

# Multi-criteria scheduling of workflow applications

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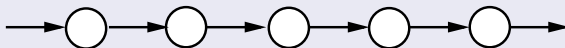
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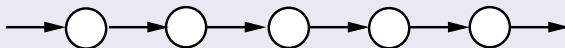
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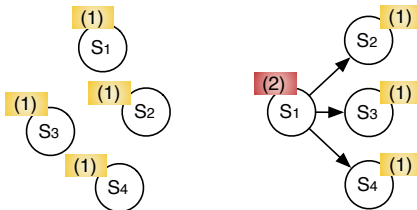
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# Application model

- Set of  $n$  application stages
- Workflow: each data set must be processed by all stages
- Computation cost of stage  $S_i$ :  $w_i$
- Dependencies between stages



Independent

Fork

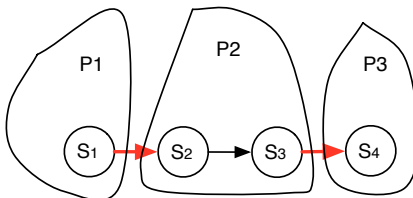


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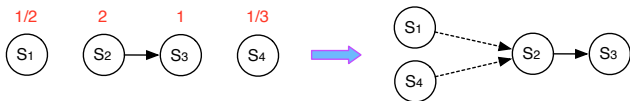
# Application model: communication costs

- Two dependent stages  $S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ : data must be transferred from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$
- **Fixed data size**  $\delta_{1,2}$ , communication cost to pay only if  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are mapped on different processors (i.e. red arrows in the example)



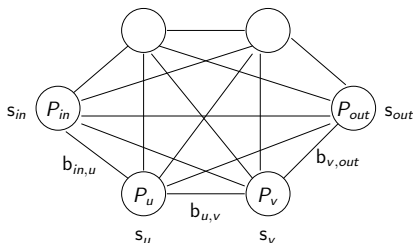
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- Stages with selectivity: stage  $S_i$  transforms (filters) data of size  $\delta$  to size  $\sigma_i \times \delta$  ( $\sigma_i$ : stage selectivity)
- Computation cost depends on the data size (previous  $\sigma$ )
- May add dependencies to exploit selectivity



- $S_1$  and  $S_4$  process file of initial size 1;  $S_1$  removes even line numbers;  $S_2$  removes two-third of the file
- Combined file of size  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$  (no cost for join)
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# Platform model



- $p$  processors  $P_u$ ,  $1 \leq u \leq p$ , fully interconnected
- $s_u$ : **speed** of processor  $P_u$
- bidirectional link  $link_{u,v} : P_u \rightarrow P_v$ , **bandwidth**  $b_{u,v}$
- $fp_u$ : **failure probability** of processor  $P_u$  (independent of the duration of the application, meant to run for a long time)
- $P_{in}$ : input data –  $P_{out}$ : output data

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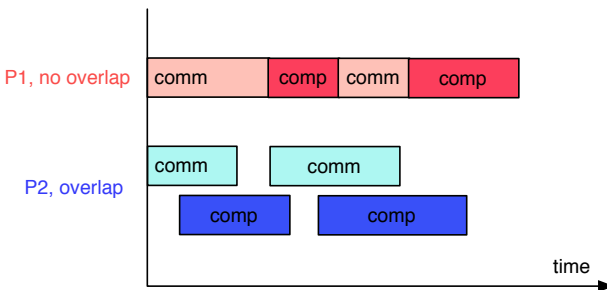
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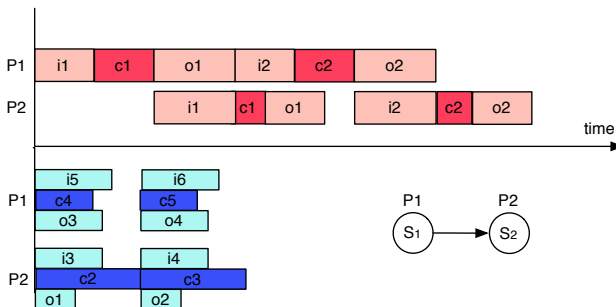
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- **overlap**: a processor can simultaneously compute and communicate



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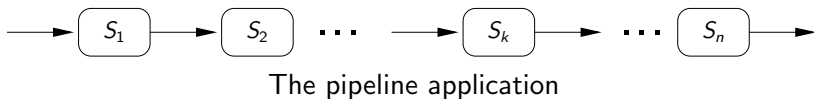
## one-port vs multi-port

- **one-port**: each processor can either send or receive to/from a single other processor any time-step it is communicating
- **bounded multi-port**: simultaneous send and receive, but bound on the total outgoing/incoming communication (limitation of network card)



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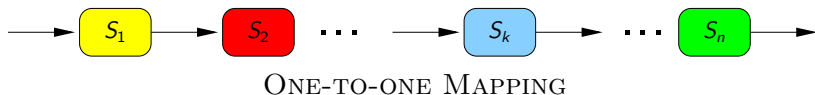


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- **Period and Latency:**
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- Minimize  $\mathcal{L}$  for a **fixed period**
- And so on...

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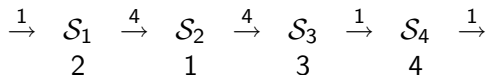
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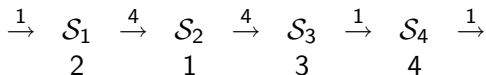
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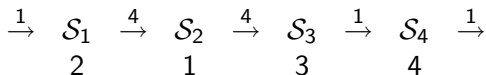
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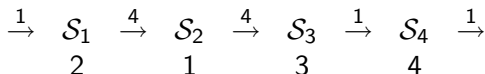
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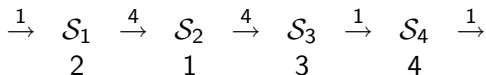
Achieved latency? with  $\mathcal{P} = 5$ ?

Progress step-by-step in the pipeline  $\rightarrow$  no conflicts

$K = 4$  processor changes,  $\mathcal{L} = (2K + 1) \cdot \mathcal{P} = 9\mathcal{P} = 45$

	...	period $k$	period $k + 1$	period $k + 2$	...
$in \rightarrow P_1$	...	$ds^{(k)}$	$ds^{(k+1)}$	$ds^{(k+2)}$	...
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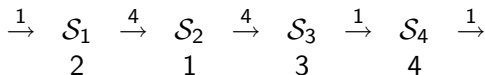
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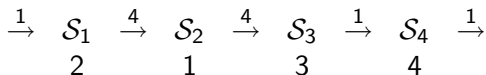
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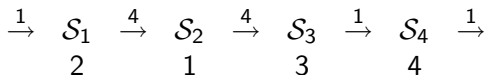
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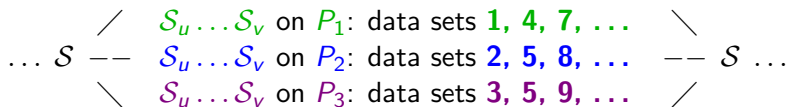
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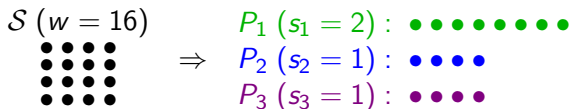


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## Related work

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- Mapping pipelined computations onto clusters and grids– DAG [Taura et al.], DataCutter [Saltz et al.]
- Energy-aware mapping of pipelined computations– [Melhem et al.], three-criteria optimization
- Scheduling task graphs on heterogeneous platforms– Acyclic task graphs scheduled on different speed processors [Topcuoglu et al.]. Communication contention: 1-port model [Beaumont et al.]
- Mapping pipelined computations onto special-purpose architectures– FPGA arrays [Fabiani et al.]. Fault-tolerance for embedded systems [Zhu et al.]
- Mapping skeletons onto clusters and grids– Use of stochastic process algebra [Benoit et al.]

# Conclusion

**Definitions:** Applications, platforms, and multi-criteria mappings

**Theoretical side:** Working out examples to show insight of problem complexity, and full complexity study

**Practical side:** not showed in this talk

- Several polynomial heuristics and simulations
- JPEG application, good results of the heuristics (close to LP solution)

**Future work:**

- Extend to other application graphs
- In particular, define latency for general DAGs (order communications)
- New heuristics for NP-hard cases, further experiments