# Safe Parallelism

## Compiler Analysis Techniques for Ada and OpenMP

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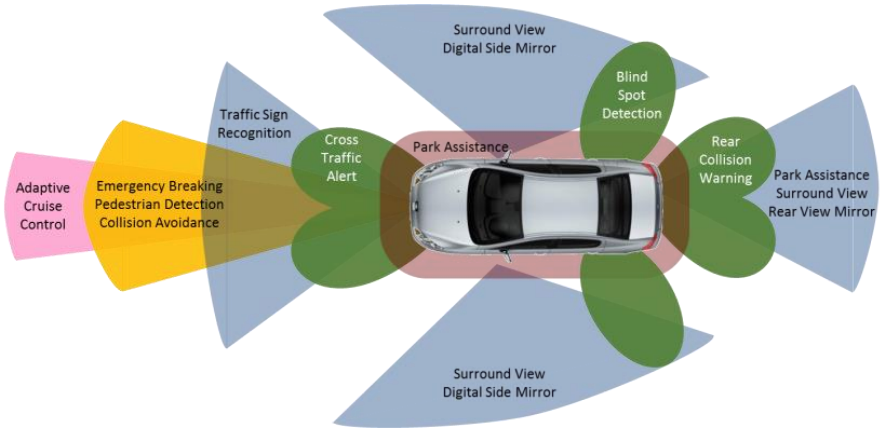

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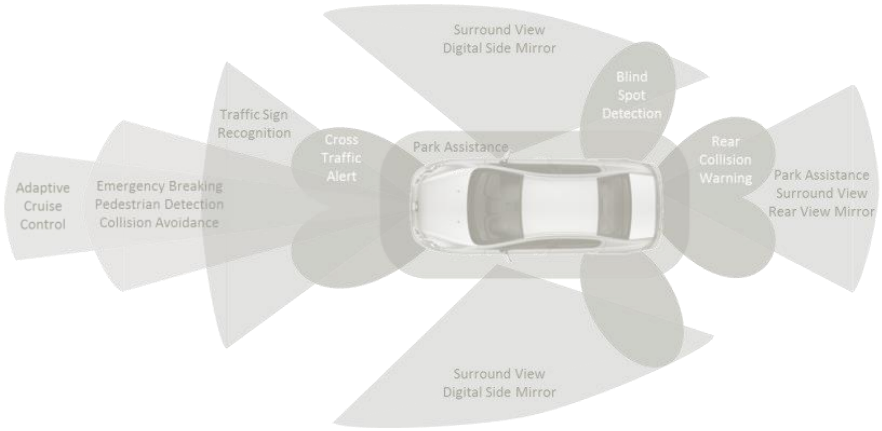


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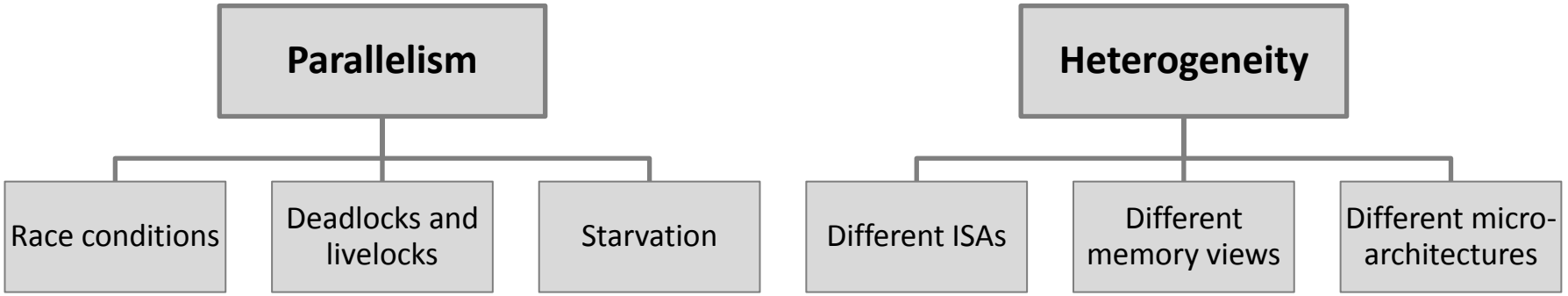

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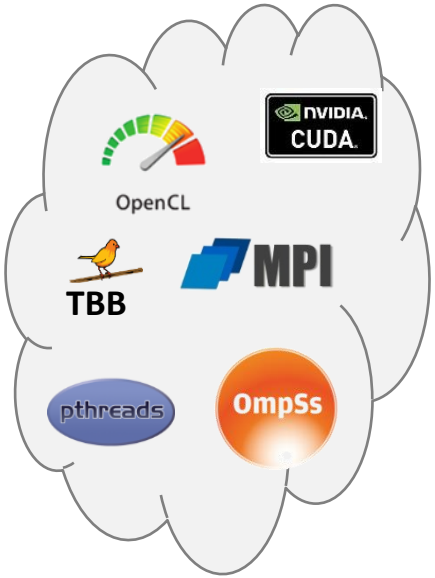

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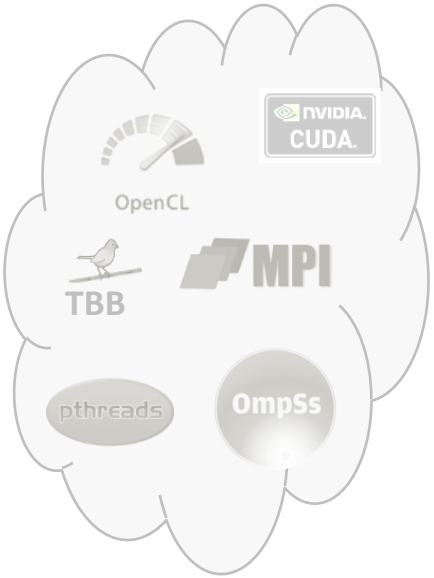


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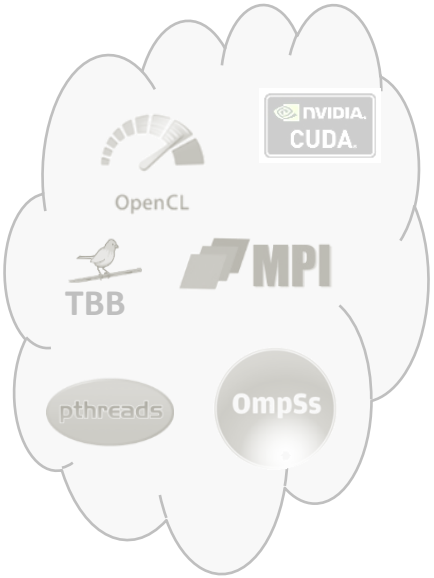


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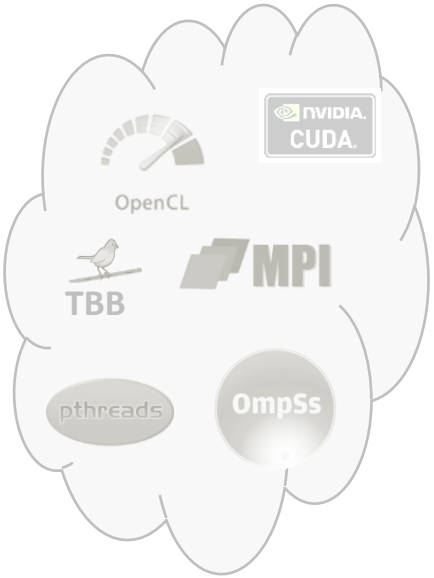


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- **Accelerator model** for improved performance/power consumption
- Allows expressing **fine grain**, both **structured** and **unstructured**, **parallelism**
- Implemented by several **chip** (TI Keystone, Kalray MPPA) and **compiler vendors** (GNU, Intel, IBM)

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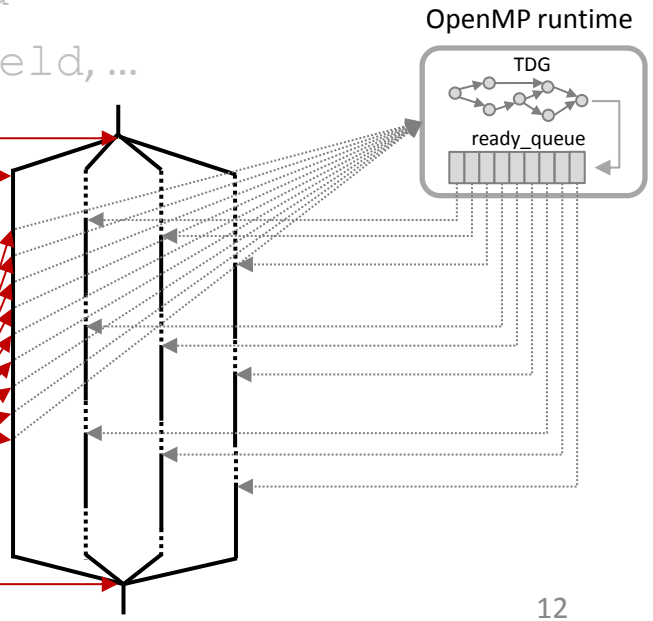

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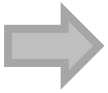

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**Programming model**

- Use directives to always allow whole program analysis.
- Forbid uncheckable features (flushes with arguments, priorities, etc.)
- Introduce error handling mechanisms

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  - **Tasklets** for exposing parallelism at fine grain
  - Support for **structured parallelism**

| Parallel blocks | Parallel loops |
|---|---|
| `parallel do`<br>`  handled_sequence_of_statements`<br>`and`<br>`  handled_sequence_of_statements`<br>`{and`<br>`  handled_sequence_of_statements}`<br>`end do;` | `parallel`<br>`for I in LB..UB loop`<br>`  sequence_of_statements`<br>`end loop;` |

  - Does not allow **blocking operations** within parallel regions
  - Under implementation (e.g., AdaCore)

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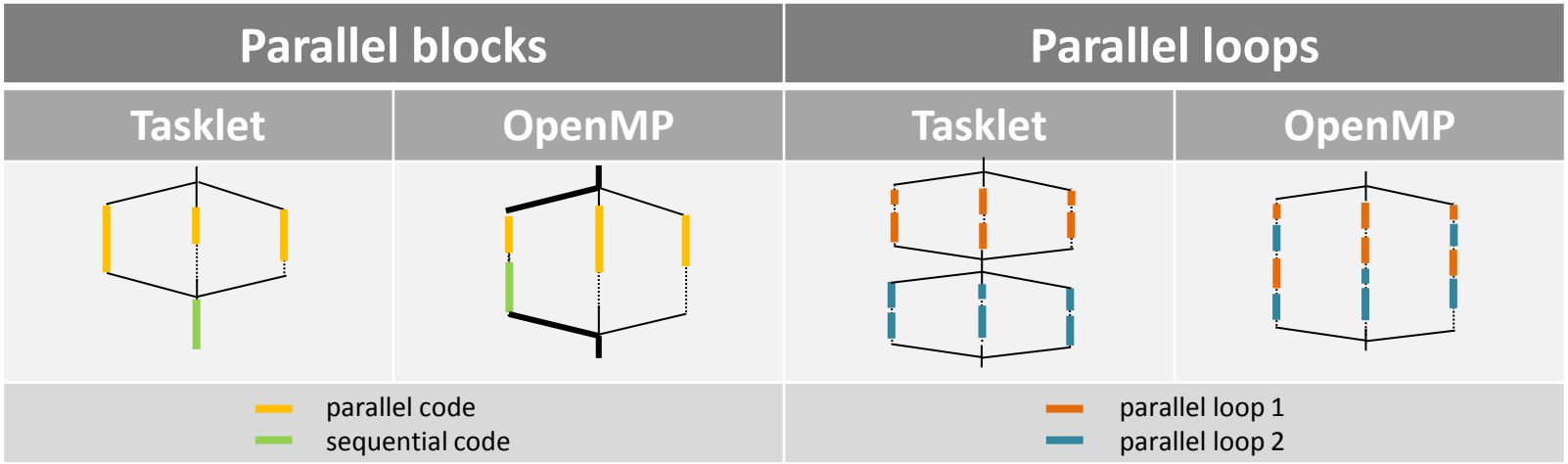


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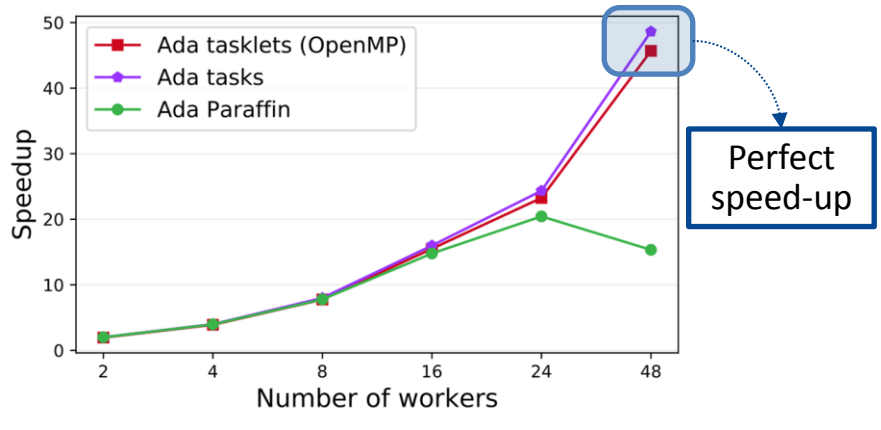

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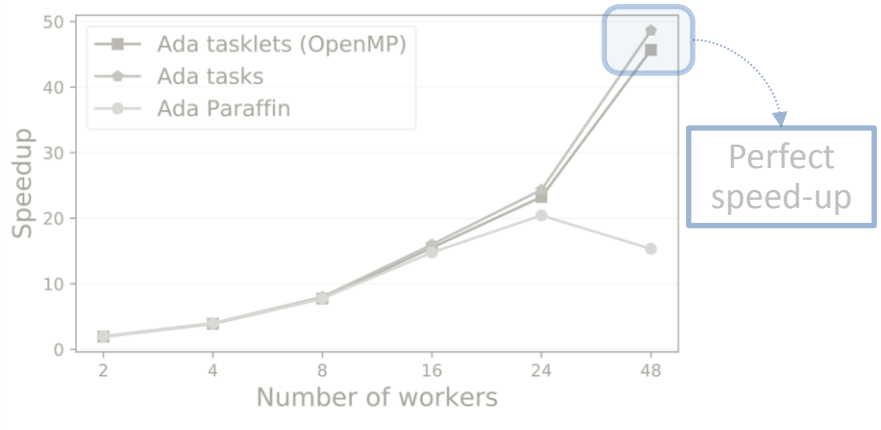


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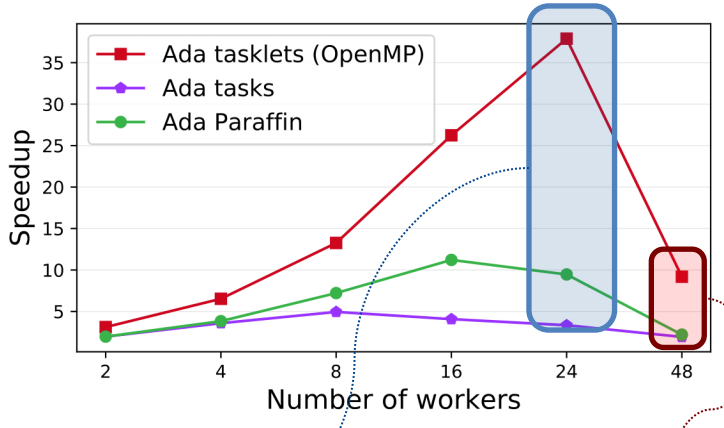


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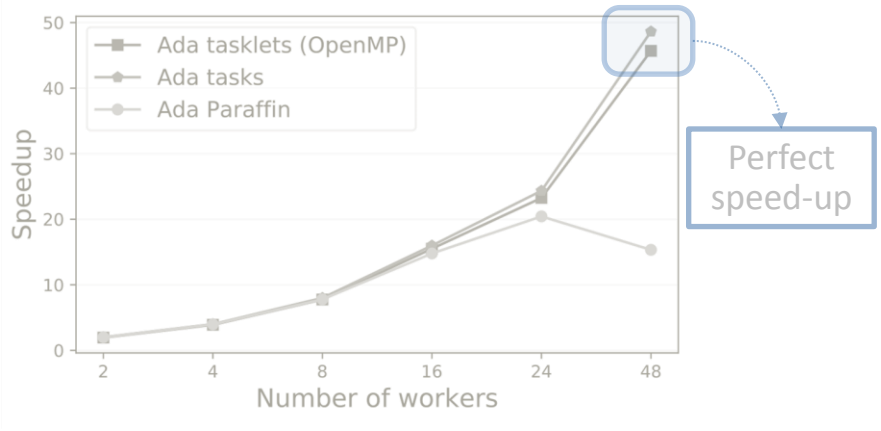


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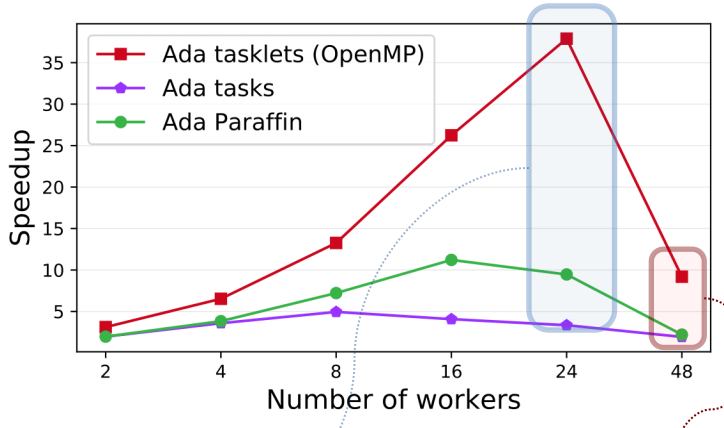


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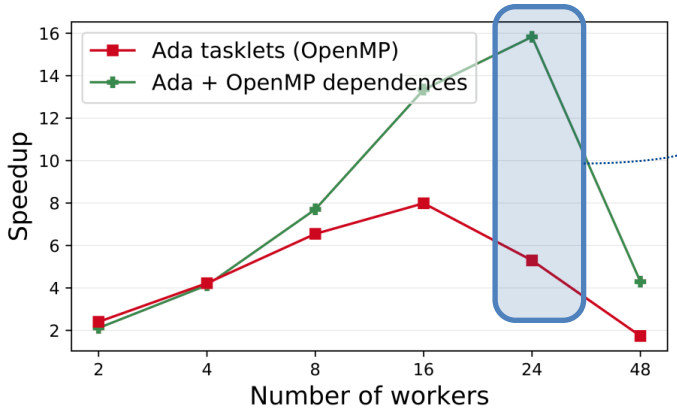
**Cholesky** (unstructured parallelism)

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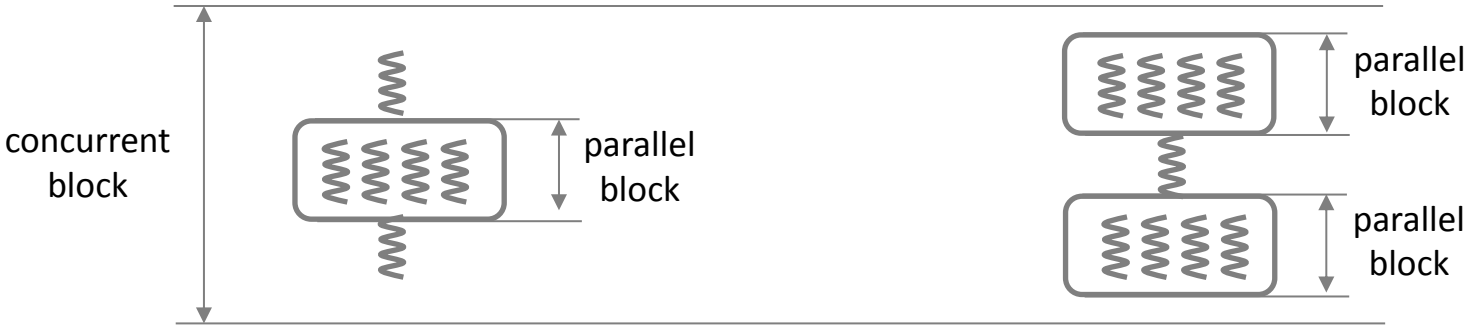


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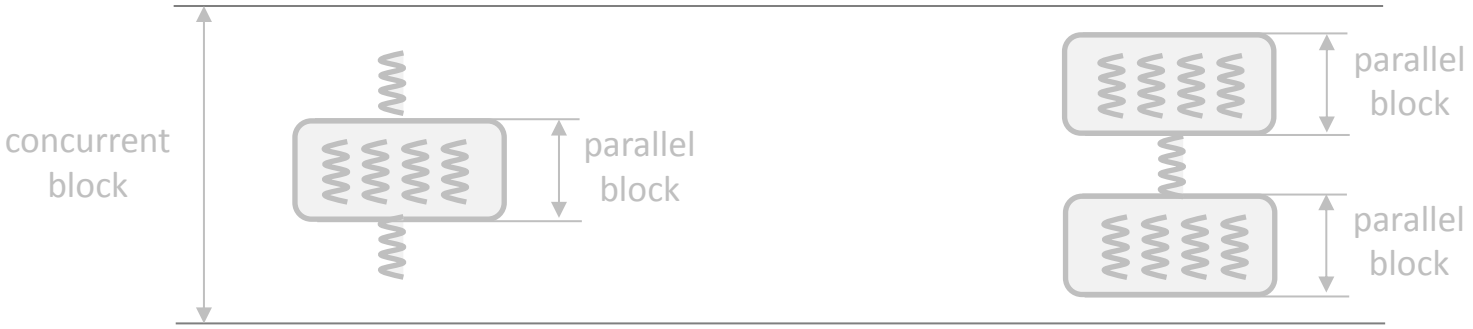


The **Ada Ravenscar profile** eases the generation of blocks of concurrency because dynamic task allocation and task termination are forbidden

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# Solve race conditions in Ada/OpenMP

1. Build an interprocedural PCFG
2. Recognize the different blocks of concurrency
3. Apply the following solutions if race conditions may arise:

| Race condition between | | Solution |
|---|---|---|
| Ada tasks | | Ada mechanisms: protected object |
| Ada and OpenMP tasks | | |
| OpenMP tasks | different binding regions[1] | |
| | same binding region[1] | OpenMP mechanisms[2]:<br>– Synchronization constructs and clauses: `taskwait, barrier, depend`<br>– Mutual exclusion constructs: `critical, atomic`<br>– Data-sharing attributes: `private, firstprivate, lastprivate` |

[1] Binding region: the enclosing region that determines the execution context and limits the scope of the effects of the bound region.

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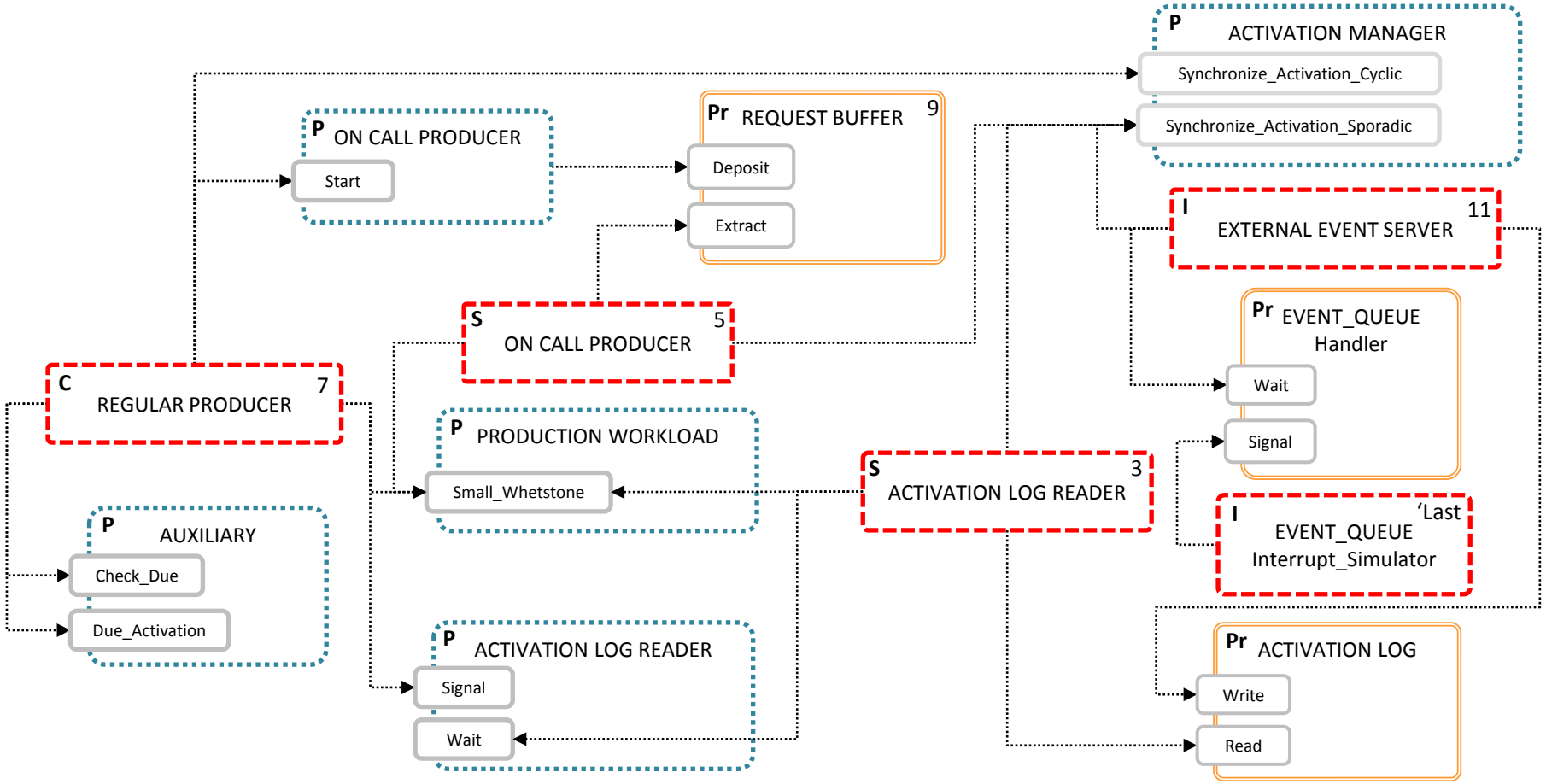


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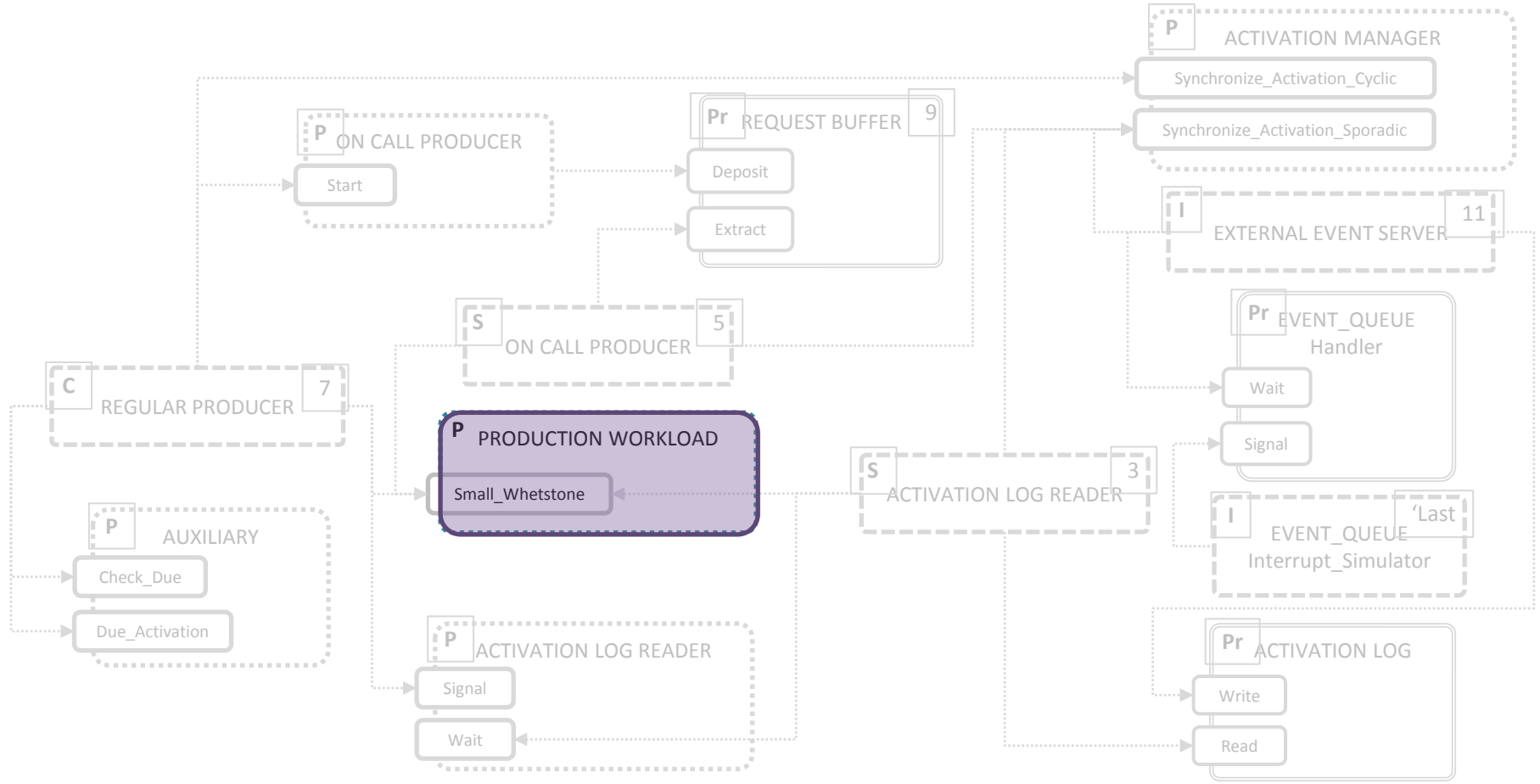


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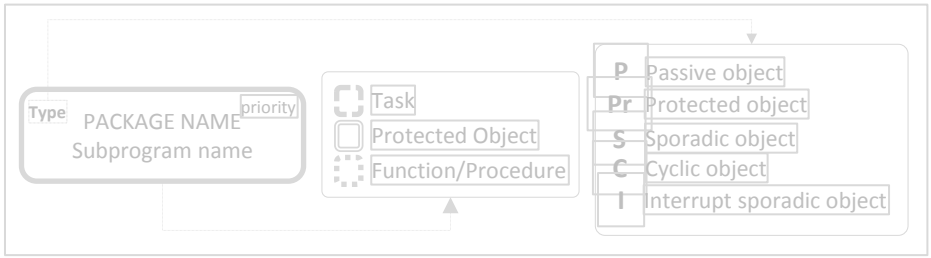

# Evaluation: *Ravenscar* application (HRT-HOOD)

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package body Production_Workload is
   type Dim is range 1..512;
   type M is array (Dim, Dim) of Float;
   M_A, M_B, M_C: M;

   procedure Read_Sensor_A is
   begin
      pragma OMP (parallel);
      pragma OMP (single);
      pragma OMP (taskloop);
      for I in Dim loop
         for J in Dim loop
            M_A(I, J) := sensor(1, I, J);
         end loop;
      end loop;
   end Read_Sensor_A;

 procedure Read_Sensor_B is
   begin
      pragma OMP (parallel);
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      for I in Dim loop
         for J in Dim loop
            M_B(I, J) := sensor(2, I, J);
         end loop;
      end loop;
   end Read_Sensor_B;

   procedure Fuse_Sensors is
   begin
      pragma OMP (parallel);
      pragma OMP (single);
      pragma OMP (taskloop);
      for I in Dim loop
         for J in Dim loop
            M_C(I, J) := M_A(I, J)
                       + M_B(I, J);
         end loop;
      end loop;
   end Fuse Sensors;

   procedure Small_Whetstone
       (Workload:Positive) is
   begin
      case Workload is
         when 1 => Read_Sensor_A;
         when 2 => Read_Sensor_B;
         when 3 => Fuse_Sensors;
         when others => null;
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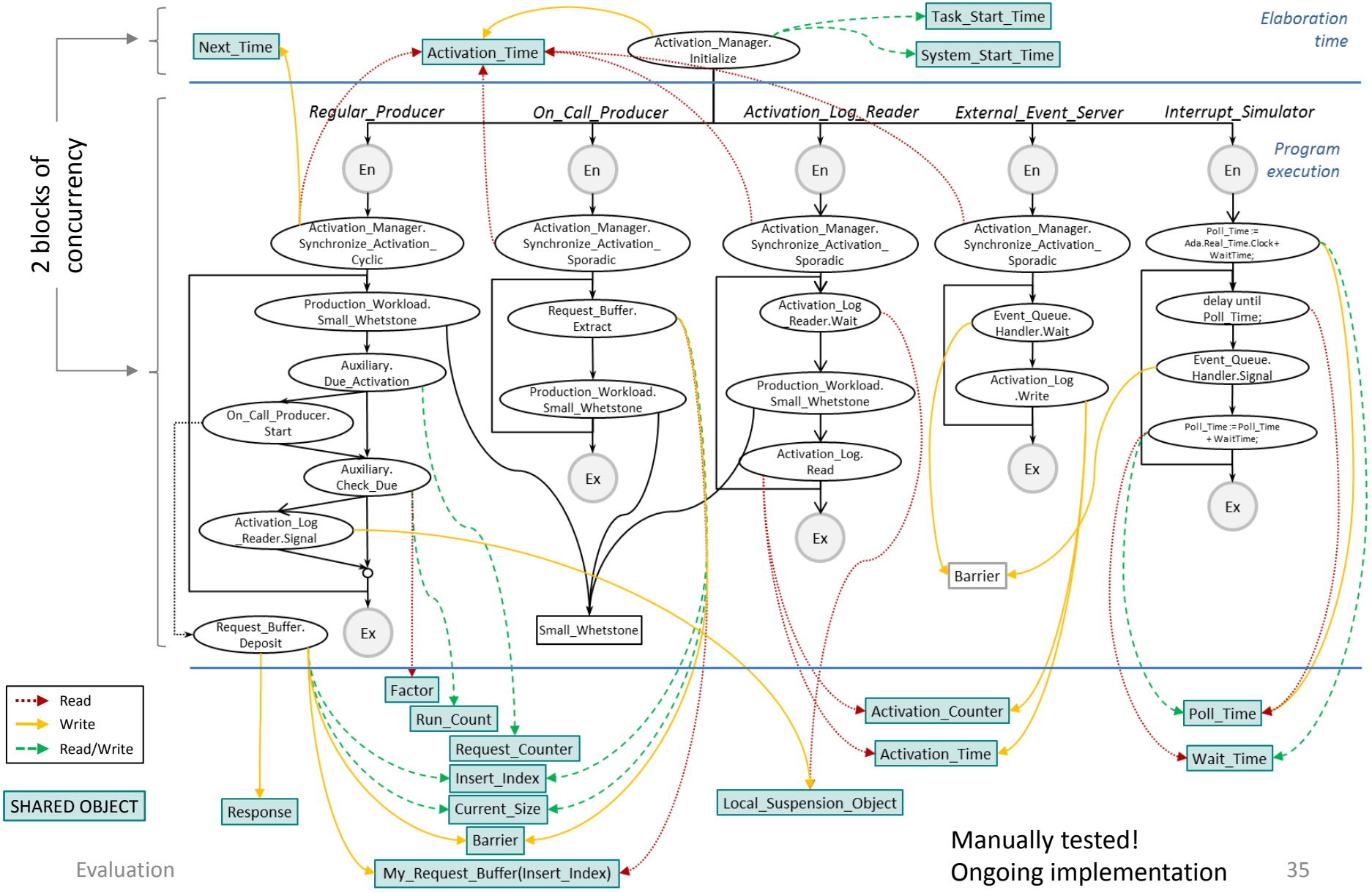


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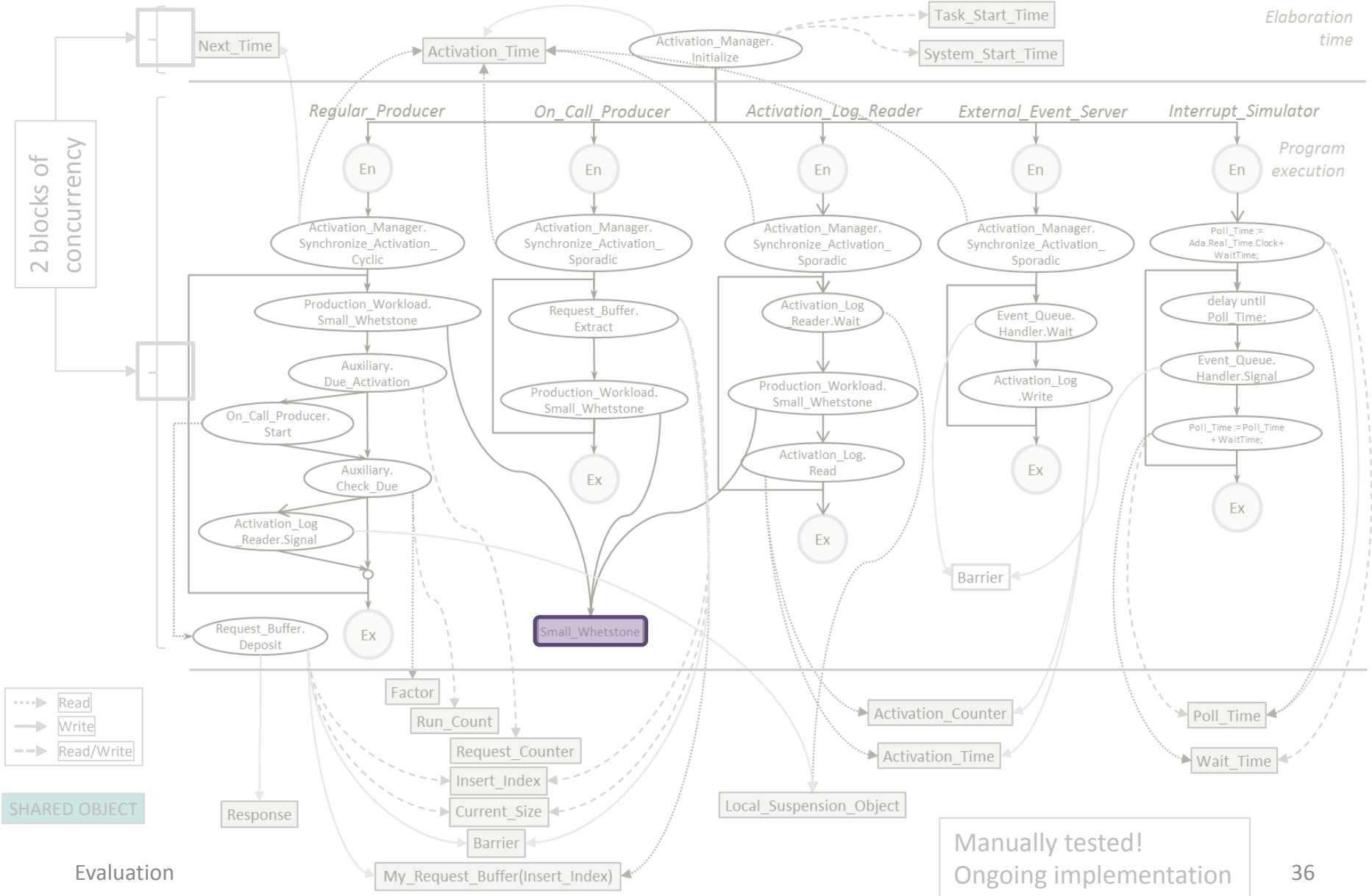


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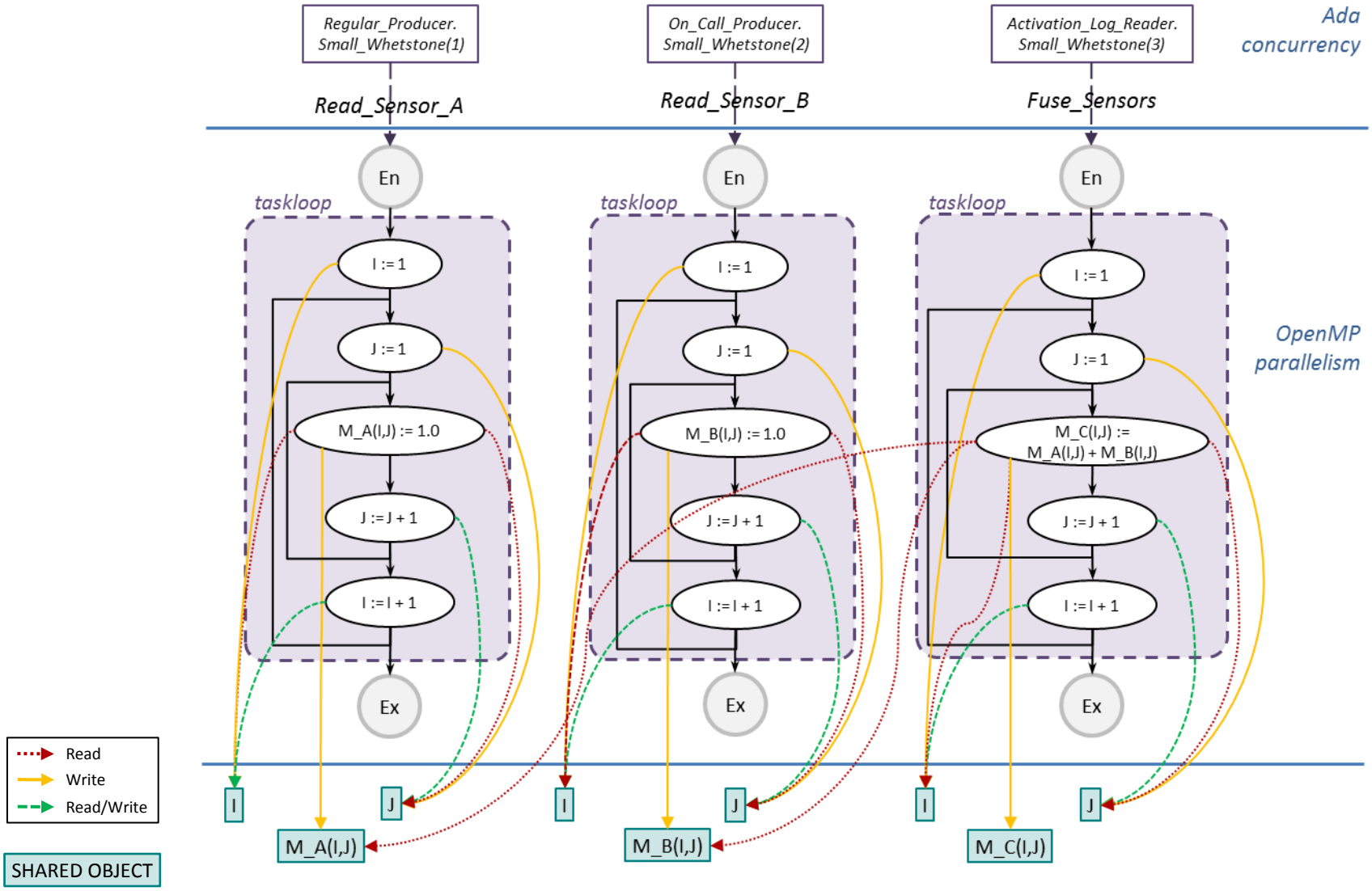

# Conclusions

- Ada moves towards introducing fine-grain mechanisms for parallel execution
- The tasklet model covers some important aspects but has several limitations that may be overcame by OpenMP
- Mixing Ada with OpenMP introduces complexities for static analysis because it mixes concurrency with parallelism
- Ada lacks mechanisms for data-race detection and OpenMP mechanisms only consider parallelism
- OpenMP mechanisms can be used by properly representing concurrency in the PCFG
- Non-Ravenscar applications can be tackled by further enriching the PCFG


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