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## Automated Scheduling Algorithm Selection in OpenMP



<http://github.com/unibas-dmi-hpc/LB4OMP>

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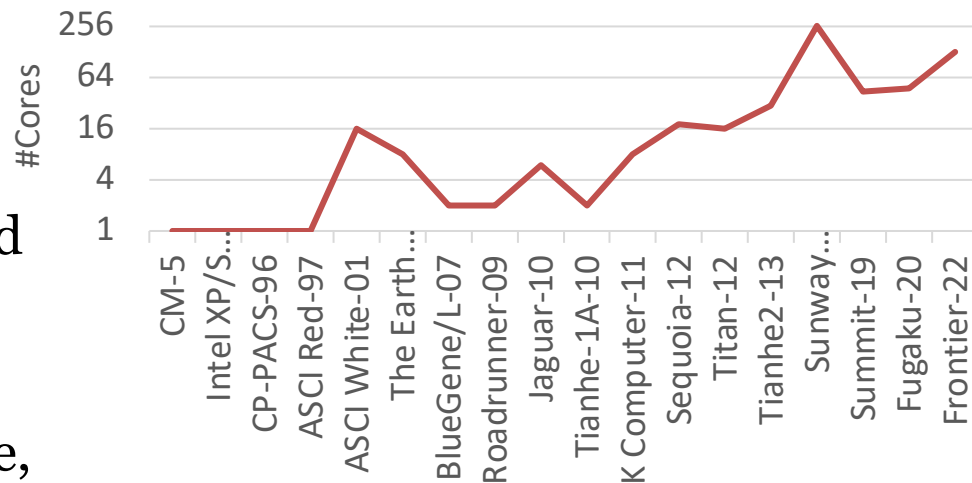


# Load Imbalance and Impact on Performance

- Increasing #cores/node
- Increased complexity to parallelize and exploit available compute power
- Load imbalance degrades performance, scalability, and wastes energy



#Cores/node in top systems  
on the Top500 list



# Scheduling of Worksharing Loops in OpenMP

static(default)  
dynamic  
guided  
runtime  
auto

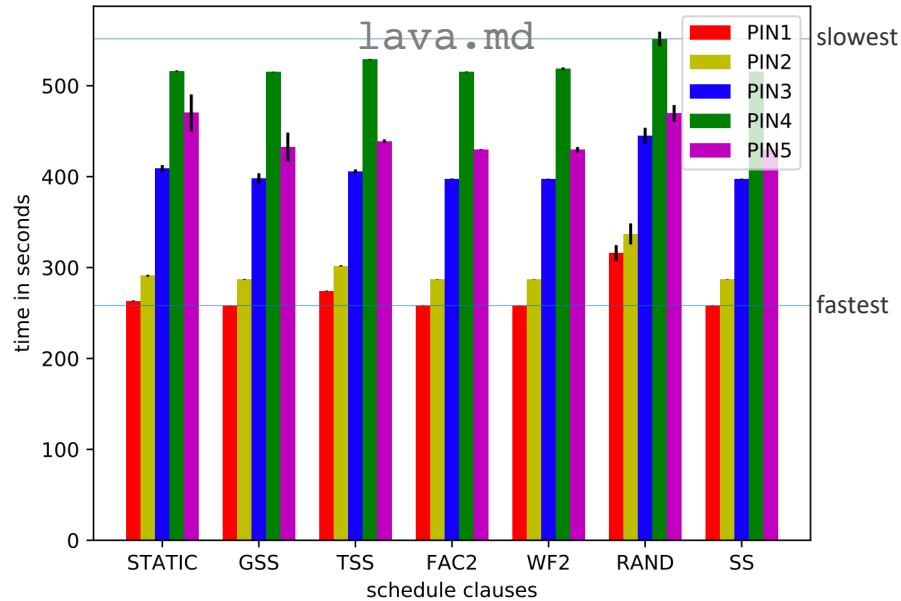
#iteration assigned/round → static/dynamic  
threshold for #iteration assigned → guided

Default chunk  
static: N/P  
dynamic: 1  
guided: 1

```
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(kind, chunk)
for(i = 0; i < size; i++)
{
    computations ...
}
```

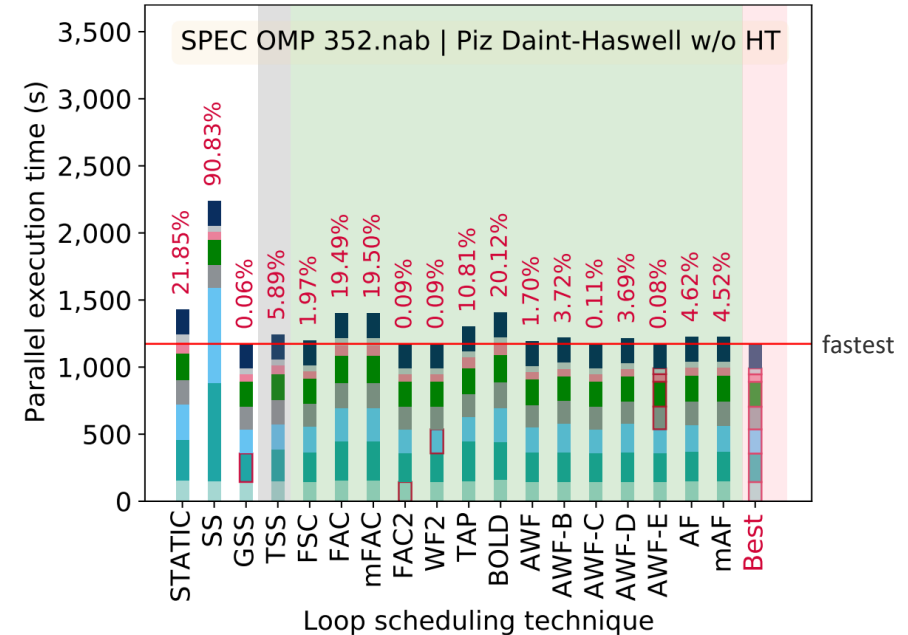
N: #iterations  
P: #threads

# More Schedules in OpenMP



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# “Decision Paralysis”

- (Too?) Many choices for OpenMP `schedule(kind)`
- (Way?) Too many possible values for OpenMP `chunk`
- Scheduling choice needed per loop, per time-step, per application, and per system tuples

```
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(auto)
for(i = 0; i < size; i++)
{
    computations ...
}
```

The schedule kind **auto** allows\* an OpenMP implementation to choose any possible mapping of iterations in a loop construct to threads in the team.

\* According to OpenMP Specification 5.2

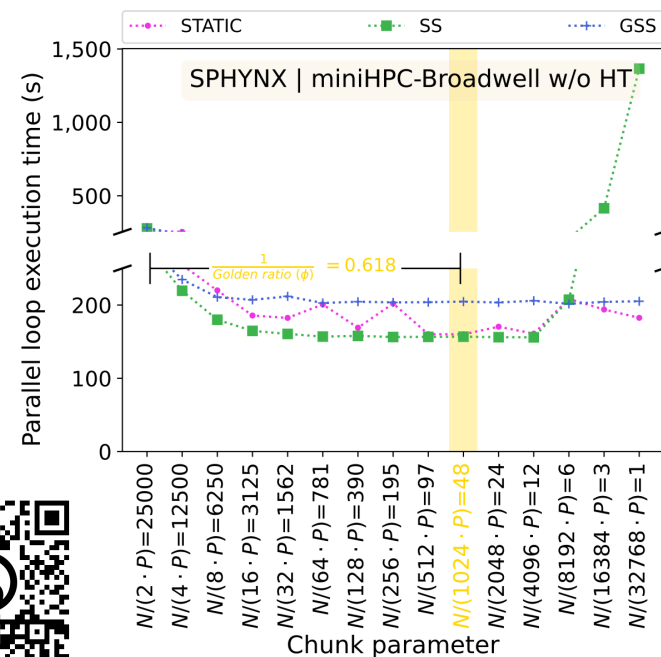


# Proposed Approach: Auto4OMP

<http://github.com/unibas-dmi--hpc/LB4OMP>



- Leverages **auto** as a scheduling option for `schedule(kind)`
- Extends the LLVM OpenMP runtime library with the **expert chunk parameter**
- 3 scheduling algorithm selection methods
  - RandomSel
  - ExhaustiveSel
  - ExpertSel
- **Selects** from a portfolio of scheduling algorithms
  - STATIC, SS, GSS, GAC, TSS, Static Steal, mFAC2, AWF-B, AWF-C, AWF-D, AWF-E, mAF



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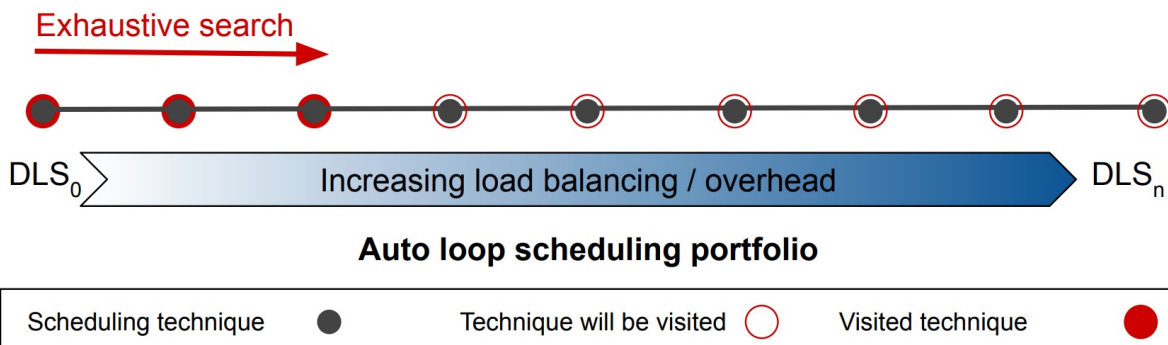
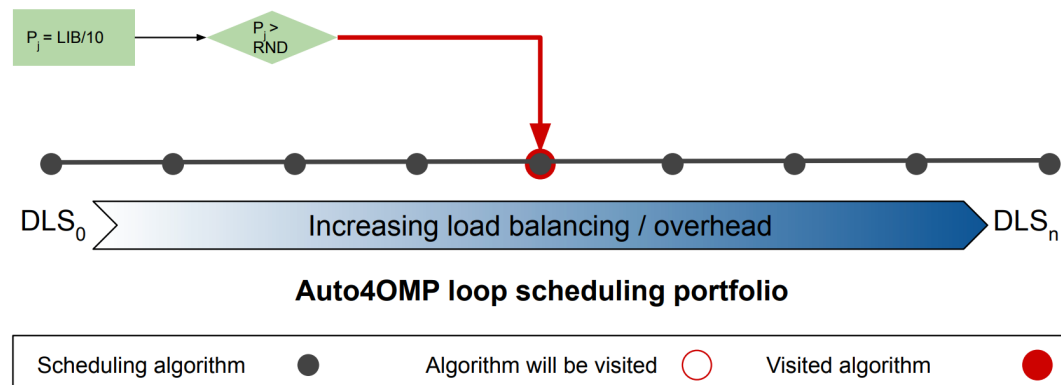




# Auto4OMP: Scheduling Algorithm Selection Methods

## RandomSel

- Random selection
- If LIB > 10 changes selected technique



## ExhaustiveSel

- Exhaustive search
- If LIB > 10, re-evaluate the selected technique



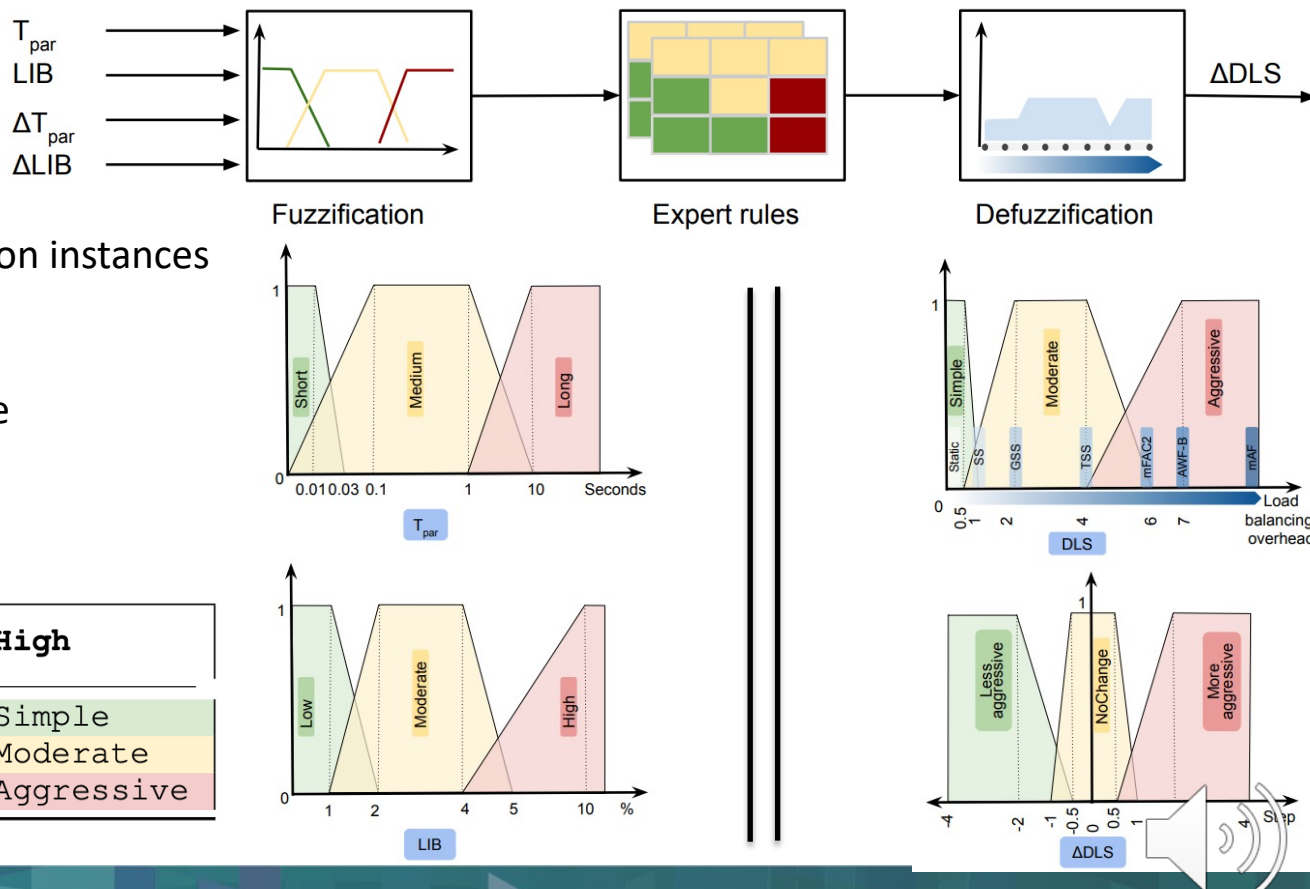
# Auto4OMP: Scheduling Algorithm Selection Methods

## ExpertSel

- Employs fuzzy logic
- Constantly evaluates across execution instances
  - Loop execution time
  - Load imbalance
  - Change of loop execution time
  - Change of load imbalance

### Expert rules

$T_{par}$ \ $LIB$	Low	Moderate	High
Short	Simple	Simple	Simple
Medium	Simple	Moderate	Moderate
Long	Simple	Moderate	Aggressive





# Auto4OMP: Setup for Experimental Evaluation

## Applications

- ALYA (computational mechanics)
- SPEC OMP 2012 352.nab (molecular modeling)
- SPHYNX (astrophysics)
- Mandelbrot (mathematics)
- GROMACS (molecular dynamics)

## Algorithm Selection Methods

- LLVM auto (GAC)
- Manual selection
  - ManualBest
  - Oracle (knows all)
- Auto4OMP selection
  - RandomSel
  - ExhaustiveSel
  - ExpertSel

## Systems

- miniHPC-Broadwell
  - 2 sockets, 10 cores each
- Piz Daint-Haswell
  - 1 socket, 12 cores
- miniHPC-Cascade-Lake
  - 2 sockets, 28 cores each

## Experiments

25 loops x 5 applications x 3 systems  
using x 18 schedule(kinds) x 2 chunk  
parameters

**= 2'700 total experiments**

## Chunk parameter

- Default chunk
- Expert chunk

# Evaluation and Results

Hypothesis 1. Auto4OMP achieves high performance and provides the smallest variation of performance across application-system pairs.

Low performance variation  
across applications and systems



Selection App-Sys pair	Prior work (no or manual selection)				Auto4OMP					Oracle exec. time
	Static	Steal	GAC (LLVM-auto)	ManualBest	SS,expert	chunk	RandomSel	ExhaustiveSel	ExpertSel	
ALYA-Piz Daint-Haswell		11.48%	2.44%	2.03%		2.93%	0.29%	0.23%	0.89%	11,492s
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High performance variation across  
applications and systems



# Evaluation and Results

Hypothesis 2. Auto4OMP adapts to the various scheduling needs of applications when they execute on **different systems**.

Selection	Prior work (no or manual selection)				Auto4OMP					Oracle exec. time
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Low performance variation across systems, relative to Oracle

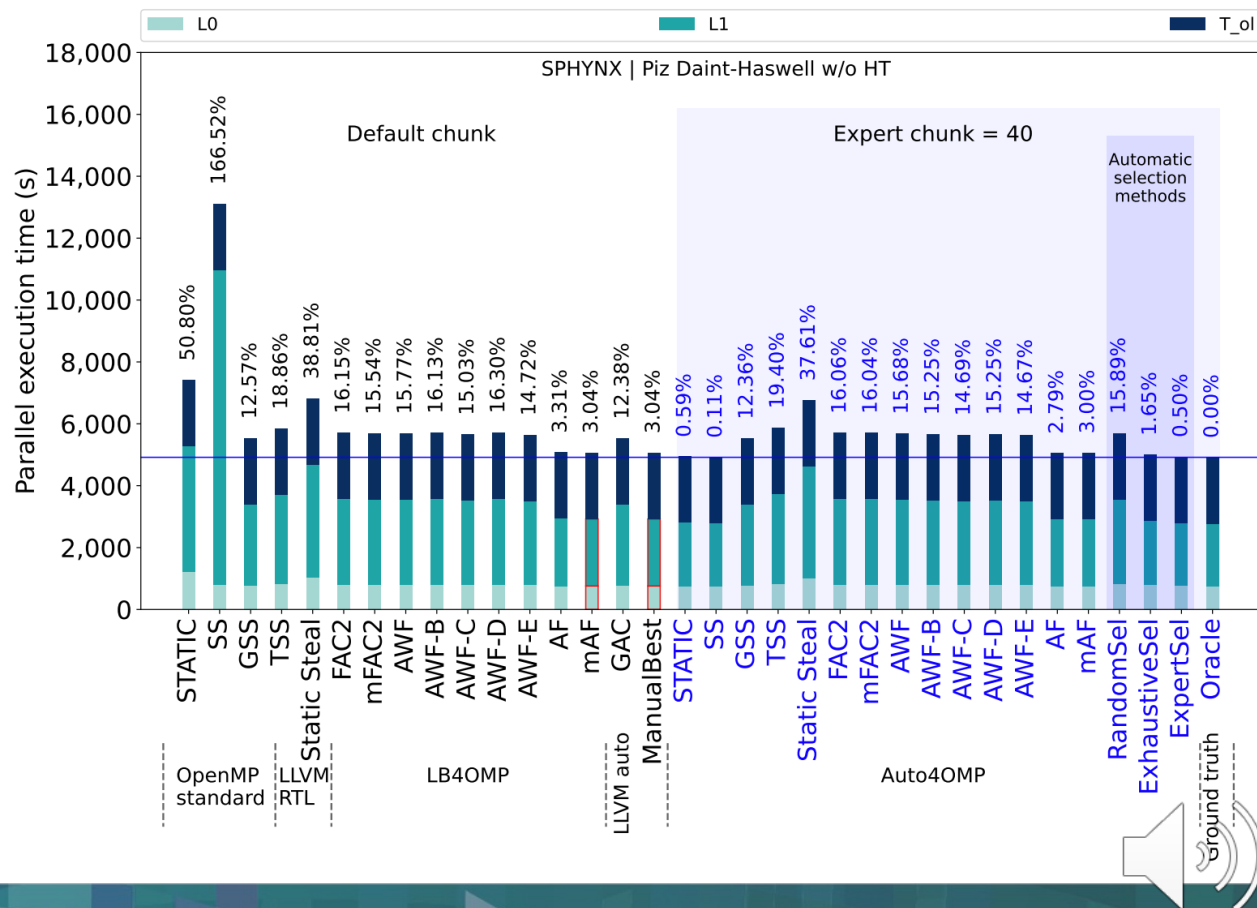


# Evaluation and Results

Hypothesis 3. The use of the **expert chunk parameter** improves application performance at no additional cost.



High variation of loop execution time across various scheduling techniques

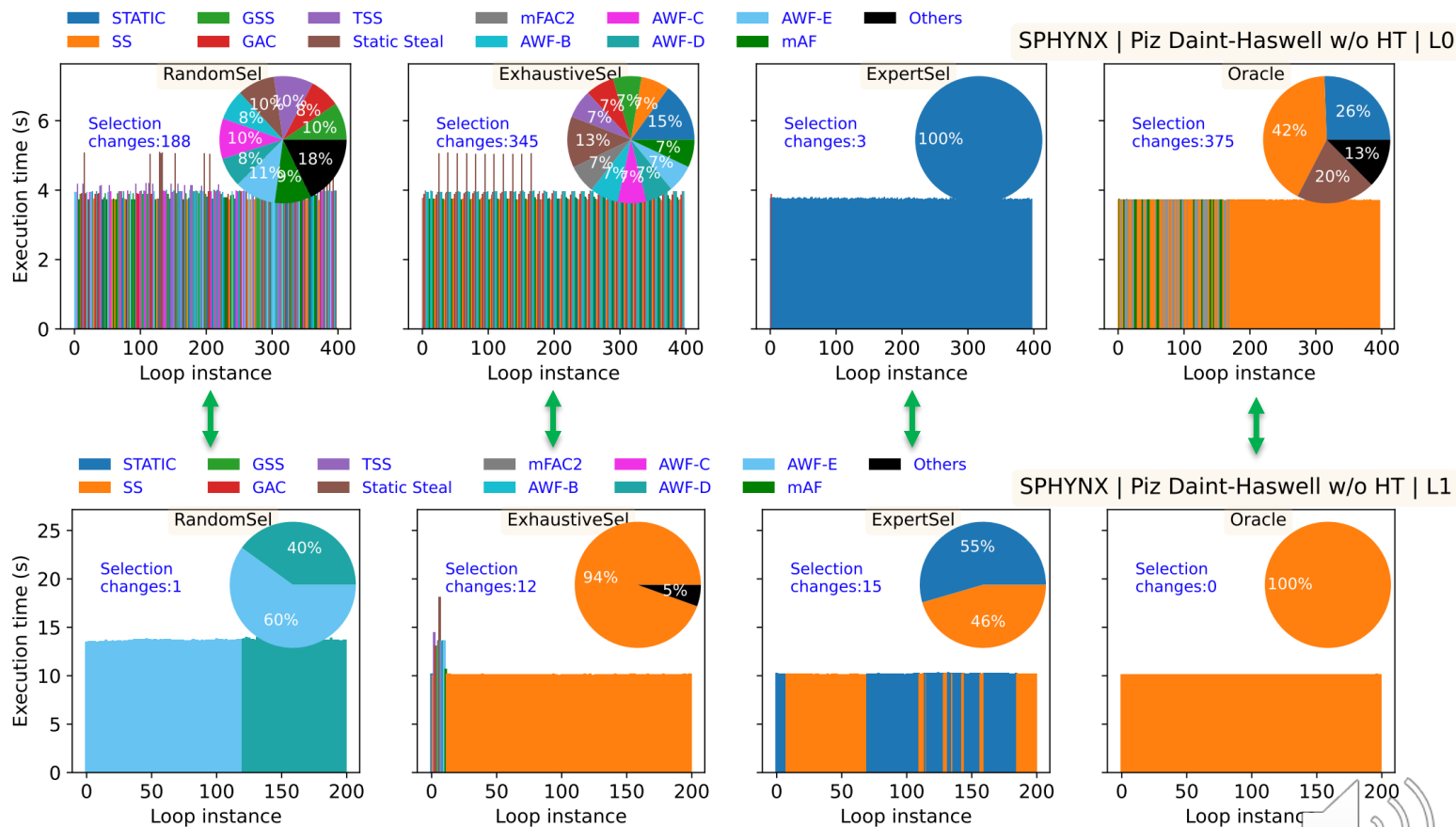




# Evaluation and Results

Hypothesis 4.  
Auto4OMP adapts to the various scheduling needs of applications' **various loops within a single time-step** (and across time-steps).

Auto4OMP selects different scheduling algorithms for SPHYNX' L0 and L1



# Evaluation and Results

Hypothesis 5. Reducing OpenMP thread-level load imbalance improves overall performance of hybrid process+thread parallel applications (MPI+OpenMP).

**Improvement over STATIC**

**cumulated over 200 time-steps:**

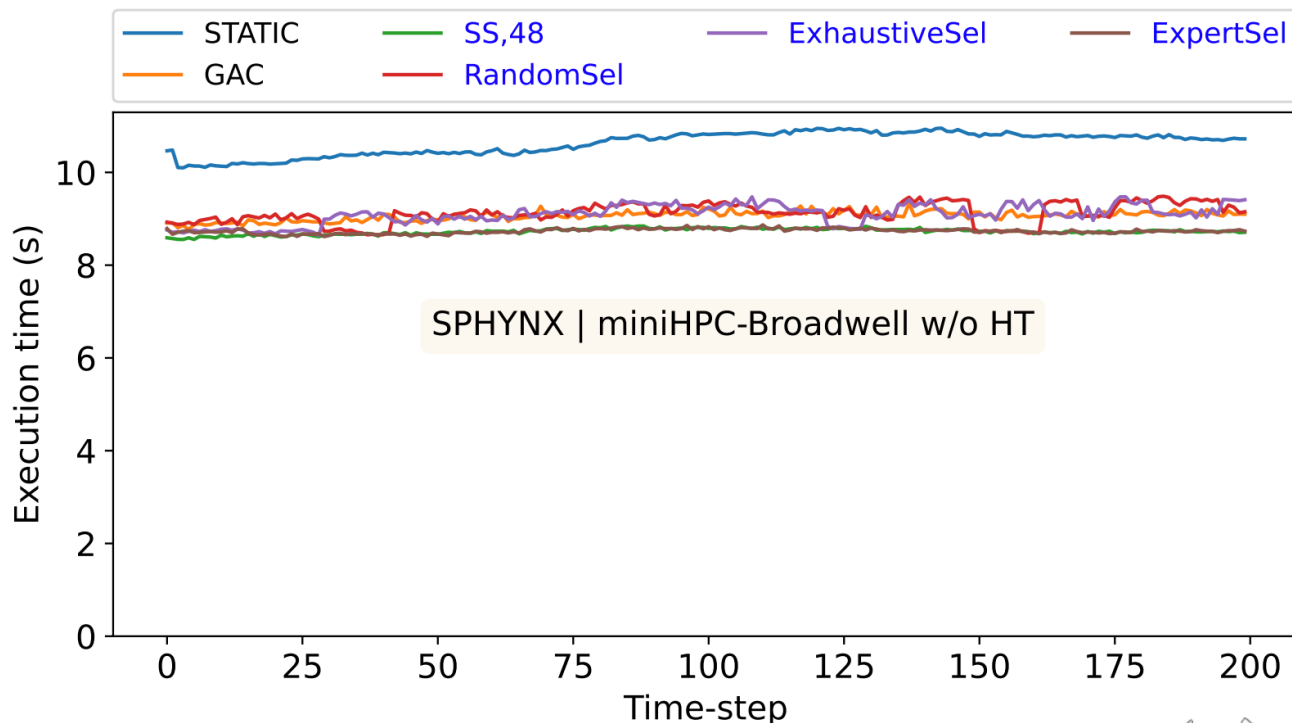
**GAC:** 17.39%

**SS,expert chunk parameter:** 22.08%

**RandomSel:** 21.17%

**ExhaustiveSel:** 21.65%

**ExpertSel:** 21.22%



Thread-level load balancing plays a **significant** role in improving the performance of MPI+OpenMP applications



# Summary

- ManualBest and Oracle require **exhaustive offline experimentation**
- Auto4OMP is a fully automated load balancing solution for (work sharing) loops in OpenMP for various applications-systems pairs at **no additional cost** from the user
- Auto4OMP provides:
  - An expert chunk parameter
  - Three scheduling algorithm selection methods
    - RandomSel
    - ExhaustiveSel
    - ExpertSel
- Up to **11%** performance improvement over current schedule *auto* implementation in LLVM
- **First step** towards automated load balancing in OpenMP



## Next Steps

**Automated Scheduling  
Algorithm Selection for  
Process-level Load  
Balancing**

**MPI+OpenMP**

**Expert-based  
vs.**

**Machine-learning-based**

**Algorithm Selection  
During a Single Loop  
Execution**

**More OpenMP  
constructs**

**More  
Scheduling/Selection  
Methods**



OpenMP applications can now benefit from an **automated approach** of **selecting** the scheduling algorithm that **fits** the loop, in a given time-step, on a given platform

Download **Auto4OMP**, use it, and tell us how it works for your application

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