

Service-Oriented Programming in MPI

Sarwar Alam, Humaira Kamal and Alan Wagner
University of British Columbia



Network
Systems
Security
Lab



Overview

Problem: How to provide data structures to MPI?



Fine-Grain MPI

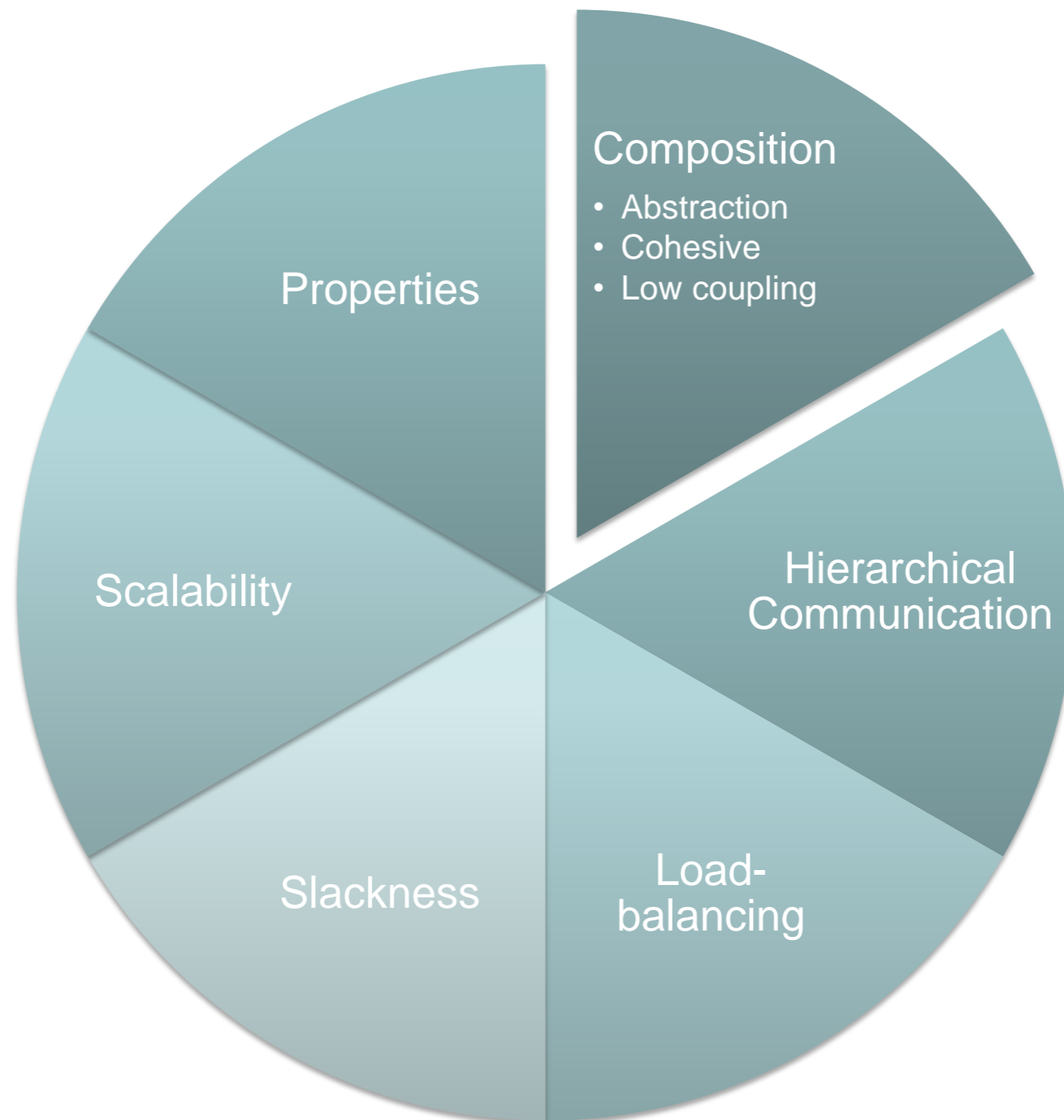


Service-Oriented
Programming



Performance Tuning

Issues



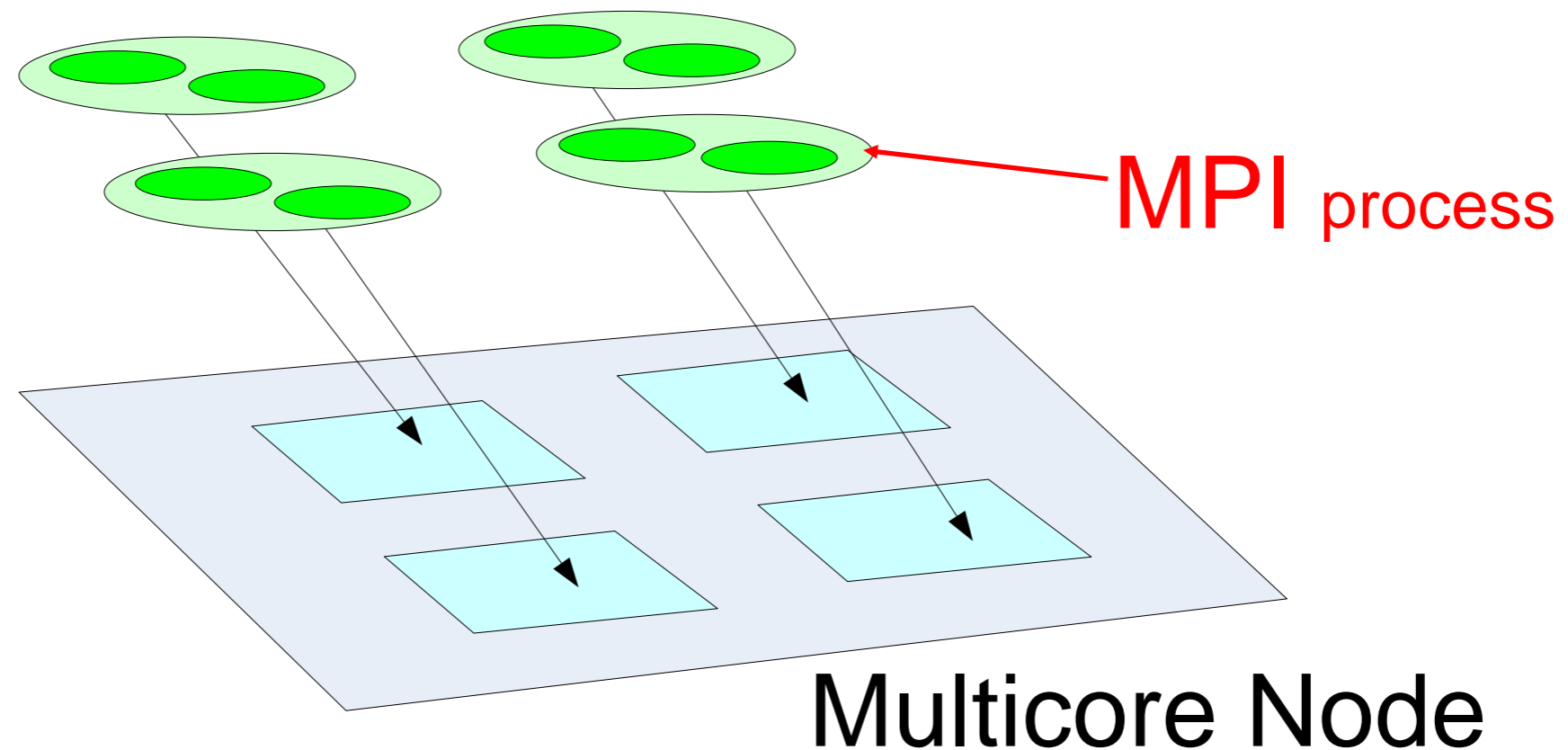
Fine-Grain MPI

MPI

- Advantages
 - Efficient over many fabrics
 - Rich communication library
- Disadvantages
 - Bound to OS processes
 - SPMD programming model
 - Course-grain

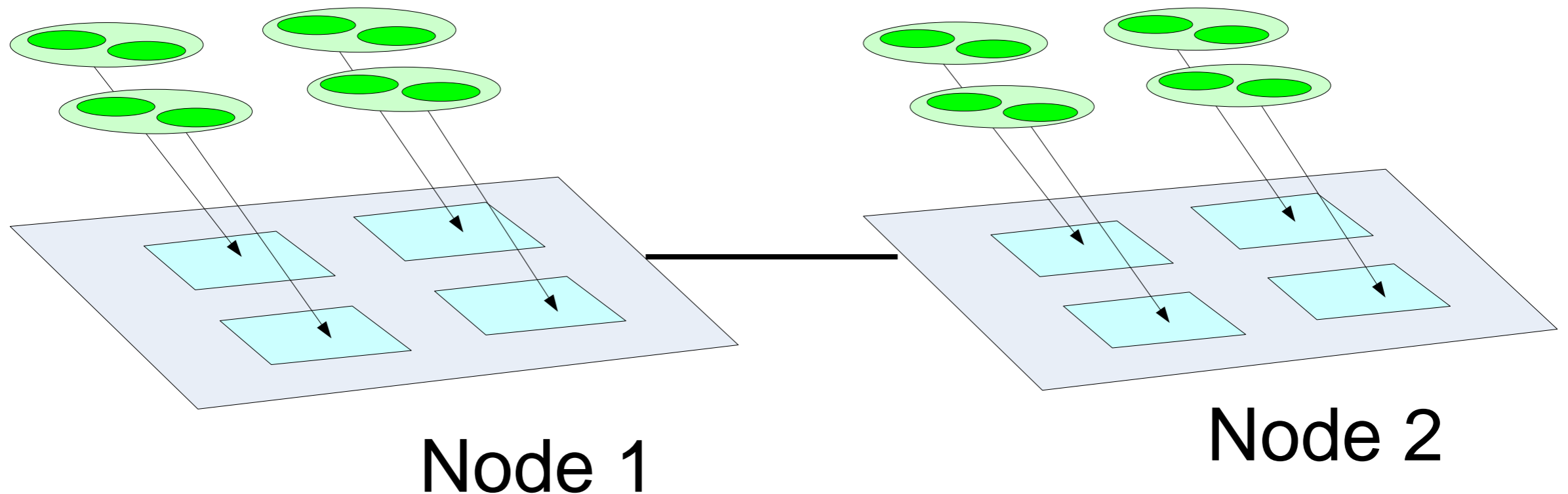
Fine-Grain MPI

Program: OS processes with co-routines (fibers)



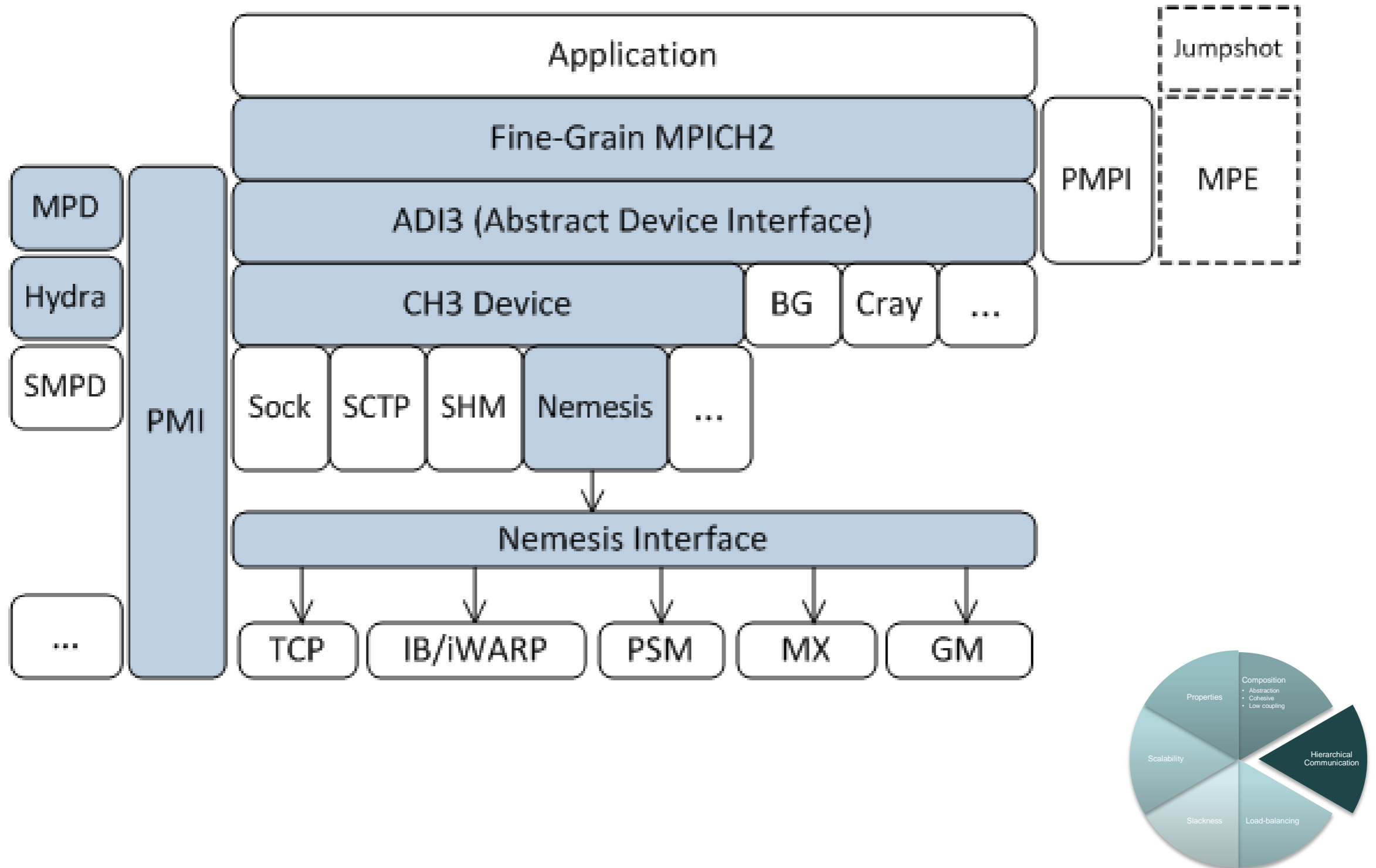
- Full-fledged MPI “processes”
- Combination of OS-scheduled and user-level light-weight processes inside each process

Fine-Grain MPI

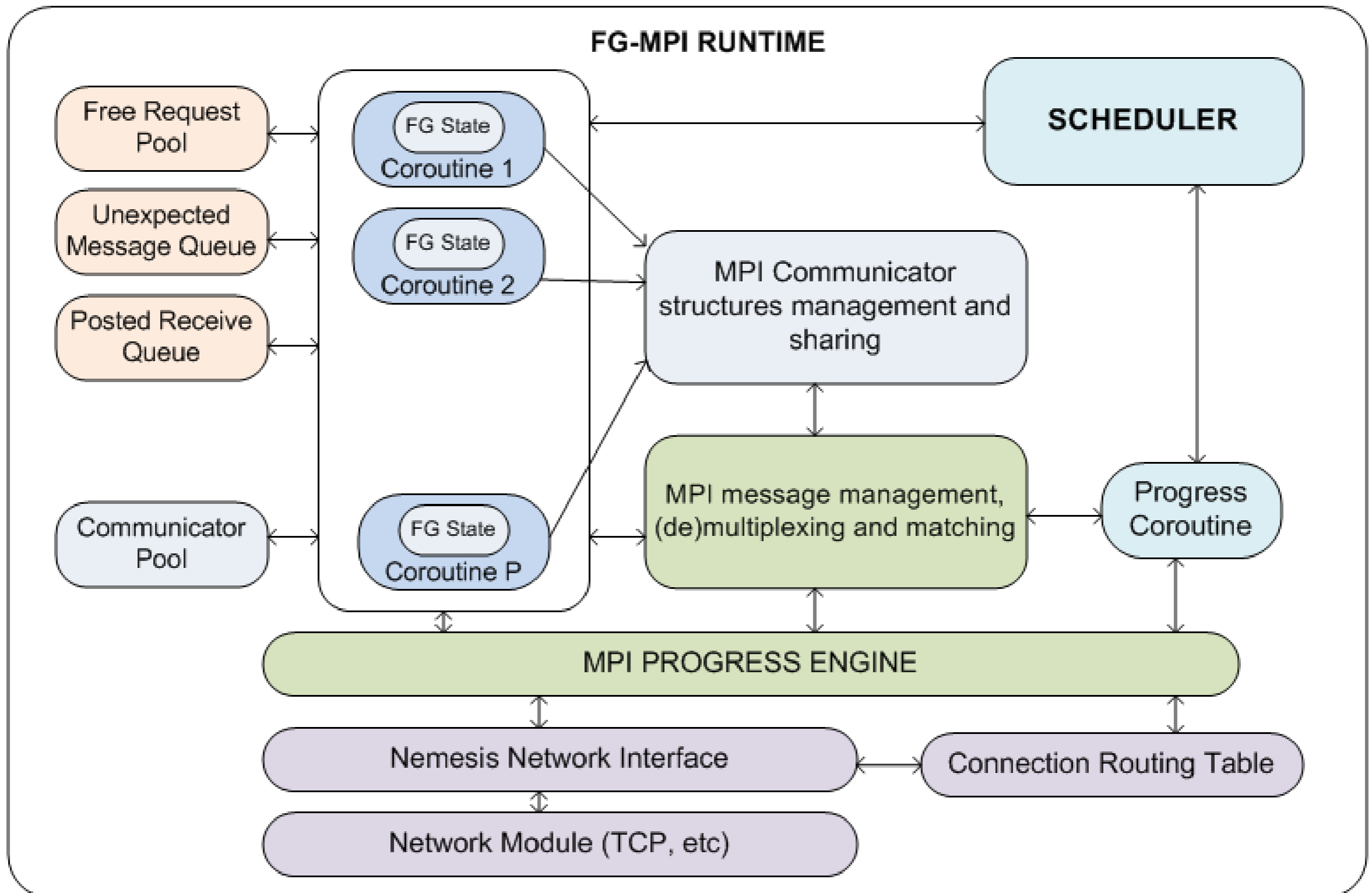


- One model, inside and between nodes
- Interleaved Concurrency
- Parallel: same node between nodes

Integrated into MPICH2



System Details



Executing FG-MPI Programs

```
mpiexec -nfg 2 -n 8 myprog
```

- Example of SPMD MPI program
 - with 16 MPI processes,
 - assuming two nodes with quad-core.

8 pairs of processes executing in parallel, where each pair interleaves execution

Decoupled from Hardware

```
mpiexec -nfg 350 -n 4 myprog
```

- Fit the number of processes to the problem rather than the number of cores

Flexibility

```
mpiexec -nfg 1000 -n 4 myprog
```

```
mpiexec -nfg 500 -n 8 myprog
```

```
mpiexec -nfg 750 -n 4 myprog: -nfg 250 -n 4 myprog
```

- Move the boundary between light-weight user scheduled concurrency, and processes running in parallel.

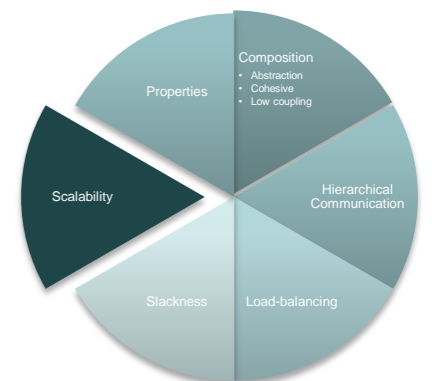
Scalability

```
mpiexec -nfg 30000 -n 8 myprog
```

- Can have hundreds and thousands of MPI processes.

```
mpiexec -nfg 16000 -n 6500 myprog
```

- 100 Million processes on 6500 cores

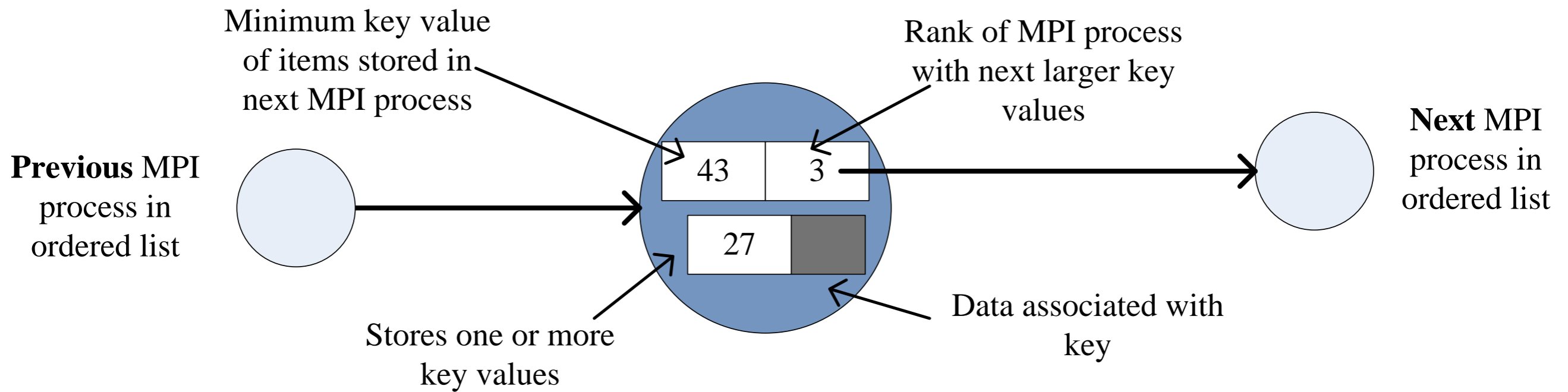


Service-Oriented Programming

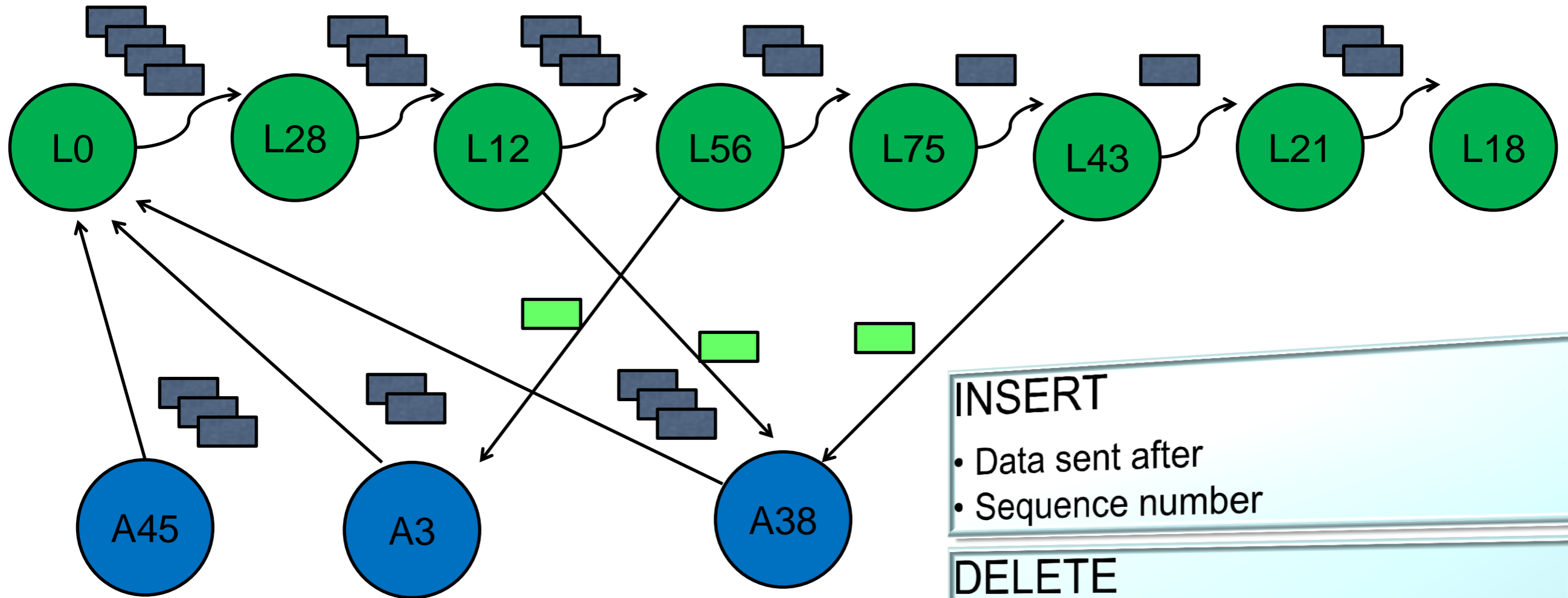
- Linked List Structure
- Keys in sorted order
- Similar
 - Distributed hash table
 - Linda Tuple Spaces

Ordered Linked-List

An MPI process in ordered list



Ordered Linked-List



INSERT

- Data sent after
- Sequence number

DELETE

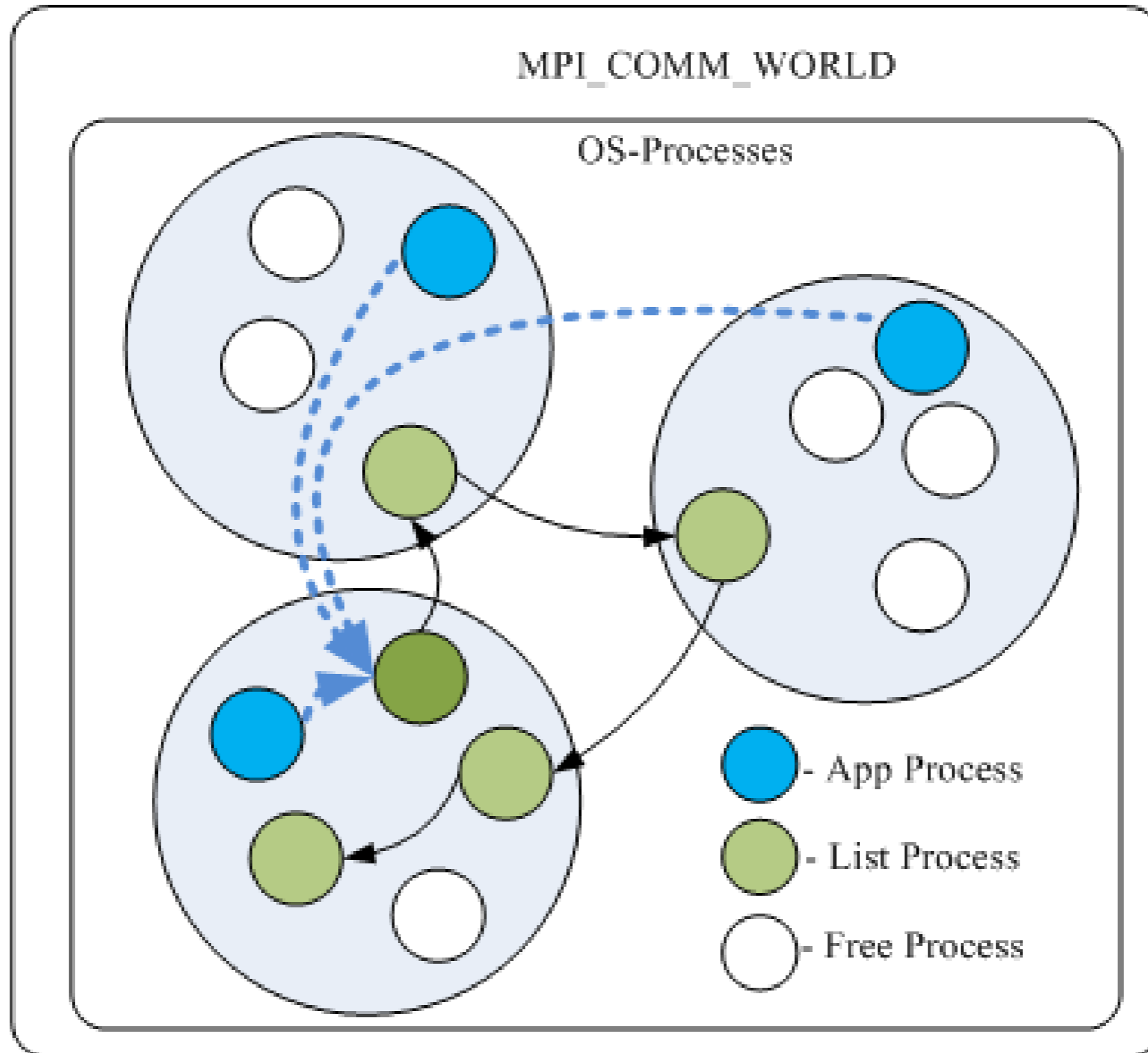
- Success/Failure
- Sequence number

FIND

- Sequence number
- Return data



Ordered Linked-List



INSERT

LEGEND

Node Types:

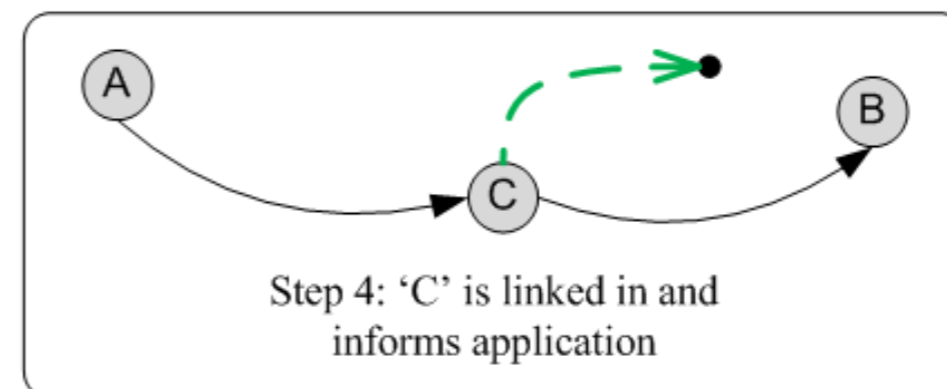
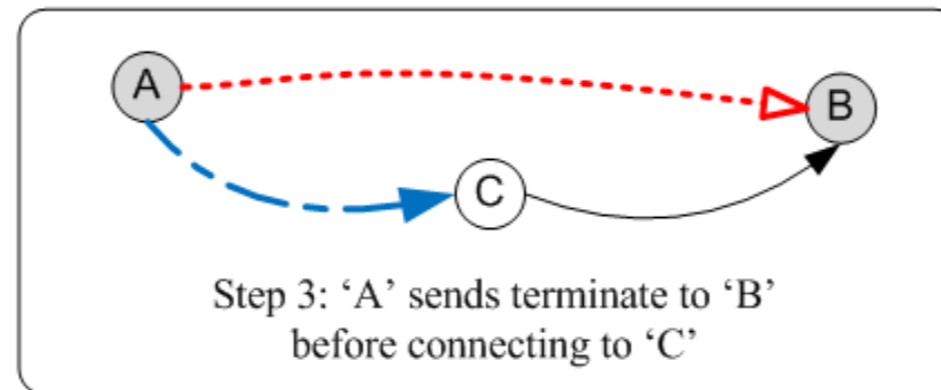
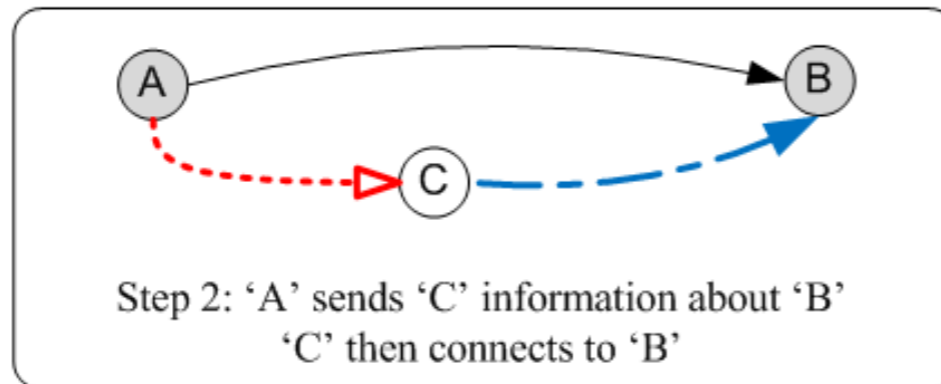
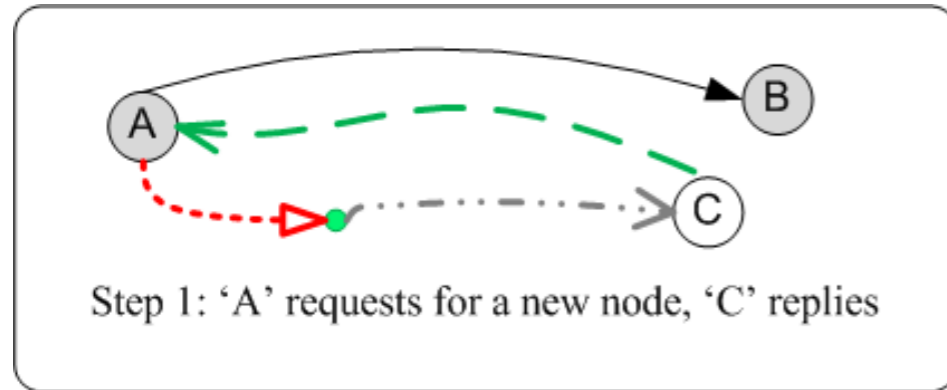
- - List Node
- - Free Node
- - Application Node
- - Manager Node

Connection Arrows:

- - Existing Link
- - New Connection

Messaging Arrows:

- - Message Sent
- - Reply Sent
- - Free Node Service Route



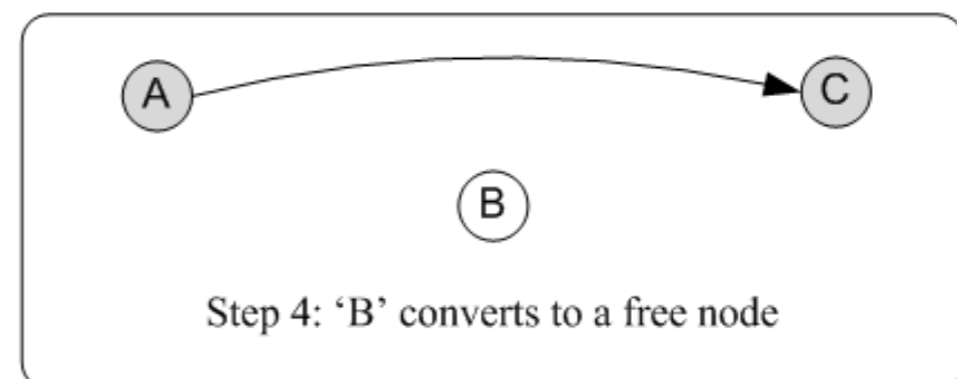
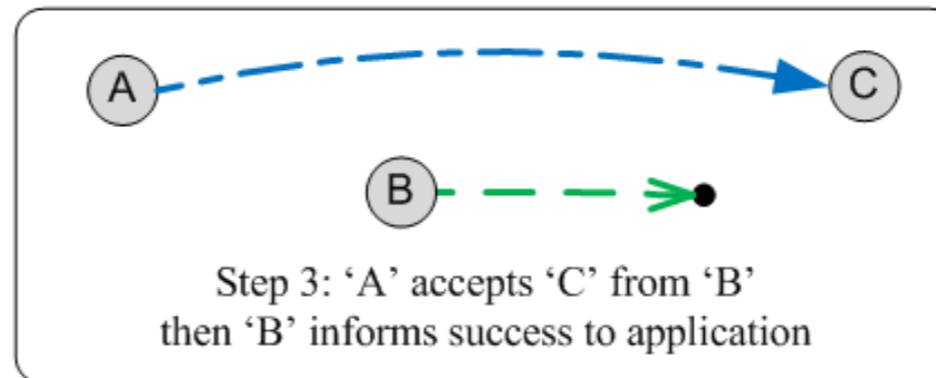
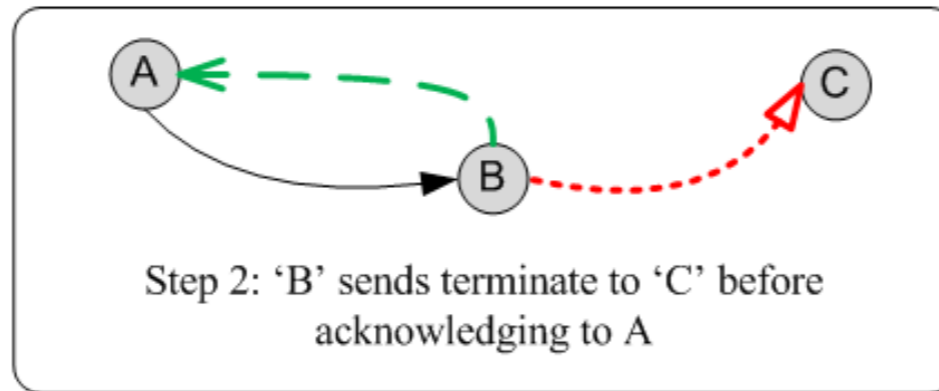
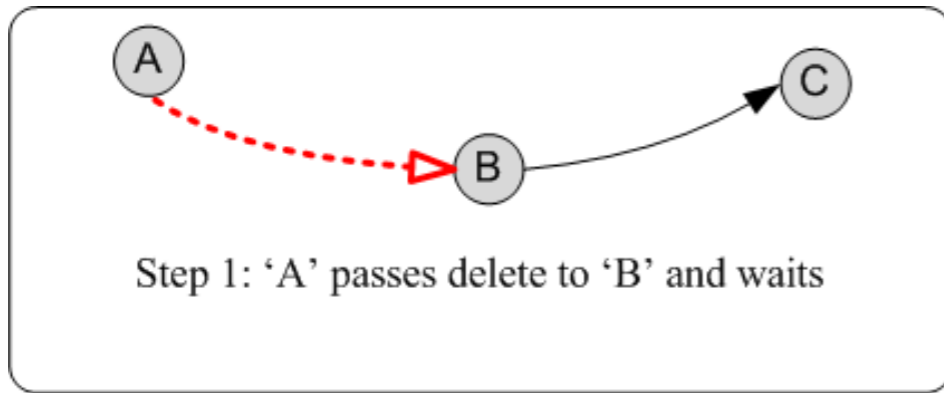
DELETE

LEGEND

- Node Types:
- - List Node
 - - Free Node
 - - Application Node
 - - Manager Node

- Connection Arrows:
- - Existing Link
 - - New Connection

- Messaging Arrows:
- - Message Sent
 - - Reply Sent
 - - Free Node Service Route



FIND

LEGEND

Node Types:

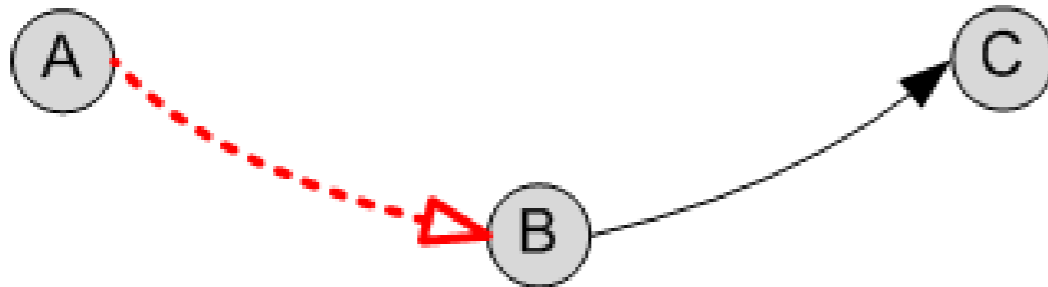
- - List Node
- - Free Node
- - Application Node
- - Manager Node

Connection Arrows:

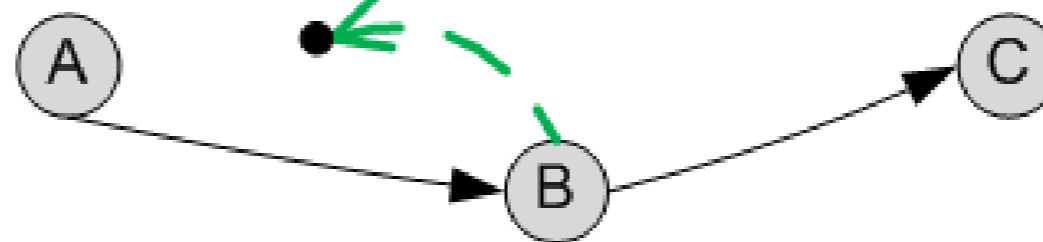
- - Existing Link
- - New Connection

Messaging Arrows:

- - Message Sent
- - Reply Sent
- - Free Node Service Route

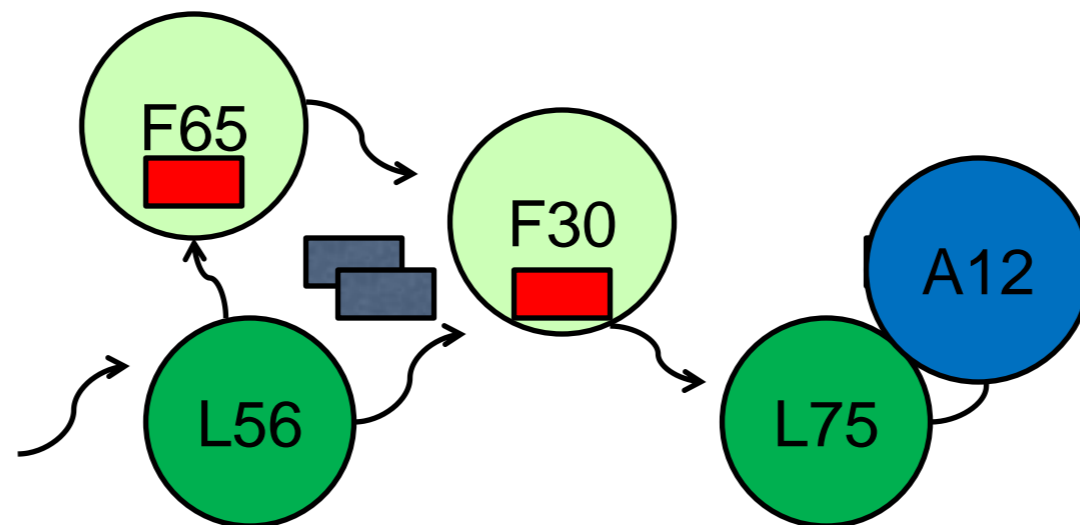
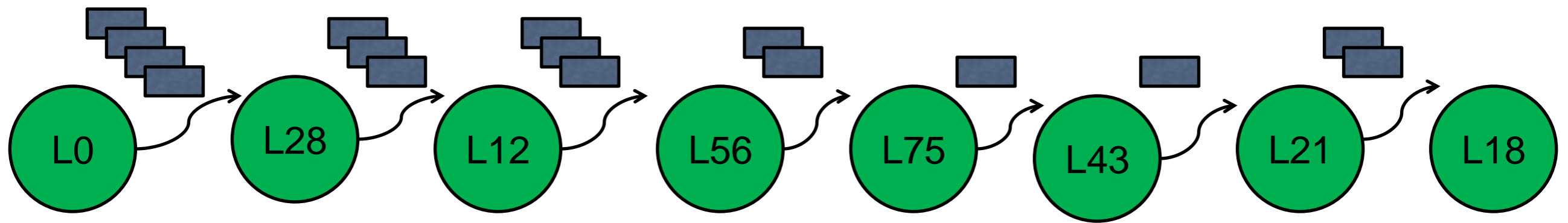


Step 1: 'A' passes find to 'B'



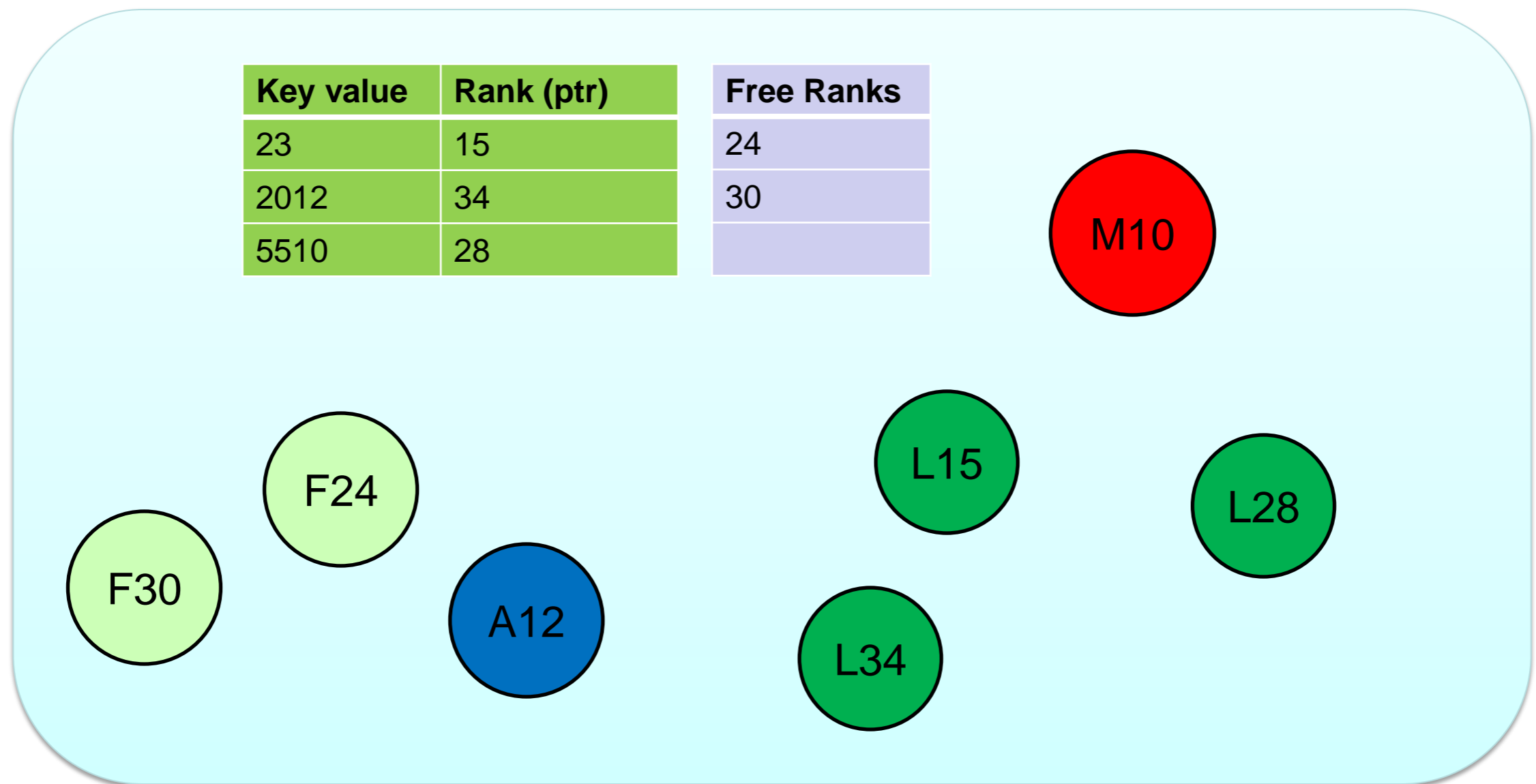
Step 2: If match found or match not possible
'B' informs application
(else request passed to 'C')

Ordered Linked-List



Shortcuts

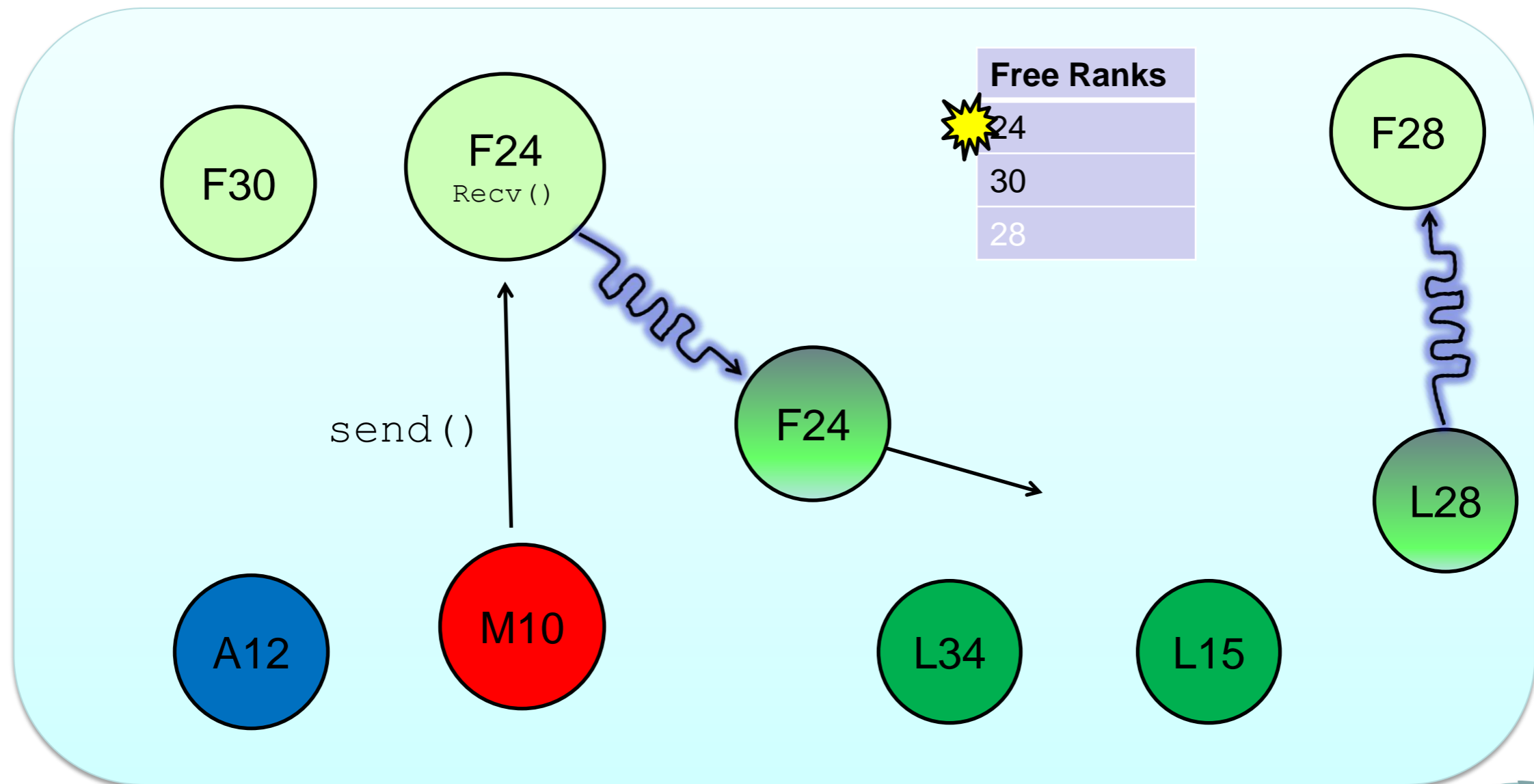
Local Process Ecosystem



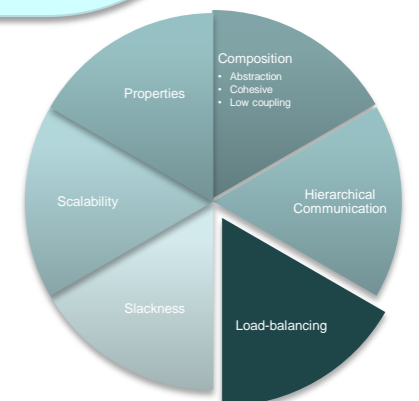
Local non-communication operations are **ATOMIC**

Re-incarnation

Local Process Ecosystem



Local non-communication operations
are **ATOMIC**

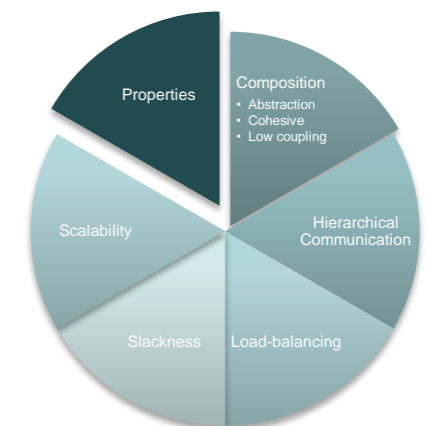


Granularity

- Added the ability for each process to manage a collection of consecutive items.
- Changes to INSERT, changes into a SPLIT operation
- Changes to DELETE, on delete of last item
- List Traversal consists of:
 - Jumping between processes
 - Jumping co-located processes
 - Search inside a process

Properties

- **Total Ordered** – operations are ordered by the order they arrive at the root
- **Sequentially Consistent** – each application process keeps a hold-back queue to return results in order
- **No consistency** – operations can occur in any order

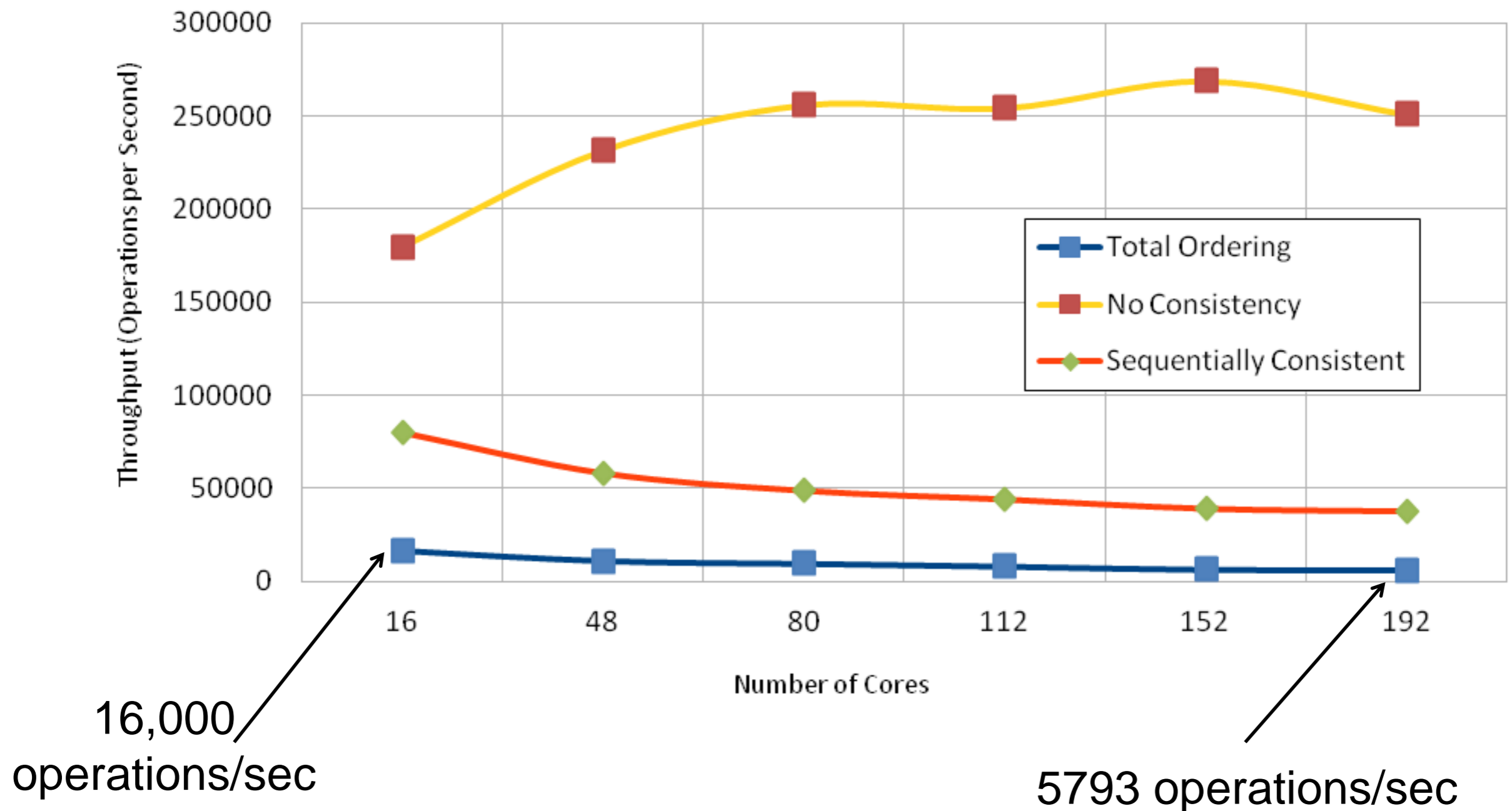


Performance Tuning

- **G** (granularity) the number of keys stored in each process.
- **K** (asynchrony) the number of messages in the channel between list processes.
- **W** (workload) the number of outstanding operations

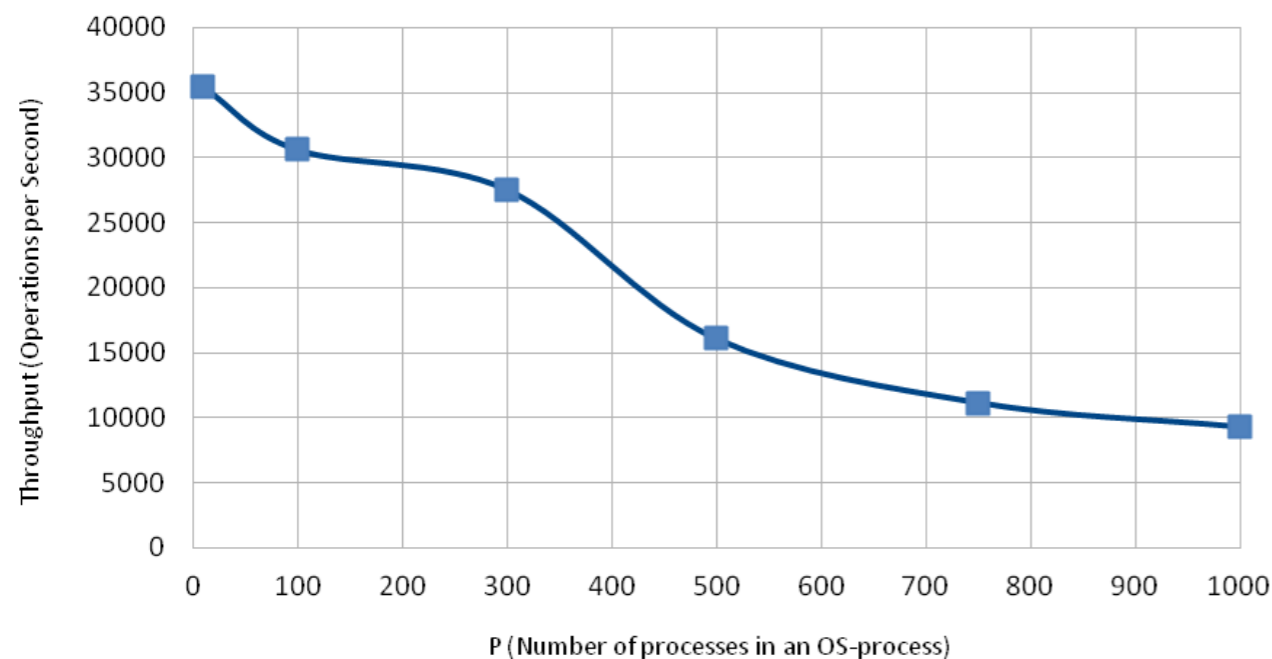
Steady-State Throughput

Fixed list size, evenly distributed over $O \times M$ core

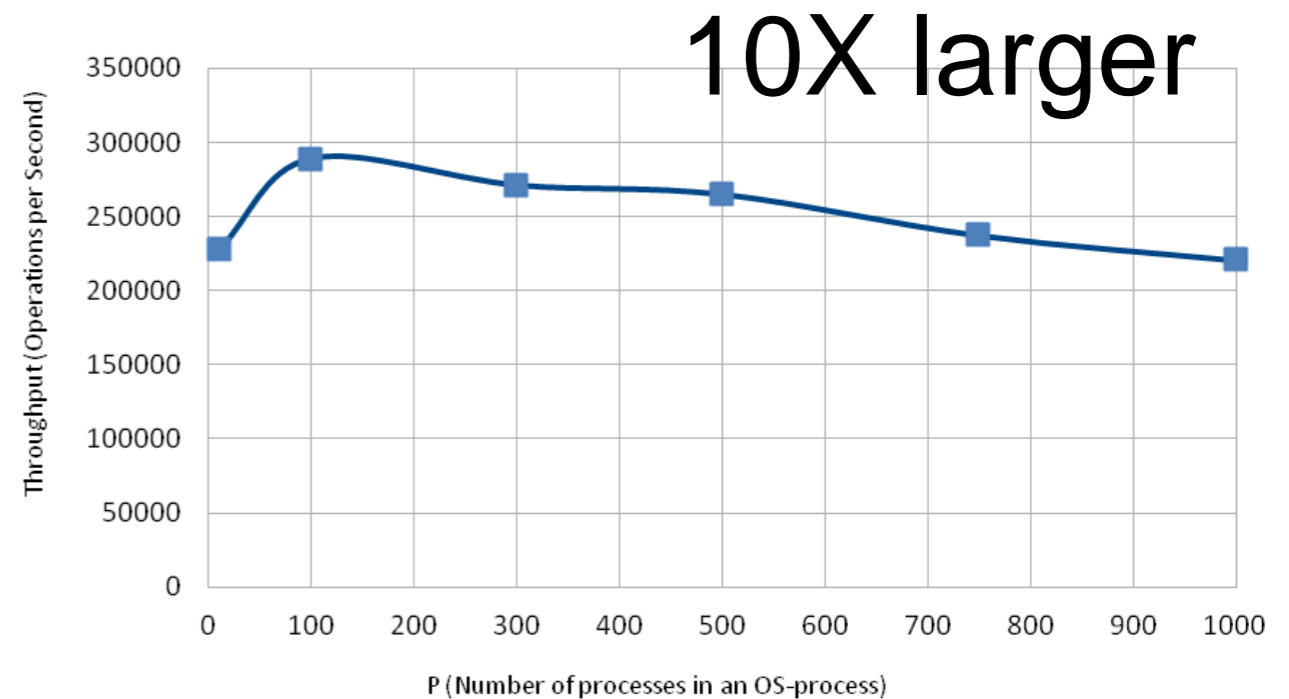


Granularity (G)

Fixed-size machine (176 cores), Fixed list size (2^{20})



Sequentially Consistent



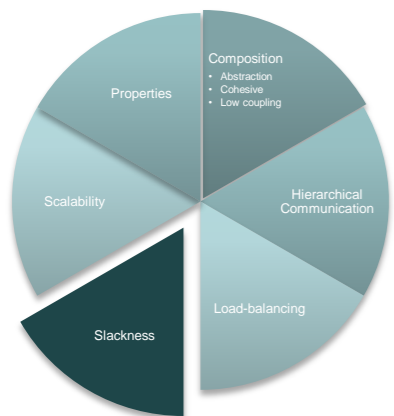
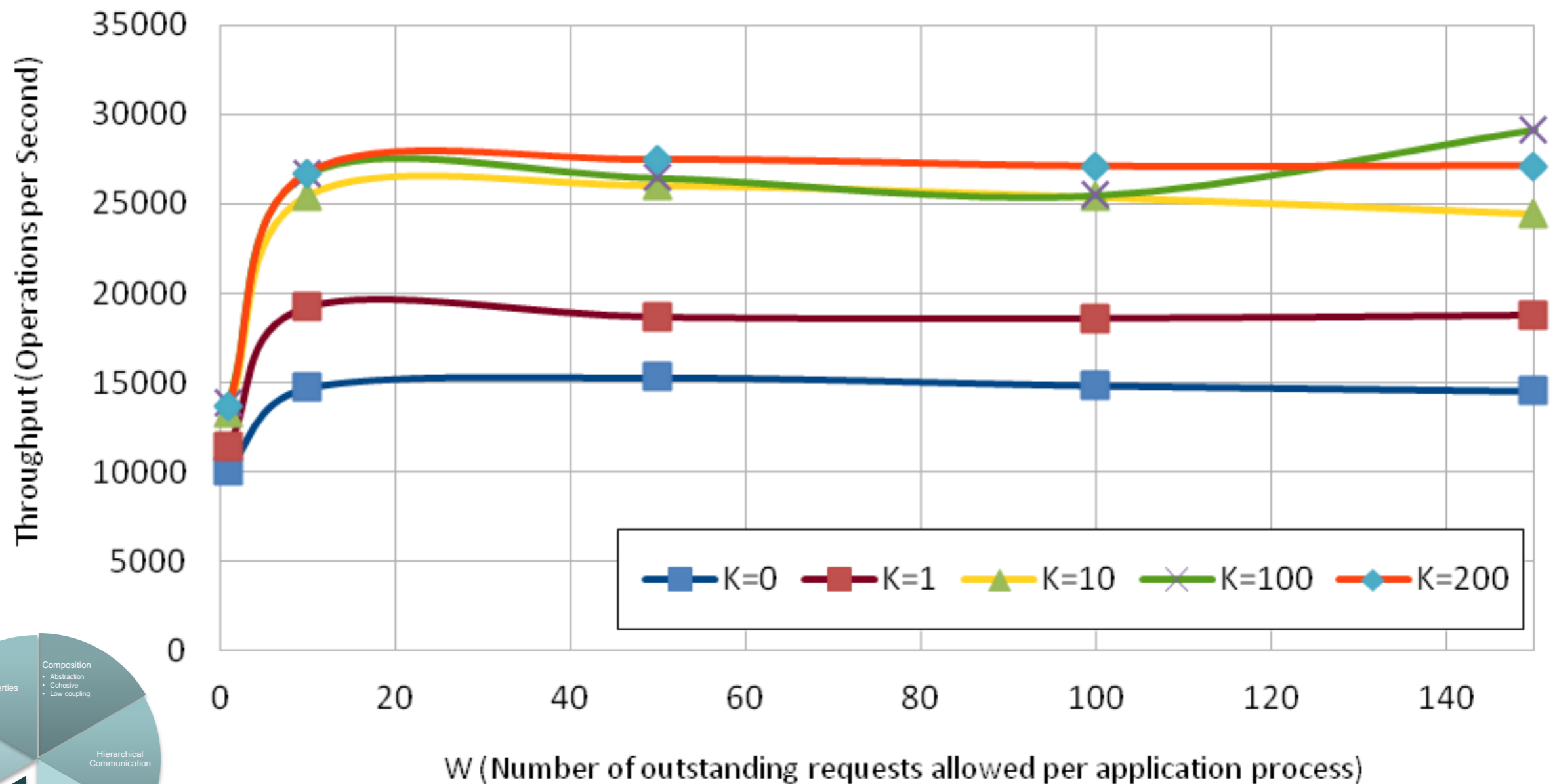
No-consistency

Moving work from INSIDE a process to BETWEEN processes

W and K

W : Number of outstanding requests (workload)

K : Degree of Asynchrony



Conclusions

- Reduced coupling and increased cohesion
- Scalability within clusters of multicore
- Performance tuning controls
 - Adapt to hierarchical network fabric
- Distributed systems properties pertaining to consistency

Thank-You