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PS2: Getting Started 2.0: SLURM, performance engineering and basic launchers



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Main Objectives of this Session

- Review ULHPC environment
- **Design and usage of SLURM**
 - ↪ recent changes in configuration
 - ↪ **common** and **advanced** SLURM tools and commands
 - ✓ srun, sbatch, squeue etc.
 - ✓ job specification
- Understand User Software environment
 - ↪ LMod modules, generated with Easybuild
- SLURM generic **launchers** you can use for your own jobs



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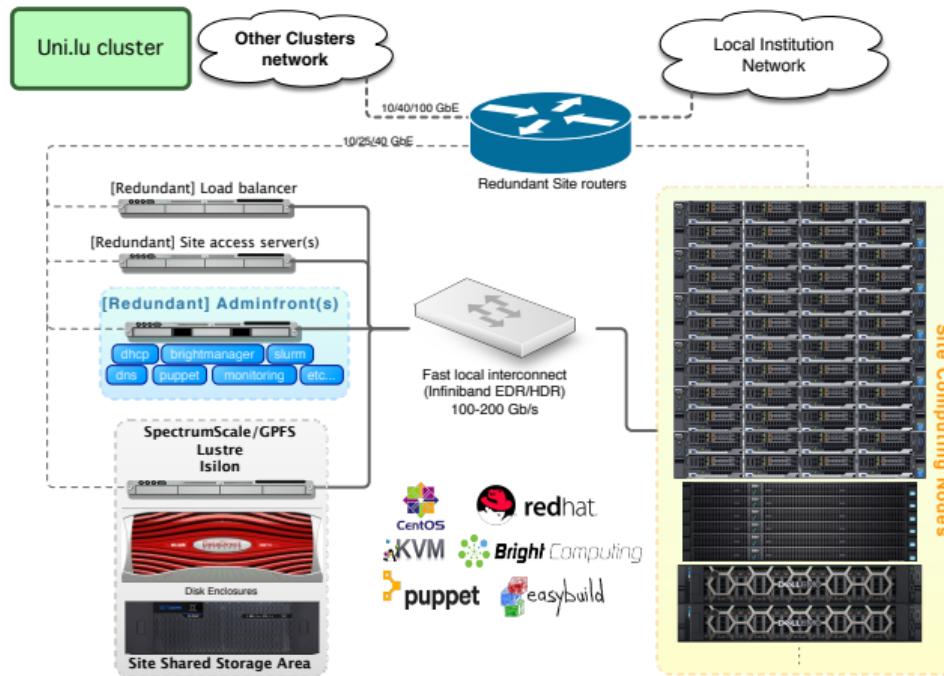
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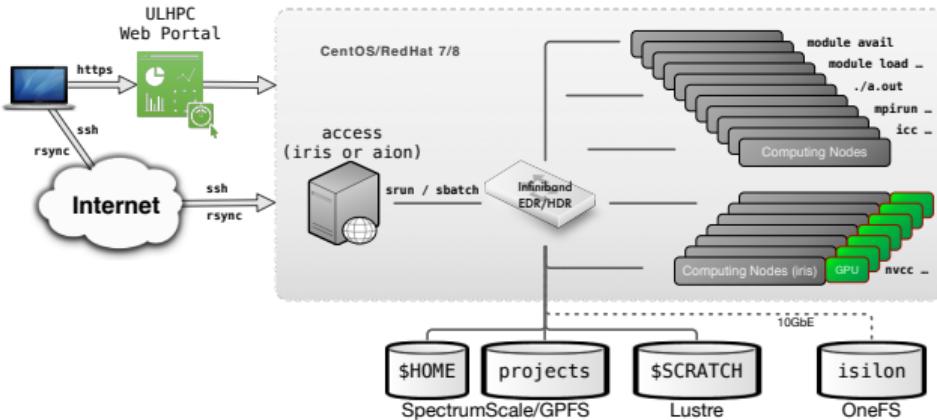
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UL HPC Supercomputers: General Architecture



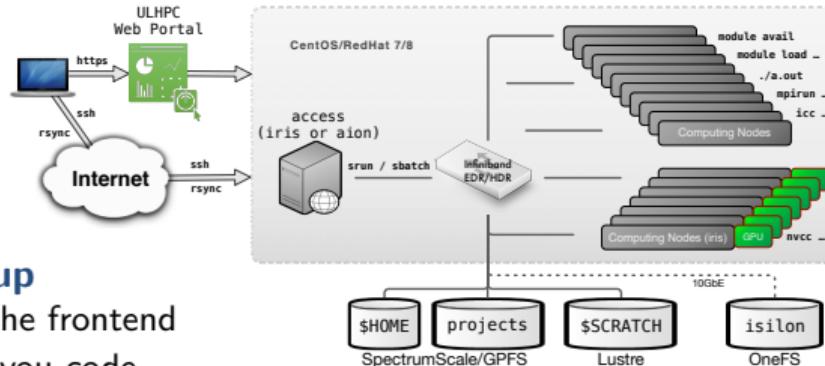
Compute Nodes / Storage Environment



- **Storage usage:** `df-ulhpc [-i]`
 - ↳ `$HOME`: regular backup policy
 - ↳ `$SCRATCH` **NO** backup & purged
 - ✓ 60 days retention policy
 - ↳ Project quotas attached to group
 - ✓ **not** (*default*) `clusterusers` group
 - ✓ Commands writing in project dir: `sg <group> -c "<command>"`
- **LMod/Environment modules**
 - ↳ **Not** on access, **only** on compute nodes

Directory	FileSystem	Max size	Max #files	Backup
<code>\$HOME (iris)</code>	GPFS	500 GB	1.000.000	YES
<code>\$SCRATCH</code>	Lustre	10 TB	1.000.000	NO
Project	GPFS	<i>per request</i>		PARTIALLY (/backup subdir)
Project	OneFS	<i>per request</i>		PARTIALLY

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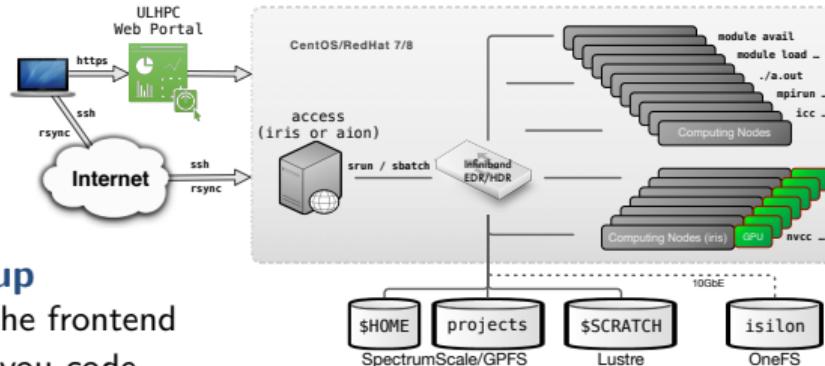


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● Real Experiment

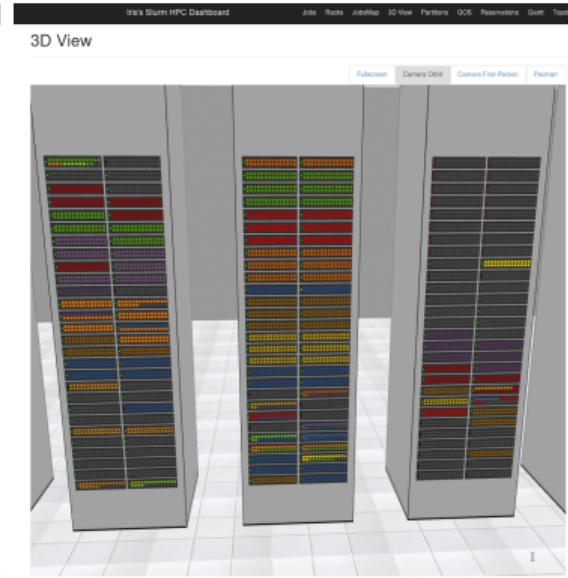
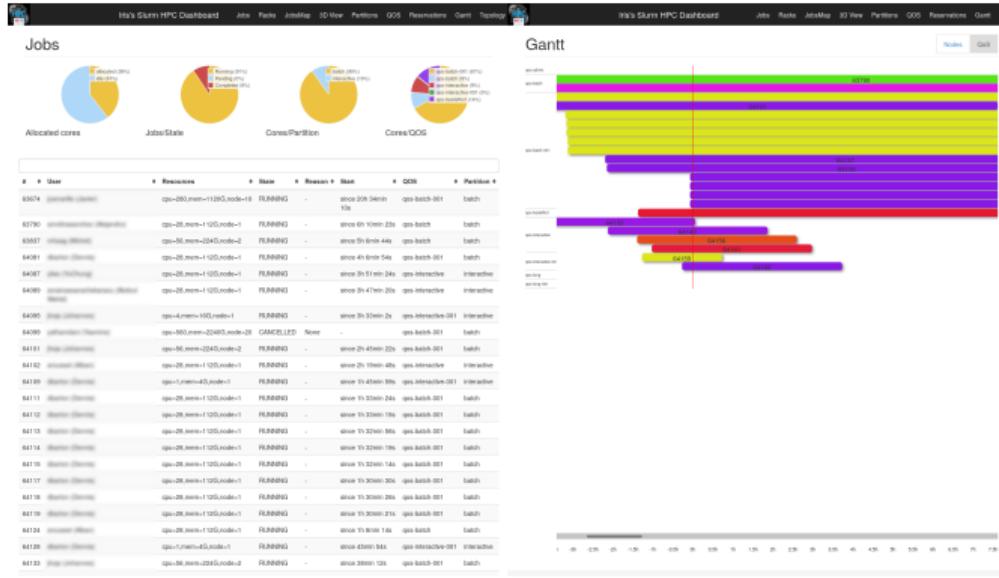
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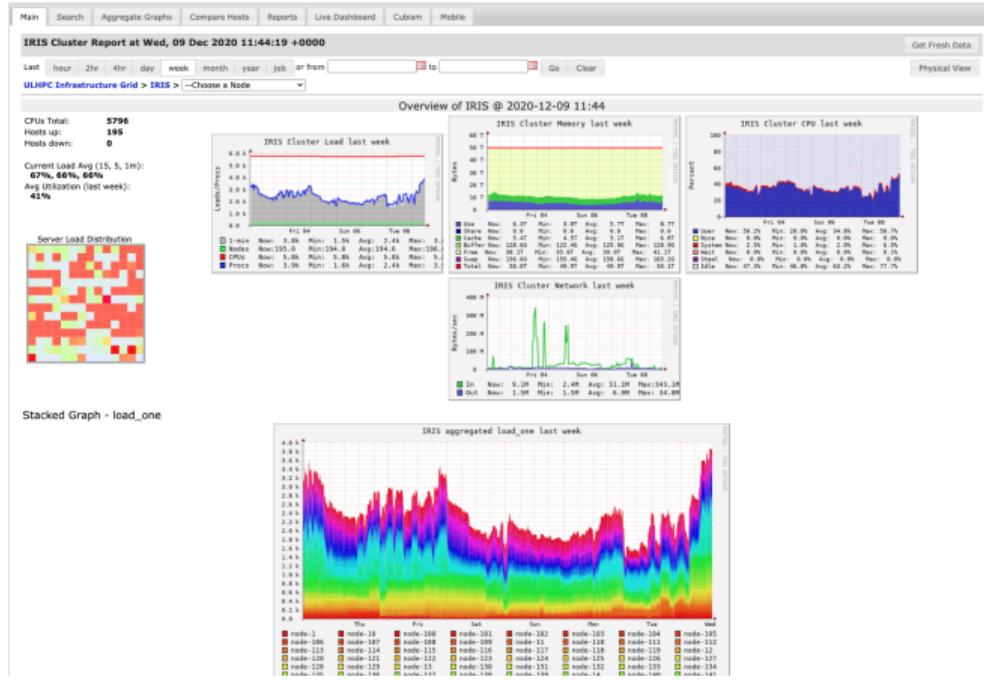
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Getting Started on ULHPC

Ganglia

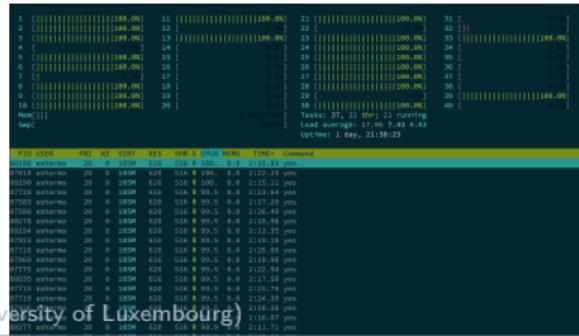
<https://hpc.uni.lu/iris/ganglia/>



- **WIP:** Prometheus / Graphana
→ together with aion

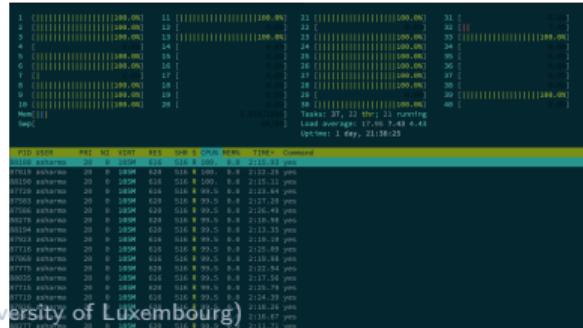
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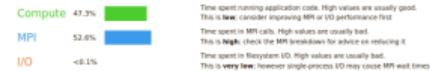
→ ddt, map, perf-report

ARM PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Command: /home/hschulz/scratch/mesasym
-er-mesh, small-a-sector_small.txt
Resources: 1 node (28 physical, 28 logical cores per node)
Memory: 28 processes, 16 MB per node
Machine: intel-120
Start time: Fri Apr 7 2020 13:14:20 (UTC+02)
End time: Fri Apr 7 2020 13:14:20 (UTC+02)
Full path: /home/hschulz/scratch/mesasym/BFG/
INTEL_PERFORMANCE/ARM/CardeC



Summary: heart_demo is **MPI-bound** in this configuration



CPU

A breakdown of the 47.3% CPU time:

Single-core code: 37.0%

OpenMP regions: 2.1%

Scalar numeric ops: 5.1%

Vector numeric ops: 0.2%

Memory accesses: 74.6%

Per-process performance can be analyzed by serial sections of the application. Use a profiler to find these or run with fewer threads and more processes.

The per-core performance is memory-bound. Use a profiler to identify memory-consuming loops and check their cache performance.

MPI

A breakdown of the 52.6% MPI time:

Time in collective calls: 28.7%

Time in point-to-point calls: 71.3%

Effective process point-to-point rate: 2.0 Gbps

Most of the time is spent in point-to-point calls with a low transfer rate. This can be caused by inefficient message sizes, such as many small messages, or by imbalanced workloads causing processes to wait.

OpenMP

A breakdown of the <0.1% I/O time:

Time in reads: 0.0%

Time in writes: 0.0%

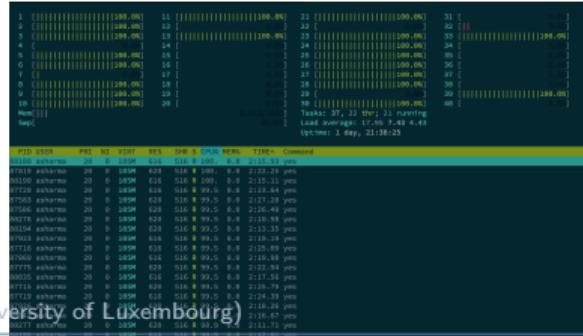
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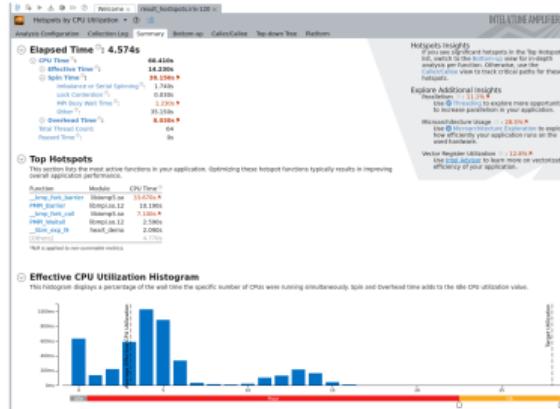
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→ ddt, map, perf-report
- Intel VTune/Advisor/Inspector



Discovering and visualizing UL HPC environment

Your Turn!

Hands-on Discovering your HPC environment

▶ url ◀ | [github](#) | [src](#)

- Connect to the cluster frontend
- Navigate between \$HOME, \$SCRATCH
- Discovering storage usage
- Live status tools (Slurm Web, Ganglia...)

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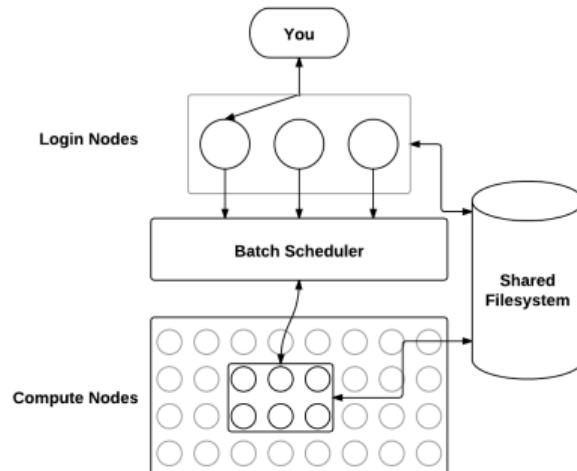
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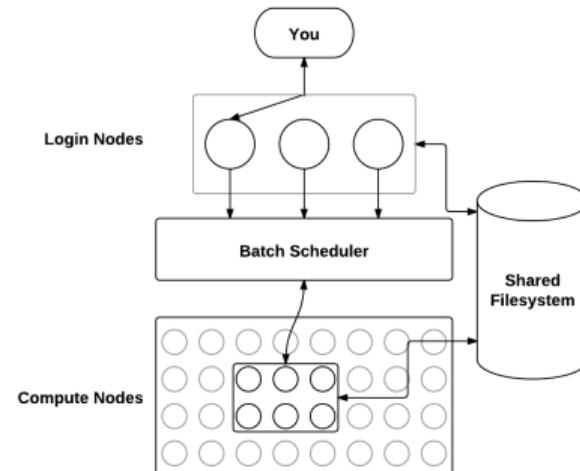
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- **HPC Resources:**

- ↪ Nodes (typically a unique IP address)
 - ✓ Sockets / Cores / Hyperthreads
 - ✓ Memory
 - ✓ Interconnect/switch resources
- ↪ Generic resources (e.g. GPUs)
- ↪ Licenses

- **Strategic Position**

- ↪ Direct/constant knowledge of resources
- ↪ Launch and otherwise manage jobs



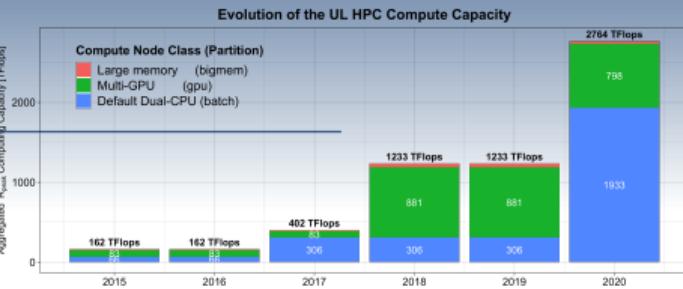
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- ULHPC uses **Slurm** for cluster/resource management and job scheduling
 - ↪ Simple Linux Utility for Resource Management <https://slurm.schedmd.com/>
 - ↪ Handles submission, scheduling, execution, and monitoring of **jobs**
 - ↪ official [documentation](#), [tutorial](#), [FAQ](#)

- **User jobs** have the following key characteristics:
 - ↪ set of requested resources:
 - ✓ number of computing resources: **nodes** (including all their CPUs and cores) or **CPUs** (including all their cores) or **cores**
 - ✓ amount of **memory**: either per node or per CPU
 - ✓ **(wall)time** needed for the users tasks to complete their work
 - ↪ a requested node **partition** (job queue)
 - ↪ a requested **quality of service** (QoS) level which grants users specific accesses
 - ↪ a requested **account** for accounting purposes

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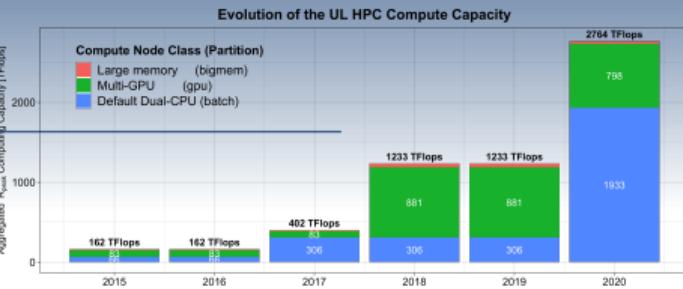
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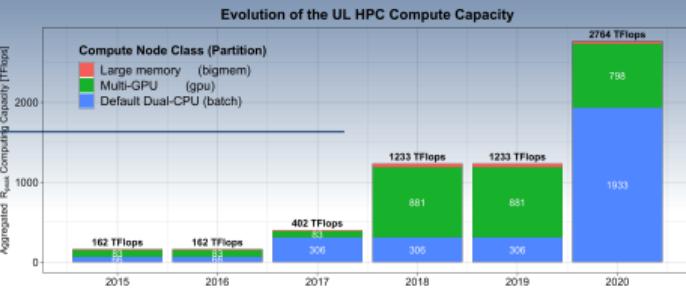
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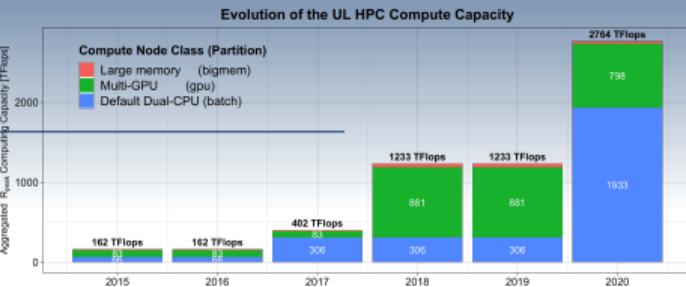
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- Slurm Federation configuration between **iris** and **aion**
 - ↪ ensures global policy (coherent job ID, global scheduling, etc.) within ULHPC systems
 - ↪ easily submit jobs from one cluster to another



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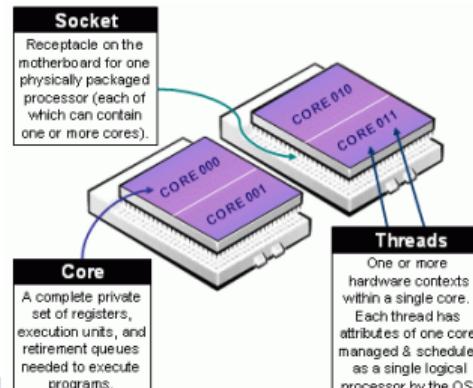
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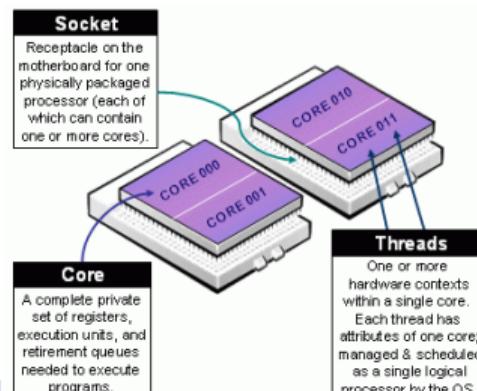


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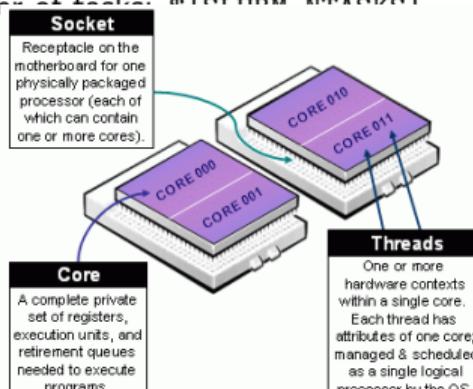
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- N <#nodes>
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 -c <#threads>
- $-c <N>$ → OMP_NUM_THREADS=\${SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK}
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- **Important:** Always try to align resource specs with physical characteristics

→ Ex: 64 cores per socket and 2 sockets (physical CPUs) per aion node

→ [-N <N>] --ntasks-per-node <n> --ntasks-per-socket <n> -c <thread>

✓ **Total:** $\langle N \rangle \times 2 \times \langle n \rangle$ tasks, each on $\langle \text{thread} \rangle$ threads

(target 14 on iris)

✓ Ensure $<\text{n}> \times <\text{thread}> = 64$ (#cores) in this case (target 14 on iris)

✓ Ex: -N 2 --ntasks-per-node 32 --ntasks-per-socket 16 -c 4 (Total: 64 tasks)

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Hostname	Node type	#Nodes	#Socket	#Cores	RAM	Features
aion-[0001-0318]	Regular	318	2	128	256 GB	batch,epyc
iris-[001-108]	Regular	108	2	28	128 GB	batch,broadwell
iris-[109-168]	Regular	60	2	28	128 GB	batch,skylake
iris-[169-186]	Multi-GPU	18	2	28	768 GB	gpu,skylake,volta
iris-[191-196]	Multi-GPU	6	2	28	768 GB	gpu,skylake,volta32
iris-[187-190]	Large Memory	4	4	112	3072 GB	bigmem,skylake

- List available features: **sfeatures**

```
# OR: sinfo -o '%20N %.6D %.6c %15F %12P %f'
```

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Main Slurm Commands: Submit Jobs options

```
$> {sbatch | srun | salloc} [...]
```

Command-line option	Description	Example
-N <N>	<N> Nodes request	-N 2
--ntasks-per-socket=<n>	<n> Tasks-per-socket request	--ntasks-per-socket=14
--ntasks-per-node=<n>	<n> Tasks-per-node request	--ntasks-per-node=28
-c=<c>	<c> Cores-per-task request (multithreading)	-c 1
--mem=<m>GB	<m>GB memory per node request	--mem 0
-t [DD:]HH[:MM:]SS>	Walltime request	-t 4:00:00
-G <gpu>	<gpu> GPU(s) request	-G 4
-C <feature>	Feature request (Ex: broadwell,skylake,...)	-C skylake
-p <partition>	Specify job partition/queue	
--qos <qos>	Specify job qos	
-A <account>	Specify account	
-J <name>	Job name	-J MyApp
-d <specification>	Job dependency	-d singleton
--mail-user=<email>	Specify email address	
--mail-type=<type>	Notify user by email when certain event types occur.	--mail-type=END,FAIL

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- Partition (queue) and node status
 - eventually filter on specific job state (**R**:running / **PD**:pending / **F**:failed / **PR**:preempted)

```
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```
$> sinfo [-p <partition>] {-s | -R | -T | ...}
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- View job, partition, nodes, reservation status

```
$> scontrol show { job <jobid> | partition [<part>] | nodes <node>| reservation... }
```

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Command	Description
sinfo	Report system status (nodes, partitions etc.)
squeue [-u \$(whoami)]	display jobs[steps] and their state
seff <jobid>	get efficiency metrics of past job
scancel <jobid>	cancel a job or set of jobs.
scontrol show [...]	view and/or update system, nodes, job, step, partition or reservation status
sstat	show status of running jobs.
sacct [-X] -j <jobid> [...]	display accounting information on jobs.
sprio	show factors that comprise a jobs scheduling priority
smap	graphically show information on jobs, nodes, partitions

```
### Get statistics on past job
slist <jobid>
# sacct [-X] -j <jobid> --format User,JobID,Jobname%30,partition,state,time,elapsed,MaxRSS, \
#                               MaxVMSize,nnodes,ncpus,nodelist,AveCPU,ConsumedEnergyRaw
#
# seff <jobid>
```

ULHPC Slurm Partitions 2.0

-p, -partition=<partition>

```
$> {srun|sbatch|salloc|sinfo|squeue...} -p <partition> [...]
```

AION Partition	Type	#Node	PriorityTier	DefaultTime	MaxTime	MaxNodes
interactive	floating	318	100	30min	2h	2
batch		318	1	2h	48h	64

IRIS Partition	Type	#Node	PriorityTier	DefaultTime	MaxTime	MaxNodes
interactive	floating	196	100	30min	2h	2
batch		168	1	2h	48h	64
gpu		24	1	2h	48h	4
bigmem		4	1	2h	48h	1

ULHPC Slurm QOS 2.0

--qos=<qos>

```
$> {srun|sbatch|salloc|sinfo|squeue...} [-p <partition>] --qos <qos> [...]
```

QOS	Partition	Allowed [L1] Account	Prio	GrpTRES	MaxTresPJ	MaxJobPU	Flags
besteffort	*	ALL	1			100	NoReserve
low	*	ALL (default for CRP/externals)	10			2	DenyOnLimit
normal	*	Default (UL,Projects,...)	100			50	DenyOnLimit
long	*	UL,Projects,etc.	100	node=6	node=2	1	DenyOnLimit,PartitionTimeLimit
debug	interactive	ALL	150	node=8		2	DenyOnLimit
high	*	(restricted) UL,Projects,Industry	200			10	DenyOnLimit
urgent	*	(restricted) UL,Projects,Industry	1000			100 ?	DenyOnLimit

- **Cross-partition QOS**, mainly tied to **priority level** (low → urgent)
 - ↪ Simpler names than before (i.e. no more qos- prefix)
 - ↪ special **preemptible QOS** for best-effort jobs: **besteffort**

Usage Example: Interactive Jobs

si,si-[gpu|bigmem]

```
# Simple interactive job - match feature name with target partition
srun -p interactive --qos debug -C {batch,gpu,bigmem} [...] --pty bash
# OR, **better**
si[-gpu|-bigmem] [...]
```

- *Floating* interactive partition allow to access all nodes
 - ↪ no more dedicated resources: optimize the cluster for passive jobs
 - ↪ no guarantee if partition is full **YET** backfilling and priority ensure first served

Node Type	Slurm command	Helper script
regular	srun -p interactive --qos debug -C batch [-C {broadwell,skylake}] [...] --pty bash	si [...]
gpu	srun -p interactive --qos debug -C gpu [-C volta[32]] -G 1 [...] --pty bash	si-gpu [...]
bigmem	srun -p interactive --qos debug -C bigmem [...] --pty bash	si-bigmem [...]

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```
# Simple interactive job on batch partition
(access)$> si
# srun -p interactive --qos debug -C batch --mem-per-cpu 4096 --pty bash
(node)$> echo $SLURM_NTASKS
1
(node)$> echo $SLURM_JOBID
2166371
$> sq
# squeue -u <login>
```

Usage Example: Regular Jobs

sbatch [...]

- Restricted to **Max 2 days / Max 64 nodes** default QOS induced by the job_submit.lua plugin
 - ↪ enforce precision of project/training account (**-A <account>**) **when appropriate i.e. for**
 - ✓ project name <project>
 - ✓ lecture/course name: <lecture>
 - ↪ **do NOT reserve gpu nodes (-p gpu) WITHOUT -G [1-4]**
 - ✓ Iris compute nodes in the gpu partition have 4xVolta V100 GPUs and 768GB RAM

Node Type	Slurm command
regular	sbatch [-A <project>] -p batch [--qos {high,urgent}] [-C {broadwell,skylake}] [...]
gpu	sbatch [-A <project>] -p gpu -G <N> [--qos {high,urgent}] [-C volta[32]] [...]
bigmem	sbatch [-A <project>] -p bigmem [--qos {high,urgent}] [...]

Usage Example: Long Jobs

--qos long

```
# Select target partition to bypass default walltime restrictions
sbatch -p {batch | gpu | bigmem} --qos long [...]
```

- Extended Max walltime (MaxWall) set to **14 days**

EuroHPC/PRACE Recommendations

↪ yet **restricted usage**: Max 6 nodes, Max 2 nodes per Job, Max **4** Jobs per User

Node Type	Slurm command
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bigmem	sbatch [-A <project>] -p bigmem --qos long [...]

Usage Example: Best-effort Jobs

--qos besteffort

- Special **preemptible QOS** for **best-effort jobs**
 - ↪ *lowest* priority
 - ↪ **deleted if another non-besteffort job wants resources** where they are running.
 - ↪ useful to maximize use of the cluster for short-term jobs
 - ✓ several limits inherent to *regular* QOS are **bypassed** in besteffort
 - ↪ many scientific applications support internal state saving and restart **Checkpoint-restart**
 - ✓ System-level CR possible with **DMTCP: Distributed MultiThreaded CheckPointing**
 - ✓ see the official **DMTCP** launchers

```
sbatch -p {batch | gpu | bigmem} --qos besteffort [...]
```

Live Job Statistics

```
$> scontrol show job 2166371
JobId=2166371 JobName=bash
  UserId=<login>(<uid>) GroupId=clusterusers(666) MCS_label=N/A
  Priority=12741 Nice=0 Account=ulhpc QOS=debug JobState=RUNNING Reason=None
  [...]
  SubmitTime=2020-12-07T22:08:25 EligibleTime=2020-12-07T22:08:25
  StartTime=2020-12-07T22:08:25 EndTime=2020-12-07T22:38:25
  [...]
  WorkDir=/mnt/irisgpfs/users/<login>
```

Node/Job Statistics

```
$> sinfo
```

PARTITION	AVAIL	TIMELIMIT	NODES	STATE	NODELIST
interactive	up	4:00:00	196	idle	iris-[001-196]
batch*	up	2-00:00:00	5	mix	[...]
batch*	up	2-00:00:00	127	alloc	[...]
batch*	up	2-00:00:00	36	idle	[...]
gpu	up	2-00:00:00	4	resv	iris-[186,191-193]
gpu	up	2-00:00:00	19	alloc	[...]
gpu	up	2-00:00:00	1	idle	iris-185
bigmem	up	2-00:00:00	4	mix	iris-[187-190]

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gpu	up	2-00:00:00	19	alloc	[...]
gpu	up	2-00:00:00	1	idle	iris-185
bigmem	up	2-00:00:00	4	mix	iris-[187-190]

```
$> slist <JOBID>
```

```
# sacct -j <JOBID> --format User,JobID,Jobname%30,partition,state,time,elapsed,\
```

```
# MaxRSS,MaxVMSize,nnodes,ncpus,nodelist,AveCPU,ConsumedEnergyRaw
```

```
# seff <JOBID>
```

Basic Slurm Launcher Examples

Prefer `--ntasks-per-node` over `-n` !

```
#!/bin/bash -l          # <--- DO NOT FORGET '-l'  
### Request a single task using one core on one node for 5 minutes in the batch queue  
#SBATCH -N 1  
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1  
#SBATCH -c 1  
#SBATCH --time=0-00:05:00  
#SBATCH -p batch  
  
print_error_and_exit() { echo "***ERROR*** $*"; exit 1; }  
# Safeguard for NOT running this launcher on access/login nodes  
module purge || print_error_and_exit "No 'module' command"  
# List modules required for execution of the task  
module load <....>  
# [...]
```

Basic Slurm Launcher Examples

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```
#!/bin/bash -l
### Request 6 single core tasks equally spread across two nodes for 3 hours
#SBATCH -N 2
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=3
#SBATCH -c 1
#SBATCH --time=0-03:00:00
#SBATCH -p batch
print_error_and_exit() { echo "***ERROR*** $*"; exit 1; }
module purge || print_error_and_exit "No 'module' command"
module load <...>
# [...]
```

Total: 6 tasks within 2 nodes
`sbatch <launcher>`

Total: 9 tasks within 3 nodes
`sbatch -N 3 <launcher>`

Basic Slurm Launcher Examples

Prefer --ntasks-per-node over -n !

```
#!/bin/bash -l
### Request as many tasks as cores available on a single node for 3 hours
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=28 # On iris; for aion, use --ntasks-per-node=128
#SBATCH -c 1
#SBATCH --time=0-03:00:00
#SBATCH -p batch
print_error_and_exit() { echo "***ERROR*** $*"; exit 1; }
module purge || print_error_and_exit "No 'module' command"
module load <...>
# [...]
```

Total (iris): 28 tasks within 1 node
sbatch <launcher>

Total (iris): 56 tasks within 2 nodes
sbatch -N 2 <launcher>

Basic Slurm Launcher Examples (Large memory)

```
#!/bin/bash -l
### Request one sequential task requiring half the memory of a regular iris node for 1 day
#SBATCH -J MyLargeMemorySequentialJob      # Job name
#SBATCH --mail-user=Your.Email@Address.lu  # mail me ...
#SBATCH --mail-type=end,fail              # ... upon end or failure
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH -c 1
#SBATCH --mem=64GB           # if above 112GB: consider bigmem partition (USE WITH CAUTION)
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH -p batch             # if above 112GB: consider bigmem partition (USE WITH CAUTION)
print_error_and_exit() { echo "***ERROR*** $*"; exit 1; }
module purge || print_error_and_exit "No 'module' command"
module load <...>
# [...]
```

Basic Slurm Launcher Examples (GPU)

```
#!/bin/bash -l
### Request one GPU tasks for 4 hours - dedicate 1/4 of available cores for its management
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH -c 7
#SBATCH -G 1
#SBATCH --time=00:04:00
#SBATCH -p gpu
print_error_and_exit() { echo "***ERROR*** $*"; exit 1; }
module purge || print_error_and_exit "No 'module' command"
# You probably want to use more recent gpu/CUDA-optimized software builds
module use /opt/apps/resif/iris/2019b/gpu/modules
module load <....>
# This should report a single GPU (over 4 available per gpu node)
nvidia-smi
# [...]
```

Slurm [Generic] Launchers 2.0

```
#!/bin/bash -l          # <--- DO NOT FORGET '-l'  
###SBATCH --job-name=<name>  
###SBATCH --dependency singleton  
###SBATCH -A <account>  
#SBATCH --time=0-01:00:00 # 1 hour  
#SBATCH --partition=batch # If gpu: set '-G <gpus>'  
#SBATCH -N 1             # Number of nodes  
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=2  
#SBATCH -c 1              # multithreading per task  
#SBATCH -o %x-%j.out      # <jobname>-<jobid>.out  
print_error_and_exit() { echo "****ERROR*** $*"; exit 1; }  
# Load ULHPC modules  
[ -f /etc/profile ] && source /etc/profile  
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=${SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK:-1}  
module purge || print_error_and_exit "No 'module' command"  
module load <...>  
srun [-n $SLURM_NTASKS] [...]
```

• Best-Practices

- use /bin/bash -l on top
- set **reasonable time limits**
- set (short) job name
- specify account
- --exclusive allocation?
- **Avoid** Job arrays
- consider singleton pipelining
 - ✓ job dep. made easy
- GPU jobs (gpu partition)
 - ✓ Set #GPUs with -G <n>
- Use \$SCRATCH for large/temporary storage
- consider night jobs
 - ✓ --begin=20:00

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Software/Modules Management

<https://hpc.uni.lu/users/software/>

- Based on **Environment Modules / LMod**
 - ↪ convenient way to dynamically change the users environment
 - ↪ permits to easily load software through module command
- Currently on **UL HPC**: > **230 software packages**, in *multiple* versions, within **18 categ.**
 - ↪ reworked software set now deployed everywhere
 - ✓ RESIF v3.0, allowing [real] semantic versioning of released (arch-based) builds
 - ↪ hierarchical organization

\$PATH

Ex: `toolchain/{foss,intel}`

```
$> module avail # List available modules
```

```
$> module spider <pattern> # Search for <pattern> within available modules
```

```
$> module load <category>/<software>[/<version>]
```

Software/Modules Management

- Key module variable: \$MODULEPATH / where to look for modules.

→ **default** iris:

/opt/apps/resif/iris/<version>/{broadwell,skylake,gpu}/modules/all

→ **default** aion:

/opt/apps/resif/aion/<version>/{epyc}/modules/all

✓ altered/prefix new path with module use <path>. **Ex** (to use **local** modules):

```
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module use $LOCAL_MODULES
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Command	Description
module avail	Lists all the modules which are available to be loaded
module spider <pattern>	Search for among available modules (Lmod only)
module load <mod1> [mod2...]	Load a module
module unload <module>	Unload a module
module list	List loaded modules
module purge	Unload all modules (purge)
module use <path>	Prepend the directory to the MODULEPATH environment variable
module unuse <path>	Remove the directory from the MODULEPATH environment variable

ULHPC Toolchains and Software Set Versioning

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```
# (new) 2019b software set - iris cluster
unset MODULEPATH
module use /opt/apps/resif/iris/2019b/broadwell/modules/all
# OR (when appropriate) skylake/GPU-specialized builds **ONLY** on skylake/GPU nodes
module use /opt/apps/resif/iris/2019b/skylake/modules/all
module use /opt/apps/resif/iris/2019b/gpu/modules/all
```

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```
# INCOMING in 2021: (new) 2020a software set - aion cluster
module use /opt/apps/resif/aion/2020a/epyc/modules/all
# iris cluster
module use /opt/apps/resif/iris/2020a/{broadwell,skylake,gpu}/modules/all
```

Interaction with Slurm and the software environment

Your Turn!

Hands-on Slurm

▶ url ◀ | [github](#) | [src](#)

- Run interactive job
- Run passive jobs
- Write basics launcher scripts

si
sbatch

Hands-on Slurm

▶ url ◀ | [github](#) | [src](#)

- play with module command
- Use the MODULEPATH variable in order to change the software set
- Compile and run examples in at least two different languages

Thank you for your attention...



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