

# Theta Software and Job Submission

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# Outline

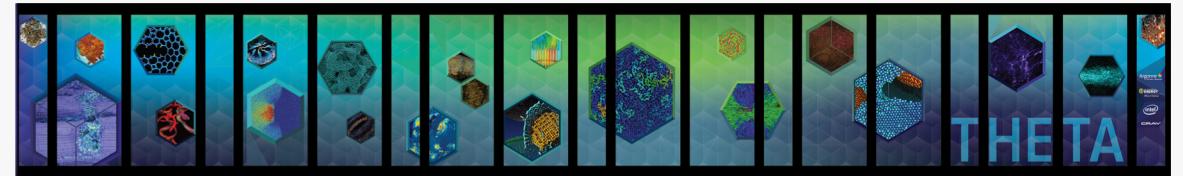
<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides>

- Theta (KNL)
  - System Overview
  - Software & Environment Modules
  - Building your code
  - Queuing and running jobs with qsub & aprun
- Cooley (x86)
  - System Overview
  - Compiling and queuing jobs
- Tips for troubleshooting



# Theta

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/theta>



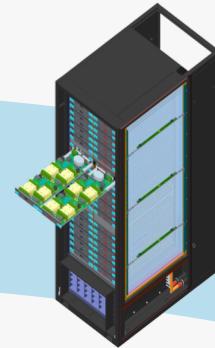
- Serves as a bridge between Mira and Aurora; simulation, data & learning system
- Cray XC40 system running the Cray software stack
- 11.69 PF peak performance
- 4392 nodes with 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Intel® Xeon Phi™ processor
  - codenamed Knights Landing (KNL), 7230 SKU 64 cores, 1.3 GHz
  - 4 hardware threads/core
- 192 GB DDR4 & 16 GB MCDRAM memory on each node
- 128 GB SSD on each node
- Cray Aries high-speed interconnect in dragonfly topology
- Project filesystem is 10 PB Lustre with 210 GB/s throughput

# Theta - System Overview

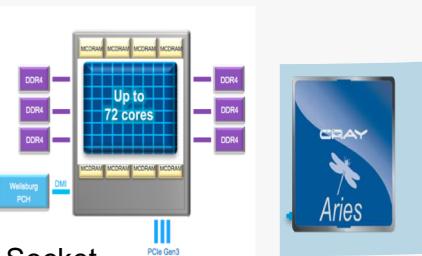
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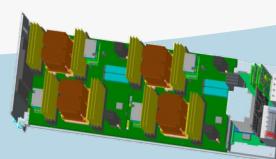
**System:** 24 Cabinets  
4392 Nodes, 1152 Switches  
Dual-plane, 12 groups, Dragonfly 12.1 TB/s Bi-Sec  
**11.7 PF Peak**  
70 TB MCDRAM, 843 TB DRAM



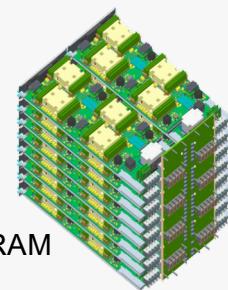
**Cabinet:** 3 Chassis, 75kW liquid/air cooled  
**510.72 TF** 3TB MCDRAM, 36TB DRAM



**Node:** KNL Socket  
192 GB DDR4 (6 channels) **2.66 TF** 16GB MCDRAM  
128 GB SSD



**Compute Blade:**  
4 Nodes/Blade + Aries switch  
**10.64 TF** 64GB MCDRAM  
768GB DRAM

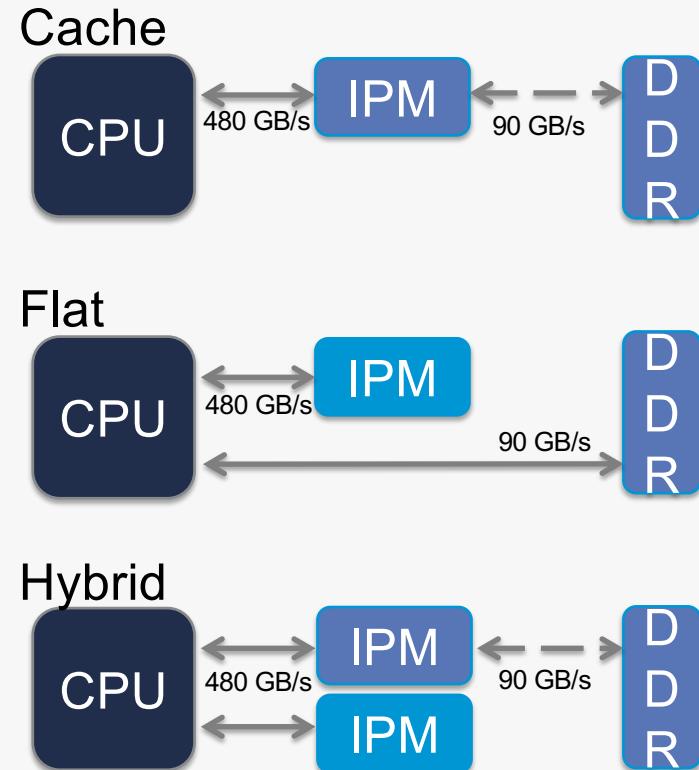


**Sonexion Storage**  
4 Cabinets  
Lustre file system  
**10 PB usable**  
210 GB/s

# Theta - Memory Modes

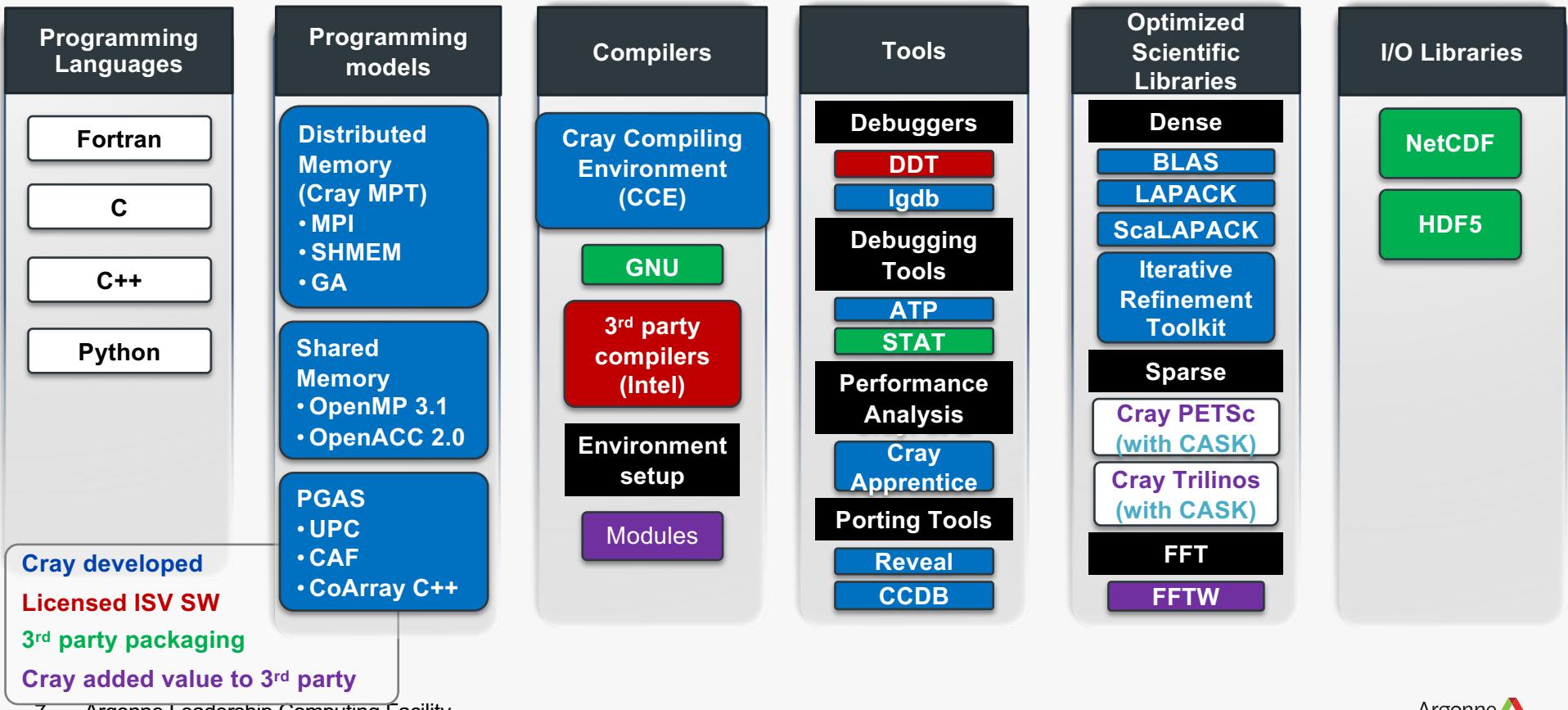
<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/xc40-memory-modes>

- Two memory types
  - In Package Memory (IPM)
    - 16 GB MCDRAM @ ~480 GB/s
  - Off Package Memory (DDR)
    - 192 GB @ ~90GB/s
- Single address space; multiple NUMA domains
- Memory configurations
  - Cached: DDR fully cached by IPM
  - Flat: User managed
  - Hybrid:  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , IPM used as cache
- Managing memory
  - jemalloc & memkind libraries
  - Pragmas for static memory allocations



# Theta - Cray Programming Environment

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/software-and-libraries>



# Theta - Non-system Software & Libraries

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/software-and-libraries>

- Compilers: </soft/compilers>
  - llvm and intel beta releases
- Debuggers: </soft/debuggers>
  - DDT
- Libraries: </soft/libraries>
  - argobots, bolt, breakpad
- Performance tools: </soft/perf-tools>
  - Darshan, HPCToolkit, memlog, TAU
- Visualization: </soft/visualization>
  - Paraview, vtk, visit, ffmpeg
- Machine/Deep Learning & workflow
  - Intel Optimized Tensorflow, Keras, Neon, MXNet, Caffe2, Theano, CNTK, PyTorch, Sci-kit Learn, Graph Analytics (Cray Graph Engine), Horovod
- Optimized with performance libraries Intel MKL, MKL-DNN, LibXSMM, etc...
- Workflow/Data analysis: Singularity containers, Jupyter Hub, MongoDB, Apache Spark, R, Balsam
- Python: Intel, Cray, Anaconda

# Theta - Modules

<https://modules.sourceforge.net>

- A tool for managing a user's environment
  - Sets your PATH to access desired front-end tools
  - Your compiler version can be changed here
- Module commands
  - List available module commands: `module help`
  - List currently loaded modules: `module list`
  - List all available modules: `module avail`
  - Add module to environment: `module load <mod>`
  - Remove module from environment: `module unload <mod>`
  - Swap loaded module with new one: `module switch <mod_old> <mod_new>`
  - List information about module: `module show <mod>`

# Theta - Compiler Wrappers

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/compiling-and-linking-xc40>

- For all compilers (Intel, Cray, GNU, Clang)
  - Use cc, CC, ftn
  - Do not use mpicc, mpiCC, mpic++, mpif77, mpif90, etc... as they do not generate code for compute nodes
- Select compiler you want: `module swap <PrgEnv-old> <PrgEnv-new>`
  - Intel (default): `PrgEnv-intel`
  - Cray: `module swap PrgEnv-intel PrgEnv-cray`
  - GNU: `module swap PrgEnv-intel PrgEnv-gnu`
  - Clang: `module swap PrgEnv-intel PrgEnv-llvm`
- Cray wrappers
  - List complete command executed: `--craype-verbose`
  - Can disable automatic linking with libsci: `module unload cray-libsci`

# Theta - Preparing to Submit Job

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/allocation-accounting-sbank>

- Check that you are a member of a project: [projects](#)
- Check available disk space
  - \$HOME directory: [myquota](#)
  - Project directories: [myprojectquotas](#)
  - Project directories should be used for production work
- Check that your project has core-hours available
  - Use [sbank](#) command to query allocation details
  - Allocation available to project: [sbank l a -p <project\\_name>](#)
  - Charges against project by user: [sbank l u -p <project\\_name> -u <user>](#)
  - Charges on Theta are based on number of nodes
    - Jobs smaller than 128 nodes are allocated 128 nodes

# Theta - Cobalt

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/cobalt-job-control-xc40>

- Resource management software on all ALCF systems
  - Syntax is similar to a PBS-style script
- Job management commands
  - Submit a job: `qsub`
  - Query job status: `qstat`
  - Delete a job: `qdel`
  - Alter job parameters: `qalter`
  - Move job to different queue: `qmove`
  - Place queued job (non-running) on hold: `qhold`
  - Release hold on job: `qrsls`

# Theta - qsub

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/running-jobs-vc40>

- Standard options
  - Project to charge: `-A <project_name>`
  - Queue: `-q <queue>`
  - Maximum walltime: `-t <time_in_minutes>`
  - Number of nodes: `-n <number_of_nodes>`
  - Prefix for output files: `-O <file_prefix>`
  - E-mail notifications: `-M <email_address>`
  - Dependencies: `--dependencies <jobid1>:<jobid2>`
  - Interactive job: `-I` or `--interactive`

# Theta - Submitting Script Jobs

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/running-jobs-vc40>

- Executable is invoked within script (bash, csh, ...)
- `aprun` is used to launch executables on compute nodes

```
> cat myscript.sh
#!/bin/sh
#COBALT -A <project_name> -t 10 -n 16 -O <prefix_name> -q default
#COBALT --attrs mcdram=cache:numa=quad
echo "Starting Cobalt job script"
aprun -n 1024 -N 64 -d 1 -j 1 --cc depth <app> <app_args>
```

MPI Ranks

Ranks per node

Affinity

Memory Mode

```
> qsub myscript.sh
123456
```

# Theta - aprun Overview

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/running-jobs-xc40>

- `aprun` options
  - Total number of MPI ranks: `-n <total_number_ranks>`
  - Number of MPI ranks per node: `-N <number_ranks_per_node>`
  - Number of hyperthreads per MPI rank (depth): `-d <num_hardware_threads_per_rank>`
  - Number of hyperthreads per core: `-j <number_hardware_threads_per_core>`
  - MPI rank and thread placement: `--cc depth`
  - Environment variables: `-e <VAR1=1> -e <VAR2=1>`
  - Core specialization: `-r <number_hardware_threads>`
- Environment settings you may need
  - `-e OMP_NUM_THREADS=<num_threads>`
  - `--cc none -e KMP_AFFINITY=<affinity>`
- See also man `aprun`

# Theta - aprun Overview

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/running-jobs-xc40>

- Theta's KNL nodes have 32 tiles with 2 cores each (4 hardware threads per core)
- Example #1: 2 nodes, 64 ranks/node, 1 thread/rank, 1 rank/core
  - `aprun -n 128 -N 64 -d 1 -j 1 --cc depth <app> <app_args>`



```
nname= nid02937 rnk= 0 tid= 0 ht= {0}  
nname= nid02937 rnk= 1 tid= 0 ht= {1}  
nname= nid02937 rnk= 2 tid= 0 ht= {2}  
nname= nid02937 rnk= 3 tid= 0 ht= {3}  
nname= nid02937 rnk= 4 tid= 0 ht= {4}  
nname= nid02937 rnk= 5 tid= 0 ht= {5}
```



# Theta - aprun Overview

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/running-jobs-xc40>

- Theta's KNL nodes have 32 tiles with 2 cores each (4 hardware threads per core)
- Example #1: 2 nodes, 32 ranks/node, 4 thread/rank, 2 threads/core
  - `aprun -n 64 -N 32 -d 4 -j 2 --cc depth -e OMP_NUM_THREADS=4 <app> <app_args>`



```
nname= nid02937 rnk= 0 tid= 0 ht= {0}  
nname= nid02937 rnk= 0 tid= 1 ht= {1}  
nname= nid02937 rnk= 0 tid= 2 ht= {64}  
nname= nid02937 rnk= 0 tid= 3 ht= {65}  
nname= nid02937 rnk= 1 tid= 0 ht= {2}  
nname= nid02937 rnk= 1 tid= 1 ht= {3}
```



# Theta - aprun Overview

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/running-jobs-xc40>

- Affinity
  - Use `-d` and `--cc depth` to let ALPS control affinity
  - Use `--cc none` if you want to use OpenMP (or KMP) env. variables to specify affinity
- Core specialization with `-r <number_hw_threads>`
  - Offload OS and MPI to unused hardware threads (e.g. reduce variability)
- Allocating memory in flat mode
  - Default memory allocation in DDR (NUMA 0)
  - Only allocate memory to HBM (NUMA 1): `numactl -m 1`
  - Prefer memory allocation to HBM: `numactl -p 1`
  - Example: `aprun -n 128 -N 64 -d 1 -j 1 --cc depth numactl -m 1 <app> <app_args>`

# Theta - Now That Your Job Is Queued

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/cobalt-job-control>

- Check status of submitted jobs with `qstat`
- Format of output can be customized with `--header`

> `qstat --header JobID:User:WallTime:Nodes:State:Queue`

JobID	User	WallTime	Nodes	State	Queue
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123456	user1	24:00:00	4000	running	default
123457	user2	03:00:00	2048	queued	default
123458	user3	03:00:00	128	running	default
123459	user1	00:30:00	1	running	debug-cache-quad
123460	user4	00:30:00	64	queued	training

# Theta - Now That Your Job Is Queued

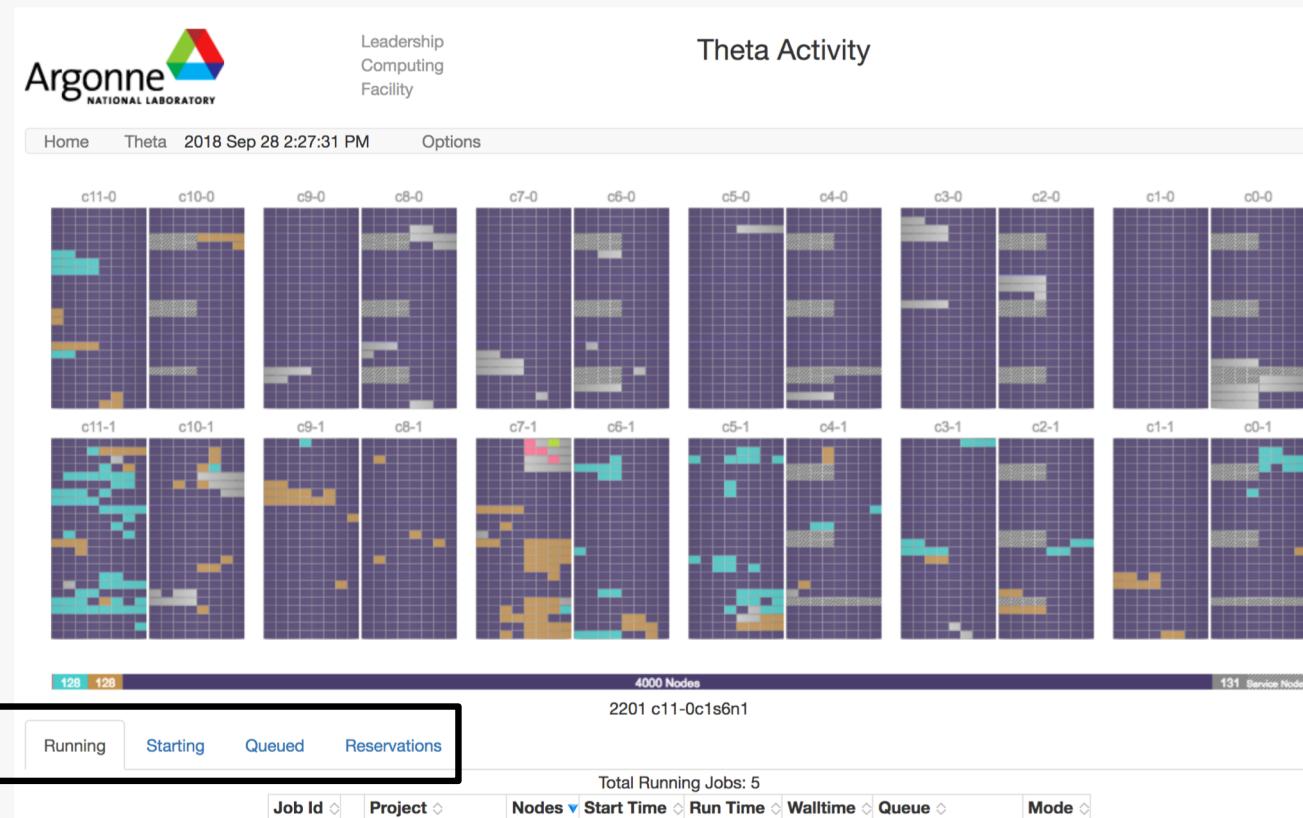
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- Additional qstat queries
  - Show more job details: `qstat -f <jobid>`
  - Show all job details: `qstat -fl <jobid>`
  - Show all jobs from user: `qstat -u <user>`
  - Show information about queues: `qstat -Q`
- Delete job from queue: `qdel <jobid>`
- Alter properties of queued job
  - Change walltime: `qalter -t <new_time> <jobid>`
  - Change number of nodes: `qalter -n <new_number_of_nodes> <jobid>`
  - Change queue: `qmove <new_queue> <jobid>`

# Theta - Checking Status of Job

<https://status.alcf.anl.gov/theta/activity>

Running  
Starting  
Queued  
Reservations



# Theta - Cobalt Files For Submitted Job

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/cobalt-job-control>

- Cobalt will create three files per job
  - Prefix defaults to jobid if not set with qsub's `-O` option
- Cobalt log file: `<prefix_name>.cobaltlog`
  - Create when job is submitted, additional info written while job runs
  - Contains submission information from qsub, runjob, and environment
- Job stderr file: `<prefix_name>.error`
  - Created at start of job
  - Contains job startup information and any output sent to standard error
- Job stdout file: `<prefix_name>.output`
  - Created at start of job
  - Contains content sent to standard output

# Theta - Queues

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/job-scheduling-policy-xc40-systems>

- Jobs are routed to single **default** queue
  - Nodes allocated to job will be rebooted (if needed) for requested memory mode
  - Best to always specify memory mode (e.g. `--attrs mcdram=cache:numa=quad`)
  - Pad requested walltime by ~30 minutes to account for possible rebooting
  - Don't delete job if remains in "starting" for several minutes
- Wall-clock limits are function of number of requested nodes
  - minimum allocation: 128 nodes, maximum walltime 3 hours
  - capability jobs: >= 802 nodes, maximum walltime 24 hours
  - Check website for current policies
- Two 16-node debug queues available
  - debug-cache-quad
  - debug-flat-quad

# Theta - Queues

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/job-scheduling-policy-xc40-systems>

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/running-jobs-xc40>

- Jobs smaller than 128 nodes in default queue will be allocated 128 nodes
- Consider ensembles instead
  - Bundling multiple smaller jobs into single submission (e.g. multiple apruns)
  - Use a workflow system such as Balsam: <https://www.alcf.anl.gov/balsam>
- For long sequences of jobs, chain them together with dependencies
  - Dependent jobs inherit score boost from previous successful job in chain.

# ANY QUESTIONS?

# Cooley

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/cooley>

- Cooley serves as an analysis and visualization resource for projects
- x86+GPU system with 126 compute nodes
- 293 TF peak performance
- Each compute node has
  - two 2.4 GHz Intel Haswell processors (6 cores per CPU, 12 cores total)
  - one NVIDIA Tesla K80 (with two GPUs)
  - 384 GB CPU RAM, 12 GB RAM per GPU
  - 345 GB local scratch space
- FDR Infiniband interconnect
- Mira's GPFS and Theta's Lustre project filesystems mounted



# Cooley - Softenv

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/cooley>

- Cooley uses softenv instead of modules
- Keys are read at login time to set environment variables
  - Mira, Cetus, Vesta: `~/.soft`
  - Cooley: `~/.soft.cooley`
- To get started:

```
# Select latest version of mvapich2 with GNU compilers
+mvapich2
@default
# the end - do not put any keys after @default
```
- After edits to `.soft.cooley`, type **resoft** or log out and back in again
- Type **softenv** to see list of all available keys



# Cooley - Compilers

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/cooley>

- Choose compiler via softenv keys
- Non-MPI compilers
  - GNU: [+gcc-8.2.0](#) (gcc, g++, gfortran)
  - Intel: [+intel-composer-xe](#) (icc, ifort)
  - Clang: [@clang](#) (clang)
- MPI Compiler wrappers
  - mvapich (mpicc, mpicxx, mpifort)
    - GNU: [+mvapich2](#)
    - Intel: [+mvapich2-intel](#)
    - Clang: [@mvapich2-clang](#) (no mpifort)
  - mpich (mpicc, mpicxx, mpif77, mpif90)
    - GNU: [+mpich2-1.4.1p1](#)
    - Intel: [+mpich2-1.4.1p1-intel](#)



# Cooley - Job Script

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/cooley>

- Job script similar to Theta except mpirun instead of aprun
  - Example test.sh

```
#!/bin/sh
NODES=`cat $COBALT_NODEFILE | wc -l`
PROCS=$((NODES * 12))
mpirun -f $COBALT_NODEFILE -n $PROCS myprog.exe
```

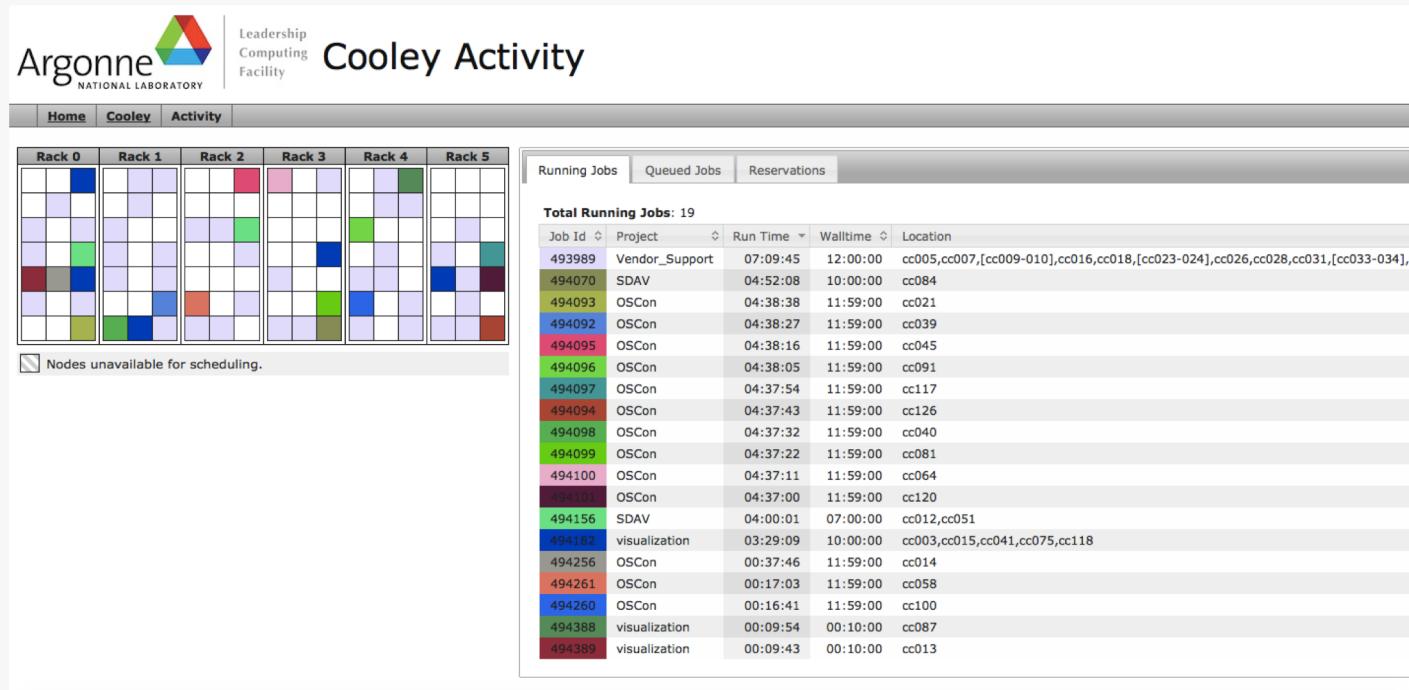
- Submit executable script on 5 nodes for 10 minutes

```
qsub -q training -n 5 -t 10 -A Comp_Perf_Workshop ./test.sh
```
- Queues
  - **default** for large/long jobs, **debug** for short/small jobs
  - **pubnet** to get public network visibility
  - **nox11** queues to suppress X server for CUDA jobs



# Cooley - Checking Status of Job

<https://status.alcf.anl.gov/cooley/activity>



# ANY QUESTIONS?

# Why Hasn't My Job Started?

- There is a reservation which delays your job from starting
  - List all reservations currently in place: [showres](#)
- Job on Theta is in "starting" state; nodes being rebooted into memory mode requested.
- There are no available nodes for the requested queue
  - Nodes may be down, busy running other jobs, draining next job, or reserved
  - Check queue status: [qstat](#)
  - Check machine status: <http://status.alcf.anl.gov>
  - Check "ALCF Weekly Updates" for training, reservation, and maintenance notices
- List status of nodes on Theta & Cooley: [nodelist](#)

# Theta - Core Files and Debugging

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-guides/debugging-profiling>

- Abnormal Termination Processing (ATP)
  - Set environment variable ATP\_ENABLED=1 in job script before aprun
  - Upon failure, generate merged stack backtrace tree in atpMergedBT.dot file
  - View output file with stat-view after loading with module load stat
- Notes on linking your application
  - PrgEnv-cray links everything necessary by default
  - PrgEnv-intel requires –WI,–T/opt/cray/pe/cce/default/cce/x86-64/lib/2.23.1.cce.ld
- Other debugging tools
  - You can generate STAT snapshots asynchronously
  - Full-featured debugging with DDT

# When Things Go Wrong Running...

<https://www.alcf.anl.gov/user-support>

- Examine core files
- Best to save all three files generated by cobalt
  - <prefix\_name>.cobaltlog, <prefix\_name>.error, and <prefix\_name>.output
- Retain important information
  - Jobid, machine name, copy/location of all files, exact error message
- Contact us
  - Your ALCF contact
  - Email: [support@alcf.anl.gov](mailto:support@alcf.anl.gov)
  - Call the ALCF Help Desk
    - Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm CT
    - Phone: 630-252-3111 or 866-508-9181 (toll-free, US only)



# HAPPY COMPUTING!

# HANDS-ON SESSION

# Hands-on session

- On Theta or Cooley, copy examples from [/projects/Comp\\_Perf\\_Workshop/examples](/projects/Comp_Perf_Workshop/examples)
  - Can also retrieve examples from GitLab: `git clone https://gitlab.com/alcf/training.git`
- This week's workshop has its own project and queue names
  - Theta: [-A Comp\\_Perf\\_Workshop -q training](#)
  - Cooley: [-A Comp\\_Perf\\_Workshop -q training](#)
- Theta/Cooley: compile & submit
  - [make](#)
  - [qsub submit.sh](#)

# Hands-on session - Theta Compilation Example

- Create directory, copy files, compile and submit
  - > cd /projects/Comp\_Perf\_Workshop
  - > mkdir -p \$USER
  - > cp -r examples \$USER
  - > cd \$USER/examples/theta/compilation
  - > make
- Submit job and check output
  - > qsub submit.sh
  - > qstat -u \$USER
  - > cat <JobID>.output
- qsub echos a cobalt JobID to the screen. In the absence of a -o argument, three files are created (say JobID was 123456):  
123456.cobaltlog, 123456.error, 123456.output (replaced by hellompi.output with -o)

# Hands-on session - Theta Examples

- Example of an OpenMP job submission
  - Change to directory, compile, and submit

```
> cd /projects/Comp_Perf_Workshop/$USER/examples/theta/omp
> make
> qsub submit.sh
```
  - Note, remember that thread affinity is controlled by aprun settings (see slides 14-18 for reference)
- Example of a Python job submission
  - Change to directory, compile, and submit

```
> cd /projects/Comp_Perf_Workshop/$USER/examples/theta/python
> qsub submit.sh
```
  - Note, examine submit.sh script for loading python environment on Theta

# Hands-on session - Cooley Examples

- Example of an OpenMP job submission
  - Change to directory, compile, and submit

```
> cd /projects/Comp_Perf_Workshop/$USER/examples/cooley/omp
> make
> qsub submit.sh
```
  - Remember to edit your `~/.soft.cooley` file and add compiler & MPI keys. Note, `@default` should be the last line in your file.
- Example of a Python job submission
  - Edit your `~/.soft.cooley` and add “`+anaconda`” before `@default`
  - Update your environment to include python paths

```
> resoft
```
  - Change to directory, compile, and submit

```
> cd /projects/Comp_Perf_Workshop/$USER/examples/theta/python
> qsub submit.sh
```