ARIS High Performance Computing Infrastructure, access policy, tools and usage.

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Internet Provider for Greek Universities and Research Centers

- 87 POPs
- Connection to GEANT
- GR-IX (Greek Internet Exchange)
- Computation
 - Grid (HellasGrid)
 - Cloud (Okeanos)
 - HPC



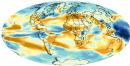
High Performance Computing

- HPC means use of a high scalability system to solve cpu demanding problems
- Implies parallel Processing
- Computation : The 3rd pillar of science, together with theory and experiment.
- Safety, Flexibility, Accuracy, Economy, Development time.

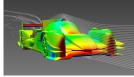
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Scientific Fields in HPC

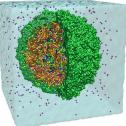
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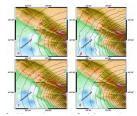
Engineering/Fluids



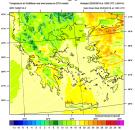
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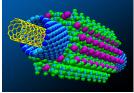
Seismology



Meteorology



Materials



and much more.

Funding : Phase I

- PRACE-GR : "Ανάπτυξη Εθνικής Υπερυπολογιστικής Υποδομής και Παροχή Συναφών Υπηρεσιών στην Ελληνική Ερευνητική και Ακαδημαϊκή Κοινότητα - MIS 379417"
- ΠΕΠ «Αττική», ΑΞΟΝΑΣ ΠΡΟΤΕΡΑΙΟΤΗΤΑΣ 3:
 «Ενίσχυση της ανταγωνιστικότητας της καινοτομίας και της ψηφιακής σύγκλισης»
- Στόχοι
 - Ανάπτυξη υπερυπολογιστικής υποδομής στην Ελλάδα για την πραγματοποίηση Έρευνας υψηλού επιπέδου και Ισχυροποίηση του ρόλου της Ελλάδας στον τομέα των Υπερυπολογιστών σε Πανευρωπαϊκό επίπεδο.
 - Εκμετάλλευση από μεγάλο εύρος επιστημονικών πεδίων.
 - Έμφαση στις εφαρμογές υψηλής κλιμάκωσης (μεγάλη παραλληλία). Χρήση μοντέλων προγραμματισμού MPI και OpenMP
 - Επεκτασιμότητα



Funding : Phase II

- «Παροχή ψηφιακών υπηρεσιών μέσω της δημιουργίας ενεργειακά αποδοτικού κέντρου δεδομένων» - MIS 311568
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- Επέκταση Κέντρου Δεδομένων ΕΔΕΤ στο Κτίριο του Υπουργείου Παιδείας στο Μαρούσι
- Δημιουργία Πράσινου Κέντρου Δεδομένων στο Λούρο
- Προμήθεια υπολογιστικού εξοπλισμού για παροχή υπηρεσιών υπολογιστικού νέφους
- Προμήθεια υπολογιστικού εξοπλισμού για εξειδικευμένες επιστημονικές εφαρμογές.



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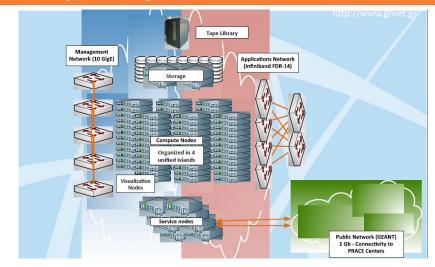
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Με τη συγχρηματοδότηση της Ελλάδας και της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης

και χτίστηκε το ARIS, σε 2 φάσεις.

ARIS : System Organization



Compute Nodes

Thin island

426 nodes IBM NeXtScale, 2 x Intel Xeon E5-2680v2 (8.520 cores). 64GB memory, Diskless. Fat island 44 nodes Dell PowerEdge R820, 4 x Intel Xeon E5-4650v2, 512 GB memory

Phi island 18 nodes Dell PowerEdge R730,

2 x Intel Xeon E5-2660v3, 64 GB memory,

2 x Intel Xeon Phi 7120P,

GPU island 44 nodes Dell PowerEdge R730,

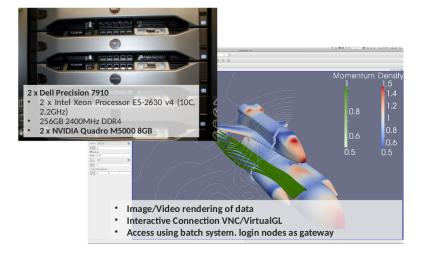
2 x Intel Xeon E5-2660v3, 64 GB memory,

2 x GPU NVidia K40,

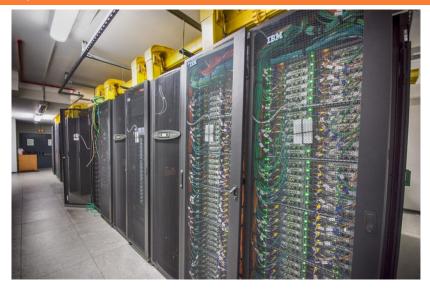
Service Nodes



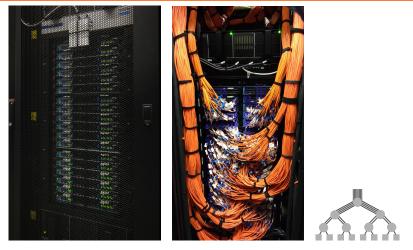
Visualization Nodes



Compute Nodes



Infiniband



▶ FDR14 : Full non blocking Fat Tree, 56 Gbits all to all

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Storage



> 2 Racks, raw capacity 2 PB, usable ~ 1.5 PB, GPFS.

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Cooling



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Software

- RedHat Enterprise/CentOS x86-64 6.9
- Slurm 16.05.11
- Libraries/Applications Software organized with Environment Modules



Administration and Support Team

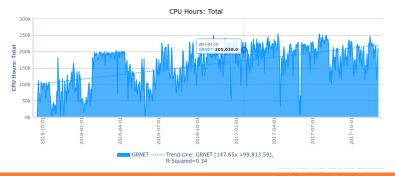
- Infrastructure Operation/Administration
- User support
- Application Support : Porting, Optimization, Profiling
- System Documentation
- Training

 Phase I : 179.83 TFlops, No 468 in 06/2015 Top500 List 169.73 TFlops reported



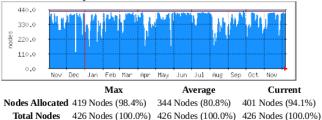
Phase II : Theoretical : 444 TFlops

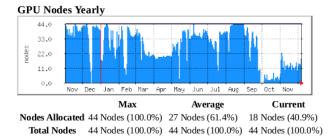
- System Capability : 8520 / 11520 core Years / year before/afrer Aug 2016.
- Allocated up to now : ~ 26,000 core Years
- In 4 Production calls, always open preparatory call, contribution in DECI, VI-SEEM, SoHPC, etc.
- ▶ 3^{rd} and 4^{th} production calls in progress, 5^{th} just closed.
- Consumed up to now : ~ 15,000 core Years



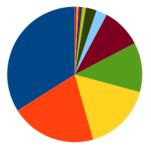
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Thin Nodes Yearly





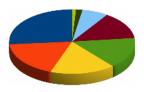
3rd production call Scientific Fields allocations:



- Chemical Sciences and Materials
- Earth System Sciences
- Biochemistry, Bioinformatics and Life sciences
- plasma & fusion physics
- Physiology and Medicine
- Physics

- Engineering
- Solar Physics
- Radiation Oncology Neurosurgery
- Plasma Physics Simulations
- Environmental Sciences
- Biophysics

3rd production call Institutes allocation:



- National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
- National Observatory of Athens
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos" (NCSR "Demokritos")

- University of Patras
- National Technical University of Athens
- Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- University of Ioannina

 Picture is usually different between calls : 12 months allocation, calls every 6 months.

Scientific Results

Publications



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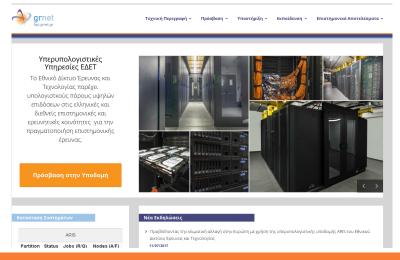
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GRNET HPC related information

 Information for Access, News etc. (mainly in Greek) https://hpc.grnet.gr/



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GRNET ARIS documentation

System Documentation (Only in English) : http://doc.aris.grnet.gr/

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Home Message of the day	Welcome to ARIS user support and technical information page.	-					
Getting Started	Please read carefully the system's documentation.						
System Information	For any questions related to technical support about the usage of the system please send us an e-mail at support at hpc.grnet.gr						
Hardware Overview	For questions about access and general questions about the service please use the following e-mail address:						
Storage Overview	hpc-info at lists.grnet.gr						
User Guide	Message of the day						
Login and Data transfer		<u> </u>					
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hpc-info@lists.grnet.gr hpc-access@lists.grnet.gr support@hpc.grnet.gr events.hpc.grnet.gr General Information Access Information, reports etc. User support Events announcement, registration etc.

Access Policy to ARIS (and other European Systems)

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Access Policy, Project Types

- Basic Targets
 - Efficient use of System, maximize scientific production given the resources.
 - Maximize the impact of research projects.
- Production : Periodic call for Production projects (every 6 months, for 1 year). Need to pass both technical and scientific review.
- Preparatory : Open call for projects in order to verify scaling, fit on HPC system etc. Duration 2 months. Only techical review and very basic scientific review.
- Development : Development / modification of Parallel applications. Basic technical and scientific review. Duration 4 months.

Access Policy, Review process

- Call Announchement.
- Call open for ~ 1 month. Applications
- Technical Review
- Reviewers assignment, Scientific Review.
- Summarize technical and scientific reviews, accept or reject.
- Allocation of resources (may be different than what requested, usually less core hours but not only)
- Results announcement, sign AUP, start of project.
- Periodic check of activity.
- Final Report, Results dissemination.
- Follow up : Inform for any publication with results from project.

Notes on applications I

- Read carefully the goals of call announcement and preqrequisities.
- Technical description has the same weight as scientific description.
- Carefully calculate the requested resources.
- Describe the social, scientific etc. impact of your research.
- Describe your team's background in scientific field but also in the use this type of systems.
- Describe and give reference to the software you plan to use. In case of multi-method packages describe which methods etc. of package you'll use.
- Describe the problem size of your research.
- Carefully describe why you need an HPC system.

Notes on applications II

- Describe the scaling of your application as function of data size/methods etc.
- The fact that an application is highly scalable does not imply that the same happens with your data.
- Describe how the code is parallelized (MPI/OpenMP/Hybrid/Other)
- Detailed description of application performance with your data on other machines (MachineName, CPU type, Memory etc.)

System NAME								
	ning							
cores	Code(or case) A	Code (or case) B						
10	40 h	80 h						
20	20 h	40 h						
40	10 h	20 h						
60	8 h	10 h						
80	7 h	15 h						

You have limited scaling data ? Apply for a preparatory project to obtain.

Run Type	no.Runs	Steps/Run	Time/step	no.cores	$\begin{tabular}{lllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$
1	20	1000	1s	100	
2	10	1000000	0.001 s	1000	
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You have limited scaling data ? Apply for a preparatory project to obtain. Some reasons that may result in reject

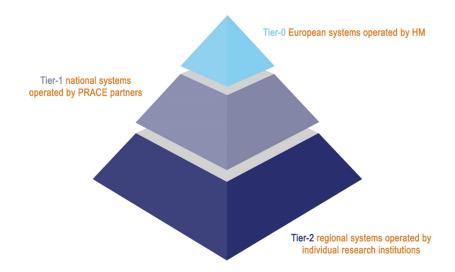
- Request memory per core more than the node memory
- Request cores per node more than the maximum available
- You ask for commercial software requiring license that either you don't have or it is locked to certain machines.

European HPC Ecosystem - About PRACE

Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe

- EU Organization
- Coordinates the development of Computational Infrastractures in Europe
- Offers access to Petaflop level machines (Tier-0)
- Much more.
- Greece is Founder member of organization non hosting member since 2007
- Since 2015 is hosting Tier-1 system.

PRACE Systems Hierarchy



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PRACE Tier-0 Systems



MareNostrum: Lenovo BSC, Barcelona, Spain #16 on Top500



#93 on CURIE: Bull Bullx Top500 GENCI/CEA Bruyères-le-Châtel, France



Piz Daint: Cray XC 50 CSCS Lugano, Switzerland

> #3 on Top500 Nov17

#22 on Top500 Jülich, Germany











#14 on Top500

MARCONI: Lenovo CINECA Bologna, Italy

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European HPC Tier-1 Ecosystem - PRACE

- DECI : Resources exchange program : Each Tier-1 hosting country contributes a part of compute capacity, and researchers from this country can get access to other Tier-1 systems.
- Main reasons
 - Trigger International Scientific Cooperations
 - Possibility to use resources of different type that are not available. For example, Bigger than available systems, BlueGene, Cray, KNL, etc.
 - Intermediate stage before Tier-0 access.
 - Evaluation of projects in home country.
- Countries in DECI : Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Netherlands, UK.
- Calls for DECI Projects every 6 months. Announced in prace (and hpc.grnet.gr) web site.

ARIS : Efficient use, Tools, Best Practices

Once access is granted :

- Remember : Starting point the system documentation http://doc.aris.grnet.gr/
- It is also mentioned in login screen

===== PLEASE		compute	/gpu/phi								memory memory	====
System Documentation available at : http://doc.aris.grnet.gr/												



ARIS : Connect to

- ONLY ssh connections are allowed
- Policy is : Deny all except.
- SSH ONLY from certain IPs/Networks.
- Use your organization VPN service if you need to connect from other places.
- SSH ONLY with keys
- Shell could be obtained ONLY on login nodes. Compute nodes are unreachable (from login nodes too).
- Exception : Visualization nodes. See the corresponding section in documentation.
- ONLY login nodes have partial internet access. SSH from login nodes to everywhere is also denied.
- Need help with SSH ? : doc.aris.grnet.gr

Working with installed Software

- Software is organized with Environment Modules
- ► Environment modules dynamically alter PATH, LD LIBRARY PATH and other variables.
- Currently 5 sections
 - Compilers : various versions of : gnu, intel, pgi, cuda, sun, clang, java, binutils, scala, etc.
 - Parallel : various versions of : IntelMpi, OpenMPI, mvapich2, mpich, and few parallel profile tools, scalasca, mpiP etc.
 - Libraries : Linear Algebra, Fourier Transofroms, I/O (hdf5, netcdf) and much more, optimized on system architecture(s).
 - Applications : All the applications that users asked for (opensource), some licensed applications i.e. available to users who own the license.
 - Commonly used tools : Like recent versions of make, cmake, git etc.

Working with installed Software I

- List available modules module avail
- List active modules module list
- Deactivate all active modules

module purge

- Deactivation of a certain module module unload MODULENAME
- Switch module version

module switch MODULENAME/VER1 MODULENAME/VER2

► To make users life easier, the gnu/4.9.2, intel/15.0.3, intelmpi/5.0.3 modules are preloaded upon login.

Working with installed Software

Example : module avail

```
binutils/2.25
                   gnu/5.2.0
                                         intel/17.0.5
binutils/2.26
                   gnu/5.3.0
                                         intel/18.0.0
intelmpi/2017.0
                   mvapich2/gnu/2.2.2a
                                         openmpi/1.8.8
intelmpi/2017.1
                   mvapich2/intel/2.2.2a openmpi/2.0.0/gnu
gsl/2.2.1/intel
                   parmetis/4.0.3/intel
hdf5/1.8.12/gnu
                   petsc/3.6.2(default)
lammps/7Dec15
                   visit/2.10.2
lsdalton/1.2
                   visit/2.11.0
```

- If you have your own code, you should compile it.
- Suggested Compilers, MPI and Flags : Intel, Intelmpi, mpiicc -O3 -xCORE-AVX-I and other typical for your source.

Running Applications

- Running on login nodes is not allowed, although someone can run a few minutes check with small number of cores.
- You should use Resource Manager/Batch system to submit a job to compute nodes.
- Batch system on ARIS is SLURM.
- How to use it ? doc.aris.grnet.gr
- There is a script generator validator that is a good starting point to create a SLURM script.
- What is the content of this script ?
- You define the resources you need for your job and how to run.

Workload manager/Batch system : SLURM

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -- job-name="testSlurm" # JobName
#SBATCH --error=job.err.%j
                              # Filename : stderr
#SBATCH --output=job.out.%j # Filename : stdout
                               # %i value of JobID
#SBATCH --nodes=2
                              # Number of nodes
#SBATCH --ntasks=4
                               # Number of (usually MPI) Tasks
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=2
                               # Number of Tasks / node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=10
                               # Number of Threads / MPI Task
#SBATCH --mem=56G
                               # Memory per node # One of these 2 specs
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=2800M
                               # Memory per core #
#SBATCH -A ptc
                               # Accounting tag # ptc for training
#SBATCH -t 1-01:00:00
                               # Regusted DD-HH:MM:SS
                              # partition, one of compute, gpu, phi, fat, taskp, short
#SBATCH -p compute
#SBATCH --gres=gpu:2
                              # Accelerated partitions. gres=gpu or mic
module purge
module load gnu/4.9.2
module load intel/15.0.3
module load intelmpi/5.0.3
if [ x$SLURM CPUS PER TASK == x ]; then
 export OMP NUM THREADS=1
else
                                                   # Never delete these lines
 export OMP NUM THREADS=$SLURM CPUS PER TASK
                                                   # unless you exactly know what you do
fi
srun EXECUTABLE ARGUMENTS
                            # Executable and possible arguments
```

Working with SLURM

Job Submission

sbatch SLURM_JobScript.sh
Submitted batch job 123456

Job List

squeue

Cancel a Job

scancel JobID

- Send KILL signal (instead of the default TERM) to a job scancel -s KILL JobID
- Estimation of job start time that is queued due to not available resources

```
squeue --start
```

Information for the resources status.

sinfo

- DO NOT use the typical mpirun/mpiexec(.hydra). Use srun for SLURM.
- You may omit some of requirements if the rest can define the required resources
- Examples : You may omit ntasks, requires nnodes, ntasks-per-node, cpus-per-task to be defined. System can calculate how many tasks to use
- Especially for hybrid MPI/OpenMP applications DO NOT delete the piece of code that checks if you set correctly threads/tasks : A common mistake in production runs.
- Required time is mandatory. If you omit it, either job will never run (default for ARIS) or will use the default maximum wall time (2 days for aris)

SLURM User/Group resource limits

- Each account has certain resource limits.
 - Maximum number of running Jobs, Jobs in queue.
 - Maximum number of concurrently used cores and/or nodes
 - Maximum Wall time duration of a job
 - Maximum consumable Core Hours for project duration (=Budget).

Applications Profiling

- Profiler is software that gets metrics on source execution, without addition of timers in source code.
- Serial Profilers
 - One can find detailed time spent in code procedures, i.e. How many times a procedure was called, average time per call, total time spent in procedure, from which point in source was called etc.
 - Standard Unix profiler gprof and its variants, for example sprof.
 - Compiler specific profilers, like vtune for Intel compilers or pgprof for PGI.

MPI

- MPI implementations profilers, for example OpeMPI VampirTrace.
- mpiP : Traces MPI calls and gives performance indicators, possible bottlenecks etc. OpenSource, Works with any compiler and MPI implementation.
- The simplest to use, with great reporting, may be used by just adding some libraries at link stage.

```
module load mpiP
mpif90 $0BS -g -L$MPIPROOT/lib -lmpiP -lbfd -lunwind -o myexe.x
```

 Run as usual and look the report in file myexe.x.NPROCS.PID.mpiP. Probably you'll find bottlnecks in your code (or data driven bottlenecks) with just one run

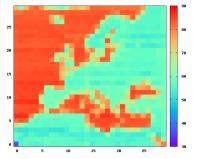
Applications Profiling II

```
0 mpiP
@ Command : ./06.x
@ Version
                    : 3.4.1
@ MPIP Build date : Sep 7 2015, 16:33:51
@ Start time
                   : 2017 11 29 21:45:28
@ Stop time
                   : 2017 11 29 21:45:31
@ Report generation : Collective
@ MPI Task Assignment : 0 login01
Q--- MPI Time (seconds) -----
Task AppTime MPITime MPI%
  0 2.72 0.7 25.69
1 2.72 1.16 42.52
      2.72 1.07 39.11
31 2.72 1.13 41.51
     87.1 34.9 40.05
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   0 06 md inhomegeneous reduce.f 137 md
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                                                       Bcast
 3 0 06 md inhomegeneous reduce.f 202 md
                                                       Reduce
@--- Aggregate Time (top twenty, descending, milliseconds) ------
Call
                 Site Time App% MPI% COV
```

Applications Profiling III

Reduce Barrier Bcast	4 8 6	1.27e+04 1.03e+04 8.8e+03			0.94 1.09 0.18)	
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Reduce	3	32	3.2e+0)7 1e+	+06	11.11	
Bcast	11	32	3.2e+0)7 1e+	-06	11.11	

Example : WRF load imbalance.



Hybrid MPI/OpenMP/Threads Profilers

 scalasca : Traces MPI calls, as well as OpenMP calls, provides detailed information timing information per thread, task, node, code line. Graphical Interface to explore profile information.

 It is necessary to compile the code with scalasca wrapper : scalasca -instrument mpicc FLAGS scalasca -analyze srun exe scalasca -examine Report Directory

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- ARIS compute nodes have 20 or 40 cores. Use if possible full nodes, i.e. 20/40 cores/node.
- If it is not the case, limit the required nodes.

cores	Nodes	tasks/node	Unused cores
64	4	20	16 on 1 node
128	7	20	12 on 1 node
256	13	20	4 on 1 node
512	26	20	8 on 1 node

Common mistake

cores	Nodes	tasks/node	Unused cores
64	8	8	12 cores/node on 8 nodes=96
64	4	16	4 cores/node on 4 nodes = 16
90	6	15	5 cores/node on 6 nodes = 30
128	8	16	4 cores/node on 8 nodes = 32
480	40	12	8 cores/node on 40 nodes = 320
512	32	16	4 cores/node on 32 nodes = 128

Do not use mpirun/mpiexec nor typical desktop arguments like -np. It happens to forget to change the really needed resources, for example :

```
#SBATCH --nodes=10
```

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#SBATCH --ntasks=200
```

```
mpirun -np 8
```

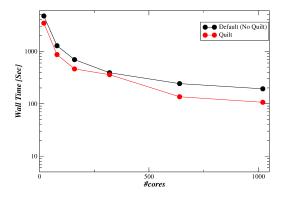
or

```
srun -n 8
```

You allocate (and charged for) 200 cores while you use only 8.

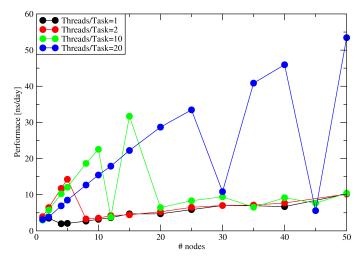
- Try to use the correct combination of tasks and threads with Hybrid applications. Check that the OMP_NUM_THREADS is set. In SLURM script template there is code that checks for this.
- Surprisingly, this piece of code is frequently removed.

- Explore the capabilities of your application. With some options in input file(s) you may see much better performance.
- Example : WRF quilting



- Usually applications have a recipe for number of tasks to use as function of data details, For example WRF, cores as f(domain dimensions), MD cores as f(atoms), ab-initio cores as f(wfns, atoms, etc.)
- Direct/Semidirect/Scratch methods/variables in ab-initio codes.
- A highly scalable application may be very inefficient with your data. For example, namd is highly scalable on many nodes and many gpus. This does not apply if your system is small. If your system contains less than 100k atoms, you should use half node and one (of two) gpus to obtain efficiency of ~ 80%.
- With hybrid applications, check before production runs the performance with various combinations tasks/threads.

Example : MD of an inhomogeneous system



- If you can use save/restart and need very long time, use it. Instead of a job of 10 days, use 10 jobs of 1 day (propability of a HW failure in 10 days much higher especially with multinode runs).
- Request from the Resource Manager wall time slightly higher than the expected. NOT the typical 2 days.
- Example : Submit 100 jobs requesting 2 days each. Scheduler will arrange to run them in ~ 1 week. If each run takes 5 minutes, requesting 6 minutes, all runs will finish in ~ 1 hour instead of ~ 1 week.
- Even better, submit few jobs with multiple srun, for example 10 jobs with 10 srun.
- Stats : Sept. 2017
 65% of jobs took up to 5% of requested time
 9% between 5 and 10%.
 11% more than 50%



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