



The python script `peak-patch/tools/setup-run.py` determines the optimal tiling for a run given e.g. if you wanted to simulate a cubic volume with Lagrangian (initial) side length 256 Mpc and use a cubic lattice of side length 512 cells:

```
cd peak-patch/tools
python2.7 setup-run.py 512 256
```

The general usage is of the form

```
python setup-run.py <ngrid> <boxsize> [cluster:<(niagara, gpc)>
nproc per node:<(32, 8)> <rbuff>]
```

Where

`boxsize`: the sidelength of the simulation volume in Mpc

`ngrid`: the number of gridpoints to be used in the simulation

The simulation volume is then split into cubic tiles to be run in parallel for speed. Each tile must have a buffer region (shown in blue above) to capture short range dynamical effects, and thus if the number of tiles is large, you end up double-counting a lot of cells. So this is an optimization problem, which `setup-run.py` solves for us, and outputs:

ntile: the number of tiles per side

nbuff: the thickness of the buffer around each tile in cells

nmesh =  $(n - 2\text{nbuff})/\text{ntile} + 2\text{nbuff}$ : the sidelength of a tile (including the buffers) in cells

nnodes: the number of compute nodes to run the simulation on

One thing to note is that the chosen value of n sets the sidelength (in terms of a number of cells) of the effective simulation volume plus buffers on each end, which means that the effective simulation volume is actually:

$$\text{neff} = n - 2\text{nbuff}$$