

Running Flux in Slurm

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Flux is NOT a replacement for Slurm.*

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Flux on Github



flux-framework

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core services for the Flux resource management framework
C 136 stars 47 forks

flux-sched Public
Fluxion Graph-based Scheduler
C++ 76 stars 36 forks

flux-coral2 Public
Plugins and services for Flux on CORAL2 systems
Shell 6 stars 5 forks

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Documentation for the Flux-Framework
CSS 7 stars 20 forks

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Project to manage Flux tasks needed to standardize kubernetes HPC scheduling interfaces
Go 16 stars 10 forks

PerfFlowAspect Public
An Aspect Oriented Programming (AOP)-based tool to analyze cross-cutting performance concerns of composite science workflows.
C++ 2 stars 13 forks

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Top languages

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Most used topics

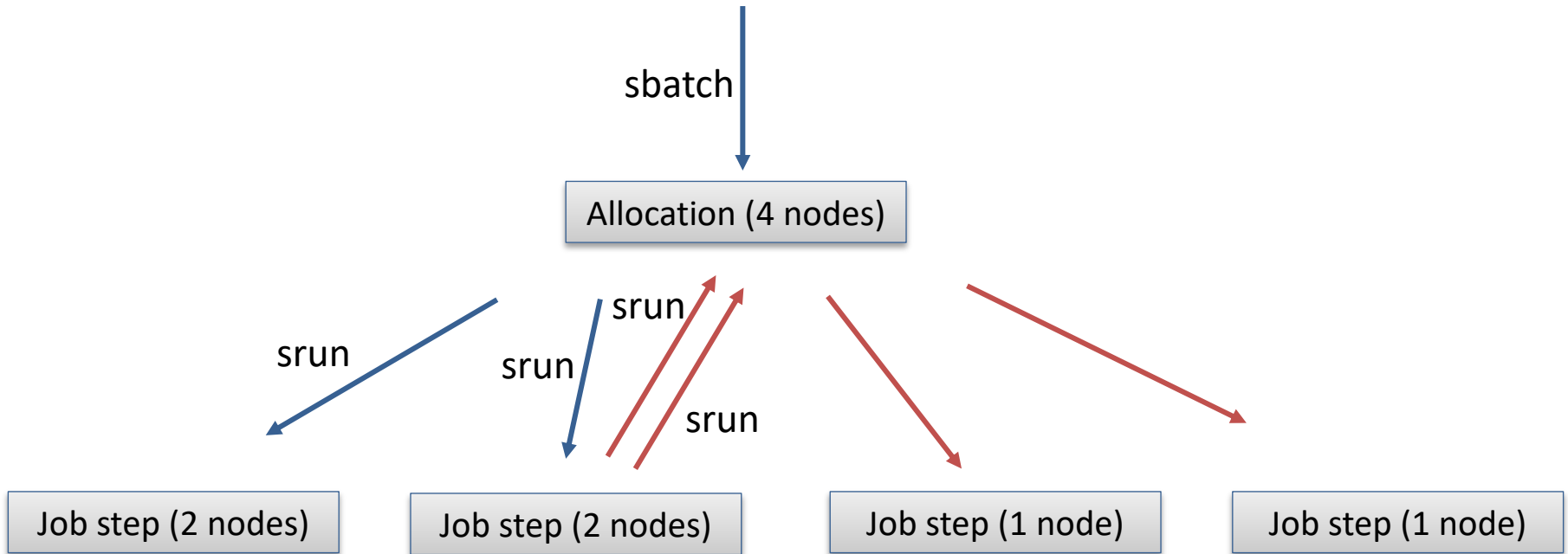
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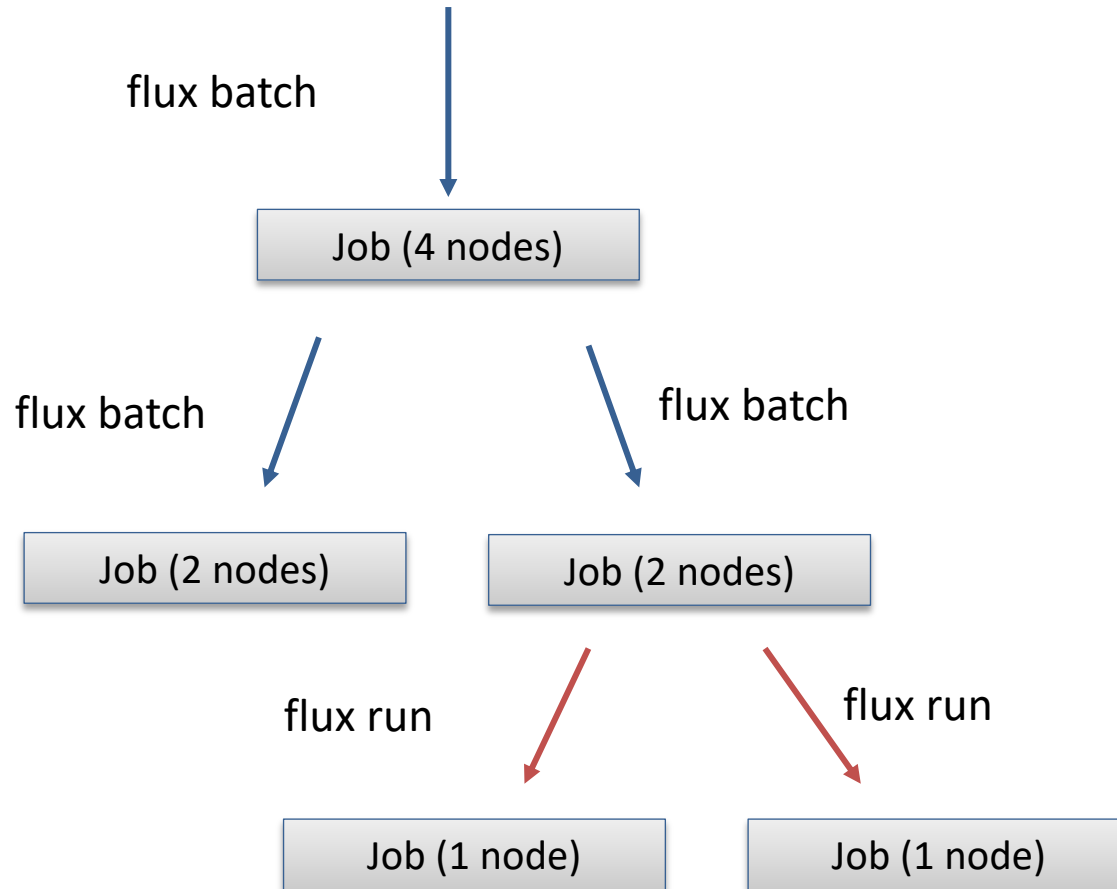
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Flux is hierarchical: Launching steps in Slurm



Flux is hierarchical: Launching jobs in Flux

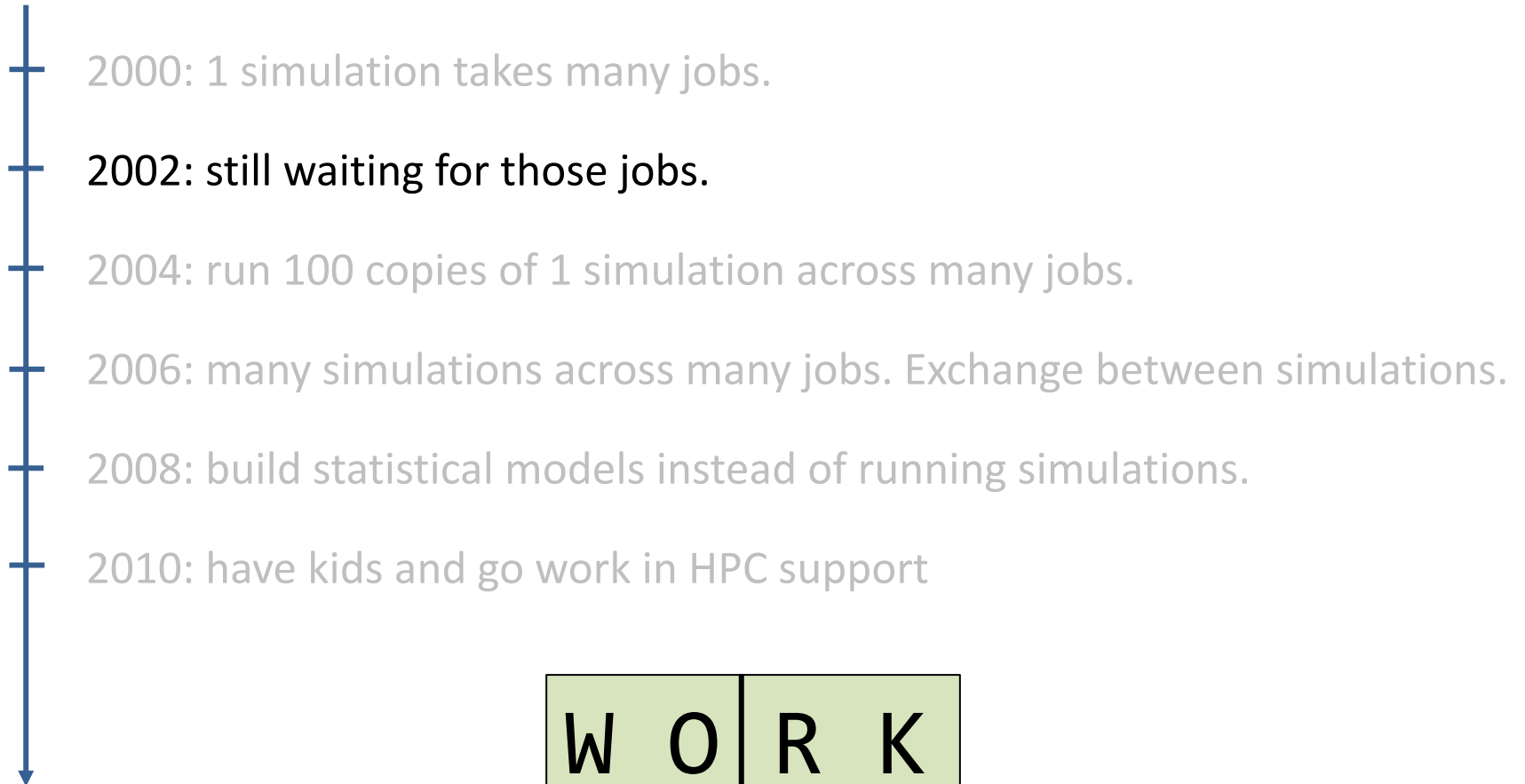


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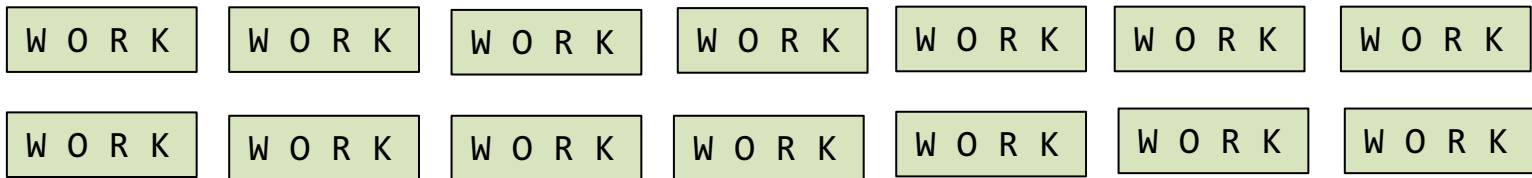
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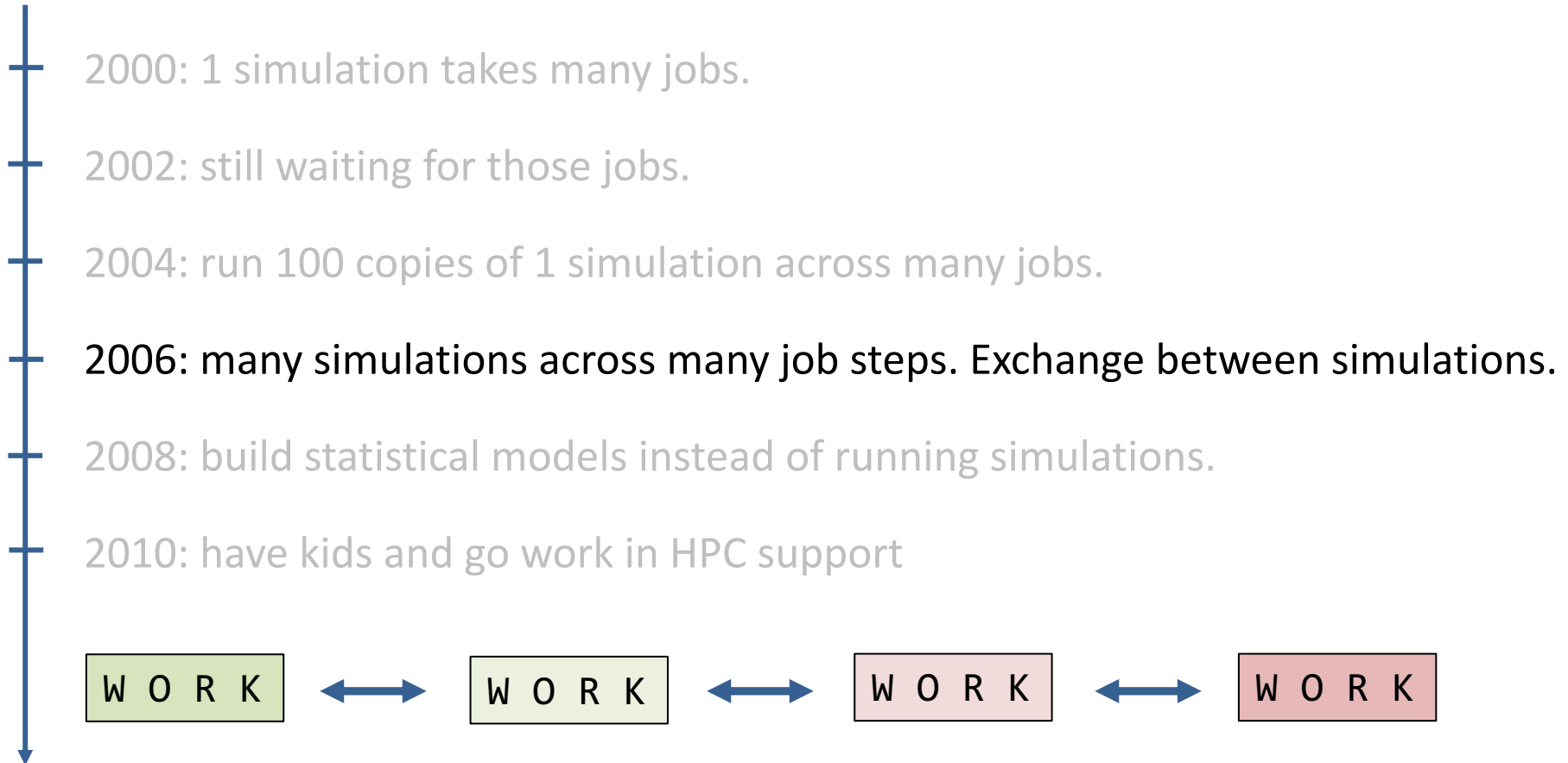
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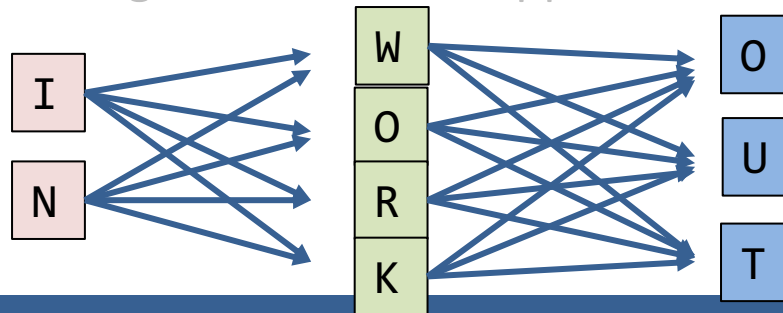


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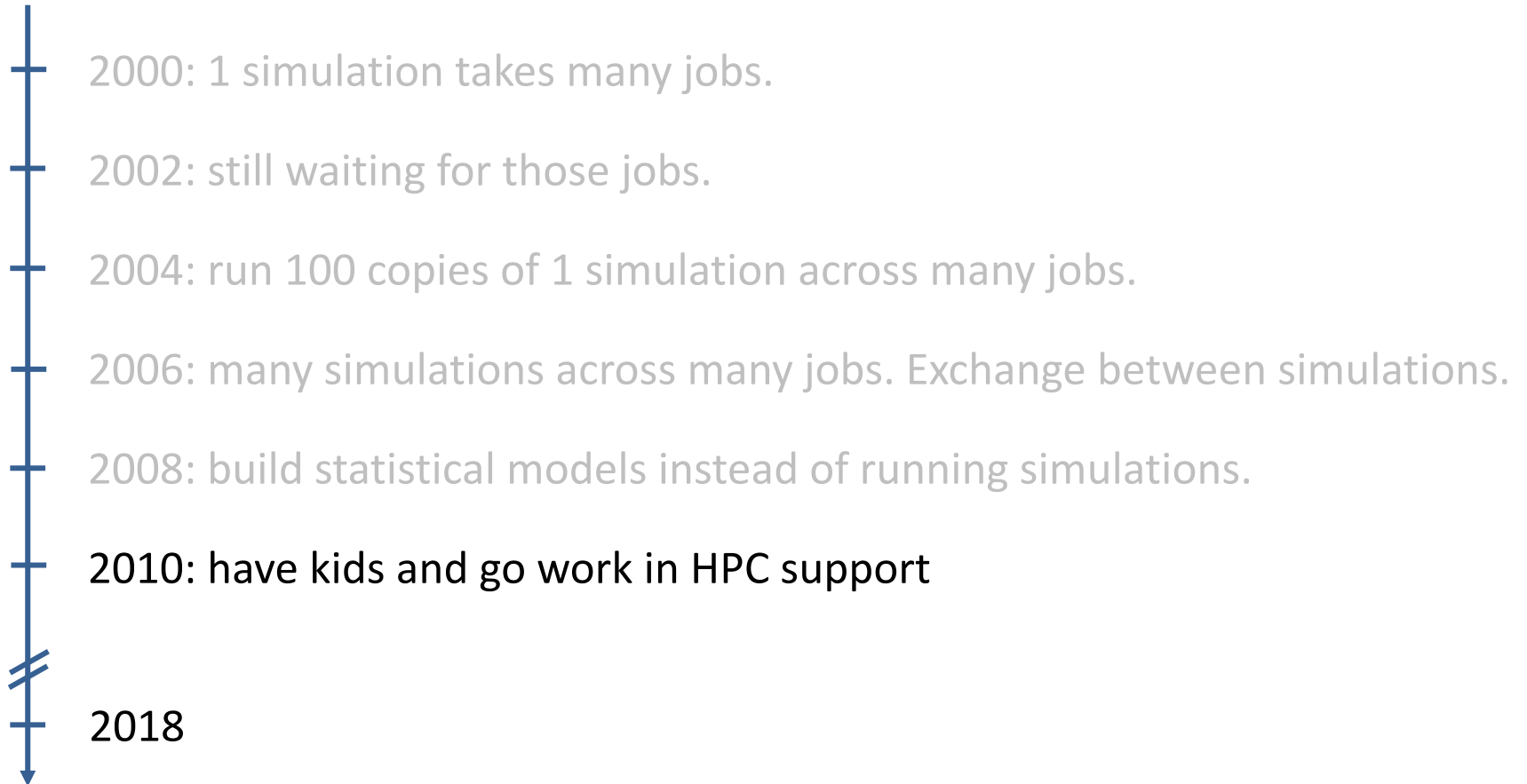


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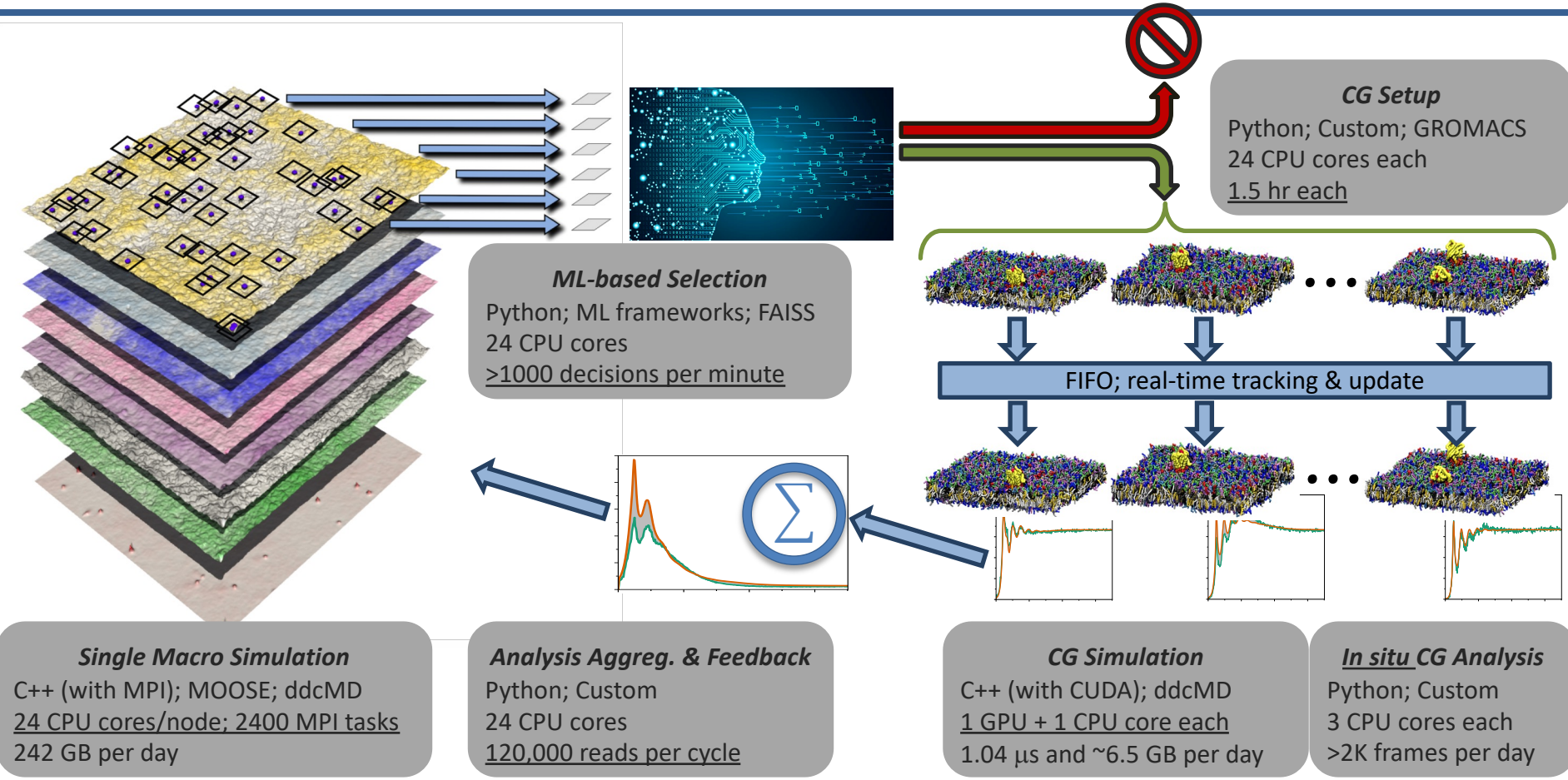
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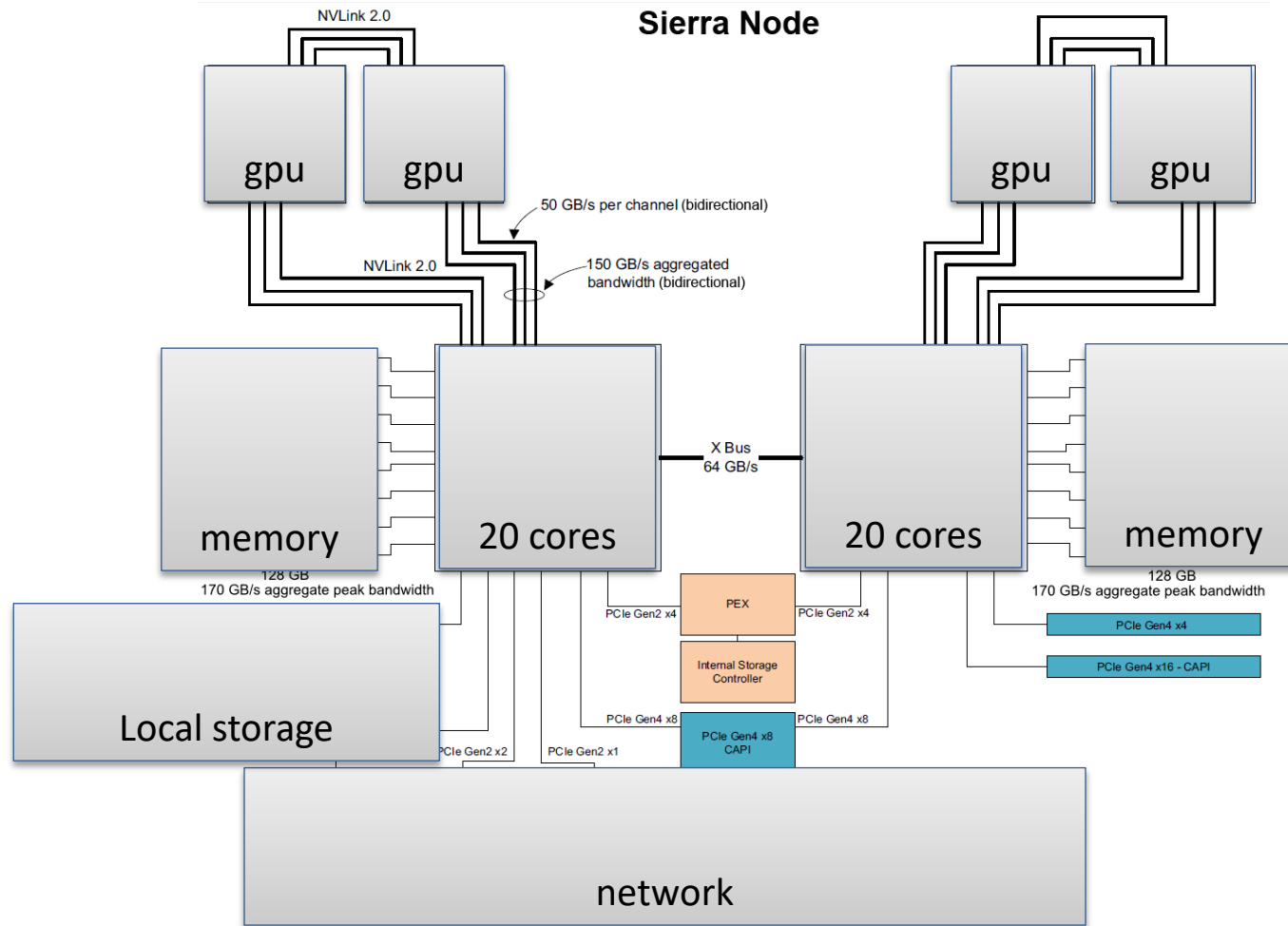


MuMMI implements a complex and dynamic workflow

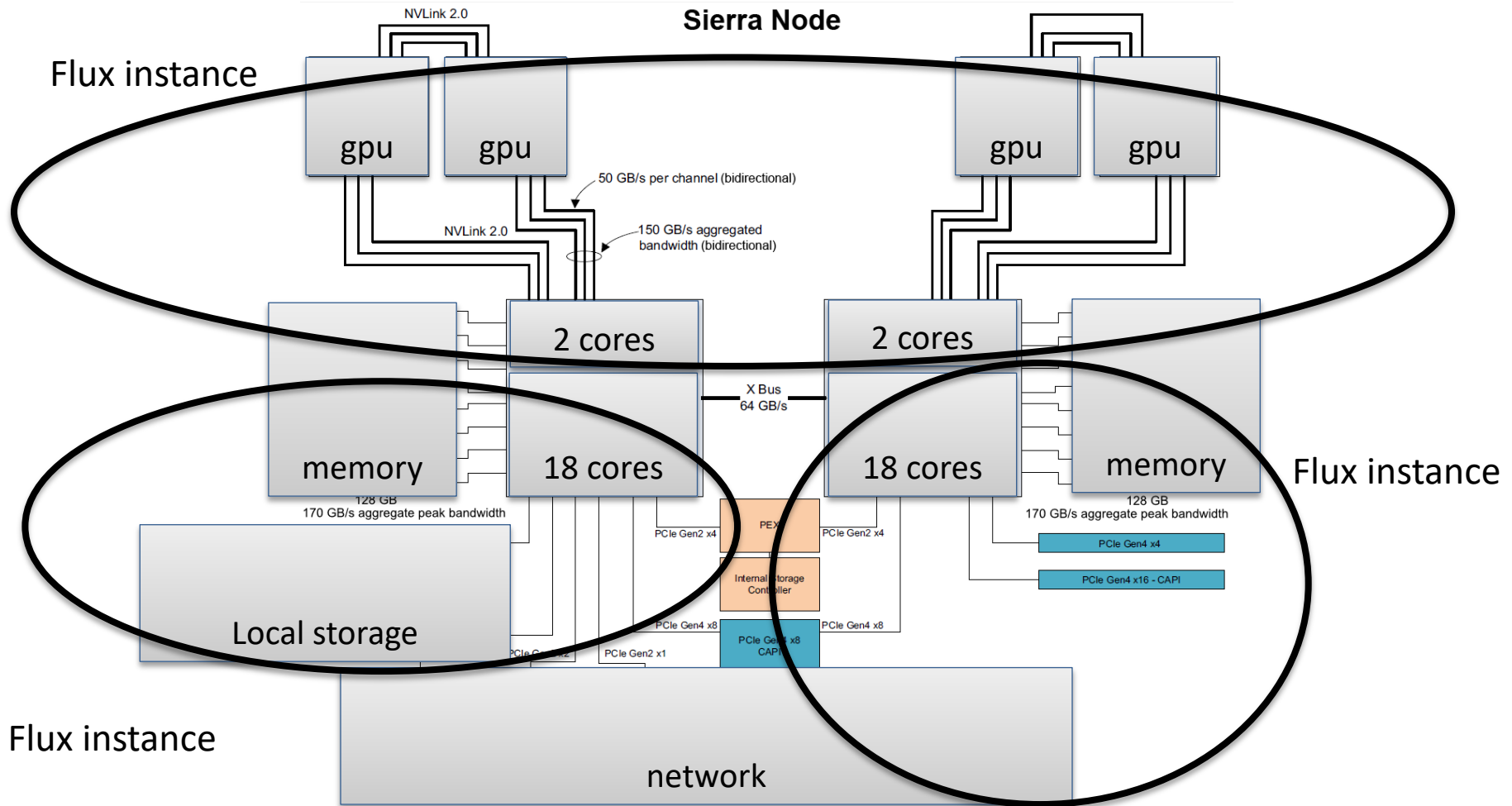


<https://github.com/flux-framework/Tutorials/tree/master/2020-ECP> (Di Natale)

Flux is hierarchical: Sierra node diagram

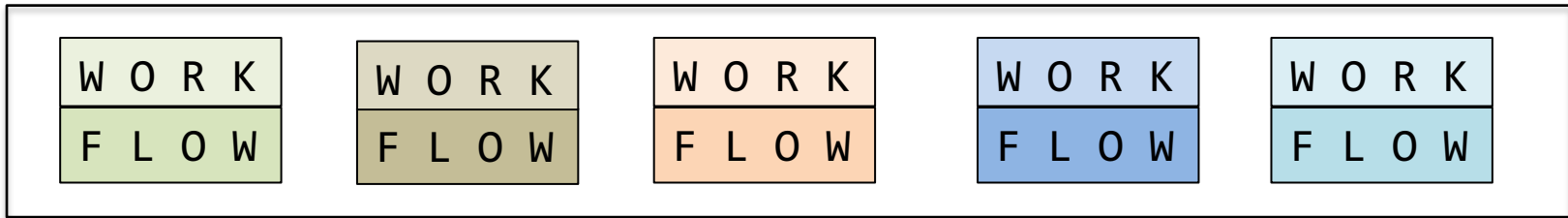


Flux is hierarchical: ATS node diagram

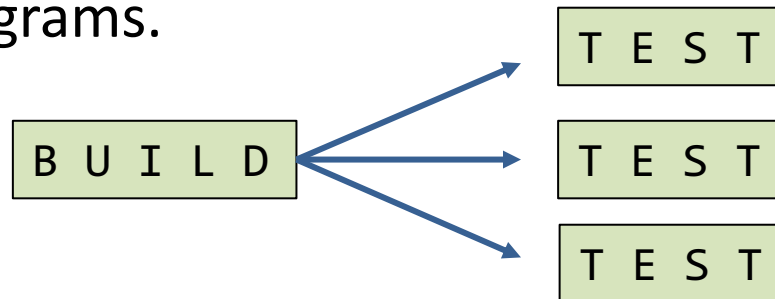


Flux is hierarchical: other workflow examples

- Uncertainty quantification (UQ): run an ensemble of simulation pipelines with different starting conditions.



- Automated testing / CI: running arbitrary sets of unit tests for parallel programs.



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Usability: Submitting a job

- Slurm

```
srun -N2 -n4 -t 2:00 sleep 120
```

- Flux CLI

```
flux run -N2 -n4 -t 2m sleep 120
```

- Flux API:

```
import flux
from flux.job import JobspecV1

f = flux.Flux()
j = JobspecV1.from_command(command=["sleep", "120"],
                           num_nodes=2,
                           num_tasks=4)

j.set_duration(120)
resp = flux.job.submit(f, j)
```

https://flux-framework.readthedocs.io/en/latest/auto_examples/example_job_submit_api.html



Usability: Futures

```
from flux.job import JobspecV1, FluxExecutor

def event_callback(future, event):
    print(f"job {future.jobid()} triggered event {event.name!r}")

def main():
    # set up jobspecs
    ...
    # submit jobs and register event callbacks for all events
    with FluxExecutor() as executor:
        futures = [executor.submit(compute_jobreq) for _ in range(args.njobs // 2)]
        ...
        for fut in futures:
            # each event can have a different callback
            for event in executor.EVENTS:
                fut.add_event_callback(event, event_callback)
```

<https://flux-framework.readthedocs.io/projects/flux-workflow-examples/en/latest/>



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Running Flux: starting Flux in a Slurm allocation

You can start flux in a Slurm allocation on any cluster:

```
[day36@quartz2306:~]$ salloc -N2 -p pdebug
salloc: Pending job allocation 1228472
salloc: job 1228472 queued and waiting for resources
salloc: job 1228472 has been allocated resources
salloc: Granted job allocation 1228472
salloc: Waiting for resource configuration
salloc: Nodes quartz[44-45] are ready for job
```

```
sh-4.4$ srun -N2 -n2 --pty flux start
```

```
sh-4.4$ flux resource list
```

	STATE	NNODES	NCORES	NGPUS	NODELIST
	free	2	72	0	quartz[44-45]
	allocated	0	0	0	
	down	0	0	0	

```
sh-4.4$ flux run -N2 -n2 hostname
quartz44
quartz45
```

```
sh-4.4$
```

<https://flux-framework.readthedocs.io/en/latest/quickstart.html#starting-a-flux-instance>



Running Flux: running a batch script

```
sh-4.4$ cat quickexample.sh
#!/bin/sh
# flux : -N 2
# flux : -n 2
date
flux run -n 2 ~/hello/mpi_hello/hello_mpi

sh-4.4$ srun -N2 -n2 flux start \\  
'flux batch quickexample.sh && flux queue drain'
f2SqkPL3
sh-4.4$ cat flux-f2SqkPL3.out
Fri Aug 25 13:37:05 PDT 2023
Hello from task 1 on quartz45!
Hello from task 0 on quartz45!

Number of MPI tasks is: 2

sh-4.4$
```

Running Flux: running a python workflow

```
sh-4.4$ cat flux-workflow-examples/job-status-control/bookkeeper.py
#!/usr/bin/env python3
...
def event_callback(future, event):
    print(f"job {future.jobid()} triggered event {event.name!r}")
...
sh-4.4$ srun -N2 -n2 flux start \\  
./flux-workflow-examples/job-status-control/bookkeeper.py 2
bookkeeper: all jobs submitted
bookkeeper: waiting until all jobs complete
job f2RSD4q5 triggered event 'submit'
job f2RSD4q6 triggered event 'submit'
job f2RSD4q5 triggered event 'depend'
job f2RSD4q5 triggered event 'priority'
job f2RSD4q5 triggered event 'exception'
job f2RSD4q5 triggered event 'clean'
job f2RSD4q6 triggered event 'depend'
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bookkeeper: all jobs completed
sh-4.4$
```

<https://flux-framework.readthedocs.io/projects/flux-workflow-examples/en/latest/>



Running Flux: getting Flux

- Install with spack:

```
spack install flux-sched
```

- Build from source:

```
git clone https://github.com/flux-framework/flux-core.git  
configure, make, make install
```

```
git clone https://github.com/flux-framework/flux-sched.git  
configure, make, make install
```

- Docker (quick single node deployment):

```
docker run -ti fluxrm/flux-sched:latest
```

<https://flux-framework.readthedocs.io/en/latest/quickstart.html#building-the-code>



Where to find out more

- <https://github.com/flux-framework/>
- <https://flux-framework.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- <https://github.com/flux-framework/Tutorials>
- <https://hpc-tutorials.llnl.gov/flux/>
- <https://hpc.llnl.gov/banks-jobs/running-jobs/batch-system-cross-reference-guides>
- flux help, flux help run, flux help jobs, ...



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