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An Introduction to High Performance Computing on the CSD3 Cluster

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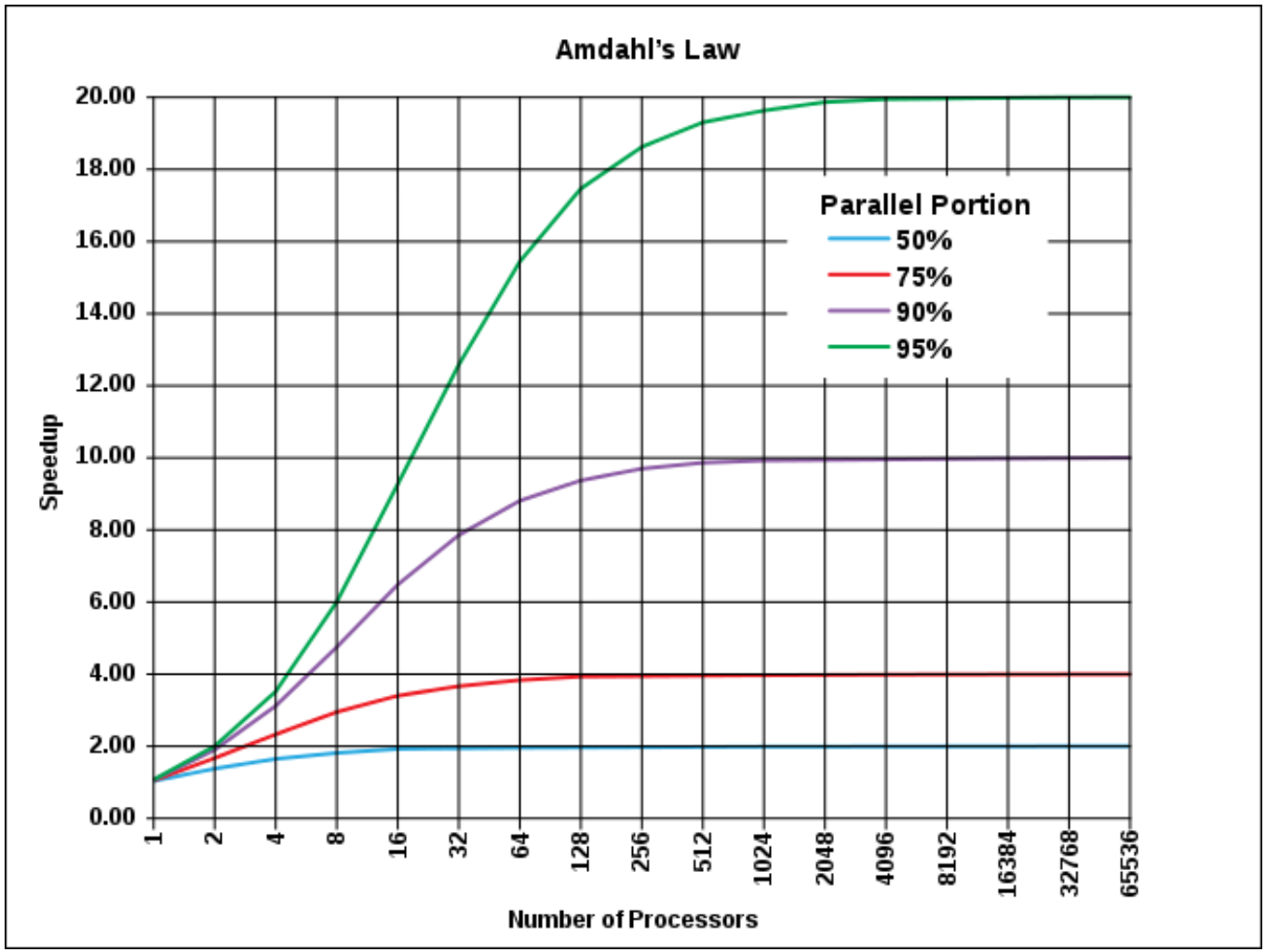

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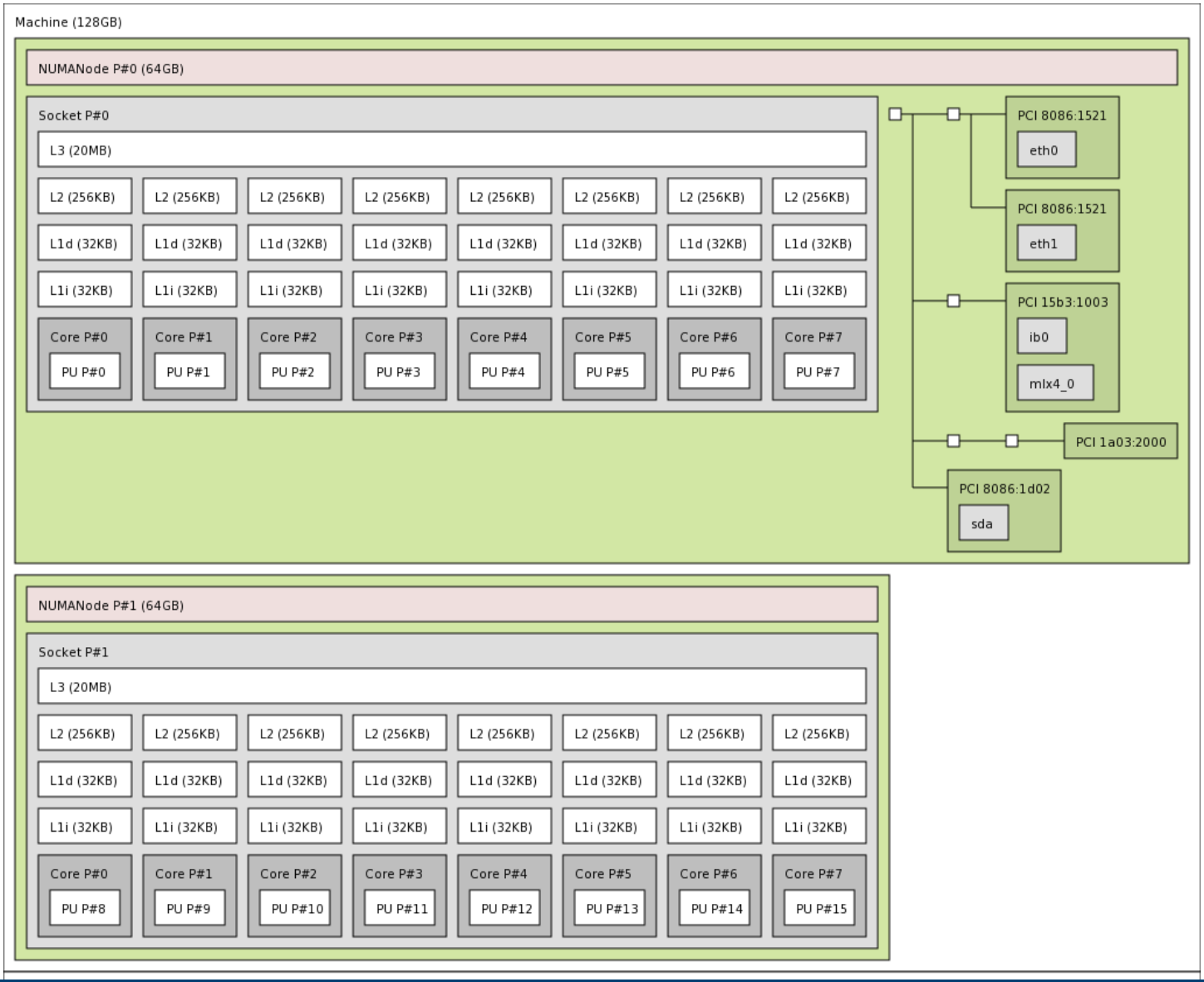

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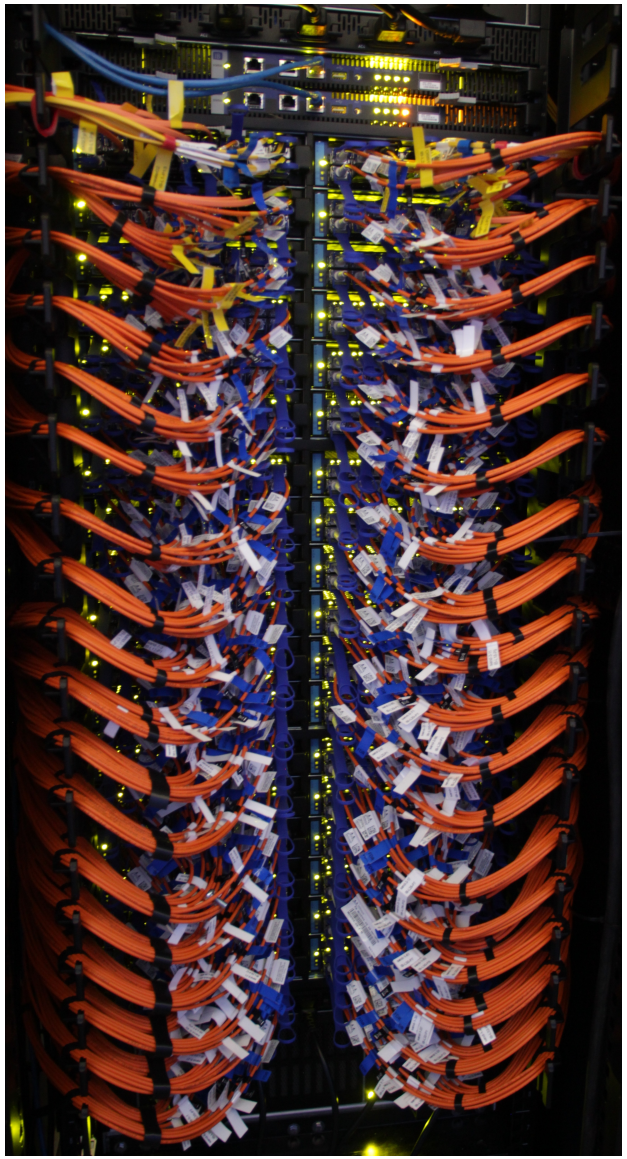

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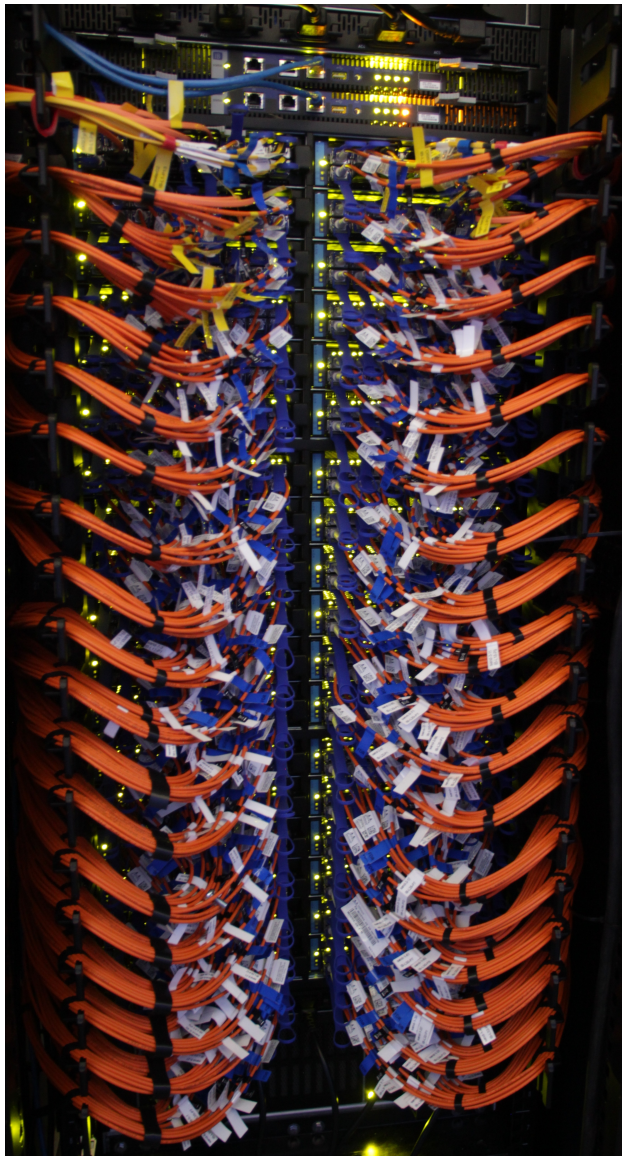

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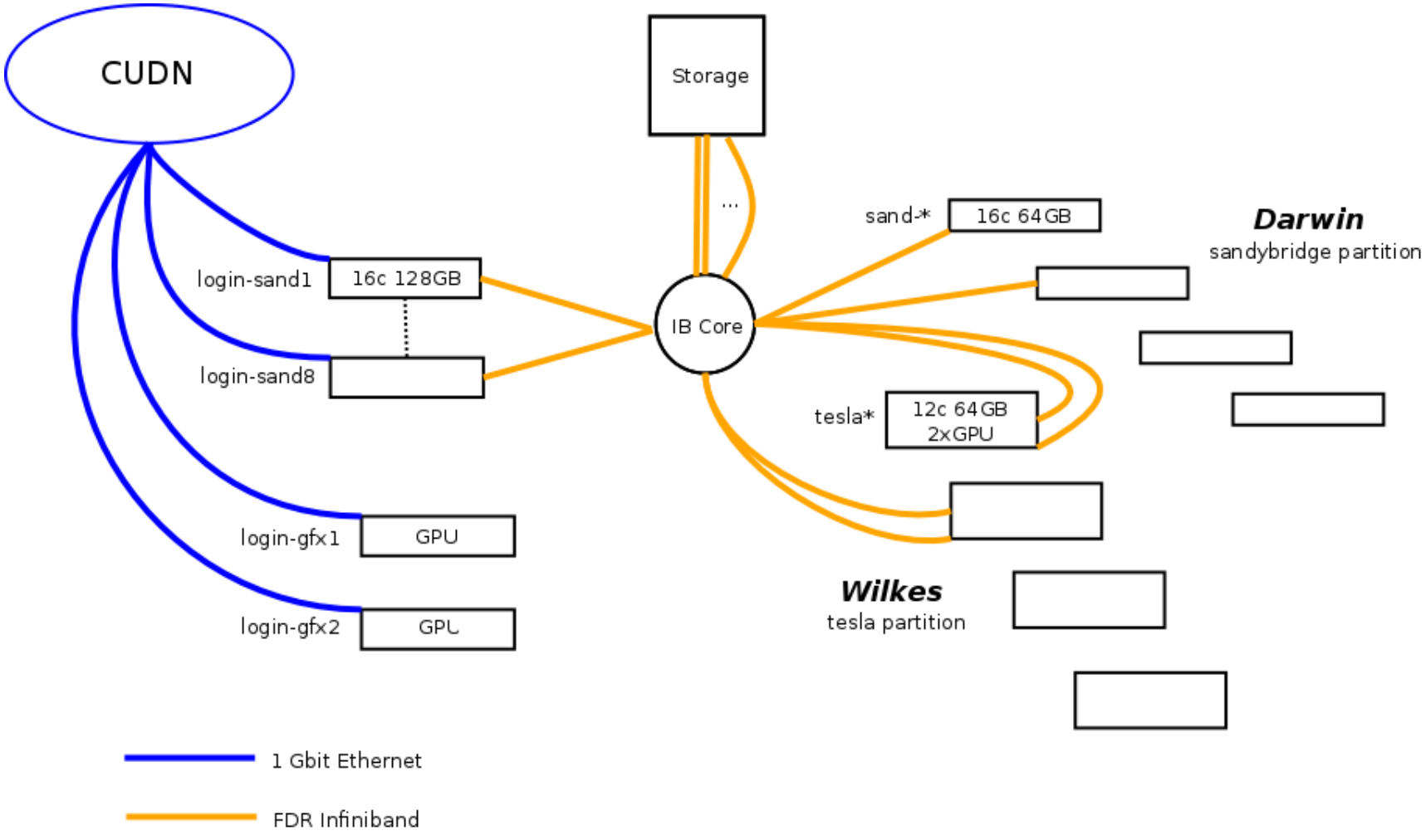
HPCS Production Cluster Schematic



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- From graphical clients:
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  Username: **npl\abc123** (your NPL AD account name)
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```
[sjr20@login-a-1 ~]$ vncserver

You will require a password to access your desktops.

Password:
Verify:
Would you like to enter a view-only password (y/n)? n

New 'login-a-1:99 (sjr20)' desktop is login-a-1:99

Starting applications specified in /home/sjr20/.vnc/xstartup
Log file is /home/sjr20/.vnc/login-a-1:99.log
```

- NB Choose a different password for VNC.
- The VNC password protects your desktop from other users.
- Remember the unique display number (99 here) of your desktop.

Connecting: Remote Desktop

- Remote desktop already running:

```
[sjr20@login-a-1 ~]$ vncserver -list

TigerVNC server sessions:

X DISPLAY #     PROCESS ID
:99             130655
```

- Kill it:

```
[sjr20@login-a-1 ~]$ vncserver -kill :99
Killing Xvnc process ID 130655
```

- Typically you only need one remote desktop.
- Keeps running until killed, or the node reboots.

Connecting: Remote Desktop

- To connect to the desktop from Linux:

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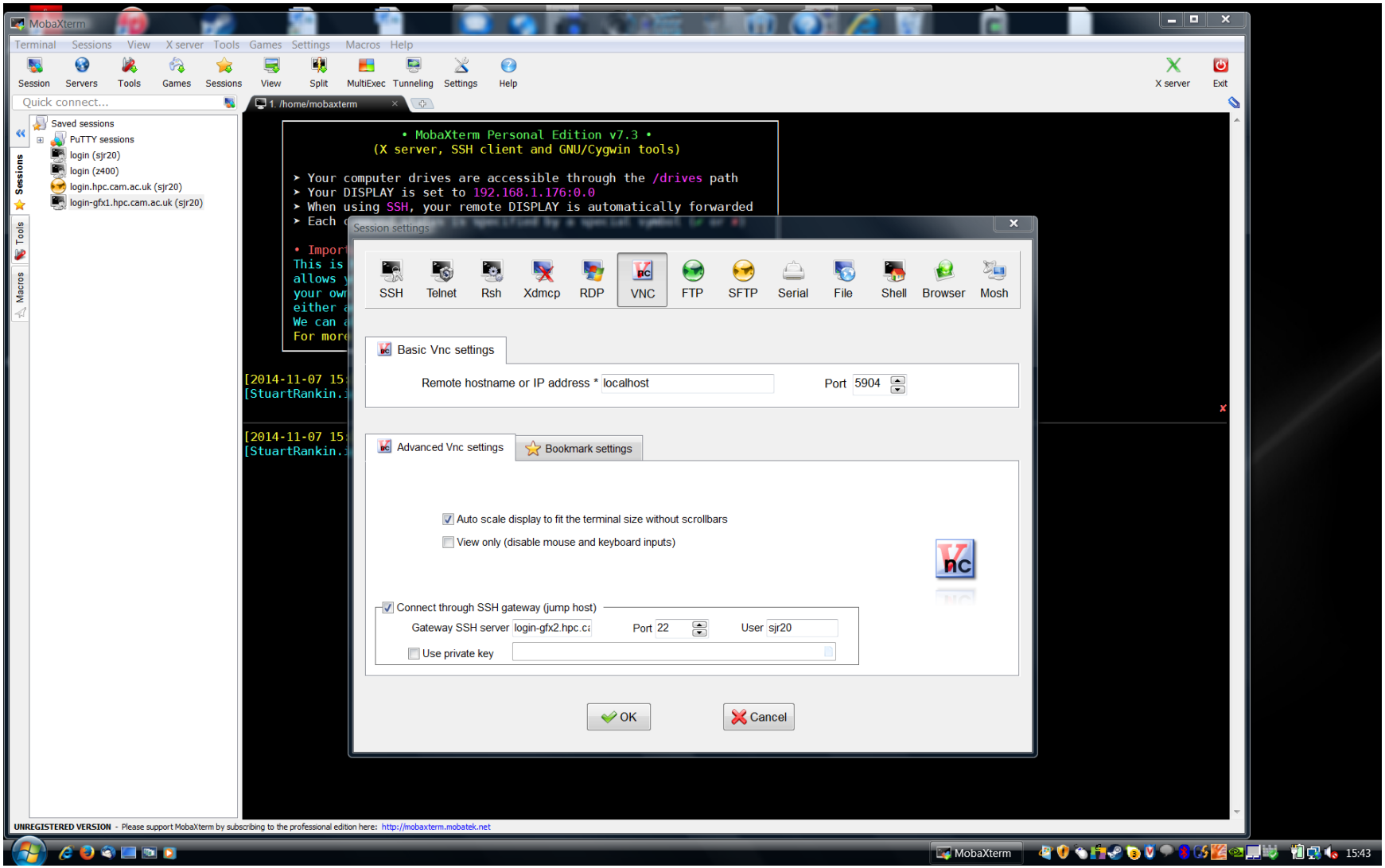

Using HPC: User Environment

- CentOS Linux 7.4 (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.4 rebuild)
  - bash shell
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  - GCC compilers and other development software.
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User Environment: Filesystems

- /home/abc12@npl.ad.local
  - 50GB quota.
  - Visible equally from all nodes.
  - Single storage server.
  - Regular backups.
  - Not intended for job outputs or large/many input files.
- ~/hpc-work
  - Visible equally from all nodes.
  - Larger (1TB initial quota).
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Filesystems: Quotas

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Filesystems: Permissions

- Be careful and if unsure, please ask support.
  - Can lead to accidental destruction of your data or account compromise.
- Avoid changing the permissions on your home directory.
  - Files under /home are particularly security sensitive.
  - Easy to break passwordless communication between nodes.

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- Some are required and automatically loaded on login.
- Others are optional extras, or possible replacements for other modules.
- Beware unloading default modules in ~/.bashrc.
- Beware overwriting environment variables such as PATH and LD_LIBRARY_PATH in ~/.bashrc. If necessary append or prepend.

User Environment: Environment Modules

- Currently loaded:

```
module list
Currently Loaded Modulefiles:
  1) dot                          3) centos7/global
  2) slurm                        4) centos7/default-basic
```

- Available:

```
module av
```

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- Whatis:

```
module whatis openmpi-3.0.0-gcc-4.8.5-n2hvjgm
openmpi-3.0.0-gcc-4.8.5-n2hvjgm: The Open MPI Project is an open source...
```

- Load:

```
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- Unload:

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- Purge:

```
module purge
```

- Defaults:

```
module show centos7/default-basic
module load centos7/default-basic
```

- Run time environment must match compile time environment.

User Environment: Compilers

- GCC

```
gcc -O3 -mtune=native code.c -o prog
gfortran -O3 -mtune=native code.f90 -o prog
```

```
module load openmpi-3.0.0-gcc-4.8.5-n2hvjgm
mpicc -O3 -mtune=native mpi_code.c -o mpi_prog
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- Exercise 5: Modules and Compilers

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  SLURM/PBS/SGE/LSF/...
- Jobs are submitted to the scheduler
  — analogous to submitting jobs to a print queue
  — a file (*submission script*) is copied and queued for processing.

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- Jobs may use part or all of one or more nodes
  — the owner can specify `--exclusive` to force exclusive node access.
- Template submission scripts are available under ~/job_templates.

Job Submission: Using SLURM

- Prepare a shell script and submit it to SLURM:

```
[abc123@login-a-1]$ sbatch slurm_submission_script
Submitted batch job 790299
```

Job Submission: Show Queue

- Submitted job scripts are copied and stored in a queue:

```
[abc123@login-a-1]$ squeue -u abc123
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Job Submission: Monitor Job

- Examine a particular job:

```
[abc123@login-a-1]$ scontrol show job=790290
```

Job Submission: Cancel Job

- Cancel a particular job:

```
[abc123@login-a-1]$ scancel 790290
```

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- SLURM
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#! Name of the job:
#SBATCH -J myjob
#! Which project should be charged:
#SBATCH -A NPL-GENERAL-CPU
#! How many whole nodes should be allocated?
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#! How many tasks will there be in total? (<= nodes*32)
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
#! How much wallclock time will be required?
#SBATCH --time=02:00:00
#! Select partition:
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...
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#SBATCH --ntasks=16
#! How much wallclock time will be required?
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...
```

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- The above job will be given 16 cpus on 1 node for 2 hours (by default there is 1 task per node, and 1 cpu per task).

Job Submission: Accounting Commands

- How many core hours available do I have?

```
mybalance

User           Usage |        Account     Usage | Account Limit Available (hours)
---------- --------- + -------------- --------- + ------------- ---------
sjr20              3 |    SUPPORT-CPU     2,929 |    22,425,600 22,422,671
sjr20              0 |    SUPPORT-GPU         0 |        87,600    87,600
```

- How many core hours does some other project or user have?

```
gbalance -p SUPPORT-CPU

User           Usage |        Account     Usage | Account Limit Available (hours)
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pfb29          2,925 |    SUPPORT-CPU     2,929 |    22,425,600 22,422,671
sjr20 *            3 |    SUPPORT-CPU     2,929 |    22,425,600 22,422,671
...
(Use -u for user.)
```

- List all jobs charged to a project/user between certain times:

```
gstatement -p NPL-GENERAL-CPU  -u xyz10 -s "2018-04-01-00:00:00" -e "2018-04-30-00:00:00"
       JobID      User    Account    JobName  Partition                End ExitCode      State  CompHrs
------------ --------- ---------- ---------- ---------- ------------------- -------- ---------- --------
263              xyz10 support-c+ _interact+    skylake 2018-04-18T19:44:40      0:0    TIMEOUT      1.0
264              xyz10 support-c+ _interact+    skylake 2018-04-18T19:48:07      0:0 CANCELLED+      0.1
275              xyz10 support-c+ _interact+    skylake             Unknown      0:0    RUNNING      0.3
...
```

Job Submission: Single Node Jobs

- Serial jobs requiring large memory, or OpenMP codes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=

#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=  # For OpenMP across  cores
$application $options
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export OMP_NUM_THREADS=32  # For OpenMP across 32 cores
$application $options
...
```

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```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
# Default is 1 task per node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=16  # Half node

#SBATCH --mem=5990
# Memory per node in MB - default is pro rata by cpu number
# Increasing --mem or --cpus-per-task implicitly increases the other
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export OMP_NUM_THREADS=16  # For OpenMP across 16 cores
$application $options
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...
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=16  # For OpenMP across 16 cores (using all memory)
$application $options
...
```

Job Submission: MPI Jobs

- Parallel job across multiple nodes.

```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=4
#SBATCH --ntasks=128     # i.e. 32x4 MPI tasks in total.
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=2
...
mpirun -np 128 $application $options
...
```

- SLURM-aware MPI launches remote tasks via SLURM.
- The template script uses $SLURM_TASKS_PER_NODE to set PPN.

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```
#!/bin/bash
...
#SBATCH --nodes=4
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...
mpirun -ppn 16 -np 64 $application $options
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- Use srun to launch tasks (job steps) within a job.

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...
#SBATCH --nodes=2
...
cd directory_for_job1
srun --exclusive -N 1 -n 1 $application $options_for_job1 > output 2> err &
cd directory_for_job2
srun --exclusive -N 1 -n 1 $application $options_for_job2 > output 2> err &
...
cd directory_for_job64
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wait
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```

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- SLURM

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Submitted batch job 791609

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- **Do . . .**
  - Give reasonably accurate wall times (allows backfilling).
  - Check your balance occasionally (mybalance).
  - Test on a small scale first.
  - Implement checkpointing if possible (reduces resource wastage).
- **Don't . . .**
  - Request more than you need
    — you will wait longer and use more credits.
  - Cancel jobs unnecessarily
    — priority increases over time.