

Reproducible and Portable Workflows for Scientific Computing and HPC in the Cloud

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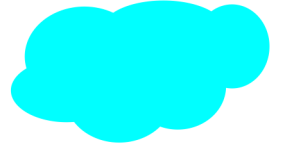
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Motivation

Why Deploy in the Cloud?

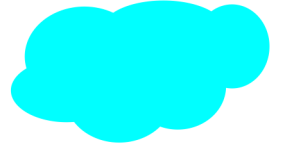


- Fast turn-around
- Portability
- Developer Productivity

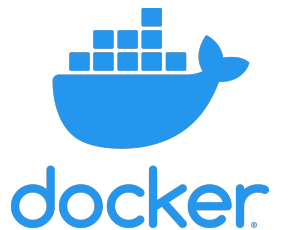


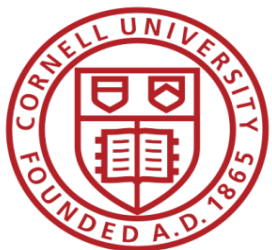
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Why Use Containers?



- Reproducibility
- Portability
- Ease of Use



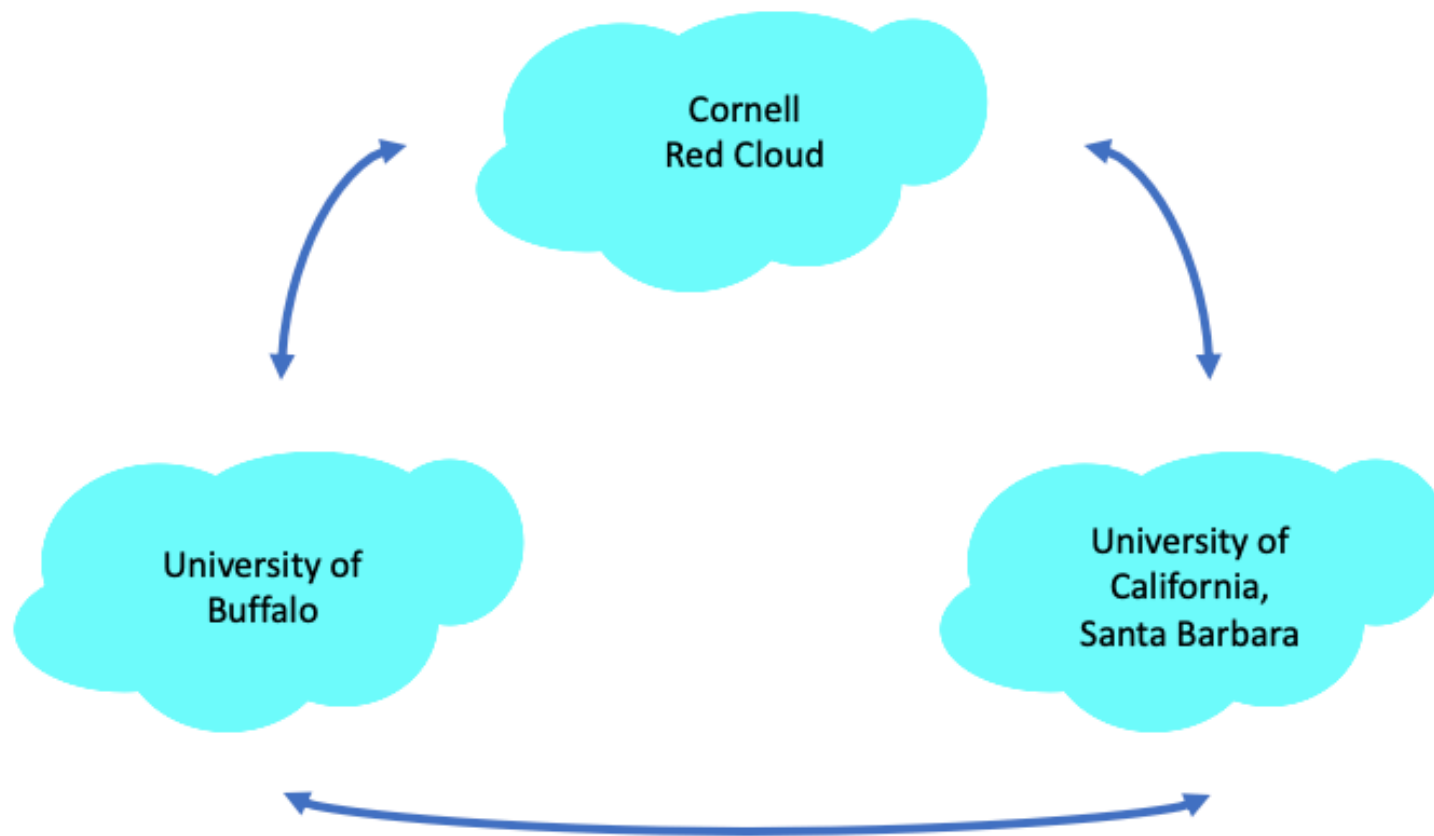


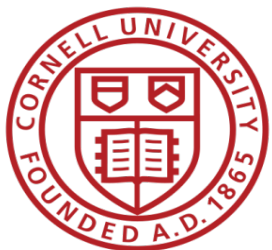
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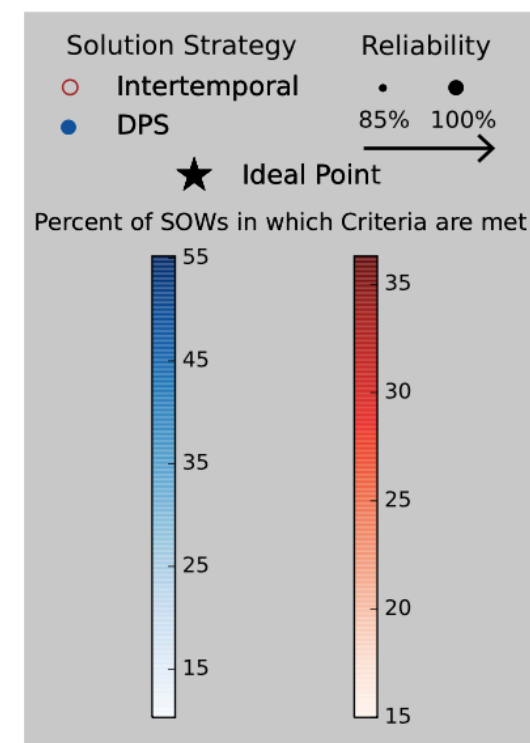
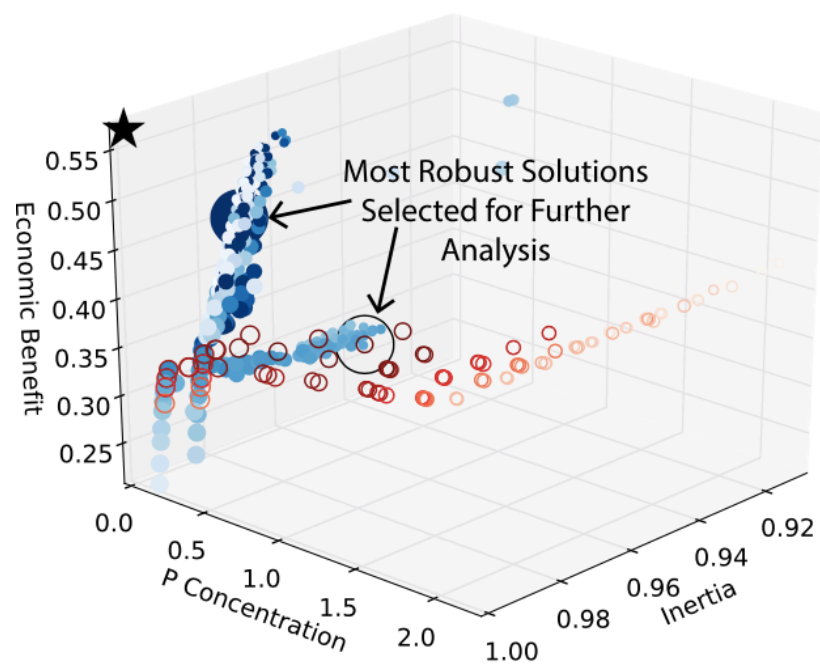
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Aristotle Cloud Federation Water Resource Management

- Pat Reed, Julianne Quinn, et. al.,
Environmental Science, Cornell
- Lake_Problem_DPS
 - [federatedcloud/Lake_Problem_DPS](#)
 - MORDM Framework
 - Multi-node
 - Some MPI communication

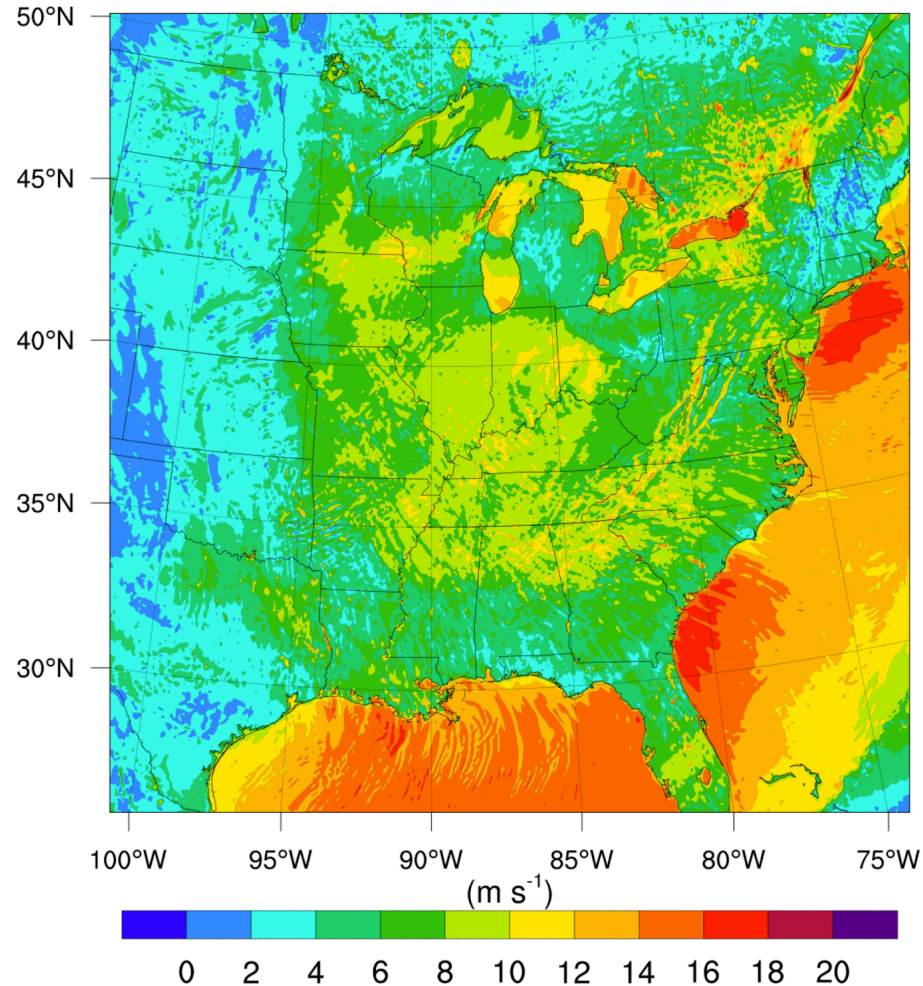




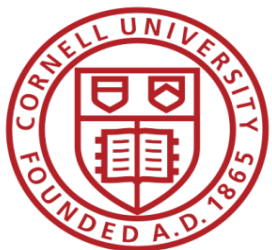
Aristotle Cloud Federation

Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF)

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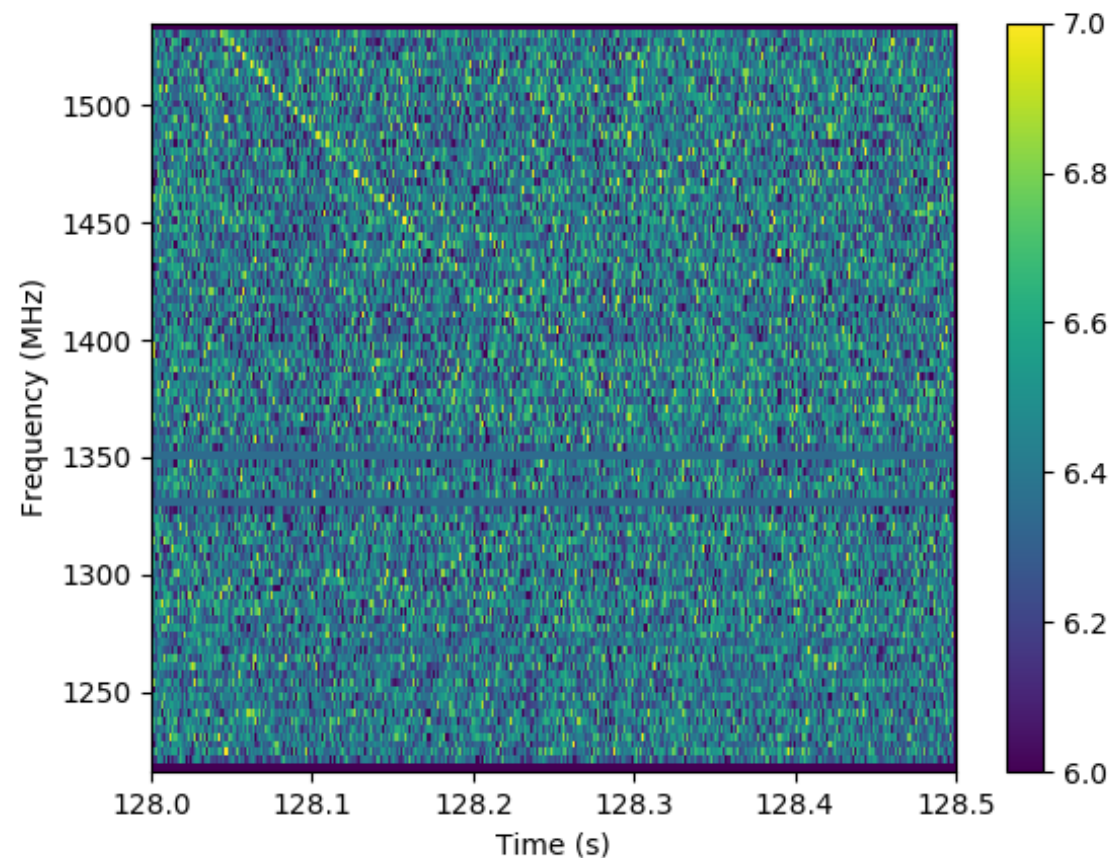
- Sara Pryor and Tristan Shephard et. al., Atmospheric Sciences, Cornell
- NCAR WRF
 - Multi-node
 - High MPI communication
 - Many workflow complexities

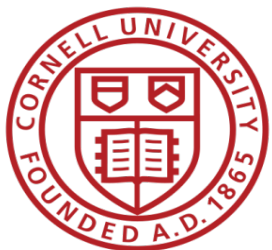


Aristotle Cloud Federation Radio Transient Detection

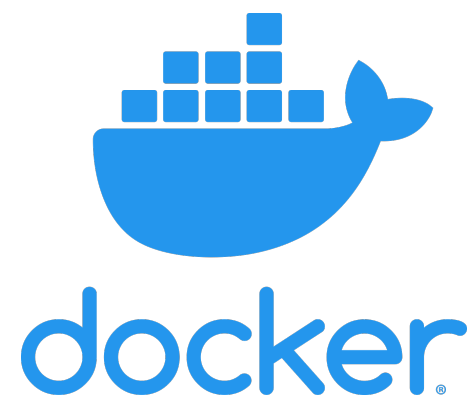


- Jim Cordes and Shami Chatterjee et. al., Astronomy, Cornell
- FRB_pipeline
 - [federatedcloud/FRB_pipeline](#)
 - No MPI
 - High data throughput
- FOF algorithm implementation



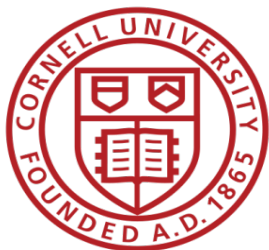


Implementation Containerization & Automation



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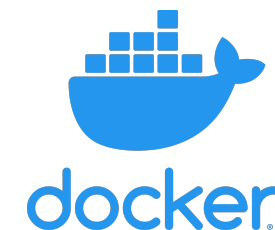
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Implementation

Containerization & Automation

- Docker container
- Data stored accessibly
- Compute VMs deployed with Terraform
- SSH keys configured with Ansible
- Containers deployed to VMs with Ansible
- Output staged on remote storage
- Cleanup with Terraform



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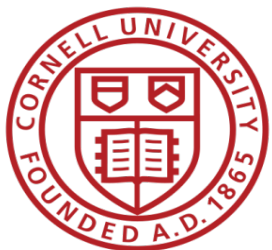
Implementation Clouds

- Private cloud: Aristotle
 - OpenStack
 - Standard networks and VMS
- Public cloud: AWS
 - Also tested on GCP
 - Sensible defaults chosen
 - Scripts are customizable

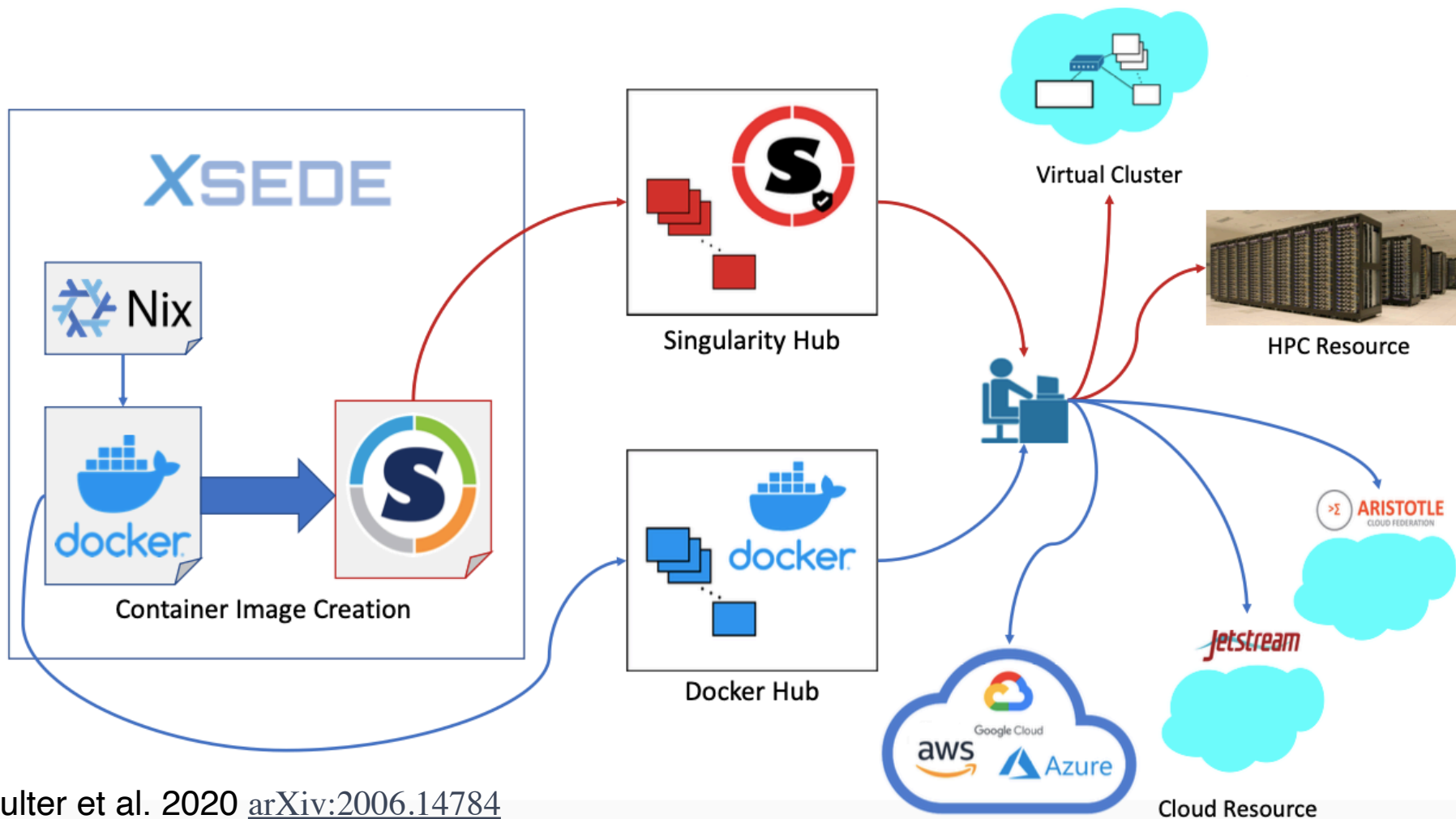


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Practical Outcomes Reproducible Containers

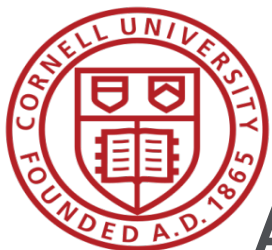




Practical Outcomes

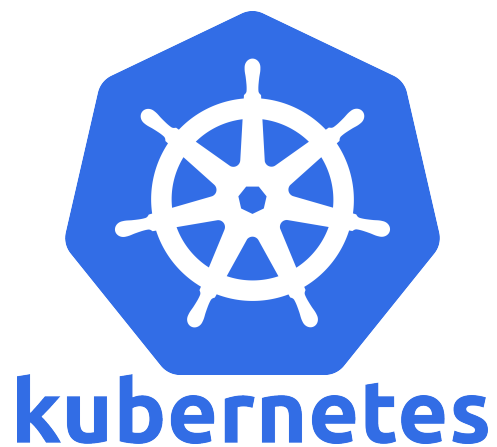
Multi-Cloud Deployment Automation

- Deploy HPC applications in the cloud
- Portable and customizable on multiple clouds, adds reproducibility
- Supports iterative development
- Eases infrastructure implementation
- Software tool choice matters – Terraform and Ansible are rapid
- Convenient to run from Ansible

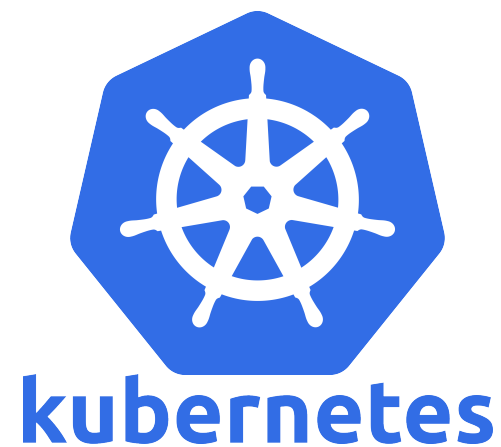


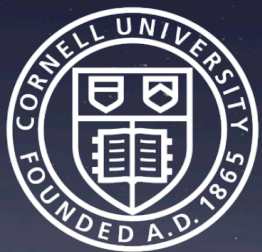
Future Work

Automation of Kubernetes Cluster Deployments



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Thank you for attending!

Questions?

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