

# Message Passing Interface (MPI) Programming

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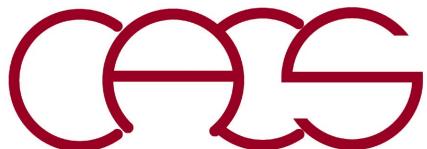
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MPI: Standard parallel programming language



# Preparation

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Minimal knowledge required for the hands-on projects in this course:

- Able to log in & use the Discovery computing cluster at USC Center for Advanced Research Computing (CARC) at the level of its “getting started” tutorial:  
<https://carc.usc.edu/user-information/user-guides/hpc-basics/getting-started-discovery>
- Use shell commands to interact with the operating system at the level of “Chapter 1—Introduction to the Command Line” of *Effective Computation in Physics* by Scopatz and Huff; USC students have free access to the book through Safari Online: <https://libraries.usc.edu/databases/safari-books>

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## Chapter 1. Introduction to the Command Line

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The command line, or *shell*, provides a powerful, transparent interface between the user and the internals of a computer. At least on a Linux or Unix computer, the command line provides total access to the files and processes defining the state of the computer—including the files and processes of the operating system.

- Need to log in from USC secure network or USC VPN if off campus

# How to Use USC CARC Cluster

**System: Intel/AMD-based computing cluster**

<https://carc.usc.edu>

**Log in**

> ssh anakano@discovery.usc.edu

**Alternatively, you can use** discovery2.usc.edu

**To use MPI library:**

**If using Bash shell, add these in .bashrc**

module purge

To set up standard  
software environment

module load usc

Use text editor like vim, nano, emacs

**Compile an MPI program**

> **mpicc** -o mpi\_simple mpi\_simple.c

**Execute an MPI program**

> **mpirun** -n 2 mpi\_simple

[anakano@discovery ~]\$ which mpicc

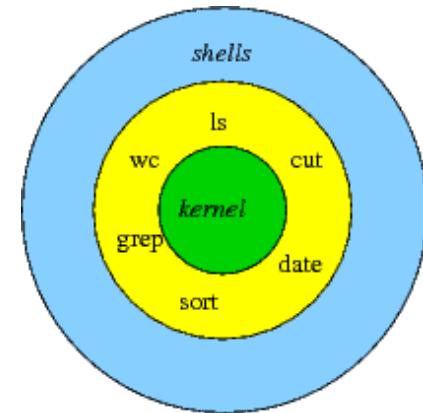
/spack/apps/linux-centos7-x86\_64/gcc-8.3.0/openmpi-4.0.2-ipm3dnvlbtawpi4ifz7jma6jgr7mexq/bin/mpicc

[anakano@discovery ~]\$ more /proc/cpuinfo

To find absolute path to mpicc command

To find processor information

Email [carc-support@usc.edu](mailto:carc-support@usc.edu) for assistance



Shell is a language you speak with  
the operating system

Type **echo \$0** to find  
which shell you are using

# VPN Issue

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- It is now required to use VPN (virtual private network) to access Discovery from off-campus:  
<https://itservices.usc.edu/vpn>
- Cisco AnyConnect software for VPN on Mac has a DNS (domain name system) problem, which could be bypassed using IP addresses instead of login server names (note discovery.usc.edu is a generic name for the two login servers, discovery1 and discovery2)

discovery1.usc.edu: 10.72.0.13

discovery2.usc.edu: 10.72.0.14

# Submit a Slurm Batch Job

## Prepare a script file, mpi\_simple.sl

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=2
#SBATCH --time=00:00:10
#SBATCH --output=mpi_simple.out
#SBATCH -A anakano_429
mpirun -n $SLURM_NTASKS ./mpi_simple
```

**Slurm (Simple Linux Utility for Resource Management): Open-source job scheduler that allocates compute resources on clusters for queued jobs**

## Submit a Slurm job

discovery: **sbatch mpi\_simple.sl**

Submitted batch job 63695

## Check the status of a Slurm job

discovery: **squeue -u anakano**

JOBID	PARTITION	NAME	USER	ST	TIME	NODES	NODELIST(REASON)
63695	main	mpi_simple	anakano	PD	0:00	1	(Resources)

## Cancel a Slurm job

discovery: **scancel 63695**

## Check the output

discovery: more mpi\_simple.out

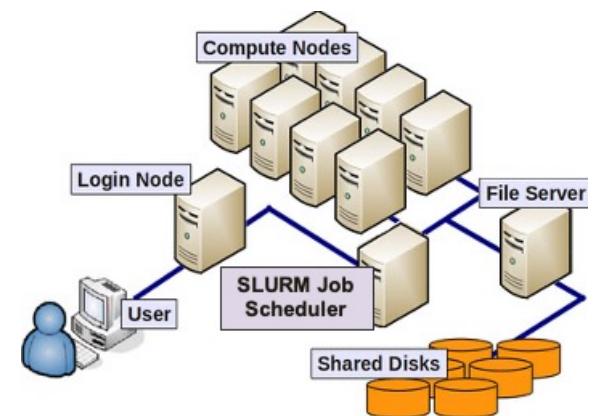
n = 777

For detailed explanation, see the lecture note

<https://aiichironakano.github.io/cs596/02MPI.pdf>

QUESTION

ANSWER



# Interactive Job at CARC

When debugging your MPI program, you may want to access computing nodes interactively, so that you can edit, compile & run MPI program in real time unlike the batch job

Reserve 2 processors for 20 minutes

```
[anakano@discovery cs596]$ salloc -n 2 -t 20
salloc: Granted job allocation 63754
salloc: Waiting for resource configuration
salloc: Nodes d05-05 are ready for job
[anakano@d05-05 cs596]$ mpirun -n 2 ./mpi_simple
n = 777
[anakano@d05-05 cs596]$ exit
exit
salloc: Relinquishing job allocation 63754
[anakano@discovery cs596]$
```

Back to the login node

Type less /proc/cpuinfo to find what kind of node you got

# Symbolic Link to Work Directory

- Your home directory has small (but enough for assignments) quota (type myquota to confirm), so use the scratch file system (/scratch1/anakano for user anakano) if needed
- It is convenient to make a symbolic link to a directory you use often, rather than typing its long absolute path every time

symbolic link      source      alias

```
[anakano@discovery ~]$ ln -s /scratch1/anakano/cs596 cs596
[anakano@discovery ~]$ ls -lt
total 81985
lrwxrwx--- 1 anakano anakano 22 Aug 23 12:14 cs596 -> /scratch1/anakano/cs596
drwxrwx--- 3 anakano anakano 1 Aug 20 10:07 FFTW
lrwxrwx--- 1 anakano anakano 16 Aug 14 15:48 scr -> /scratch1/anakano
...
[anakano@discovery ~]$ cd cs596
[anakano@discovery cs596]$ pwd -P
/scratch1/anakano/cs596
```

This directory has been created as  
mkdir /scratch1/anakano/cs596

Instead of typing  
cd /scratch1/anakano/cs596

Print physical working directory

# File Transfer

- Use secure file transfer protocol to transfer files between your laptop and Discovery

```
macbook-pro $ sftp anakano@discovery.usc.edu
Connected to discovery.usc.edu.

sftp> cd cs596
sftp> put md.*      Transfer files from local computer (your laptop)
          to remote computer (Discovery)

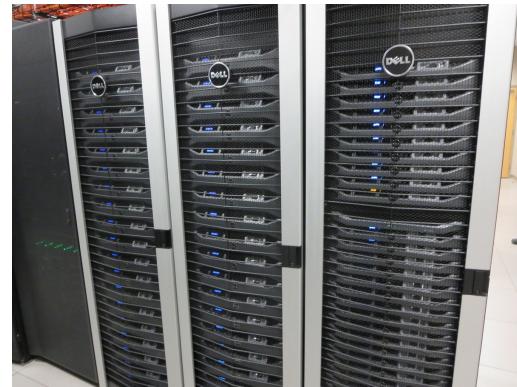
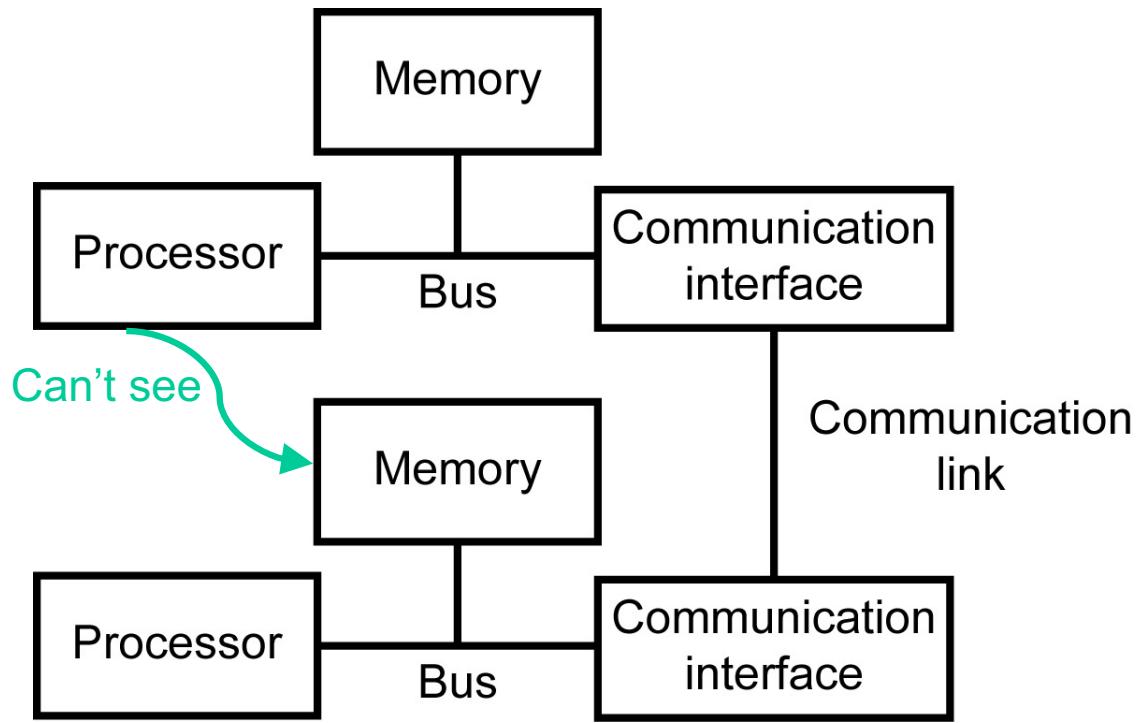
sftp> ls   — Check whether the files have been transferred
md.c    md.h    md.in

sftp> exit

macbook-pro $
```

- To transfer files from remote computer to local computer, use **get** instead

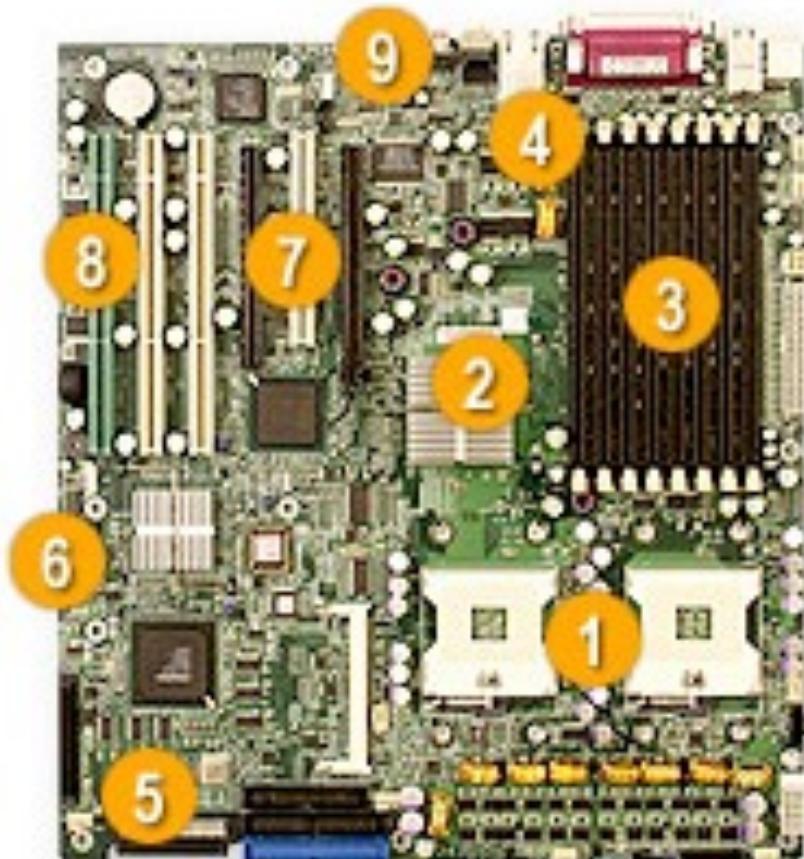
# Parallel Computing Hardware



- **Processor:** Executes arithmetic & logic operations.
- **Memory:** Stores program & data.
- **Communication interface:** Performs signal conversion & synchronization between communication link and a computer.
- **Communication link:** A wire capable of carrying a sequence of bits as electrical (or optical) signals.

# Motherboard

## Key Features

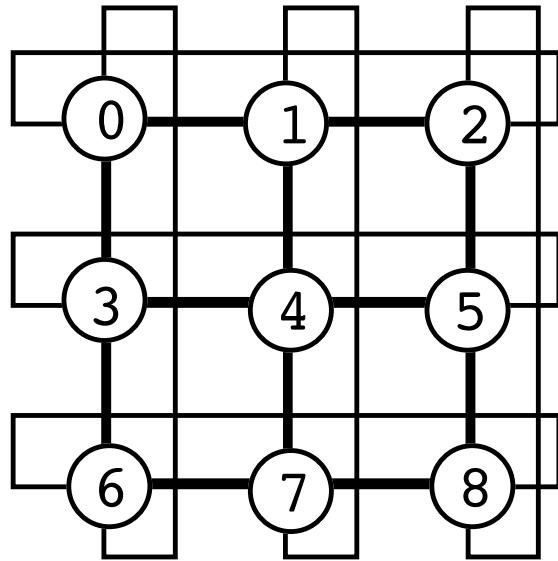


1. Dual Intel® Xeon™ EM64T Support up to 3.60 GHz
2. Intel® E7525 (Tumwater) Chipset
3. Up to 16GB DDRII-400 SDRAM
4. Intel® 82546GB Dual-port Gigabit Ethernet Controller
5. Adaptec AIC-7902 Dual Channel Ultra320 SCSI
6. 2x SATA Ports via ICH5R SATA Controller
7. 1 (x16) & 1 (x4) PCI-Express, 1 x 64-bit 133MHz PCI-X, 2 x 64-bit 100MHz PCI-X, 1 x 32-bit 33MHz PCI Slots
8. Zero Channel RAID Support
9. AC'97 Audio, 6-Channel Sound

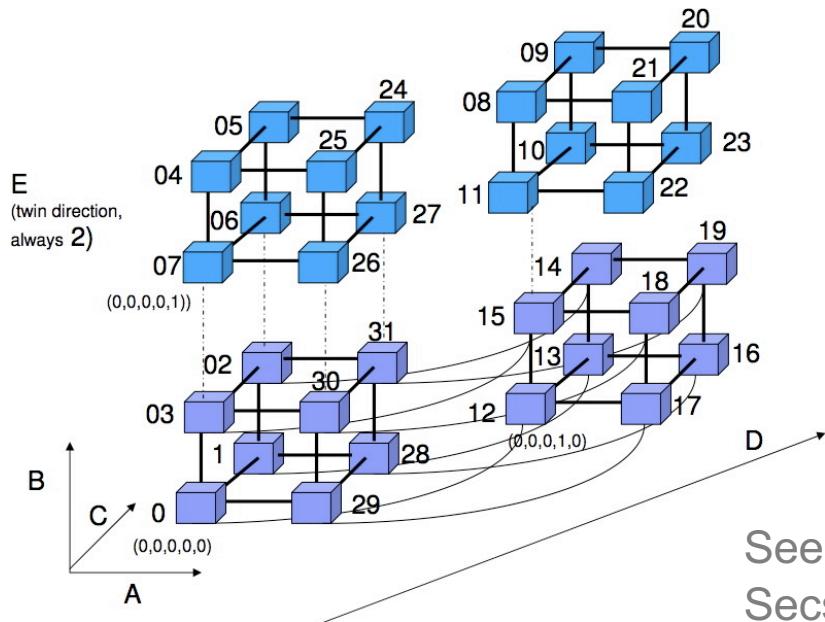
**Supermicro X6DA8-G2**

# Communication Network

Mesh  
(torus)

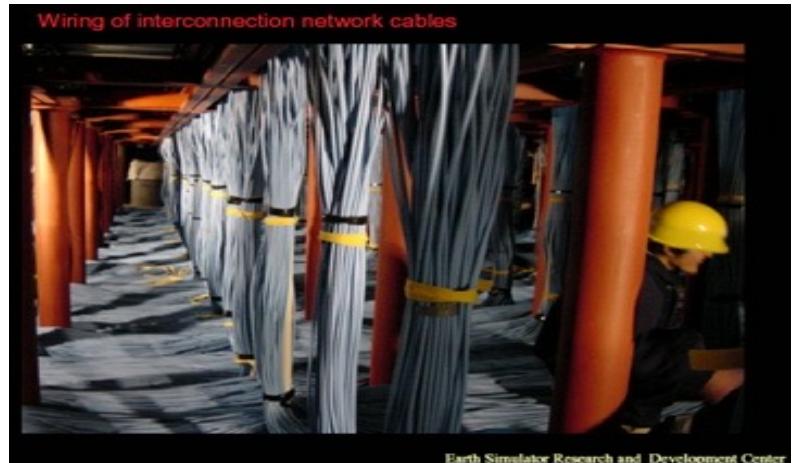


IBM Blue Gene/Q (5D torus)

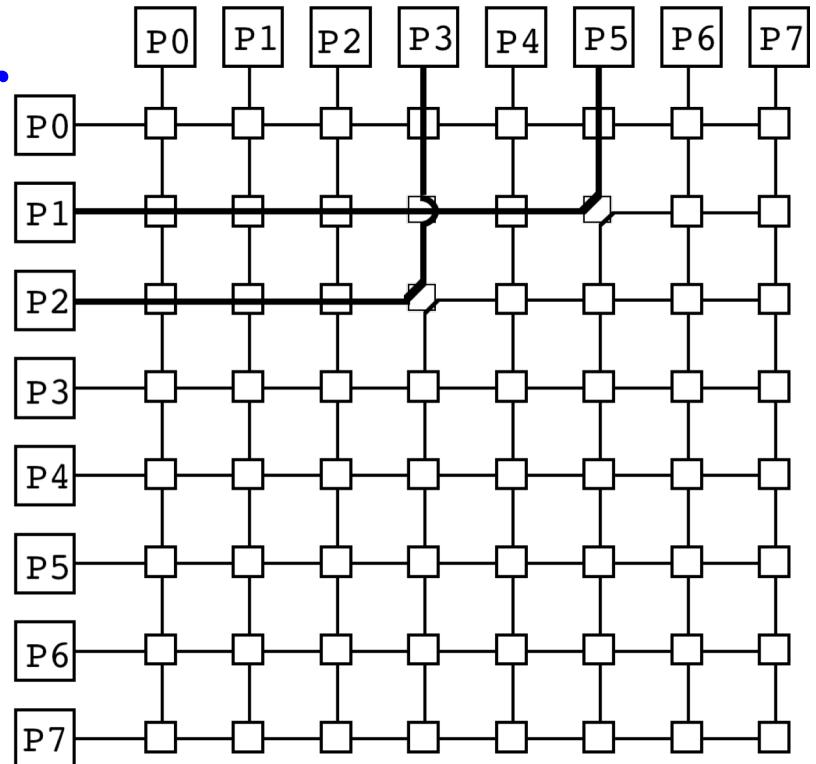


See Grama,  
Secs. 2.4.2-2.4.4

Crossbar  
switch



NEC Earth Simulator (640x640 crossbar)



# Message Passing Interface

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## MPI (Message Passing Interface)

A standard message passing system that enables us to write & run applications on parallel computers

### Download for Unix & Windows:

<http://www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich>

### Compile

> **mpicc** -o **mpi\_simple** **mpi\_simple.c**

### Run

> **mpirun** -np 2 **mpi\_simple**

# MPI Programming

## mpi\_simple.c: Point-to-point message send & receive

```
#include "mpi.h"
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[ ]) {
    MPI_Status status;
    int myid;
    int n;
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myid);
    if (myid == 0) {
        n = 777;
        MPI_Send(&n, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    } else {
        MPI_Recv(&n, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
        printf("n = %d\n", n);
    }
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

The diagram illustrates the MPI communication process between two ranks, P0 and P1. An oval labeled "MPI daemon" represents the central component. Two arrows originate from P0: one labeled "send to 1" pointing to the MPI daemon, and another labeled "recv from 0" pointing to P1. The MPI daemon has two outgoing arrows: one labeled "requests" pointing to P0, and another labeled "recv" pointing to P1. The MPI rank is indicated by an arrow pointing to the value 10 in the MPI\_Send and MPI\_Recv calls.

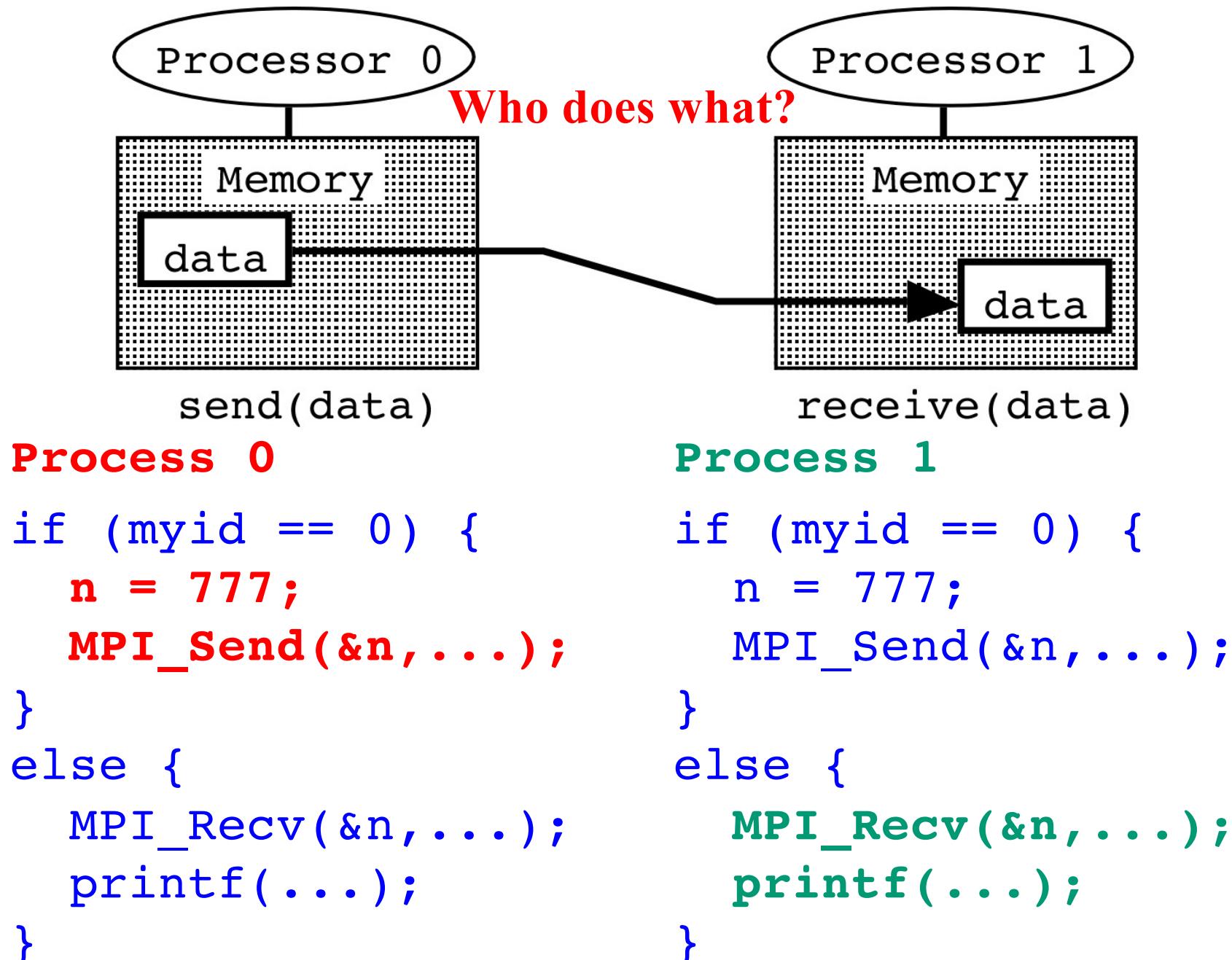
**MPI rank**

**Matching message labels**

**Data triplet**

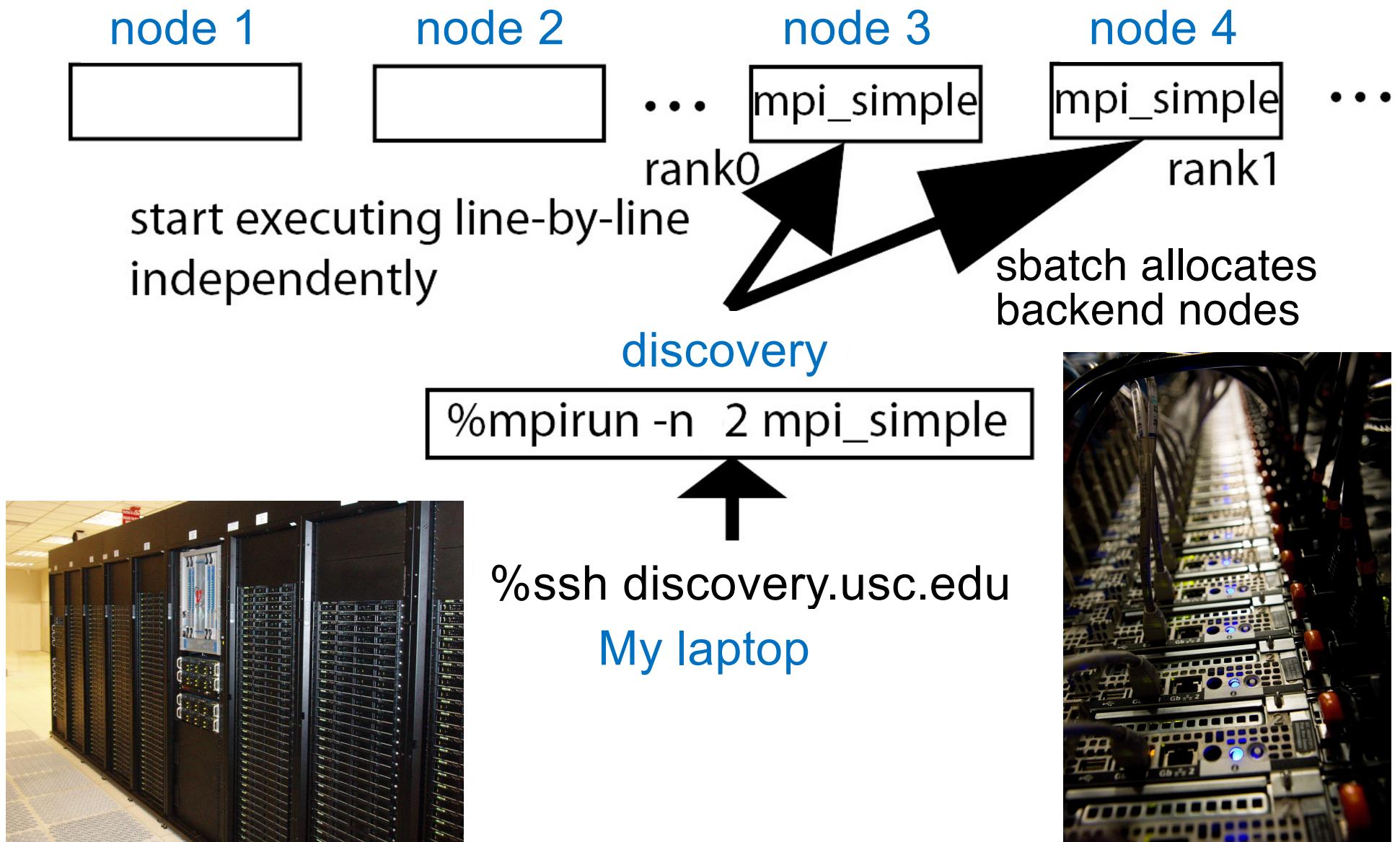
**To/from whom**

# Single Program Multiple Data (SPMD)



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# What really happens?



# MPI Minimal Essentials

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We only need **MPI\_Send()** & **MPI\_Recv()**  
within **MPI\_COMM\_WORLD**

```
MPI_Send(&n, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD);  
MPI_Recv(&n, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
```

The code snippet shows two MPI calls: `MPI_Send` and `MPI_Recv`. Below each call, a brace groups the first three parameters (`&n`, `1`, and `MPI_INT`) under the label "Data triplet". Another brace groups the next three parameters (`1`, `10`, and `MPI_COMM_WORLD`) under the label "To/from whom". A third brace groups the final parameter `&status` under the label "Information".

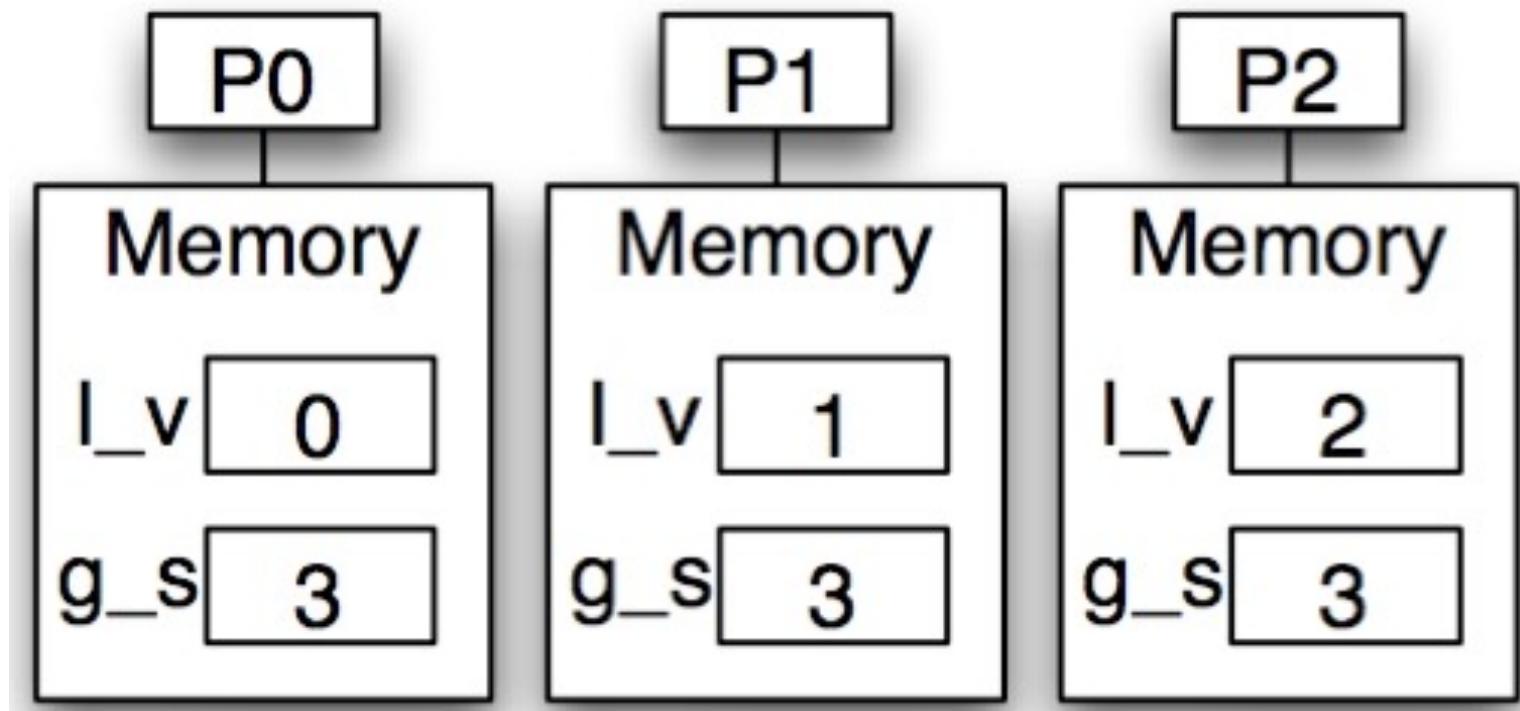
  { Data triplet   { To/from whom   { Information

# Global Operation

**All-to-all reduction:** Each process contributes a partial value to obtain the global summation. In the end, all the processes will receive the calculated global sum.

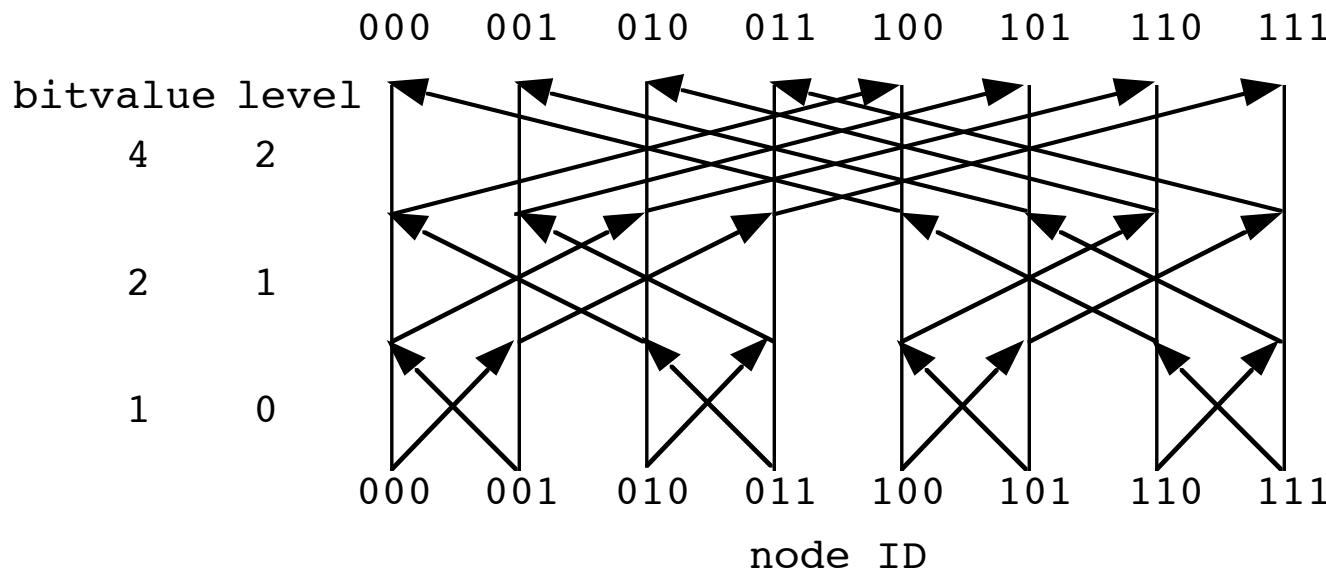
```
MPI_Allreduce(&local_value, &global_sum, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM,  
MPI_COMM_WORLD)
```

```
int l_v, g_s; // local variable & global sum  
l_v = myid; // myid is my MPI rank  
MPI_Allreduce(&l_v, &g_s, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
```



# Hypercube Algorithm

**Hypercube algorithm:** Communication of a reduction operation is structured as a series of pairwise exchanges, one with each neighbor in a hypercube (**butterfly**) structure. Allows a computation requiring all-to-all communication among  $p$  processes to be performed in  $\log_2 p$  steps.



Butterfly network

$$\begin{aligned} & a_{000} + a_{001} + a_{010} + a_{011} + a_{100} + a_{101} + a_{110} + a_{111} \\ &= ((a_{000} + a_{001}) + (a_{010} + a_{011})) \\ &+ ((a_{100} + a_{101}) + (a_{110} + a_{111})) \end{aligned}$$

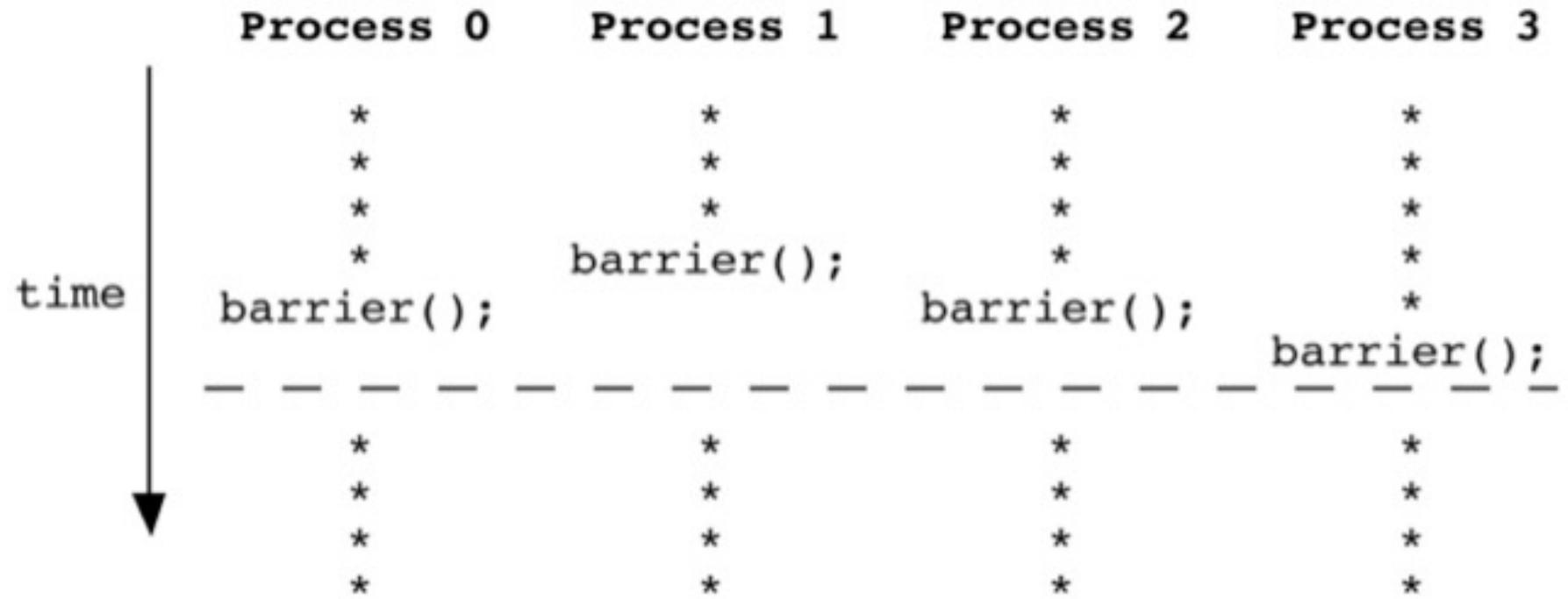
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# Barrier

```
<A>;  
barrier();  
<B>;
```



**MPI\_Barrier(MPI\_Comm communicator)**

Useful for debugging (but would slow down the program)

# MPI Communication

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## MPI communication functions:

### 1. Point-to-point

`MPI_Send()`

`MPI_Recv()`

### 2. Global

`MPI_Allreduce()`

`MPI_Barrier()`

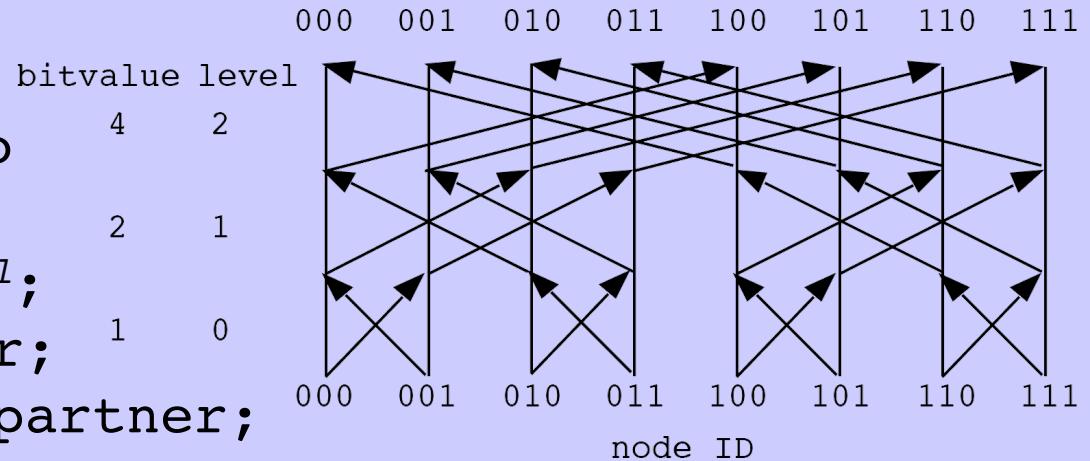
`MPI_Bcast()`

# Hypercube Template

```

procedure hypercube(myid, input, log2P, output)
begin
    mydone := input;
    for l := 0 to log2P-1 do
    begin
        partner := myid XOR 2l;
        send mydone to partner;
        receive hisdone from partner;
        mydone = mydone OP hisdone
    end
    output := mydone
end

```



level	$\frac{1}{2^l}$	bitvalue
0	0	001
1	1	010
2		100

Exclusive OR

a	b	a XOR b
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Associative operator  
(e.g., sum, max)

$$(a \text{ OP } b) \text{ OP } c = a \text{ OP } (b \text{ OP } c)$$

$$abcdefg \text{ XOR } 0000100 = abcde\bar{e}fg$$

In C, `^` (caret operator) is bitwise XOR applied to int

# Driver for Hypercube Test

```
#include "mpi.h"
#include <stdio.h>
int nprocs; /* Number of processes */
int myid; /* My rank */

double global_sum(double partial) {
    /* Implement your own global summation here */
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    double partial, sum, avg;
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myid); Who am I?
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nprocs); How big is the world? (see
    partial = (double) myid; p. 5 in lecture note)
    printf("Rank %d has %le\n", myid, partial);
    sum = global_sum(partial);
    if (myid == 0) {
        avg = sum/nprocs;
        printf("Global average = %d\n", avg);
    }
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

Global variables are visible in both *global\_sum()* & *main()*

# C Implementation of global\_sum()

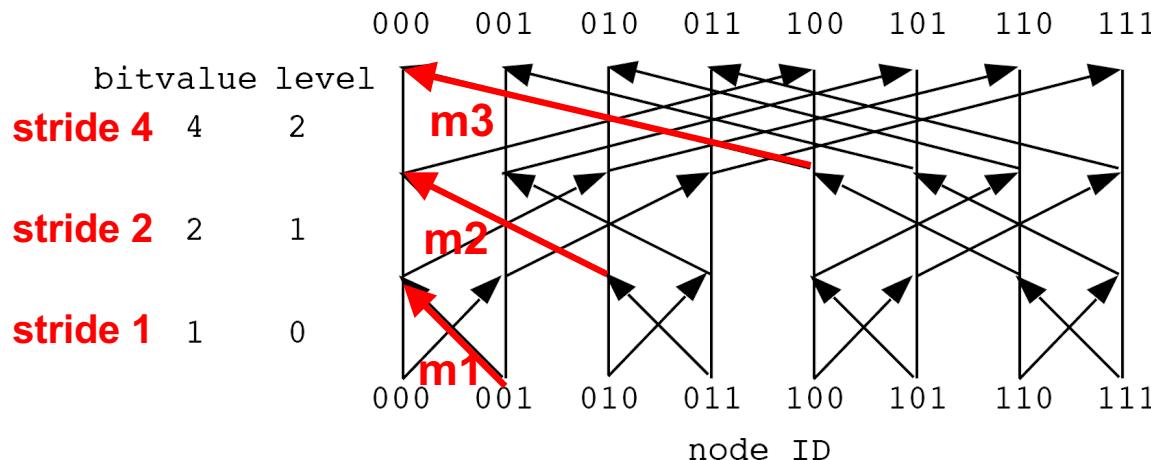
```
mydone = partial;
for (bitvalue=1; bitvalue<nprocs; bitvalue*=2)
{
    partner = myid ^ bitvalue;
    send mydone to partner;
    receive hisdone from partner;
    mydone = mydone + hisdone
}
return mydone;
```

Multiplied by 2

level	$\frac{1}{2^1}$	bitvalue
0	001	001
1	010	010
2	100	100

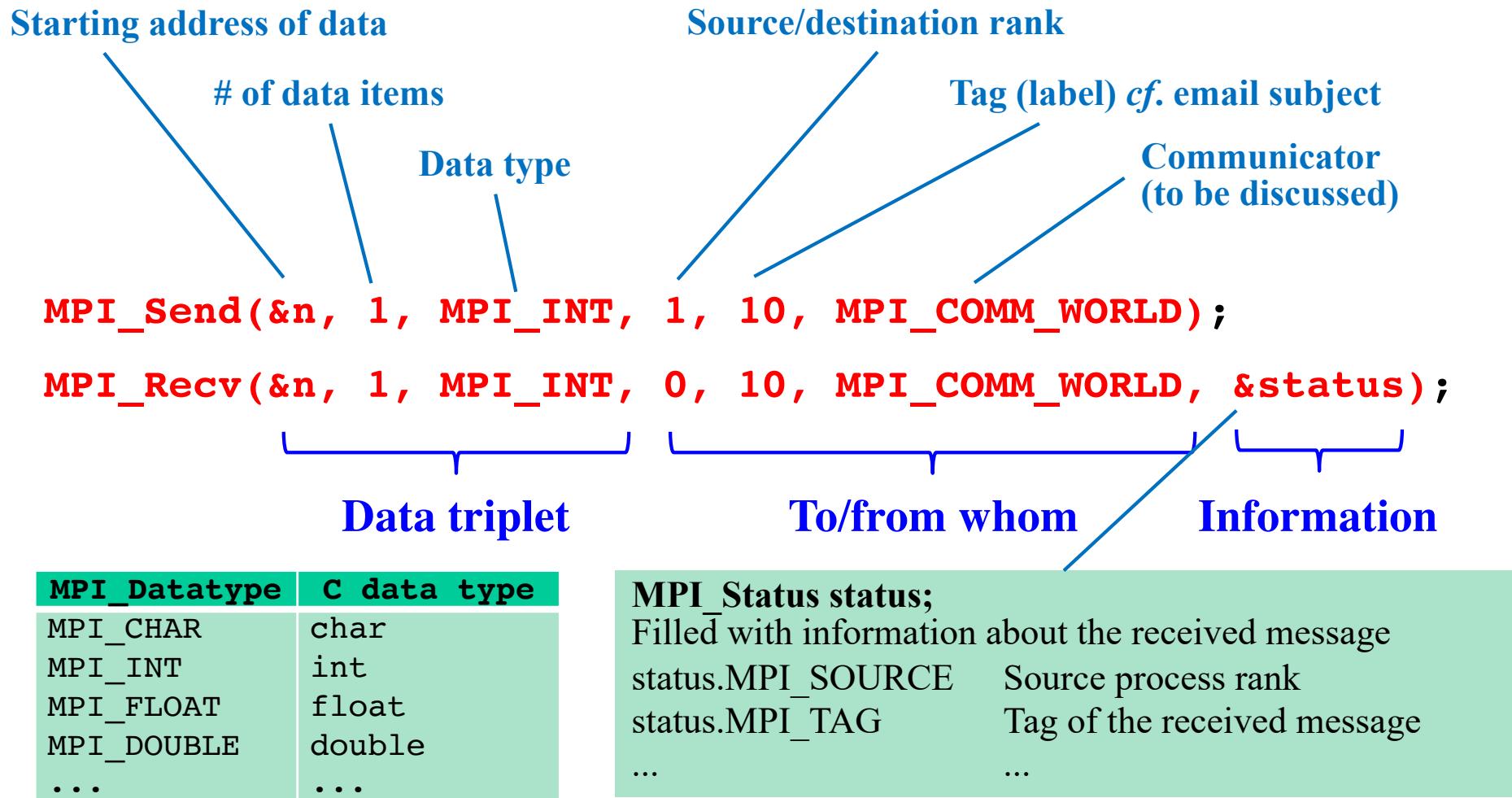
Implement with MPI\_Send() & MPI\_Recv()

Use *bitvalue* as counter & bitmask



It is recommended to use distinct labels (tags) for different messages,  
e.g. (bitmask = stride) as a tag

# MPI Send & Receive Revisited



- Only tag-matching message passing between matching source/destination pair of ranks take place
- It is recommended to use distinct tags for different messages to avoid accidental receipt of unintended messages

# Sample Slurm Script

Run two MPI runs in a single Slurm job

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --nodes=2
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=4
#SBATCH --time=00:00:59
#SBATCH --output=global.out
#SBATCH -A anakano_429      mpicc -o global_avg global_avg.c

mpirun -n $SLURM_NTASKS ./global_avg
mpirun -n 4 ./global
```

Total number of processors  
= ntasks-per-node (4) × nodes (2) = 8

- Type `sbatch global_avg.sl` in the directory where the executable `global_avg` resides, or `cd` (change directory) to where it is

# Output of global.c

- **4-processor job**

```
Rank 0 has 0.000000e+00
Rank 1 has 1.000000e+00
Rank 2 has 2.000000e+00
Rank 3 has 3.000000e+00
Global average = 1.500000e+00
```

- **8-processor job**

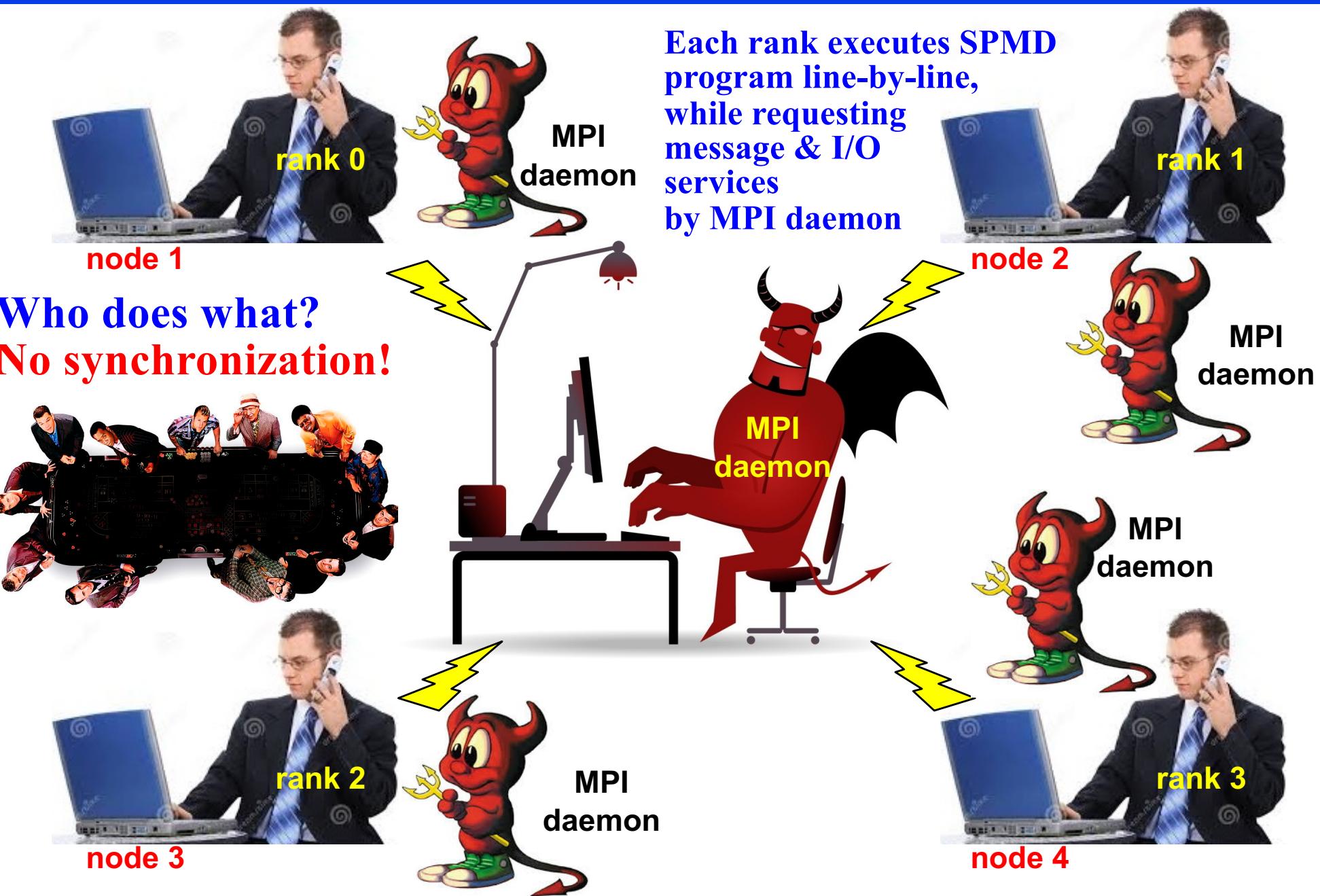
```
Rank 0 has 0.000000e+00
Rank 1 has 1.000000e+00
Rank 2 has 2.000000e+00
Rank 3 has 3.000000e+00
Rank 5 has 5.000000e+00
Rank 6 has 6.000000e+00
Rank 4 has 4.000000e+00
Rank 7 has 7.000000e+00
Global average = 3.500000e+00
```

Actual output  
is random  
order in ranks  
— Why?

## References on Hypercube Algorithms

1. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypercube\\_\(communication\\_pattern\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypercube_(communication_pattern))
2. I. Foster, *Designing and Building Parallel Programs* (Addison-Wesley, 1995) Chap. 11 — Hypercube algorithms: <https://www.mcs.anl.gov/~itf/dbpp/text/node123.html>

# Distributed-Memory Parallel Computing



# Communicator

**mpi\_comm.c: Communicator = process group + context**

```
#include "mpi.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 64
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    MPI_Comm world, workers;
    MPI_Group world_group, worker_group;
    int myid, nprocs;
    int server, n = -1, ranks[1];
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    world = MPI_COMM_WORLD;
    MPI_Comm_rank(world, &myid);
    MPI_Comm_size(world, &nprocs);
    server = nprocs-1;
    MPI_Comm_group(world, &world_group);
    ranks[0] = server;
    MPI_Group_excl(world_group, 1, ranks, &worker_group);
    MPI_Comm_create(world, worker_group, &workers);
    MPI_Group_free(&worker_group);
    if (myid != server)
        MPI_Allreduce(&myid, &n, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM, workers);
    printf("process %2d: n = %6d\n", myid, n);
    MPI_Comm_free(&workers);
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

## Usage

- Avoid accidental match of unintended Send-Receive pairs
- Global operations in a subgroup of processes

Code at <https://aiichironakano.github.io/cs596/src/mpi/>  
For detail, see p. 4 in <https://aiichironakano.github.io/cs596/02MPI.pdf>

# Example: Ranks in Different Groups

World Rank	Institution*	Country /Region	National Rank	Total Score	Score on Alumni ▾
1	Harvard University	🇺🇸	1	100	100
2	Stanford University	🇺🇸	2	72.1	41.8
3	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	🇺🇸	3	70.5	68.4
4	University of California-Berkeley	🇺🇸	4	70.1	66.8
5	University of Cambridge	🇬🇧	1	69.2	79.1

51	University of Southern California	🇺🇸	33	31	31.7
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```
MPI_Comm_rank(world, &usc_world);  
MPI_Comm_rank(us, &usc_national);
```

Rank is relative in each communicator!

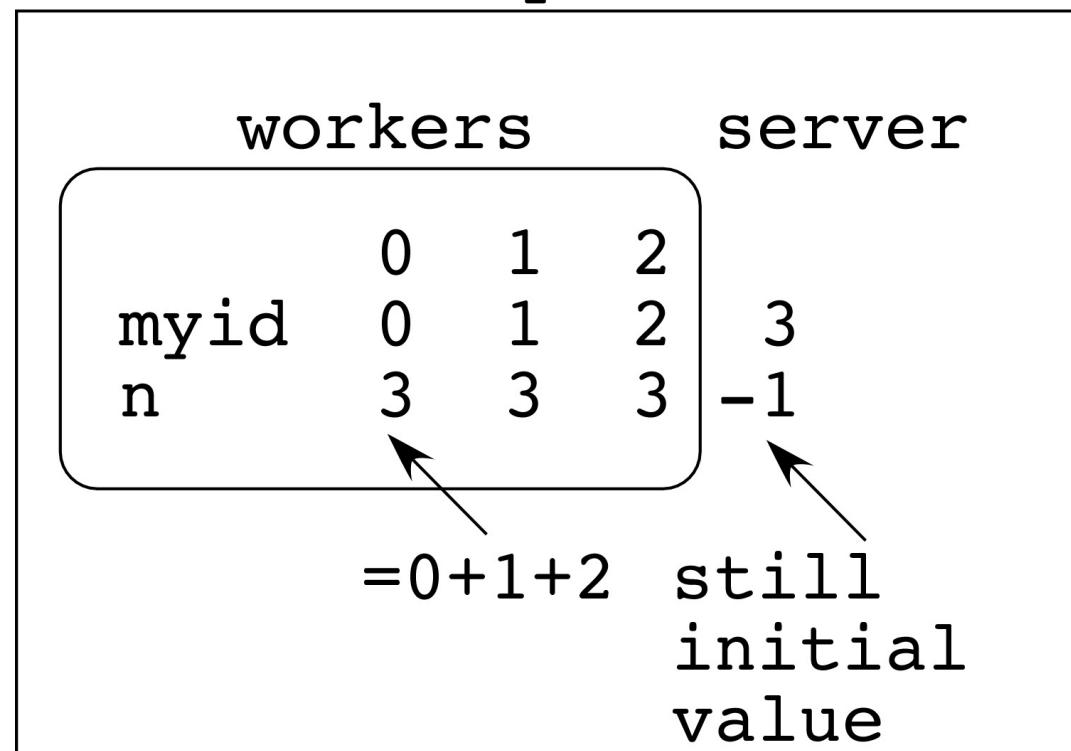
# Output from mpi\_comm.c

```
Slurm      #SBATCH --nodes=2  
script      #SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=2  
            ...  
            mpirun -n $SLURM_NTASKS ./mpi_comm
```

```
process 3: n =      -1  
process 0: n =       3  
process 1: n =       3  
process 2: n =       3
```

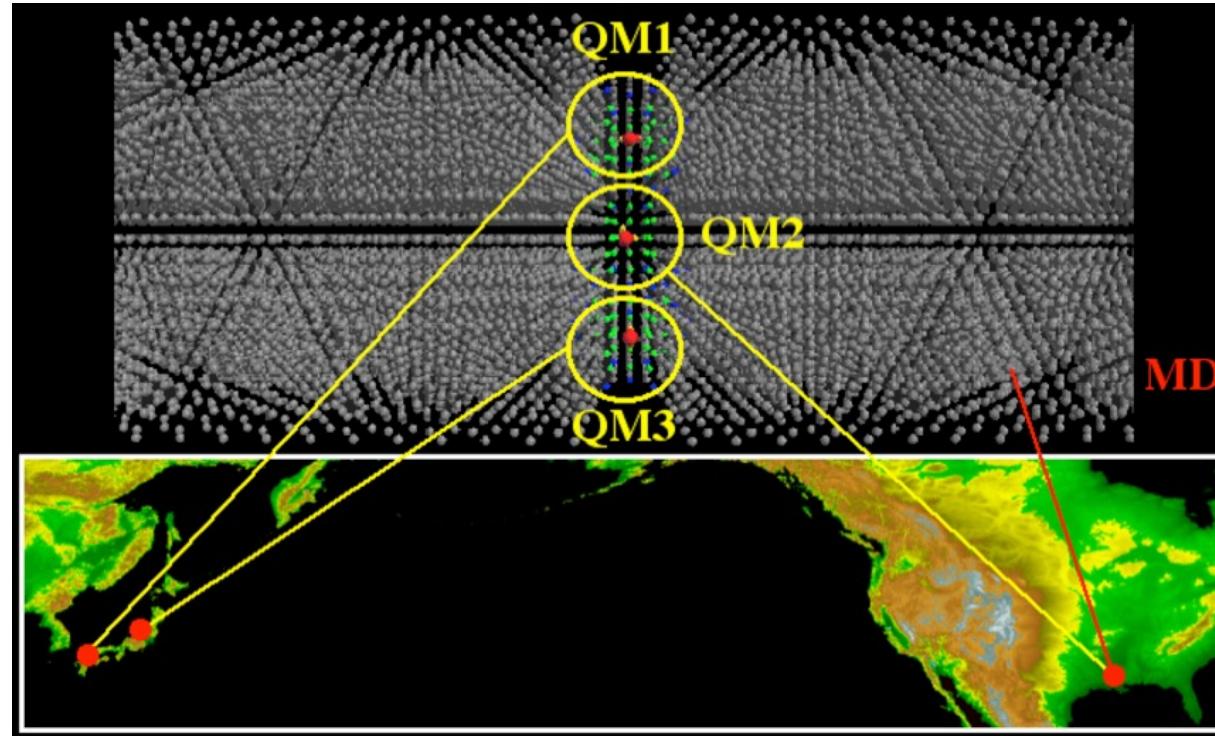
world: nprocs = 4

What Has  
Happened?



# Grid Computing & Communicators

H. Kikuchi et al., "Collaborative simulation Grid: multiscale quantum-mechanical/classical atomistic simulations on distributed PC clusters in the US & Japan, IEEE/ACM SC02

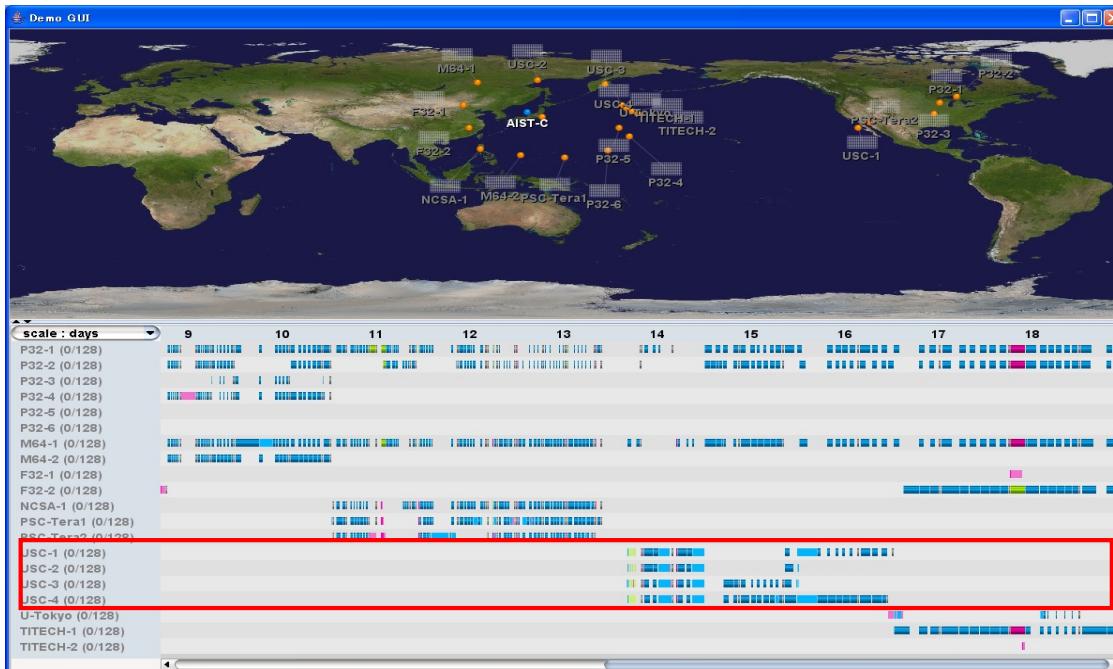


**Communicator = a nice migration path to distributed computing**

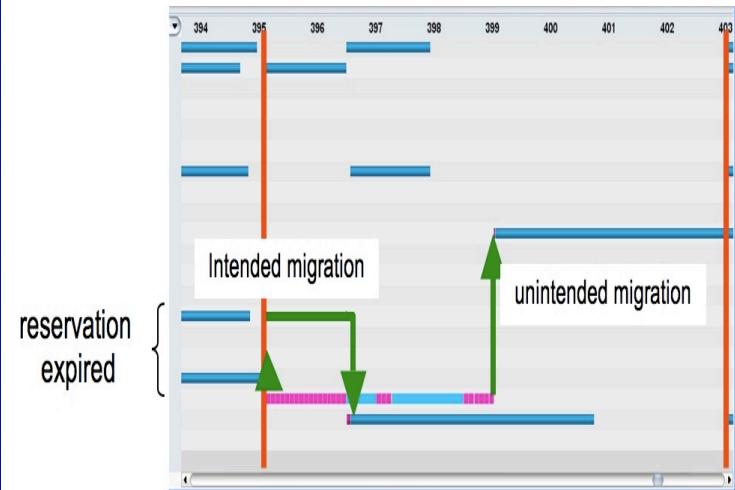
- Single MPI program run with the Grid-enabled MPI implementation, **MPICH-G2**
- Processes are grouped into MD & QM groups by defining multiple MPI communicators as subsets of MPI\_COMM\_WORLD; a machine file assigns globally distributed processors to the MPI processes

# Global Grid QM/MD

- *One of the largest (153,600 cpu-hrs) sustained Grid supercomputing at 6 sites in the US (USC, Pittsburgh, Illinois) & Japan (AIST, U Tokyo, Tokyo IT)*



Automated  
resource migration  
& fault recovery

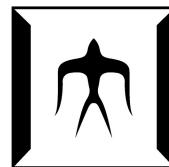


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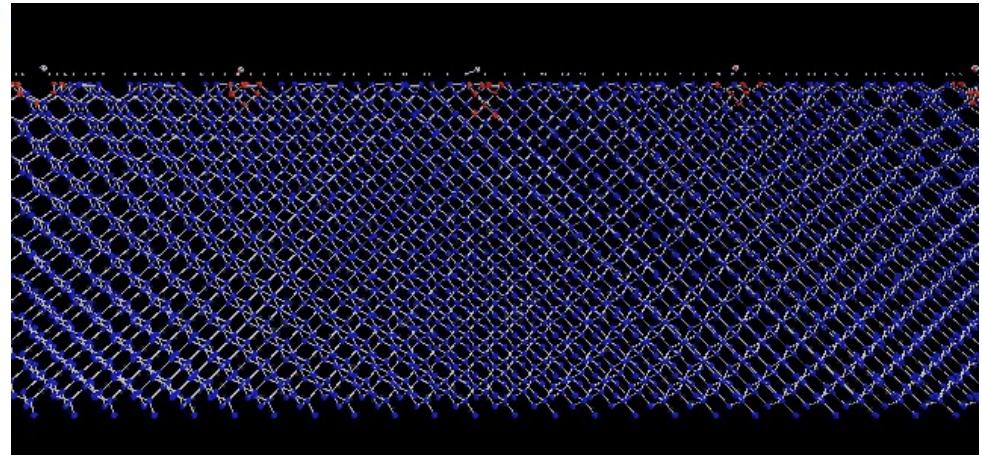
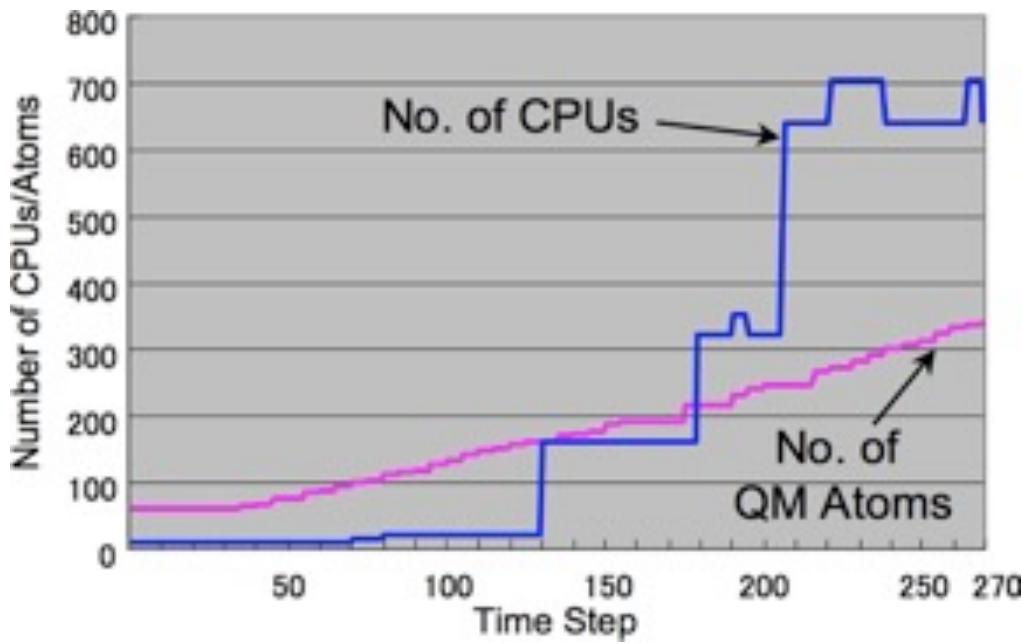
Takemiya et al., "Sustainable adaptive Grid supercomputing: multiscale simulation of semiconductor processing across the Pacific," IEEE/ACM SC06

# Sustainable Grid Supercomputing

- Sustained ( $>$  months) supercomputing ( $> 10^3$  CPUs) on a Grid of geographically distributed supercomputers
- Hybrid Grid remote procedure call (GridRPC) + message passing (MPI) programming
- Dynamic allocation of computing resources on demand & automated migration due to reservation schedule & faults



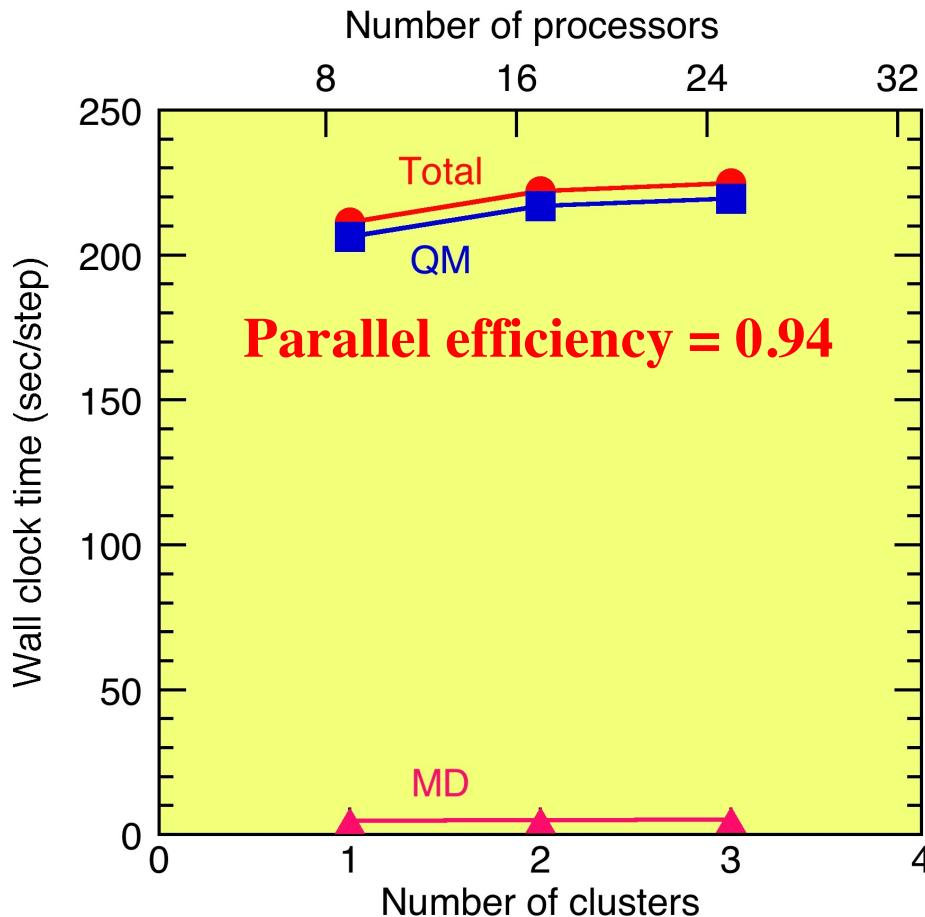
Ninf-G GridRPC: [ninf.apgrid.org](http://ninf.apgrid.org); MPICH: [www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi](http://www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi)



Multiscale QM/MD simulation of high-energy beam oxidation of Si

# Computation-Communication Overlap

H. Kikuchi *et al.*, "Collaborative simulation Grid: multiscale quantum-mechanical/classical atomistic simulations on distributed PC clusters in the US & Japan, IEEE/ACM SC02"



Earth's circumference  
Light speed  
 $= \frac{40,000 \text{ [km]} = 4 \times 10^7 \text{ [m]}}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ [m]}} = 0.1 \text{ s} = 100 \text{ ms}$

**Try on Discovery:**  
traceroute [www.u-tokyo.ac.jp](http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp)  
vs. ping [hpc-transfer.usc.edu](http://hpc-transfer.usc.edu)

- How to overcome 200 ms latency & 1 Mbps bandwidth?
- Computation-communication overlap: To hide the latency, the communications between the MD & QM processors have been overlapped with the computations using asynchronous messages

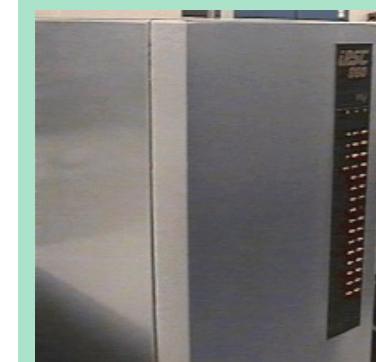
# Synchronous Message Passing

**MPI\_Send( )**: (blocking), synchronous

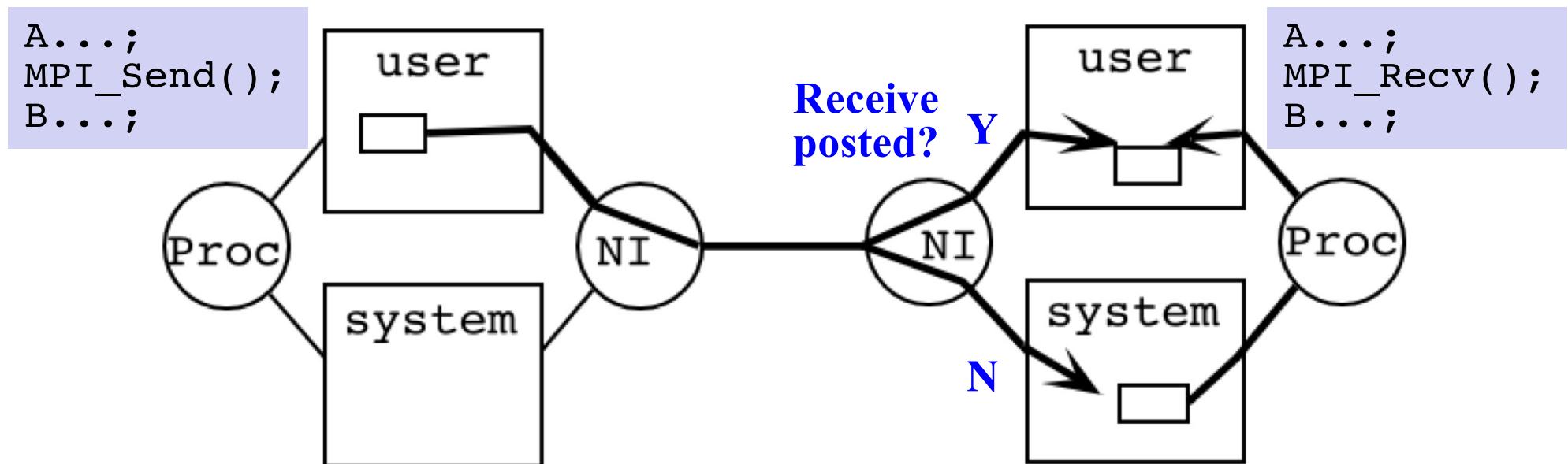
- Safe to modify original data immediately on return
- Depending on implementation, it may return whether or not a matching receive has been posted, or it may block (especially if no buffer space available)

**MPI\_Recv( )**: blocking, synchronous

- Blocks for message to arrive
- Safe to use data on return



Experienced a lot of blocking on iPSC/860 with 12 MB user & 4 MB system memory per node



# Asynchronous Message Passing

Allows computation-communication overlap

**MPI\_Isend()**: non-blocking, asynchronous

- Returns immediately whether or not a matching receive has been posted
- Not safe to modify original data immediately (use **MPI\_Wait()** system call)

**MPI\_Irecv()**: non-blocking, asynchronous

- Does not block for message to arrive
- Cannot use data before checking for completion with **MPI\_Wait()**

**MPI\_Irecv()** is just a “request” for data delivery, when a matching message arrives

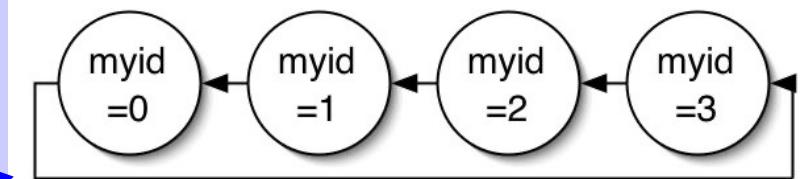
```
A...;  
MPI_Isend();  
B...;  
MPI_Wait();  
C...; // Reuse the send buffer
```

```
A...;  
MPI_Irecv();  
B...;  
MPI_Wait();  
C...; // Use the received message
```

# Program irecv\_mpi.c

```
#include "mpi.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 1000
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    MPI_Status status;
    MPI_Request request;
    int send_buf[N], recv_buf[N];
    int send_sum = 0, recv_sum = 0;
    long myid, left, Nnode, msg_id, i;
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myid);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &Nnode);
    left = (myid + Nnode - 1) % Nnode; →
    for (i=0; i<N; i++) send_buf[i] = myid*N + i;
    MPI_Irecv(recv_buf, N, MPI_INT, MPI_ANY_SOURCE, 777, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
              &request); /* Post a receive */
    /* Perform tasks that don't use recv_buf */
    MPI_Send(send_buf, N, MPI_INT, left, 777, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    for (i=0; i<N; i++) send_sum += send_buf[i];
    MPI_Wait(&request, &status); /* Complete the receive */
    /* Now it's safe to use recv_buf */
    for (i=0; i<N; i++) recv_sum += recv_buf[i];
    printf("Node %d: Send %d Recv %d\n", myid, send_sum, recv_sum);
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

Wrap-around/torus  
via modulo (%) operator  
(cf. periodic boundary condition)

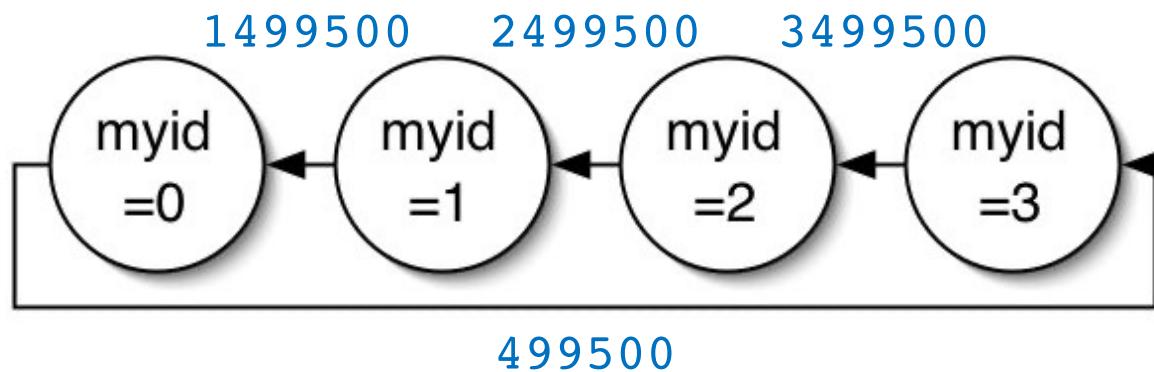


Code at <https://aiichironakano.github.io/cs596/src/mpi/>

# Output from irecv\_mpi.c

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```
Node 1: Send 1499500 Recv 2499500
Node 3: Send 3499500 Recv 499500
Node 0: Send 499500 Recv 1499500
Node 2: Send 2499500 Recv 3499500
```

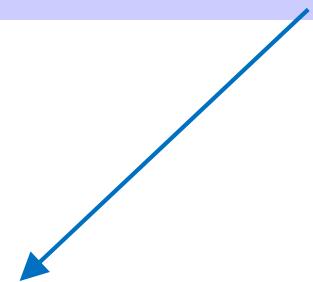


# Multiple Asynchronous Messages

```
MPI_Request requests[N_message];
MPI_Status statuses[N_message];
MPI_Status status;
int index;

/* Wait for all messages to complete */
MPI_Waitall(N_message, requests, statuses);

/* Wait for any specified messages to complete */
MPI_Waitany(N_message, requests, &index, &status);
```



returns the index ( $\in [0, N\_message-1]$ ) of the message that completed

# Polling MPI\_Irecv

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```
int flag;

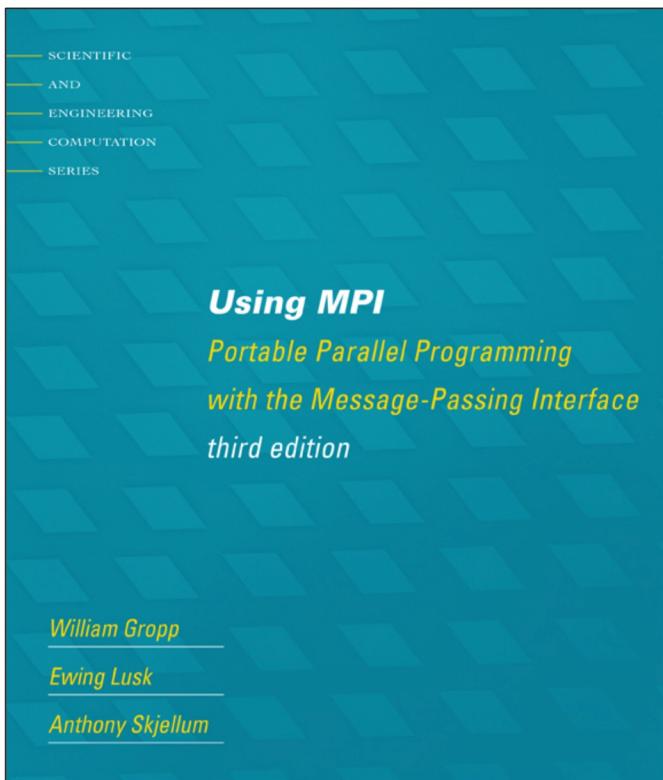
/* Post an asynchronous receive */
MPI_Irecv(recv_buf, N, MPI_INT, MPI_ANY_SOURCE, 777,
          MPI_COMM_WORLD, &request);

/* Perform tasks that don't use recv_buf */
...

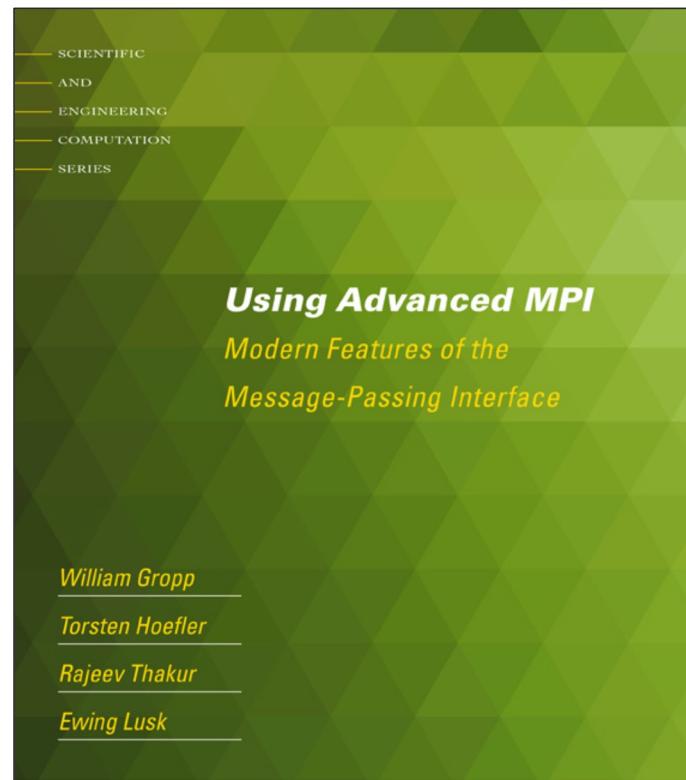
/* Polling */
MPI_Test(&request, &flag, &status); /* Check completion */
if (flag) { /* True if message received */
    /* Now it's safe to use recv_buf */
    ...
}
```

# Where to Go from Here

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Basic MPI



Advanced MPI, including MPI-3

- Complete MPI reference at <http://www.netlib.org/utk/papers/mpi-book/mpi-book.html>
- MPI is evolving (MPI-2 to MPI-3) to include advanced features like remote memory access (`MPI_Put()` & `MPI_Get()`; cf. sftp), parallel I/O and dynamic process management
- Various versions of MPI standard are specified at <https://www.mpi-forum.org/docs/>

# MPI Basics: Recap

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- Parallel computing = Who does what
- Single program multiple data (SPMD) programming: Do it with MPI rank (who am I) & selection constructs (if, etc.)
- Only need `MPI_Send()` & `MPI_Recv()` within communicators to implement any distributed-memory parallel computing
- Asynchronous message passing (`MPI_Isend()` & `MPI_Irecv()`) to overlap computation & communication
- You can survive professionally only with a few global communication functions, e.g., `MPI_Allreduce()`, `MPI_Barrier()` & `MPI_Bcast()`

Start using MPI for your research & projects!

# 20 Years-Unleashing the Power of HPC

# SC2001



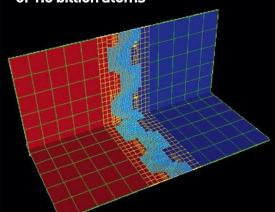
The MDM system

Adaptive mesh simulation of a spherical shock

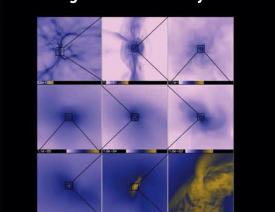
2001 Chair  
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A discrete particle simulation of 1.5 billion atoms



Adaptive mesh simulation of advecting sinusoidal density contours



Adaptive mesh simulation of star formation



## 2001

**Notable Systems first mentioned this year in the proceedings:**

- SGI Origin 3000
- Sun Fire 6000
- ASCI White
- Blue Horizon
- ASCI Blue Mountain

### Notable Processors:

- MIPS R 12000
- Intel Pentium 4
- Intel Itanium

### Noteworthy Architecture Topics:

- Cache coherence through snooping
- Application speedups through custom on-the-fly FPGA function units
- Interactive program steering
- Grid-enabled parallel computing

### Notable Programming Languages:

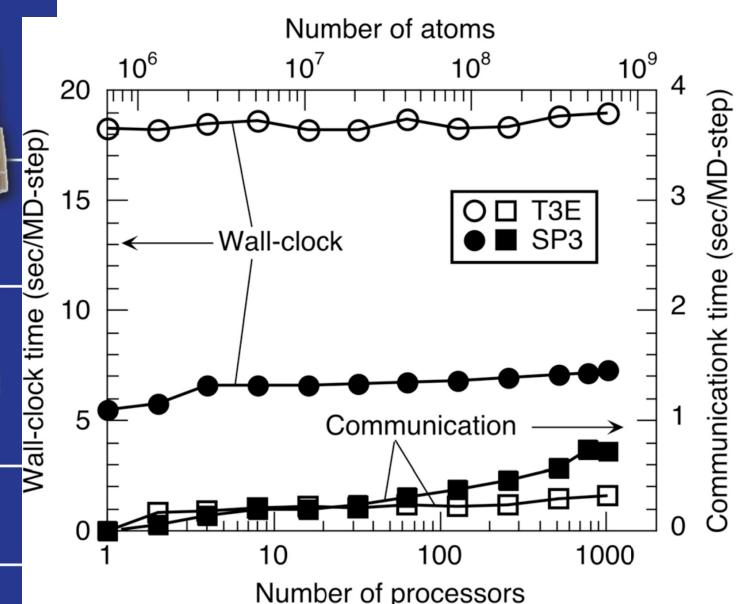
- HDL
- PThreads

### Research Machines:

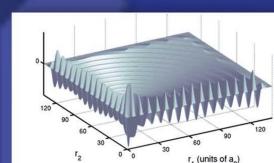
- CPlant



A WINE-2 system board



 <b>SC2001</b>	Best Paper	Aiichiro Nakano, Rajiv K. Kalia, Priya Vashishta, Timothy J. Campbell, Shuji Ogata, Fuyuki Shimjo, and Subhash Saini <a href="#">Scalable atomistic simulation algorithms for materials research</a>
	Best Student Paper	Shava Smallen, Henri Cazsanova and Francine Berman <a href="#">Applying Scheduling and Tuning to On-line Parallel Tomography</a>
	ACM Gordon Bell Prize	See list of <a href="#">ACM Gordon Bell Prize winners</a>
	Best Research Poster	Sumir Chandra, Johan Steensland, and Manish Parashar ??? If you know, please contact <a href="mailto:chair@SIGHPC.org">chair@SIGHPC.org</a>



Solution of a three body quantum mechanics problem

Figure 8: Real part of an example radial function. In this example  $\ell = 5$ , so the radial function is symmetric about  $r_1 = r_2$ .