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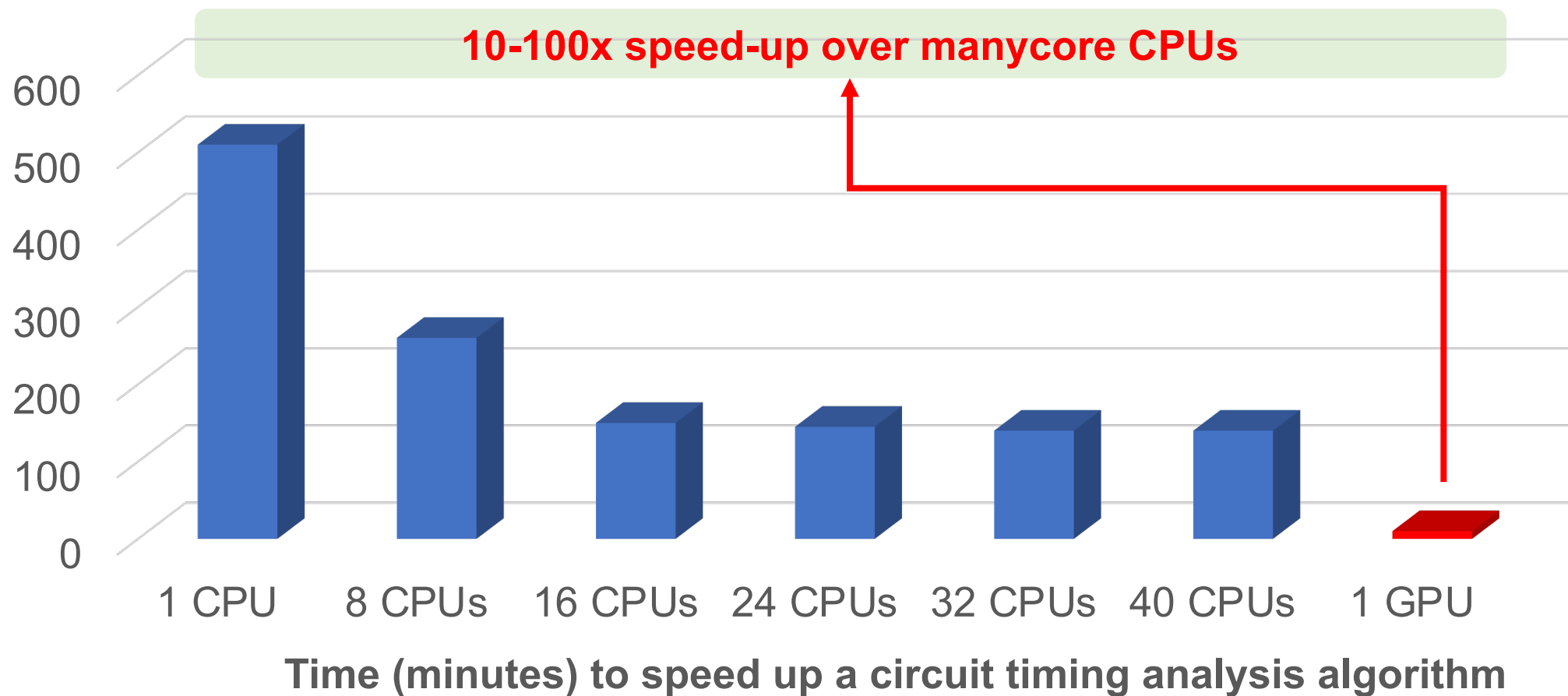
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# Why Parallel Computing?

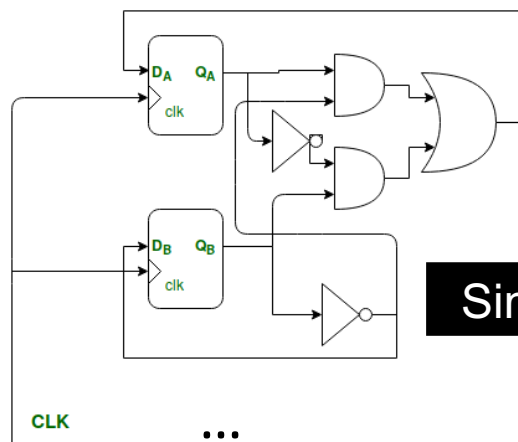
- Advances performance to a new level previously out of reach



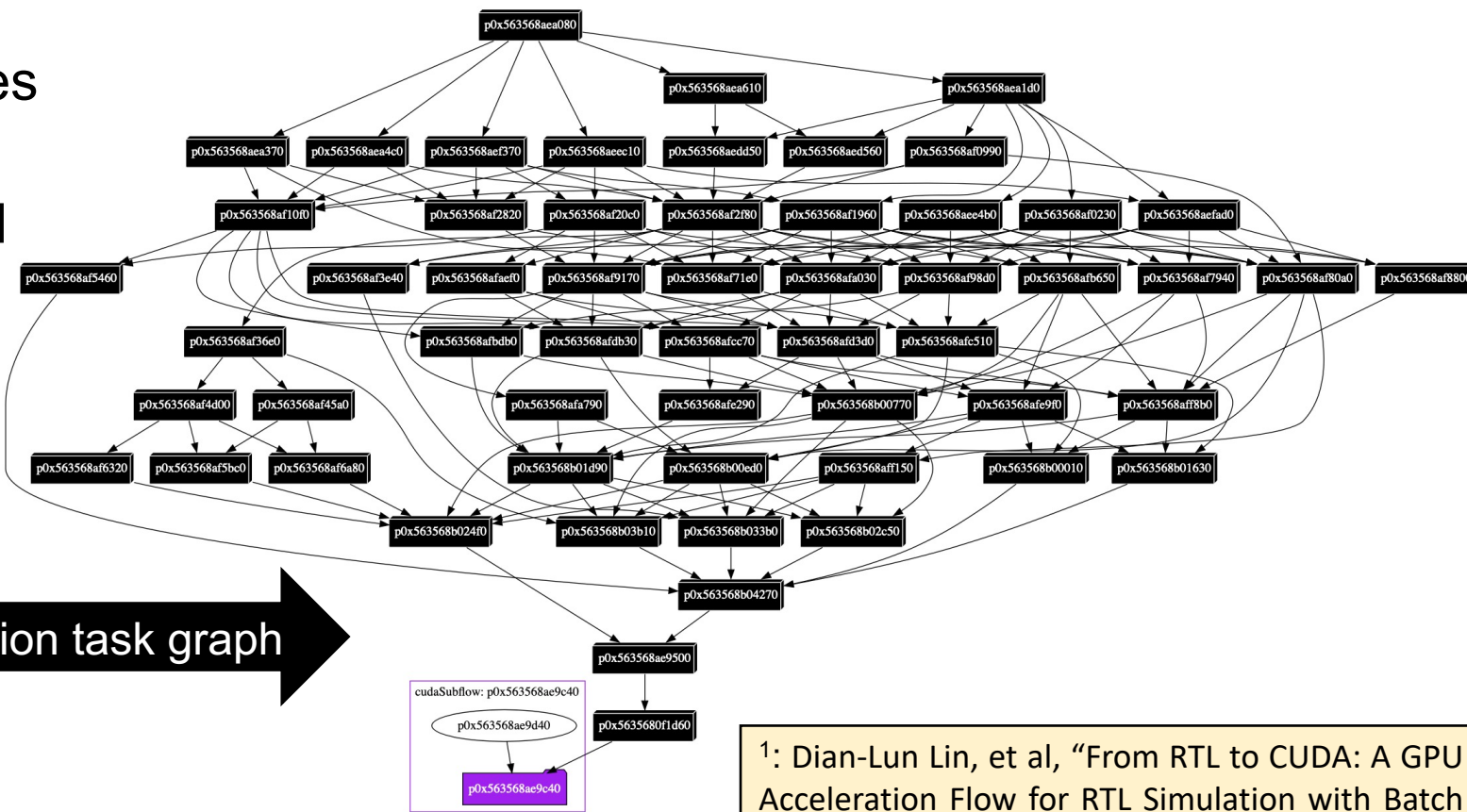
# Today's Parallel Workload is Very Complex

- GPU-accelerated circuit analysis on a design of 500M gates<sup>1</sup>

- >100 kernels
- >100 dependencies
- >500s to finish
- >10hrs turnaround



Simulation task graph

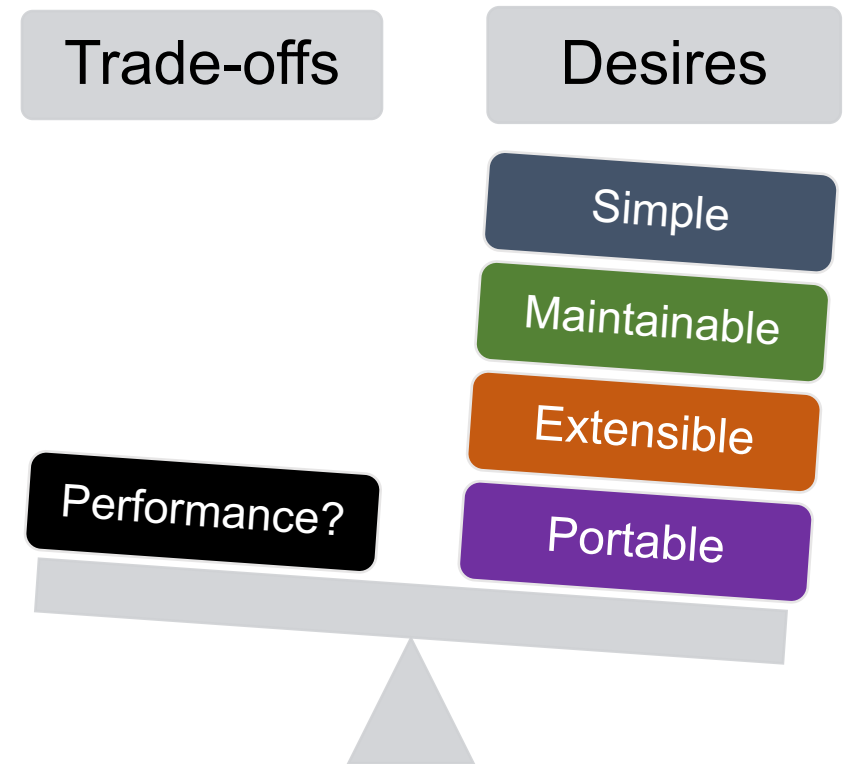


<sup>1</sup>: Dian-Lun Lin, et al, "From RTL to CUDA: A GPU Acceleration Flow for RTL Simulation with Batch Stimulus," ACM ICPP, Bordeaux, France, 2022



# 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

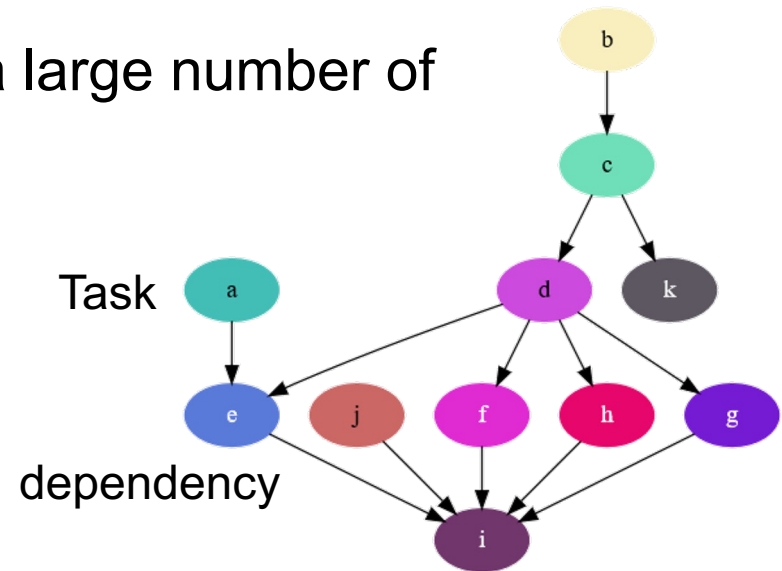
- From user's perspective, the biggest challenge is *transparency*
  - Programming abstraction, runtime optimization, load balancing, etc.
- Observing from the evolution of parallel programming:
  - **Task graph parallelism** (TGP) is the best model for future parallel arch
  - Capture programmers' intention 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)



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# Problems of Existing Tools for TGP ...

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- **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



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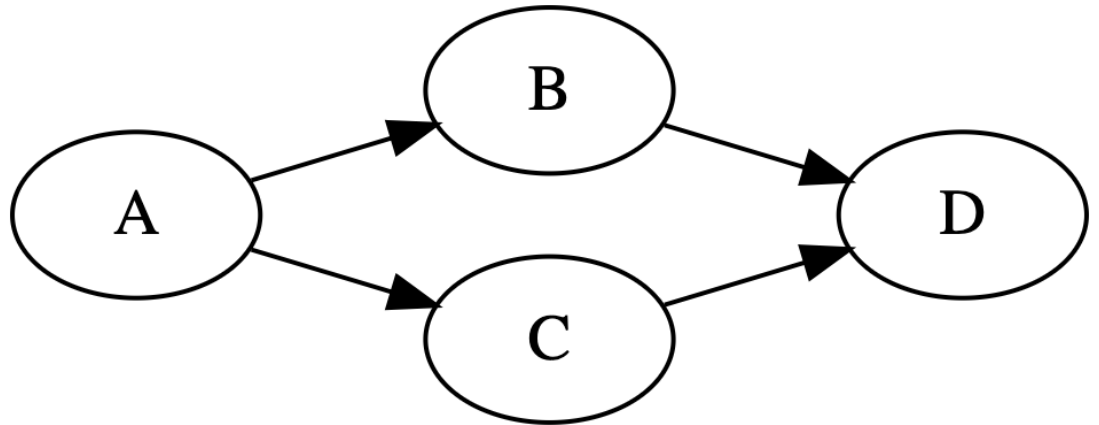
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# “Hello World” in Taskflow<sup>1</sup>

```
#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>



<sup>1</sup>: 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

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- **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

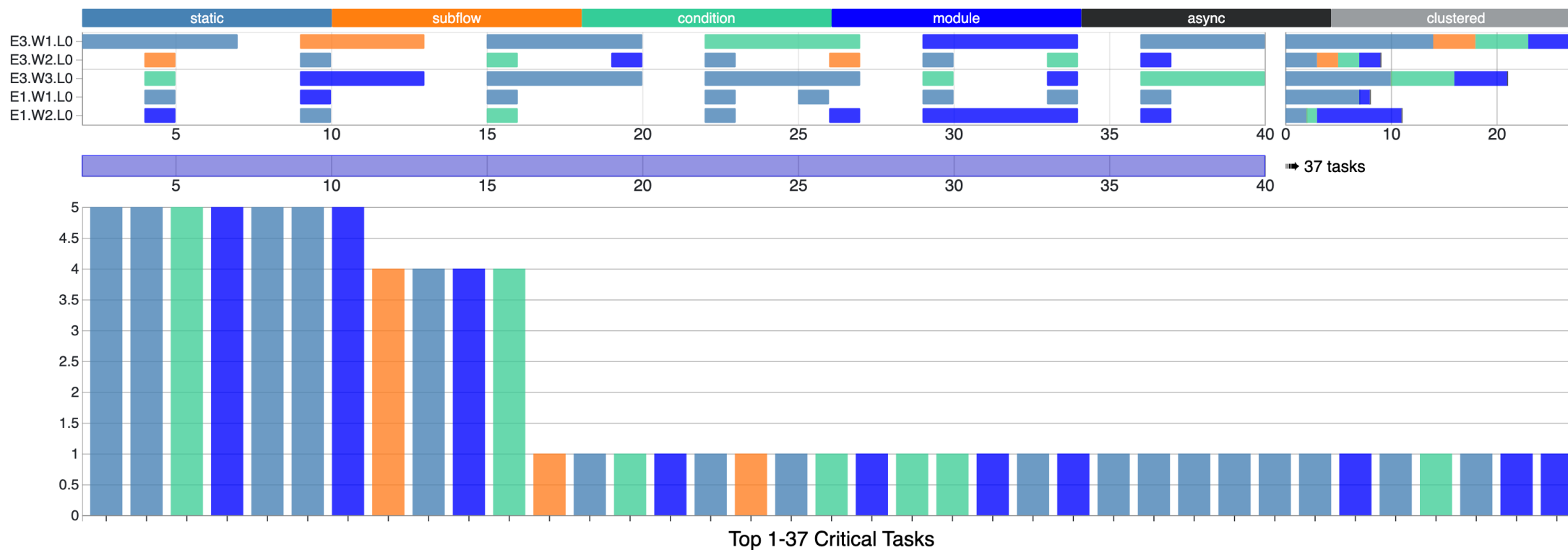
TaskB

TaskD



# Built-in Task Execution Visualizer

# run you 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
```

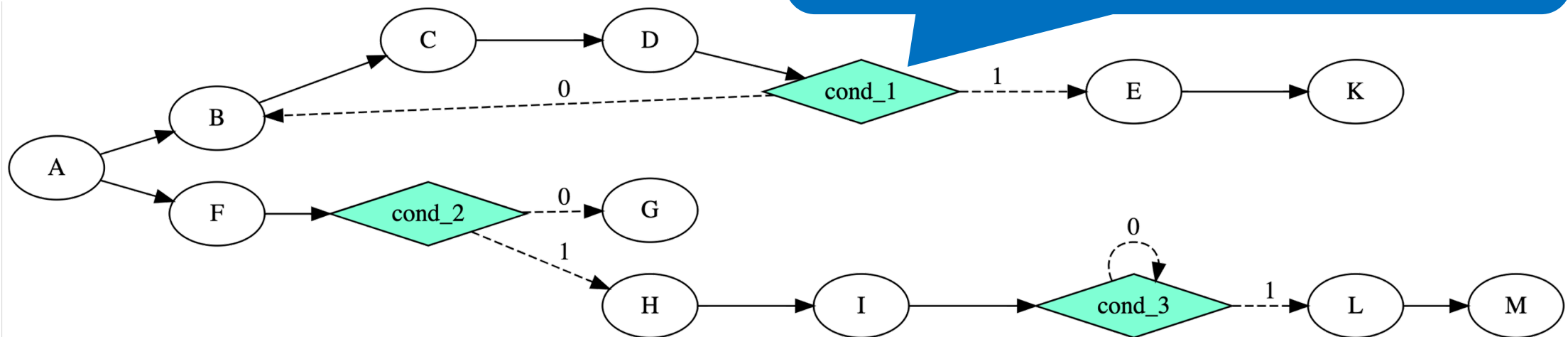
```
auto cond_3 = taskflow.emplace([](){ return loop() ? 0 : 1; }); // 0: is the index of cond_3
```

```
cond_1.precede(B, E); // cycle
```

```
cond_2.precede(G, H); // if-else
```

```
cond_3.precede(cond_3, L); // loop
```

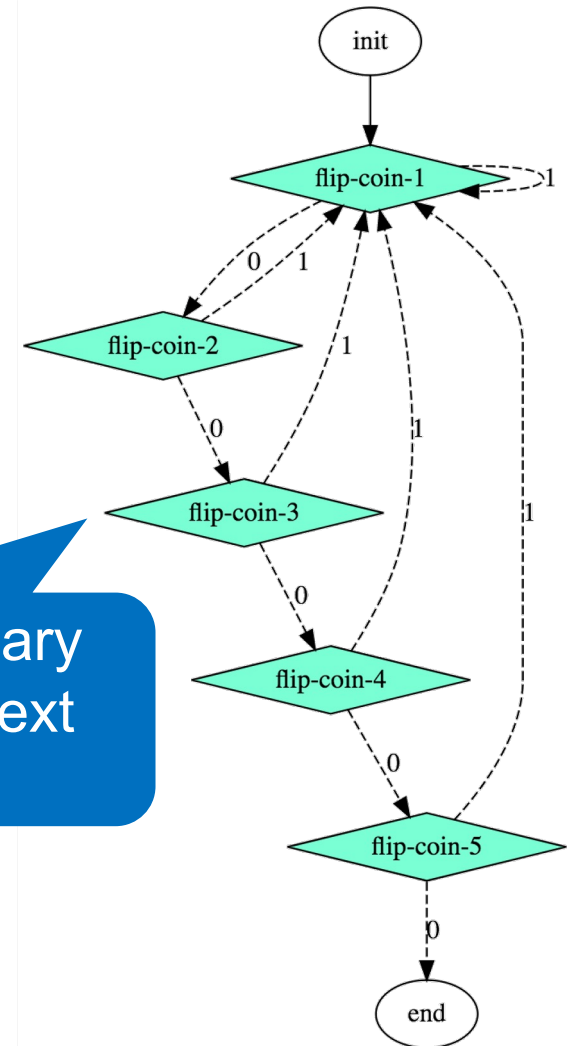
Very difficult for existing DAG-based systems to express an efficient overlap between tasks and control flow ...



# Non-deterministic Control Flow with CTFG

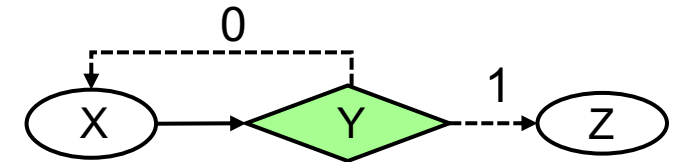
```
auto A = taskflow.emplace([&](){});  
auto B = taskflow.emplace([&]() { return rand()%2; } );  
auto C = taskflow.emplace([&]() { return rand()%2; } );  
auto D = taskflow.emplace([&]() { return rand()%2; } );  
auto E = taskflow.emplace([&]() { return rand()%2; } );  
auto F = taskflow.emplace([&]() { 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



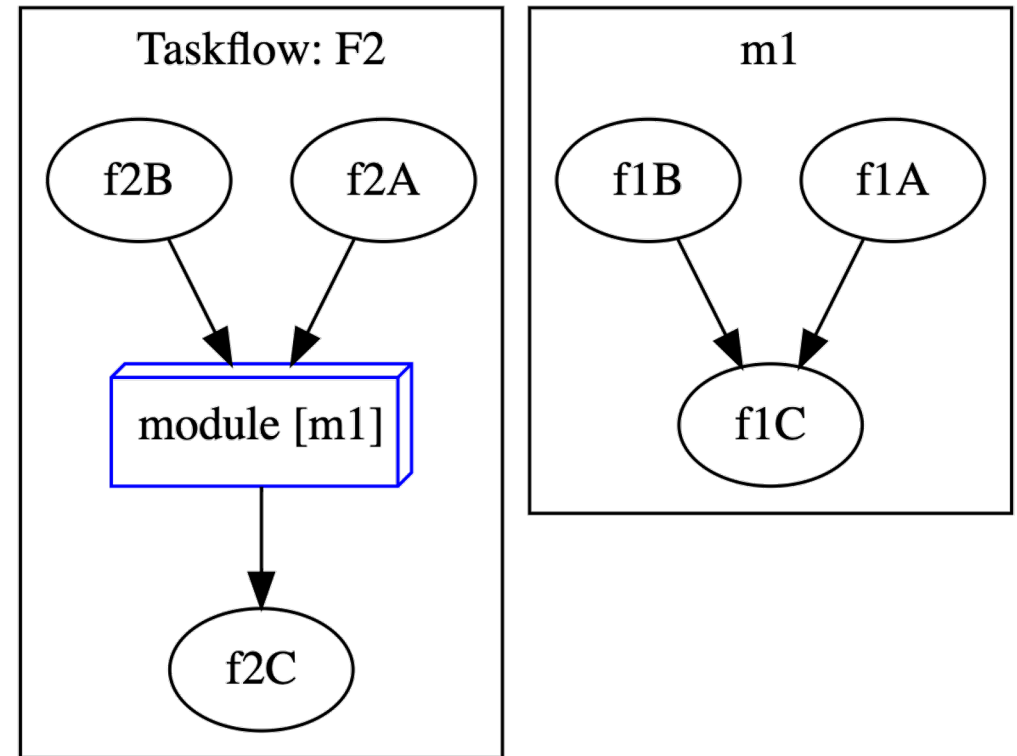
```
tf::Taskflow G;  
auto X = G.emplace([](){});  
auto Y = G.emplace([](){  
    return converged() ? 1 : 0;  
});  
cond.precede(Z, X);  
executor.run(G).wait();
```

```
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

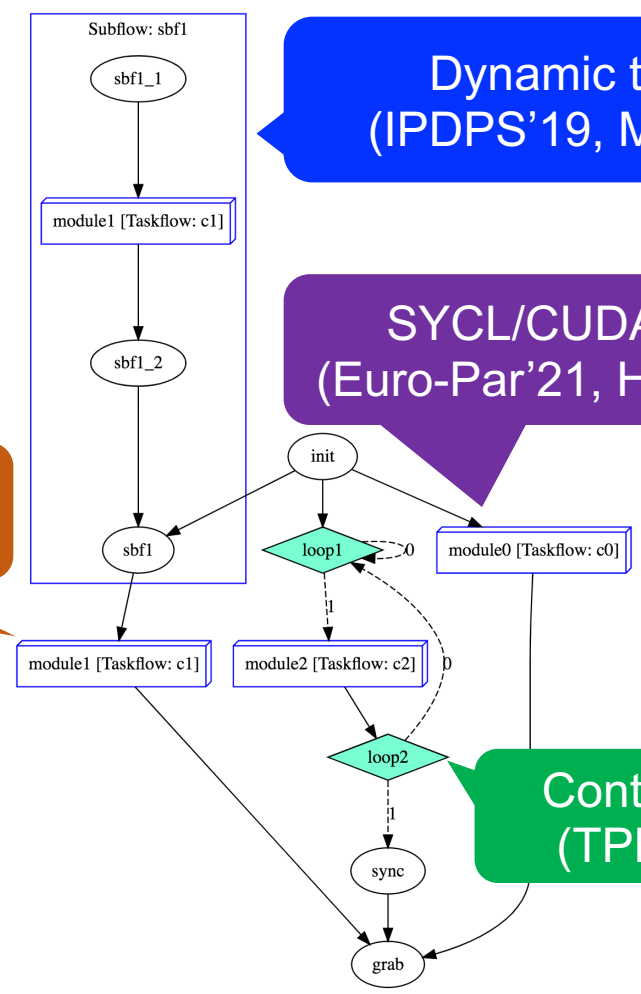
- **End-to-end parallelism in one graph**
  - Task, dependency, control flow all together
  - Scheduling with whole-graph optimization
  - Efficient overlap among heterogeneous tasks
- **Largely improved productivity!**

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

Dynamic task  
(IPDPS'19, MM'19)

SYCL/CUDA task  
(Euro-Par'21, HPEC'20)

Control flow  
(TPDS'22)



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.

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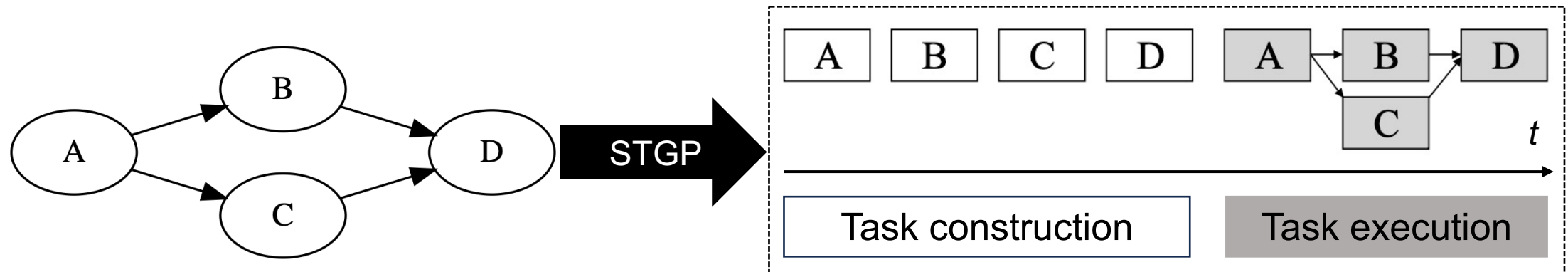
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# Static Task Graph Parallelism (STGP)

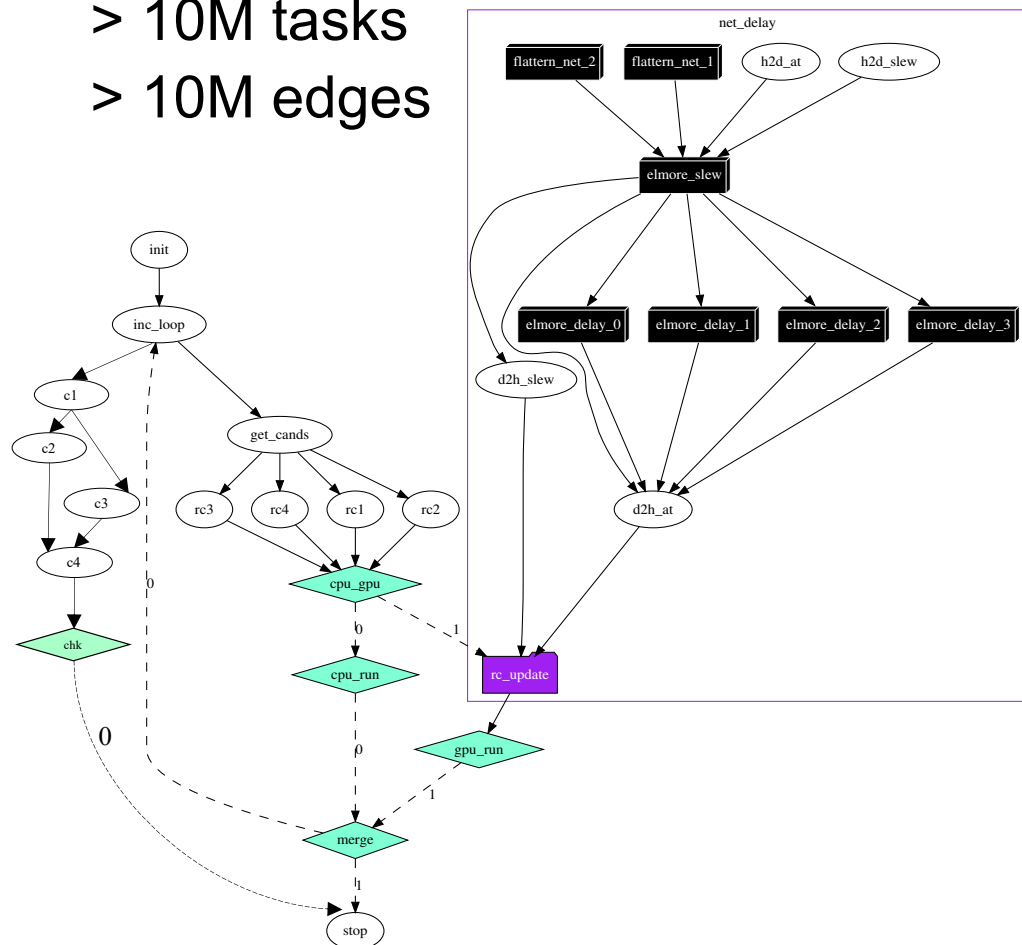
- In **STGP**, the graph structure must be known up front
  - Execution of STGP is based on the *construct-and-run* model
- **Lack of overlap between task construction and task execution**
  - For large task graphs (e.g., multi-million tasks and dependencies), such an overlap can bring a significant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



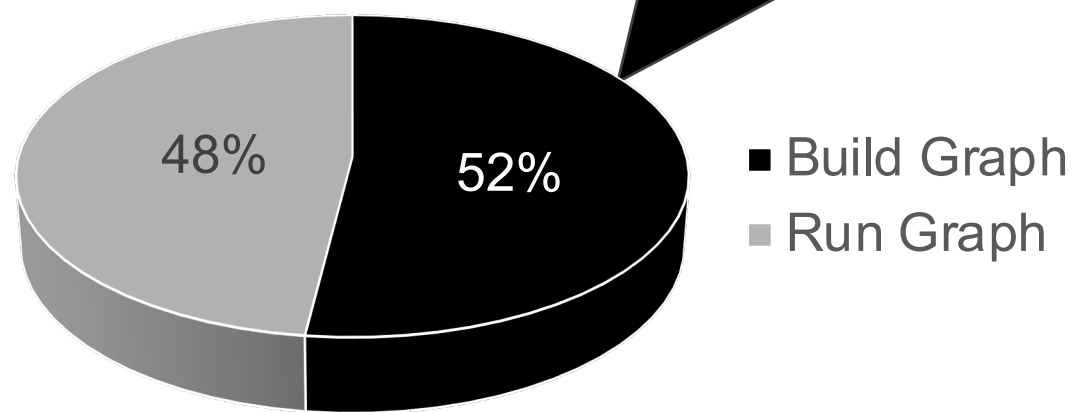
# Problem of STGP: Example #1

- Runtime breakdown of a task-parallel circuit analysis algorithm<sup>1</sup>

> 10M tasks  
> 10M edges



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



<sup>1</sup>: 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...?

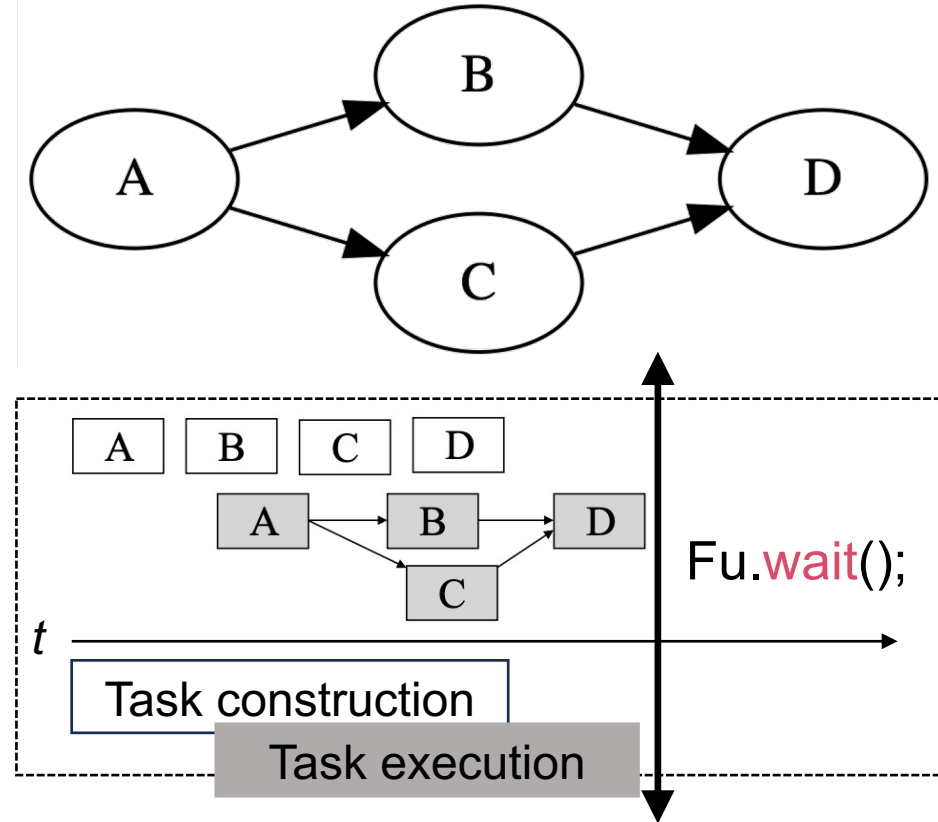
```
if (a == true) {
  G1 = build_task_graph1();
  if (b == true) {
    G2 = build_task_graph2();
    G1.precede(G2);
    if (c == true) {
      ... // need another different TGP
    }
  }
}
else {
  G3 = build_task_graph3();
  G3.precede(G1);
}
```

```
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();
```

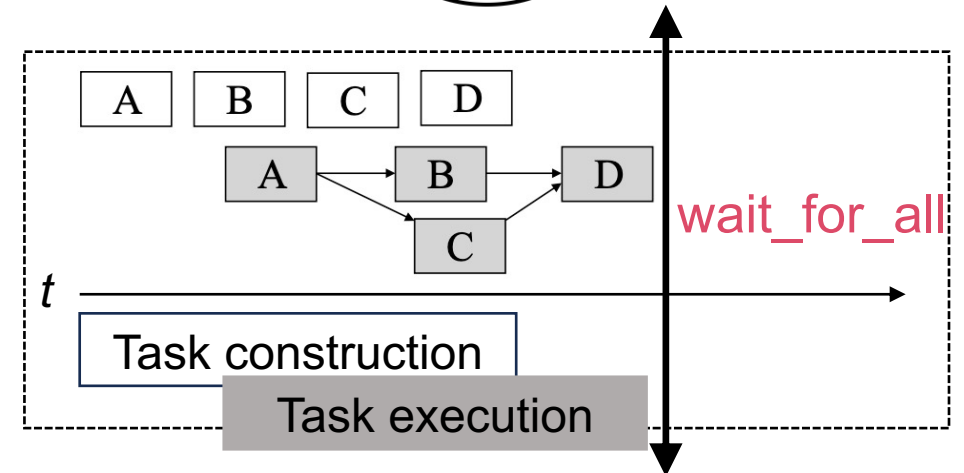
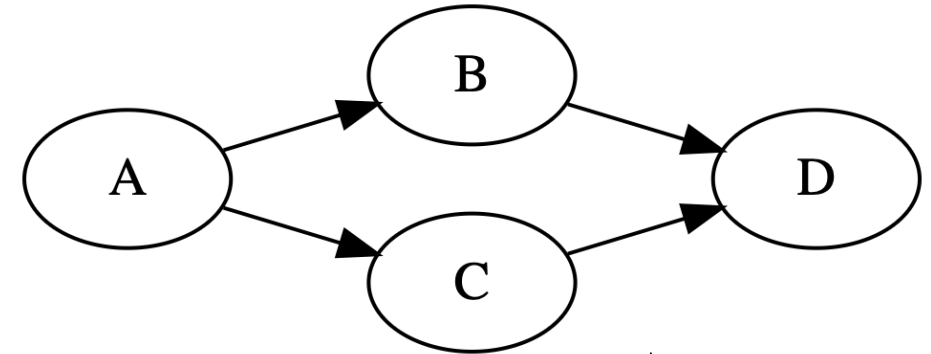


Specify arbitrary task dependencies using C++ variadic parameter pack

# Wait for All Tasks to Finish

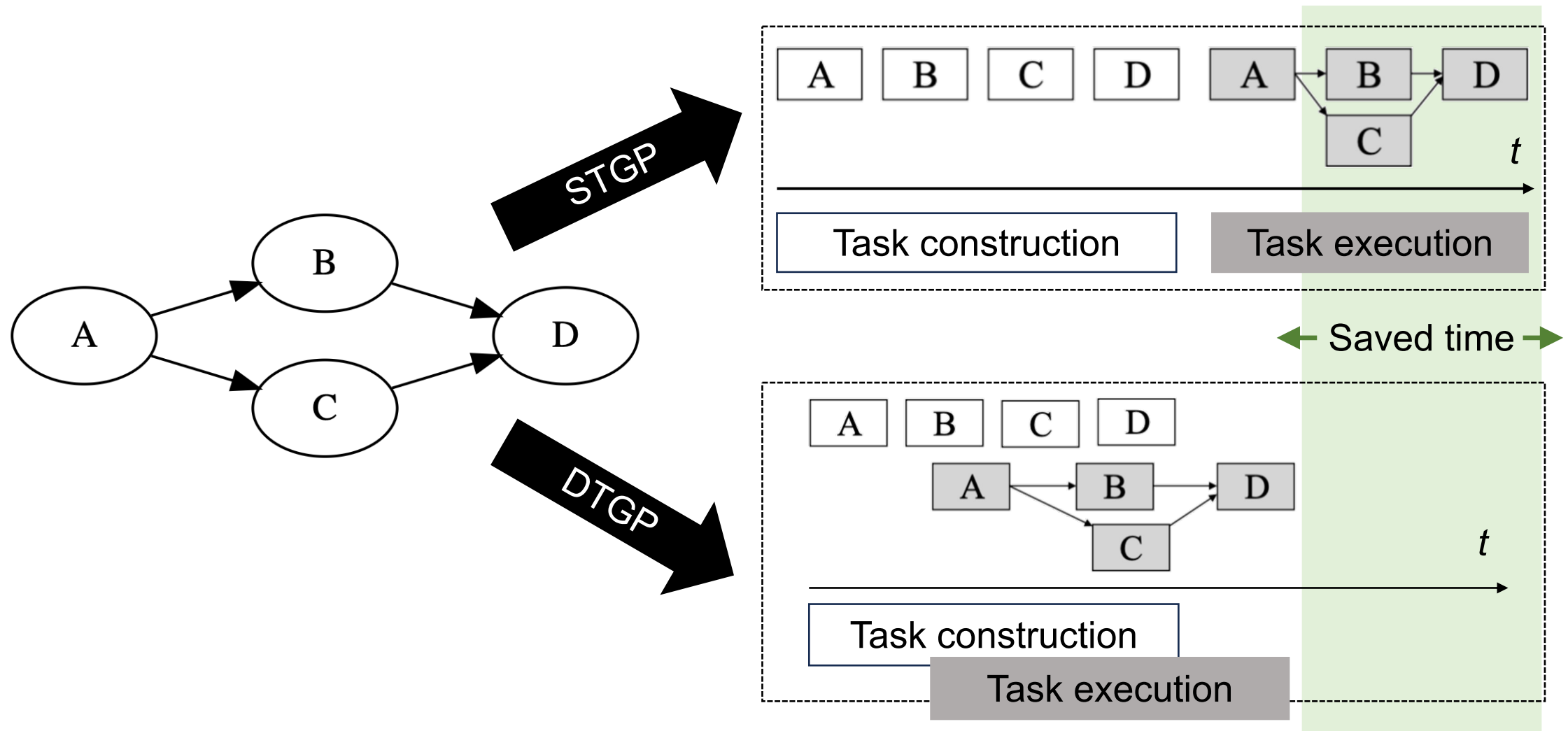
// Live: <https://godbolt.org/z/T87PrTarx>

```
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

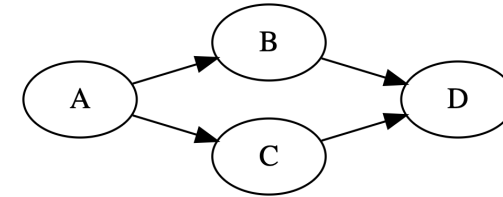
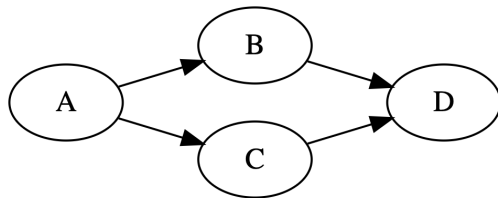
# Comparison between STGP and DTGP



# 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



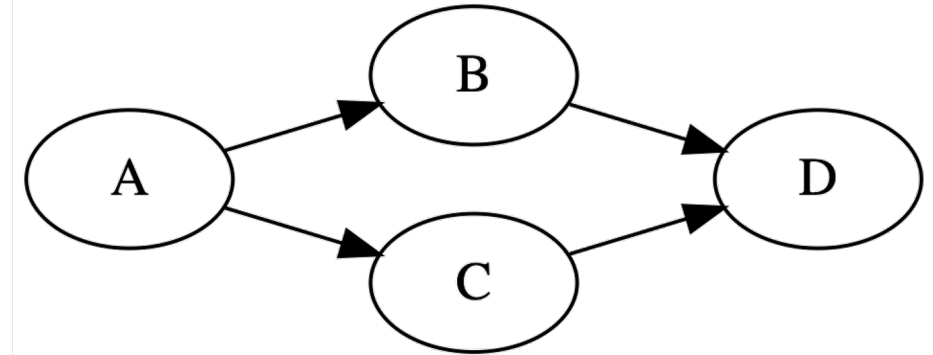
Topological order #2: A→C→B→D

```
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→D→B→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());
```



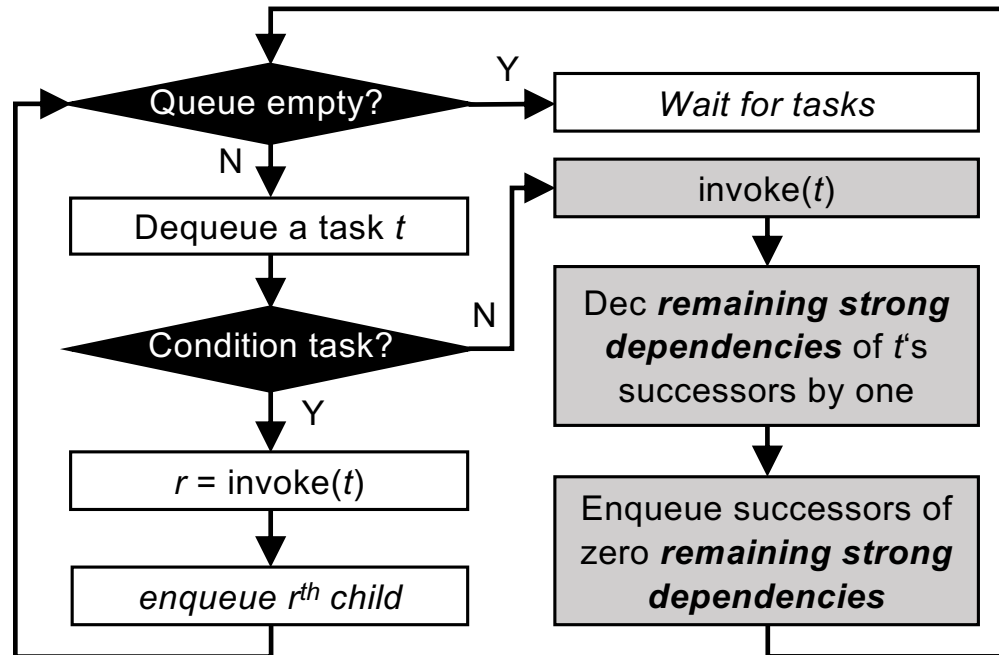
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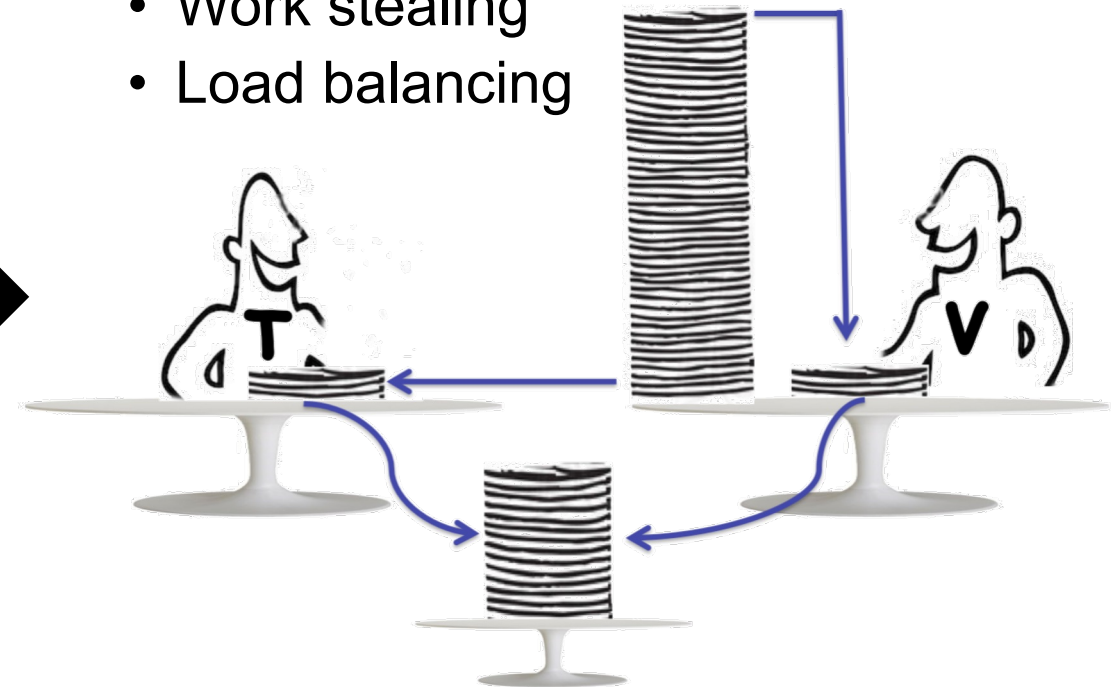
# STGP Scheduling Algorithm

- Task-level scheduling



- Worker-level scheduling

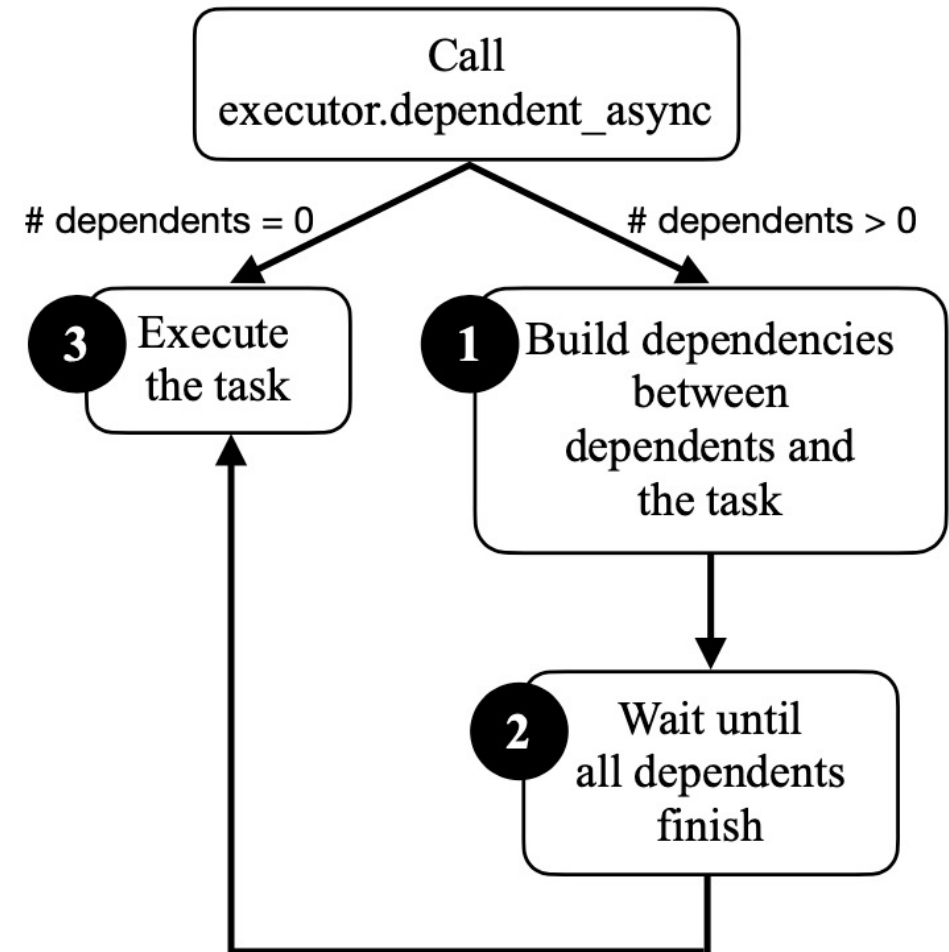
- Work stealing
- Load balancing



**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*

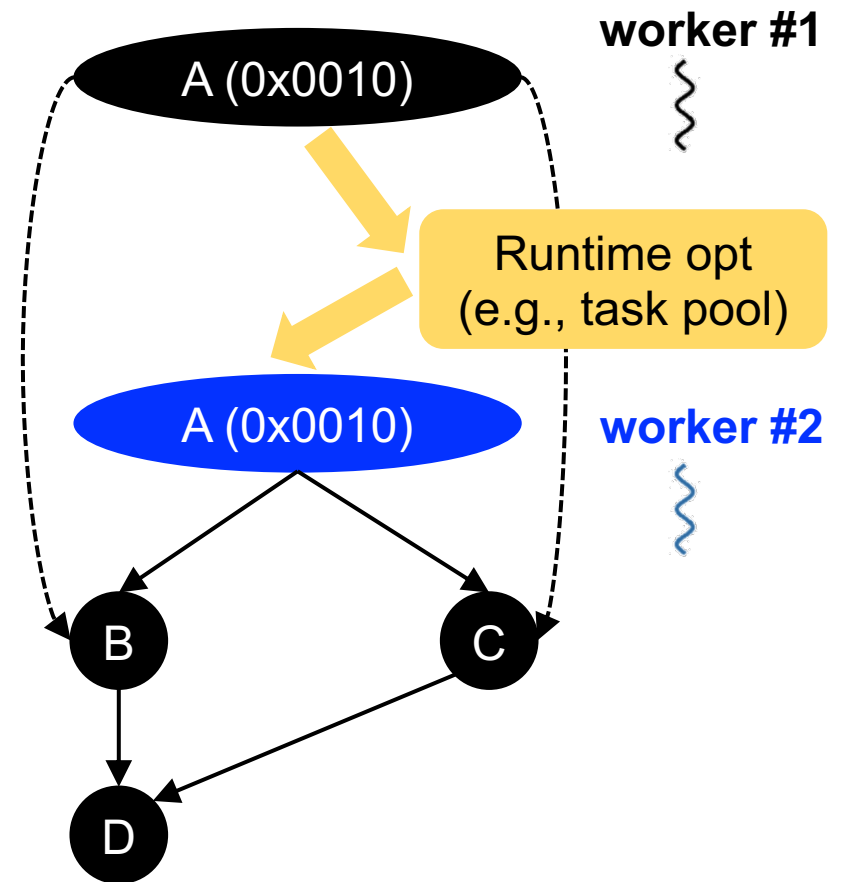
# DTGP Scheduling Algorithm

- **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 Problem<sup>1</sup>

```
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();
```



<sup>1</sup>: ABA Problem: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ABA\\_problem](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ABA_problem)



# Retain Shared Ownership of Every Task

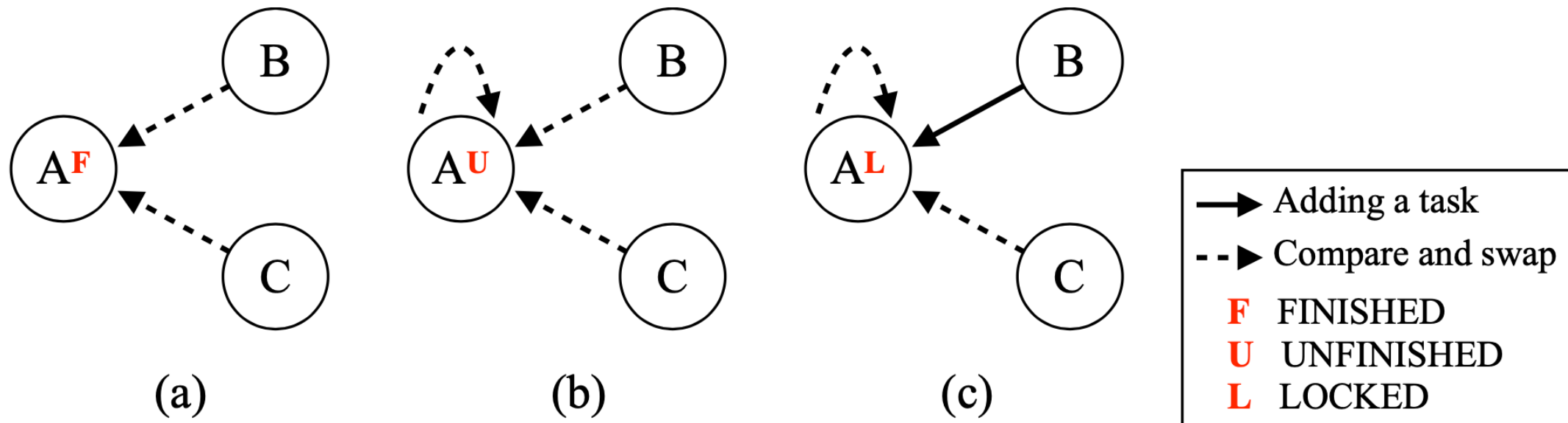
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tf::AsyncTask A = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskA\n";
});
tf::AsyncTask B = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "TaskB\n";
}, A); ←
tf::AsyncTask C = executor.silent_dependent_async([](){
    std::cout << "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 Algorithm<sup>1</sup>

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## Algorithm 1 `dependent_async(callable, deps)`

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```
1: Create a future
2:  $num\_deps \leftarrow \text{sizeof}(deps)$ 
3:  $task \leftarrow \text{initialize\_task}(callable, num\_deps, future)$ 
4: for all  $dep \in deps$  do
5:    $\text{process\_dependent}(task, dep, num\_deps)$ 
6: end for
7: if  $num\_deps == 0$  then
8:    $\text{schedule\_async\_task}(task)$ 
9: end if
10: return  $(task, future)$ 
```

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## Algorithm 2 `process_dependent(task, dep, num_deps)`

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```
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:    $num\_deps \leftarrow \text{AtomDec}(task.join\_counter)$ 
8: else
9:   goto line 2
10: end if
```

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## Algorithm 3 `schedule_async_task(task)`

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```
1:  $target\_state \leftarrow UNFINISHED$ 
2: while not  $task.state.CAS(target\_state, FINISHED)$ 
   do
3:    $target\_state \leftarrow UNFINISHED$ 
4: end while
5:  $\text{Invoke}(task.callable)$ 
6: for all  $successor \in task.successors$  do
7:   if  $\text{AtomDec}(successor.join\_counter) == 0$  then
8:      $\text{schedule\_async\_task}(successor)$ 
9:   end if
10: end for
11: if  $\text{AtomDec}(task.ref\_count) == 0$  then
12:    $\text{Delete } task$ 
13: end if
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<sup>1</sup>: Cheng-Hsiang Chiu, et. al, "Programming Dynamic Task Parallelism for Heterogeneous EDA Algorithms," *IEEE/ACM ICCAD*, CA, 2023



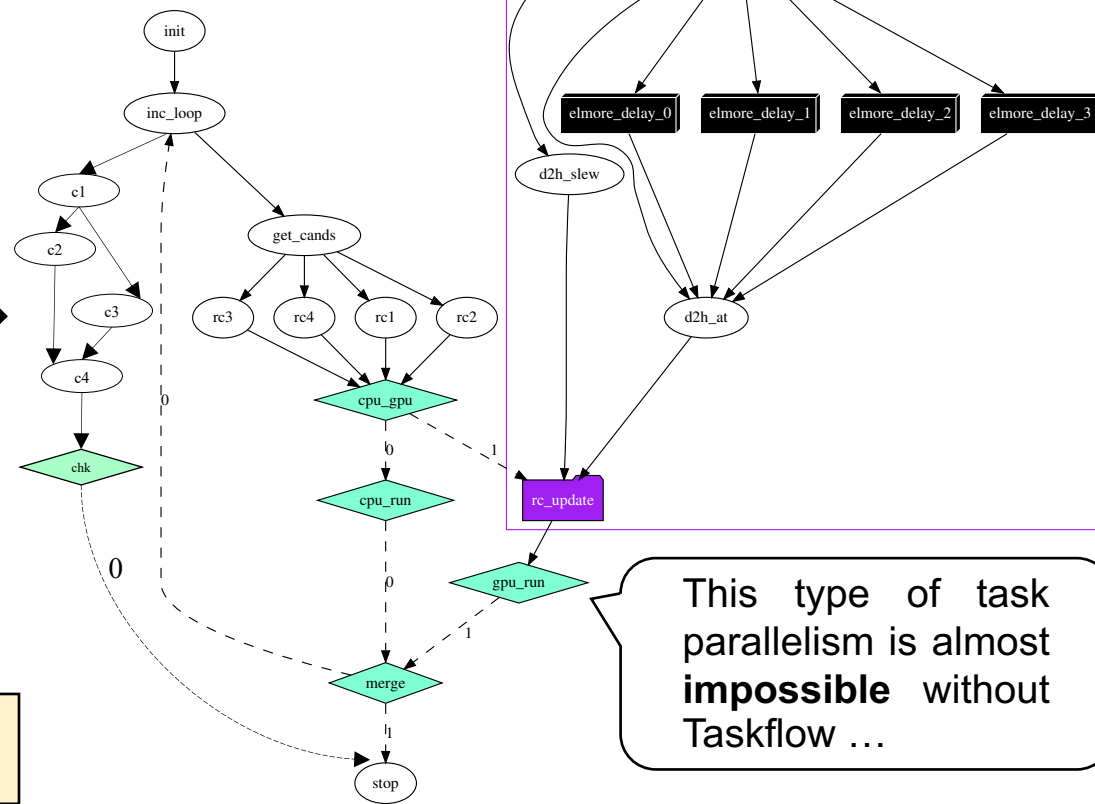
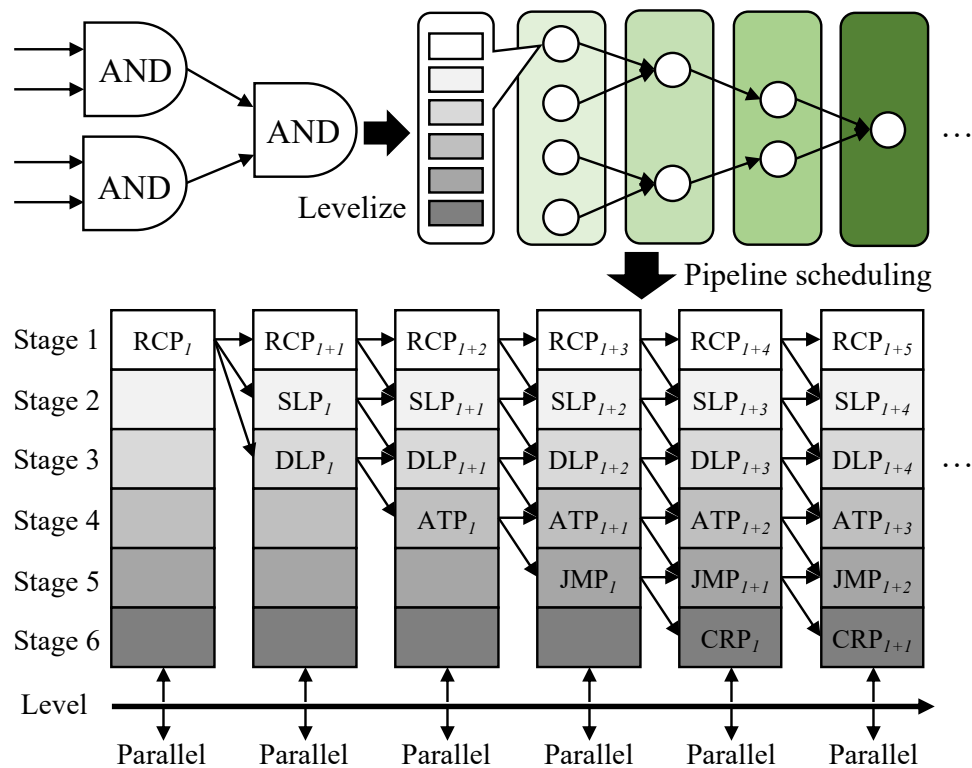
# Takeaways

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# Case Study 1: Task-parallel STA w/ STGP

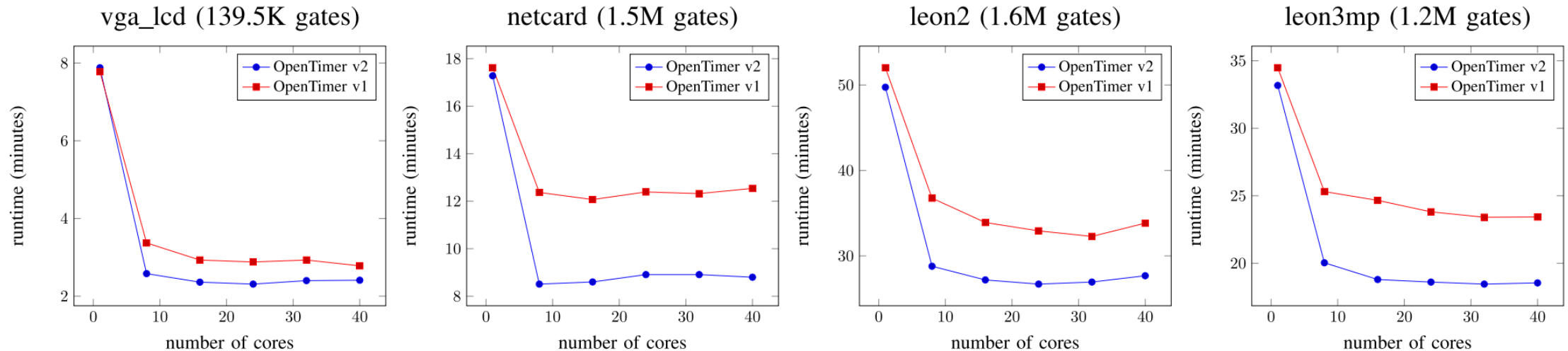
- Accelerating static timing analysis (STA)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>: 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 propagation<sup>1</sup>**
  - Implemented using OpenMP “parallel\_for” primitive
- **OpenTimer v2: task-parallel timing propagation<sup>2</sup>**
  - Implemented using Taskflow (<https://taskflow.github.io/>)

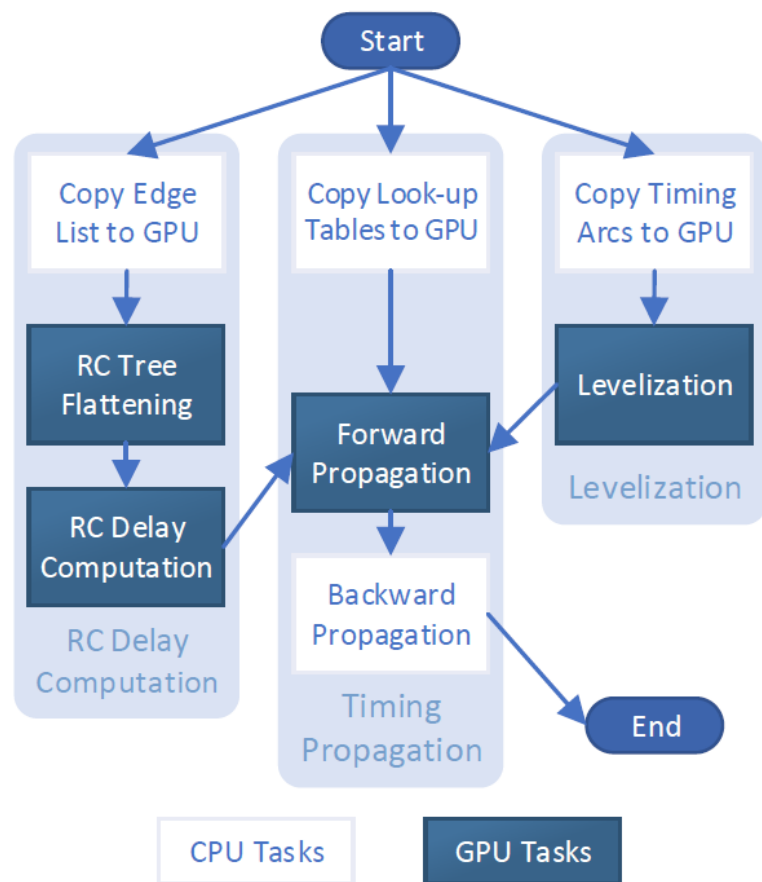


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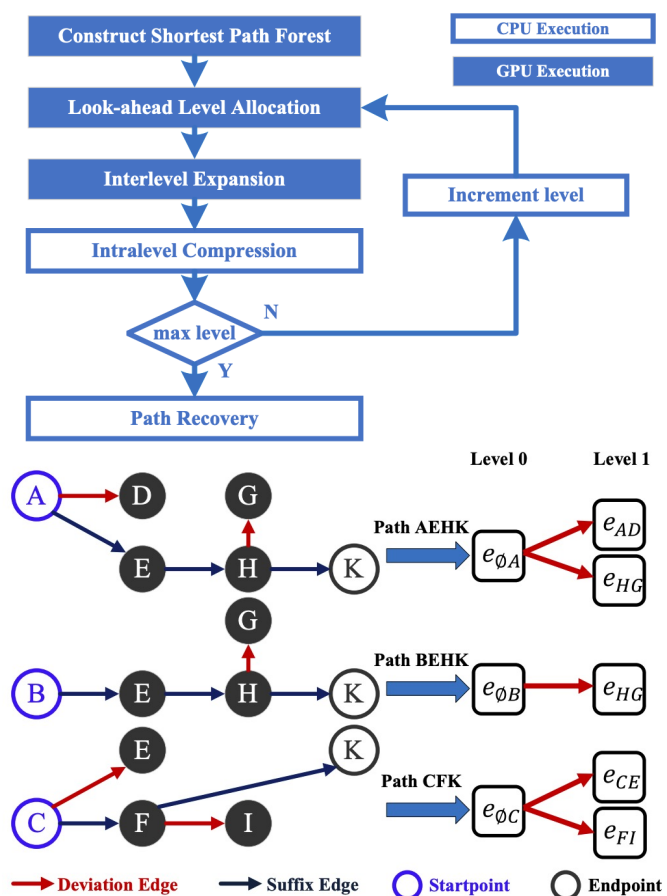
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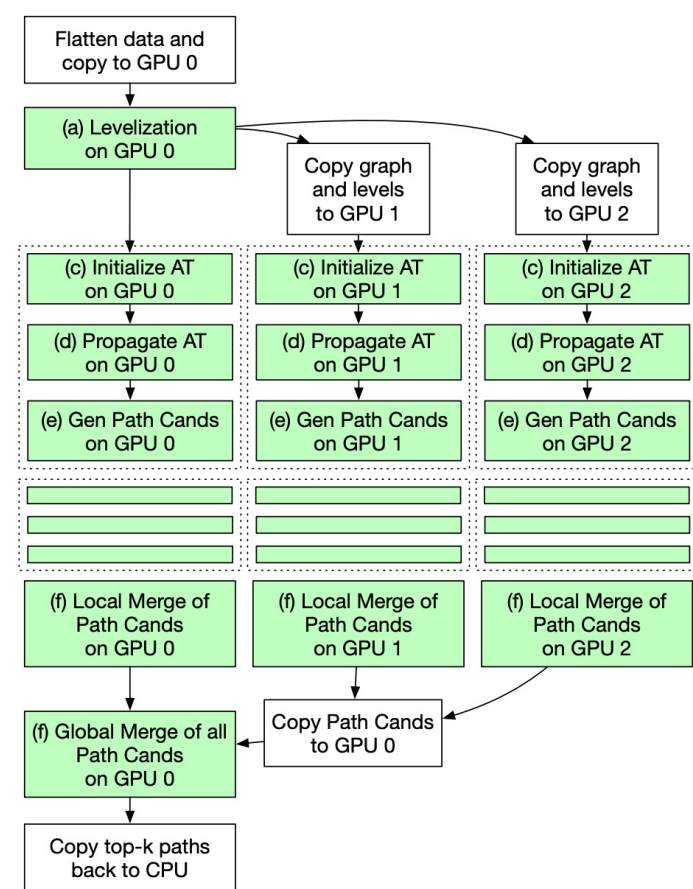
# Our Research on Task-parallel STA



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

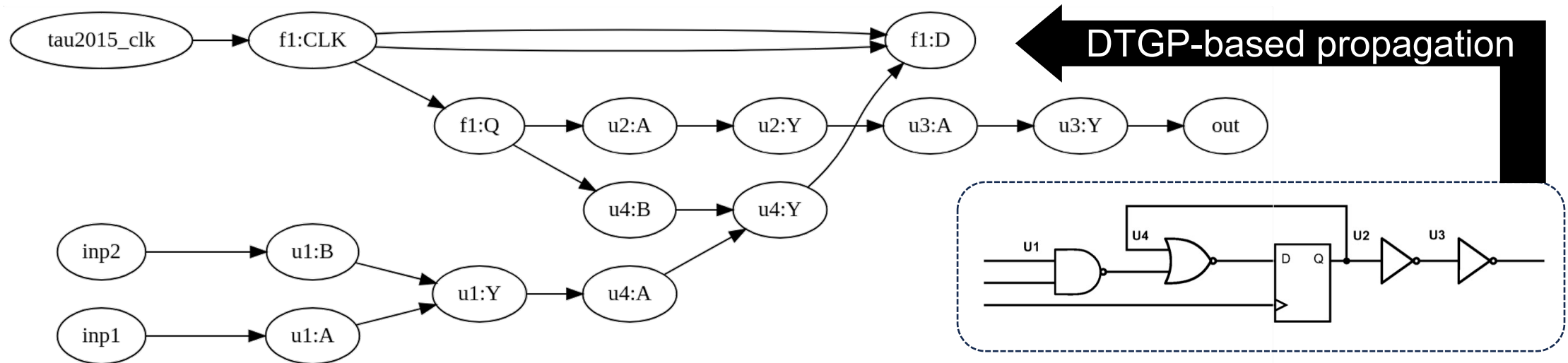
Benchmark	#Pins	#Gates	#Arcs	OpenTimer Runtime	Our Algorithm #MDL=10		Our Algorithm #MDL=15		Our Algorithm #MDL=20	
					Runtime	Speed-up	Runtime	Speed-up	Runtime	Speed-up
leon2	4328255	1616399	7984262	2875783	4708.36	611×	5295.49ms	543×	5413.84	531×
leon3mp	3376821	1247725	6277562	1217886	5520.85	221×	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×

<sup>1</sup>: 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

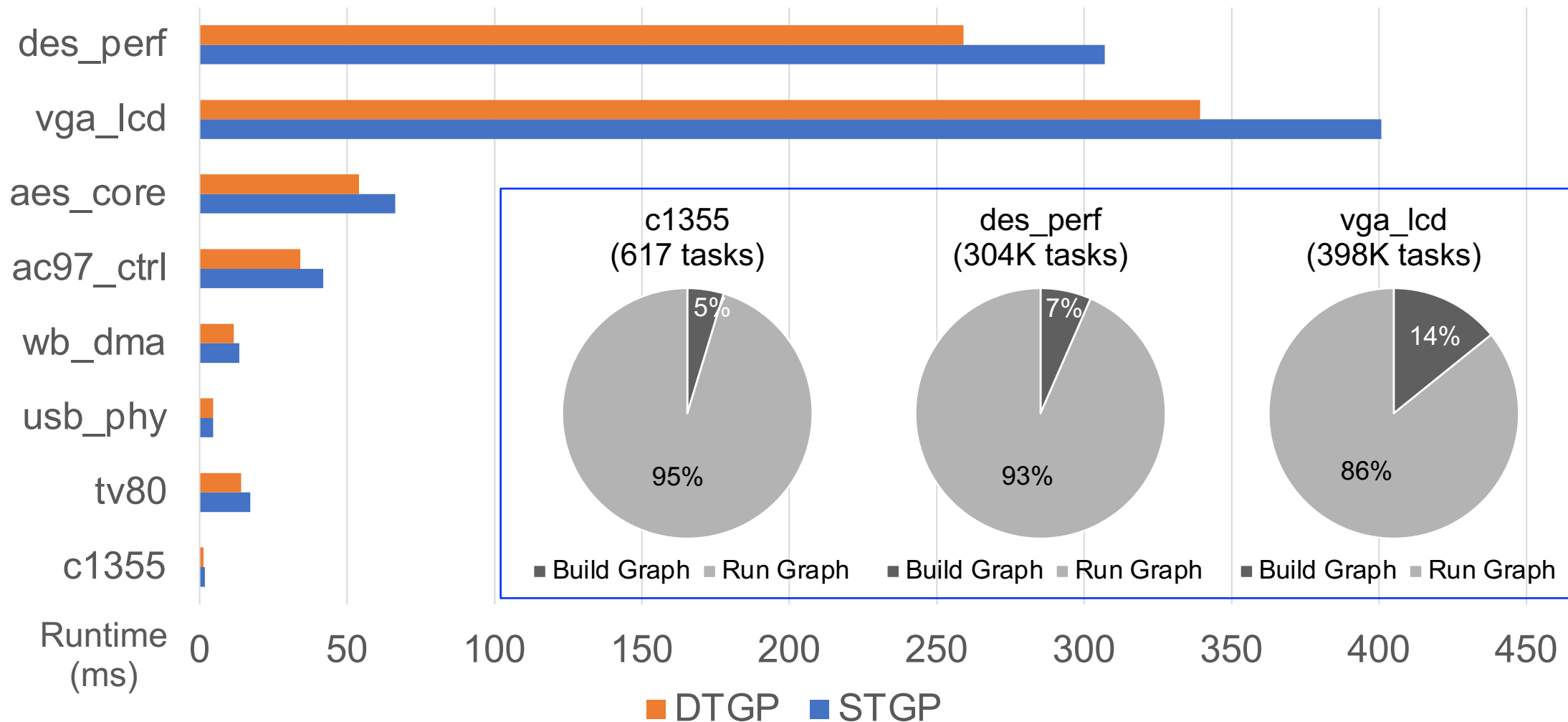


17 tasks & 18 dependencies

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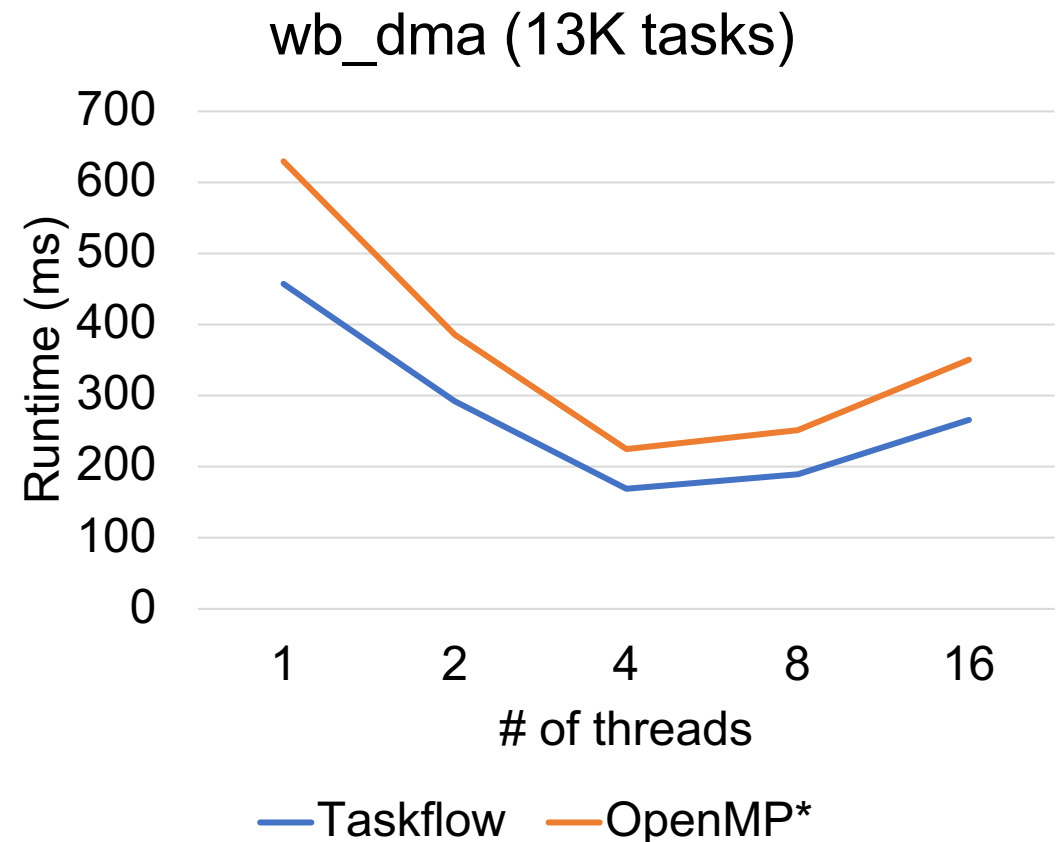
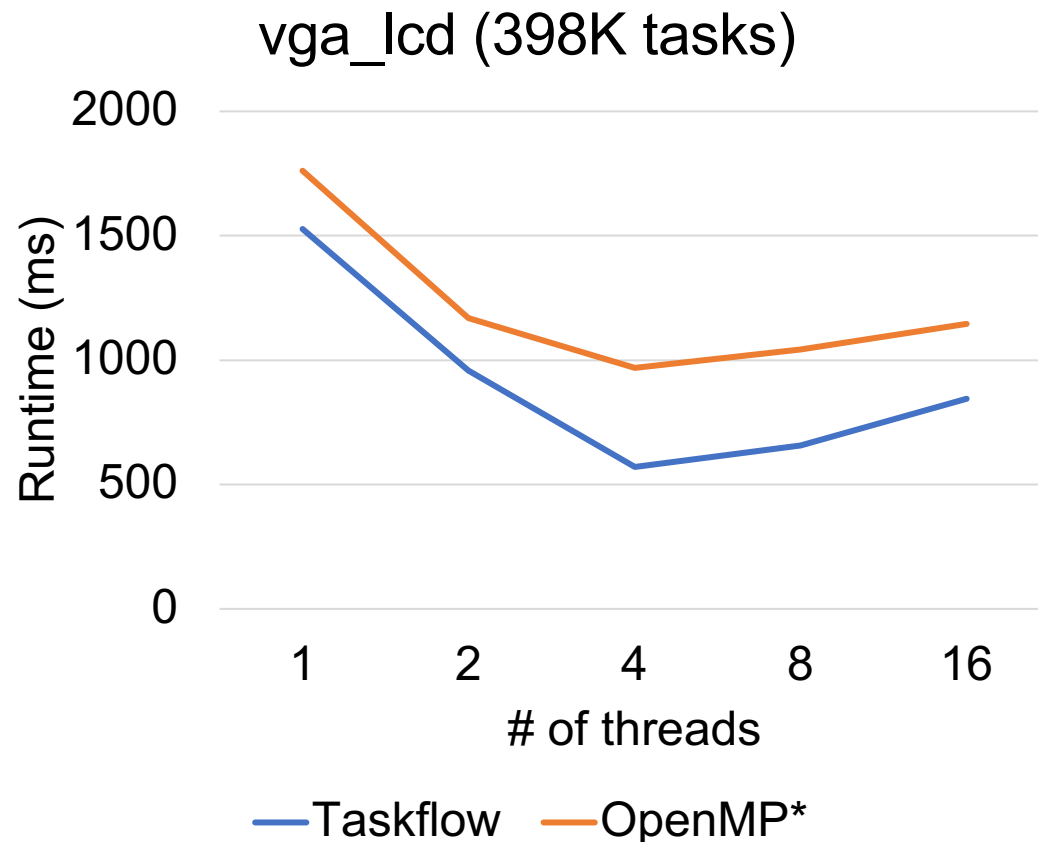


# Runtime Comparison: STGP vs DTGP



# Runtime Comparison with OpenMP

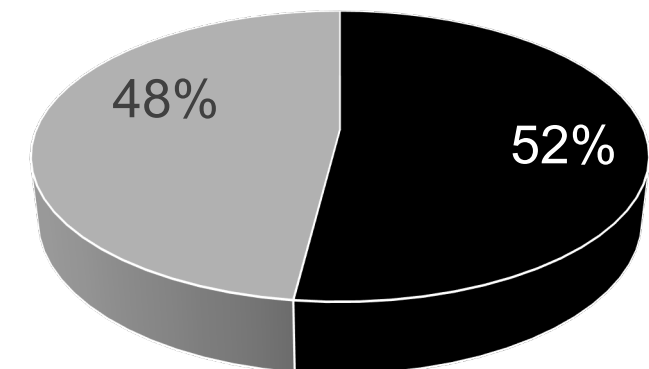
- `#omp depend([depend-modifier,]dependence-type : locator-list)`



# 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
  - ...

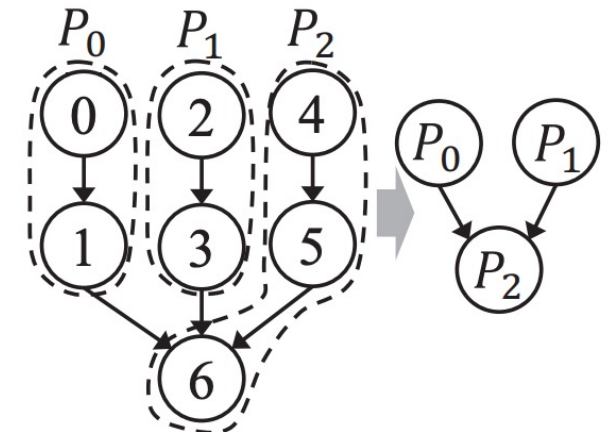
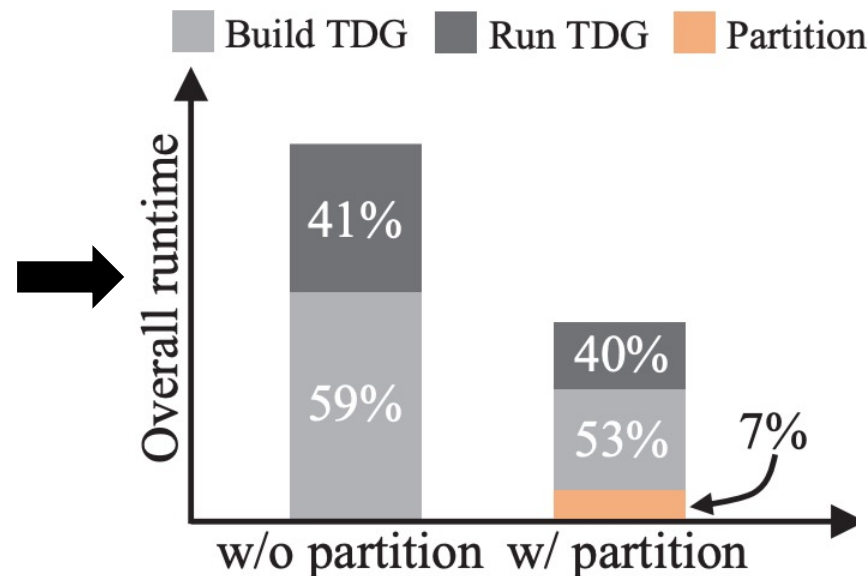
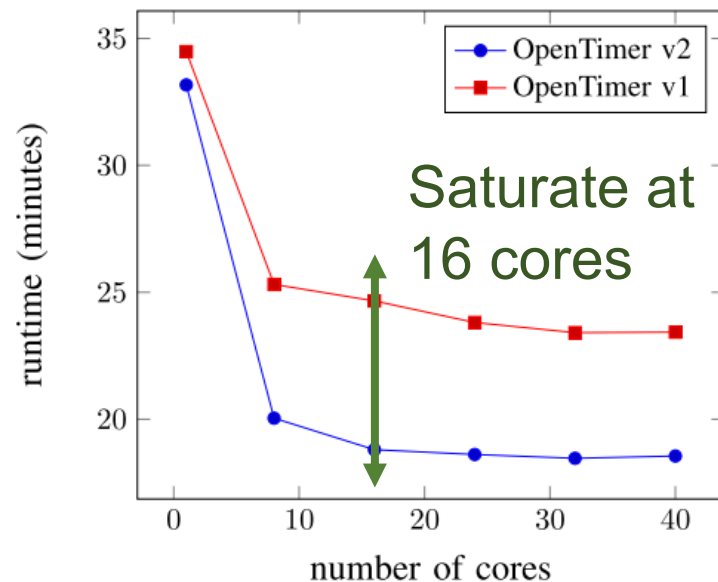
Runtime Breakdown of Task-parallel STA



■ Build Graph ■ Run Graph

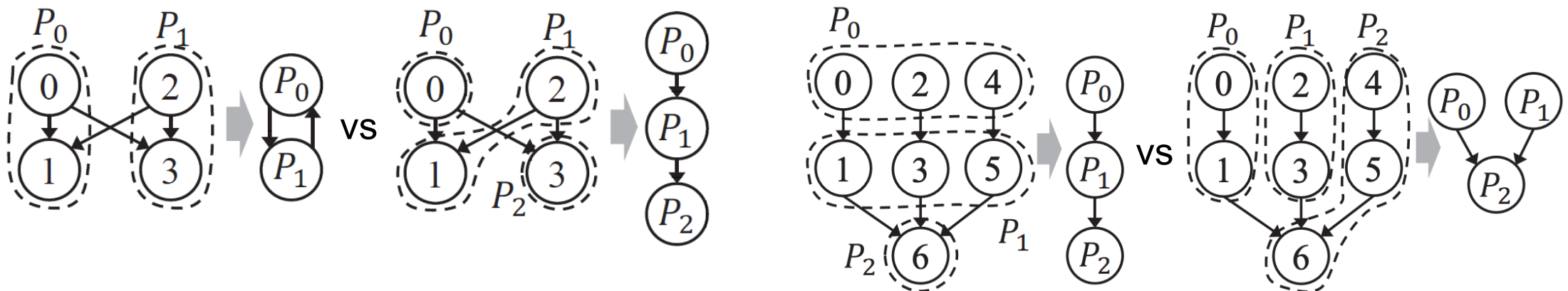
# Need for a TDG Partitioning Algorithm

- **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)



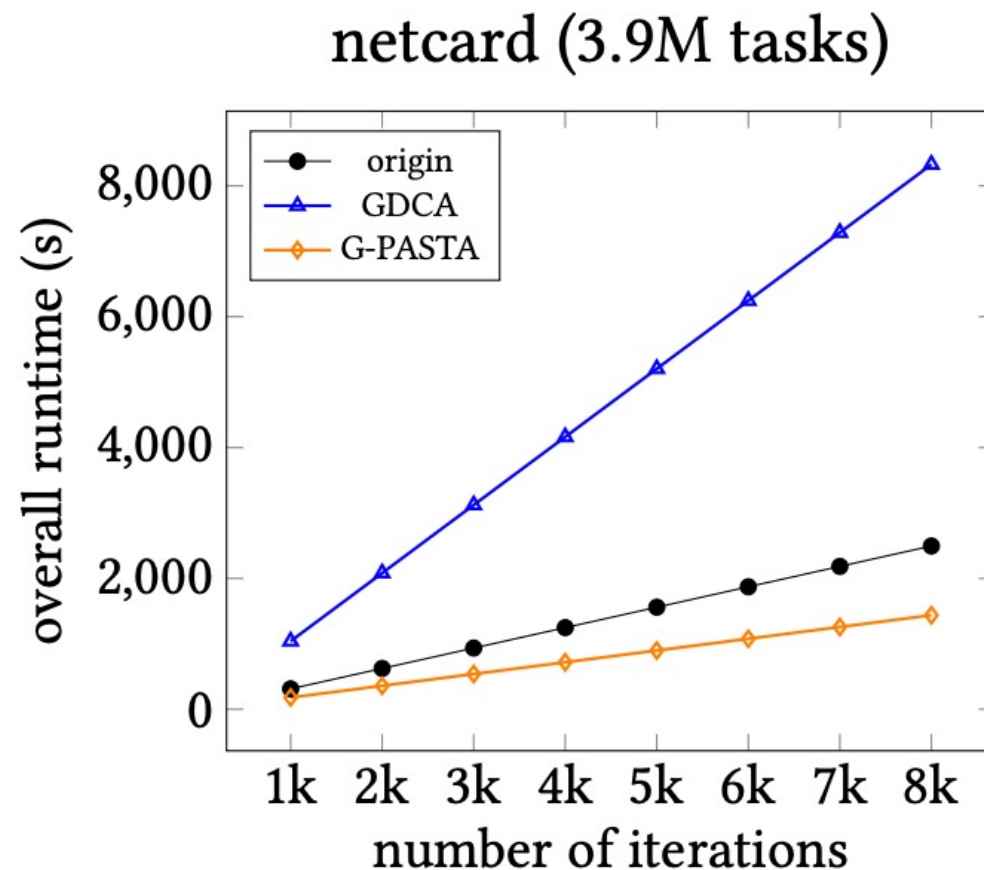
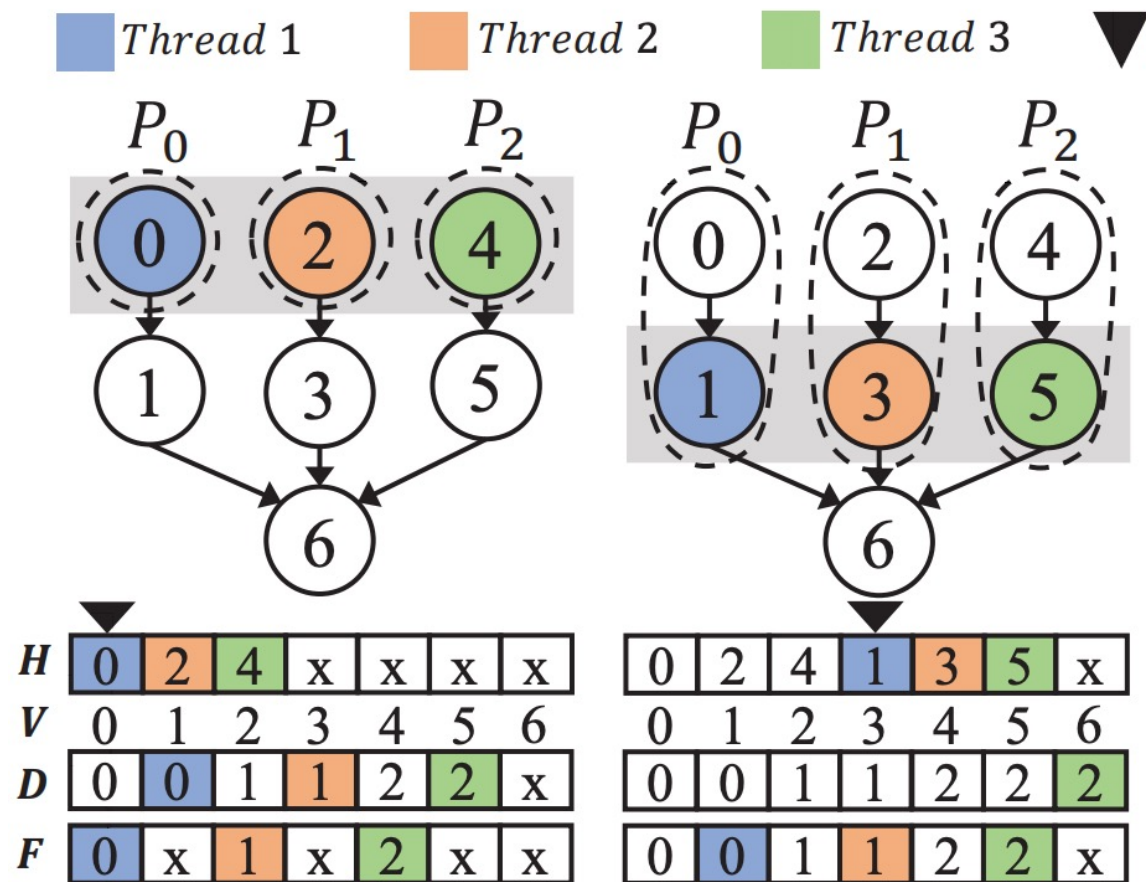
# Challenges of TDG Partitioning

- **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 Partitioner<sup>1</sup>



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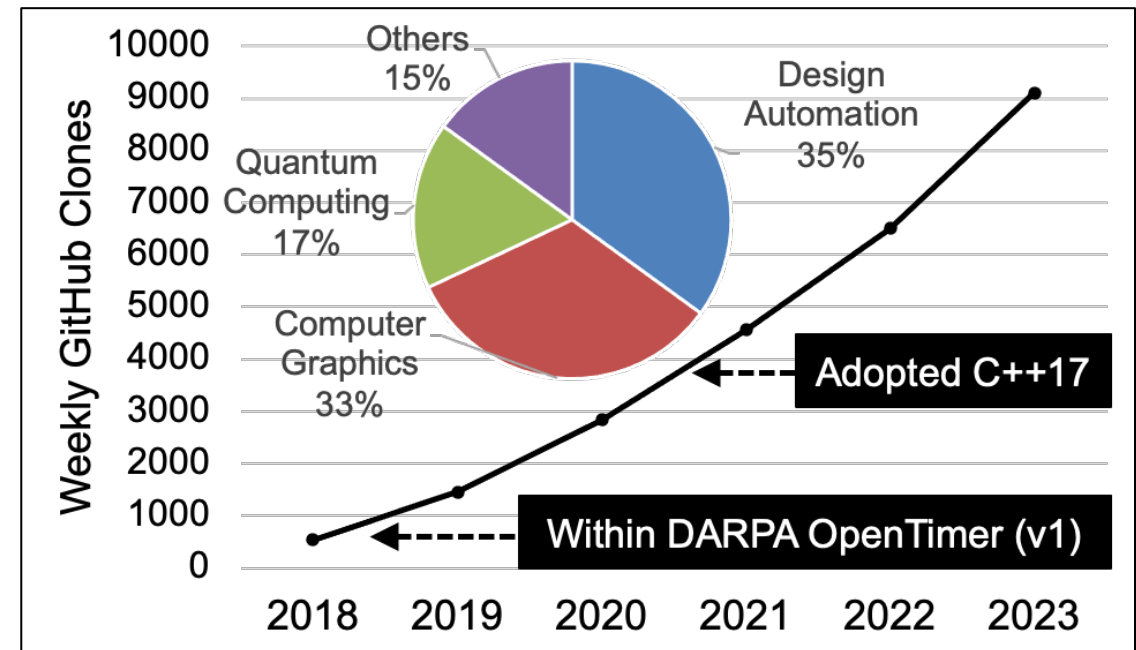
# Other Industrial Applications of Taskflow

- **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)
  - ...

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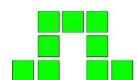
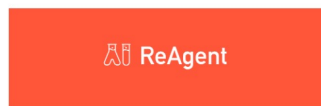
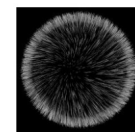
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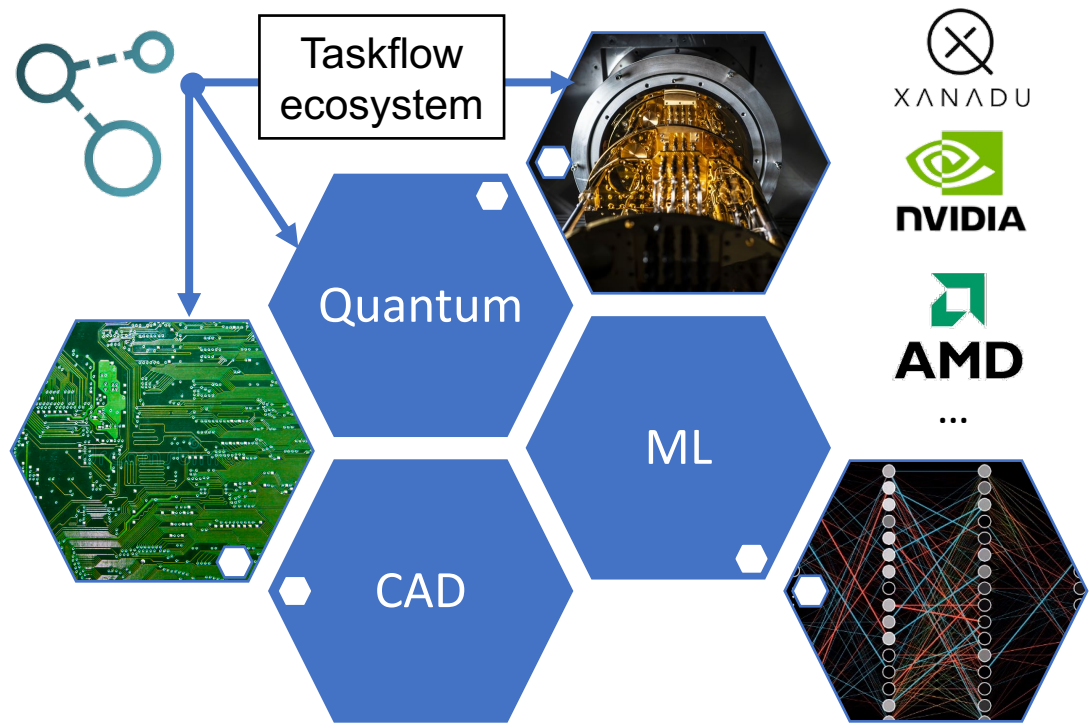
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- Create a sustainable Taskflow application ecosystem



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# 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/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();
```