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# QE-2021: Hands-on session – Day-9

( Hands-on: QE on HPC and GPU systems )

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Covered topics are:

- \* compilation of Quantum ESPRESSO for CPU and CPU architectures;
- \* optimisation of CPU-only runs,
- \* basic description of GPU acceleration,
- \* how to efficiently run calculations on GPU-accelerated architectures.

Exercise 1:\*\* preparing QE (CPU version)

Exercise 2:\*\* optimize CPU execution

Exercise 3:\*\* (very) basic concepts about GPUs

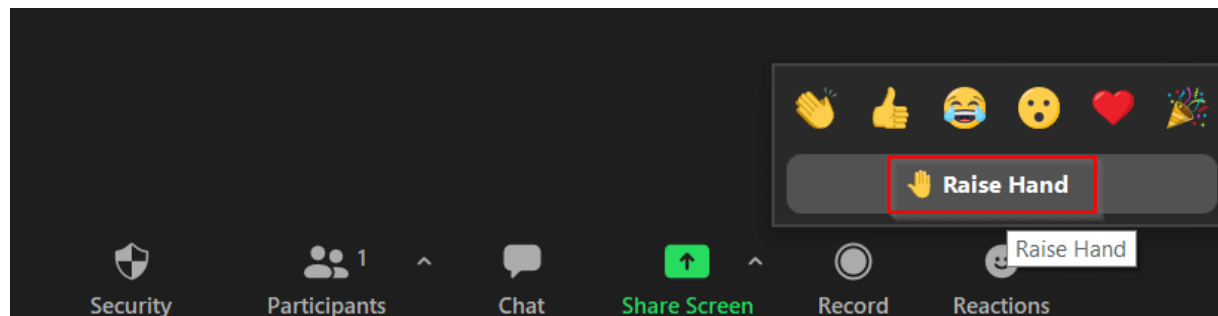
Exercise 4:\*\* preparing QE (GPU version)

Exercise 5:\*\* running with GPUs

Open a shell on your Virtual Machine or on your laptop and connect to the HPC cluster:

```
ssh USER@login01-ext.m100.cineca.it
```

...when you are ready Raise Hand on Zoom

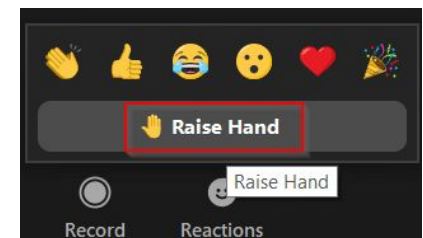


Then copy the repo to \$CINECA\_SCRATCH and move there:

```
cd materials-for-max-qe2021-online-school/  
git pull  
cp -r Day-9/ $CINECA_SCRATCH  
cd $CINECA_SCRATCH  
cd Day-9/  
pwd
```

Check that the result of pwd is

**/m100\_scratch/usertrain/USER/Day-9**



## Exercise 1: preparing QE (CPU version)

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Three things to keep in mind when installing QE:

## 1) The compiler

gfortran

ifort

nvfortran  
(ex pgi)

flang  
(ARM)

## 2) The linear algebra libraries

(QE internal)

openblas

mkl  
(Intel, AMD CPU)

## 3) The FFT libraries

(QE internal)

fftw3

mkl  
(Intel, AMD CPU)

## Exercise 1: preparing QE (CPU version)

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We will first prepare an HPC ready installation of QE. This exercise will show how to compile QE and check for relevant libraries in the context of standard and accelerated systems.

Download the last release, extract it and rename it with the commands below:

```
cd exercise1.CPU-setup/
```

```
wget https://gitlab.com/QEF/q-e/-/archive/qe-6.7MaX-Release/q-e-qe-6.7MaX-Release.tar.bz2
```

```
tar xjf q-e-qe-6.7MaX-Release.tar.bz2
```

```
mv q-e-qe-6.7MaX-Release qe-cpu
```

```
cd qe-cpu
```

## Exercise 1: preparing QE (CPU version)

For the CPU version we will use hpc-sdk, SpectrumMPI, FFTW , which are a good combination for the OpenPower machines of Marconi100.

**module purge**

**module load hpc-sdk/2020--binary spectrum\_mpi/10.3.1--binary fftw/3.3.8--spectrum\_mpi--10.3.1--binary**

Configure QE with the following option, that will select nvfortran compilers from the hpc-sdk package and SpectrumMPI

**./configure MPIF90=mpipgfort**

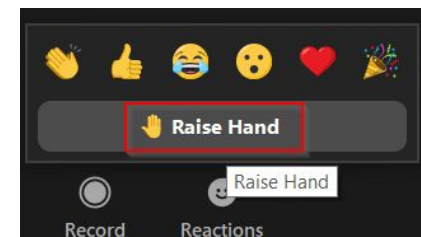
Check that relevant libraries have been detected:

**BLAS\_LIBS=-lblas**

**LAPACK\_LIBS=-L/cineca/prod/opt/compilers/hpc-sdk/2020/binary/Linux\_ppc64le/2020/profilers/**

**Nsight\_Systems/host-linux-ppc64le -llapack -lblas**

**FFTW\_LIBS= -lfftw3**





## Exercise 1: preparing QE (CPU version)

We will only use pw.x for this hands-on. Let's compile it with the command

```
make -j4 pw
```

Now enjoy an espresso while you wait 3 minutes or so...



Check that your installation works by running in parallel a quick random test from the test-suite

```
mpirun -np 2 PW/src/pw.x -inp test-suite/pw_dft/dft1.in
```

You will find an error on pseudopotentials, but it is fine because it means that the installation works.

## Exercise 2: optimize CPU execution

# Job script

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --nodes=1          # number of nodes
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=16 # number of MPI per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=4   # number of HW threads per task
#SBATCH --mem=230000MB
#SBATCH --time 00:30:00    # format: HH:MM:SS
#SBATCH --reservation=s_tra_qe
#SBATCH -A tra21_qe
#SBATCH -p m100_usr_prod
#SBATCH -J qeschool

module load hpc-sdk/2020--binary spectrum_mpi/10.3.1--binary fftw/3.3.8--spectrum_mpi--10.3.1--binary

export QE_ROOT=/m100_scratch/usertrain/a08trd1f/Day-9/exercise1.CPU-setup/qe-cpu/

export PW=$QE_ROOT/bin/pw.x

# This sets OpenMP parallelism, in this case we do a pure MPI
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1

# Run pw.x with default options for npool and ndiag
mpirun ${PW} -npool 1 -ndiag 1 -inp pw.CuO.scf.in | tee pw.CuO.scf.npool01.ndiag01.log
```

## Exercise 2: optimize CPU execution

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### Pool parallelism

First submit the job “as is”, with npool set to 1

```
mpirun ${PW} -npool 1 -ndiag 1 -inp pw.CuO.scf.in | tee pw.CuO.scf.npool01.ndiag01.log
```

with the command:

```
sbatch job.sh
```

Other useful commands:

```
squeue -u USER
```

```
scancel JOBID
```

## Exercise 2: optimize CPU execution

### Pool parallelism

Then open the job-script file (job.sh) and change the number of pools to be used `-npool X`, with  $X=\{2,4,8\}$ . Don't forget to rename the output file as well.

```
mpirun ${PW} -npool 2 -ndiag 1 -inp pw.CuO.scf.in | tee pw.CuO.scf.npool02.ndiag01.log  
mpirun ${PW} -npool 4 -ndiag 1 -inp pw.CuO.scf.in | tee pw.CuO.scf.npool04.ndiag01.log  
mpirun ${PW} -npool 8 -ndiag 1 -inp pw.CuO.scf.in | tee pw.CuO.scf.npool08.ndiag01.log
```

For each output file collect the “WALL time” at end of the file:

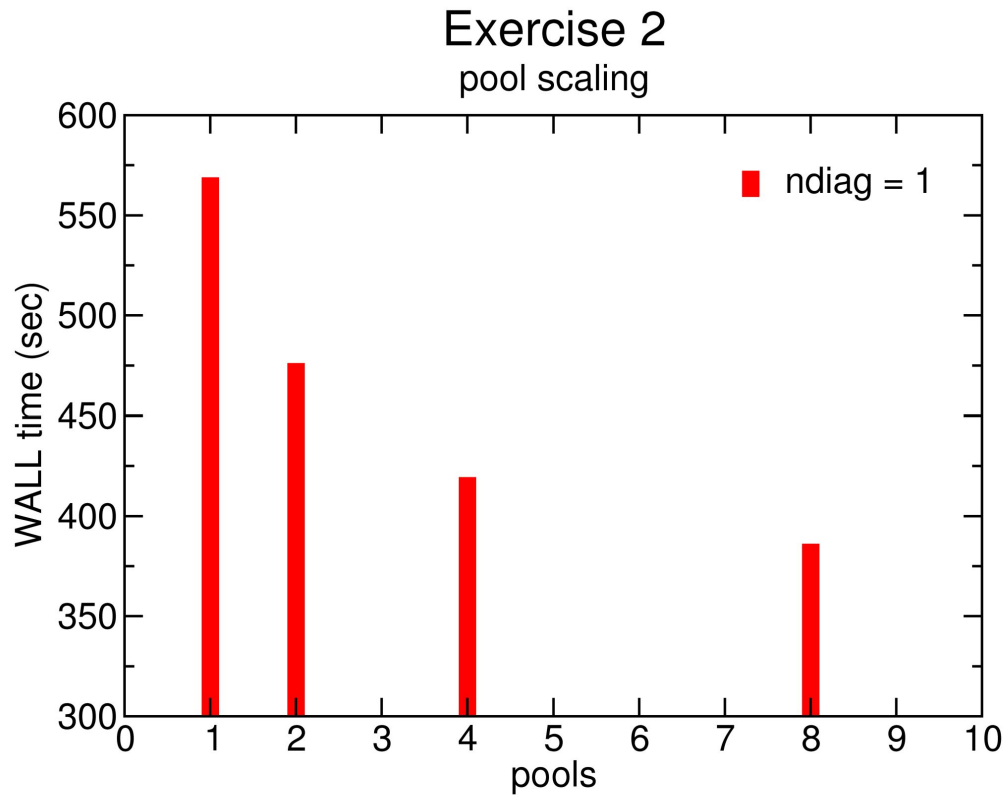
```
PWSCF      : 5m53.84s CPU 5m58.18s WALL
```

NB: the CPU time is the amount of time spent by the CPU processing pw.x instructions, which is a considerable portion of the whole execution time, but neglects, for example, I/O. For this reason we use WALL time.

# Exercise 2: optimize CPU execution

## Pool parallelism

You should be able to produce a plot similar to this one:



Congrats! With the same computational resources, the time to solution is reduced by 1/3!

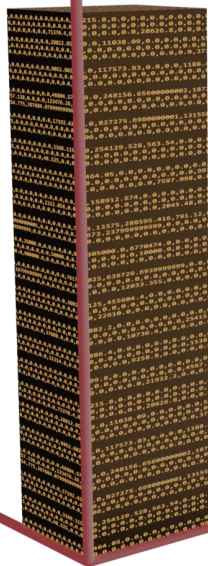
## Exercise 2: optimize CPU execution

### Pool parallelism

What is happening?

Remember the distribution of  
the wavefunction

$N_{PW}$  ( $\mathbf{G}$  vectors)



$i = 1, \dots, N_b$

$k = 1, \dots, N_k$

$$\psi_{ik}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}}^{N_{PW}} C_{\mathbf{G},ik} \frac{e^{i((\mathbf{G}+\mathbf{k})\cdot\mathbf{r})}}{\sqrt{\Omega}}$$

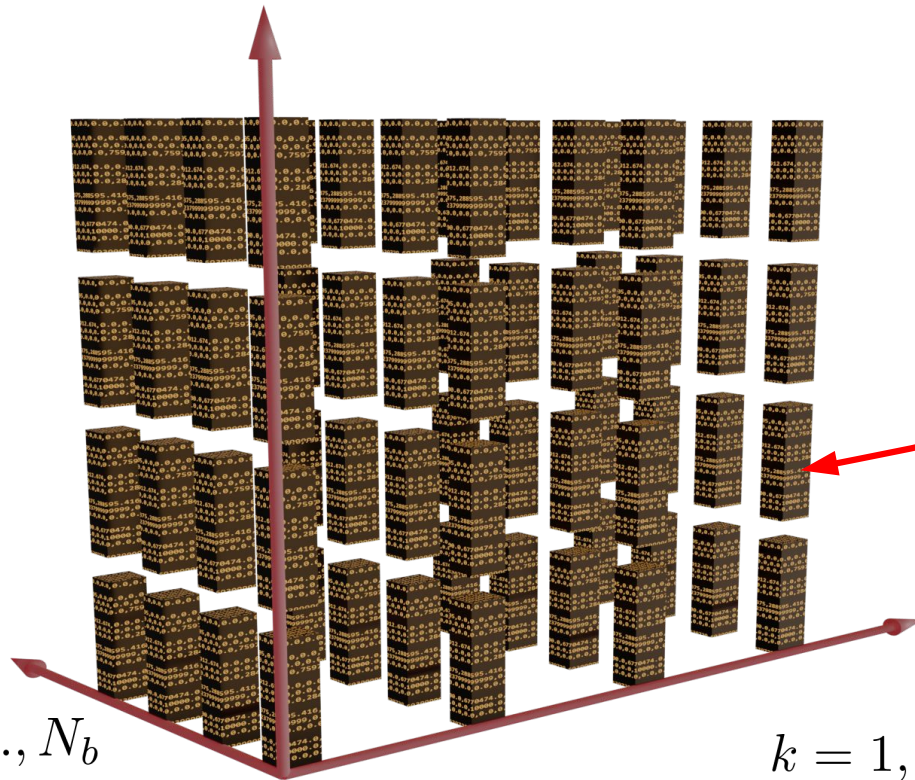
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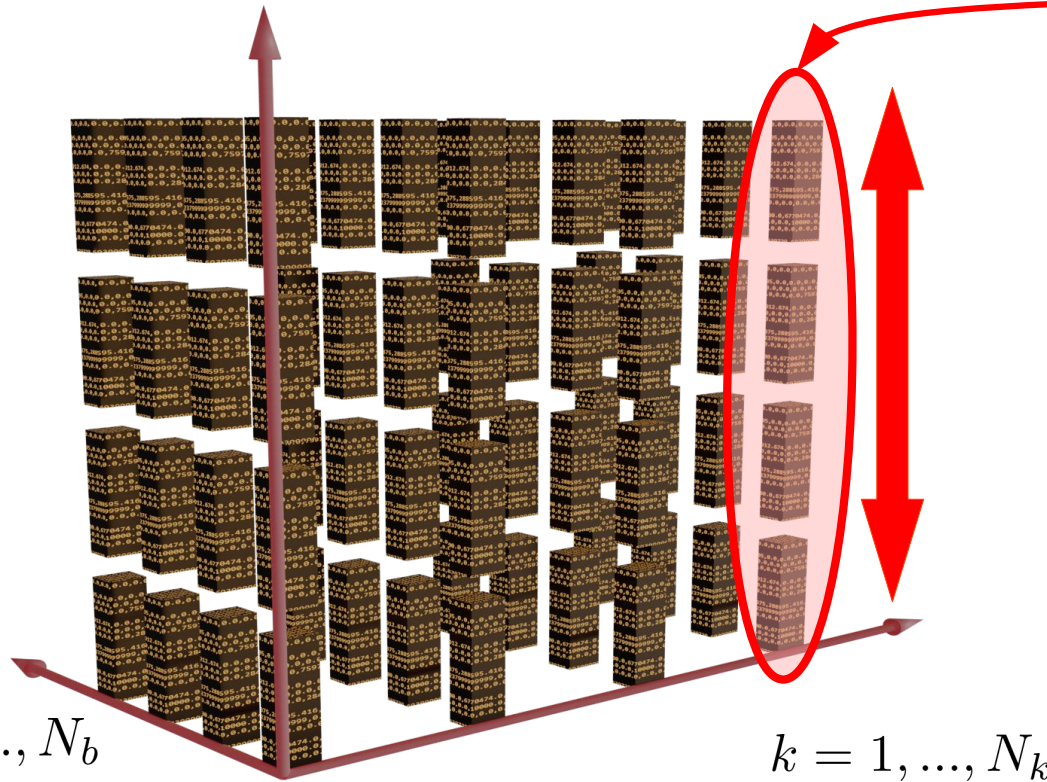
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## Pool parallelism

What is happening?

$$\hat{H}^{K\delta} \psi_{ik}(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_{ik} \psi_{ik}(\mathbf{r})$$

$N_{PW}$  (**G** vectors)



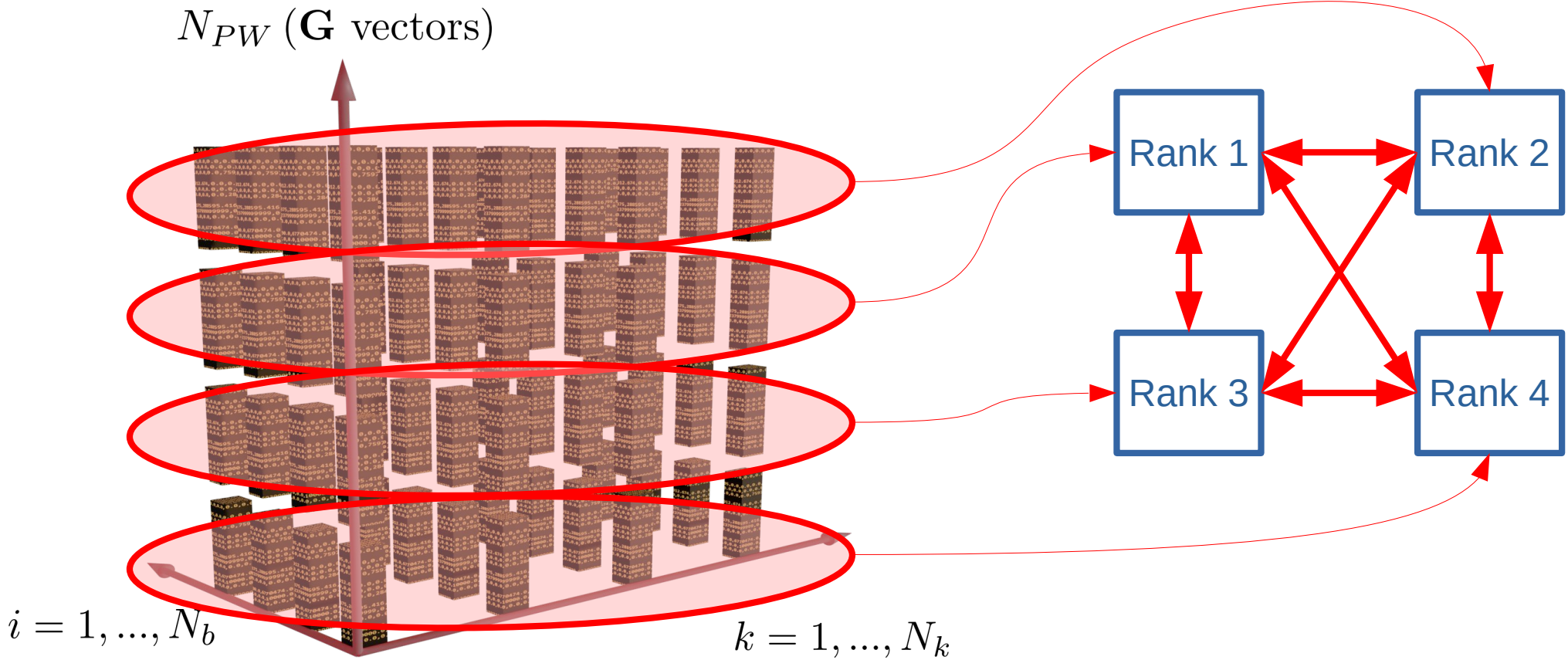
Since operators are usually applied to single orbitals, most of the communications (e.g. mp\_sum) are usually done along the NPW dimension

# Exercise 2: optimize CPU execution

## Pool parallelism

What is happening?

When we parallelize over PW, all processes need to communicate with each other

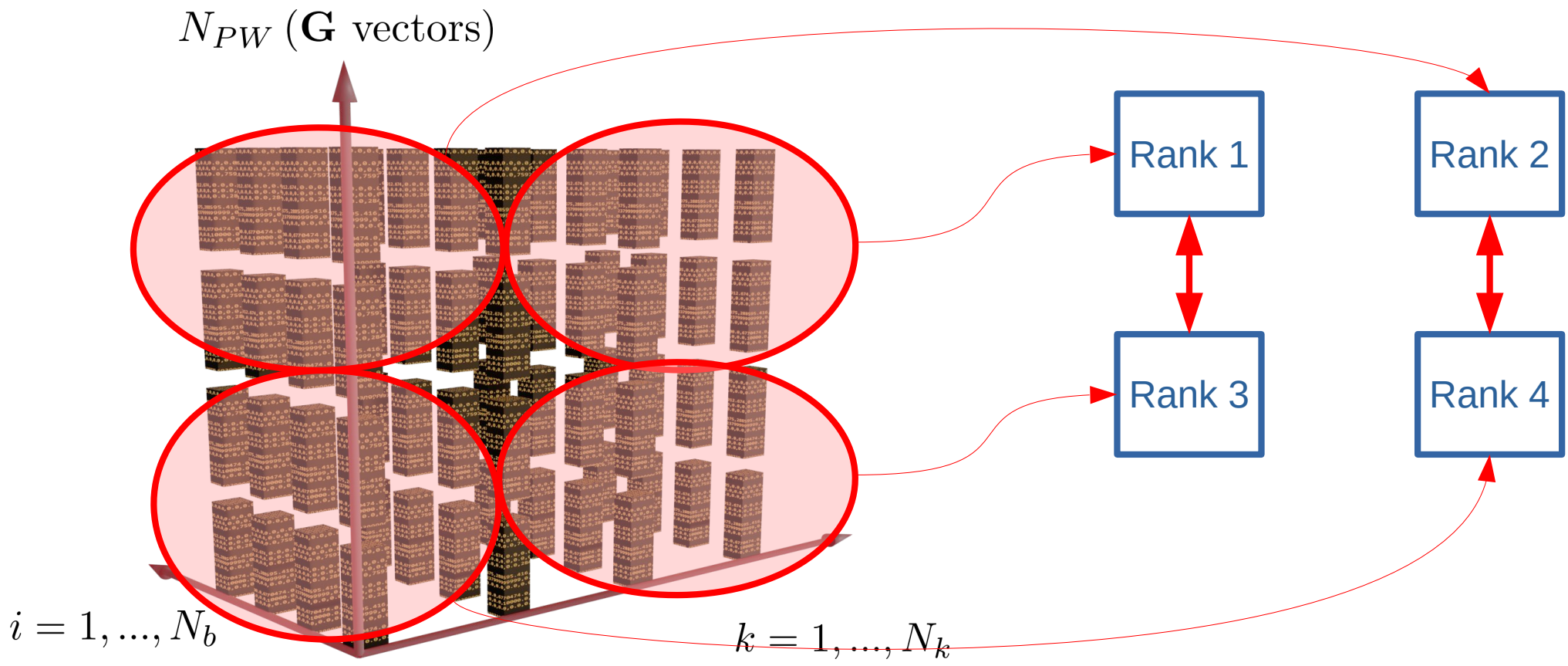


# Exercise 2: optimize CPU execution

## Pool parallelism

What is happening?

When we parallelize with pools, we strongly reduce communications among processes



## Exercise 2: optimize CPU execution

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### Parallel diagonalization

In this second part we want to speedup the code by solving the dense eigenvalue problem using more than one core.

Set `-npool` to 4 and activate parallel diagonalization by changing `-ndiag` 4

```
mpirun ${PW} -npool 4 -ndiag 4 -inp pw.CuO.scf.in | tee pw.CuO.scf.npool04.ndiag04.log
```

Inspect the beginning of the output file and look for this message

**Subspace diagonalization in iterative solution of the eigenvalue problem:**

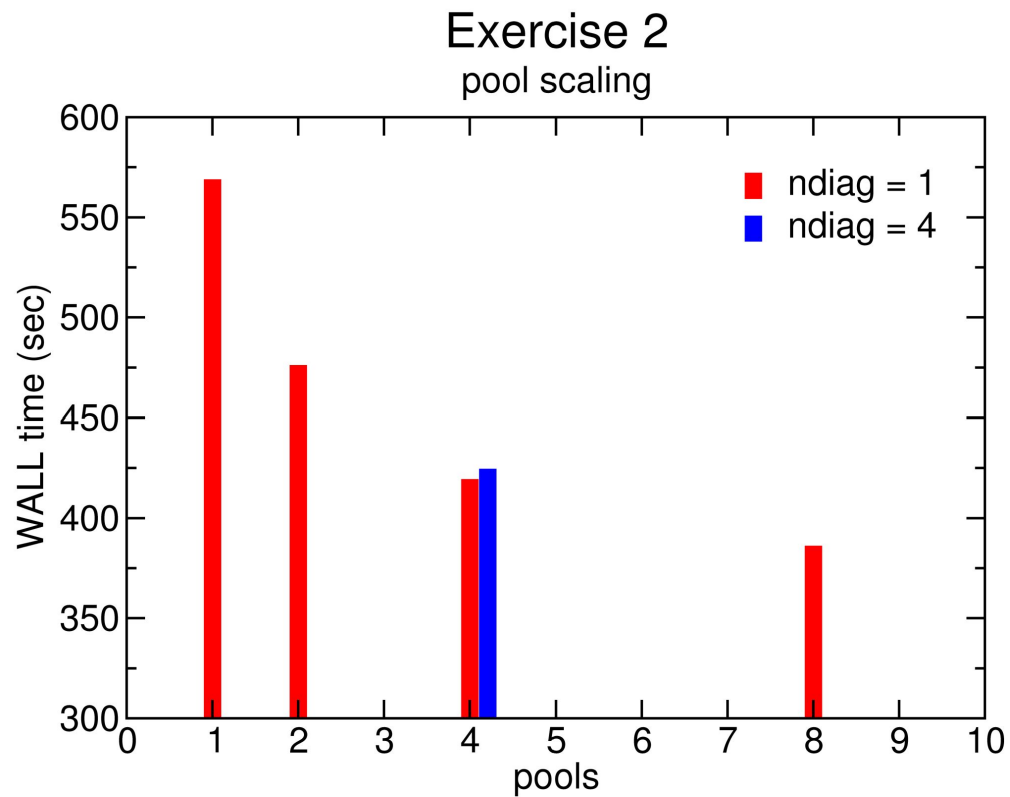
one sub-group per band group will be used custom distributed-memory algorithm (size of sub-group: 2\* 2 procs)

Check the time to solution

## Exercise 2: optimize CPU execution

### Parallel diagonalization

You should be able to produce a plot similar to this one:



## Exercise 2: optimize CPU execution

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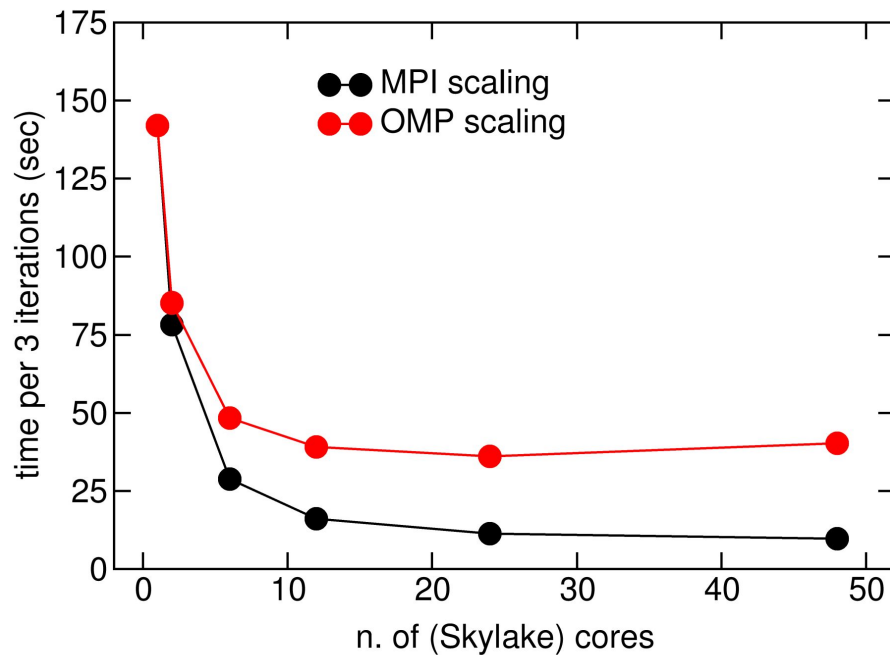
Please consider that:

- 1) pool parallelism can be much more effective than this**, especially when the system size is larger and calculations are distributed among multiple nodes, since it can strongly reduce the slow inter-node communications;
- 2) the eigenvalue problem** is too small in this case to take fully advantage of parallel diagonalization;
- 3) other libraries**, e.g. Scalapack or ELPA, usually provide better performance in parallel diagonalization.

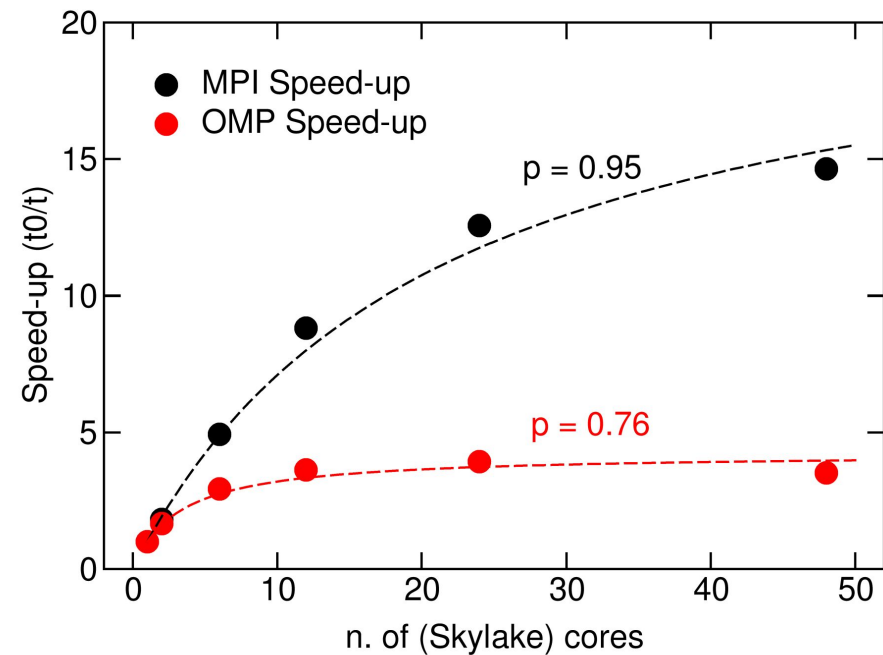
Please keep in mind that for larger systems, and using optimized libraries, the parallel diagonalization is a powerful option to strongly reduce the computational time to solution.

## Exercise 2: more on CPU execution...

32 water molecules



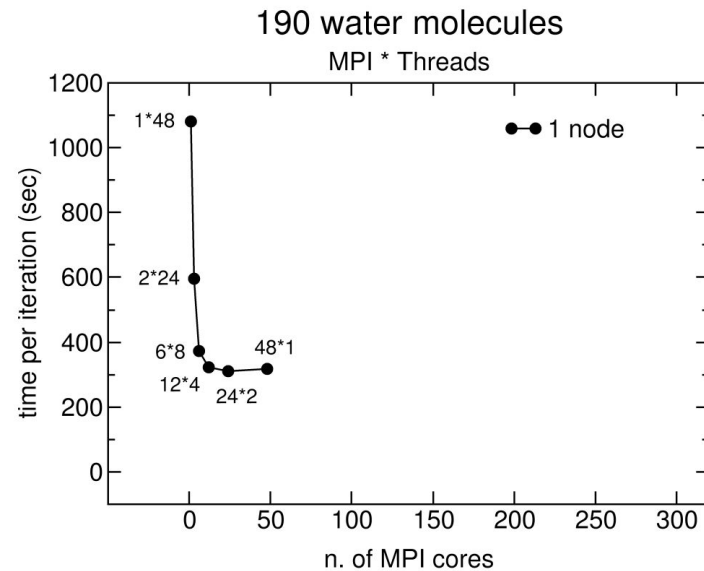
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Scaling (Amdahl Law) for Quantum ESPRESSO code for both MPI and OpenMP portions of the code.

OMP parallelization is usually less efficient than MPI for QE, but involves less communications

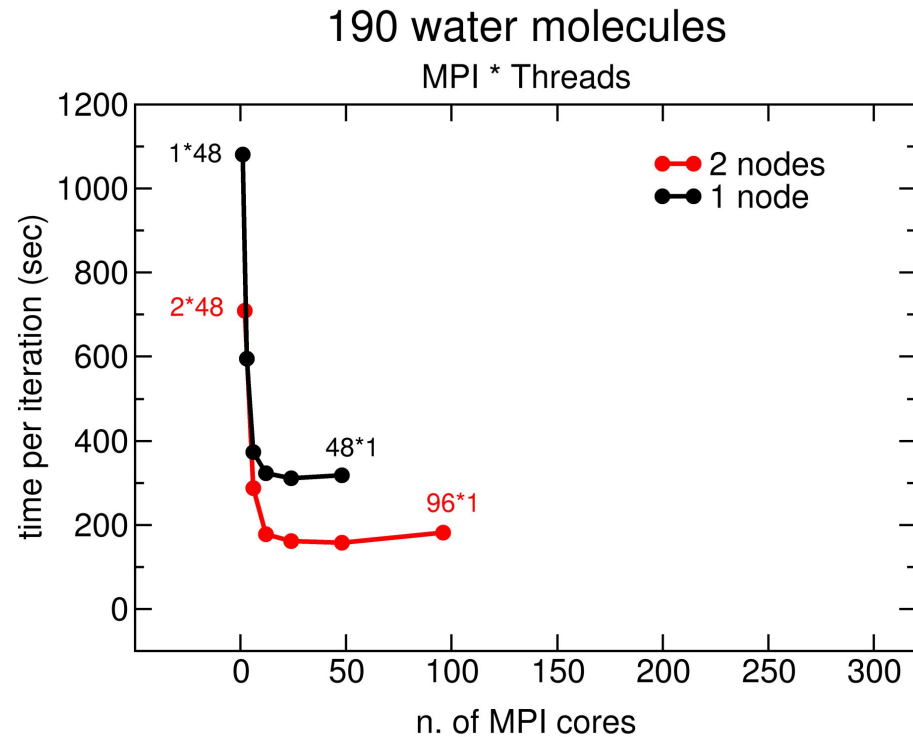
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MPI and OMP threads can be combined to better exploit computational resources. OMP parallelization is usually less efficient than MPI for QE, but involves less communications

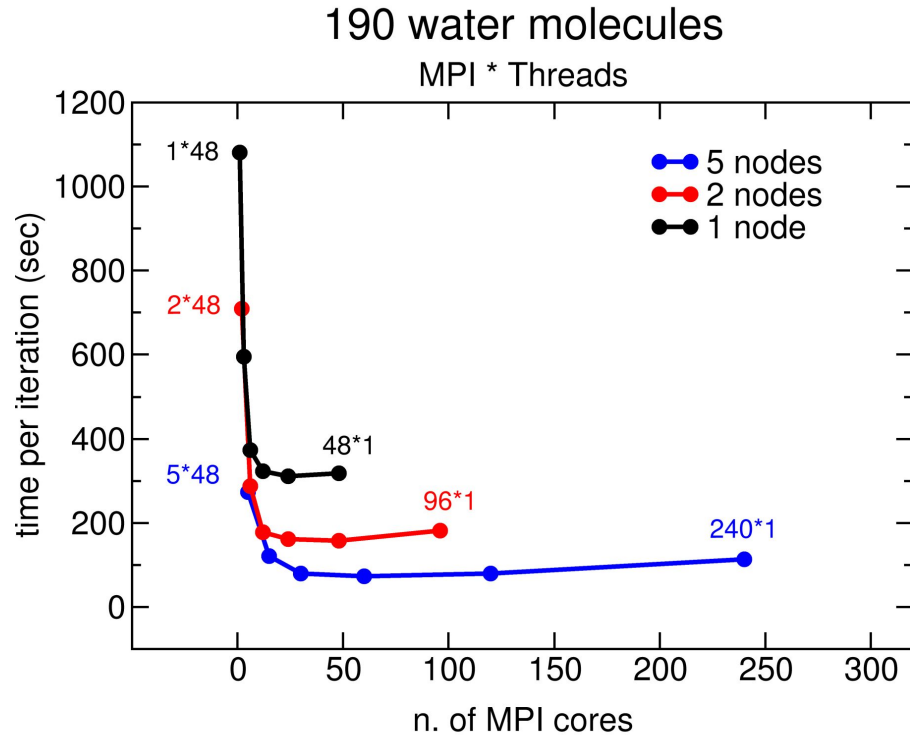


## Exercise 2: more on CPU execution...



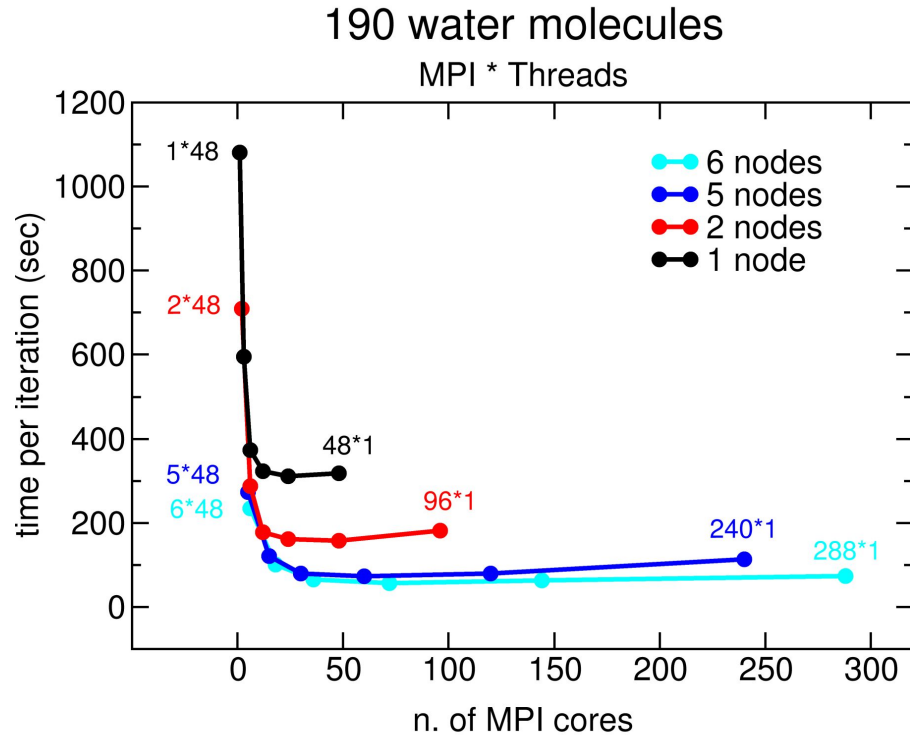
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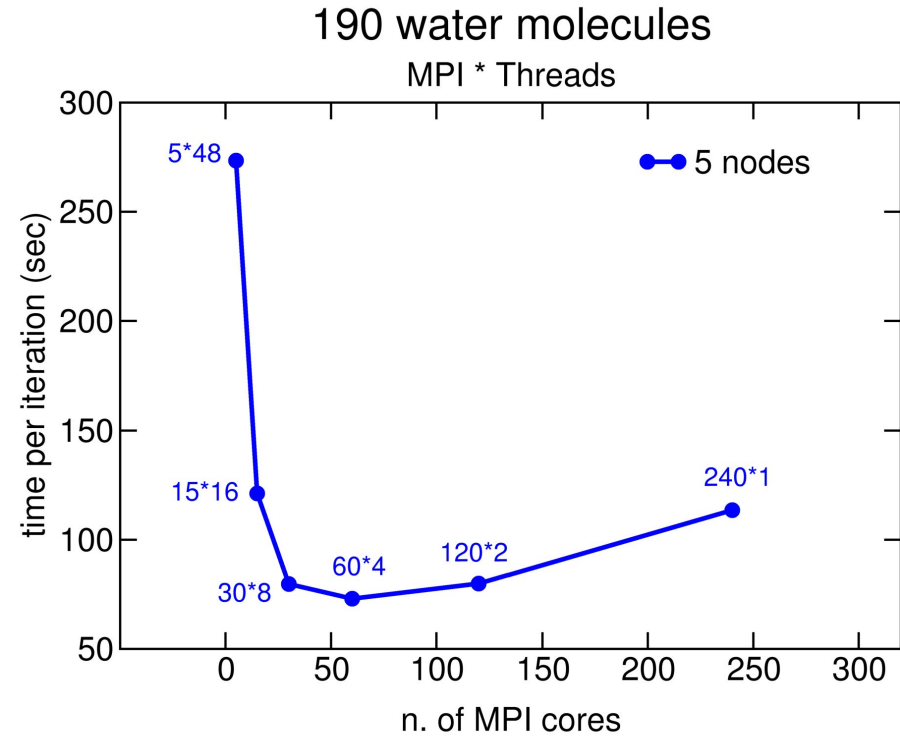
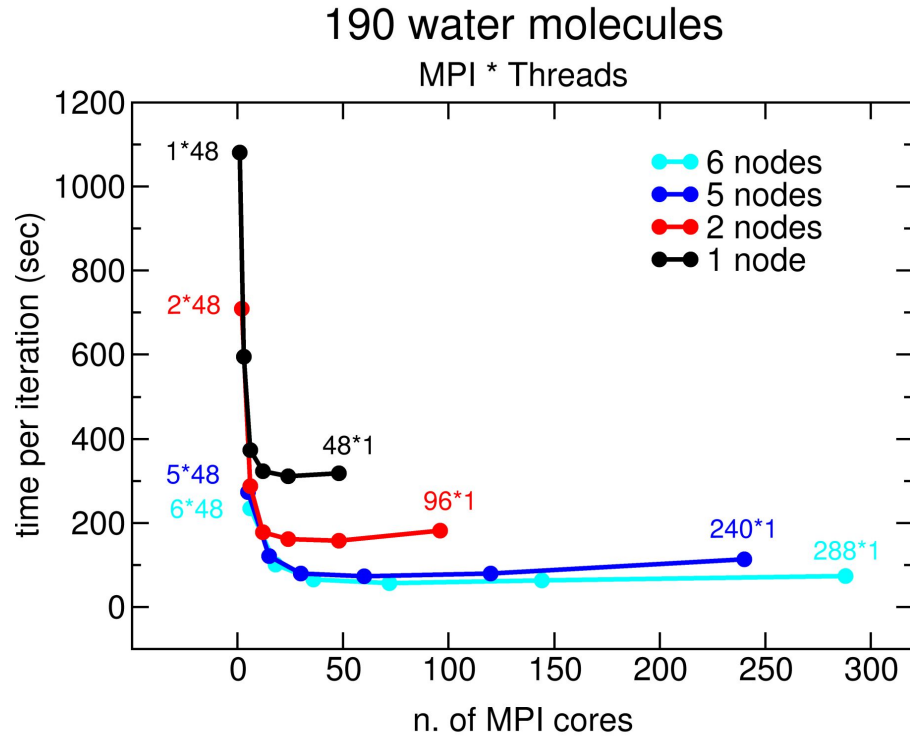
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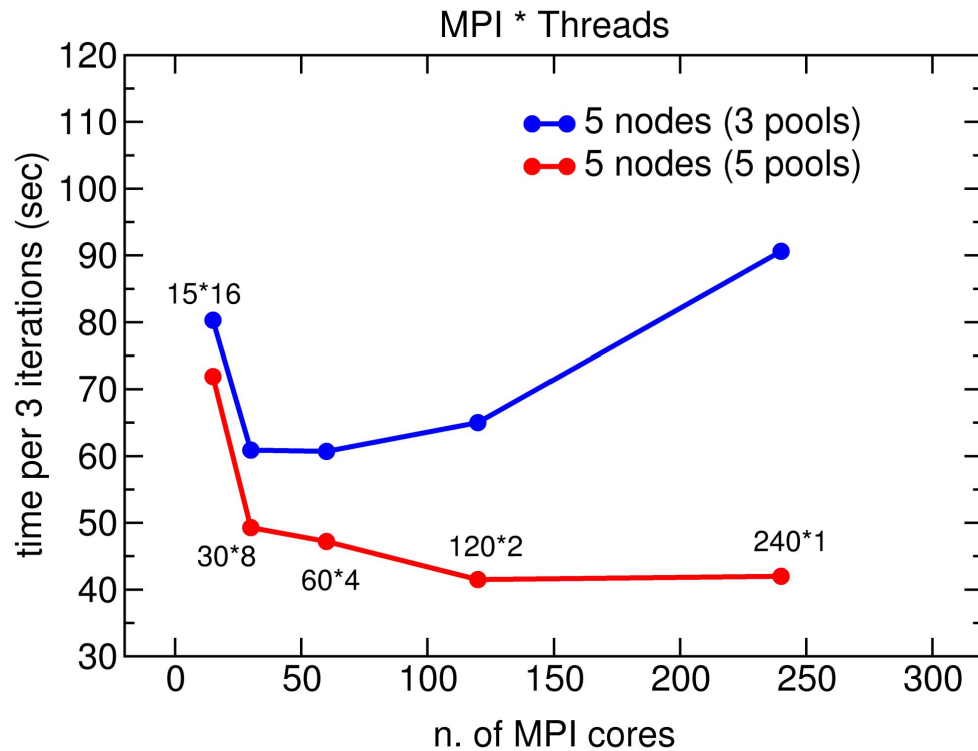
## Exercise 2: more on CPU execution...



For large systems, OMP parallelization improves scaling because it allows to exploit many cores without burdening the calculation with communications

## Exercise 2: more on CPU execution...

### CaN2Si crystal (30 K-points)



A smart combination of MPIs, OMP Threads, and pools allows to achieve drastic reductions of computational burden

## Exercise 3: (very) basic concepts about GPUs

Three things to keep in mind when installing QE:

1) The compiler

nvfortran

2) The linear algebra libraries

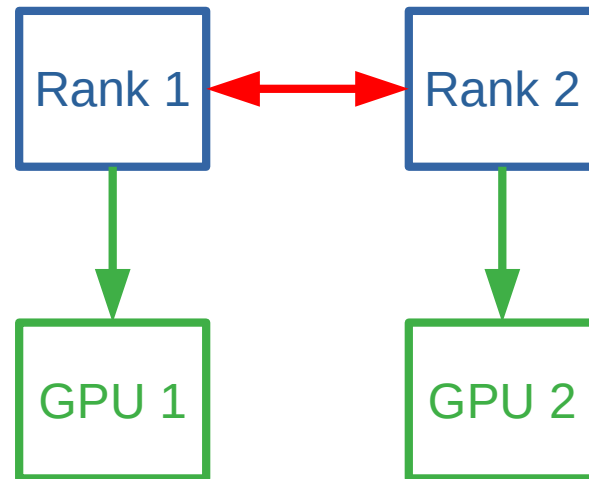
cuBLAS

3) The FFT libraries

cuFFT

## Exercise 5: running with GPUs

When we use GPUs, each MPI process off-loads the calculation to one GPU



It is convenient to use one  
MPI per GPU

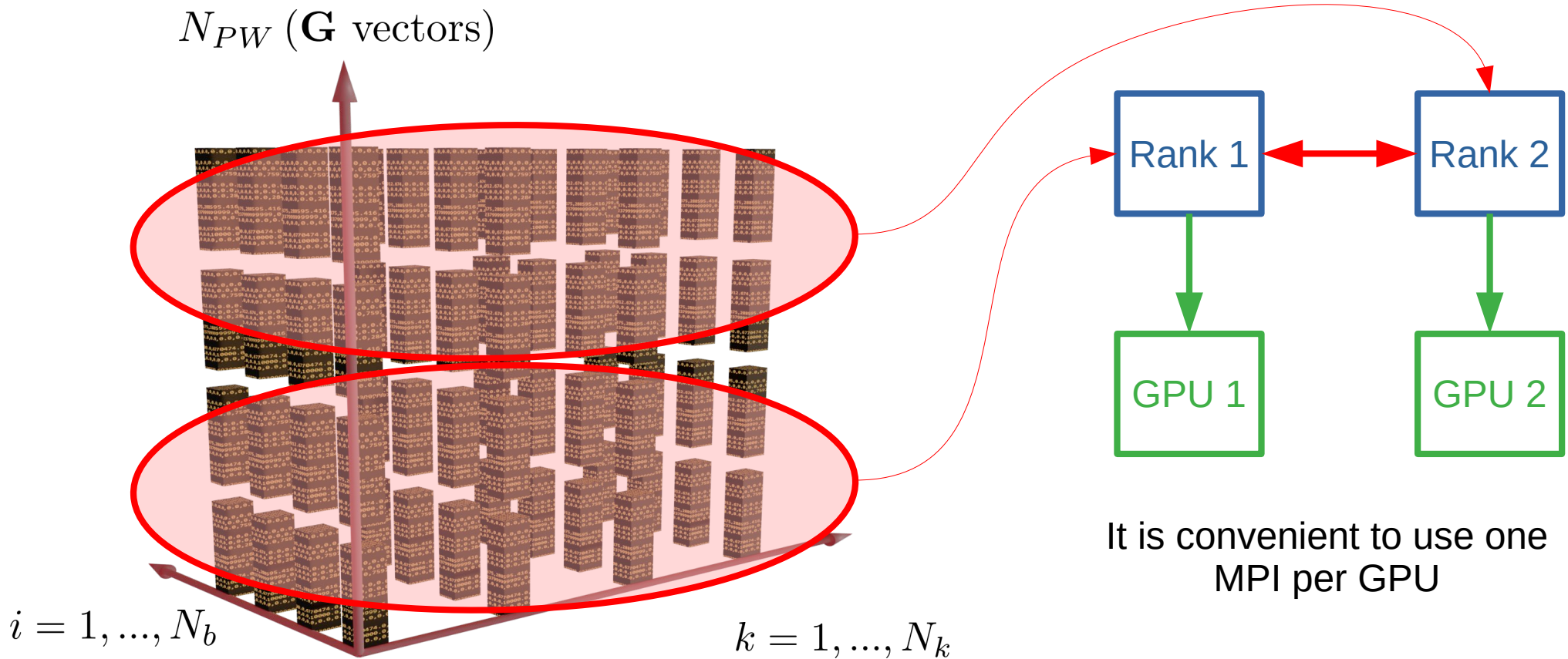


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## GPU parallelism

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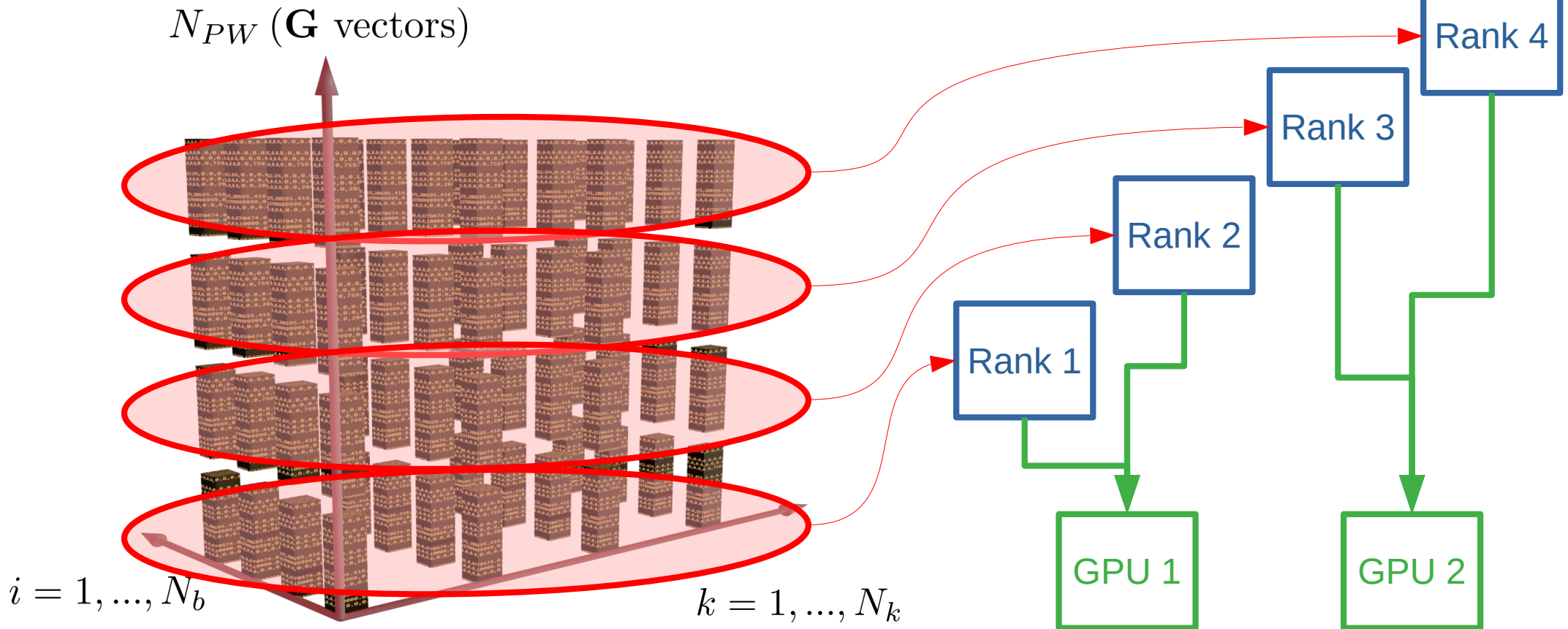


# Exercise 5: running with GPUs

## GPU parallelism

What is happening?

Adding more MPIs usually will not improve performances, and might also be less efficient because the communication burden increases



## Exercise 3: (very) basic concepts about GPUs

As a reference, for a matrix size of 8192, the times required by a DGEMM on m100 cluster should be something around:

code\_cpu.x

Full time: 66.449

Product time: 63.170

code\_gpu.x

Full time: 0.785

Product time: 0.167

code\_mix.x

Full time: 4.236

Product time: 0.365

You can find the related source files (code\_cpu.f90, code\_gpu.f90, code\_mix.f90) in the folder of exercise3

## Exercise 4: preparing QE (GPU version)

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Download the last release of the GPU accelerated version of QE

```
cd $CINECA_SCRATCH
```

```
cd Day-9/exercise4.GPU-setup/
```

```
wget https://gitlab.com/QEF/q-e-gpu/-/archive/qe-gpu-6.7/q-e-gpu-qe-gpu-6.7.tar.bz2
```

```
tar xjf q-e-gpu-qe-gpu-6.7.tar.bz2
```

```
mv q-e-gpu-qe-gpu-6.7 qe-gpu
```

```
cd qe-gpu
```

## Exercise 4: preparing QE (GPU version)

For the GPU version you must load the CUDA, together with the HPC-SDK package

```
module purge
module load hpc-sdk/2020--binary spectrum_mpi/10.3.1--binary fftw/3.3.8--spectrum_mpi--10.3.1--
binary cuda/11.0
```

You must also specify the cuda version when launching the configure script

```
./configure MPIF90=mpipgfort --enable-openmp --with-cuda=$CUDA_HOME --with-cuda-runtime=11.0 --
with-cuda-cc=70
```

Check

```
setting DFLAGS... -D__PGI -D__CUDA -D__USE_CUSOLVER -D__FFTW -D__MPI
[...]
BLAS_LIBS=-lblas
LAPACK_LIBS=-L/cineca/prod/opt/compilers/hpc-sdk/2020/binary/Linux_ppc64le/2020/profilers/
Nsight_Systems/host-linux-ppc64le -llapack -lblas
FFT_LIBS=
```

## Exercise 4: preparing QE (GPU version)

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Compile again the code

```
make -j4 pw
```

Check that your installation works by running in parallel a quick random test from the test-suite

```
mpirun -np 2 PW/src/pw.x -inp test-suite/pw_dft/dft1.in
```

You will find an error on pseudopotentials, but it is fine because it means that the installation works.

## Exercise 5: running with GPUs



# Job script (GPU)

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=2 # number of MPI per node
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-socket=2 # number of MPI per socket
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=8 # number of HW threads
#SBATCH --gres=gpu:2 # number of gpus per node
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#SBATCH --time 00:10:00 # format: HH:MM:SS
#SBATCH --reservation=s_tra_qe
#SBATCH -A tra21_qe
#SBATCH -p m100_usr_prod
#SBATCH -J qeschool

module load hpc-sdk/2020--binary spectrum_mpi/10.3.1--binary fftw/3.3.8--spectrum_mpi--10.3.1--binary cuda/11.0

export QE_ROOT=/m100_scratch/usertrain/a08trd1f/Day-9/exercise4.GPU-setup/qe-gpu/
export PW=$QE_ROOT/bin/pw.x
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1 # This sets OpenMP parallelism

# Run pw.x with default options for npool and ndiag
mpirun ${PW} -npool 1 -ndiag 1 -inp pw.CuO.scf.in | tee pw.CuO.scf.npool01.ndiag01.log
```

## Exercise 5: running with GPUs

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First launch the job as is.

Then try to further improve the performance with OpenMP:

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=X    (X=2, 4, 8)
```

with pool parallelism:

```
mpirun ${PW} -npool 2 -ndiag 1 -inp pw.CuO.scf.in | tee pw.CuO.scf.npool02.ndiag01.log
```

## Exercise 5: running with GPUs

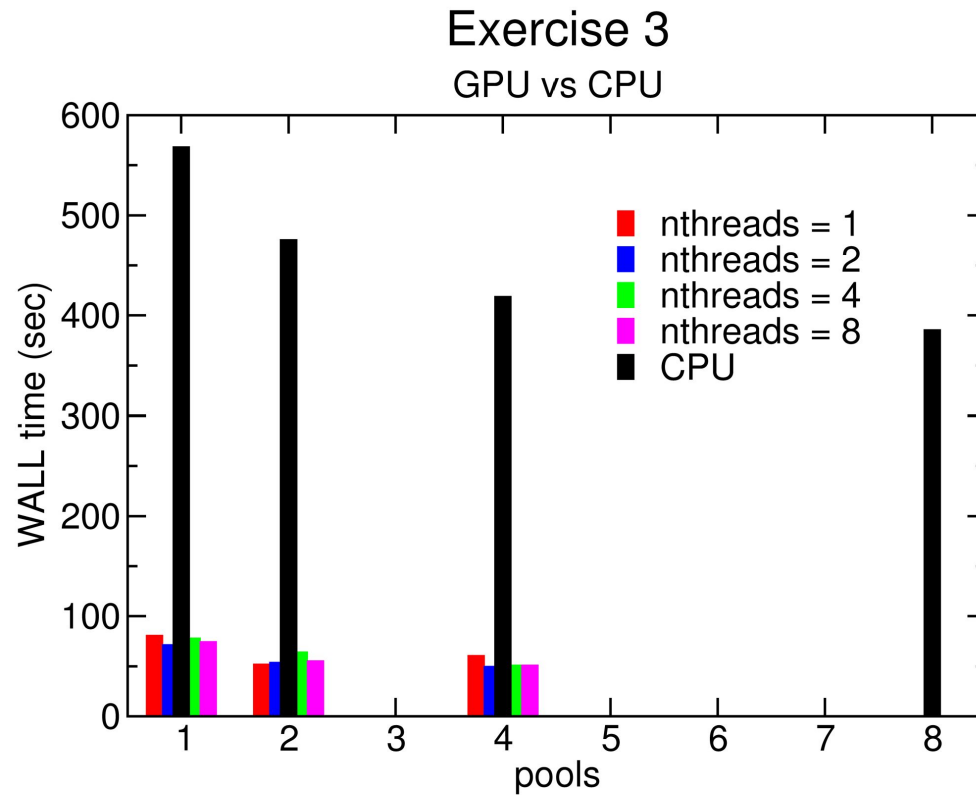
For small inputs, one can possibly obtain some additional performance by oversubscribing the GPU.

```
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=4 # number of MPI per node  
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-socket=4 # number of MPI per socket  
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=4 # number of HW threads per task
```

```
mpirun ${PW} -npool 4 -ndiag 1 -inp pw.CuO.scf.in | tee pw.CuO.scf.npool04.ndiag01.log
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# Exercise 5: running with GPUs

You should be able to produce a plot similar to this one:



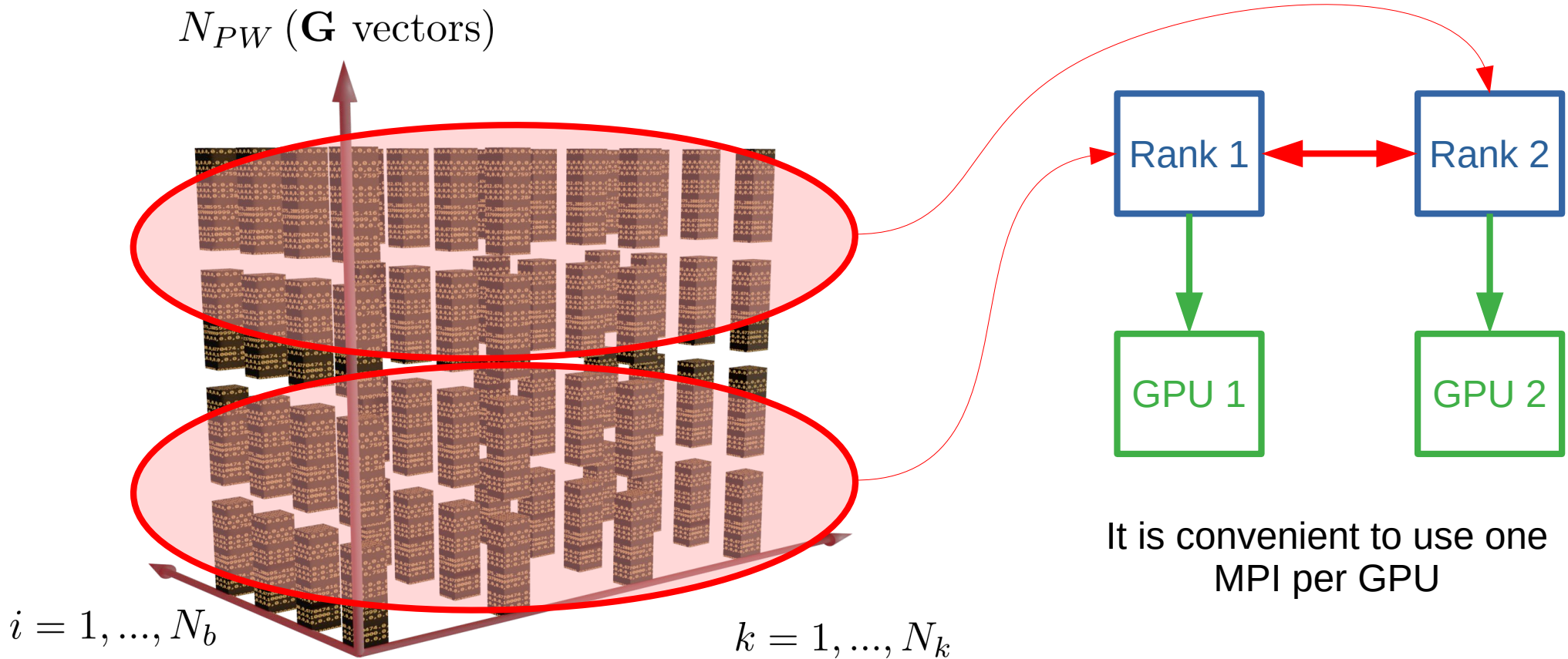
Evaluate the ratio between the best time to solution of your CPU and GPU tests.

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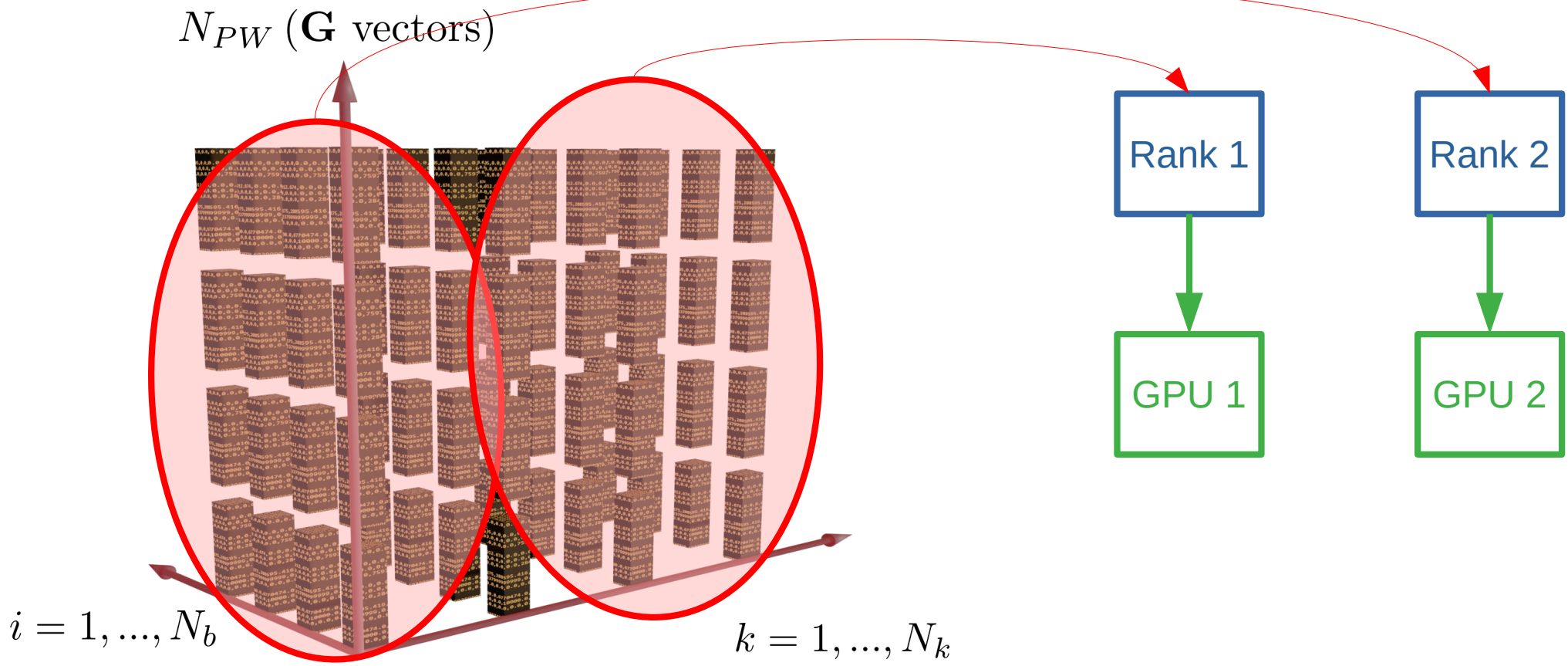


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## GPU parallelism

What is happening?

Again, using pools, will improve communications



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**Thanks for your attention!**

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