

Slide 1

Administrivia

- (None.)

Slide 2

Performance Results versus Hype

- Fifteen years ago one David Bailey wrote a paper called "Twelve Ways to Fool the Masses When Giving Performance Results on Parallel Computers". Somewhat tongue in cheek, but many very valid points.
- Links to original text and slides from loosely-related talk on course "Useful links" page. Let's skim them . . .
- Points for discussion: Have we been guilty, in this course, of doing any of the things he warns against, or have we been careful to avoid them? What if anything does it mean when your parallel program doesn't seem to run faster as you increase the number of UEs? (It could mean that "multicore is the wave of the future!" is hype, right? Does it?)

Minute Essay

- Based on what you've learned in this course (from doing the homeworks, observing performance results of examples programs in class, etc.), how well do you think parallel computing lives up to the "wave of the future" hype?
- (Best wishes for a good holiday weekend!)

Slide 3