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- Thank Fluet, Heliotis, and Raj.
- Dedicate to parents, who are unable to be present.

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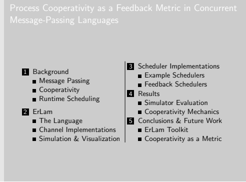
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- Break apart title = Background.
- Then simulator and test primitives (process behaviours).
- Schedulers and how comparisons are made.
- Results, Conclusions (of both simulator and cooperativity).

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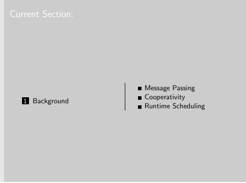
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Background: Message Passing

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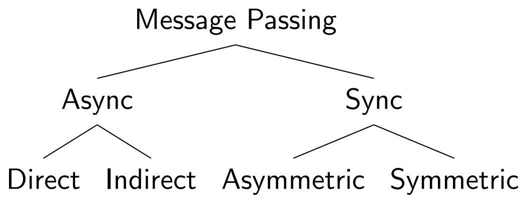

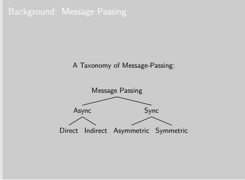
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A Taxonomy of Message-Passing:

- Async: while user code doesn't block, there is blocking in terms of the channel implementation. This is not indicated (in most cases) to the scheduler.
- Direct = Mailboxes
- Indirect = Sockets
- Sync: The issue of process cooperation has been elevated to the process level for the scheduler to directly involve itself.

Background: Message Passing

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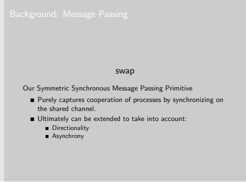
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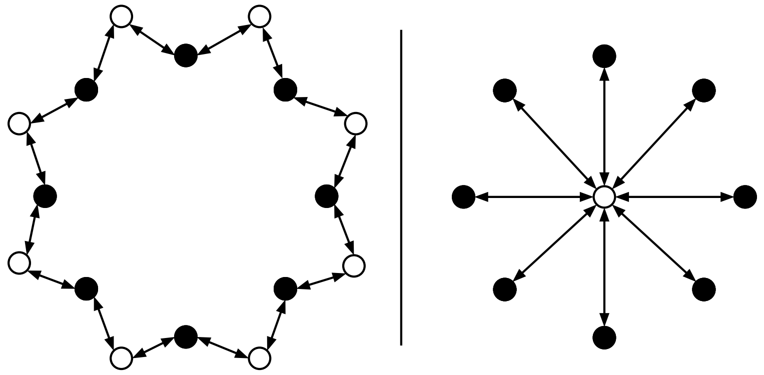
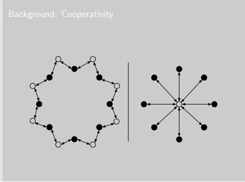
Ultimately there is nothing stopping us from choosing the other types of message passing, but it would conflate the issue of process cooperativity if all we are after is whether two processes are cooperating on some task.

Background: Cooperativity





Whats the difference in cooperativity in the left and right set of processes? Where white represents a channel and black represents a process.

- Left: A Ring, the level of parallelism is nearly nil. Each process is cooperating yes, but the granularity of the application is very fine.
- Right: A Star, the level of parallelism is nearly full. Each process is cooperating, and is not reliant on more than one other.

Overall, what can be gained by looking at cooperativity in terms of understanding the applications behaviour? Knowing the granularity of parallelism.

Background: Runtime Scheduling

- How much of basic runtime scheduling do I need to talk about here? I may want to save it until Schedulers section and just discuss it all there.

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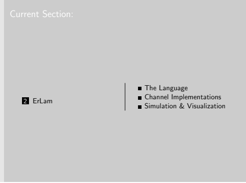

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- Extremely simple on purpose (5 keywords).
- Issue now began to be how to build up test primitives
- Made a library which allowed for built ins.

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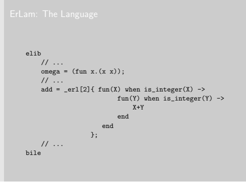
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- Theres options for built-ins as well as macros.

ErLam: The Language
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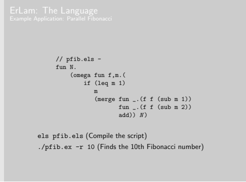
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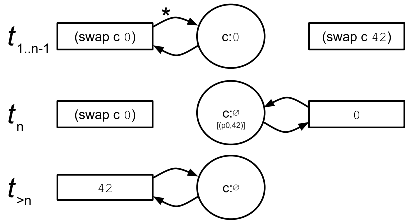
- R option is to run program applied to 10.
- To add more to this presentation than just reading paper I want to also give more detail as to system usage.
- Explain this Common Usage Pattern.

ErLam: Channel Implementations



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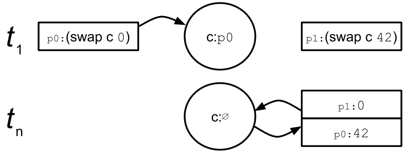
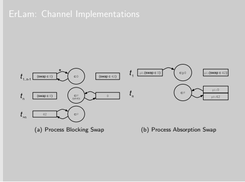


(b) Process Absorption Swap



- Blocking: Maintains state of current and previous swap value until swap is completed.
- Absorption: Stores process which initializes the swap and returns it along with completion.
- Mention expected effects on scheduler.
- Blocking is default, passing '-a' to els

ErLam: Simulation & Visualization

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- Need to talk about Chart types and chart generation.

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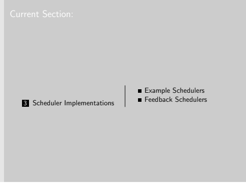

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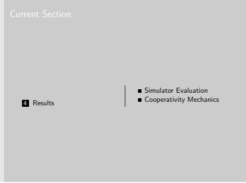

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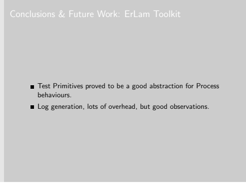
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- Overall pleased with simulator and achieved its goal.
- Future Work:
  - Generate more test primitives.
  - Clean up log generation (reduce overhead).
  - Process evaluation uses alpha-reduction (can be sped up substantially).
  - Make schedulers more adjustable (different spawn/yields/etc).
  - More Channel implementations

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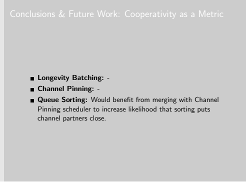
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- Alternate message-passing types (asymmetric).
- Merging Schedulers

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