

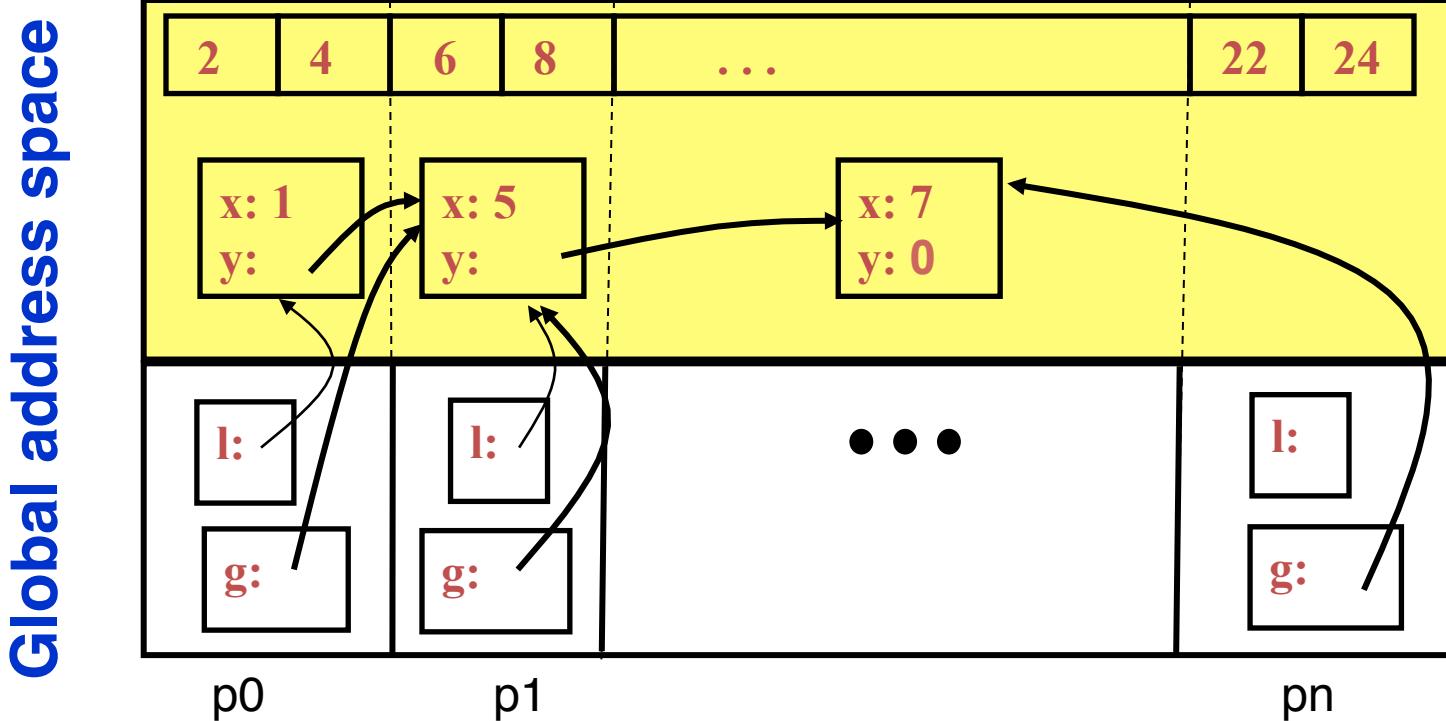
PGAS Applications

What, Where and Why?

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What is PGAS? Partitioned Global Address Space



- **Global Address Space:** Directly access remote memory
- **Partitioned:** Programmer controls data layout for scalability

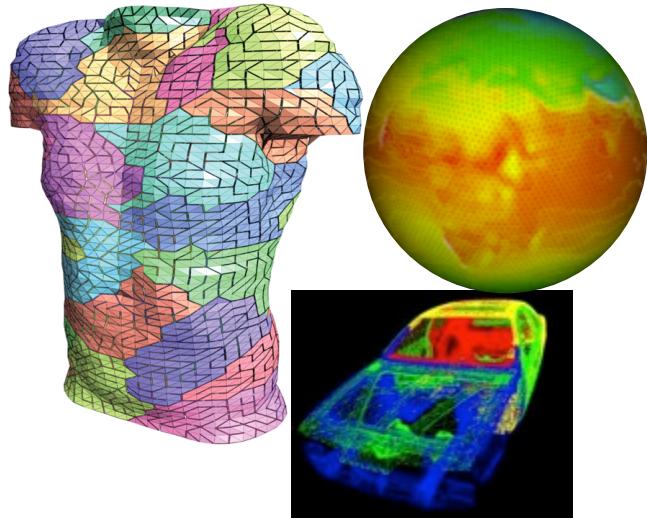
PGAS Languages and Libraries

- **Language mechanisms for distributed arrays**
 - (CoArray) Fortran `REAL:: X(2,3)[*]`
`X(1,2) X(1,3)[5]`
 - UPC `shared double X [100]; or double X[THREADS*6];`
`X[] X[MYTHREAD]`
 - Chapel `const ProblemSpace= {1..m}`
`dmapped Block(boundingBox={1..m});`
`var X: [ProblemSpace] real;`
 - UPC++ `upcxx::shared_array<Type> X;`
`X.init(128); or X.init(128,4)`
`X [upcxx:ranks()] ... X[6]`

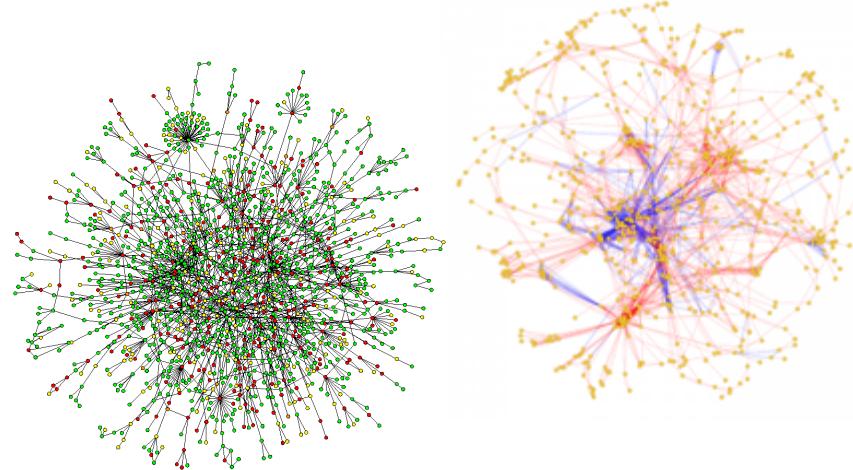
Many others...

Programming Data Analytics vs Simulation

Simulation: More Regular



Analytics: More Irregular



Message Passing Programming

Divide up domain in pieces
Compute one piece
Send/Receive data from others

MPI, and many libraries

Global Address Space Programming

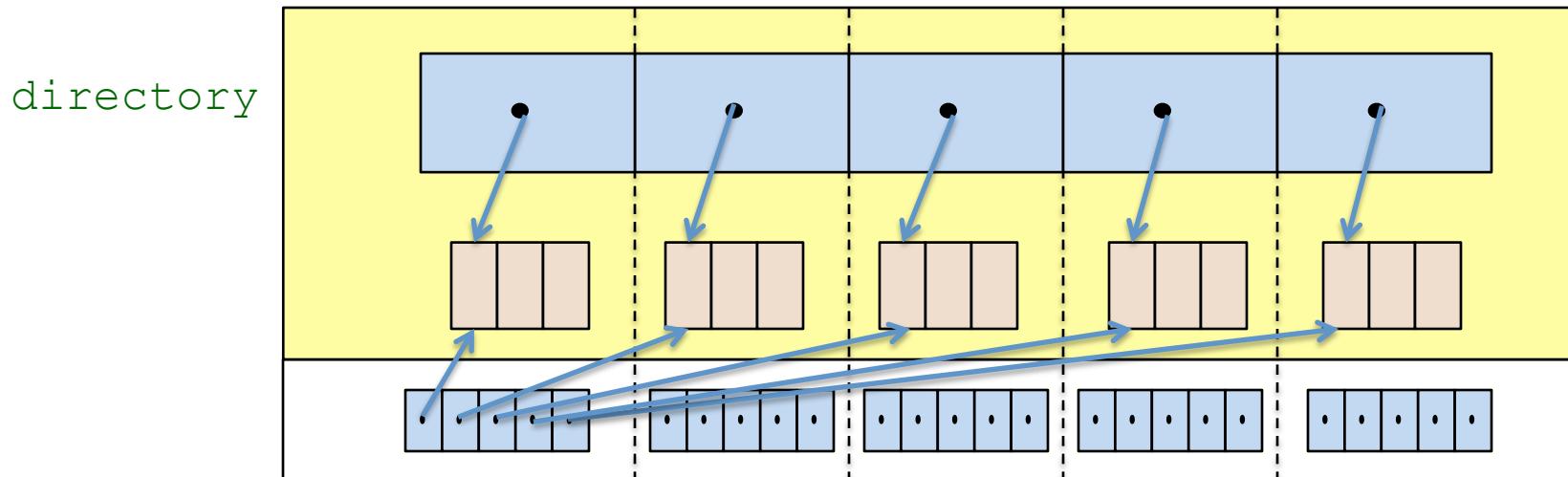
Each start computing
Grab whatever / whenever

UPC, UPC++, CAF, X10, Chapel, Shmem, GA

Distributed Arrays Directory Style

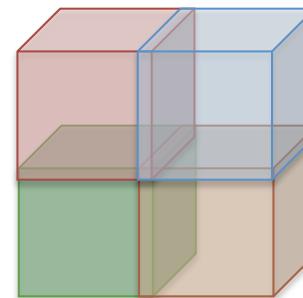
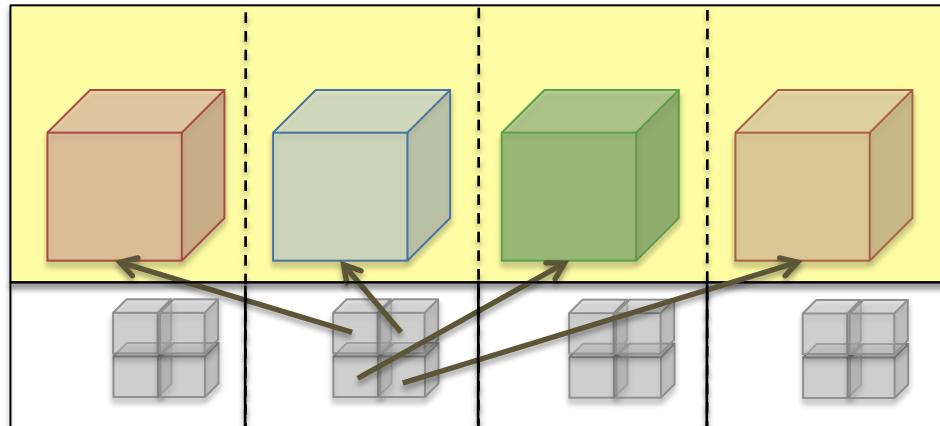
Many UPC programs avoid the UPC style arrays in factor of directories of objects

```
typedef shared [] double *sdblptr;  
shared sdblptr directory[THREADS];  
directory[i]=upc_alloc(local_size*sizeof(double));
```



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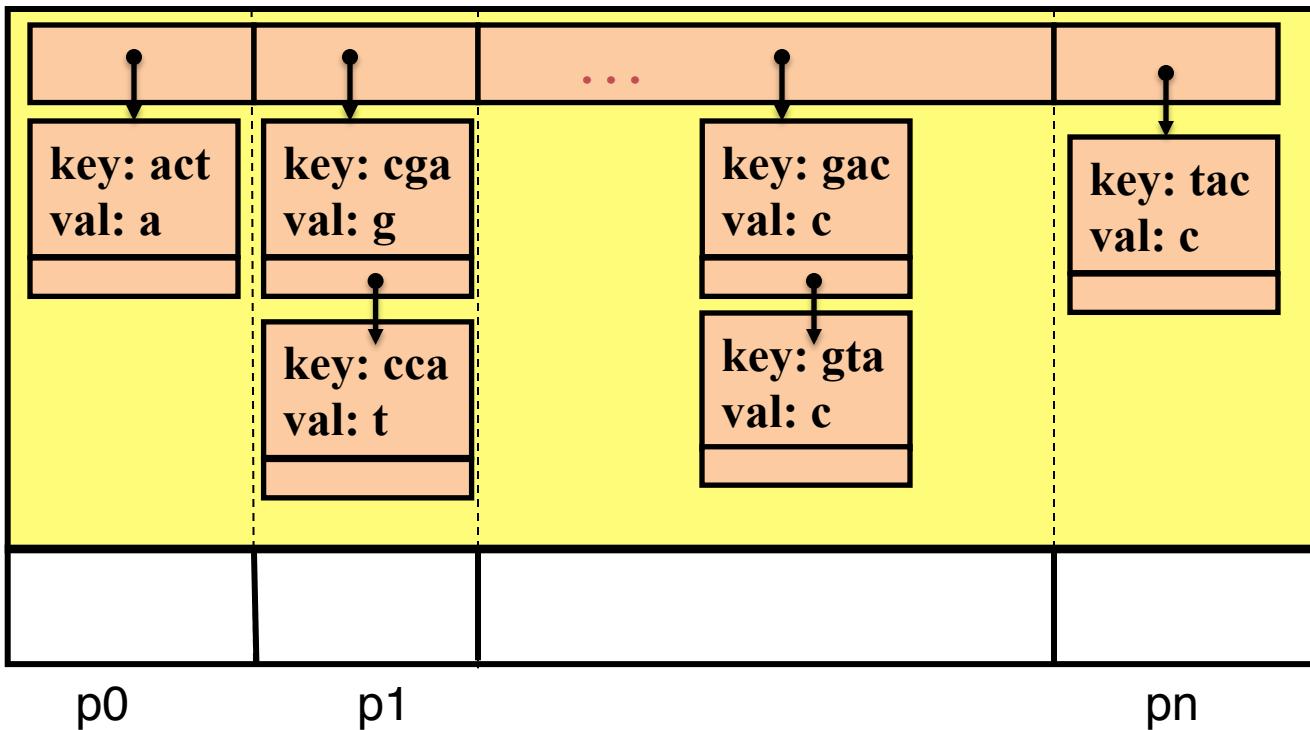
- These are also more general:
 - Multidimensional, unevenly distributed
 - Ghost regions around blocks



*physical and
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3D array
layout*

Example: Hash Table in PGAS

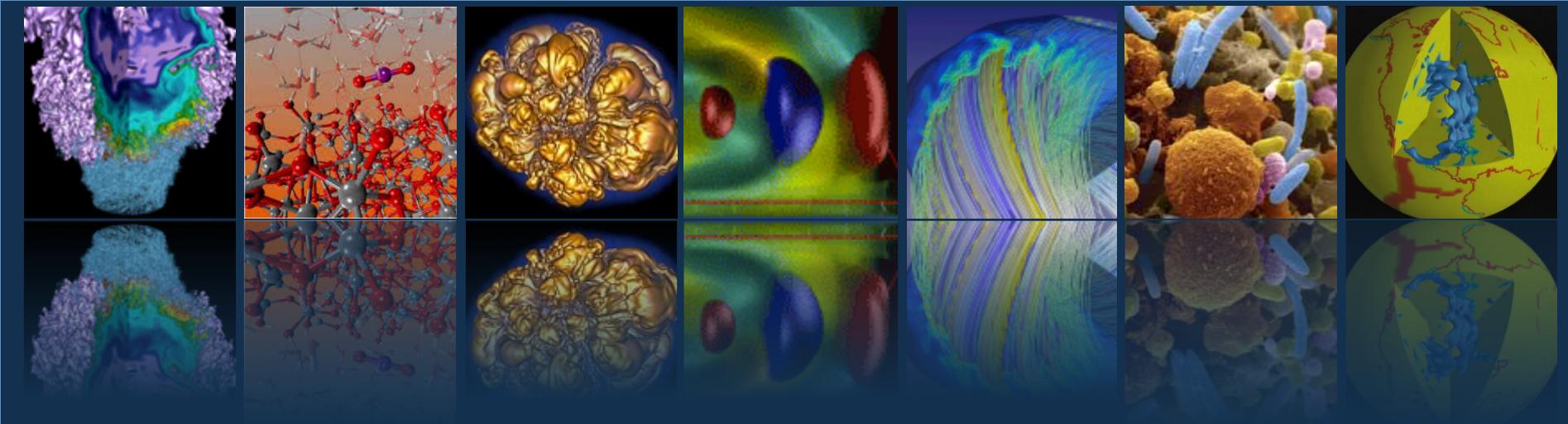
Global address space



- **<key, value> pairs, stored in some bucket based on $\text{hash}(\text{key})$**
- **One-sided communication; never having to say “receive”**
- **Allows for Terabyte-Petabyte size data sets vs ~1 TB in shared memory**

Other Programming Model Variations

- **What can you do remotely?**
 - Read, Write, Lock
 - Atomics (compare-and-swap, fetch-and-add)
 - Invoke functions
 - Signal processes to wake up (task graphs)
- **What type of parallelism is there**
 - Data parallel (single threaded semantics, e.g., $A = B + C$)
 - Collective communication
 - Single Program Multiple Data (SPMD): if (MYTHREAD == 0)....
 - Hierarchical SPMD (teams): if (MYTEAM....)...
 - Fork-join: fork / async
 - Task graph (events)



Where is PGAS programming used?

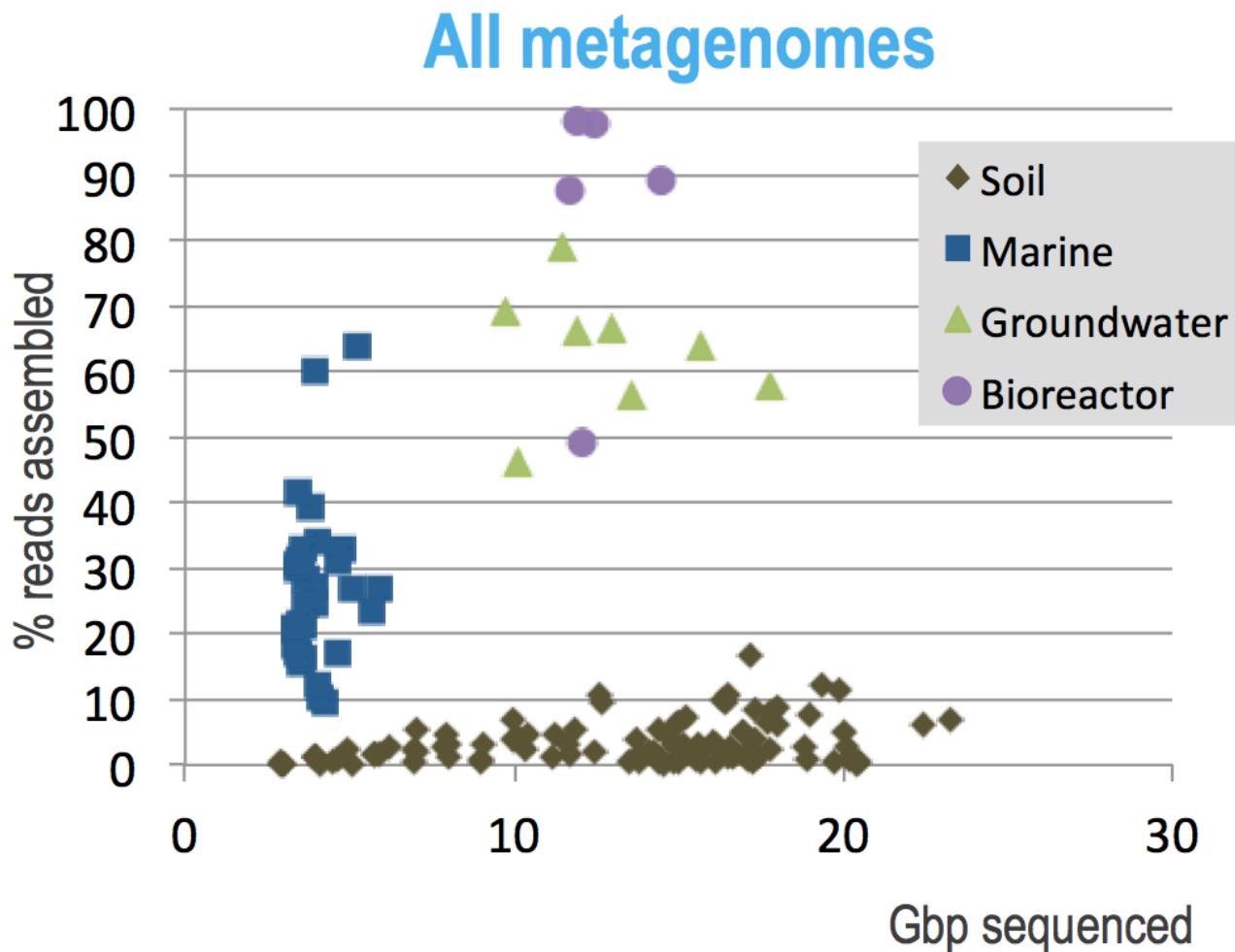
1. Asynchronous fine-grained reads/write/atomics

De novo Genome Assembly

- DNA sequence consists of 4 bases: A/C/G/T
- Read: short fragment of DNA
- De novo assembly: Construct a genome (chromosomes) from a collection of reads

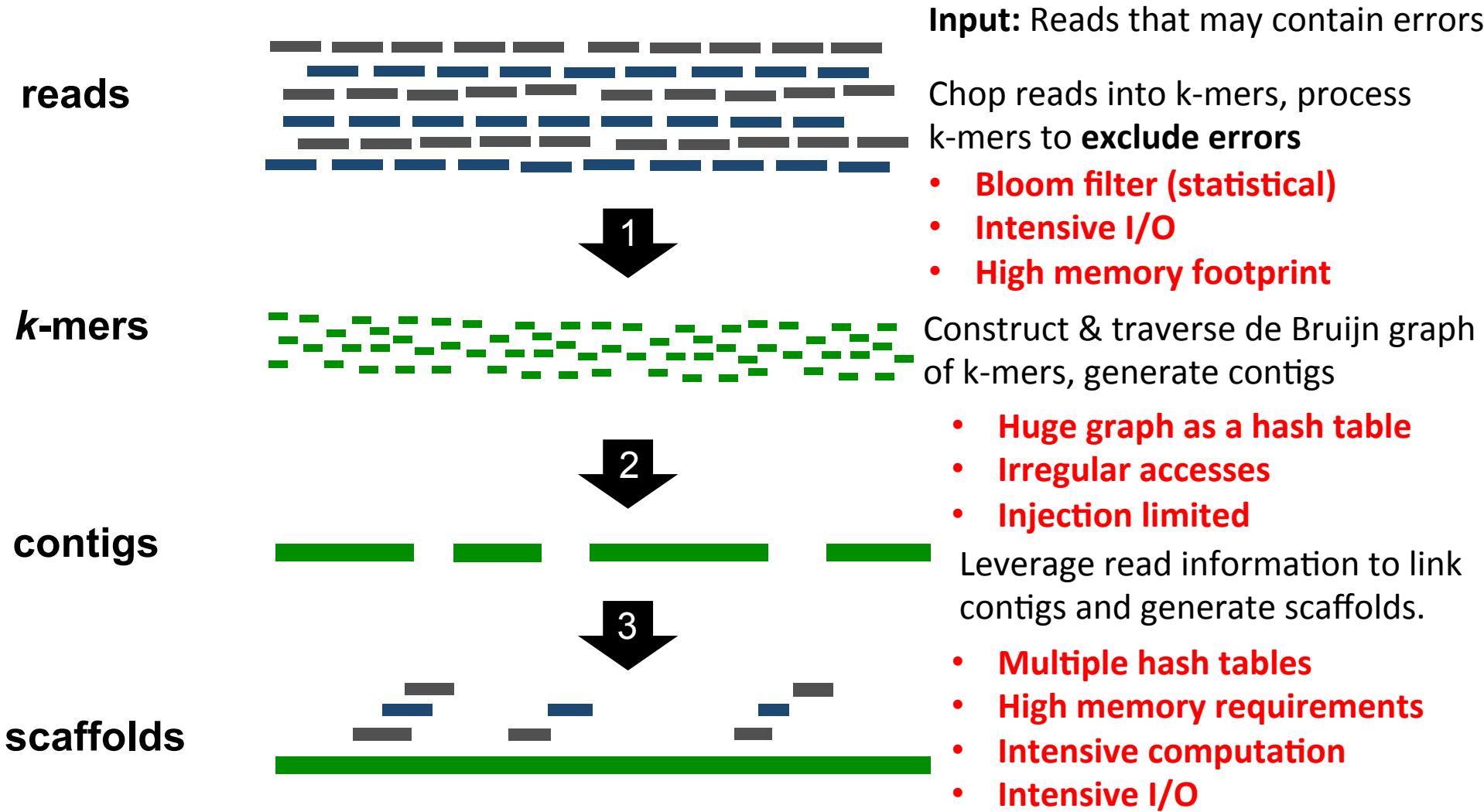


Metagenome Assembly: Grand Challenge



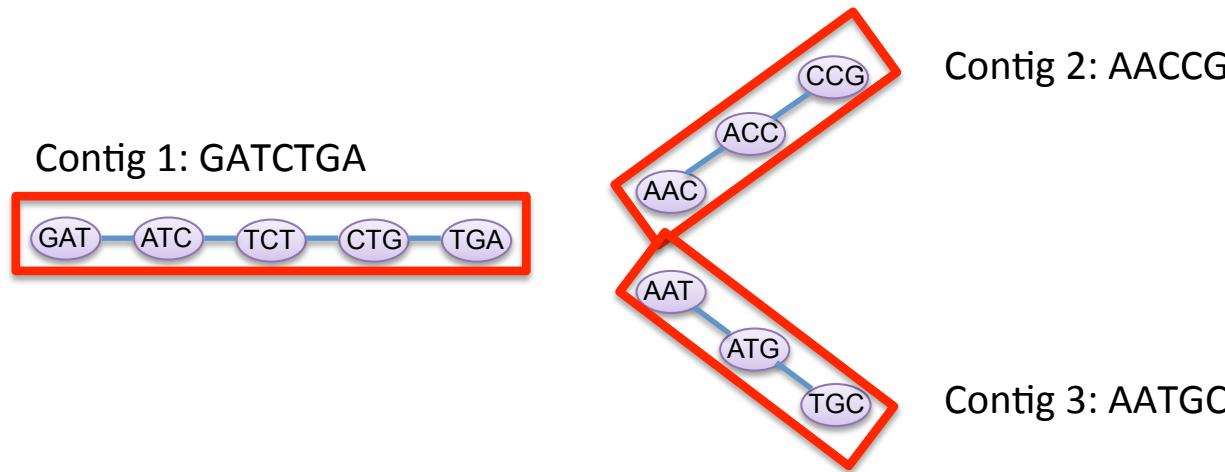
For complex metagenomes (soil) most of the reads cannot be assembled

De novo Genome Assembly *a la Meraculous*



Application Challenge: Random Access to Large Data

- Parallel DFS (from randomly selected K-mers) to compute contigs
- Some tricky synchronization to deal with conflicts

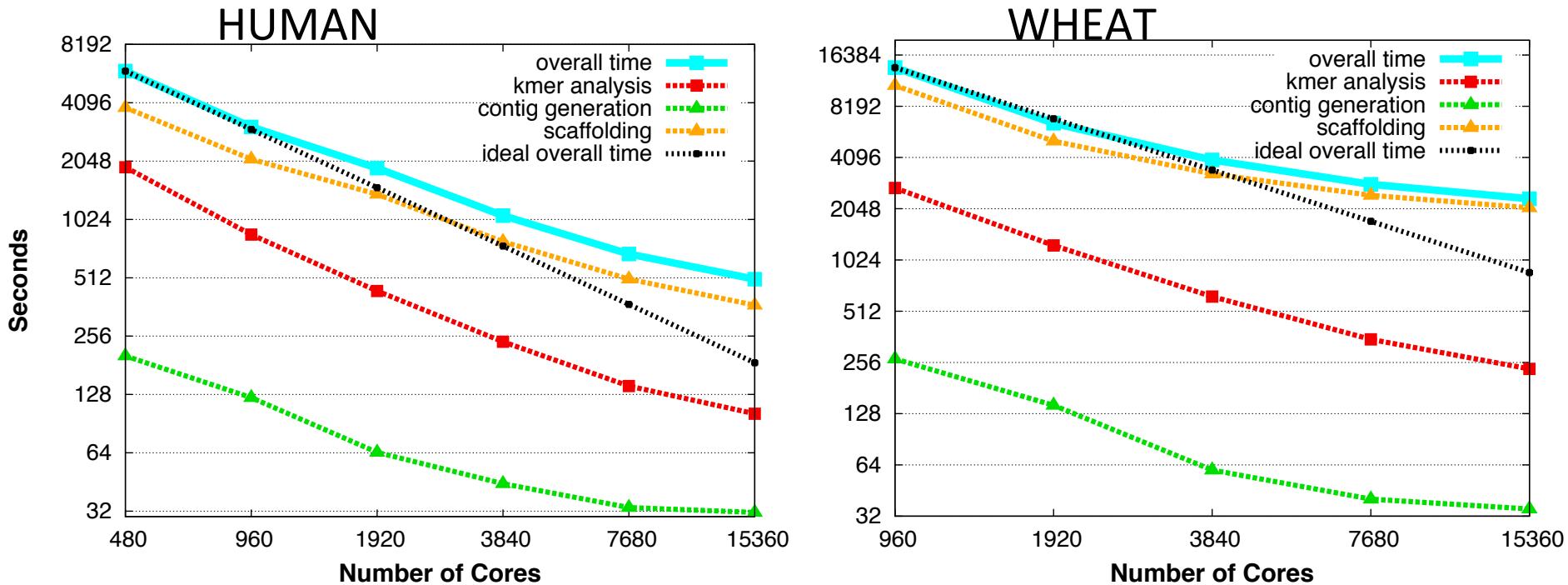


- Hash tables used in all phases
 - Different use cases, different implementations
- No a priori locality: that is the problem you're trying to solve

HipMer (High Performance Meraculous) Assembly Pipeline

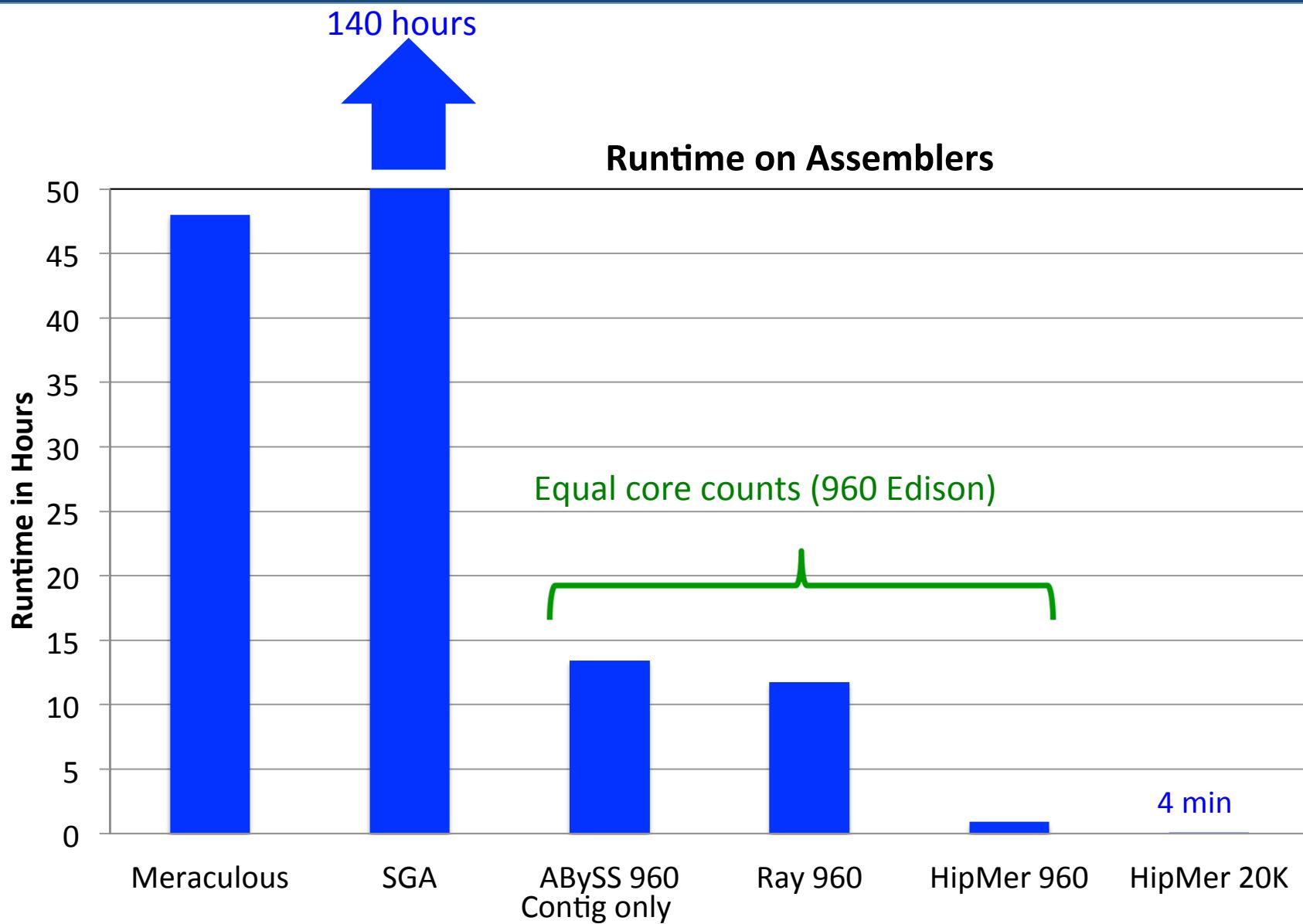
Distributed Hash Tables in PGAS

- Remote Atomics, Dynamic Aggregation, Software Caching
- 13x Faster than another HPC/MPI code (Ray) on 960 cores



Evangelos Georganas, Aydin Buluç, Jarrod Chapman, Steven Hofmeyr, Chaitanya Aluru, Rob Egan, Lenny Oliker, Dan Rokhsar, and Kathy Yelick. **HipMer: An Extreme-Scale De Novo Genome Assembler**, SC'15

Comparison to other Assemblers



Science Impact: HipMer is transformative

- Human genome (3Gbp) “de novo” assembled :
 - Meraculous: 48 hours
 - HipMer: 4 minutes (720x speedup
Meraculous)
- Wheat genome (17 Gbp) “de novo” assembled (2014):
 - Meraculous (did not run):
 - HipMer: 39 minutes; 15K cores (first all-in-one assembly)
- Pine genome (20 Gbp) “de novo” assembled (2014) :
 - Maserca : 3 months; 1 TB RAM
- Wetland metagenome (1.25 Tbp) analysis (2015):
 - Meraculous (projected): 15 TB of memory
 - HipMER: Strong scaling to over 100K cores
(contig gen only)

Makes unsolvable
problems solvable!



UPC++: PGAS with “Mixins” (Teams and Asyncs)

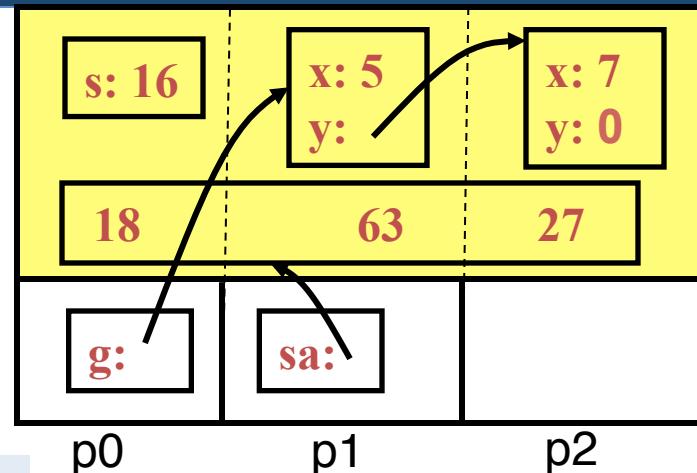
- UPC++ uses templates (no compiler needed)

```
shared_var<int> s;  
global_ptr<LLNode> g;  
shared_array<int> sa(8);
```

- Default execution model is SPMD, but

- Remote methods, async

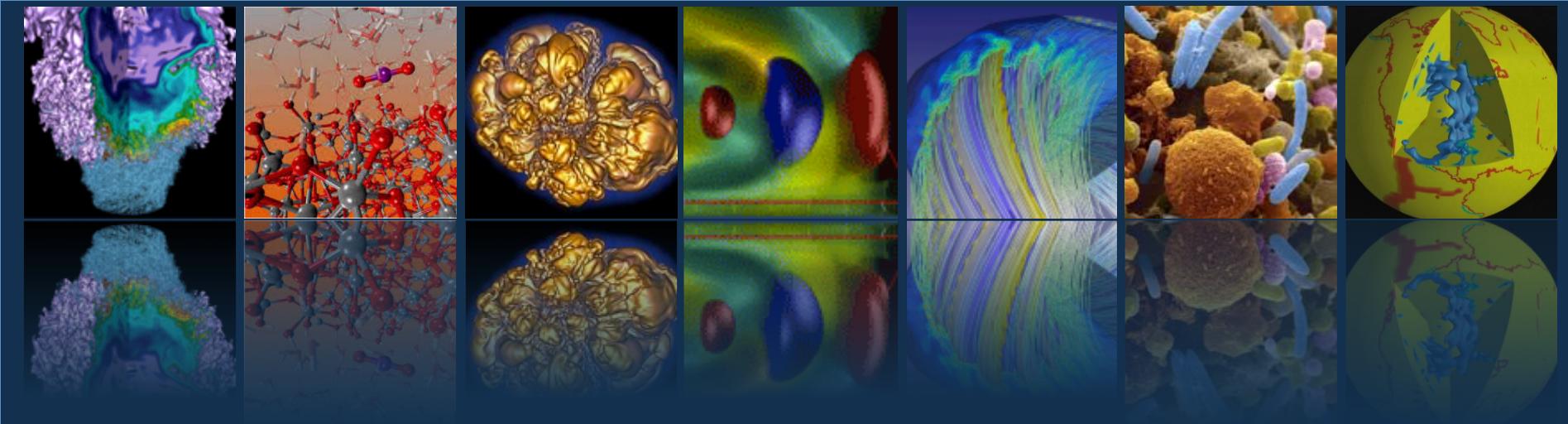
```
async(place) (Function f, T1 arg1,...);  
wait(); // other side does poll();
```



- Use these for “domain-specific” runtime systems

- Research in teams for hierarchical algorithms and machines

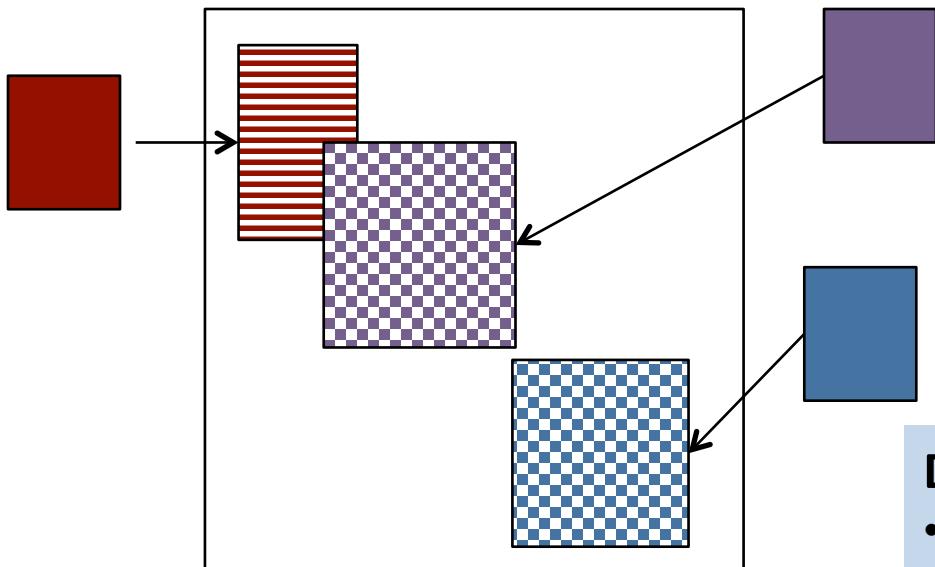
```
teamsplit (team) { ... }
```



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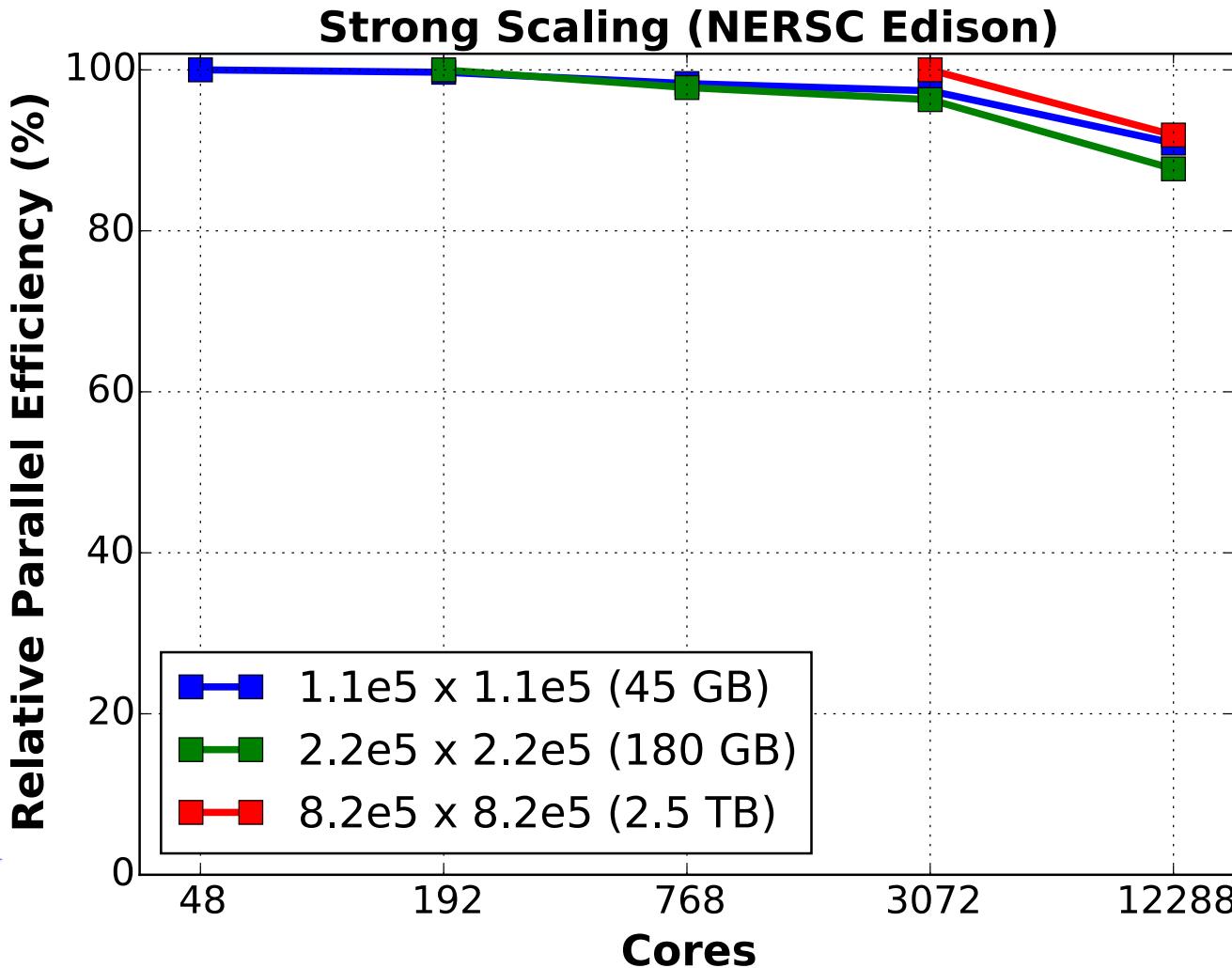
Distributed Matrix Construction

- Remote asyncs with user-controlled resource management
- Divide threads into injectors / updaters
- 6x faster than MPI 3.0 on 1K XE6 nodes



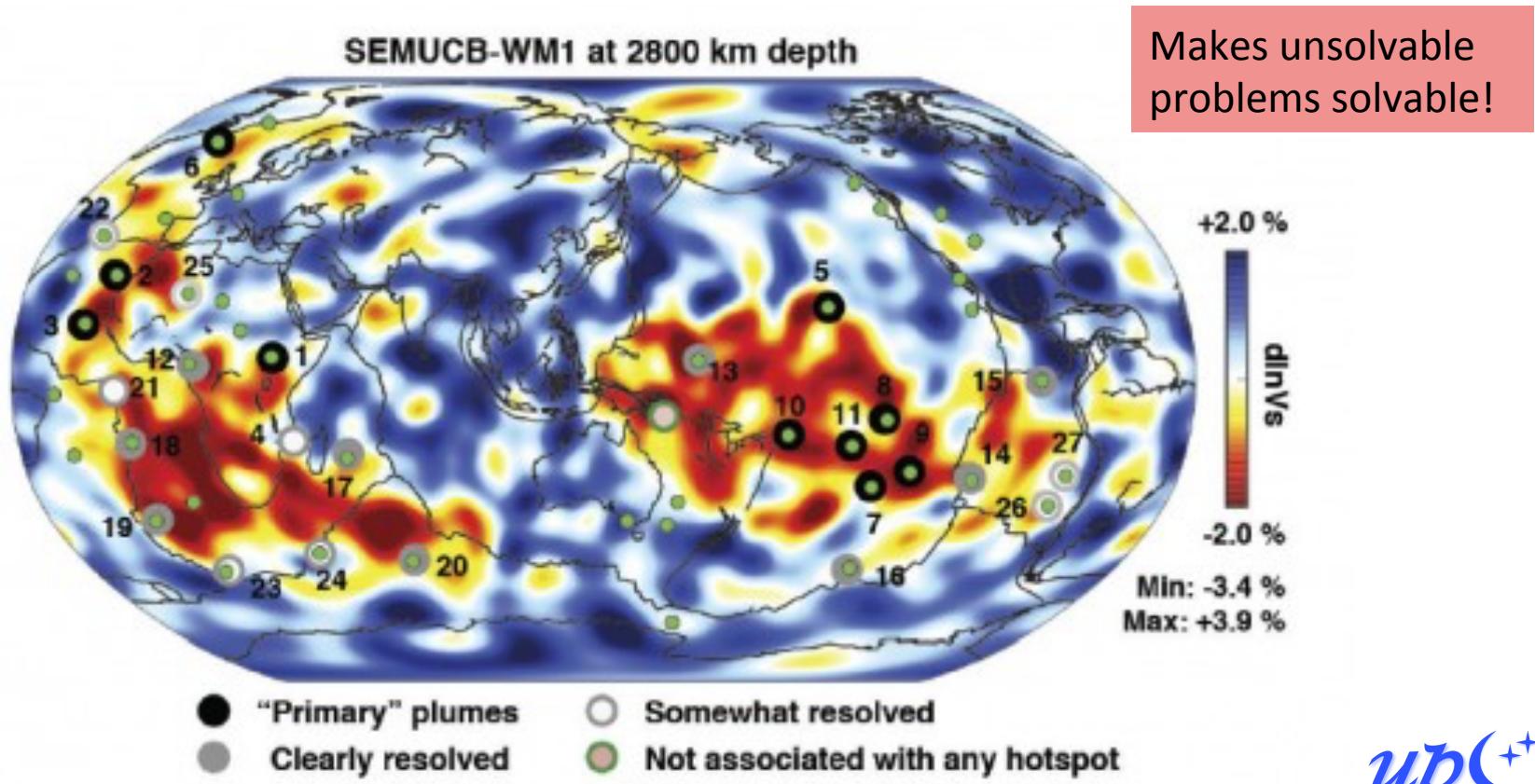
- “Fusing” observational data into simulation
- Interoperates with MPI/Fortran/ScaLAPACK

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Science Impact: Whole-Mantle Seismic Model

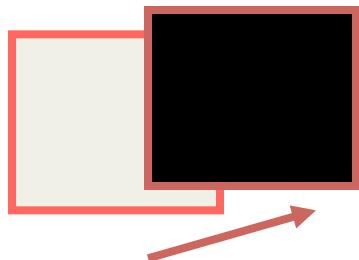
- First-ever whole-mantle seismic model from numerical waveform tomography
- Finding: Most volcanic hotspots are linked to two spots on the boundary between the metal core and rocky mantle 1,800 miles below Earth's surface.



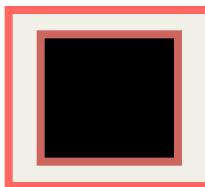
Scott French, Barbara Romanowicz, "Broad plumes rooted at the base of the Earth's mantle beneath major hotspots", *Nature*, 2015

Multidimensional Arrays in UPC++

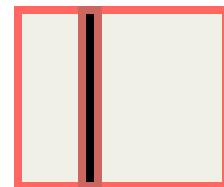
- UPC++ arrays have a rich set of operations



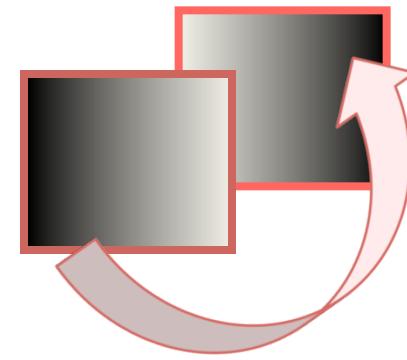
translate



restrict

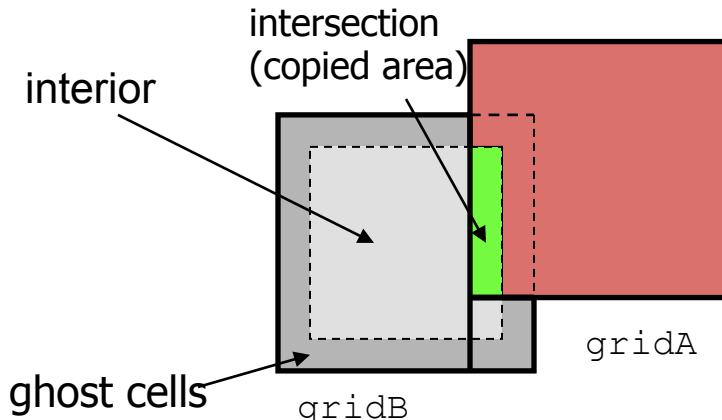


slice (n dim to n-1)

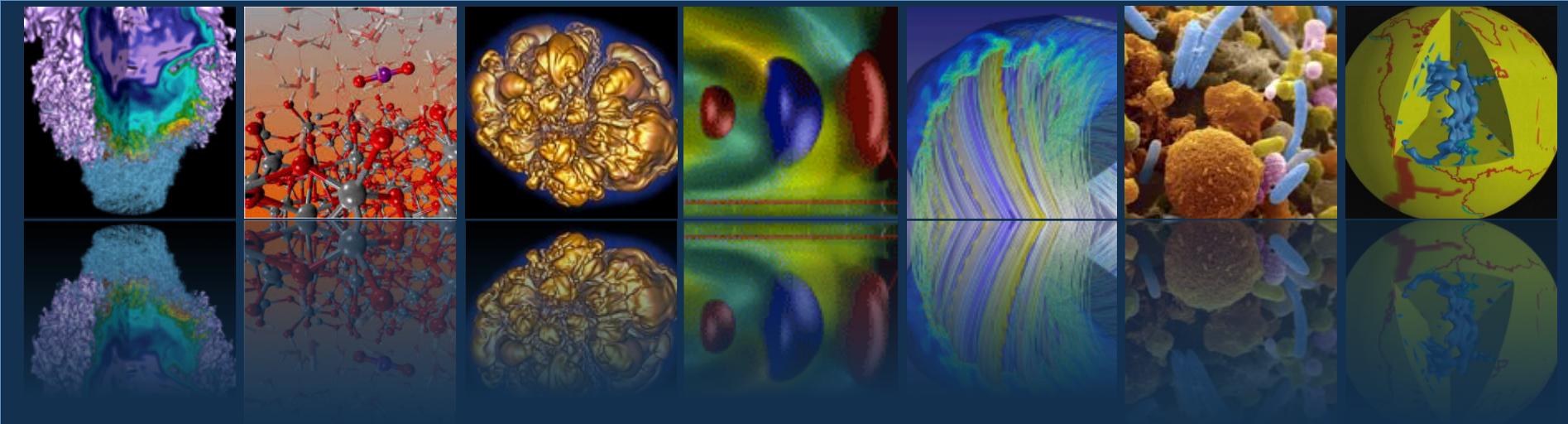


transpose

- Create new views of the data in original array
- Example: ghost cell exchange in AMR



```
ndarray<double, 3, global> gridB =  
    bArrays[i, j, k];  
...  
gridA.async_copy(gridB.shrink(1));
```

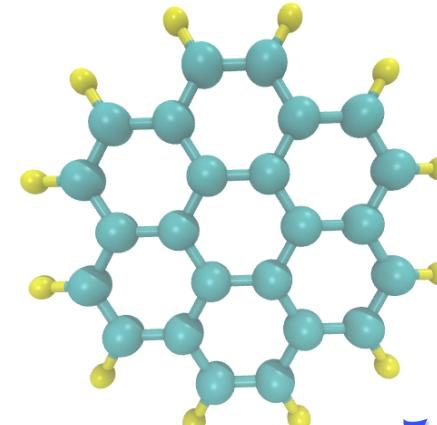
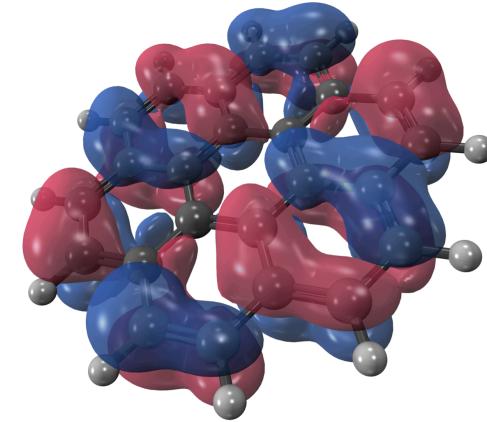
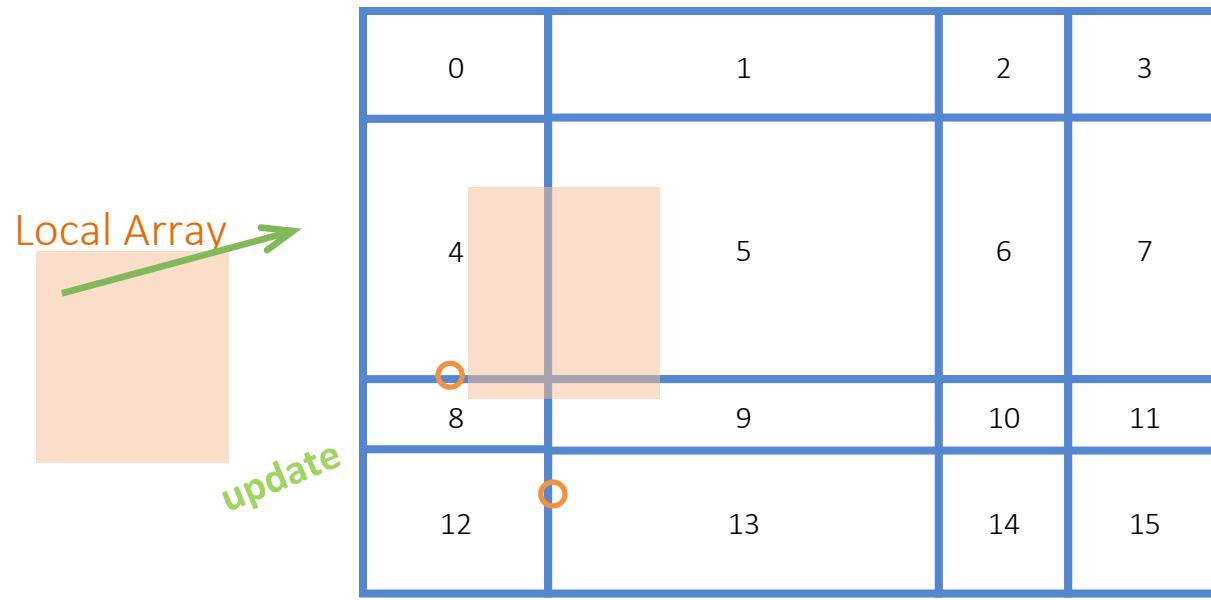


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Application Challenge: Dynamic Load Balancing

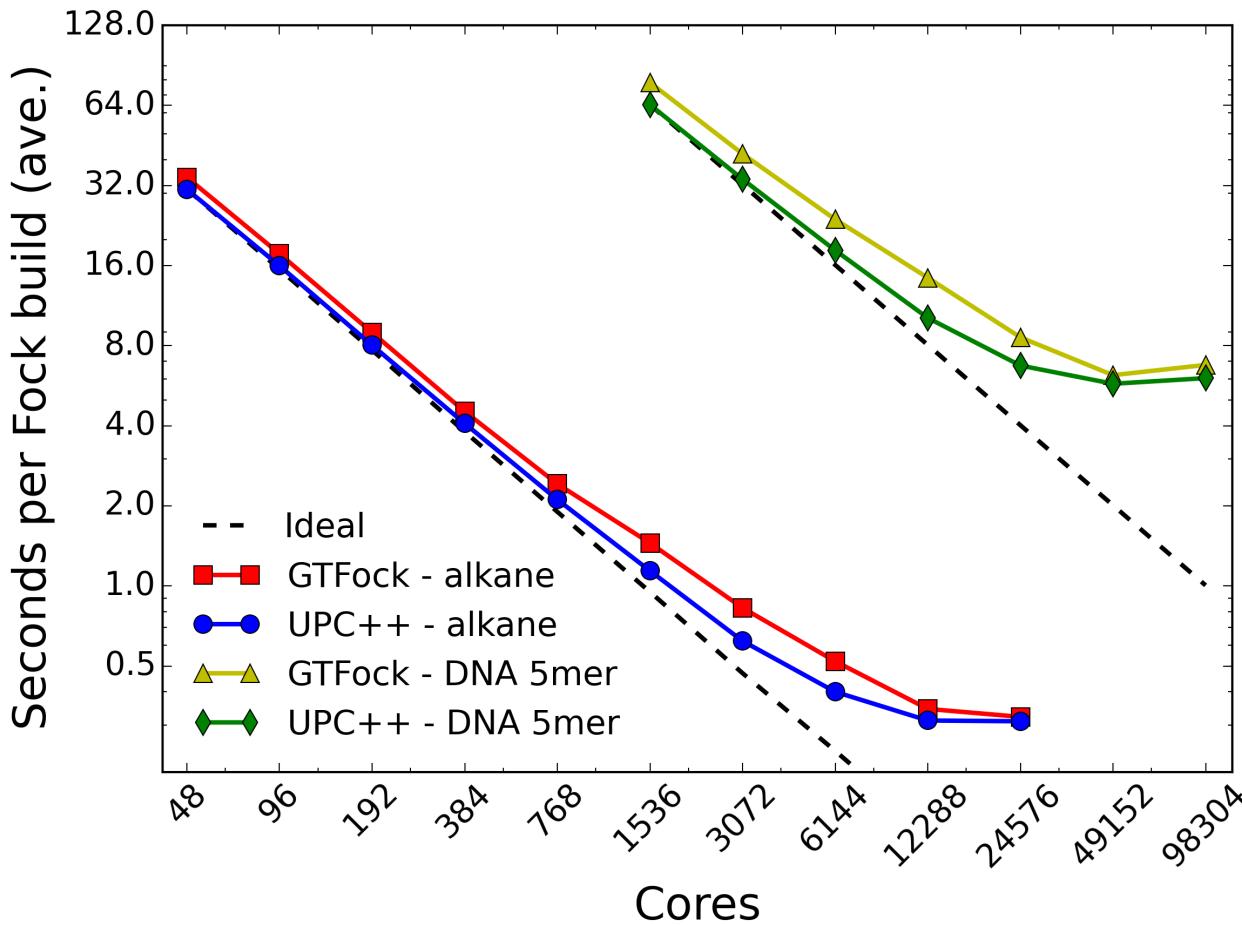
- Hartree Fock example (e.g., in NWChem which is already PGAS)
 - Inherent load imbalance
- UPC++ version
 - Dynamic work stealing and fast atomic operations enhanced load balance
 - Transpose an irregularly blocked matrix



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Hartree Fock Code



Improved Scalability



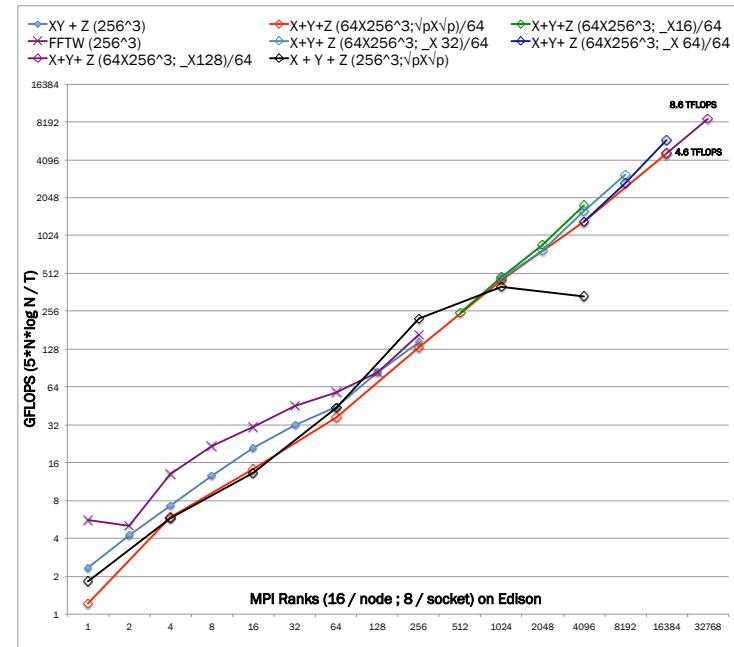
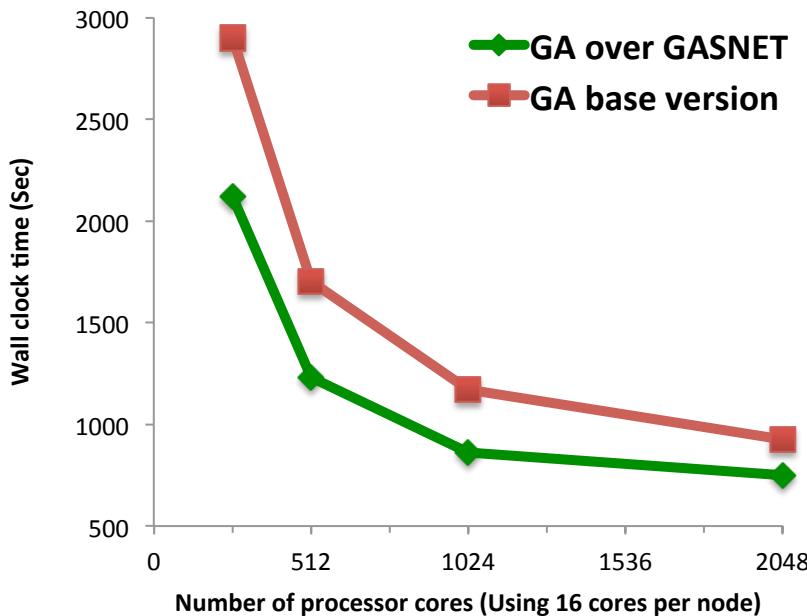
**Strong Scaling of UPC++ HF on NERSC Edison
Compared to (highly optimized) GTFOck with Global Arrays**

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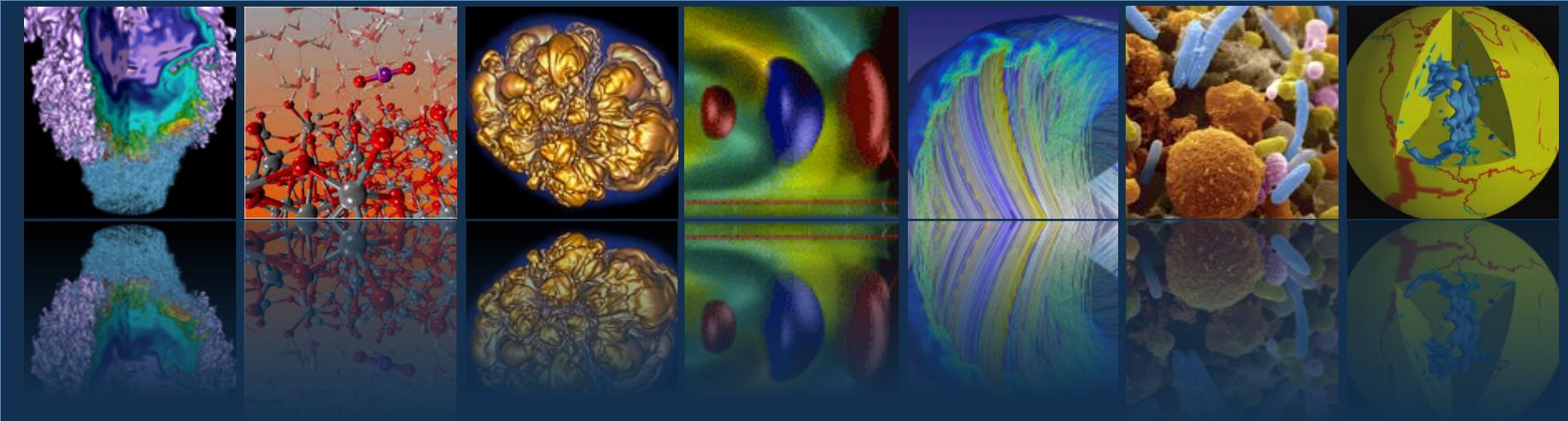
Towards NWChem in UPC++

- New Global Arrays Toolkit over GASNet
 - Over 20% faster on Infiniband
- More scalable aggregate FFTs than FFTW

Increase scalability!



- Goal of making this ready for production use (Bert de Jong)



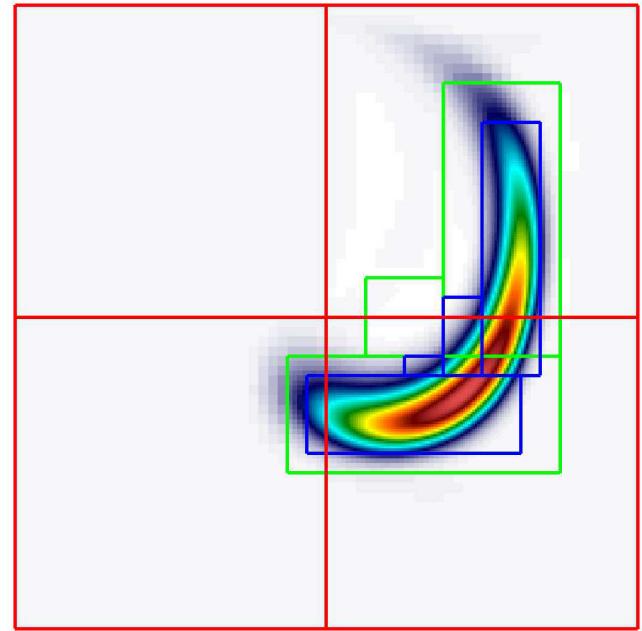
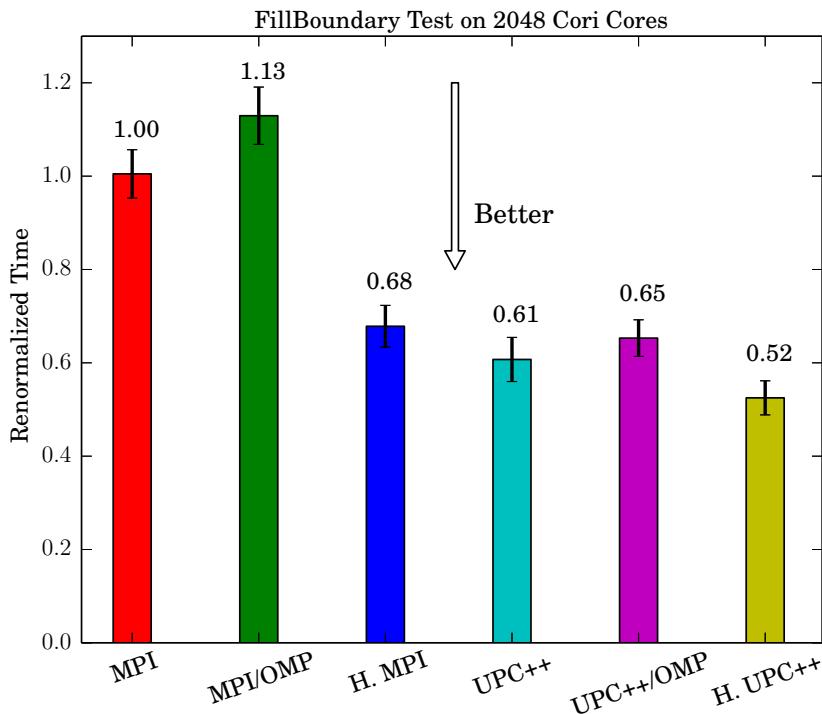
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UPC++ Communication Speeds up AMR

- **Adaptive Mesh Refinement on Block-Structured Meshes**

- Used in ice sheet modeling, climate, subsurface (fracking), astrophysics, accelerator modeling and many



Hierarchical UPC++ (distributed / shared style)

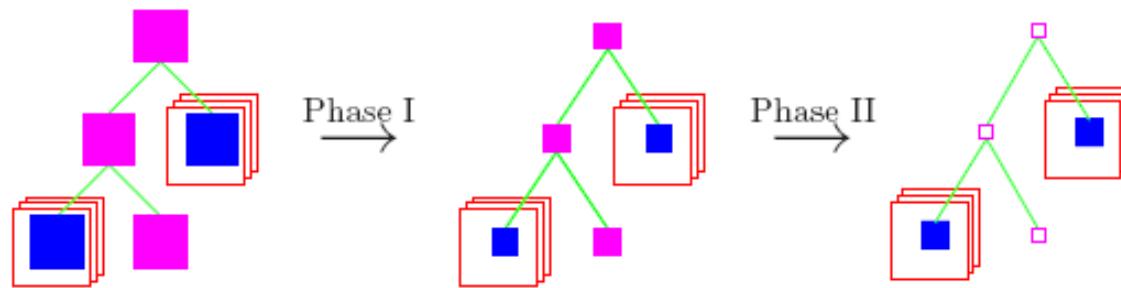
- UPC++ plus UPC++ is 2x faster than MPI plus OpenMP
- MPI + MPI also does well

Reducing Metadata Overhead in AMR

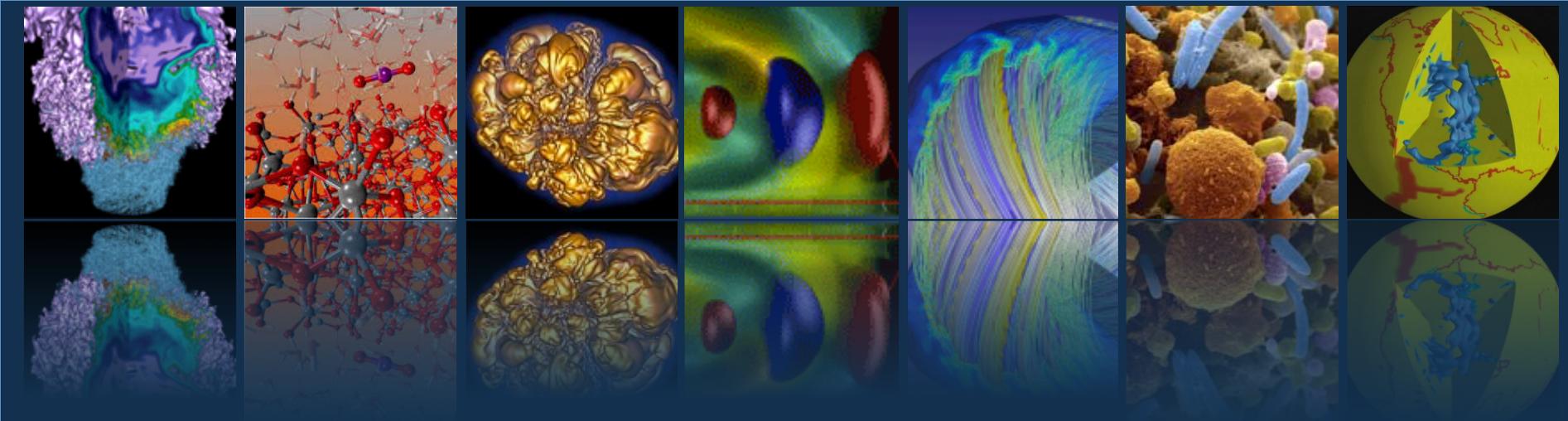
- Reducing the metadata size

phase I: Reduce the size of the grid class

phase II: Split the grid class into grid_local and grid_remote



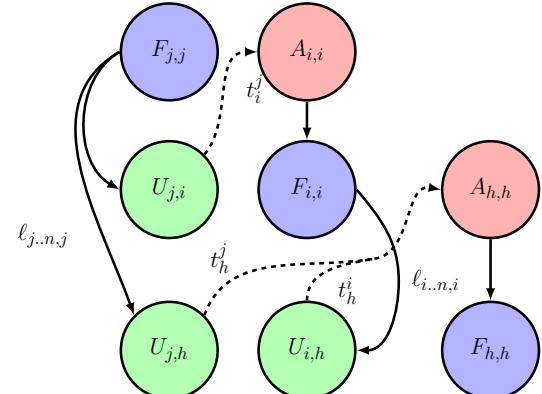
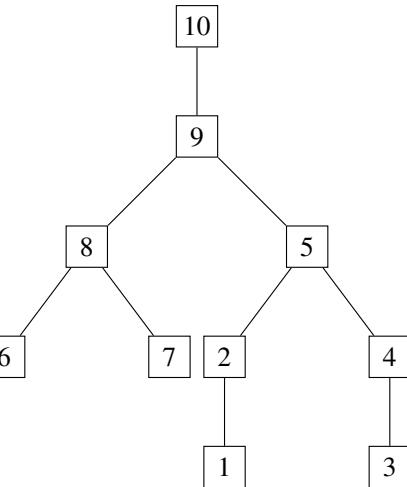
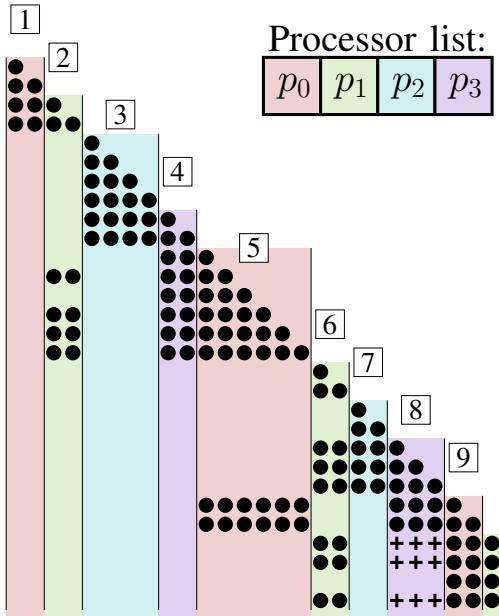
- Distribute the grid hierarchy data structure using UPC



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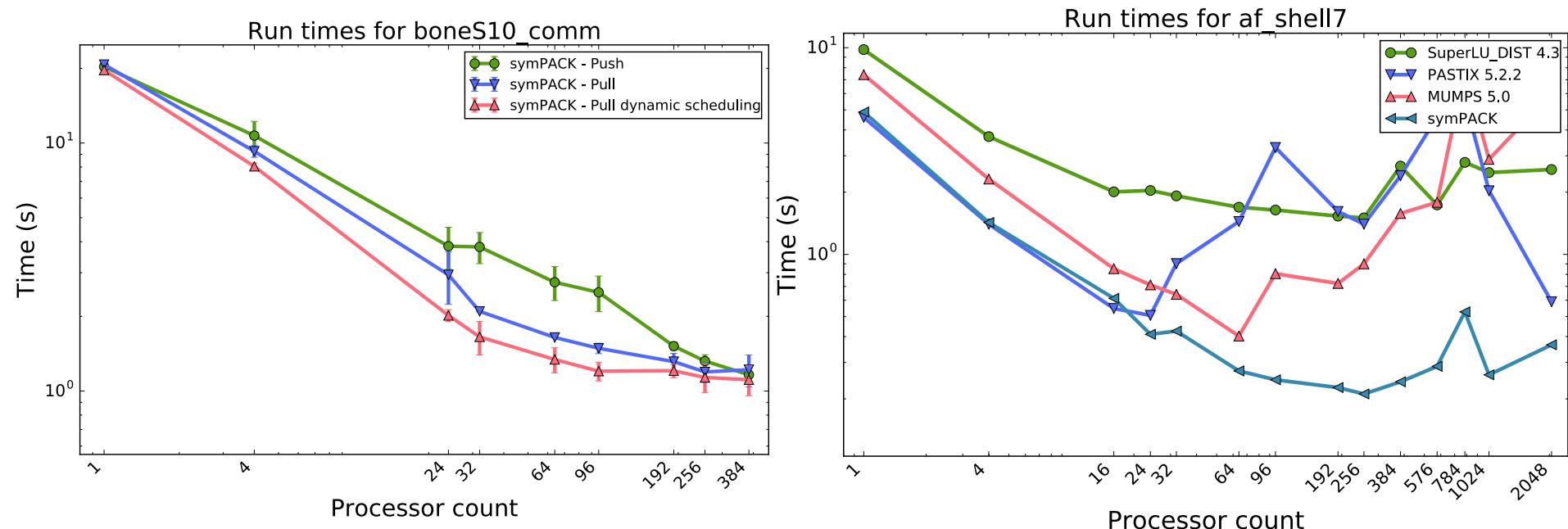
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Sparse Cholesky as a Parallel Task Graph

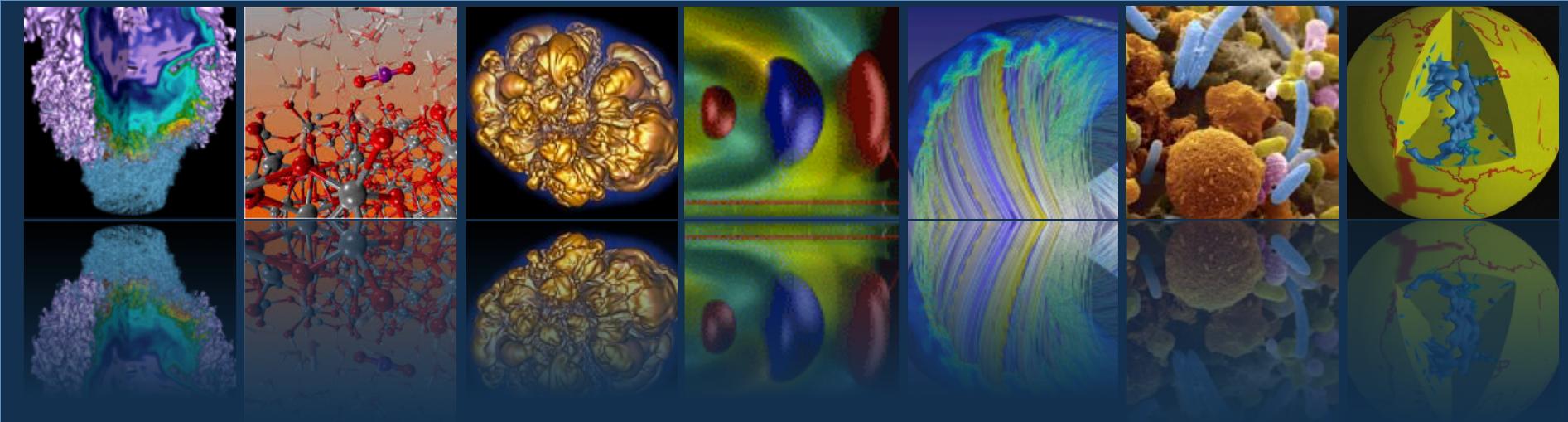


- Sparse matrix factorization (Cholesky)
- Novel fan in/out algorithm programmed in UPC++

Sparse Cholesky Comparisons



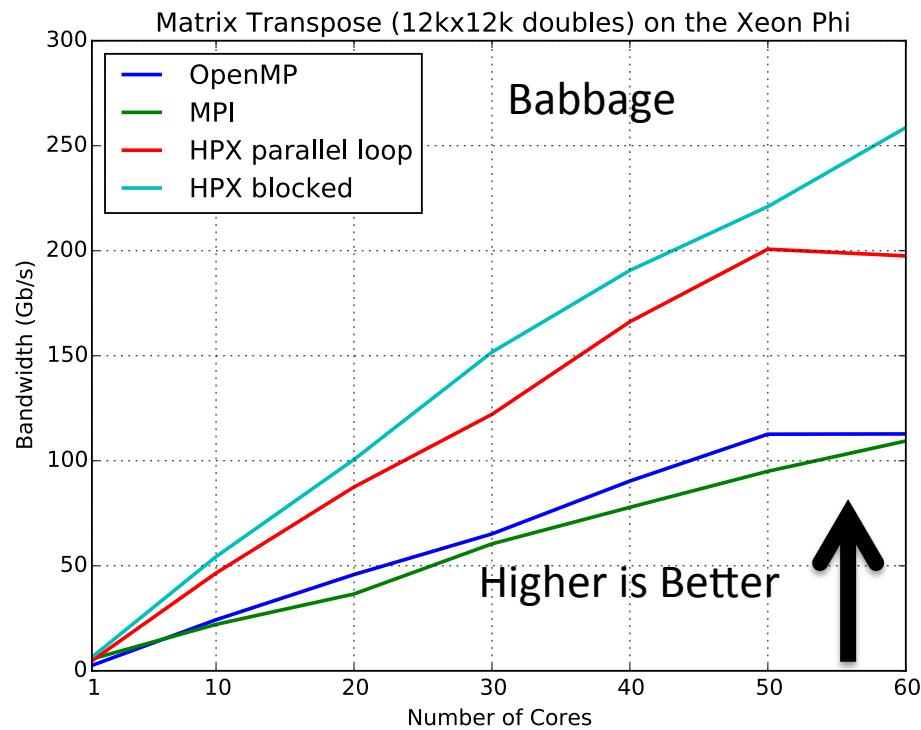
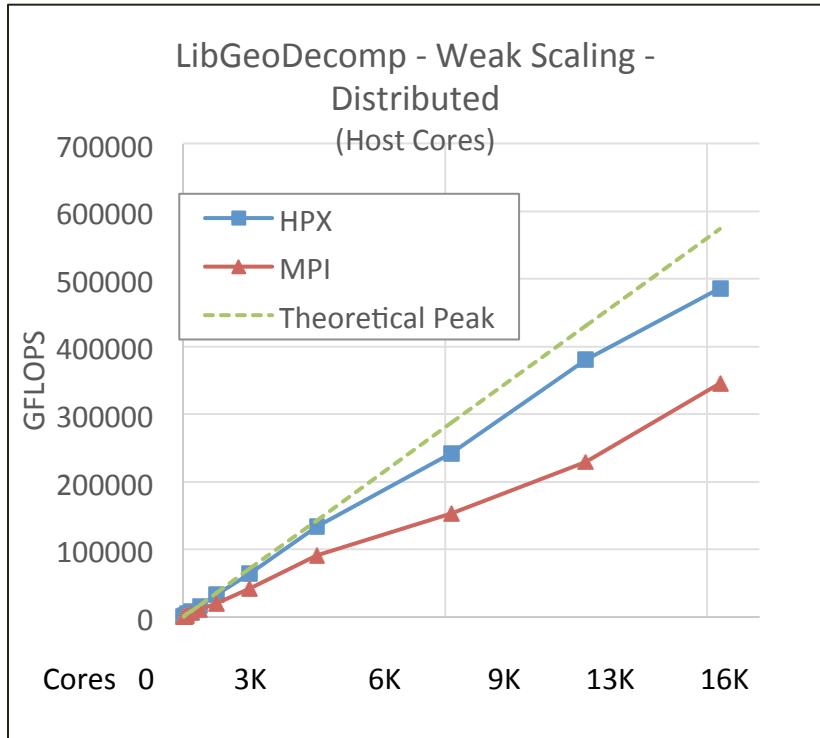
- **Dynamic scheduling outperforms other**
- **The combination of algorithm and implementation (in UPC++) outperforms the competition**



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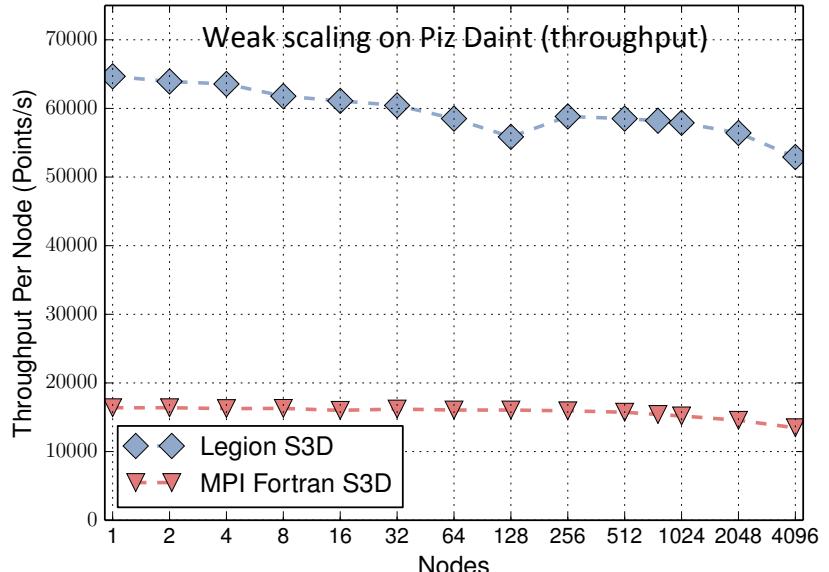
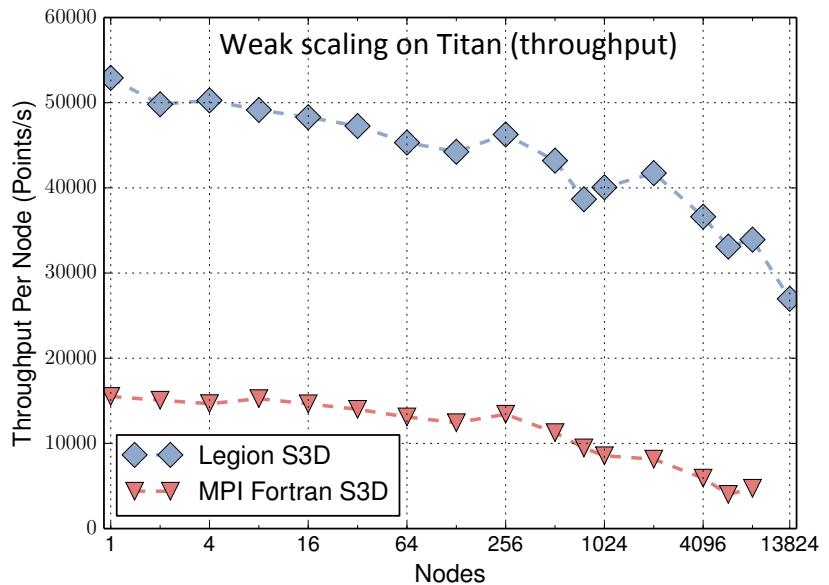
HPX Asynchronous Runtime Performs on Manycore

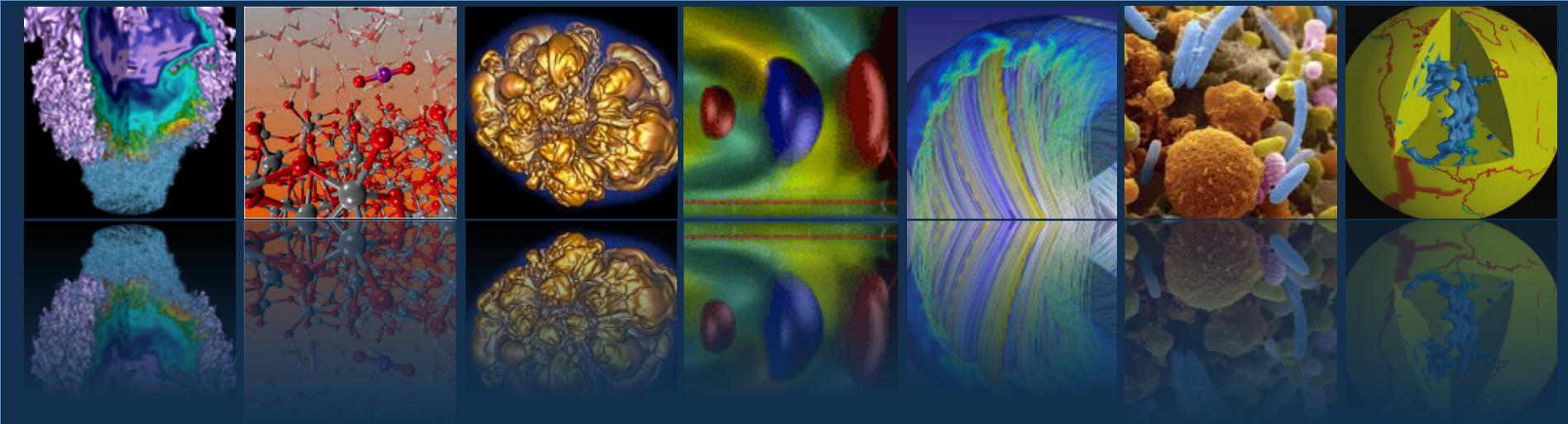


Credit: Harmut Kaiser, LSU and HPX team

Legion Programming Model & Runtime

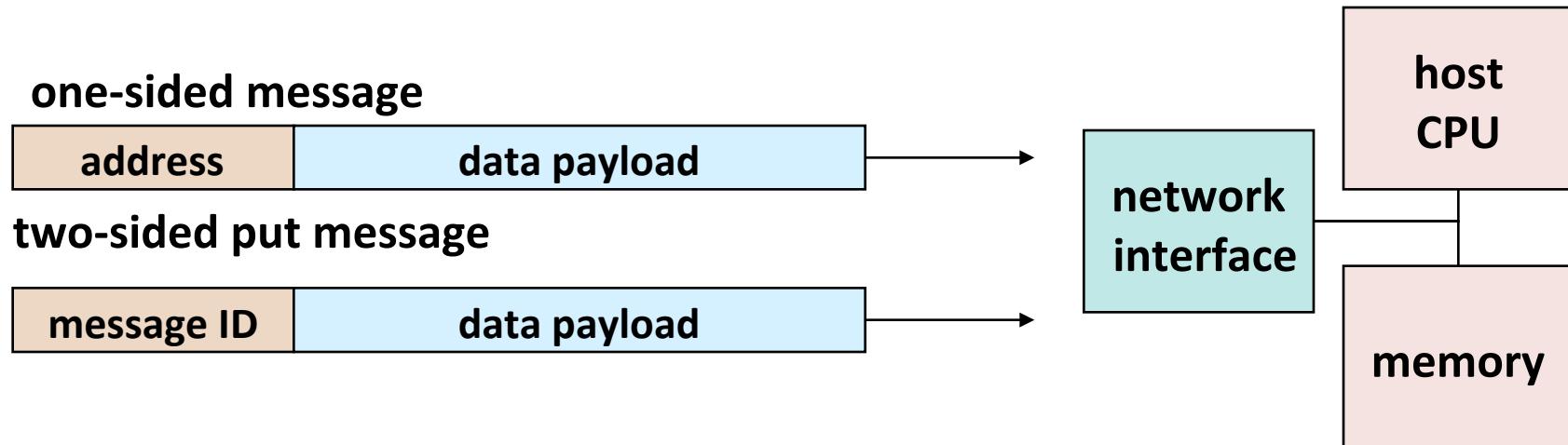
- **Dynamic task-based**
 - Data-centric – tasks specify what data they access and how they use them (read-only, read-write, exclusive, etc.)
 - Separates task implementation from hardware mapping decisions
 - Latency tolerant
- **Declarative specification of task graph in Legion**
 - Serial program
 - Read/Write effects on regions of data structures
 - Determine maximum parallelism
- **Port of S3D complete**





Why is PGAS used? (Besides Application Characteristics)

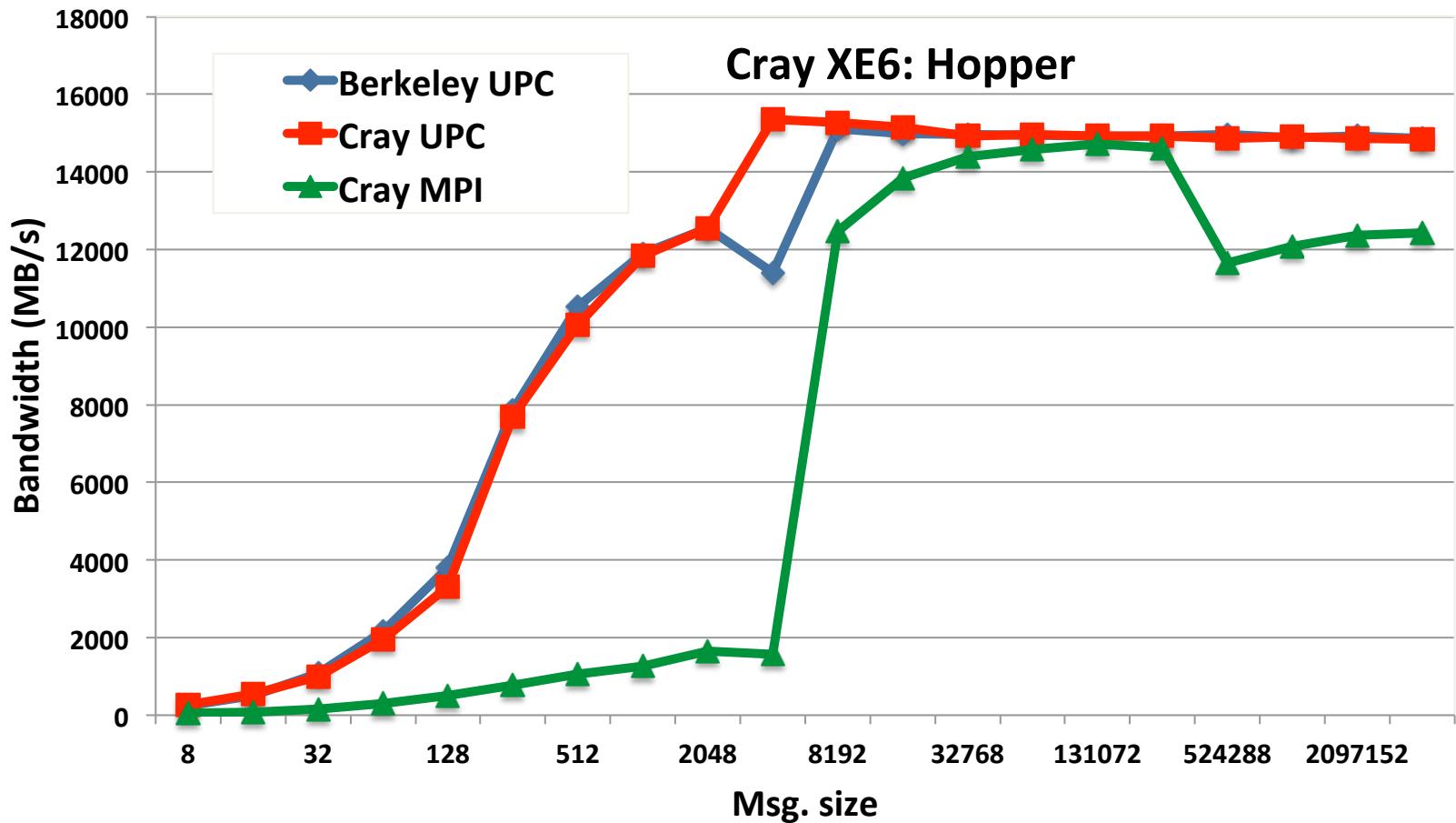
One-Sided Communication is Closer to Hardware



- **One-sided communication (put/get) is what hardware does**
 - Even underneath send/receive
 - Information on where to put the date is in the message
 - Decouples synchronization from transfer
- **Two-sided message passing (e.g., send/receive in MPI)**
 - Requires matching with remote side to “find” the address to write data
 - Couples data transfer with synchronization (often, but not always what you want)

Exascale should offer programmers / vendors a lightweight option

One-Sided Communication Between Nodes is Faster

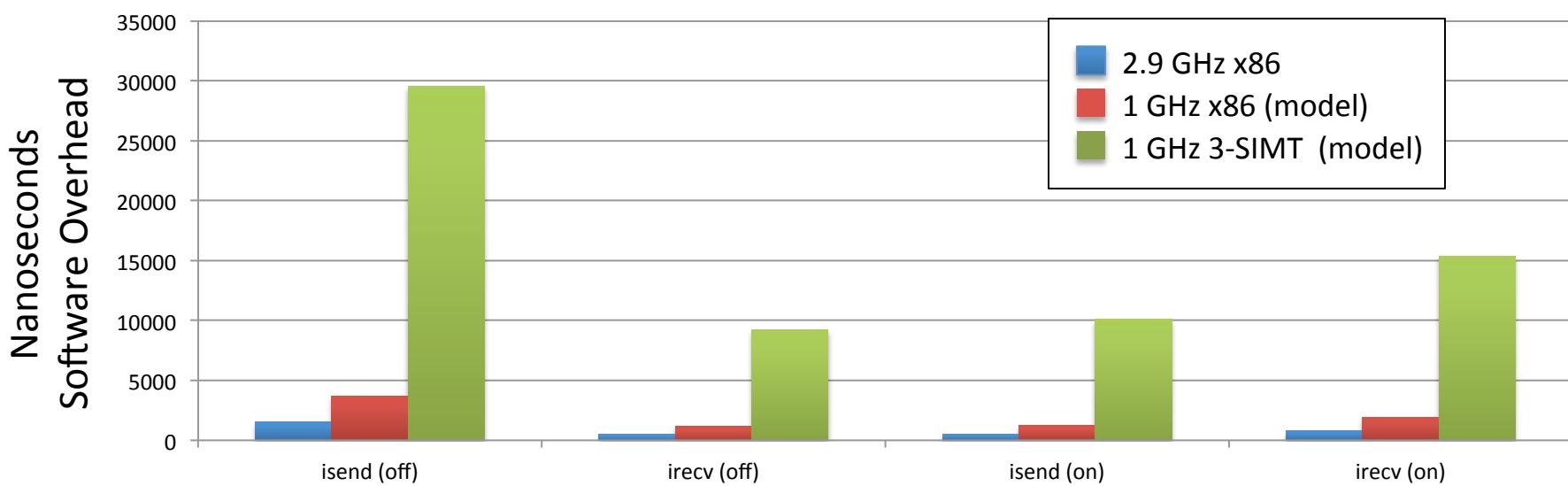


- For communication-intensive problems, the gap is substantial
 - Problems with small messages
 - Bisection bandwidth problems (global FFTs)

Overhead for Messaging

- Overhead (processor busy time) gets worse on “exascale” cores
- Having a low overhead option is increasingly important

Avg cycles per call <i>(to do nothing)</i> On Intel Ivybridge	Off Node	On-Node
iSend()	3,692 cycles	1,262 cycles
iRecv()	1,154 cycles	1,924 cycles



Summary

- Successful PGAS applications are mostly asynchronous
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 - 2. Dynamic work stealing
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- Exascale architecture trends