Iowa High Performance Computing Summer School

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The IHPC 2011 Summer School is taught by four faculty members

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Welcome and Introductions

• Students from a wide range of departments:
  - Chemistry
  - Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
  - Civil and Environmental Engineering
  - Computer Science
  - Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research
  - Management Sciences
  - Mathematics
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Physics and Astronomy
  - Psychiatry

• Please Introduce yourselves:
  - Name
  - Department
  - Academic Status and Year (ex. graduate student, 3rd year)
  - High Performance Computing Experience
  - Research Topic
Aims of this Summer School

To enable you to apply parallel computing to your own research

General Comments:
• Much of this material may be familiar to you

• We plan to explain things from a very basic level to make sure this group from such diverse backgrounds can follow
A few comments before we get started are in order:

1) **Terminology:** Terminology in this field is *not* standardized.
   - This field is new and evolves rapidly.

2) **HPC is valuable to a wide range of fields:**
   - Many examples I use will come from the field of physics.
   - I will try to present the specific problems in a relatively abstract way so that you can consider them simply mathematical problems to be solved.

3) **Software (programming) vs. Hardware (computers):**
   - I am not going to talk a lot about different hardware options, but will focus on the software side, specifically how to design and implement parallel algorithms.
4) **Common approaches vs. Exhaustive coverage:**
   - This will not be an exhaustive review of all possible HPC approaches
   - I will focus on the most important and widely used approaches
   - In particular, we will talk a lot about MPI, OpenMP, and CUDA

5) **Specificity vs. Generality:**
   - I will try to strike a balance between specific examples, which are often most illuminating, vs. general considerations which may apply to a more wide variety of HPC applications
Getting Online

Each participant has accounts set up on several computers:

University of Iowa, Research Services:

• Helium
  200 compute nodes (1600 cores)
  helium.hpc.uiowa.edu

• Detailed information for running on Helium is available at
  https://www.icts.uiowa.edu/confluence/display/ICTSIT/User+Documentation

Rosen Center for Advanced Computing, Purdue University:

• Moffett: SiCortex 5832
  756 compute nodes (4536 cores)
  moffett.rcac.purdue.edu

• Detailed information for running on Moffett is available at
  http://www.rcac.purdue.edu/userinfo/resources/moffett/newuser.cfm

• See handout for information on getting online and submitting both interactive and batch jobs
IHPC 2011 Course Website

The website with all of the IHPC 2011 Materials can be found at