



# SITE REPORT : ELECTRICITÉ DE FRANCE

Slurm User Group

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# HPC AT EDF

- About EDF
- How do we do HPC at EDF?
- Our HPC infrastructures
- Our in-house OS dedicated to scientific IT needs

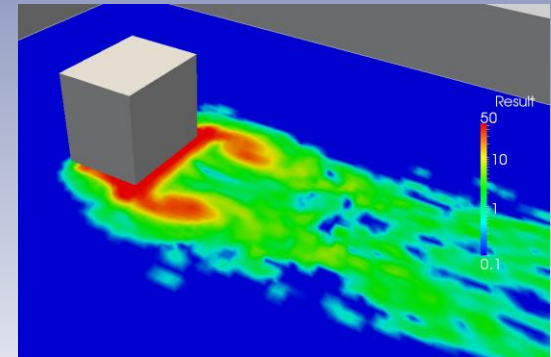
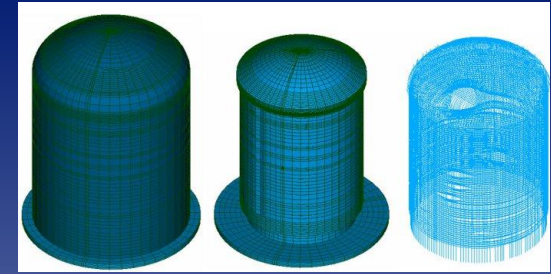
# ABOUT EDF

- **World's biggest electric utility**
  - 75B € in annual revenue, 37.6M clients worldwide
  - 160,000 employees worldwide
- **Main activities**
  - Electricity Generation & Engineering
  - Electricity Transmission & Distribution
  - Research & Development
  - Optimization & Trading
  - Products & Services
- **Importance of R&D and engineering divisions**
  - 650M € Net R&D budget in 2015
  - 541 patented & protected innovations

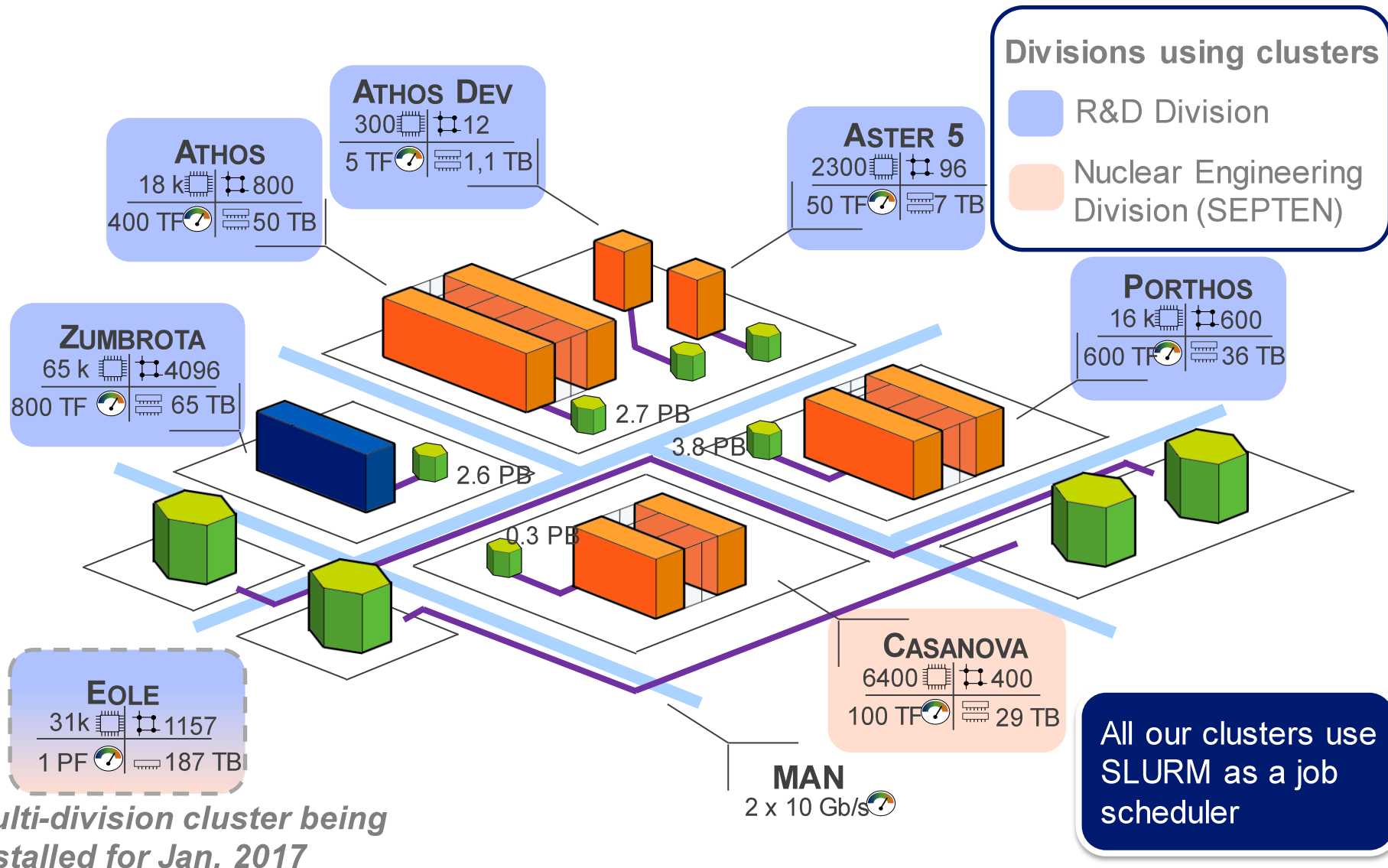


# HPC AND SCIENTIFIC IT NEEDS

- **Modeling**
  - Approximate reality with a model
- **Simulations on a wide range of fields:**
  - Execution of numerical codes
  - Structural and fluid mechanics, neutronics for nuclear plant maintenance
  - Materials for renewable energies
- **In-house developed codes (Often Open Source):**
  - Structures and Thermomechanics Analysis: Code\_Aster ([www.code-aster.org](http://www.code-aster.org))
  - CFD: Code\_Saturne ([www.code-saturne.org](http://www.code-saturne.org))
  - Pre and post-processing with SALOME (<http://www.salome-platform.org>)
- **High Performance Visualization**
  - Parallel rendering



# 6 EXISTING CLUSTERS FOR 2 DIVISIONS



# SCIBIAN

- **A Debian-based distribution: [www.scibian.org](http://www.scibian.org)**
  - Customizations to meet scientific IT needs
  - Initially an EDF custom distribution (Calibre)
    - Same distrib for workstations, servers & clusters
  - Being turned into an Open Source community project
    - Kick-off event on Sept. 30th at La Défense, Paris
- **Longer support for each major release: beyond Oldstable**



- **HPC with Scibian:**
  - Debian packaging of HPC dedicated SW:
    - GPFS, OFED, Mellanox IB stack, OPA to come
  - Custom Deployment System for diskless nodes
  - Tools on top of SLURM:
    - SLURM Dashboard, JobMetrics, NEOS



# OUR SLURM USAGE AT EDF

- The functionalities we use
- A new challenge with our new cluster

# DETAILS ON SLURM USAGES (1/2)

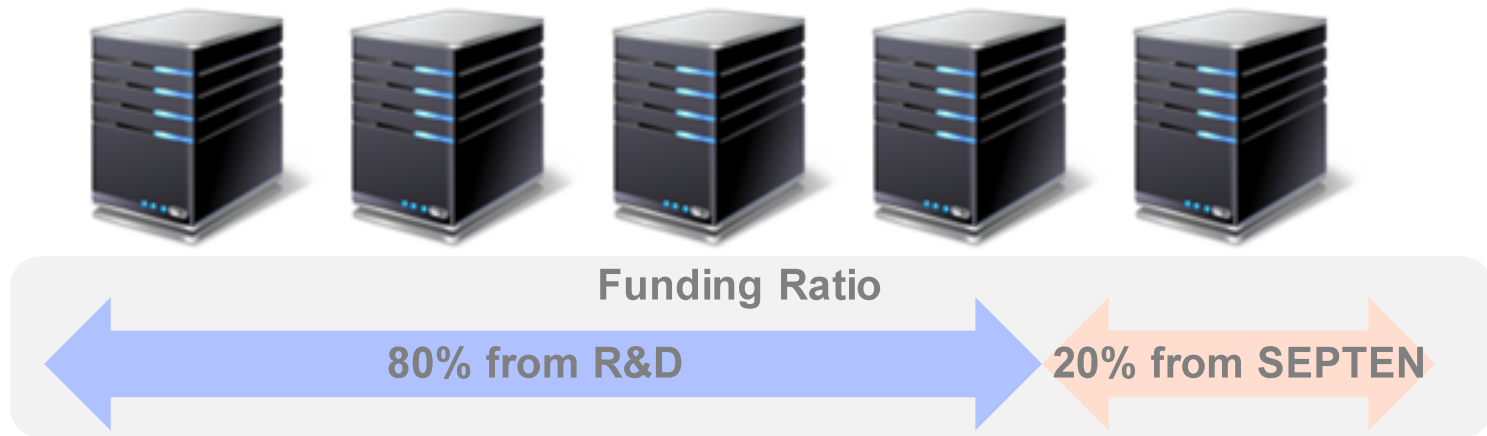
- **SLURM 15.08.8 on all clusters**
- **Separate partitions depending on node types**
  - Standard nodes
  - Large memory nodes
  - Graphical nodes with a GPU card
- **Several QOS on each cluster**
  - Selected partition
  - Required number of cores
  - Walltime
- **LUA Plugin for job submission**
  - Automatically route jobs into the proper QOS
  - [https://github.com/edf-hpc/slurm-llnl-misc-plugins/tree/master/job\\_submit](https://github.com/edf-hpc/slurm-llnl-misc-plugins/tree/master/job_submit)



# DETAILS ON SLURM USAGES (2/2)

- **Accounting used on each cluster**
  - One dedicated database per cluster
    - Easy to maintain & to decommission
    - MariaDB in mode multi-master
  - One additional global PostgreSQL database collecting data from the per cluster databases, log files, LDAP information
  
- **Scheduling Policy**
  - Multi-factor Job Priority
  - Classic Fairshare Algorithm for existing clusters
  - Fair Tree Fairshare Algorithm for our new cluster
  
- **CPU and Memory as consumable resources**
  
- **Task Plugin: cgroup on the most recent clusters**
  - Memory controller (ConstrainRAMSpace=yes) to be used in our new cluster

# A NEW CLUSTER SHARED BY 2 DIVISIONS (1/2)

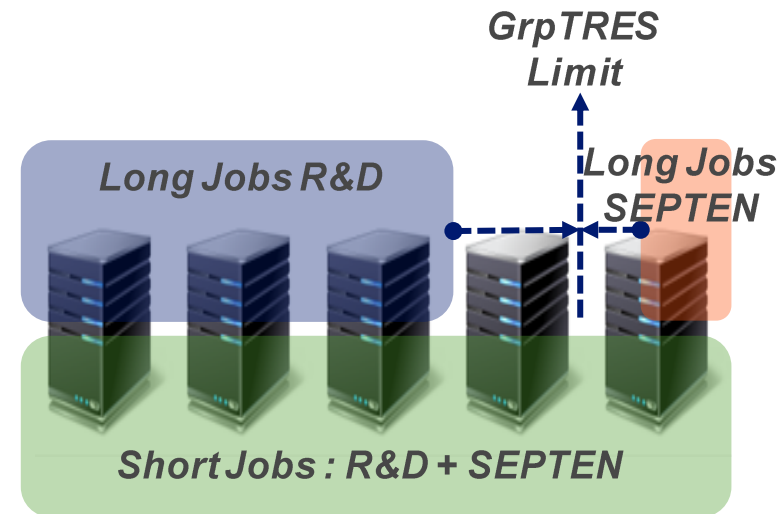
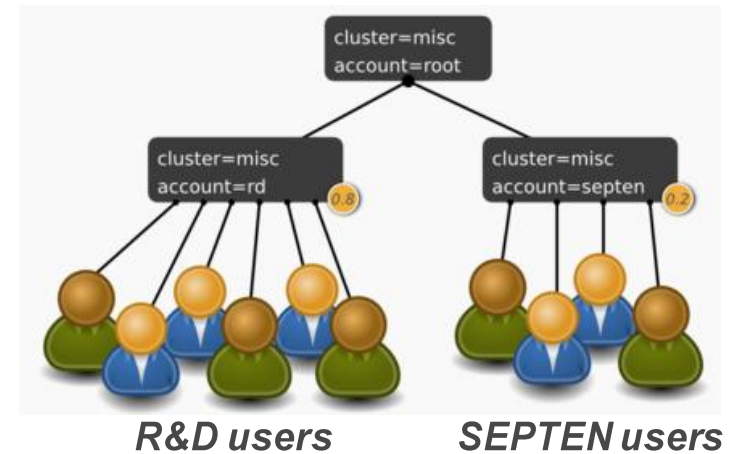


- **New constraints to share the resources**

- Ideal resource ratio: 80% for R&D, 20% for SEPTEN
  - But no static sharing
- If some resources of a division are unused, the other division should be able to use them
- A division should be able to use all the resources it is entitled to within 8h

# A NEW CLUSTER SHARED BY 2 DIVISIONS (2/2)

- Solution to be implemented
  - Fair Tree Fairshare Algorithm
    - PriorityFlag = FAIR\_TREE
  - An account per division with fairshare factors according to the sharing ratio
- Jobs are classified in 2 types :
  - Short jobs < 8h
  - Long jobs between 8h and 7 days
- 1 QoS for short jobs shared between the 2 divisions
- 2 QoS for long jobs, 1 for each division with a GrpTRES limit on the number of nodes
- Higher priority for the short job QoS

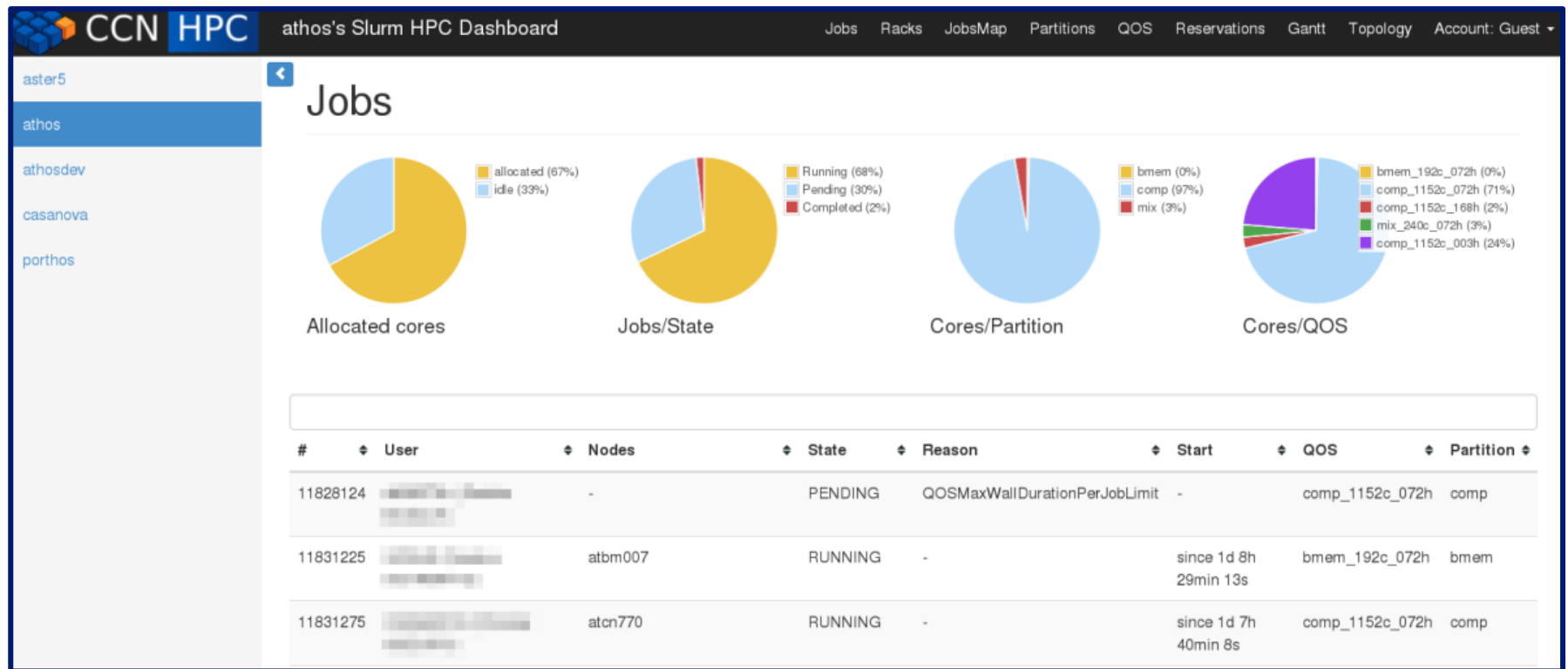


# OUR IN-HOUSE DEVELOPED TOOLS TO WORK WITH SLURM

- SlurmWeb
- JobMetrics

# SLURMWEB (1/4)

- A SLURM Dashboard for real time monitoring
- Sources: <https://github.com/edf-hpc/slurm-web>
- Documentation: <https://edf-hpc.github.io/slurm-web>
  
- Information about jobs



# SLURMWEB (2/4)

- Information about racks and nodes

CCN HPC athos's Slurm HPC Dashboard

Jobs Racks JobsMap Partitions QOS Reservations Gantt Topology Account: Guest

aster5  
athos  
athosdev  
casanova  
porthos

## Racks

node state:  
● available  
● drained  
● down  
● reserved  
● maint  
■ fully allocated  
■ partly allocated

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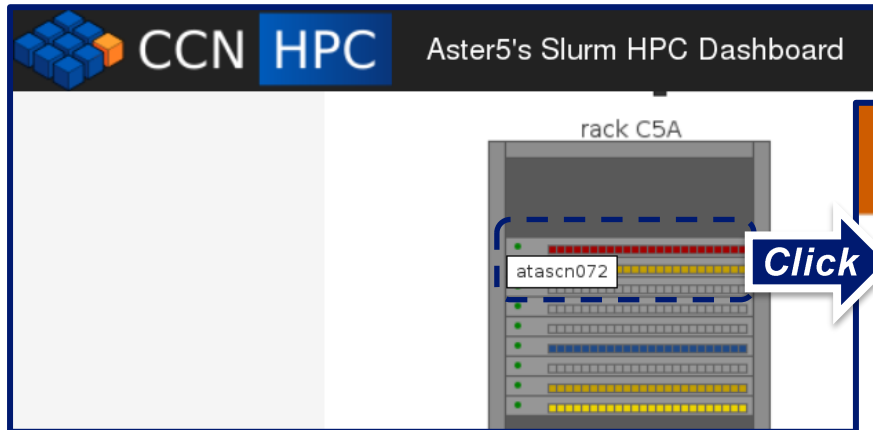
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# SLURMWEB (3/4)

- Mapping between nodes and jobs



*Rack View with nodes running a job*

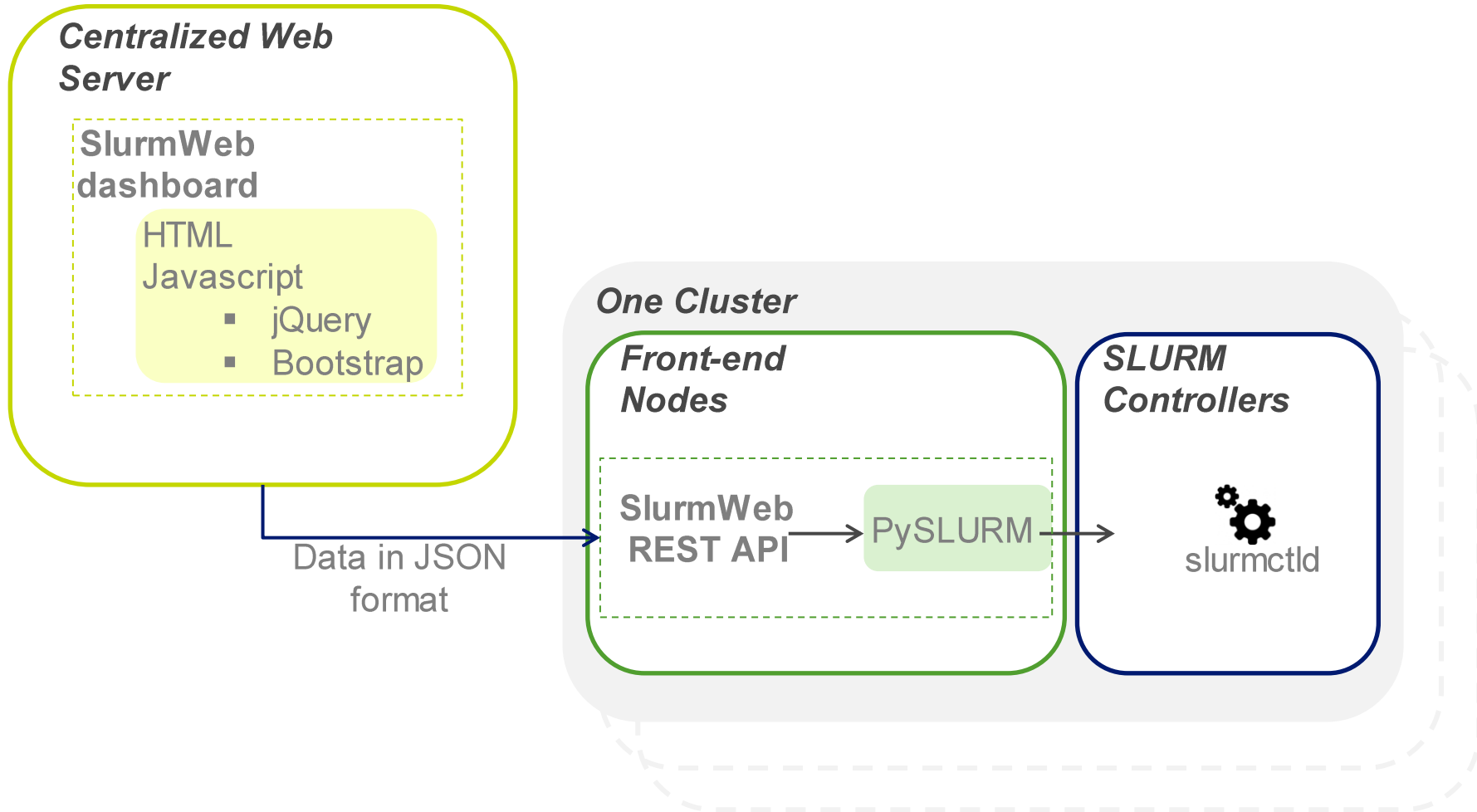
## Job 4115910

- user: [REDACTED]
- state: RUNNING
- reason: -
- nodes: atascn072 (1)
- cores: 24
- account: [REDACTED]
- QOS: cn256\_96c\_200h
- partition: cn256
- exclusive: No
- command:
- start time: 21/09/2016 à 17:47:06
- eligible time: 21/09/2016 à 17:47:06
- end time: 26/09/2016 à 17:47:06
- time limit: 7200 mins

*Information about the job running on the selected node*

# SLURMWEB (4/4)

- **Software Architecture**

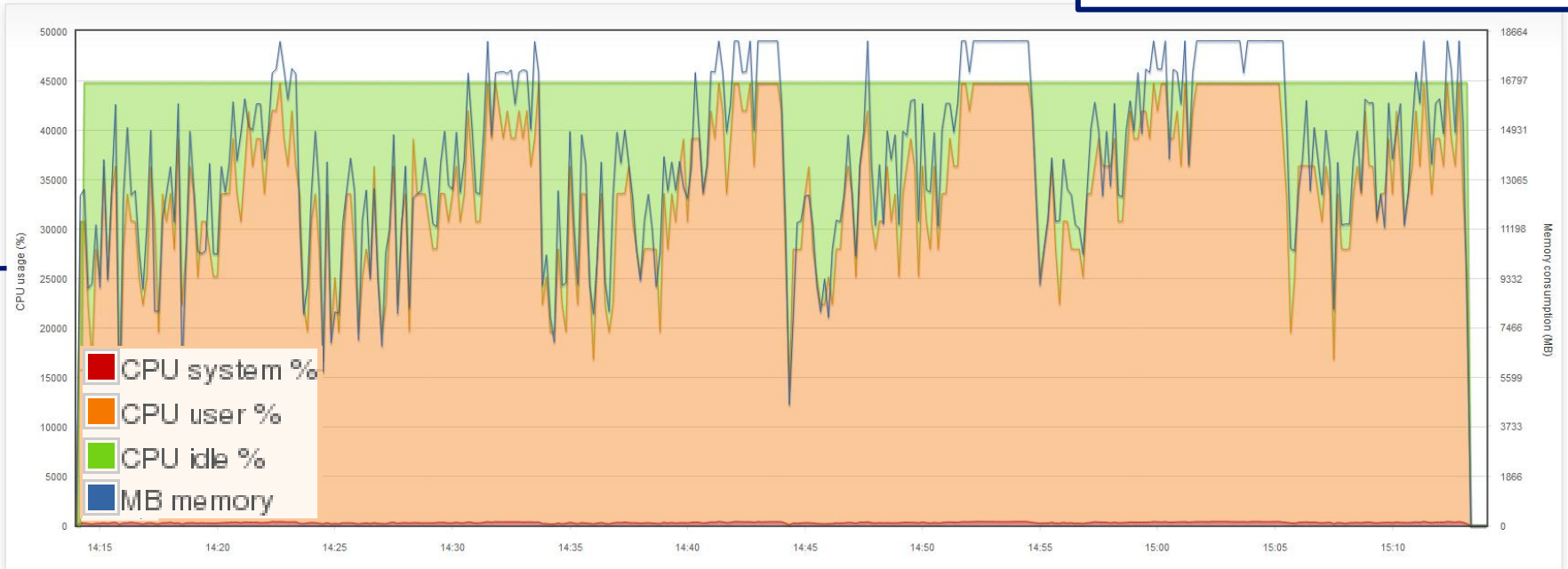




# JOBMETRICS (1/2)

- user: [REDACTED]
- state: RUNNING
- reason: -
- nodes: pocn[250,280,290-303] (16)
- cores: 448
- account: rdusers
- QOS: cn\_0448c\_024h
- partition: cn

HPC metrics: cluster porthos job 389734

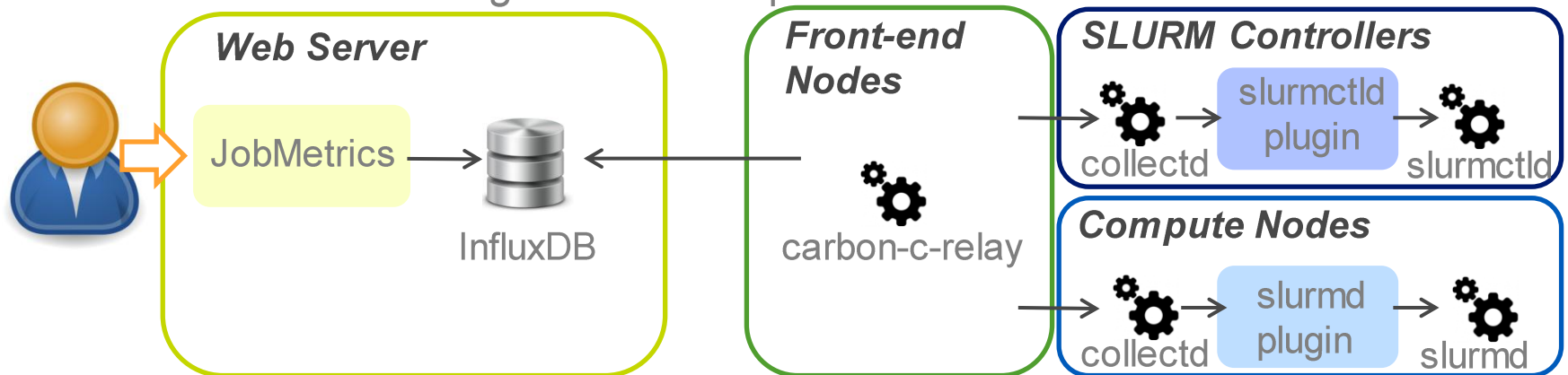


**Real-time Total CPU Consumption of the job**  
100% : full consumption of one core

**Real-time Total Memory Consumption of the job**  
Blue Graph

# JOBMETRICS (2/2)

- **Web application to supply and display HPC job metrics such as**
  - Real-time CPU consumption for a job during its execution
  - Real-time memory consumption for a job during its execution
- **Prerequisites**
  - Use of *cgroups* task plugin to distinguish resource consumption in case of several jobs running simultaneously on one node
- **Implementation**
  - *Collectd* running on each computation node to collect metrics



- **Sources :** <https://github.com/edf-hpc/jobmetrics>

# WHAT IS NEXT?

- SLURM jobs in containers

# SLURM JOBS IN CONTAINERS

- **Initial Problem**
  - Natural OS life cycle
  - Some end-users want to use only qualified tools
    - Qualification sometimes takes a while
  - Developers want to test the newest tools available
- **Goal**
  - Allow more flexibility at the end of life of one OS version
    - Be able to run jobs on an old OS version
  - Allow early code porting
    - Be able to run jobs on the upcoming OS version

=> Run jobs on several Scibian versions dynamically

- **Constraints**
  - Easy selection of the OS version
  - Serial and MPI jobs OK
  - No loss of performance

# SLURM JOBS IN CONTAINERS

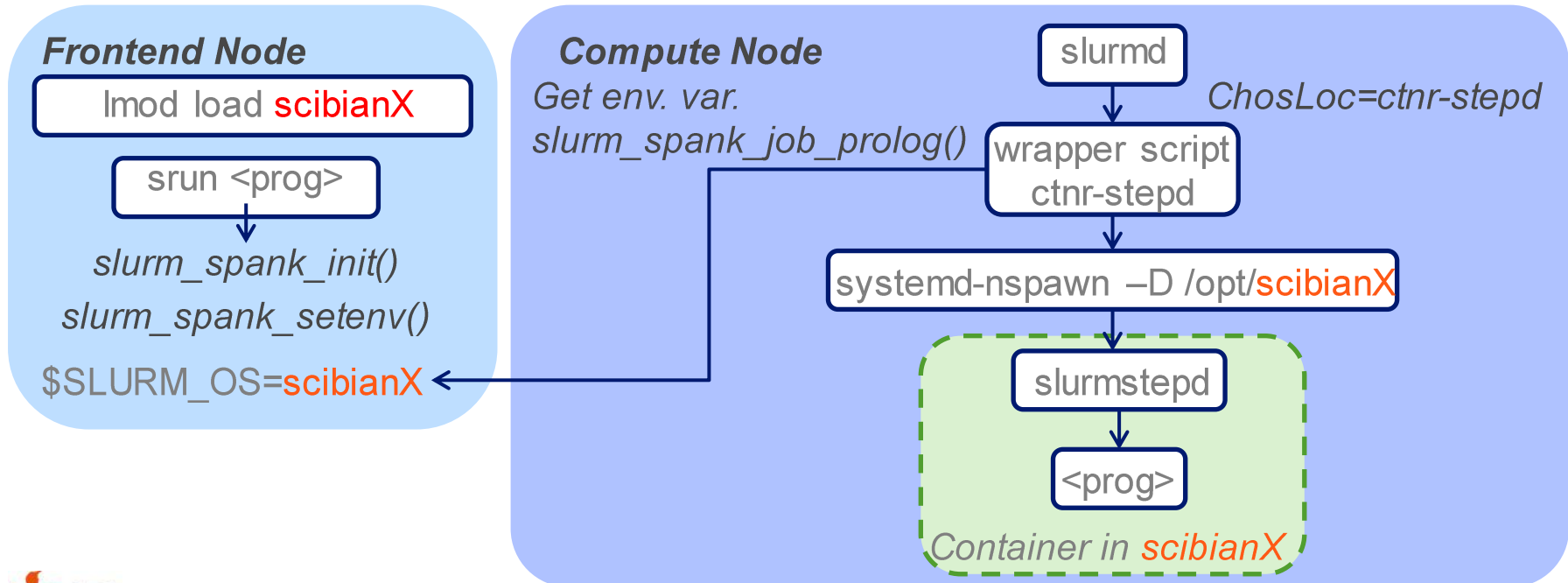
- Technical approach

- Usage

- Choice of OS version with an environment variable set up with *lmod*

- Containers

- systemd-nspawn to be launched by slurmd (*ChosLoc* parameter)



# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. ANY QUESTIONS?

- All our tools are on Github:  
<https://github.com/edf-hpc/>
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