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# Parallel Programming with OpenMP and MPI

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## Lecture 1: Preliminaries (kick-off meeting)



High Performance  
Computing

# Audience and contact

- Audience
  - Physics, theoretical chemistry, computer science, applied math, materials science, “computational XYZ”
  - Everyone who
    - Needs more computing power than what a laptop/PC can provide
    - Wants to learn about parallel programming from desktop to supercomputers
- Lecturer
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  - PhD 2005, Habilitation 2014 (both in Greifswald)
- Contact: Preferably use the Moodle forum
  - Moodle course: <http://tiny.cc/ParProg20>



# Course format

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- Online lecture
  - 2 hours (90 minutes) per week
  - Lecture video published every Monday in moodle
- Exercises
  - One exercise sheet every week
  - Solutions will be discussed in Q&A (no submits necessary)
- Online Q&A session (via BBB) with discussion of exercises
  - Tuesday 3 p.m.
- All material (slides, videos, exercises) available at <http://tiny.cc/ParProg20>

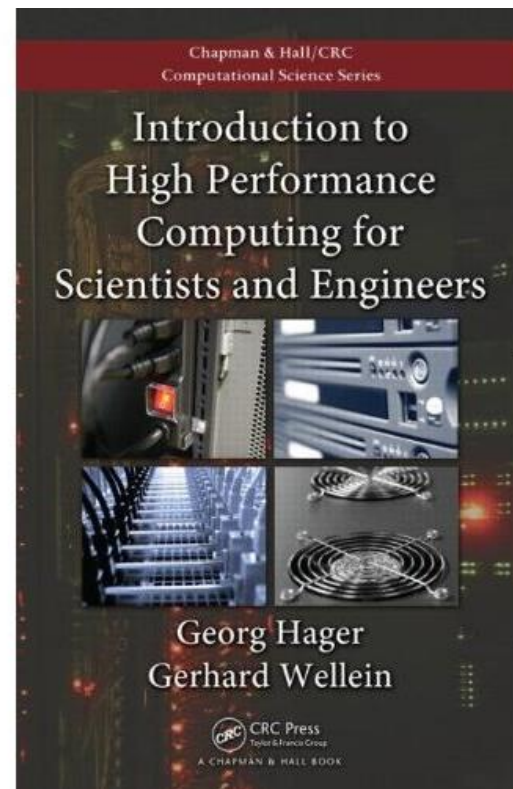
# Course prerequisites

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- Lecture:
  - Some C, C++, or Fortran programming
  - Examples are in (simple) C or Fortran
  
- Exercises:
  - Linux command line (including remote access via SSH)
    - Recommended Windows tool: MobaXTerm (<https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/>)
  - Handling a compiler on the command line
  - You will get accounts for accessing the HPC clusters at RRZE (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)
  
- Linux tutorial for n00bs: <https://ryanstutorials.net/linuxtutorial/>

# Supporting material

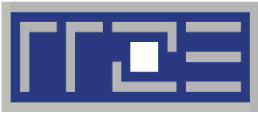
- G. Hager and G. Wellein:  
*Introduction to High Performance Computing for Scientists and Engineers.*  
CRC Computational Science Series, 2010.  
ISBN 978-1439811924
- Documentation:
  - <https://www.openmp.org>
  - <https://www.mpi-forum.org>
- The big ones and more useful HPC-related information:
  - <https://www.top500.org/>



# Outline of lecture

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- Basics of parallel computer architecture
- Basics of parallel computing
- Introduction to shared-memory programming with OpenMP
- OpenMP performance issues
- Introduction to the Message Passing Interface (MPI)
- Advanced MPI
- MPI performance issues
- Hybrid MPI+OpenMP programming
  
- Goal: A good grasp of the potentials and performance issues of parallel computing in computational science



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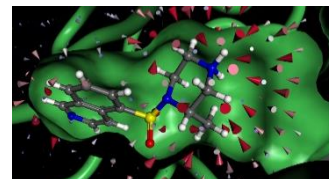
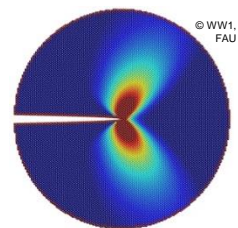
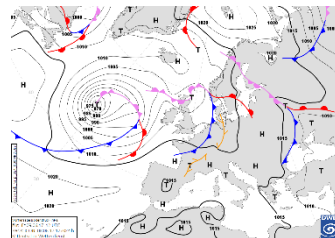


# Supercomputing

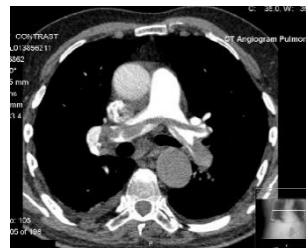
**HPC** High Performance  
Computing

# HPC applications

- What are supercomputers good for?
  - Weather and climate prediction
  - Drug design
  - Simulation of biochemical reactions
  - Processing and analysis of measurement data
  - Properties of condensed matter
  - Fundamental interactions and structure of matter
  - Fluid simulations, structural analysis, fluid-structure interaction
  - Mechanical properties of materials
  - Rendering of 3D images and movies
  - Simulation of nuclear explosions
  - Medical image reconstruction
  - ...



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# HPC algorithms

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- Whatever the application, there's usually a numerical algorithm behind it
- Computational science → many standard algorithms
- “Seven dwarfs”
  1. Dense linear algebra
  2. Sparse linear algebra
  3. Spectral methods
  4. N-body methods
  5. Structured grids
  6. Unstructured grids
  7. Monte Carlo methods

See also:

[The Landscape of Parallel Computing Research:  
A View from Berkeley, Chapter 3](#)

# Parallel computing

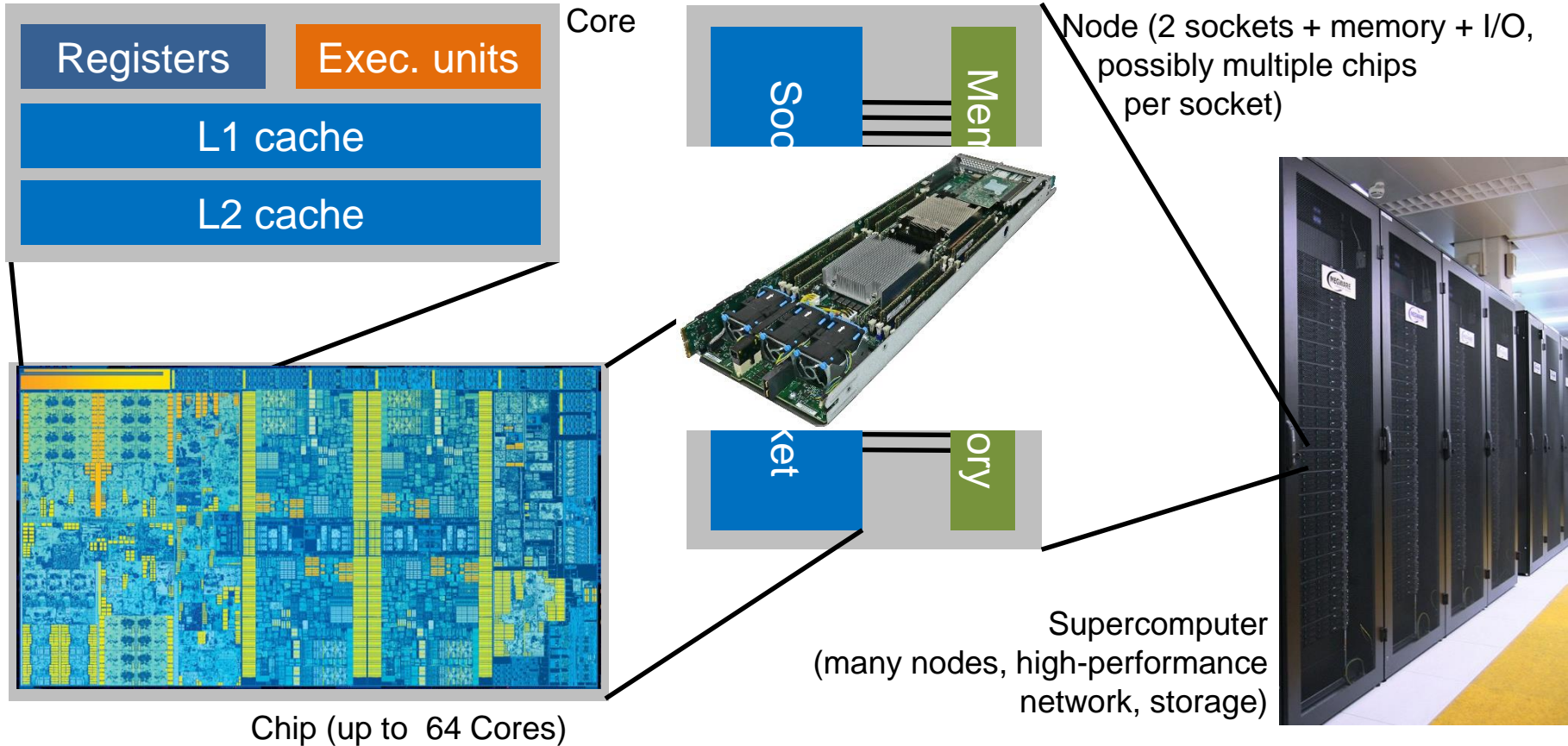
Task: **Map** a numerical **algorithm** to the **hardware** of a parallel computer

$$v_i = \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} b_j$$



Goal: Execute the task as **fast** and **effective** as possible

# Parallelism in modern computers



# The Top500 list

- Survey of the 500 most powerful supercomputers
  - <http://www.top500.org>
- Performance **ranking**?
  - Solve large dense system of equations:  $Ax = b$  (“LINPACK”)
- Max. performance achieved with 64-Bit floating-point numbers:  $R_{max}$
- Published twice a year (ISC in Germany, SC in USA)
  - First: **1993** (#1: CM5 / 1,024 procs.): **60 Gflop/s**
  - **June 2020** (#1: Fugaku / 7.3 mio procs): **415.5 Pflop/s**
- Performance increase: 79% p.a. from 1993 – 2020



# What is “performance”?

Performance metric:

$$P = \frac{\text{Work}}{\text{Time}}$$

“**Flops**” (+ - \* /)  
Lattice site updates  
Iterations  
“Solving the problem” ...



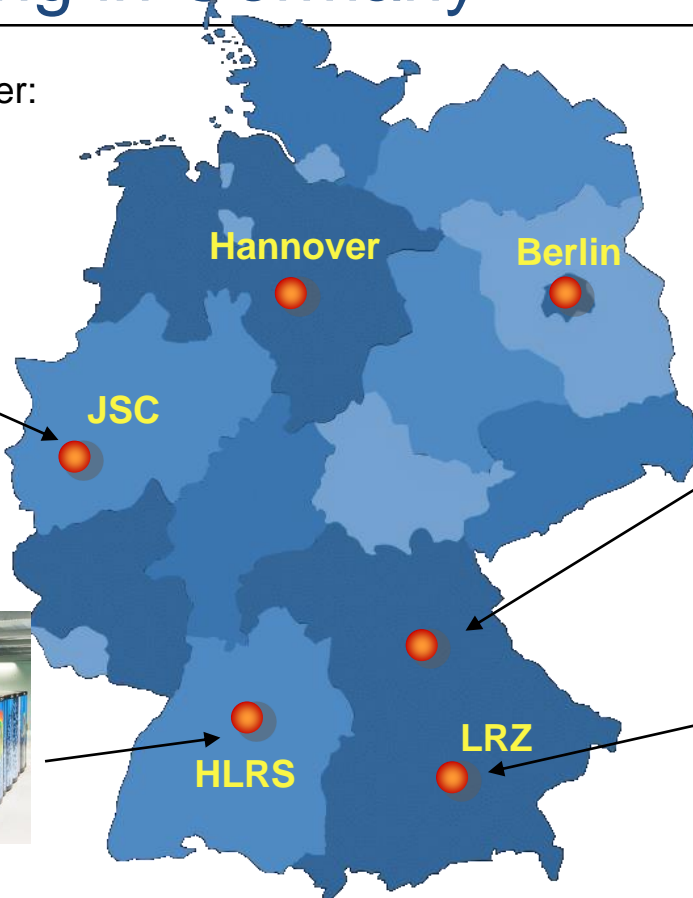
“Wall-clock time”

# The flop is quite popular...

- Flop == Floating-point operation (add, subtract, multiply, divide)
- Flop/s == “how many flops can be done per second?”
  
- How many flops can be done by a machine at most (“**peak performance**”)?
  - Depends on accuracy of input operands (double, float, half-precision)
  - **Divides** are slow and thus usually **neglected**
  
- Some double-precision **peak numbers** to get you orientated...
  - **Top500** range (June 2020): **2.6 Pflop/s ... 514 Pflop/s**
  - Modern multicore **server CPU** (AMD Rome 7742): **2.3 Tflop/s**
  - **Your PC**: **100 ... 500 Gflop/s** (+ GPU 0.5 ... 10 Tflop/s)
  - Your **cellphone**: **5 ... 50 Gflop/s**

# Supercomputing in Germany

Jülich Supercomputing Center:  
JUWELS (9.9 PF/s)



RRZE (0.5 PF/s)



HLRS: Hawk (26 PF/s)



Leibniz Supercomputing Center: SuperMUC-NG (26.8 PF/s)

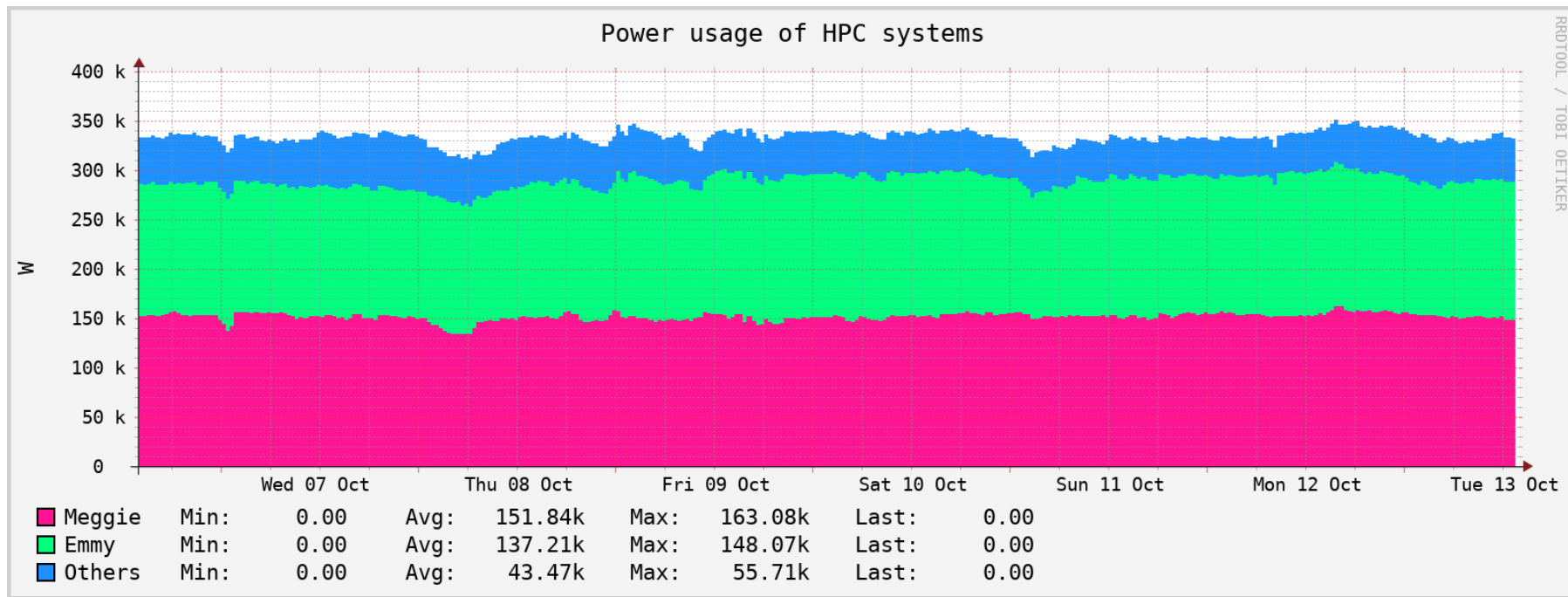
# RRZE “Meggie” cluster (you will get access to this!)

- **728 Compute nodes** (14.560 cores)
  - 2x Intel Xeon E5-2630 v4 (Broadwell) 2.2 GHz (10 cores)
  - 20 cores/node
  - 64 GB main memory per node
  - No local disks
- **Peak Performance:**  $R_{peak} = 0.5$  Pflop/s
- **#346 @TOP500 (Nov. 2016)**
  - $R_{max} = 0.48$  Pflop/s
- Price tag: 2.5 million €
- Power consumption: 120 kW – 210 kW (depending on workload)





# Power consumption of RRZE HPC systems (last 7 days)



# Power consumption of supercomputers

- Cost of electrical energy (example FAU): 20 ct/kWh
  - 1 MW of power costs 1.8 million € per year
    - cost of electrical power over lifetime  $\approx$  investment sum
  - This does not include the cost for cooling (may be 5% ... 150% of electrical power)
  - $\approx$  1000 €/a for a typical server

- Other countries have different boundary conditions

- US: 7ct/kWh for industrial customers (2019)

Rank	System	Cores	Rmax (TFlop/s)	Rpeak (TFlop/s)	Power (kW)
1	<b>Supercomputer Fugaku</b> - Supercomputer Fugaku, A64FX 48C 2.2GHz, Tofu interconnect D, Fujitsu RIKEN Center for Computational Science Japan	7,299,072	415,530.0	513,854.7	28,335
2	<b>Summit</b> - IBM Power System AC922, IBM POWER9 22C 3.07GHz, NVIDIA Volta GV100, Dual-rail Mellanox EDR Infiniband, IBM DOE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory United States	2,414,592	148,600.0	200,794.9	10,096
3	<b>Sierra</b> - IBM Power System AC922, IBM POWER9 22C 3.1GHz, NVIDIA Volta GV100, Dual-rail Mellanox EDR Infiniband, IBM / NVIDIA / Mellanox DOE/NNSA/LLNL United States	1,572,480	94,640.0	125,712.0	7,438

# Take-home messages

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- Supercomputers are parallel computers
  - No parallelism → no performance
  - It's your task to write parallel code (or use parallel programs that someone else wrote)
  - Even your desktop PC is a parallel computer nowadays
  
- Supercomputers are expensive
  - ... to buy
  - ... and to run,

so their efficient use is paramount

  - → learn how to write efficient parallel programs