

HPC @ UL & new Trends in Europe and Abroad

Path to Exascale



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- 2 High Performance Computing (HPC) @ UL
- 3 HPC Strategy in Europe & Abroad
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- In Belval campus (South of the country) since 2015



A Model European Research University of the 21st Century

Among Top 200 Universities Worldwide

- **Multilingual European research university**
 - ↪ since 2003, 6300 students, 120 nationalities
 - ✓ 12 Bachelor, 42 Ms. Degrees, 4 DS
- ~1700 employees (researchers + staff)
 - ↪ 1139 scientific publication in 2015
 - ✓ 570 in refereed journals
 - ↪ 100 exchange agreements/research coop.
- **Total Budget:** 215.4 million euros (2015)



- **International rankings (2017-2018)**

- ↪ *Times Higher Education (THE) World University* **179th**
- ↪ *Times Higher Education (THE) Young University* **11th**



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Why High Performance Computing ?

"The country that out-computes will be the one that out-competes".
Council on Competitiveness

- **Accelerates** research by accelerating **computation**



≈ 64 **GFlops**

(Dual-core i5 2GHz)



206.772 **TFlops**

(602 computing nodes, 8452 cores)

- Increases **storage** capacity and velocity for Big Data processing



4 TB

(1 disk, 250 MB/s)



7952.4TB

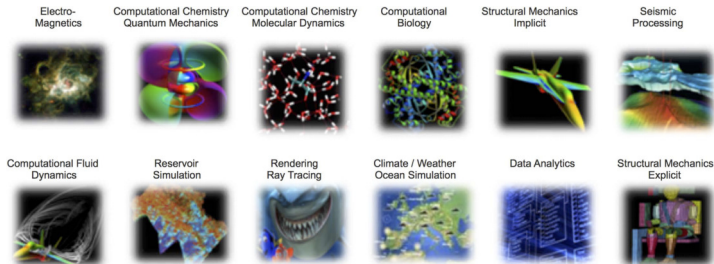
(2015 disks, 10 GB/s)

- **Communicates faster**

1 GbE (1 Gb/s) vs Infiniband EDR (100 Gb/s) ~

HPC at the Heart of our Daily Life

- **Today:** Research, Industry, Local Collectivities



- ... **Tomorrow:** applied research, digital health, nano/bio tech.



High Performance Computing @ UL



HPC @ Uni.lu
Chaos, Gaia, Nyx and Granduc clusters

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Welcome to the HPC @ Uni.lu platform!

This is the official website of HPC @ Uni.lu platform, which assembles information about the computing clusters operated by the University of Luxembourg and the organization running them.

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Recent Posts

- PhD Seminar: ITDevops Army Knows Tools for the researcher
- Optimizing performance on the Lubuntu filesystem
- UL HPC Newsletter - Issue 82
- PCoE HPC BGA Project Released
- UL HPC storage infrastructure upgrade
- HPC as part of the UL Digital Strategy

GitHub Repos

dotfiles, qaui, tutorials

Tweets by @ULHPC

Sebastien Varrette @sebastienvarrette Remember to register now for IEEE #CloudSummit2018 @cloudsummit2018_group.uni_luxembourg @CloudSum_Org #hpc #hpc #hpc

ULHPC @ULHPC Help us to get your requirements for the next generation UL HPC platform! Contact us to access the UL HPC User survey

Sebastien Varrette @sebastienvarrette 1 week to go until the submission deadline of IEEE #CloudSum2018! 2018.cloudsum.org

Sebastien Varrette @sebastienvarrette Today I gave a seminar ITDevops Army Knows Tools for the researcher

Featured Systems
We currently operate a total of 4141 computing nodes (3404 cores, 50.189 GB RAM) and a shared storage capacity of 4208.4 TB (+ 1016 TB for backup).

User Docs
We took the time to make the HPC documentation as complete as possible. Please make sure you read it carefully.

Publications
Check the collection of publications related to the UL HPC platform or made by the researchers thanks to it.

Management Team
Discover which behind the platform and ensure that it is running correctly.

Platform Status
Several tools report in live the current status of our systems. Check them out!

Latest News
Get the latest news / advertisements linked to the UL HPC platform in this page.

<http://hpc.uni.lu>

Key numbers

- 416 users
- 602 computing nodes
 - ↳ 8452 cores
 - ↳ 206.772 TFlops
 - ↳ 50 accelerators
 (+ 76.22 TFlops)
- 7952.4 TB
- 130 (+ 71) servers
- 5 sysadmins
- 2 sites
 - ↳ Kirchberg
 - ↳ Belval

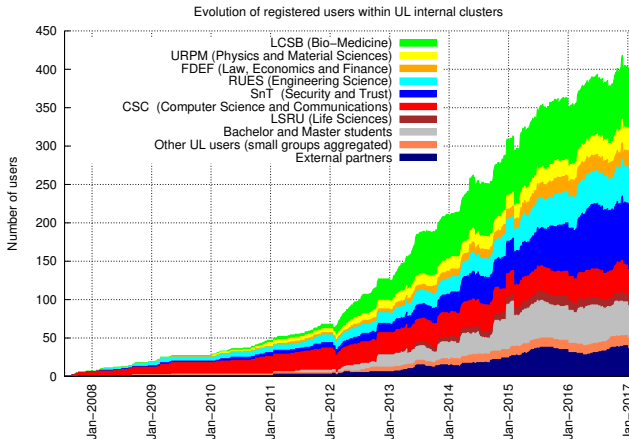
High Performance Computing @ UL

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

Country	Institute	#Nodes	(CPU)	TFlops	TB (Shared)
			#Cores	R_{peak}	Storage
Luxembourg	UL HPC (Uni.lu) LIST	602	8452	206.772	7952.4
		58	800	6.21	144
France	LORIA (G5K), Nancy ROMEO, Reims	320	2520	26.98	82
		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

● 416 Active HPC Users



UL HPC Beneficiaries

23 computational domains accelerated on UL HPC

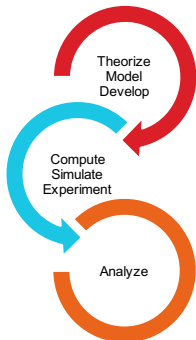
- for the UL Faculties, Research Units and Interdisciplinary Centres
 - ↪ incl. **LCSB**, **SnT**... and now **C2DH** thematics
 - ↪ **UL strategic research priorities**

- ✓ 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

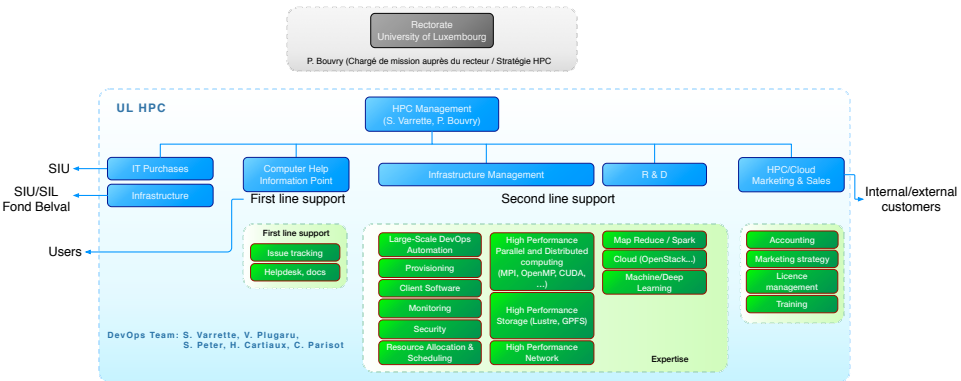
Accelerating UL Research

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



- **>140 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



Kirchberg

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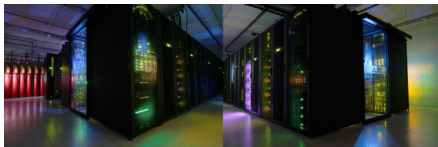


Belval

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2 sites, ≥ 4 server rooms

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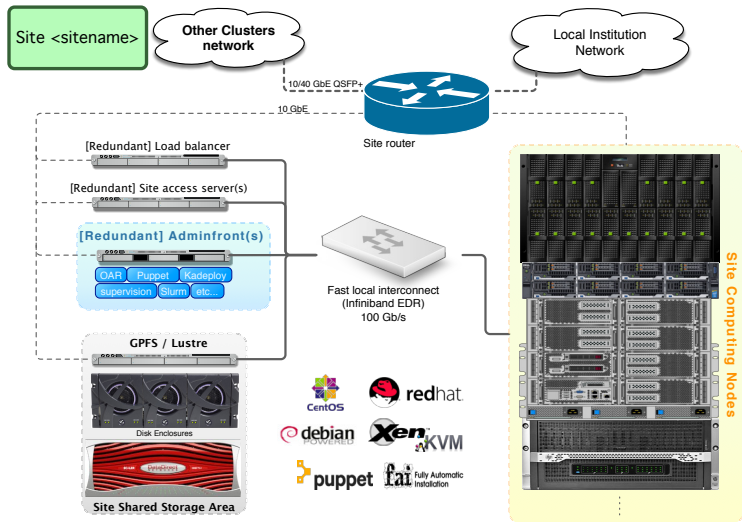
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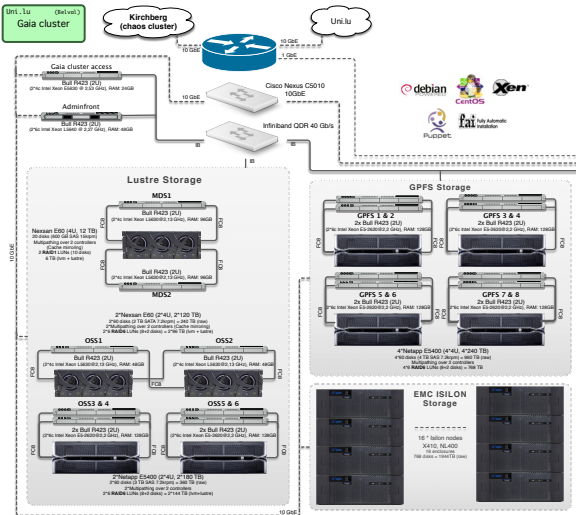
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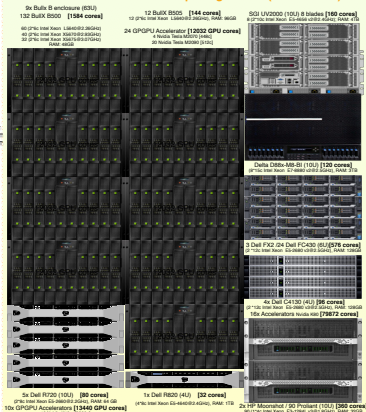
UL HPC: General cluster organization



Ex: The gaia cluster



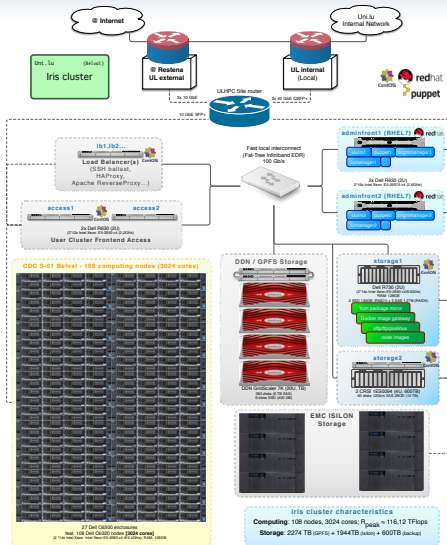
LCSB Belval - 271 Computing nodes (3312 cores)



Gaia cluster characteristics

Computing: 271 nodes, 3312 cores; R_{peak} = 64.176 Tflops
21 GPGPU accelerators (120704 GPU cores)
Storage: 960 TB (GPFS) + 660 TB (Lustre) + 1944 TB (Isilon) + 1336 TB (backup)

The new iris cluster



UL HPC Computing capacity



5 clusters
206.772 TFlops
602 nodes
8452 cores
34512GPU cores





UL HPC Computing Clusters

Cluster	Location	#N	#C	Rpeak	GPU Rpeak
iris	CDC S-01	108	3024	116.12	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
TOTAL:		602	8452	206.772	+ 76 TFlops

UL HPC – Detailed Computing Nodes

	Date	Vendor	Proc. Description	#N	#C	R _{peak}
iris	2017	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2680 v4@2.4GHz 2 × 14C,128GB	100	2800	107.52 TFlops
	iris TOTAL:			108	3024	116.12 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

gck	2008	Dell	Intel Xeon L5335@2GHz 2 × 4C,16GB	22	176	1.408 TFlops
	2012	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2630L@2GHz 2 × 6C,24GB	16	192	3.072 TFlops
granduc/petitprince TOTAL:				38	368	4.48 TFlops

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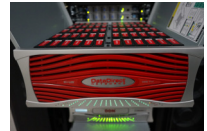
nyx, viridis, pyro...	2012	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2420@1.9GHz 1 × 6C,32GB	2	12	0.091 TFlops
	2013	Viridis	ARM A9 Cortex@1.1GHz 1 × 4C,4GB	96	384	0.422 TFlops
	2015	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2630Lv2@2.4GHz 2 × 6C,32GB	2	24	0.460 TFlops
	2015	Dell	Intel Xeon E5-2660v2@2.2GHz 2 × 10C,32GB	4	80	1.408 TFlops
nyx/viridis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

UL HPC Storage capacity



4 distributed/parallel FS
2015 disks
7952.4 TB

(incl. 2116TB for Backup)





UL HPC Shared Storage Capacities

Cluster	GPFS	Lustre	Other (NFS...)	Backup	TOTAL
iris	1440	0	6	600	2046 TB
gaia	960	480	0	1336	2776 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
TOTAL:	2400	480	2956.4	2116	7952.4 TB



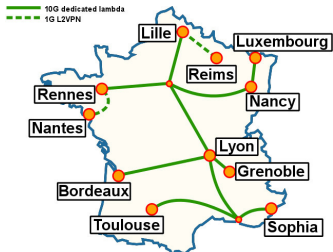
UL HPC Software Stack

- **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.

The case of Grid'5000

<http://www.grid5000.fr>

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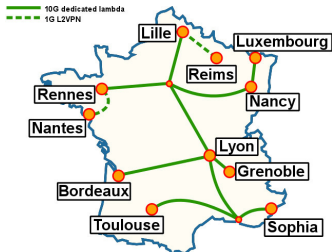


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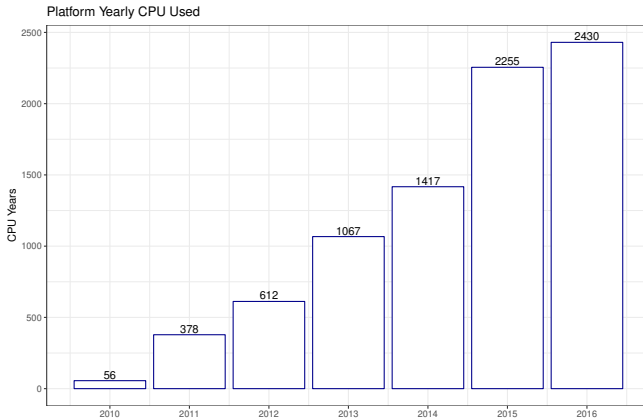
- ↳ General information:
- ↳ Grid'5000 website and documentation:

<https://hpc.uni.lu/g5k>

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CPU-year usage since 2010

- **CPU-hour:** *work* done by a CPU in one hour of wall clock time



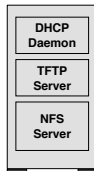
Computing nodes Management

Node deployment by FAI/Bright Manager

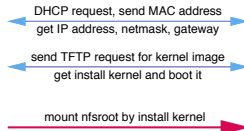
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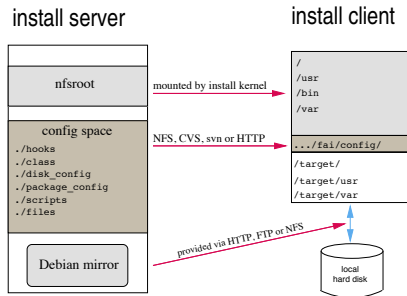
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Average reinstallation time: \simeq 500s

IT Serv[er|ice] Management: Puppet

Server/Service configuration by Puppet



<http://puppetlabs.com>

- **IT Automation** for configuration management
 - ↪ idempotent
 - ↪ agent/master OR stand-alone architecture
 - ↪ cross-platform through Puppet's Resource Abstraction Layer (**RAL**)
 - ↪ Git-based workflow
 - ↪ PKI-based security (X.509)
- **DevOps** tool of choice for configuration management
 - ↪ Declarative Domain Specific Language (DSL)



Endless Possibilities: DevOps can create an infinite loop of release and feedback for all your code and deployment targets.

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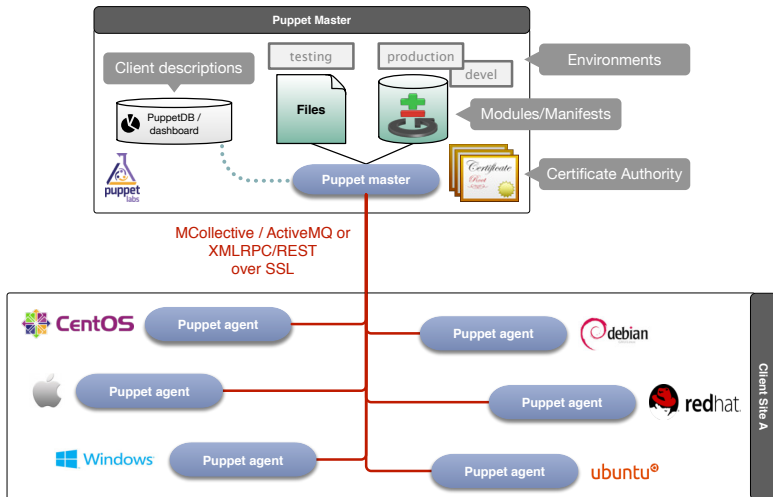


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Average server installation/configuration time: \simeq 3-6 min

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:
 - ↪ > **140 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>]
```

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

```
$> module use /path/to/easybuild
$> 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
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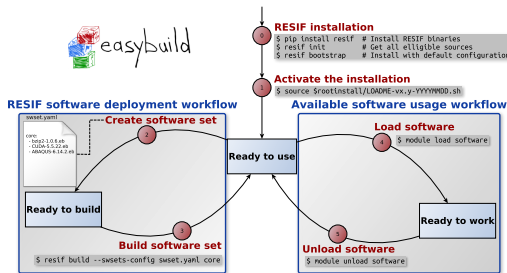
Software/Modules Management

<http://resif.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

● 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
- “Easy to use” yet **pending workflow rework**

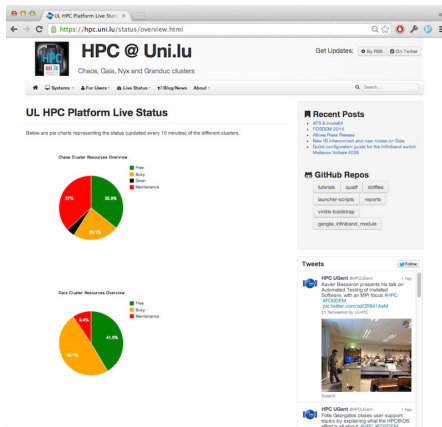
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Platform Monitoring

General Live Status

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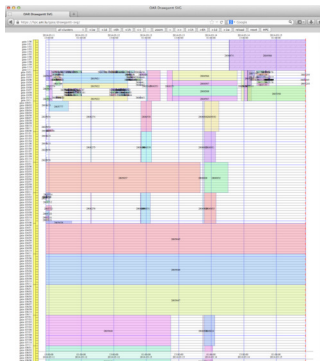




Platform Monitoring

- Drawgantt

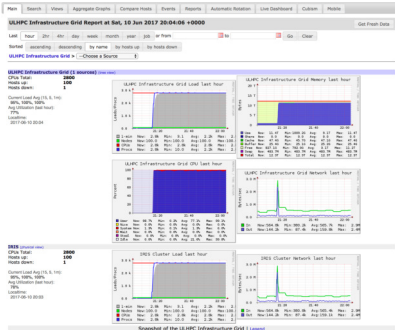
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Platform Monitoring

Ganglia

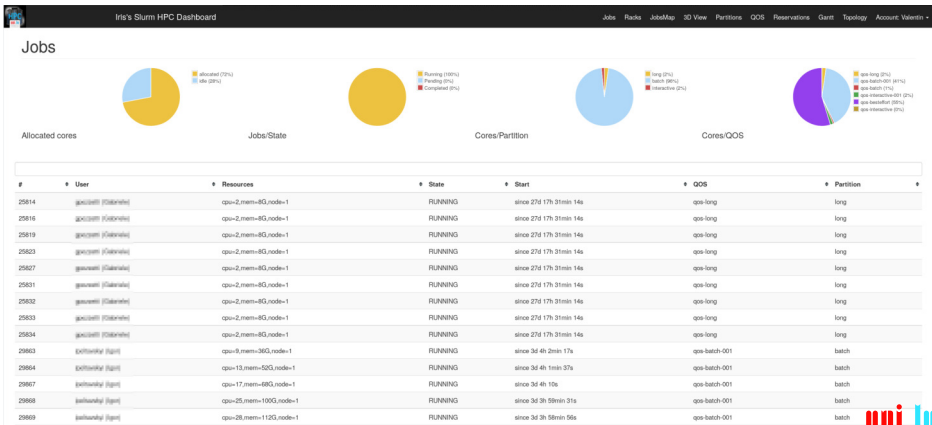
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Platform Monitoring

SLURM-Web

<http://hpc.uni.lu/iris/slurm/> (soon)



Platform Monitoring

CDash

<http://cdash.uni.lu/>

[cdash.unl.lux/index.php?project=UL-HPC-Testing](#)

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UL-HPC-Testing

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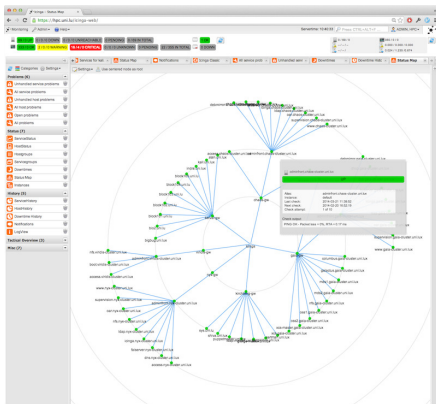
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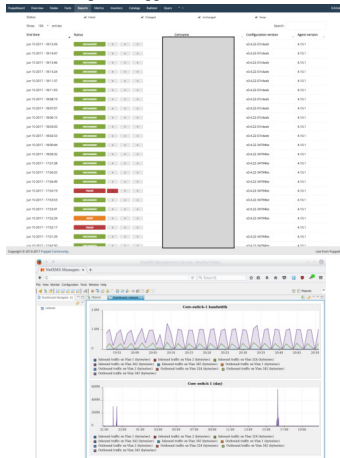
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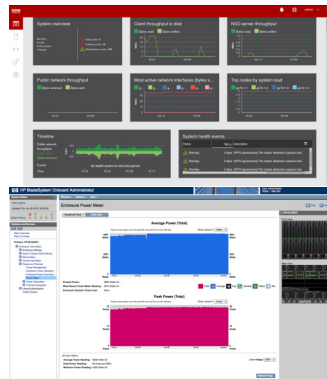
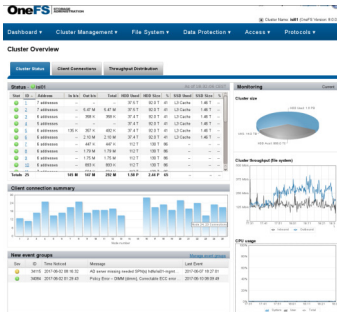
Icinga / Puppet / NetXMS (networking)



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- \$1 to \$2 billion a year in R&D (including NRE)
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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



- Over \$1billion a year in R&D
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- Plans are to purchase multiple exascale systems each year
- Already investing in 3 pre-exascale systems by 2017/18

Japan



- 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
- Creating a new processor and a new software environment

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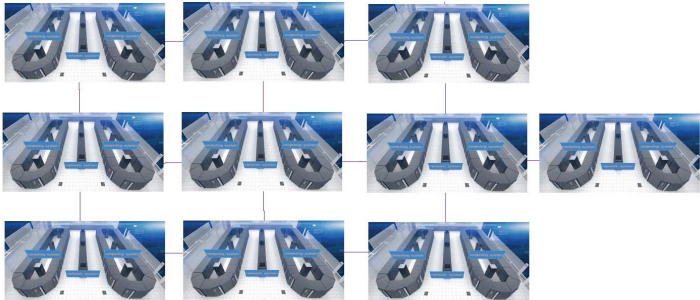
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- Peak ES: Not planned
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Exascale Feasibility



We Can Build an Exascale System Today?

Connect together 10 Sunway TaihuLight systems



Require 150 MW of power, programming for 100 M threads, and \$2.7B price tag

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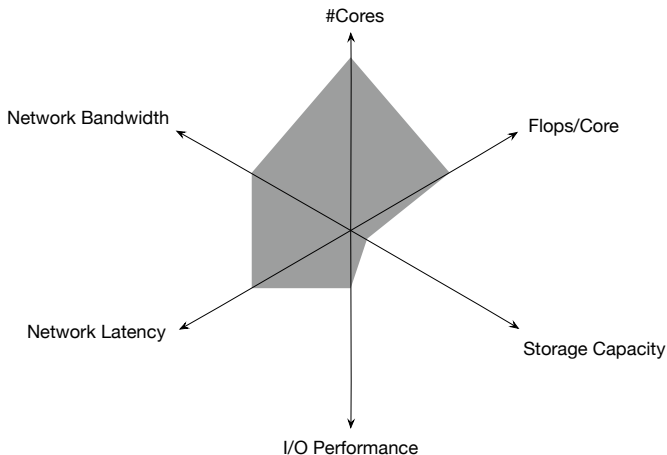
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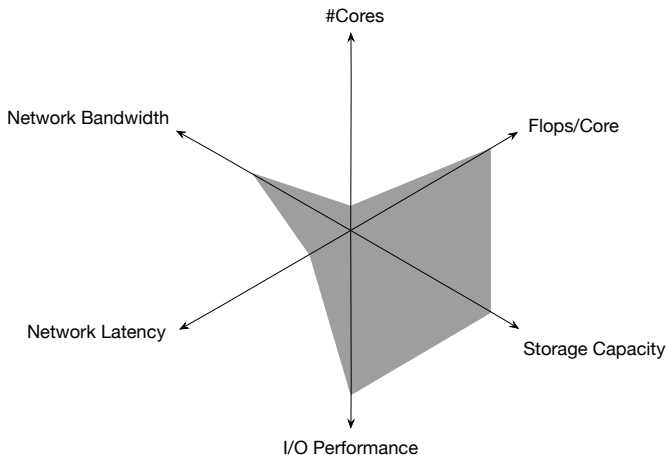
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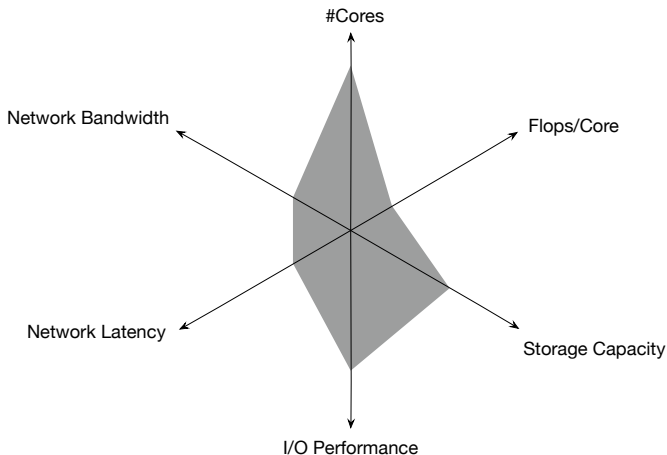
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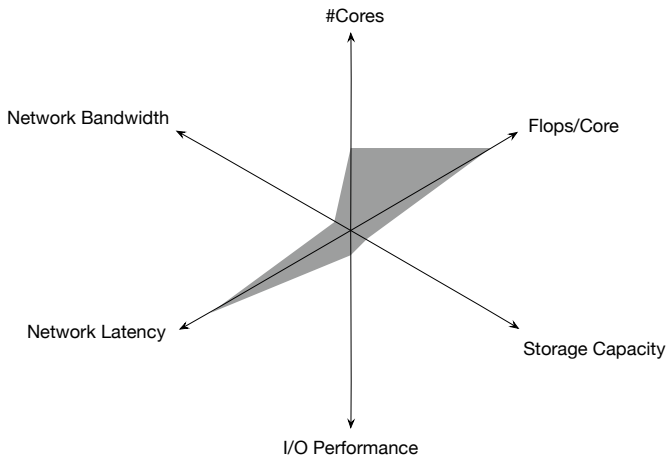
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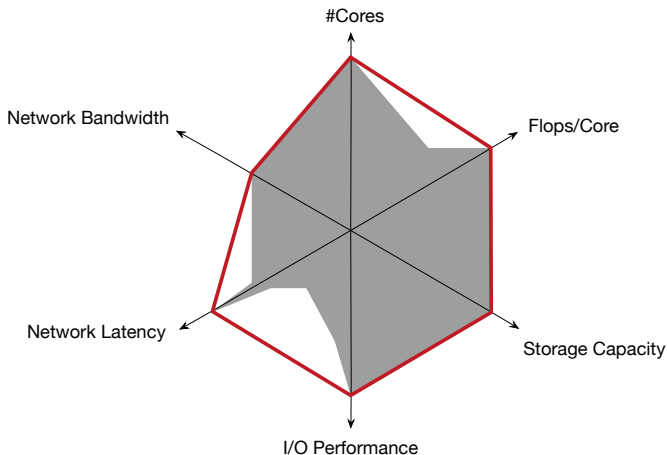
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ALL Research Computing Domains



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 - ↪ ... 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
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This study was carried out for RIKEN by



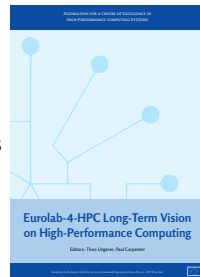
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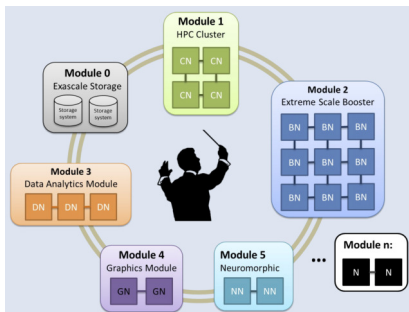
[Source : IDC RIKEN report, 2016]



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Toward Modular Computing

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 - ↪ Primary processing on CPUs and accelerators
 - ✓ HPC & Extreme Scale Booster modules
 - ↪ Specialized modules for:
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[Source : "Towards Modular Supercomputing: The DEEP and DEEP-ER projects", 2016]

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Questions?

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