

MPI II

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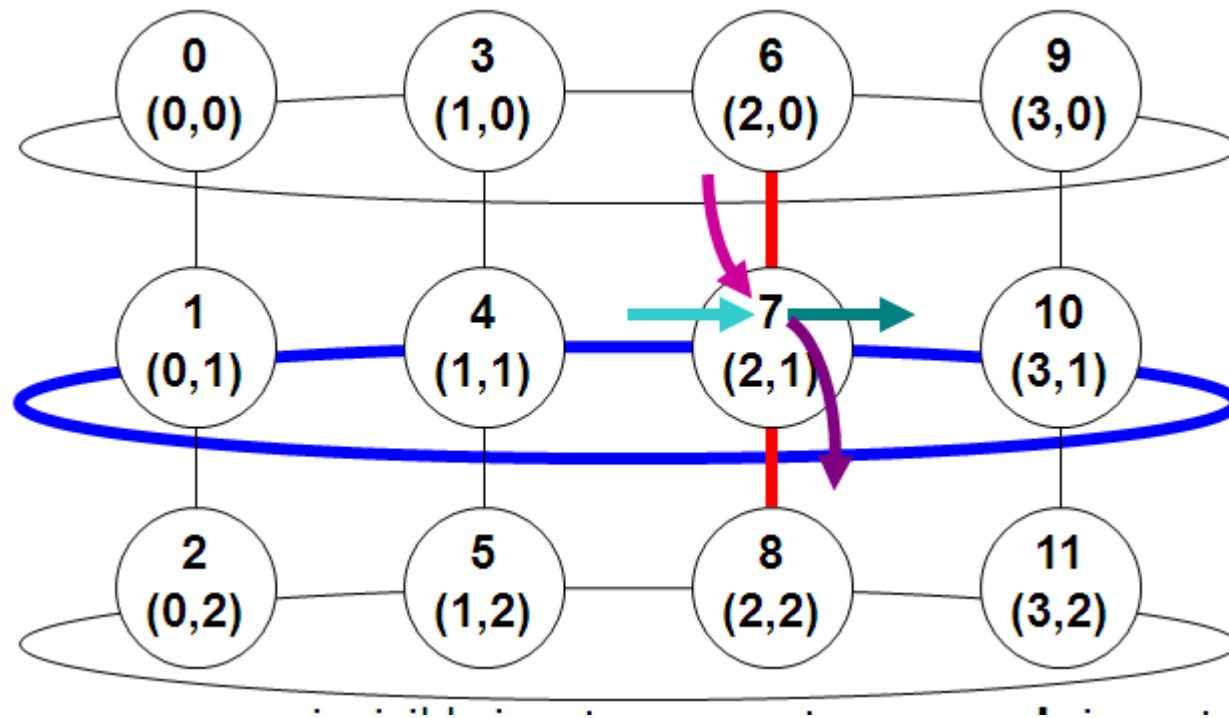
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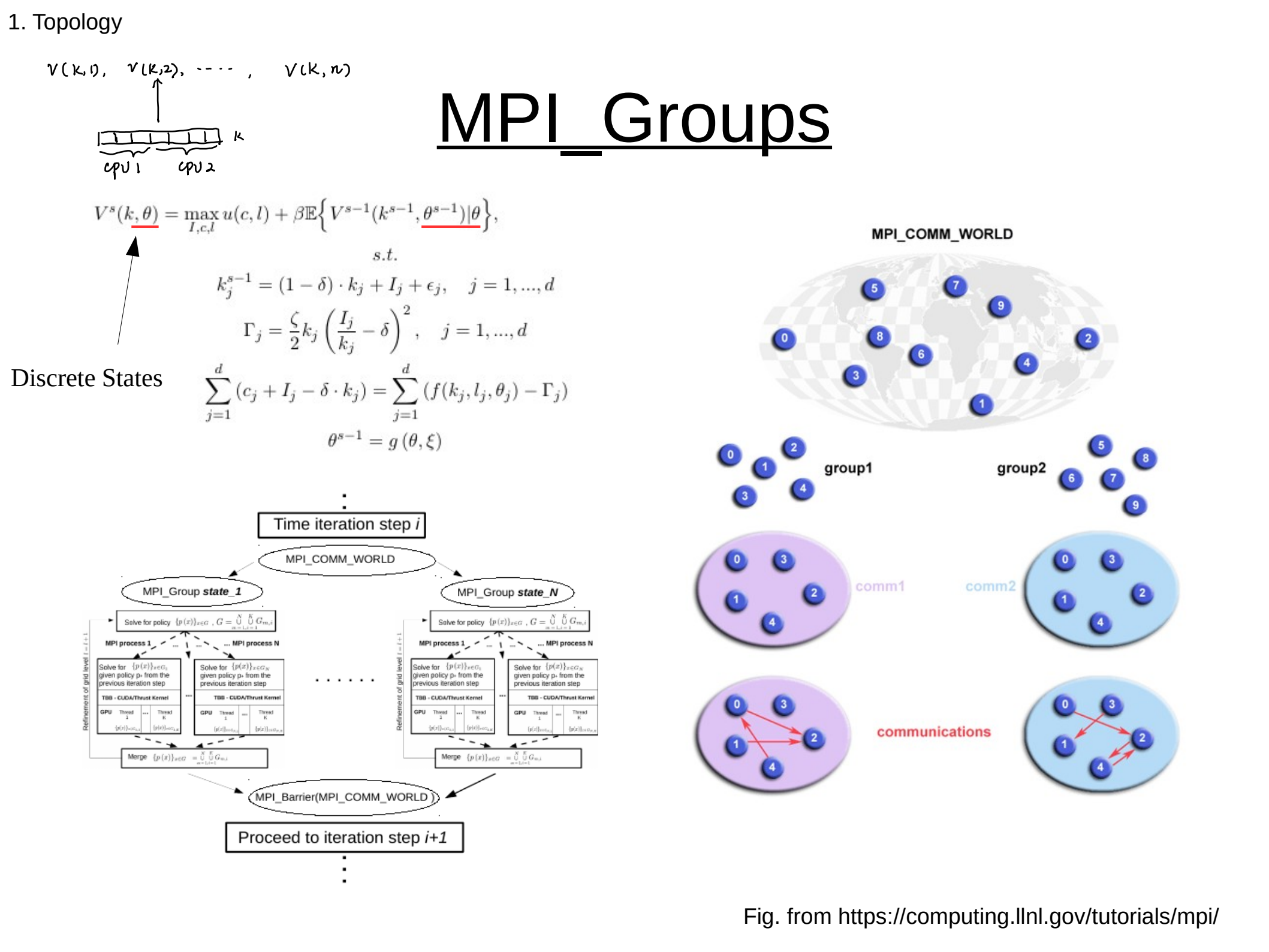
1. MPI – part II (8.00-9.00 – hands on).
2. Hybrid parallelism (9.15-10.00 – hands on).
3. Hybridize some of the projects together (10.15-11.00).
4. High throughput computing (11.10 – 10.30)
5. Advanced topics (11.30-12.00).
6. Exercise sheet related to the day's topic.

Outline

1. Topology for managing rank numbering
2. User specific data type
3. Parallel I/O
4. Python & MPI

1. Topology for managing rank numbering.





Group and Communicator Management Routines

- A group is an ordered set of processes, each with a unique integer rank. In MPI, a group is represented within system memory as an object. It is accessible to the programmer only by a "handle". A group is always associated with a communicator object.
- A communicator encompasses a group of processes that may communicate with each other. All MPI messages must specify a communicator. Like groups, communicators are accessible to the programmer only by "handles". The handle for the communicator that comprises all processes is `MPI_COMM_WORLD`.

From the programmer's perspective, a group and a communicator are one. The group routines are primarily used to specify which processes should be used to construct a communicator.

Primary Purposes of Group and Communicator Objects

Goals:

- Allow you to **organize tasks, based upon function**, into task groups.
- **Enable Collective Communications operations across a subset of related tasks.**
- Provide basis for implementing user defined virtual topology.

Remarks:

- Groups/communicators **can be created and destroyed** during program execution.
- Processes may be in more than one group/communicator having a unique rank within each group/communicator.

Example

Create two different process groups for separate collective communications exchange. → This requires creating new communicators.

> cd OSM2019/day3/code_day3/MPI

2. Have a look at the code

>vi 4a.MPI_group.cpp

3. compile by typing:

> make

4. run the code

>mpiexec -np 8 ./4a.MPI_group.exec

Example (II)

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <iostream>
#include "mpi.h"

#define NPROCS 8

using namespace std;

main(int argc, char *argv[]) {

    int      rank, new_rank, sendbuf, recvbuf, numtasks,
            ranks1[4]={0,1,2,3}, ranks2[4]={4,5,6,7};
    MPI_Group orig_group, new_group; // required variables
    MPI_Comm  new_comm; // required variable

    MPI_Init(&argc,&argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numtasks);

    if (numtasks != NPROCS) {
        cout << "Must specify 8 MPI processes = " << NPROCS << " !! Terminating "<< endl;
        MPI_Finalize();
        return 0;
    }

    sendbuf = rank;

    // extract the original group handle
    MPI_Comm_group(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &orig_group);

    // divide tasks into two distinct groups based upon rank
    if (rank < NPROCS/2) {
        MPI_Group_incl(orig_group, NPROCS/2, ranks1, &new_group);
    }
    else {
        MPI_Group_incl(orig_group, NPROCS/2, ranks2, &new_group);
    }

    // create new new communicator and then perform collective communications
    MPI_Comm_create(MPI_COMM_WORLD, new_group, &new_comm);
    MPI_Allreduce(&sendbuf, &recvbuf, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM, new_comm);

    // get rank in new group
    MPI_Group_rank (new_group, &new_rank);
    cout << "rank= " << rank << " newrank= " << new_rank << " recvbuf= " << recvbuf << endl;

    MPI_Finalize();
}
```

>mpiexec -np 8 ./4a.MPI_group.exec

rank=	0	newrank=	0	recvbuf=	6
rank=	1	newrank=	1	recvbuf=	6
rank=	3	newrank=	3	recvbuf=	6
rank=	4	newrank=	0	recvbuf=	22
rank=	6	newrank=	2	recvbuf=	22
rank=	5	newrank=	1	recvbuf=	22
rank=	7	newrank=	3	recvbuf=	22
rank=	2	newrank=	2	recvbuf=	6

Reduction within group

$$0 + 1 + 2 + 3 = 6$$

$$4 + 5 + 6 + 7 = 22$$

2. User specific data type

MPI predefines its primitive data types:

C Data Types		Fortran Data Types
MPI_CHAR	MPI_C_COMPLEX	MPI_CHARACTER
MPI_WCHAR	MPI_C_FLOAT_COMPLEX	MPI_INTEGER
MPI_SHORT	MPI_C_DOUBLE_COMPLEX	MPI_INTEGER1
MPI_INT	MPI_C_LONG_DOUBLE_COMPLEX	MPI_INTEGER2
MPI_LONG	MPI_C_BOOL	MPI_INTEGER4
MPI_LONG_LONG_INT	MPI_LOGICAL	MPI_REAL
MPI_LONG_LONG	MPI_C_LONG_DOUBLE_COMPLEX	MPI_REAL2
MPI_SIGNED_CHAR	MPI_INT8_T	MPI_REAL4
MPI_UNSIGNED_CHAR	MPI_INT16_T	MPI_REAL8
MPI_UNSIGNED_SHORT	MPI_INT32_T	MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION
MPI_UNSIGNED_LONG	MPI_INT64_T	MPI_COMPLEX
MPI_UNSIGNED	MPI_UINT8_T	MPI_DOUBLE_COMPLEX
MPI_FLOAT	MPI_UINT16_T	MPI_LOGICAL
MPI_DOUBLE	MPI_UINT32_T	MPI_BYTE
MPI_LONG_DOUBLE	MPI_UINT64_T	MPI_PACKED
	MPI_BYTE	
	MPI_PACKED	

Derived Data Types

MPI also provides facilities for you to **define your own data structures** based upon sequences of the MPI primitive data types.

Such user defined structures are called **derived data** types.

Primitive data types are contiguous.

Derived data types allow you to specify non-contiguous data in a convenient manner and to treat it as though it was contiguous.

MPI provides several methods for constructing derived data types:

- **Contiguous** (*we will below only consider this one as an example*)
- **Vector**
- **Indexed**
- **Struct**
- **MPI derived data types (differently from C or Fortran) are created (and destroyed) at run-time** through calls to MPI library routines.

Implementation steps:

1. Construct the data type
2. Allocate the data type
3. Use the data type
4. Deallocate the data type

Allocate and destroy the data type

A constructed data type must be committed to the system before it can be used in a communication.

```
MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(DATATYPE, IERR)  
MPI_TYPE_FREE(DATATYPE, IERR)
```

e.g. Contiguous Datatype

`MPI_TYPE_CONTIGUOUS` constructs a type-map consisting of the replication of a data type into contiguous locations.

```
MPI_TYPE_CONTIGUOUS(count, oldtype, newtype, ierr)
```

count	number of BLOCKs to be added
oldtype	oldtype Datatype of each element
newtype	new derived datatype

Example

Create a data type representing a row of an array and distribute a different row to all processes.

> cd OSE2019/day3/code_day3/MPI

2. Have a look at the code

>vi 6a.derived_data.cpp

```
/1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, &  
5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, &  
9.0, 10.0, 11.0, 12.0, &  
13.0, 14.0, 15.0, 16.0 /
```

3. compile by typing:

> make

4. run the code

Rank 0

```
/1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0,
```

Rank 1

```
5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0,
```

Rank 2

```
9.0, 10.0, 11.0, 12.0,
```

Rank 3

```
13.0, 14.0, 15.0, 16.0
```

>mpiexec -np 4 ./6a.derived_data.exec

Example data type

```

main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int numtasks, rank, source=0, dest, tag=1, i;
    float a[SIZE][SIZE] =
        {1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0,
         5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0,
         9.0, 10.0, 11.0, 12.0,
         13.0, 14.0, 15.0, 16.0};
    float b[SIZE];

    MPI_Status stat;
    MPI_Datatype rowtype; // required variable

    MPI_Init(&argc,&argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numtasks);

    // create contiguous derived data type
    MPI_Type_contiguous(SIZE, MPI_FLOAT, &rowtype);
    MPI_Type_commit(&rowtype);

    if (numtasks == SIZE) {
        // task 0 sends one element of rowtype to all tasks
        if (rank == 0) {
            for (i=0; i<numtasks; i++)
                MPI_Send(&a[i][0], 1, rowtype, i, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
        }

        // all tasks receive rowtype data from task 0
        MPI_Recv(b, SIZE, MPI_FLOAT, source, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &stat);
        printf("rank= %d b= %3.1f %3.1f %3.1f %3.1f\n",
               rank, b[0], b[1], b[2], b[3]);
    }
    else
        printf("Must specify %d processors. Terminating.\n", SIZE);

    // free datatype when done using it
    MPI_Type_free(&rowtype);
    MPI_Finalize();
}

```

>mpiexec -np 4 ./6.derived_data.exec

send one of those elements, not 4

rank=	0	b=	1.00000000	2.00000000	3.00000000	4.00000000
rank=	1	b=	5.00000000	6.00000000	7.00000000	8.00000000
rank=	2	b=	9.00000000	10.00000000	11.00000000	12.00000000
rank=	3	b=	13.00000000	14.00000000	15.00000000	16.00000000

3. Parallel I/O

High Performance Computing (HPC) applications often do I/O for:

- **Reading initial conditions or datasets for processing.**
- Writing numerical data from simulations
 - Parallel applications commonly need to write distributed arrays to disk.
 - Saving application-level checkpoints.
- Application state is written to a file for restarting the application in case of a system failure.

Efficient I/O without stressing out the HPC system is challenging:

- **Load and store operations are more time-consuming than multiply operations.**
- **Total Execution Time = Computation Time + Communication Time + I/O time.**
- Optimize all the components of the equation above to get best performance.

Recall: data access speed

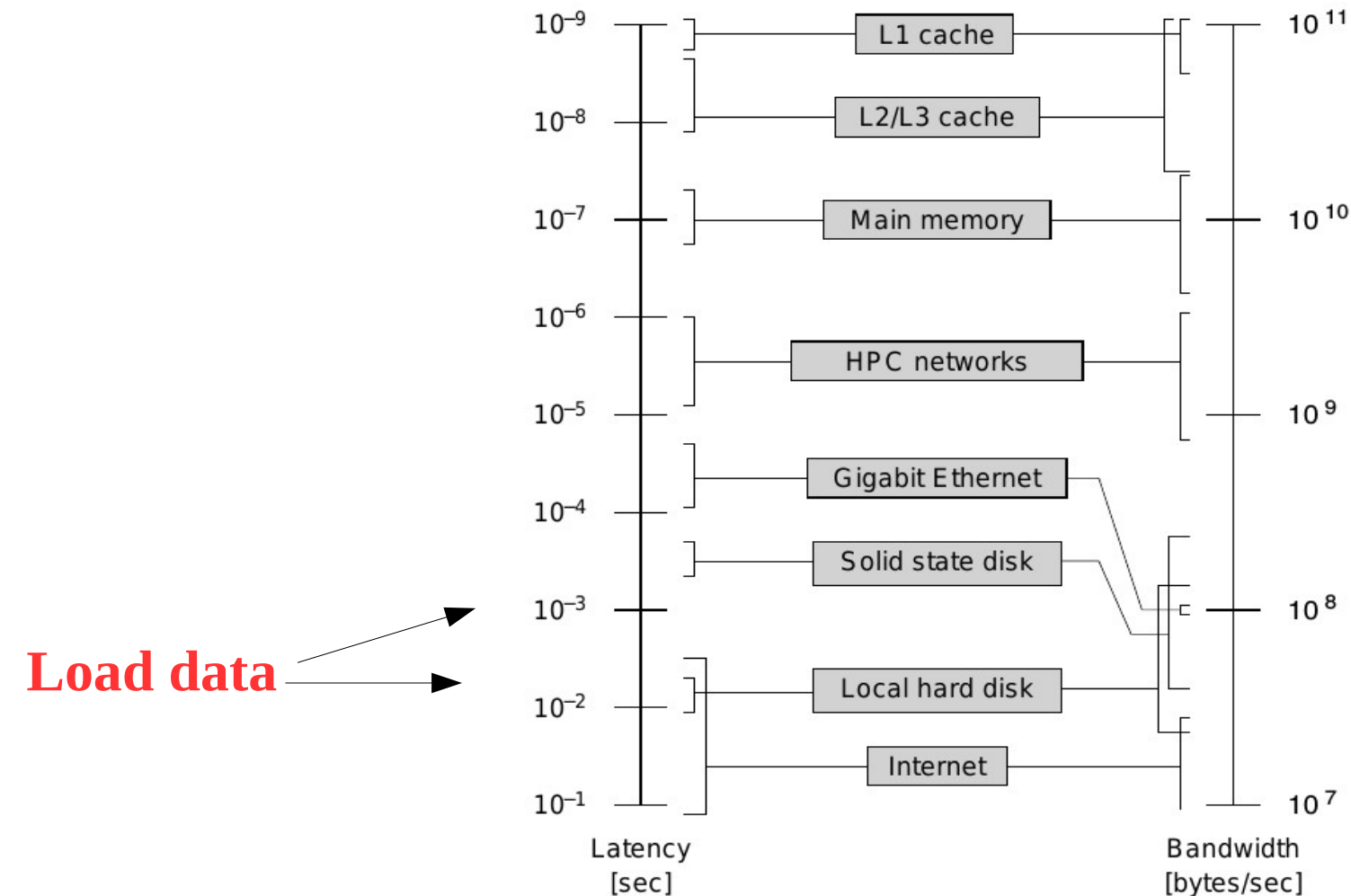
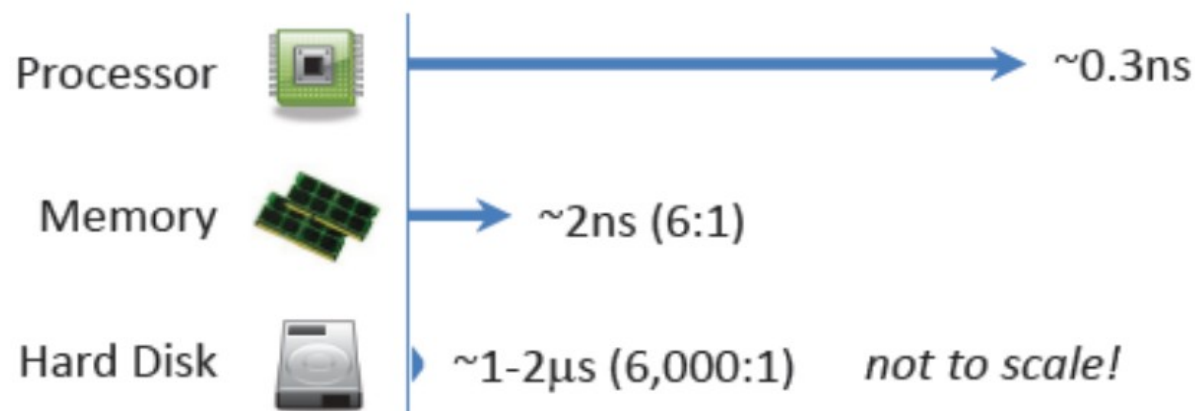


Figure 3.1: Typical latency and bandwidth numbers for data transfer to and from different devices in computer systems. Registers have been omitted because their “bandwidth” usually matches the computational capabilities of the compute core, and their latency is part of the pipelined execution.

Relative Speed of Components in HPC Platform

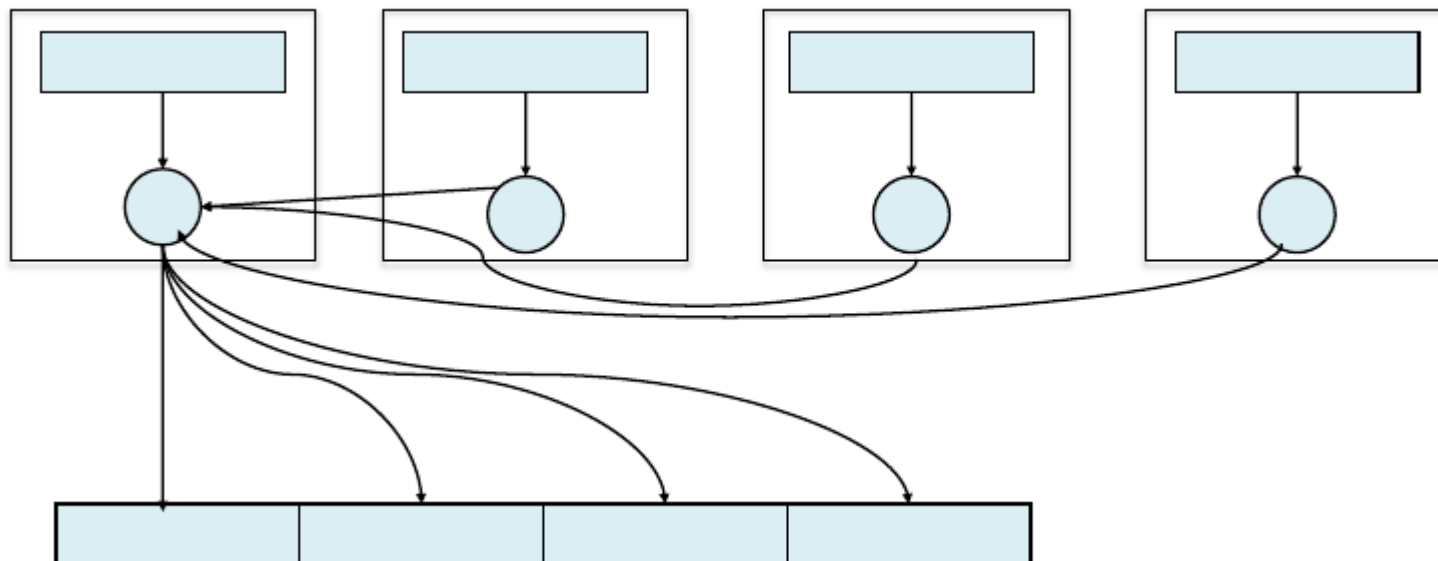
An HPC platform's I/O subsystems are typically slow as compared to its other parts.

The I/O gap between memory speed and average disk access stands at roughly 10^{-3}



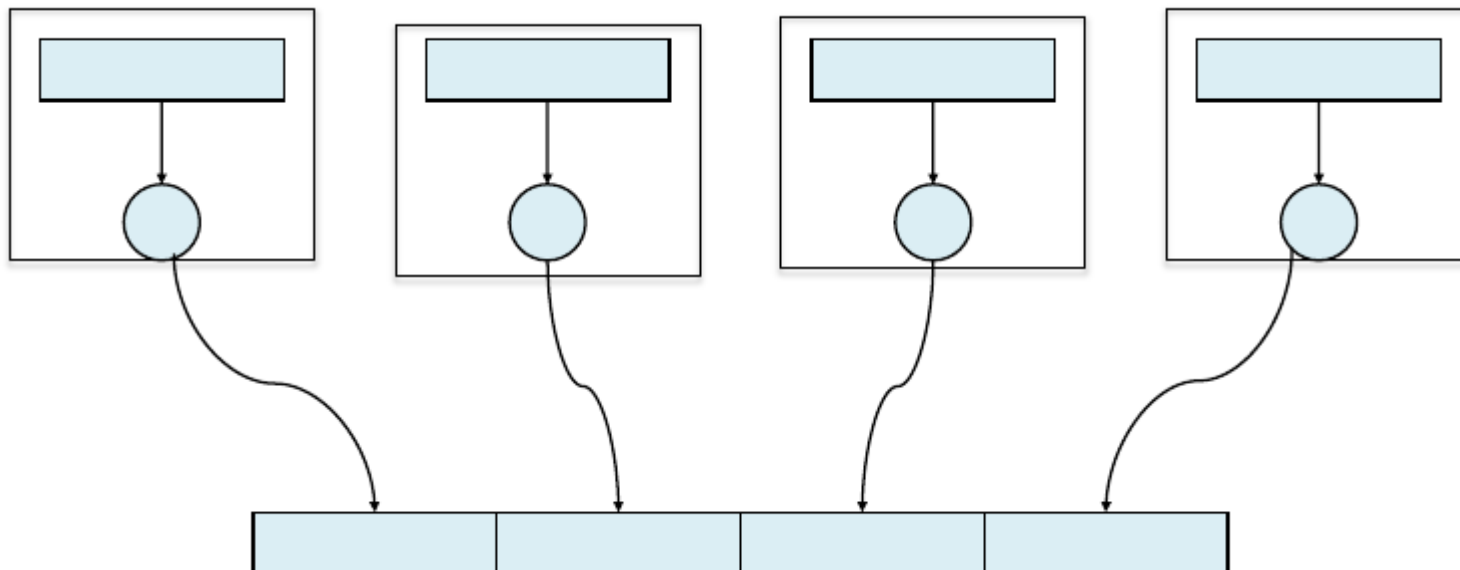
Typical I/O pattern

- All processes send data to master process, and then the process designated as master writes the collected data to the file.
- This sequential nature of I/O can limit performance and scalability of many applications.



Desired pattern

- Multiple processes participating in reading data from or writing data to a common file in parallel.
- This strategy improves performance and provides a single file for storage and transfer purposes.



Parallel I/O: possible strategies

Master-Worker

- Only one processor takes care of the I/O

Distributed

- All processors perform the I/O independently

Coordinated

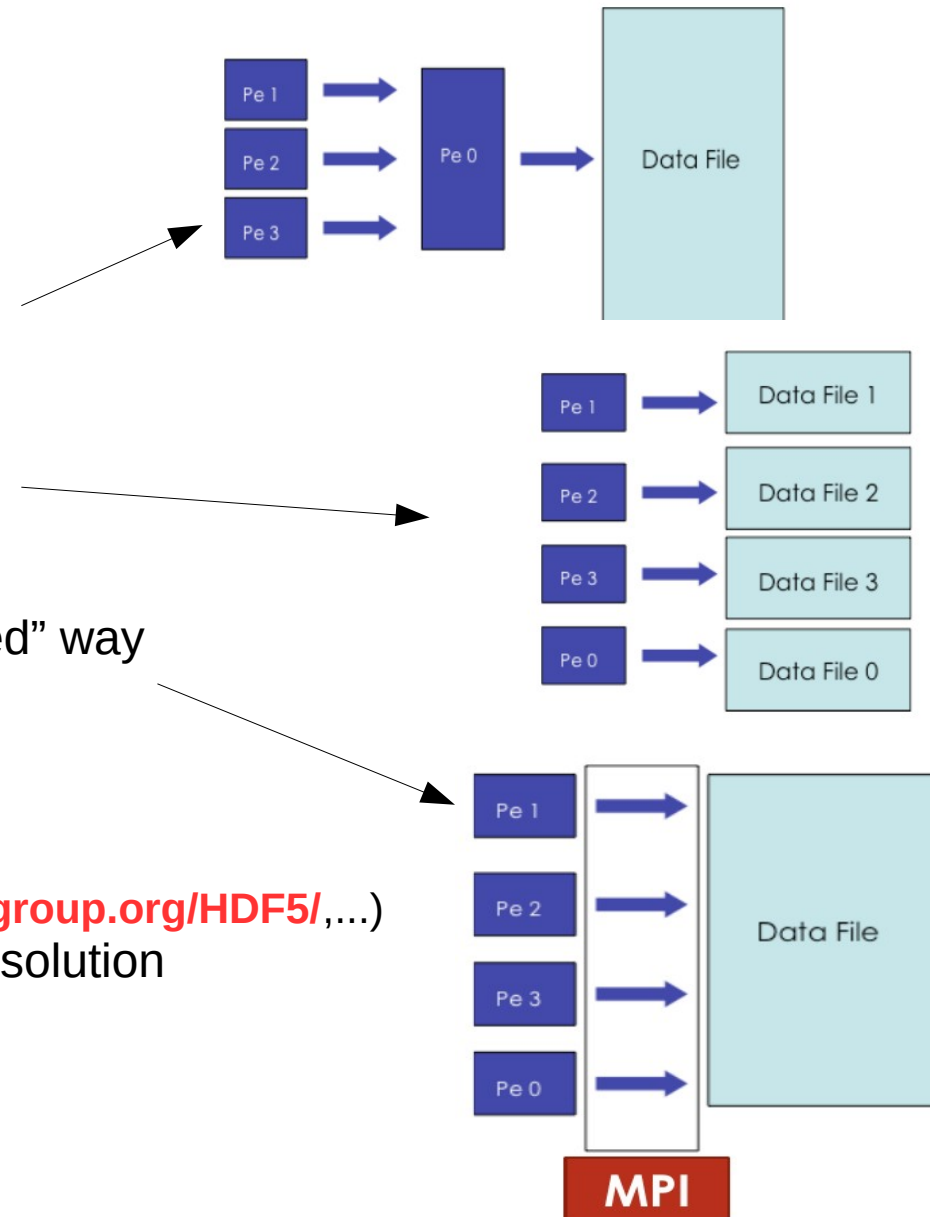
- All processors perform the I/O in an “organized” way

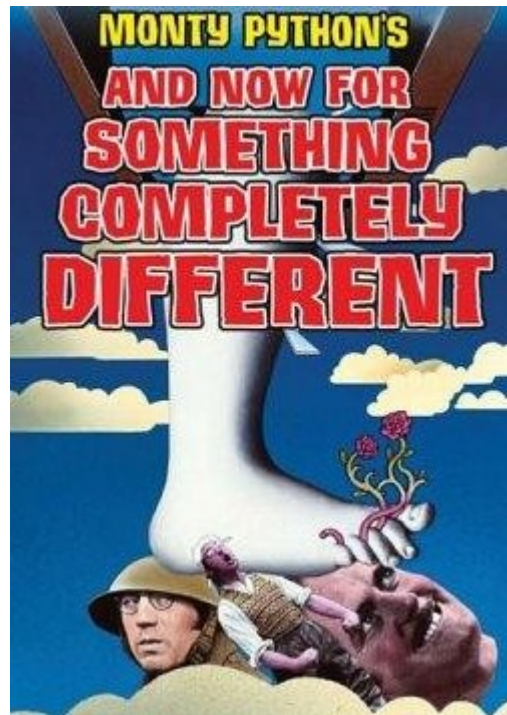
MPI I/O

- The most efficient solution

High level libraries (HDF5 – <https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/>,...)

- The most “elegant” (and sometimes efficient) solution





4. MPI in Python

See <https://mpi4py.scipy.org>

→ **MPI for Python** supports convenient, pickle-based communication of generic Python object as well as fast, near C-speed, direct array data communication of buffer-provider objects (e.g., NumPy arrays).

Communication of generic Python objects:

You have to use **all-lowercase methods** (of the Comm class), like `send()`, `recv()`, `bcast()`. **Note that `isend()` is available, but `irecv()` is not.**

Collective calls like `scatter()`, `gather()`, `allgather()`, `alltoall()` expect/return a sequence of `Comm.size` elements at the root or all process. They return a single value, a list of `Comm.size` elements, or `None`.

Global reduction operations `reduce()` and `allreduce()` are naively implemented, the reduction is actually done at the designated root process or all processes.

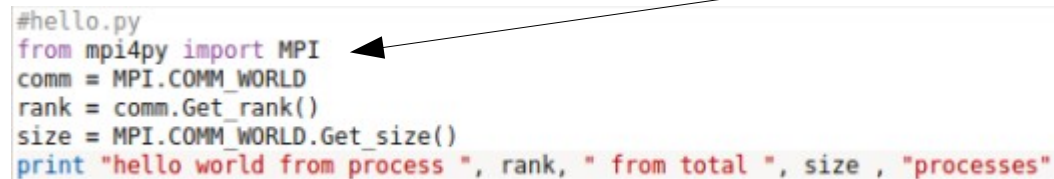
“Hello World” in Python

Go to [OSE2019/day3/code_day3/MPI4PY](#)

Run with

> mpiexec -np 4 python hello.py

Make MPI available



```
#hello.py
from mpi4py import MPI
comm = MPI.COMM_WORLD
rank = comm.Get_rank()
size = MPI.COMM_WORLD.Get_size()
print "hello world from process ", rank, " from total ", size , "processes"
```

Point-to-Point Communication

Go to [OSM2019/day3/code_day3/MPI4PY/pointtopoint.py](#)

```
#passRandomDraw.py
import numpy
from mpi4py import MPI
comm = MPI.COMM_WORLD
rank = comm.Get_rank()

randNum = numpy.zeros(1)

if rank == 1:
    randNum = numpy.random.random_sample(1)
    print "Process", rank, "drew the number", randNum[0]
    comm.Send(randNum, dest=0)

if rank == 0:
    print "Process", rank, "before receiving has the number", randNum[0]
    comm.Recv(randNum, source=1)
    print "Process", rank, "received the number", randNum[0]
```


MPI Broadcast in Python

Go to [OSM2019/day3/code_day3/MPI4PY/bcast.py](#)

```
import numpy
from mpi4py import MPI
comm = MPI.COMM_WORLD
rank = comm.Get_rank()

#intialize
rand_num = numpy.zeros(1)

if rank == 0:
    rand_num[0] = numpy.random.uniform(0)

comm.Bcast(rand_num, root = 0)
print "Process", rank, "has the number", rand_num
```

MPI Reductions in Python

- Estimate integrals using the trapezoid rule.
- A range to be integrated is divided into many vertical slivers, and each sliver is approximated with a trapezoid.

$$area \approx \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{[f(a) + f(b)]}{2} \cdot \Delta x = \left[\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} + \sum_{i=0}^n f(a + i\Delta x) + f(a + (i + 1)\Delta x) \right] \cdot \Delta x$$

MPI Reductions in Python

```
import numpy
import sys
from mpi4py import MPI
from mpi4py.MPI import ANY_SOURCE
```

```
comm = MPI.COMM_WORLD
rank = comm.Get_rank()
size = comm.Get_size()
```

```
#takes in command-line arguments [a,b,n]
a = float(sys.argv[1])
b = float(sys.argv[2])
n = int(sys.argv[3])
```

```
#we arbitrarily define a function to integrate
def f(x):
    return x*x
```

```
#this is the serial version of the trapezoidal rule
#parallelization occurs by dividing the range among processes
```

```
def integrateRange(a, b, n):
    integral = -(f(a) + f(b))/2.0
    # n+1 endpoints, but n trapezoids
    for x in numpy.linspace(a,b,n+1):
        integral = integral + f(x)
    integral = integral* (b-a)/n
    return integral
```

```
#h is the step size. n is the total number of trapezoids
h = (b-a)/n
#local_n is the number of trapezoids each process will calculate
#note that size must divide n
local_n = n/size
```

```
#we calculate the interval that each process handles
#local_a is the starting point and local_b is the endpoint
local_a = a + rank*local_n*h
local_b = local_a + local_n*h
```

```
#initializing variables. mpi4py requires that we pass numpy objects.
integral = numpy.zeros(1)
total = numpy.zeros(1)
```

```
# perform local computation. Each process integrates its own interval
integral[0] = integrateRange(local_a, local_b, local_n)
```

```
# communication
# root node receives results with a collective "reduce"
comm.Reduce(integral, total, op=MPI.SUM, root=0)
```

```
# root process prints results
if comm.rank == 0:
    print "With n =", n, "trapezoids, our estimate of the integral from"\
, a, "to", b, "is", total
```

Go to [OSM2019/day3/code_day3/MPI4PY/reduction.py](https://osm2019.github.io/day3/code_day3/MPI4PY/reduction.py)

Run with

> mpiexec -n 4 python reduction.py a b N

→ integration range [a,b], discretization N

> mpiexec -n 4 python reduction.py 0.0 1.0 1000

OUTPUT = ???

$$f(x) = x^2$$

Reduction

Questions?

1. Advice – RTFM

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RTFM>

2. Advice – <http://imgtfy.com/>

<http://imgtfy.com/?q=message+passing+interface>

