

# High Performance Computing

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PRACTICAL LECTURE 0.2

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## Short Introduction to C Programming & Scheduling

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Webinar



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# Review of Practical Lecture 0.1 – Short Introduction to UNIX & SSH

## ■ UNIX Operating System on HPC Systems



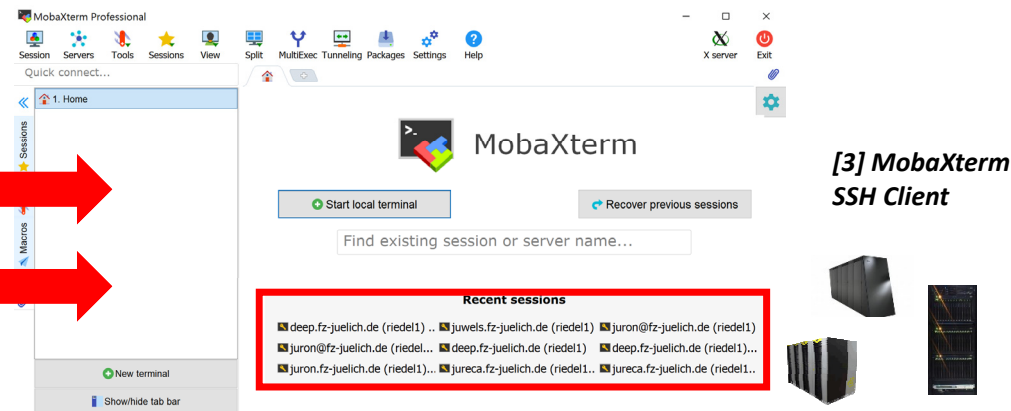
[1] Icelandic HPC Machines & Community



[2] DEEP Test Cluster

SSH protocol

## ■ SSH Protocol to Connect to HPC Systems



[3] MobaXterm SSH Client

## ■ Selected important UNIX commands

- E.g. `'hostname -a'` & `'whoami'` & `'clear'`
- E.g. `'cp SOURCE DESTINATION'`
- E.g. `'ls -al'` & `'pwd'` & `'mkdir DIR'` & `'cd DIR'`

## ■ Module environment

- E.g. `'module load XYZ'` & `'module spider XYZ'`

## ■ Different levels of security mechanisms

- E.g., **public/private key pairs**  
(for DEEP Test cluster, often used world-wide)
- E.g., **username/password**  
(for Jötunn teaching cluster, secure enough)

# Outline of the Course

1. High Performance Computing
2. Parallel Programming with MPI
3. Parallelization Fundamentals
4. Advanced MPI Techniques
5. Parallel Algorithms & Data Structures
6. Parallel Programming with OpenMP
7. Graphical Processing Units (GPUs)
8. Parallel & Scalable Machine & Deep Learning
9. Debugging & Profiling & Performance Toolsets
10. Hybrid Programming & Patterns

11. Scientific Visualization & Scalable Infrastructures
12. Terrestrial Systems & Climate
13. Systems Biology & Bioinformatics
14. Molecular Systems & Libraries
15. Computational Fluid Dynamics & Finite Elements
16. Epilogue

+ additional practical lectures & Webinars for our hands-on assignments in context

- Practical Topics
- Theoretical / Conceptual Topics

# Outline

- Programming & Compiling C Programs
  - Common HPC Applications & Motivations for C Programming
  - Step-Wise Walkthrough for Programming a Simple C Program
  - HPC Systems Module Environment Revisited
  - Role of Compilers & Compiling C Programs
  - Executing C Programs on HPC System Login Node (**not good!**)
- Working with Schedulers on HPC Systems
  - Modular Supercomputer Examples as Multi-User Systems
  - HPC System Software Environments
  - Scheduling Principles
  - HPC System Jötunn – Scheduler SLURM Examples
  - Executing C Programs on HPC System Compute Nodes (**right way!**)

- This lecture is not considered to be a full introduction to C programming and scheduling techniques and rather focusses on selected commands and concepts particularly relevant for our assignments, e.g. module environment and C compilers that leverage the Message Passing Interface (MPI)
- The goal of this lecture is to make course participants aware of the process of compiling simple C programs and the use of scheduling tools existing on world-wide HPC systems

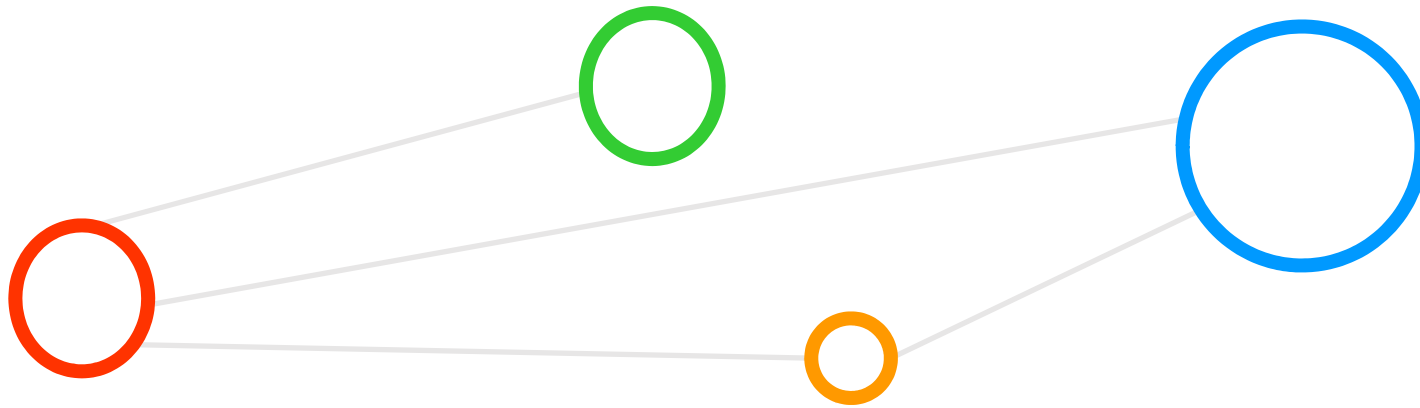


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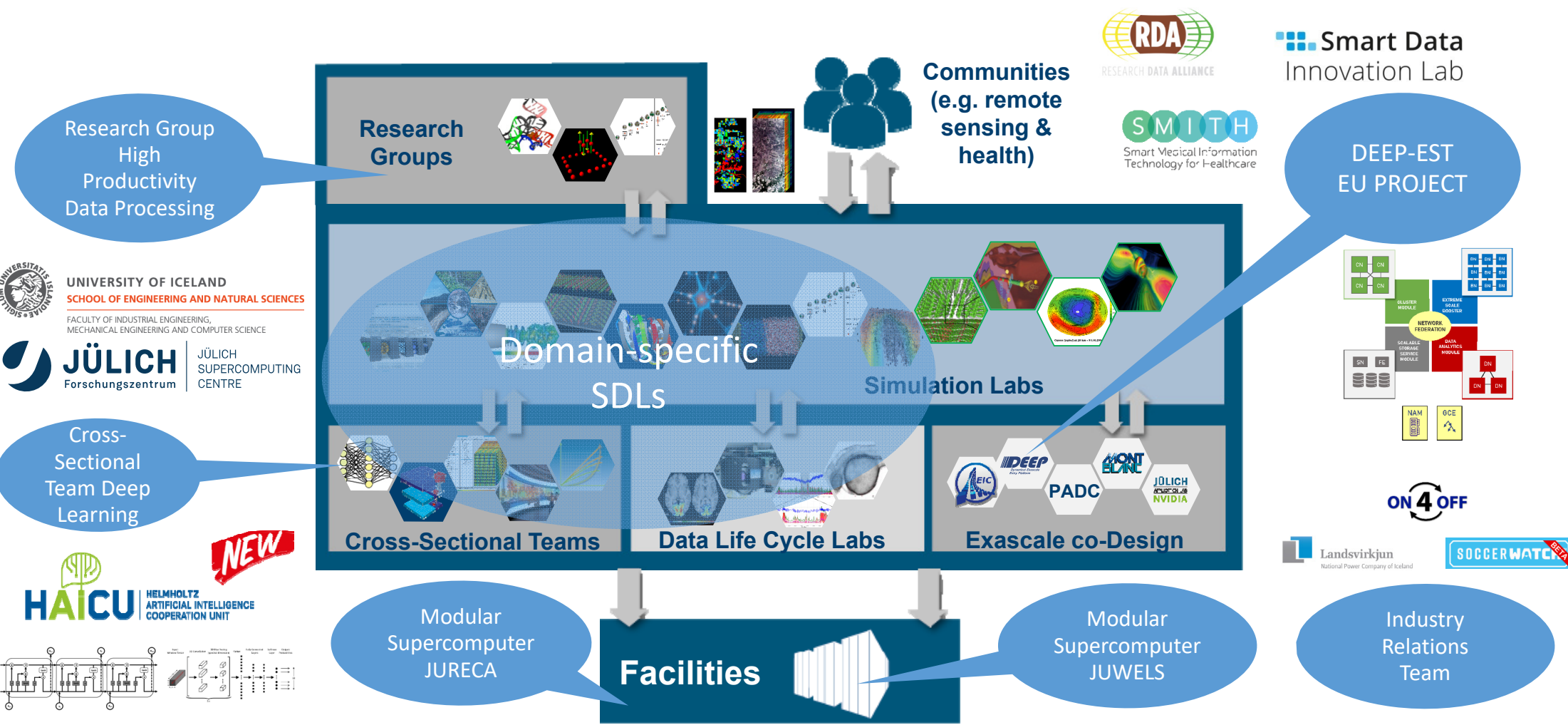
- Students understand...
  - Latest developments in **parallel processing** & **high performance computing (HPC)**
  - **How to create and use high-performance clusters**
  - What are **scalable networks** & **data-intensive workloads**
  - The importance of **domain decomposition**
  - **Complex aspects of parallel programming** → e.g., **scheduling(!)**
  - **HPC environment tools** that support programming or analyze behaviour
  - Different abstractions of **parallel computing on various levels**
  - Foundations and approaches of **scientific domain-specific applications**
- Students are able to ...
  - **Program and use HPC programming paradigms**
  - Take advantage of innovative scientific computing simulations & technology
  - Work with technologies and tools to handle parallelism complexity



# Programming & Compiling C Programs

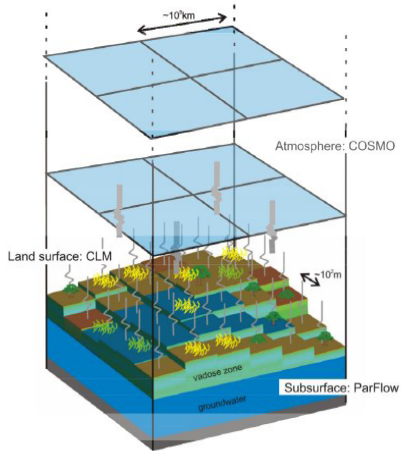


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# HPC Applications & Programming Paradigms – Motivation for C Programming

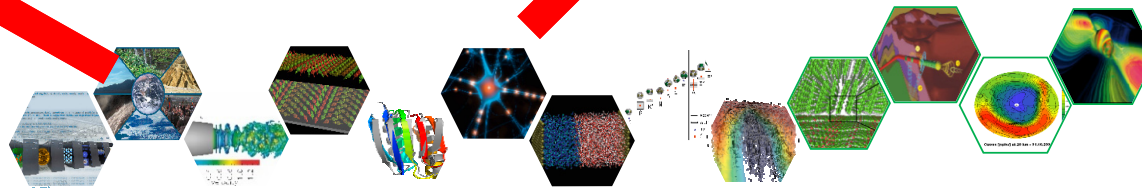


## ■ Terrestrial Systems

- E.g. **ParFlow** Hydrology Parallel Application (primarily written in C)
- E.g. **OASIS Coupler** provides a portable set of C routines

[4] Terrestrial Systems SimLab

Application Examples from Simulation & Data Labs



## ■ Neuroscience

- E.g. **NEST** simulator for spiking neural network models at focuses on the dynamics, size and structure of neural systems (e.g. monkey brain)
- **NEST's highly optimized simulation kernel** which is written in C++

[5] NEST Web page

➤ Lecture 12 & Lecture 13 provides more insights about selected applications in Terrestrial Systems & some applications in Neuroscience



# Step 1: SSH Access to HPC System – Jötunn HPC System Example (1)

## ■ Nodes

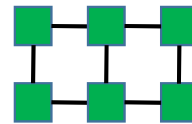
- 4 cpu: 2x Intel Xeon CPU E5-2690 v3 @ 2.60GHz (2.6 GHz, 12 core)

## ■ Memory

- 128GB DDR4

## ■ Interconnect

- 10 Gb/s ethernet



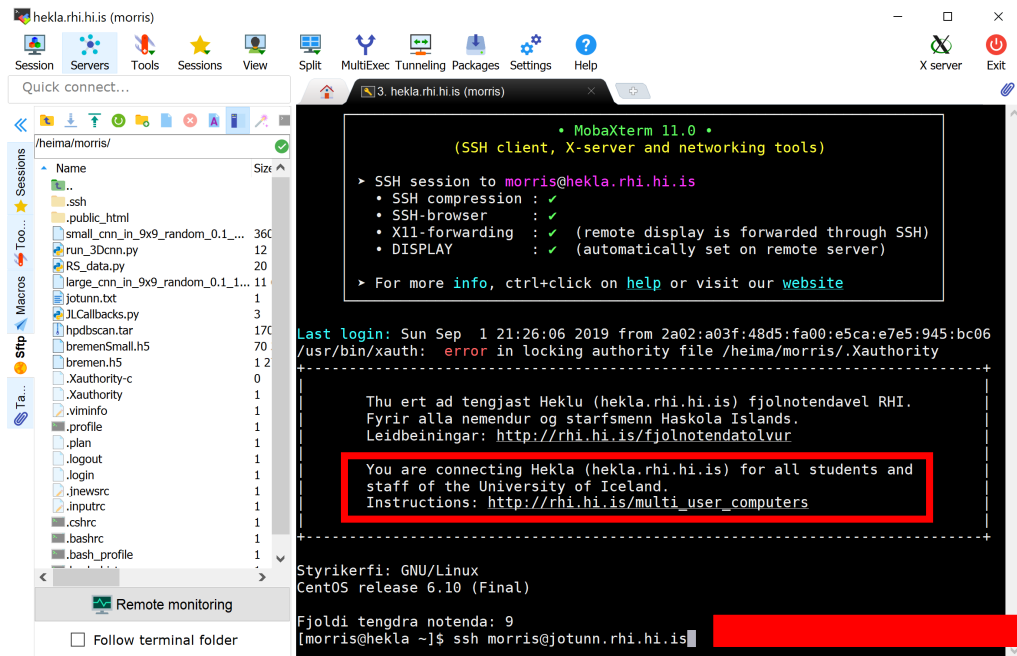
## ■ Access via accounts (accounts planned to be ready this week)

- `ssh username@jotunn.rhi.hi.is`
- Only reachable within University network
- From outside use first `ssh uglusername@hekla.rhi.hi.is` (UGLA account), then `ssh username@jotunn.rhi.hi.is`

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➤ We will have a visit to computing room of Jötunn to 'touch metal' and will meet our HPC System expert Hjörleifur Sveinbjörnsson

# Step 1: SSH Access to HPC System – Jötunn HPC System Example (2)



The screenshot shows the MobaXterm interface with a terminal window connected to hekla.rhi.hi.is. The terminal displays the MobaXterm 11.0 banner, SSH session details, and a message from the University of Iceland. A red box highlights the connection message. The left sidebar shows a file tree for the /heima/morris/ directory.

```
• MobaXterm 11.0 •
(SSH client, X-server and networking tools)

> SSH session to morris@hekla.rhi.hi.is
• SSH compression : ✓
• SSH-browser      : ✓
• X11-forwarding   : ✓ (remote display is forwarded through SSH)
• DISPLAY          : ✓ (automatically set on remote server)

> For more info, ctrl+click on help or visit our website

Last login: Sun Sep  1 21:26:06 2019 from 2a02:a03f:48d5:fa00:e5ca:e7e5:945:bc06
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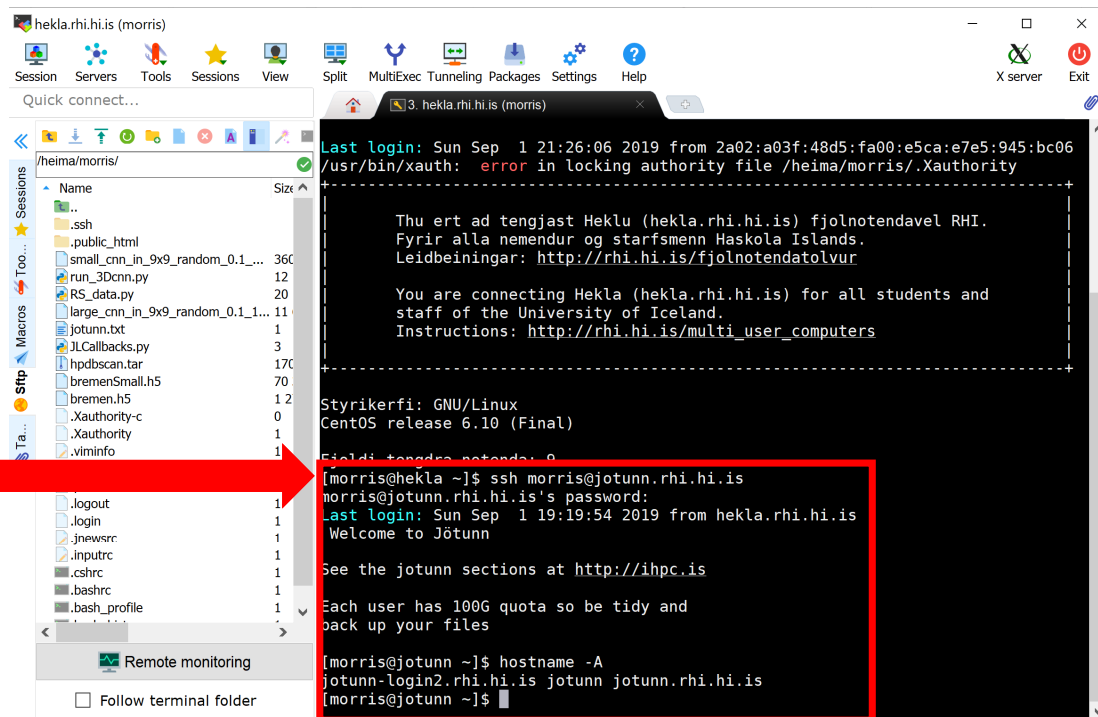
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CentOS release 6.10 (Final)

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[morris@hekla ~]$ ssh morris@jotunn.rhi.hi.is
```

Hekla System

Jötunn HPC System



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[morris@hekla ~]$ ssh morris@jotunn.rhi.hi.is
morris@jotunn.rhi.hi.is's password:
Last login: Sun Sep  1 19:19:54 2019 from hekla.rhi.hi.is
Welcome to Jötunn

See the jotunn sections at http://ihpc.is

Each user has 100G quota so be tidy and
back up your files

[morris@jotunn ~]$ hostname -A
jotunn-login2.rhi.hi.is jotunn jotunn.rhi.hi.is
[morris@jotunn ~]$
```

## Step 2: Edit a Text File – Simple Hello World C Programm (1)

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

- `#include` is used for C header files that is a file that contains function declarations for C in-built library functions; `stdio.h` is the standard input and output library for C

```
int main()
```

- The main function is 'called' by the operating system when a user runs the C program – but essentially a usual c function with optional parameters that we will explore during the course of the lecture series

```
{
```

```
printf("Hello, World!");
```

- The `printf()` function sends formatted text as output to `stdout` and is often used for simple debugging of C programs

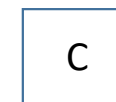
```
return 0;
```

- Return provides return values to the calling function; in the case of the main function this can be considered as an exit status code for the OS. Mostly, 0 exit code signifies a normal run (no errors) and a non 0 exit code (e.g., 1) usually means there was a problem and the program had to exit abnormally.

```
}
```

### ■ Simple C Program

- Above file content is stored in file `hello.c`
- Although `.c` file extension it **remains a normal text file**
- `hello.c` is not executable as C programm → **it needs a compilation**



`hello.c`

using a C compiler



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## Step 2: Edit a Text File – Simple Hello World C Programm (2)

```
[morris@jotunn ~]$ ls -al
total 88
drwxr-xr-x 15 morris morris 4096 sep  1 21:49 .
drwxr-xr-x 129 root  root  4096 maí 16 13:17 ..
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drwxr-xr-x  5 morris morris 4096 okt  19 2017 2017-HPC-Course-Scalasca
drwxr-xr-x  2 morris morris 4096 ágú 24 2017 2017-NEIC-Workshop
drwxr-xr-x  3 morris morris 102 jún 14 2018 2018-NEIC-Workshop
drwxrwxr-x  2 morris morris 20 sep  1 21:49 2019-HPC-Course
-rwxr-xr-x  1 morris morris 16615 sep  1 19:32 .bash_history
-rwxr-xr-x  1 morris morris 18 nóv 20 2015 .bash_logout
-rwxr-xr-x  1 morris morris 193 nóv 20 2015 .bash_profile
-rwxr-xr-x  1 morris morris 231 nóv 20 2015 .bashrc
drwxr-xr-x  3 morris morris 37 okt 18 2017 .config
drwxr-xr-x  4 morris morris 37 jún 14 2018 data
-rwxr-xr-x  1 morris morris 288 ágú 24 2017 hello.c
drwxr-xr-x  3 morris morris 16 ágú 24 2017 intel
drwxr-xr-x  2 morris morris 73 ágú 24 2017 .ssh
-rwxr-xr-x  1 morris morris 176 ágú 24 2017 submit-hello.sh
drwxr-xr-x  3 morris morris 40 jún 13 2018 tools
-rwxr-xr-x  1 morris morris 9176 sep  1 21:49 .viminfo
-rwxr-xr-x  1 morris morris 372 okt 19 2017 .Xauthority

[morris@jotunn ~]$ cd 2019-HPC-Course/
[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ ls -al
total 8
drwxrwxr-x 2 morris morris 20 sep  1 21:49 .
drwxr-xr-x 15 morris morris 4096 sep  1 21:49 ..
-rw-rw-r-- 1 morris morris 76 sep  1 21:49 hello.c
[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ vi hello.c
```

C  
hello.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    printf("Hello World!");
    return 0;
}
```



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# HPC System Module Environment – Revisited (cf. Practical Lecture 0.1)

- Knowledge of **installed compilers** essential (e.g. C, Fortran90, etc.)
  - Different versions and types of compilers exist (Intel, GNU, MPI, etc.)
  - E.g. `mpicc pingpong.c -o pingpong`
- **Module** environment tool
  - Avoids to manually setup environment information for every application
  - Simplifies shell initialization and lets users easily modify their environment
  - Modules can be loaded and unloaded
  - Enable the installation of software in different versions
- **Module avail**
  - Lists all available modules on the HPC system (e.g. compilers, MPI, etc.)
- **Module load**
  - Loads particular modules into the current work environment
  - E.g. `module load gnu openmpi`



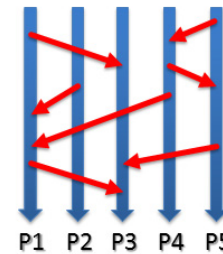
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# GNU OpenMPI Implementation

## ■ Message Passing Interface (MPI)

- A standardized and portable message-passing standard
- Designed to support different HPC architectures
- A wide variety of MPI implementations exist
- Standard defines the syntax and semantics of a core of library routines used in C, C++ & Fortran



[7] MPI Forum

## ■ OpenMPI Implementation

- Open source license based on the BSD license
- Full MPI (version 3) standards conformance
- Developed & maintained by a consortium of academic, research, & industry partners
- Typically available as modules on HPC systems and used with mpicc compiler
- Often built with the GNU compiler set and/or Intel compilers



[6] OpenMPI Web page

➤ Lecture 2 will provide a full introduction and many more examples of the Message Passing Interface (MPI) for parallel programming

# HPC System Module Environment – Jötunn HPC System Example

```
[morris@jotunn ~]$ module avail

----- /opt/ohpc/pub/modulefiles -----
EasyBuild/2.9.0  gnu/5.3.0  intel/17.0.0.098  papi/5.4.3  prun/1.0

----- /opt/share/modulefiles -----
HPDBSCAN/mpi  (D)  ansys/18.2/fluent  intel/compiler/2017  molder/5.8  pism/1.2  schrodinger/2017-2
HPDBSCAN/openmp  (D)  elmer/8.2  intel/impi/2017.4  openmpi/gnu/3.1.2  python/2.7.13  schrodinger/2018-4 (D)
R/3.5.3  gms/2.16.0  intel/mkl/11.3  openmpi/intel/2.1.1  python/3.6.1 (D)  vasp/5.4.1
ansys/17.2/fluent  hypre/2.11.1  jags/4.3.0  paramedis/1.0.3  schrodinger/2016-3  vasp/5.4.4 (D)

Where:
D: Default Module

Use "module spider" to find all possible modules.
Use "module keyword key1 key2 ..." to search for all possible modules matching any of the "keys".
```

- Parallel & scalable HPDBSCAN clustering algorithm module for unsupervised learning from extreme large quantities of data

- Different modules with various versions of openmpi using different compilers with openmpi
- We use the GNU compiled openmpi version that requires to load the GNU compiler too

```
[morris@jotunn ~]$ module spider openmpi

-----
openmpi: openmpi/1.10.2
-----
Description:
  A powerful implementation of MPI

Other possible modules matches:
  openmpi/gnu, openmpi/intel

This module can only be loaded through the following modules:
  gnu/5.3.0

Help:

  This module loads the openmpi library built with the gnu toolchain.

Version 1.10.2
```



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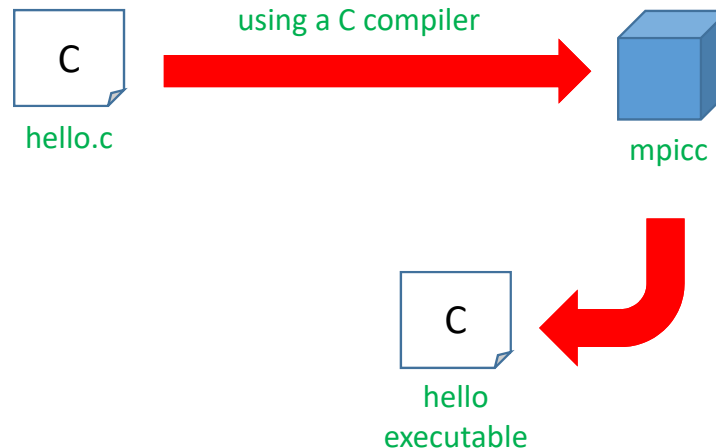
➤ Lecture 8 will provide an overview of performing unsupervised learning with clustering using the parallel HPDBSCAN module



## Step 3: Load the right Modules for Compilers & Compile C Program

- Using modules to get the right C compiler for compiling hello.c
  - 'module load gnu openmpi'
  - Note: there are many C compilers available, we here pick one for our particular HPC course that works with the [Message Passing Interface \(MPI\)](#)
  - Note: If there are no errors, the file [hello](#) is now a full [C program executable](#) that can be started by an OS

```
[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ module load gnu openmpi
[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ mpicc hello.c -o hello
[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ ls -al
total 20
drwxrwxr-x  2 morris morris   32 sep  1 21:54 .
drwxr-xr-x 15 morris morris 4096 sep  1 21:53 ..
-rwxrwxr-x  1 morris morris 8425 sep  1 21:54 hello
-rw-rw-r--  1 morris morris   76 sep  1 21:53 hello.c
```



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## Step 4: Executing C Programs on HPC System Login Node (**not good!**)

### ■ Example

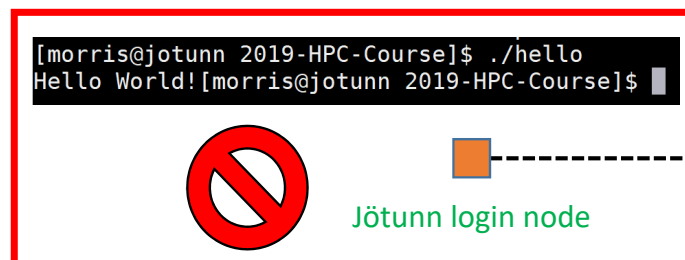
- Execute C on login node is a bad practice, just compiling is ok
- Here just for teaching purposes
- Execution of C programs on HPC systems are usually performed via schedulers on HPC systems (i.e., next lecture part)

### ■ Execution provides output

- Visible directly on the screen (stdout in this case)
- Execution is very fast → not a major problem here...
- ... but think of a 24h climate simulation for example...



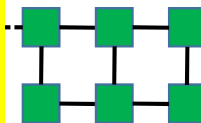
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Jötunn login node

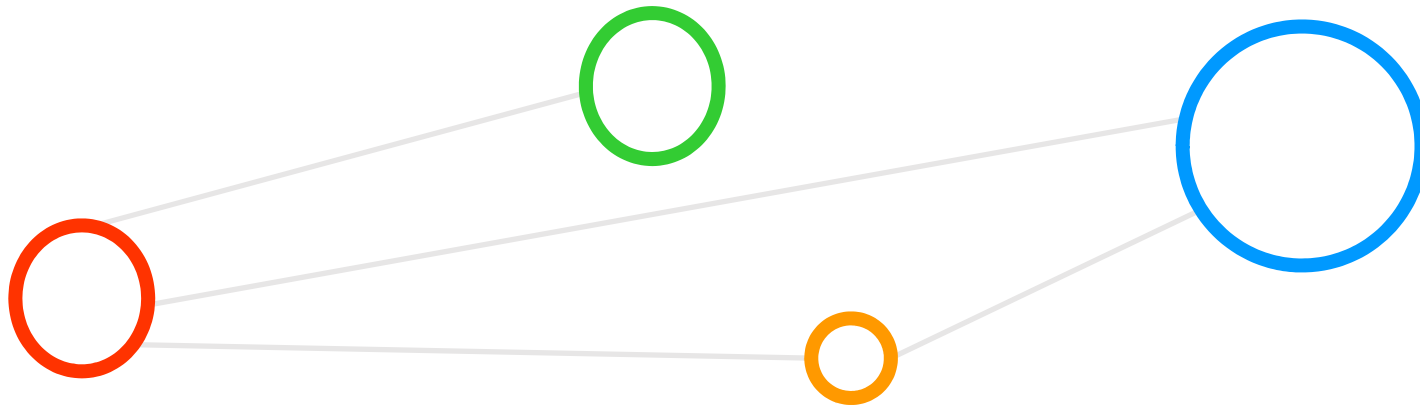


Scheduler



Jötunn compute nodes

# Working with Schedulers on HPC Systems



# DEEP series of PROJECTS & HPC – Revisited

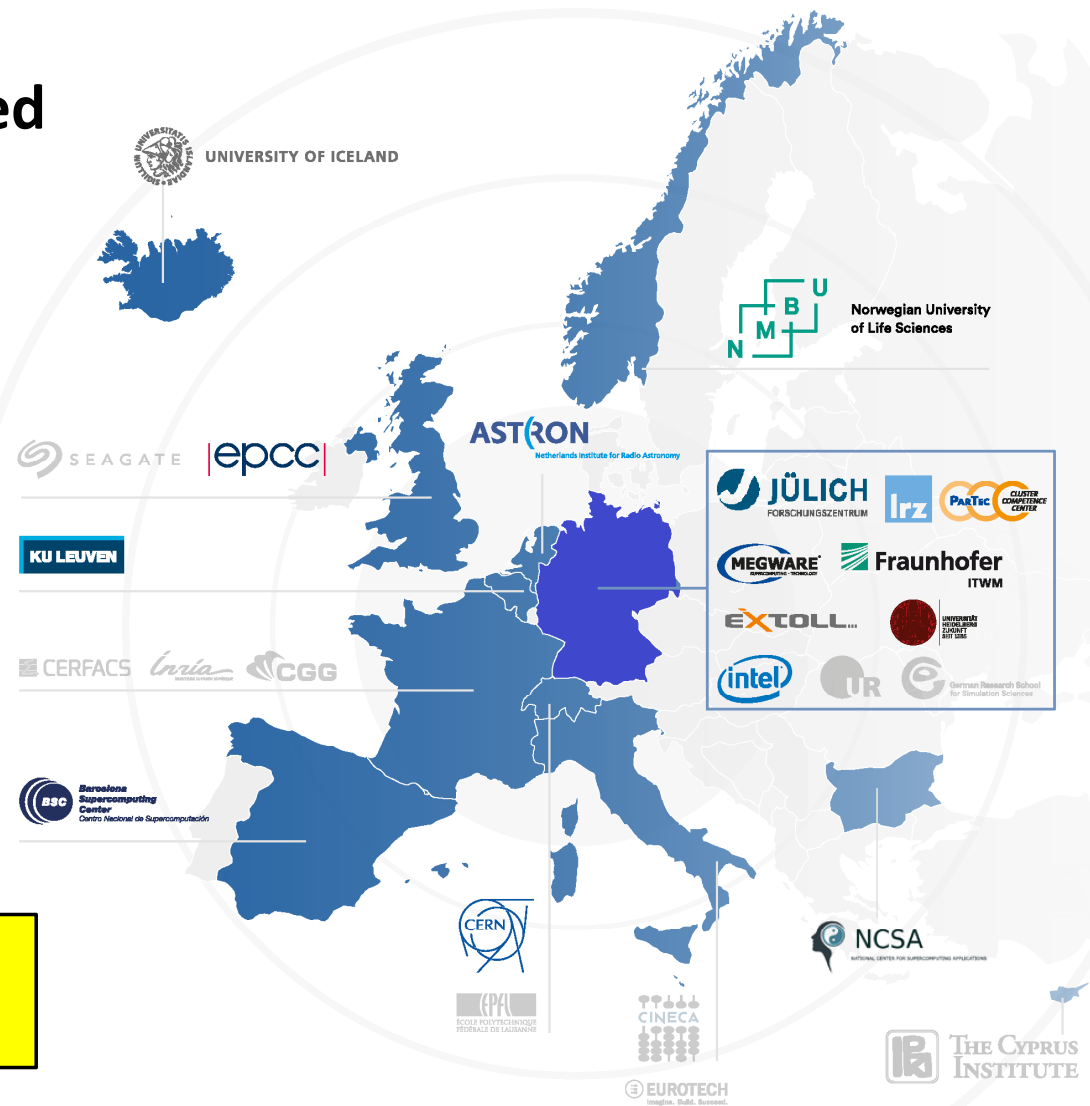


- 3 EU Exascale projects  
DEEP, DEEP-ER, DEEP-EST
- 27 partners  
Coordinated by JSC
- EU-funding: 30 M€  
JSC-part > 5,3 M€
- Nov 2011 – Dec 2020

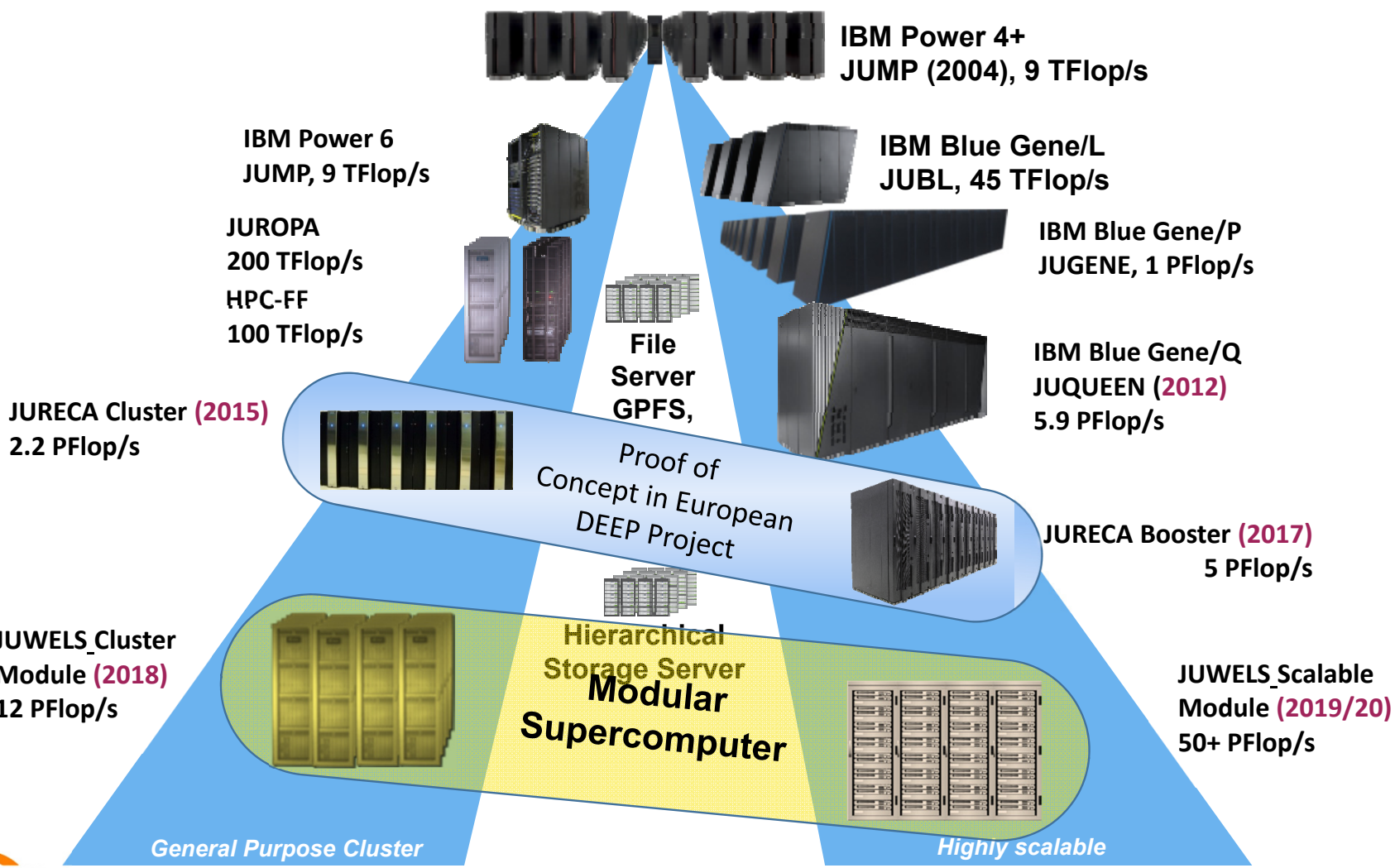
▪ Strong collaboration  
with our industry partners  
Intel, Extoll & Megware

▪ Juelich Supercomputing Centre  
implements the DEEP projects  
designs in its HPC production  
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DEEP  
Projects



[8] DEEP Projects Web Page





# Most important Screen at the Hall of Supercomputers @ JSC

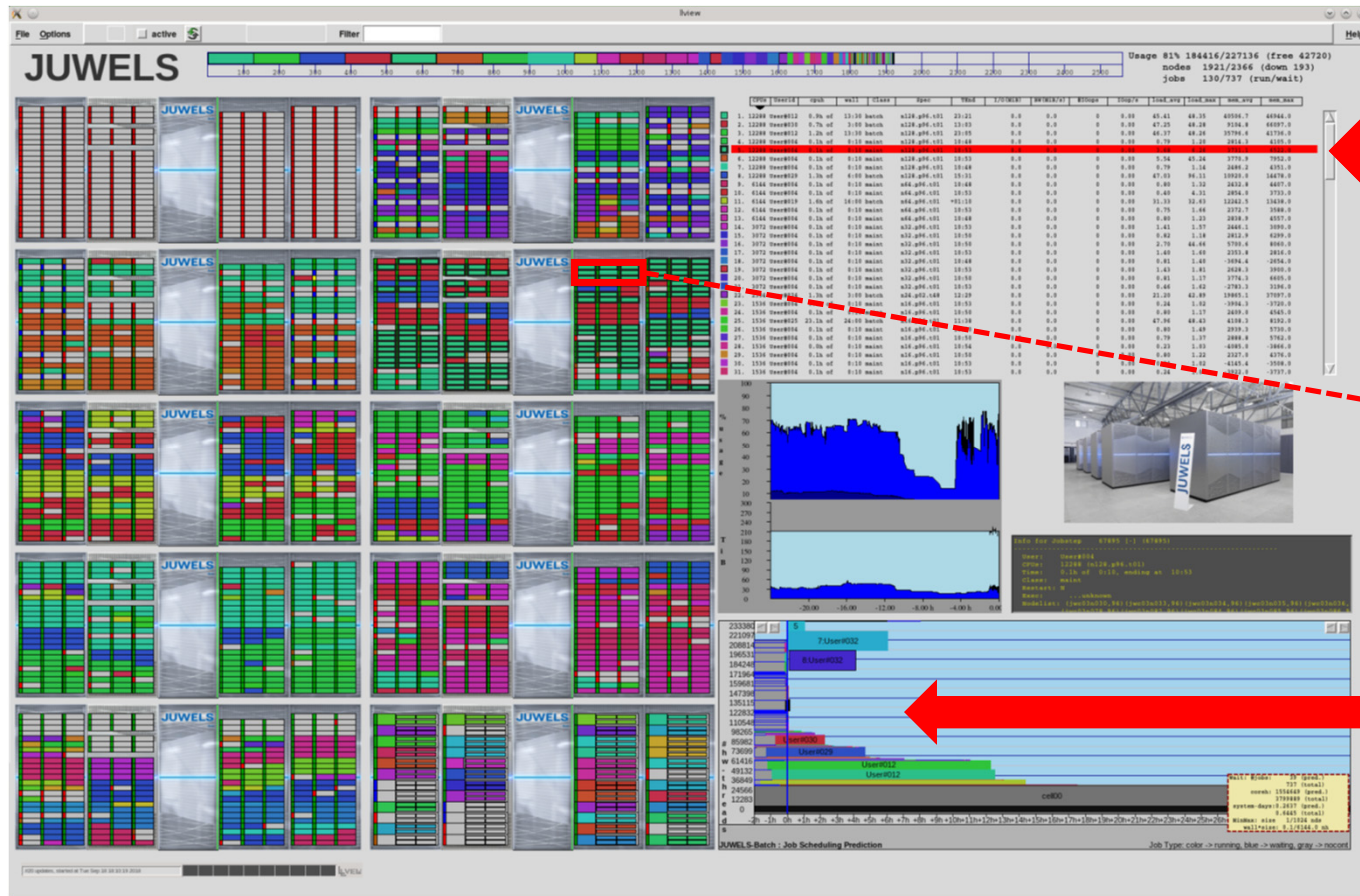


# Modular Supercomputer JUWELS in the Hall of Supercomputers @ JSC





# Modular Supercomputer JUWELS – Multi-User HPC System Example



Supercomputers & HPC systems are typically multi-user systems with concurrent usage by users at the same time

Supercomputers & HPC systems execute a wide variety of different applications also named as 'computational jobs' at the same time raising requirements for job security w.r.t. data protection

Usually a supercomputer & HPC system is 99% full of jobs of users and new computing jobs need to wait in a specific queue to be scheduled at some time

[9] LLview

# HPC System Software Environment

## ■ Operating System

- Former times often 'proprietary OS', nowadays often (reduced) 'Linux'

## ■ Scheduling Systems

focus in this lecture

- Manage concurrent access of users on Supercomputers
- Different scheduling algorithms can be used with different 'batch queues'
- Example: [SLURM @ JÖTUNN Cluster](#), LoadLeveler @ JUQUEEN, etc.

## ■ Monitoring Systems

- Monitor and test status of the system ('[system health checks/heartbeat](#)')
- Enables view of usage of system per node/rack ('[system load](#)')
- Examples: [LLView](#), INCA, [Ganglia @ JOTUNN Cluster](#), etc.

## ■ Performance Analysis Systems

- Measure performance of an application and recommend improvements (.e.g Scalasca, Vampir, etc.)

▪ HPC systems and supercomputers typically provide a software environment that support the processing of parallel and scalable applications

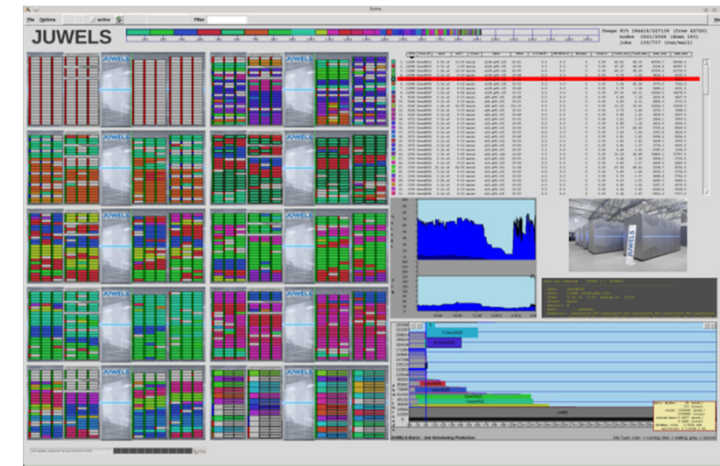
▪ Monitoring systems offer a comprehensive view of the current status of a HPC system or supercomputer

▪ Scheduling systems enable a method by which user processes are given access to processors

➤ Lecture 9 will offer more insights into performance analysis systems with debugging, profiling, and HPC performance toolsets

# HPC System Software Environment – Scheduling Principles

- HPC Systems are typically **not used in an interactive fashion**
  - Program application starts ‘**processes**’ on processors (**‘do a job for a user’**)
  - Users of HPC systems send ‘**job scripts**’ to schedulers to start programs
  - **Scheduling** enables the sharing of the HPC system with other users (i.e., multi-user environment)
  - Offers **a wide variety of algorithms**
- **E.g. First Come First Serve (FCFS)**
  - Queues processes **in the order that they arrive** in the ready queue.
- **E.g. Backfilling**
  - Enables to maximize cluster utilization and throughput
  - **Scheduler searches to find jobs that can fill gaps in the schedule**
  - Smaller jobs further back in the queue run ahead of a job waiting at the front of the queue (but this job should not be delayed by backfilling!)



[9] LLview

# HPC System Jötunn – SLURM Scheduler Example

## ■ Not interactive use of Jötunn

- Batch processing of computational jobs that will be scheduled
- Using a **batch job script** for the scheduler SLURM in a specific syntax

```
[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ pwd
/home/morris/2019-HPC-Course
[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ ls -al
total 24
drwxrwxr-x  2 morris morris  54 sep  2 09:34 .
drwxr-xr-x 15 morris morris 4096 sep  2 09:34 ..
-rwxrwxr-x  1 morris morris 8425 sep  1 21:54 hello
-rw-rw-r--  1 morris morris  76 sep  1 21:53 hello.c
-rwxr-xr-x  1 morris morris 142 sep  2 09:34 submit-hello.sh
```

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J hello-example
#SBATCH -N 1
#SBATCH --mail-user=morris@hi.is
#SBATCH --mail-type=end
module load gnu openmpi
mpirun /home/morris/2019-HPC-Course/hello
```

- A scheduler typically takes a computational job script as an input in order to schedule this job somewhere on a supercomputer or HPC system at a specific time → i.e., if there is space available
- Typical parameters of the job script are number of processors, email address to get computational job notifications (e.g., when job is finished), and the location of the executable that should be run on the supercomputer



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## Step 4: Executing C Programs on HPC System Compute Nodes (**right way!**)

### ■ Example

- Execute C on login node is a bad practice, just compiling is ok
- Execution of C programs on HPC systems are usually performed via schedulers on HPC systems
- E.g. SLURM on Jötunn using sbatch JOBSRIPT
- Job status with qstat
- Output & errors can be obtained from files



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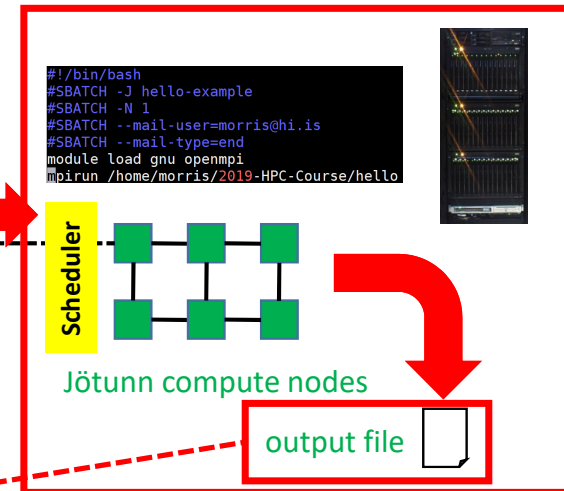
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[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ sbatch submit-hello.sh  
Submitted batch job 198744
```

Jötunn login node

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[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ qstat  
Job id      Name           Username      Time Use S Queue  
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198743      hello-example   morris        00:00:00 C normal  
198744      hello-example   morris        00:00:00 C normal
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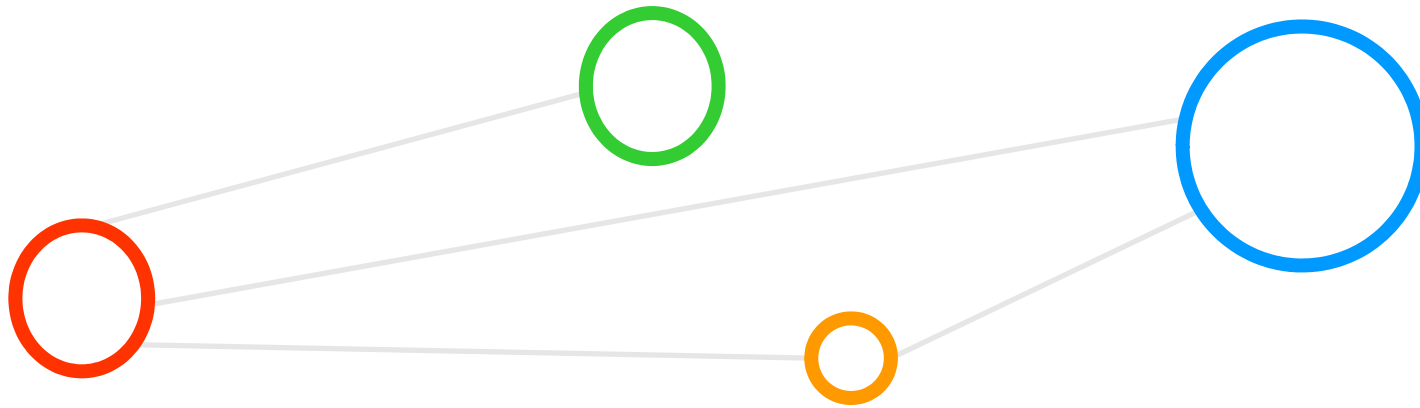
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[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ ls -al  
total 28  
drwxrwxr-x 2 morris morris 77 sep 2 09:55 .  
drwxr-xr-x 15 morris morris 4096 sep 2 09:55 ..  
-rwxrwxr-x 1 morris morris 8425 sep 1 21:54 hello  
-rw-rw-r-- 1 morris morris 76 sep 1 21:53 hello.c  
-rw-rw-r-- 1 morris morris 12 sep 2 09:53 slurm-198744.out  
-rwxr-xr-x 1 morris morris 173 sep 2 09:55 submit-hello.sh
```

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[morris@jotunn 2019-HPC-Course]$ more slurm-198744.out  
Hello World!
```





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