



# 703650 VO Parallel Systems WS2019/2020

## 13 Dwarfs of HPC

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# Overview

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- ▶ 13 Dwarfs of HPC
  - ▶ abstract application categories
- ▶ “Tales from the Proseminar”
  - ▶ Daniel’s Weird `int` Problem
  - ▶ `MPI_Ssend()` and `MPI_Sendrecv()`

# Motivation

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- ▶ MPI API or concepts such as load imbalance are still pretty low-level characteristics of parallel programs
- ▶ need to be able to recognize higher-level classes of applications and discuss them
- ▶ this lecture presents the most prominent classes of HPC applications
  - ▶ many new applications you encounter will fit into these categories

# How and Why are Dwarfs Defined?

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- ▶ group applications by similarity in computation and data structures
  - ▶ first published by Asanovic et al in *The Landscape of Parallel Computing Research: A View from Berkeley*
  - ▶ <https://www2.eecs.berkeley.edu/Pubs/TechRpts/2006/EECS-2006-183.pdf>
- ▶ purely algorithmic, implementation-independent
  - ▶ enables cross-platform reasoning and cross-application resource sharing (e.g. libraries)
- ▶ serve as small, abstract, high-level benchmarks for studying new
  - ▶ programming models
  - ▶ communication patterns
  - ▶ hardware architectures, topologies
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ used to kick off innovation in all of these aspects



## 7 Original Dwarfs of HPC

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### ▶ What are we going to discuss?

- ▶ 1. Dense Linear Algebra
- ▶ 2. Sparse Linear Algebra
- ▶ 3. Spectral Methods
- ▶ 4. N-body Methods
- ▶ 5. Structured Grids
- ▶ 6. Unstructured Grids
- ▶ 7. Monte Carlo Methods

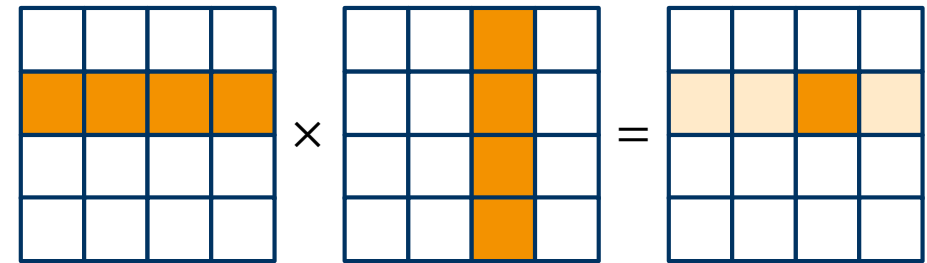
### ▶ What have you already heard?

- ▶ matrix mul (first MPI lecture)
- ▶ particle-in-cell (this proseminar)
- ▶ heat stencil
- ▶ Monte Carlo  $\pi$

# Dense Linear Algebra

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- ▶ data is stored in densely-populated matrices (or vectors)
  - ▶ data is stored uncompressed (“as is”)
  - ▶ data access via strides, often unit stride
- ▶ e.g. matrix multiplication, LU decomposition, Gauss-Seidel, ...
- ▶ rarely done manually, there are a TON of libraries out there



# Dense Linear Algebra: Characteristics

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- ▶ naïve implementations often memory bound
  - ▶ remember: memory wall!
  - ▶ caches and prefetching helps
- ▶ simple but significant data structure
  - ▶ stride often enables/prevents vectorization (SIMD)
  - ▶ column- vs. row-major access (often transposed) affects cache efficiency
- ▶ still the default measure for performance in HPC
  - ▶ e.g. TOP500 uses HPL, a high performance LINPACK benchmark

```
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j) {  
        double tmp = 0.0;  
        for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k) {  
            tmp += A[i][k] * B[k][j];  
        }  
        result[i][j] = tmp;  
    }  
}
```

```
vgatherqpd ymm0{k2}, [rax+ymm5*1]  
vmulpd ymm0, ymm0, YMMWORD PTR [rdx+rdi]  
...
```

# Dense Linear Algebra: Optimizations

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## ▶ vectorization

- ▶ might entail modifications, e.g. transposing matrix A or B in matrix mul

## ▶ loop blocking or tiling

- ▶ do not work on single elements but small blocks (e.g. 2x2 or 4x4)
- ▶ exploits locality and cache
- ▶ also, lots of other HOTS (higher order transformations)

## ▶ hardware-specific instructions

- ▶ e.g. fused multiply-add (FMA)

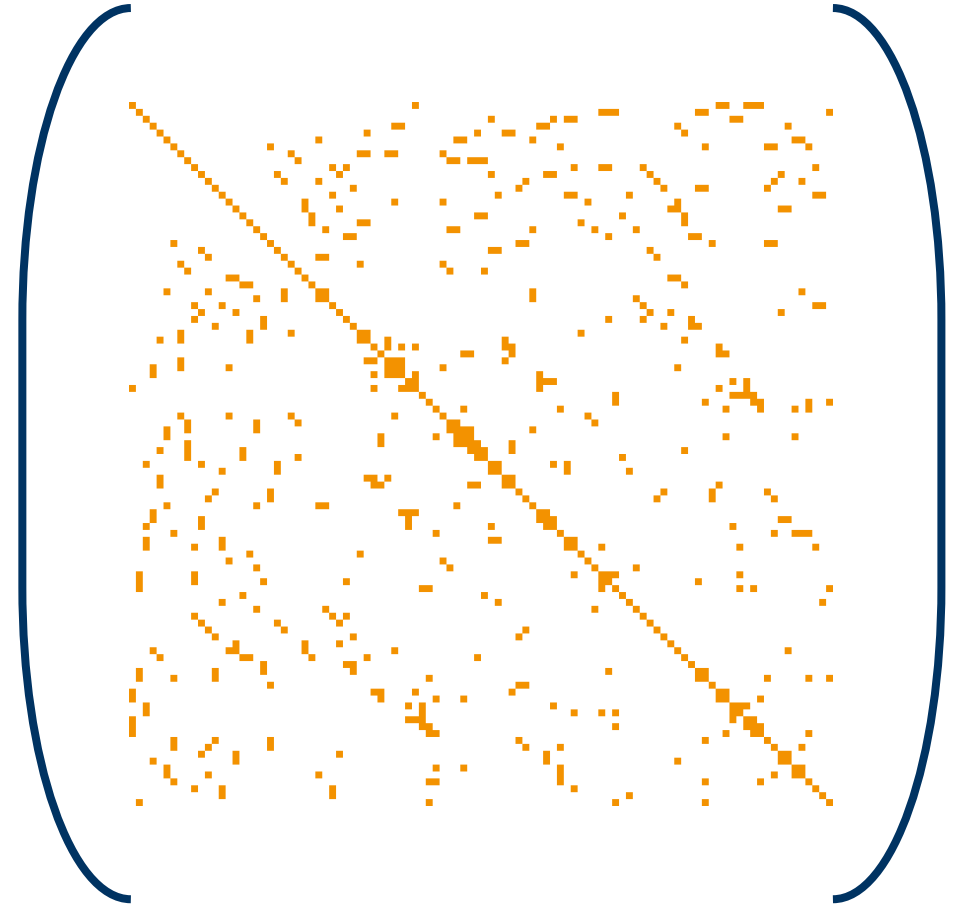
```
for (int ii = 0; ii < N; ii += ib) {  
    for (int jj = 0; jj < N; jj += jb) {  
        for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k) {  
            for (int i = ii; i < ii+ib; ++i) {  
                for (int j = jj; j < jj+jb; ++j) {  
                    // ... process single tile  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```



# Sparse Linear Algebra

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- ▶ data is stored in sparsely-populated matrices (or vectors)
  - ▶ vast majority of data is zero
  - ▶ data is stored in compressed format
  - ▶ data often accessed indirectly via indices
- ▶ e.g. conjugate gradient, Google's PageRank, data mining



# Sparse Linear Algebra: Characteristics

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- ▶ computationally or memory limited
  - ▶ depends on sparsity of data, data structure representation and algorithm
- ▶ different data structures available
  - ▶ e.g. coordinate scheme (COO):  
 $(i, j, a_{ij})$
  - ▶ array of structs vs. struct of arrays
  - ▶ not necessarily sorted!

```
typedef struct sparseElement {  
    int i; int j; double value;  
} sparseElement;  
sparseElement sparseMatrix[SIZE];  
sparseMatrix[0].i = 0;  
  
// ##### vs. #####  
  
typedef struct sparseMatrixT {  
    int i[SIZE]; int j[SIZE];  
    double values[SIZE];  
} sparseMatrixT;  
sparseMatrixT sparseMatrix;  
sparseMatrix.i[0] = 0;
```

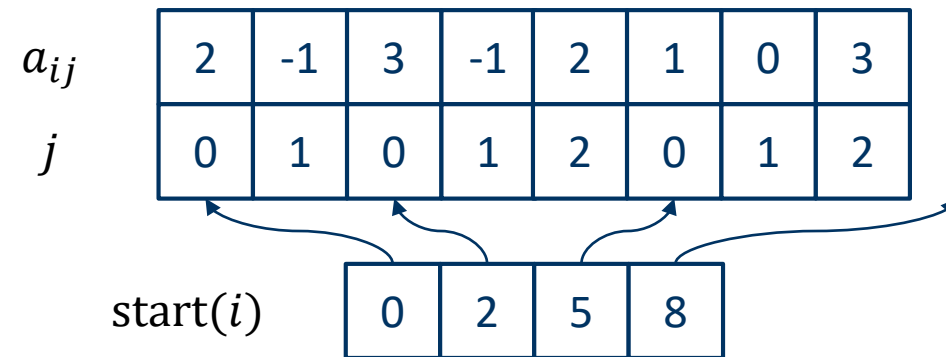
# Sparse Linear Algebra: Optimizations

## ► compressed row storage (CRS)

- two arrays of size  $N$
- one holds  $a_{ij}$ , the other  $j$
- third array points to start of row  $i$  in  $j$
- smaller memory footprint than COO
  - $2N + (m + 1)$  vs.  $3N$

## ► variants

- column-major variant (CCS)
- store small blocks (2x2 or 4x4) instead of single elements, improves SIMDness
- compressed diagonal storage (CDS)
  - remember: use domain-specific knowledge!

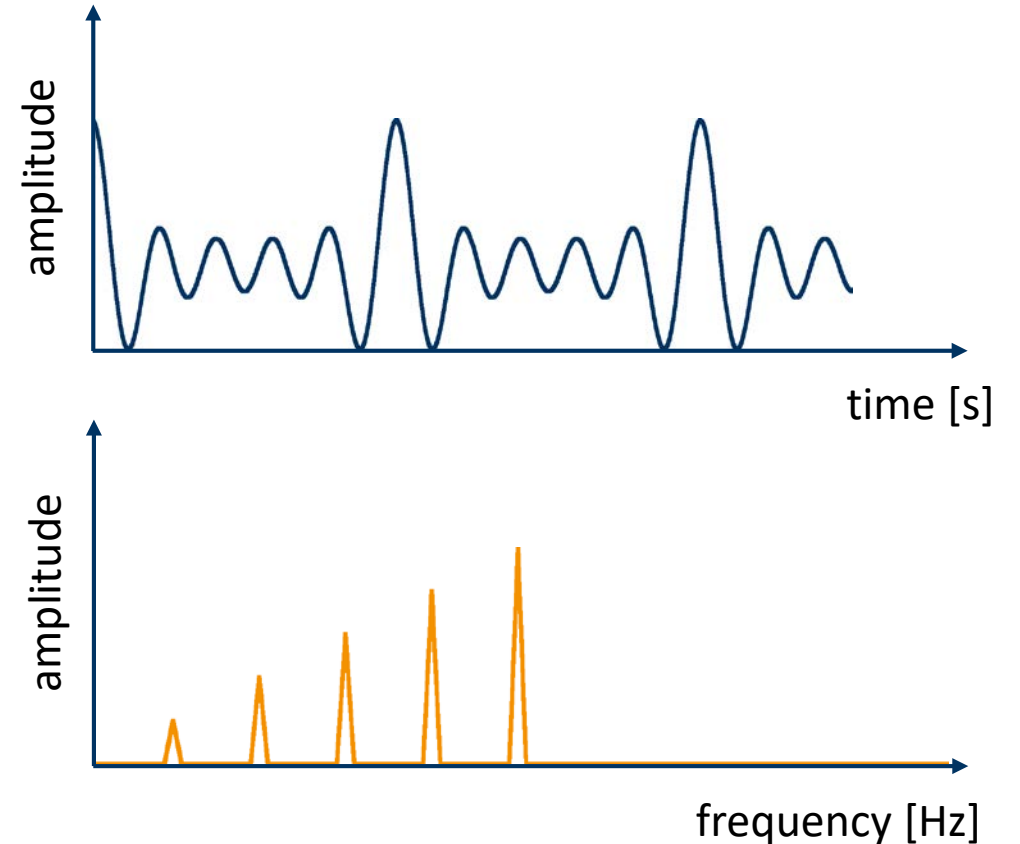


2	-1				
3	-1	2			
	1	0	3		
		4	-2	2	
			1	-3	1
				3	2

# Spectral Methods

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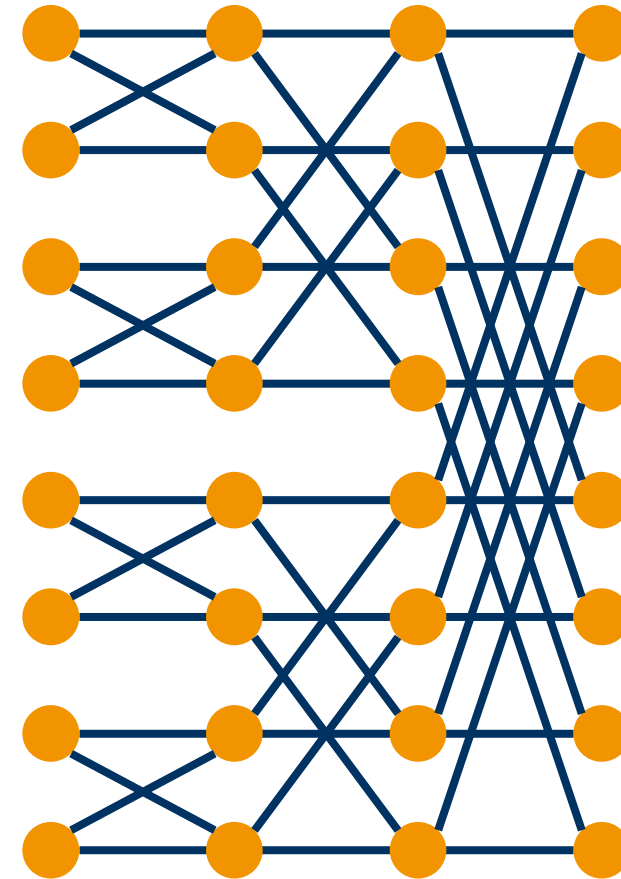
- ▶ data in frequency domain, not time or space
  - ▶ can include multiple stages of computations alternating between local and global communication
- ▶ e.g. fast Fourier transform (FFT), audio and video signal processing



# Spectral Methods: Characteristics

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- ▶ usually implemented using butterfly patterns
  - ▶ multiple stages of multiply-add
  - ▶ often latency limited due to global communication patterns (e.g. all-to-all)
- ▶ often resemble structured or unstructured grid methods after transformation to frequency domain



# Spectral Methods: Optimizations

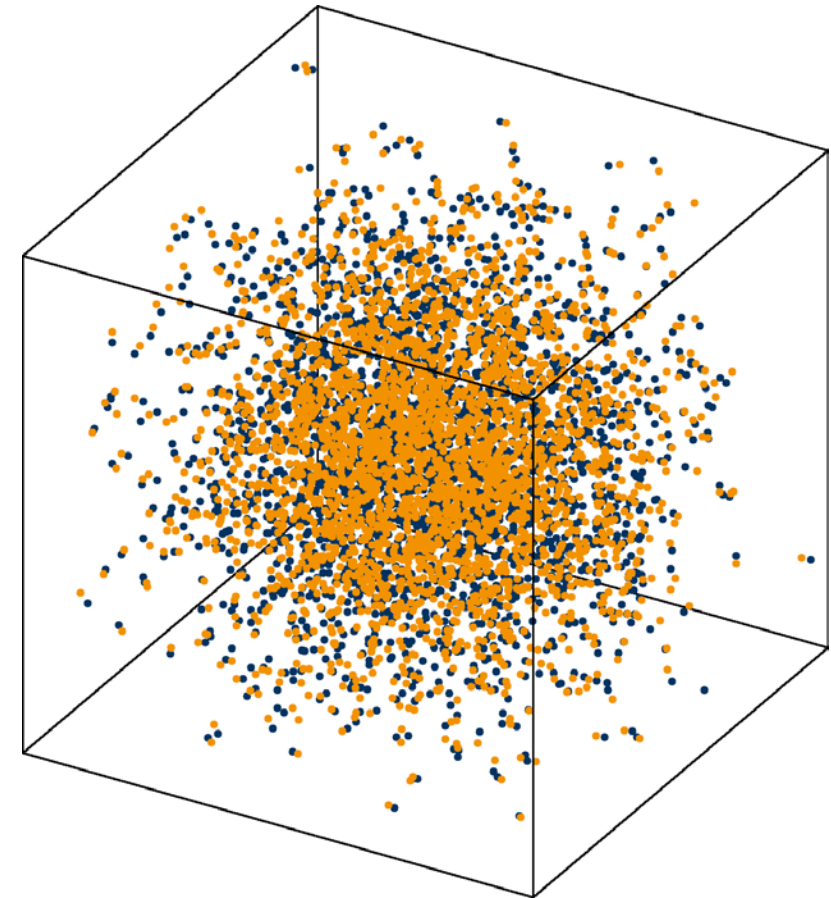
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- ▶ requires optimization of the transformation to frequency domain
  - ▶ relies on transposing data efficiently
- ▶ afterwards, consider similar optimizations as for (un)structured grids
- ▶ severely restricted scalability to larger HPC systems
  - ▶ ongoing research
  - ▶ lot's of it in math

# N-body Methods

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- ▶ models interactions between discrete, moving points
  - ▶ often requires dynamic data structures
  - ▶ varying spatial locality
  - ▶ movement affects load balance and data access costs
- ▶ e.g. galaxy collision simulations, molecular dynamics, protein folding



# N-body Methods: Characteristics

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# N-body Methods: Optimizations

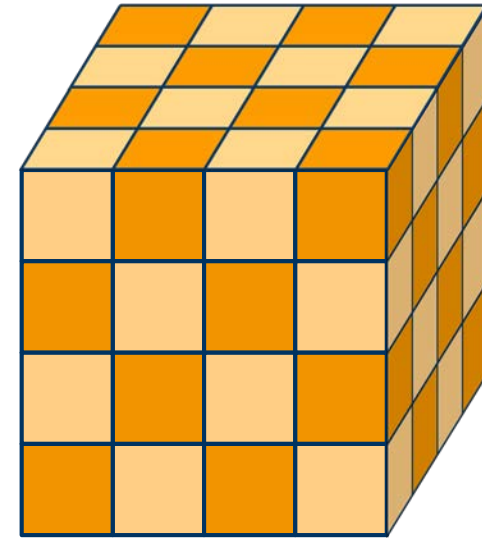
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# Structured Grids

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- ▶ models interactions between discrete, fixed points
  - ▶ grid structure described by pattern
  - ▶ topological information easily derived
  - ▶ usually high spatial locality
  - ▶ may be subdivided into finer grid (“adaptive”)
- ▶ e.g. heat transfer (stencil), computational fluid dynamics (CFD), octrees

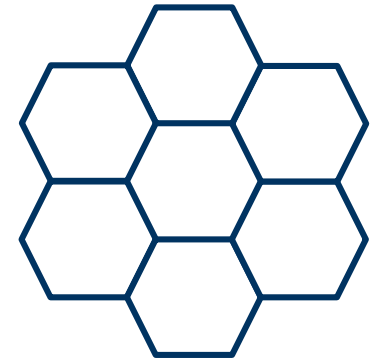
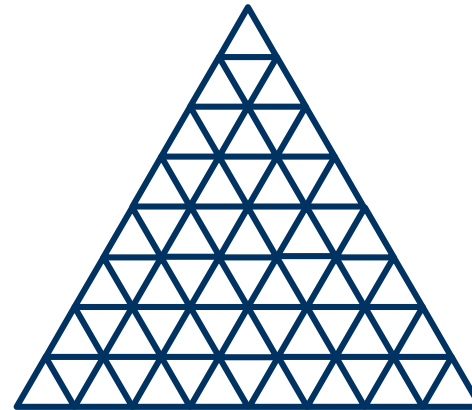


# Structured Grids: Characteristics

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- ▶ **structured nature is a key aspect**
  - ▶ similar characteristics compared to dense linear algebra (e.g. row-major vs. column-major)
  - ▶ memory addresses predictable, facilitates e.g. prefetching
  - ▶ adaptive grids possible
- ▶ **typically memory bound**
  - ▶ e.g. 7-point stencil in 3D: load 7 data points for computing a single new one
  - ▶ local communication only (ghost cell exchange)

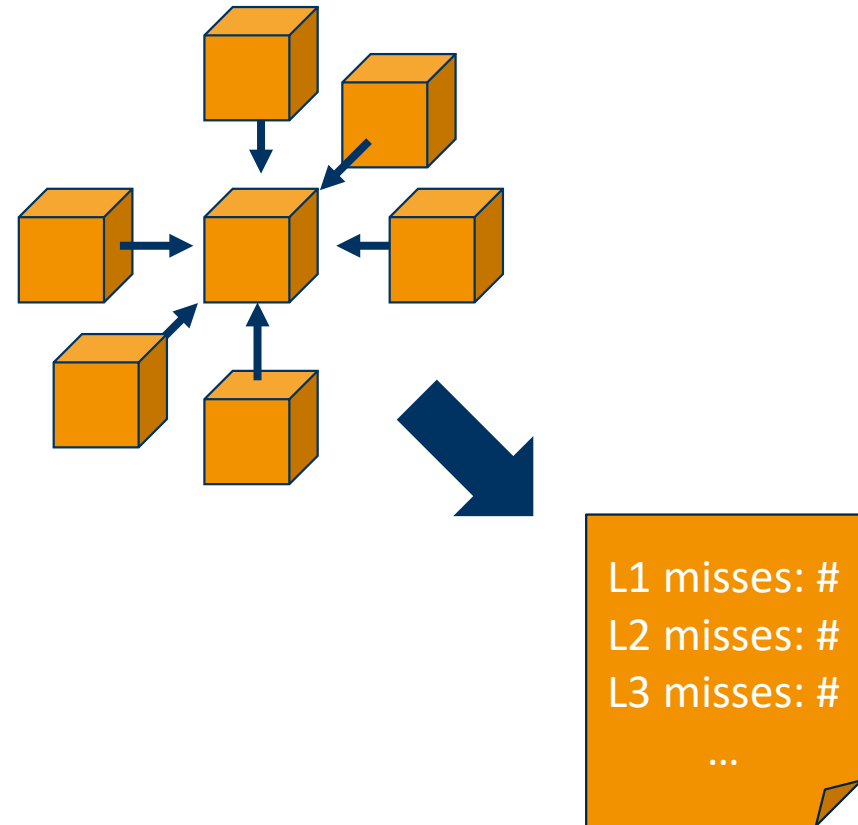
- ▶ **structured grid does not imply rectangular!**



# Structured Grids: Optimizations

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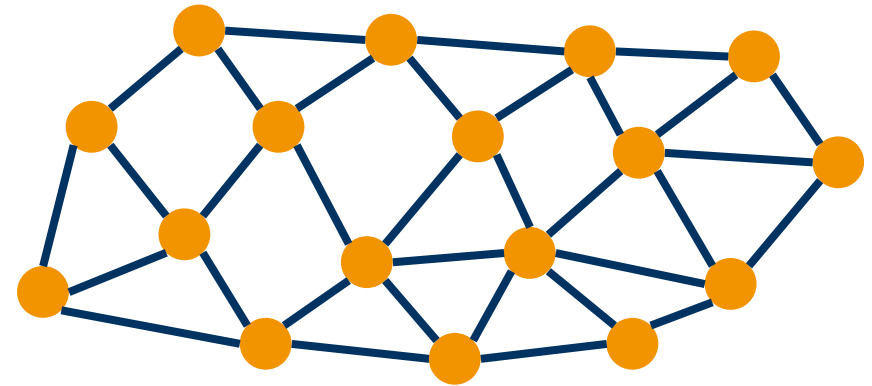
- ▶ decomposition, decomposition, decomposition
  - ▶ remember in 3D: slabs, poles, cubes
  - ▶ highly dependent on type of grid and specific use case
- ▶ structured nature of the problem makes analytic prediction possible
  - ▶ performance models and simulators for simple stencil kernels (e.g. Kerncraft)



# Unstructured Grids

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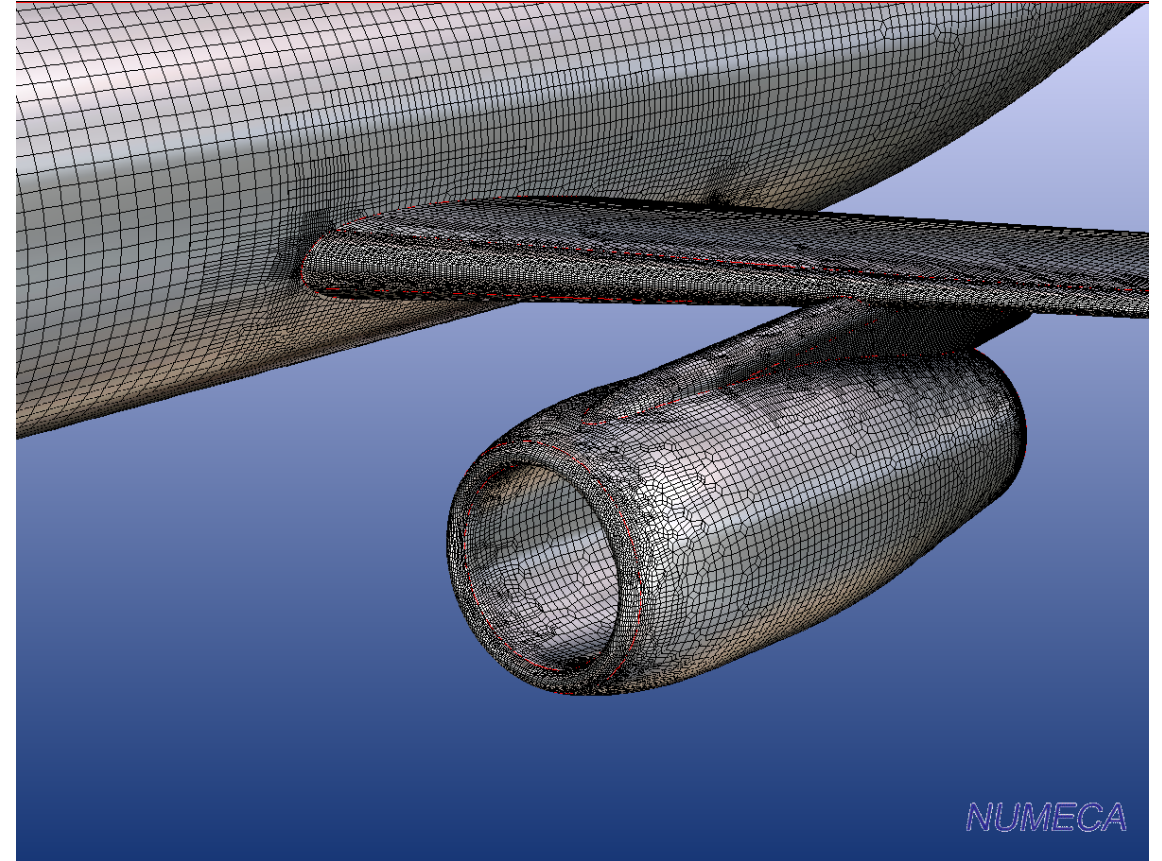
- ▶ models interactions between discrete, fixed points
  - ▶ grid pattern described explicitly by individual connections
  - ▶ irregular geometry and topology
  - ▶ usually involves multiple levels of indirection when accessing data
- ▶ e.g. computational fluid dynamics (CFD)



# Unstructured Grids: Characteristics

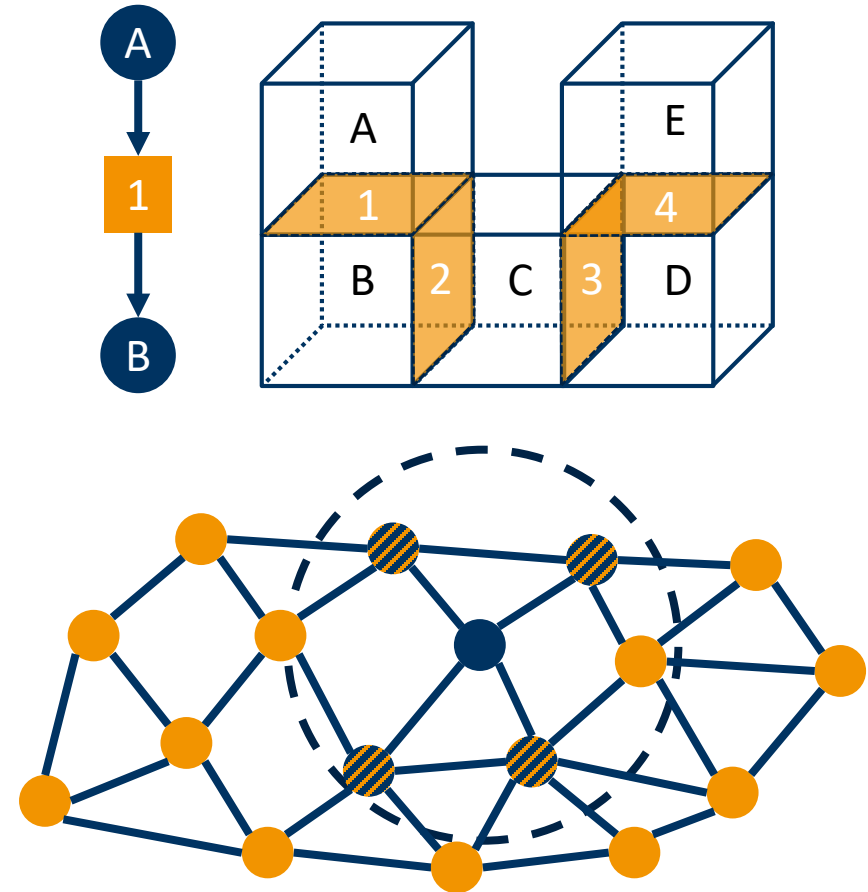
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- ▶ usually heavily latency bound due to indirect access
  - ▶ ... = cells[neighbors[i]]
  - ▶ ... = cell.getNeighbor(i)
  - ▶ also known as “pointer chasing”
- ▶ problems similar to structured grids, e.g.
  - ▶ domain decomposition / adaptivity
  - ▶ topological information
  - ▶ ghost cell exchange
  - ▶ but hardly analytically predictable



# Unstructured Grids: Optimizations

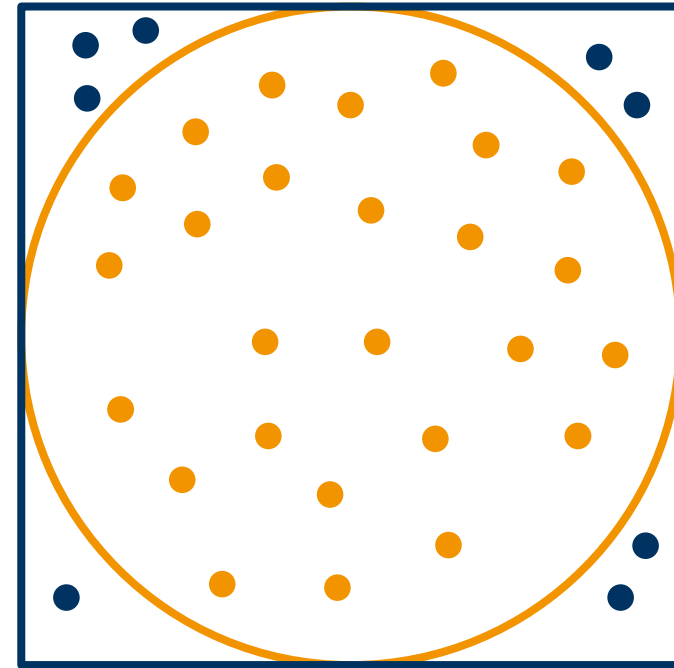
- ▶ problem space discretization and topology
  - ▶ which types of grid elements?
  - ▶ which types of connections?
  - ▶ cells, faces, vertices, edges, ...
  - ▶ should be efficient to load/store as well
- ▶ decomposition, decomposition, decomposition
  - ▶ efficient ghost cell exchange required
  - ▶ efficient grid navigation e.g. to access neighbors



# Monte Carlo Methods

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- ▶ also known as map-reduce
  - ▶ process data independently and merge the results
- ▶ models statistical evaluation of repeated random trials
  - ▶ communication usually insignificant
  - ▶ embarrassingly parallel, multiple copies of sequential method
- ▶ e.g. numerical integration, quantum many-body problems, ray tracing





# Monte Carlo Methods: Characteristics

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- ▶ parallelization almost a no-factor
  - ▶ similar to multiple sequential programs sharing some resources (e.g. L3 cache, random number generator)
  - ▶ relatively inexpensive reduction
- ▶ depends heavily on sequential optimizations

# Monte Carlo Methods: Optimizations

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- ▶ not much to do beyond sequential optimization

- ▶ ILP
- ▶ prefetching
- ▶ vectorization
- ▶ resource contention (read: fast random number generation)

- ▶ consider different hardware

- ▶ GPUs
- ▶ FPGAs
- ▶ ...

- ▶ try to decrease cost of evaluating a sample

- ▶ increase number of samples if required



## Additional Dwarfs



# Additional Dwarfs

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- ▶ 8. Combinational Logic
  - ▶ 9. Graph Traversal
  - ▶ 10. Dynamic Programming
  - ▶ 11. Backtrack & Branch+Bound
  - ▶ 12. Graphical Models
  - ▶ 13. Finite State Machine
- ▶ focus more (but not exclusively) on integer-heavy applications and machine learning

# Combinational Logic

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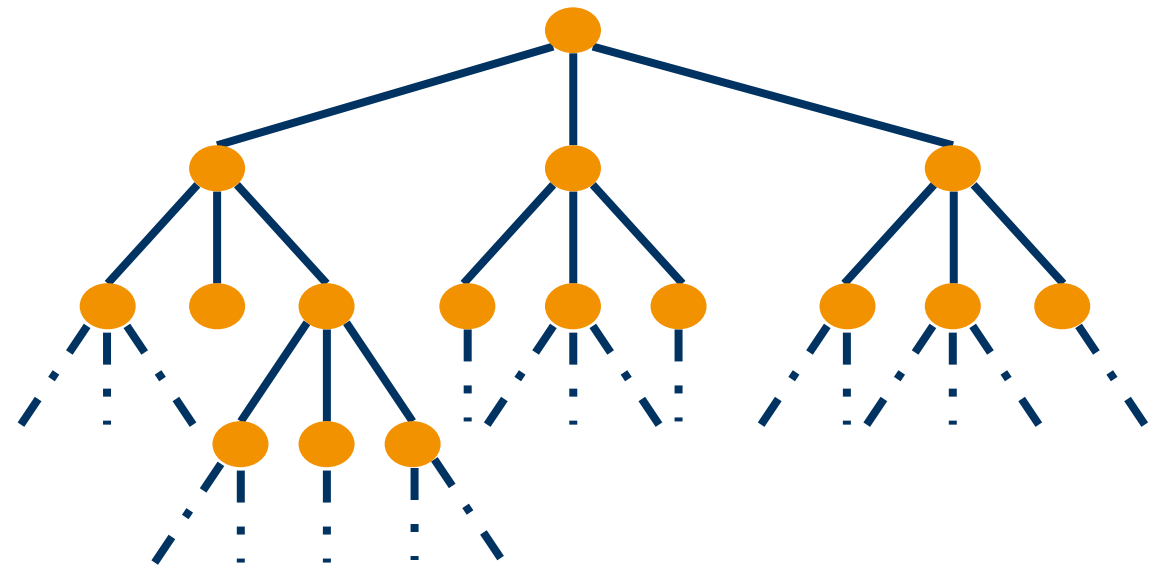
- ▶ generally involves performing simple operations on large amounts of integer data
  - ▶ e.g. computing cyclic redundancy codes (CRC)
- ▶ often parallelizable on multiple levels
  - ▶ bit-level parallelism
  - ▶ block-level parallelism

```
uint8_t compute(uint8_t const msg[], int n) {  
    uint8_t rem = 0;  
    for (int byte = 0; byte < n; ++byte) {  
        rem ^= (msg[byte] << (WIDTH - 8));  
        for (uint8_t bit = 8; bit > 0; --bit) {  
            if (rem & TOPBIT) {  
                rem = (rem << 1) ^ POLYNOMIAL;  
            } else {  
                rem = (rem << 1);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    return (rem);  
}
```

# Graph Traversal

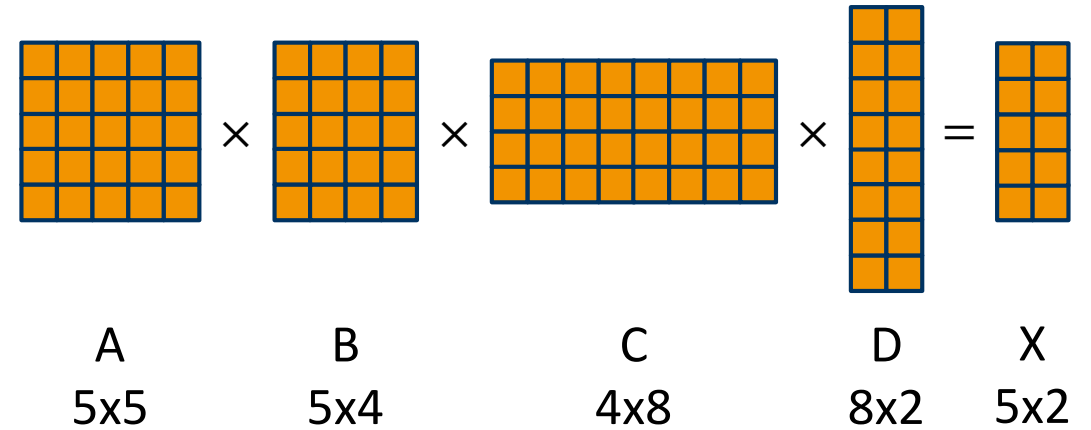
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- ▶ traverse a number of objects in a graph and examine characteristics
  - ▶ e.g. searching, sorting, collision detection, decision trees, ...
  - ▶ usually heavy on data reads and lookups, very little computation and output
- ▶ parallelizable over different paths in the graph
  - ▶ but indirect accesses are heavily latency-bound (c.f. unstructured grids)



# Dynamic Programming

- ▶ method of computing solutions by solving simpler, overlapping sub-problems
  - ▶ applicable to problems where optimal result is composed of optimal results of sub-problems
  - ▶ e.g. matrix-chain-multiplication
- ▶ usually based on memoization
  - ▶ solve each sub-problem exactly once
  - ▶ store and re-use the result



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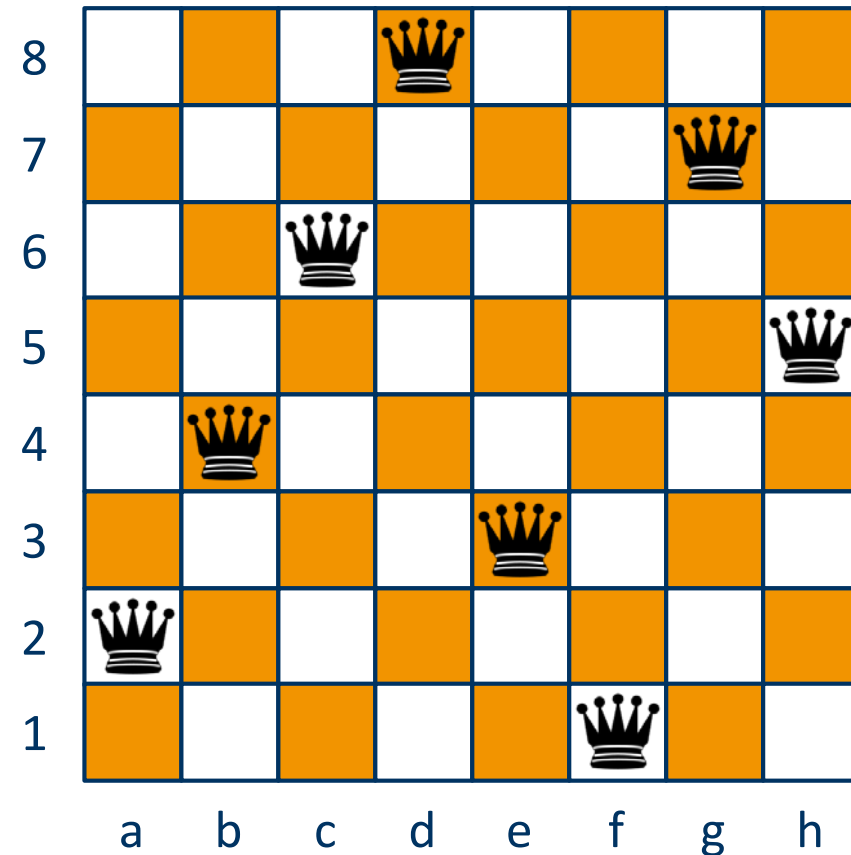
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$$((A \times B) \times C) \times D = X \quad 340 \text{ ops}$$

# Backtrack & Branch+Bound

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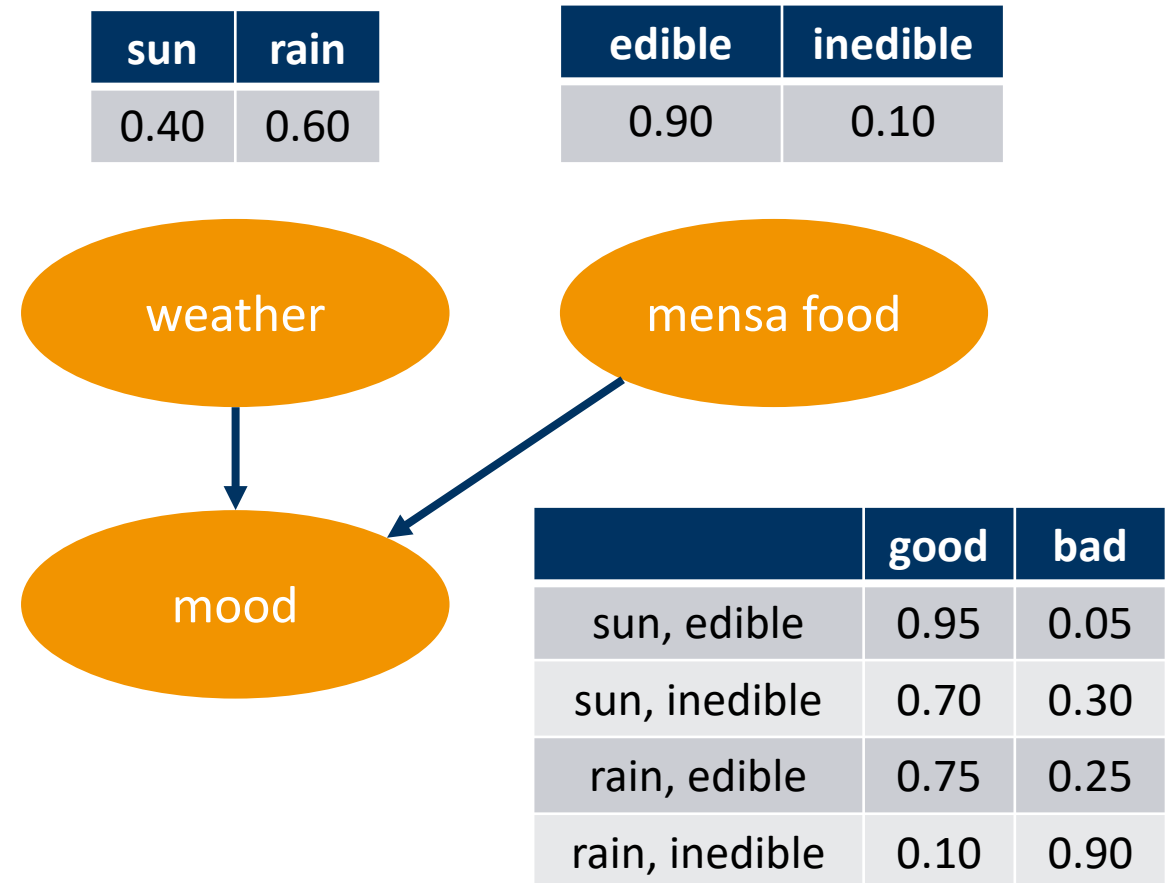
- ▶ search and optimization problems for very large problem spaces
  - ▶ incrementally build solution but discard if determined unsuitable
  - ▶ e.g. n-queens problem
- ▶ use divide & conquer strategy:
  - ▶ break down complex problem into smaller sub-problems until they become solvable
  - ▶ solve sub-problems in parallel





# Graphical Models

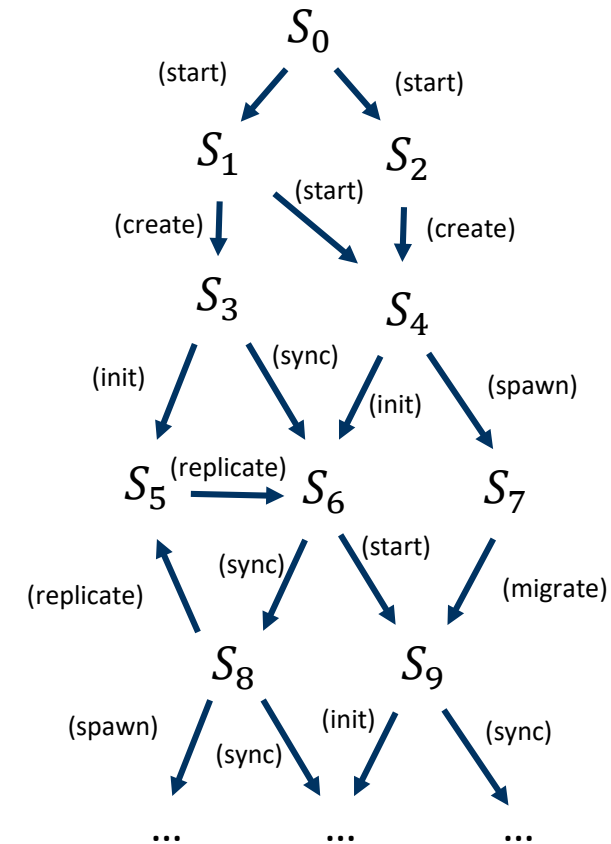
- ▶ also known as probabilistic models
- ▶ represent graphs consisting of random variables as nodes and dependencies as edges
  - ▶ e.g. Bayesian networks, Hidden Markov models
- ▶ ongoing research in math and computer science regarding parallelization and optimization



# Finite State Machines

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- ▶ represent interconnected set of states to be moved among
  - ▶ e.g. parsers
- ▶ can sometimes be decomposed into multiple state machines that act in parallel
  - ▶ ongoing research



## Literature Material

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- ▶ White Paper by Berkeley University: „The Landscape of Parallel Computing Research: A View from Berkeley” from 2006:  
<https://www2.eecs.berkeley.edu/Pubs/TechRpts/2006/EECS-2006-183.pdf>
- ▶ Holds more detailed descriptions and related aspects

## Note the Focus on Scientific Problems

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- ▶ MPI can also be used to implement
  - ▶ distributed-memory runtime systems
  - ▶ emulate shared memory runtime systems on distributed memory (e.g. PGAS)
  - ▶ provide the connecting parallelism layer for shared-memory or sequential systems
    - ▶ e.g. use multiple accelerators in separate compute nodes
    - ▶ extend shared memory parallelism to distributed memory (MPI+X)
    - ▶ ...
- ▶ still, the majority of codes is of scientific computing nature



## Tales from the Proseminar



# Tales from the Proseminar: Daniel's Weird `int` Problem

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- ▶ sequential 2D heat stencil
  - ▶ 100x100 problem size
  - ▶ -O0 (also with -O2) on LCC2
  - ▶ gcc 4.8.5 (but also 9.2 and MSVC 2019)
  - ▶ switching from `long` `long` loop variables to `int` **halves** execution time

```
$ /usr/bin/time -f %E ./stencil_long 100 100
0:04.60
$ /usr/bin/time -f %E ./stencil_int 100 100
0:02.31
```

- ▶ What the heck is going on?

## Tales from the Proseminar: Daniel's Weird `int` Problem

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- ▶ profiled with gprof to find “hot spots”, left is `int`, right is `long long`

% time	cumulative seconds	self seconds	name
32.92	0.76	0.76	int.c:93
20.06	1.22	0.46	int.c:78
14.83	1.56	0.34	int.c:79
10.47	1.80	0.24	int.c:87
9.59	2.02	0.22	int.c:86

% time	cumulative seconds	self seconds	name
36.84	1.69	1.69	long.c:79
31.61	3.15	1.45	long.c:78
16.35	3.90	0.75	long.c:93
5.34	4.15	0.25	long.c:86
3.27	4.30	0.15	long.c:87

## Tales from the Proseminar: Daniel's Weird `int` Problem cont'd

```
74 // get temperature at current position
75 value_t tc = A[i];
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77 // get temperatures of adjacent cells
78 value_t txl = (i % Nx != 0) ? A[i - 1] : tc;
79 value_t txr = (i % Nx != Nx - 1) ? A[i + 1] : tc;
80 // ..... snip .....
90 if (Ny > 1)
91     B[i] = tc + 0.165 * (txl + txr + tyl + tyr + tzl + tzt + (-6 * tc));
92 else
93     B[i] = tc + 0.2 * (txl + txr + tzl + tzt + (-4 * tc));
94 // if ((int)B[i] < (int)A[i])
```



# Tales from the Proseminar: Daniel's Weird `int` Problem

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- ▶ far-fetched idea, but maybe branch (miss-)predictions? compared with `perf stat`:

```
2328.650634 task-clock:u (msec) #    0.996 CPUs
           0 context-switches:u #    0.000 K/sec
           0 cpu-migrations:u   #    0.000 K/sec
          186 page-faults:u     #    0.080 K/sec
5,739,935,525 cycles:u          #    2.465 GHz
10,671,532,880 instructions:u   #    1.86  IPC
1,196,623,336 branches:u       # 513.870 M/sec
    1,030,678 branch-misses:u  #    0.09%

2.338387625 seconds time elapsed
```

```
4639.728721 task-clock:u (msec) #    0.998 CPUs
           0 context-switches:u #    0.000 K/sec
           0 cpu-migrations:u   #    0.000 K/sec
          186 page-faults:u     #    0.040 K/sec
11,444,184,736 cycles:u        #    2.467 GHz
10,972,976,005 instructions:u   #    0.96  IPC
1,196,977,569 branches:u       # 257.984 M/sec
    1,030,347 branch-misses:u  #    0.09%

4.650327844 seconds time elapsed
```

## Tales from the Proseminar: Daniel's Weird `int` Problem cont'd

```
value_t tx1 = ( i % Nx != 0 ) ? A[i-1] : tc;
```

```
mov    eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-20]
cdq
idiv   DWORD PTR [rbp-24]
mov    eax, edx
test   eax, eax
je     .L2
mov    eax, DWORD PTR [rbp-20]
cdqe
```

```
sal    rax, 3
lea    rdx, [rax 8]
mov    rax, QWORD PTR [rbp-32]
add    rax, rdx
movsd  xmm0, QWORD PTR [rax]
jmp    .L3
.L2:   ...
.L3:   ...
```

## Tales from the Proseminar: Daniel's Weird `int` Problem cont'd

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- ▶ Found instruction information on Agner Fog's blog for Intel Skylake architecture:
  - ▶ [https://www.agner.org/optimize/instruction\\_tables.pdf](https://www.agner.org/optimize/instruction_tables.pdf)
- ▶ if you want to study compiler output: <https://godbolt.org/>

inst.	operands	μops	latency
<code>idiv</code>	r32	10	26
<code>idiv</code>	r64	57	42-95

## Tales from the Proseminar: Daniel's Weird `int` Problem cont'd

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- ▶ root cause of the issues: single loop for multi-dimensional problem space
  - ▶ requires % operator to get boundaries (which are strided in linearized space)
  - ▶ replace with loop nest and comparison operators (>, <, ==, !=)
- ▶ potentially premature optimization and violates step 1 of *“Four Steps to Creating an Optimized Parallel Program”*
  - ▶ I asked Daniel's team, they claim that wasn't the case
  - ▶ argument holds nevertheless

# Tales from the Proseminar: `MPI_Ssend()` & `MPI_Sendrecv()`

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- ▶ synchronous send (`MPI_Ssend()`)

- ▶ is NOT the same as non-blocking send
- ▶ is NOT necessarily better than `MPI_Send()`
- ▶ can be used for debugging and finding deadlocks
- ▶ is not always better than asynchronous send

- ▶ `MPI_Sendrecv()`

- ▶ is blocking on the outside (will return when buffers available)
- ▶ is non-blocking on the inside
  - ▶ implemented using `MPI_Isend()`, `MPI_Irecv()`, and two `MPI_Wait()`

# Summary

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- ▶ 13 Dwarfs of HPC
  - ▶ abstract application categories
  - ▶ facilitate cross-platform reasoning and cross-application component reuse
  - ▶ 7 older ones, most well-studied physics problems
  - ▶ 6 newer ones, partially of theoretical nature, subject to ongoing research
  - ▶ give a broad perspective on HPC potential and limitations
- ▶ “Tales from the Proseminar”
  - ▶ Daniel’s Weird `int` Problem: Don’t consider `int` instructions cheap!
  - ▶ `MPI_Ssend()` and `MPI_Sendrecv()`

# Image Sources

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- ▶ Dwarfs: <http://pngimg.com/download/47261>, <http://rpgmke.wikidot.com/moonshae-isles-campaign>
- ▶ CRC: <https://barrgroup.com/Embedded-Systems/How-To/CRC-Calculation-C-Code>
- ▶ Unstructured Mesh: [https://resourcearea.cpu-24-7.com/en/numeca\\_welcome](https://resourcearea.cpu-24-7.com/en/numeca_welcome)