

Message Passing Interface (MPI) Programming

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MPI: Standard parallel programming language



Preparation

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

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

Compile an MPI program

> **mpicc** -o mpi_simple mpi_simple.c

Execute an MPI program

> **mpirun** -n 2 mpi_simple

To find absolute path to mpicc command

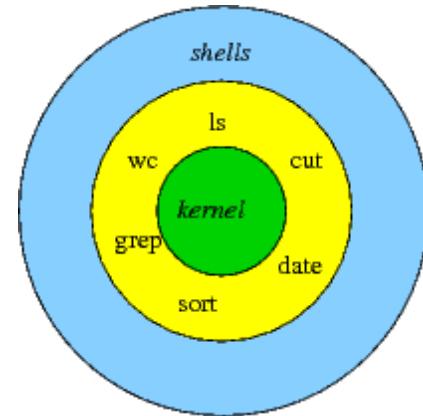
[anakano@discovery ~]\$ which mpicc

/spack/apps/linux-centos7-x86_64/gcc-8.3.0/openmpi-4.0.2-ipm3dnvlbtawpi4ifz7jma6jgr7mexq/bin/mpicc

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

To find processor information

Email 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

- 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
```

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
63695	main	mpi_simple	anakano	PD

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

Class project account; type `myaccount` to check all accounts

Total number of processes = ntasks-per-node × nodes

Cancel a Slurm job

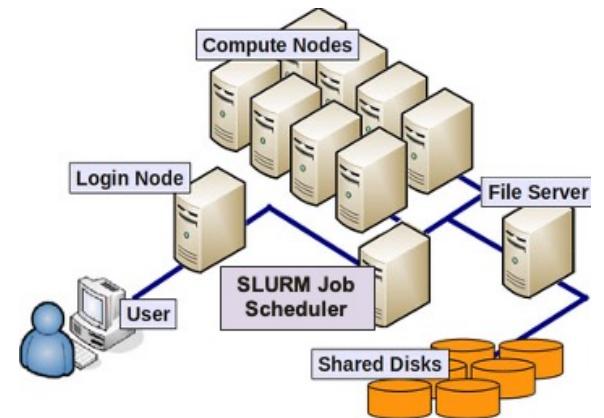
discovery: **scancel 63695**

Check the output

discovery: more mpi_simple.out
n = 777

For detailed explanation, see the lecture note

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



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]$
```

Note you are now using a computing node named d05-05

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		This directory has been created as mkdir /scratch1/anakano/cs596
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		Instead of typing cd /scratch1/anakano/cs596
/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)

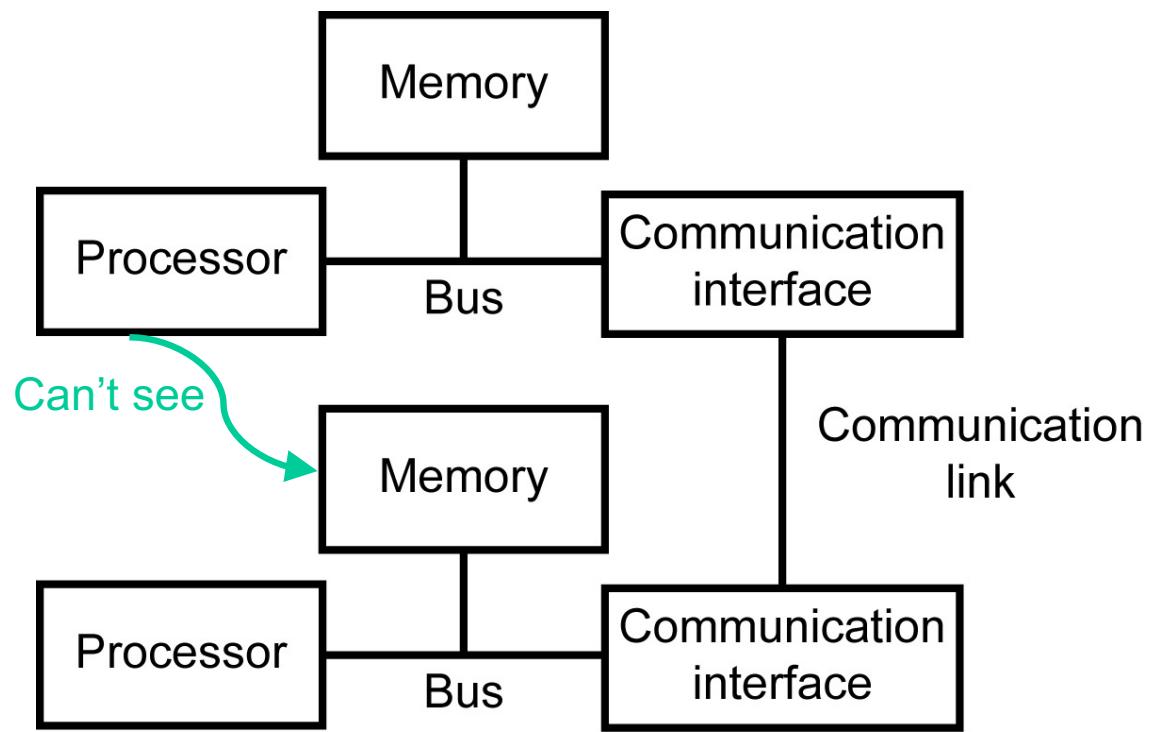
sftp> ls   — Check whether the files have been transferred
md.c    md.h    md.in

sftp> exit

macbook-pro $
```

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

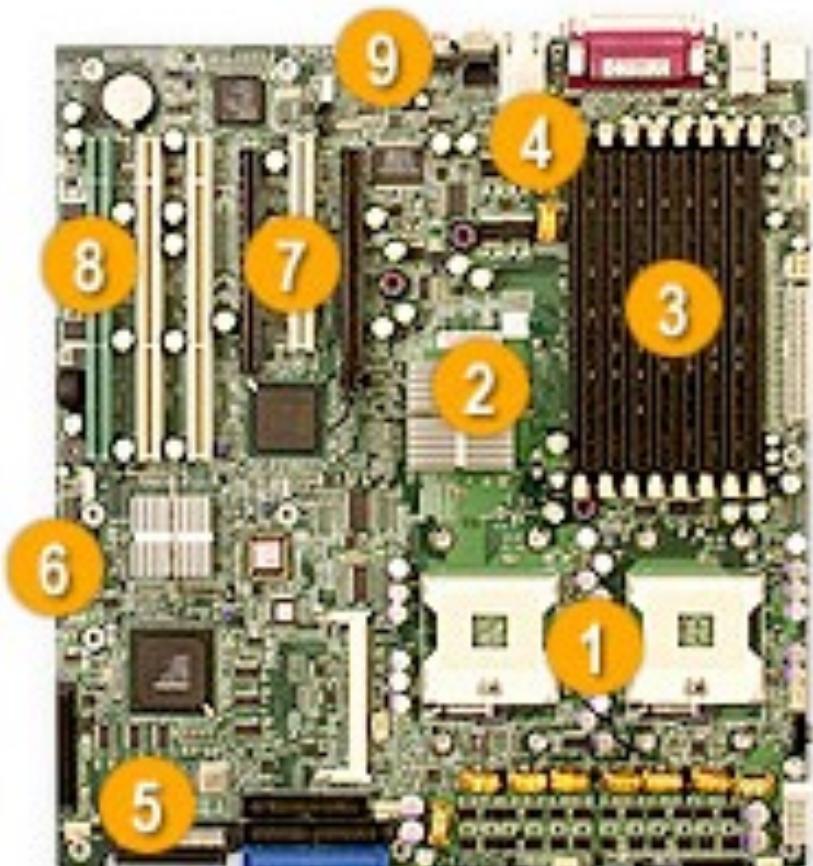
Parallel Computing Hardware



- **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

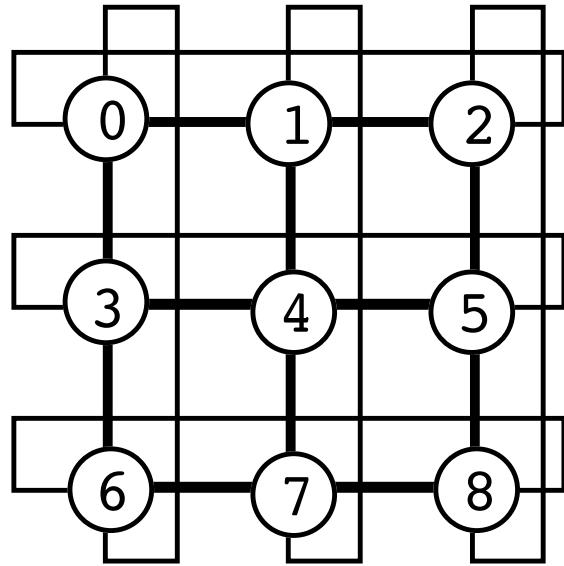


1. Dual Intel® Xeon™ EM64T Support up to 3.60 GHz
2. Intel® E7525 (Tumwater) Chipset
3. Up to 16GB DDRII-400 SDRAM
4. Intel® 82546GB Dual-port Gigabit Ethernet Controller
5. Adaptec AIC-7902 Dual Channel Ultra320 SCSI
6. 2x SATA Ports via ICH5R SATA Controller
7. 1 (x16) & 1 (x4) PCI-Express,
1 x 64-bit 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

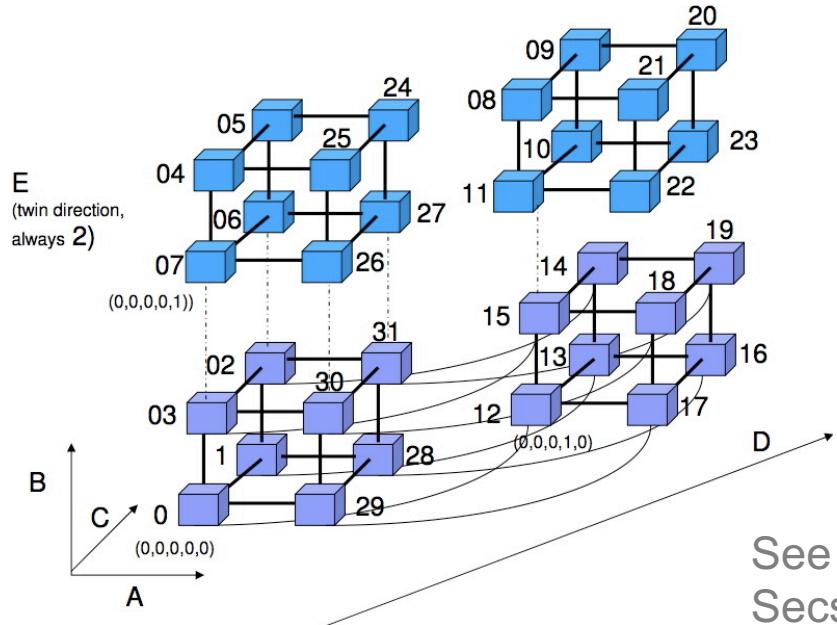
Supermicro X6DA8-G2

Communication Network

Mesh
(torus)



IBM Blue Gene/Q (5D torus)

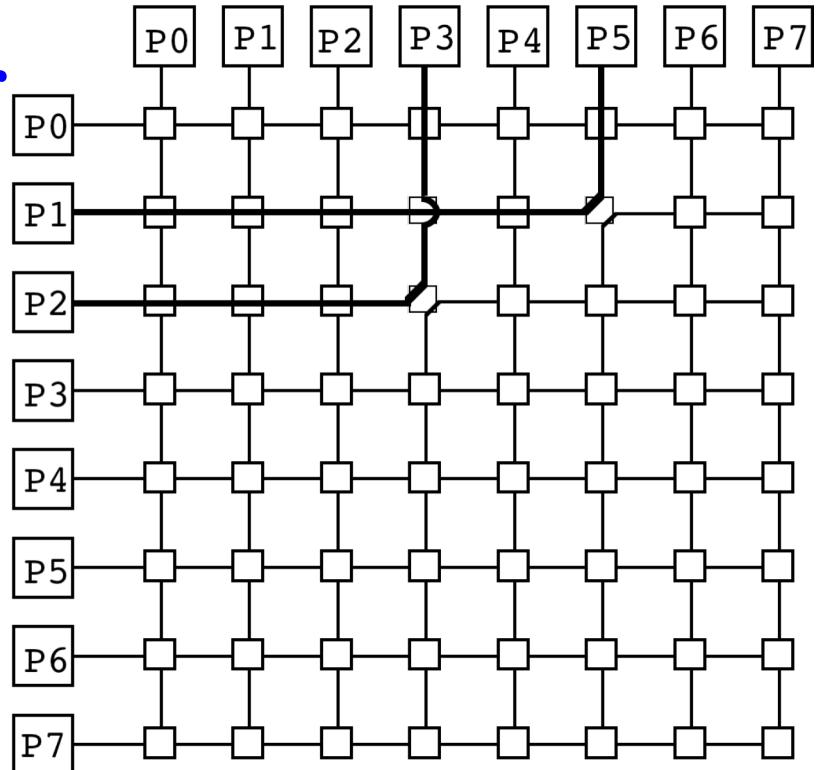


See Grama,
Secs. 2.4.2-2.4.4

Crossbar
switch



NEC Earth Simulator (640x640 crossbar)



Message Passing Interface

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

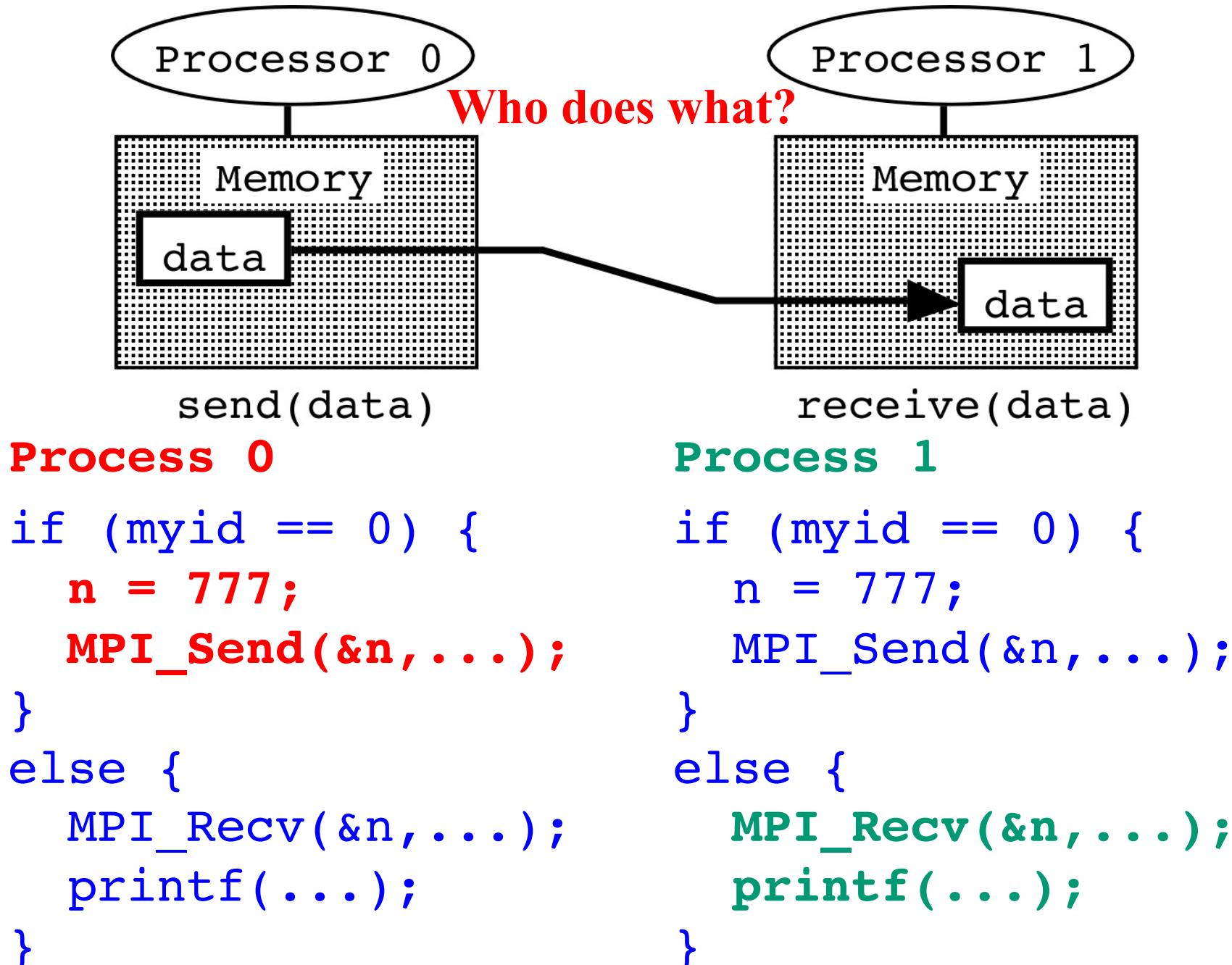
mpi_simple.c: Point-to-point message send & receive

```
#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 point-to-point message exchange between MPI ranks P0 and P1. It shows two MPI daemon nodes, one for each rank. Arrows indicate the flow of requests from the MPI code to the daemons and the responses from the daemons back to the MPI code.

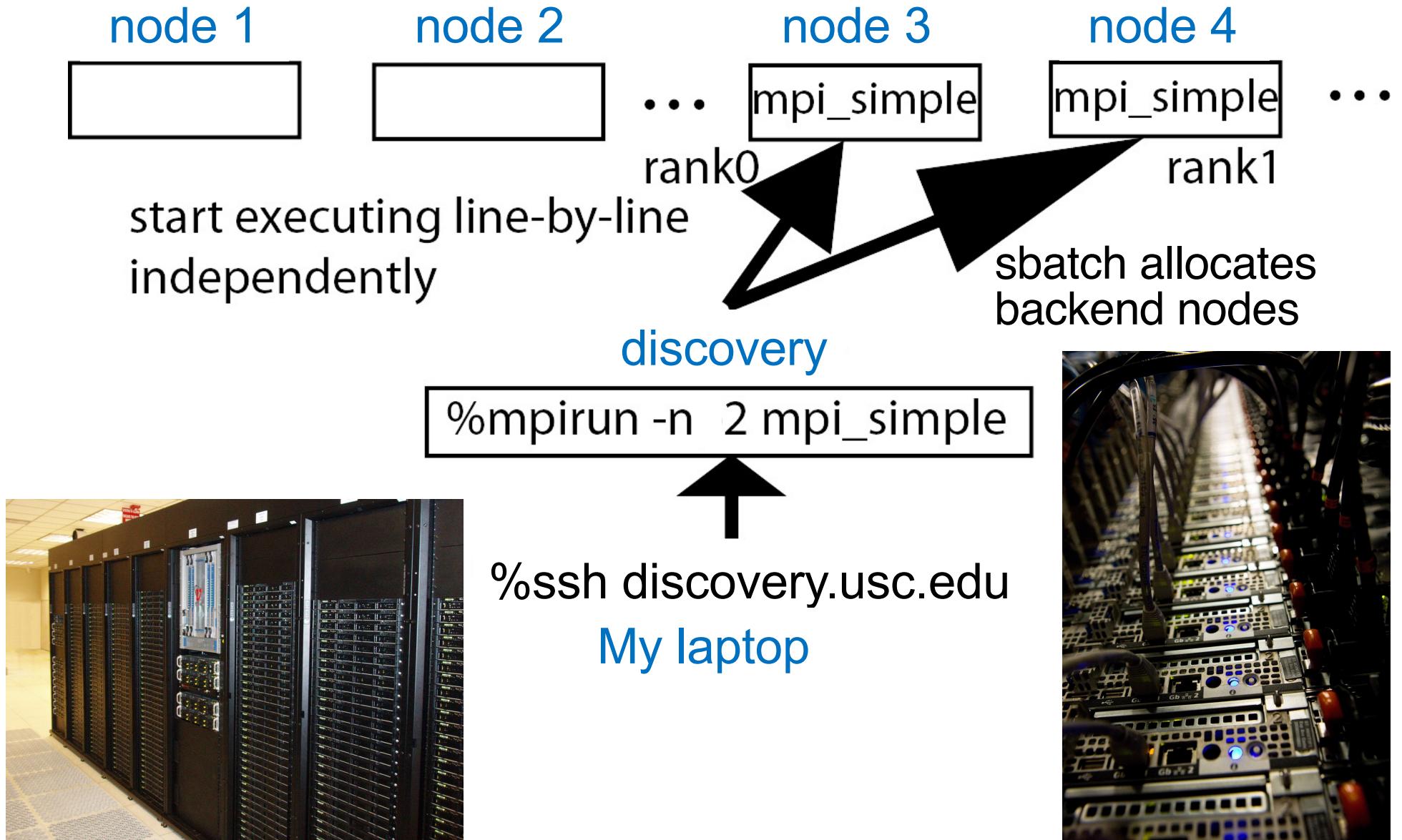
- MPI rank:** Labels the MPI ranks P0 and P1.
- Matching message labels:** Labels the MPI_Send and MPI_Recv calls with the value 10, indicating the matching message label.
- Data triplet:** Labels the data being sent/received, which is the variable n of type MPI_INT.
- To/from whom:** Labels the MPI_COMM_WORLD parameter, indicating the communication partner.
- send to 1** and **recv from 0**: Labels the specific MPI ranks involved in the exchange.

Single Program Multiple Data (SPMD)



Single Program Multiple Data (SPMD)

What really happens?



MPI Minimal Essentials

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 diagram illustrates the breakdown of MPI communication parameters into three categories: Data triplet, To/from whom, and Information. It uses curly braces to group the corresponding parameters from both MPI_Send and MPI_Recv calls.

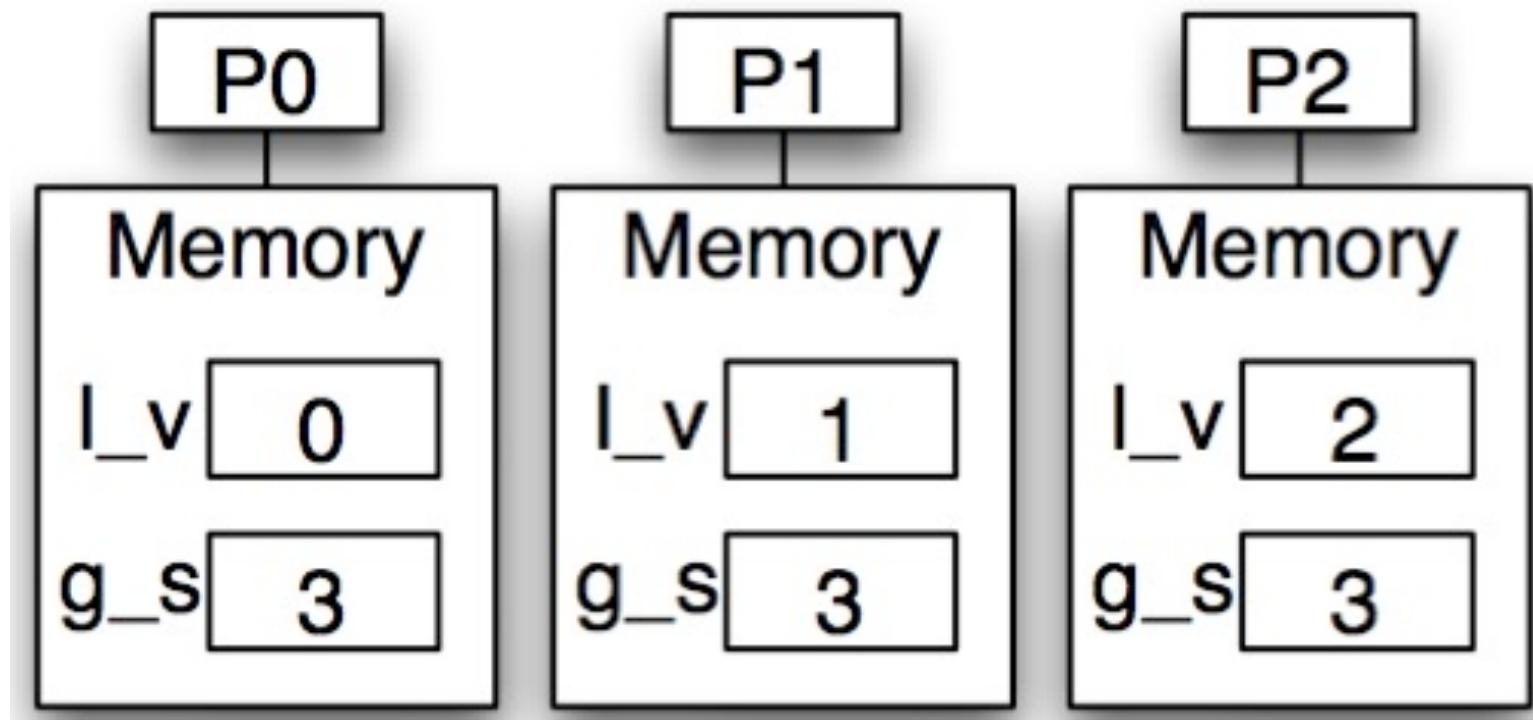
Category	Parameter 1	Parameter 2	Parameter 3	Parameter 4	Parameter 5	Parameter 6
Data triplet	&n	1	MPI_INT	1	10	MPI_COMM_WORLD
To/from whom						
Information						

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.

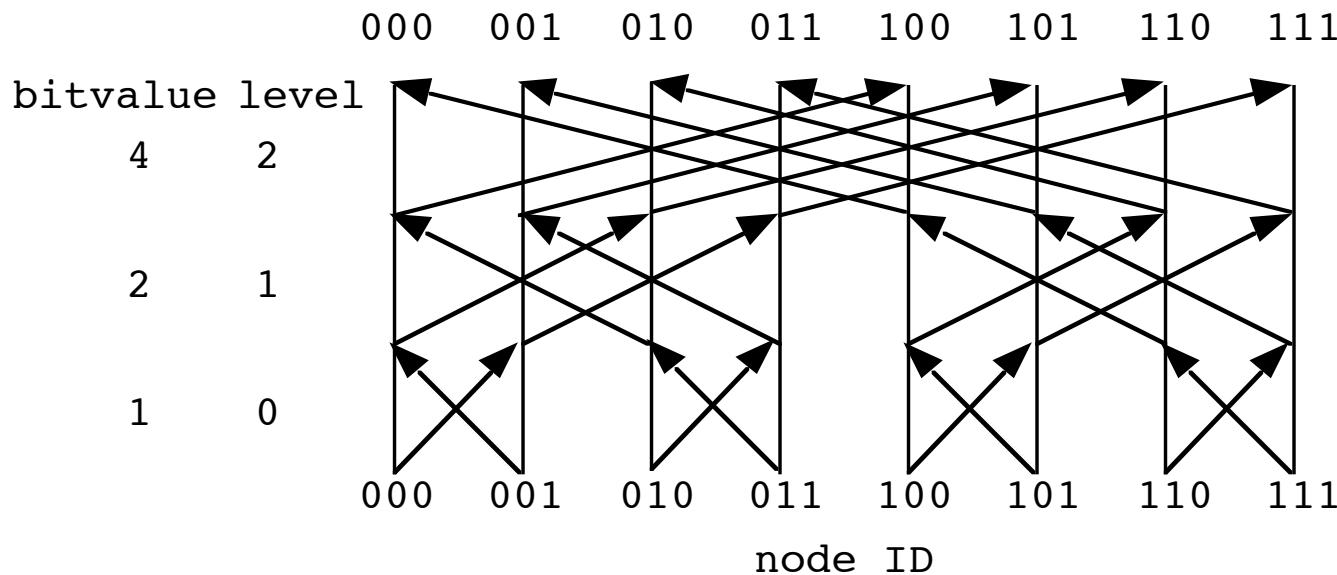
```
MPI_Allreduce(&local_value, &global_sum, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM,  
MPI_COMM_WORLD)
```

```
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.



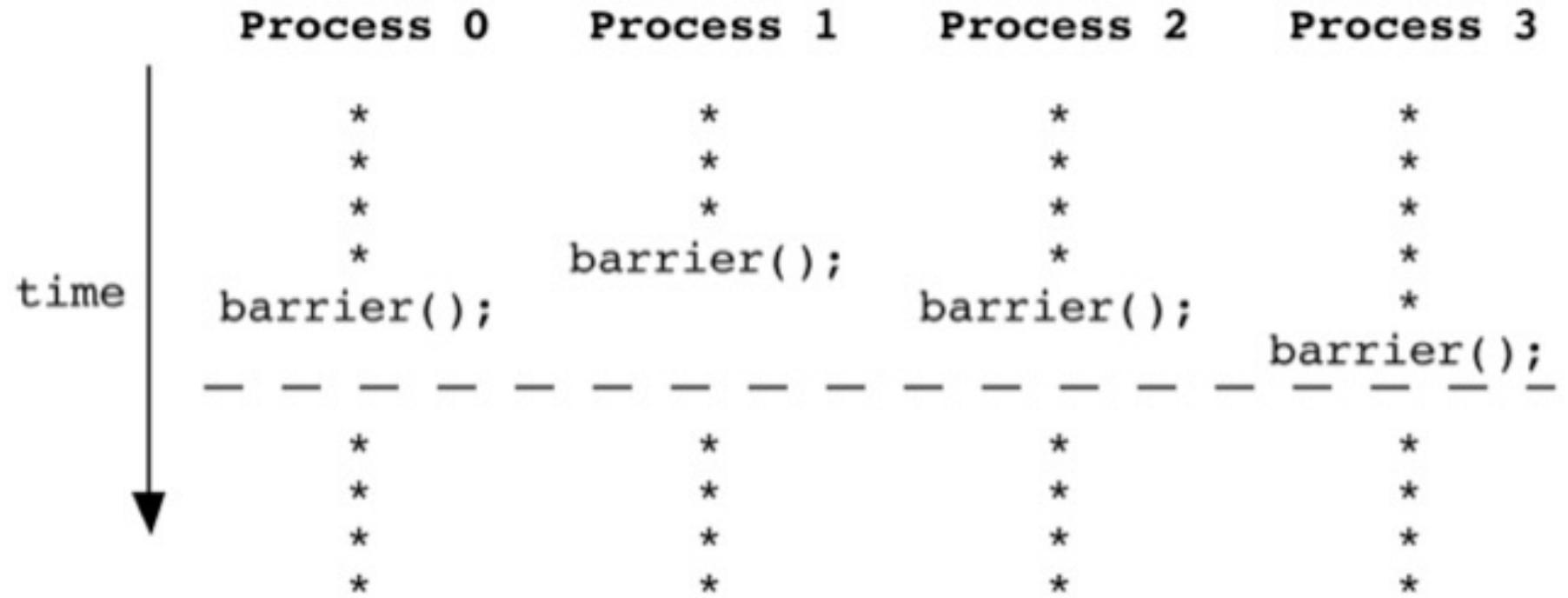
Butterfly network

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

(2) (1) (0)

Barrier

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



MPI_Barrier(MPI_Comm communicator)

Useful for debugging (but would slow down the program)

MPI Communication

MPI communication functions:

1. Point-to-point

`MPI_Send()`

`MPI_Recv()`

2. Global

`MPI_Allreduce()`

`MPI_Barrier()`

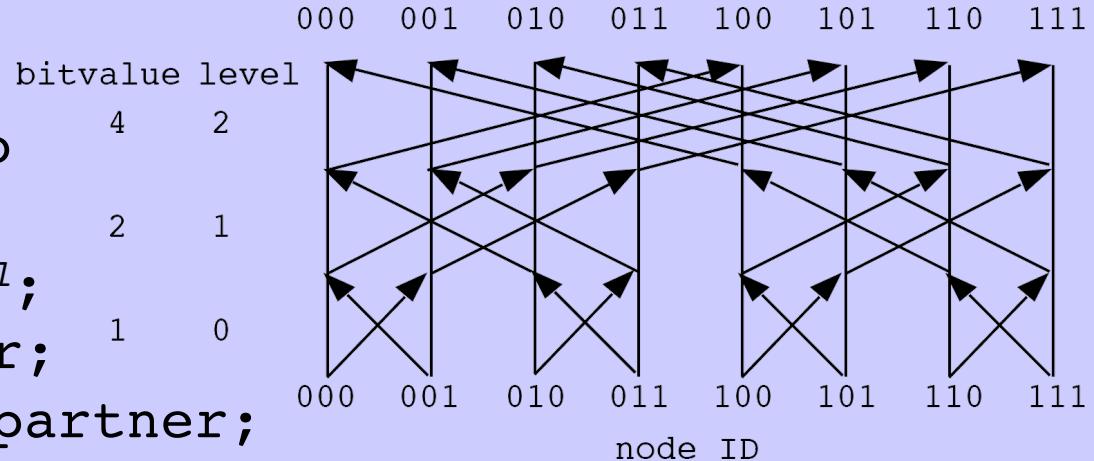
`MPI_Bcast()`

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

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

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

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

$$abcdefg \text{ XOR } 0000100 = abcde\bar{f}g$$

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;
}
```

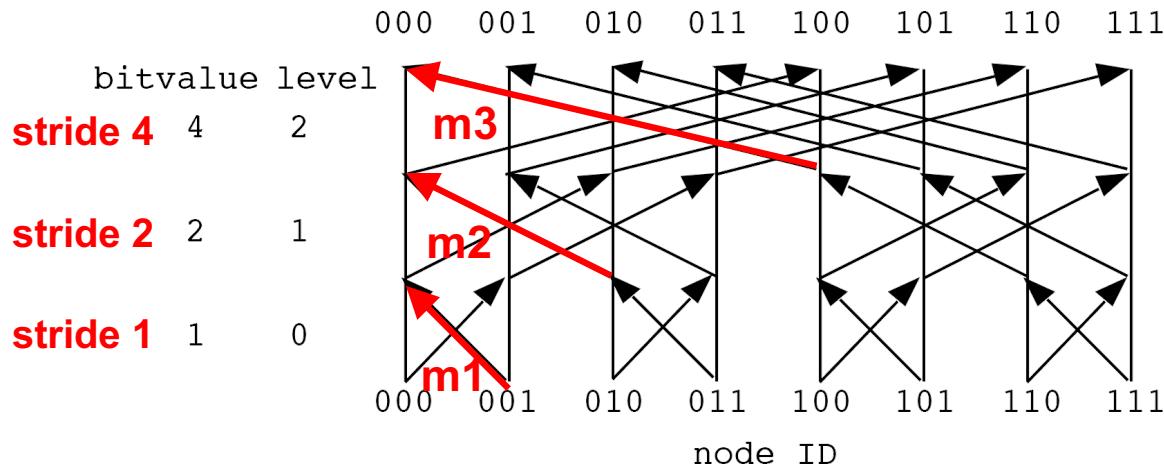
C Implementation of global_sum()

```
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;
```

level	$\frac{1}{2^1}$	bitvalue
0	001	1
1	010	2
2	100	4

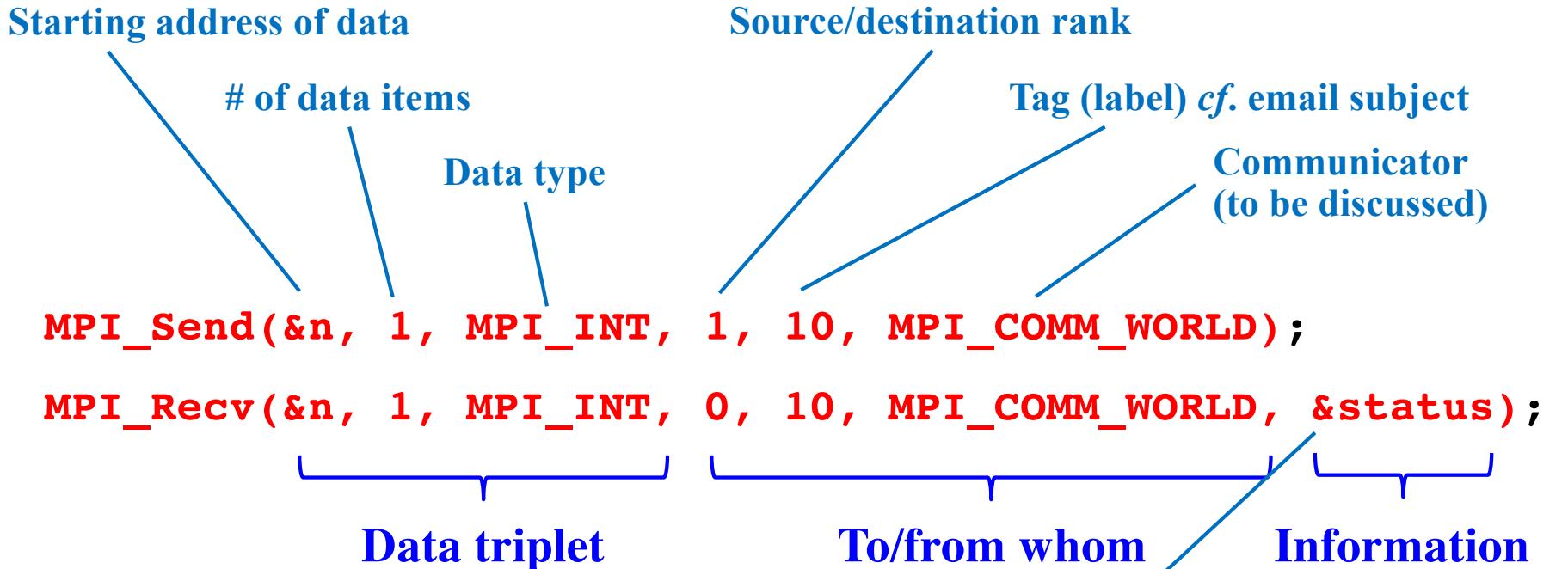
Implement with MPI_Send() & MPI_Recv()

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



MPI_Datatype	C data type
MPI_CHAR	char
MPI_INT	int
MPI_FLOAT	float
MPI_DOUBLE	double
...	...

MPI_Status status;
Filled with information about the received message
status.MPI_SOURCE Source process rank
status.MPI_TAG Tag of the received message
...

- 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



node 1



Who does what?
No synchronization!

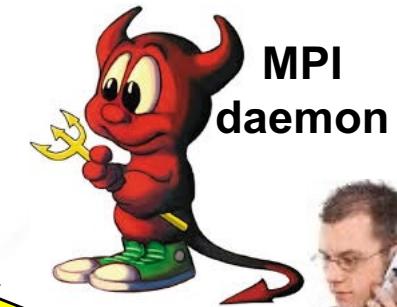
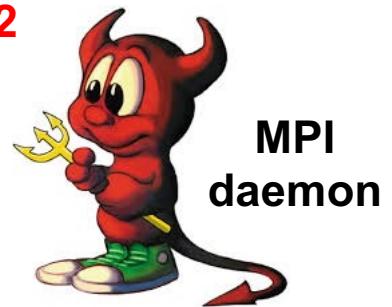


node 3

Each rank executes SPMD
program line-by-line,
while requesting
message & I/O
services
by MPI daemon



node 2



node 4

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

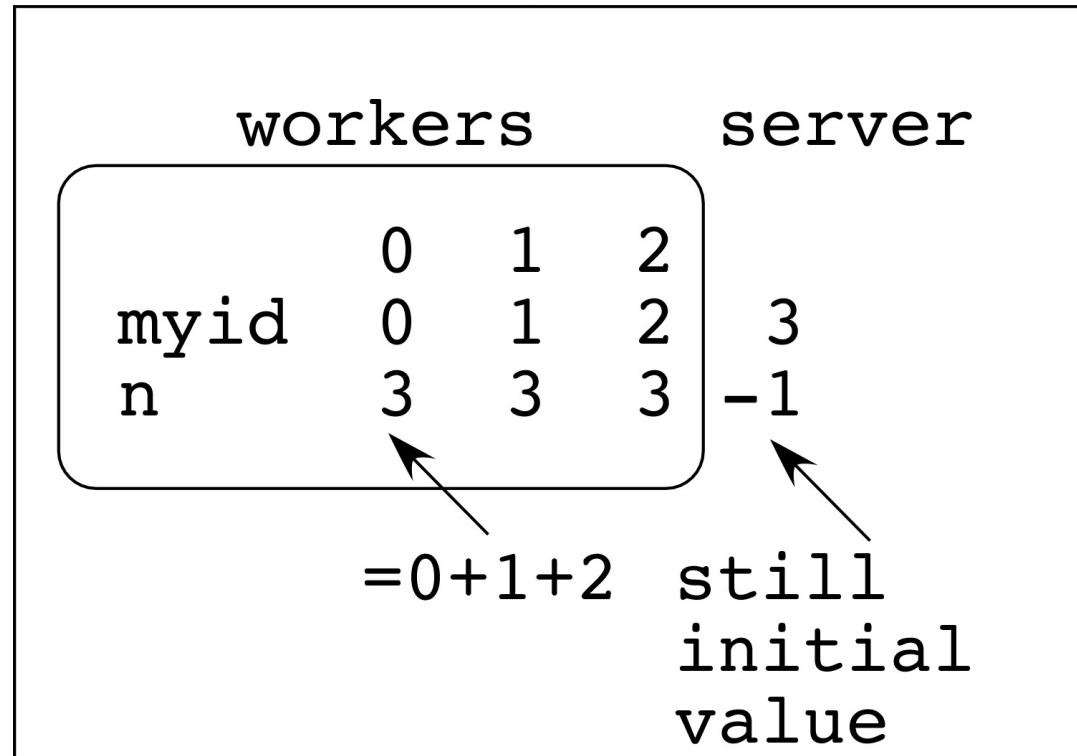
Slurm script

```
#SBATCH --nodes=2
#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
```

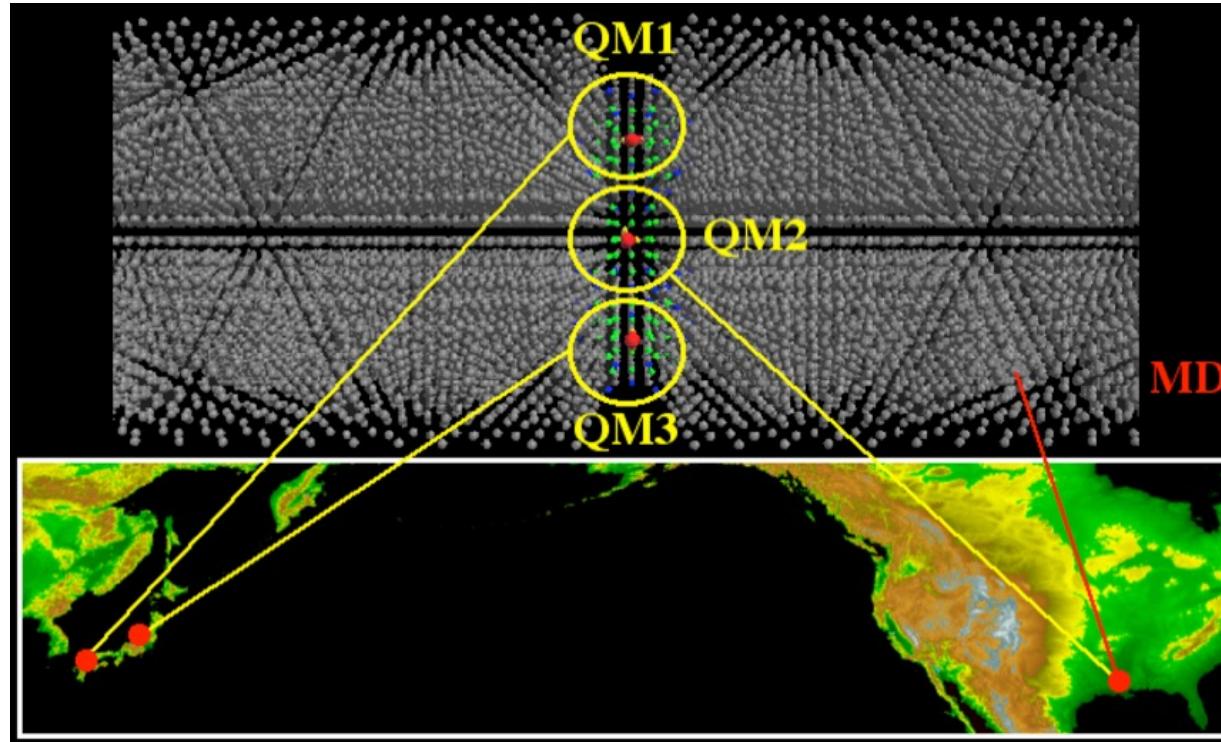
world: nprocs = 4

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

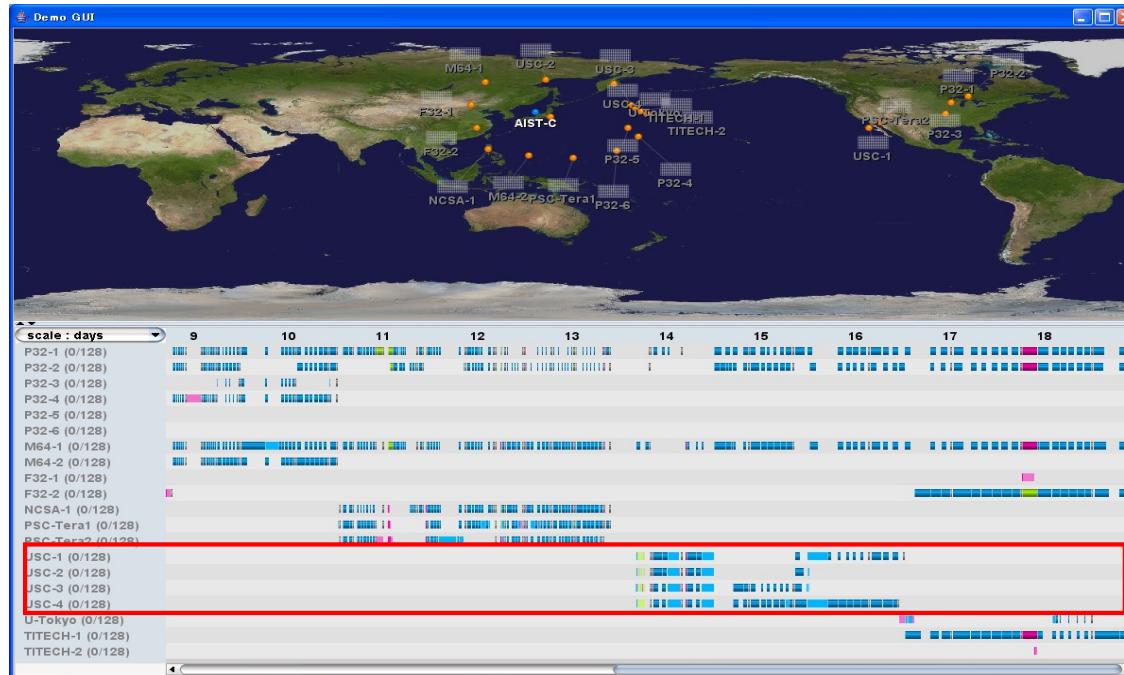


Communicator = a nice migration path to distributed computing

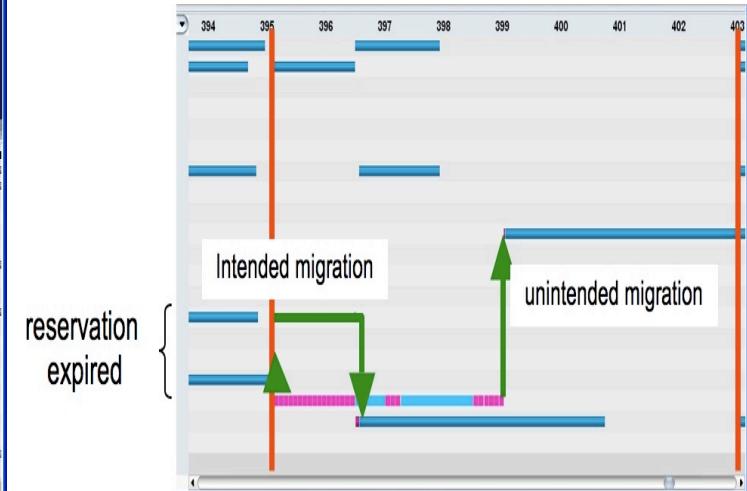
- Single MPI program run with the Grid-enabled MPI implementation, **MPICH-G2**
- Processes are grouped into MD & QM groups by defining multiple MPI communicators as subsets of **MPI_COMM_WORLD**; a machine file assigns globally distributed processors to the MPI processes

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

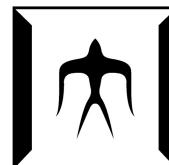


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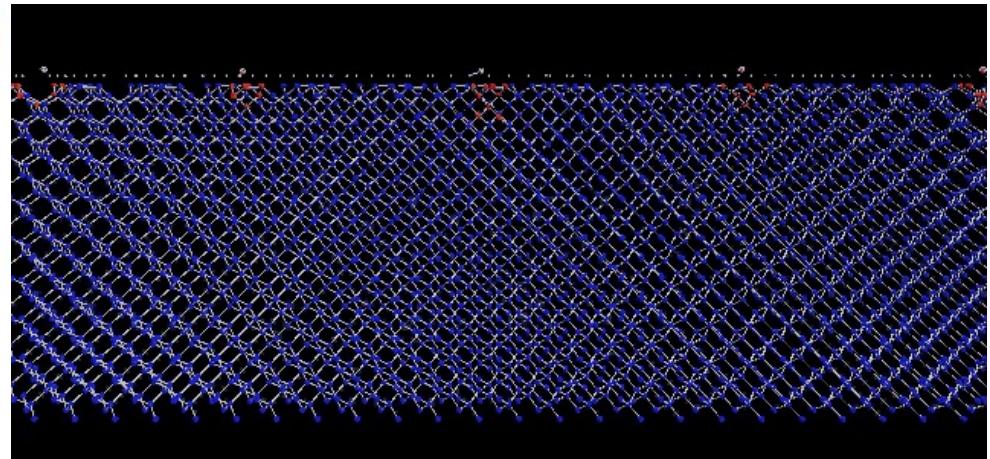
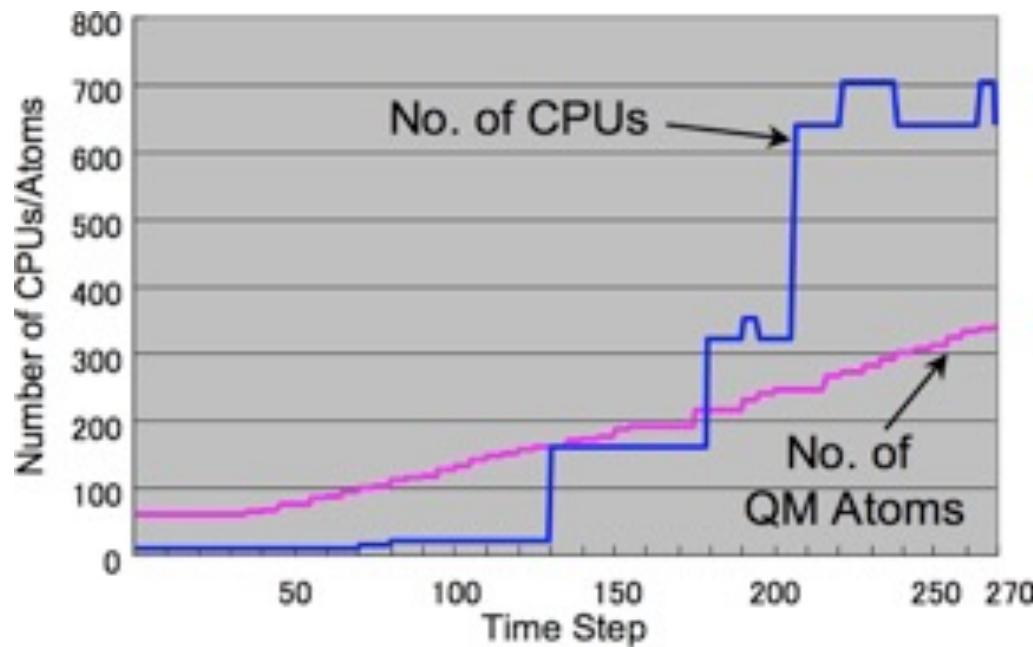
Takemiya *et al.*, "Sustainable adaptive Grid supercomputing: multiscale simulation of semiconductor processing across the Pacific," *IEEE/ACM SC06*

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



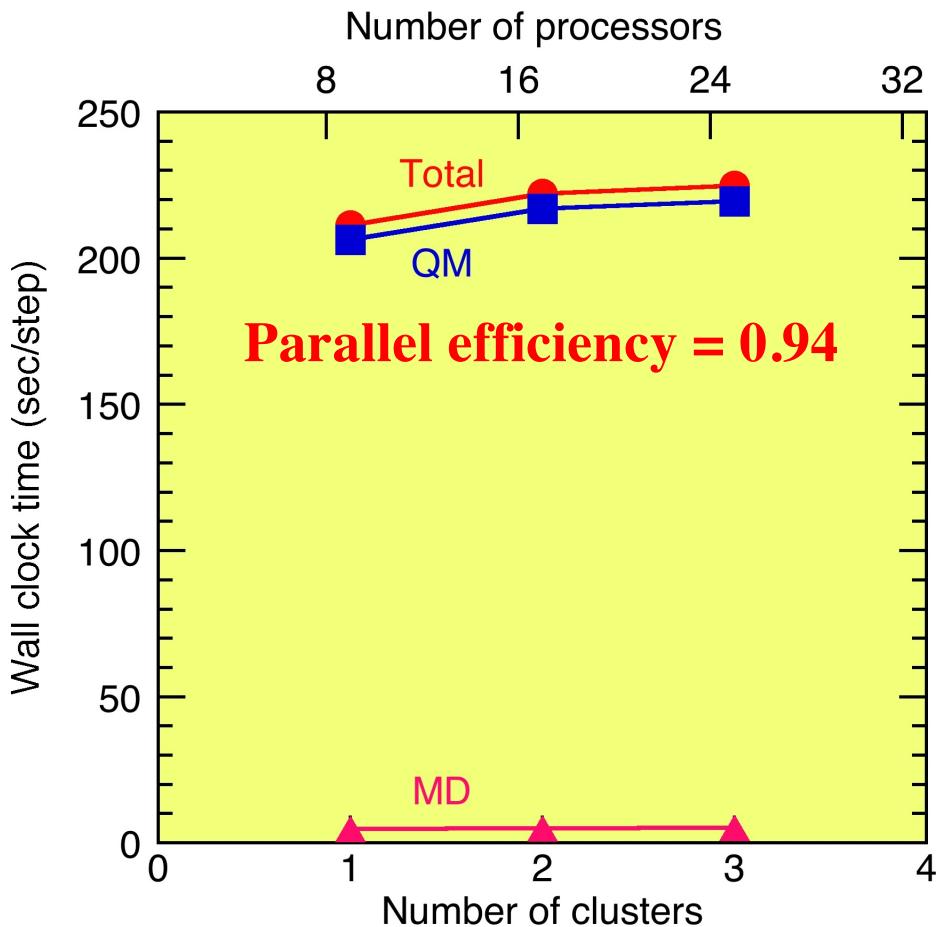
Ninf-G GridRPC: ninf.apgrid.org; MPICH: www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi



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



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

Try on Discovery:
traceroute www.u-tokyo.ac.jp
vs. ping 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

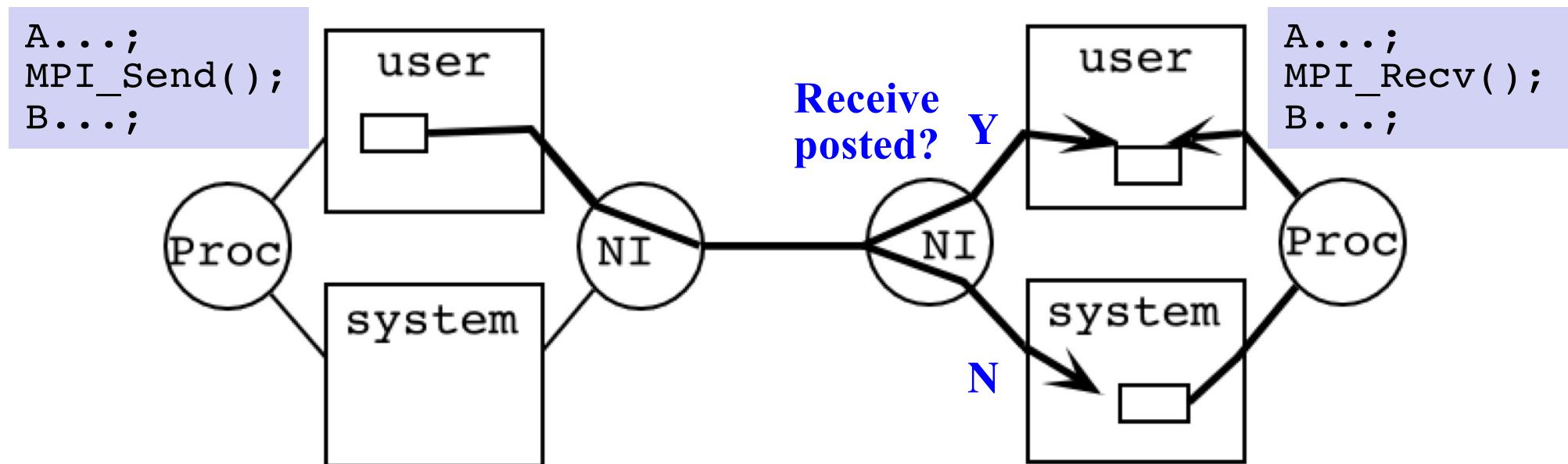
- Safe to modify original data immediately on return
- Depending on implementation, it may return whether or not a matching receive has been posted, or it may block (especially if no buffer space available)

`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

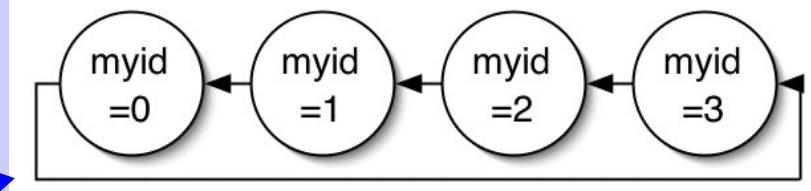
```
A...;  
MPI_Isend();  
B...;  
MPI_Wait();  
C...; // Reuse the send buffer
```

```
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;
}
```

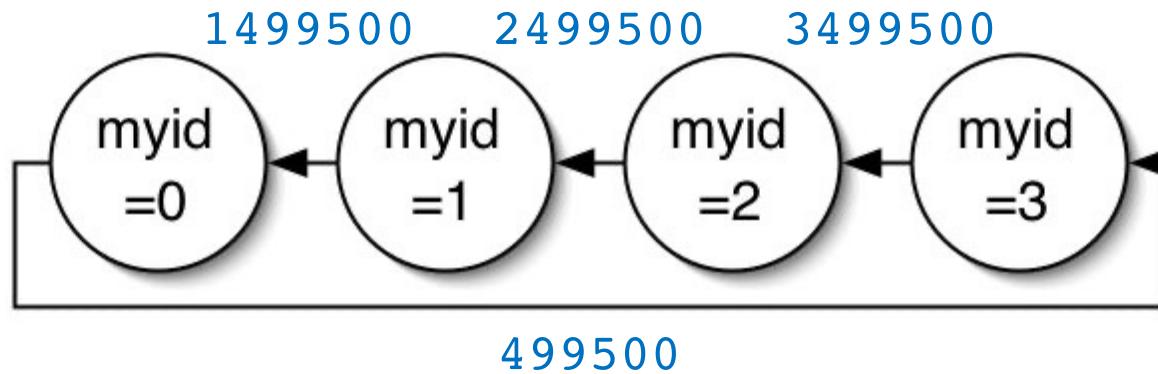
Wrap-around/torus
via modulo (%) operator
(cf. periodic boundary condition)



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

Output from irecv_mpi.c

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

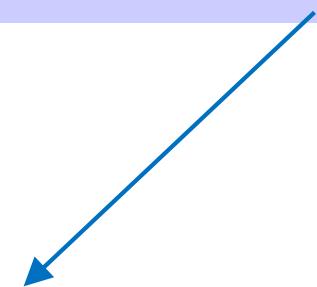


Multiple Asynchronous Messages

```
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

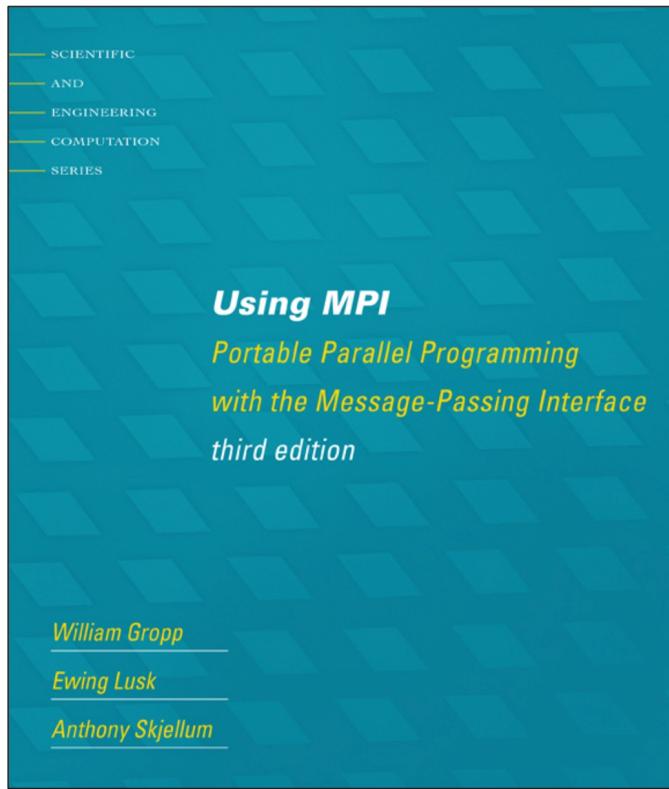
```
int flag;

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

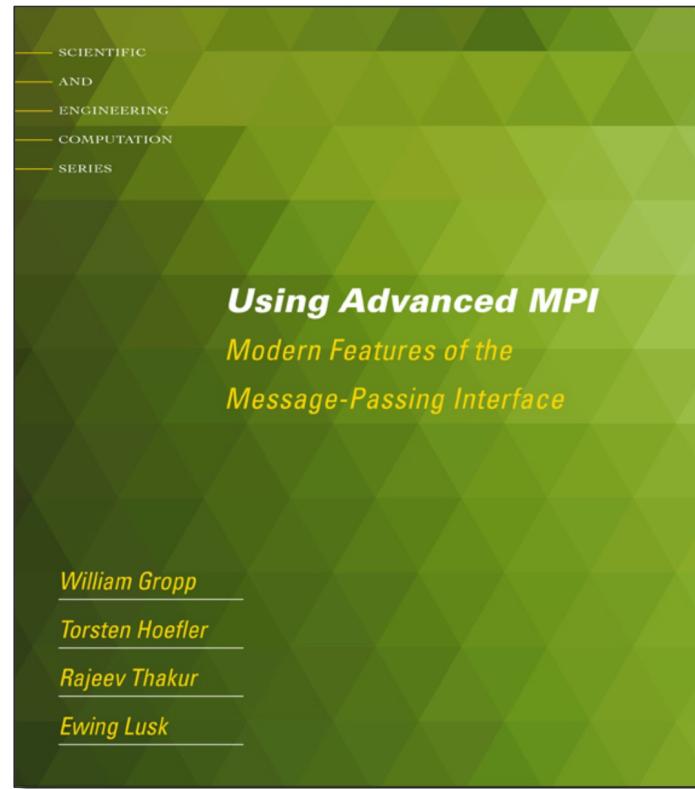
/* Perform tasks that don't use recv_buf */
...

/* 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



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

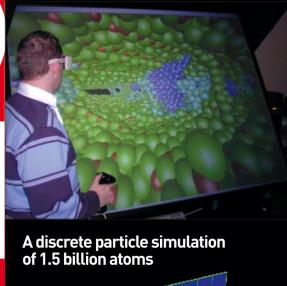
- Parallel computing = Who does what
- Single program multiple data (SPMD) programming: Do it with MPI rank (who am I) & selection constructs (*if, etc.*)
- Only need `MPI_Send()` & `MPI_Recv()` within communicators to implement any distributed-memory parallel computing
- Asynchronous message passing (`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!

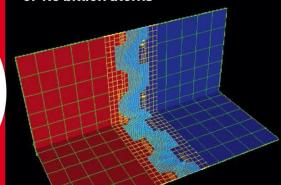
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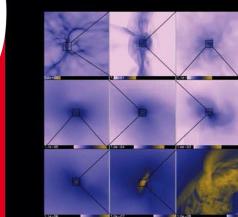
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A discrete particle simulation of 1.5 billion atoms



Adaptive mesh simulation of advecting sinusoidal density contours



Adaptive mesh simulation of star formation



The MDM system

Adaptive mesh simulation of a spherical shock

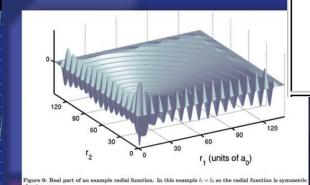
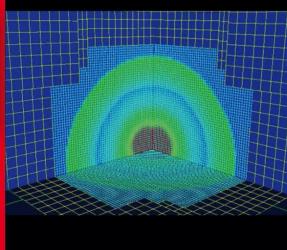


Figure 4: Real part of an example radial function. In this example $l = 1$, so the radial function is symmetric about $r_1 = r_2$.

Solution of a three body quantum mechanics problem

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:

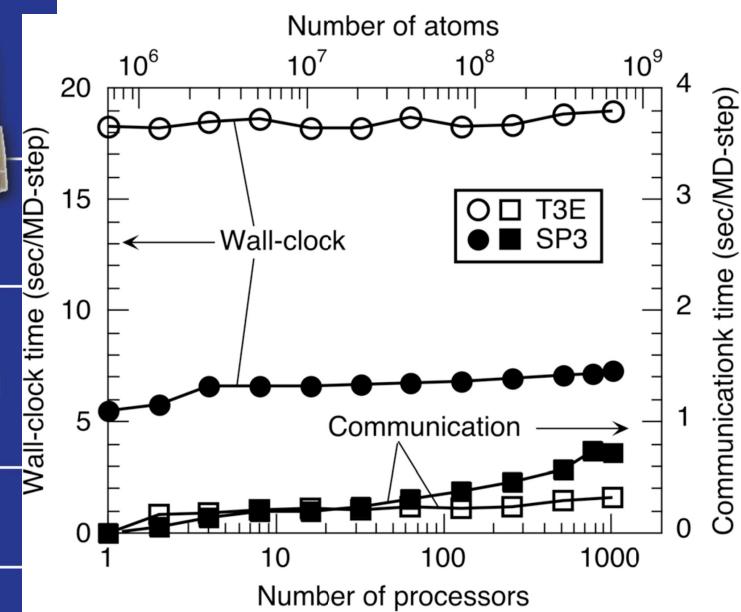
- HDL
- PThreads

Research Machines:

- CPlant



A WINE-2 system board



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	Best Student Paper	Shava Smallen, Henri Cazsanova and Francine Berman Applying Scheduling and Tuning to On-line Parallel Tomography
	ACM Gordon Bell Prize	See list of ACM Gordon Bell Prize winners
	Best Research Poster	Sumir Chandra, Johan Steensland, and Manish Parashar ??? If you know, please contact chair@SIGHPC.org