Fault tolerance, malleability and migration for divide-and-conquer applications on the Grid

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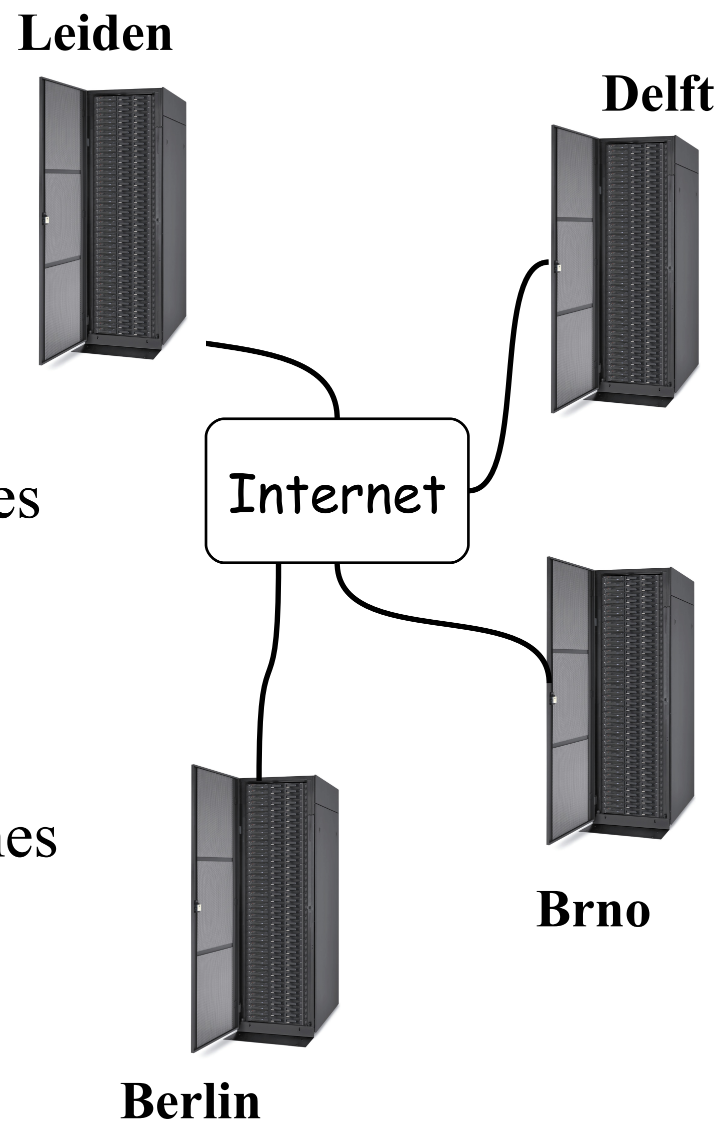
Ibis

Distributed supercomputing

- Parallel processing on geographically distributed computing systems (grids)
- Needed:
  - Fault-tolerance: survive node crashes
  - Malleability: add or remove machines at runtime
  - Migration: move a running application to another set of machines
- We focus on divide-and-conquer applications



Outline

- The **Ibis** grid programming environment
- **Satin**: a divide-and-conquer framework
- Fault-tolerance, malleability and migration in Satin
- Performance evaluation

The Ibis system

- Java-centric => portability
  - „write once, run anywhere"
- Efficient communication
  - Efficient pure Java implementation
  - Optimized solutions for special cases
- High level programming models:
  - Divide & Conquer (Satin)
  - Remote Method Invocation (RMI)
  - Replicated Method Invocation (RepMI)
  - Group Method Invocation (GMI)

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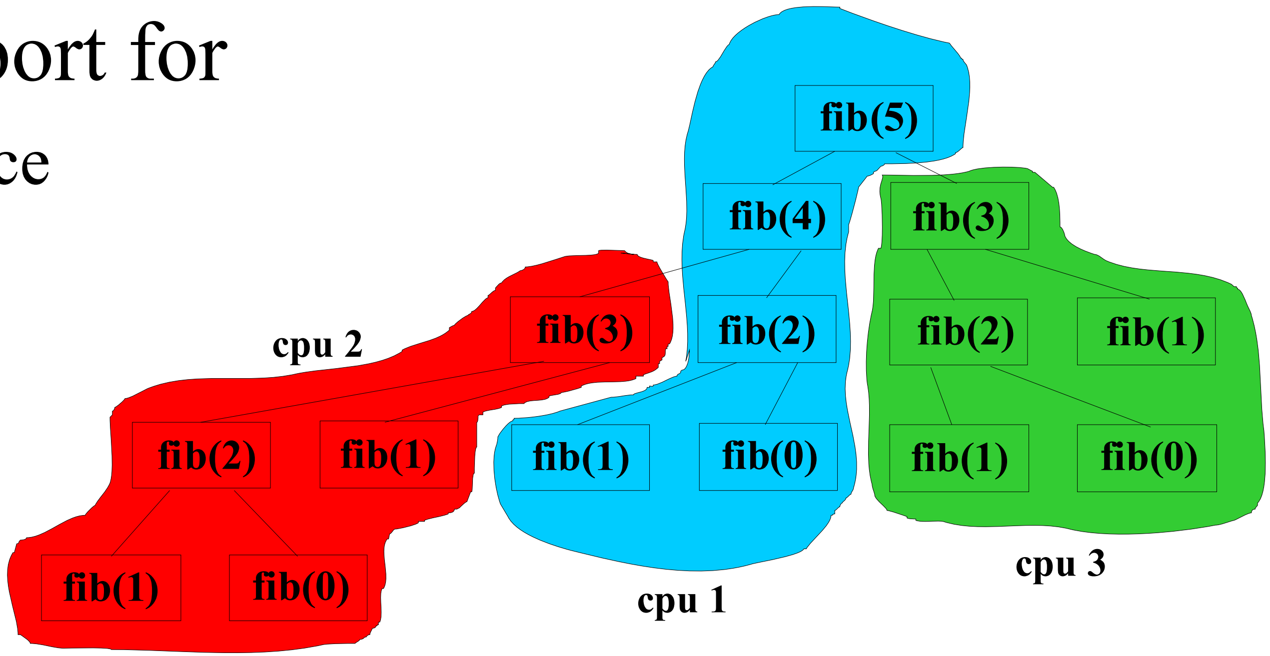
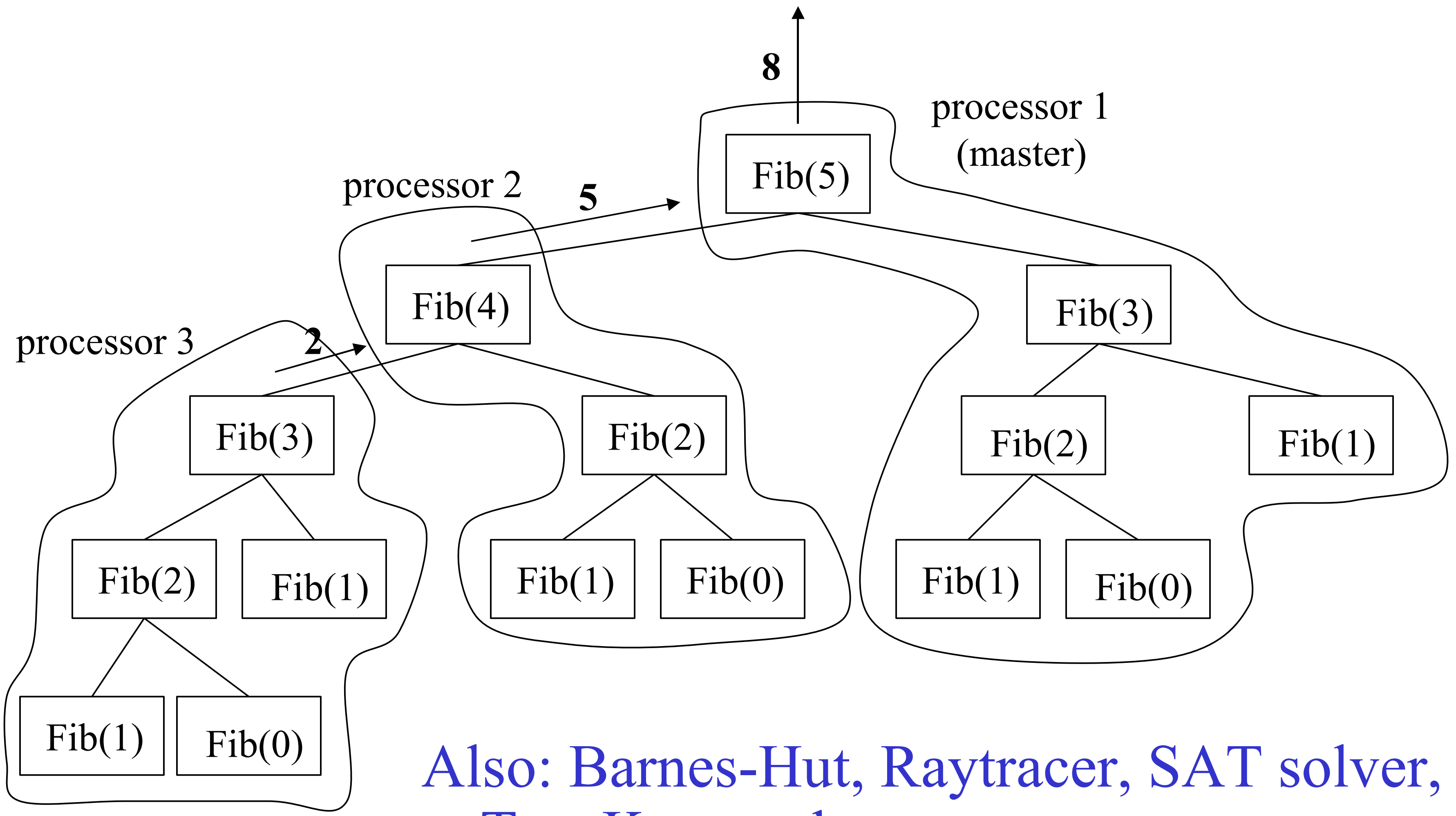
Satin: divide-and-conquer on the Grid

- Performs excellent on the Grid
  - Hierarchical: fits hierarchical platforms
  - Java-based: can run on heterogeneous resources
  - Grid-friendly load balancing: Cluster-aware Random Stealing [van Nieuwpoort et al., PPoPP 2001]
- Missing support for
  - Fault tolerance
  - Malleability
  - Migration



Example application: Fibonacci



Also: Barnes-Hut, Raytracer, SAT solver, Tsp, Knapsack...

Fault-tolerance, malleability, migration

- Can be implemented by handling processors joining or leaving the ongoing computation
- Processors may leave either unexpectedly (crash) or gracefully
- Handling joining processors is trivial:
  - Let them start stealing jobs
- Handling leaving processors is harder:
  - Recompute missing jobs
  - Problems: orphan jobs, partial results from gracefully leaving processors

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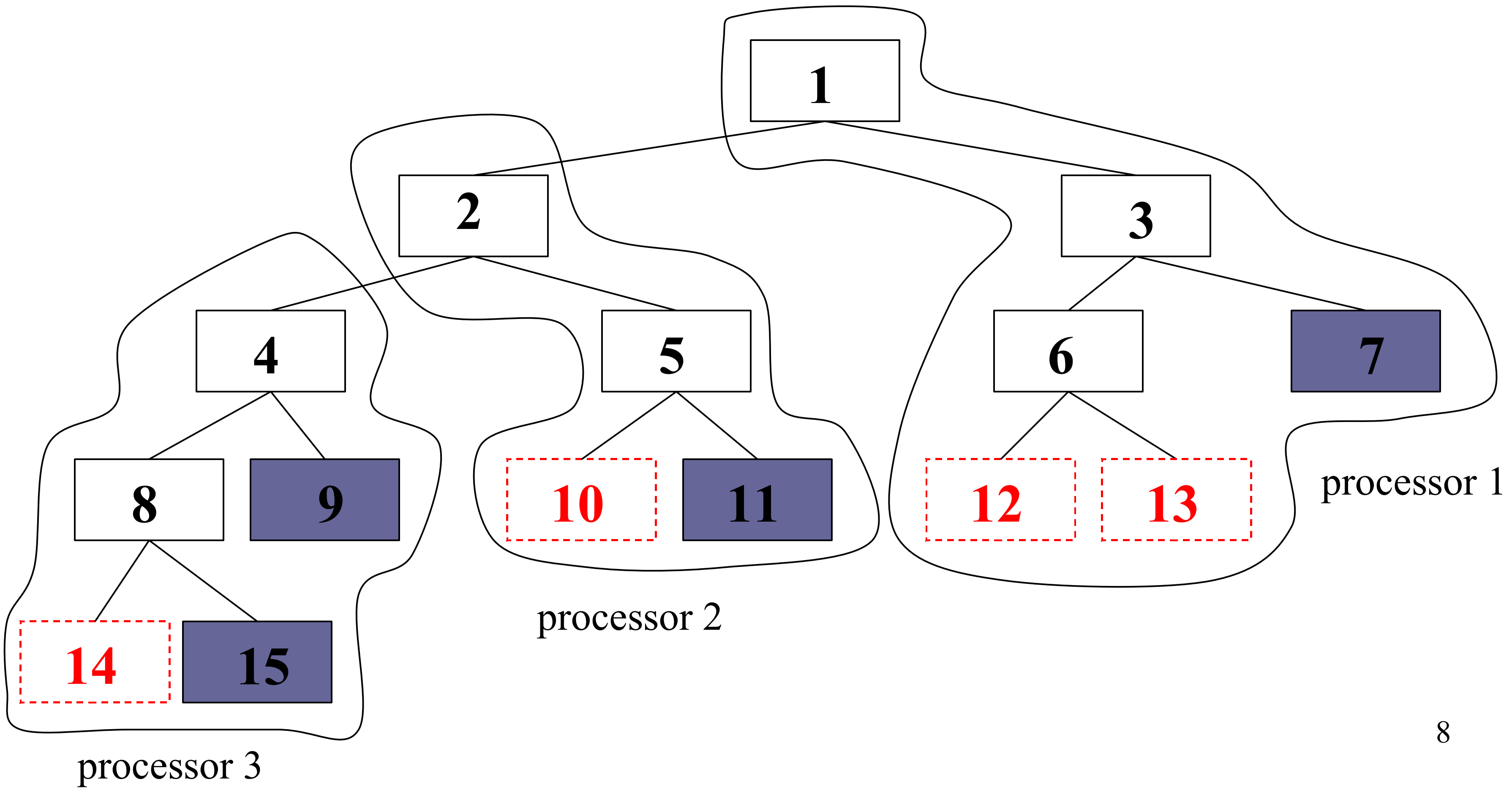

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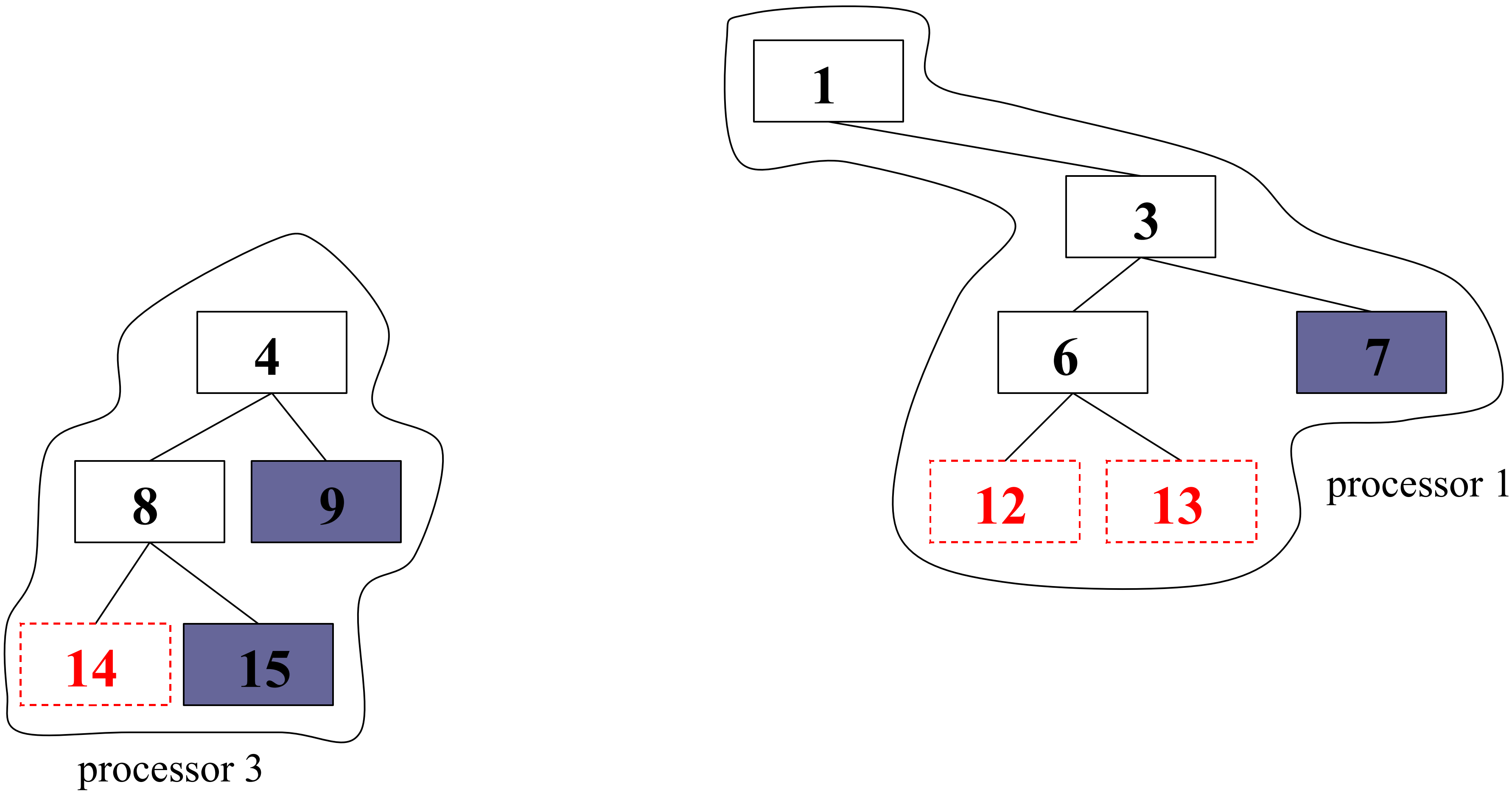

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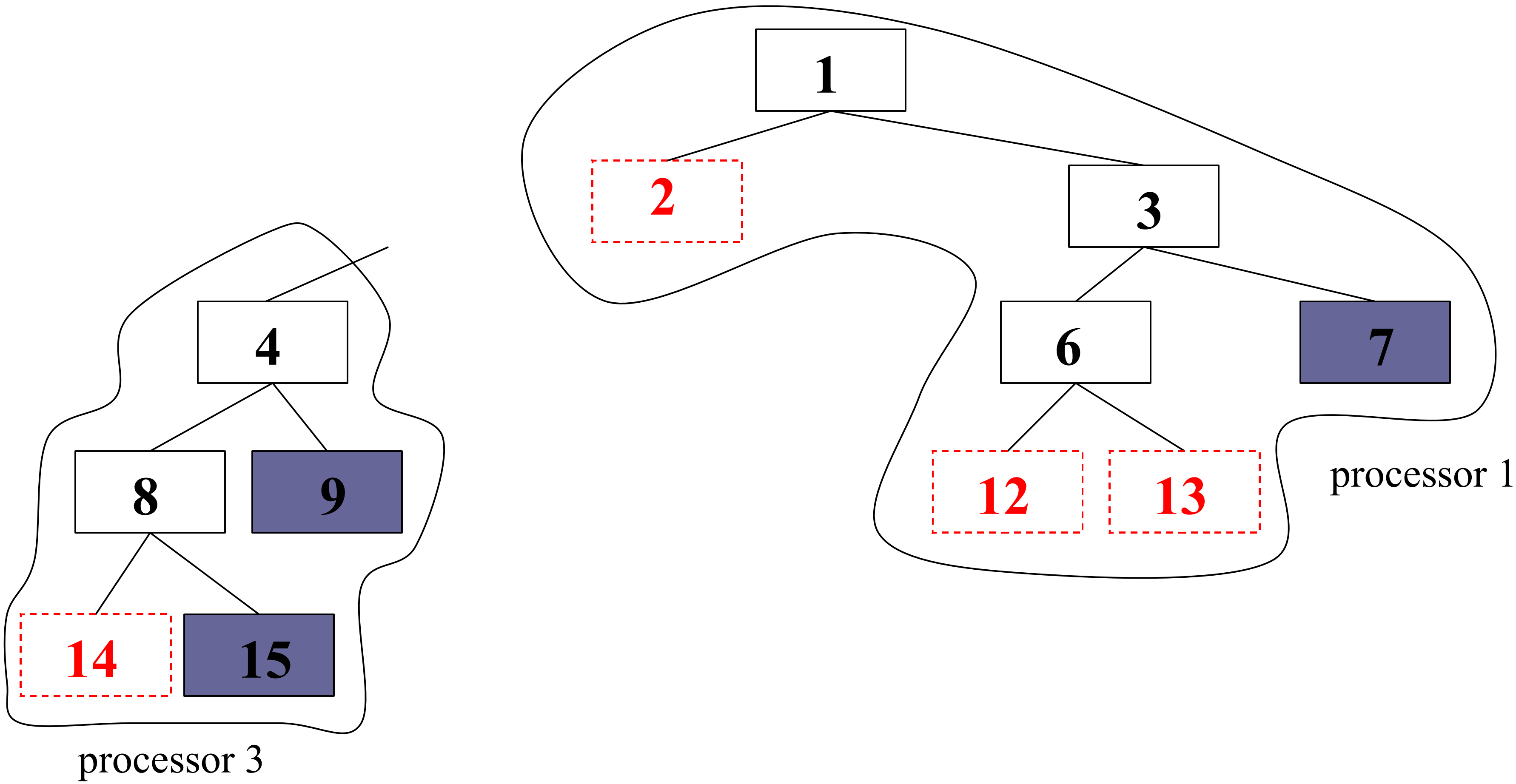

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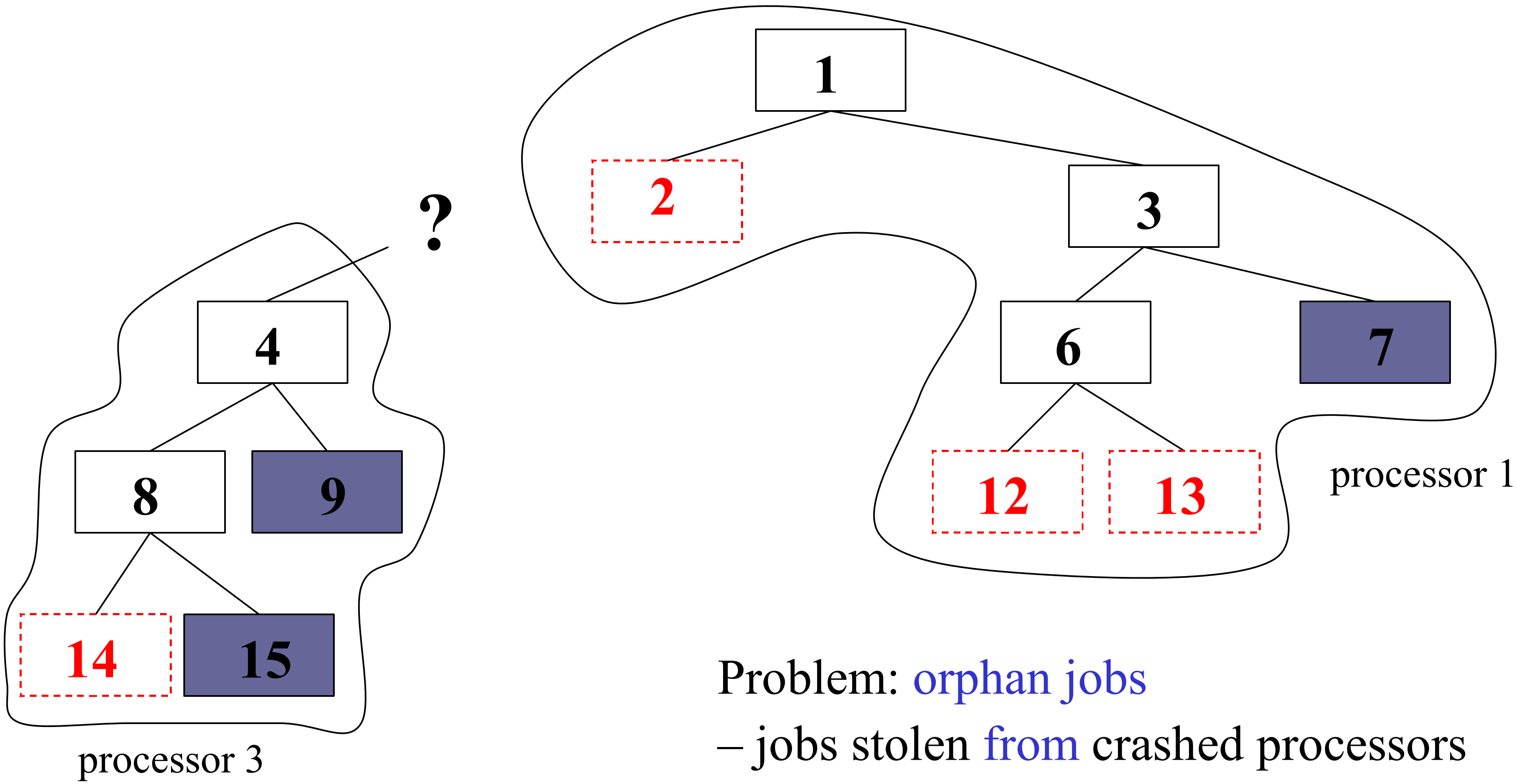

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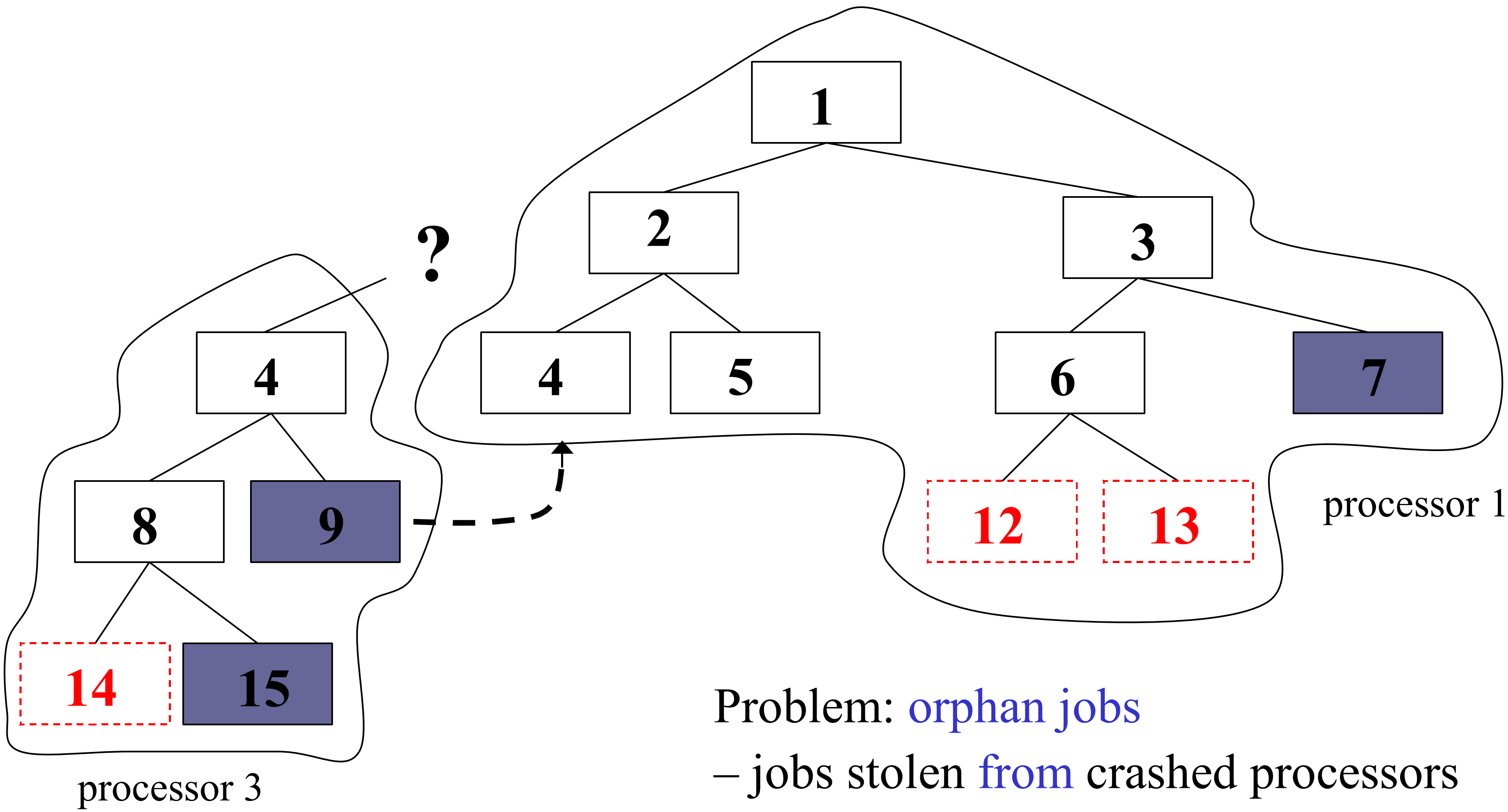

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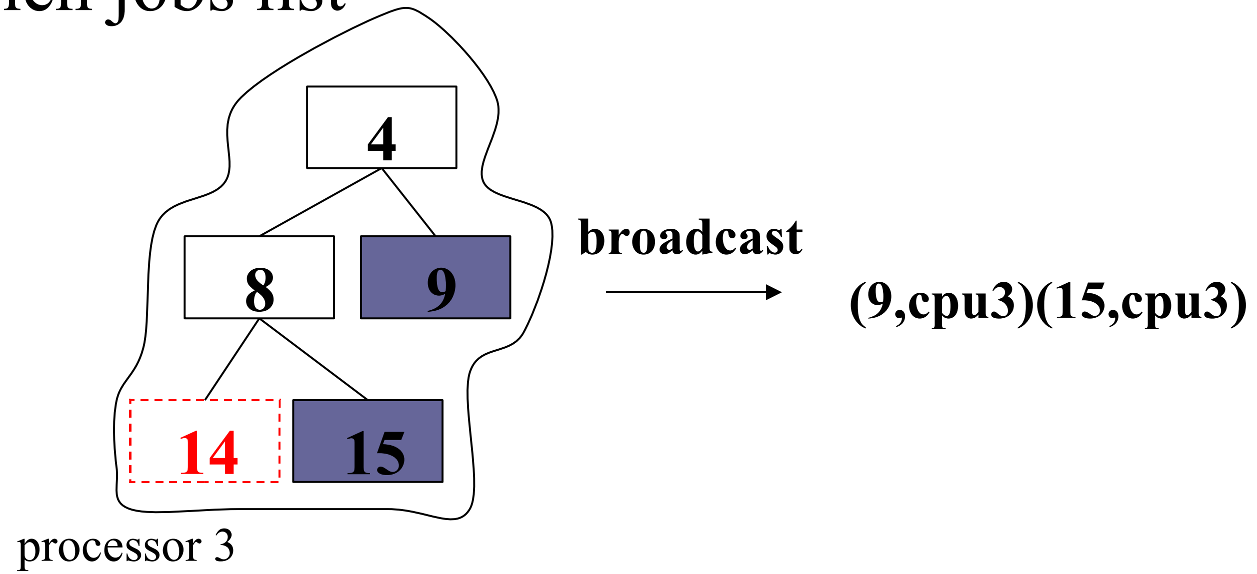
Handling orphan jobs

- For each finished orphan, broadcast (jobID,processorID) tuple; abort the rest
- All processors store tuples in orphan tables
- Processors perform lookups in orphan tables for each recomputed job
- If successful: send a result request to the owner (async), put the job on a stolen jobs list



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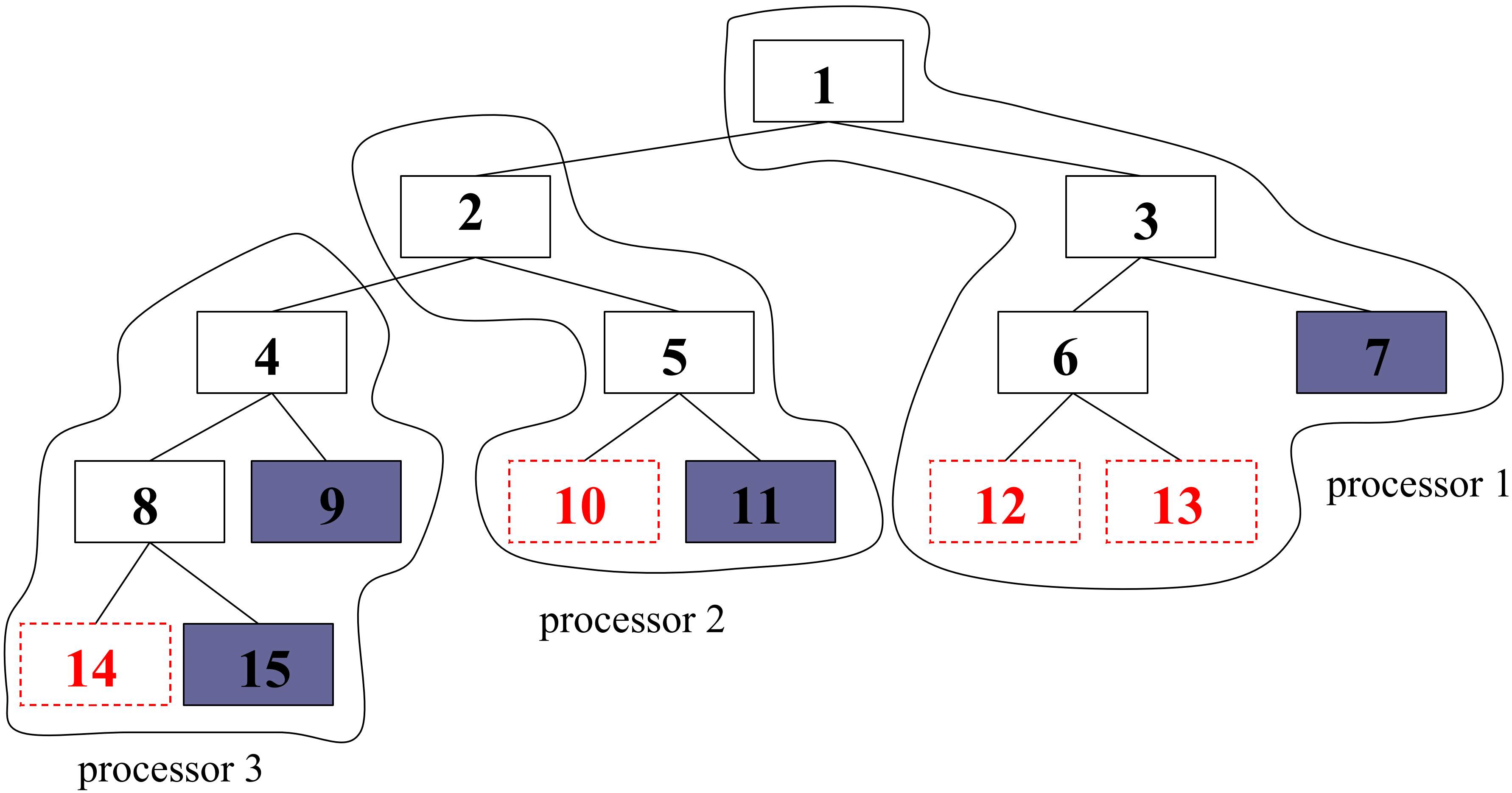

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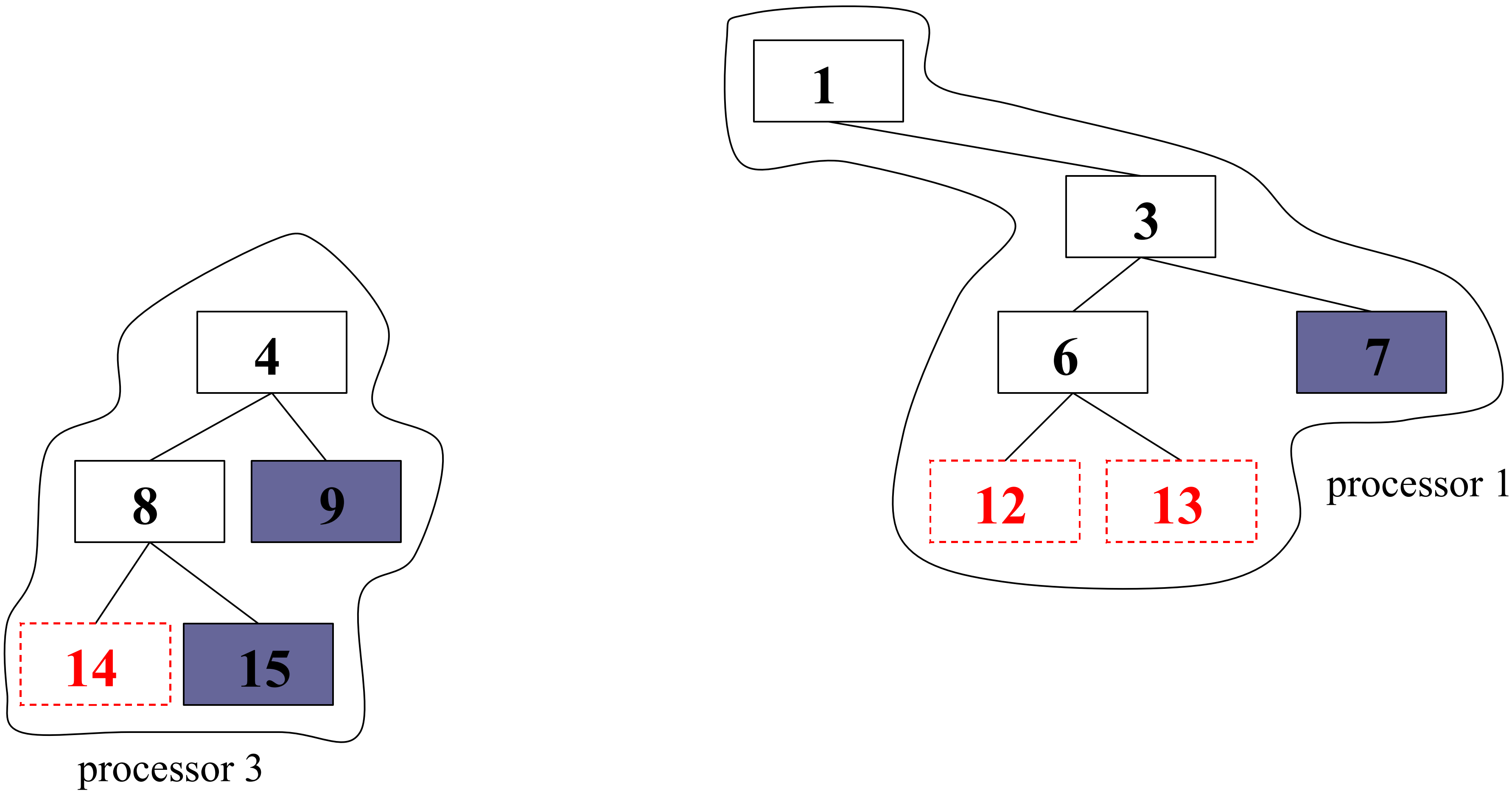

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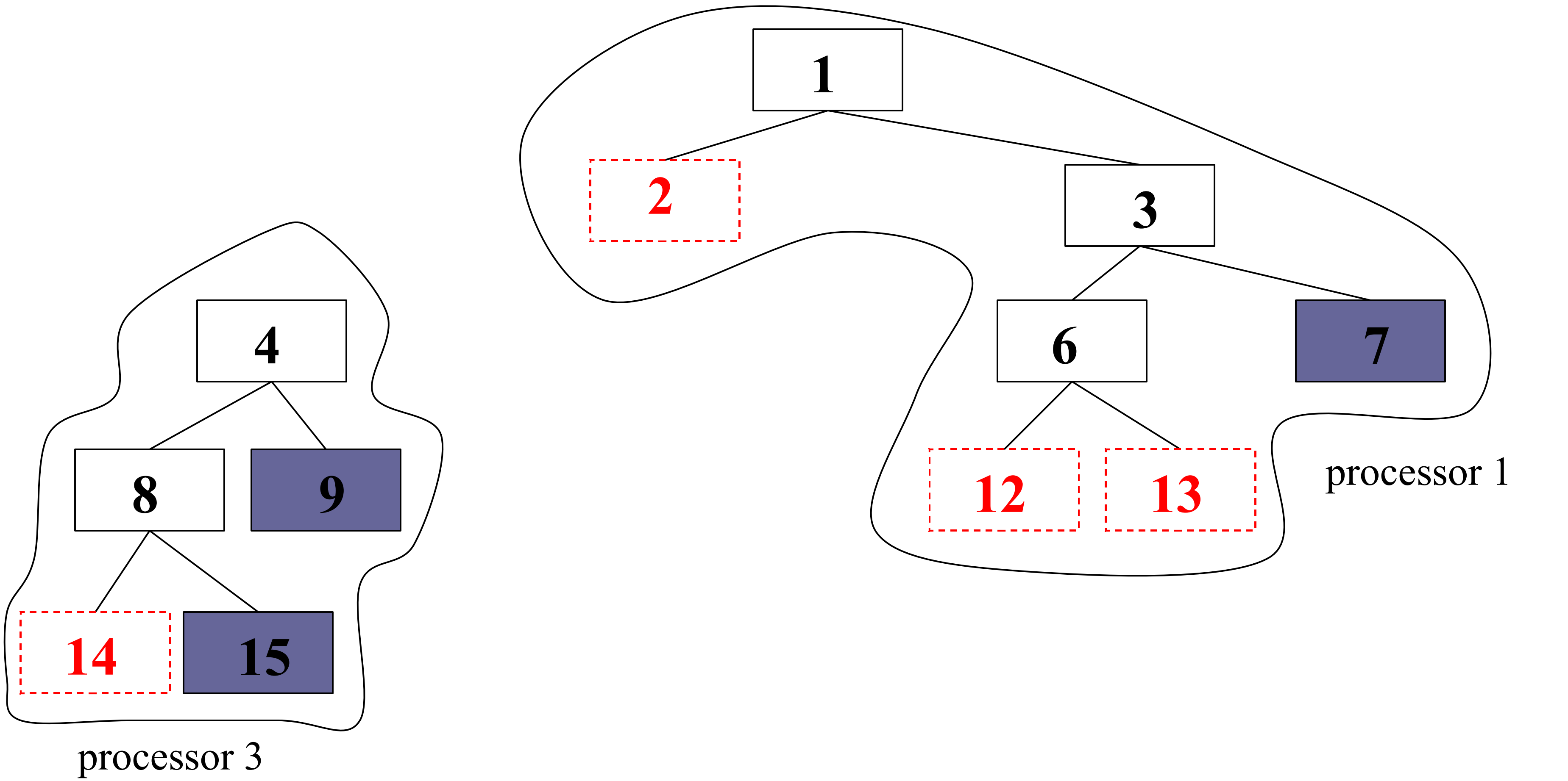

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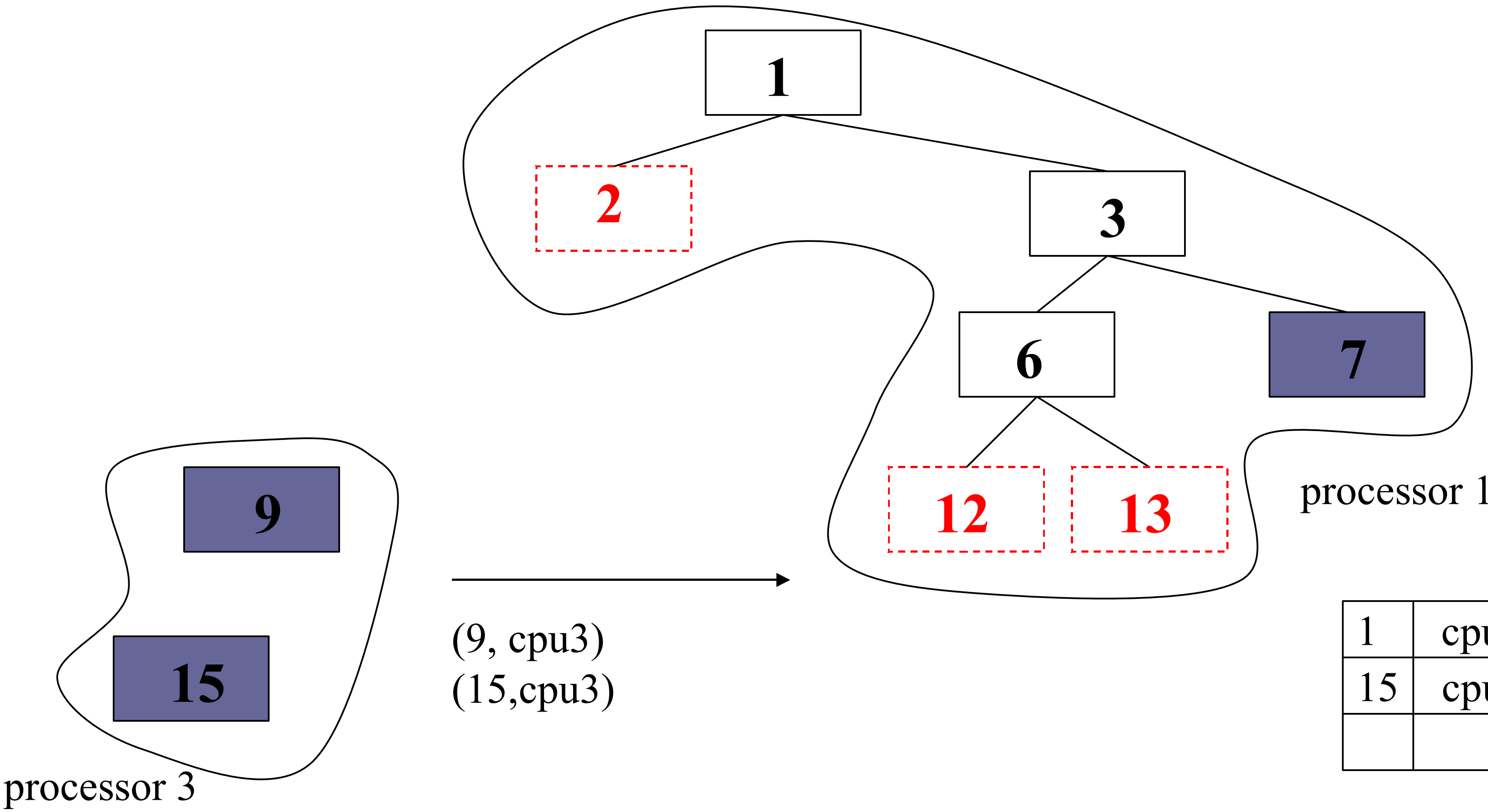

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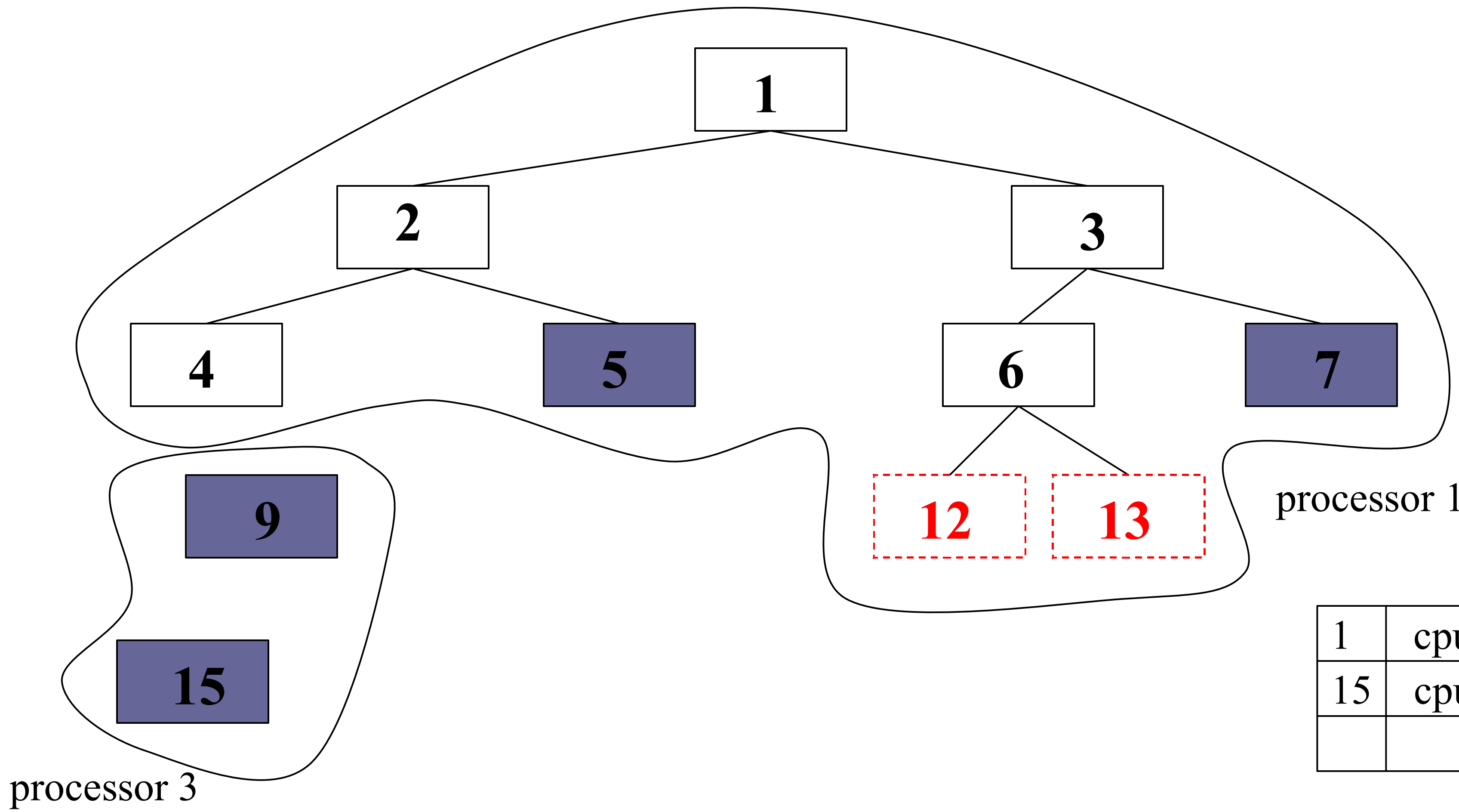

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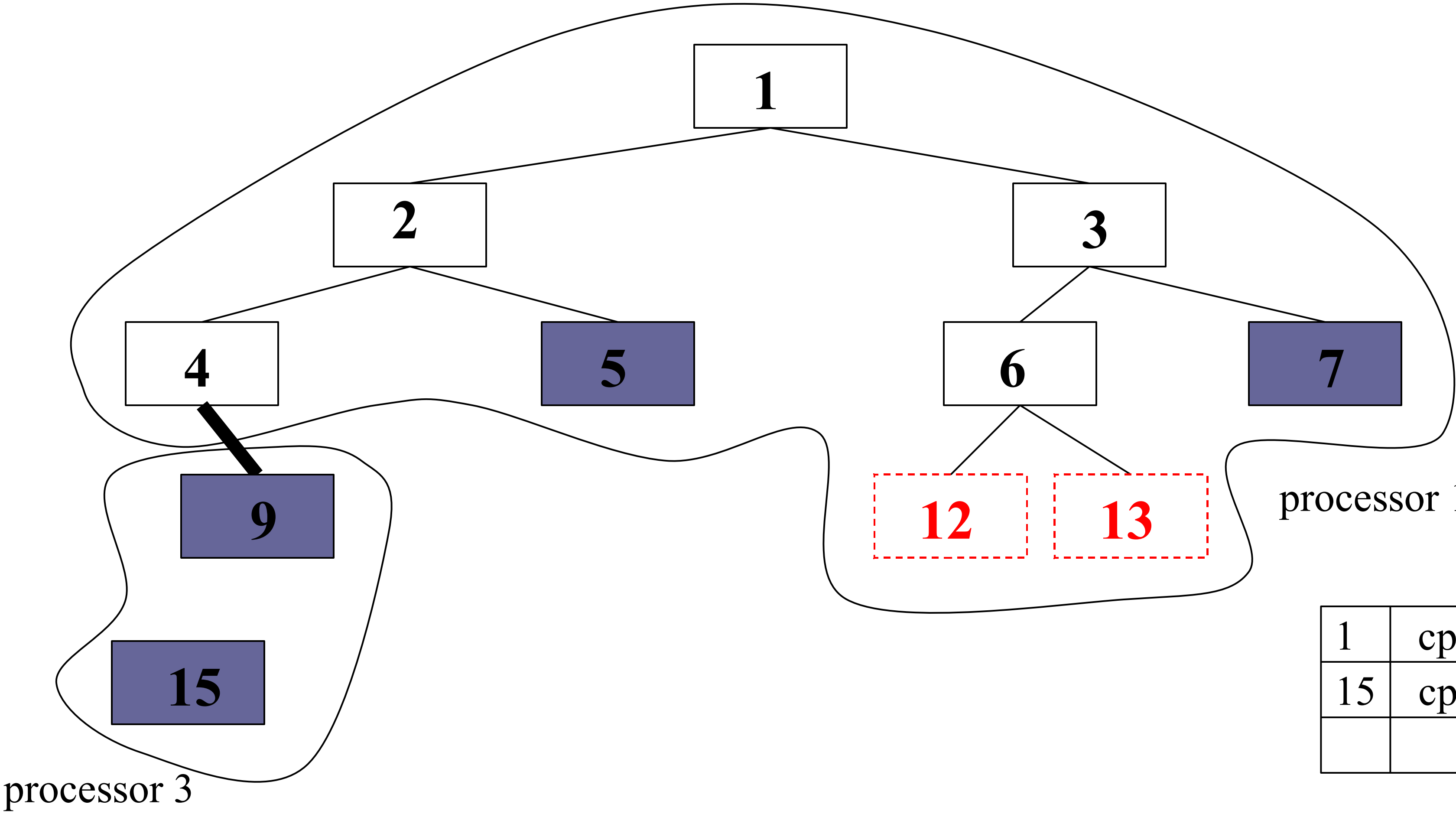

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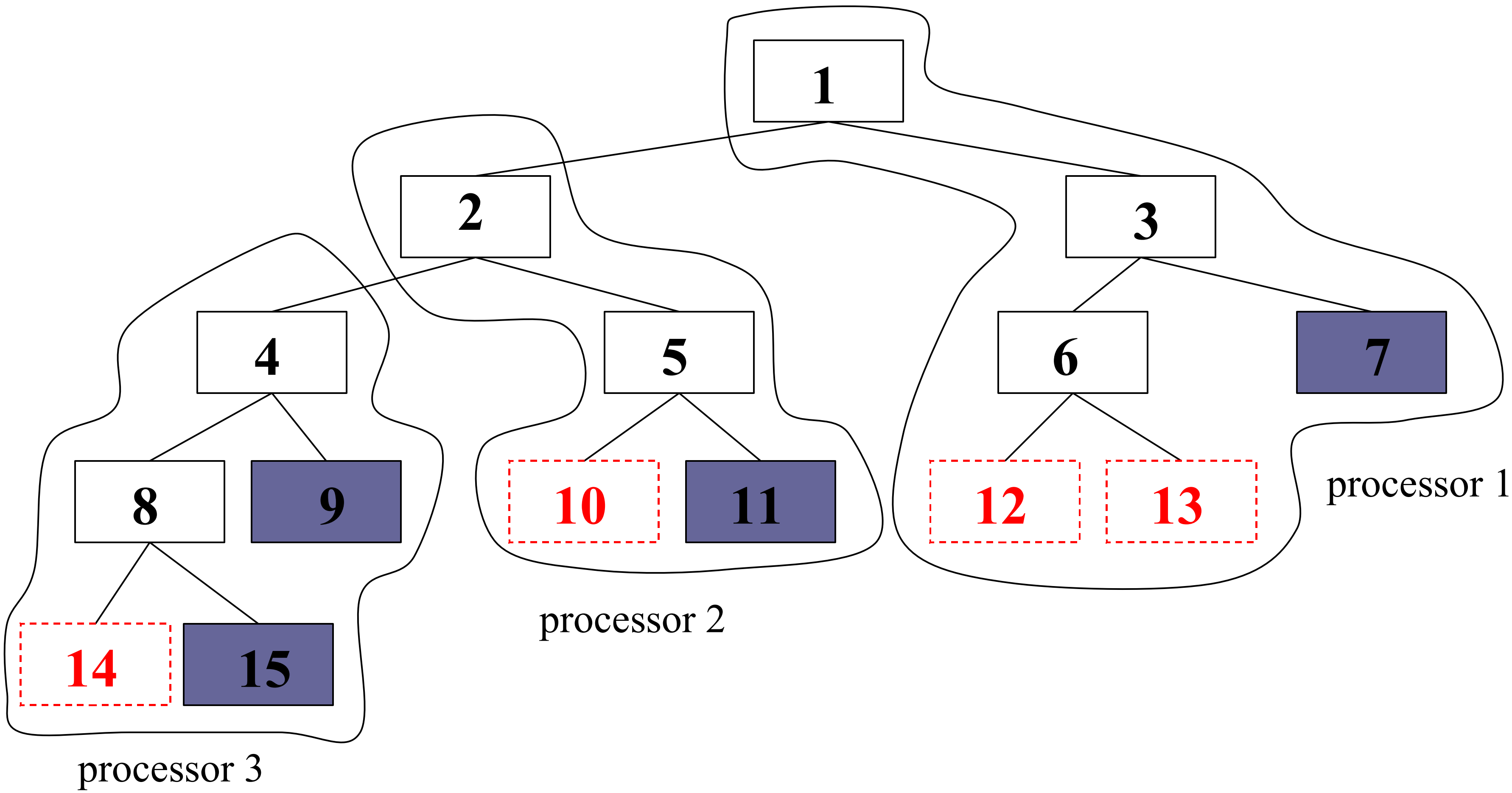

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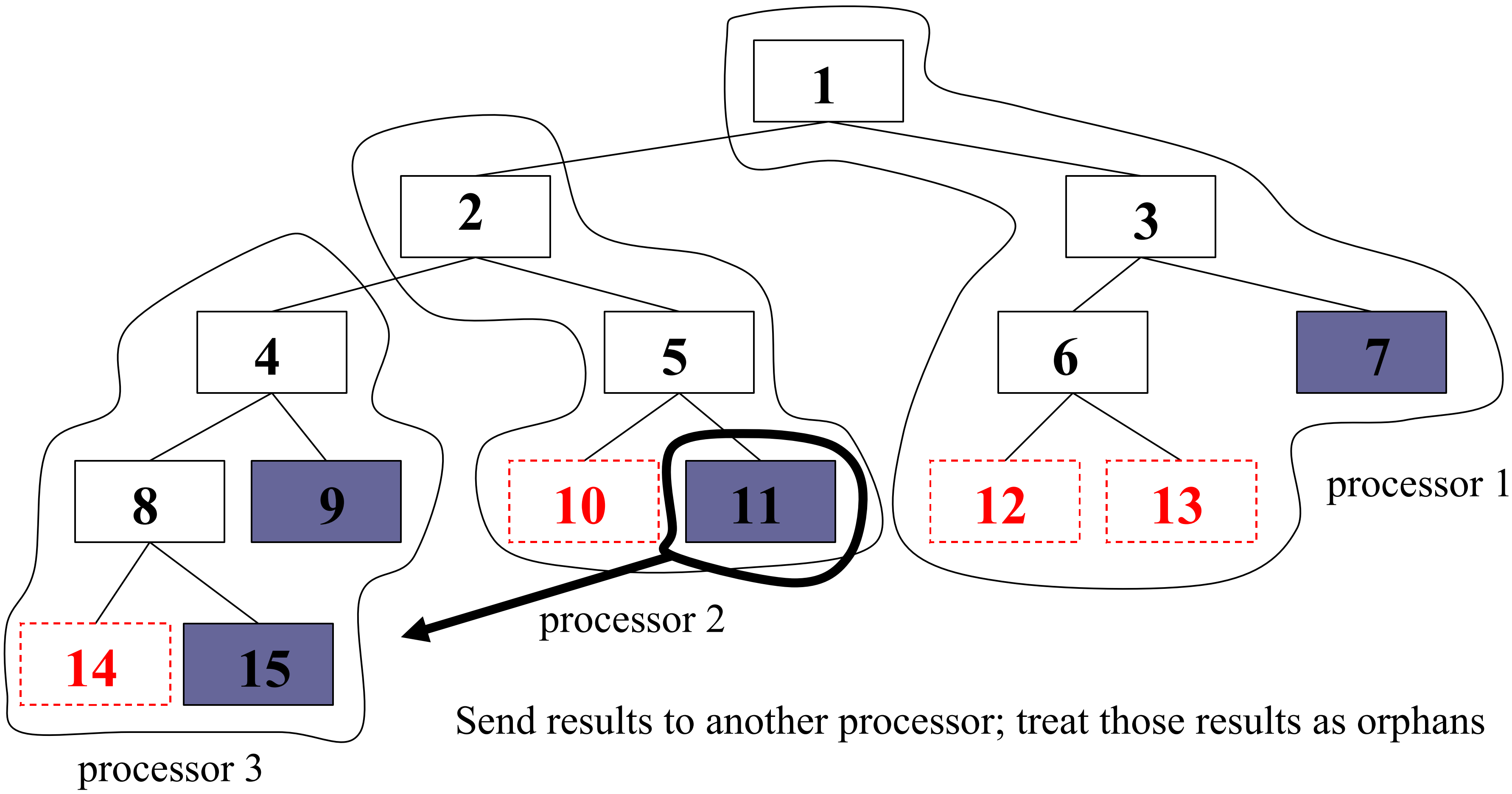

Send results to another processor; treat those results as orphans

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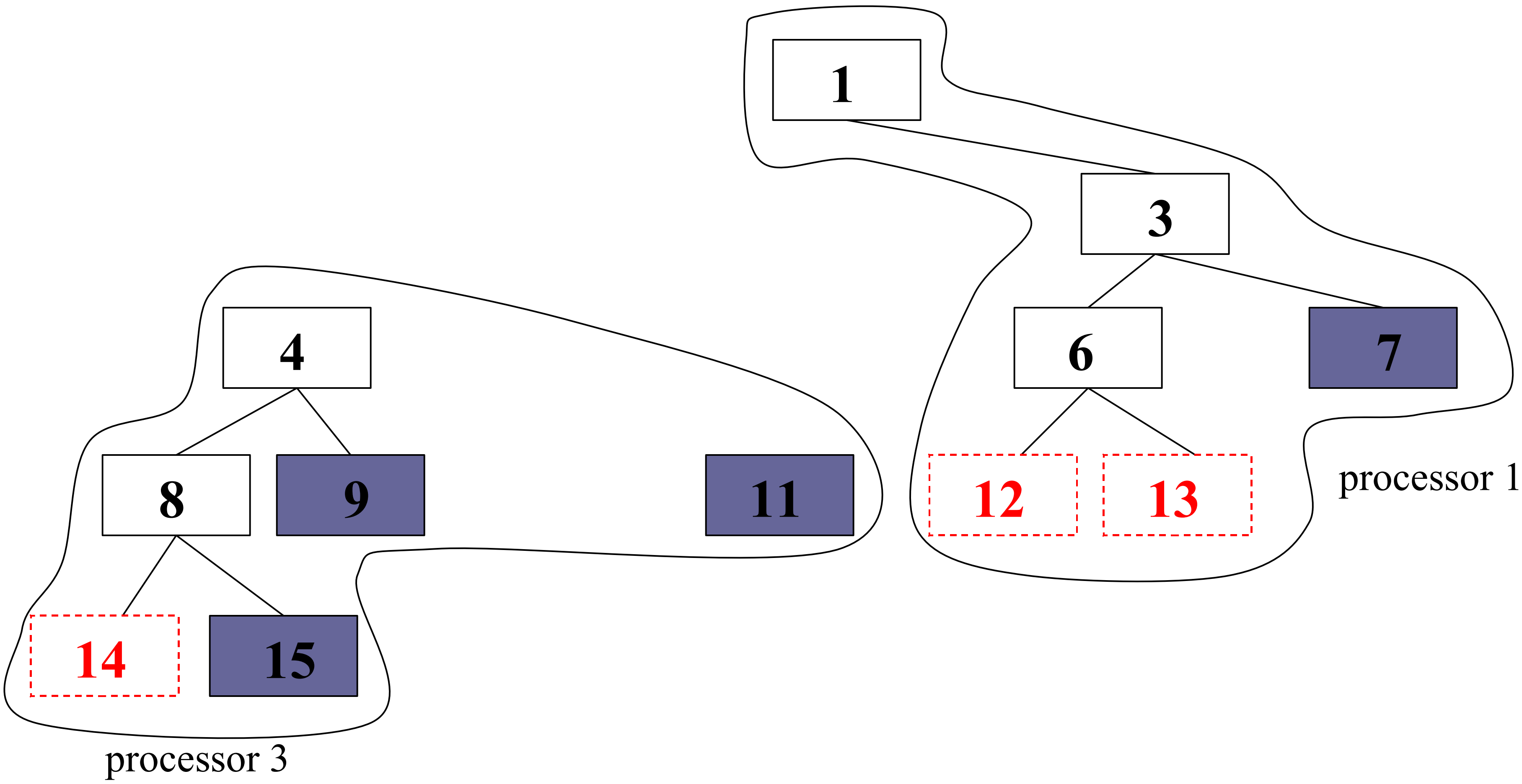

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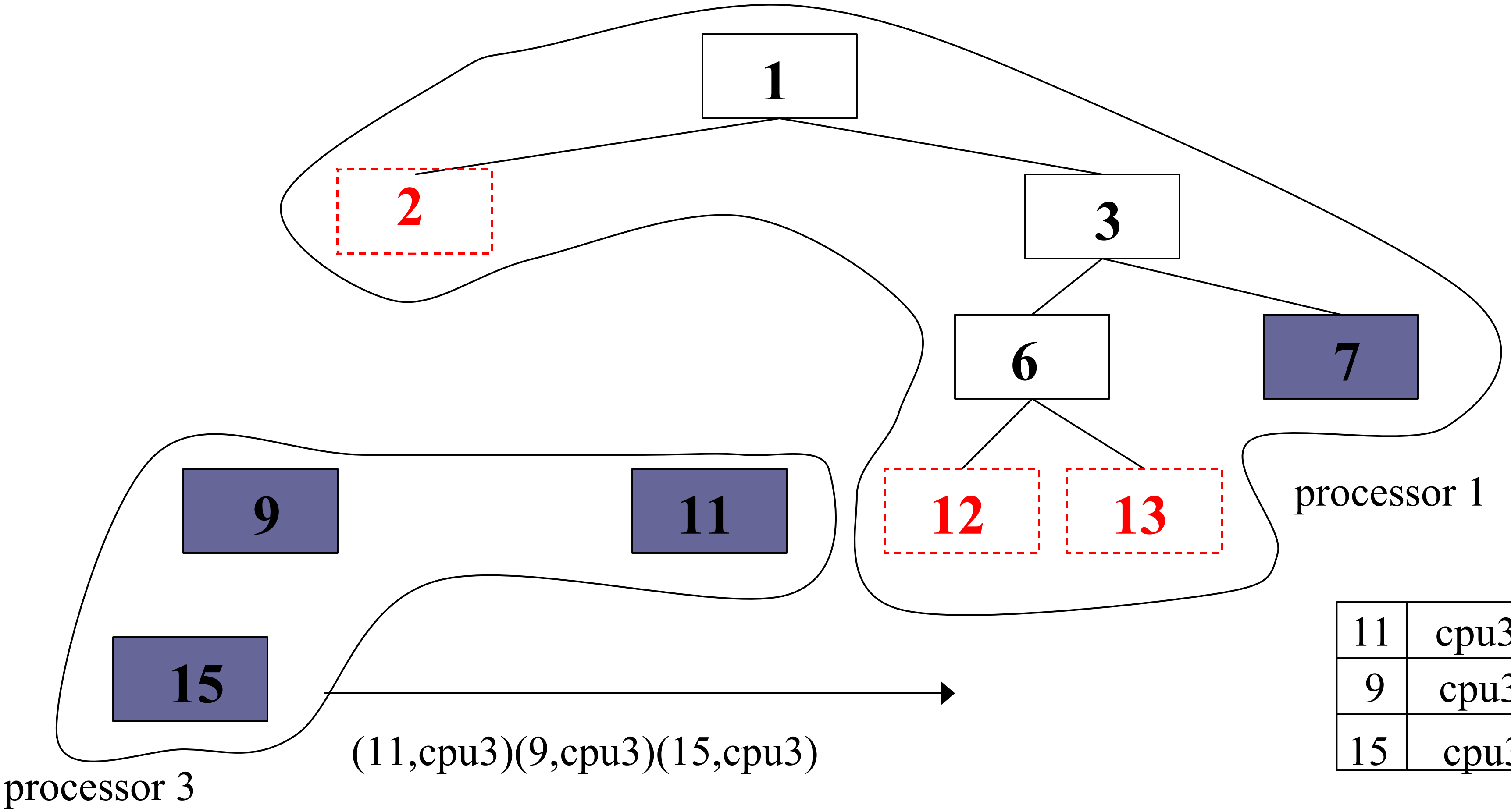

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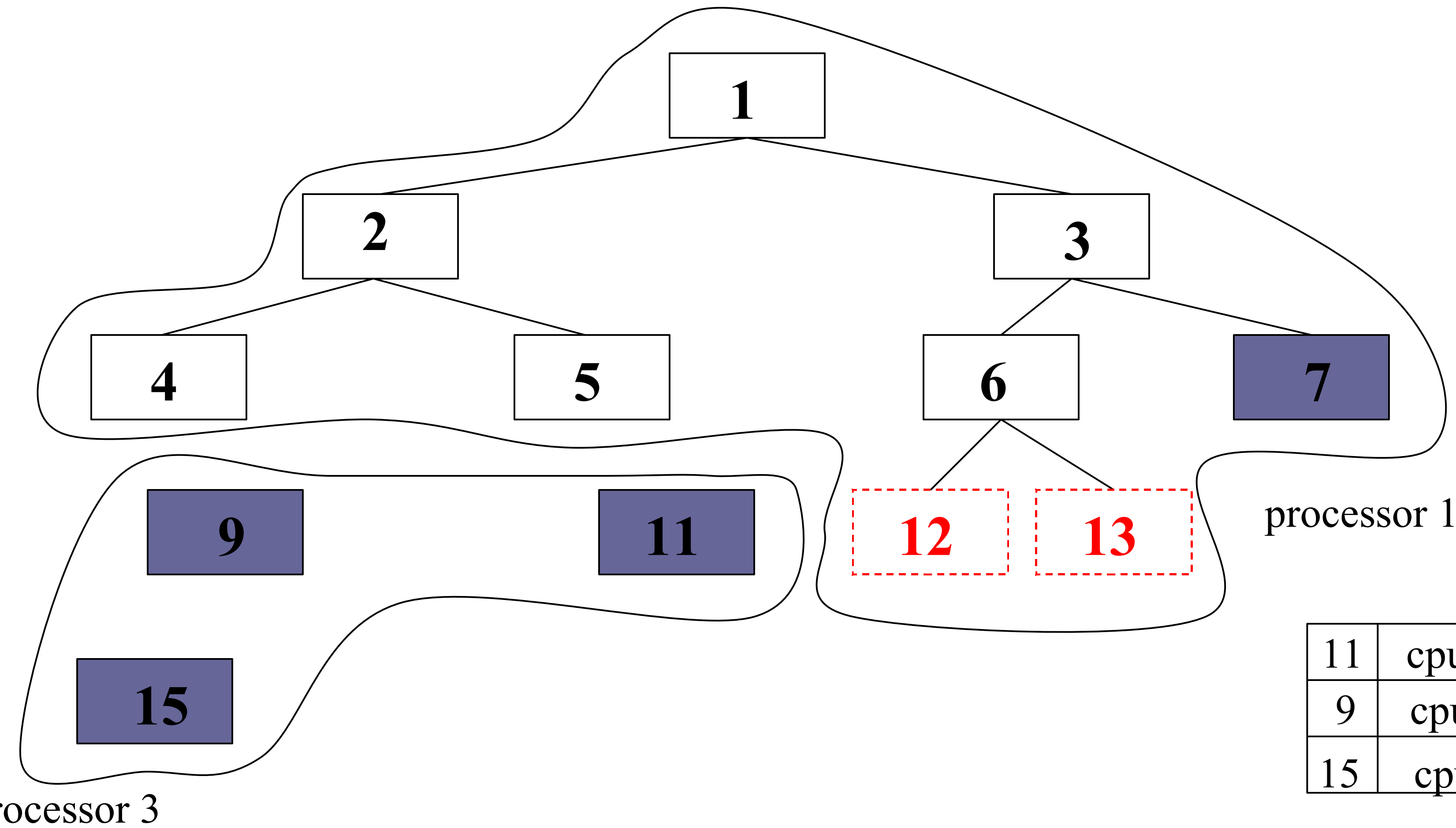

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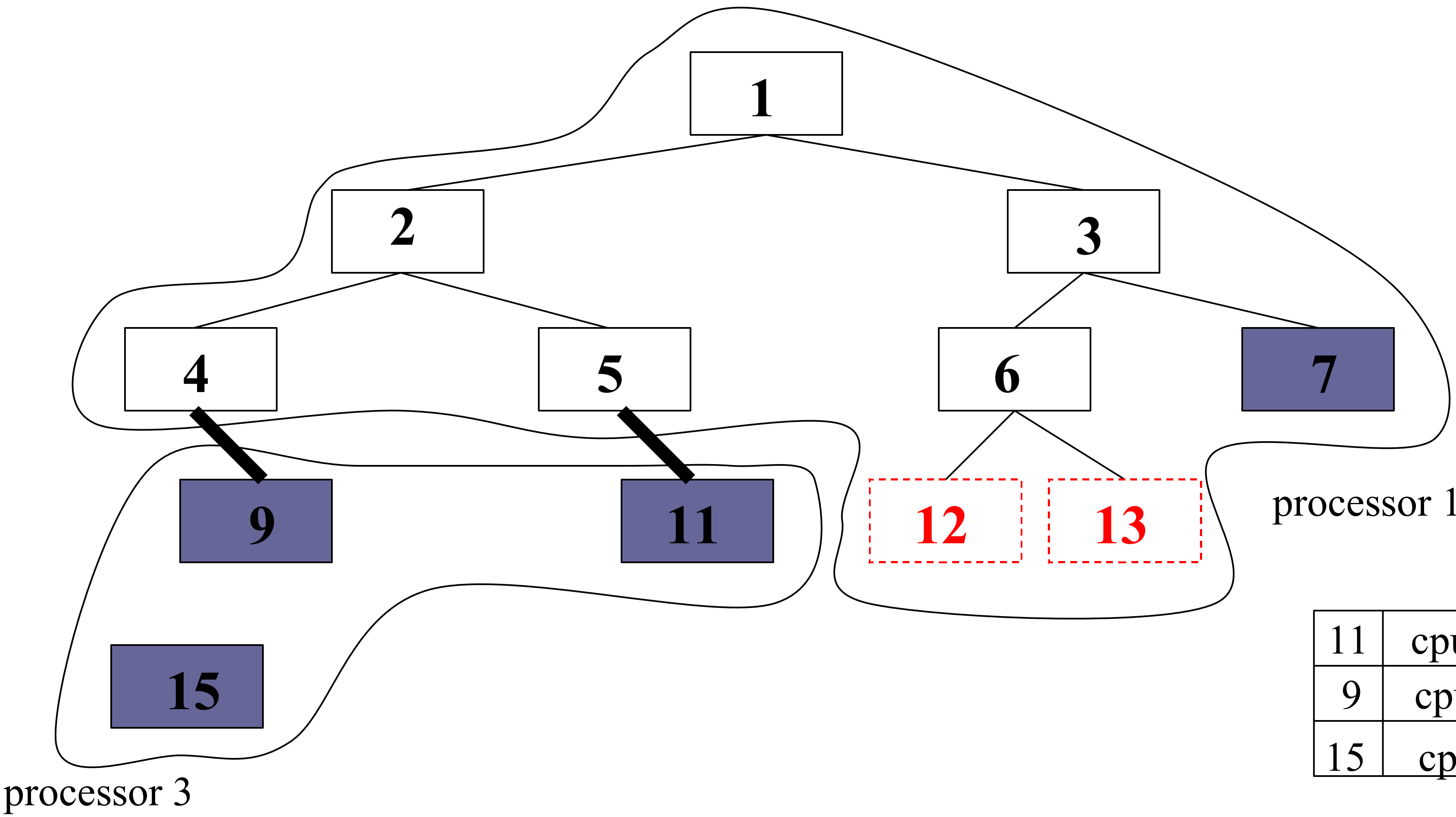

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Some remarks about scalability

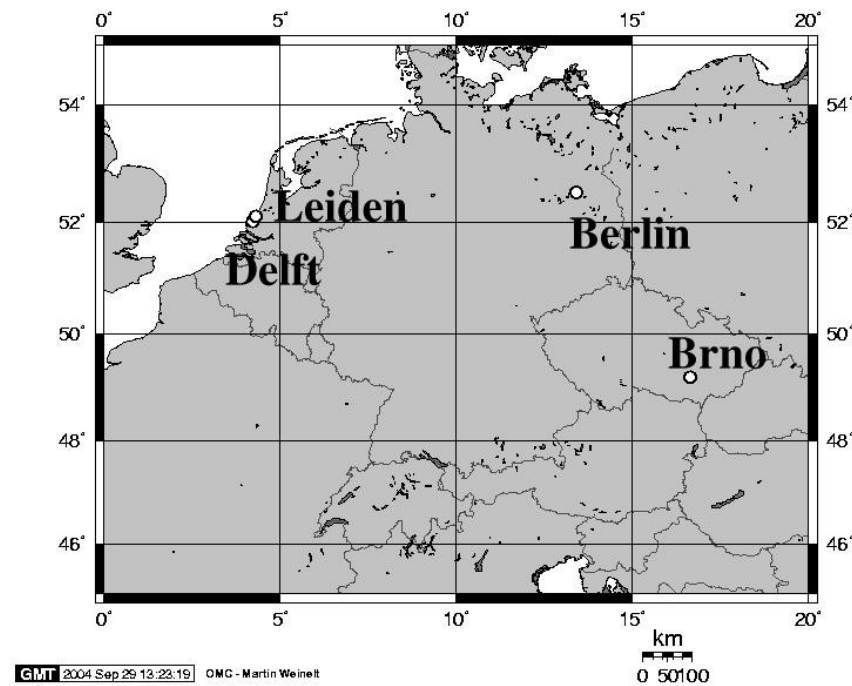
- Little data is broadcast (< 1% jobs)
- We broadcast pointers
- Message combining
- Lightweight broadcast: no need for reliability, synchronization, etc.

Performance evaluation

- Leiden, Delft (DAS-2) + Berlin, Brno (GridLab)
- Bandwidth:

  62 – 654 Mbit/s
- Latency:

  2 – 21 ms



GridLab

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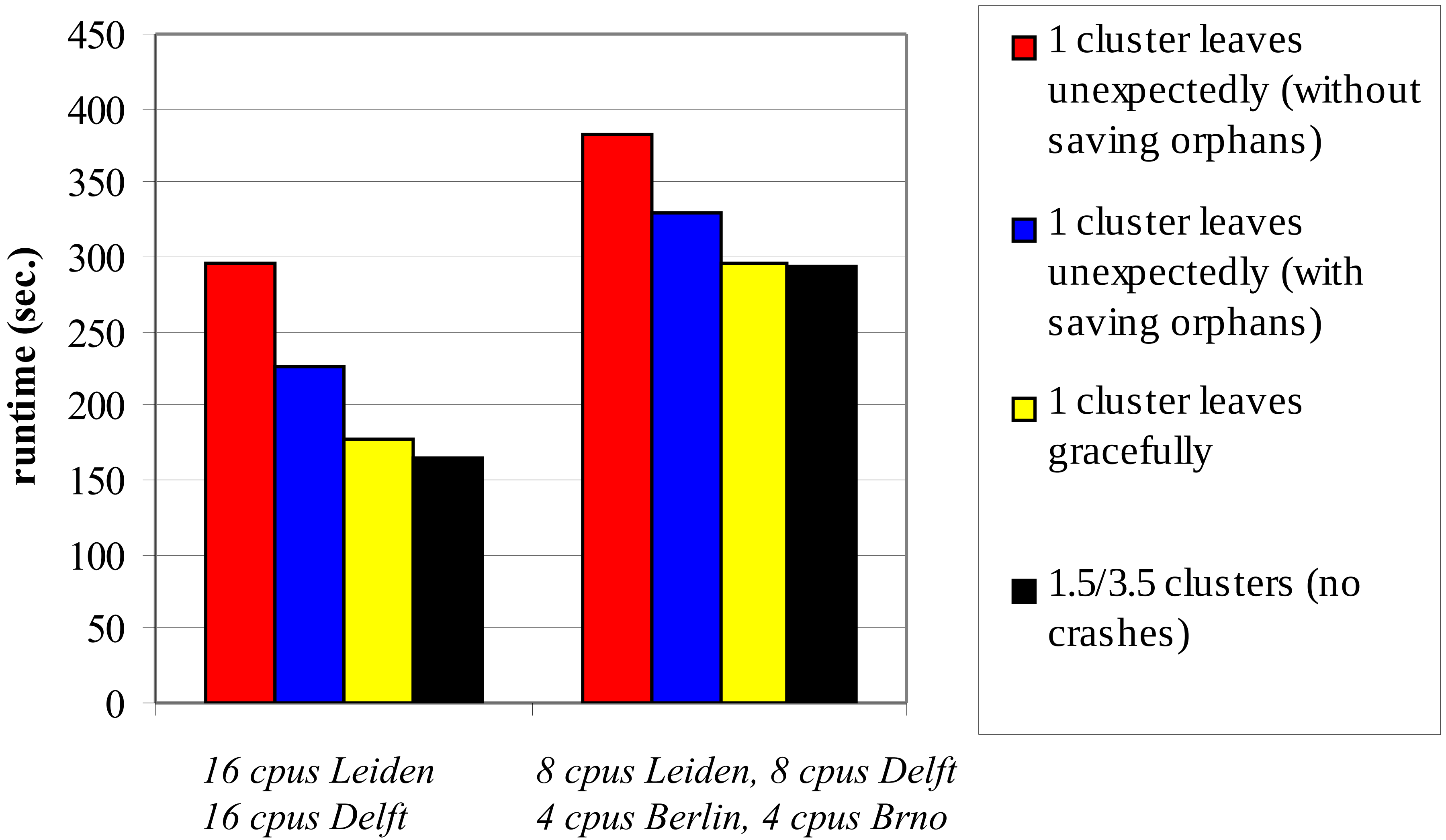
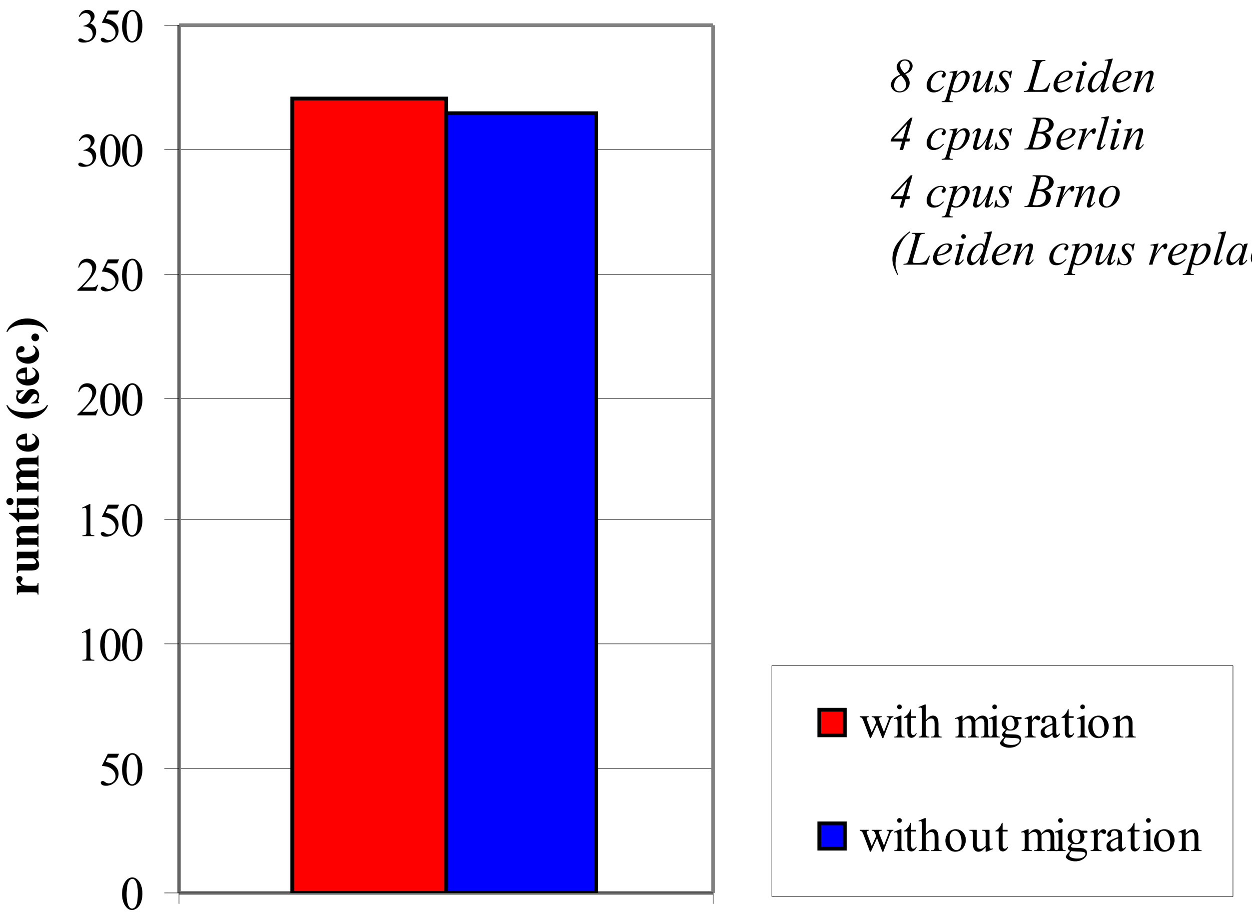
Impact of saving partial results



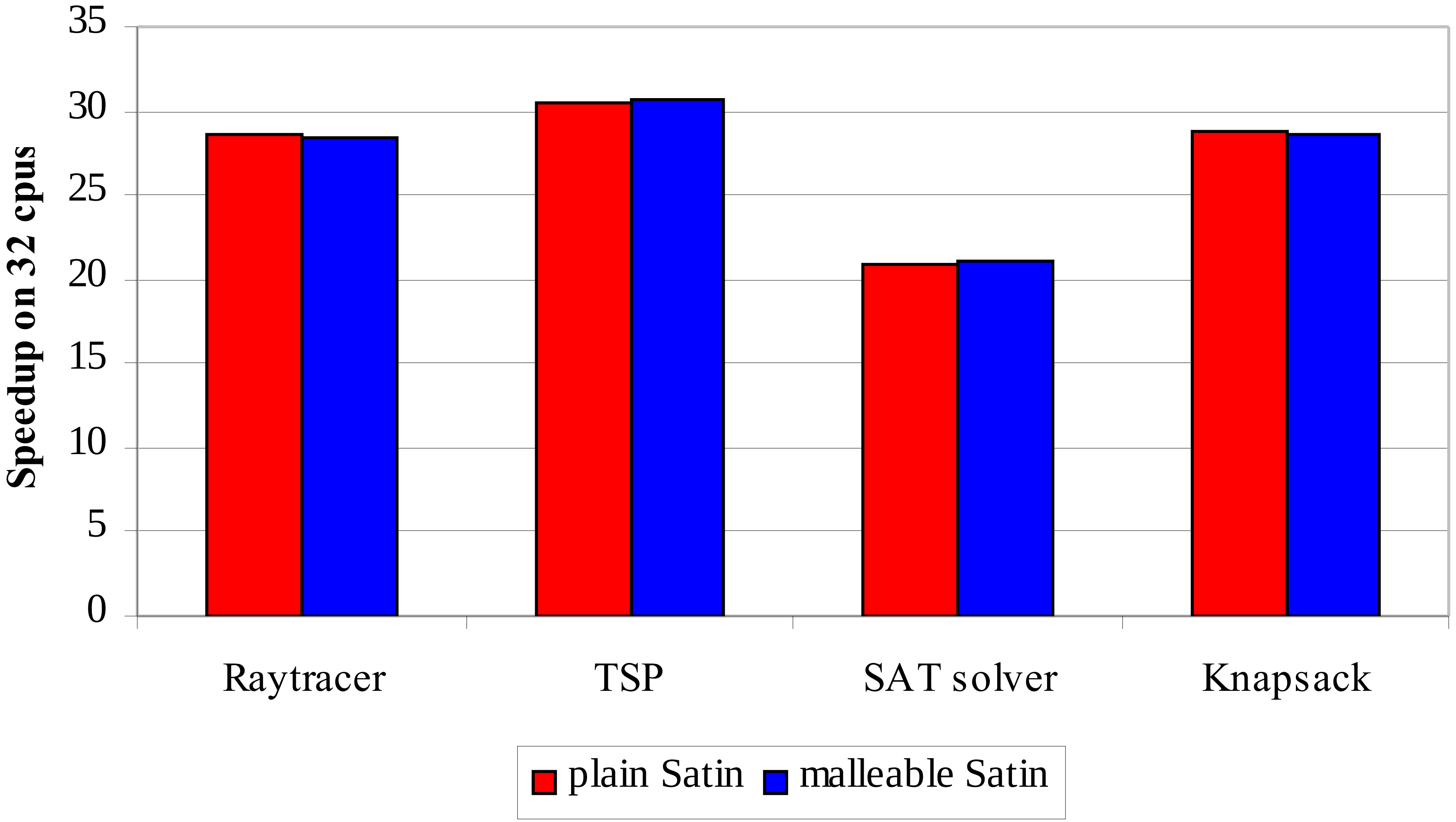
Migration overhead



8 cpus Leiden
4 cpus Berlin
4 cpus Brno
(Leiden cpus replaced by Delft)

Crash-free execution overhead

Used: 32 cpus in Delft



Summary

- Satin implements fault-tolerance, malleability and migration for divide-and-conquer applications
- Save partial results by repairing the execution tree
- Applications can adapt to changing numbers of cpus and migrate without loss of work (overhead < 10%)
- Outperform traditional approach by 25%
- No overhead during crash-free execution

Further information

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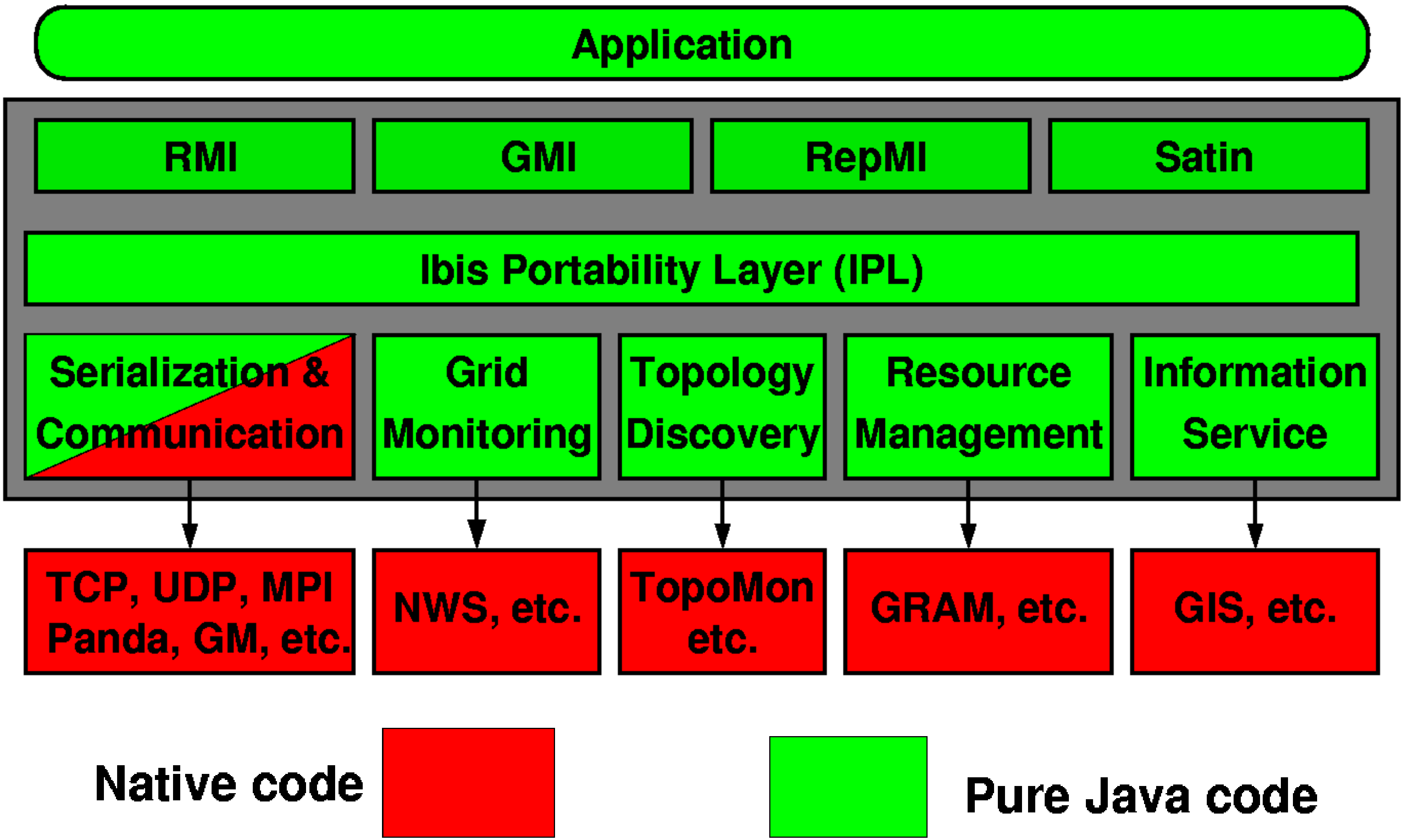
Additional slides

Ibis design



Application
RMI
GMI
RepMI
Satin
Ibis Portability Layer (IPL)
Serialization & Communication
Grid Monitoring
Topology Discovery
Resource Management
Information Service
TCP, UDP, MPI
Panda, GM, etc.
NWS, etc.
TopoMon etc.
GRAM, etc.
GIS, etc.
Native code
Pure Java code

Partial results on leaving cpus

If processors leave gracefully:

- Send all finished jobs to another processor
- Treat those jobs as orphans = broadcast (jobID, processorID) tuples
- Execute the normal crash recovery procedure

A crash of the master

- Master: the processor that started the computation by spawning the root job
- Remaining processors elect a new master
- At the end of the crash recovery procedure the new master restarts the application

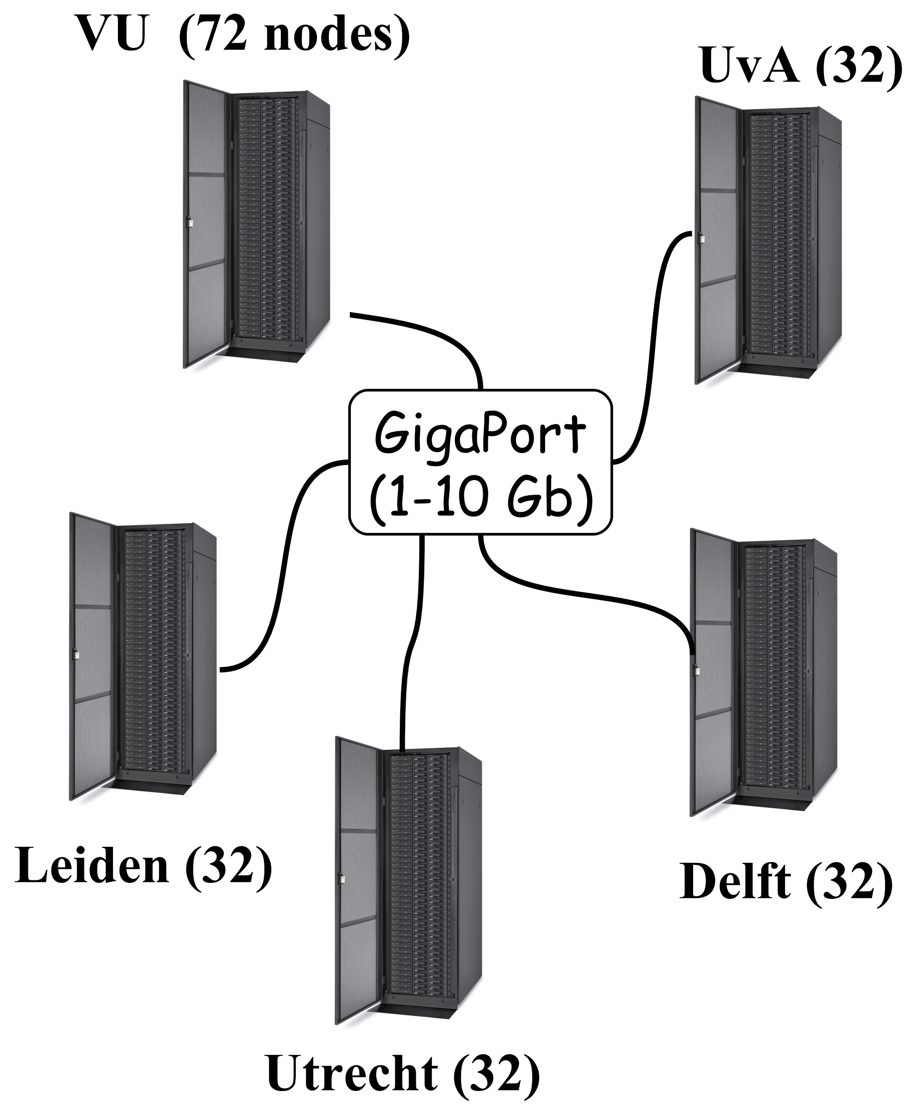
Job identifiers

- rootId = 1
- childId = parentId * branching_factor + child_no
- Problem: need to know maximal branching factor of the tree
- Solution: strings of bytes, one byte per tree level

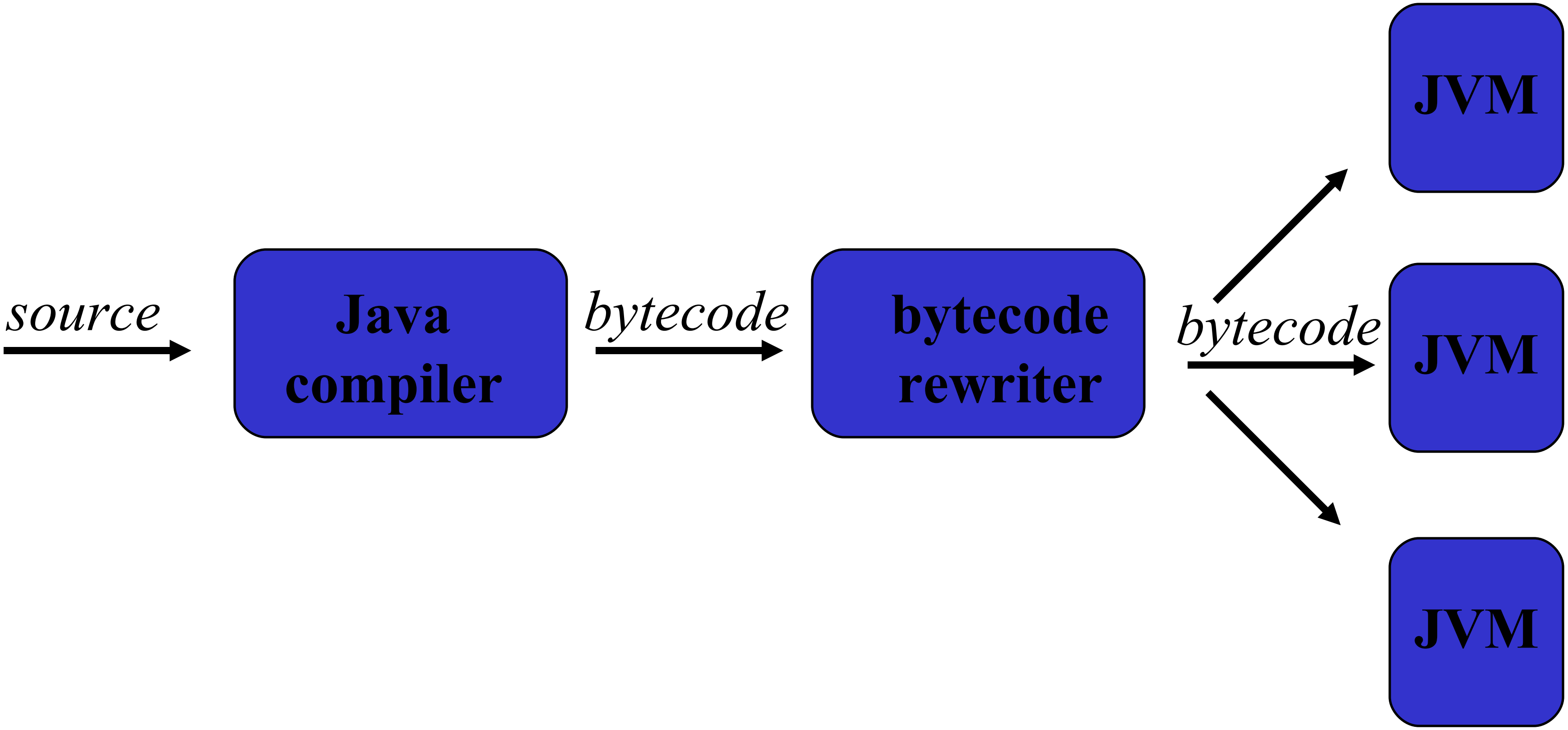
Distributed ASCI Supercomputer (DAS) – 2

Node configuration

Dual 1 GHz Pentium-III
>= 1 GB memory
100 Mbit Ethernet +
(Myrinet)
Linux



Compiling/optimizing programs



- Optimizations are done by bytecode rewriting
  - E.g. compiler-generated serialization (as in Manta)

```
interface FibInter
   extends ibis.satin.Spawnable {
      public int fib(long n);
}

class Fib
  extends ibis.satin.SatinObject
  implements FibInter {
   public int fib (int n) {
      if (n < 2) return n;
      int x = fib (n - 1);
      int y = fib (n - 2);
      sync();
      return x + y;
   }
}
```

Example

Java + divide&conquer

GridLab testbed

Grid results

Program	**sites**	**CPUs**	**Efficiency**
Raytracer	5	40	81 %
SAT-solver	5	28	88 %
Compression	3	22	67 %

- Efficiency based on normalization to single CPU type (1GHz P3)