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# Introduction to the Message Passing Interface (MPI)

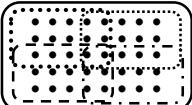
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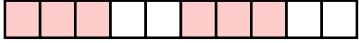


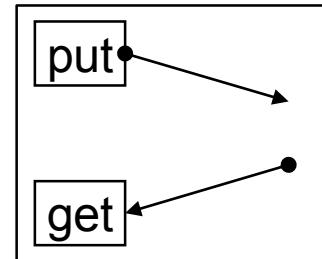
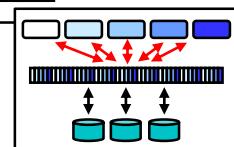
# Chap.10 One-sided Communication

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– Windows, remote memory access (RMA), synchronization

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# One-Sided Operations

- Goals
  - PUT and GET data to/from memory of other processes
- Issues
  - Synchronization is separate from data movement
  - Automatically dealing with subtle memory behavior:  
cache coherence, sequential consistency
  - balancing efficiency and portability across  
a wide class of architectures
    - **shared-memory multiprocessor (SMP)**
    - **clusters of SMP nodes**
    - **NUMA architecture**
    - **distributed-memory MPP's**
    - **workstation networks**
- Interface
  - PUTs and GETs are surrounded by  
special synchronization calls

## Advantages:

- Performance
  - For example,  
when calling PUT or GET,  
send and receive buffers  
are already defined, i.e.,  
direct data transfer  
without further hand-  
shake is possible.
- Functionality
  - If the target process of  
many PUT and GET  
operations from other  
processes does not know  
whether it has to be part  
of such communications,  
then these many  
PUT/GET calls can be  
surrounded by a barrier-  
style synchronization  
(see example after  
Exercise 1+1b).



# Synchronization Taxonomy

Message Passing:

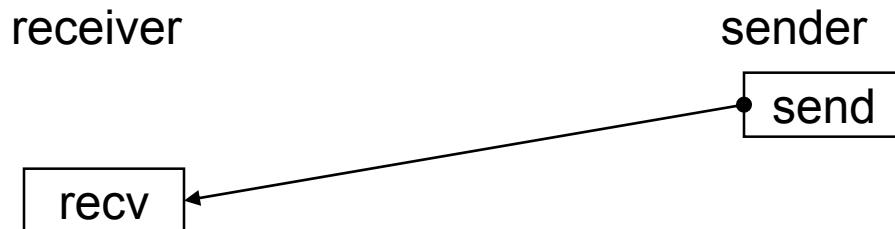
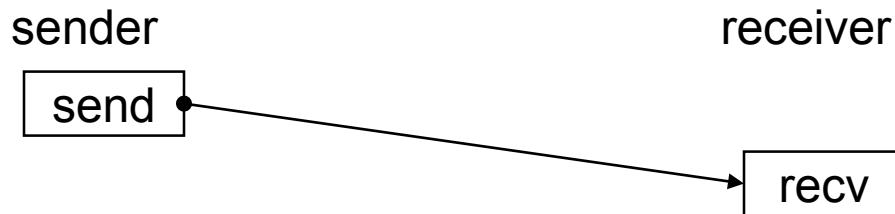
explicit transfer, implicit synchronization,  
implicit cache operations

Access to other processes' memory:

- **MPI 1-sided**  
explicit transfer, explicit synchronization,  
implicit cache operations (not trivial!)
- Shared Memory (e.g., in OpenMP)  
implicit transfer, explicit synchronization,  
implicit cache operations
- shmem interface  
explicit transfer, explicit synchronization,  
explicit cache operations

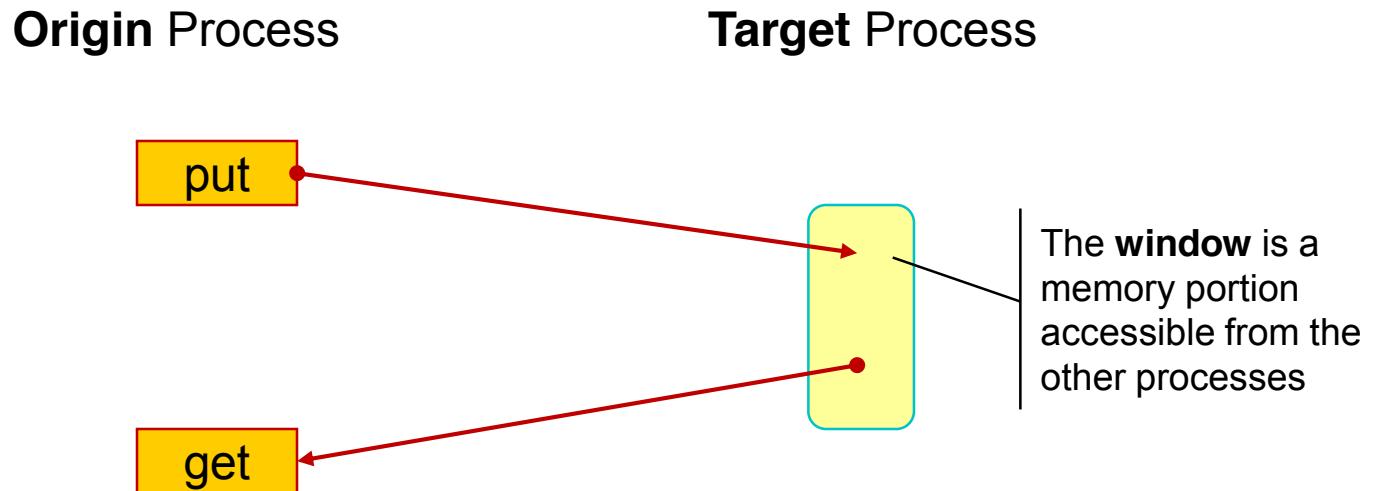
# Cooperative Communication

- MPI-1 supports cooperative or 2-sided communication
- Both sender and receiver processes must participate in the communication



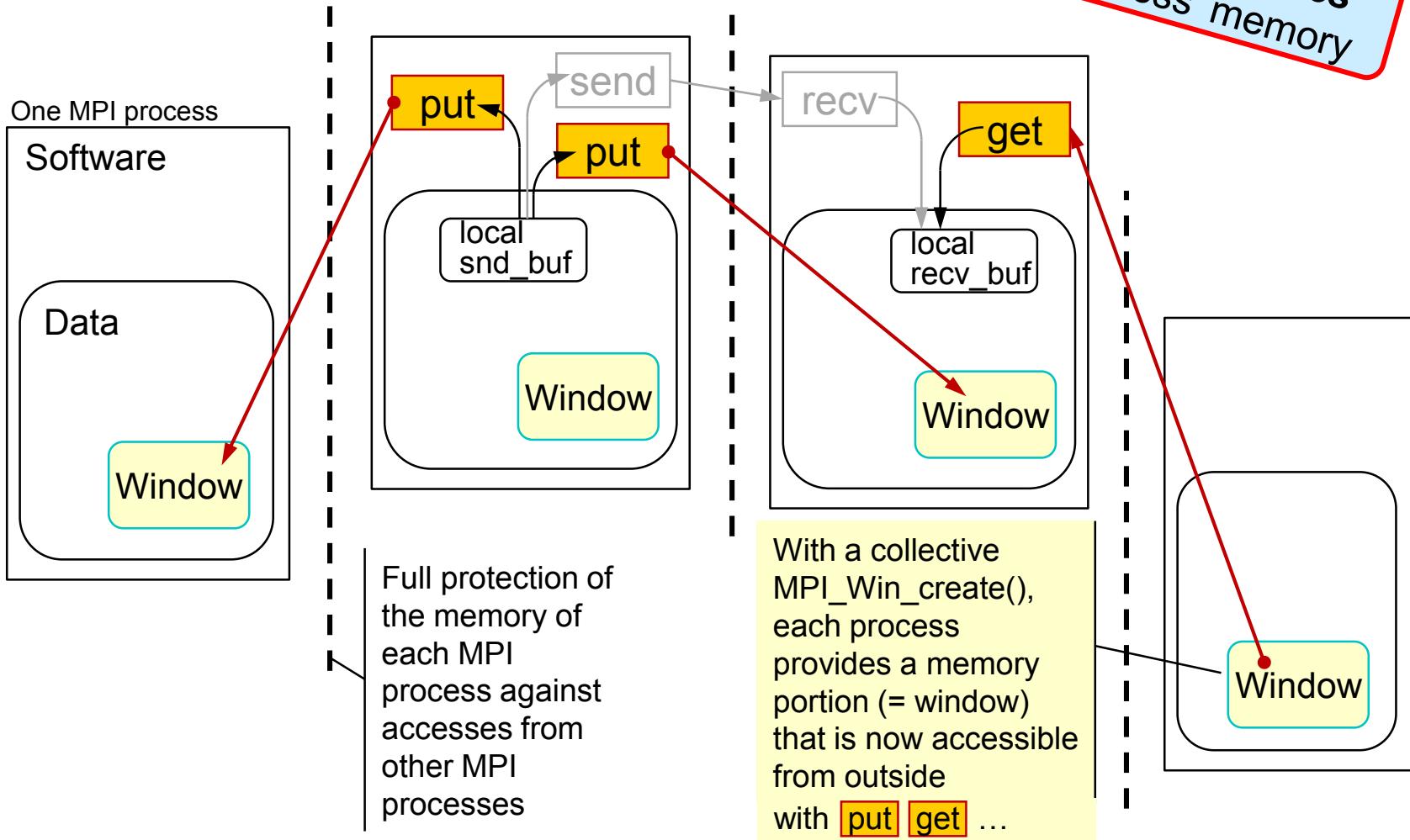
# One-sided Communication

- Communication parameters for both the sender and receiver are specified by one process (origin)
- User must impose correct ordering of memory accesses



# Typically, all processes are both, origin and target processes

Windows are *peepholes* into their process' memory



# One-sided Operations

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Three major sets of routines:

- Window creation or allocation
  - Each process in a group of processes (**defined by a communicator**)
  - defines a chunk of own memory – named **window**,
  - which can be afterwards accessed by all other processes of the group.
- Remote Memory Access (RMA, nonblocking) routines
  - Access to remote windows:
    - **put, get, accumulate, ...**
- Synchronization
  - The RMA routines are nonblocking and
  - must be surrounded by synchronization routines,
  - which guarantee
    - **that the RMA is locally and remotely finished**
    - **and that all necessary cache operation are implicitly done.**



# Sequence of One-sided Operations

Window creation/allocation

**Synchronization**

Remote Memory Accesses  
(RMA)

Remote Memory Accesses

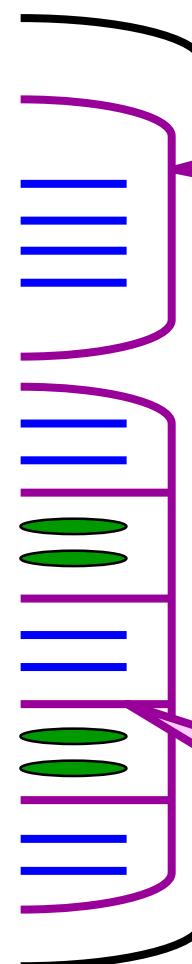
Local load/store

Remote Memory Accesses

Local load/store

Remote Memory Accesses

Window freeing/deallocation



RMA operations must be surrounded by  
**synchronization** calls

**RMA epoch**

**Local load/store epoch**

...  
Epochs must be separated by  
**synchronization** calls

# Window creation or allocation

Four different methods

- Using existing memory as windows
  - **MPI\_Alloc\_mem**, **MPI\_Win\_create**, **MPI\_Win\_free**, **MPI\_Free\_mem**
- Allocating new memory as windows
  - **MPI\_Win\_allocate**
- Allocating shared memory windows – usable only within a shared memory node
  - **MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared**, **MPI\_Win\_shared\_query**
- Using existing memory dynamically
  - **MPI\_Win\_create\_dynamic**, **MPI\_Win\_attach**, **MPI\_Win\_detach**

**MPI\_Alloc\_mem**, **MPI\_Win\_allocate**, and **MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared**:

- Memory alignment must fit to all predefined MPI datatypes
  - alternative minimum alignment through info key "mpi\_minimum\_memory\_alignment"

 New in MPI-4.0

# RMA Operations

- Nonblocking RMA routines
  - that are finished by subsequent window synchronization

- **MPI\_Get**
- **MPI\_Put**

The outcome of concurrent puts to the same target location is undefined.

- **MPI\_Accumulate**
- **MPI\_Get\_accumulate**
- **MPI\_Fetch\_and\_op**

Many calls by many processes can be issued for the same target element.  
Atomic operation for each target element.

Get/Fetch is executed before the operation.

Same as Get\_accumulate, but only for 1 element.

- **MPI\_Compare\_and\_swap**

Substitute target element by origin buffer element if target element == compare buffer element.

- that are completed with regular MPI\_Wait, ...

- **MPI\_Rget**
- **MPI\_Rput**
- **MPI\_Raccumulate**
- **MPI\_Rget\_accumulate**

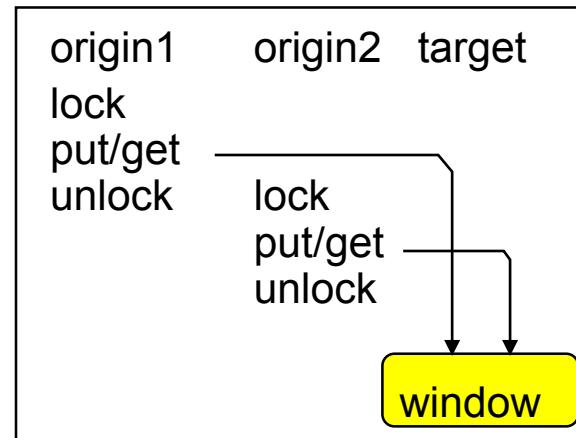
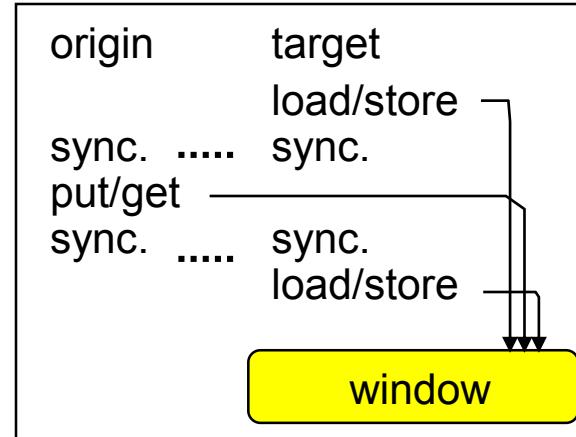
Only within **passive** target communication,  
i.e., between lock & unlock, see next slide.

**R = request-based**

New in  
MPI-3.0

# Synchronization Calls (1)

- Active target communication
  - communication paradigm similar to message passing model
  - target process participates only in the synchronization
  - fence or post-start-complete-wait
- Passive target communication
  - communication paradigm closer to shared memory model
  - only the origin process is involved in the communication
  - lock/unlock



# Synchronization Calls (2)

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- Active target communication
  - MPI\_Win\_fence (like a barrier)
  - MPI\_Win\_post, MPI\_Win\_start, MPI\_Win\_complete, MPI\_Win\_wait/test
- Passive target communication
  - MPI\_Win\_lock, MPI\_Win\_unlock,
  - MPI\_Win\_lock\_all, MPI\_Win\_unlock\_all,
  - MPI\_Win\_flush(\_all), MPI\_Win\_flush\_local(\_all), MPI\_Win\_sync

New in MPI-3.0

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# Window Creation

- Specifies the region in memory (already allocated) that can be accessed by remote processes
- **Collective** call over all processes in the intracommunicator
- Returns an opaque object of type `MPI_Win` which can be used to perform the remote memory access (RMA) operations

```
MPI_Win_create( win_base_addrtarget, win_sizetarget,  
                 disp_unittarget, info, comm, win)
```

byte size, int

A normal buffer argument  
Info handle for further customization, or just `MPI_INFO_NULL`. See also course chapters 8-(2), 11-(1), 13-(1)  
→ general rules,  
→ `alloc_shared_noncontig`,  
→ `striping_factor`

byte size, `MPI_Aint`

**A window handle represents:**

- all about the communicator
- and its processes,
- the location of the windows in all processes,
- the `disp_units` in all processes

Fortran

C/C++

Python

language bindings  
→ see next slide (skipped)  
or MPI Standard

skipped

# Window Creation with MPI\_Win\_create

C

- C/C++:  

```
int MPI_Win_create(void *base, MPI_Aint size,
                   int disp_unit, MPI_Info info,
                   MPI_Comm comm, MPI_Win *win)
```

```
int MPI_Win_create_c(void *base, MPI_Aint size,
                     Large count version, MPI_Aint disp_unit, MPI_Info info,
                     new in MPI-4.0 MPI_Comm comm, MPI_Win *win)
```

Fortran

- Fortran: `MPI_Win_create(base, size, disp_unit, info, comm, win, ierror)`  
mpi\_f08:  

```
TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..), ASYNCHRONOUS :: base
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: size
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: disp_unit
or
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: disp_unit
TYPE(MPI_Info), INTENT(IN) :: info
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
TYPE(MPI_Win), INTENT(OUT) :: win
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

  
mpi & mpif.h:  

```
<type> base(*)
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) size
INTEGER disp_unit, info, comm, win, ierror
```

Python

- Python: `win = MPI.Win.Create(memory, disp_unit, info, comm)`  
  
*e.g., a numpy array*

- Historical Fortran interface: Only in the mpi module and mpif.h
- Modern interface with C-pointer, see next slide

## MPI\_ALLOC\_MEM with old-style “Cray”-Pointer

MPI\_ALLOC\_MEM (size, info, *baseptr*)

MPI\_FREE\_MEM (base)

```
USE mpi
REAL a
POINTER (p, a(100)) ! no memory is allocated
INTEGER (KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) buf_size
INTEGER length_real, win, ierror
CALL MPI_TYPE_EXTENT(MPI_REAL, length_real, ierror)
Size = 100*length_real
CALL MPI_ALLOC_MEM(buf_size, MPI_INFO_NULL, P, ierror)
CALL MPI_WIN_CREATE(a, buf_size, length_real,
                     MPI_INFO_NULL, MPI_COMM_WORLD, win, ierror)
...
CALL MPI_WIN_FREE(win, ierror)
CALL MPI_FREE_MEM(a, ierror)
```

# All Memory Allocation with modern C-Pointer

C

```
float *buf; MPI_Win win; int max_length; max_length = ...;
MPI_Win_allocate((MPI_Aint)(max_length*sizeof(float)), sizeof(float),
    MPI_INFO_NULL, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &buf, &win);
// the window elements are buf[0] .. buf[max_length-1]
```

Fortran

```
USE mpi_f08
USE, INTRINSIC :: ISO_C_BINDING

INTEGER :: max_length, disp_unit
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: lb, size_of_real, buf_size, target_disp
REAL, POINTER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: buf(:)
TYPE(MPI_Win) :: win;   TYPE(C_PTR) :: cptr_buf
max_length = ...

CALL MPI_Type_get_extent(MPI_REAL, lb, size_of_real)
buf_size = max_length * size_of_real;   disp_unit = size_of_real
CALL MPI_Win_allocate(buf_size, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL, MPI_COMM_WORLD,
    cptr_buf, win)
CALL C_F_POINTER(cptr_buf, buf, (/max_length/) )
buf(0:) => buf ! With this code, one may change the lower bound to 0 (instead of default 1)
! The window elements are buf(0) .. buf(max_length-1)
```

Python

```
np_dtype = np.single # = C type float → MPI.FLOAT
max_length = ...
win = MPI.Win.Allocate(np_dtype(0).itemsize*max_length, np_dtype(0).itemsize, MPI.INFO_NULL,
    MPI.COMM_WORLD)
buf = np.frombuffer(win, dtype=np_dtype)
# the window elements are buf[0] .. buf[max_length-1]
# buf = np.reshape(buf,()) # in case of max_length==1 and using buf as a normal variable instead of a 1-dim array
```

# MPI\_Put

- Performs an operation equivalent to a **send** by the **origin process** and a matching **receive** by the **target process**
- The origin process specifies the arguments for both origin and target
- **Nonblocking call** → finished by subsequent synchronization call  
→ don't modify the origin (=send) buffer until next synchron.

Where is the recv\_buf  
in the **target process** ?

- The target buffer is at address

$\text{target\_addr} = \text{win\_base}_{\text{target\_process}}$

+  $\text{target\_disp}_{\text{origin\_process}} * \text{disp\_unit}_{\text{target\_process}}$

As provided in  
MPI\_Win\_create or \_allocate  
at the **target process**

Like **send\_buf, count, datatype** in MPI\_Send

**MPI\_Put( origin\_address, origin\_count, origin\_datatype,**

Like **dest** in MPI\_Send

**target\_rank, target\_disp<sub>origin\_process</sub>,**

Like **count, datatype**  
in an MPI\_Recv at the  
**target process**

**target\_count, target\_datatype, win)**

Heterogeneous platforms: Use only basic datatypes or derived datatypes  
without byte-length displacements!

skipped

# MPI\_Put

C

- C/C++: `int MPI_Put(const void *origin_addr, int origin_count,  
MPI_Datatype origin_datatype, int target_rank, MPI_Aint target_disp,  
int target_count, MPI_Datatype target_datatype, MPI_Win win)`  
`int MPI_Put_c(const void *origin_addr, MPI_Count origin_count,  
MPI_Datatype origin_datatype, int target_rank, MPI_Aint target_disp,  
MPI_Count target_count, MPI_Datatype target_datatype, MPI_Win win)`  
Large count version,  
new in MPI-4.0

Fortran

Overloaded large count  
version since MPI-4.0

mpi\_f08:

TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..), INTENT(IN), ASYNCHRONOUS :: origin_addr	:: origin_count, target_count
INTEGER, INTENT(IN)	:: origin_count, target_count
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_COUNT_KIND), INTENT(IN)	:: target_rank
INTEGER, INTENT(IN)	:: origin_datatype, target_datatype
TYPE(MPI_Datatype), INTENT(IN)	:: target_disp
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN)	:: win
TYPE(MPI_Win), INTENT(IN)	:: ierror
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT)	

mpi & mpif.h:

<type> ORIGIN_ADDR(*)	
INTEGER ORIGIN_COUNT, ORIGIN_DATATYPE, TARGET_RANK,	
INTEGER TARGET_COUNT, TARGET_DATATYPE, WIN, IERROR	
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) TARGET_DISP	

- Python: `win.Put((origin_buf, origin_count, origin_datatype), target_rank,  
(target_disp, target_count, target_datatype))`

New in MPI-4.0

# MPI\_Get

- Similar to the put operation, except that data is transferred from the target memory to the origin process
- To complete the transfer a synchronization call must be made on the window involved
- The local buffer should not be accessed until the synchronization call is completed

```
MPI_Get( origin_address, origin_count, origin_datatype,  
         target_rank, target_disp, target_count,  
         target_datatype, win)
```

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# MPI\_Accumulate

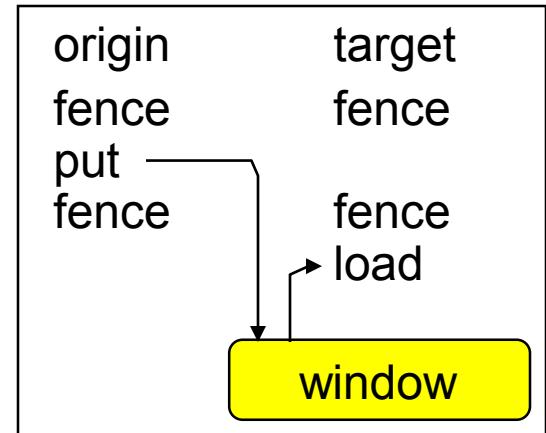
- Accumulates the contents of the origin buffer to the target area specified using the predefined operation `op`
- User-defined operations cannot be used
- Accumulate is **elementwise atomic**:  
many accumulates can be done by many origins to one target  
-> [*may be expensive*]

```
MPI_Accumulate(origin_address, origin_count,  
                origin_datatype, target_rank, target_disp,  
                target_count, target_datatype, op, win)
```

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# MPI\_Win\_fence

- Synchronizes RMA operations on specified window
- Collective over the window
- **Like a barrier**
- Used for active target communication
- Should be used before and after calls to put, get, and accumulate
- The `assert` argument is used to provide optimization hints to the implementation,
  - see MPI-3.1/MPI-4.0, Sect. 11.5.5/12.5.5 “Assertions” (page 450/607)
  - enables the optimization of internal cache operations
  - Integer 0 = no assertions
  - Several assertions with *bitwise or* operation



**MPI\_Win\_fence(assert, win)**

E.g., in C: `MPI_MODE_NOSTORE | MPI_MODE_... | MPI_MODE_...`

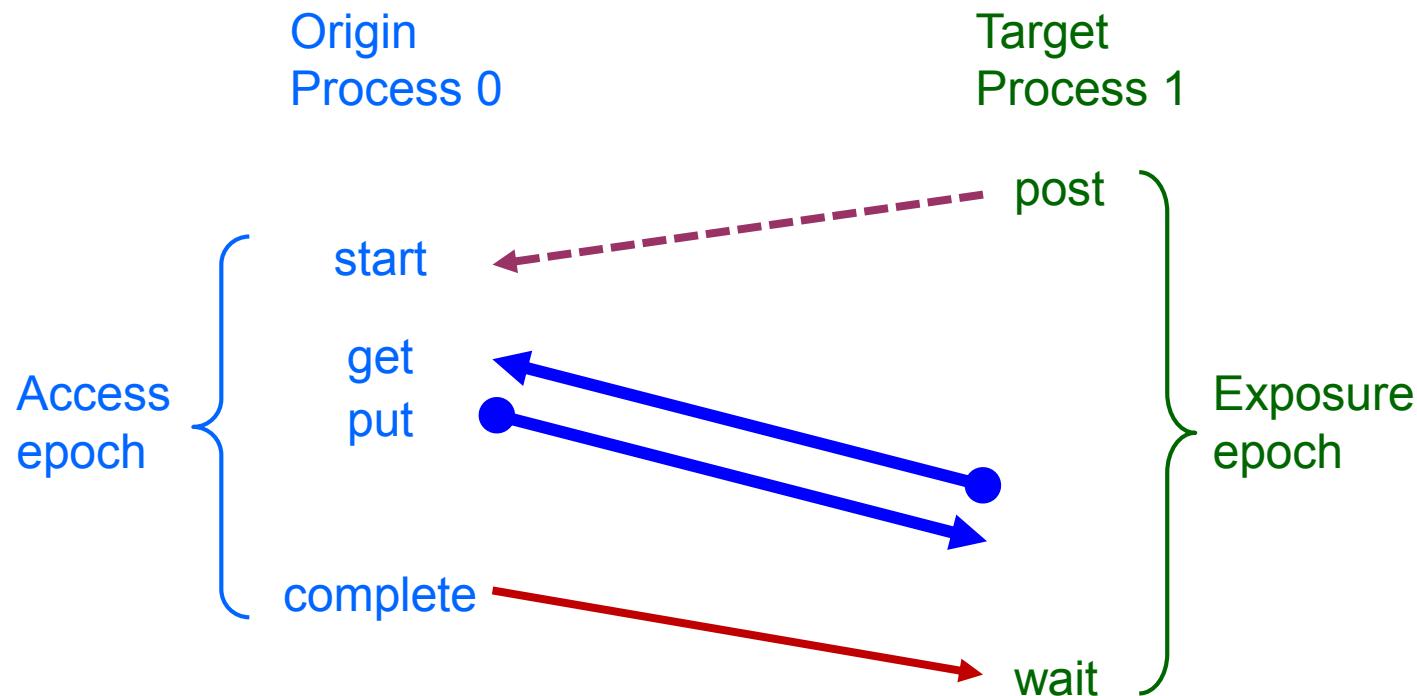
Fortran: `IOR(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE, IOR(MPI_MODE_..., MPI_...))`

Because assertions are bit-vectors, e.g.

- `MPI_MODE_NOSTORE` = 00L00
- `MPI_MODE_PUT` = 000L0
- `MPI_MODE_NOSUCCEED` = 0000L

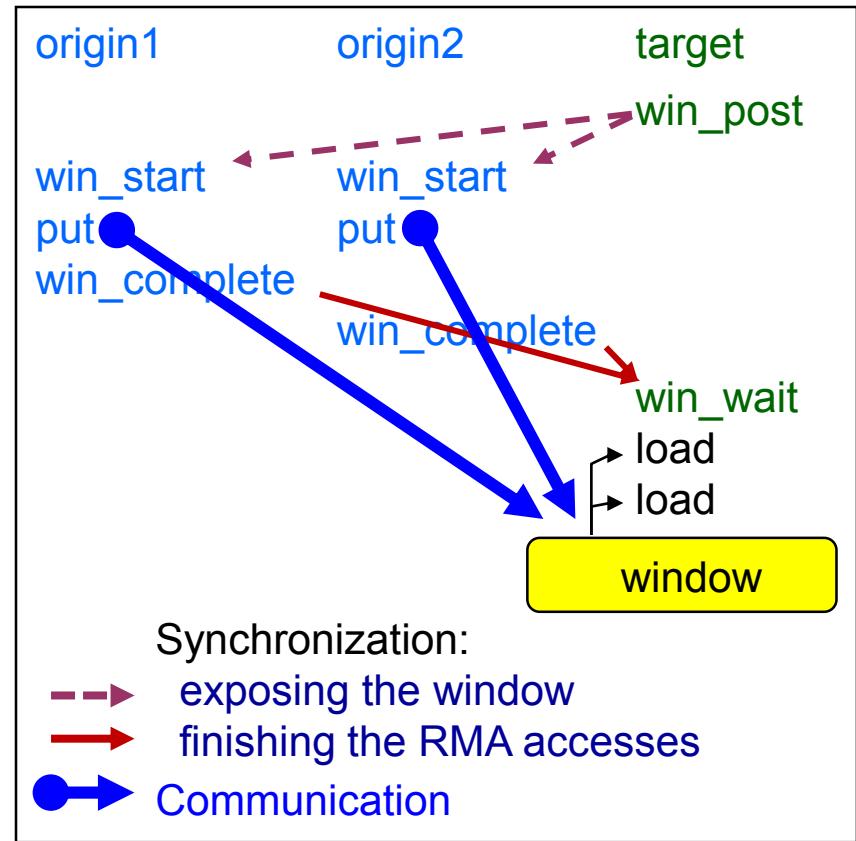
## Start/Complete and Post/Wait, I.

- Used for active target communication to restrict synchronization to a minimum



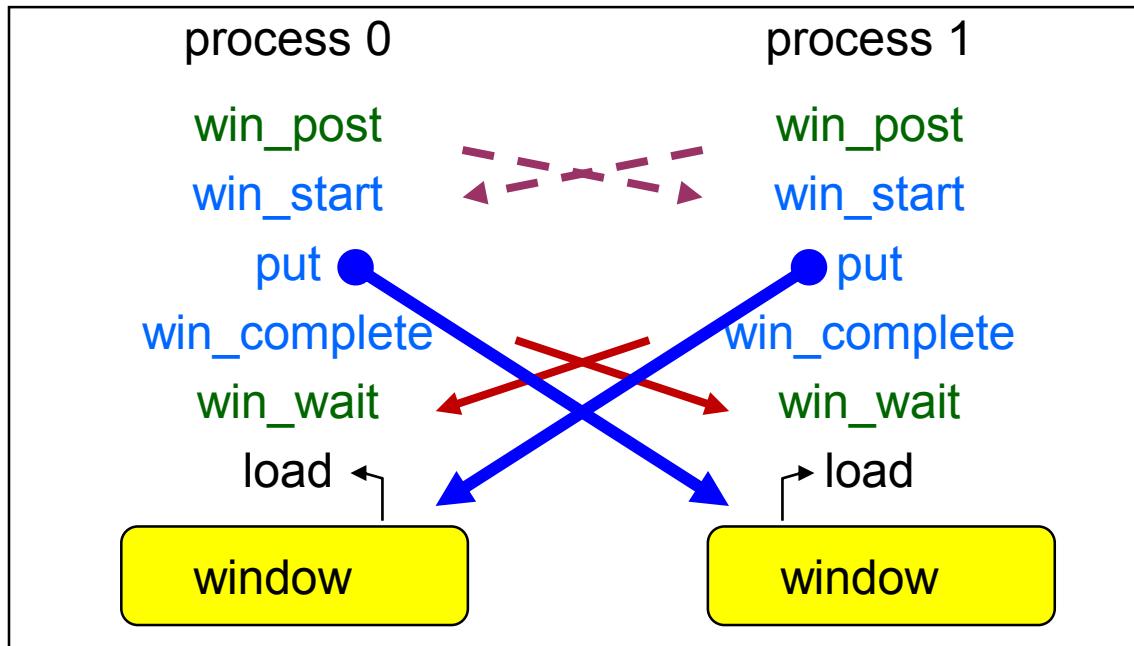
# Start/Complete and Post/Wait, II.

- RMA (put, get, accumulate) are finished
  - locally after `win_complete`
  - at the target after `win_wait`
- local buffer must not be reused before RMA call locally finished
- communication partners must be known
- no atomicity for overlapping “puts”
- assertions may improve efficiency  
--> give all information you have



# Start/Complete and Post/Wait, III.

- symmetric communication possible,  
only `win_start` and `win_wait` may block

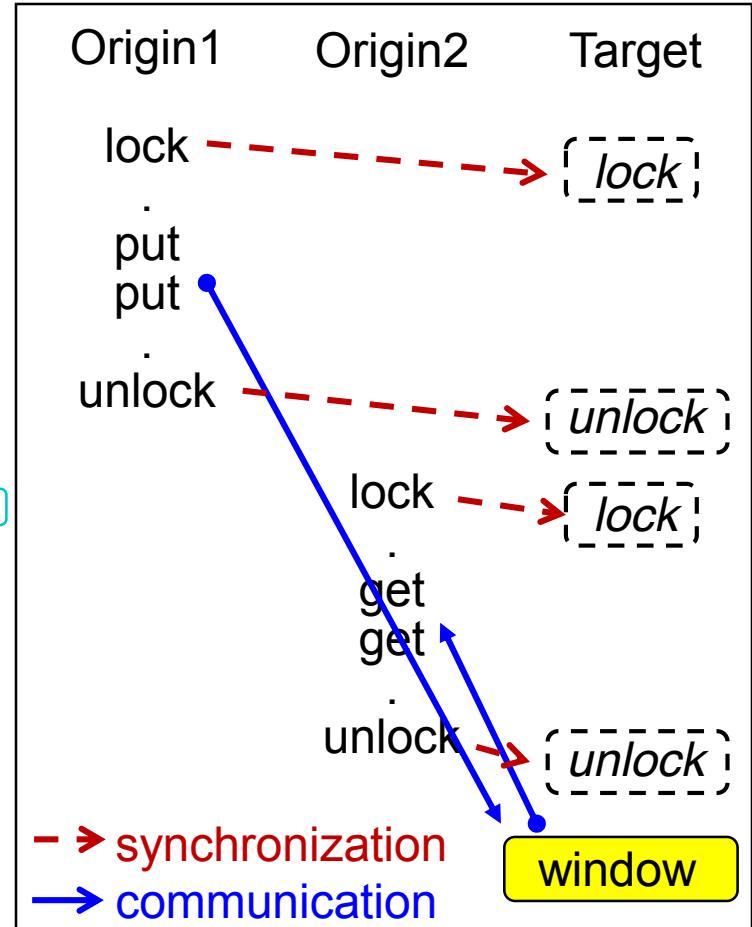


- Here, all processes are in the role of target and origin, i.e.
  - expose a window and
  - access windows per RMA and
  - complete the RMA accesses



# Lock/Unlock

- Does not guarantee a sequence
- agent may be necessary on systems without (virtual) shared memory
- Portable programs can use lock calls to windows in memory allocated **only by MPI\_Alloc\_mem, MPI\_Win\_allocate, or MPI\_Win\_attach** or **New in MPI-4.0 MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared**
- RMA completed after **MPI\_Unlock** at both origin and target



# Fortran Problems with 1-Sided

Source of Process 1  
`bbbb = 777`  
`call MPI_WIN_FENCE`  
`call MPI_PUT(bbbb`  
`into buff of process 2)`  
`call MPI_WIN_FENCE`

Source of Process 2  
~~`buff = 999`~~  
`call MPI_WIN_FENCE`  
~~`call MPI_WIN_FENCE`~~  
`print *, buff`

Executed in Process 2  
`register_A := 999`  
  
`stop application thread`  
`buff := 777 in PUT handler`  
`continue application thread`  
  
`print *, register_A`

- Fortran register optimization
- Result: 999 is printed instead of expected 777
- How to avoid: (see MPI-3.1 / MPI-4.0, Sect. 17.1.17 / 19.1.17, pages 640ff / 826ff)

See at end of course Chapter 4, slides on “Nonblocking Receive and Register Optimization / Code Movement in Fortran” and course Chapter 5

- Window memory declared in COMMON blocks or as module data i.e. MPI\_ALLOC\_MEM cannot be used
- Or declare window **buff** as **ASYNCHRONOUS** and  
`IF (.NOT. MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buff)`  
before 1<sup>st</sup> and after 2<sup>nd</sup> FENCE in process 2 ~~-----~~
- Same for **bbbb** due to nonblocking MPI\_PUT: Declare also **bbbb** as **ASYNCHRONOUS** (because **bbbb** **not** in arg-list of 2<sup>nd</sup>=finishing FENCE) + `IF (...) CALL MPI_F_SYNC_REG(bbbb)` ~~-----~~

# Other One-sided Routines

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- Process group of a window
  - MPI\_Win\_get\_group
- Attributes and names
  - MPI\_Win\_get/set\_attr
  - MPI\_Win\_get/set\_name
- Info attached to a window New in MPI-3.0
  - MPI\_Win\_set/get\_info

# One-sided: Functional Opportunities – an Example

- The receiver
  - needs information and
  - does not know the sending processes nor the number of sending processes (nsp)
  - and this number is small compared to the total number.
  - The sender knows all its neighbors, which need some data.
- Non-scalable solution to exchange number of neighbors:
  - MPI\_ALLTOALL, MPI\_REDUCE\_SCATTER\_BLOCK (array with one logical entry per process)
  - Each sender tells all processes whether they will get a message or not.
- Solution with 1-sided communication:
  - Each process in the role being a receiver:
    - **MPI\_Win\_create(&nsp, ...); nsp=0;** (i.e., I do not yet know the number of my sending neighbors)
  - Each process as a sender tells the receiver “here is **1** neighbor from you”
    - **MPI\_Win\_fence**
    - **Multiple calls to MPI\_Accumulate to add **1** in the nsp of its neighbors.**
    - **MPI\_Win\_fence**
  - Now, each process as a receiver knows in its nsp the number of its neighbors. Therefore:
    - **Loop over nsp with MPI\_Irecv(MPI\_ANY\_SOURCE)**
  - Each process as a sender
    - **Loop over its neighbors, sending the data.**
  - As receiver: **MPI\_Waitall()** – in the statuses array, the receiver can see the neighbor's ranks

Alter-native  
sender: Isend to all neighbors  
receiver: Loop over nsp with  
Recv or Probe+malloc+Recv  
sender: Waitall

Another scalable solution: see Chapter 6-(2) → nonblocking barrier



2<sup>nd</sup> skip-point: Skip rest of this chapter

# One-sided: Summary

- Functional opportunities for some specific problems:
  - Scalable solutions with 1-sided compared to point-to-point or collective calls
- Several one-sided communication primitives
  - put / get / accumulate / ....
- Surrounded by several synchronization options
  - fence / post-start-complete-wait / lock-unlock ...
- User must ensure that there are no conflicting accesses
- For better performance **assertions** should be used with fence, start, post, and lock/lockall operations
- Performance-opportunities depend largely on the quality of the MPI library
  - See also halo example in next course chapter

# MPI–One-sided Exercise 1: Ring communication with fence

In MPI/tasks/...

- Use **C** C/Ch10/ring-1sided-win-skel.c  
or **Fortran** F\_30/Ch10/ring-1sided-win-skel\_30.f90  
or **Python** PY/Ch10/ring-1sided-win-skel.py

- General goal of exercises 1 and 2:

- Substitute the nonblocking communication by one-sided communication.
  - Two choices:

- either `rcv_buf = window`
      - `MPI_Win_fence` - the `rcv_buf` can be used to receive data
      - `MPI_Put` - to write the content of the local variable `snd_buf` into the remote window (`rcv_buf`)
      - `MPI_Win_fence` - the one-sided communication is finished, `rcv_buf` is filled
    - or `snd_buf = window`
      - `MPI_Win_fence` - the `snd_buf` is filled
      - `MPI_Get` - to read the content of the remote window (`snd_buf`) into the local variable `rcv_buf`
      - `MPI_Win_fence` - the one-sided communication is finished, `rcv_buf` is filled

Please use this choice in this exercise!

(The substitution of `Issend/Recv/Wait` by `Win_fence/Put/Win_fence` comes later in Exercise 2)

- **Task of this Exercise 1: Create all `rcv_buf` as windows in their processes, that's all in this exercise!**

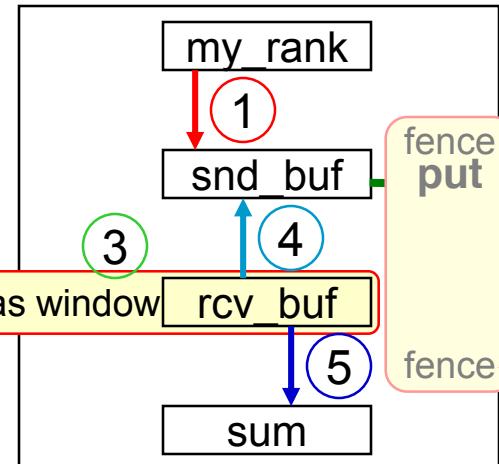
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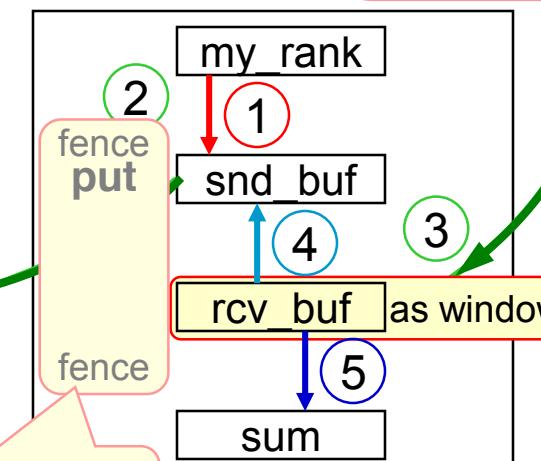
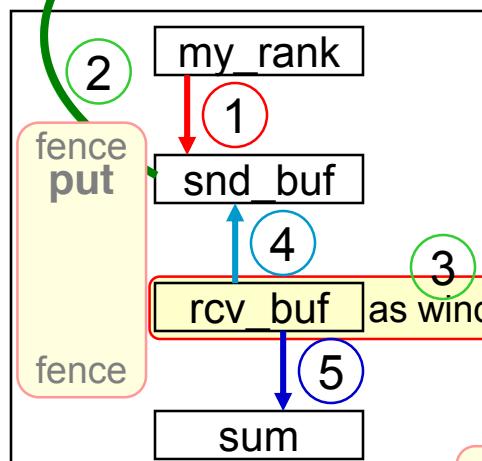
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snd\_buf reusable  
rcv\_buf is filled



All the rest will come  
in Exercise 2



# MPI–One-sided Exercise 1: additional hints

- MPI\_Win\_create:
  - base = reference to your rcv\_buf or snd\_buf variable
  - disp\_unit = number of bytes of one int / integer, because this is the datatype of the buffer (=window)
  - size = same number of bytes, because buffer size = 1 value
  - size and disp\_unit have different internal representations, therefore:

C

- C/C++: `MPI_Win_create(&rcv_buf, (MPI_Aint) sizeof(int), sizeof(int), MPI_INFO_NULL, ..., &win);`

Fortran

- Fortran:  
`INTEGER disp_unit  
INTEGER (KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) winsize, lb, extent  
CALL MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT(MPI_INTEGER, lb, extent, ierror)  
...  
disp_unit = extent  
winsize = disp_unit * 1  
CALL MPI_WIN_CREATE(rcv_buf, winsize, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL, ..., ierror)`

- MPI-3.1/MPI-4.0, Sect. 11.2.1, pages 403ff / Sect. 12.2.1, pages 553ff
- **Create all rcv\_buf as windows in their processes, that's all in this exercise!**
- **(The substitution of Issend/Recv/Wait by Win\_fence/Put/Win\_fence comes later in Exe. 2)**

# MPI–One-sided Exercise 2: Ring communication with fence

- Use **C** C/Ch10/ring-1sided-put-skel.c  
or **Fortran** F\_30/Ch10/ring-1sided-put-skel\_30.f90  
or **Python** PY/Ch10/ring-1sided-put-skel.py
- General goal of exercises 1 and 2:
  - Substitute the nonblocking communication by one-sided communication.
  - Two choices:
    - **either** `rcv_buf = window`
      - `MPI_Win_fence` - the `rcv_buf` can be used to receive data
      - `MPI_Put` - to write the content of the local variable `snd_buf` into the remote window (`rcv_buf`)
      - `MPI_Win_fence` - the one-sided communication is finished, `rcv_buf` is filled
    - **or** `snd_buf = window`
      - `MPI_Win_fence` - the `snd_buf` is filled
      - `MPI_Get` - to read the content of the remote window (`snd_buf`) into the local variable `rcv_buf`
      - `MPI_Win_fence` - the one-sided communication is finished, `rcv_buf` is filled
- In Exercise 1, you created the `rcv_buf` as windows, i.e., now accessible from outside through RMA operations.
- **Now, please substitute `Isend/Recv/Wait` by `Win_fence/Put/Win_fence`**

Please use  
this choice in  
this exercise!

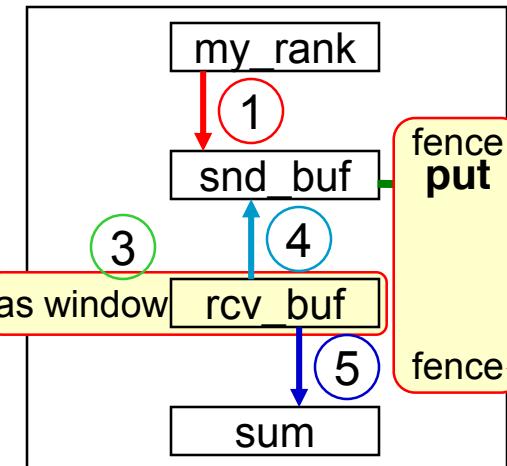
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Initialization: 1

Each iteration:

2 3 4 5

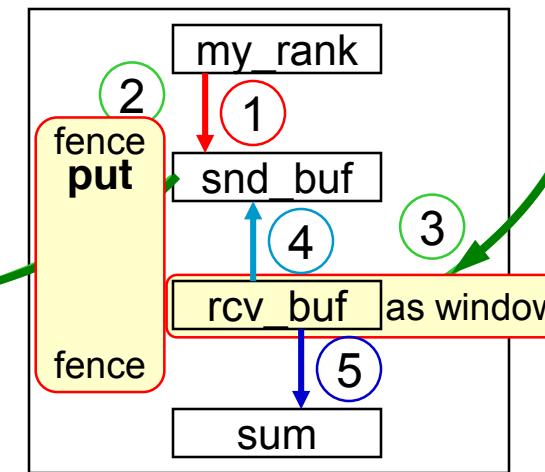
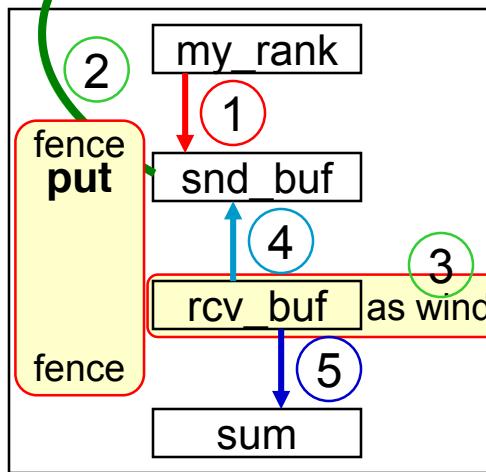
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# MPI–One-sided Exercise 2: additional hints

- MPI\_Put (or MPI\_Get):
  - target\_disp
    - C/C++: `MPI_Put(&snd_buf, 1, MPI_INT, right, (MPI_Aint) 0, 1, MPI_INT, win);`
    - Fortran: `INTEGER (KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) target_disp`  
`target_disp = 0`  
...  
`CALL MPI_PUT(snd_buf, 1, MPI_INTEGER, right, target_disp, 1,`  
`MPI_INTEGER, win, ierror)`

Or just "long" integer constant  
`0_MPI_ADDRESS_KIND`
  - Register problem with Fortran with destination buffer of **non-blocking** RMA operation:
    - Access to the `rcv_buf` before 1<sup>st</sup> **and** after 2<sup>nd</sup> **MPI\_WIN\_FENCE**:  
`INTEGER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: snd_buf, rcv_buf`  
...  
`IF (.NOT. MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) &`  
`CALL MPI_F_SYNC_REG(rcv_buf)`
    - Because `MPI_PUT(snd_buf)` is nonblocking → same with `snd_buf` after the 2<sup>nd</sup> FENCE
- MPI\_Put, see [MPI-3.1, Sect. 11.3.1, pages 418f](#) or [MPI-4.0, Sect. 12.3.1, pages 570f](#) and [Fortran MPI-3.1, Sect. 17.1.10-19, p. 631-648](#) or [MPI-4.0, Sect. 19.1.10-19, pages 817f](#)
- Assertions for MPI\_WIN\_FENCE:  
See [MPI-3.1, Sect. 11.5.5, pages 451](#) or [MPI-4.0, Sect. 12.5.5, pages 607f](#)

# MPI–One-sided Exercise 3: Post-start-complete-wait

C

Fortran

Python

- Use your result of exercise 2 or copy to your local directory:

`cp ~/MPI/tasks/C/Ch10/solutions/ring-1sided-put.c my_1sided_exa3.c`

`cp ~/MPI/tasks/F_30/Ch10/solutions/ring-1sided-put_30.f90 my_1sided_exa3_30.f90`

`cp ~/MPI/tasks/PY/Ch10/solutions/ring-1sided-put.py my_1sided_exa3.py`

- Tasks:

- Substitute the two calls to MPI\_Win\_fence by calls to MPI\_Win\_post / \_start / \_complete / \_wait

- Use of group mechanism to address the neighbors:

- `MPI_Comm_group(comm, group)`

- `MPI_Group_incl(group, n, ranks, newgroup)`

- Fortran new mpi\_f08: TYPE(MPI\_Comm) :: comm;  
INTEGER n, ranks(...); TYPE(MPI\_Group) :: group, newgroup

- C: `MPI_Comm comm; MPI_Group group, newgroup; int n, ranks[...];`

- Compile and run your `my_1sided_exa3.c` / `_30.f90`



# Chapter 10: Ring with one-sided communication

C

```
MPI_Win win;  
/* Create the window once before the loop: */  
MPI_Win_create(&rcv_buf, (MPI_Aint) sizeof(int), sizeof(int), MPI_INFO_NULL,  
                MPI_COMM_WORLD, &win);
```

MPI/tasks/C/Ch10/solutions/ring-1sided-win.c

Fortran

```
INTEGER, ASYNCHRONOUS::snd_buf  
TYPE(MPI_Win) :: win ; INTEGER :: disp_unit  
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: integer_size, lb, buf_size, target_disp  
  
! Create the window once before the loop:  
CALL MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT(MPI_INTEGER, lb, integer_size)  
buf_size = 1 * integer_size; disp_unit = integer_size  
CALL MPI_WIN_CREATE(rcv_buf, buf_size, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL, &  
                    MPI_COMM_WORLD, win)
```

Provided in the  
skeleton

Python

```
np_dtype = np.intc  
rcv_buf = np.empty((), dtype=np_dtype)  
win = MPI.Win.Create(memory=rcv_buf, disp_unit=rcv_buf.itemsize,  
                     info=MPI.INFO_NULL, comm=comm_world)
```

MPI/tasks/PY/Ch10/solutions/ring-1sided-win.py



# Chapter 10: Ring with one-sided communication

C

Inside of the loop; instead of Issend + Recv + Wait

```
MPI_Win win;
/* Create the window once before the loop: */
MPI_Win_create(&rcv_buf, (MPI_Aint) sizeof(int), sizeof(int), MPI_INFO_NULL,
               MPI_COMM_WORLD, &win);

MPI_Win_fence(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE | MPI_MODE_NOPRECEDE, win);
MPI_Put(&snd_buf, 1, MPI_INT, right, (MPI_Aint) 0, 1, MPI_INT, win);
MPI_Win_fence(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE | MPI_MODE_NOPUT | MPI_MODE_NOSUCCEED, win);
```

Fortran

Inside of the loop; instead of Issend + Recv + Wait

```
INTEGER, ASYNCHRONOUS::snd_buf, rcv_buf MPI/tasks/F_30/Ch10/solutions/ring-1sided-put_30.f90
TYPE(MPI_Win) :: win ; INTEGER :: disp_unit
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: integer_size, lb, buf_size, target_disp
! Create the window once before the loop:
CALL MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT(MPI_INTEGER, lb, integer_size)
buf_size = 1 * integer_size; disp_unit = integer_size
CALL MPI_WIN_CREATE(rcv_buf, buf_size, disp_unit, &
&                               MPI_INFO_NULL, MPI_COMM_WORLD, win)

IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(rcv_buf)
CALL MPI_WIN_FENCE(IOR(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE, MPI_MODE_NOPRECEDE), win)
target_disp=0 ! This "long" integer zero is needed in the call to MPI_PUT
CALL MPI_PUT(snd_buf, 1, MPI_INTEGER, right, target_disp, 1, MPI_INTEGER, win)
CALL MPI_WIN_FENCE(IOR(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE, IOR(MPI_MODE_NOPUT, MPI_MODE_NOSUCCEED)), win)
IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(rcv_buf)
IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(snd_buf)
```

In ring-1sided-put-WRONG-S\_30.f90, these lines are commented out:  
For example using gfortran with -O4, you may get completely wrong results.

Python

Inside of the loop; instead of Issend + Recv + Wait

```
np_dtype = np.intc
rcv_buf = np.empty((), dtype=np_dtype)
win = MPI.Win.Create(memory=rcv_buf, disp_unit=rcv_buf.itemsize,
                     info=MPI.INFO_NULL, comm=comm_world)

win.Fence(MPI.MODE_NOSTORE | MPI.MODE_NOPRECEDE)
win.Put((snd_buf, 1, MPI.INT), right, (0, 1, MPI.INT))
win.Fence(MPI.MODE_NOSTORE | MPI.MODE_NOPUT | MPI.MODE_NOSUCCEED)
```

# Chapter 10: Ring with one-sided communication – Assertions

```
/* in previous loop iterations */  
... = rcv_buf      /*the window*/  
/* Inside of the loop; instead of MPI_Issend / MPI_Recv / MPI_Wait: */  
A MPI_Win_fence(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE | MPI_MODE_NOPRECEDE, win);  
B MPI_Put(&snd_buf, 1, MPI_INT, right, (MPI_Aint) 0, 1, MPI_INT, win);  
B MPI_Win_fence(MPI_MODE_NOSTORE | MPI_MODE_NOPUT | MPI_MODE_NOSUCCEED, win);  
... = rcv_buf      /*the window*/
```

## MPI\_WIN\_FENCE:

- A** **B** MPI\_MODE\_NOSTORE — the local window was not updated by stores (or local get or receive calls) since last synchronization. 26  
27
- B** MPI\_MODE\_NOPUT — the local window will not be updated by put or accumulate calls after the fence call, until the ensuing (fence) synchronization. 28  
29
- A** MPI\_MODE\_NOPRECEDE — the fence does not complete any sequence of locally issued RMA calls. If this assertion is given by any process in the window group, then it must be given by all processes in the group. 30  
31
- B** MPI\_MODE\_NOSUCCEED — the fence does not start any sequence of locally issued RMA calls. If the assertion is given by any process in the window group, then it must be given by all processes in the group. 32  
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MPI-3.1, Sect.11.5.5., page 451 lines 26-38: <https://www mpi-forum.org/docs/mpi-3.1/mpi31-report.pdf#page=483>

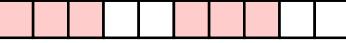
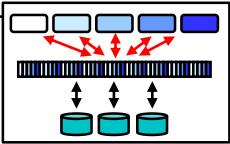
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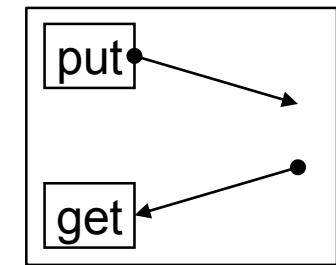
# Chap.11 Shared Memory One-sided Communication

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## 11. Shared memory one-sided communication

- (1) **`MPI_Comm_split_type` & `MPI_Win_allocate_shared`**  
**Hybrid MPI and MPI shared memory programming**
- (2) **`MPI` memory models and synchronization rules**

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# MPI shared memory

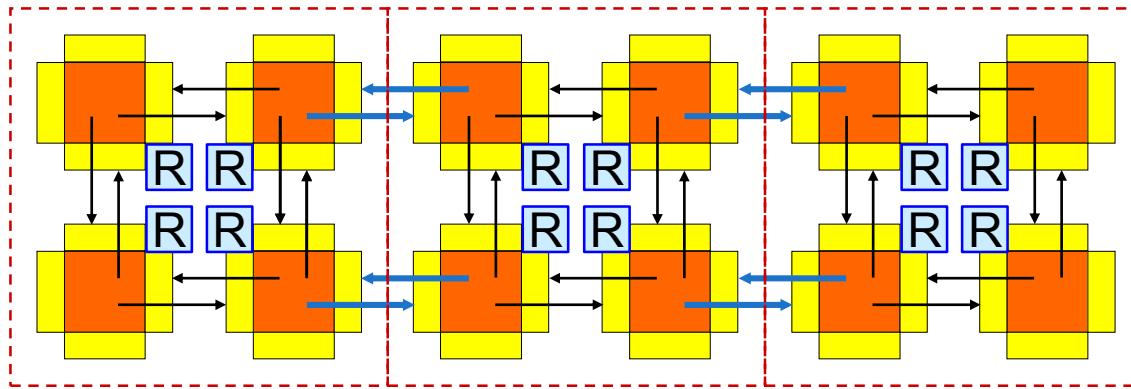
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- Split main communicator into shared memory islands
  - **MPI\_Comm\_split\_type**
- Define a shared memory window on each island
  - **MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared**
  - Result (by default):  
contiguous array, directly accessible by all processes of the island
- Accesses and synchronization
  - Normal assignments and expressions
  - No **MPI\_Put/Get** !
  - Normal MPI one-sided synchronization, e.g., **MPI\_Win\_fence**
- Caution:
  - Memory may be already completely pinned to the physical memory of the process with rank 0, i.e., the first touch rule (as in OpenMP) does **not** apply!  
(First touch rule: a memory page is pinned to the physical memory of the processor that first writes a byte into the page)



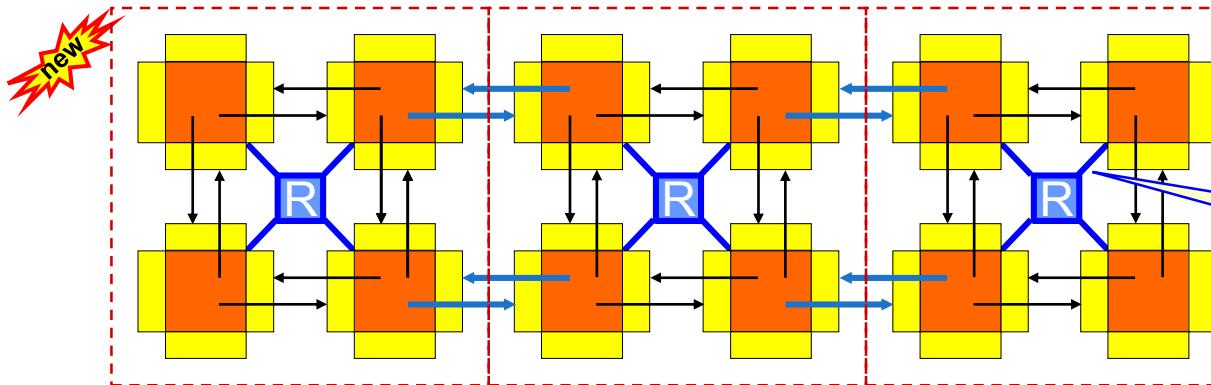
# Programming opportunities with MPI shared memory:

## 1) Reducing memory space for replicated data



R = Replicated data  
in each MPI process

Example:  
Cluster of 3 SMP nodes  
**without** using MPI  
shared memory methods



R = Shared memory  
→ replicated data  
only once within  
each SMP node

Direct loads & stores,  
no library calls

Using MPI  
shared memory methods

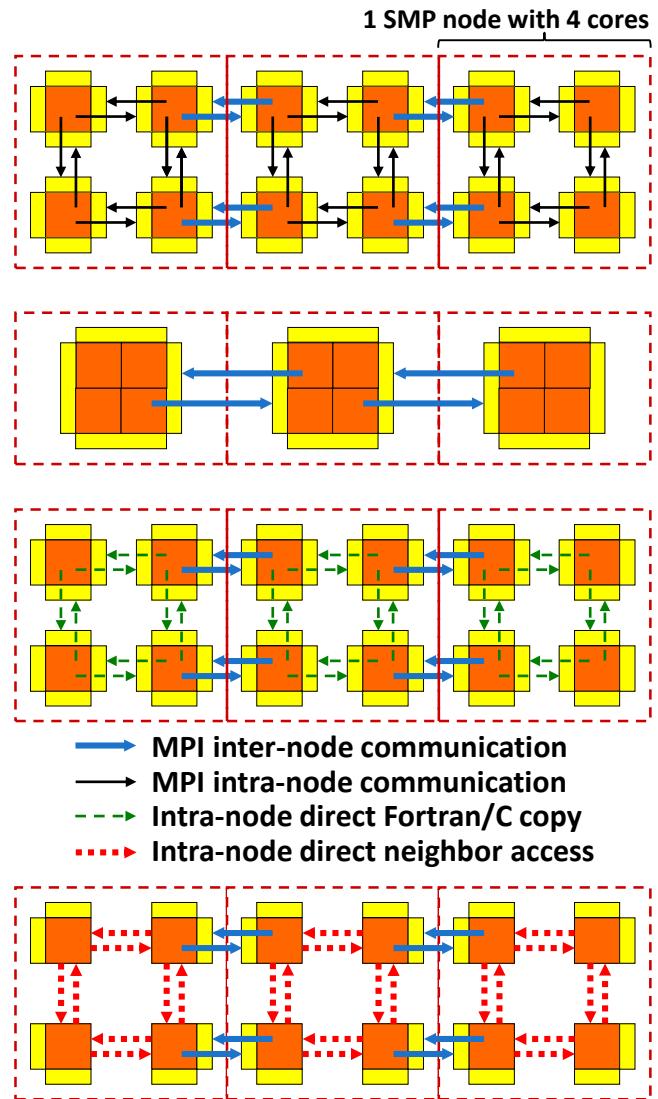
MPI shared memory can be used  
to significantly reduce the memory needs for replicated data.



# Programming opportunities with MPI shared memory:

## 2) Hybrid shared/cluster programming models

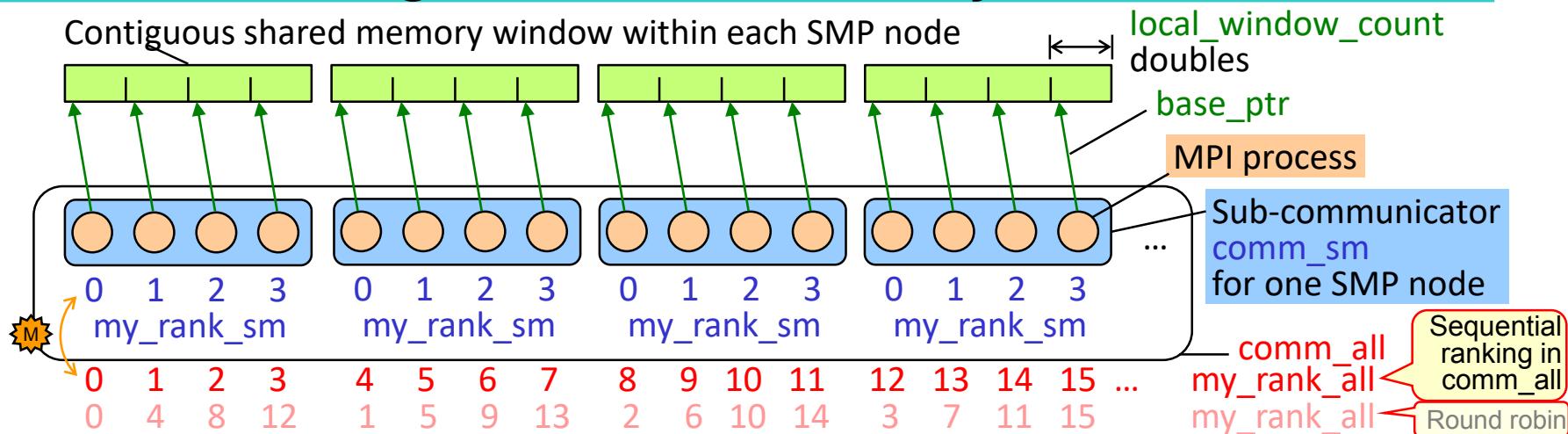
- MPI on each core (not hybrid)
  - Halos between all cores
  - MPI uses internally shared memory and cluster communication protocols
- MPI+OpenMP
  - Multi-threaded MPI processes
  - Halos communica. only between MPI processes
- MPI cluster communication + MPI shared memory communication
  - Same as “MPI on each core”, but
  - within the shared memory nodes, halo communication through direct copying with C or Fortran statements
- MPI cluster comm. + MPI shared memory access
  - Similar to “MPI+OpenMP”, but
  - shared memory programming through work-sharing between the MPI processes within each SMP node



Skip rest of this course chapter



# Splitting the communicator & contiguous shared memory allocation



```

MPI_Aint /*IN*/ local_window_count=10; double /*OUT*/ *base_ptr;
MPI_Comm comm_all, comm_sm;      int my_rank_all, my_rank_sm, size_sm, disp_unit;
MPI_Comm_rank (comm_all, &my_rank_all);
MPI_Comm_split_type (comm_all, MPI_COMM_TYPE_SHARED, 0,
    collective call      MPI_INFO_NULL, &comm_sm);

```

Sequence in comm\_sm  
as in comm\_all

```

MPI_Comm_rank (comm_sm, &my_rank_sm); MPI_Comm_size (comm_sm, &size_sm);
disp_unit = sizeof(double); /* shared memory should contain doubles */

```

```

F MPI_Win_allocate_shared ((MPI_Aint) local_window_count*disp_unit, disp_unit,
    collective call      MPI_INFO_NULL, comm_sm, &base_ptr, &win_sm);

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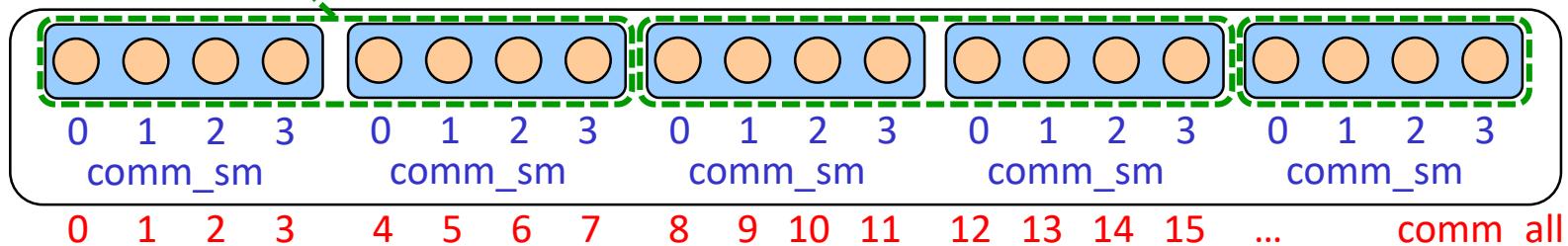
- F In Fortran, MPI-3.1/MPI-4.0, page 339/457f, Examples 8/9.1 (and 8/9.2) show how to convert buf\_ptr into a usable array a.
- M This mapping is based on the ranking in `comm_all`.

# Within each SMP node – Essentials

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- The allocated shared memory is contiguous across process ranks,
- i.e., the first byte of rank  $i$  starts right after the last byte of rank  $i-1$ .
- Processes can calculate remote addresses' offsets with local information only.
- Remote accesses through load/store operations,
- i.e., without MPI RMA operations (`MPI_Get/Put`, ...)
- Although each process in `comm_sm` accesses the same physical memory, the virtual start address of the whole array may be different in all processes!  
→ **linked lists** only with offsets in a shared array,  
but **not with binary pointer addresses!**
- Following slides show only the shared memory accesses,  
i.e., communication between the SMP nodes is not presented.

# Splitting into smaller shared memory islands, e.g., NUMA nodes or sockets



- Subsets of shared memory nodes, e.g., one comm\_sm on each socket with size\_sm cores (requires also sequential ranks in comm\_all for each socket!)

```
MPI_Comm_split_type (comm_all, MPI_COMM_TYPE_SHARED, 0, MPI_INFO_NULL, &comm_sm_large);
MPI_Comm_rank (comm_sm_large, &my_rank_sm_large); MPI_Comm_size (comm_sm_large, &size_sm_large);
MPI_Comm_split (comm_sm_large, /*color*/ my_rank_sm_large / size_sm, 0, &comm_sm);
MPI_Win_allocate_shared (... , comm_sm, ...);
```

or (size\_sm\_large / number\_of\_sockets) here 2

- Most MPI libraries have an non-standardized method to split a communicator into NUMA nodes (e.g., sockets): (see also [Current support for split types in MPI implementations or MPI based libraries](#))

- OpenMPI:** choose split\_type as OMPI\_COMM\_TYPE\_NUMA
- HPE:** MPI\_Info\_create (&info); MPI\_Info\_set(info, "shmem\_topo", "numa"); // or "socket"  
MPI\_Comm\_split\_type(comm\_all, MPI\_COMM\_TYPE\_SHARED, 0, info, &comm\_sm);
- mpich:** split\_type=MPIX\_COMM\_TYPE\_NEIGHBORHOOD, info\_key= "SHMEM\_INFO\_KEY" and  
value= "machine", "socket", "package", "numa", "core", "hwthread", "pu", "l1cache", ... or "l5cache"

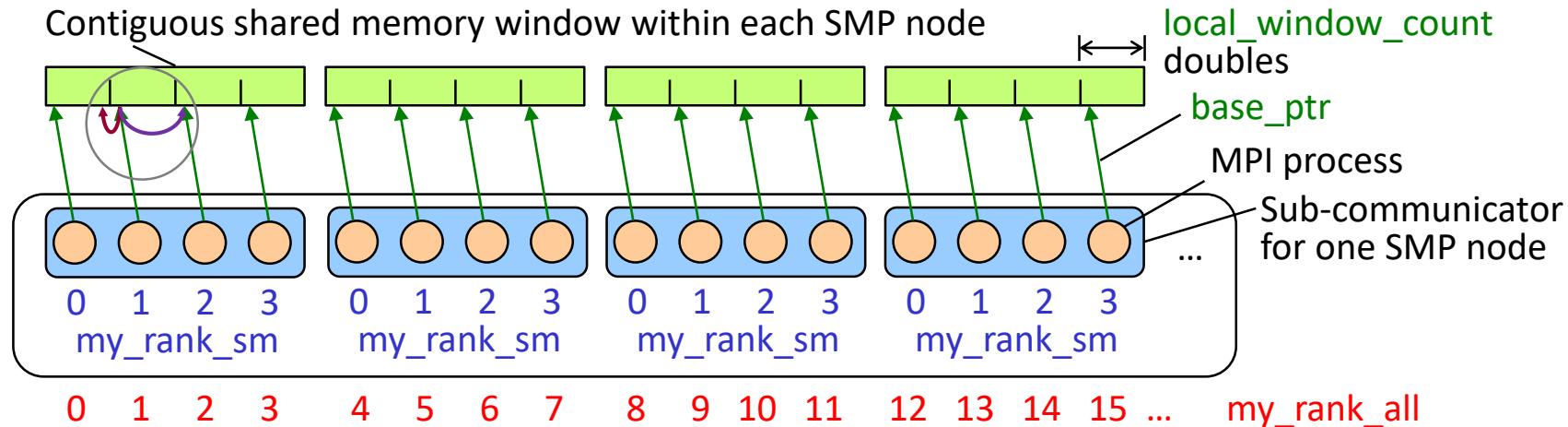
New in MPI-4.0

- Two additional standardized split types:
  - MPI\_COMM\_TYPE\_HW\_GUIDED and
  - MPI\_COMM\_TYPE\_HW\_UNGUIDED
- See also Exercise 3.

May not work with Intel-MPI

New in MPI-4.0

# Shared memory access example



```

MPI_Aint /*IN*/ local_window_count;      double /*OUT*/ *base_ptr;
MPI_Win_allocate_shared ((MPI_Aint) local_window_count*disp_unit, disp_unit,
                        MPI_INFO_NULL, comm_sm, &base_ptr, &win_sm);

Synchronization → MPI_Win_fence (0, win_sm); /*local store epoch can start*/
for (i=0; i<local_window_count; i++) base_ptr[i] = ... /* fill values into local portion */

Synchronization → MPI_Win_fence (0, win_sm); /* local stores are finished, remote load epoch can start */
if (my_rank_sm > 0)                  printf("left neighbor's rightmost value = %lf \n", base_ptr[-1] );
if (my_rank_sm < size_sm-1) printf("right neighbor's leftmost value = %lf \n",
                                  base_ptr[local_window_count] );

```

In Fortran, before and after the synchronization, one must add: CALL MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG (buffer) to guarantee that register copies of buffer are written back to memory, respectively read again from memory.

The buffer should be declared as ASYNCHRONOUS, see course Chapter 10, slide "Fortran Problems with 1-Sided".

Direct load access  
to remote window  
portion

# Alternative: Non-contiguous shared memory

- Using info key "alloc\_shared\_noncontig"
- MPI library can put processes' window portions
  - on page boundaries,
    - (internally, e.g., only one OS shared memory segment with some unused padding zones)
  - into the local ccNUMA memory domain + page boundaries
    - (internally, e.g., each window portion is one OS shared memory segment)

## Pros:

- Faster local data accesses especially on ccNUMA nodes

## Cons:

- Higher programming effort for neighbor accesses: MPI\_WIN\_SHARED\_QUERY

Further reading:

Torsten Hoefler, James Dinan, Darius Buntinas,  
Pavan Balaji, Brian Barrett, Ron Brightwell,  
William Gropp, Vivek Kale, Rajeev Thakur:

**MPI + MPI: a new hybrid approach to parallel  
programming with MPI plus shared memory.**

<http://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007%2Fs00607-013-0324-2.pdf>

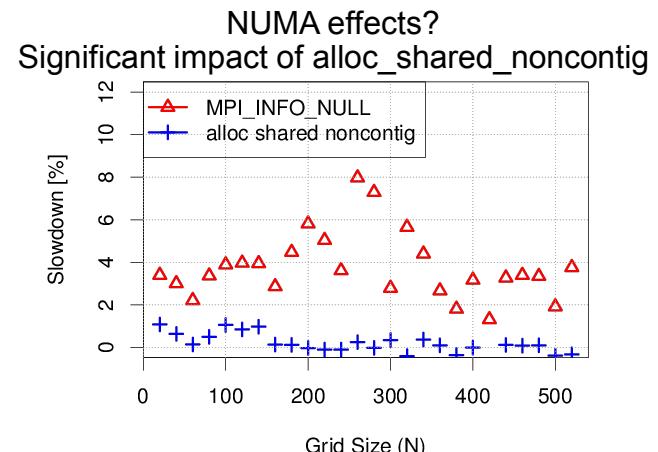
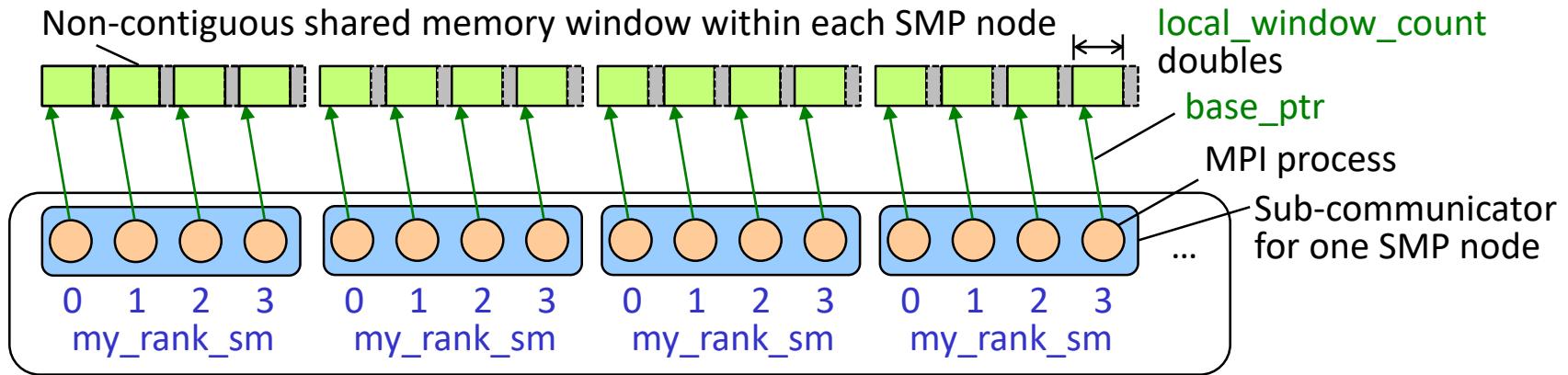


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# Non-contiguous shared memory allocation

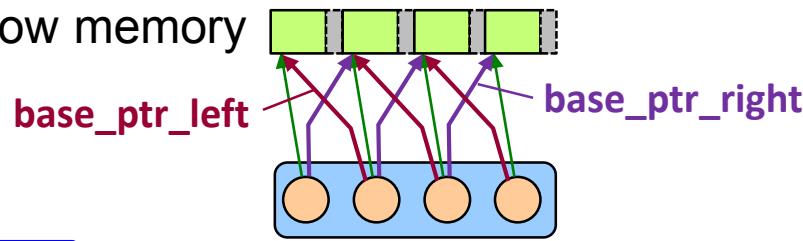


```
MPI_Aint /*IN*/ local_window_count;      double /*OUT*/ *base_ptr;  
disp_unit = sizeof(double); /* shared memory should contain doubles */  
MPI_Info info_noncontig;  
MPI_Info_create (&info_noncontig);  
MPI_Info_set (info_noncontig, "alloc_shared_noncontig", "true");  
MPI_Win_allocate_shared ((MPI_Aint) local_window_count*disp_unit, disp_unit, info_noncontig,  
                           comm_sm, &base_ptr, &win_sm );
```

# Non-contiguous shared memory: Neighbor access through MPI\_Win\_shared\_query

- Each process can retrieve each neighbor's base\_ptr with calls to **MPI\_Win\_shared\_query**
- Example: only pointers to the window memory of the left & right neighbor

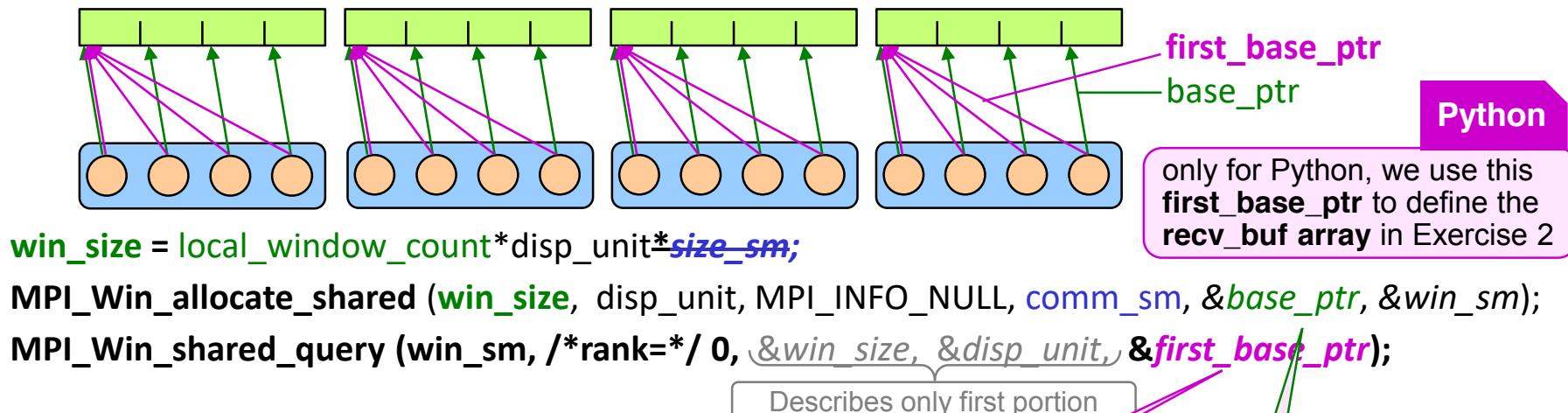
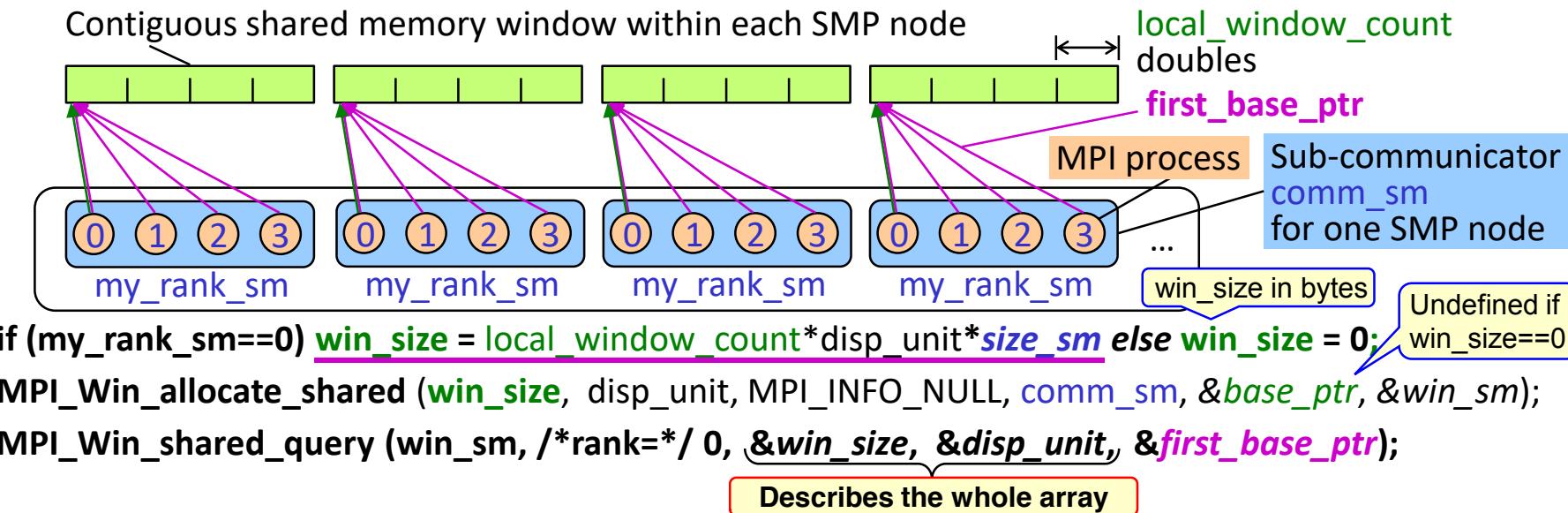
If only one process allocates the whole window  
→ to get the base\_ptr, all processes call MPI\_WIN\_SHARED\_QUERY



```
if (my_rank_sm > 0)          MPI_Win_shared_query (win_sm, my_rank_sm - 1,  
                                         &win_size_left,  &disp_unit_left,  &base_ptr_left);  
if (my_rank_sm < size_sm-1) MPI_Win_shared_query (win_sm, my_rank_sm + 1,  
                                         &win_size_right, &disp_unit_right, &base_ptr_right);  
...  
MPI_Win_fence (0, win_sm); /* local stores are finished, remote load epoch can start */  
if (my_rank_sm > 0)         printf("left neighbor's rightmost value = %lf \n",  
                                base_ptr_left[ win_size_left/disp_unit_left - 1 ]);  
if (my_rank_sm < size_sm-1) printf("right neighbor's leftmost value = %lf \n",  
                                base_ptr_right[ 0 ]);
```

Thanks to Steffen Weise (TU Freiberg) for testing  
and correcting the example codes.

# Whole shared memory allocation by rank 0 in comm\_sm



**CAUTION:** Aliasing may be forbidden in your programming language, i.e., within one process, do not access the same window element through two different pointers. **Recommendation here:** use to access the own window portion, and use to access remote elements.

# Other technical aspects with MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared

**Caution:** On some systems

- the number of shared memory windows, and
  - the total size of shared memory windows
- may be limited.

Some OS systems may provide options, e.g.,

- at job launch, or
  - MPI process start,
- to enlarge restricting defaults.

Another restriction in a low-quality MPI:  
**MPI\_Comm\_split\_type** may return always  
**MPI\_COMM\_SELF**

If MPI shared memory support is based on POSIX shared memory:

- Shared memory windows are located in memory-mapped /dev/shm or /run/shm
- Default: 25% or 50% of the physical memory, but a maximum of ~2043 windows!
- Root may change size with: `mount -o remount,size=6G /dev/shm .`

Cray XT/XE/XC (XPMEM): No limits.

On a system without virtual memory (like CNK on BG/Q), you have to reserve a chunk of address space when the node is booted (default is 64 MB).

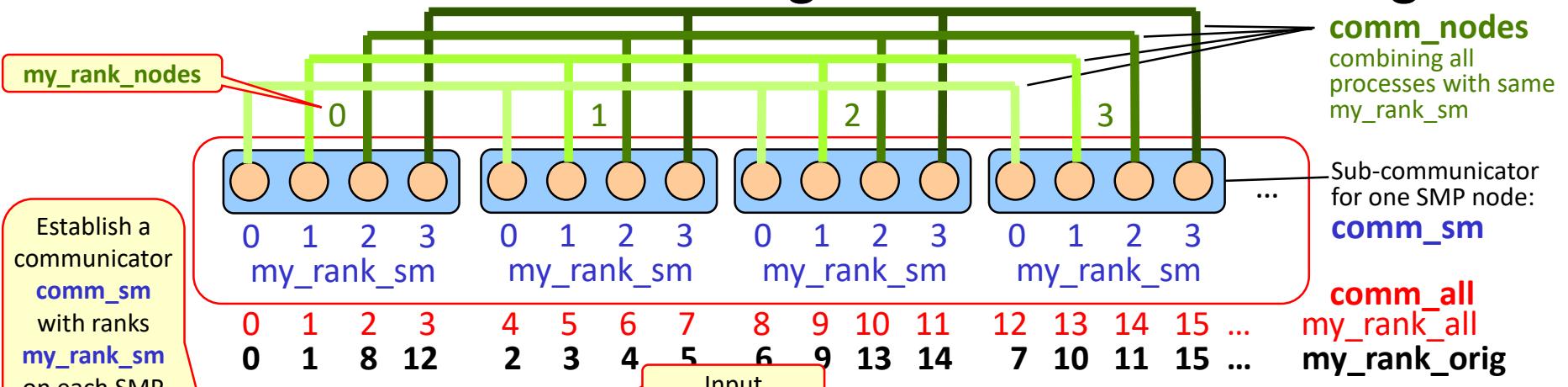
Thanks to Jeff Hammond and Jed Brown (ANL), Brian W Barrett (SANDIA), and Steffen Weise (TU Freiberg), for input and discussion.

Due to default limit of context IDs in mpich

# Annex:

## Establish `comm_sm`, `comm_nodes`, `comm_all`, if SMPs are not contiguous within `comm_orig`

*skipped*



```

MPI_Comm_split_type (comm_orig, MPI_COMM_TYPE_SHARED, 0, MPI_INFO_NULL, &comm_sm);
MPI_Comm_size (comm_sm, &size_sm); MPI_Comm_rank (comm_sm, &my_rank_sm);

MPI_Comm_split (comm_orig, my_rank_sm, 0, &comm_nodes); Result: comm_nodes combines all processes with a
MPI_Comm_size (comm_nodes, &size_nodes); given my_rank_sm into a separate communicator.

Exscan does not return value on the first rank, therefore
if (my_rank_sm==0) { On processes with my_rank_sm > 0, this comm_nodes is unused because
    MPI_Comm_rank (comm_nodes, &my_rank_nodes); node-numbering within these comm_nodes may be different.

    MPI_Exscan (&size_sm, &my_rank_all, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM, comm_nodes); Expanding the numbering from
    if (my_rank_nodes == 0) my_rank_all = 0; comm_nodes with my_rank_sm
} } == 0 to all new node-to-node
    MPI_Comm_free (&comm_nodes); communicators comm_nodes.

    MPI_Bcast (&my_rank_nodes, 1, MPI_INT, 0, comm_sm); Calculating my_rank_all and
    MPI_Comm_split (comm_orig, my_rank_sm, my_rank_nodes, &comm_nodes); establishing global communicator
    MPI_Bcast (&my_rank_all, 1, MPI_INT, 0, comm_sm); my_rank_all = my_rank_all + my_rank_sm;
    MPI_Comm_split (comm_orig, /*color*/ 0, my_rank_all, &comm_all);

```

# Exercise 1: Shared memory ring communication

- The following exercise is 1<sup>st</sup> based on ring-1sided-put.c / \_30.f90 and 2<sup>nd</sup> on ring-1sided-put-win-alloc.c / \_30.f90, which already includes:
  - Using MPI\_Win\_allocate to allocate the rcv\_buf, i.e., not yet the shared memory variant!
  - Therefore in C, local rcv\_buf is substituted by \*rcv\_buf\_ptr – changed code lines:

```

int snd_buf;    int *rcv_buf_ptr;
-----/* Allocate the window. */
-----MPI_Win_allocate(&rev_buf, sizeof(int), sizeof(int), MPI_INFO_NULL,
-----MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rcv_buf_ptr, &win);
-----snd_buf = *rcv_buf_ptr;
-----sum += *rcv_buf_ptr;
  
```

- In Fortran, the skeleton uses C\_F\_POINTER – changed code lines:

```

USE, INTRINSIC :: ISO_C_BINDING, ONLY : C_PTR, C_F_POINTER
-----INTEGER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: snd_buf
-----INTEGER, POINTER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: rcv_buf !or rcv_buf(:) if it is an array
-----TYPE(C_PTR) :: ptr_rcv_buf
-----! ALLOCATE THE WINDOW.
-----CALL MPI_Win_allocate(rev_buf, rcv_buf_size, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL, &
-----&                               MPI_COMM_WORLD, ptr_rcv_buf, win)
-----! CALL C_F_POINTER(ptr_rcv_buf, rcv_buf, (/shape_of_number_of_elements/))
-----! rcv_buf(0:) => rcv_buf ! change lower bound to 0 (instead of default 1)
-----CALL C_F_POINTER(ptr_rcv_buf, rcv_buf) ! if rcv_buf is not an array
-----snd_buf = rcv_buf
-----sum = sum + rcv_buf
  
```

if rcv\_buf  
is an array

unchanged

# Exercise 1: Shared memory ring communication

## Python

```
- rcv_buf = np.empty((), dtype=np_dtype)
  win = MPI.Win.Create(memory=rcv_buf, disp_unit=rcv_buf.itemsize,
                       info=MPI.INFO_NULL, comm=comm_world)
→ win = MPI.Win.Allocate(np_dtype(0).itemsize, np_dtype(0).itemsize,
                        MPI.INFO_NULL, comm_world)
  rcv_buf = np.frombuffer(win, dtype=np_dtype)
  rcv_buf = np.reshape(rcv_buf,())
```

- And 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fortran, it is finally based on on ring-1sided-put-win-alloc-arr\_30.f90, which declares rcv\_buf as 0-based array

## Fortran

- In Fortran, this ...-arr skeleton uses C\_F\_POINTER for rcv\_buf as an array:

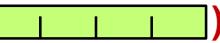
```
USE, INTRINSIC :: ISO_C_BINDING, ONLY : C_PTR, C_F_POINTER
----- INTEGER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: snd_buf
----- INTEGER, POINTER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: rcv_buf(:) if rcv_buf should be an array
----- TYPE(C_PTR) :: ptr_rcv_buf
----- ! ALLOCATE THE WINDOW.
      CALL MPI_Win_allocate(rcv_buf, rcv_buf_size, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL, &
                           MPI_COMM_WORLD, ptr_rcv_buf, win)
      CALL C_F_POINTER(ptr_rcv_buf, rcv_buf, (/1/)) ! 1=length if rcv_buf is an array
      rcv_buf(0:) => rcv_buf ! change lower bound to 0
      ! CALL C_F_POINTER(ptr_rcv_buf, rcv_buf) ! if rcv_buf is not an array
      snd_buf = rcv_buf(0) if rcv_buf is an array with lower bound 0
      sum = sum + rcv_buf(0)
```

- All three steps are combined into the skeletons for the exercise on the next slide

# Exercise 1: Shared memory ring communication

- Tasks:

In MPI/tasks/...

- Use **C** C/Ch11/ring-1sided-**put**-win-alloc-shared-skel.c
  - or **Fortran** F\_30/Ch11/ring-1sided-**put**-win-alloc-shared-skel\_30.f90
  - or **Python** PY/Ch11/ring-1sided-**put**-win-alloc-shared-skel.py
- **Task A:** Add **MPI\_Comm\_split\_type** directly after **MPI\_Init**.
  - **The ring algorithm should be executed only within the new comm\_sm**
  - Therefore from there, use **comm\_sm**
  - and of course also **my\_rank\_sm** and **size\_sm** of **comm\_sm**
  - Please, **be not confused**, if you are running this example **on a shared memory system**: In this case **MPI\_Comm\_split\_type** will **not split** **MPI\_COMM\_WORLD**.  
**It will return a copy of it instead. This is okay!**
- **Task B:** Substitute **MPI\_Win\_allocate** by **MPI\_Win\_allocate\_shared**
  - The skeletons are already prepared with
    - **size\_world** and **my\_rank\_world** for **MPI\_COMM\_WORLD**
    - **size\_sm** and **my\_rank\_sm** for **comm\_sm**
  - And the print/write-statement already prints both **my\_ranks**
- **(Please do not modify the MPI\_Put – this will be done in Exercise 2 after the next talk i.e., ignore that the window portions are in one contiguous array**  **)**

i.e., in C and Fortran,  
each process points to  
its own window portion

# Exercise 2: Shared memory ring communication

- Task of this exercise:
  - Use **C** C/Ch11/ring-1sided-store-win-alloc-shared-skel.c  
or **Fortran** F\_30/Ch11/ring-1sided-store-win-alloc-shared-skel\_30.f90  
or **Python** PY/Ch11/ring-1sided-store-win-alloc-shared-skel.py
  - Substitute **MPI\_Put** by a direct assignment of the value of `snd_buf` into the `rcv_buf` of the right (i.e. `my_rank_sm+1`) neighbor
    - `*rcv_buf_ptr` (in C) and `rcv_buf(0)` (in Fortran) is the local `rcv_buf`
    - The `rcv_buf` of the right neighbor can be accessed through the word-offset “**+1**” in the direct assignment `*(rcv_buf_ptr+(offset)) = snd_buf` (in C)  
or `rcv_buf(0+(offset)) = snd_buf` (in Fortran)
    - In the ring, a word-offset with the value **+1** should be expressed with **(right – my\_rank\_sm)**, which is normally **+1**, except for the last process, where it is **-size+1**
    - Fortran: Be sure that you add additional calls to `MPI_F_SYNC_REG` between both `MPI_Win_fence` and your direct assignment, i.e., directly before and after `rcv_buf(0+(offset)) = snd_buf`. Reason: One must prevent that the compiler may move the store to `rcv_buf` across the calls to `MPI_Fence`!
- Problem with MPI-3.0 to MPI-4.0: The role of assertions in RMA synchronization used for direct shared memory accesses (i.e., without RMA calls) is not clearly defined!  
Implication: **MPI\_Win\_fence can be used, but only with assert = 0.** (State March 01, 2015)
- Python: all processes shall point to the start of the whole array** i.e., In Python, add a call to `MPI_Win_shared_query`



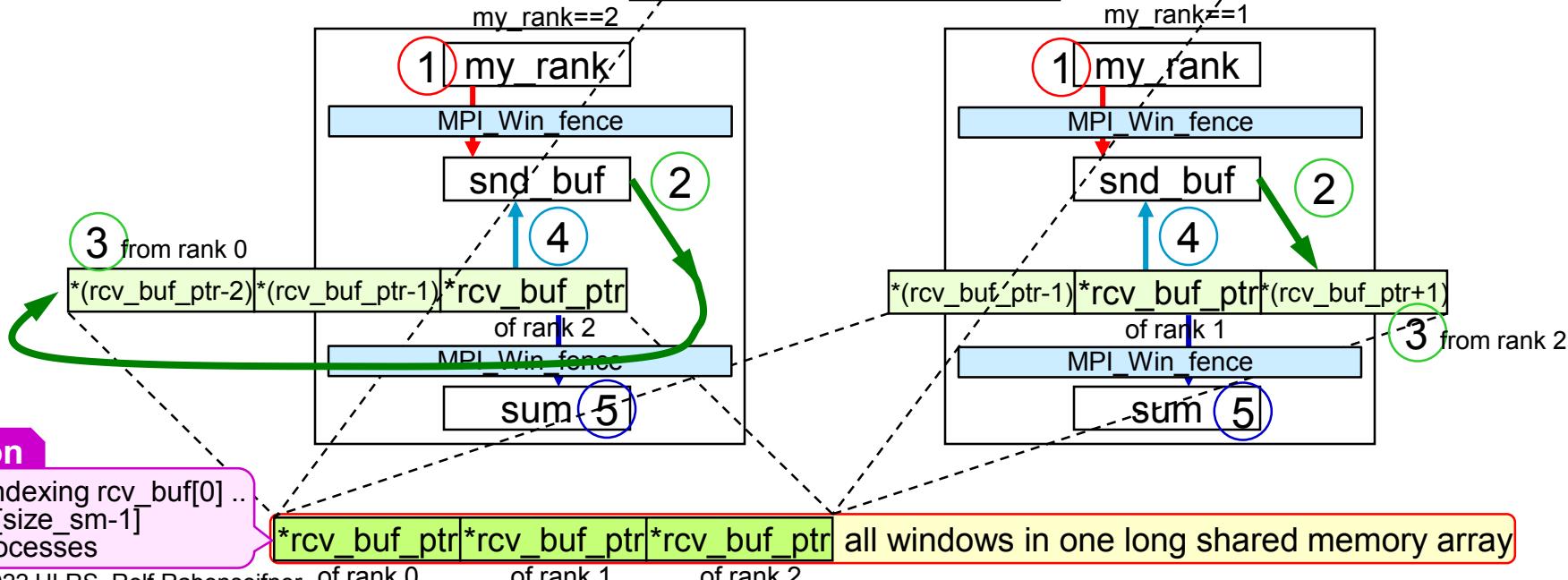
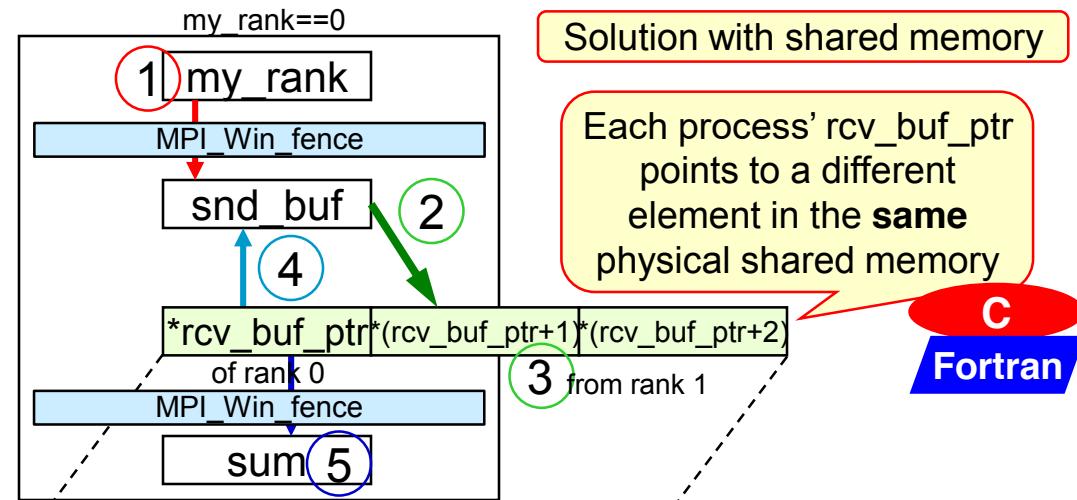
# Exercise 2: Shared memory ring communication

Initialization: 1

Each iteration:

2 3 4 5

to be substituted  
by 1-sided shared  
memory assignments



# Advanced Exercise 1b: Smaller Islands

- Task of this exercise:
  - Use **C** C/Ch11/ring-1sided-**put**-win-alloc-shared-subislands-skel.c  
or **Fortran** F\_30/Ch11/ring-1sided-**put**-win-alloc-shared-subislands-skel\_30.f90  
or **Python** PY/Ch11/ring-1sided-**put**-win-alloc-shared-subislands-skel.py
  - Split comm\_sm into two comm\_sm\_sub
    - For example 12 processes into 2x 6 processes or 11 processes into 6+5 processes
  - For this, substitute the \_\_\_\_\_ lines
  - Compile and run: mpirun -np 11 ./a.out | sed -e 's/World://' | sort -n
  - Result may be

```

0 of 11 comm_sm: 0 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 0 of 6 l/r=5/1 Sum = 15
MPI_COMM_WORLD consists of only one shared memory region
 1 of 11 comm_sm: 1 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 1 of 6 l/r=0/2 Sum = 15
 2 of 11 comm_sm: 2 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 2 of 6 l/r=1/3 Sum = 15
 3 of 11 comm_sm: 3 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 3 of 6 l/r=2/4 Sum = 15
 4 of 11 comm_sm: 4 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 4 of 6 l/r=3/5 Sum = 15
 5 of 11 comm_sm: 5 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 5 of 6 l/r=4/0 Sum = 15
 6 of 11 comm_sm: 6 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 0 of 5 l/r=4/1 Sum = 10
 7 of 11 comm_sm: 7 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 1 of 5 l/r=0/2 Sum = 10
 8 of 11 comm_sm: 8 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 2 of 5 l/r=1/3 Sum = 10
 9 of 11 comm_sm: 9 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 3 of 5 l/r=2/4 Sum = 10
10 of 11 comm_sm: 10 of 11 comm_sm_sub: 4 of 5 l/r=3/0 Sum = 10

```

- Maybe that your installation provides non-standardized methods to split a node with 2 CPUs into these CPUs (=NUMA domains, or SOCKETS)

# Chapter 11-(1) Exercise 1: Ring with shared memory one-sided comm.

C

MPI/tasks/C/Ch11/solutions/ring\_1sided\_put\_win\_alloc\_shared.c

```
int my_rank_world, size_world;
int my_rank_sm, size_sm;
MPI_Comm comm_sm;
int snd_buf;
int *rcv_buf_ptr;
MPI_Comm_split_type(MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_COMM_TYPE_SHARED, 0,
                     MPI_INFO_NULL, &comm_sm);
MPI_Comm_rank(comm_sm, &my_rank_sm);
MPI_Comm_size(comm_sm, &size_sm);
if (my_rank_sm == 0)
{ if (size_sm == size_world)
    { printf("MPI_COMM_WORLD consists of only one shared memory region\n");
    } else
    { printf("MPI_COMM_WORLD is split into 2 or more shared memory islands\n");
    } }
right = (my_rank_sm+1)           % size_sm;
left  = (my_rank_sm-1+size_sm)   % size_sm;
MPI_Win_allocate_shared((MPI_Aint) sizeof(int), sizeof(int), MPI_INFO_NULL,
                       comm_sm, &rcv_buf_ptr, &win);
snd_buf = my_rank_sm;
for( i = 0; i < size_sm; i++)
{
    MPI_Win_fence(0, win);
    MPI_Put(&snd_buf, 1, MPI_INT, right, (MPI_Aint) 0, 1, MPI_INT, win);
    MPI_Win_fence(0, win);
    snd_buf = *rcv_buf_ptr;
    sum += *rcv_buf_ptr;
}
```

# Chapter 11-(1) Exercise 1: Ring with shared memory one-sided comm.

Fortran

```
USE mpi_f08      MPI/tasks/F_30/Ch11/solutions/ring_1sided_put_win_alloc_shared_30.f90
USE, INTRINSIC :: ISO C BINDING, ONLY : C PTR, C F POINTER
INTEGER :: my_rank_world, size_world
INTEGER :: my_rank_sm, size_sm
TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm_sm
INTEGER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: snd_buf
INTEGER, POINTER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: rcv_buf(:) ! "(:)" because it is an array
TYPE(C PTR) :: ptr_rcv_buf
CALL MPI_Comm_split_type(MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_COMM_TYPE_SHARED, 0, &
    & MPI_INFO_NULL, comm_sm)
CALL MPI_Comm_rank(comm_sm, my_rank_sm)
CALL MPI_Comm_size(comm_sm, size_sm)
IF (my_rank_sm == 0) THEN
    IF (size_sm == size_world) THEN
        write (*,*) 'comm_sm consists of only one shared memory region'
    ELSE
        write (*,*) 'comm_sm is split into 2 or more shared memory islands'
    END IF
END IF
right = mod(my_rank_sm+1,           size_sm)
left  = mod(my_rank_sm-1+size_sm,   size_sm)
CALL MPI_Win_allocate_shared(rcv_buf_size, disp_unit, MPI_INFO_NULL, &
    & comm_sm, ptr_rcv_buf, win)
CALL C_F_POINTER(ptr_rcv_buf, rcv_buf, (/1/)) ! if rcv_buf is an array
rcv_buf(0:) => rcv_buf ! change lower bound to 0
snd_buf = my_rank_sm
DO i = 1, size_sm
    snd_buf = rcv_buf(0)
    sum = sum + rcv_buf(0)
```

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Python

```
from mpi4py import MPI  MPI/tasks/PY/Ch11/solutions/ring_1sided_put_win_alloc_shared.py
import numpy as np
np_dtype = np.intc
status = MPI.Status()
comm_world = MPI.COMM_WORLD
my_rank_world = comm_world.Get_rank()
size_world = comm_world.Get_size()
comm_sm = comm_world.Split_type(MPI.COMM_TYPE_SHARED, 0, MPI.INFO_NULL)
my_rank_sm = comm_sm.Get_rank()
size_sm = comm_sm.Get_size()
if (my_rank_sm == 0):
    if (size_sm == size_world):
        print("MPI_COMM_WORLD consists of only one shared memory region")
    else:
        print("MPI_COMM_WORLD is split into 2 or more shared memory islands")
right = (my_rank_sm+1)          % size_sm
left = (my_rank_sm-1+size_sm)   % size_sm
# Allocate the window and use it as rcv buf
win = MPI.Win.Allocate_shared(np_dtype(0).itemsize*1, np_dtype(0).itemsize,
                             MPI.INFO_NULL, comm_sm)
rcv_buf = np.frombuffer(win, dtype=np_dtype)
rcv_buf = np.reshape(rcv_buf, ())
sum = 0
snd_buf = np.array(my_rank_sm, dtype=np_dtype)
for i in range(size_sm):
    win.Fence(MPI.MODE_NOSTORE | MPI.MODE_NOPRECEDE)
    win.Put((snd_buf, 1, MPI.INT), right, (0, 1, MPI.INT))
    win.Fence(MPI.MODE_NOSTORE | MPI.MODE_NOPUT | MPI.MODE_NOSUCCEED)
    np.copyto(snd_buf, rcv_buf)
    sum += rcv_buf
print("World: {} of {} \tcomm sm: {} of {} \tSum = {}".format(
    my_rank_world, size_world, my_rank_sm, size_sm, sum));  win.Free()
```

Only 1 element

# The buffer interface is not implemented for the Win class prior to version 3.0.0.  
# This code will work with mpi4py 3.0.0 and above.

# Chapter 11-(1) Exercise 2: Ring with shared memory one-sided comm.

MPI/tasks/C/Ch11/solutions/ring\_1sided\_store\_win\_alloc\_shared.c

c

And all fences without assertions (as long as not otherwise standardized):

```
MPI_Win_allocate_shared((MPI_Aint) sizeof(int), sizeof(int),
                        MPI_INFO_NULL, comm_sm, &rcv_buf_ptr, &win);
sum = 0;
snd_buf = my_rank_sm;

for( i = 0; i < size_sm; i++)
{
    MPI_Win_fence( /*workaround: no assertions:*/ 0, win);

    // MPI_Put(&snd_buf, 1, MPI_INT, right, (MPI_Aint) 0, 1, MPI_INT, win);
    // ... is substituted by
    //           (with offset "right-my_rank" to store into right neighbor's rcv_buf):
    *(rcv_buf_ptr+(right-my_rank_sm)) = snd_buf;

    MPI_Win_fence( /*workaround: no assertions:*/ 0, win);

    snd_buf = *rcv_buf_ptr;
    sum += *rcv_buf_ptr;
}

printf ("World: %i of %i \tcomm_sm: %i of %i \tSum = %i\n",
       my_rank_world, size_world, my_rank_sm, size_sm, sum);

MPI_Win_free(&win);
```

# Chapter 11-(1) Exercise 2: Ring with shared memory one-sided comm.

Fortran

```
MPI/tasks/F_30/Ch11/solutions/ring_1sided_store_win_alloc_shared_30.f90

USE mpi_f08
USE, INTRINSIC :: ISO_C_BINDING, ONLY : C_PTR, C_F_POINTER
IMPLICIT NONE

INTEGER :: snd_buf ! no longer ASYNCHRONOUS, because no MPI_Put(snd_buf, ...)
INTEGER, POINTER, ASYNCHRONOUS :: recv_buf(:)
TYPE(C_PTR) :: ptr_recv_buf

sum = 0
snd_buf = my_rank_sm
DO i = 1, size_sm
    IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(recv_buf)
    CALL MPI_WIN_FENCE(0, win) ! Workaround: no assertions
    IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(recv_buf)
    recv_buf(0+(right-my_rank_sm)) = snd_buf
    IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(recv_buf)
    CALL MPI_WIN_FENCE(0, win) ! Workaround: no assertions
    IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(recv_buf)
    IF (.NOT.MPI_ASYNC_PROTECTS_NONBLOCKING) CALL MPI_F_sync_reg(snd_buf)
    {
        snd_buf = recv_buf(0)
        sum = sum + recv_buf(0)
    }
END DO
WRITE(*,*) 'World:', my_rank_world, ' of ', size_world, &
&           'comm_sm:', my_rank_sm, ' of ', size_sm, '; Sum = ', sum
```

Needed to prevent code movement of load/store to recv\_buf across the fences in current and next loop iteration.

New:  
Needed to prevent movement of recv\_buf(...) =snd\_buf across nearest fences

No longer needed, because the access to snd\_buf is no longer a nonblocking MPI call. Now, it is a directly executed expression.

# Chapter 11-(1) Exercise 2: Ring with shared memory one-sided comm.

Python

```
np_dtype = np.intc                                MPI/tasks/PY/Ch11/solutions/ring_1sided_store_win_alloc_shared.py
# Allocate the window.
win = MPI.Win.Allocate_shared(np_dtype(0).itemsize*1, np_dtype(0).itemsize,
                             MPI.INFO_NULL, comm_sm)
# The buffer interface is not implemented
# for the Win class prior to version 3.0.0.
# This code will work with mpi4py 3.0.0 and above.
# We define an memory object with the rank 0 process' base address and
# length up to the last element of the shared memory allocated by
# Allocate_shared.
(buf_zero, itemsize) = win.Shared_query(0)
assert itemsize == MPI.INT.Get_size()
assert itemsize == np_dtype(0).itemsize
buf = MPI.memory.fromaddress(buf_zero.address, size_sm*1*itemsize)
# We use this memory object and consider it as an numpy ndarray
rcv_buf = np.frombuffer(buf, dtype=np_dtype)

sum = 0
snd_buf = np.array(my_rank_sm, dtype=np_dtype)

for i in range(size_sm):
    win.Fence() # workaround: no assertions

    # MPI_Put(&snd_buf, 1, MPI_INT, right, (MPI_Aint) 0, 1, MPI_INT, win);
    # ... is substituted by:
    rcv_buf[right] = snd_buf

    win.Fence() # workaround: no assertions

    snd_buf = rcv_buf[my_rank_sm]
    sum += rcv_buf[my_rank_sm]
```

Only 1 rcv\_buf element  
per process

Number of  
processes

Only 1 rcv\_buf element  
per process