

Introduction: Migrating Cori to Perlmutter Training



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Some Logistics

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- Slides to be uploaded soon. Videos available in a few days after split/trim
 - <https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/events/migrating-from-cori-to-perlmutter-training-dec2022/>
- Please ask your questions in GDoc (preferred over Zoom chat)
 - <https://tinyurl.com/bdf8ezfb>
 - NERSC staff standing by to answer questions

Agenda

Time (PDT)	Topic	Presenters
9:00 - 9:10 am	Introduction: Migrating from Cori to Perlmutter Training	Helen He, Rebecca Hartman-Baker
9:10 - 9:50 am	Intro to Perlmutter and GPUs	Jack Deslippe
9:50 - 10:35 am	Migrating from Cori to Perlmutter: CPU Codes	Erik Palmer, Helen He
10:35 - 10:55 am	Break	
10:55 - 11:40 am	Migrating from Cori to Perlmutter: GPU Codes	Muaaz Awan, Steve Leak, Helen He
11:40 am -12:15 pm	Hands-on and help with users' own codes	All
12:15 - 13:00 pm	Lunch Break	
13:00 - 3:00 pm	Hands-on and help with users' own codes (cont'd)	All

Hands-on Exercises

- Feel free to use some NERSC prepared CPU and GPU examples at <https://github.com/NERSC/Migrate-to-Perlmutter> or bring your own applications codes today.
- Perlmutter Compute node reservations, 10:00 - 15:00:
 - CPU: `#SBATCH --reservation=pm_cpu_dec1 -A ntrain2 -C cpu`
 - GPU: `#SBATCH --reservation=pm_gpu_dec1 -A ntrain2 -C gpu`
 - Existing NERSC users are added to the ntrain2 project to access node reservations

Cori Will Be Retired in March 2023

- Cori was installed in 2015, and at 6+ years may be NERSC's longest lasting system
- AY2023 allocations are based on Perlmutter's capability, and NERSC hours allocated can be used on Cori
- We will give users more time to transition from Cori to Perlmutter
- Cori will be retired in **March 2023 (as T in next slide)**

Cori Retirement Timeline


- **Oct 2022:** Software freeze (no new user-facing software installed by NERSC)
- **AY 2023:** All allocations based on Perlmutter's capacity only
- **Nov-Jan:** Cori to Perlmutter transition training focus & office hours
- **Late Jan or early Feb:** Announce **final date (T)** for decommissioning
- **T - 1 week:** Implement reservation, preventing new jobs from running effective T
- **T:** Delete all jobs from queue, no new jobs can be submitted; continue to allow login to retrieve files from Cori scratch
- **T + 1 week:** Close login nodes permanently
- **T + 1 month:** Disassembly begins

Access Perlmutter via SSH

- **ssh elvis@perlmutter-p1.nersc.gov**
or **ssh elvis@saul-p1.nersc.gov**
(substituting your username for **elvis**)
- Use MFA (password + one-time password) in same way as Cori
 - Can use sshproxy to reduce frequency of authentication

Access Perlmutter via JupyterHub

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Jupyter will have a brief maintenance Wednesday, November 30 starting at 10 AM PST. See the [NERSC MOTD](#) for status updates.

	Shared CPU Node	Exclusive CPU Node	Exclusive GPU Node	Configurable GPU
Perlmutter	start	start	start	start
Cori	start			start
<i>Resources</i>	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.
<i>Use Cases</i>	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 open a “terminal” as well as choosing many other JupyterHub kernels (such as Python, PyTorch, etc.)



File Systems and Data Considerations

- Files/data in your **global home and CFS directories** on Cori are **available** on Perlmutter
 - The old symlink **/global/project/projectdirs** to CFS on Cori **does not exist** on Perlmutter; be sure to remove this from old scripts!
- Files/data on **Cori scratch not accessible** on Perlmutter
 - Perlmutter has its own scratch file system
 - Cori scratch will be retired with Cori
 - Can migrate Cori scratch data onto CFS or HPSS via Globus or scp first, then access on Perlmutter ([details](#))

Cori / Perlmutter Comparison: Similarities

- Cray user environment
 - Compiler wrappers (cc, CC, ftn)
 - PrgEnv modules
- Slurm
 - Similar queues set up (regular, premium, overrun, shared, etc.)
- CPU nodes
 - AMD instead of Intel, but standard CPU architecture with no major surprises
 - Similar to Haswell in clock speed, similar to KNL in number of cores per node

Cori / Perlmutter Comparison: Differences

- Lmod vs modules
 - Many similarities, but some major differences
 - Modules may not be initially visible due to dependencies; using `module spider` will find hidden modules
- GPU nodes
 - Substantially different programming models required to exploit GPU nodes
 - Codes may have different GPU-compatible and CPU-only versions
- Compiler/PrgEnv versions
 - No Intel compiler (no plans to support)

Some Existing Training Materials

- NERSC Training Events and Archives (slides, recordings):
<https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/events/>
 - [Using Perlmutter Training](#), Jan 2022
 - [New User Training](#), Sept 2022
 - [GPUs for Science Day 2022](#), Oct 2022
 - [Data Day 2022](#), Oct 2022
 - [OpenMP Offload Training](#), Aug-Sep 2022
 - 9-part CUDA Training Series. Jan 2020 - Oct 2021
 - 3-part OpenACC Training Series, Apr - Jun 2020
 - [SYCL Training](#), Mar 2022
 - [Codee Training](#), Apr 2022
 - [Nvidia HPC SDK Training](#), Jan 2022

More Training Opportunities

- **Cori to Perlmutter Transition Office Hours**
 - We've held 3 office hours this month, met with 50+ users
 - Additional Office Hours scheduled for
 - **Fri, Dec 2 (tomorrow!)**; Thur, Dec 8; Fri, Dec 16
 - Fri, Jan 6; Thur, Jan 12
- Codee training (under planning)
 - A developer tool to help inserting OpenMP and OpenACC directives
- N-Ways for GPU Programming Bootcamp (under planning)
 - OpenMP Offload, OpenACC, CUDA, Standard Language Parallelization, etc.



Thanks for your attention!

More questions? Need help? ...
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