

Introduction to MPI (Message Passing Interface)

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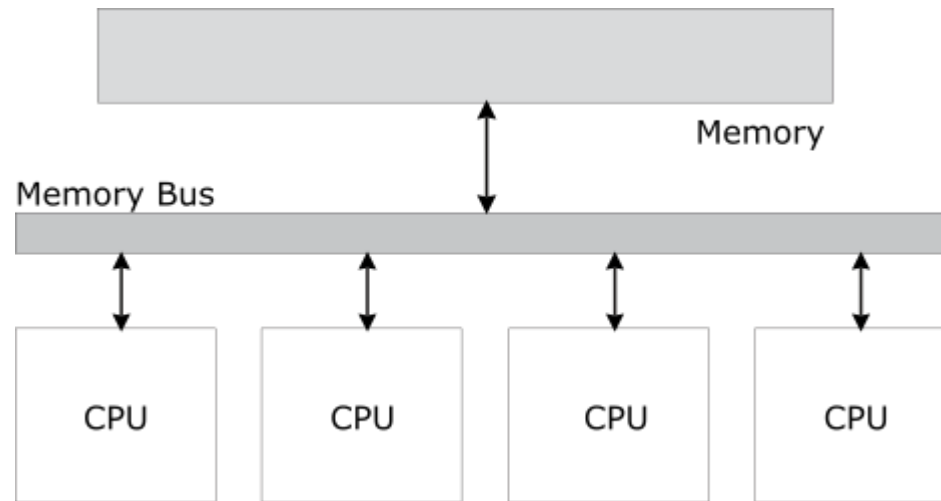
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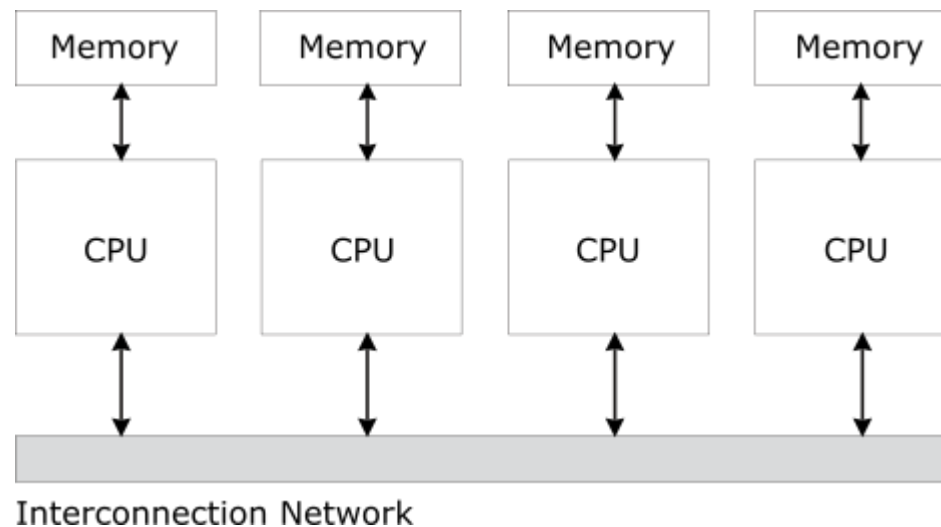
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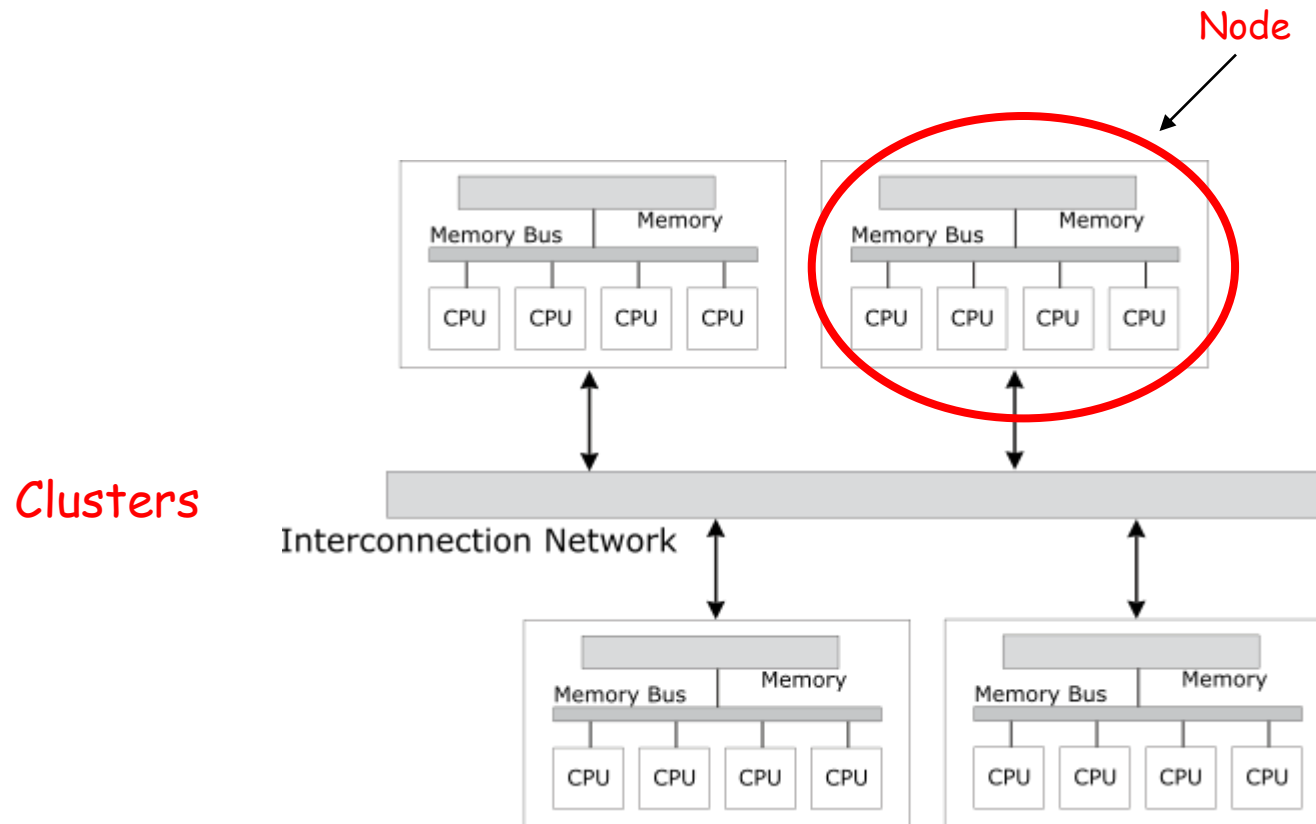
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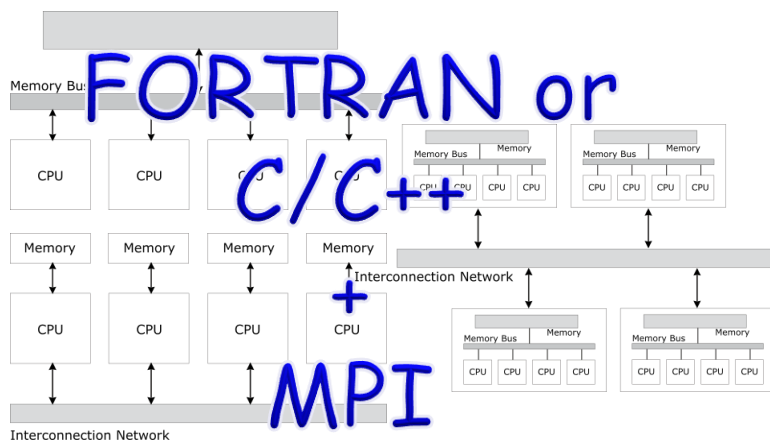
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Parallel Computer Architectures (2/2)



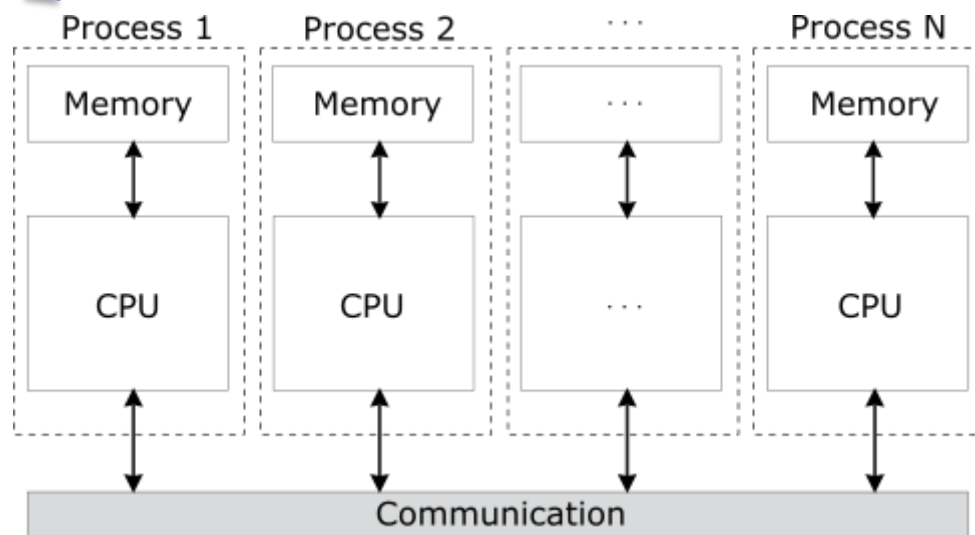
Programming parallel computers with MPI



Virtual topology

Separate address space

Messages can be sent over network, shared memory, etc.



MPI (Message Passing Interface)

MPI is a **standard** → message-passing library interface specification

We need an implementation of MPI before we can start coding

MPI is a language-independent communication protocol

MPI is used to send **messages** from one process to another

Messages contain data → primitive types (integers, strings ...) or
objects

Implementations of MPI

Open MPI → <https://www.open-mpi.org/>

MPICH → <https://www.mpich.org>

LAM/MPI

FT-MPI

LA-MPI

MPICH-V

MPI/FT

MetaMPICH

Scali-MPI

MPICH-GM

MPICH-SCore

MPI-BIP

MPI/Pro

...

Vendor implementations: SGI-MPI, Sun-MPI, HP-MPI, NEC-MPI, Fujitsu-MPI, Cray-MPI, Hitachi-MPI, IBM-MPI ...

MPI : Start - Finish

MPI_COMM_WORLD (communicator)

```
include 'mpif.h'
```

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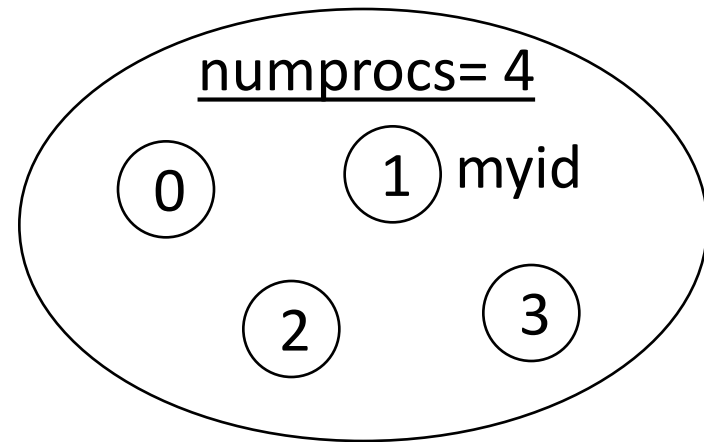
```
call MPI_INIT(error)
```

```
call MPI_COMM_RANK(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid, error)
```

```
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, numprocs, error)
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```
call MPI_FINALIZE(error)
```



MPI : Start - Finish

MPI_COMM_WORLD (communicator)

```
#include <mpi.h>
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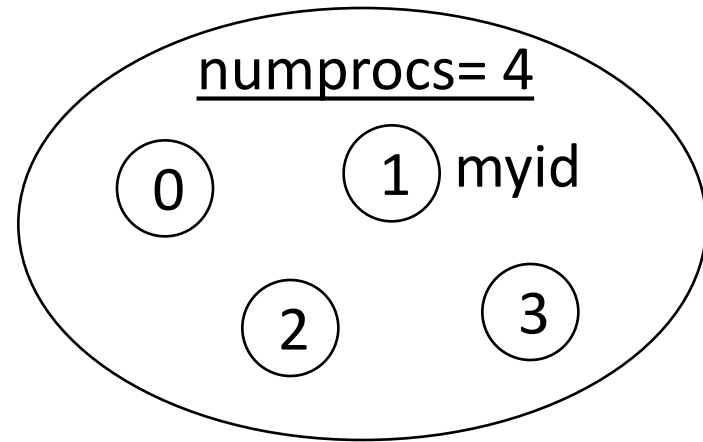
```
MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
```

```
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myid);
```

```
MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &numprocs)
```

```
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```

```
MPI_Finalize()
```



MPI : Compilation and Running

Compile: **mpif90** myprogram.f90 (Fortran)
mpic++ myprogram.cpp (C++)

Run: **mpirun** -np **n** ./a.out
This will run **n** copies of a.out (numprocs = **n**)

Example 1: My first MPI code

```
program hello
implicit NONE
include 'mpif.h'
integer myid, numprocs, error

call MPI_INIT(error)

call MPI_COMM_RANK(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid, error)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, numprocs, error)

print *, 'Hello world from ', myid

call MPI_FINALIZE(error)

end
```

Example 2: My second code in MPI

```
program hello2
implicit NONE
include 'mpif.h'

integer myid, numprocs, error

call MPI_INIT(error)
if(error /= MPI_SUCCESS) then
    print *, 'Error starting MPI program'
    call MPI_ABORT(error)
    stop
endif

call MPI_COMM_RANK(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid, error)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, numprocs, error)

print *, 'My ID:', myid
print *, 'Number of processes:', numprocs
if(myid==0) print *, 'Hello world'

call MPI_FINALIZE(error)

end
```

MPI communication types

Two types of communication:

Collective

Participation of **all processes** in a communicator (e.g. MPI_COMM_WORLD)

Point-to-Point

Messages are sent between **two processes**

Collective communication

REDUCE, ALLREDUCE

MPI_REDUCE(sendbuf, recvbuf, count, **type**, **op**, root, **comm**, error)

MPI_ALLREDUCE(sendbuf, recvbuf, count, **type**, **op**, **comm**, error)

comm: MPI_COMM_WORLD

type: MPI_INTEGER, MPI_REAL, MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION, MPI_COMPLEX,
MPI_LOGICAL, MPI_CHARACTER

op: MPI_MAX, MPI_MIN, MPI_SUM, MPI_PROD

Example 3: MPI_ALLREDUCE

```
program allreduce
implicit NONE
include 'mpif.h'
integer myid, numprocs, error
real a, s

call MPI_INIT(error)
call MPI_COMM_RANK(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid, error)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, numprocs, error)

a = myid + 1

call MPI_ALLREDUCE(a, s, 1, MPI_REAL, MPI_SUM, MPI_COMM_WORLD, error)

print *, s

call MPI_FINALIZE(error)

end
```

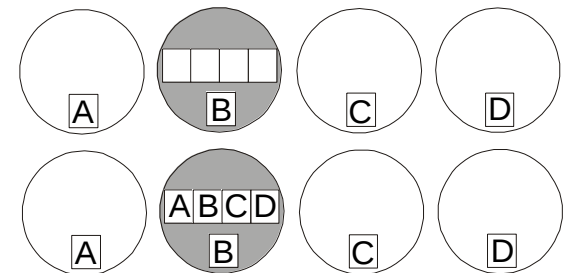
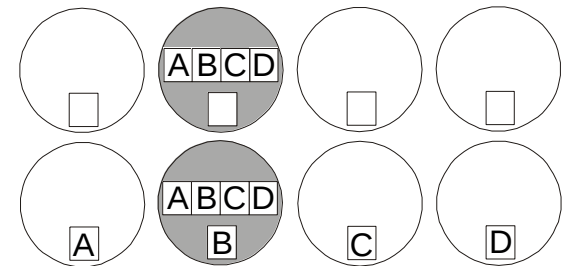
Collective communication

Broadcast, Scatter and Gather

MPI_BCAST(buffer, count, **type**, root, **comm**, error)

MPI_SCATTER(sendbuf, sendcount, **sendtype**,
recvbuf, recvcount, **recvtype**,
root, **comm**, error)

MPI_GATHER(sendbuf, sendcount, **sendtype**,
recvbuf, recvcount, **recvtype**,
root, **comm**, error)



Example 4: MPI_SCATTER

```
program scatter
implicit NONE
include 'mpif.h'
integer, parameter :: size=4
integer myid, numprocs, error
integer sendcount, recvcount, source
real, dimension(size,size) :: sendbuf
real, dimension(size)      :: recvbuf

data sendbuf / 1.0,  2.0,  3.0,  4.0,  5.0,  6.0,  7.0,  8.0, &
               9.0, 10.0, 11.0, 12.0, 13.0, 14.0, 15.0, 16.0 /

call MPI_INIT(error)
call MPI_COMM_RANK(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid, error)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, numprocs, error)

if (numprocs==size) then
    source = 1
    sendcount = size
    recvcount = size
    call MPI_SCATTER(sendbuf, sendcount, MPI_REAL, &
                    recvbuf, recvcount, MPI_REAL, &
                    source, MPI_COMM_WORLD, error)
    print *, 'Task ID = ',myid,' recvbuf: ',recvbuf
else
    if (myid==0) print *, 'Error: numprocs/=4'
endif

call MPI_FINALIZE(error)

end
```

Point-to-Point communication

One process sends a message (some data) and the other receives it.

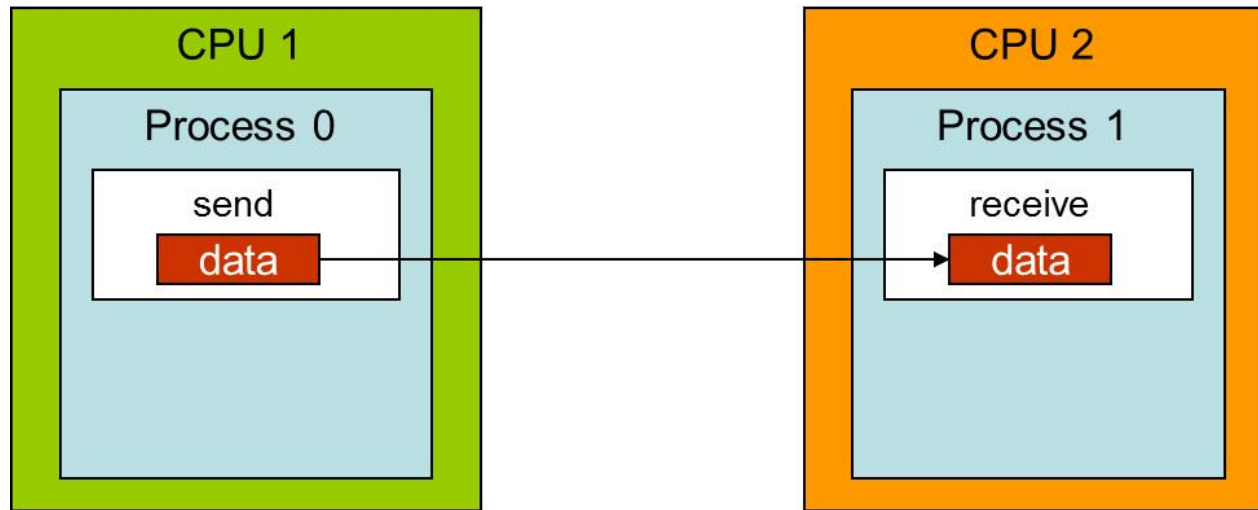
Four communication modes

synchronous
buffered
standard
ready

All four modes exist in both **blocking** and **non-blocking** forms

	Blocking form	non-Blocking form
Synchronous send	MPI_SSEND	MPI_ISSEND
Buffered send	MPI_BSEND	MPI_IBSEND
Standard send	MPI_SEND	MPI_ISEND
Ready send	MPI_RSEND	MPI_IRSEND
Receive	MPI_RECV	MPI_IRECV

Point-to-Point communication

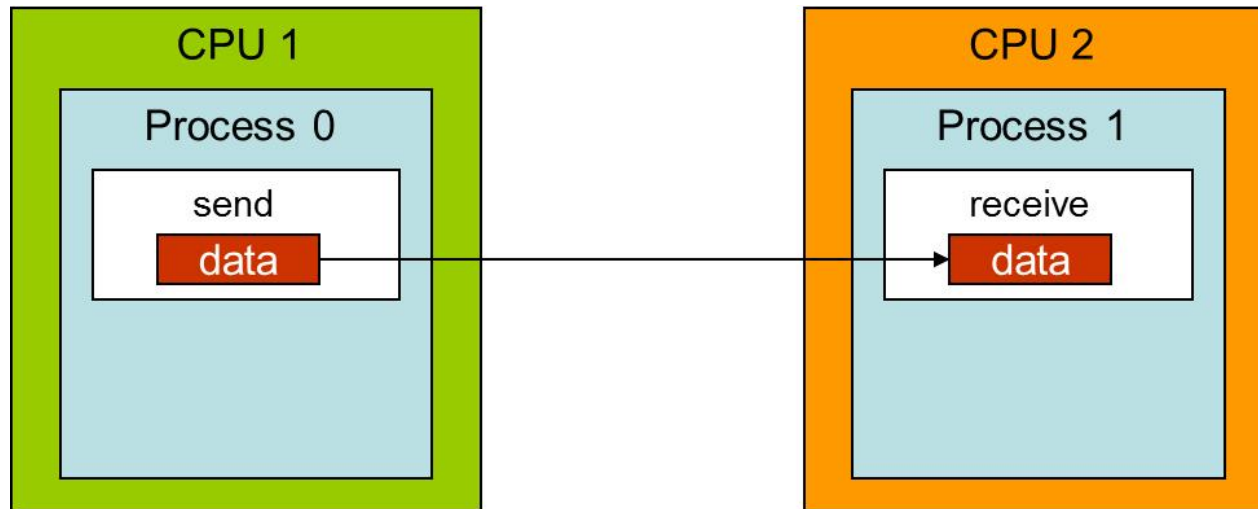


Both processes must know:

- 1) The **source** or the **destination** of the message
- 2) The message identification **tag**
- 3) The **type** and the **amount** of data that are being passed

Communication time

Communication time = System overhead + Synchronization overhead



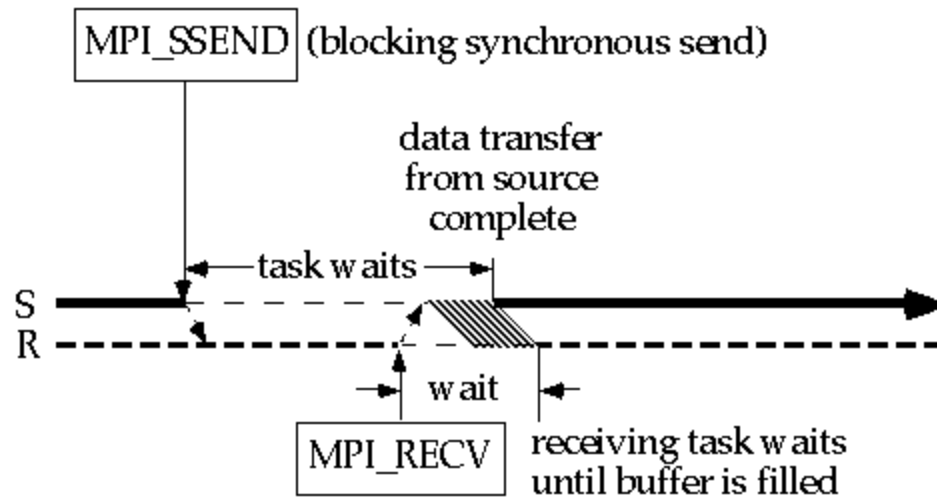
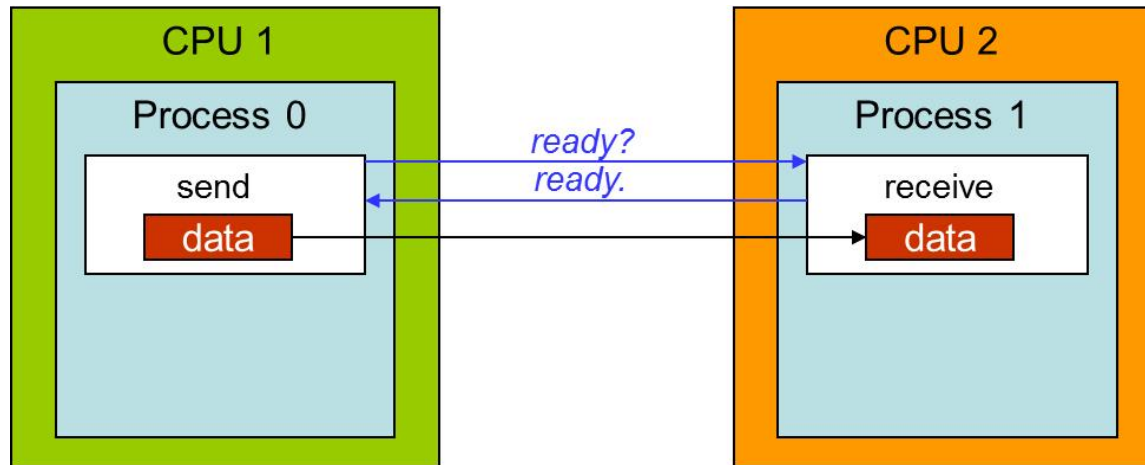
System overhead:

The time spent for data transfer (We need fast network!)

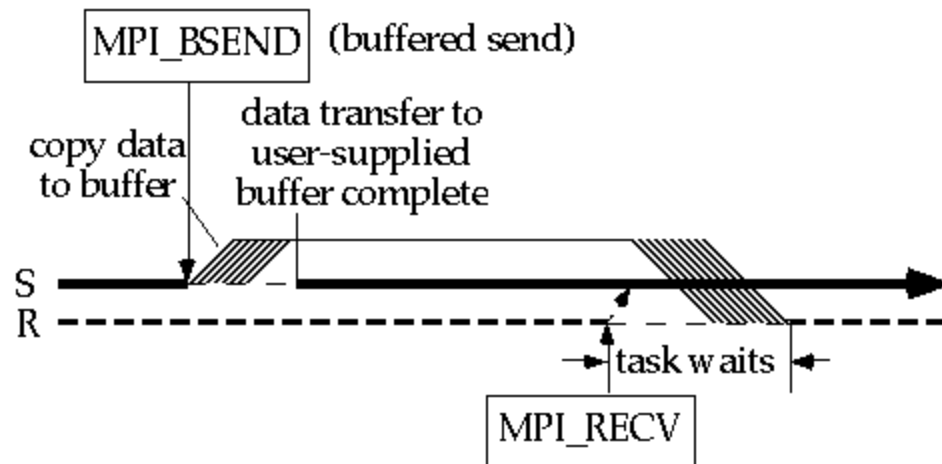
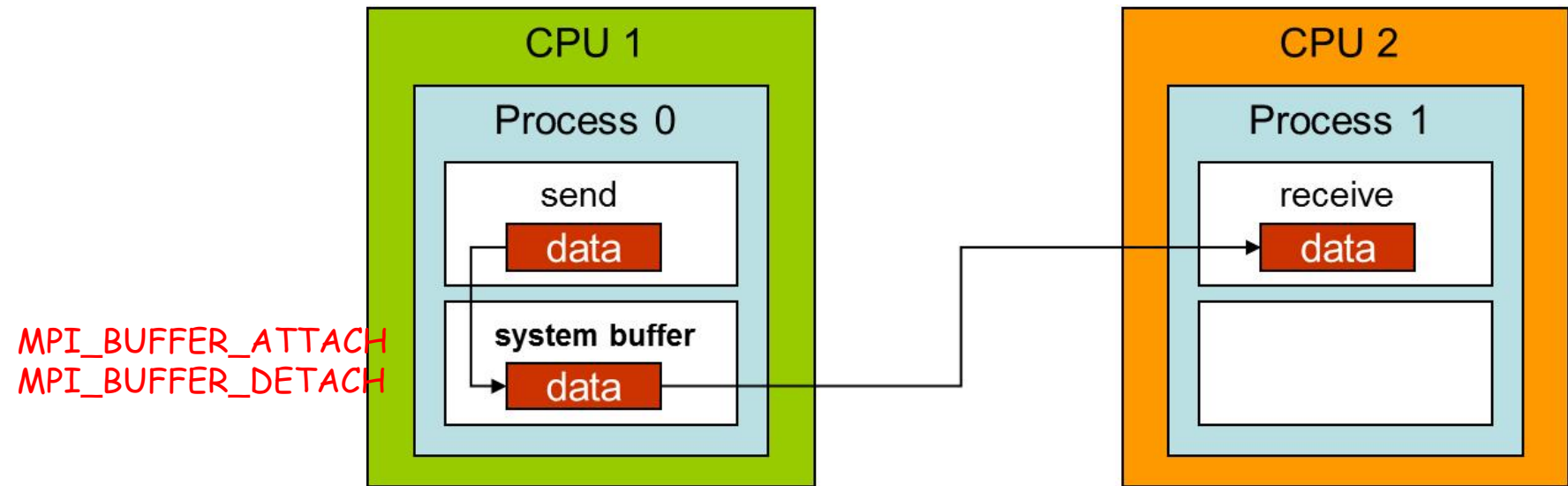
Synchronization overhead:

The time spent waiting for the other process
(We need good programming practices!)

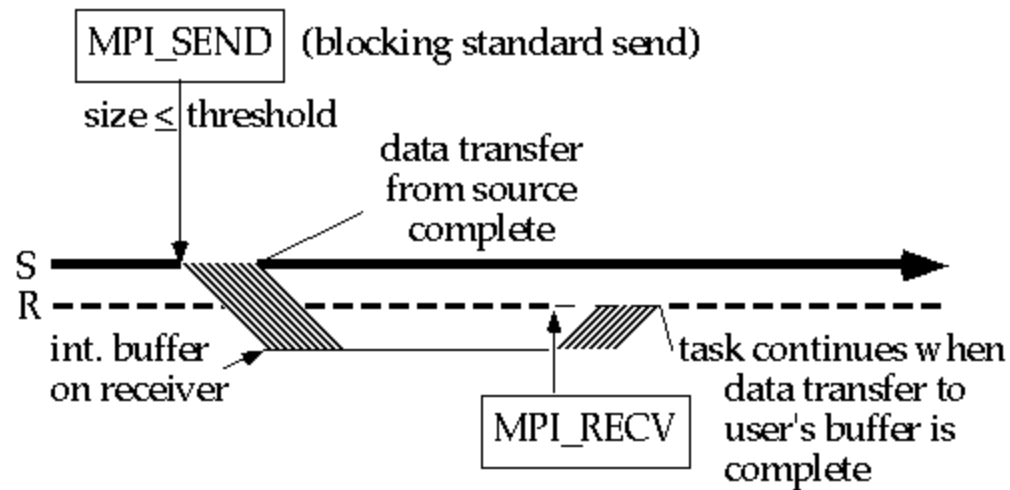
Blocking Synchronous Send (MPI_SSEND)



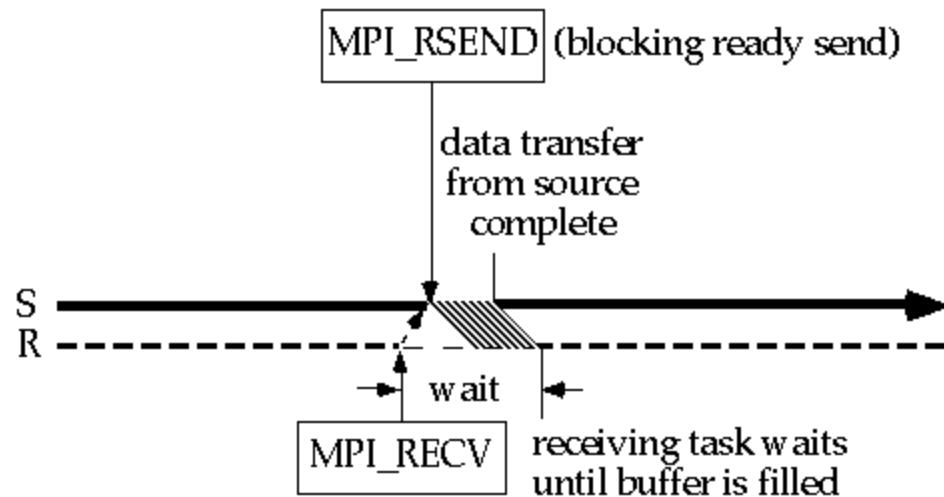
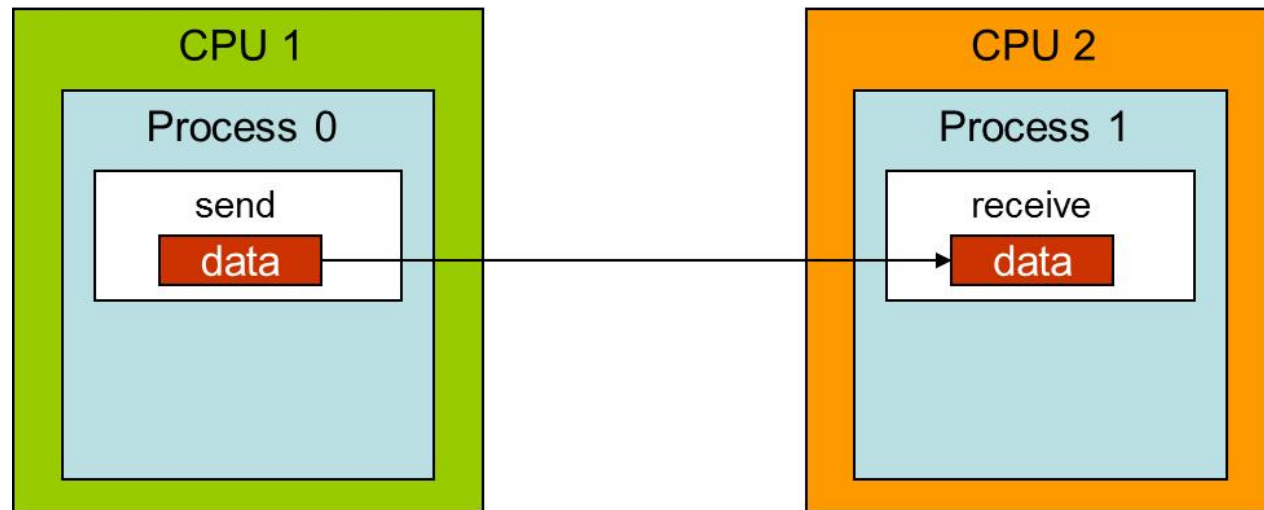
Blocking Buffered Send (MPI_BSEND)



Blocking Standard Send (MPI_SEND)



Blocking Ready Send (MPI_RSEND)



Blocking calls: Developer point of view

The process that calls one of the routines: `MPI_SSEND`, `MPI_BSEND`, `MPI_RSEND` or `MPI_SEND` to send data, **does not return** from the routine **until** the variable that hosts the data **can be reused** by the developer without affecting them.

The process that calls the `MPI_RECV` routine to receive data **does not return** from the routine **until** the variable that will host the data **is ready to use**.

Non-blocking calls: Developer point of view

The process that calls one of the routines: `MPI_ISEND`, `MPI_IRESEND`, `MPI_IRESEND` or `MPI_IRESEND` to send data, simply notifies the MPI of an outgoing message (the actual transfer can take place later) and **returns immediately**. It is up to the developer to keep the variable, with the sending data, intact. The developer must **check** (`MPI_WAIT` or `MPI_TEST`) at a later point in the program **whether to reuse the variable** without affecting the sending data.

The process that calls the `MPI_Irecv` routine to receive data, simply notifies MPI that it is ready for an incoming message and **returns immediately**. It is up to the developer to **check** (`MPI_WAIT` or `MPI_TEST`) at a later point in the program (`MPI_WAIT` or `MPI_TEST`) **whether the variable that will host the data is ready to use**.

Point-to-Point communication: Arguments

Blocking <i>send</i>	buffer, count, <i>type</i> , dest, tag, <i>comm</i> , error
non-Blocking <i>send</i>	buffer, count, <i>type</i> , dest, tag, <i>comm</i> , request, error
Blocking <i>receive</i>	buffer, count, <i>type</i> , source, tag, <i>comm</i> , status, error
non-Blocking <i>receive</i>	buffer, count, <i>type</i> , source, tag, <i>comm</i> , request, error

Example 5: Blocking message passing (1/2)

```
program ping
implicit NONE
include 'mpif.h'

integer numprocs, myid, error
integer dest, source, tag
integer status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)
integer, parameter :: count=17
character(LEN=count) send_msg , recv_msg

call MPI_INIT(error)
call MPI_COMM_RANK(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid, error)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, numprocs, error)

tag=1

if (myid==0) send_msg='Message from ID 0'
if (myid==1) send_msg='Message from ID 1'
```

Example 5: Blocking message passing (2/2)

```
if (myid==0) then
    dest = 1
    source = 1

    call MPI_SSEND(send_msg, count, MPI_CHARACTER, dest, tag, &
                   MPI_COMM_WORLD, error)

    call MPI_RECV(recv_msg, count, MPI_CHARACTER, source, tag, &
                  MPI_COMM_WORLD, status, error)
endif

if (myid==1) then
    dest = 0
    source = 0

    call MPI_RECV(recv_msg, count, MPI_CHARACTER, source, tag, &
                  MPI_COMM_WORLD, status, error)

    call MPI_SSEND(send_msg, count, MPI_CHARACTER, dest, tag, &
                   MPI_COMM_WORLD, error)
endif

print *, myid, 'recv_mesg: ', recv_msg

call MPI_FINALIZE(error)

end
```

Example 6: non - Blocking message passing (1/2)

```
program ring
implicit NONE
include 'mpif.h'

integer myid, numprocs, error
integer next, prev
integer, dimension(2) :: buf
integer tag1, tag2
integer statuses(MPI_STATUS_SIZE,4), requests(4)

tag1 = 1
tag2 = 2

call MPI_INIT(error)
call MPI_COMM_RANK(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid, error)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, numprocs, error)

prev = myid - 1
next = myid + 1

if (myid==0) prev = numprocs - 1

if (myid==(numprocs - 1)) next = 0
```

Example 6: non - Blocking message passing (2/2)

```
call MPI_Irecv(buf(1), 1, MPI_INTEGER, prev, tag1, &
               MPI_COMM_WORLD, requests(1), error)

call MPI_Irecv(buf(2), 1, MPI_INTEGER, next, tag2, &
               MPI_COMM_WORLD, requests(2), error)


call MPI_Isend(myid, 1, MPI_INTEGER, prev, tag2, &
               MPI_COMM_WORLD, requests(3), error)

call MPI_Isend(myid, 1, MPI_INTEGER, next, tag1, &
               MPI_COMM_WORLD, requests(4), error)

!           do some work

call MPI_WAITALL(4, requests, statuses, error)

print *, buf(1), myid, buf(2)

call MPI_FINALIZE(error)

end
```

Exercise: Parallel Dot Product

Let $x = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ \dots \ x_N]$ be a vector in $\mathbb{R}^N$ and $x_i = i / (i + 1)$

Write a MPI program to compute the dot product

$$x^T x = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_N^2$$

on P processes. It is not assumed N is divisible by P

- Distribute x on P processes
- Calculate local dot products
- Global sum of local dot products

Solution

```
program dot_product
implicit NONE
include 'mpif.h'
integer, parameter :: N = 10000
integer myid, numprocs, error, i
integer N_local, temp
real(8), allocatable, dimension(:) :: x
real(8) sum_local, sum_global, shift

call MPI_INIT(error)

call MPI_COMM_RANK(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid, error)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(MPI_COMM_WORLD, numprocs, error)
```

```
N_local = N / numprocs
temp=0
if(myid==(numprocs-1)) then
    temp = N - N_local * numprocs
    N_local = N_local + temp
endif
```

← Find the local
dimension (N_local)
of vector x

```
shift = myid*(N_local - temp)
allocate(x(N_local))
do i=1,N_local
    x(i) = (shift+i)/(shift+i+1)
end do
```

Distribution of vector x on
processes



```
sum_local=0.
do i=1,N_local
    sum_local=sum_local + x(i)**2
end do
```

Calculate the local dot
products (sum_local)



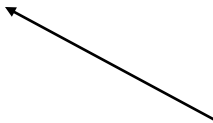
```
call MPI_ALLREDUCE(sum_local, sum_global, 1, MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION, &
                    MPI_SUM, MPI_COMM_WORLD, error)

print *, 'Dot product=', sum_global

call MPI_FINALIZE(error)

end
```

Global sum of local dot
products



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