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Kompetenzzentrum für Höchstleistungsrechnen Bremen

Parallel Programming with MPI and OpenMP

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Course material will be available at

<http://bremhlr.uni-bremen.de/mpi-openmp-course>



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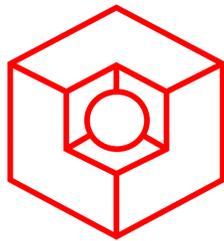
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Course Introduction

About us ...



BremHLR

Kompetenzzentrum für Höchstleistungsrechnen Bremen

Bremen Supercomputing Competence Center

- Cooperation of 4 Universities and Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Center for Polar and Marine Research
- We don't operate supercomputers but know well how to use them
- Support in supercomputing for researchers in the state of Bremen
- Consultants at Bremen University/ZARM, Constructor University and AWI

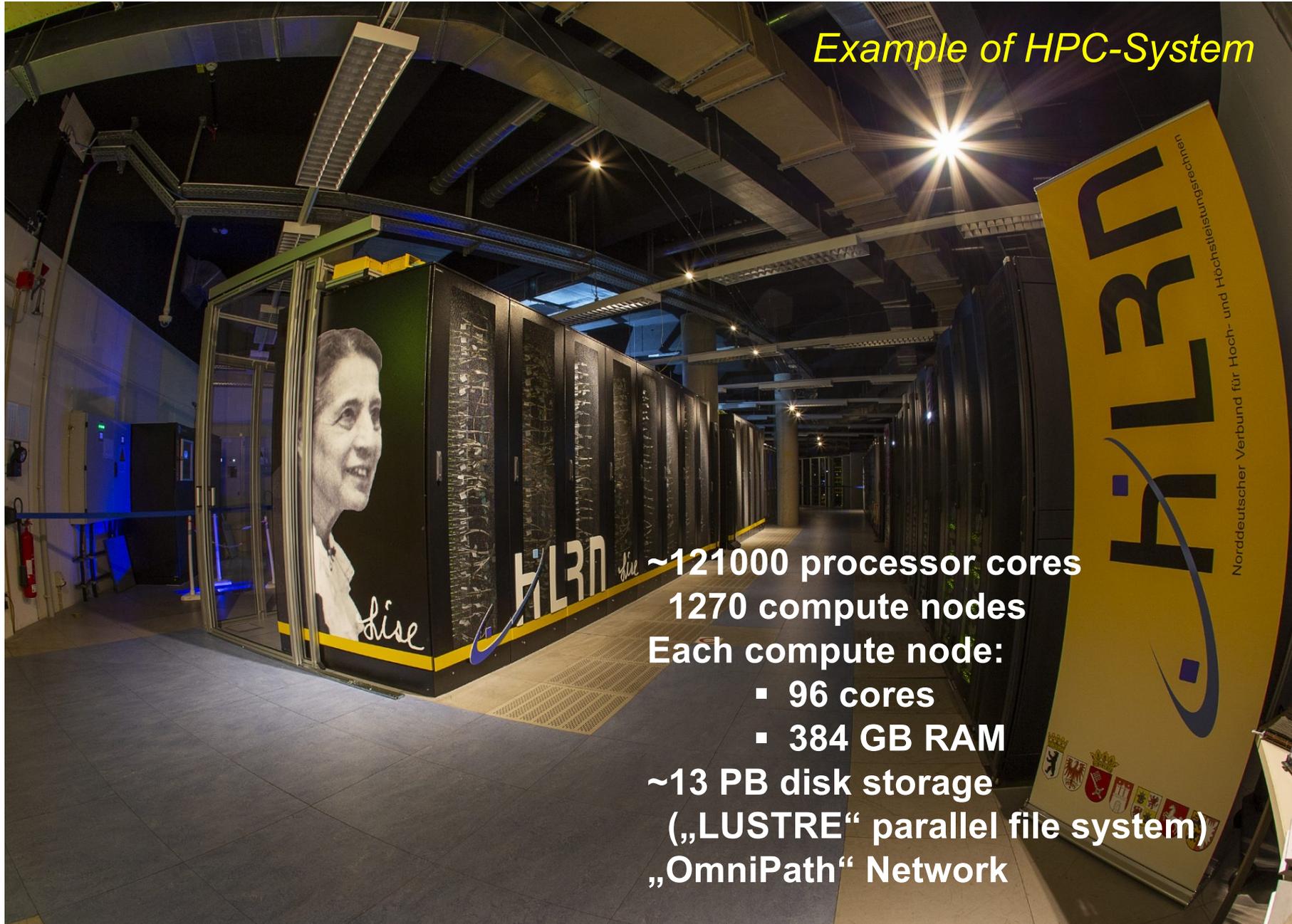


About us ...

We work as HPC Consultants

- Provide support for using high-performance computing (HPC) systems
 - Technical issues, performance, application for compute projects
- Teaching
 - how to use HPC Systems
 - how to optimize program code for maximal performance
 - parallel programming – how to make programs usable for HPC

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Parallel Programming with MPI and OpenMP

Goals

- Introduce to program parallelization with focus on C and Fortran
- Use the compute power of today's multi-core processors and of supercomputers
- Go beyond starting the same program several times
- Go beyond auto-parallelization options offered by compilers

Lectures

Hands-on sessions

Parallel Programming with MPI and OpenMP

Content

- How to distribute the work of a program over several processor cores, processors or computers?
- Introduction to the two most-common parallelization standards

MPI

Distributed memory parallel

e.g. use a cluster of computers
connected by a network

OpenMP

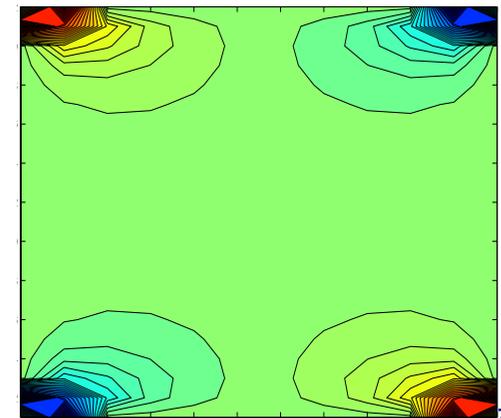
Shared memory

e.g. use all cores
in a workstation

- Exemplify the parallelization on a physical example:
Solution of Laplace's equation in two dimensions

$$\nabla^2 \psi = 0$$

(e.g. electrostatic potential)



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Schedule

- Monday: 10:15 – 12:30 / 13:30 – 17:00h
- Tuesday to Thursday:
 - 9:15 – 12:30h / 13:30 – 17:00h
 - lunch break ~12:30-13:30h
- Each block: lecture followed by exercises

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Today

- Welcome
- Thinking Parallel I
- Laplace I: Theory
- Computer Setup
- *Exercise: a parallel hello world program*

- MPI – Structure of MPI programs
- MPI – Point-to-point communication
- MPI – Collective communication
- *Exercise: programming send and receive*

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Course material

<http://bremh1r.uni-bremen.de/mpi-openmp-course>

(will be uploaded step-by-step during the week)

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Tuesday

- Morning – MPI
 - Review of programming exercises
 - MPI – point-to-point communication (send and receive modes)
 - MPI – collective communication, Communicator splitting
 - MPI – Reduction operations
 - *Exercise:* Communicate around a ring
- Afternoon
 - Review of programming exercise
 - MPI – non-blocking communication
 - Laplace equation II: Implementation with MPI
 - Thinking Parallel II: Performance considerations

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Wednesday

- Morning – Introduction to OpenMP
 - Thinking Parallel (III)
 - OpenMP (I)
 - *Exercises* - OpenMP
- Afternoon – More OpenMP
 - Laplace equation with OpenMP
 - *Exercises* - OpenMP (II)
 - Parallel programming bugs

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Thursday

- Morning
 - MPI – Communicators & buffering
 - MPI – Derived data types
 - MPI – Virtual topologies
 - *Exercise: Topologies*
- Afternoon
 - Review of programming exercise
 - Hybrid programming (MPI + OpenMP)
 - Parallel I/O with MPI
 - MPI – One-sided communication
 - *Exercise: Hybrid 'Hello world' programs*

Location Information



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