

Performance Effects of Task Placement on ATS1 and CTS1

Managing MPI Rank and OpenMP Thread Placement with SLURM



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Summary - ATS-1/KNL

- Default placement performs poorly when using MPI and OpenMP together with the Intel programming environment
 - Use `--cpu-bind=cores`
- Intel gives faster, but less consistent performance vs. CRAY and Gnu
- CRAY and Gnu have similar performance on MPI everywhere
- CRAY is a little faster than Gnu on OpenMP everywhere

Summary - ATS-1/Haswell

- CRAY default placement performs poorly for MPI everywhere codes
 - Use `--cpu-bind=cores`
- All placements perform poorly for OpenMP everywhere codes
 - Use at least 2 MPI ranks per node
 - Use `--cpu-bind=sockets`
- Intel outperforms CRAY and Gnu for memory performance

Summary - CTS-1/Broadwell

- Intel outperforms Gnu for memory performance
- Do NOT use OMP_PROC_BIND="spread"
- Local memory access is about 60% faster than remote

Canary In The Coal Mine

- Throughout this study we use the stream microbenchmark to measure performance because, of the available resources,
- Memory performance is most sensitive to task placement
- Core, MPI and I/O performance are generally next, often in that order
- Depending on how tasks are placed, stream shows performance impact due to both memory affinity and core loading (i.e., load imbalance), but not MPI or I/O

ATS1 (Mutrino) KNL

Three Programming Environments

- Cray PE - PrgEnv-cray/6.0.4
- Gnu PE - PrgEnv-gnu/6.0.4
- Intel PE - PrgEnv-intel/6.0.4

Three Memory Environments

- Main Memory (DDR)

```
$ sbatch --constraint=kn1,quad,flat
```

```
$ srun numactl --membind=0 $exe
```

- Cache

```
$ sbatch --constraint=kn1,quad,cache
```

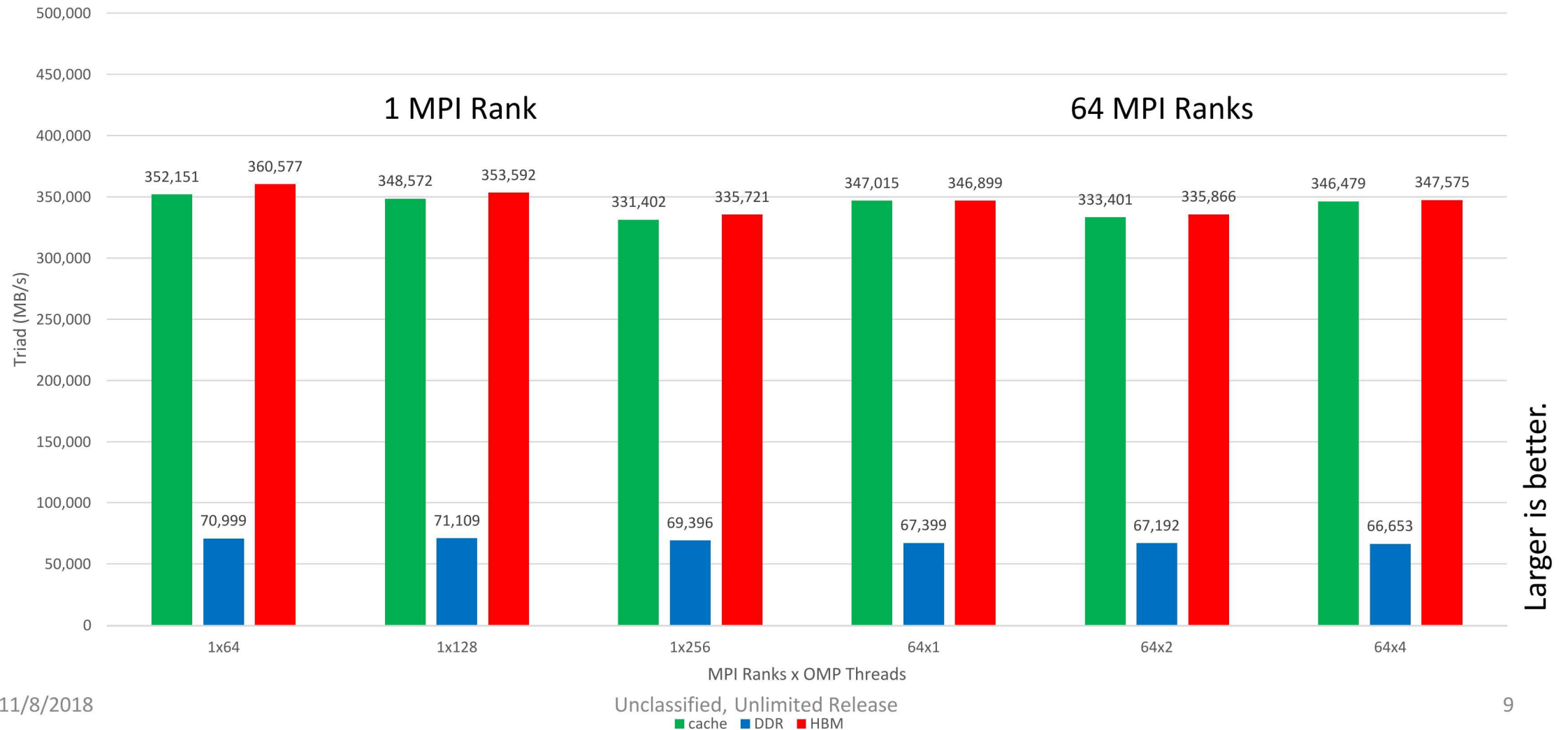
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$ srun $exe
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- High-Bandwidth Memory (HBM)

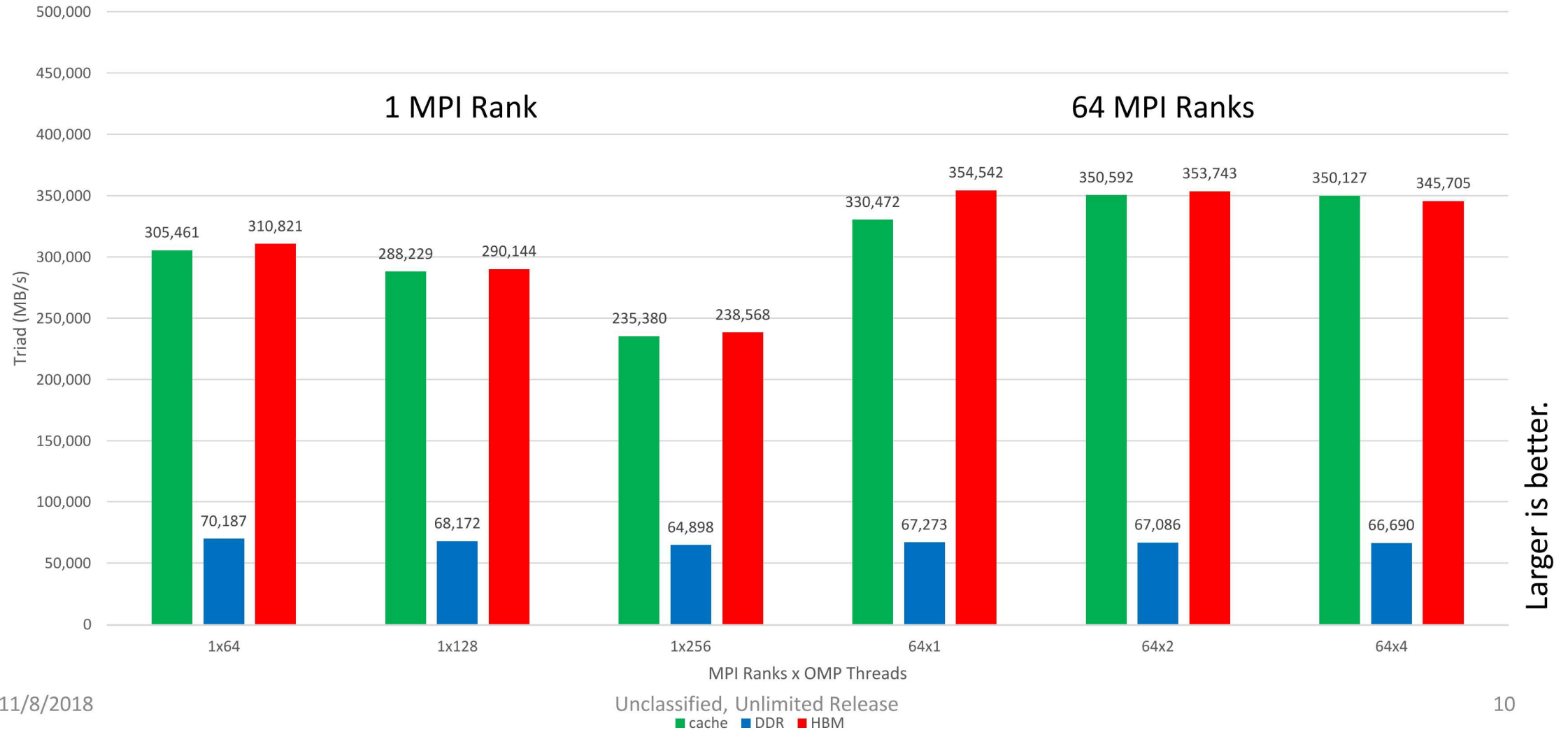
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$ sbatch --constraint=kn1,quad,flat
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```
$ srun numactl --membind=1 $exe
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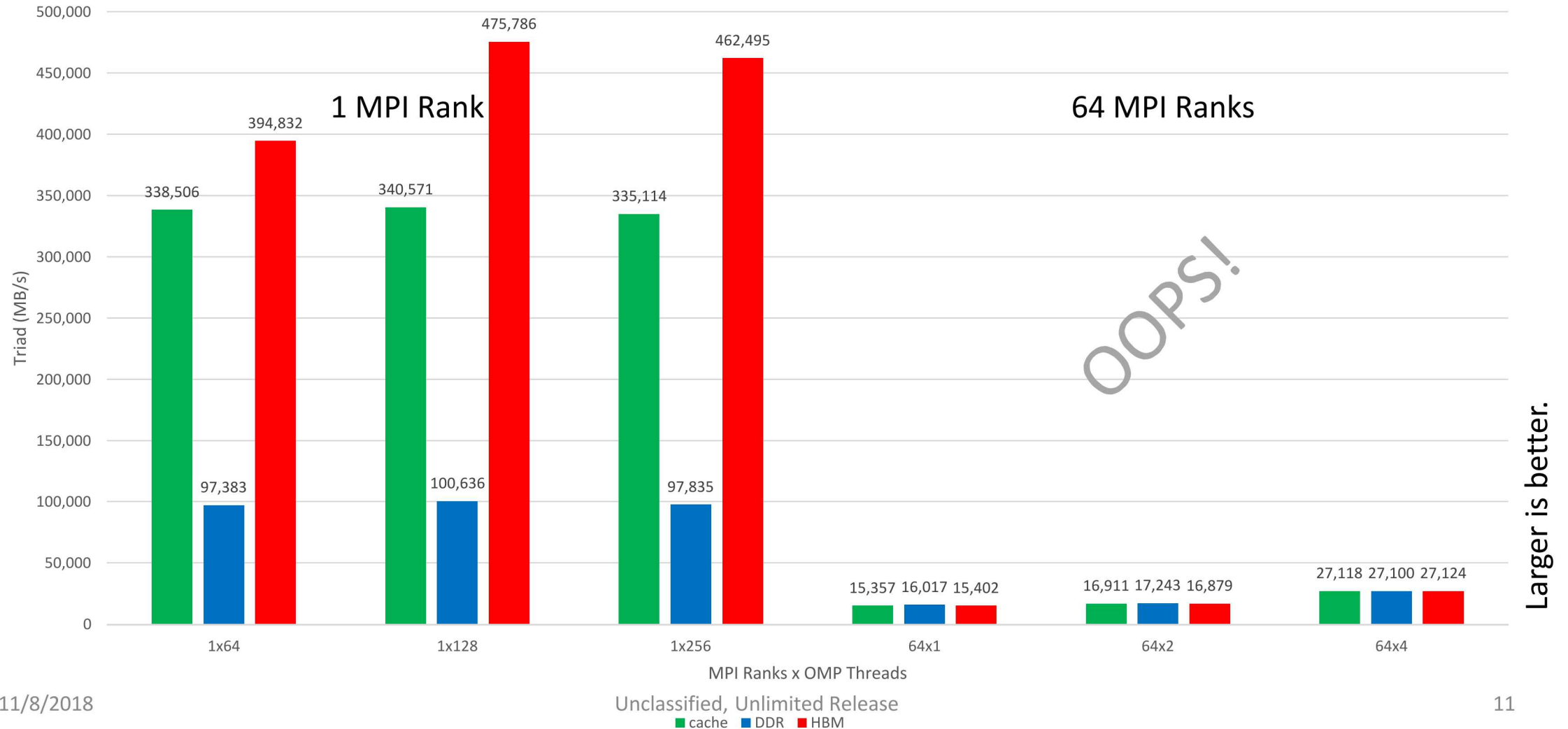
Stream on CRAY PE (Default Rank Placement)



Stream on Gnu PE (Default Rank Placement)



Stream on Intel PE (Default Rank Placement)



What is going wrong?

- Srun is not constraining the binding of ranks to hardware threads
 - The CPU affinity mask allows all hardware threads to be selected
 - This is as it should be, allowing the Linux kernel to manage load balancing across threads and cores
- Intel OpenMP run-time is binding OMP threads to hardware threads in an attempt to gain more performance
 - Each MPI rank has its own collection of OMP threads
 - OMP thread binding is based on the values in the rank CPU affinity mask
 - Each OMP run-time is making the *same* decisions based on the *same* info
 - The result is that each MPI rank is bound to the **same** hardware threads, causing a massive load imbalance

It is a combination of factors...

- The problem is caused by using **all** of the following at the same time:
 - Default (unconstrained) rank binding
 - Multiple MPI ranks per KNL node
 - Intel OpenMP threads
- The fix is to change any **one** (or more) of the above conditions
 - Explicitly bind MPI ranks to disjoint sets of cores/threads, or...
 - Use only a single MPI rank per KNL node, or...
 - Compile applications without Intel OpenMP
 - Setting OMP_NUM_THREADS=1 is **not** enough!
- In other words, either avoid hybrid models of parallel execution, or explicitly bind MPI ranks to disjoint sets of cores

Hierarchy of Controls

- SLURM resource manager (via sbatch) allocates resources
- srun/mpirun/mpiexec
 - Launches programs on reserved resources
 - Maps MPI ranks to nodes, NUMA domains and cores
 - Binds MPI ranks to nodes, NUMA domains and cores
- OMP run-time system may re-map and re-bind ranks and threads
- Linux/TOSS3 kernel executes the requested core/domain bindings
 - srun and OMP run-times request mapping and binding
 - The kernel is responsible for honoring the binding
 - Bindings are communicated via CPU affinity masks
 - CPU affinity masks list the allowed hardware threads for a process or thread

Sbatch Options

- `--constraint={knl,quad,flat or knl,quad,cache}`
- `--nodes=$nodes_per_job`

Srun Options

- `--nodes= $\$nodes\_per\_job$`
- `--ntasks= $\$ranks\_per\_job$`
- `--ntasks-per-node= $\$ranks\_per\_node$`
- `--distribution={block;cyclic}`
- `--cpu-bind=...`
 - `map_cpu: $r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{n-1}$`
 - `cpu_mask:0xF...F,0xF...F,...`
 - `cores`
- `numactl --membind={0;1} --cpunodebind={1,0} $exe`

Mpirun and Mpiexec Options

- Default
 - MPI ranks are distributed BLOCK
 - All slots are filled
- `--map-by ppr:$ranks_per_node:node`
 - Limited to no more than `$ranks_per_node` ranks on each node
- `--rank-by {node,socket,core,hwthread}`
 - `--rank-by node` - MPI ranks are distributed CYCLIC (i.e., round robin)
 - `--rank-by socket` - MPI ranks are distributed BLOCK
- `--bind-to {none,socket,core,hwthread}`
 - MPI ranks are allowed to float anywhere (none), within the socket (socket), within a core (core), or not allowed to float (hwthread)

OpenMP Controls

- export OMP_PROC_BIND=*true,false,spread,close,master*
 - *true*: threads should not be moved
 - *false*: threads may be moved
 - *spread*: threads are distributed across partitions (i.e., NUMA domains)
 - *close*: threads are kept close to the master thread, similar to *master*
 - *master*: threads are kept in the same partition as the master thread
- export OMP_PLACES=*threads,cores,sockets*
 - *threads*: OpenMP threads are placed on successive hardware threads
 - *cores*: OpenMP threads are placed on successive processor cores
 - *sockets*: OpenMP threads are placed on successive sockets

What I used to get the best performance...

- `srun`

- `--nodes=$nodes_per_job`

- *Specifies the number of nodes to use, must be less than or equal to the nodes allocated*

- `--ntasks=$ranks_per_job`

- *Specifies the total number of MPI ranks to use*

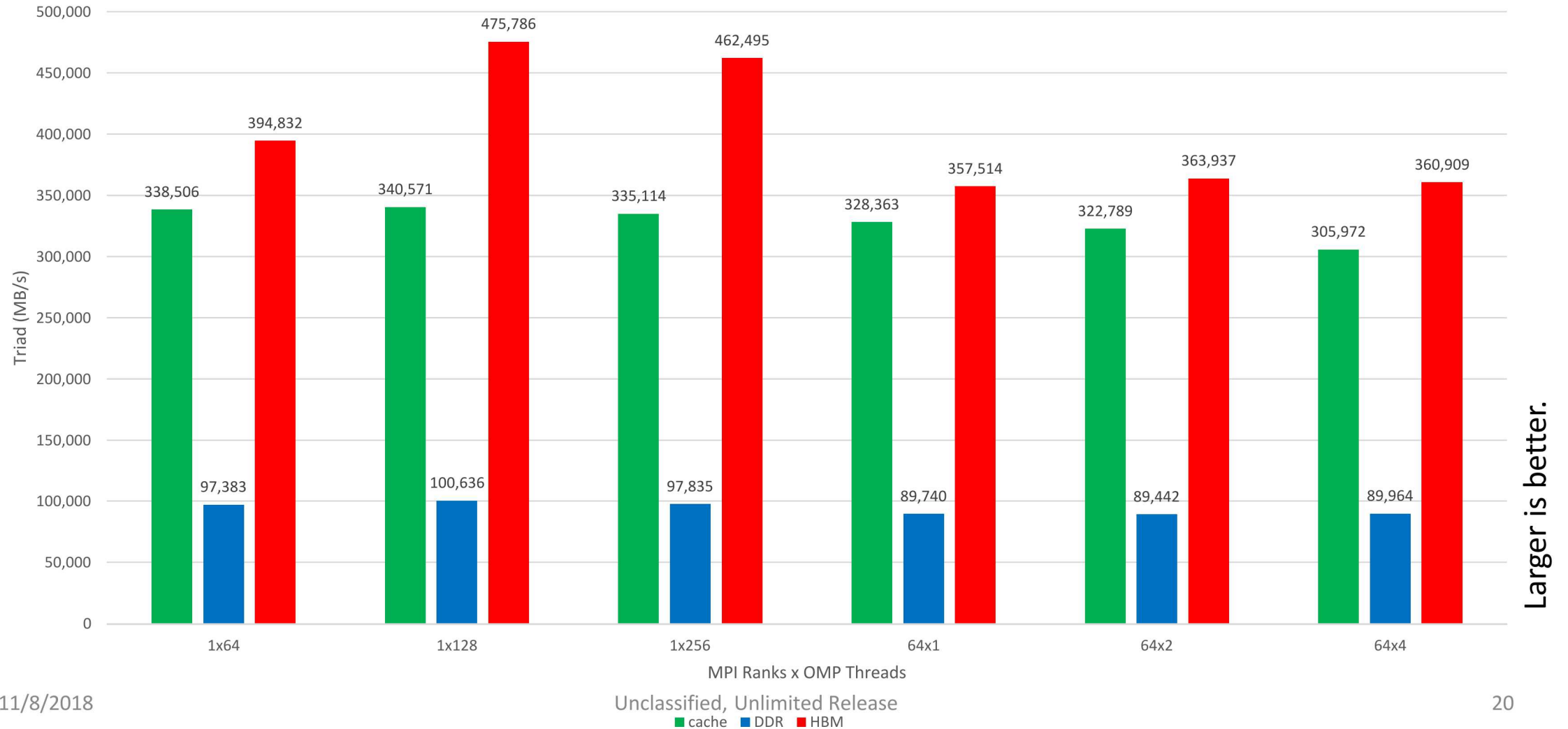
- `--ntasks-per-node=$ranks_per_node`

- *Specifies the number of ranks to use on each node*

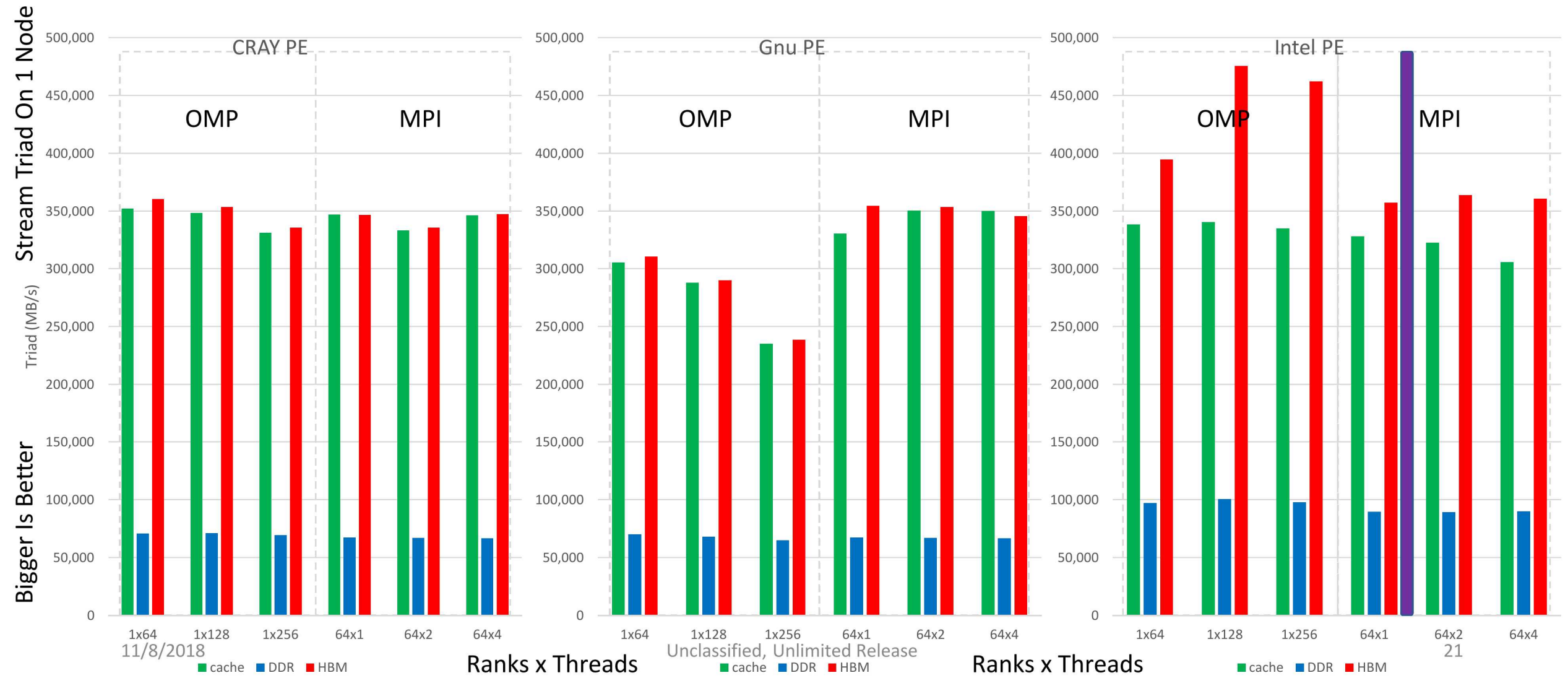
- `--cpu-bind=cores`

- `numactl --membind=1 $exe`

Stream on Intel PE (--cpu-bind=cores)



Memory Performance By Programming Env.



Combinations of Parallelism

- OpenMP Everywhere - 1 MPI rank; 68, 136, 272 OMP threads / rank
- Hemisphere - 2 MPI ranks; 34, 68, 136 OpenMP threads per rank
- Quadrant - 4 MPI ranks; 17, 34, 68 OpenMP threads per rank
- Octant - 8 MPI ranks; 8, 17, 34 OpenMPI threads per rank
- x17 - 17 MPI ranks; 4, 8, 17 OpenMPI threads per rank
- x34 - 34 MPI ranks; 2, 4, 8 OpenMPI threads per rank
- MPI Everywhere - 68 MPI ranks; 1, 2, 4 OpenMP threads per rank

Using Combinations of Parallelism

- OpenMP Everywhere (default)
- MPI Everywhere (--cpu-mask=cores)
- Hemisphere (x2) --cpu-mask=
0x000000003fffffffff000000003fffffffff000000003fffffffff000000003fffffffff,
0xffffffffffc00000000ffffffffffc00000000ffffffffffc00000000ffffffffffc00000000
- Quadrant (x4) --cpu-mask=
0x00000000000001ffff00000000000001ffff00000000000001ffff00000000000001ffff,
0x000000003fffe00000000000003fffe0000000000003fffe0000000000003fffe0000,
0x00007fffc0000000000007fffc0000000000007fffc0000000000007fffc00000000,
0xfffff8000000000000fffff80000000000fffff80000000000fffff8000000000000

Other Combinations of Parallelism

- Octant (x8) --cpu-mask=

```
0x0000000000000000ff000000000000ff000000000000ff000000000000ff,  
0x0000000000000000ff000000000000ff000000000000ff000000000000ff00,  
...  
0x000ff000000000000000ff00000000000ff00000000000ff000000000000,  
0x0ff000000000000000ff00000000000ff00000000000ff000000000000
```

} 8

- x17 --cpu-mask=

```
0x0000000000000000f000000000000000f0000000000000000f000000000000f,  
0x0000000000000000f000000000000000f0000000000000000f000000000000f0,  
...  
0x0f0000000000000000f000000000000000f0000000000000000f000000000000,  
0xf000000000000000f000000000000000f0000000000000000f000000000000
```

} 17

- x34 --cpu-mask=

```
0x0000000000000000300000000000000030000000000000000300000000000003,  
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...  
0x3000000000000000300000000000000030000000000000000300000000000000,  
0xc000000000000000c000000000000000c0000000000000000c00000000000000
```

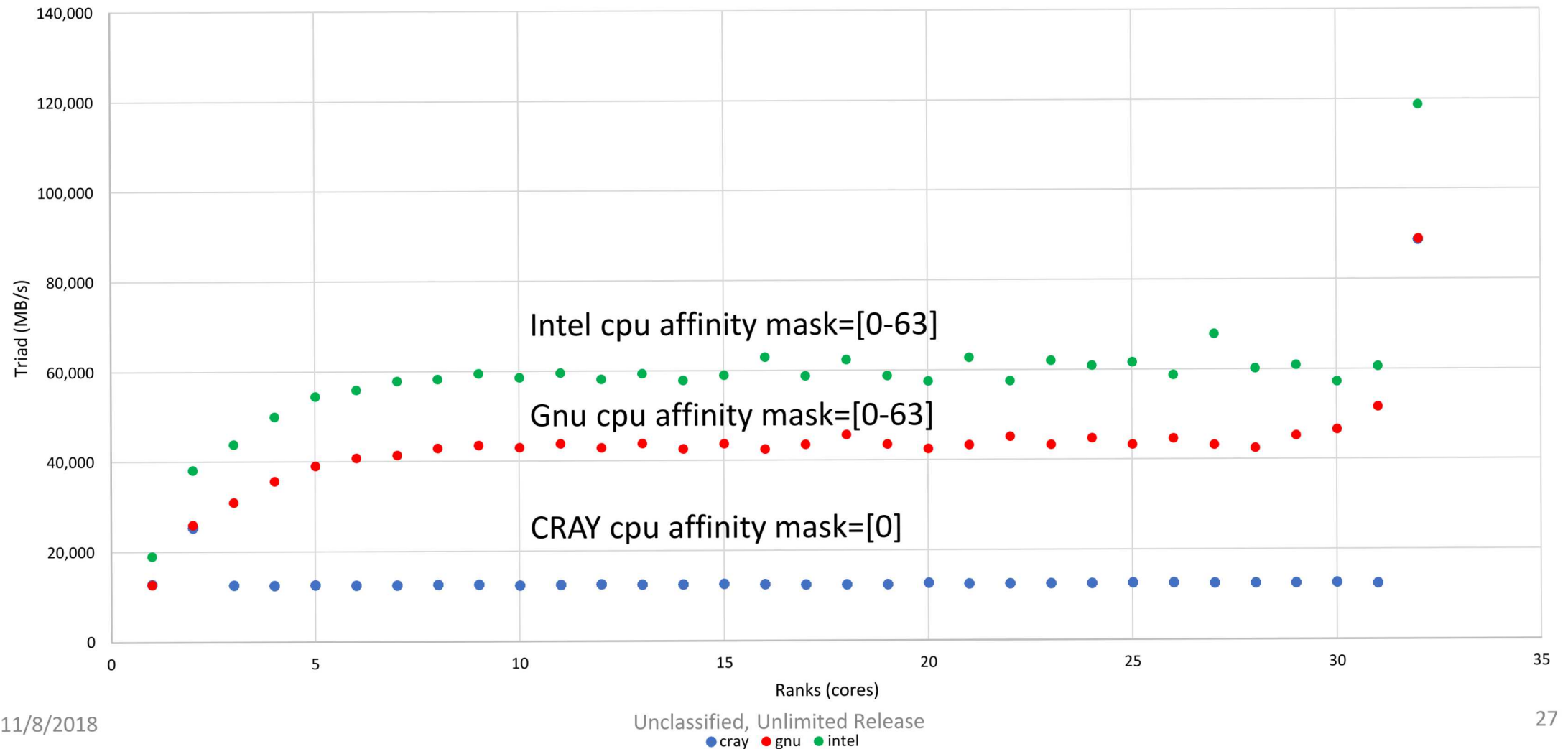
} 34

ATS1 (Mutrino) Haswell

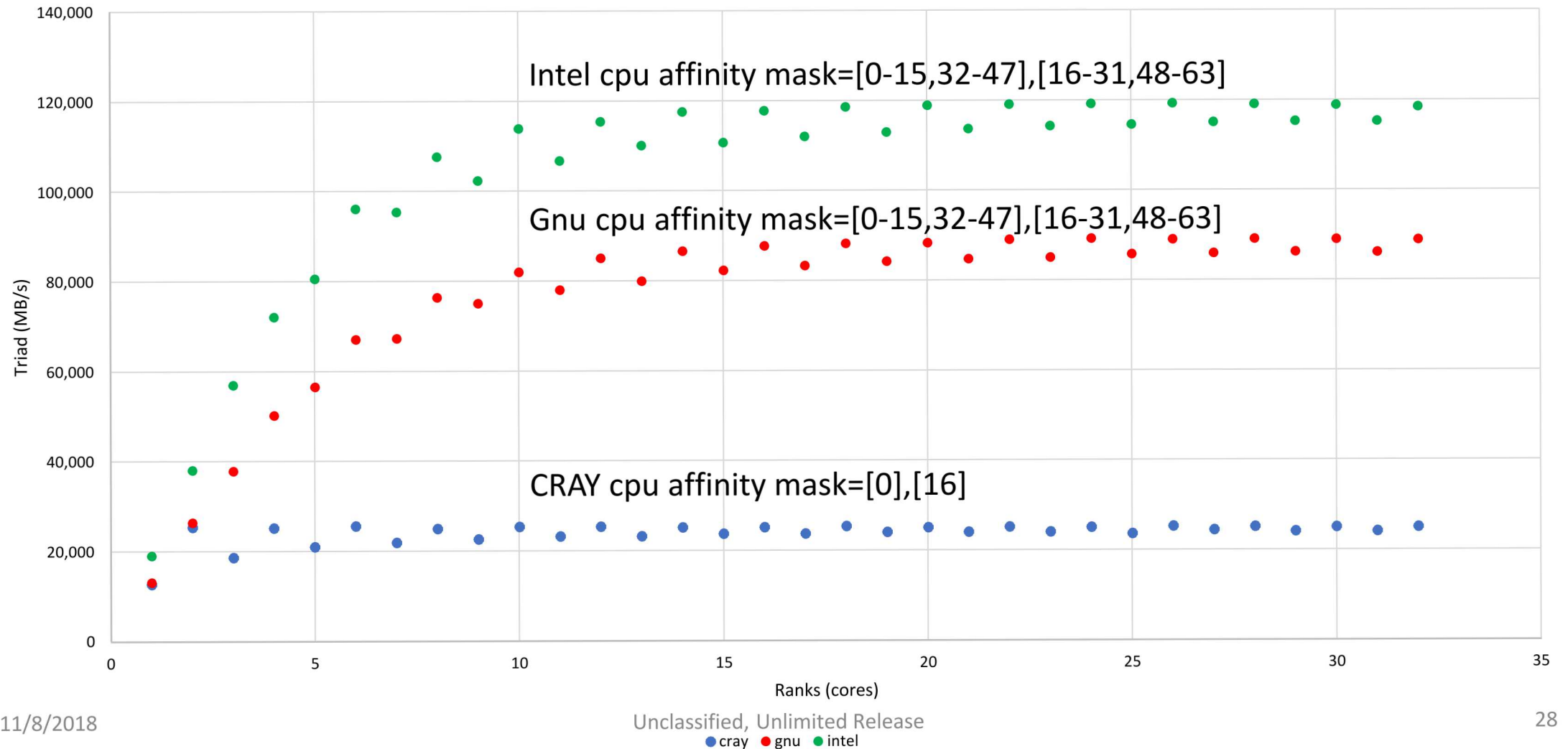
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- And two memory domains

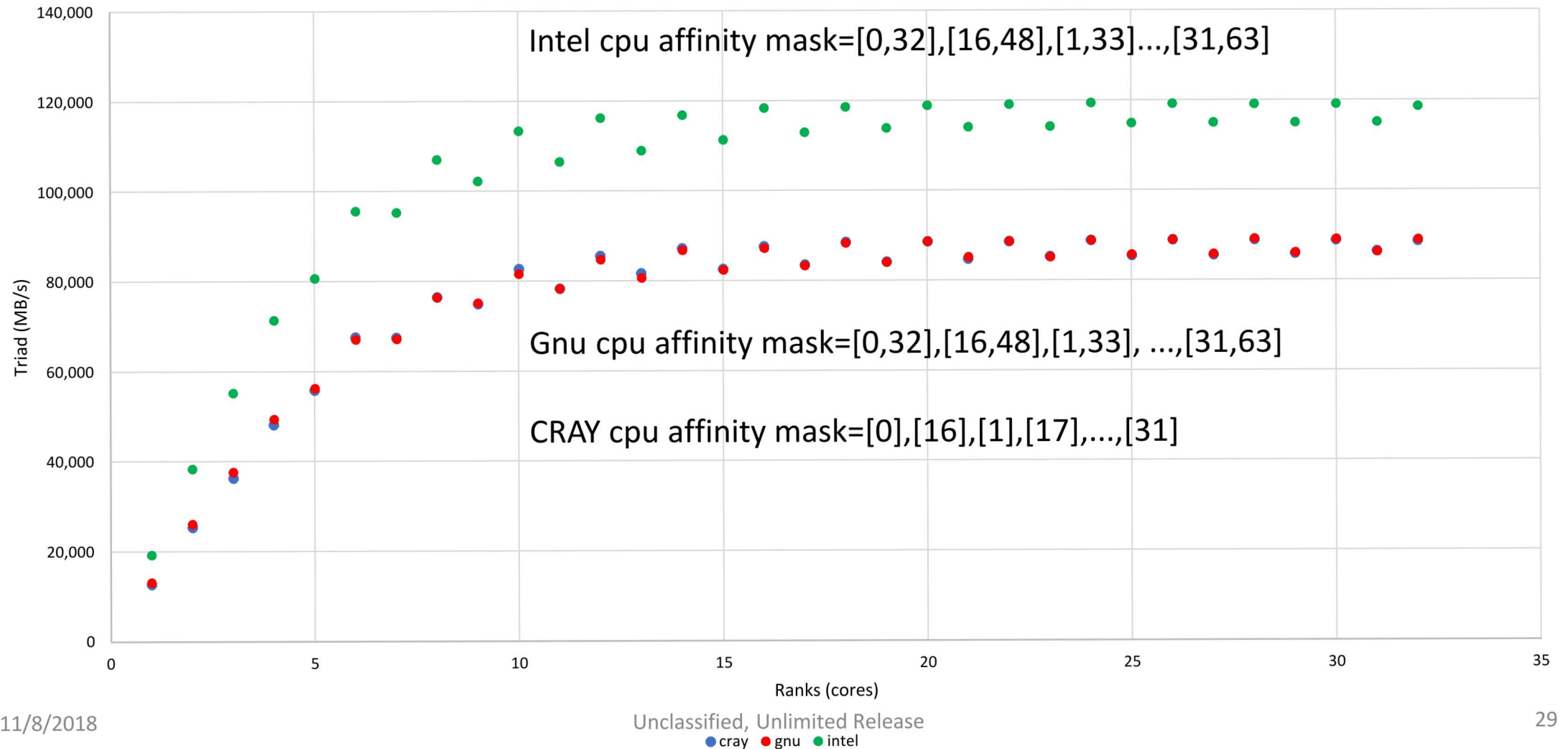
Default Distribution and Bindings (MPI)



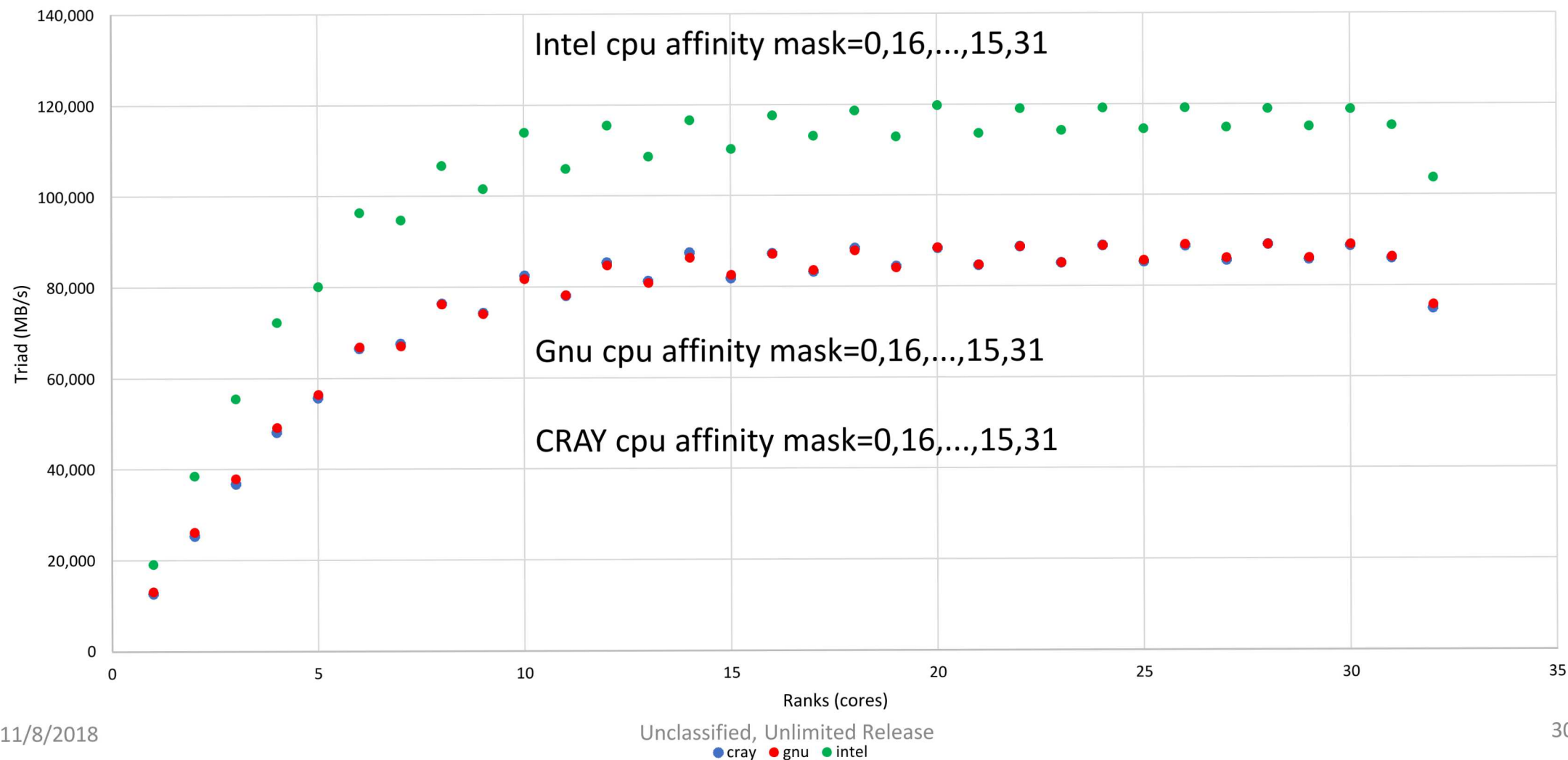
--cpu-bind=sockets (MPI)



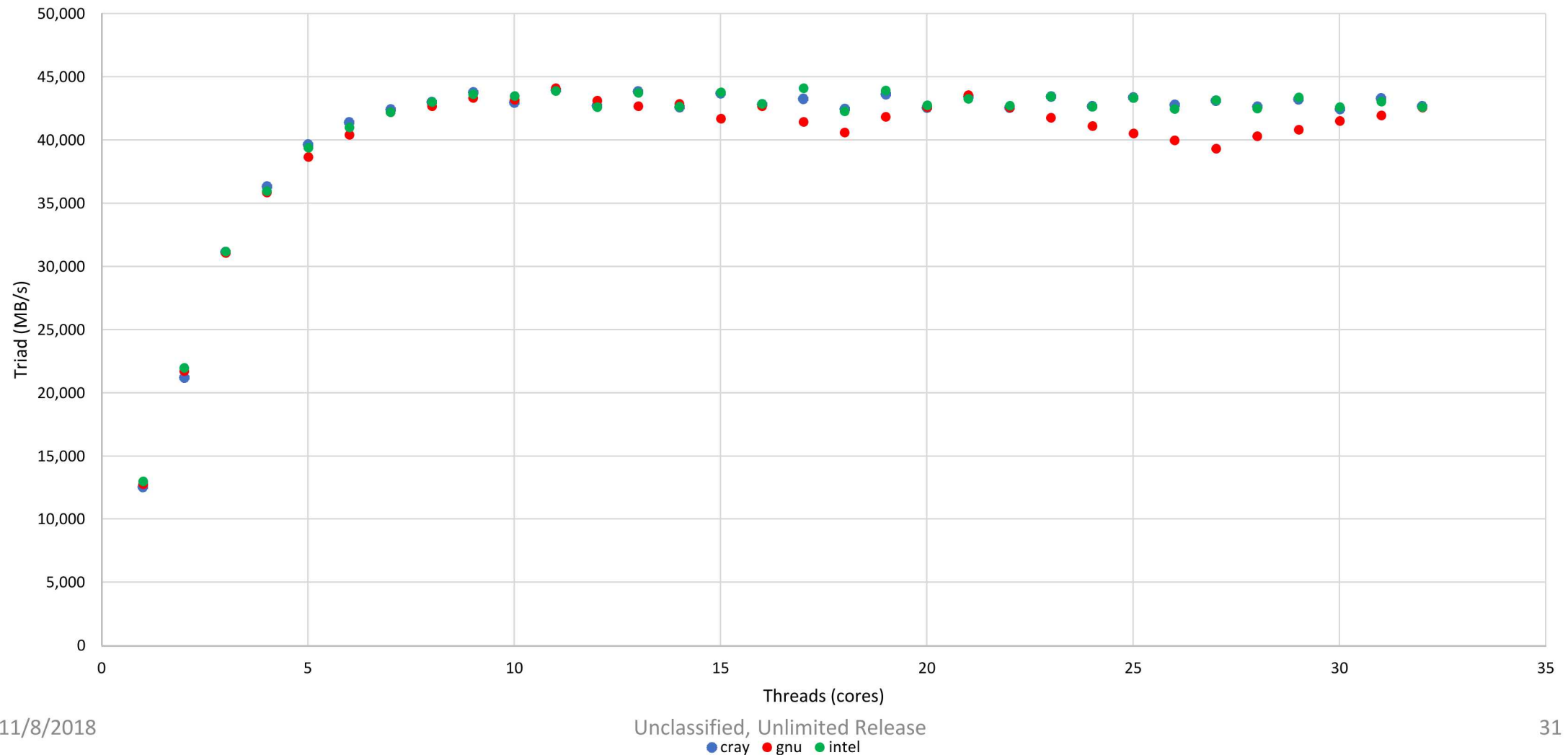
--cpu-bind=cores (MPI)



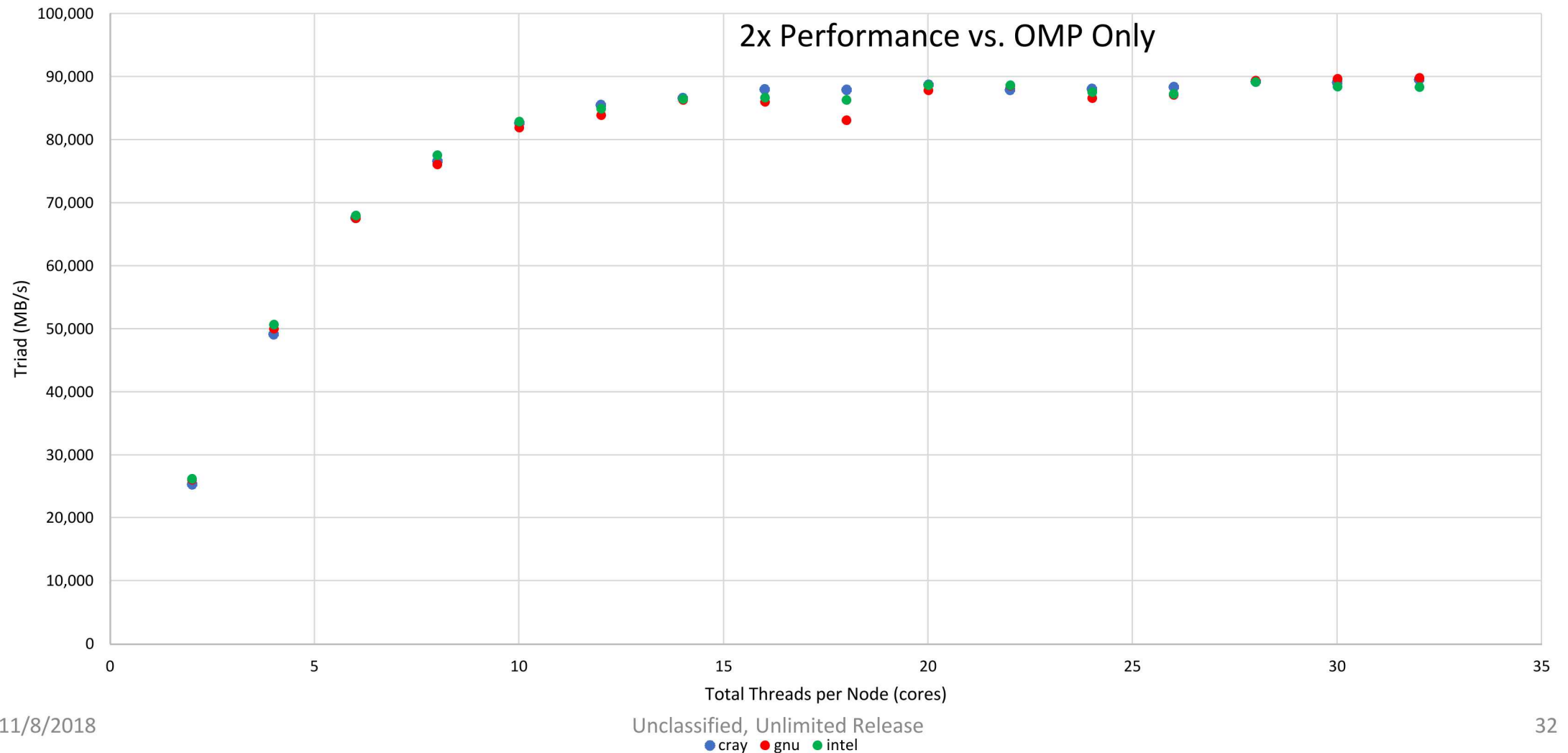
--cpu-bind=map_cpu:0,16,1,...,30,15,31 (MPI)



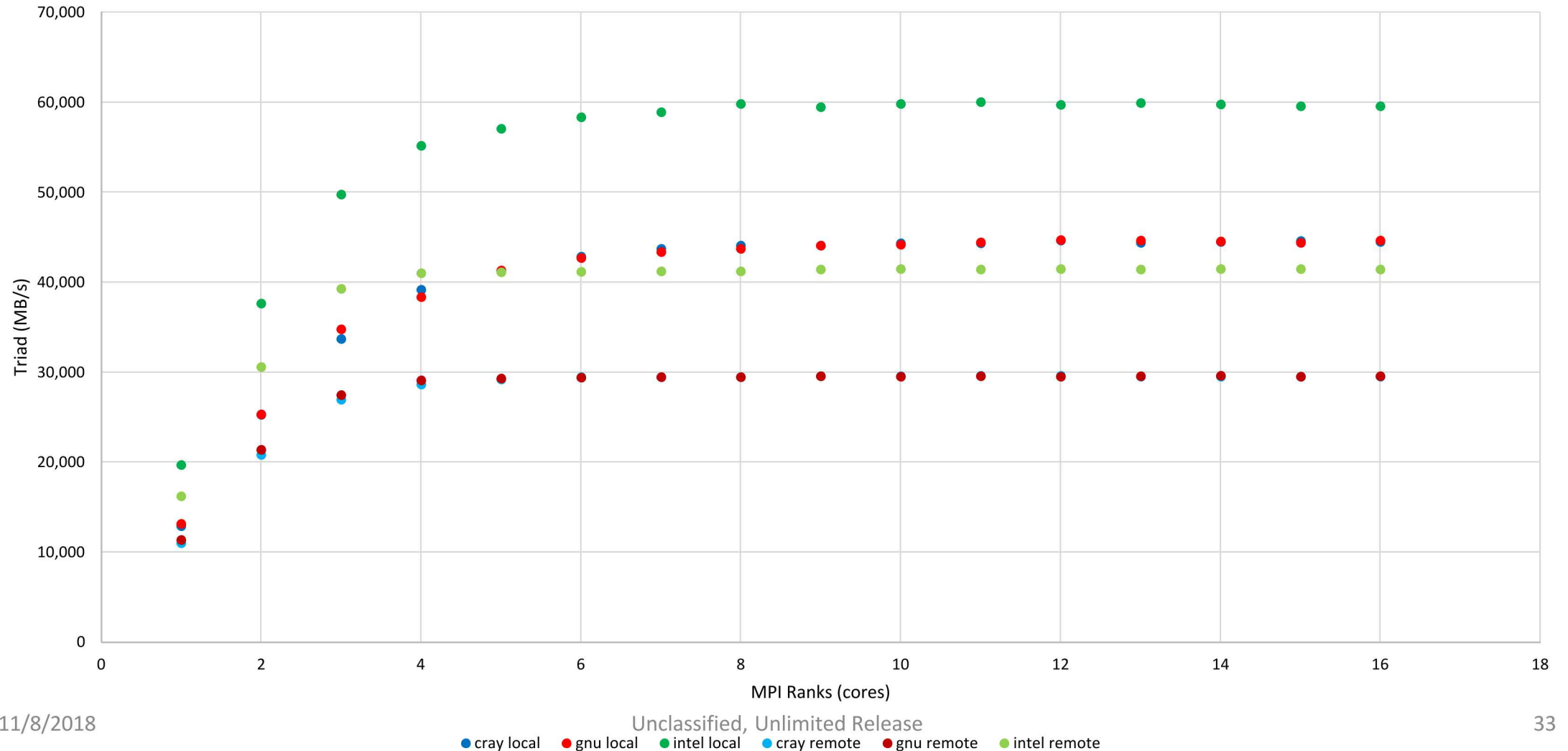
Threads Only - (1 Rank, k Threads per Node)



2 Ranks, k Threads per Node



Single Socket Local and Remote (MPI)



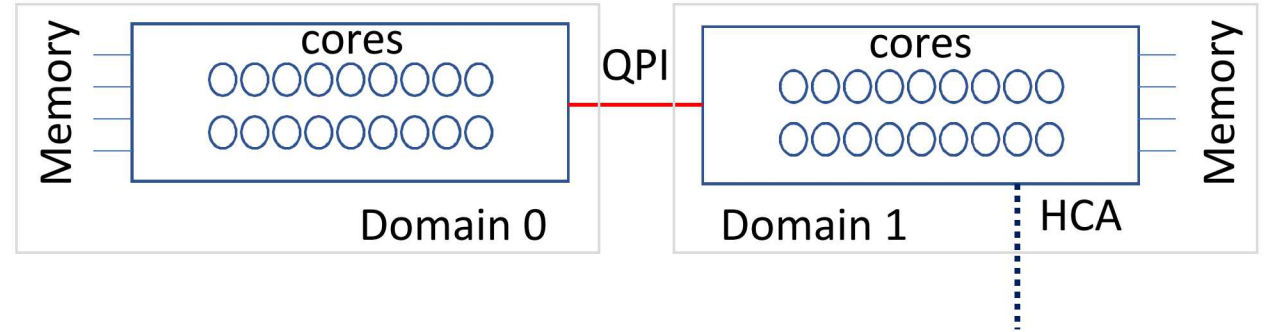
CTS1 (Eclipse) Broadwell

Two Programming Environments

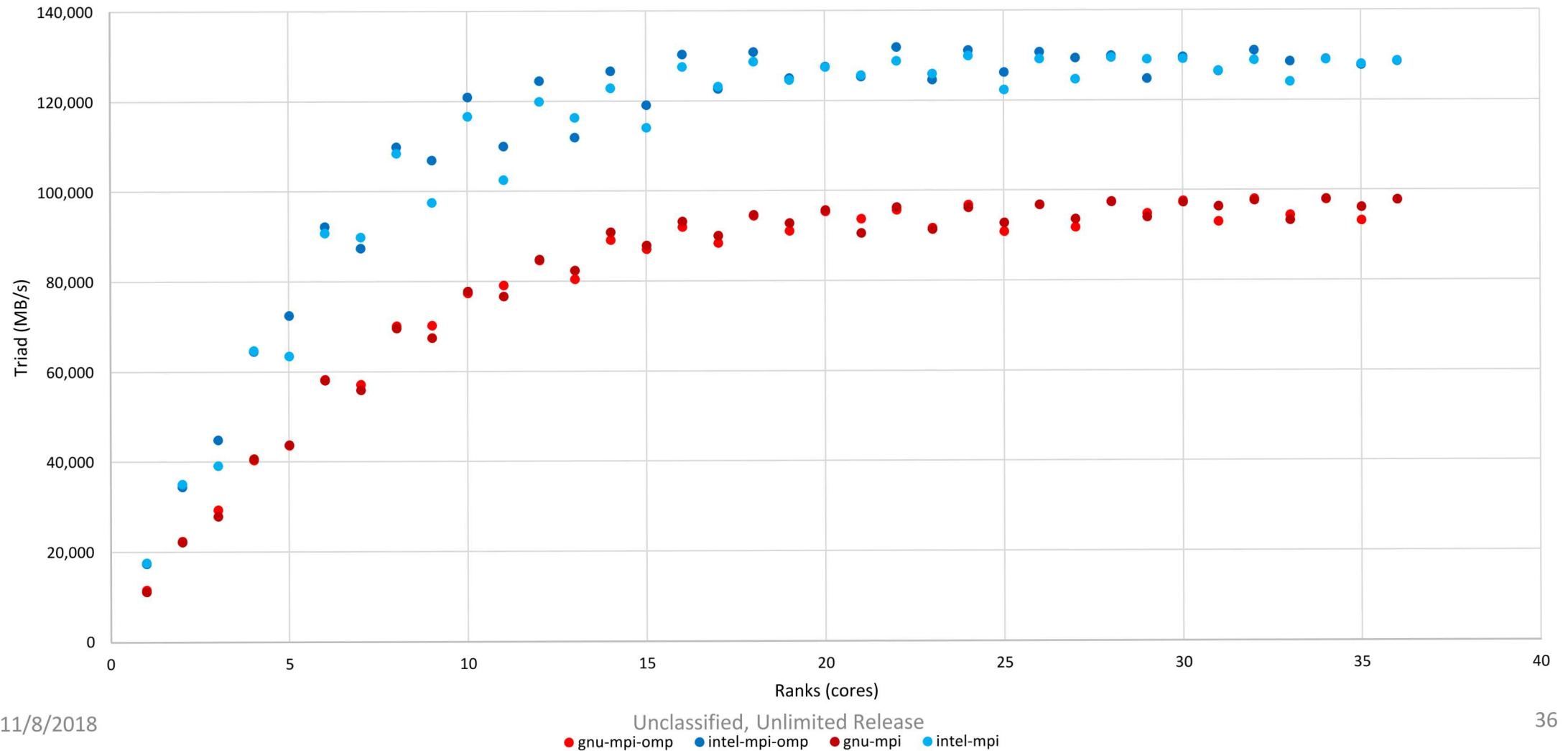
- Gnu - we used gnu/7.3.1
- Intel - we used intel/18.0

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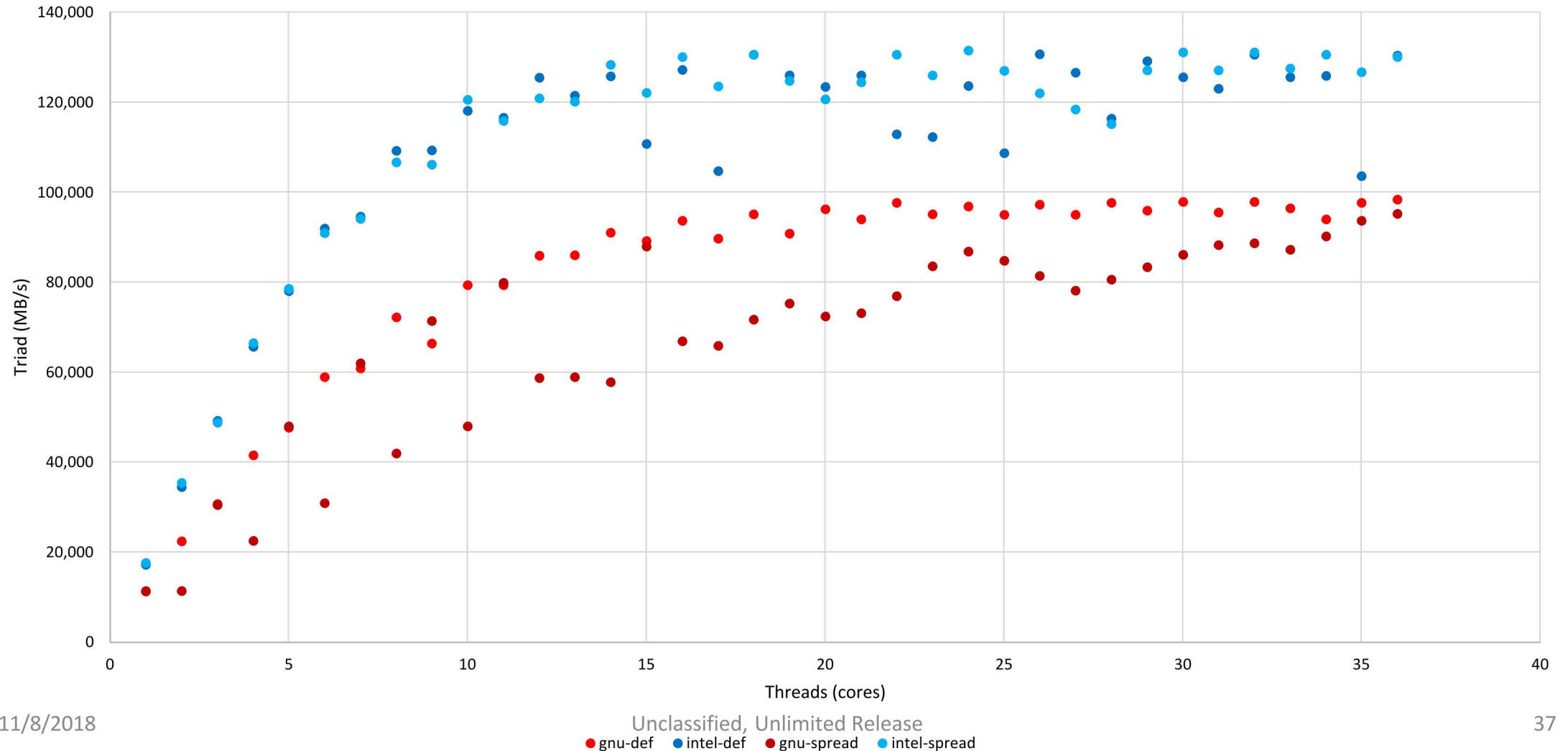
- And two memory domains (local and remote)
 - Memory in domain 0 is local to cores in domain 0
 - Memory in domain 1 is local to cores in domain 1
 - Memory in domain 0 is remote to cores in domain 1, and vice versa



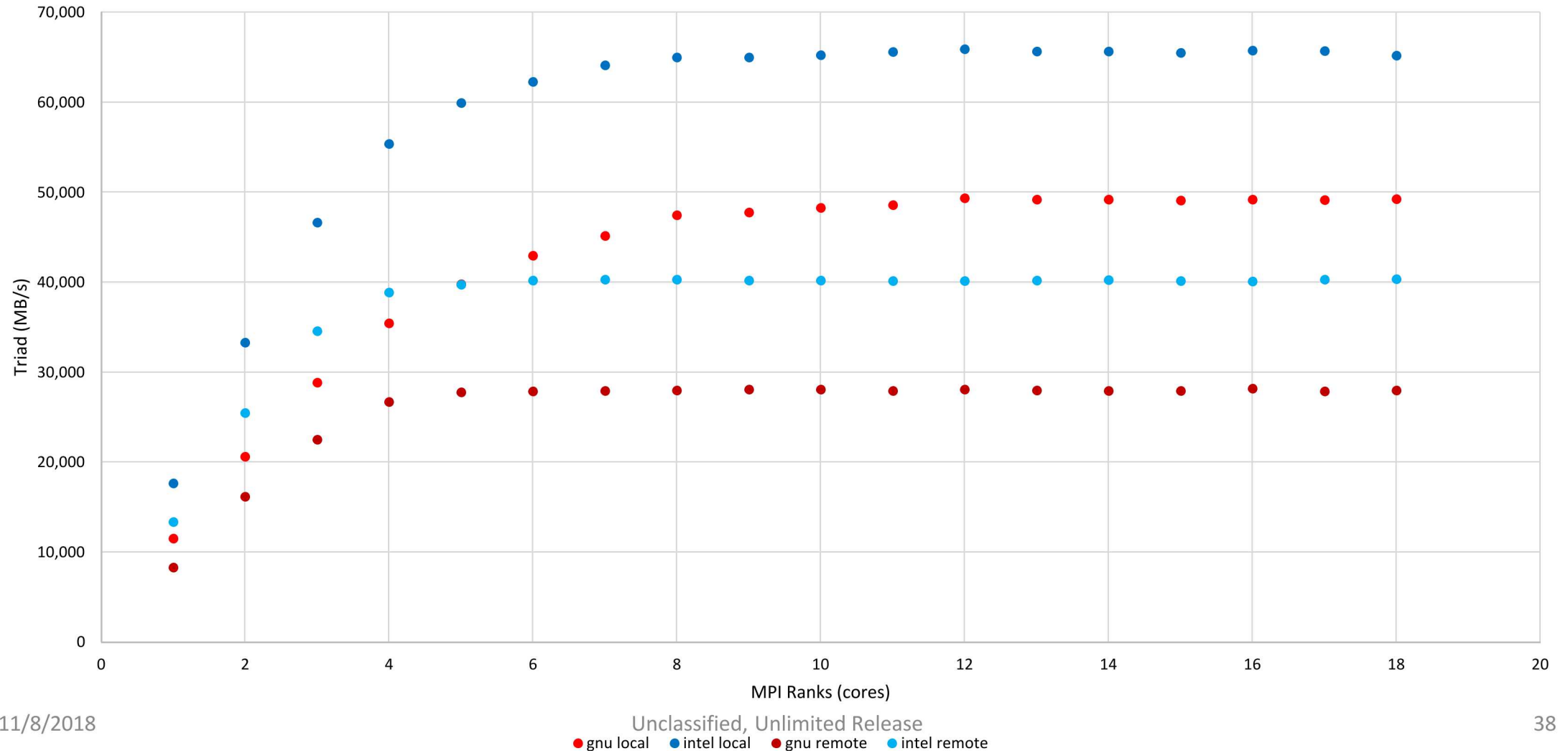
Default Placement (MPI)



Threads With Default and Spread (OMP)



Single Socket Local and Remote (MPI)



Questions?