High-Performance Computing on Clusters					
Module-No./Abbreviation	Credits	Workload	Term	Frequency	Duration
CE-WP26/HPCC	6 CP	180 h	3 rd Sem.	Winter	1 Semester
				term	
Courses			Contact hours	Self-Study	Group Size:
High-Performance Computing on Clusters			4 SWS (60 h)	120 h	No Restrictions

Prerequisites

Learning goals / Competences

After successfully completing the module, the students

- are enabled to design and create programs for parallel computing clusters,
- can critically evaluate distributed-memory systems and programming patterns,
- can assess the mathematical properties of iterative solvers and their scalability.

Content

The lecture deals with the parallelization on cluster computers. Distributed-memory programming concepts (MPI) are introduced and best-practice implementation is presented based on applications from scientific computing including the finite element method and machine learning.

Special attention is paid to scalable solvers for systems of equations on distributed-memory systems, focusing on iterative schemes such as simple splitting methods (Richardson, Jacobi, Gauß-Seidel, SOR), Krylov-methods (Gradient descent, CG, BiCGStab) and, in particular, the multigrid method. The mathematical foundations for iterative solvers are reviewed, suitable object-oriented interface structures are developed and an implementation of these solvers for modern parallel computer architectures is developed.

Numerical experiments and self-developed software implementations are used to discuss and illustrate the theoretical results.

Teaching methods / Language

Lecture (2h / week), Exercises (2h / week) / English

Mode of assessment

Written examination (120 min, 100%)

Requirement for the award of credit points

Passed final module examination

Module applicability

MSc. Computational Engineering, MSc. Bauingenieurwesen, MSc. Angewandte Informatik

Weight of the mark for the final score

6 %

Module coordinator and lecturer(s)

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Further information