# Introduction to Parallel Computing

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#### Outline

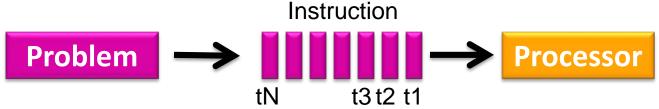
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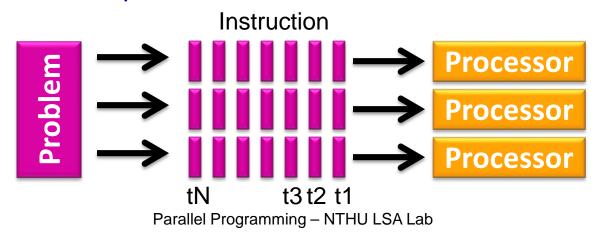
## What is Parallel Computing?

"Solve a *single problem* by using *multiple processors* (i.e. *core*) working together"

Traditionally, program has been written for serial computation



■ In parallel computing, use multiple computer resources to solve a computational problem



# Difference between parallel computing & distributed computing

The two terminologies are very closely related. But come from *different backgrounds* 

- Parallel computing ...
  - Means different activities happen at the same time
  - Spread out a single application over many cores/ processors/processes to get it done bigger or faster
  - Mostly used in scientific computing
- Distributed computing...
  - > Activities across systems or distanced servers
  - > Focus more on concurrency and resource sharing
  - From the business/commercial world
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#### The Universe is Parallel

■ Parallel computing is an evolution of serial computing that attempts to emulate what has always been the state of affairs in the natural world









## Why need Parallel Computing

#### Save time

Use more resources to shorten execution with potential

cost saving Finish in 1 hour!!!







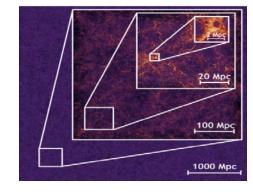


	DUAL XEON CPU server	DGX-1 GPU server ( 8 GPUs)		
FLOPS	3TF	170TF		
Node Mem BW	76GB/s	768GB/s		
Alexnet Train Time	150 Hr	2Hr		
Train in 2Hr	>250Nodes	1Node		

## Why need Parallel Computing

- Solve larger problem
  - Impossible or impractical to solve on a single computer
  - Scientific computing:
    - Trillion particles
    - Tens and hundreds of parameters
    - TBs of data to be processed/analyzed
    - Several hours of execution using millions of cores (PetaFLOPS)

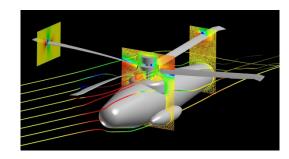




1 trillion particles, 4.225 Gpc box-size simulation, and 6 kpc force resolution.

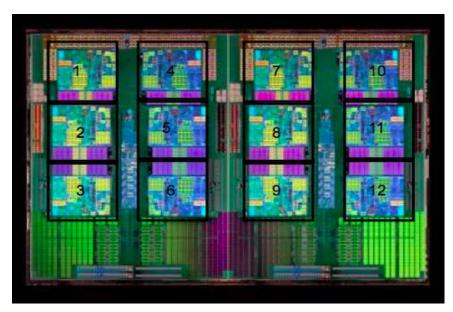




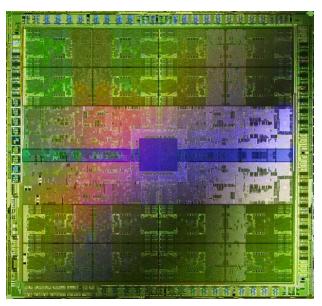


## Why need Parallel Computing

- Make better use of the underlying parallel hardware
  - Advance in computer architecture



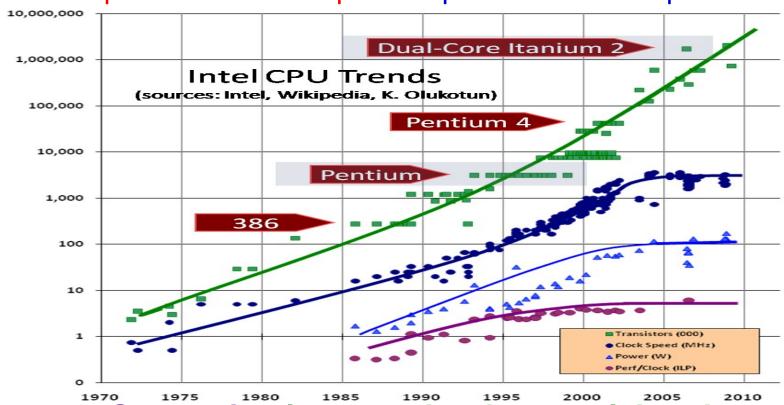
12 Cores IBM Blade Multi-core CPU



512 Cores NVIDIA Fermi GPU

# The Death of CPU Scaling

- Increase of transistor density ≠ performance
  - > The power and clock speed improvements collapsed



"Parallel Computing is a <u>trend</u> and <u>essential tools</u> in today's world!"

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## Trend of Parallel Computing

## Single-Core Era

Enabled by:
Moore's Law
Voltage Scaling

Constraint by:
Power
Complexity

Assembly → C/C++→ Java ...

## Muti-Core Era

Enabled by: Moore's Law SMP Constraint by:
Power
Parallel SW
Scalability

Pthread → OpenMP ...

# Heterogeneous Systems Era

Enabled by:
Abundant data
parallelism
Power efficient GPUs

Constraint by:
Programming
models
Comm. overhead

Shader → CUDA → OpenCL ...

# Distributed System Era

Enabled by: Networking Constraint by:
Synchronization
Comm. overhead

MPI → MapReduce ...



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## Parallel Computer Classification

### **■ Flynn's classic taxonomy**

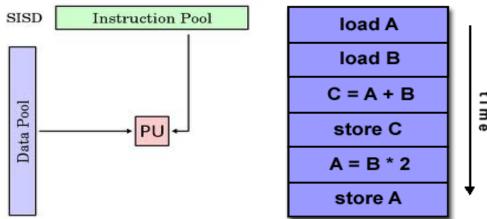
- > Since **1966** (50 years ago ...)
- ➤ From the process unit prospective: Classify computer architecture based two independent dimensions: Instruction & Data

SISD	SIMD		
Single Instruction	Single Instruction		
Single Data	Multiple Data		
MISD	MIMD		
Multiple Instruction	Multiple Instruction		
Single Data	Multiple Data		



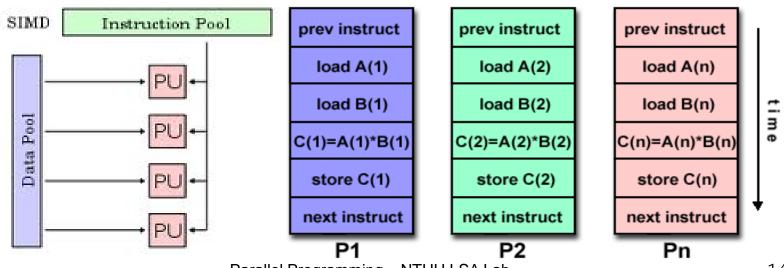
## Flynn's classic taxonomy: SISD

- Single Instruction, Single Data (SISD):
  - ➤ A serial (non-parallel) computer
  - Single Instruction: Only one instruction stream is being acted on by the CPU during any one clock cycle
  - Single Data: Only one data stream is being used as input during any one clock cycle
  - > Example: Old mainframes, single-core processor



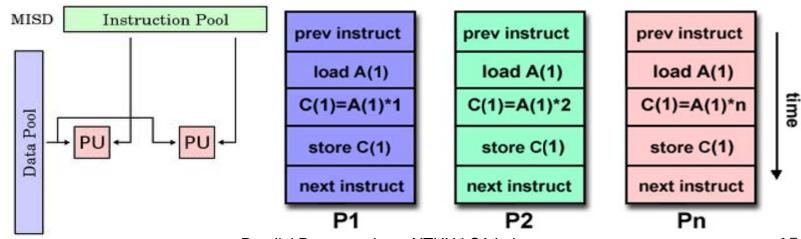
## Flynn's classic taxonomy: SIMD

- Single Instruction, Multiple Data (SIMD):
  - Single Instruction: All processing units execute the same instruction at any given clock cycle
  - Multiple Data: Each processing unit can operate on a different data element
  - Example: GPU, vector processor (X86 AVX instruction)



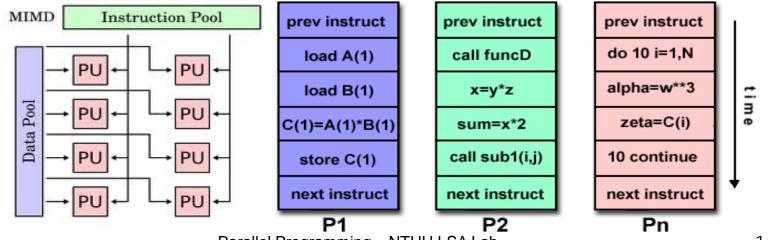
## Flynn's classic taxonomy: MISD

- Multiple Instruction, Single Data (MISD):
  - ➤ Multiple Instruction: Each processing unit operates on the data independently via separate instruction streams.
  - Single Data: A single data stream is fed into multiple processing units.
  - Example: Only experiment by CMU in 1971; Could be used for fault tolerance



# Flynn's classic taxonomy: MIMD

- Multiple Instruction, Multiple Data (MIMD):
  - Multiple Instruction: Every processor may be executing a different instruction stream
  - Multiple Data: Every processor may be working with a different data stream
  - > Example: Most modern computers, such as multi-core CPU

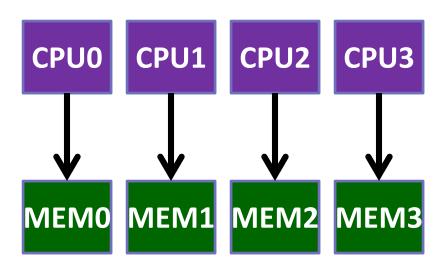




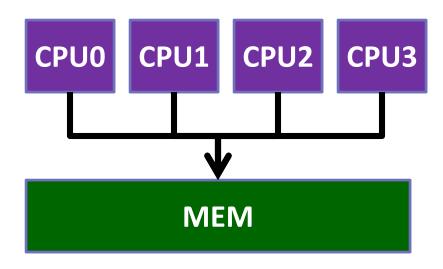
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# Shared Memory vs. Distributed Memory Computer Architecture



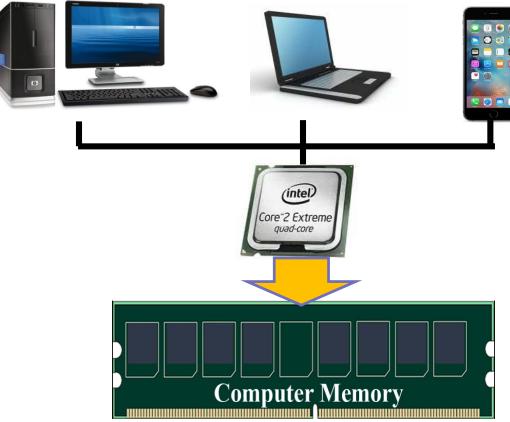
**Distributed memory** 



**Shared memory** 

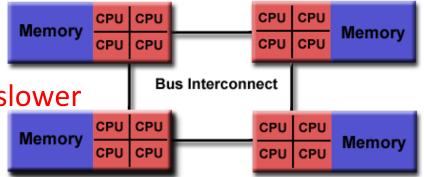
# Shared Memory Multiprocessor Computer System

Single computer with multiple internal multicore processors



## **Shared Memory Computer Architecture**

- Uniform Memory Access (UMA):
  - Most commonly represented today by Symmetric Multiprocessor (SMP) machines
  - Identical processors
  - Equal access times to memory
  - Example: commercial servers
- Non-Uniform Memory Access (NUMA):
  - Often made by physically linking two or more SMPs
  - One SMP can directly access memory of another SMP
  - Memory access across link is slower
  - Example: HPC server



Memory

CPU

CPU

## Distributed Memory Multicomputer

 Connect multiple computers to form a computing platform without sharing memory



Cluster: tens of servers



Supercomputer: hundreds of servers



Datacenter: thousands of servers

## Distributed Memory Multicomputer

- Require a communication network (i.e. not bus) to connect inter-processor memory
- Processors have their own memory & address space
- Memory change made by a processor has NO effect on the memory of other processors
- Programmers or programming tools are responsible to explicitly define how and when data is communicated between processors

CPU

**CPU** 

Memory

Memory

Network fabric: Ethernet, InfiniBand Memory

Memory

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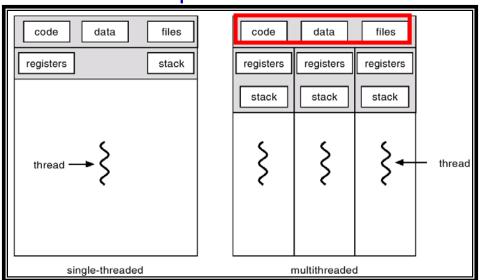
## Parallel Programming Model

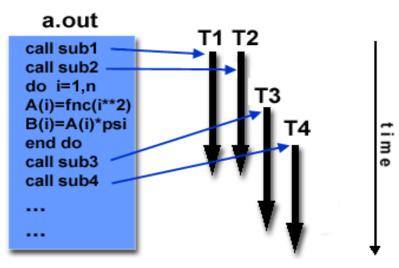
- Parallel programming models exist as an abstraction above hardware & memory architectures
- In general programming models are designed to match the computer architecture
  - Shared memory prog. model for shared memory machine
  - > Message passing prog. model for distributed memory machine
- But programming models are NOT restricted by the machine or memory architecture
  - Message passing model can be supported on SHARED memory machine: e.g., MPI on a single server
  - Shared memory model on DISTRIBUTED memory machine: e.g., Partitioned Global Address Space



## **Shared Memory Programming Model**

- A single process can have multiple, concurrent execution paths
- Threads have **local data**, but also, **shares resources**
- Threads communicate with each other through global memory
- Threads can come and go, but the main program remains
  - to provide the necessary shared resources until the application has completed





## **Shared Memory Programming Model**

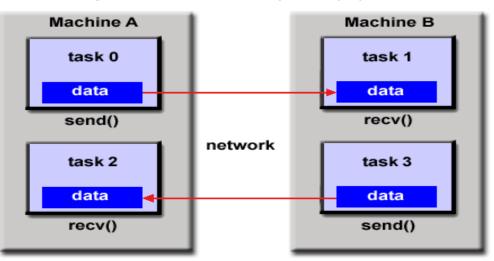
- Implementation
  - > A library of subroutines called from parallel source code
    - E.g.: POSIX Thread (Pthread)
  - A set of compiler directives imbedded in either serial or parallel source code
    - ♦ E.g.: OpenMP

```
#include <omp.h>
int main() {
    #pragma omp parallel
    {
       printf("Hello, world.\n");
     }
}
```



## Message Passing Programming Model

- A set of tasks that use their own local memory during computation
  - Multiple tasks can reside on the same physical machine and/or across an arbitrary number of machines
- Tasks exchange data through communications by sending and receiving messages (Memory copy)
- MPI API:
  - Send, Recv, Bcast,Gather, Scatter, etc.



## Shared Memory vs. Message Passing

#### **Shared Memory**

- Convenient:
  - Can share data structures
  - Just annotate loops
  - Closer to serial code
- Disadvantages
  - No locality control
  - Does not scale
  - Race conditions

#### **Message Passing**

- Scalable
  - Locality control
  - Communication is all explicit in code (cost transparency)
- Disadvantage
  - Need to rethink entire application/ data structures
  - Lots of tedious pack/unpack code
  - Don't know when to say "receive" for some problems



## Summary

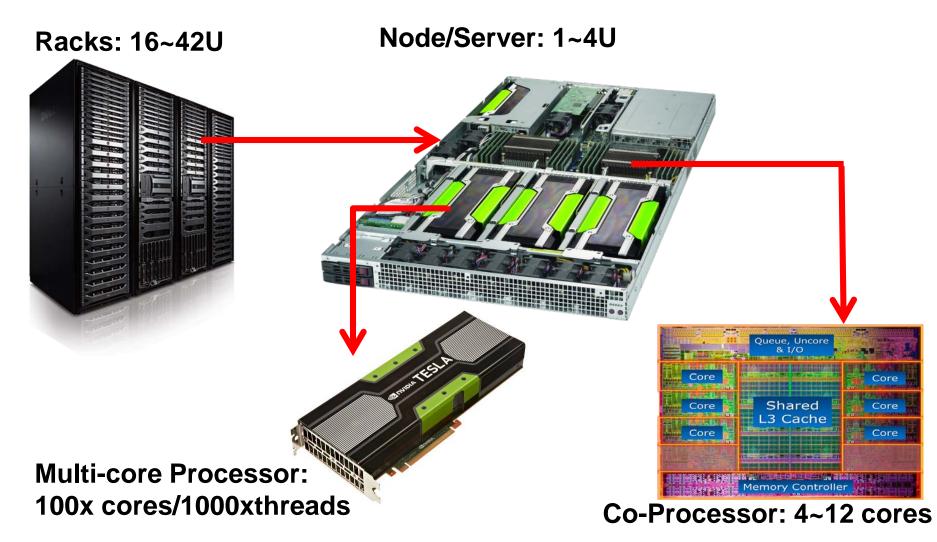
- The designs and popularity of **programming model** and **parallel systems** are highly influenced by each other
- openMP, MPI, Pthreads, CUDA are just some of the parallel languages for users to do parallel programming
- In reality, knowing what is parallel computing is more IMPORTANT than knowing how to do parallel programming, because that's how you can...
  - Learn a new parallel programming tools quickly
  - Understand the performance of your program
  - Optimize the performance of your program



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## Today's Typical Parallel Computers





## Supercomputers

- Definition: A computer with a high-level computational capacity compared to a general-purpose computer
- Its performance is measured in floatingpoint operations per second (FLOPS) instead of million instructions per second (MIPS)
- Ranked by the TOP500 list since 1993
  - According to the HPL benchmark results
  - > Announced twice a year at ISC and SC conferences

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### **HPL Benchmark**

- A parallel implementation of Linpack library
  - Measure floating point rate of execution
- **■** Computation:
  - > To solve linear matrix equation

$$Ax = b; A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}; x, b \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

- > LU factorization by Panel factorization.
- Divide a matrix into many pieces.
- > All parameters must be determined by user.

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## What makes it a supercomputer

- What makes it a supercomputer?
  - > All the latest hardware technologies
  - Customized system configurations
  - Optimized software and libraries
  - > Huge amount of cost in money and energy
- It represents a competition of technology and wealth among a countries .....



# TOP500 List (2019 June)

	Country	System	Vendor	Power (kW)	#cores	Accelerator	Rmax	Rpeak (PFLOPS)
1	US	Summit	IBM	10,096	2.4M	Volta V100	148.6	200.8
2	US	Sierra	IBM	7,438	1.5M	Volta V100	94.6	125.7
3	China	TaihuLight	NRCPC	15,371	10M		93.0	125.4
4	China	Tianhe-2	NUDT	17,808	3M	Xeon Phi	33.9	54.9
5	US	Frontera	Cray		448K	Tesla P100	23.5	38.7

- Rpeak is a theoretic performance computed by HW spec
  - ➤ For example, an Intel Itanium 2 at 1.5 GHz can complete 4 floating point operations per cycle or a theoretical peak performance of 6 GFlop/s.
- Rmax is real performance measured by the HPL benchmark

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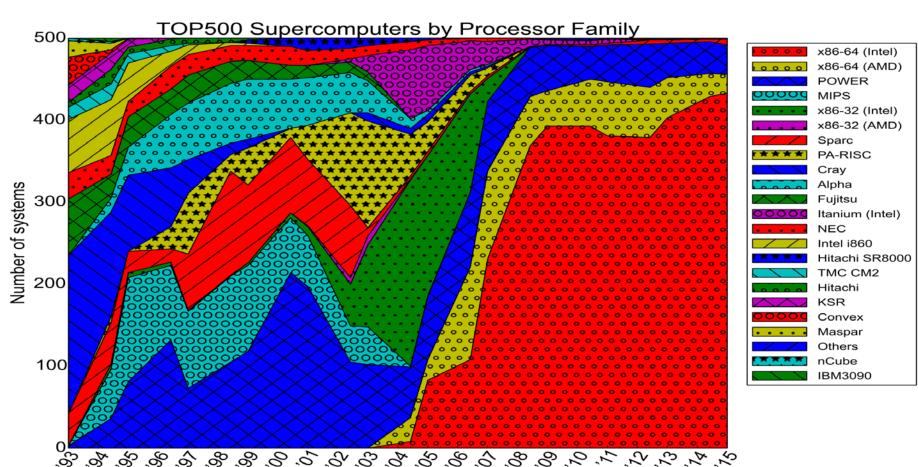
8	Swiss	Piz Daint	Cray	2,325	116K	Tesla K20X	6.2	7.8
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- Accelerators provide huge computing power with better energy efficiency
- Power consumption is an increasing concern

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#### TOP500 Trend: CPU

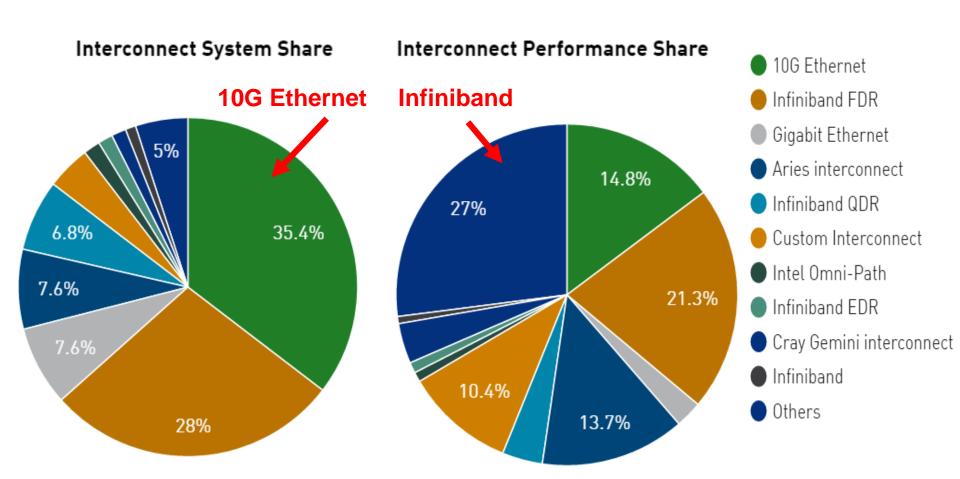
#### ■ Intel CPU counts for more than 80%



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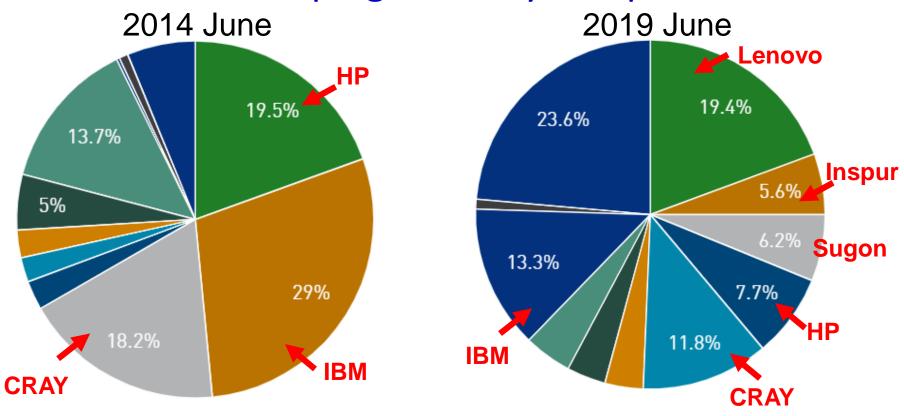
#### TOP500 Trend: Interconnect

InfiniBand has much larger share in performance



#### TOP500 Trend: Vendor

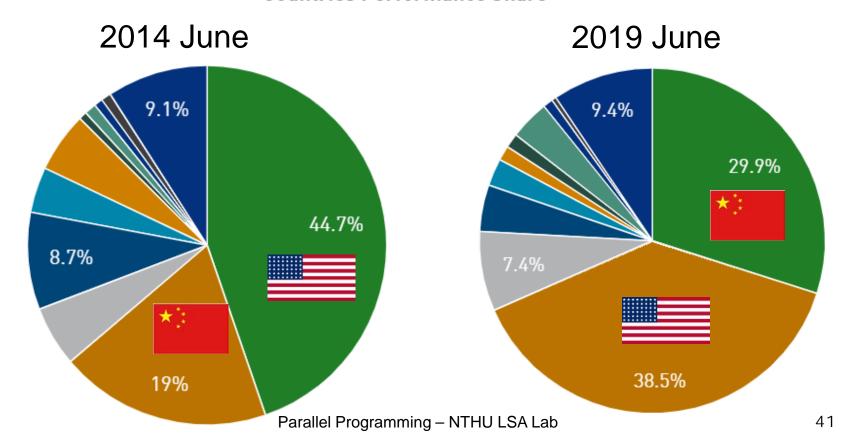
- CRAY and IBM are the oldest vendors
- China is developing in a very fast pace



### **TOP500 Trend: Country**

China has a huge jump because of the new supercomputers

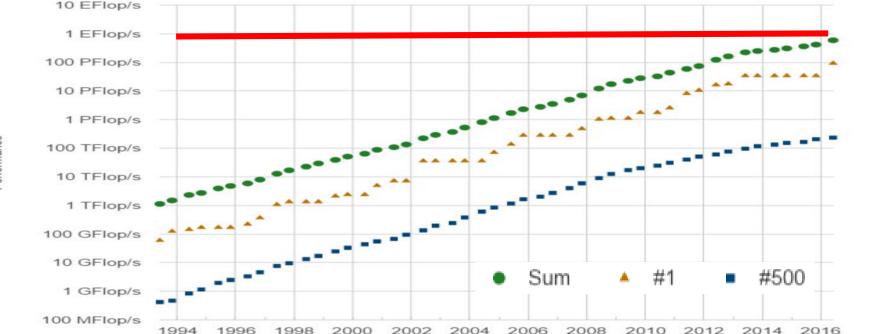
Countries Performance Share



### TOP500 Trend: Computing power

- Goal is to reach Exascale computing 1EFlop (10^18) /s by 2020
  - ➤ It is estimated to be the order of processing power of the human brain at neural level
  - The target power of the Human Brain Project

Performance Development



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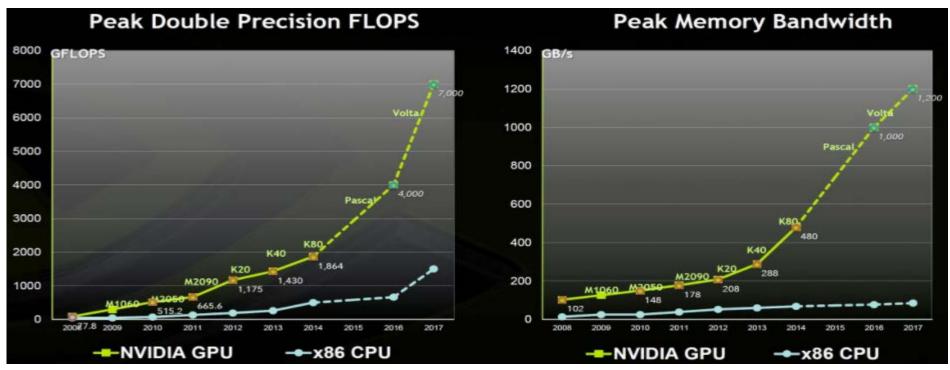


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### Limitation of CPU General Purpose Processor

A general purpose CPU (central processing unit) can do anything, but its design is against the goal of achieving the best performance for a specific application.



### **Comparison Numbers**

	Intel Xeon E5- 2697 v3 CPU (Haswell)	NVIDIA Tesla K80 GPU (Kepler)	Intel Xeon Phi 7120P (Knight's Corner)
Cores	2x14	2x13(SMX)	61
Logical Cores	2x28	2x2,496	244
Frequency	2.60GHz	562MHz	1.238GHz
GFLOPS(double)	2x583	2x1,455	1,208
Max memory	768GB	2x12GB	16GB
Max Mem BW	2x68GB/s	2x240GB/s (Internal)	352GB/s (Internal)
Price	2,700 USD	5,000 USD	4,000 USD

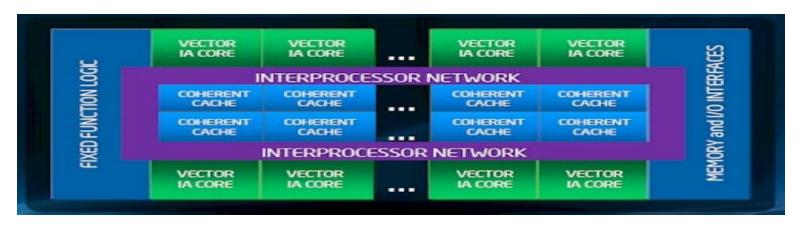
Source: https://www.xcelerit.com/computing-benchmarks/libor/haswell\_k80\_phi/



- Extend GPU as a form of stream processor (or a vector processor)
   for general purpose computing
- Suited for embarrassingly parallel tasks and vectorized operations
- Hierarchical memory structure Host Used as accelerators/co-processor Input Assembler **GPU** (Device) Thread Execution Manager SM SM SM SM SM SM SM **PBSM PBSM PBSM PBSM PBSM PBSM PBSM** Load/Store **Global Memory & Constant Memory**

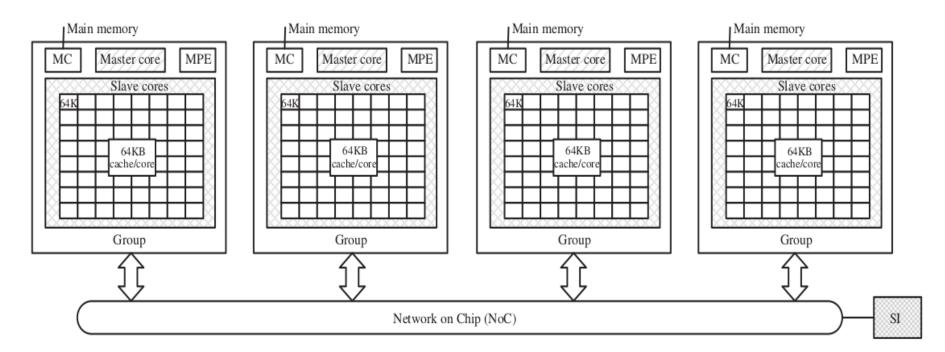
#### Intel Xeon Phi

- A brand name given to a series of manycore processors follows the Intel's MIC (Many Integrated Core) architecture
  - Typically it has 50-70 processors on the die connected by a bidirectional Ring network
- More like a separate system
  - > It runs **Intel assembly code** just like the main CPU in your computer
  - It has an embedded linux
  - Second generation chips (Knights Landing) could be used as a standalone CPU



### Sunway TaihuLight SW26010

- Each node contains four clusters of 64 CPEs (SIMD)
- Each cluster is accompanied by a MPE (general purpose)



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### Google Tensor Processing Unit (TPU)

- Specifically for deep learning (tensorflow framework)
- 30–80X higher performance-per-watt than contemporary CPUs and GPUs
  - Only for reduced precision computation (e.g. 8-bit precision)
  - ➤ Matrix Multiplier Unit: use a to achieve hundreds of thousands of **matric operation** in a single clock cycle
  - Systolic array: The ALUs perform only multiplications and additions in fixed patterns
- Reference
  - https://cloud.google.com/blog/big-data/2017/05/an-in-depth-look-at-googles-first-tensor-processing-unit-tpu



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#### Communication

- Communication has the most impact to the performance of parallel programs (Even more critical to computing or memory).
  - Network is generally much slower than CPU
  - Communication is common to parallel programs

> Synchronization is expensive and could grow exponentially

to the number of servers



#### Interconnection Networks

- Network design considerations
  - > Scalability, Performance, Resilience and Cost

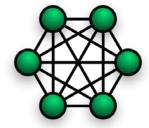
#### **Application**

Communication pattern & protocol



#### **Interconnection Network Topology**

- Network diameter
- Re-routing path for fault tolerance
- # fan-in & fan-out degree per node



#### Network Devices (Cable, Switch, Adapter, etc.)

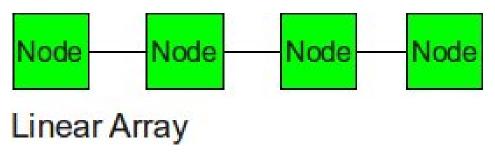
- Bandwidth: #bits transferred per second
- Latency: time to pack, unpack, and send a message
- Scalability: # of ports on the adapter and switch







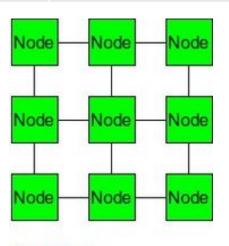
Cheapest solution, but not reliable and long latency





	Diameter (latency)	Bisection (resilience)	#Links (cost)	Degree (scalability)
Linear array	P-1	1	P-1	2
Ring	p/2	2	Р	2
Tree	$2\log_2 p$	1	2(p-1)	3
2-D Mesh	$2(\sqrt{p}-1)$	$\sqrt{p}$	$2\sqrt{p}(\sqrt{p}-1)$	4

- Particularly suitable for some of the applications such as the ocean application and matrix calculation
- Can be extended to 3-D mesh



### **Network Topology**

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2-D Torus	$\sqrt{p}$ -1	$2\sqrt{p}$	2p	4
Hypercube	$\log_2 p$	p/2	$p/2 \times \log_2 p$	$\log_2 p$

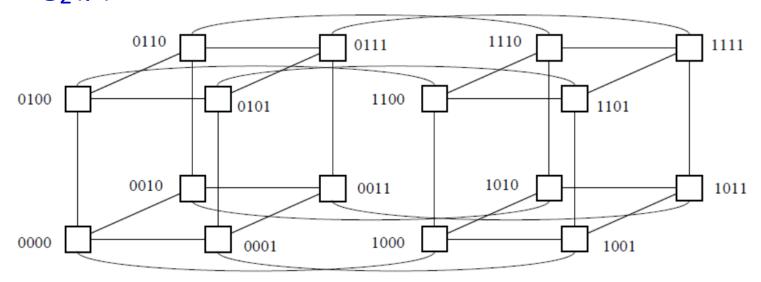
- Smaller diameter, more bisection, but also higher cost and degree than Mesh and Torus
- More suitable for smaller scale systems



### Network Topology

#### ■ 4-D hypercube

- ➤ Each node is numbered with a bitstring that is log<sub>2</sub>(p) bits long.
- $\triangleright$  One bit can be flipped per hop so the diameter is  $log_2(p)$ .



### 6-Dimensional Mesh/Torus on K-Computer

- K-computer (Kei means "京")
  - Designed by FUJITSU, Japan
  - World's #5 fastest supercomputer
  - ➤ 80,000 compute nodes; 640,000 cores
  - Network connection: Tofu
- Introduction video clip:

http://www.fujitsu.com/global/about/businesspolicy/tech/

k/whatis/network/



"6-dimensional mesh/torus" topology (model)



### Interconnection Network

- Dragonfly topology:
  - ➤ Take advantage of the technology advancement of high-radix router, long channel optical fiber
  - Start being used by the newest supercomputer today

Optical Cable Links (Rank-3) System Level 2-Cabinet Group 1 Group 2 Group 0 Group N Copper Cable Links (Rank-2) Cabinet Level Chassis Chassis Chassis Circuit Board Stripline Links (Rank-1) Chassis Level Aries 15

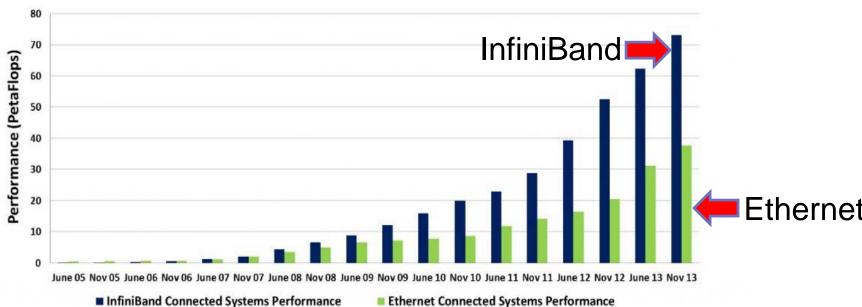
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### Network Device: InfiniBand



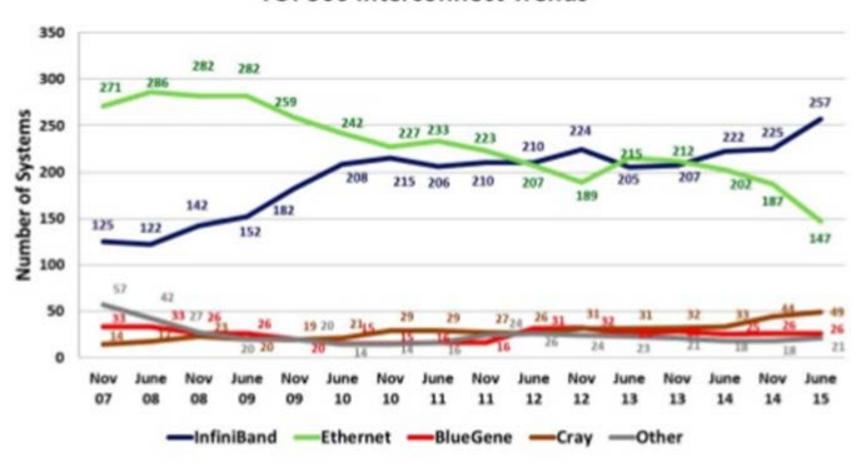
- A computer network communications link used in highperformance computing featuring very high throughput
- It is the most commonly used interconnect in supercomputers
- Manufactured by Mellanox

#### TOP500 Performance Trends Per Interconnect



### InfiniBand: Usage in TOP500

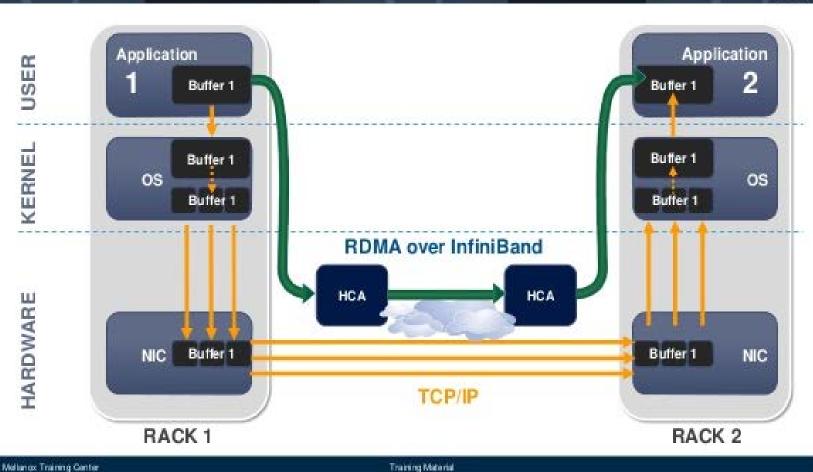
#### **TOP500 Interconnect Trends**



### InfiniBand: RDMA

RDMA - How Does it Work





Source: Mellanox

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### InfiniBand vs. Gigabit Ethernet

	InfiniBand	Ethernet	
	Guaranteed credit based flow control	Best effort delivery	
Protocol	End-to-End congestion management	TCP/IP protocol. Designed for L3/L4 switching	
	Hardware based	Software based	
	retransmission	retransmission	
RDMA	YES	NO (only now starting)	
Latency	Low	High	
Throughput	High	Low	
Max cable length	4km	upto 70km	
Price	36port switch: 25k USD QDR adapter: 500USD	36port switch: 1.5k USD Network card: 50 USD	



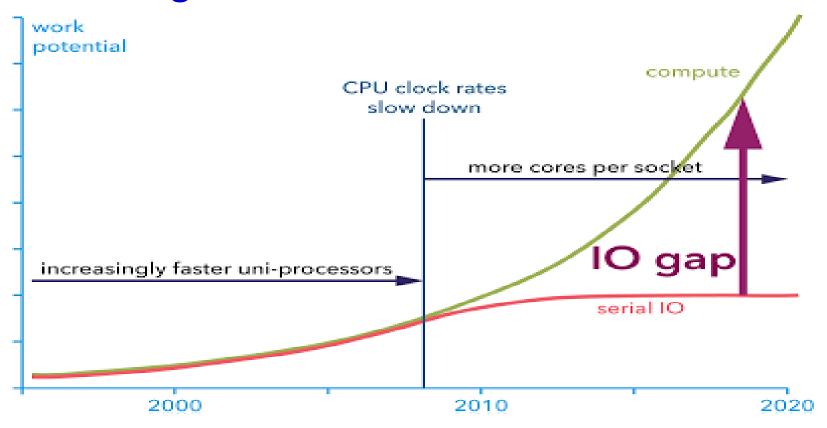
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- Parallel Program Analysis



### How About I/O?

■ Not so great...



Source: http://www.mostlycolor.ch/2015\_10\_01\_archive.html

### Opportunity in I/O

- Memory hierarchy
  - New storage technology is coming: Flash
  - It is still challenged to put the data in the right place, at right time.

    register
  - There is always a price

to pay

Cache

**Main memory** 

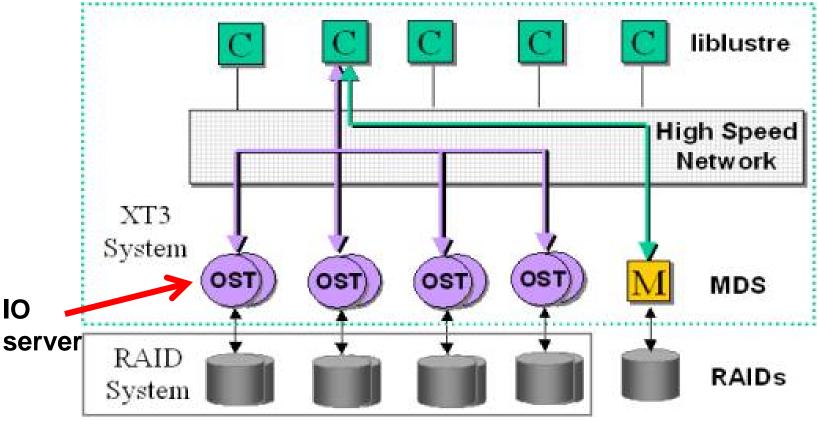
Flash (Non-volatile memory)

**Hard Disk Drive** 

**Magnetic tape Storage Systems** 

### Opportunity in I/O

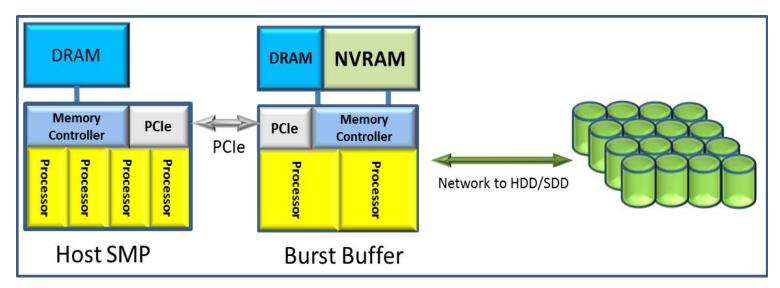
- Parallel file and IO systems
  - ➤ Lustre file system, MPI-IO





### Opportunity in I/O

- Burst buffering
  - Add non-volatile RAM at the IO server nodes as a buffer to smooth the burst traffic pattern for improving the IO performance of storage systems, and reduce the IO latency



### Summary

- People has been and will always be able to find a way to keep the growth of computing
  - Technology: CPU scaling, distributed computing, new processor architecture
  - Optimization: algorithm, data management, compiler
  - System design: network topology, file system
- It is more than just computing
  - Networks and IO become greater concerns
- Does the performance report from supercomputers really meets the needs of applications?
  - ➤ People start re-thinking what should be the right objective and benchmark for designing the next generation of supercomputers. Parallel Programming NTHU LSA Lab



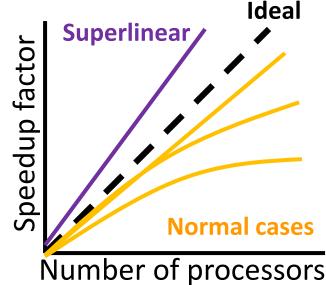
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### Speedup Factor

- Program speedup factor:  $S(p) = \frac{I_S}{T_p}$ 
  - $\succ T_s$ : execution time using the BEST sequential algorithm
  - $\succ T_p$ : execution time using **p** processor
- Linear speedup: S(p) = p
  - Ideal maximum speedup in theory
- Superlinear speedup: S(p) > p
  - Occasionally happen in practice
  - Extra HW resource (e.g. memory)
  - > SW or HW optimization (e.g. caching)

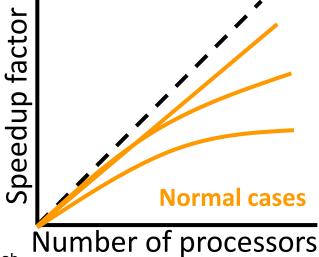


System efficiency: 
$$E(p) = \frac{T_S}{T_p \times p} = \frac{S(p)}{p} \times 100\%$$



### Maximum Speedup

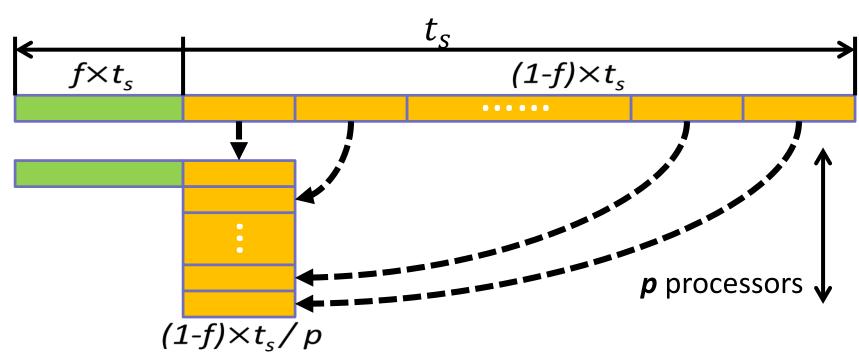
- Difficult to reach ideal max. speedup: S(p)=p
  - Not every part of a computation can be parallelized (results in processor idle)
  - Need extra computations in the parallel version (i.e. due to synchronization cost)
  - ➤ Communication time between processes (normally the major factor)



# Maximum Speedup

Let f be the fraction of computations that can NOT be parallelized

$$> S(p) = \frac{t_S}{ft_S + (1-f)t_S/p} = \frac{p}{1 + (p-1)f}$$



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## Maximum Speedup

■ Even with infinite number of processors

$$S(p)_{p\to\infty} \frac{p}{1+(p-1)f} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$20^{-1}$$

$$f = 0\%$$

$$f = 5\%$$

$$f = 10\%$$

$$f = 20\%$$
Number of processors,  $n$ 
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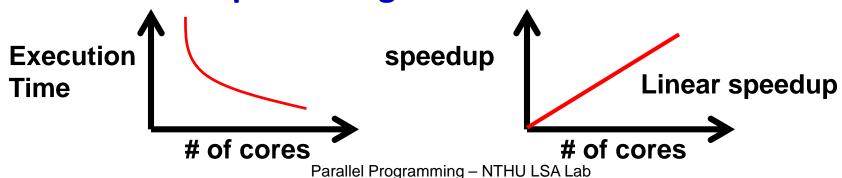


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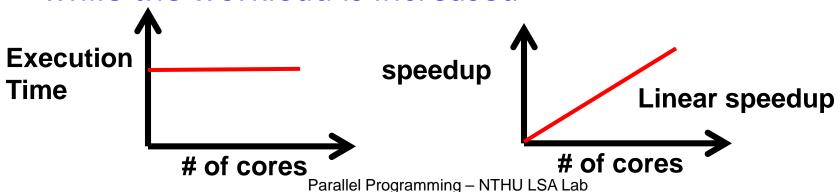


- The problem size stays fixed but the number of processing elements are increased.
- It is used to find a "sweet spot" that allows the computation to complete in a reasonable amount of time, yet does not waste too many cycles due to parallel overhead.
- Linear scaling is achieve if the speedup is equal to the number of processing elements.



# Weak Scaling

- The problem size (workload) assigned to each processing element stays fixed and additional processing elements are used to solve a larger total problem
- It is a justification for programs that take a lot of memory or other system resources (e.g., a problem wouldn't fit in RAM on a single node)
- Linear scaling is achieved if the run time stays constant while the workload is increased





## Strong Scaling vs. Weak Scaling

## Strong scaling

➤ Linear scaling is harder to achieve, because of the communication overhead may increase proportional to the scale

## ■ Weak scaling

➤ Linear scaling is easier to achieve because programs typically employ nearest-neighbor communication patterns where the communication overhead is relatively constant regardless of the number of processes used



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# **Time Complexity Analysis**

- $T_p = T_{comp} + T_{comm}$ 
  - $\succ T_p$ : Total execution time of a parallel algorithm

 $\mathcal{T}_{comm}$ 

- $\succ T_{comp}$ : Computation part
- > T<sub>comm</sub>: Communication part
- $T_{comm} = q (T_{startup} + n T_{data})$

- Startup time
  # of data items
- $\succ T_{startup}$ : Message latency (assumed constant)
- $\succ T_{data}$ : Transmission time to send one data item
- > n: Number of data items in a message
- > q: Number of message

# Time Complexity Example 1

#### Algorithm phase:

- 1. Computer 1 sends n/2 numbers to computer 2
- 2. Both computers add n/2 numbers simultaneously
- 3. Computer 2 sends its partial result back to computer 1
- 4. Computer 1 adds the partial sums to produce the final result

#### Complexity analysis:

Computation (for step 2 & 4):

$$T_{comp} = n/2 + 1 = O(n)$$

Communication (for step 1 & 3):

$$T_{comm} = (T_{startup} + n/2 \times T_{data}) + (T_{startup} + T_{data})$$

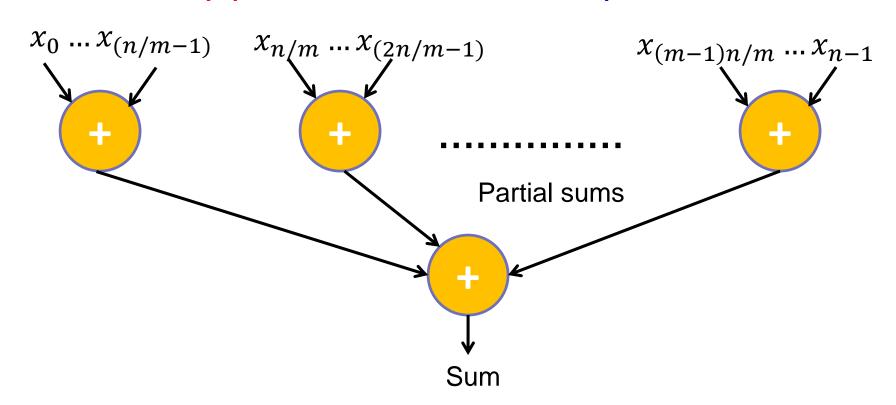
$$= 2T_{startup} + (n/2 + 1) \quad T_{data} = O(n)$$

Overall complexity: O(n)



## Time Complexity Example 2

- Adding n numbers using m processes
  - > Evenly partition numbers to processes



# Time Complexity Example 2

- Sequential: O(n)Adding *n* numbers using *m* processes
- Parallel:
  - Phase1: Send numbers to slaves

$$t_{comm1} = m(t_{startup} + (n/m)t_{data})$$

Phase2: Compute partial sum

$$t_{comp1} = n/m - 1$$

Phase3: Send results to master

$$t_{comm2} = m(t_{startup} + t_{data})$$

Phase4: Compute final accumulation

$$t_{comp2} = m - 1$$

Overall:

$$t_p = 2mt_{startup} + (n+m)t_{data} + m + \frac{n}{m} - 2 = O(m+n/m)$$
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Tradeoff between computation & communication



## **Cost-Optimal Algorithm**

#### ■ Definition:

- Cost to solve a problem is proportional to the execution time on a single processor system
- $\triangleright O(T_p) \times N = O(T_s)$

## ■ Example:

- Sequential algo: O(N log N)
- ➤ Parallel algo1: uses N processor with O(log N)
- ➤ Parallel algo2: uses N² processor with O(1)



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