Collective Communications

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- Communications involving a group of processes.
- Called by all processes in a communicator.
- Examples:
  - Barrier synchronisation.
  - Broadcast, scatter, gather.
  - Global sum, global maximum, etc.

Characteristics of Collective Comms

- Collective action over a communicator.
- All processes must communicate.
- Synchronisation may or may not occur.
- Standard collective operations are blocking.
  - non-blocking versions recently introduced into MPI 3.0
  - may be useful in some situations but not yet commonly employed
  - obvious extension of blocking version: extra request parameter
- No tags.
- Receive buffers must be exactly the right size.

Barrier Synchronisation

- C:

```
int MPI_Barrier (MPI_Comm comm)
```

- Fortran:

```
MPI_BARRIER (COMM, IERROR)

INTEGER COMM, IERROR
```

Broadcast

- C:

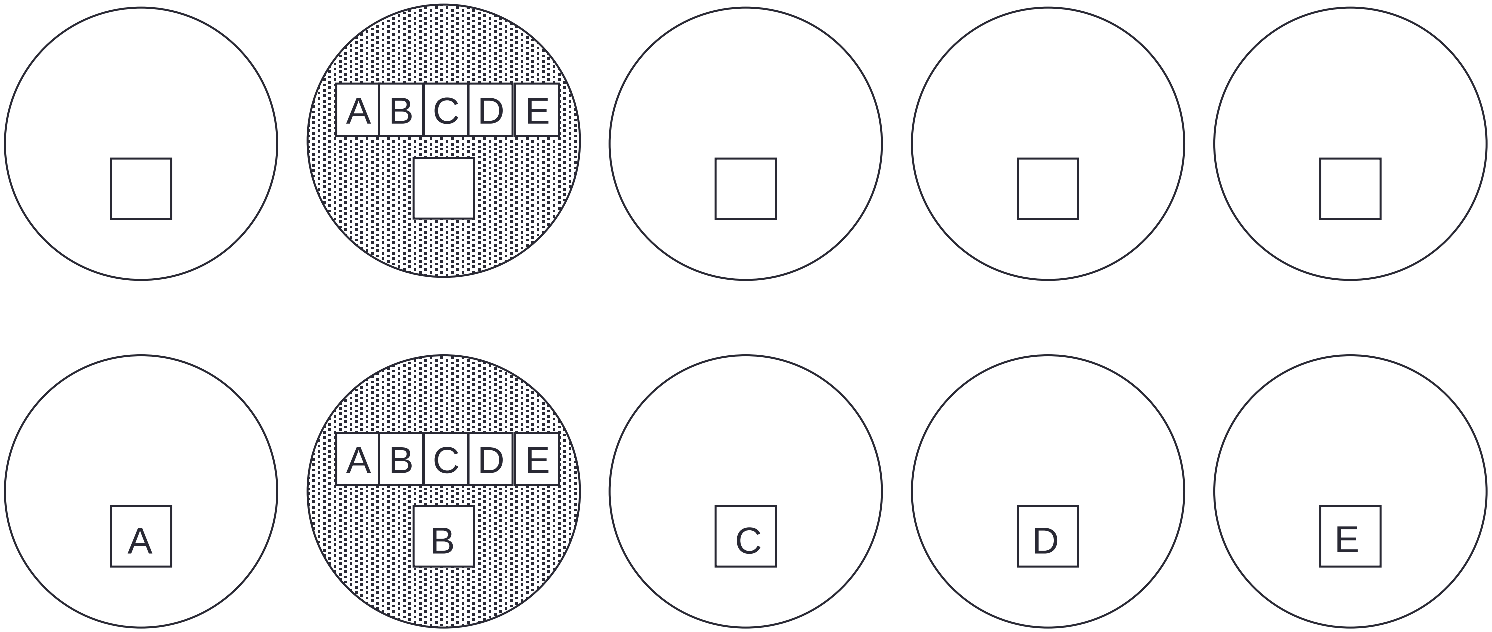
```
int MPI_Bcast (void *buffer, int count,
               MPI_Datatype datatype, int root,
               MPI_Comm comm)
```

- Fortran:

```
MPI_BCAST (BUFFER, COUNT, DATATYPE, ROOT,
           COMM, IERROR)

<type> BUFFER(*)
INTEGER COUNT, DATATYPE, ROOT, COMM, IERROR
```

Scatter



Scatter

- C:

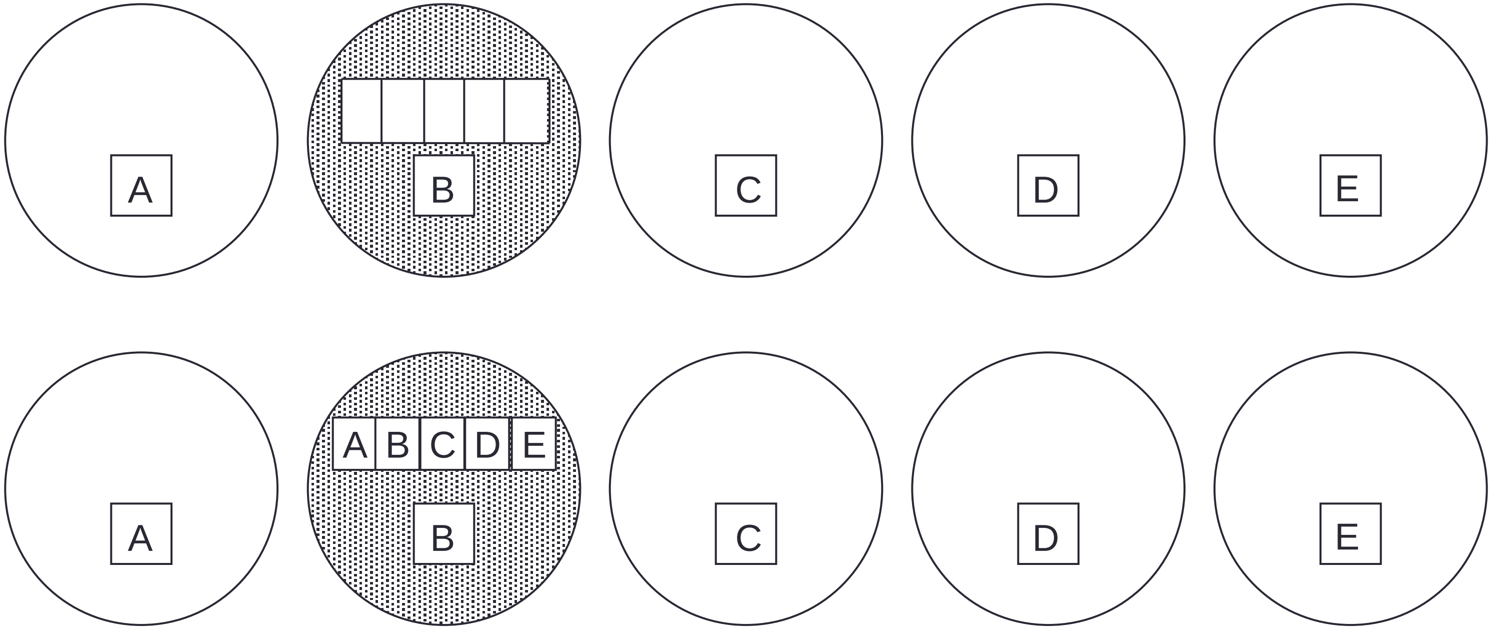
```
int MPI_Scatter(void *sendbuf,
     int sendcount, MPI_Datatype sendtype,
     void *recvbuf, int recvcount,
     MPI_Datatype recvtype, int root,
     MPI_Comm comm)
```

- Fortran:

```
     MPI_SCATTER(SENDBUF, SENDCOUNT, SENDTYPE,
                 RECVBUF, RECVCOUNT, RECVTYPE,
                 ROOT, COMM, IERROR)

     <type> SENDBUF, RECVBUF
     INTEGER SENDCOUNT, SENDTYPE, RECVCOUNT
     INTEGER RECVTYPE, ROOT, COMM, IERROR
```

Gather



Gather

- C:

```
int MPI_Gather(void *sendbuf, int sendcount,
               MPI_Datatype sendtype, void *recvbuf,
               int recvcount, MPI_Datatype recvtype,
               int root, MPI_Comm comm)
```

- Fortran:

```
MPI_GATHER(SENDBUF, SENDCOUNT, SENDTYPE,
           RECVBUF, RECVCOUNT, RECVTYPE,
           ROOT, COMM, IERROR)

<type>  SENDBUF, RECVBUF
INTEGER SENDCOUNT, SENDTYPE, RECVCOUNT
INTEGER RECVTYPE, ROOT, COMM, IERROR
```

Global Reduction Operations

- Used to compute a result involving data distributed over a group of processes.
- Examples:
  - global sum or product
  - global maximum or minimum
  - global user-defined operation

Predefined Reduction Operations

MPI Name	Function
`MPI_MAX`	Maximum
`MPI_MIN`	Minimum
`MPI_SUM`	Sum
`MPI_PROD`	Product
`MPI_LAND`	Logical AND
`MPI_BAND`	Bitwise AND
`MPI_LOR`	Logical OR
`MPI_BOR`	Bitwise OR
`MPI_LXOR`	Logical Exclusive OR
`MPI_BXOR`	Bitwise Exclusive OR
`MPI_MAXLOC`	Maximum and location
`MPI_MINLOC`	Minimum and location

MPI_Reduce

- C:

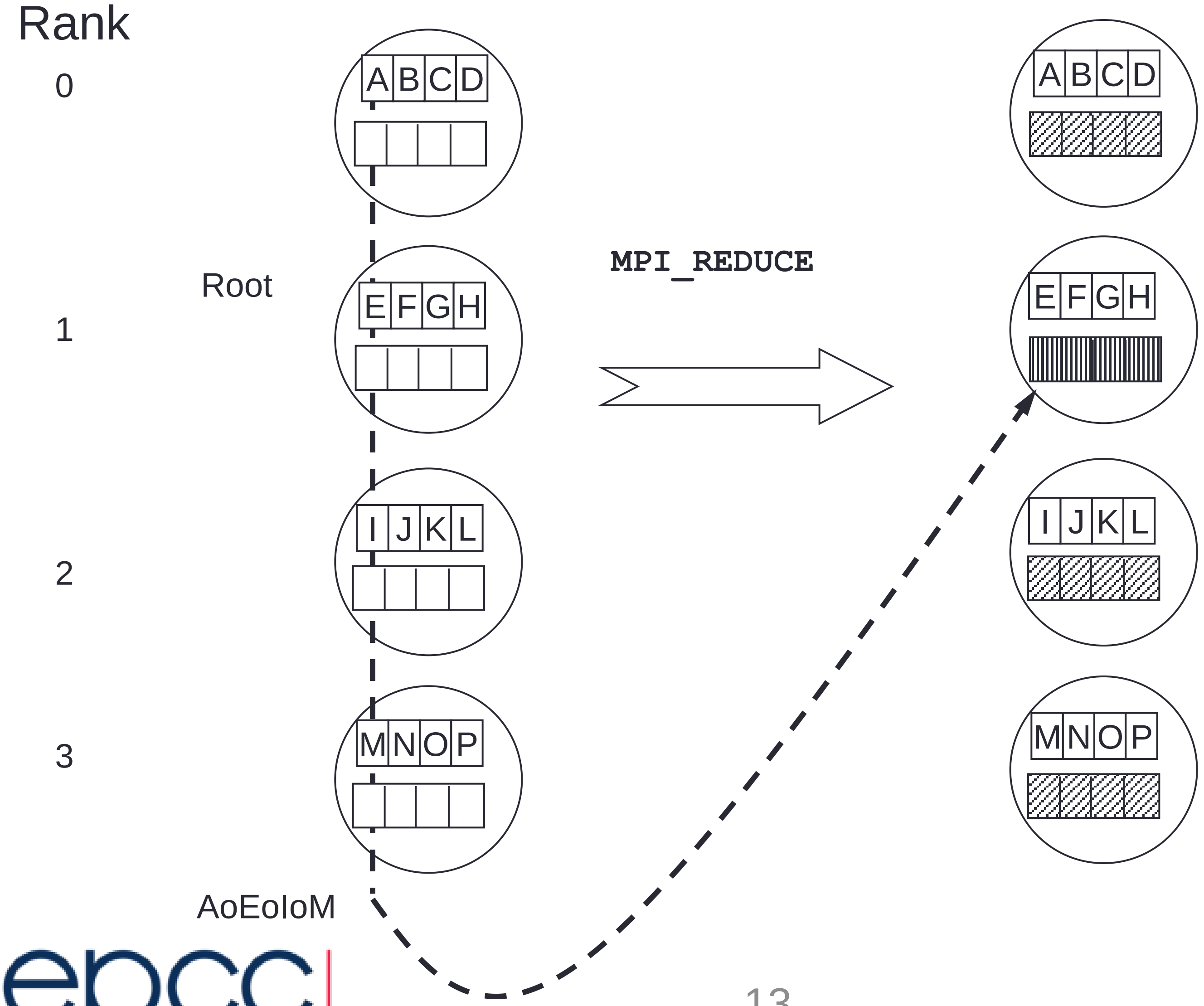
```
int MPI_Reduce(void *sendbuf, void *recvbuf,
               int count, MPI_Datatype datatype,
               MPI_Op op, int root, MPI_Comm comm)
```

- Fortran:

```
MPI_REDUCE(SENDBUF, RECVBUF, COUNT,
           DATATYPE, OP, ROOT, COMM, IERROR)

<type>   SENDBUF, RECVBUF
INTEGER  SENDCOUNT, SENDTYPE, RECVCOUNT
INTEGER  RECVTYPE, ROOT, COMM, IERROR
```

MPI_REDUCE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Example of Global Reduction

Integer global sum

- C:

```
MPI_Reduce(&x, &result, 1, MPI_INT,
           MPI_SUM,0, MPI_COMM_WORLD)
```

- Fortran:

```
CALL MPI_REDUCE(x, result, 1, MPI_INTEGER,
                MPI_SUM, 0,
                MPI_COMM_WORLD, IERROR)
```

- Sum of all the **x** values is placed in **result**.
- The result is only placed there on processor 0.

User-Defined Reduction Operators

- Reducing using an arbitrary operator, o

- C - function of type **`MPI_User_Function`**:

```
void my_op (void *invec, void *inoutvec, int *len,
            MPI_Datatype *datatype)
```

- Fortran - external subprogram of type

```
SUBROUTINE MY_OP(INVEC(*), INOUTVEC(*), LEN,
                 DATATYPE)
<type>   INVEC(LEN), INOUTVEC(LEN)
INTEGER  LEN, DATATYPE
```

Reduction Operator Functions

- Operator function for o must act as

```
for (i = 1 to len)
  inoutvec(i) = inoutvec(i)  o  invec(i)
```

- Operator o need not commute, but must be associative

Registering User-Defined Operator

- Operator handles have type **`MPI_Op`** or **`INTEGER`**

- C:

```
int MPI_Op_create(MPI_User_function *my_op,
                  int commute, MPI_Op *op)
```

- Fortran:

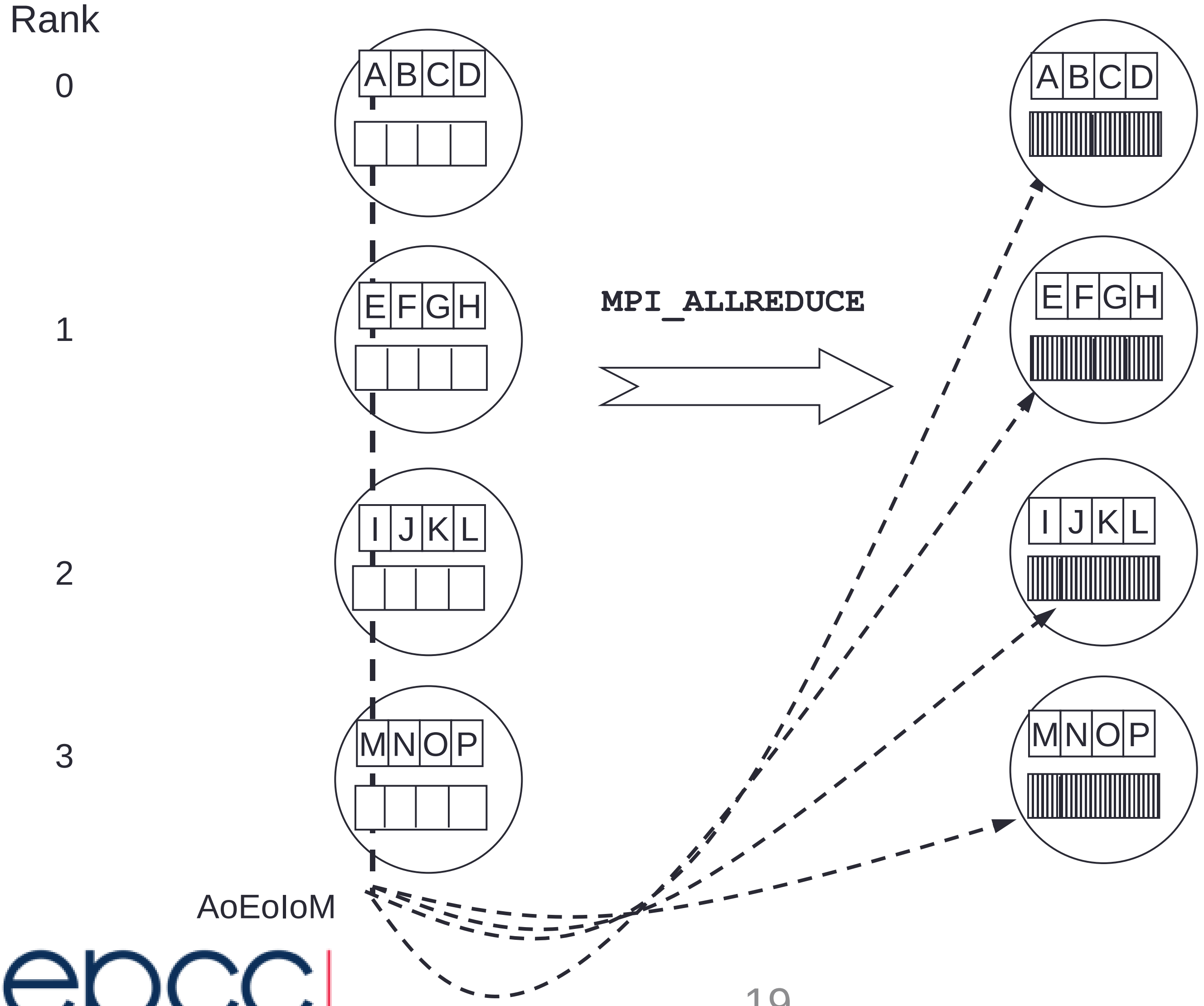
```
MPI_OP_CREATE (MY_OP, COMMUTE, OP, IERROR)

EXTERNAL MY_OP
LOGICAL  COMMUTE
INTEGER  OP, IERROR
```

Variants of MPI_REDUCE

- **`MPI_Allreduce`** no root process
- **`MPI_Reduce_scatter`** result is scattered
- **`MPI_Scan`** “parallel prefix”

MPI_ALLREDUCE



MPI_ALLREDUCE

Integer global sum

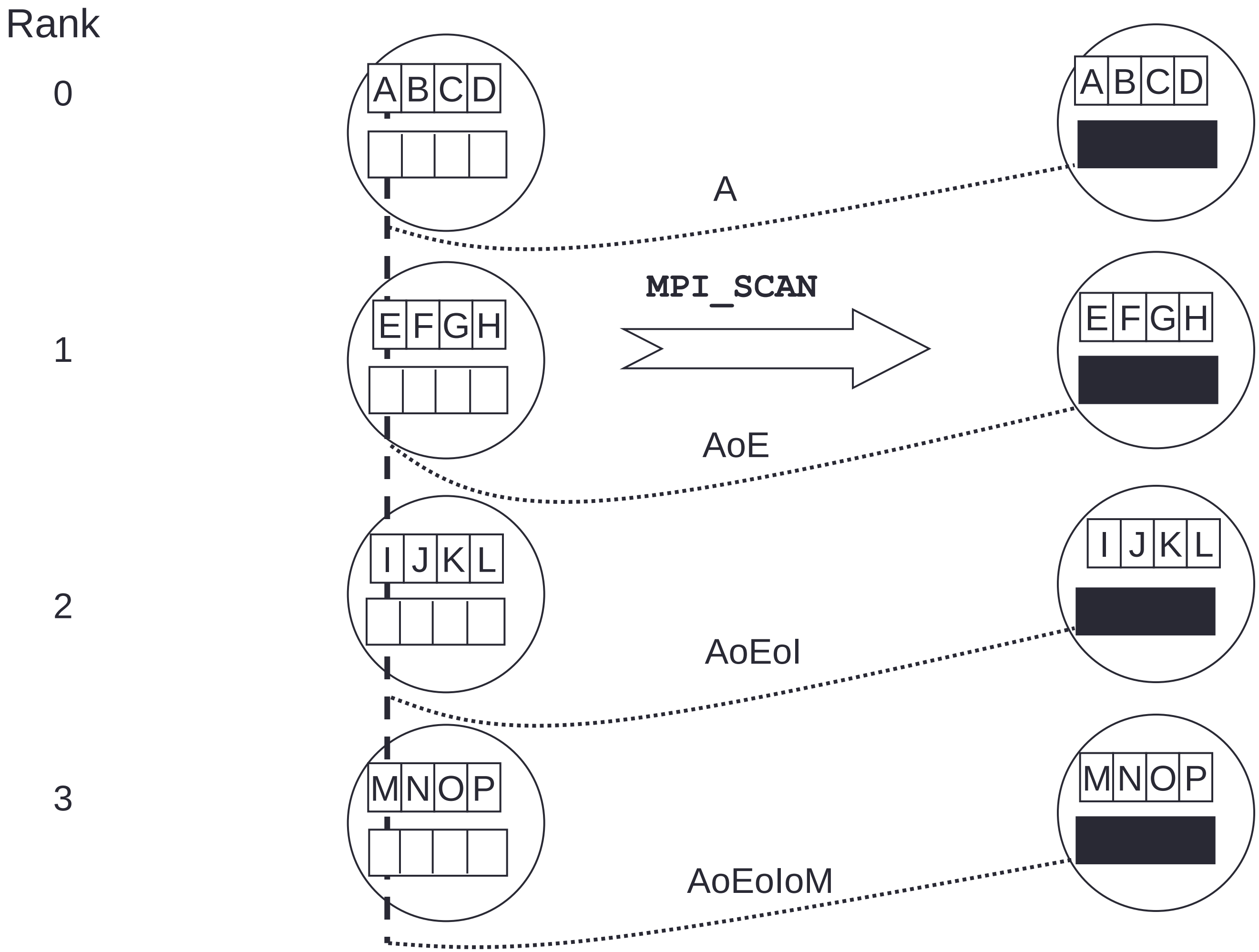
- C:

```
int MPI_Allreduce(void* sendbuf,
           void* recvbuf, int count,
           MPI_Datatype datatype,
           MPI_Op op, MPI_Comm comm)
```

- Fortran:

```
MPI_ALLREDUCE(SENDBUF, RECVBUF, COUNT,
              DATATYPE, OP, COMM, IERROR)
```

MPI_SCAN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MPI_SCAN

Integer partial sum

- C:

```
int MPI_Scan(void* sendbuf, void* recvbuf,
             int count, MPI_Datatype datatype,
             MPI_Op op, MPI_Comm comm)
```

- Fortran:

```
MPI_SCAN(SENDBUF, RECVBUF, COUNT,
         DATATYPE, OP, COMM, IERROR)
```

Exercise

- See Exercise 5 on the sheet
- Rewrite the pass-around-the-ring program to use MPI global reduction to perform its global sums.
- Then rewrite it so that each process computes a partial sum