

# MPI

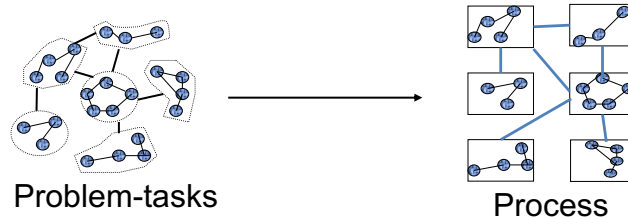
## (Message Passing Interface)

Part I

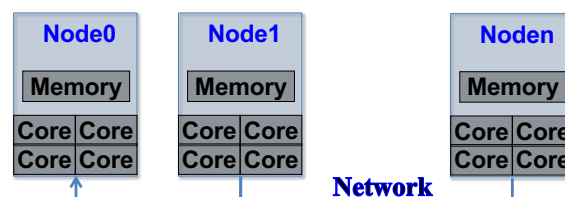
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### MPI Programming Model

- Group(s) of process to solve **together** a problem



- Distributed memory API

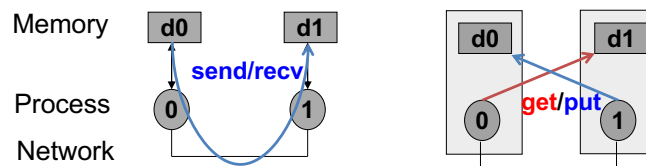


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## MPI Programming Model

### Communication model

- Message passing (two side operation)
- Remote memory access (one side operation, MPI-2)

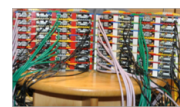


### Suitable architectures

- Distributed memory MIMD
- Cluster
- Network of workstations



IBM BlueGene



Network of Raspberry

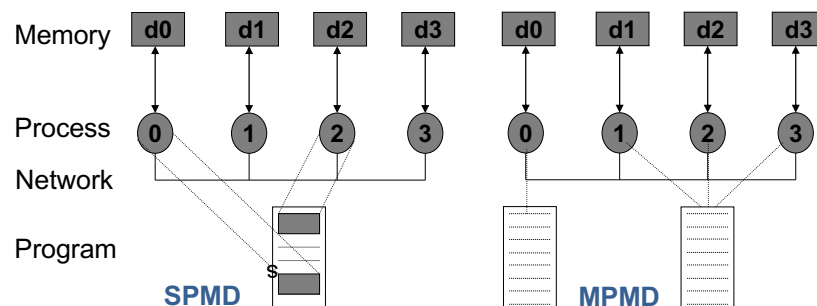


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## MPI Programming Model

### SPMD / MPMD

- Single / Multiple Program Multiple Data
- Data distributed over process
- Communication between process via message passing



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## MPI Characteristics

### ❑ Message passing library, include

- ✧ Environment management routines
- ✧ Point to point communication
- ✧ Datatypes management
- ✧ Collective communications to use with C, C++, Fortran
- ✧ Groups of process and communicators
- ✧ Process topologies
- ✧ Parallel I/O, RMA, dynamic process (MPI-2)
- ✧ Non-blocking collective communication, RMA improvement, parallel programming environment (MPI-3)

### ❑ Participants

- ✧ Vendors: IBM, Intel, Meiko, Cray, ...
- ✧ Libraries: PVM, Zipcode, Express, Linda, ...
- ✧ Universities: San Francisco, Santa Barbara, ...

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## MPI – Free Implementations

### ❑ MPICH

- ✧ Leader: Argonne National Laboratory
- ✧ <http://www.mpich.org>



### ❑ Open MPI

- ✧ ↗ LAM (Ohio Supercomputer Center)
- ✧ <http://www.open-mpi.org>



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## Environment Management Routines

### ❑ hello.c

```
#include "mpi.h" MPI's header file
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int myrank, nbprocs;

    MPI_Init( &argc, &argv ); Execution environment initialization
    MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myrank );
    MPI_Comm_size( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nbprocs);

    printf( " Hello from proc. %d of %d\n ",
            myrank, nbprocs);

    MPI_Finalize(); End of MPI execution
    return 0;
}
```

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## Compiling and Running MPI applications

### □ Application implementation

- ✧ using C, C++ or Fortran and MPI library for process and communication management

### □ Compiling

- ✧ `mpicc hello.c -o hello`

### □ Execution

- ✧ 8 process on local node  
`mpiexec -np 8 ./hello`
- ✧ 16 process on nodes h1-4, 1 mpd run on each node  
`mpiexec -hosts h1,h2,h3,h4 -np 4 ./hello`

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## MPI's world

### □ Group of process and Communicator

- ✧ MPI process are enrolled into groups
- ✧ **Group + context = Communicator**
- ✧ Default communicator: `MPI_COMM_WORLD`
- ✧ Process identification (rank): 0, 1, ..., size-1
- ✧ `MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank );`
- ✧ `MPI_Comm_size( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size );`



`MPI_COMM_WORLD`

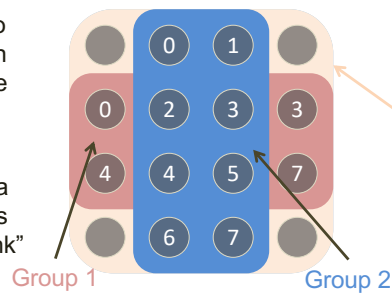
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## Communicators

```
mpiexec -n 16 ./test
```

Communicators do not need to contain all processes in the system

Every process in a communicator has an ID called as "rank"



The same process might have different ranks in different communicators

When you start an MPI program, there is one predefined communicator  
MPI\_COMM\_WORLD

Can make copies of this communicator (same group of processes, but different "aliases")

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## Environment management routines

### ❑ MPI\_Abort

- ✧ `int MPI_Abort(MPI_Comm comm, int errorcode);`
- ✧ terminates all process of communicator if exception: ex. malloc

### ❑ MPI\_Get\_processor\_name

- ✧ `int MPI_Get_processor_name(char *name, int resultlength);`
- ✧ return the processor name and its length
- ✧ name buffer size: `MPI_MAX_PROCESSOR_NAME`

### ❑ MPI\_Wtime / MPI\_Wtick

- ✧ `double MPI_Wtime(void); double MPI_Wtick();`
- ✧ return an elapsed wall clock time in seconds / the number of seconds between successive clock ticks.

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## Point to Point Communication

### □ p2p.c

```
#include "mpi.h "
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int          myrank,nbprocs,src,tag=50,nameLength;
    MPI_Status  status;
    char         message[100],
                procName[MPI_MAX_PROCESSOR_NAME];

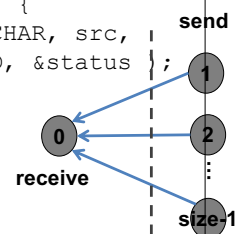
    MPI_Init( &argc, &argv );
    MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myrank );
    MPI_Comm_size( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nbprocs);
    MPI_Get_processor_name(procName, &nameLength);
```

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## Point to Point Communication

### □ p2p.c (continue)

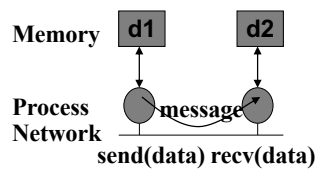
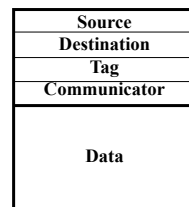
```
    if ( myrank != 0 ) {
        sprintf( message, "Hello from %d on %s!" ,
                myrank, procName );
        MPI_Send( message, strlen(message)+1, MPI_CHAR,
                0, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD ); }
    else
        for ( src=1; src<nbprocs; src++ ) {
            MPI_Recv( message, 100, MPI_CHAR, src,
                    tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status );
            printf( "%s\n", message );
        }
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```



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## Point to Point Communication

- Communication between two process
  - ✧ Source and Destination
- Message = header + data
- Data conversion if necessary
- Transmission mechanism



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## Point to Point Communication

- Blocking communication
  - ✧ Blocking send and receive: `MPI_Send`, `MPI_Recv`
- Parameters of `MPI_Send` and `MPI_Recv`
  - ✧ Data address
  - ✧ Elements number of data
  - ✧ Type of data elements: `MPI_Datatype`
  - ✧ Source or Destination of the message (`MPI_ANY_SOURCE`)
  - ✧ Tag of message (`MPI_ANY_TAG`), may be used to indicate different type of message
  - ✧ Communicator (`MPI_COMM_WORLD`): `MPI_Comm`
  - ✧ Status: `MPI_Status` (`MPI_SOURCE`, `MPI_TAG`, `MPI_ERROR`)



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## MPI Datatypes

### □ Similar to C, examples:

MPI datatype	C datatype
MPI_CHAR	signed char
MPI_INT	signed int
MPI_UNSIGNED	unsigned int
MPI_FLOAT	float
MPI_DOUBLE	double
MPI_BYTE	

### □ Complex datatypes

- ✧ MPI\_PACKED
- ✧ Derived types: structure, colonne of matrix ...

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## Point to Point Communication

### □ Two side operation

- ✧ a *Send* must be matched by a *Recv*

### □ Safe program in blocking communication

```

MPI_Comm_rank (comm, rank);
if (rank == 0) {
    MPI_Send( sendbuf, count, MPI_FLOAT, 1, tag, comm );
    MPI_Recv( recvbuf, count, MPI_FLOAT, 1,
              tag, comm, &status );
}
else if (rank == 1) {
    MPI_Recv( recvbuf, count, MPI_FLOAT, 0,
              tag, comm, &status );
    MPI_Send( sendbuf, count, MPI_FLOAT, 0, tag, comm );
}

```

Dead lock

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## Blocking Communication

### □ Features

- ✧ Completion of `MPI_Send` means send variable can be reused
- ✧ Completion of `MPI_Recv` mean receive variable can be read
- ✧ Cause synchronization -> Increase communication time
- ✧ Affect the performance of parallel program

### □ Solution

- ✧ Non-blocking communication

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## Non-blocking Communication

### □ Operation in 2 steps

- ✧ Request: `MPI_Isend, MPI_Irecv`

```
MPI_Isend(&buf, count, datatype, dest,
          tag, comm, &request);
MPI_Irecv(&buf, count, datatype, src,
          tag, comm, &request);
```
- ✧ Completion: `MPI_WAIT(&request, &status);`
- ✧ Test of completion:
 

```
MPI_TEST(&request, &flag, &status);
```
- ✧ Avoid dead lock (ex. T.16 with non-blocking send/recv)
- ✧ Allow communication / computation overlapping
- ✧ Persistent request can be used if many communication

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## Non-blocking Communication

### □ Example

```

MPI_Comm_rank (comm, rank);
if (rank == 0) {
    MPI_Isend( sendbuf, count, MPI_REAL, 1,
               tag, comm, &request0 );
    MPI_Recv( recvbuf, count, MPI_REAL, 1,
               tag, comm, &status );
    /* or MPI_Irecv + MPI_Wait */
}
else if (rank == 1) {
    MPI_Isend( sendbuf, count, MPI_REAL, 0,
               tag, comm, &request1 );
    MPI_Recv( recvbuf, count, MPI_REAL, 0,
               tag, comm, &status );
    /* or MPI_Irecv + MPI_Wait */
}

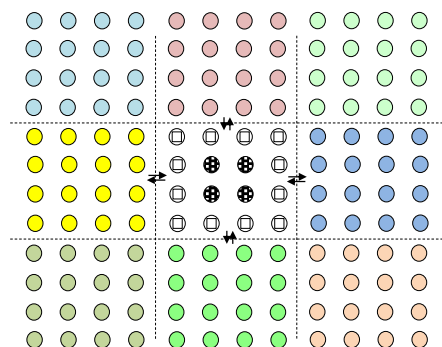
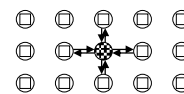
```

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## Overlapping Communication/Computation

### □ 2D Poisson problem: Jacobi's algorithm

$$u_{i,j}^{(t+1)} = \frac{u_{i-1,j}^{(t)} + u_{i+1,j}^{(t)} + u_{i,j-1}^{(t)} + u_{i,j+1}^{(t)} - h^2 f_{i,j}}{4}$$



Overlapping:  
 - Communication of border cells  
 - Computation of central cells

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## Message test routines

### ❑ MPI\_Probe/ MPI\_Iprobe

- ✧ Availability test of message
- ✧ Where is it from ?
- ✧ What is its length ?

```
MPI_Probe( MPI_ANY_SOURCE, MPI_ANY_TAG,
           MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
if ( status.MPI_SOURCE == 0 )
    MPI_Recv( buf, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 0, &status );
else {
    MPI_Get_count(&status, MPI_BYTE, &incoming_msg_size);
    buf2=(float *)malloc(incoming_msg_size*sizeof(float));
    MPI_Recv( buf2, incoming_msg_size, MPI_FLOAT,
              status.MPI_SOURCE, 0, &status );
}
```

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## Design of Parallel Program

### ❑ Those who have to think

- ✧ Launch of program with various number of process
- ✧ Load balancing
- ✧ Change of data over the time
- ✧ Prefer local communication than distant one
- ✧ Performance of parallel program, yet ?

### ❑ Another solutions

- ✧ Collective communication
- ✧ Decrease the communication number
  - Data grouping for communication

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## Collective Communication

### □ What is it?

- ✧ Communication involving all processes of a group

### □ Objective

- ✧ Increase the performance of parallel program

### □ How?

- ✧ By reduce of idle processes  $\implies$  decrease the communication time

### □ Use cases

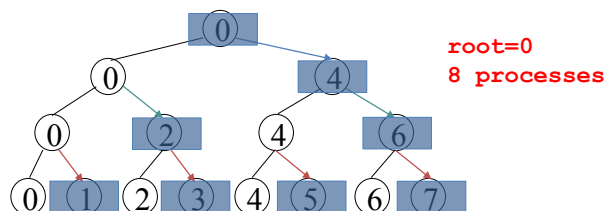
- ✧ When I/O
- ✧ Parallel algorithms need collective communication

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## Collective Communication

### □ Broadcast

- ✧ A process (`root`) has a message to send to others
- ✧ Possible implementation:



### ✧ MPI routine:

```
int MPI_Bcast(void *msg, int count,
              MPI_Datatype datatype, int root, MPI_Comm comm);
```

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## Collective Communication

### □ Example - Broadcast of the dimension of a image

```
int myrank, size, dims[2];
int i, tag=30;

MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myrank );
MPI_Comm_size( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size );

if (myrank == 0){
    /* Fill dims */
    for ( i=1; i<size; i++)
        MPI_Send( dims, 2, MPI_INT, i, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
}
else
    MPI_Recv(dims, 2, MPI_INT, 0, tag, MPI_COMM_WORLD);

MPI_Bcast(dims, 2, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
```

**Point to point communication:**  
Steps -  $O(\text{size})$

**Collective communication:**  
Steps -  $O(\log_2(\text{size}))$  with binary tree

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## Collective Communication

### □ Gather / Reduce

- ✧ The processes of a group have data to merge together
- ✧ MPI routines:

```
int MPI_Gather( void *sendbuf, int sendcnt,
               MPI_Datatype sendtype, void *recvbuf,
               int recvcnt, MPI_Datatype recvtype,
               int root, MPI_Comm comm );
```



- ✧ The length of `recvbuf` must be the one of `sendbuf` \* `number_of_processes`, data in `recvbuf` are stored in the order of processes

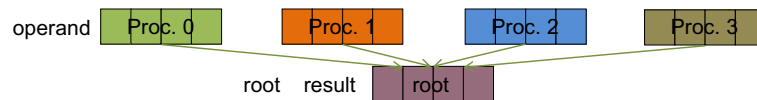
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## Collective Communication

### Reduce

```
int MPI_Reduce( void *operand, void *result,
               int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Op
               op,
               int root, MPI_Comm comm );
```

Operation	Meaning	Operation	Meaning
MPI_MAX	Maximum	MPI_LOR	logical OR
MPI_MIN	Minimum	MPI_BOR	bitwise OR
MPI_SUM	Sum	MPI_LXOR	XOR
MPI_PROD	Product	MPI_BXOR	
MPI_LAND	Logical AND	MPI_MAXLOC	max or min +
MPI_BAND	bitwise AND	MPI_MINLOC	index



♦ operand and result have the same length

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## Collective Communication

### Example

```
int myrank, size;
double myresult, globalresult, *resultvec;

MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myrank );
MPI_Comm_size( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size );

/* computation of myresult */

resultvec = (double *)malloc(size*sizeof(double));
MPI_Gather( &myresult, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, resultvec, 1,
           MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD );

MPI_Reduce( &myresult, &globalresult, 1, MPI_DOUBLE,
           MPI_SUM, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD );
```

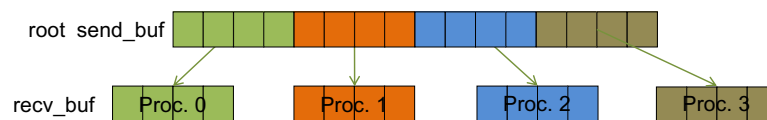
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## Data distribution

### □ MPI\_Scatter

- ✧ The root has data to distribute to the processes of the group

```
int MPI_Scatter( void *sendbuf, int sendcnt,
                MPI_Datatype sendtype, void *recvbuf,
                int recvcnt, MPI_Datatype recvtype,
                int root, MPI_Comm comm );
```



- ✧ The length of `sendbuf` must be the one of `recvbuf * number_of_processes`.

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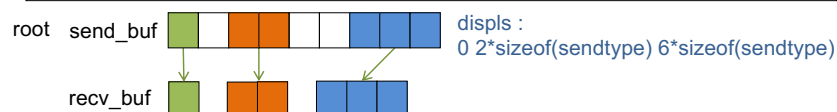
## Data distribution

### □ MPI\_Gatherv / MPI\_Scatterv

- ✧ More flexibility in message length of processes and message position in root memory

```
int MPI_Gatherv( void *sendbuf, int sendcnt,
                 MPI_Datatype sendtype, void *recvbuf,
                 int *recvcnts, int *displs, MPI_Datatype recvtype,
                 int root, MPI_Comm comm );
```

```
int MPI_Scatterv( void *sendbuf, int *sendcnts,
                  MPI_Datatype sendtype, int *displs,
                  void *recvbuf, int recvcnt, MPI_Datatype recvtype,
                  int root, MPI_Comm comm );
```





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## Collective Communication

### □ Barrier synchronization

- ✧ Make a appointment for all processes

```
int MPI_Barrier( MPI_Comm comm );
```

- ✧ Use case: time measurement

- Time measurement for each process

```
double start, proc_exectime;
MPI_Barrier(comm);
start = MPI_Wtime();
.....
proc_exectime= MPI_Wtime()- start;
```

In main function

- Execution time of program: the one of the slowest process

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## Data grouping

### □ Need to send heterogeneous data

#### □ Methods

- ✧ MPI\_Pack / MPI\_Unpack
  - Use of a buffer of bytes to send arbitrary data
- ✧ Derived types
  - Corresponding MPI datatype for structure

#### □ Choice of methods

- ✧ MPI\_Pack / MPI\_Unpack
  - Heterogeneous data to send a few times
  - Communication of data of variable length
- ✧ Derived types
  - Heterogeneous data to send repeatedly
  - Non-contiguous data of the same type ⇒  
MPI\_Type\_vector, MPI\_Type\_indexed

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## Pack / Unpack

### □ Objective

- ✧ Put the heterogeneous non-contiguous data together to be sent at one time

### □ Example

```
int getdata ( int rank, int root, float *a, int *n)
{
    char buffer[100];
    int    position;

    if ( rank == root ) {
        position = 0;
        MPI_Pack( a, 1, MPI_FLOAT, buffer, 100,
                  &position, MPI_COMM_WORLD );
        MPI_Pack( n, 1, MPI_INT, buffer, 100,
                  &position, MPI_COMM_WORLD );
    }
}
```

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## Pack / Unpack

### □ Example (continue)

```
    MPI_Bcast( buffer, 100, MPI_PACKED,
               root, MPI_COMM_WORLD );

    if (rank != root) {
        position = 0;
        MPI_Unpack( a, 1, MPI_FLOAT, buffer, 100,
                    &position, MPI_COMM_WORLD );
        MPI_Unpack( n, 1, MPI_INT, buffer, 100,
                    &position, MPI_COMM_WORLD );
    }
}
```

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## Derived type

### □ Objective

- ✧ Define heterogeneous data access

### □ General method

- ✧ Build
- ✧ Validate
- ✧ Destroy

```
typedef struct {
    float a, b;
    int n;
} indata_type;

void Build_derived_type(indata_type *indata,
    MPI_Datatype *msg_type_ptr)
{
    int          blok_lengths[3];
    MPI_Aint     displacements[3], addresses[4];
    MPI_Datatype typelist[3];
```

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## Derived type

### □ General method (continue)

```
typelist[0] = typelist[1] = MPI_FLOAT; typelist[2] = MPI_INT;
block_lengths[0] = block_lengths[1] = block_lengths[2] = 1;
MPI_Address(indata, &addresses[0]);
MPI_Address(&(indata->a), &addresses[1]);
MPI_Address(&(indata->b), &addresses[2]);
MPI_Address(&(indata->n), &addresses[3]);
displacements[0] = addresses[1] - addresses[0];
displacements[1] = addresses[2] - addresses[0];
displacements[2] = addresses[3] - addresses[0];

MPI_Type_struct( 3, block_lengths, displacements,
    typelist, msg_type_ptr );
MPI_Type_commit( msg_type_ptr );
}
MPI_Type_free( msg_type_ptr );
```

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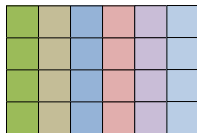
## Derived types of matrix

- Column of a matrix (in C): a derived type for data of a same type, evenly spaced

```
MPI_Type_vector( int blocnumber, int bloclength, int stride,
                 MPI_Datatype oldtype, MPI_Datatype *newtype );
```

- Example Number of lines Number of columns

```
MPI_Type_vector( 4, 1, 6, MPI_DOUBLE, &type_column );
MPI_Type_commit( &type_column );
```



```
MPI_Type_free( &type_column );
```

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## Distribution of square matrix

- MPI\_Scatter – 1 column per process

✧ Condition: processes number = order of matrix

```
/* Definition du type colonne */
MPI_Type_vector(order_mat, 1, order_mat, MPI_DOUBLE, &col);
MPI_Type_commit(&col);
MPI_Type_create_resized(col, (MPI_Aint)0,
                        (MPI_Aint)(1*sizeof(double)), &type_col);
MPI_Type_commit(&type_col);

1A = (double *) malloc( 1 * order_mat * sizeof(double) );
if ( 1A==NULL ) MPI_Abort(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 1);

/* Distribution de colonnes */
MPI_Scatter( A, 1, type_col,
            1A, order_mat, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD );
```



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## Distribution of square matrix

### ❑ MPI\_Scatterv – 1 column per process

Fait pas !

```

/* Definition du type colonne */
MPI_Type_vector(order_mat, 1, order_mat, MPI_DOUBLE, &col);
MPI_Type_commit(&col);
MPI_Type_create_resized(col, (MPI_Aint)0,
    (MPI_Aint)(1*sizeof(double)), &type_col);
MPI_Type_commit(&type_col);

displ = (int *)malloc( order_mat * sizeof(int) );
sendcnts = (int *)malloc( order_mat * sizeof(int) );
for (i=0; i<order_mat; i++) {
    sendcnts[i] = 1; // nb. d'elts pour chaque processus
    displ[i] = i; // valeur liee au 3eme arg. de *_resized
}

lA = (double *) malloc( 1 * order_mat * sizeof(double) );
MPI_Scatterv( A, sendcnts, displ, type_col,
    lA, order_mat, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD );

```

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## Distribution of square matrix

### ❑ MPI\_Scatter – 1 bloc of columns of matrix

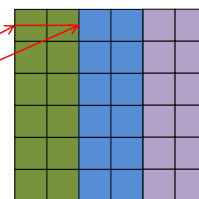
✧ Example: 2 columns per process

```

/* Definition du type bloc de colonnes */
nb_cols = order_mat / size;
MPI_Type_vector(order_mat, nb_cols, order_mat,
    MPI_DOUBLE, &cols);
MPI_Type_commit(&cols);
MPI_Type_create_resized(cols, (MPI_Aint)0,
    (MPI_Aint)(nb_cols*sizeof(double)),
    &type_cols);
MPI_Type_commit(&type_cols);

/* Distribution d'1 bloc de colonnes par processus */
lA = (double *) malloc( nb_cols * order_mat * sizeof(double) );
MPI_Scatter( A, 1, type_cols, lA, nb_cols * order_mat,
    MPI_DOUBLE, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD );

```



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## Distribution of square matrix

### □ MPI\_Scatter – several columns per process

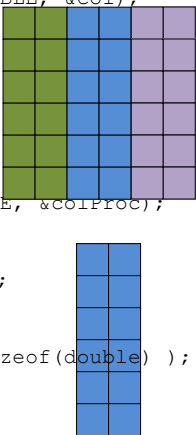
```

/* Definition du type colonne (matrice globale)*/
MPI_Type_vector(order_mat, 1, order_mat, MPI_DOUBLE, &col);
MPI_Type_commit(&col);
MPI_Type_create_resized(col, (MPI_Aint)0,
    (MPI_Aint)(1*sizeof(double)), &type_col);
MPI_Type_commit(&type_col);

/* Definition du type colonnes des processus */
nb_cols = order_mat / size;
MPI_Type_vector(order_mat, 1, nb_cols, MPI_DOUBLE, &colProc);
MPI_Type_commit(&colProc);
MPI_Type_create_resized(colProc, (MPI_Aint)0,
    (MPI_Aint)(1*sizeof(double)), &type_colProc);
MPI_Type_commit(&type_colProc);

lA = (double *) malloc( nb_cols * order_mat * sizeof(double) );
MPI_Scatter( A, nb_cols, type_col, lA, nb_cols,
    type_colProc, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD );

```



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## Derived types of matrix

### □ Line of a matrix (in C): a derived type for contiguous data of a same type

```

MPI_Type_contiguous( int bloclength, MPI_Datatype oldtype,
    MPI_Datatype *newtype );

```

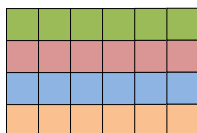
### □ Example

Number of columns

```

MPI_Type_contiguous( 6, MPI_DOUBLE, &type_line );
MPI_Type_Commit( &type_line ) ;

```



```

MPI_Type_free( &type_line );

```

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## MPI\_Type\_indexed

Fait pas !


- Derived type for data of a same type, not evenly spaced

```
MPI_Type_indexed( int blocnumber, int *bloclengths,
                 int *displacements,
                 MPI_Datatype oldtype, MPI_Datatype *newtype);
```

- Example

```
int bloclengths[]={1,2,3};
int displ[]={0,3,9}; /* relative to the beginning */

MPI_Type_indexed( 3, bloclengths, displ,
                 MPI_DOUBLE, &type0_3_9 );
MPI_Type_Commit( &type0_3_9 ) ;
```



```
MPI_Type_free( &type0_3_9 );
```

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## MPI Communicators

- What is it?

- ✧ Provide a separate communication space to subset of processes
- ✧ System-defined object
- ✧ Provide safe communications
- ✧ Examples: MPI\_COMM\_WORLD, MPI\_COMM\_SELF

- Types of communicators

- ✧ Intra-communicators
  - A group of processes, each can send message to all other
  - Ease organization of task groups
  - Allow collective communication in a subset of processes
- ✧ Inter-communicator
  - For sending message between processes belong to disjoint intra-communicators

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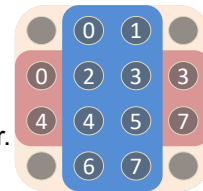
## Intra-Communicators

### □ A intra-communicator is composed of

- ✧ A group of  $p$  processes: identified by a unique rank  $(0, \dots, p-1)$
- ✧ Predefined groups: `MPI_GROUP_EMPTY`
- ✧ A context: a system-defined object, each context is exclusive
- ✧ Attributes: topology
- ✧ A minimal intra-communicator = a group + a context

### □ Group / Communicator

- ✧ Groups and communicators are associated.
- ✧ Groups/Communicators are dynamics.
- ✧ A process may be in several groups/communicators.  
It has a unique rank within each group/communicator.
- ✧ Creation from existing groups/ communicators



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## Intra-Communicators

### □ Some defined functions

- ✧ `MPI_Comm_group` : get the processes group of a given communicator

```
int MPI_Comm_group( MPI_Comm comm, MPI_Group *group);
```

- ✧ `MPI_Group_incl` : create un new group from a subset processes of a existing group, processes are reordered

```
int MPI_Group_incl( MPI_Group old_grp, int n,
                  const int ranks[], MPI_Group *new_grp );
```

- ✧ `MPI_Comm_create` : create un new comm. from a group of processes, collective operation

```
int MPI_Comm_create( MPI_Comm old_comm,
                   MPI_Group group, MPI_Comm *newcomm );
```

- ✧ `MPI_Comm_free(&comm); MPI_Group_free(&group);`



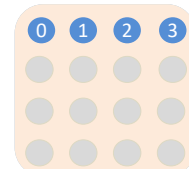
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## Group / Intra-Communicator - Example

/\* Building of a communicator with  $row\_size = \sqrt{size}$  processes \*/

```
MPI_Group MPI_GROUP_WORLD, rowl_grp;
MPI_Comm rowl_comm;
int      row_size, p, *proc_ranks;

proc_ranks =(int *)malloc( row_size*sizeof(int) );
for ( p=0; p<row_size; p++ ) proc_ranks[p]=p;
MPI_Comm_group( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &MPI_GROUP_WORLD );
MPI_Group_incl( MPI_GROUP_WORLD, row_size,
                proc_ranks, &rowl_grp );
MPI_Comm_create(MPI_COMM_WORLD, rowl_grp, &rowl_comm);
.....
MPI_Group_free(&rowl_group);
MPI_Comm_free(&rowl_comm);
```



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## Intra-Communicators

### □ Other constructors

- ✧ MPI\_Comm\_dup : create un new group from a subset processes of a existing group
- ✧ MPI\_Comm\_split : partition of a given communicator into disjoint sub-communicators. A sub-communicator is composed by processes with the same color.

```
int MPI_Comm_split( MPI_Comm old_comm,
                   int color, MPI_Comm *new_comm);
```

```
MPI_Comm my_row_comm;
int      my_row, row_size; // row_size =  $\sqrt{size}$ 
my_row=my_rank/row_size;
MPI_Comm_split(MPI_COMM_WORLD, my_row,
               my_rank, &my_row_comm);
```



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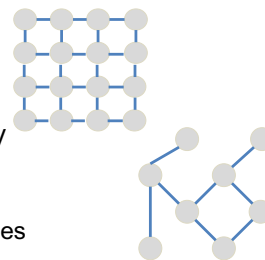
## MPI Topologies

### □ Characteristics

- ✧ Topologies define different addressing scheme of processes
- ✧ Fit the communication pattern of parallel application to processes connection
- ✧ Topology is virtual in MPI (machine independent)
- ✧ Can match the network for performance (in theory)

### □ Types of MPI topologies

- ✧ Cartesian topology (grid/torus)
  - For Cartesian communication pattern
- ✧ Graph: general purpose case defined by
  - List of nodes-processes
  - Neighbours number
  - List of edges-connection between processes



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## MPI Topologies

### □ Information for grid/torus creation

- ✧ Number of dimensions
- ✧ Order of dimensions
- ✧ Wrap on (*torus*) or no (*grid*)

### □ Predefined functions

- ✧ Grid constructor

```
int MPI_Cart_create( MPI_Comm old_com, int ndims,
                    int *dims_size, int *periods,
                    int reorder, MPI_Comm *cart_comm );
```

- ✧ Transformation rank <-> coordinates

```
int MPI_Cartdim_get( MPI_Comm comm, int *ndims );
int MPI_Cart_coords( MPI_Comm comm, int rank,
                    int maxdims, int *coords );
int MPI_Cart_rank( MPI_Comm, int *coords, int *rank );
```

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## Topology and intra-communicator

### □ Torus creation

#### ✧ Data structure

```
typedef struct {
    MPI_Comm grid_comm; /* communicator of grid */
    int      nb_procs; /* processes number of gcomm */
    int      my_rank; /* rank of process in gcomm */

    MPI_Comm row_comm; /* communicator of row */
    MPI_Comm col_comm; /* communicator of column */
    int      order; /* order of grid */
    int      coords[2]; /* coordinates of process */
} grid2d_info_type;
```

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## Topology and intra-communicator

### □ Torus creation

```
void Setup_grid( grid2d_info_type *grid )
{
    int dims[2], periods[2];
    int coordinates[2], varying_coords[2];

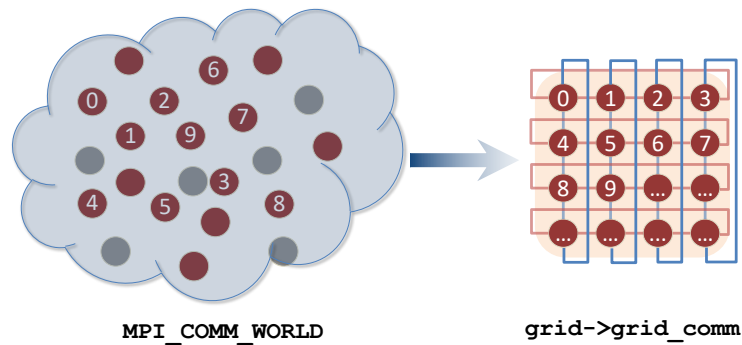
    /* Informations of default communicator */
    MPI_Comm_size( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &(grid->nb_procs) );

    /* Creation of torus communicator */
    grid->order = (int) sqrt( (double)grid->nb_procs );
    dims[0] = dims[1] = grid->order ;
    periods[0] = periods[1] = 1;
    MPI_Cart_create( MPI_COMM_WORLD, 2, dims,
                    periods, 1, &(grid->grid_comm) );
}
```

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## Topology and intra-communicator

### □ Torus creation – torus 2D communicator



P.S.: `grid->grid_comm = MPI_COMM_NULL` for process not in torus

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## Topology and intra-communicator

### □ Torus creation

```

if (grid->grid_comm != MPI_COMM_NULL) {
    /* Informations in new communicator */
    MPI_Comm_rank( grid->grid_comm, &(grid->my_rank) );
    MPI_Cart_coords( grid->grid_comm, grid->my_rank, 2,
                    grid->coords );

    /* row communicators creation */
    varying_coords[0] = 0; varying_coords[1] = 1;
    MPI_Cart_sub( grid->grid_comm, varying_coords,
                &(grid->row_comm) );

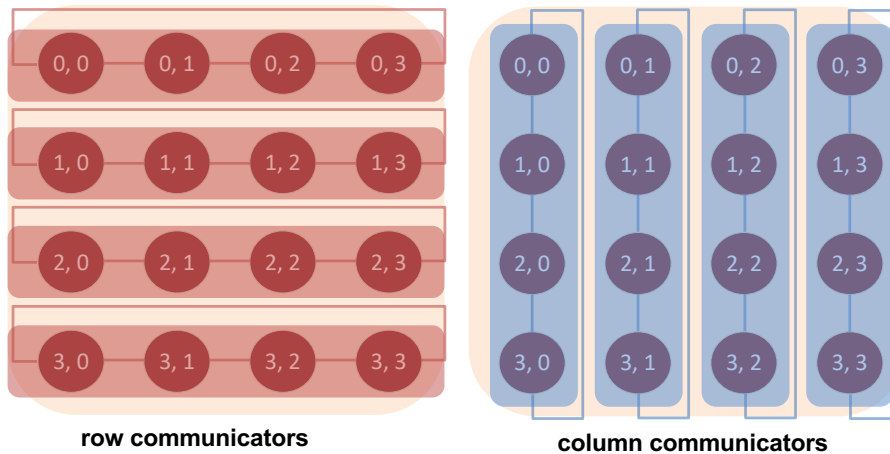
    /* column communicators creation */
    varying_coords[0] = 1; varying_coords[1] = 0;
    MPI_Cart_sub( grid->grid_comm, varying_coords,
                &(grid->col_comm) );
}

```

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## Topology and intra-communicator

### □ Torus creation – row/column communicators



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## MxM – Algorithm of Fox

### □ Assumptions

- ✧ A, B: n-by-n matrices
- ✧ N: the number of processes and  $N=q^2$ ,  $n'=n/q$
- ✧ Input data of Process (i, j):

$$A_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{i*n', j*n'} & \dots & a_{i*n', (j+1)*n'-1} \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{(i+1)*n'-1, j*n'} & \dots & a_{(i+1)*n'-1, (j+1)*n'-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} b_{i*n', j*n'} & \dots & b_{i*n', (j+1)*n'-1} \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ b_{(i+1)*n'-1, j*n'} & \dots & b_{(i+1)*n'-1, (j+1)*n'-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$A_{00}$	$A_{01}$	$A_{02}$	$A_{03}$
$A_{10}$	$A_{11}$	$A_{12}$	$A_{13}$
$A_{20}$	$A_{21}$	$A_{22}$	$A_{23}$
$A_{30}$	$A_{31}$	$A_{32}$	$A_{33}$

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**Principle:**  $A_{ij}$  remain in each  $P(i, j)$ ,  $B_{ij}$  move

Data distribution with  $q=4$

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## MxM – Algorithm of Fox

### □ Parallel algorithm

```

/* Process (i, j) computes  $C_{ij} = \sum_{k=0}^{q-1} A_{ik}B_{kj}$  */
for ( k=0; k<q; k++) {
  1. Select a block of A for each row of the grid
  2. Broadcast of the chosen block in each line
  for each process
    3. Multiply the block of A with the block of B
    in each process
    4. Send the block of B to his upper row neighbour
} /* block of A to broadcast at each step:
    $A_{i,u}$  avec  $u = (i+k) \bmod q$  for the row  $i$  */
/* example: bleu, rouge, vert, orange if  $q=4$  */

```

$A_{00}$	$A_{01}$	$A_{02}$	$A_{03}$
$A_{10}$	$A_{11}$	$A_{12}$	$A_{13}$
$A_{20}$	$A_{21}$	$A_{22}$	$A_{23}$
$A_{30}$	$A_{31}$	$A_{32}$	$A_{33}$

$B_{00}$	$B_{01}$	$B_{02}$	$B_{03}$
$B_{10}$	$B_{11}$	$B_{12}$	$B_{13}$
$B_{20}$	$B_{21}$	$B_{22}$	$B_{23}$
$B_{30}$	$B_{31}$	$B_{32}$	$B_{33}$

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## MxM – Algorithm of Fox

```

void Fox( grid2d_info_t *grid,
          LOCAL_MATRIX_TYPE *lA,
          LOCAL_MATRIX_TYPE *lB,
          LOCAL_MATRIX_TYPE *lC, int ln )
{
  LOCAL_MATRIX_TYPE *temp_A;
  int step, bcast_root;
  int source, dest, tag = 43;
  MPI_Status status;

  Set_to_zero( lC, ln );

  source = (grid->my_row+1)%grid->order;
  dest = (grid->my_row-1+grid->order)%grid->order;
  temp_A = Local_matrix_allocate(ln);

```

local matrices

order of local matrices

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## MxM – Algorithm of Fox

```

for ( step=0; step<grid->order; step++ ) {
    bcast_root = (grid->my_row+step)%grid->order;
    if ( bcast_root == grid->my_col ) {
        MPI_Bcast(lA, 1, DERIVED_LOCAL_MATRIX,
                  bcast_root, grid->row_comm );
        Local_matrix_multiply( lA, lB, lC, ln );
    }
    else {
        MPI_Bcast(temp_A, 1, DERIVED_LOCAL_MATRIX,
                  bcast_root, grid->row_comm );
        Local_matrix_multiply( temp_A, lB, lC, ln );
    }
    MPI_Send( lB, 1, DERIVED_LOCAL_MATRIX,
              dest, tag, grid->col_comm );
    MPI_Recv( lB, 1, DERIVED_LOCAL_MATRIX,
              source, tag, grid->col_comm, &status );
}

```

Safe program?

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## Summary

- ❑ Processes group and communicator
  - ✧ A process is identified by a rank in a group
  - ✧ A communicator is composed by a group of processes and a context. It may have some attributes (ex. topology).
- ❑ Communication types
  - ✧ One-to-one
  - ✧ Collective communication
  - ✧ Blocking / non-blocking communication
- ❑ Advanced data types
  - ✧ Pack/Unpack
  - ✧ Derived data type
- ❑ Performance of parallel program
  - ✧ Collective communication
  - ✧ Non-blocking communication -> Overlapping communication-computation

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## Distribution of blocks of matrix

```

void DataDistRij(grid2d_info_t *grid, int ri, int rj,
double *A, int n, double *lA, int ln )
{
    double *tmpA = NULL; square matrix
                        square 2d torus topology
                        order of matrix divisible by torus dimension
    /* Distribution in line comm. of root (ri, rj) */
    if ( grid->my_row == ri ) {
        tmpA = (double *) malloc( ln*n*sizeof(double) );
        MPI_Scatter( A, ln, type_col, tmpA, ln,
                    type_colProc, rj, grid->row_comm );
    }
    /* Distribution in column communicators */
    MPI_Scatter( tmpA, ln*ln, MPI_DOUBLE, lA,
                ln*ln, MPI_DOUBLE, ri, grid->col_comm );

    if ( grid->my_row == ri )
        if ( tmpA ) free( tmpA );
}

```

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## Gathering of blocks of matrix

```

void DataFusionRij( grid2d_info_t *grid, int ri, int rj,
double *lA, int ln, double *A, int n )
{
    double *tmpA = NULL;

    if ( grid->my_row == ri )
        tmpA = (double *) malloc( ln*n*sizeof(double) );

    /* Gather in column communicators */
    MPI_Gather( lA, ln*ln, MPI_DOUBLE,
                tmpA, ln*ln, MPI_DOUBLE, ri, grid->col_comm );

    /* Gather in row communicator of root */
    if ( grid->my_row == ri ) {
        MPI_Gather( tmpA, ln, type_colProc,
                    A, ln, type_col, rj, grid->row_comm );
        if ( tmpA ) free( tmpA );
    }
}

```