Immigration Course on Formal Methods

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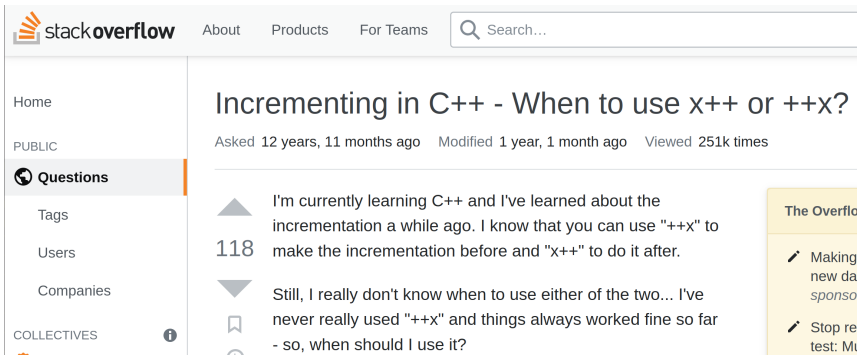
A couple of resasons to be rigorous

[https://www.omg.org/spec/BPMN/2.0/]

A converging **Inclusive Gateway** is used to merge a combination of alternative and parallel paths. A control flow *token* arriving at an **Inclusive Gateway** MAY be synchronized with some other *tokens* that arrive later at this **Gateway**. The precise synchronization behavior of the **Inclusive Gateway** can be found on page 292.

[https://stackoverflow.com/questions/1812990/incrementing-in-c-when-to-use-x-or-x]



A reson to go concurrent

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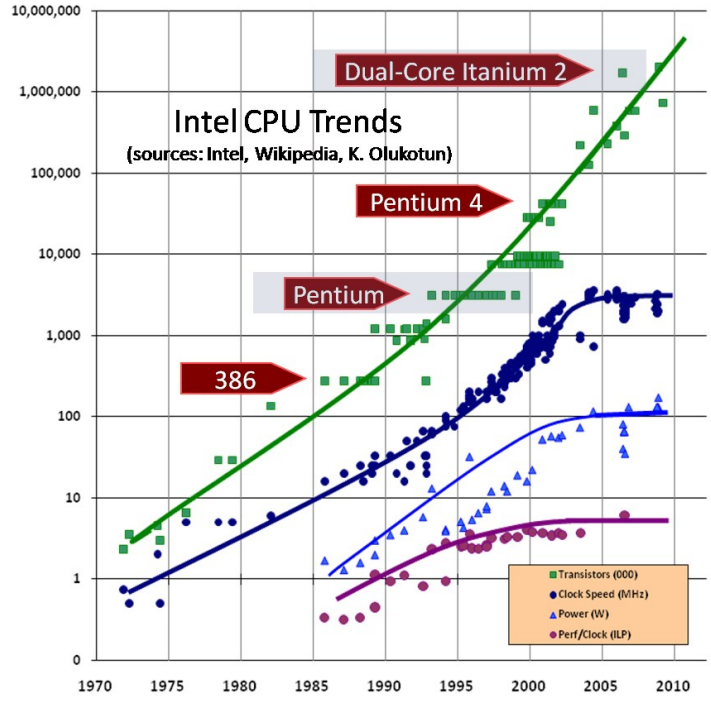
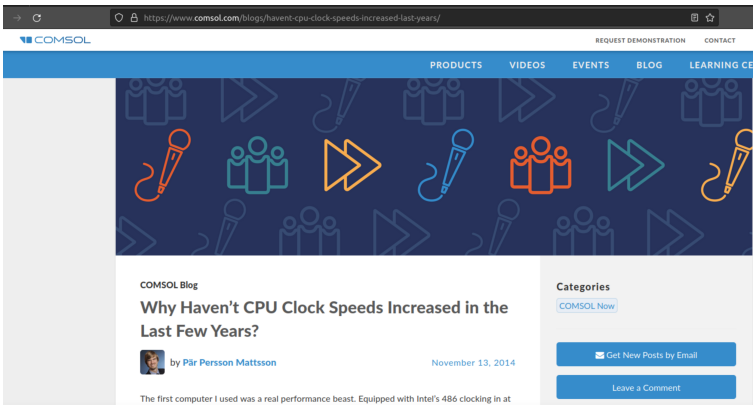
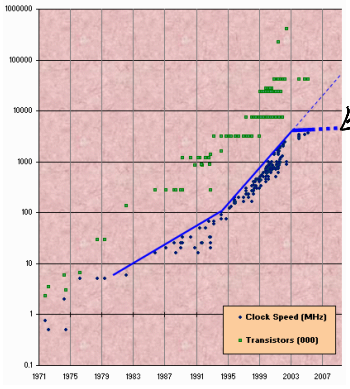


[https://www.comsol.com/blogs/havent-cpu-clock-speeds-increased-last-years]



The art - multi-processor programming

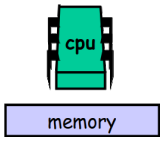
Hw → Efficiency is no longer an hw thing → Sw



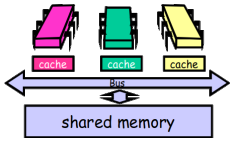
clock speed

transistors grows by a factor of 10 every 10 years

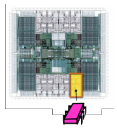
CPU speed is plateauing



uniprocessor



shared memory processor



multicore

- programming constructs in All languages
  - "new" languages
    - Go
    - Scala
    - Elixir / Erlang
    - Ballerina
    - Concurrnas
  - supporting library, AKKA
  - Modelling languages
    - BPEL
    - BPMN

Job interviews and prime numbers

"On the first day of your new job, your boss asks you to find all primes between 1 and 10^10 (never mind why), using a parallel machine that supports ten concurrent threads. This machine is rented by the minute, so the longer your program takes, the more it costs. You want to make a good impression. What do you do?"

[Herlihy, Shavit: The Art of Multiprocessor Programming. Elsevier, 2012.]

An example of shared memory concurrency

Print all prime integer between 1 & 10^{10}

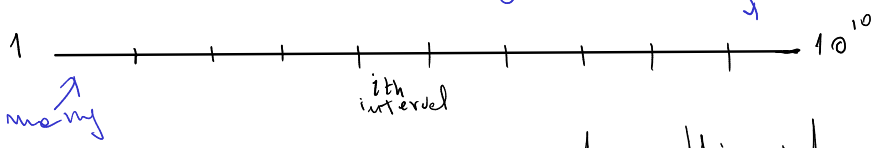
```
1 void primeSeq {
2   for (j = 1, j<10^10; j++) {
3     if (isPrime(j))
4       print(j);
5   }
6 }
```

Now let's try concurrently

Split the interval & launch a thread on each position

primes are distributed unevenly

few

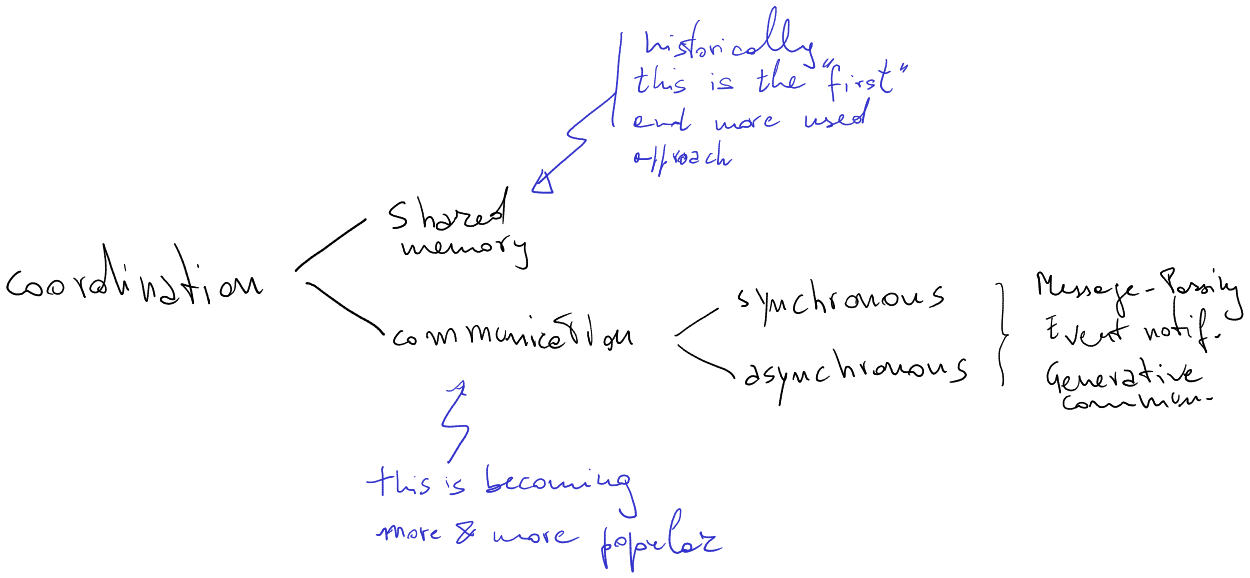


many

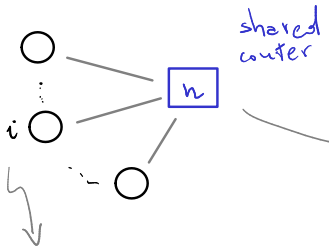
```
void primePrint(int i){ // i non-negative
  for (j = i*10^9+1, j<(i+1)*10^9; j++) {
    if (isPrime(j))
      print(j);
  }
}
```

How good is this idea?

- Uneven load
- Is there an "optimal" split?


historically this is the "first" and more used approach
Coordination
Shared memory
communication
synchronous
asynchronous
Message-Passing
Event notif.
Generative Comm.
this is becoming more & more popular

Exercise 0 Find a better multi-threaded program for the primality test



RACES

synchronised !

THIS IS NOT GOOD!

```
void primePrint( Counter counter ) {
  long j = 0;
  while (j < 10^10) {
    j = counter.getAndIncrement();
    if (isPrime(j))
      print(j);
  }
}
```

```
public class Counter {
  private long value;

  public long getAndIncrement() {
    return value++;
  }
}
```

temp := value
value ++
return Temp

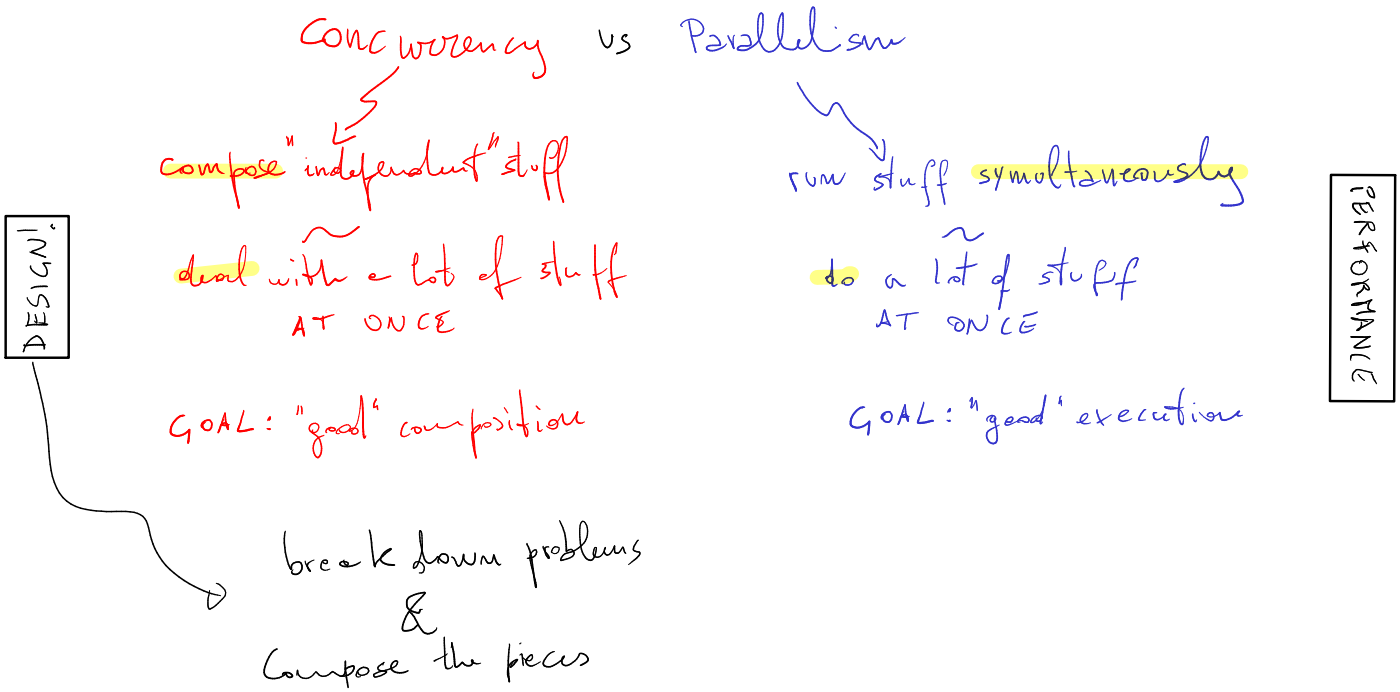
```
public long getAndIncrement() {
    synchronized {
      temp  = value;
      value = temp + 1;
      }
    return temp;
  }
}
```

even better

WHY?

REFLECT about why this solution is better than splitting

Some terminology



A Choreographic Formal Model of Communicating Systems

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So far...

- An idea of FMs

Leonardo da Vinci

> " Ma prima farò alcuna esperienza avanti ch'io più oltre proceda, perché mia intenzione è allegare prima l'esperienzia e poi colla ragione dimostrare. "

eM's (bad) translation

> " Before proceeding further, I will first get some experiment, because my intention is to first understand the experiment and then to explain it with the intellect. "

- Concurrency vs Parallelism
- Shared-memory

Message-passing

Pink Floyd

"Is there anybody out there?"

A glimpse of Erlang

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Asynchrony by design

Erlang is an embodiment of the well-known actor model of Hewitt and Agha...dates back to '73!

Friendlier representations

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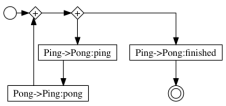
Choregraphy: global graph



...“synchronous” distributed workflow (Deniélou and Yoshida 2012)

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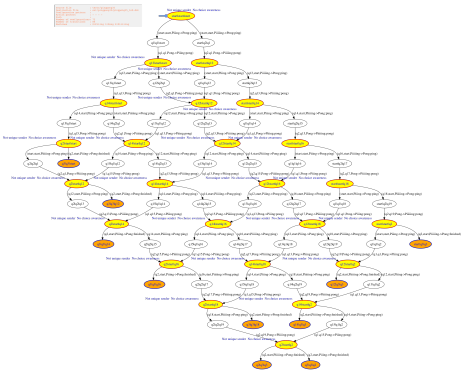
A:

No!

Exercise:

find the bug

Send ping-pong to shell !!! ... I mean, use ChoSyn



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