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From interactive data exploration to model fitting

A Data Science journey on NeSI

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Few words about myself

A Data Scientist at NIWA

- help researchers and customers analyze their data
- develop new analysis methods

A Data Science Engineer at NeSI

- optimise code and workflows for users
- train users to use the platform
- test and deploy new tools
- point of contact for data science related offerings



and I do like penguins

Computational Science consultancy

- A service offered to NeSI platform users, generally at no cost to the researcher
- NeSI **Research Software Engineers** and **Data Science Engineer** work directly with research group members to **raise the capability** of the research group

Our team can assist with:

- **Workflow parallelisation** – allowing more inputs to be processed simultaneously
- **Software parallelisation** – use of technologies such as OpenMP or MPI to process one single input more quickly
- **Code optimisation** – redesign of algorithms to improve overall speed or efficiency of resource use
- **Improving I/O performance** – speed up reading from or writing to the disk, or to reduce the amount of data that must be read or written
- **Porting to GPU** – accelerate code by offloading computations to a coprocessor
- **Improving software sustainability** – introducing best practices such as version control and unit testing



Contact support@nesi.org.nz

From early EDA to full automation

collection of scripts
and notebooks



non-interactive jobs
on big machines



fully automated pipeline
(towards MLOps)



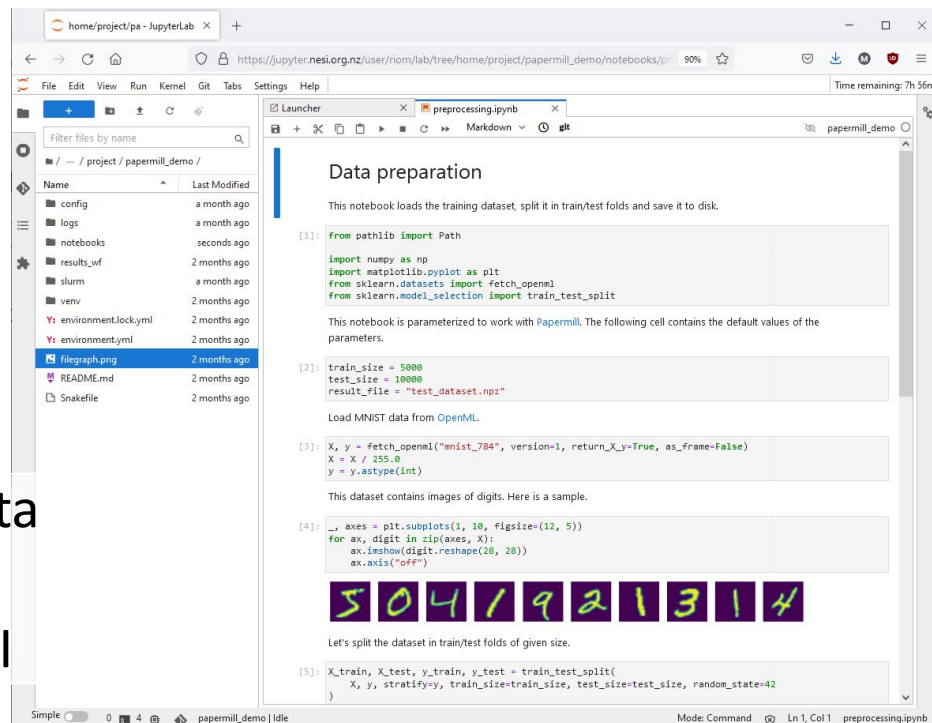
Interactive environments

Jupyter @ <https://jupyter.nesi.org.nz>

- JupyterLab
- Virtual Desktop
- RStudio (coming)
- Matlab (coming)

My main usages

- Load, manipulate and visualize data
- Develop code on small examples
- Ensure my code is running on NeSI



home/project/pa - JupyterLab

https://jupyter.nesi.org.nz/user/riom/lab/tree/home/project/papermill_demo/notebooks/p/ 90%

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Filter files by name

project / papermill_demo /

Name	Last Modified
config	a month ago
logs	a month ago
notebooks	seconds ago
results_vf	2 months ago
slurm	a month ago
venv	2 months ago
environment.lock.yml	2 months ago
environment.yml	2 months ago
filegraph.png	2 months ago
README.md	2 months ago
Snakefile	2 months ago

Launcher preprocessing.ipynb

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[3]: X, y = fetch_openml("mnist_784", version=1, return_X_y=True, as_frame=False)
X = X / 255.0
y = y.astype(int)
```

This dataset contains images of digits. Here is a sample.

```
[4]: _, axes = plt.subplots(1, 10, figsize=(12, 5))
for ax, digit in zip(axes, X):
    ax.imshow(digit.reshape(28, 28))
    ax.axis("off")
```



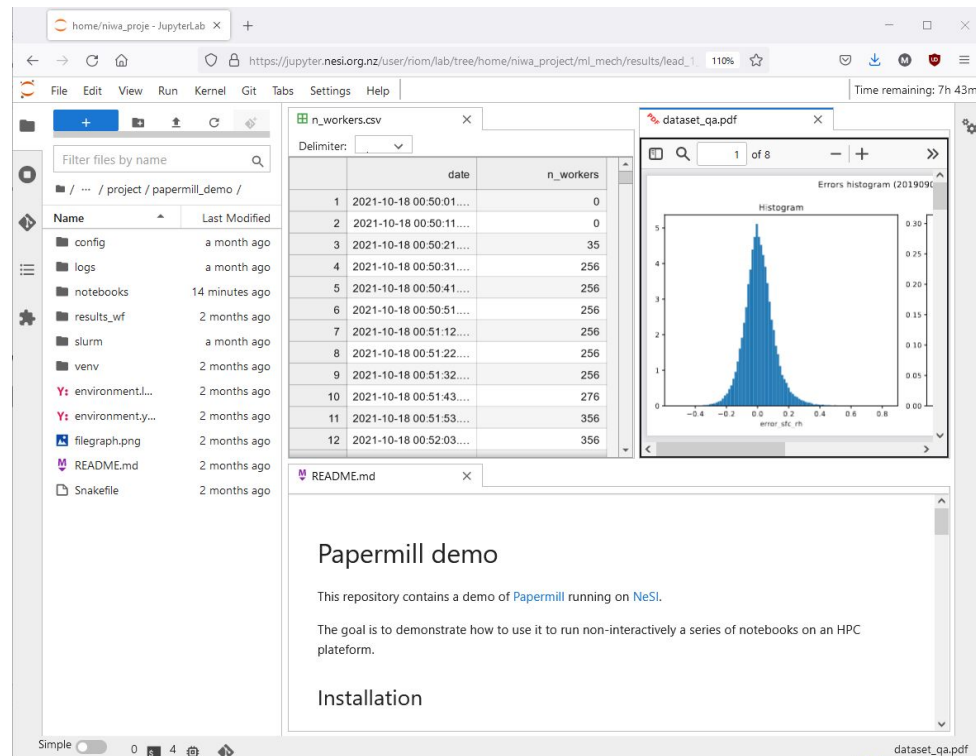
Let's split the dataset in train/test folds of given size.

```
[5]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, stratify=y, train_size=train_size, test_size=test_size, random_state=42
)
```

Simple 0 4 papermill_demo | Idle Mode: Command Ln 1, Col 1 preprocessing.ipynb

JupyterLab - zoom in

- Notebooks
- File Browser
 - preview .html, .csv, .pdf, markdown, images
 - upload / download
- Text editor & Console (autocomplete)
- Terminal
- Slurm Queue Manager
- Extensible (e.g. Dask dashboard)



The screenshot displays the JupyterLab web interface. On the left is a file browser showing a directory structure for 'project / papermill_demo /'. The main area is divided into two panes. The top pane shows a table with columns 'date' and 'n_workers', displaying data for 12 rows. The bottom pane shows a PDF document titled 'dataset_qa.pdf' which contains a histogram plot of 'errors slurm' and a text section titled 'Papermill demo'.

	date	n_workers
1	2021-10-18 00:50:01...	0
2	2021-10-18 00:50:11...	0
3	2021-10-18 00:50:21...	35
4	2021-10-18 00:50:31...	256
5	2021-10-18 00:50:41...	256
6	2021-10-18 00:50:51...	256
7	2021-10-18 00:51:12...	256
8	2021-10-18 00:51:22...	256
9	2021-10-18 00:51:32...	256
10	2021-10-18 00:51:43...	276
11	2021-10-18 00:51:53...	356
12	2021-10-18 00:52:03...	356

Papermill demo

This repository contains a demo of [Papermill](#) running on NeSI.

The goal is to demonstrate how to use it to run non-interactively a series of notebooks on an HPC platform.

Installation

Slurm to access more resources

- Access the cool hardware
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the important
stuff

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env bash
2  #SBATCH --time=00-00:10:00
3  #SBATCH --ntasks=1
4  #SBATCH --cpus-per-task=20
5  #SBATCH --mem=2GB
6  #SBATCH --output logs/%j-%x.out
7  #SBATCH --error logs/%j-%x.out
8  #SBATCH --export=NONE
9
10 export SLURM_EXPORT_ENV=ALL
11
12 # exit on errors, undefined variables and errors in pipes
13 set -euo pipefail
14
15 # Load the environment modules
16 module purge
17 module load Miniconda3/4.10.3
18
19 # activate the conda environment
20 set +u
21 source $(conda info --base)/etc/profile.d/conda.sh
22 conda deactivate # enforce base environment to be unloaded
23 conda activate ./venv
24 set -u
25
26 # run the model fitting notebook
27 papermill -k papermill_demo \
28     -p input_file results/dataset.npz \
29     -p n_jobs "$SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK" \
30     -f config/long_run.yaml \
31     notebooks/model_fitting.ipynb \
32     results/model_fitting_long.ipynb
33
```


Reproducibility: the software stack

- Environment modules
 - prepared by NeSI team with 💕💕
 - optimized for our hardware
- Python virtual environments
 - only for Python packages
 - can use Environment modules
- Conda environments
 - Python and other software (e.g. opencv)
 - less nice interactions with Env. modules
- Singularity containers



Workflow management system

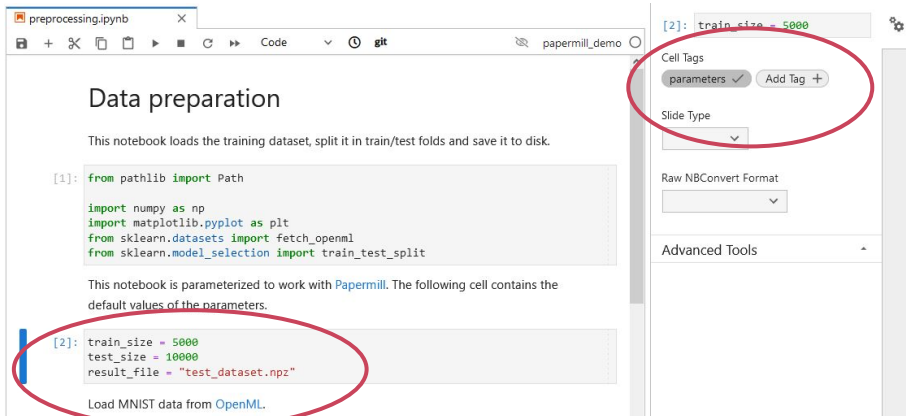
- Split large code into smaller pieces
 - self-contained scripts
 - notebooks run with **papermill**
 - use files as inputs and outputs
- **Snakemake** (or other) to schedule tasks
 - parallelise work when possible
 - fine grained control on resources (GPUs, memory, cores)
 - avoid recomputing when possible

Check our training material @ https://github.com/nesi/snakemake_workshop

AUTOMATE ALL THE THINGS!!!



papermill (digression)



preprocessing.ipynb

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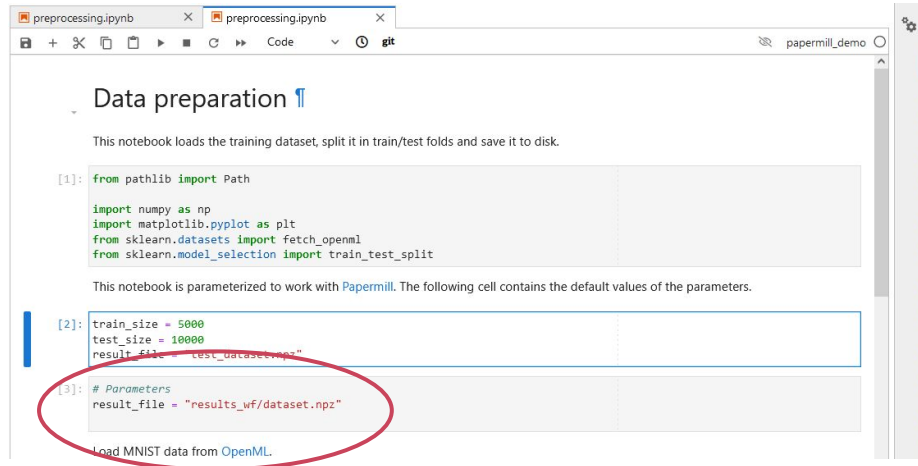
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Cell Tags: parameters (circled in red)

Slide Type: (dropdown)

Raw NBConvert Format: (dropdown)

Advanced Tools: (dropdown)



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```
[3]: # Parameters
result_file = "results_wf/dataset.npz"
```

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papermill -k **kernel_name** -p **parameter value** input.ipynb output.ipynb

Snakemake workflow example

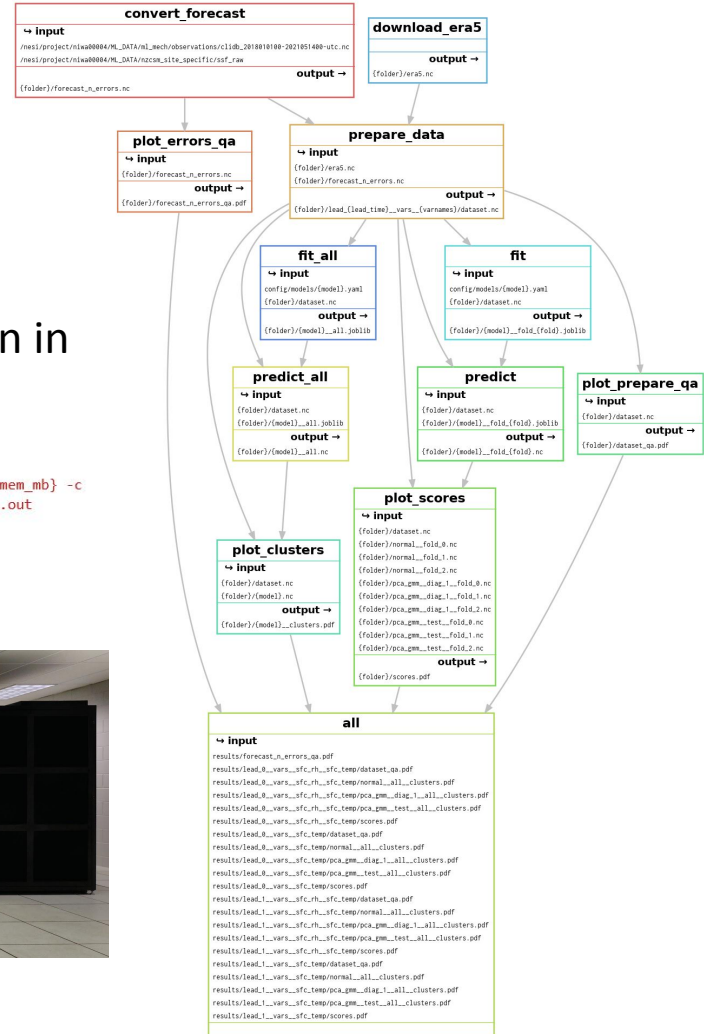
1. Describe tasks and resources in a Snakefile

```
88 rule fit:
89     input:
90         dset="{folder}/dataset.nc",
91         model="config/models/{model}.yaml"
92     output:
93         "{folder}/{model}__fold_{fold}.joblib"
94     params:
95         model=lambda wildcards: wildcards.model.split("__")[0]
96     threads: fit_threads
97     resources:
98         cpus=fit_threads,
99         mem_mb=fit_memory,
100         time_min=60
101     log:
102         "{folder}/{model}__fold_{fold}.log"
103     shell:
104         "ml_mech fit {input.dset} {output} "
105         "--model-type {params.model} "
106         "--parameters {input.model} "
107         "--exclude-fold {wildcards.fold} "
108         "> {log} 2>&1"
```

3. Run on the big machines

2. Describe task submission in a profile configuration file

```
1 jobs: 20
2 cluster: "sbatch -t {resources.time_min} --mem={resources.mem_mb} -c
3 {resources.cpus} -o 'logs/%j-{rule}.out' -e logs/%j-{rule}.out"
4 default-resources: [cpus=2, mem_mb=2000, time_min=30]
```



More automation

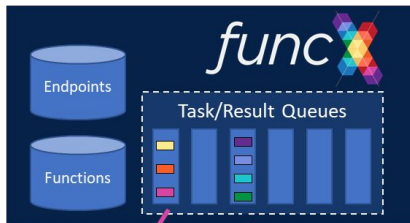
- **scron** for repetitive task execution
- **Globus** for large data transfer
- **FuncX** for remote task execution

(1) Registration
(function + container)

```
def compute(in_args):
    # do something
    return results
```

(2) Execution
(function, endpoint, arguments)

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*illustration adapted from
FuncX documentation*



image from Globus documentation

Final words

- Expression of interest for testing our HGX A100 kits <https://tinyurl.com/nesihgx>
- Join our mailing lists at <http://eepurl.com/grV9if> (training alerts, newsletters, event announcements...)
- More webinar recordings on our [Youtube channel](#)
- Any question? Email our team support@nesi.org.nz

How would you like to use our platform for Data Science?
Please let us know! maxime.rio@nesi.org.nz

Thank you for your attention :-)