

# AMATH 483/583 High Performance Scientific Computing

## Lecture 18: Message Passing w/CSP/SPMD, MPI

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# Overview

- SPMD / CSP recap
- MPI mental model recap
- Basic MPI recap
- Laplace's equation on a regular grid

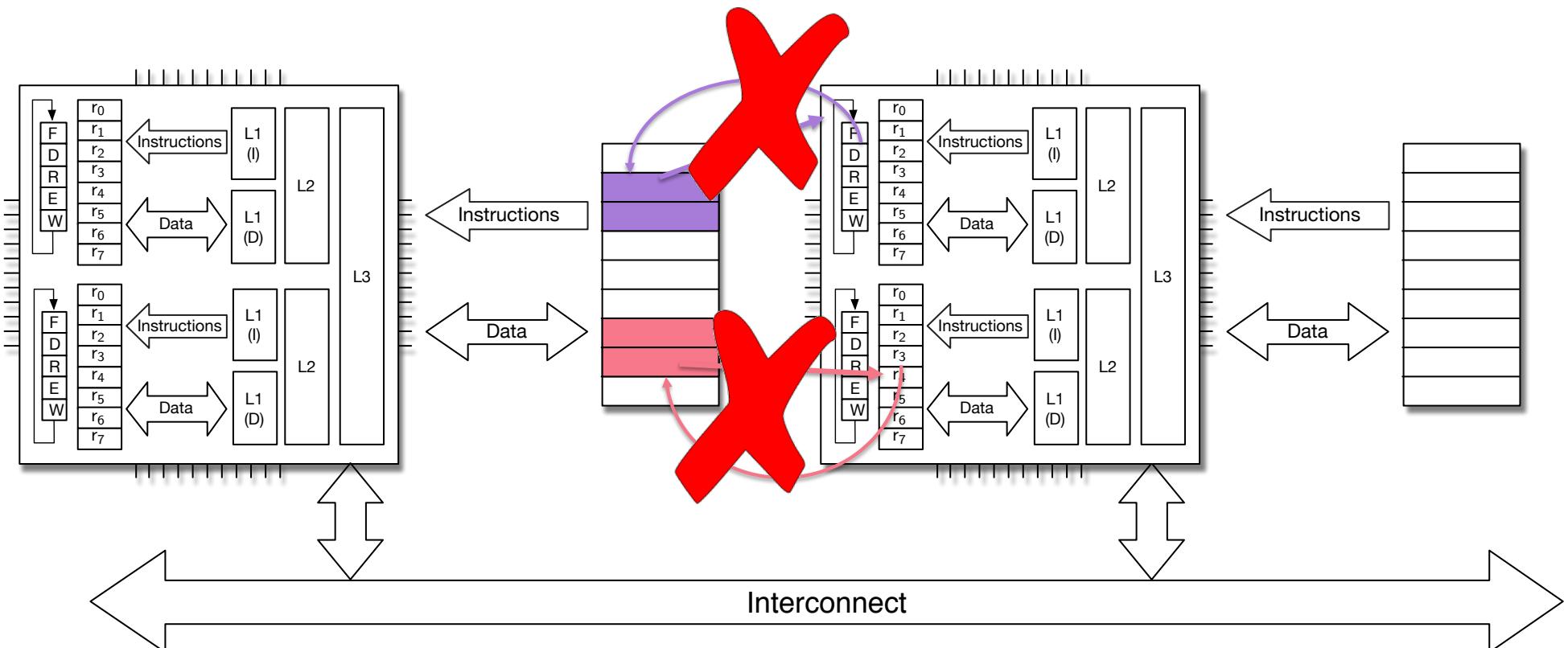
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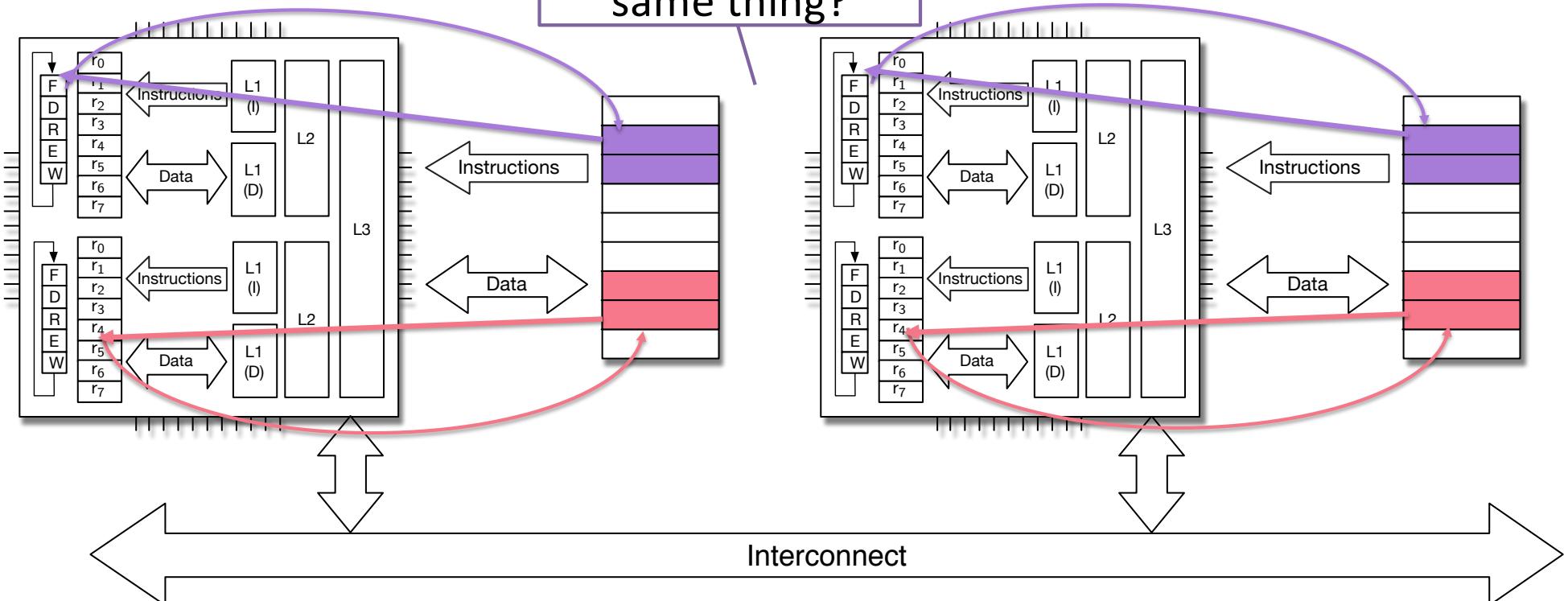
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# Distributed memory

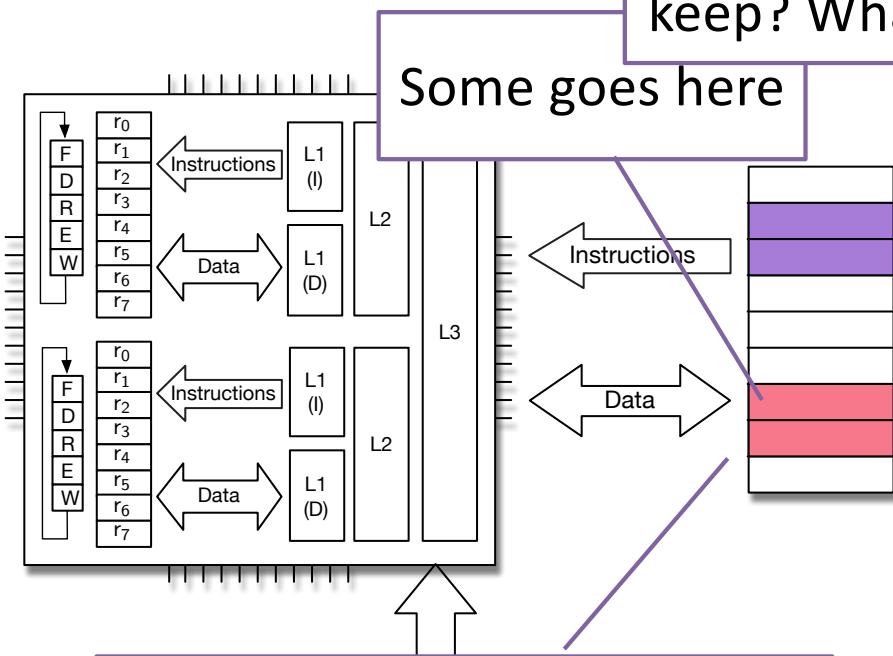


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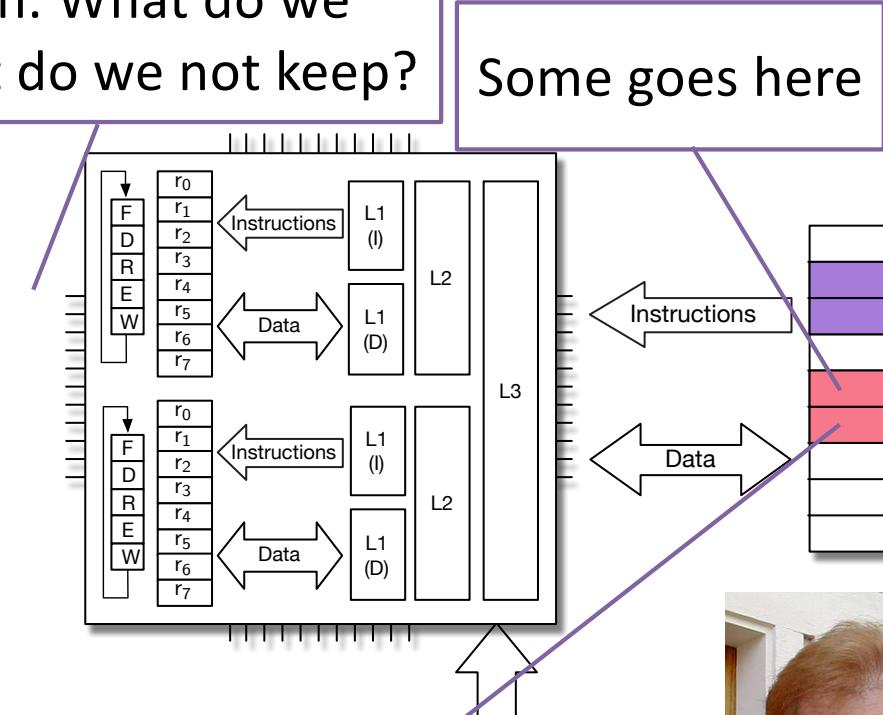
Do we want these  
doing the exact  
same thing?



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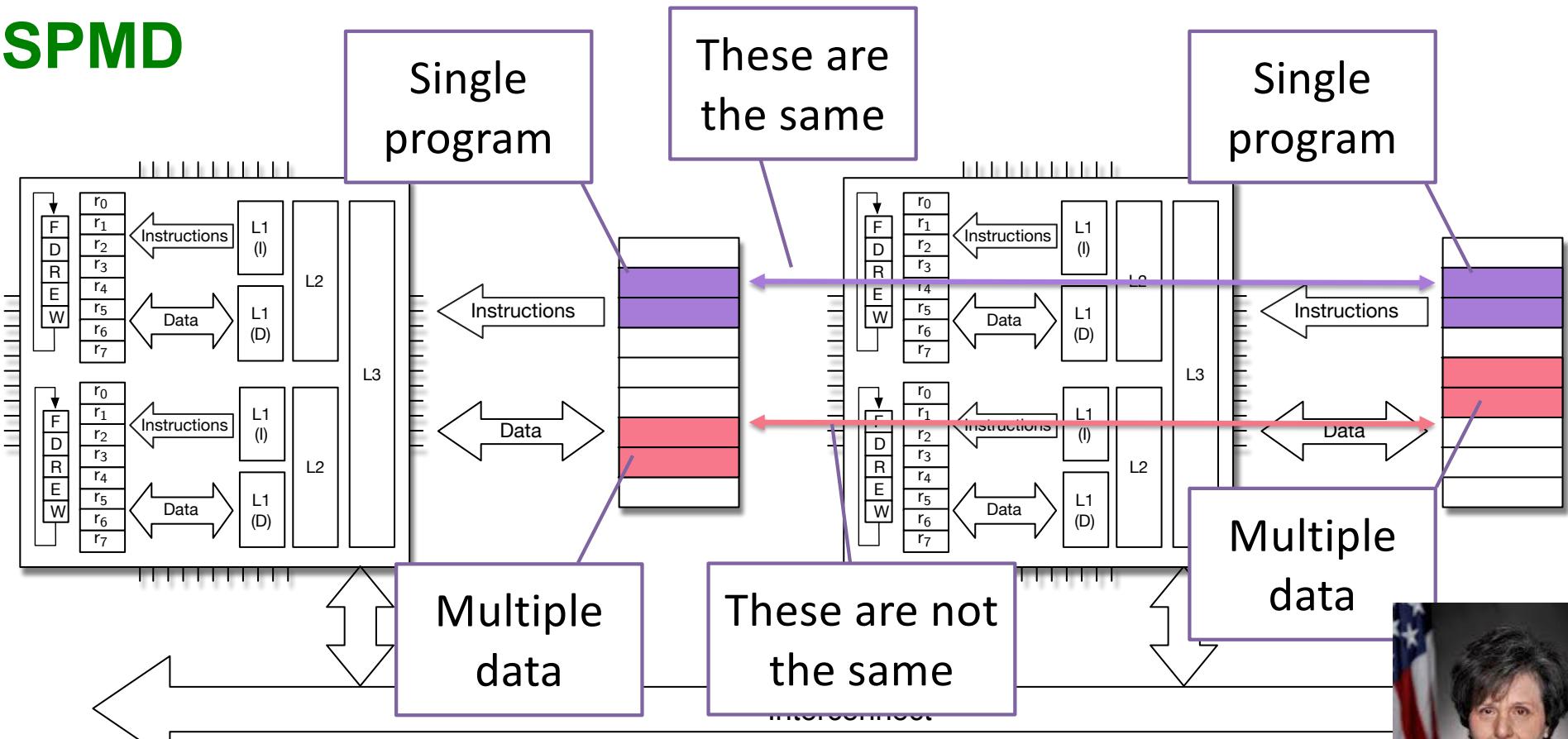
But, Again. What do we  
keep? What do we not keep?



“Collectively exhaustive”

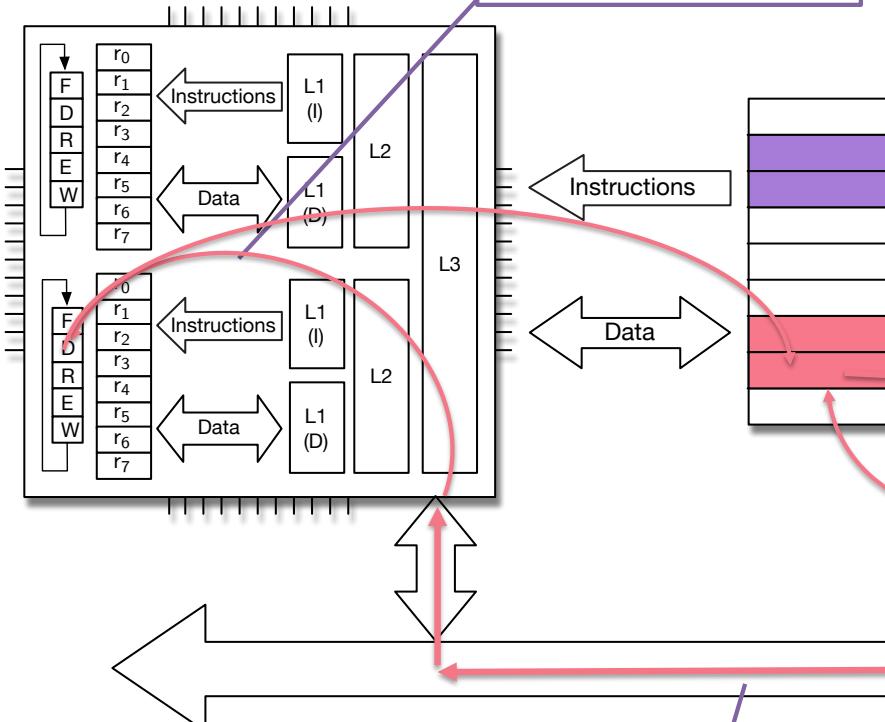


# SPMD



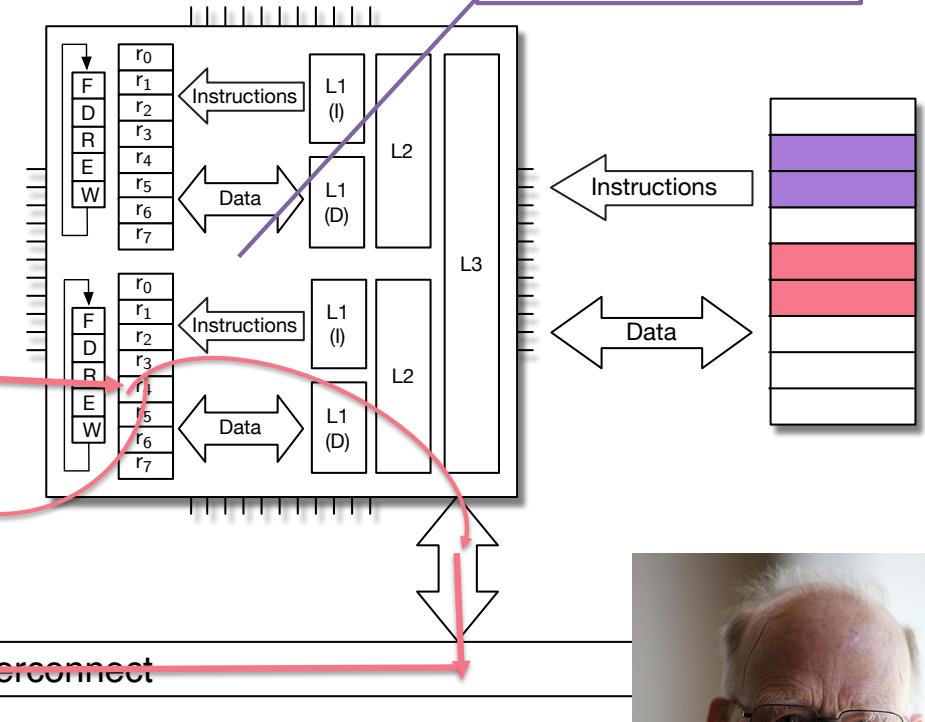
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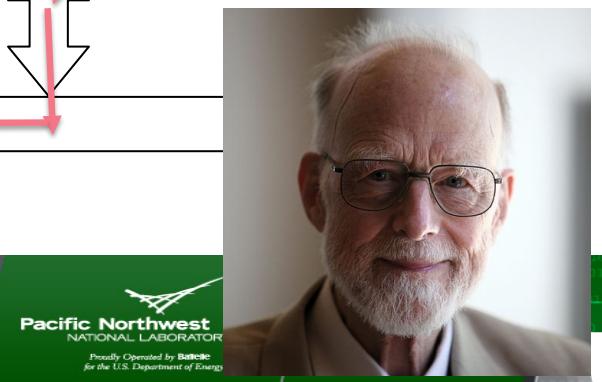
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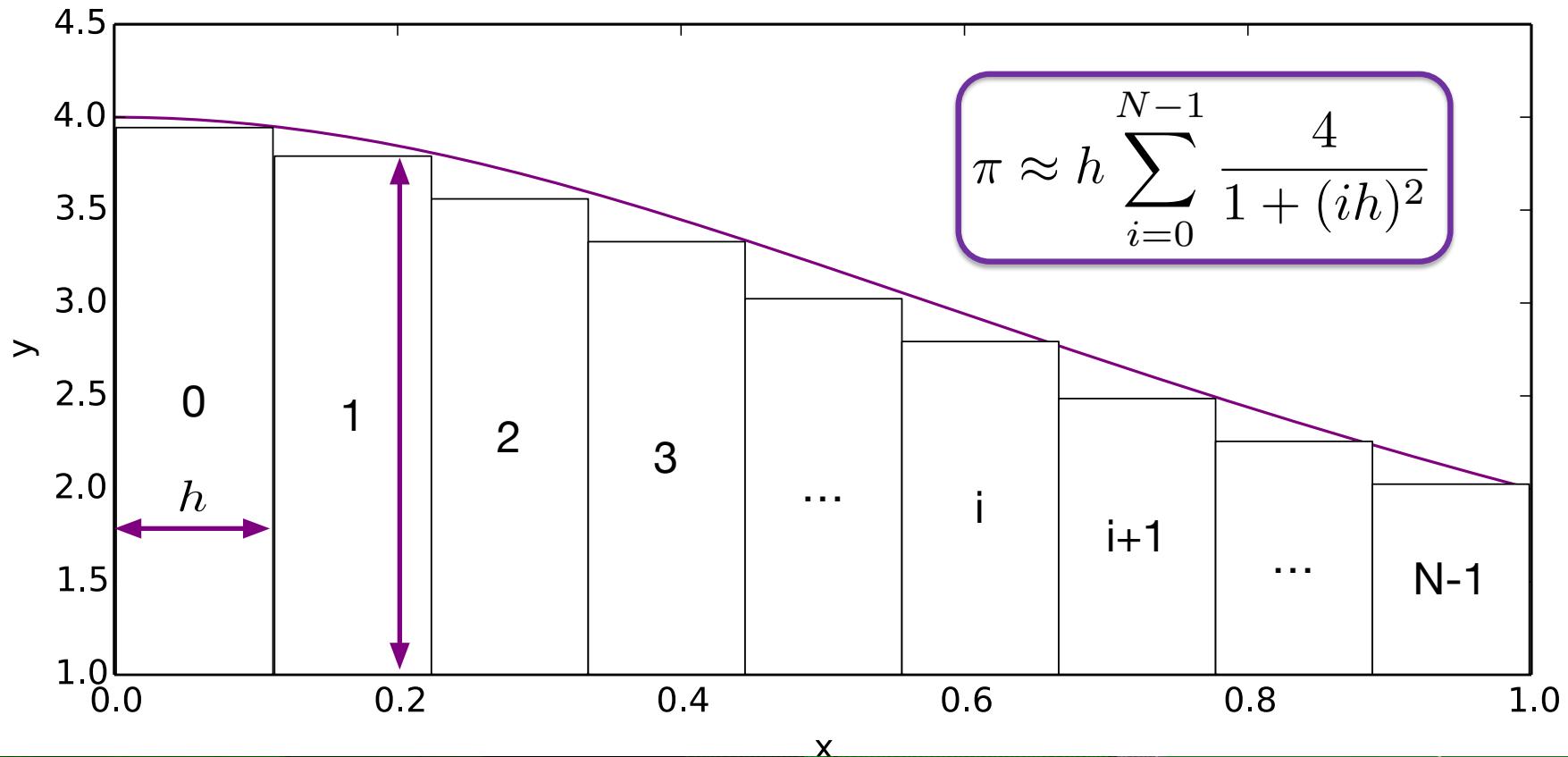
Communicating

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# Numerical Quadrature



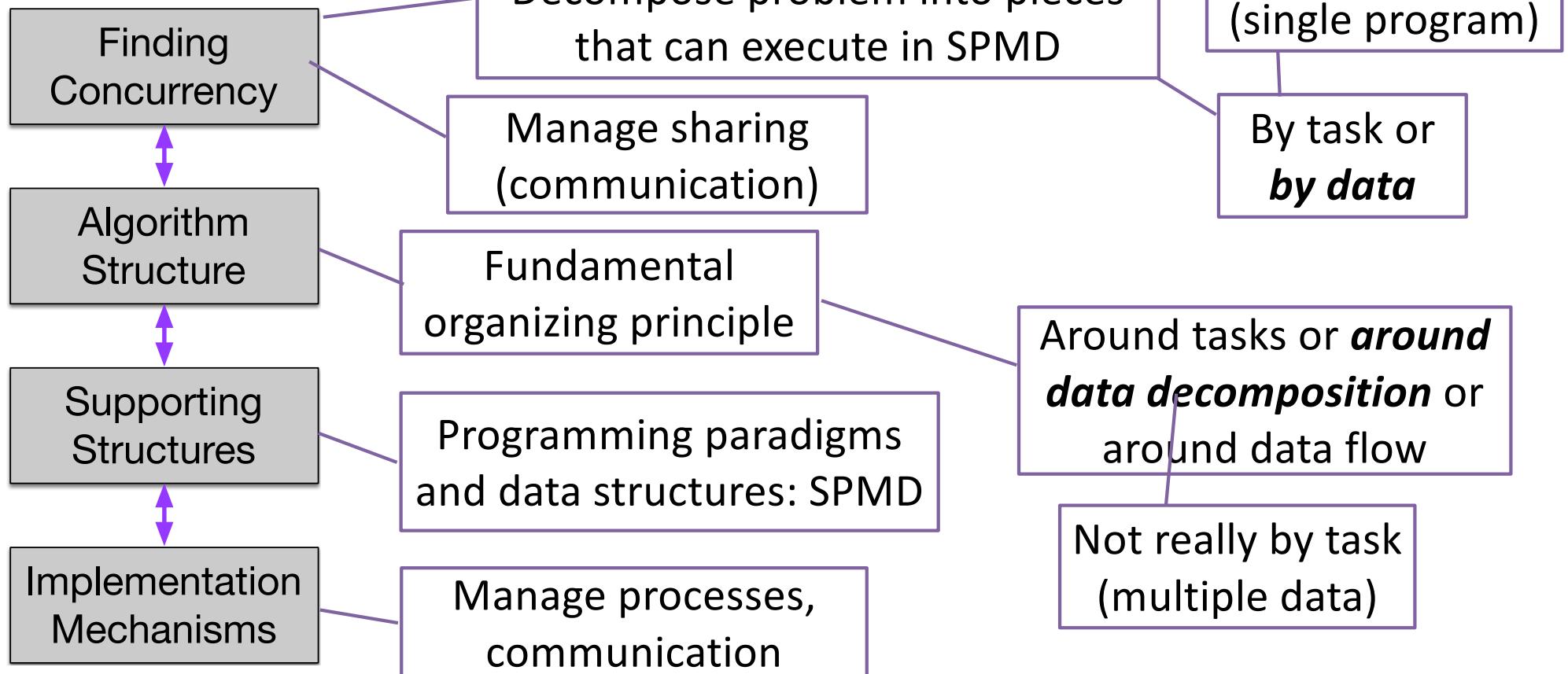
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# Parallelization strategy: SPMD version



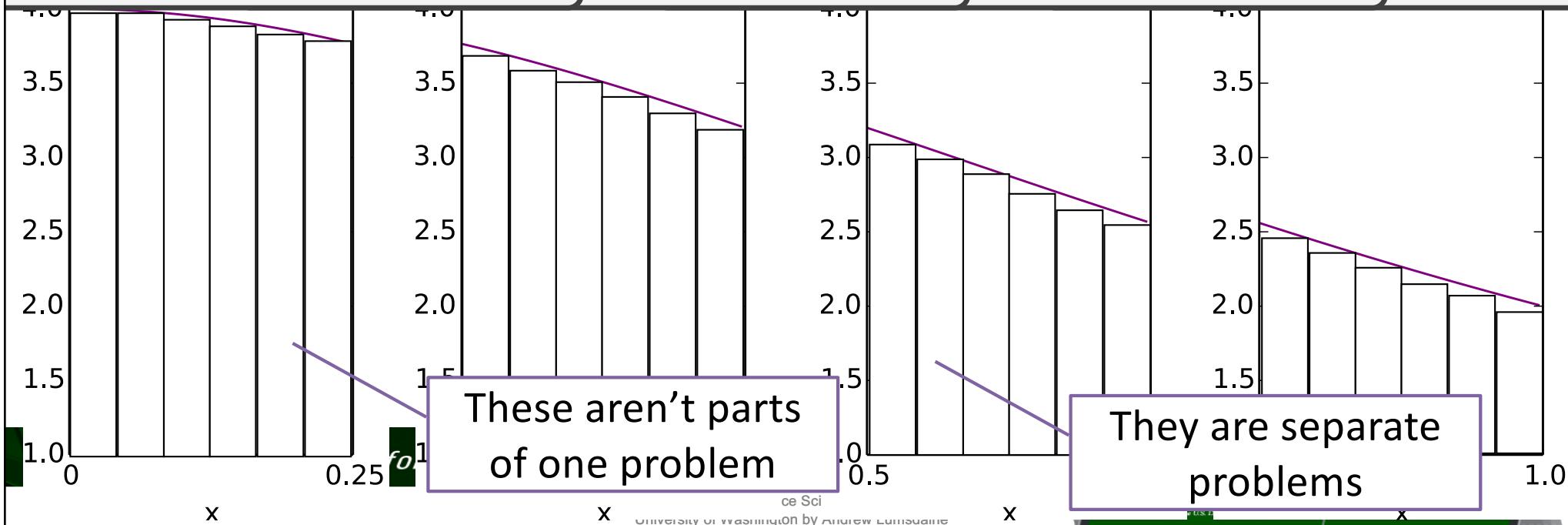
# Finding Concurrency

```
for (int i = begin; i < end; ++i) {  
    pi += h * 4.0 / (1 + i*h*i*h);  
}
```

```
int i = 0; i < N/4; ++i) {  
+= h * 4.0 / (1 + i*h*i*h);
```

```
4; i < N/2; ++i) {  
/ (1 + i*h*i*h);
```

```
/2; i < 3*N/4; ++i) {N/4; i < N  
0 / (1 + i*h*i*h); / (1 + i*
```



# Shared Memory Parallelism

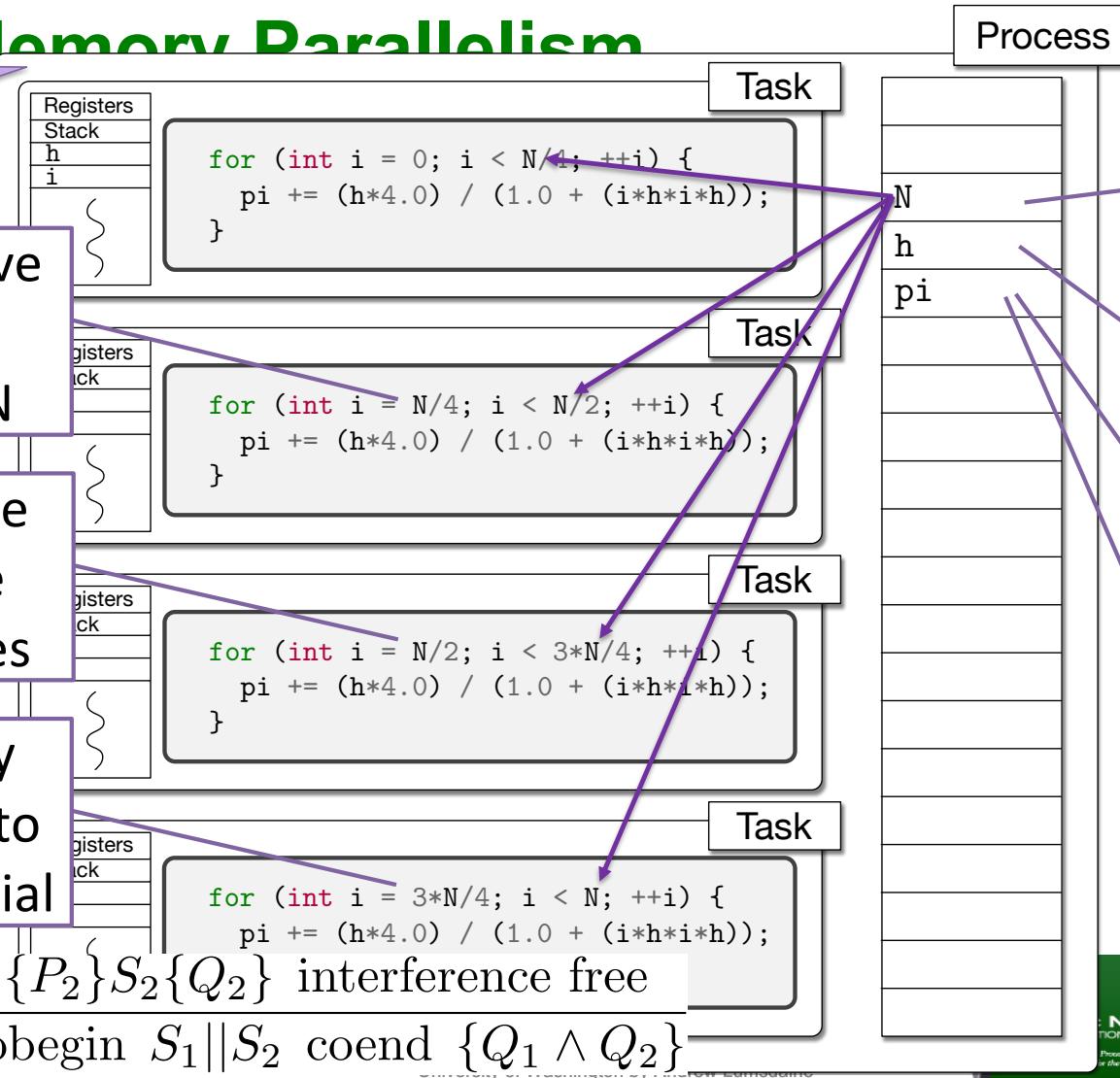
## *Very Important Slide!!*

Threads have  
the same  
value for N

And if these  
are all the  
same values

It is exactly equivalent to the sequential

$\{P_1\}S_1\{Q_1\}, \{P_2\}S_2\{Q_2\}$  interference free  
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Because they  
are reading *the  
same* N

Similarly h

## Similarly pi

# At least for reading

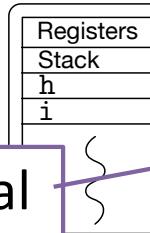
(Have to deal  
with race when  
writing)

This N is local  
to this process

But we need to  
read *some* N

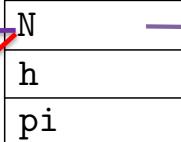
These programs  
are all identical

And they all say  
“read N”

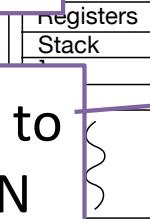


```
for (int i = 0; i < N/4; ++i) {  
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}
```

Process

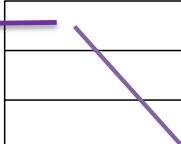


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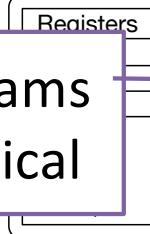


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```

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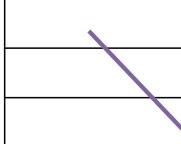


Can *not* read  
from another  
process  
memory



```
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Process

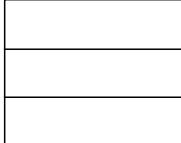


(In some sense  
there is an N  
here)



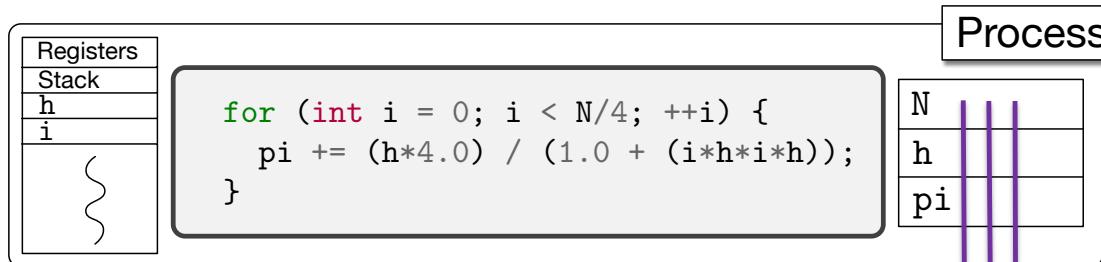
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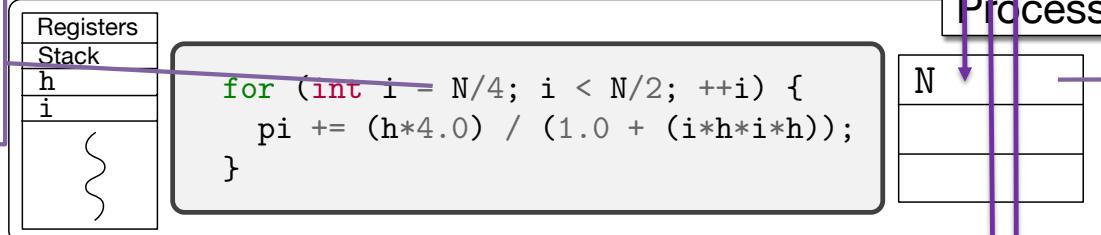


How do we get  
the right **value**  
for N here?

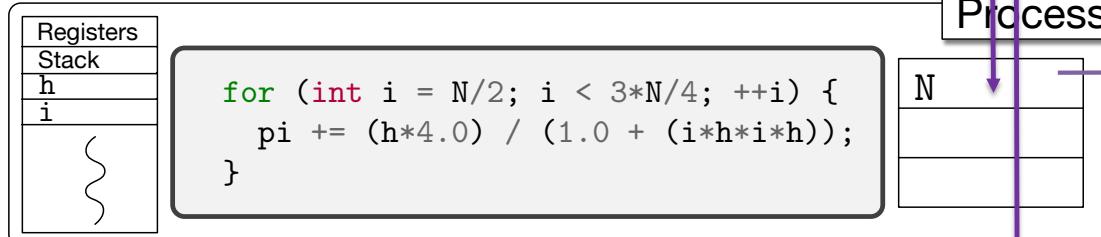
To read the  
“right” N



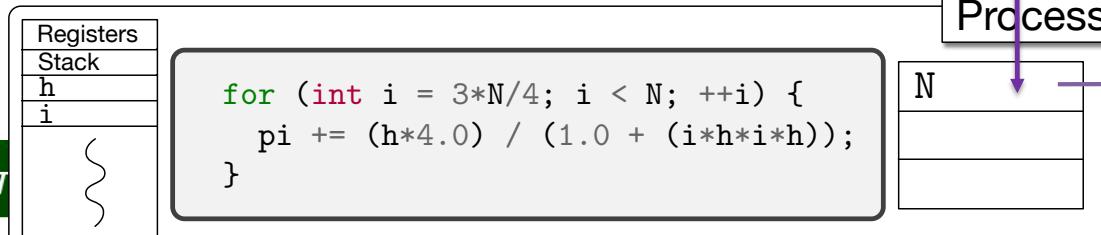
Process



Copy to each  
process



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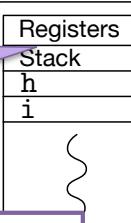
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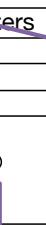
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```

Process

N
h
pi



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}
```

Process

N
h
pi

Because they  
are reading  
*copies of N*

It is *as if* they  
were the same N

Similarly h, pi

At least for  
reading

Have to make  
consistent when  
writing to  
maintain *as if*

# MPI

Get our id and number of other nodes

This pattern is ubiquitous

id 0 gets N

id 0 shares N

Everyone has same N

Everyone computes their own partial pi

id 0 collects all partials, adds them, and prints

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    size_t intervals = 1024 * 1024;

    MPI::Init();

    int myrank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();
    int mysize = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();

    if (0 == myrank) {
        if (argc >= 2) intervals = std::atol(argv[1]);
    }

    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Bcast(&intervals, 1, MPI::UNSIGNED_LONG, 0);

    size_t blocksize = intervals / mysize;
    size_t begin     = blocksize * myrank;
    size_t end       = blocksize * (myrank + 1);
    double h         = 1.0 / ((double)intervals);

    double pi        = 0.0;
    for (size_t i = begin; i < end; ++i) {
        pi += 4.0 / (1.0 + (i * h * i * h));
    }

    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Reduce(&mypi, &pi, 1, MPI::DOUBLE, MPI::SUM, 0);

    if (0 == myrank) {
        std::cout << "pi is approximately " << pi << std::endl;
    }

    MPI::Finalize();

    return 0;
}
```

id 0 is root

This process can only read/write its memory

Only this process can read/write its memory

Message passing with CSP is *local*

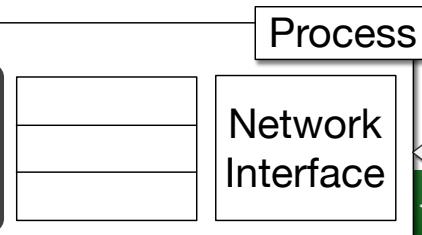
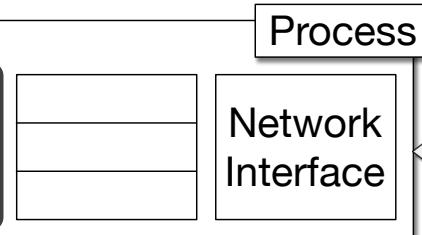
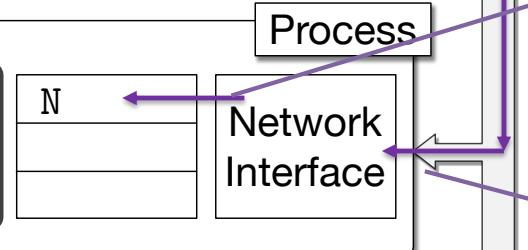
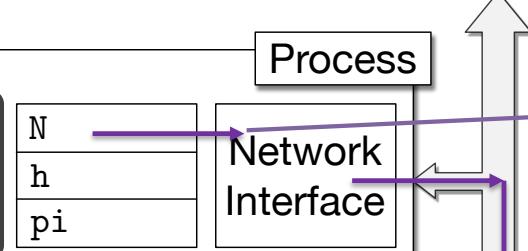
It is *as if* shared memory, but it is purely local

```
Registers  
Stack  
h  
  
for (int i = 0; i < N/4; ++i) {  
    pi += (h*4.0) / (1.0 + (i*h*i*h));
```

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    pi += (h*4.0) / (1.0 + (i*h*i*h));
```



This process must *send*

This process must *receive*

We can't just put this here

Very Important Slide!!

When we run this “parallel program” we aren’t running a parallel program

We are running multiple copies of this sequential program

All copies execute exactly this same code (not in lock step)

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {  
    size_t intervals = 1024 * 1024;  
  
    MPI::Init();  
  
    int myrank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();  
    int mysize = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();  
  
    if (0 == myrank) if (argc >= 2) intervals = std::atol(argv[1]);  
  
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Bcast(&intervals, 1, MPI::UNSIGNED_LONG, 0);  
  
    size_t blocksize = intervals / mysize;  
    size_t begin     = blocksize * myrank;  
    size_t end       = blocksize * (myrank + 1);  
    double h         = 1.0 / ((double)intervals);  
  
    double pi        = 0.0;  
    for (size_t i = begin; i < end; ++i)  
        pi += 4.0 / (1.0 + (i * h * i * h));  
  
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Reduce(&mypi, &pi, 1, MPI::DOUBLE, MPI::SUM, 0);  
  
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    MPI::Finalize();  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

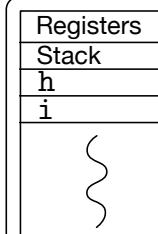
All copies call this communication function

And intervals gets copied to all processes

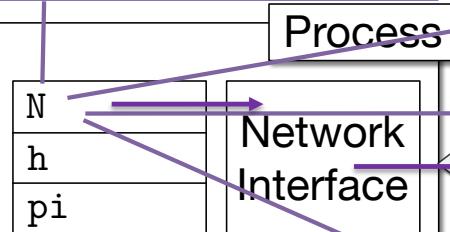
Only because each process calls this

First question: What are we sending?

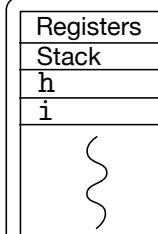
"N" only has meaning in source code



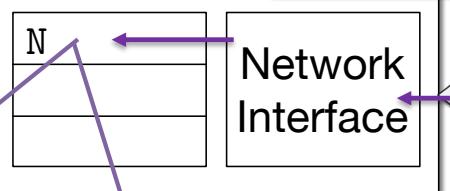
```
for (int i = 0; i < N/4; ++i) {  
    pi += (h*4.0) / (1.0 + (i*h*i*h));  
}
```



We are sending the **value** of "N"



```
for (int i = N/4; i < N/2; ++i) {  
    pi += (h*4.0) / (1.0 + (i*h*i*h));  
}
```



The bits in the memory location

And we need to be able to id other processes

Second question: Where are we sending the bits?

How do we say "N@other\_process"?

"N" only has meaning in source code

And its location only makes sense locally

But sender and receiver can agree on an alias

All MPI communication takes place in the context of an ***MPI Communicator***

An MPI Group translates from rank in the group to actual process

We us the index of a process in the group to identify other processes

An MPI Communicator contains an ***MPI Group***

Only processes in the group can use the communicator

All processes in the group see an identical communicator

Behavior is *as if* it were global and shared

All MPI communication takes place in the context of an ***MPI Communicator***

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We use the index (***rank***) of a process in the group to identify other processes

The ***size*** of a communicator is the size of the group

Processes can query for size and for their own rank in group

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Communicator

Group

Process 0

Process 1

Process 2

Process ...

Process #P-1

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# MPI\_Send

Member function  
of a communicator

```
#include <mpi.h>
void Comm::Send(const void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
→ int dest, int tag) const
```

Communicator used  
for this message

Recipient

Message tag

Sender is implicit  
(the process that  
called this function)

Message  
envelope

# MPI\_Recv

```
#include <mpi.h>
void Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
    int source, int tag, Status& status) const
void Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
    int source, int tag) const
```

Member function  
of a communicator

Overloaded function  
returns status

Communicator used  
for this message

Sender

Message tag

Receiver is implicit  
(the process that  
called this function)

Message  
envelope

# MPI\_Send and MPI\_Recv

```
#include <mpi.h>
void Comm::Send(const void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
→ int dest, int tag) const
```

?

Contents

```
#include <mpi.h>
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```
void Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
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```

Match these for  
message  
delivery

NB: SPMD

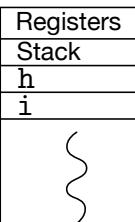
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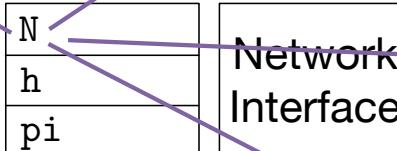
Contents

In the program  
this is a value

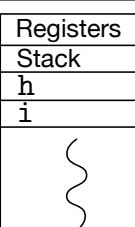
In the computer  
this is just bits



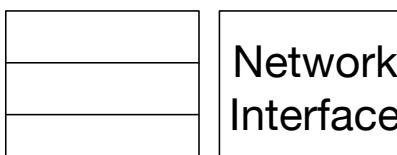
```
for (int i = 0; i < N/4; ++i) {
    pi += (h*4.0) / (1.0 + (i*h*i*h));
}
```



The value represented  
by bits is not defined



```
for (int i = N/4; i < N/2; ++i) {
    pi += (h*4.0) / (1.0 + (i*h*i*h));
}
```



Only makes sense in a  
given process / CPU

# Message Contents

Contents

```
#include <mpi.h>
void Comm::Send(const void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
→ int dest, int tag) const
```

The location in  
memory of the bits  
we want to send

How many of the  
elements are in  
the message

How to interpret  
the bits as a data  
element

Note that  
contents are not  
part of envelope

# Documentation of All MPI Functions



# Six Function MPI (Point to Point)

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

```
void MPI::Init(int& argc, char**& argv)  
void MPI::Init()
```

```
int MPI::Comm::Get_size() const
```

```
int MPI::Comm::Get_rank() const
```

```
void MPI::Comm::Send(const void* buf, int count, const Datatype&  
→ datatype, int dest, int tag) const
```

```
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→ int source, int tag) const
```

```
void MPI::Finalize()
```

Initialize MPI environment

Get size of communicator

Get rank of communicator

Send

Shut down and leave  
MPI environment

Receive

## Aside

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

MPI has C bindings  
for all functions

```
int MPI_Recv(void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype,  
→ int source, int tag, MPI_Comm comm, MPI_Status *status)
```

And Fortran  
bindings

```
INCLUDE 'mpif.h'
```

```
MPI_RECV(BUF, COUNT, DATATYPE, SOURCE, TAG, COMM, STATUS,  
→ IERROR)  
  <type>    BUF(*)  
  INTEGER    COUNT, DATATYPE, SOURCE, TAG, COMM  
  INTEGER    STATUS(MPI_STATUS_SIZE), IERROR
```

# MPI Functions

Functions are defined independently of any language

Including parameters

Including parameters

And semantics

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Open MPI Software documentation. The left sidebar lists various sections such as Performance, Open MPI Software, Source Code Access, Bug Tracking, Regression Testing, Version Information, Sub-Projects, and Community. The main content area is titled "MPI\_Recv" and contains the following information:

- Name**: MPI\_Recv - Performs a standard-mode blocking receive.
- Syntax**
- C Syntax**

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```

- Fortran Syntax**

```
INCLUDE 'mpif.h'
MPI_RECV(BUF, COUNT, DATATYPE, SOURCE, TAG, COMM, STATUS, IERROR)
  <type>   BUF(*)
  INTEGER   COUNT, DATATYPE, SOURCE, TAG, COMM
  INTEGER   STATUS(MPI_STATUS_SIZE), IERROR
```

- C++ Syntax**

```
#include <mpi.h>
void Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
               int source, int tag, Status& status) const
void Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
               int source, int tag) const
```

- Input Parameters**
  - count: Maximum number of elements to receive (integer).
  - datatype: Datatype of each receive buffer entry (handle).
  - source: Rank of source (integer).
  - tag: Message tag (integer).
  - comm: Communicator (handle).
- Output Parameters**
  - buf: Initial address of receive buffer (choice).
  - status: Status object (status).
  - IERROR: Fortran only: Error status (integer).
- Description**

This basic receive operation, MPI\_Recv, is blocking: it returns only after the receive buffer contains the newly received message. A receive can complete before the matching send has completed (of course, it can complete only after the matching send has started).

Plus language bindings  
(C, C++, Fortran)

# Hello MPI World

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

int main() {
    MPI::Init();

    int mysize = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();
    int myrank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();

    std::cout << "Hello World!";
    std::cout << "I am " << myrank << " of " << mysize << std::endl;

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

Include mpi.h

Initialize

NB: namespace MPI

Get size of communicator

Get rank of calling process

Finalize

# Hello MPI World

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

int main() {
    MPI::Init();

    int mysize = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();
    int myrank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();

    std::cout << "Hello World!";
    std::cout << "I am " << myrank << " of " << mysize << std::endl;

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

MPI defines that a default communicator exists after MPI::Init()

Recall that send, receive, etc all referred to a communicator

Creating other communicators is done by program

Named  
MPI::COMM\_WORLD

MPI::COMM\_WORLD is usually sufficient for many programs

# Compiling and Running

```
$ mpic++ hello.cpp
```

Usually we use a compiler wrapper set up for local development environment

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

Launch 4 copies of a.out

```
Hello World! I am 0 of 4  
Hello World! I am 3 of 4  
Hello World! I am 1 of 4  
Hello World! I am 2 of 4
```

Output (printed from all processes since this was local on my laptop)

# Compiling and Running

```
$ mpic++ hello.cpp
```

Where did compiler come from? mpi.h? The actual MPI functions?

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

Where did mpirun come from

- MPI is just a library interface specification (with language bindings)
- It is up the community (researchers, vendors, et al) to provide implementations that conform to the standard specification
- High-quality implementations have useful extensions

# Ping Pong

```
int main() {  
  
    MPI::Init();  
  
    int myrank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();  
    int mysize = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();  
  
    int ballsent = 42, ballreceived = 0;  
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send(&ballsent, 1, MPI::INT, 1, 321);  
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv(&ballsent, 1, MPI::INT, 0, 321);  
  
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send(&ballreceived, 1, MPI::INT, 0, 321);  
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv(&ballreceived, 1, MPI::INT, 1, 321);  
    std::cout << "Received " << ballreceived << std::endl;  
  
    MPI::Finalize();  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

# Ping Pong

```
$ mpic++ pingpong.cpp
```

```
$ mpirun -np 2 ./a.out
```

Received 42

... ^C .... Process terminated

# Ping Pong – What Went Wrong?

```
int main() {  
  
    MPI::Init();  
  
    int myrank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();  
    int mysize = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();  
  
    int ballsent = 42, ballreceived = 0;  
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send(&ballsent, 1, MPI::INT, 1, 321);  
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv(&ballsent, 1, MPI::INT, 0, 321);  
  
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send(&ballreceived, 1, MPI::INT, 0, 3  
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv(&ballreceived, 1, MPI::INT, 1, 3  
    std::cout << "Received " << ballreceived << std::endl  
  
    MPI::Finalize();  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

All processes run this same program

Both processes send this

And try to receive

# Ping

Only process 0  
sends this

Only process 0  
receives this

Only process 1  
receives this

Only process 1  
sends this

```
main() {
    MPI::Init();

    int myrank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();
    int mysize = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();

    int ballsent = 42, ballreceived = 0;
    if (0 == myrank) {
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send(&ballsent, 1, MPI::INT, 1, 321);
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv(&ballreceived, 1, MPI::INT, 1, 321);
        std::cout << "Received " << ballreceived << std::endl;
    }
    if (1 == myrank) {
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv(&ballreceived, 1, MPI::INT, 0, 321);
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send(&ballsent, 1, MPI::INT, 0, 321);
    }
    MPI::Finalize();

    return 0;
}
```

# Ping Pong 2.0

```
$ mpic++ pingpong.cpp
```

```
$ mpirun -np 2 ./a.out
```

```
Received 42
```

```
$
```

# Ping Pong 2.0

```
$ mpic++ pingpong.cpp
```

```
$ mpirun -np 8 ./a.out
```

```
Received 42
```

```
$
```

# Six Function MPI (Point to Point)

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

```
void MPI::Init(int& argc, char**& argv)  
void MPI::Init()
```

```
int MPI::Comm::Get_size() const
```

```
int MPI::Comm::Get_rank() const
```

```
void MPI::Comm::Send(const void* buf, int count, const Datatype&  
→ datatype, int dest, int tag) const
```

```
void MPI::Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,  
→ int source, int tag, Status& status) const
```

```
void MPI::Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,  
→ int source, int tag) const
```

```
void MPI::Finalize()
```

Initialize MPI environment

Get size of communicator

Get rank of communicator

Send

Shut down and leave  
MPI environment

Receive

# Ping

Only process 0  
sends this

Only process 0  
receives this

Only process 1  
receives this

Only process 1  
sends this

```
main() {
    MPI::Init();

    int myrank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();
    int mysize = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();

    int ballsent = 42, ballreceived = 0;
    if (0 == myrank) {
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send(&ballsent, 1, MPI::INT, 1, 321);
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv(&ballreceived, 1, MPI::INT, 1, 321);
        std::cout << "Received " << ballreceived << std::endl;
    }
    if (1 == myrank) {
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv(&ballreceived, 1, MPI::INT, 0, 321);
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send(&ballsent, 1, MPI::INT, 0, 321);
    }
    MPI::Finalize();

    return 0;
}
```

# Six Function MPI Point to Point Version

```
#include <mpi.h>

void MPI::Init(int& argc, char**& argv)
void MPI::Init()

int MPI::Comm::Get_size() const

int MPI::Comm::Get_rank() const

void MPI::Comm::Send(const void* buf, int count, const Datatype&
→ datatype, int dest, int tag) const

void MPI::Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
→ int source, int tag, Status& status) const
void MPI::Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
→ int source, int tag) const

void MPI::Finalize()
```

# The Other Six Functions

Broadcast values  
to all nodes

All nodes to  
exactly this

Collect results  
from all nodes

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    size_t intervals = 1024 * 1024;

    MPI::Init();

    int myrank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank();
    int mysize = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size();

    if (0 == myrank) if (argc >= 2) intervals = std::atol(argv[1]);

    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Bcast(&intervals, 1, MPI::UNSIGNED_LONG, 0);

    size_t blocksize = intervals / mysize;
    size_t begin      = blocksize * myrank;
    size_t end        = blocksize * (myrank + 1);
    double h          = 1.0 / ((double)intervals);

    double pi         = 0.0;
    for (size_t i = begin; i < end; ++i)
        pi += 4.0 / (1.0 + (i * h * i * h));

    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Reduce(&mypi, &pi, 1, MPI::DOUBLE, MPI::SUM, 0);

    if (0 == myrank) std::cout << "pi is approximately " << pi << std::endl;

    MPI::Finalize();

    return 0;
}
```

# Six Function MPI Collective Version

```
#include <mpi.h>

void MPI::Init(int& argc, char**& argv)
void MPI::Init()

int MPI::Comm::Get_size() const
int MPI::Comm::Get_rank() const

void MPI::Comm::Bcast(void *buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
→ int root);
void MPI::Comm::Reduce(void *buf, int count, const Datatype&
→ datatype, const Op& op, int root);

void MPI::Finalize()
```

# MPI Bcast

Have to describe  
the message

Exactly like in  
send / recv

Send buffer for root,  
receive buffer for all others

```
void MPI::Comm::Bcast(void *buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,  
→ int root);
```

They will all  
have a copy of  
what root had

Once all nodes  
have called it

All nodes have  
to call this

But no sender or  
receiver per se

# MPI Reduce

Have to describe  
the message

Exactly like in  
send / recv

Receive buffer for root,  
send buffer for all others

```
void MPI::Comm::Reduce(void *buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,  
→ const Op& op, int root);
```

Reduced with  
this operation

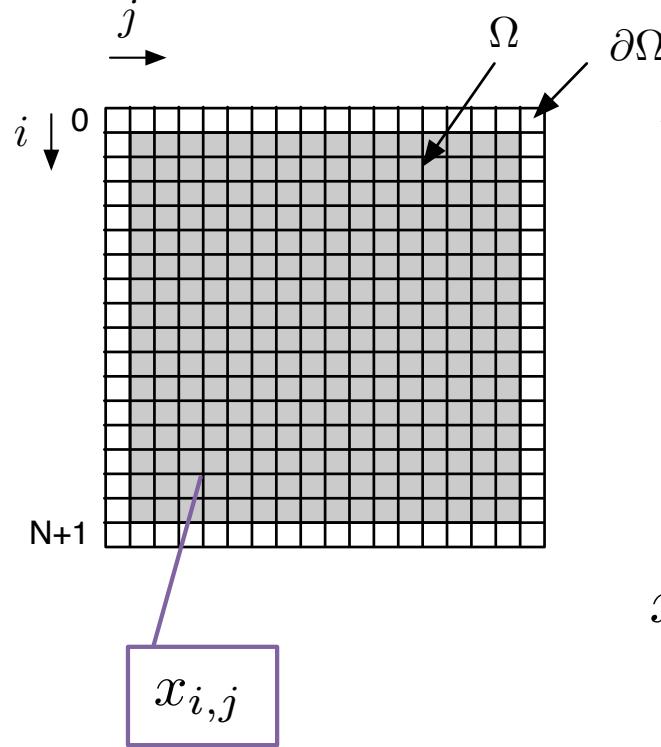
Once all nodes  
have called it

All nodes have  
to call this

But no sender or  
receiver per se

Root will have a  
value reduced from  
all the others

# Laplace's Equation on a Regular Grid



$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 \phi &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega \\ \phi &= f \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ -1 & \cdots & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Discretization

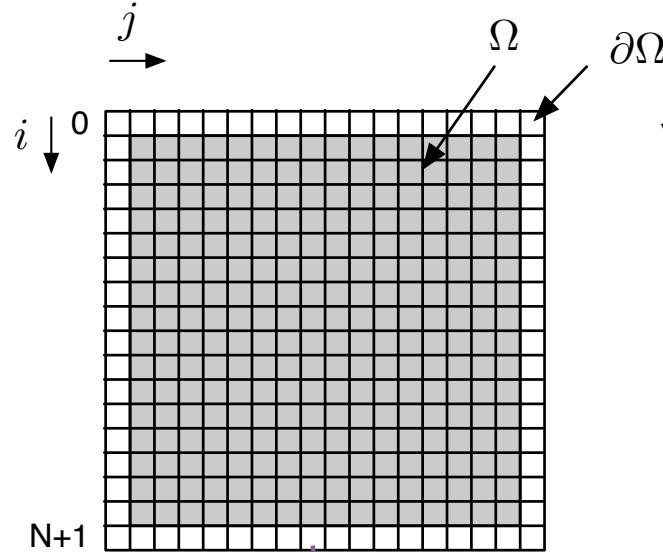
$$x_{i-1,j} + x_{i+1,j} + x_{i,j-1} + x_{i,j+1} - 4x_{i,j} = 0$$

$$x_{i,j} = (x_{i-1,j} + x_{i+1,j} + x_{i,j-1} + x_{i,j+1})/4$$

The value of each point on the grid

The average of its neighbors

# Laplace's Equation on a Regular Grid



Why isn't 0  
the solution?

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \text{ on } \Omega$$
$$\phi = f \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ -1 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & -1 \\ -1 & \cdots & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_N \end{bmatrix}$$

Discret  
The boundary  
is non-zero

Non-zeros in  
here due to  
boundary

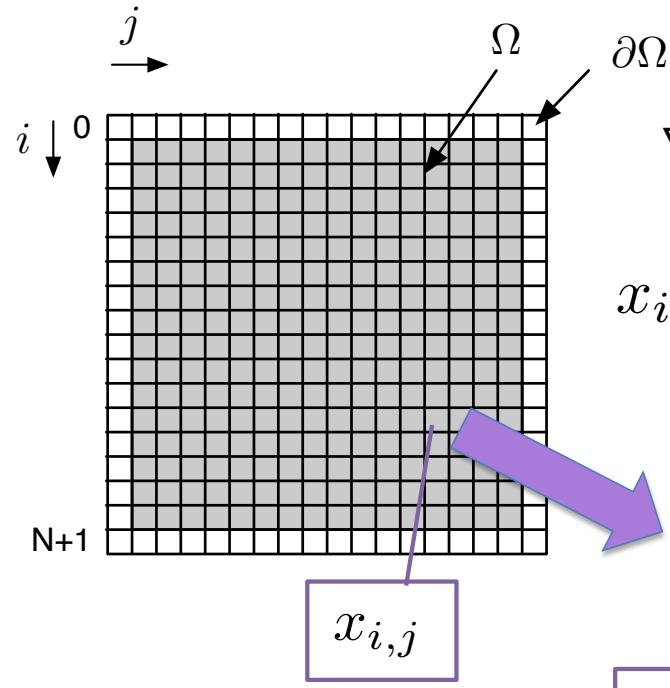
$$x_{i,j} = (x_{i-1,j} + x_{i+1,j} + x_{i,j-1} + x_{i,j+1})/4$$

The boundary  
is non-zero

The value of each  
point on the grid

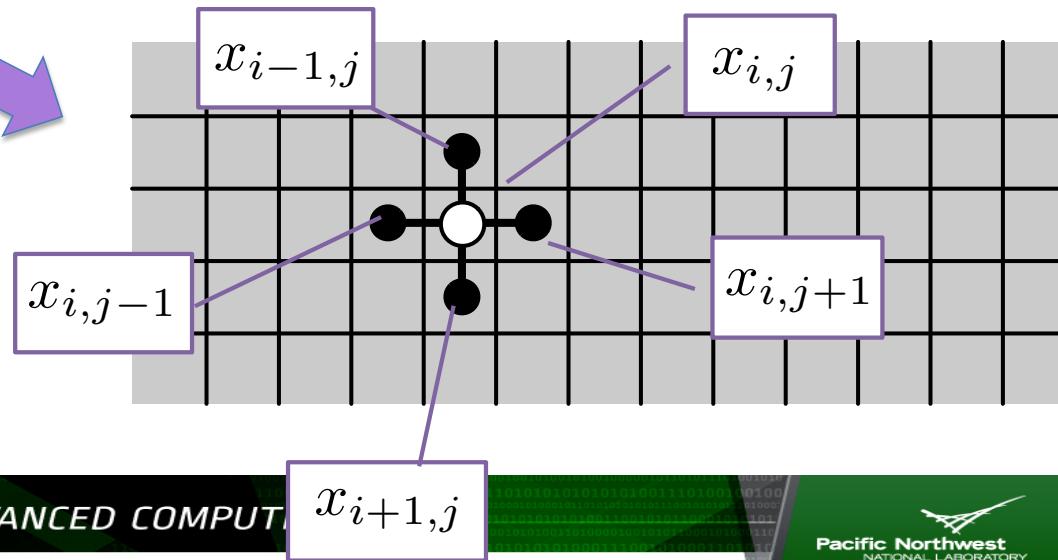
The average of  
its neighbors

# Laplace's Equation on a Regular Grid

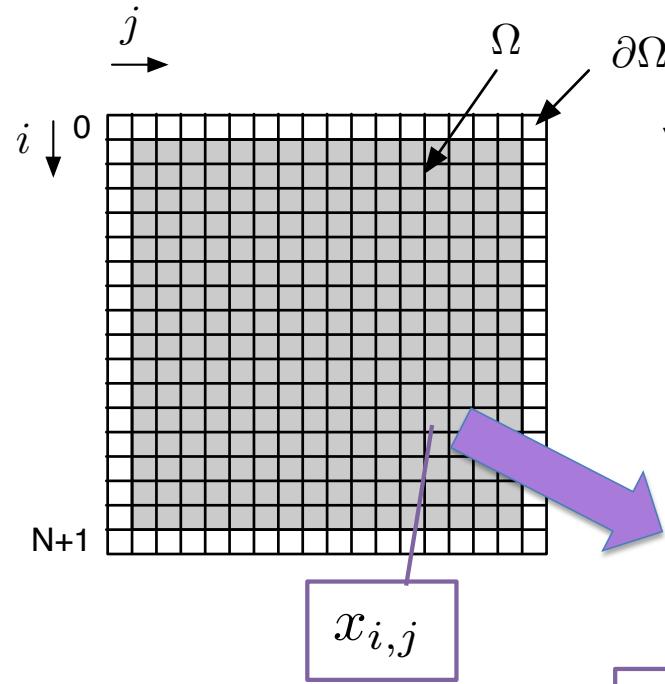


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$$x_{i,j} = (x_{i-1,j} + x_{i+1,j} + x_{i,j-1} + x_{i,j+1})/4$$



# Iterating for a solution

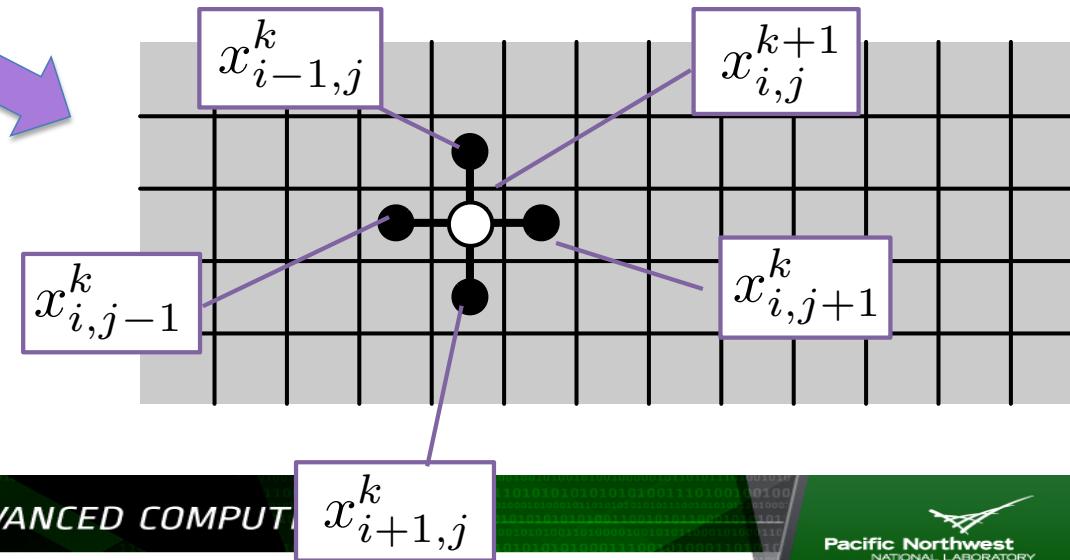


Approximation at iteration  $k+1$

Average of approximation at iteration  $k$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 \phi &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega \\ \phi &= f \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega\end{aligned}$$

$$x_{i,j}^{k+1} = (x_{i-1,j}^k + x_{i+1,j}^k + x_{i,j-1}^k + x_{i,j+1}^k)/4$$



## Iterating for a solution

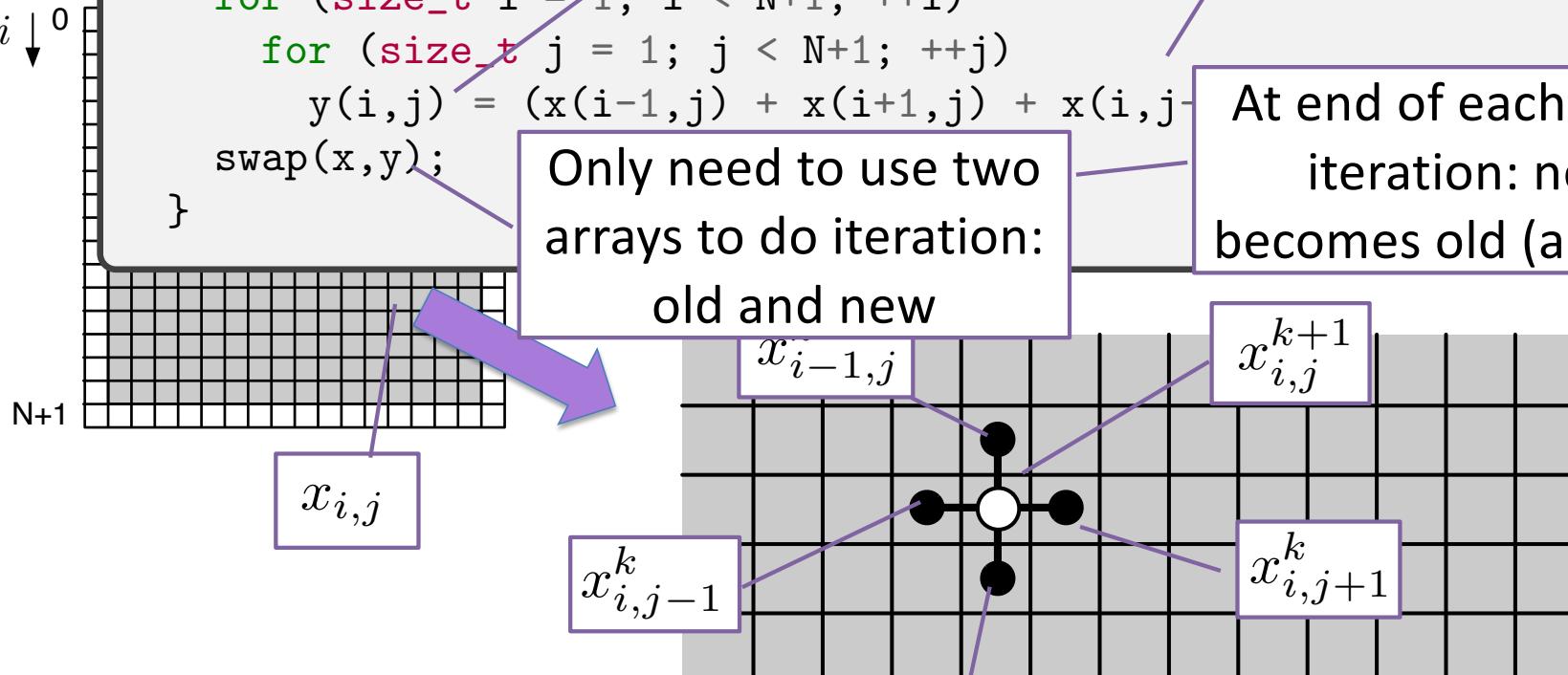
```
while (! converged())
    for (size_t i = 1; i < N+1; ++i)
        for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
            y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j))
        swap(x,y);
    }
```

Approximation at iteration k+1

Average of approximation at iteration k

Only need to use two arrays to do iteration:  
old and new

At end of each outer iteration: new becomes old (and v.v.)



# class Grid

```
class Grid {  
public:  
    explicit Grid(size_t x, size_t y)  
        : xPoints(x+2), yPoints(y+2), arrayData(xPoints*yPoints) {}  
  
    double &operator()(size_t i, size_t j)  
    { return arrayData[i*yPoints + j]; }  
    const double &operator()(size_t i, size_t j) const  
    { return arrayData[i*yPoints + j]; }  
  
    size_t numX() const { return xPoints; }  
    size_t numY() const { return yPoints; }  
  
private:  
    size_t xPoints, yPoints;  
    std::vector<double> arrayData;  
};
```

Grid is a 2D array

Constructor

Accessor

Storage

# Main Sequential Jacobi Sweep

```
double jacobiStep(const Grid& x, Grid& y) {
    assert(x.numX() == y.numX() && x.numY() == y.numY());
    double rnorm = 0.0;

    for (size_t i = 1; i < x.numX()-1; ++i) {
        for (size_t j = 1; j < x.numY()-1; ++j) {
            y(i, j) = (x(i-1, j) + x(i+1, j) + x(i, j-1) + x(i, j+1))/4.0;
            rnorm += (y(i, j) - x(i, j)) * (y(i, j) - x(i, j));
        }
    }

    return std::sqrt(rnorm);
}
```

# Sequential Jacobi Solver

```
int jacobi(Grid& X0, Grid& X1, size_t max_iters, double tol) {
    for (size_t iter = 0; iter < max_iters; ++iter) {
        double rnorm = jacobiStep(X0, X1);
        if (rnorm < tol) return 0;
        swap(X0, X1);
    }
    return -1;
}
```

Original problem

Index from 1

Index to N

Global index space

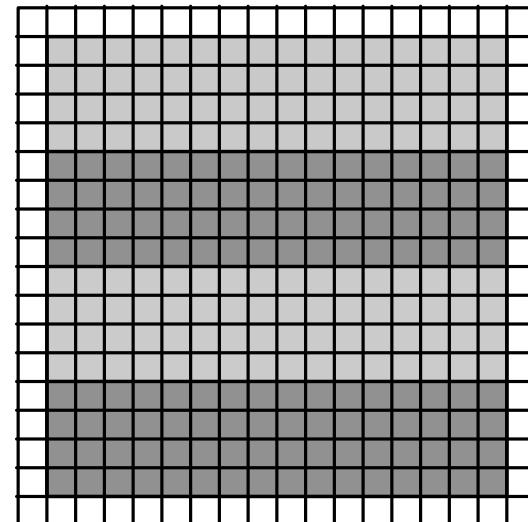
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$\frac{N}{P}$

$\frac{2N}{P}$

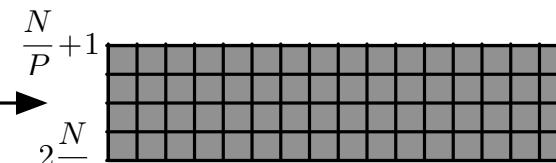
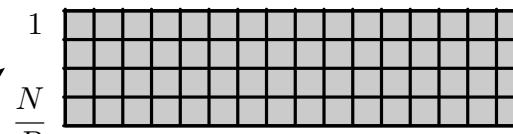
$(P-1)\frac{N}{P}$

N

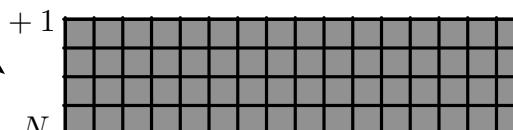


Decompose into P partitions

Global



Partitioned index space



Local

SPMD index space

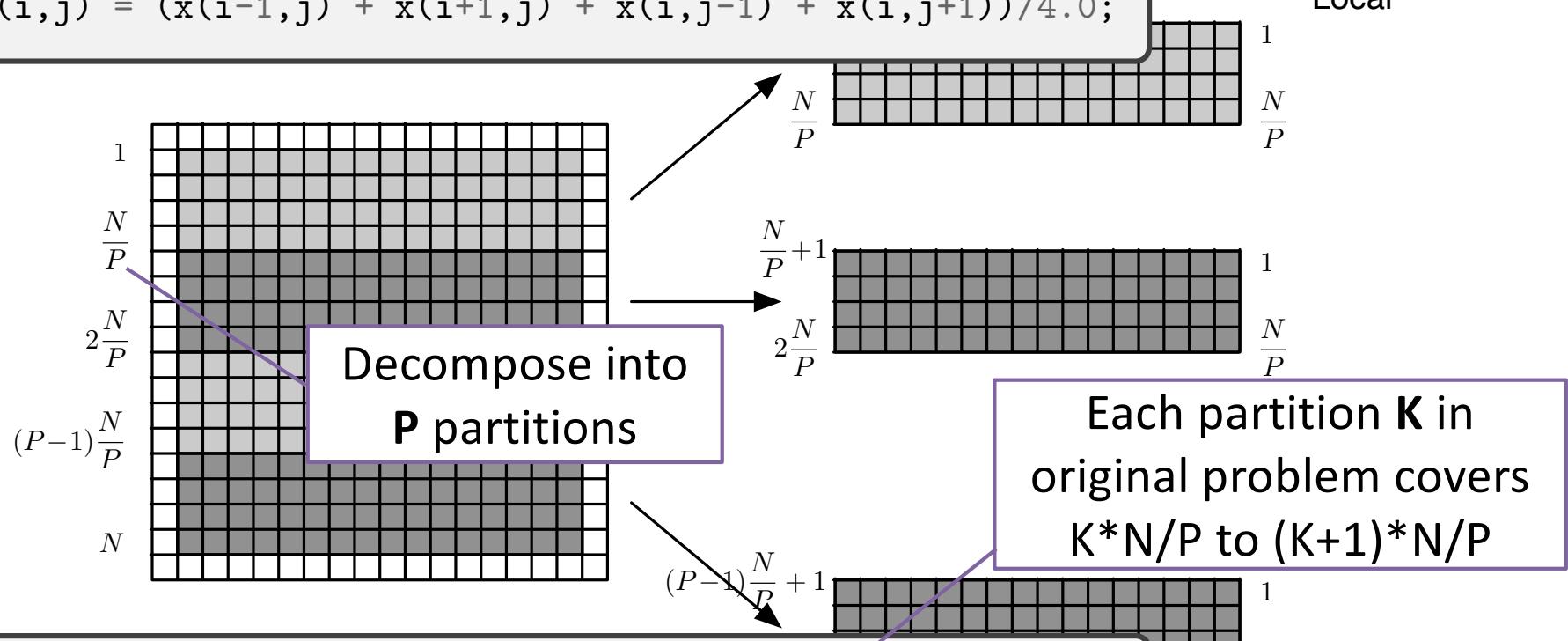
All are identical

```
for (size_t i = 1; i < N+1; ++i)
    for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
        y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;
```

```

for (size_t i = 1; i < N+1; ++i)
    for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
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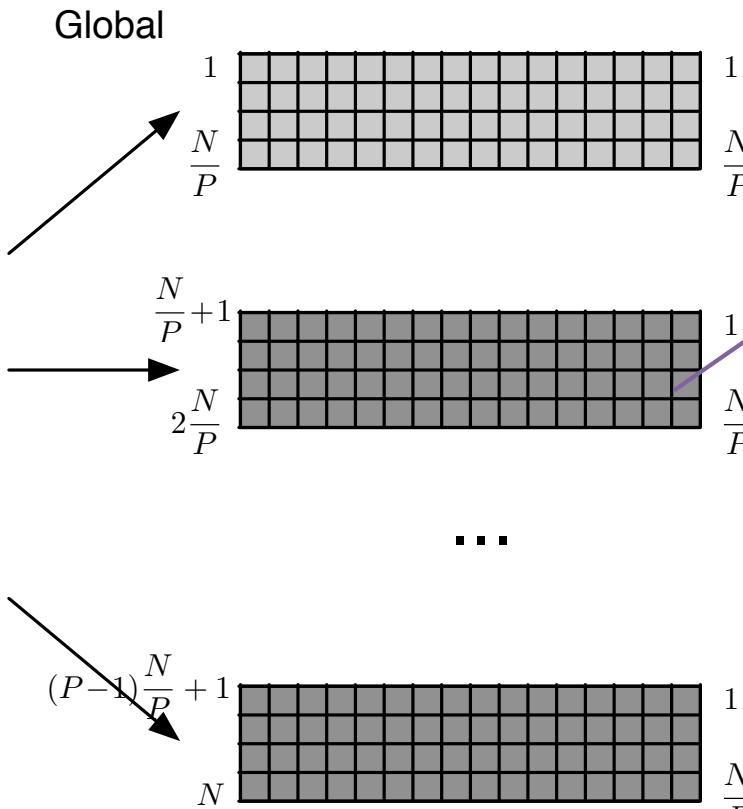
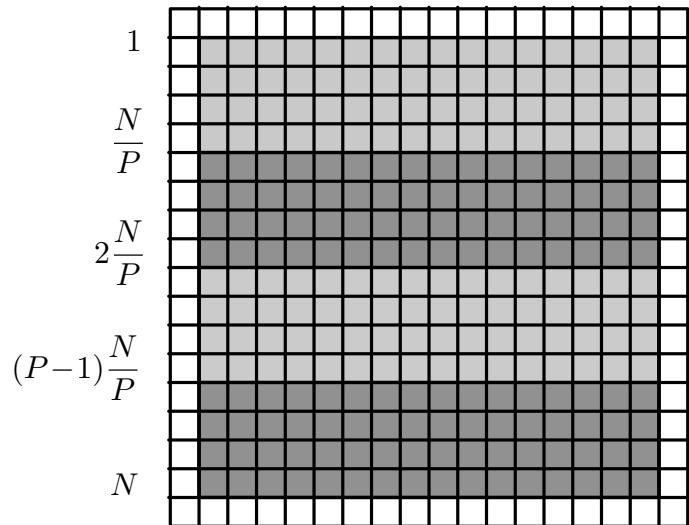


```

for (size_t i = K*N/P+1; i < (K+1)*N/P+1; ++i)
    for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
        y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;

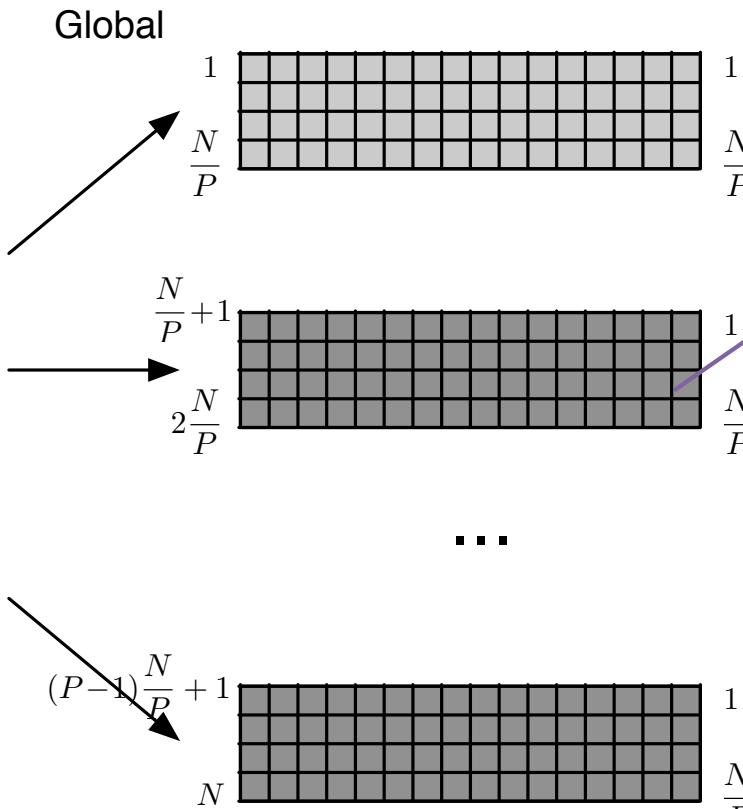
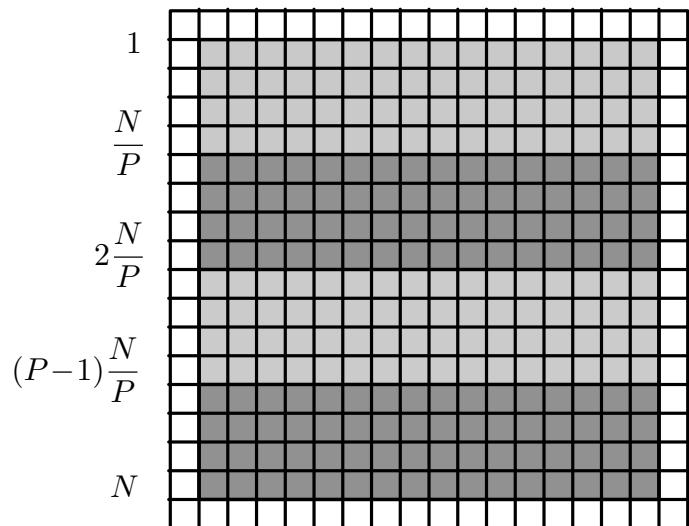
```

# Global Decomposition



```
for (size_t i = K*N/P+1; i < (K+1)*N/P+1; ++i)
    for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
        y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;
```

# Global Decomposition



Local

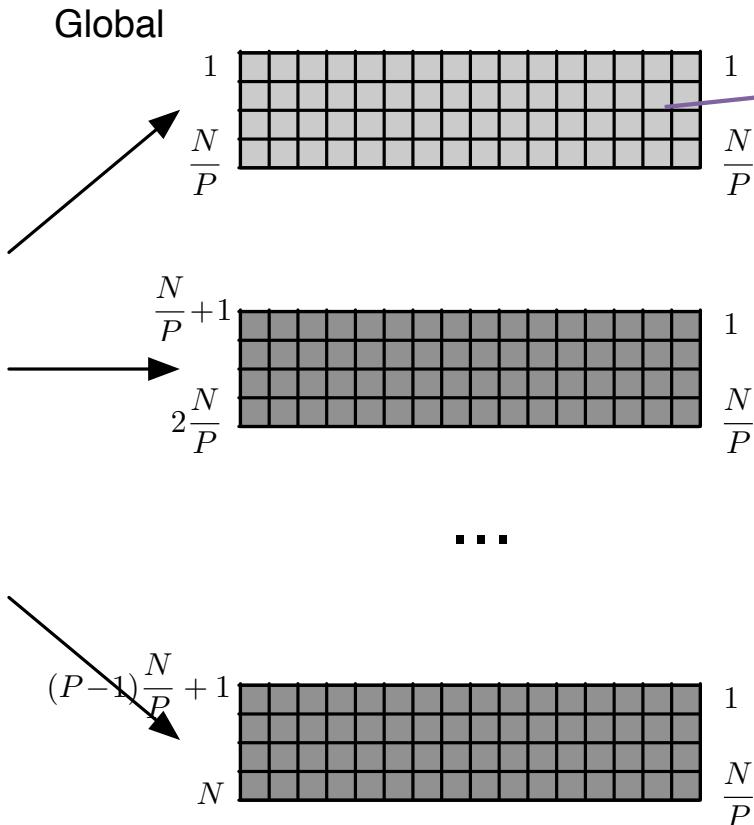
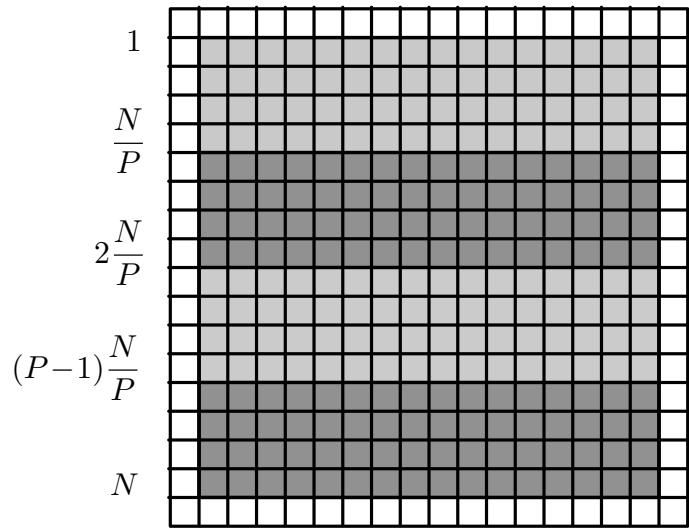
We aren't storing entire array on each node

We are storing only  $N/P$  rows

We need to iterate 1 to  $N$

```
for (size_t i = K*N/P+1; i < (K+1)*N/P+1; ++i)
    for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
        y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;
```

# Global Decomposition

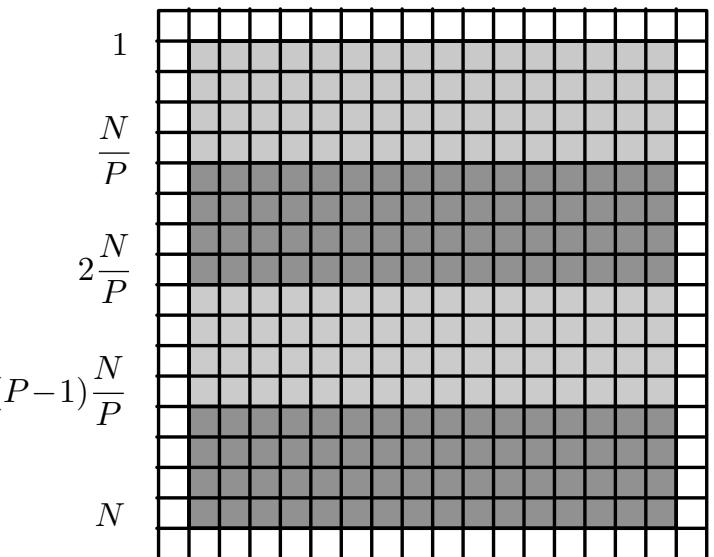
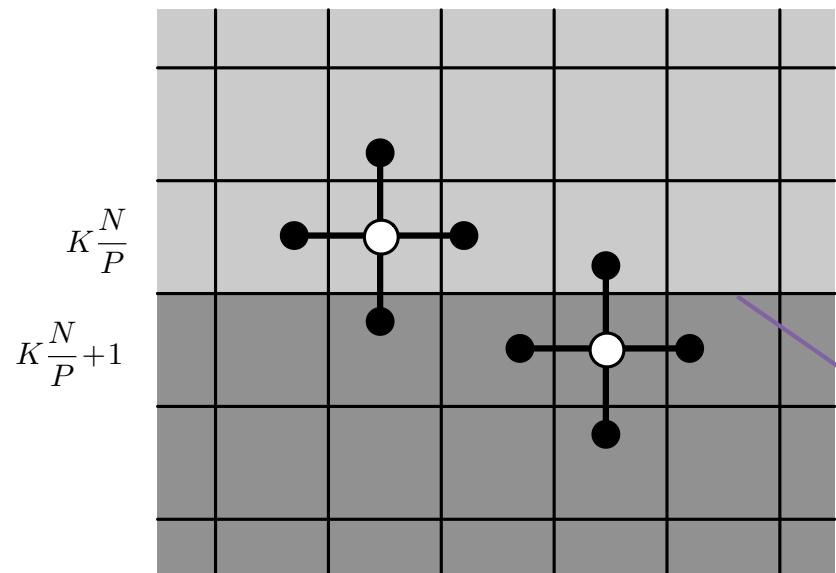


Any obvious problems?

```
for (size_t i = 1; i < N/P+1; ++i)
    for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
        y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;
```

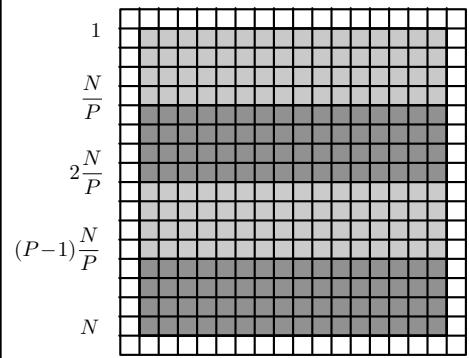
We need to iterate 1 to N

# Decomposition

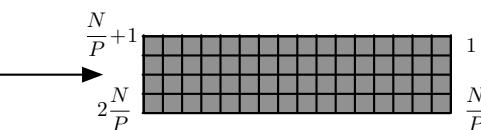


Data dependencies for  
stencil crosses partition  
boundary in original problem

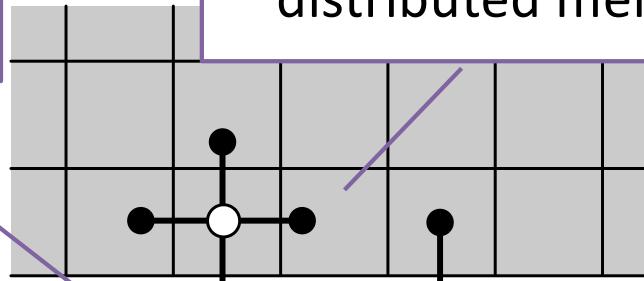
# Decomposition



This is not a valid read



$K \frac{N}{P}$



Which is a problem in distributed memory

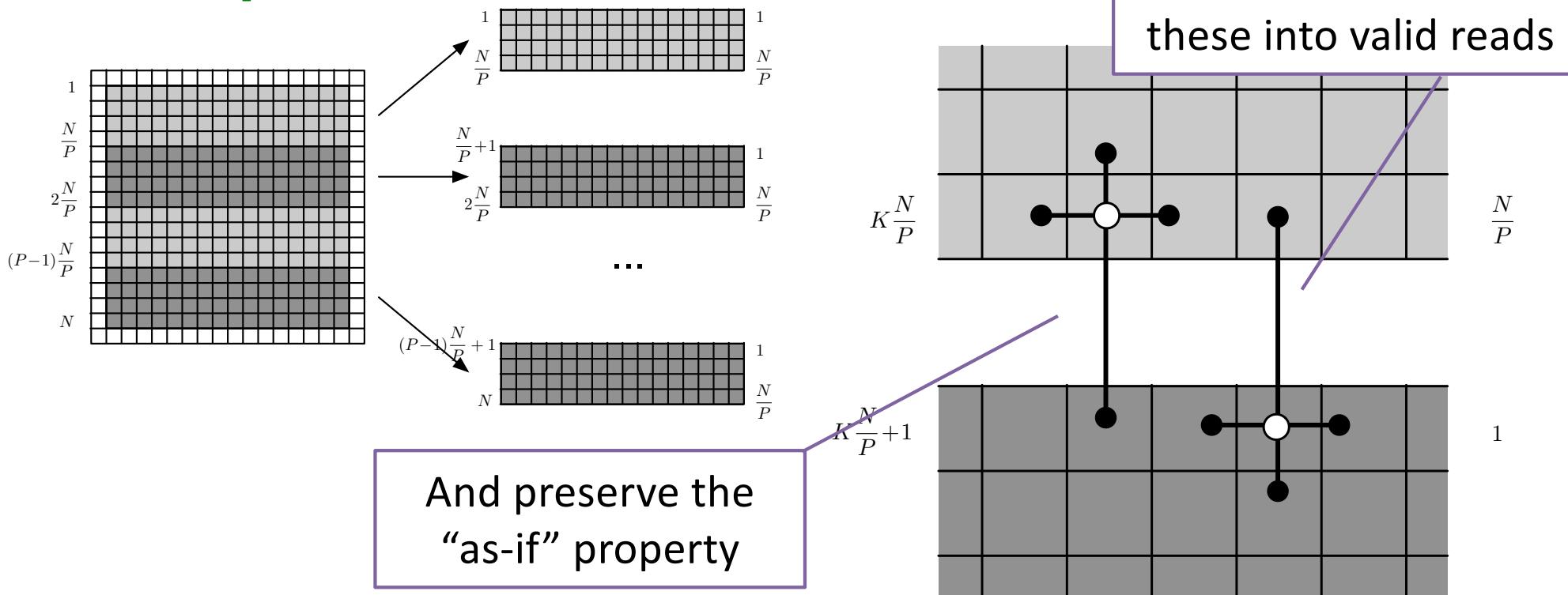
Index shifting  
doesn't help

This is just  
a program

```
for (size_t i = 1; i < N/P+1; ++i)
    for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
        y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4
```

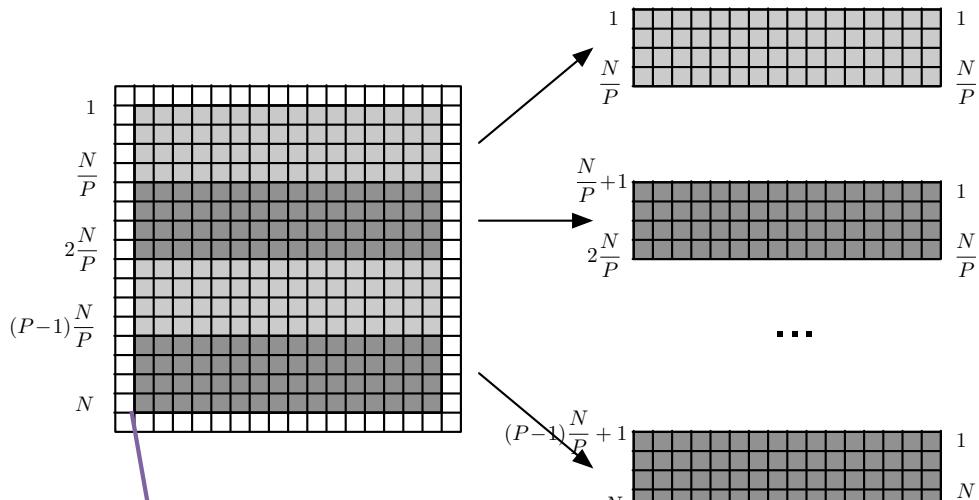
It reads/write local  
data, just like any other

# Decomposition



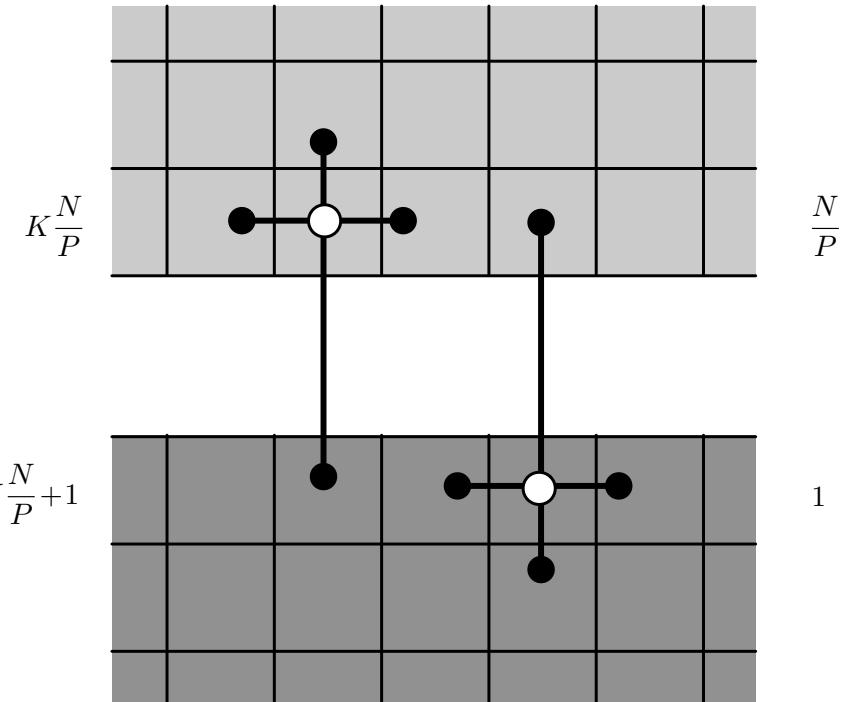
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```

# Decomposition



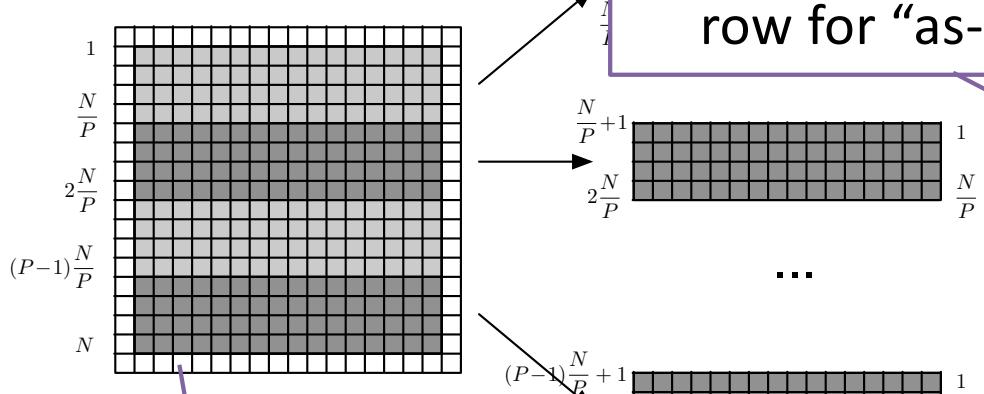
Where did the boundary go

When we partitioned?



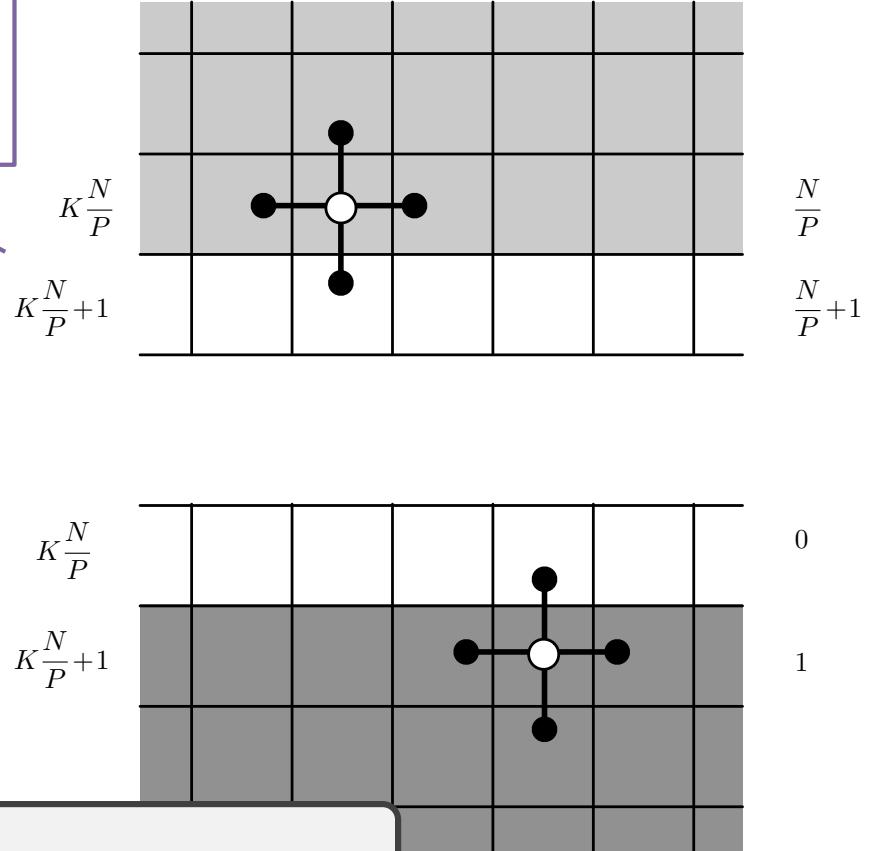
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```

# Decomposition



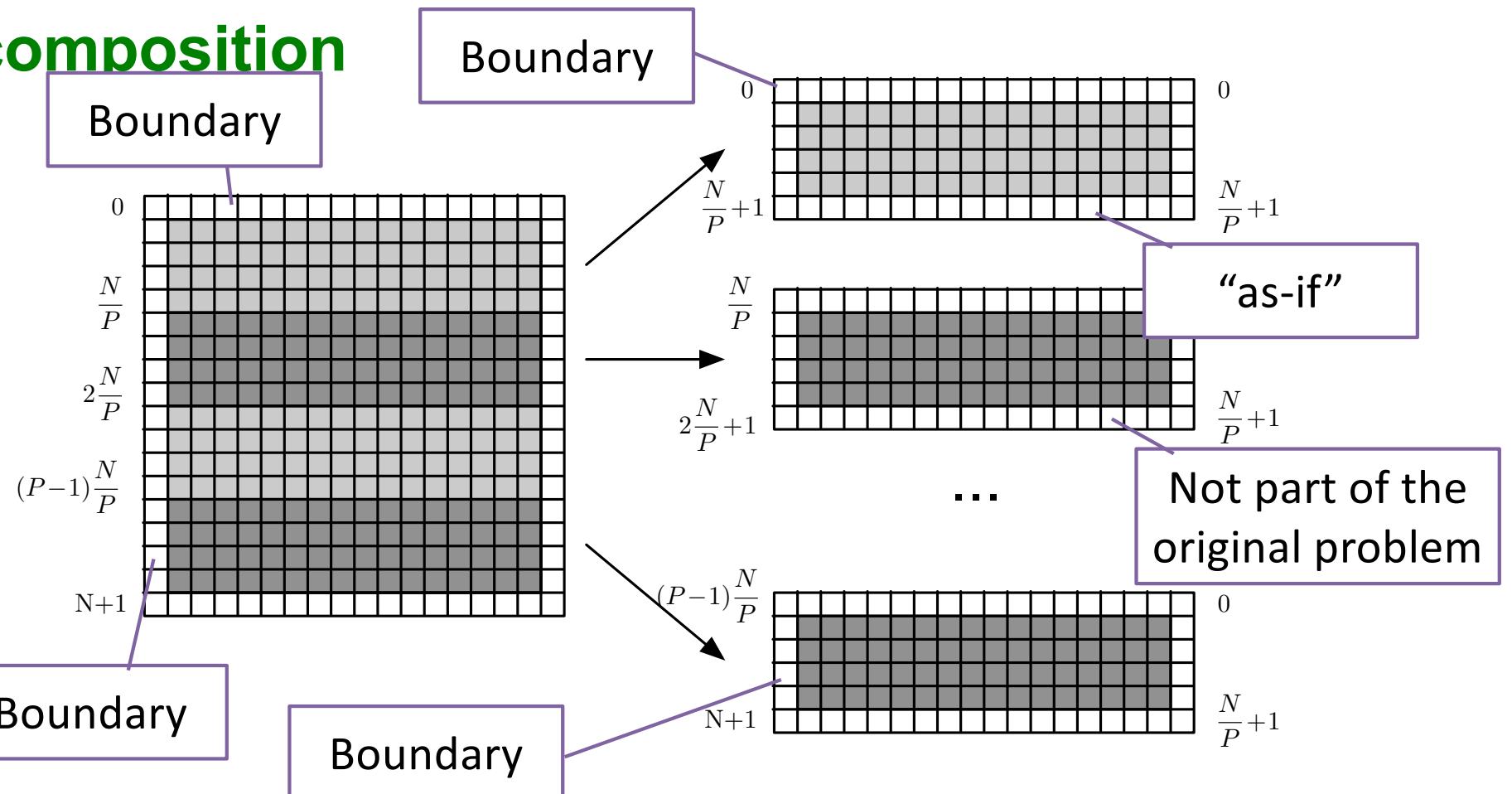
And an extra row  
(on some nodes) for  
the boundary

We need an extra  
row for “as-if”



```
for (size_t i = 1; i < N/P+1; ++i)
    for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
        y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;
```

# Decomposition



# Decomposition

Boundary

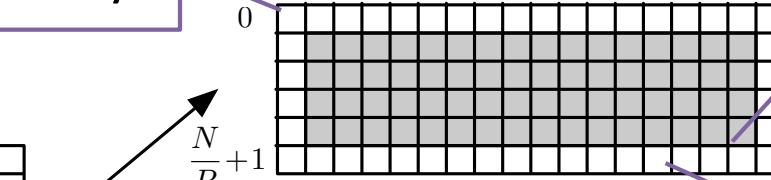
So solving  
this problem

$\frac{N}{P}$

To the local / SPMD  
code, the boundary  
and as-if are the same

```
for (size_t i = 1; i < N/P+1; ++i)
    for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
        y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;
```

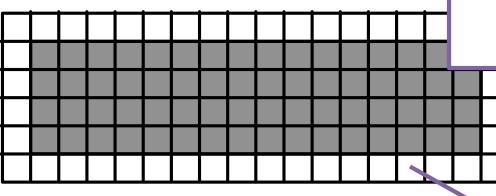
Boundary



One crucial  
difference

$\frac{N}{P}$

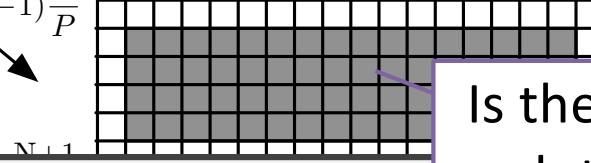
$\frac{N}{P}$



$\frac{N}{P}+1$

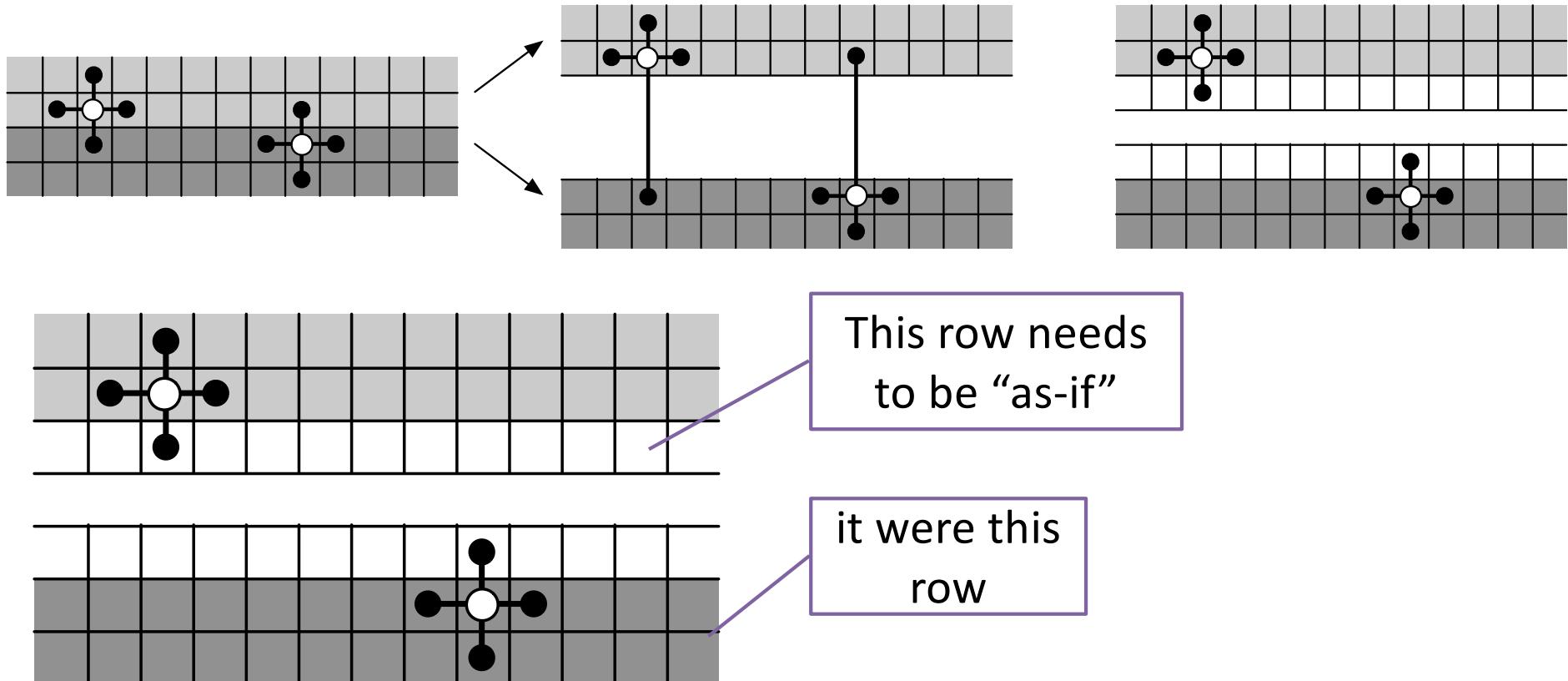
...

Not part of the  
original problem

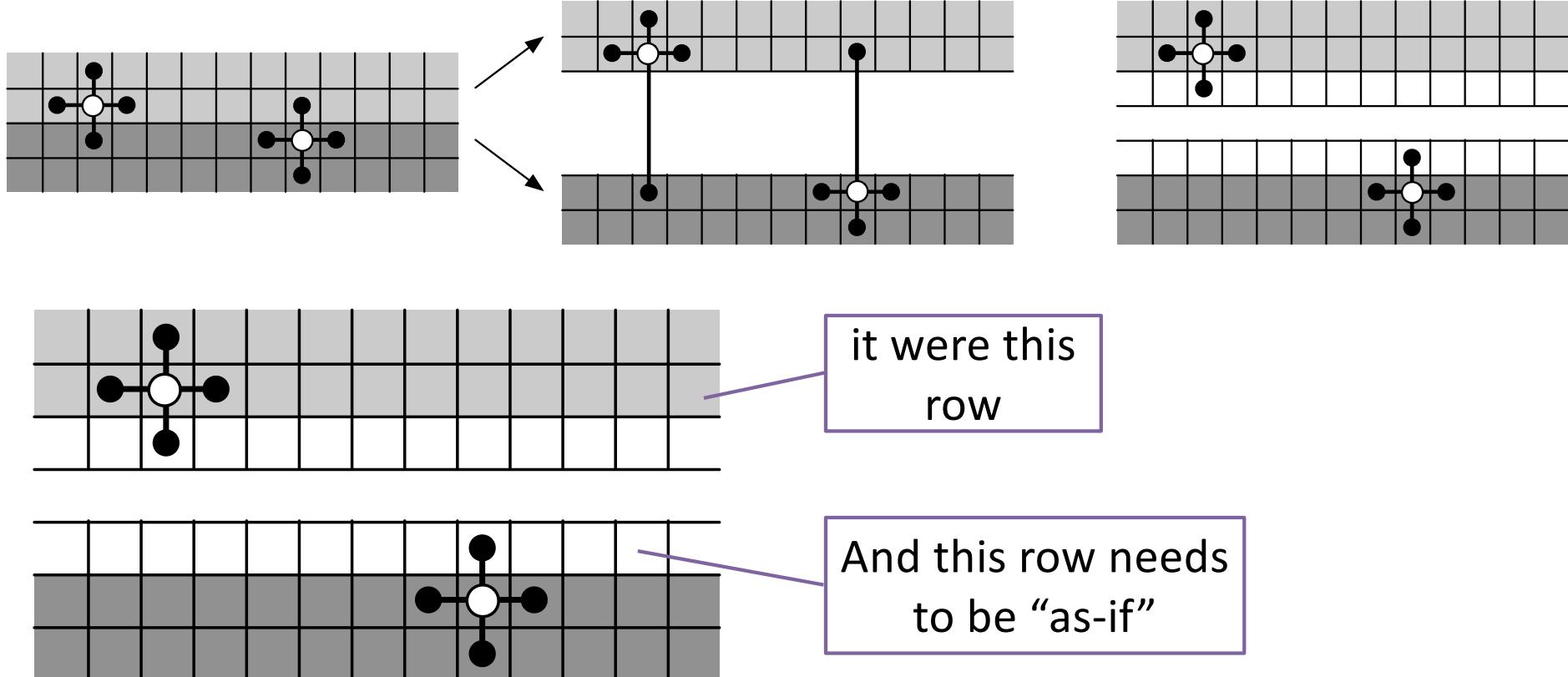


Is the same as solving  
lots of the same  
problem but smaller

# As-If

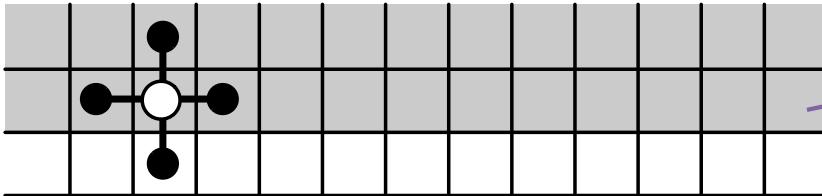


# As-If



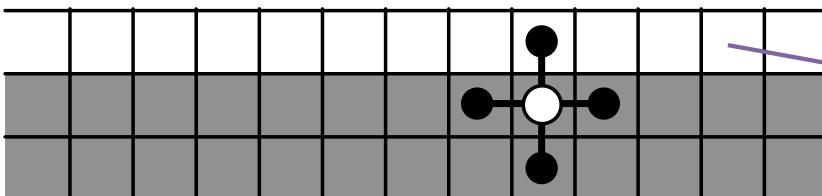
# As-If

```
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    for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)
        y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;
```



it were this  
row

This is the  
computation

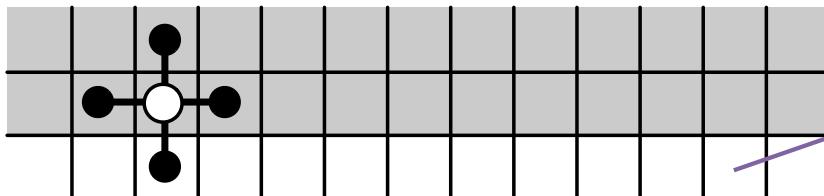


And this row needs  
to be “as-if”

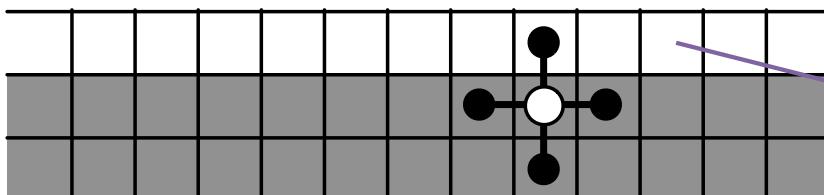
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```

This is the computation



Note these are not changed during an iteration

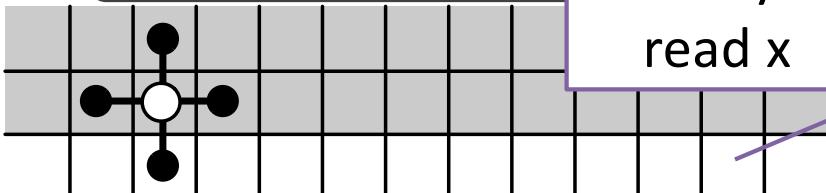


Only when it is read

Does this row *always* have to have the same value as the other row?

Always  
write y

```
(! converged()) {  
    for (size_t i = 1; i < N+1; ++i)  
        for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)  
            y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;  
    swap(x,y);  
}
```

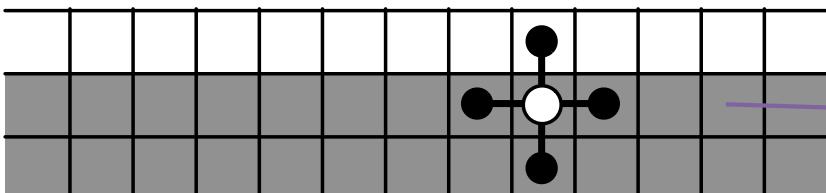


Always  
read x

Not changed  
during an  
iteration

This is the entire  
program

Rows need to be  
as-if only during  
iteration



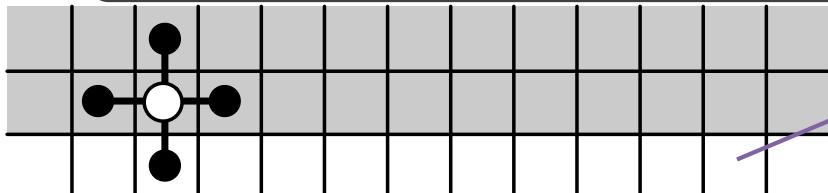
This changes only on  
every outer iteration  
(on the swap())

# As-If

```
while (! converge)
    for (size_t i = 0; i < size; ++i)
        for (size_t j = 0; j < size; ++j)
            y(i, j) = (x(i-1, j) + x(i+1, j) + x(i, j-1) + x(i, j+1))/4.0;
    swap(x, y);
}
```

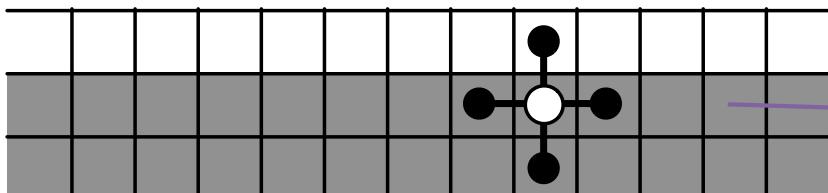
Here is where  
we need to  
make as-if true

This is the entire  
program



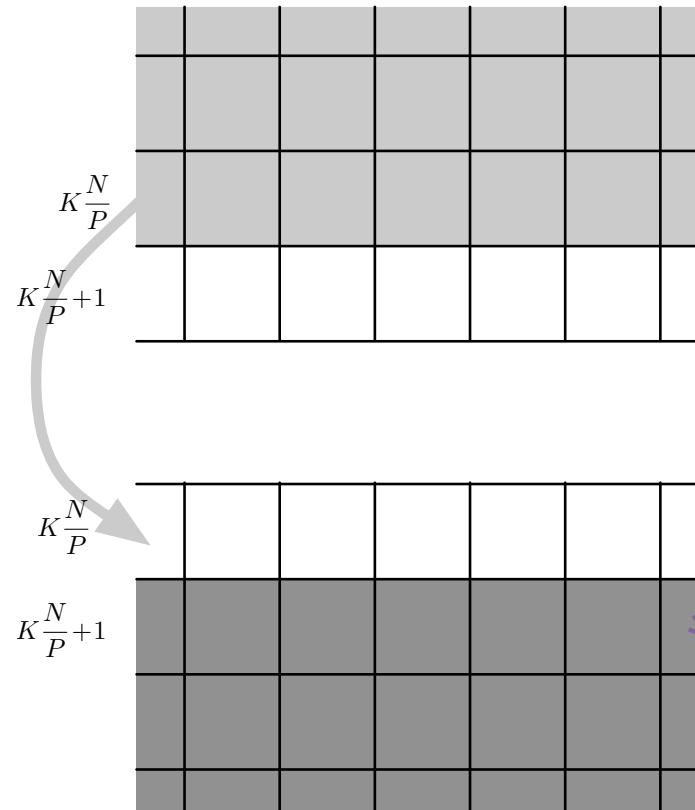
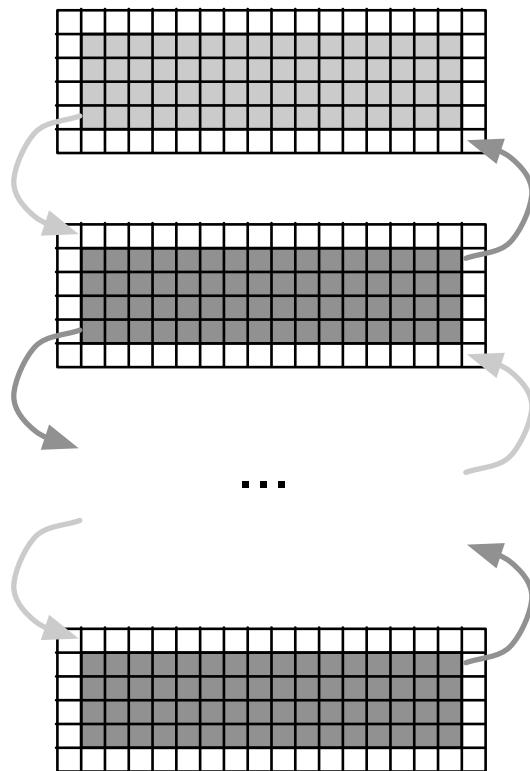
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Rows need to be  
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This changes only on  
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# Compute / Communicate



To make as-if, we need to update the boundary cells

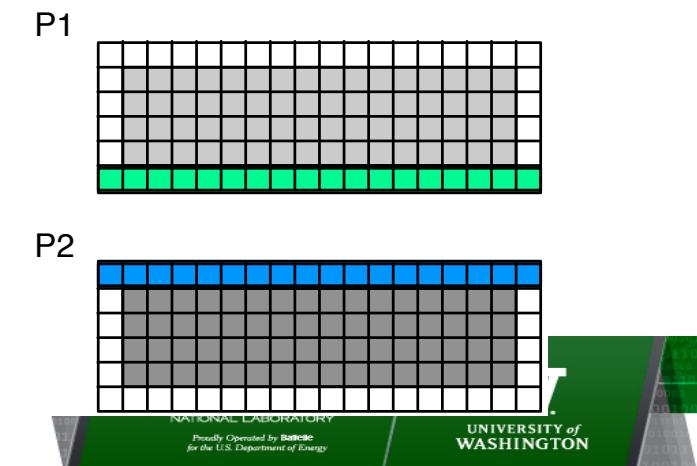
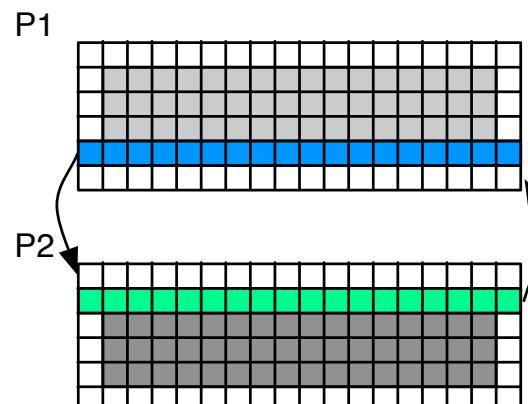
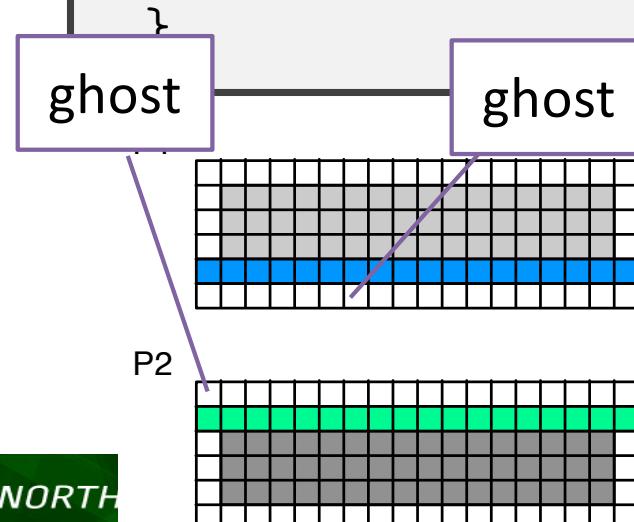
With their “as-if” values

Before they are read at the next outer iteration

# Compute / Communicate

```
while (! converged()) {  
    for (size_t i = 1; i < N+1; ++i)  
        for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)  
            y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;  
    swap(x,y);  
    make_as_if(x); // Communicate ghost cells  
}
```

Standard terminology  
for as-if boundary is  
“ghost cell”



# Compute / Communicate

```
while (! converged()) {  
    for (size_t i = 1; i < N+1; ++i)  
        for (size_t j = 1; j < N+1; ++j)  
            y(i,j) = (x(i-1,j) + x(i+1,j) + x(i,j-1) + x(i,j+1))/4.0;  
    swap(x,y);  
    make_as_if(x); // Communicate ghost cells  
}
```

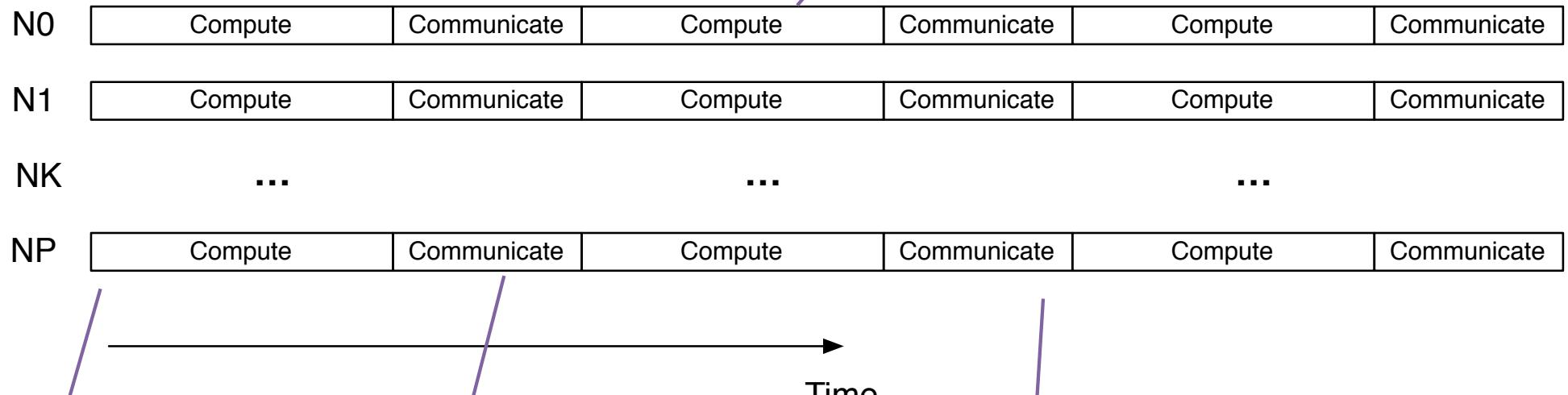
Compute

This is an almost universal pattern

Communicate

# Compute / Communicate

“Bulk Synchronous Parallel” (BSP)



This is an almost universal pattern

Processors are still only loosely coupled

But the compute / communicate pattern keeps them synched in a bulk sense

# Parallel Jacobi Solver

```
int jacobi(Grid& X0, Grid& X1, size_t max_iters, double tol) {
    for (size_t iter = 0; iter < max_iters; ++iter) {
        double rnorm = jacobiStep(X0, X1);
        if (rnorm < tol) return 0;
        swap(X0, X1);
    }
    return -1;
}
```

As-if: This needs to happen  
on all nodes all\_reduce  
instead of reduce

As-if: Update  
ghost cells

# Parallel Jacobi Step

```
double jacobiStep(const Grid& x, Grid& y) {
    assert(x.numX() == y.numX() && x.numY() == y.numY());
    double rnorm = 0.0;

    for (size_t i = 1; i < x.numX()-1; ++i) {
        for (size_t j = 1; j < x.numY()-1; ++j) {
            y(i, j) = (x(i-1, j) + x(i+1, j) + x(i, j-1) + x(i, j+1))/4.0;
            rnorm += (y(i, j) - x(i, j)) * (y(i, j) - x(i, j));
        }
    }

    return std::sqrt(rnorm);
}
```

# MPI Allreduce

Just like  
reduce

So there are  
two buffers

But when call is completed  
*all* nodes have reduced value

```
void MPI::Comm::Allreduce(const void* sendbuf, void* recvbuf,  
    int count, const MPI::Datatype& datatype, const MPI::Op& op)
```

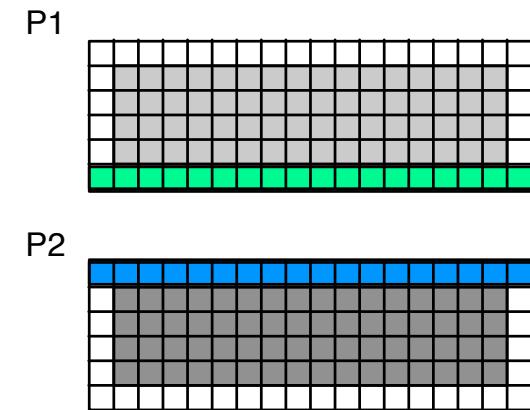
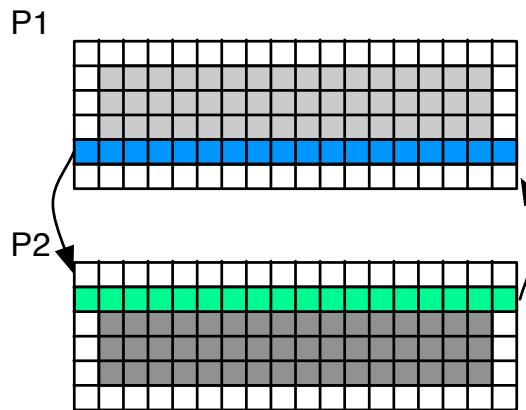
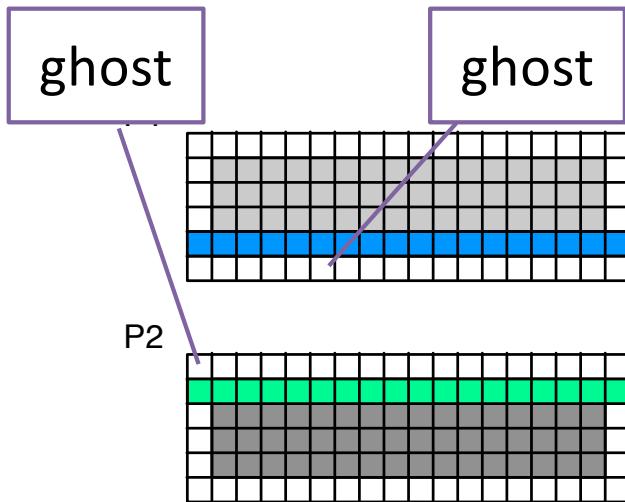
# Parallel Jacobi Solver

```
int jacobi(Grid& X0, Grid& X1, size_t max_iters, double tol) {
    for (size_t iter = 0; iter < max_iters; ++iter) {
        double lnorm = jacobiStep(X0, X1);
        double rnorm = 0.0;
        MPI_COMM_WORLD.Allreduce(&rnorm, &lnorm, 1, MPI::DOUBLE, MPI::SUM);
        if (rnorm < tol) return 0;
        swap(X0, X1);
        update_ghosts(X0);
    }
    return -1;
}
```

As-if: Update ghost cells

As-if: This needs to happen on all nodes all\_reduce instead of reduce

# Updating Ghost Cells

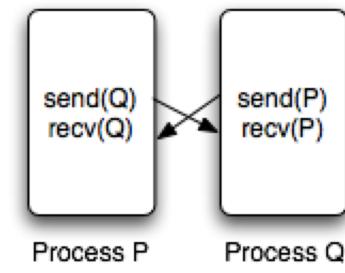
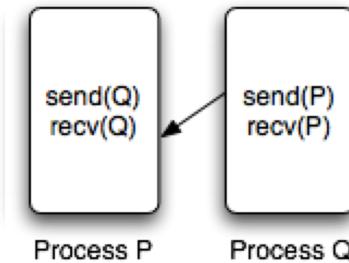
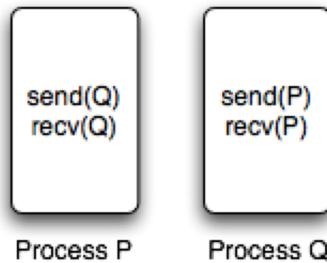


```
MPI_Send( ... );    // to upper neighbor  
MPI_Send( ... );    // to lower neighbor  
MPI_Send( ... );    // from lower neighbor  
MPI_Send( ... );    // from upper neighbor
```

Works?

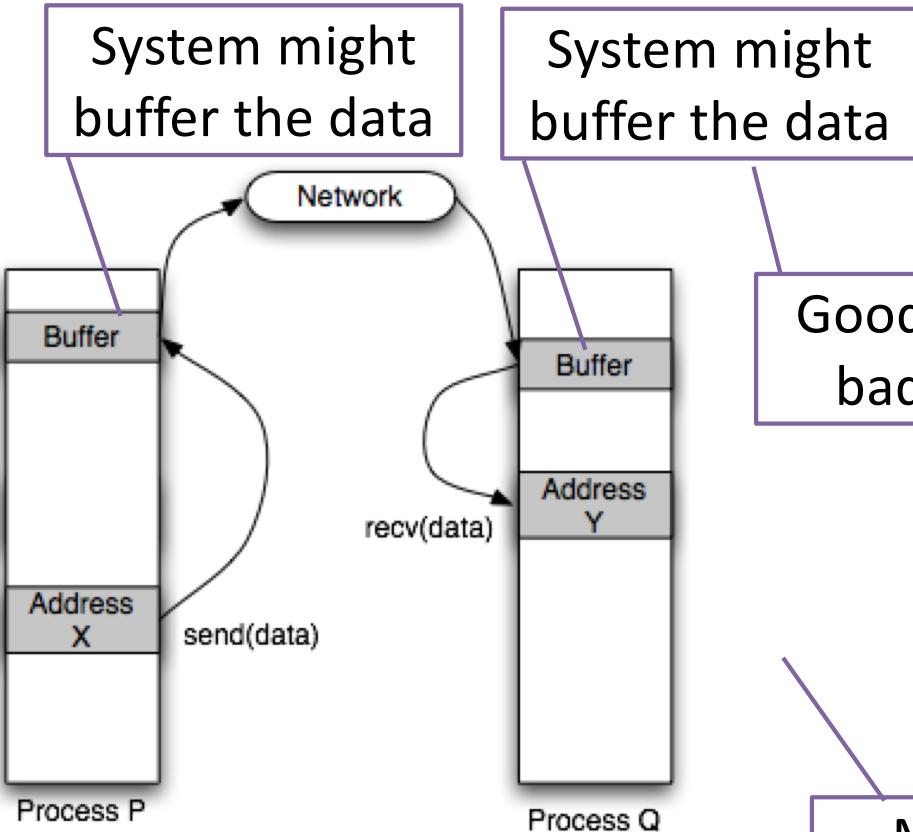
# Updating ghost cells

- What happens with following sequence of communication operations?

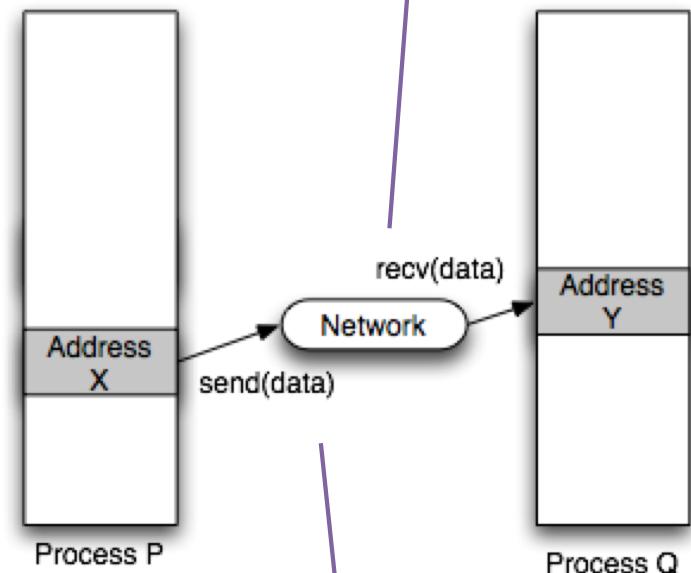


- Have we seen this before?
- Behavior depends on availability (and size) of buffering
  - System dependent
  - MPI implementation (LAM, Open MPI, MPICH) have diagnostics for this

# Where does data go when you send it?



Might buffer some message



Not others

# MPI\_Send

```
#include <mpi.h>
void Comm::Send(const void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
    int dest, int tag) const
```

- MPI\_Send is sometimes called a “blocking send”
- Semantics (from the standard): Send MPI\_Send returns, it is safe to reuse the buffer
- So it only blocks until buffer is safe to reuse
- (Recall we can only specify local semantics)

# MPI\_Recv

```
#include <mpi.h>
void Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
    int source, int tag, Status& status) const

void Comm::Recv(void* buf, int count, const Datatype& datatype,
    int source, int tag) const
```

- Blocking receive
- Semantics: Blocks until message is received. On return from call, buffer will have message data

# Summary

- As-if is the most important principle in parallelization (correctness first)
- SPMD has high degree of self-similarity – solving global problem is same as solving local problem – communication enforces as-if
- Ubiquitous compute / communicate cycle

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# Next

- Performance models (LogP and BSP)
- Summary of collectives, datatypes, non-blocking operations
- Finish up CSP Jacobi iteration
- Briefly discuss amath583 cluster login, questions for docker portion
- Stay tuned

# Thank You!

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