

# Mandelbrot Area Challenge

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# Organization among the Team

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split into smaller teams working on subproblems

- improving the algorithm
  - implementing it on the GPU
  - combining results (see later!)
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- use git to collaborate on code ([repository](#))

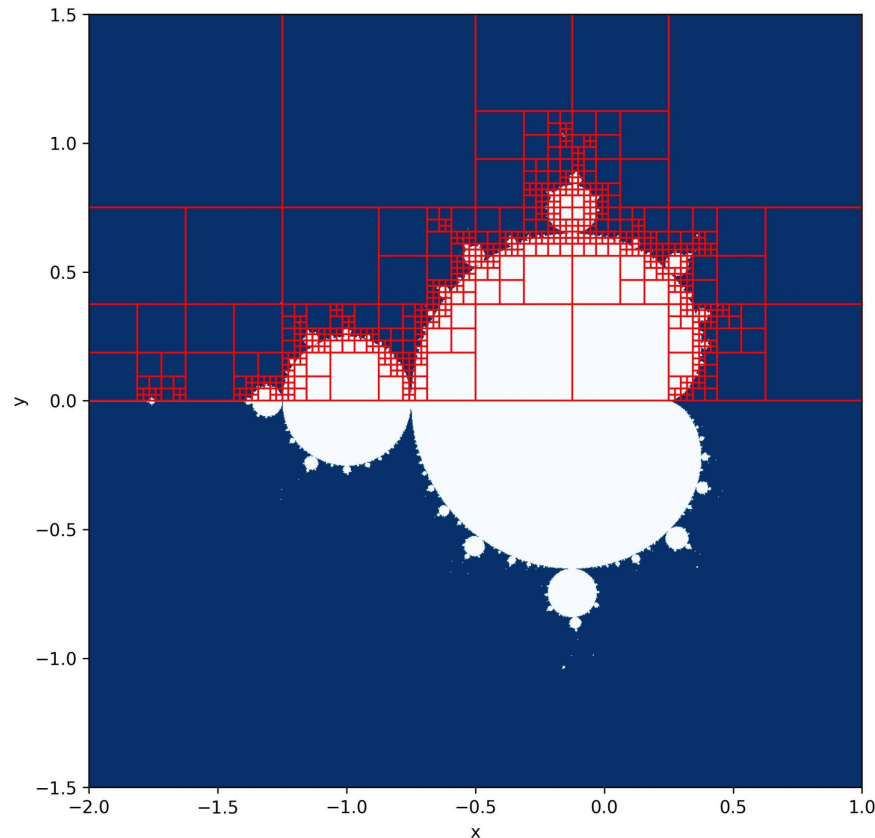
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# Ansatz

1. Optimization of the algorithm
2. Implementation on GPU

# 1. Optimization of the algorithm

- **exploit symmetry**
- **optimized tiling**: smaller tiles at the border of the mandelbrot set
  - idea: tiles completely inside or outside of the Mandelbrot set will converge quickly
  - start with coarse tiling
  - run `count_mandelbrot` with **small sample size on CPU**; if there are both convergent and divergent points, **recursively split the tile** until a certain depth
  - run `count_mandelbrot` with **large sample size on the GPU** on the found tiles
  - calculate area + uncertainty *per tile*
  - combine results



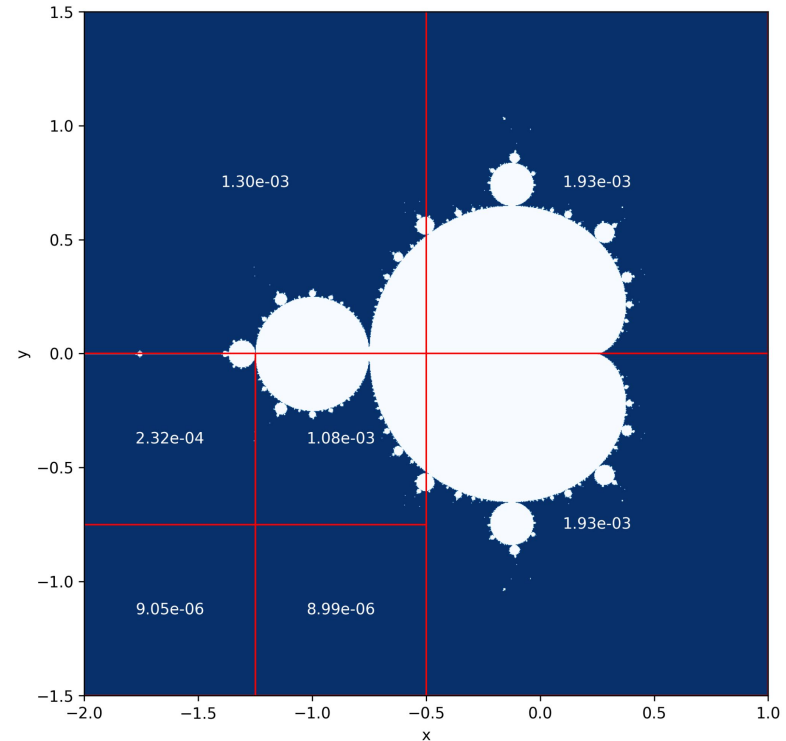
## 1.1 Uncertainties

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sum \sigma_i^2}$$

Checked wald uncertainties:

- uncertainty for full area  
3.36e-3
- total uncertainty of different sized tiles  
3.21e-3

for same sample (N = 1e6)

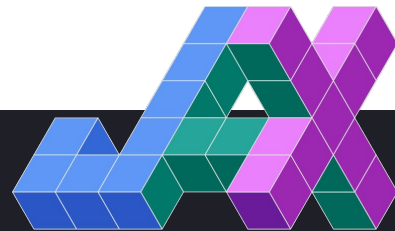


## 2. GPU Implementation

- condition-function
  - check if diverged/converged
- body-function
  - does the tortoise/hare technique
  - actually computes the condition
- use `jax.lax.while_loop`
- tried to implement `max_iter` but that would have given wrong results
  - need to wait for some points for a long time

Tile 90: 1M samples ~ 5s

Tile 100: 1M samples > 5 minutes



```
1
2 # MAX_ITER = 10000 not a good idea
3
4 @partial(jit)
5 def mandelbrot(c):
6     def cond_fn(state):
7         _, _, diverged, converged = state
8         return jnp.logical_not(diverged | converged)
9
10    def body_fn(state):
11        z_tortoise, z_hare, diverged, converged = state
12        z_tortoise = z_tortoise * z_tortoise + c
13        z_hare = z_hare * z_hare + c
14        z_hare = z_hare * z_hare + c # Hare macht zwei Schritte
15
16        # Prüfen auf Divergenz (Betrag > 2)
17        diverged = jnp.abs(z_hare) > 2.0
18
19        # Prüfen auf Zyklus (Tortoise-Hare-Vergleich)
20        converged = jnp.isclose(z_tortoise, z_hare)
21
22        return z_tortoise, z_hare, diverged, converged
23
24    z0 = jnp.zeros_like(c)
25    initial_state = (z0, z0, False, False)
26
27    final_state = lax.while_loop(cond_fn, body_fn, initial_state)
28    _, _, diverged, converged = final_state
29
30    # Bestimme, ob der Punkt Teil der Mandelbrotmenge ist
31    return jnp.logical_not(diverged) & converged # & (iter_count < MAX_ITER)
32
```

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# Results

## 3. Scaling Out

Plan:

- Run multiple jobs on different tiles
- scale-out with `jax.vmap`, `jax.lax.map`, `jax.scan`....

```
proc_batch = partial(proc_batch, random_keys=random_keys)
batch_hits = jax.lax.map(proc_batch, tiles, batch_size=1)
```

Unfortunately

- JAX steals 75% of VRAM as default...
- VISPA job-killing mechanism currently off

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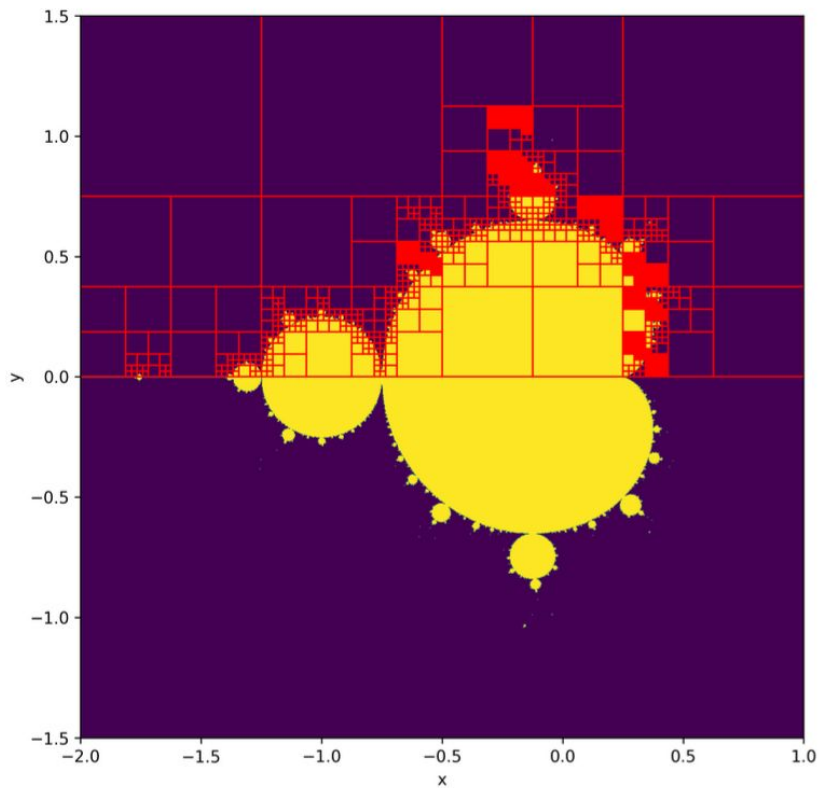
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BIG results  
coming soon!

Our Jobs killing our jobs like

— Well, of course I know him. He's me.

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number of samples = 98,863,500

area =  $1.415 \pm 0.026$

110 failed jobs with no sampling!

## Different result estimation

Original implementation:  $1.50638855 \pm 1.38e - 4$ , n\_samples: 5e8

Numba Cuda implementation:  $1.512369 \pm 0.00077$  , n\_samples: 1e6

$1.509 \pm 7.36e-5$ , n\_samples: 1e7

$1.5095 \pm 7.26e-6$ , n\_samples: 1e8

$1.51028 \pm 7.37e-5$ , n\_samples: 1e9

Recursive on CPU:  $1.507 \pm 0.007$ , n\_samples: 1522000

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# Outlook

- Fix VISPA (You, Niclas!)
- figure out how to calculate uncertainty / confidence intervals correctly
- improve algorithm: uncertainty threshold instead of fixed number of samples