BSP-WHY: an Intermediate Language for Deductive Verification of BSP Programs

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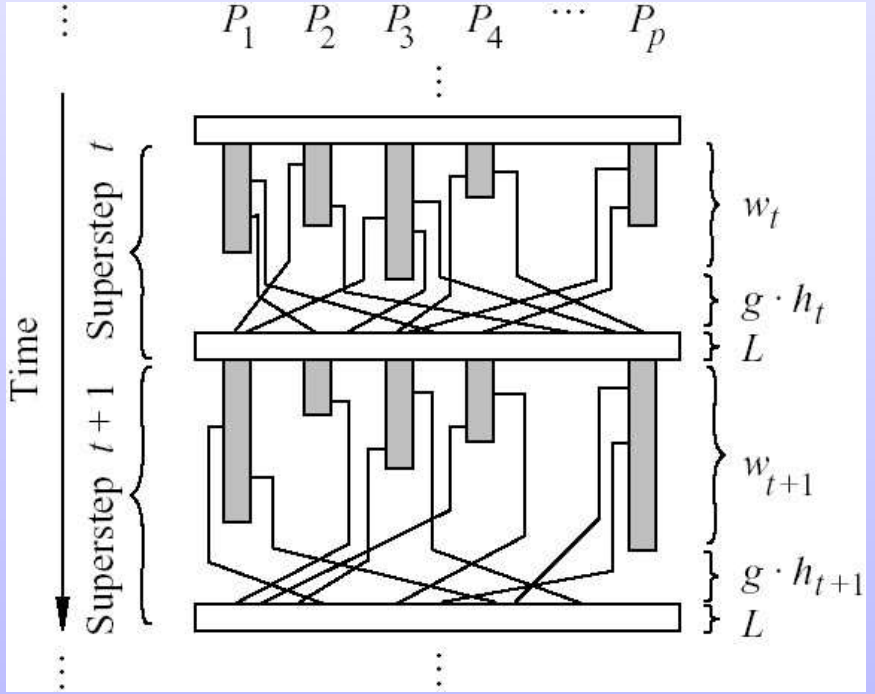

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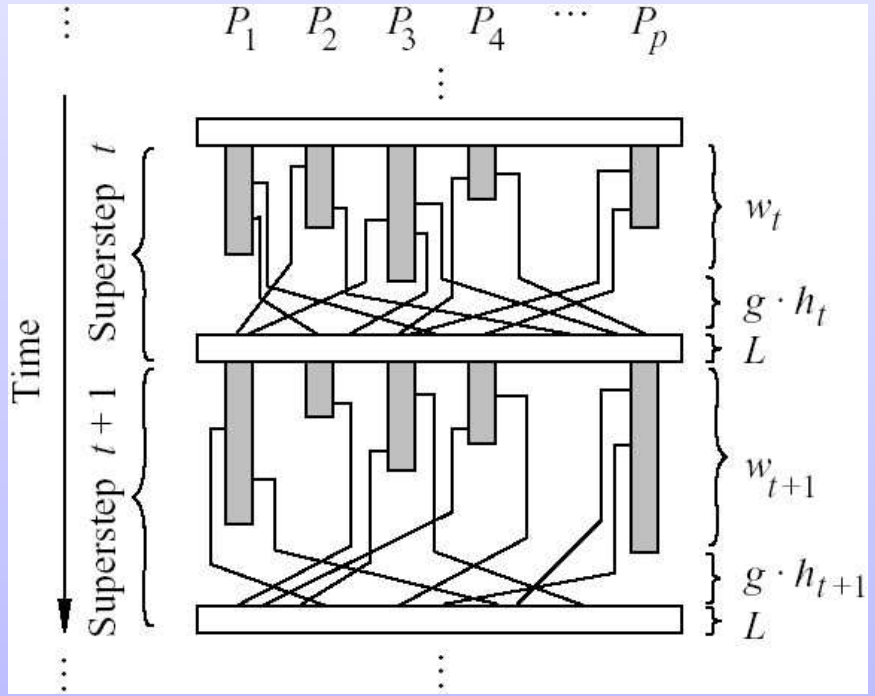

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- BSP-Why is extended from Why
- Additional instructions for parallel operations
- Additional notations in assertions about parallelism

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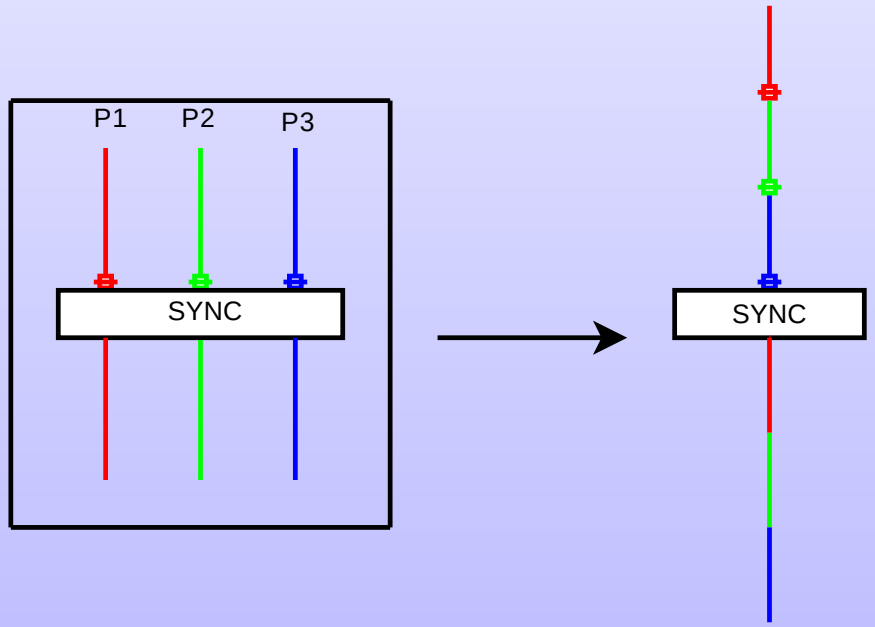
BSPWhy	::=	*Why*	
	|	**sync**	synchronisation
	|	**push**(x)	Register x for global access
	|	**put**(e, x, y)	Distant writing
	|	**send**(x, e)	Message passing

Logic extensions

- x is used to represent the value of x on the current processor
- $x < i >$ is used to represent the value of x on the processor i
- $< x >$ is used to represent the parallel variable x as an array

General idea of the transformation

Simulation of the parallel execution by a sequential execution



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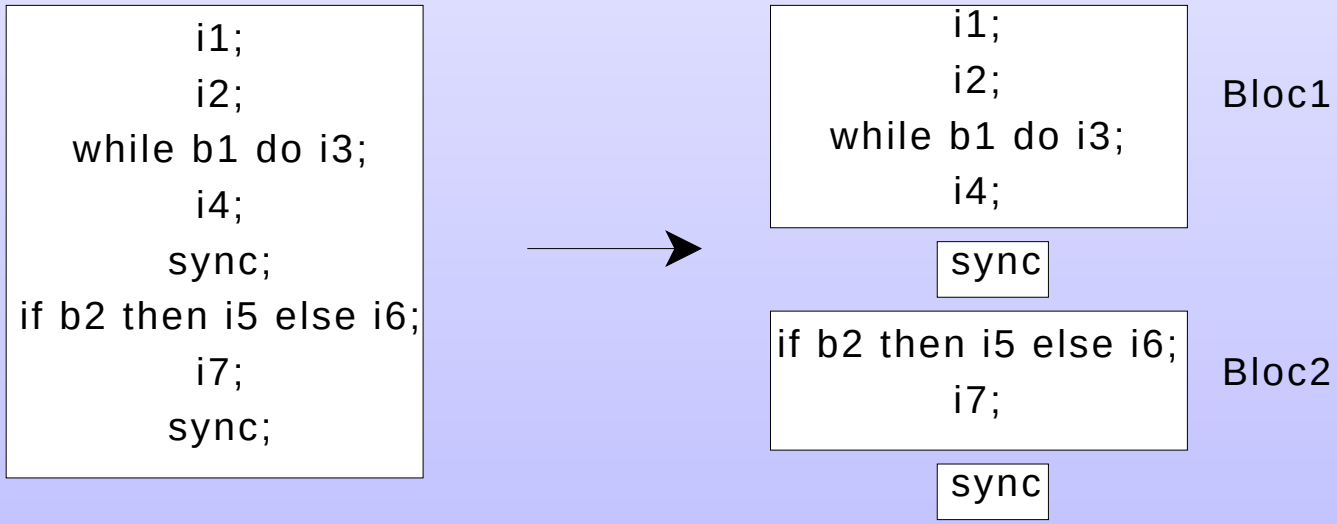

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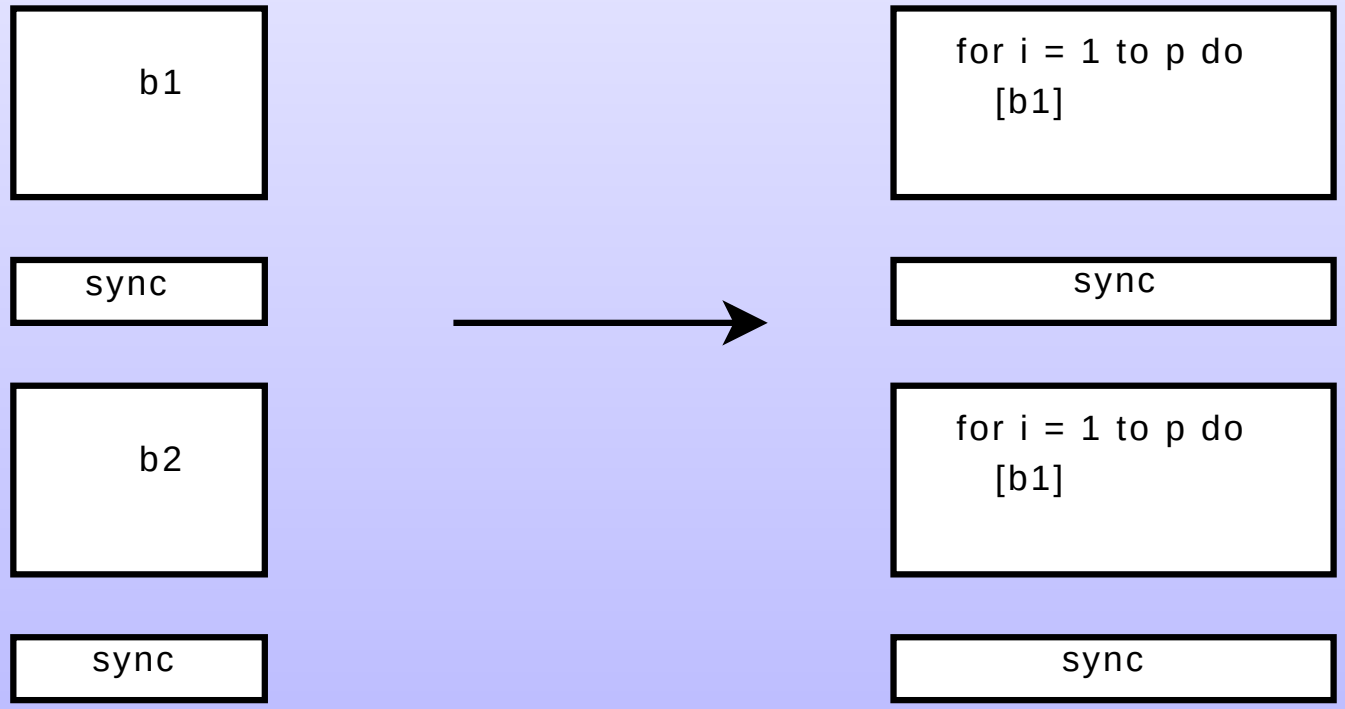

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Memory management

p processors $\rightarrow$ 1 processor : need to simulate p memories in one.

- variable $x \rightarrow p$-array x
- Special arrays to store communications

Transformation of variables

BSPWhy term	Why term
x	x[i]
<x>	x
x<j>	x[j]

Variable not transformed into arrays

Some special cases :

- A variable which lives only in a sequential block
- A variable used with remote access communications

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- Memory model more complex
- A table of variables is stored
- An association table keeps records of *push* associations
- Queues for *push*, *pop*, *put* and *get* operations

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- At the beginning, each processor i contains a value x_i
- At the end, each processor contains the prefix $x_0 * x_1 * \cdots * x_i$
- Useful in many calculations (FFT, n-body, graph algorithms etc.)

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