COMMUNICATION MODELS

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Communication Models

- Message-Passing
 - Send, receive, perhaps separate reply
 - We will assume message-passing
- Shared Memory
 - Reading/writing shared global variables
 - Distributed shared memory
 - Barrier synchronization

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Blocking vs Non-blocking Message-Passing

- Synchronous/Blocking
 - Ex: RPC
 - Sender waits for ack
 - Pro: confirmation of receipt, flow control
 - Con: latency (especially over WAN)
- · Asychronous/Nonblocking
 - Ex: UDP sockets
 - Sender does not wait for ack
 - Don't care if message received
 - Synchronize later with promise/future
 - · More complicated programming

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