Parallel Molecular Dynamics

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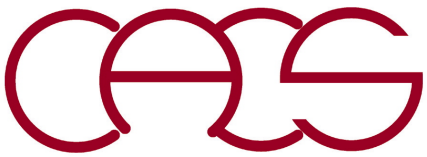
Parallel-computing basics using MD as an example



Parallel Computing

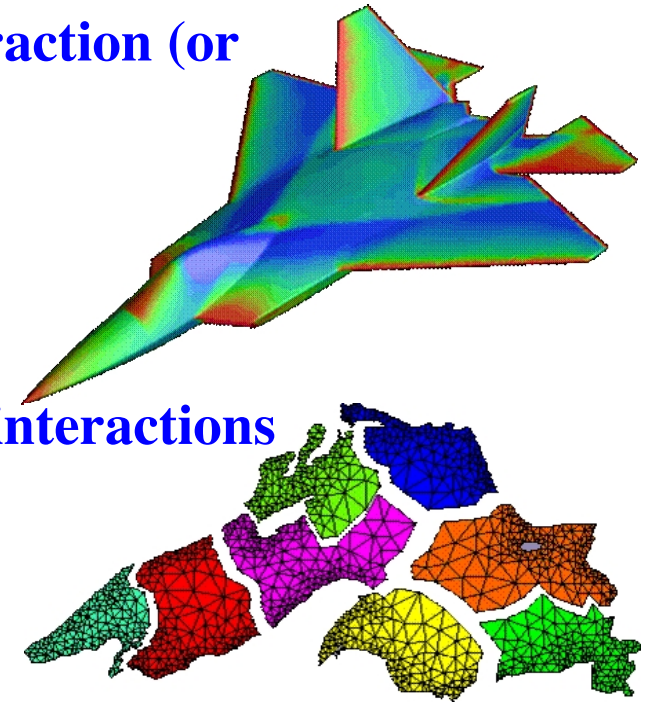
Glossary

- *Parallel algorithm design = decomposition (who does what?)*
  – **Task:** Units of computation into which the main computation is subdivided
  – **Decomposition:** Dividing a computation into subsets of tasks that may be executed in parallel
- *Goal of parallel algorithm design = maximize concurrency & minimize task dependency/interaction*
  – **Concurrency:** The maximum number of tasks that can be executed simultaneously in parallel (limited by task dependency/interaction)
  – **Task dependency:** A task depends on another task, if the former uses data produced by the latter; represented by a directed acyclic graph called task-dependency graph
  – **Task interaction:** Tasks share inputs, outputs or intermediate data
- **Granularity:** Size of decomposed tasks: fine-grained = a large number of small tasks; coarse-grained = a small number of large tasks
- **Mapping:** Assign tasks (or processes = running programs to perform the tasks) to processors

A. Grama, A. Gupta, G. Karypis, & V. Kumar,
Introduction to Parallel Computing, 2nd Ed. (Addison-Wesley, '03) Chap. 3

Parallel Algorithm Design

- **Decomposition** (example: molecular dynamics)
  - Spatial decomposition (≈ domain decomposition)—coarse-grained
  - Particle decomposition—single-instruction multiple-data (SIMD) computers
  - Force decomposition—fine-grained
- **Maximal-concurrency algorithm:** Expose data locality in the problem (*e.g.* divide-&-conquer)
- **Scalability:** Achieve a large fraction of perfect speed-up (= number of processors) on a large number of processors
- **Load balancing:** Keep all processors equally busy
- **Optimization:** Optimal mapping to minimize task interaction (or communication between processes)
  - Owner-computes rule
  - Minimize the volume & frequency of data exchanges
  - Computation-communication overlapping
  - Data & computation replication
- **Issues:** Regular *vs*. irregular & static *vs*. dynamic task interactions



Parallel Supercomputers

Rank	Site	System	Cores	Rmax (TFlop/s)	Rpeak (TFlop/s)	Power (kW)
1	DOE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory United States	**Summit** - IBM Power System AC922, IBM POWER9 22C 3.07GHz, NVIDIA Volta GV100, Dual-rail Mellanox EDR Infiniband IBM	2,414,592	148,600.0	200,794.9	10,096
2	DOE/NNSA/LLNL United States	**Sierra** - IBM Power System S922LC, IBM POWER9 22C 3.1GHz, NVIDIA Volta GV100, Dual-rail Mellanox EDR Infiniband IBM / NVIDIA / Mellanox	1,572,480	94,640.0	125,712.0	7,438
3	National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi China	**Sunway TaihuLight** - Sunway MPP, Sunway SW26010 260C 1.45GHz, Sunway NRCPC	10,649,600	93,014.6	125,435.9	15,371
4	National Super Computer Center in Guangzhou China	**Tianhe-2A** - TH-IVB-FEP Cluster, Intel Xeon E5-2692v2 12C 2.2GHz, TH Express-2, Matrix-2000 NUDT	4,981,760	61,444.5	100,678.7	18,482
5	Texas Advanced Computing Center/Univ. of Texas United States	**Frontera** - Dell C6420, Xeon Platinum 8280 28C 2.7GHz, Mellanox InfiniBand HDR Dell EMC	448,448	23,516.4	38,745.9	

flops = floating-point operations/second

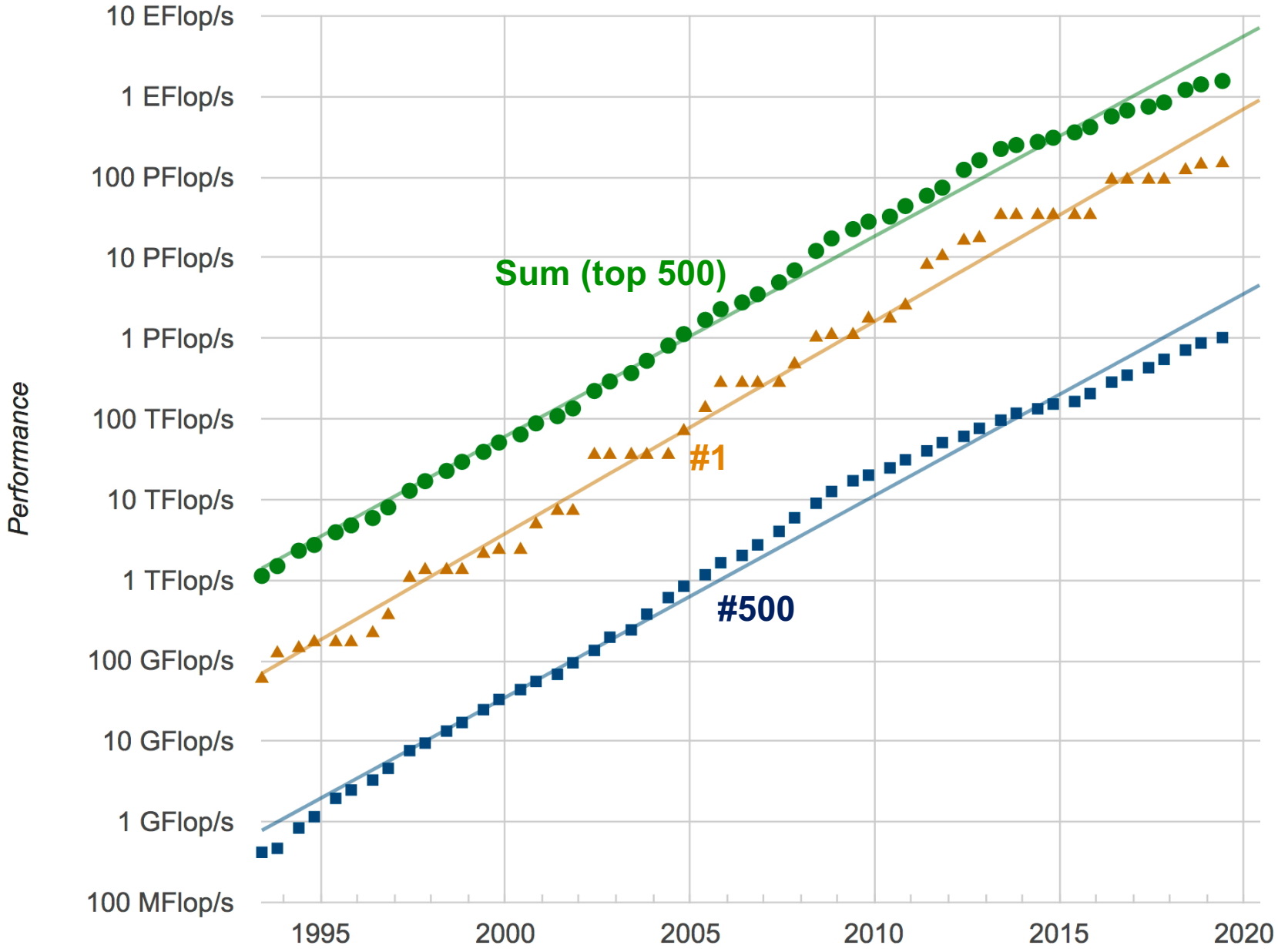
M (mega) = 10^6
G (giga) = 10^9
T (Tera) = 10^{12}
P (Peta) = 10^{15}
E (Exa) = 10^{18}
Z (Zetta) = 10^{21}
Y (Yotta) = 10^{24}

Measured performance (in Tflop/s)

Theoretical performance

http://www.top500.org (June '19)

Performance Development

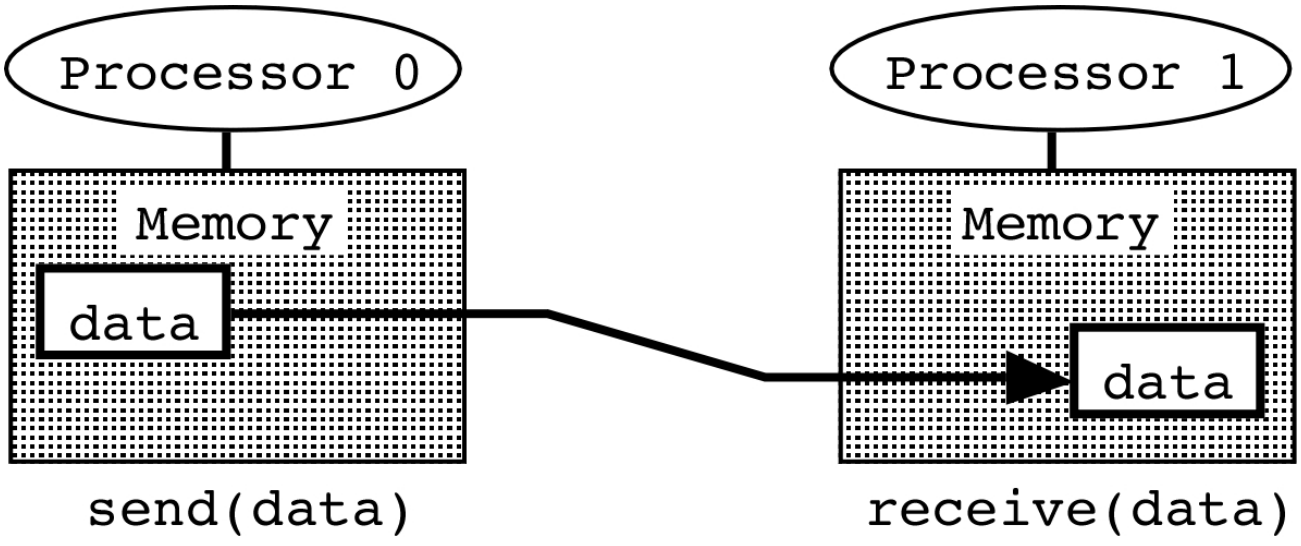


Message Passing Interface

MPI (Message Passing Interface): A standard message passing system that enables us to write & run applications on parallel computers (http://www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi**).**

```
#include "mpi.h"
#include <stdio.h>
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();
}
```

Single Program Multiple Data (SPMD)




```
CSCI653_to_do()
{
 if (I == student)
 {
   do_assignment();
   MPI_Send(...);
 }
 else if (I == teacher)
 {
   MPI_Recv(...);
   grade();
 }
}
```

Process 0

```
if (myid == 0) {
  n = 777;
  MPI_Send(&n,...);
}
else {
  MPI_Recv(&n,...);
  printf(...);
}
```

Process 1

```
if (myid == 0) {
  n = 777;
  MPI_Send(&n,...);
}
else {
  MPI_Recv(&n,...);
  printf(...);
}
```

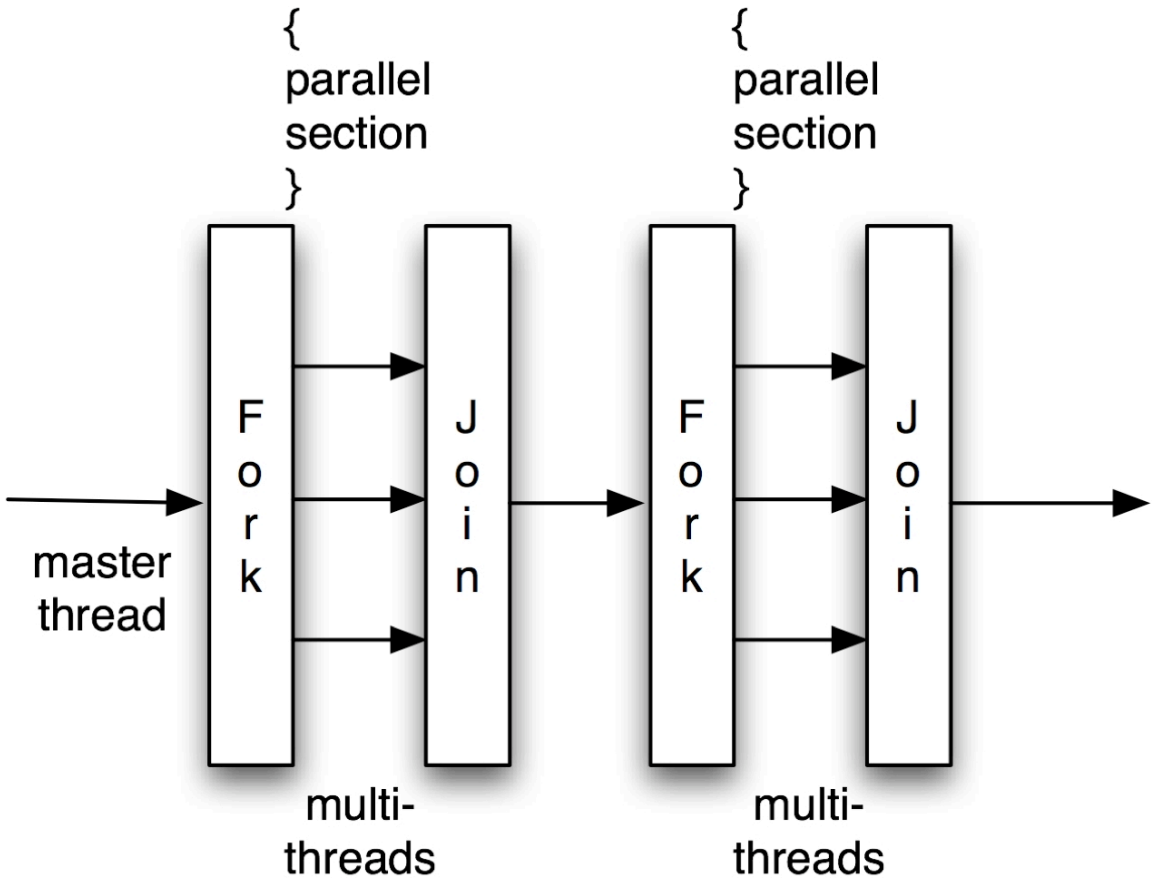
Parallel programming = choreography of "who does what"?

OpenMP

- **OpenMP (Open specifications for Multi Processing): Portable application program interface (API) for shared-memory parallel programming based on multi-threading by compiler directives** (http://www.openmp.org)
- **Fork-join parallelism:**
  - **> Fork: Master thread spawns a team of threads as needed**
  - **> Join: When the team of threads complete the statements in the parallel section, they terminate synchronously, leaving only the master thread**

processes (= running programs) sharing resources

- **OpenMP is typically used to parallelize loops**
- **OpenMP threads communicate by sharing variables**



On HPC, compile as

```
> cc     ... -fopenmp
> mpicc  ... -fopenmp
```

OpenMP Programming

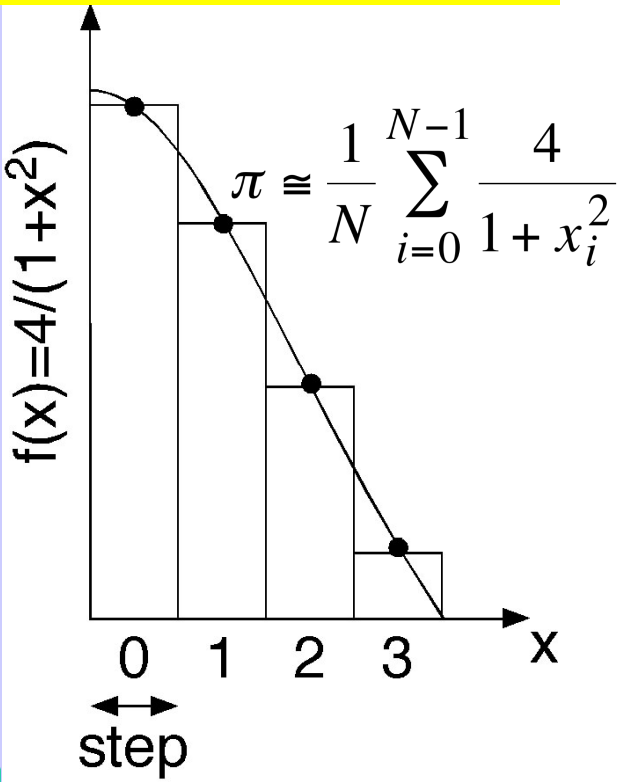
```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#define NBIN 100000
#define MAX_THREADS 8
void main() {
  int nthreads,tid;
  double step,sum[MAX_THREADS]={0.0},pi=0.0;
  step = 1.0/NBIN;
#pragma omp parallel private(tid)
  {
    int i;
    double x;
    nthreads = omp_get_num_threads();
    tid = omp_get_thread_num();
    for (i=tid; i<NBIN; i+=nthreads) {
      x = (i+0.5)*step;
      sum[tid] += 4.0/(1.0+x*x);}
  }
  for(tid=0; tid<nthreads; tid++) pi += sum[tid]*step;
  printf("PI = %f\n",pi);
}
```

Array of partial sums for multi-threads

parallel section

data privatization to avoid race condition

thread reduction

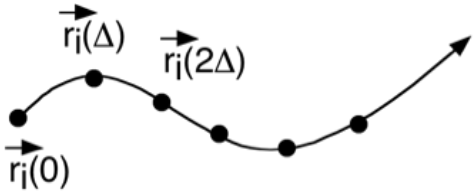


- **Obtain the number of threads & my thread ID**
- **By default, all variables are shared unless selectively changing storage attributes using private clauses**

Molecular Dynamics Algorithm

Time discretization

$$\begin{cases} \vec{r}_i(t+\Delta) = \vec{r}_i(t) + \vec{v}_i(t)\Delta + \frac{1}{2}\vec{a}_i(t)\Delta^2 \\ \vec{v}_i(t+\Delta) = \vec{v}_i(t) + \frac{\vec{a}_i(t) + \vec{a}_i(t+\Delta)}{2}\Delta \end{cases} \qquad \vec{a}_i = -\frac{1}{m}\frac{\partial V}{\partial \vec{r}_i}$$



Time stepping: Velocity Verlet algorithm

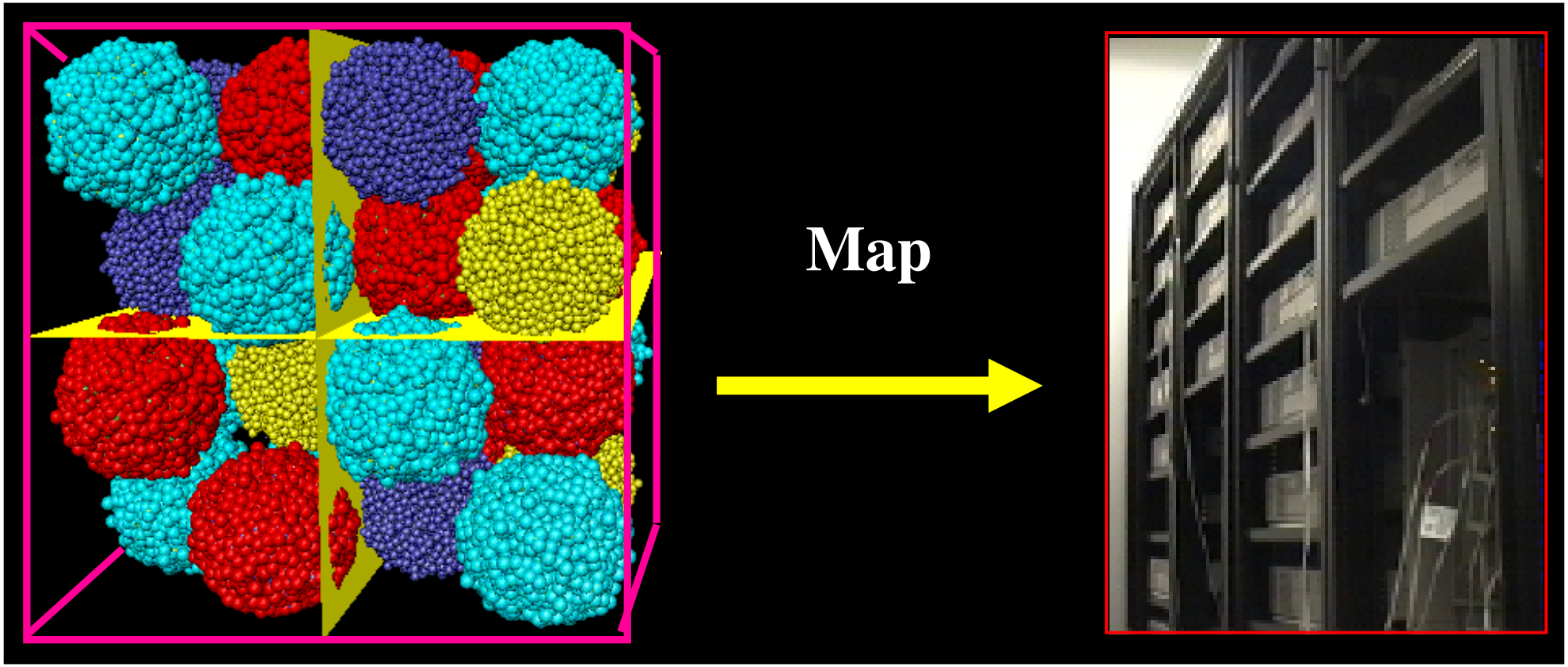
Given $\left(\vec{r}_i(t), \vec{v}_i(t)\right)$,

1. (Compute $\vec{a}_i(t)$ as a function of $\{\vec{r}_i(t)\}$)
2. $\vec{v}_i\left(t+\frac{\Delta}{2}\right) \leftarrow \vec{v}_i(t) + \frac{\Delta}{2}\vec{a}_i(t)$
3. $\vec{r}_i(t+\Delta) \leftarrow \vec{r}_i(t) + \vec{v}_i\left(t+\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)\Delta$
4. Compute $\vec{a}_i(t+\Delta)$ as a function of $\{\vec{r}_i(t+\Delta)\}$
5. $\vec{v}_i(t+\Delta) \leftarrow \vec{v}_i\left(t+\frac{\Delta}{2}\right) + \frac{\Delta}{2}\vec{a}_i(t+\Delta)$

Parallel Molecular Dynamics

Spatial decomposition (short ranged):

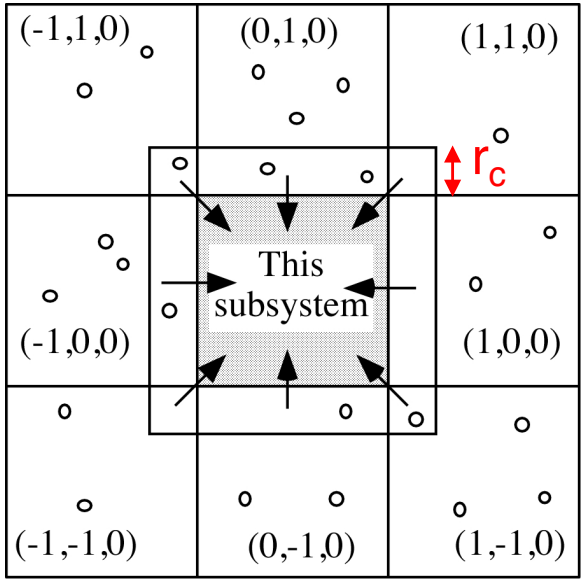
1. **Divide the physical space into subspaces of equal volume**
2. **Assign each subspace to a compute node in a parallel computer**
3. **Each node computes forces on the atoms in its subspace & updates their positions & velocities**

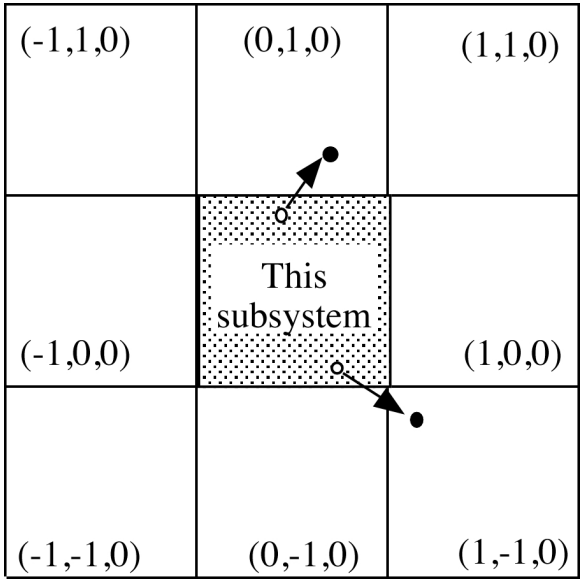


Parallel MD Algorithm

1. $\vec{v}_i\left(t+\frac{\Delta}{2}\right) \leftarrow \vec{v}_i(t) + \frac{\Delta}{2}\vec{a}_i(t)$
2. $\vec{r}_i(t+\Delta) \leftarrow \vec{r}_i(t) + \vec{v}_i\left(t+\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)\Delta$
3. atom_move() // migrate moved-out atoms
4. atom_copy() // cache surface atoms
5. Compute $\vec{a}_i(t+\Delta)$ as a function of $\{\vec{r}_i(t+\Delta)\}$
6. $\vec{v}_i(t+\Delta) \leftarrow \vec{v}_i\left(t+\frac{\Delta}{2}\right) + \frac{\Delta}{2}\vec{a}_i(t+\Delta)$

atom_copy()

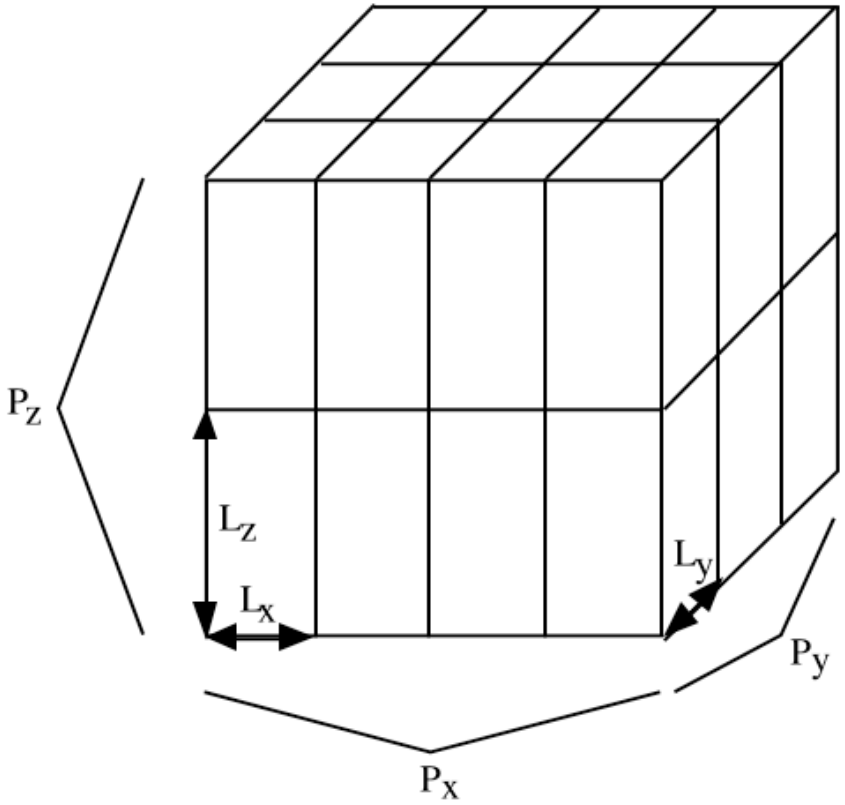


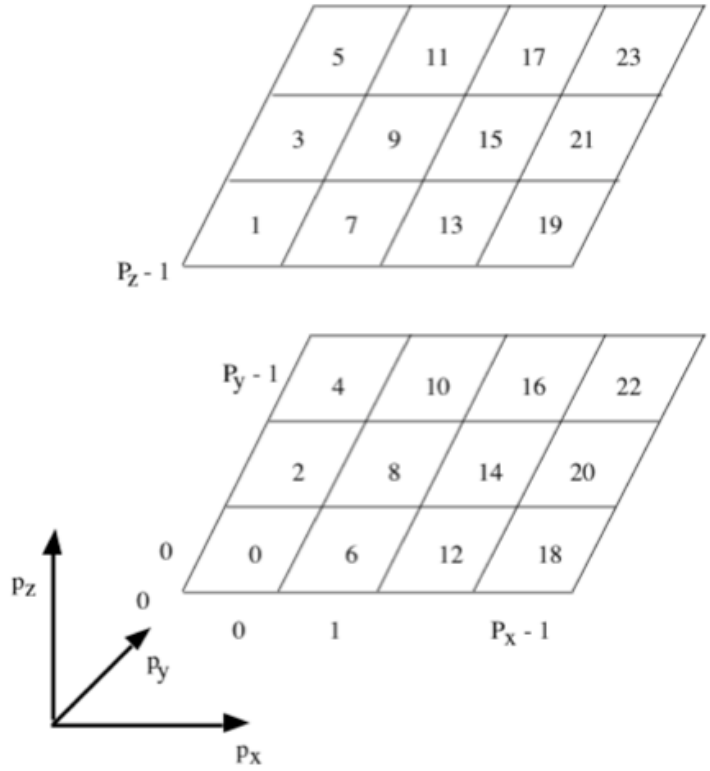


atom_move()

http://cacs.usc.edu/education/cs653/src/parMD/

Spatial Decomposition





- **Processor ID**

$p_x = p/(P_y P_z)$

$p_y = (p/P_z) \bmod P_y$

$p_z = p \bmod P_z$

$p = p_x \times P_y P_z + p_y \times P_z + p_z$

In `pmd.h`

```
int vproc[3] = {1,1,2}, nproc = 2;
```

In `pmd.c`

```
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &sid);
vid[0] = sid/(vproc[1]*vproc[2]);
vid[1] = (sid/vproc[2])%vproc[1];
vid[2] = sid%vproc[2];
```

Neighbor Processor ID

$$p'_\alpha(\kappa) = [p_\alpha + \delta_\alpha(\kappa) + P_\alpha] \bmod P_\alpha \quad (\kappa = 1,...,6;\ \alpha = x, y, z)$$

$$p'(\kappa) = p'_x(\kappa) \times P_y P_z + p'_y(\kappa) \times P_z + p'_z(\kappa)$$

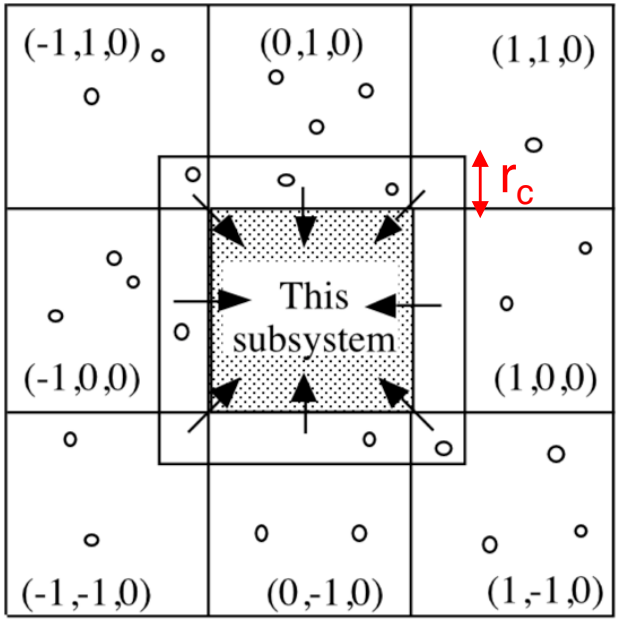
Neighbor ID, κ	$\vec{\delta} = (\delta_x, \delta_y, \delta_z)$	$\vec{\Delta} = (\Delta_x, \Delta_y, \Delta_z)$
0 (east)	(-1, 0, 0)	$(-L_x, 0, 0)$
1 (west)	(1, 0, 0)	$(L_x, 0, 0)$
2 (north)	(0, -1, 0)	$(0, -L_y, 0)$
3 (south)	(0, 1, 0)	$(0, L_y, 0)$
4 (up)	(0, 0, -1)	$(0, 0, -L_z)$
5 (down)	(0, 0, 1)	$(0, 0, L_z)$

In pmd.c

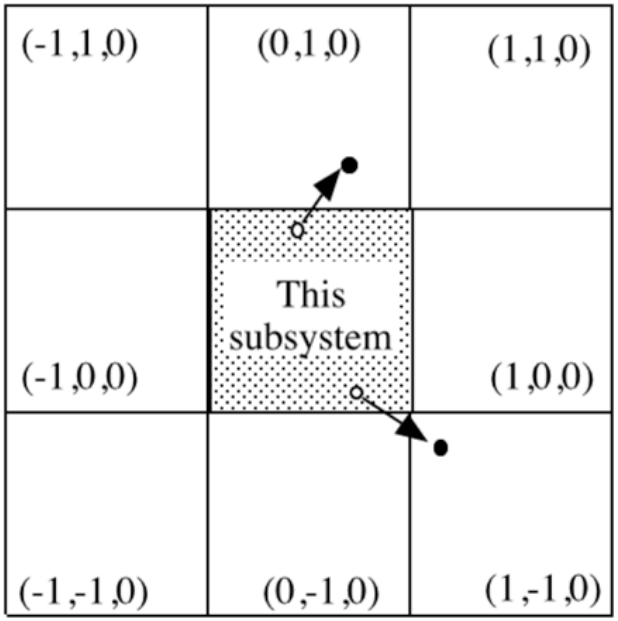
```
int iv[6][3]={{-1,0,0}, {1,0,0}, {0,-1,0}, {0,1,0}, {0,0,-1}, {0,0,1}};
...
for (ku=0; ku<6; ku++) {
  for (a=0; a<3; a++)
    k1[a] = (vid[a]+iv[ku][a]+vproc[a])%vproc[a];
  nn[ku] = k1[0]*vproc[1]*vproc[2]+k1[1]*vproc[2]+k1[2];
  for (a=0; a<3; a++) sv[ku][a] = al[a]*iv[ku][a];
}
```

Parallel MD Concepts

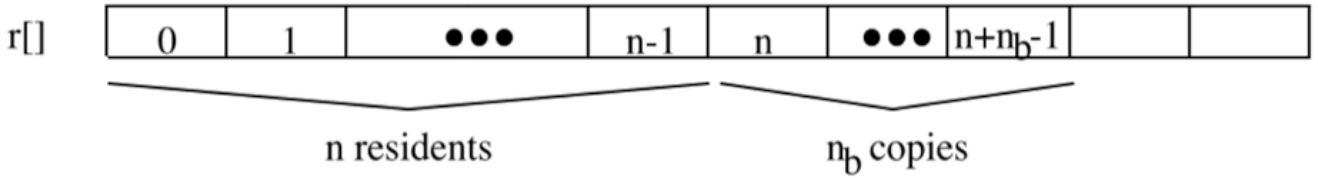
Atom caching



Atom migration



1. First half kick to obtain $v_i(t+Dt/2)$
2. Update atomic coordinates to obtain $r_i(t+Dt)$
3. atom_move(): Migrate moved-out atoms to the neighbor processors
4. atom_copy(): Cache surface atoms within distance r_c from the neighbors
5. compute_accel(): Compute new accelerations, $a_i(t+Dt)$, including the contributions from the cached atoms
6. Second half kick to obtain $v_i(t+Dt)$

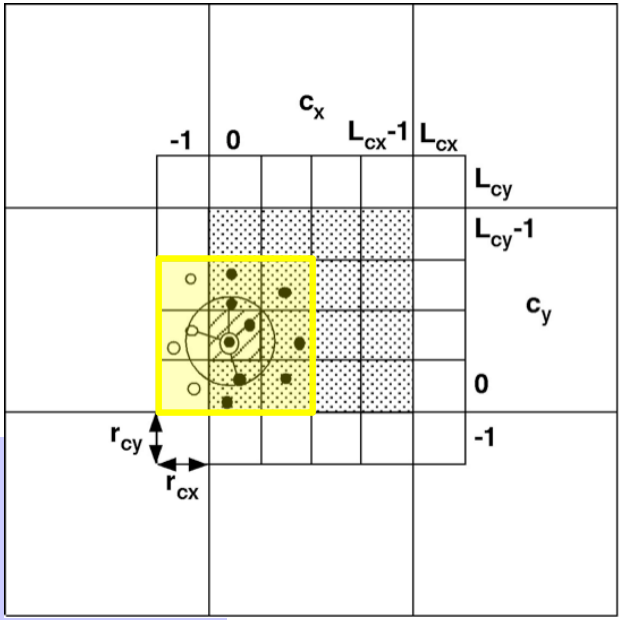


Parallel Interaction Computation

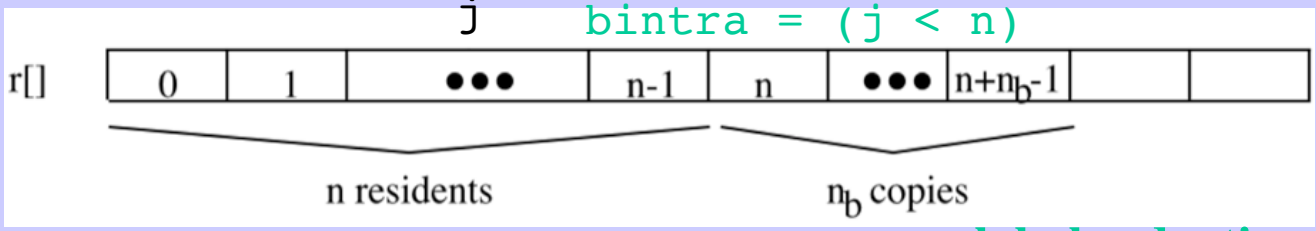
SPMD: Who does what?

Each process computes (*cf.* owner-compute rule):

1. **The forces on its resident atoms**
2. **The potential energy between resident pairs & 1/2 of that between resident-cached pairs**

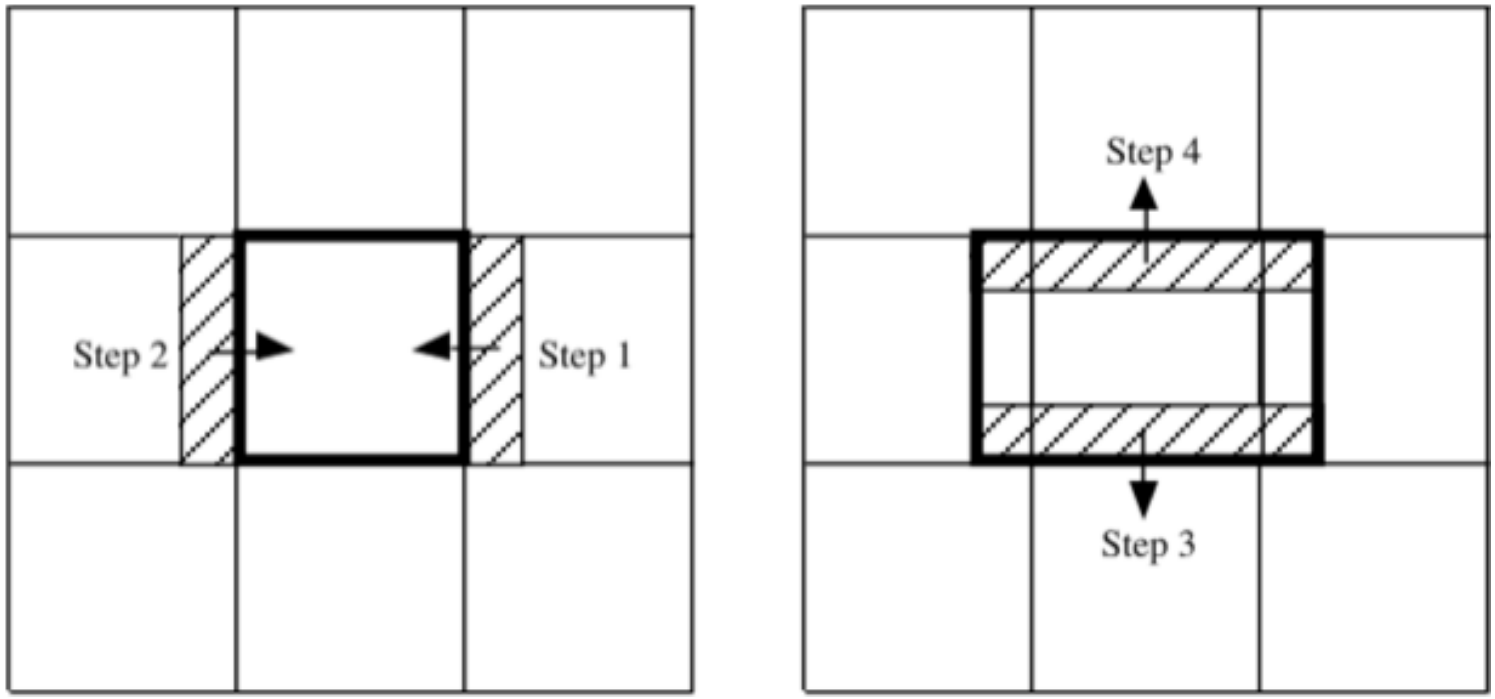



```
for resident cells, c {
  for neighbor (resident or cached) cells, c1 {
    scan atom i in cell c using c's linked list {
      scan atom j in cell c1 using c1's linked list {
        ...
        if (i<j && r_ij<r_c) {
          compute pair force a_ij & potential u(r_ij)
          bintra = j < n; /* j is resident? */
          a_i += a_ij; if (bintra) a_j -= a_ij;
          if (bintra) lpe += u(r_ij); else lpe += u(r_ij)/2;
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
MPI_Allreduce(&lpe, &potEnergy,...,MPI_SUM,...)
```



global reduction over MPI ranks

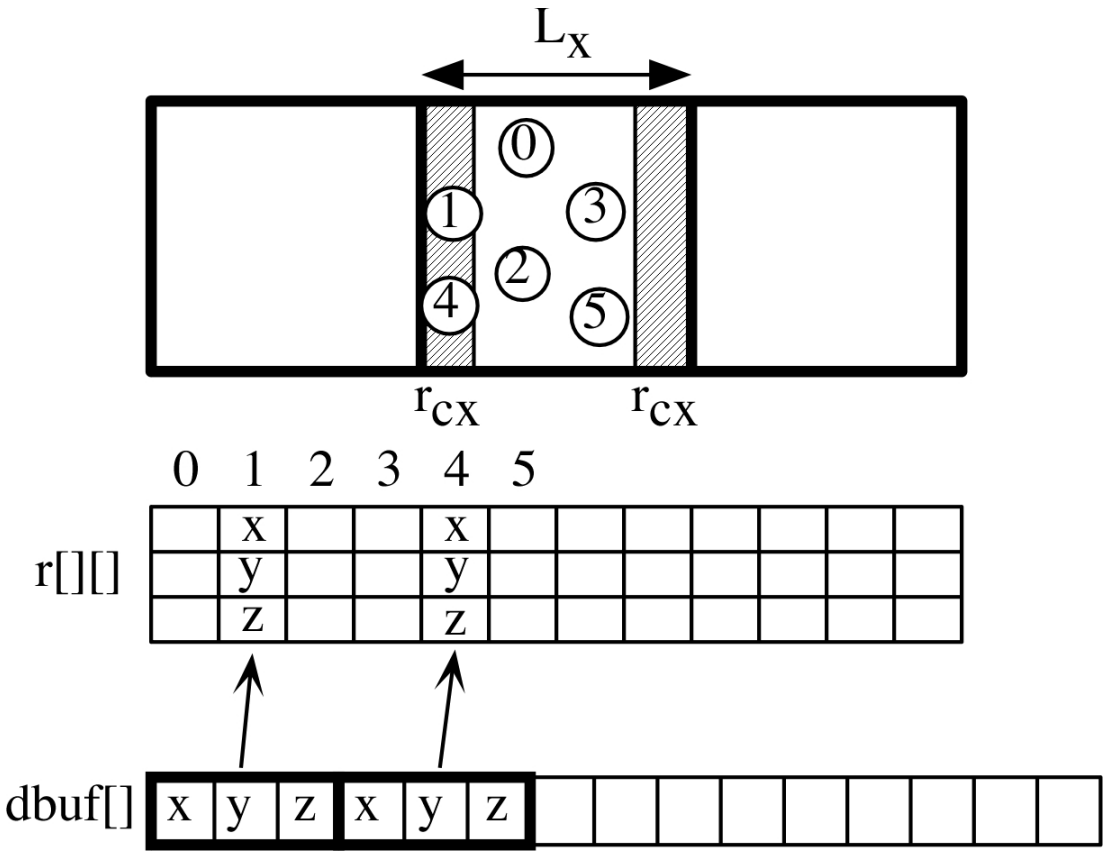
Atom Caching: `atom_copy()`



26-step → 6-step communication by message forwarding

```
Reset the number of received cache atoms, nbnew = 0
for x, y, and z directions
  Make boundary-atom lists, lsb, for lower and higher directions
  including both resident, n, and cache, nbnew, atoms
  for lower and higher directions
    Send/receive boundary-atom coordinates to/from the neighbor
    Increment nbnew
  endfor
endfor
nb = nbnew
```

Implementing Atom Caching



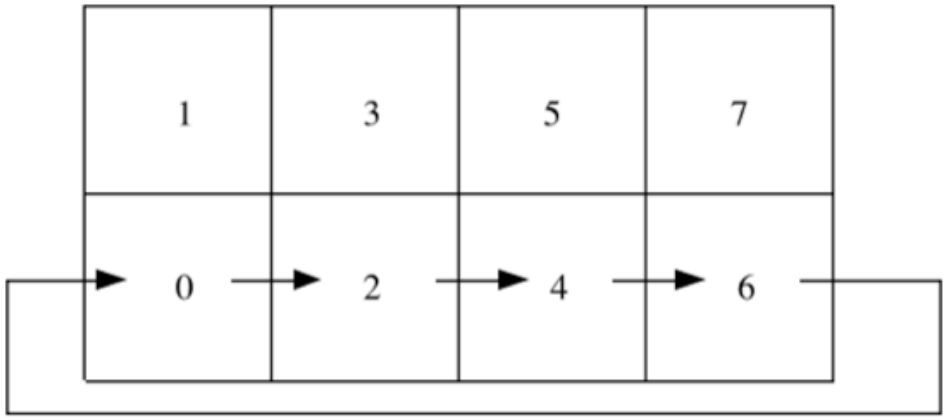
Copying condition

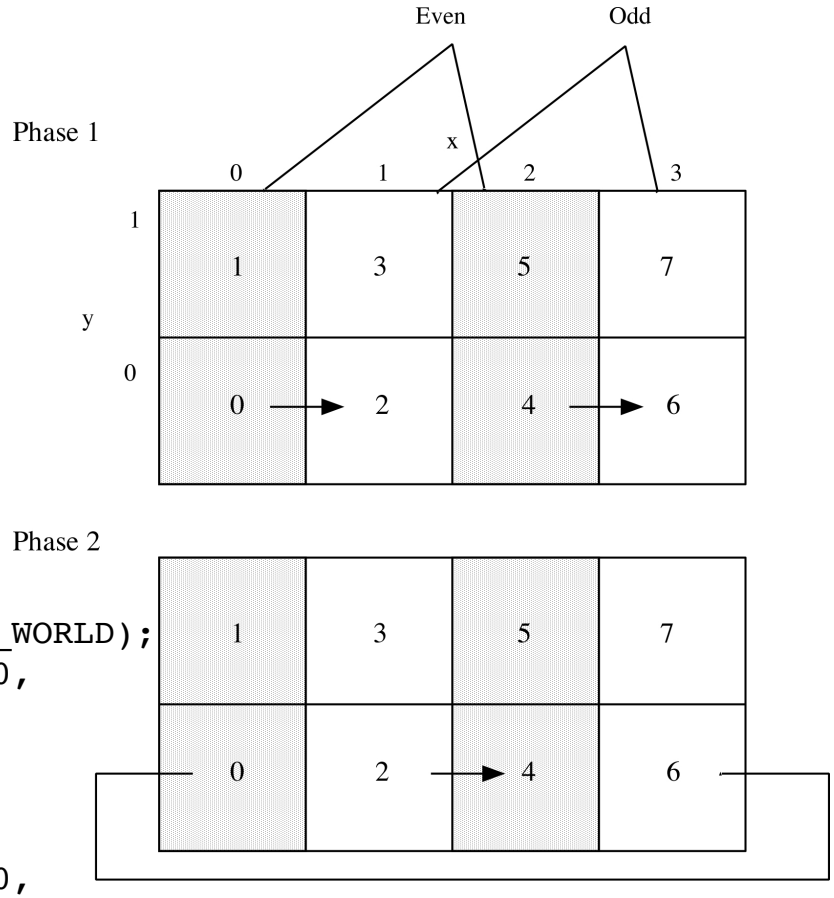
```
bbd(ri[],ku) {
  kd = ku / 2 (= 0|1|2)
  kdd = ku % 2 (= 0|1)
  if (kdd == 0)
    return ri[kd] < RCUT
  else
    return al[kd] – RCUT < ri[kd]
}
```

3 phases of message passing

1. Message buffering: dbuf ← r–sv (shift), gather
2. Message passing: dbufr ← dbuf
   - Send dbuf
   - Receive dbufr
3. Message storing: r ← dbufr, append after the residents

Deadlock Avoidance

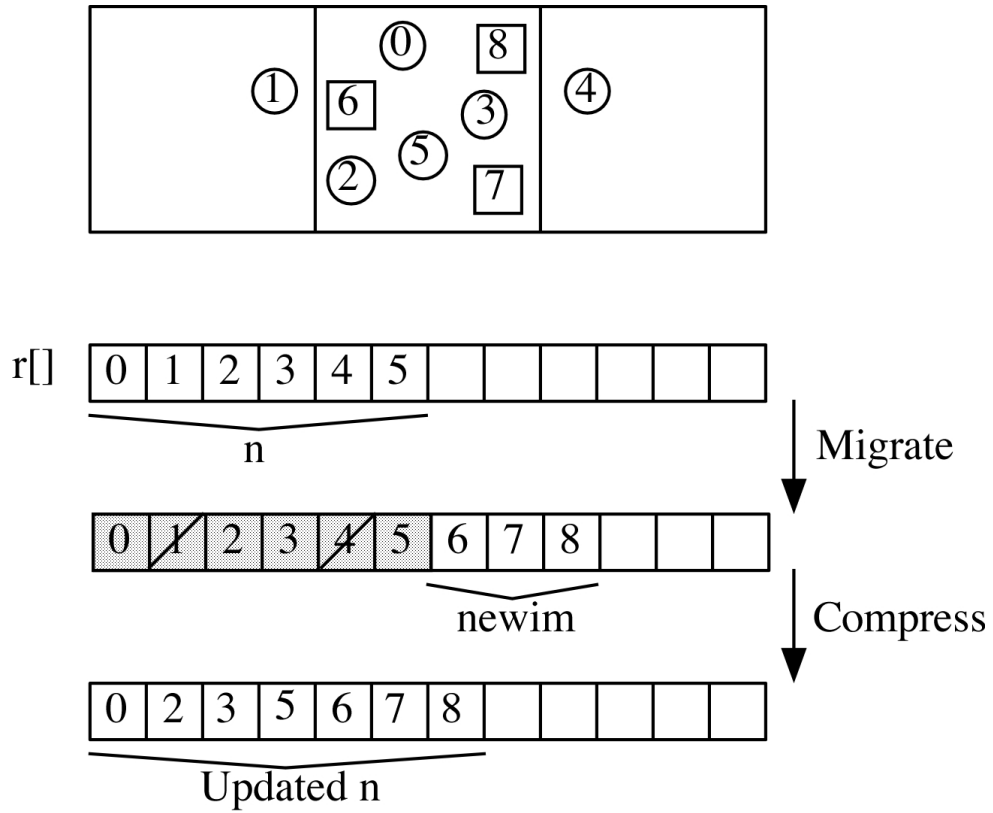





```
1. Message buffering: dbuf ← r, gather
2. Message passing: dbufr ← dbuf
   /* Even node: send & recv, if not empty */
   if (myparity[kd] == 0) {
     MPI_Send(dbuf,3*nsd,MPI_DOUBLE,inode,120,MPI_COMM_WORLD);
     MPI_Recv(dbufr,3*nrc,MPI_DOUBLE,MPI_ANY_SOURCE,120,
              MPI_COMM_WORLD,&status);
   }
   /* Odd node: recv & send, if not empty */
   else if (myparity[kd] == 1) {
     MPI_Recv(dbufr,3*nrc,MPI_DOUBLE,MPI_ANY_SOURCE,120,
              MPI_COMM_WORLD,&status);
     MPI_Send(dbuf,3*nsd,MPI_DOUBLE,inode,120,MPI_COMM_WORLD);
   }
   /* Single layer: Exchange information with myself */
   else
     for (i=0; i<3*nrc; i++) dbufr[i] = dbuf[i];
3. Message storing: r ← dbufr, append
```

Better, use MPI_Irecv() (CSCI596)

Atom Migration: `atom_move()`

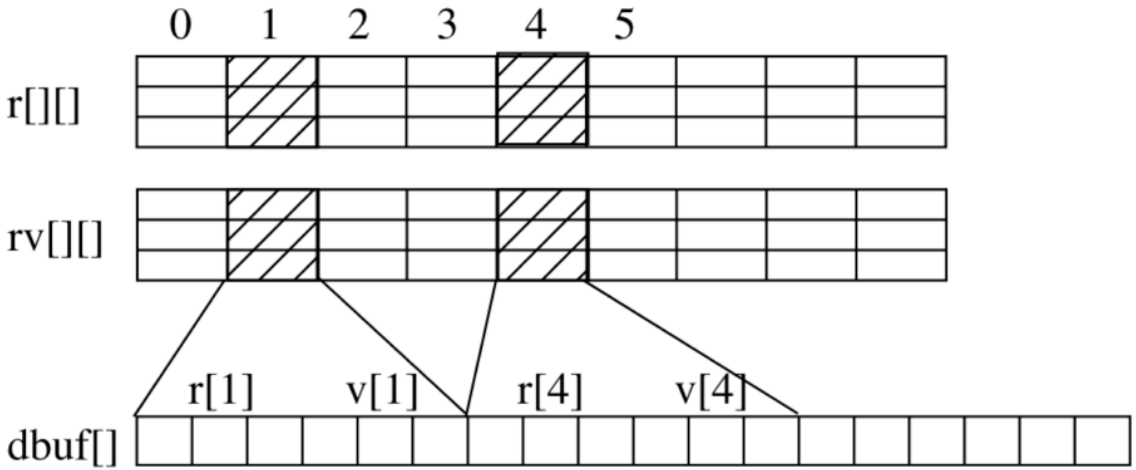



```
Reset the number of received new immigrants, newim = 0
for x, y, and z directions
  Make moving-atom lists, mvque, for lower and higher directions including both
  resident, n, and immigrant, newim, atoms but excluding those already moved out
  for lower and higher directions
    Send/receive moving-atom coordinates to/from the neighbor
    (When moving, r[][0] ← MOVED_OUT = -10^10)
    Increment newim
  endfor
endfor
Compress the r array to eliminate the moved-out atoms
```

Implementing Atom Migration

Moving condition

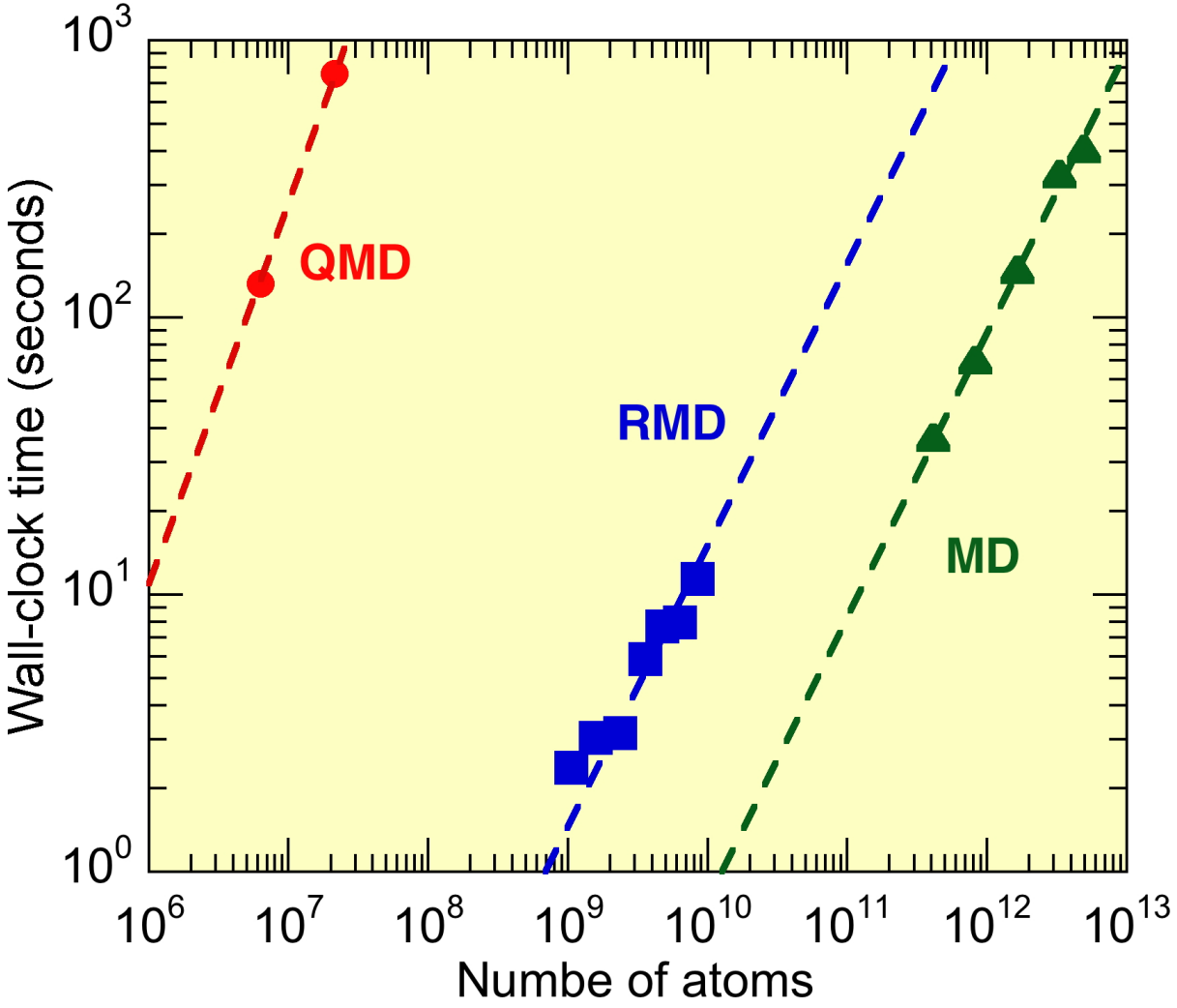
```
bmv(ri[],ku) {
  kd = ku / 2 (= 0|1|2)
  kdd = ku % 2 (= 0|1)
  if (kdd == 0)
    return ri[kd] < 0.0
  else
    return al[kd] < ri[kd]
}
```

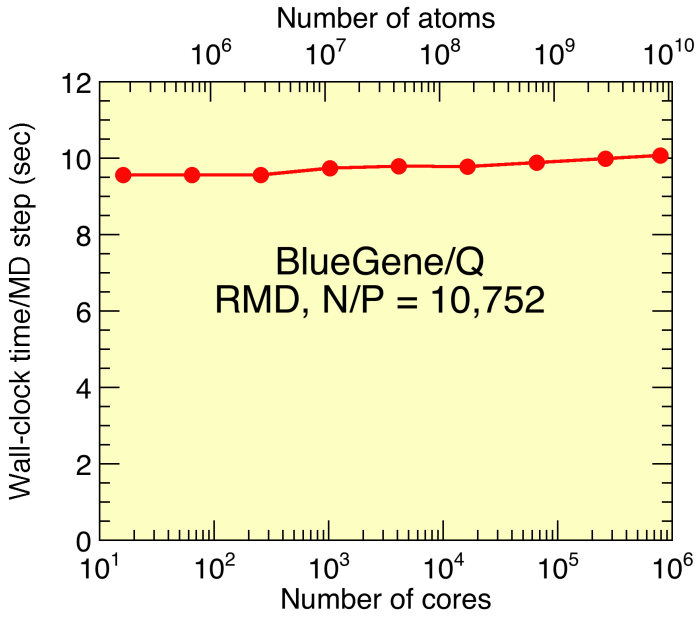


3 phases of message passing

1. **Message buffering: dbuf ← r–sv (shift) & rv, gather**
   Mark MOVED_OUT in r
2. **Message passing: dbufr ← dbuf**
   Send dbuf
   Receive dbufr
3. **Message storing: r & rv ← dbufr, append after the residents**

Spatial Decomposition Benchmark





QMD (quantum molecular dynamics): DC-DFT

RMD (reactive molecular dynamics): F-ReaxFF

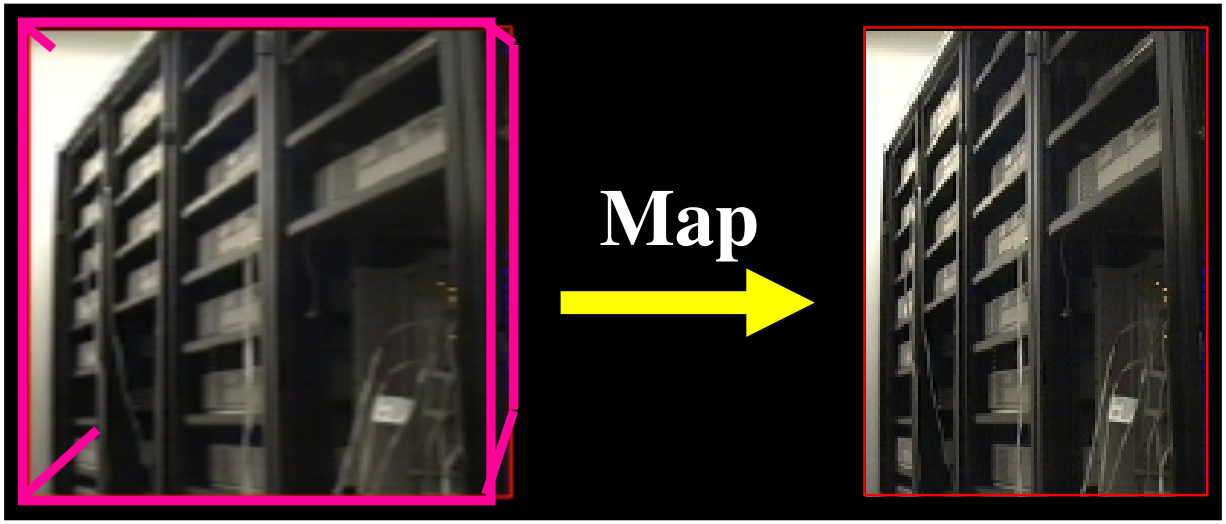
MD (molecular dynamics): MRMD

- **4.9 trillion-atom space-time multiresolution MD (MRMD) of SiO_2**
- **8.5 billion-atom fast reactive force-field (F-ReaxFF) RMD of RDX**
- **1.9 trillion grid points (21.2 million-atom) DC-DFT QMD of SiC**

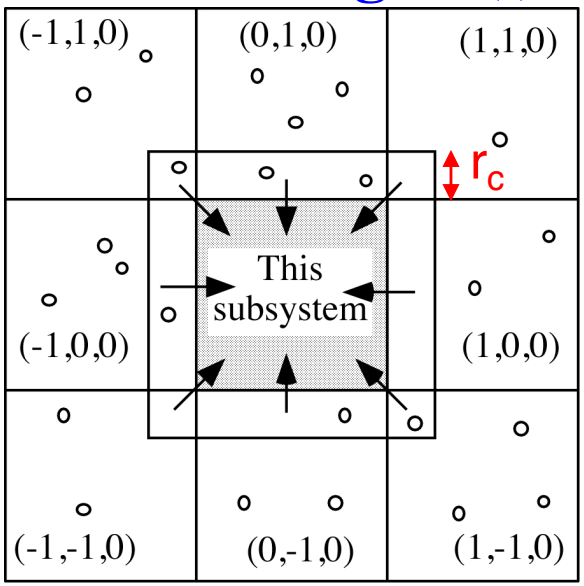
parallel efficiency 0.98 on 786,432 BlueGene/Q cores

Cost of Spatial Decomposition MD

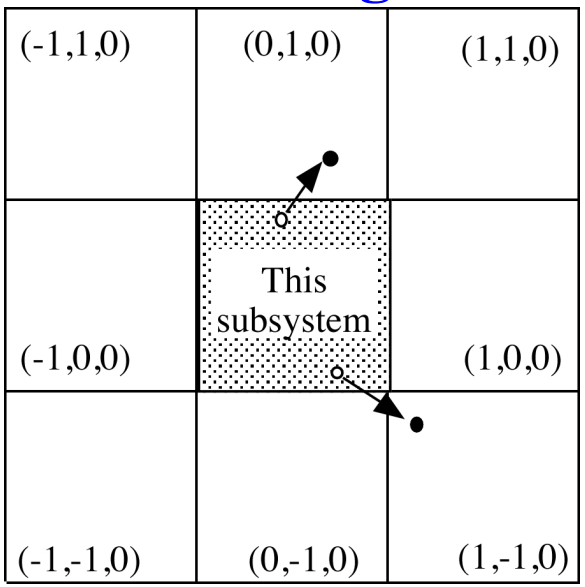
Spatial decomposition (short ranged): $O(N/P)$ computation



Atom caching: $O((N/P)^{2/3})$



Atom migration



Large overhead & lack of parallelism for small N/P

Parallel Efficiency of MD

- **Execution time: $T(W,P)$; W: Workload, P: Number of processors**
- **Speed:** $S(W,P) = \dfrac{W}{T(W,P)}$
- **Speedup:** $S_P = \dfrac{S(W_P,P)}{S(W_1,1)} = \dfrac{W_P T(W_1,1)}{W_1 T(W_P,P)}$

See Grama'03, Chap. 5

- **Efficiency:** $E_P = \dfrac{S_P}{P} = \dfrac{W_P T(W_1,1)}{P W_1 T(W_P,P)}$
- **How to scale W_P with P?**
  - > **Isogranular (weak) scaling:**
    $W_P = Pw$; w = constant workload per processor (granularity)
  - > **Constant problem-size (strong) scaling:**
    $W_P = W$ — constant
- **Parallel molecular dynamics:**
  Workload ∝ Number of atoms, N (with the linked-list cell algorithm)

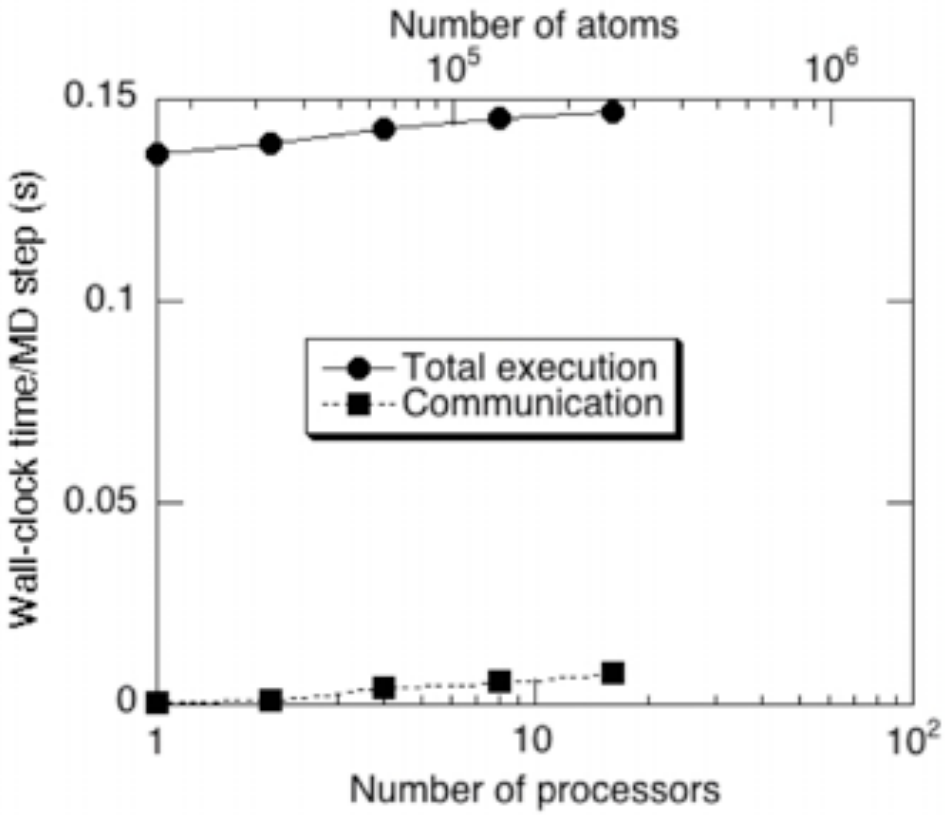
$$T(N,P) = T_{\text{comp}}(N,P) + T_{\text{comm}}(N,P) + T_{\text{global}}(P)$$
$$= a\frac{N}{P} + b\left(\frac{N}{P}\right)^{2/3} + c\log P$$

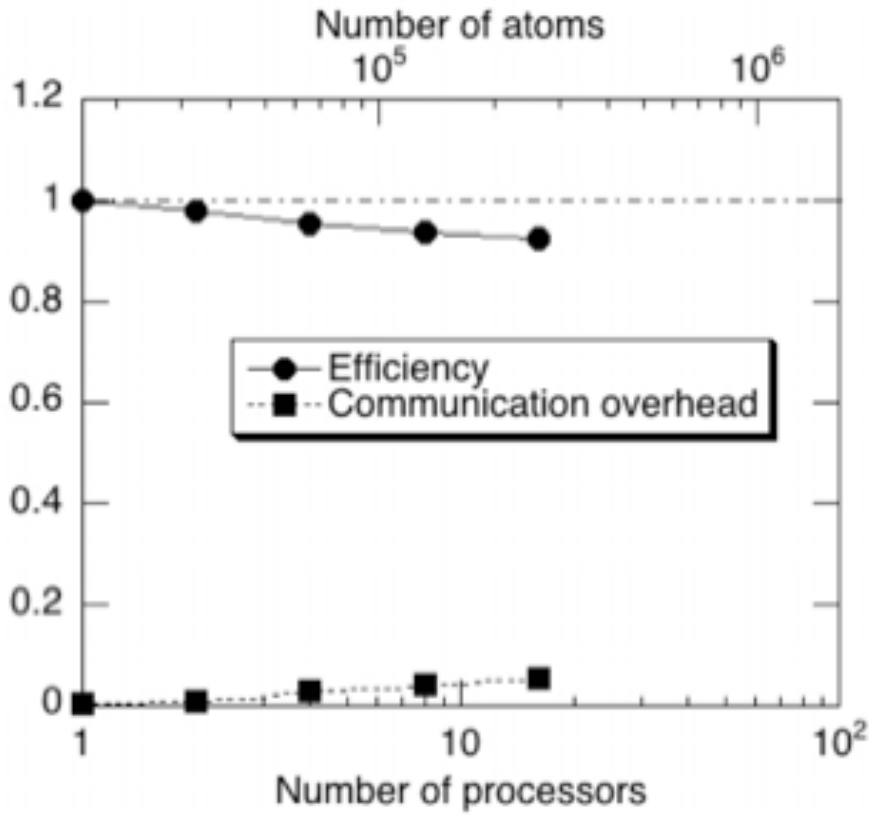
Isogranular Scaling of Parallel MD

- $n = N/P$ = constant
- **Efficiency:**

$$E_P = \frac{S_P}{P} = \frac{W_P T(W_1,1)}{P W_1 T(W_P,P)}$$

$$E_P = \frac{T(n,1)}{T(nP,P)} = \frac{an}{an + bn^{2/3} + c\log P} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{b}{a} n^{-1/3} + \frac{c}{an}\log P}$$





pmd.c: N/P = 16,384, on HPC

Constant Problem-Size Scaling of MD

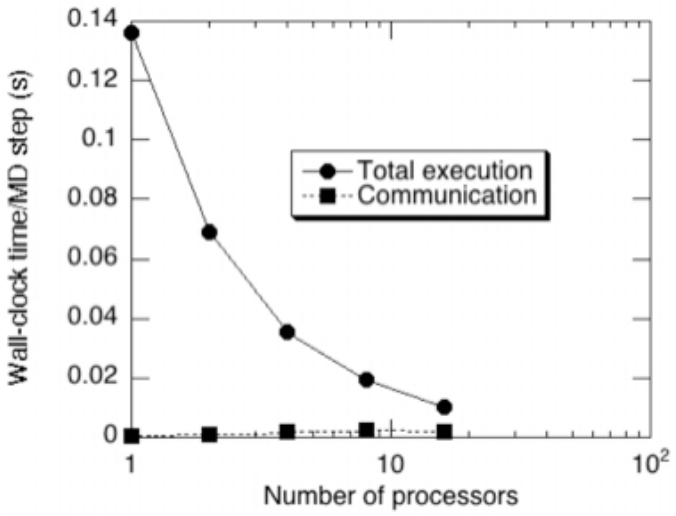
- **Speedup:**

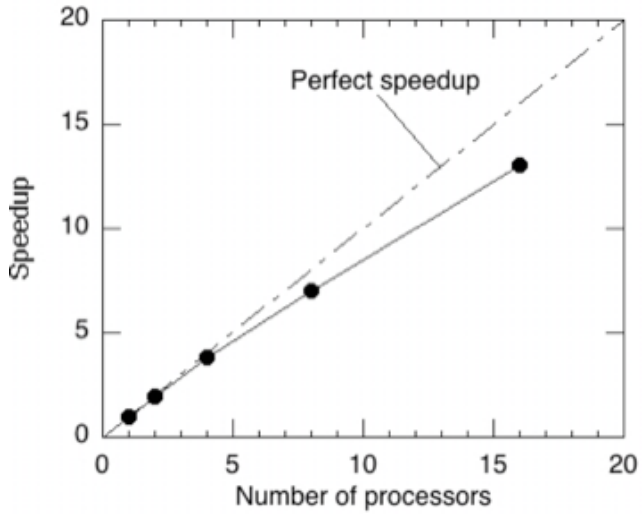
$$S_P = \frac{T(N,1)}{T(N,P)} = \frac{aN}{aN/P + b(N/P)^{2/3} + c\log P} = \frac{P}{1 + \frac{b}{a}\left(\frac{P}{N}\right)^{1/3} + \frac{c}{a}\frac{P\log P}{N}}$$

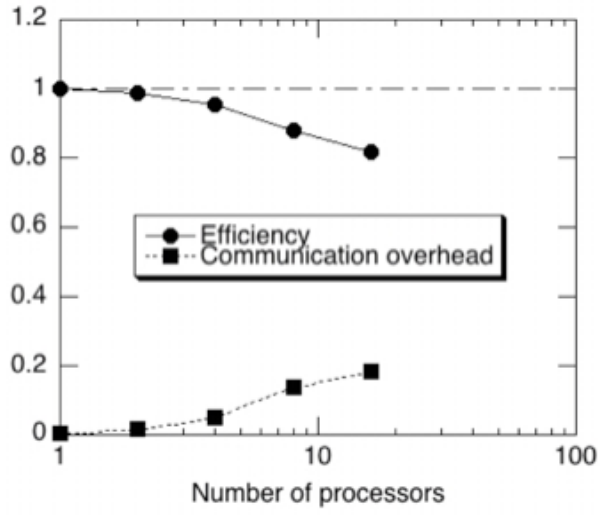
- **Efficiency:**

$$E_P = \frac{S_P}{P} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{b}{a}\left(\frac{P}{N}\right)^{1/3} + \frac{c}{a}\frac{P\log P}{N}}$$

$$S_P = \frac{S(W_P,P)}{S(W_1,1)} = \frac{W_P T(W_1,1)}{W_1 T(W_P,P)}$$

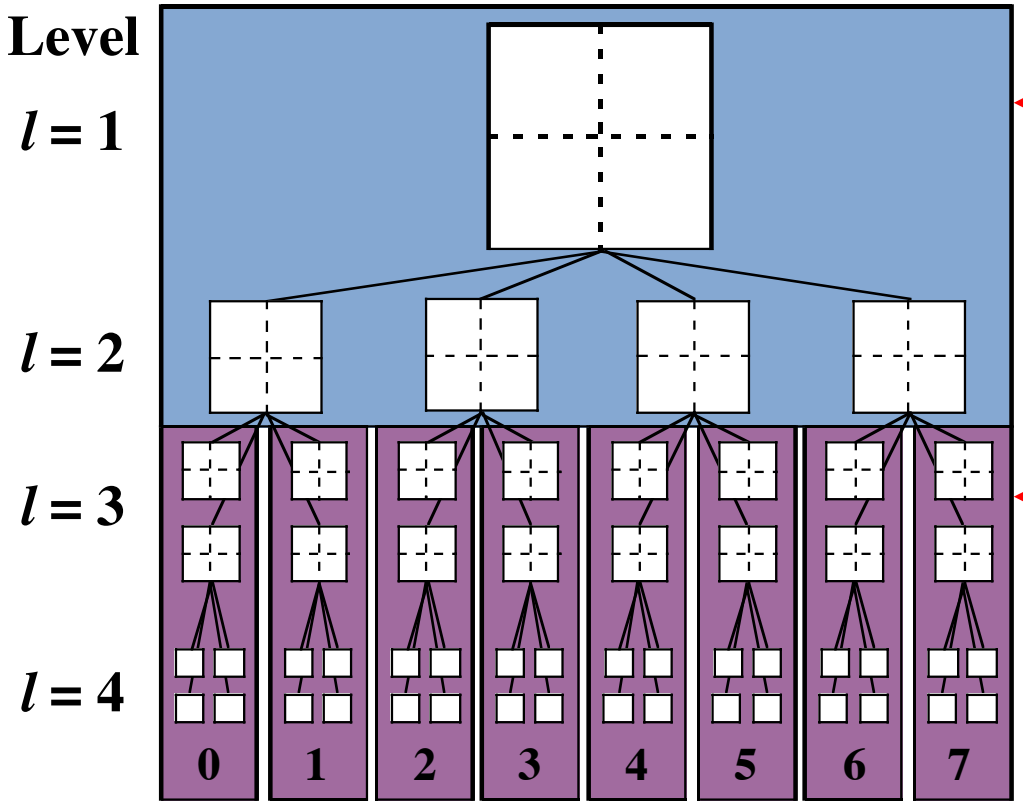






pmd.c: N = 16,384, on HPC

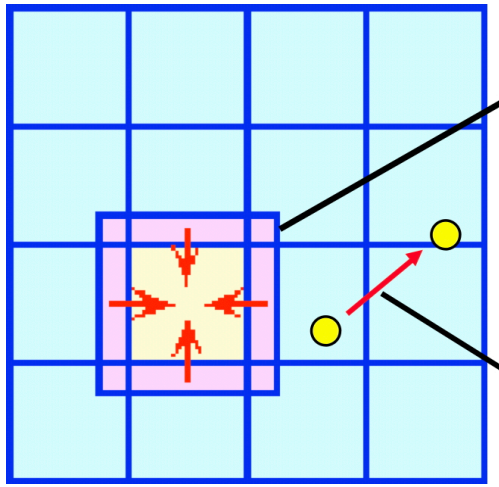
Parallel Fast Multipole Method



Upper levels:
Global to all processors
Overhead: $O(\log P)$

A. Nakano *et al.*, *Comput. Phys.Commun.* **83**, 197 (1994)

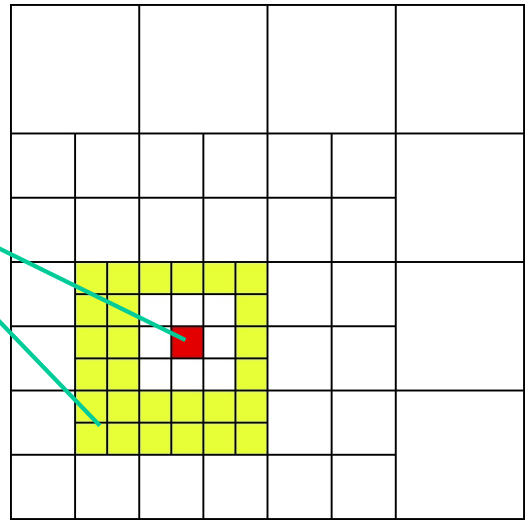
Lower levels:
Spatial decomposition
Computation: $O(N/P)$



Data caching
$\sim (N/P)^{2/3}$

Data migration

Level-by-level short-ranged (M-to-L) interaction with cousins



Coarse grain:

$N/P \sim 10^6$; $P \leq 10^3$

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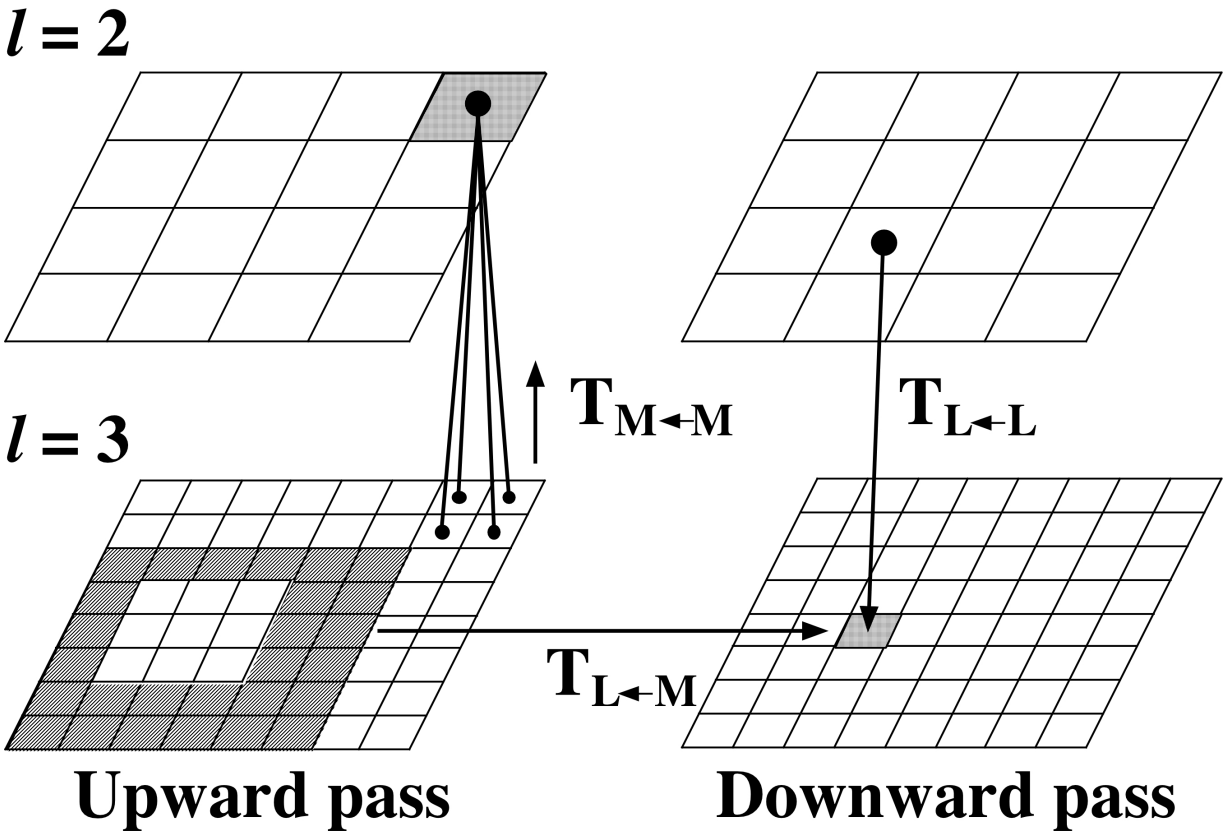
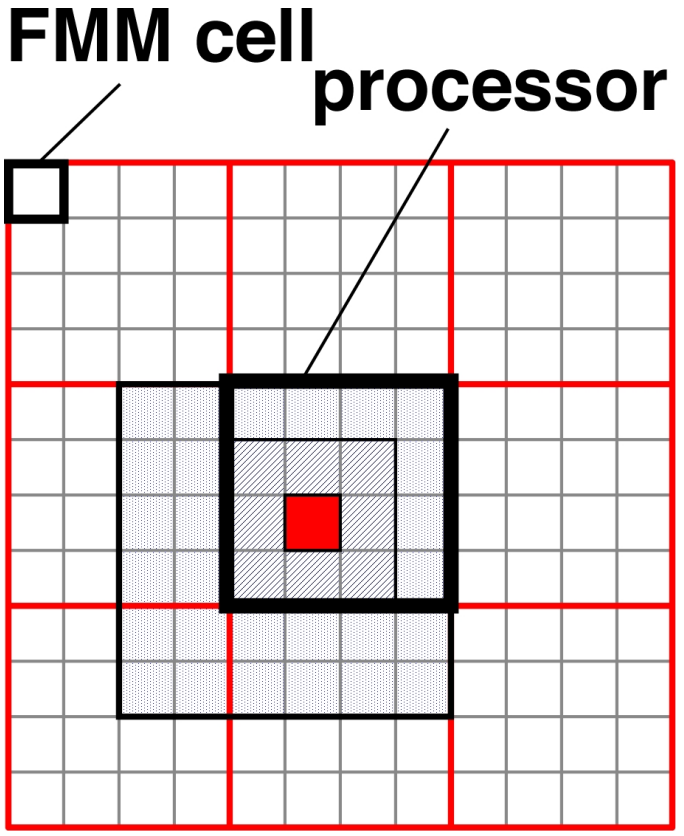
$N/P \gg \log P, (N/P)^{2/3}$

S. Ogata *et al.*, *Comput. Phys. Commun.* **153**, 445 ('03)

Caching Interactive Cells





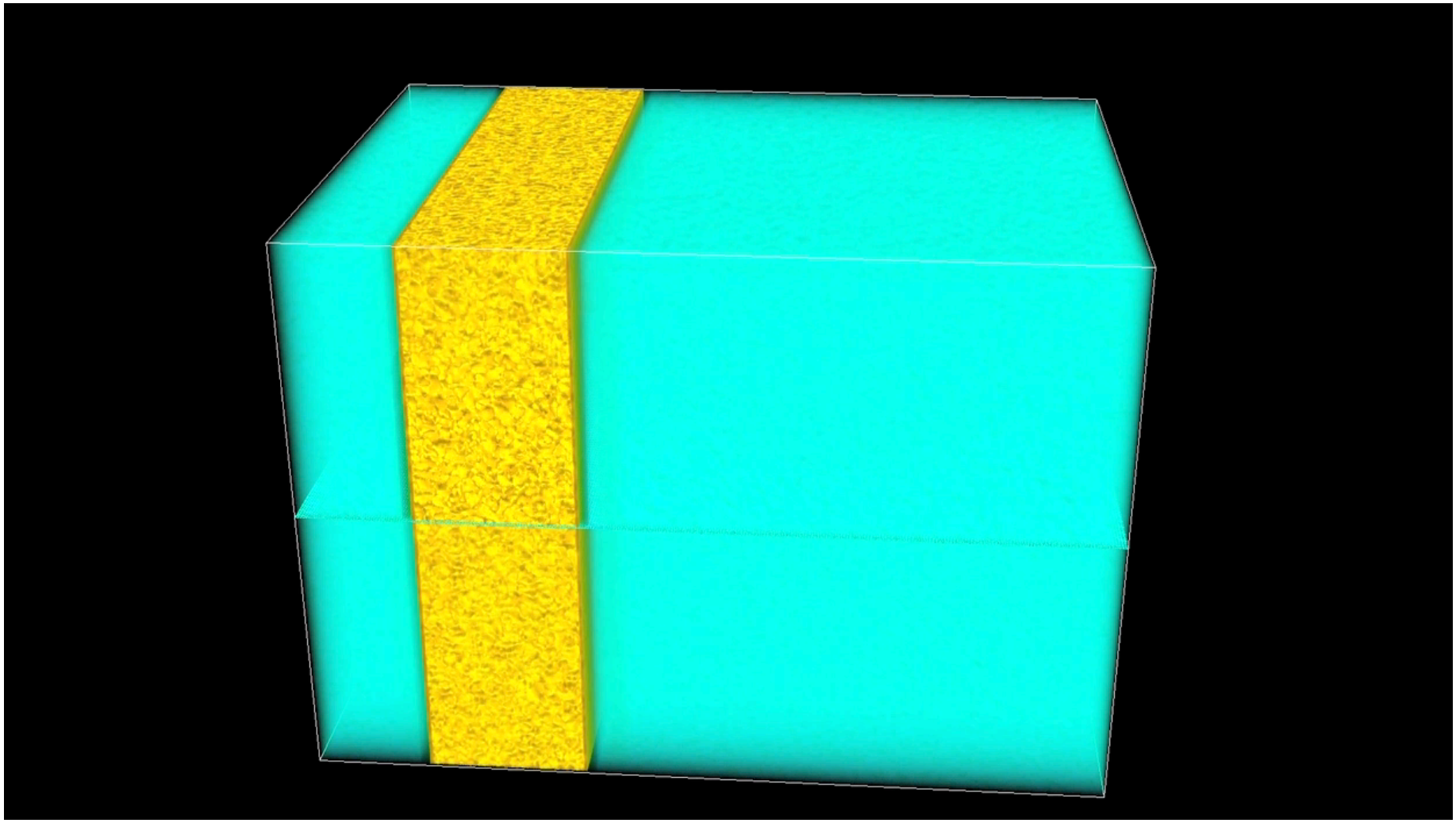
- $T_{M \leftarrow M}$ & $T_{L \leftarrow L}$: local at lower octree levels
- $T_{L \leftarrow M}$: cache 2 boundary layers of cells at each level

See lecture note on "scalability analysis of parallel molecular-dynamics & fast-multipole-method algorithms "

http://cacs.usc.edu/education/cs653/02-2Scalability.pdf

Billion-Atom Molecular Dynamics

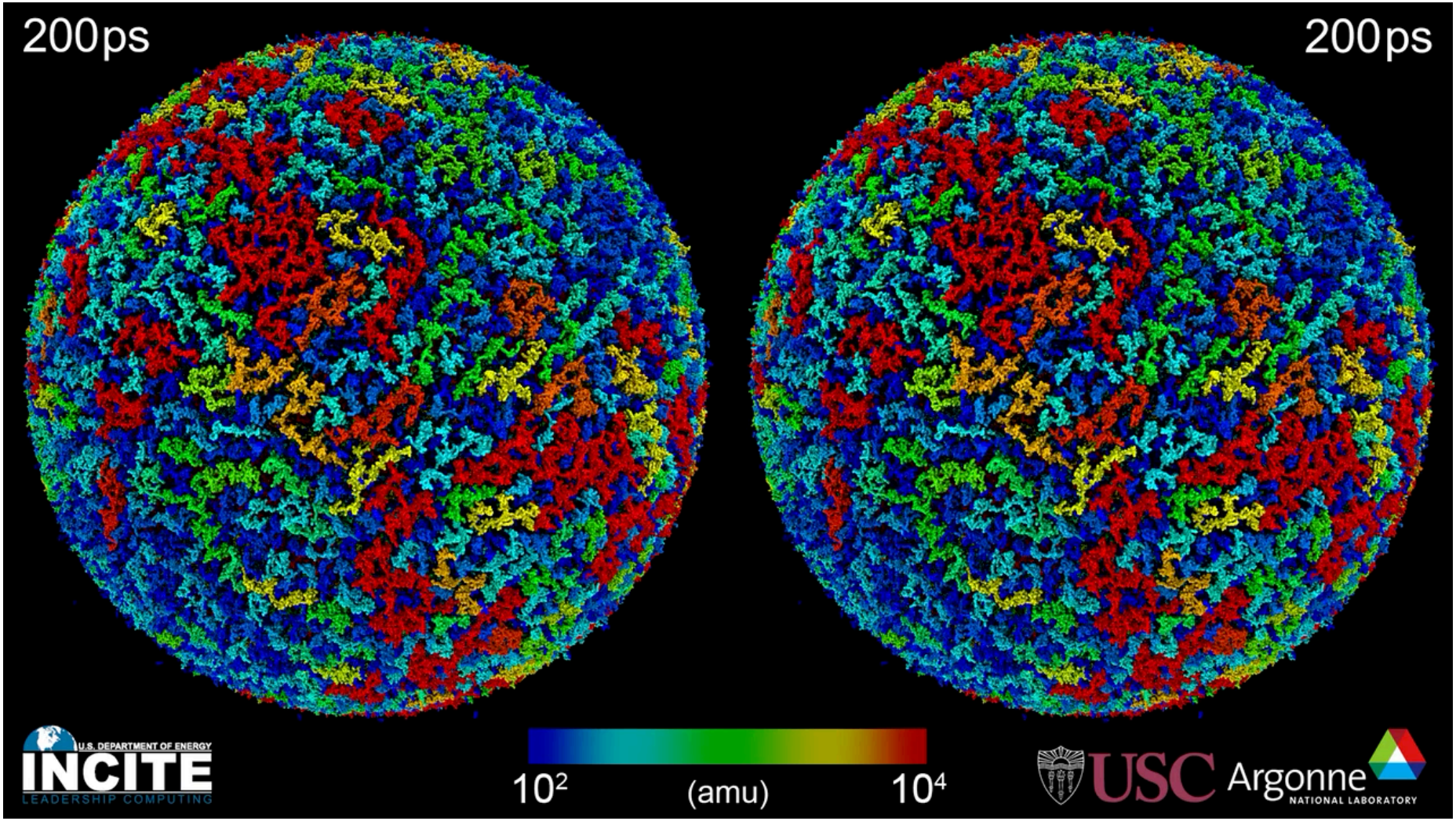
- **Billion-atom MD simulation of shock-induced nanobubble collapse in water near silica surface (67 million core-hours on 163,840 Blue Gene/P cores)**



- **Water nanojet formation and its collision with silica surface**

112 Million-Atom Reactive MD

- **112 million-atom reactive MD simulation to study nanocarbon synthesis by high-temperature oxidation of SiC nanoparticle (410 million core-hours on 786,432 Blue Gene/Q cores)**



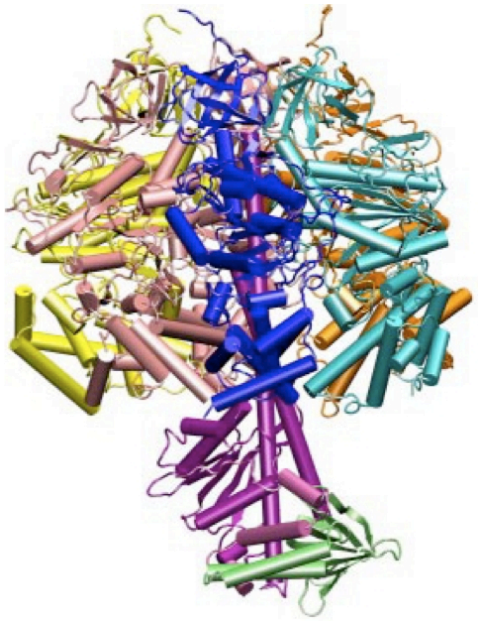
Fine-Grained Parallel MD

Pathways to a Protein Folding Intermediate Observed in a 1-Microsecond Simulation in Aqueous Solution

Yong Duan and Peter A. Kollman*

An implementation of classical molecular dynamics on parallel computers of increased efficiency has enabled a simulation of protein folding with explicit representation of water for 1 microsecond, about two orders of magnitude longer than the longest simulation of a protein in water reported to date. Starting with an unfolded state of villin headpiece subdomain, hydrophobic collapse and helix formation occur in an initial phase, followed by conformational readjustments. A marginally stable state, which has a lifetime of about 150 nanoseconds, a favorable solvation free energy, and shows significant resemblance to the native structure, is observed; two pathways to this state have been found.

Science **282**, 740 ('98)

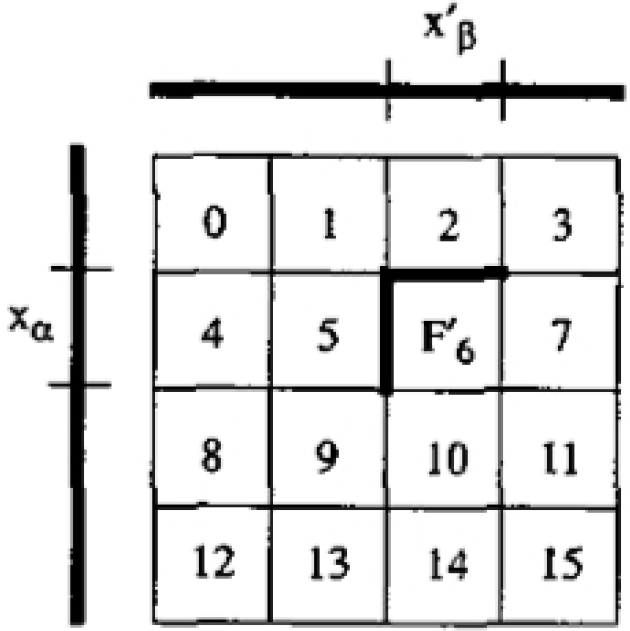


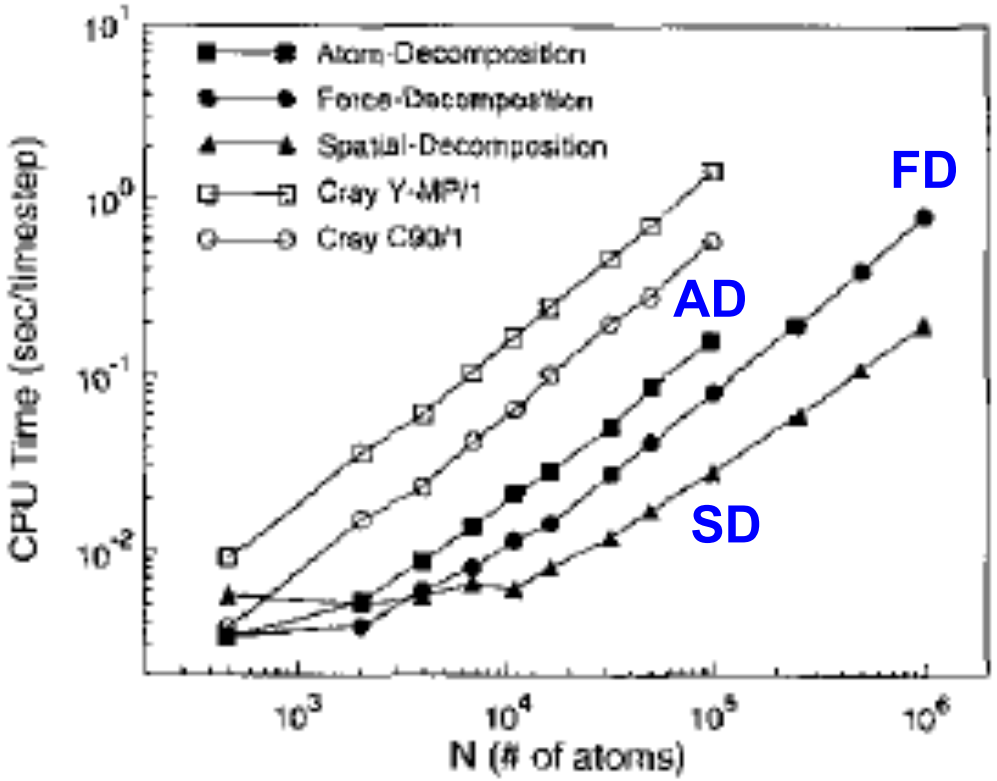
Processors		Time/step		Speedup		GFLOPS	
Total	Per Node	MPI	Elan	MPI	Elan	MPI	Elan
1	1	28.08 s	28.08 s	1	1	0.480	0.480
128	4	248.3 ms	234.6 ms	113	119	54	57
256	4	135.2 ms	121.9 ms	207	230	99	110
512	4	65.8 ms	63.8 ms	426	440	204	211
510	3	65.7 ms	63.0 ms	427	445	205	213
1024	4	41.9 ms	36.1 ms	670	778	322	373
1023	3	35.1 ms	33.9 ms	799	829	383	397
1536	4	35.4 ms	32.9 ms	792	854	380	410
1536	3	26.7 ms	24.7 ms	1050	1137	504	545
2048	4	31.8 ms	25.9 ms	883	1083	423	520
1800	3	25.8 ms	22.3 ms	1087	1261	521	605
2250	3	19.7 ms	18.4 ms	1425	1527	684	733
2400	4	32.4 ms	27.2 ms	866	1032	416	495
2800	4	32.3 ms	32.1 ms	869	873	417	419
3000	4	32.5 ms	28.8 ms	862	973	414	467

Table 1: NAMD performance on 327K atom ATPase benchmark system with and multiple timestepping with PME every four steps for Charm++ based on MPI and Elan.

J.C. Phillips, G. Zheng, S. Kumar, & L.V. Kale, in *Proc. of IEEE/ACM SC2002*

Force Decomposition for Parallel MD





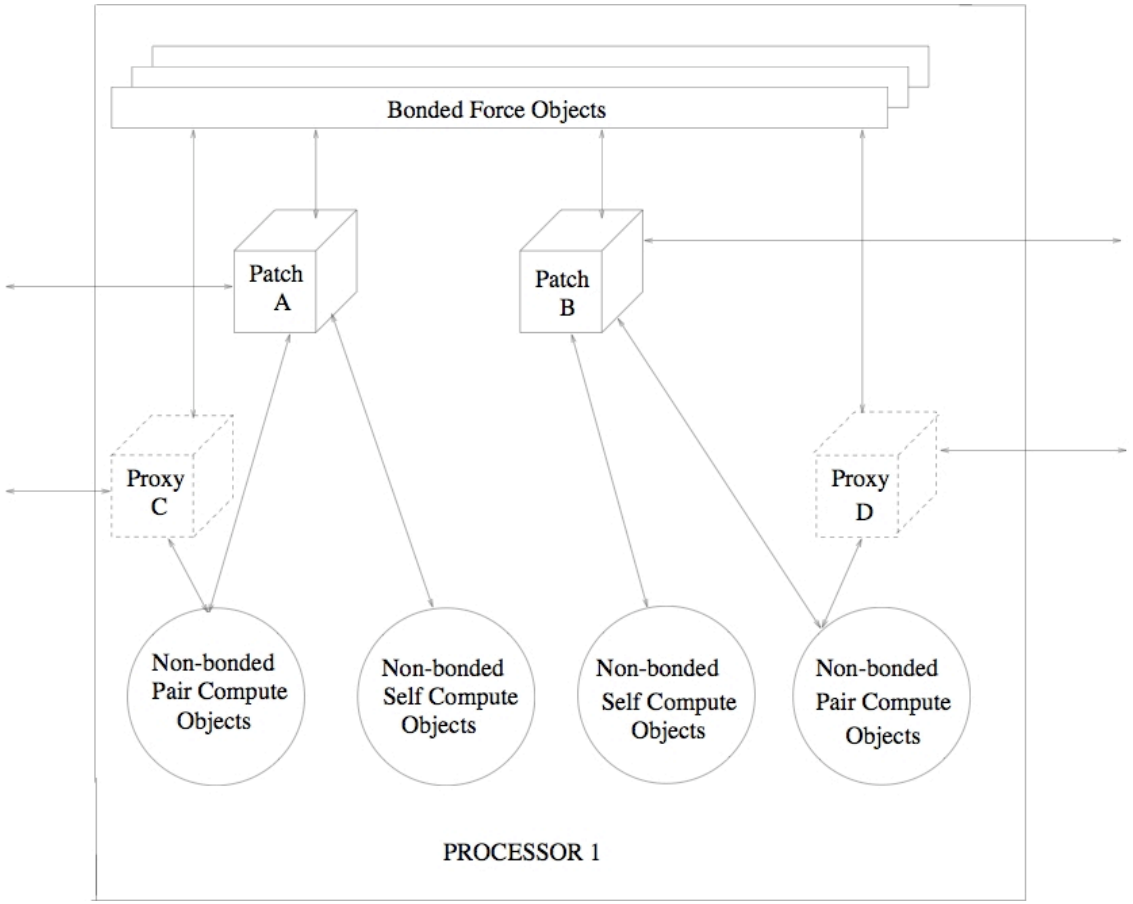
Runtime on 1,024-processor Intel Paragon

FIG. 5. The division of the permuted force matrix F' among 16 processors in the force-decomposition algorithm. Processor P_6 is assigned a sub-block F'_6 of size $N/\sqrt{P}$ by $N/\sqrt{P}$. To compute its matrix elements it must know the corresponding $N/\sqrt{P}$-length pieces x_α and x'_β of the position vector x and permuted position vector x'.

S. Plimpton, *J. Comput. Phys.* **117**, 1 ('95)

Hybrid Spatial+Force Decomposition

- **Spatial decomposition of patches (localized spatial regions & atoms within)**
- **Inter-patch force computation objects assigned to any processor**
- **Message-driven object execution**



L. Kale et al., *J. Comput. Phys.* **151**, 283 ('99); J. C. Phillips *et al.*, *SC2002* (IEEE/ACM)

What We Have Learned Here

- Single program multiple data (SPMD) parallel programming for multicomputers based on message passing interface (MPI), using molecular dynamics (MD) as a prototypical example.
- Parallel computing = decomposition (who does what).
- Data locality-exposing data structure like linked-list cells leads to straightforward parallelization.
- Spatial, particle, force & hybrid decompositions.
- Scalability analysis based on analytical models.