

# Supporting Characterisation Communities with Interactive HPC (Characterisation Virtual Laboratory)

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# Demonstration Outline

What is the CVL (Characterisation Virtual Laboratory) ?

What is a virtual laboratory

What is a workbench?

What do we provide?

What are tools we have developed? What are we reusing?

How do we manage research software? (How do we receive contributions from the community?)

How are we making CVL sustainable ( Federation of sites nationally)







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# What is the CVL?

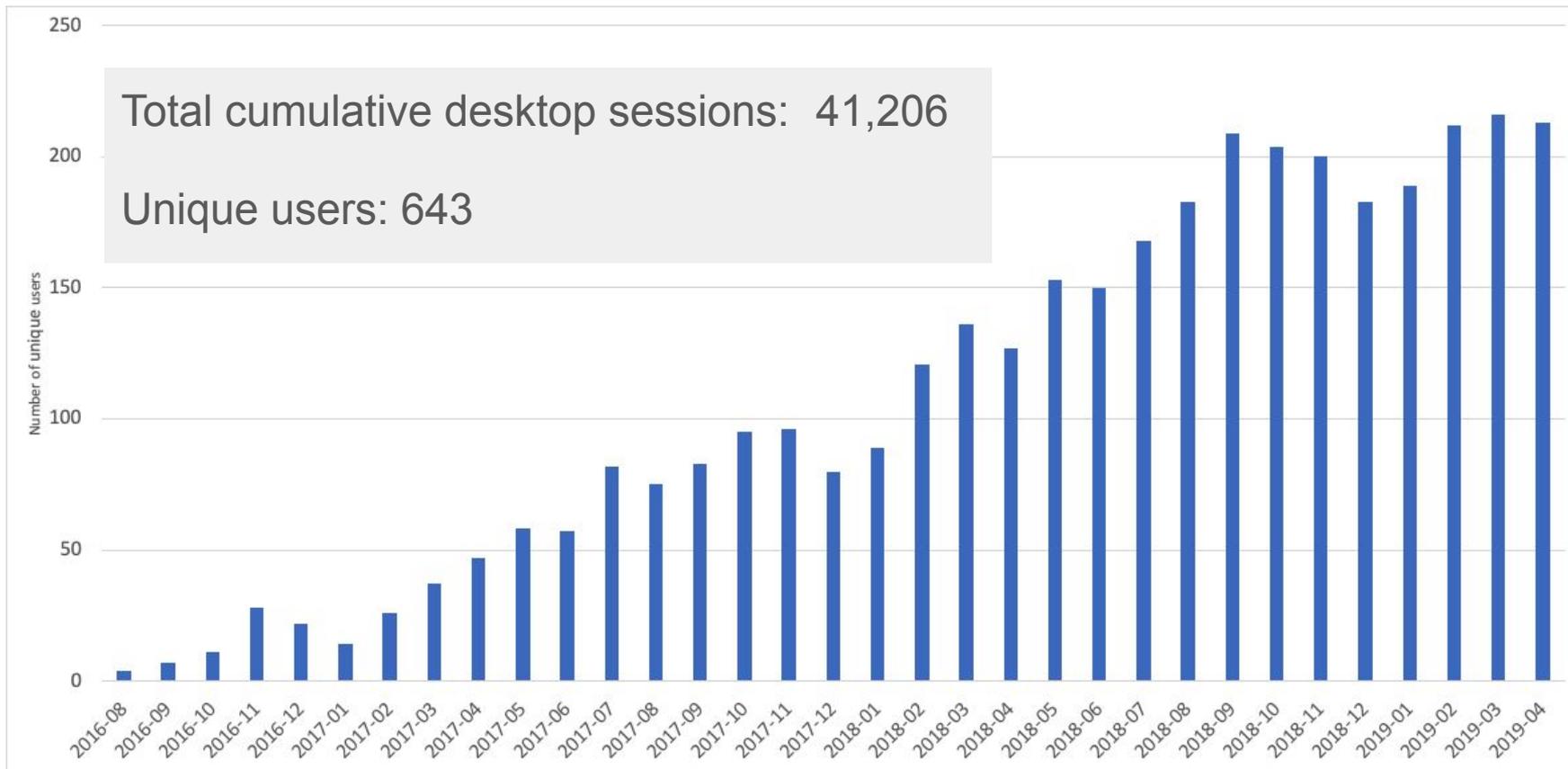
## The **Researcher** view:

A single place where you can access your characterisation data and software tools, in a user friendly format.

## **Project** (C-DeVL) view:

A program of work to connect Australian Characterisation instruments with data management environments, tools and analysis pipelines on the Australian research cloud.

# CVL Desktop Unique Users per month ( CVL@MASSIVE) 08/2016 - 04/2019



# What do we provide? (Interactive HPC)



# One Caveat ....

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$ ping m3.massive.org.au
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PING m3.massive.org.au (118.138.254.157): 56 data bytes
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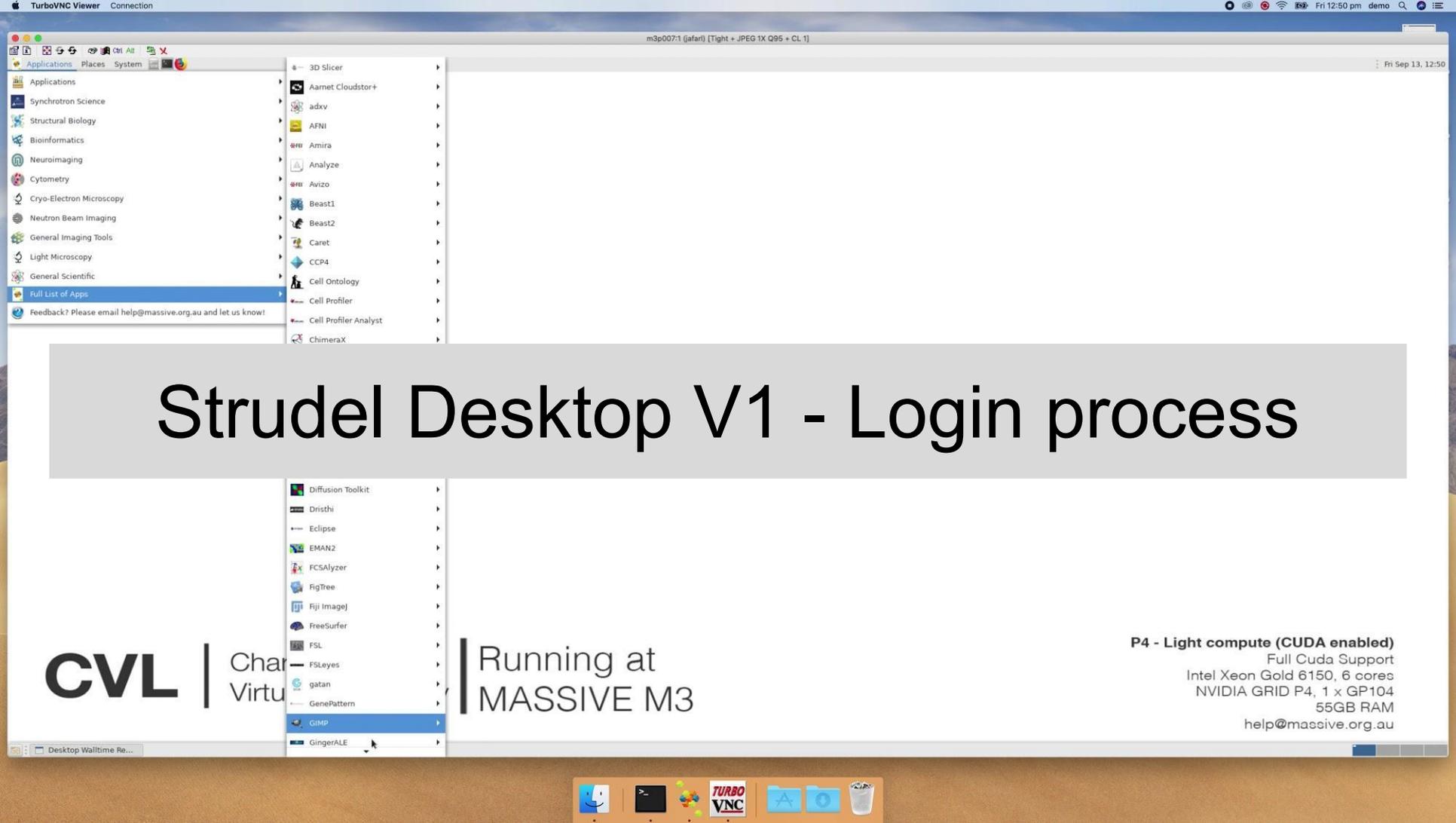
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```

# Live Demo of Strudel Desktop V1



# Strudel Desktop V1 - Login process

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**MASSIVE M3**

**P4 - Light compute (CUDA enabled)**

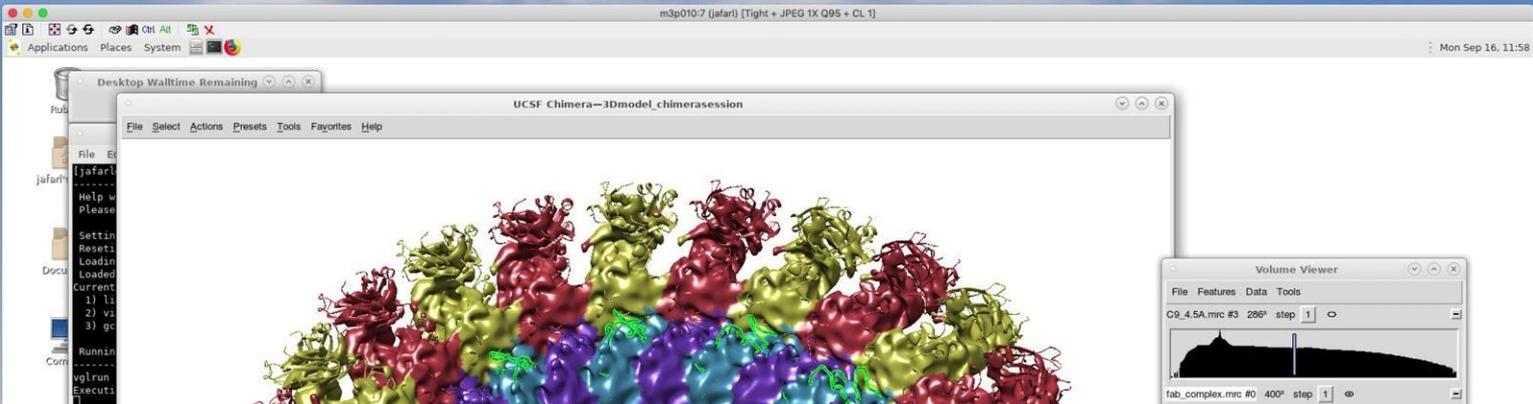
Full Cuda Support

Intel Xeon Gold 6150, 6 cores

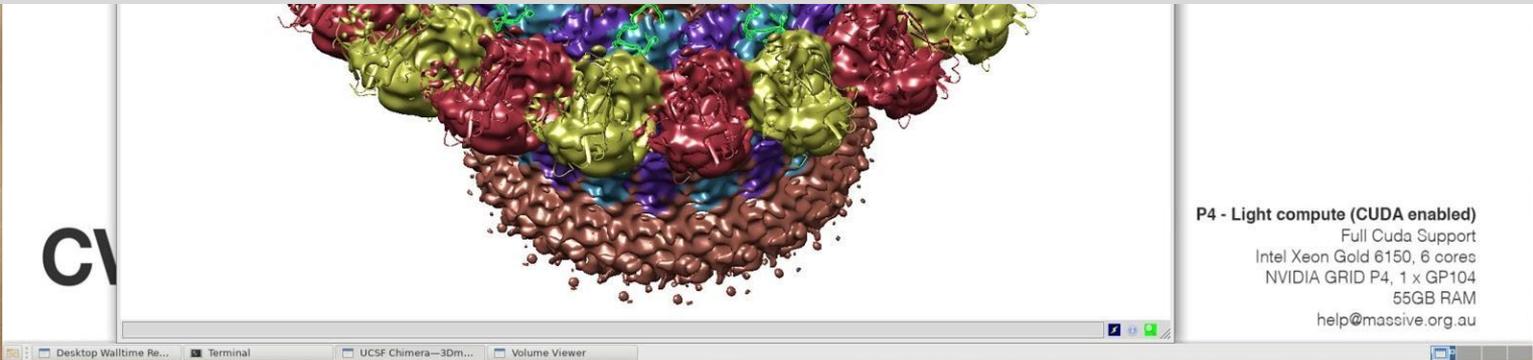
NVIDIA GRID P4, 1 x GP104

55GB RAM

help@massive.org.au



# Strudel Desktop V1 - Desktop Usage





# Strudel Web & Desktop

- MASSIVE M3
- M3 STANDARD DESKTOP >
- M3 LARGE DESKTOP >

### Launch a desktop

Nodes	Processors
1	3
Memory (gb)	Time (hours)
13	4

LAUNCH

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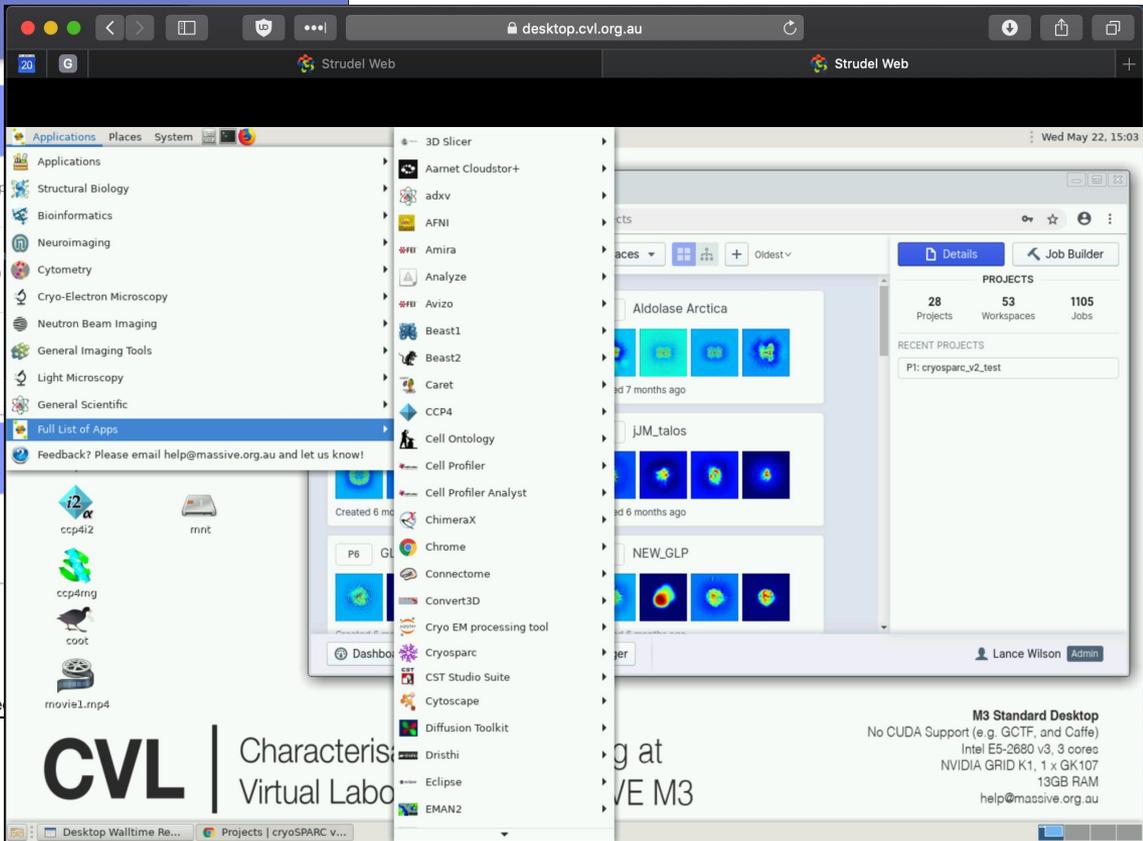
### Running desktops

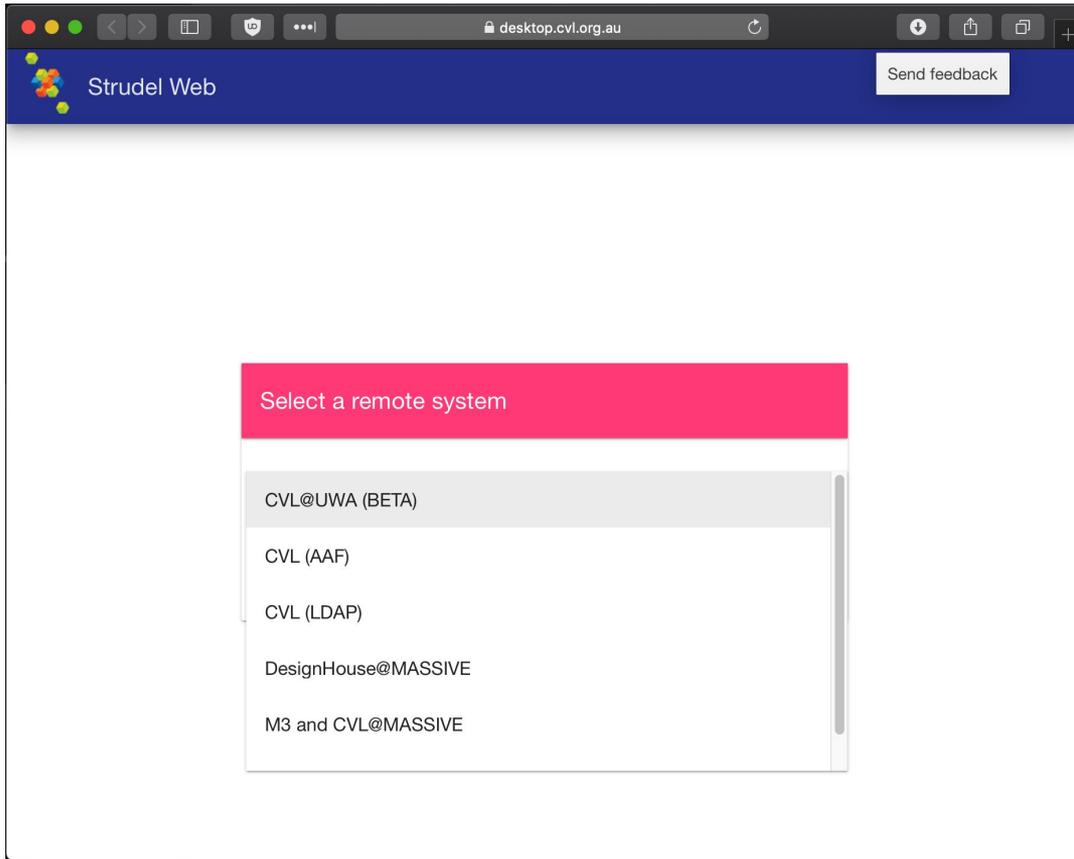
You currently have no running desktops.

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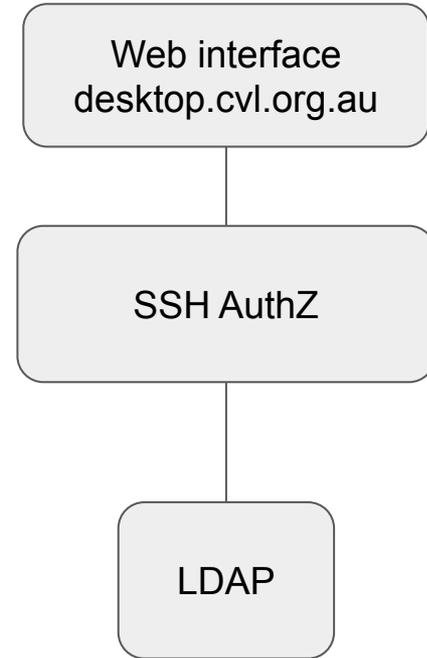
### Server messages

Any messages from the server will be displayed here.





# Strudel Web & Desktop

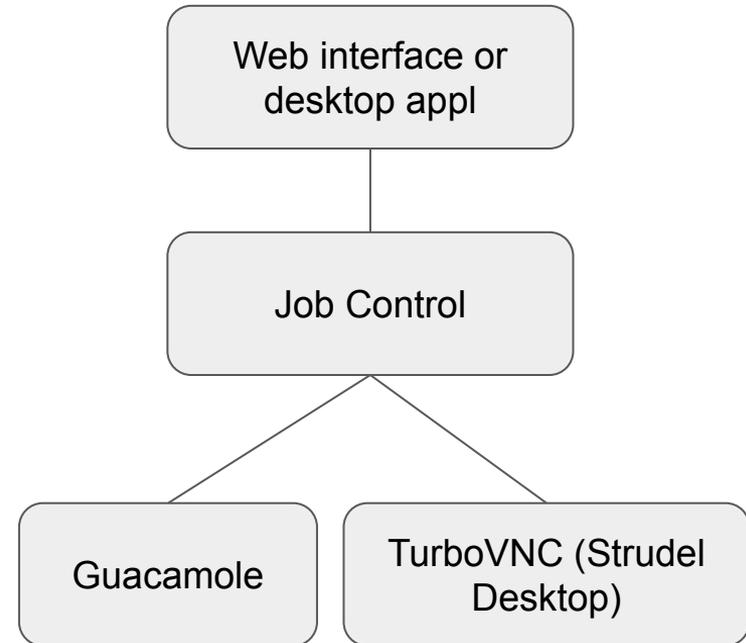


The screenshot shows the Strudel Web interface for 'M3 Standard Desktop'. The user is logged in as 'Lance.Wilson@monash.edu'. The main content area is titled 'Launch a desktop' and contains a form with the following fields:

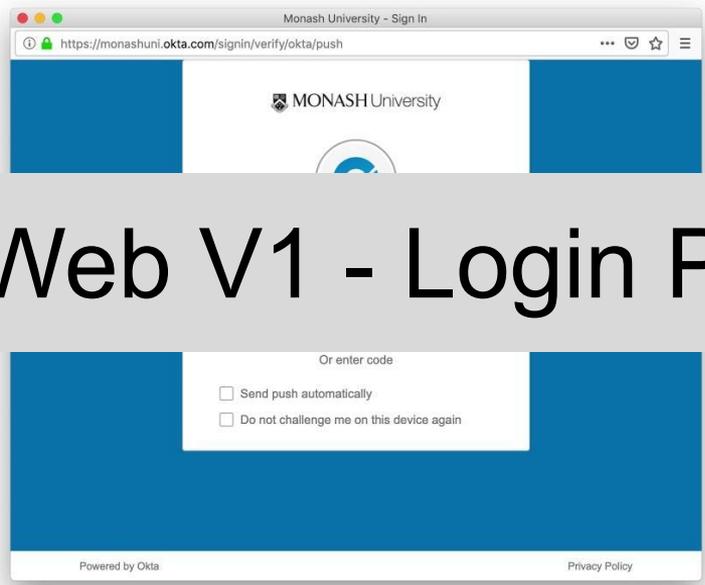
- Nodes: 1
- Processors per node: 3
- Memory (gb): 13
- Time (hours): 4
- Project: br76

A red 'LAUNCH' button is visible below the form. Below the form is a section titled 'Running desktops' which states 'You currently have no running desktops.' At the bottom, there is a 'Server messages' section with the text 'Any messages from the server will be displayed here'.

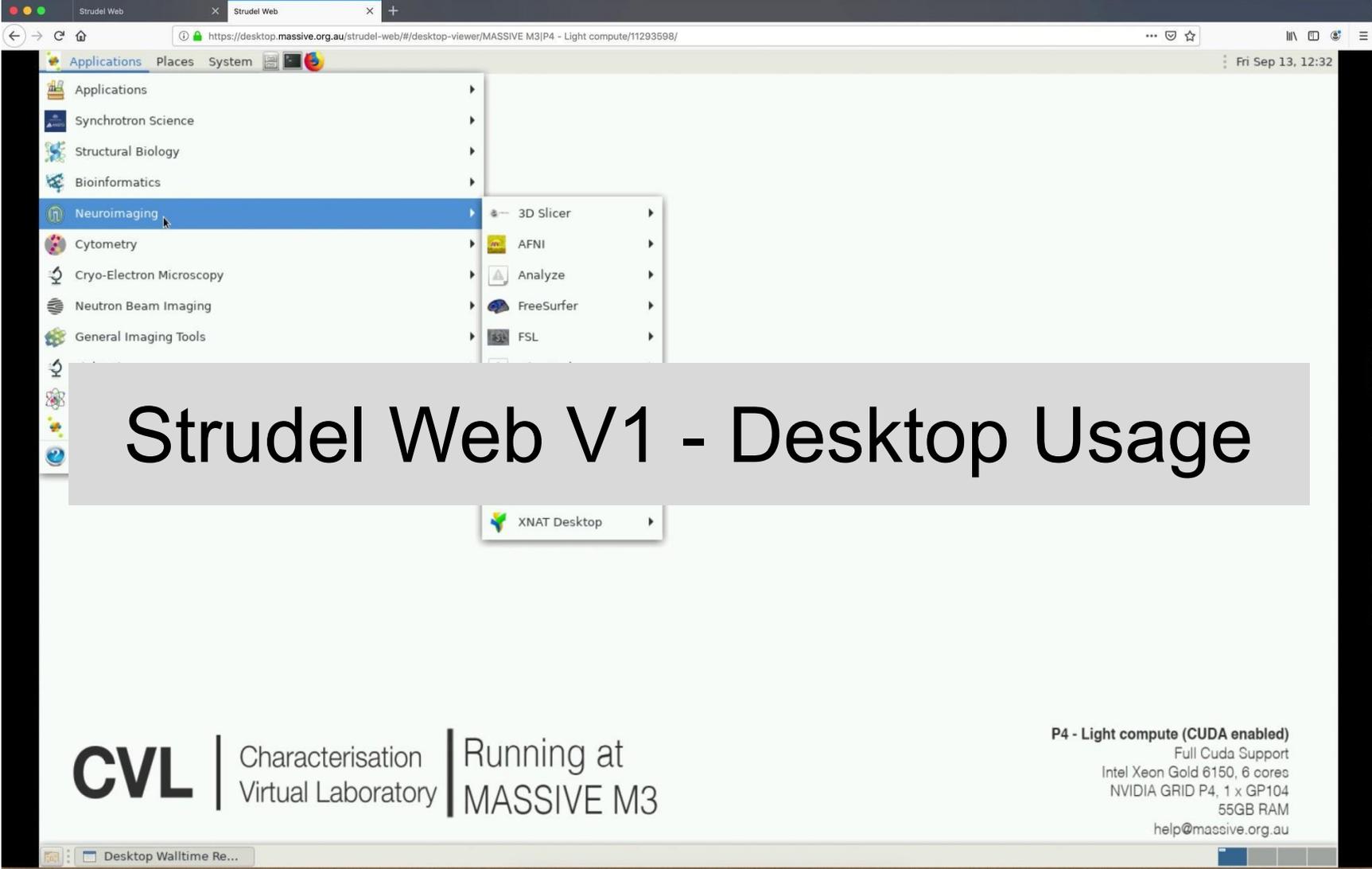
# Strudel Web & Desktop



# Live Demo of Strudel Web V1



# Strudel Web V1 - Login Process



# Strudel Web V1 - Desktop Usage

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Characterisation  
Virtual Laboratory

Running at  
MASSIVE M3

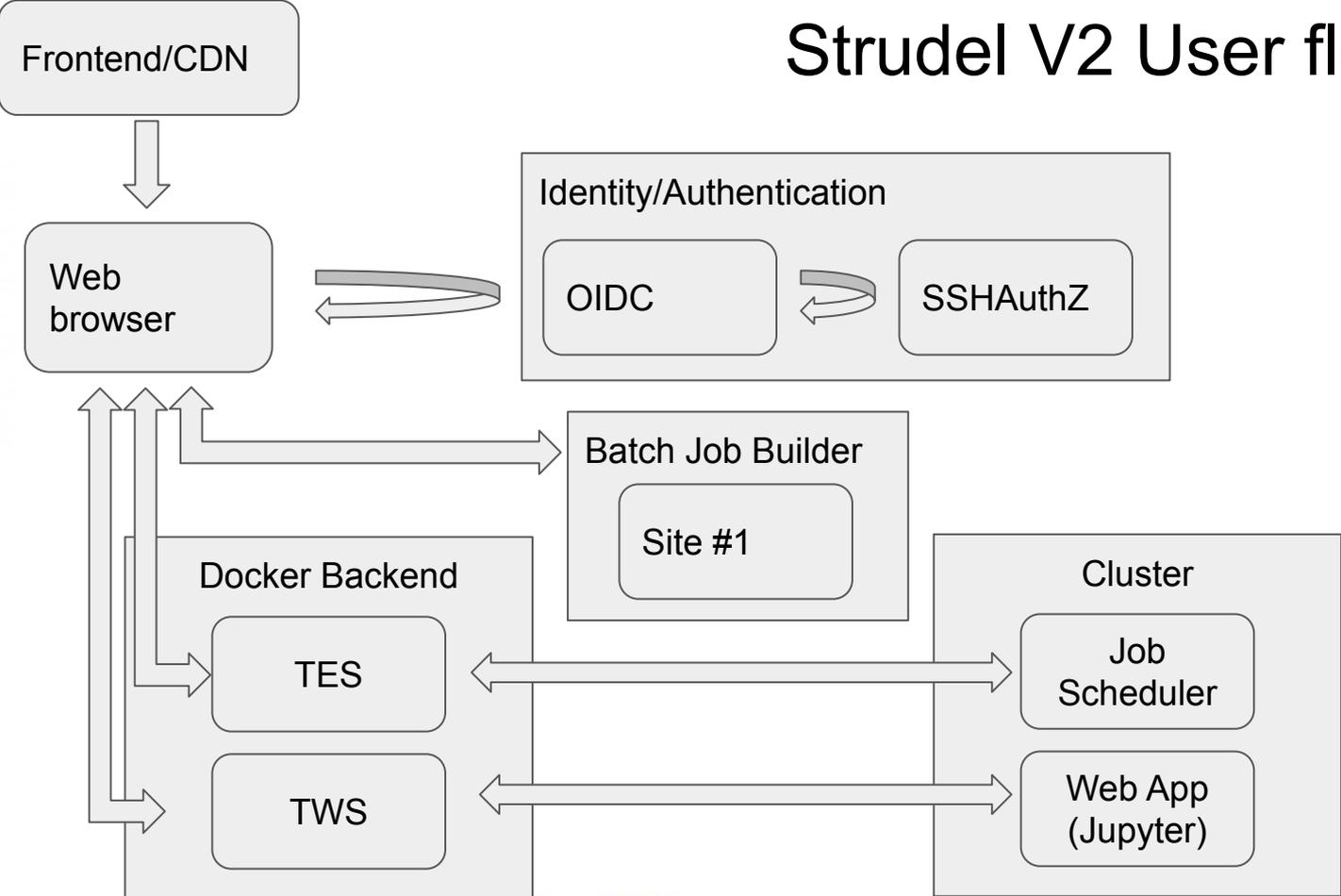
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# What are tools we have developed?

# Strudel V2 User flow



## Steps

1. Website delivered
2. Login
3. Create job/s and tunnels
4. Proxy web sockets

# Live Demo of Strudel Web V2

Would you like Firefox to save this login for okta.com?

Show password

Don't Save | Save





Sign In

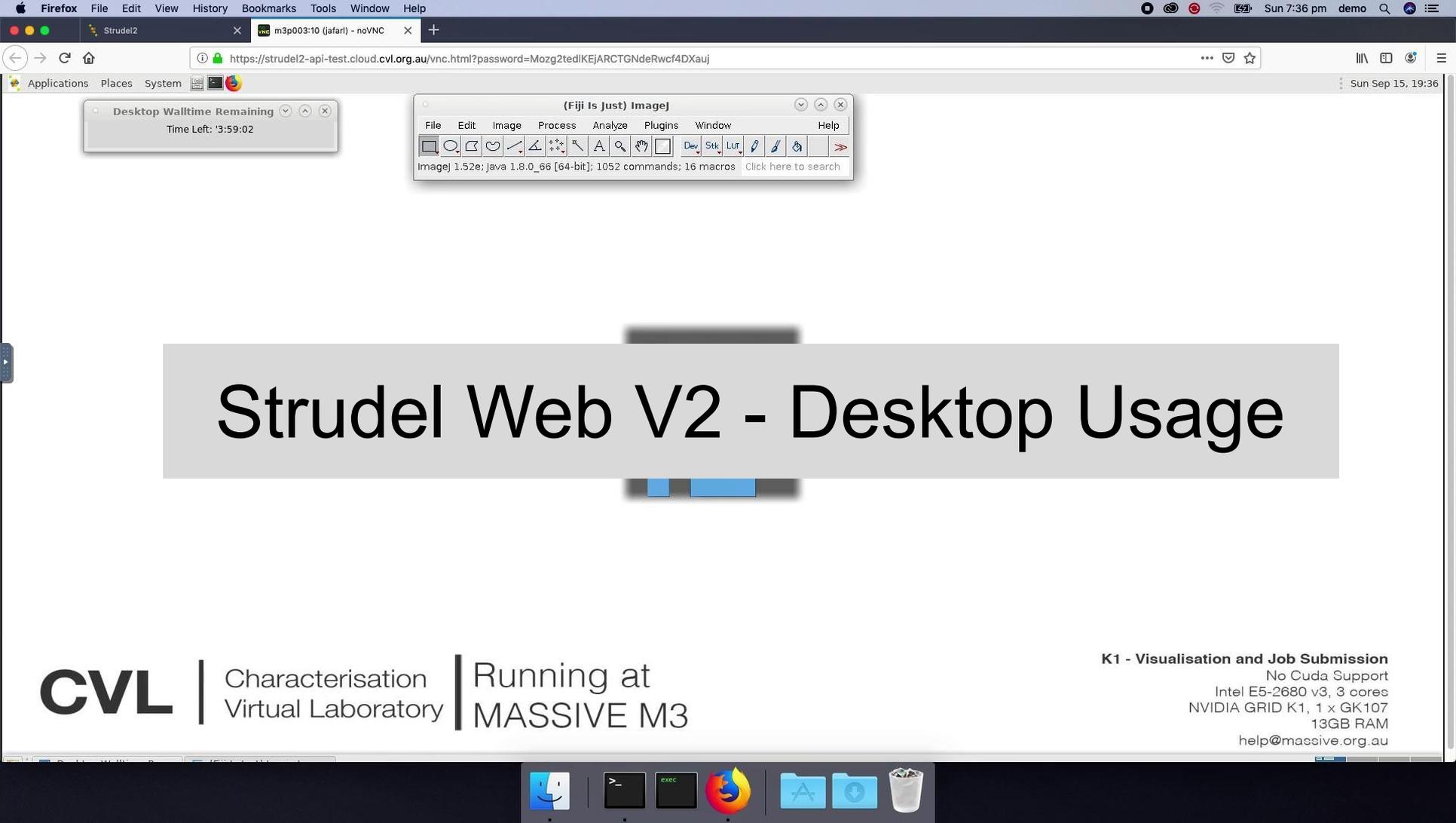
**Email address**  
Sign in with your Monash email address

Sign In

[Forgotten password](#) | [Acceptable use policy](#) | [Privacy policy](#) | [Contact service desk](#)

# Strudel Web V2 - Login Process





# Strudel Web V2 - Desktop Usage

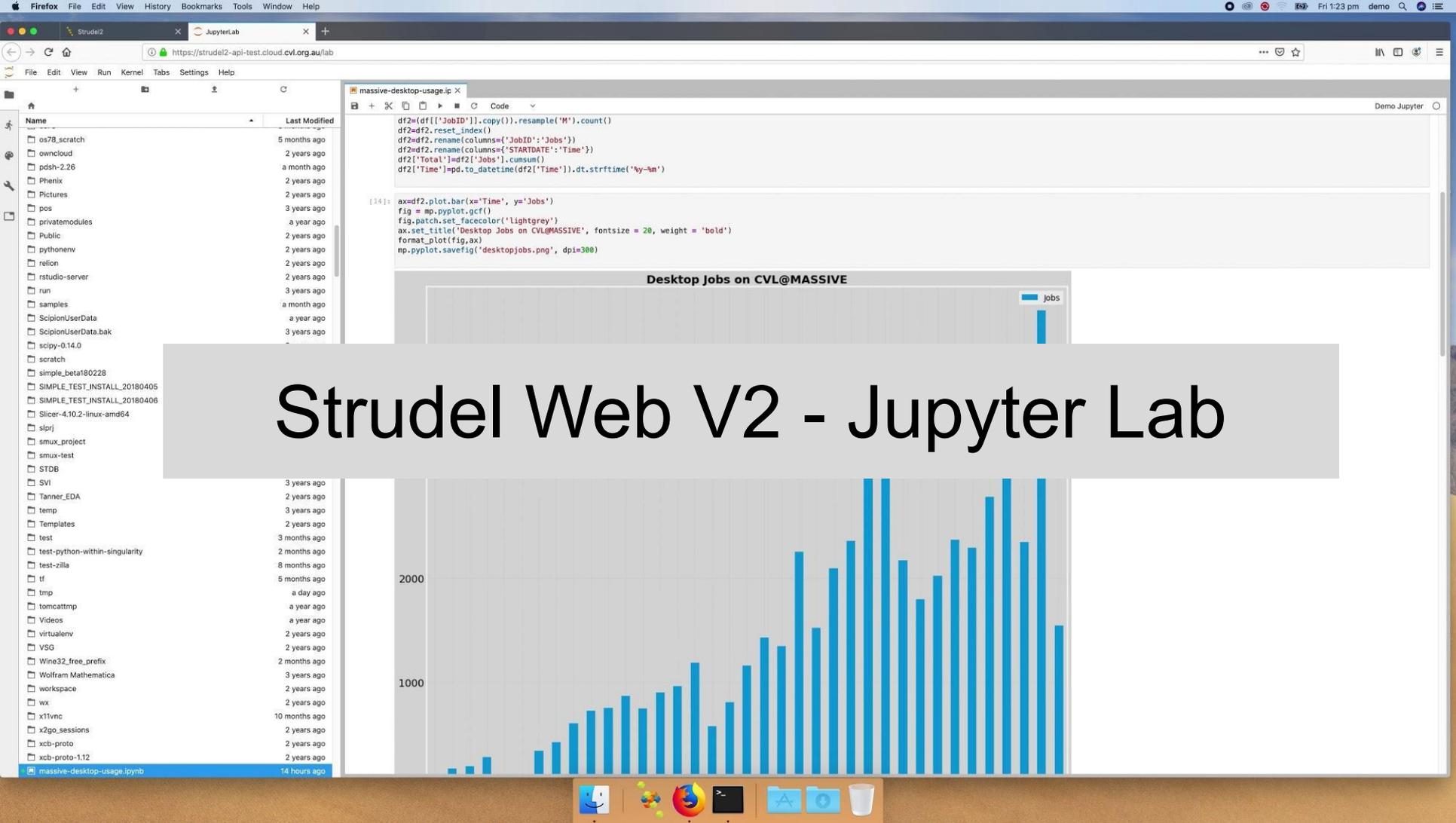
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**K1 - Visualisation and Job Submission**

No Cuda Support  
Intel E5-2680 v3, 3 cores  
NVIDIA GRID K1, 1 x GK107  
13GB RAM  
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# Strudel Web V2 - Jupyter Lab

```
df2=df[!['JobID']].copy().resample('M').count()
df2=df2.reset_index()
df2=df2.rename(columns={'JobID':'Jobs'})
df2=df2.rename(columns={'STARTDATE':'Time'})
df2['Total']=df2['Jobs'].cumsum()
df2['Time']=pd.to_datetime(df2['Time']).dt.strftime('%y-%m')

[14]: ax=df2.plot.bar(x='Time', y='Jobs')
fig = mp.pyplot.gcf()
fig.patch.set_facecolor('lightgrey')
ax.set_title('Desktop Jobs on CVL@MASSIVE', fontsize = 20, weight = 'bold')
format_plot(fig,ax)
mp.pyplot.savefig('desktopjobs.png', dpi=300)
```

**Desktop Jobs on CVL@MASSIVE**

# How do we manage research software? (How do we get contributions from the community?)

# Federated Research Software Stacks

- Procedures for contributions have been developed ([link](#))
- A public repository is now available for container build scripts

<https://github.com/Characterisation-Virtual-Laboratory/CharacterisationVL-Software>

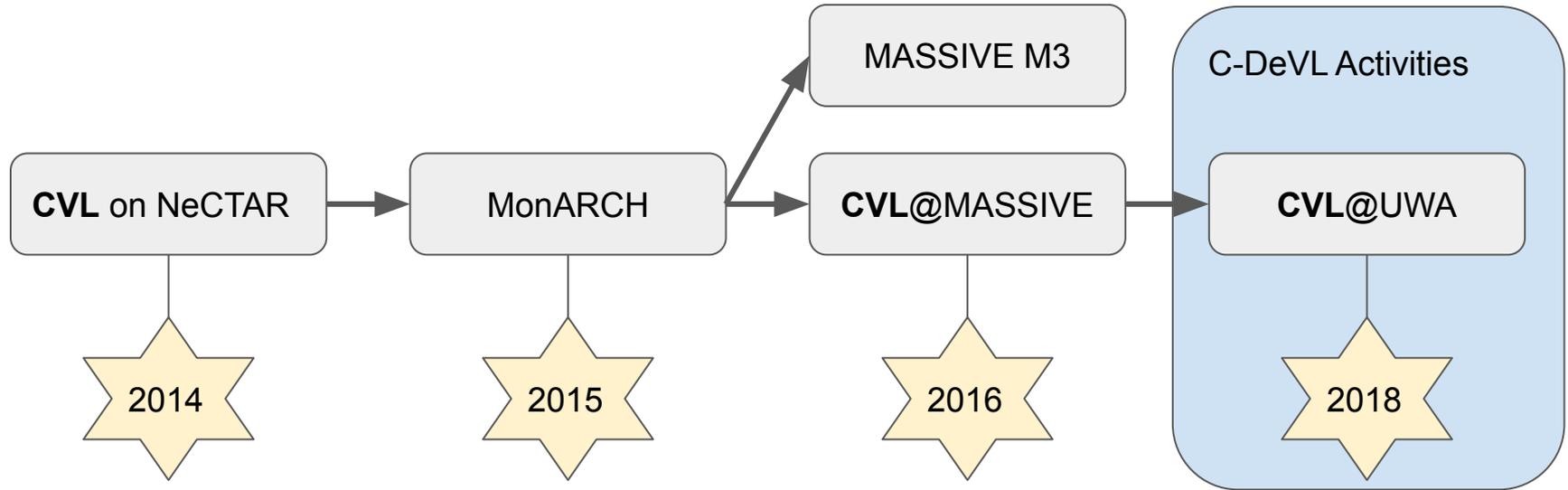
- 40 Packages have been committed to the repositories (and growing)
- Pre-built containers are available from a public repository (Singularity Hub)
- Ongoing work to accommodate disparate clusters

**What communities (new and/or existing) are important to you?**

# How are we making CVL sustainable ( Federation of nodes nationally)

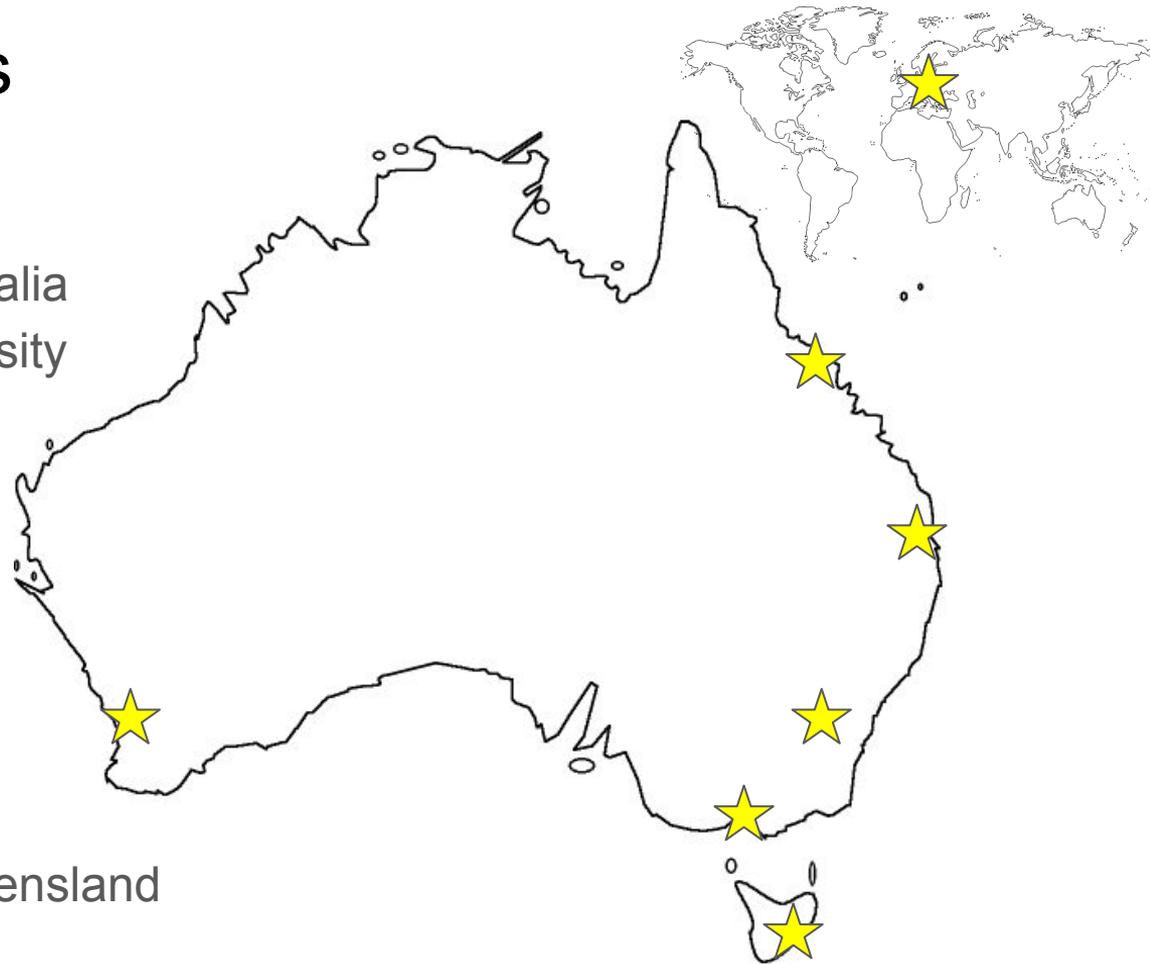
# CVL “Cluster in a Box” Deployment Technology

## Timeline of development and reuse



# Strudel Deployments

- University of Queensland
- University of Western Australia
- Central Queensland University
- NCI
- Pawsey
- Julich
- TERN
- TPAC
- Swinburne University
- University of Melbourne
- University of Southern Queensland



# Reusable Software and Infrastructure

- Strudel and Strudel Web
- MyTardis ( [www.mytardis.org](http://www.mytardis.org) )
- AuthZ ( authentication certificates )
- Ansible scripts for all services/applications
- Data repatriation scripts from ANSTO Australian Synchrotron
- Software containers

# Demo

## Strudel Web V1



# How do we manage research data?

MyTardis Ecosystem

<https://store.synchrotron.org.au/dataset/54331>

<https://store.erc.monash.edu/dataset/13>



# Live Demo

[MyTardis - Monash University](#)

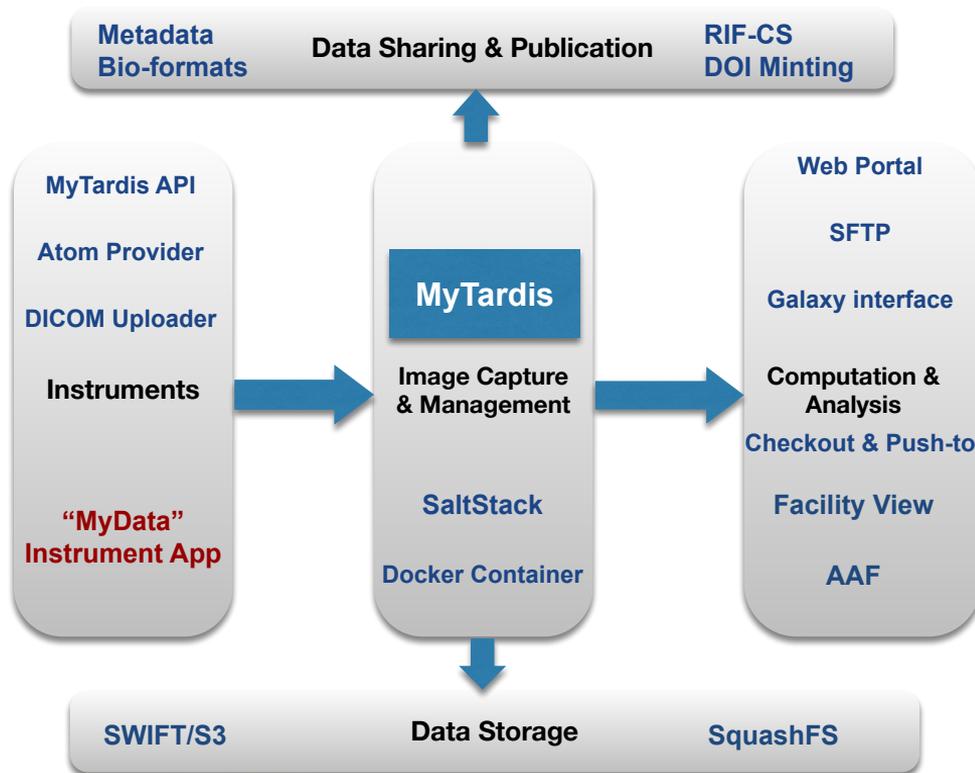


# What is MyTardis?

A data management system for instruments - <http://mytardis.org/>

MyTardis is a data management system, developed by Monash, for instrument data.

The Monash instance of the MyTardis service is called Store.Monash



# Store.Monash

Monash University instance of the MyTardis



**94**

**Instruments**



**12 Million**

**Data Files**



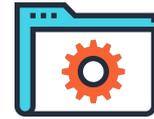
**0.75 PB**

**Managed Storage**



**1974**

**Users**



**68,189**

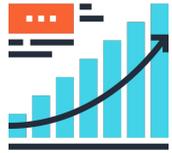
**Datasets**



**1023**

**Groups**

# My Tardis Version 4.1 : New Features



## Scalable Platform



Dynamic Priority Queue



Sustainable / Scalable Data Storage



Monolithic to Microservices



## Easier to Operate and Maintain



Automated Provisioning, Deployment, and Configuration Management



Automatic Scaling



Better Monitoring & Log Aggregation



## Better User Experience



Search Improvements



User Interface Improvements



React

Client-side interaction Improvements

# Acknowledgments

 <http://www.cvl.org.au/>

 <https://github.com/Characterisation-Virtual-Laboratory>

 <https://docs.cvl.org.au>

 [help@cvl.org.au](mailto:help@cvl.org.au)

 <http://www.mytardis.org/>

 <https://github.com/mytardis/mytardis>

 <https://mytardis.readthedocs.io>

 [store.star.help@monash.edu](mailto:store.star.help@monash.edu)

**CVL and MyTardis has been supported by:**



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# Summary

- **Reusable Components**

- Strudel Desktop and Strudel Web ([desktop.cvl.org.au](https://desktop.cvl.org.au))
- MyTardis ( [www.mytardis.org](http://www.mytardis.org) )
- AuthZ ( <https://github.com/monash-merc/ssh-authz> )
- Software containers -

<https://github.com/Characterisation-Virtual-Laboratory/CharacterisationVL-Software>

- **Federation**

- [www.cvl.org.au](http://www.cvl.org.au)
- <https://github.com/Characterisation-Virtual-Laboratory>