## Introduction to NERSC Resources



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#### Outline

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







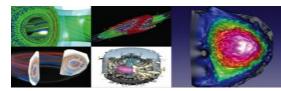
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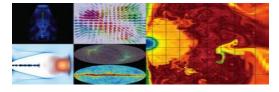


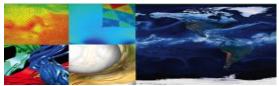


#### NERSC is the Mission HPC Computing Center for the DOE Office of Science

- 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 7,000 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

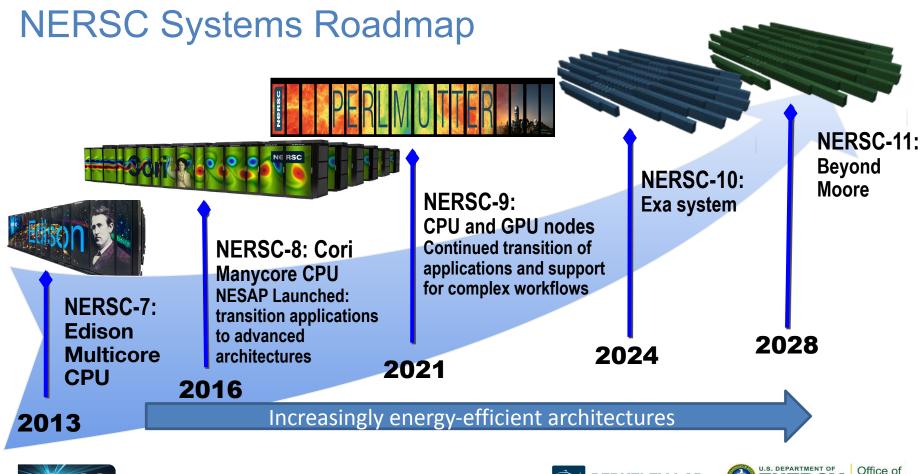






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## **Cori Brings HPC and Data Together**

#### Cori: #20 in Nov 2020 (#5 in Nov 2016) Top 500 list



Gerty Cori: Biochemist and first American woman to win a Nobel Prize in science

- Phase I: 2388 x 32-core Intel Xeon "Haswell" 128 GB DDR4 Also known as "Data Partition" (76,416 cores total)
- Phase II: 9688 x 68-core Intel Xeon Phi "KNL" (658,784 total cores)





96 GB DDR4 + 16 GB MCDRAM

#### NERSC-9 is named after Saul Perlmutter

- Shared 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics for discovery of the accelerating expansion of the universe.
- Works at LBL, as a NERSC user
- Supernova Cosmology Project, lead by Perlmutter, was a pioneer in using NERSC supercomputers combine large scale simulations with experimental data analysis
- Login "saul.nersc.gov"



First NERSC system designed to meet needs of both large scale simulation and data analysis from experimental facilities

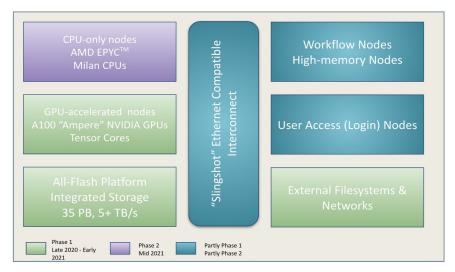






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## Perlmutter -- an HPE Cray EX System



- Perlmutter dedication was on May 27
- NERSC staff are continuously configuring the Phase 1 system
- Users will be enabled in multiple phases

#### Phase I: Arrived, Nov 2020 - Mar 2021

- 1,536 GPU-accelerated nodes
- 1 AMD "Milan" CPU + 4 NVIDIA A100 GPUs per node
- 256 GB CPU memory and 40 GB GPU high BW memory
- 35 PB FLASH scratch file system
- User access and system management nodes

#### Phase II Addition: Arrives later 2021

- 3,072 CPU only nodes
- 2 AMD "Milan" CPUs per node
- 512 GB memory per node
- Upgraded high speed network

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• CPU partition will match or exceed performance of entire Cori system

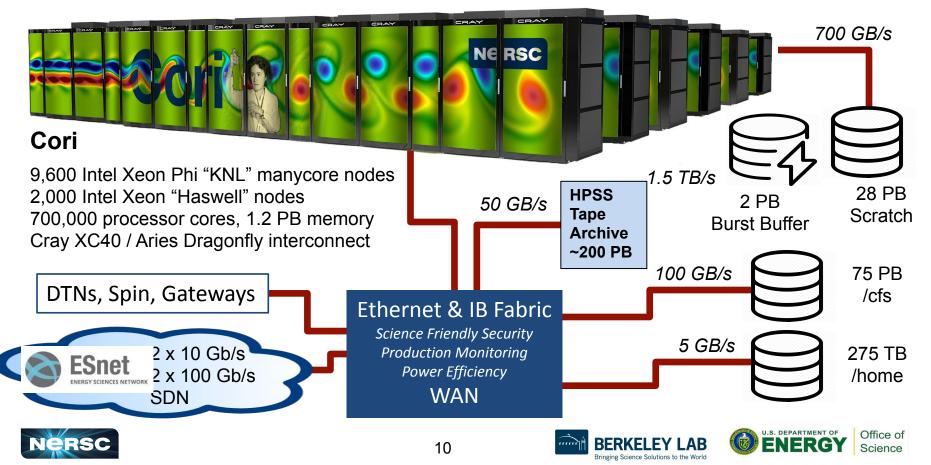
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#### **NERSC Systems**





## 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 <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/connect/mfa/</u>
- 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.persc.gov/connect/mfa/#sshproxy/
  - <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/connect/mfa/#sshproxy</u>





## SSH and MFA Examples

<laptop>\$ ssh -l 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).

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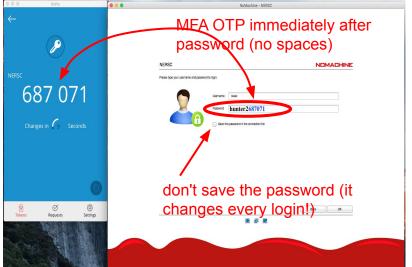
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# Connecting to NERSC: NX

- 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
  - <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/connect/nx</u>
  - Works on Window/Mac/Linux







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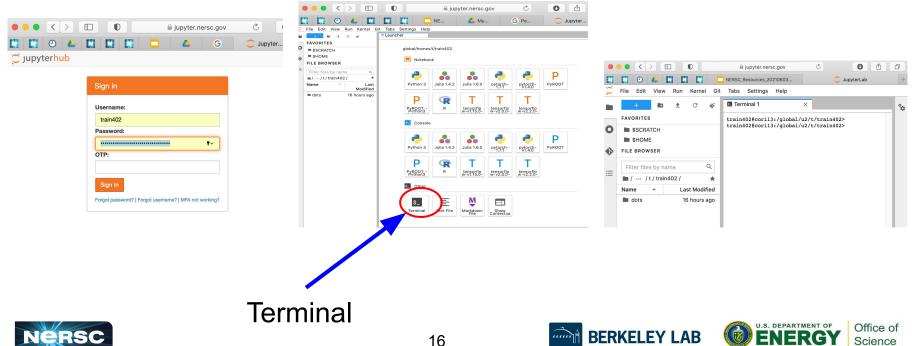




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## **Terminal in Jupyter**

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



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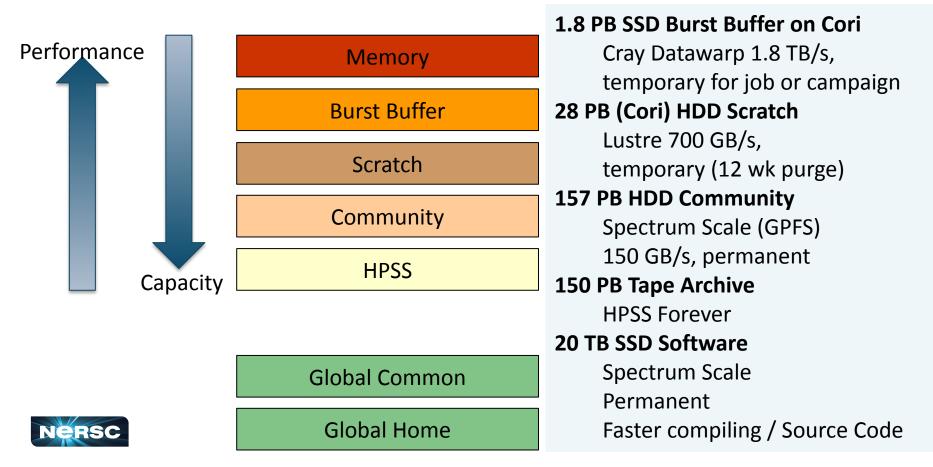


### File Systems and Data Management / Transfer





## Simplified NERSC File Systems



## **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 iobs
- Quota can be changed
- Snapshot backups (7-day history)
- Perfect for sharing data within research group







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## 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





## 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 Ο

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list	To list the modules in your environment
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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: <pre>\$module help Information about a module: \$ module help PrgEnv-cray</pre>

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## **Default Loaded Modules**

yunhe@cori03:~> module list Currently Loaded Modulefiles: 1) modules/3.2.11.4 qni-headers/5.0.12.0-7.0.1.1 6.27 g3b1768f.ari 2) nsq/1.2.03) altd/2.0 4) darshan/3.1.7 5) intel/19.0.3.199 6) craype-network-aries 7) craype/2.6.28) cray-libsci/19.06.1 9) udreg/2.3.2-7.0.1.1 3.29 g8175d3d.ari 10) ugni/6.0.14.0-7.0.1.1 7.32 ge78e5b0.ari 11) pmi/5.0.14 12) dmapp/7.1.1-7.0.1.1 4.43 g38cf134.ari

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- 19) atp/2.1.3
- 20) PrgEnv-intel/6.0.5
- 21) craype-haswell
- 22) cray-mpich/7.7.10
- 23) craype-hugepages2M

5) Compiler 8) Cray Scientific Libraries20) Programing Environment 21) Target architecture Driver 22) MPI Libraries







### **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
  - Compiles on login nodes; Executables runs on compute nodes
- Recommends to build separate binaries for each architecture to take advantage of optimizations unique to processor type





## 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





## How to Compile for KNL

- The default loaded architecture target module is "craype-haswell" on the Haswell login nodes.
   This module sets CRAY\_CPU\_TARGET to haswell
- Best recommendation to build for KNL target
  - module swap craype-haswell craype-mic-knl
  - The above sets CRAY\_CPU\_TARGET to mic-knl





# 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







## 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





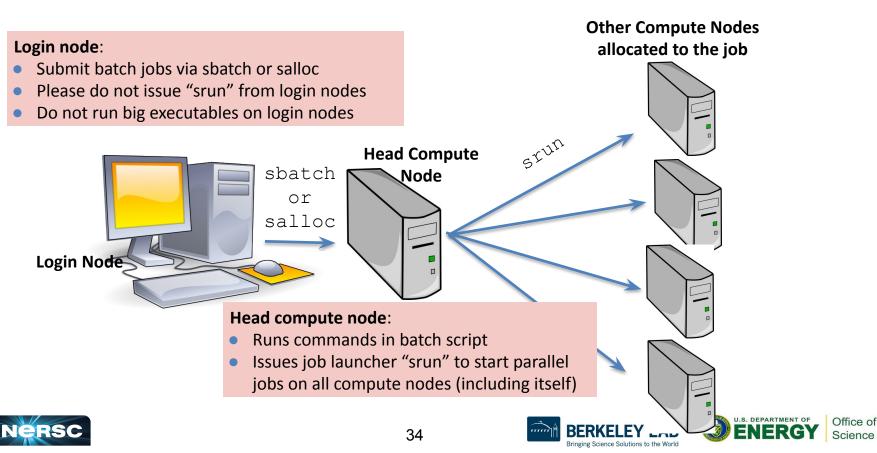
## Login Nodes and Compute Nodes

- 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



## 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

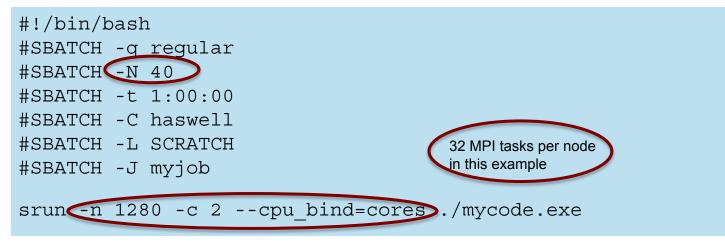
#### To run via batch queue

% 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

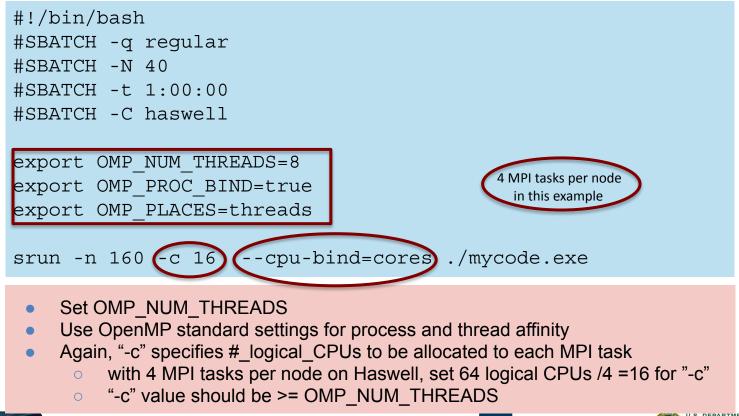


- There are 64 logical CPUs (the number Slurm sees) on each node
- "-c" specifies #\_logical\_CPUs to be allocated to each MPI task
- --cpu-bind is critical especially when nodes are not fully occupied





# MPI/OpenMP









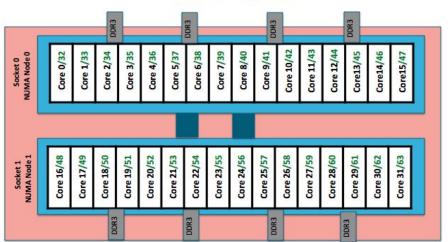
# Process / Thread / Memory Affinity

- 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
- <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/affinity/</u>





### **Cori Haswell Compute Nodes**



Cori Phase1 Compute Node

#### 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









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# 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

Core #	-	0	1	2	3	 16	17	18	 33	34	35		50	51	52	 65	66	67
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#### Arrangement of Hardware Threads for 68 Core KNL

• 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

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#### Sample Job script (MPI+OpenMP)

#!/bin/bash -l

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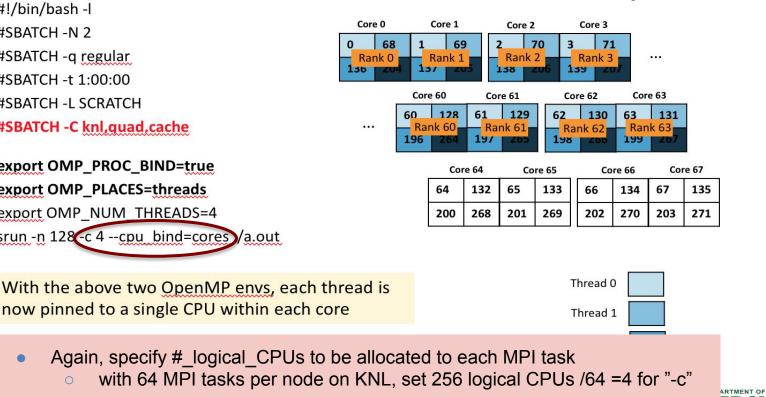
#SBATCH -t 1:00:00

**#SBATCH - L SCRATCH** 

**#SBATCH -C knl, guad, 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**



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# 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	m	nem=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





#### 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)
  - <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#interactive</u>
  - <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/interactive/</u>





# Advanced Running Jobs Options

- Bundle jobs (multiple "srun"s in one script, sequentially or simultaneously)
- Use job dependency features to chain jobs
- Use Job Arrays to manage collections of similar jobs
- Run variable-time jobs and "flex" qos to run longer jobs
- Use workflow tools to manage jobs
- Use Burst Buffer for faster IO
- Use Shifter for jobs with custom user environment
- Use "xfer" for transferring to/from HPSS
- Use "bigmem" for large memory jobs





#### **Bundle Jobs**

Multiple Jobs Sequentially: #!/bin/bash #SBATCH -q regular **#SBATCH -N 100** #SBATCH -t 12:00:00 #SBATCH -J my\_job #SBATCH -J my\_job.o%j #SBATCH -c 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
- <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#</u> <u>multiple-parallel-jobs-sequentially</u>

Multiple Jobs Simultaneously: #!/bin/bash #SBATCH -q regular **#SBATCH -N 9** #SBATCH -t 12:00:00 #SBATCH -J my\_job #SBATCH -J my\_job.o%j #SBATCH -c my\_job.o%j #SBATCH -L project

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)
- <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#multiple-parallel-jobs-simultaneously</u>

### **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/example s/#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







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# **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 21
Thu Jun 11 00:21:00 PDT 2020
Hello world 3!
Thu lun 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
- <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/workflow/</u> <u>gnuparallel/</u>







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#### **NERSC Job Script Generator**

Select the QoS you request for your job.

#### https://my.nersc.gov/script\_generator.php

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Jobscript Generator	Job Information							
Completed Jobs	This tool generates a batch script template which also realizes specific process and thread binding configurations.							
E Cori Queues	Machine #//bin/bash							
Zueue Backlog	Select the machine on which you want to submit your job. #SBATCH -N 150 #SBATCH -C knl							
Center Status <	Cori - KNL #SBATCH -q regular #SBATCH -t 02:30:00							
File Browser	Application Name #OpenMP settings:							
Service Tickets	Specify your application including the full path. export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8 export OMP_PLACES=threads							
V Service Tickets	export OMP_PROC_BIND=spread							
III Data Dashboard	Job Name							
🖋 PI Toolbox	Specify a name for your job. #run the application: srun -n 1200 -c 32cpu_bind=cores myapp.x							
Jupyter Hub								
I NERSC Homepage	Email Address							
Documentation Portal	Specify your email address to get notified when the job enters a certain state.							
I Accounts Portal								
	Wallclock Time							
	Specify the duration of the job.							
	2 0 0 0							
	hours minutes seconds							
	Quality of Service							
	Select the OoS you request for your job							





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# **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
  - o <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/monitoring/</u>
- On the web
  - o <u>https://my.nersc.gov</u>
    - Cori Queues, Queue backlogs, Queue Wait Times (statistics data)
  - <u>https://www.nersc.gov/users/live-status/</u> □ Queue Look
  - <u>https://iris.nersc.gov</u> the "Jobs" tab





# Cori Haswell Queue Policy (as of June 2021)

QOS	Max nodes	Max time (hrs)	Submit limit	Run limit	Priority	QOS Factor	Charge per Node- Hour
regular	1932 <sup>1</sup>	48	5000	-	4	1	140
shared <sup>2</sup>	0.5	48	10000	-	4	1	140 <sup>2</sup>
interactive	64 <sup>3</sup>	4	2	2		1	140
debug	64	0.5	5	2	3	1	140
premium	1772	48	5	-	2	2 -> 4 <sup>4</sup>	280 <sup>4</sup>
flex	64	48	5000	-	6	0.5	70
overrun	1772	48	5000	-	5	0	0
xfer	1 (login)	48	100	15	-	-	0
bigmem	1 (login)	72	100	1	-	1	140
realtime	custom	custom	custom	custom	1	custom	custom
compile	1 (login)	24	5000	2	-	_	0



# Cori KNL Queue Policy (as of June 2021)

QOS	Max nodes	Max time (hrs)	Submit limit	Run limit	Priority	QOS Factor	Charge per Node-Hour
regular	9489	48	5000	-	4	1	80
interactive	64 <sup>3</sup>	4	2	2	-	1	80
debug	512	0.5	5	2	3	1	80
premium	9489	48	5	-	2	2 -> 4 <sup>4</sup>	160 <sup>4</sup>
low	9489	48	5000	-	5	0.5	40
flex	256	48	5000	-	6	0.25	20
overrun	9489	48	5000	-	7	0	0 o

# **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
  - Run short jobs just before maintenance
- 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
  - <u>https://my.nersc.gov/backlog.php</u>
  - <u>https://my.nersc.gov/queuewaittimes.php</u>





# Large Jobs Considerations

• sbcast your executables to compute nodes before srun

sbcast --compress=lz4 /path/to/exe /tmp/exe

srun /tmp/exe

https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/best-practices/#large-jobs

- Consider to build statically to run large jobs
  - There may be considerable startup delays for running large jobs of dynamic executables
- Consider to use shifter for large jobs using shared libraries
- Consider to use burst buffer for jobs doing large IO





# **Other Running Jobs Considerations**

- Remember to compile separately for each type of compute nodes
- Running jobs from global homes 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 put your project's shared software in /global/common/software/<project>
  - It is mounted read-only on compute nodes, so has less impact than other GPFS file systems (global homes or community file system)
- Consider to adopt workflow tools for better managing your jobs





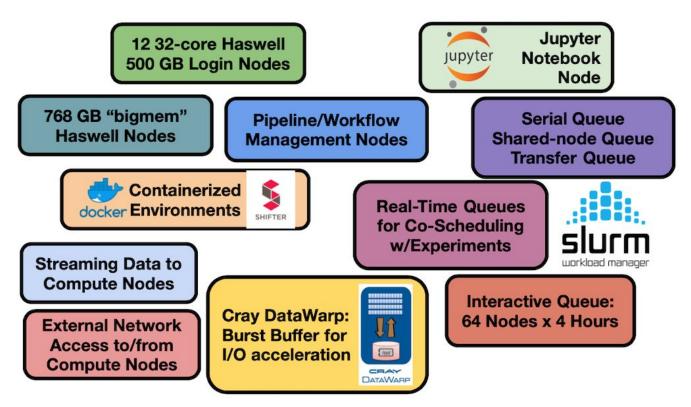


#### **Data Analytics Software and Services**





# **Cori's Data Friendly Features**



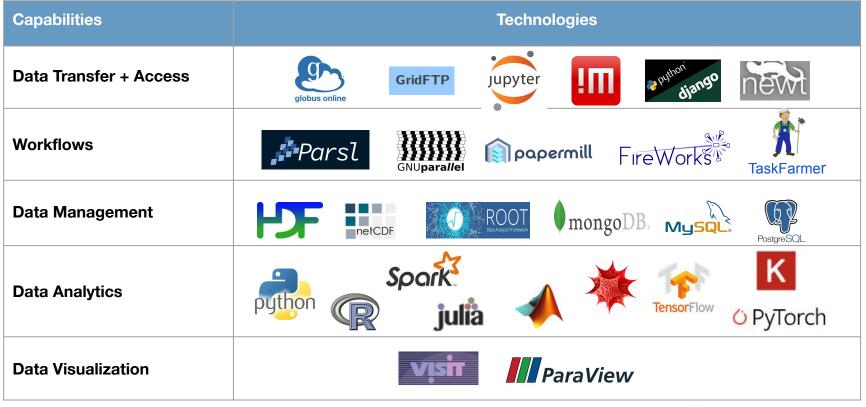








### **Production Data Software Stack**









# Data Analytic Software Services

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







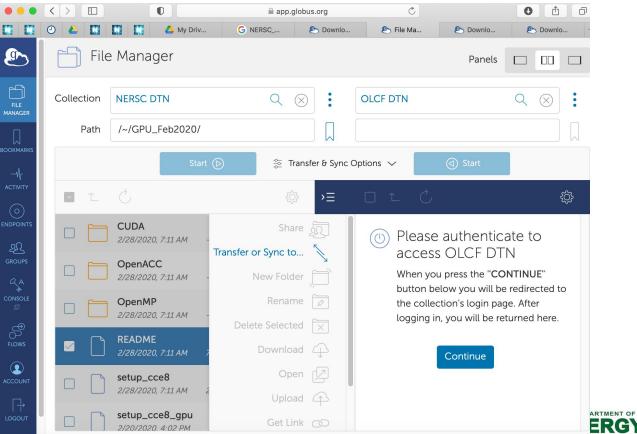
## **Globus Online: Move Data**

- <u>https://www.globus.org</u> <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/services/globus/</u>
- 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), NERS Cori, NERSC HPSS, etc.
  - Other Center has endpoints
  - Setup <u>Globus Connect Personal</u> to ease transfer between local system (such as laptop) and NERSC systems
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#### **Globus File Transfer Example**





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# **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)</li>
  - But note that Globus is also fine for small transfers
- Use give-and-take to share files between NERSC users
  - o % 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: <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/services/spin/getting\_started/</u>
  - Details at: <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/services/science-gateways/</u>





#### Databases

- Relational / SQL Databases
  - MySQL and PostgreSQL, good for:

structured data (have a 'Schema')

Relational (tables of rows and columns)

Mid-Size, <= several GB in total

- NoSQL / Schema-less Databases
  - MongoDB, good for:

Un-Structured Data ('Schema-less')

Mid-Size to Large, e.g. 10 GB of Text

 More info and how to request a database: <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/services/databases/</u>









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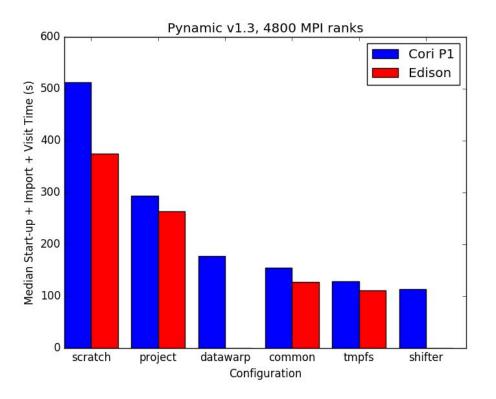
- NERSC R&D effort, in collaboration with Cray, to support Docker Application images
- "Docker-like" functionality on the Cray and HPC Linux clusters. Enables users to run custom environments on HPC systems.
- Addresses security issues in a robust way
- Efficient job-start & Native application performance







# **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
```

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







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Dockerfile



# 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
```

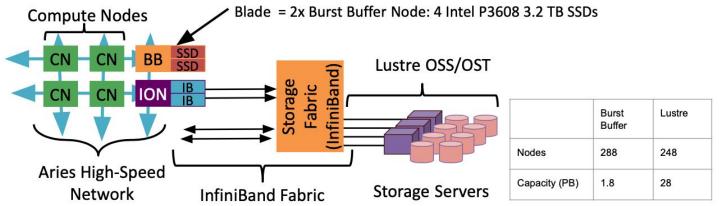
cori> shifterimg pull scanon/myapp:1.1 cori> sbatch ./job.sl





# Use Burst Buffer for Faster IO

- Cori has 1.8PB of SSD-based "Burst Buffer" to support I/O intensive workloads
- Jobs can request a job-temporary BB filesystem, or a persistent (up to a few weeks) reservation for multiple jobs to use



<u>https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#burst-buffer</u>







### **Burst Buffer Example**

#!/bin/bash #SBATCH -q regular -N 10 -C haswell -t 00:10:00 #DW jobdw capacity=1000GB access\_mode=striped type=scratch #DW stage\_in source=\$SCRATCH/inputs destination=\$DW\_JOB\_STRIPED/inputs \ type=directory #DW stage\_in source=\$SCRATCH/file.dat destination=\$DW\_JOB\_STRIPED/ type=file #DW stage\_out source=\$DW\_JOB\_STRIPED/outputs destination=/lustre/outputs \ type=directory srun my.x --indir=\$DW\_JOB\_STRIPED/inputs --infile=\$DW\_JOB\_STRIPED/file.dat \ --outdir=\$DW\_JOB\_STRIPED/outputs

- 'type=scratch' duration just for compute job (i.e. not 'persistent')
- 'access\_mode=striped' visible to all compute nodes and striped across multiple BB nodes
- Data 'stage\_in' before job start and 'stage\_out' after







# 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
- 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=3.7 source activate myenv conda (or pip) install your\_custom\_package ###import antigravity source deactivate myenv

• To use the custom env later

source activate mynev (# does not change your dot file
setup)
or
conda activate myenv (# changes your dot file setup)
<...steps to use this conda env ... >
Sconda deactivate myenv 73

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# **Options to Run Python Code in Parallel**

- Multiprocessing
  - 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 <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/development/languages/python/mpi4py/#mpi4py-in-your-custo</u> <u>m-conda-environment</u>
- https://docs.nersc.gov/development/languages/python/scaling-up/

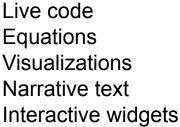




### What is Jupyter?

#### Interactive open-source web application

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



#### 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



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# 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=3.7
$ source activate myenv
(myenv) $ conda install ipykernel <other-packages>...
(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**

```
{
  "argv": [
  "/global/homes/y/yunhe/jupyter-helper.sh",
  "-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.

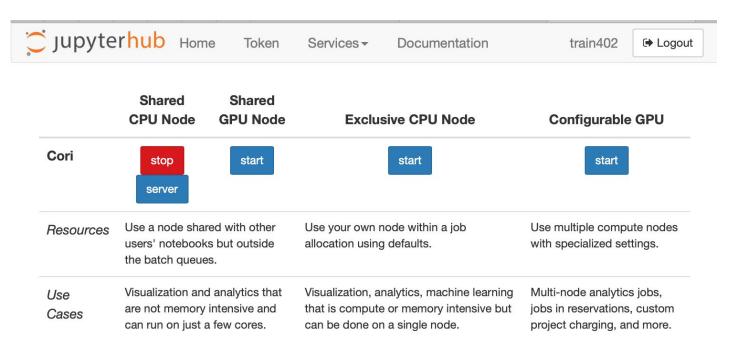
```
Meanwhile, in jupyter-helper.sh:
#!/bin/bash
export SOMETHING=123
module load texlive
exec python -m ipykernel "$@"
```







## **Available Notebook Servers**



Need to request access for exclusive CPU, and GPU nodes

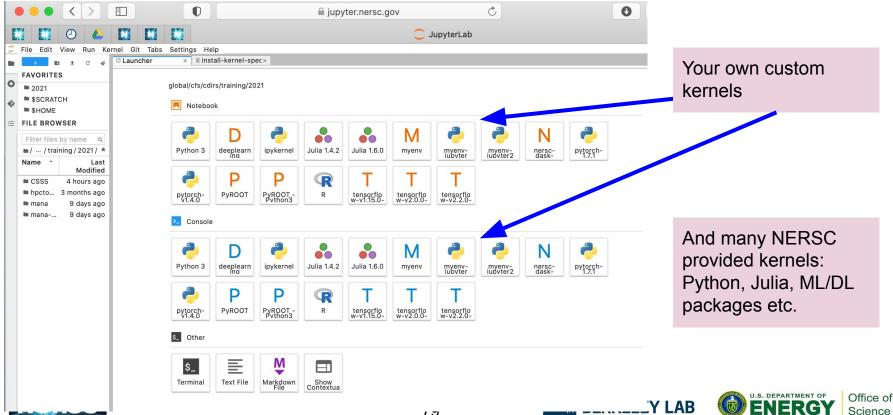








## **Available Jupyter Kernels**



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#### NERSC Deep Learning Software Stack Overview

#### General strategy:

- Provide functional, performant installations of the most popular frameworks and libraries
- Enable flexibility for users to customize and deploy their own solutions

Frameworks:

#### **TensorFlow K** Keras **O** PyTorch

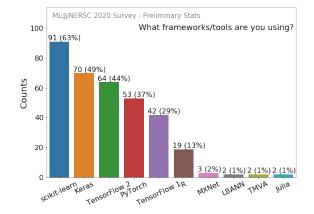
#### **Distributed training libraries:**

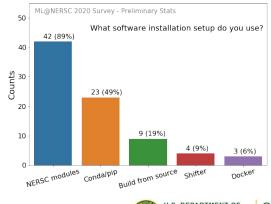
- Horovod
- PyTorch distributed
- Cray Plugin

#### 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/intel-2.1.0-py37

module load pytorch/v1.5.0

Check which software versions are available with:

module avail tensorflow

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

More on how to customize your setup can be found in the docs (<u>TensorFlow</u>, <u>PyTorch</u>). We also have pre-installed Jupyter kernels.





# Jupyter for Deep Learning

# JupyterHub service provides a rich, interactive notebook ecosystem on Cori

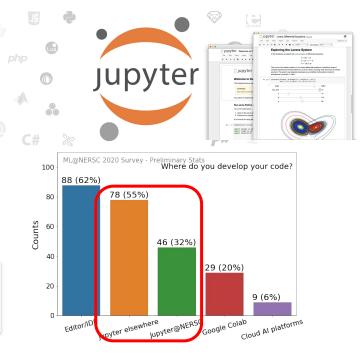
- Very popular service with hundreds of users
- A favorite way for users to develop ML code

#### Users can run their deep learning workloads

- on Cori CPU and Cori GPU
- using our pre-installed DL software kernels
- using their own custom kernels



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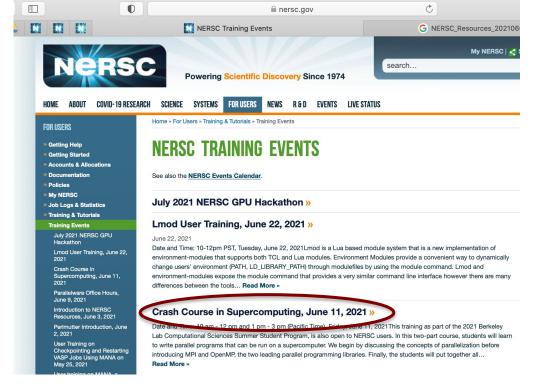
#### **NERSC** Online Resources





# Online Resources: Classic NERSC Page

- https://www.nersc.gov
- Science, News, Publications
- Contact Us
- Live Status (MOTD): <u>https://www.nersc.gov/live-status/</u> <u>motd/</u>
- Training Events: <u>https://www.nersc.gov/users/train</u> <u>ing/events/</u>
- YouTube channel: NERSC
- NERSC users Slack channel
  - <u>https://www.nersc.gov/users/NU</u>
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# Online Resources: NERSC Docs

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- Storage Systems
- Analytics
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#### **Online Resources: IRIS**

#### • IRIS: NERSC Account Management and Reporting:

https://iris.nersc.gov

- Change password
- Change contact info
- SSH Keys, MFA
- Check usage info

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# **Online Resources: Help Portal**

#### https://help.nersc.g

- Submit tickets (as
- Request forms:
  - Quota Increase Ο
  - Reservations Ο
- Allocation (ERCAP)

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# **Online Resources: 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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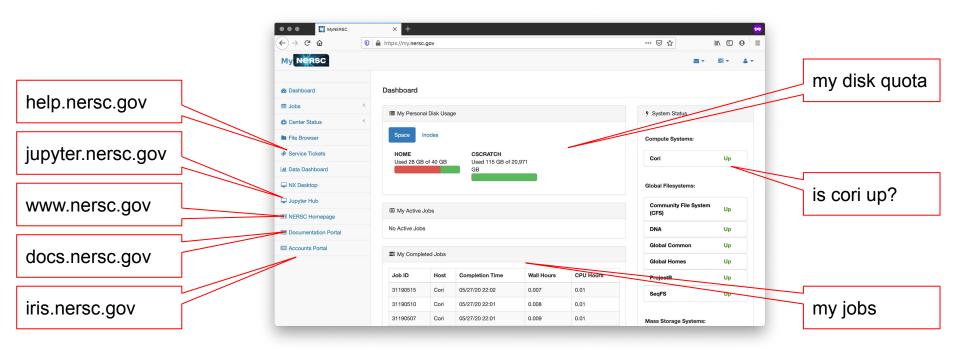






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#### https://my.nersc.gov Leads You to All Sites









# **Online Resources: Cori GPU Documentation**

#### https://docs-dev.nersc.gov

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

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  - <u>https://www.nersc.gov/users/training/events/new-user-</u> training-june-16-2020/







#### Hands-on Exercises





# Hands-on Exercises

- % cd \$SCRATCH
- % cp -r /global/cfs/cdirs/training/2021/CSSS .
  - Notice the space and the last dot in the above command
- % cd CSSS
- Follow:
  - hello-exercise.README
  - matrix-example.README
  - xthi-exercise.README
- References
  - Running Jobs: <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/</u>
  - Interactive Jobs: <u>https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/examples/#interactive</u>







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### **Using Compute Node Reservations**

- Existing NERSC users are added to "nintern" project
- Cori node reservations available from 2-3:30 pm today
- User reservations with --reservation=xxx -A yyy, where
  - xxx is "intro\_haswell" or "intro\_knl"
  - yyy is "nintern" (existing users) or "ntrain" (trainxxx users)







