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1 Introduction (1 page text max., 0.5 recommended)

Give a short outline of the scientific background of your research, including references. The description should focus on the research rather than necessarily the HPC methodology which has been or is planned to be used.

2 Preliminary Work (1 page text max., 0.5 recommended)

Provide a summary of your preliminary scientific and HPC-related work or projects connected to the proposed project, including references.

3 Description of the Project (4-5 pages text max.)

Describe your research project in detail, structured in sub-projects, if applicable. Include a discussion of the scientific questions you plan to address and the overall scientific goals of the project. You must describe the proposals innovative aspects, impact and topicality.

- *Scientific objectives*
- *Scientific and technical innovation potential and relevance*

3.1 Sub-project 1: [Sub-project title]

Please discuss relevant aspects of the project. The following points serve as a guideline, but in cases where they do not apply to your project, they can be omitted as you see fit.

- *(Scientific objectives)*
- *(Scientific and technical innovation potential and relevance)*
- *Approach*
- *Computational objectives, types of calculations*
- *Which "types of runs" (see Chapter 4.3 Justification of Resources Requested) have you planned?*
- *Numerical methods and algorithms you want to use, improve, or design*
- *Progress beyond the state-of-the-art in terms of methods and calculations*
- *Expected outcome*

3.2 Sub-project 2: [Sub-project title]

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4 Compute Resources

4.1 Code Overview

*Please use the following table to provide information on up to **three** software packages you plan to use in the project that will consume a relevant portion (each >=10%) of the requested compute time.*

	Program A
Name	
Version number	
Web page	...
Citation or reference	
Are you a developer, collaborator or end user of the program?	
Is the source code available? (publicly, upon request, no)	
Is it a commercially licensed software? If yes, do you already have a license that is useable at the requested NHR center?	
Are there usage limitation for this software like the maximal number of simultaneous runs, license server,...?	
How is the code parallelized (pure MPI, hybrid MPI/OpenMP, CUDA,...)?	
Which programming languages are used? (optional)	
Are there other further requirements (e.g. special libraries) for the program? (optional)	

4.2 Code Benchmarks

The purpose of benchmarks in the project proposal is to demonstrate an efficient use of parallel resources and to estimate the resources needed. The benchmark case(s) should be representative for your workload(s).

Even workloads with unfavorable parallel scaling can be granted computation time if the HPC systems offered by NHR are required to achieve progress for the given scientific problem that would not be possible with other HPC systems. The same holds for embarrassingly parallel workloads (high-throughput computing, e.g., parameter studies) where the total computational need requires a large HPC system offered by NHR. In these cases, no scalability benchmarks are needed.

Fill out the benchmark section for each program listed section 4.1. Please refer to example evaluations on our website `https://go-nhr.de/computing-time`*. The NHR centers offer NHR-test/NHR-preparation and NHR-starter projects that you can use to benchmark/test your programs on the desired NHR-center.*
Some NHR centers offer a program-whitelisting procedure, meaning that no benchmarks/scaling tests are required for those codes and the following sections can be skipped. The lists can be found at `https://go-nhr.de/computing-time`*.*
If you want to provide an alternative demonstration (e.g. performance model) of parallel performance, please contact the respective center beforehand.

4.2.1 Program A: Program A Name (1 page text max. per relevant code, 0.5 recommended)

1. Benchmark Description

Please provide a brief description of the calculations performed. If program A is used for a wide range of problem sizes (e.g., a factor of 10 or greater between problem sizes), then the benchmarks should cover the full range of problem sizes (PS1, ...).

- *How does the benchmark problem size relate to the problem size in the respective subprojects?*
- *List the relevant execution parameters of the benchmark jobs (e.g., MPI ranks per node, OpenMP threads per MPI rank, ...)*
- *How is the code performance calculated? (runtime, TFLOPS,...)*

2. Benchmark System

Please describe the computing systems used for the benchmarks. Typically, only benchmarks on one computing system are needed for the planned calculation. This compute system should be sufficiently similar to the resources/computing system requested in this proposal. Describe them all, if different systems are compared (e.g., to justify specific hardware requests like GPU hours instead of CPU hours).

Cluster location	
Cluster name	
CPUs per node	
CPU type	
Physical CPU-cores per CPU	
Main memory per node	
Interconnect	
Accelerators (such as GPUs)	

3. Scaling Plot or Scaling Table

Please present scaling plots as performance (e.g., steps/time, ns/day) on the y-axis against over used compute resources (e.g., cores, nodes) on the x-axis. Include a reference line for theoretical ideal scaling for a quick assessment of the parallel efficiency. Please include separate graphs for each relevant problem size (PS1,...).
Alternatively, show a scaling table (performance vs. used compute resources and ideal scaling).

4. Discussion, Relevance to the Planned Calculations

Discuss how the benchmarks inform your choice of parallel resources for the subprojects, and how that choice impacts your resource calculation. Do this for all problem sizes and different parallel resources.

4.2.2 Program B: Program B Name (1 page text max. per relevant code, 0.5 recommended)

4.3 Justification of Resources Requested

Outline the amount of resources you request for the current proposal, structured in sub-projects, if applicable. For multiyear projects (not extensions), all years must be included. Please explain the # runs (R1,...) in the context of the subproject goals.
If you want to request resources not listed in the table, like FPGAs or other devices, please add them analogous to GPUs in the table below.

Run type: *A one or two-word description of the calculation relating to the subprojects described above*

Program used: *The software used for the calculation should be listed in section 4.1.*

Problem size (PS1,...): *A metric of the investigated system that relates to the computing cost, e.g., number of atoms, number of cells, number of electrons, degrees of freedom*

 # runs (R1,...): *The number of distinct calculation objectives you plan for this type and subproject, e.g., number of different starting configurations, different temperatures, different molecules*

 # steps per run (S1,...): *Number of calculation steps needed for the planned run. This can be an estimate if the calculation is ended by e.g., convergence criteria or a fixed number if a step*

limit ends the calculation. If your simulation is not iterative, specify one here and the job runtime as wall time per step.

Wall time per step (W1,...): *Calculation time required per step (S1,...) with the planned CPU-cores (C1,...) or GPUs (G1,...) per run. If a different metric better fits your situation, change as necessary.*

 # CPU-cores / run (C1,...): *Number of CPU-cores you plan to use in this kind of calculation. This must be informed by the benchmarking of the respective program.*

 # GPUs / run (G1,...): *Number of GPUs you plan to use in this calculation. This must be informed by the benchmarking of the respective program. Please note that you will also need some CPU-resources for GPU-jobs.*

For molecular dynamics and similar simulations you can use the table ResourceTableMD instead, that uses

Simulation time in μs (T1,...): *The desired simulation time in μs*

Performance in ns/day (P1,...): *The performance of the molecular dynamics simulation in ns/day with the chosen resources and workload.*

and automatically calculates.
In case none of the automatic tables fit your situation, you can find a template for a manual table in the tex file.

4.3.1 CPU Resources:

Sub-project	Run type	Programs used	Problem size	#runs	#steps per run	Wall time per step [hours]	#CPU-cores / run	Total [mio. CPU-core-hours]
1	Preproc	program A	$PS1$	$R1$	$S1$	$W1$	$C1$	$R1 \cdot S1 \cdot W1 \cdot C1 \cdot 10^{-6}$
...	Type 1	program B	$PS2$	$R2$	$S2$	$W2$	$C2$	$R2 \cdot S2 \cdot W2 \cdot C2 \cdot 10^{-6}$
1	Preproc	program A	N=1000	100	20	3.4	128	0.8704
1	Type1	program B	N=15000	1000	20	3.4	128	8.704
2	Type2	program C	N=100000	100	200	3.4	512	34.816
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44.3904

4.3.2 GPU Resources:

Sub-project	Run type	Programs used	Problem size	#runs	#steps per run	Wall time per step [hours]	#GPUs / run	Total [thousand GPU-hours]
1	Preproc	program A	$PS1$	$R1$	$S1$	$W1$	$G1$	$R1 \cdot S1 \cdot W1 \cdot G1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
...	Type 1	program B	$PS2$	$R2$	$S2$	$W2$	$G2$	$R2 \cdot S2 \cdot W2 \cdot G2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
1	Type1	program B	N=1000	100	20	3.4	4	27.2
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.2

5 Resource Management and Work Schedule (0.5 pages per year)

Describe the planned resource usage by filling out the table below. In case of a multiyear project proposal (not an extension), please present one table per year. If you plan a roughly constant usage over time, you can skip the table(s) and state that a continuous usage is intended.

Project Months	Sub-project 1		Sub-project 2	Sum	
	CPU [mio. CPU-core-hours]	GPU [thousand GPU-hours]	CPU [mio. CPU-core-hours]	CPU [mio. CPU-core-hours]	GPU [thousand GPU-hours]
1	0.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1
2	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.4	1.2
3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.6	3.3
4	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.8	1.4
5	1.5	1.5	1.5	3	1.5
6	1.6	1.6	1.6	3.2	1.6
7	1.7	1.7	1.7	3.4	1.7
8	1.8	1.8	1.8	3.6	1.8
9	1.9	1.9	1.9	3.8	1.9
10	2.10	2.10	2.10	4.2	2.1
11	2.11	2.11	2.11	4.22	2.11
12	2.12	2.12	2.12	4.24	2.12
Sum	20.83	21.83	21.83	42.66	21.83

6 Special Requirements (optional) (maximum 0.5 page text)

- *Will your application benefit from FPGAs or GPUs?*
- *What is the major bottleneck in your current use of HPC systems?*
- *Is there any special need for large-scale pre- or postprocessing?*
- *Do you have any special requirements for your workflow?*
- *Do you require exceptional capacities for data transfer or data storage?*
- *Do you need help with a data management plan?*
- *Could we support you with our consulting offers or our scientific support?*

7 References

You can place your reference in the bibtext file references.bib and cite them in this proposal as [1]. For more details on references in bibtex, have a look at https://www.overleaf.com/learn/latex/Bibliography_management_with_bibtex. Also, feel free to use other mechanisms like biblatex (see https://de.overleaf.com/learn/latex/Bibliography_management_with_biblatex) if you prefer them.

[1] W. Kohn and L. J. Sham. Self-consistent equations including exchange and correlation effects. *Phys. Rev.*, 140:A1133–A1138, Nov 1965. doi: 10.1103/PhysRev.140.A1133. URL https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRev.140.A1133.