

Calcolo Parallelo dall'Infrastruttura alla Matematica

Calcolo parallelo: perché, quali infrastratture, quali problemi?

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"Computational science (also scientific computing or scientific computation (SC)) is a rapidly growing multidisciplinary field that uses advanced computing capabilities to understand and solve complex problems. It is an area of science which spans many disciplines, but at its core it involves the development of models and simulations to understand natural systems."

Wikipedia



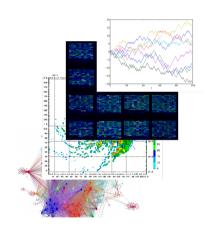
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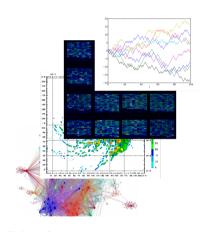




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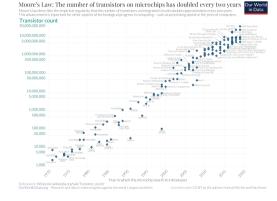
Why the need for parallelism?



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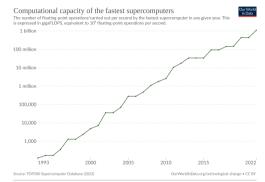


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1. Floating-point operation: A floating-point operation (FLOP) is a type of computer operation. One FLOP is equivalent to one addition, subtraction multiplication, or division of two decimal numbers.

Computers should reach the physical limits of Moore's Law at some point in the 2020s...exponential functions saturates physical capabilities!



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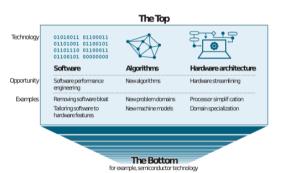
Therefore, we need

- Algorithms that can work in parallel,
- A communications protocol for parallel computation integrated with our programming languages,
- Parallel machines that can actually run this code.



The philosophy behind the effort

1 Parallel computing: why?



C. E. Leiserson, N. C. Thompson, J. S. Emer, B. C. Kuszmaul, B. W. Lampson, D. Sanchez, and T. B. Schardl, "There's plenty of room at the Top: What will drive computer performance after Moore's law?", *Science* (2020)

"As miniaturization wanes, the silicon-fabrication improvements at the Bottom will no longer provide the predictable, broad-based gains in computer performance that society has enjoyed for more than 50 years. Software performance engineering, development of algorithms, and hardware streamlining at the Top can continue to make computer applications faster in the post-Moore era."



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"The second machine, now in operation, was designed for the direct solution of nine or fewer simultaneous equations." - Wilbur, J. B. (1936)



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"Finally, though the labour of relaxation in three dimensions is prohibitively great, the future use of the new electronic calculating machines in this connexion is a distinct possibility" – Fox, L. (1947)



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"The Ferranti PEGASUS computer, with a main store of 4096 words, can solve a maximum of 86 simultaneous equations by its standard subroutine and takes about 45 minutes to complete this calculation." – Wilson, L. B. (1959)



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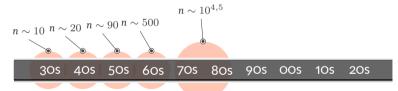


"...the bound imposed by this is $m+n \le 474$. In addition, this number of equations would fill one standard (1.80oft) reel of magnetic tape, and the fifty-odd hours taken in the calculation might be thought excessive." – Barron, Swinnerton-Dyer (1960)



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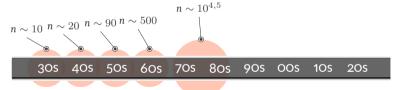


[&]quot;...handling problems involving sets of simultaneous equations of two-thousandth order, and SAMIS available through "Cosmic" at the University of Georgia, which can treat up to 10,000 simultaneous equations." – Melosh, Schmele (1969)



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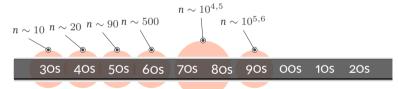


"The mini-computer cost algorithm is applied to the same complex shell problem used previously, with 9120 degrees of freedom [...]. The running times, however, are 40 and 70 hr, respectively! It would appear that improvement of mini-computer speeds is required..." – Kamel, McCabe (1978)



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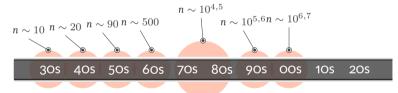


"For instance, Pomerell in 1994 reports on successful application of preconditioned Krylov methods for very ill-conditioned unstructured finite element systems of order up to 210,000 that arise in semiconductor device modeling." – Saad Y., van der Vorst, H.A. (2000)



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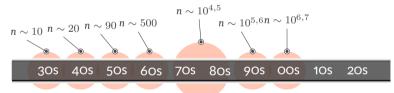


"As a second example, we show results (Table VIII) for a problem arising in ocean modeling (barotropic equation) with n = 370,000 unknowns and approximately 3.3 million nonzero entries..." - Benzi, M. (2002)



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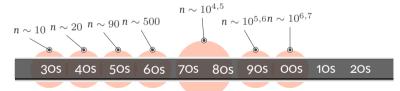


"Problem: Large, mesh size: $180 \times 60 \times 30$, \sharp unknowns (in simulation): 1,010,160, Solution time 45.7 h" – Wang, de Sturler, Paulino (2006)



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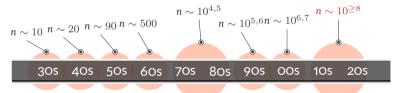


"The parallel GMRES was tested on the Tesla T10P GPU using a set of matrix data from the oil field simulation data of Conoco Phillips. The order of the system ranges from ~ 2000 to ~ 1.1 million." – M. Wang, H. Klie, M. Parashar, H. Sudan (2009)



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The exascale challenge, using computer that do 10^{15} Flops, targeting next-gen systems doing 10^{18} Flops to solve problems with tens of billions of unknowns.



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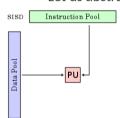
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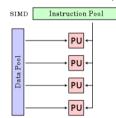
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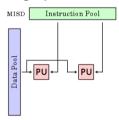
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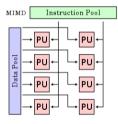
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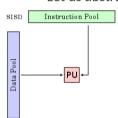
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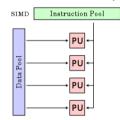
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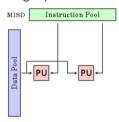
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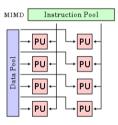
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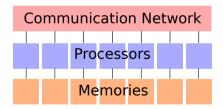


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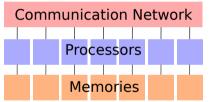


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We can be more precise about the connection between processors, one can consider
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delve in a detailed way into its pattern of interconnection, i.e., into what is called the
network topology.

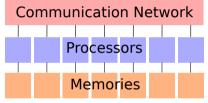


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 An alternative is to summarize the network properties in terms of two parameters: latency and bandwidth

Latency the time it takes for a message to traverse the network; Bandwidth the rate at which a processor can inject data into the network.



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Measuring

- R_{max} the performance in GFLOPS for the largest problem run on a machine,
- N_{max} the size of the largest problem run on a machine,
- $N_{1/2}$ the size where half the R_{max} execution rate is achieved.
- R_{peak} the theoretical peak performance GFLOPS for the machine.

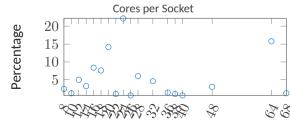


The TOP500 List

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Rank	System	Cores	Rmax (PFlop/s)	Rpeak (PFlop/s)	Power (kW)	
1	Frontier	8,730,112	1,102.00	1,685.65	21,100	
2	Supercomputer Fugaku	7,630,848	442.01	537.21	29,899	
3	LUMI	2,220,288	309.10	428.70	6,016	
4	Leonardo	1,463,616	174.70	255.75	5,610	
5	Summit	2,414,592	148.60	200.79	10,096	







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"Bēowulf is a multi-computer architecture which can be used for parallel computations. It is a system which usually consists of one server node, and one or more client nodes connected via Ethernet or some other network. It is a system built using commodity hardware components, like any PC capable of running a Unix-like operating system, with standard Ethernet adapters, and switches."

Radajewski, Radajewski; Eadline, Douglas (22 November 1998). "Beowulf HOWTO". ibiblio.org. v1.1.1.





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- If we split the operation among 2 processors, one summing up the entries between $1, \ldots, i$, and one summing up the entries between $i+1, \ldots, n$ we take T_i time for the first part and T_{n-i} time for the second, therefore the overall time is $\max(T_i, T_{n-i})$ for doing always O(n) operations.



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$$S_i \triangleq \frac{t_{\text{original}}}{t_{\text{optimized}}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1$$

where the numerator and denominator are the original and optimized completion time.



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Amdahl's Law

Then the overall speedup for $\mathbf{P} = (P_1, \dots, P_N)$, $\mathbf{S} = (S_1, \dots, S_{N-1})$ is:

$$S(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{S}) = \left(P_N + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{P_i}{S_i}\right)^{-1}.$$



Parallel Algorithms: Amdahl's Law

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Let us make some observations on Amdahl's Law

- We are not assuming about whether the original completion time involves some optimization,
- We are not making any assumption on what our optimization process is,
- We are not even saying that the process in question involves a computer!

Amdahl's Law is a fairly general way of looking at how processes can be speed up by dividing them into sub-tasks with lower execution time.



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- We are not assuming about whether the original completion time involves some optimization,
- We are not making any assumption on what our optimization process is,
- We are not even saying that the process in question involves a computer!

Amdahl's Law is a fairly general way of looking at how processes can be speed up by dividing them into sub-tasks with lower execution time.

Moreover, it fixes the theoretical maximum speedup in various scenarios.

• If we allow all components S_i to grow unbounded then the upper bound on all scenario si $S_{\text{max}} = 1/P_N$.

Let us decline it in the context of the potential utility of *parallel hardware*.



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Every dusty corner of a code must scale, any portion that doesn't becomes the rate-limiting step!



Parallel Algorithms: Amdahl's Law limitations

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What we are neglecting and what we are tacitly assuming

- We are neglecting overhead costs, i.e., the cost associated with parallel execution such as
 - initializing (spawning) and joining of different computation threads,
 - communication between processes, data movement and memory allocation.
- We considered also the ideal case in which $S_i \to +\infty \ \forall i$, observe that with finite speedup on portions 1 through N-1, the S_{overall} might continue to improve with increasing number of execution units.
- We are assuming that the size of the problem remains fixed while the number of
 execution units increases, this is called the case of strong scalability. In some
 contexts, we need to turn instead to weak scalability in which the problem size grows
 proportionally to the number of execution units.



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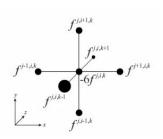
"Solving a larger problem in the same amount of time should be possible by using more computing units"

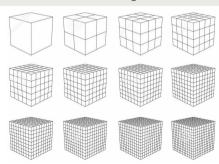


Poisson equation

 $-\Delta f = 1$ on unit cube, with Dirichlet Boundary Conditions

- 7-point finite-difference discretization
- cartesian grid with uniform refinement along the coordinates for increasing mesh size







Solver/preconditioner settings

• AMG as preconditioner of Flexible CG, stopped when $\|\mathbf{r}^k\|_2/\|\mathbf{b}\|_2 \le 10^{-6}$, or itmax = 500

KCMATCH K-cycle with 2 inner iterations, CMATCH building aggregates of max size 8, unsmoothed prolongators

VSCMATCH V-cycle, CMATCH building aggregates of max size 8, smoothed prolongators VSDVB V-cycle for decoupled classic smoothed aggregation

- 1 sweep of forward/backward Hybrid Gauss-Seidel smoother, parallel CG preconditioned with Block-Jacobi and ILU(0) at the coarsest level
- coarsest matrix size $n_c \leq 200np$, with np number of cores

An example from: P. D'Ambra, F. Durastante, and S. Filippone, "AMG preconditioners for linear solvers towards extreme scale", SIAM J. Sci. Comput. (2021).



Experimental environment & Comparison

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- Cray Model XC40/Cray XC50 architecture with 5704 hybrid compute nodes (Intel Xeon E5-2690 v3 with Nvidia Tesla P100 accelerator)
- Cray Aries routing and communications ASIC with Dragonfly network topology
- GNU compiler rel. 8, Cray MPI 7, Cray-libsci 20.09.1
- PSBLAS 3.7, AMG4PSBLAS 1.0 (See: psctoolkit.github.io)







Hypre: Scalable Linear Solvers and Multigrid Methods by LLNL

- BoomerAMG as preconditioner of CG, stopped when $\|\mathbf{r}^k\|_2/\|\mathbf{b}\|_2 \le 10^{-6}$, or itmax = 500
- V-cycle with 1 sweep of forward/backward Hybrid Gauss-Seidel smoother, LU factorization at the coarsest level
- 3 coarsening schemes: hybrid RS/CLJP (**Flg**), Hybrid Maximal Independent Set (**HMIS**), HMIS with first level of aggressive coarsening (**HMIS1**); default parameters for coarsest matrix size $1 \le n_c \le 9$, coupled with modified (long-range) classical interpolation

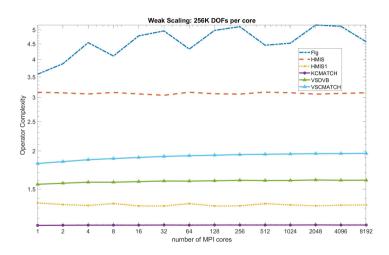


Weak scaling (256K dofs \times core): Iteration number

	AMG4PSBLAS			Hypre			
np	$n/10^{6}$	КСМАТСН	VSCMATCH	VSDVB	Flg	HMIS	HMIS1
1	0.256	12	7	11	6	6	12
2	0.512	12	7	12	7	9	15
2^2	1.036	12	7	13	7	12	17
2^{3}	2.048	12	7	14	8	13	17
2^{4}	4.075	12	8	14	8	14	20
2^{5}	8.049	13	9	15	8	14	20
2^{6}	16.384	12	8	15	9	16	22
2^7	32.604	12	8	15	10	18	25
2^{8}	63.917	13	9	16	10	20	27
2^{9}	131,072	14	8	18	11	22	29
2^{10}	256,000	15	8	17	12	25	32
2^{11}	511,335	16	12	21	13	29	37
2^{12}	1024,192	15	8	26	13	35	40
2^{13}	2097,152	16	9	27	14	37	44

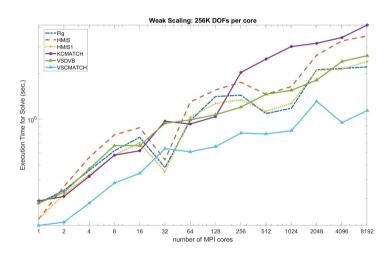


Weak scaling (256K dofs \times core): operator complexity





Weak scaling (256K dofs \times core): solve time





Results at extreme scale: MPI vs hybrid MPI-CUDA

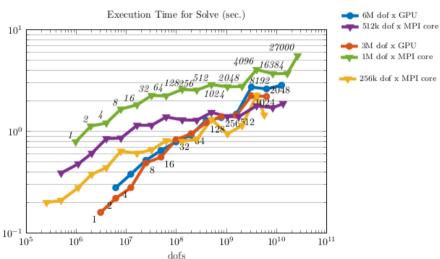




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In software engineering, version control is a class of systems responsible for managing changes to computer programs, documents, large web sites, or other collections of information. Version control is a component of software configuration management.



- We are going to use GIT: https://git-scm.com/,
- Specifically, the Gitea instance run by the PHC: https://git.phc.dm.unipi.it/.



Getting an up-and-running GIT account

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Create an SSH key:

- 1. Open a terminal (CTRL+ALT+T),
- 2. Write: ssh-keygen -t ed25519 -C 'fabio.durastante@unipi.it (use your own E-mail address!)
- 3. Press ENTER to confirm **default file location** (\sim /.ssh),
- 4. At the prompt, type a secure passphrase (you have to remember it!),
- 5. Run: eval "(ssh-agent -s)" and then $ssh-add \sim/.ssh/id_ed25519$.



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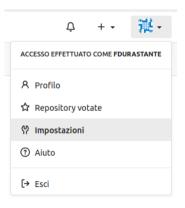
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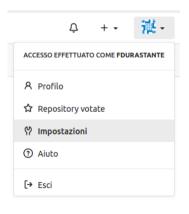
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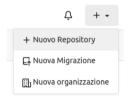
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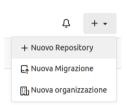
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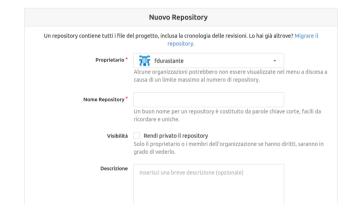


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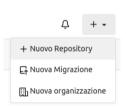




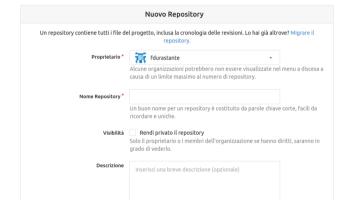
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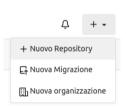




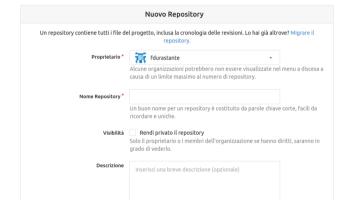
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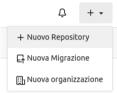




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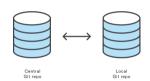


git clone git@git.phc.dm.unipi.it:fdurastante/cpar2023.git cd cpar2023

The folder will contain these slides, and - in the future - the other material we will use.



We will use GIT to exchange files and working on writing code.



The **repository** is where files' current and historical data are stored, often on a server.

checkout To check out is to create a local working copy from the repository,

pull, push Copy revisions from one repository into another.

Pull is initiated by the receiving repository, while push is initiated by the source.

commit To commit is to write or merge the changes made in the working copy back to the repository. A commit contains metadata, typically the author information and a commit message that describes the change.

merge is an operation in which two sets of changes are applied to a file or set of files.



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- Review the slides at least once to get used to the vocabulary.
- Make working in a Linux shell comfortable, e.g., ls, cd, ssh, mkdir, mv, cp, rm, grep, diff;
- Follow this GIT tutorial to familiarize yourself with the commands and workflow:

https://git-scm.com/docs/gittutorial

• Propose a name for our Beowulf machine:

https://forms.gle/F9XtvAWmVqv6jD5f7

· Have fun.



Calcolo Parallelo dall'Infrastruttura alla Matematica Thank you for listening!

Any questions?