

# Introduction to high-performance computing

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# Who am I

```
$ pinky -l fwautele
Login name: fwautele           In real life: Frederic Wautelet
(frederic.wautelet@unamur.be)
Directory: /home/fwautele     Shell: /bin/bash
```

- Background: Master of CS (UNamur 2002)
- HPC tech lead since 2005
- Based in the Faculty of Sciences



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# Outline

How to use HPC infrastructure

How to program on HPC cluster

Going Parallel

Data Management

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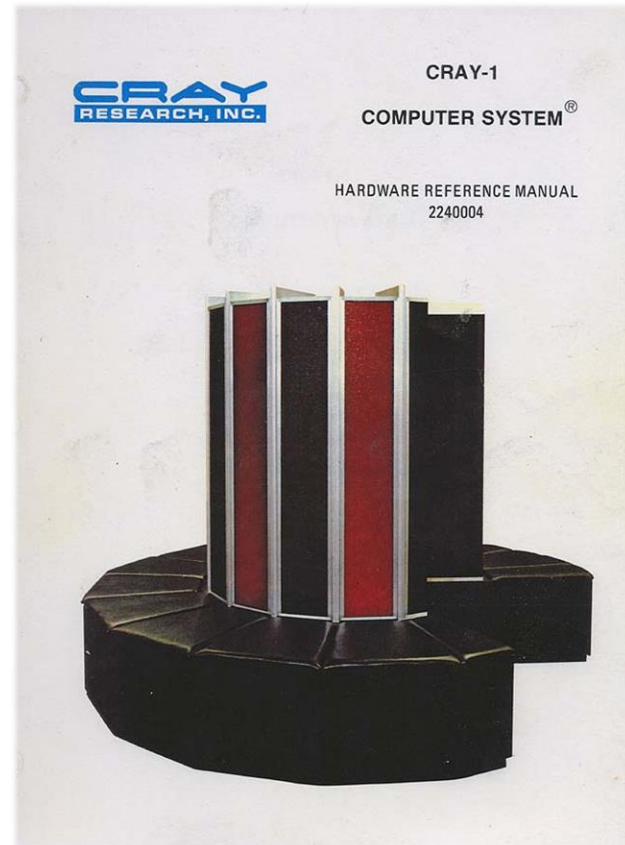
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# High Performance Computing

- High-performance computing (HPC) uses supercomputers and computer clusters to solve advanced computation problems.



**Cray-1a (1977)**  
250 MFlops

# Cluster

- A computer cluster is a group of linked computers, working together closely so that in many respects they form a single computer.



**Fugaku - RIKEN Center, Japan**  
440 PFlops

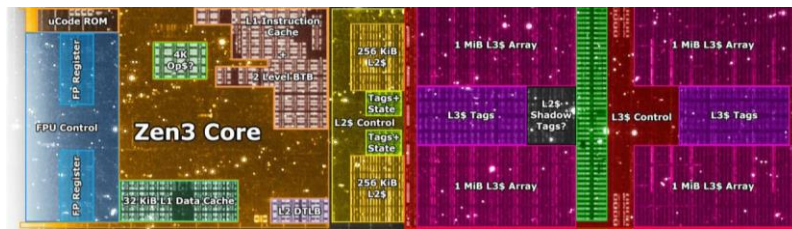
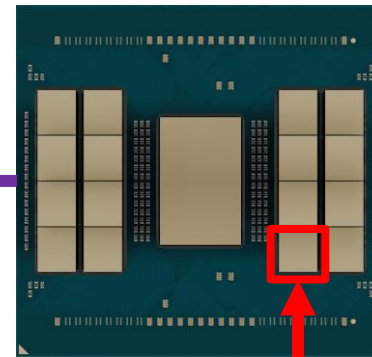
# Nodes and Cores

How to use HPC infrastructure

Node



Chip



Core



Chiplet



# Measure supercomputer power

- FLOPS
- floating-point operations per second

GigaFLOPS = one billion ( $10^9$ ) floating-point operations per second

TeraFLOPS = one trillion ( $10^{12}$ ) floating-point operations per second

PetaFLOPS = one quadrillion ( $10^{15}$ ) floating-point operations per second

ExaFLOPS = one quintillion ( $10^{18}$ ) floating-point operations per second

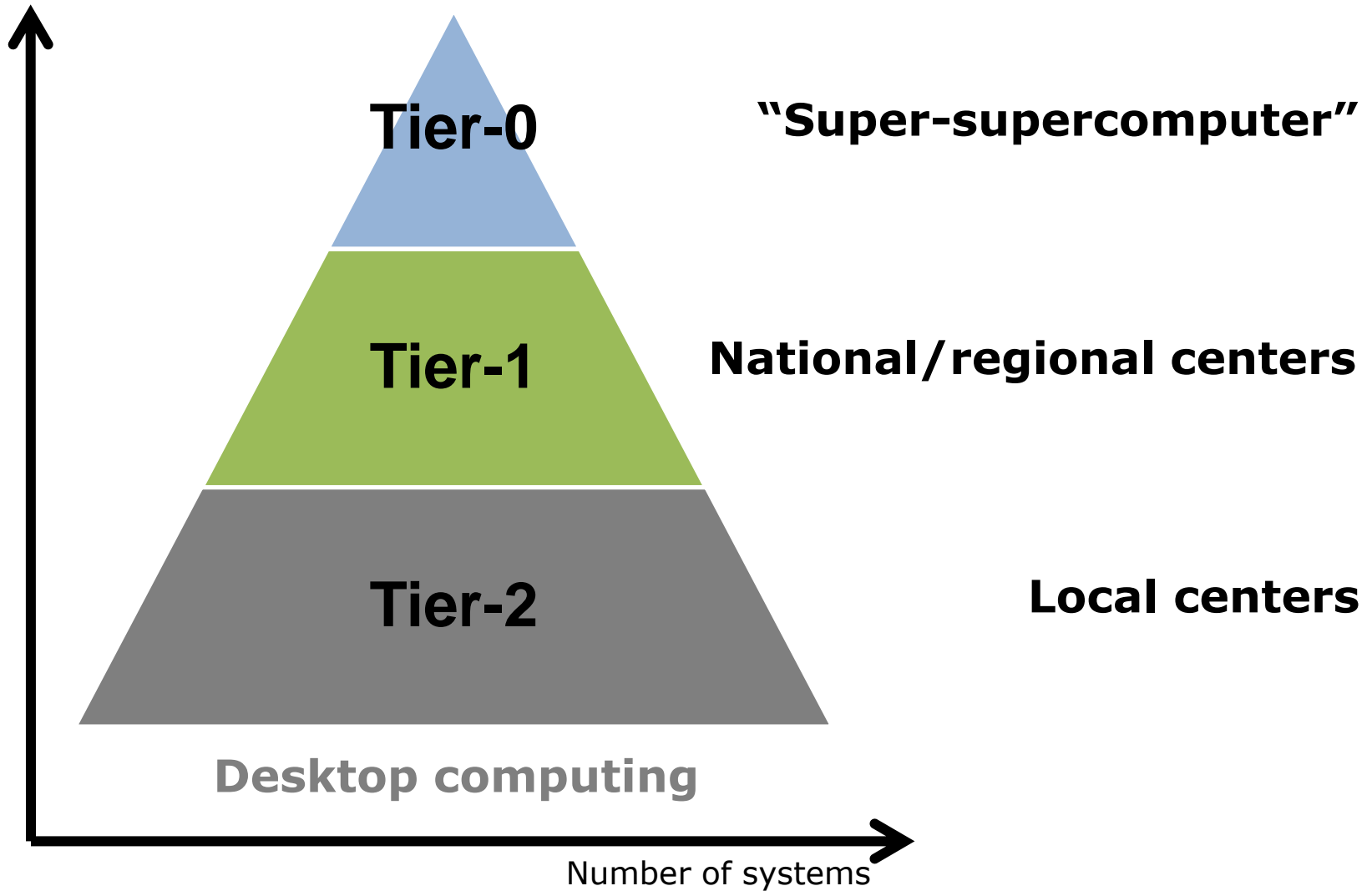
# TOP500

- Frontier
  - Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, USA
  - TOP500 #1 (June 2024)
  - 8,700,000 cores
  - First Exascale supercomputer: 1.2 Eflop/s
  - 23 MW
  - \$600M+ budget

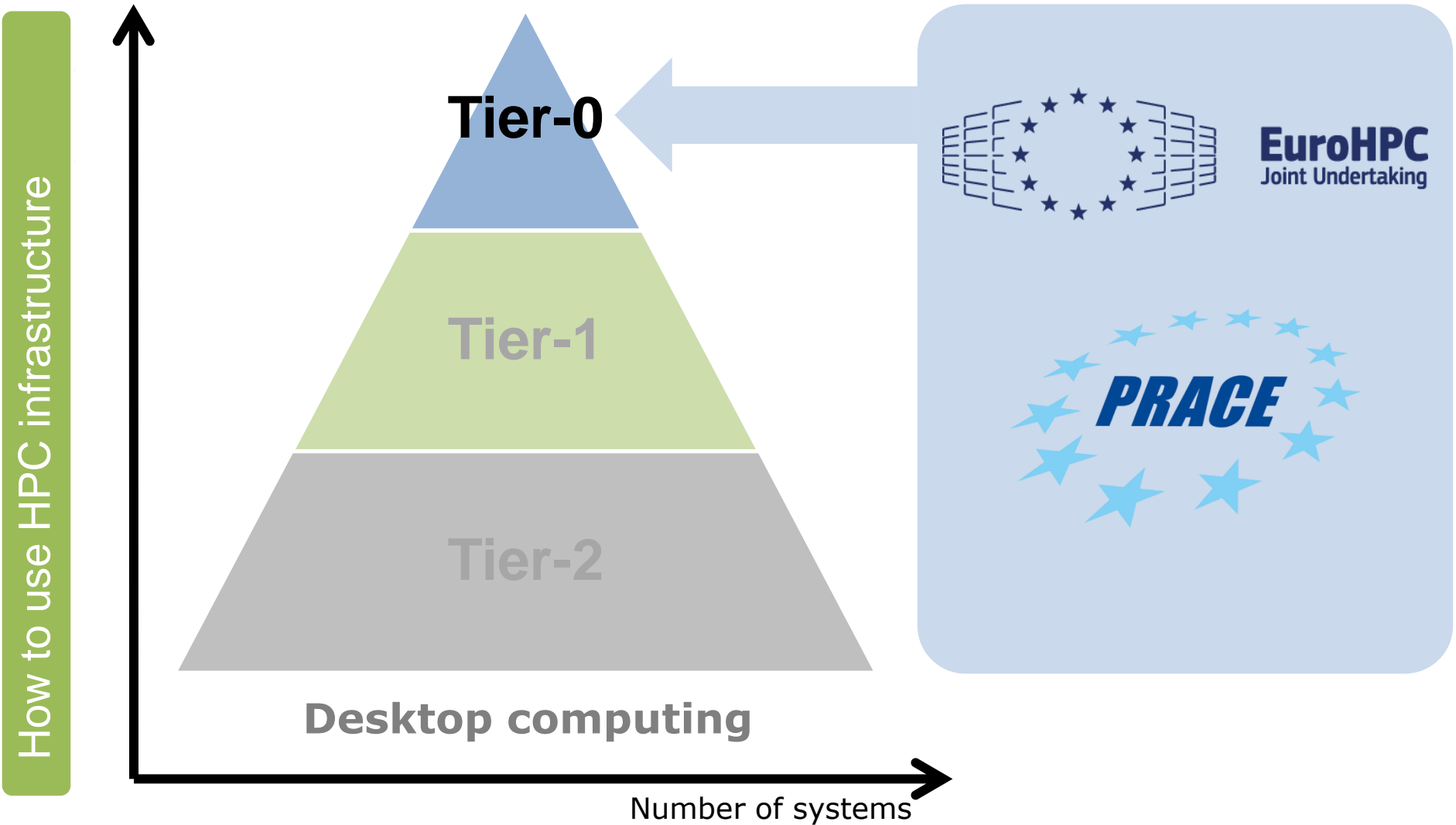


# HPC ecosystem

How to use HPC infrastructure



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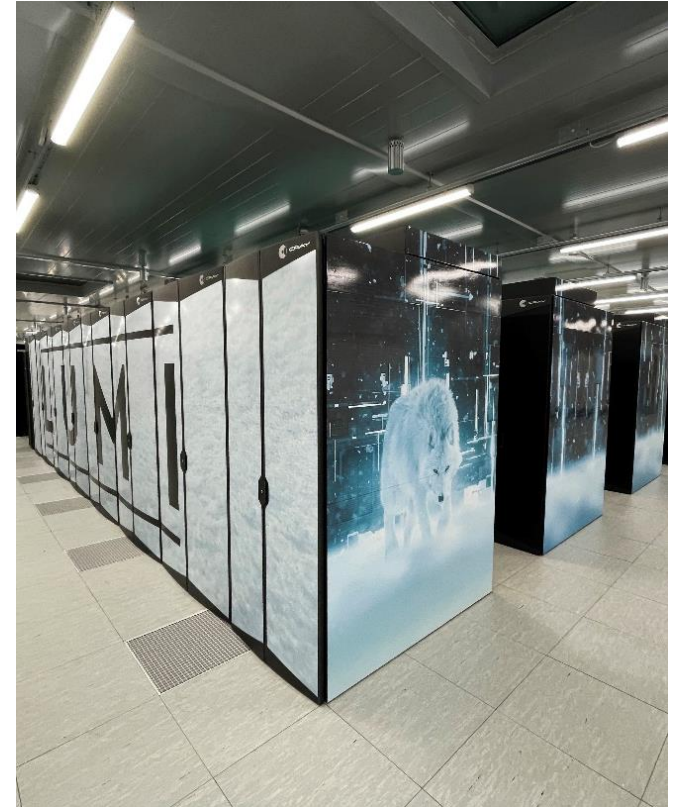
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2,000,000+ cores

up to 4 TiB memory

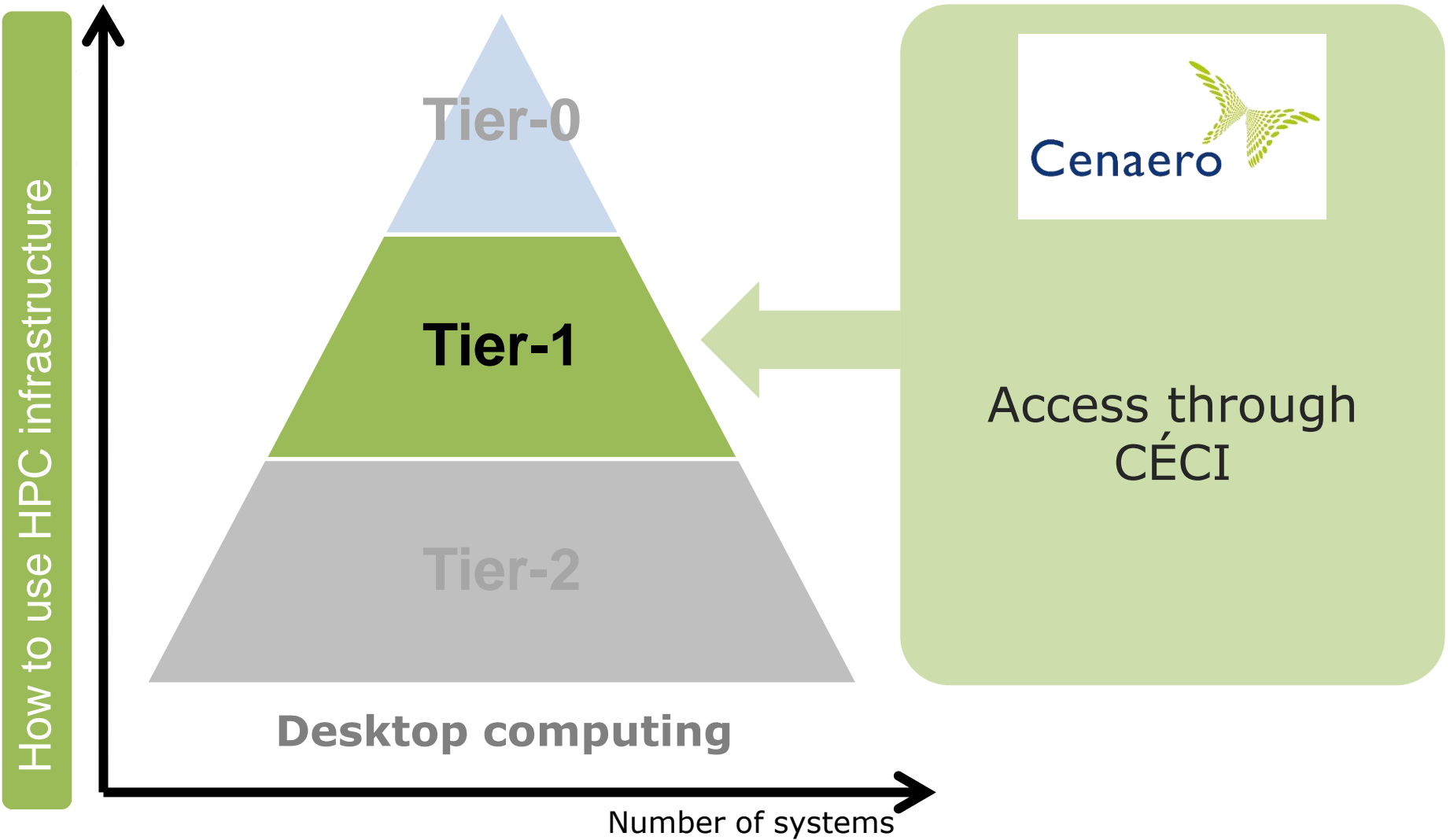
20,400+ GPU

110+ PiB storage



Access through call  
Contact CÉCI support

# L'écosystème du calcul intensif



# Tier-1 : Lucia

38,000+ cores

up to 4 TiB memory

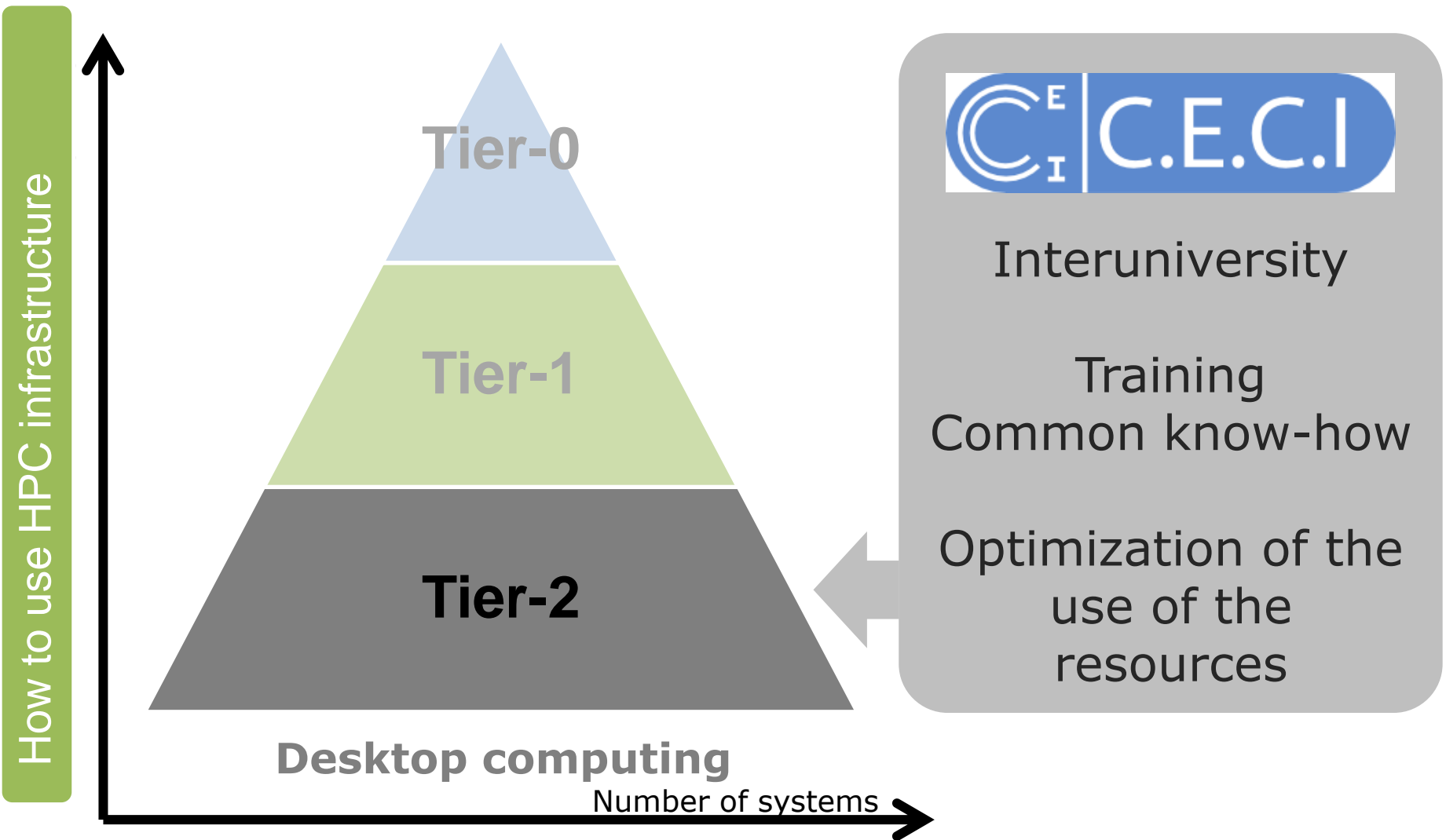
200+ GPU

7+ PiB storage



Access through CÉCI  
<https://www.cec-hpc.be/projetstier1.html>

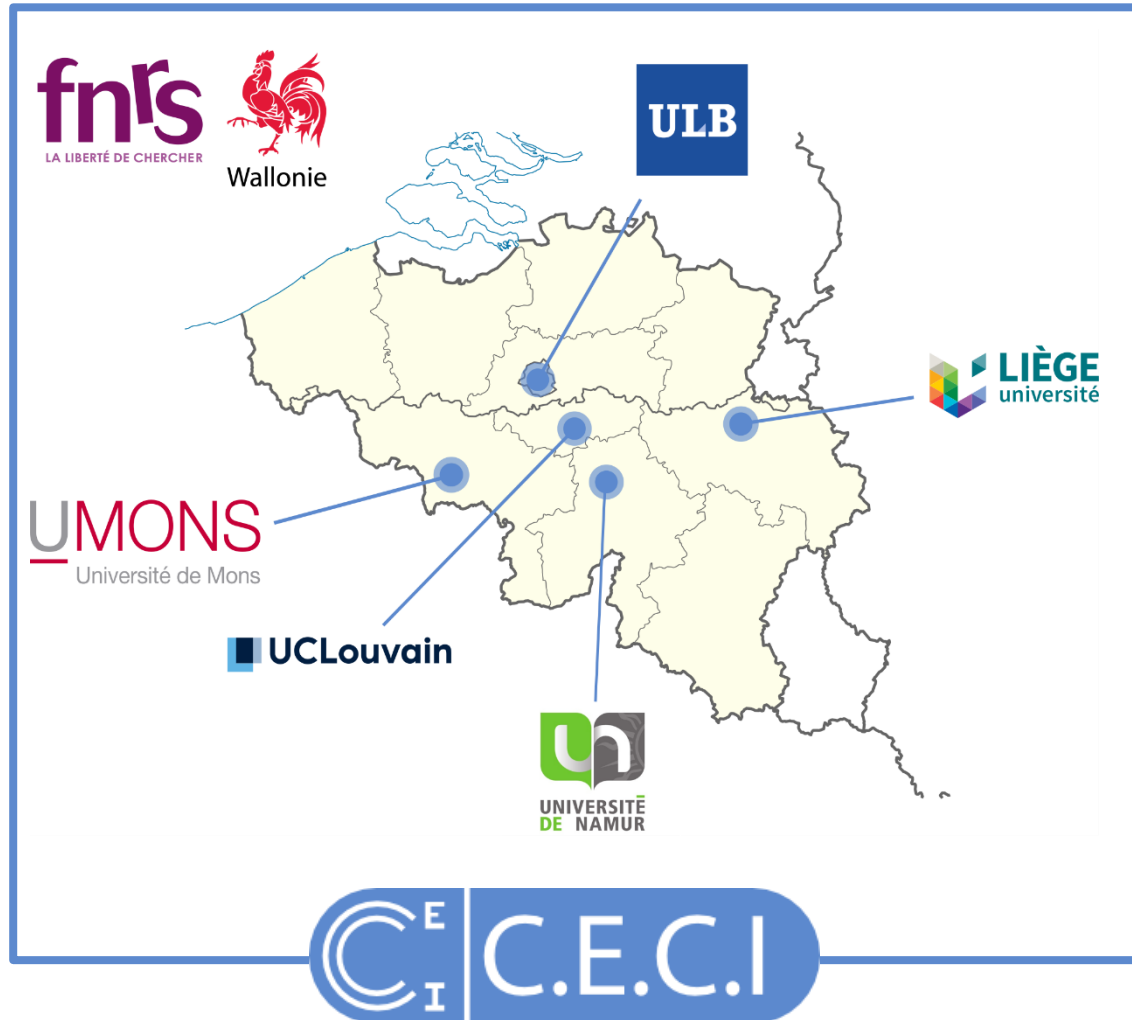
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# Consortium des Équipements de Calcul Intensif

How to use HPC infrastructure





**Dragon 2**  
592 cores

384 GiB RAM

4 GPU

100 TiB storage

**Q1 2019**



**Hercules 2**  
1152 cores

2 TiB RAM

16 GPU

60 TiB storage

**Q3 2019**



**NIC5**  
4672 cores

1 TiB RAM

250 TiB storage

**Q4 2020**



**Lemaitre 4**  
5120 cores

768 GiB RAM

144 TiB storage

**Q1 2021**



**Lyra**  
1472 cores

384 GiB RAM

46 GPU

3+ PiB storage

**Q4 2024**

**13008 cores total – 66 GPU**



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**Q4 2024**

**Hercules 3**  
2992 cores

3 TiB RAM

256 TiB storage

**Q1 2025**

**Dragon 3**  
1000+ cores

512 GiB RAM

100+ TiB storage

**Q3 2025**

**15000+ cores total – 62 GPU**

# Users

- 400+ CÉCI actives users

machine learning

sat/smt solving

astrophysics

physics

climatology

oceanography

particle physics

image processing

fluid mechanics

computational chemistry

bioinformatics

materials science

neurosciences

solid state physics

nuclear physics

electrical machines

number theory

electromechanical design

chemistry

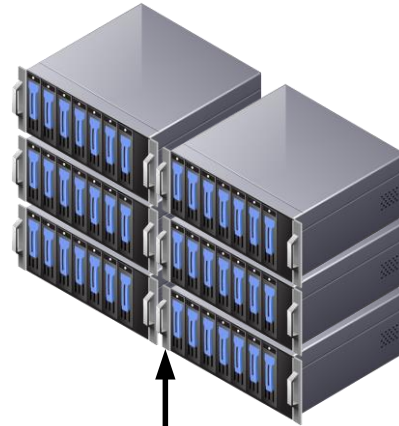
mathematics

security

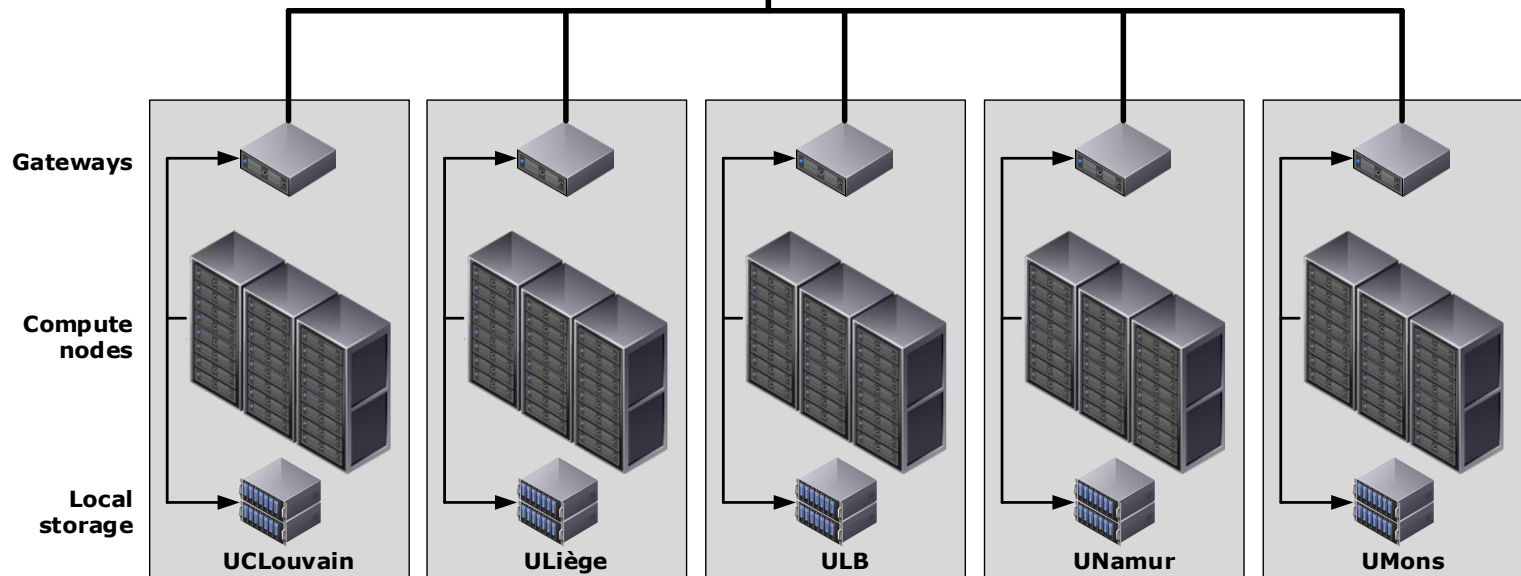
# CÉCI distributed storage



- Distributed storage solution
- Visible from all the frontends and compute nodes of all CÉCI clusters
- 400 TB net



IBM  
Spectrum  
Storage

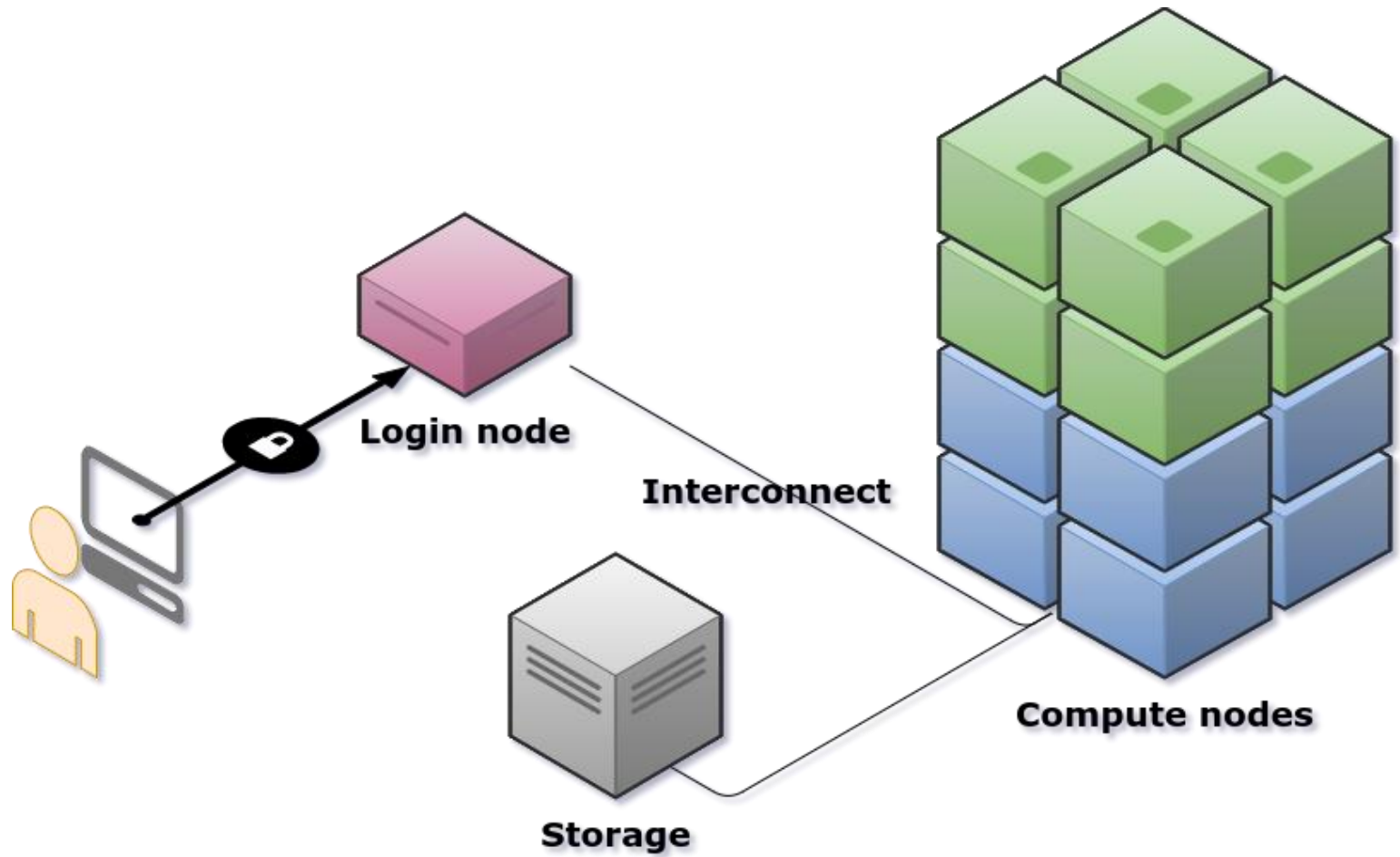


# CÉCI distributed storage



- Common storage directories for all CÉCI clusters
- No need to transfer data between clusters with scp
- Common software repository
- Almost all software installed on any cluster are available on all clusters

# A cluster in a nutshell

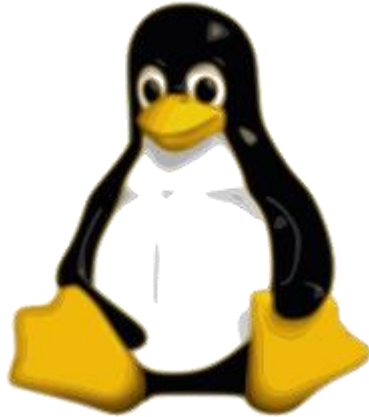


# Login node

- Submit jobs to batch system
- Manage your files
- Interactive work at small scale
- CÉCI login nodes
  - hercules2.ptci.unamur.be
  - dragon2.umons.ac.be
  - lemaitre3.cism.ucl.ac.be
  - nic5segi.ulg.ac.be



# Operating system



- All CÉCI cluster are running GNU/Linux



















**Rocky Linux**

- Linux Rocky 8

# Clusters at CÉCI

The aim of the Consortium is to provide researchers with access to powerful computing equipment ([clusters](#)). Clusters are installed and managed locally at the different sites of the universities taking part in the Consortium, but they are accessible by all researchers from the member universities. A single login/passphrase is used to access all clusters through SSH.

All of them run Linux, and use [Slurm](#) as the job manager. Basic parallel computing libraries (OpenMP, MPI, etc) are installed, as well as the optimized computing subroutines (e.g. BLAS, LAPACK, etc.). Common interpreters such as R, Octave, Python, etc. are also installed. See each cluster's FAQ for more details.

Cluster	Host	CPU type	CPU count*	RAM/node	Network	Filesystem**	Accelerator	Max time	Preferred jobs***
<a href="#">Lemaitre4</a>	UCLouvain	<a href="#">Genoa</a> 2.4 GHz	5120 (40 x 128)	766GB	<a href="#">HDR Ib</a>	<a href="#">BeeGFS</a> 320 TB	None	2 days	 MPI
<a href="#">NIC5</a>	ULiège	<a href="#">Rome</a> 2.9 GHz	4672 (73 x 64)	256 GB..1 TB	<a href="#">HDR Ib</a>	<a href="#">BeeGFS</a> 520 TB	None	2 days	 MPI
<a href="#">Hercules2</a>	UNamur	<a href="#">Naples</a> 2 GHz <a href="#">SandyBridge</a> 2.20 GHz	1024 (30 x 32 + 2 x 64) 512 (32 x 16)	64 GB..2 TB	<a href="#">10 GbE</a>	<a href="#">NFS</a> 20 TB	None	15 days	 serial /  SMP
<a href="#">Dragon2</a>	UMons	<a href="#">SkyLake</a> 2.60 GHz	592 (17 x 32 + 2 x 24)	192..384 GB	<a href="#">10 GbE</a>	<a href="#">RAID0</a> 3.3 TB	4x <a href="#">Volta</a> V100	21 days	 serial /  SMP
<a href="#">Lemaitre3</a>	UCL	<a href="#">SkyLake</a> 2.3 GHz <a href="#">Haswell</a> 2.6 GHz	1872 (78 x 24) 112 (4 x 28)	95 GB 64 GB	<a href="#">Omnipath</a>	<a href="#">BeeGFS</a> 440 TB	None	2 days 6 hours	 MPI
<a href="#">Dragon1</a>	UMons	<a href="#">SandyBridge</a> 2.60 GHz	416 (26 x 16) 32 (2x16)	128 GB	<a href="#">GbE</a>	<a href="#">RAID0</a> 1.1 TB	4x <a href="#">Tesla</a> C2075, 4x <a href="#">Tesla</a> Kepler K20m	41 days	 serial /  SMP
<a href="#">NIC4*</a>	ULiège	<a href="#">SandyBridge</a> 2.0 GHz <a href="#">IvyBridge</a> 2.0 GHz	2048 (120 x 16 + 8 x 16)	64 GB	<a href="#">QDR Ib</a>	<a href="#">FHGFS</a> 144 TB	None	3 days	 MPI
<a href="#">Vega*</a>	ULB	<a href="#">Bulldozer</a> 2.1 GHz	896 (14 x 64)	256 GB	<a href="#">QDR Ib</a>	<a href="#">GPFS</a> 70 TB	None	14 days	 serial /  SMP /  MPI
<a href="#">Hercules*</a>	UNamur	<a href="#">SandyBridge</a> 2.20 GHz	512 (32 x 16)	64..128 GB	<a href="#">GbE</a>	<a href="#">NFS</a> 20 TB	None	63 days	 serial /  SMP
<a href="#">Lemaitre2*</a>	UCL	<a href="#">Westmere</a> 2.53 GHz	1380 (115 x 12)	48 GB	<a href="#">QDR Ib</a>	<a href="#">Lustre</a> 120 TB	3x <a href="#">Quadro</a> Q4000	3 days	 MPI

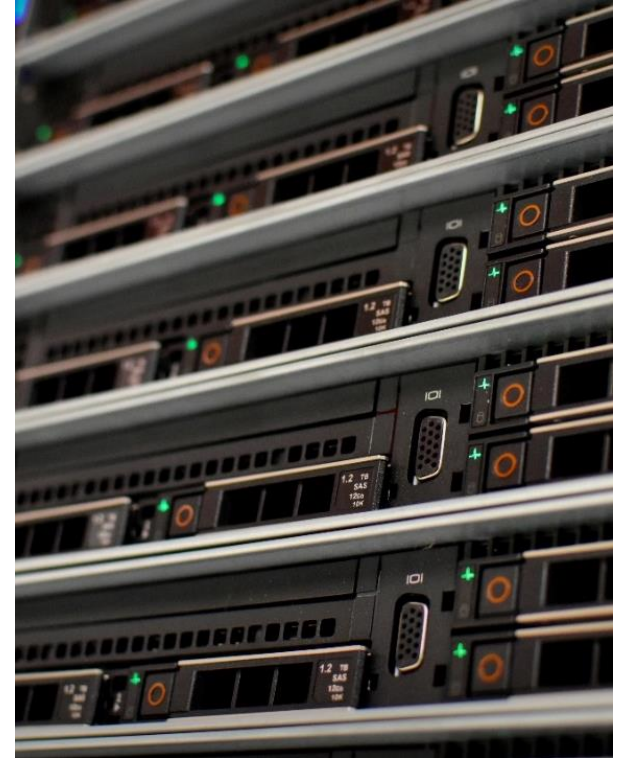
# Hercules 2

1,408 cores

up to 2 TiB memory

16 GPU

60 TiB storage




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# HPC @ UNamur

- Local support :
  - Plateforme Technologique en Calcul Intensif (PTCI)
    - Juan CABRERA
    - Frédéric WAUTELET
  - [ptci-support@unamur.be](mailto:ptci-support@unamur.be)
- Other HPC resources
  - Hyades 2
    - 288 cores total
    - Up to 92 GB RAM per node

# Dragon 2 @ UMons

- High performance SMP nodes
- Long duration job
  - 21 days
- GPU
  - 4x  NVIDIA. Volta V100
- No multi-node jobs



# HPC @ UMONS

- Local support
  - [Sebastien.KOZLOWSKYJ@umons.ac.be](mailto:Sebastien.KOZLOWSKYJ@umons.ac.be)
- Other HPC resources
  - Biovia Materials Studio cluster
    - 144 cores total
    - 192 GB RAM per node
  - HTC cluster
    - 512 cores total
    - Up to 256 GB RAM per node



# Lemaitre 4 @ UCLouvain

- Massively parallel jobs
  - MPI
- I/O intensive jobs
- Short duration job
  - 2 days
- Fast parallel filesystem
  - \$GLOBALSCRATCH



# HPC @ UCLouvain

## CISM



• Local support

- Institut de Calcul Intensif et de Stockage de Masse ([egs-cism@listes.uclouvain.be](mailto:egs-cism@listes.uclouvain.be))



**Thomas Keutgen**  
(Head)



**Damien François**



**Olivier Mattelaer**



**Bernard Van Renterghem**

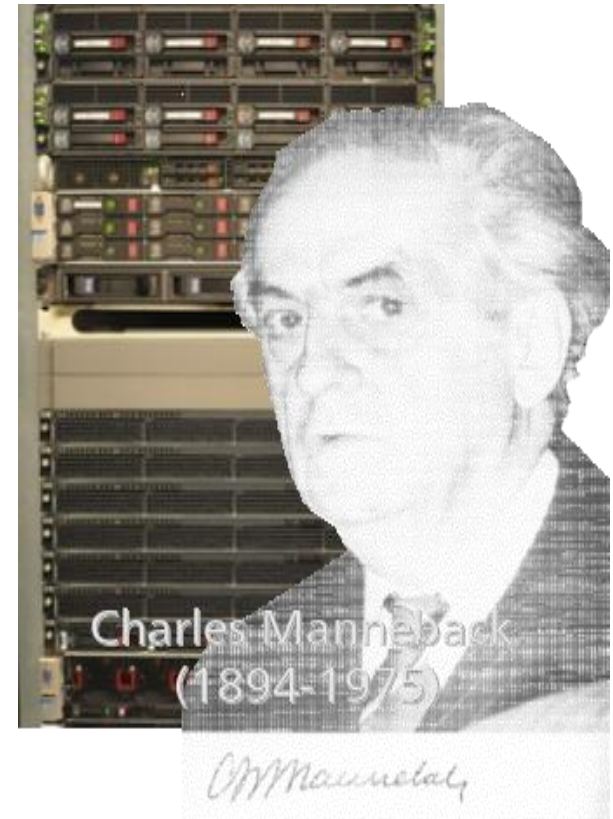


**Patrick Vranckx**



# HPC @ UCLouvain

- Other resources
  - Manneback HPC cluster
    - Heterogeneous hardware
    - +5700 cores
    - 82 Tflop/s
  - Mass storage
    - 317 TB storage total



# NIC5 @ ULiège

- Massively parallel jobs
  - MPI
- I/O intensive jobs
- Short duration jobs
  - 2 days
- Fast parallel filesystem
  - \$GLOBALSCRATCH



# HPC @ ULiège

- Local support
  - [David.Colignon@uliege.be](mailto:David.Colignon@uliege.be)
- More info
  - <http://www.ulg.ac.be/nic4>



# Lyra @ ULB

- For data-intensive jobs
  - BigData
  - Machine Learning
  - Deep Learning
  - AI
  - High Performance Data Analytics
- 46 NVIDIA GPUs
- Expected Q4 2024



# How to get a CÉCI account?



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## C.E.C.I

Consortium des Équipements de Calcul Intensif  
5 clusters, 10k cores, 1 login, 1 home directory

### About

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### Quick links

- Connecting from a Windows computer
- Connecting from a UNIX/Linux or MacOS computer
- Slurm tutorial and quick start
- Slurm Frequently Asked Questions
- Tier-1 Zenobe quickstart
- Submission Script Generation Wizard

### Quick search

Search site with Google...

### Photo Gallery



### Save the date!

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- Survey on Big Data and Machine Learning needs** (THURSDAY, 03 MAY 2018)  
We are conducting a survey about current and future High Performance Data Analysis (HPDA) works & needs, covering BigData, DeepLearning, MachineLearning, AI & co. Research groups already active in those fields are our primary center of interest. However, those moving or intending to move into those fields are welcome to fill the survey too. Our objective is to identify concrete hardware and software requirements for the future CÉCI Vega2 cluster which will be oriented towards HTC (High Throughput Computing) and HPDA. You are therefore cordially invited to [follow this link](#) and fill the survey.
- 10th CÉCI Scientific Meeting** (MONDAY, 26 MARCH 2018)  
The next CÉCI scientific day will take place on May 4th in Namur. Details and registration [here](#).
- PRACE Call for Proposal** (FRIDAY, 16 MARCH 2018)  
PRACE has issued the 17th call for Proposals. Deadline: 2nd May 2018, 10:00 CET; Stake: Single-year and Multi-year proposals starting 2nd October 2018; Resources: Joliki-Gurk, Hazel Hen, JUWELS, Marconi, MareNostrum IV, Plz Daint and SuperMUC. Let us know if you apply and participate!

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✓ Ok

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# I want to... create an account

## I want to...

[create an account](#)

You are about to request an account on the CÉCI clusters.

The first step is to enter your email address. You will receive an email with a link to an online form which you will have to fill and submit.

Once your request has been approved, you will receive proper information on how to access the CÉCI clusters.

[renew my account](#)

[join an existing project](#)

[reset my passphrase](#)

[retrieve my private key](#)

[change my email address](#)

[invite a guest or renew a guest account](#)

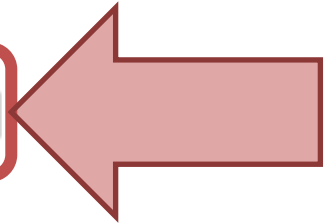
## create an account

**My email address:**

frederic.wautelet

@unamur.be

Send



# That's it

- Click on the link sent to you by email.
- Fill-in the form and hit the “Submit” button
- Get your SSH private key from your email
- Configure your SSH client
- Connect and profit!



# SSH tools

- Windows
  - PuTTY
  - **MobaXterm**
  - X-Win32
  - OpenSSH on Windows (Windows 10)
- Linux/MacOS
  - ssh
  - scp

# MobaXterm



- Easy to use
- No installation needed
- Command line interface
- Allow use of graphical application remotely
- Files transfer



# Bash

- Shell is the interface between the user and the Linux system
- Interprets and run commands
- For Linux, “Bash” is the default
- Shell scripts

# Modules

- Modify user's environment
- Allow use of application with different versions
- Commands:
  - \$ module load/unload
  - \$ module list
  - \$ module available
  - \$ module spider

# module available

```

----- Meta Modules -----
dot      releases/elic-2017b  releases/2016b  releases/2018a  tis/2018.01 (S,L)
null     releases/2016a          releases/2017b (S,L,D)       releases/2018b  use.own

----- TIS: Toolchain Independent Software (2018.01) -----
EasyBuild/3.5.1  MCR/R2013a  MCR/R2015a  MCR/R2017a  crystal/17-v1.0.1  julia/0.6.3
Java/1.8.0_31    MCR/R2013b  MCR/R2015b  MCR/R2017b  crystal/17-v1.0.2 (D)  julia/1.0.0 (D)
Java/1.8.0_92   MCR/R2014a  MCR/R2016a  MCR/R2018a  (D)  freesurfer/6.0.0  xpress/xp850
Java/1.8.0_121  MCR/R2014b  MCR/R2016b  NCBI-BLAST-database/20170306  gurobi/gurobi800

----- Releases (2017b) -----
ABINIT/8.4.4-intel-2017b  Python/2.7.14-GCCcore-6.4.0-bare
ANTLR/2.7.7-intel-2017b  Python/3.6.3-foss-2017b
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# Interactive or batch

- Interactive
  - Short tasks
  - Tasks that require frequent user interaction
  - Graphically intensive tasks
- Batch
  - Longer running processes
  - Parallel processes
  - Running large numbers of short jobs simultaneously
  - Submitted to a job scheduler

# Job scheduler



- Dispatch the batch jobs on compute nodes
- Parameters
  - Memory
  - Processor type
  - Execution time
  - Number of processors
  - Software license tokens
- Slurm workload manager

# Submit a batch job



- Connect to a login node

```
$ ssh hercules.ptci.unamur.be
```



# Job scripts

- Define resources to be reserved for your job:
  - CPU time
  - memory
  - platform
  - number of CPUs
  - List instructions to be executed
- Bash shell script

# Job scripts

- run.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=hello
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=1
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --time=1:00:00
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=1000

echo "Hello World!"
```

# Submitting jobs



- Submit the job script

```
$ sbatch run.sh  
Submitted batch job 3513668
```

- Return the job id

- Job is running

```
$ squeue -u $USER
```

JOBID	PARTITION	NAME	USER	ST	TIME	NODES	NODELIST
3513667	cpu	hello	fwautele	R	0:12	1	n065

- Job is finished

```
$ squeue -u $USER  
$
```

# Batch jobs



- Check output file

```
$ ls -altr
...
-rw-rw-r--  1 fwautele fwautele          13 Feb 26 11:16 slurm-3513668.out
```

- Hello world!

```
$ cat slurm-3513668.out
Hello World!
```

# Safeguards



- Slurm will automatically cancel jobs:
  - When the memory reserved is exceeded
  - When time is over
- Slurm constraint job in the number of core requested

# Delete a job



- scancel

```
$ scancel 2243523
```

- You can only delete your own jobs... (hopefully)

# Monitoring jobs



- `squeue`

```
$ squeue
```

JOBID	PARTITION	NAME	USER	ST	TIME	NODES	NODELIST (REASON)
2619747	cpu	PYV3_FBI	jquertin	R	16:15:37	1	n076
2619745	cpu	PYV3_DHB	jquertin	R	4-14:36:35	1	n020
2620638	cpu	PYV3_FA_	jquertin	R	43:33	1	n025
2618213	cpu	PYV3_SDP	jquertin	R	9-19:40:43	1	n054
2620635	cpu	PYV3-CC2	jquertin	R	56:59	1	n020
2620632	cpu	PYV3-CC2	jquertin	R	59:22	1	n014
2620633	cpu	PYV3-CC2	jquertin	R	59:22	1	n014
2620630	cpu	PYV3-CC2	jquertin	R	59:52	1	n054
2620631	cpu	PYV3-CC2	jquertin	R	59:52	1	n064
2620627	cpu	PYV3-CC2	jquertin	R	1:01:24	1	n064
2620628	cpu	PYV3-CC2	jquertin	R	1:01:24	1	n064
2620622	cpu	PYV3-CC2	jquertin	R	1:18:17	1	n076

# Slurm Script Wizard

### 1. Describe your job

Email address:

Job name:

Project:

Output file:

**Parallelization paradigm(s)**

Embarrassingly parallel / Job array

Shared memory / OpenMP

Message passing / MPI

GPU / CUDA

**Job resources**

Duration :  days,  hour,  minutes.

Memory :  MB

**Filesystem**

Filesystem:

Total CPUs: 1 | Total Memory: 1000 MB | Total CPU.Hours: 1

### 2. Choose a cluster

Lemaitre3

Hercules2

Dragon1

Dragon2

Nic5

Lucia

### 3. Copy-paste your script

```
#!/bin/bash
# Submission script for Lemaitre3
#SBATCH --time=01:00:00 # hh:mm:ss
#
#SBATCH --ntasks=1
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=1000 # megabytes
#SBATCH --partition=batch,debug

module purge
module load LIST_THE_MODULES_YOU_NEED_HERE
```

<http://www.ceci-hpc.be/scriptgen.html>



# Array jobs



- Run several instances of the same program with different inputs
- Same allocation options
  - Memory size
  - Time limit
  - ...

# --array options

```
# SBATCH --array=0-31
```

```
# SBATCH --array=1,3,5,7
```

```
# SBATCH --array=1-7:2
```

```
# SBATCH --array=1-15%4
```

# Example



```
$ sbatch --array=0-3 run.sh
Submitted batch job 3512681
```

```
$ squeue -u fwautele
```

	JOBID	PARTITION	NAME	USER	ST	TIME	NODES
NODELIS							
	3512681_0	cpu	run.sh	fwautele	R	0:12	1 n064
	3512681_1	cpu	run.sh	fwautele	R	0:12	1 n077
	3512681_2	cpu	run.sh	fwautele	R	0:12	1 n047
	3512681_3	cpu	run.sh	fwautele	R	0:12	1 n047

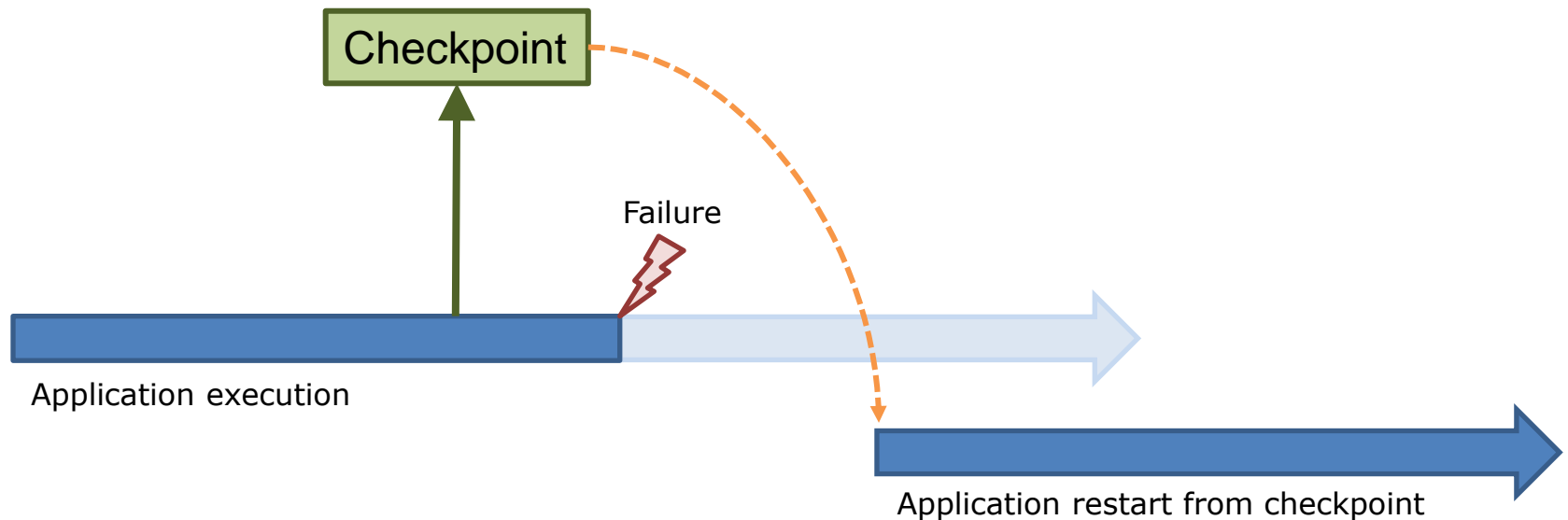
# Job Dependencies



- A job can be dependent upon other job(s) status
- Dependency type:
  - after
    - after the specified jobs have started
  - afterany
    - after the specified jobs have terminated
  - afternotok
    - after the specified jobs have failed
  - afterok
    - after the specified jobs have terminated successfully

# Checkpointing

- To overcome job time limitation
- Allow rollback-recovery for long-running applications
- Enable job migration



# Code and Data Versioning

Code versioning



Distributed source  
management system

Data versioning



Large datasets versioning  
(based on git)

# Outline

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## How to program on HPC cluster

- I. Scientific software, interpreted languages, compilers, (c)make
- II. C, Python
- III. Python, Julia, Fortran
- IV. Parallel computing, Debugging/Profiling, Advanced Python



# Objectives

- Building from source is preferred in an HPC environment
- Allow users to install applications
  - Link with numerical libraries
  - Built with optimized compiler
- Special case
  - Python
  - R
  - Perl

# Compilers available

- GNU Compiler Collection (GCC)
- Intel Parallel Studio XE Cluster Edition
- NVIDIA HPC SDK

# GNU Compiler Collection



- Alias « GCC »
- Open Source (GPL)
- Pretty good performance
- Compiler suite
  - gcc: C compiler
  - g++: C++ compiler
  - gfortran: Fortran compiler
- module load foss

# Intel Parallel Studio XE Cluster Edition



- Commercial
- High performance compiler
- Compiler suite
  - icc: C compiler
  - icpc: C++ compiler
  - ifort: Fortran compiler
- `module load intel`

# NVIDIA HPC SDK



- Previously “PGI” CDK
- Commercial
- Offloading on GPU
- Compiler suite
  - pgcc: C compiler
  - pgCC: C++ compiler
  - pgf77: Fortran 77 compiler
  - pgf90: Fortran 90 compiler
- module load PGI (for older versions)
- module load NVHPC (for recent versions)

# Optimized libraries

- Do not reinvent the wheel
- Use multicore-tuned libraries.
- Use optimized libraries
  - Boost
  - FFTW
  - GMP
  - GSL
  - HDF5
  - ...

# Compiler Toolchains

- Compiler toolchain =
  - Compiler
  - + MPI library
  - + BLAS/LAPACK library
    - linear algebra routines
  - + FFT library
    - Fast Fourier Transforms
- Examples
  - foss/2022b
  - intel/2022b

# Compiler Toolchains



- Open Source compiler toolchain
  - foss/2022b
    - GCC 12.2.0
    - OpenMPI 4.1.4
    - OpenBLAS 0.3.21 (including LAPACK)
    - FlexiBLAS 3.2.1
    - ScaLAPACK 2.1.0
    - FFTW 3.3.10



# Compiler Toolchains



- Intel Parallel Studio XE Cluster Edition 2022
  - A toochain: intel/2022b
    - icc 2022.2.1 (C compiler)
    - icpc 2022.2.1 (C++ compiler)
    - ifort 2022.2.1 (Fortran compiler)
    - impi 2021.7.1 (Intel MPI)
    - MKL 2022.2.1 (Math Kernel Library)

# Python



- Python 2 (deprecated)
  - Python/2.7.16-GCCcore-8.3.0
  - Python/2.7.18-GCCcore-9.3.0
  - Python/2.7.18-GCCcore-10.2.0
- Python 3
  - Python/3.9.5-GCCcore-10.3.0
  - Python/3.9.6-GCCcore-11.2.0
  - Python/3.10.8-GCCcore-12.2.0

# Installing languages extensions



- Install with PIP
  - PIP is the easiest and recommended way to install Python packages

```
$ pip install --user example
```

- Install from source
  - If package not available on PIP
  - Steps:
    - Download the source and unpack it
    - Change to the source directory
    - `python setup.py install --prefix=$HOME/.local`

```
$ python setup.py install --prefix=$HOME/.local
```

# R

- Available versions
  - R/4.0.3-foss-2020b
  - R/4.1.0-foss-2021a
  - R/4.2.0-foss-2021b
- Already bundle with a set of libraries
  - Type “`installed.packages()`” to list them
- Additional libraries
  - R-bundle-Bioconductor/3.11-foss-2020a-R-4.0.0
  - R-bundle-Bioconductor/3.12-foss-2020b-R-4.0.3
  - R-bundle-Bioconductor/3.13-foss-2021a-R-4.1.0.eb

# Octave

- Interactive programming language
- Suited for numerical calculations
- Alternative to MATLAB
  
- Available version(s)
  - Octave/5.1.0-foss-2019b

# Julia

- General-purpose and high-level as Python
- Interactive as R
- But fast as C
  
- Available versions
  - Julia/1.6.7-linux-x86\_64
  - Julia/1.8.2-linux-x86\_64

# Profiling = finding hotspots

- Hotspot = Where in an application or system there is a significant amount of activity
  - Where: address in memory → line of source code
  - Significant: activity that occurs infrequently probably does not have much impact on system performance
  - Activity: time spent or other internal processor event

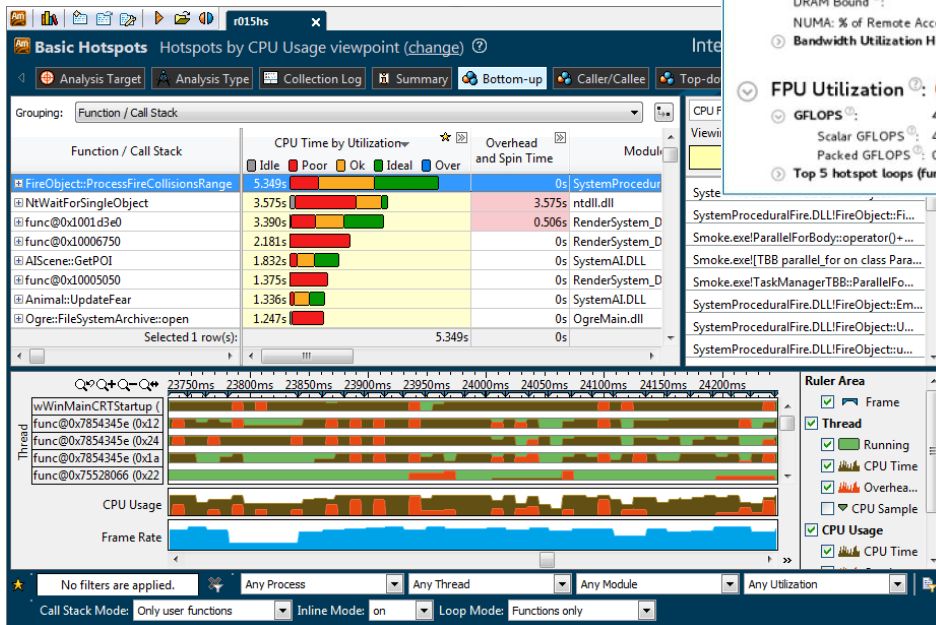
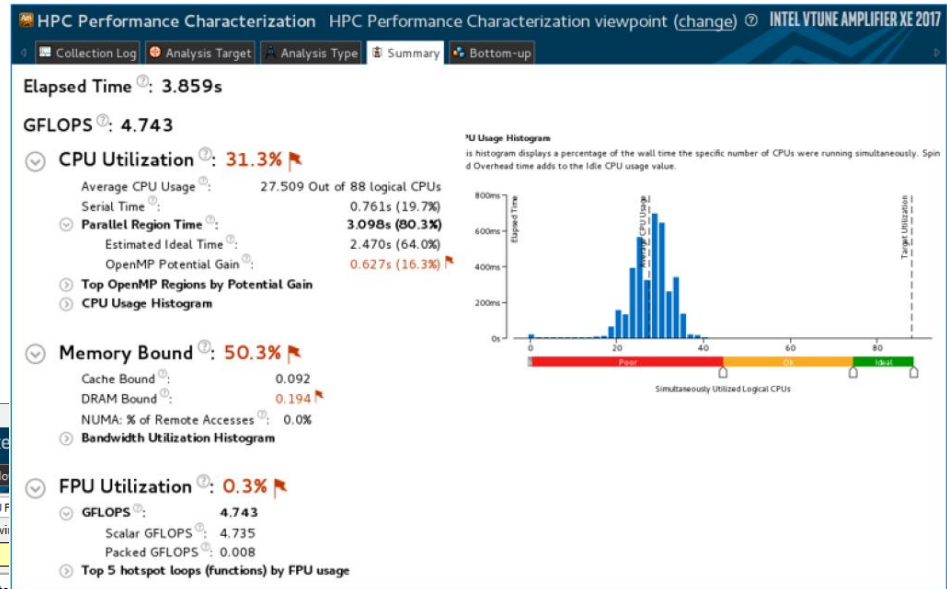
# Intel Vtune™ Amplifier

- What is the VTune™ Performance Analyzer?
  - Helps you identify and characterize performance issues by:
    - Collecting performance data
    - Organizing and displaying the data from system-wide down to source code or processor instruction
    - Identifying potential performance issues and suggesting improvements
  - Able to analyse serial, OpenMP and MPI application

```
$ ml load VTune
```



# Intel Vtune™ Amplifier



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## Going Parallel

- I. Julia and OpenMPI
- II. MPI, OpenMP
- III. GPU

# Job type

- Sequential job
  - A single core on one node
- Threaded jobs
  - Several cores on one node
  - OpenMP
- MPI jobs
  - Several cores on several nodes
  - OpenMPI, MPICH, ...

# Accelerators

- Hardware component with a specialized microprocessor
- Mostly General Purpose Graphical Processing Units (GPGPUs)
- Offer excellent floating point performance per Watt
- Parts of computation “offloaded” to accelerator

# GPGPUs resources at CÉCI

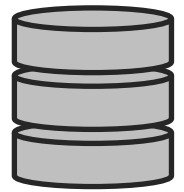
Cluster	Model	Cores	Memory	Float performance (FP32)	Double performance (FP64)
Dragon2	4 x NVIDIA Tesla V100	5120	16 GB	14 TFLOPS	<u>7 TFLOPS</u>
Hercules2	4 x NVIDIA RTX A6000	10752	48 GB	<u>40 TFLOPS</u>	1 TFLOPS
	8 x NVIDIA Tesla A40	10752	48 GB	<u>38 TFLOPS</u>	600 GFLOPS

# Outline

## Data Management

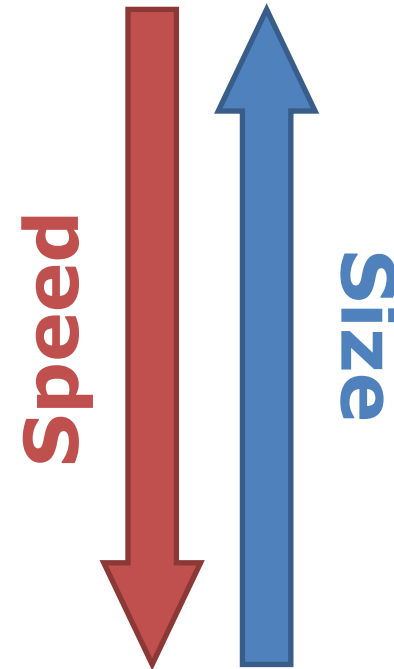
- I. Data storage and transfer, filesystems
- II. Data management plan, netCDF/HDF5 file format

# Four levels of storage



Data storage

- `$CECIHOME`
  - 400 TB
  - CÉCI distributed storage
- `$HOME`
  - Programs and scripts
- `$WORKDIR`
  - Input and output data
- `$LOCALSCRATCH` or `$GLOBALSCRATCH`
  - Job temporary data





# Scientific data: text or binary?

Table 5

*Simulation results for using full data, CRs only, and proposed method under four missing mechanisms*

Method	Bias <sup>a</sup>		Variance <sup>b</sup>		95% CI <sup>c</sup>	
	$(\hat{\beta}_W)$	$(\hat{\beta}_X)$	$(\hat{\beta}_W)$	$(\hat{\beta}_X)$	$(\hat{\beta}_W)$	$(\hat{\beta}_X)$
(M.1) $P(R = 1) = 0.66$						
Full	0.01346	0.02229	0.04008	0.03685	0.955	0.950
Comp	0.03062	-0.003561	0.1149	0.06732	0.960	0.955
Impu	0.01431	0.021	0.04088	0.05169	0.980	0.975
(M.2) logit $P(R = 1) = 2Y$						
Full	0.007908	-0.02116	0.03838	0.03624	0.975	0.925
Comp	0.01945	0.07096	0.107	0.06581	0.960	0.950
Impu	0.006966	0.01597	0.04227	0.05226	0.975	0.985
(M.3) logit $P(R = 1) = 2X$						
Full	0.007908	-0.02116	0.03838	0.03624	0.975	0.925
Comp	0.01225	0.0589	0.08856	0.06818	0.980	0.975
Impu	0.009563	-0.04699	0.03865	0.04923	0.985	0.970
(M.4) logit $P(R = 1) = X + Y$						
Full	0.01346	0.02229	0.04008	0.03685	0.955	0.950
Comp	0.02404	1.613	0.1102	0.08202	0.955	0.580
Impu	0.01814	0.08289	0.0578	0.06075	0.955	0.970

<sup>a</sup>Bias =  $(\hat{\beta} - \beta_0)/\beta_0$ .

<sup>b</sup>Simulation variance.

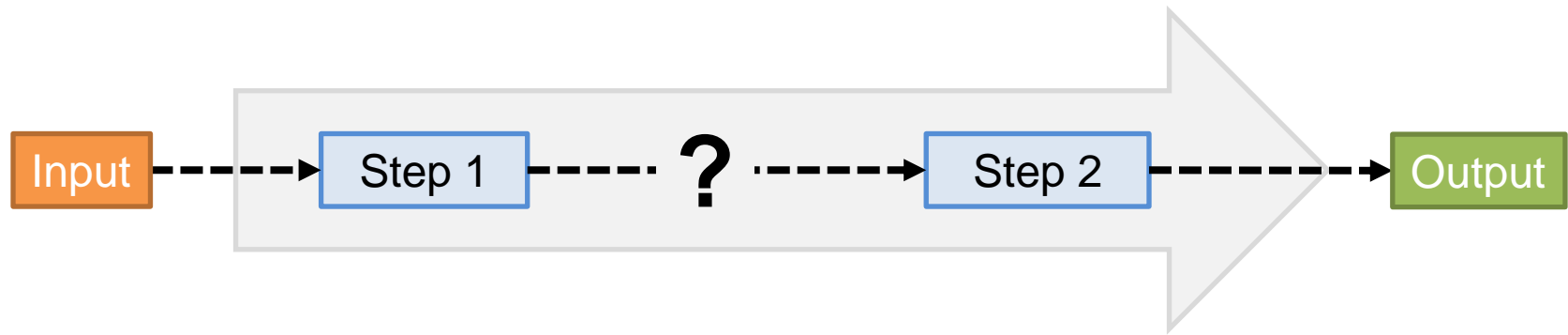
<sup>c</sup>Confidence interval using jackknife standard error.

# Scientific data

- What is scientific data?
- N-dimensional arrays + metadata:
  - Measurements at specific time, location, condition
  - Physics: temperature, pressure
  - Chemistry: reaction speed
  - Biology: type (species, cell types, nucleotides)
  - Economics: price
  - ...

# Example

- Problem:



- Example:
  - A data crushing software written in Fortran generate results
  - A post-processing application written in Python read this results

# Solution 1: Text file

- Pro:
  - Human readable
  - Easy to write
  - Platform independent (Endianness)
  - Very flexible
  - Easy to add a variable
- Cons:
  - Sometime hard to parse
  - No accuracy
  - Performance problem
  - Data size

# Solution 2: NetCDF

- Network Common Data Form
- For array oriented scientific data
- Available in many programming and scripting languages
  - C++, Java, Fortran, Perl, Python, R, ...
- Emphasizes simplicity over power (unlike HDF5)

# Solution 3: HDF5

- Open file format
- Can represent very complex data objects
  - Like a files hierarchy
- No limit on the number or size of data objects
- Allow access time and storage space optimizations
- Many tools available

# HDFView

The screenshot shows the HDFView application window. The title bar reads "HDFView". The menu bar includes "File", "Window", "Tools", and "Help". The address bar shows the file path "/home/fwautele/test.h5".

The left sidebar displays a tree view of the file structure:

- test.h5
  - dataset1
  - dataset2
  - group1
    - dataset1.1
    - group1.2
      - dataset1.2.1
  - group2
    - dataset2.1

TableView - dataset1 - / - /home... ↗

	0	1	2
0	1	0	0
1	0	1	0
2	0	0	1

TableView - dataset1.1 ... ↗

	0	1
0	1.0	1.0
1	1.0	1.0

TableView - dataset1.2.1 ... ↗

	0	1
0	0.7749942	0.165297...
1	0.912218...	0.3192058
2	0.329779...	0.204235...
3	0.7672147	0.069973...

dataset2 (14058)  
String, length = 4, 2 x 2  
Number of attributes = 0

Log Info Metadata

# Green HPC



- Green500
  - Rank supercomputers in terms of energy efficiency
  - Performance per Watt (GFLOPS/W)
  - <https://www.top500.org/lists/green500>



Jedi, EuroHPC, Juelich, Germany



# A green supercomputer: LUMI

- 200,000 cores
- Negative carbon footprint
- 100% renewable energy
- Wasted heat can be used by 20% of the houses of the surrounding city



# Carbon footprint of your computation

- <http://www.green-algorithms.org>

## Green Algorithms

How green are your computations?

### Details about your algorithm

To understand how each parameter impacts your carbon footprint, check out the formula below and the [methods article](#).

Runtime (HH:MM)


Type of cores

Number of cores


Model

Memory available (in GB)


Select the platform used for the computations




**303.10 g CO<sub>2</sub>e**  
Carbon footprint




**2.28 kWh**  
Energy needed



**0.33 tree-months**  
Carbon sequestration



**1.73 km**  
in a passenger car



**1 %**  
of a flight Paris-London

Share your results with [this link!](#)



Thanks you for your attention  
and happy computing