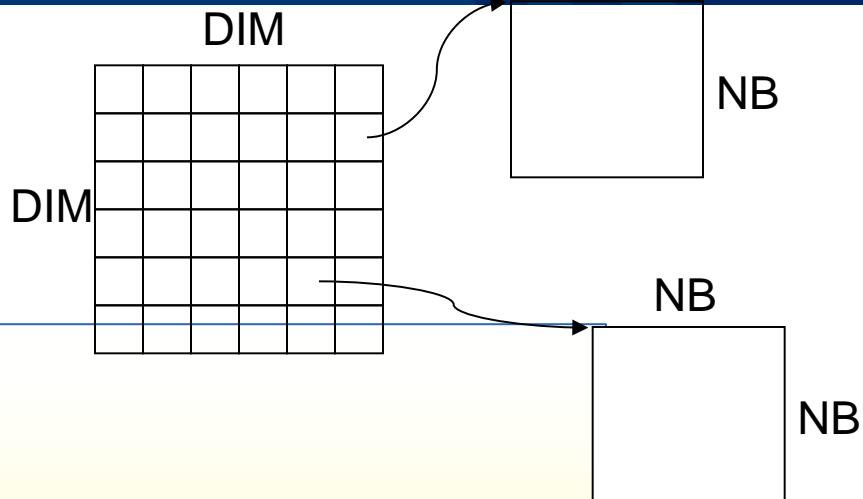
    for (i = 0; i < NB; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < NB; j++)
            for (k = 0; k < NB; k++)
                C[i][j] += A[i*NB+k]*B[k*NB+j];
}

void compute(unsigned long NB, unsigned long DIM,
double *A[DIM][DIM], double *B[DIM][DIM], double *C[DIM][DIM])
{
    unsigned i, j, k;

    for (i = 0; i < DIM; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < DIM; j++)
            for (k = 0; k < DIM; k++)
                matmul (A[i][k], B[k][j], C[i][j], NB);
}
```

# Examples dependency clauses, array sections

NB



```
void matmul(double *A, double *B, double *C,
unsigned long NB)
{
    int i, j, k;

    for (i = 0; i < NB; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < NB; j++)
            for (k = 0; k < NB; k++)
                C[i][j] += A[i*NB+k]*B[k*NB+j];
}

void compute(unsigned long NB, unsigned long DIM,
double *A[DIM][DIM], double *B[DIM][DIM], double *C[DIM][DIM])
{
    unsigned i, j, k;

    for (i = 0; i < DIM; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < DIM; j++)
            for (k = 0; k < DIM; k++)
#pragma omp task input([NB][NB]A[i][k], [NB][NB]B[k][j]) inout(NB)[NB]C[i][j])\nfirstprivate (i, j, k)
                matmul (A[i][k], B[k][j], C[i][j], NB);
}
```

# Concurrent

```
#pragma omp task in ( ...) out (...) concurrent (var)
```

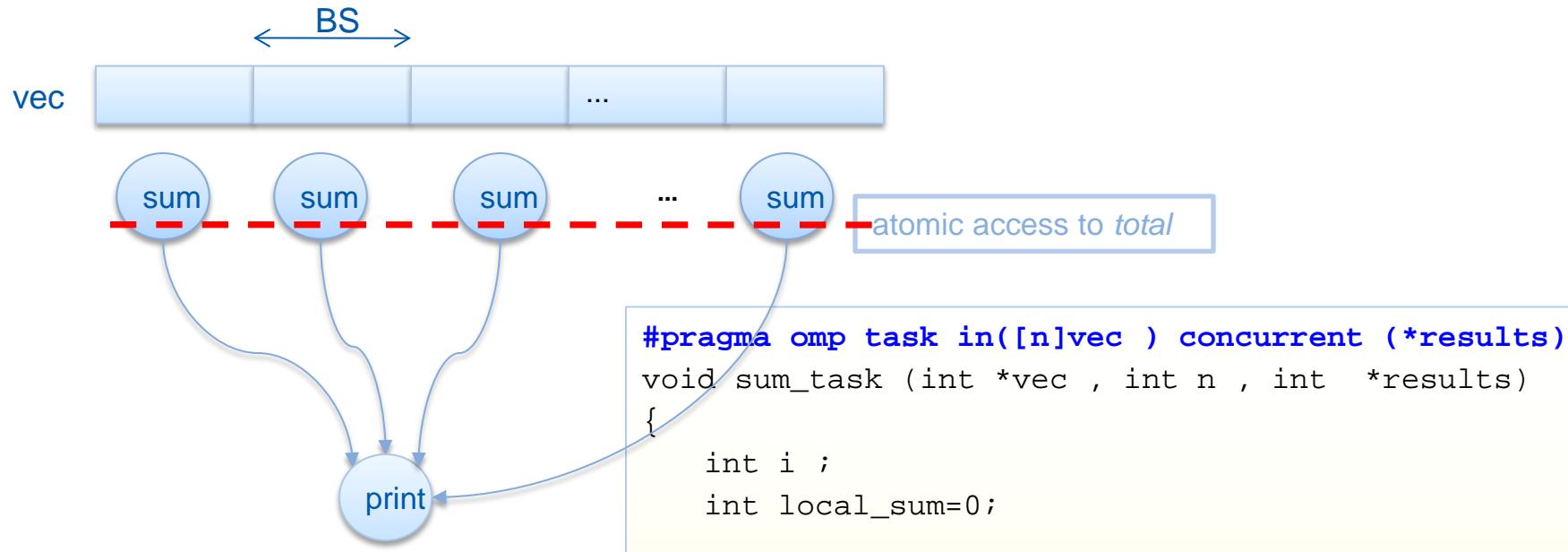
« Less-restrictive than regular data dependence

- Concurrent tasks can run in parallel
- Enables the scheduler to change the order of execution of the tasks, or even execute them concurrently
  - alternatively the tasks would be executed sequentially due to the inout accesses to the variable in the concurrent clause
- Dependences with other tasks will be handled normally
  - Any access input or inout to var will imply to wait for all previous concurrent tasks

« The task may require additional synchronization

- i.e., atomic accesses
- programmer responsibility: with pragma atomic, mutex, ...

# Concurrent



# Commutative

```
#pragma omp task in ( ...) out (...) commutative(var)
```

Less-restrictive than regular data dependence

→ denoting that tasks can execute in any order but not concurrently

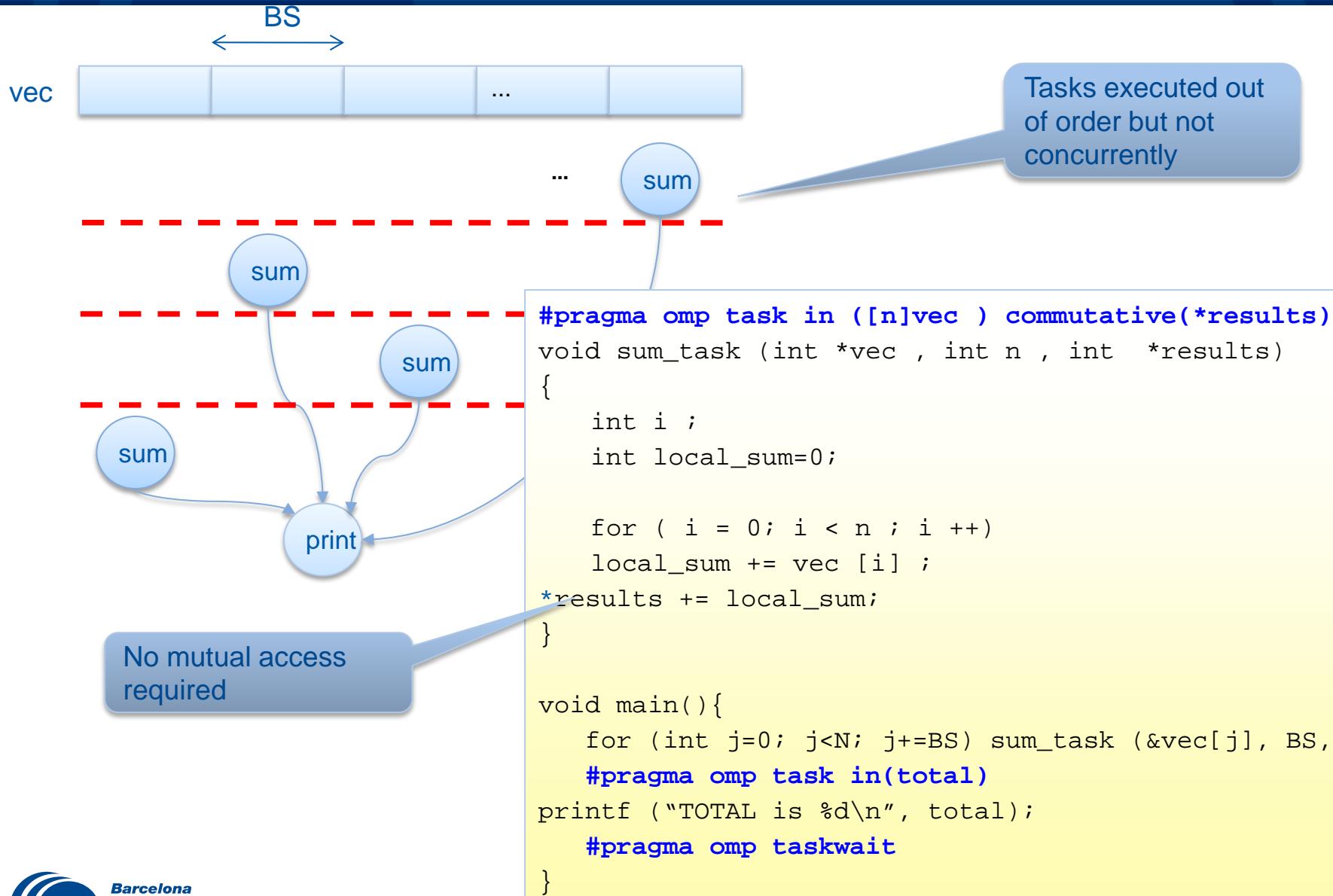
Enables the scheduler to change the order of execution of the tasks, but without executing them concurrently

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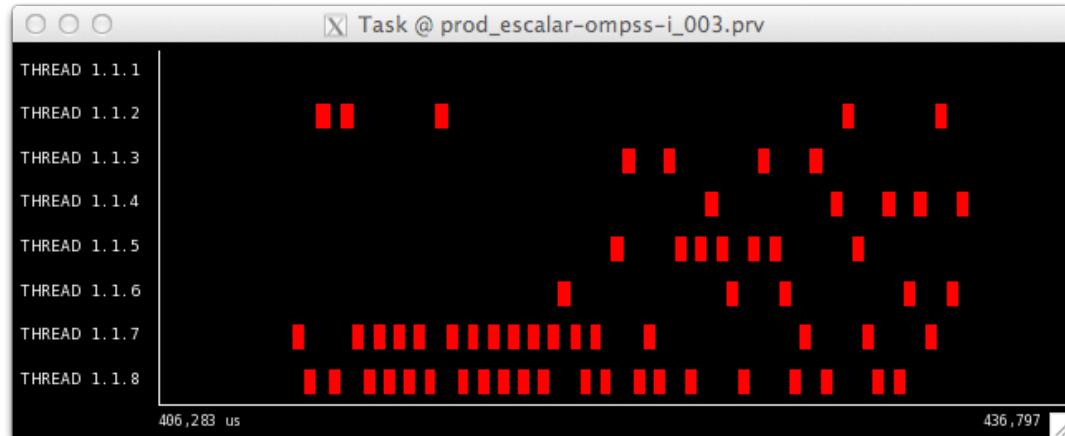
→ Any access input or inout to var will imply to wait for all previous commutative tasks

# Commutative



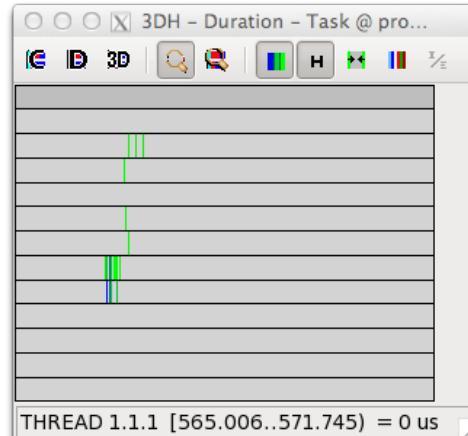
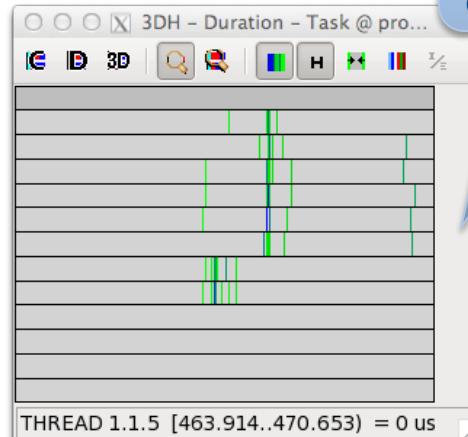
# Differences between concurrent and commutative

Tasks timeline: views at same time scale



In this case, concurrent is more efficient

Histogram of tasks duration: at same control scale



... but tasks have more duration and variability

# Hierarchical task graph

## « Nesting

- Tasks can generate tasks themselves

## « Hierarchical task dependences

- Dependences only checked between siblings
  - Several task graphs
  - Hierarchical
  - There is no implicit taskwait at the end of a task waiting for its children
- Different level tasks share the same resources
  - When ready, queued in the same queues
  - Currently, no priority differences between tasks and its children

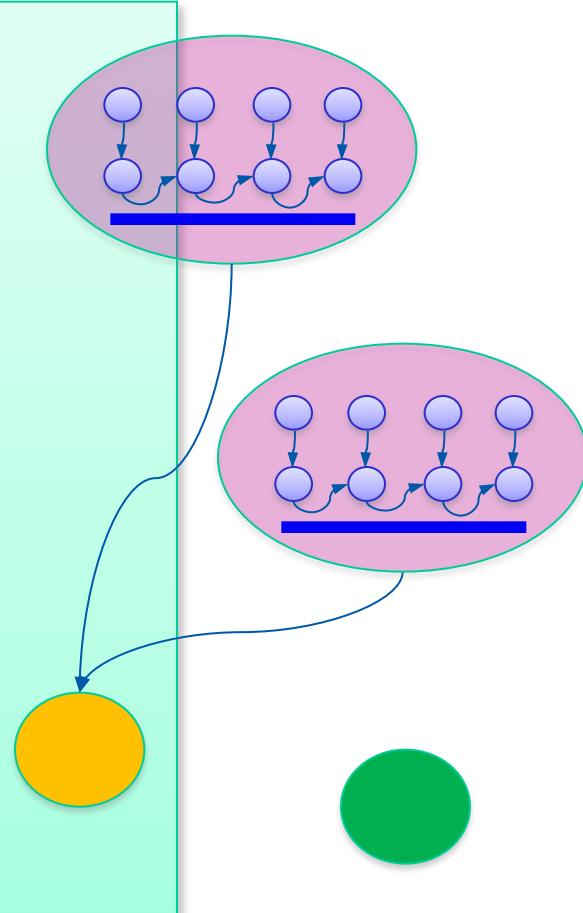
# Nesting inlined tasks

```
int Y[4]={1,2,3,4}

int main( )
{
int X[4]={5,6,7,8};

    for (int i=0; i<2; i++) {
        #pragma omp task out(Y[i]) firstprivate(i,X)
        {
            for (int j=0 ; j<3; j++) {
                #pragma omp task inout(X[j])
                X[j]=f(X[j], j);
                #pragma omp task in (X[j]) inout (Y[i])
                Y[i] +=g(X[j]);
            }
            #pragma omp taskwait
        }
    }
    #pragma omp task inout(Y[0;2])
    for (int i=0; i<2; i++) Y[i] += h(Y[i]);
    #pragma omp task inout (v) inout(Y[3])
    for (int i=1; i<N; i++) Y[3]=h(Y[3]);

    #pragma omp taskwait
}
```



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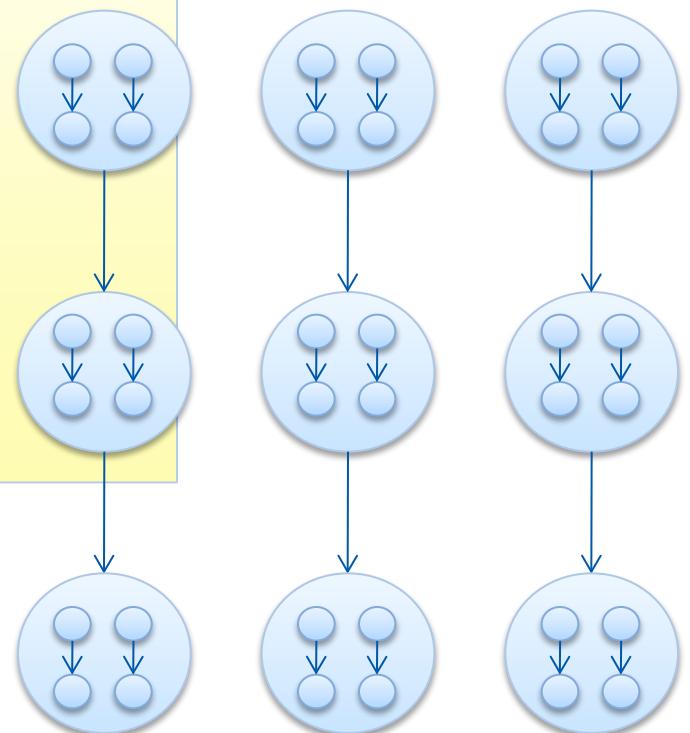
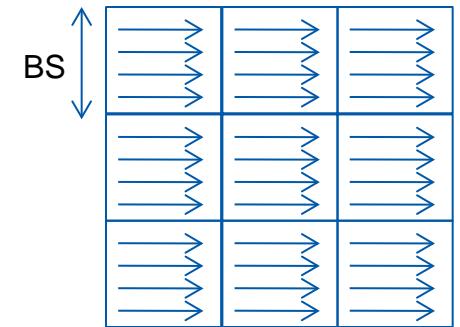
```
#pragma omp task in([BS][BS]A, [BS][BS] B) inout([BS][BS]C)
void block_dgemm(float *A, float *B, float *C);

#pragma omp task in([N]A, [N]B) inout([N]C)
void dgemm(float (*A)[N], float (*B)[N], float (*C)[N]){
int i, j, k;
int NB= N/BS;

for (i=0; i< N; i+=BS)
for (j=0; j< N; j+=BS)
    for (k=0; k< N; k+=BS)
        block_dgemm(&A[i][k*BS], &B[k][j*BS], &C[i][j*BS]);
}

main() {
(
...
dgemm(A,B,C);
dgemm(D,E,F);
#pragma omp taskwait
}
```

Block data-layout



# Incomplete directionalities specification

- Directionality not required for all arguments
- May even be used with variables not accessed in that way or even used
  - used to force dependences under complex structures (graphs, ... )

```
void compute(unsigned long NB, unsigned long DIM,
double *A[DIM][DIM], double *B[DIM][DIM], double *C[DIM][DIM])
{
    unsigned i, j, k;

    for (i = 0; i < DIM; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < DIM; j++)
            for (k = 0; k < DIM; k++) {
                #pragma omp task in(A[i][k], B[k][j]) inout(C[i][j])
                matmul (A[i][k], B[k][j], C[i][j], NB);
            }
}
```

Using entry in C matrix of pointers as representative/sentinel for the whole block it points to.

Will build proper dependences between tasks.

Does NOT provide actual information of data access pattern. (see copy clauses)

# Example sentinels

```
#pragma omp task out (*sentinel)
void foo ( .... , int *sentinel){ // used to force dependences under complex structures
    (graphs, ... )

...
}

#pragma omp task in (*sentinel)
void bar ( .... , int *sentinel){

...
}
main () {
    int sentinel;

    foo (..., &sentinel);
    bar (..., &sentinel)
}
```



- Mechanism to handle complex dependences
  - when difficult to specify proper input/output clauses
- To be avoided if possible
  - the use of an element or group of elements as sentinels to represent a larger data-structure is valid
  - however might make code non-portable to heterogeneous platforms if copy\_in/out clauses cannot properly specify the address space that should be accessible in the devices



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