



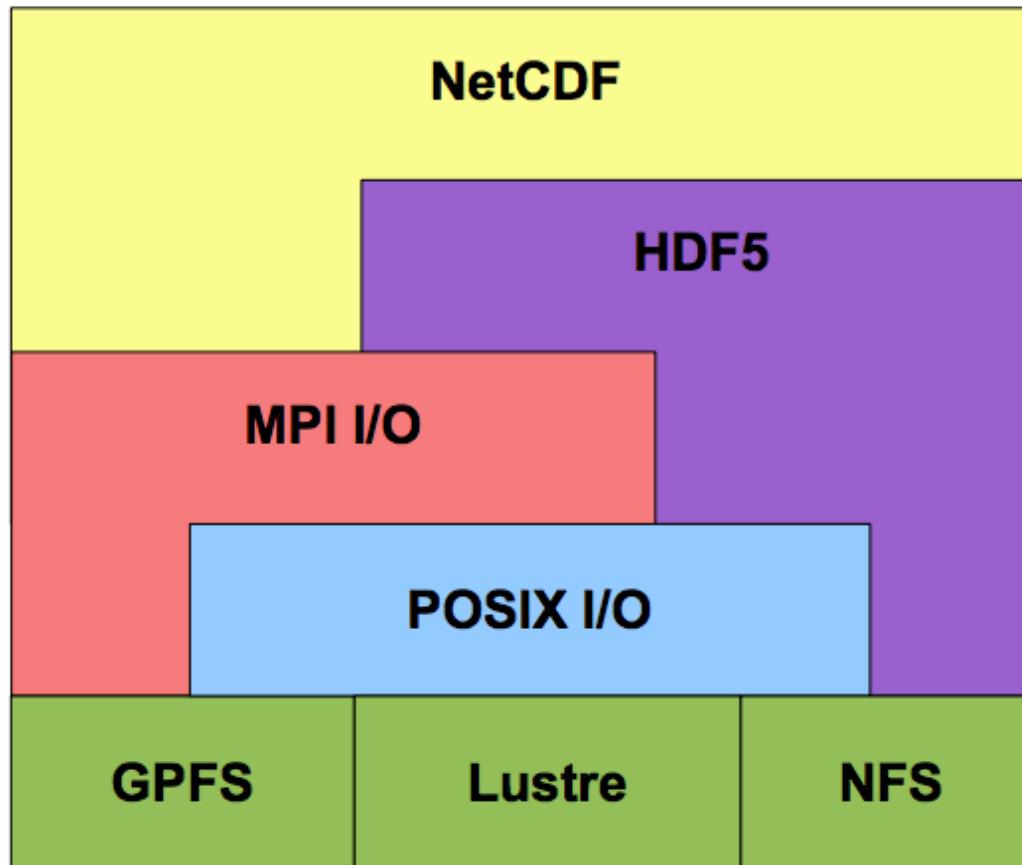
Part I: Introduction to parallel I/O

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- Lecture based on
 - CSC Center for Science workshop on Advanced Parallel Programming (2008)
 - <https://www.csc.fi/web/training>
 - C code examples can be found on tuckoo in /COMP696:
 - gropp/www.mcs.anl.gov/usingmpi/examples-advmpi/parallelio

Parallel I/O software stack

Application/
Library

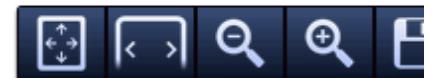


Middle-ware

Kernel



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Motivation

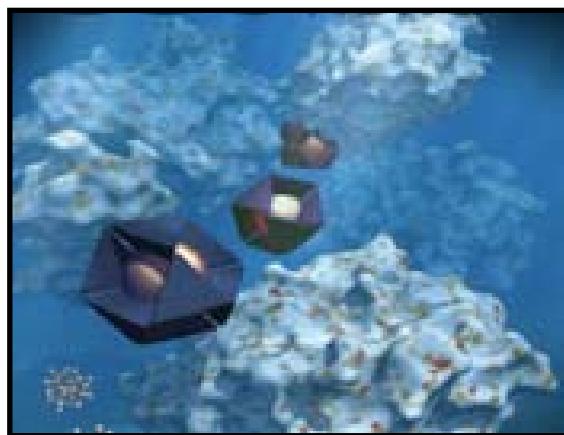
- Study by LLNL (2005):
 - 1 GB/s I/O bandwidth required per Teraflop compute capability
 - Write to the file system dominates reading from it by a factor of 5
- Current High-End Systems:
 - K Computer: ~11 PFLOPS, ~96 GB/s I/O bandwidth using 864 OSTs
 - Jaguar (2010): ~1 PFLOPS, ~90 GB/s I/O bandwidth using 672 OSTs
- Key issue: what is the local file system architecture and what are its networks and bandwidths?

→ Gap between available I/O performance and required I/O performance.

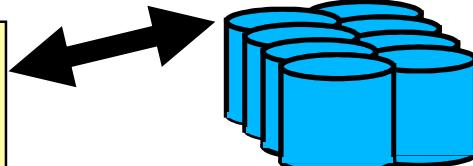
Parallel I/O



- I/O (Input/output) is needed in all programs but is often overlooked

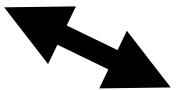
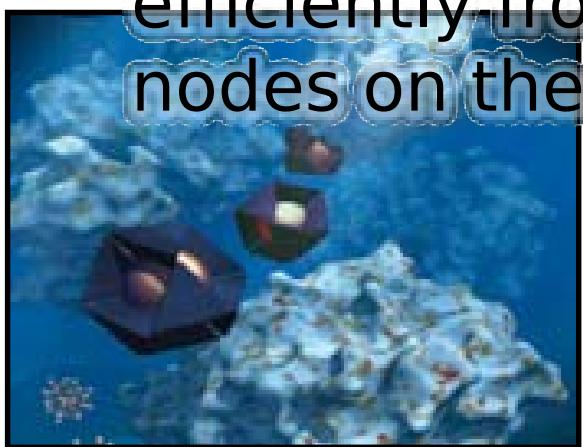


```
...11011010101011  
01110110010101010  
101001010101...  
...
```

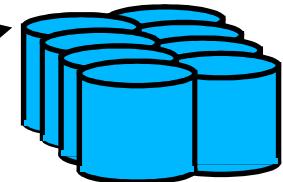


Parallel I/O

- Mapping problem: how to convert internal structures and domains to files which are a streams of bytes
- Transport problem: how to get the data efficiently from hundreds to thousands of nodes on the supercomputer to physical disks



```
...11011010101011  
01110110010101010  
101001010101...
```





Parallel I/O

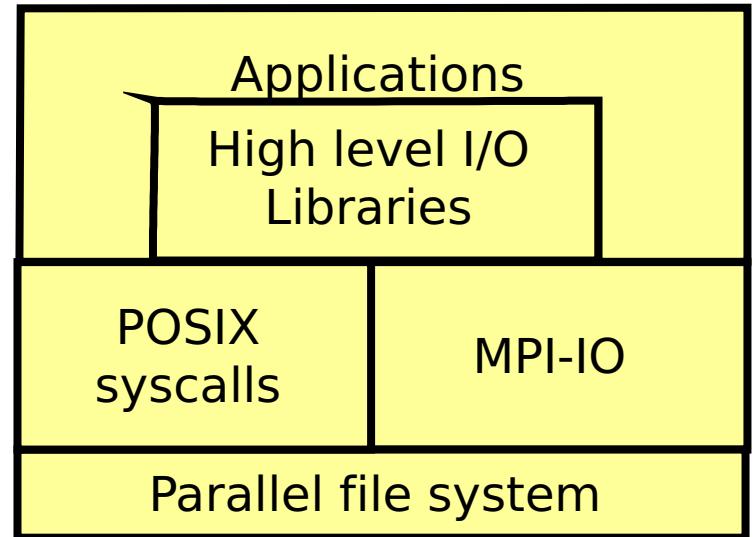
- Good I/O is non-trivial
 - Performance, scalability, reliability
 - Ease of use of output (number of files, format)
- Portability
- One cannot achieve all of the above - one needs to decide what is most important

Parallel I/O

- New challenges
 - Number of tasks is rising rapidly
 - The size of the data is also rapidly increasing
- The need for I/O tuning is algorithm & problem specific
- Without parallelization, I/O will become scalability bottleneck for practically every application!

I/O layers

- High-level
 - application: need to write or read data from disk
- Intermediate
 - libraries or system tools for I/O
 - high-level libraries (HDF5, NetCDF,...)
 - MPI-I/O
 - POSIX system calls (fwrite / WRITE)
- Low-level
 - parallel filesystem enables the actual parallel I/O
 - Lustre, GPFS, PVFS, dCache





Part II: Parallel I/O with Posix calls

See my lecture on Pthreads:

[http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/faculty/mthomas/courses/sp15/comp605/lectures/
comp605-sp15-lect18.pdf](http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/faculty/mthomas/courses/sp15/comp605/lectures/comp605-sp15-lect18.pdf)

POSIX: Portable Operating System Interface

- standardized user command line and scripting interface
- based on the Bourne Shell
- user-level programs, services, and utilities including awk, echo, ed
- program-level services including basic I/O (file, terminal, and network)
- defines standard for threading lib & API

POSIX I/O



- Built in language constructs for performing I/O
 - WRITE/READ/OPEN/CLOSE in Fortran
 - stdio.h routines in C (fopen, fread, fwrite, ...)
- No parallel ability built in - all parallel I/O schemes have to be programmed manually
- Binary output not necessarily portable

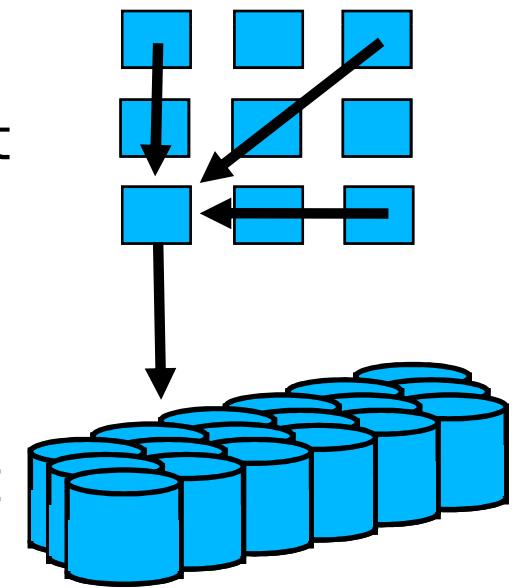
POSIX I/O



- C and Fortran binary output not necessarily compatible
- Non-contiguous access difficult to implement efficiently
- Contiguous access can be very fast

Parallel POSIX I/O

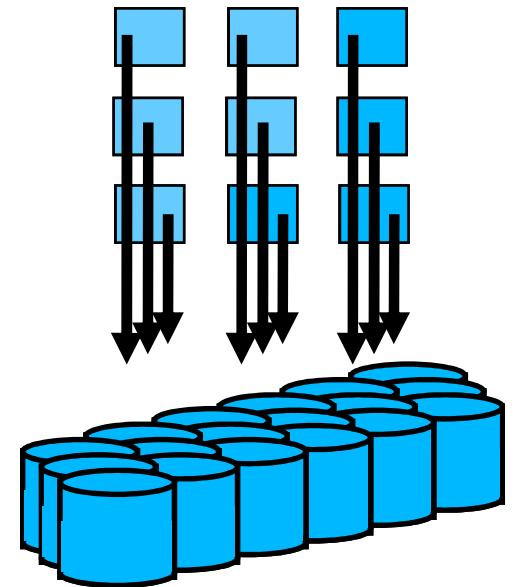
- Spokesman strategy
 - One process takes care of all I/O using normal (POSIX) routines
 - Requires a lot of communication
 - Writing/reading slow, single writer not able to fully utilize filesystem
 - Does not scale, single writer is a bottleneck
 - Can be good option when the amount of data is small (e.g. input files)



Parallel POSIX I/O



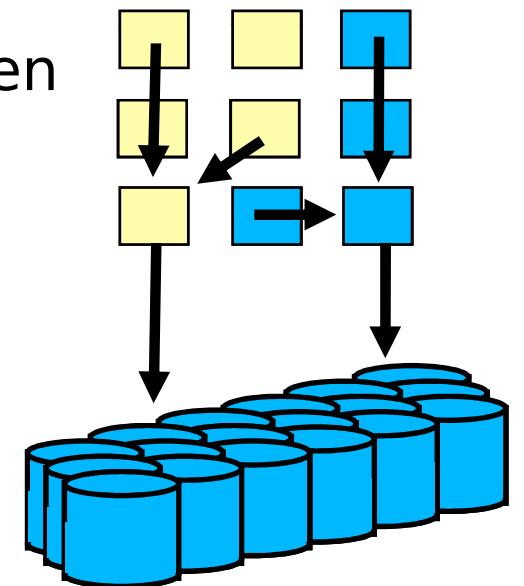
- Every man for himself
 - Each process writes its local results to a separate file
 - Good bandwidth
 - Difficult to handle a huge number of files in later analysis
 - Can overwhelm filesystem



Parallel POSIX I/O



- Subset of writers/readers
 - Good compromise
 - Most difficult to implement
 - Number of readers/writers often chosen to be \sqrt{N}
 - If readers/writers are dedicated then some computational resources are wasted





Part III: Parallel I/O with MPI



MPI I/O

- MPI I/O was introduced in MPI-2
- Defines parallel operations for reading and writing files
 - I/O to only one file and/or to many files
 - Contiguous and non-contiguous I/O
 - Individual and collective I/O
 - Asynchronous I/O
- Portable programming interface



MPI I/O

- Potentially good performance
- Easy to use (compared with implementing the same algorithms on your own)
- Used as the backbone of many parallel I/O libraries such as parallel NetCDF and parallel HDF5
- By default, binary files are not necessarily portable

Basic concepts in MPI I/O



- File handle
 - data structure which is used for accessing the file
- File pointer
 - position in the file where to read or write
 - can be individual for all processes or shared between the processes
 - accessed through file handle

Basic concepts in MPI I/O



- File view
 - part of a file which is visible to process
 - enables efficient noncontiguous access to file
- Collective and independent I/O
 - collective: MPI coordinates the reads and writes of processes
 - independent: no coordination by MPI



MPI I/O: Open/Close file

- All processes in a communicator open a file using

```
MPI_File_open(comm, filename, mode, info,  
      fhandle)
```

comm communicator that performs parallel I/O

mode `MPI_MODE_RDONLY`, `MPI_MODE_WRONLY`,
`MPI_MODE_CREATE`, `MPI_MODE_RDWR`, ...

Can be combined with + in Fortran, | in C/C++

info Hints to implementation for optimal
performance (No hints: `MPI_INFO_NULL`)

fhandle parallel file handle

MPI I/O: Open/Close file



- File is closed using
`MPI_File_close(fhandle)`



MPI I/O: Read file

- File opened with `MPI_MODE_RDONLY` or `MPI_MODE_RDWR`
- Each process moves its local file pointer (individual file pointer) with

`MPI_File_seek(fhndl, disp, whence)`

`disp` Displacement in bytes (with default file view)

`whence` `MPI_SEEK_SET`, `MPI_SEEK_CUR`, `MPI_SEEK_END`



MPI I/O: Read file

- Read file at individual file pointer

```
MPI_File_read(fhandle, buf, count,  
datatype, status)
```

buf

Buffer in memory where to read the data

count

number of elements to read

datatype

datatype of elements to read

status

similar to status in MPI_Recv, amount of data
read can be determined by MPI_Get_count

- Updates position of file pointer after reading
- Not thread safe

MPI I/O: Read file



- The location to read can be determined also within the read statement (explicit offset)

```
MPI_File_read_at(fhandle, disp, buf,  
count, datatype, status)
```

disp displacement in bytes (with the default file view)
from the beginning of file

- Thread-safe
- The file pointer is neither used or incremented



MPI I/O: Write file

- Similar to reading
 - File opened with MPI_MODE_WRONLY or MPI_MODE_CREATE
- Write file at individual file pointer

```
MPI_File_write(fhandle, buf, count,  
    datatype, status)
```

- Updates position of file pointer after writing
- Not thread safe



MPI I/O: Write file

- Determine location within the write statement (explicit offset)

```
MPI_File_write_at(fhndl, disp, buf,
                   count, datatype, status)
```

- Thread-safe
- The file pointer is neither used or incremented

Example: parallel write & read

```
PROGRAM Output
USE MPI
IMPLICIT NONE
INTEGER :: err, i, myid, file, intsize
INTEGER :: status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)
INTEGER, PARAMETER :: count=100
INTEGER, DIMENSION(count) :: buf
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_OFFSET_KIND) :: disp
CALL MPI_INIT(err)
CALL MPI_COMM_RANK(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid,&
    err)
DO i = 1, count
    buf(i) = myid * count + i
END DO
...
```

Multiple processes write to a binary file test.
First process writes integers 1-100 to the beginning of the file, etc.



Example: parallel write

Note: File (and total data) size depends on number of processes in this example

File offset
determined by
`MPI_File_seek`

```
...
CALL MPI_FILE_OPEN(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 'test', &
    MPI_MODE_WRONLY + MPI_MODE_CREATE, &
    MPI_INFO_NULL, file, err)
CALL MPI_TYPE_SIZE(MPI_INTEGER, intsize,err)
disp = myid * count * intsize
CALL MPI_FILE_SEEK(file,disp,&
    MPI_SEEK_SET, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE(file, buf, count, &
    MPI_INTEGER, status, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_CLOSE(file, err)
CALL MPI_FINALIZE(err)
END PROGRAM Output
```

Example: parallel read

Note: Same number of processes for reading and writing is assumed in this example.

File offset
determined
explicitly

```
...
CALL MPI_FILE_OPEN(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 'test', &
MPI_MODE_RDONLY, &
MPI_INFO_NULL, file, err)
CALL MPI_TYPE_SIZE(MPI_INTEGER, intsize,err)
disp = myid * count * intsize
CALL MPI_FILE_READ_AT(file, disp, buf, &
count, MPI_INTEGER, status, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_CLOSE(file, err)
CALL MPI_FINALIZE(err)
END PROGRAM Output
```

Read.c

```
/* read from a common file using individual file pointers */
#include "mpi.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define FILESIZE (1024 * 1024)

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int *buf, rank, nprocs, nints, bufsize;
    MPI_File fh;
    MPI_Status status;

    MPI_Init(&argc,&argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nprocs);

    bufsize = FILESIZE/nprocs;
    buf = (int *) malloc(bufsize);
    nints = bufsize/sizeof(int);

    MPI_File_open(MPI_COMM_WORLD, "/pfs/datafile", MPI_MODE_RDONLY,MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh);
    MPI_File_seek(fh, rank*bufsize, MPI_SEEK_SET);
    MPI_File_read(fh, buf, nints, MPI_INT, &status);
    MPI_File_close(&fh);

    free(buf);
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0; }
```



Collective operations

- I/O can be performed collectively by all processes in a communicator
 - `MPI_File_read_all`
 - `MPI_File_write_all`
 - `MPI_File_read_at_all`
 - `MPI_File_write_at_all`
- Same parameters as in independent I/O functions (`MPI_File_read` etc)



Collective operations

- All processes in communicator that opened file must call function
- Performance potentially better than for individual functions
 - Even if each processor reads a non-contiguous segment, in total the read is contiguous

Read_all.c

```
/* noncontiguous access with a single collective I/O function */
#include "mpi.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
#define FILESIZE 1048576
#define INTS_PER_BLK 16

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int *buf, rank, nprocs, nints, bufsize;
    MPI_File fh;
    MPI_Datatype filetype;

    MPI_Init(&argc,&argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nprocs);

    bufsize = FILESIZE/nprocs;
    buf = (int *) malloc(bufsize);
    nints = bufsize/sizeof(int);

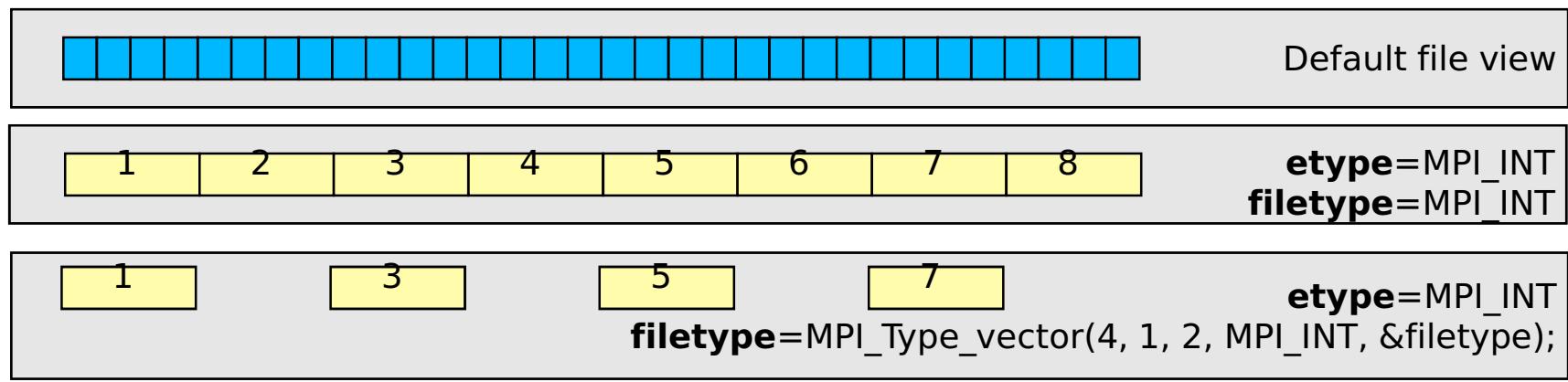
    MPI_File_open(MPI_COMM_WORLD, "/pfs/datafile", MPI_MODE_RDONLY,MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh);
    MPI_Type_vector(nints/INTS_PER_BLK, INTS_PER_BLK, INTS_PER_BLK*nprocs, MPI_INT, &filetype);
    MPI_Type_commit(&filetype);
    MPI_File_set_view(fh, INTS_PER_BLK*sizeof(int)*rank, MPI_INT, filetype, "native", MPI_INFO_NULL);

    MPI_File_read_all(fh, buf, nints, MPI_INT, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
    MPI_File_close(&fh);

    MPI_Type_free(&filetype);
    free(buf);
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```

File view

- A file view defines which portion of a file is “visible” to a process
- File view defines also the type of the data in the file (byte, integer, float, ...)





File view

- By default, file is treated as consisting of bytes, and process can access (read or write) any byte in the file
- A file view consists of three components
 - *displacement* : number of bytes to skip from the beginning of file
 - *etype* : type of data accessed, defines unit for offsets
 - *filetype* : portion of file visible to process
 - same as etype or MPI derived type consisting of etypes

File view



**MPI_File_set_view(fhandle, disp, etype,
filetype, datarep, info)**

disp Offset from beginning of file. Always in bytes

etype Basic MPI type or user defined type

Basic unit of data access

Offsets in I/O commands in units of etype

filetype Same type as etype or user defined type
constructed of etype

Specifies which part of the file is visible

datarep Data representation, sometimes useful for
portability

“native”: store in same format as in memory

info Hints for implementation that can improve
performance

`MPI_INFO_NULL`: No hints

view.c

```
mthomas@tuckoo parallelio]$ cat view.c
MPI_Aint lb, extent;
MPI_Datatype etype, filetype, contig;
MPI_Offset disp;
MPI_File fh;
int buf[1000];

MPI_File_open(MPI_COMM_WORLD, "/pfs/datafile",
    MPI_MODE_CREATE | MPI_MODE_RDWR, MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh);

MPI_Type_contiguous(2, MPI_INT, &contig);
lb = 0;
extent = 6 * sizeof(int);
MPI_Type_create_resized(contig, lb, extent, &filetype);
MPI_Type_commit(&filetype);

disp = 5 * sizeof(int); /* assume displacement in this file
                           view is of size equal to 5 integers */
etype = MPI_INT;

MPI_File_set_view(fh, disp, etype, filetype, "native", MPI_INFO_NULL);
MPI_File_write(fh, buf, 1000, MPI_INT, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
```

File view: displacement

```
...
CALL MPI_FILE_OPEN(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 'test', &
    MPI_MODE_WRONLY + MPI_MODE_CREATE, &
    MPI_INFO_NULL, file, err)
CALL MPI_TYPE_SIZE(MPI_INTEGER, intsize,err)
disp = myid * count * intsize
CALL CALL MPI_FILE_SEEK(file,disp,&
    MPI_SEEK_SET, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE(file, buf, count, &
    MPI_INTEGER, status, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_CLOSE(file, err)
CALL MPI_FINALIZE(err)
END PROGRAM Output
```

Location to write with default file view



File view: displacement

Using file view with displacement

```
...
CALL MPI_FILE_OPEN(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 'test', &
    MPI_MODE_WRONLY + MPI_MODE_CREATE, &
    MPI_INFO_NULL, file, err)
CALL MPI_TYPE_SIZE(MPI_INTEGER, intsize,err)
disp = myid * count * intsize
CALL CALL MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW(file, disp,&
    MPI_BYTE, MPI_BYTE, "native", &
    MPI_INFO_NULL, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE(file, buf, count, &
    MPI_INTEGER, status, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_CLOSE(file, err)
CALL MPI_FINALIZE(err)
END PROGRAM Output
```



File view: displacement and etype



Skip always 100 byte header and write integers

```
...
CALL MPI_FILE_OPEN(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 'test', &
    MPI_MODE_WRONLY + MPI_MODE_CREATE, &
    MPI_INFO_NULL, file, err)
CALL MPI_TYPE_SIZE(MPI_INTEGER, intsize,err)
disp = myid * count * intsize + 100
CALL MPI_FILE_SEEK(file,disp,&
    MPI_SEEK_SET, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE(file, buf, count, &
    MPI_INTEGER, status, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_CLOSE(file, err)
...
```



File view: displacement and etype



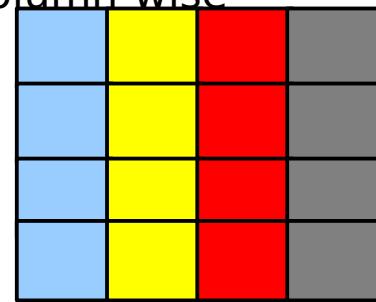
Using file view with displacement and etype

```
...
CALL MPI_FILE_OPEN(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 'test', &
    MPI_MODE_WRONLY + MPI_MODE_CREATE, &
    MPI_INFO_NULL, file, err)
disp = myid * count
CALL MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW(file, 100, &
    MPI_INTEGER, MPI_INTEGER, "native", &
    MPI_INFO_NULL, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE_AT(file, disp, buf, &
    count, MPI_INTEGER, status, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_CLOSE(file, err)
...
```



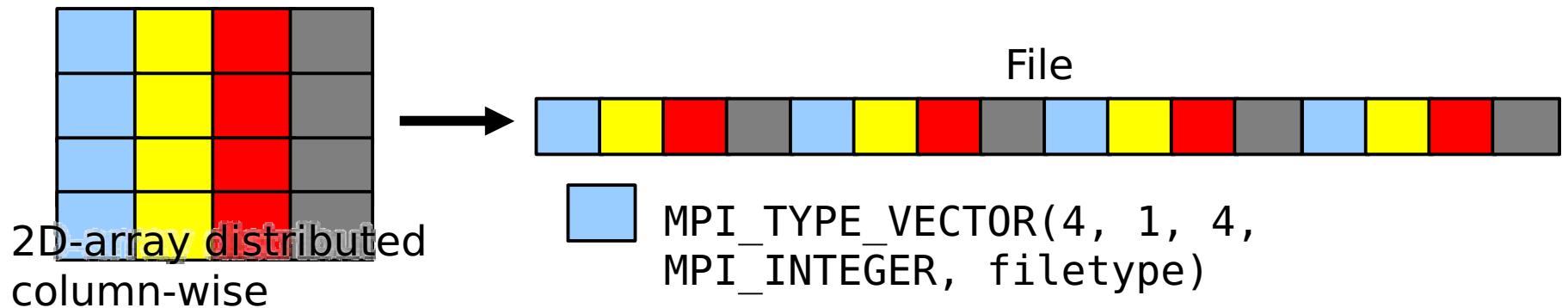
File view for non-contiguous data: filetype

2D-array distributed
column-wise



- Each process has to access small pieces of data scattered throughout a file
- Very expensive if implemented with separate reads/writes
- Use file type to implement the non-contiguous access

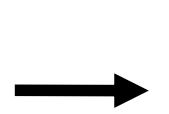
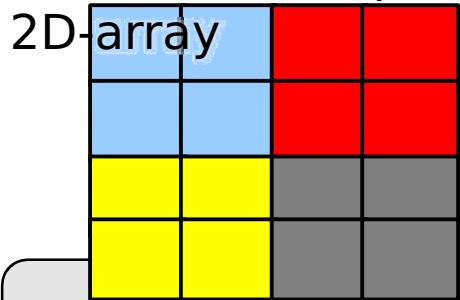
File view for non-contiguous data



```
...
INTEGER :: count = 4
INTEGER, DIMENSION(count) :: buf
...
CALL MPI_TYPE_VECTOR(4, 1, 4, MPI_INTEGER, filetype, err)
CALL MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(filetype, err)
disp = myid * intsize
CALL MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW(file, disp, MPI_INTEGER, filetype, "native", &
MPI_INFO_NULL, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE(file, buf, count, MPI_INTEGER, status, err)
...
```

Storing multidimensional arrays

Domain decomposition for



File

MPI_TYPE_CREATE_SUBARRAY(. . .)

```
...
INTEGER :: sizes = (/4, 4/)
INTEGER :: subsizes = (/2, 2/)
INTEGER, DIMENSION(2,2) :: buf
...
MPI_CART_COORDS(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid, 2, starts, err)
CALL MPI_TYPE_CREATE_SUBARRAY(2, sizes, subsizes, starts,
    MPI_INTEGER, MPI_ORDER_C, filetype, err)
CALL MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(filetype)
CALL MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW(file, 0, MPI_INTEGER, filetype, "native", &
    MPI_INFO_NULL, err)
CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE(file, buf, count, MPI_INTEGER, status, err)
```

Storing multidimensional arrays: Collective I/O



```
...  
INTEGER :: sizes = (/4, 4/)  
INTEGER :: subsizes = (/2, 2/)  
INTEGER, DIMENSION(2,2) :: buf  
...  
CALL MPI_CART_COORDS(MPI_COMM_WORLD, myid, 2, starts, err)  
CALL MPI_TYPE_CREATE_SUBARRAY(2, sizes, subsizes, starts,  
    MPI_INTEGER, MPI_ORDER_C, filetype, err)  
CALL MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(filetype)  
CALL MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW(file, 0, MPI_INTEGER, filetype,&  
    'native', MPI_INFO_NULL, err)  
CALL MPI_FILE_WRITE_ALL(file, buf, count,&  
    MPI_INTEGER, status, err)  
...
```

Collective write can be over hundred times faster than the individual for large arrays!

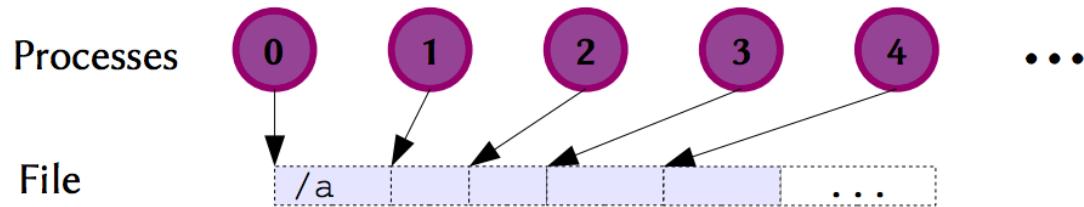
ghost.c

```
gsizes[0] = m;  gsizes[1] = n;
/* no. of rows and columns in global array*/
psizes[0] = 2;  psizes[1] = 3;
/* no. of processes in vertical and horizontal dimensions of process grid */
lsizes[0] = m/psizes[0]; /* no. of rows in local array */
lsizes[1] = n/psizes[1]; /* no. of columns in local array */
dims[0] = 2;  dims[1] = 3;
periods[0] = periods[1] = 1;
MPI_Cart_create(MPI_COMM_WORLD, 2, dims, periods, 0, &comm);
MPI_Comm_rank(comm, &rank);
MPI_Cart_coords(comm, rank, 2, coords);

/* global indices of the first element of the local array */
start_indices[0] = coords[0] * lsizes[0];
start_indices[1] = coords[1] * lsizes[1];
MPI_Type_create_subarray(2, gsizes, lsizes, start_indices, MPI_ORDER_C, MPI_FLOAT, &filetype);
MPI_Type_commit(&filetype);
MPI_File_open(comm, "/pfs/datafile", MPI_MODE_CREATE | MPI_MODE_WRONLY, MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh);
MPI_File_set_view(fh, 0, MPI_FLOAT, filetype, "native", MPI_INFO_NULL);

/* create a derived datatype that describes the layout of the local array in the memory buffer that includes the ghost
area. This is another subarray datatype! */
memsizes[0] = lsizes[0] + 8; /* no. of rows in allocated array */
memsizes[1] = lsizes[1] + 8; /* no. of cols in allocated array */
start_indices[0] = start_indices[1] = 4;
/* indices of the first element of the local array in the allocated array */
MPI_Type_create_subarray(2, memsizes, lsizes, start_indices, MPI_ORDER_C, MPI_FLOAT, &memtype);
MPI_Type_commit(&memtype);
MPI_File_write_all(fh, local_array, 1, memtype, &status);
MPI_File_close(&fh);
```

Shared file, independent access



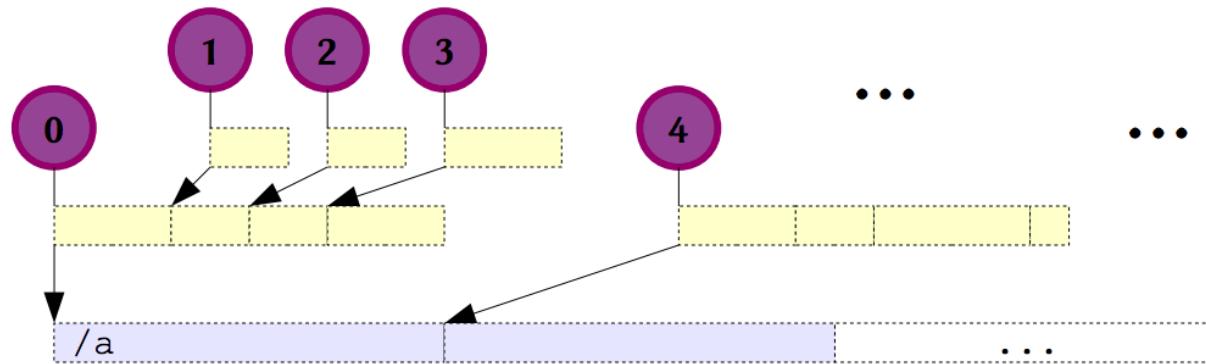
- ▶ All processes independently access exclusive regions of a single file
 - Coordination can take place at the parallel file system
 - Significant overhead for some access patterns where the file system has to serialize access
- ▶ Advantage of shared file lies in data management and portability

Shared file, collective access

All MPI Tasks

Subset of
I/O Tasks

File



- ▶ Improves performance of shared-file access by offloading some of the coordination work from the file system to the application
 - A subset of processes is assigned to do I/O and buffers access to the file
 - Available in all modern MPI libraries (called “collective buffering”)

shared.c

```
[mthomas@tuckoo parallelio]$ cat shared.c
/* writing to a common file using the shared file pointer */
#include "mpi.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int buf[1000];
    MPI_File fh;

    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);

    MPI_File_open(MPI_COMM_WORLD, "/pfs/datafile",
                  MPI_MODE_RDONLY, MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh);
    MPI_File_write_shared(fh, buf, 1000, MPI_INT,
                          MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
    MPI_File_close(&fh);

    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```



Non-blocking MPI I/O

- Non-blocking independent I/O is similar to non-blocking send/recv routines
 - `MPI_File_iread`
 - `MPI_File_iwrite`
 - `MPI_File_iread_at`
 - `MPI_File_iwrite_at`
- Wait for completion using `MPI_Test`, `MPI_Wait`, etc.
- Can be used to overlap I/O with computation

Giving hints to MPI I/O



- Hints may enable the implementation to optimize performance
- MPI 2 standard defines several hints via `MPI_Info` object
 - `MPI_INFO_NULL` : no info
 - Functions `MPI_Info_create` and `MPI_Info_set` allow one to create and set hints
- Effect of hints on performance is implementation and application dependent

Giving hints to MPI I/O



- For example, Cray XT systems support the following hints

`striping_factor`, `striping_unit`, `direct_io`,
`romio_cb_read`, `romio_cb_write`, `cb_buffer_size`,
`cb_nodes`, `cb_config_list`, `romio_no_indep_rw`,
`romio_ds_read`, `ind_rd_buffer_size`, `ind_wr_buffer_size`

- Consult "man mpi" for their meaning and default values



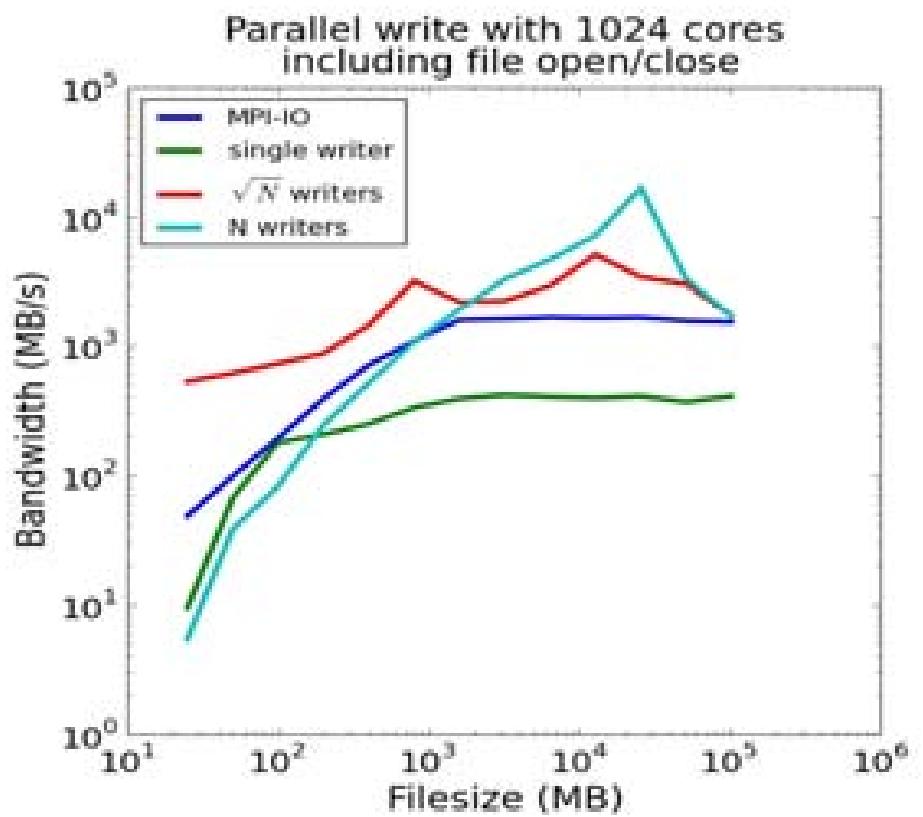
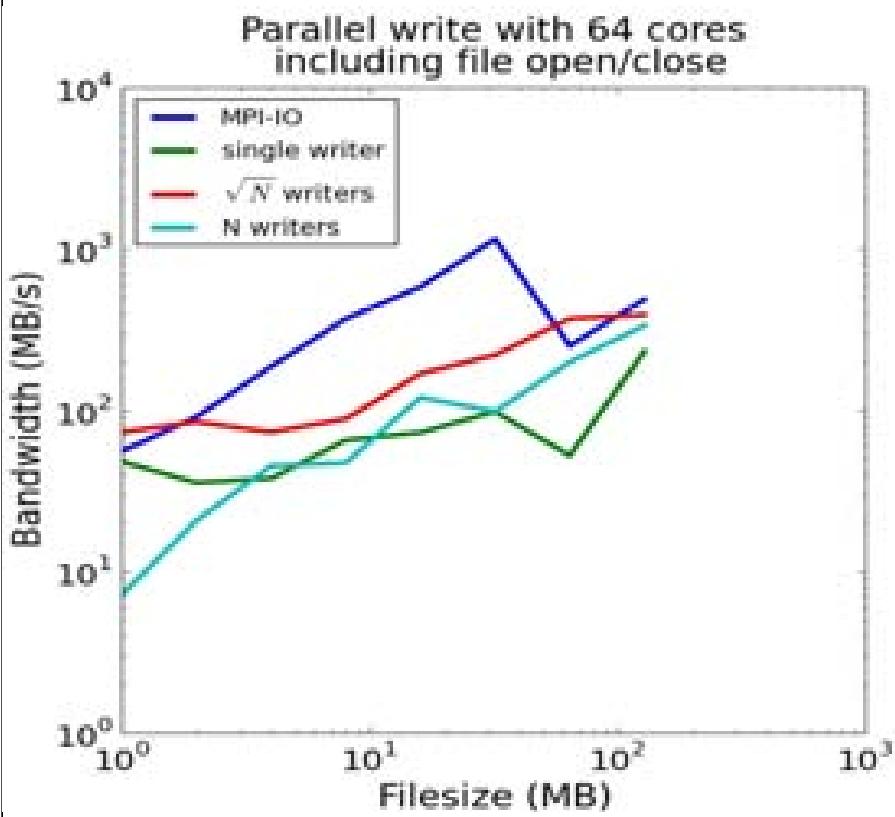


Giving hints to MPI I/O

- Some implementations allow setting of hints via environment variables
 - e.g. MPICH_MPIIO_HINTS
 - Example: for file “test.dat”, in collective I/O aggregate data to 32 nodes

```
export MPICH_MPIIO_HINTS="test.dat:cb_nodes=32"
```

Performance





Common mistakes with MPI I/O

- ✗ Not defining file offsets as `MPI_Offset` in C and `integer (kind=MPI_OFFSET_KIND)` in Fortran
- ✗ In Fortran, passing the offset or displacement directly as a constant (e.g., 0)
- ✗ Filetype defined using offsets that are not monotonically nondecreasing



Parallel I/O - summary

- POSIX
 - single reader/writer, all read/write, subset read/write
 - user is responsible for communication
- MPI I/O
 - MPI library is responsible for communication
 - file views enable non-contiguous access patterns
 - collective I/O can enable the actual disk access to remain contiguous



Web resources

- William Gropp's "Advanced MPI" tutorial in PRACE Summer School 2011, including very in-depth discussion about MPI I/O
<http://www.csc.fi/courses/archive/material/prace-summer-school-material/MPI-tutorial>



C interfaces to MPI I/O routines

```
int MPI_File_open(MPI_Comm comm, char *filename, int amode,  
                  MPI_Info info, MPI_File *fh)  
  
int MPI_File_close(MPI_File *fh)  
  
int MPI_File_seek(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset offset, int whence)  
  
int MPI_File_read(MPI_File fh, void *buf, int count,  
                  MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status)  
  
int MPI_File_read_at(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset offset, void *buf,  
                     int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status)  
  
int MPI_File_write(MPI_File fh, void *buf, int count,  
                   MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status)  
  
int MPI_File_write_at(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset offset, void *buf,  
                     int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status)
```





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```
int MPI_File_set_view(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset disp, MPI_Datatype
    etype, MPI_Datatype filetype, char *datarep, MPI_Info info)

int MPI_File_read_all(MPI_File fh, void *buf, int count,
    MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status)

int MPI_File_read_at_all(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset offset, void
    *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status)

int MPI_File_write_all(MPI_File fh, void *buf, int count,
    MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status)

int MPI_File_write_at_all(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset offset, void
    *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status)
```



Fortran interfaces for MPI I/O routines



```
MPI_FILE_OPEN(comm, filename, amode, info, fh, ierr)
    INTEGER :: comm, amode, info, fh, ierr
    CHARACTER(*) :: filename

MPI_FILE_CLOSE(fh, ierr)

MPI_FILE_SEEK(fh, offset, whence)
    INTEGER :: fh, offset, whence

MPI_FILE_READ(fh, buf, count, datatype, status)
    INTEGER :: fh, buf, count, datatype, status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)

MPI_FILE_READ_AT(fh, offset, buf, count, datatype, status)
    INTEGER :: fh, offset, buf, count, datatype,
    status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)

MPI_FILE_WRITE(fh, buf, count, datatype, status)
MPI_FILE_WRITE_AT(fh, offset, buf, count, datatype, status)
```



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