

# UL HPC School 2018

## Overview & Challenges of the UL HPC facility at the EuroHPC Horizon

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# Welcome to the UL HPC School 2018

<https://hpc.uni.lu/hpc-school/>

- **8th edition** of this training...
  - ↪ started in 2014
  - ↪ This one is the **long** version
    - ✓ 2-days event
    - ✓ Parallel sessions, feat. **basic & advanced** tutorials
- **Requirement:**
  - ↪ your favorite laptop with your favorite OS
    - ✓ Linux / Mac OS preferred, but Windows accepted
  - ↪ basic knowledge in Linux command line
  - ↪ ability to take notes (Markdown etc.)



## Online UL HPC Tutorials

<http://ulhpc-tutorials.rtfld.io/>

# Agenda Day 1: June 12th, 2018

Day 1	Main Track (MSA 4.520)	Speaker
9h00	<b>PS1a:</b> Getting Started (part I: SSH)	C. Parisot
10h00	<b>Coffee break</b>	
10h30	<b>Overview &amp; Challenges of the UL HPC Facility at the EuroHPC Horizon</b>	S. Varrette
11h45	<b>PS1b:</b> Getting Started (part II)	H. Cartiaux
12h30	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13h30	<b>PS2:</b> HPC workflow with sequential jobs	H. Cartiaux
14h30	<b>PS4a:</b> UL HPC Monitoring in practice	H. Cartiaux
15h30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16h00	<b>PS5:</b> Parallel computations with OpenMP/MPI	S. Varrette
17h30	<b>PS6:</b> User environment and storage data management	S. Peter
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10h30	<b>Keynote in 4.520</b>	
13h30	<b>PS3a:</b> Advanced scheduling (SLURM, OAR)	V. Plugaru
14h30	<b>PS3b:</b> Software environment management using Easybuild	S. Peter
15h30	<b>Coffee break (in 4.520)</b>	
16h00	<b>PS4b:</b> Performance engineering - HPC debugging and profiling	V. Plugaru

**PS** = *Practical Session using your laptop*

# Agenda Day 2: June 13th, 2018

Day 2	Main Track (MSA 4.520)	Speaker
9h00	<b>PS7:</b> Multi-Physics workflows: test cases on CFD/MD/Chemistry applications	V. Plugaru
10h30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11h00	<b>Users' session: UL HPC experiences</b>	
12h40	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13h30	<b>PS9:</b> [Basic + Advanced] Prototyping with Python	C. Parisot
15h30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
15h45	<b>PS11:</b> Big Data Applications	S. Varrette
17h15	<b>PS13:</b> Machine / Deep learning (Pytorch, Tensorflow, Caffe2)	S. Varrette
18h15	<b>Closing Keynote: Take Away Messages</b>	S. Varrette

Day 2	Parallel Track (MSA 4.510)	Speaker
9h00	<b>PS8:</b> Bio-informatics workflows and applications	S. Peter
10h30	<b>Coffee break (in 4.520)</b>	
11h00	<b>Users' session: UL HPC experiences (in 4.520)</b>	
12h40	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13h30	<b>PS10:</b> Scientific computing using MATLAB	V. Plugaru
15h30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
15h45	<b>PS12:</b> R - statistical computing	A. Ginolhac
17h15	<b>PS14:</b> HPC Containers: Singularity	V. Plugaru
18h15	<b>Closing Keynote in 4.520</b>	S. Varrette



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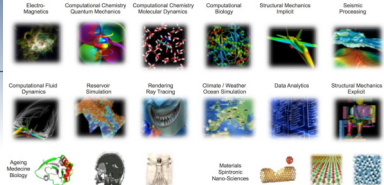
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  - **GiB** =  $1024^3$  bytes   **TiB** =  $1024^4$    **PiB** =  $1024^5$    **EiB** =  $1024^6$
- **Transfer rate** on a medium measured in **Mb/s** or **MB/s**
- Other metrics: Sequential vs Random **R/W speed**, **IOPS** ...

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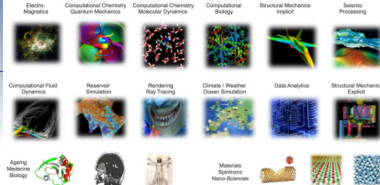
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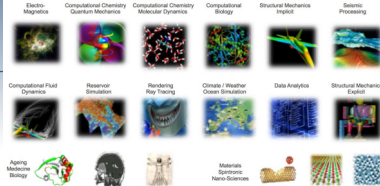
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- HPC = **global race** (strategic priority) - EU takes up the challenge:
  - ↪ EuroHPC / IPCEI on HPC and Big Data (BD) Applications

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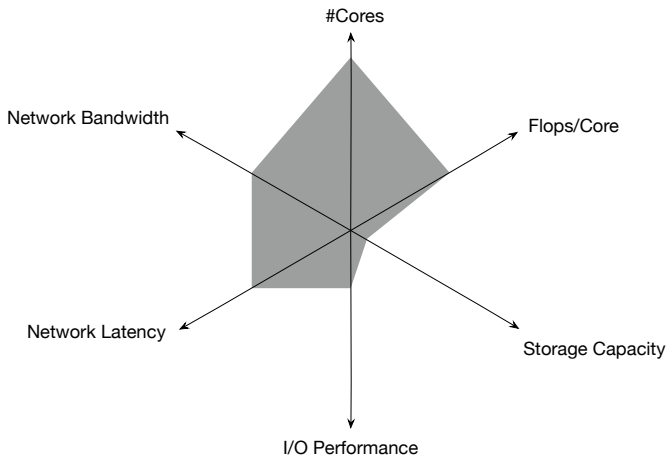
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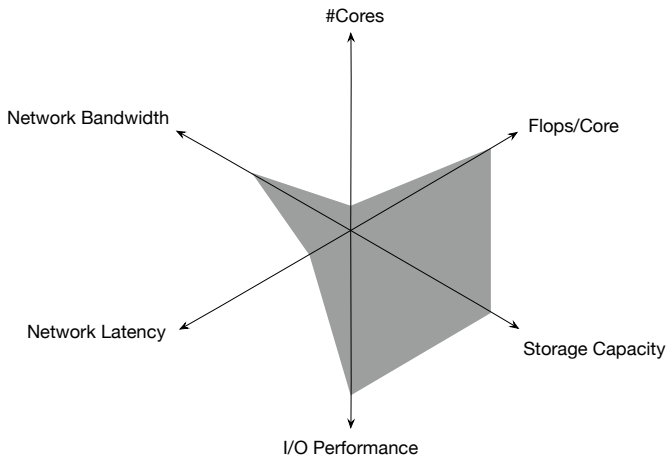
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## Material Science & Engineering



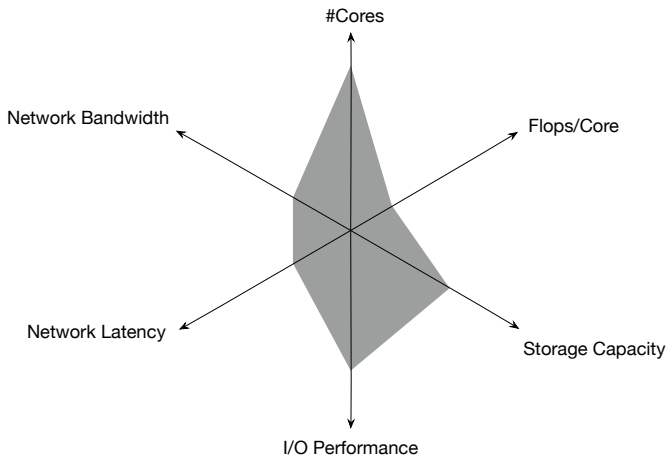
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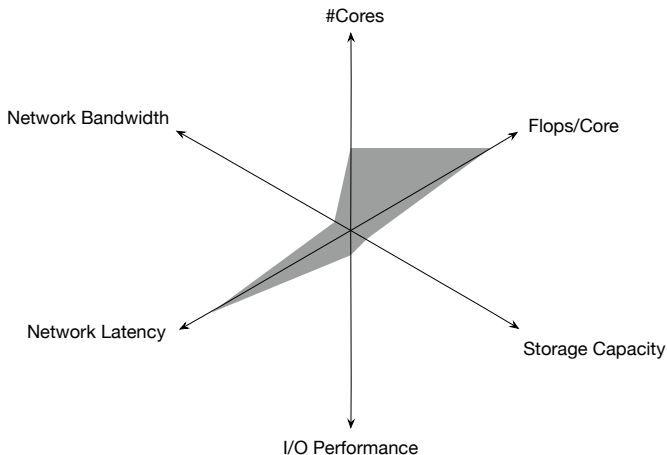
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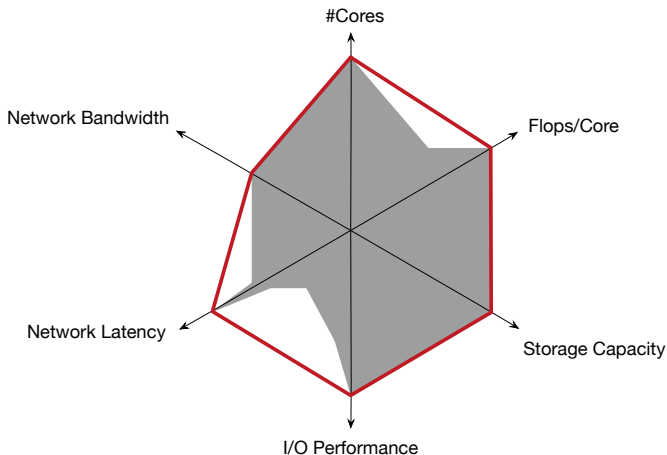
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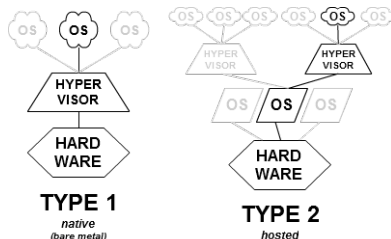
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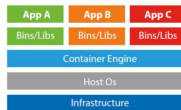
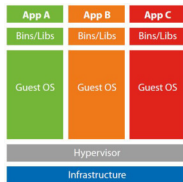
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- **Container-based Virtualization**

→ similar to VMs ...

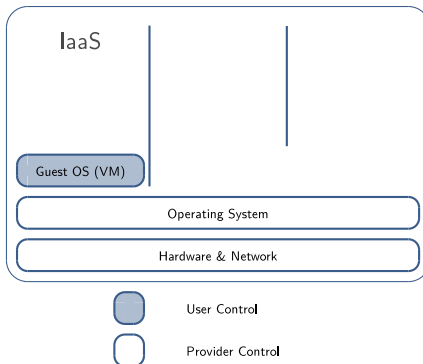
- ✓ **yet** containers **share** the system kernel of the host with others
- ✓ Ex: **Docker**, **Singularity**, **Shifter**



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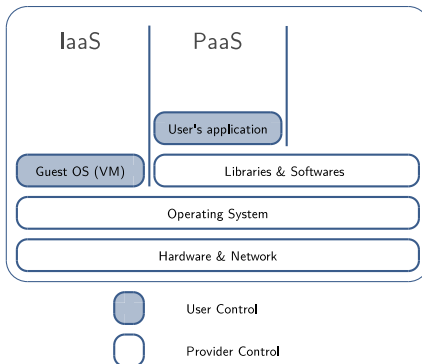
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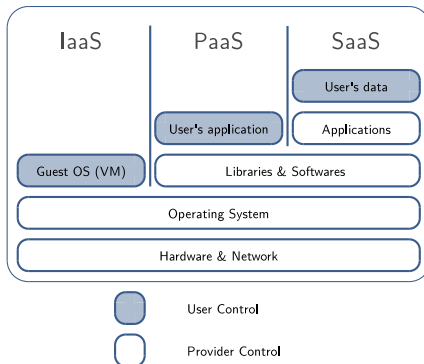
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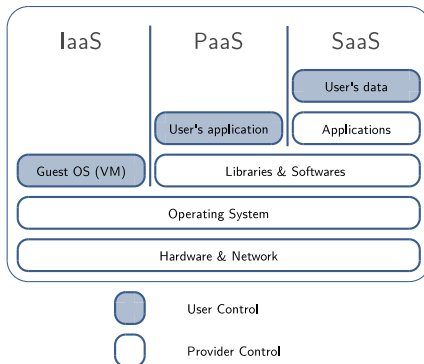
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- HPC  $\simeq$  Formula 1
  - ↪ relies on ultra efficient hardware / interconnect (IB EDR...)
  - ↪ ... when Cloud has to stay standard ([10] GbE etc...)
- **Does not mean the 3 approaches cannot work together**





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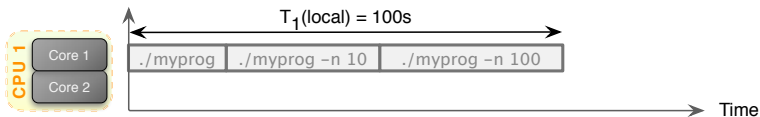
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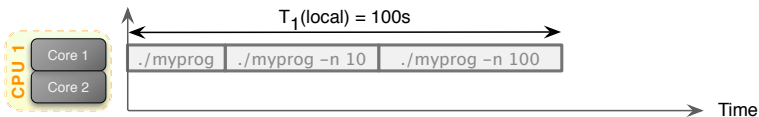
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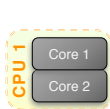




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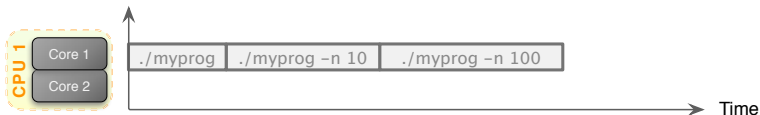
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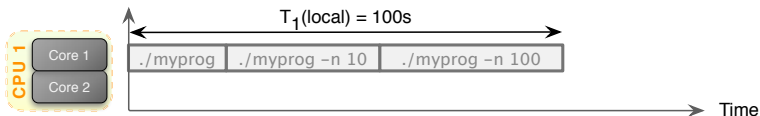
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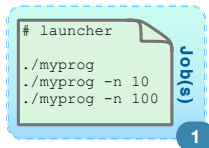
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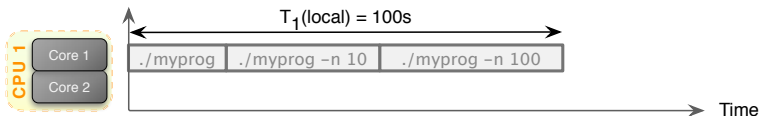
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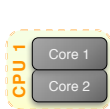
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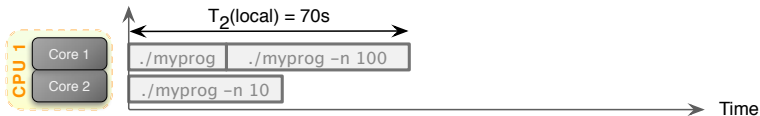




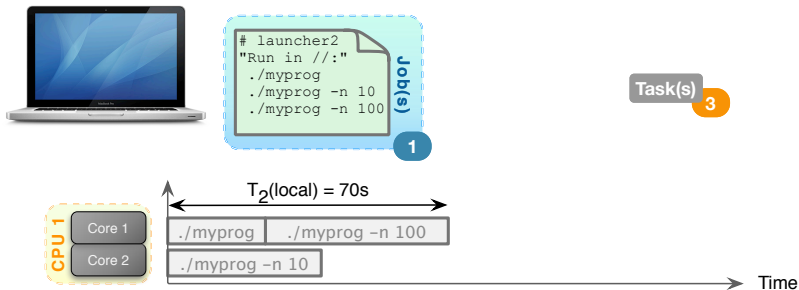
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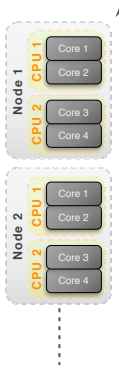
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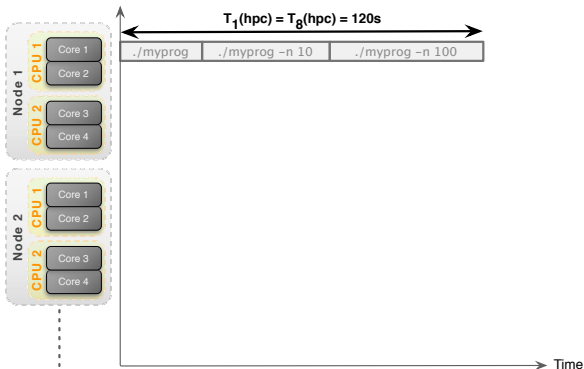
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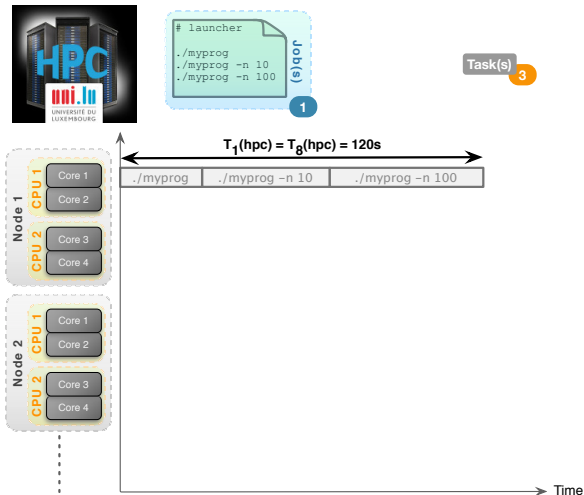
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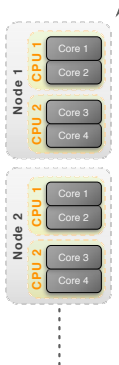
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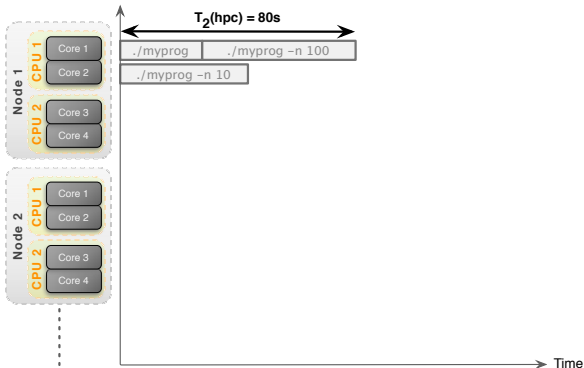
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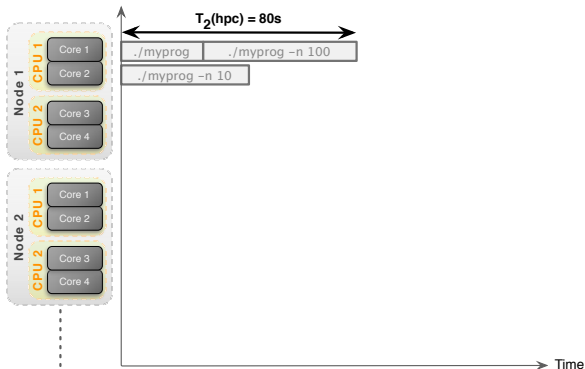
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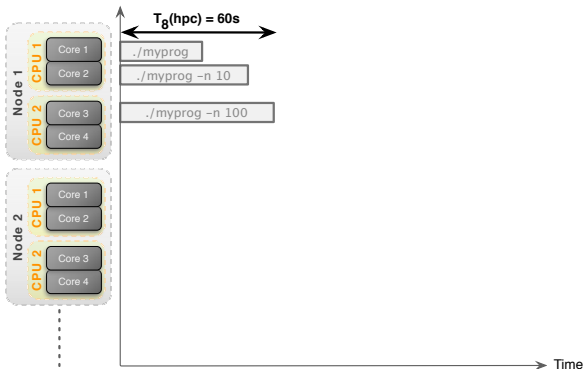


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- Parallel/Distributed runs **DO NOT COME FOR FREE**
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  - ↳ you have to **explicitly** adapt your jobs to benefit from the multi-cores/nodes



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# HPC Components: [GP]CPU

## CPU

- Always multi-core
- Ex: Intel Core i7-7700K (Jan 2017)  $R_{peak} \simeq 268.8$  GFlops (DP)
  - ↪ 4 cores @ 4.2GHz (14nm, 91W, 1.75 billion transistors)
  - ↪ + integrated graphics (24 EUs)  $R_{peak} \simeq +441.6$  GFlops

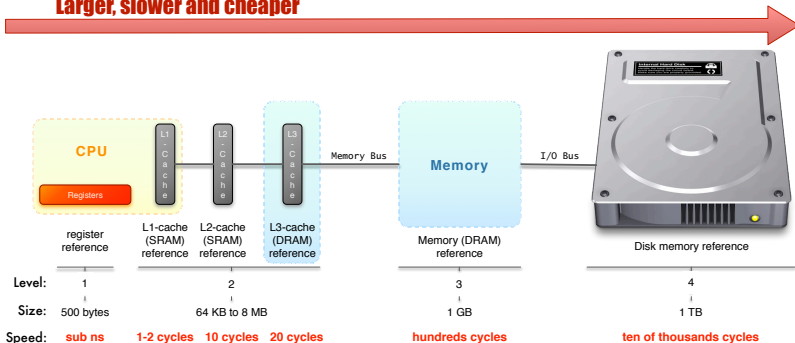
## GPU / GPGPU

- Always multi-core, optimized for vector processing
- Ex: Nvidia Tesla V100 (Jun 2017)  $R_{peak} \simeq 7$  TFlops (DP)
  - ↪ 5120 cores @ 1.3GHz (12nm, 250W, 21 billion transistors)
  - ↪ focus on Deep Learning workloads  $R_{peak} \simeq 112$  TFLOPS (HP)

**$\simeq 100$  Gflops for 130\$ (CPU), 214\$? (GPU)**

# HPC Components: Local Memory

**Larger, slower and cheaper**

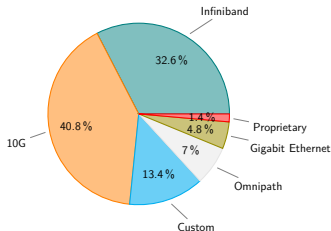


- SSD (SATA3) R/W: 550 MB/s; 100000 IOPS **450 €/TB**
- HDD (SATA3 @ 7,2 krpm) R/W: 227 MB/s; 85 IOPS **54 €/TB**

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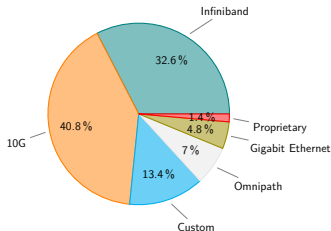
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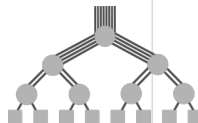
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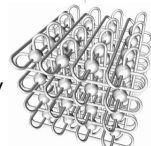
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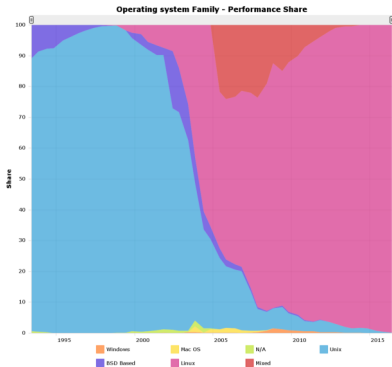


- **Mesh or 3D-torus** [Direct]

- ↪ Blocking network, cost-effective for systems at scale
- ↪ Great performance solutions for applications with locality
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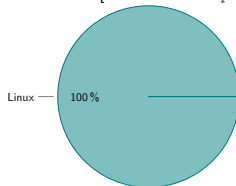


# HPC Components: Operating System



- Exclusively Linux-based (**really** 100%)
- Reasons:
  - ↪ stability
  - ↪ prone to delevs

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# HPC Components: Software Stack

- **Remote connection to the platform** SSH
- **Identity Management / SSO:** LDAP, Kerberos, IPA...
- **Resource management:** job/batch scheduler
  - ↪ SLURM, OAR, PBS, MOAB/Torque...
- **(Automatic) Node Deployment:**
  - ↪ FAI, Kickstart, Puppet, Chef, Ansible, Kadeploy...
- **(Automatic) User Software Management:**
  - ↪ Easybuild, Environment Modules, LMod
- **Platform Monitoring:**
  - ↪ Nagios, Icinga, Ganglia, Foreman, Cacti, Alerta...

# [Big]Data Management: Disk Encl.



- $\simeq$  120 K€ - enclosure - 48-60 disks (4U)  
 ↪ incl. redundant (i.e. 2) RAID controllers (master/slave)

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Name	Type	Read* [GB/s]	Write* [GB/s]
ext4	Disk FS	0.426	0.212
nfs	Networked FS	0.381	0.090
gpfs (iris)	Parallel/Distributed FS	<b>11.25</b>	<b>9.46</b>
lustre (iris)	Parallel/Distributed FS	<b>12.88</b>	<b>10.07</b>
gpfs (gaia)	Parallel/Distributed FS	7.74	6.524
lustre (gaia)	Parallel/Distributed FS	4.5	2.956

\* maximum **random** read/write, per IOZone or IOR measures, using concurrent nodes for networked FS.

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- Power/Heat dissipation per rack:
  - ↪ HPC **computing** racks: **30-120 kW**
  - ↪ **Storage** racks: **15 kW**
  - ↪ **Interconnect** racks: **5 kW**
- Various **Cooling** Technology
  - ↪ Airflow
  - ↪ Direct-Liquid Cooling, Immersion...

### Power Usage Effectiveness

$$PUE = \frac{\text{Total facility power}}{\text{IT equipment power}}$$



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## High Performance Computing @ UL

- Started in 2007, under resp. of Prof P. Bouvry & Dr. S. Varrette

→ expert UL HPC team (S. Varrette, V. Plugaru, S. Peter, H. Cartiaux, C. Parisot)

→ 8,173,747€ cumulative investment in hardware



### Key numbers

- 469 users
- 662 computing nodes
  - 10132 cores **346.652 TFlops**
  - 50 accelerators (+ **76.22 TFlops**)
- 9852.4 TB** storage
- 130 (+ 71) servers
- 5 sysadmins
- 2 sites: Kirchberg / Belval

<http://hpc.uni.lu>

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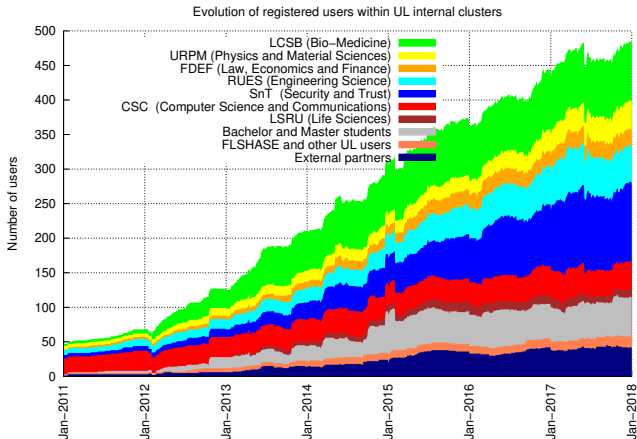
- **Enables & accelerates** scientific discovery and innovation
- **Largest facility** in Luxembourg (after GoodYear R&D Center)

Country	Institute	(CPU)		TFlops	TB (Shared)
		#Nodes	#Cores	$R_{peak}$	Storage
Luxembourg	UL HPC (Uni.lu) LIST	662	10132	346.652	9852.4
		94	1952	83.21	494
France	LORIA (G5K), Nancy ROMEO, Reims	257	2436	32.6	196
		174	3136	49.26	245
Belgium	NIC4, University of Liège Université Catholique de Louvain UGent / VSC, Gent	128	2048	32.00	20
		112	1344	13.28	120
		440	8768	275.30	1122
Germany	bwGrid, Heidelberg bwForCluster, Ulm bwHPC MLS&WISO, Mannheim	140	1120	12.38	32
		444	7104	266.40	400
		604	9728	371.60	420



## UL HPC User Base

### ● 469 Active HPC Users



## UL HPC Beneficiaries

### 23 computational domains accelerated on UL HPC

- for the UL Faculties, Research Units and Interdisciplinary Centres
  - ↪ incl. LCSB, SnT... and now C2DH thematics
  - ↪ UL **strategic research priorities**

- ✓ computational sciences, finance (fintech)
- ✓ systems biomedicine, security, reliability and trust

- UL HPC feat. special systems targeting specific workloads:

↪ **Machine Learning & AI**: GPU accelerators

- ✓ 10 Tesla K40 + 16 Tesla K80 + 24 Tesla M20\*: **76 GPU Tflops**

↪ **BigData analytics & data driven science**: large memory systems

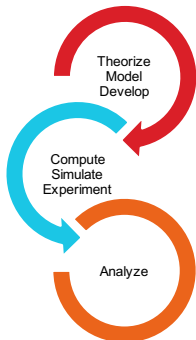
- ✓ Large SMP systems with 1, 2, 3 & 4 TB RAM

↪ **Scale-out workloads**: energy efficient systems

- ✓ 90 HP Moonshot servers + 96 viridis ARM-based systems

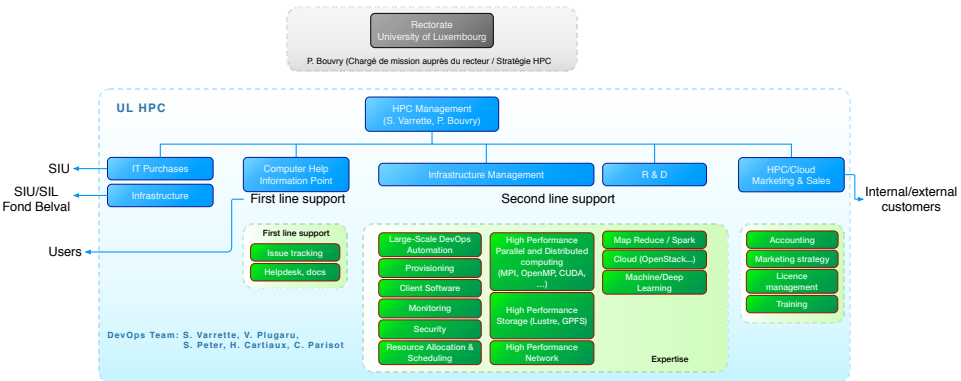
# Accelerating UL Research

<https://hpc.uni.lu/users/software/>



- **>163 software packages** available for researchers
  - ↪ **General purpose**, statistics, optimization:
    - ✓ Matlab, Mathematica, R, Stata, CPLEX, Gurobi Optimizer...
  - ↪ **Bioinformatics**
    - ✓ BioPython, STAR, TopHat, Bowtie, mpiHMMER...
  - ↪ **Computer aided engineering**:
    - ✓ ANSYS, ABAQUS, OpenFOAM...
  - ↪ **Molecular dynamics**:
    - ✓ NAMD, ABINIT, Q.ESPRESSO, GROMACS...
  - ↪ **Visualisation**: ParaView, VisIt, VMD, XCS portal
  - ↪ Compilers, libraries, performance modeling tools
  - ↪ [Parallel] debugging tools aiding development

## ULHPC Governance



## UL HPC Team



**Prof. Pascal Bouvry**  
Director of DS-CSCE, Leader of PCO Group  
Senior advisor for the president as regards the HPC strategy



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## Sites / Data centers



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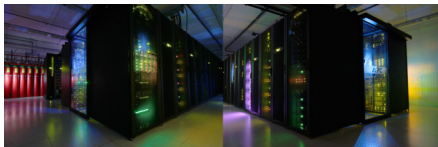
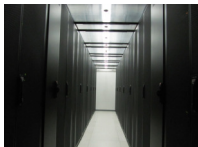


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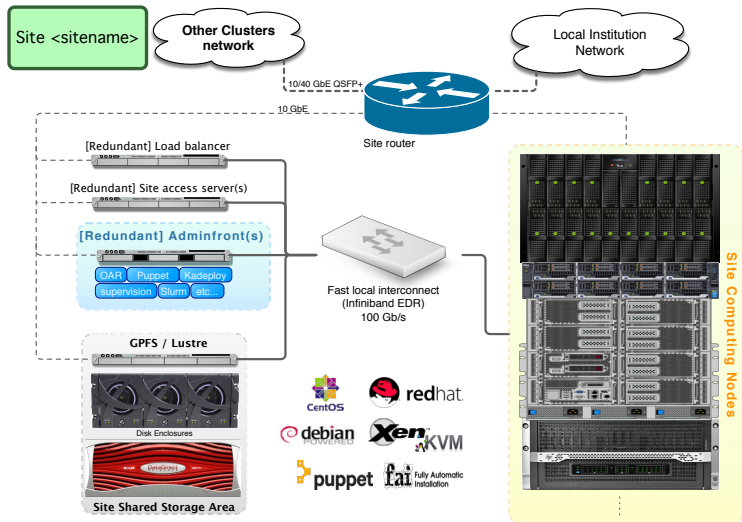
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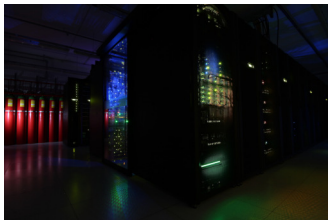
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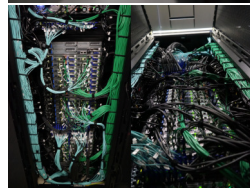




# UL HPC Computing capacity



5 clusters  
**346.652 TFlops**  
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# UL HPC Computing Clusters

Cluster	Location	#N	#C	Rpeak	GPU Rpeak
iris	CDC S-01	168	4704	256	0
gaia	BT1	273	3440	69.296	76
chaos	Kirchberg	81	1120	14.495	0
g5k	Kirchberg	38	368	4.48	0
nyx (experimental)	BT1	102	500	2.381	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>662</b>	<b>10132</b>	<b>346.652</b>	<b>+ 76 TFlops</b>

## UL HPC - Detailed Computing Nodes

	Date	Vendor	Proc. Description	#N	#C	R <sub>peak</sub>
iris	2017	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2680 v4@2.4GHz 2 × 14C,128GB	108	3024	116,12 TFlops
	2018	Dell	Intel Xeon Gold 6132 @ 2.6 GHz 60 2 × 14C,128GB	60	1680	139,78 TFlops
	iris TOTAL:			168	4704	256 TFlops

gaia	2011	Bull	Intel Xeon L5640@2.26GHz 2 × 6C,48GB	72	864	7.811 TFlops
	2012	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-4640@2.4GHz 4 × 8C, 1TB	1	32	0.614 TFlops
	2012	Bull	Intel Xeon E7-4850@2GHz 16 × 10C,1TB	1	160	1.280 TFlops
	2013	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2660@2.2GHz 2 × 8C,64GB	5	80	1.408 TFlops
	2013	Bull	Intel Xeon X5670@2.93GHz 2 × 6C,48GB	40	480	5.626 TFlops
	2013	Bull	Intel Xeon X5675@3.07GHz 2 × 6C,48GB	32	384	4.746 TFlops
	2014	Delta	Intel Xeon E7-8880@2.5 GHz 8 × 15C,1TB	1	120	2.4 TFlops
	2014	SGi	Intel Xeon E5-4650@2.4 GHz 16 × 10C,4TB	1	160	3.072 TFlops
	2015	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2680@2.5 GHz 2 × 12C,128GB	28	672	26.88 TFlops
	2015	HP	Intel E3-1284Lv3, 1.8GHz 1 × 4C,32GB	90	360	10.368 TFlops
	2016	Dell	Intel Xeon E7-8867@2.5 GHz 4 × 16C,2TB	2	128	5.12 TFlops
gaia TOTAL:				273	3440	69.296 TFlops

chaos	2010	HP	Intel Xeon L5640@2.26GHz 2 × 6C,24GB	32	384	3.472 TFlops
	2011	Dell	Intel Xeon L5640@2.26GHz 2 × 6C,24GB	16	192	1.736 TFlops
	2012	Dell	Intel Xeon X7560@2.26GHz 4 × 6C, 1TB	1	32	0.289 TFlops
	2012	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2660@2.2GHz 2 × 8C,32GB	16	256	4.506 TFlops
	2012	HP	Intel Xeon E5-2660@2.2GHz 2 × 8C,32GB	16	256	4.506 TFlops
chaos TOTAL:				81	1120	14.495 TFlops

85k	2008	Dell	Intel Xeon L5335@2GHz 2 × 4C,16GB	22	176	1.408 TFlops
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granduc/petitprince TOTAL:				38	368	4.48 TFlops

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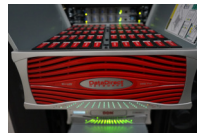
nyx, viridis, pyro...	2012	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2420@1.9GHz 1 × 6C,32GB	2	12	0.091 TFlops
	2013	Viridis	ARM A9 Cortex@1.1GHz 1 × 4C,4GB	96	384	0.422 TFlops
	2015	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2630Lv2@2.4GHz 2 × 6C,32GB	2	24	0.460 TFlops
	2015	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2660v2@2.2GHz 2 × 10C,32GB	4	80	1.408 TFlops
nyx/viridis TOTAL:				102	500	2.381 TFlops

## UL HPC Storage capacity



4 distributed/parallel FS  
2425 disks  
**9852.4 TB**

(incl. 1020TB for Backup)



## UL HPC Shared Storage Capacities

Cluster	GPFS	Lustre	Other (NFS...)	Backup	TOTAL
<b>iris</b>	<b>2284</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>4170 TB</b>
gaia	960	660	0	240	1860 TB
chaos	0	0	180	180	360 TB
g5k	0	0	32.4	0	32.4 TB
nyx (experimental)	0	0	242	0	242 TB
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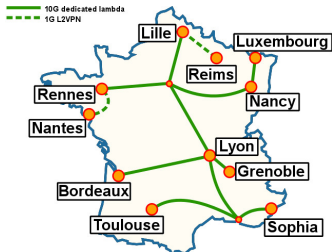
## UL HPC Software Stack

- **Operating System:** **Linux** CentOS 7 (iris), Debian 8 (others)
- **Remote connection to the platform:** SSH
- **User SSO:** IPA, OpenLDAP
- **Resource management:** job/batch scheduler: **Slurm**(iris), **OAR**
- **(Automatic) Computing Node Deployment:**
  - ↪ FAI (Fully Automatic Installation)(gaia, chaos clusters)
  - ↪ Bright Cluster Manager (iris)
  - ↪ Puppet
  - ↪ Kadeploy
- **Platform Monitoring:**
  - ↪ OAR Monika/Drawgantt, Ganglia, Allinea Perf Report, SLURM
  - ↪ Icinga, NetXMS, PuppetBoard etc.
- **Commercial Softwares:**
  - ↪ ANSYS, ABAQUS, MATLAB, Intel Cluster Studio XE, Allinea DDT, Stata etc.

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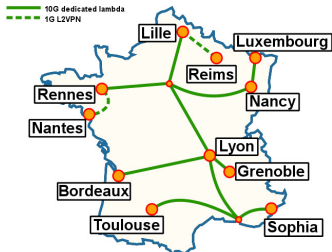
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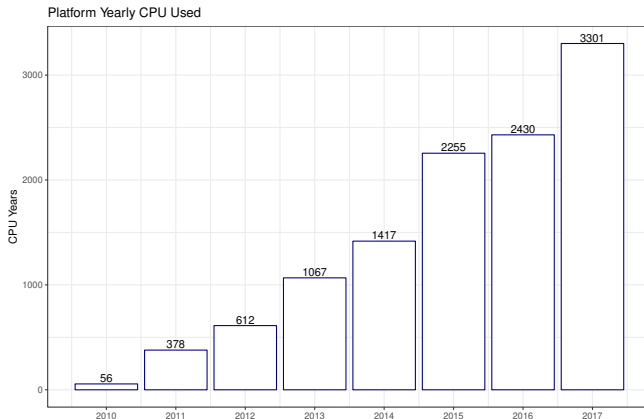
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## CPU-year usage since 2010

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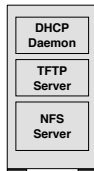
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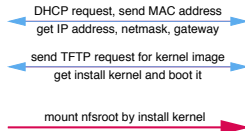
- Boot via network card (PXE)
  - ↪ ensure a running diskless Linux OS



### install server



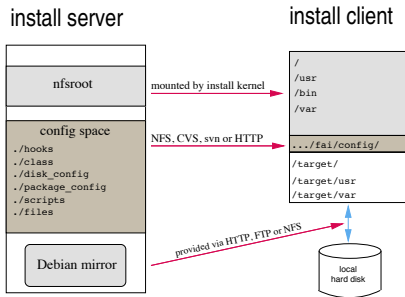
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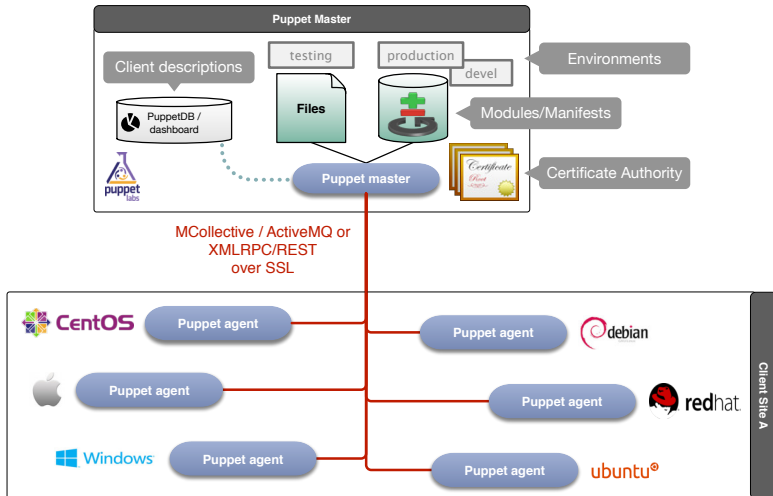
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# General Puppet Infrastructure



# Software/Modules Management

<https://hpc.uni.lu/users/software/>

- Based on **Environment Modules / LMod**
  - ↪ convenient way to dynamically change the users environment \$PATH
  - ↪ permits to easily load software through module command
- Currently on **UL HPC**:
  - ↪ > **163 software packages**, in *multiple* versions, within **18 categ.**
  - ↪ reworked software set for iris cluster and now deployed everywhere
    - ✓ RESIF v2.0, allowing [real] semantic versioning of released builds
  - ↪ hierarchical organization **Ex:** toolchain/{foss,intel}

```
$> module avail
```

*# List available modules*

```
$> module load <category>/<software>[/<version>]
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- Key module variable: `$MODULEPATH` / where to look for modules  
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## Main modules commands:

Command	Description
<code>module avail</code>	Lists all the modules which are available to be loaded
<code>module spider &lt;pattern&gt;</code>	Search for among available modules ( <b>Lmod only</b> )
<code>module load &lt;mod1&gt; [mod2...]</code>	Load a module
<code>module unload &lt;module&gt;</code>	Unload a module
<code>module list</code>	List loaded modules
<code>module purge</code>	Unload all modules (purge)
<code>module display &lt;module&gt;</code>	Display what a module does
<code>module use &lt;path&gt;</code>	Prepend the directory to the <code>MODULEPATH</code> environment variable
<code>module unuse &lt;path&gt;</code>	Remove the directory from the <code>MODULEPATH</code> environment variable

# Software/Modules Management

<http://hpcugent.github.io/easybuild/>

- **Easybuild**: open-source framework to (automatically) build scientific software
- **Why?**: *"Could you please install this software on the cluster?"*
  - Scientific software is often **difficult** to build
    - ✓ non-standard build tools / incomplete build procedures
    - ✓ hardcoded parameters and/or poor/outdated documentation
  - EasyBuild helps to facilitate this task
    - ✓ **consistent** software **build and installation** framework
    - ✓ includes testing step that helps validate builds
    - ✓ **automatically generates LMod modulefiles**

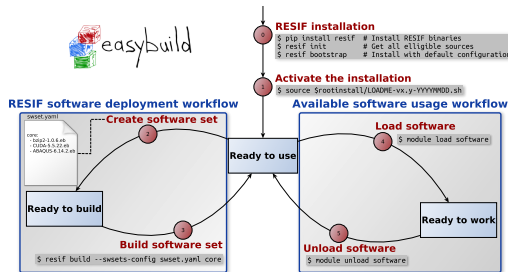
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$> module use $LOCAL_MODULES
$> module load tools/EasyBuild
$> eb -S HPL      # Search for recipes for HPL software
$> eb HPL-2.2-intel-2017a.eb # Install HPL 2.2 w. Intel toolchain
```

# Software/Modules Management

- **RESIF**: Revolutionary EasyBuild-based Software Installation Framework
  - Automatic Management of **software sets**
  - Fully automates software builds and supports all available toolchains
  - Clean (hierarchical) modules layout to facilitate its usage
  - (**incoming**) per-release module, per-ISA builds,

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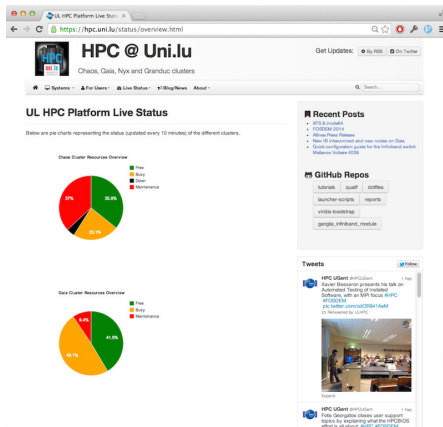
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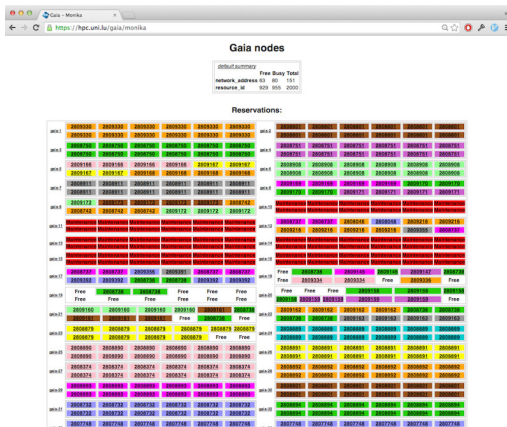
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### Monika

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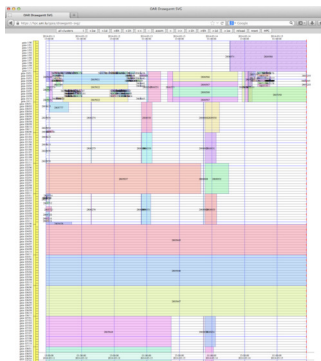




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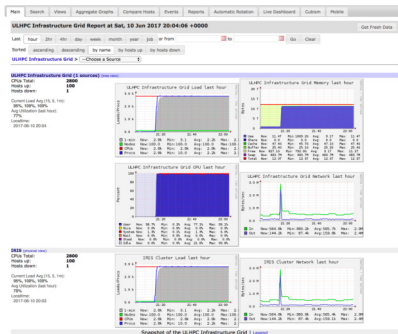
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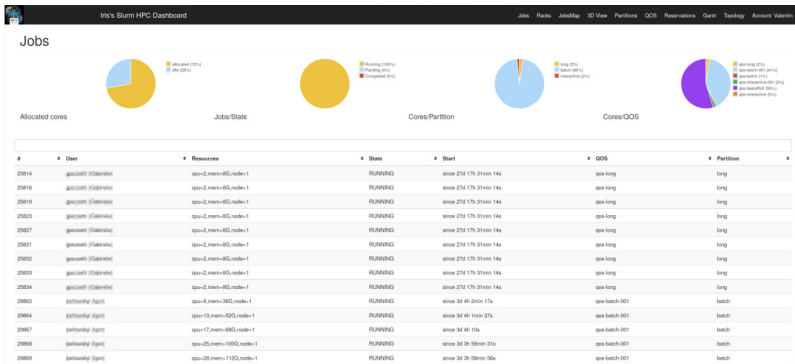
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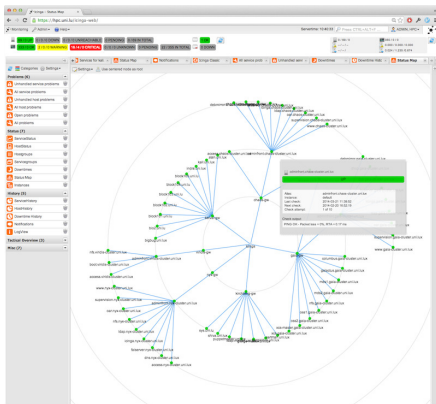
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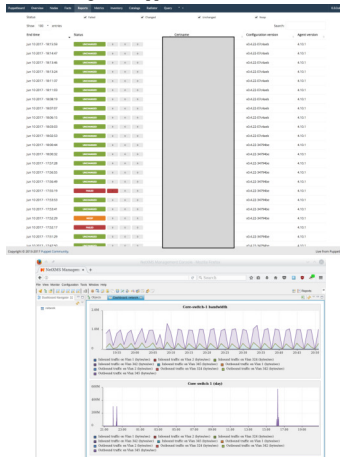


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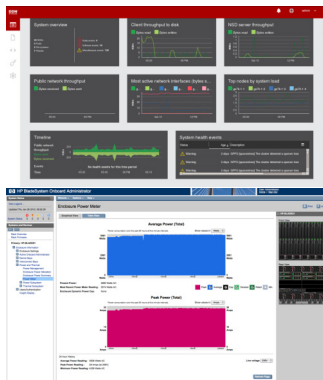
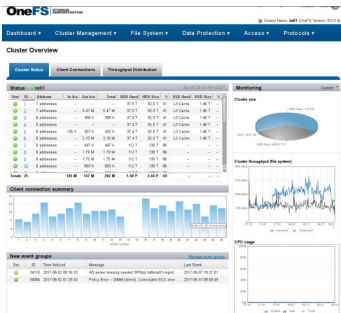
### Icinga / Puppet / NetXMS (networking)



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[Disk] Enclosure status





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- ✓ Dell C6320, 128 GB RAM
  - ✓ 108 x 2 Intel Xeon E5-2680v4@2.4 GHz [2x14c] **(2017)**
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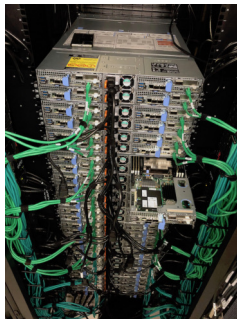
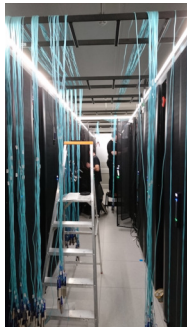




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- **Feb. 2018: Moving iris cluster**

↪ CDC S-01 → S-02



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↪ RFP 160019: **SpectrumsScale GPFS** (DDN GridScaler) **2284 TB**

✓ Initial deployment June 2017

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✓ Extension done in April 2018

↪ RFP 170035: **Lustre** (DDN Exascaler)

**1280 TB**

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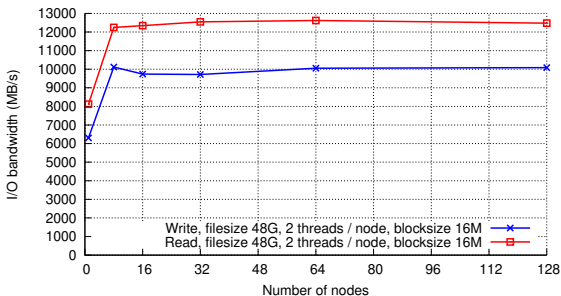
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  - ↪ project quota frozen to the current usage (hard limit +10G)
  - ↪ **Action list:** \$WORK move to Lustre / project to Isilon

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- (Oct. 2017) **Luxembourg 25th country to join PRACE**
  - ↪ Official representatives for Luxembourg from UL
    - ✓ Delegate: Prof. Pascal Bouvry
    - ✓ Advisor: Dr. Sebastien Varrette
  - ↪ Press release (Visit of S. Bogaerts, managing director PRACE)
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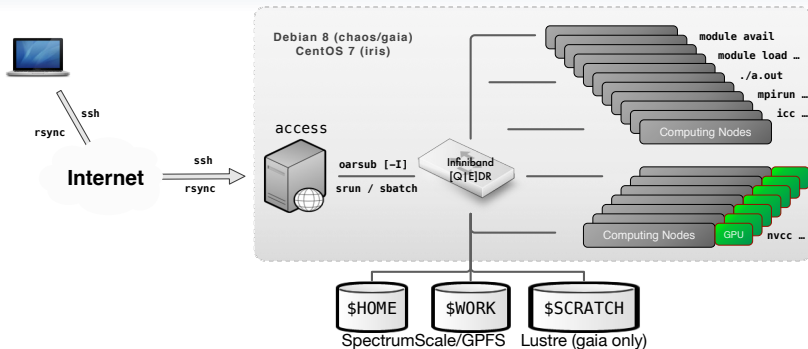
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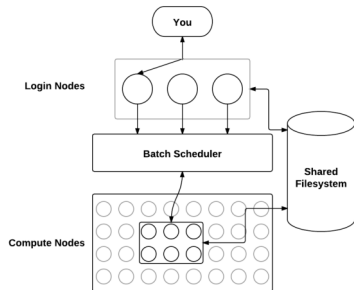
- OS: Debian 8 / CentOS 7
- **Storage usage:** `df-ulhpc`
- **Env. modules:** `modules`
  - ↪ **Not** available on frontends
  - ↪ **\*Only\*** on compute nodes

Directory	Max size	Max #files	Backup
\$HOME (chaos,gaia)	100 GB	1.000.000	YES
\$HOME (iris)	500 GB	1.000.000	YES
\$WORK (excl. iris)	3 TB		NO
\$SCRATCH	per request		NO

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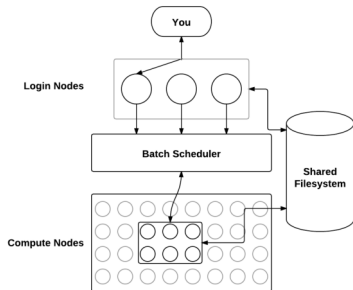
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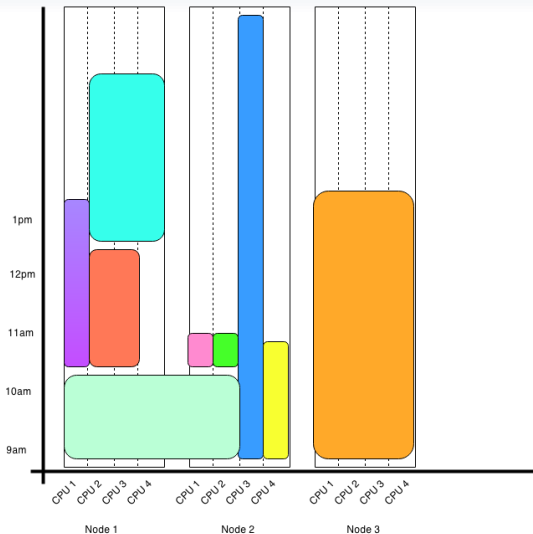
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  - ✓ Sockets / Cores / Hyperthreads
  - ✓ Memory
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- Generic resources (e.g. GPUs)
- Licenses

## • Strategic Position

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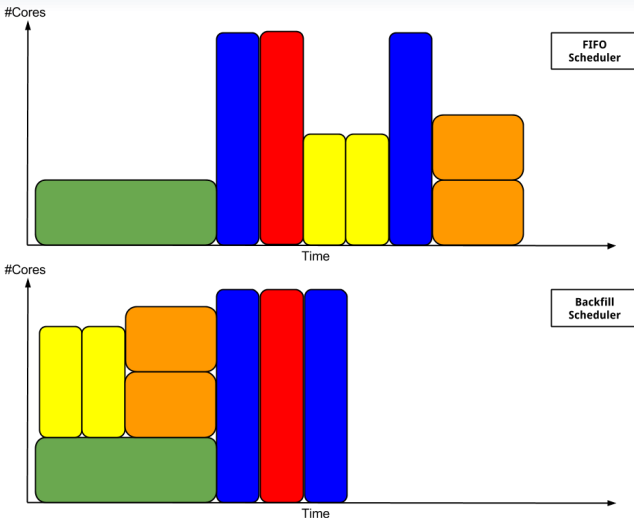


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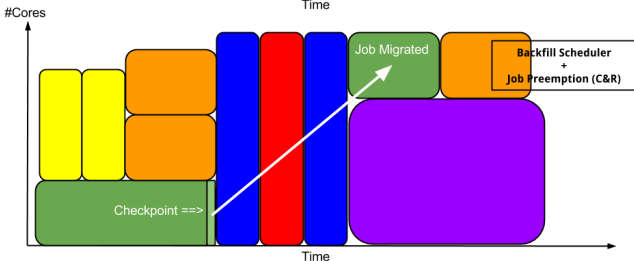
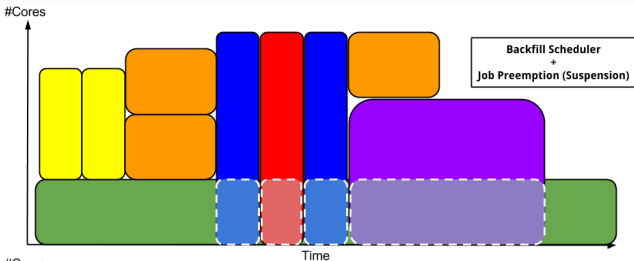




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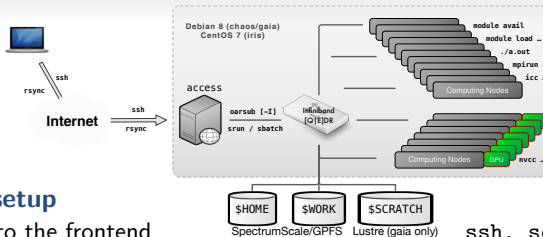
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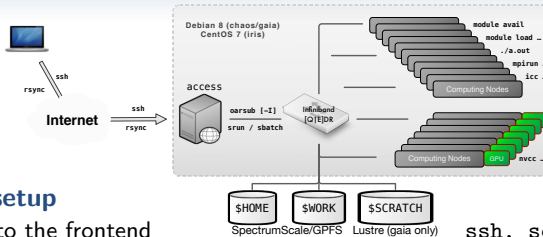
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① Reserve passive resources

oarsub [...] <launcher>

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on iris: sbatch -p {batch|long} [...] <launcher>

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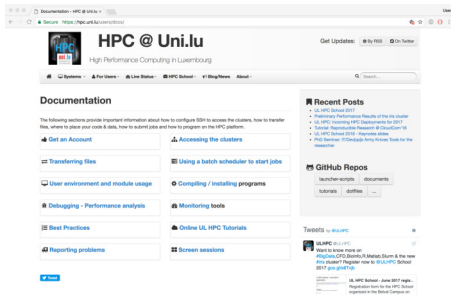
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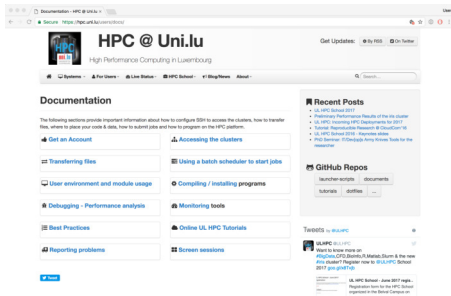
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[https://hpc.uni.lu/users/docs/report\\_pbs.html](https://hpc.uni.lu/users/docs/report_pbs.html)

### • First checks

- ① My issue is probably documented see [User Doc](#)
- ② An event is on-going cf mail from [hpc-platform@uni.lu](mailto:hpc-platform@uni.lu)
- ③ check the state of your nodes
  - ✓ `{ oarsub -C <jobid> | ssh <node> }; htop` *on active jobs*
  - ✓ `{ oarsub -f -j <jobid> }` *post-mortem*
  - ✓ **iris**: `scontrol show job <jobid> OR sacct --job <jobid> -l`
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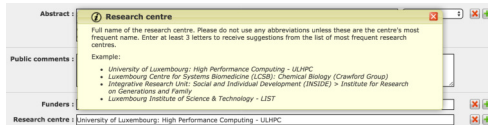
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- In all cases: **Carefully describe the problem and the context**

→ Guidelines

## Reporting Obtained Results

- In your **scientific publications**: *as per Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)*
  - ↪ **acknowledge** your usage of the UL HPC platform
  - ↪ (if possible) **cite** the UL HPC paper \cite{VBCG\_HPCS14}
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#### EU



- About 5 billion euros in total
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- Investments mostly by country governments with a little from the EU

#### China



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- Planned investment of just over \$1billion\* (over 5 years) for both the R&D and purchase of 1 exascale system
- To be followed by a number of smaller systems ~\$100M to \$150M each
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\* Note that this includes both the system and R&D

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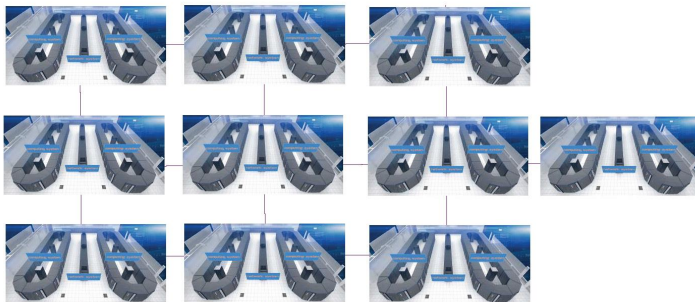


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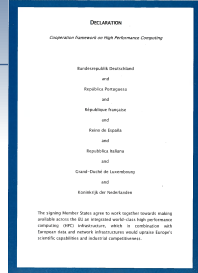
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- ↪ Providing access to **Five EU Tier-0** compute & data resources
- ↪ Luxembourg 25th country to join (Oct. 17th, 2017)
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## New Trends in HPC

- **Continued scaling** of scientific, industrial & financial applications
  - ↪ ... well beyond Exascale
- New trends changing the landscape for HPC
  - ↪ Emergence of **Big Data analytics**
  - ↪ Emergence of (**Hyperscale**) **Cloud Computing**
  - ↪ **Data intensive Internet of Things (IoT)** applications
  - ↪ **Deep learning & cognitive computing** paradigms

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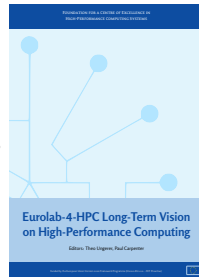
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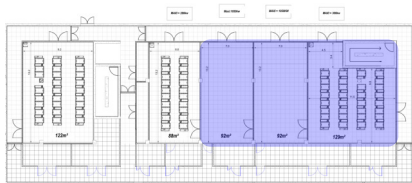
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