High Performance
Computing for Weather
and Climate (HPC4WC)

Content: Distributed Memory Parallelism / MPI

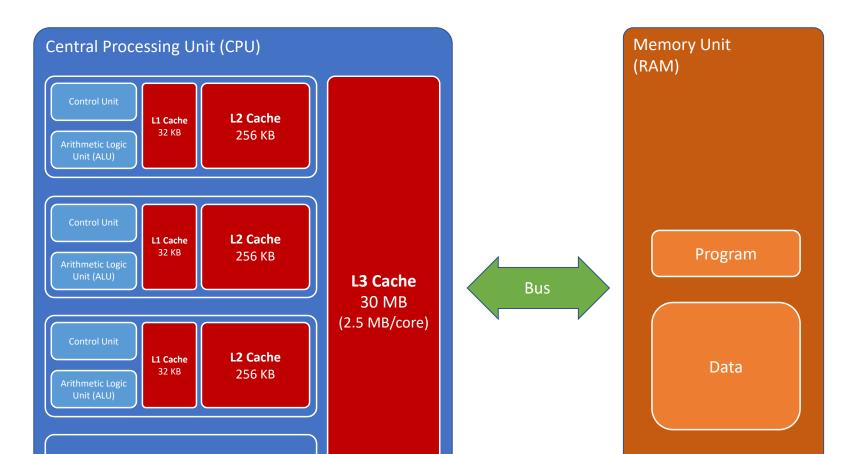
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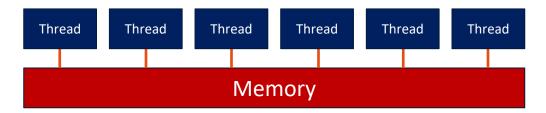


Memory hierarchy (L1, L2, L3, DRAM)

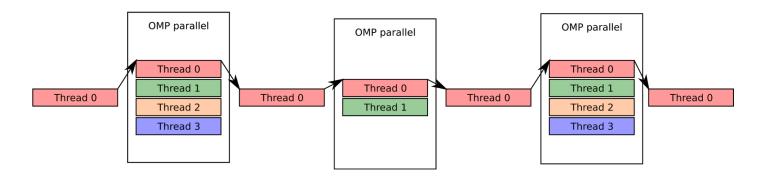


Shared memory parallelism

Parallel workers (threads) share the same view of memory



Fork-join model (threads)



OpenMP directives

For weather and climate models, most of the work is in loops over all gridpoints

- Step 0: Determine where most of the time is spent (e.g. using a profiler)
- Step 1: Determine what can be run in parallel, apply OpenMP directives
- Step 2: Apply data-sharing rules (e.g. specify which variables are private/shared)
- **Step 3: Optimize using profiler (e.g. schedule)**

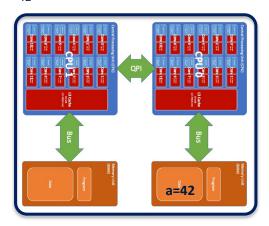
Learning goals

- Understand distributed memory parallelism and how it is different from shared memory parallelism
- Learn basic message passing patterns using MPI
- Be able to apply domain decomposition for solving partial differential equations
- Understand the concept of halo points and able to implement a halo-update.

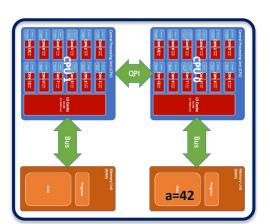
Shared vs. Distributed Memory

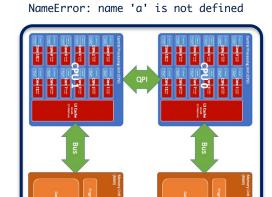
All cores on a node share the same address space / memory

>>> print(a)
42



Nodes have different address spaces / memories. Variables are not shared.





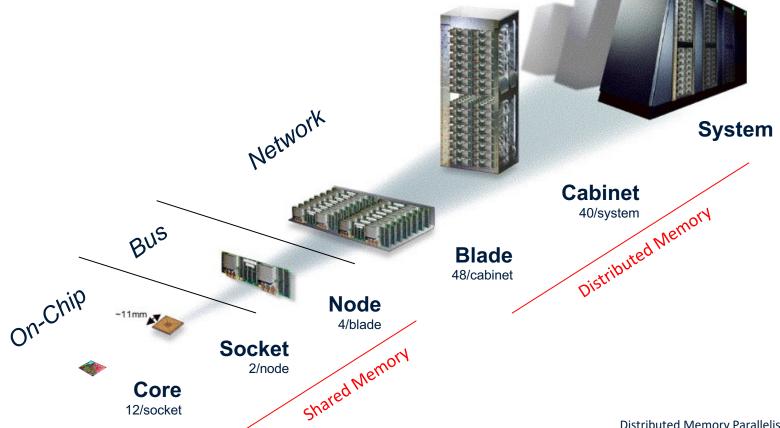
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Supercomputer Architecture

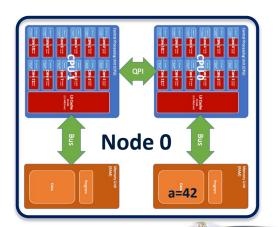
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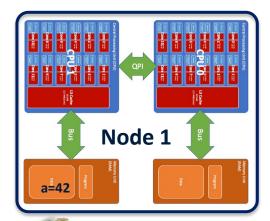
Message Passing

 Information between nodes is transferred over a network cable using a message passing protocol.

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>>> a = 42
>>> address(a)
0x001a947e3211
>>> send(a, destination=1)
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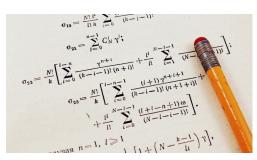


```
>>> a = recv(source=0)
>>> print(a)
42
>>> address(a)
0x002f33498e77
```



Parallel Computing (shared memory)

Problem



Worker 1





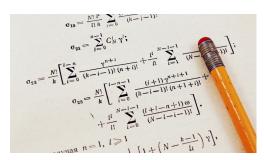
Notebook

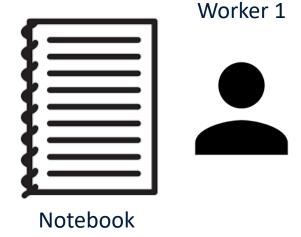
Worker 2

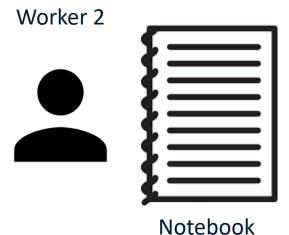


Parallel Computing (distributed memory)

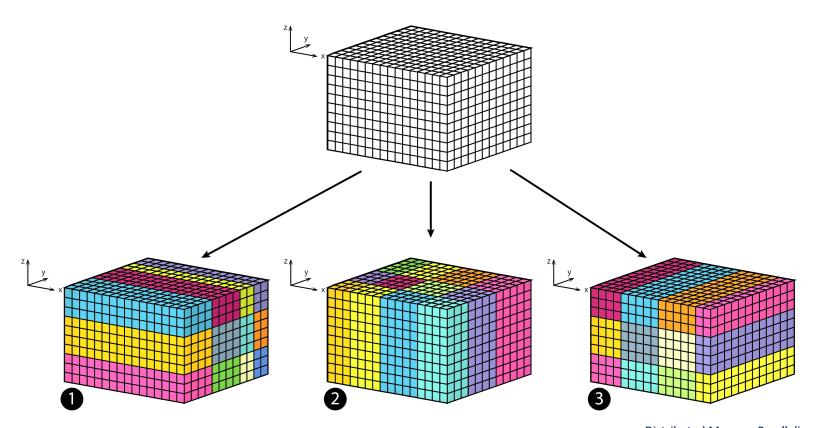
Problem







Domain Decomposition



Message Passing Interface (MPI)



- MPI is a standardized and portable message passing standard.
 (https://www.mpi-forum.org/ and https://github.com/mpi-forum)
- Version 1.0 in 1992, latest Version 3.1 in 2015, Version 4.0 ratification in progress
- Support for Fortran, C, C++, Python, Julia, ...
- Implemented as a library that provides message passing semantics.
- Several implementations
 - MVAPICH
 - OpenMPI
 - Cray MPI
 - ...
- Available on almost any architecture
 - Linux Laptop (apt-get install mpich)
 - Supercomputer
 - Google Cloud Platform
 - ...

Lab Exercises

01-test-MPI-setup.ipynb

Test the setup of your JupyterHub Server to make sure that MPI is working correctly.

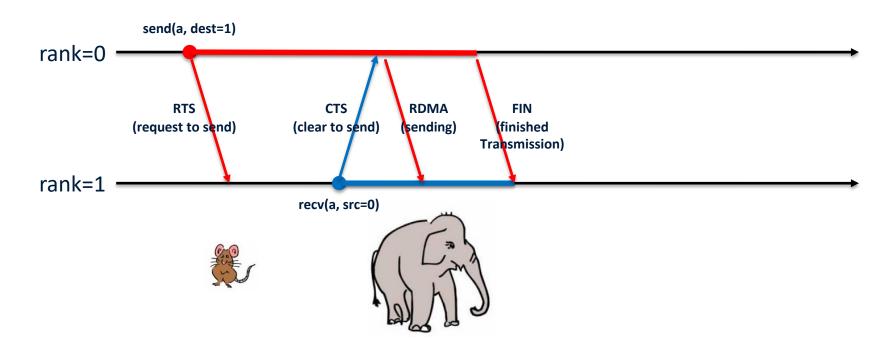
02-MPI-introduction.ipynb

• Step-by-step introduction to MPI concepts in Python (mpi4py).

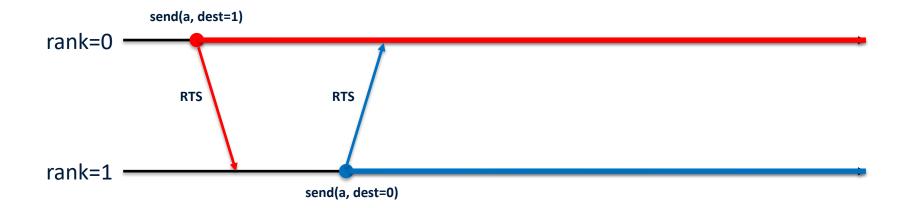
03-domain-decomposition.ipynb

- Learn about domain-decomposition.
- Apply domain-decomposition to a simple 1d example.
- Apply domain-decomposition to the stencil2d.py program.

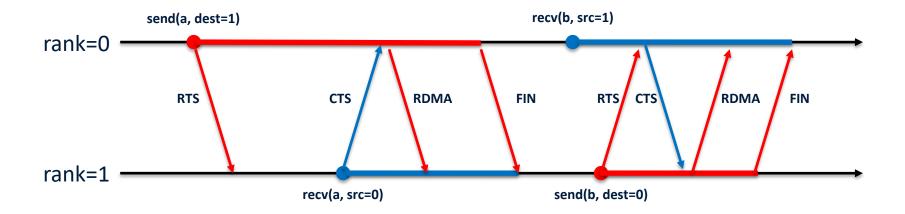
Send / Receive (Rendezvous protocol = large messages)



Deadlock



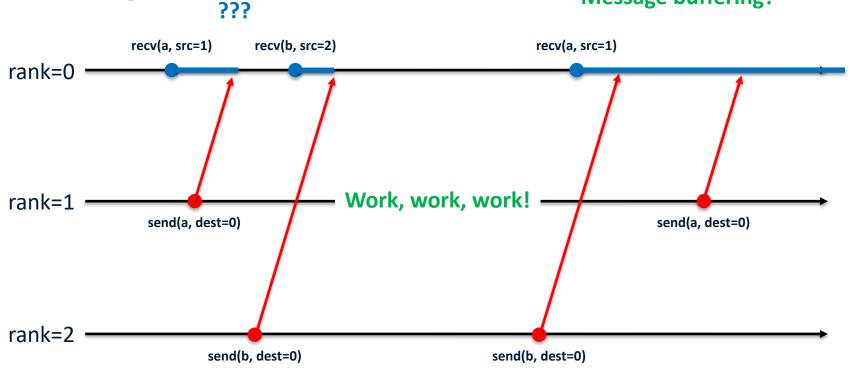
Matching Send / Recv



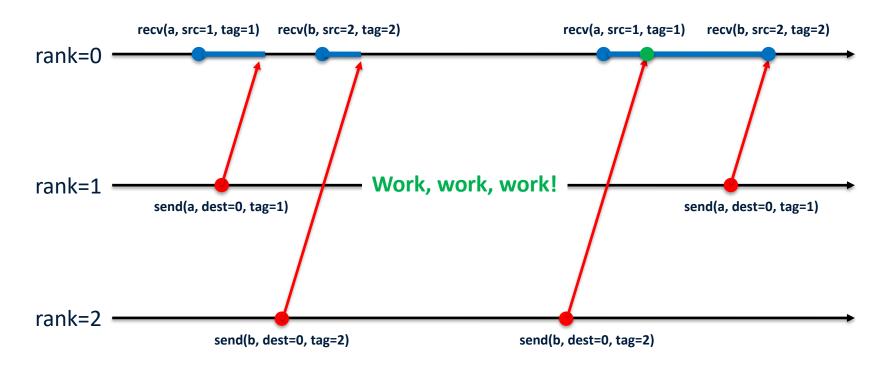


Buffering

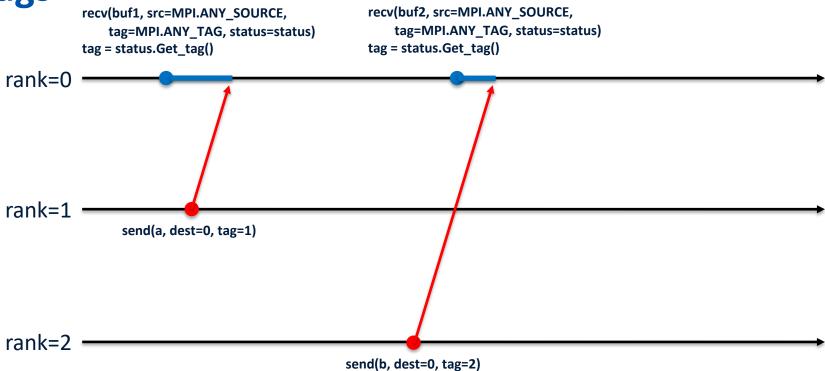
Message buffering?



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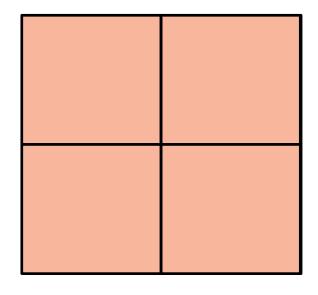


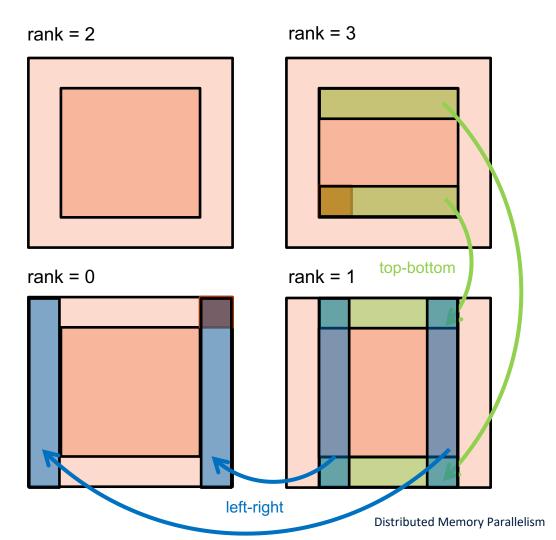
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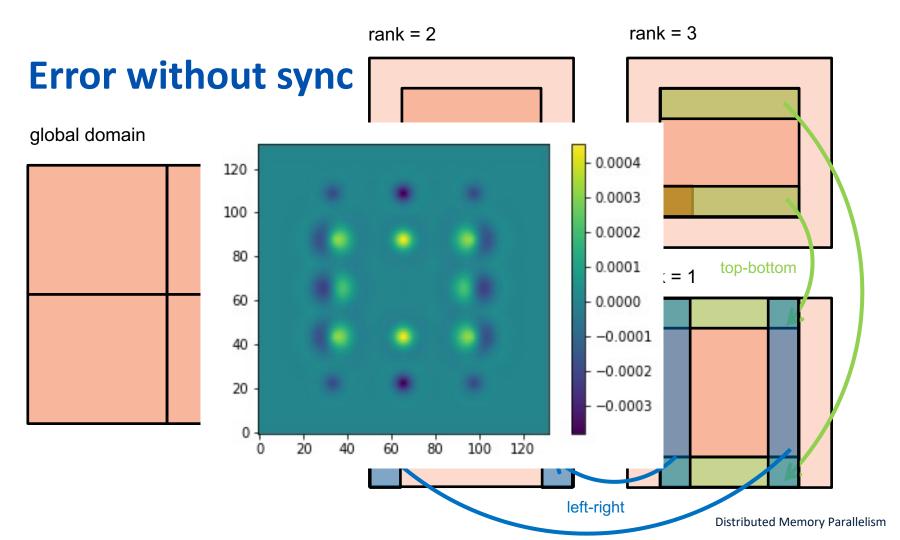


Corners

global domain

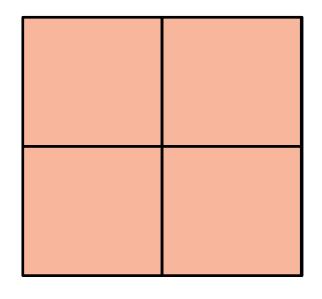


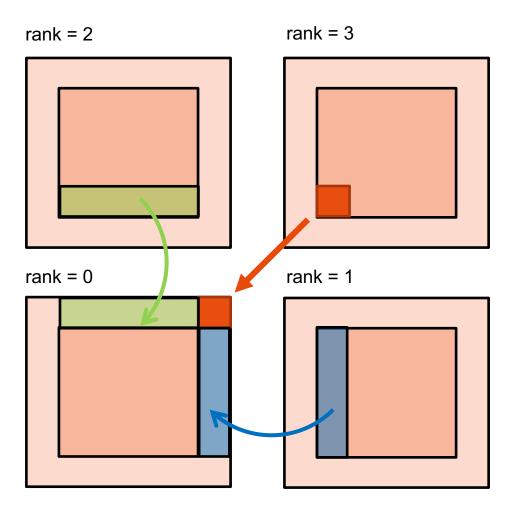




No-sync strategy

global domain





Domain Decomposition in Atmospheric Models

