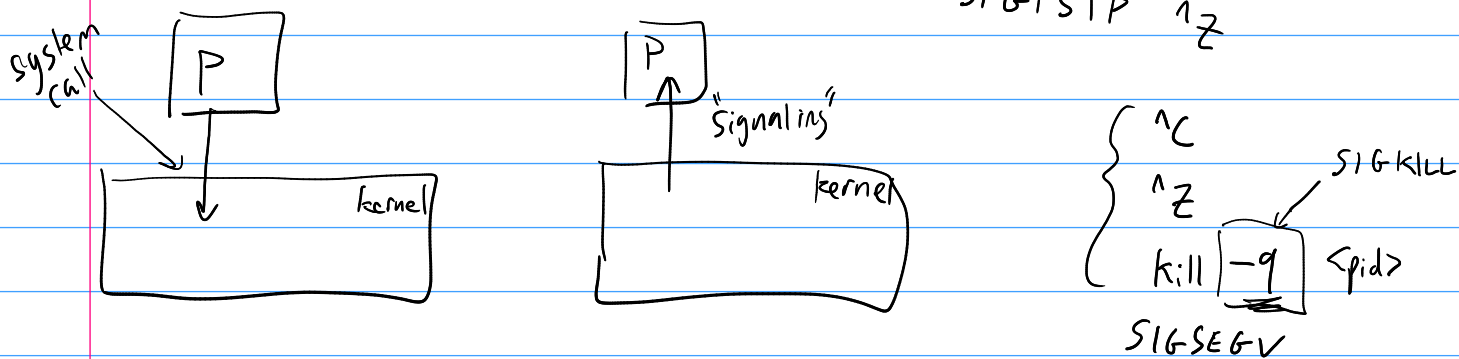


# CS 3214 lecture # 7 "signals"

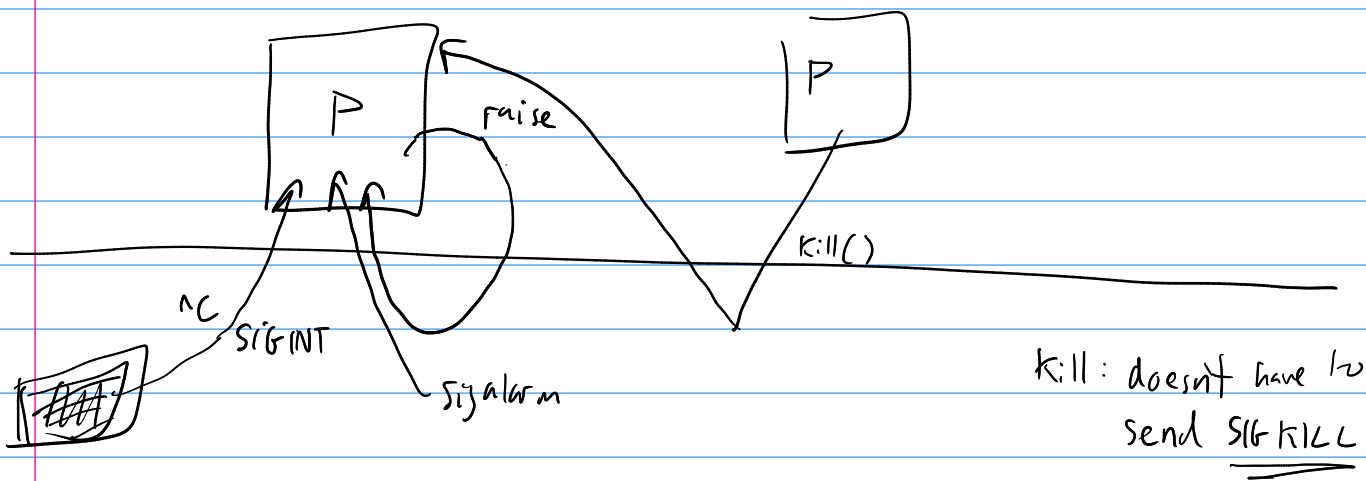


2 types: asynchronous (external) something else  
 Synchronous (internal) because of program

## UNIX: unified API

- signal identified w/ int (< 32)
  - program can specify what to do on signal
    - terminate
    - ignore
    - "catch" a signal: invoke signal handler
- stop } job  
 -continue } ctrl

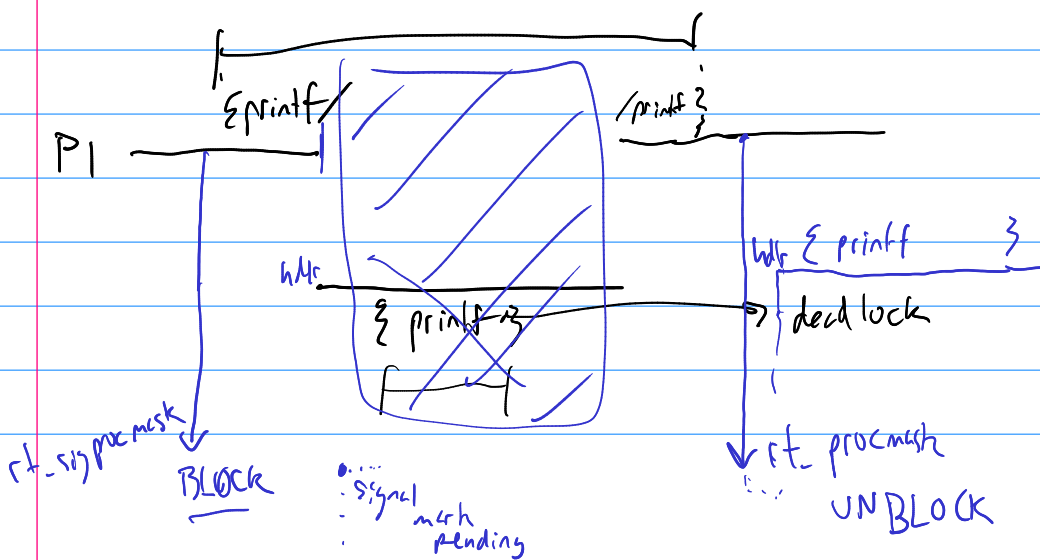
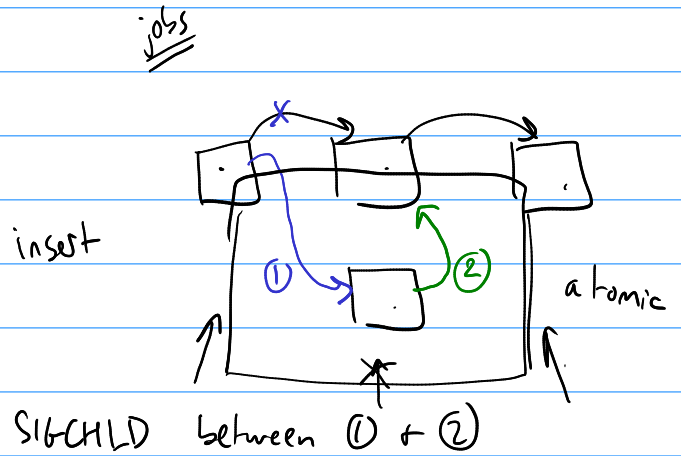
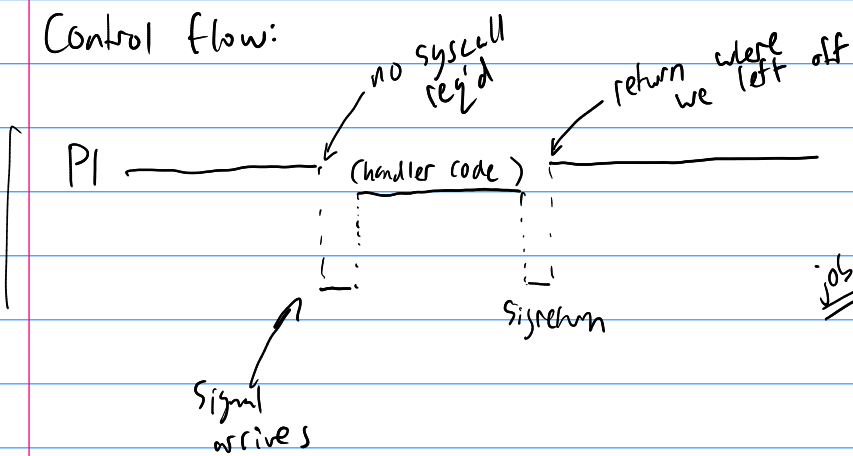
Usual default behavior: terminate  
fail-stop



Kill: program vs builtin  
 "normal" → function impl. in the shell

If a signal arrives, is it handed immediately?  
bitmap specifies which signals are pending / kernel delivers later

Control flow:



tradeoff: fine grained = good low latency  
for signal / hard to  
program / get right

coarse grained: worse latency / easier to program