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- Mouthful of a title, so I'll break it up:
 1. Runtime scheduling, to give some grounding in the area of study.
 2. Cooperativity, what it is and motivation to use it.
 3. Message Passing, because, as it turns out, it's a nice abstraction for our purpose of capturing cooperativity.
- The core of the work revolves around the toolkit I built.
 - A language/compiler/runtime/testing-framework
 - But also a *Simulator* which has a plug-and-play scheduler API. It let me test schedulers on a common test bed.
- Next, go over the list of schedulers & feedback mechanisms.
- Results, Conclusions, & Future Work.

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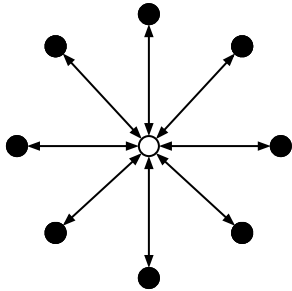
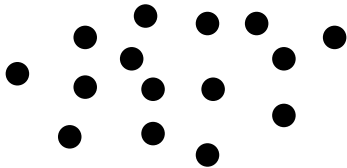
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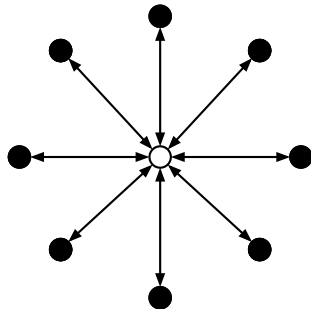
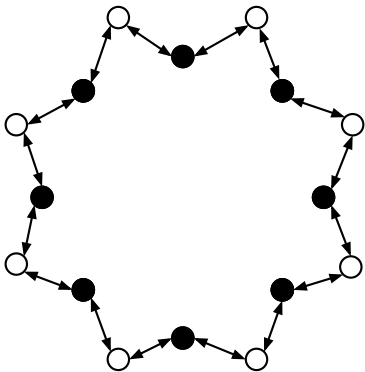
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- White = channel & black = a process.
- Can think of channel a mechanism for passing information between processes.
 - These are nice functional abstractions of things like locks, shared-memory, *etc.*
- Left: Cloud of processes with no interaction.
- Right: We see a definite structure caused by some sharing of information. This is the core of recognizing cooperation, namely, recognizing these structures when they exist.

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What does Cooperativity give us?

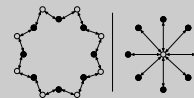


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What does Cooperativity give us? What's the difference in the behaviour of cooperation in the left/right applications?

- Left: A Ring,
 - the level of parallelism is nearly nil.
 - Each process is cooperating yes, but granularity is very fine.
- Right: A Star,
 - the level of parallelism is nearly full.
 - Each process is cooperating, **not reliant on more than one** other process.
- In both, the whole system is communicating, but with cooperation, we can find the level of parallelism possible.

Next: Knowing this, how can we recognize cooperativity? Seems to be all about recording interactions with the channel.

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- Symmetric, Synchronous, Message-Passing primitive.
- Symmetric:
 - Only one message passing primitive: SWAP
- Synchronous:
 - Blocks until it's partner gets there.
- Purely captures cooperation: Simple synchronization representation.
- This is really what I based the language on.
- So, what does the rest of the language look like.

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                | 'spawn' <Expression>
                | 'fun' <Variable> '.' <Expression>
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- Extremely simple on purpose (5 keywords).
- Issue now began to be how to build up primitive test behaviours.
- Made a library which allowed for built ins.

ErLam Toolkit: The Language

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- There's options for built-ins as well as macros.
- Built-ins are raw Erlang, gets wrapped up into AST, and still "reduces" the same (*i.e.* no multi-variable functions).

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Example Application: Simple Swap

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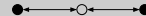
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- Here is a simple application which:
 - Spawns a process to swap the number 42
 - Calls swap to get the value from the other process.
- Build up from here to simulate more complex behaviour.
- We can "do some work" before swapping, *etc.*
- This is how we built up or primitive test behaviours.

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Process Blocking Swap

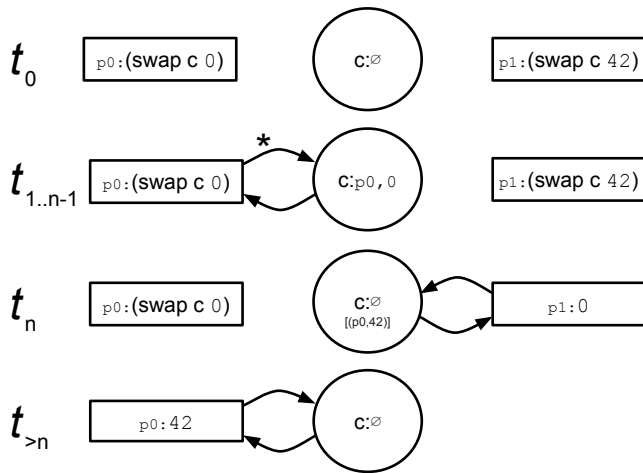
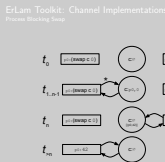
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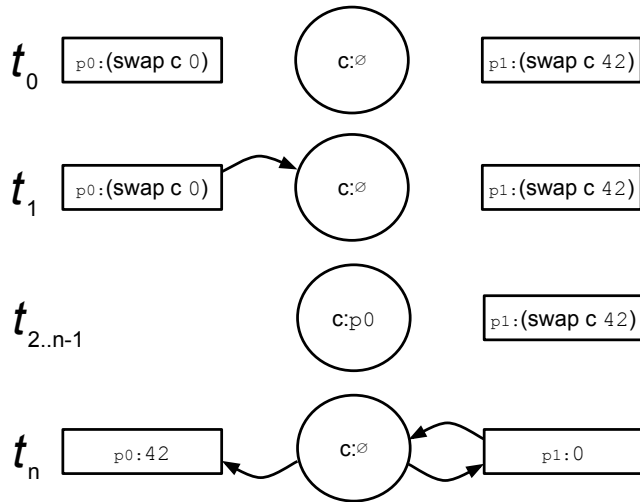
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- Blocking: Maintains state of current and previous swap value until swap is completed.
- Mention expected effects on scheduler.
 - Scheduler will keep hold of the process, needs to recheck if blocked.
 - If all processes are communicating, large process queue of blocked processes.

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Process Absorption Swap



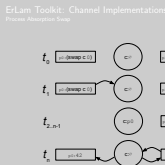
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1. Whole process gets absorbed by channel, away from scheduler.
 2. When the second process completes the swap, the process gets removed from channel.
 - The p_0 process can go back to its original scheduler,
 - OR to scheduler which unblocked it.
- Effects on scheduler:
 - Can loose or gain a extra process during communication.

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- To test cooperativity, we need a set of test behaviours.
- We want to analyze a large number of structure types.
- Two of them that I studied are:
 - Parallelism: Gets back to Ring vs Star, compare the two.
 - Full vs Partial Cooperation: Multiple groups of Stars or Rings.
- Finally, quickly, go over the current report generation that ErLam performs.

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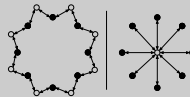


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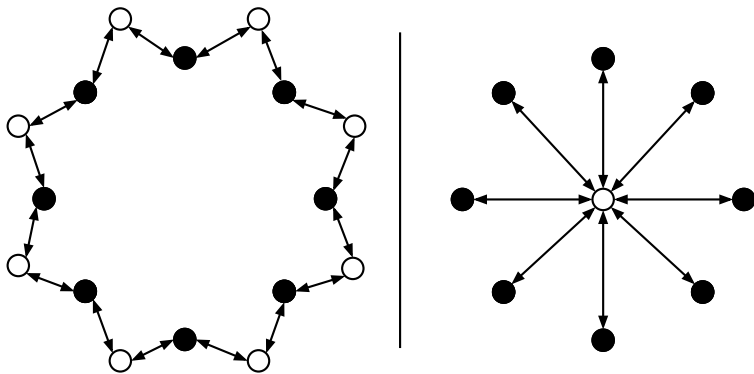


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- Here are our Ring and Star behaviours, we call them by different names.
- We call the left, $PRing$, with the parameter N = number of processes.
- We call the right, $ClusterComm$ with two parameters, N like $PRing$, $M = 1$ in this case.
- Note the generalization of the Star is a set of M channels that are randomly accessed.

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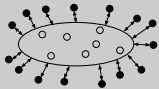


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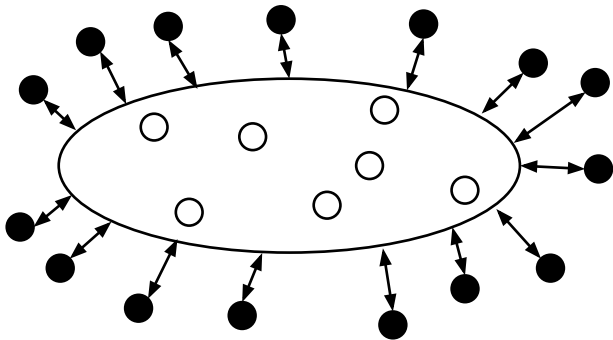


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- Worst case scenario for C-C schedulers.
- However, this is still full system cooperativity. We want some minor work groups.

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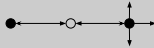


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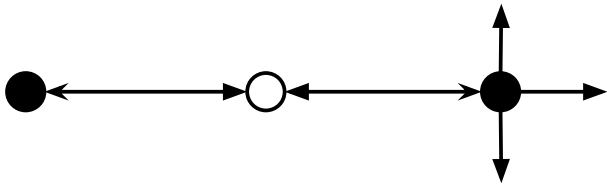


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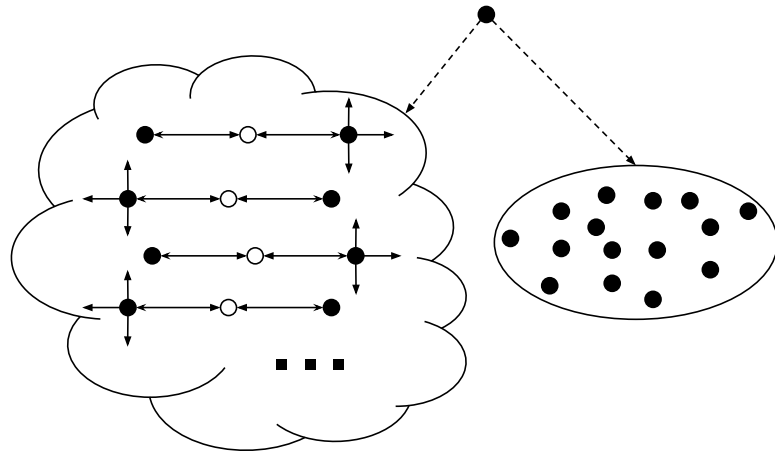


Figure: $Interactivity_{(N,M)}$, composure of $ChugMachine_N$ (Cloud), and M instances of $UserInput_{(5,2)}$.

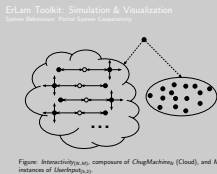
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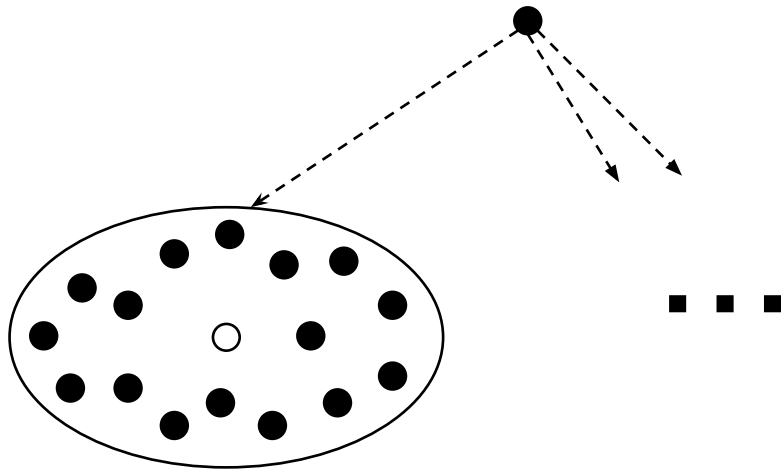


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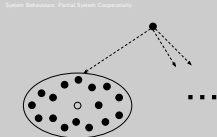


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Logging & Report Generation

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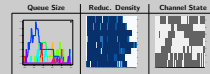
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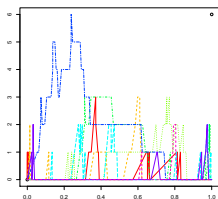
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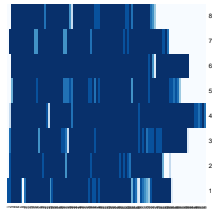
- Queue-Length: work-stealing mechanics and saturation ability.
- Tick-Action: Visualize the density of computation/communication.
- Sched-State: Useful for comparing stealing/process selection mechanics.
- Chan-State: Tracking interactivity, speed of unblock=attentive to cooperation.
- Of course there are more, but we limited ourselves to the above for initial testing purposes.



Queue Size



Reduc. Density



Channel State



- Three types of graphs:
 - Queue Size: X-axis is time, Y-axis is size of queue
 - Density charts: Darkness of the line represents fraction of ticks event happened in.
 - Channel State: dark=blocked, light=unblocked.

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Scheduler Implementations: Example Schedulers

- (MTRRGQ) - Round-Robin with Single Global Queue
 - All LPU's share a Process Queue.
- (MTRRWS-SQ) - Round-Robin with Work-Stealing via Direct Access
 - All LPU's have their own Process Queue.
 - LPU's can steal processes by grabbing them off the end of another LPU's queue.

- Two of the basic schedulers built where:

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- Longevity-Based Batching
- Channel Pinning
- Bipartite-Graph Aided Sorting

Three types of mechanics:

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- Channel Pinning
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- Instead of a single cooperativity-conscious scheduler, we implemented three mechanics which take cooperativity into account on top of the basic schedulers.

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Longevity-Based Batching

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- Work-Steal whole batches
- Spawn to batch unless: $|b_i| \geq B$
 - Make singleton with new process.
 - Push parent and child into new batch.

- Batching processes based on longevity.
 - Based on $\text{occam-}\Pi$.
 - if a process communicates frequently then it will be batched (absorption), singleton if very computation-bound.
- We are normal RR but with one extra layer.
- If batch is too big during spawns we can:
 - Make singleton, best if child is needed to start work right away. Map-Reduce.
 - Make push-back, parent can get another chance to spawn more children sooner.
- GOAL here is to analyze the effects of grouping the frequently communicating.

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- We are normal RR but with one extra layer.
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 - Make push-back, parent can get another chance to spawn more children sooner.
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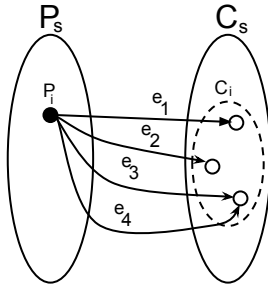
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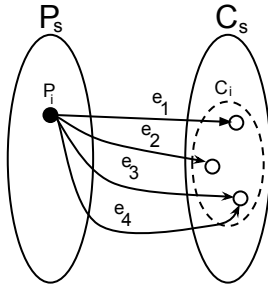


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- Remind about the goals of the talk.
- LBB: Would like to take advantage of the frequency of communication.

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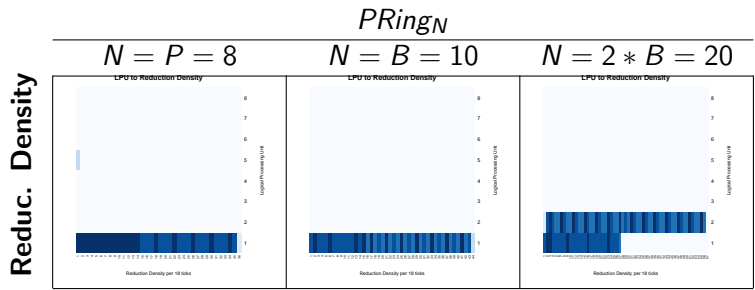
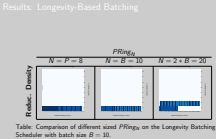


Table: Comparison of different sized $PRing_N$ on the Longevity Batching Scheduler with batch size $B = 10$.

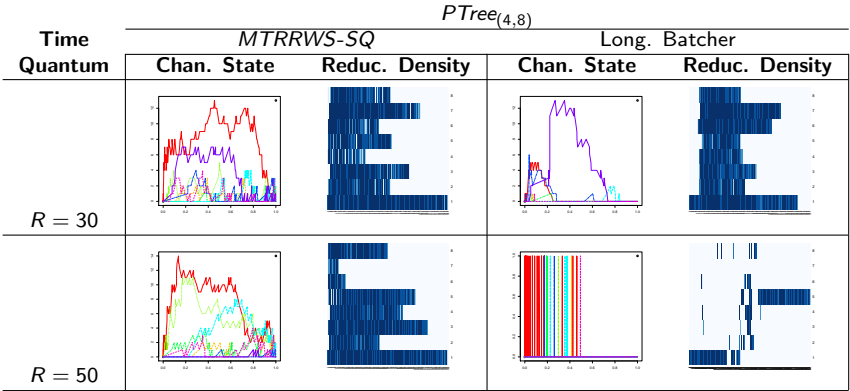
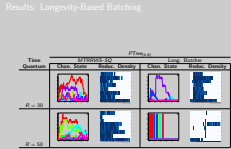
- Early tests gave promising results.
- Here is $PRing_N$ which shows the reabsorption and containment on a single LPU as expected and hoped.
- So does batching based on longevity really recognize fine/coarse parallelism in an application?
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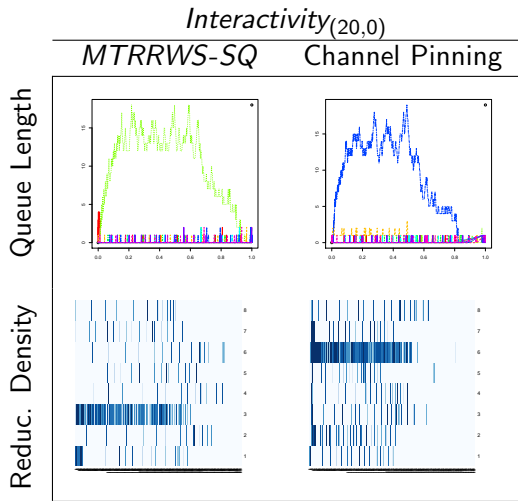
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- Comparison of $PTree_{(4,8)}$ running with the Longevity-Based Batching Scheduler and $MTRRWS-SQ$ at different time-quantums.
- Absorption channels help here to relocate processes.
- At lower time quantum Long. Batcher starts to look like $RRWS-SQ$, however batching and absorption channels tend to lead to consolidation.
- At higher time quantum Long. Batcher results in the originally expected work-groups. But it turns out to be inefficient due to lost chances of parallelism of each "star" of each group.
- Heuristical adjustment of the time-quantum would definitely be possible.
- NOTE: We don't capture overhead of stealing. Batching has obvious gains here.

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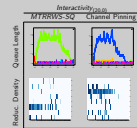
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- Comparison of Uniform synchronization for *MTRRWS-SQ* and the Channel Pinning Scheduler on Absorption Channels.
- This used the *even* spread type.
- Note the speed at which it saturates all cores.
- Despite Naive WS, we still have decent spread.

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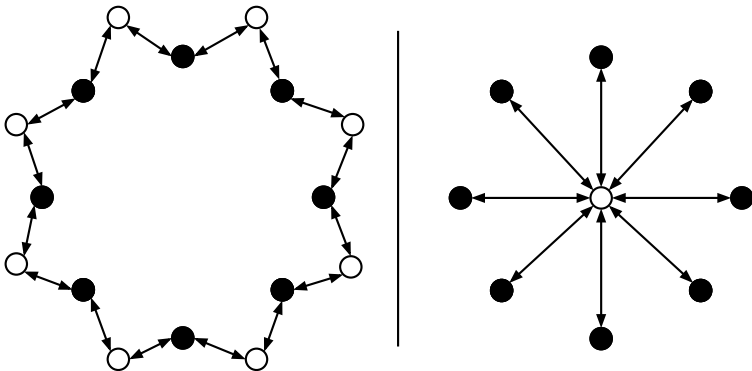
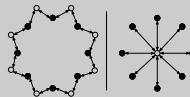
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- There is an issue with our next test.
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- Ring does, but there is nothing parallel about it.

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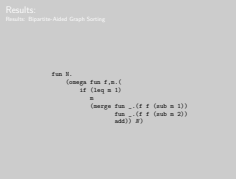
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  (omega fun f,m.(  
    if (leq m 1)  
      m  
      (merge fun _.(f f (sub m 1))  
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               add)) N)
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- We therefore used a parallel Fibonacci program.
- Merge function waits for each sub process to finish before running Add.
- If we sort based on who hasn't had a chance to communicate yet, we can preferentialize these MapReduce style applications, while not decrementing possible execution in parents.

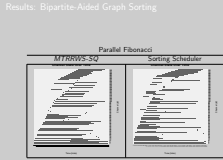
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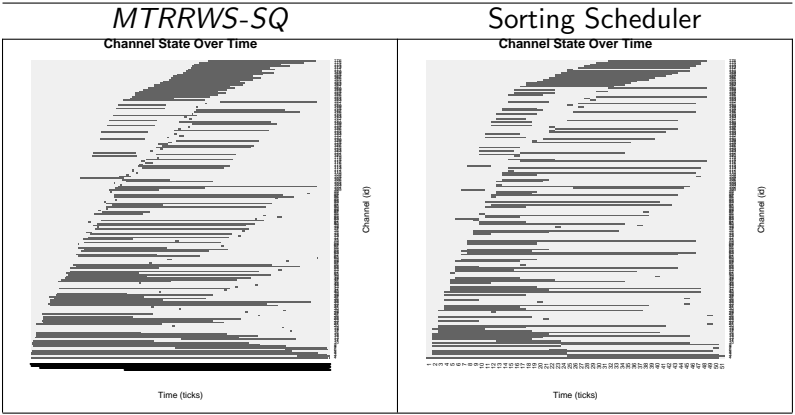
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Parallel Fibonacci



- PFib has a strong reliance on order of execution.
- Channel State comparison of Parallel Fibonacci executed on *MTRRWS-SQ* and the Bipartite-Graph Aided Sorting Scheduler.
- Note the large reduction in number of ticks.

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- Overall pleased with simulator and achieved its goal.
- Future Work:
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 - Clean up log generation (reduce overhead).
 - Process evaluation uses alpha-reduction (can be sped up substantially).
 - Make schedulers more adjustable (different spawn/yields/etc).
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- More to explore:
 - Alternate Message-Passing Types (Asymmetric?)
 - ...

- Promising scheduling mechanics
- More research is necessary in the message-passing implementation for it to be practical in common languages.
- (Asymmetric/Directionality would be first on the list)

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