COL380

Introduction to
Parallel & Distributed Programming

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Generalized Blocks

- MPI_Type_indexed(count, array_of_blocklengths,
  array_of_strides, knowntype, &newtype);
  - ➡ Blocks can contain different number of copies
  - ➡ And may have different strides
  - ➡ But the same data type

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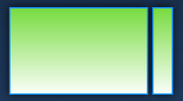

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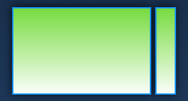

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MPI_Type_get_contents(..)

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- MPI_Type_size(datatype, &size)
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MPI_Datatype atype;
MPI_Type_contiguous(4, MPI_CHAR, &atype);
int asize;
MPI_Type_size(atype, &asize);
MPI_Type_commit(&atype);
MPI_Send(buf, nItems, atype, dest, ..);
MPI_Recv(…);
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sendParticles(struct Particle particle[], int N):
    MPI_Datatype Particletype;
    MPI_Datatype types[3] = {MPI_INT, MPI_DOUBLE, MPI_CHAR};
    int blockcount[3] = {1, 6, 7};

    /* compute displacements of structure components */
    MPI_Aint disp[3];
    MPI_Address(particle, disp);
    MPI_Address(particle[0].d, disp+1);
    MPI_Address(particle[0].b, disp+2);
    for (int i=2; i >= 0; i--) disp[i] -= disp[0];

    MPI_Type_struct(3, blockcount, disp, types, &Particletype);
    MPI_Type_commit( &Particletype);
    MPI_Send(particle, N, Particletype, dest, tag, comm);
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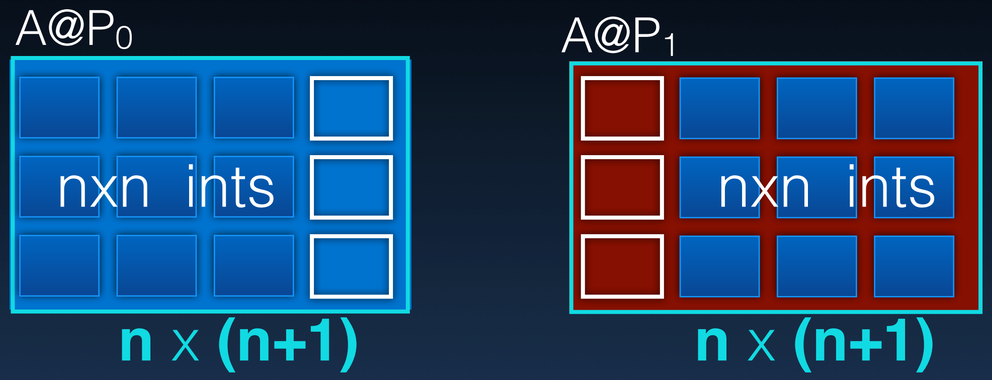

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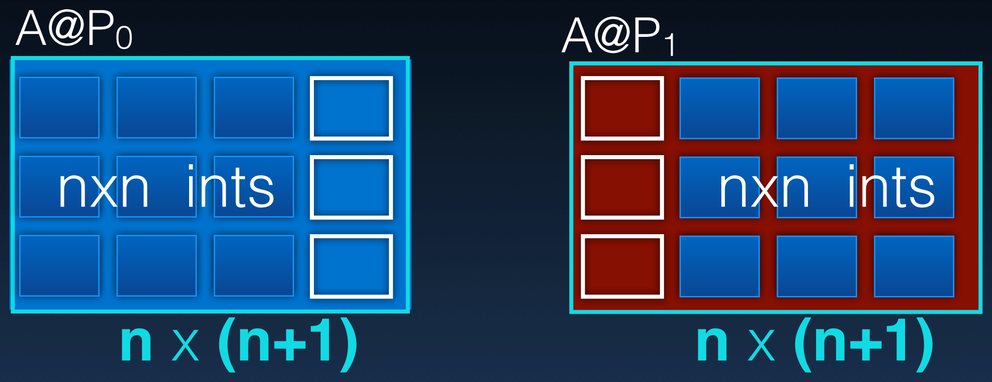


```
MPI_Status status;
MPI_Datatype column;
MPI_Type_vector(n, 1, n+1, MPI_INT, &column);
MPI_Type_commit(&column);
if(rank == 0) {
   MPI_Send(A+n-1, 1, column, 1, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
   MPI_Recv(A+n, 1, column, 1, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
}
if(rank == 1) {
   MPI_Recv(A, 1, column, 0, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
   MPI_Send(A+1, 1, column, 0, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
}
```

Collective Communication

- MPI_Barrier
  - Barrier synchronization across all members of a group
- MPI_Bcast
  - Broadcast from one member to all members of a group
- MPI_Scatter, MPI_Gather, MPI_Allgather
  - Gather data from all members of a group to one
- MPI_Alltoall
  - complete exchange or all-to-all
- MPI_Allreduce, MPI_Reduce
  - Reduction operations
- MPI_Reduce_Scatter
  - Combined reduction and scatter operation
- MPI_Scan, MPI_Exscan
  - Prefix

Barrier

- Synchronization of the calling processes
  – the call blocks until all of the processes have placed the call

```
MPI_Barrier(comm);
```

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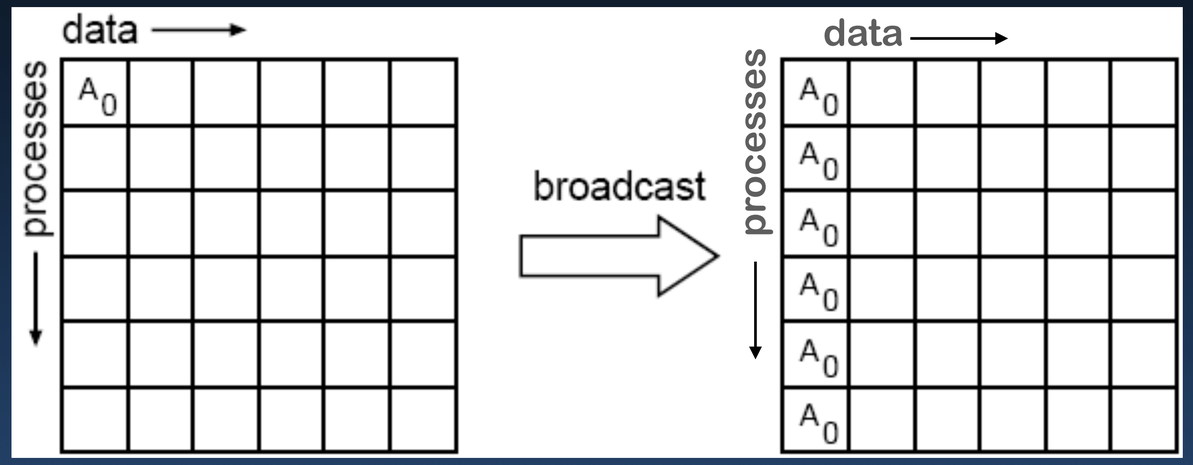

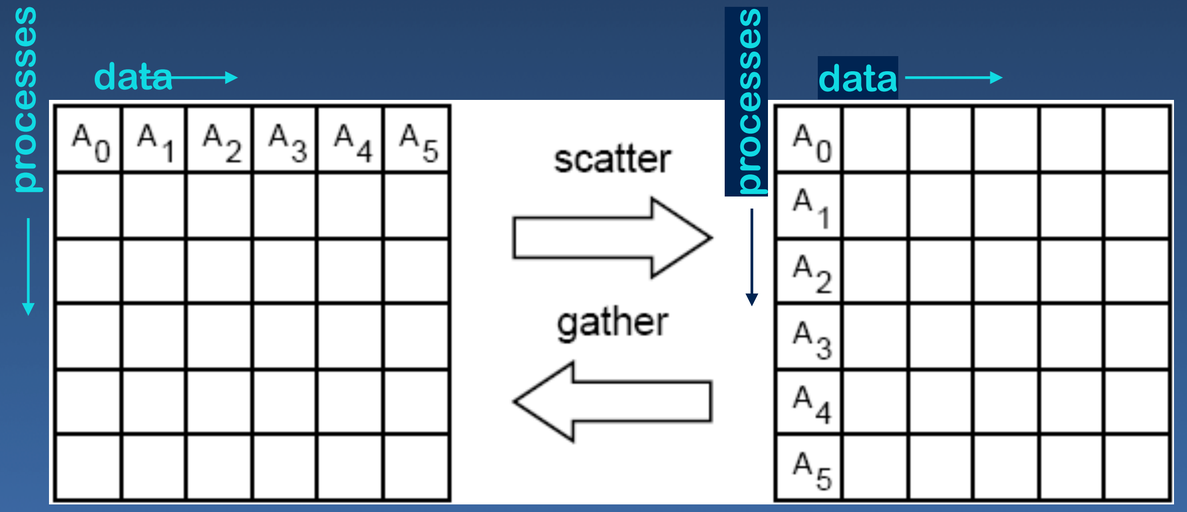

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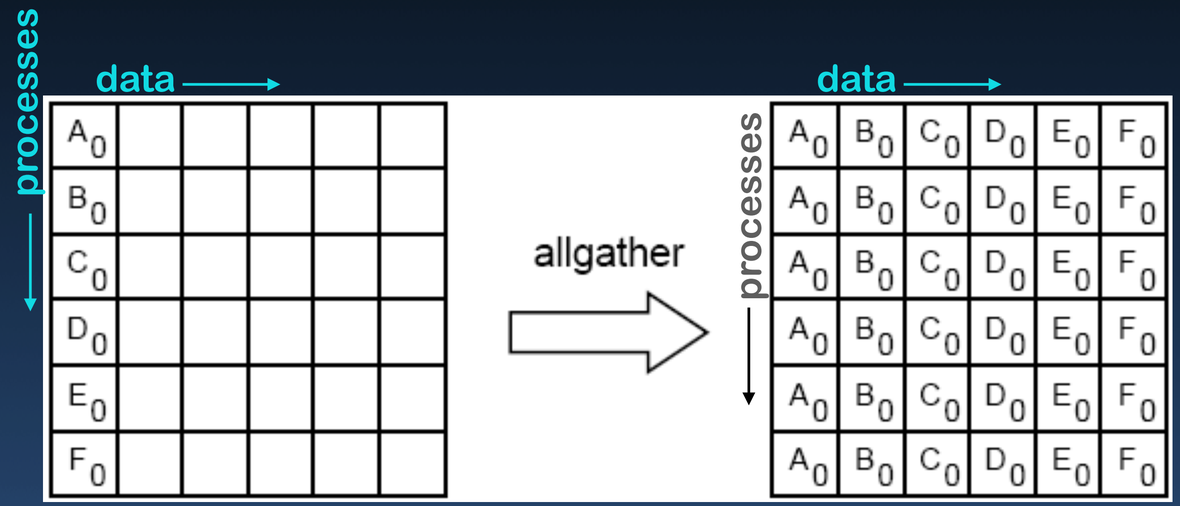

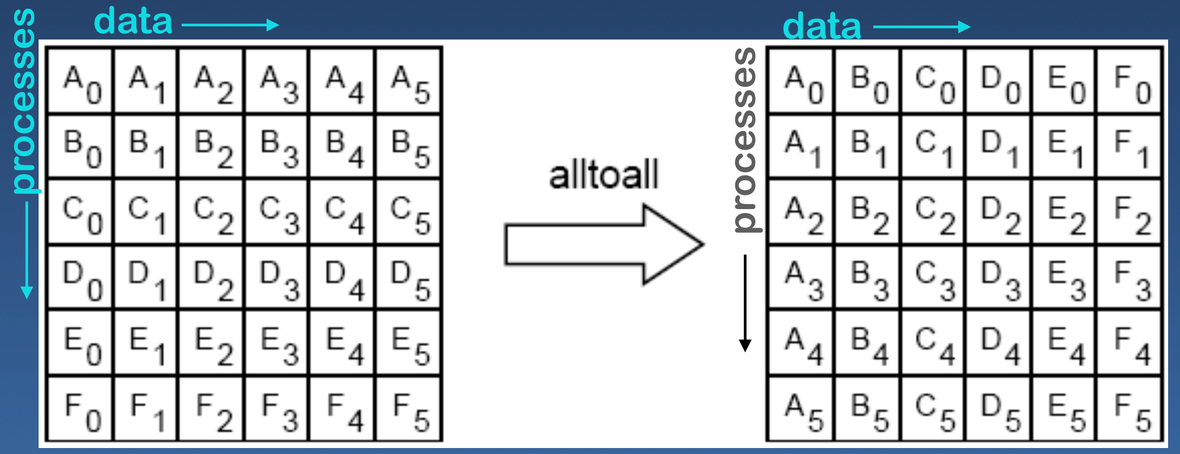

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Broadcast

- Broadcast: one sender, many receivers
- Includes all processes in communicator
  - ➡ all processes must make a call to MPI_Bcast
  - ➡ Must agree on sender
- Broadcast does not mandate global synchronization
  - ➡ Some implementations may incur synchronization
  - ➡ Call may return before other have received, e.g.
  - ➡ Different from MPI_Barrier(communicator)

```
MPI_Bcast(mesg, count, MPI_INT, root, comm);
```

`mesg`	pointer to message buffer
`count`	number of items sent
`MPI_INT`	type of item sent
`root`	sending processor

- **Again**: All participants must call
- count and type should be the same on all members
- Can broadcast on inter-communicators also

Deadlock?

- Thread 0:

  MPI_Bcast(buf1, count, type, 0, comm);

  MPI_Bcast(buf2, count, type, 1, comm);

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MPI_Gather

```
MPI_Gather(sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype,
  recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, root, comm);
```

- Similar to non-roots sending:
  - MPI_Send(sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, root, ...),
- and the root receiving n times:
  - MPI_Recv(recvbuf + i * recvcount *extent(recvtype), recvcount, recvtype, i, ...),
- **`MPI_Gatherv`** allows different size data to be gathered
- **`MPI_Allgather`** has No root, all nodes get result

Gather Example

```
MPI_Comm com;
int gsize, sendarray[100];
int root, *recvbuf;
MPI_Datatype rtype;
 ...
MPI_Comm_size( comm, &gsize);
MPI_Type_contiguous( 100, MPI_INT, &rtype );
MPI_Type_commit( &rtype );
recvbuf = (int *) malloc(gsize * 100 * sizeof(int));
MPI_Gather(sendarray, 100, MPI_INT, recvbuf, 1, rtype, root, comm)
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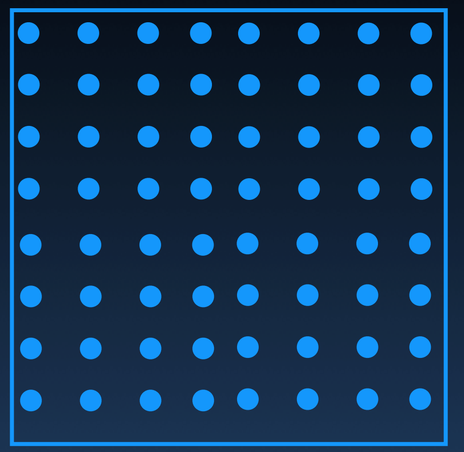
Scatter Matrix

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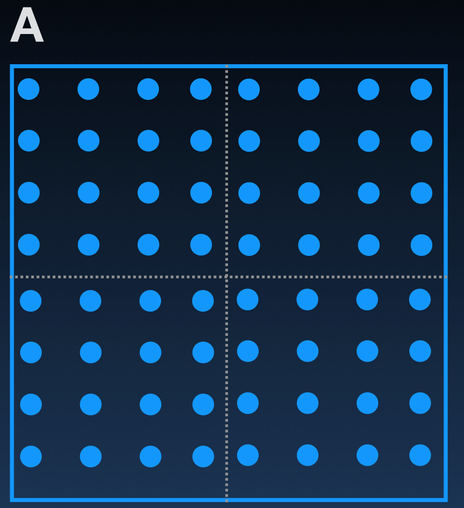

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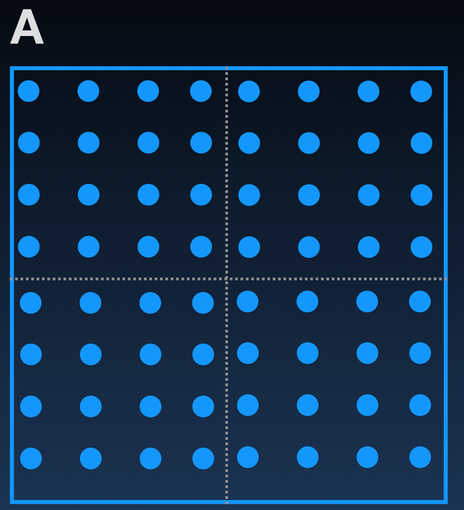

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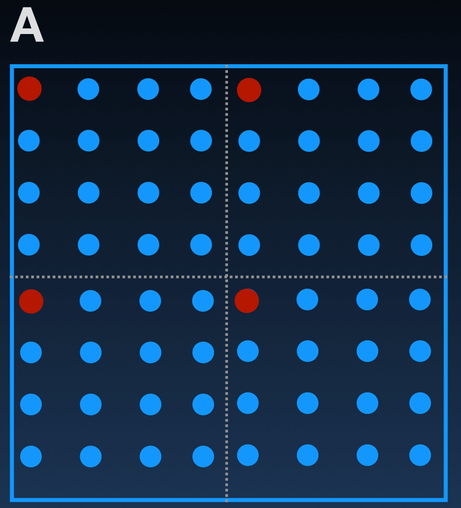

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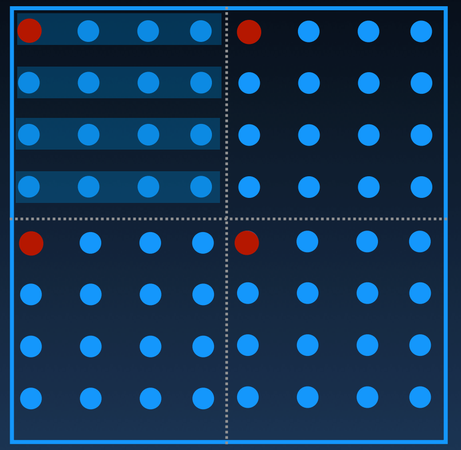

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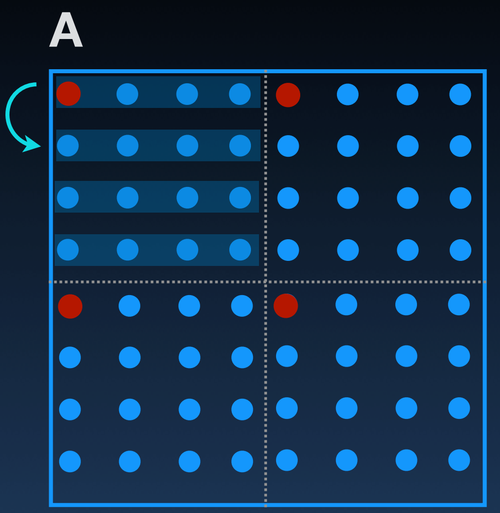


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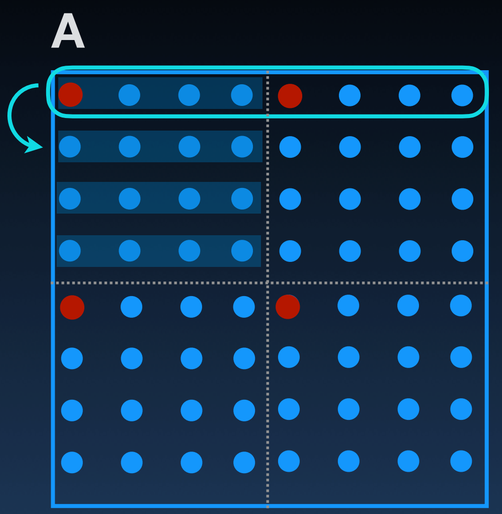


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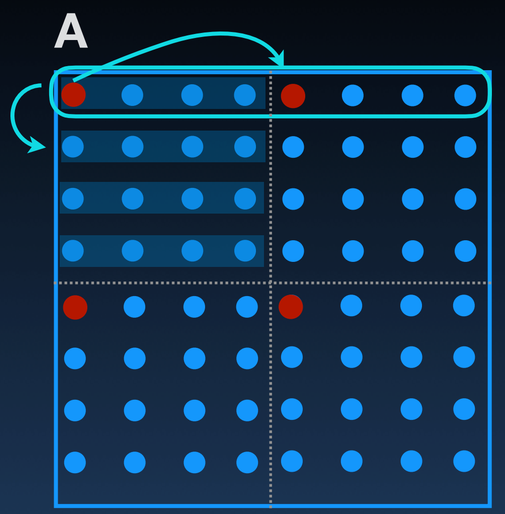


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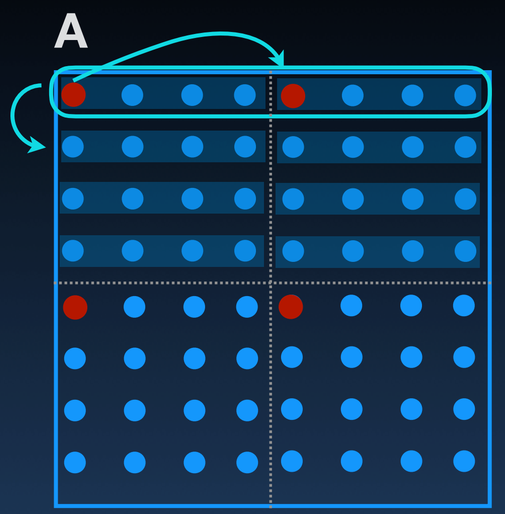


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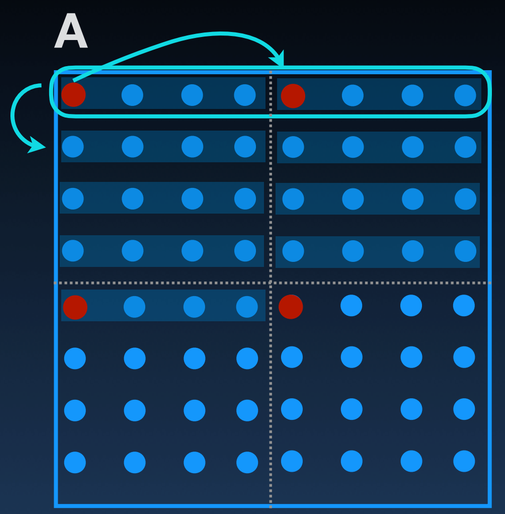


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MPI_Reduce

```
MPI_Reduce(dataArray, resultArray, count,
           type, MPI_SUM, root, com);
```

`dataArray`	data sent from each processor
`Result`	stores result of combining operation
`count`	number of items in each of dataArray, result
`MPI_SUM`	combining operation, one of a predefined set
`root`	rank of processor receiving data

- Multiple elements can be reduced in one shot
- Illegal to alias input and output arrays

MPI_Reduce variants

- MPI_Reduce: result is at the root
  - ➡ operation repeated for each element of the input arrays on each processor
- MPI_Allreduce: result is sent out to everyone
- MPI_Reduce_scatter: equivalent to a reduce followed by a scatter
- User defined operations

User-defined reduce operation

```
void rfunction(void *invec, void *inoutvec, int *len,
               MPI_Datatype *datatype){
   // accumulate *len type items of invec into inoutvec
}

MPI_Op op;
MPI_Op_create(rfunction, commute, &op);
MPI_Reduce(inArray, outArray, count, type, op, root, com);
```

Later:

```
MPI_op_free(&op);
```

Prefix Scan

```
MPI_Scan(sendbuf, recvbuf, count, datatype, op, comm);
```

- Prefix reduction on data in sendbuf
  - ➡ Multiple prefix ops in one shot
- Returns in the receive buffer of the process i:
  - ➡ reduction of the values in the send buffers of processes 0,...,i (inclusive)
- All ranks must agree on op, datatype, count
- **`MPI_EScan`** for exclusive scan

In-place MPI_Scan

```
MPI_Scan(MPI_IN_PLACE, recvbuf, 5, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM, comm);
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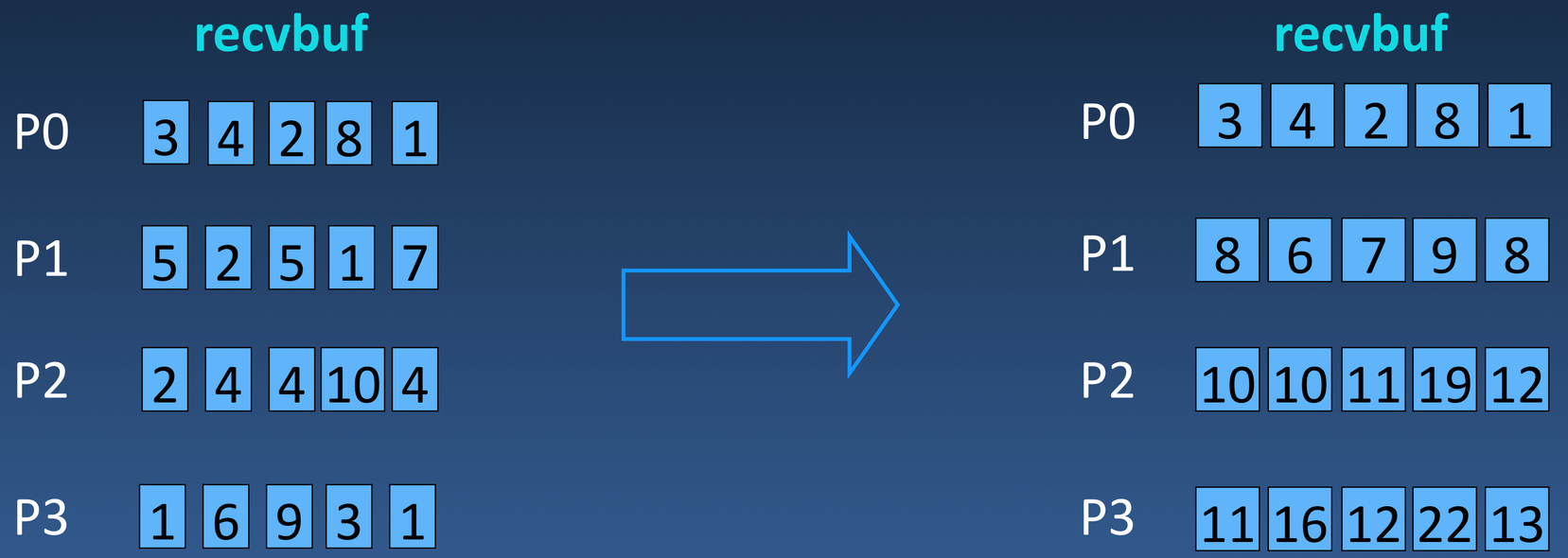

Process Start

- MPI_Comm_Spawn(command, argv, maxprocs, info, root, comm, intercomm, array_of_errcodes)
- The children have their own MPI_COMM_WORLD
- May not return until MPI_INIT has been called in the children
- More efficient to start all processes at once

```
MPI_Win_create(basemem, size, displ_unit, info, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
&win);
…
MPI_Win_free(&win);
```

MPI_Win

MPI_Info

- Weak synchronization
- Collective call
- Info specifies system-specific information (e.g., memory locking)
  - ➡ Designed for optimizing performance
- See MPI_Alloc_mem/MPI_Win_allocate for basemem allocation

MPI_Put, MPI_Get

- MPI_Put(my_addr, my_count, my_datatype,
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MPI_Get does the reverse: there ➜ my

Also see:
MPI_Accumulate
performs an “op” at destination

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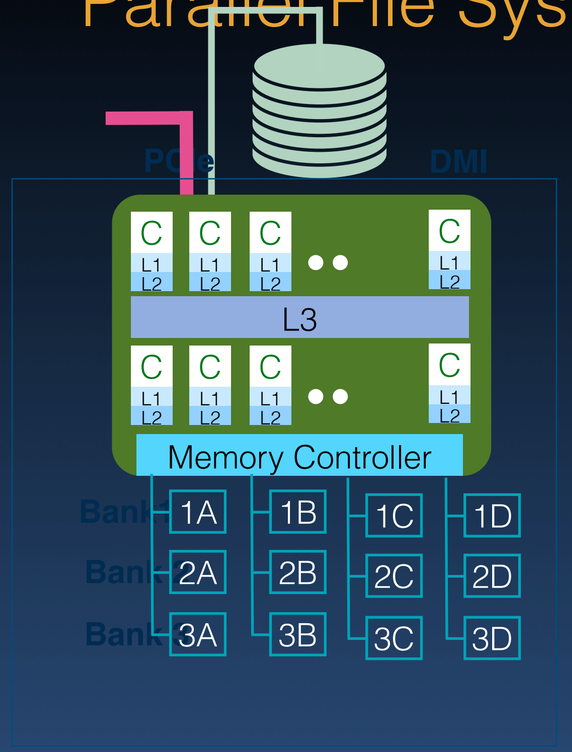

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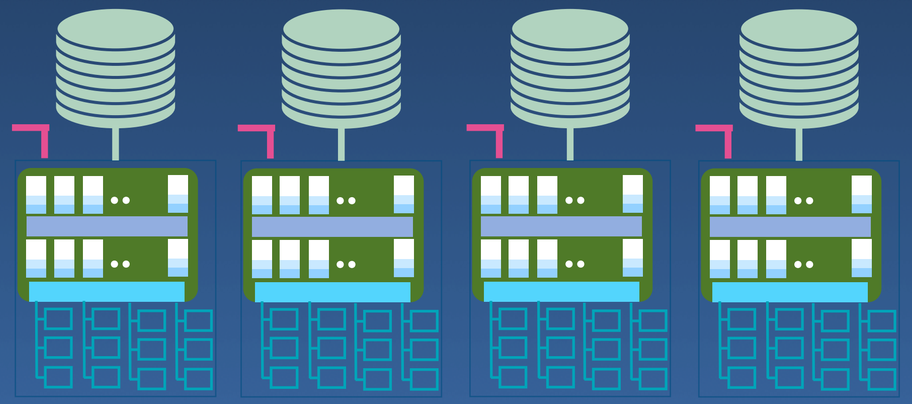

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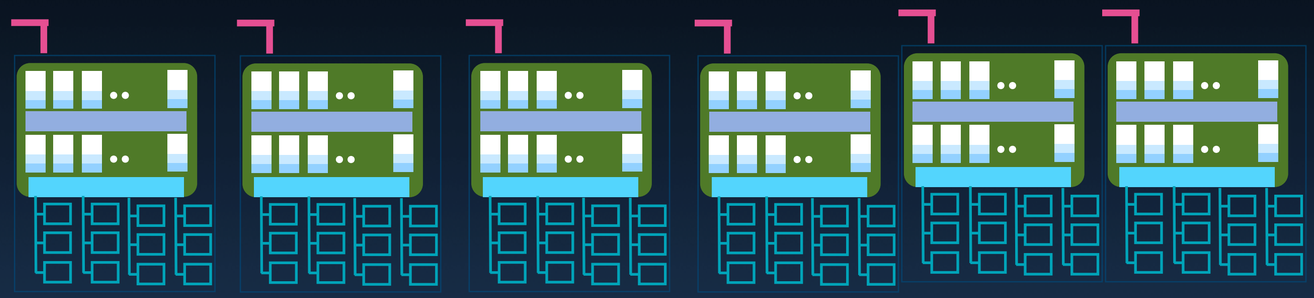

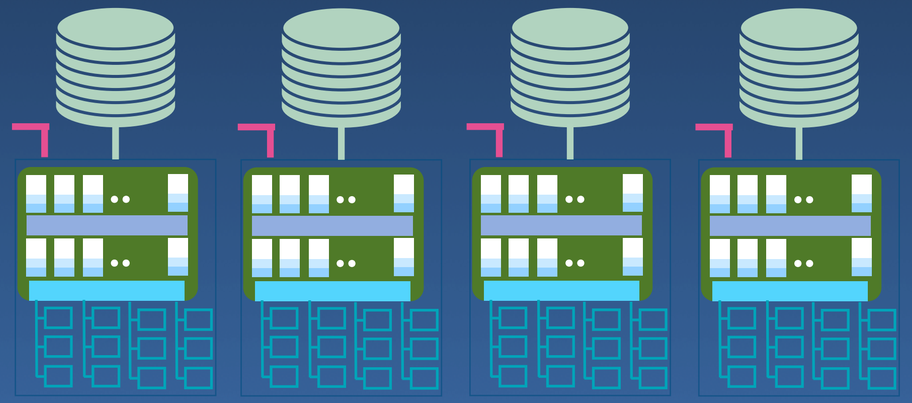

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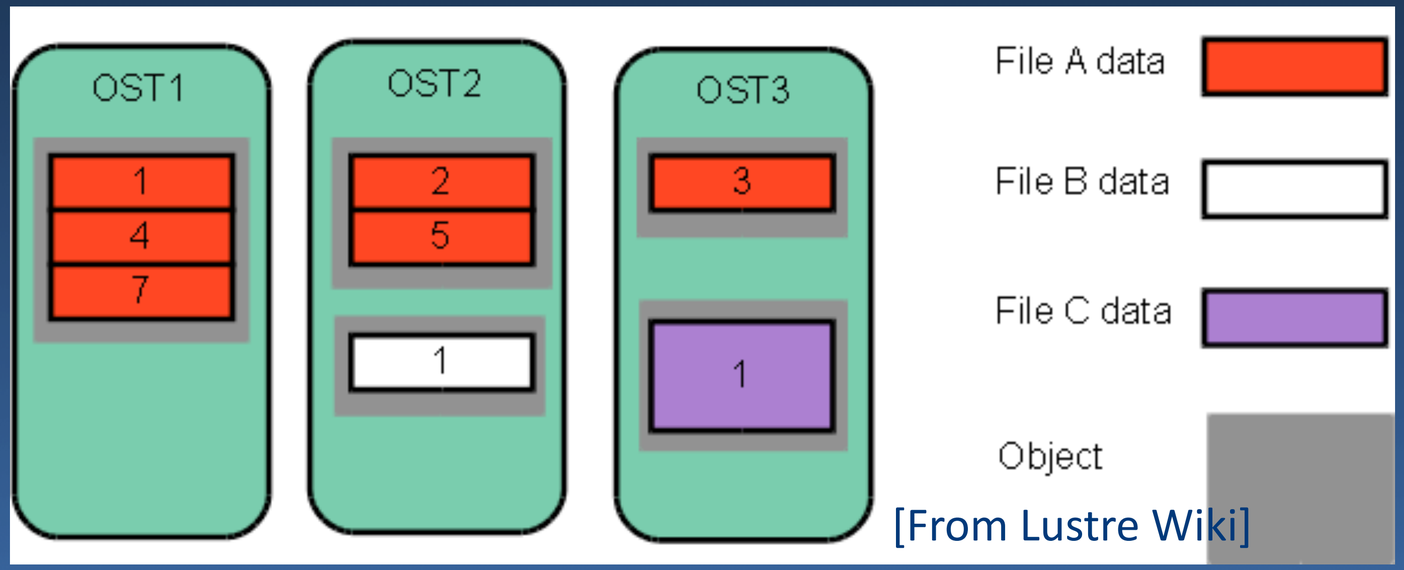

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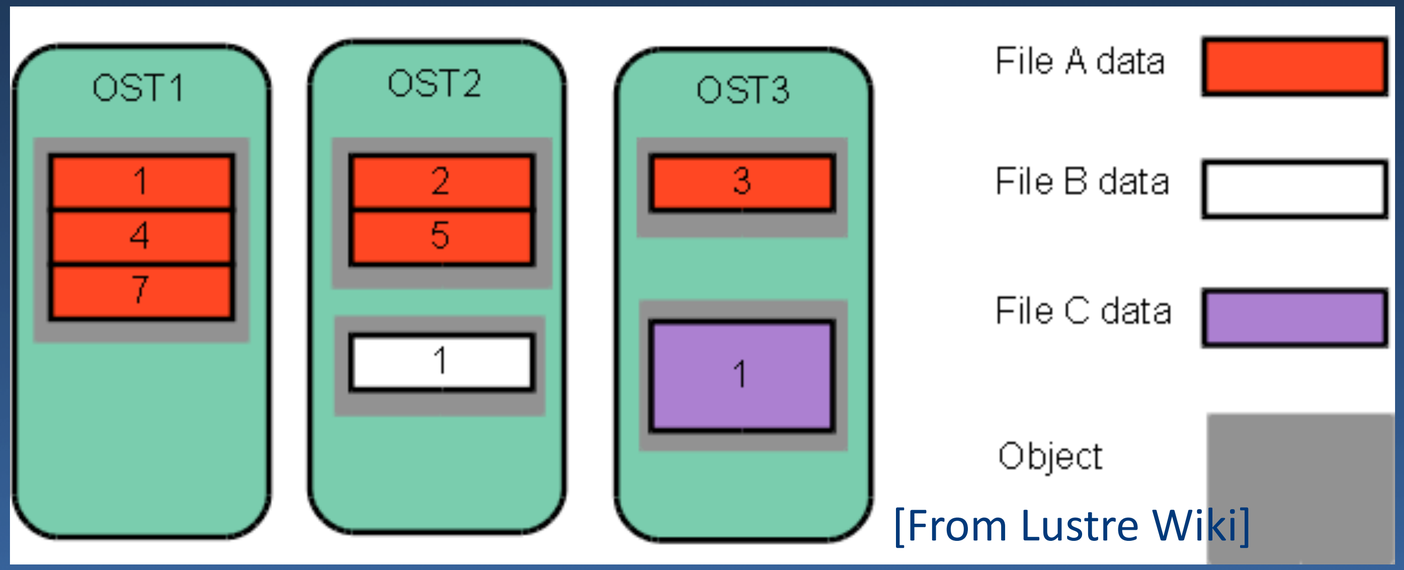

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```
> lfs getstripe <filename>
> lfs setstripe <dirname>
```

MPI-I/O

```
MPI_File fh;
MPI_Status status;

MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nprocs);
bufsize = FILESIZE/nprocs;
nints = bufsize/sizeof(int);
MPI_File_open(MPI_COMM_WORLD, “file", MPI_MODE_RDONLY,
                        MPI_INFO_NULL,  &fh);
MPI_File_seek(fh, rank * bufsize, MPI_SEEK_SET);
MPI_File_read(fh, buf, nints, MPI_INT, &status);
MPI_File_close(&fh);
```

File View

- 3-tuple: <displacement, etype, filetype>
  - ➡ byte displacement from the start of the file
  - ➡ etype: data unit type
  - ➡ filetype: portion of the file visible to the process
- MPI_File_set_view

File View

```
int MPI_File_set_view(
      MPI_File fh,
      MPI_Offset disp,           // in bytes
      MPI_Datatype etype,     // file's a sequence of etypes
      MPI_Datatype filetype, // interpret as filetypes
      char *datarep,
      MPI_Info info)
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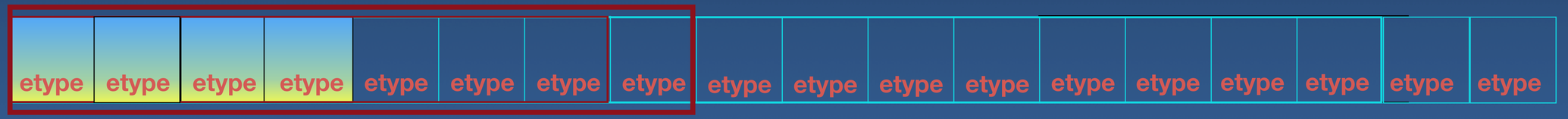

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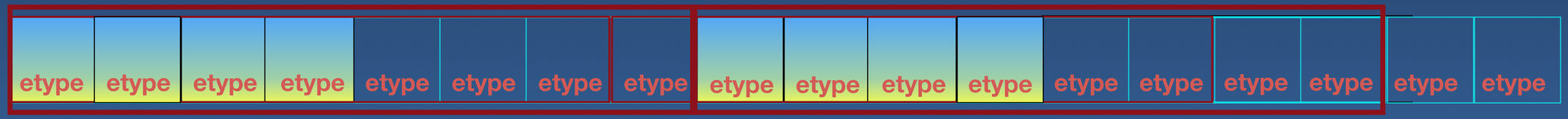

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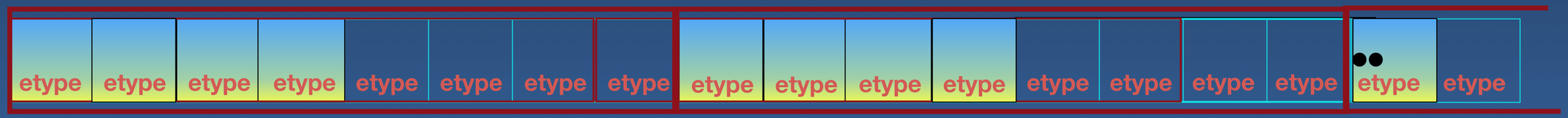

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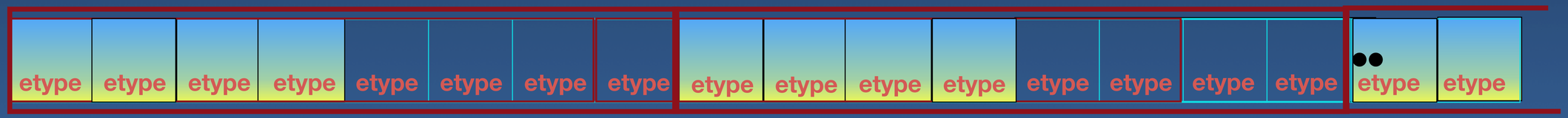

File

Example: Write in Set View

```
MPI_File pfile;

for (i=0; i<BUFSIZE; i++)
    buf[i] = myrank * BUFSIZE + i;
MPI_File_open(MPI_COMM_WORLD, "file",
        MPI_MODE_CREATE | MPI_MODE_WRONLY, MPI_INFO_NULL, &pfile);
MPI_File_set_view(pfile, myrank * BUFSIZE * sizeof(int), MPI_INT, MPI_INT,
                  "native", MPI_INFO_NULL);
MPI_File_write(pfile, buf, BUFSIZE, MPI_INT, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
MPI_File_close(&pfile);
```

Blocking, Collective

Blocking, Individual

IO Variants

- Location

  MPI_File_read_**at**(fh, offset, buffer, count, datatype, &status)

- Non-blocking

  MPI_File_**i**read(fh, buffer, count, datatype, &request)

- Collective

  MPI_File_read_**all**(fh, buffer, count, datatype, &status)

- Shared File pointer (Common data IO)

  MPI_File_read_**shared**(fh, buffer, count, datatype, &status) // Not collective

  MPI_File_read_**ordered** (fh, buffer, count, datatype, &status) // Collective

IO Consistency

- Writes from one process become visible to others at arbitrary times

MPI_File_set_atomicity (MPI_File fh, int flag);

➡ Collective

MPI_File_sync (MPI_File fh);

➡ Collective

➡ Flush all writes

Example: Collective IO

```
MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size );
MPI_File_open(MPI_COMM_WORLD, "file", MPI_MODE_RDWR|MPI_MODE_CREATE,
                    MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh );

MPI_File_write_ordered( fh, buf, 1, MPI_INT, &status );
MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD);                          // Let all writes complete

MPI_File_seek( fh, 0, MPI_SEEK_SET );                 // Rewind to the top
MPI_File_read_all( fh, buf, size, MPI_INT, &status );  // Everyone reads size ints

MPI_File_seek_shared(fh, 0, MPI_SEEK_SET );           // Rewind to the top again
MPI_File_read_ordered(fh, buf, 1, MPI_INT, &status ); // Read one int in round-robin order

MPI_File_close( &fh );
```

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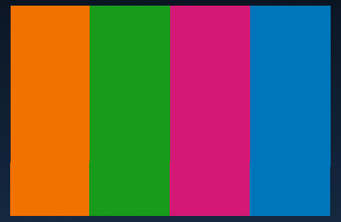

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MPI_Type_contiguous (4, MPI_DOUBLE, &etype);
MPI_Type_commit ( &etype );

for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
        displ[i] = rank + i * size;
        blocklength[i] = 1;
}
MPI_Type_indexed (4, blocklength, displ, etype, &filetype );
MPI_Type_commit ( &filetype );

MPI_File_open ( MPI_COMM_WORLD,”file”, MPI_MODE_RDONLY, MPI_INFO_NULL , &fh);
MPI_File_set_view (fh, 0, etype, filetype, “native”, MPI_INFO_NULL);
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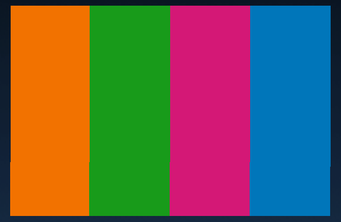

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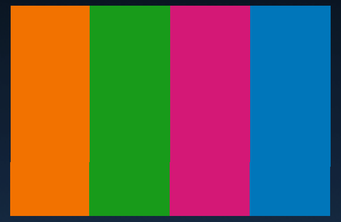

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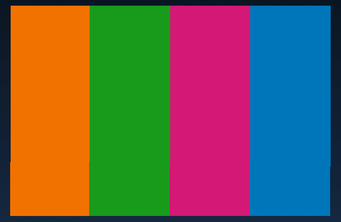

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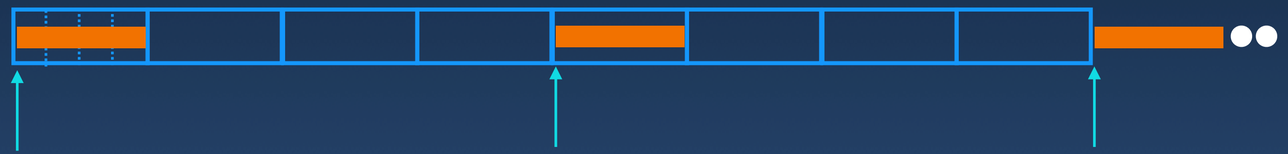

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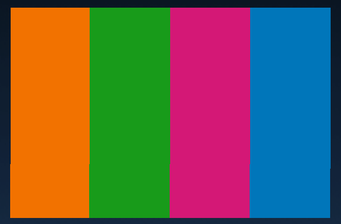

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