

# Parallel Computing

## „Einführung in paralleles Rechnen“

Welcome!  
Intro, Remarks, the Formalities,  
the General Plan  
Q&A

## Lecturers:

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## General plan

- Mondays 15:15 - 17:00 (Informatik Hörsaal, HERE): Lectures (Träff)
- Tuesdays (some) 15:15 - 17:00 (Informatik Hörsaal): "How to use the systems", Exercise discussion, Project discussion (Hunold)
- Mondays (backup & EXAM) 17:00-19:00 (Informatik Hörsaal)

Mandatory

## Administration

Capacity limitation because of resource constraints:  
300 students

We will handle this, for now, stay tuned...

Falls Sie im Sommersemester 2019 in der LVA 184.710 „Parallel Computing“, keinen Platz bekommen haben, können Sie stattdessen ein zusätzliches Wahlmodul aus dem Bachelorstudium „Software und Information Engineering“ im Ausmaß von 6 ECTS absolvieren und dieses für Ihren Studienabschluss anstatt des Moduls „Einführung in paralleles Rechnen (Parallel Computing)“ verwenden. Bitte beachten Sie, dass diese Regelung Ihren ehest möglichen Studienabschluss unterstützen soll und zeitlich bis Ende Wintersemester 2019/2020 befristet ist.

## Administration

Sign up via TISS (until 11.3.2019)

Sign off via TISS if you do not want to complete the VU (until 18.3.2019)

Course homepage

[www.par.tuwien.ac.at/teaching/2019s/184.710.html](http://www.par.tuwien.ac.at/teaching/2019s/184.710.html)

Course material (slides), exercise/project hand-in via TUWEL

Check regularly!

This VU consists of

- Lectures auf Deutsch
  - Exercises (“Übungsblätter”) and solution's discussion
  - Programming Projects
  - Self-study
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- Read, think, solve, program, experiment, learn...

No classes, no groups:  
Exercise/project solutions handed in via TUWEL (groups of 2 allowed), commented/graded offline, plenary feedback

## ECTS Breakdown

- Lectures: 1.5 ECTS
- Study: 1.5 ECTS
- Exercises, Project work (implementation, test, benchmarking): 3 ECTS

### In hours to invest...

- Lectures:  $13 \times 2h = 26h$
- Exercises plenary:  $3 \times 2h = 6h$
- Self-study: 30h
- Written exam:  $10 + 2h = 12h$
- Home exercises:  $3 \times 2h = 6h$
- Projects:  $2 \times 35h = 70h$

Give feedback by  
the end of the  
course

Total: 150h = 6 ECTS

## Why parallel computing?

Parallel computers are everywhere, every computer scientist (“Informatiker”) **must know something** about them:

- Why is that?
- What are they good for?
- What exactly is a parallel computer?
- How can we use them efficiently?
- How do we program them?
- What are their limitations?



... because parallel computing is core computer science

Using computational resources to solve problems efficiently (in theory AND in practice). Parallel computing is computer science with the extra dimension of “parallelism”:

- Computer architecture, models
- Algorithms and data structures
- Semantics
- Programming languages, compilers
- Programming, software engineering

A great chance to revisit computer science topics in a new light

Old discipline, but with many challenging, unsolved problems, still lively and highly relevant

## Parallel computing at TU Wien ( $\neq$ parallel programming)

### Using parallel computers efficiently

- Aims, motivation, history ("Moore's law"), basics (time, work, and cost; speed-up; Amdahl's Law; scaling), problems and algorithms
- Shared memory parallel computing
- **Concrete language:** (p)threads, **OpenMP**, **Cilk**
- Distributed memory parallel computing
- **Concrete interface:** **MPI** (Message-Passing Interface)
- Newer architectures, new languages (GPU, CUDA, OpenCL)

## Prerequisites

### Basics on

- Programming, programming languages (we will use C/C++)
- Algorithms and data structures, asymptotic worst-case analysis of algorithms  $O(f(n))$ ,  $\Omega(f(n))$ ,  $\Theta(f(n))$
- Computer architecture
- Operating systems

## Detailed plan: Lectures (Mondays)

4.3: Intro, basics (I)

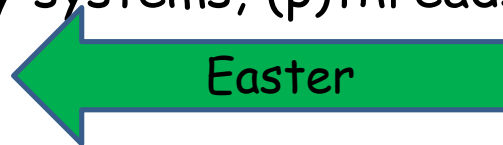
11.3: Principles (II): time, work, cost, speed-up, Amdahl

18.3: Principles (III): Patterns, tasks

25.3: Examples&Algorithms

1.4: Shared-memory systems, (p)threads

8.4: OpenMP



29.4: OpenMP

6.5: Distributed memory systems

13.5: MPI

20.5: MPI

27.5: MPI

3.6: Cilk/OpenMP tasks



17.6: More efficient shared-memory programming

Attendance is mandatory

## Detailed plan: Exercises ("Übungsblätter")

Monday 25.3: First exercise ("Übungsblatt 1")

Tuesday 2.4: Hand-in

Tuesday 9.4: Solutions' presentation (+ "how to use the systems")

Monday 29.4: Second exercise ("Übungsblatt 2")

Tuesday 7.5: Hand-in

Tuesday 14.5 Solutions' presentation

Monday 20.5: Third exercise ("Übungsblatt 3")

Tuesday 28.5: Hand-in

Tuesday 4.6: Solutions' presentation (and Gödel lecture)

Hand-in dates are fixed, no exceptions

Attendance (9.4, 14.5, 4.6) mandatory

## Detailed plan: Programming projects

Monday 8.4: Project 1 (OpenMP)

Tuesday 14.5: Hand-in

Monday 13.5: Project 2 (MPI)

Tuesday 4.6: Hand-in

Hand-in dates are fixed, no exceptions

## Detailed plan: Special exercise

Monday 18.3: Special exercise ("Übungsblatt 0"), get account on system, submit 4K ssh-key via TUWEL

Monday 25.3: Last chance for submitting key

Mandatory

Immediately after getting notification, try to log in to the system and see that everything is ok. Report problems immediately

Without a working account, the VU cannot be passed

## Detailed plan: Exam ("Klausur")

Monday 24.6: One hour, without aids

Date is fixed

No aids (no book, no notes, no mobile, ...)

Sign-up later via TISS

Sign off before deadline if you will not take the exam. If not signed off, but absent from exam, course is failed (Grade "5")



## Passing the course...

Attendance at the lectures is mandatory. This means: the material for the course is that which is covered in the lecture; if you cannot come to some particular lecture, it's your own responsibility to check up on the material (read the slides, talk to your friends...)

To pass the course, exercises (0,1,2,3) and projects (1,2) must be handed in and get at least 50% of the points, and the klausur must be passed

## Exercises, details

Check-questions and problems based on material from the lectures (effort: a few hours)

Hand-in:

Via TUWEL, will be graded (points) by lecturers/tutors, part of final grade

In order to pass course, exercises (and projects) must get at least 50% of the points in total

Exercises can be done and handed in **in groups of two** (recommended)

Groups can change from exercise to exercise

Hand-in's:

Via TUWEL, clearly mark hand-in with name(s), matriculation number(s)

For group hand-in's, one upload suffices.

If two solutions are uploaded, they must be identical, if not, weakest one counts. Group's responsibility to make sure at least one solution is handed-in!

Read carefully and follow instructions

## Programming projects, details

Own implementation of a parallel algorithm for a problem discussed in the lecture in OpenMP (Project 1) and MPI (Project 2)

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Same rules as for the exercises:

Hand-in via TUWEL, the projects (and exercises) must get at least 50% of the points in total. Groups may hand in only one solution, if two, weakest one counts. Groups need not be fixed, can change from project 1 to project 2

Read carefully and follow instructions. And start early!

Own implementation of a parallel algorithm for a problem discussed in the lecture in OpenMP (project 1) and MPI (project 2). *Compile, test, run, experiment, improve...*

Goal: Correct and efficient implementation (according to expectations)

Hand-in's:

Will be graded by lecturers/tutors. *Correctness is important*, all programs will be compiled and run against "secret" input, and correctness is a major criteria for the points

## Systems

Programs can be developed at home on own computer (prerequisites: C compiler, OpenMP, MPI), but final test and benchmarking must be done on our (TU Wien) systems

- "Hydra": 36-node x 32-core Intel Skylake-OmniPath cluster



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Tuesday 9.4: Introduction to the systems, "How to use..." (slurm)

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Monday 18.3: Special exercise ("Übungsblatt 0"), get  
Monday 25.3: Last chance for submitting key

## Projects, systems

The compute cluster is a rare, limited resource (1 cluster, 300+ users). We run it like a compute center...

Use your resources with care, start early with the projects



## Final grading ("Note"), how to pass the course

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- Exercises and project solutions must get at least 50% of the assigned points
- Valid account on systems (special exercise)

Exercises/Projects will contribute 60% towards final grade, exam 40% towards final grade

Grade scheme:

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1 ("sehr gut"):     | 90-100% |
| 2 ("gut"):          | 75-90%  |
| 3 ("befriedigend"): | 60-75%  |
| 4 ("genügend"):     | 50-60%  |

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Do not cheat, do not plagiarize

Solutions and programs can likely be found somewhere, no point in handing such things in. Allowed to exchange ideas with friends and colleagues.

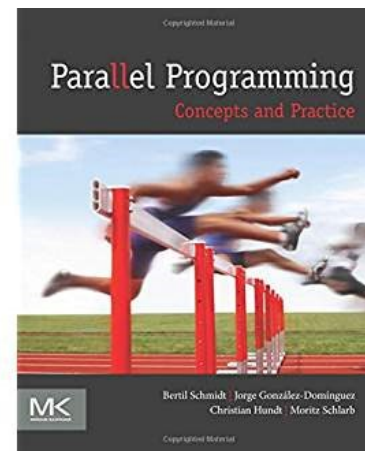
Cheating results in failing grade

“Wir haben alle Ausreden analysiert.  
Schwarzfahren kostet so oder so...”

Constructive criticism is always welcome. You can evaluate the course by the end of the semester (TISS)

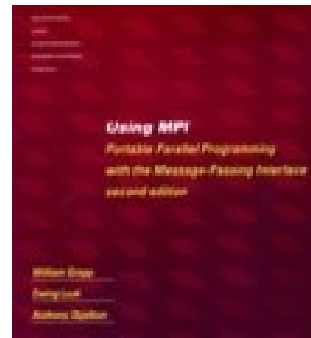
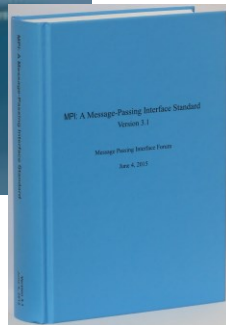
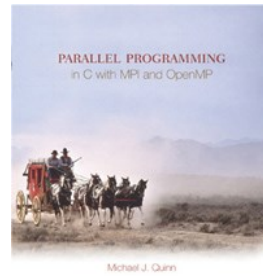
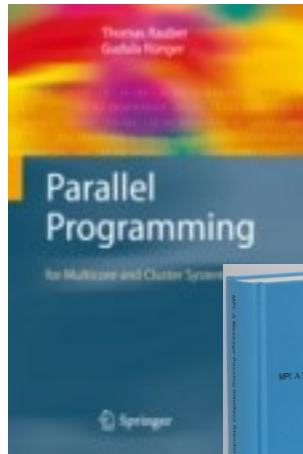
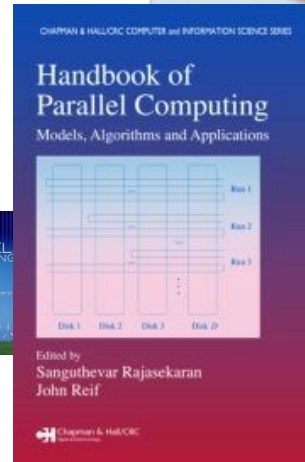
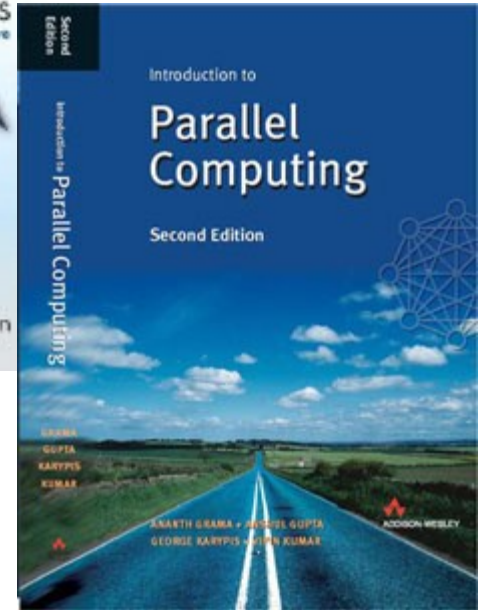
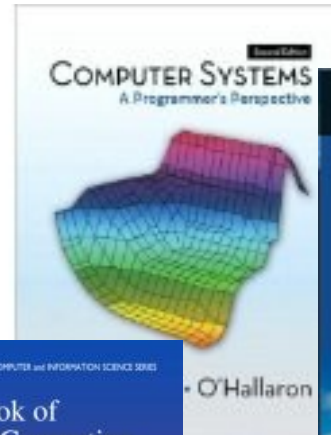
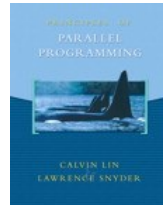
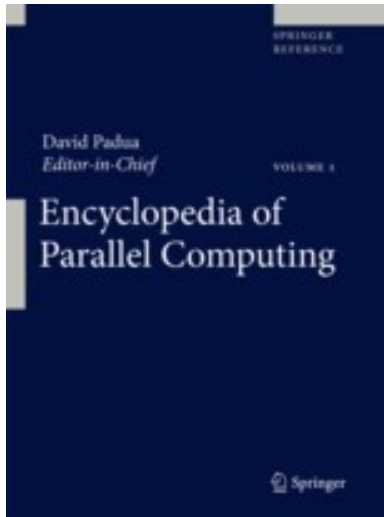
## Literature

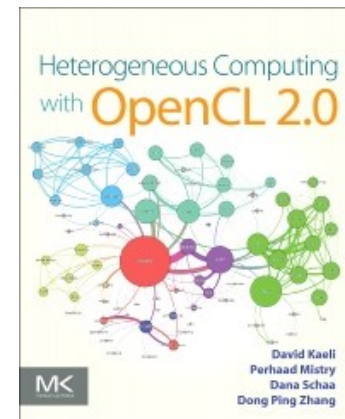
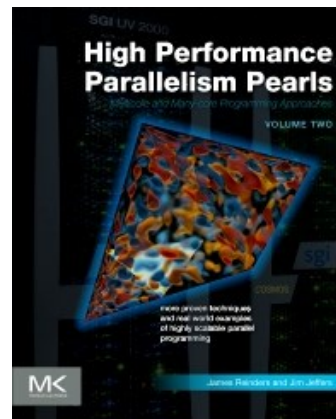
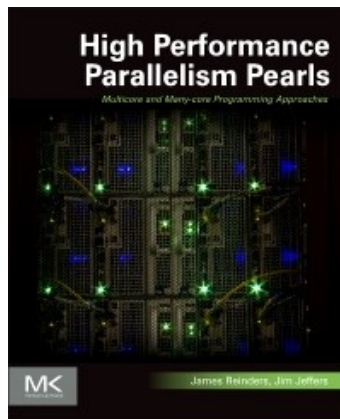
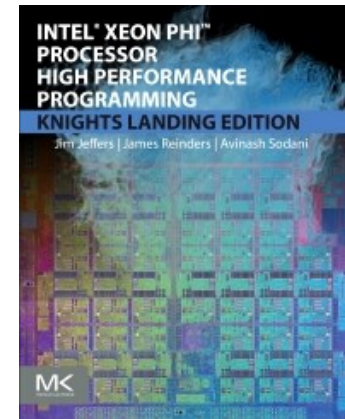
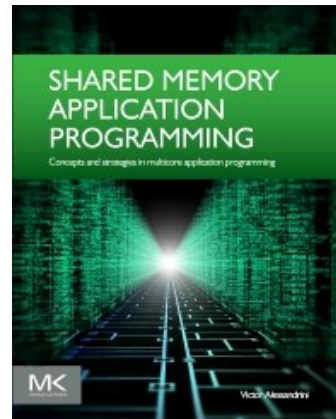
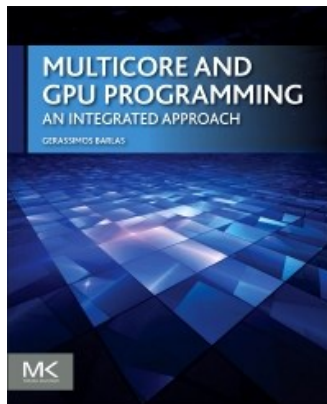
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## Follow-up

Bachelor thesis (Träff, Hunold):

- All aspects of parallel computing (implementations, benchmarking, applications, algorithms, models, ...)

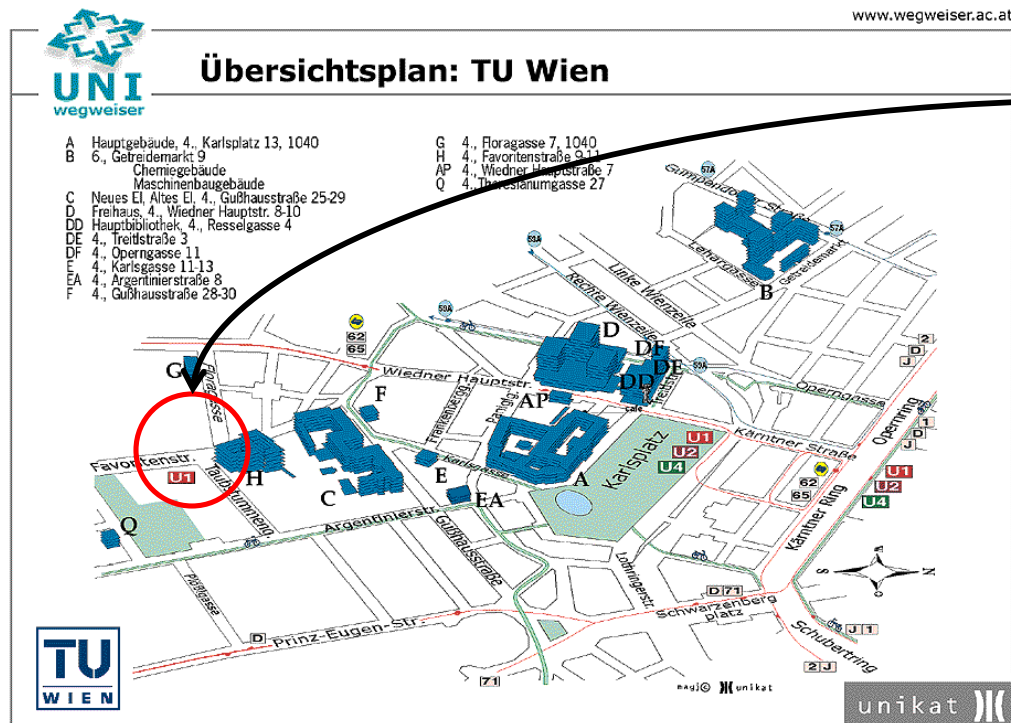
Master:

- High Performance Computing, VU, 4.5ECTS
- Advanced Multiprocessor Programming, VU, 4.5 ECTS
- Parallel Algorithms, VU, 3 ECTS
- Projects, 6+6, ECTS
- Seminars in Software Engineering, Algorithms, Theoretical computer science, computer engineering, 3 ECTS
- Master Thesis, 30 ECTS



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