

A Multilayer Approach to Simulate Large Multiscale Computational mechanics Problem Using Grid



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The 20+ Year Vision

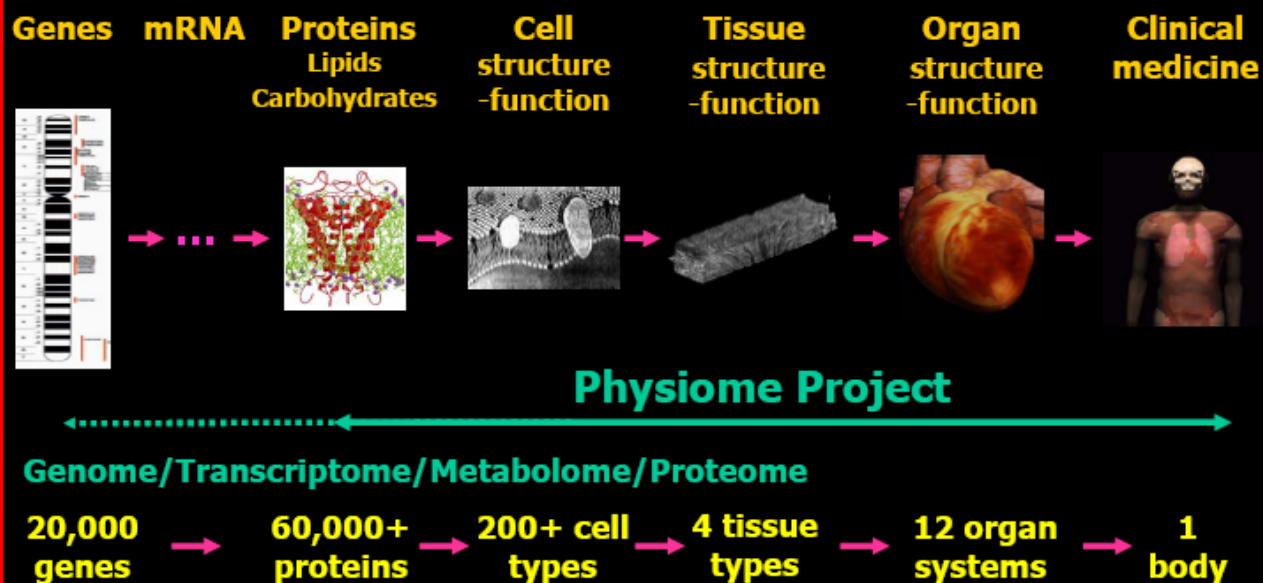
- Imagine a "digital body double"
 - 3D image-based medical record
 - Includes diagnostic, pathologic, and other information
- Used for:
 - Diagnosis
 - Less invasive surgery-by-robot
 - Experimental treatments
- Digital Human Effort
 - Lead by the Federation of American Scientists



Digital Human: International Project

<http://www.fas.org/dh/>

Genes to Organs & Organisms



Hunter, PJ and Borg, TK. Integration from proteins to organs: The Physiome Project. Nature Reviews Molec& Cell Biol.4:237-243, 2003

How Large is the Arterial-Tree Problem?

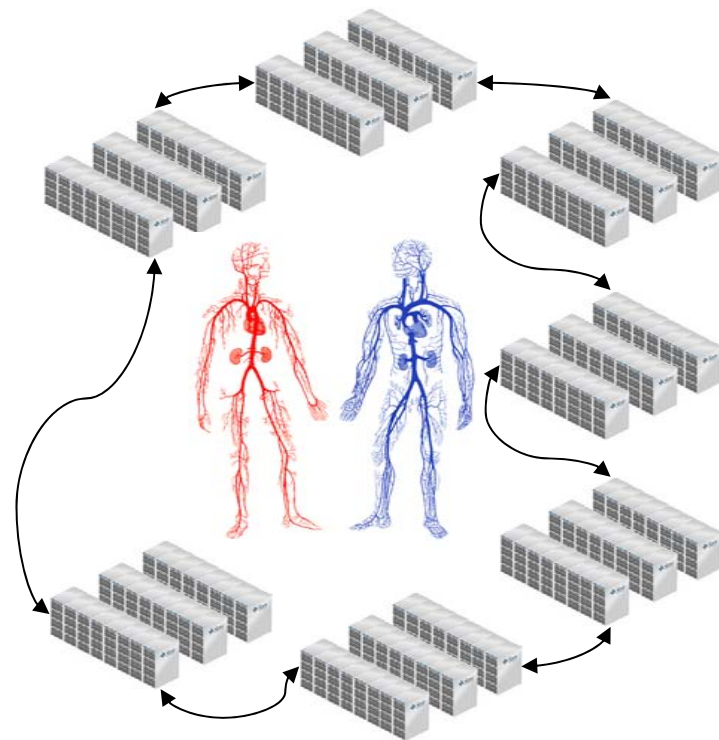
➤ On the average, an adult human who weighs 70 kg. has a blood volume of 5 liters.

Typical volume of tetrahedral elements with an edge of 0.5 mm is about 0.0147 mm³.

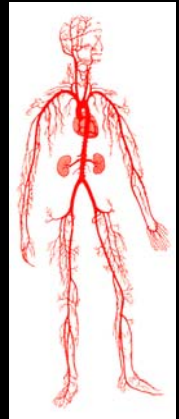
➤ 339M tetrahedral elements.

➤ $339E6 \cdot (P+3)(P+2)^2 = 85.4 E9$
Degrees of Freedom per one variable
(P=4) => **10 TB of Memory!**

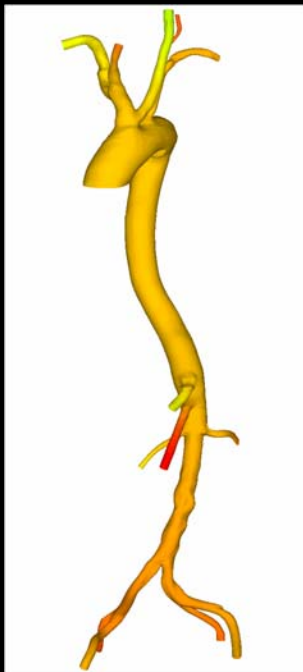
➤ *A human is a multicellular eukaryote consisting of an estimated 100 trillion cells...*



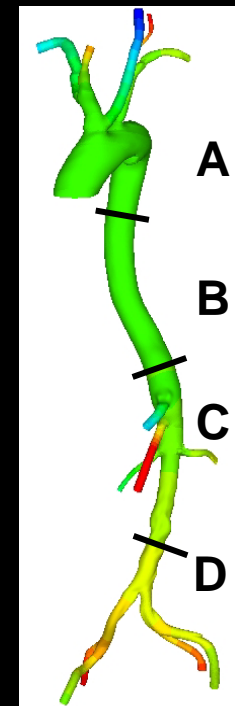
3D Numerical Simulation of Flow in Human Aorta



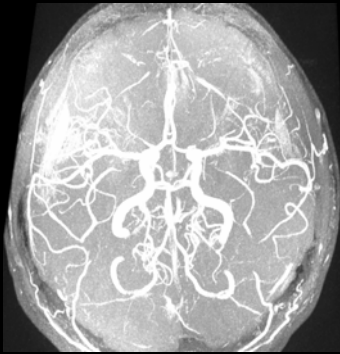
	# of spectral elements	Polynomial order	# of DOF (per variable)
Domain A	120,813	6	69,588,288
Domain B	20,797	6	11,979,072
Domain C	106,219	6	61,182,144
Domain D	77,966	6	44,908,416
Total	325,795	6	187,657,920



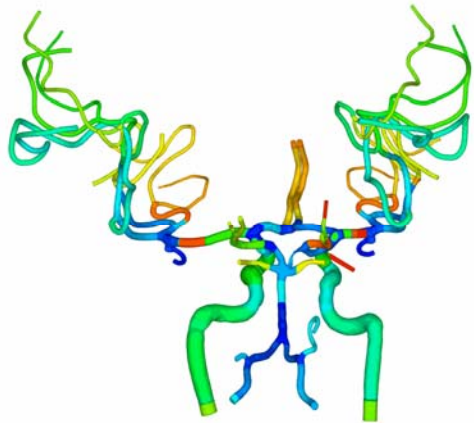
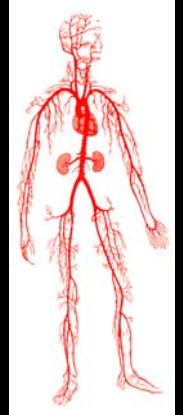
# CPU (CRAY XT3)	256	994	1976
CPU time / time step	4.06 sec	1.24 sec	0.77 sec



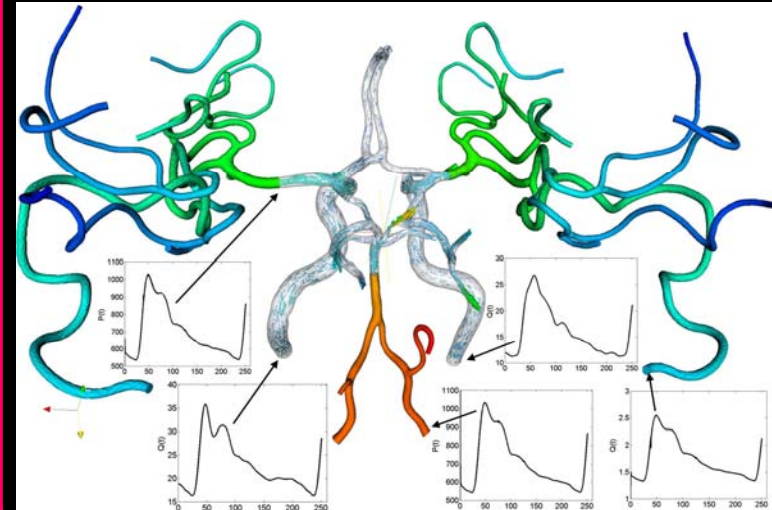
3D Numerical Simulation of Flow in Human Cranial Arterial System



	# of elements	Polynomial order	# of DOF per variable
Domain A	162,909	5	63,860,328
Domain B	44,632	5	17,495,744
Domain C	128,508	5	50,375,136
Domain D	123,201	5	48,294,792
Total	459,250	5(6)	180,026,000 (264,528,000)



# CPU (CRAY XT3)	CPU-time / time step
1024	1.4 sec
2048	0.92 sec
3265	0.61 sec



Impediments to Solution of Large Scale Problem

- Hardware limits:

- Solution of a large scale problem requires *thousands of processors*.
- Solution of a large scale problem requires *Terabytes of memory*.
- Parallel efficiency is strongly affected by communication cost.
- Low memory per core availability.

- Solution of large linear systems is extremely expensive:

- Large *condition number* results in high iteration count.
- The most effective *preconditioners do not scale well* on more than a thousand of processors.



Our solution: a multi-layer hierarchical approach.

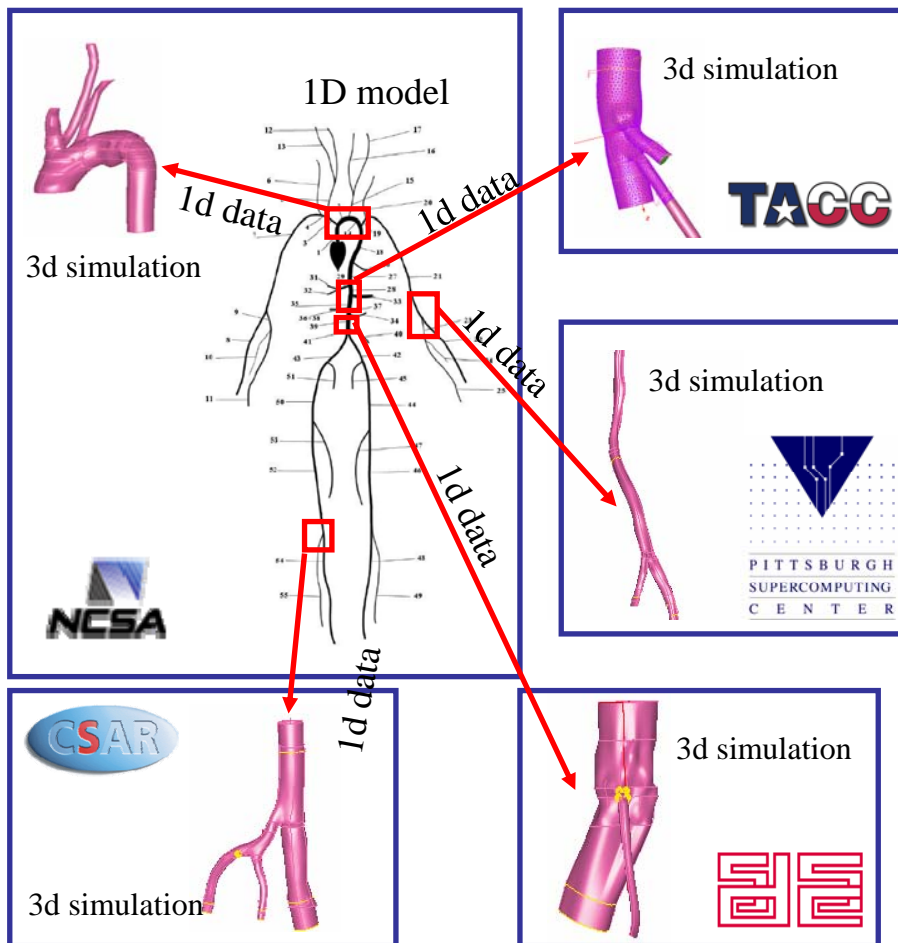
- Software: NEKTAR-G2
- Multilevel Partitioning
- Solution of Large Scale Problem:
 - on a single supercomputer
 - on TeraGrid

NEKTAR-G2

- NEKTAR-G2 Prototype
- The New Domain Decomposition Technique: The Idea

NEKTAR-G2: Prototype¹

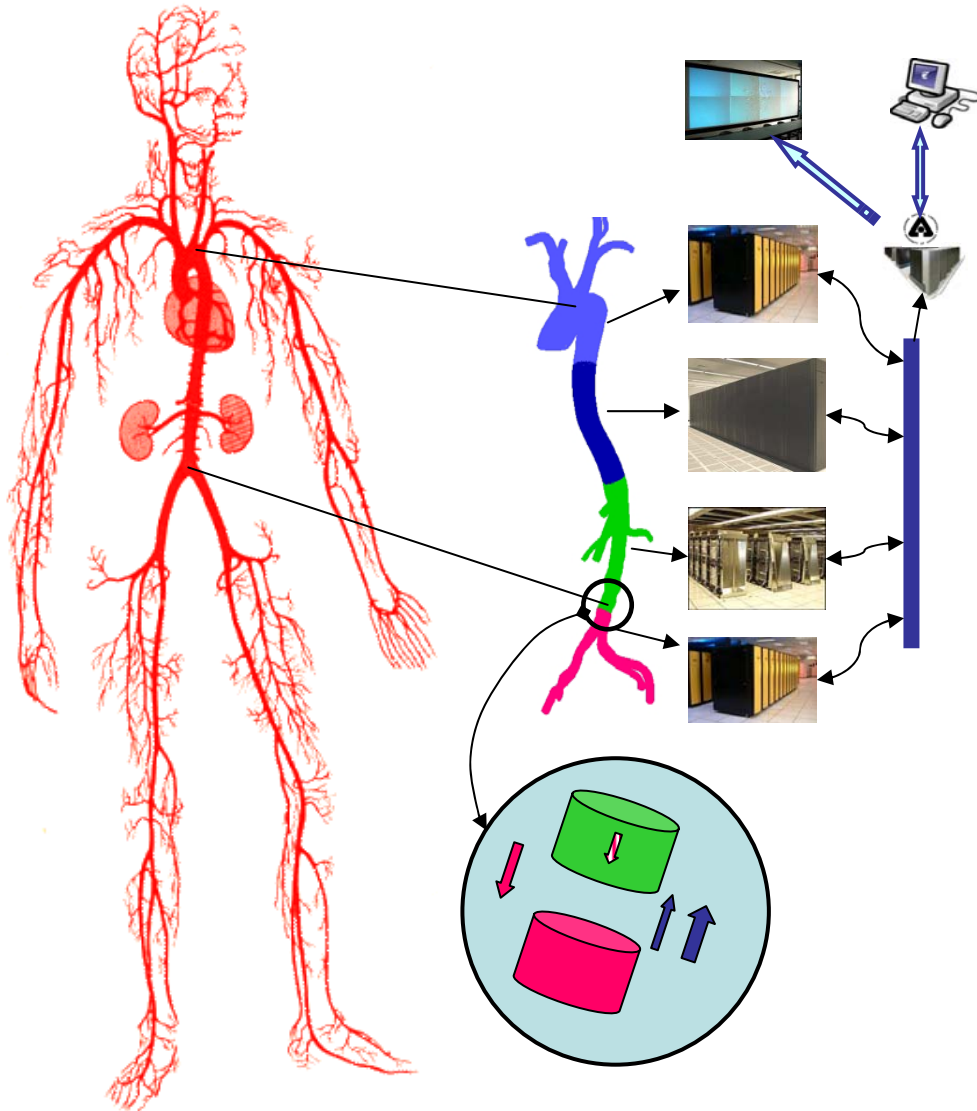
- Overall simulation consists of
 - 1D computation through the full arterial tree;
 - Detailed 3D simulations on arterial bifurcations.
- 1D results feed 3D simulations, providing flow rate and pressure for boundary conditions.
- **MPICH-G2²** was used for intra-site and inter-site communications on TeraGrid.



¹ S. Dong *et al.*, "Simulating and visualizing the human arterial system on the TeraGrid", *Future Generation Computer Systems*, Volume 22, Issue 8, October 2006, pp. 1011 - 1017

²N. Karonis *et al.*, A Grid-Enabled Implementation of the Message Passing Interface, (*JPDC*), Vol. 63, No. 5, pp. 551-563, May 2003

NEKTAR-G2: Large Scale Flow Simulations on the TeraGrid



Nektar-G2 features 3D-3D coupling between domains.

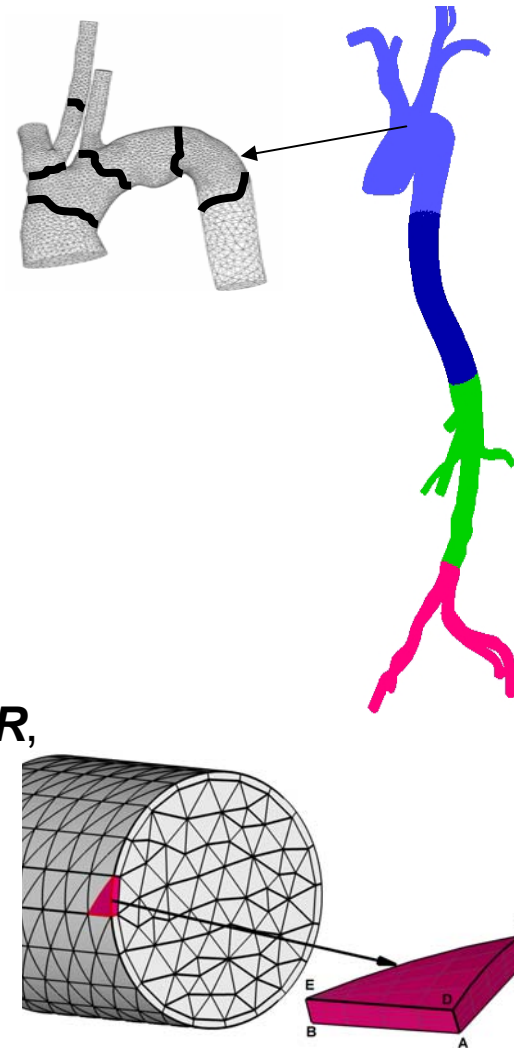
Increased volume of data transfer between 3D blocks requires high level of parallelism.

MPIg is used for intra-site and inter-site communications on TeraGrid.



Two-Level Domain Decomposition Technique for TeraGrid Simulations: Method

- Numerical solution is performed on *two levels*: on *outer level* loosely coupled problem is solved, on *inner level* several tightly problems are solved in parallel.
- *Multi-level partitioning* of the entire computational domain requires *multi-level parallelism* in order to maintain high parallel efficiency using thousands of processors.
- Solution of tightly coupled problems is performed by **NEKTAR**, a parallel numerical library based on the *high-order spectral/hp element method*¹. Continuity in numerical solution is achieved by imposing proper boundary conditions on the sub-domains interfaces.
- On TeraGrid *inter-* and *intra-site communication* is performed by **MPIg library**.

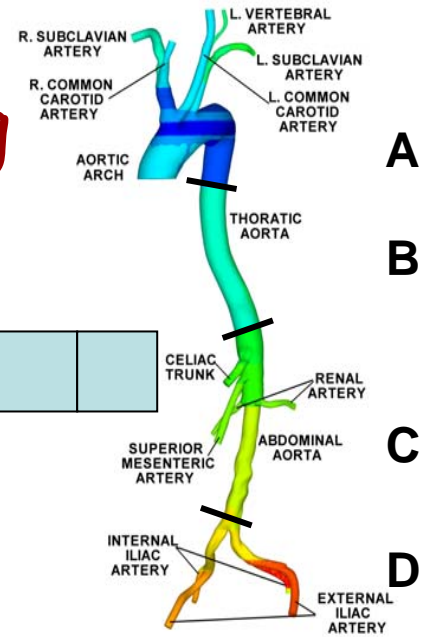


¹ Karniadakis & Sherwin, *Spectral/hp Element Methods for CFD*, 2005, 2nd edition, Oxford University Press

Multilevel Partitioning of Global Communicator

- High Level Communicator Splitting
- Low Level Communicator Splitting
- Message Passing Across Sub-Domain Interface

Two-Level Domain Decomposition: High Level Communicator Splitting

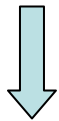
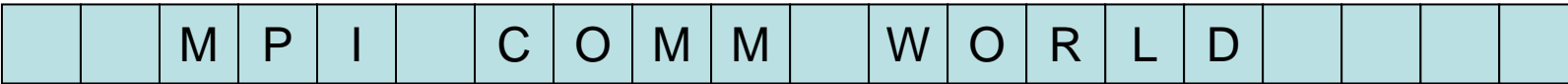


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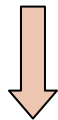
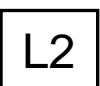
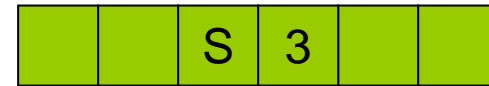
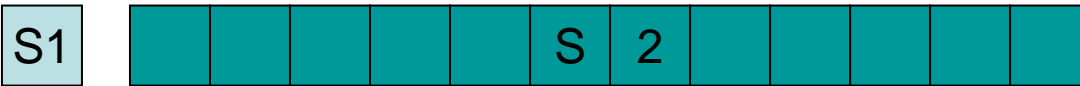
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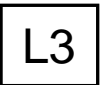
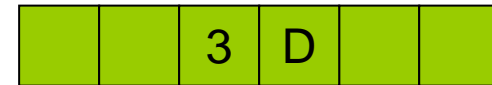
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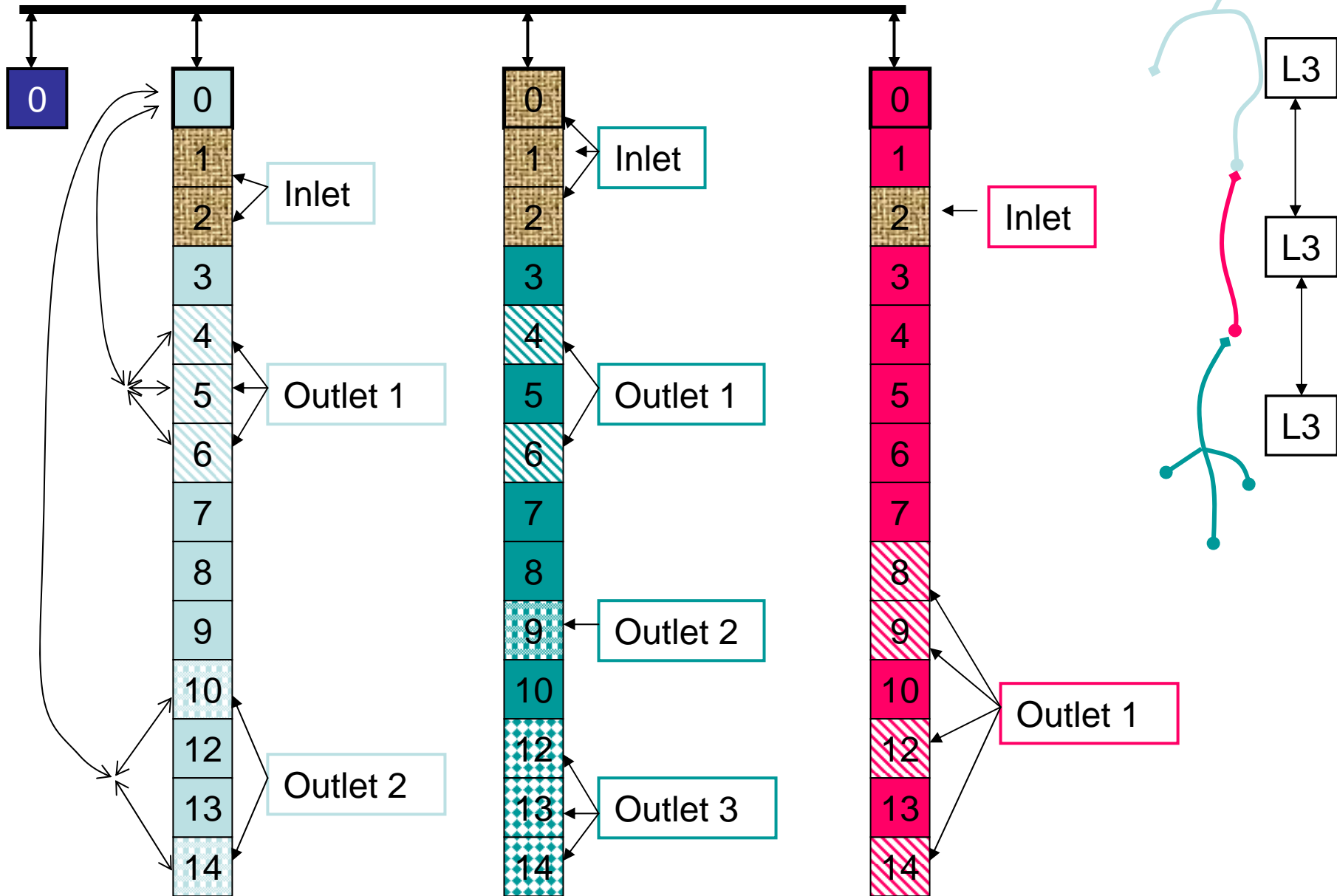
TOPOLOGY AWARE DECOMPOSITION



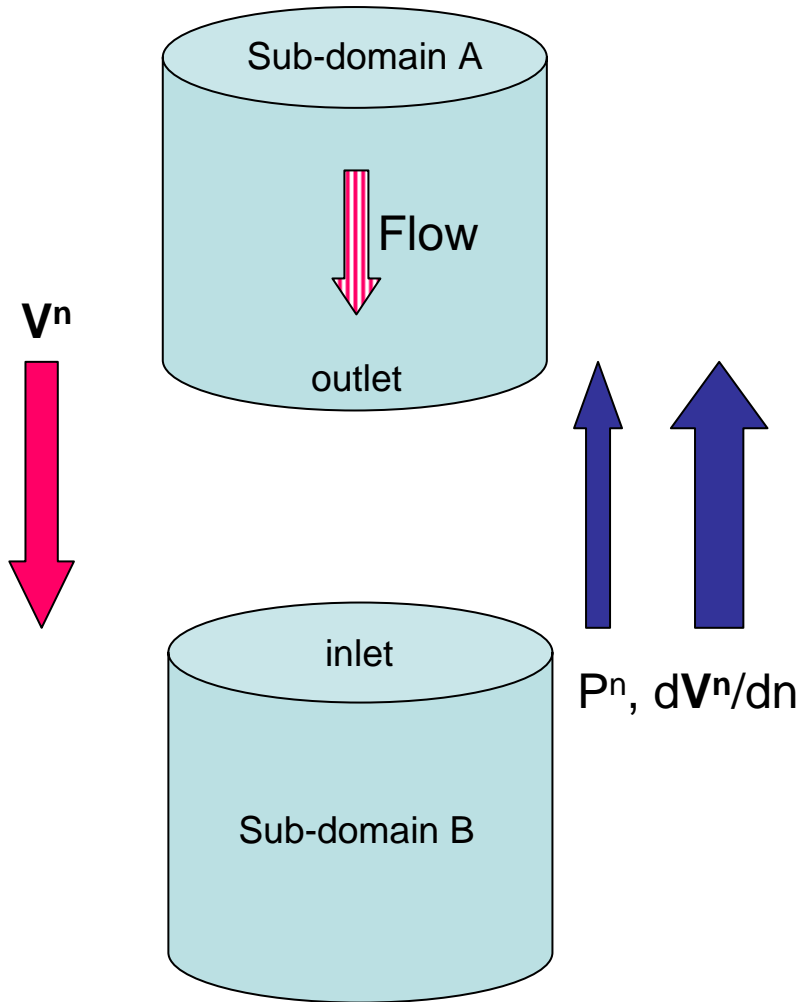
TASK ORIENTED DECOMPOSITION



Two-Level Domain Decomposition: Low Level Communicator Splitting



Dual Domain Decomposition: Interface Boundary Conditions

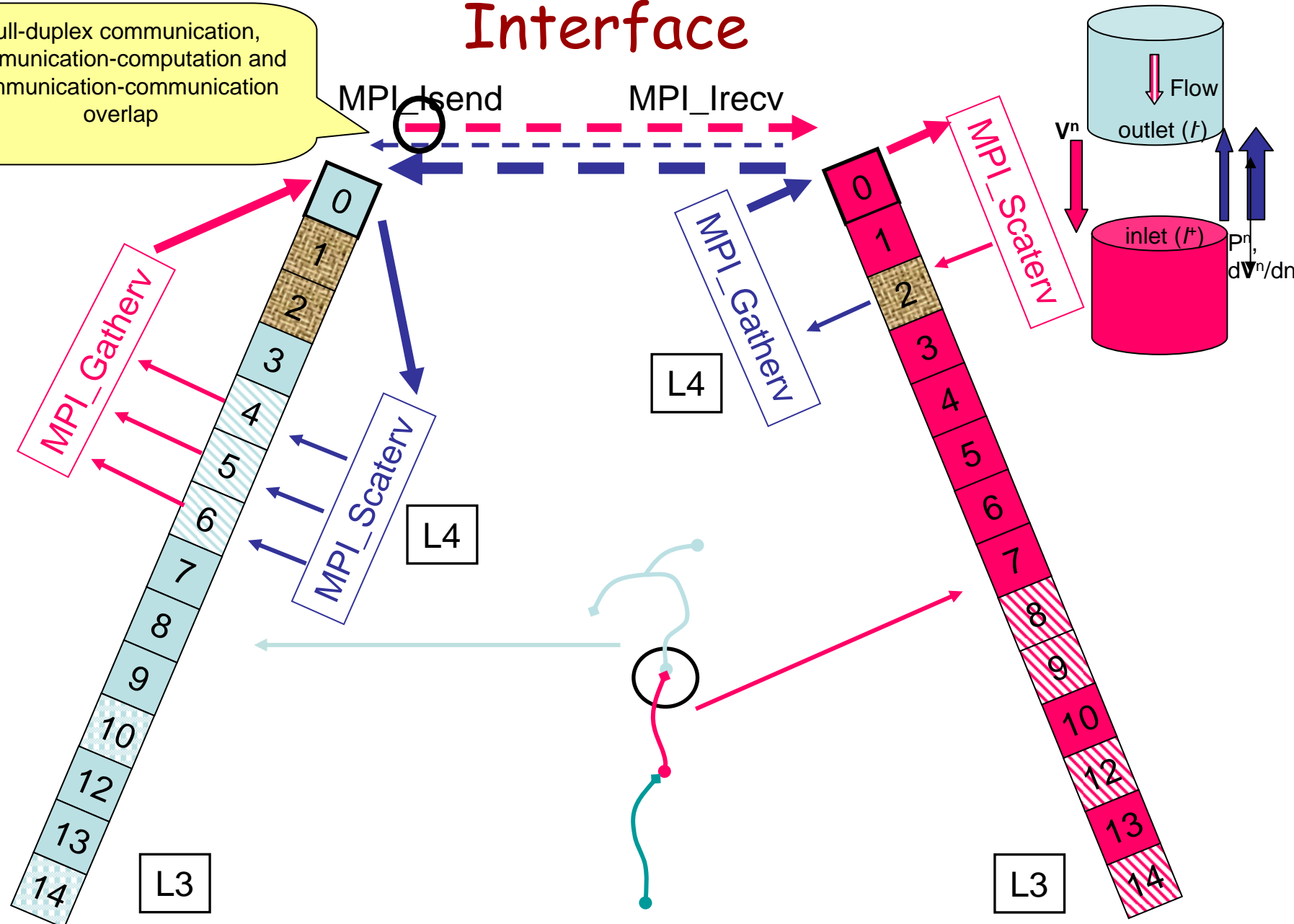


Boundary Condition	Message size
V elocity is computed at outlet and imposed as Dirichlet Boundary Condition at inlet.	$N_F * N_M * 3 * \text{sizeof}(\text{double})$ O(6KB)
P ressure is computed at inlet and imposed as Dirichlet Boundary Condition at outlet.	$N_F * N_M * \text{sizeof}(\text{double})$ O(1KB)
V elocity flux from inlet is averaged with velocity flux computed at outlet and imposed as Newman Boundary Condition at outlet.	$N_F * (P+3) * (P+2)^2 * \text{sizeof}(\text{double})$ O(32KB)

N_F, N_M – number of faces and modes,
 P – order of polynomial approximation.

Message Passing Across Sub-Domain Interface

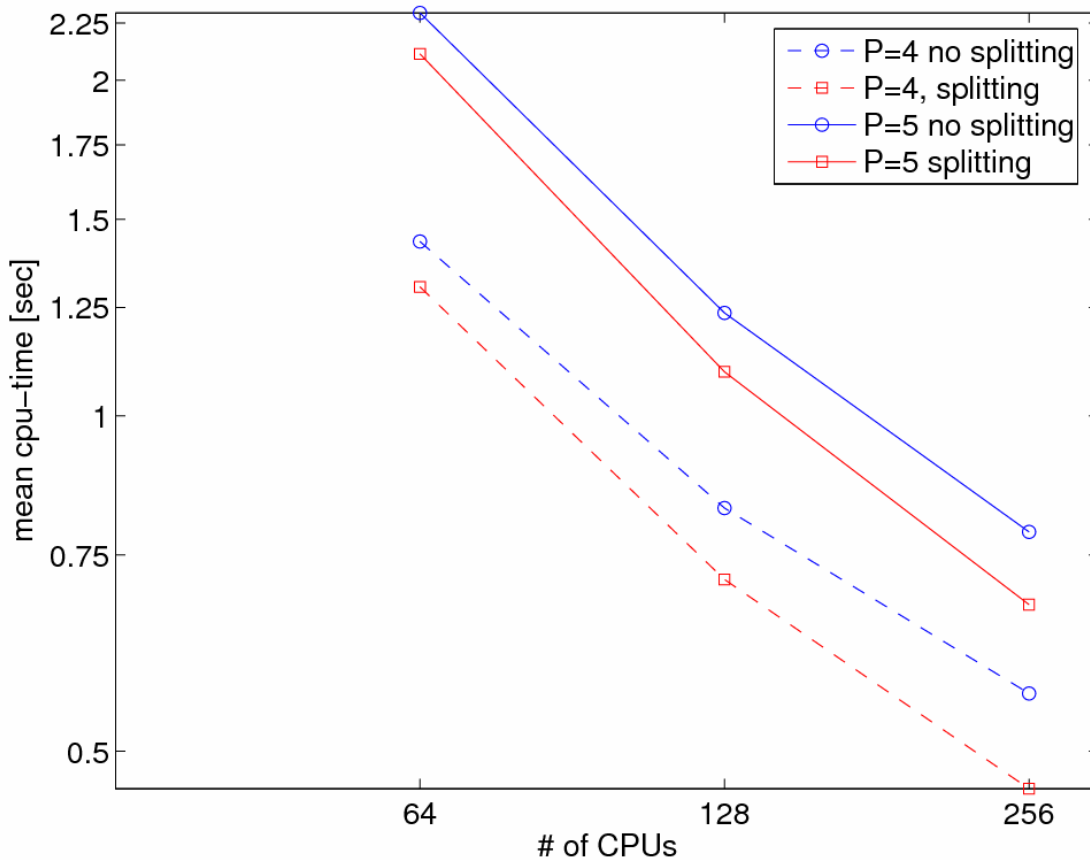
Full-duplex communication,
communication-computation and
communication-communication
overlap



Dual Domain Decomposition Method: details

- Efficiency
- Accuracy

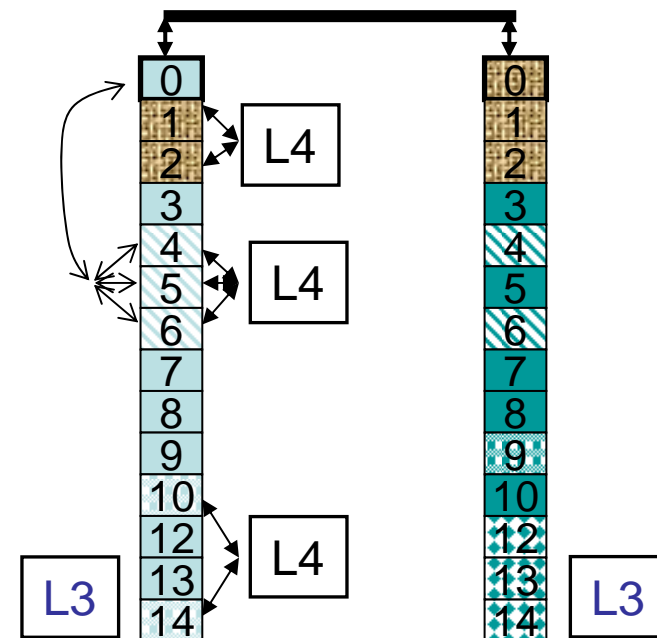
Two Level Domain Decomposition: Efficiency



Mean CPU time required per time step.

Problem size: 67456 tetrahedral elements, polynomial order $P=4$ and $P=5$.

Computations were performed on the CRAY XT3 at PSC.



Two Level Domain Decomposition: Accuracy

Simulation of steady flow in converging pipe using Dual Domain Decomposition.

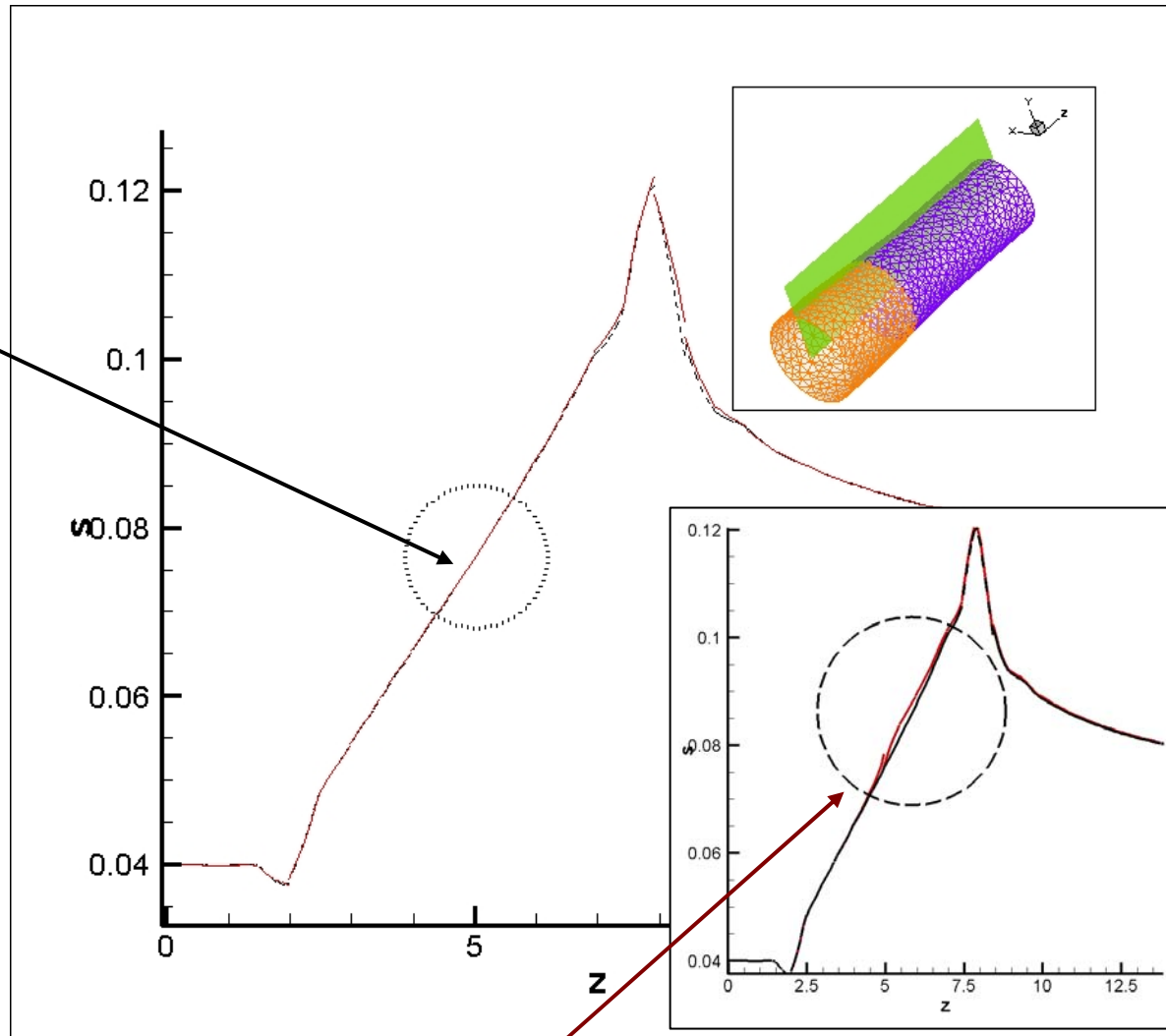
Sub-domain interface is at $z=5$.
 $Re = 200$; $P = 5$.

B.C. for Velocity are imposed with $P=3$; for Pressure with $P=1$ and for Velocity Flux with $P=5$.

Plot on the right depicts the Wall Shear Stress:

solid line — solution with dual domain decomposition.

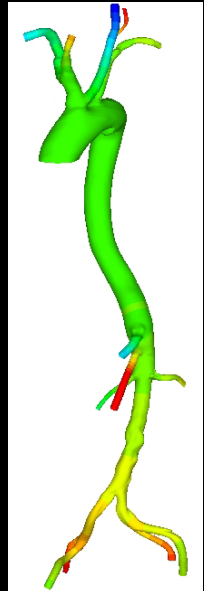
dash line — solution with standard domain decomposition.



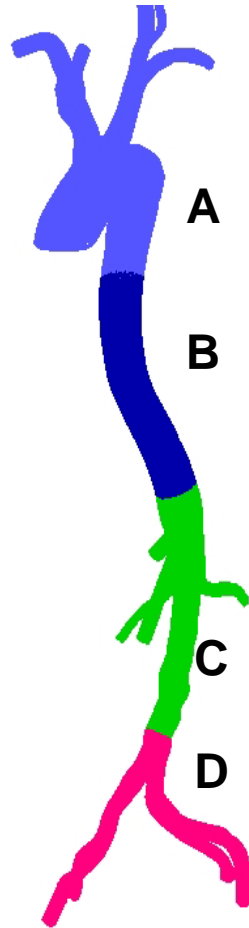
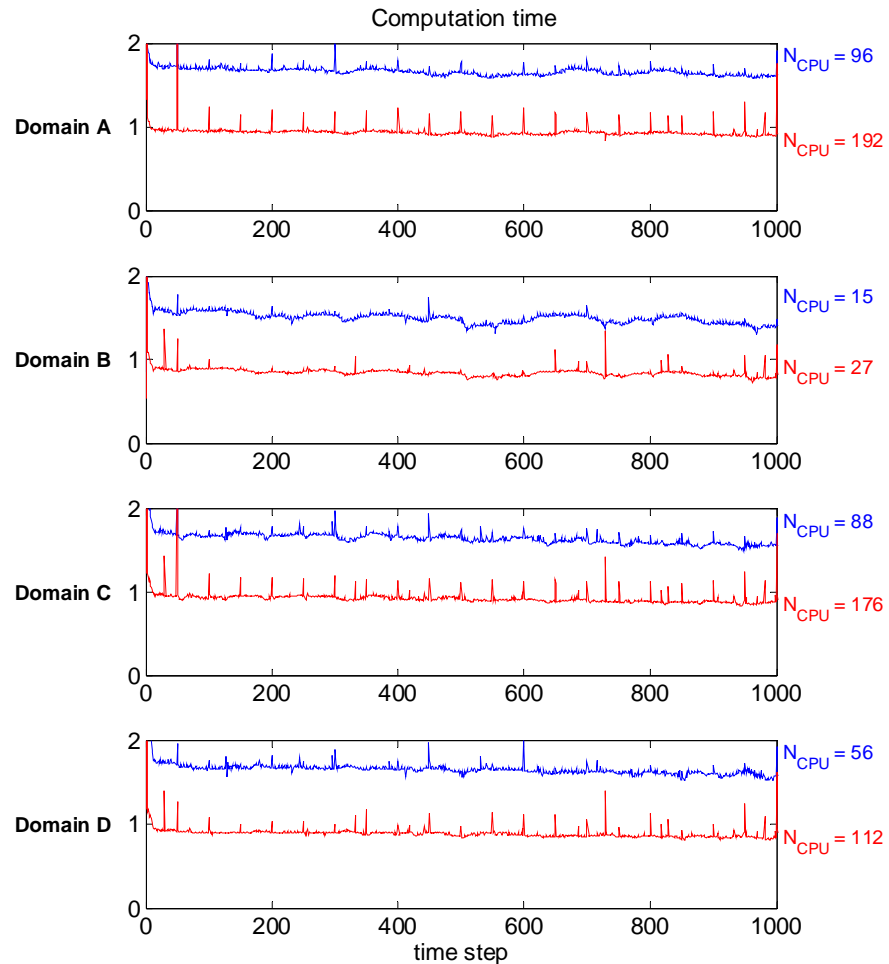
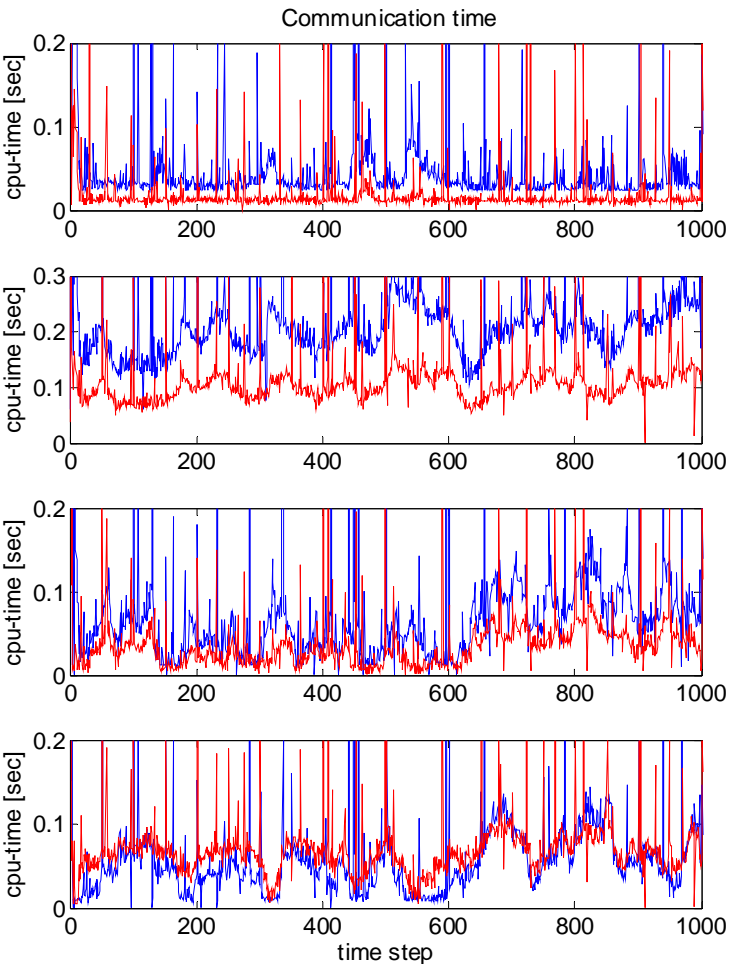
At the inlet of the “blue” sub-domain velocity B.C. are imposed with $P=3$;
At the outlet of the “orange” sub-domain fully developed boundary conditions are assumed.

Solution of Large Scale Problem with the New Domain Decomposition Method

- Numerical Simulation of a Flow in Aorta
- Communication/Computation Time Balance

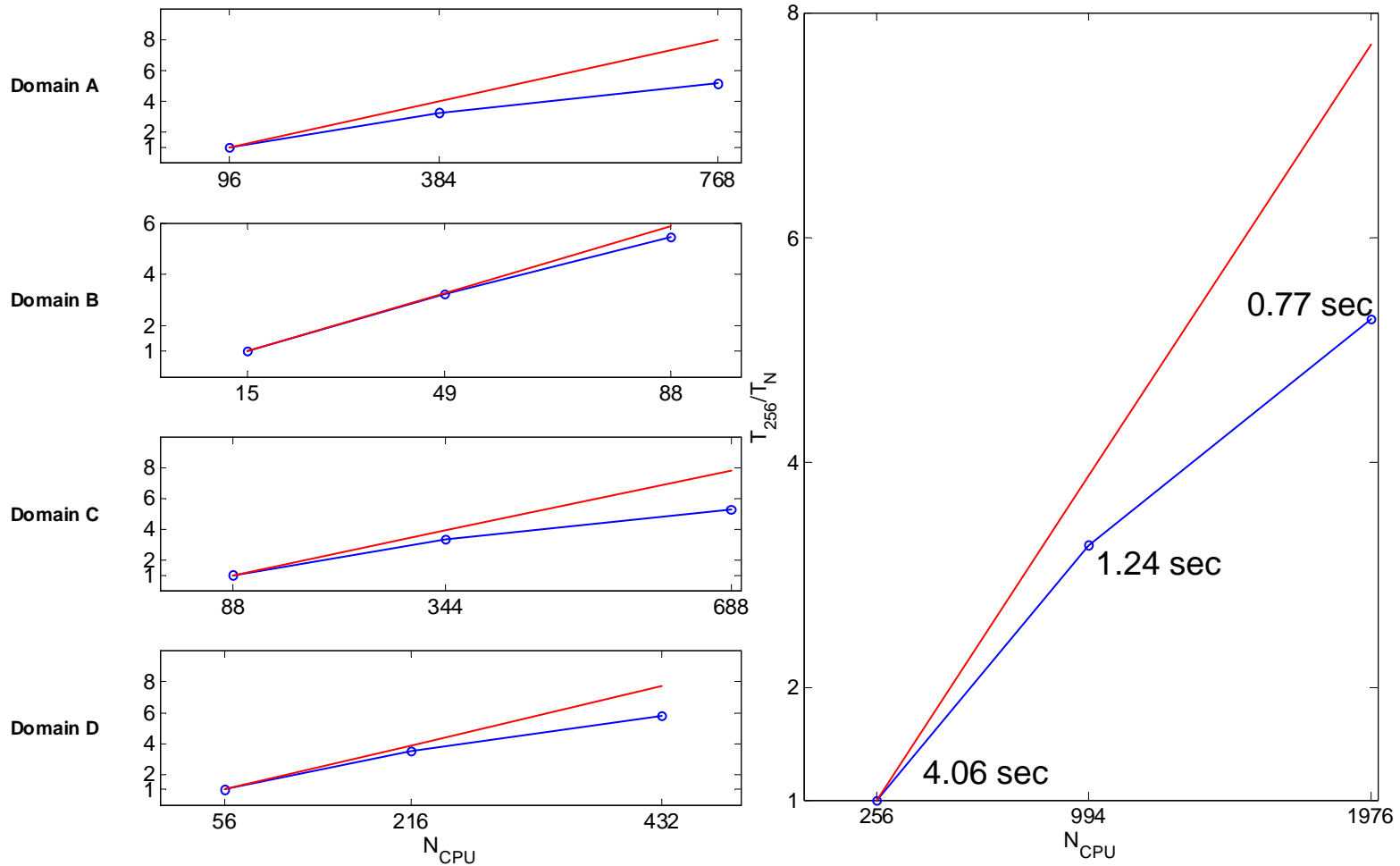
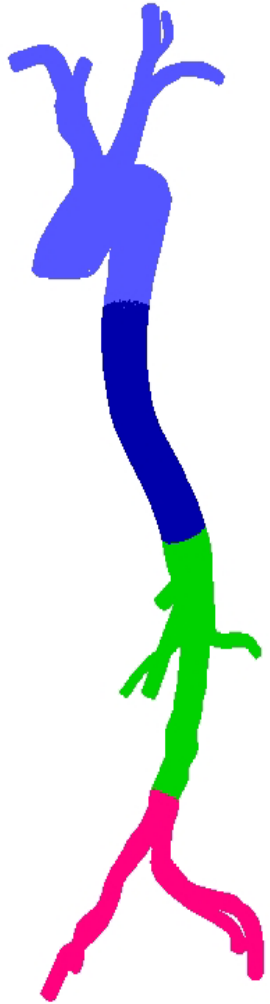


Single machine Computation: Communication / Computation CPU-time balance



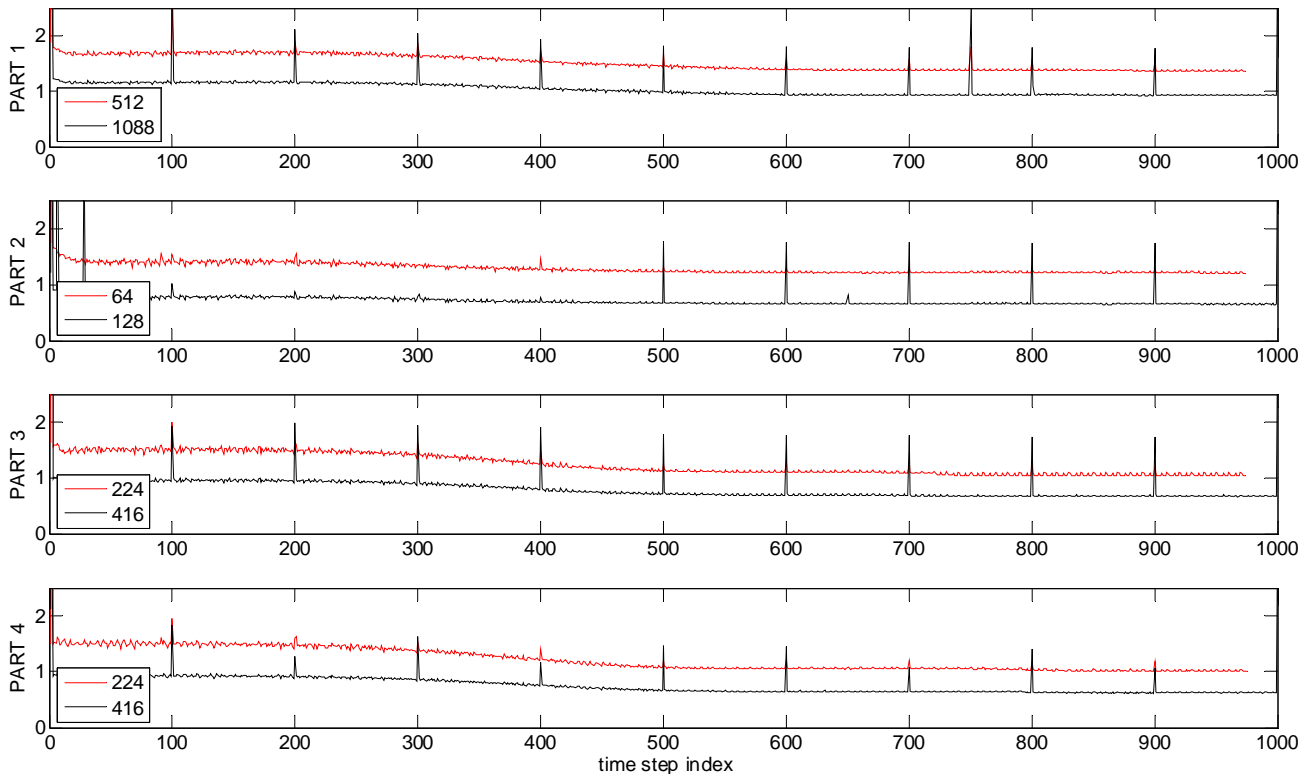
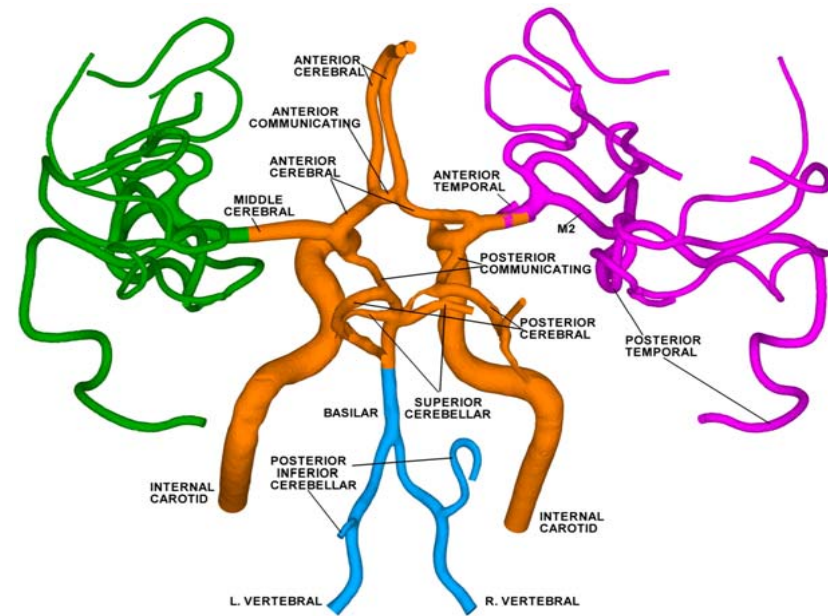
Simulation of a blood flow in Aorta. Nelements = 325,795; P = 6.
Computation was performed on CRAY XT3 with 226 and 508 processors.

Single machine Computation: Standard and Dual Domain Decomposition, Parallel Speed-up



Simulation of a blood flow in Aorta. $N_{elements} = 325,795$; $P = 6$. Computation was performed on CRAY XT3.

Single Machine Computation: Coast



Estimated cost of one cardiac cycle simulation on CRAY XT3:

- 80 hours on 3065 CPUs
- 120 hours on 2048 CPUs
- 165 hours on 1024 CPUs

The New Domain Decomposition Method on TeraGrid



TeraGrid Cross-Site Computation: Performance

Computational domain:

Composed from 3 PARTS:

PART A 120,813 elements

PART B 20,797 elements

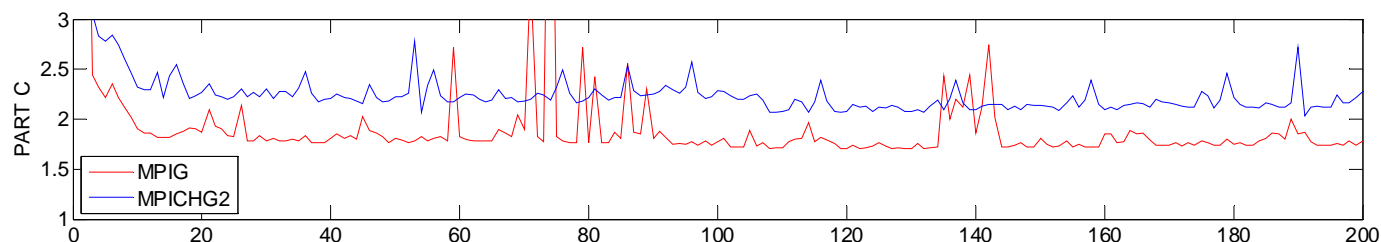
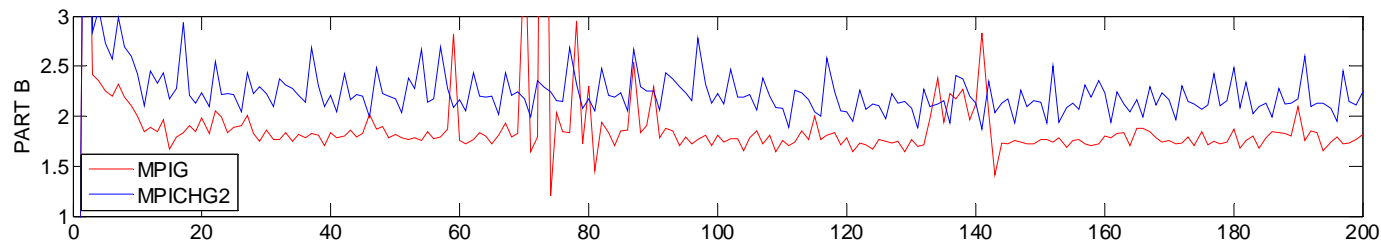
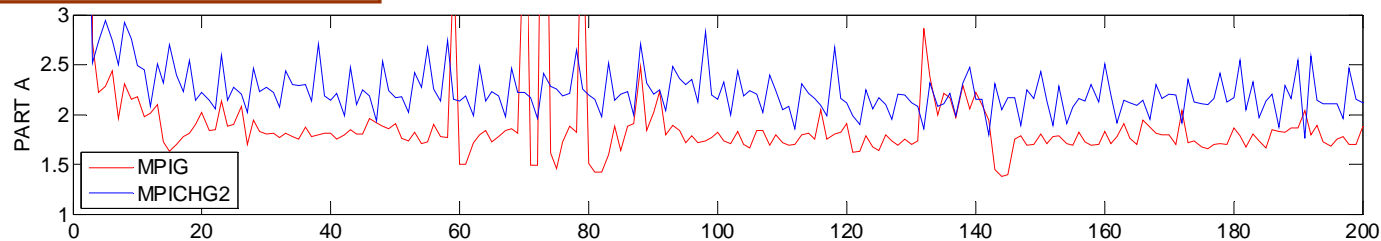
PART C 106,219 elements

of CPUs: site:

PART A 192 NCSA

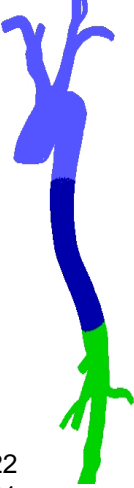
PART B 32 NCSA

PART C 128 SDSC



Cpu time measured on rank 0 of each sub-job. Rank 0 handles inter-sub-job communication.

TeraGrid Cross-Site Computation: Performance



NEKTAR-g2 + **MPiG**

- ==> bench_test1.dat <==
- step = 196 COMM_TIME= 0.387799 COMP_TIME= 1.363969
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NEKTAR-g2 + **MPICHG2**

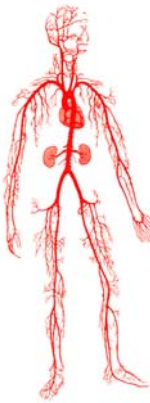
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- step = 200 COMM_TIME= **0.122080** COMP_TIME= 2.158722

Cpu time is measured (in seconds) on rank 0 of each sub-job.
Communication time includes extra time we need to create message (MPI_Gatherv) pass it to partner cpu from another subjob and then scatter (with MPI_Scatterv) within appropriate group of processors.

Summary



- We developed and implemented a new scalable approach for solution of large problems on the TeraGrid and beyond.
- Overlapping computation with cross-site communication, performing simultaneous communication and full-duplex communication over multiple channels hides the expensive inter-site latency on TeraGrid.
- Future plan: improve communication algorithm (between different process groups).

Future plans

We aim to establish a biomechanics gateway on the TeraGrid and make the arterial tree a platform and a simulation framework for further developments and systematic studies in hemodynamics, disease modeling, and drug delivery.

<http://www.cfm.brown.edu/crunch/ATREE/index.html>



Thank you!