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# **CS 267: Distributed Memory Machines and Programming**

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# **Programming Distributed Memory Machines with Message Passing**

**Most slides from Kathy Yelick's 2007 lecture**

# Message Passing Libraries (1)

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- Many “message passing libraries” were once available
  - Chameleon, from ANL.
  - CMMD, from Thinking Machines.
  - Express, commercial.
  - MPL, native library on IBM SP-2.
  - NX, native library on Intel Paragon.
  - Zipcode, from LLL.
  - PVM, Parallel Virtual Machine, public, from ORNL/UTK.
  - Others...
    - MPI, Message Passing Interface, now the industry standard.
- Need standards to write portable code.

# Message Passing Libraries (2)

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- All communication, synchronization require subroutine calls
  - No shared variables
  - Program run on a single processor just like any uniprocessor program, except for calls to message passing library
- Subroutines for
  - Communication
    - Pairwise or point-to-point: Send and Receive
    - Collectives all processor get together to
      - Move data: Broadcast, Scatter/gather
      - Compute and move: sum, product, max, ... of data on many processors
  - Synchronization
    - Barrier
    - No locks because there are no shared variables to protect
  - Enquiries
    - How many processes? Which one am I? Any messages waiting?

## Novel Features of MPI

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- Communicators encapsulate communication spaces for library safety
- Datatypes reduce copying costs and permit heterogeneity
- Multiple communication modes allow precise buffer management
- Extensive collective operations for scalable global communication
- Process topologies permit efficient process placement, user views of process layout
- Profiling interface encourages portable tools

## MPI References

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- The Standard itself:
  - at <http://www.mpi-forum.org>
  - All MPI official releases, in both postscript and HTML
- Other information on Web:
  - at <http://www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi>
  - pointers to lots of stuff, including other talks and tutorials, a FAQ, other MPI pages

# Books on MPI

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- *Using MPI: Portable Parallel Programming with the Message-Passing Interface (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)*, by Gropp, Lusk, and Skjellum, MIT Press, 1999.
- *Using MPI-2: Portable Parallel Programming with the Message-Passing Interface*, by Gropp, Lusk, and Thakur, MIT Press, 1999.
- *MPI: The Complete Reference - Vol 1 The MPI Core*, by Snir, Otto, Huss-Lederman, Walker, and Dongarra, MIT Press, 1998.
- *MPI: The Complete Reference - Vol 2 The MPI Extensions*, by Gropp, Huss-Lederman, Lumsdaine, Lusk, Nitzberg, Saphir, and Snir, MIT Press, 1998.
- *Designing and Building Parallel Programs*, by Ian Foster, Addison-Wesley, 1995.
- *Parallel Programming with MPI*, by Peter Pacheco, Morgan-Kaufmann, 1997.



# Programming With MPI

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- MPI is a library
  - All operations are performed with routine calls
  - Basic definitions in
    - mpi.h for C
    - mpif.h for Fortran 77 and 90
    - MPI module for Fortran 90 (optional)
- First Program:
  - Write out process number
  - Write out some variables (illustrate separate name space)

## Finding Out About the Environment

- Two important questions that arise early in a parallel program are:
  - How many processes are participating in this computation?
  - Which one am I?
- MPI provides functions to answer these questions:
  - **MPI\_Comm\_size** reports the number of processes.
  - **MPI\_Comm\_rank** reports the *rank*, a number between 0 and size-1, identifying the calling process

# Hello (C)

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

int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    int rank, size;
    MPI_Init( &argc, &argv );
    MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank );
    MPI_Comm_size( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size );
    printf( "I am %d of %d\n", rank, size );
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

## Hello (Fortran)

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```
program main
include 'mpif.h'
integer ierr, rank, size

call MPI_INIT( ierr )
call MPI_COMM_RANK( MPI_COMM_WORLD, rank, ierr )
call MPI_COMM_SIZE( MPI_COMM_WORLD, size, ierr )
print *, 'I am ', rank, ' of ', size
call MPI_FINALIZE( ierr )
end
```

# Hello (C++)

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

int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    int rank, size;
    MPI::Init(argc, argv);
    rank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();
    size = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();
    std::cout << "I am " << rank << " of " << size <<
        "\n";
    MPI::Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

## Notes on Hello World

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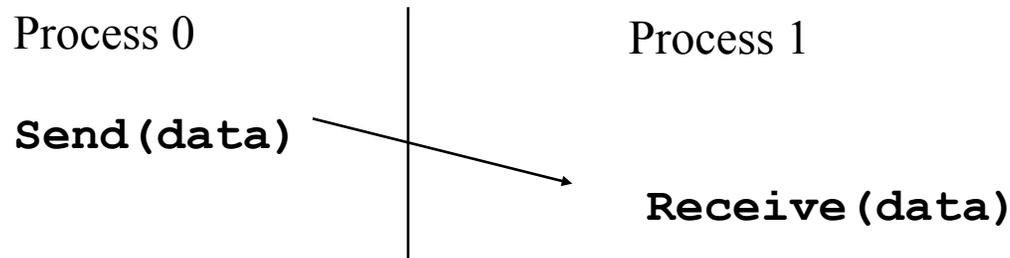
- All MPI programs begin with `MPI_Init` and end with `MPI_Finalize`
- `MPI_COMM_WORLD` is defined by `mpi.h` (in C) or `mpif.h` (in Fortran) and designates all processes in the MPI “job”
- Each statement executes independently in each process
  - including the `printf/print` statements
- I/O not part of MPI-1 but is in MPI-2
  - `print` and `write` to standard output or error not part of either MPI-1 or MPI-2
  - output order is undefined (may be interleaved by character, line, or blocks of characters),
- The MPI-1 Standard does not specify how to run an MPI program, but many implementations provide

```
mpirun -np 4 a.out
```

# MPI Basic Send/Receive

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- We need to fill in the details in



- Things that need specifying:
  - How will “data” be described?
  - How will processes be identified?
  - How will the receiver recognize/screen messages?
  - What will it mean for these operations to complete?

## Some Basic Concepts

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- Processes can be collected into groups
- Each message is sent in a context, and must be received in the same context
  - Provides necessary support for libraries
- A group and context together form a communicator
- A process is identified by its rank in the group associated with a communicator
- There is a default communicator whose group contains all initial processes, called **MPI\_COMM\_WORLD**

# MPI Datatypes

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- The data in a message to send or receive is described by a triple (address, count, datatype), where
- An MPI datatype is recursively defined as:
  - predefined, corresponding to a data type from the language (e.g., MPI\_INT, MPI\_DOUBLE)
  - a contiguous array of MPI datatypes
  - a strided block of datatypes
  - an indexed array of blocks of datatypes
  - an arbitrary structure of datatypes
- There are MPI functions to construct custom datatypes, in particular ones for subarrays
- May hurt performance if datatypes are complex

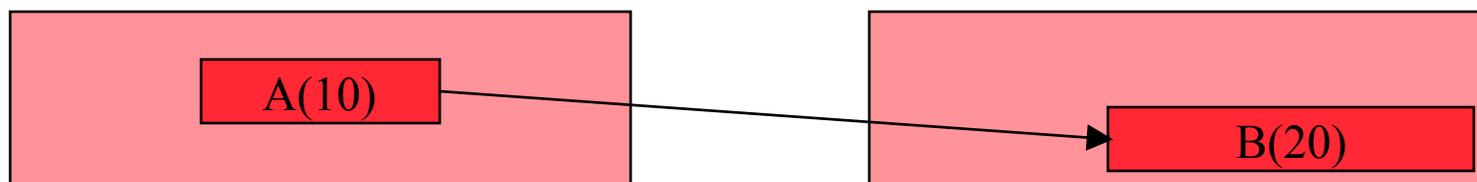
## MPI Tags

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- Messages are sent with an accompanying user-defined integer tag, to assist the receiving process in identifying the message
- Messages can be screened at the receiving end by specifying a specific tag, or not screened by specifying `MPI_ANY_TAG` as the tag in a receive
- Some non-MPI message-passing systems have called tags “message types”. MPI calls them tags to avoid confusion with datatypes

## MPI Basic (Blocking) Send

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`MPI_Send( A, 10, MPI_DOUBLE, 1, ...)`

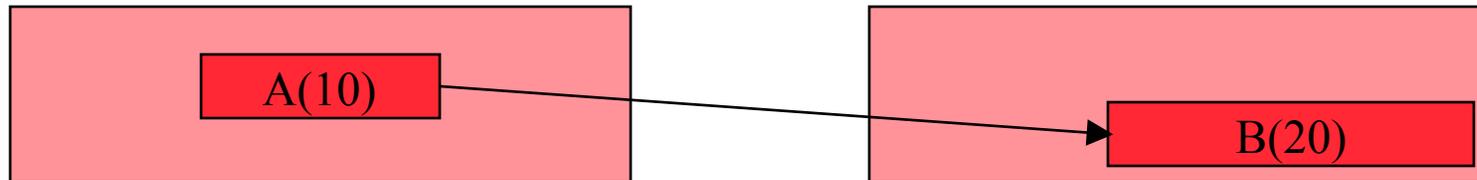
`MPI_Recv( B, 20, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, ... )`

`MPI_SEND( start, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm)`

- The message buffer is described by (`start`, `count`, `datatype`).
- The target process is specified by `dest`, which is the rank of the target process in the communicator specified by `comm`.
- When this function returns, the data has been delivered to the system and the buffer can be reused. The message may not have been received by the target process.

# MPI Basic (Blocking) Receive

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`MPI_Send( A, 10, MPI_DOUBLE, 1, ...)`

`MPI_Recv( B, 20, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, ... )`

`MPI_RECV(start, count, datatype, source, tag, comm, status)`

- Waits until a matching (both **source** and **tag**) message is received from the system, and the buffer can be used
- **source** is rank in communicator specified by **comm**, or **MPI\_ANY\_SOURCE**
- **tag** is a tag to be matched on or **MPI\_ANY\_TAG**
- receiving fewer than **count** occurrences of **datatype** is OK, but receiving more is an error

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- **status** contains further information (e.g. size of message)

# A Simple MPI Program

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```
#include "mpi.h"
#include <stdio.h>
int main( int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int rank, buf;
    MPI_Status status;
    MPI_Init(&argv, &argc);
    MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank );

    /* Process 0 sends and Process 1 receives */
    if (rank == 0) {
        buf = 123456;
        MPI_Send( &buf, 1, MPI_INT, 1, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    }
    else if (rank == 1) {
        MPI_Recv( &buf, 1, MPI_INT, 0, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
                &status );
        printf( "Received %d\n", buf );
    }

    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

# A Simple MPI Program (Fortran)

```
program main
  include 'mpif.h'
  integer rank, buf, ierr, status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)

  call MPI_Init(ierr)
  call MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, rank, ierr )
C Process 0 sends and Process 1 receives
  if (rank .eq. 0) then
    buf = 123456
    call MPI_Send( buf, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 1, 0,
*                  MPI_COMM_WORLD, ierr )
  else if (rank .eq. 1) then
    call MPI_Recv( buf, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, 0,
*                 MPI_COMM_WORLD, status, ierr )
    print *, "Received ", buf
  endif
  call MPI_Finalize(ierr)
end
```

# A Simple MPI Program (C++)

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```
#include "mpi.h"
#include <iostream>
int main( int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int rank, buf;
    MPI::Init(argv, argc);
    rank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();

    // Process 0 sends and Process 1 receives
    if (rank == 0) {
        buf = 123456;
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send( &buf, 1, MPI::INT, 1, 0 );
    }
    else if (rank == 1) {
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv( &buf, 1, MPI::INT, 0, 0 );
        std::cout << "Received " << buf << "\n";
    }

    MPI::Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

## Retrieving Further Information

- **Status** is a data structure allocated in the user's program.
- In C:

```
int recvd_tag, recvd_from, recvd_count;
MPI_Status status;
MPI_Recv(..., MPI_ANY_SOURCE, MPI_ANY_TAG, ..., &status )
recvd_tag  = status.MPI_TAG;
recvd_from = status.MPI_SOURCE;
MPI_Get_count( &status, datatype, &recvd_count );
```

- In Fortran:

```
integer recvd_tag, recvd_from, recvd_count
integer status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)
call MPI_RECV(..., MPI_ANY_SOURCE, MPI_ANY_TAG, ..
  status, ierr)
tag_recvd  = status(MPI_TAG)
recvd_from = status(MPI_SOURCE)
call MPI_GET_COUNT(status, datatype, recvd_count, ierr)
```

## Retrieving Further Information

- **Status** is a data structure allocated in the user's program.
- In C++:

```
int recvd_tag, recvd_from, recvd_count;
MPI::Status status;
Comm.Recv(..., MPI::ANY_SOURCE, MPI::ANY_TAG, ...,
          status )

recvd_tag   = status.Get_tag();
recvd_from  = status.Get_source();
recvd_count = status.Get_count( datatype );
```

## Tags and Contexts

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- Separation of messages used to be accomplished by use of tags, but
  - this requires libraries to be aware of tags used by other libraries.
  - this can be defeated by use of “wild card” tags.
- Contexts are different from tags
  - no wild cards allowed
  - allocated dynamically by the system when a library sets up a communicator for its own use.
- User-defined tags still provided in MPI for user convenience in organizing application

# Running MPI Programs

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- The MPI-1 Standard does not specify how to run an MPI program, just as the Fortran standard does not specify how to run a Fortran program.
- In general, starting an MPI program is dependent on the implementation of MPI you are using, and might require various scripts, program arguments, and/or environment variables.
- `mpiexec <args>` is part of MPI-2, as a recommendation, but not a requirement, for implementors.

- Use

```
mpirun -np # -nolocal a.out
```

for your clusters, e.g.

```
mpirun -np 3 -nolocal cpi
```

# MPI is Simple

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- Many parallel programs can be written using just these six functions, only two of which are non-trivial:
  - `MPI_INIT`
  - `MPI_FINALIZE`
  - `MPI_COMM_SIZE`
  - `MPI_COMM_RANK`
  - `MPI_SEND`
  - `MPI_RECV`

## Another Approach to Parallelism

- *Collective* routines provide a higher-level way to organize a parallel program
- Each process executes the same communication operations
- MPI provides a rich set of collective operations...

# Collective Operations in MPI

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- Collective operations are called by all processes in a communicator
- **MPI\_BCAST** distributes data from one process (the root) to all others in a communicator
- **MPI\_REDUCE** combines data from all processes in communicator and returns it to one process
- In many numerical algorithms, **SEND/RECEIVE** can be replaced by **BCAST/REDUCE**, improving both simplicity and efficiency

# Example: PI in C - 1

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```
#include "mpi.h"
#include <math.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int done = 0, n, myid, numprocs, i, rc;
    double PI25DT = 3.141592653589793238462643;
    double mypi, pi, h, sum, x, a;
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numprocs);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myid);
    while (!done) {
        if (myid == 0) {
            printf("Enter the number of intervals: (0 quits) ");
            scanf("%d", &n);
        }
        MPI_Bcast(&n, 1, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
        if (n == 0) break;
    }
}
```

## Example: PI in C - 2

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```
h    = 1.0 / (double) n;
sum  = 0.0;
for (i = myid + 1; i <= n; i += numprocs) {
    x = h * ((double)i - 0.5);
    sum += 4.0 / (1.0 + x*x);
}
mypi = h * sum;
MPI_Reduce(&mypi, &pi, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, MPI_SUM, 0,
          MPI_COMM_WORLD);
if (myid == 0)
    printf("pi is approximately %.16f, Error is .16f\n",
          pi, fabs(pi - PI25DT));
}
MPI_Finalize();
return 0;
}
```

# Example: PI in Fortran - 1

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```
program main
include 'mpif.h'
integer done, n, myid, numprocs, i, rc
double pi25dt, mypi, pi, h, sum, x, z
data done/.false./
data PI25DT/3.141592653589793238462643/
call MPI_Init(ierr)
call MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD,numprocs, ierr )
call MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD,myid, ierr)
do while (.not. done)
  if (myid .eq. 0) then
    print *, "Enter the number of intervals: (0 quits)"
    read *, n
  endif
  call MPI_Bcast(n, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0,
*           MPI_COMM_WORLD, ierr )
  if (n .eq. 0) goto 10
```

## Example: PI in Fortran - 2

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```
h    = 1.0 / n
sum  = 0.0
do i=myid+1,n,numprocs
    x = h * (i - 0.5)
    sum += 4.0 / (1.0 + x*x)
enddo
mypi = h * sum
call MPI_Reduce(mypi, pi, 1, MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION,
*              MPI_SUM, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, ierr )
if (myid .eq. 0) then
    print *, "pi is approximately ", pi,
*          ", Error is ", abs(pi - PI25DT)
enddo
14 continue
    call MPI_Finalize( ierr )
end
```

## Example: PI in C++ - 1

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```
#include "mpi.h"
#include <math.h>
#include <iostream>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int done = 0, n, myid, numprocs, i, rc;
    double PI25DT = 3.141592653589793238462643;
    double mypi, pi, h, sum, x, a;
    MPI::Init(argc, argv);
    numprocs = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();
    myid      = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();
    while (!done) {
        if (myid == 0) {
            std::cout << "Enter the number of intervals: (0
quits) ";
            std::cin >> n;;
        }
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Bcast(&n, 1, MPI::INT, 0);
        if (n == 0) break;
```

## Example: PI in C++ - 2

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```
    h    = 1.0 / (double) n;
sum = 0.0;
for (i = myid + 1; i <= n; i += numprocs) {
    x = h * ((double)i - 0.5);
    sum += 4.0 / (1.0 + x*x);
}
mypi = h * sum;
MPI::COMM_WORLD.Reduce(&mypi, &pi, 1, MPI::DOUBLE,
                      MPI::SUM, 0);

if (myid == 0)
    std::cout << "pi is approximately " << pi <<
        "\n, Error is " << fabs(pi - PI25DT) << "\n";
}
MPI::Finalize();
return 0;
}
```

# Notes on C and Fortran

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- C and Fortran bindings correspond closely
- In C:
  - `mpi.h` must be `#included`
  - MPI functions return error codes or `MPI_SUCCESS`
- In Fortran:
  - `mpif.h` must be included, or use MPI module
  - All MPI calls are to subroutines, with a place for the return code in the last argument.
- C++ bindings, and Fortran-90 issues, are part of MPI-2.

# Alternative Set of 6 Functions

- Using collectives:
  - `MPI_INIT`
  - `MPI_FINALIZE`
  - `MPI_COMM_SIZE`
  - `MPI_COMM_RANK`
  - `MPI_BCAST`
  - `MPI_REDUCE`

## More on Message Passing

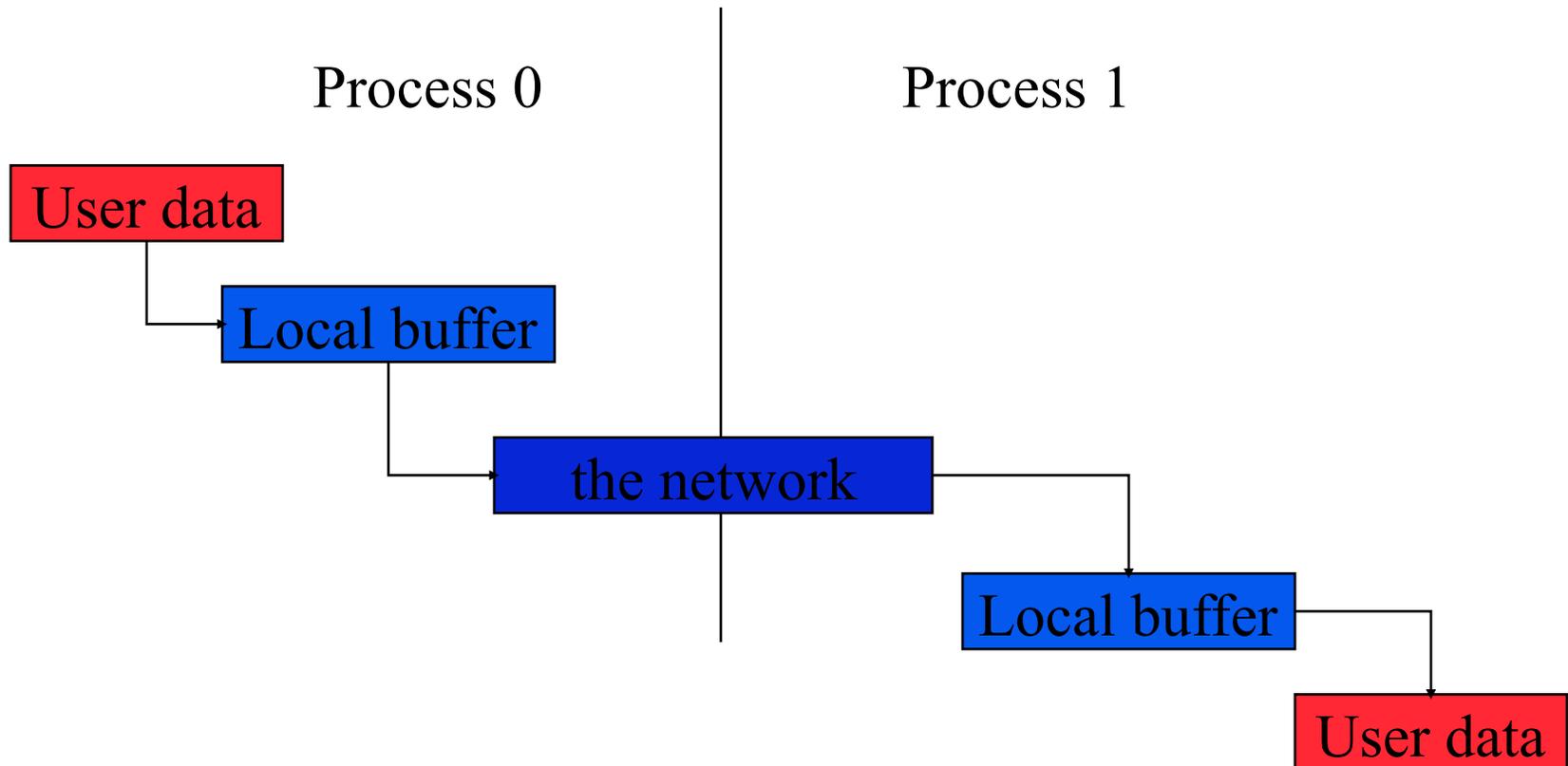
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- Message passing is a simple programming model, but there are some special issues
  - Buffering and deadlock
  - Deterministic execution
  - Performance

# Buffers

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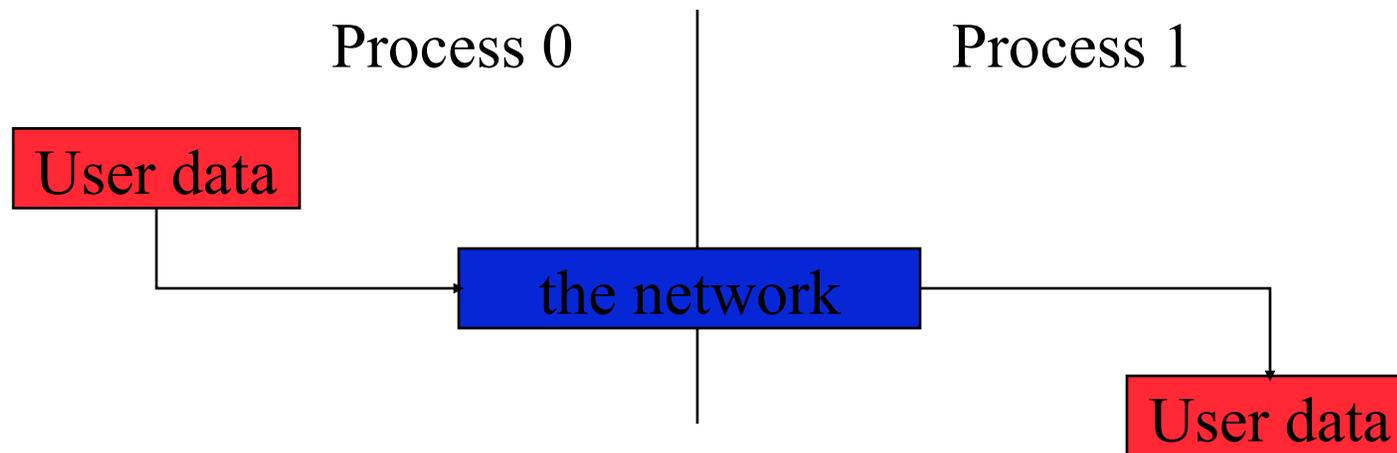
- When you send data, where does it go? One possibility is:



# Avoiding Buffering

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- It is better to avoid copies:



This requires that `MPI_Send` wait on delivery, or that `MPI_Send` return before transfer is complete, and we wait later.

# Blocking and Non-blocking Communication

- So far we have been using *blocking* communication:
  - `MPI_Recv` does not complete until the buffer is full (available for use).
  - `MPI_Send` does not complete until the buffer is empty (available for use).
- Completion depends on size of message and amount of system buffering.

# Sources of Deadlocks

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- Send a large message from process 0 to process 1
  - If there is insufficient storage at the destination, the send must wait for the user to provide the memory space (through a receive)
- What happens with this code?

Process 0

Process 1

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**Send (1)**

**Send (0)**

**Recv (1)**

**Recv (0)**

- This is called "unsafe" because it depends on the availability of system buffers in which to store the data sent until it can be received

## Some Solutions to the “unsafe” Problem

- Order the operations more carefully:

Process 0	Process 1
<b>Send (1)</b>	<b>Recv (0)</b>
<b>Recv (1)</b>	<b>Send (0)</b>

- Supply receive buffer at same time as send:

Process 0	Process 1
<b>Sendrecv (1)</b>	<b>Sendrecv (0)</b>

## More Solutions to the “unsafe” Problem

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- Supply own space as buffer for send

Process 0

Process 1

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**Bsend (1)**

**Bsend (0)**

**Recv (1)**

**Recv (0)**

- Use non-blocking operations:

Process 0

Process 1

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**Isend (1)**

**Isend (0)**

**Irecv (1)**

**Irecv (0)**

**Waitall**

**Waitall**

## MPI's Non-blocking Operations

- Non-blocking operations return (immediately) “request handles” that can be tested and waited on:

```
MPI_Request request;
```

```
MPI_Status status;
```

```
MPI_Isend(start, count, datatype,  
          dest, tag, comm, &request);
```

```
MPI_Irecv(start, count, datatype,  
          dest, tag, comm, &request);
```

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

(each request must be Waited on)

- One can also test without waiting:

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

# MPI's Non-blocking Operations (Fortran)

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- Non-blocking operations return (immediately) “request handles” that can be tested and waited on:

```
integer request
```

```
integer status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)
```

```
call MPI_Isend(start, count, datatype,  
              dest, tag, comm, request, ierr)
```

```
call MPI_Irecv(start, count, datatype,  
              dest, tag, comm, request, ierr)
```

```
call MPI_Wait(request, status, ierr)
```

(Each request must be waited on)

- One can also test without waiting:

```
call MPI_Test(request, flag, status, ierr)
```

## MPI's Non-blocking Operations (C++)

- Non-blocking operations return (immediately) “request handles” that can be tested and waited on:

```
MPI::Request request;
```

```
MPI::Status status;
```

```
request = comm.Isend(start, count,  
                    datatype, dest, tag);
```

```
request = comm.Irecv(start, count,  
                    datatype, dest, tag);
```

```
request.Wait(status);
```

(each request must be Waited on)

- One can also test without waiting:

```
flag = request.Test(status);
```

## Multiple Completions

- It is sometimes desirable to wait on multiple requests:

```
MPI_Waitall(count, array_of_requests,  
            array_of_statuses)
```

```
MPI_Waitany(count, array_of_requests,  
            &index, &status)
```

```
MPI_Waitsome(count, array_of_requests,  
             array_of_indices, array_of_statuses)
```

- There are corresponding versions of **test** for each of these.

## Multiple Completions (Fortran)

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                index, status, ierr)
```

```
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                  array_of_indices, array_of_statuses, ierr)
```

- There are corresponding versions of **test** for each of these.

# Communication Modes

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- MPI provides multiple *modes* for sending messages:
  - Synchronous mode (**MPI\_Ssend**): the send does not complete until a matching receive has begun. (Unsafe programs deadlock.)
  - Buffered mode (**MPI\_Bsend**): the user supplies a buffer to the system for its use. (User allocates enough memory to make an unsafe program safe.)
  - Ready mode (**MPI\_Rsend**): user guarantees that a matching receive has been posted.
    - Allows access to fast protocols
    - undefined behavior if matching receive not posted
- Non-blocking versions (**MPI\_Issend**, etc.)
- **MPI\_Recv** receives messages sent in any mode.

## Other Point-to Point Features

- `MPI_Sendrecv`
- `MPI_Sendrecv_replace`
- `MPI_Cancel`
  - Useful for multibuffering
- Persistent requests
  - Useful for repeated communication patterns
  - Some systems can exploit to reduce latency and increase performance

# MPI\_Sendrecv

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- Allows simultaneous send and receive
- Everything else is general.
  - Send and receive datatypes (even type signatures) may be different
  - Can use Sendrecv with plain Send or Recv (or Irecv or Ssend\_init, ...)
  - More general than “send left”

Process 0

Process 1

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**SendRecv (1)**

**SendRecv (0)**

## MPI Collective Communication

- Communication and computation is coordinated among a group of processes in a communicator.
- Groups and communicators can be constructed “by hand” or using topology routines.
- Tags are not used; different communicators deliver similar functionality.
- No non-blocking collective operations.
- Three classes of operations: synchronization, data movement, collective computation.

# Synchronization

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- `MPI_Barrier( comm )`
- Blocks until all processes in the group of the communicator `comm` call it.
- Almost never required in a parallel program
  - Occasionally useful in measuring performance and load balancing

## Synchronization (Fortran)

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- `MPI_Barrier( comm, ierr )`
- Blocks until all processes in the group of the communicator `comm` call it.

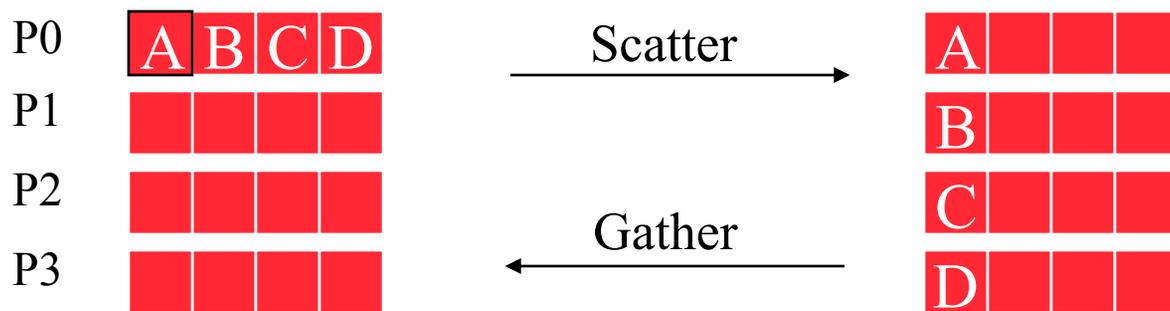
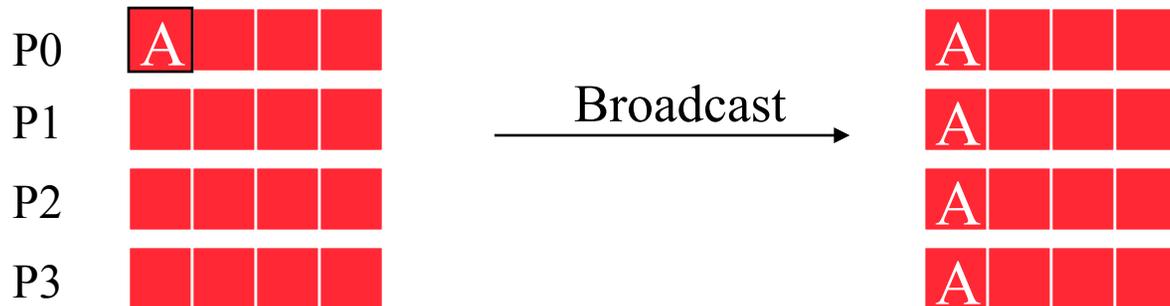
## Synchronization (C++)

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- `comm.Barrier()` ;
- Blocks until all processes in the group of the communicator `comm` call it.

# Collective Data Movement

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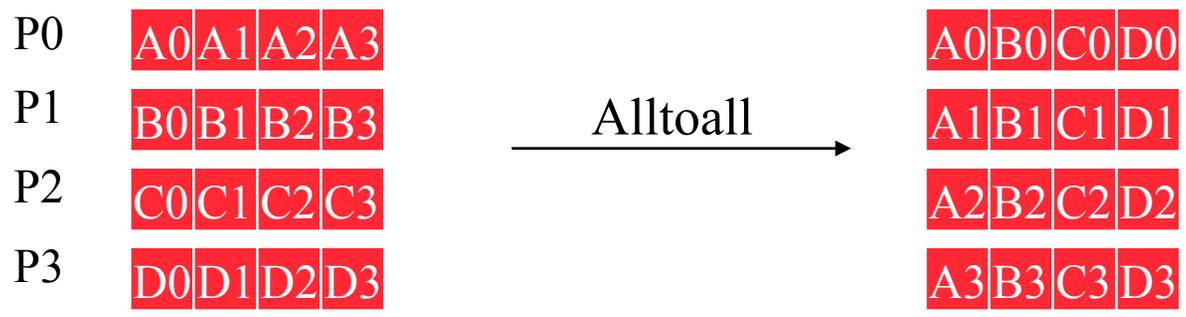
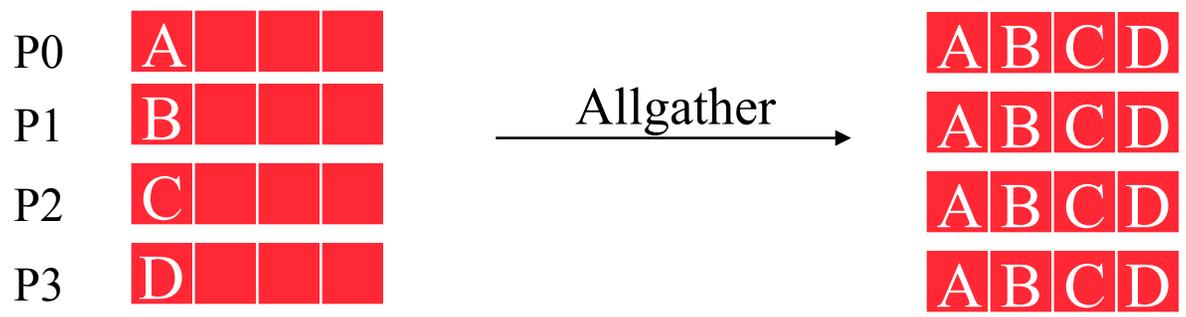
## Comments on Broadcast

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- All collective operations must be called by *all* processes in the communicator
- MPI\_Bcast is called by both the sender (called the root process) and the processes that are to receive the broadcast
  - MPI\_Bcast is not a “multi-send”
  - “root” argument is the rank of the sender; this tells MPI which process originates the broadcast and which receive
- Example of orthogonality of the MPI design: MPI\_Recv need not test for “multisend”

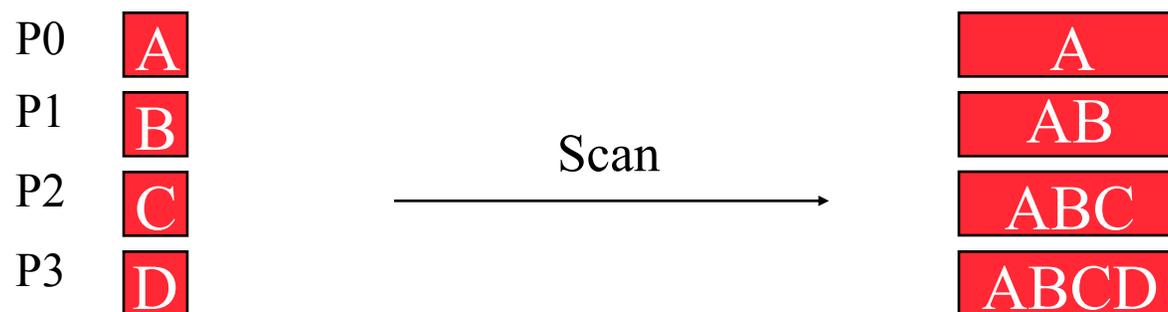
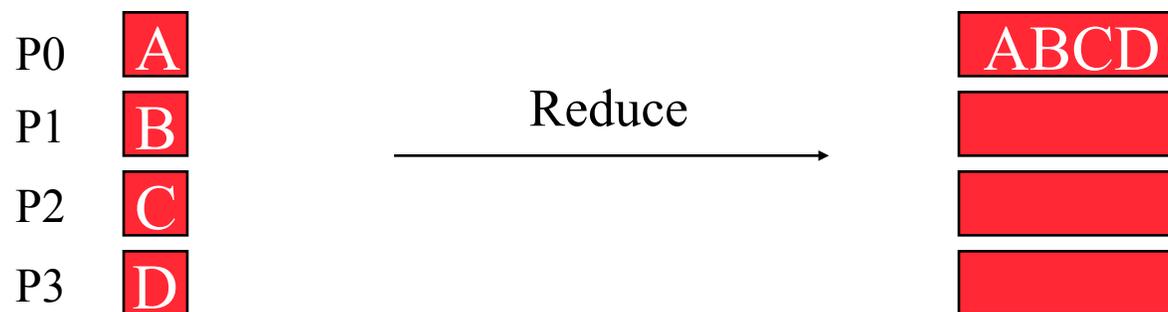
# More Collective Data Movement

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# Collective Computation

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## MPI Collective Routines

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- Many Routines: `Allgather`, `Allgatherv`, `Allreduce`, `Alltoall`, `Alltoallv`, `Bcast`, `Gather`, `Gatherv`, `Reduce`, `Reduce_scatter`, `Scan`, `Scatter`, `Scatterv`
- **All** versions deliver results to all participating processes.
- **V** versions allow the hunks to have different sizes.
- `Allreduce`, `Reduce`, `Reduce_scatter`, and `Scan` take both built-in and user-defined combiner functions.
- MPI-2 adds `Alltoallw`, `Exscan`, intercommunicator versions of most routines

# MPI Built-in Collective Computation Operations

- **MPI\_MAX** Maximum
- **MPI\_MIN** Minimum
- **MPI\_PROD** Product
- **MPI\_SUM** Sum
- **MPI\_LAND** Logical and
- **MPI\_LOR** Logical or
- **MPI\_LXOR** Logical exclusive or
- **MPI\_BAND** Binary and
- **MPI\_BOR** Binary or
- **MPI\_BXOR** Binary exclusive or
- **MPI\_MAXLOC** Maximum and location
- **MPI\_MINLOC** Minimum and location

# The Collective Programming Model

- One style of higher level programming is to use *only* collective routines
- Provides a “data parallel” style of programming
  - Easy to follow program flow

## What MPI Functions are in Use?

- For simple applications, these are common:
  - Point-to-point communication
    - MPI\_Irecv, MPI\_Isend, MPI\_Wait, MPI\_Send, MPI\_Recv
  - Startup
    - MPI\_Init, MPI\_Finalize
  - Information on the processes
    - MPI\_Comm\_rank, MPI\_Comm\_size, MPI\_Get\_processor\_name
  - Collective communication
    - MPI\_Allreduce, MPI\_Bcast, MPI\_Allgather

## Not Covered

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- Topologies: map a communicator onto, say, a 3D Cartesian processor grid
  - Implementation can provide ideal logical to physical mapping
- Rich set of I/O functions: individual, collective, blocking and non-blocking
  - Collective I/O can lead to many small requests being merged for more efficient I/O
- One-sided communication: puts and gets with various synchronization schemes
- Task creation and destruction: change number of tasks during a run
  - Few implementations available

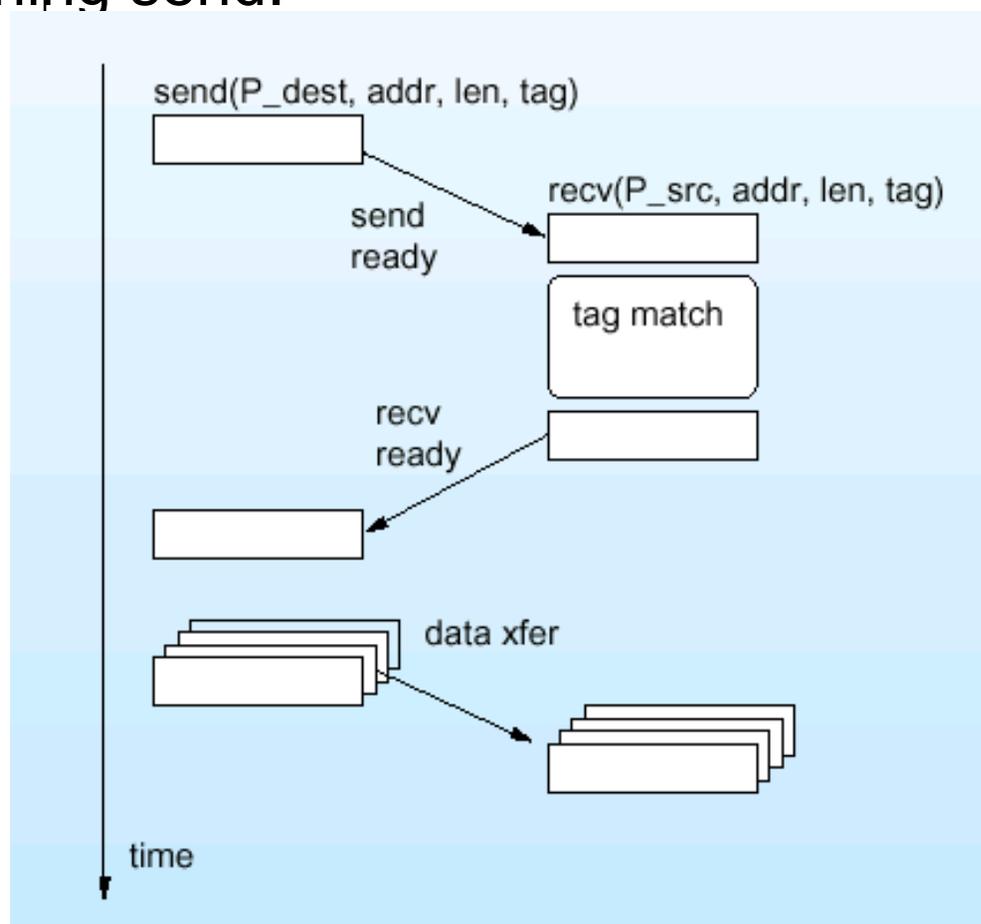
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# Backup Slides

# Implementing Synchronous Message Passing

- Send operations complete after matching receive and source data has been sent.
- Receive operations complete after data transfer is complete from matching send.

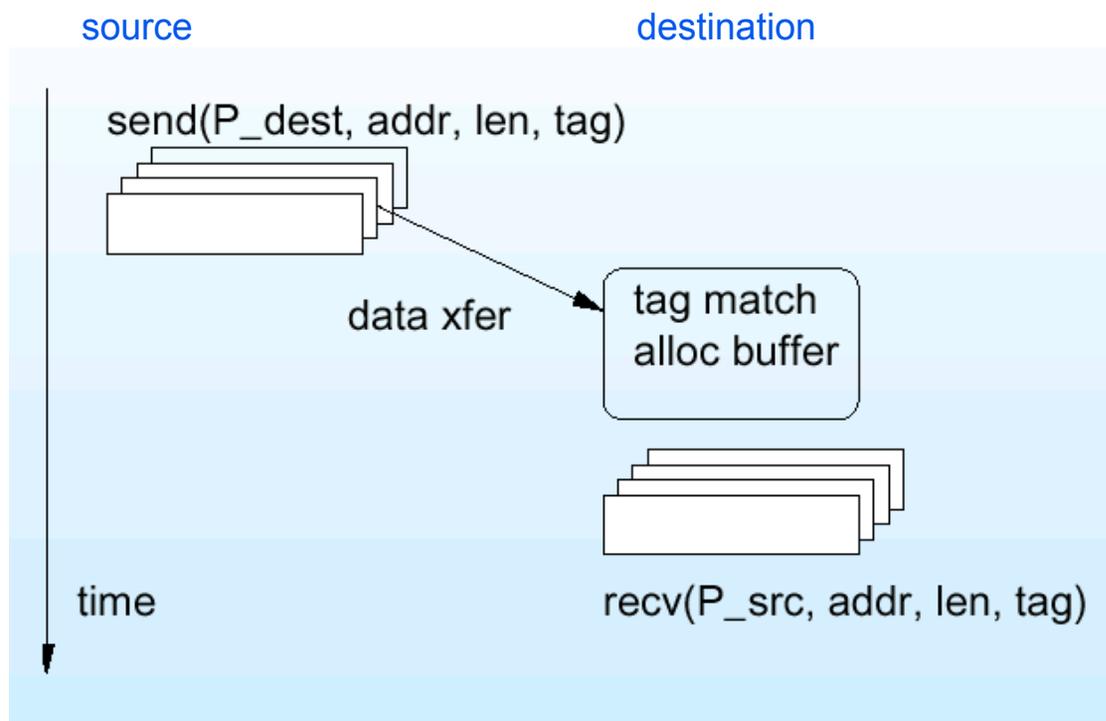
- 1) Initiate send
- 2) Address translation on  $P_{dest}$
- 3) Send-Ready Request
- 4) Remote check for posted receive
- 5) Reply transaction
- 6) Bulk data transfer



# Implementing Asynchronous Message Passing

- Optimistic single-phase protocol assumes the destination can buffer data on demand.

- 1) Initiate send
- 2) Address translation on  $P_{dest}$
- 3) Send Data Request
- 4) Remote check for posted receive
- 5) Allocate buffer (if check failed)
- 6) Bulk data transfer



# Safe Asynchronous Message Passing

- Use 3-phase protocol
- Buffer on sending side
- Variations on send completion
  - wait until data copied from user to system buffer
  - don't wait -- let the user beware of modifying data

- 1) Initiate send
- 2) Address translation on  $P_{dest}$
- 3) Send-Ready Request
- 4) Remote check for posted receive record send-rdy
- 5) Reply transaction
- 6) Bulk data transfer

