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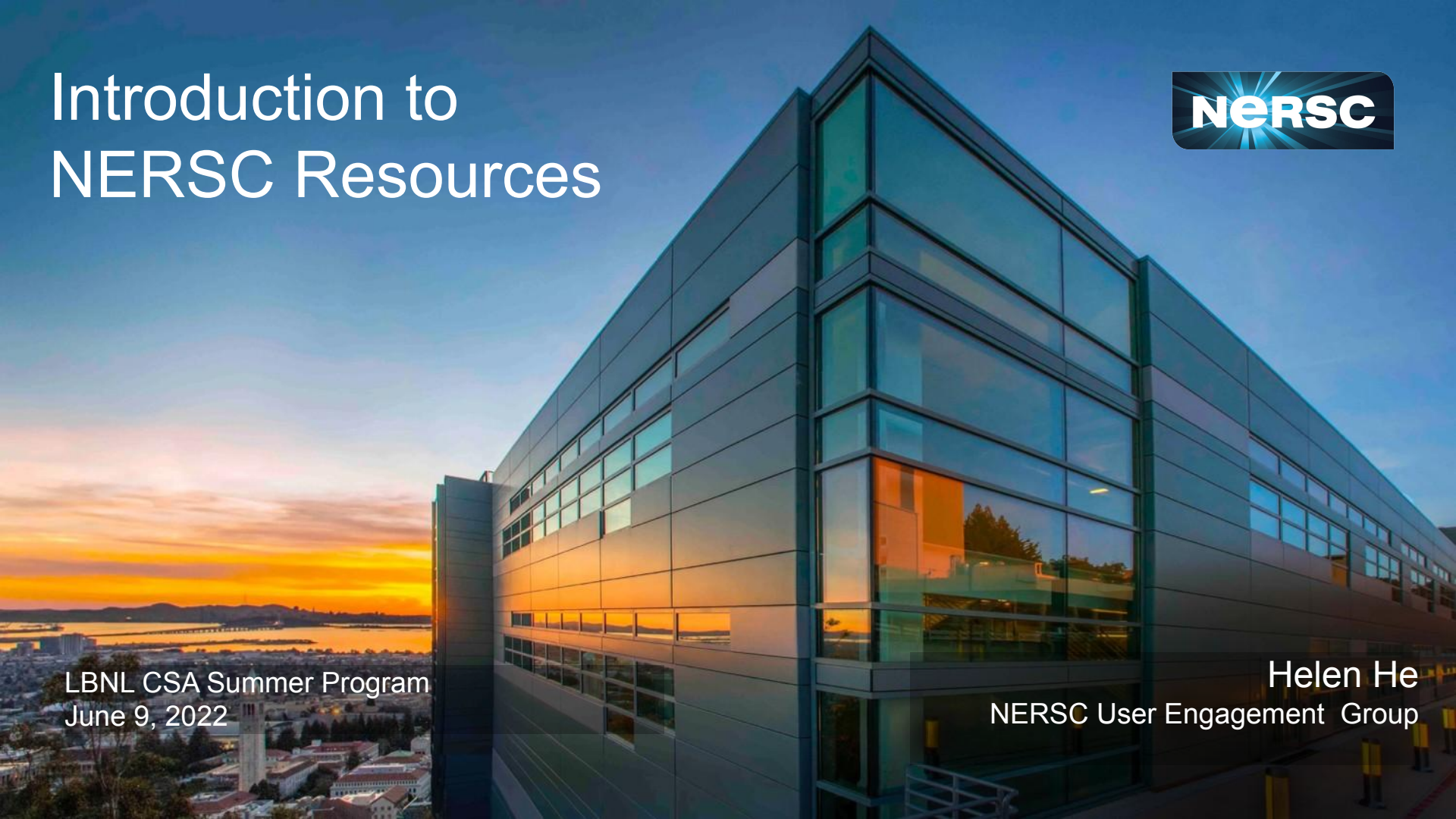

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June 9, 2022

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Some Logistics

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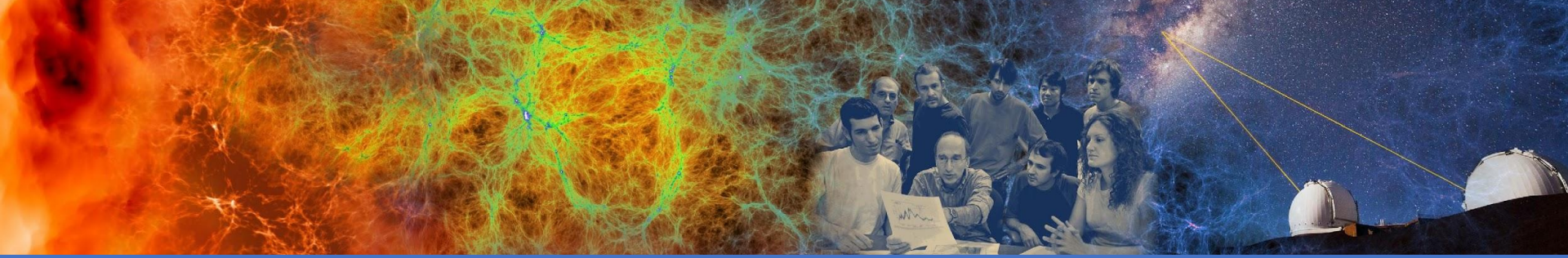
- GDoc is used for Q&A (instead of Zoom chat)
  - https://tinyurl.com/4h8ss95k
- Slides and videos will be available on the Training Event page and CSASP CS Summer Program page
  - https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/events/introduction-to-nersc-resources-jun2022/
  - https://cs.lbl.gov/careers/summer-student-and-faculty-program/2022-csa-summer-program/summer-program/
- Apply for a training account if no NERSC account or MFA not setup yet
  - https://iris.nersc.gov/train, and use the 4-letter code "e1wR"

Outline

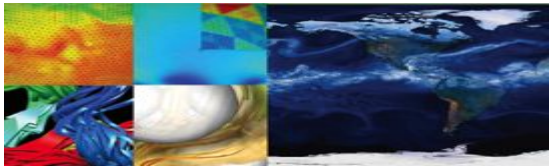
- NERSC and Systems Overview
- NERSC Online Resources
- Connecting to NERSC
- File Systems and Data Management / Transfer
- Software Environment / Building Applications
- **Running Jobs**
- Data Analytics Software and Services
- **Hands-on: Compiling and Running Jobs on Cori**

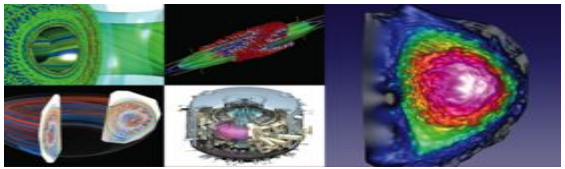


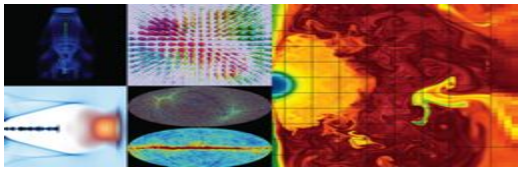
NERSC and Systems Overview

NERSC is the Mission HPC Computing Center for the DOE Office of Science

- NERSC deploys advanced HPC and data systems for the broad Office of Science community
- NERSC staff provide advanced application and system performance expertise to users
- Approximately 8,000 users and 800 projects
- Over 2,000 publications cite using NERSC resources per year
- Founded in 1974, focused on open science
- Division of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

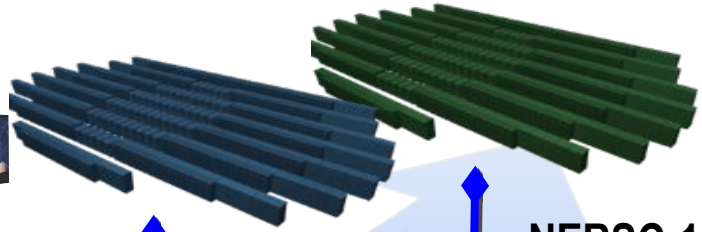


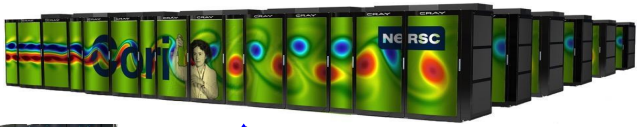




ASCR	Advanced Scientific Computing Research
BER	Biological & Environmental Research
BES	Basic Energy Sciences
FES	Fusion Energy Sciences
HEP	High Energy Physics
NP	Nuclear Physics
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research

NERSC Systems Roadmap





NERSC-7: Edison Multicore CPU

2013

NERSC-8: Cori Manycore CPU
NESAP Launched: transition applications to advanced architectures

2016

NERSC-9: CPU and GPU nodes
Continued transition of applications and support for complex workflows

2021

NERSC-10: Exa system

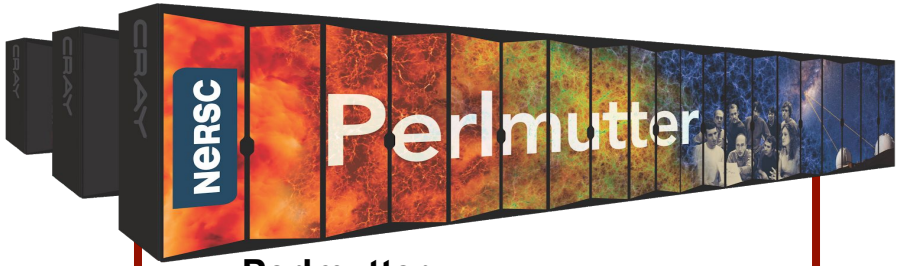
2024

NERSC-11: Beyond Moore

2028

Increasingly energy-efficient architectures

NERSC Systems

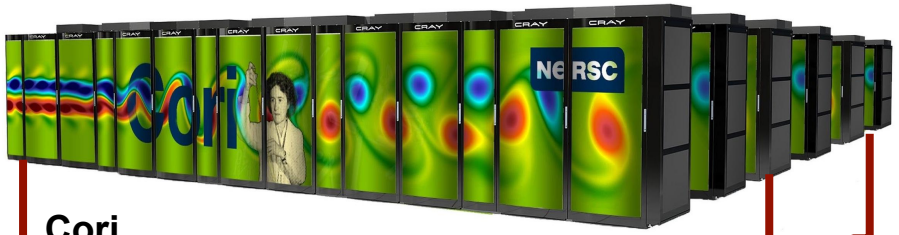


Perlmutter

1,536 NVIDIA A100 accelerated nodes
4 A100 GPUs & 1 AMD 'Milan' CPU per node
384 TB (CPU) + 240 TB (GPU) memory
HPE Cray Slingshot high speed interconnect
World's 7th most powerful supercomputer
140 PF Peak
Pre-production system

5 TB/s

35 PB Scratch



Cori

9,600 Intel Xeon Phi "KNL" manycore nodes
2,000 Intel Xeon "Haswell" nodes
700,000 processor cores, 1.2 PB memory
Cray XC40 / Aries Dragonfly interconnect
30 PF Peak

1.5 TB/s

2 PB Burst Buffer

700 GB/s

28 PB Scratch

50 GB/s

HPSS Tape Archive ~200 PB

DTNs, Spin, Gateways

ESnet ENERGY SCIENCES NETWORK
2 x 100 Gb/s SDN

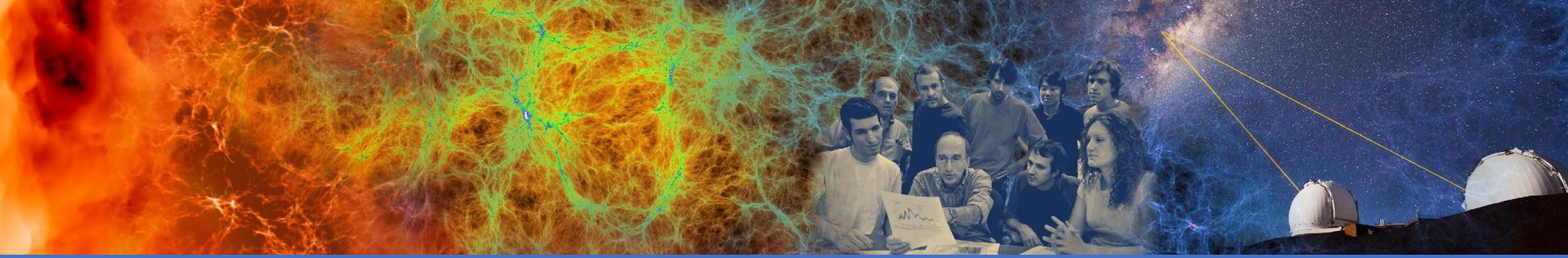
Ethernet & IB Fabric
Science Friendly Security
Production Monitoring
Power Efficiency
LAN

100 GB/s

120 PB Common File System

5 GB/s

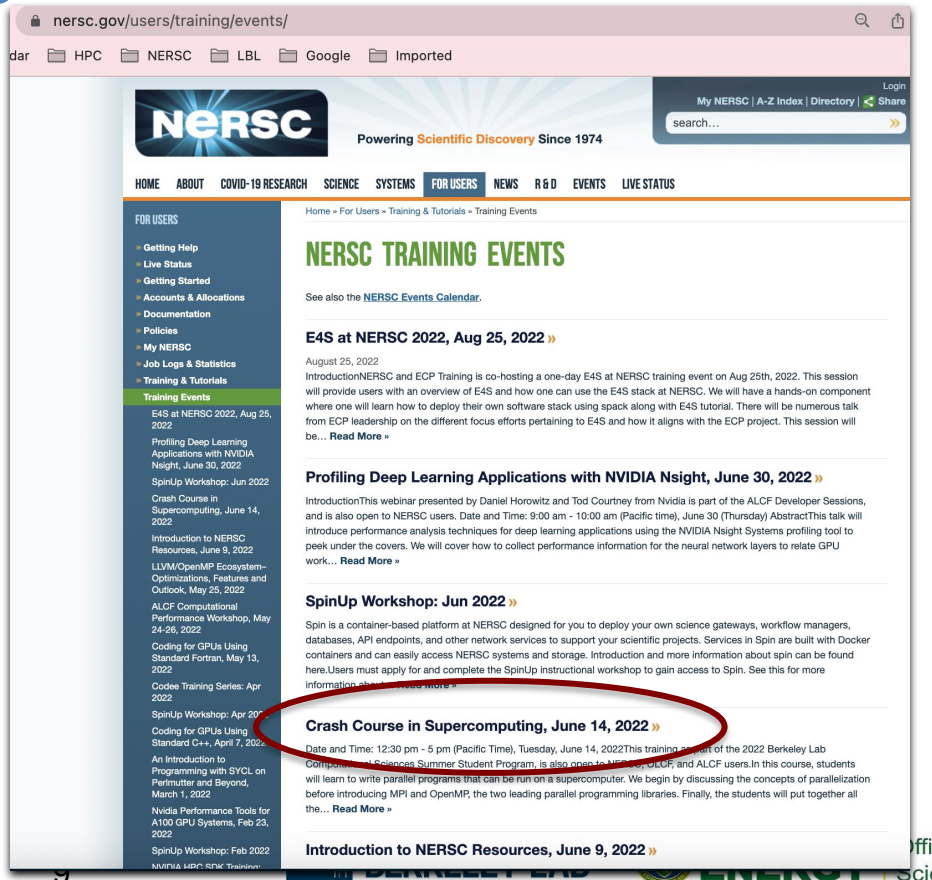
275 TB /home



NERSC Online Resources

Classic NERSC Page

- https://www.nersc.gov
- Science, News, Publications
- Contact Us
- Live Status (MOTD) https://www.nersc.gov/live-status/motd/
- NUG (and Slack)
- Training Events https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/events/



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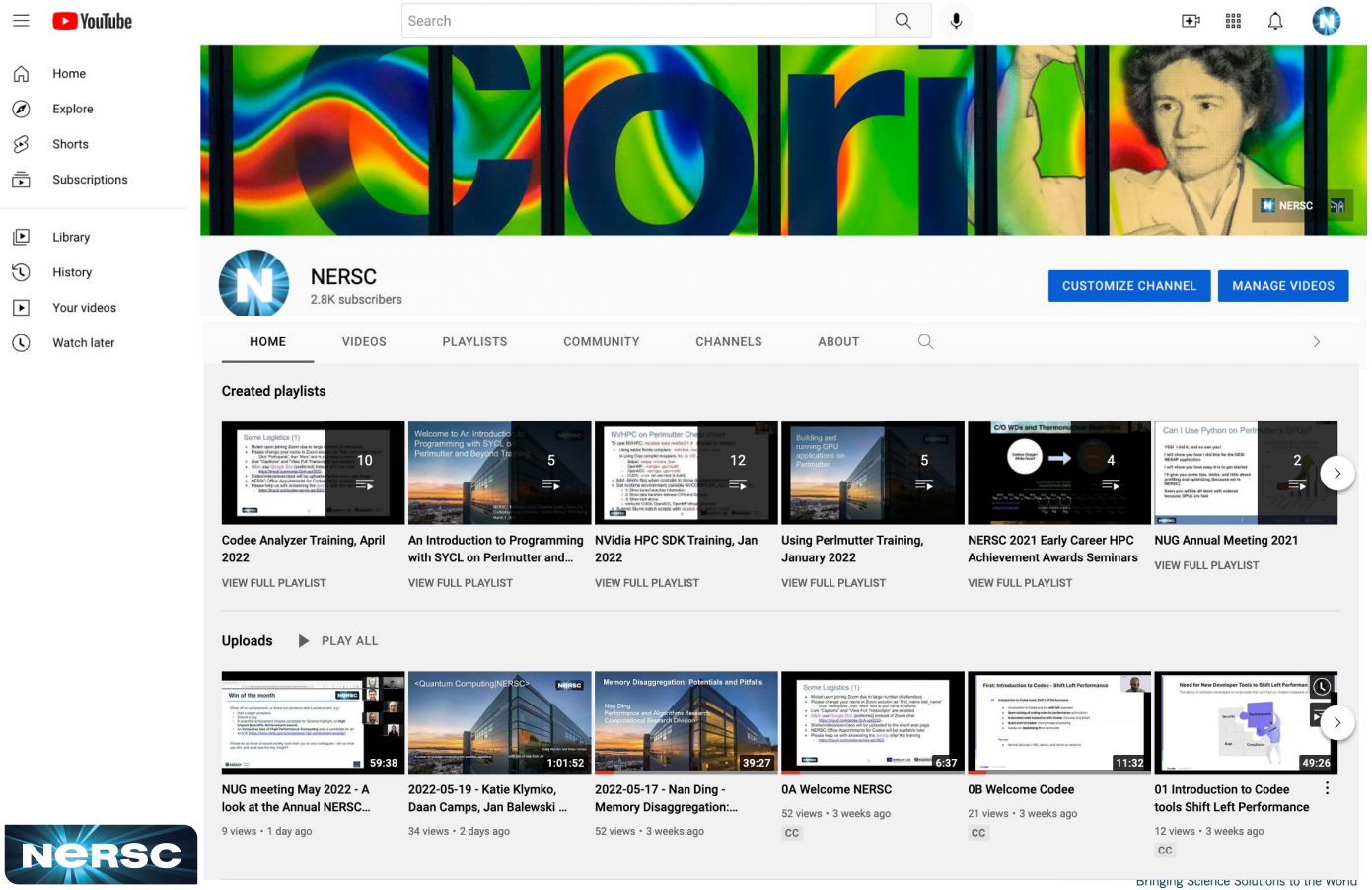

https://www.youtube.com/c/NERSCTraining-HPC

Training sessions and other NERSC events presentations are archived on youtube, with professional captions

User Slack; User Appointments

Lincoln Bryant Today at 10:11 AM
hi folks. I'm trying to figure out what filesystems are attached to perlmutter and also accessible via Globus. On Cori we used `/global/cscratch1` for our job input/output via the NERSC Cori globus endpoint. Can anyone point me to the equivalent for Perlmutter? Maybe I missed something blindingly obvious in the docs..

2 replies

Wileam Phan (LBNL) 5 minutes ago
Use the `$PSCRATCH` environment variable, according to https://docs.nersc.gov/filesystems/perlmutter-scratch/

> **docs.nersc.gov**
> Perlmutter scratch - NERSC Documentation
> NERSC Documentation

Jean Sexton 2 minutes ago
I have not yet seen pscratch accessible from globus, some people use the CFS project directories, since those are visible from cori/dtn/globus/perlmutter
https://docs.nersc.gov/systems/perlmutter/#transferring-data-to-from-perlmutter-scratch

> **docs.nersc.gov**
> Using Perlmutter - NERSC Documentation
> NERSC Documentation

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https://www.nersc.gov/users/NUG/

https://docs.nersc.gov/getting-started/#appointments-with-nersc-user-support-staff

1 Choose Appointment

- **GPU Basics** (30 minutes)
- **KNL Optimization** (30 minutes)
- **Cori File Systems** (30 minutes)
- **Using GPUs in Python** (30 minutes)
- **Containers** (30 minutes)
- **NERSC 101** (30 minutes)
- **Checkpoint/Restart jobs with MANA** (30 minutes)
- **Spin** (30 minutes)
- **Appentra Codee** (30 minutes)

NERSC Docs

Technical Documentations
https://docs.nersc.gov

- Getting Started

https://docs.nersc.gov/getting-started/

- IRIS
- Systems
- Connecting
- Environment
- Development
- Running Jobs
- Applications
- Analytics
- Machine Learning
- Performance
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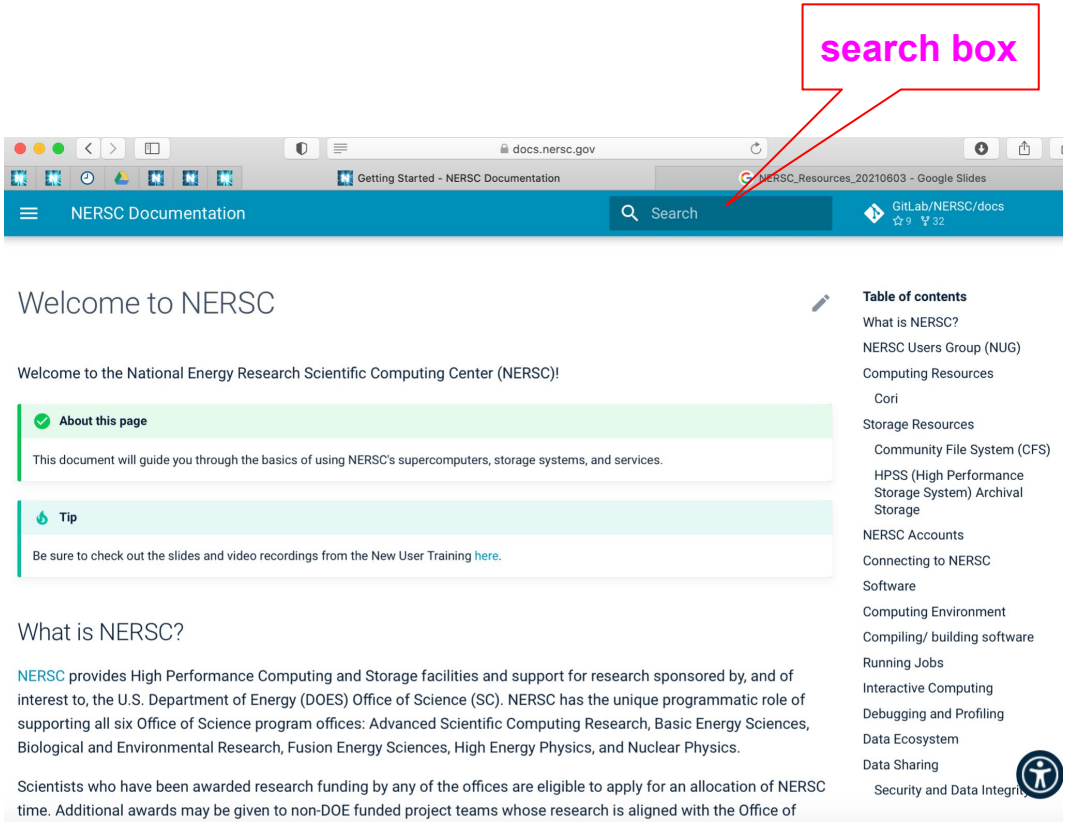

Tree View of NERSC Docs Topics

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      - Collaboration Accounts: accounts/collaboration_accounts.md
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      - iris/index.md
      - Users: iris/iris-for-users.md
      - PIs and Project Managers: iris/iris-for-pis.md
      - ERCAP and Iris Guide for Allocation Managers: iris/iris-for-allocation-managers.md
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      - Perlmutter:
        - Using Perlmutter: systems/perlmutter/index.md
        - System: systems/perlmutter/system_details.md
        - Interconnect: systems/perlmutter/interconnect/index.md
        - Running Jobs: systems/perlmutter/running-jobs/index.md
        - Finding and using software: systems/perlmutter/software/finding-software.md
        - Timeline: systems/perlmutter/timeline/index.md
      - Cori:
        - systems/cori/index.md
        - Interconnect: systems/cori/interconnect/index.md
        - KNL Modes: systems/cori/knl_modes/index.md
        - Timeline:
  - Development:
    - Compilers:
        - development/compilers/index.md
        - Base Compilers: development/compilers/base.md
        - Compiler Wrappers (recommended): development/compilers/wrappers.md
        - NPE: development/compilers/npe.md
    - Build Tools:
        - Autoconf and Make: development/build-tools/autoconf-make.md
        - CMake: development/build-tools/cmake.md
        - Spack: development/build-tools/spack.md
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          - Cray MPICH: development/programming-models/mpi/cray-mpich.md
          - Open MPI: development/programming-models/mpi/openmpi.md
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        - OpenACC:
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        - CUDA:
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        - UPC: development/programming-models/upc.md
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        - Coarrays: development/programming-models/coarrays.md
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        - Raja: development/programming-models/raja.md
    - Languages:
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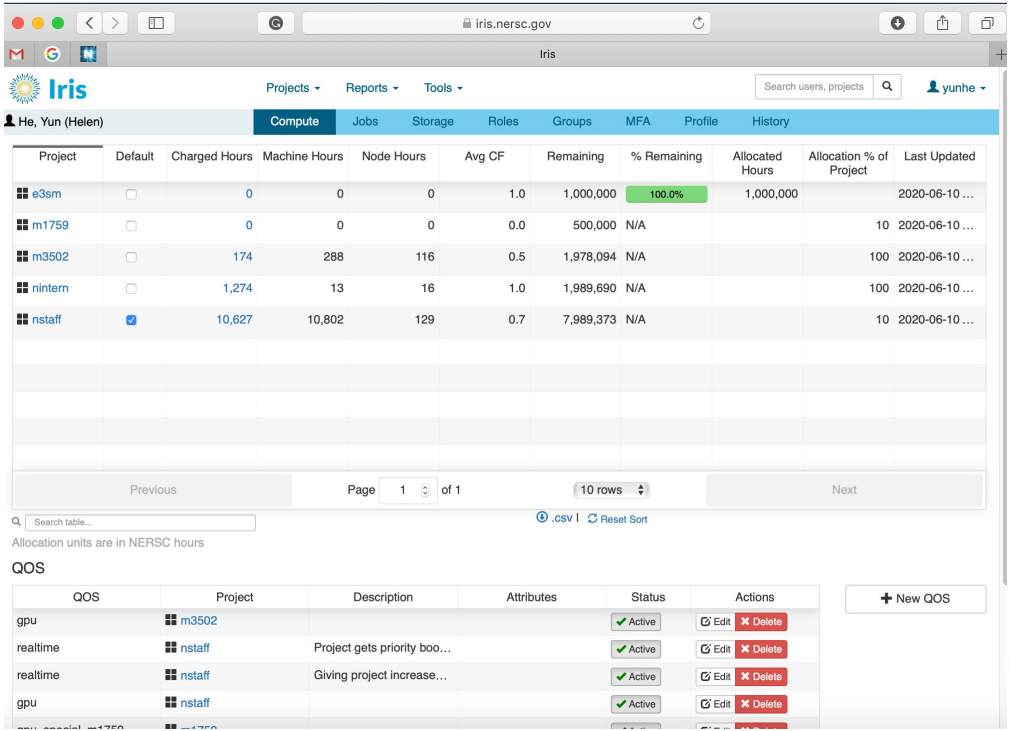
IRIS

- IRIS: NERSC Account Management and Reporting: https://iris.nersc.gov
  - Account info
  - Change password
  - Change contact info
  - SSH Keys, MFA
  - Check usage info



Help Portal

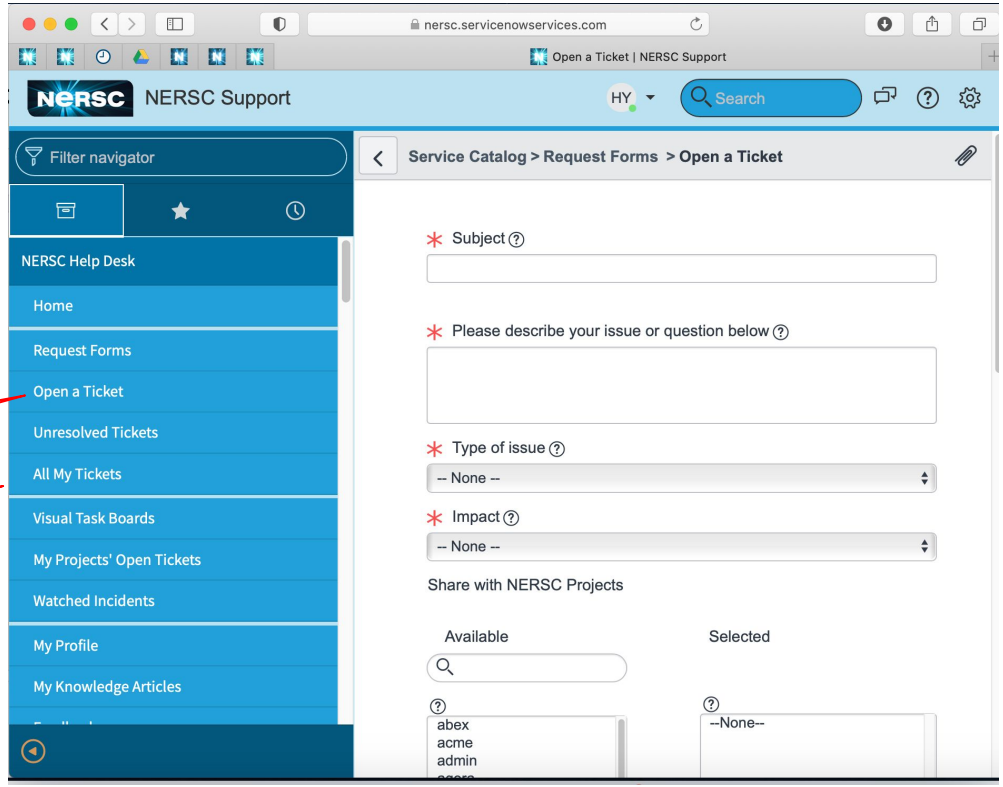
https://help.nersc.gov

- Submit tickets (ask questions)
- Request forms:
  - Quota Increase
  - Reservations, …
- Allocation (ERCAP) Requests

Open a ticket

All my tickets

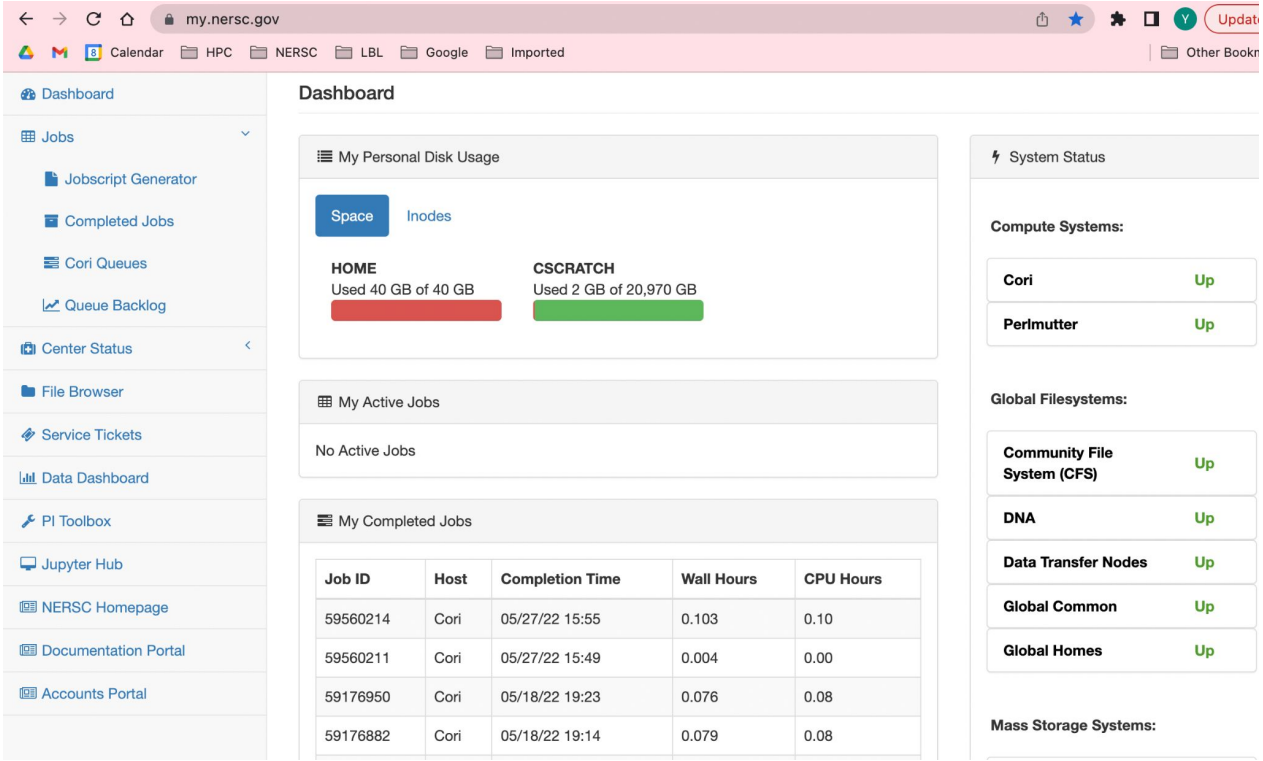
My project's open tickets



MyNERSC

https://my.nersc.gov

- Dashboard
- Jobs
- Center Status
- File Browser
- Service Tickets
- Data Dashboard
- Jupyter Hub
- Links to other useful pages



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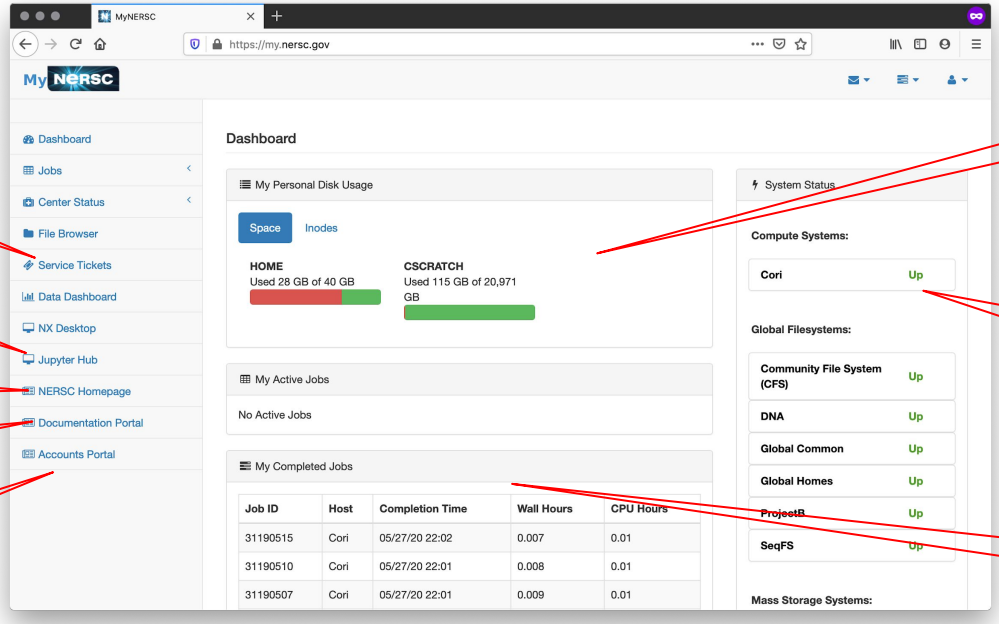

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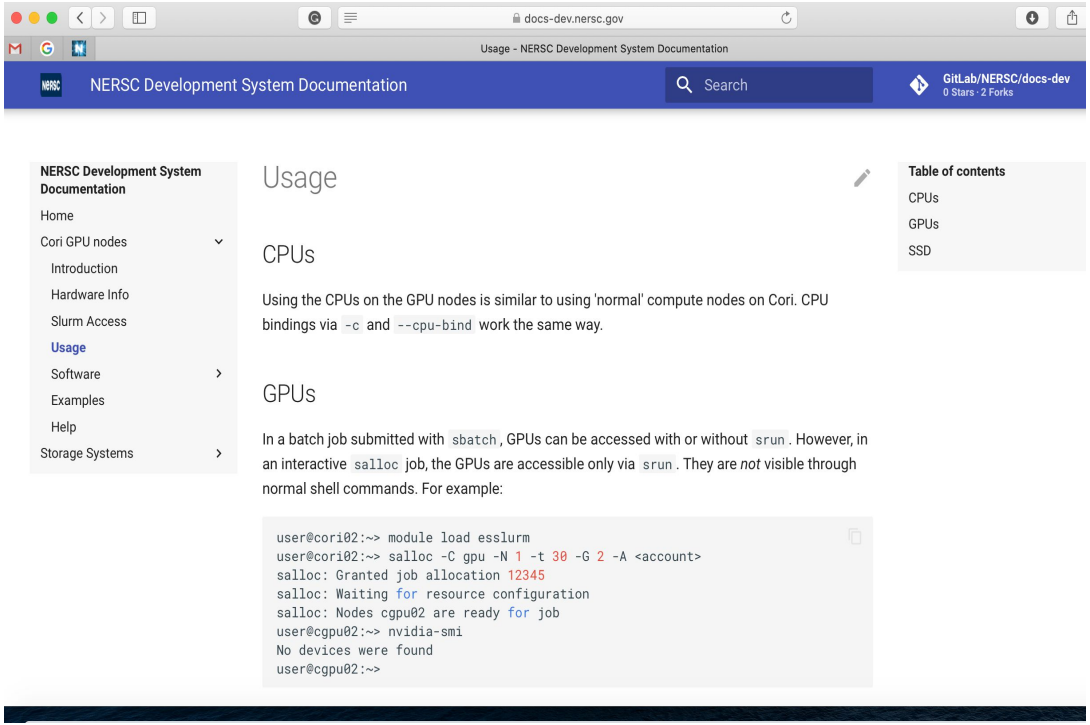
is cori up?

my jobs

Cori GPU Documentation

https://docs-dev.nersc.gov

- GPU nodes
  - Hardware info
  - Slurm access
  - Usage
  - Software
    - Compilers
    - Math libraries
    - Python
    - Shifter
    - Profiling
  - Examples



Perlmutter Documentation

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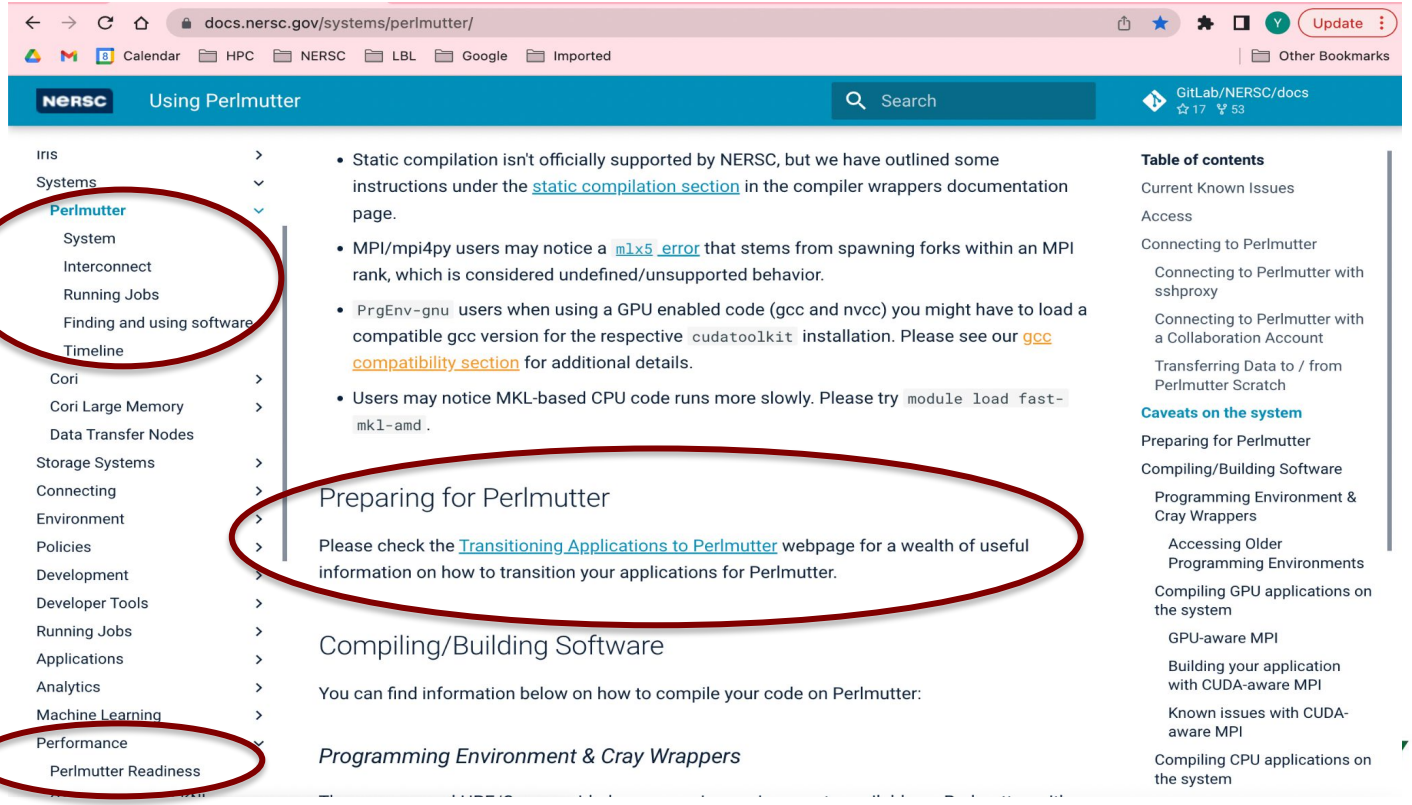
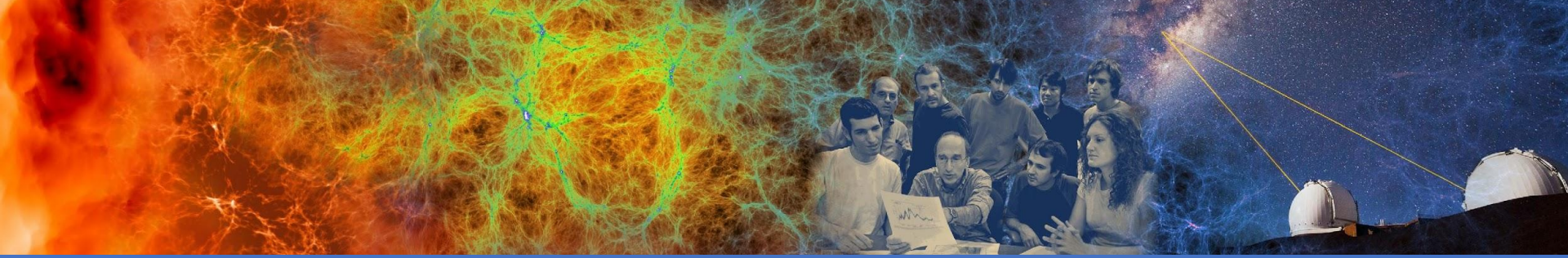


Selected Perlmutter Training Events

https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/events/

- Using Perlmutter, Jan 2022
- Nvidia HPC SDK, Jan 2022
- Nvidia Performance Tools, Feb 2022
- Codee Training, Apr 2022
- Coding for GPUs with Standard C++, Apr 2022
- Coding for GPUs with Standard Fortran, May 2022
- Programming with SYCL, Mar 2022
- LLVM/OpenMP Ecosystem, May 2022
- OpenMP Offload, Sept 2021
- 3-part OpenACC training series, Apr-Jun, 2020
- 9-part CUDA training series, Jan 2020 - Sept 2021
- GPU for Science, Jul 2020
- Data Analytics in Python on GPUs with NVIDIA RAPIDS, Apr 2020



Connecting to NERSC

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and sshproxy

- NERSC password + OTP ("One-Time Password")
  - OTP obtained via the “Google Authenticator” app on your smartphone
  - Alternative/backup option: Authy on desktop https://authy.com/
- MFA is used in login to NERSC systems, web sites, and services
  - Setup MFA https://docs.nersc.gov/connect/mfa/
- sshproxy.sh creates a short-term certificate
  - Run sshproxy.sh once, then you can ssh to NERSC systems for the next 24 hours before being asked for password+OTP again
  - https://docs.nersc.gov/connect/mfa/#sshproxy

SSH and MFA Examples

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<laptop>$ ssh elvis@cori.nersc.gov
…
Login connection to host cori01 :
Password + OTP:
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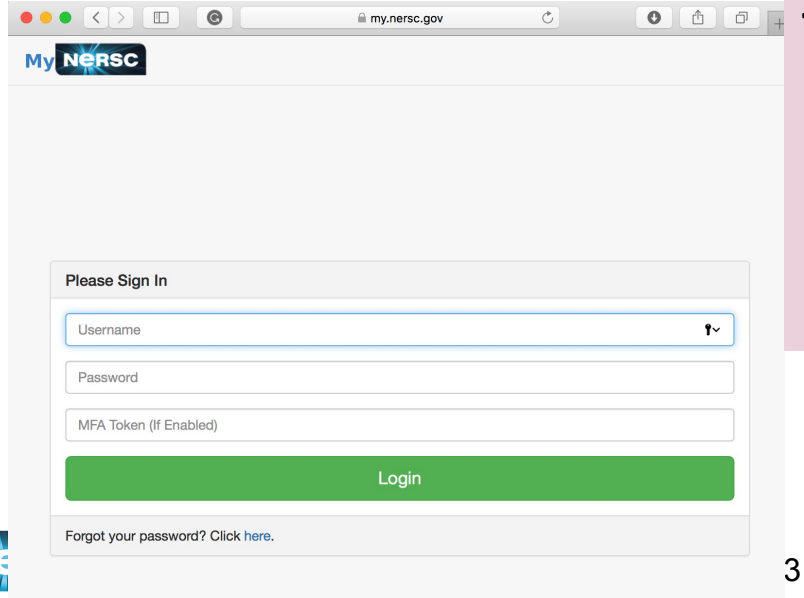


You will login to one of the login nodes (12 on Cori).

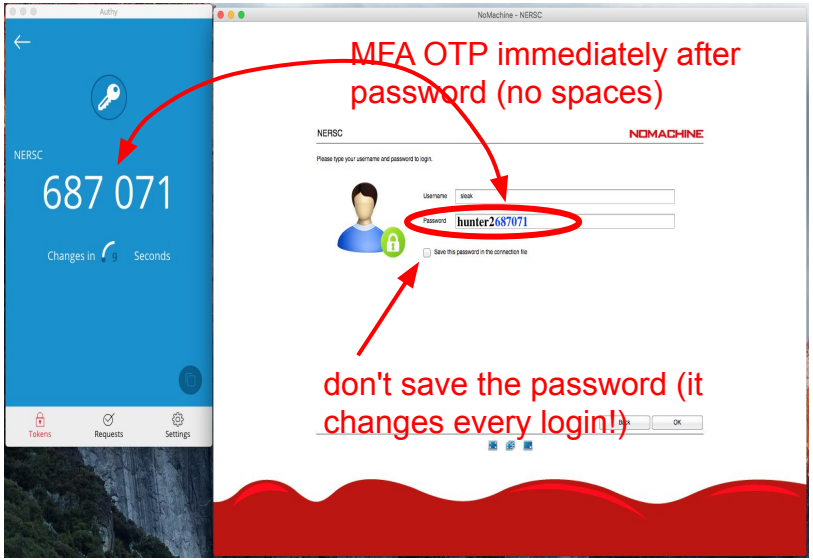
To allow X-forwarding to access visualization programs, use the "-Y" flag:

localhost% ssh -Y elvis@ cori.nersc.gov

e/elvis> module load matlab
e/elvis> matlab
<MATLAB starts up>

Connecting to NERSC: NX

- NERSC recommends using NX instead of SSH X-forwarding since NX is faster and more reliable
- NX is a service for Accelerated X
- NX also has the benefit of long lasting terminal sessions that can survive between lost internet connections
  - Can reconnect later, even from a different location or computer
- Download and install the Client software: NoMachine
  - https://docs.nersc.gov/connect/nx
  - Works on Window/Mac/Linux



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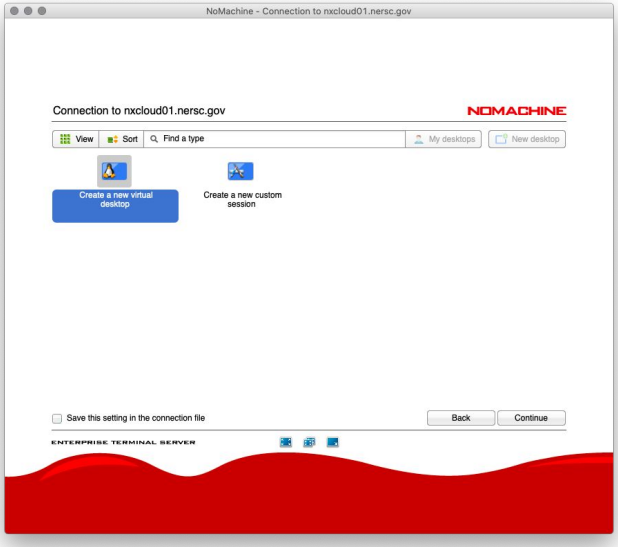
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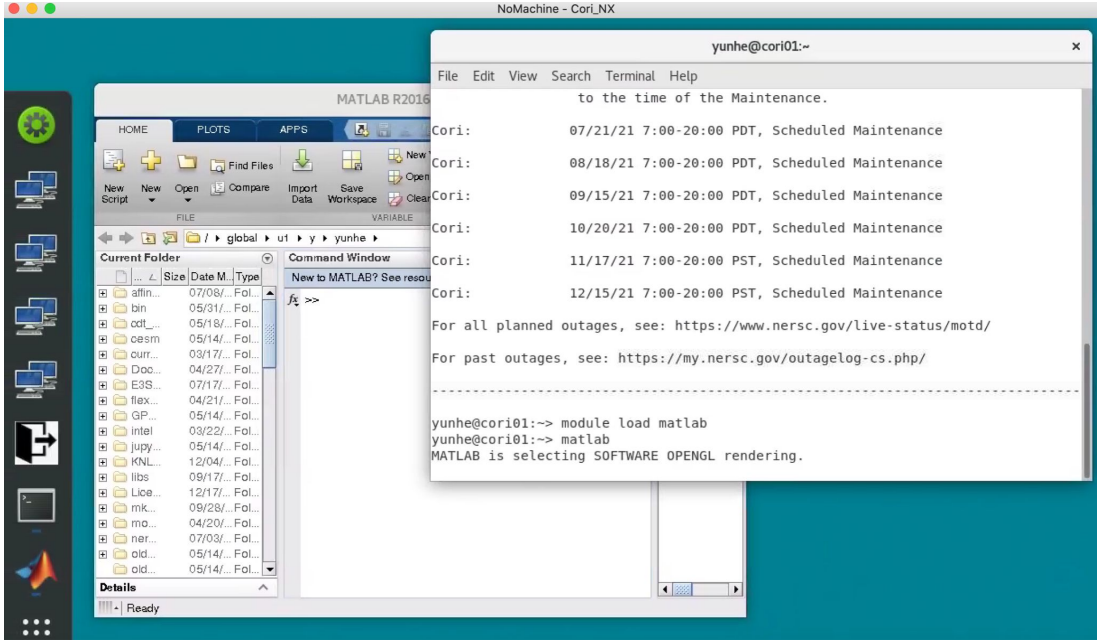
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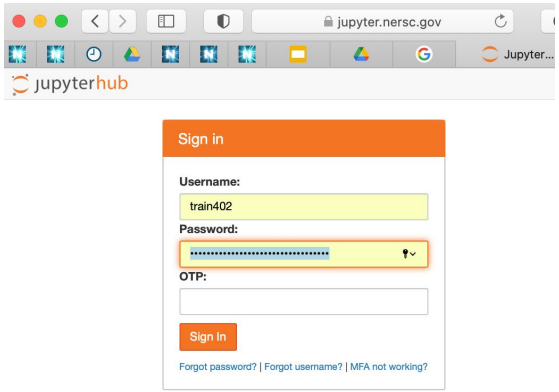
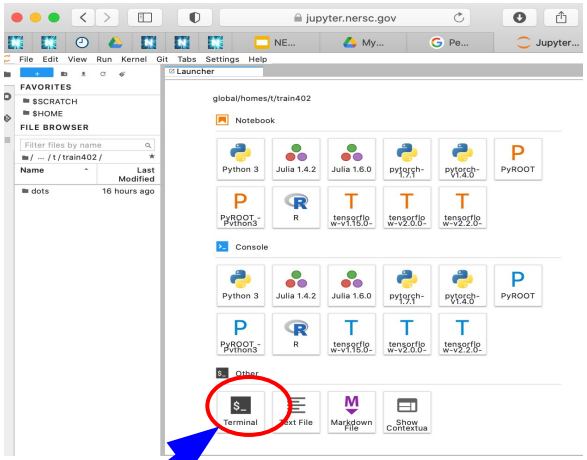
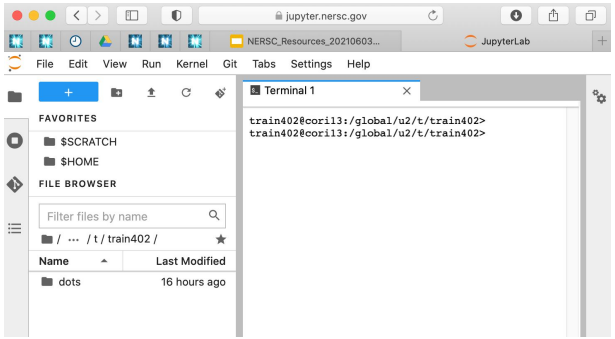
Cori: 08/18/21 7:00-20:00 PDT, Scheduled Maintenance
Cori: 09/15/21 7:00-20:00 PDT, Scheduled Maintenance
Cori: 10/20/21 7:00-20:00 PDT, Scheduled Maintenance
Cori: 11/17/21 7:00-20:00 PST, Scheduled Maintenance
Cori: 12/15/21 7:00-20:00 PST, Scheduled Maintenance
For all planned outages, see: https://www.nersc.gov/live-status/motd/
For past outages, see: https://my.nersc.gov/outagelog-cs.php/
yunhe@cori01:~> module load matlab
yunhe@cori01:~> matlab
MATLAB is selecting SOFTWARE OPENGL rendering.
MATLAB R2016
HOME
PLOTS
APPS
Current Folder
Command Window
Details
Ready

Terminal in Jupyter

You can access Cori from any web browser, via https://jupyter.nersc.gov







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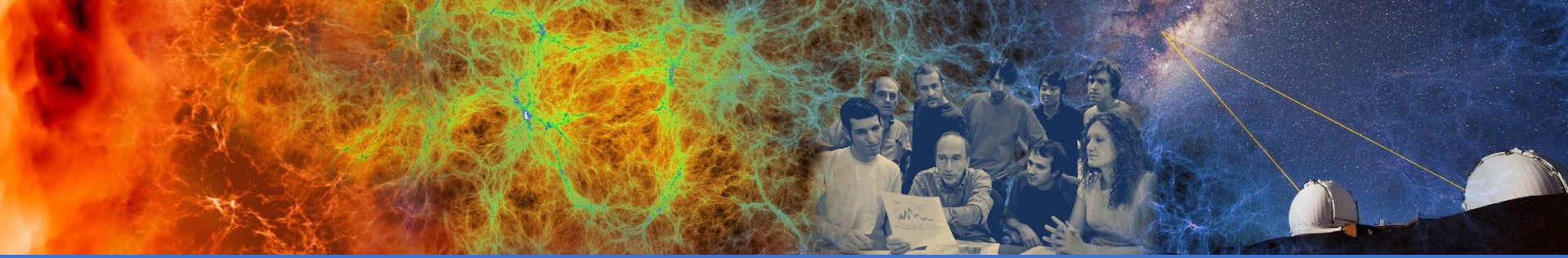
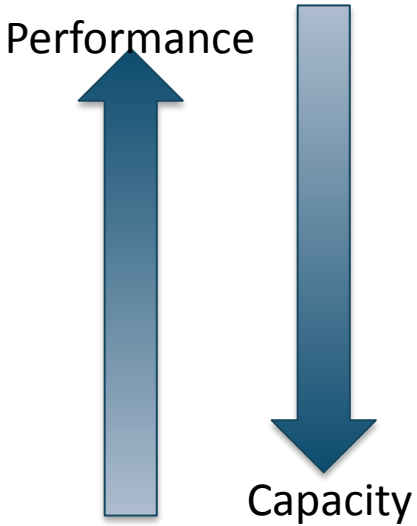


File Systems and Data Management / Transfer

Simplified NERSC File Systems



Memory

Burst Buffer

Scratch

Community

HPSS

Global Common

Global Home

35 PB (Perlmutter) Flash Scratch
Lustre >5 TB/s
temporarily (purge)

1.8 PB SSD Burst Buffer on Cori
Cray Datawarp 1.8 TB/s,
temporary for job or campaign

28 PB (Cori) HDD Scratch
Lustre 700 GB/s,
temporary (12 wk purge)

157 PB HDD Community
Spectrum Scale (GPFS)
150 GB/s, permanent

150 PB Tape Archive
HPSS Forever

20 TB SSD Software
Spectrum Scale
Permanent
Faster compiling / Source Code

NERSC

Global File Systems

Global Home

- Permanent, relatively small storage
- Mounted on all platforms
- NOT tuned to perform well for parallel jobs
- Quota cannot be changed
- Snapshot backups (7-day history)
- **Perfect for storing data such as source code, shell scripts**

Community File System (CFS)

- Permanent, larger storage
- Mounted on all platforms
- Medium performance for parallel jobs
- Quota can be changed
- Snapshot backups (7-day history)
- **Perfect for sharing data within research group**

Local File Systems

Scratch

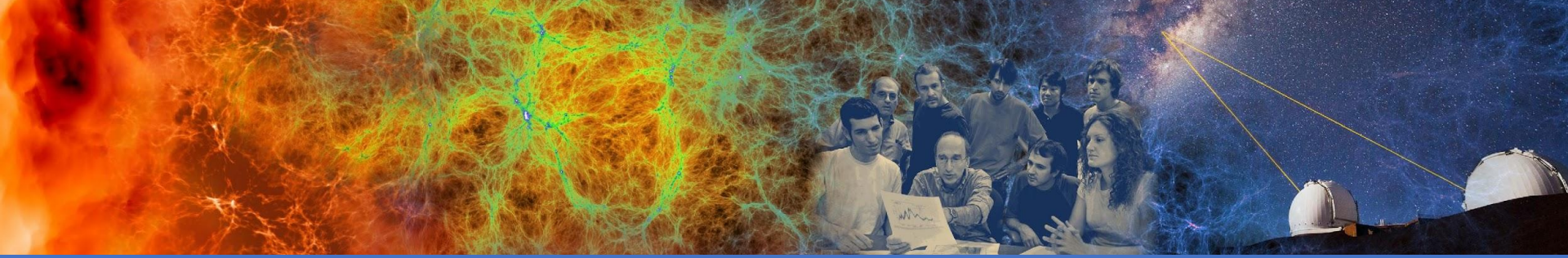
- Large, temporary storage
- Optimized for read/write operations, NOT storage
- Not backed up
- Purge policy (12 weeks)
- **Perfect for staging data and performing computations**

Burst Buffer

- Temporary storage
- High-performance SSD file system
- **Perfect for getting good performance in I/O-constrained codes**
- (Support is reduced)

HPSS: Long Term Storage System

- High-Performance Storage System
- Archival storage of infrequently accessed data
- Use hsi and htar to put/get files between NERSC computational systems and HPSS
- https://docs.nersc.gov/filesystems/archive/



Software Environment and Building Applications

Software

- Cray supercomputers OS is a version of Linux
- Compilers are provided on machines
- Libraries: many libraries provided by vendor and by NERSC
- Applications: NERSC compiles and supports many software packages (such as chemistry and materials sciences packages) for our users
- DOE Extreme-scale Scientific Software Stack (E4S): open-source projects, including xSDK, dev-tools, math-libraries, compilers, and more

Modules Environment

- Modules are used to manage the user environment
  - https://docs.nersc.gov/environment/#nersc-modules-environment

`module`	
`list`	To list the modules in your environment

`avail`
 	
`avail -S`
	To list available modules
	To see all available modules: `% module avail`
	To see all available *netcdf* modules: `% module avail -S netcdf`

`load/unload`	To load or unload module
`show/display`	To see what a module loads
`whatis`	Display the module file information
`swap/switch`	To swap two modules For example: to swap architecture target from Haswell to KNL `% module swap craype-haswell craype-mic-knl`
`help`	General help: `$module help` Information about a module: `$ module help PrgEnv-cray`

Default Loaded Modules

```
yunhe@cori08:~> module list
Currently Loaded Modulefiles:
  1) modules/3.2.11.4                                 12) xpmem/2.2.27-7.0.3.1_3.10__gada73ac.ari
  2) darshan/3.3.1                                    13) job/2.2.4-7.0.3.1_3.17__g36b56f4.ari
  3) craype-network-aries                             14) dvs/2.12_2.2.224-7.0.3.1_3.14__gc77db2af
  4) intel/19.1.2.254                                 15) alps/6.6.67-7.0.3.1_3.21__gb91cd181.ari
  5) craype/2.7.10                                    16) rca/2.2.20-7.0.3.1_3.18__g8e3fb5b.ari
  6) cray-libsci/20.09.1                              17) atp/3.14.9
  7) udreg/2.3.2-7.0.3.1_3.16__g5f0d670.ari           18) perftools-base/21.12.0
  8) ugni/6.0.14.0-7.0.3.1_6.4__g8101a58.ari          19) PrgEnv-intel/6.0.10
  9) pmi/5.0.17                                       20) craype-haswell
 10) dmapp/7.1.1-7.0.3.1_3.21__g93a7e9f.ari           21) cray-mpich/7.7.19
 11) gni-headers/5.0.12.0-7.0.3.1_3.9__gd0d73fe.ari   22) craype-hugepages2M
```

4) Compiler 6) Cray Scientific Libraries
19) Programing Environment
20) Target architecture Driver 21) MPI Libraries

Cori uses Tcl module
Perlmutter uses LMOD

Cross-Compile is Needed

- Cori: Haswell compute nodes and KNL compute nodes
- All Cori login nodes are Haswell nodes
- We need to cross-compile
  - Directly compile on KNL compute nodes is very slow
  - Compile on login nodes; Executables run on compute nodes
- Recommend to build separate binaries for each architecture (Cori Haswell, Cori KNL, Perlmutter CPU, Perlmutter GPU) to take advantage of optimizations unique to processor type
  - Haswell binaries do run on KNL
  - All other binaries are not compatible among each other

Software Environment

- Available compilers: Intel, GNU, Cray
- Use compiler wrappers to build. It calls native compilers for each compiler (such as ifort, mpiicc, etc.) underneath.
  - Do not use native compilers directly.
  - ftn for Fortran codes: **ftn my_code.F90**
  - cc for C codes: **cc my_code.c**
  - CC for C++ codes: **CC my_code.cc**
- Compiler wrappers add header files and link in MPI and other loaded Cray libraries by default
  - Builds applications dynamically by default. Can add “-static” to build statically if chosen

Building Simple Test Program (1)

- To build on Cori Haswell:
  - Using default Intel compiler:

    ftn -o mytest mytest_code.F90
  - Using Cray compiler:

    module swap PrgEnv-intel PrgEnv-cray

    ftn -o mytest mytest_code.F90

Building Simple Test Program (2)

- To build on Cori KNL
  - Using default Intel compiler

    module swap craype-haswell craype-mic-knl

    cc -o mytest mytest_code.c
  - Using Cray compiler

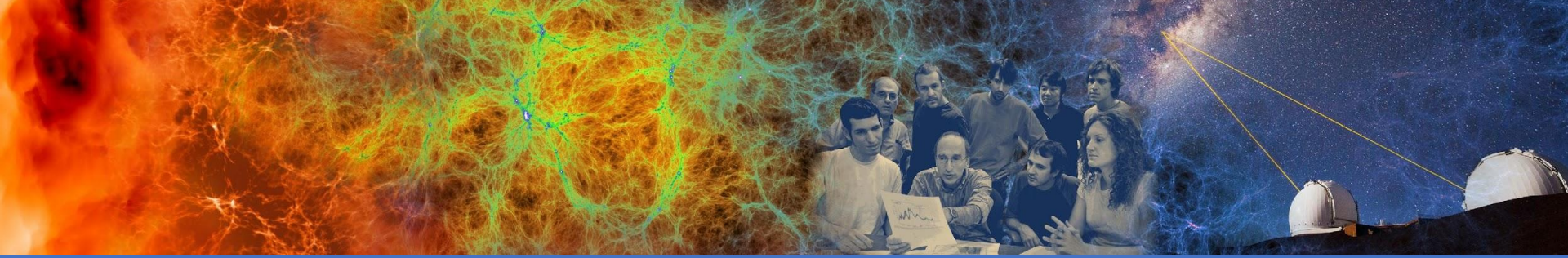
    module swap PrgEnv-intel PrgEnv-cray

    module swap craype-haswell craype-mic-knl

    cc -o mytest mytest_code.c

Building Applications on Perlmutter

- User environment and instructions are still evolving
- Building for Perlmutter CPU similar to Cori
- More info on building for Perlmutter GPU
  - https://docs.nersc.gov/systems/perlmutter/#compilingbuilding-software
- More info on porting and optimizing for GPU on Perlmutter Readiness page
  - https://docs.nersc.gov/performance/readiness/
  - Basic GPU concepts and programming considerations, programming models, running jobs, machine learning applications, libraries, profiling tools, IO, case studies, …



Running Jobs

Jobs at NERSC

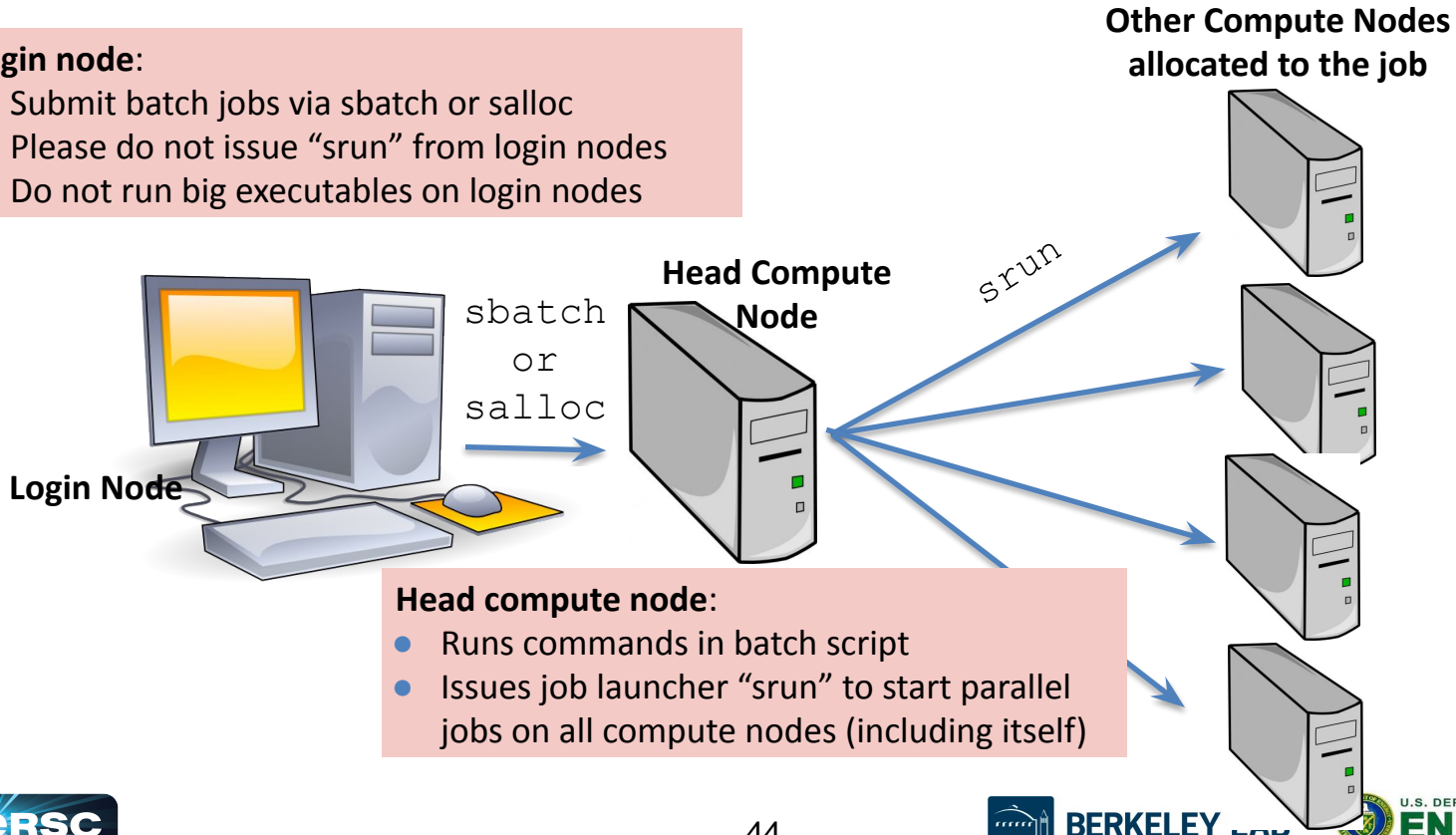
- Most are parallel jobs (10s to 100,000+ cores)
- Also a number of “serial” jobs
  - Typically “pleasantly parallel” simulation or data analysis
- Production runs execute in batch mode
- Our batch scheduler is SLURM
- Typical run times are a few to 10s of hours
  - Limits are necessary because of MTBF and the need to accommodate 7,000 users’ jobs

Login Nodes and Compute Nodes

- Login nodes (external)
  - Edit files, compile codes, submit batch jobs, etc.
  - Run short, serial utilities and applications
  - Cori has Haswell login nodes
- Compute nodes
  - Execute your application
  - Dedicated resources for your job
  - Cori has Haswell and KNL compute nodes
  - Binaries built for Haswell can run on KNL nodes, but not vice versa

Launching Parallel Jobs with Slurm

Login node:
- Submit batch jobs via sbatch or salloc
- Please do not issue “srun” from login nodes
- Do not run big executables on login nodes



Head compute node:
- Runs commands in batch script
- Issues job launcher “srun” to start parallel jobs on all compute nodes (including itself)

My First “Hello World” Program

```
my_batch_script:

#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q debug
#SBATCH -N 2
#SBATCH -t 10:00
#SBATCH -C haswell
#SBATCH -L SCRATCH
#SBATCH -J myjob
srun -n 64 ./helloWorld
```

To run via batch queue

% sbatch my_batch_script

To run via interactive batch

% salloc -N 2 -q interactive -C haswell -t 10:00

<wait_for_session_prompt. Land on a compute node>

% srun -n 64 ./helloWorld

Sample Cori Haswell Batch Script - MPI

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 40
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SBATCH -C haswell
#SBATCH -L SCRATCH
#SBATCH -J myjob

srun -n 1280 -c 2 --cpu_bind=cores ./mycode.exe
```

32 MPI tasks per node in this example

- There are 64 logical CPUs (the number Slurm sees) on each node
- "-c" specifies #_logical_CPUs to be allocated to each MPI task
- --cpu-bind is critical especially when nodes are not fully occupied

Sample Cori Haswell Batch Script - Hybrid MPI/OpenMP

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 40
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SBATCH -C haswell

export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
export OMP_PROC_BIND=true
export OMP_PLACES=threads

srun -n 160 -c 16 --cpu-bind=cores ./mycode.exe
```

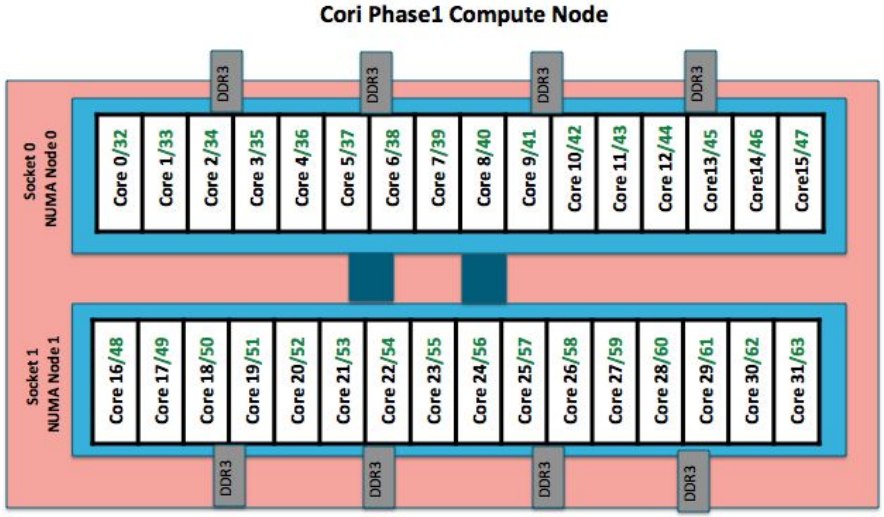
4 MPI tasks per node in this example

- Set OMP_NUM_THREADS
- Use OpenMP standard settings for process and thread affinity
- Again, “-c” specifies #_logical_CPUs to be allocated to each MPI task
  - with 4 MPI tasks per node on Haswell, set 64 logical CPUs /4 =16 for ”-c”
  - “-c” value should be >= OMP_NUM_THREADS

Process / Thread / Memory Affinity

- Correct process, thread and memory affinity is critical for getting optimal performance on Cori Haswell and KNL
  - Process Affinity: bind MPI tasks to CPUs
  - Thread Affinity: bind threads to CPUs allocated to its MPI process
  - Memory Affinity: allocate memory from specific NUMA domains
- Both -c xx and --cpu-bind=cores are essential, otherwise multiple processes may land on the same core, while other cores are idle, hurting performance badly
- Pay special attention on KNL, usually we waste (or aside for OS) 4 cores on purpose, to allow number of logical cores distributed evenly for each MPI rank
- https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/affinity/

Cori Haswell Compute Nodes



To obtain processor info:

Get on a compute node:
% salloc -N 1 -C …

Then:
% numactl -H
or % cat /proc/cpuinfo
or % hwloc-ls

- Each Cori Haswell node has 2 Intel Xeon 16-core Haswell processors
  - **2 NUMA domains (sockets) per node, 16 cores per NUMA domain. 2 hardware threads per physical core.**
  - **NUMA Domain 0: physical cores 0-15 (and logical cores 32-47)**
    NUMA Domain 1: physical cores 16-31 (and logical cores 48-63)
- Memory bandwidth is non-homogeneous among NUMA domains

Cori KNL Example Compute Nodes

- A Cori KNL node has 68 cores/272 CPUs, 96 GB DDR memory, 16 GB high bandwidth on package memory (MCDRAM)
- Default mode is: quad, cache

Arrangement of Hardware Threads for 68 Core KNL

Core # →	0	1	2	3	...	16	17	18	...	33	34	35	...	50	51	52	...	65	66	67
HW Thread #	0	1	2	3	...	16	17	18	...	33	34	35	...	50	51	52	...	65	66	67
	68	69	70	71	...	84	85	86	...	101	102	103	...	118	119	120	...	133	134	135
	136	137	138	139	...	152	153	154	...	169	170	171	...	186	187	188	...	201	202	203
	204	205	206	207	...	220	221	222	...	237	238	239	...	254	255	256	...	269	270	271

- A quad,cache node (default setting) has only 1 NUMA node with all CPUs on the NUMA node 0 (DDR memory). MCDRAM is hidden from the "numactl -H" result since it is a cache.

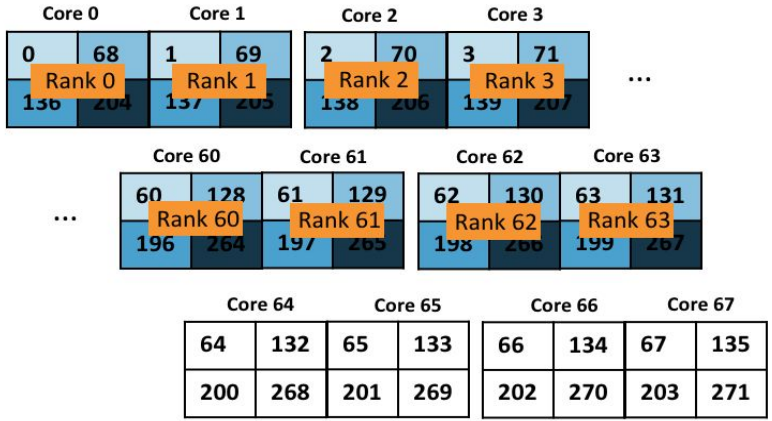
Sample Job Script to Run on KNL Nodes

Sample Job script (MPI+OpenMP)

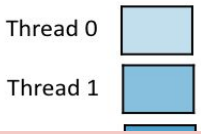
```
#!/bin/bash -l
#SBATCH -N 2
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SBATCH -L SCRATCH
#SBATCH -C knl,quad,cache

export OMP_PROC_BIND=true
export OMP_PLACES=threads
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
srun -n 128 -c 4 --cpu_bind=cores ./a.out
```

Process and thread affinity



With the above two OpenMP envs, each thread is now pinned to a single CPU within each core



- Again, specify #_logical_CPUs to be allocated to each MPI task
  - with 64 MPI tasks per node on KNL, set 256 logical CPUs /64 =4 for ”-c”

Use salloc to Run Debug and Interactive Jobs

- You can run small parallel jobs interactively on dedicated nodes
- Debug
  - Max 512 nodes, up to 30 min

    % salloc -N 20 -q debug -C haswell -t 30:00
- Interactive (highly recommend to use this!!)
  - Instant allocation (get nodes in 6 min or reject)
  - Max walltime 4 hrs, up to 64 nodes total on Cori per project

    % salloc -N 2 -q interactive -C knl -t 2:00:00
  - More information (such as how to find out who in your project is using)
    - https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#interactive
    - https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/interactive/

Use “shared” QOS to Run Serial Jobs

- The “shared” QOS allows multiple executables from different users to share a node
- Each serial job run on a single physical core of a “shared” node
- Up to 32 (Cori Haswell) jobs from different users depending on their memory requirements

```
#SBATCH -q shared
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SBATCH --mem=4GB
#SBATCH -C haswell
#SBATCH -J my_job
./mycode.x
```

- Only available on Cori Haswell, charged by a fraction of a node used
- https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/best-practices/#serial-jobs

Bundle Jobs

Multiple Jobs Sequentially:

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 100
#SBATCH -t 12:00:00
#SBATCH -J my_job
#SBATCH -o my_job.o%j
#SBATCH -L project,SCRATCH
#SBATCH -C haswell

srun -n 3200 ./a.out
srun -n 3200 ./b.out
srun -n 3200 ./c.out
```

- Request largest number of nodes needed
- https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#multiple-parallel-jobs-sequentially

Multiple Jobs Simultaneously:

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 9
#SBATCH -t 12:00:00
#SBATCH -J my_job
#SBATCH -o my_job.o%j
#SBATCH -L project
#SBATCH -C haswell

srun -n 44 -N 2 -c2 --cpu-bind=cores ./a.out &
srun -n 108 -N 5 -c2 --cpu-bind=cores ./b.out &
srun -n 40 -N 2 -c2 --cpu-bind=cores ./c.out &
wait
```

- Request total number of nodes needed
- No applications are shared on the same nodes
- Make sure to use “&” (otherwise run in sequential) and “wait” (otherwise job exit immediately)
- https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#multiple-parallel-jobs-simultaneously

Dependency Jobs

```
cori% sbatch job1
Submitted batch job 1655447

cori06% sbatch --dependency=afterok:5547 job2
or
cori06% sbatch --dependency=afterany:5547 job2
```

https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#dependencies

```
cori06% sbatch job1
submitted batch job 1655447

cori06% cat job2
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -t 1:30:00
#SBATCH -d afterok:1655447
#SBATCH -C haswell
srun -n 16 -c 4 ./a.out

cori06% sbatch job2
```

Job Arrays

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -q regular
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00
#SBATCH --array=1-10
#SBATCH -L SCRATCH
#SBATCH -C haswell

cd test_$SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID
srun ./mycode.exe
```

- Better managing jobs, not necessary faster turnaround
- Each array task is considered a single job for scheduling
- Use $SLURM_ARRAY_JOB_ID for each individual array task

https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#job-arrays

Use Workflow Management Tools

- These tools can help data-centric science to automate moving data, multi-step processing, and visualization at scales.
- Please do not do below!

```
for i = 1, 10000
    srun -n 1 ./a.out
```

  It is inefficient and overwhelms Slurm scheduler

- Available workflow tools include: GNU parallel, Taskfarmer, Fireworks, Nextflow, Papermill, etc.
- One usage case is to pack large number of serial jobs into one script
- https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/workflow-tools/

GNU Parallel Is Better Than Shared QOS

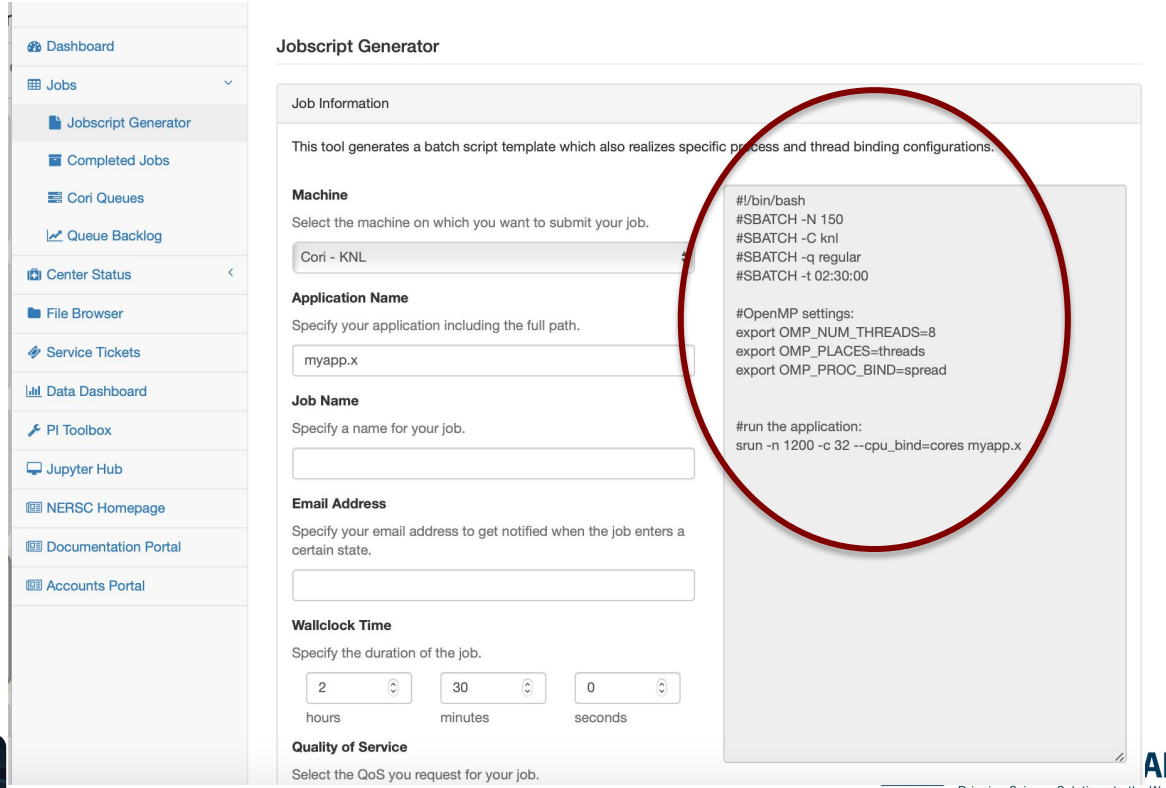
```
elvis@cori07:~> module load parallel

elvis@cori07:~> seq 1 5 | parallel -j 2 'echo \
> "Hello world {}!"; sleep 10; date'
Hello world 1!
Thu Jun 11 00:21:00 PDT 2020
Hello world 2!
Thu Jun 11 00:21:00 PDT 2020
Hello world 3!
Thu Jun 11 00:21:10 PDT 2020
Hello world 4!
Thu Jun 11 00:21:10 PDT 2020
Hello world 5!
Thu Jun 11 00:21:20 PDT 2020
elvis@cori07:~>
```

- Packed jobs have massively reduced total queue wait
  - Can also pack single-node tasks into multiple node jobs
- No risk of Slurm overload
- Run combinations of tasks in parallel and sequence
- Easy input substitution
  - If you need it, *much* more power is available
- Superior to task arrays, too
- https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/workflow/gnuparallel/

NERSC Job Script Generator

https://my.nersc.gov/script_generator.php



Monitoring Your Jobs

- Jobs are waiting in the queue until resources are available
- Overall job priorities are a combination of QOS, queue wait time, job size, wall time request, etc.
- You can monitor with
  - **`squeue`**: Slurm native command
  - **`sqs`**: NERSC custom wrapper script
  - **`sacct`**: Query Completed and Pending Jobs
  - https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/monitoring/
- On the web
  - https://my.nersc.gov
    - Cori Queues, Queue backlogs, Queue Wait Times (statistics data)
  - https://www.nersc.gov/users/live-status/ □ Queue Look
  - https://iris.nersc.gov the “Jobs” tab

Cori Haswell Queue Policy (as of June 2022)

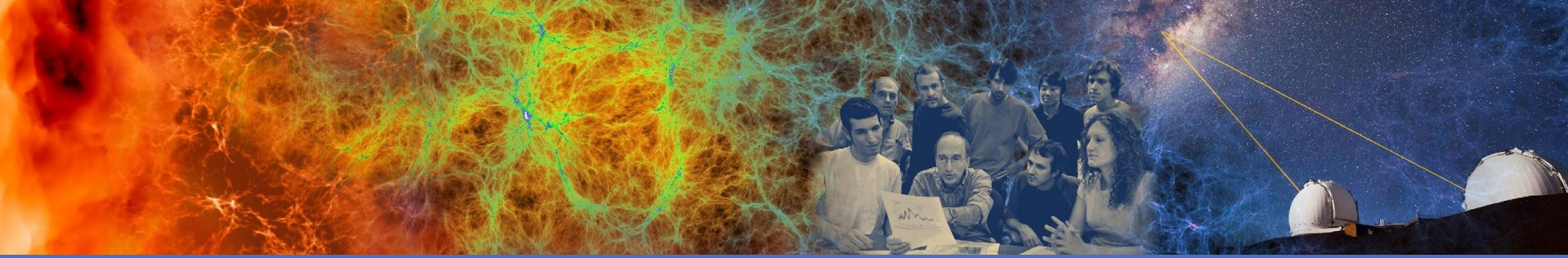
QOS	Max nodes	Max time (hrs)	Submit limit	Run limit	Priority	QOS Factor
regular	512/1932[2]	48	5000	-	4	1
shared[3]	0.5	48	10000	-	4	1
interactive	64[4]	4	2	2	-	1
debug	64	0.5	5	2	3	1
premium	1772	48	5	-	2	2 -> 4[5]
flex	64	48	5000	-	6	0.5
overrun	1772	4	5000	-	5	0
xfer	1 (login)	48	100	15	-	-
bigmem	1 (login)	72	100	1	-	1
realtime	custom	custom	custom	custom	1	custom
compile	1 (login)	24	5000	2	-	-

Tips for Getting Better Throughput

- Line jumping is allowed, but it may cost more (“premium” QOS)
- Submit shorter jobs, they are easier to schedule
  - Checkpoint to break up long jobs, use variable time and “flex” QOS
  - Short jobs can take advantage of ‘backfill’ opportunities
- Make sure the wall clock time you request is accurate
  - Larger shorter jobs are easier to schedule than long smaller jobs
  - Many users unnecessarily request the largest wall clock time possible as default
- Check queue backlogs and queue wait times
  - https://my.nersc.gov/backlog.php
  - https://my.nersc.gov/queuewaittimes.php

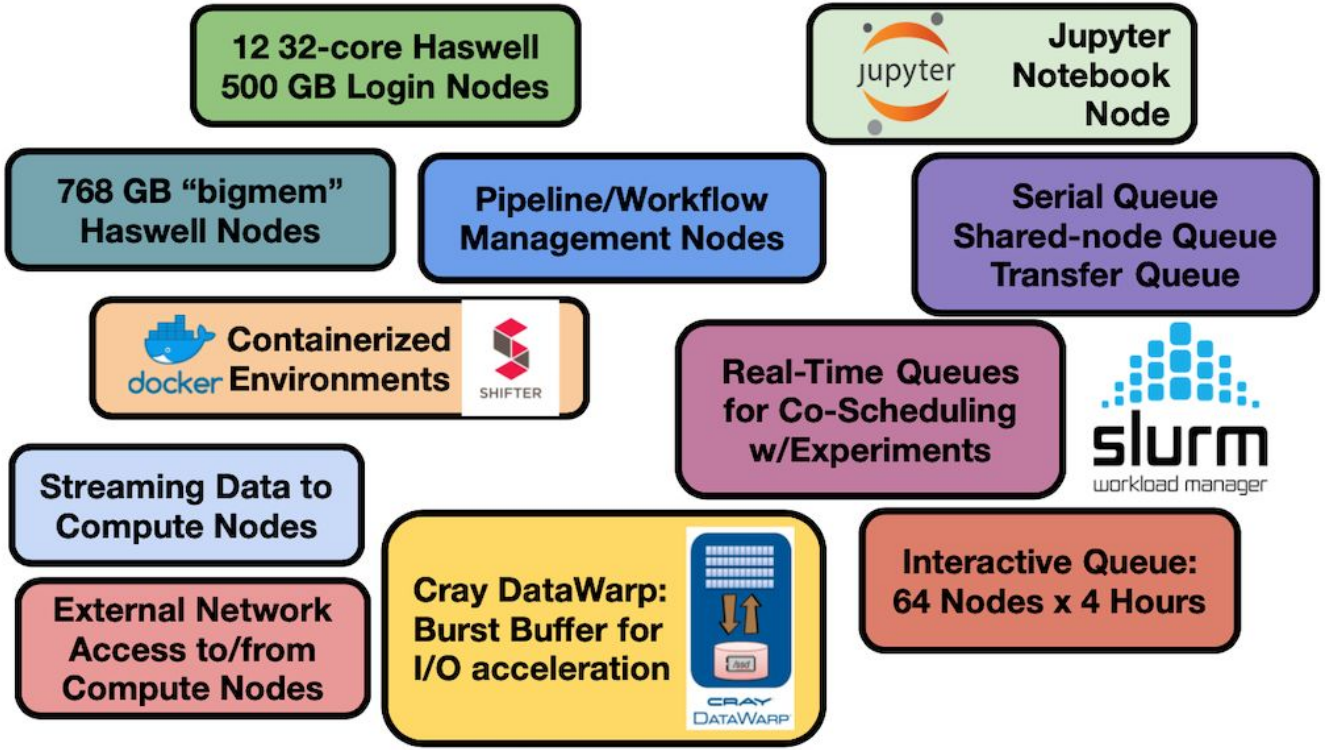
Running Jobs Considerations

- Running jobs on Perlmutter and instructions are still evolving
  - Running on CPU is similar to running on Cori Haswell
  - More examples for Running on GPU: https://docs.nersc.gov/systems/perlmutter/running-jobs/
- Remember to compile separately for each type of compute nodes
- Running jobs from global homes ($HOME) is strongly discouraged
  - IO is not optimized
  - The global homes file system access on compute nodes is much slower than from $SCRATCH
  - It may also cause negative impact for other users interactive response on the system
- Consider to use shifter for large jobs using shared libraries



Data Analytics Software and Services

Cori's Data Friendly Features



Production Data Software Stack

Capabilities	Technologies
Data Transfer + Access	globus online, GridFTP, jupyter, !m, python django, newt
Workflows	Parsl, GNUparallel, papermill, FireWorks, TaskFarmer
Data Management	HDF, netCDF, ROOT Data Analysis Framework, mongoDB, MySQL, PostgreSQL
Data Analytics	python, R, Spark, julia, TensorFlow, K, PyTorch
Data Visualization	VisIt, ParaView

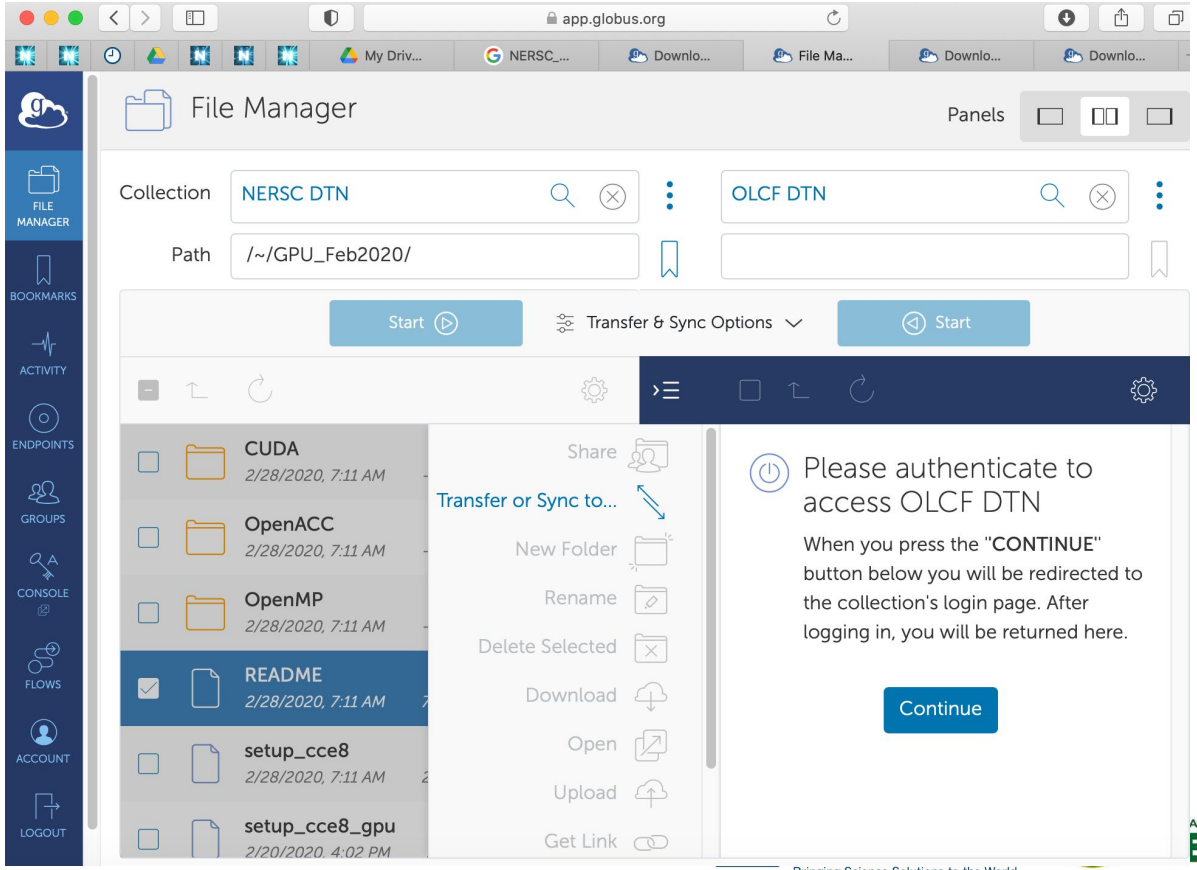
Data Analytic Software Services

- Globus Online
- Science Gateways
- Databases
- Shifter
- Python
- Jupyter
- Machine Learning / Deep Learning
- Workflows
- And more …

Globus Online: Move Data

- https://www.globus.org https://docs.nersc.gov/services/globus/
- The recommended tool for moving data in&out of NERSC
  - Reliable & easy-to-use web-based service:
    - Automatic retries
    - Email notification of success or failure
  - NERSC managed endpoints for optimized data transfers
    - NERSC DTN (dedicated data transfer system), NERSC Cori, NERSC Perlmutter, NERSC HPSS, etc.
  - Other Center has endpoints
  - Setup Globus Connect Personal to ease transfer between local system (such as laptop) and NERSC systems

Globus File Transfer Example



Data Transfer General Tips

- Use Globus Online for large, automated or monitored transfers
- cp, scp, or rsync is fine for smaller, one-time transfers (<100 MB)
  - But note that Globus is also fine for small transfers
- Use give-and-take to share files between NERSC users
  - % give -u <receiving_user> <file or directory>
  - % take -u <sending_user> <filename>

Access for External Collaborators

- Web Portals
  - NERSC supports project-level public http access
    - Project specific area can be created:

      /global/cfs/cdirs/<your_project>/www
    - These are available for public access under the URL:

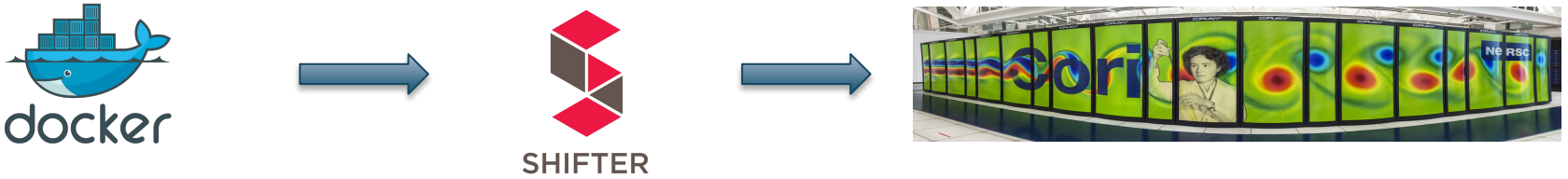
      http://portal.nersc.gov/cfs/<your_project>
  - Each repo has a /project space, can publish as above
- Special Science Gateways can be created.
  - Sophisticated ones can be made with SPIN

    https://docs.nersc.gov/services/spin/

    https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/spin/ (SPIN workshop required)
  - Details at: https://docs.nersc.gov/services/science-gateways/

Shifter

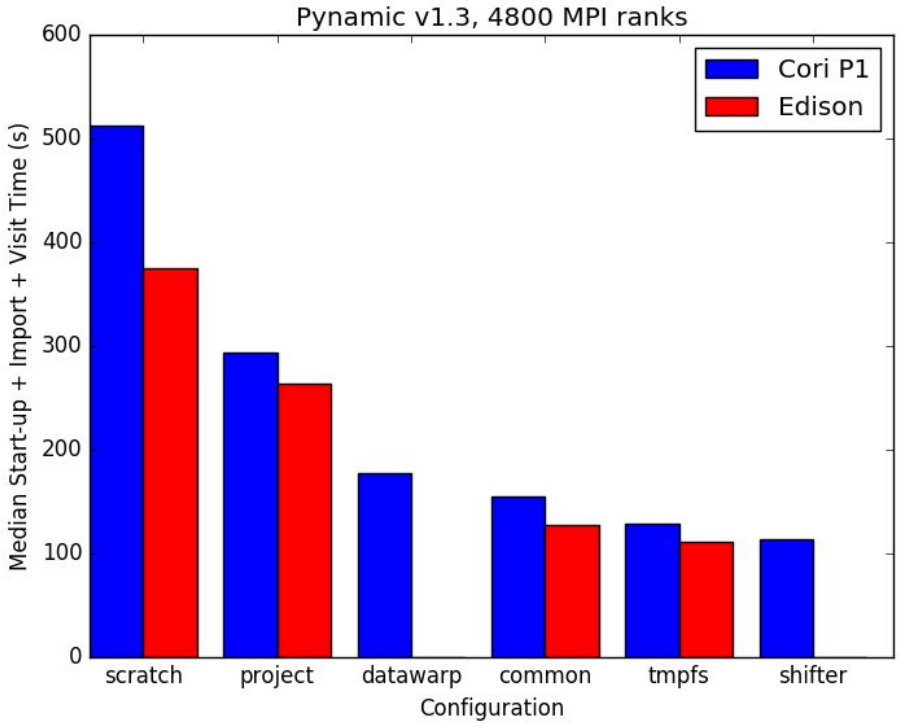
- NERSC R&D effort, in collaboration with Cray, to support Docker Application images
- “Docker-like” functionality on the Cray and HPC Linux clusters. Enables users to run custom environments on HPC systems.
- Addresses security issues in a robust way
- Efficient job-start & Native application performance



https://docs.nersc.gov/development/shifter/how-to-use/

https://docs.nersc.gov/development/shifter/gpus/

Shifter Accelerates Python Applications



Create an Image with Docker

```
FROM ubuntu:14.04
MAINTAINER Shane Canon scanon@lbl.gov
# Update packages and install dependencies
RUN apt-update -y && \
   apt-get install -y build-essential

# Copy in the application
ADD . /myapp
# Build it
RUN cd /myapp && \
    make && make install
```

Dockerfile

```
laptop> docker build -t scanon/myapp:1.1 .
laptop> docker push scanon/myapp:1.1
```

Use the Image with Shifter

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -N 16 -t 20
#SBATCH --image=scanon/myapp:1.1

module load shifter
export TMPDIR=/mnt
srun -n 16 shifter /myapp/app
```

Submit script job.sl

```
cori> shifterimg pull scanon/myapp:1.1
cori> sbatch ./job.sl
```

Python

- Extremely popular interpreted language, continuing to grow
- Libraries like NumPy, SciPy, scikit-learn commonly used for scientific analysis
- Are used for ML/DL
- Python is fully supported at NERSC - we use Anaconda Python to provide pre-built environments and the ability for users to create their own environments
- Guide to use Python on Perlmutter:
  - https://docs.nersc.gov/development/languages/python/using-python-perlmutter
- Do not use /usr/bin/python, instead:
  module load python

  which already includes basic packages: numpy, scipy, mpi4py

Make Your Own Python Conda Environment

- To make a custom env

```
module load python
conda create -n myenv python=3.9
conda activate myenv
conda (or pip) install your_custom_packages
###import antigravity
conda deactivate myenv
```

https://docs.nersc.gov/development/languages/python/#how-to-run-python-jobs-at-nersc

Options to Run Python Code in Parallel

https://docs.nersc.gov/development/languages/python/parallel-python/#how-to-use-parallelism-in-python

- Multiprocessing, PyOMP
  - Single node only, process parallelism via a pool of workers
- Dask
  - Single or many nodes, framework to create a group of workers that execute tasks coordinated by a scheduler, nice visualization tools
- mpi4py
  - Single or many nodes, best performance when used together with a container (Docker/Shifter)
  - Do not pip install mpi4py or conda install mpi4py, follow instructions at https://docs.nersc.gov/development/languages/python/parallel-python/#using-mpi4py-in-a-shifter-container

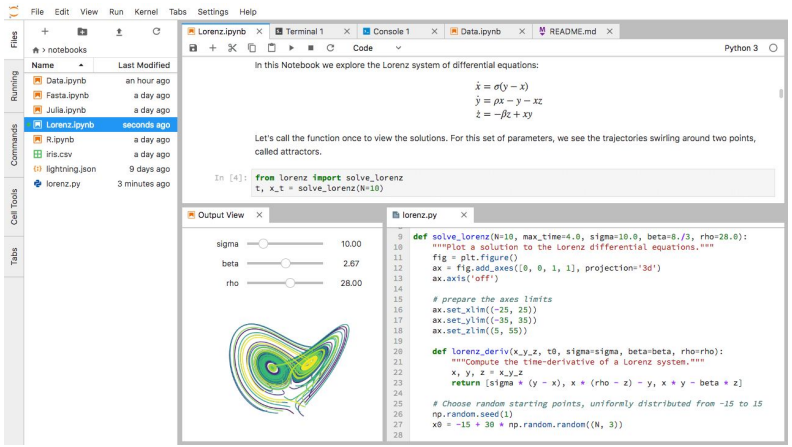
What is Jupyter?

Interactive open-source web application

Allows you to create and share documents, "notebooks," containing:

Live code
Equations
Visualizations
Narrative text
Interactive widgets

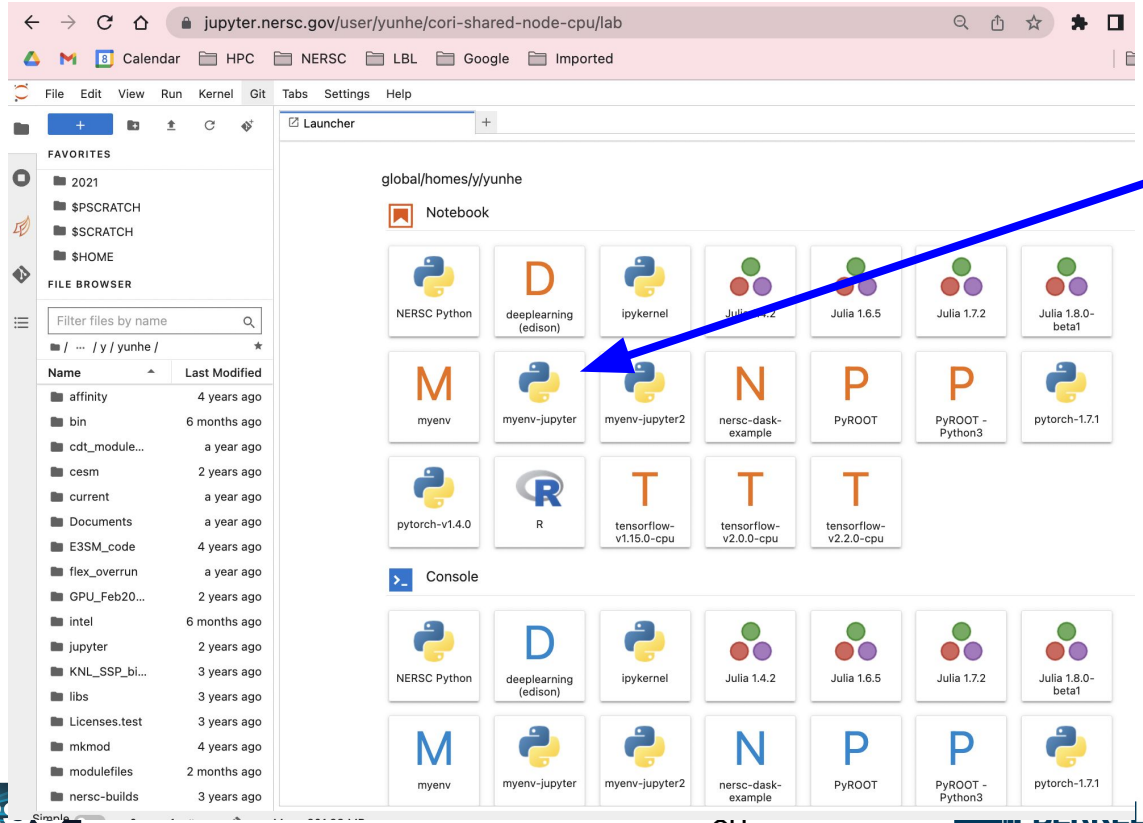
https://docs.nersc.gov/services/jupyter/



Things you can use Jupyter notebooks for:

Data cleaning and data transformation
Numerical simulation
Statistical modeling
Data visualization
Machine learning
Workflows and analytics frameworks
Training and Tutorials

Available Jupyter Kernels



Your own custom kernels

And many NERSC provided kernels: Python, Julia, ML/DL packages etc.

Your Own Custom Jupyter Kernel

Most common Jupyter question:

"How do I take a conda environment and use it from Jupyter?"

Several ways to accomplish this, here's the easy one.

```
$ module load python
$ conda create -n myenv python=3.9 ipykernel <more-packages-to-install>
$ conda activate myenv
(myenv) $ python -m ipykernel install --user --name myenv-jupyter
```

Point your browser to jupyter.nersc.gov.
(You may need to restart your notebook server via control panel).
Kernel "myenv-jupyter" should be present in the kernel list.

Additional Customization

edit:
$HOME/.local/share/jupyter/kernels/myenv-jupyter/kernel.json

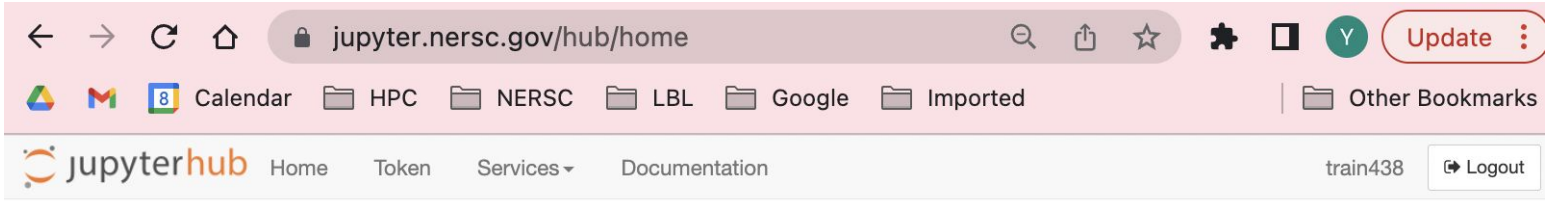
```
{
 "argv": [
  "/global/homes/y/yunhe/jupyter-helper.sh",
  "python",
  "-m",
  "ipykernel_launcher",
  "-f",
  "{connection_file}"
 ],
 "display_name": "myenv-jupyter2",
 "language": "python",
}
```

The helper script is the most flexible approach for NERSC users since it easily enables modules.

Meanwhile, in jupyter-helper.sh:

```
#!/bin/bash
export SOMETHING=123
module load texlive
exec python -m ipykernel "$@"
```

Available Notebook Servers



	Shared CPU Node	Exclusive GPU Node	Configurable GPU
Perlmutter	start	start	start
Cori	start		start
Resources	Use a node shared with other users' notebooks but outside the batch queues.	Use your own node within a job allocation using defaults.	Use multiple compute nodes with specialized settings.
Use Cases	Visualization and analytics that are not memory intensive and can run on just a few cores.	Visualization, analytics, machine learning that is compute or memory intensive but can be done on a single node.	Multi-node analytics jobs, jobs in reservations, custom project charging, and more.

Can request additional access for exclusive Cori CPU and shared Cori GPU nodes

NERSC Deep Learning Software Stack Overview

https://docs.nersc.gov/machinelearning/

Frameworks:

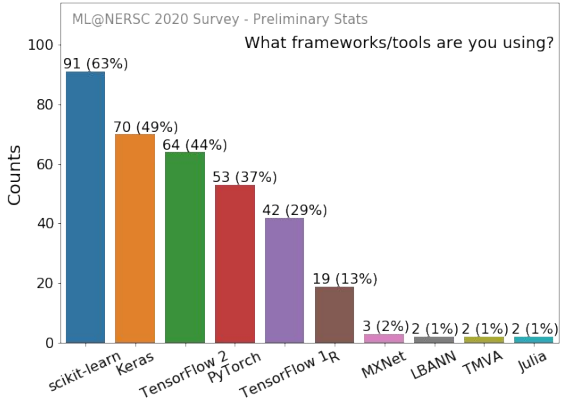
TensorFlow Keras PyTorch

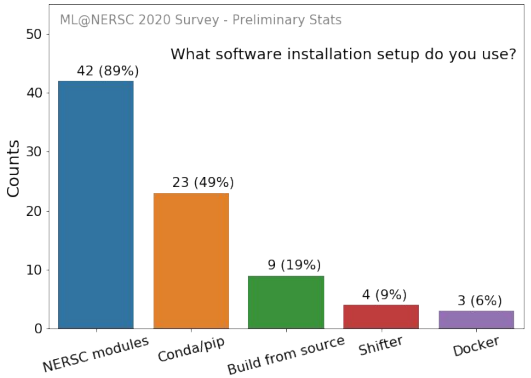
Distributed training libraries:

- Horovod
- PyTorch distributed
- Cray Plugin

Productive tools and services:

- Jupyter, Shifter





How to Use NERSC DL Software Stack

- We have modules you can load which contain python and DL libraries
  - module load tensorflow/<version>
  - module load pytorch/<version>
- You can install your own packages on top to customize
  - pip install --user MY-PACKAGE
- Or you can create your conda environments from scratch
  - conda create -n my-env MY-PACKAGES
- We also have pre-installed Jupyter kernels

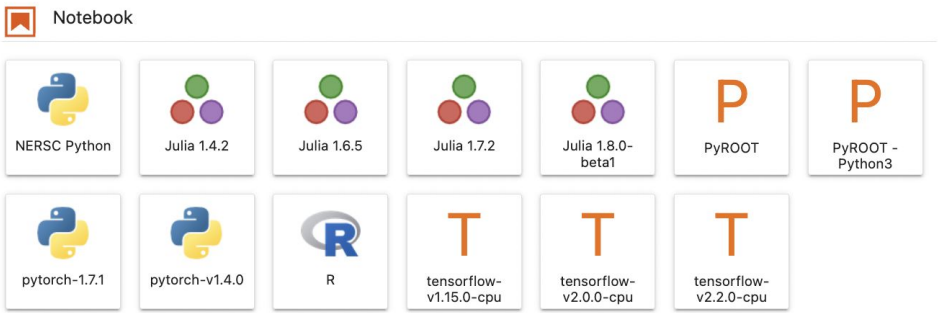
Jupyter for Deep Learning

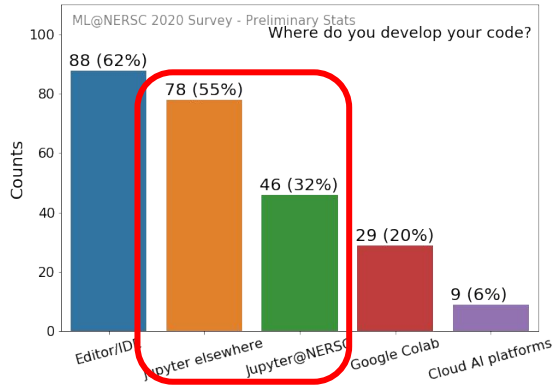
JupyterHub service provides a rich, interactive notebook ecosystem

- Very popular service with hundreds of users
- A favorite way for users to develop ML code

Users can run their deep learning workloads

- using our pre-installed DL software kernels
- [using user custom kernels]





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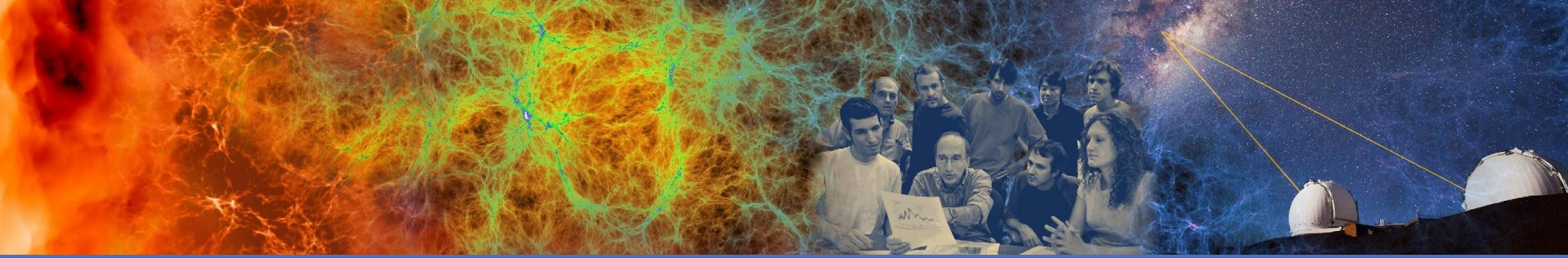


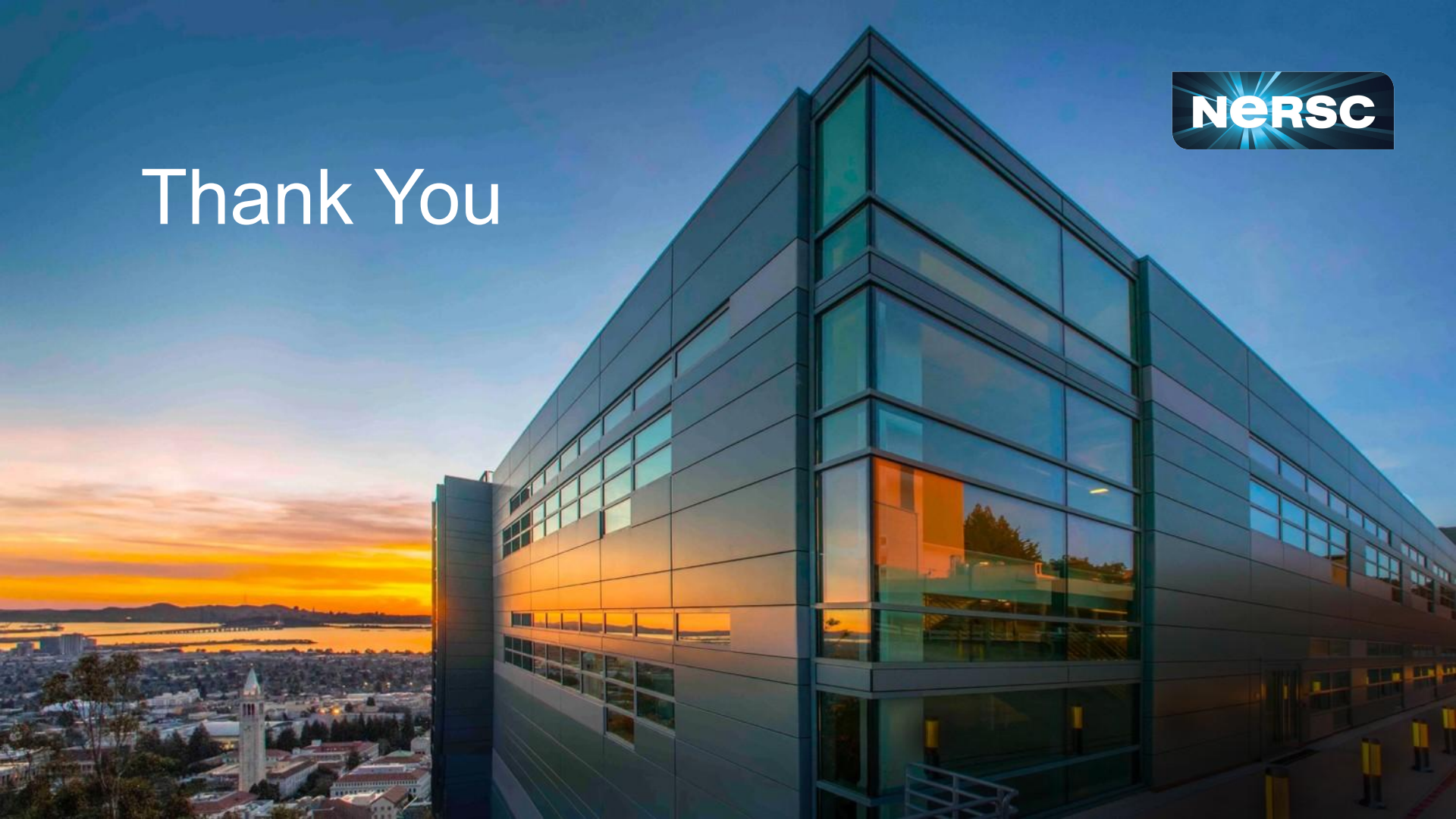
Hands-on Exercises

Compiling and Running Jobs on Cori

- % ssh <user>@cori.nersc.gov
- % cd $SCRATCH
- % git clone https://github.com/NERSC/intro-NERSC-resources.git
- % cd intro-NERSC-resources
- Follow
  - hello-exercise.README
  - matrix-example.README
  - xthi-exercise.README
- References
  - Running Jobs: https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/
  - Interactive Jobs: https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#interactive

Using Compute Node Reservations

- Existing NERSC users are added to “ntrain4” project
- Cori node reservations available from 2-3:30 pm today
- User reservations with --reservation=xxx -A ntrain4, where
  - xxx is “intro_hsw” or “intro_knl”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