

# VSC HPC Introduction

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## Questions and problems troubleshooting

Blackboard Collaborate session:

https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/ce4229 a2f9eb4cc5b90f490d660eb1c2



### Material

- ☐ Everything is on Github:
  - https://hpcleuven.github.io/HPC-intro/
- ☐ Video Recordings
  - Scan the QR code
  - Recommended videos: ~ 2 hrs
  - Optional videos: ~1 hr



### What is High Performance Computing?

- using supercomputers to solve advanced computation problems
- Reduce the computation time from days, years, decades, or centuries to minutes, hours, days, or weeks
- ☐ The key is parallelism



## In practice, it is more like ...



The concept is simple: **Parallelism** = employing multiple processors for a single problem

### Outline

- What is the VSC?
- What is a cluster?
- Genius Cluster
- Storage
- Login nodes
- Connection Setup
- Software environment
- How to submit jobs?
- Dedicated hardware
- How to choose resources?
- Optional material
  - Linux in brief
  - Conda for Python and R
  - Worker Framework









## **VSC** HPC Environments







Tier-1



### **BrENIAC**













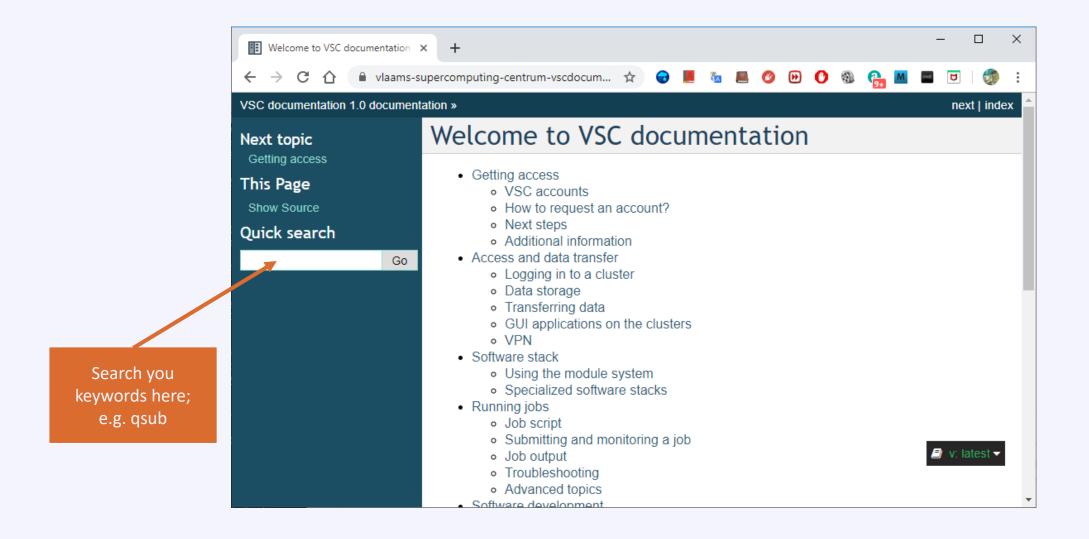
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**THINKING//GENIUS** 





### Support and Services

Basic support

- Helpdesk (<a href="mailto:hpcinfo@kuleuven.be">hpcinfo@kuleuven.be</a>)
- Monitoring and reporting

Application support

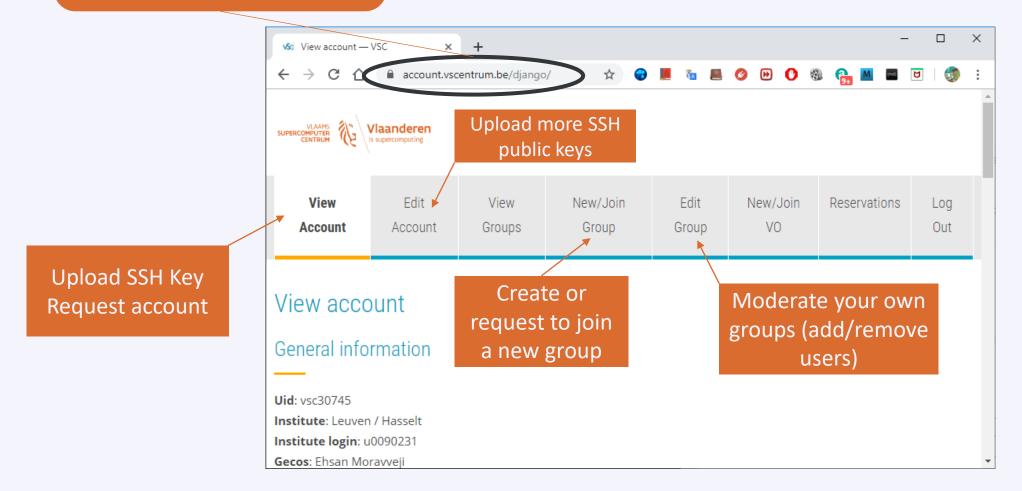
- Installation and porting
- Optimisation and debugging
- Benchmarking
- Workflows and best practices

Training

- Documentation and tutorials
- Scheduled trainings / workshops
- On request workshops
- One-to-one sessions

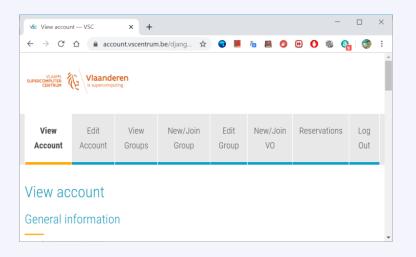
## To manage your VSC account:

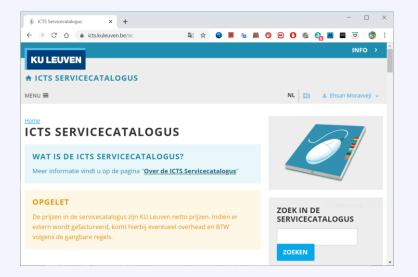
account.vscentrum.be

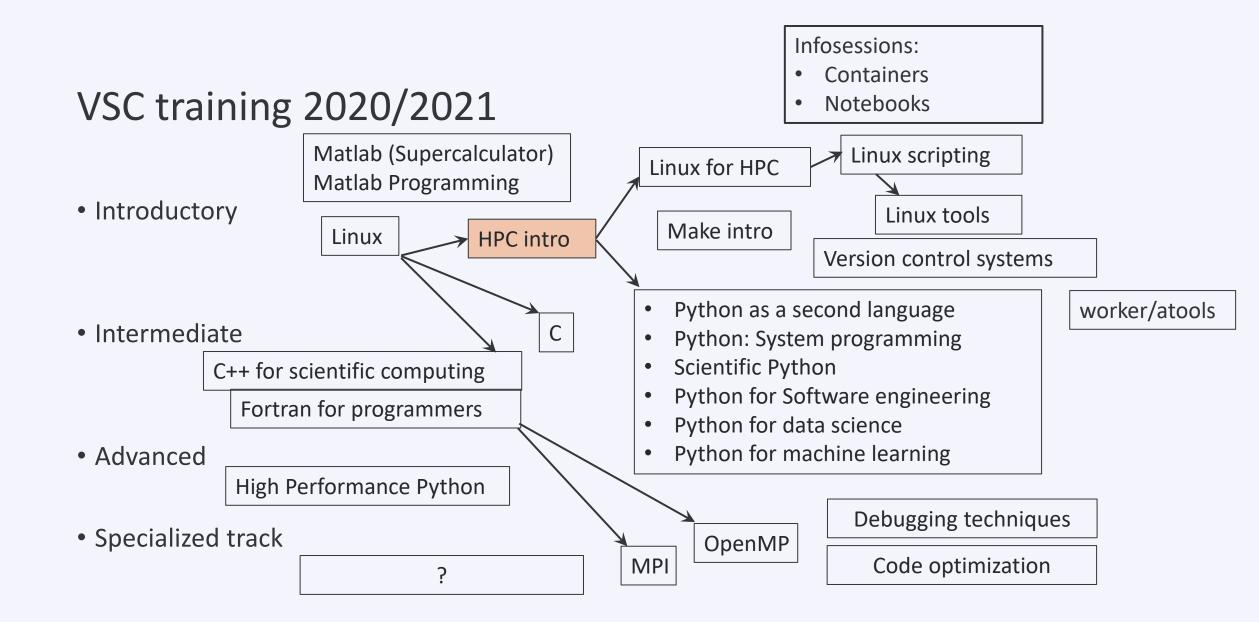


#### Become a VSC user

☐ Create a secure (4096 bit) SSH key pairs Upload it on the account page: <a href="https://www.account.vscentrum.be">www.account.vscentrum.be</a> ☐ You need to request a VSC account Normally processed swiftly ☐ Request introductory credits (2000 free credits for 6 months) ☐ Request <u>project credits</u> (for supervisors and project leaders) You need to create a VSC group Add users to the group to give them access to use credits Fill out the request form ■ Extra storage requests Scratch extension: free of charge Archive fileset: 20 € per TB per year Staging fileset: 130 € per TB per year ☐ All service costs (compute and storage) are all explained Go to ICTS service catalogus: <a href="https://icts.kuleuven.be/sc">https://icts.kuleuven.be/sc</a> Click on <u>High Performance Computing</u> (NL/EN)







### To Acknowledge VSC in publications

#### Why?

- a contractual obligation for the VSC
- helps VSC secure funding
- you will benefit from it in the long run

#### At KU Leuven

☐ add the relevant papers to the virtual collection "High Performance Computing" in Lirias

#### In het nederlands

De rekeninfrastructuur en dienstverlening gebruikt in dit werk, werd voorzien door het VSC (Vlaams Supercomputer Centrum), gefinancierd door het FWO en de Vlaamse regering – departement EWI.

#### In English

The computational resources and services used in this work were provided by the VSC (Flemish Supercomputer Center), funded by the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO) and the Flemish Government – department EWI.



## Tier-2 Clusters @ KU Leuven

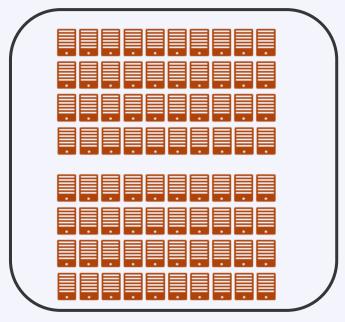
**Genius** (since 2018) 250 nodes: 8,936 cores



## Tier-2 Overview



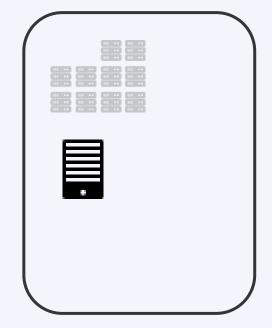
#### **Compute nodes**



#### Thin nodes

- + 96x Skylake 36c 192 GB
- + 144x CascadeLake 36c 192 GB

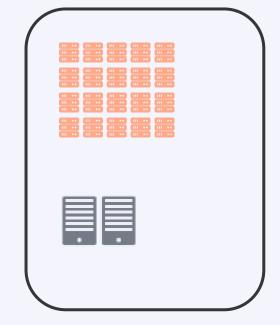
#### Large memory nodes



#### **BigMem**

- + 10x Skylake 36c 768GB
- + 1x Superdome 112c 6 TB

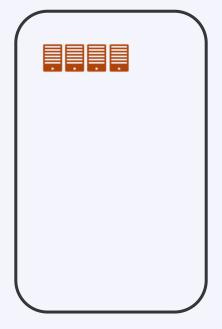
#### **GPU** nodes



#### **GPUs**

- + 20x Skylake 36c 192 GB 4x P100 16GB
- + 2x CascadeLake 36c 768GB 8x V100 32GB

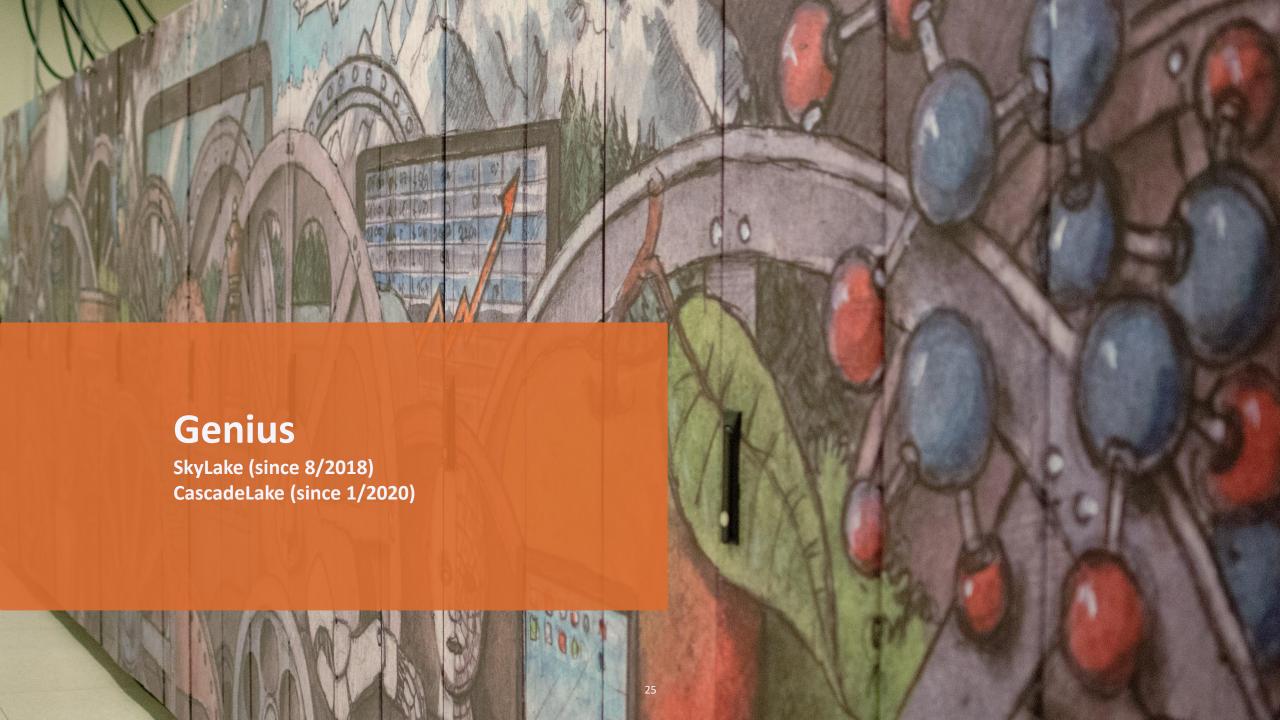
#### **Exp nodes**



**AMD** 4x AMD Naples 64c 256 GB

## **Technical Hardware Specifications**

	Tier 2			Tier 1		
Cluster name	Genius		BrENIAC			
Processor type	SkyLake		Cascade Lake	Broadwell		SkyLake
Cores per node	36		36	28		28
Base Clock Speed	2.3 GHz		2.6 GHz	2.4 GHz		2.6Ghz
Total nodes	86	10	144	580		408
Node memory (GB)	192	768	192	128	256	192
Memory per core (GB)	5.2	21.2	5.3	4.4	9.0	6.7
Total cores	3,456		4,320	27,664		
Peak performance (Flops/cycle)	16 DP FLOPs/cycle: 8-wide FMA (fused multiply-add) instructions AVX-512		16 DP FLOPs/cycle: 8-wide FMA (fused multiply-add) instructions AVX-512	8 DP FLOPs/cycle: 4-wide FMA (fused multiply-add) instructions AVX2		16 DP FLOPs/cycle: 8-wide FMA (fused multiply-add) instructions AVX-512
Network	Infiniband EDR		Infiniband EDR	Infiniband EDR		
Cache (L1 KB/L2 KB/L3 MB)	18x(32i+32d) / 18x1024 / 25 MB		18x(32i+32d) / 18x1024 / 25 MB	14x(32i+32d) / 14x 256 / 35 MB		18x(32i+32d) / 18x1024 / 25 MB



### Tier-2 Cluster: Genius

Type of node	CPU type	Inter- connect	# cores	installed mem	local discs	# nodes
SkyLake	Xeon 6140	IB-EDR	36	192 GB	800 GB	86
SkyLake large mem	Xeon 6140	IB-EDR	36	768 GB	800 GB	10
SkyLake <b>GPU</b>	Xeon 6140 <b>4xP100</b> SXM2	IB-EDR	36	192 GB	800 GB	20
CascadeLake	Gold 6240	IB-EDR	36	192 GB	800 GB	144
CascadeLake <b>GPU</b>	Gold 6240 <b>8xV100</b> SMX2	IB-EDR	36	768 GB	800 GB	2
SkyLake <b>Superdome</b>	Gold 6132	Flex Grid	14	6 TB	6 TB	8



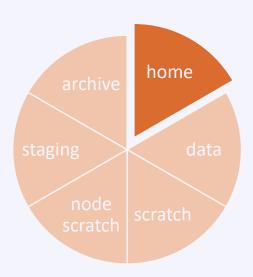
### Overview of the storage infrastructure

- Your files are owned only by you.
   Other VSC users have no permission to read/write/execute your files (POSIX)
- A VSC account has 3 default storages (free of charge)
  - \$VSC HOME
  - \$VSC DATA
  - \$VSC SCRATCH
- You can additionally request staging and archive storages
- Different storage volumes have different:
  - mount point
  - size and performance
  - use case
  - backup and maintenance policy
- More info on <u>ICTS Service Catalog</u> (EN/NL)

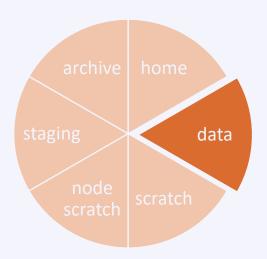
Request form for extra storage More information Do not use / tmp It is only 10 GB and is reserved for the OS and root processes Your application can crash if using /tmp You are automatically logged into your home folder upon login. Make sure you immediately go to your other storages, e.g. \$ cd \$VSC DATA Always check your storage balance using myquota command

#### Example

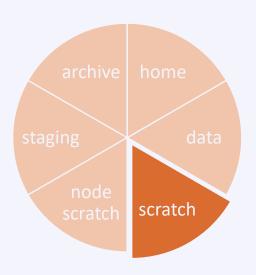
```
$ myquota
file system $VSC_HOME
    Blocks: 1479M of 3072M
    Files: 12934 of 100k
file system $VSC_DATA
    Blocks: 102G of 225G
    Files: 1043k of 10000k
file system $VSC_SCRATCH
    Blocks: 15M of 1.5T
```



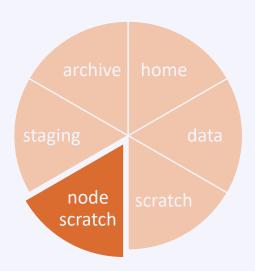
Storage	home folder
Env. Variable	\$VSC_HOME
Filesystem Type	NFS
Access	Global
Backup	Hourly, daily, weekly (until last month) inside the .snapshot folder.
Default Quota	3 GB
Extension	Not possible
Usage	Only storing SSH keys, config files
Remarks	<ul><li>Stay away from using it</li><li>Can easily overflow:</li><li>+ Your jobs may crash</li><li>+ Login issues</li></ul>



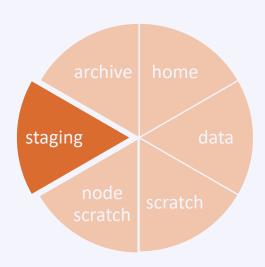
Storage	data folder
Env. Variable	\$VSC_DATA
Filesystem Type	NFS
Access	Global
Backup	Hourly, daily, weekly (until last month) inside the .snapshot folder.
Default Quota	75 GB
Extension	On purchase
Usage	Your data, code, software, results
Remarks	<ul> <li>Permanent storage for initial/final results</li> <li>Not optimal for intensive or parallel I/O</li> </ul>



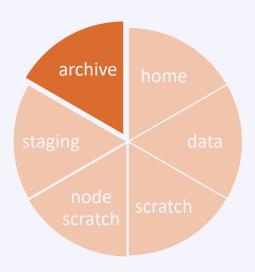
Storage	scratch folder
Env. Variable	\$VSC_SCRATCH
Filesystem Type	Lustre
Access	Global
Backup	delete after 28 days from last access
Default Quota	500 GB
Extension	Free
Usage	Intensive, parallel I/O, temporary files
Remarks	<ul> <li>Recommended storage for all jobs</li> <li>Copy scratch files to VSC_DATA or local storage after jobs are done</li> <li>Deleted files cannot be recovered</li> </ul>



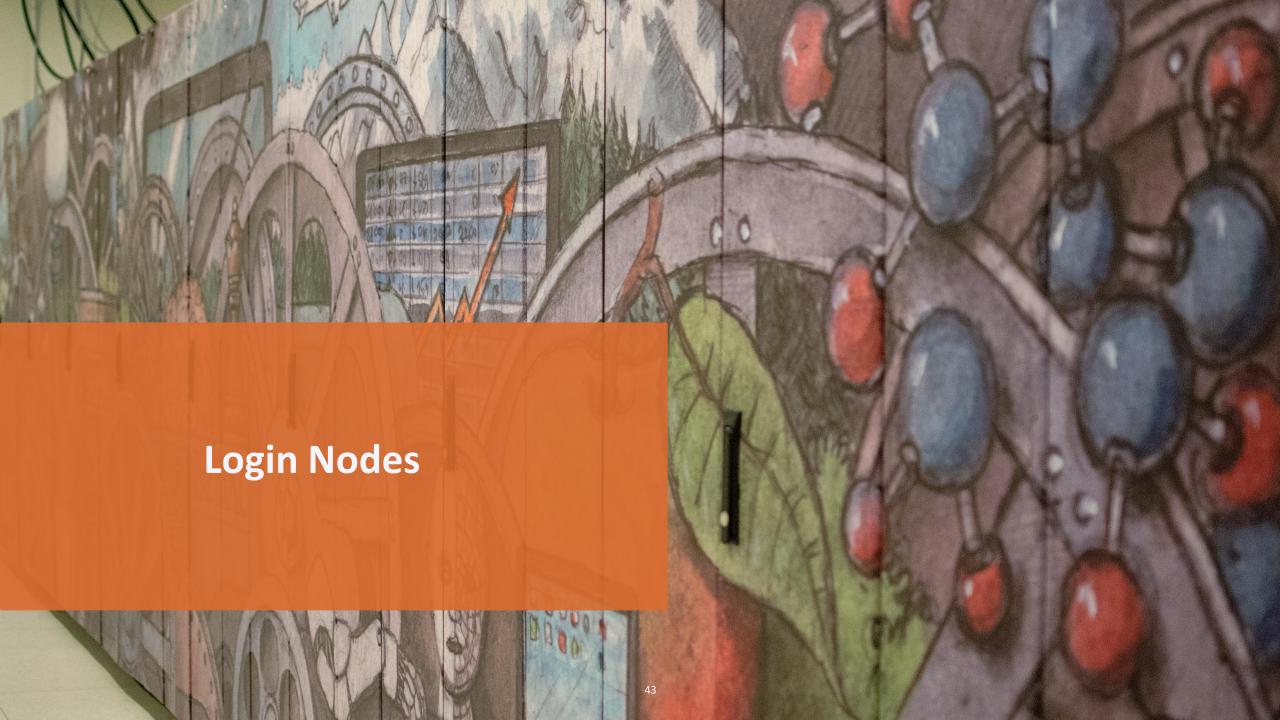
Storage	Node scratch folder
Env. Variable	\$VSC_SCRATCH_NODE
Filesystem Type	Lustre
Access	On compute node, only at runtime
Backup	None
Default Quota	200 GB
Extension	Read about beeOND
Usage	Temporary storage at runtime
Remarks	<ul> <li>Fastest I/O, attached to the node</li> <li>Is cleaned after job terminates</li> <li>Copy the data to your home, scratch, or staging before job ends</li> </ul>



Storage	Staging folder
Path	/staging/leuven/stg_000XX
Filesystem Type	Lustre
Access	On demand, only Tier-2@KUL
Backup	None
Default Quota	None
Extension	On purchase, from 1 TB
Usage	Permanent; share with a group
Remarks	<ul> <li>Accessible from login/compute nodes</li> <li>Fast, parallel I/O</li> </ul>



Storage	Archive folder
Path	/archive/leuven/arc_000XX
Filesystem Type	NFS
Access	On demand, only Tier-2@KUL
Backup	None
Default Quota	None
Extension	On purchase, from 1 TB
Usage	Permanent; share with a group
Remarks	<ul> <li>Accessible only from login nodes</li> <li>Cannot use it from compute nodes</li> <li>Slow, but durable filesystem</li> </ul>



### Accessing a Compute nodes Cluster FireWall Infiniband interconnect Link to other **VSC** sites Scientist SSH Authentication Login nodes Service nodes Administration - queue system, job scheduler, user management,... Storage

# Using Login Nodes

To develop and/or compile code and/or software	Tips
To check your storage and credit balance	
To manage jobs (submit, check status, debug, resubmit,)	
To move data around within VSC: use data, scratch, staging, archive outside VSC: copy/sync from/to your local storage	
☐ To pre-process or post-process your data/jobs	
☐ To visualize your data	
☐ To share files/folders	
Login nodes are shared resources	Warning
<ul><li>Do not execute heavy-lifting tasks (core, memory)</li><li>Instead, submit jobs</li></ul>	

### **Login Host Names**

• Windows: <u>PuTTY</u> or <u>MobaXterm</u> or NX

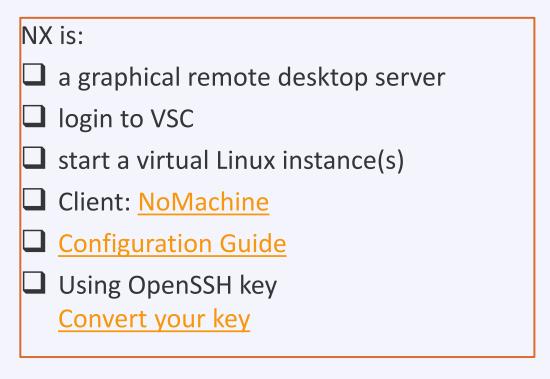
Linux/Mac: terminal or NX

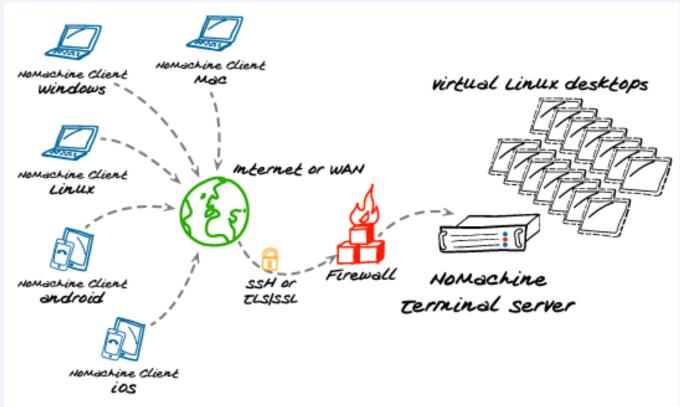
• To login, you need an active VSC number and a hostname

\$ ssh -X vscXXXXX@<hostname>

Cluster / Partition	<hostname></hostname>	Remark(s)
Genius	<pre>login.hpc.kuleuven.be login-genius.hpc.kuleuven.be</pre>	Recommended
	<pre>login{1,2}-tier2.hpc.kuleuven.be</pre>	No GPU
	<pre>login{3,4}-tier2.hpc.kuleuven.be</pre>	Nvidia Quadro P6000

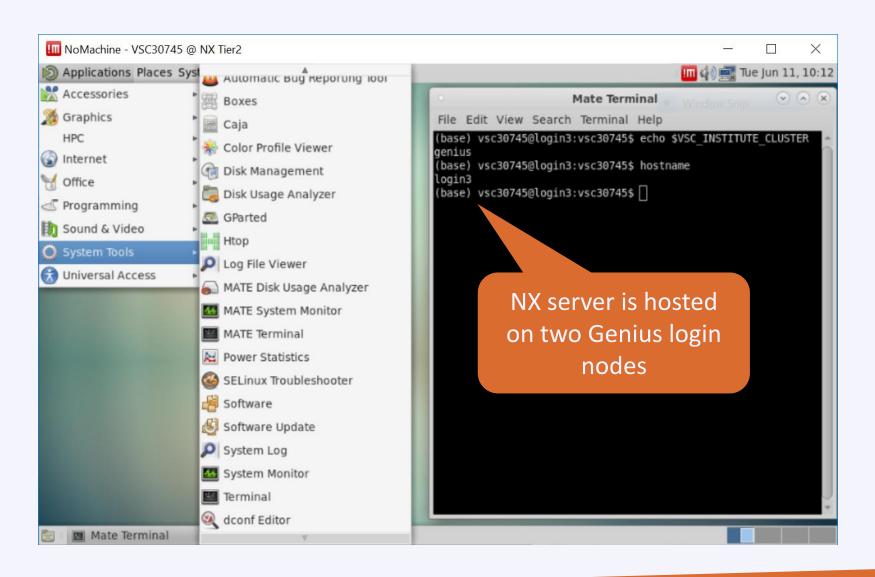
### NX – The Graphical Login





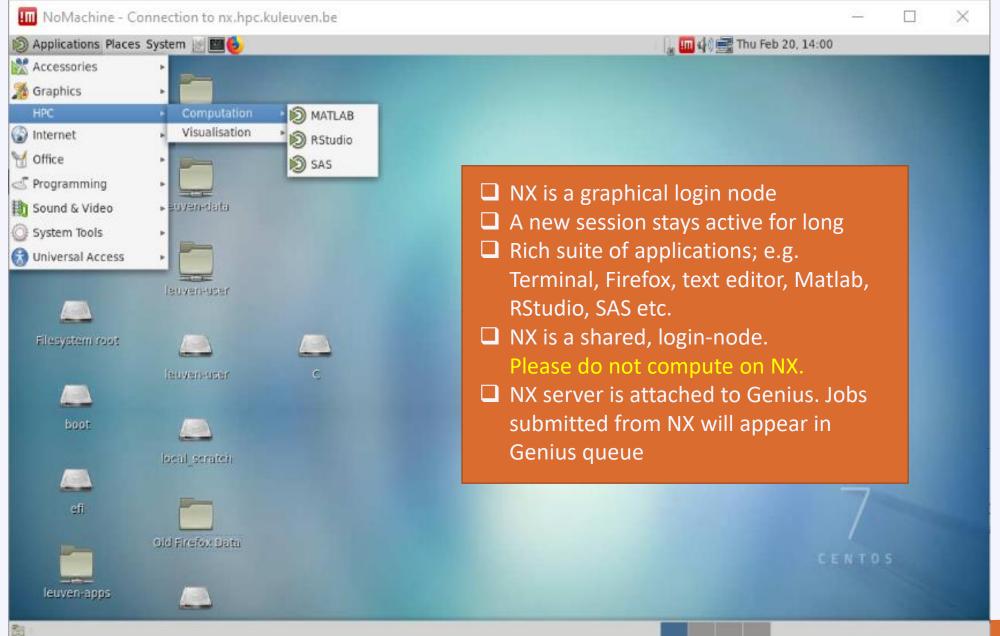
# Advantages of NX

# NX virtual desktop



# NX: available software

☐ Accesories: Gedit, Vi IMproved, Emacs (dummy version), Calculator
☐ <b>Graphics</b> : gThumb (picture viewer), Xpdf Viewer
☐ Internet: Firefox
☐ HPC: Computation: Matlab (2018a), RStudio, SAS
☐ <b>Visualisation</b> : Paraview, VisIt, VMD
Programming: Meld Diff Viewer (visual diff and merge tool)
☐ System tools: File Browser, Terminal
☐ Additionally: Gnuplot (graphing utility), Filezilla (file transfer tool), Evince (PDF, PostScript, TIFF, XPS, DVI Viewer)
☐ Software launched though modules from Terminal.





## Software: Available Modules

- OS: Linux CentOS 7.7, Kernel 3.10.0-1127.18.2.el7.x86\_64
- Toolchains: Intel 2018a (icc, icpc, ifort; Intel MPI; Intel MKL)
   FOSS 2018a (gcc, g++, gfortran; OpenMPI; ScaLAPACK, OpenBLAS, FFTW)
- Note: **Never mix** FOSS and Intel compilers (gives dependency conflict)

Command	Remark
module av	List all installed modules
module av Python	List all Python-related modules
module spider Python	Get more info
module load Python/3.6.4-intel-2018a	Load a specific module
module list	List all loaded modules and their dependencies
module unload Python/3.6.4-intel-2018a	Unload a module (but dependencies still stay)
module purge	Remove all modules from your work session

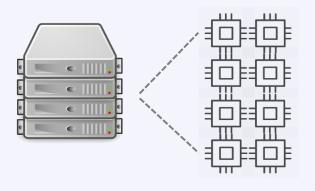
# Software: Your Specific Needs

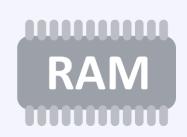
- You can always install your desired software in your \$VSC\_DATA
   Use Intel or FOSS toolchains
- Compile your code on a compute node (with interactive job)
- If you cannot, ask us for help
- Python/R packages for AI and ML must be installed by the users themselves
- Read more about <a href="Python Package Management">Python Package Management</a>
- Read more about <u>R Package Management</u>



# Resource Glossary

Nodes: how many compute servers to request?
 Cores: how many cores per node to use?
 Memory requirement: how much memory each core needs?
 Partition: gpu, bigmem, superdome, amd
 Walltime: how long to use resources?
 Storage: how much storage (data, scratch, etc) the job needs?
 Credits: how many compute credits will be consumed?







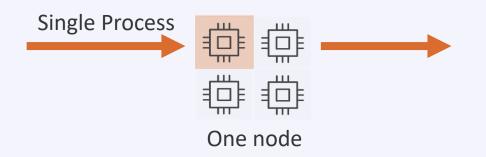






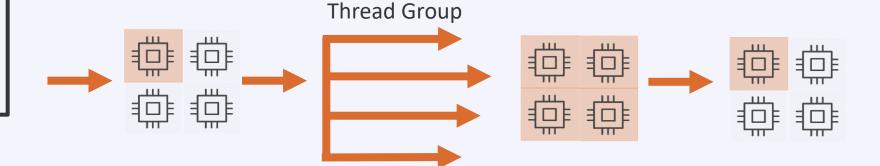
## **Serial Application**

(1 process on 1 core)



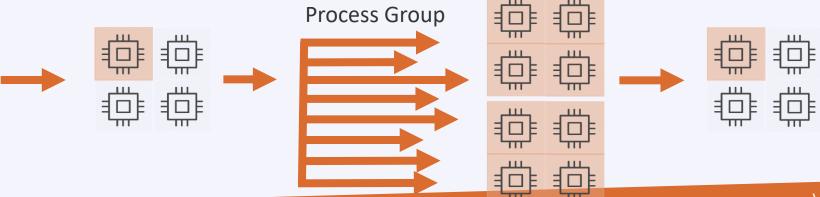
## Multi-Core Appl.

(N threads on N cores from 1 node)



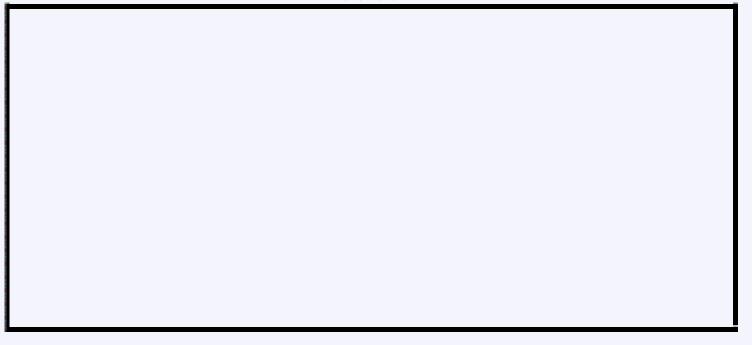
## **Distributed Appl.**

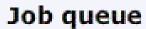
(many processes on many cores/nodes)



# **Backfill**



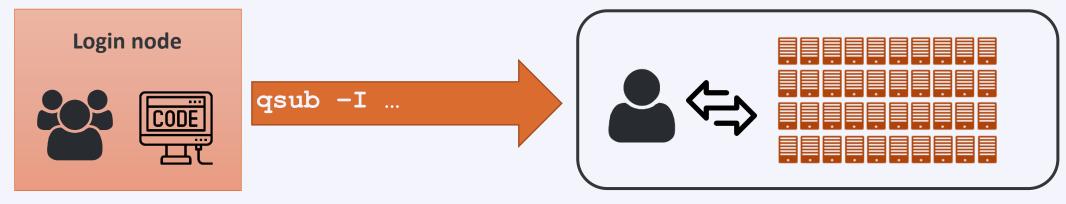






## **Interactive Job**

## **Compute nodes**



## **Batch Job**

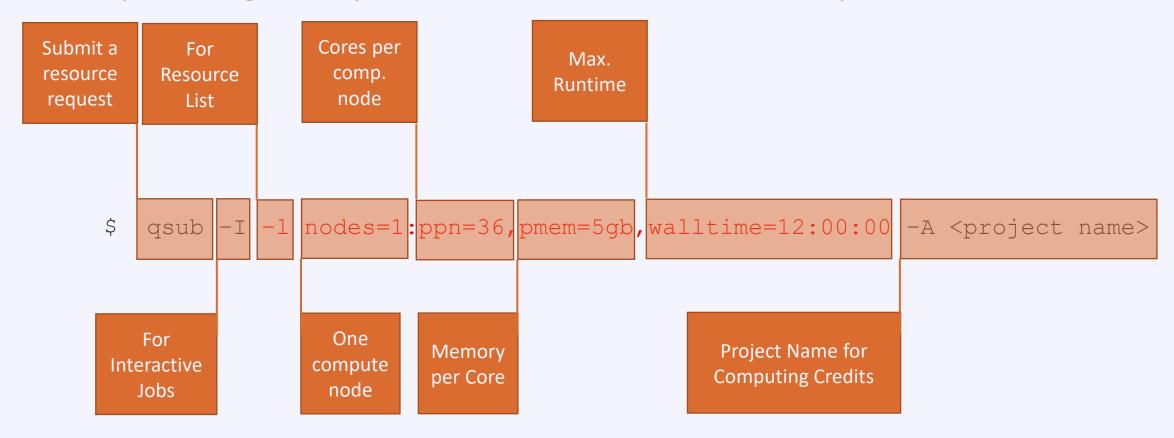
# Login node

qsub script.pbs

## **Compute nodes**



# Requesting Compute Resources Interactively



Remarks

- If you request 2000 introductory credits, you use them like: -A default\_project
- Implicit defaults are nodes=1:ppn=1,pmem=5gb,walltime=1:00:00

## **Interactive Jobs**

Interactive job: 1 core for 1 hour (default)

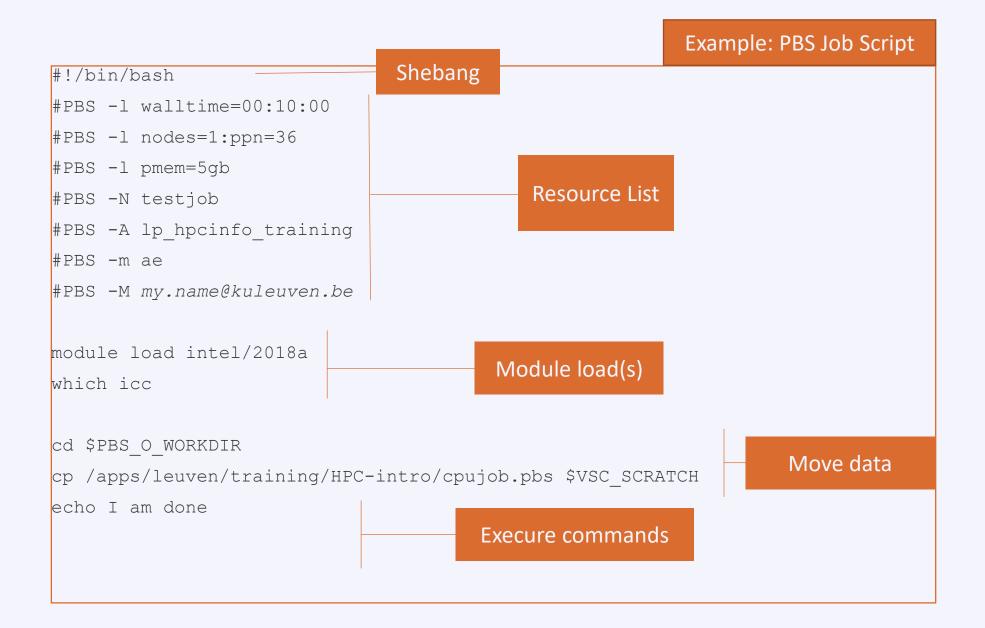
```
$ qsub -I -A lp hpc
```

- Interactive job with X-forwarding

```
$ qsub -I -X -A lp hpc
```

- Request fraction of a node

```
$ qsub -I -l nodes=1:ppn=8:cascadelake -A lp_hpc
```



```
#!/bin/bash
```

#### **Command Line**

Submit the job to the batch server

Receive a unique JobID

Error and output files

\$ qsub simulation.pbs

**JobID** 

50041238.tier2-p-moab2.tier2.hpc.kuleuven.be

stderr, stdout

```
$ ls simulation*
simulation.pbs
simulation.pbs.e50041238
simulation.pbs.o50041238
```

## Standard Error File

- Always created
- <JobScript>.e<JobID>
- Contains all errors and warnings
- If empty: everything went well
- Always study it
- Addess all warnings and errors (if you can)
- Typical error examples ...

#### stderr

```
$ ls *.e*
simulation.pbs.e50041238
```

#### Job Crash

```
forrtl: error (78): process killed (SIGTERM) Stack trace terminated abnormally.
```

#### Short Walltime

```
PBS: job killed: walltime 432031 exceeded limit 432000
```

#### Low Disk Space

IOError: [Errno 122] Disk quota exceeded

## Output File

# **Standard Output File**

- Always created
- <JobScript>.o<JobID>
- Contains all standard output (instead of screen)
- Always study it

stdout

```
$ ls *.o*
simulation.pbs.o50041238
```

```
time: 3600
nodes: 1
procs: 1
account string: lpt2 sysadmin
queue: q1h
Hello World!
Date: Fri Mar 20 14:32:01 CET 2020
Allocated nodes:
r26i27n11
Job ID: 50240161.tier2-p-moab-2.tier2.hpc. ...
Resource List:
pmem=5qb, walltime=01:00:00, neednodes=1:ppn=36
Resources Used:
cput=00:00:01, vmem=0kb, walltime=00:00:04, mem=0kb, e
nergy used=0
Queue Name: q1h
time: 4
nodes: 1
procs: 1
account: lpt2 sysadmin
```

## Other Partitions

#### **GPU**

```
#PBS -l partition=gpu
#PBS -l
nodes=1:cores=9:gpus=1:skylake
#PBS -l pmem=5gb
```

## Big Memory

```
#PBS -l partition=bigmem
#PBS -l nodes=1:cores=36
#PBS -l pmem=20gb
```

#### **AMD**

```
#PBS -l partition=amd
#PBS -l nodes=1:cores=64
#PBS -l pmem=3800mb
```

### Superdome

See <u>VSC documentation</u>

# Managing & Monitoring Jobs

Command	Purpose
\$ qsub	Submit a job (batch/interactive)
<pre>\$ qdel <jobid></jobid></pre>	Delete a specific job
<pre>\$ mycheckjob <jobid></jobid></pre>	Diagnose issues with your job, if any
\$ qstat -n	Status of all recent jobs
\$ qstat -Q -f	Info about available queues
<pre>\$ showstart <jobid></jobid></pre>	Give a rough estimate of start time
\$ showq \$ showq -p gpu	Show minimal info about a queue or partition (-p)
<pre>\$ pbstop \$ clusterview \$ queueview</pre>	Overview of the cluster Overview of the nodes, cores and GPUs Overview of the job queues
<pre>\$ mam-balance</pre>	Overview of different credit projects that you can use (qsub -A <project>)</project>
<pre>\$ mam-list-allocations</pre>	Detailed overview of your credit projects

# Debugging / Testing Jobs

- To quickly test/debug your (parallel) application
- 2 dedicated nodes on ThinKing and Genius
   One GPU node and one CPU node
- Such jobs do not go to the normal queue, so they start faster
- Max. walltime is 30 minutes
- You must specify Quality of Service (qos)

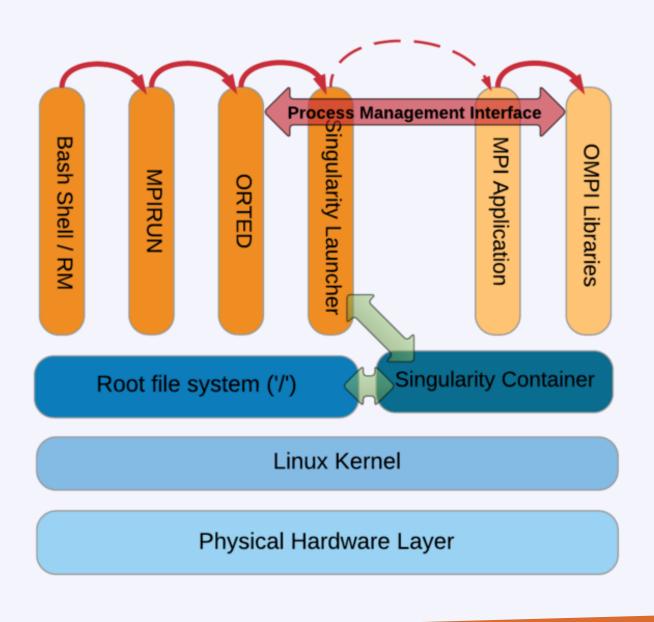
**Request Debugging Nodes** 

# **Singularity Containers**

- What?
  - + Self-contained OS & software & data
- Why?
  - + fully resolved dependency chains
  - + portable workflow
- How?
  - + You create the image
  - + Run it on Genius
  - + MPI/OpenMP is supported

**PBS Script** 

```
#!/bin/bash -1
#PBS -1 walltime=00:30:00
#PBS -1 nodes=4:ppn=36:pmem=5gb
#PBS -A lp_hpcinfo_training
cd $PBS_O_WORKDIR
singularity run Project.simg ./model.exe
```



# **Credit Pricing**

- o You pay as you go!
- For academic projects:1000 credits = 3.5 EUR
- Credits needed for a job:

```
#credits = Walltime (hr) × #nodes × Factor
```

 For shared nodes, you pay a fraction of the costs, based on the ppn specified

Cluster / Partition	Credits/hr
Genius Cascadelake	11.3
Genius Cascadelake 8 GPUs	40
Genius Skylake 4 GPUs	20
Genius Skylake BigMem	12
Genius Skylake	10
Genius / Superdome	10
Genius / AMD nodes	10
ThinKing / Haswell	6.68
ThinKing / IvyBridge	4.76

# How to Manage Credits?

Command	Purpose
mam-balance	List active projects and available credits
mam-list-allocations	List the validity dates of different projects/allocations
mam-list-chargerates	List current charge rates for different nodes
<pre>mam-list-accounts -a <account-name></account-name></pre>	List the members in an account



# Parallel Computing

- Serial:
  - one program, on one core
- 'Embarrassingly parallel' problems:
  - lots of runs of one program, with different parameters
- Problems that require 'real' parallel algorithms
  - OpenMP
  - MPI: Message Passing Interface



## Use case: parameter exploration

temperature	pressure	humidity
293.0	1.0e05	87
313.0	1.3e05	75

```
#!/bin/bash -l
#PBS -l nodes=1:ppn=1 -l walltime=00:10:00

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wea #PBS -l nodes=1:ppn=1 -l walltime=00:10:00

cd $PBS_O_WORKDIR
weather -p 1.3e05 -t 313.0 -h 75
```

## Solution: worker with -data

temperature	pressure	humidity	
293.0	1.0e05	87	
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313.0	1.3e05	75	data.csv

```
#!/bin/bash -l
#PBS -l nodes=5:ppn=20 -l walltime=01:20:00

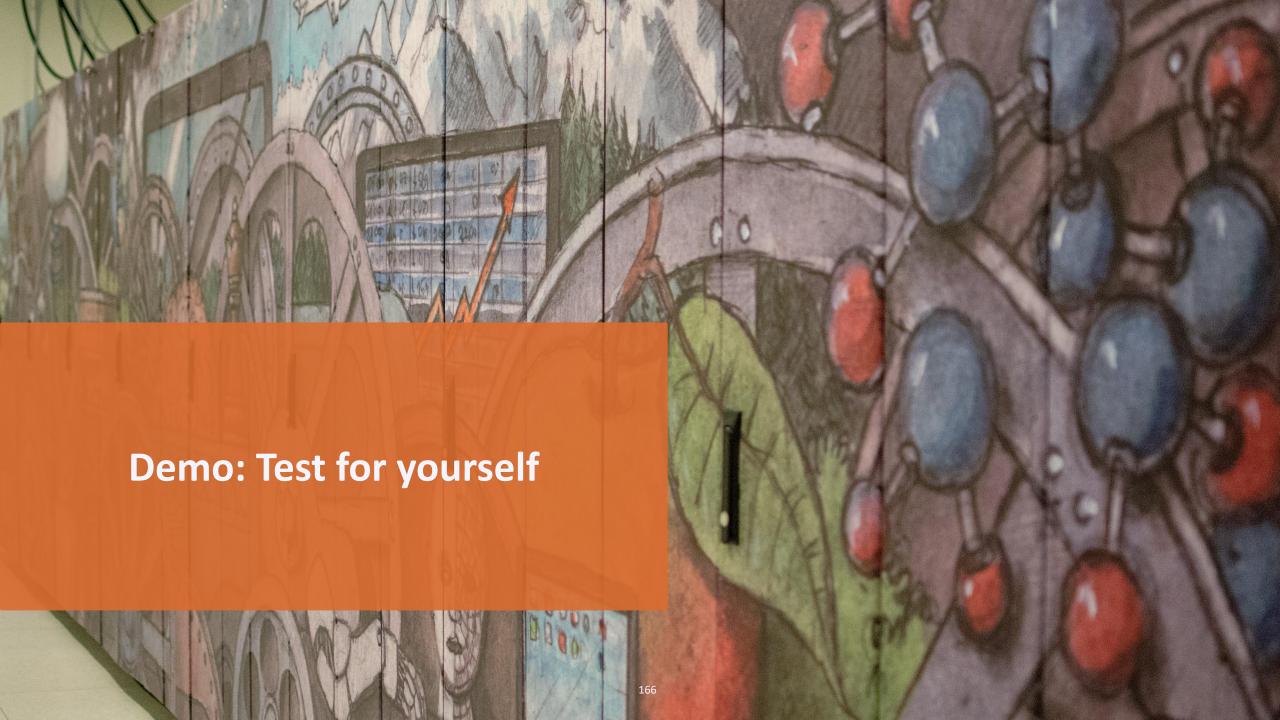
cd $PBS_O_WORKDIR
weather -p $pressure -t $temperature -h $humidity
```

```
$ module load worker
$ wsub -data data.csv -batch job.pbs
```

# Data exploration: steps

- Write PBS script with parameters
- Create Excel sheet with data
  - Convert to CSV format
- Submit with wsub
  - walltime is time to complete all work items

$$wall time_{job} \ge \frac{N \cdot wall time_{work item}}{nodes \cdot ppn}$$



# demo/test yourself

- Request membership to lp\_hpcintro\_training group (account.vscentrum.be)
- Login with putty
- Filetransfer with Filezilla
- Login with NX
- Check disk quota
- Check the credits
- Check/load/list/unload/purge module

# demo/test yourself

- Copy intro training files (/apps/leuven/training/HPC\_intro/) to your \$VSC HOME
- Submit cpujob to the cluster
- List all your jobs (qstat)
- Check the information about the cpujob (checkjob)
- Modify the mat.pbs script to request 1 node, 36 cores for 30 minutes and get the notification about job start/end by e-mail
- Check the status of all the jobs

# demo - monitoring

Submit an interactive job
 Run your program on a compute node
 Open a new terminal and ssh to a compute node
 Check the resources usage (top, htop)

## demo – conda usage

- Create a conda environment including Jupyter
  - \$ conda create -n science jupyter numpy scipy
  - Activate this environment
- 🗸 \$ source activate science
  - Add matplotlib package to this environment
- 😞 \$ conda install matplotlib
  - Return to original environment
  - \$ conda deactivate

## demo – notebooks

Start an interactive GPU job

```
$ qsub -I -l walltime=30:00 -l nodes=1:ppn=9:gpus=1 -l partition=gpu -A default project
```

- Activate conda environment
  - \$ source activate science
- **⊘** Go to your working directory (you can use \$PBS\_O\_WORKDIR if you qsub from there) Start notebook

```
$ jupyter notebook --port ${USER:3} --ip $(hostname)
$ jupyter notebook --port 30468 --ip $(hostname)
```

Open the link in the browser in NX and test your notebook

## demo – worker

- Copy intro training files (/apps/leuven/training/worker/) to your \$VSC HOME
- ♥ Go to exercise1 directory
- Submit worker job
- Check the output file

## **Questions**

## Helpdesk:

hpcinfo@kuleuven.be or https://admin.kuleuven.be/icts/HPCinfo form/HPC-info-formulier

#### VSC web site:

http://www.vscentrum.be/

VSC documentation: https://docs.vscentrum.be/en/latest/

VSC agenda: training sessions, events

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Systems status page:

http://status.kuleuven.be/hpc

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