## Design of Parallel and High-Performance Computing

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**Lecture:** Amdahl's Law

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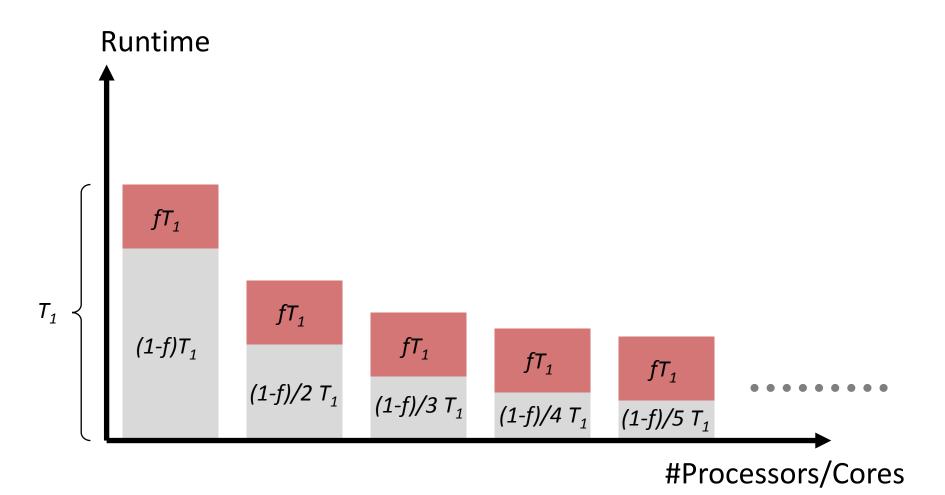


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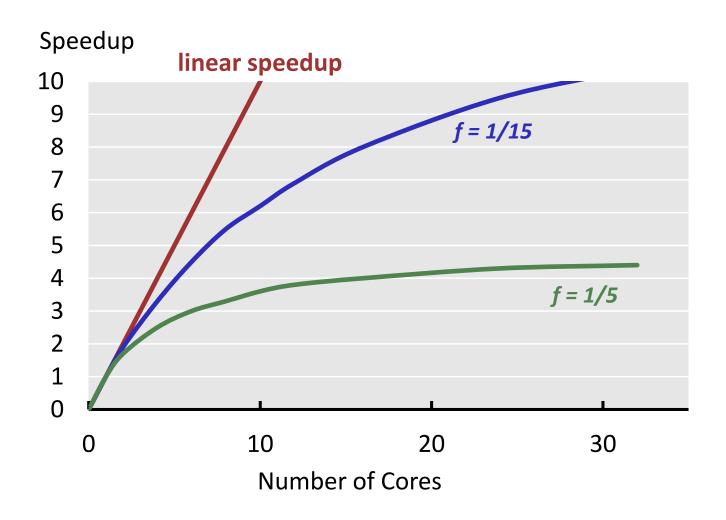
#### **Overview**

- Plots related to Amdahl's Law and variants
- See associated notes on course website

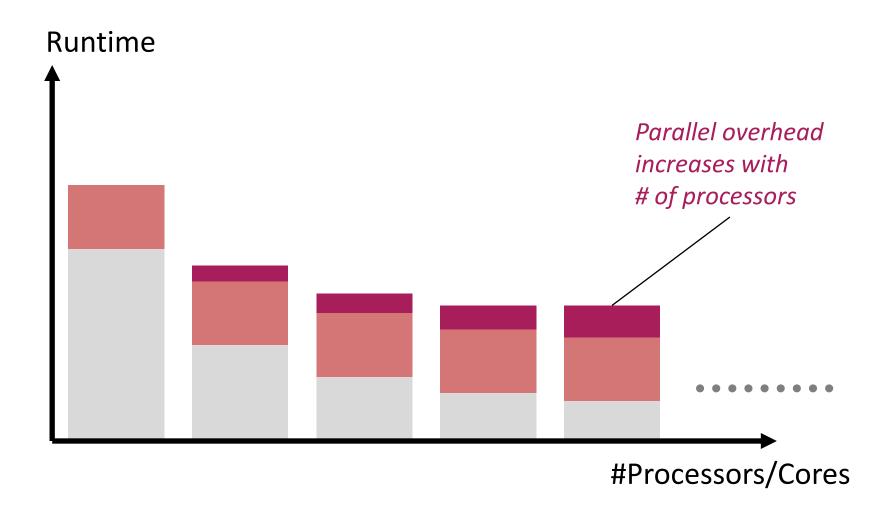
#### **Amdahl's Law: Runtime**



## Amdahl's Law: Speedup

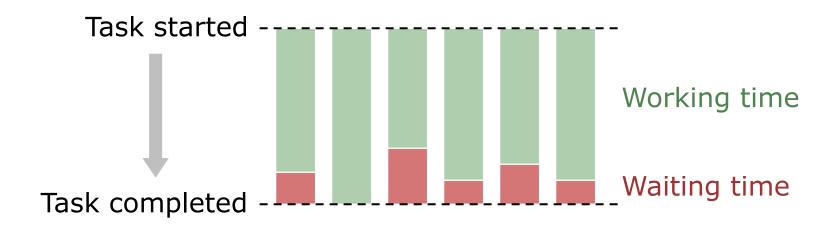


#### **Runtime With Parallel Overhead**

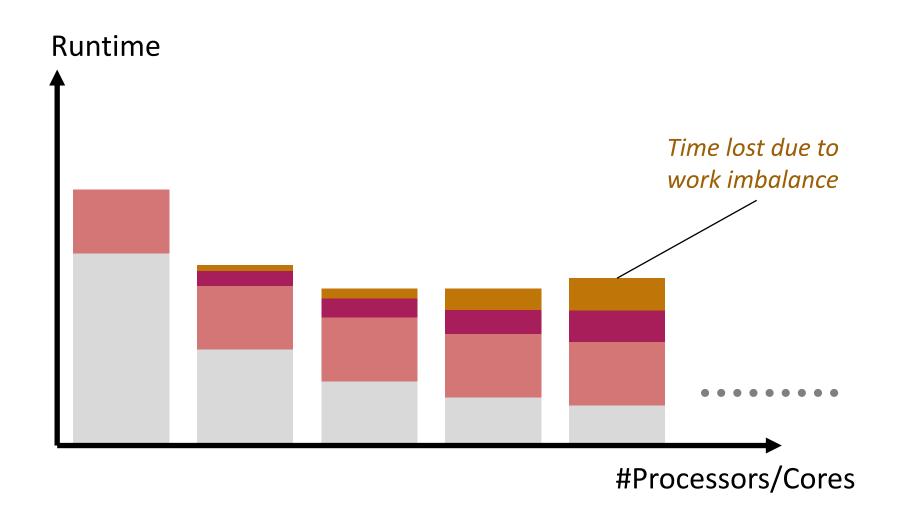


## **Other Issue: Load Balancing**

- Amdahl's Law assumes that the computation divides evenly among the processors
- Processor waiting time is another form of overhead



# Runtime With Parallel Overhead And Work Imbalance



## **Real Speedup Graphs Look Often Like This**

