

# A formal semantics of the MULTI-ML language

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# The world of parallel computing

Simulations:

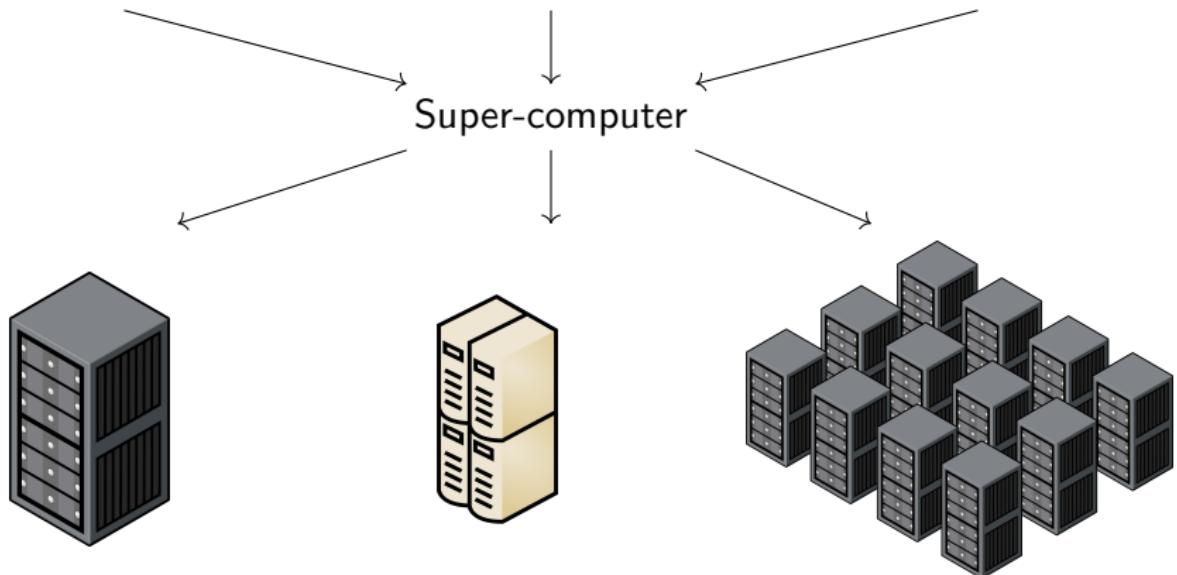
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Big-Data:

*IoT*  
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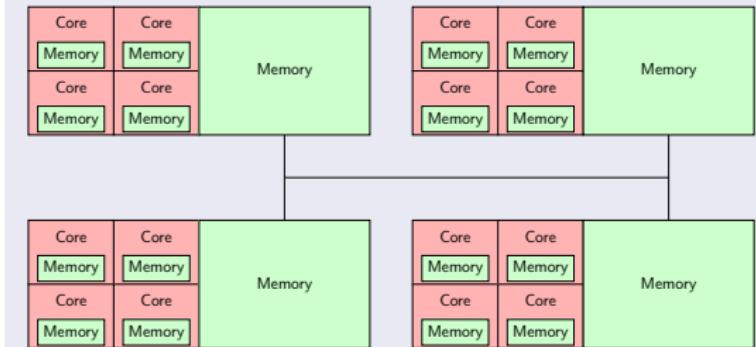
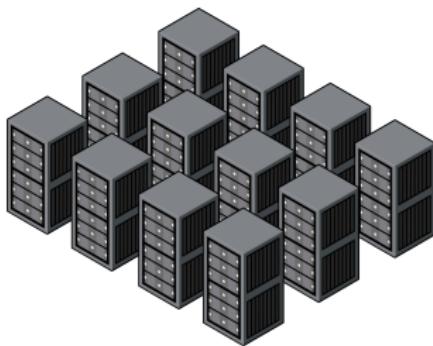
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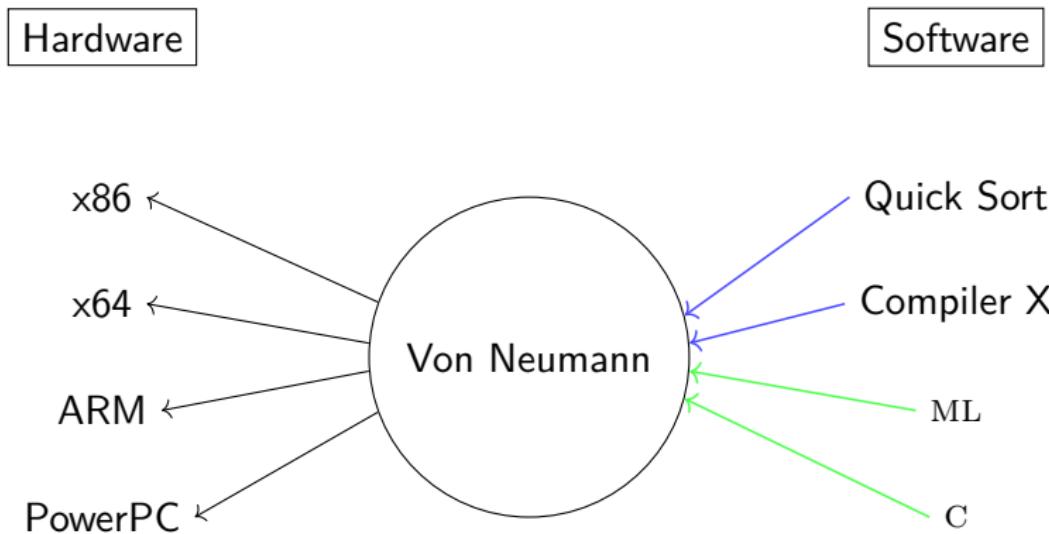
# Hierarchical architectures

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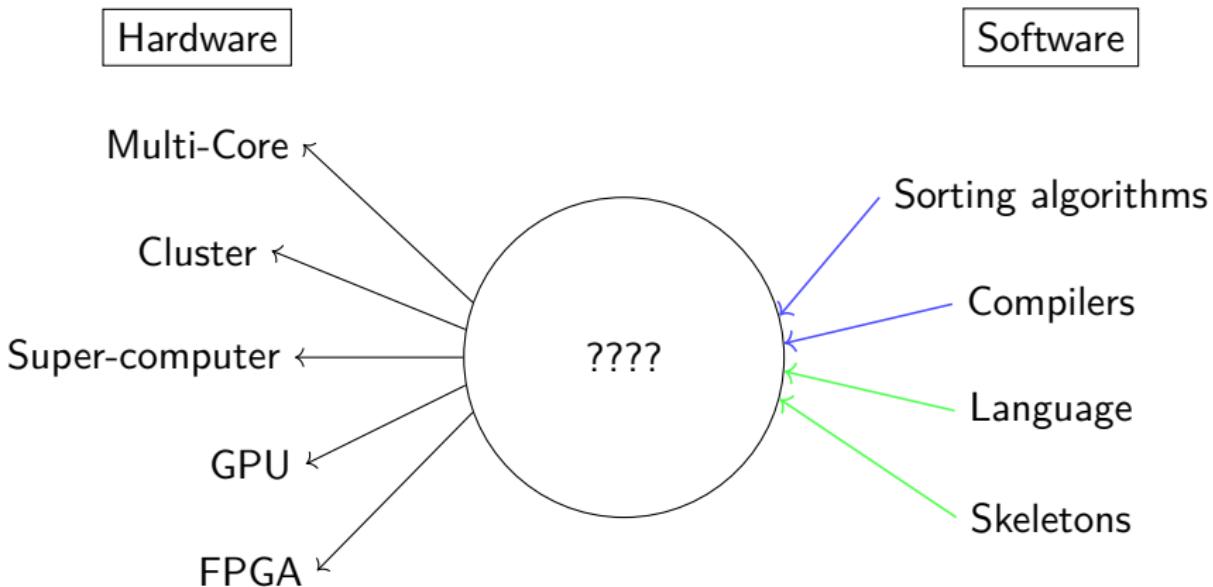
- Interconnected units
- Both shared and distributed memories
- Hierarchical memories



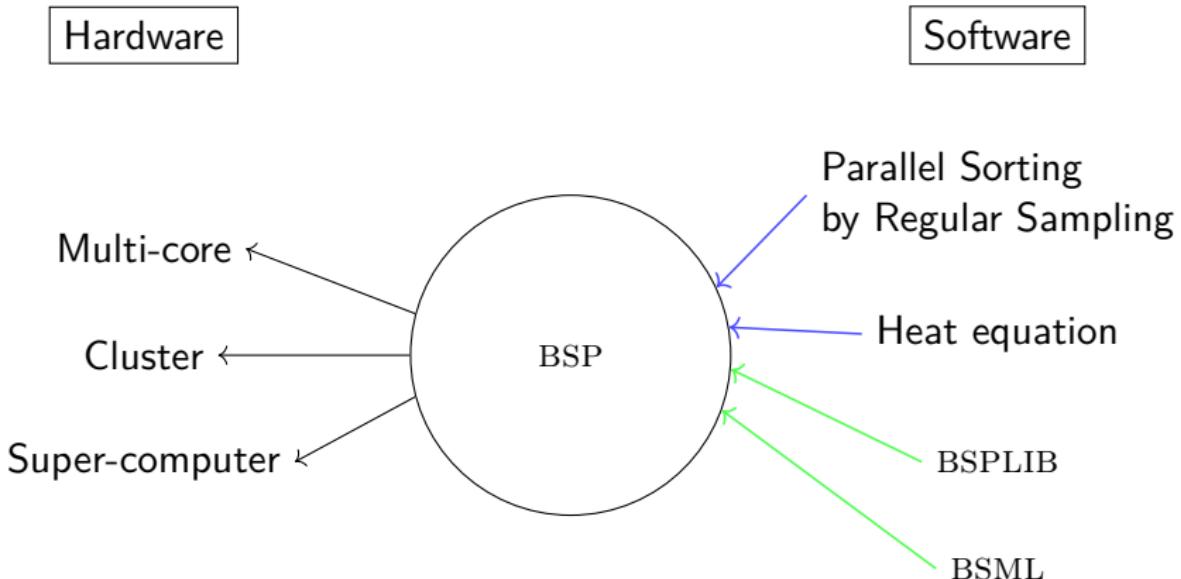
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# Bulk Synchronous Parallelism

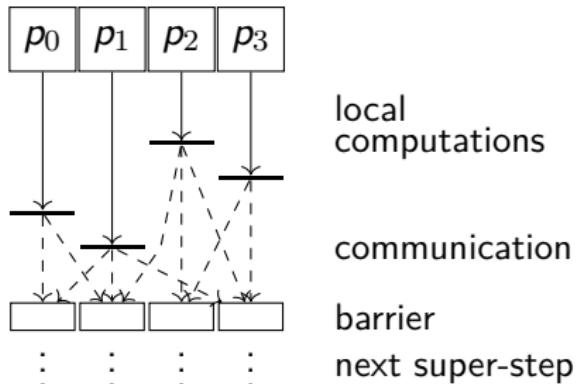
## The BSP computer

Defined by:

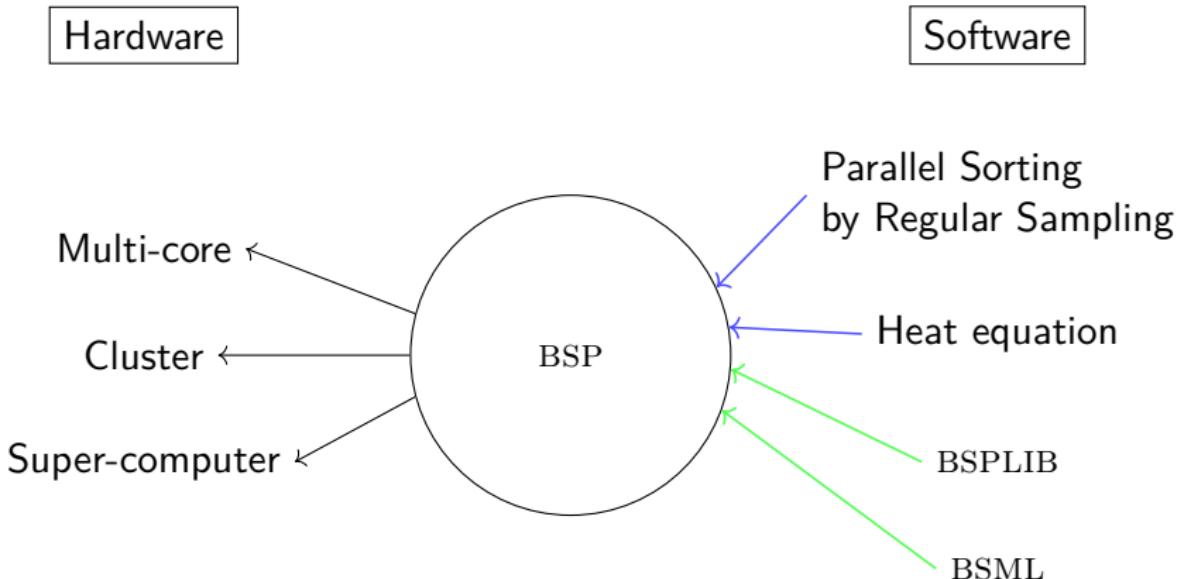
- $p$  pairs CPU/memory
- Communication network
- Synchronisation unit
- Super-steps execution

## Properties:

- Deadlock-free
- Predictable performances



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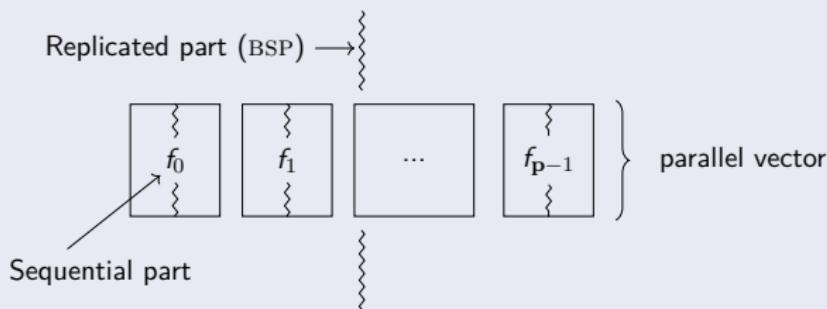
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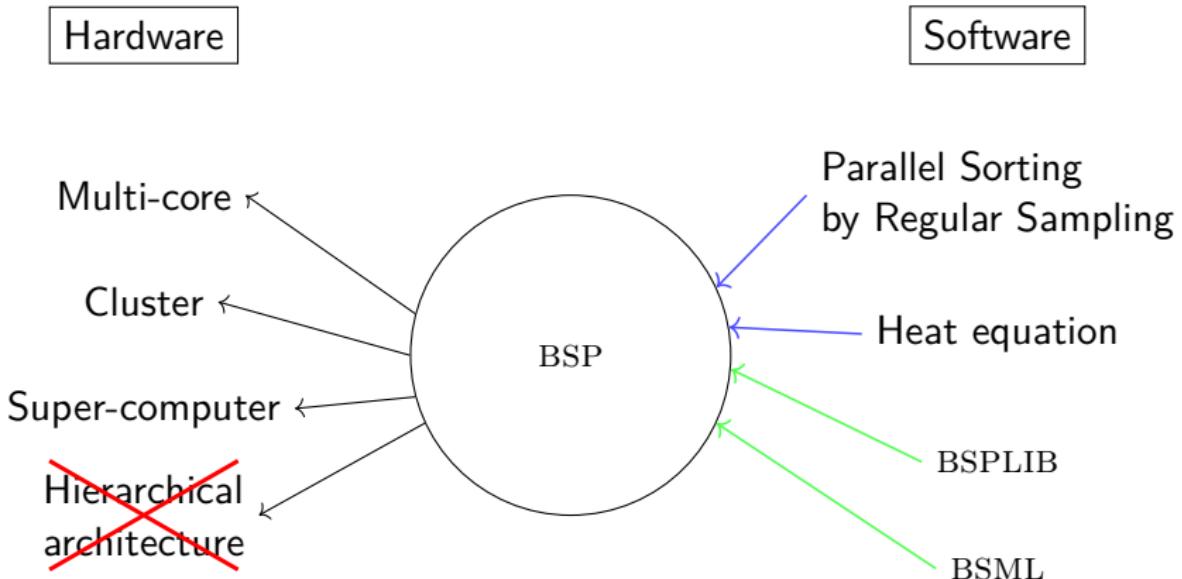
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## Main idea

Parallel data structure ⇒ *parallel vector*:



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Hardware

Software

Multi-core

Cluster

Why ?

Super-computer

~~Hierarchical  
architecture~~

- Flat memories
- No sub-synchronisation

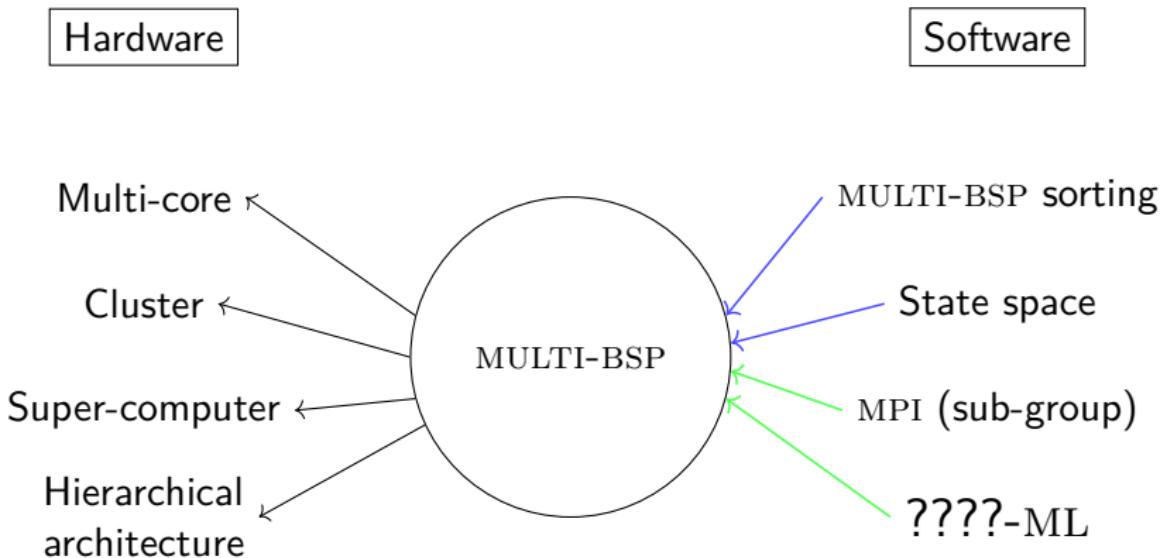
Parallel Sorting  
by Regular Sampling

Sat equation

BSPLIB

BSML

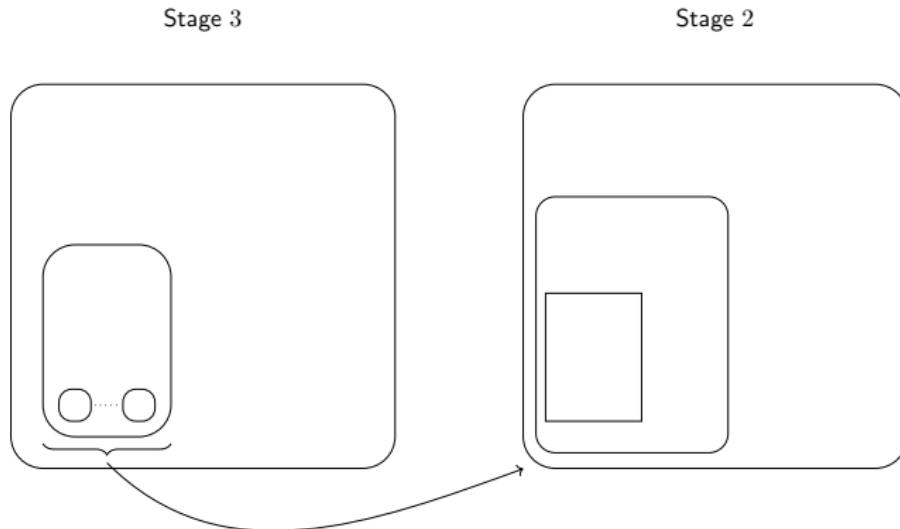
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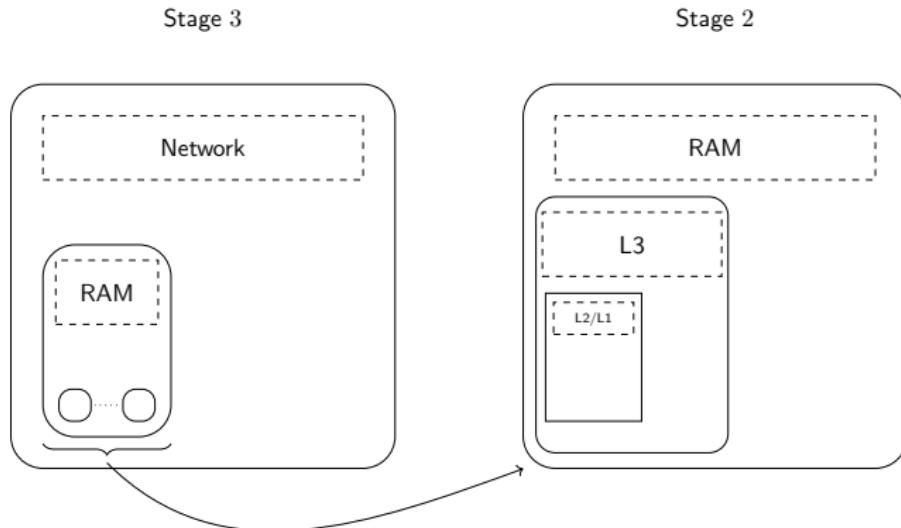
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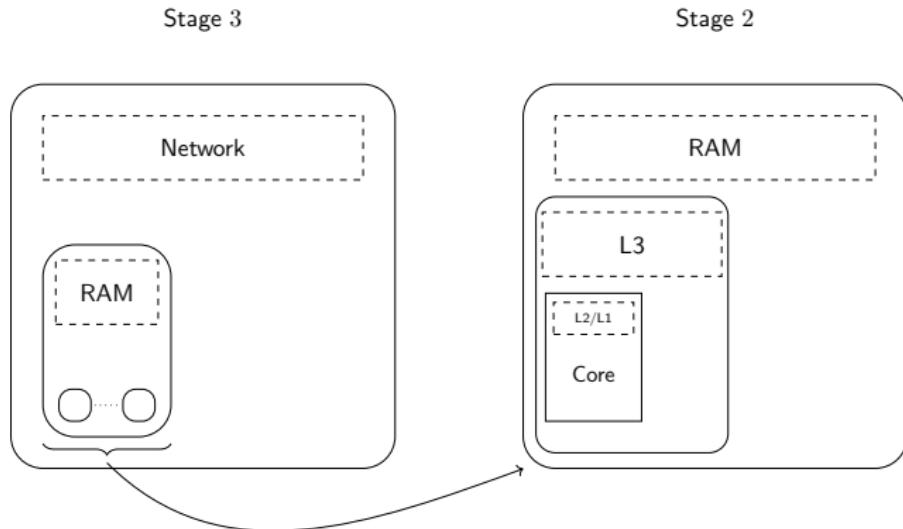
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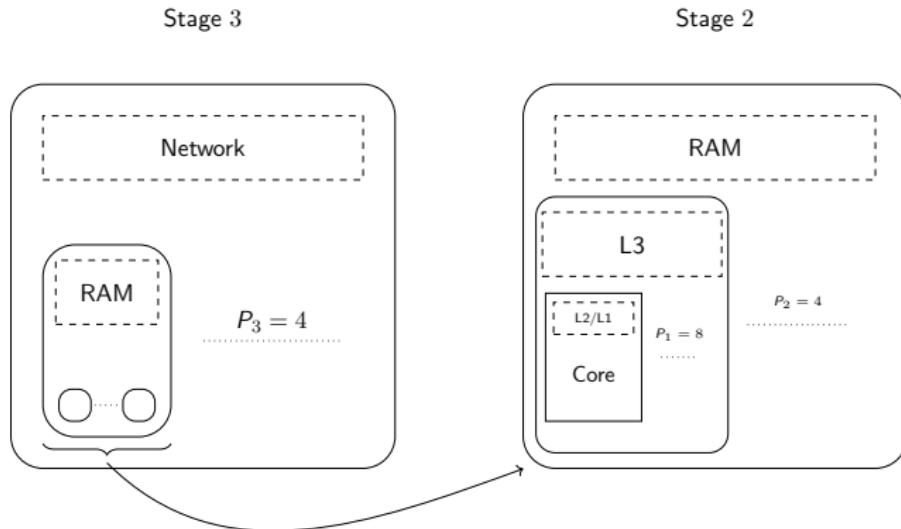
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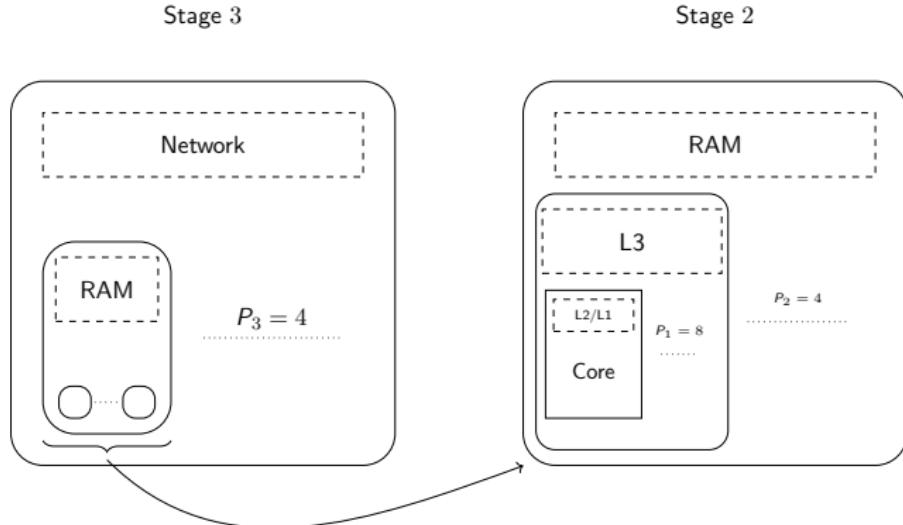
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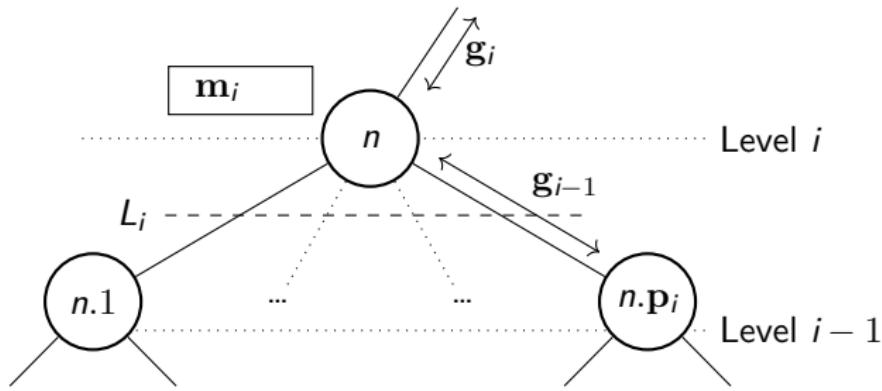
- Stage 3: 4 nodes with a network access
- Stage 2: one node has 4 chips plus RAM
- Stage 1: one chip has 8 cores plus L3 cache
- Stage 0: one core with L1/L2 caches



# The MULTI-BSP model

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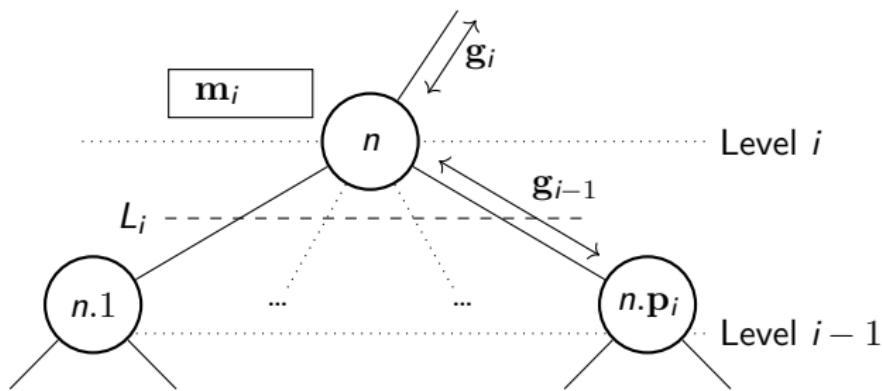


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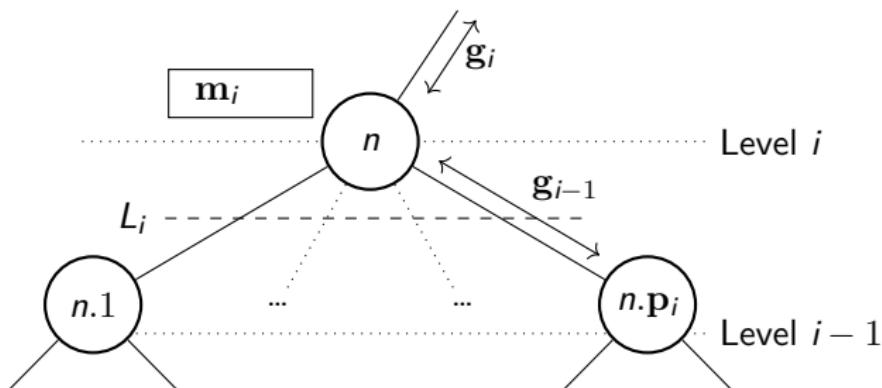


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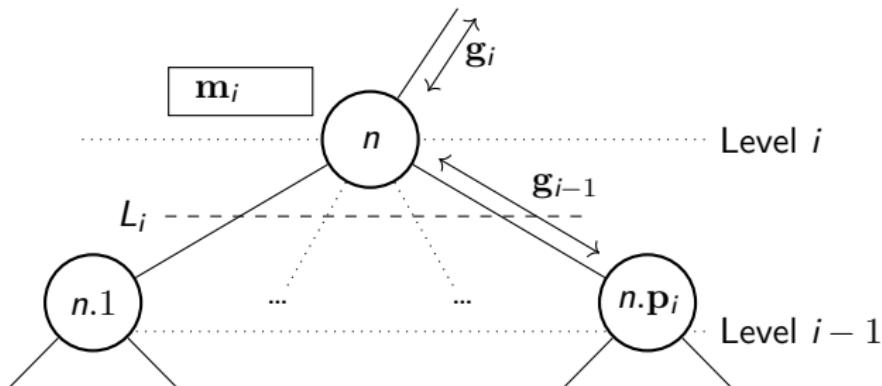


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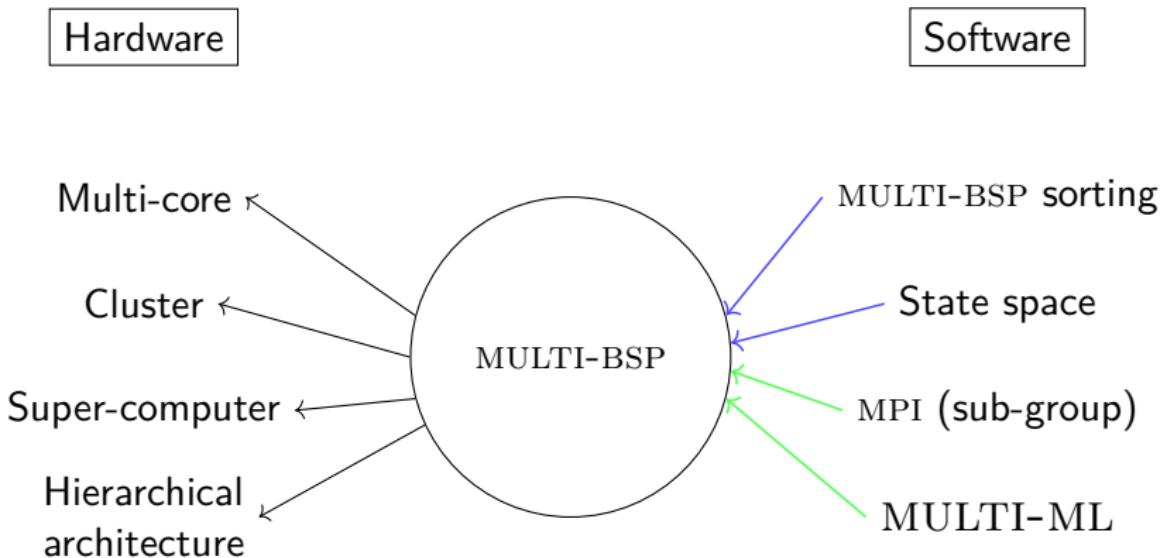
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- Synchronises



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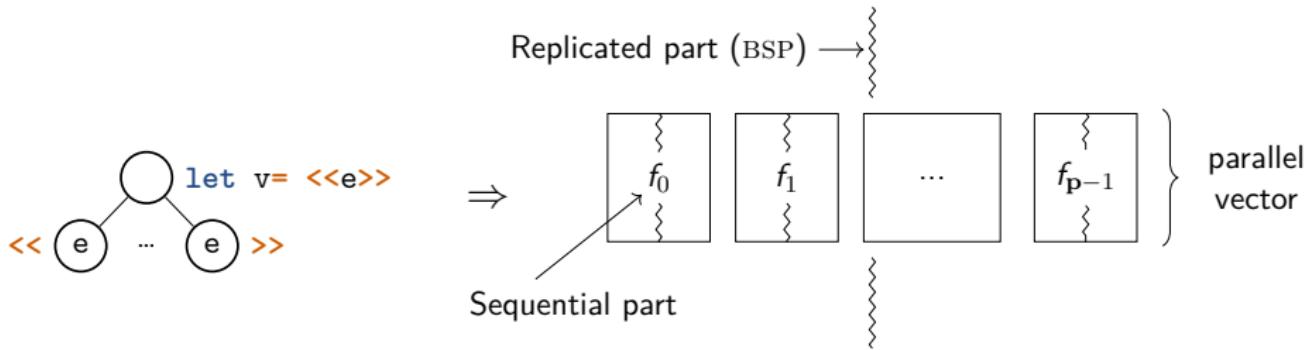
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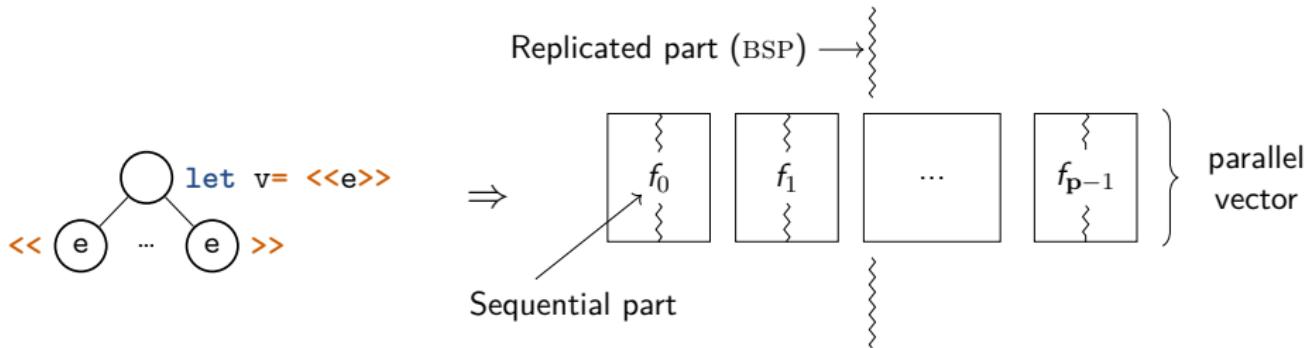
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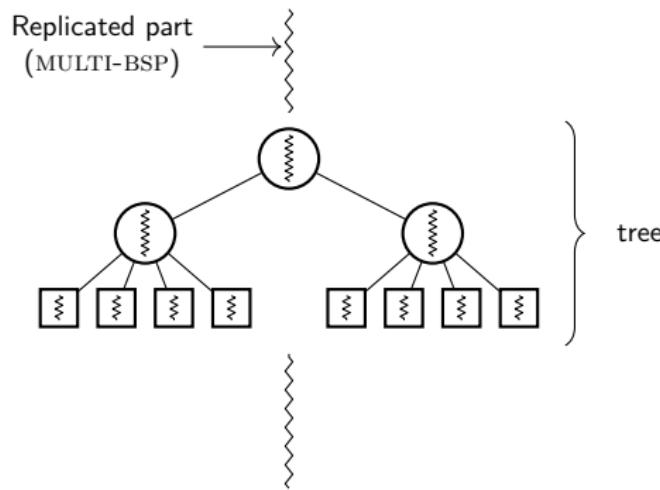
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- *Multi-functions* that recursively go through the MULTI-BSP tree



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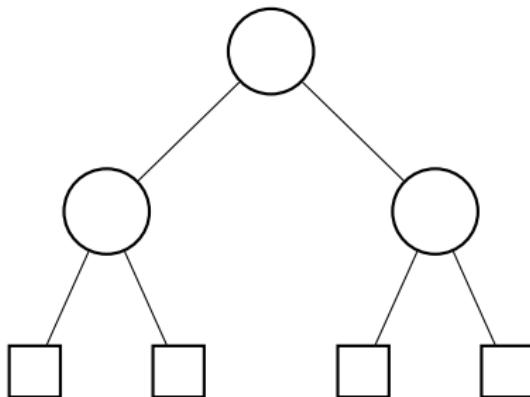
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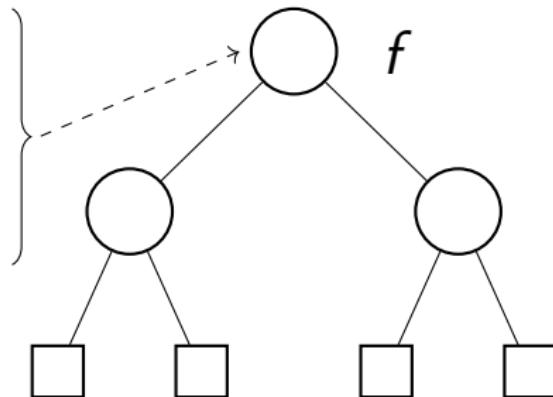
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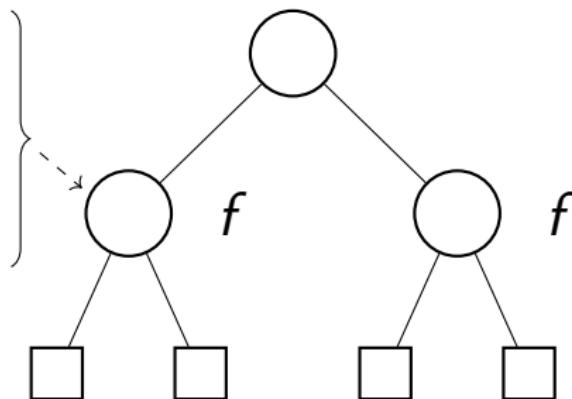
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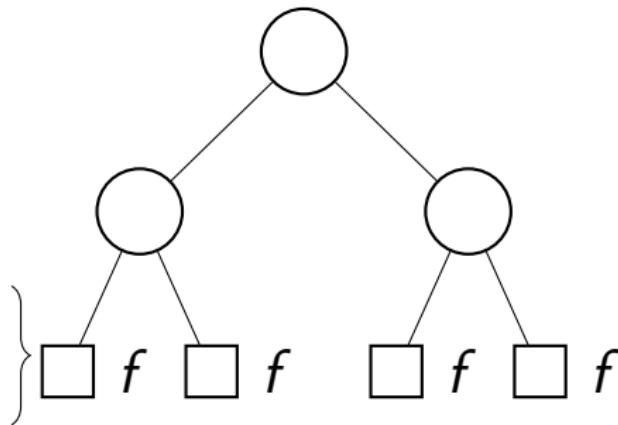
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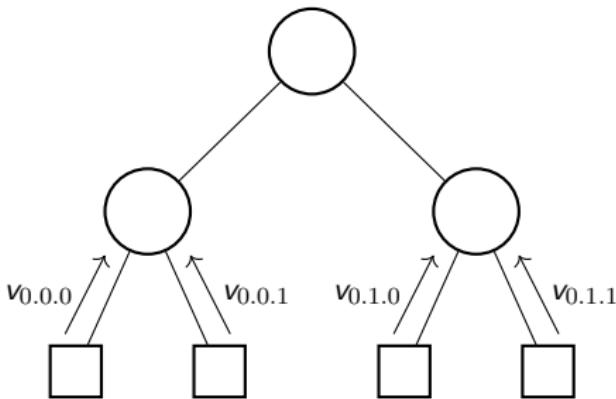
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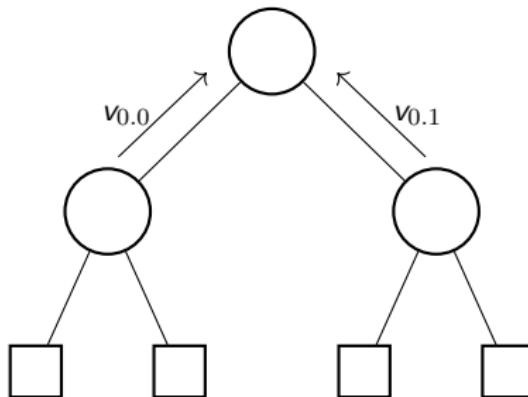
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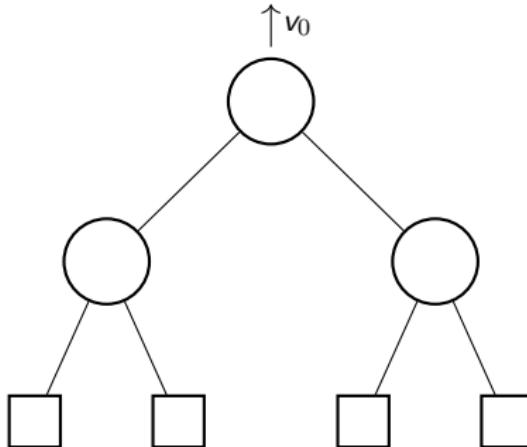


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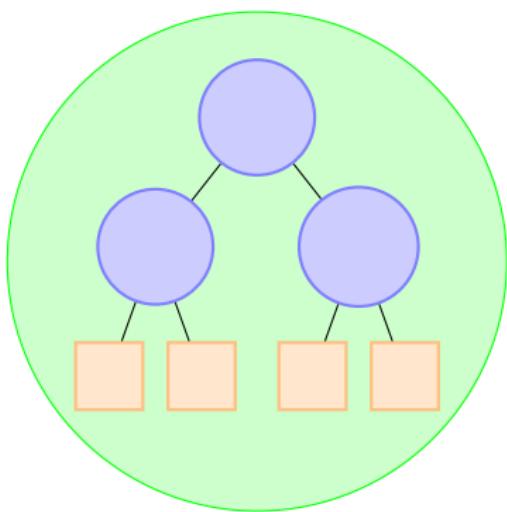
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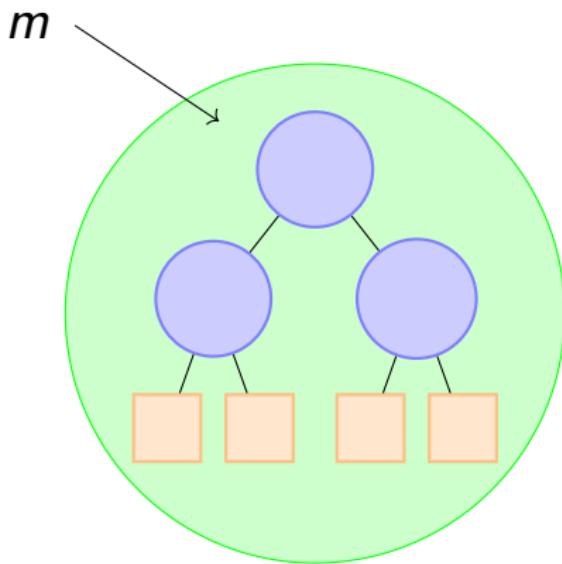
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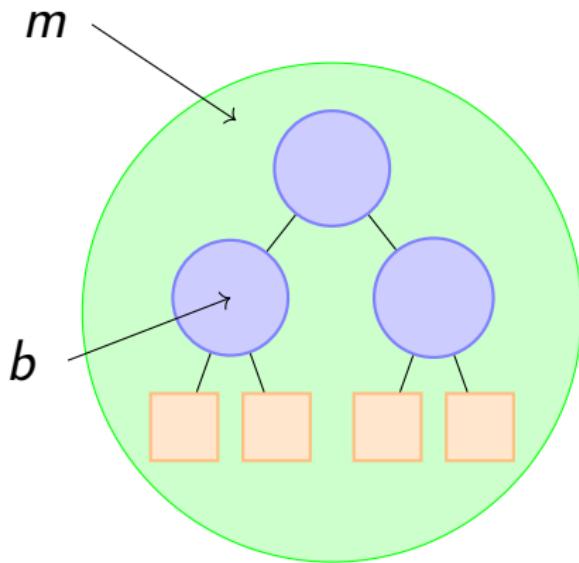
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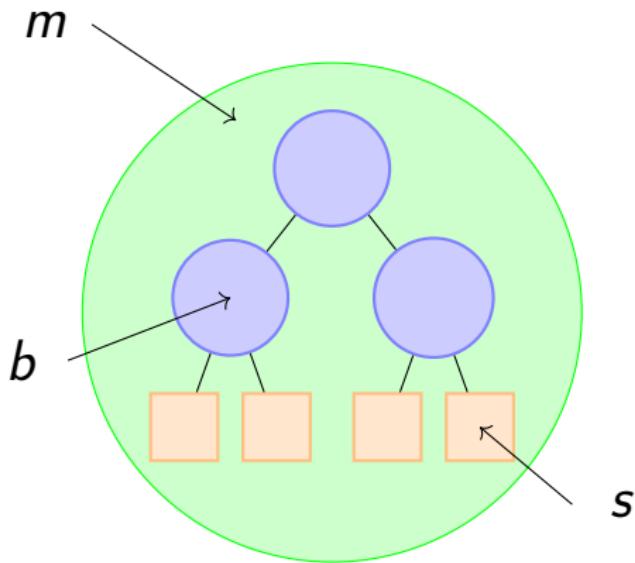
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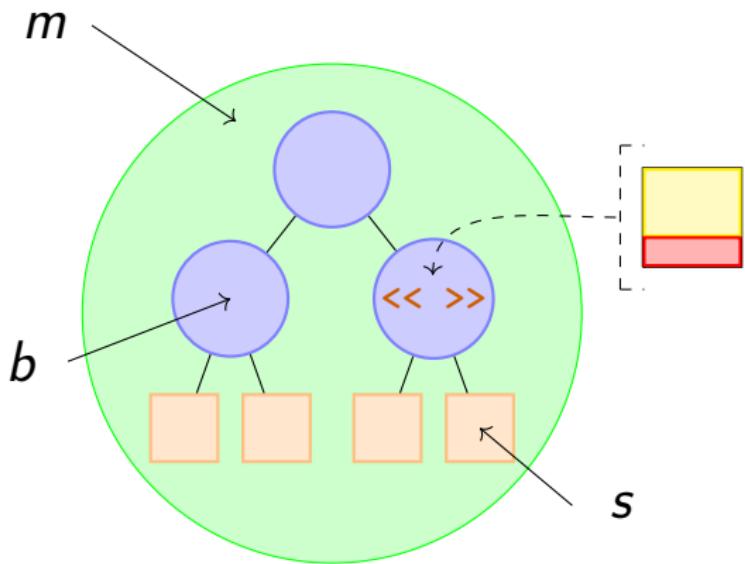
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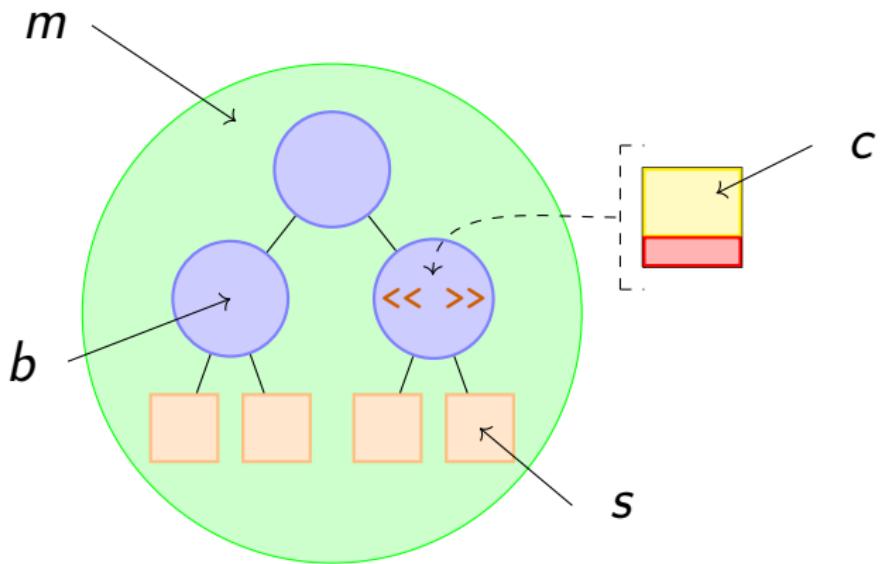
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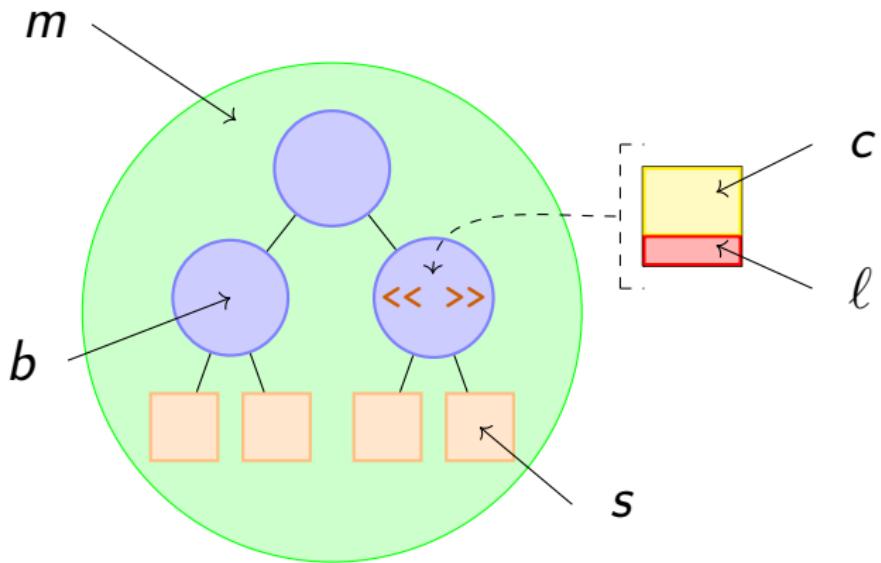
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# A core language: $\mu$ MULTI-ML

$e$	$::=$	$x$	<i>Variable</i>
		$op, cst$	<i>Operator, Constant</i>
		$\text{let } x = e \text{ in } e$	<i>Let binding</i>
		$\text{fun } x \rightarrow e$	<i>Function</i>
		$\text{multi } f x \rightarrow e \dagger e$	<i>Multi-function</i>
		$(e\ e)$	<i>Application</i>
		$\text{if } e \text{ then } e \text{ else } e$	<i>Conditional</i>
		$\text{mkpar } e$	<i>Parallel primitives</i>
		$\text{proj } e \mid \text{put } e$	<i>Synchro. parallel primitives</i>
	$\dots$		
$v$	$::=$		<i>Values</i>
		$op, cst$	<i>Operator, Constant</i>
		$(\text{fun } x \rightarrow e)[\mathcal{E}]$	<i>Closure</i>
		$(\text{multi } f x \rightarrow e \dagger e)[\mathcal{E}]$	<i>Multi-function closure</i>
		$(v, v)$	<i>Pair</i>
		$< v, \dots, v >$	<i>Parallel vector</i>
$op$	$::=$	$+, -, *, /, \text{fst}, \text{snd}, \dots$	<i>Basic operators</i>
$cst$	$::=$	$1, 2, \dots, \text{true}, \text{false}, (), \dots$	<i>Constants</i>
$\mathcal{E}$	$::=$	$\{x_1 \mapsto v_1, \dots x_n \mapsto v_n\}$	<i>Environment</i>

## Inference rules

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$$\frac{\mathcal{P}}{\mathcal{M} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v}$$

Co-inductive inference rule:

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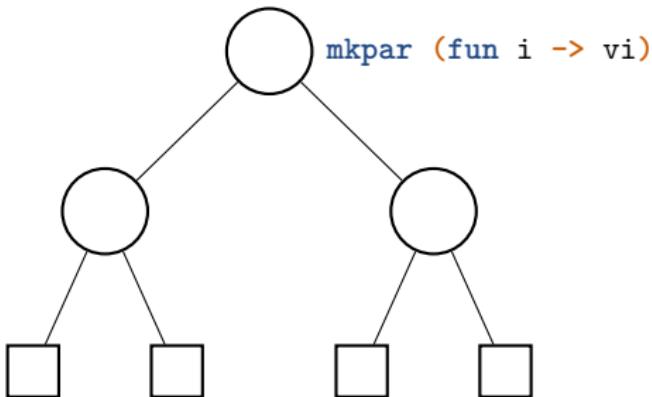
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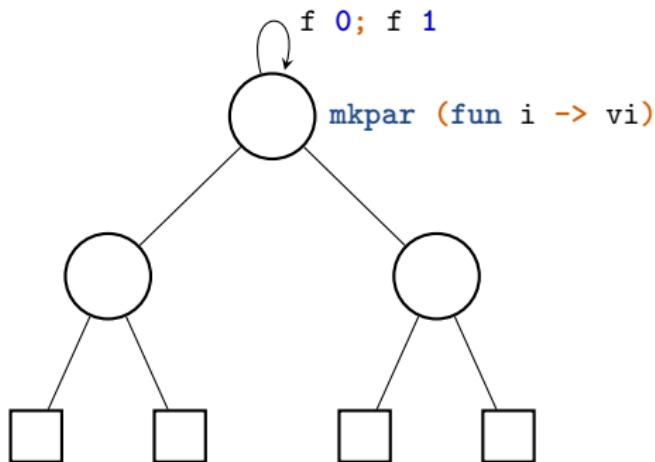
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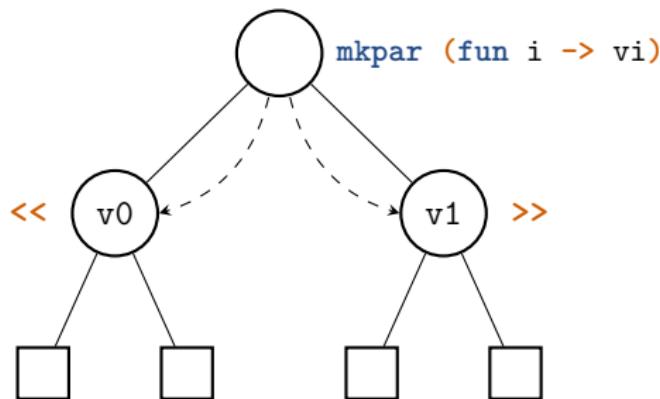
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# The MULTI-ML semantics ...

<p><b>VALUES</b> <math>\frac{}{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{cst} \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} \text{cst}}</math></p> <p><b>VAR</b> <math>\frac{\{x \mapsto v\} \in \text{lookup}(x, \mathcal{M}, p, \mathcal{L})}{\mathcal{M} \vdash x \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v}</math></p> <p><b>CLS</b> <math>\frac{\mathcal{E} = \text{select}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{F}(\text{fun } x \rightarrow v), p, \mathcal{L})}{\mathcal{M} \vdash (\text{fun } x \rightarrow e) \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{E}}}</math></p> <p><b>APP</b> <math>\frac{\mathcal{M} \vdash e_1 \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} (\text{fun } x \rightarrow e)[\mathcal{E}] \quad \mathcal{M} \vdash e_2 \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v}{\mathcal{M} \oplus_p \mathcal{E} \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} \{x \mapsto v\} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v'}</math></p> <p><b>LET_IN</b> <math>\frac{\mathcal{M} \vdash e_1 \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v_1 \quad \mathcal{M} \oplus_p \{x \mapsto v_1\} \vdash e_2 \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v_2}{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v_2}</math></p>	<p><b>REPLICATE</b> <math>\frac{\begin{array}{l} \forall i \in p \quad \mathcal{M} \oplus_{p_i} \{f \mapsto (\overline{\text{fun } \underline{\_} \rightarrow e[\underline{\_}]}\}) \vdash f () \Downarrow_{p_i}^1 v_i \\ \text{Comm}((\overline{\text{fun } \underline{\_} \rightarrow e[\underline{\_}]}) \Downarrow_p^b &lt; v_0, \dots, v_n &gt;) \end{array}}{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{replicate } (\text{fun } \underline{\_} \rightarrow e) \Downarrow_p^b &lt; v_0, \dots, v_n &gt;}</math></p> <p><b>DOWN</b> <math>\frac{\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{M} \vdash x \Downarrow_p^b v \\ \text{Comm}(v) \end{array}}{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{down } x \Downarrow_p^b v &lt; v &gt;}</math></p> <p><b>MKPAR</b> <math>\frac{\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{M} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^b \overline{(e')[\mathcal{E}']} \\ \forall i \in p \quad \mathcal{M} \oplus_p \mathcal{E}' \vdash e' i \Downarrow_p^b v_i \\ \text{Comm}(v_i) \end{array}}{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{mkpar } e \Downarrow_p^b &lt; v_0, \dots, v_n &gt;}</math></p> <p><b>APPLY</b> <math>\frac{\mathcal{M} \vdash e_1 \Downarrow_p^b &lt; \overline{(e_i)[\mathcal{E}_i]} &gt; \quad \mathcal{M} \vdash e_2 \Downarrow_p^b &lt; v_0, \dots, v_n &gt; \quad \forall i \in p \quad \mathcal{M} \oplus_{p,i} \{f_i \mapsto (\overline{e_i})[\mathcal{E}_i], x_i \mapsto v_i\} \vdash f_i x_i \Downarrow_{p,i}^1 v'_i}{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{apply } e_1 e_2 \Downarrow_p^b &lt; v'_0, \dots, v'_n &gt;}</math></p> <p><b>PROJ</b> <math>\frac{\mathcal{M} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^b &lt; v_0, \dots, v_n &gt; \quad \forall i \in p \quad \mathcal{M} \oplus_{p,i} \{f \mapsto (\overline{e'})[\mathcal{E}']\} \vdash f i \Downarrow_{p,i}^b v_i \quad \text{Comm}(v_i)}{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{proj } e \Downarrow_p^b \overline{(e')[\mathcal{E}']}}</math></p> <p><b>PUT</b> <math>\frac{\mathcal{M} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^b &lt; \overline{(e_0)[\mathcal{E}_0]}, \dots, \overline{(e_n)[\mathcal{E}_n]} &gt; \quad \forall i, j \in p \quad \mathcal{M} \oplus_{p,i} \{f_i \mapsto (\overline{e_i})[\mathcal{E}_i]\} \vdash f_i j \Downarrow_{p,i}^1 v_{ij} \quad \mathcal{M} \oplus_{p,j} \{f'_j \mapsto (\overline{e'_j})[\mathcal{E}'_j]\} \vdash f'_j i \Downarrow_{p,j}^1 v_{ij}}{\mathcal{M} \vdash \text{put } e \Downarrow_p^b &lt; \overline{(e'_0)[\mathcal{E}'_0]}, \dots, \overline{(e'_n)[\mathcal{E}'_n]} &gt; f}</math></p>	<p><b>isNode(p)</b> <math>\frac{}{\mathcal{M} \vdash e_1 \Downarrow_p^1 (\text{multi } f x \rightarrow e'_1 \dagger e'_2)[\mathcal{M}']}</math></p> <p><b>MULTI_NODE</b> <math>\frac{\mathcal{M} \vdash e_2 \Downarrow_p^1 v \quad \mathcal{M}' \oplus_p \{x \mapsto v\} \oplus_p \{f \mapsto (\text{multi } f x \rightarrow e'_1 \dagger e'_2)[\mathcal{M}']\} \vdash e'_1 \Downarrow_p^b v'}{\mathcal{M} \vdash (e_1 e_2) \Downarrow_p^b v'}</math></p> <p><b>MULTI_LEAF</b> <math>\frac{\mathcal{M} \vdash e_1 \Downarrow_p^1 (\text{multi } f x \rightarrow e'_1 \dagger e'_2)[\mathcal{M}'] \quad \mathcal{M} \vdash e_2 \Downarrow_p^1 v \quad \mathcal{M}' \oplus_p \{x \mapsto v\} \vdash e'_2 \Downarrow_p^b v' \quad \mathcal{M} \vdash (e_1 e_2) \Downarrow_p^b v'}{\mathcal{M} \vdash (e_1 e_2) \Downarrow_p^n v'}</math></p> <p><b>MULTI_DEF</b> <math>\frac{\mathcal{M}' = \text{select}( \mathcal{M} _{\text{multi}}, \mathcal{F}(\text{multi } f x \rightarrow e_1 \dagger e_2)) \quad v \equiv (\text{multi } f x \rightarrow e_1 \dagger e_2)[\mathcal{M}']}{\mathcal{M} \vdash (\text{multi } f x \rightarrow e_1 \dagger e_2) \Downarrow_{\text{multi}}^n v}</math></p> <p><b>MULTI_CALL</b> <math>\frac{\mathcal{M} \vdash e_1 \Downarrow_{\text{multi}}^n (\text{multi } f x \rightarrow e'_1 \dagger e'_2)[\mathcal{M}'] \quad \mathcal{M} \vdash e_2 \Downarrow_{\text{multi}}^n v \quad \mathcal{M} \oplus_{\text{root}} \{x \mapsto v\} \oplus_{\text{root}} \{f \mapsto (\text{multi } f x \rightarrow e'_1 \dagger e'_2)[\mathcal{M}']\} \vdash e'_1 \Downarrow_{\text{root}}^b v' \quad \text{Comm}(v')}{\mathcal{M} \vdash (e_1 e_2) \Downarrow_{\text{multi}}^n v'}</math></p>
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## But why ?

- Ensure consistency with the MULTI-BSP model
- Prove:
  - Evaluation determinism
    - > *If  $\mathcal{M} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v_1$  and  $\mathcal{M} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v_2$  then  $v_1 = v_2$ .*
  - Evaluation (or not)
    - > *It is impossible to obtain a value  $v$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v$ ,*
    - > *or there exists a value  $v$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v$ .*
  - Evaluation “does not go wrong”
    - > *If  $\mathcal{M} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} v$  and  $\mathcal{M} \vdash e \Downarrow_p^{\mathcal{L}} \infty$  then there is a contradiction.*

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## Presented work

- MULTI-BSP extension of ML: MULTI-ML
- Operational semantics
  - Evaluation determinism
  - Evaluation (or not)
  - Evaluation “*does not go wrong*” ...

## Ongoing and future work

- Automatic cost analysis
- Type system
- Certified parallel programming

Thank you for your attention 😊

Questions ?