

AMATH 483/583
High Performance Scientific
Computing

Lecture 10:

Processes, Threads, Concurrency, Parallelism

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Announcements

- Mid Term out this noon 04/28/2022 due 11:59AM 05/05/2022
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- You may contact the instructors via *private* messages on Piazza to clarify questions

Overview

- Review
 - SISD, SIMD
- Multiple cores (MIMD)
- Concurrency
- Processes
- Parallelism
- Threads
 - Multithreading

Supercomputers (HPC)



Schematically

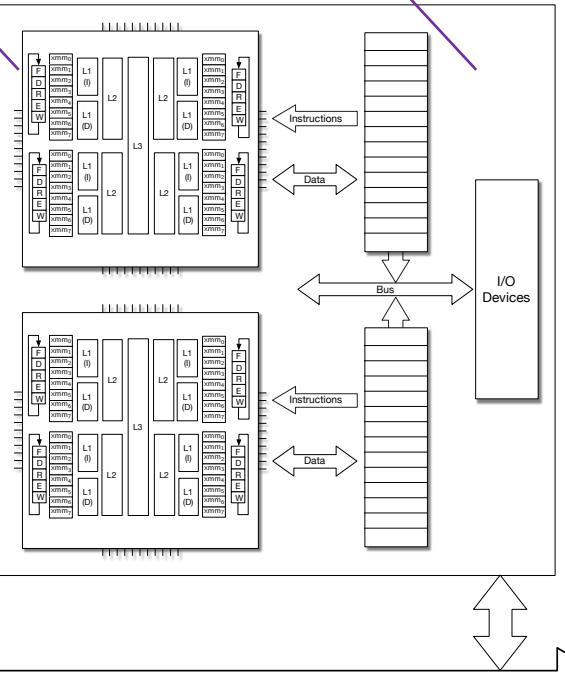
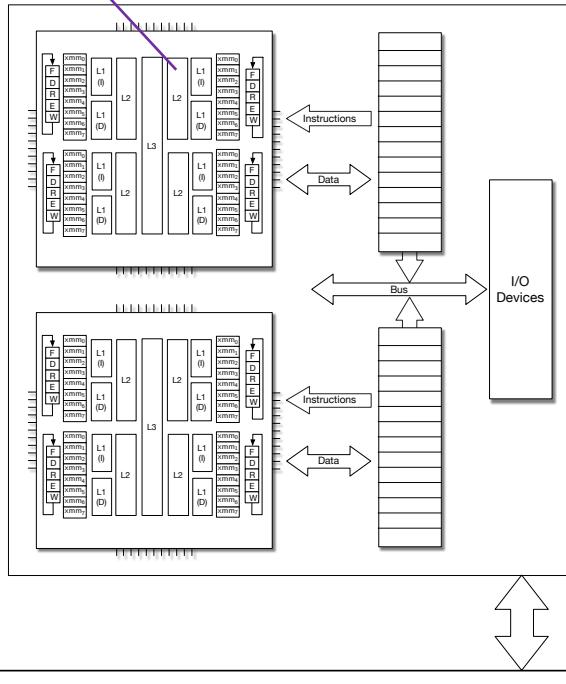
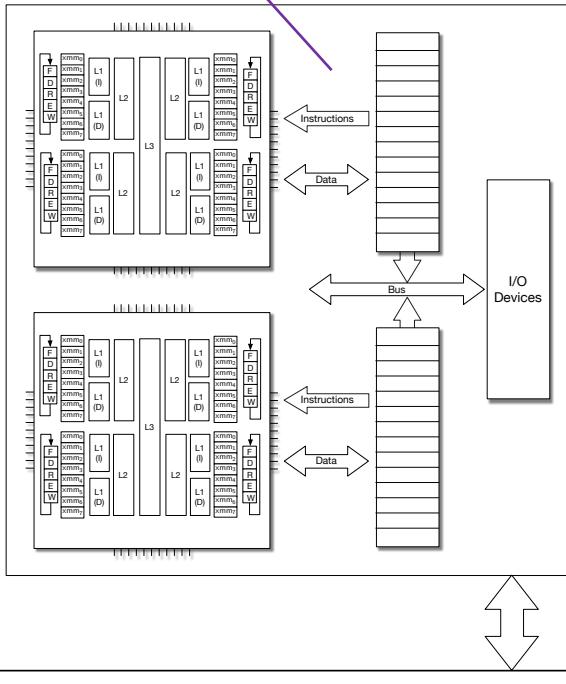
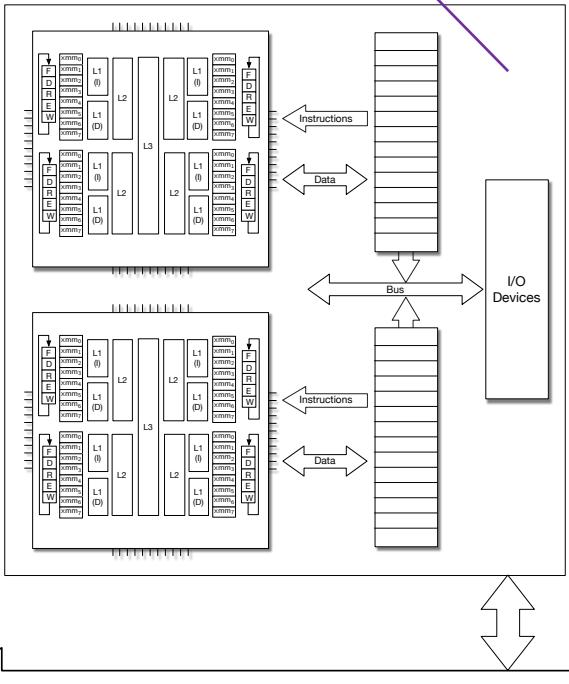
Put sockets
on a blade

Put blades
in a chassis

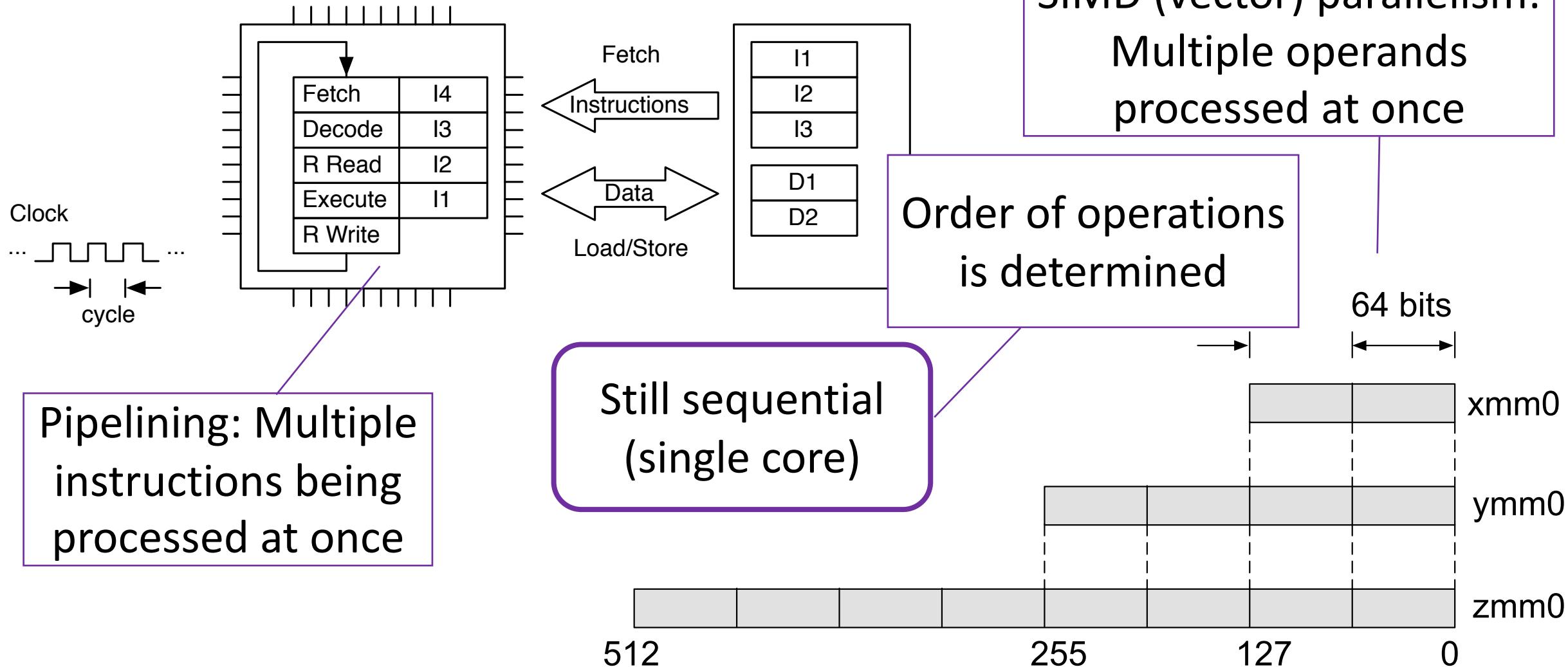
Put chassis
in a rack

Put racks in
a center

Put centers
in the cloud



Parallelism and HPC so far



General Performance Principles

- Work harder

- Faster core

Dennard scaling (ended 2005)

- Work smarter

- Branch predictions, etc.
 - Better compilation
 - Better algorithm
 - Better implementation

Higher optimization level, e.g.,
-O2, -O3, -Ofast, etc.

e.g., Strassen's algorithm

We did this

- More workers

- More cores

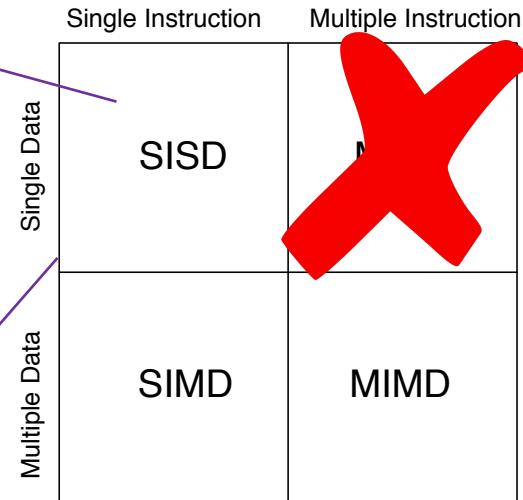
Parallel Computing

Flynn's Taxonomy (Aside)

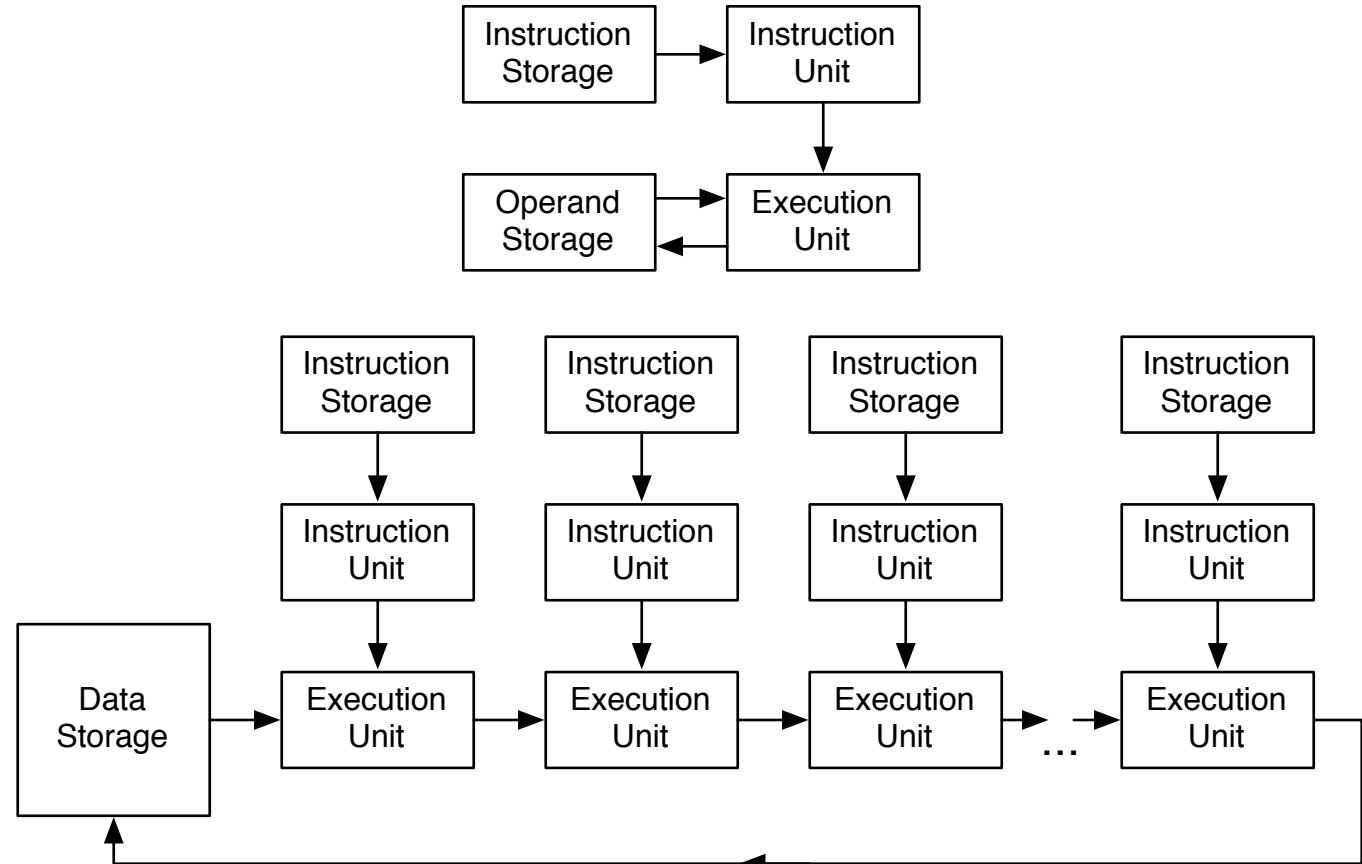
Anyone in HPC must know Flynn's taxonomy

- **Classic** classification of parallel architectures (Michael Flynn, 1966)

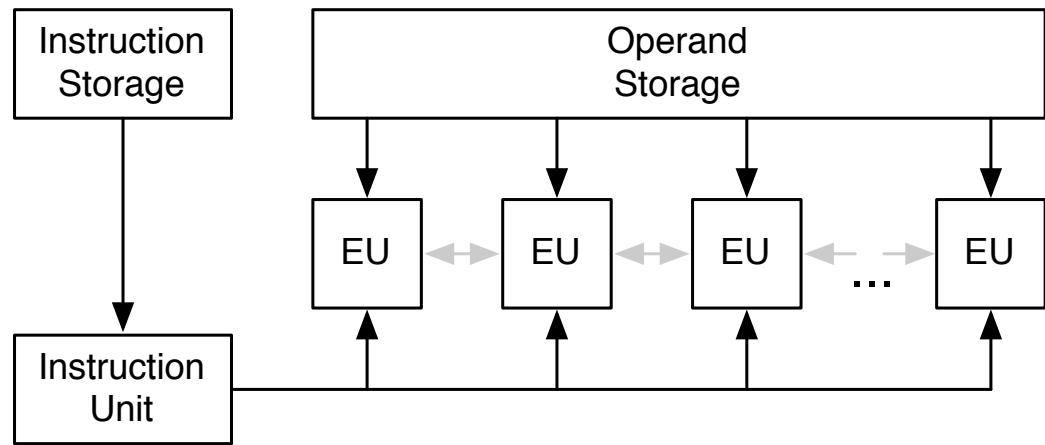
Plain old sequential



Based on multiplicity of instruction streams, data storage



SIMD in SSE/AVX



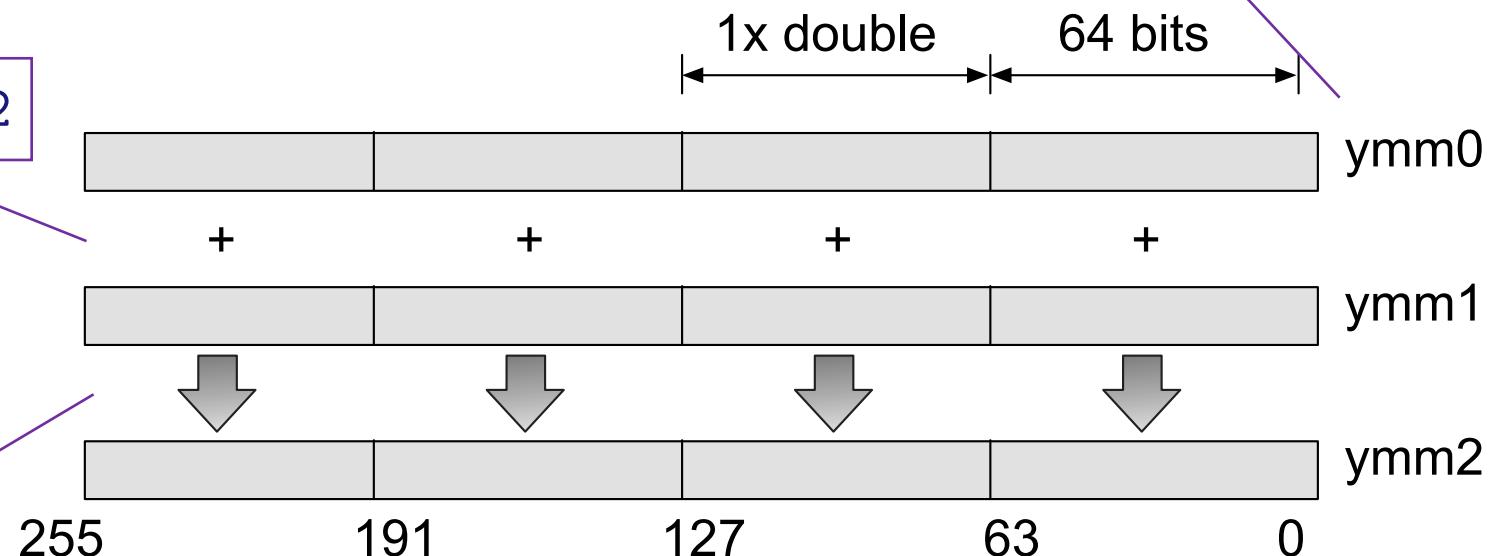
Flynn's original conceptual model

`vfadd231pd %ymm0, %ymm1, %ymm2`

One machine instruction

Adds all four doubles
simultaneously

ymm are 256 bit registers

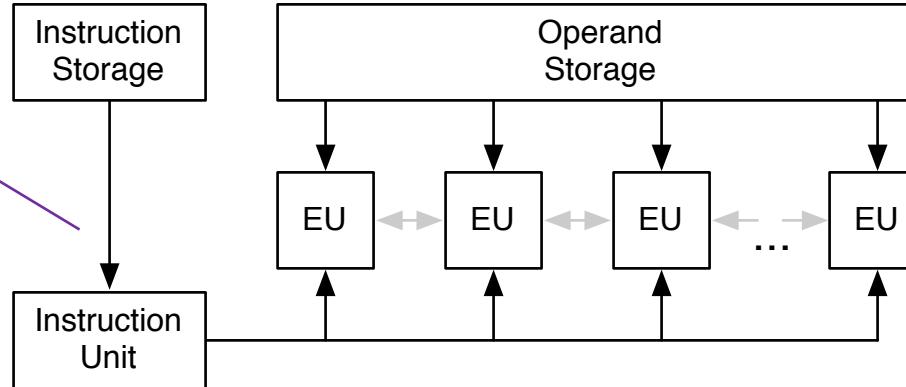


SIMD and MIMD

- Two principal parallel computing paradigms (multiple op

But each have their own data

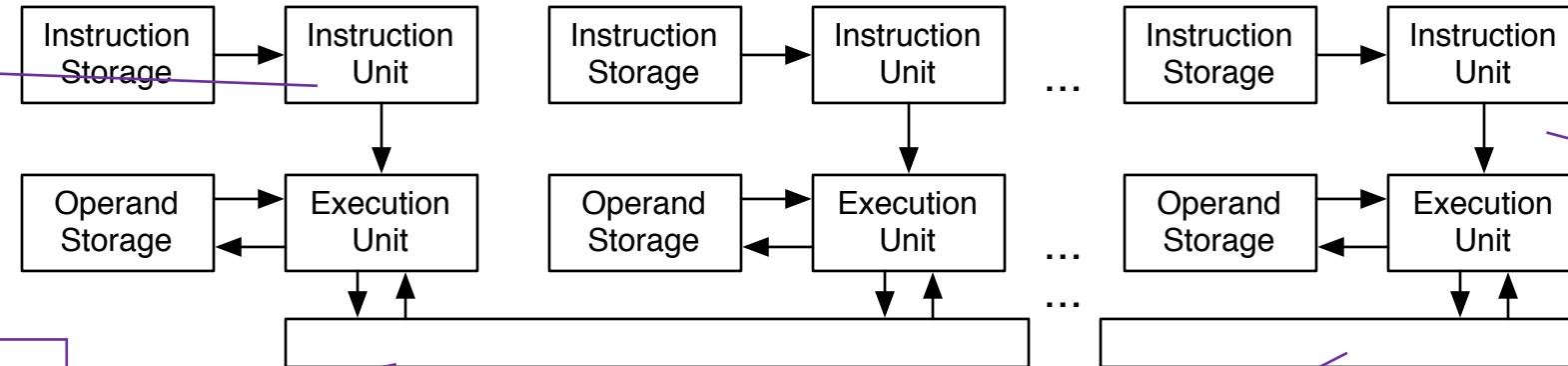
Single instruction at a time



Multiple instructions

All execution units execute in (c)lock step

EUs run independently (w own instrs)



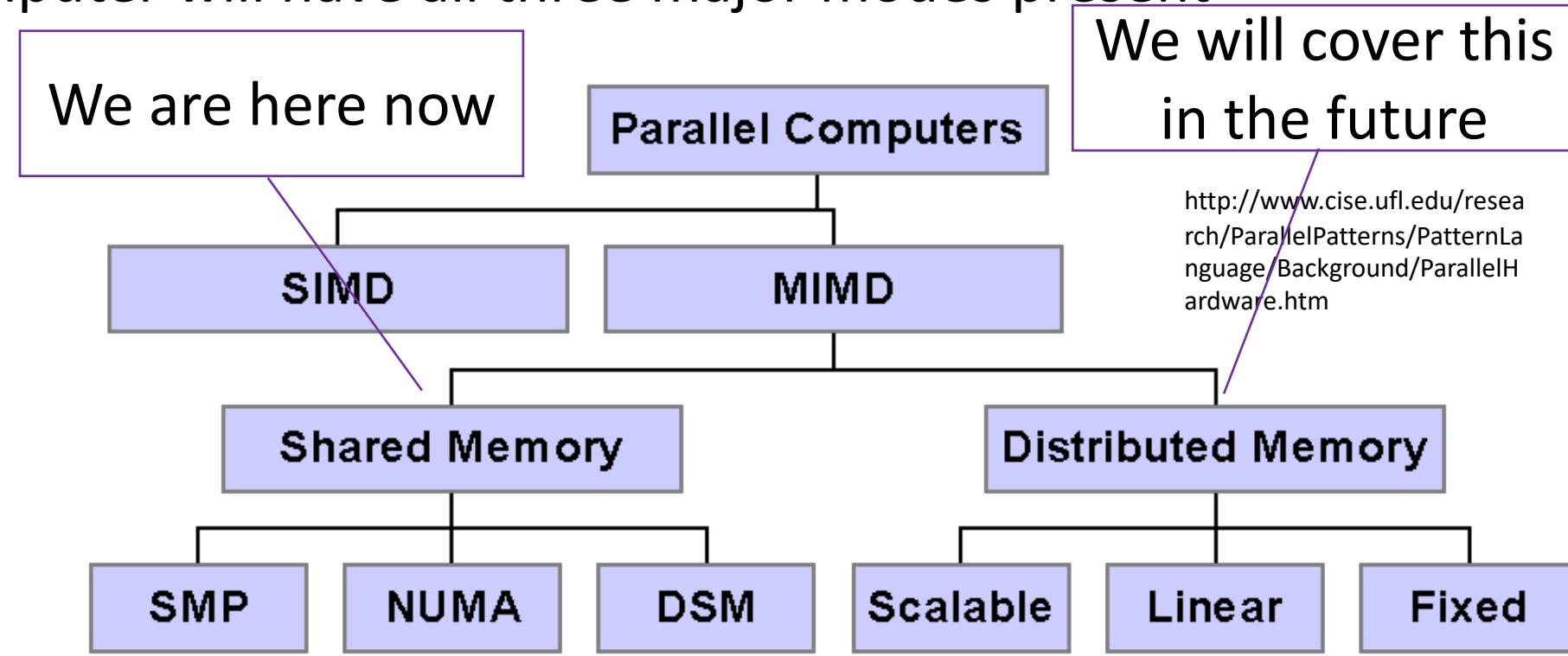
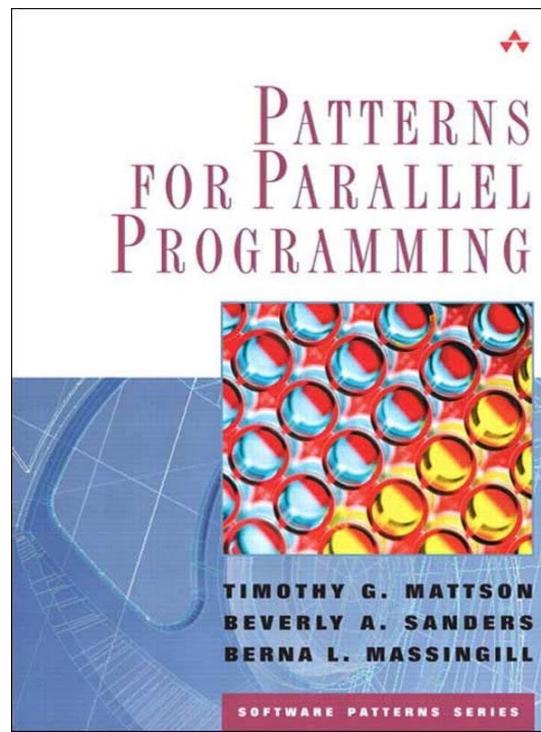
Coming up next

Shared Memory

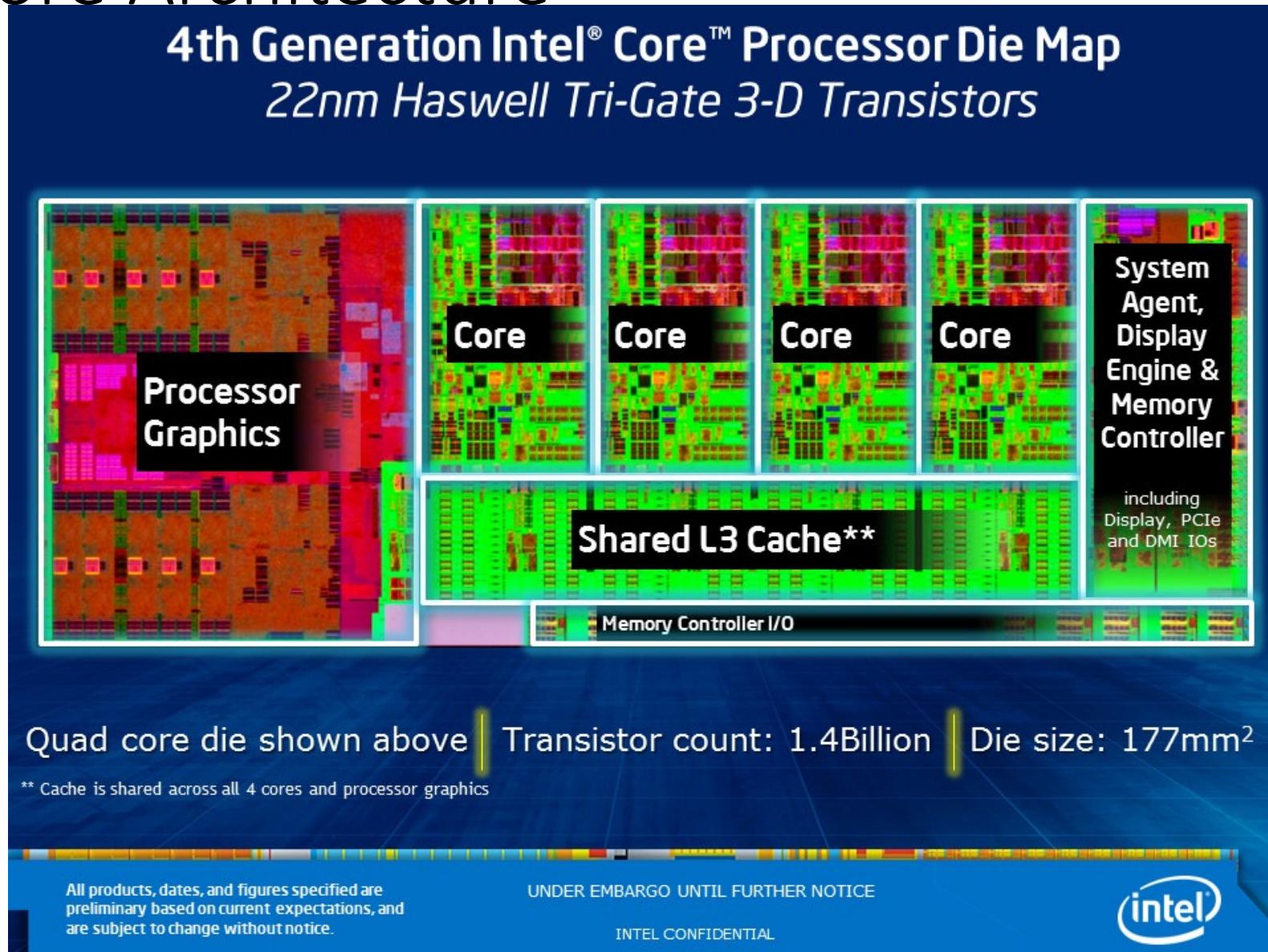
Not Shared

A More Refined (Programmer-Oriented) Taxonomy

- Three major modes: SIMD, Shared Memory, Distributed Memory
- Different programming approaches are generally associated with different modes of parallelism (threads for shared, MPI for distributed)
- A modern supercomputer will have all three major modes present



Multicore Architecture



Multicore for HPC

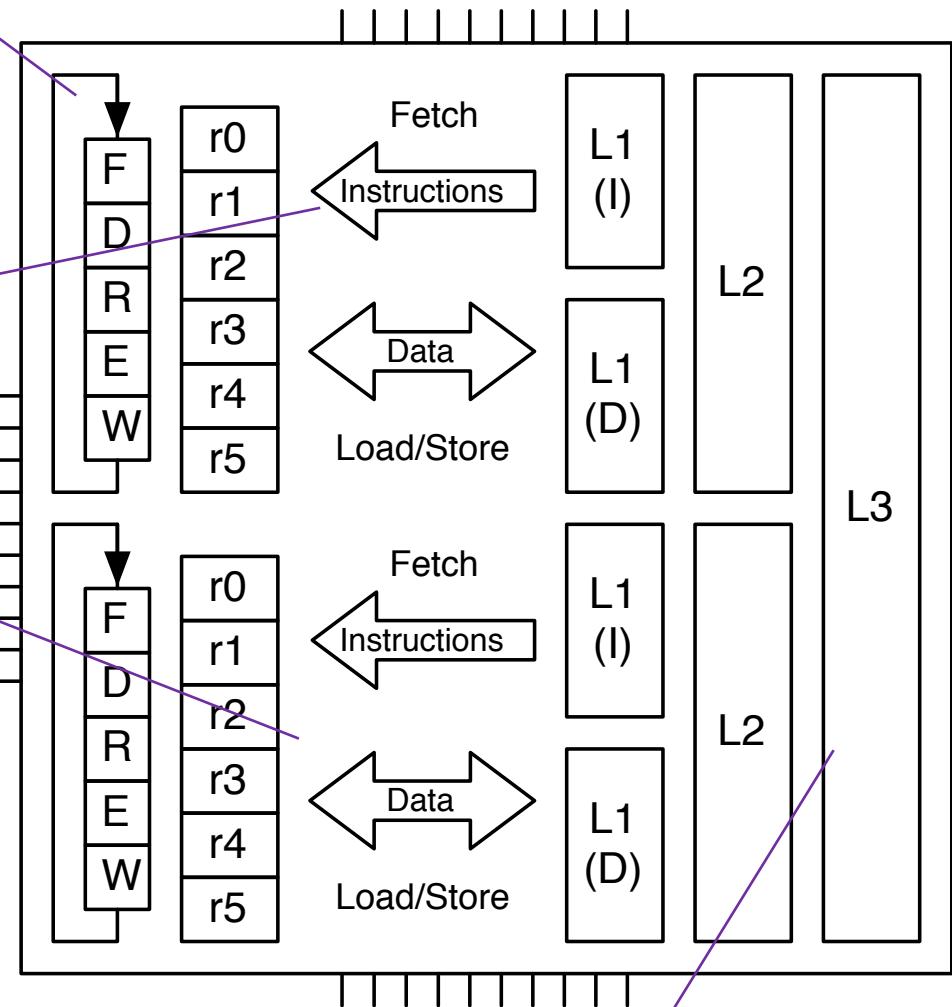
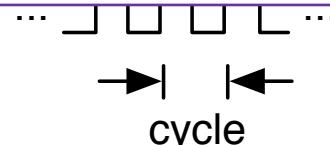
- How do multicore chips operate (how does the hardware work)?
- How do they get high performance?
- How does the software exploit the hardware (how do we write our software to exploit the hardware)?
- What are the abstractions that we need to use to reason about multicore systems?
- What are the programming abstractions and mechanisms?
- Terminology: Program, process, thread
- More terminology: Parallel, concurrent, asynchronous

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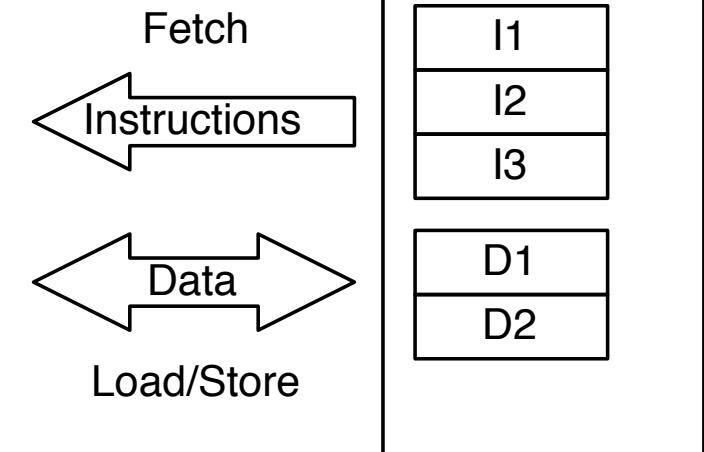
Core is a
FDREW + regs

Each runs its
own sequence
of instructions

Each can access
its own data



Any CPU in the
last 4-5 years



But memory
might be shared

Sequential Example

- You are the TA for AMATH 483 and must grade 22 exams
- The exam has 8 questions on it
- It takes 3 minutes to grade one question
- How long will it take you to grade all the exams?



Parallelization Example

- You are the TA for AMATH 483 and must grade 22 exams
- The exam has 8 questions on it
- It takes 3 minutes to grade one question
- You ask 21 friends who agree to help you
- How long will it take the 22 of you to grade all the exams?
- Describe your approach
- List your assumptions



Parallelization Example

- You are the TA for AMATH 483 and must grade 1012 exams ($1012 = 46 * 22$)
- The exam has 8 questions on it
- It takes 3 minutes to grade one question
- You ask 21 friends who agree to help you
- How long will it take the 22 of you to grade all the exams?
- Describe your approach
- Describe another approach
- List your assumptions



Another Parallelization Example

- You are the TA for AMATH 483 and must grade 8 exams
- The exam has 22 questions on it
- It takes 3 minutes to grade one question
- You ask 21 friends who agree to help you
- How long will it take the 22 of you to grade all the exams?
- Describe your approach



Parallelization Example

- You are the TA for AMATH 483 and must grade 368 exams ($368 = 46 * 8$)
- The exam has 22 questions on it
- It takes 3 minutes to grade one question
- You ask 21 friends who agree to help you
- How long will it take the 22 of you to grade all the exams?
- What if you had 368 friends? $368 * 22$?

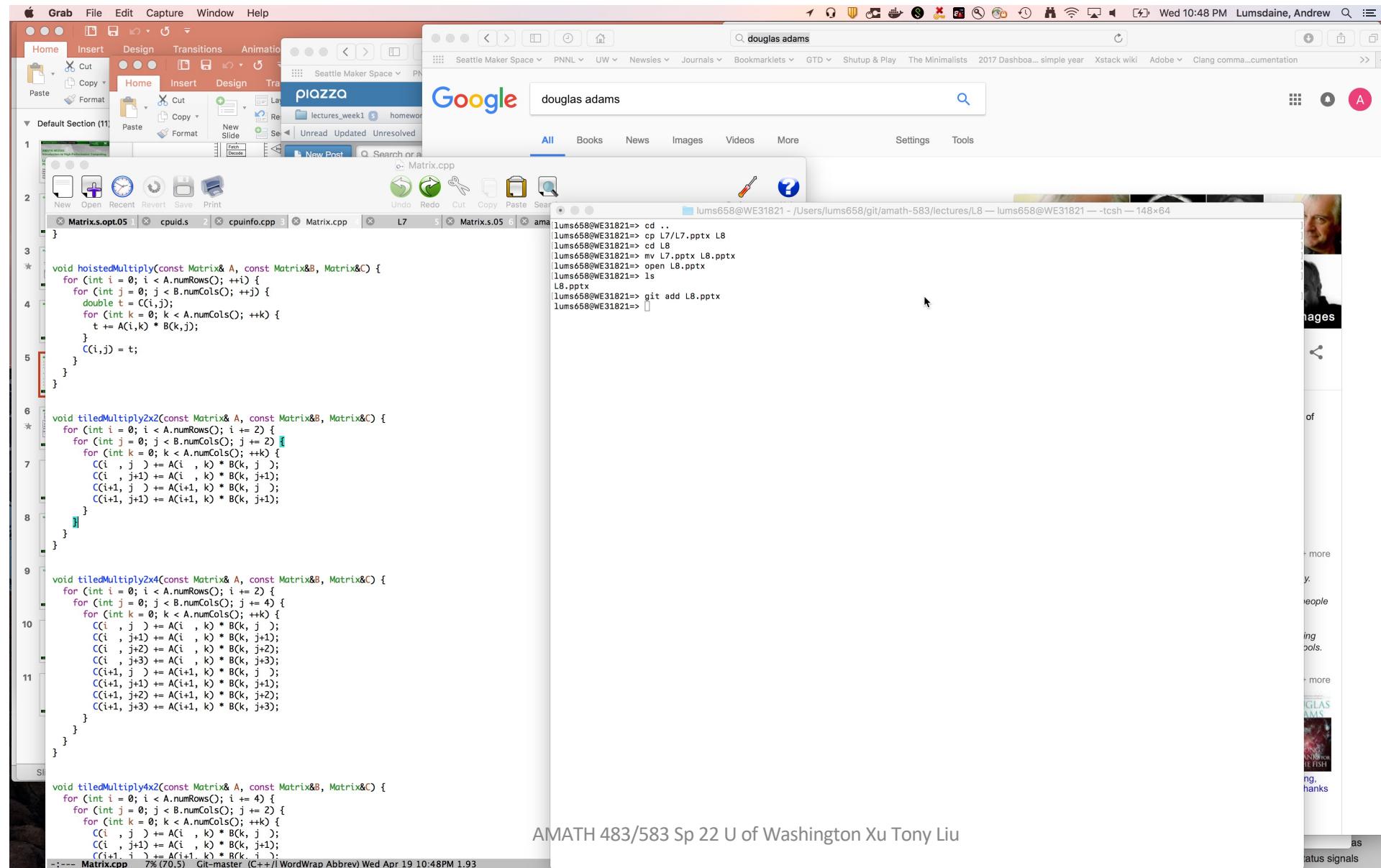


Compare And Contrast – Concurrency vs Parallelism

- Time for everyone grades one exam: $8*3$ minutes
- Time for everyone grades one question: 3 minutes
- How (why) did you use the approaches you did?
- Concurrency
 - When two or more tasks can start, run, and complete in overlapping time periods
- Parallelism
 - When tasks **literally** run at the same time

We will come back
on this

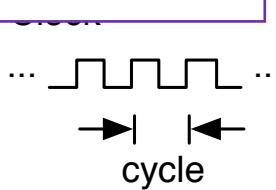
How Do We Run Many Programs at the Same Time?



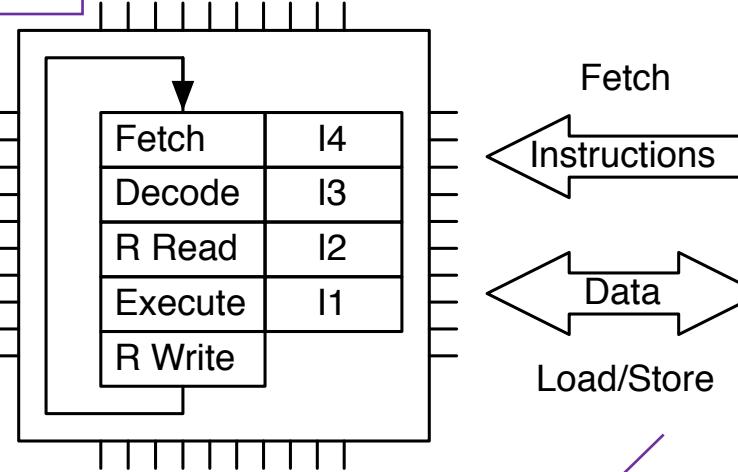
Running a Program

When a CPU is executing bytes from one program

It isn't executing bytes from another



Including from the OS (just another program)



Bytes from program stored in memory

How did the bytes get here?

How does another program run?

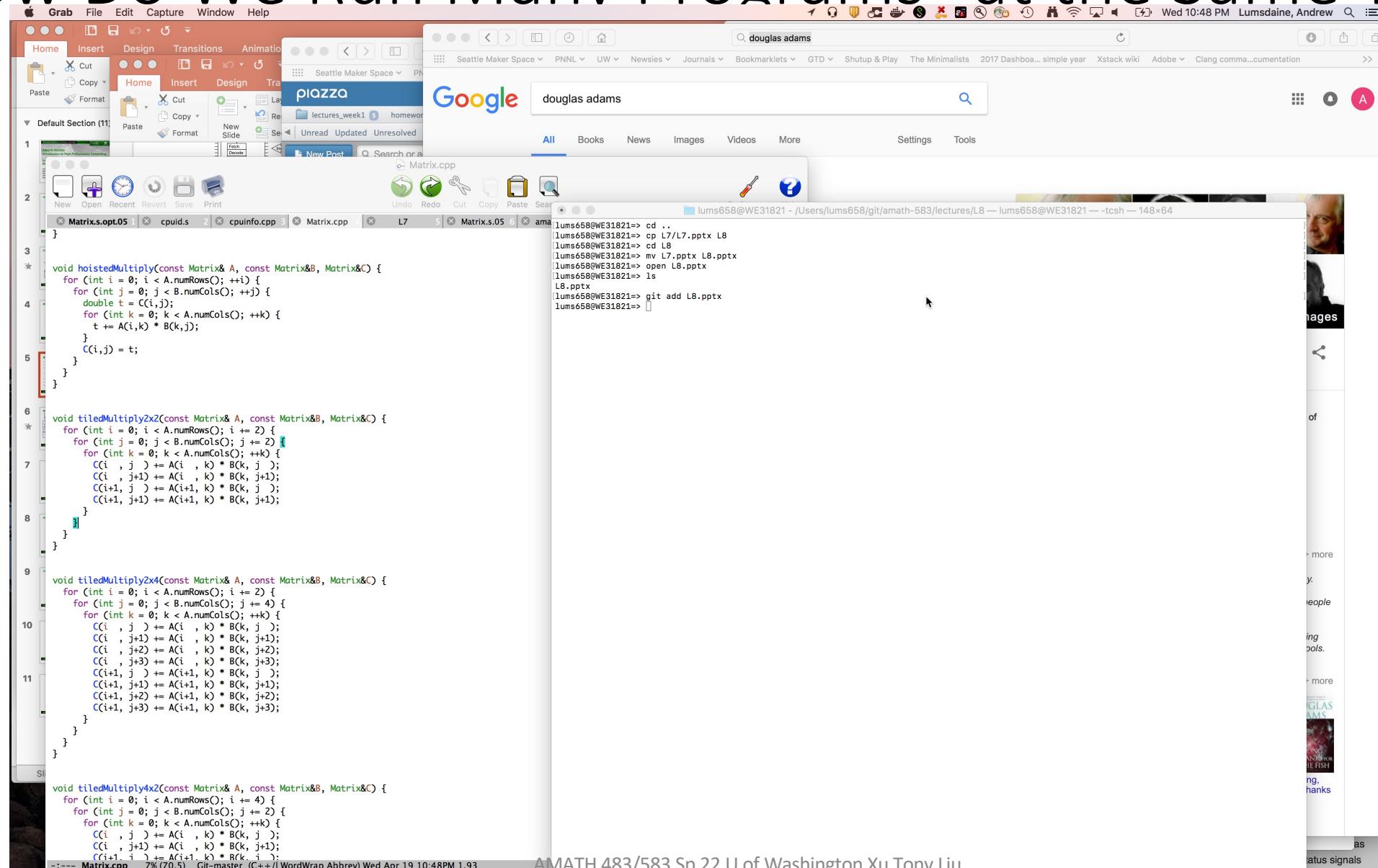
```
.globl _Z15hoistedMultiplyRK6MatrixS1_RS_
.p2align 4, 0x90
_Z15hoistedMultiplyRK6MatrixS1_RS_:
.cfi_startproc
## BB#0:
    pushq %rbp
.Ltmp16:
.cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
.cfi_offset %rbp, -16
    movq %rsp, %rbp
.Ltmp18:
.cfi_def_cfa_register %rbp
    pushq %r15
    pushq %r14
    pushq %r13
    pushq %r12
    pushq %rbx
.Ltmp19:
.cfi_offset %rbx, -56
.Ltmp20:
.cfi_offset %r12, -48
.Ltmp21:
.cfi_offset %r13, -40
.Ltmp22:
.cfi_offset %r14, -32
.Ltmp23:
.cfi_offset %r15, -24
    movq %rdi, %rax
    movq %rax, -120(%rbp)
    testq %rax, %rax
    je LBB2_9
## BB#1:
    movq 8(%rsi), %rcx
    testq %rcx, %rcx
    je LBB2_9
## BB#2:
    movq 16(%rsi), %r12
    movq 8(%rdx), %rax
    movq %rax, -104(%rbp)
    movq 16(%rdx), %rdx
    movq 8(%rdi), %rax
    movq %rax, 16(%rdi), %r13
    lead %rsi, -88(%rbp)
    movl %ecx, %esi
```

8-byte Spill

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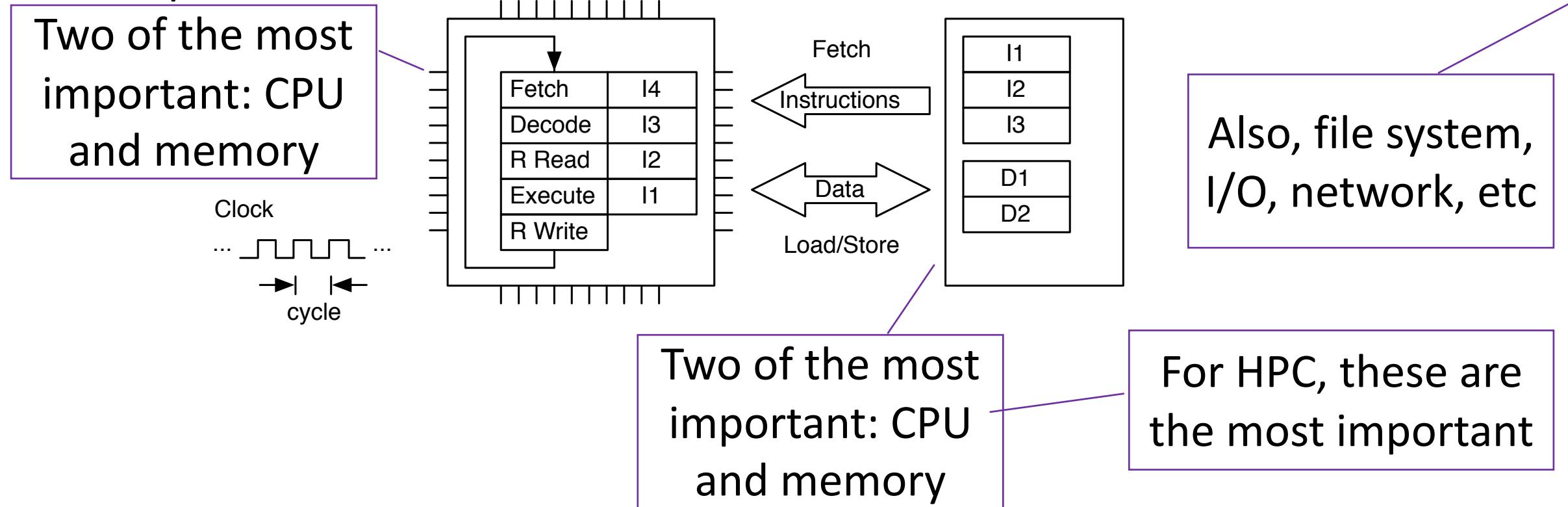
8-byte Spill

How Do We Run Many Programs “at the Same Time”?



A Word About Operating Systems

- An operating system is *a (system) program* that provides a standard interface between the resources of a computer and the users of the computer



How Do We Run Many Programs Concurrently?

```
lums658@WE31821 ~ /Users/lums658/git/amath-583/lectures/L8 — lums658@WE31821 — tcsh — 148x64
lums658@WE31821=> cd ..
lums658@WE31821=> cp L7/L7.pptx L8
lums658@WE31821=> cd L8
lums658@WE31821=> mv L7.pptx L8.pptx
lums658@WE31821=> open L8.pptx
lums658@WE31821=> ls
l8.pptx
lums658@WE31821=> git add L8.pptx
lums658@WE31821=>
```

Do not *ever* say: "the operating system stops the first process and starts the next"

```
void hoistedMultiply(const Matrix& A, const Matrix&B, Matrix&C) {
    for (int i = 0; i < A.numRows(); ++i) {
        for (int j = 0; j < B.numCols(); ++j) {
            double t = C(i,j);
            for (int k = 0; k < A.numCols(); ++k) {
                t += A(i,k) * B(k,j);
            }
            C(i,j) = t;
        }
    }
}

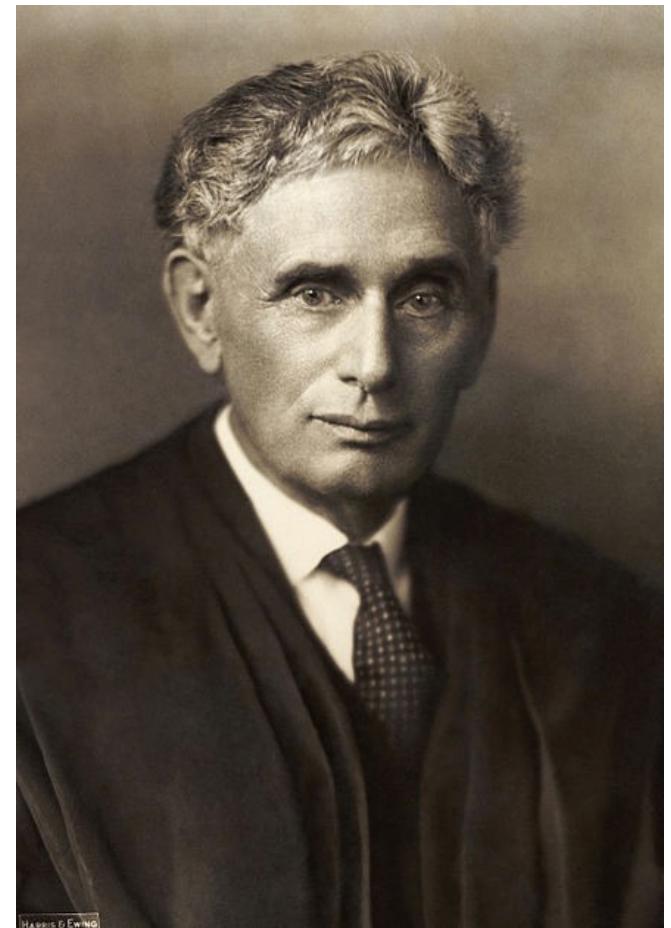
void tiledMultiply2x2(const Matrix& A, const Matrix&B, Matrix&C) {
    for (int i = 0; i < A.numRows(); i += 2) {
        for (int j = 0; j < B.numCols(); j += 2) {
            for (int k = 0; k < A.numCols(); ++k) {
                C(i , j ) += A(i , k) * B(k, j );
                C(i , j+1) += A(i , k) * B(k, j+1);
                C(i+1, j ) += A(i+1, k) * B(k, j );
                C(i+1, j+1) += A(i+1, k) * B(k, j+1);
            }
        }
    }
}

void tiledMultiply2x4(const Matrix& A, const Matrix&B, Matrix&C) {
    for (int i = 0; i < A.numRows(); i += 2) {
        for (int j = 0; j < B.numCols(); j += 4) {
            for (int k = 0; k < A.numCols(); ++k) {
                C(i , j ) += A(i , k) * B(k, j );
                C(i , j+1) += A(i , k) * B(k, j+1);
                C(i , j+2) += A(i , k) * B(k, j+2);
                C(i , j+3) += A(i , k) * B(k, j+3);
                C(i+1, j ) += A(i+1, k) * B(k, j );
                C(i+1, j+1) += A(i+1, k) * B(k, j+1);
                C(i+1, j+2) += A(i+1, k) * B(k, j+2);
                C(i+1, j+3) += A(i+1, k) * B(k, j+3);
            }
        }
    }
}

void tiledMultiply4x2(const Matrix& A, const Matrix&B, Matrix&C) {
    for (int i = 0; i < A.numRows(); i += 4) {
        for (int j = 0; j < B.numCols(); j += 2) {
            for (int k = 0; k < A.numCols(); ++k) {
                C(i , j ) += A(i , k) * B(k, j );
                C(i , j+1) += A(i , k) * B(k, j+1);
                C(i+1, j ) += A(i+1, k) * B(k, j );
                C(i+1, j+1) += A(i+1, k) * B(k, j+1);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Processes

- A process is an abstraction for a collection of resources to represent a (running) program
 - CPU
 - Memory
 - Address space



The Operating System Can Run When...

- The process whose instructions are being executed by the CPU (the running process) requests a service from the OS (makes a ***system call***)
- In response to a hardware interrupt
- It does not spontaneously run
- It is not somehow running in the background
- Again, when the CPU is executing instructions for one program, it is not executing instructions for another program
- The only way anything happens on the computer is if the CPU executes instructions that make it happen

Process Abstraction

Stored in Process Control Block (PCB)

Set of information about process resources

Sufficient to be able to start a process after stopped

Also for accounting / administrative purposes

Process management

Registers
Program counter
Program status word
Stack pointer
Process state
Priority
Scheduling parameters
Process ID
Parent process
Process group
Signals
Time when process started
CPU time used
Children's CPU time
Time of next alarm

Memory management

Pointer to text segment
Pointer to data segment
Pointer to stack segment

File management

Root directory
Working directory
File descriptors
User ID
Group ID

What does program counter represent?

The Process Concept

Process ID

\$ top -u

PID	COMMAND	%CPU TIME	#TH	#WQ	#PORT	MEM	PURG	CMPRS	PGRP	PPID	STATE	BOOSTS	%CPU ME	%CPU OTHER	USER	
162	WindowServer	13.8	07:48:22	6	2	702+	537M+	93M								
0	kernel_task	12.6	29:59:12	177/9	0	21	1809M+ 0B	0B	0B	0	running	*[11]	3.68962	0.00000	88	
114	hidd	4.4	01:46:55	6	3	381+	3024K+ 0B	136BK	114	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
8333	top	4.0	00:00:72	1/1	0	21	5016K 0B	88	8333	67567	running	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	261	
8334	screencaptur	3.9	00:00:06	4	3	57	2500K+ 20K	0B	853	853	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
91791	LaTeXiT	2.3	09:45:97	6	2	255	42M 0B	30M	91791	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
67565	Terminal	2.0	01:50:53	13	8	346+	72M 0B	19M	67565	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
3288	Calendar	1.6	09:54:07	3	1	292	95M 0B	39M	3288	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
1234	com.docker.h	1.1	02:02:24	18	1	38	763M 0B	487M	1228	1228	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
846	usernoted	1.1	03:13:97	5	4	139+	11M+ 896K	8604K	846	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	1	
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91742	splunkd	0.8	40:02:25	35	0	48	85M 0B	47M	91741	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
63334	Slack Helper	0.6	01:19:50	5	2	124	7780K 0B	26M	63333	63333	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
184	mDNSResponde	0.5	22:51:68	5	1	103	5628K 0B	3408K	184	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
111-	NetworkMonit	0.4	12:37:75	28	27	49+	22M+ 72M	185M	111	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
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853	SystemUIServ	0.2	02:45:35	5	3	371	33M+ 28K-	25M	853	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
63333	Slack	0.2	04:36:66	33	1	390	73M 0B	26M	63333	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
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89822	Microsoft Po	0.0	12:19:35	22	5	489	1172M 117M	183M	89822	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
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60	logd	0.0	13:28:48	4	4	823	36M 0B	11M	60	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
42	CrashPlanSer	0.0	42:24:56	89	1	236	223M 0B	458M	42	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
1224	com.docker.d	0.0	04:26:85	8	0	17	21M 0B	12M	1224	1221	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
814	UserEventAge	0.0	01:50:69	3	1	632	4512K 0B	2112K	814	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
42572	Jabra Skype	0.0	03:04:56	4	2	154	3036K 0B	33M	42572	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
84167	Slack Helper	0.0	00:31:78	20	2	150	148M 0B	82M	63333	63333	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
66996	com.apple.We	0.0	02:52:26	5	1	144	34M 0B	1328K	66996	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
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102	blued	0.0	04:01:89	3	1	167	7608K 0B	1608K	102	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
1555	SymUIAgent	0.0	01:09:37	5	1	195	6500K 0B	11M	1155	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
1186	mDNSResponde	0.0	00:33:85	3	2	68	1688K 0B	932K	186	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
1116	AirPlayPCHC	0.0	00:15:07	2	2	131	2024K 0B	2676K	116	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
218	symptomsd	0.0	02:34:93	3	2	165	5104K 0B	4888K	218	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
89454	ntpd	0.0	00:01:48	3	3	28	776K 0B	1528K	89454	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
97	locationd	0.0	02:25:93	6	1	125	8276K 256K	4644K	97	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
52	configd	0.0	08:51:25	11	4	635	6028K+ 0B	6328K	52	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
6167	mdworker	0.0	00:09:77	4	1	54	2944K 0B	22M	6167	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.68962	0.00000	0	
47-	vpnagentd	0.0	06:20:57	6	1	64	6488K 0B	18M	47	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
195	mds_stores	0.0	03:00:12	6	4	117	183M 2188K	46M	195	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
861	CalendarAgend	0.0	02:43:54	3	1	334	80M 28M	48M	861	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
205	coreaudiod	0.0	01:52:15	3	1	347	312K 0B	228K	205	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
1382	Electron He1	0.0	01:49:35	19	2	113	68M 0B	28M	1157	1157	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	
67	mds	0.0	08:27:88	9	4	920	61M 0B	52M	67	1	sleeping	*[0]	0.00000	0.00000	0	

Processes: 419 total, 2 running, 417 sleeping, 1988 threads
Load Avg: 1.93, 1.88, 1.87 CPU usage: 3.45% user, 3.69% sys, 92.84% idle SharedLibs: 252M resident, 48M data, 68M linkedit.
MemRegions: 156549 total, 7076M resident, 141M private, 3629M shared. PhysMem: 16G used (2616M wired), 236M unused.
VM: 4328G vsize, 627M framework vsize, 71344832(64) swapins, 71344832(64) swapsouts. Networks: packets: 41299644/26G in, 41044343/26G out.
Disks: 57070556/1524G read, 36025949/792G written.

How much CPU

How many threads

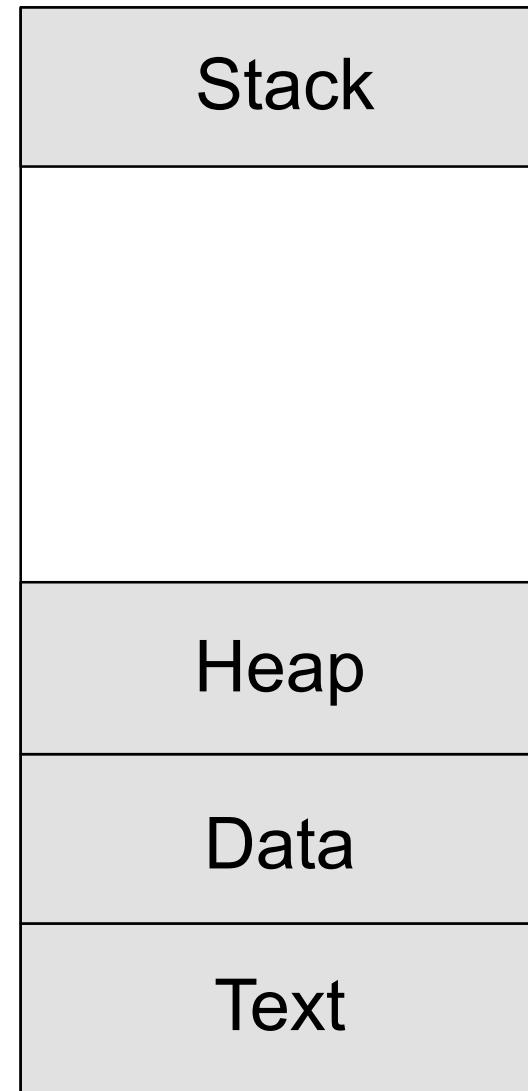
Process address space

Memory resources
for each process

All 32/48/64 bits

How can each
process use all the
address space?

Address
Space

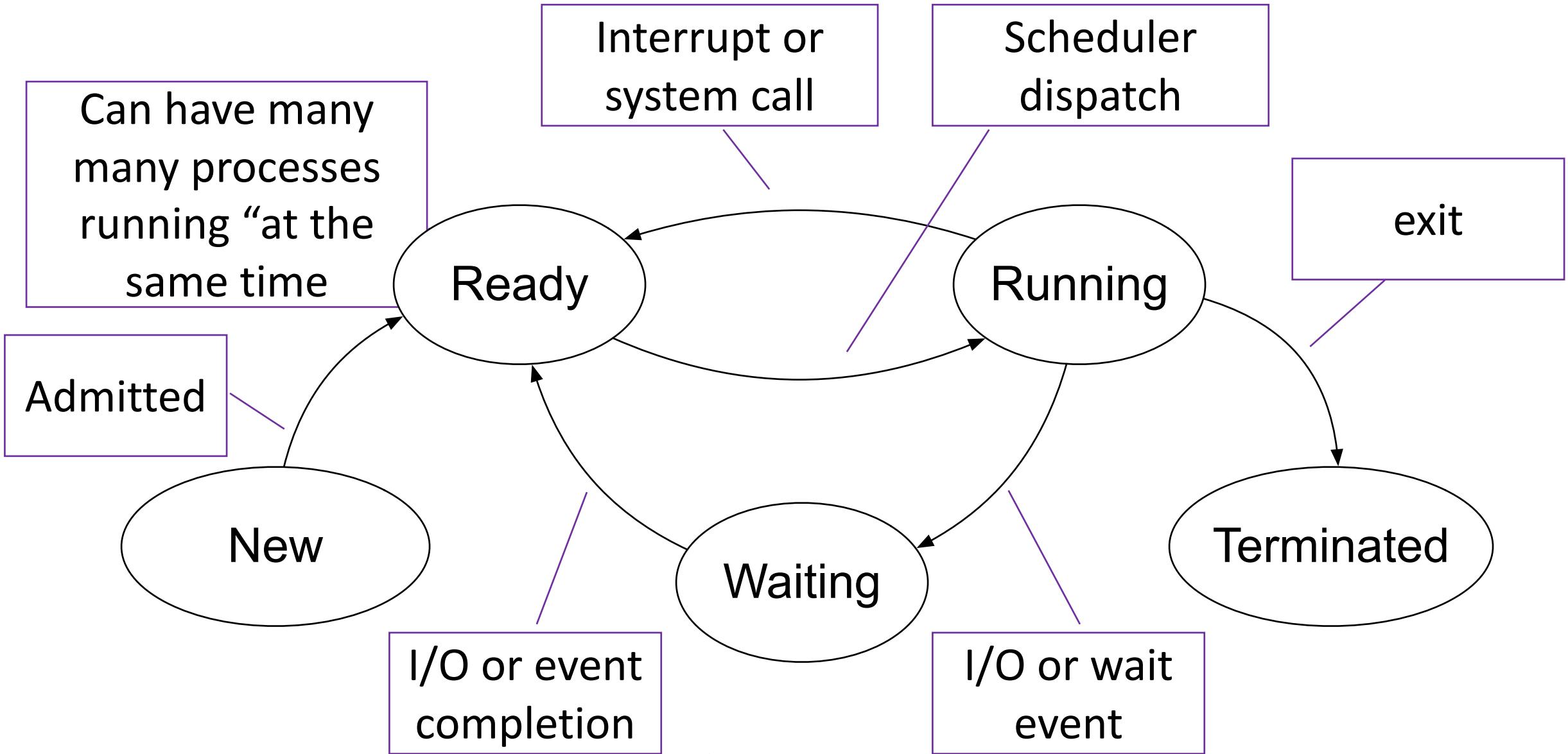


Created and
managed at run time

Created and
managed at run time

Compiled /
Linked
Stored
Program

Process Lifetime



Context Switch

P0 and P1
are running
processes

What does
this mean?

And this?

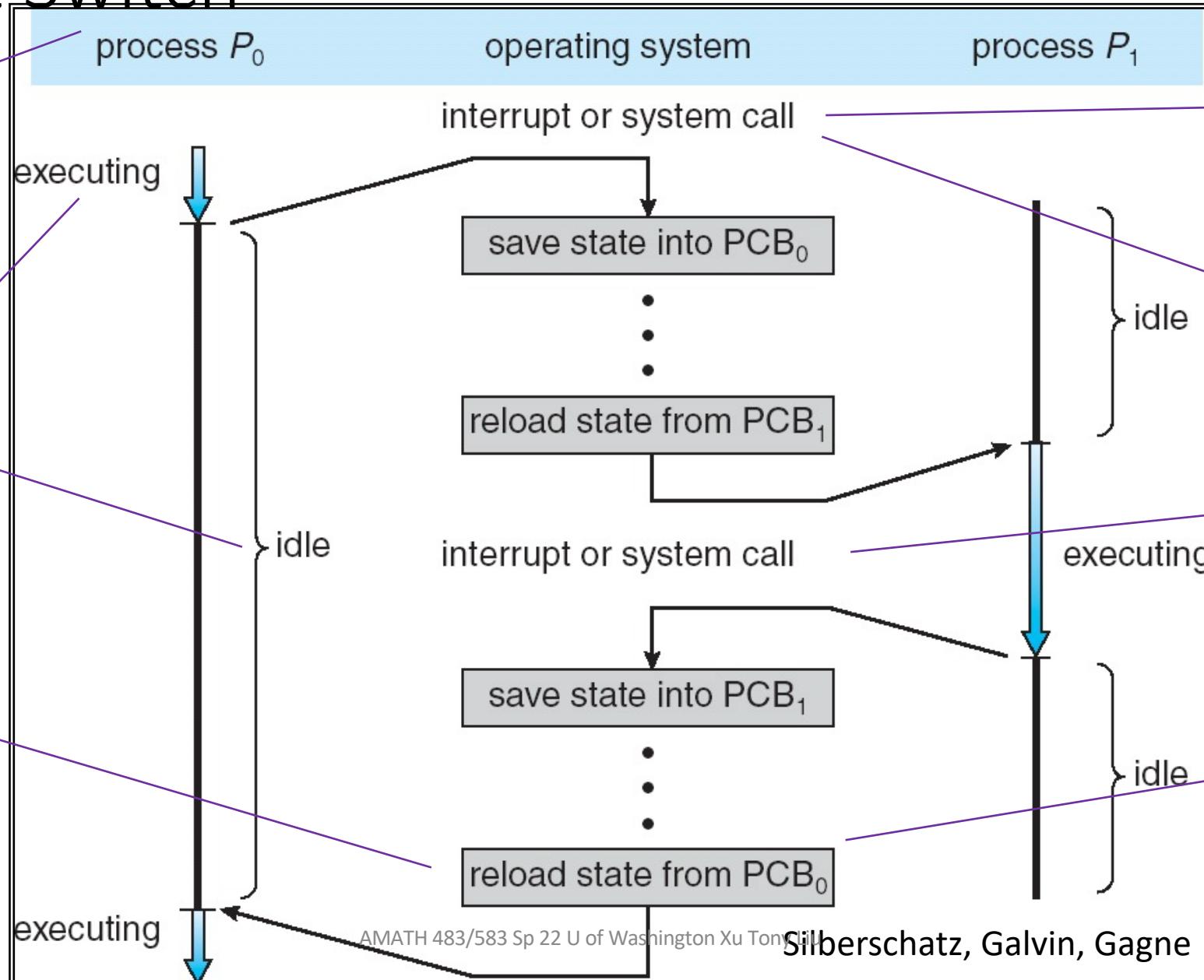
PCB = Process
Control Block

External
to OS

OS does
not do this

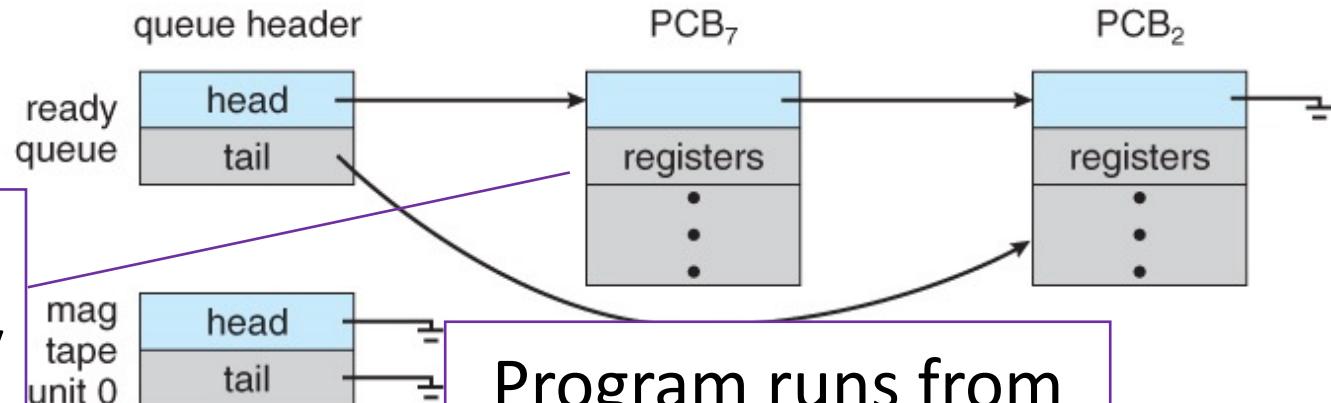
External
to OS

Expensive!

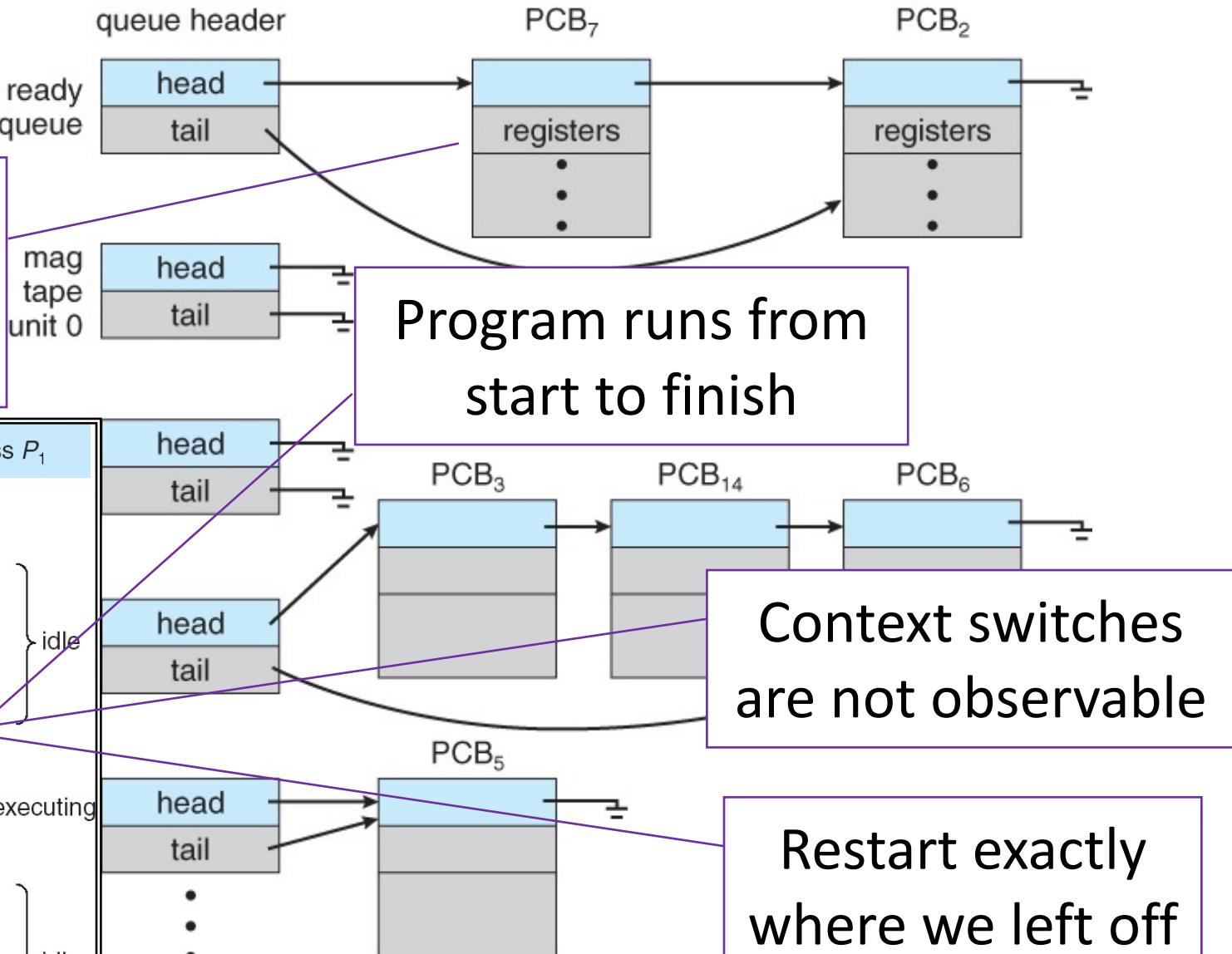
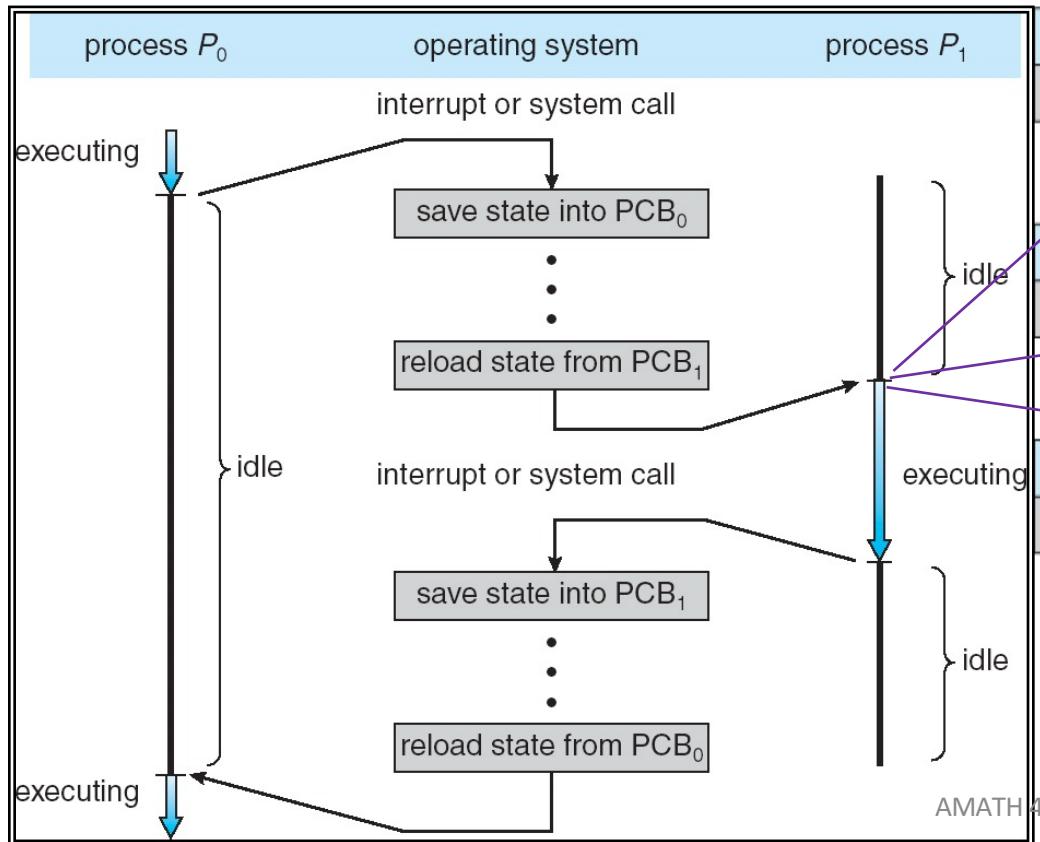


Process Queues

A process control block (PCB) has all information necessary to manage a process



Program runs from start to finish



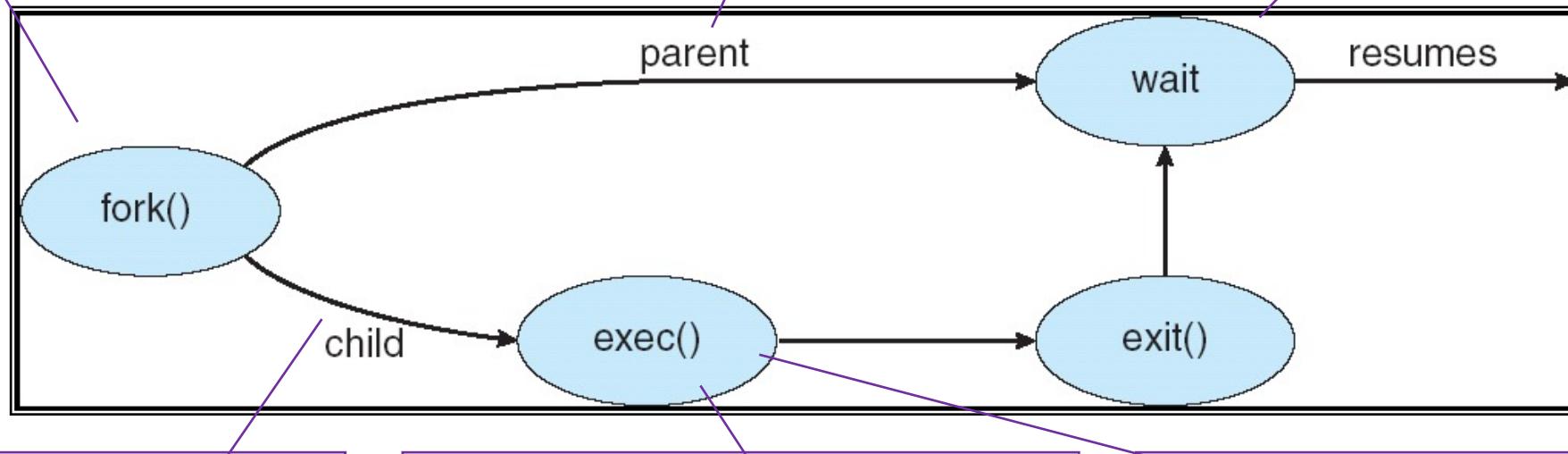
Context switches are not observable

Restart exactly where we left off

Process invokes fork()

The other process (the "parent) keeps executing

Can wait for other process to complete



The OS makes a copy of the original process and makes it runnable

One of the processes (the "child") runs exec()

Which pulls in new program bits to run

You see this fork/exec/wait almost all the time with one particular program you run (which?)

Example: process creation in UNIX

One process calls fork()

```
#include <unistd.h>

int main () {
    fork();
    return 0;
}
```

Two processes return from fork()

```
#include <unistd.h>

int main () {
    fork();
    return 0;
}
```

Each process “thinks” it called fork() and returned

Two processes return from fork()

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#include <unistd.h>

int main () {
    fork();
    return 0;
}
```

fork() make an exact copy

Example

```
int main() {  
    int pids[20];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 20; ++i) {  
        pids[i] = fork();  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

fork() returns a
PID identifier

Loop 20 times

Call fork() 20
times

How many processes
get created?

Example

How deep is
the tree?

$i == 0$

$i == 1$

2

||

·

```
int main() {  
    int pids[20];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 20; ++i) {  
        pids[i] = fork();  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

***Don't do
this (ever)!***

How many
processes?

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int main() {  
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        pids[i] = fork();  
    }  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

man fork()

```
#include <unistd.h>
pid_t fork();
```

The child process has a unique id

Upon successful completion, fork() returns a value of 0 to the child process and the returns the process ID of the child process to the parent process

FORK(2) BSD System Calls Manual FORK(2)

NAME
`fork` -- create a new process

SYNOPSIS
`#include <unistd.h>`

`pid_t
fork(void);`

DESCRIPTION
`fork()` causes creation of a new process. The new process (child process) is an exact copy of the calling process (parent process) except for the following:

- o The child process has a unique process ID.
- o The child process has a different parent process ID (i.e., the process ID of the parent process).
- o The child process has its own copy of the parent's descriptors. These descriptors reference the same underlying objects, so that, for instance, file pointers in file objects are shared between the child and the parent, so that an `lseek(2)` on a descriptor in the child process can affect a subsequent read or write by the parent. This descriptor copying is also used by the shell to establish standard input and output for newly created processes as well as to set up pipes.
- o The child processes resource utilizations are set to 0; see `setrlimit(2)`.

RN VALUES
Upon successful completion, `fork()` returns a value of 0 to the child process and returns the process ID of the child process to the parent process. Otherwise, a value of -1 is returned to the parent process, no child process is created, and the global variable `errno` is set to indicate the error.

RS
`fork()` will fail and no child process will be created if:

[EAGAIN]	The system-imposed limit on the total number of processes under execution would be exceeded. This limit is configuration-dependent.
[ENOMEM]	The system-imposed limit <code>MAXUPRC</code> (<code><sys/param.h></code>) on the total number of processes under execution by a single user would be exceeded.
[ENOMEM]	There is insufficient swap space for the new process.

CY SYNOPSIS
`#include <sys/types.h>
#include <unistd.h>`

The include file `<sys/types.h>` is necessary.

SEE ALSO
:

Example Revisited

```
int main() {  
    pid_t pids[20];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 20; ++i) {  
        pids[i] = fork();  
        if (pids[i] == 0)  
            break;  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

Get return
value of fork()

How many
processes
now?

If zero, the
process is a child

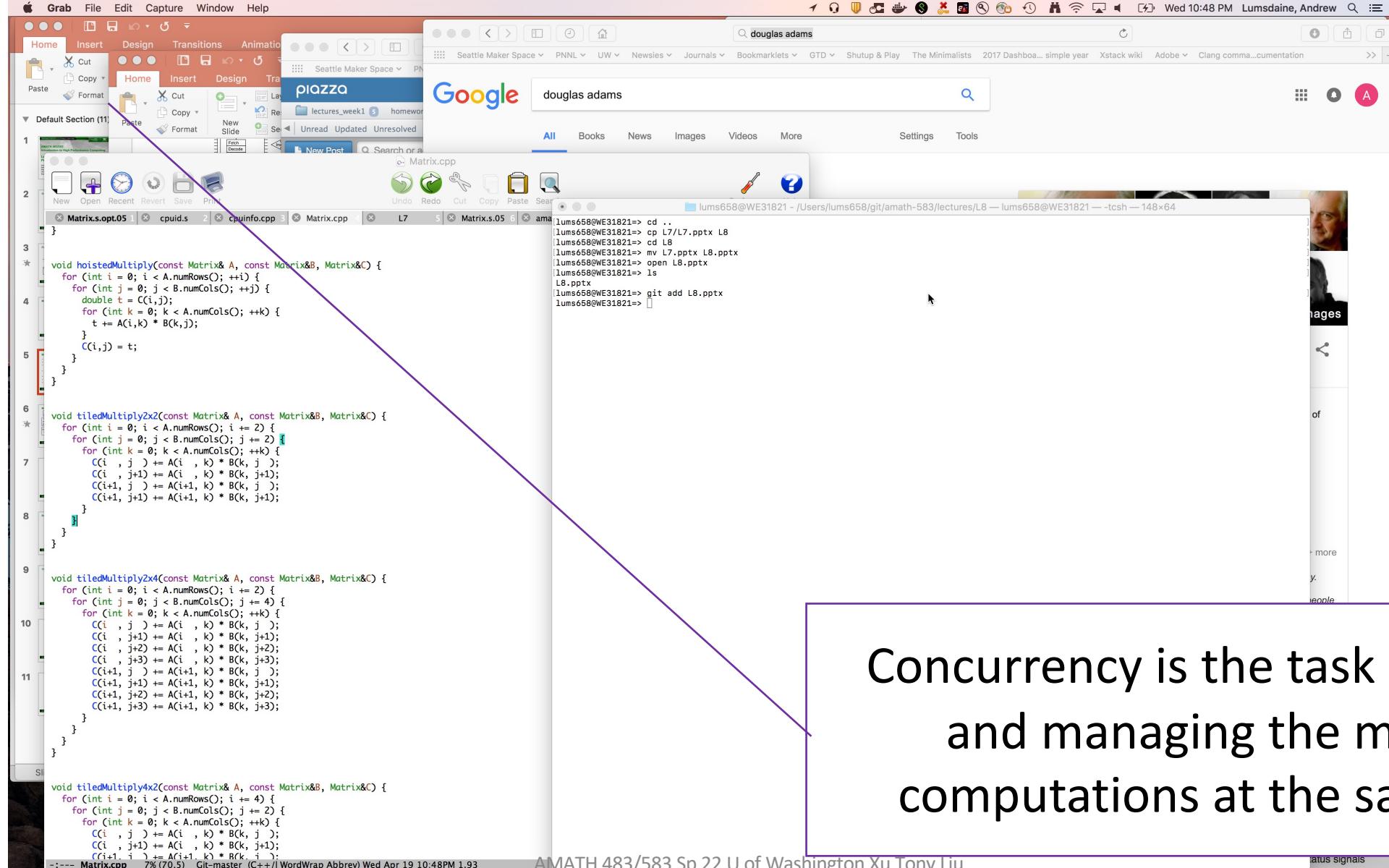
If no, the process
is the parent,
keep going

Process creation in UNIX (fork / exec pattern)

```
while (true) {  
    cout << "$ ";  
    cin >> command;  
  
    pid_t child = fork();  
  
    if (0 == child) {  
        execv(command, NULL);  
    } else {  
        wait(child);  
    }  
}
```

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```

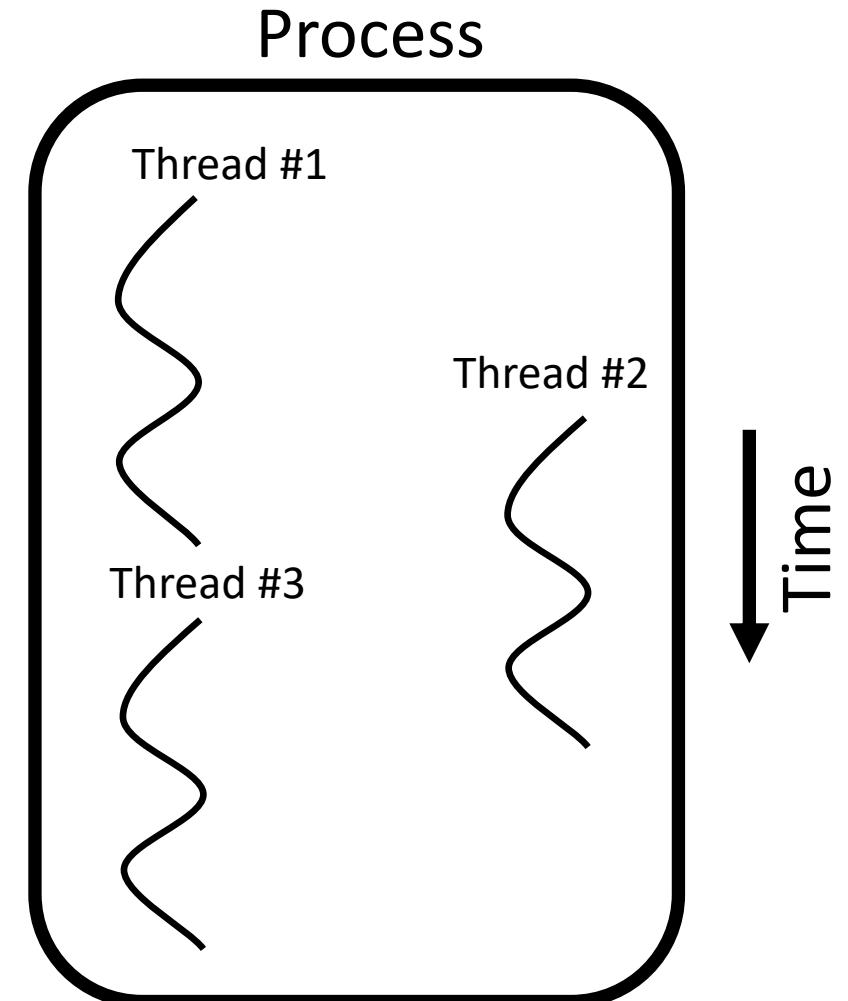
How Do We Run Multiple Programs Concurrently?



Concurrency is the task of running
and managing the multiple
computations at the same time

Processes and Threads

- A process is an abstraction for a collection of resources to represent a (running) program
 - CPU
 - Memory
 - Address space
- A thread is an abstraction of execution (using the resources within a process)
 - Can share an address space



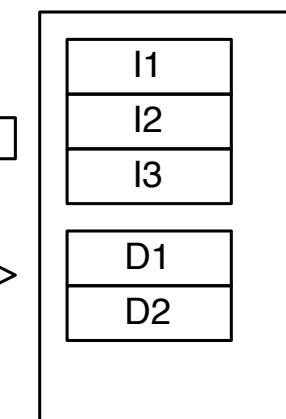
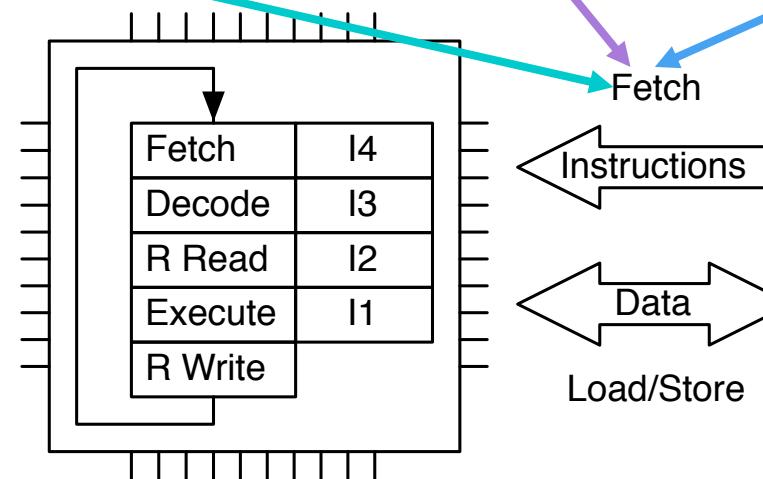
Multitasking

Tasks (processes or threads) can be scheduled sequentially



Run to completion

Clock
...
cycle



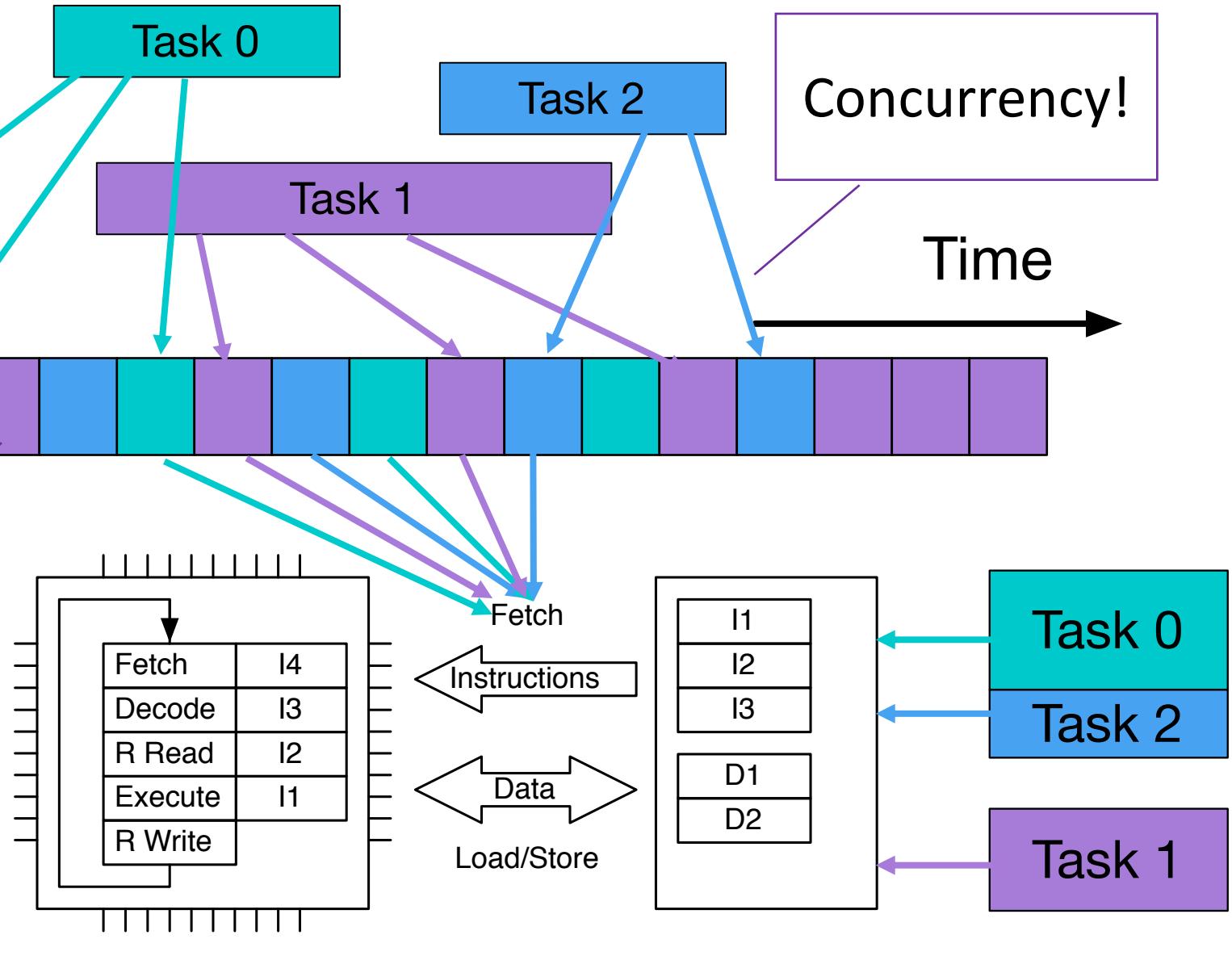
Multitasking

Tasks can be scheduled round robin (time sliced)



Run to context switch (system call or interrupt)

Clock
...
→ | ←
cycle



Multitasking on Multicore

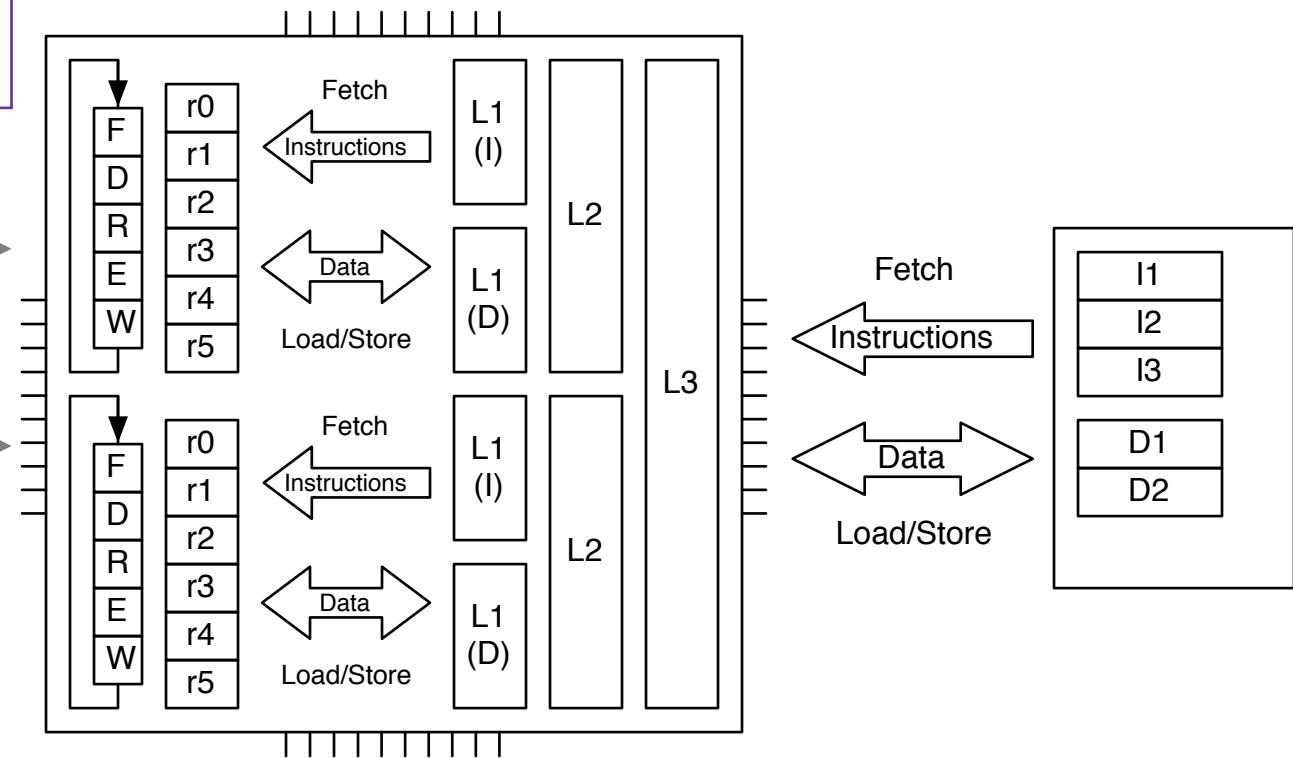
Concurrency!

Time sliced
and mapped to
separate cores

A single threaded
task can only use
one core at a time



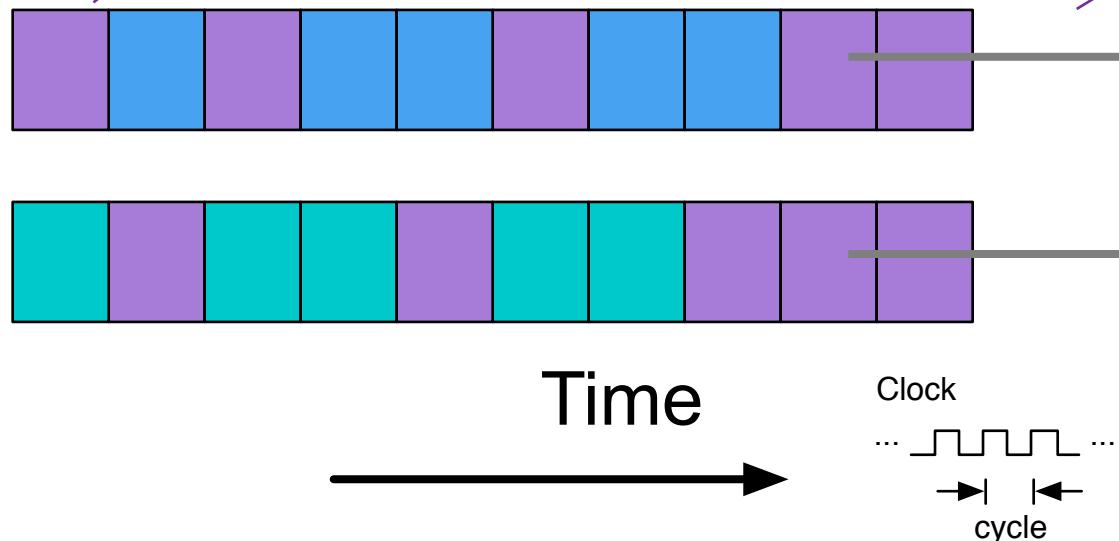
Time
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Multitasking on Multicore

Time sliced
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A multithreaded task
can use multiple
cores at a time



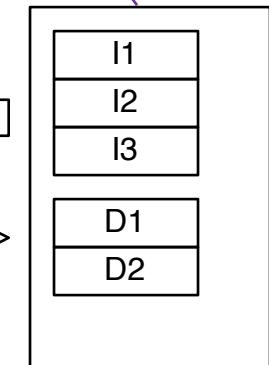
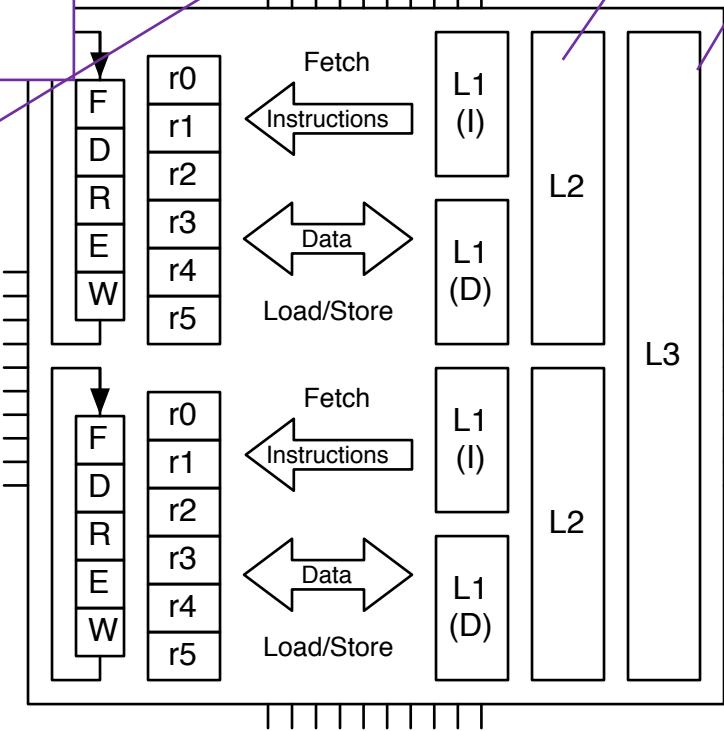
Parallelism!

What about L1, L2?

Shorter
run time!

And L3 cache

Threads can
share memory



Access same
variables

Cache Coherence

Hardware managed

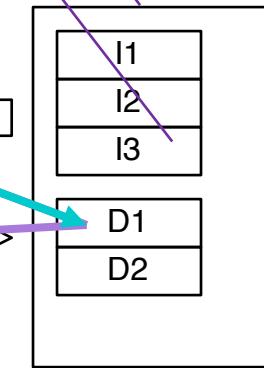
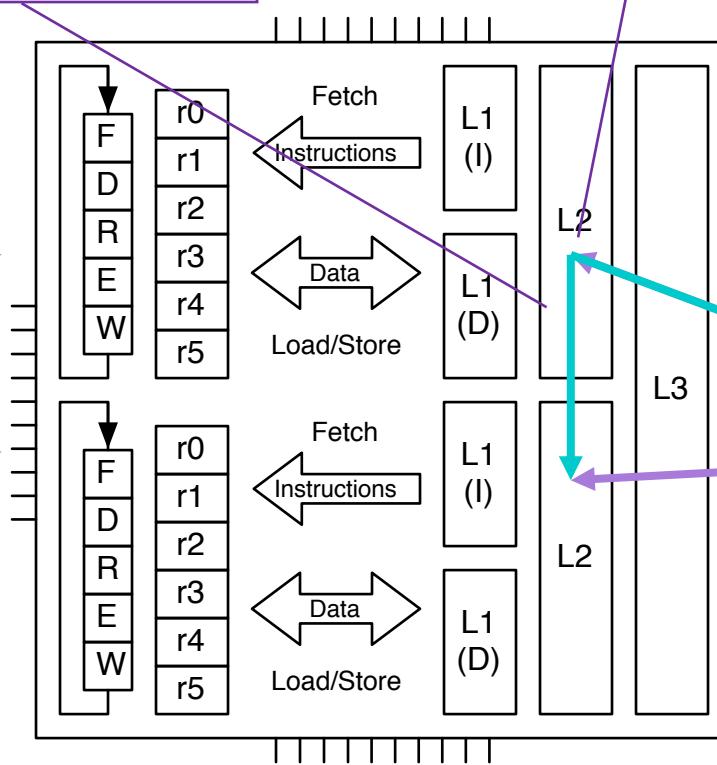
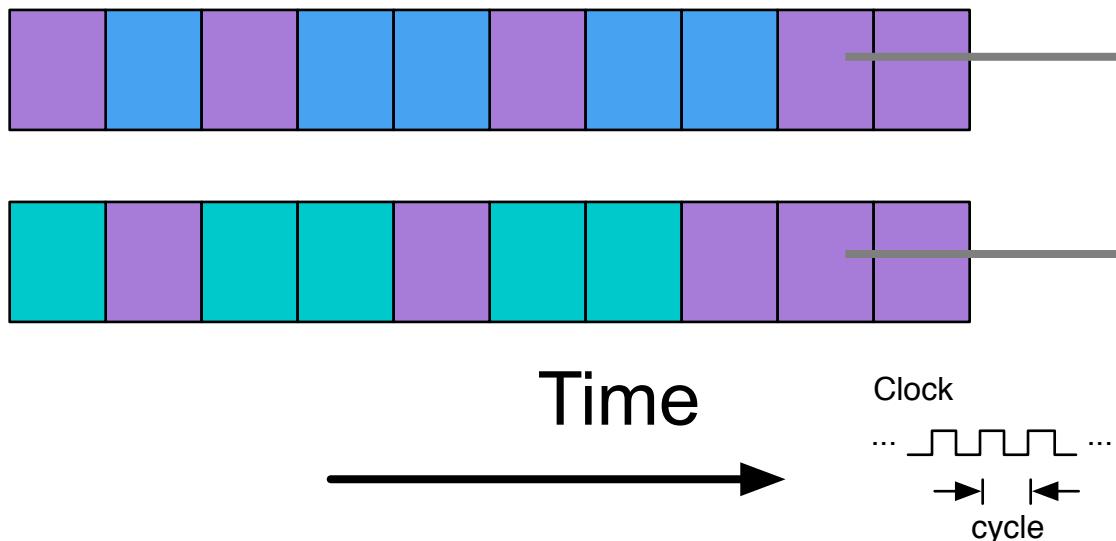
Same variable can be in two different caches

A multithreaded task can use multiple cores at a time

Cache coherence / memory consistency

What if one gets modified?

Threads can share memory



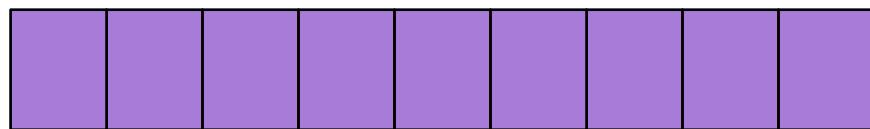
Access same variables

Multitasking on Multicore

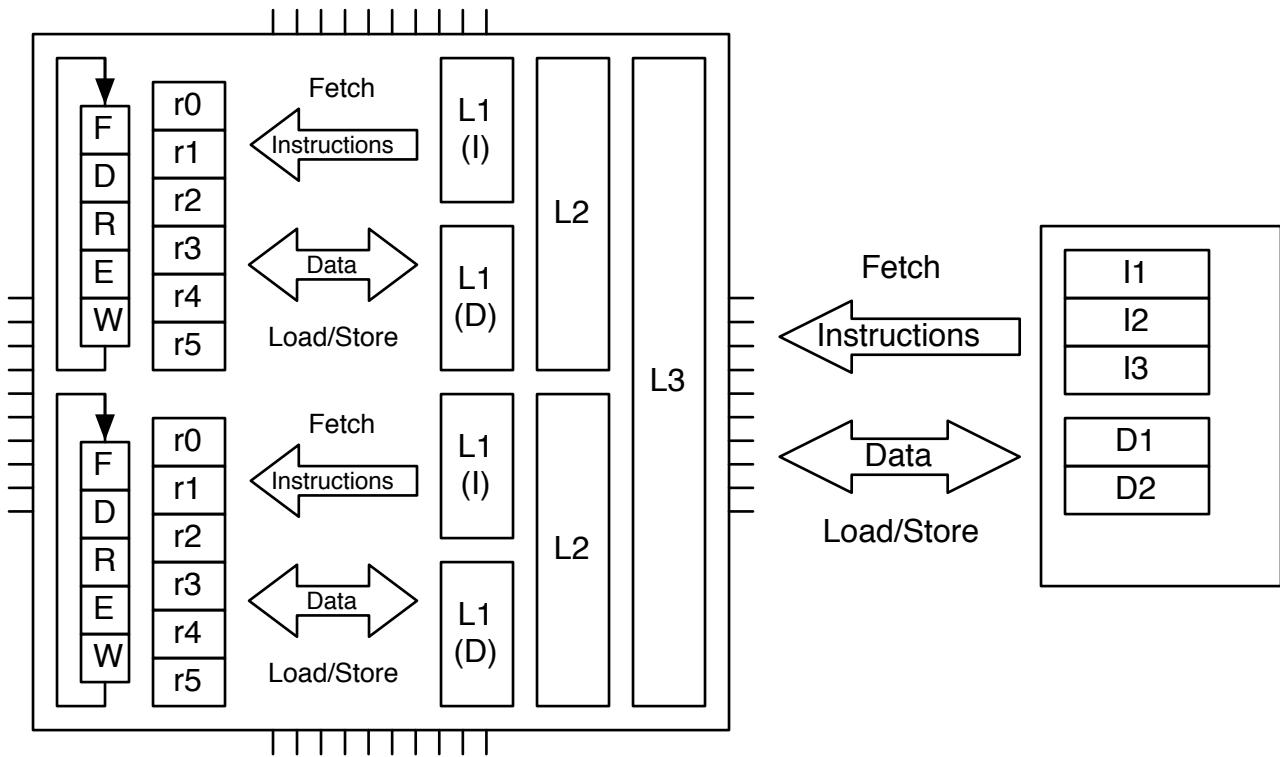
Time

Run one task

In half the time (?)



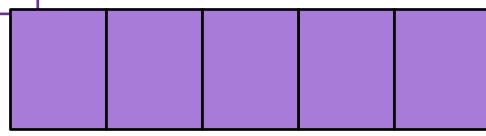
Time
Clock
...
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cycle



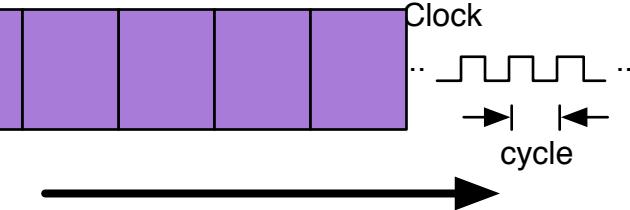
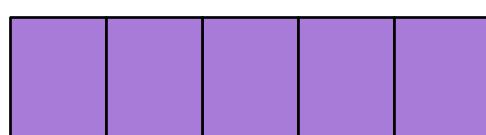
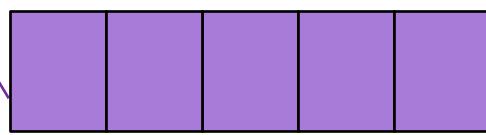
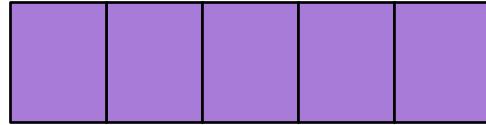
Multitasking on Multicore

Time

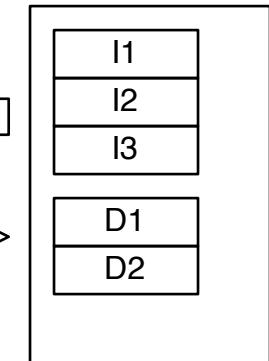
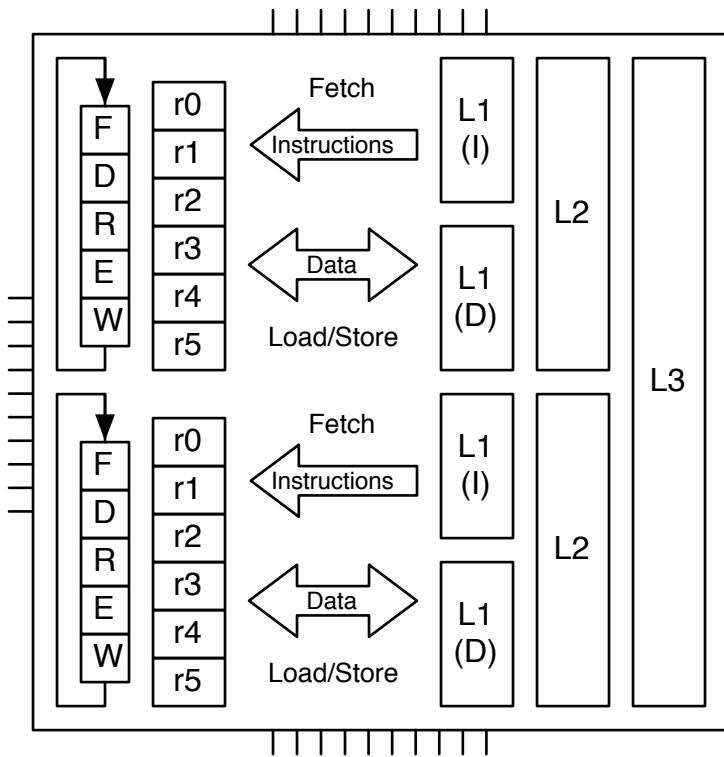
Run one task



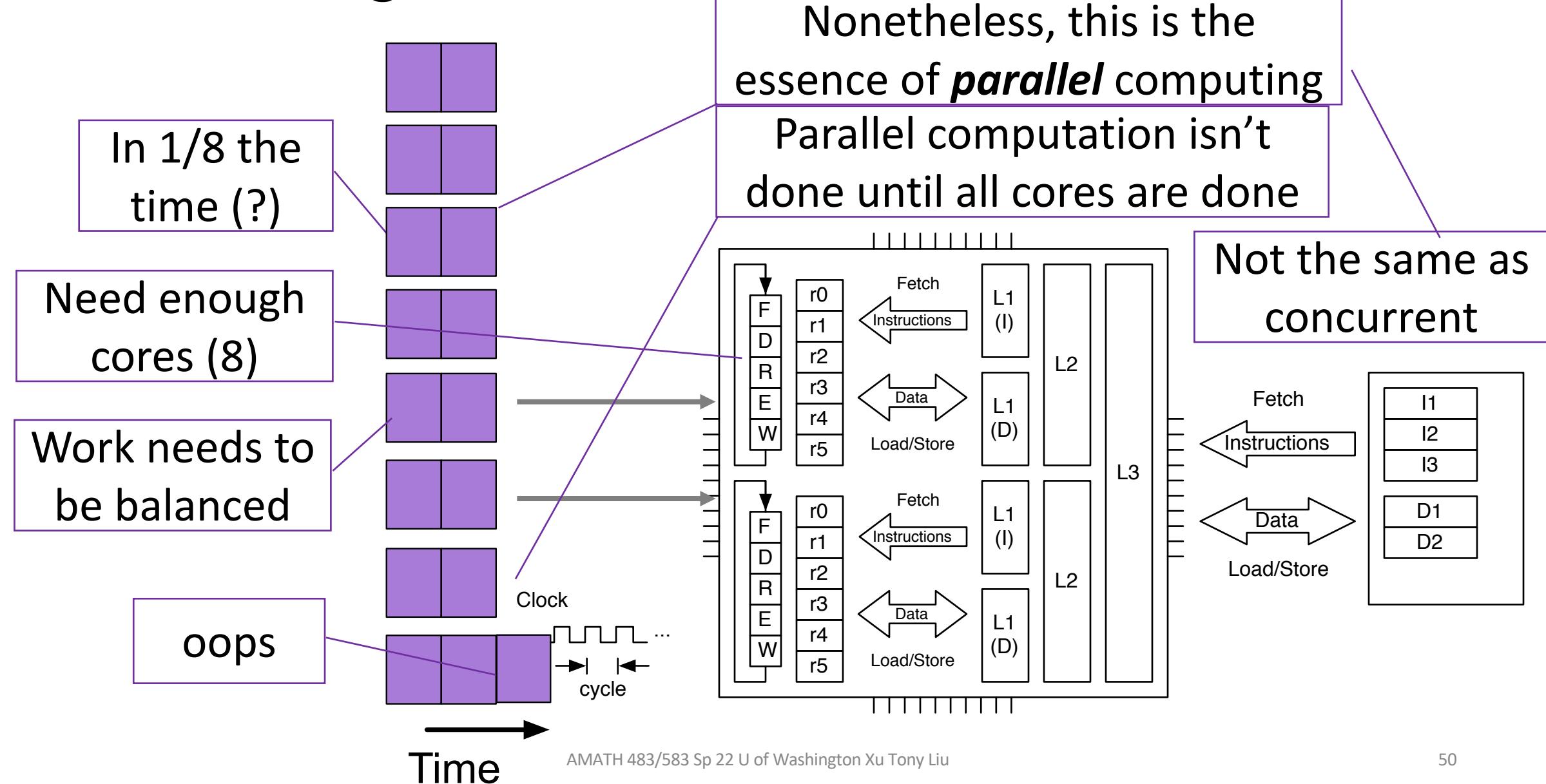
In $\frac{1}{4}$ the time (?)



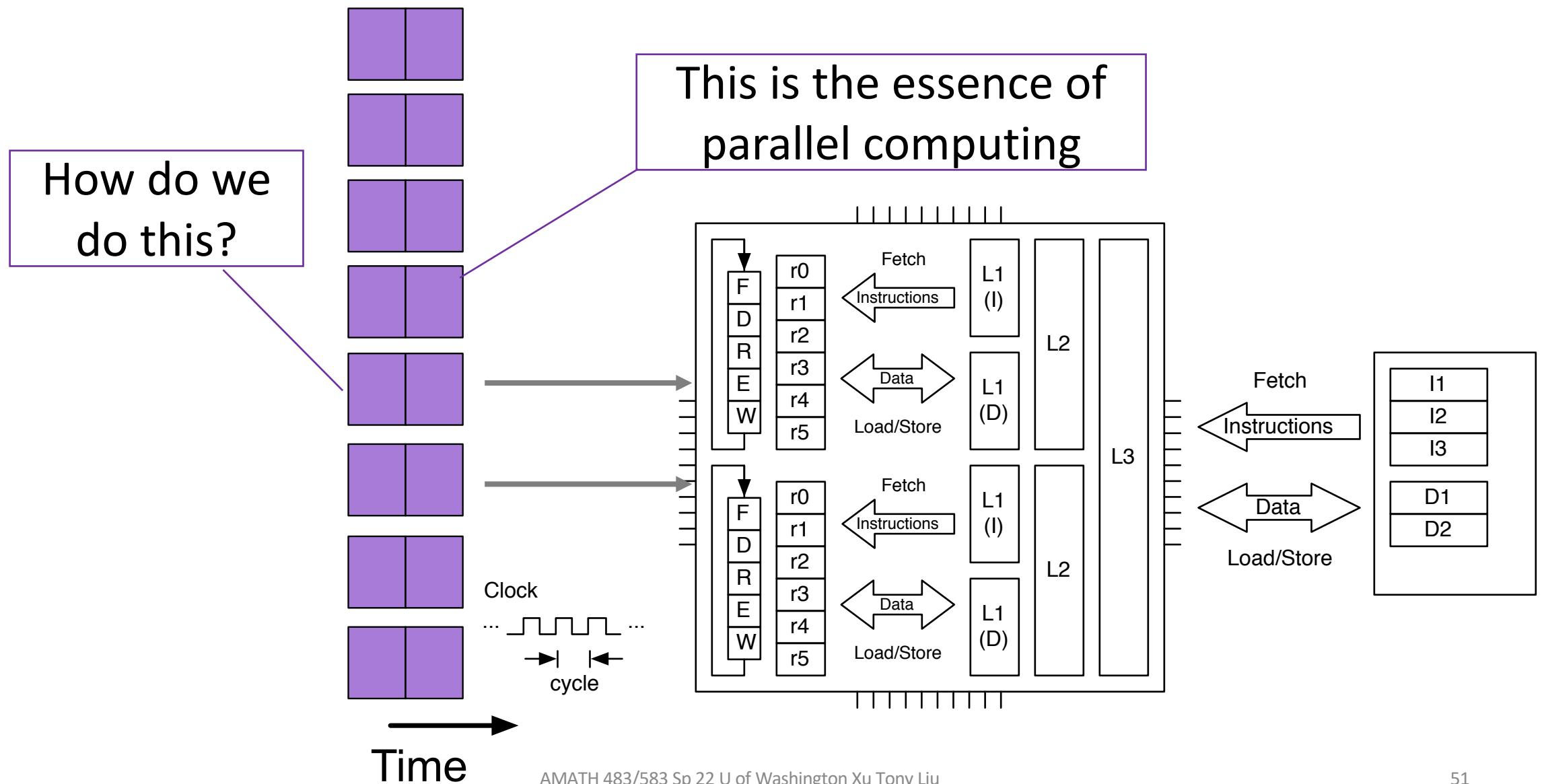
Time



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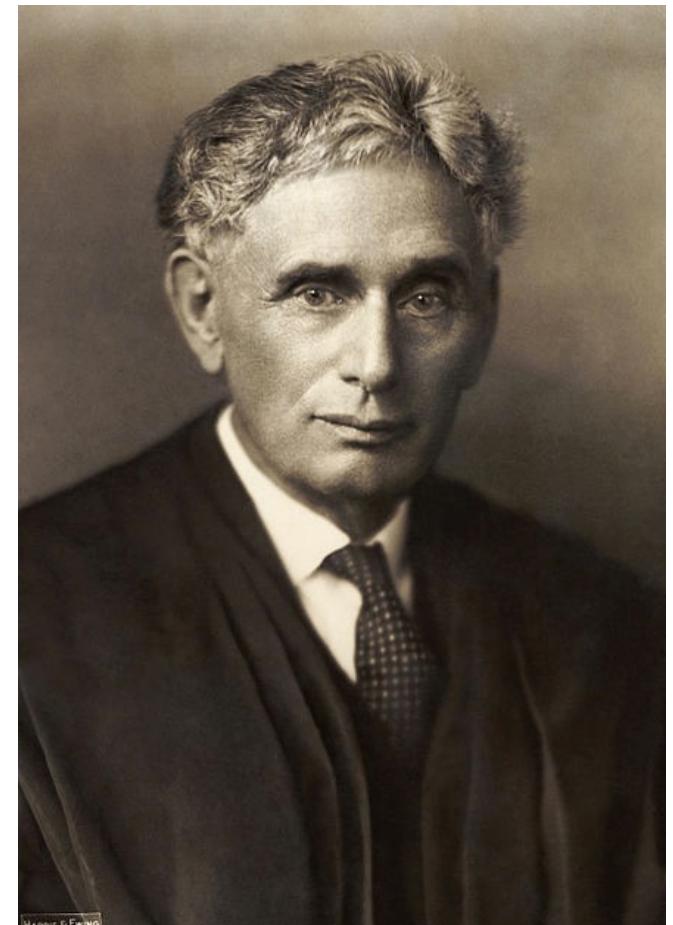


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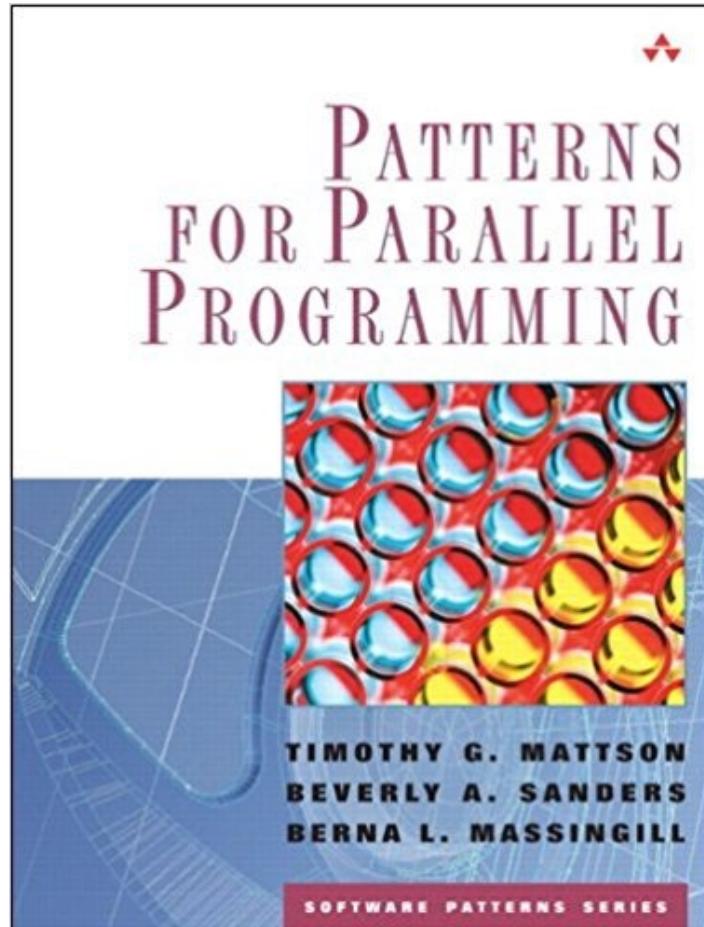


Processes vs Threads

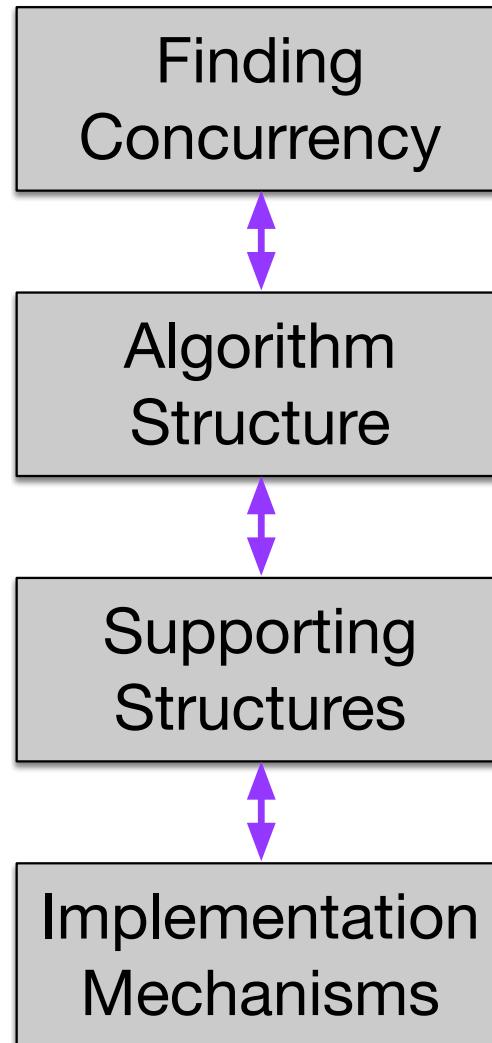
- A process is an abstraction for a collection of resources to represent a (running) program
 - Manage resources: CPU, Memory, Address space, etc.
 - Not light weighted
 - Expensive to create, and terminate
- A thread is an abstraction of execution (using the resources within a process)
 - The smallest sequence of programmed instructions
 - Threads can share an address space of a process
 - Light weighted
 - Less expensive to create and terminate



Parallelization Strategy



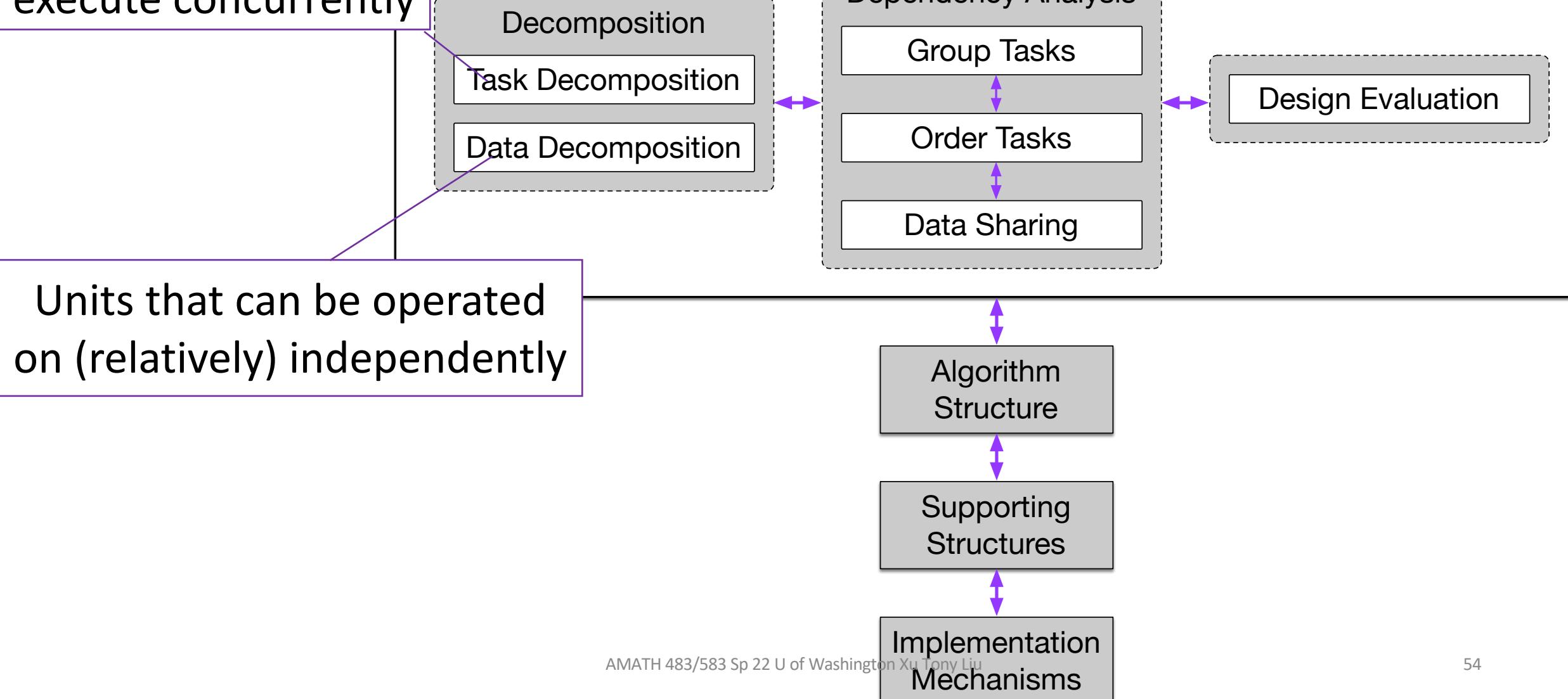
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Finding Concurrency

Into tasks that can execute concurrently

Decompose problem into pieces that can execute concurrently



Finding Concurrency

Ways to group tasks to simplify management of dependencies

Finding Concurrency

Decomposition

Task Decomposition

Data Decomposition

Dependency Analysis

Group Tasks

Order Tasks

Data Sharing

Design Evaluation

Ways to group tasks to simplify management of dependencies

Ways to order tasks for correctness, other constraints

Given a decomposition,
ways to share data among tasks

Algorithm Structure

Supporting Structures

Implementation Mechanisms

Algorithm Structure

Organize around concurrent tasks

Finding Concurrency

Fundamental organizing principle

Algorithm Structure

Organize by Tasks

Task Parallelism

Divide and Conquer

Organize by Data Decomposition

Geometric Decomposition

Recursive Data

Organize by Flow of Data

Pipeline

Event-Based Coordination

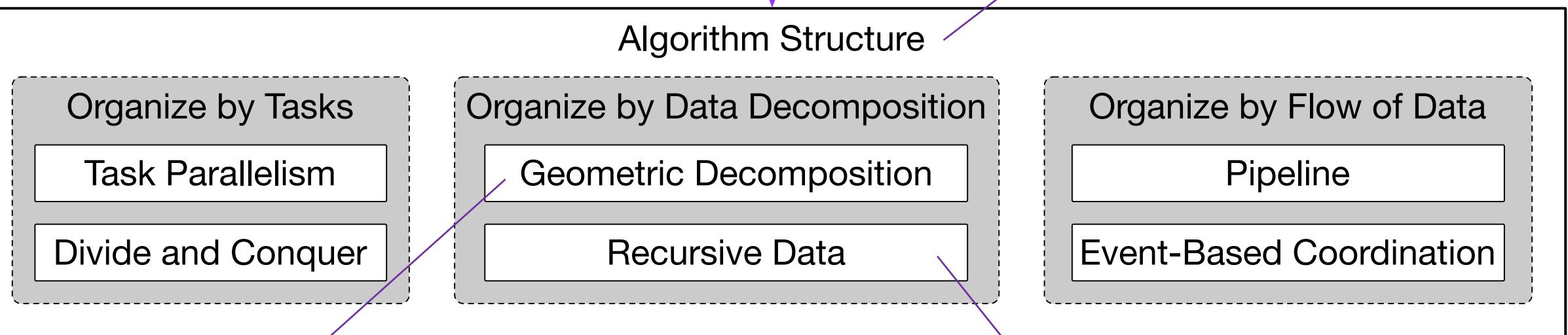
Exploit potential concurrency in divide and conquer algorithms

Supporting Structures

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Fundamental
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Organize around a large
data structure that is
broken into “chunks”

Organize around operations
on recursive data structure

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Structures

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Finding
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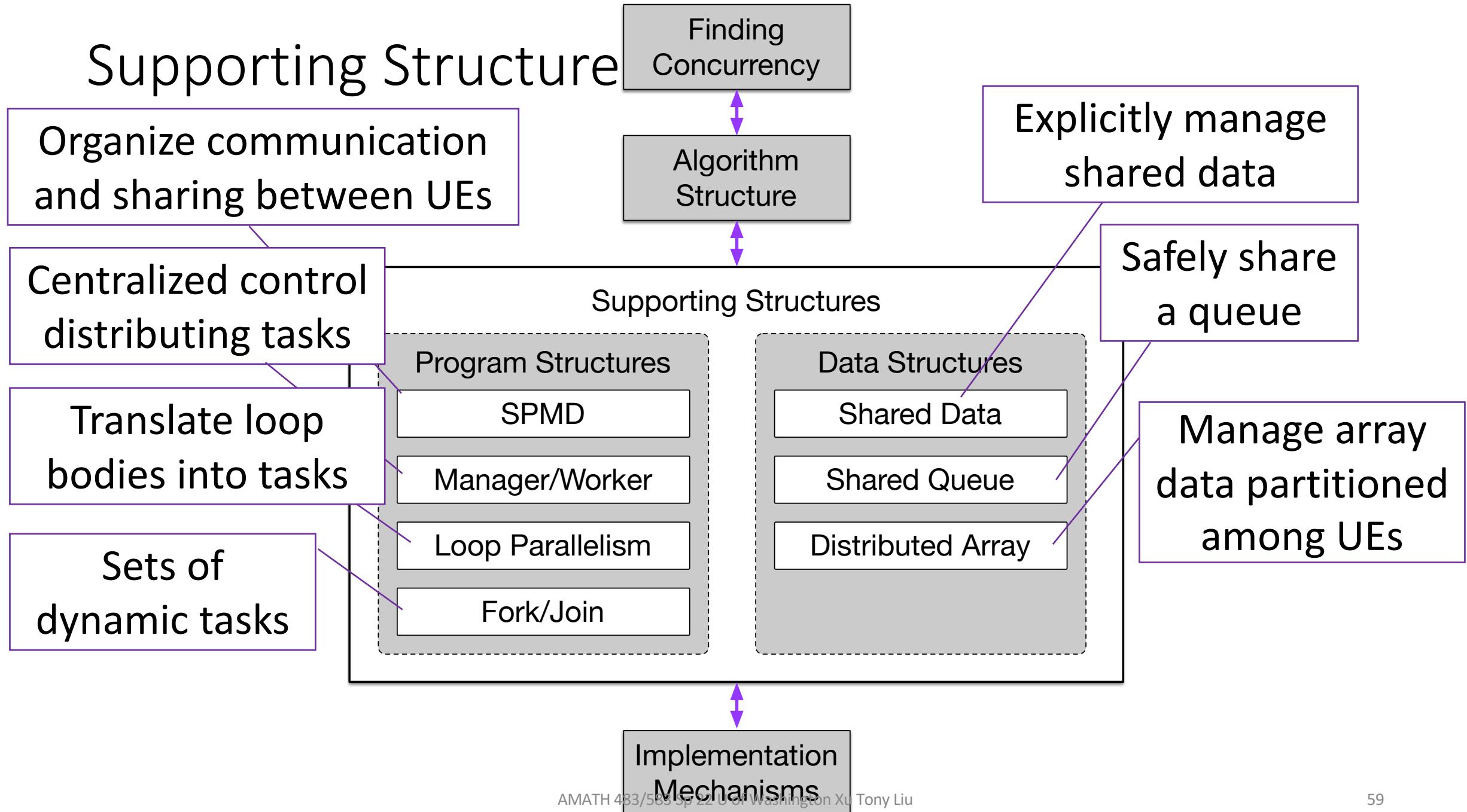
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Supporting
Structures

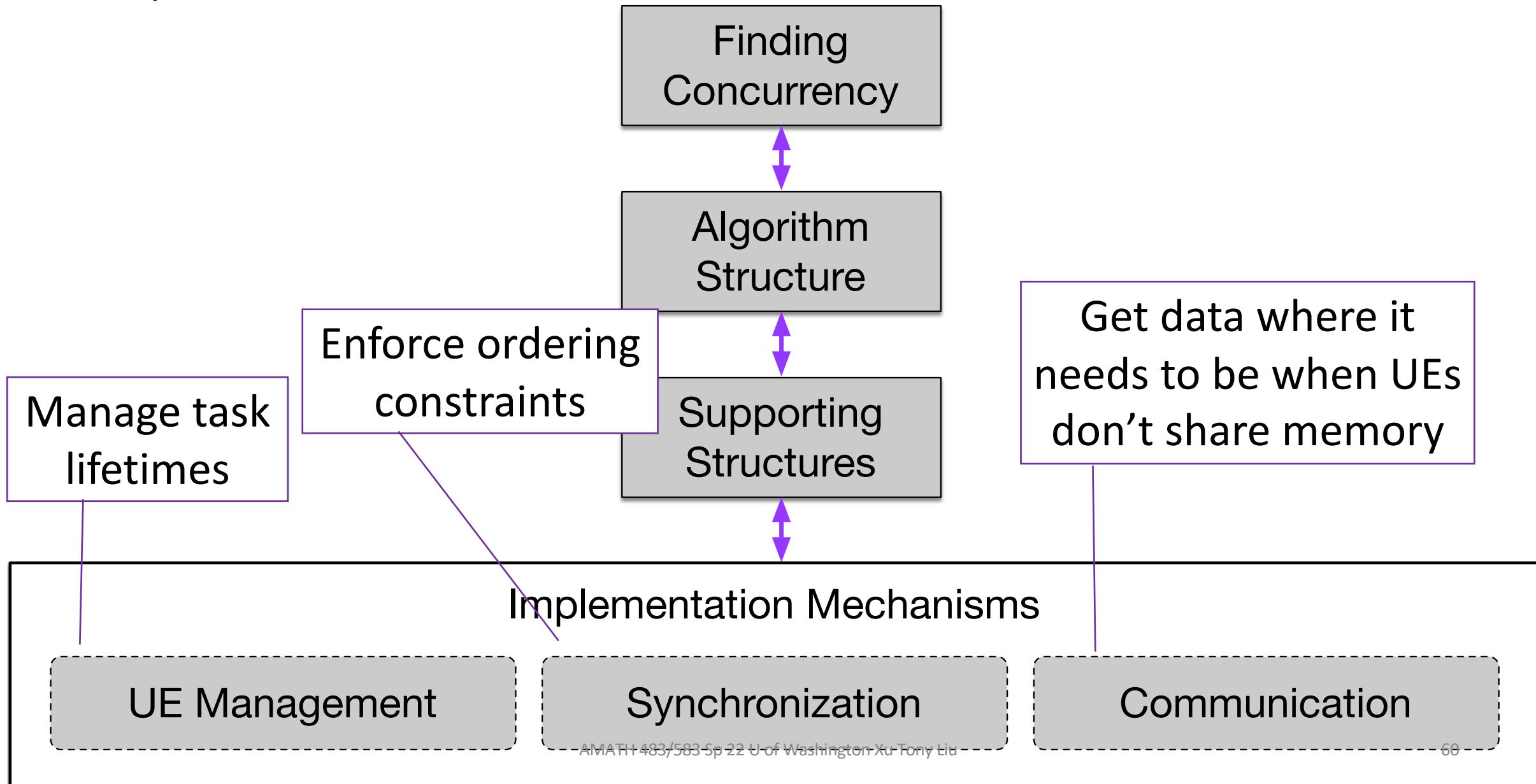
Organize by inherent
communication among tasks

Implementation
Mechanisms

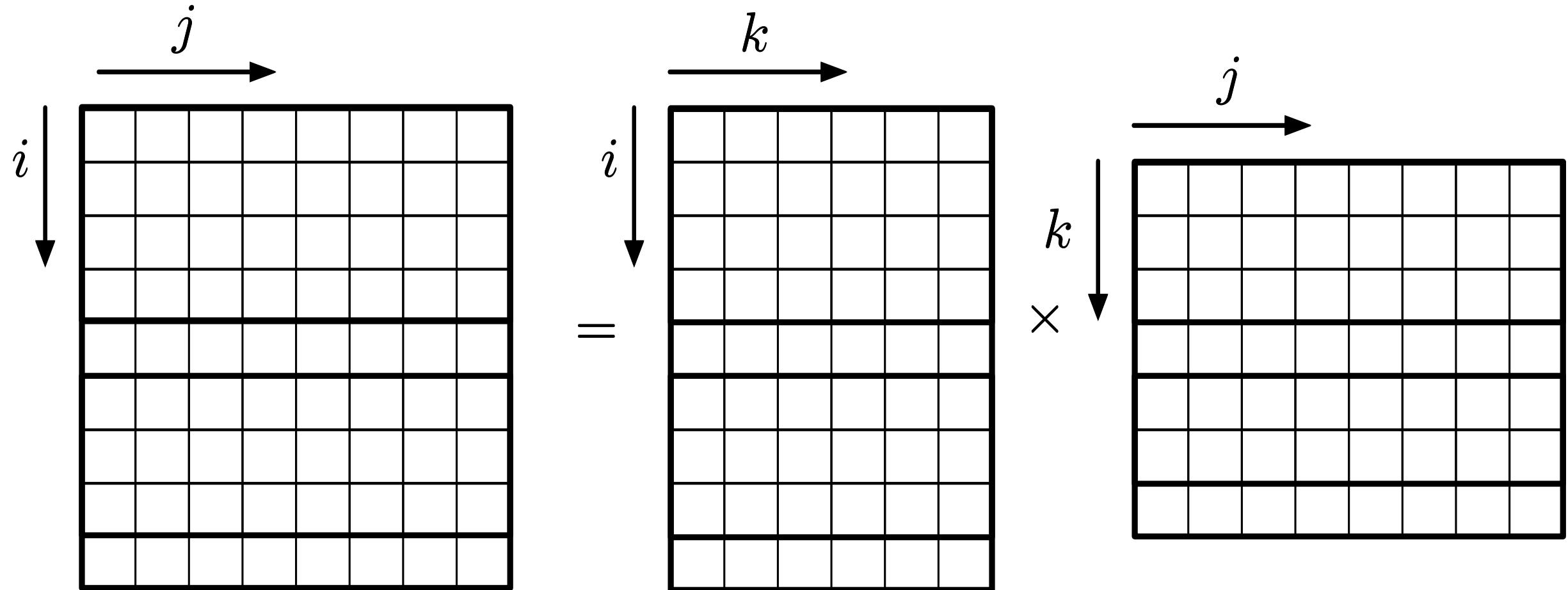
Supporting Structure



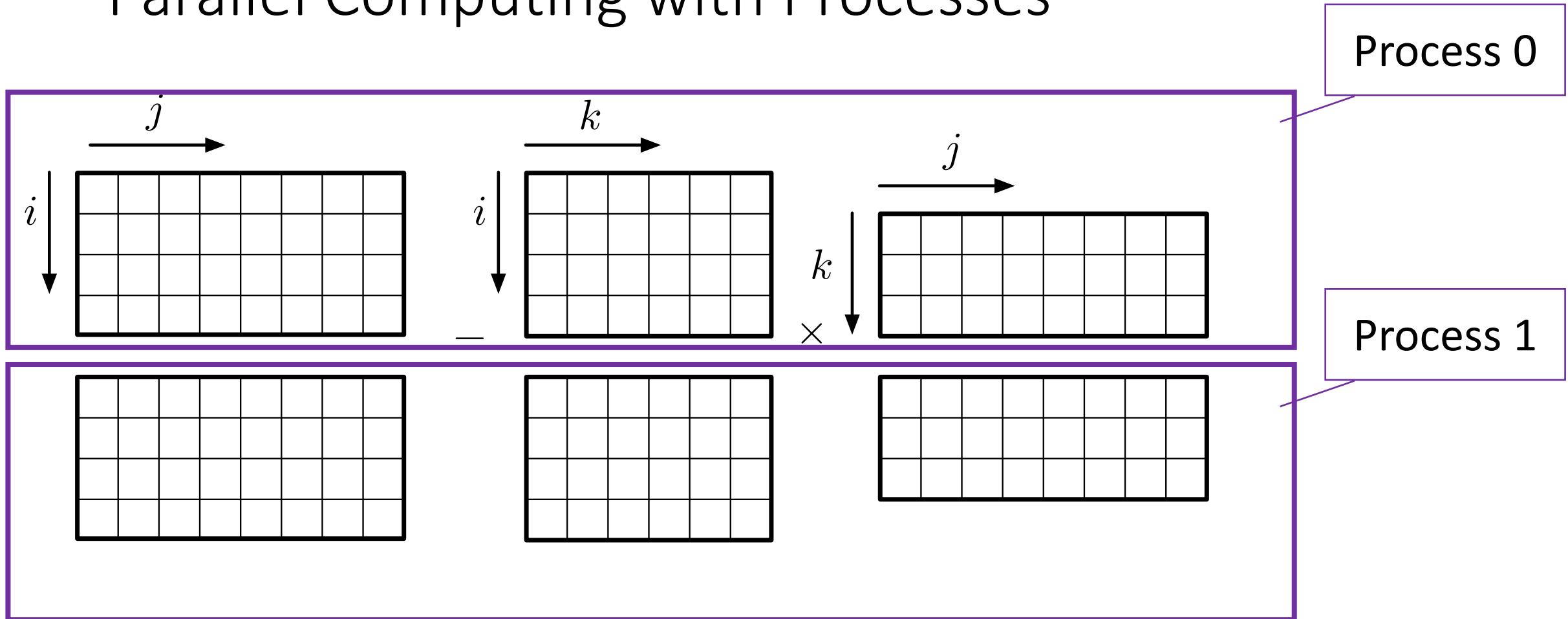
Implementation Mechanisms



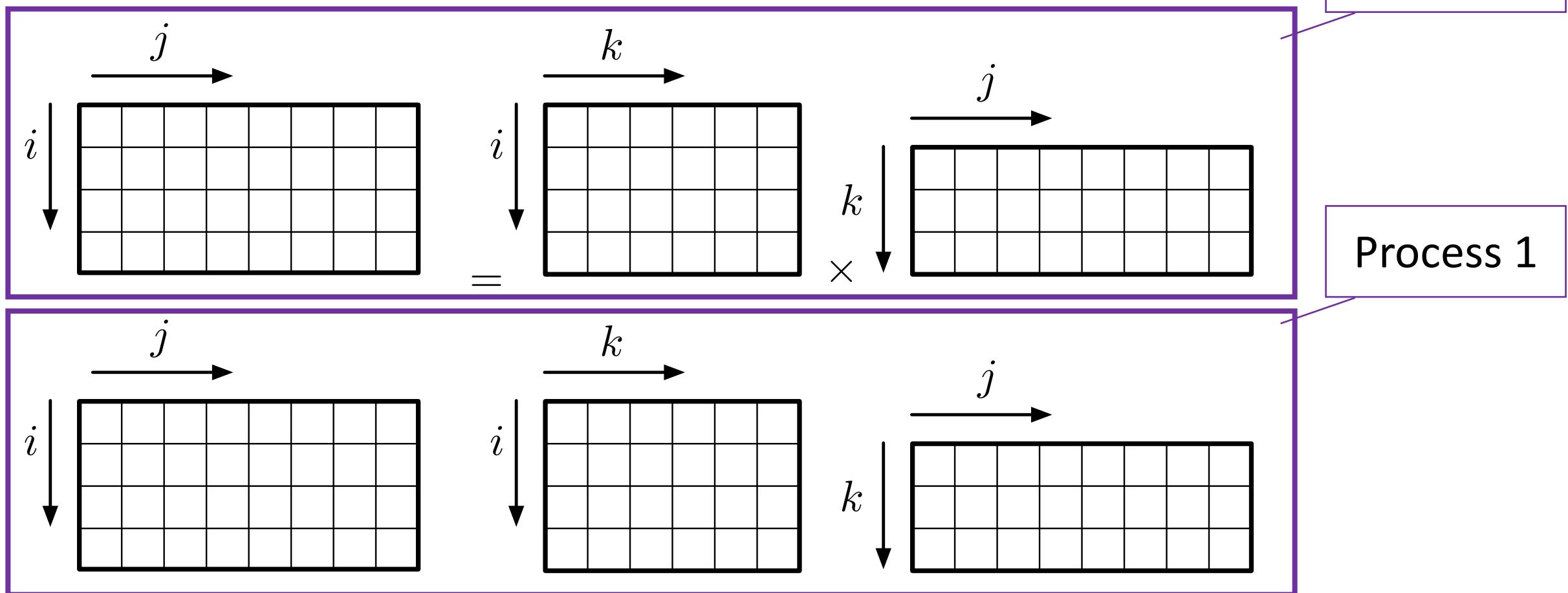
Parallel Computing with Processes



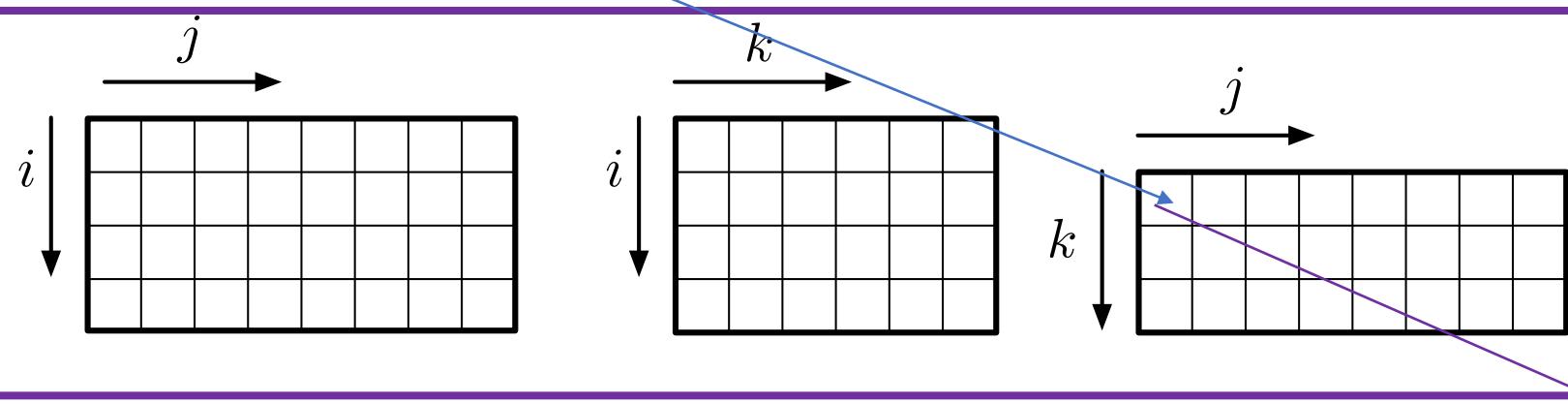
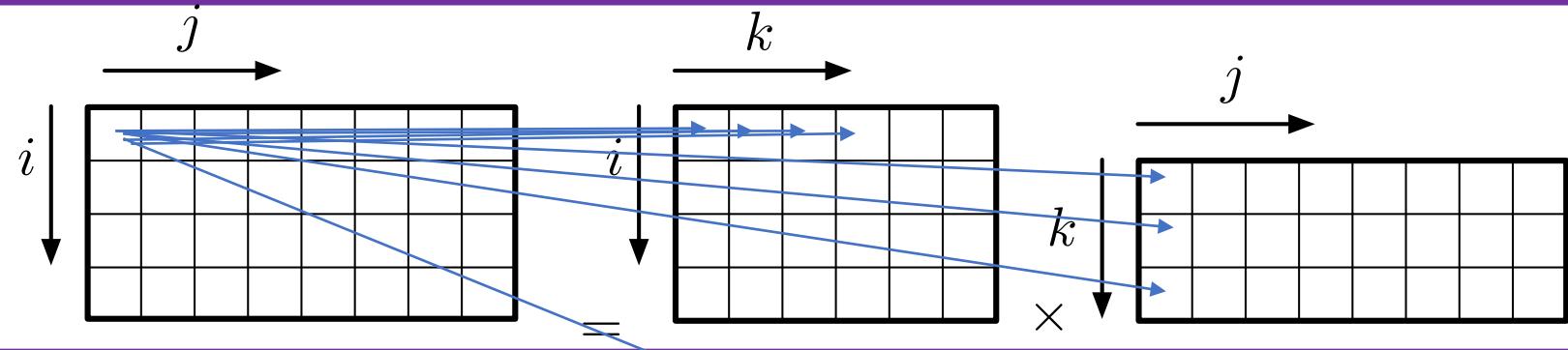
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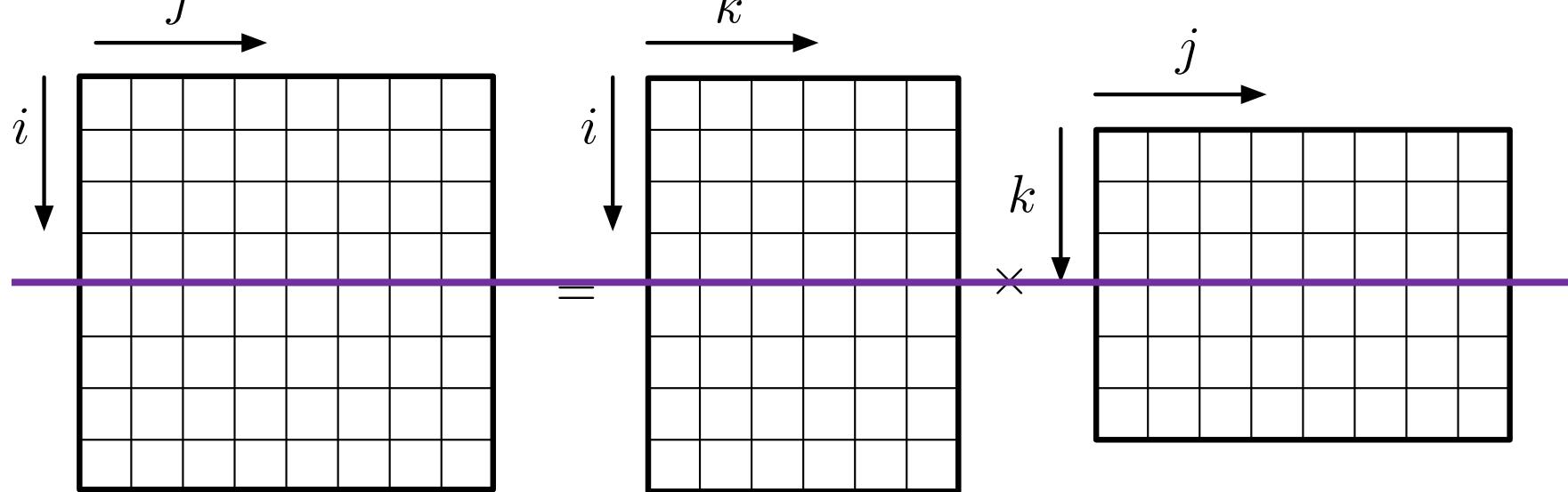
```
for (int k = 0; k < A.numCols(); ++k) {  
    C(i,j) += A(i,k) * B(k,j);  
}
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < A.numRows(); ++i)  
    for (int j = 0; j < B.numCols(); ++j)  
        for (int k = 0; k < A.numCols(); ++k)  
            C(i,j) += A(i,k) * B(k,j);  
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```

Can't index from
different process b/c
different address space

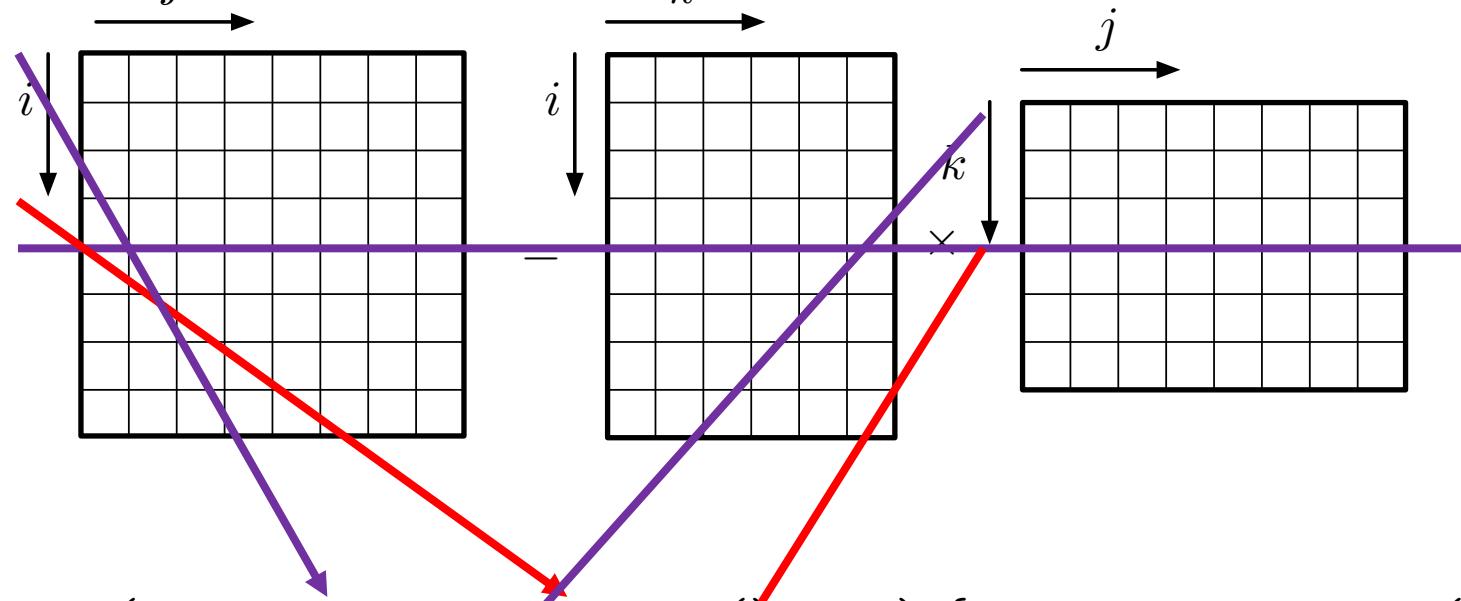
Parallel Computing with One Process



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    for (int j = 0; j < B.numCols(); ++j) {  
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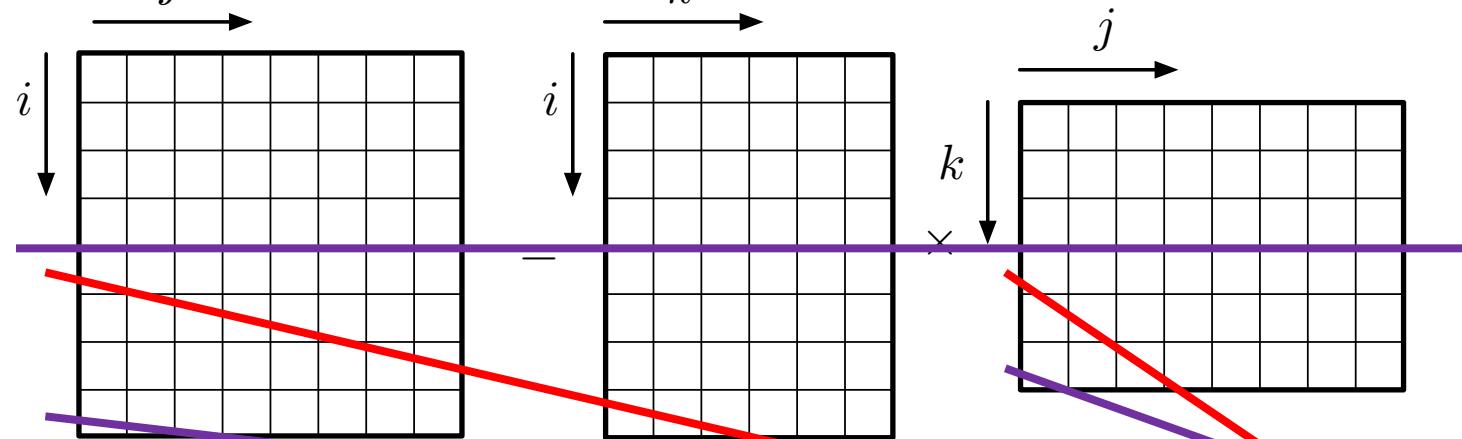
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}
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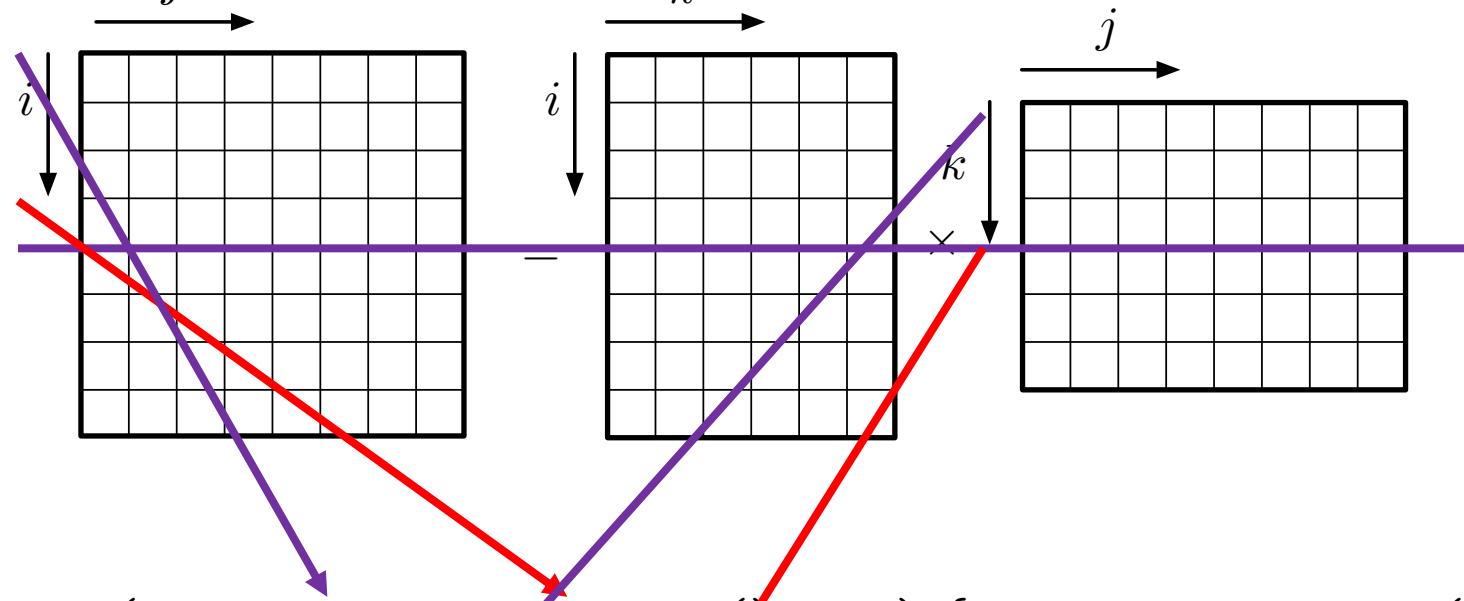
Parallel Computing with One Process



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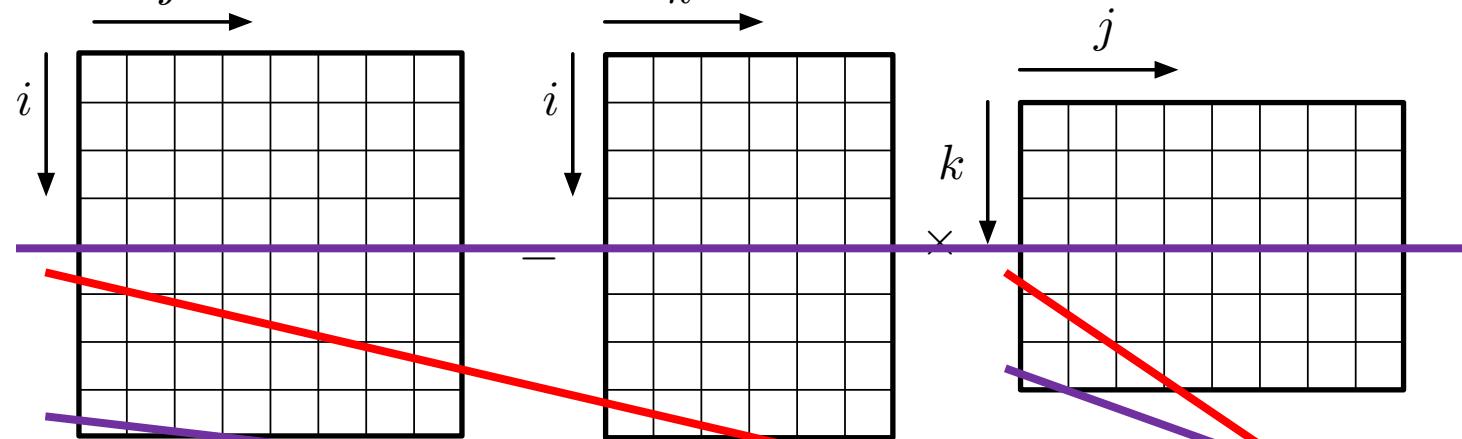
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    }  
}
```

Parallel Computing with One Process

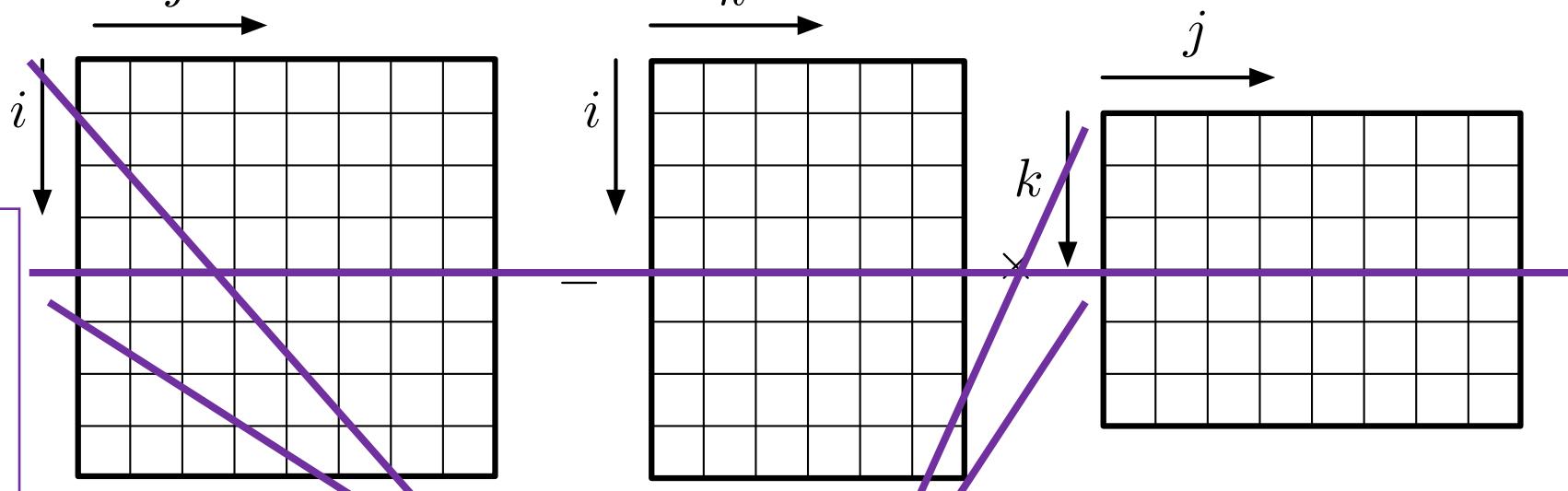


```
for (int i = 0; i < A.numRows()/2; ++i) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < B.numCols(); ++j) {  
        for (int k = 0; k < A.numCols()/2; ++k) {  
            C(i,j) += A(i,k) * B(k,j);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
for (int i = 0, i < A.numRows(); ++i) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < B.numCols(); ++j) {  
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            C(i,j) += A(i,k) * B(k,j);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Use Same Function in Both Cases

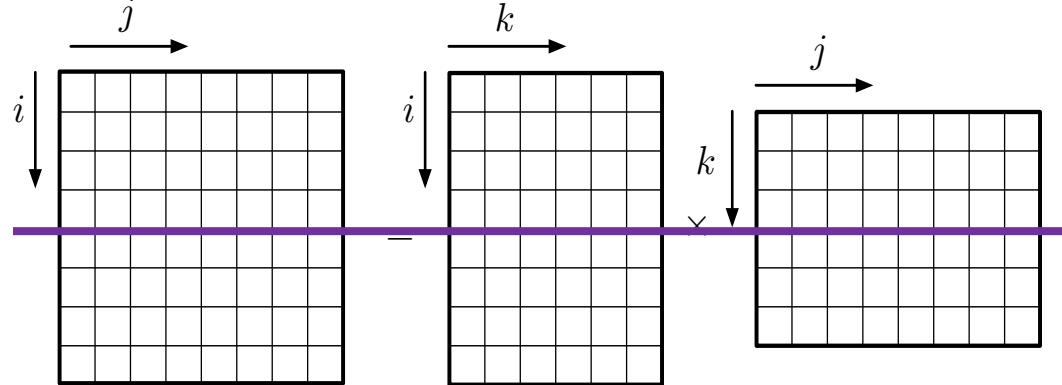
Still need
to run two
separate
instances



Need to run
them in
parallel to
get improved
performance

```
for (int i = iStart; i < iStart + A.numRows()/2; ++i) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < B.numCols(); ++j) {  
        for (int k = kStart; k < kStart + A.numCols(); ++k) {  
            C(i,j) += A(i,k) * B(k,j);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Use Same Function in Both Cases



Run this

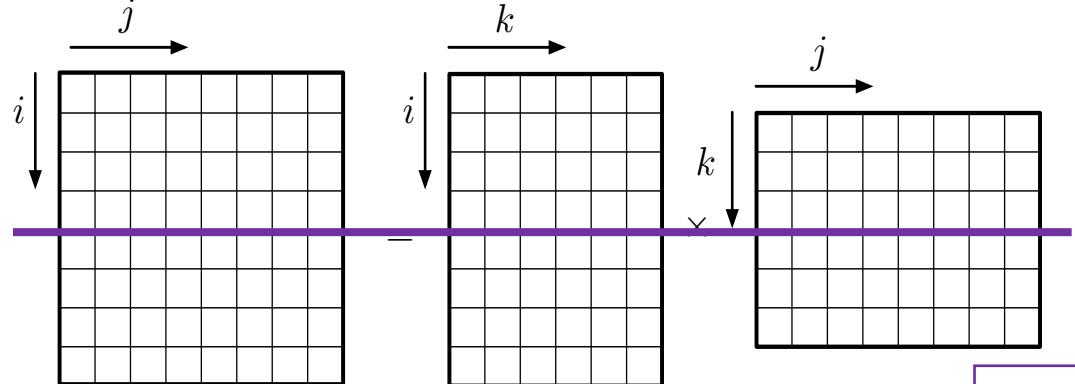
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            C(i,j) += A(i,k) * B(k,j);  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
int iStart = 0;  
int kStart = 0;
```

Improved performance?

Then this

```
for (int i = iStart; i < iStart + A.numRows()/2; ++i) {  
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        for (int k = kStart; k < kStart + A.numCols()/2; ++k) {  
            C(i,j) += A(i,k) * B(k,j);  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
int iStart = A.numRows()/2;  
int kStart = A.numCols()/2;
```

Use Same Function in Both Cases



At the
same time

2X faster
(?)

Run this

And this

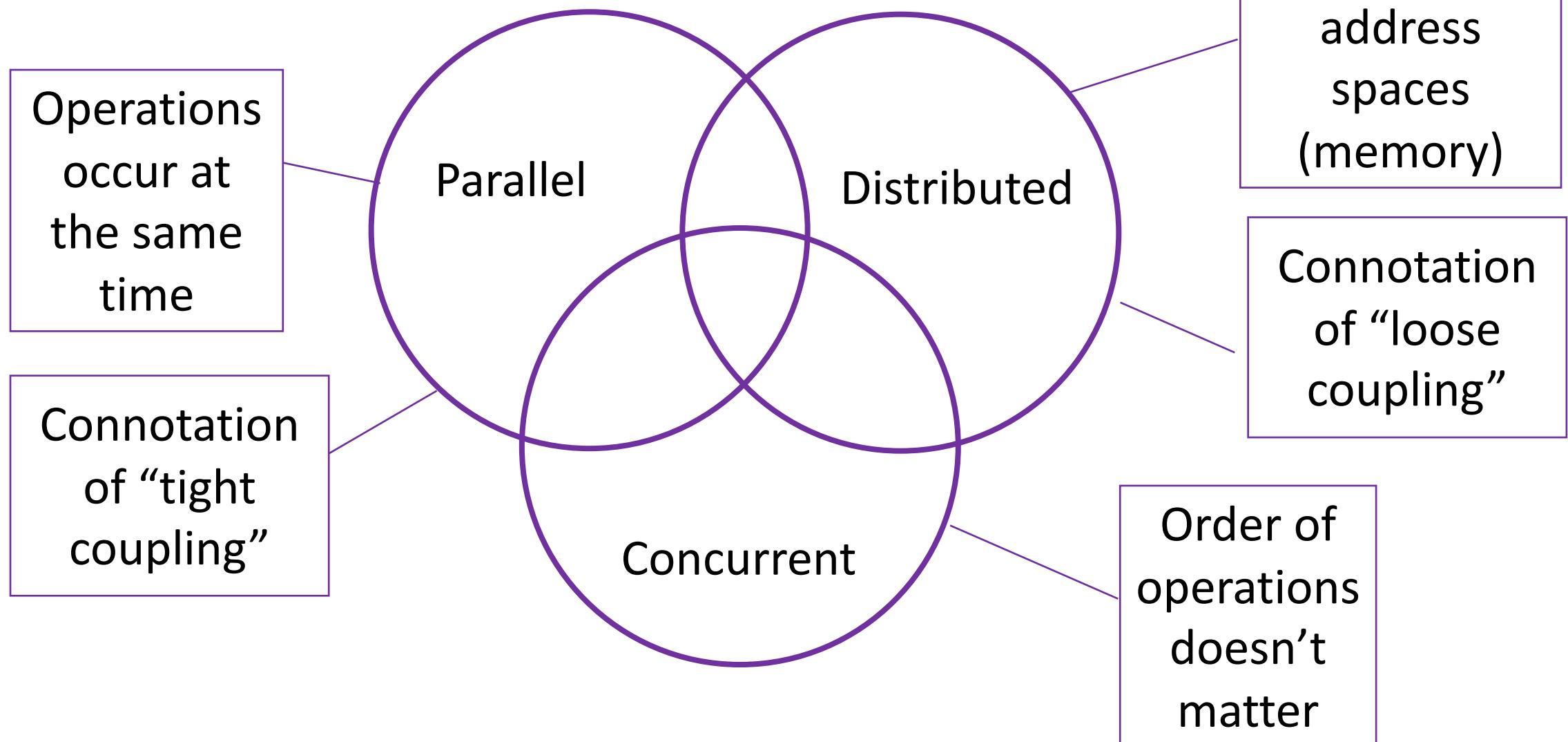
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        }  
    }  
}
```

`int iStart = 0;
int kStart = 0;`

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        }  
    }  
}
```

`int iStart = A.numRows()/2;
int kStart = A.numCols()/2;`

Some Terminology



Running Things “At the Same Time” vs Running Things At the Same Time

- Historically, threads evolved as a concurrency mechanism, not parallelism
- Enabled OS and processes to do multiple things “at the same time”
 - Running things “at the same time” – concurrency
- Can be used for performance if threads are executed in parallel
 - Running things at the same time (literally) - parallelism
 - Parallelism is the task of running one computation (part of it) simultaneously

Running Things At the Same Time in C++

```
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
using namespace std;

void sayHello() {
    cout << "Hello World" << endl;
}

int main() {
    thread helloThread(sayHello);

    helloThread.join();

    return 0;
}
```

Join back to main thread

Pull in thread library

Simple function

Create a thread

That runs this function

The diagram illustrates the execution flow of the provided C++ code. It starts with the `main()` function, which creates a thread named `helloThread` that runs the `sayHello()` function. The `join()` method is then called on `helloThread`, which returns control to the `main()` function. Finally, the `return 0;` statement exits the `main()` function. Callout boxes with arrows point to specific parts of the code: one points to the `#include <thread>` line with the text "Pull in thread library"; another points to the `sayHello()` function definition with the text "Simple function"; a third points to the `thread` keyword in the `helloThread` declaration with the text "Create a thread"; and a fourth points to the `join()` call with the text "That runs this function".

Multithreading

```
void sayHello(int tnum) {
    cout << "Hello World. I am thread " << tnum << endl;
}

int main() {
    std::thread tid[16];

    for (int i = 0; i < 16; ++i)
        tid[i] = thread (sayHello, i);

    for (int i = 0; i < 16; ++i)
        tid[i].join();

    return 0;
}
```

Multithreading

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    cout << "Hello World. I am thread " << tnum << endl;  
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    std::thread tid[16];  
  
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        tid[i] = thread (sayHello, i);  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 16; ++i)  
        tid[i].join();  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Concurrency?

Parallelism?

Program output

\$./a.out

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thread 8

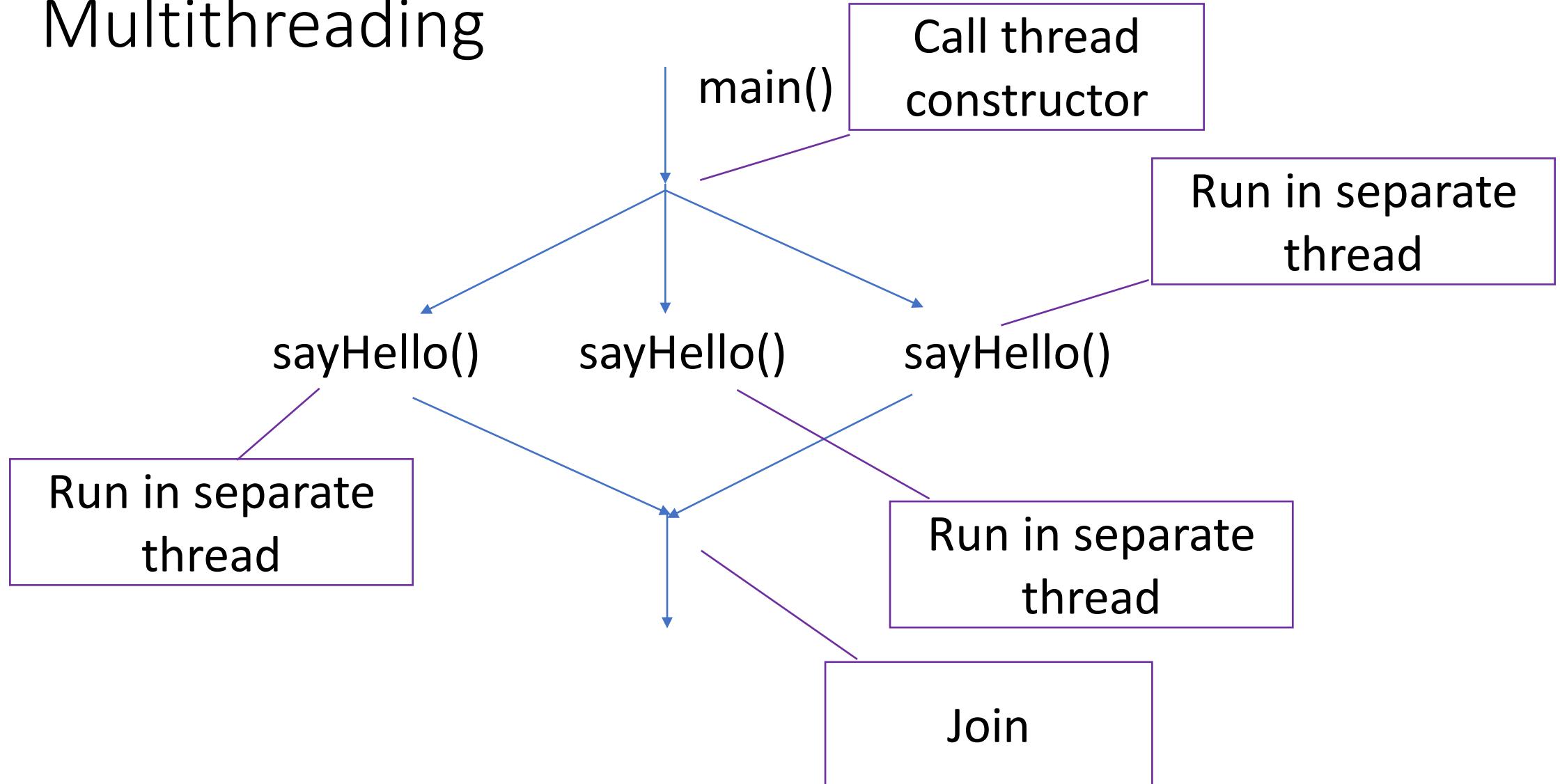
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Multithreading



Why the Jumbled Output

```
void sayHello(int tnum) {  
    cout << "Hello World. I am thread " << tnum << endl;  
}  
  
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        tid[i] = thread (sayHello, i);  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 16; ++i)  
        tid[i].join();  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

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Concurrency!

Another Example

```
int value = 0;

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int main() {
    std::thread tid[16];

    for (int i = 0; i < 16; ++i)
        tid[i] = thread (sayHello, i);

    for (int i = 0; i < 16; ++i)
        tid[i].join();

    cout << "Final value is " << value << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Example

./a.outHello World. I am thread Hello World. I am thread 5302Hello World. I am thread Hello World. I am thread 64Hello World. I am thread Hello World. I am thread 1Hello World. I am thread 789Value is Value is Value is Hello World. I am thread Value is 1011Value is Value is 1213Value is 14Value is Value is Value is 000150Value is Value is 00Value is Value is 0Value is 000Value is 000000

Final value is 1

Not Good!

Race condition

We will cover
this next lecture

Review

- Process is an abstraction for resource allocation
- Thread is an abstraction for execution
- Concurrency vs Parallelism
- C++ threading library

Thank You!

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