

Getting started with MPI

Parallel Programming with the Message Passing Interface

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compiling & running • most useful commands • parallelization concepts • performance monitoring • MPI resources

What is MPI?

- ▶ a library, not a language
 - ▶ specifies names, parameters and results of functions / subroutines to be called from C, C++, and Fortran programs
 - ▶ programs that use MPI are compiled with ordinary compilers (gcc, icc) and linked with the MPI library
- ▶ MPI standard defined in 1994
 - ▶ MPI-1 core functionality
- ▶ MPI-2 add-ons 1995-97
 - ▶ remote memory operations
 - ▶ parallel I/O
 - ▶ dynamic process management
- ▶ MPI-3 will address future needs
 - ▶ interoperability among MPI implementations?
 - ▶ non-blocking collectives?
 - ▶ ...



Why use MPI?

- ▶ **high performance**
 - ▶ today used from 1 – 131072 processors
- ▶ **flexible**
- ▶ **portable**

	MPI	Cluster OpenMP	OpenMP	threads
shared memory	yes	yes	yes	yes
distributed memory	yes	yes	not possible	not possible
performance	++	+/o	+	+
ease of use	o	+/o	+	o

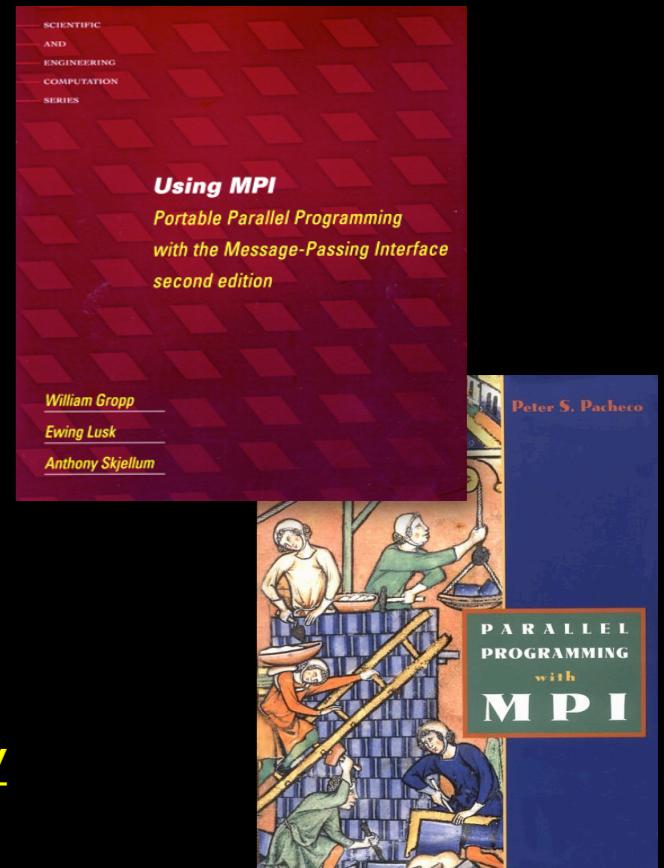
MPI Resources

► Books

- ▶ Pacheco 1997: *Parallel Programming with MPI*
- ▶ Gropp, Lusk, Skjellum 1999: *Using MPI*
- ▶ Gropp, Lusk, Thakur 1999: *Using MPI-2*

► On the web

- ▶ the MPI forum: www-unix.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/ supplies the MPI standards as PS, PDF
- ▶ web pages for MPI and MPE: www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/www (multiple mirrors)
- ▶ MPICH (MPI CHameleon): www-unix.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich2
- ▶ LAM/MPI (Local Area Multicomputer): www.lam-mpi.org
- ▶ OpenMPI: www.open-mpi.org
- ▶ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Message_Passing_Interface
- ▶ www.linux-mag.com/extreme/
- ▶ newsgroup `comp.parallel mpi`



Getting started with LAM

- ▶ edit your .bashrc
 - ▶ on your workstation:
`export PATH=/usr/local/lam-7.0.4/bin:$PATH`
`export LAMHOME=/usr/local/lam-7.0.4`
 - ▶ on the clusters (e.g. coral4) export
`/usr/local/Cluster-Apps/lam-7.1.1-64/`
- ▶ compile ...
 - ▶ `mpicc hellompi.c -o hellompi.x`
 - ▶ `mpicc` – a compiler wrapper around `gcc/icc/*cc` that automatically links your code to the mpi library
 - ▶ `mpif77, mpif90` – for fortran
 - ▶ `mpic++ / mpiCC` – for c++
- ▶ ... and run
 - ▶ `lamboot`
 - ▶ `mpirun -np 2 ./hellompi.x`

Getting started with LAM

- ▶ on multiple nodes a hostfile is needed:
 - ▶ `lamboot -v bhost`

```
node01 cpu=2
node27 cpu=2
node07 cpu=1
node09 cpu=1
```

- ▶ tests can be done with any number of processes even on your workstation!
 - ▶ `lamboot`
 - ▶ `mpirun -np 17 ./helломpi.x`

Getting started with LAM

- ▶ you can also use our network of workstations:
 - ▶ you will need a homedir on each workstation with a .bashrc reading

```
export PATH=/usr/local/lam-7.0.4/bin:$PATH
export LAMHOME=/usr/local/lam-7.0.4
```
 - ▶ you must be able to login via ssh without password:
execute ssh-keygen (if you not have already) on your machine

```
cd .ssh
scp id_dsa.pub you@remotehost:.ssh/authorized_keys
```
 - ▶ export LAMRSH="ssh"

```
lamboot -v bhost
```

wes	cpu=2
platypus	cpu=2
tivoli	cpu=2

```
ckutzne@wes:~> lamnodes
n0    wes.mpibpc.gwdg.de:2:origin,this_node
n1    platypus.mpibpc.gwdg.de:2:
n2    tivoli.mpibpc.gwdg.de:2:
```

- ▶ the executable has to reside on all of the workstations in the same directory, e.g. /netmount/coral4/you/

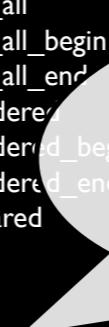
Do's and don'ts

- ▶ never mix LAM versions!!!
 - ▶ LAM–A-compiled program might run on LAM–B, but nothing is guaranteed!
- ▶ recompile when you move your program from A to B

Cluster	LAM v.	arch
tivoli	7.0.4	32 bit
orcaI–2	7.0.6	32 bit
corall–4	7.1.1	64 bit
belugaI–3	7.1.1	64 bit
keal–3	7.1.1–2	64 bit
slomo	7.1.1	32 bit



MPI commands & keywords



MPIO_Request_c2f
MPIO_Request_f2c
MPIO_Test
MPIO_Wait
MPI_Abort
MPI_Address
MPI_Allgather
MPI_Allgatherv
MPI_Allreduce
MPI_Alltoall
MPI_Alltoallv
MPI_Attr_delete
MPI_Attr_get
MPI_Attr_put
MPI_Barrier
MPI_Bcast
MPI_Bsend
MPI_Bsend_init
MPI_Buffer_attach
MPI_Buffer_detach
MPI_CHAR
MPI_Cancel
MPI_Cart_coords
MPI_Cart_create
MPI_Cart_get
MPI_Cart_map
MPI_Cart_rank
MPI_Cart_shift
MPI_Cart_sub
MPI_Cartdim_get
MPI_Comm_compare
MPI_Comm_create
MPI_Comm_dup
MPI_Comm_free
MPI_Comm_get_name
MPI_Comm_group
MPI_Comm_rank
MPI_Comm_remote_group
MPI_Comm_remote_size
MPI_Comm_set_name
MPI_Comm_size
MPI_Comm_split
MPI_Comm_test_inter
MPI_DUP_FN

MPI_Dims_create
MPI_Errhandler_create
MPI_Errhandler_free
MPI_Errhandler_get
MPI_Errhandler_set
MPI_Error_class
MPI_Error_string
MPI_File_c2f
MPI_File_close
MPI_File_delete
MPI_File_f2c
MPI_File_get_amode
MPI_File_get_atomicity
MPI_File_get_byte_offset
MPI_File_get_errhandler
MPI_File_get_group
MPI_File_get_info
MPI_File_get_position
MPI_File_get_position_shared
MPI_File_get_size
MPI_File_get_type_extent
MPI_File_get_view
MPI_File_iread
MPI_File_iread_at
MPI_File_iread_shared
MPI_File_iwrite
MPI_File_iwrite_at
MPI_File_iwrite_shared
MPI_File_open
MPI_File_open
MPI_File_preadallocate
MPI_File_read
MPI_File_read_all
MPI_File_read_all_begin
MPI_File_read_all_end
MPI_File_read_at
MPI_File_read_at_all
MPI_File_read_at_all_begin
MPI_File_read_at_all_end
MPI_File_read_ordered
MPI_File_read_ordered_begin
MPI_File_read_ordered_end
MPI_File_read_shared
MPI_File_seek

MPI_File_seek_shared
MPI_File_set_atomicity
MPI_File_set_errhandler
MPI_File_set_info
MPI_File_set_size
MPI_File_set_view
MPI_File_sync
MPI_File_write
MPI_File_write_all
MPI_File_write_all_begin
MPI_File_write_all_end
MPI_File_write_at
MPI_File_write_at_all
MPI_File_write_at_all_begin
MPI_File_write_at_all_end
MPI_File_write_orderend
MPI_File_write_orderend_begin
MPI_File_write_orderend_end
MPI_File_write_shared
MPI_Finalize
MPI_Finalized
MPI_Gather
MPI_Gatherv
MPI_Get_count
MPI_Get_elements
MPI_Get_processor_name
MPI_Get_version
MPI_Graph_create
MPI_Graph_get
MPI_Graph_map
MPI_Graph_neighbors
MPI_Graph_neighbors_count
MPI_Groupdims_get
MPI_Group_compare
MPI_Group_difference
MPI_Group_excl
MPI_Group_free
MPI_Group_incl
MPI_Group_intersection
MPI_Group_range_excl
MPI_Group_range_incl
MPI_Group_rank
MPI_Group_size
MPI_Group_translate_ranks

MPI_Group_union
MPI_Ibsend
MPI_Info_c2f
MPI_Info_create
MPI_Info_delete
MPI_Info_dup
MPI_Info_f2c
MPI_Info_free
MPI_Info_get
MPI_Info_get_nkeys
MPI_Info_get_nthkey
MPI_Info_get_valuelen
MPI_Info_set
MPI_Init
MPI_Init_thread
MPI_Init_thread
MPI_Initialize
MPI_I2hand
MPI_Intercomm_create
MPI_Intercomm_merge
MPI_Iprobe
MPI_Irecv
MPI_Irsend
MPI_Isend
MPI_Issend
MPI_Keyval_create
MPI_Keyval_free
MPI_NULL_COPY_FN
MPI_NULL_DELETE_FN
MPI_Op_create
MPI_Op_free
MPI_Pack
MPI_Pack_size
MPI_Pcontrol
MPI_Probe
MPI_Recv
MPI_Recv_init
MPI_Reduce
MPI_Reduce_scatter
MPI_Request_c2f
MPI_Request_free
MPI_Rsend
MPI_Rsend_init
MPI_Scan

MPI_Scatter
MPI_Scatterv
MPI_Send
MPI_Send_init
MPI_Sendrecv
MPI_Sendrecv_replace
MPI_Ssend
MPI_Ssend_init
MPI_Start
MPI_Startall
MPI_Status_c2f
MPI_Status_set_cancelled
MPI_Status_set_elements
MPI_Test
MPI_Test_cancelled
MPI_Testall
MPI_Type
MPI_Type_create
MPI_Type_commic
MPI_Type_contiguous
MPI_Type_create_darray
MPI_Type_create_indexed_block
MPI_Type_create_subarray
MPI_Type_extent
MPI_Type_free
MPI_Type_get_contents
MPI_Type_get_envelope
MPI_Type_hindexed
MPI_Type_hvector
MPI_Type_indexed
MPI_Type_lb
MPI_Type_size
MPI_Type_struct
MPI_Type_ub
MPI_Type_vector
MPI_Unpack
MPI_Wait
MPI_Waitall
MPI_Waitany
MPI_Waitsome
MPI_Wtick
MPI_Wtime

What you need to start

- ▶ Minimum subset to start with
 - ▶ `MPI_Init` – Initialize MPI
 - ▶ `MPI_Comm_size` – How many processes are there?
 - ▶ `MPI_Comm_rank` – My process number
 - ▶ `MPI_Send` – Send a message
 - ▶ `MPI_Recv` – Receive a message
 - ▶ `MPI_Finalize` – Close MPI universe
- ▶ Collective communication (powerful)
 - ▶ `MPI_Bcast` – Broadcast a variable to all processes
 - ▶ `MPI_Reduce` – Add up a variable across all processes
 - ▶ `MPI_Alltoall` – Complete communication across all processes
 - ▶ `MPI_Barrier` – Synchronize all processes
 - ▶ ...

Initializing & quitting

Fortran:

```
PROGRAM hello

INCLUDE 'mpif.h'
INTEGER err

CALL MPI_INIT(err)
PRINT *, "Hello world!"
CALL MPI_FINALIZE(err)

END
```

C:

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

main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int err;
    err = MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    printf("Hello world!\n");
    err = MPI_Finalize();
}
```

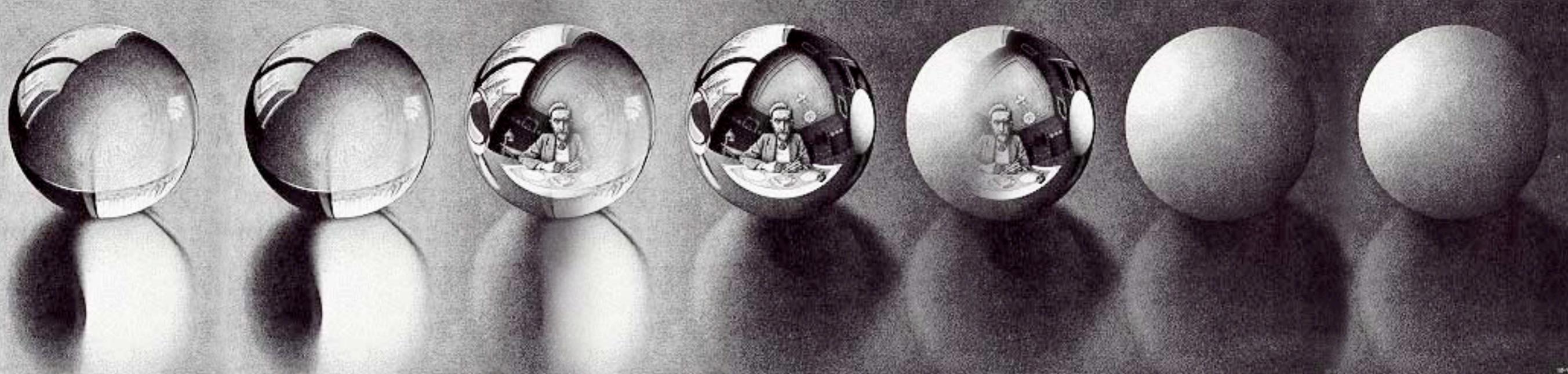
- ▶ a header file (mpi.h / mpif.h) has to be included which contains the MPI definitions and function prototypes
- ▶ MPI routines return an error code indicating whether or not they run successfully.

```
if (err == MPI_SUCCESS)
{
    ... /* routine ran correctly */
}
else
{
}
```

- ▶ output
 - > mpirun -np 4 ./helloworld.x
 - Hello world!
 - Hello world!
 - Hello world!
 - Hello world!

Try to think parallel

- ▶ on mpirun -np N each of the N processes runs one copy of your code
- ▶ each variable is duplicated N times and may have different values on the different processes
- ▶ if you want to check the value of variables with printf, always output the rank with each print statement!



Finding out who I am

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

int gmx_setup(int *nnodes)
{
    int      resultlen;
    int      mpi_num_nodes;
    int      mpi_my_rank;
    char    mpi_hostname[MPI_MAX_PROCESSOR_NAME];

    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &mpi_num_nodes);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &mpi_my_rank);
    MPI_Get_processor_name(mpi_hostname, &resultlen);

    fprintf(stderr,"NNODES=%d, MYRANK=%d, HOSTNAME=%s\n",
            mpi_num_nodes,mpi_my_rank,mpi_hostname);

    *nnodes=mpi_num_nodes;

    return mpi_my_rank;
}
```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int nnodes, nodeid;

    MPI_Init(&argc,&argv);
    nodeid = gmx_setup(&nnodes);
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

```
> mpirun -np 6 ./gmxsetup.x
NNODES=6, MYRANK=2, HOSTNAME=node02
NNODES=6, MYRANK=0, HOSTNAME=node01
NNODES=6, MYRANK=1, HOSTNAME=node01
NNODES=6, MYRANK=4, HOSTNAME=node12
NNODES=6, MYRANK=3, HOSTNAME=node02
NNODES=6, MYRANK=5, HOSTNAME=node12
>
```

Sending and receiving data

- ▶ int MPI_Send(void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype dtype, int dest, int tag, MPI_Comm comm);
 - ▶ body – read count elements of datatype dtype from memory address buf.
 - ▶ envelope: – send this message to the process with rank dest in comm and label it tag.
 - ▶ error code
- ▶ int MPI_Recv(void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype dtype, int source, int tag, MPI_Comm comm, MPI_Status *status);
 - ▶ body – write count elements of datatype dtype to memory address buf.
 - ▶ envelope – only accept a message tagged tag from process with rank source in communicator comm.
 - ▶ error code

Sending and receiving data

```
/* simple send and receive */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>

main (int argc, char **argv)
{
    int          myrank;
    MPI_Status   status;
    double       a[100];

    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);                      /* Initialize MPI */
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myrank);        /* Get rank */

    if( myrank == 0 )                            /* Send a message */
        MPI_Send(a, 100, MPI_DOUBLE, 1, 17, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    else if( myrank == 1 )                        /* Receive a message */
        MPI_Recv(a, 100, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, 17, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
                  &status);

    MPI_Finalize();                             /* Terminate MPI */
}
```

MPI datatypes

MPI datatype	C type
MPI_CHAR	signed char
MPI_SHORT	signed short int
MPI_INT	signed int
MPI_LONG	signed long int
MPI_UNSIGNED_CHAR	unsigned char
MPI_UNSIGNED_SHORT	unsigned short int
MPI_UNSIGNED	unsigned int
MPI_UNSIGNED_LONG	unsigned long int
MPI_FLOAT	float
MPI_DOUBLE	double
MPI_LONG_DOUBLE	long double
MPI_BYTE	(none)

Sending stuff to everyone

p0 → p1 → p2 → ... → p(N-2) → p(N-1)

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int nnodes, nodeid, right, left;
    float test=0.0;
    MPI_Status status;

    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    nodeid = gmx_setup(&nnodes);
    gmx_left_right(nnodes, nodeid, &left, &right);

    if (nodeid == 0)
        test = 3.1415;

    if (nodeid != 0)
        MPI_Recv(&test, 1, MPI_FLOAT, left, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
                 &status);
    if (nodeid != (nnodes-1))
        MPI_Send(&test, 1, MPI_FLOAT, right, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);

    MPI_Finalize();
}
```

```
void
gmx_left_right(int nnodes,int nodeid,
int *left,int *right)
{
    *left  = (nnodes+nodeid-1) % nnodes;
    *right = (nodeid      +1) % nnodes;
}
```

Printf output from all procs

```
ckutzne@coral4:~/mpi-techtea> mpirun -np 5 ./gmxsetup.x
NNODES=5, MYRANK=0, HOSTNAME=coral4
NNODES=5, MYRANK=1, HOSTNAME=coral4
Nodeid: 0, value of test 3.141500
Nodeid: 0, value of test 3.141500
Nodeid: 1, value of test 0.000000
Nodeid: 1, value of test 3.141500
NNODES=5, MYRANK=2, HOSTNAME=coral4
NNODES=5, MYRANK=3, HOSTNAME=coral4
NNODES=5, MYRANK=4, HOSTNAME=coral4
Nodeid: 2, value of test 0.000000
Nodeid: 2, value of test 3.141500
Nodeid: 3, value of test 0.000000
Nodeid: 3, value of test 3.141500
Nodeid: 4, value of test 0.000000
Nodeid: 4, value of test 3.141500
```

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int nnodes, nodeid, right, left;
    float test=0.0;
    MPI_Status status;

    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    nodeid = gmx_setup(&nnodes);
    gmx_left_right(nnodes, nodeid, &left, &right);

    if (nodeid == 0)
        test = 3.1415;

    printf("Nodeid: %d, value of test: %f\n", nodeid, test);

    if (nodeid != 0)
        MPI_Recv(&test, 1, MPI_FLOAT, left, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
                 &status);
    if (nodeid != (nnodes-1))
        MPI_Send(&test, 1, MPI_FLOAT, right, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);

    printf("Nodeid: %d, value of test: %f\n", nodeid, test);
    MPI_Finalize();
}
```

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Nodeid: 1, value of test 0.000000
Nodeid: 4, value of test 0.000000
Nodeid: 3, value of test 0.000000
Nodeid: 0, value of test 3.141500
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Nodeid: 4, value of test 3.141500
```

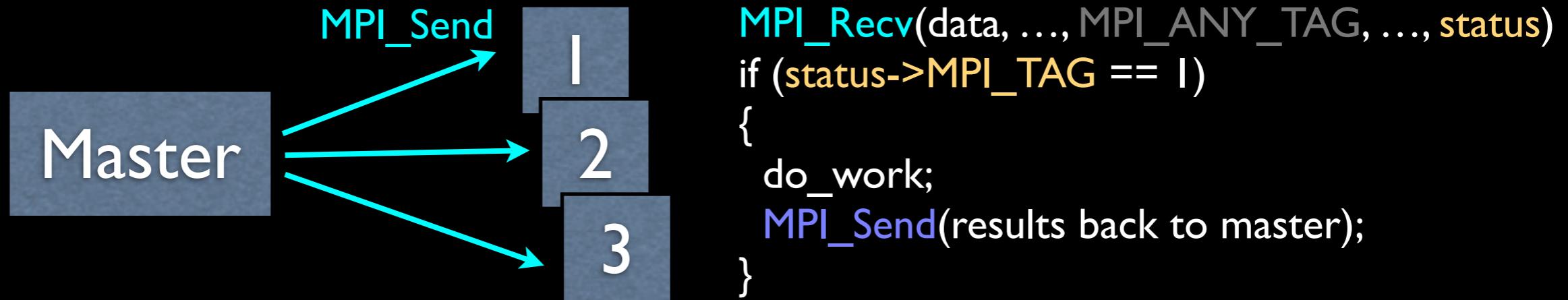
```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int nnodes, nodeid, right, left;
    float test=0.0;
    MPI_Status status;

    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    nodeid = gmx_setup(&nnodes);
    gmx_left_right(nnodes, nodeid, &left, &right);

    if (nodeid == 0)
        test = 3.1415;
    MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    printf("Nodeid: %d, value of test: %f\n", nodeid, test);

    if (nodeid != 0)
        MPI_Recv(&test, 1, MPI_FLOAT, left, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
                 &status);
    if (nodeid != (nnodes-1))
        MPI_Send(&test, 1, MPI_FLOAT, right, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    printf("Nodeid: %d, value of test: %f\n", nodeid, test);
    MPI_Finalize();
}
```

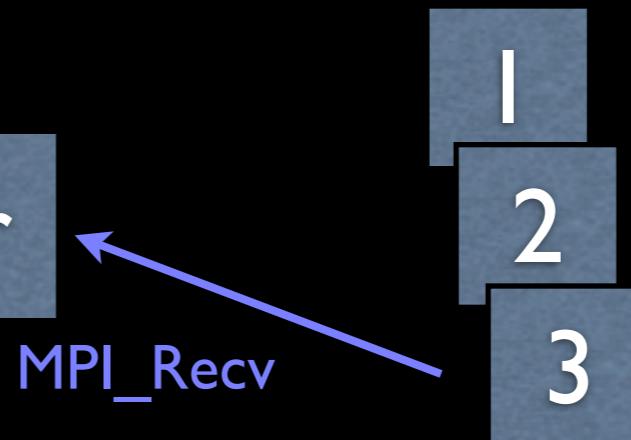
Master-slave scheme



Master waits for any message

```
MPI_Recv(...,
MPI_ANY_SOURCE,
MPI_ANY_TAG, ...,
status)
```

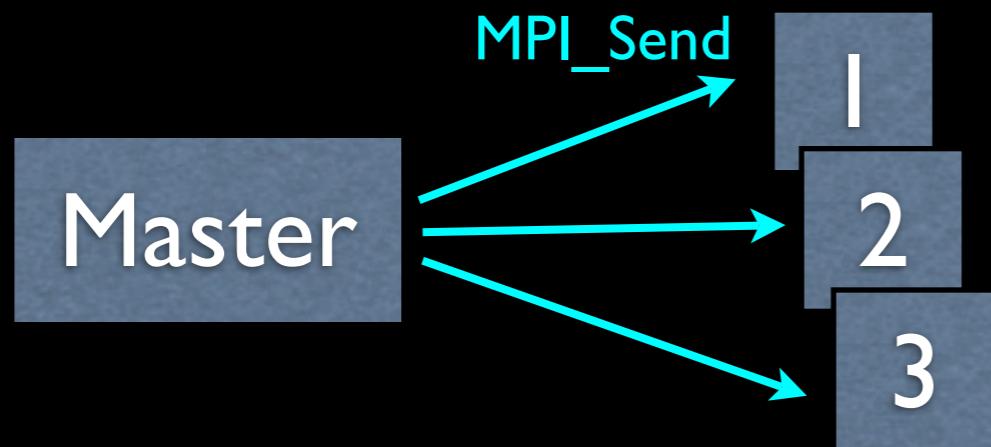
Master



accumulates the data ...

- ▶ **status needed when using wildcards**
 - ▶ `status -> MPI_SOURCE`
 - ▶ `status -> MPI_TAG`

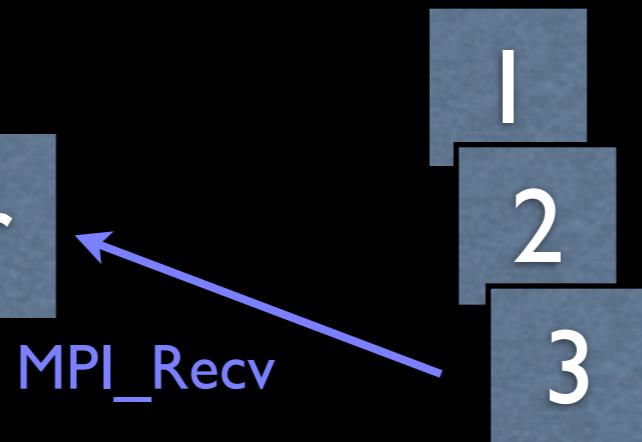
Master-slave scheme



```
MPI_Recv(data, ..., MPI_ANY_TAG, ..., status)  
if (status->MPI_TAG == 1)  
{  
    do_work;  
    MPI_Send(results back to master);  
}
```

Master waits for any message

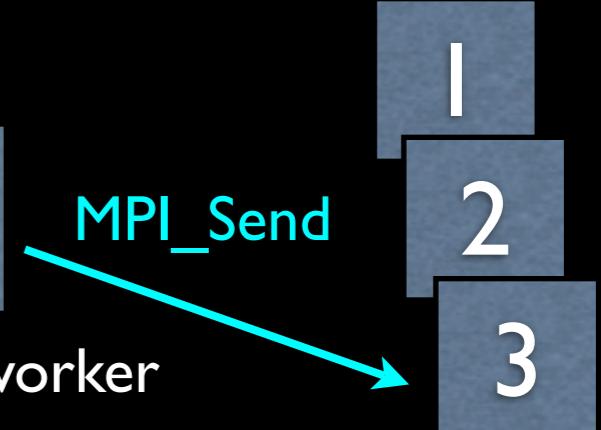
```
MPI_Recv(...,  
MPI_ANY_SOURCE,  
MPI_ANY_TAG, ...,  
status)
```



accumulates the data ...



... and sends back new work to worker
or a message with tag=0 to stop



Pitfall: deadlock

- ▶ `MPI_Send` and `MPI_Recv` block, so deadlock may occur

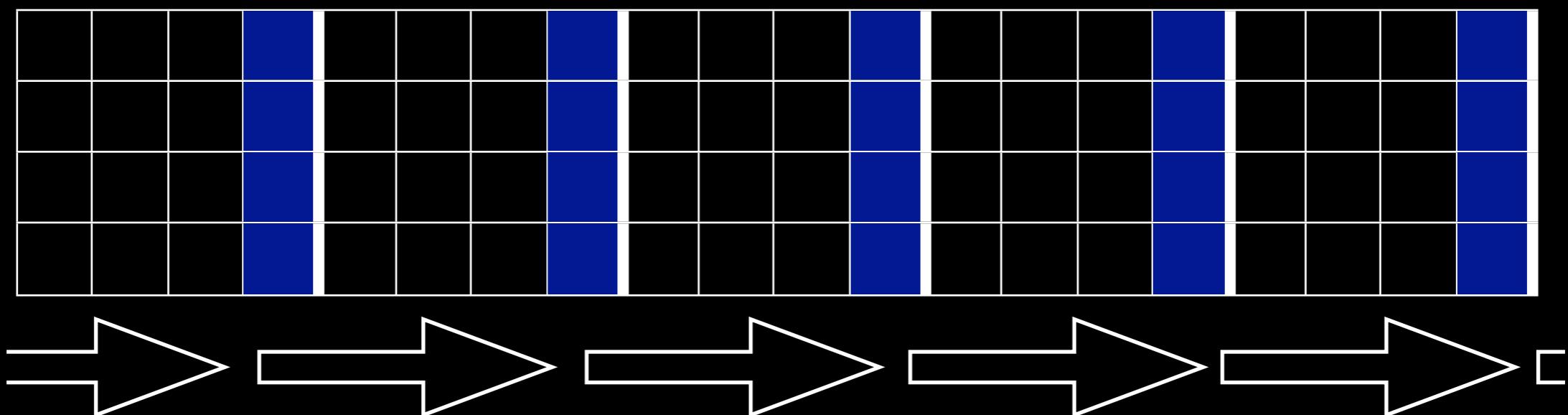
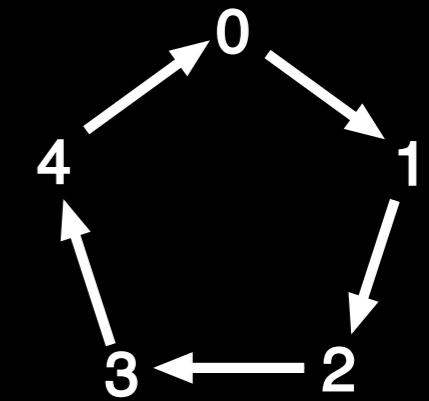
Time	Process 0	Process 1
1	<code>MPI_Send to 1</code>	<code>MPI_Send to 0</code>
2	<code>MPI_Recv from 1</code>	<code>MPI_Recv from 0</code>

- ▶ if the messages cannot be buffered, the order becomes relevant!

Time	Process 0	Process 1
1	<code>MPI_Send to 1</code>	<code>MPI_Recv from 0</code>
2	<code>MPI_Recv from 1</code>	<code>MPI_Send from 0</code>

Boundary exchange

- ▶ Send and receive with a single call
 - ▶ `int MPI_Sendrecv(
void *sbuf, int scount, MPI_Datatype stype, int dest, int stag,
void *rbuf, int rcount, MPI_Datatype rtype, int source, int rtag,
MPI_Comm comm, MPI_Status *status);`
 - ▶ MPI cares that no deadlock occurs!
 - ▶ Send to right neighbor, receive from left neighbor



Broadcasting data

- ▶ `int MPI_Bcast(void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype dtype, int rank, MPI_Comm comm);`
 - ▶ Broadcasts data from process rank to all other processes in `comm`
 - ▶ error code
- ▶ Pitfall: Matching broadcast with receive

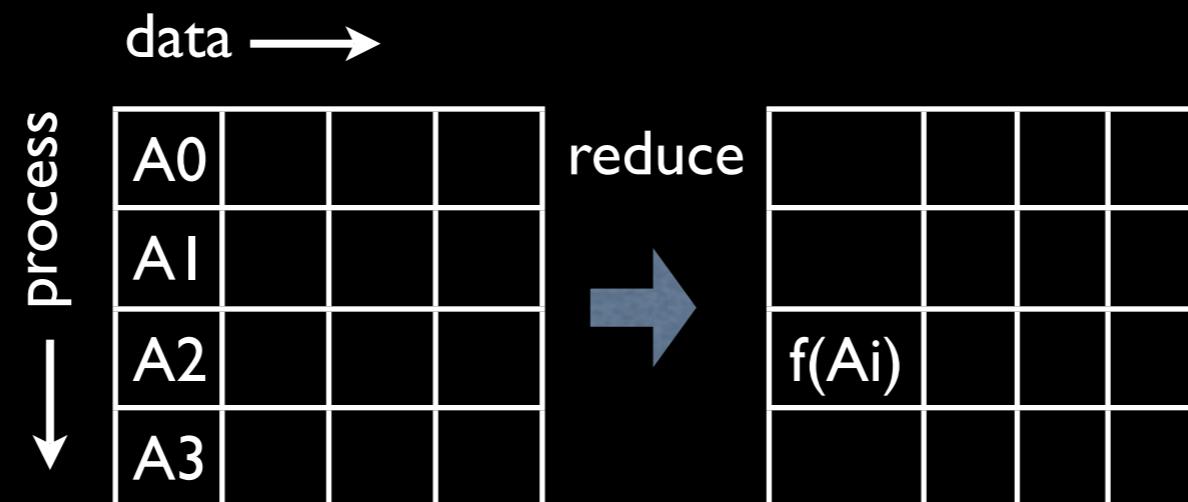
```
#include <mpi.h>
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int rank;
    double param;

    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
    if(rank==5) param=23.0;
    MPI_Bcast(&param,1,MPI_DOUBLE,5,MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    printf("P:%d after broadcast param is %f \n",rank,param);
    MPI_Finalize();
}
```

```
P: 0 after broadcast param is 23.
P: 5 after broadcast param is 23.
P: 2 after broadcast param is 23.
P: 3 after broadcast param is 23.
P: 4 after broadcast param is 23.
P: 1 after broadcast param is 23.
P: 6 after broadcast param is 23.
```

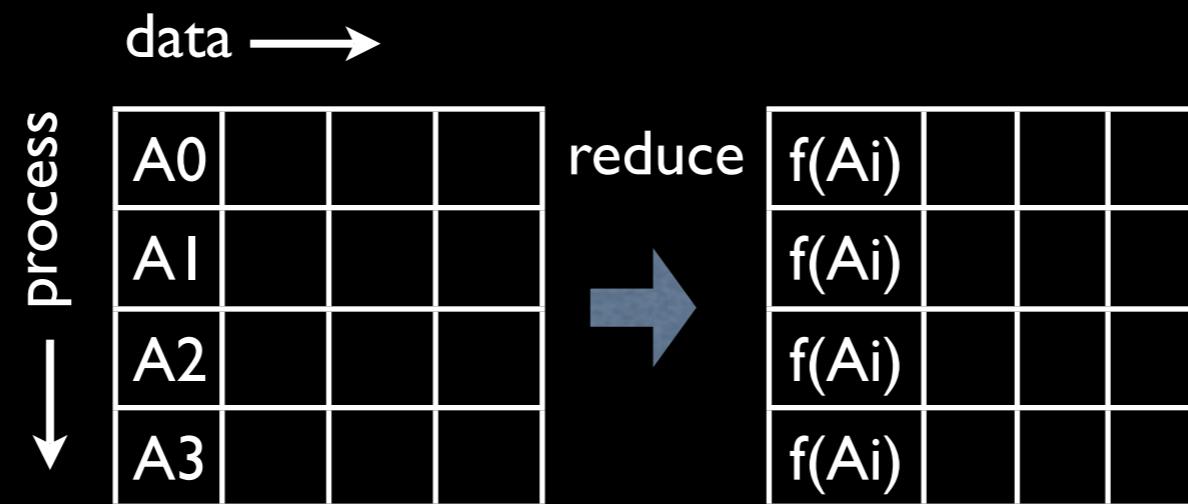
Combine data from all procs

- ▶ `int MPI_Reduce(void *operand, void *result,
int count, MPI_Datatype dtype, MPI_Op op,
int root, MPI_Comm comm);`
 - ▶ Combines the operands using the operator op and stores the result in result on process root
 - ▶ **error code**



Combine data from all procs

- ▶ `int MPI_Allreduce(void *operand, void *result, int count, MPI_Datatype dtype, MPI_Op op, MPI_Comm comm);`
 - ▶ Combines the operands using the operator `op` and stores the result in `result` on all processes
 - ▶ **error code**

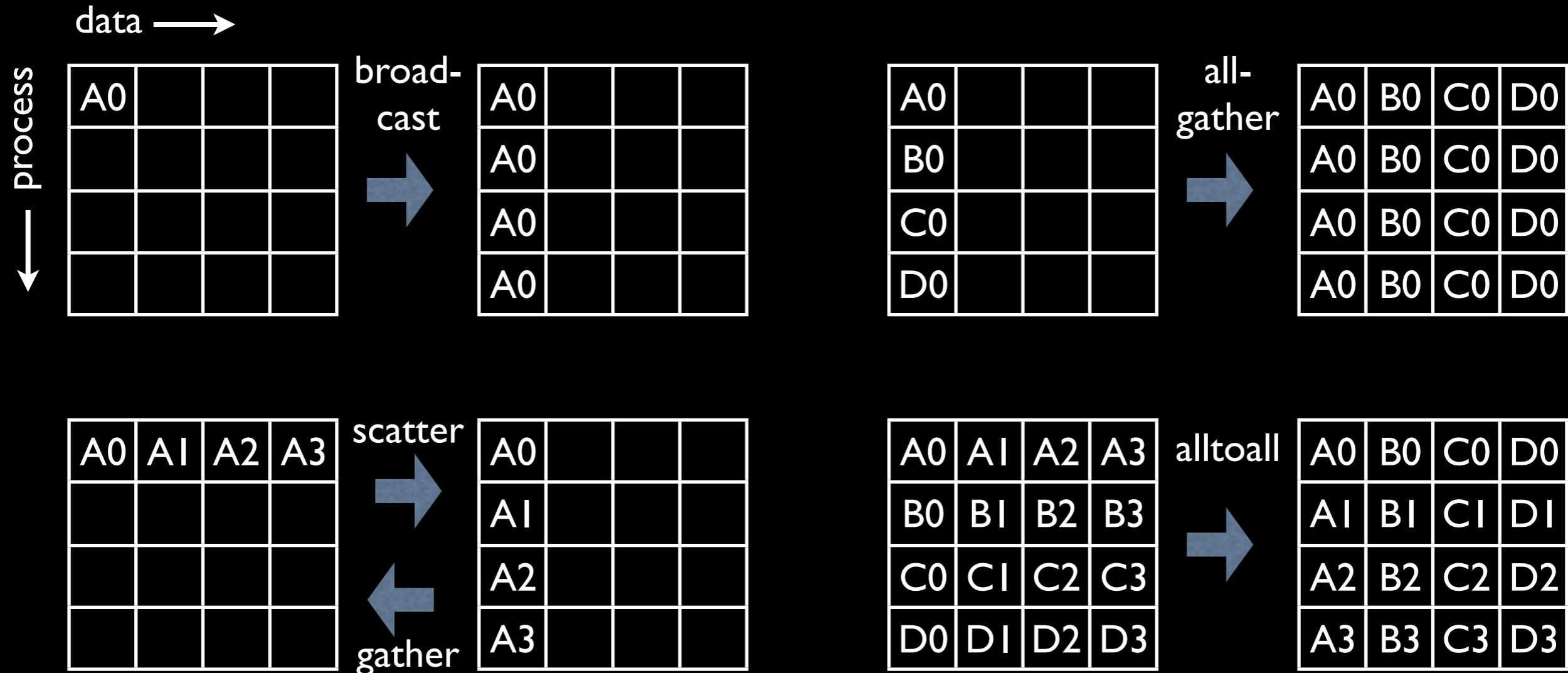


- ▶ Pitfall: Aliasing
 - ▶ attempt to store the result in the same location as the operand
 - ▶ `MPI_Reduce(&operand, &operand, 1, MPI_FLOAT, MPI_SUM, 0, comm)`

Predefined reduction ops

Operator name	Meaning
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 & location of maximum
MPI_MINLOC	Minimum & location of minimum

More collectives



- ▶ Pitfall: Calling collectives from only some of the processes

```
if (...) {  
    do_something();  
} else {  
    do_something_else();  
    MPI_Barrier(comm);  
}
```



Design considerations

- ▶ “Quick & dirty”
 - ▶ compile your program in parallel, execute with mpicc, decide on the rank, which process operates on which part of the data
 - ▶ advantage & disadvantage: input data is read by every process
 - ▶ results can be written one after another into single output file or to separate files
- ▶ “Master” process reads data and broadcasts to everyone
 - ▶ slightly more work, but faster on more processors
 - ▶ results can be send back to the “master”, who then writes to file
- ▶ Master-slave parallelism \Leftrightarrow symmetric program?
- ▶ Make performance analysis a part of your development cycle!



Debugging parallel programs

- ▶ serial style will not work!

- ▶ `mpicc -g ./buggy.c -o buggy.x`
- ▶ `ddd mpirun -np 2 buggy.x` will try to debug mpirun, not buggy.x

- ▶ what does the trick:

- ▶ keep the program from running away with while statement & barriers

- ▶ run the program:
`mpirun -np 2 buggy.x`

- ▶ find out process numbers:

> `ps -C buggy.x`

3209 buggy.x – MPI rank 0

3210 buggy.x

- ▶ attach debugger to process of interest:
`ddd buggy.x 3209 &`

```
MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
MPI_Comm_rank(&nodeid, MPI_COMM_WORLD);

/* wait */
if (nodeid == 0)
{
    int bDebugWait = 1;

    fprintf(stderr, "Wait on proc %d\n",
            nodeid);
    while (bDebugWait)
        ;
}
MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD);
/* end wait */
```

DDD: /netmount/coral4/ckutzne/mpi-techtea/buggy.c

File Edit View Program Commands Status Source Data Help

0: while

1: nodeid 2: bDebugWait
1 0

4: nnodes
2

3: status

MPI_SOURCE = 0
MPI_TAG = 0
MPI_ERROR = 0
st_length = 4

int main(int argc, char *argv[]){
 int nnodes, nodeid, rightnode, leftnode;
 float test=0.0;
 MPI_Status status;

 MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
 nodeid = gmx_setup(&nnodes);
 gmx_left_right(nnodes, nodeid, &leftnode, &rightnode);

 /* wait */
 int bDebugWait = 1;

 if (nodeid == 1)
 {
 fprintf(stderr, "Wait on proc %d —\n", nodeid);
 while(bDebugWait)
 ;
 }
 MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 /* end wait */

 if (nodeid == 0) test = 3.1415;

 MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 printf("Nodeid: %d, value of test %f\n", nodeid, test);

 if (nodeid != 0)
 MPI_Recv(&test, 1, MPI_FLOAT, leftnode, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);

 if (nodeid != (nnodes-1))
 MPI_Send(&test, 1, MPI_FLOAT, rightnode, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);

 MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD);
 printf("Nodeid: %d, value of test %f\n", nodeid, test);

Run
Interrupt
Step Stepi
Next Nexti
Until Finish
Cont Kill
Up Down
Undo Redo
Edit Make

Performance evaluation

- ▶ Simple time measurements with `MPI_Wtime`:
 - ▶ `MPI_Wtick()` – timer accuracy
 - ▶ How long does something take on the individual processors? (N timings)
`t1 = MPI_Wtime();`
... code to time ...
`elapsed = MPI_Wtime() - t1;`
 - ▶ How long does it take on all parallel processes? (single timing)
`MPI_Barrier();`
`t1 = MPI_Wtime();`
... code to time ...
`MPI_Barrier();`
`elapsed = MPI_Wtime() - t1;`
 - ▶ may be worth to look at the synchronization time!
(How long does the barrier take?) (N timings, take maximum)
`t2 = MPI_Wtime();`
`MPI_Barrier();`
`synctime = MPI_Wtime() - t2;`



Multi Processing Environment

- ▶ Instrument your program
 - ▶ include <mpe.h>
 - ▶ MPE_Init_log();
 - ▶ MPE_Stop_log(); MPE_Start_log();
 - ▶ MPE_Describe_state(int start, int end, char *name, char *color);
 - ▶ MPE_Describe_event(int event, char *name);
 - ▶ MPE_Log_event(int event, int intdata, char *chardata);
- ▶ Compile with mpecc
 - ▶ mpecc -mpilog mpedemo.c -o mpedemo.x
- ▶ run
 - ▶ mpirun -np 6 mpedemo.x generates mpedemo.x.clog2
- ▶ view & analyze with jumpshot

Visualize & measure
what is going on in your
program

MPE logging

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int nnodes, nodeid, rightnode, leftnode;
    float test;
    MPI_Status status;

    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_size( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nnodes );
    MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nodeid );

    /* declare MPE variables & states and initialize MPE */
    int ev_print_start, ev_print_finish;
    ev_print_start = MPE_Log_get_event_number();
    ev_print_finish = MPE_Log_get_event_number();
    MPE_Describe_state(ev_print_start, ev_print_finish, "output", "orange");
    MPE_Init_log();
    /* done MPE setup */

    gmx_left_right(nnodes, nodeid, &leftnode, &rightnode);
    if (nodeid == 0) test = 3.1415;

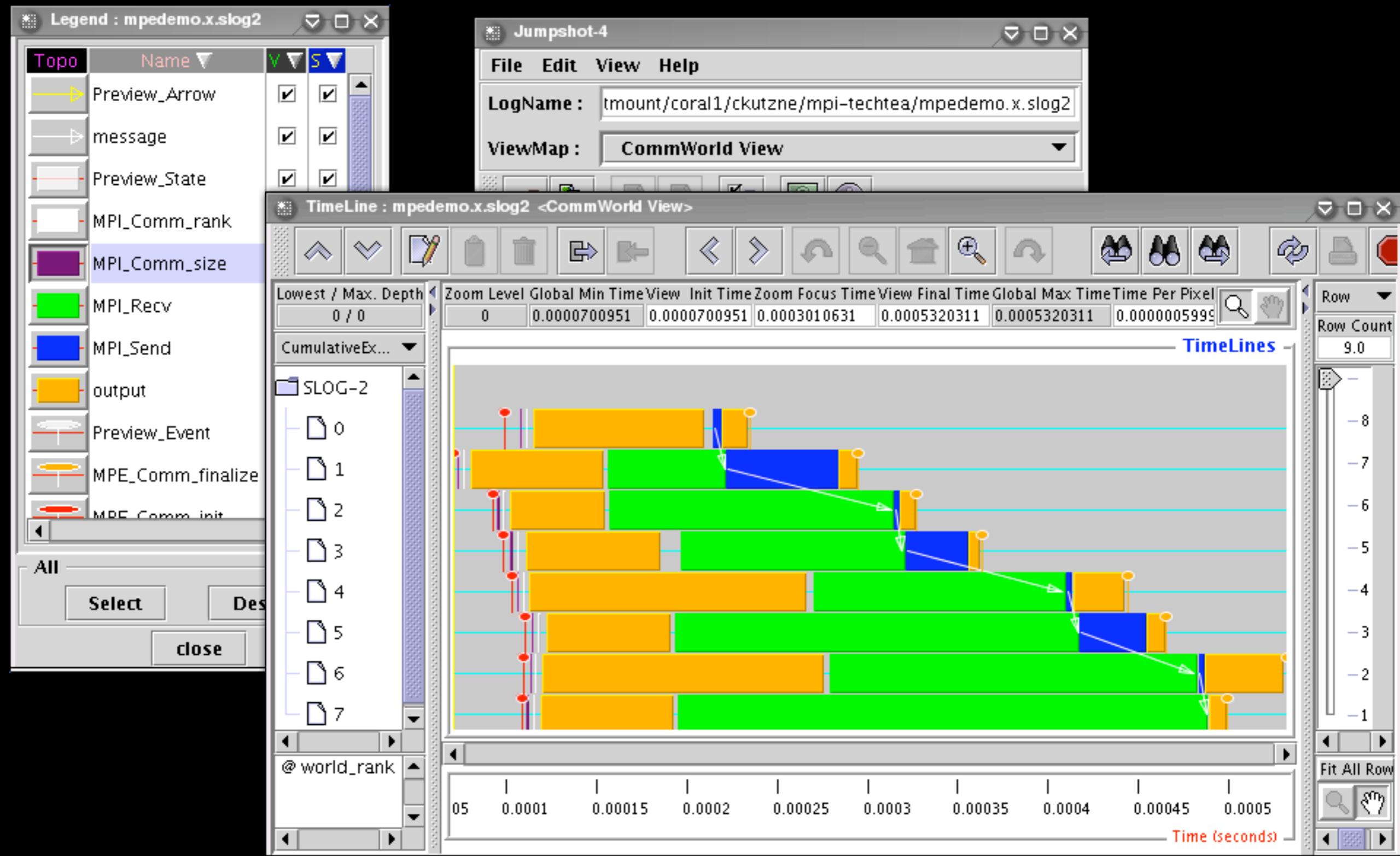
    MPE_Log_event(ev_print_start, 0, "start output");
    printf("Nodeid: %d, value of test %f\n", nodeid, test);
    MPE_Log_event(ev_print_finish, 0, "output finished");

    if (nodeid != 0)
        MPI_Recv(&test, 1, MPI_FLOAT, leftnode, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &status);
    if (nodeid != (nnodes-1))
        MPI_Send(&test, 1, MPI_FLOAT, rightnode, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);

    MPE_Log_event(ev_print_start, 0, "start output");
    printf("Nodeid: %d, value of test %f\n", nodeid, test);
    MPE_Log_event(ev_print_finish, 0, "output finished");

    MPI_Finalize();
}
```

MPE logging



MPE graphics library

- ▶ simple graphics interface for parallel output
 - ▶ shared access by parallel processes to a single X display
 - ▶ each process can individually update the display
- ▶ usage:
 - ▶ include <mpe_graphics.h>
 - ▶ MPE_Open/Close_graphics(...)
 - ▶ MPE_Draw_point/line/circle/rectangle(...)
 - ▶ MPE_Update(...)
 - ▶ MPE_Num_colors(...)
 - ▶ MPE_Make_color_array(...)
- ▶ compile with mpecc
 - ▶ mpecc -graphics -lm mpedemo2.c -o mpedemo2.x

MPE graphics library

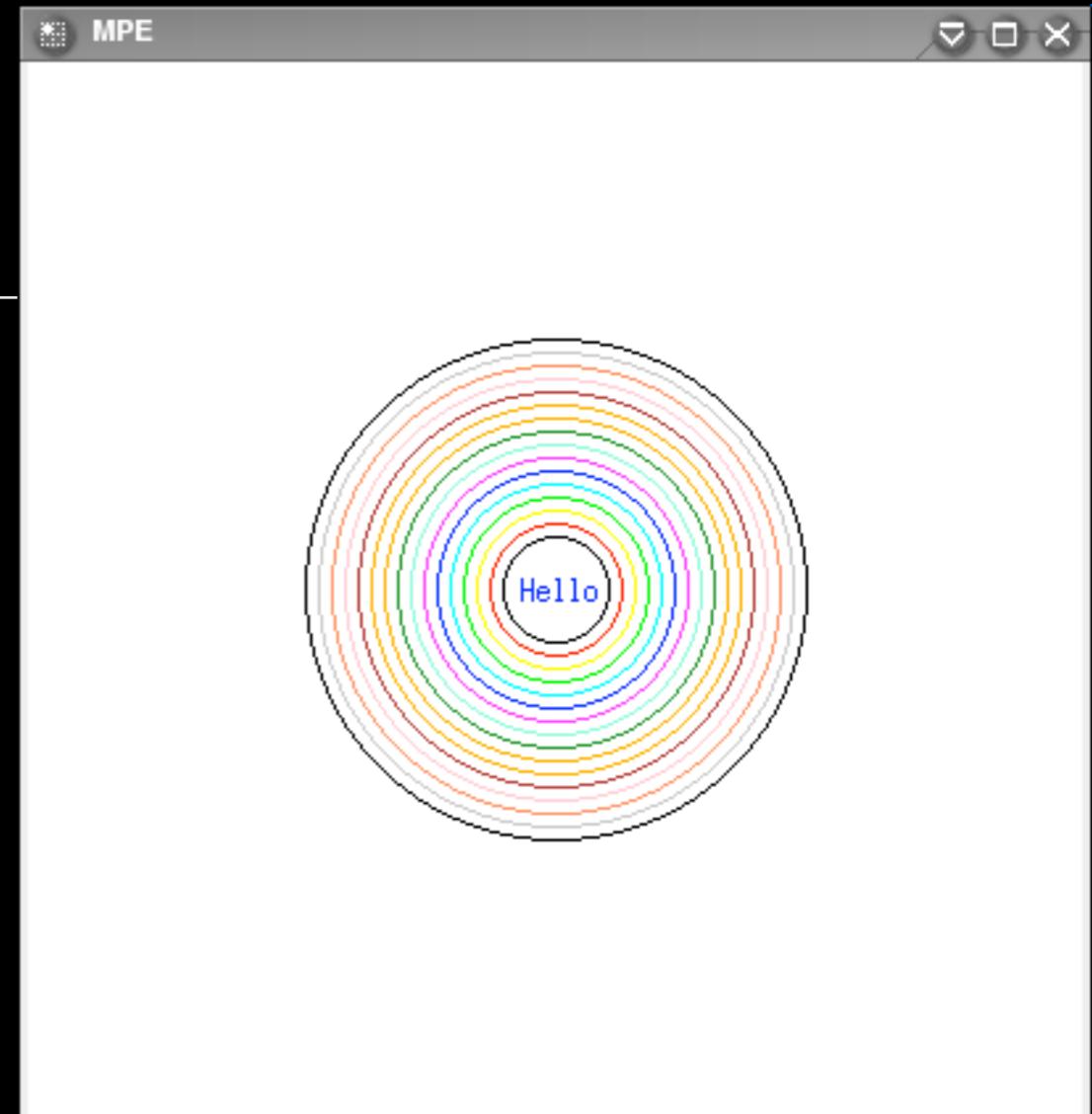
```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>
#include "mpe.h"
#include "mpe_graphics.h"

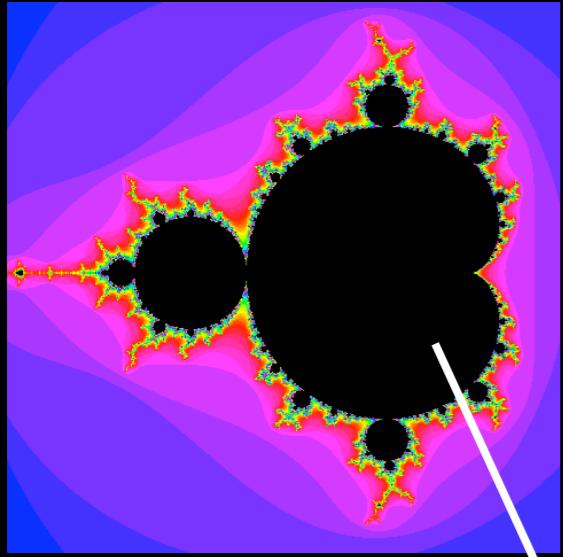
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int nnodes, nodeid;
    MPE_XGraph graph;
    char ckey;
    int ierr;
    MPE_Color my_color;

    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_size( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nnodes );
    MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nodeid );

    MPE_Open_graphics( &graph, MPI_COMM_WORLD, NULL,
                        -1, -1, 400, 400, 0 );
    my_color = (MPE_Color) (nodeid + 1);
    if (nodeid == 0)
        ierr = MPE_Draw_string( graph, 187, 205, MPE_BLUE, "Hello" );
    ierr = MPE_Draw_circle( graph, 200, 200, 20+nodeid*5, my_color );
    ierr = MPE_Update( graph );

    MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD);
    ierr = MPE_Close_graphics( &graph );
    MPI_Finalize();
}
```





Self-scheduling master-slave example

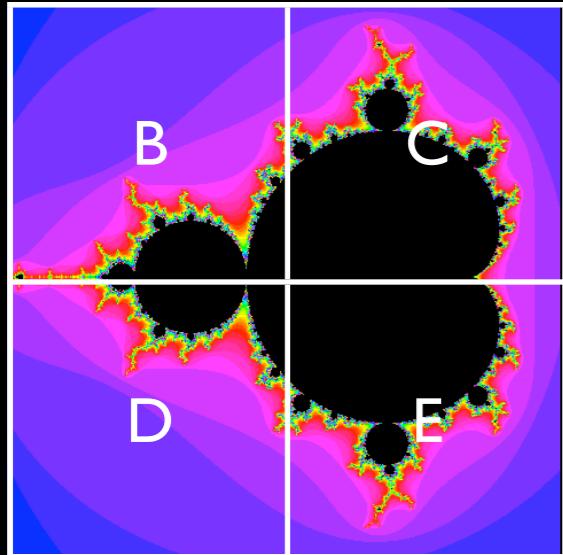
M

- ▶ $z = x + iy$
- ▶ repeat

$$f_c(z) = z^2 + c$$

If f remains bounded, it is in M ,
otherwise color is a (optional) measure for
divergence

- ▶ “Easy to parallelize”
since each pixel’s color can be computed
independently
- ▶ BUT: load imbalances!

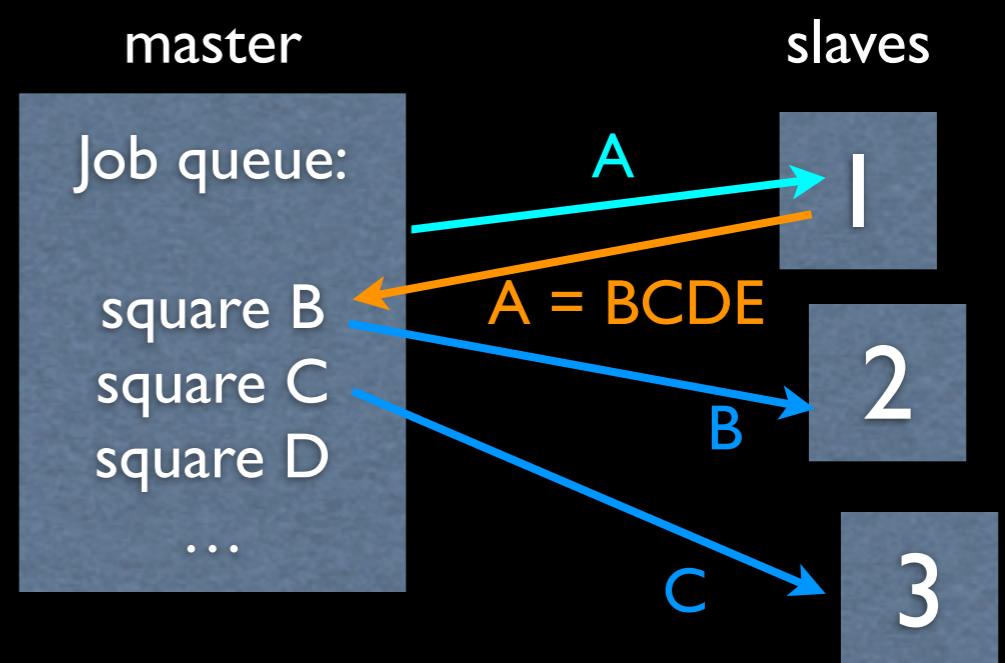


Self-scheduling master-slave example

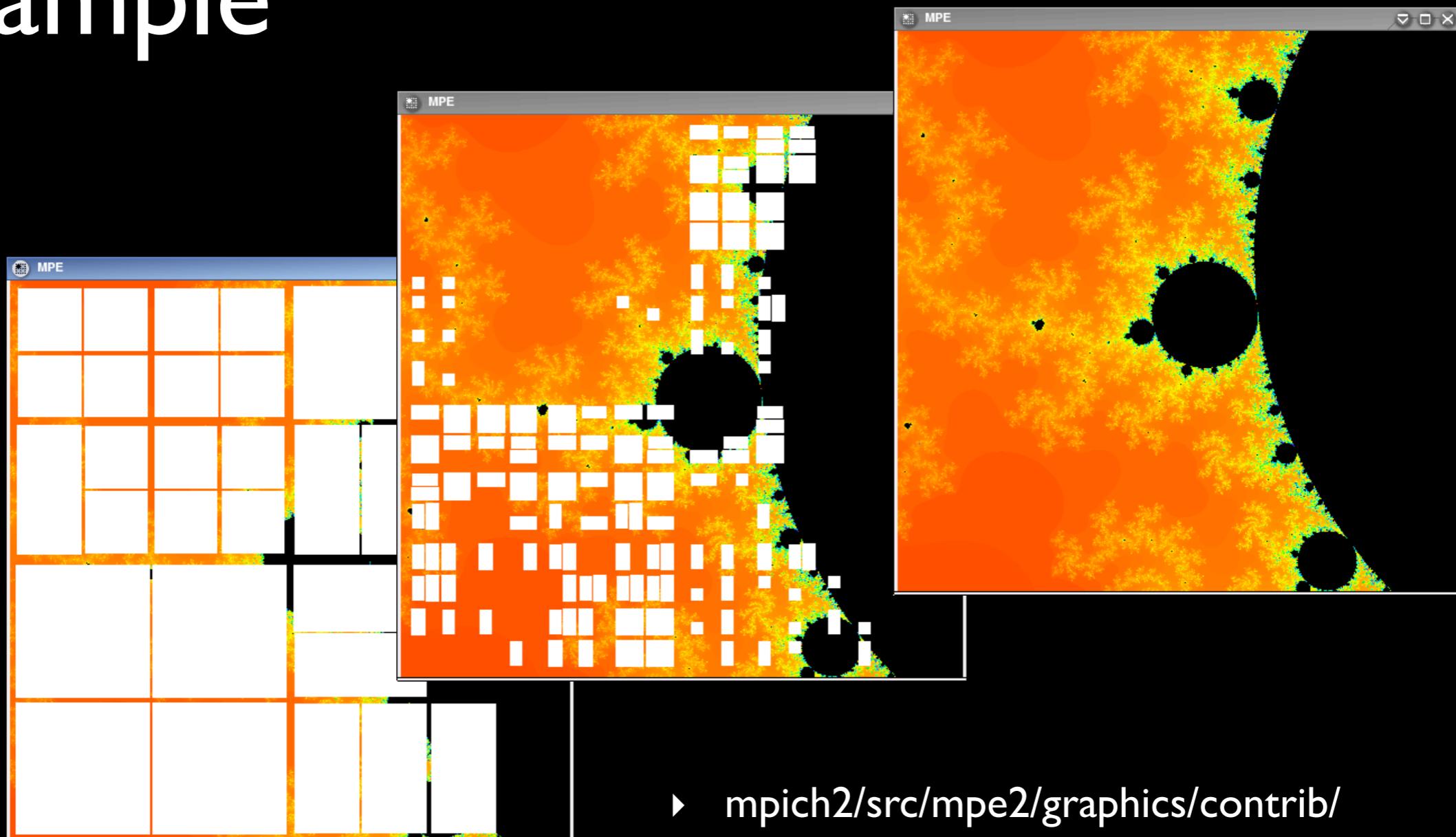
- ▶ accelerate computation & balance load:

- ▶ if border of any square is made up of same color,
all pixels inside have that color, too

- ▶ start: put whole area (A) into queue
- ▶ master sends queue job to a free slave
 - ▶ slave computes boundary
 - ▶ if same color => fill & display
 - ▶ at first different color =>
subdivide into 4 subsquares,
return them to master,
but carry on with boundary.
Display boundary when finished.



Self-scheduling master-slave example



- ▶ [mpich2/src/mpe2/graphics/contrib/](http://mpich2/sr.../graphics/contrib/)
- ▶ [mpich2-l.0.4/examples](http://mpich2-l.../examples)
- ▶ [lam-7.1.2/examples](http://lam-7.1.2/.../examples)
- ▶ <http://www-unix.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/usingmpi>