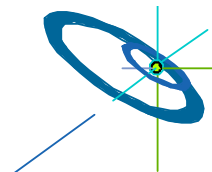


# Introduction to the Message Passing Interface (MPI)

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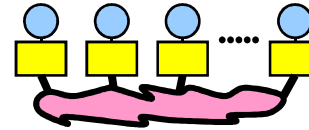
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- **work and data distribution**



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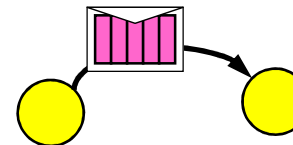
- **starting several MPI processes**

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### 3. Messages and point-to-point communication

- **the MPI processes can communicate**



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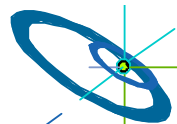
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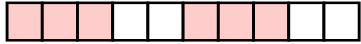
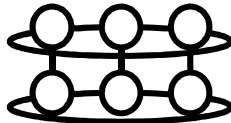
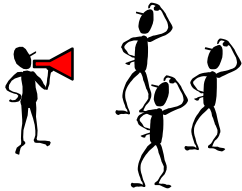


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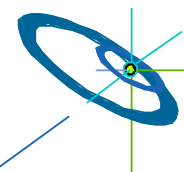
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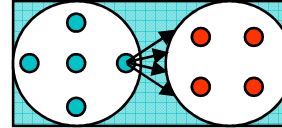
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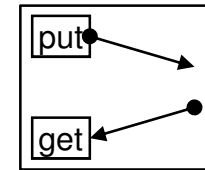
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- **Singleton MPI\_INIT**



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### 11. One-sided Communication

- **Windows, remote memory access (RMA)**
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- **MPI\_Comm\_split\_type & MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared**
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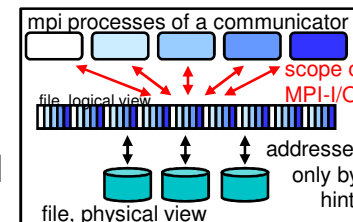
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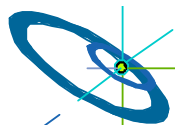
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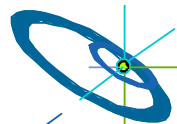
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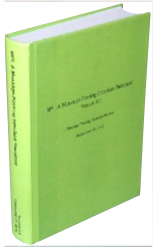


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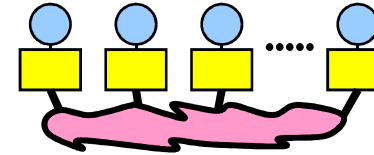




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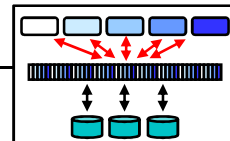
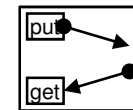
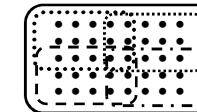
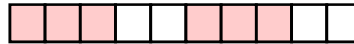
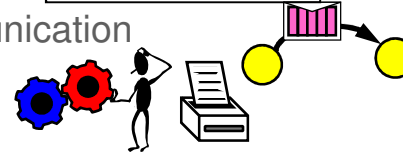
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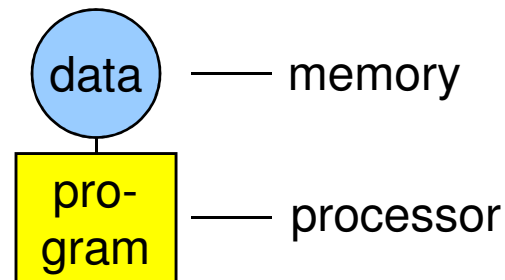
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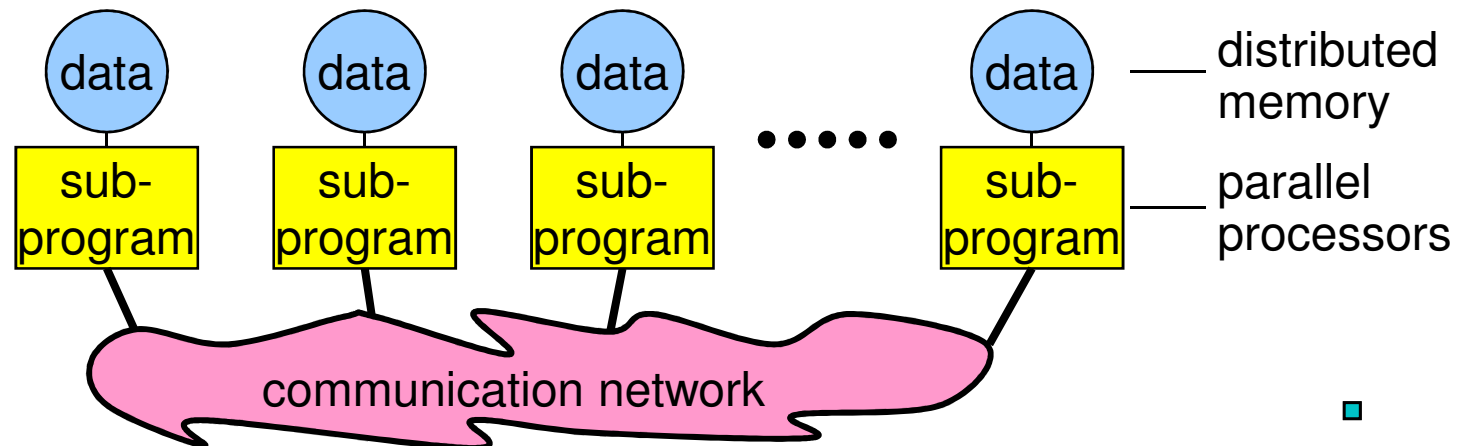


# The Message-Passing Programming Paradigm

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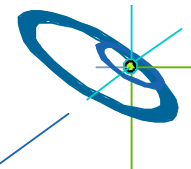
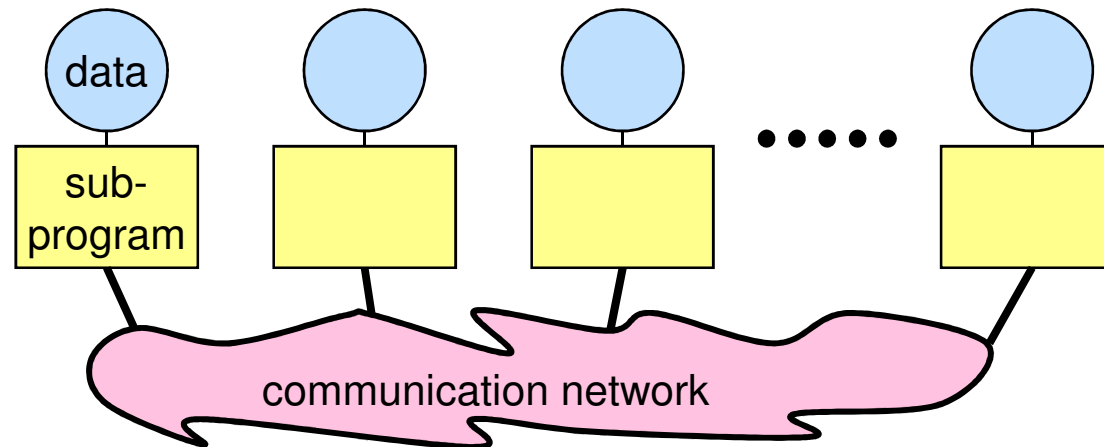


- **Message-Passing Programming Paradigm**



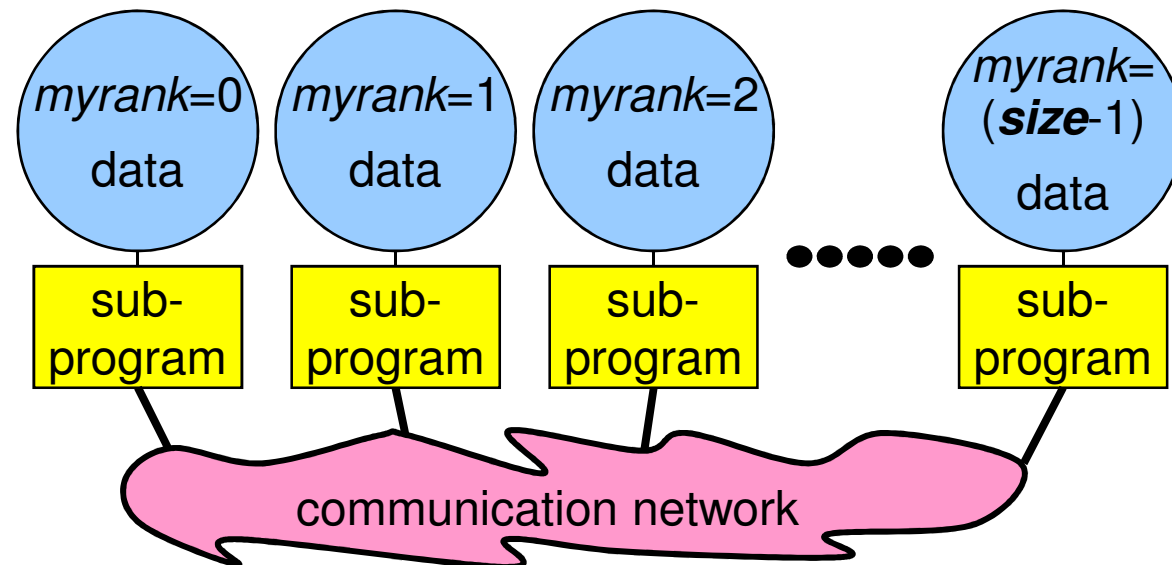
# The Message-Passing Programming Paradigm

- Each processor in a message passing program runs a **sub-program**:
  - written in a conventional sequential language, e.g., C or Fortran,
  - typically the same on each processor (SPMD),
  - the variables of each sub-program have
    - the same name
    - but different locations (distributed memory) and different data!
    - i.e., all variables are private
  - communicate via special send & receive routines (**message passing**)



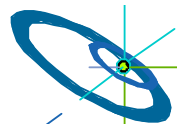
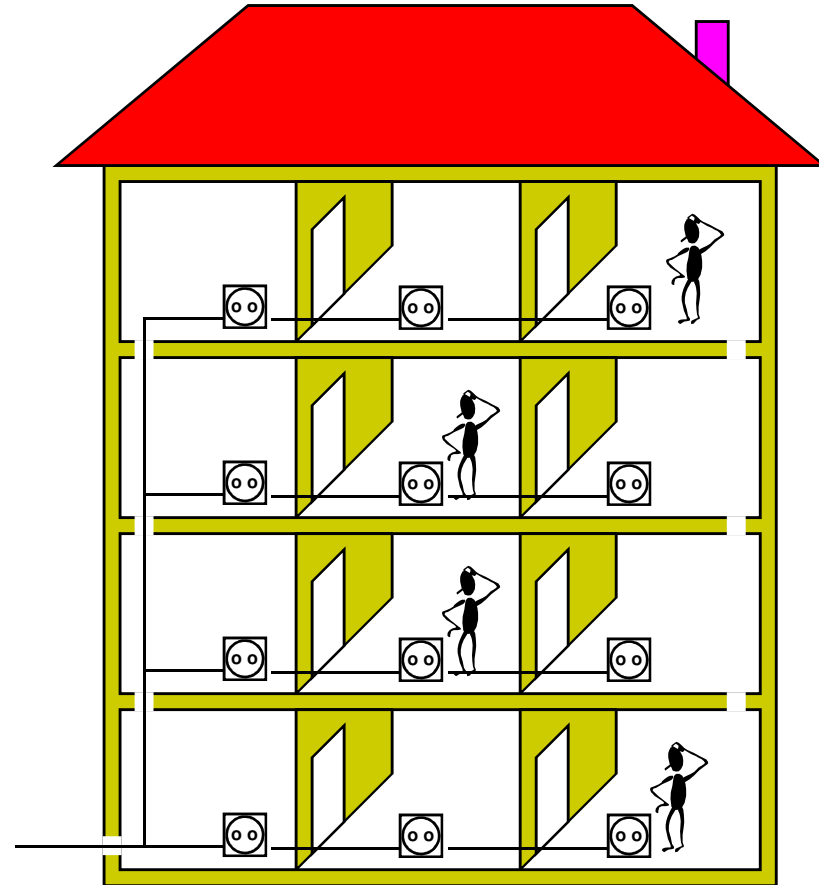
## Data and Work Distribution

- the value of **myrank** is returned by special library routine
- the system of **size** processes is started by special MPI initialization program (mpirun or mpiexec)
- all distribution decisions are based on **myrank**
- i.e., which process works on which data



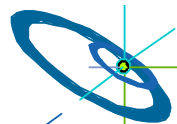
## Analogy: Electric Installations in Parallel

- MPI sub-program  
= work of one electrician  
on one floor
- data  
= the electric installation
- MPI communication  
= real communication  
to guarantee that the wires  
are coming at the same  
position through the floor



## What is SPMD?

- **S**ingle **P**rogram, **M**ultiple **D**ata
- Same (sub-)program runs on each processor
- MPI allows also MPMD, i.e., **M**ultiple Program, ...
- but some vendors may be restricted to SPMD
- MPMD can be emulated with SPMD

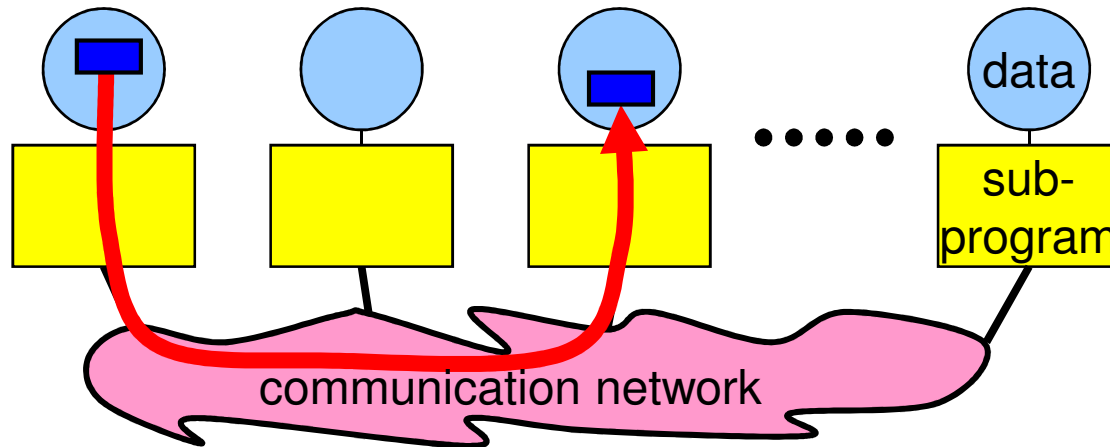


## Emulation of Multiple Program (MPMD), Example

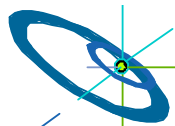
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main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    if (myrank < .... /* process should run the ocean model */)
    {
        ocean( /* arguments */ );
    }else{
        weather( /* arguments */ );
    }
}
```
- ```
PROGRAM
IF (myrank < ... ) THEN  !! process should run the ocean model
    CALL ocean ( some arguments )
ELSE
    CALL weather ( some arguments )
ENDIF
END
```



# Messages



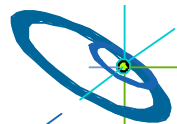
- Messages are packets of data moving between sub-programs
  - Necessary information for the message passing system:
    - sending process
    - source location
    - source data type
    - source data size
    - receiving process
    - destination location
    - destination data type
    - destination buffer size
- } i.e., the ranks
- } 





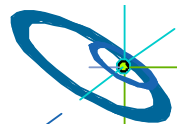
## Access

- A sub-program needs to be connected to a message passing system
- A message passing system is similar to:
  - mail box
  - phone line
  - fax machine
  - etc.
- MPI:
  - sub-program must be linked with an MPI library
  - sub-program must use include file of this MPI library
  - the total program (i.e., all sub-programs of the program) must be started with the MPI startup tool



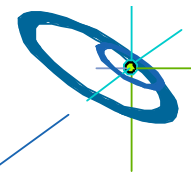
# Addressing

- Messages need to have addresses to be sent to.
- Addresses are similar to:
  - mail addresses
  - phone number
  - fax number
  - etc.
- MPI: addresses are ranks of the MPI processes (sub-programs)



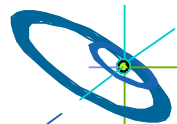
## Reception

- All messages must be received.



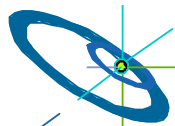
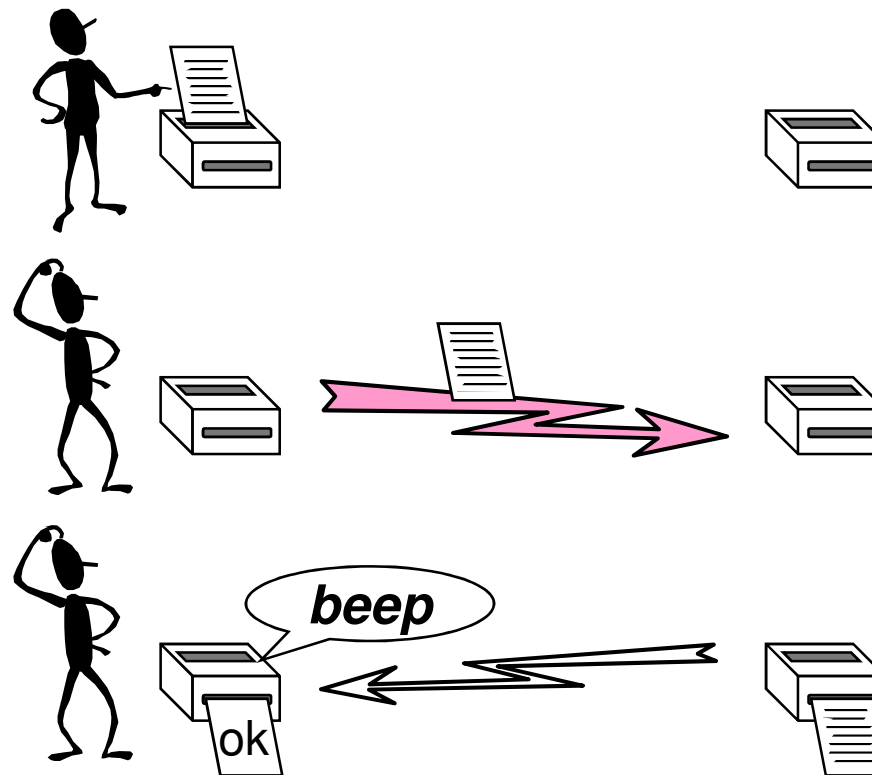
## Point-to-Point Communication

- Simplest form of message passing.
- One process sends a message to another.
- Different types of point-to-point communication:
  - synchronous send
  - buffered = asynchronous send



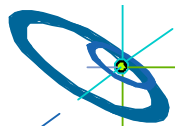
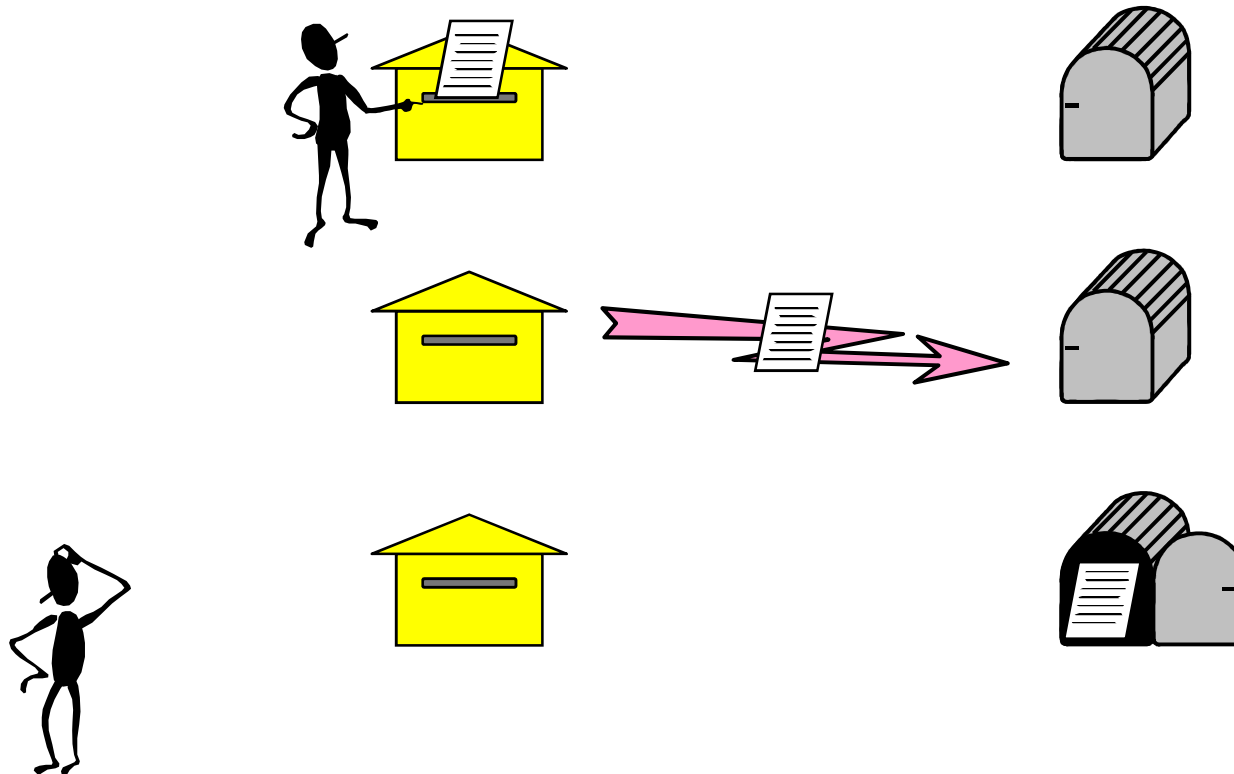
## Synchronous Sends

- The sender gets an information that the message is received.
- Analogue to the *beep* or *okay-sheet* of a fax.



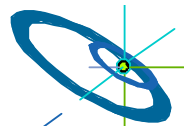
## Buffered = Asynchronous Sends

- Only know when the message has left.



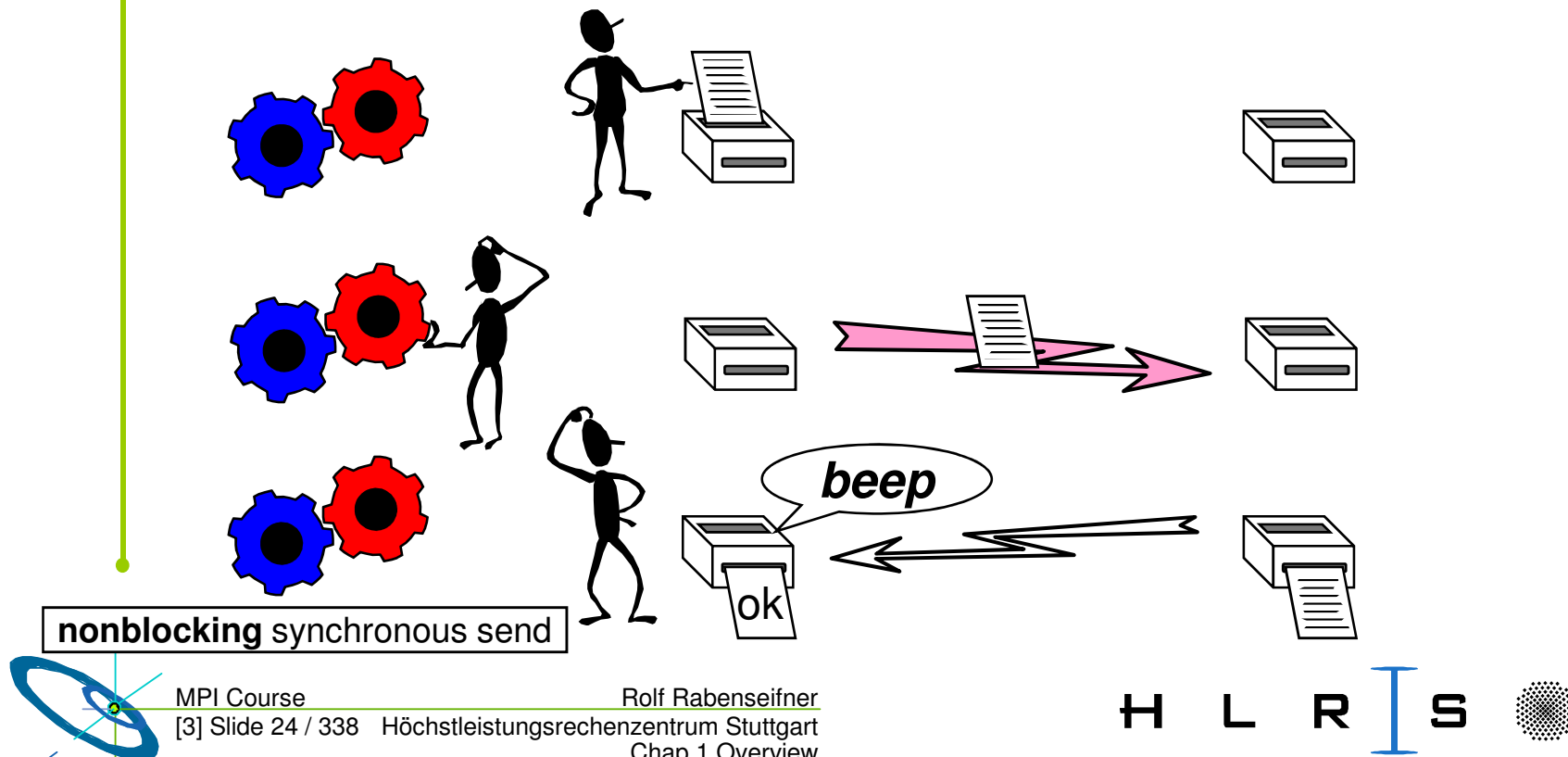
## Blocking Operations

- Operations are local activities, e.g.,
  - sending (a message)
  - receiving (a message)
- Some operations may **block** until another process acts:
  - synchronous send operation **blocks until** receive is posted;
  - receive operation **blocks until** message was sent.
- Relates to the completion of an operation.
- Blocking subroutine returns only when the operation has completed.



## Non-Blocking Operations

- Nonblocking operation: returns immediately and allow the sub-program to perform other work.
- At some later time the sub-program must **test** or **wait** for the completion of the nonblocking operation.





## Non-Blocking Operations (cont'd)

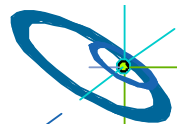


- All nonblocking operations must have matching wait (or test) operations. (Some system or application resources can be freed only when the nonblocking operation is completed.)
- A nonblocking operation immediately followed by a matching wait is equivalent to a blocking operation.
- Nonblocking operations are not the same as sequential subroutine calls:
  - the operation may continue while the application executes the next statements!



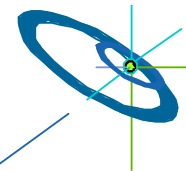
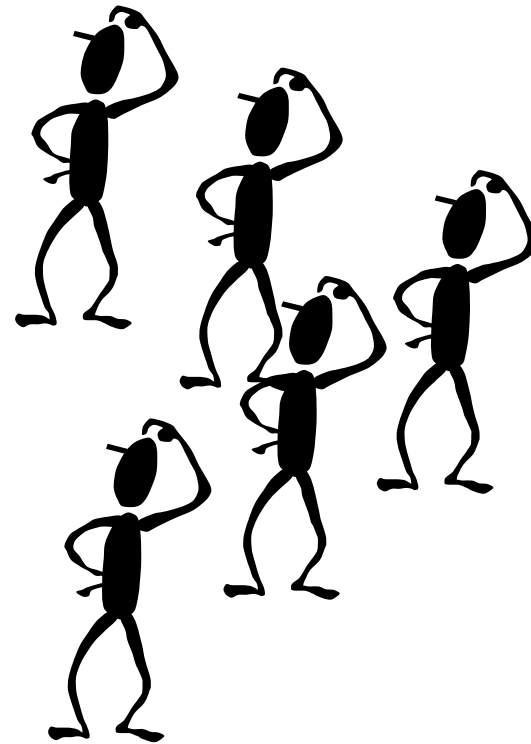
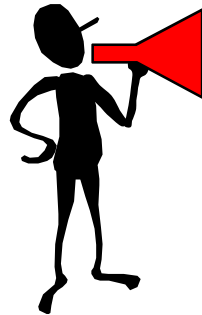
## Collective Communications

- Collective communication routines are higher level routines.
- Several processes are involved at a time.
- May allow optimized internal implementations, e.g., tree based algorithms
- Can be built out of point-to-point communications.



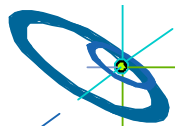
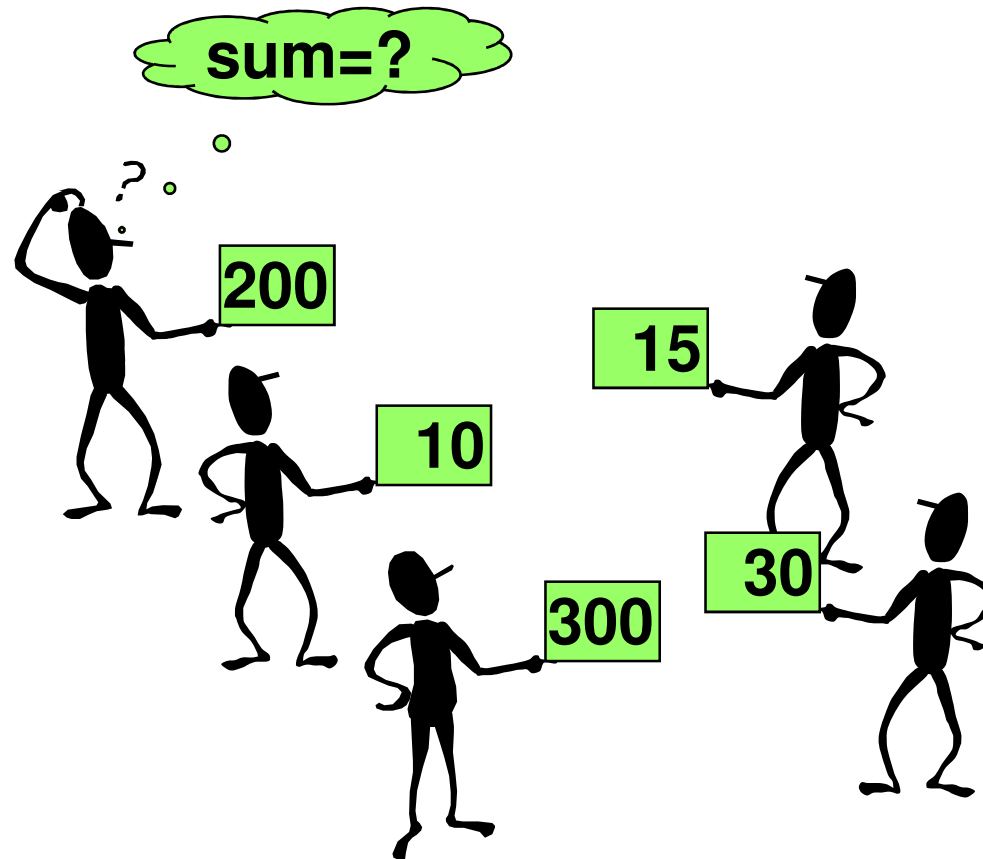
# Broadcast

- A one-to-many communication.



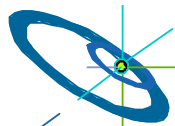
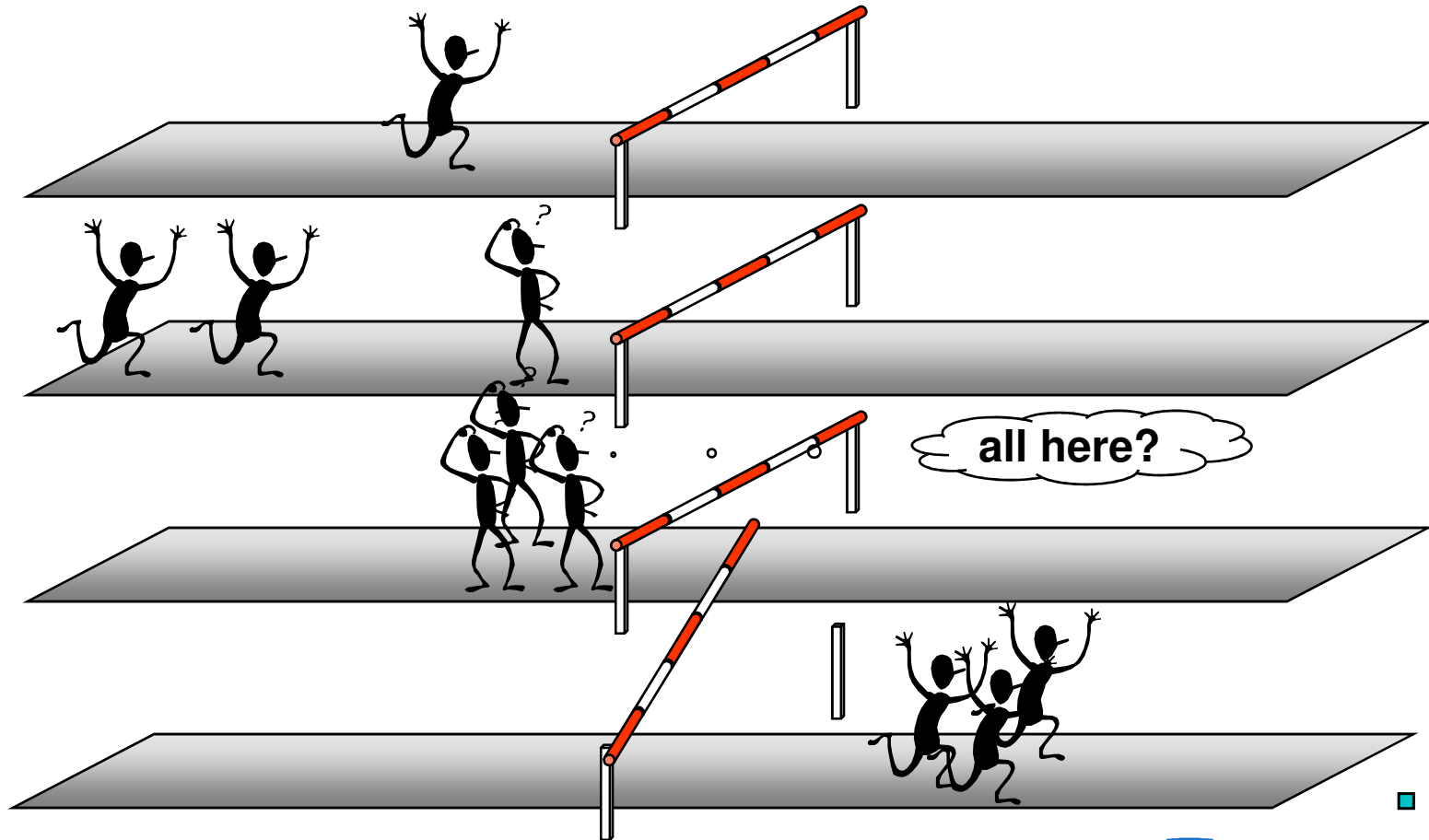
## Reduction Operations

- Combine data from several processes to produce a single result.



# Barriers

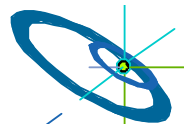
- Synchronize processes.



# MPI Forum

- **MPI-1 Forum**

- First message-passing interface standard.
- Sixty people from forty different organizations.
- Users and vendors represented, from US and Europe.
- Two-year process of proposals, meetings and review.
- *Message-Passing Interface* document produced.
- MPI-1.0 — June, 1994.
- MPI-1.1 — June 12, 1995.



## MPI-2 and MPI-3 Forum

- **MPI-2 Forum**

- Same procedure (e-mails, and meetings in Chicago, every 6 weeks).
- *MPI-2: Extensions to the Message-Passing Interface* (July 18, 1997).  
containing:
  - MPI-1.2 — mainly clarifications.
  - MPI-2.0 — extensions to MPI-1.2.

- **MPI-3 Forum**

- Started Jan. 14-16, 2008 (1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Chicago)
- Using e-mails, wiki, meetings every 8 weeks (Chicago and San Francisco),  
and telephone conferences
- MPI-2.1 — June 23, 2008
  - mainly combining MPI-1 and MPI-2 books to one book
- MPI-2.2 — September 4, 2009: Clarifications and a few new func.
- MPI-3.0 — September 21, 2012: Important new functionality



# Goals and Scope of MPI

- MPI's prime goals
  - To provide a message-passing interface.
  - To provide source-code portability.
  - To allow efficient implementations.
- It also offers:
  - A great deal of functionality.
  - Support for heterogeneous parallel architectures.
- With MPI-2:
  - Important additional functionality.
  - No changes to MPI-1.
- With MPI-2.1, 2.2, 3.0:
  - Important additional functionality to fit on new hardware principles.
  - Deprecated MPI routines moved to chapter “Deprecated Functions”
  - With MPI-3.0, some deprecated features were removed





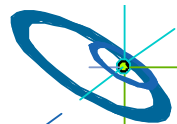
## About this course

- MPI-3 was developed for better **platform** and **application** support.
- MPI for HPC: Better support of clusters of SMP nodes

→ This is an MPI-3.0 course  
– includes most (performance) features of MPI

- Only overview-information for less important features of MPI

→ This course is for applications on systems ranging  
– from small cluster  
– to large HPC systems





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## Chap.2 Process Model and Language Bindings

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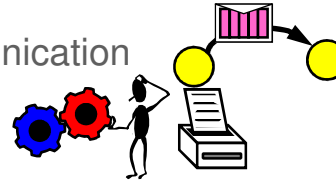
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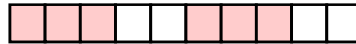
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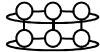
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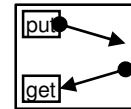


### 10. Process creation and management

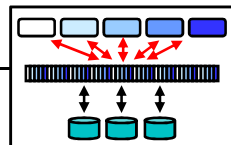


### 11. One-sided communication

### 12. Shared memory one-sided communication



### 13. MPI and threads



### 14. Parallel file I/O

### 15. Other MPI features

## Header files

C

- C / C++

`#include <mpi.h>`

Fortran

- Fortran

or since MPI-3.0:

`use mpi`

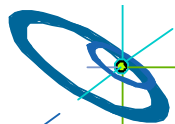
`use mpi_f08`

(or: `include 'mpif.h'`)

Compile-time argument  
checking:  
MPI-2.0 – 2.2: may be  
MPI-3.0: mandatory

Normally without  
any  
compile-time  
argument  
checking

MPI-3.0 and later:  
The use of `mpif.h` is strongly discouraged!



# MPI Function Format

C

- C / C++: `error = MPI_Xxxxxx( parameter, ... );`  
`MPI_Xxxxxx( parameter, ... );`

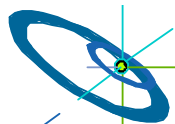
Fortran

- Fortran: `CALL MPI_XXXXXX( parameter, ..., ierror )`

MPI-3.0, with  
mpi\_f08 module:  
ierror is optional

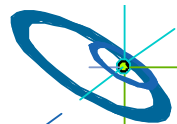
With mpi module  
or mpif.h:

**absolutely  
never  
forget!**



## error with old mpif.h and new mpi\_f08

- Unused ierror  
INCLUDE 'mpif.h'  
! wrong call:  
CALL MPI\_SEND(..., MPI\_COMM\_WORLD)  
! → terrible implications because ierror=0 is written somewhere to the memory
- With the new module  
USE mpi\_f08  
! Correct call, because ierror is **optional**:  
CALL MPI\_SEND(..., MPI\_COMM\_WORLD)
- **Conclusion:** You may switch to the **mpi\_f08** module





## MPI Function Format Details

- Have a look into the MPI standard, e.g., MPI-3.0, page 28. Each MPI routine is defined:
  - language independent (page:lines – p28:21-33),
  - programming languages: C / Fortran **mpi\_f08** / **mpi** & **mpif.h** (p28:34-48).

New in MPI-3.0

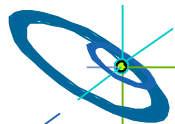
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Output arguments in C/C++:

definition in the standard    MPI\_Comm\_rank( ..., int \*rank)  
                                 MPI\_Recv(..., MPI\_Status \*status)

usage in your code:        main...  
                              { int myrank; MPI\_Status rcv\_status;  
                              MPI\_Comm\_rank(..., &myrank);  
                              MPI\_Recv(..., &rcv\_status);

- Several index sections at the end: Examples, **Constant and Predefined Handle**, Declarations, Callback Function Prototype, **Function Index**.
- MPI\_..... namespace is reserved for MPI constants and routines, i.e. application routines and variable names must not begin with MPI\_.



# Initializing MPI

C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Init( int *argc, char ***argv)`

```
#include <mpi.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    ....
}
```

MPI-2.0 and higher:  
Also  
`MPI_Init(NULL, NULL);`

Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_INIT( IERROR )`  
`INTEGER IERROR`

Alternative with MPI-3.0:  
**`use mpi_f08`**

```
program xxxxx
use mpi
implicit none
integer ierror
call MPI_INIT(ierror)
....
```

! With MPI-1.1:  
program xxxxx  
implicit none  
**include 'mpif.h'**  
integer ierror  
call  
MPI\_INIT(ierror)  
....

- Must be first MPI routine that is called  
(only a few exceptions, e.g., `MPI_Initialized`)

# The Fortran support methods

| Fortran support method | MPI-1.1 | MPI-2 | MPI-3 | MPI-next | MPI-... | far future |
|------------------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|------------|
| USE mpi_f08            | x       | x     | 5     | 5        | 5       | 5          |
| USE mpi                | x       | 3     | 4     | 2b       | 1       | 0          |
| INCLUDE 'mpif.h'       | 3       | 3     | 2a    | 1        | 0       | 0          |

Today      Maybe in the future

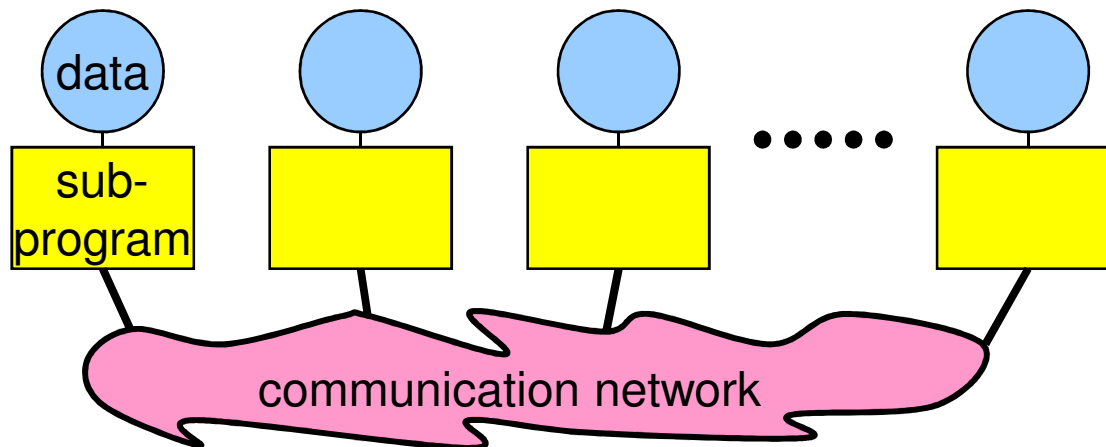
## Level of Quality:

- 5 – valid and consistent with the Fortran standard (Fortran 2008 + TS 29113)
- 4 – valid and only partially consistent
- 3 – valid and small consistency (e.g., without argument checking)
- 2 – use is strongly (a) discouraged or (b) frozen (i.e., without new functions)
- 1 – deprecated
- 0 – removed
- x – not yet existing

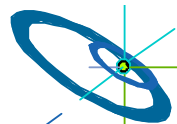


## Starting the MPI Program

- Start mechanism is implementation dependent
- `mpirun -np number_of_processes ./executable` (most implementations)
- `mpiexec -n number_of_processes ./executable` (with MPI-2 and later)

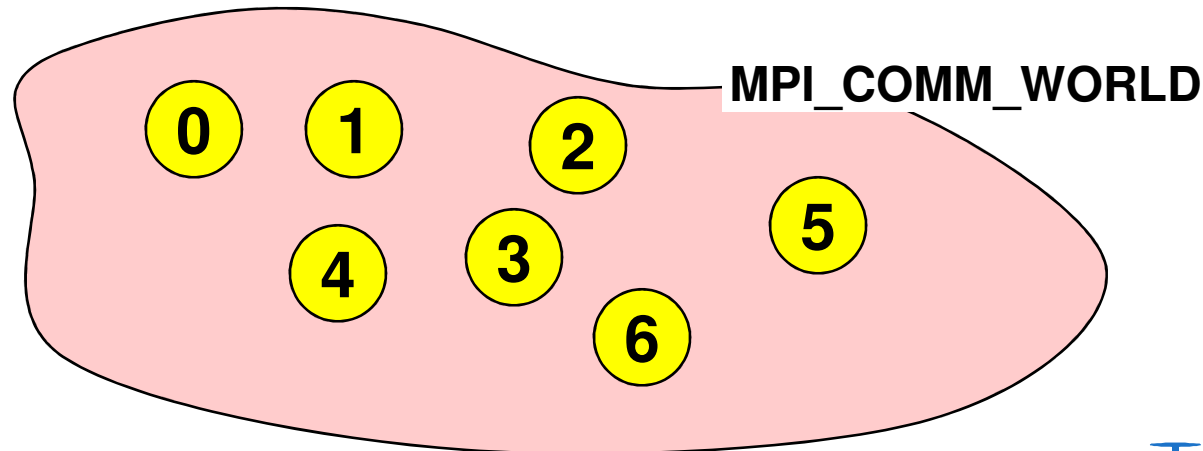


- The parallel MPI processes exist at least after `MPI_Init` was called.



## Communicator MPI\_COMM\_WORLD

- All processes (= sub-programs) of one MPI program are combined in the **communicator MPI\_COMM\_WORLD**.
- MPI\_COMM\_WORLD is a predefined **handle** in
  - mpi.h and
  - mpi\_f08 and mpi modules and mpif.h.
- Each process has its own **rank** in a communicator:
  - starting with 0
  - ending with (size-1)



# Handles

- Handles identify MPI objects.
- For the programmer, handles are
  - predefined constants in mpi.h or mpif.h
    - Example: MPI\_COMM\_WORLD
    - Can be used in initialization expressions or assignments.
    - The object accessed by the predefined constant handle exists and does not change only between **MPI\_Init** and **MPI\_Finalize**.
  - values returned by some MPI routines, to be stored in variables, that are defined as
    - in Fortran:

New in MPI-3.0

      - mpi\_f08 module: TYPE(MPI\_Comm), etc.
      - mpi module and mpif.h: INTEGER
    - in C: special MPI typedefs, e.g., MPI\_Comm
- Handles refer to internal MPI data structures

Fortran

C

# Rank

- The rank identifies different processes.
- The rank is the basis for any work and data distribution.

C

Fortran

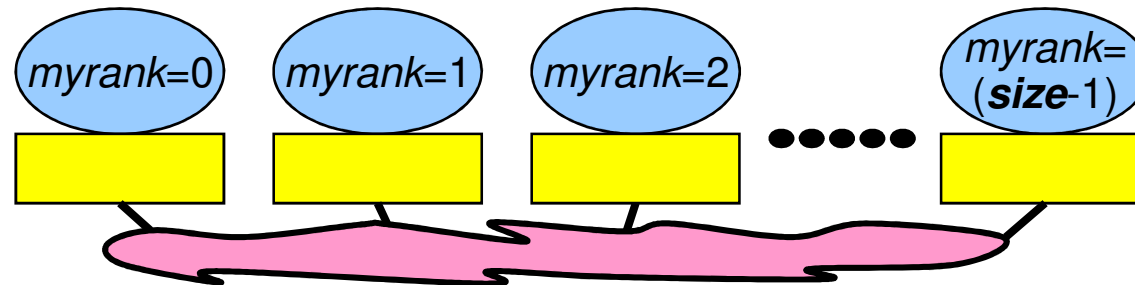
• C/C++: `int MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_Comm comm, int *rank )`

• Fortran: `MPI_COMM_RANK( comm, rank, ierror )`

`mpi_f08:     TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm  
              INTEGER :: rank;   INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror`

`mpi & mpif.h:   INTEGER comm, rank, ierror`

INTENT(IN/OUT)  
is omitted  
on these slides



`CALL MPI_COMM_RANK( MPI_COMM_WORLD, myrank, ierror )`

## Size

- How many processes are contained within a communicator?

C

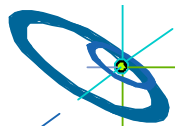
Fortran

- C/C++: `int MPI_Comm_size( MPI_Comm comm, int *size)`

- Fortran: `MPI_COMM_SIZE( comm, size, ierror)`

```
mpi_f08:    TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm
            INTEGER :: size
            INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror
```

```
mpi & mpif.h:  INTEGER comm, size, ierror
```





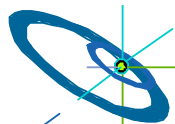
## Exiting MPI

C

Fortran

- C/C++: `int MPI_Finalize()`
- Fortran: `MPI_FINALIZE( ierror )`  
    `mpi_f08:       INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror`  
    `mpi & mpif.h:  INTEGER ierror`

- **Must** be called last by all processes.
- User must ensure the completion of all pending communications (locally) before calling finalize
- After `MPI_Finalize`:
  - Further MPI-calls are forbidden
  - Especially re-initialization with `MPI_Init` is forbidden
  - **May** abort all processes except “rank==0” in `MPI_COMM_WORLD`



# Compilation and Parallel Start

C

Fortran

C

Fortran

- Your working directory: `~/MPI/#nr` with #nr = number of your PC
- Initialization: `module use mpi` (or other setup)
- Compilation in C:
  - `mpicc -o prg prg.c` (usual)
  - `cc -o prg prg.c` (on Cray)
  - `cc -o prg prg.c -lmpi` (on ...)
  - `mpcc_r -o prg prg.c` (on IBM)
- Compilation in Fortran:
  - `mpif90 -o prg prg.f` (usual)
  - `ftn -o prg prg.f` (on Cray)
  - `f90 -o prg prg.f -lmpi` (on ...)
  - `mpxlf_r -o prg prg.f` (on IBM)
- Program start on num PEs:
  - `mpirun -np num ./prg` (all, except ...: )
  - `mpiexec -n num ./prg` (standard MPI-2)
  - `poe -procs num ./prg` (IBM)

- C examples `~/MPI/course/C/Ch[2-14]/*.c`
- Fortran examples `~/MPI/course/F_[123]*/Ch[2-14]/*.f*`

- Make sure you have completed the introductory exercises fully **before** checking the solution, otherwise you will lose out on 90% of the learning benefits.
- Time permitting, attempt to complete the advanced exercises and study their solutions.

- F\_11 (\*.f)
- MPI-1.1
  - with mpif.h
- F\_20 (\*.f90)
- MPI-2.x
  - mpi module
- F\_30 (\*.f90)
- MPI-3.0
  - mpi\_f08

## Exercise: Hello World

- Write a minimal MPI program which prints „hello world“ by each MPI process.
- Compile and run it on a single processor.
- Run it on several processors in parallel.
- Modify your program so that
  - every process writes its rank and the size of MPI\_COMM\_WORLD,
  - only process ranked 0 in MPI\_COMM\_WORLD prints “hello world”.
- Why is the sequence of the output non-deterministic?

hint for C: #include <stdio.h>

C

```
I am 2 of 4
Hello world
I am 0 of 4
I am 3 of 4
I am 1 of 4
```

see also login-slides

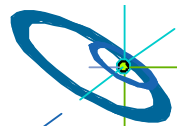


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## Advanced Exercises: Hello World with deterministic output

- Discuss with your neighbor, what must be done, that the output of all MPI processes on the terminal window is in the sequence of the ranks.
- Or is there no chance to guarantee this?



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## Chap.3 Messages and Point-to-Point Communication

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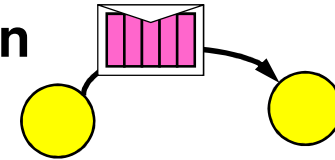


2. Process model and language bindings

```
MPI_Init()
MPI_Comm_rank()
```

### 3. Messages and point-to-point communication

– the MPI processes can communicate



4. Nonblocking communication



5. Probe, Persistent Requests, Cancel

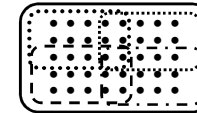
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8. Groups & communicators, environment management

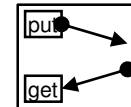


9. Collective communication



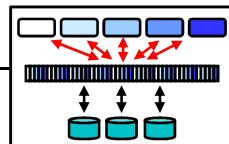
10. Process creation and management

11. One-sided communication



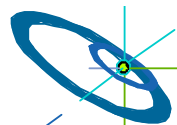
12. Shared memory one-sided communication

13. MPI and threads

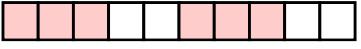


14. Parallel file I/O

15. Other MPI features

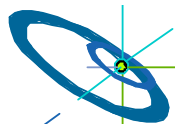


## Messages

- A message contains a number of elements of some particular datatype.
- MPI datatypes:
  - Basic datatype.
  - Derived datatypes .
- Derived datatypes can be built up from basic or derived datatypes.
- C types are different from Fortran types.
- Datatype handles are used to describe the type of the data in the memory.

Example: message with 5 integers

|      |     |       |     |      |
|------|-----|-------|-----|------|
| 2345 | 654 | 96574 | -12 | 7676 |
|------|-----|-------|-----|------|



## C

## MPI Basic Datatypes — C / C++

| MPI Datatype           | C datatype         | Remarks                        |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| MPI_CHAR               | char               | Treated as printable character |
| MPI_SHORT              | signed short int   |                                |
| MPI_INT                | signed int         |                                |
| MPI_LONG               | signed long int    |                                |
| MPI_LONG_LONG          | signed long long   |                                |
| MPI_SIGNED_CHAR        | signed char        | Treated as integral value      |
| MPI_UNSIGNED_CHAR      | unsigned char      | Treated as integral value      |
| MPI_UNSIGNED_SHORT     | unsigned short int |                                |
| MPI_UNSIGNED           | unsigned int       |                                |
| MPI_UNSIGNED_LONG      | unsigned long int  |                                |
| MPI_UNSIGNED_LONG_LONG | unsigned long long |                                |
| MPI_FLOAT              | float              |                                |
| MPI_DOUBLE             | double             |                                |
| MPI_LONG_DOUBLE        | long double        |                                |
| MPI_BYTE               |                    |                                |
| MPI_PACKED             |                    |                                |

Further datatypes,  
see, e.g., MPI-3.0,  
Annex A.1

Includes also  
special C++ types,  
e.g., bool,  
see page 666

| MPI Datatype         | Fortran datatype |
|----------------------|------------------|
| MPI_INTEGER          | INTEGER          |
| MPI_REAL             | REAL             |
| MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION | DOUBLE PRECISION |
| MPI_COMPLEX          | COMPLEX          |
| MPI_LOGICAL          | LOGICAL          |
| MPI_CHARACTER        | CHARACTER(1)     |
| MPI_BYTE             |                  |
| MPI_PACKED           |                  |

Further datatypes,  
e.g.,  
**MPI\_REAL8** for  
**REAL\*8**,  
see MPI-3.0,  
Annex A.1

|      |     |       |     |      |
|------|-----|-------|-----|------|
| 2345 | 654 | 96574 | -12 | 7676 |
|------|-----|-------|-----|------|

count=5  
datatype=MPI\_INTEGER

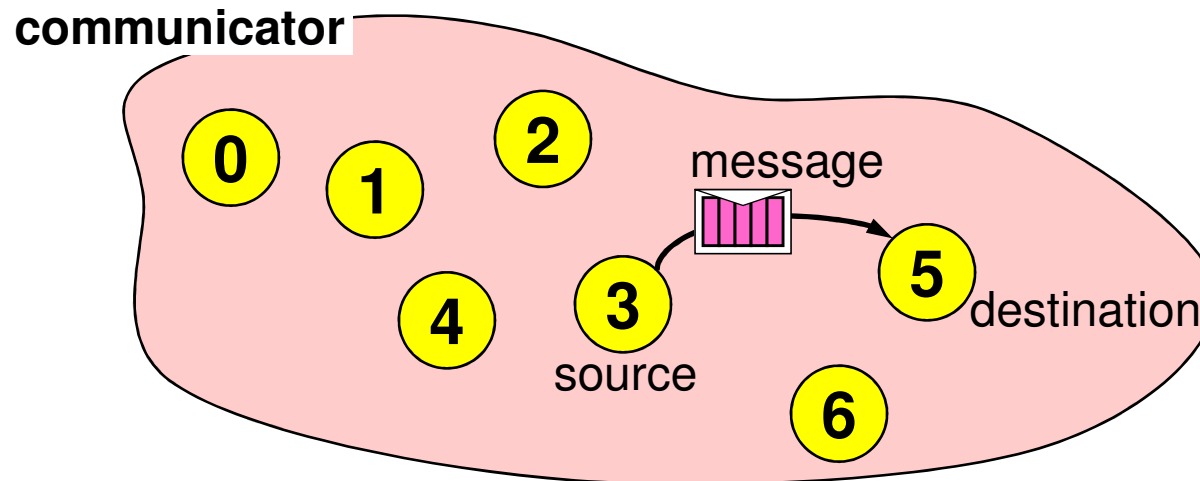
INTEGER arr(5)

For KIND-parameterized Fortran types, basic  
datatype handles must be generated with

- MPI\_TYPE\_CREATE\_F90\_INTEGER
- MPI\_TYPE\_CREATE\_F90\_REAL
- MPI\_TYPE\_CREATE\_F90\_COMPLEX

## Point-to-Point Communication

- Communication between two processes.
- Source process sends message to destination process.
- Communication takes place within a communicator, e.g., MPI\_COMM\_WORLD.
- Processes are identified by their ranks in the communicator.



## Sending a Message

C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Send(void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, int dest, int tag, MPI_Comm comm)`

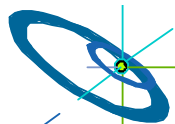
Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_SEND(buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm, ierror)`

```
mpi_f08:      TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buf
              TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: datatype; TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm
              INTEGER :: count, dest, tag;      INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror
```

```
mpi & mpif.h: <type> buf(*); INTEGER count, datatype, dest, tag, comm, ierror
```

- buf is the starting point of the message with count elements, each described with datatype.
- dest is the rank of the destination process within the communicator comm.
- tag is an additional nonnegative integer piggyback information, additionally transferred with the message.
- The tag can be used by the program to distinguish different types of messages.



## Receiving a Message

C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Recv(void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, int source, int tag, MPI_Comm comm, MPI_Status *status)`

Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_RECV(buf,count,datatype, source, tag, comm, status, error)`

```
mpi_f08:    TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buf
            INTEGER :: count, source, tag
            TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: datatype;  TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm
            TYPE(MPI_Status) :: status;      INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror
```

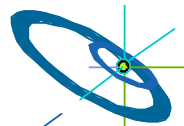
```
mpi & mpif.h: <type> buf(*); INTEGER count, datatype, source, tag, comm, ierror
              INTEGER status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)
```

- `buf/count/datatype` describe the receive buffer.
- Receiving the message sent by process with rank source in comm.
- Envelope information is returned in *status*.
- One can pass `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` instead of a status argument.
- Output arguments are printed *blue-cursive*.
- Only messages with matching tag are received.

## Requirements for Point-to-Point Communications

For a communication to succeed:

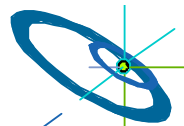
- Sender must specify a valid destination rank.
- Receiver must specify a valid source rank.
- The communicator must be the same.
- Tags must match.
- Buffer's (C or Fortran) type must match with the datatype handle (in the send and receive call)
- Message datatypes must match.
- Receiver's buffer must be large enough.





## Wildcarding

- Receiver can wildcard.
- To receive from any source — source = MPI\_ANY\_SOURCE
- To receive from any tag — tag = MPI\_ANY\_TAG
- Actual source and tag are returned in the receiver's status parameter.



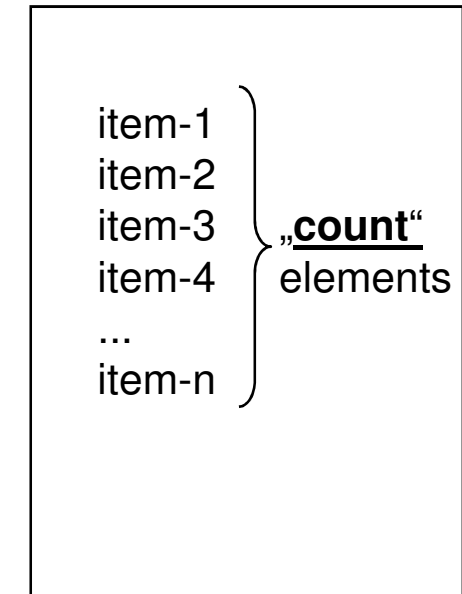
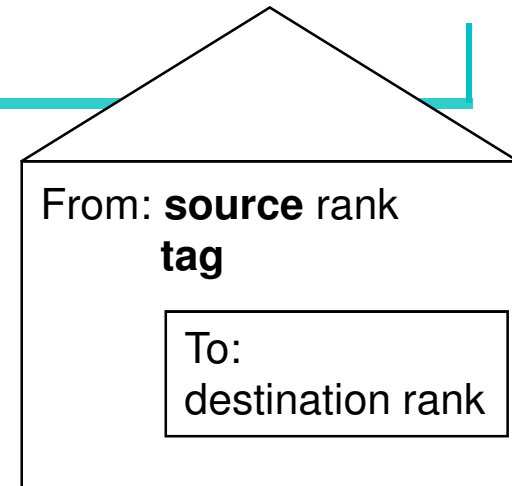
# Communication Envelope

- Envelope information is returned from MPI\_RECV in *status*.
- C/C++: 

```
MPI_Status status;
status.MPI_SOURCE
status.MPI_TAG
status.MPI_ERROR *)
count via MPI_Get_count()
```
- Fortran: 

```
mpi_f08: TYPE(MPI_Status) :: status
status%MPI_SOURCE
status%MPI_TAG
status%MPI_ERROR *)
```
- mpi & mpif.h: 

```
INTEGER status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)
status(MPI_SOURCE)
status(MPI_TAG)
status(MPI_ERROR) *)
```
- count via MPI\_GET\_COUNT()



special indexes

\*) See slide 76 on MPI\_Waitall, ...

## Receive Message Count

C

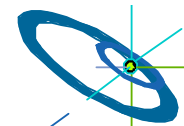
- C/C++: `int MPI_Get_count(MPI_Status *status, MPI_Datatype datatype, int *count)`

Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_GET_COUNT(status, datatype, count, ierror)`

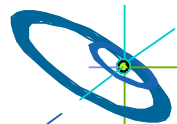
```
mpi_f08:    TYPE(MPI_Status)      :: status
            TYPE(MPI_Datatype)    :: datatype
            INTEGER                :: count
            INTEGER, OPTIONAL      :: ierror
```

```
mpi & mpif.h: INTEGER status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE), datatype, count, ierror
```



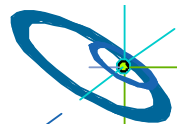
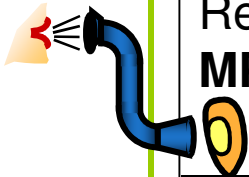
## Communication Modes

- Send communication modes:
  - synchronous send → MPI\_\*\*SEND
  - buffered [asynchronous] send → MPI\_\*\*SEND
  - standard send → MPI\_\*\*SEND
  - Ready send → MPI\_\*\*SEND
- Receiving all modes → MPI\_\*\*RCV



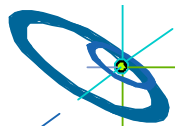
## Communication Modes — Definitions

| Sender mode                          | Definition                                                            | Notes                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Synchronous send<br><b>MPI_SSEND</b> | Only completes when the receive has started                           |                                                                                     |
| Buffered send<br><b>MPI_BSEND</b>    | Always completes (unless an error occurs), irrespective of receiver   | needs application-defined buffer to be declared with <code>MPI_BUFFER_ATTACH</code> |
| Standard send<br><b>MPI_SEND</b>     | Either synchronous or buffered                                        | uses an internal buffer                                                             |
| Ready send<br><b>MPI_RSEND</b>       | May be started <b>only</b> if the matching receive is already posted! | highly dangerous!                                                                   |
| Receive<br><b>MPI_RECV</b>           | Completes when a message has arrived                                  | same routine for all communication modes                                            |



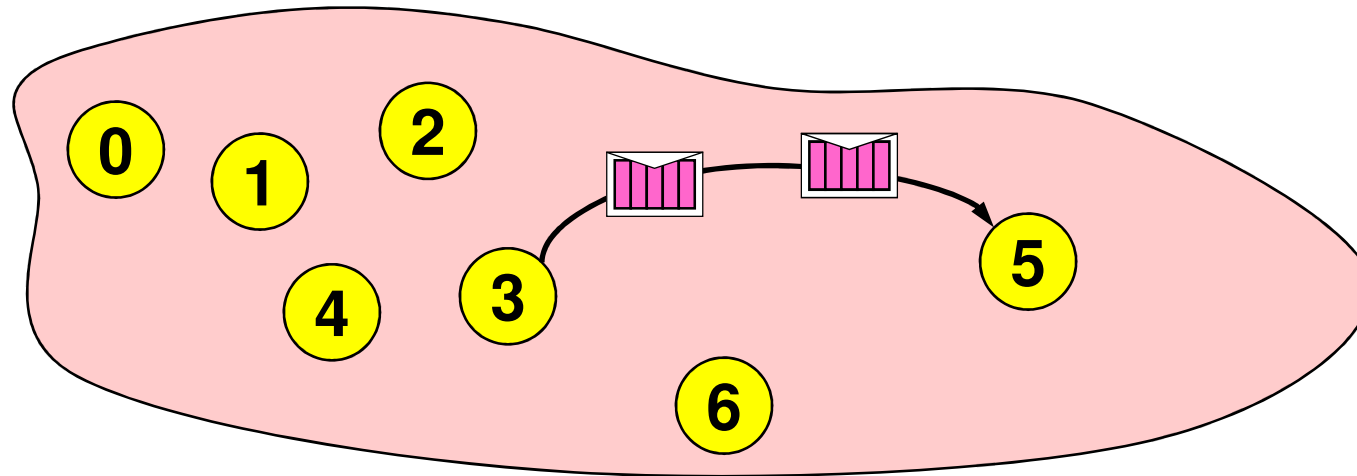
## Rules for the communication modes

- Standard send (**MPI\_SEND**)
  - minimal transfer time
  - may block due to synchronous mode
  - —> risks with synchronous send
- Synchronous send (**MPI\_SSEND**)
  - risk of deadlock
  - risk of serialization
  - risk of waiting —> idle time
  - high latency / best bandwidth
- Buffered send (**MPI\_BSEND**)
  - low latency / bad bandwidth
- Ready send (**MPI\_RSEND**)
  - use **never**, except you have a 200% guarantee that Recv is already called in the current version and all future versions of your code
  - may be the fastest

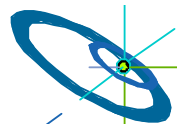


## Message Order Preservation

- Rule for messages on the same connection, i.e., same communicator, source, and destination rank:
- **Messages do not overtake each other.**
- This is true even for non-synchronous sends.



- If both receives match both messages, then the order is preserved.



## Routine declarations within the mpi\_f08 module

New in MPI-3.0

Mainly for implementer's reasons.  
Not relevant for users.

Removed, see  
MPI-3.0 errata  
Sep. 24, 2013  
and later

MPI\_Recv(buf, count, datatype, source, tag, comm, status, ierror) ~~BIND(C)~~

- TYPE(\*), DIMENSION(..), ASYNCHRONOUS<sup>1)</sup> :: buf
- INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: count, source, tag
- TYPE(MPI\_Datatype), INTENT(IN) :: datatype
- TYPE(MPI\_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
- TYPE(MPI\_Status) :: status
- INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror

Fortran compatible buffer  
declaration allows correct  
compiler optimizations

Unique handle types allow  
best compile-time argument  
checking

INTENT → Compiler-based  
optimizations & checking

OPTIONAL ierror:  
MPI routine can be called  
without ierror argument

Status is now a  
Fortran structure, i.e.,  
a Fortran derived type

<sup>1)</sup> ASYNCHRONOUS: only in nonblocking routines, not in MPI\_Recv



## MPI\_Status within the mpi\_f08 module

Support method:

USE mpi or INCLUDE 'mpif.h'

→ **USE mpi\_f08**

Status

INTEGER :: status(MPI\_STATUS\_SIZE) → **TYPE(MPI\_Status) :: status**

status(MPI\_SOURCE)

→ **status%MPI\_SOURCE**

status(MPI\_TAG)

→ **status%MPI\_TAG**

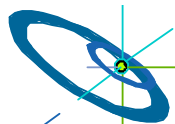
status(MPI\_ERROR)

→ **status%MPI\_ERROR**

**Additional routines and declarations are provided for the language interoperability of the status information between**

- **C,**
- **Fortran mpi\_f08, and**
- **Fortran mpi (and mpif.h)**

see MPI-3.0, Section 17.2.5 pages 648-650



## Handles in mpi\_f08

- Unique handle types, e.g.,
  - INTEGER comm
- Handle comparisons, e.g.,
  - comm .EQ. MPI\_COMM\_NULL
- Conversion in mixed applications:
  - Both modules (mpi & mpi\_f08) contain the declarations for all handles.

Same  
names  
as in C

```
TYPE, BIND(C) :: MPI_Comm
INTEGER :: MPI_VAL
END TYPE MPI_Comm
```

→ **TYPE(MPI\_Comm) :: comm**

No change through overloaded operator

→ comm .EQ. MPI\_COMM\_NULL

```
SUBROUTINE a
  USE mpi
  INTEGER :: splitcomm
  CALL MPI_COMM_SPLIT(..., splitcomm)
  CALL b(splitcomm)
END

SUBROUTINE b(splitcomm)
  USE mpi_f08
  INTEGER :: splitcomm
  TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: splitcomm_f08
  CALL MPI_Send(..., MPI_Comm(splitcomm))
  ! or
  splitcomm_f08%MPI_VAL = splitcomm
  CALL MPI_Send(..., splitcomm_f08)
END
```

```
SUBROUTINE a
  USE mpi_f08
  TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: splitcomm
  CALL MPI_Comm_split(..., splitcomm)
  CALL b(splitcomm)
END

SUBROUTINE b(splitcomm)
  USE mpi
  TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: splitcomm
  INTEGER :: splitcomm_old
  CALL MPI_SEND(..., splitcomm%MPI_VAL)
  ! or
  splitcomm_old = splitcomm%MPI_VAL
  CALL MPI_SEND(..., splitcomm_old)
END
```

## Keyword-based argument lists in mpi\_f08 and mpi module

Positional and **keyword-based** argument lists

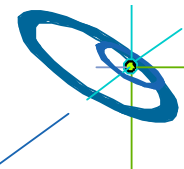
- CALL MPI\_SEND(sndbuf, 5, MPI\_REAL, right, 33, MPI\_COMM\_WORLD)
- CALL MPI\_SEND(**buf**=sndbuf, **count**=5, **datatype**=MPI\_REAL, **dest**=right, **tag**=33, **comm**=MPI\_COMM\_WORLD)

The keywords are defined in the language bindings.  
Same keywords for both modules.

Remark: Some keywords are changed since MPI-2.2

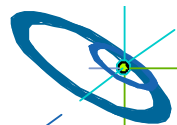
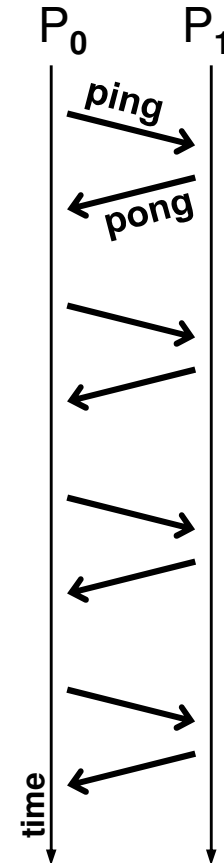
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outdated documents!

- **For consistency reasons, or**
- **To prohibit conflicts with Fortran keywords, e.g., *type*, *function*.**



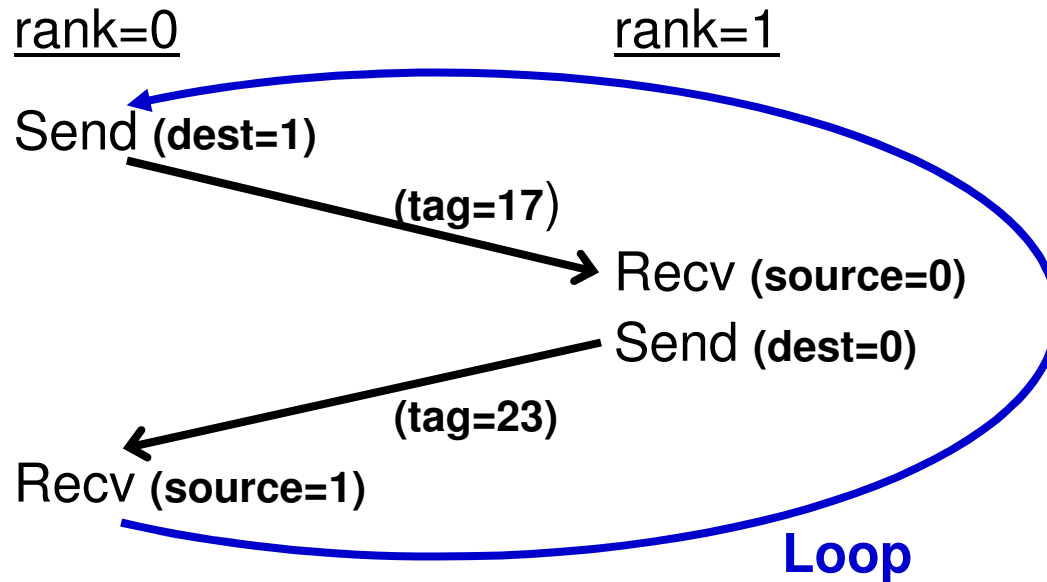
## Exercise — Ping pong

- Write a program according to the time-line diagram:
  - process 0 sends a message to process 1 (ping)
  - after receiving this message, process 1 sends a message back to process 0 (pong)
- Repeat this ping-pong with a loop of length 50
- Add timing calls before and after the loop:
- C/C++: `double MPI_Wtime(void);`<sup>1)</sup>
- Fortran: `DOUBLE PRECISION FUNCTION MPI_WTIME()`
- MPI\_WTIME returns a wall-clock time in seconds.
- Only at process 0,
  - print out the transfer time of **one** message
  - in  $\mu\text{s}$ , i.e.,  $\text{delta\_time} / (2 \cdot 50) \cdot 1e6$



<sup>1)</sup> One of the rare routines that can be implemented as macros in C, see MPI-3.0, Sect.2.6.4, page 19

## Exercise — Ping pong



```
if (my_rank==0)          /* i.e., emulated multiple program */
    MPI_Send( ... dest=1 ...)
    MPI_Recv( ... source=1 ...)
else
    MPI_Recv( ... source=0 ...)
    MPI_Send( ... dest=0 ...)
fi
```

see also login-slides

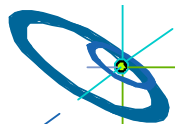
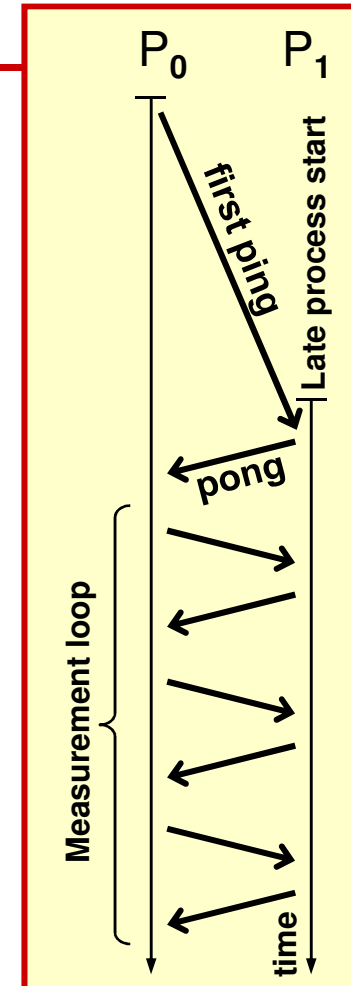


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## Advanced Exercises — Ping pong latency and bandwidth

- Exclude startup time problems from measurements:
  - Execute a first ping-pong outside of the measurement loop
- latency = transfer time for short messages
- bandwidth = message size (in bytes) / transfer time
- Print out message transfer time and bandwidth
  - for following send modes:
    - for standard send (`MPI_Send`)
    - for synchronous send (`MPI_Ssend`)
  - for following message sizes:
    - 8 bytes (e.g., one double or double precision value)
    - 512 B (=  $8 \cdot 64$  bytes)
    - 32 kB (=  $8 \cdot 64 \cdot 2$  bytes)
    - 2 MB (=  $8 \cdot 64 \cdot 3$  bytes)





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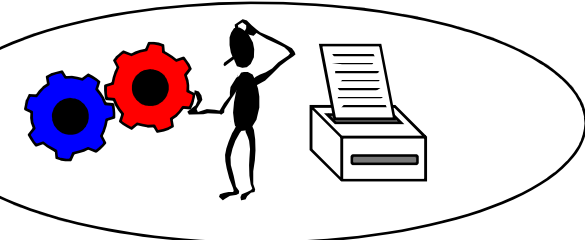


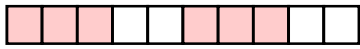
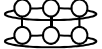
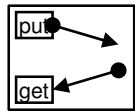
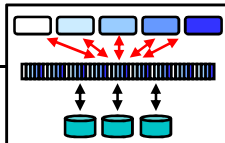
## Chap.4 Nonblocking Communication

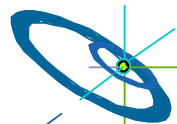
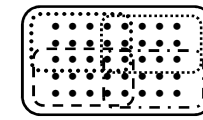
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### 4. Nonblocking communication

- transfer of any combination of typed data



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7. Virtual topologies 
8. Groups & communicators, environment management
9. Collective communication 
10. Process creation and management
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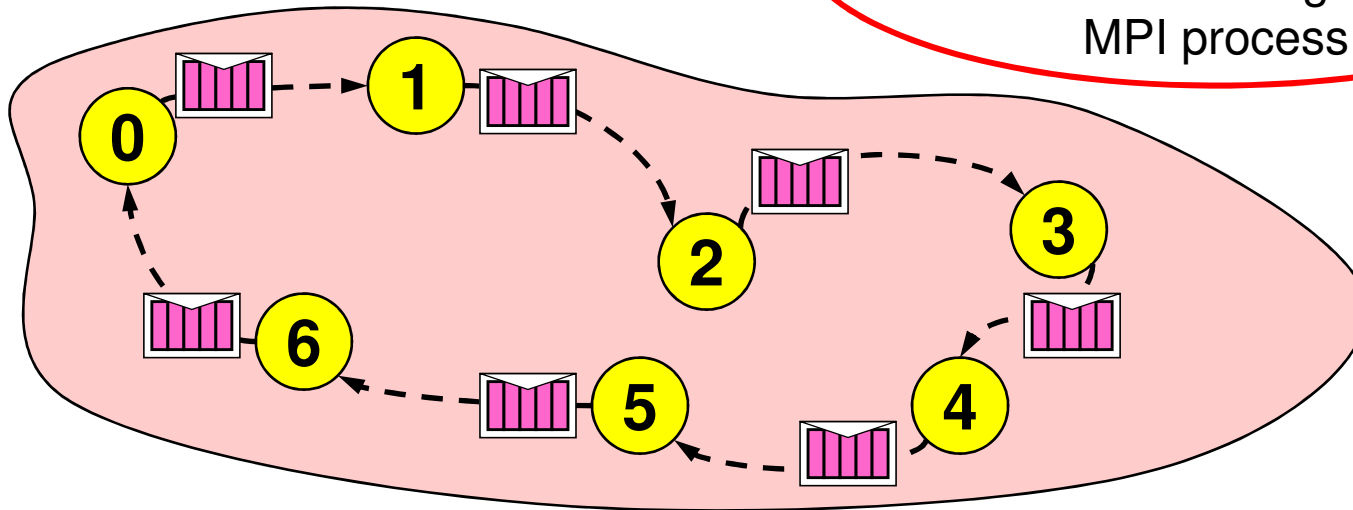
## Deadlock

- Code in each MPI process:

```
MPI_Ssend(..., right_rank, ...)
```

```
MPI_Recv( ..., left_rank, ...)
```

Will block and never return,  
because MPI\_Recv cannot  
be called in the right-hand  
MPI process

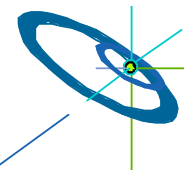


- Same problem with standard send mode (MPI\_Send),  
if MPI implementation chooses synchronous protocol ■



# Non-Blocking Communications

- Separate communication into three phases:
- Initiate nonblocking communication
  - returns **Immediately**
  - routine name starting with **MPI\_I...**
- Do some work (perhaps involving other communications?)
- Wait for nonblocking communication to complete



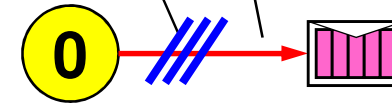
## Non-Blocking Examples

- Nonblocking **send**

MPI\_Isend(...)

doing some other work

MPI\_Wait(...)

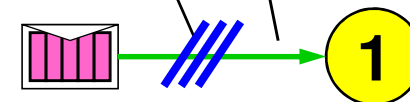


- Nonblocking **receive**

MPI\_Irecv(...)

doing some other work

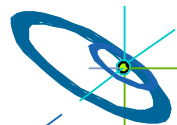
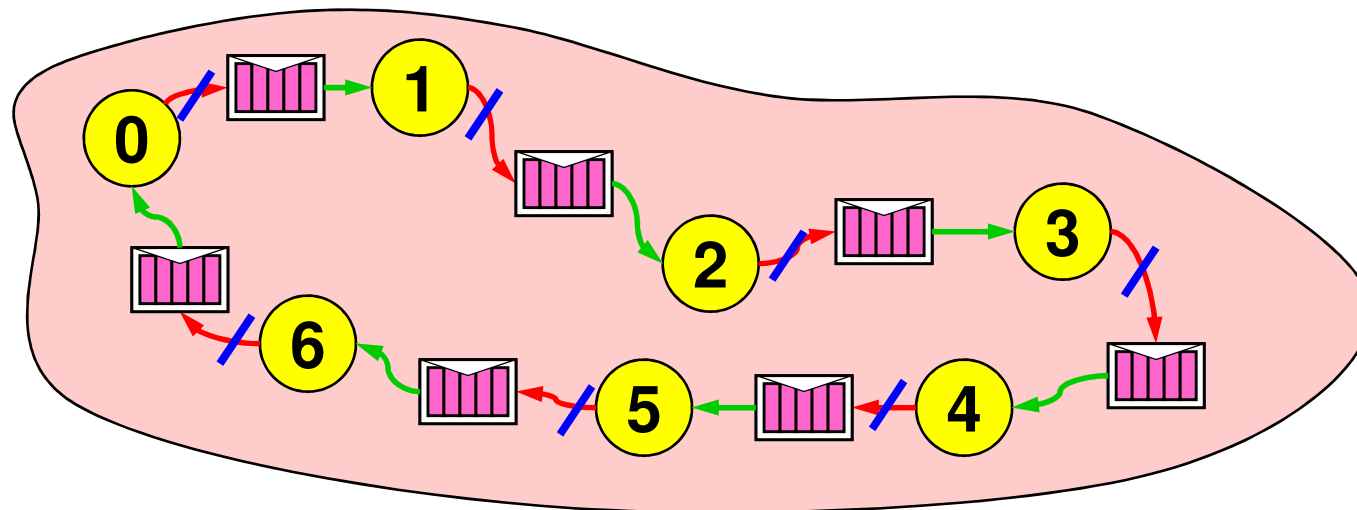
MPI\_Wait(...)



/// = waiting until operation locally completed

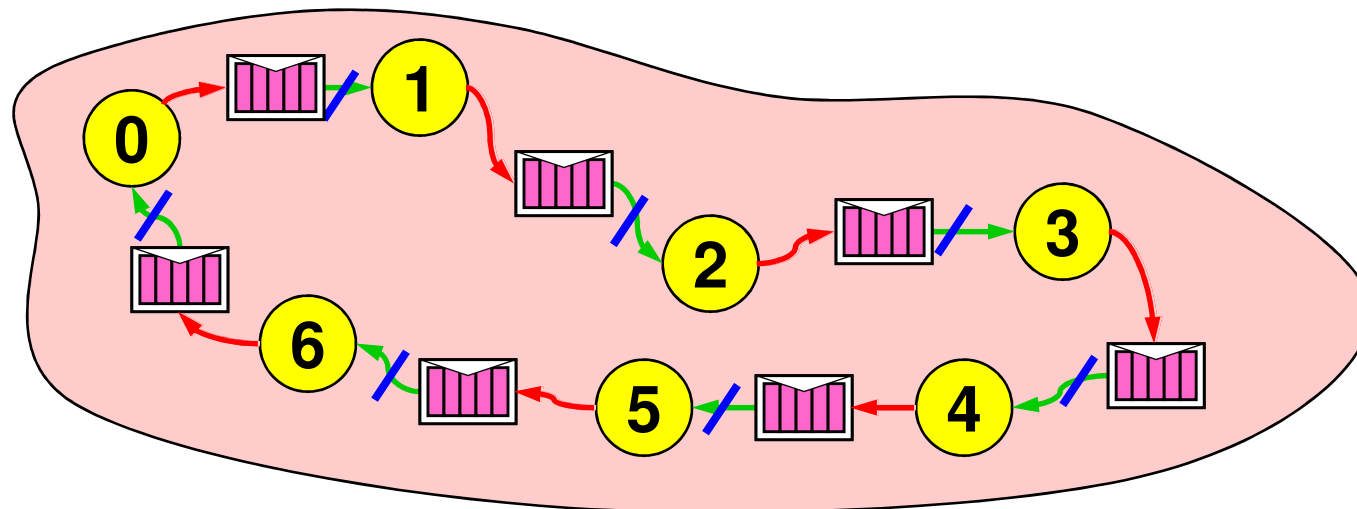
## Non-Blocking Send

- Initiate nonblocking send  
→ in the ring example: Initiate nonblocking send to the right neighbor
- Do some work:  
→ in the ring example: Receiving the message from left neighbor
- Now, the message transfer can be completed
- Wait for nonblocking send to complete ✓



## Non-Blocking Receive

- Initiate nonblocking receive  
→ in the ring example: Initiate nonblocking receive from left neighbor
- Do some work:  
→ in the ring example: Sending the message to the right neighbor
- Now, the message transfer can be completed
- Wait for nonblocking receive to complete /



## Handles, already known

- Predefined handles
  - defined in mpi.h / mpi\_f08 / mpi & mpif.h
  - communicator, e.g., MPI\_COMM\_WORLD
  - datatype, e.g., MPI\_INT, MPI\_INTEGER, ...

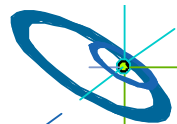
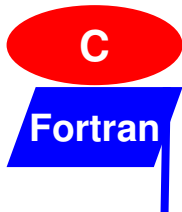
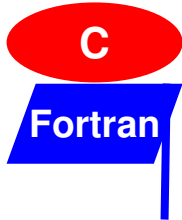
- Handles **can** also be stored in local variables

- memory for datatype handles
  - in C/C++: MPI\_Datatype
  - in Fortran:

mpi\_f08: TYPE(MPI\_Datatype)  
mpi & mpif.h: INTEGER

- memory for communicator handles
  - in C/C++: MPI\_Comm
  - in Fortran:

mpi\_f08: TYPE(MPI\_Comm)  
mpi & mpif.h: INTEGER



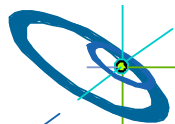
# Request Handles

## Request handles

- are used for nonblocking communication
- **must** be stored in local variables
  - in C/C++: `MPI_Request`
  - in Fortran:  
`mpi_f08:       TYPE(MPI_Request)`  
`mpi & mpif.h:  INTEGER`

the value

- **is generated** by a nonblocking communication routine
- **is used** (and freed) in the `MPI_WAIT` routine





## Nonblocking Synchronous Send

C

- C/C++: `MPI_Issend( buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm, [OUT] &request_handle);`

↓  
`MPI_Wait( [INOUT] &request_handle, &status);`

- Fortran: ....., ASYNCHRONOUS :: buf  
`CALL MPI_ISSEND( buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm, [OUT] request_handle, ierror)`

New in MPI-3.0

↓  
`CALL MPI_WAIT( [INOUT] request_handle, status, ierror)`  
`IF (.NOT. MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING)`  
& `CALL MPI_F_SYNC_REG( buf )`

New in MPI-3.0

- buf must not be modified between Issend and Wait (in all progr. languages)  
(In MPI-2.1, this restriction was stronger: “should not access”, see MPI-2.1, page 52, lines 5-6)
- “Issend + Wait directly after Issend” is equivalent to blocking call (Ssend)
- status is not used in Issend, but in Wait (with send: nothing returned)
- Fortran problems, see MPI-3.0, Chap. 17.1.2-17.1.19, pp 624-642, and next slides

Fortran

Fortran

## Nonblocking Receive

C

- C/C++: MPI\_Irecv ( *buf*, count, datatype, source, tag, comm, [OUT] &*request\_handle* );

↓  
MPI\_Wait( [INOUT] &request\_handle, &*status* );

- Fortran: ....., ASYNCHRONOUS :: *buf*  
CALL MPI\_IRecv ( *buf*, count, datatype, source, tag, comm, [OUT] *request\_handle*, *ierror* )

New in MPI-3.0

↓  
CALL MPI\_WAIT( [INOUT] request\_handle, *status*, *ierror* )  
IF (.NOT. MPI\_ASYNC\_PROTECTS\_NONBLOCKING)  
& CALL MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG( *buf* )

New in MPI-3.0

- buf must not be used between Irecv and Wait (in all progr. languages)
- Message status is returned in Wait
- Fortran problems, see MPI-3.0, Chap. 17.1.2-17.1.19, pp 624-642, and next slides

Fortran

Fortran

# Nonblocking Receive and Register Optimization / Code Movement in Fortran

- Fortran source code:

```
MPI_RECV ( buf, ..., request_handle, ierror)
```

```
MPI_WAIT( request_handle, status, ierror)
```

```
write (*,*) buf
```

buf is not part of the argument list

- may be compiled as

```
MPI_RECV ( buf, ..., request_handle, ierror)
```

```
registerA = buf
```

```
MPI_WAIT( request_handle, status, ierror)
```

```
write (*,*) registerA
```

Data may be received in buf during MPI\_Wait

Therefore old data may be printed instead of received data

- Solution:

- ASYNCHRONOUS :: buf

In the scope including nonblocking call and MPI\_Wait

- buf may be allocated in a common block or module data, or

- IF (.NOT. MPI\_ASYNC\_PROTECTS\_NONBLOCKING) &

```
& CALL MPI_F_SYNC_REG( buf )
```

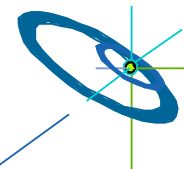
Directly after CALL MPI\_Wait

- Work-around in older MPI versions:

- call **MPI\_GET\_ADDRESS**(buf, iaddrdummy, ierror)

If MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG is not yet available

with INTEGER(KIND=MPI\_ADDRESS\_KIND) iaddrdummy



## Nonblocking MPI routines and strided sub-arrays in Fortran

Data with longer steps between the portions,  
i.e., non-contiguous data in memory

- Fortran:

MPI\_ISEND ( *buf*(7,:::), ..., *request\_handle*, *ierror*)

- The content of this non-contiguous sub-array is stored in a temporary array.
- Then MPI\_ISEND is called.
- On return, the temporary array is **released**.

*other work*

- The data may be transferred while other work is done, ...

- ... or inside of MPI\_Wait, but the  
**data in the temporary array is already lost!**

MPI\_WAIT( *request\_handle*, *status*, *ierror*)

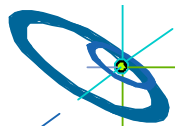
- Since MPI-3.0: Works if MPI\_SUBARRAYS\_SUPPORTED == .TRUE.

- MPI-1.0 – MPI-2.2:

(requires TS29113 compiler)

**Do not use non-contiguous sub-arrays in nonblocking calls!!!**

- Use first sub-array element (*buf*(1,1,9)) instead of whole sub-array (*buf*(::,9:13))
- Call by reference* necessary → *Call by in-and-out-copy* forbidden
- **use the correct compiler flags!**



## Major enhancement with a full MPI-3.0 implementation

- The following features require Fortran 2003 + TS 29113
  - Subarrays may be passed to nonblocking routines, e.g., array(0:12:3)
    - This feature is available if the LOGICAL compile-time constant **MPI\_SUBARRAYS\_SUPPORTED == .TRUE.**
  - Correct handling of buffers passed to nonblocking routines,
    - if the application has declared the buffer as **ASYNCHRONOUS** within the scope from which the nonblocking MPI routine and its MPI\_Wait/Test is called,
    - and the LOGICAL compile-time constant **MPI\_ASYNC\_PROTECTS\_NONBLOCKING == .TRUE.**
  - mpi\_f08 module:
    - These features must be available in MPI-3.0 if the target compiler is Fortran 2003+TS 29113 compliant.
  - mpi module and mpif.h:
    - These features are a question of the quality of the MPI library.
  - If feature is not available in a Fortran support method:
    - Constant is set to **.FALSE.**
- **Conclusions:**
  - Non-contiguous subarrays: Don't use in nonblocking routines until TS 29113 compilers are available
  - Buffers in nonblocking routines or together with MPI\_BOTTOM:
    - Declare buffer as **ASYNCHRONOUS**
    - IF (.NOT. MPI\_ASYNC\_PROTECTS\_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG( buffer ) after MPI\_Wait or before **and** after blocking calls with MPI\_BOTTOM

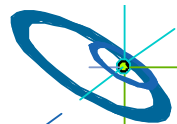
## Detailed description of problems, mainly with the old support methods, or if the compiler does not support TS 29113:

- 17.1.8 Additional Support for Fortran Register-Memory-Synchronization
- 17.1.10 Problems With Fortran Bindings for MPI
- 17.1.11 Problems Due to Strong Typing
- 17.1.12 Problems Due to Data Copying and Sequence Association with Subscript Triplets
- 17.1.13 Problems Due to Data Copying and Sequence Association with Vector Subscripts
- 17.1.14 Special Constants
- 17.1.15 Fortran Derived Types
- 17.1.16 Optimization Problems, an Overview
- 17.1.17 Problems with Code Movement and Register Optimization
  - **Nonblocking Operations**
  - **One-sided Communication**
  - **MPI\_BOTTOM and Combining Independent Variables in Datatypes**
  - **Solutions**
  - **The Fortran ASYNCHRONOUS Attribute**
  - **Calling MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG (new routine, defined in Section 17.1.7)**
  - **A User Defined Routine Instead of MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG**
  - **Module Variables and COMMON Blocks**
  - **The (Poorly Performing) Fortran VOLATILE Attribute**
  - **The Fortran TARGET Attribute**
- 17.1.18 Temporary Data Movement and Temporary Memory Modification
- 17.1.19 Permanent Data Movement
- 17.1.20 Comparison with C

New in MPI-3.0

## Blocking and Non-Blocking

- Send and receive can be blocking or nonblocking.
- A blocking send can be used with a nonblocking receive, and vice-versa.
- Nonblocking sends can use any mode
  - standard                      – MPI\_ISEND
  - synchronous                – MPI\_ISSEND
  - buffered                      – MPI\_IBSEND
  - ready                         – MPI\_IRSEND
- Synchronous mode affects completion, i.e. MPI\_Wait / MPI\_Test, not initiation, i.e., MPI\_I....
- The nonblocking operation immediately followed by a matching wait is equivalent to the blocking operation, except the Fortran problems.



## Completion

C

- C/C++:

```
MPI_Wait( &request_handle, &status);
```

```
MPI_Test( &request_handle, &flag, &status);
```

Fortran

- Fortran:

```
CALL MPI_WAIT( request_handle, status, ierror)
```

```
CALL MPI_TEST( request_handle, flag, status, ierror)
```

- one must
  - WAIT or
  - loop with TEST until request is completed, i.e., flag == 1 or .TRUE.

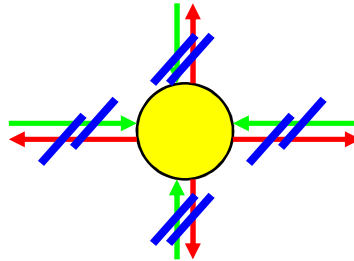




# Multiple Non-Blocking Communications

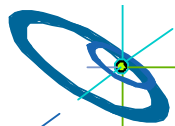
You have several request handles:

- Wait or test for completion of **one** message
  - `MPI_Waitany` / `MPI_Testany`
- Wait or test for completion of **all** messages
  - `MPI_Waitall` / `MPI_Testall` \*)
- Wait or test for completion of **as many** messages as possible
  - `MPI_Waitsome` / `MPI_Testsome` \*)



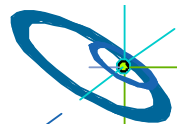
\*) Each status contains an additional error field.

This field is only used if `MPI_ERR_IN_STATUS` is returned (also valid for send operations).



## Other MPI features: Send-Receive in one routine

- `MPI_Sendrecv` & `MPI_Sendrecv_replace`
  - Combines the triple “`MPI_Irecv` + `Send` + `Wait`” into one routine
  - See advanced exercise at the end of course Chapter 6. Derived Datatypes



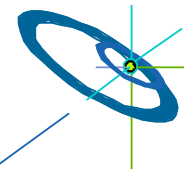
## Performance options

Which is the fastest neighbor communication?

- MPI\_Irecv + MPI\_Send
- MPI\_Irecv + MPI\_Isend
- MPI\_Isend + MPI\_Recv
- MPI\_Isend + MPI\_Irecv
- MPI\_Sendrecv
- MPI\_Neighbor\_alltoall → see course Chap. 9 *Collective Communication*

**No answer by the MPI standard, because:**

MPI targets portable and efficient message-passing programming  
but  
**efficiency** of MPI application-programming is **not portable**!



## Exercise — Rotating information around a ring

Numbers  
used on  
next slide

①

- A set of processes are arranged in a ring.

②

- Each process stores its rank in MPI\_COMM\_WORLD into an integer variable *snd\_buf*.

③

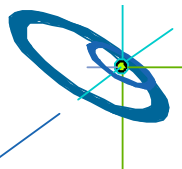
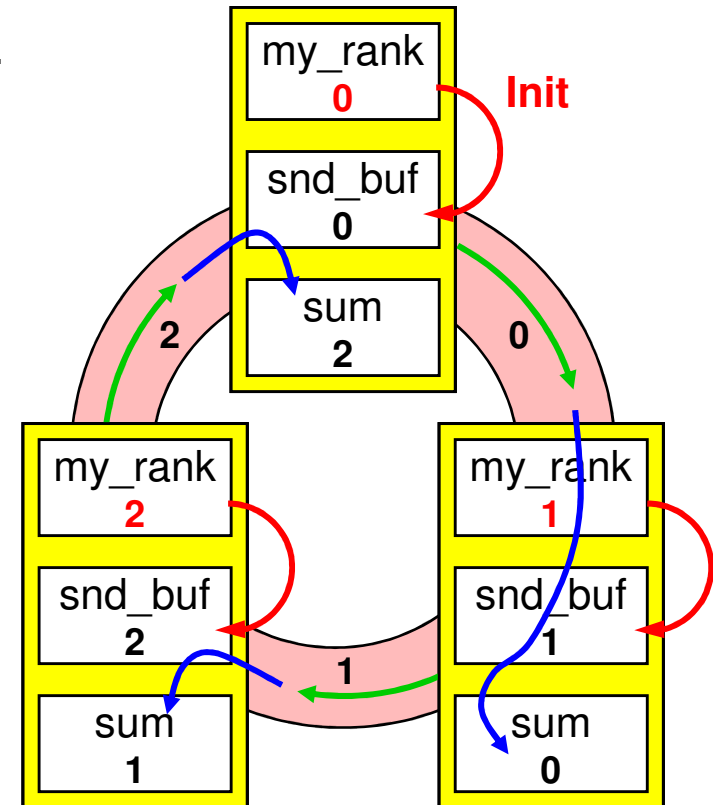
- Each process passes this on to its neighbor on the right.

④

- Each processor calculates the sum of all values.

⑤

- Repeat “②-⑤” with “size” iterations (size = number of processes), i.e.
- each process calculates sum of all ranks.
- Use nonblocking MPI\_Issend
  - to avoid deadlocks
  - to verify the correctness, because blocking synchronous send will cause a deadlock ■

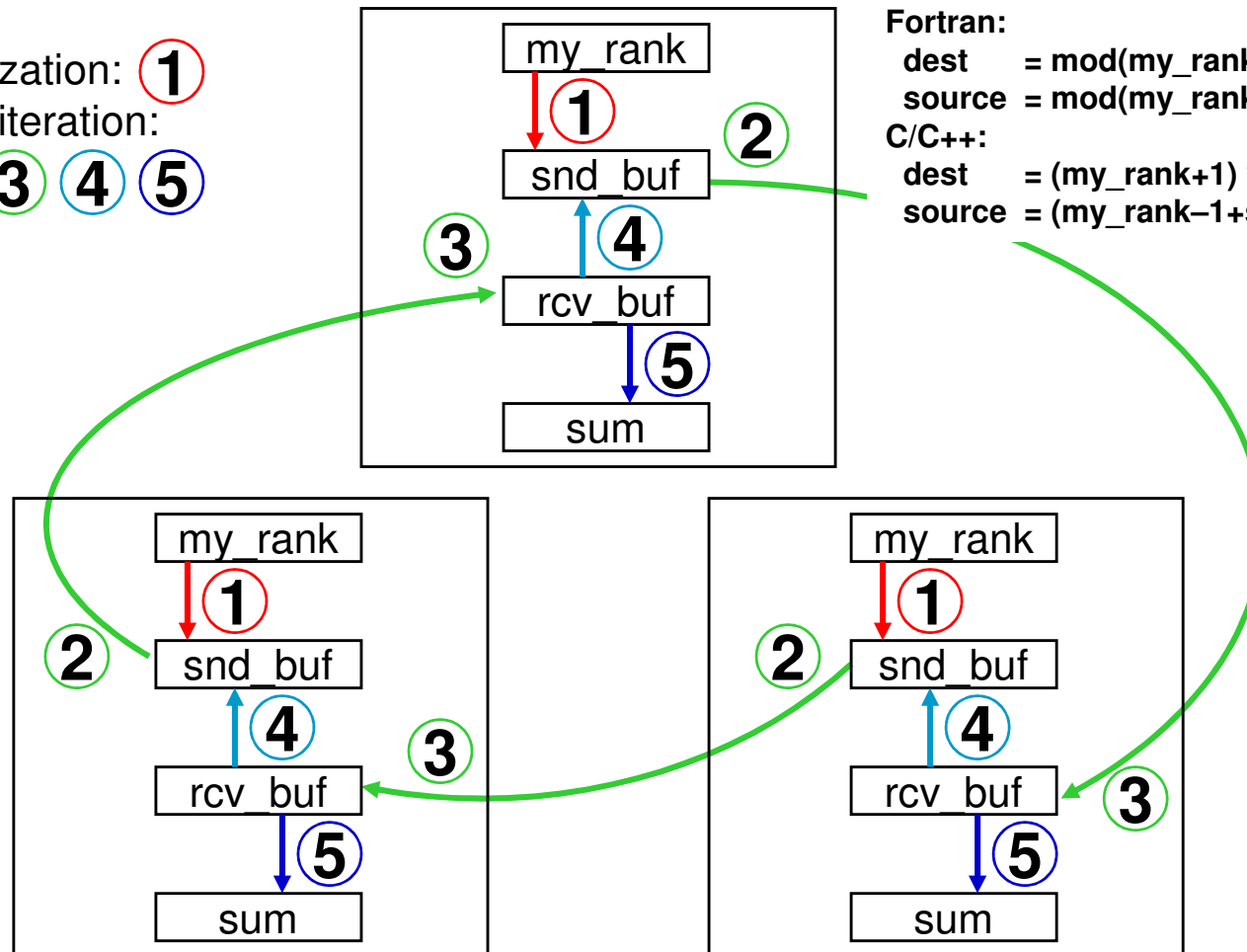


## Exercise — Rotating information around a ring

Initialization: ①

Each iteration:

② ③ ④ ⑤



Fortran:

```
dest = mod(my_rank+1,size)
```

```
source = mod(my_rank-1+size,size)
```

C/C++:

```
dest = (my_rank+1) % size;
```

```
source = (my_rank-1+size) % size;
```

Single  
Program !!!



## Advanced Exercises — Irecv instead of Issend

- Substitute the Issend–Recv–Wait method by the Irecv–Ssend–Wait method in your ring program.
- Or
- Substitute the Issend–Recv–Wait method by the Irecv–Issend–Waitall method in your ring program.



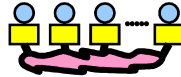




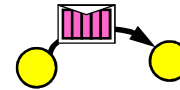


## Chap.5 Probe, Persistent Requests, Cancel

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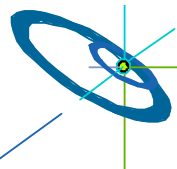
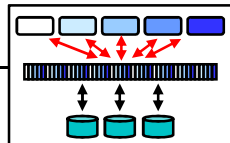
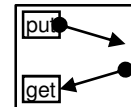
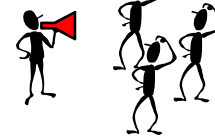
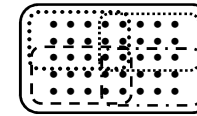
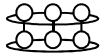
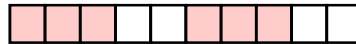


MPI\_Init()  
MPI\_Comm\_rank()



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## Probing a message

- Goal – before receiving the message:
  - **Look at the message envelop (status) to examine the message count**
  - **Allocate an appropriate receive buffer**

- Two methods:

- MPI\_Probe or MPI\_Iprobe
  - → **status of next unreceived message**
  - **After buffer allocation: Normal MPI\_Recv**
  - **May cause problems in a multi-threaded MPI process**

Within one MPI process, thread A may call MPI\_PROBE. Another thread B may steal the probed message. Thread A calls MPI\_RECV, but may not receive the probed message.

- Matching Probe

New in MPI-3.0

- **MPI\_Iprobe(source, tag, comm, flag, message, status)** or
- **MPI\_Mprobe(source, tag, comm, message, status)**

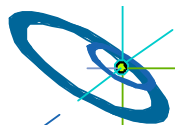
together with Matched Receive

- **MPI\_Mrecv(buf, count, datatype, message, status)** or
- **MPI\_Irecv(buf, count, datatype, message, request)**

MPI\_Message handle, e.g., stored in a thread-local variable

→ After buffer allocation: MPI\_(I)mrecv exactly receives the probed message

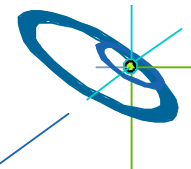
→ Multiple threads within one MPI process can probe and receive several messages in parallel



## Persistent Requests

For communication calls with identical argument lists in each loop iteration (only buffer content changes):

- `MPI_( ,B,S,R)SEND_INIT` and `MPI_RECV_INIT`
  - Creates a persistent `MPI_Request` handle
  - Status of the handle is initiated as *inactive*
  - Does not communicate
  - It only setups the argument list
- `MPI_START(request [,ierror] )` / `MPI_STARTALL(cnt, requests [,ierror] )`
  - Starts the communication call(s) as nonblocking call(s), i.e., handle gets *active*
  - To be completed with regular `MPI_WAIT...` / `MPI_TEST...` calls → *inactive*
- `MPI_REQUEST_FREE` to finally free such a handle
- Usage sequence: INIT Loop(START WAIT/TEST) FREE
- Enables additional optimizations within the MPI library



## MPI\_Request\_free

- MPI\_REQUEST\_FREE for active communication request
  - Marks a request handle for deallocation
  - Deallocation will be done after *active* communication completion
  - May be used only for *active* send-request to substitute MPI\_Wait, but highly dangerous when there is no other 100% guarantee that the send-buffer can be reused.
    - **Active send handle is produced with MPI\_I( ,s,b,r)send or MPI\_( ,S,B,R)send\_init + MPI\_Start**
  - Should never be used for active receive requests
  - Really useful only for *inactive* persistent requests i.e., after such Loop(START WAIT/TEST), i.e., not after START



## MPI\_Cancel

- Marks a active nonblocking communication handle for cancellation.
- MPI\_CANCEL is a local call, i.e., returns immediately.
- **Subsequent call to MPI\_Wait must return irrespective of the activities of other processes.**
- **Either** the **cancellation** or the **communication** succeeds, but not both.
- MPI\_TEST\_CANCELLED(wait\_status, flag [,ierror] )
  - flag = true → cancellation succeeded, communication failed
  - flag = false → cancellation failed, communication succeeded









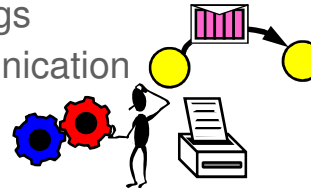


## Chap.6 Derived Datatypes

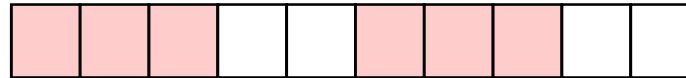
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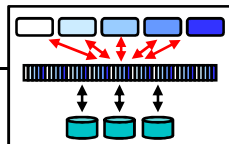
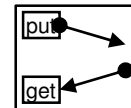
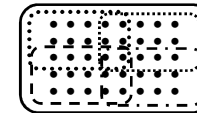
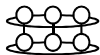


### 6. Derived datatypes



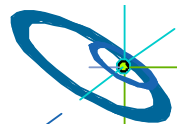
- transfer of any combination of typed data

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# MPI Datatypes

- Description of the memory layout of the buffer
  - for sending
  - for receiving
- Basic types
- Derived types
  - vectors
  - structs
  - others



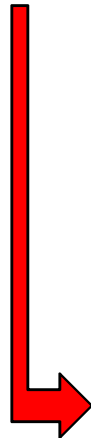
## Data Layout and the Describing Datatype Handle

### struct buff\_layout

```
{ int    i_val[3];  
  double d_val[5];  
} buffer;
```



**Compiler**



```
array_of_types[0]=MPI_INT;  
array_of_blocklengths[0]=3;  
array_of_displacements[0]=0;  
array_of_types[1]=MPI_DOUBLE;  
array_of_blocklengths[1]=5;  
array_of_displacements[1]=...;
```

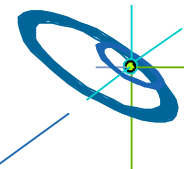
```
MPI_Type_create_struct(2, array_of_blocklengths,  
                      array_of_displacements, array_of_types,  
                      &buff_datatype);
```

```
MPI_Type_commit(&buff_datatype);
```

```
MPI_Send(&buffer, 1, buff_datatype, ...)
```

**&buffer = the start  
address of the data**

**the datatype handle  
describes the data layout**



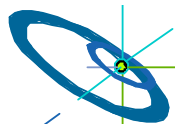
## Derived Datatypes — Type Maps

- A derived datatype is logically a pointer to a list of entries:
  - *basic datatype at displacement*

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| basic datatype 0   | displacement of datatype 0   |
| basic datatype 1   | displacement of datatype 1   |
| ...                | ...                          |
| basic datatype n-1 | displacement of datatype n-1 |

- Matching datatypes:
  - List of basic datatypes must be identical,
  - (*Displacements irrelevant*)

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| basic datatype 0   | disp 0   |
| basic datatype 1   | disp 1   |
| ...                | ...      |
| basic datatype n-1 | disp n-1 |



## Derived Datatypes — Type Maps

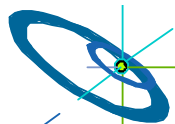
Example: 

|   |  |    |  |    |  |    |  |              |  |    |  |    |
|---|--|----|--|----|--|----|--|--------------|--|----|--|----|
| 0 |  | 4  |  | 8  |  | 12 |  | 16           |  | 20 |  | 24 |
| c |  | 11 |  | 22 |  |    |  | 6.36324d+107 |  |    |  |    |

derived datatype handle

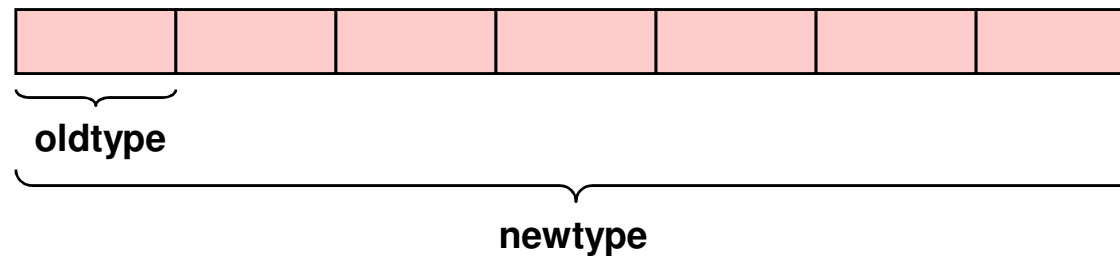
| basic datatype | displacement |
|----------------|--------------|
| MPI_CHAR       | 0            |
| MPI_INT        | 4            |
| MPI_INT        | 8            |
| MPI_DOUBLE     | 16           |

A derived datatype describes the memory layout of, e.g.,  
structures,  
common blocks,  
subarrays,  
some variables in the memory



## Contiguous Data

- The simplest derived datatype
- Consists of a number of contiguous items of the same datatype



C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Type_contiguous(int count, MPI_Datatype oldtype, MPI_Datatype *newtype)`

Fortran

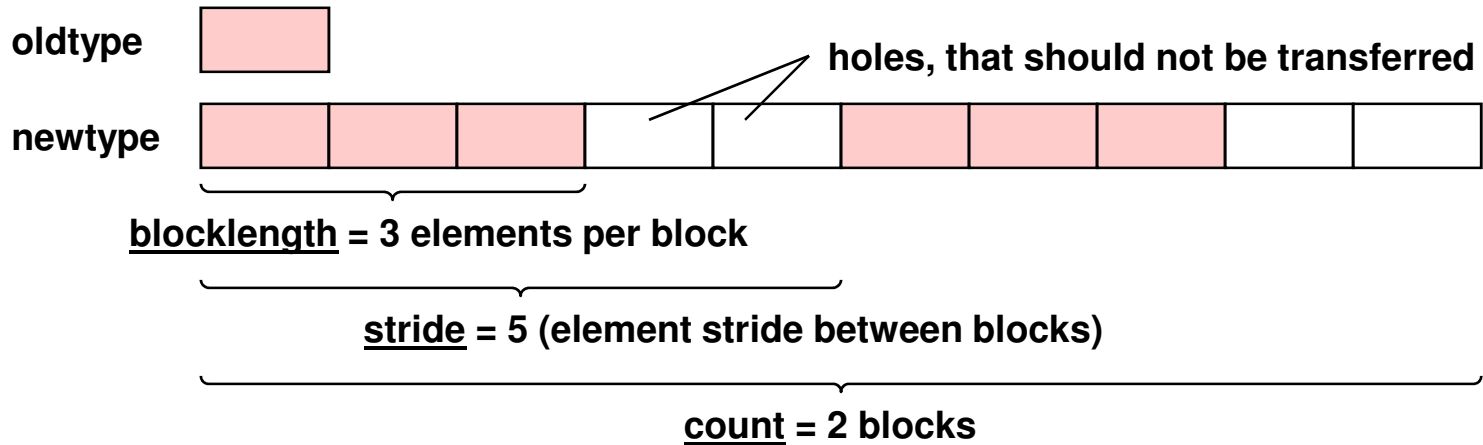
- Fortran: `MPI_TYPE_CONTIGUOUS(count, oldtype, newtype, ierror)`

```
mpi_f08:  INTEGER          :: count
          TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: oldtype, newtype
          INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror
```

```
mpi & mpif.h:  INTEGER count, oldtype, newtype, ierror
```

Handout only contains  
old style interface

# Vector Datatype



C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Type_vector(int count, int blocklength, int stride, MPI_Datatype oldtype, MPI_Datatype *newtype)`

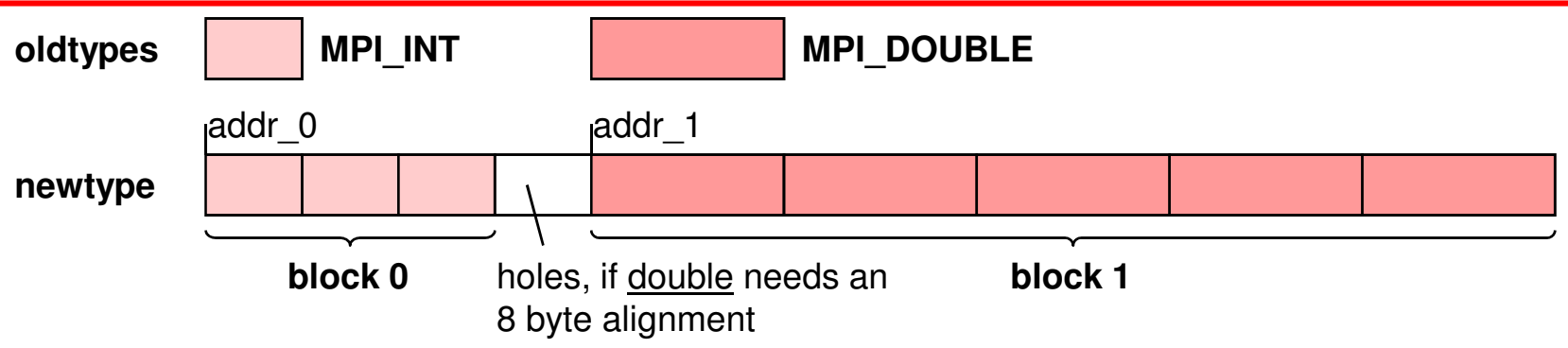
Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_TYPE_VECTOR( count, blocklength, stride, oldtype, newtype, ierror)`

mpi\_f08:        INTEGER                                :: count, blocklength, stride  
                  TYPE(MPI\_Datatype)                :: oldtype, newtype  
                  INTEGER, OPTIONAL                :: ierror

mpi & mpif.h:    INTEGER count, blocklength, stride, oldtype, newtype, ierror

# Struct Datatype



C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Type_create_struct(int count, int *array_of_blocklengths, MPI_Aint *array_of_displacements, MPI_Datatype *array_of_types, MPI_Datatype *newtype)`

Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_TYPE_CREATE_STRUCT(count, array_of_blocklengths, array_of_displacements1), array_of_types, newtype, ierror)`

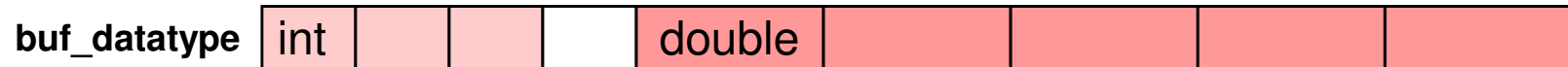
```
count = 2
array_of_blocklengths = ( 3,      5      )
array_of_displacements = ( 0,      addr_1 - addr_0 )
array_of_types = ( MPI_INT, MPI_DOUBLE )
```



<sup>1)</sup> `INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) array_of_displacements`



# Memory Layout of Struct Datatypes



Fixed memory layout:

- C
 

```
struct buff
{
    int    i_val[3];
    double d_val[5];
}
```
- Fortran, common block
 

```
integer i_val(3)
double precision d_val(5)
common /bcomm/ i_val, d_val
```
- Fortran, derived types
 

```
TYPE buff_type
    INTEGER, DIMENSION(3):: i_val
    DOUBLE PRECISION, &
    DIMENSION(5):: d_val
END TYPE buff_type
TYPE (buff_type) :: buff_variable
```

**SEQUENCE**

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*Recommended in MPI-3.0:*

TYPE, **BIND(C)** :: buff\_type

Alternatively, arbitrary memory layout:

- Each array is allocated independently.
- Each buffer is a pair of a 3-int-array and a 5-double-array.
- The length of the hole may be any arbitrary positive or negative value!
- For each buffer, one needs a specific datatype handle
- **CAUTION – Fortran register optimi.:** MPI\_Send & Recv of ...d\_val is invisible for the compiler → add MPI\_Address

in\_buf\_datatype



out\_buf\_datatype



H L R S

**Not portable, because address differences are allowed only inside of structures or arrays → MPI-3.0, 4.1.12**

## How to compute the displacement

- $\text{array\_of\_displacements}[i] := \text{address}(\text{block\_i}) - \text{address}(\text{block\_0})$

C

Fortran

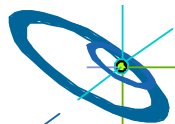
- C/C++: `int MPI_Get_address(void* location, MPI_Aint *address)`
- Fortran: `MPI_GET_ADDRESS(LOCATION, ADDRESS, IERROR)`  
    `mpi_f08:     TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..), ASYNCHRONOUS :: location`  
              `INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: address`  
              `INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror`

C

Fortran

`mpi & mpif.h:   <type>   location(*)`  
                  `INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) address`  
                  `INTEGER ierror`

- Examples: MPI-3.0, Example 4.17, pp 125-128



## Committing and Freeing a Datatype

- Before a datatype handle is used in message passing communication, **it needs to be committed with `MPI_TYPE_COMMIT`**.
- This needs to be done only once (by each MPI process).  
(More than once use equivalent to additional no-operations.)

C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Type_commit(MPI_Datatype *datatype);`

Fortran

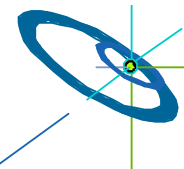
- Fortran: `MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(datatype, IERROR)`

mpi\_f08:       TYPE(MPI\_Datatype)       :: datatype  
                  INTEGER, OPTIONAL       :: ierror

mpi & mpif.h:    INTEGER datatype, ierror

IN-OUT argument

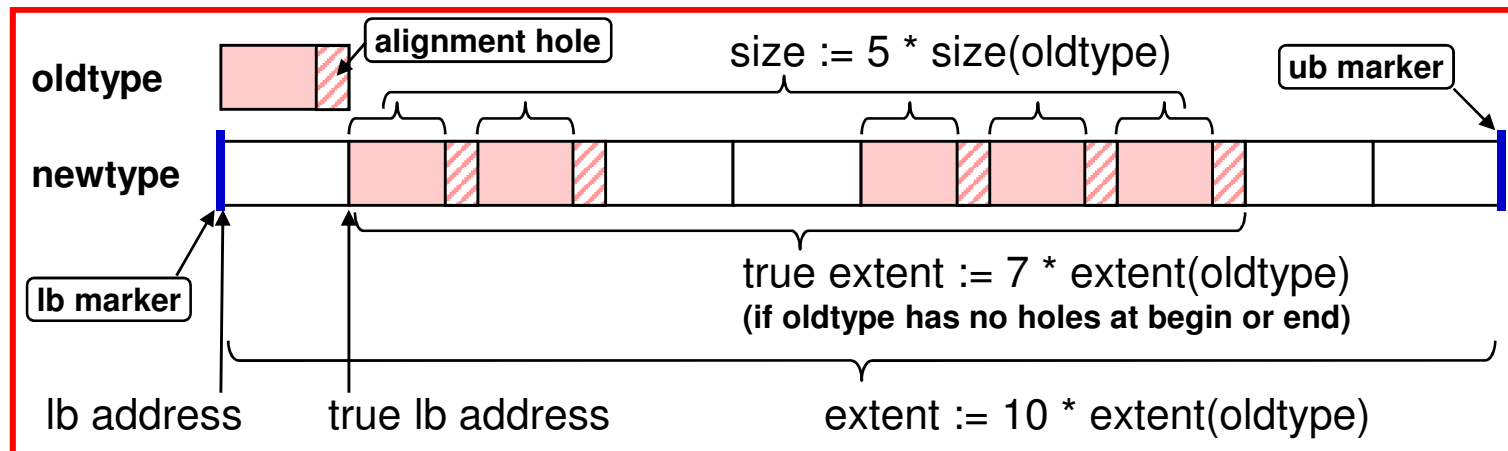
- If usage is over, one may call `MPI_TYPE_FREE()` to free a datatype and its internal resources.



## Size, Extent and True Extent of a Datatype, I.

- Size := number of bytes that have to be transferred.
- Extent := spans from first to last byte (including all holes).
- True extent := spans from first to last true byte (excluding holes at begin+end)
- Automatic holes at the end for necessary alignment purpose
- Additional holes at begin and by lb and ub markers: MPI\_TYPE\_CREATE\_RESIZED
- Basic datatypes: Size = Extent = number of bytes used by the compiler.

Example:





## Fortran derived types and MPI\_Type\_create\_struct

- SEQUENCE **and BIND(C)** derived application types can be used as buffers in MPI operations.
- Alignment calculation of basic datatypes:
  - In MPI-2.2, it was undefined in which environment the alignments are taken.
  - There is no sentence in the standard.
  - **It may depend on compilation options!**
  - In MPI-3.0, still undefined, but recommended to use a BIND(C) environment.



## Alignment rule, holes and resizing of structures

- Never trust the compiler that it correctly computes the alignment hole at the end of a structure!
  - See MPI-3.0, Sect. 4.1.6, Advice to users on page 106
- This alignment hole is only important when using an array of structures!
- Implication **(for C and Fortran!)**:
  - If an array of structures (in C/C++) or derived types (in Fortran) should be communicated, it is recommended that
    - the user creates a portable datatype handle and
    - applies additionally `MPI_TYPE_CREATE_RESIZED` to this datatype handle.
    - See Example in MPI-3.0, Sect. 17.1.15 on pages 629-630.
- Holes (e.g., due to alignment gaps) may cause significant loss of bandwidth
  - By definition, MPI is not allowed to transfer the holes.
  - Therefore the user should fill holes with dummy elements.
  - See Example MPI-3.0, Sect. 4.1.6, Advice to users on page 106



New in MPI-3.0

## Large Counts with MPI\_Count, ...

- MPI uses different integer types
  - int and INTEGER
  - MPI\_Aint = INTEGER(KIND=MPI\_ADDRESS\_KIND)
  - MPI\_Offset = INTEGER(KIND=MPI\_OFFSET\_KIND)
  - MPI\_Count = INTEGER(KIND=MPI\_COUNT\_KIND)

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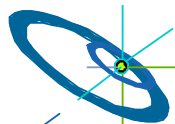
- $\text{sizeof(int)} \leq \text{sizeof(MPI\_Aint)} \leq \text{sizeof(MPI\_Offset)} \leq \text{sizeof(MPI\_Count)}$

- All count arguments are int or INTEGER.
- Real message sizes may be larger due to datatype size.
- MPI\_TYPE\_GET\_EXTENT, MPI\_TYPE\_GET\_TRUE\_EXTENT, MPI\_TYPE\_SIZE, MPI\_TYPE\_GET\_ELEMENTS return **MPI\_UNDEFINED** if value is too large

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- MPI\_TYPE\_GET\_EXTENT\_X, MPI\_TYPE\_GET\_TRUE\_EXTENT\_X, MPI\_TYPE\_SIZE\_X, MPI\_TYPE\_GET\_ELEMENTS\_X return values as **MPI\_Count**





## All Derived Datatype Creation Routines (1)

- **MPI\_Type\_contiguous()**  
→ already discussed
- **MPI\_Type\_vector()**  
→ already discussed
- **MPI\_Type\_indexed()**  
→ similar to `.._struct()`,  
same oldtype for all sub-blocks,  
displacements based on 0-based index in “array of oldtype”
- **MPI\_Type\_create\_indexed\_block()**  
→ same as `MPI_Type_indexed()`  
but same block length  
for each sub-block
- **MPI\_Type\_create\_struct()**  
→ already discussed
- **MPI\_Type\_create\_hvector()**  
→ stride as byte size
- **MPI\_Type\_create\_hindexed()**  
→ with byte displacements
- **MPI\_Type\_create\_hindexed\_block()**  
→ with byte displacements



## All Derived Datatype Creation Routines (2)

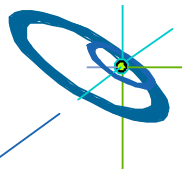
- **MPI\_Type\_create\_subarray()**
  - Extracts a subarray of an n-dimensional array
  - All the rest are holes
  - Ideal for halo exchange with n-dimensional Cartesian data-sets
  - Similar to MPI\_Type\_vector(), which works primarily for 2-dim arrays
  - Example, see course Chap.14 *Parallel File I/O*
- **MPI\_Type\_create\_darray()**
  - A generalization of **MPI\_Type\_create\_subarray()**
  - Example, see course Chap.14 *Parallel File I/O*

| <u>Removed MPI-1 interfaces</u> | <u>substituted by</u>    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • MPI_Address                   | MPI_Get_address          |
| • MPI_Type_extent               | MPI_Type_get_extent      |
| • MPI_Type_hvector              | MPI_Type_create_hvector  |
| • MPI_Type_hindexed             | MPI_Type_create_hindexed |
| • MPI_Type_struct               | MPI_Type_create_struct   |
| • MPI_Type_LB / _UB             | MPI_Type_get_extent      |
| • Constant MPI_LB / _UB         | MPI_Type_resized         |



## Other MPI features: Pack/Unpack

- MPI\_Pack & MPI\_Unpack
  - Pack several data into a message buffer
  - Communicate the buffer with datatype = MPI\_PACKED
- Canonical Pack & Unpack
  - Header-free packing in “external32” data representation
  - Only useful for cross-messaging **between different MPI libraries!**
  - Communicate the buffer with datatype = MPI\_BYTE



## Other MPI features: MPI\_BOTTOM

Fortran

- MPI\_BOTTOM (in point-to-point and collective communication)
  - For messages with derived datatypes with absolute displacements
  - Displacements must be retrieved with MPI\_GET\_ADDRESS()
  - Buffer argument is then MPI\_BOTTOM
  - MPI\_BOTTOM is an address,  
i.e., **cannot be assigned to a Fortran variable!**
  - MPI-3.0, Section 2.5.4, page 15 line 42 – page 16 line 3  
shows all such address constants  
that cannot be used in expressions or assignments **in Fortran**, e.g.,
    - **MPI\_STATUS\_IGNORE** (→ point-to-point comm.)
    - **MPI\_IN\_PLACE** (→ collective comm.)
  - Fortran: Using MPI\_BOTTOM & derived datatype with absolute displacement  
of variable X → MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG is needed:
    - **MPI\_BOTTOM** in a blocking MPI routine → MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG before and after this routine
    - in a nonblocking routine → MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG before this routine & after final WAIT/TEST

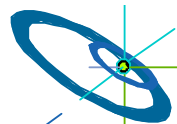
## Performance options

Which is the fastest neighbor communication with strided data?

- Using derived datatype handles
- Copying the strided data in a contiguous scratch send-buffer, communicating this send-buffer into a contiguous rcv-buffer, and copying the rcv-buffer back into the strided application array
- And which of the communication routines should be used?

**No answer by the MPI standard, because:**

MPI targets portable and efficient message-passing programming  
but  
**efficiency** of MPI application-programming is **not portable**!

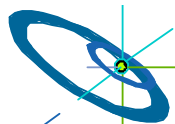


## Exercise — Derived Datatypes

- Modify the pass-around-the-ring exercise.
- Use the following skeletons to reduce software-coding time:  
cp ~/MPI/course/**C**/Ch6/derived\_skeleton\_20.c derived\_20.c  
cp ~/MPI/course/**F\_30**/Ch6/derived\_struct\_skeleton\_30.f90 derived\_struct\_30.f90  
or  
cp ~/MPI/course/**F\_20**/Ch6/derived\_struct\_skeleton\_20.f90 derived\_struct\_20.f90
- Calculate two separate sums:
  - rank integer sum (as before)
  - rank floating point sum
- Use a *struct* datatype for this
- with same fixed memory layout for send and receive buffer.
- Substitute all \_\_\_\_ within the skeleton and modify the second part, i.e., steps 1-5 of the ring example

C

Fortran

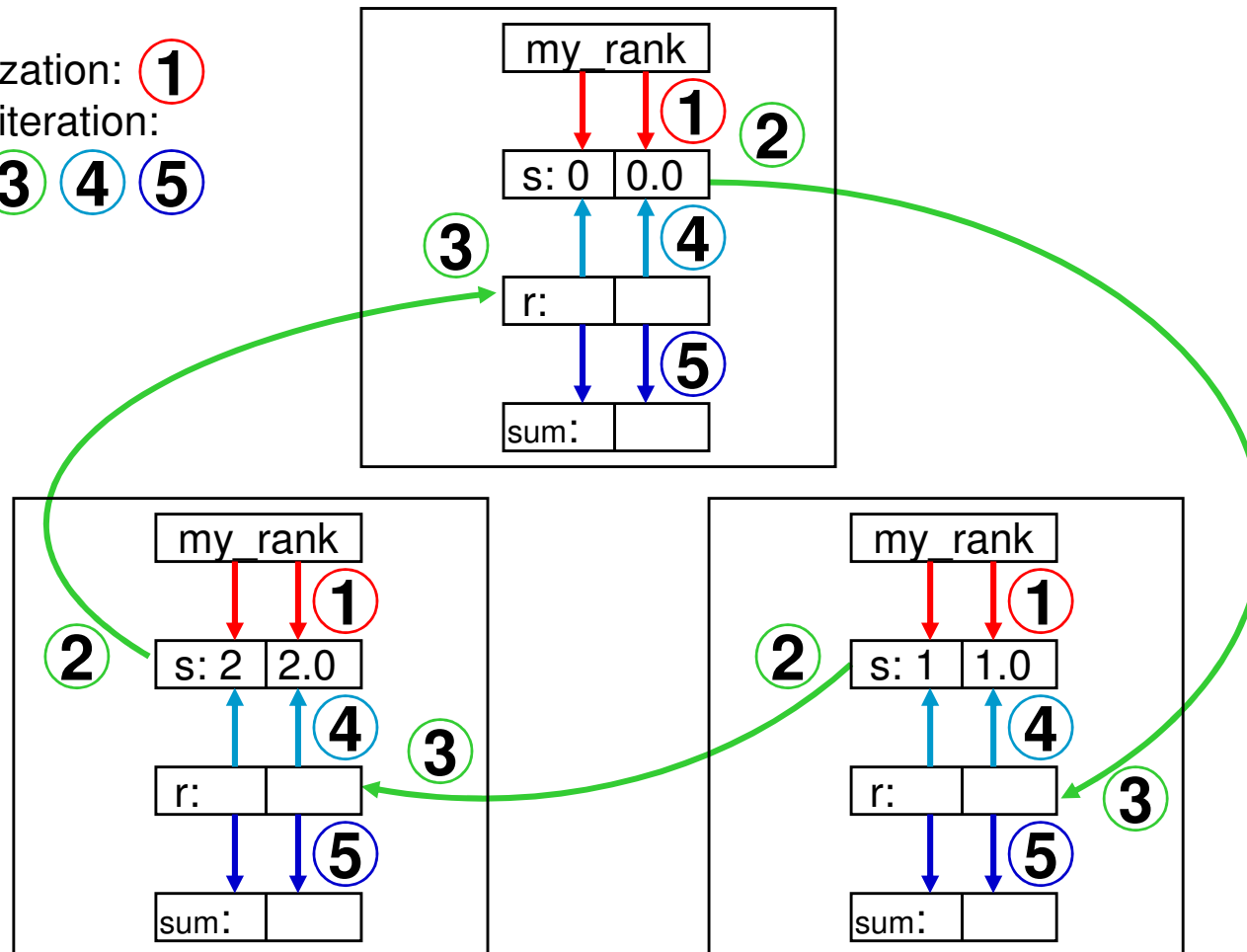


## Exercise — Derived Datatypes

Initialization: ①

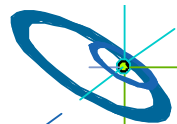
Each iteration:

② ③ ④ ⑤



## Advanced Exercises — Sendrecv & Sendrecv\_replace

- Substitute your Issend-Recv-Wait method by **MPI\_Sendrecv** in your ring-with-datatype program:
  - MPI\_Sendrecv is a *deadlock-free* combination of MPI\_Send and MPI\_Recv: ② ③
  - MPI\_Sendrecv is described in the MPI standard.  
(You can find MPI\_Sendrecv by looking at the function index on the last pages of the standard document.)
- Substitute MPI\_Sendrecv by **MPI\_Sendrecv\_replace**:
  - Three steps are now combined: ② ③ ④
  - The receive buffer (rcv\_buf) must be removed.
  - The iteration is now reduced to three statements:
    - **MPI\_Sendrecv\_replace** to pass the ranks around the ring,
    - **computing the integer sum,**
    - **computing the floating point sum.**









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## Chap.7 Virtual Topologies

1. MPI Overview



MPI\_Init()  
MPI\_Comm\_rank()

2. Process model and language bindings

3. Messages and point-to-point communication

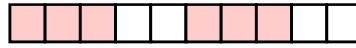


4. Nonblocking communication



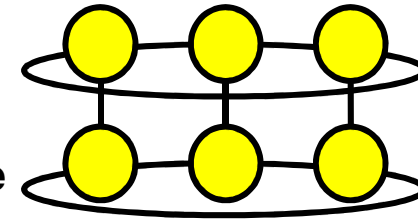
5. Probe, Persistent Requests, Cancel

6. Derived datatypes



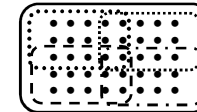
### 7. Virtual topologies

– a multi-dimensional process naming scheme



8. Groups & communicators, environment management

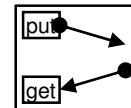
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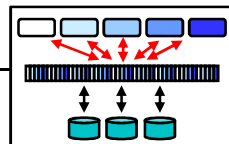
10. Process creation and management

11. One-sided communication

12. Shared memory one-sided communication



13. MPI and threads

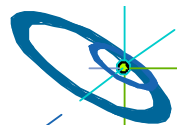


14. Parallel file I/O

15. Other MPI features

## Example

- Global array  $A(1:3000, 1:4000, 1:500) = 6 \cdot 10^9$  words
- on  $3 \times 4 \times 5 = 60$  processors
- process coordinates  $0..2, 0..3, 0..4$
- example:  
on process  $ic_0=2, ic_1=0, ic_2=3$  (rank=43)  
decomposition, e.g.,  $A(2001:3000, 1:1000, 301:400) = 0.1 \cdot 10^9$  words
- **process coordinates:** handled with **virtual Cartesian topologies**
- Array decomposition: handled by the application program directly



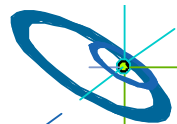
## Virtual Topologies

- Convenient process naming.
- Naming scheme to fit the communication pattern.
- Simplifies writing of code.
- Can allow MPI to optimize communications.



## How to use a Virtual Topology

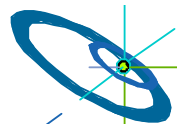
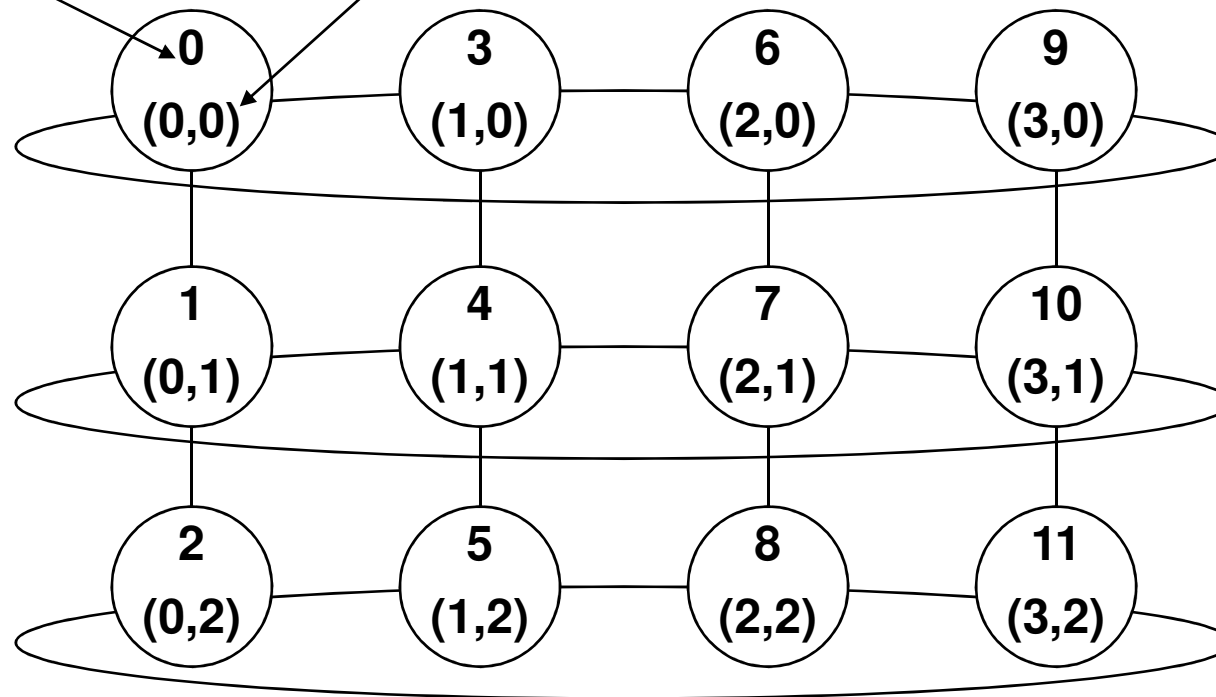
- Creating a topology produces a new communicator.
- MPI provides mapping functions:
  - to compute process ranks, based on the topology naming scheme,
  - and vice versa.





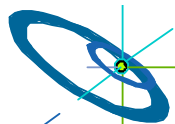
## Example – A 2-dimensional Cylinder

- **Ranks** and **Cartesian process coordinates**



## Topology Types

- Cartesian Topologies
  - each process is *connected* to its neighbor in a virtual grid,
  - boundaries can be cyclic, or not,
  - processes are identified by Cartesian coordinates,
  - of course,  
communication between any two processes is still allowed.
- Graph Topologies
  - general graphs,
  - two interfaces:
    - **MPI\_GRAPH\_CREATE** (since MPI-1)
    - **MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_CREATE\_ADJACENT & MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_CREATE** (new scalable interface since MPI-2.2)
  - not covered here.



# Creating a Cartesian Virtual Topology

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- C/C++: `int MPI_Cart_create(MPI_Comm comm_old, int ndims, int *dims, int *periods, int reorder, MPI_Comm *comm_cart)`

Fortran

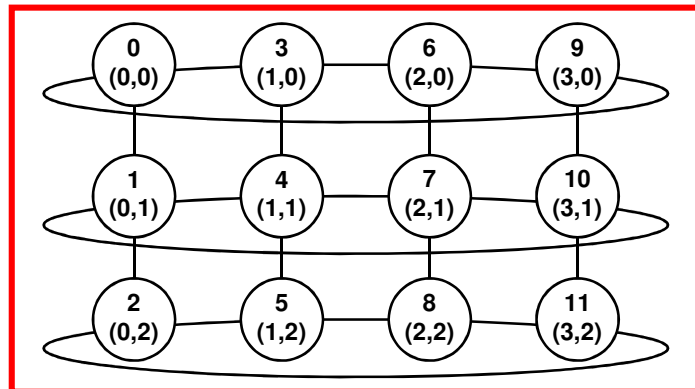
- Fortran: `MPI_CART_CREATE( comm_old, ndims, dims, periods, reorder, comm_cart, ierror)`

```
mpi_f08:      TYPE(MPI_Comm)      :: comm_old, comm_cart
              INTEGER              :: ndims, dims(*)
              LOGICAL               :: periods(*), reorder
              INTEGER, OPTIONAL     :: ierror
```

```
mpi & mpif.h: INTEGER comm_old, ndims, dims(*), comm_cart, ierror
              LOGICAL periods(*), reorder
```

```
comm_old = MPI_COMM_WORLD
ndims = 2
dims = ( 4, 3 )
periods = ( 1, 0 ) (in C)
periods = ( .true., .false. ) (in Fortran)
reorder = see next slide
```

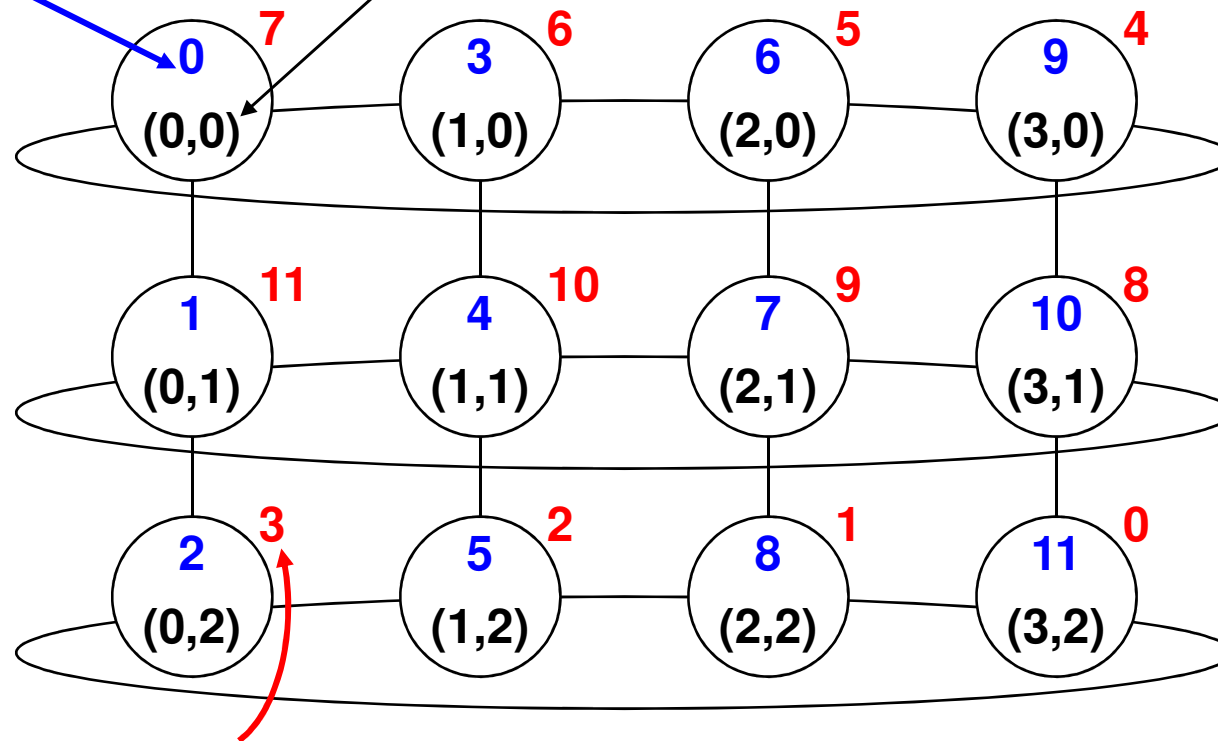
e.g., size==12 factorized  
with `MPI_Dims_create()`,  
see advanced exercise



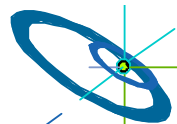
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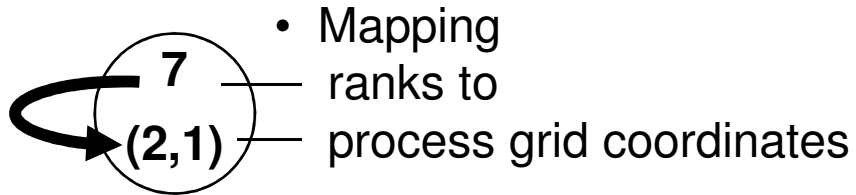
- Ranks and Cartesian process coordinates in `comm_cart`



- Ranks in `comm` and `comm_cart` may differ, if `reorder = 1` or `.TRUE.`.
- This reordering can allow MPI to optimize communications



## Cartesian Mapping Functions



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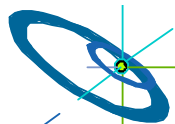
- C/C++: `int MPI_Cart_coords(MPI_Comm comm_cart, int rank, int maxdims, int *coords)`

Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_CART_COORDS(comm_cart, rank, maxdims, coords, ierror)`

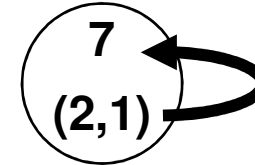
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              INTEGER, OPTIONAL    :: ierror
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## Cartesian Mapping Functions

- Mapping process grid coordinates to ranks



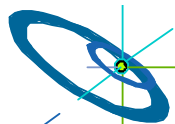
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- C/C++: `int MPI_Cart_rank(MPI_Comm comm_cart, int *coords, int *rank)`

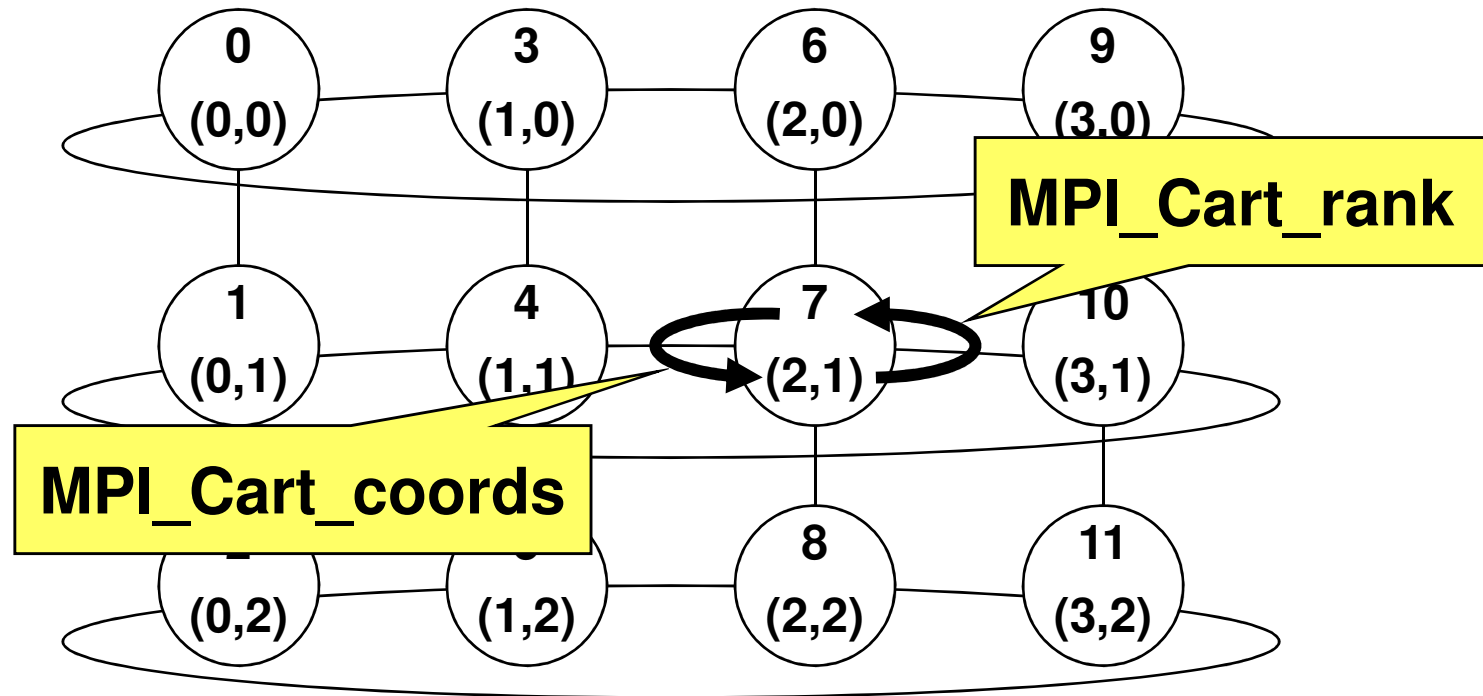
Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_CART_RANK(comm_cart, coords, rank, ierror)`

```
mpi_f08:    TYPE(MPI_Comm)      :: comm_cart
            INTEGER              :: coords(*), rank
            INTEGER, OPTIONAL    :: ierror
mpi & mpif.h: INTEGER comm_cart, coords(*), rank, ierror
```



## Own coordinates



- Each process gets its own coordinates with (example in **Fortran** )  
CALL MPI\_Comm\_rank(comm\_cart, **my\_rank**, *ierror*)  
CALL MPI\_Cart\_coords(comm\_cart, **my\_rank**, maxdims, **my\_coords**, *ierror*)

## Cartesian Mapping Functions

- Computing ranks of neighboring processes

C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Cart_shift(MPI_Comm comm_cart, int direction, int disp, int *rank_source, int *rank_dest)`

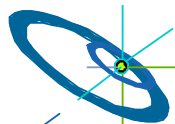
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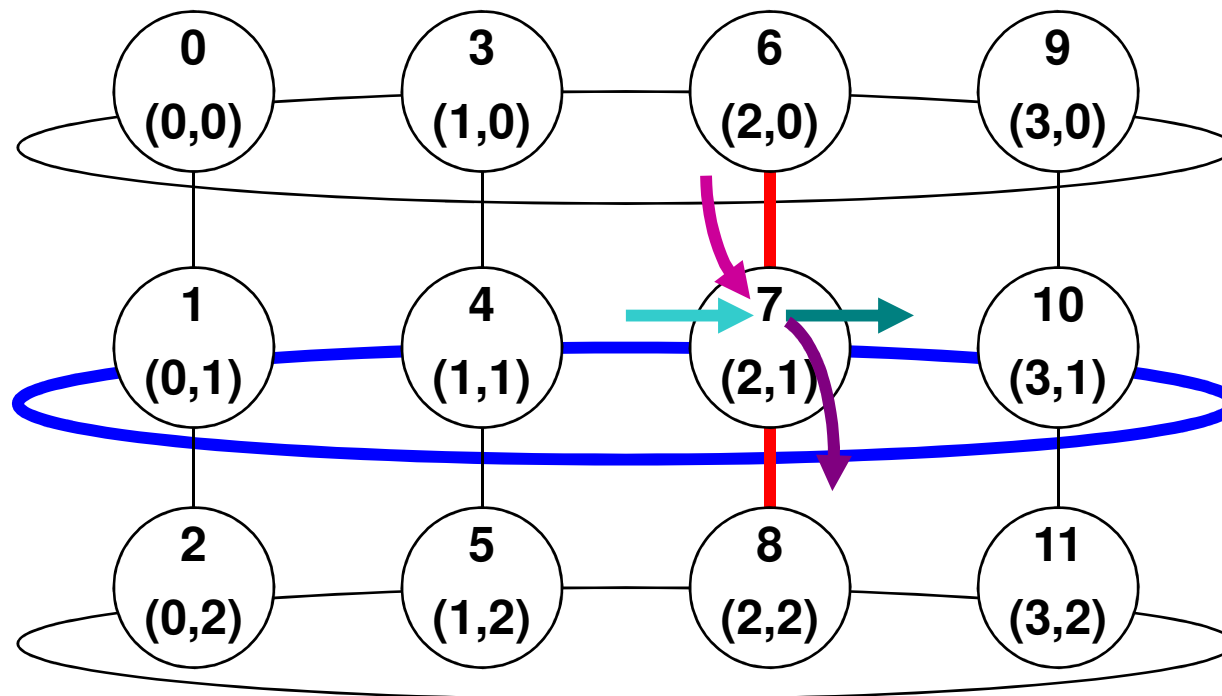
```
mpi & mpif.h: INTEGER comm_cart, direction, disp, rank_source, rank_dest, ierror
```

- Returns `MPI_PROC_NULL` if there is no neighbor.
- `MPI_PROC_NULL` can be used as source or destination rank in each communication → Then, this communication will be a no-operation!





## MPI\_Cart\_shift – Example



invisible input argument: **my\_rank** in cart

- `MPI_Cart_shift( cart, direction, displace, rank_source, rank_dest, ierror)`  
 example on process rank=7
 

|      |    |   |    |
|------|----|---|----|
| 0 or | +1 | 4 | 10 |
| 1    | +1 | 6 | 8  |



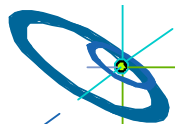
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# Fortran

A 3x4 grid of nodes representing a 2D lattice. Nodes are numbered 0 to 11. Horizontal and vertical connections are shown as straight lines. Diagonal connections are shown as curved lines. The grid is divided into three horizontal red bands, each containing two rows of nodes.

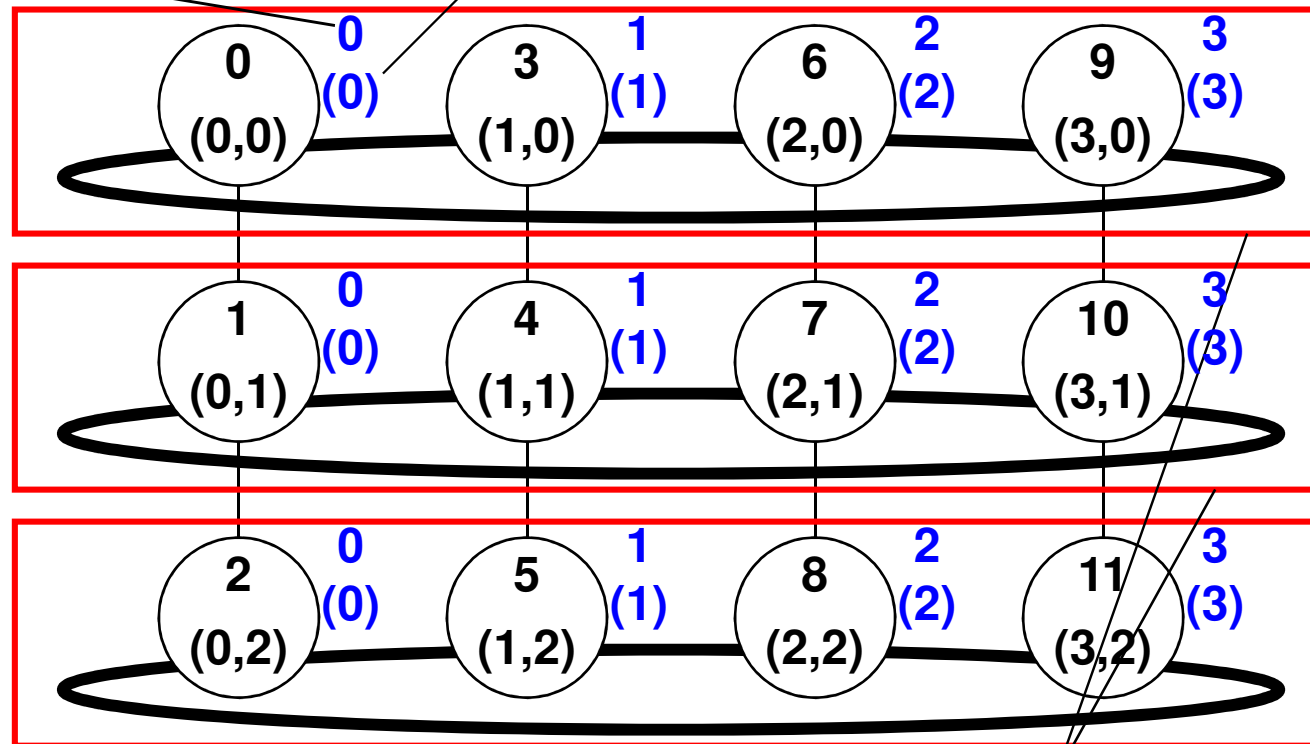
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|-----|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1   | 0<br>(0,0) | 3<br>(1,0) | 6<br>(2,0) | 9<br>(3,0)  |
| 2   | 1<br>(0,1) | 4<br>(1,1) | 7<br>(2,1) | 10<br>(3,1) |
| 3   | 2<br>(0,2) | 5<br>(1,2) | 8<br>(2,2) | 11<br>(3,2) |

```
mpi & mpif.h: INTEGER comm_cart, comm_slice, ierror  
              LOGICAL remain_dims(*)
```



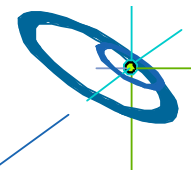
## MPI\_Cart\_sub – Example

- Ranks and Cartesian process coordinates in **comm\_sub**



- MPI\_Cart\_sub( comm\_cart, remain\_dims, **comm\_sub**, ierror)

(true, false)



## Exercise — One-dimensional ring topology

Fortran

C

- Rewrite the pass-around-the-ring program using a one-dimensional ring topology.
- Use the results from Chap. 4 (nonblocking, without derived datatype):
  - ~/MPI/course/**F\_30**/Ch4/ring\_30.f90 (with mpi\_f08 module)
  - ~/MPI/course/**F\_20**/Ch4/ring\_20.f90 (with mpi module)
  - ~/MPI/course/**C**/Ch4/ring.c
- Hints:
  - After calling MPI\_Cart\_create,
    - there should be no further usage of MPI\_COMM\_WORLD, and
    - the my\_rank must be recomputed on the base of comm\_cart.
  - the cryptic way to compute the neighbor ranks should be substituted by one call to MPI\_Cart\_shift, that should be before starting the loop.
  - Only **one**-dimensional:
    - → only `direction=0`
    - → In C: `dims` and `period` as normal variables, i.e., no arrays, but call by reference with `&dims`, ...
    - → In Fortran: `dims` and `period` must be arrays (i.e., with only 1 element)
    - → coordinates are not necessary, because `coord==rank`



## Advanced Exercises — Two-dimensional topology

- Rewrite the exercise in two dimensions, as a cylinder.
- Each row of the cylinder, i.e. each ring, should compute its own separate sum of the original ranks in the two dimensional comm\_cart.
- Compute the two dimensional factorization with MPI\_Dims\_create().

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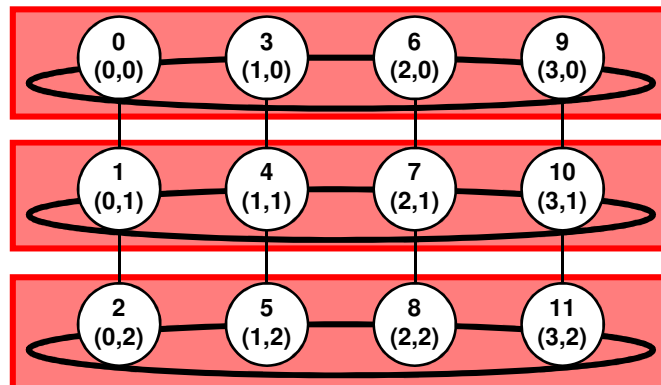
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• C/C++: `int MPI_Dims_create(int nnodes, int ndims, int *dims)`

• Fortran: `MPI_DIMS_CREATE(nnodes, ndims, dims, IERROR)`

mpi\_f08:        INTEGER                    :: nnodes, ndims, dims(\*)  
                 INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror

mpi & mpif.h:    INTEGER nnodes, ndims, dims(\*), ierror



Array *dims* must be **initialized** with (0,0)

sum = 18  
sum = 22  
sum = 26





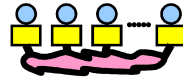




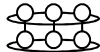
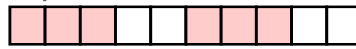
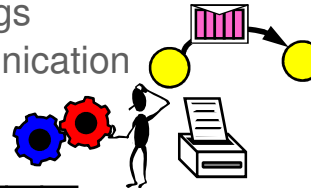


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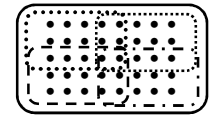


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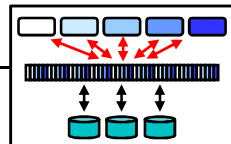
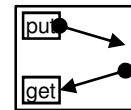
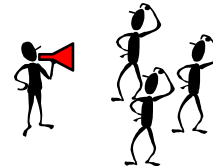


### 8. Groups & communicators, environment management

- Sub-groups & sub-communicators, intra & inter-communicator
- Attribute caching & implementation information, info object
- Error handling



9. Collective communication
10. Process creation and management
11. One-sided communication
12. Shared memory one-sided communication
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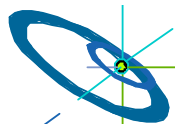
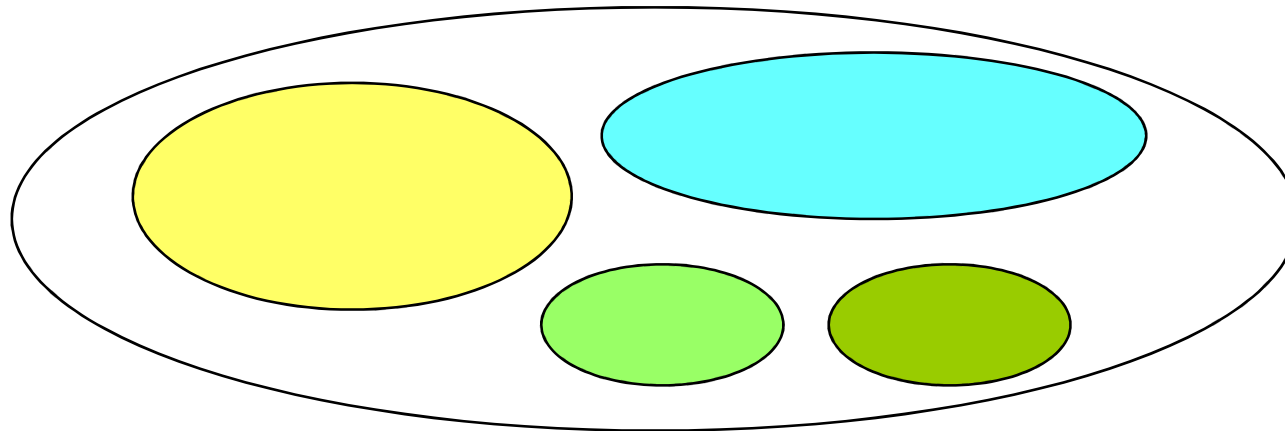
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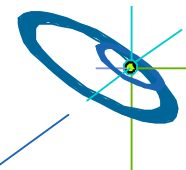
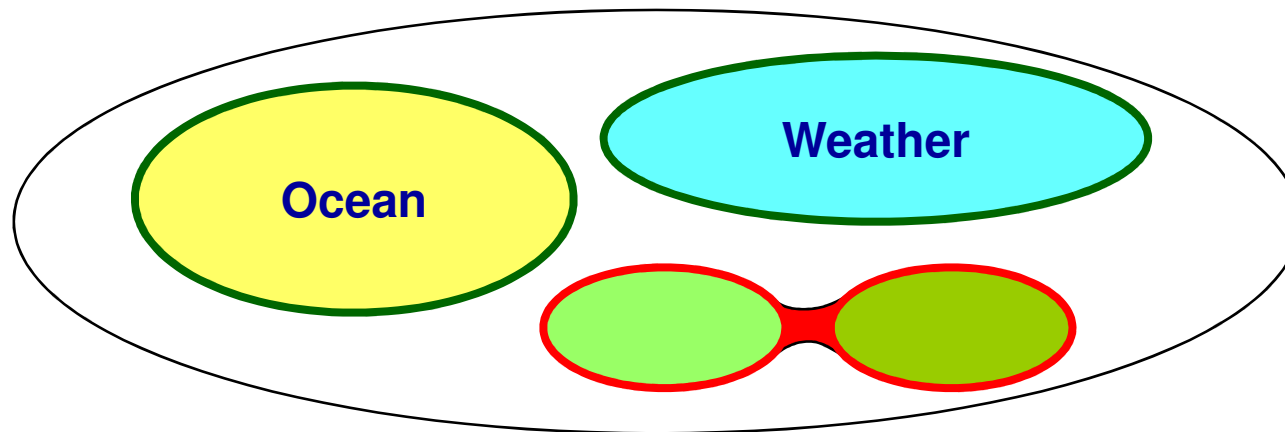
Support for libraries or application sub-spaces

- Safe communication context spaces
- Group scope for collective operations (→ next course chapter)
- Naming of context spaces
- Add additional user-defined attributes to a communication context



## Methods

- **Sub-communicators**
  - Collectively defining communication sub-spaces
- Groups and sub-groups
  - Locally defining ordered sets of MPI processes
- **Intra-** and **inter-communicators**
- Attribute caching and **object naming**
  - On communicators, datatypes, windows (see course Chap.11)



## Sub-groups and sub-communicators

- Two levels:
  - Group of processes
    - **Without the ability to communicate**
    - **Local routines to build sub-sets**
  - Communicators
    - **Group of processes with additional ability to communicate**
- Sub-communicators
  - Several ways of establishing:
    - **Communicator → group → sub-group**  
**original communicator + sub\_group → sub-communicator**
    - **Communicator → group → sub-group → sub-communicator**
    - **Communicator → many sub-communicators**
      - e.g., `MPI_Comm_split`
    - **Communicator → one sub-communicator**

Scalability problems when handling many processes in each process

Scaling interfaces

Scalability depends



## Example: MPI\_Comm\_split()

C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Comm_split (MPI_Comm comm, int color, int key, MPI_Comm *newcomm)`

Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_Comm_split (comm, color, key, newcomm, ierror)`

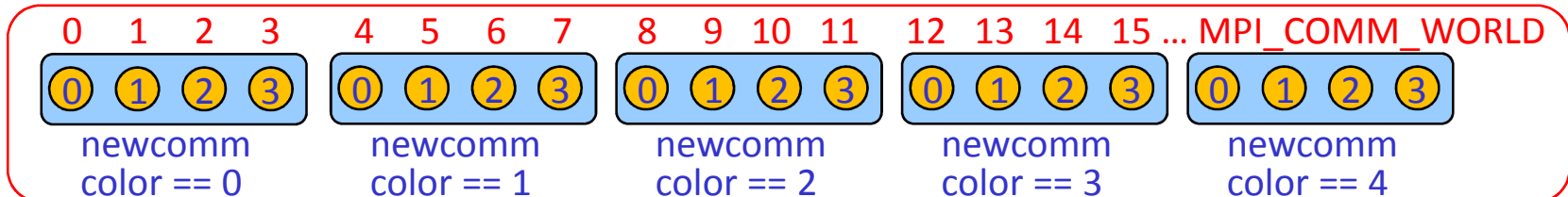
`mpi_f08: TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm, newcomm`

`INTEGER :: color, key;`

`INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror`

`mpi & mpif.h: INTEGER comm, color, key, newcomm, ierror`

Example: `int my_rank, color, key, my_new_rank;`  
`MPI_Comm newcomm;` Always 4 process get same color → grouped in an own newcomm  
`MPI_Comm_rank (MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank);`  
`color = my_rank/4;` Key==0 → ranking in newcomm is sorted as in old comm  
`key = 0;` Key ≠ 0 → ranking in newcomm is sorted according key values  
`MPI_Comm_split (MPI_COMM_WORLD, color, key, &newcomm);`  
`MPI_Comm_rank (newcomm, &my_newrank);`



## Sub-groups – non-collective routines

### (Sub-)group creation routines:

- MPI\_Comm\_group (comm, *group*)
- MPI\_Group\_union (group1, group2, *newgroup*)
- MPI\_Group\_intersection (group1, group2, *newgroup*)
- MPI\_Group\_difference (group1, group2, *newgroup*)
- MPI\_Group\_incl (group, n, ranks, *newgroup*)
- MPI\_Group\_excl (group, n, ranks, *newgroup*)
- MPI\_Group\_range\_incl (group, n, ranges, *newgroup*)
- MPI\_Group\_range\_excl (group, n, ranges, *newgroup*)

### Other routines:

- MPI\_Group\_rank (group, rank) // my\_rank
- MPI\_Group\_translate\_ranks (group1, n, ranks1, group2, *ranks2*)
- MPI\_Group\_compare (group1, group2, *result*)
- MPI\_Group\_free ([INOUT] *group*)



## Sub-communicators – collective creation

Scaling  
interfaces

To be collectively called by all processes of **comm**:

- ★ MPI\_Comm\_dup (comm, *newcomm*) New in MPI-3.0
- ★ MPI\_Comm\_dup\_with\_info (comm, info, *newcomm*) New in MPI-3.0
- ★ MPI\_Comm\_idup (comm, [ASYNCHRONOUS<sup>1</sup>] *newcomm*, *request*)
- MPI\_Comm\_create (comm, group, *newcomm*) Several sub-comms in one call since MPI-2.2
- ★ MPI\_Comm\_split (comm, color, key, *newcomm*) → course Chap. 11
  - All processes with same color are grouped into separate sub-communicators
- ★ MPI\_Comm\_split\_type (comm, split\_type, key, info, *newcomm*) New in MPI-3.0
  - split\_type = MPI\_COMM\_TYPE\_SHARED
  - All processes on a shared memory node (= symmetric multi-processing, SMP) are grouped into separate sub-communicators

Partially  
scaling,  
e.g.,  
when  
used for  
splitting  
in many  
sub-  
comms

To be collectively called by all processes of **group**:

- ★ MPI\_Comm\_create\_group (comm, group, tag, *newcomm*) // pt-to-pt tag New in MPI-3.0

Other routines:

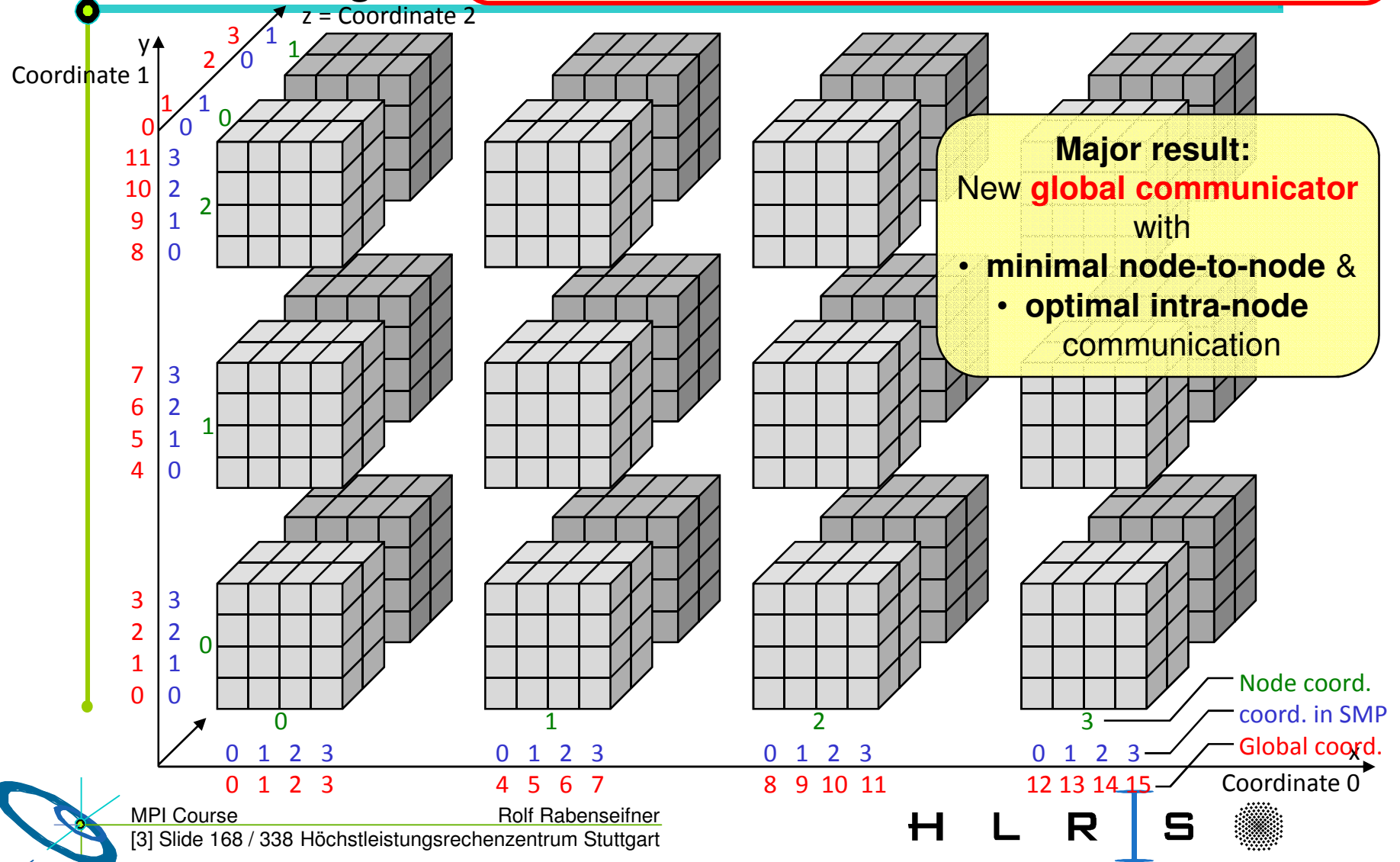
- MPI\_Comm\_free([INOUT] *comm*) MPI\_Comm\_compare(comm1, comm2, *result*)
- MPI\_Comm\_set\_info(comm, info) MPI\_Comm\_get\_info(comm, *info\_used*)

<sup>1</sup>) See MPI-3.0, errata Jan. 4, 2013 and later

## Cartesian Grids – Renumbering

If MPI\_Cart\_create does not optimize:

- Renumbering of MPI\_COMM\_WORLD based on external knowledge or MPI\_Comm\_split\_type(...MPI\_COMM\_TYPE\_SHARED...)
- MPI\_Cart\_create with reorder=false



See [MPI/course/C/1sided/cart\\_renumber\\_shared+distr.c](#)

- Compiled with `-D seq` → uses fixed SMP size 16 / otherwise automatic SMP detection

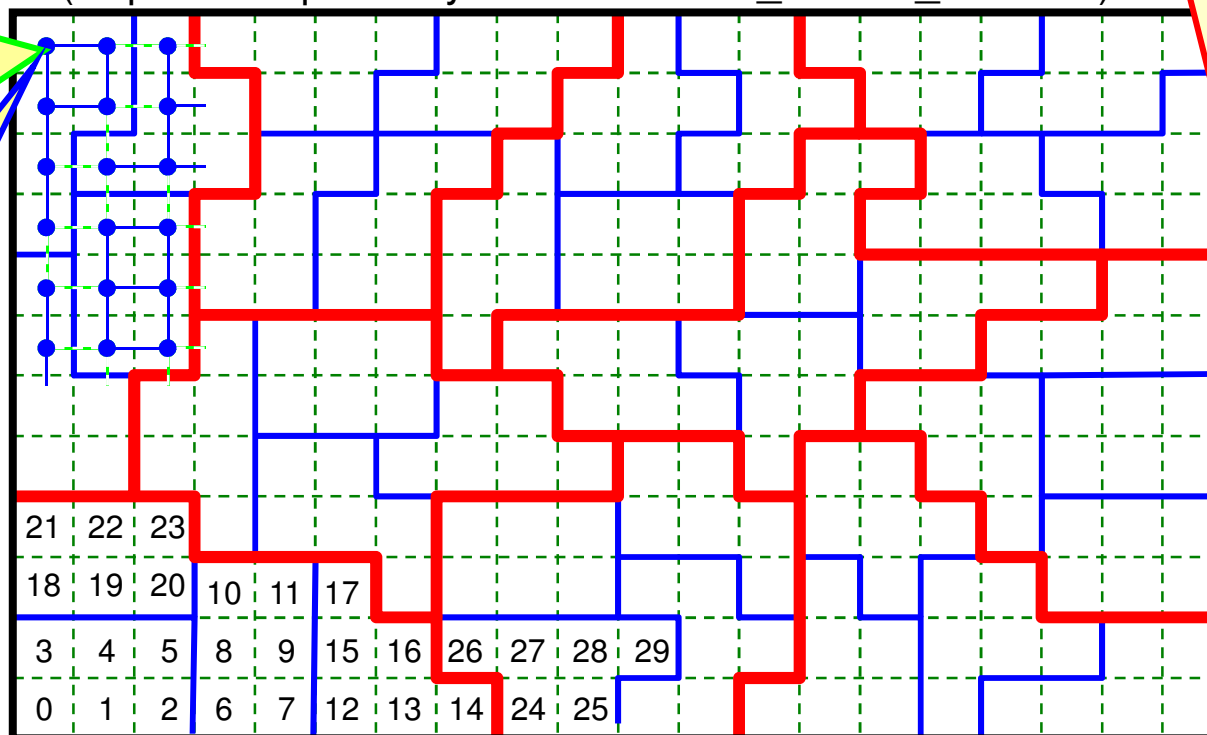


# Unstructured Grids – Multi-level Domain Decomposition through Recombination

1. **Core-level DD:** partitioning of (large) application's data grid, e.g., } with Metis / Scotch
2. **Numa-domain-level DD:** recombining of core-domains }
3. **SMP node level DD:** recombining of socket-domains }
4. **Numbering** from core to socket to node  
(requires sequentially numbered MPI\_COMM\_WORLD)

Graph of all sub-domains (core-sized)

Divided into sub-graphs for each socket

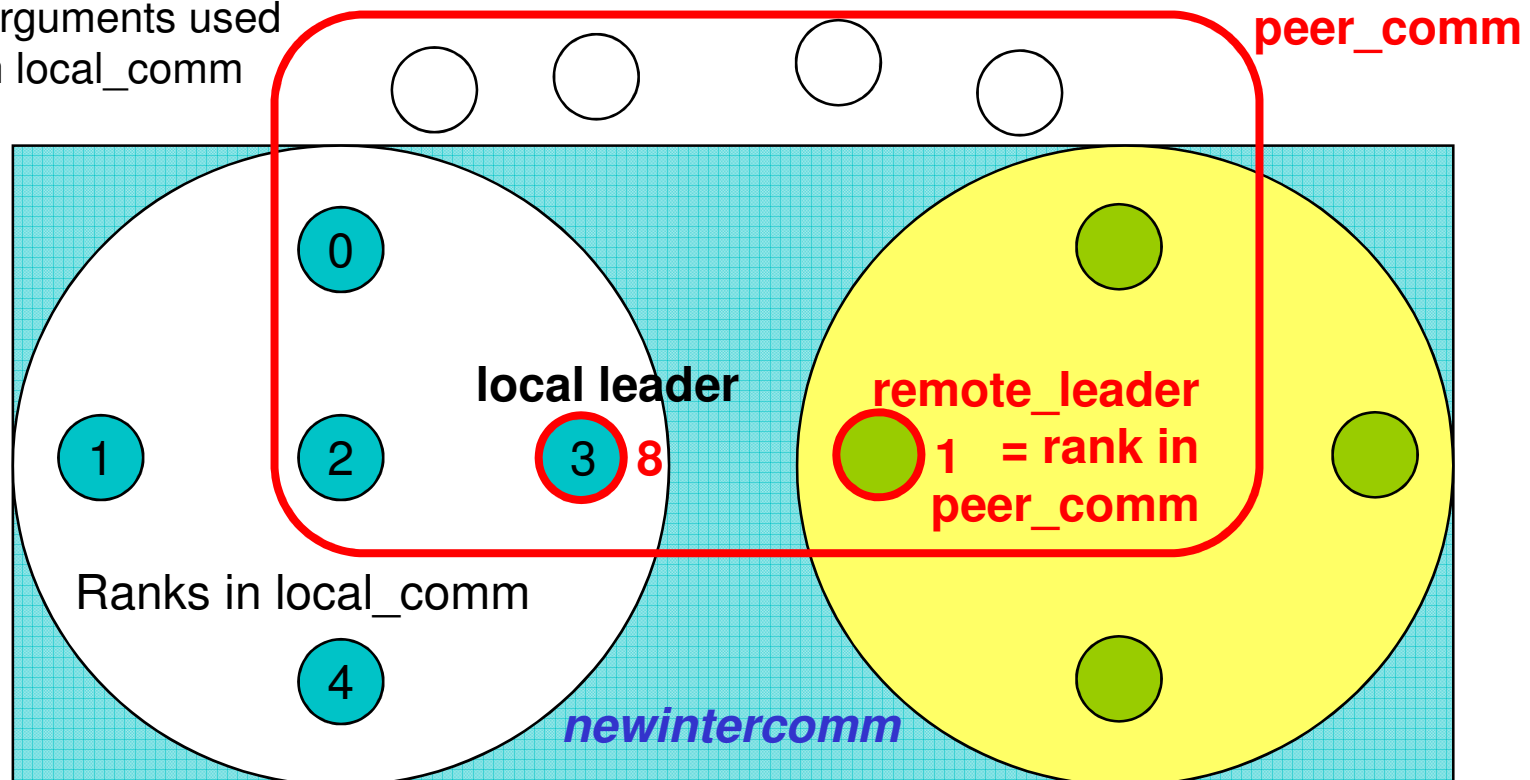


- **Problem:**  
Recombination must **not** calculate patches that are smaller or larger than the average
- In this example the load-balancer **must** combine always
  - 6 cores, and
  - 4 numa-domains (i.e., sockets or dies)
- **Advantage:**  
Communication is balanced!

## Inter-communicator – combines a local and a remote comm

- `MPI_Intercomm_create(local_comm, local_leader, peer_comm, remote_leader, tag, newintercomm)`

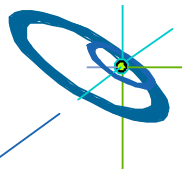
Arguments used  
in `local_comm`



The arguments in the remote communicator are defined in the same way, but local and remote role is interchanged.

## MPI\_Info Object

- An **MPI\_Info** is an opaque object that consists of a set of (key,value) pairs
  - both key and value are strings
  - a key should have a unique value
  - several keys are reserved by standard / implementation
  - portable programs may use **MPI\_INFO\_NULL** as the info argument, or sets of vendor keys
  - Several sets of vendor-specific keys may be used
- Allows applications to pass environment-specific information
- Several functions provided to manipulate the info objects
- Used in: *Process Creation,*  
*Window Creation,*  
*MPI-I/O,*  
*MPI\_Comm\_dup\_with\_info,*  
*MPI\_INFO\_ENV*



## Naming & attribute caching

Name an object:

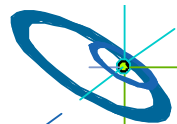
- `MPI_Comm_set_name(comm, comm_name),`     `MPI_Comm_get_name(...)`

Caching attributes in two steps:

- First step – generating a keyval:
  - `MPI_Comm_create_keyval (comm_copy_attr_fn, comm_delete_attr_fn, comm_keyval, extra_state)`
- Second step – storing & retrieving an attribute on/from a handle:
  - `MPI_Comm_set_attr (comm, comm_keyval, attribute_val)`
  - `MPI_Comm_get_attr (comm, comm_keyval, attribute_val, flag)`
- Other routines:
  - `MPI_Comm_delete_attr (comm, comm_keyval)`
  - `MPI_Comm_free_keyval ([INOUT] comm_keyval)`

Other objects: Same method for datatypes and windows

Examples: See MPI-3.0 Sect.17.2.7 *Attributes* on pages 653-657



# Environment inquiry – implementation information (1)

## Version of MPI

- Compile time information
  - integer MPI\_VERSION=3, MPI\_SUBVERSION=0
  - Valid pairs: (3,0), (2,2), (2,1), (2,0), and (1,2).
- Runtime information
  - MPI\_Get\_version( *version*, *subversion* )
  - Can be called before MPI\_Init and after MPI\_Finalize

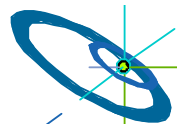
New in MPI-3.0

## Inquire start environment

- Predefined info object **MPI\_INFO\_ENV** holds arguments from
  - mpiexec, or
  - MPI\_COMM\_SPAWN

## Inquire processor name

- MPI\_Get\_processor\_name(*name*, *resultlen*)

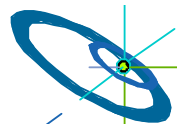


## Environment inquiry – implementation information (2)

### Environmental inquiries

- C: MPI\_Comm\_get\_attr(MPI\_COMM\_WORLD, keyval, *&p*, *&flag*)
  - Will return in *p* a pointer to an int containing the *attribute\_val*
- Fortran: MPI\_Comm\_get\_attr(MPI\_COMM\_WORLD, keyval, *attribute\_val*, *flag*)
- with keyval =
  - **MPI\_TAG\_UB**
    - returns upper bound for tag values in *attribute\_val*
    - must be at least 32767
  - **MPI\_HOST**
    - returns host-rank (if exists) or MPI\_PROC\_NULL (if there is no host)
  - **MPI\_IO**
    - returns MPI\_ANY\_SOURCE in *attribute\_val* (if every process can provide I/O)
  - **MPI\_WTIME\_IS\_GLOBAL**
    - returns 1 in *attribute\_val* (if clocks are synchronized), otherwise, 0

Examples: see MPI-3.0, Sect. 17.2.7, page 656, line 43 – page 657, line 13



# Error Handling

- 2-level-concept with error codes and error classes, see MPI-3.0 Sect. 8.3-8.5

## Most important aspects:

- The communication should be reliable
- If the MPI program is erroneous:
  - by default: abort, if error detected by MPI library  
otherwise, **unpredictable behavior**
  - Fortran: call MPI\_Comm\_set\_errhandler( comm, MPI\_ERRORS\_RETURN, ierr)  
C/C++: MPI\_Comm\_set\_errhandler ( comm, MPI\_ERRORS\_RETURN);
  - e.g., directly after MPI\_INIT with comm = MPI\_COMM\_WORLD, then
    - **error returned by each MPI routine**  
**(except MPI window and MPI file routines)**
    - **undefined state after an erroneous MPI call has occurred**  
**(only MPI\_ABORT(...) should be still callable)**
  - Exception: MPI-I/O has default MPI\_ERRORS\_RETURN
    - Default can be changed through MPI\_FILE\_NULL:
    - MPI\_File\_set\_errhandler (MPI\_FILE\_NULL, MPI\_ERRORS\_ARE\_FATAL)
    - See MPI-3.0 Sect. 13.7, page 550, and course Chap. 14



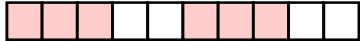
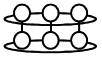
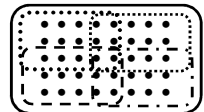
## Conclusions of this course chapter

- Sub-communicators
  - Scalability problems
    - methods with local data with  $O(\#MPI\_COMM\_WORLD)$  are not scalable
    - e.g., `MPI_Comm_group(MPI_COMM_WORLD, group)`
  - Sub-communicator splitting is a scalable interface
    - This does not guarantee that an MPI implementation is scalable
  - Inter-communicators
    - mainly used in coupled applications
    - Also used for `MPI_Comm_spawn`  
(See course Chap. 10 *Process creation and management*)
- Info Object → used in several interfaces → `MPI_INFO_NULL` is always a choice
- Object naming & attribute caching – useful only for libraries between MPI and appl.
- Environment inquiry → small functionality → `MPI_INFO_ENV` new in MPI-3.0
- Error Handling
  - Quality as expected for an “assembler for parallel computing”



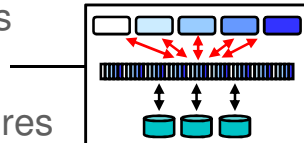


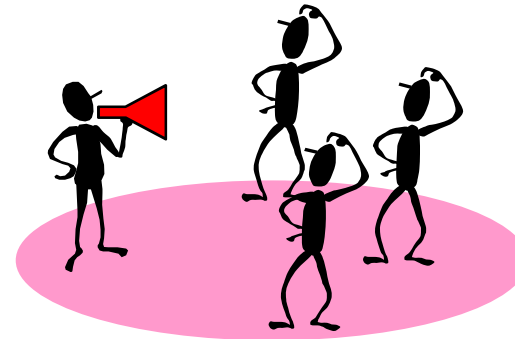
## Chap.9 Collective Communication

1. MPI Overview 
2. Process model and language bindings 
3. Messages and point-to-point communication 
4. Nonblocking communication 
5. Probe, Persistent Requests, Cancel 
6. Derived datatypes 
7. Virtual topologies 
8. Groups & communicators, environment management 

### 9. Collective communication

- **e.g. broadcast**
- **neighborhood communication**

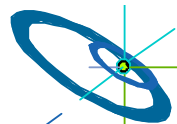
10. Process creation and management
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14. Parallel file I/O 
15. Other MPI features



# Collective Communication

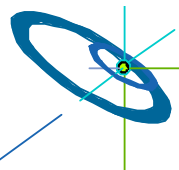
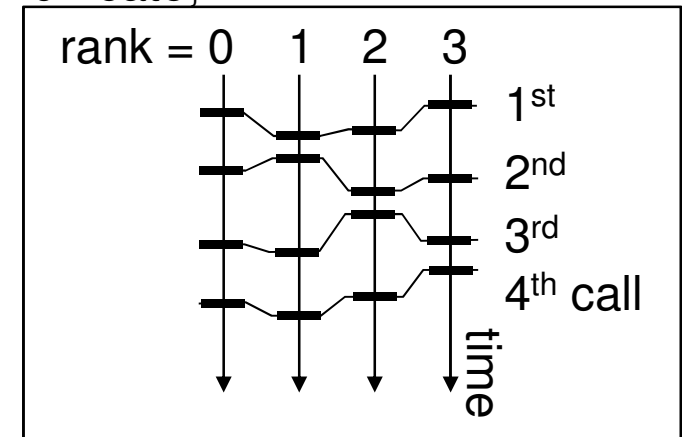
- Communications involving a group of processes.
- Called by all processes in a communicator.
- Examples:
  - Barrier synchronization.
  - Broadcast, scatter, gather.
  - Global sum, global maximum, etc.
  - Neighbor communication in a virtual grid

New in MPI-3.0



## Characteristics of Collective Communication

- Collective action over a communicator.
- All process of the communicator must communicate, i.e., must call the collective routine.
- Synchronization may or may not occur, therefore all processes must be able to start the collective routine.
- On a given communicator, the n-th collective call must match on all processes of the communicator.
- In MPI-1.0 – MPI-2.2, all collective operations are blocking. Nonblocking versions since MPI-3.0.
- No tags.
- Receive buffers must have exactly the same size as send buffers.



# Barrier Synchronization

C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Barrier(MPI_Comm comm)`

Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_BARRIER(comm, ierror)`

`mpi_f08: TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm ; INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror`

`mpi & mpif.h: INTEGER comm, ierror`

- MPI\_Barrier is normally never needed:
  - all synchronization is done automatically by the data communication:
    - **a process cannot continue before it has the data that it needs.**
  - if used for debugging:
    - **please guarantee, that it is removed in production.**
  - for profiling: to separate time measurement of
    - **Load imbalance of computation** [ `MPI_Wtime(); MPI_Barrier(); MPI_Wtime()` ]
    - **communication epochs** [ `MPI_Wtime(); MPI_Allreduce(); ...; MPI_Wtime()` ]
  - ~~if used for synchronizing external *communication* (e.g. I/O):~~
    - ~~exchanging tokens may be more efficient and scalable than a barrier on `MPI_COMM_WORLD`,~~
    - ~~see also advanced exercise of this chapter.~~

## Broadcast

C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Bcast(void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, int root, MPI_Comm comm)`

Fortran

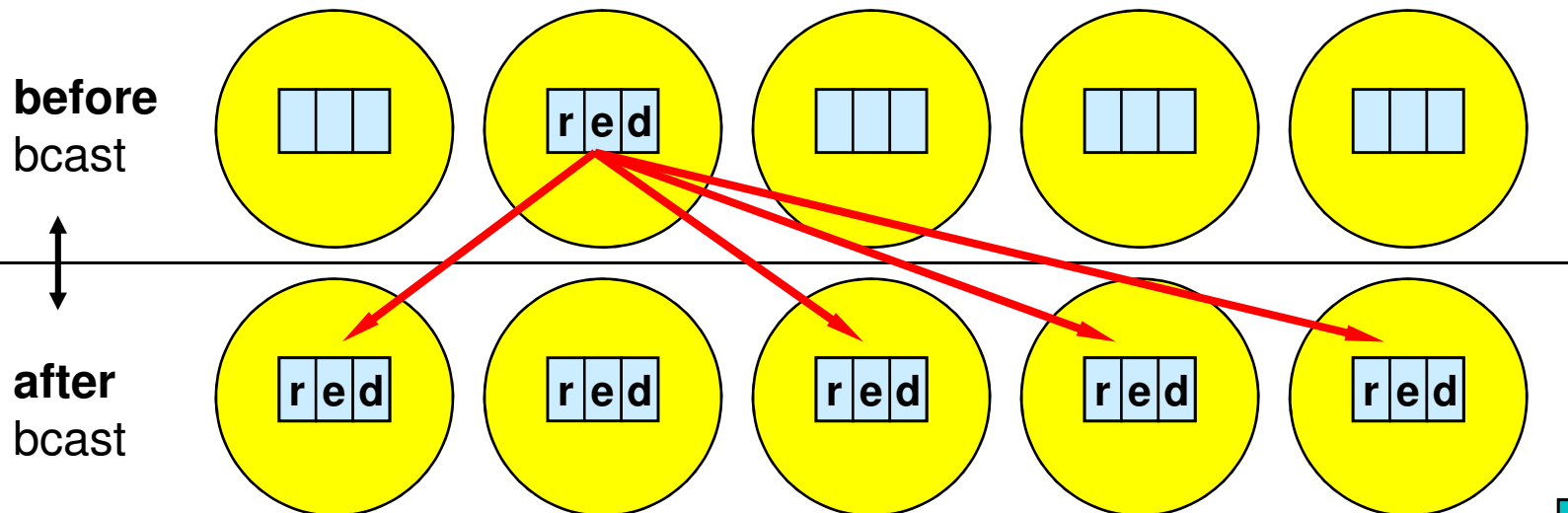
- Fortran: `MPI_Bcast(buf, count, datatype, root, comm, ierror)`

`mpi_f08:`      `TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buf`

`TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: datatype; TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm`

`INTEGER :: count, root;                    INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror`

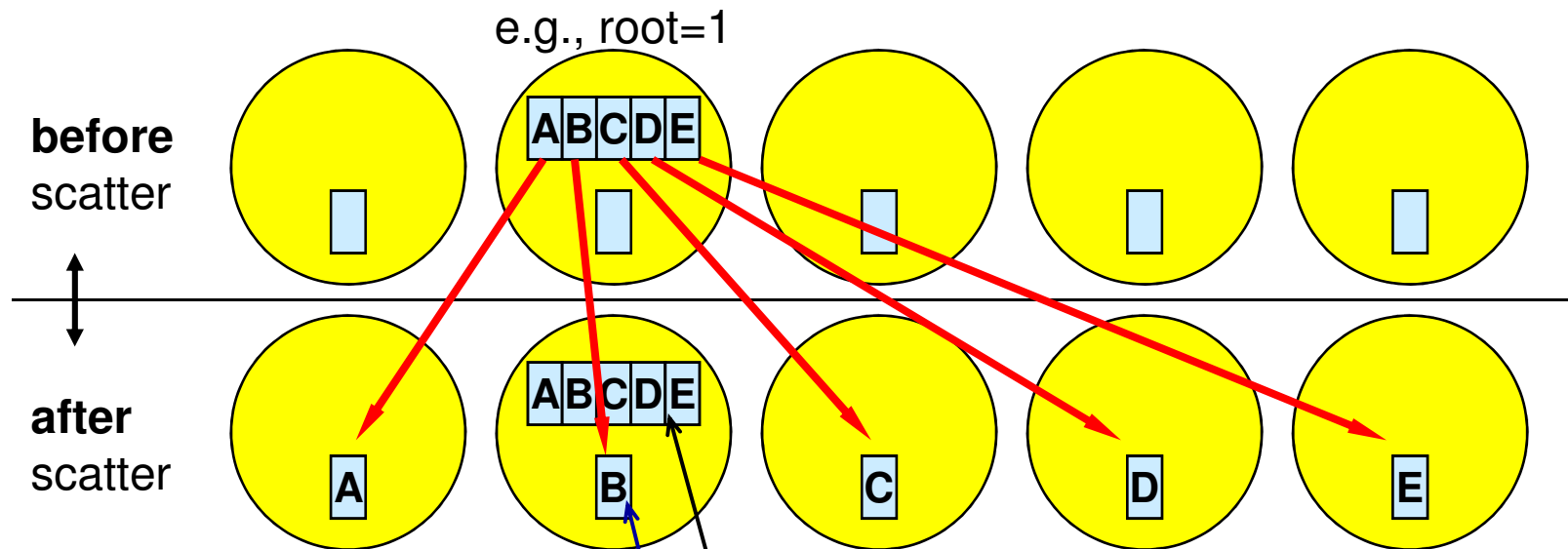
`mpi & mpif.h:`    `<type> buf(*); INTEGER count, datatype, root, comm, ierror`



e.g., `root=1`

- rank of the sending process (i.e., root process)
- must be given identically by all processes

# Scatter

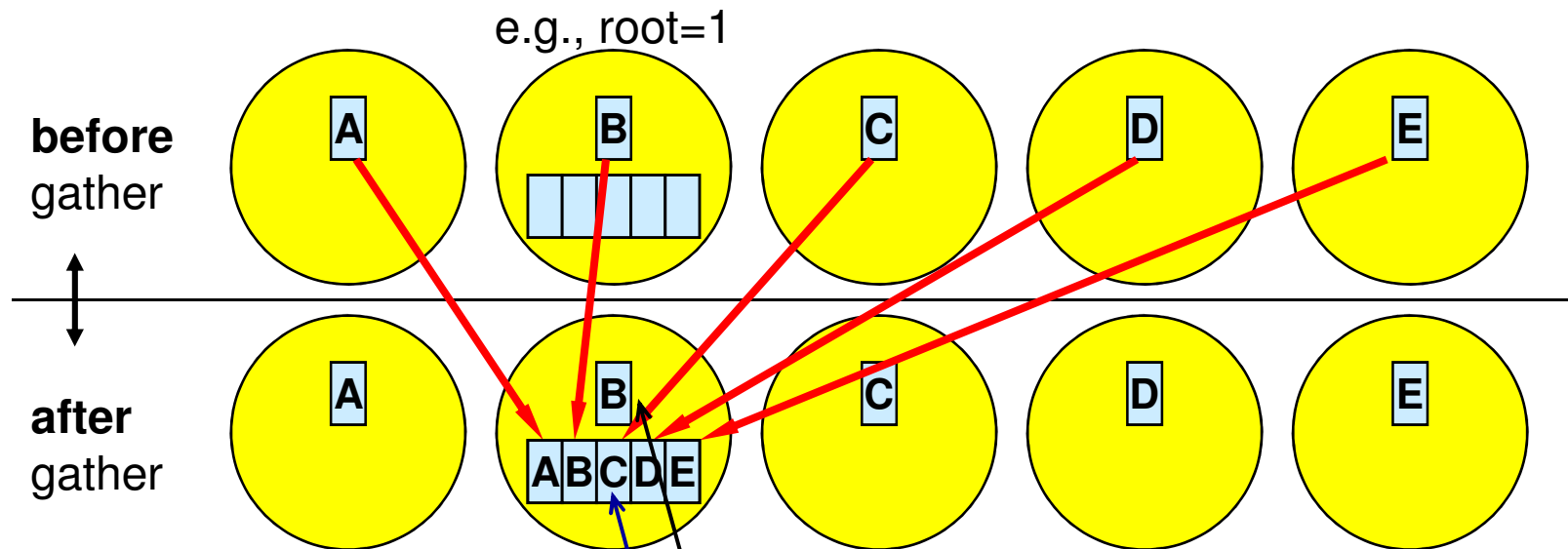


- C/C++: `int MPI_Scatter(void *sendbuf, int sendcount, MPI_Datatype sendtype, void *recvbuf, int recvcount, MPI_Datatype recvtype, int root, MPI_Comm comm)`
- Fortran: `MPI_SCATTER(sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, root, comm, ierror)`  
 mpi\_f08: `TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: sendbuf, recvbuf  
 INTEGER :: sendcount, recvcount, root; TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm  
 TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: sendtype, recvtype; INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror`  
 mpi & mpif.h: `<type> sendbuf(*), recvbuf(*);  
 INTEGER sendcount, sendtype, recvcount, recvtype, root, comm, ierror`

## Example:

`MPI_Scatter(sbuf, 1, MPI_CHAR, rbuf, 1, MPI_CHAR, 1, MPI_COMM_WORLD)`

# Gather



- C/C++: `int MPI_Gather(void *sendbuf, int sendcount, MPI_Datatype sendtype, void *recvbuf, int recvcount, MPI_Datatype recvtype, int root, MPI_Comm comm)`
- Fortran: `MPI_GATHER(sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, root, comm, ierror)`  
 mpi\_f08: `TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: sendbuf, recvbuf  
 INTEGER :: sendcount, recvcount, root; TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm  
 TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: sendtype, recvtype; INTEGER, OPTIONAL :: ierror`  
 mpi & mpif.h: `<type> sendbuf(*), recvbuf(*);  
 INTEGER sendcount, sendtype, recvcount, recvtype, root, comm, ierror`

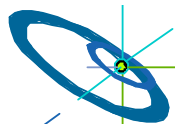
## Example:

`MPI_Gather(sbuf, 1, MPI_CHAR, rbuf, 1, MPI_CHAR, 1, MPI_COMM_WORLD)`

## Global Reduction Operations

- To perform a global reduce operation across all members of a group.
- $d_0 \circ d_1 \circ d_2 \circ d_3 \circ \dots \circ d_{s-2} \circ d_{s-1}$ 
  - $d_i$  = data in process rank  $i$ 
    - single variable, or
    - vector
  - $\circ$  = associative operation
  - Example:
    - global sum or product
    - global maximum or minimum
    - global user-defined operation
- floating point rounding may depend on usage of associative law:
  - $[(d_0 \circ d_1) \circ (d_2 \circ d_3)] \circ [\dots \circ (d_{s-2} \circ d_{s-1})]$
  - $(((((d_0 \circ d_1) \circ d_2) \circ d_3) \circ \dots) \circ d_{s-2}) \circ d_{s-1})$
  - May be even worse through partial sums in each process:
 
$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i \rightarrow [(((\sum_{i=0}^{n/s-1} x_i \circ \sum_{i=n/s}^{2n/s-1} x_i) \circ (\dots \circ \dots)) \circ [\dots \circ (\dots \circ \dots)])]$$

E.g., with  $n=10^8$  rounding errors may modify last 3 or 4 digits!





## Example of Global Reduction

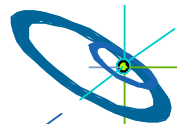
- Global integer sum.
- Sum of all inbuf values should be returned in *resultbuf*.
- C/C++: 

```
root=0;
MPI_Reduce(&inbuf, &resultbuf, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM,
           root, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
```
- Fortran: 

```
root=0
MPI_REDUCE(inbuf, resultbuf, 1, MPI_INTEGER, MPI_SUM,
           root, MPI_COMM_WORLD, IERROR)
```
- The result is only placed in *resultbuf* at the root process.

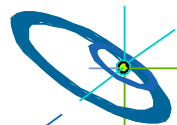
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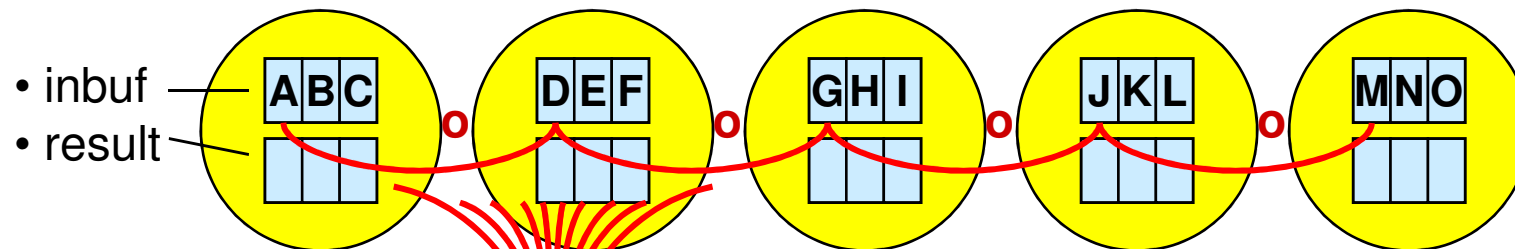
## Predefined Reduction Operation Handles

| Predefined operation handle | Function                            |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| MPI_MAX                     | Maximum                             |
| MPI_MIN                     | Minimum                             |
| MPI_SUM                     | Sum                                 |
| MPI_PROD                    | Product                             |
| MPI LAND                    | Logical AND                         |
| MPI_BAND                    | Bitwise AND                         |
| MPI_LOR                     | Logical OR                          |
| MPI BOR                     | Bitwise OR                          |
| MPI_LXOR                    | Logical exclusive OR                |
| MPI_BXOR                    | Bitwise exclusive OR                |
| MPI_MAXLOC                  | Maximum and location of the maximum |
| MPI_MINLOC                  | Minimum and location of the minimum |

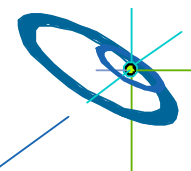
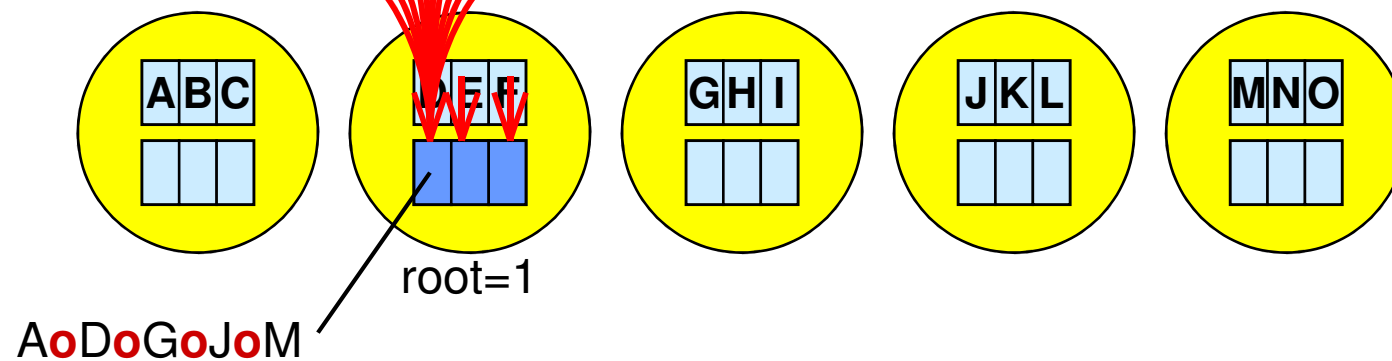


# MPI\_REDUCE

before MPI\_REDUCE



after

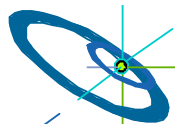


## User-Defined Reduction Operations

- Operator handles
  - predefined – see table above
  - user-defined
- User-defined operation ■:
  - associative
  - user-defined function must perform the operation  $\text{vector\_A} \blacksquare \text{vector\_B}$
  - syntax of the user-defined function  $\rightarrow$  MPI standard
- Registering a user-defined reduction function:
  - C/C++: `MPI_Op_create(MPI_User_function *func, int commute, MPI_Op *op)`
  - Fortran: `MPI_OP_CREATE(FUNC, COMMUTE, OP, IERROR)`
- COMMUTE tells the MPI library whether FUNC is commutative.

C

Fortran

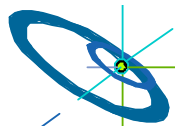


## Variants of Reduction Operations

- MPI\_ALLREDUCE
  - no root,
  - returns the result in all processes
- MPI\_REDUCE\_SCATTER\_BLOCK and MPI\_REDUCE\_SCATTER
  - result vector of the reduction operation is scattered to the processes into the real result buffers
- MPI\_SCAN
  - prefix reduction
  - result at process with rank  $i$  :=  
reduction of inbuf-values from rank 0 to rank  $i$
- MPI\_EXSCAN
  - result at process with rank  $i$  :=  
reduction of inbuf-values from rank 0 to rank  $i-1$

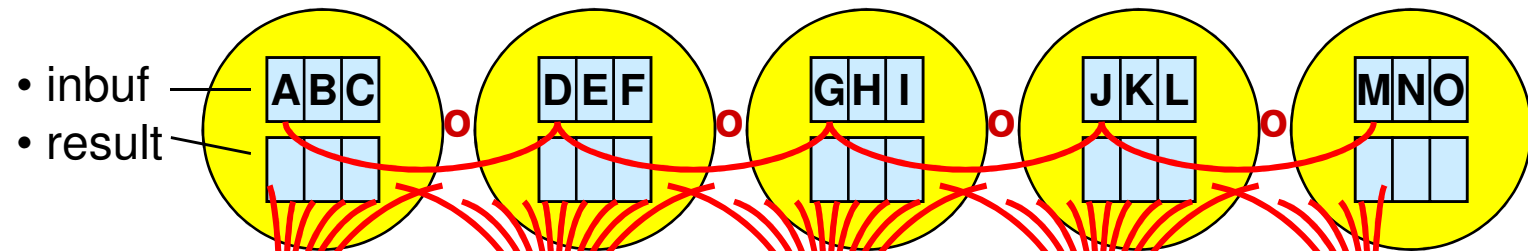
New in MPI-2.2

|    |    |    |               |            |
|----|----|----|---------------|------------|
| A1 | B1 | C1 | $\Rightarrow$ | $\Sigma A$ |
| A2 | B2 | C2 |               | $\Sigma B$ |
| A3 | B3 | C3 |               | $\Sigma C$ |

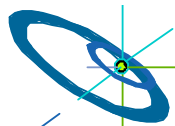
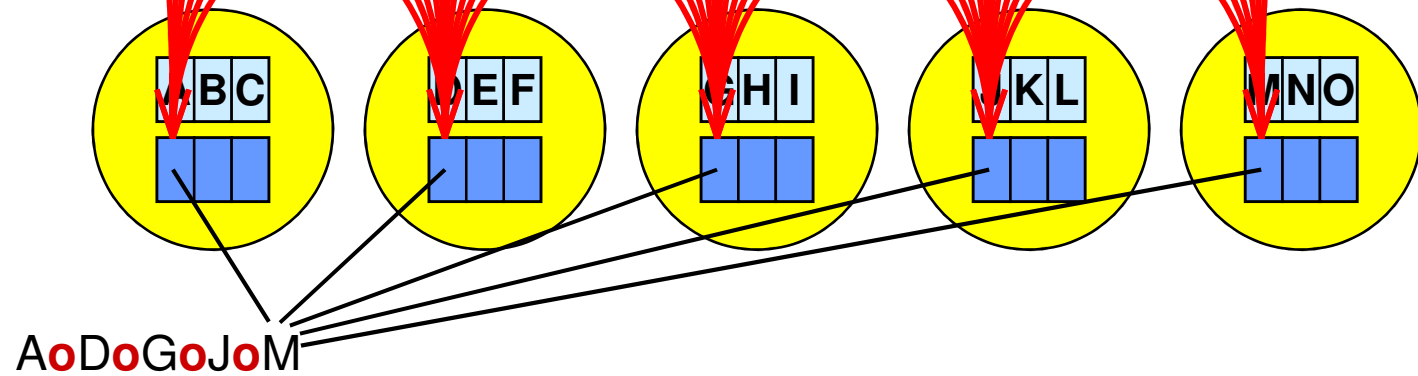


# MPI\_ALLREDUCE

before MPI\_ALLREDUCE

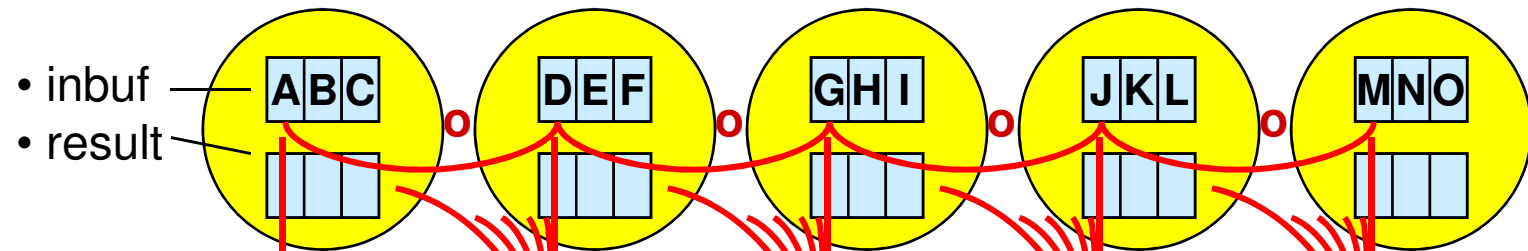


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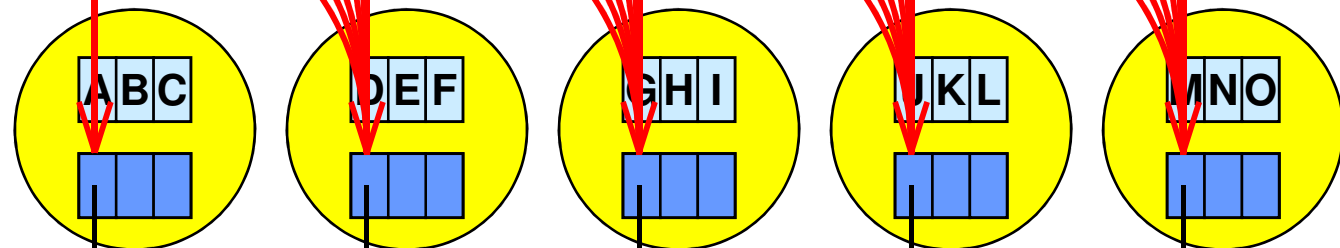


# MPI\_SCAN and MPI\_EXSCAN

before the call



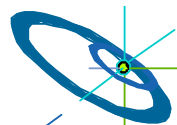
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MPI\_SCAN: A AoD AoDoG AoDoGoJ AoDoGoJoM

MPI\_EXSCAN: - A AoD AoDoG AoDoGoJ

done in parallel



## Other Collective Communication Routines

- MPI\_Allgather → similar to MPI\_Gather, but all processes receive the result vector  

|   |
|---|
| A |
| B |
| C |

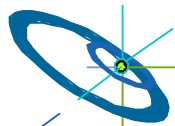
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|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| A | B | C |
| A | B | C |
| A | B | C |
- MPI\_Alltoall → each process sends messages to all processes  

|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| A1 | B1 | C1 |
| A2 | B2 | C2 |
| A3 | B3 | C3 |

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|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| A1 | A2 | A3 |
| B1 | B2 | B3 |
| C1 | C2 | C3 |
- MPI\_.....v (Gatherv, Scatterv, Allgatherv, Alltoallv, Alltoallw)
  - Each message has a different count and displacement
  - array of counts and array of displs (Alltoallw: also array of types)
  - interface does **not scale** to thousands of MPI processes!
  - Recommendation: One should try to use data structures with same communication size on all ranks.

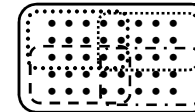




# Nonblocking Collective Communication Routines

New in MPI-3.0

- MPI\_I..... **Nonblocking** variants of all collective communication: MPI\_Ibarrier, MPI\_Ibcast, ...
  - Collective initiation and completion are separated
  - May have multiple outstanding collective communications on same communicator
  - Ordered initialization on each communicator
  - Offers opportunity to overlap
    - several collective communications, e.g., on several overlapping communicators
      - **Without deadlocks or serializations!**
    - computation and communication
      - **Often a background MPI progress engine is missing or not efficient**
      - **Alternative:**
        - Several calls to MPI\_Test(), which enables progress
        - Use non-standard extensions to switch on asynchronous progress
          - export MPICH\_ASYNC\_PROGRESS=1
- Parallel MPI I/O:
  - Implies a helper thread and MPI\_THREAD\_MULTIPLE, see Chapter 13. MPI and Threads



The split collective interface may be substituted in the next version of MPI

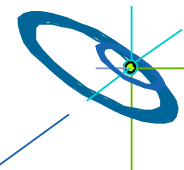
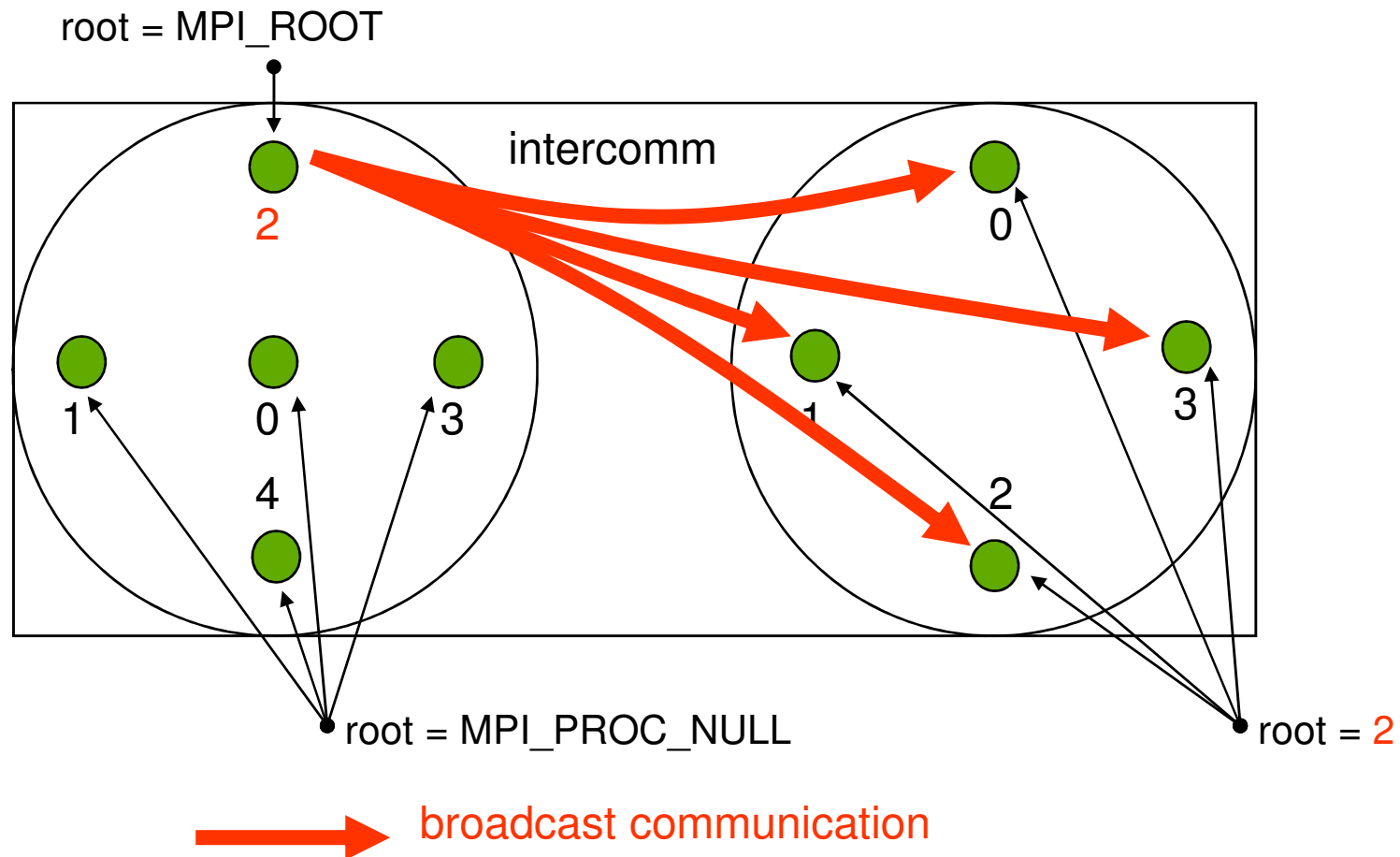
## Collective Operations for Intercommunicators

- In MPI-1, collective operations are restricted to ordinary (intra) communicators.
- In MPI-2, most collective operations are extended by an additional functionality for intercommunicators
  - e.g., Bcast on a parents-children intercommunicator: sends data from one parent process to all children.
- Intercommunicators do not apply in
  - MPI\_Scan, MPI\_Lscan, MPI\_Exscan, MPI\_lxscan,
  - MPI\_(l)Neighbor\_allgather(v)
  - MPI\_(l)Neighbor\_alltoall(v,w)



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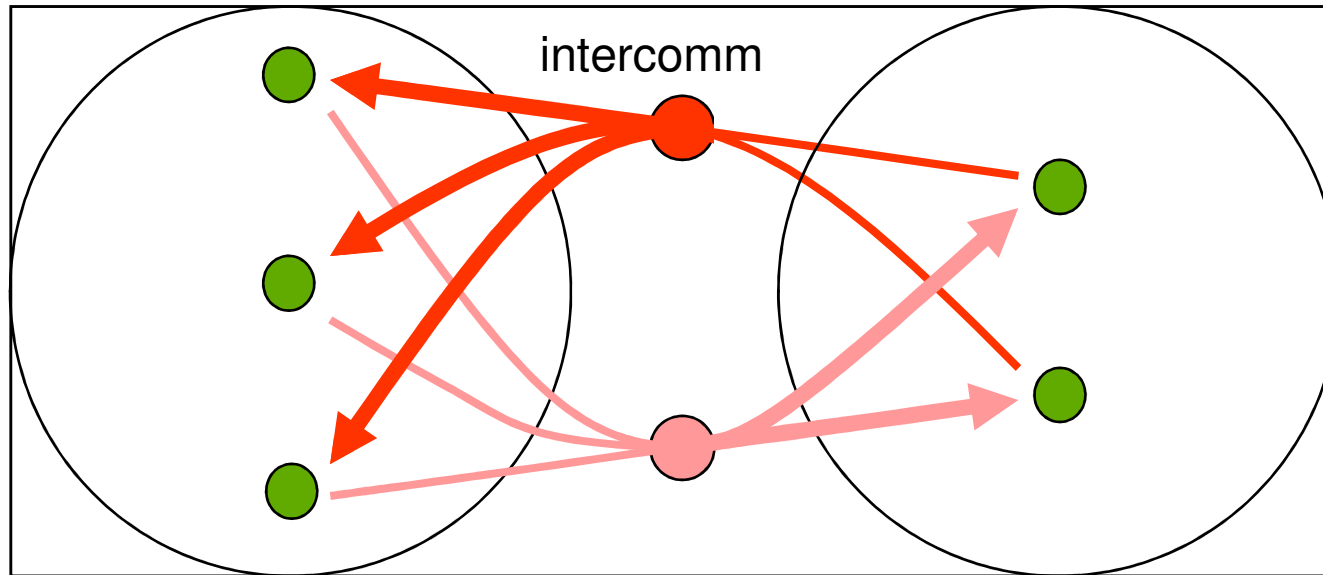
## Extended Collective Operations — MPI\_Bcast on *intercomm*.



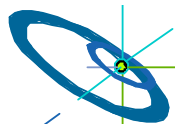
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## Extended Collective Operations — MPI\_Allgather on *intercomm*.

remember: allgather = gather+broadcast



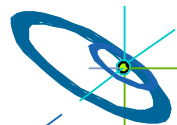
→ allgather communication  
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## Extended Collective Operations — “In place” Buffer Specification

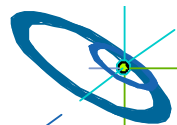
The `MPI_IN_PLACE` has two meanings:

- to **prohibit the local copy** with  
→ `sendbuf=MPI_IN_PLACE`:
  - (I)GATHER(V) at root process
  - (I)ALLGATHER(V) at all processes→ `recvbuf=MPI_IN_PLACE`:
  - (I)SCATTER(V) at root process
- to **overwrite input buffer** with the result:  
(`sendbuf=MPI_IN_PLACE`, input is taken from `recvbuf`, which is then overwritten)
  - (I)REDUCE at root
  - (I)ALLREDUCE, (I)REDUCE\_SCATTER(\_BLOCK), (I)SCAN, (I)EXSCAN, (I)ALLTOALL(V,W) at all processes
- Not available for
  - (I)BARRIER, (I)BCAST, (I)NEIGHBOR\_ALLGATHER/ALLTOALL(V,W)



## Sparse Collective Operations on Process Topologies

- MPI process topologies (Cartesian and (distributed) graph) usable for communication
  - `MPI_(I)NEIGHBOR_ALLGATHER(V)`
  - `MPI_(I)NEIGHBOR_ALLTOALL(V,W)`
- If the topology is the full graph, then neighbor routine is identical to full collective communication routine
  - Exception: `s/rdispls` in `MPI_NEIGHBOR_ALLTOALLW` are `MPI_Aint`
- Allows for optimized communication scheduling and scalable resource binding
- Cartesian topology:
  - Sequence of buffer segments is communicated with:
    - **`dim=0 source, dim=0 dest, dim=1 source, dim=1 dest, ...`**
  - Defined only for `disp=1`
  - If a source or dest rank is `MPI_PROC_NULL` then the buffer location is still there but the content is not touched.
  - See advanced exercise No. 3



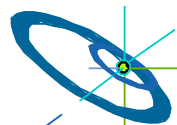
## Exercise — Global reduction

- Rewrite the pass-around-the-ring program to use the MPI global reduction to perform the global sum of all ranks of the processes in the ring.
- Use the results from Chap. 4:
  - ~/MPI/course/**F\_30**/Ch4/ring\_30.f90 (with mpi\_f08 module)
  - ~/MPI/course/**F\_20**/Ch4/ring\_20.f90 (with mpi module)
  - ~/MPI/course/**C**/Ch4/ring.c
- I.e., the pass-around-the-ring communication loop must be totally substituted by one call to the MPI collective reduction routine.

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see also login-slides



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Chap.9 Collective Communication

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## Advanced Exercises — Global scan and sub-groups

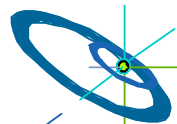
### 1. Global scan:

- Rewrite the last program so that each process computes a partial sum, i.e., with `MPI_Scan()`.
- Pipe the stdout through **sort -n** to get the output sorted by the ranks:

```
rank= 0 → sum=0  
rank= 1 → sum=1  
rank= 2 → sum=3  
rank= 3 → sum=6  
rank= 4 → sum=10
```

### 2. Global sum in sub-groups:

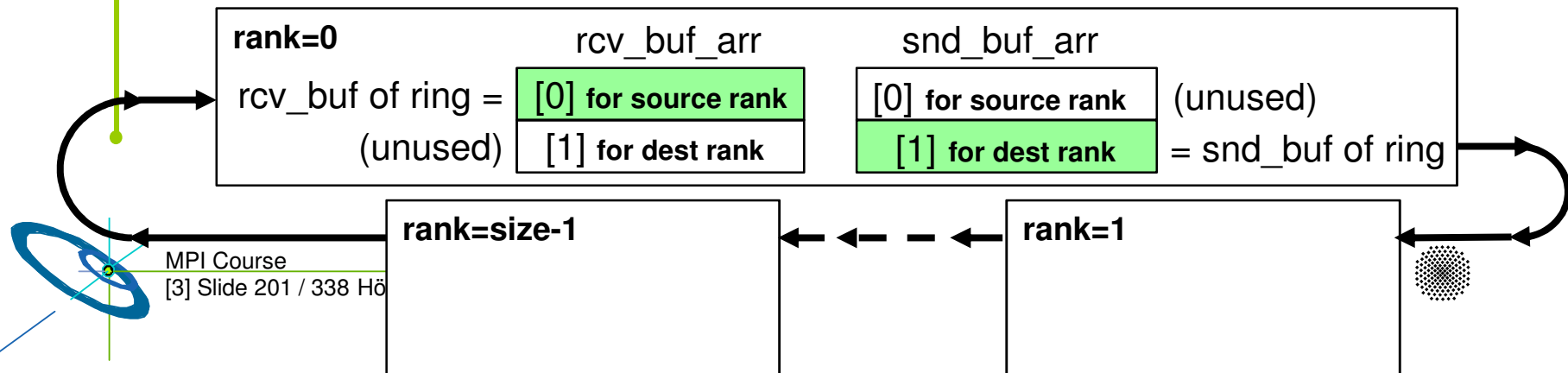
- Rewrite the result of the advanced exercise of course Chap. 7.
- Compute the sum in each slice with the global reduction.





## Advanced Exercises — Neighbor Collective Communicat.

3. Keep the ring communication in the virtual topology example, but substitute the point-to-point communication by neighborhood collective:
  - Use the results from course Chap. 7 *Virtual Topologies*:
    - ~/MPI/course/**F\_30**/Ch7/topology\_ring\_30.f90 (with mpi\_f08 module)
    - ~/MPI/course/**F\_20**/Ch7/topology\_ring\_20.f90 (with mpi module)
    - ~/MPI/course/**C**/Ch7/topology\_ring.c
  - I.e., Isend-Recv-Wait → one call to MPI\_Neighbor\_alltoall
  - rcv\_buf and snd\_buf must be combined into a buf\_arr with rcv\_buf\_arr[0] as rcv\_buf and snd\_buf\_arr[1] as snd\_buf, i.e., according to the sequence rule for the buffer segments.



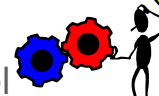
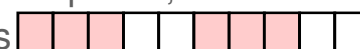


Message Passing Interface (MPI) [03]

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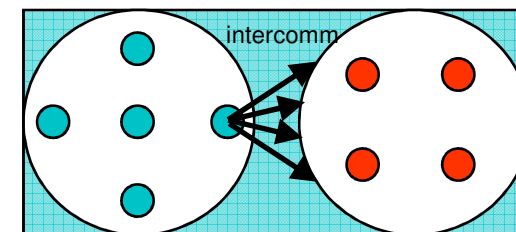
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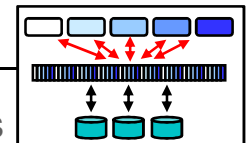
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MPI\_Init()  
MPI\_Comm\_rank()

### 10. Process creation and management

- Spawning additional processes
- Connecting two independent sets of MPI processes
- Singleton MPI\_INIT

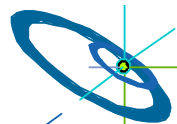


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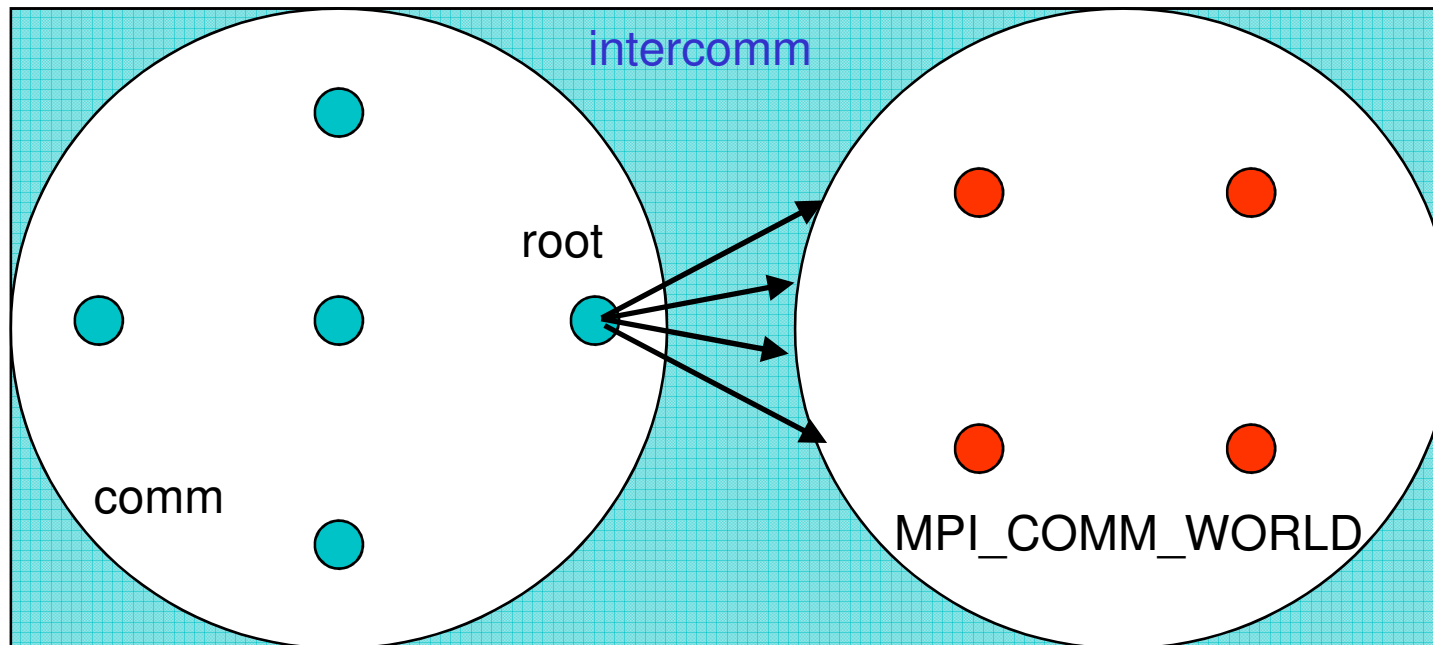


# Dynamic Process Management

- Two independent goals
  1. starting new MPI processes
  2. connecting independently started MPI processes
- Issues
  - maintaining simplicity, flexibility, and correctness
  - interaction with operating systems, resource manager, and process manager
- Starting new MPI processes with the **spawn interfaces**:
  - at initiators (parents):
    - **Spawning new processes is *collective*, returning an intercommunicator.**
    - **Local group is group of spawning processes.**
    - **Remote group is group of spawned processes.**
  - at spawned processes (children):
    - **New processes have own MPI\_COMM\_WORLD**
    - **MPI\_Comm\_get\_parent() returns intercommunicator to parent processes**



## Dynamic Process Management — Get the *intercomm*, I.

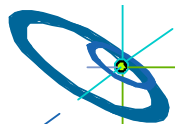


Parents:

`MPI_COMM Spawn (.....,  
root,comm, intercomm,...)`

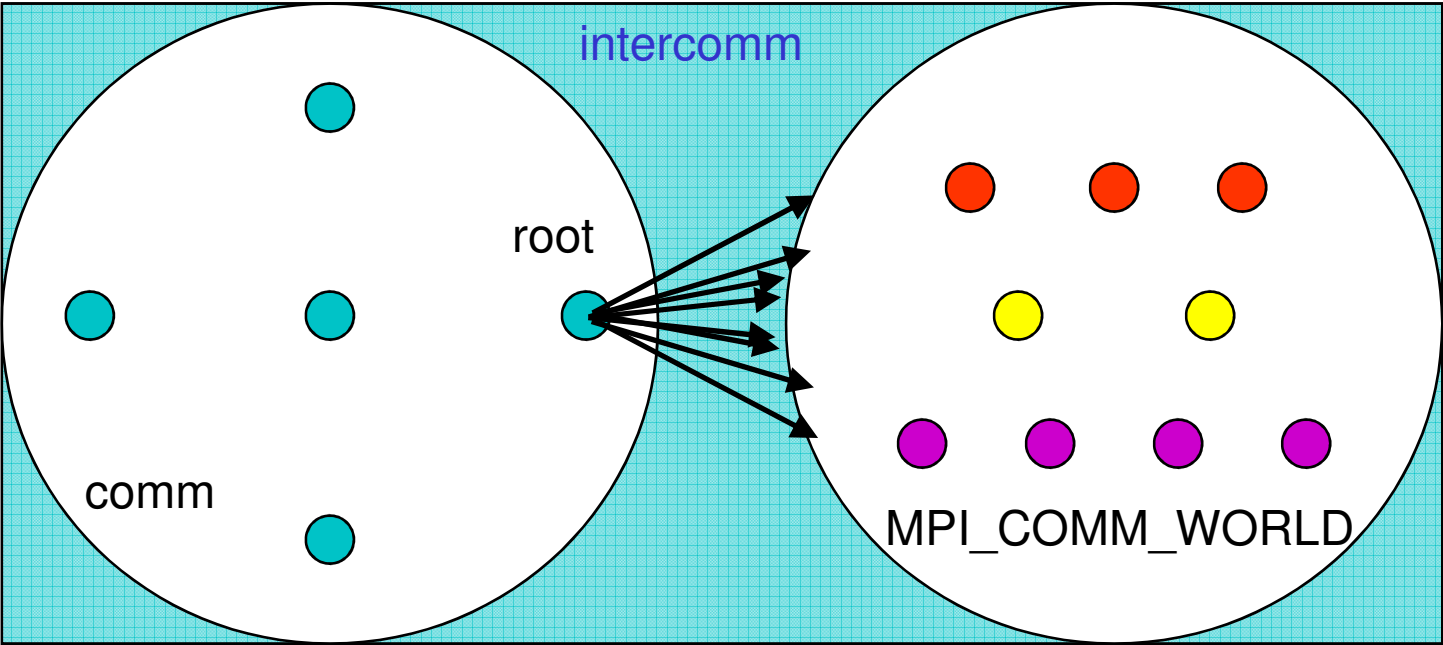
Children:

`MPI_Init(...)  
MPI_COMM_GET_PARENT(intercomm)`



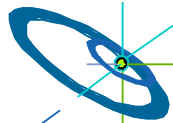
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# Dynamic Process Management — Get the *intercomm*, II.



Parents:  
MPI\_COMM Spawn  
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root, comm, *intercomm*, ...)

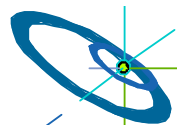
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# Major Problem with Spawning of Dynamic Processes

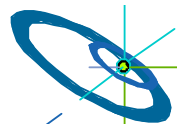
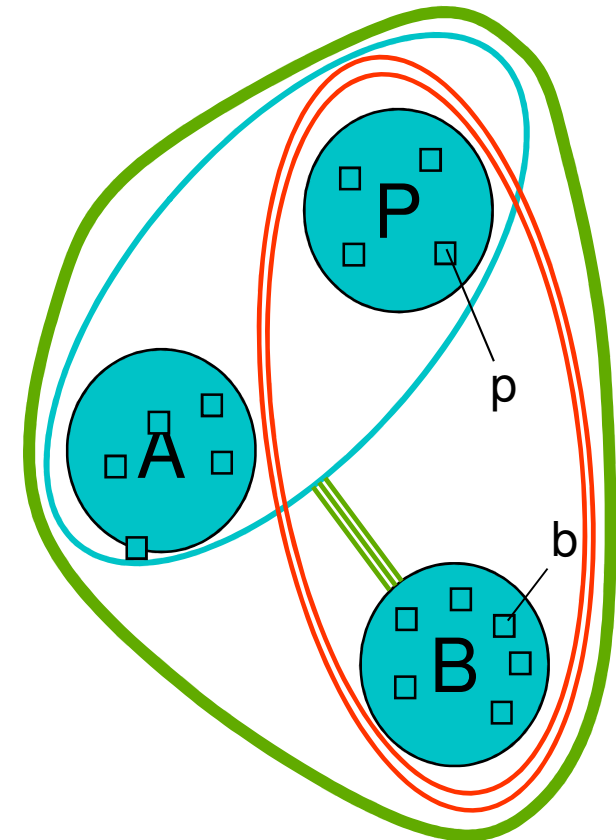
- **Typical static environment**
    - MPI processes within a batch job (→ qsub)
    - Dedicated cores/CPU's for each MPI process
    - Why?
      - **Communication and load balancing requires:**
      - **All communication partners must be available**
      - **Otherwise idle time due to polling strategy within MPI\_Recv**
    - Alternative: Gang-scheduling
      - **i.e., all MPI processes are running or all are sleeping**
      - **In most cases: Not available or does not work correctly**
  - **Dynamic spawning of additional processes**
    - CPU's not available within current batch job, or
    - CPU's are available,  
but wasted cycles between MPI\_Init and MPI\_Spawn
- **In most cases not useful**



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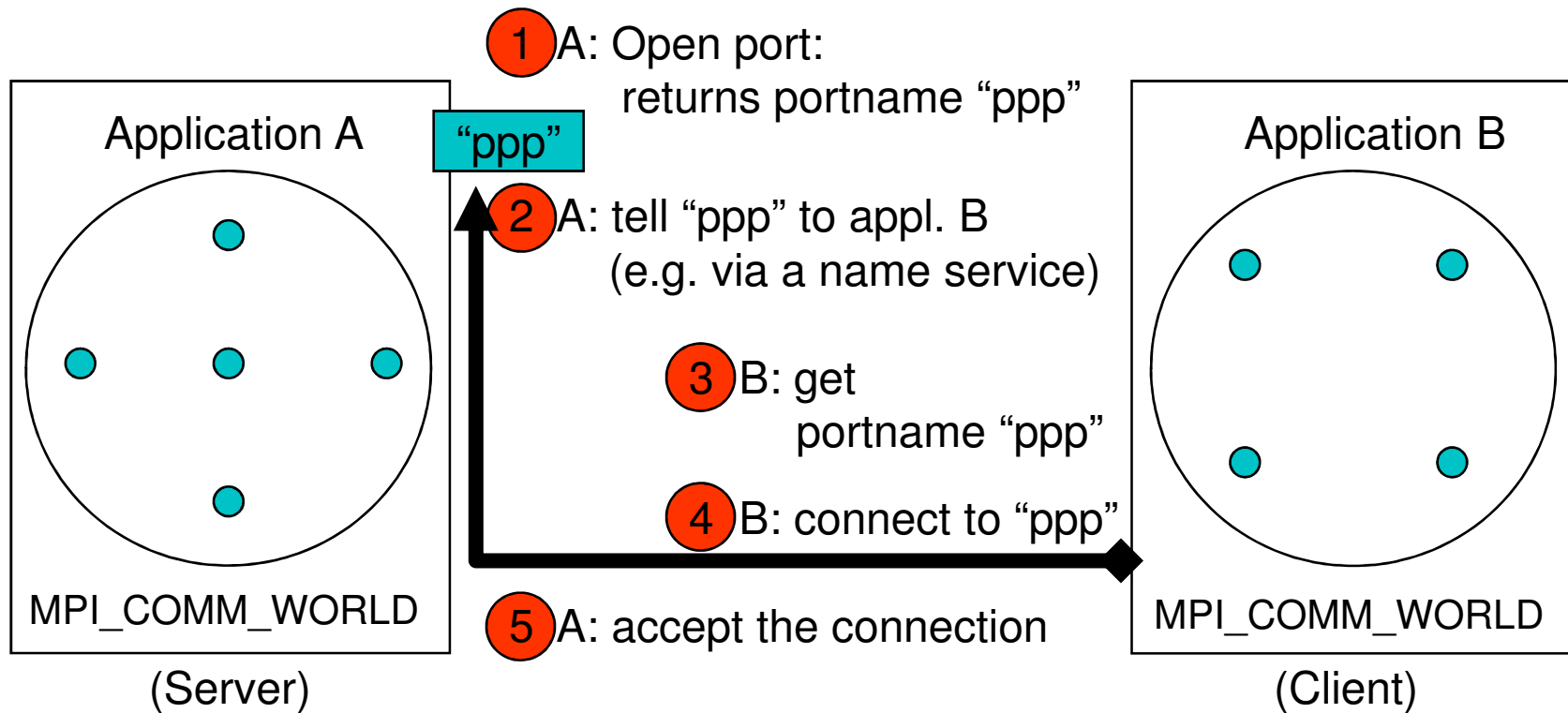
## Dynamic Process Management — Multi-merging, a Challenge

- If a comm. P spawns A and B sequentially, how can P, A and B communicate in a single intracomm?
- The following sequence supports this:
  - P+A merge to form intracomm PA
  - P+B merge to form intracomm PB
  - PA and B create intercomm PA+B  
[using PB as peer, with **p**, **b** as leaders]
  - PA+B merge to form intracomm PAB
- Routine: MPI\_INTERCOMM\_MERGE
- This is not very easy, but does work

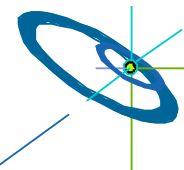


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## Dynamic Process Management — Establishing Communication



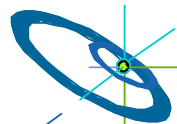
Result: An intercommunicator between both original communicators



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## Dynamic Process Management — Another way

- Another way to establish MPI communication
- `MPI_COMM_JOIN(fd, intercomm)`
- joins by an intercommunicator
- two independent MPI processes
- that are connected with Berkley Sockets of type `SOCK_STREAM`



## Dynamic Process Management — Singleton INIT

- High quality MPI's will allow single processes to start, call `MPI_INIT()`, and later join in with other MPI programs
- This approach supports
  - parallel plug-ins to sequential APPs
  - other transparent uses of MPI
- Provides a means for using MPI without having to have the “main” program be MPI specific.



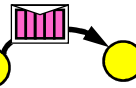
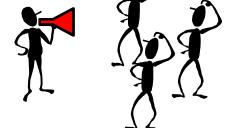
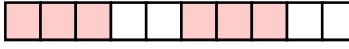
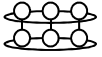
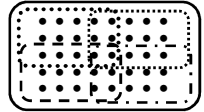






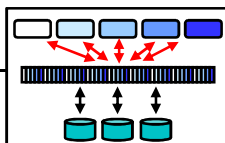


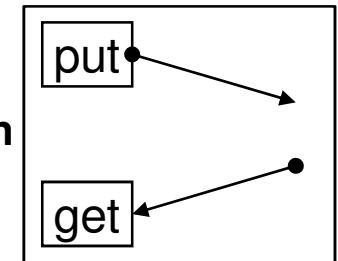
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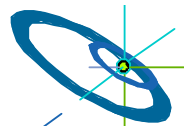
- Windows, remote memory access (RMA), synchronization

12. Shared memory one-sided communication
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# One-Sided Operations

- Goals
  - PUT and GET data to/from memory of other processes
- Issues
  - Synchronization is separate from data movement
  - Automatically dealing with subtle memory behavior: cache coherence, sequential consistency
  - balancing efficiency and portability across a wide class of architectures
    - **shared-memory multiprocessor (SMP)**
    - **clusters of SMP nodes**
    - **NUMA architecture**
    - **distributed-memory MPP's**
    - **workstation networks**
- Interface
  - PUTs and GETs are surrounded by special synchronization calls



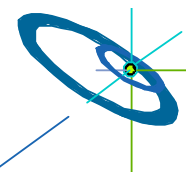
## Synchronization Taxonomy

Message Passing:

explicit transfer, implicit synchronization,  
implicit cache operations

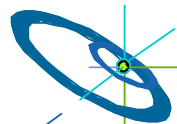
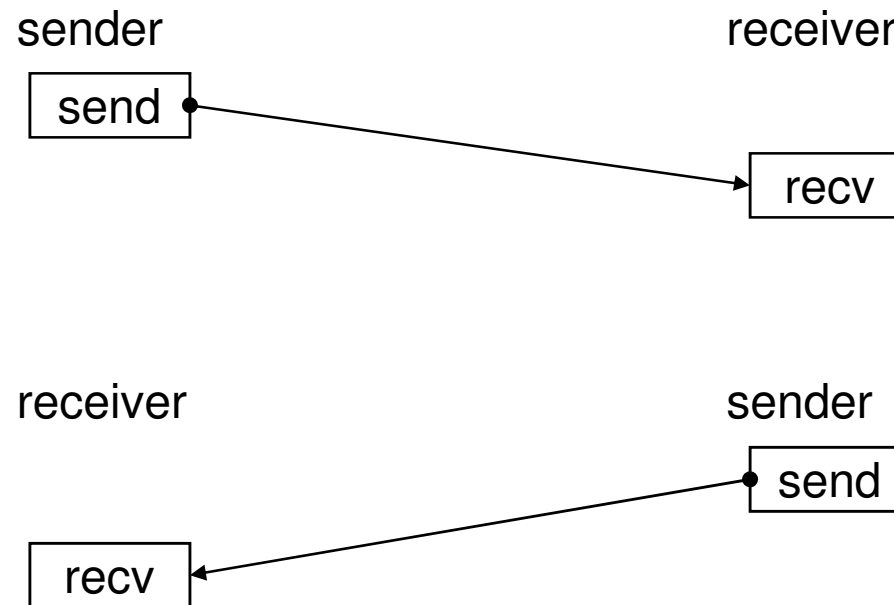
Access to other processes' memory:

- **MPI 1-sided**  
explicit transfer, explicit synchronization,  
implicit cache operations (not trivial!)
- Shared Memory (e.g., in OpenMP)  
implicit transfer, explicit synchronization,  
implicit cache operations
- shmem interface  
explicit transfer, explicit synchronization,  
explicit cache operations



## Cooperative Communication

- MPI-1 supports cooperative or 2-sided communication
- Both sender and receiver processes must participate in the communication

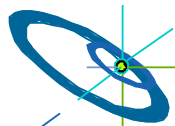
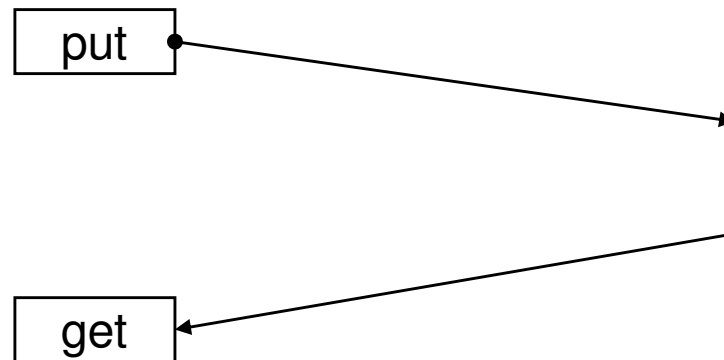


## One-sided Communication

- Communication parameters for both the sender and receiver are specified by one process (origin)
- User must impose correct ordering of memory accesses

Origin Process

Target Process



# One-sided Operations

## Three major set of routines:

- Window creation or allocation
  - Each process in a group of processes (**defined by a communicator**)
  - defines a chunk of own memory – named ***window***,
  - which can be afterwards access by all other processes of the group.
- **Remote Memory Access** (RMA, nonblocking) routines
  - Access to remote windows:
    - **put, get, accumulate, ...**
- Synchronization
  - The RMA routines are nonblocking and
  - must be surrounded by synchronization routines,
  - which guarantee
    - **that the RMA is locally and remote finished**
    - **and that all necessary cache operation are implicitly done**



# Sequence of One-sided Operations

Window creation/allocation

**Synchronization**

Remote Memory Accesses  
(RMA)

Remote Memory Accesses

Local load/store

Remote Memory Accesses

Local load/store

Window freeing/deallocation

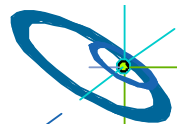
RMA operations must be surrounded by **synchronization** calls

RMA epoch

Local load/store epoch

...

Epochs must be separated by **synchronization** calls

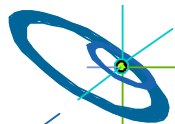


# Window creation or allocation

Four different methods

- Using existing memory as windows
  - **MPI\_Alloc\_mem**, **MPI\_Win\_create**, **MPI\_Win\_free**, **MPI\_Free\_mem**
- Allocating new memory as windows
  - **MPI\_Win\_allocate**
- Allocating shared memory windows – usable only within a shared memory node
  - **MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared**, **MPI\_Win\_shared\_query**
- Using existing memory dynamically
  - **MPI\_Win\_create\_dynamic**, **MPI\_Win\_attach**, **MPI\_Win\_detach**

New in  
MPI-3.0





# RMA Operations

- Nonblocking RMA routines

- that are finished by subsequent window synchronization

- **MPI\_Get**

- **MPI\_Put**

The outcome of concurrent puts to the same target location is undefined.

- **MPI\_Accumulate**

- **MPI\_Get\_accumulate**

- **MPI\_Fetch\_and\_op**

Many calls by many processes can be issued for the same target element. Atomic operation for each target element.

Get/Fetch is executed before the operation.

Same as Get\_accumulate, but only for 1 element.

- **MPI\_Compare\_and\_swap**

Substitute target element by origin buffer element if target element == compare buffer element.

- that are finished with regular MPI\_Wait, ...

- **MPI\_Rget**

- **MPI\_Rput**

- **MPI\_Raccumulate**

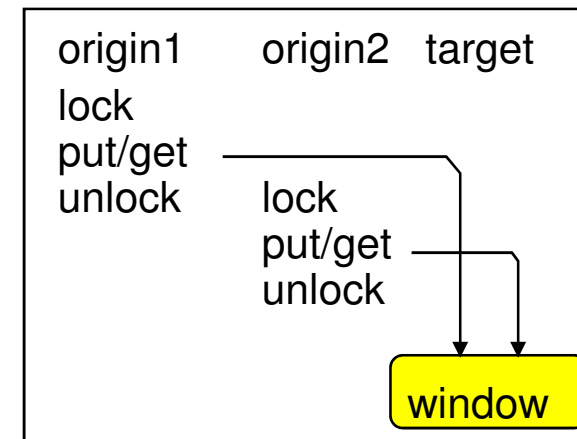
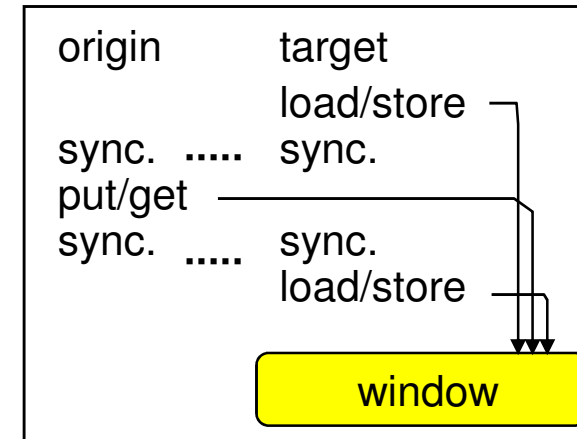
- **MPI\_Rget\_accumulate**

R = request-based

New in  
MPI-3.0

## Synchronization Calls (1)

- Active target communication
  - communication paradigm similar to message passing model
  - target process participates only in the synchronization
  - fence or post-start-complete-wait
- Passive target communication
  - communication paradigm closer to shared memory model
  - only the origin process is involved in the communication
  - lock/unlock

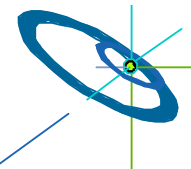


## Synchronization Calls (2)

- Active target communication
  - MPI\_Win\_fence (like a barrier)
  - MPI\_Win\_post, MPI\_Win\_start, MPI\_Win\_complete, MPI\_Win\_wait/test
- Passive target communication
  - MPI\_Win\_lock, MPI\_Win\_unlock,
  - New in MPI-3.0

– MPI\_Win\_lock\_all, MPI\_Win\_unlock\_all,
  - New in MPI-3.0

– MPI\_Win\_flush(\_all), MPI\_Win\_flush\_local(\_all), MPI\_Win\_sync



## One-sided: Functional Opportunities – an Example

- The receiver
  - needs information and
  - does not know the sending processes nor the number of sending processes (nsp)
  - and this number is small compared to the total number.
  - The sender knows all its neighbors, which need some data.
- Non-scalable solution without 1-sided: MPI\_ALLTOALL is needed
  - Each sender tells all processes whether they will get a message or not.
- Solution with 1-sided communication:
  - Each process in the role being a receiver:
    - **MPI\_Win\_create(&nsp, ...); nsp=0;** (i.e., I do not yet know the number of my sending neighbors)
  - Each process as a sender tells the receiver “here is **1** neighbor from you”
    - **MPI\_Win\_fence**
    - **Multiple calls to MPI\_Accumulate to add 1 in the nsp of its neighbors.**
    - **MPI\_Win\_fence**
  - Now, each process as a receiver knows in its nsp the number of its neighbors. Therefore:
    - **Loop over nsp with MPI\_Irecv(MPI\_ANY\_SOURCE)**
  - Each process as a sender
    - **Loop over its neighbors, sending the data.**
  - As receiver: **MPI\_Waitall()** – in the statuses array, the receiver can see the neighbor's ranks



## Window Creation

- Specifies the region in memory (already allocated) that can be accessed by remote processes
- Collective call over all processes in the intracommunicator
- Returns an opaque object of type `MPI_Win` which can be used to perform the remote memory access (RMA) operations

```
MPI_WIN_CREATE(win_base_addrtarget, win_sizetarget,  
               disp_unittarget, info, comm, win)
```

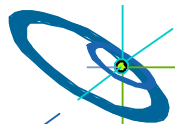
byte size, MPI\_Aint

byte size, int

Fortran

C/C++

language bindings – see MPI-2 Standard



- Only in the mpi module and mpif.h
- In mpi\_f08: C-pointer, see next slide

## MPI\_ALLOC\_MEM with old-style “Cray”-Pointer

MPI\_ALLOC\_MEM (size, info, *baseptr*)

MPI\_FREE\_MEM (base)

```

USE mpi
REAL a
POINTER (p, a(100)) ! no memory is allocated
INTEGER (KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) buf_size
INTEGER length_real, win, ierror
CALL MPI_TYPE_EXTENT(MPI_REAL, length_real, ierror)
Size = 100*length_real
CALL MPI_ALLOC_MEM(buf_size, MPI_INFO_NULL, P, ierror)
CALL MPI_WIN_CREATE(a, buf_size, length_real,
                   MPI_INFO_NULL, MPI_COMM_WORLD, win, ierror)
...
CALL MPI_WIN_FREE(win, ierror)
CALL MPI_FREE_MEM(a, ierror)

```

New in MPI-3.0

In all three Fortran support methods

## All Memory Allocation with modern C-Pointer

C

```
float *buf; MPI_Win win; int max_length; max_length = ...;  
MPI_Win_allocate( (MPI_Aint)(max_length*sizeof(float)), sizeof(float),  
                  MPI_INFO_NULL, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &buf, &win);
```

Fortran

```
USE mpi_f08  
USE, INTRINSIC :: ISO_C_BINDING  
  
INTEGER :: max_length, disp_unit  
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: lb, size_of_real  
REAL, POINTER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: buf(:)  
TYPE(MPI_Win) :: win  
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: buf_size, target_disp  
TYPE(C_PTR) :: cptr_buf  
  
max_length = ...  
  
CALL MPI_Type_get_extent(MPI_REAL, lb, size_of_real)  
buf_size = max_length * size_of_real  
disp_unit = size_of_real  
CALL MPI_Win_allocate(buf_size, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL, MPI_COMM_WORLD,  
                      cptr_buf, win)  
  
CALL C_F_POINTER(cptr_buf, buf, (/max_length/))
```

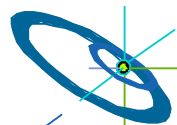
## MPI\_Put

- Performs an operation equivalent to a send by the origin process and a matching receive by the target process
- The origin process specifies the arguments for both origin and target
- Nonblocking call → finished by subsequent synchronization call
- The target buffer is at address

$$\text{target\_addr} = \text{win\_base}_{\text{target\_process}} + \text{target\_disp}_{\text{origin\_process}} * \text{disp\_unit}_{\text{target\_process}}$$

MPI\_PUT( origin\_address, origin\_count, origin\_datatype,  
target\_rank, *target\_disp*<sub>origin</sub>, target\_count,  
target\_datatype, win)

Heterogeneous platforms: Use only basic datatypes or derived datatypes without byte-length displacements!



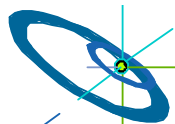


## MPI\_Get

- Similar to the put operation, except that data is transferred from the target memory to the origin process
- To complete the transfer a synchronization call must be made on the window involved
- The local buffer should not be accessed until the synchronization call is completed

```
MPI_GET( origin_address, origin_count, origin_datatype,  
         target_rank, target_disp, target_count,  
         target_datatype, win)
```

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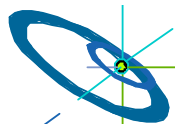


## MPI\_Accumulate

- Accumulates the contents of the origin buffer to the target area specified using the predefined operation `op`
- User-defined operations cannot be used
- Accumulate is atomic: many accumulates can be done by many origins to one target  
-> [*may be very expensive*]

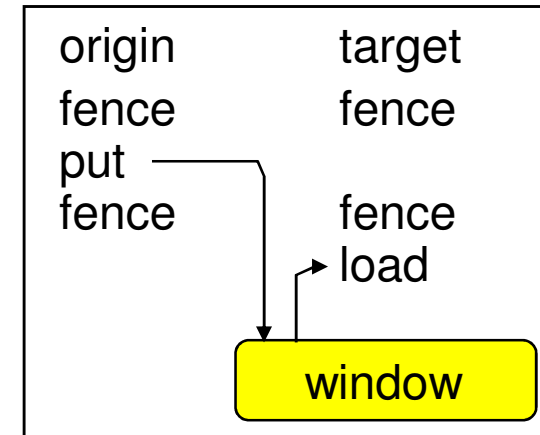
```
MPI_ACCUMULATE(origin_address, origin_count,  
               origin_datatype, target_rank, target_disp,  
               target_count, target_datatype, op, win)
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Heterogeneous platforms: Use only basic datatypes or derived datatypes without byte-length displacements!



## MPI\_Win\_fence

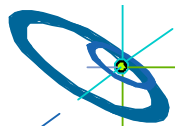
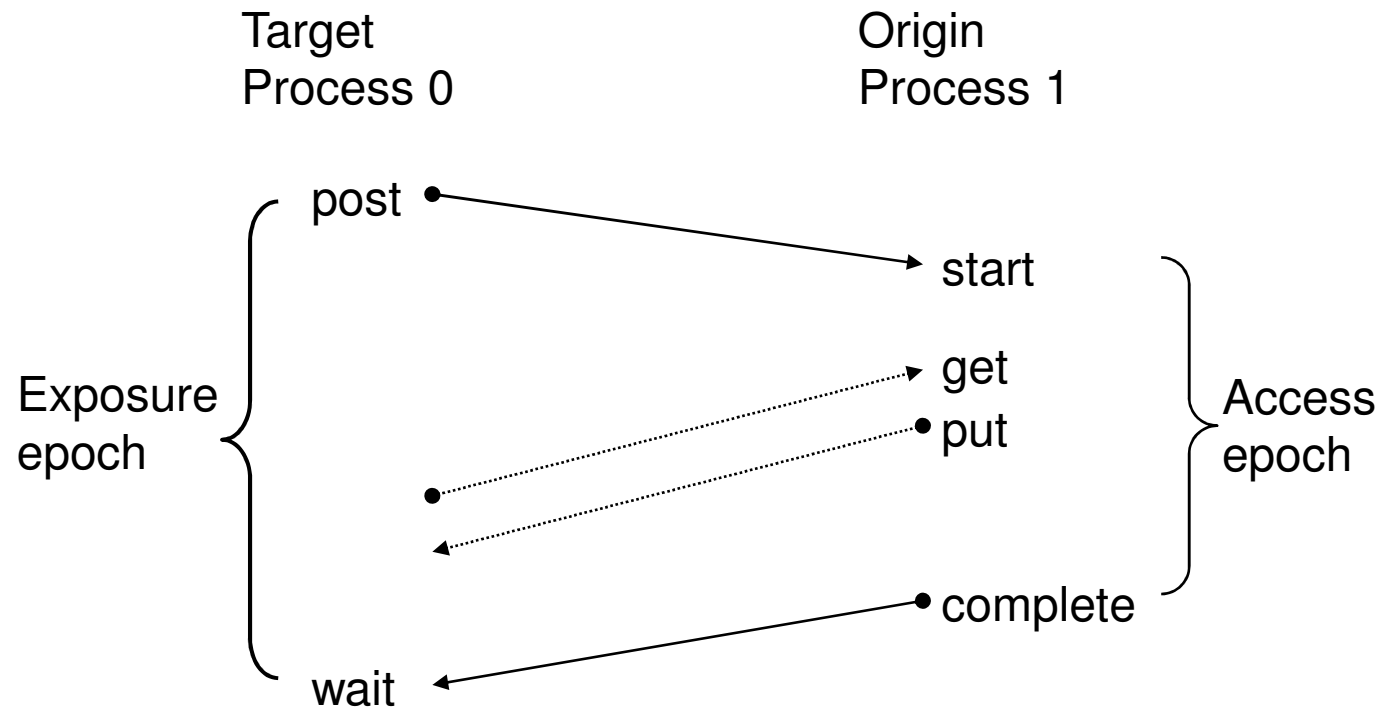
- Synchronizes RMA operations on specified window
- Collective over the window
- Like a barrier
- Should be used before and after calls to put, get, and accumulate
- The `assert` argument is used to provide optimization hints to the implementation
- Used for active target communication



`MPI_WIN_FENCE(assert, win)`

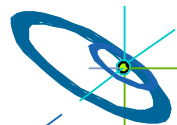
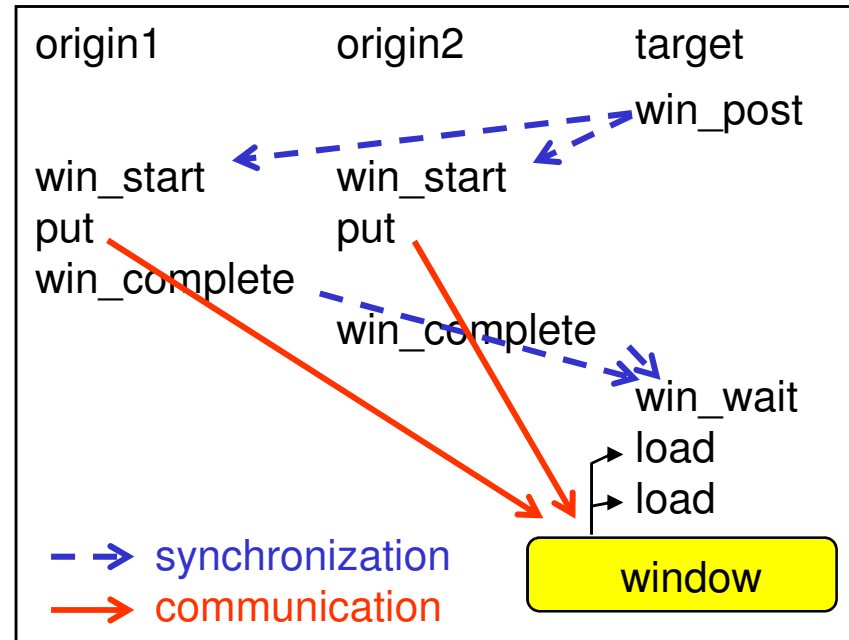
## Start/Complete and Post/Wait, I.

- Used for active target communication with weak synchronization



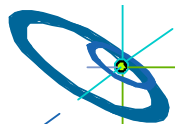
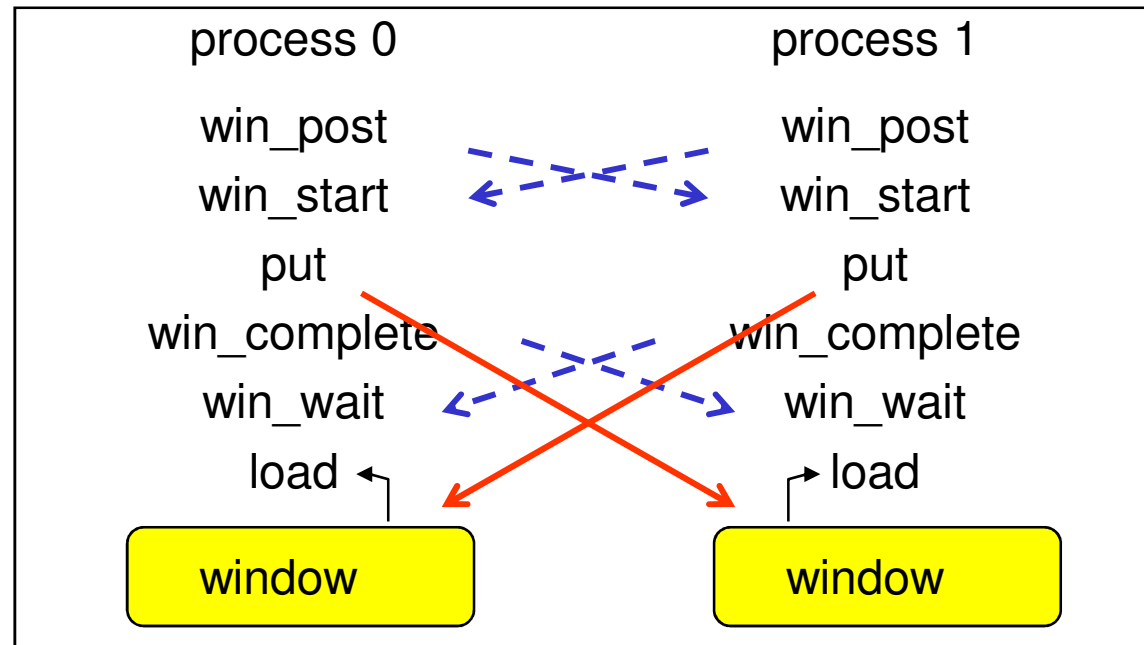
## Start/Complete and Post/Wait, II.

- RMA (put, get, accumulate) are finished
  - locally after win\_complete
  - at the target after win\_wait
- local buffer must not be reused before RMA call locally finished
- communication partners must be known
- no atomicity for overlapping “puts”
- assertions may improve efficiency
  - > give all information you have



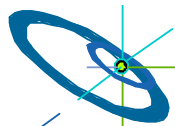
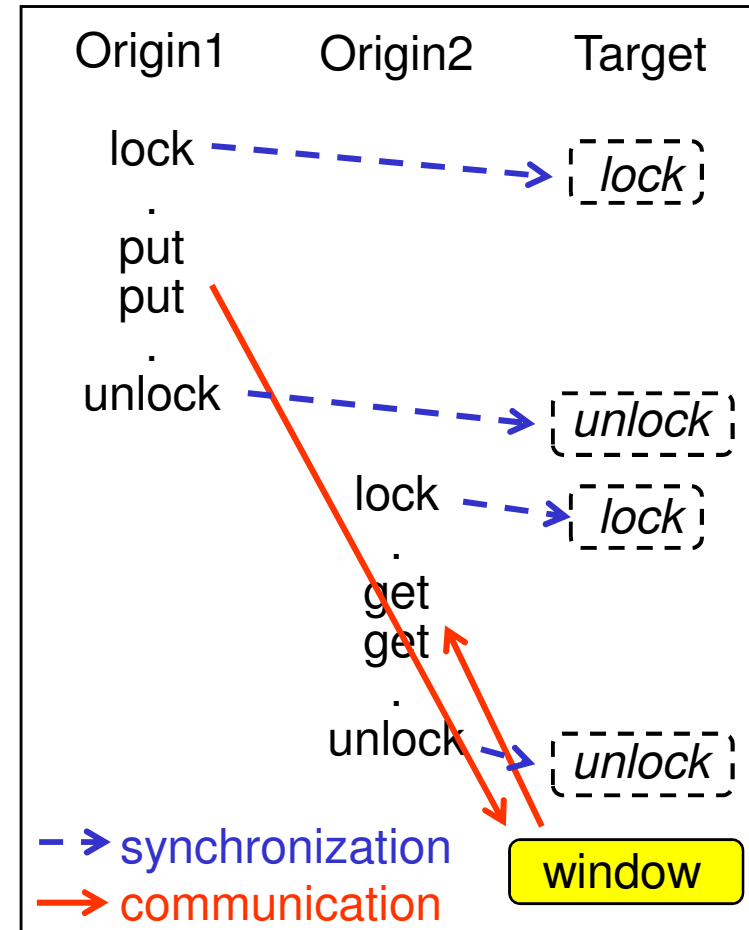
## Start/Complete and Post/Wait, III.

- symmetric communication possible, only win\_start and win\_wait may block



## Lock/Unlock

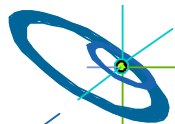
- Does not guarantee a sequence
- agent may be necessary on systems without (virtual) shared memory
- Portable programs can use lock calls to windows in memory allocated **only** by **MPI\_ALLOC\_MEM**, **MPI\_WIN\_ALLOCATE**, or **MPI\_WIN\_ATTACH**
- RMA completed after **UNLOCK** at both origin and target



## Fortran Problems with 1-Sided

| Source of Process 1                          | Source of Process 2                        | Executed in Process 2       |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| bbbb = 777                                   | <u>buff</u> = 999                          | register_A := 999           |
| call MPI_WIN_FENCE                           | call MPI_WIN_FENCE                         |                             |
| call MPI_PUT(bbbb<br>into buff of process 2) |                                            | stop application thread     |
|                                              |                                            | buff := 777 in PUT handler  |
|                                              |                                            | continue application thread |
| call MPI_WIN_FENCE                           | <u>call MPI_WIN_FENCE</u><br>print *, buff | print *, register_A         |

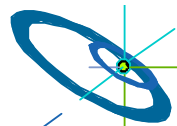
- Fortran register optimization
- Result: 999 is printed instead of expected 777
- How to avoid: (see MPI-2.2, Chap. 11.7.3, pp. 371f)
  - Window memory declared in COMMON blocks or as module data  
i.e. MPI\_ALLOC\_MEM cannot be used
  - Or declare window buff as ASYNCHRONOUS and  
**IF (.NOT. MPI\_ASYNC\_PROTECTS\_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG(buff)**  
before 1<sup>st</sup> and after 2<sup>nd</sup> FENCE in process 2 -----





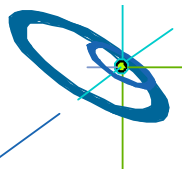
## Other One-sided Routines

- Process group of a window
  - MPI\_Win\_get\_group
- Attributes and names
  - MPI\_Win\_get/set\_attr
  - MPI\_Win\_get/set\_name
- Info attached to a window New in MPI-3.0
  - MPI\_Win\_set/get\_info



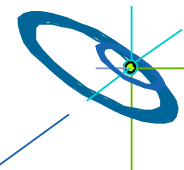
## One-sided: Summary

- Functional opportunities for some specific problems:
  - Scalable solutions with 1-sided compared to point-to-point or collective calls
- Several one-sided communication primitives
  - put / get / accumulate / ....
- Surrounded by several synchronization options
  - fence / post-start-complete-wait / lock-unlock ...
- User must ensure that there are no conflicting accesses
- For better performance **assertions** should be used with fence/start/post operations
- Performance-opportunities depend largely on the quality of the MPI library
  - See also halo example in next course chapter



## MPI–One-sided Exercise 1: Ring communication with fence

- Copy to your local directory:
  - cp** ~/MPI/course/**C**/1sided/ring.c **my\_1sided\_exa1.c** *(or copy your Chap-4-result)*
  - cp** ~/MPI/course/**F\_30**/1sided/ring\_1sided\_skel\_30.f90 **my\_1sided\_exa1\_30.f90** *or*
  - cp** ~/MPI/course/**F\_20**/1sided/ring\_1sided\_skel\_20.f90 **my\_1sided\_exa1\_20.f90**
- Tasks:
  - Substitute the nonblocking communication by one-sided communication. Two choices:
    - **either rcv\_buf = window**
      - MPI\_Win\_fence - the rcv\_buf can be used to receive data
      - MPI\_Put - to write the content of the local variable snd\_buf into the remote window (rcv\_buf)
      - MPI\_Win\_fence - the one-sided communication is finished, rcv\_buf is filled
    - **or snd\_buf = window**
      - MPI\_Win\_fence - the snd\_buf is filled
      - MPI\_Get - to read the content of the remote window (snd\_buf) into the local variable rcv\_buf
      - MPI\_Win\_fence - the one-sided communication is finished, rcv\_buf is filled
  - Compile and run your `my_1sided_exa1.c / .f90`



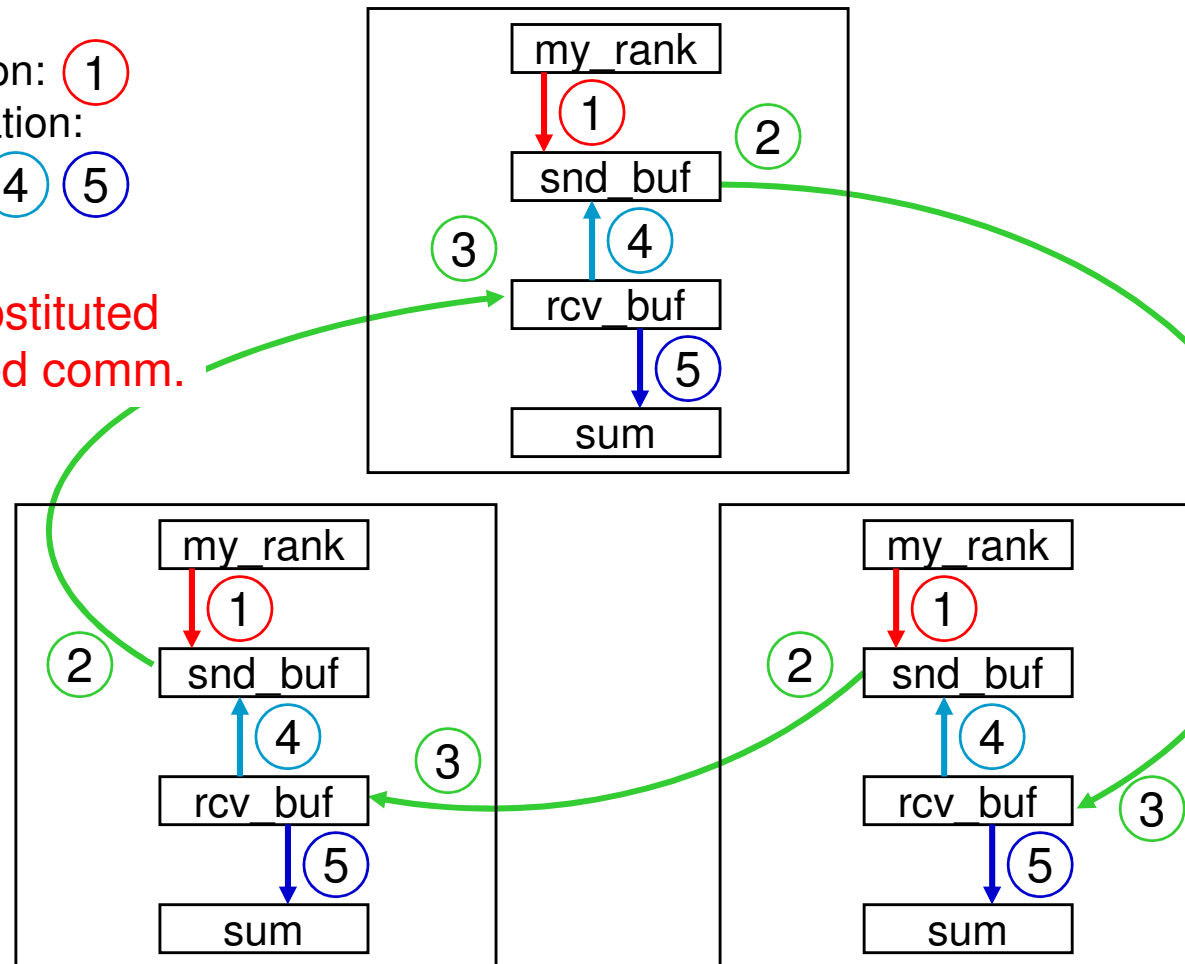
## ring.c / .f: Rotating information around a ring

Initialization: ①

Each iteration:



to be substituted  
by 1-sided comm.



## MPI–One-sided Exercise 1: additional hints

- MPI\_Win\_create:

- base = reference to your rcv\_buf or snd\_buf variable
- disp\_unit = number of bytes of one int / integer, because this is the datatype of the buffer (=window)
- size = same number of bytes, because buffer size = 1 value
- size and disp\_unit have different internal representations, therefore:

- C/C++: `MPI_Win_create(&rcv_buf, (MPI_Aint) sizeof(int), sizeof(int), MPI_INFO_NULL, ..., &win);`

- Fortran: `INTEGER disp_unit  
INTEGER (KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) winsize, lb, extent  
CALL MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT(MPI_INTEGER, lb, extent, ierror)  
disp_unit = extent  
winsize = disp_unit * 1  
CALL MPI_WIN_CREATE(rcv_buf, winsize, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL, ..., ierror)`

- see MPI-3.0, Sect. 11.2.1, pages 404ff

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Fortran

## MPI–One-sided Exercise 1: additional hints

- MPI\_Put (or MPI\_Get):
  - target\_disp
    - **C/C++:** MPI\_Put(&snd\_buf, 1, MPI\_INT, right, (**MPI\_Aint**) 0, 1, MPI\_INT, win);
    - **Fortran:** **INTEGER (KIND=MPI\_ADDRESS\_KIND) target\_disp**  
**target\_disp = 0**  
CALL MPI\_PUT(snd\_buf, 1, MPI\_INTEGER, right, **target\_disp**, 1,  
MPI\_INTEGER, win, ierror)
  - Register problem with Fortran:
    - **Access to the rcv\_buf before 1<sup>st</sup> and after 2<sup>nd</sup> MPI\_WIN\_FENCE:**  
**INTEGER (KIND=MPI\_ADDRESS\_KIND) idummy\_addr**  
**CALL MPI\_GET\_ADDRESS(rcv\_buf, idummy\_addr, ierror)**  
**or with MPI-3.0:**  
**..., ASYNCHRONOUS :: rcv\_buf**  
**IF (.NOT. MPI\_ASYNC\_PROTECTS\_NONBLOCKING) &**  
**& CALL MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG(rcv\_buf)**
- see MPI-3.0, Sect. 11.3.1, pages 419f  
and Sect. 17.1.10-17.1.19, pages 624-642

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see also login-slides



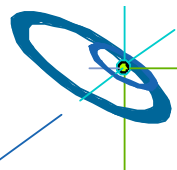
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## MPI–One-sided Exercise 2: Post-start-complete-wait

- Use your result of exercise 1 or copy to your local directory:  
`cp ~/MPI/course/C/1sided/ring_1sided_put.c my_1sided_exa2.c`  
`cp ~/MPI/course/F_30/1sided/ring_1sided_put_30.f90 my_1sided_exa2_30.f90`  
*or*  
`cp ~/MPI/course/F_20/1sided/ring_1sided_put_20.f90 my_1sided_exa2_20.f90`
- Tasks:
  - Substitute the two calls to `MPI_Win_fence` by calls to `MPI_Win_post` / `_start` / `_complete` / `_wait`
  - Use to group mechanism to address the neighbors:
    - `MPI_COMM_GROUP(comm, group)`
    - `MPI_GROUP_INCL(group, n, ranks, newgroup)`
      - do not forget **error** with Fortran!
      - Fortran: integer comm, group, newgroup, n, ranks(...)
      - C: MPI\_Comm comm; MPI\_Group group, newgroup; int n, ranks[...];
  - Compile and run your `my_1sided_exa2.c` / `.f`

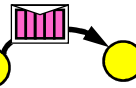
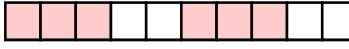
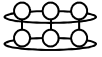
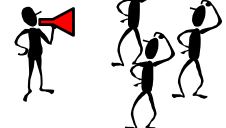
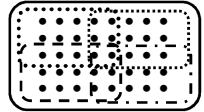
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## Chap.12 Shared Memory One-sided Communication

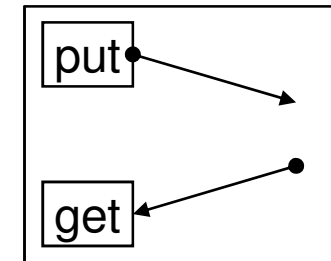
1. MPI Overview 
2. Process model and language bindings 
3. Messages and point-to-point communication 
4. Nonblocking communication 
5. Probe, Persistent Requests, Cancel
6. Derived datatypes 
7. Virtual topologies 
8. Groups & communicators, environment management
9. Collective communication 
10. Process creation and management 
11. One-sided communication

### 12. Shared memory one-sided communication

- **MPI\_Comm\_split\_type & MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared**
- **Hybrid MPI and MPI-3 shared memory programming**

13. MPI and threads 
14. Parallel file I/O 
15. Other MPI features 

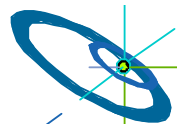
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## MPI-3 shared memory

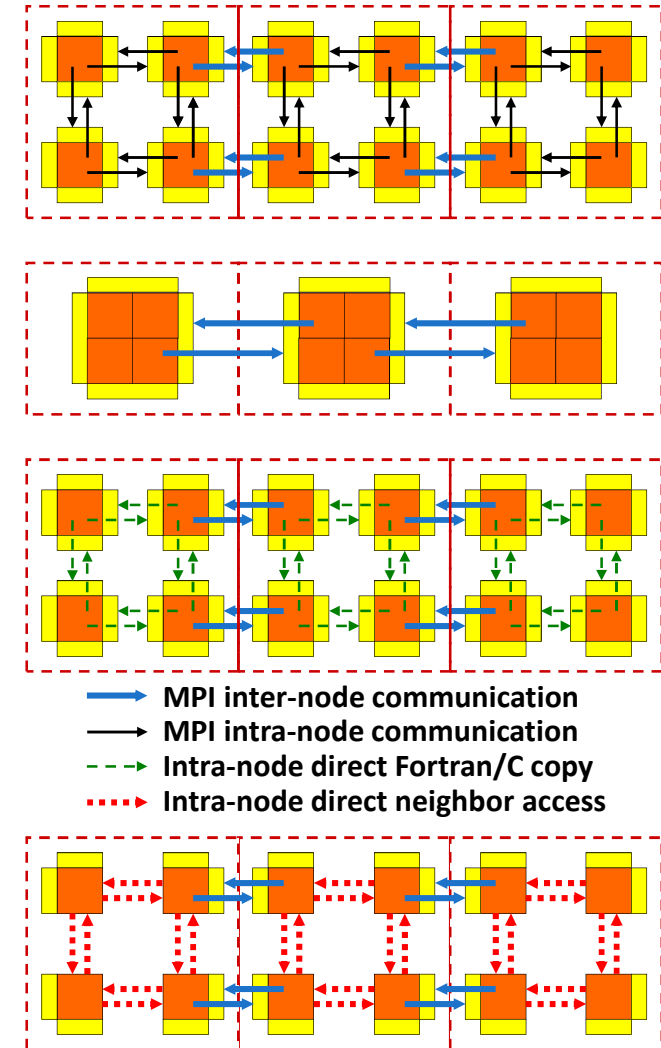
- Split main communicator into shared memory islands
  - **MPI\_Comm\_split\_type**
- Define a shared memory window on each island
  - **MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared**
  - Result (by default):  
contiguous array, directly accessible by all processes of the island
- Accesses and synchronization
  - Normal assignments and expressions
  - No **MPI\_PUT/GET** !
  - Normal MPI one-sided synchronization, e.g., **MPI\_WIN\_FENCE**

MPI-3.0 shared memory can be used  
to **significantly reduce the memory needs**  
for **replicated data**.



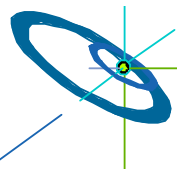
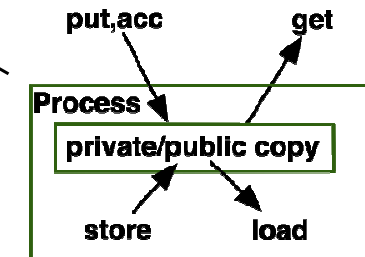
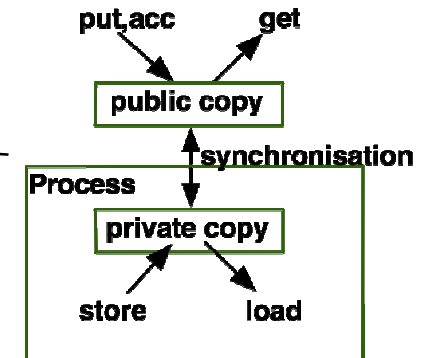
# Hybrid shared/cluster programming models

- MPI on each core (not hybrid)
  - Halos between all cores
  - MPI uses internally shared memory and cluster communication protocols
- MPI+OpenMP
  - Multi-threaded MPI processes
  - Halos communica. only between MPI processes
- MPI cluster communication + MPI shared memory communication
  - Same as “MPI on each core”, but
  - within the shared memory nodes, halo communication through direct copying with C or Fortran statements
- MPI cluster comm. + MPI shared memory access
  - Similar to “MPI+OpenMP”, but
  - shared memory programming through work-sharing between the MPI processes within each SMP node

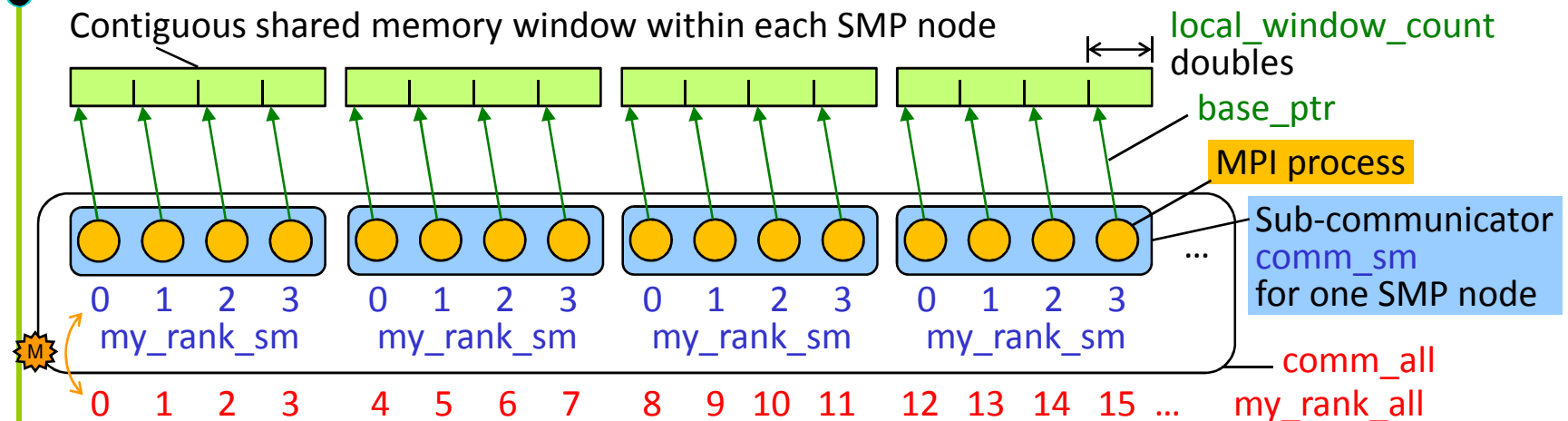


## Two memory models

- Query for new attribute to allow applications to tune for cache-coherent architectures
  - Attribute `MPI_WIN_MODEL` with values
    - `MPI_WIN_SEPARATE` model
    - `MPI_WIN_UNIFIED` model on cache-coherent systems
- Shared memory windows always use the `MPI_WIN_UNIFIED` model
  - Public and private copies are **eventually** synchronized at a byte-level granularity without additional RMA calls (**MPI-3.1 errata ticket #456**)
  - For synchronization **without delay**: `MPI_WIN_SYNC()` (**MPI-3.1 errata ticket #456**) (also included in other RMA synchronization)



## Splitting the communicator & contiguous shared memory allocation



```
MPI_Aint /*IN*/ local_window_count; double /*OUT*/ *base_ptr;
MPI_Comm comm_all, comm_sm; int my_rank_all, my_rank_sm, size_sm, disp_unit;
MPI_Comm_rank (comm_all, &my_rank_all);
MPI_Comm_split_type (comm_all, MPI_COMM_TYPE_SHARED, 0,
MPI_INFO_NULL, &comm_sm);
MPI_Comm_rank (comm_sm, &my_rank_sm); MPI_Comm_size (comm_sm, &size_sm);
disp_unit = sizeof(double); /* shared memory should contain doubles */
MPI_Win_allocate_shared (local_window_count*disp_unit, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL,
comm_sm, &base_ptr, &win_sm);
```

Sequence in comm\_sm  
as in comm\_all

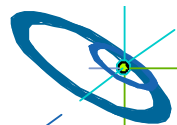
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In Fortran, MPI-3.0, page 341, Examples 8.1 (and 8.2) show how to convert buf\_ptr into a usable array a.

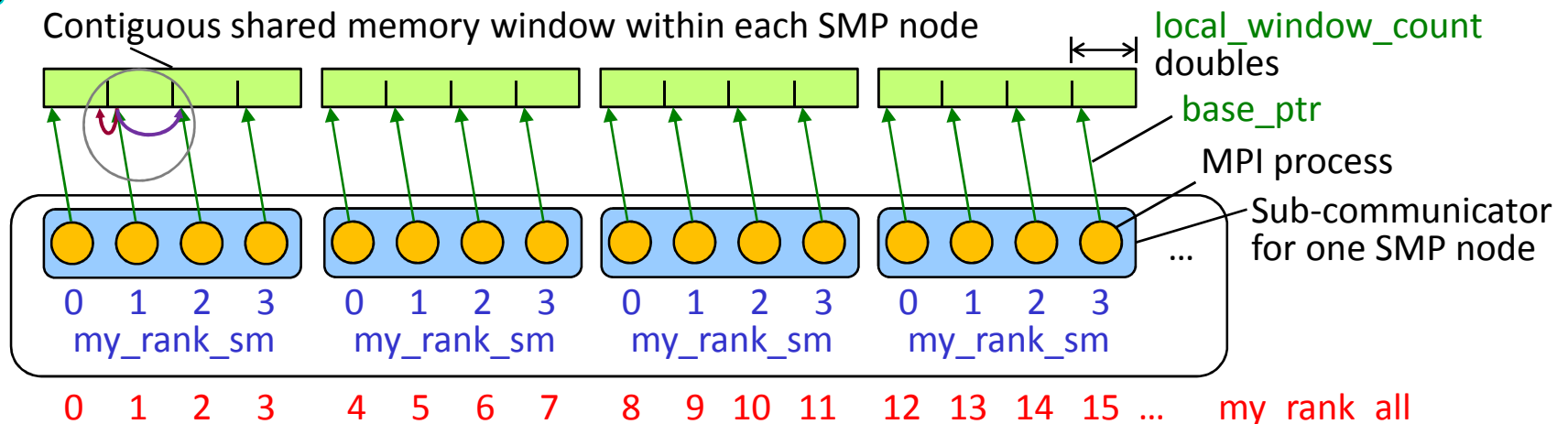
This mapping is based on a sequential ranking of the SMP nodes in comm\_all.

## Within each SMP node – Essentials

- The allocated shared memory is contiguous across process ranks,
  - i.e., the first byte of rank  $i$  starts right after the last byte of rank  $i-1$ .
  - Processes can calculate remote addresses' offsets with local information only.
  - Remote accesses through load/store operations,
  - i.e., without MPI RMA operations (MPI\_GET/PUT, ...)
  - Although each process in `comm_sm` accesses the same physical memory, the virtual start address of the whole array may be different in all processes!
    - **linked lists** only with offsets in a shared array, but **not with binary pointer addresses!**
- 
- Following slides show only the shared memory accesses, i.e., communication between the SMP nodes is not presented.



## Shared memory access example



```
MPI_Aint /*IN*/ local_window_count;    double /*OUT*/ *base_ptr;
MPI_Win_allocate_shared (local_window_count*disp_unit, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL,
comm_sm, &base_ptr, &win_sm);
```

Synchronization

```
MPI_Win_fence (0, win_sm); /*local store epoch can start*/
```

Local stores

```
for (i=0; i<local_window_count; i++) base_ptr[i] = ... /* fill values into local portion */
```

Synchronization

```
MPI_Win_fence (0, win_sm); /* local stores are finished, remote load epoch can start */
```

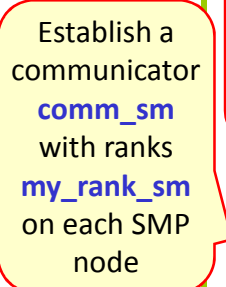
```
if (my_rank_sm > 0)      printf("left neighbor's rightmost value = %lf \n", base_ptr[-1] );
if (my_rank_sm < size_sm-1) printf("right neighbor's leftmost value = %lf \n",
base_ptr[local_window_count] );
```

Direct load access to remote window portion

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In Fortran, before and after the synchronization, one must add: CALL MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG (buffer) to guarantee that register copies of buffer are written back to memory, respectively read again from memory.

```
my_rank_nodes
```



```
MPI_Comm_split_type(comm_orig, MPI_COMM_TYPE_SHARED, 0, MPI_INFO_NULL, &comm_sm);
```

```
MPI_Comm_size(comm_sm, &size_sm); MPI_Comm_rank(comm_sm, &my_rank_sm);
```

```
MPI_Comm_split (comm_orig, my_rank_sm, 0, &comm_nodes);
```

Result: comm\_nodes combines all processes with a given my\_rank\_sm into a separate communicator.

```
MPI_Comm_size (comm_nodes, &size_nodes);
```

```
MPI_Comm_size(comm, &size);
```

```
if (my_rank sm==0) {
```

On processes with `my_rank_sm > 0`, this `comm_nodes` is unused because node-numbering within these `comm` nodes may be different.

```
MPI_Comm_rank(comm, &my_rank);
```

```
MPI_Exscan (&size sm, &my_rank all, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM, comm nodes);
```

Expanding the numbering from  
; **comm\_nodes** with my\_rank\_sm  
== 0 to all new node-to-node  
communicators **comm nodes**.

```
if (my rank nodes == 0) my rank all = 0;
```

}

```
MPI_Comm_free(&comm nodes);
```

```
MPI_Bcast (&my_rank_nodes, 1, MPI_INT, 0, comm_sm);
```

```
MPI_Comm_split(comm_orig, my_rank_sm, my_rank_nodes, &comm_nodes);
```

- Calculating **my\_rank\_all** and establishing global communicator **comm\_all** with sequential SMP subsets.

MPI Bcast (&my\_rank\_all, 1, MPI\_INT, 0, comm\_sm); **my\_rank\_all** = my\_rank\_all + my\_rank\_sm;

```
MPI_Comm_split(comm_orig, /*color*/ 0, my_rank_all, &comm_all);
```



## Alternative: Non-contiguous shared memory

- Using info key "alloc\_shared\_noncontig"
- MPI library can put processes' window portions
  - on page boundaries,
    - (internally, e.g., only one OS shared memory segment with some unused padding zones)
  - into the local ccNUMA memory domain + page boundaries
    - (internally, e.g., each window portion is one OS shared memory segment)

### Pros:

- Faster local data accesses especially on ccNUMA nodes

### Cons:

- Higher programming effort for neighbor accesses: MPI\_WIN\_SHARED\_QUERY

Further reading:

Torsten Hoefler, James Dinan, Darius Buntinas,  
Pavan Balaji, Brian Barrett, Ron Brightwell,  
William Gropp, Vivek Kale, Rajeev Thakur:

**MPI + MPI: a new hybrid approach to parallel  
programming with MPI plus shared memory.**

<http://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007%2Fs00607-013-0324-2.pdf>

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NUMA effects?  
Significant impact of alloc\_shared\_noncontig

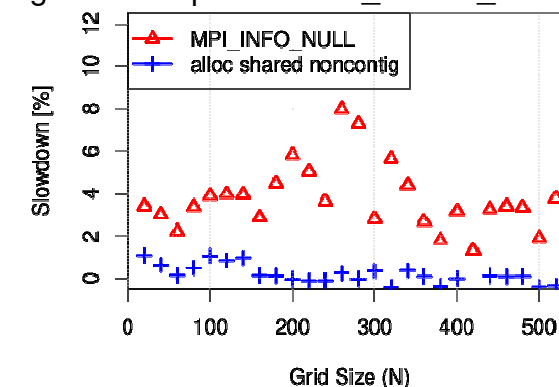
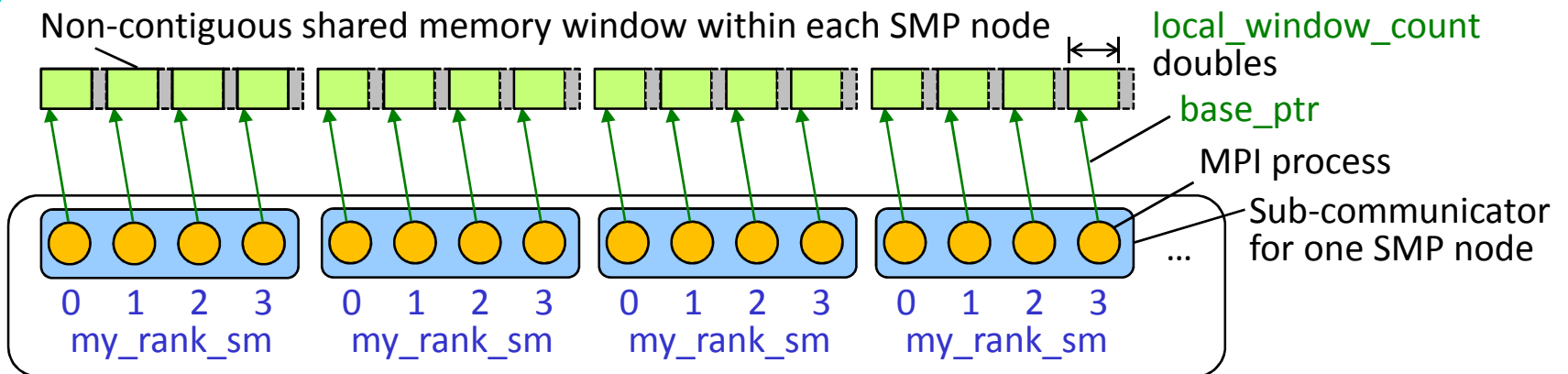


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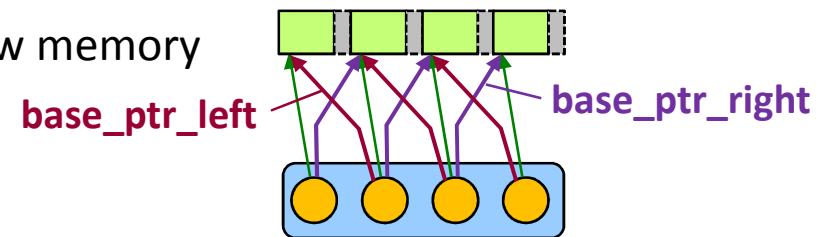
## Non-contiguous shared memory allocation



```
MPI_Aint /*IN*/ local_window_count;    double /*OUT*/ *base_ptr;
disp_unit = sizeof(double); /* shared memory should contain doubles */
MPI_Info info_noncontig;
MPI_Info_create (&info_noncontig);
MPI_Info_set (info_noncontig, "alloc_shared_noncontig", "true");
MPI_Win_allocate_shared (local_window_count*disp_unit, disp_unit, info_noncontig,
                           comm_sm, &base_ptr, &win_sm );
```

## Non-contiguous shared memory: Neighbor access through MPI\_WIN\_SHARED\_QUERY

- Each process can retrieve each neighbor's base\_ptr with calls to MPI\_WIN\_SHARED\_QUERY
- Example: only pointers to the window memory of the left & right neighbor



```

if (my_rank_sm > 0)      MPI_Win_shared_query (win_sm, my_rank_sm - 1,
                                     &win_size_left, &disp_unit_left, &base_ptr_left);
if (my_rank_sm < size_sm-1) MPI_Win_shared_query (win_sm, my_rank_sm + 1,
                                     &win_size_right, &disp_unit_right, &base_ptr_right);
...
MPI_Win_fence (0, win_sm); /* local stores are finished, remote load epoch can start */
if (my_rank_sm > 0)      printf("left neighbor's rightmost value = %lf \n",
                               base_ptr_left[ win_size_left/disp_unit_left - 1 ] );
if (my_rank_sm < size_sm-1) printf("right neighbor's leftmost value = %lf \n",
                               base_ptr_right[ 0 ] );

```

## Other technical aspects with MPI\_WIN\_ALLOCATE\_SHARED

**Caution:** On some systems

- the number of shared memory windows, and
- the total size of shared memory windows may be limited.

Some OS systems may provide options, e.g.,

- at job launch, or
- MPI process start,

to enlarge restricting defaults.

If MPI shared memory support is based on POSIX shared memory:

- Shared memory windows are located in memory-mapped /dev/shm
- Default: 25% or 50% of the physical memory, but a maximum of ~2043 windows!
- Root may change size with: `mount -o remount,size=6G /dev/shm`.

Cray XT/XE/XC (XPMEM): No limits.

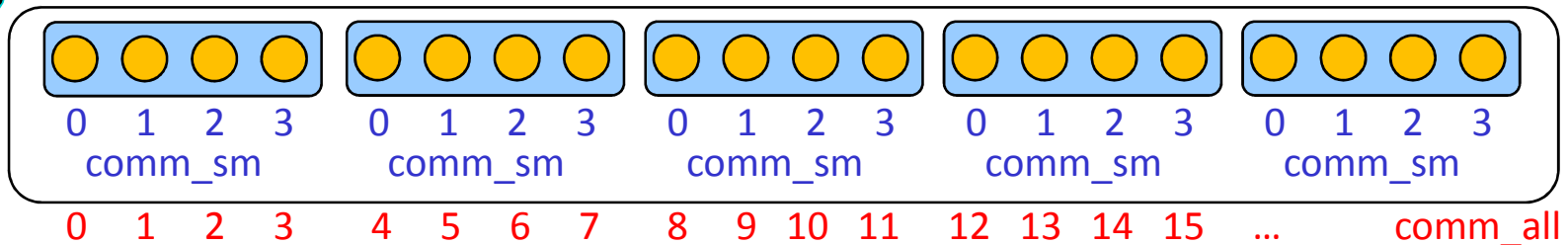
On a system without virtual memory (like CNK on BG/Q), you have to reserve a chunk of address space when the node is booted (default is 64 MB).

Thanks to Jeff Hammond and Jed Brown (ANL), Brian W Barrett (SANDIA), and Steffen Weise (TU Freiberg), for input and discussion.

Another restriction in a low-quality MPI:  
`MPI_COMM_SPLIT_TYPE`  
may return always  
`MPI_COMM_SELF`

Due to default limit  
of context IDs  
in mpich

## Splitting the communicator without MPI\_COMM\_SPLIT\_TYPE



Input from outside

Alternative, if you want to group based on a fixed amount size\_sm of shared memory cores in comm\_all:

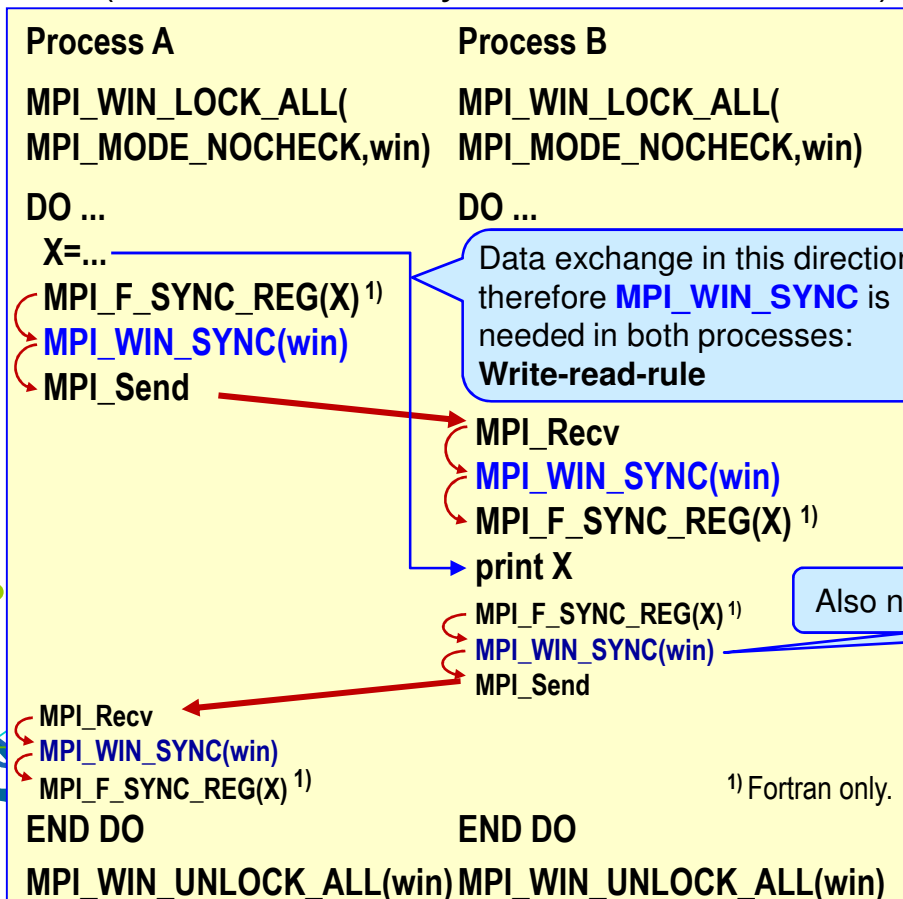
- Based on sequential ranks in comm\_all
- Pro: comm\_sm can be restricted to ccNUMA locality domains
- Con: MPI does not guarantee MPI\_WIN\_ALLOCATE\_SHARED() on whole SMP node (MPI\_COMM\_SPLIT\_TYPE() may return MPI\_COMM\_SELF or partial SMP node)

```
MPI_Comm_rank(comm_all, &my_rank);
MPI_Comm_split(comm_all, /*color*/ my_rank / size_sm, 0, &comm_sm);
MPI_Win_allocate_shared(...);
```

To guarantee shared memory, one may add an additional **MPI\_Comm\_split\_type** (comm\_sm, MPI\_COMM\_TYPE\_SHARED, 0, MPI\_INFO\_NULL, &comm\_sm\_really);

## Other synchronization on shared memory

- If the shared memory data transfer is done without RMA operation, then the synchronization can be done by other methods.
- This example demonstrates the rules for the unified memory model if the data transfer is implemented only with load and store (instead of MPI\_PUT or MPI\_GET) and the synchronization between the processes is done with MPI communication (instead of RMA synchronization routines).

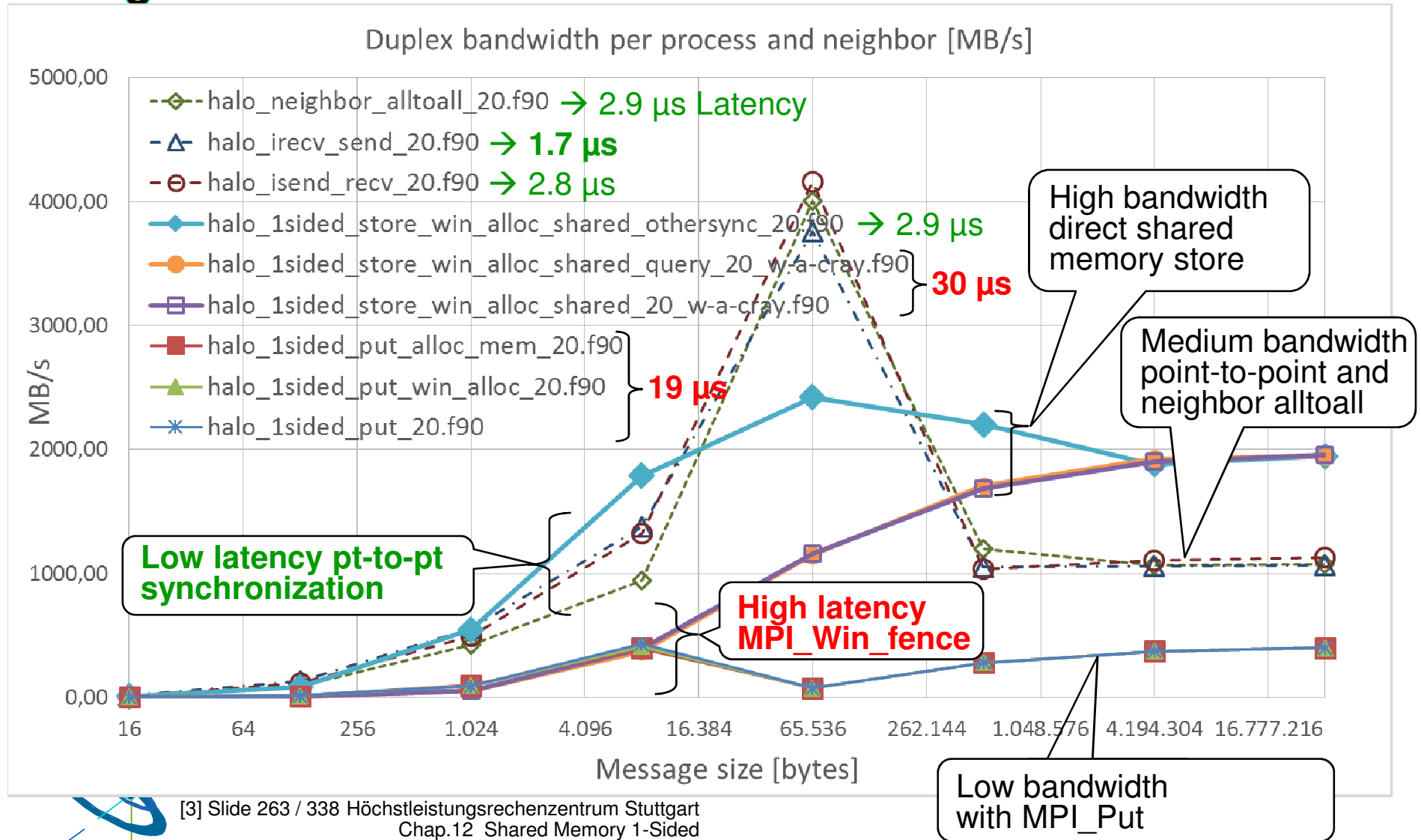


- The used synchronization must be supplemented with `MPI_WIN_SYNC`, which acts only locally as a processor-memory-barrier. For `MPI_WIN_SYNC`, a passive target epoch is established with `MPI_WIN_LOCK_ALL`.
- **X** is part of a shared memory window and should be **the same** memory location **in both processes**.

- MPI-3.0 forgot to define the synchronization methods
- See errata coming Dec. 2014 or March 2015
- Current proposal see <https://svn.mpi-forum.org/trac/mpi-forum-web/ticket/456>

<sup>1)</sup> Fortran only.

# Benchmark results on a Cray XE6 – 1-dim ring communication on 1 node with 32 cores



Benchmark on Cray XE6 Hermit at HLRS  
with aprun -n 32 -d 1 -ss, best values out of 6 repetitions, modules PrgEnv-cray/4.1.40 and cray-mpich2/6.2.1

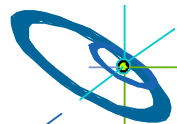
## MPI-3 Shared Memory – a Summary

- Shared Memory was introduced in MPI-3.
- It is an opportunity to omit unnecessary communication inside of shared memory or ccNUMA nodes.
- Direct memory access may have best bandwidth compared to other MPI communication methods.
- Direct memory access should not be combined with low latency synchronization.
- Which communication option is the fastest?

**No answer by the MPI standard, because:**

MPI targets portable and efficient message-passing programming  
but

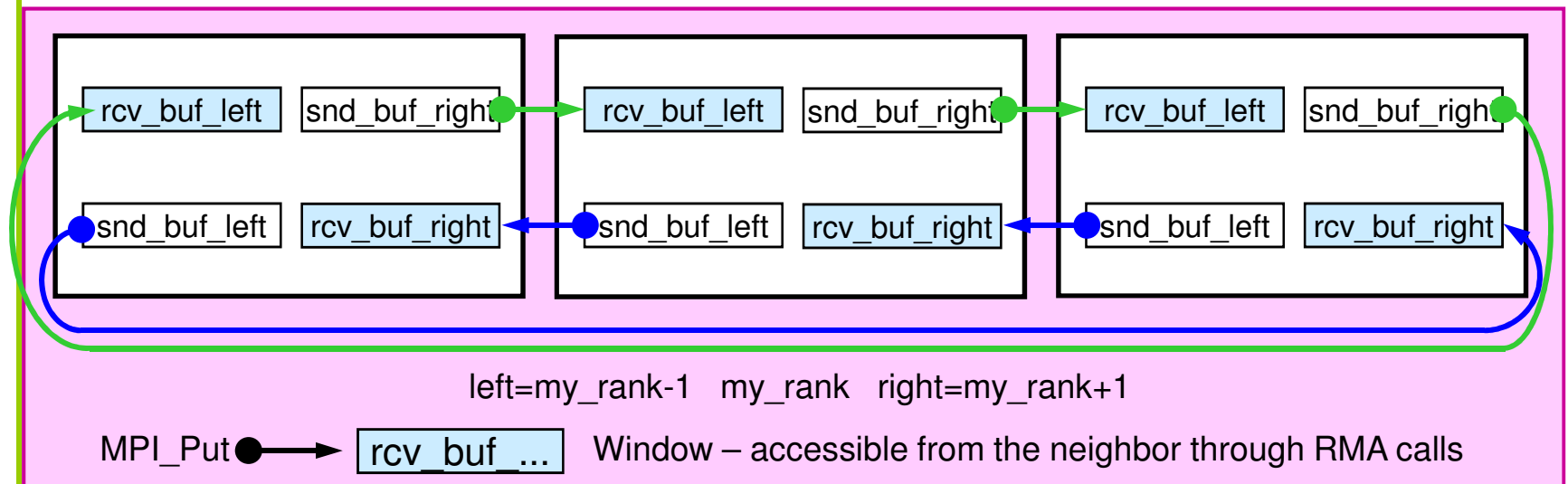
**efficiency** of MPI application-programming is **not portable**!





## Exercise 1: Halo communication with MPI\_Put

- Copy to your local directory and analyze the source code:  
`cp ~/MPI/course/C/1sided/halo_1sided_put_win_alloc.c ./`  
`cp ~/MPI/course/F_30/1sided/halo_1sided_put_win_alloc_30.f90 ./` (or `_20` with mpi module)
- halo... communicates along the 1-dim ring of processes in both directions
  - Into right direction: Put `snd_buf_right` into the `rcv_buf_left` of the right neighbor
  - ← Into left direction: Put `snd_buf_left` into the `rcv_buf_right` of the left neighbor



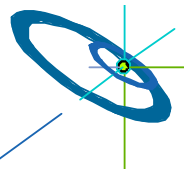
- Compile and run the original `halo_1sided_put_win_alloc*.c/f90` program
  - With MPI processes on **4 cores** & **all cores** of a shared memory node

## Exercise 2: Shared memory halo communication

- Use the given program as your baseline for the following exercise:
  - `cp halo... my_shared_exa1.c or ..._20.f90 or ..._30.f90`
- Tasks: Substitute the distributed window by a shared window
  - Substitute **MPI\_Win\_allocate** by **MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared**
  - Substitute both **MPI\_Put** by direct assignments:
    - **rcv\_buf\_right[i] of the left neighbor** can be now accessed directly **through own** **rcv\_buf\_right** as **rcv\_buf\_right[i+offset\_left]** with **offset\_xxx = (xxx – my\_rank) \* max\_length**.
    - **xxx = left or right**. The formula is correct for any rank.
    - **max\_length** is the number of elements in the window of each process.
    - Fortran: Be sure that that you add additional calls to **MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG** between both **MPI\_Win\_fence** and your direct assignment, i.e., directly before and after **rcv\_buf...(…+offset\_xxx : …+offset\_xxx) = snd\_buf...(… : …)**
- Compile and run shared memory program
  - With MPI processes on **4 cores** & **all cores** of a shared memory node

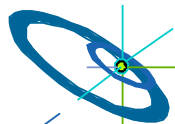
## Exercise 3 (advanced): Using *other* synchronization

- Use your exa1 result or
  - ~/MPI/course/**C**/1sided/halo\_1sided\_store\_win\_alloc\_shared.c
  - ~/MPI/course/**F\_30**/1sided/halo\_1sided\_store\_win\_alloc\_shared\_30.f90 (or \_20)as your baseline for the following exercise:
  - **cp my\_shared\_exa1.c my\_shared\_exa2.c or ...\_20.f90 or ...\_30.f90**
- Tasks: Substitute the MPI\_Fence synchronization by pt-to-pt communication
  - Use empty messages for synchronizing
  - Substitute each pair of MPI\_Fence by
    - MPI\_Irecv(...right,...,rq[1] ...) ; MPI\_Irecv(...left, ...,rq[2] ...) ;  
MPI\_Send(...left, ...); MPI\_Send(...right, ...) ; MPI\_Waitall(2,rq ...);
  - Local MPI\_Win\_sync is needed to sync local processor with memory after another process has written to the memory or before providing new data in own memory to another processor.
- Compile and run shared memory program
  - With MPI processes on **4** cores & **all cores** of a shared memory node

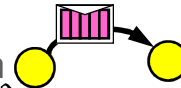
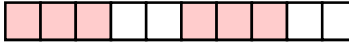
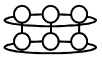
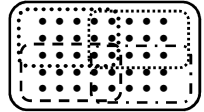


## Summary of halo files

ring.c ring\_1sided\_get.c ring\_1sided\_put.c ring\_1sided\_exa2.c  
↳ halo\_ise~~nd~~**recv**.c  
↳ halo\_irecv\_**send**.c  
↳ halo\_neighbor\_alltoall.c  
↳ halo\_1sided\_**put**.c  
↳ halo\_1sided\_put\_**alloc**\_mem.c  
↳ halo\_1sided\_put\_**win**\_alloc.c  
↳ halo\_1sided\_store\_win\_**alloc**\_shared.c  
↳ halo\_1sided\_store\_win\_alloc\_shared\_w-a-cray.c  
⇒ halo\_1sided\_store\_win\_alloc\_shared\_**query**.c  
↳ halo\_1sided\_store\_win\_alloc\_shared\_query\_w-a-cray.c  
⇒ halo\_1sided\_store\_win\_alloc\_shared\_**p**scw.c  
↳ halo\_1sided\_store\_win\_alloc\_shared\_**othersync**.c



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- e.g., hybrid MPI and OpenMP

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## MPI rules with OpenMP / Automatic SMP-parallelization

- Special MPI-2 Init for multi-threaded MPI processes:

```
int MPI_Init_thread(  int * argc, char ** argv[],  
                     int thread_level_required,  
                     int * thead_level_provided);  
int MPI_Query_thread( int * thread_level_provided);  
int MPI_Is_main_thread(int * flag);
```

- REQUIRED values (increasing order):
  - **MPI\_THREAD\_SINGLE:** Only one thread will execute
  - **MPI\_THREAD\_FUNNELED:** Only master thread will make MPI-calls
  - **MPI\_THREAD\_SERIALIZED:** Multiple threads may make MPI-calls, but only one at a time
  - **MPI\_THREAD\_MULTIPLE:** Multiple threads may call MPI, with no restrictions
- returned `provided` may be other than REQUIRED by the application



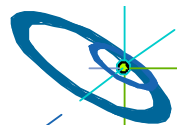
## Calling MPI inside of OMP MASTER

- Inside of a parallel region, with “**OMP MASTER**”
- Requires MPI\_THREAD\_FUNNELED, i.e., only master thread will make MPI-calls
- **Caution:** There isn't any synchronization with “OMP MASTER”! Therefore, “**OMP BARRIER**” normally necessary to guarantee, that data or buffer space from/for other threads is available before/after the MPI call!

```
!$OMP BARRIER
!$OMP MASTER
    call MPI_Xxx(...)
!$OMP END MASTER
!$OMP BARRIER
```

```
#pragma omp barrier
#pragma omp master
    MPI_Xxx(...);
#pragma omp barrier
```

- But this implies that all other threads are sleeping!
- The additional barrier implies also the necessary cache flush!



## ... the barrier is necessary – example with MPI\_Recv

```
!$OMP PARALLEL
!$OMP DO
    do i=1,1000
        a(i) = buf(i)
    end do
!$OMP END DO NOWAIT
!$OMP BARRIER
!$OMP MASTER
    call MPI_RECV(buf,...)
!$OMP END MASTER
!$OMP BARRIER
!$OMP DO
    do i=1,1000
        c(i) = buf(i)
    end do
!$OMP END DO NOWAIT
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    #pragma omp for nowait
    for (i=0; i<1000; i++)
        a[i] = buf[i];
```

```
#pragma omp barrier
```

```
#pragma omp master
    MPI_Recv(buf,...);
```

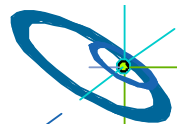
```
#pragma omp barrier
```

```
#pragma omp for nowait
    for (i=0; i<1000; i++)
        c[i] = buf[i];
```

```
}
/* omp end parallel */
```

No barrier inside

Barriers needed  
to prevent  
data races





## MPI + threading methods

- MPI + OpenMP
  - Often better one process per NUMA domain (not per ccNUMA node)
  - (Perfect) compiler support for threading
  - Called libraries must be thread-safe
- MPI + MPI-3 shared memory
  - Efficient placement of MPI processes on ccNUMA nodes *is not trivial*
    - **Hard for applications with unstructured grids**
    - **Possible solution: Domain decomposition on core level.**  
Then recombining for (cc)NUMA domains.
    - **See in Chapter 8. Groups&Communicators, the slide on “Unstructured Grids – Multi-level Domain Decomposition through Recombination”**
  - Presented measurements show (limited portability to other systems!)
    - **MPI-3 shared memory could be used for direct access on fully shared data structures**
    - **Better than halo copying within shared memory nodes** (as in the halo examples)
    - **→ Less memory and less communication effort!**
- General
  - Efficient placement of cores and processes and threads on ccNUMA nodes

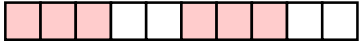
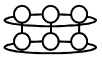


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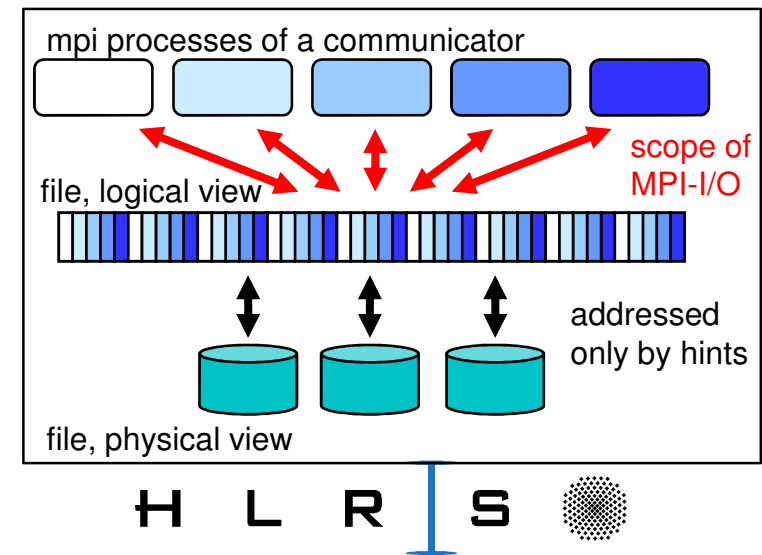
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MPI\_Init()  
MPI\_Comm\_rank()

### 14. Parallel file I/O

- Writing and reading a file in parallel by many processes

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## Motivation, I.

- Many parallel applications need
  - coordinated parallel access to a file by a group of processes
  - simultaneous access
  - all processes may read/write many (small) non-contiguous pieces of the file,  
i.e. the data may be distributed amongst the processes according to a partitioning scheme
  - all processes may read the same data
- Efficient collective I/O based on
  - fast physical I/O by several processors, e.g. striped
  - distributing (small) pieces by fast message passing



## Motivation, II.

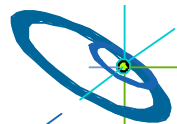
- Analogy: writing / reading a file is like sending/receiving a message
- Handling parallel I/O needs
  - handling groups of processes -> MPI topologies and groups
  - collective operations -> file handle defined like communicators
  - nonblocking operations to overlap computation & I/O -> MPI\_I..., MPI\_Wait, ... & new **split** collective interface
  - non-contiguous access -> MPI derived datatypes





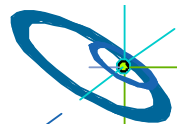
## MPI-I/O Features

- Provides a high-level interface to support
  - data file partitioning among processes
  - transfer global data between memory and files (collective I/O)
  - asynchronous transfers
  - strided access
- MPI derived datatypes used to specify common data access patterns for maximum flexibility and expressiveness



## MPI-I/O, Principles

- MPI file contains elements of a single MPI datatype (etype)
- partitioning the file among processes with an access template (filetype)
- all file accesses transfer to/from a contiguous or non-contiguous user buffer (MPI datatype)
- nonblocking / blocking and collective / individual read / write routines
- individual and shared file pointers, explicit offsets
- automatic data conversion in heterog. systems
- file interoperability with external representation

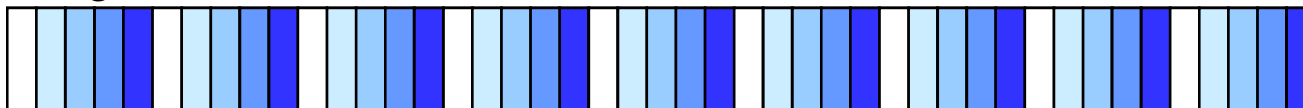


## Logical view / Physical view

mpi processes of a communicator



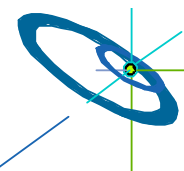
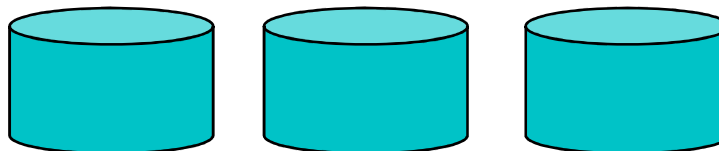
file, logical view



scope of  
MPI-I/O

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only by hints

file, physical view



## Definitions



etype (elementary datatype)



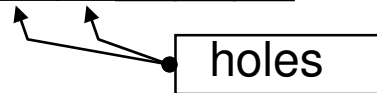
filetype process 0



filetype process 1



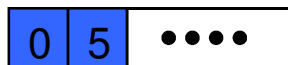
filetype process 2



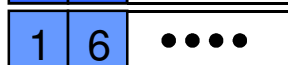
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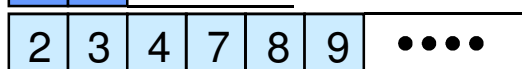
file displacement (number of header bytes)



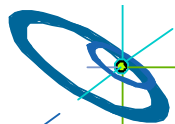
view of process 0



view of process 1

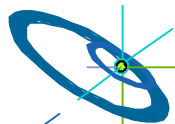


view of process 2



## Comments on Definitions

- file** - an ordered collection of typed data items
- etypes** - is the unit of data access and positioning / offsets
  - can be any basic or derived datatype  
(with non-negative, monotonically non-decreasing, non-absolute displacem.)
  - generally contiguous, but need not be
  - typically same at all processes
- filetypes** - the basis for partitioning a file among processes
  - defines a template for accessing the file
  - different at each process
  - the etype or derived from etype (displacements:  
non-negative, monoton. non-decreasing, non-abs., multiples of etype extent)
- view** - each process has its own view, defined by:
  - a displacement, an etype, and a filetype.
  - The filetype is repeated, starting at **displacement**
- offset** - position relative to current view, in units of etype



## Opening an MPI File

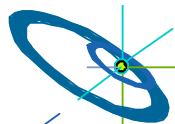
- MPI\_FILE\_OPEN is collective over **comm**
- filename's namespace is implementation-dependent!
- filename must reference the same file on all processes
- process-local files can be opened by passing MPI\_COMM\_SELF as **comm**
- returns a file handle *fh*  
[represents the file, the process group of **comm**, and the current view]

```
MPI_FILE_OPEN(comm, filename, amode, info, fh)
```

Fortran

C/C++

language bindings – see MPI-2 Standard



## Default View

```
MPI_FILE_OPEN(comm, filename, amode, info, fh)
```

- Default:
  - displacement = 0
  - etype = MPI\_BYTE
  - filetype = MPI\_BYTEeach process has access to the whole file

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | ... |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|

file

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | ... |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|

view of process 0

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | ... |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|

view of process 1

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | ... |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|

view of process 2

- Sequence of MPI\_BYTE matches with any datatype (see MPI-3.0, Section 13.6.5)
- Binary I/O (no ASCII text I/O)

## Access Modes

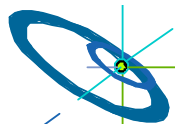
- same value of **amode** on all processes in MPI\_FILE\_OPEN
- Bit vector OR of integer constants (Fortran 77: +)
  - MPI\_MODE\_RDONLY - read only
  - MPI\_MODE\_RDWR - reading and writing
  - MPI\_MODE\_WRONLY - write only
  - MPI\_MODE\_CREATE - create if file doesn't exist
  - MPI\_MODE\_EXCL - error creating a file that exists
  - MPI\_MODE\_DELETE\_ON\_CLOSE - delete on close
  - MPI\_MODE\_UNIQUE\_OPEN - file not opened concurrently
  - MPI\_MODE\_SEQUENTIAL - file only accessed sequentially:  
mandatory for sequential stream files (pipes, tapes, ...)
  - MPI\_MODE\_APPEND - all file pointers set to end of file  
*[caution: reset to zero by any subsequent MPI\_FILE\_SET\_VIEW]*





## File Info: Reserved Hints

- Argument in MPI\_FILE\_OPEN, MPI\_FILE\_SET\_VIEW, MPI\_FILE\_SET\_INFO
- reserved key values:
  - collective buffering
    - “collective\_buffering”: specifies whether the application may benefit from collective buffering
    - “cb\_block\_size”: data access in chunks of this size
    - “cb\_buffer\_size”: on each node, usually a multiple of block size
    - “cb\_nodes”: number of nodes used for collective buffering
  - disk striping (only relevant in MPI\_FILE\_OPEN)
    - “striping\_factor”: number of I/O devices used for striping
    - “striping\_unit”: length of a chunk on a device (in bytes)
- MPI\_INFO\_NULL may be passed



## Closing and Deleting a File

- Close: collective

```
MPI_FILE_CLOSE(fh)
```

- Delete:
  - automatically by MPI\_FILE\_CLOSE  
if **amode=MPI\_DELETE\_ON\_CLOSE** | ...  
was specified in MPI\_FILE\_OPEN
  - deleting a file that is not currently opened:

```
MPI_FILE_DELETE(filename, info)
```

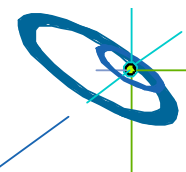
*[same implementation-dependent rules as in MPI\_FILE\_OPEN]*



## Writing with Explicit Offsets

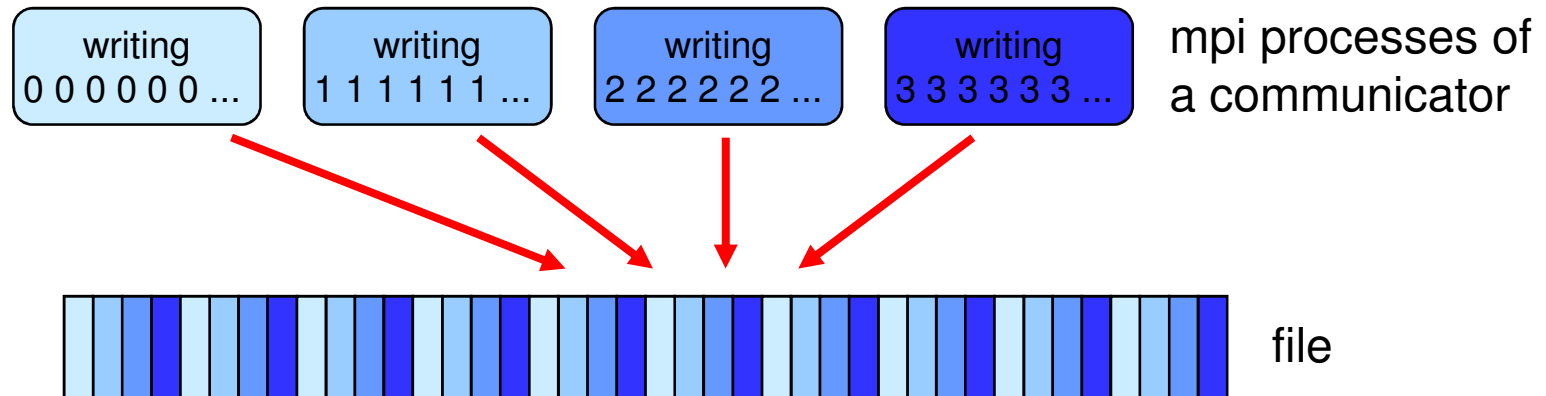
```
MPI_FILE_WRITE_AT(fh,offset,buf,count,datatype,status)
```

- writes **count** elements of **datatype** from memory **buf** to the file
- starting **offset** \* units of **etype** from begin of view
- the elements are stored into the locations of the current view
- the sequence of basic datatypes of **datatype** (= signature of **datatype**) must match contiguous copies of the **etype** of the current view



## MPI-IO Exercise 1: Four processes write a file in parallel

- each process should write its rank (as one character) ten times to the offsets =  $\text{my\_rank} + i * \text{size\_of\_MPI\_COMM\_WORLD}$ ,  $i=0..9$
- Result: “01230123012301230123012301230123012301230123”
- Each process uses the default view

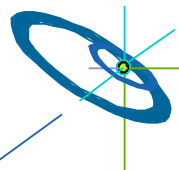


- please, use skeleton:  
`cp ~/MPI/course/C/mpi_io/mpi_io_exa1_skel.c my_exa1.c`  
`cp ~/MPI/course/F/mpi_io/mpi_io_exa1_skel.f my_exa1.f`



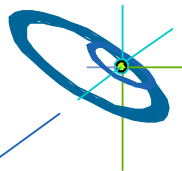
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## File Views

- Provides a visible and accessible set of data from an open file
- A separate view of the file is seen by each process through triple := (displacement, etype, filetype)
- User can change a view during the execution of the program - but collective operation
- A linear byte stream, represented by the triple (0, MPI\_BYTE, MPI\_BYTE), is the default view



## Set/Get File View

- Set view
  - changes the process's view of the data
  - local and shared file pointers are reset to zero
  - collective operation
  - etype and filetype must be committed
  - datarep argument is a string that specifies the format in which data is written to a file:  
“native”, “internal”, “external32”, or user-defined
  - same etype extent and same datarep on all processes
- Get view
  - returns the process's view of the data

`MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW(fh, disp, etype, filetype, datarep, info)`

`MPI_FILE_GET_VIEW(fh, disp, etype, filetype, datarep)`



## Data Representation, I.

- “native”
  - data stored in file identical to memory
  - on homogeneous systems no loss in precision or I/O performance due to type conversions
  - on heterogeneous systems loss of interoperability
  - no guarantee that MPI files accessible from C/Fortran
- “internal”
  - data stored in implementation specific format
  - can be used with homogeneous or heterogeneous environments
  - implementation will perform type conversions if necessary
  - no guarantee that MPI files accessible from C/Fortran

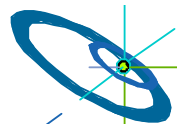




## Data Representation, II.

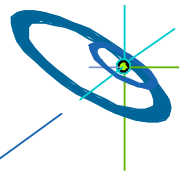
- “external32”
  - follows standardized representation (IEEE)
  - all input/output operations are converted from/to the “external32” representation
  - files can be exported/imported between different MPI environments
  - due to type conversions from (to) native to (from) “external32” data precision and I/O performance may be lost
  - “internal” may be implemented as equal to “external32”
  - can be read/written also by non-MPI programs
- user-defined

No information about the default,  
i.e., `datarep` without `MPI_File_set_view()` is not defined



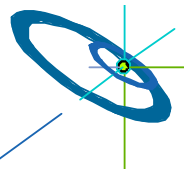
## Fileview examples with SUBARRAY and DARRAY

- Task
  - reading a global matrix from a file
  - storing a subarray into a local array on each process
  - according to a given distribution scheme



## Example with Subarray, I.

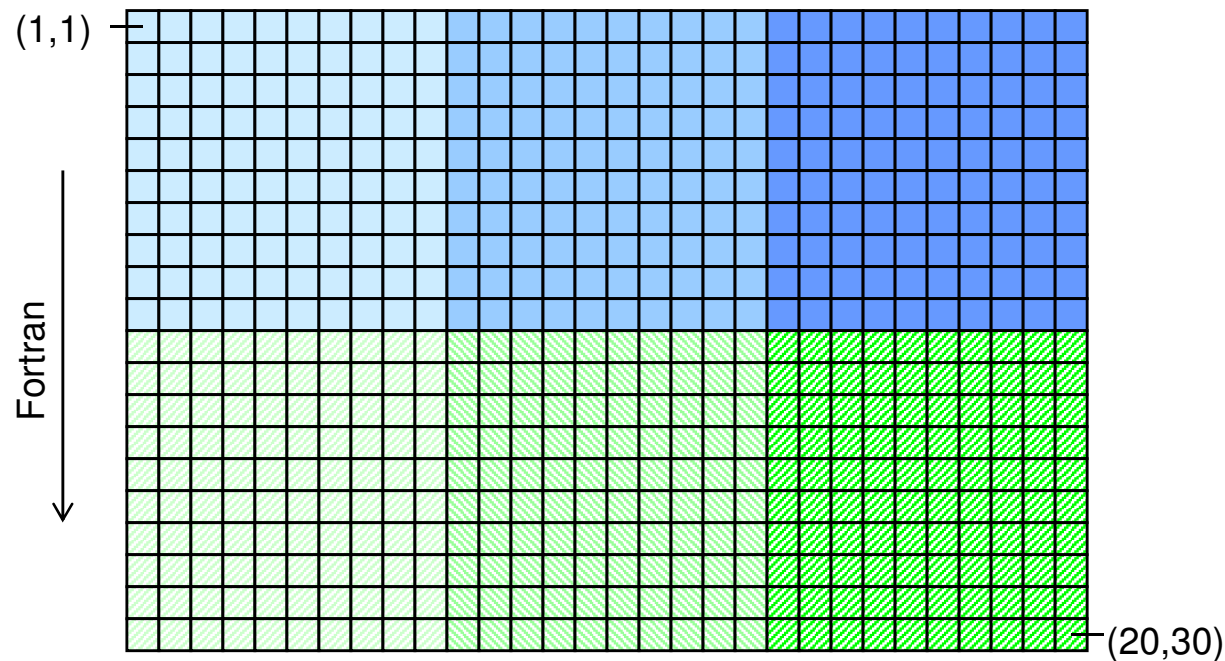
- 2-dimensional distribution scheme: (BLOCK,BLOCK)
- garray on the file 20x30:
  - Contiguous indices is language dependent:
  - in Fortran: (1,1), (2,1), (3,1), ... , (1,10), (2,20), (3,10), ..., (20,30)
  - in C/C++: [0][0], [0][1], [0][2], ... , [10][0], [10][1], [10][2], ..., [19][29]
- larray = local array in each MPI process  
= subarray of the global array
- same ordering on file (garray) and in memory (larray)



## Example with Subarray, II. — Distribution

- Process topology: 2x3 
- global array on the file: 20x30
- distributed on local arrays in each processor: 10x10

C / C++ (contiguous indices on the file and in the memory) →



## Example with Subarray, III. — Reading the file

```
!!!! real garray(20,30) ! these HPF-like comment lines !
!!!! PROCESSORS procs(2, 3) ! explain the data distribution !
!!!! DISTRIBUTE garray(BLOCK,BLOCK) onto procs ! used in this MPI program !
real larray(10,10) ; integer (kind=MPI_OFFSET_KIND) disp,offset; disp=0; offset=0

ndims=2 ; psizes(1)=2 ; period(1)=.false. ; psizes(2)=3 ; period(2)=.false.
call MPI_CART_CREATE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, ndims, psizes, period,
call MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, rank, ierror) .TRUE., comm, ierror)
call MPI_CART_COORDS(comm, rank, ndims, coords, ierror)

gsizes(1)=20 ; lsizes(1)= 10 ; starts(1)=coords(1)*lsizes(1)
gsizes(2)=30 ; lsizes(2)= 10 ; starts(2)=coords(2)*lsizes(2)
call MPI_TYPE_CREATE_SUBARRAY(ndims, gsizes, lsizes, starts,
MPI_ORDER_FORTRAN, MPI_REAL, subarray_type, ierror)
call MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(subarray_type , ierror)

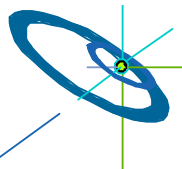
call MPI_FILE_OPEN(comm, 'exa_subarray_testfile', MPI_MODE_CREATE +
MPI_MODE_RDWR, MPI_INFO_NULL, fh, ierror)
call MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW (fh, disp, MPI_REAL, subarray_type, 'native',
MPI_INFO_NULL, ierror)
call MPI_FILE_READ_AT_ALL(fh, offset, larray, lsizes(1)*lsizes(2), MPI_REAL,
status, ierror)
```



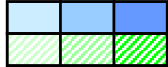
## Example with Subarray, IV.

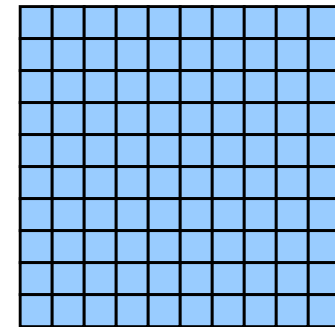
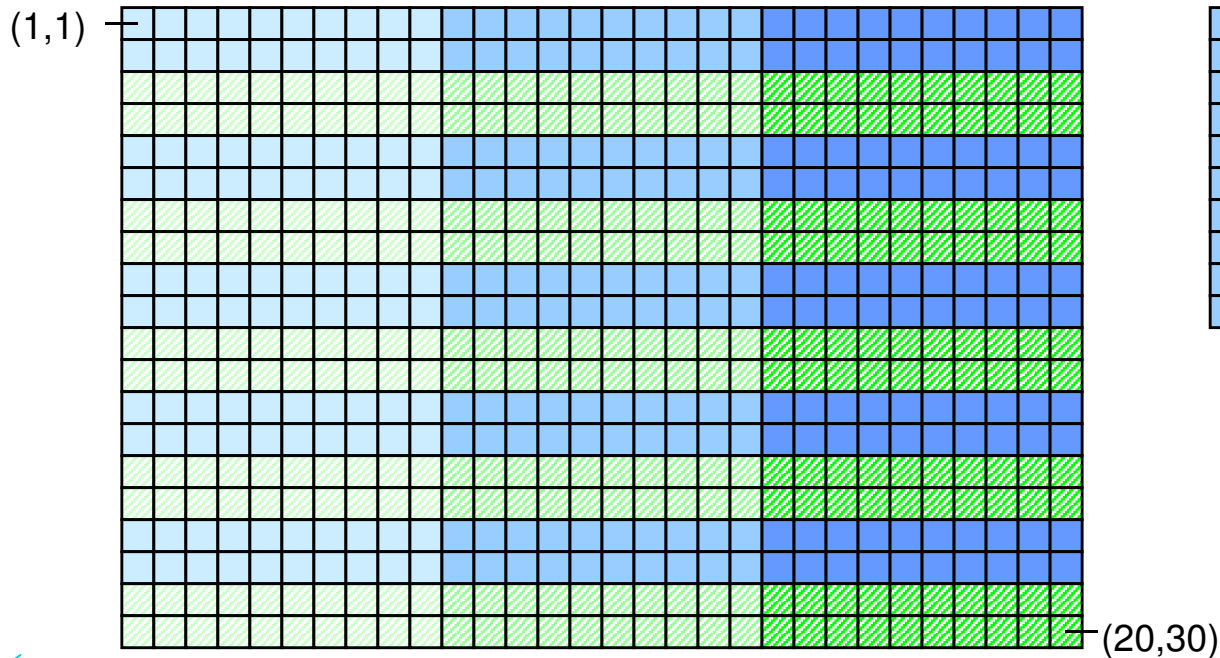
- All MPI coordinates and indices start with 0, even in Fortran, i.e. with MPI\_ORDER\_FORTRAN
- MPI indices (here **starts**) may differ (✓) from Fortran indices
- Block distribution on 2\*3 processes:

|                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| rank = 0<br>coords = ( 0, 0)<br>starts = ( 0, 0)<br>garray( 1:10, 1:10)<br>= larray ( 1:10, 1:10) | rank = 1<br>coords = ( 0, 1)<br>starts = ( 0, 10)<br>garray( 1:10, 11:20)<br>= larray ( 1:10, 1:10) | rank = 2<br>coords = ( 0, 2)<br>starts = ( 0, 20)<br>garray( 1:10, 21:30)<br>= larray ( 1:10, 1:10) |
| rank = 3<br>coords = ( 1, 0)<br>starts = (10, 0)<br>garray(11:20, 1:10)<br>= larray ( 1:10, 1:10) | rank = 4<br>coords = ( 1, 1)<br>starts = (10, 10)<br>garray(11:20, 11:20)<br>= larray ( 1:10, 1:10) | rank = 5<br>coords = ( 1, 2)<br>starts = (10, 20)<br>garray(11:20, 21:30)<br>= larray ( 1:10, 1:10) |



## Example with Darray, I.

- Distribution scheme: (CYCLIC(2), BLOCK)
- Cyclic distribution in first dimension with strips of length 2
- Block distribution in second dimension
- distribution of global garray onto the larray in each of the 2x3 processes 
- garray on the file:
  - e.g., larray on process (0,1):



## Example with Darray, II.

```
!!!! real garray(20,30) ! these HPF-like comment lines !
!!!! PROCESSORS procs(2, 3) ! explain the data distribution !
!!!! DISTRIBUTE garray(CYCLIC(2),BLOCK) onto procs !used in this MPI program!
real larray(10,10); integer (kind=MPI_OFFSET_KIND) disp, offset; disp=0; offset=0

call MPI_COMM_SIZE(comm, size, ierror)
ndims=2 ; psizes(1)=2 ; period(1)=.false. ; psizes(2)=3 ; period(2)=.false.
call MPI_CART_CREATE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, ndims, psizes, period,
                    .TRUE., comm, ierror)
call MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, rank, ierror)
call MPI_CART_COORDS(comm, rank, ndims, coords, ierror)

gsizes(1)=20 ; distribs(1)= MPI_DISTRIBUTE_CYCLIC; dargs(1)=2
gsizes(2)=30 ; distribs(2)= MPI_DISTRIBUTE_BLOCK; dargs(2)=
                    MPI_DISTRIBUTE_DFLT_DARG

call MPI_TYPE_CREATE_DARRAY(size, rank, ndims, gsizes, distribs, dargs,
                    psizes, MPI_ORDER_FORTRAN, MPI_REAL, darray_type, ierror)
call MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(darray_type , ierror)

call MPI_FILE_OPEN(comm, 'exa_subarray_testfile', MPI_MODE_CREATE +
                    MPI_MODE_RDWR, MPI_INFO_NULL, fh, ierror)
call MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW (fh, disp, MPI_REAL, darray_type, 'native',
                    MPI_INFO_NULL, ierror)
call MPI_FILE_READ_AT_ALL(fh, offset, larray, 10*10, MPI_REAL, istatus, ierror)
```



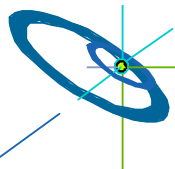
## Example with Darray, III.

- Cyclic distribution in first dimension with strips of length 2
- Block distribution in second dimension
- Processes' tasks:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>rank = 0<br/> coords = ( 0, 0)<br/> <math display="block">\text{garray} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1:2 \\ 5:6 \\ 9:10 \\ 13:14 \\ 17:18 \end{bmatrix}, 1:10 \right)</math><br/> = larray ( 1:10, 1:10)</p>  | <p>rank = 1<br/> coords = ( 0, 1)<br/> <math display="block">\text{garray} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1:2 \\ 5:6 \\ 9:10 \\ 13:14 \\ 17:18 \end{bmatrix}, 11:20 \right)</math><br/> = larray ( 1:10, 1:10)</p>  | <p>rank = 2<br/> coords = ( 0, 2)<br/> <math display="block">\text{garray} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1:2 \\ 5:6 \\ 9:10 \\ 13:14 \\ 17:18 \end{bmatrix}, 21:30 \right)</math><br/> = larray ( 1:10, 1:10)</p>  |
| <p>rank = 3<br/> coords = ( 1, 0)<br/> <math display="block">\text{garray} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3:4 \\ 7:8 \\ 11:12 \\ 15:16 \\ 19:20 \end{bmatrix}, 1:10 \right)</math><br/> = larray ( 1:10, 1:10)</p> | <p>rank = 4<br/> coords = ( 1, 1)<br/> <math display="block">\text{garray} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3:4 \\ 7:8 \\ 11:12 \\ 15:16 \\ 19:20 \end{bmatrix}, 11:20 \right)</math><br/> = larray ( 1:10, 1:10)</p> | <p>rank = 5<br/> coords = ( 1, 2)<br/> <math display="block">\text{garray} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3:4 \\ 7:8 \\ 11:12 \\ 15:16 \\ 19:20 \end{bmatrix}, 21:30 \right)</math><br/> = larray ( 1:10, 1:10)</p> |

## 5 Aspects of Data Access

- Direction: Read / Write
- Positioning [realized via routine names]
  - explicit offset (`_AT`)
  - individual file pointer (no positional qualifier)
  - shared file pointer (`_SHARED` or `_ORDERED`)  
(different names used depending on whether non-collective or collective)
- Coordination
  - non-collective
  - collective (`_ALL`)
- Synchronism
  - blocking
  - nonblocking (l) and split collective (`_BEGIN`, `_END`)
- Atomicity, [realized with a separate API: `MPI_File_set_atomicity`]
  - non-atomic (default)
  - atomic: to achieve sequential consistency for conflicting accesses on same fh in different processes



## All Data Access Routines

| Positioning              | Synchronization                       | Non-collective                | Collective                                                                         |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Explicit offsets         | blocking                              | READ_AT<br>WRITE_AT           | READ_AT_ALL<br>WRITE_AT_ALL                                                        |
|                          | non-blocking<br>&<br>split collective | IREAD_AT<br>IWRITE_AT         | READ_AT_ALL_BEGIN<br>READ_AT_ALL_END<br>WRITE_AT_ALL_BEGIN<br>WRITE_AT_ALL_END     |
| Individual file pointers | blocking                              | READ<br>WRITE                 | READ_ALL<br>WRITE_ALL                                                              |
|                          | non-blocking<br>&<br>split collective | IREAD<br>IWRITE               | READ_ALL_BEGIN<br>READ_ALL_END<br>WRITE_ALL_BEGIN<br>WRITE_ALL_END                 |
| Shared file pointers     | blocking                              | READ_SHARED<br>WRITE_SHARED   | READ_ORDERED<br>WRITE_ORDERED                                                      |
|                          | non-blocking<br>&<br>split collective | IREAD_SHARED<br>IWRITE_SHARED | READ_ORDERED_BEGIN<br>READ_ORDERED_END<br>WRITE_ORDERED_BEGIN<br>WRITE_ORDERED_END |

Read e.g. MPI\_FILE\_READ\_AT

## Explicit Offsets

e.g. `MPI_FILE_READ_AT(fh,offset,buf,count,datatype,status)`

- attempts to read **count** elements of **datatype**
- starting **offset** \* units of **etype**  
from begin of view (= **displacement**)
- the sequence of basic datatypes of **datatype**  
(= signature of **datatype**)  
must match  
contiguous copies of the **etype** of the current view
- EOF can be detected by noting that the amount of data read is less than **count**
  - i.e. EOF is no error!
  - use `MPI_GET_COUNT(status,datatype,recv_count)`



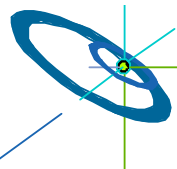
## Individual File Pointer, I.

e.g. `MPI_FILE_READ(fh, buf, count, datatype, status)`

- same as “*Explicit Offsets*”, except:
- the offset is the current value of the **individual file pointer** of the calling process
- the individual file pointer is updated by

$$\text{new\_fp} = \text{old\_fp} + \frac{\text{elements}(\text{datatype})}{\text{elements}(\text{etype})} * \text{count}$$

i.e. it points to the next etype after the last one that will be accessed  
(*formula is not valid if EOF is reached*)



## Individual File Pointer, II.

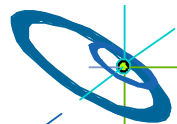
`MPI_FILE_SEEK(fh, offset, whence)`

- set individual file pointer fp:
  - set fp to offset – if whence=MPI\_SEEK\_SET
  - advance fp by offset – if whence=MPI\_SEEK\_CUR
  - set fp to EOF+offset – if whence=MPI\_SEEK\_EOF

`MPI_FILE_GET_POSITION(fh, offset)`

`MPI_FILE_GET_BYTE_OFFSET(fh, offset, disp)`

- to inquire offset
- to convert offset into byte displacement  
[e.g. for *disp* argument in a new view]

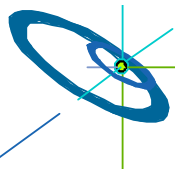


## MPI-IO Exercise 2: Using fileviews and individual filepointers

- Copy to your local directory:  

```
cp ~/MPI/course/C/mpi_io/mpi_io_exa2_skel.c my_exa2.c
```

```
cp ~/MPI/course/F/mpi_io/mpi_io_exa2_skel.f my_exa2.f
```
- Tasks:
  - Each MPI-process of `my_exa2` should write one character to a file:
    - process “rank=0” should write an ‘a’
    - process “rank=1” should write an ‘b’
    - ...
  - Use a 1-dimensional fileview with `MPI_TYPE_CREATE_SUBARRAY`
  - The pattern should be repeated 3 times, i.e., four processes should write: “abcdabcdabcd”
  - Please, substitute “\_\_\_\_\_” in your `my_exa2.c / .f`
  - Compile and run your `my_exa2.c / .f`



## MPI-IO Exercise 2: Using fileviews and individual filepointers, continued



etype = MPI\_CHARACTER / MPI\_CHAR



filetype process 0



filetype process 1



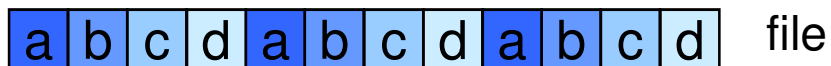
filetype process 2



filetype process 3

holes

tiling a file with filetypes:



↑ file displacement = 0 (number of header bytes)

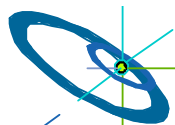
|   |   |   |     |
|---|---|---|-----|
| a | a | a | ... |
| b | b | b | ... |
| c | c | c | ... |
| d | d | d | ... |

view of process 0

view of process 1

view of process 2

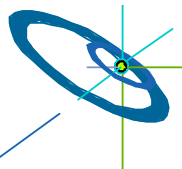
view of process 3





## Outline – Block 3

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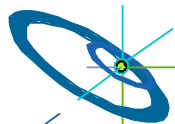
## Shared File Pointer, I.

- same view at all processes mandatory!
- the offset is the current, *global* value of the **shared file pointer** of **fh**
- multiple calls [*e.g. by different processes*] behave as if the calls were serialized
- non-collective, e.g.

```
MPI_FILE_READ_SHARED(fh, buf, count, datatype, status)
```

- collective calls are *serialized* in the **order** of the processes' ranks, e.g.:

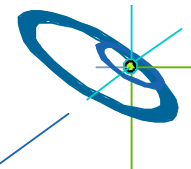
```
MPI_FILE_READ_ORDERED(fh, buf, count, datatype, status)
```



## Shared File Pointer, II.

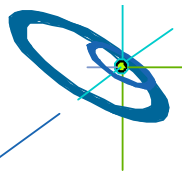
```
MPI_FILE_SEEK_SHARED(fh, offset, whence)
MPI_FILE_GET_POSITION_SHARED(fh, offset)
MPI_FILE_GET_BYTE_OFFSET(fh, offset, disp)
```

- same rules as with individual file pointers



## Collective Data Access

- Explicit offsets / individual file pointer:
  - same as non-collective calls by all processes “of `fh`”
  - ***chance for best speed!!!***
- shared file pointer:
  - accesses are ordered by the ranks of the processes
  - optimization chance:
    - **first, locations within the file for all processes can be computed**
    - **then parallel physical data access by all processes**



## Application Scenery, I.

- Scenery A:
  - Task: Each process has to read the whole file
  - Solution: `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL`  
= collective with individual file pointers,  
with same view (displacement+etype+filetype)  
on all processes  
*[internally: striped-reading by several process, only once  
from disk, then distributing with bcast]*
- Scenery B:
  - Task: The file contains a list of tasks,  
each task requires different compute time
  - Solution: `MPI_FILE_READ_SHARED`  
= non-collective with a shared file pointer  
(same view is necessary for shared file p.)



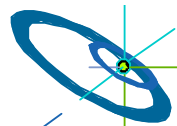
## Application Scenery, II.

- Scenery C:
  - Task: The file contains a list of tasks, each task requires **the same** compute time
  - Solution: `MPI_FILE_READ_ORDERED`  
= **collective** with a **shared** file pointer  
(same view is necessary for shared file p.)
  - or: `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL`  
= **collective** with **individual** file pointers,  
different views: *filetype* with  
`MPI_TYPE_CREATE_SUBARRAY(1,nproc,  
1, myrank, ..., datatype_of_task, filetype)`  
[internally: both may be implemented the same  
and equally with following scenery D]



## Application Scenery, III.

- Scenery D:
  - Task: The file contains a matrix, block partitioning, each process should get a block
  - Solution: generate different filetypes with `MPI_TYPE_CREATE_DARRAY`, the view on each process represents the block that should be read by this process, `MPI_FILE_READ_AT_ALL` with `offset=0` (= collective with explicit offsets) reads the whole matrix collectively  
[internally: *striped-reading of contiguous blocks by several process, then distributed with “alltoall”*]



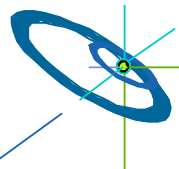
## Nonblocking Data Access

e.g. `MPI_FILE_IREAD(fh, buf, count, datatype, request)`

`MPI_WAIT(request, status)`

`MPI_TEST(request, flag, status)`

- analogous to MPI-1 nonblocking





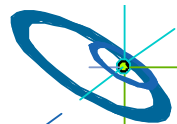
## Split Collective Data Access, I.

- collective operations may be **split** into two parts:
  - start the split collective operation

e.g. `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_BEGIN(fh, buf, count, datatype)`

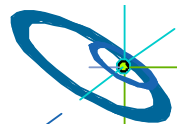
- complete the operation and return the **status**

`MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_END(fh, buf, status)`



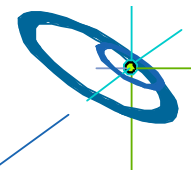
## Split Collective Data Access, II.

- Rules and Restrictions:
  - the MPI\_...BEGIN calls are collective
  - the MPI\_...END calls are collective, too
  - only one active (pending) split or regular collective operation per file handle at any time
  - split collective does not match ordinary collective
  - same **buf** argument in MPI\_...BEGIN and ...\_END call
- Chance to overlap file I/O and computation
- but also a valid implementation:
  - does all work within the MPI\_...BEGIN routine, passes status in the MPI\_...END routine
  - passes arguments from MPI\_...BEGIN to MPI\_...END, does all work within the MPI\_...END routine



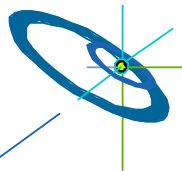
## Scenery – Split Collective

- Scenery A:
  - Task: Each process has to read the whole file
  - Solution:
    - `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_BEGIN`  
= collective with individual file pointers,  
with same view (displacement+etype+filetype)  
on all processes  
*[internally: starting asynchronous striped-reading  
by several process]*
    - then computing some other initialization,
    - `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_END`.  
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then distributing the data with bcast]*



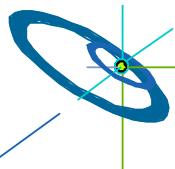
## Other File Manipulation Routines

- Pre-allocating space for a file [*may be expensive*]  
MPI\_FILE\_PREALLOCATE(fh, size)
- Resizing a file [*may speed up first writing on a file*]  
MPI\_FILE\_SET\_SIZE(fh, size)
- Querying file size  
MPI\_FILE\_GET\_SIZE(filename, *size*)
- Querying file parameters  
MPI\_FILE\_GET\_GROUP(fh, *group*)  
MPI\_FILE\_GET\_AMODE(fh, *amode*)
- File info object  
MPI\_FILE\_SET\_INFO(fh, info)  
MPI\_FILE\_GET\_INFO(fh, *info\_used*)



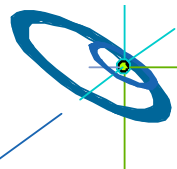
## MPI I/O Error Handling

- File handles have their own error handler
- Default is `MPI_ERRORS_RETURN`,  
i.e. **non-fatal**  
[vs message passing: `MPI_ERRORS_ARE_FATAL`]
- Default is associated with `MPI_FILE_NULL`  
[vs message passing: with `MPI_COMM_WORLD`]
- Changing the default, e.g., after `MPI_Init`:  
`MPI_File_set_errhandler(MPI_FILE_NULL, MPI_ERRORS_ARE_FATAL);`  
`CALL MPI_FILE_SET_ERRHANDLER(MPI_FILE_NULL, MPI_ERRORS_ARE_FATAL, ierr)`
- MPI is *undefined* after first erroneous MPI call
- but a **high quality** implementation  
will support I/O error handling facilities



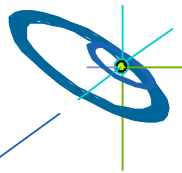
## Implementation-Restrictions

- ROMIO based MPI libraries:
  - datarep = “internal” and “external32” is still not implemented
  - User-defined data representations are not supported



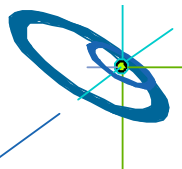
## MPI-I/O: Summary

- Rich functionality provided to support various data representation and access
- MPI I/O routines provide flexibility as well as portability
- Collective I/O routines can improve I/O performance
- Initial implementations of MPI I/O available (eg, ROMIO from Argonne)
- Available nearly on every MPI implementation



## MPI-IO Exercise 3: Collective ordered I/O

- Copy to your local directory:  
`cp ~/MPI/course/C/mpi_io/mpi_io_exa3_skel.c my_exa3.c`  
`cp ~/MPI/course/F/mpi_io/mpi_io_exa3_skel.f my_exa3.f`
- Tasks:
  - Substitute the write call with individual filepointers by a collective write call with shared filepointers
  - Compile and run your `my_exa3.c / .f`





## MPI-IO Exercise 4: I/O Benchmark

- Copy to your local directory:

```
cp ~/MPI/course/F/mpi_io/[am]* .
```

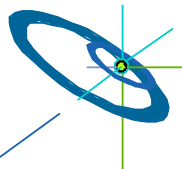
- You receive:

```
mpi_io_exa4.f  
ad_ufs_open.o, ad_ufs_read.o, ad_ufs_write.o *)
```

- Tasks:

- compile and execute `mpi_io_exa4` on 4 PEs
- compile and link with `ad_ufs*.o` and execute on 4 Pes \*)
- duplicate lines 65 –93 three times and substitute “WRITE\_ALL” by “WRITE”, “READ\_ALL”, “READ” and execute on 4 PEs
- double the value of `gsize` and compile and execute on 8 PEs
- link without `ad_ufs*.o` and execute on 8 Pes \*)

\*) `ad_ufs` only on T3Es with striped file system



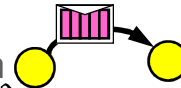
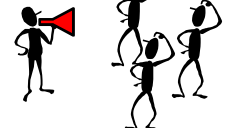
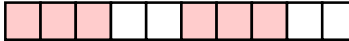
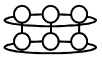
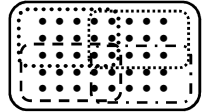
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Message Passing Interface (MPI) [03]

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## Chap.15 Other MPI Features

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3. Messages and point-to-point communication 
4. Nonblocking communication 
5. Probe, Persistent Requests, Cancel 
6. Derived datatypes 
7. Virtual topologies 
8. Groups & communicators, environment management 
9. Collective communication
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11. One-sided communication
12. Shared memory one-sided c.
13. MPI and threads
14. Parallel file I/O

### 15. Other MPI features

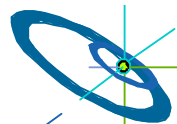
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- [12.1-3] – **Generalized requests**
- [14] – **Profiling & Tools support**
- [15, 16] – **Deprecated & removed interfaces**
- [17.2] – **Language interoperability**
- [A] – **Language bindings summary**
- [B] – **Change-log**

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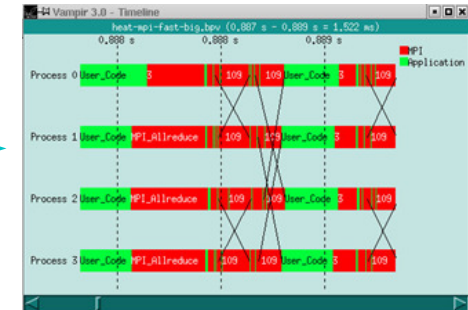
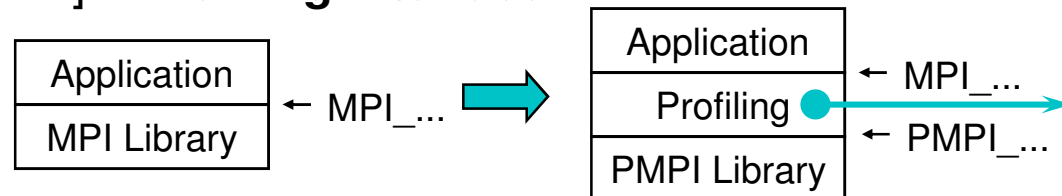
- [1, 2] **Introduction, Terms & Conventions**
  - This course is an introduction to MPI
  - MPI-3.0 Chap. 1+2 gives a good overview of
    - the MPI standard, and
    - all major terms used within this standard
- [12.1-3] **Generalized requests**
  - If you want to use the MPI request handling for an own interface.
  - Needed, e.g., if you want to implement a part of the MPI standard (e.g. I/O) as a portable software for all MPI libraries.



## Other MPI Features

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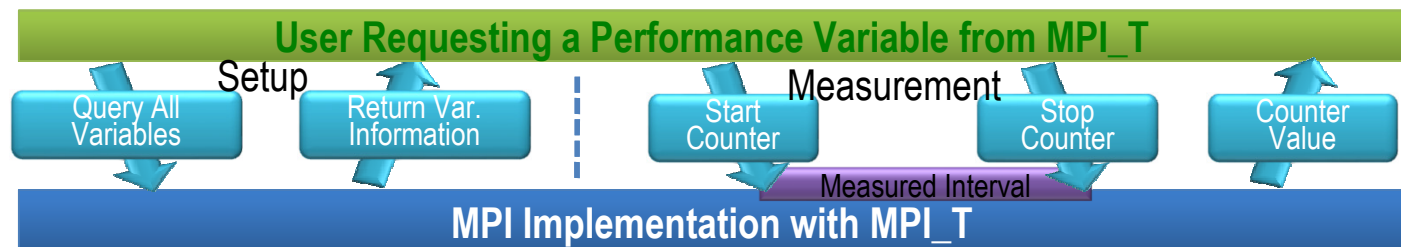
- [14.1-2] **Profiling Interface**



e.g. with Vampir

- [14.3] **The MPI Tool Information Interface**

- Access to **internal performance and control data** of an MPI library
- Query API for all MPI\_T variables / 2 phase approach
  - Setup: Query all variables and select from them
  - Measurement: allocate handles and read variables



## Other MPI Features

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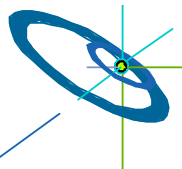
- [2.6.1] **Deprecated and Removed Names and Functions**
  - Table 2.1 on page 18 presents a good overview
- [15, 16] **Deprecated & Removed Interfaces**
- [17.2] **Language interoperability**
  - C / C++ / Fortran language interoperability
    - between languages in same processes
    - messages transferred from one language to another
- [A] **Language bindings summary**
  - [A.1] All constants, predefined handles, type and callback prototypes
- [B] **Change-log**
  - What is new in MPI-3.0 / 2.2 / 2.1





## MPI provider

- The vendor of your computers
- MPICH – the public domain MPI library from Argonne
  - for all UNIX platforms
  - for Windows NT, ...
  - [www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/](http://www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/)
- OpenMPI [www.open-mpi.org](http://www.open-mpi.org)
- see also at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Message\\_Passing\\_Interface](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Message_Passing_Interface)
- Standard, errata, printed books at [www.mpi-forum.org](http://www.mpi-forum.org)



## MPI – Summary

- Parallel MPI process model
- Message passing
  - blocking → several modes (**standard**, **buffered**, **synchronous**, ready)
  - nonblocking
    - to allow message passing from all processes in parallel
    - to avoid deadlocks and serializations
  - derived datatypes
    - to transfer any combination of data in one message
- Virtual topologies → a convenient processes naming scheme
- Collective communications → a major chance for optimization
- One-sided communication and shared memory → functionality & perform.
- Parallel file I/O → important option on large systems / part of HDF5, ...
- Overview on other MPI features (probe, groups&comms, spawn, MPI+threads)

MPI targets portable and efficient message-passing programming  
but

**efficiency** of MPI application-programming is **not portable**!













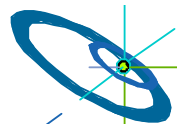




# APPENDIX

## Solutions

- Chapter 2: Hello world / I am *my\_rank* of *size*
- Chapter 3: Ping-pong with point-to-point communication
- Chapter 4: Nonblocking halo-copy in a ring
- Chapter 6: Halo-copy with derived types
- Chapter 7: Ring with virtual Cartesian topology
- Chapter 9: Collective communication with MPI\_Allreduce
- Chapter 11: Halo-copy with one-sided communication
- Chapter 12: Halo-copy with MPI-3.0 shared memory one-sided communication
- Chapter 14: Parallel file I/O exercises



## Chapter 2: Hello world / I am my\_rank of size

C

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{   int my_rank, size;
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size);
    if (my_rank == 0) { printf ("Hello world!\n"); }
    printf("I am process %i out of %i.\n", my_rank, size);
    MPI_Finalize();
}
```

Fortran

```
PROGRAM hello
  USE mpi_f08
  IMPLICIT NONE
  INTEGER my_rank, size
  CALL MPI_Init()
  CALL MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, my_rank)
  CALL MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, size)
  IF (my_rank .EQ. 0) THEN ; WRITE(*,*) 'Hello world!', ; END IF
  WRITE(*,*) 'I am process', my_rank, ' out of', size
  CALL MPI_Finalize()
END PROGRAM
```

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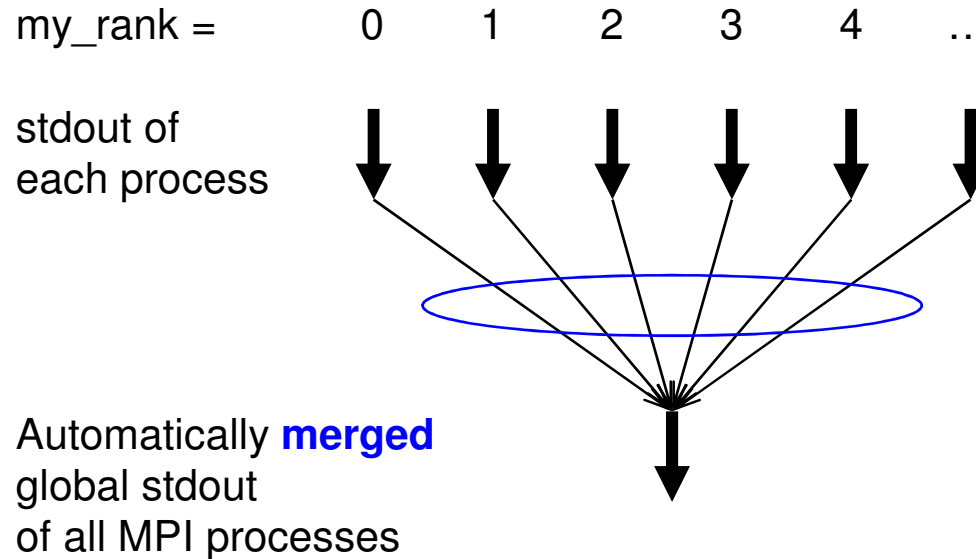
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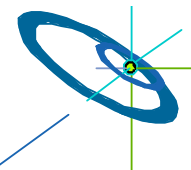
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## Chapter 2: Advanced exercise



- The **merge** of the stdout pipes of all MPI processes to the global stdout is undefined,
- i.e., no sequence rules,
- i.e., a sequence can be defined only if all output on stdout is done only by one MPI process (e.g., with `my_rank == 0`)



## Chapter 3: Ping-pong with point-to-point communication

C

```
start = MPI_Wtime();
for (i = 1; i <= 50; i++)
{ if (my_rank == 0)
  { MPI_Send(buffer, 1, MPI_FLOAT, 1, 17, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    MPI_Recv(buffer, 1, MPI_FLOAT, 1, 23, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
  } else if (my_rank == 1)
  { MPI_Recv(buffer, 1, MPI_FLOAT, 0, 17, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
    MPI_Send(buffer, 1, MPI_FLOAT, 0, 23, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
  } }
finish = MPI_Wtime();
if (my_rank == 0)
  printf("Time for one message: %f micro seconds.\n",
        (finish - start) / (2 * 50) * 1e6 );
```

Fortran

```
start = MPI_Wtime()
DO i = 1, number_of_messages
  IF (my_rank .EQ. proc_a) THEN
    CALL MPI_Send(buffer, 1, MPI_REAL, 1, 17, MPI_COMM_WORLD)
    CALL MPI_Recv(buffer, 1, MPI_REAL, 1, 23, MPI_COMM_WORLD, status)
  ELSE IF (my_rank .EQ. proc_b) THEN
    CALL MPI_Recv(buffer, 1, MPI_REAL, 0, 17, MPI_COMM_WORLD, status)
    CALL MPI_Send(buffer, 1, MPI_REAL, 0, 23, MPI_COMM_WORLD)
  END IF
END DO
finish = MPI_Wtime()
IF (my_rank .EQ. proc_a) THEN
  WRITE(*,*) 'One message:', (finish-start)/(2*50)*1e6, ' micro seconds'
ENDIF
```

## Chapter 4: Nonblocking halo-copy in a ring

C

```
int snd_buf, rcv_buf, sum;
int right, left;
int sum, i, my_rank, size;
MPI_Status status;
MPI_Request request;

MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank);
MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size);

right = (my_rank+1) % size;
left  = (my_rank-1+size) % size;
sum = 0;
snd_buf = my_rank;
for( i = 0; i < size; i++)
{
    MPI_Issend(&snd_buf, 1, MPI_INT, right, 17, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &request);
    MPI_Recv ( &rcv_buf, 1, MPI_INT, left, 17, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
    MPI_Wait(&request, &status);
    snd_buf = rcv_buf;
    sum += rcv_buf;
}
printf ("PE%i:\tSum = %i\n", my_rank, sum);
MPI_Finalize();
```

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## Chapter 4: Nonblocking halo-copy in a ring

Fortran

```
INTEGER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: snd_buf ②
INTEGER :: rcv_buf, sum, i, my_rank, size
TYPE(MPI_Status) :: status
TYPE(MPI_Request) :: request
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: iadummy

CALL MPI_Init()
CALL MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, my_rank)
CALL MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, size)
right = mod(my_rank+1, size)
left = mod(my_rank-1+size, size)
sum = 0
snd_buf = my_rank
DO i = 1, size
    CALL MPI_Issend(snd_buf, 1, MPI_INTEGER, right, 17, MPI_COMM_WORLD, request)
    CALL MPI_Recv ( rcv_buf, 1, MPI_INTEGER, left, 17, MPI_COMM_WORLD, status)
    CALL MPI_Wait(request, status)
    ! CALL MPI_GET_ADDRESS(snd_buf, iadummy)
    ! ... should be substituted as soon as possible by:
    IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(snd_buf)
    snd_buf = rcv_buf
    sum = sum + rcv_buf
END DO
WRITE(*,*) 'PE', my_rank, ': Sum =', sum
CALL MPI_Finalize()
```



## Chapter 6: Halo-copy with derived types (major changes)

C

```
struct buff{
    int    i;
    float  f;
} snd_buf, rcv_buf, sum;

int    array_of_blocklengths[2];
MPI_Aint array_of_displacements[2], first_var_address, second_var_address;
MPI_Datatype array_of_types[2], send_rcv_type;

-----

array_of_types[0] = MPI_INT;  array_of_types[1] = MPI_FLOAT;
array_of_blocklengths[0] = 1; array_of_blocklengths[1] = 1;
MPI_Get_address(&snd_buf.i, &first_var_address);
MPI_Get_address(&snd_buf.f, &second_var_address);
array_of_displacements[0] = (MPI_Aint) 0;
array_of_displacements[1] = second_var_address - first_var_address;

MPI_Type_create_struct(2, array_of_blocklengths, array_of_displacements,
                      array_of_types, &send_rcv_type);
MPI_Type_commit(&send_rcv_type);

-----

sum.i = 0;          sum.f = 0;
snd_buf.i = my_rank; snd_buf.f = my_rank;

for( i = 0; i < size; i++)
{ MPI_Issend(&snd_buf,1,send_rcv_type,right,17,MPI_COMM_WORLD, &request);
  MPI_Recv ( &rcv_buf,1,send_rcv_type,left, 17,MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
  MPI_Wait(&request, &status);
  snd_buf = rcv_buf;
  sum.i += rcv_buf.i;  sum.f += rcv_buf.f;
}

printf ("PE %i: Sum = %i and %f \n", my_rank, sum.i, sum.f);
```

Provided in  
the skeleton

## Chapter 6: Halo-copy with derived types (major changes)

Fortran

```
TYPE t
  SEQUENCE
  INTEGER :: i
  REAL    :: r
END TYPE t
TYPE(t), ASYNCHRONOUS :: snd_buf
TYPE(t) :: rcv_buf, sum
TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: send_recv_type

INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: array_of_displacements(2)
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: first_var_address, second_var_address
-----
CALL MPI_Get_address(snd_buf%i, first_var_address)
CALL MPI_Get_address(snd_buf%r, second_var_address)
array_of_displacements(1) = 0
array_of_displacements(2) = second_var_address - first_var_address

CALL MPI_Type_create_struct(2, (/1,1/), &
  & array_of_displacements, (/MPI_INTEGER,MPI_REAL/), send_recv_type)
CALL MPI_Type_commit(send_recv_type)
-----
sum%i = 0 ; sum%r = 0 ;
snd_buf%i = my_rank ; snd_buf%r = my_rank
DO i = 1, size
  CALL MPI_Issend(snd_buf,1,send_recv_type,right,17,MPI_COMM_WORLD,request)
  CALL MPI_Recv ( rcv_buf,1,send_recv_type,left, 17,MPI_COMM_WORLD,status)
  CALL MPI_Wait(request, status)
  IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(snd_buf)
  snd_buf = rcv_buf
  sum%i = sum%i + rcv_buf%i
  sum%r = sum%r + rcv_buf%r
END DO
WRITE(*,*) 'PE', my_rank, ': Sum%i =', sum%i, ' Sum%r =', sum%r
```

Provided in  
the skeleton



## Chapter 7: Ring with virtual Cartesian topology (major changes)

C

```
MPI_Comm    comm_cart;
int          dims[1], periods[1], reorder;

-----
dims[0] = size;  periods[0] = 1;  reorder = 1;
MPI_Cart_create(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 1, dims, periods, reorder, &comm_cart);
MPI_Comm_rank(comm_cart, &my_rank);
MPI_Cart_shift(comm_cart, 0, 1, &left, &right);
-----

MPI_Issend(&snd_buf, 1, MPI_INT, right, 17, comm_cart, &request);
MPI_Recv ( &rcv_buf, 1, MPI_INT, left, 17, comm_cart, &status);
```

Fortran

```
TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm_cart
INTEGER :: dims(1)
LOGICAL :: periods(1), reorder

-----
dims(1)      = size
periods(1)   = .TRUE.
reorder      = .TRUE.
CALL MPI_Cart_create(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 1, dims, periods, reorder, comm_cart)
CALL MPI_Comm_rank(comm_cart, my_rank)
CALL MPI_Cart_shift(comm_cart, 0, 1, left, right)
-----

CALL MPI_Issend(snd_buf,1,MPI_INTEGER, right, 17, comm_cart, request)
CALL MPI_Recv ( rcv_buf,1,MPI_INTEGER, left, 17, comm_cart, status)
```

## Chapter 9: Collective communication with MPI\_Allreduce

C

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int my_rank, size, sum;
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &my_rank);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size);
    /* Compute sum of all ranks. */
    MPI_Allreduce (&my_rank, &sum, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    printf ("PE%i:\tSum = %i\n", my_rank, sum);
    MPI_Finalize();
}
```

Fortran

```
PROGRAM ring
  USE mpi_f08
  IMPLICIT NONE
  INTEGER :: my_rank, size, sum

  CALL MPI_Init()
  CALL MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, my_rank)
  CALL MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, size)
  ! ... Compute sum of all ranks:
  CALL MPI_Allreduce(my_rank, sum, 1, MPI_INTEGER, MPI_SUM, MPI_COMM_WORLD)
  WRITE(*,*) 'PE', my_rank, ': Sum =', sum
  CALL MPI_Finalize()
END PROGRAM
```



# Chapter 11: Halo-copy with one-sided communication

C

```
MPI_Win win;

-----
/* Create the window once before the loop: */
MPI_Win_create(&rcv_buf, sizeof(int), sizeof(int), MPI_INFO_NULL,
               MPI_COMM_WORLD, &win);

-----
/* Inside of the loop; instead of MPI_Issend / MPI_Recv / MPI_Wait: */
MPI_Win_fence(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE | MPI_MODE_NOPRECEDE, win);
MPI_Put(&snd_buf, 1, MPI_INT, right, (MPI_Aint) 0, 1, MPI_INT, win);
MPI_Win_fence(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE | MPI_MODE_NOPUT | MPI_MODE_NOSUCCEED, win);
```

Fortran

```
TYPE(MPI_Win) :: win
INTEGER :: disp_unit
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: integer_size, lb, buf_size, target_disp

-----
target_disp = 0 ! This "long" integer zero is needed in the call to MPI_PUT
! Create the window once before the loop:
CALL MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT(MPI_INTEGER, lb, integer_size)
buf_size = 1 * integer_size; disp_unit = integer_size
CALL MPI_WIN_CREATE(rcv_buf, buf_size, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL, &
&
                    MPI_COMM_WORLD, win)

-----
! Inside of the loop; instead of MPI_Issend / MPI_Recv / MPI_Wait:
IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(rcv_buf)
CALL MPI_WIN_FENCE(IOR(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE, MPI_MODE_NOPRECEDE), win)
CALL MPI_PUT(snd_buf, 1, MPI_INTEGER, right, target_disp, 1, MPI_INTEGER, win)
CALL MPI_WIN_FENCE(IOR(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE, MPI_MODE_NOPUT, MPI_MODE_NOSUCCEED), win)
IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(rcv_buf)
```

Provided in the  
skeleton

## Chapter 12: Halo-copy shared memory one-sided comm.

C

```
int k;
int offset_left, offset_right;

-----
MPI_Win_allocate_shared((MPI_Aint)(max_length*sizeof(float)),
    sizeof(float), MPI_INFO_NULL, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rcv_buf_left,
    &win_rcv_buf_left );
MPI_Win_allocate_shared((MPI_Aint)(max_length*sizeof(float)),
    sizeof(float), MPI_INFO_NULL, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rcv_buf_right,
    &win_rcv_buf_right);

/*offset_left is defined so that rcv_buf_left(xxx+offset_left) in
process 'my_rank' is the same location as rcv_buf_left(xxx) in
process 'left': */
offset_left = (left-my_rank)*max_length;

/*offset_right is defined so that rcv_buf_right(xxx+offset_right) in
process 'my_rank' is the same location as rcv_buf_right(xxx) in
process 'right': */
offset_right = (right-my_rank)*max_length;

-----
/* MPI_Put(snd_buf_left, length, MPI_FLOAT, left, (MPI_Aint)0, length,
    MPI_FLOAT, win_rcv_buf_right); */
/* MPI_Put(snd_buf_right, length, MPI_FLOAT, right, (MPI_Aint)0, length,
    MPI_FLOAT, win_rcv_buf_left ); ... is substituted by: */
for(k=0; k<length; k++) rcv_buf_right[k+offset_left] = snd_buf_left [k];
for(k=0; k<length; k++) rcv_buf_left [k+offset_right]= snd_buf_right[k];
-----

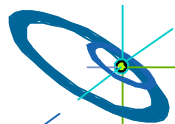
And all fences without assertions (as long as not otherwise standardized):
MPI_Win_fence( /*workaround: no assertions:*/ 0, ...);
```

## Chapter 12: Halo-copy shared memory one-sided comm.

### Fortran

```
INTEGER :: offset_left, offset_right
-----
CALL MPI_Win_allocate_shared(buf_size, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL,
                             MPI_COMM_WORLD, ptr_rcv_buf_left, win_rcv_buf_left)
CALL C_F_POINTER(ptr_rcv_buf_left, rcv_buf_left, (/max_length/))
! offset_left is defined so that rcv_buf_left(xxx+offset_left) in process
! 'my_rank' is the same location as rcv_buf_left(xxx) in process 'left':
offset_left = (left-my_rank)*max_length
-----
CALL MPI_Win_allocate_shared(buf_size, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL,
                             MPI_COMM_WORLD, ptr_rcv_buf_right, win_rcv_buf_right)
CALL C_F_POINTER(ptr_rcv_buf_right, rcv_buf_right, (/max_length/))
! offset_right is defined so that rcv_buf_right(xxx+offset_right) in proc.
! 'my_rank' is the same location as rcv_buf_right(xxx) in process 'right':
offset_right = (right-my_rank)*max_length
-----
```

Substitution of MPI\_Put → see next slide



## Chapter 12: Halo-copy shared memory one-sided comm.

Fortran

```
CALL MPI_Win_fence( 0, win_rcv_buf_left) ! Workaround: no assertions
CALL MPI_Win_fence( 0, win_rcv_buf_right) ! Workaround: no assertions

! CALL MPI_Get_address(rcv_buf_right, iadummy)
! CALL MPI_Get_address(rcv_buf_left, iadummy)
! ... or with MPI-3.0 and later:
IF(.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_SYNC_REG(rcv_buf_right)
IF(.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_SYNC_REG(rcv_buf_left)

! CALL MPI_Put(snd_buf_left, length, MPI_REAL, left, target_disp, &
!             length, MPI_REAL, win_rcv_buf_right)
! CALL MPI_Put(snd_buf_right, length, MPI_REAL, right, target_disp, &
!             length, MPI_REAL, win_rcv_buf_left)
! ... is substituted by:
rcv_buf_right(1+offset_left:length+offset_left) = snd_buf_left(1:length)
rcv_buf_left(1+offset_right:length+offset_right) = snd_buf_right(1:length)

! CALL MPI_Get_address(rcv_buf_right, iadummy)
! CALL MPI_Get_address(rcv_buf_left, iadummy)
! ... or with MPI-3.0 and later:
IF(.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_SYNC_REG(rcv_buf_right)
IF(.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_SYNC_REG(rcv_buf_left)

CALL MPI_Win_fence( 0, win_rcv_buf_left ) ! Workaround: no assertions
CALL MPI_Win_fence( 0, win_rcv_buf_right ) ! Workaround: no assertions
```

MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG(rcv\_buf\_right/left) guarantees  
that the assignments rcv\_buf\_right/left = ...  
must not be moved across both MPI\_Win\_fence

## Chapter 14: Parallel file I/O exercise 1 – explicit file-pointer

C

```
MPI_Offset offset;
```

```
...
```

```
MPI_File_open(MPI_COMM_WORLD, "my_test_file",  
              MPI_MODE_RDONLY | MPI_MODE_CREATE,  
              MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh);  
  
for (i=0; i<10; i++) {  
    buf = '0' + (char)my_rank;  
    offset = my_rank + size*i;  
    MPI_File_write_at(fh, offset, &buf, 1, MPI_CHAR, &status);  
}
```

or MPI\_MODE\_WRONLY

Fortran

```
INTEGER (KIND=MPI_OFFSET_KIND) offset  
...  
  
CALL MPI_FILE_OPEN(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 'my_test_file',  
& IOR(MPI_MODE_RDONLY, MPI_MODE_CREATE),  
& MPI_INFO_NULL, fh, ierror)  
  
DO I=1,10  
    buf = CHAR( ICHAR('0') + my_rank )  
    offset = my_rank + size*(i-1)  
    CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE_AT(fh, offset, buf, 1, MPI_CHARACTER,  
& status, ierror)  
END DO
```

or MPI\_MODE\_WRONLY

## Chapter 14: Parallel file I/O exercise 2 – with fileview

C

```
MPI_Offset disp;
...
ndims = 1;
array_of_sizes[0] = size;
array_of_subsizes[0] = 1;
array_of_starts[0] = my_rank;
...
MPI_Type_create_subarray(...);
MPI_Type_commit(&filetype);
MPI_File_open(..., MPI_MODE_RDWR | MPI_MODE_CREATE, ...);
disp = 0;
MPI_File_set_view(...);
for (i=0; i<3; i++) {
    buf = 'a' + (char)my_rank;
    MPI_File_write(fh, &buf, 1, etype, &status);
}
```

or MPI\_MODE\_WRONLY

or MPI\_CHAR

Fortran

```
INTEGER (KIND=MPI_OFFSET_KIND) disp
...
ndims = 1
array_of_sizes(1) = size
array_of_subsizes(1) = 1
array_of_starts(1) = my_rank
...
CALL MPI_TYPE_CREATE_SUBARRAY(...)
CALL MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(filetype, ierror)
CALL MPI_FILE_OPEN( ..., IOR(MPI_MODE_RDWR, MPI_MODE_CREATE), ...)
disp = 0
CALL MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW(...)
DO I=1,3
    buf = CHAR( ICHAR('a') + my_rank )
    CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE(fh, buf, 1, etype, status, ierror)
END DO
```

or MPI\_MODE\_WRONLY

or MPI\_CHARACTER



## Chapter 14: Parallel file I/O exercise 3 – shared filepointer

C

```
MPI_File_open(MPI_COMM_WORLD, "my_test_file",
              MPI_MODE_RDWR | MPI_MODE_CREATE,
              MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh);

for (i=0; i<3; i++) {
    buf = 'a' + (char)my_rank;
    MPI_File_write_ordered(fh, &buf, 1, MPI_CHAR, &status);
}

MPI_File_close(&fh);
```

Fortran

```
CALL MPI_FILE_OPEN(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 'my_test_file',
& IOR(MPI_MODE_RDWR, MPI_MODE_CREATE),
& MPI_INFO_NULL, fh, ierror)

DO I=1,3
    buf = CHAR( ICHAR('a') + my_rank )
    CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE_ORDERED(fh, buf, 1, MPI_CHARACTER,
& status, ierror)
END DO

CALL MPI_FILE_CLOSE(fh, ierror)
```



For private notes











