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High Performance Computer

Votre ordinateur peut-il faire de la bioinformatique ?



Un ou deux microprocesseurs

Un microprocesseur est chargé de l'exécution des instructions élémentaires demandées par le logiciel

4 à 8 Go de mémoire vive (RAM)

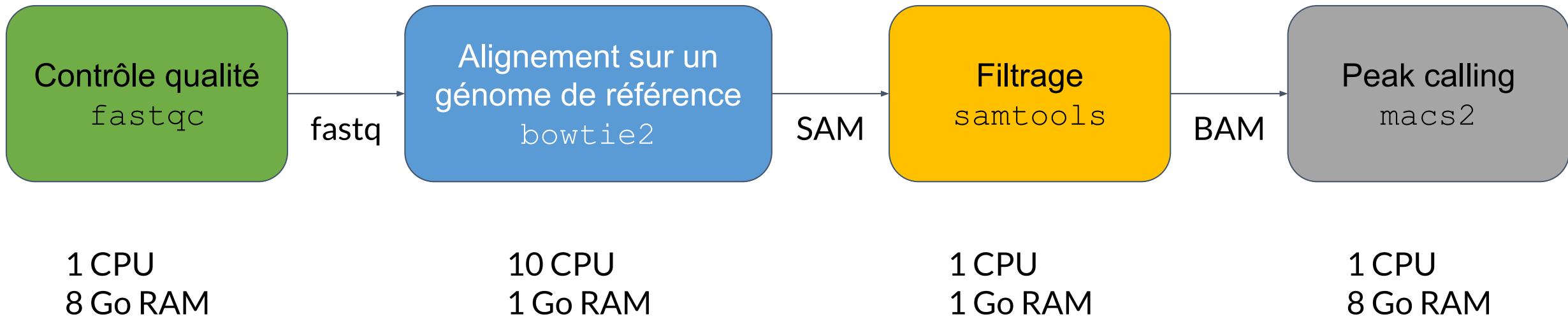
La mémoire vive est utilisée par le microprocesseur pour traiter les données

≈ 1 To d'espace de stockage

L'espace de stockage est utilisé pour conserver de grandes quantités de données de manière plus permanente



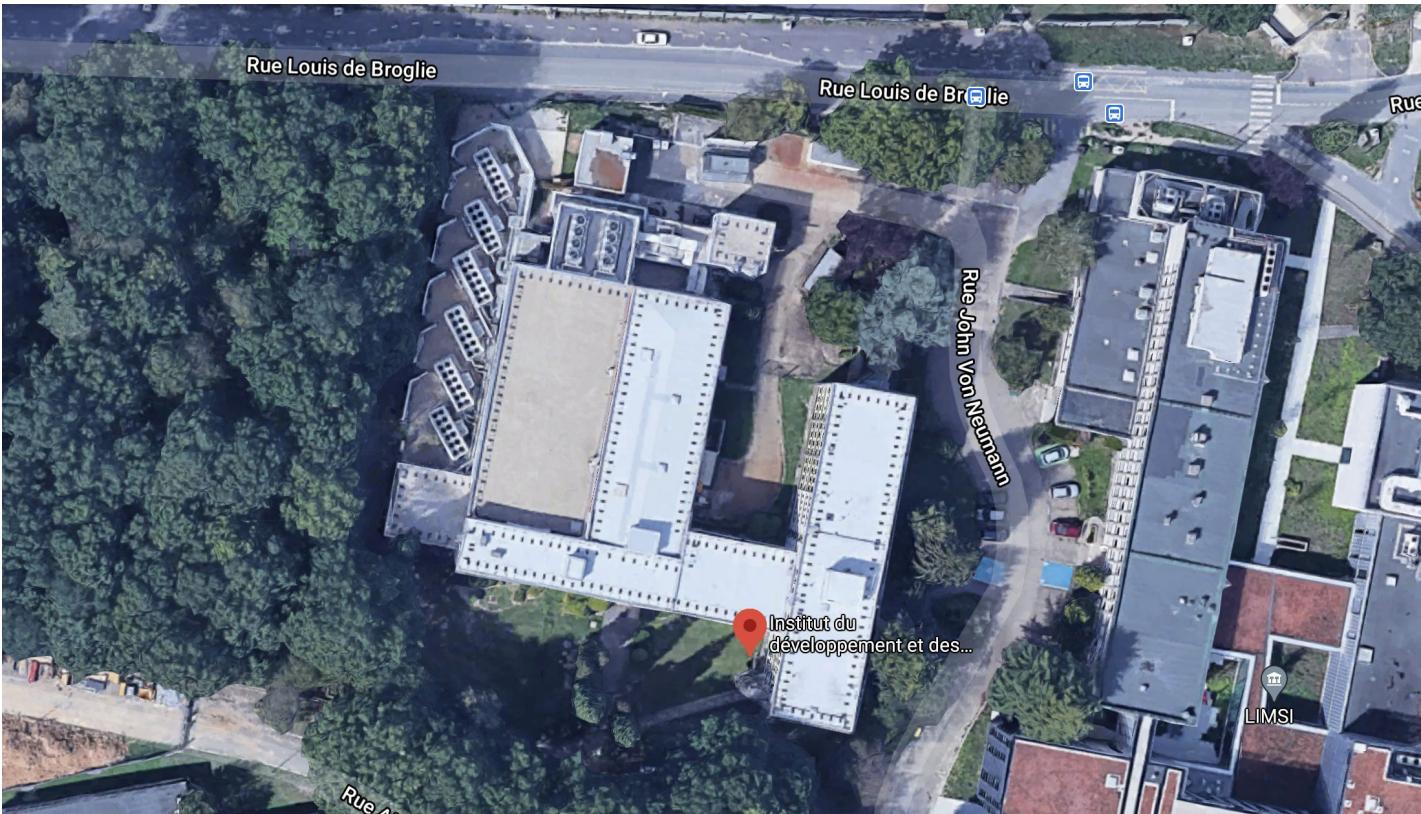
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L'exécution de ce workflow nécessite au minimum toutes les ressources d'un ordinateur de bureau pendant plusieurs heures et ceci seulement pour 1 seul fichier fastq.

Pour faire ce type d'analyse nous avons besoin d'ordinateurs plus puissants !

Du data center au cœur



Le Data Center de l'IDRIS
Un bâtiment conçu pour
accueillir des infrastructures
informatiques

Du data center au cœur

Groupes froid

Pour refroidir les équipements



Du data center au cœur

Groupe électrogène

Pour garantir l'alimentation
électrique



Du data center au cœur



Les armoires de l'IFB

Chaque armoire peut contenir
80 super-ordinateurs

Du data center au cœur

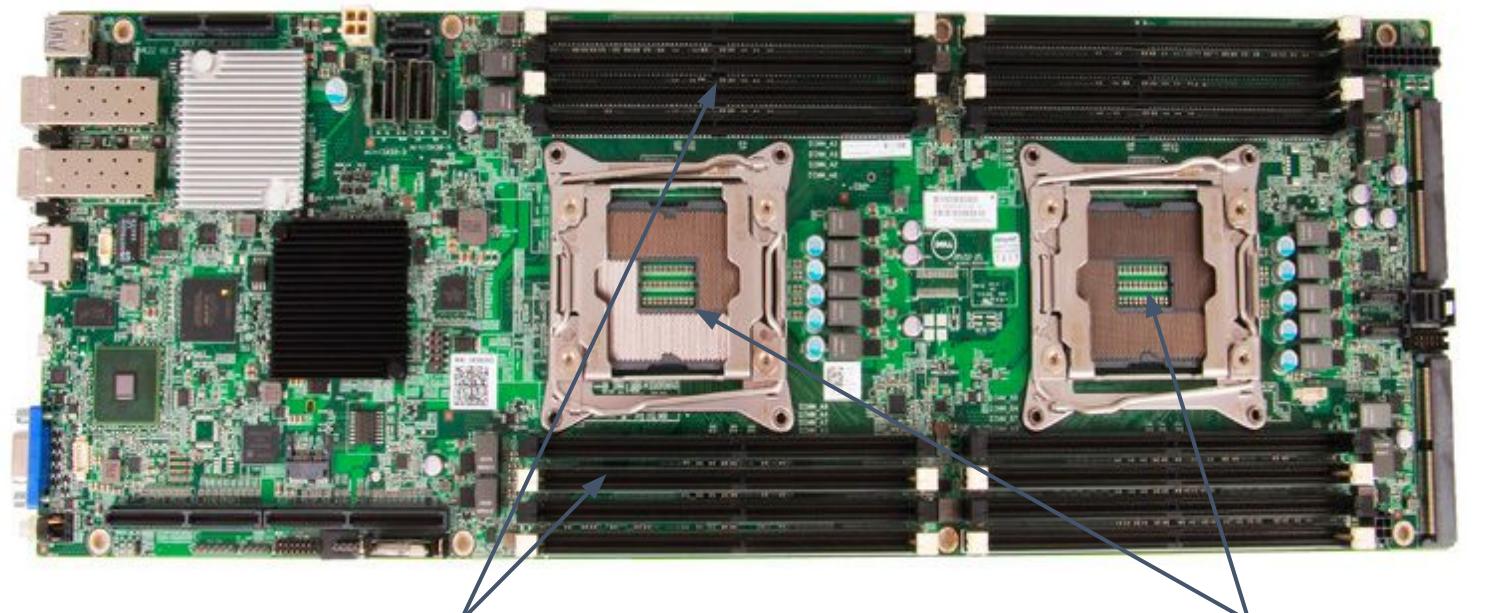


ordinateurs de calcul

Baies de stockage

Du data center au cœur

Un ordinateur ou **noeud de calcul**



Mémoire vive

Supports processeurs

Du data center au cœur

Un microprocesseur

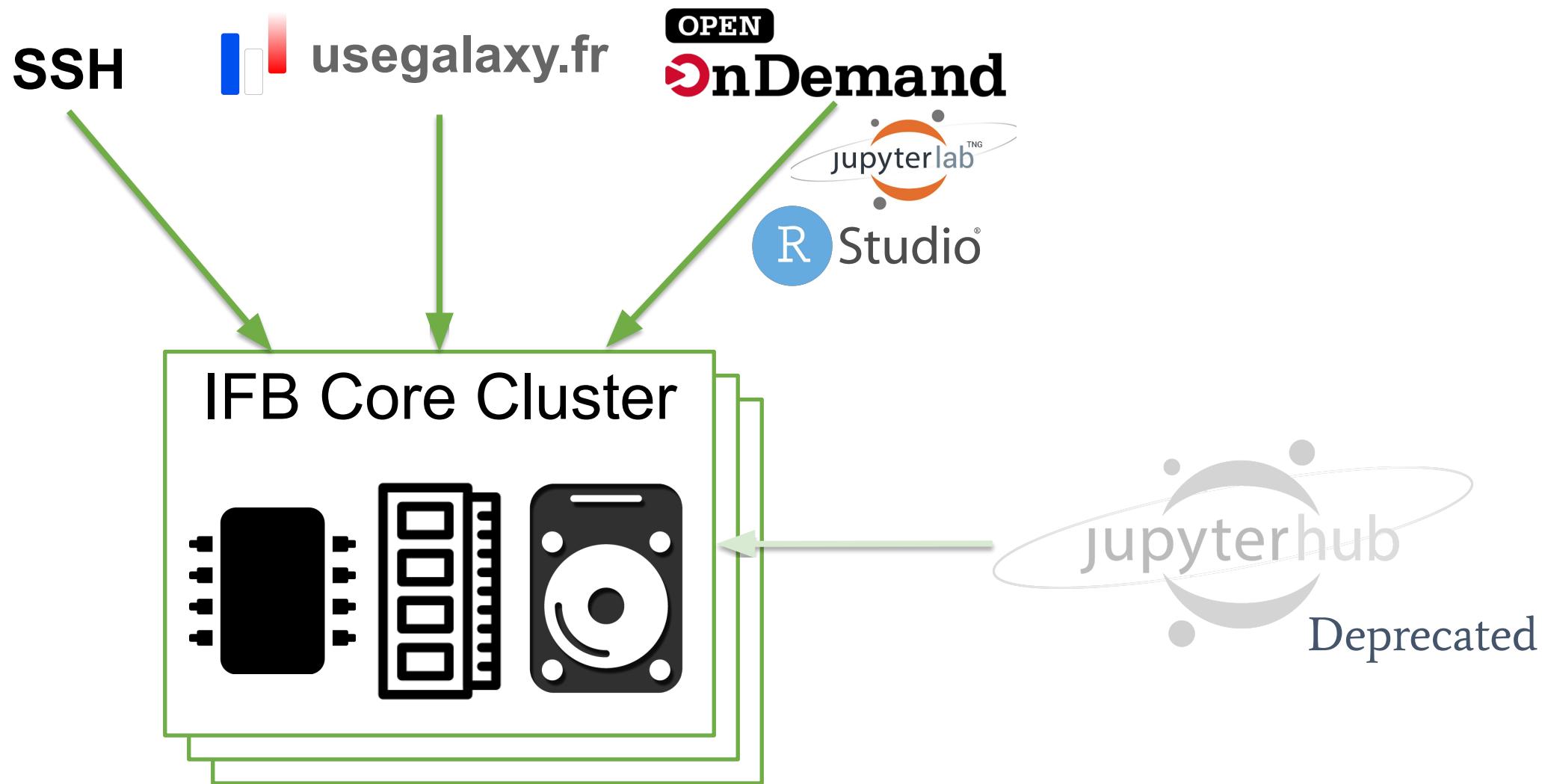


Un microprocesseur contient plusieurs **coeurs**
Chaque cœur se comporte comme un microprocesseur unique.

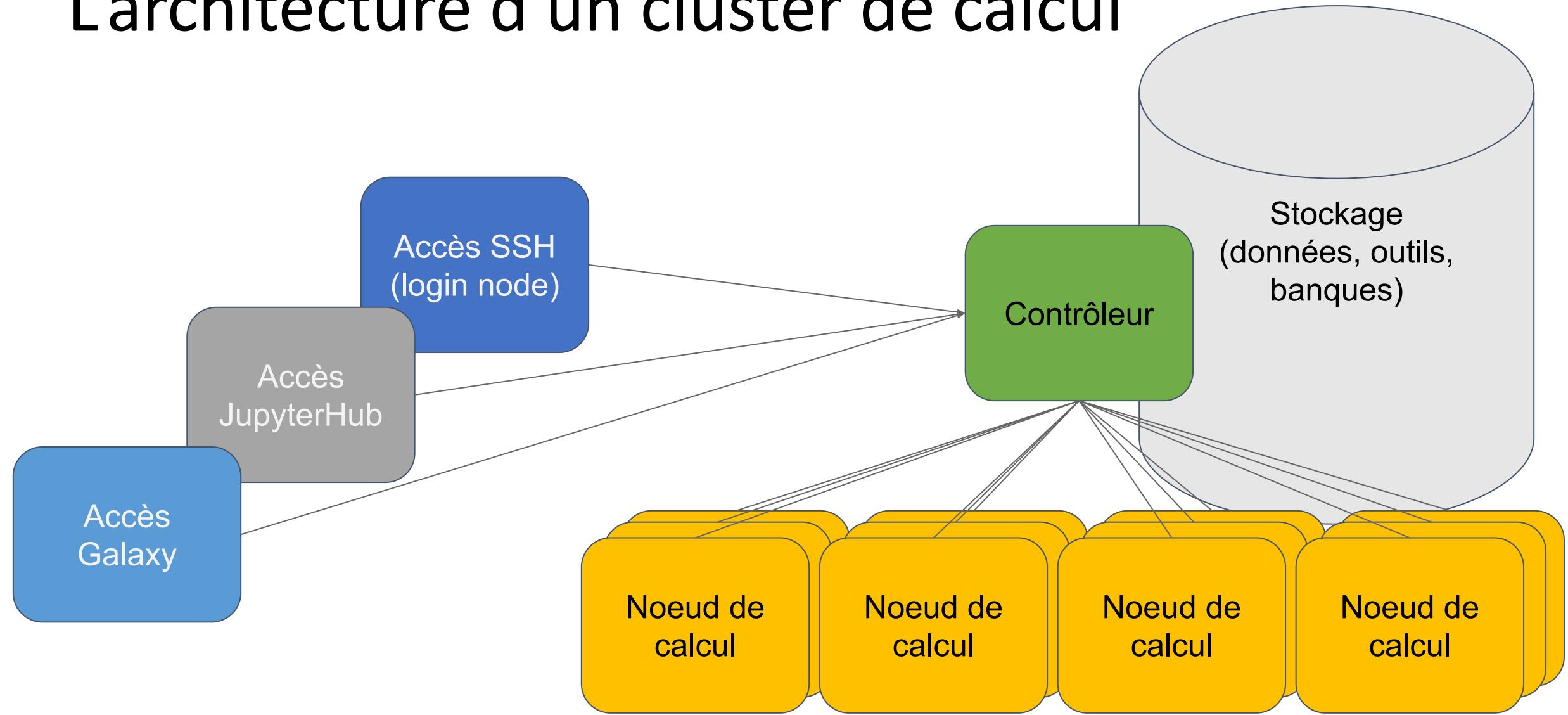
La fédération de cluster de l'IFB (NNCR)

Cluster	Localisation du Data center	Coeurs	RAM (Go)	Stockage (To)
IFB Core	IDRIS - Orsay	5 042	26 542	2 000
Genotoul	Toulouse	6 128	34 304	3 000
ABiMS	Roscoff	2 608	10 600	2 500
GenOuest	Rennes	1 824	7 500	2 300
Migale	Jouy en Josas	1 084	7 000	350
BiRD	Nantes	560	4 000	500

L'infrastructure Core Cluster de l'IFB



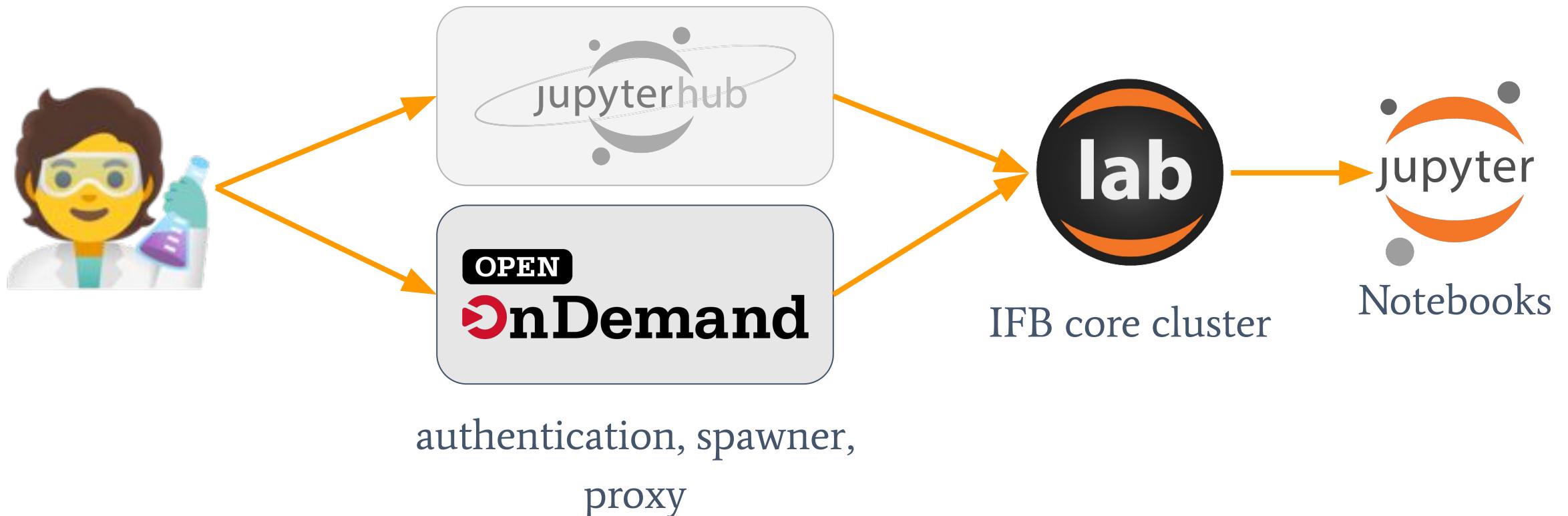
L'architecture d'un cluster de calcul



Jupyter Notebook on a HPC infrastructure

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JupyterHub and **Open on Demand** are web applications that let you spawn JupyterLab servers on a cluster or cloud infrastructure.



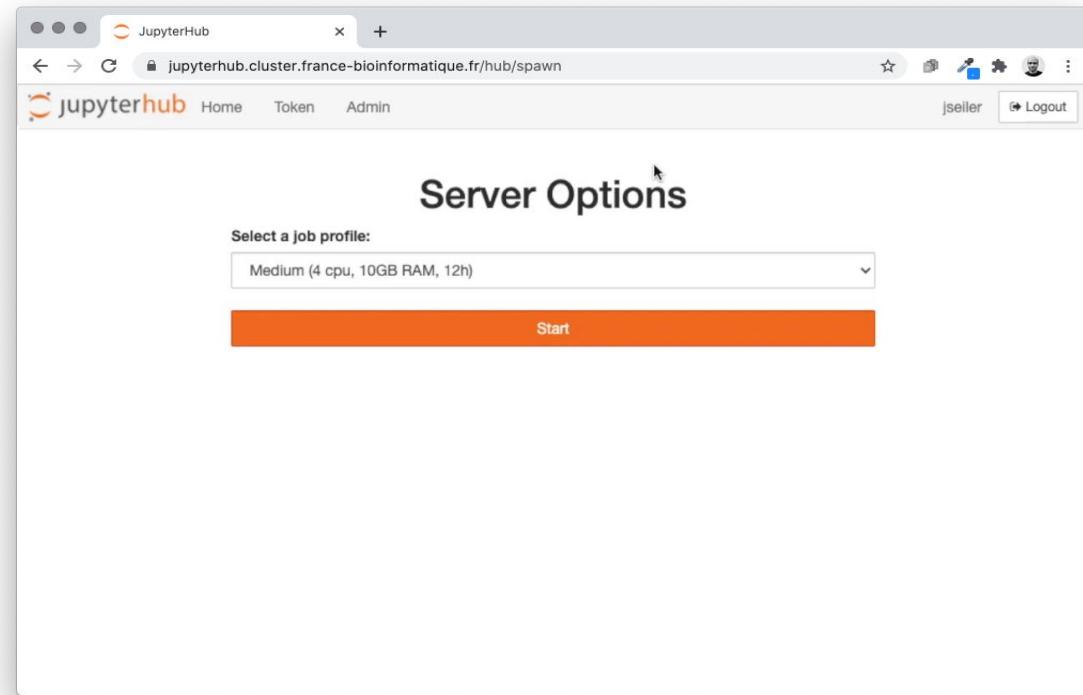
JupyterHub @ IFB

<https://jupyterhub.cluster.france-bioinformatique.fr>

Use your **IFB cluster account**
to log in

Spawn JupyterLab server
in **SLURM jobs**

Work on the **same storage**
as the cluster (ssh)



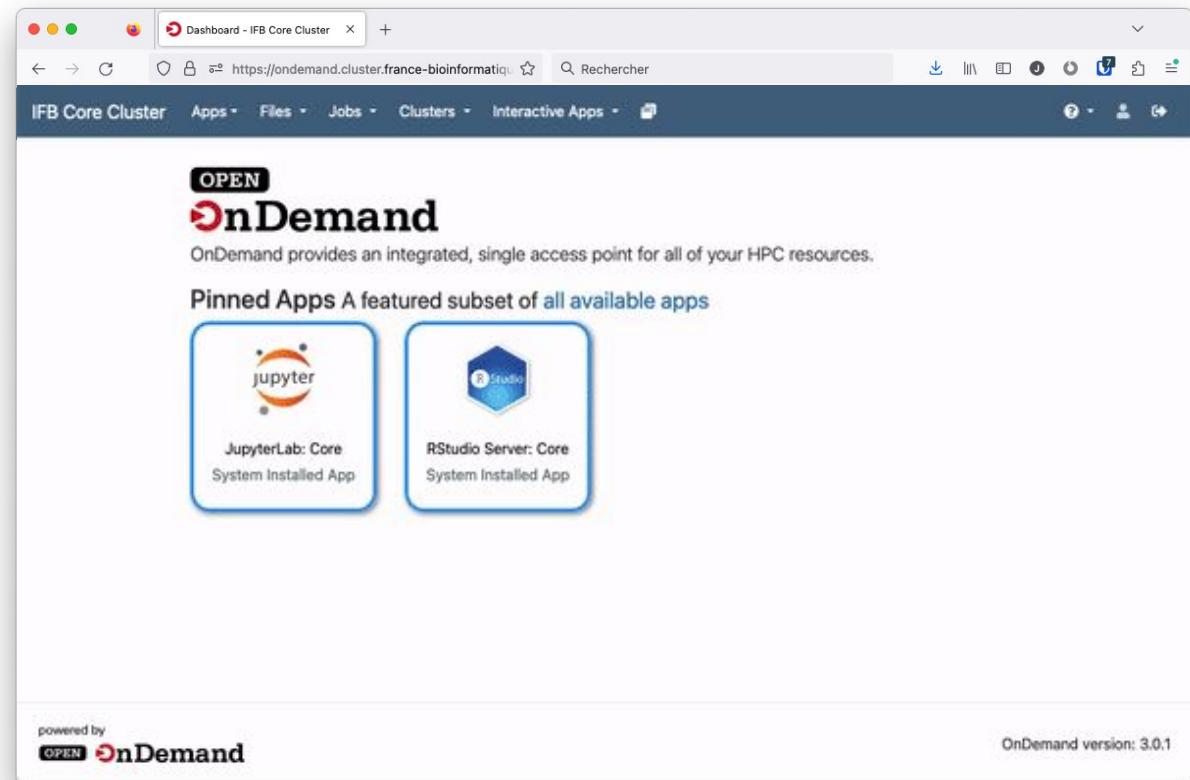
Open OnDemand @ IFB

<https://ondemand.cluster.france-bioinformatique.fr>

Use your **IFB cluster account**
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Spawn Interactive web apps
in **SLURM jobs**

Work on the **same storage**
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Demo of notebooks and JupyterLab

Présentation et démonstration ->



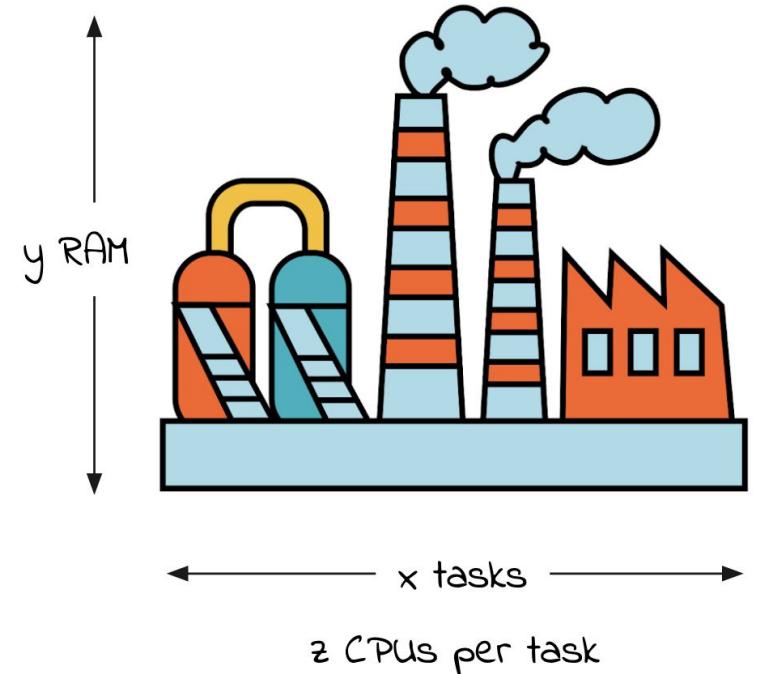
Lean SLURM in a notebook

JupyterLab supports a Bash kernel that let you write notebooks using Bash commands.

The IFB is proposing a SLURM tutorial based on a notebook :

https://gitlab.com/ifb-elixirfr/cluster/tutoriel_slurm

Let's view some best practices to use SLURM
the FAIR way.



FAIR Jupyter notebook best practices

- Use Git to follow history of your notebooks (see [JupyterLab Git extension](#))
- Automatically download data from a repository
- Make sure to identify the version of the libraries you are using in your notebooks :
 - Python : [watermark](#) or [session_info](#)
 - R : [sessionInfo](#)

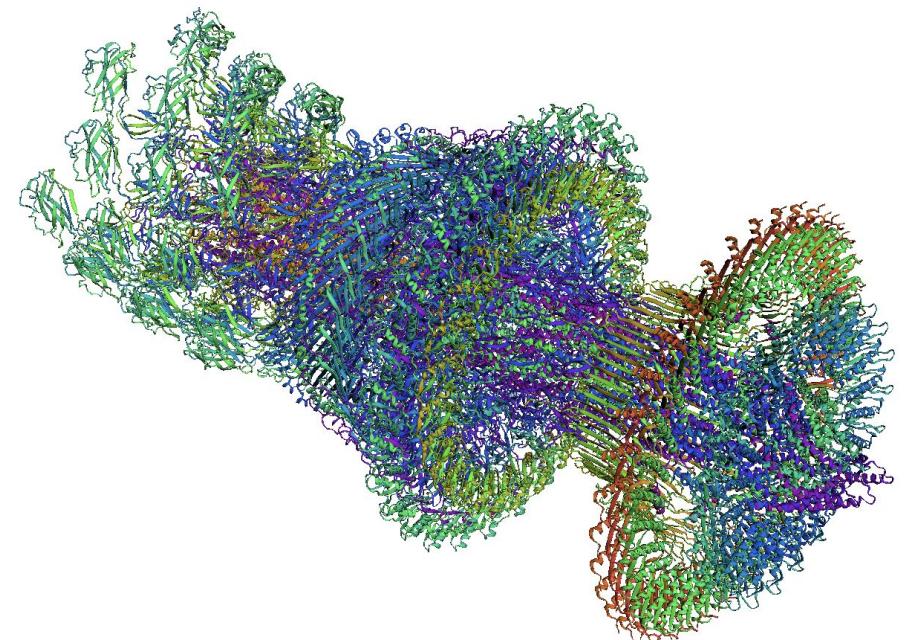
For more tips read :

<https://github.com/jupyter-guide/ten-rules-jupyter>

More interactive analysis with notebooks

- Render (dynamic) charts and visualize 3d models
- Train a network with Tensorflow and visualize training logs with Tensorboard

Demo notebooks can be downloaded from
<https://gitlab.com/ifb-elixirfr/notebooks/fairbioinfo-demo>



Tools

Where is my tools?





Conda - usage

Installation of miniconda (only once)

```
$ wget https://repo.anaconda.com/miniconda/Miniconda3-py39_4.9.2-Linux-x86_64.sh  
$ bash Miniconda3-py39_4.9.2-Linux-x86_64.sh -b -p ~/miniconda3  
$ conda config --add channels bioconda; conda config --add channels conda-forge
```

Search for a package

```
$ conda search fastqc==0.11.9      or https://anaconda.org/search?q=fastqc
```

Create an environment for a tool (recommended)

```
$ conda create -n fastqc-0.11.9 fastqc==0.11.9
```

Load a conda environment and use

```
$ conda activate fastqc-0.11.9  
$ fastqc --version  
FastQC v0.11.9
```



Conda packages are provided by a central repository hosted by a company called Anaconda.org

Conda - building

Conda packaging consists of 2 files

```
1 package:  
2   name: fastqc  
3   version: 0.11.9  
4  
5 source:  
6   url: http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/fastqc_v0.11.9.zip  
7   sha256: 15510a176ef798e40325b717cac556509fb218268cfdb9a35ea6776498321369  
8 patches:  
9   - java_xms.patch  
10  
11 build:  
12   noarch: generic  
13   number: 1  
14  
15 requirements:  
16   run:  
17     - openjdk >=8.0.144  
18     - perl  
19     - fontconfig  
20  
21 test:  
22   commands:  
23     - fastqc -h  
24     - fastqc --version  
25  
26 about:  
27   home: 'http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/'  
28   license: GPL >=3  
29   summary: 'A quality control tool for high throughput sequence data.'
```

[recipes/fastqc/meta.yml](#)

```
1 #!/bin/bash  
2  
3 fastqc=$PREFIX/opt/$PKG_NAME-$PKG_VERSION  
4 mkdir -p $fastqc  
5 cp -r .//* $fastqc  
6 sed -i.bak '1 s|^.*$|#!/usr/bin/env perl|g' $fastqc/fastqc  
7 rm -f $fastqc/fastqc.bak  
8 chmod +x $fastqc/fastqc  
9 mkdir -p $PREFIX/bin  
10 ln -s $fastqc/fastqc $PREFIX/bin/fastqc  
11
```

[recipes/fastqc/build.sh](#)

```
$ # To build and test locally  
$ conda build .
```



Consider to contribute to the
Bioconda community/channel
<https://bioconda.github.io/>



Docker - usage

Search for a Docker a image or <https://hub.docker.com/r/biocontainers/fastqc>

```
$ docker search fastqc
```

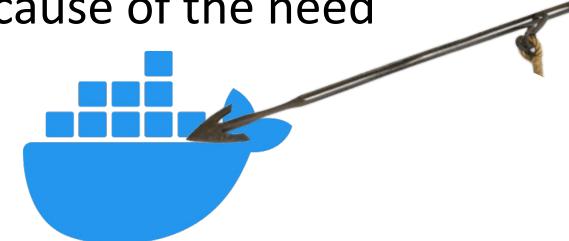
NAME	DESCRIPTION	STARS	OFFICIAL	AUTOMATED
biocontainers/fastqc	fastqc	3		[OK]

Pull and Run

```
$ docker run biocontainers/fastqc:v0.11.9_cv8 fastqc --version  
[...]  
$ FastQC v0.11.9
```



Docker isn't reliable in the context of an HPC infrastructure because of the need of the Docker daemon





Docker - building

```
1 FROM ubuntu:19.04
2
3 RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -y software-properties-common
4
5 RUN apt-get update && \
6     apt-get install -y openjdk-8-jre && \
7     rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
8
9 ENV JAVA_HOME /usr/lib/jvm/java-8-openjdk-amd64/
10
11 RUN apt-get -qq update && apt-get -y upgrade && \
12     apt install -y wget libfindbin-libs-perl software-properties-common unzip
13
14 RUN wget https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/fastqc_v0.11.9.zip -O /tmp/fastqc.zip && \
15     unzip /tmp/fastqc.zip -d /opt/ && \
16     rm /tmp/fastqc.zip && \
17     chmod 777 /opt/FastQC/fastqc
18
19 ENV PATH="/opt/FastQC/:${PATH}"
20
21 ENTRYPOINT ["fastqc"]
22
```

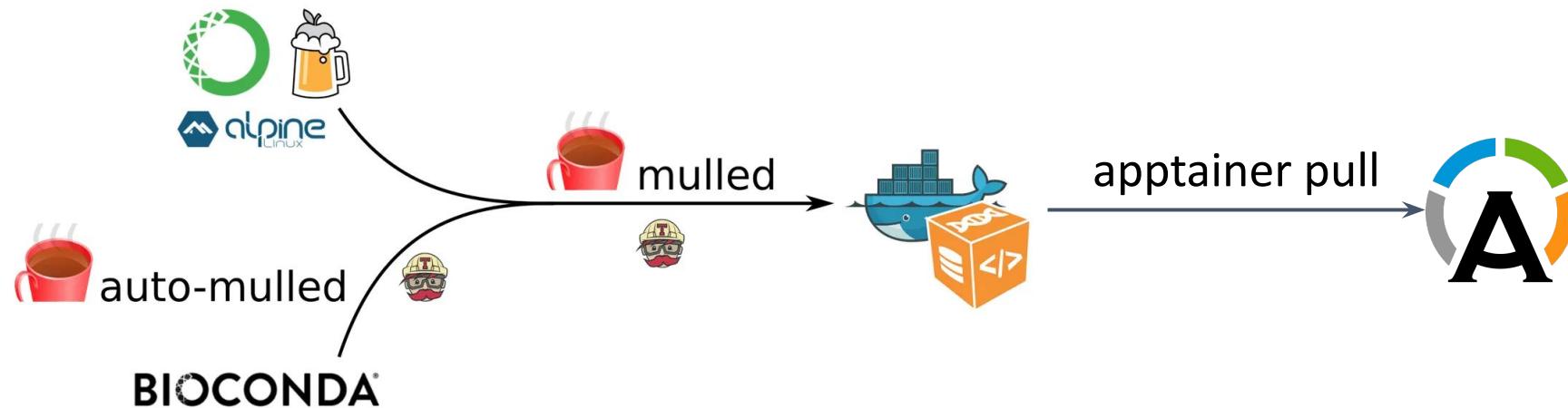
[Dockerfile](#)

```
$ # To build and test locally
$ docker build -t fastqc-0.11.9

$ # Use
$ docker run fastqc-0.11.9 fastqc --version
$ FastQC v0.11.9
```

Conda 2 Docker 2 Apptainer

BioContainer



Process this full example:

<https://ifb-elixirfr.gitlab.io/cluster/doc/singularity/#a-full-example>



Apptainer - usage

Search for a Docker a image

<https://hub.docker.com/r/biocontainers/fastqc>

Pull an image

```
$ apptainer pull docker://biocontainers/fastqc:v0.11.9_cv8
$ ls -l fastqc_v0.11.9_cv8.sif
-rwxr-xr-x 1 foo bar 297582592 Jun 22 18:11 fastqc_v0.11.9_cv8.sif
```

Use

```
$ ./fastqc_v0.11.9_cv8.sif fastqc --version
$ FastQC v0.11.9
```

Apptainer - build



```
1 BootStrap: docker
2 From: biocontainers/fastqc:v0.11.9_cv8
3
4 %labels
5   Author IFB
6   Version 0.11.9
7
8 %environment
9   export PATH=/usr/local/bin:$PATH
10
11 %runscript
12   exec "$@"
13
14 %test
15   export PATH=/usr/local/bin:$PATH
16   fastqc --version | grep "0.11.9"
```

image.def

OR

```
1 BootStrap: docker
2 From: ubuntu:19.04
3
4 %labels
5   Author IFB
6   Version 0.11.9
7
8 %post
9   apt-get update && apt-get install -y software-properties-common
10  apt-get update && \
11    apt-get install -y openjdk-8-jre && \
12    rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
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16
17  wget https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/fastqc_v0.11.9.zip -O /opt/fastqc.zip && \
18  unzip /opt/fastqc.zip -d /opt/ && \
19  rm /opt/fastqc.zip && \
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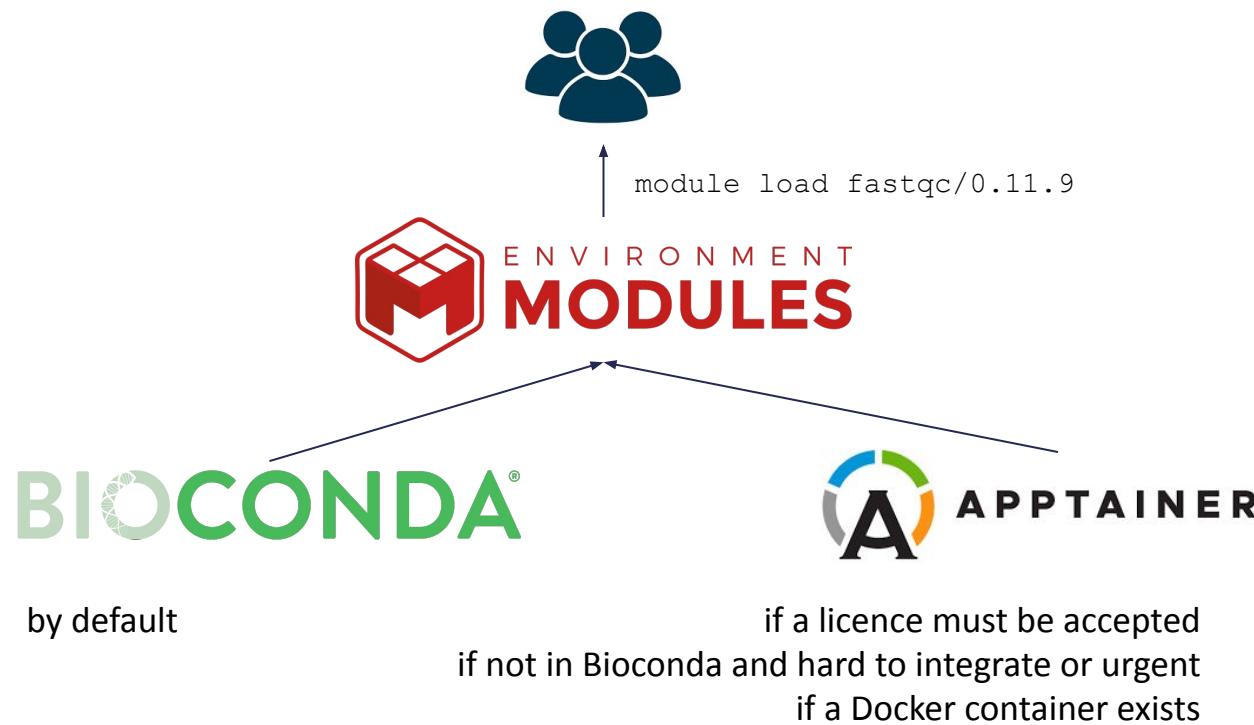
Conda or Docker or Apptainer ?

	PROS	CONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light during the installation• Not need to be root• Sharing repository• The Alpha exported in Docker	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• They are issue to install “old” packages 2 or 3 years after their creation (dependencies have changed)• A lot of tiny files• No isolation - security issue• Can be slow to revolve multi-packages env
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portable• Sharing repository• Can be ate by Singularity• Come with the OS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not compatible with the HPC infrastructure• Rather heavy to install, need root grants<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Need a centralized daemon• Some security issues/concerns
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compatible with HPC since it's execute as a binary• Compatible with Docker image format• Come with the OS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't provide the same layer system as Docker<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ So heavier on the filesystem• No stable shared repository (yet)• It's a deadlock that can't be exported• Not well integrated on MacOSX



Module - usage at IfB

2 technologies - 1 user interface



Module - usage

Why do we need to "load" tools ?

- Each tools need its environment (binaries, libraries, documentation, special variables)
- Each tools has its own dependencies.
- It is not possible to coexist all tools in the same environment.
- Reproducibility does matter: some user might need different versions of the same tool
- At the IFB, the cluster community is installing all tools required by the users.

All tool deployment are based on Conda packages or Singularity images :



To get access to a tool, you need to load it into your environment using a special tool called **module**.

Module - usage

Loading, listing, switching, unloading

```
module avail          # List the modules available (477 in June 2021)
module avail fastqc  # List the versions available for a tool

module load fastqc   # Load latest version available on the cluster
module load fastqc/0.11.9 multiqc/1.10.1 # Load software
module list          # List tools currently loaded in your environment

module switch fastqc/0.11.7 # Replace current version

module unload blast    # Unload blast from your environment
module purge           # Unload all tools
```

Module - build at IFB

Institut Français de Bioinformatique > Cluster > tools

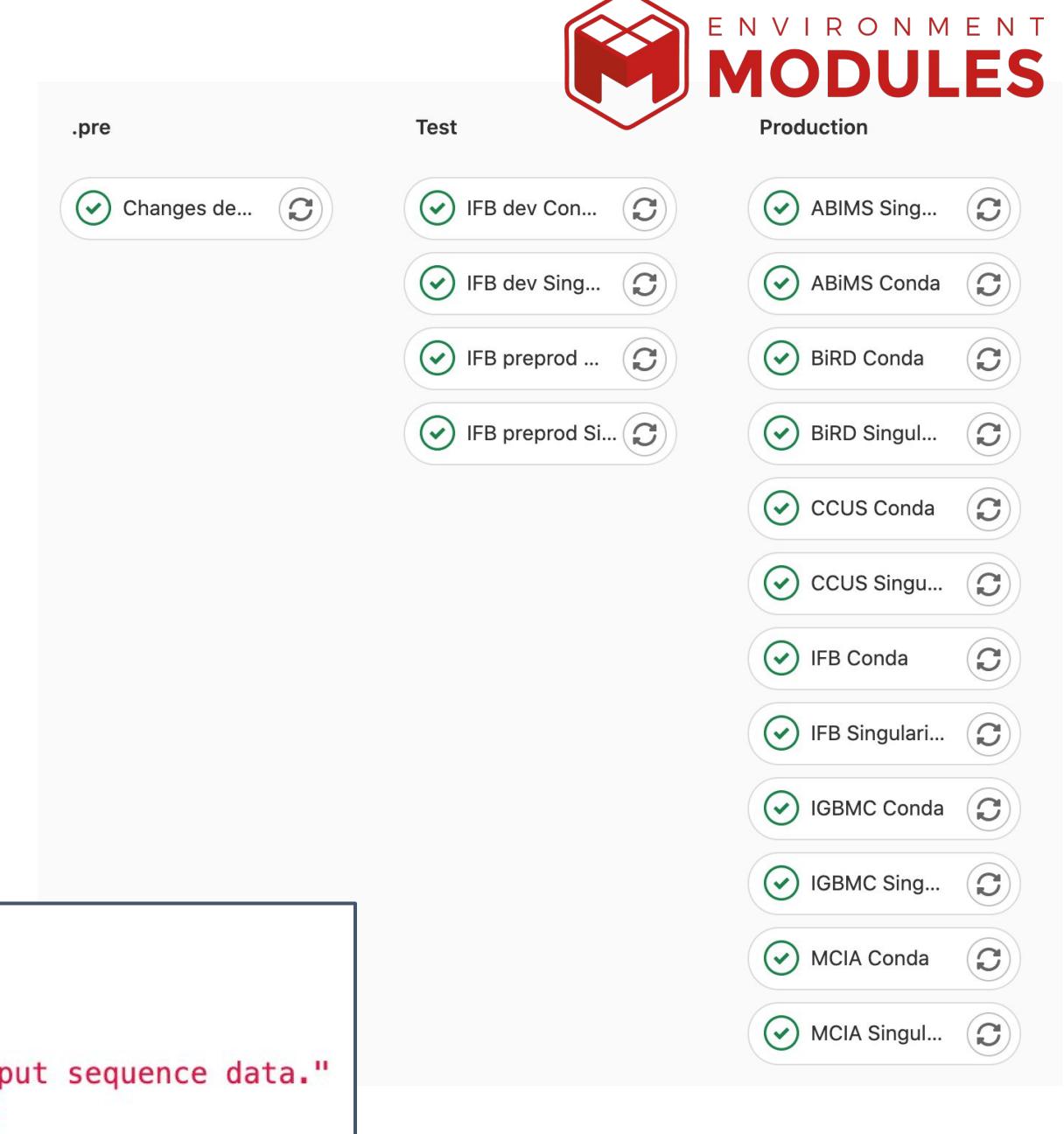


```
1 channels:  
2   - conda-forge  
3   - bioconda  
4   - defaults  
5 dependencies:  
6   - bioconda::fastqc=0.11.9  
7 name: fastqc-0.11.9
```

[tools/fastqc/0.11.9/meta.yml](#)

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```
1 deployment: conda  
  
2 about:  
3   description: "A quality control tool for high throughput sequence data."  
4   url: http://api.anaconda.org/packages/bioconda/fastqc
```



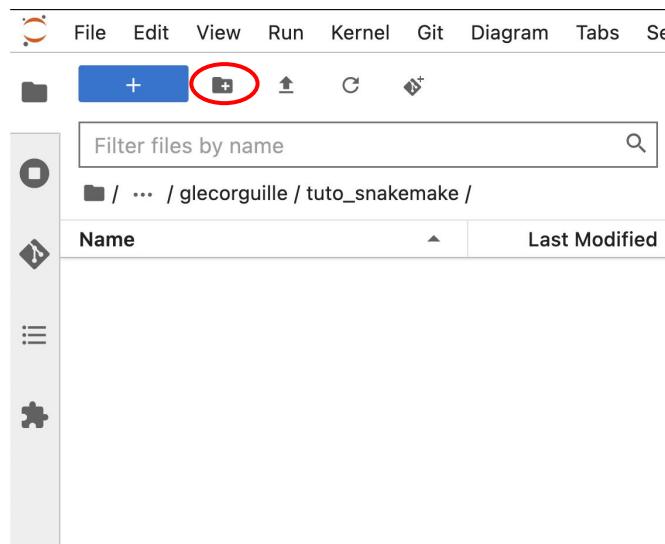


TP - Snakemake over SLURM

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Exercice 1: connect to the cluster through JupyterHub

- Go to <https://ondemand.cluster.france-bioinformatique.fr>
- Start a small JupyterLab server with 1 CPU and 1 GB of RAM
- Create an empty folder in your project directory



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- Clone the tutorial git repository

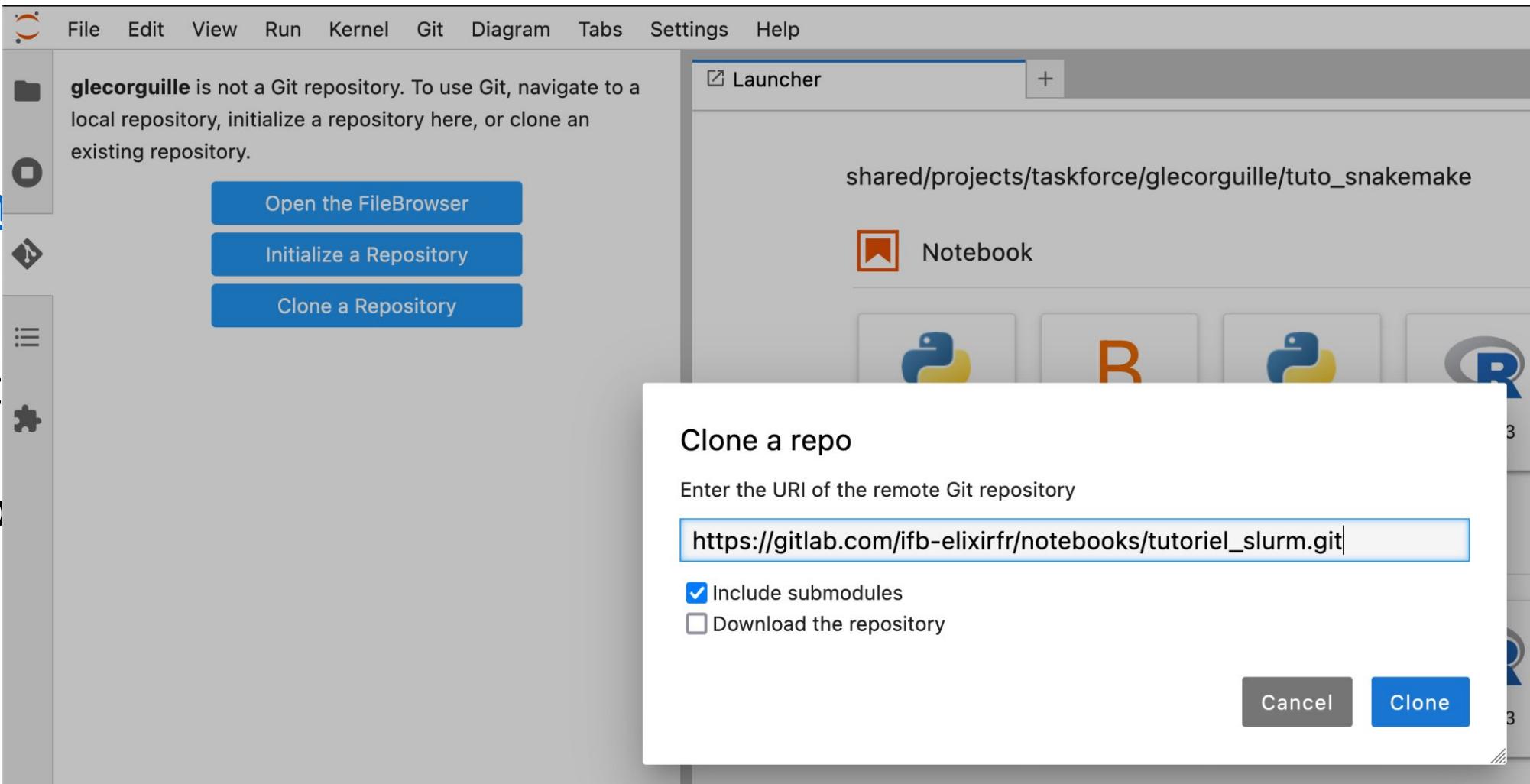
https://gitlab.com/ifb-elixirfr/notebooks/tutoriel_slurm.git

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Exercice 1

- Go to [http://localhost:8888](#)
- Start a notebook
- Create a new kernel
- Clone the repository

http://localhost:8888



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Exercice 2: Get your environment ready

- Download the workflow
- Download your input data
- Load the snakemake module and all required tools

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Exercice 2: Get your environment ready

- Download the workflow
- Download your input data

The data used for the snakemake tutorial are available on Zenodo :

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Exercice 2: Get your environment ready

- Download the workflow
- Download your input data

Download the snakemake workflow and data archive :

```
$ git clone https://github.com/clairetn/FAIR_smk.git  
$ cd FAIR_smk  
  
$ module load zenodo_get/1.3.2  
$ zenodo_get 10.5281/zenodo.3997237  
$ tar -xvzf FAIR_Bioinfo_data.tar.gz
```

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Exercice 3: Run snakemake

- Run your workflow using --cluster mode
- Run your workflow using --drmaa mode

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Exercice 3: Run snakemake

- Run your workflow using --cluster mode

```
module load snakemake

snakemake -c 1 -s ex1_o8.smk --delete-all-output; rm -rf multiqc_*

snakemake --cluster "sbatch" --jobs=3 --cores=3 --use-conda -s ex1_o8.smk
```

Drawbacks : no control on workflow execution (you can't stop it)

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Exercice 3: Run snakemake

- Run your workflow using --cluster mode
- Run your workflow using --drmaa mode

Distributed Resource Management Application API



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Exercice 3: Run snakemake

- Run your workflow using `--cluster` mode
- Run your workflow using `--drmaa` mode

```
module load snakemake
```

```
snakemake --drmaa --use-conda --jobs=3 -s ex1_o8.smk
```



TP - Snakemake over SLURM --use-conda

CONDA

```
rule fastqc:  
[...]  
    conda:  
        "envs/fastqc-0.11.9.yml"  
    container:  
        "docker://biocontainers/fastqc:v0.11.9_cv8"  
    envmodules:  
        "fastqc/0.11.9"  
    shell: "fastqc --outdir FastQC/ {input} 1>{log.std} 2>{log.err}"
```

```
module purge; module load snakemake conda  
  
snakemake -c 1 -s ex1_o8.smk --delete-all-output; rm -rf multiqc_*  
  
time snakemake --drmaa --jobs=3 -s ex1_o8.smk --use-conda
```



TP - Snakemake over SLURM --use-singularity



```
rule fastqc:  
[...]  
conda:  
    "envs/fastqc-0.11.9.yml"  
container:  
    "docker://biocontainers/fastqc:v0.11.9_cv8"  
envmodules:  
    "fastqc/0.11.9"  
shell: "fastqc --outdir FastQC/ {input} 1>{log.std} 2>{log.err}"
```

```
module purge; module load snakemake singularity  
  
snakemake -c 1 -s ex1_o8.smk --delete-all-output; rm -rf multiqc_*  
  
time snakemake --drmaa --jobs=3 -s ex1_o8.smk --use-singularity
```



TP - Snakemake over SLURM --use-envmodule



```
rule fastqc:  
[...]  
    conda:  
        "envs/fastqc-0.11.9.yml"  
    container:  
        "docker://biocontainers/fastqc:v0.11.9_cv8"  
    envmodules:  
        "fastqc/0.11.9"  
    shell: "fastqc --outdir FastQC/ {input} 1>{log.std} 2>{log.err}"
```

```
module purge; module load snakemake  
  
snakemake -c 1 -s ex1_o8.smk --delete-all-output; rm -rf multiqc_*  
  
time snakemake --drmaa --jobs=3 -s ex1_o8.smk --use-envmodule
```

Useful links

Request an account:

<https://my.cluster.france-bioinformatique.fr>

Community support:

<https://community.france-bioinformatique.fr/>

Learn SLURM in 5 minutes:

<https://asciinema.org/a/275233>

IFB Core Cluster Documentation

<https://ifb-elixirfr.gitlab.io/cluster/doc/>

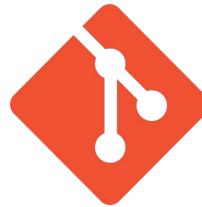
BONUS

The IFB Core Cluster Infrastructure

- Infrastructure administration is automated using Continuous Integration technologies :



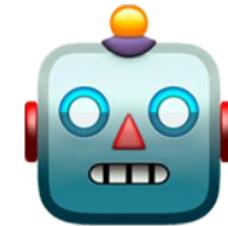
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git



GitLab



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- Most IFB Core Cluster repositories are **open to contribution**
 - Help us manage the cluster infrastructure
 - Deploy bioinformatics software (conda, singularity, etc.)
 - Deploy new services



What's new on the IFB NNCR Cluster(s) ?

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[Link](#)