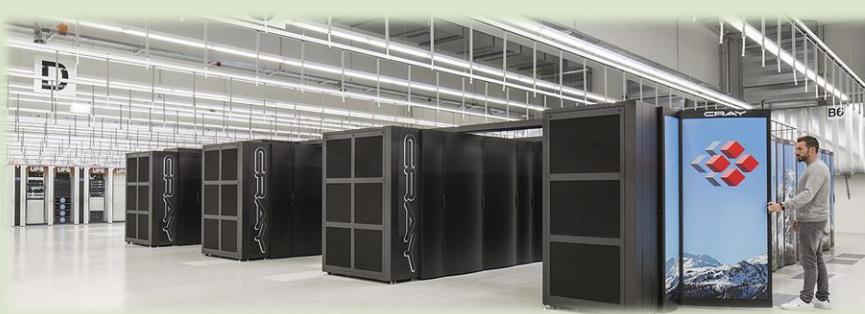




# Software Resource Disaggregation for HPC with Serverless Computing

[Marcin Copik](#), Marcin Chrapek, Alexandru Calotoiu, Torsten Hoefler

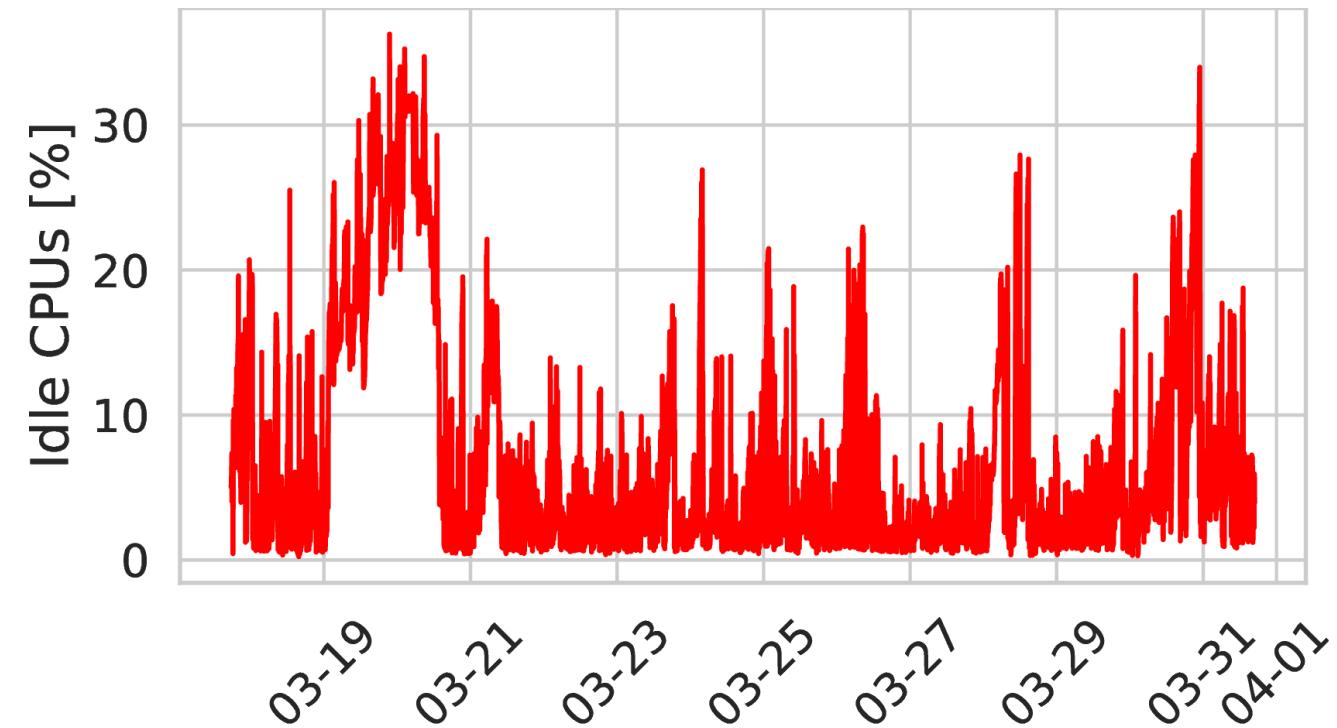
# HPC System Utilization



Piz Daint, April 2022.

- XC50 nodes – CPU + GPU, 64 GB memory.
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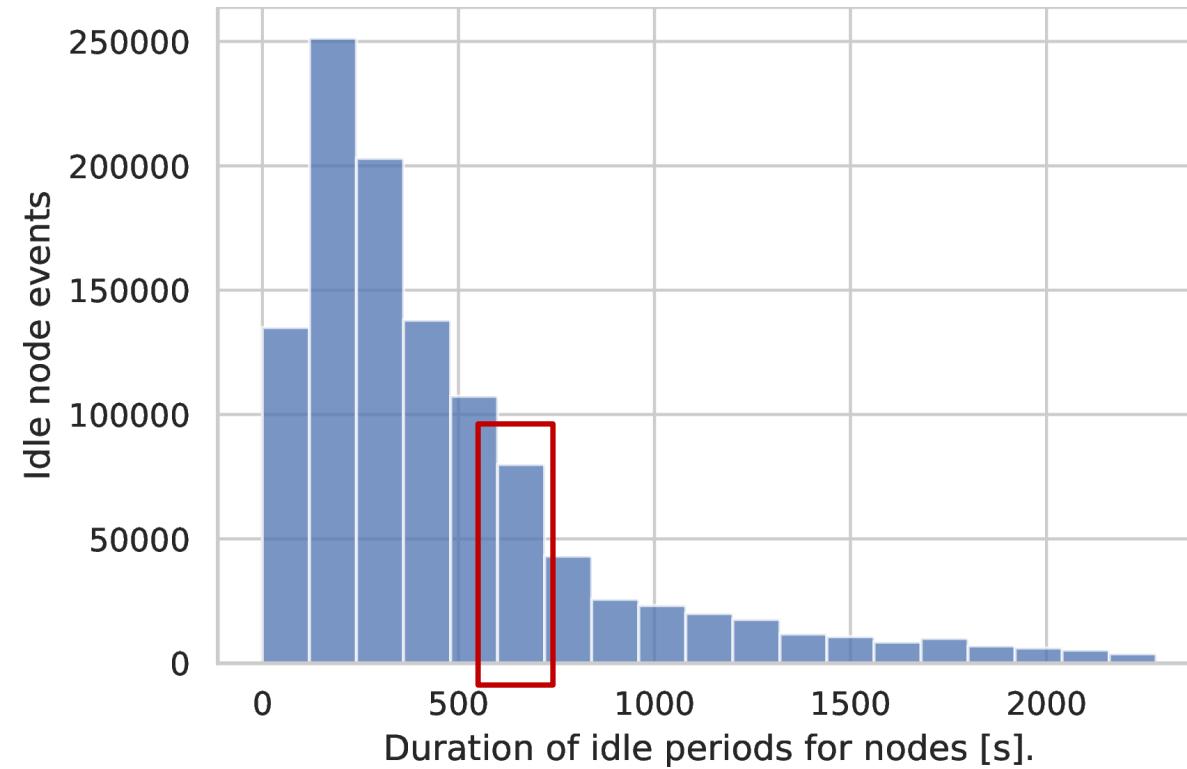
Query SLURM info every two minutes.



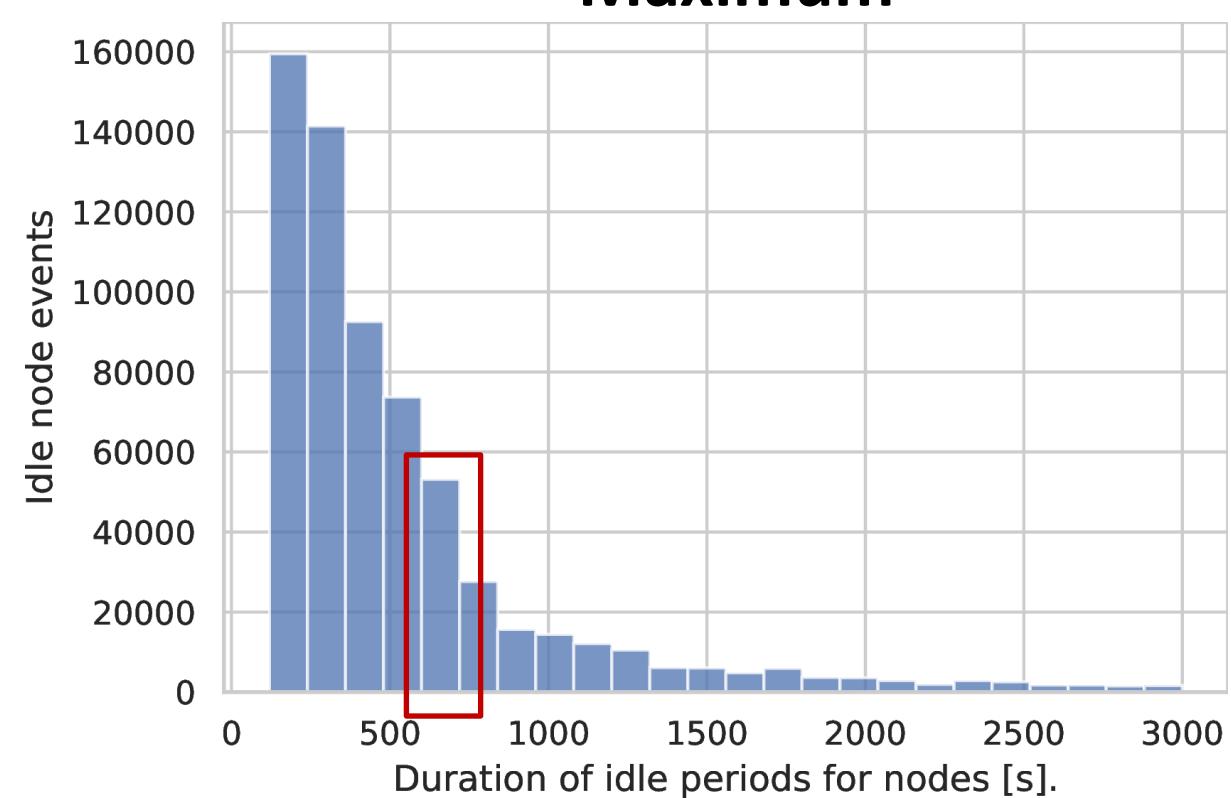
**How long do nodes stay idle?**

# HPC System Utilization - CPU

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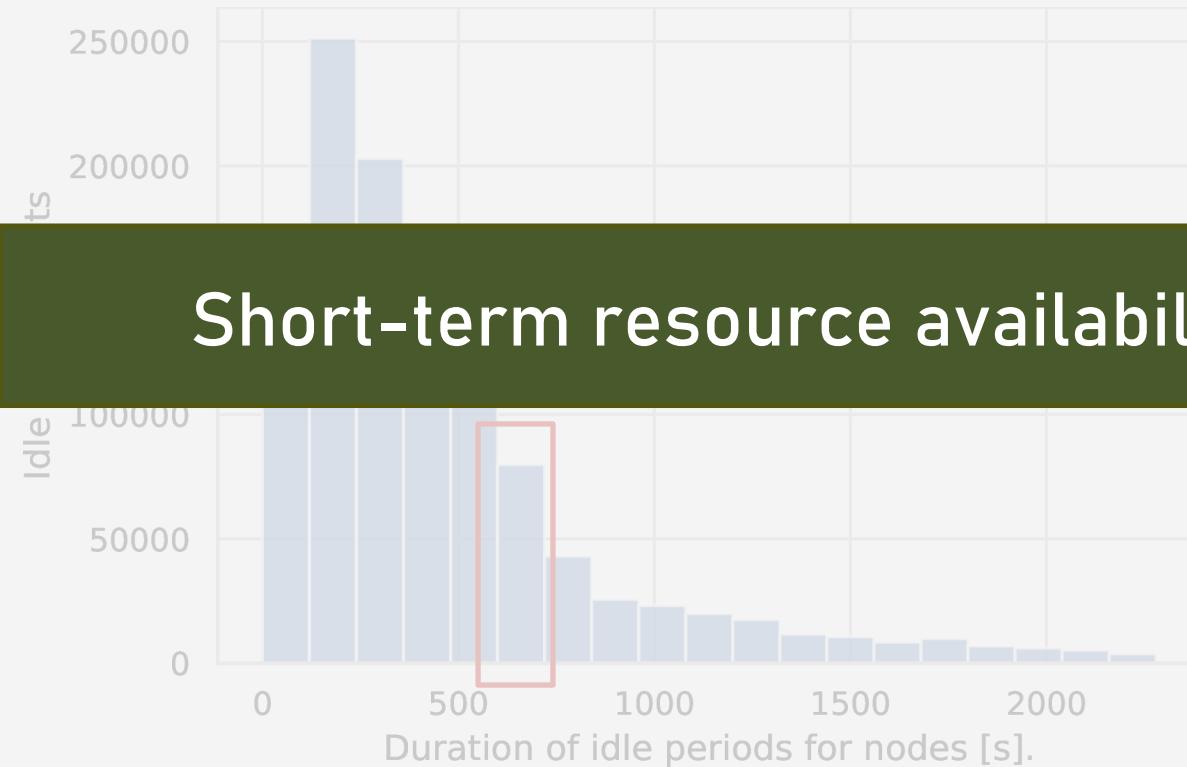
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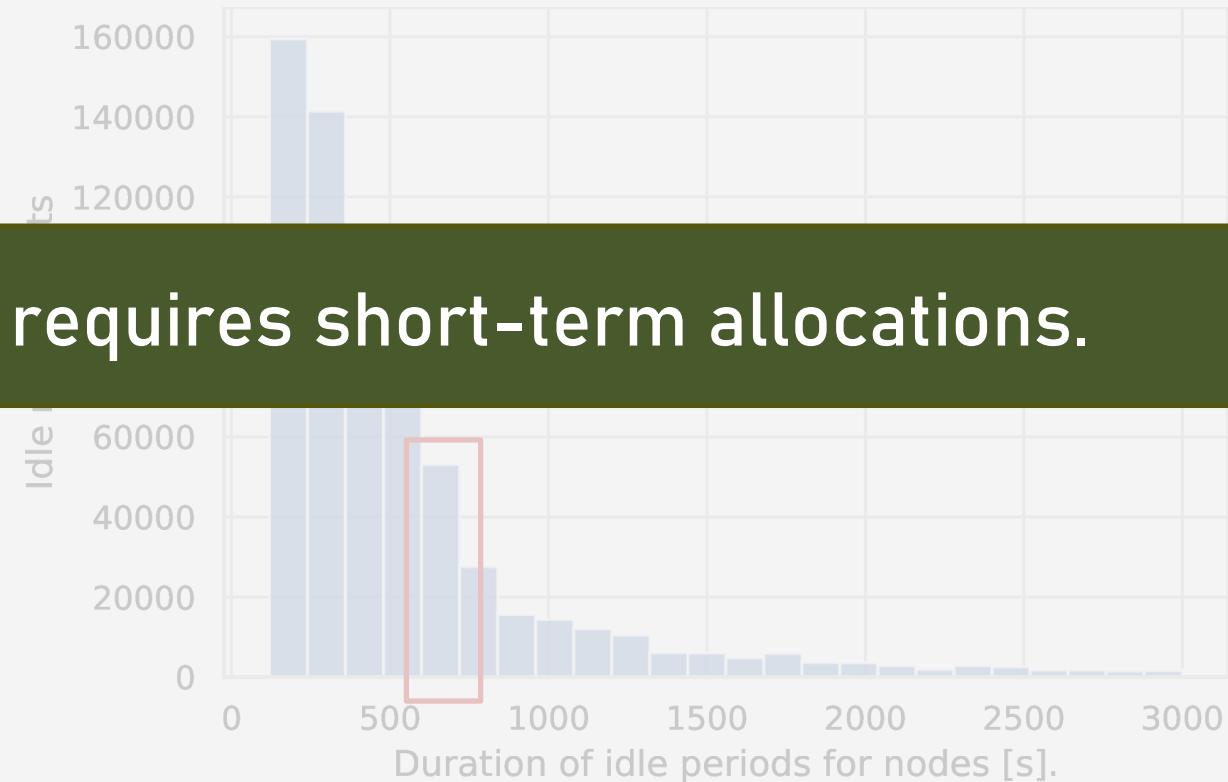
80% and 70% of idle node events last less than 10 minutes.

# HPC System Utilization - CPU

Minimum



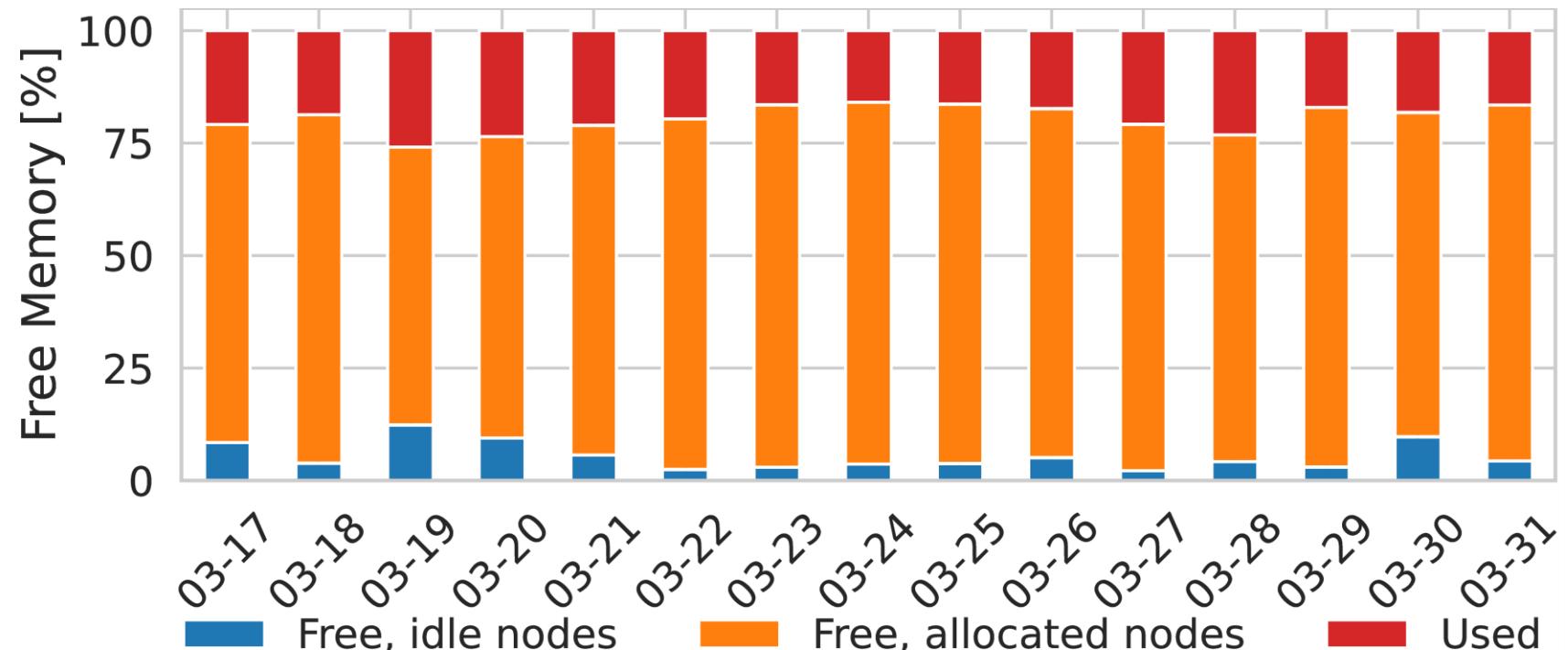
Maximum



Short-term resource availability requires short-term allocations.

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# HPC System Utilization - Memory



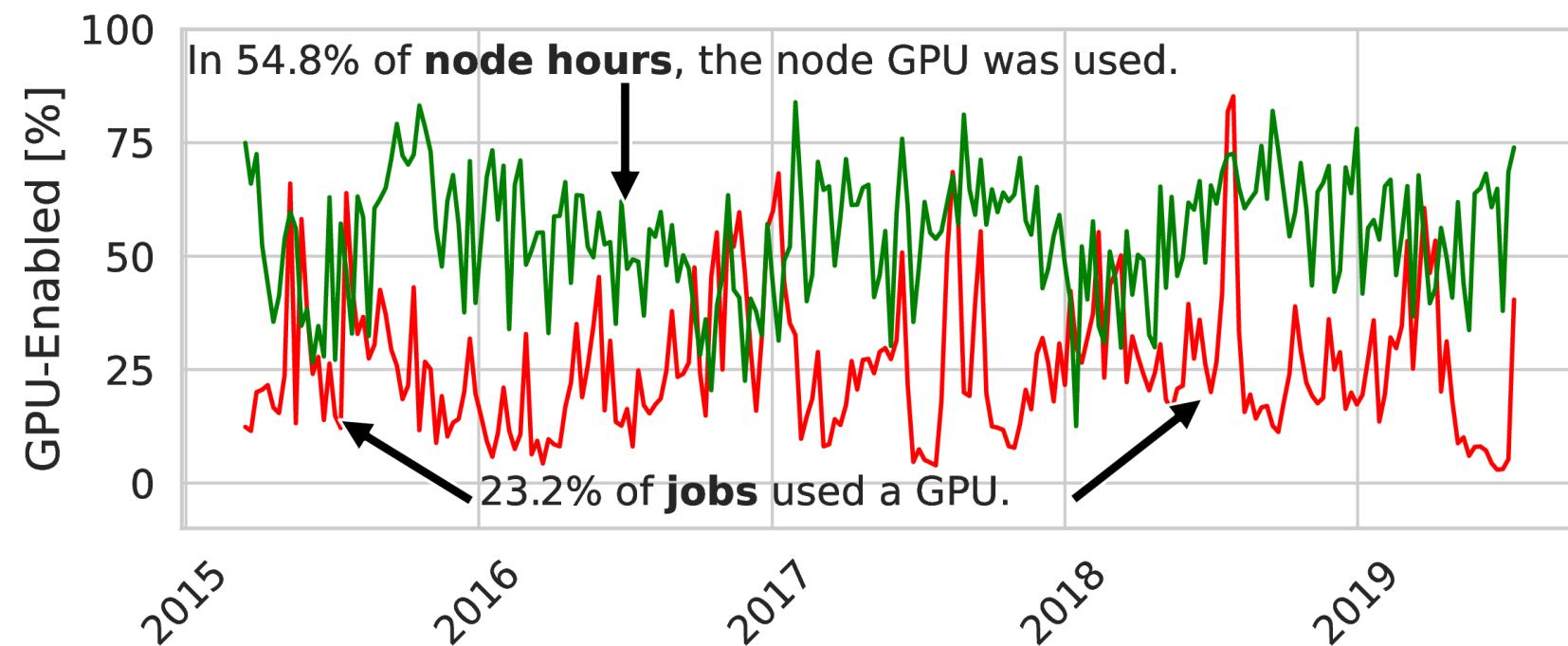
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Learning from Five-year Resource-Utilization Data  
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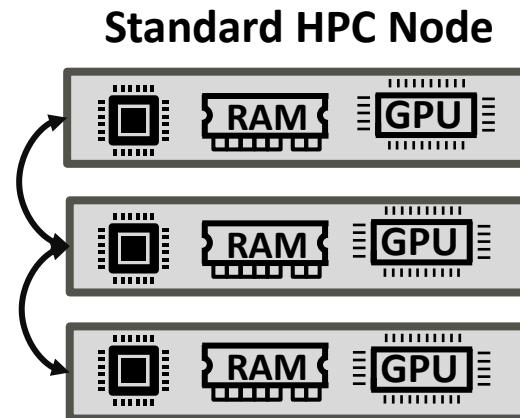
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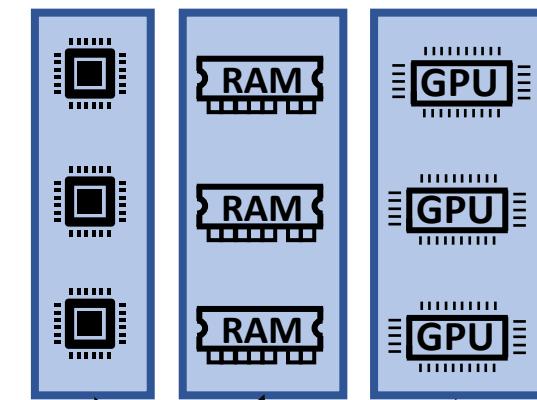


# Software Solution



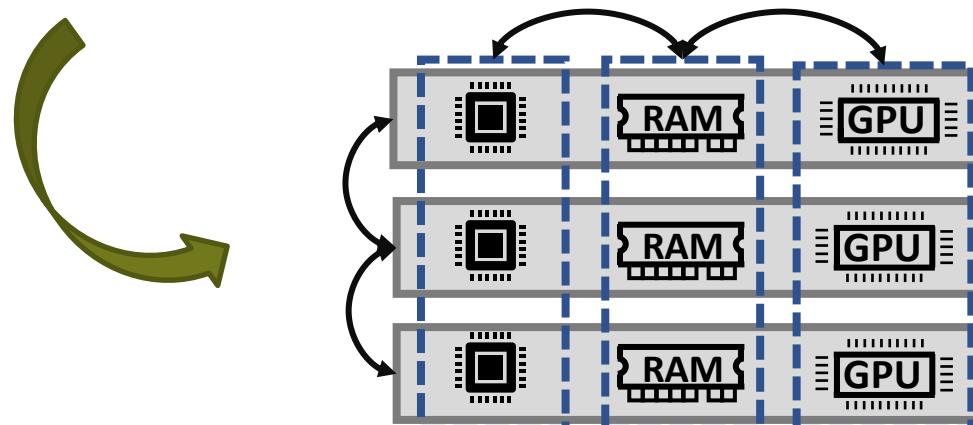
- ✓ High performance
- ✗ Inflexible architecture

## Hardware Disaggregation



- ✓ High efficiency
- ✗ Cost, performance penalty

Existing Coupled  
Hardware Systems



Software Abstraction  
for Disaggregation

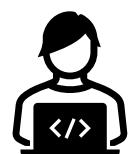
We propose a software disaggregation approach to share node resources  
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# Serverless as an Answer



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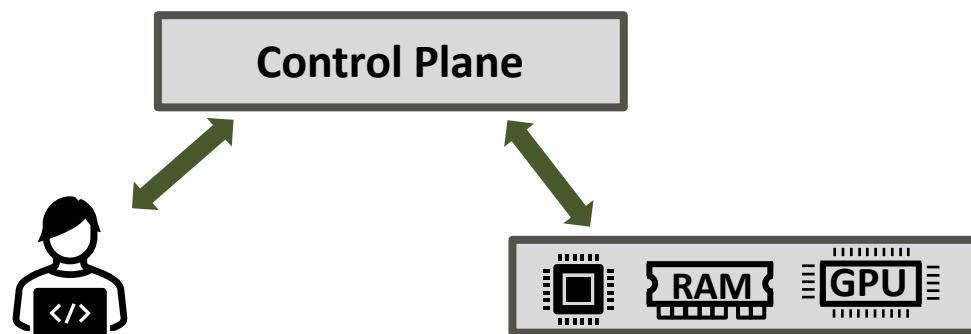
**Hardware Abstraction**



**Software Abstraction**

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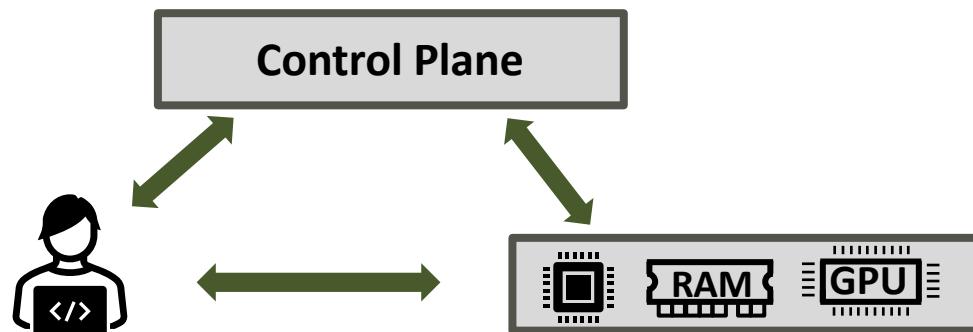
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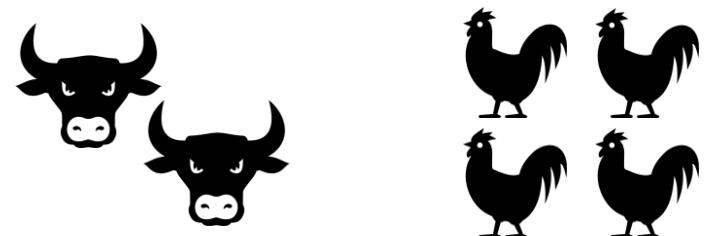
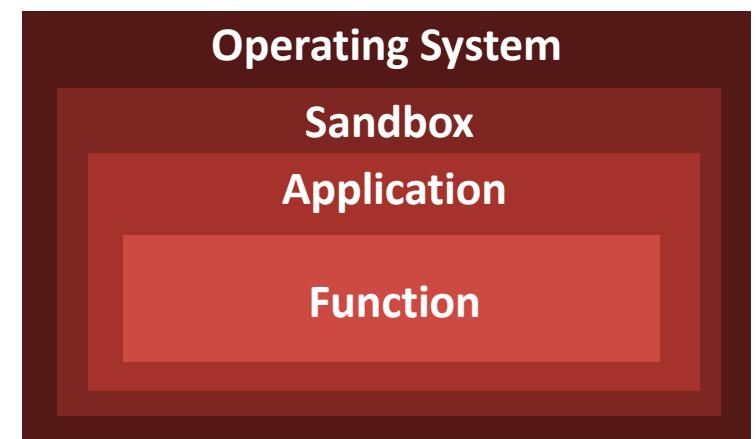
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# Serverless as an Answer

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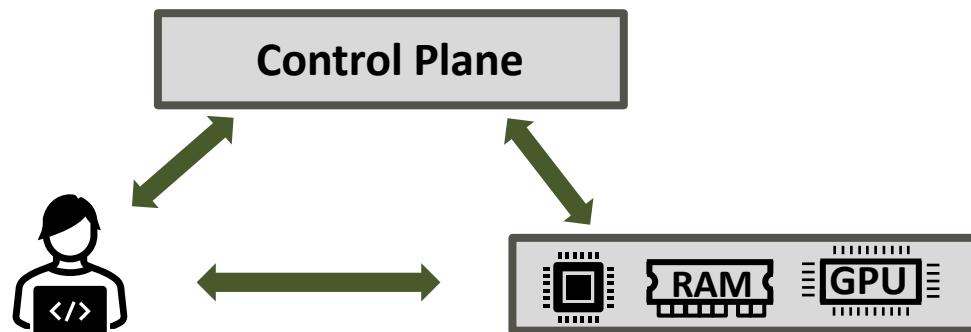


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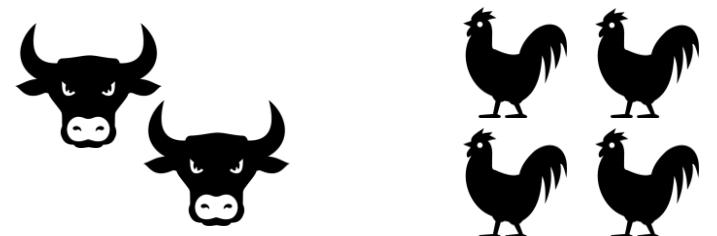
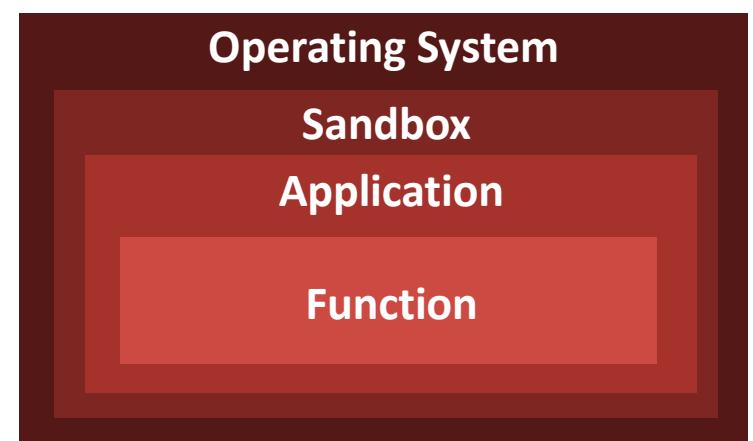
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## Hardware Abstraction



Pay-as-you-go billing

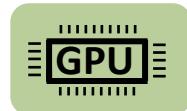
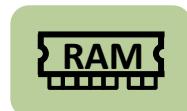
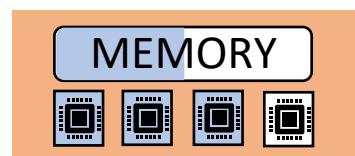
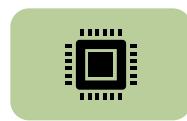
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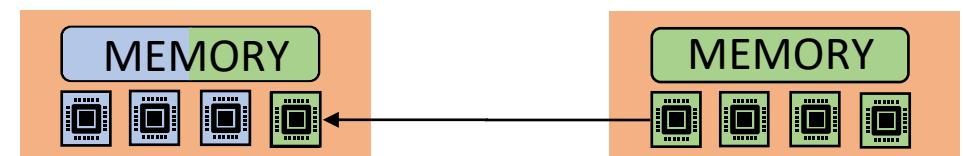
Granular computing

# Serverless Disaggregation

Batch jobs

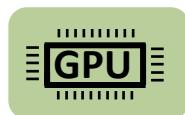
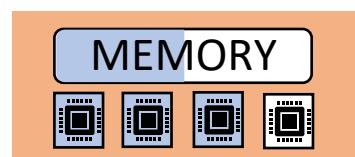
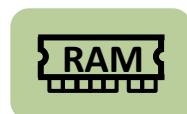
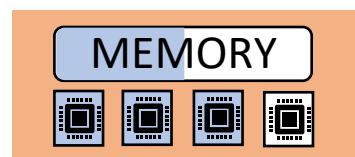
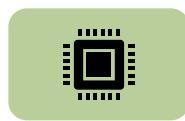


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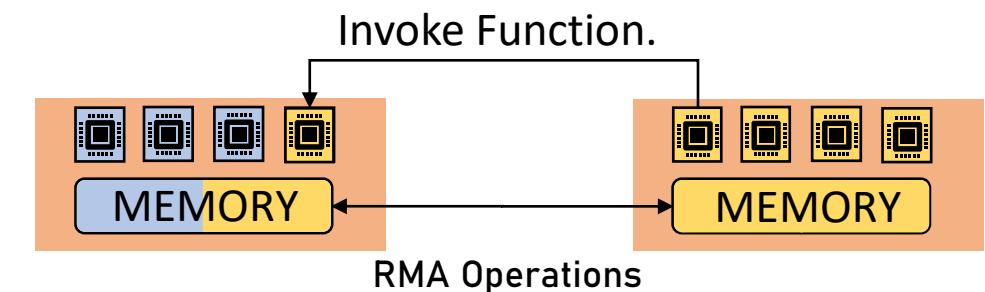
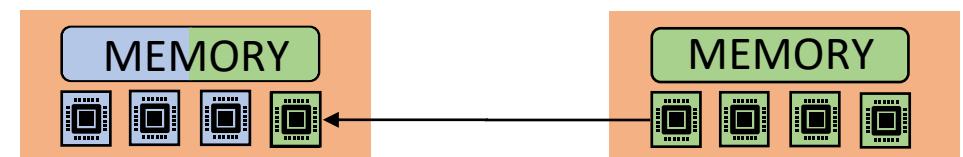


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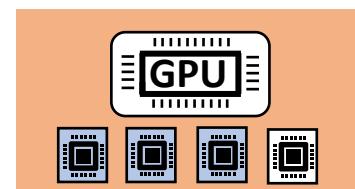
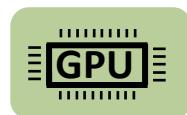
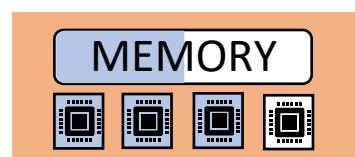
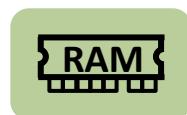
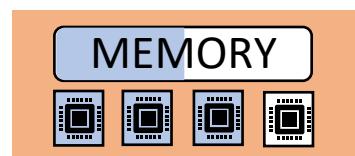
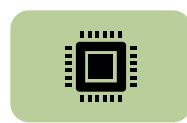


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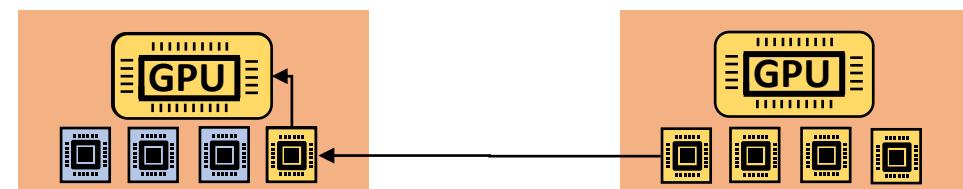
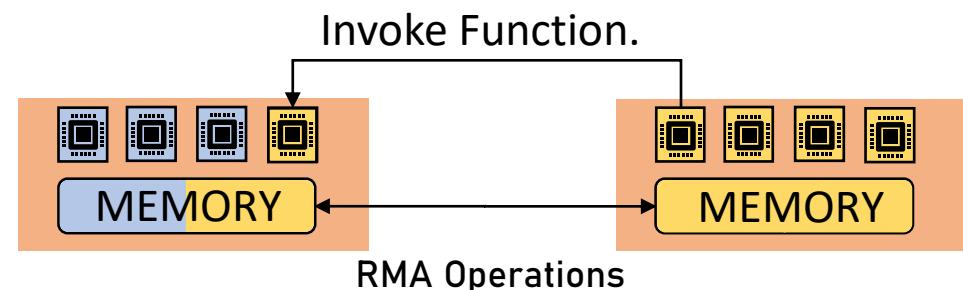
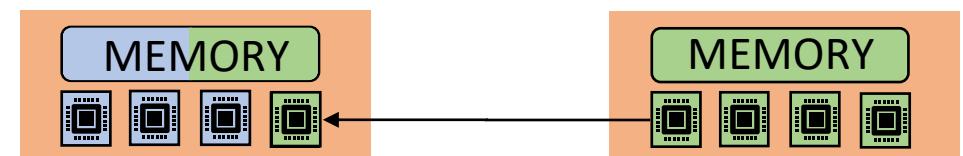


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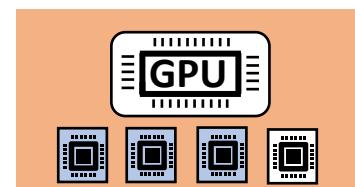
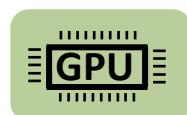
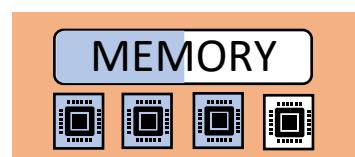
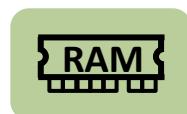
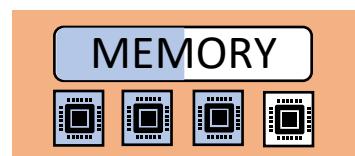
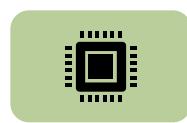


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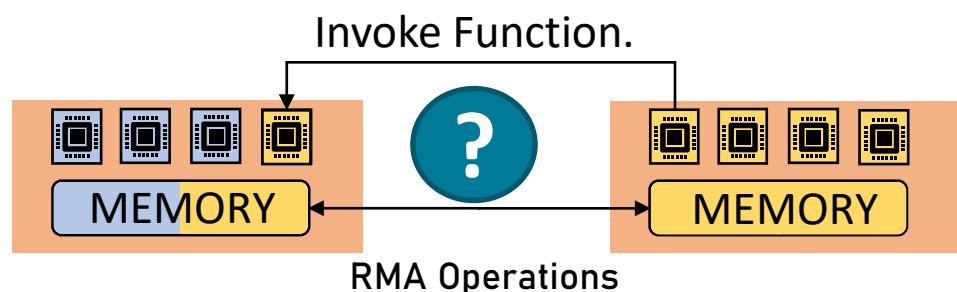


# Serverless Disaggregation

Batch jobs



Batch jobs + serverless functions



# Evaluation



**XC50** nodes - 12 CPU cores, GPU, 64 GB memory.

**XC40** nodes - 36 CPU cores, 64/128 GB memory.

**Cray Aries** interconnect.

36 CPU cores, 377 GB memory.  
Ethernet with RoCEv2 support.

## #1 CPU Sharing

collocated benchmark type	Mean utilisation			Total time		Core hours			
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**LULESH**

64 ranks, 2 nodes

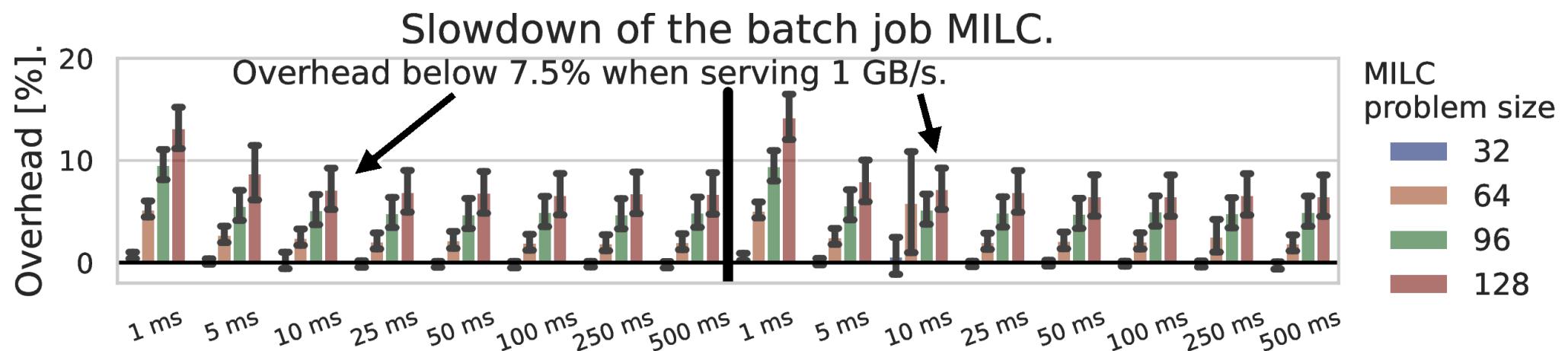
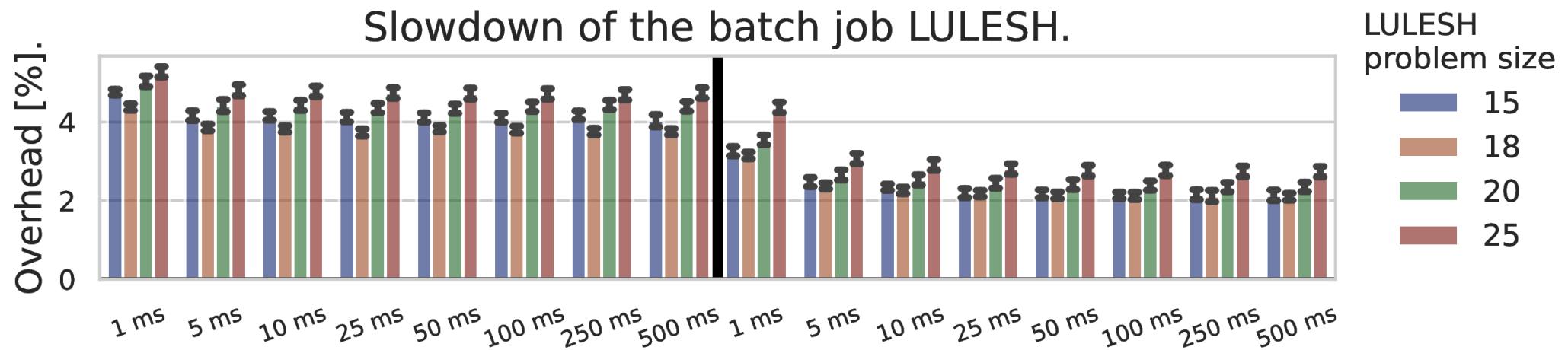
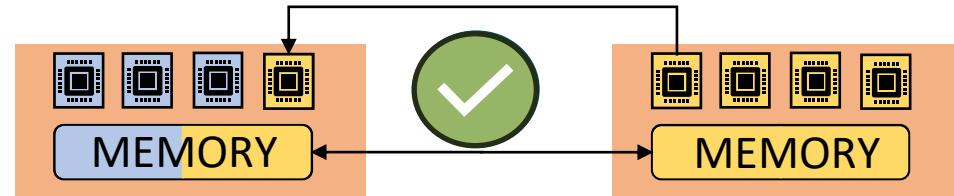
32 out of 36 cores allocated.

**NAS**

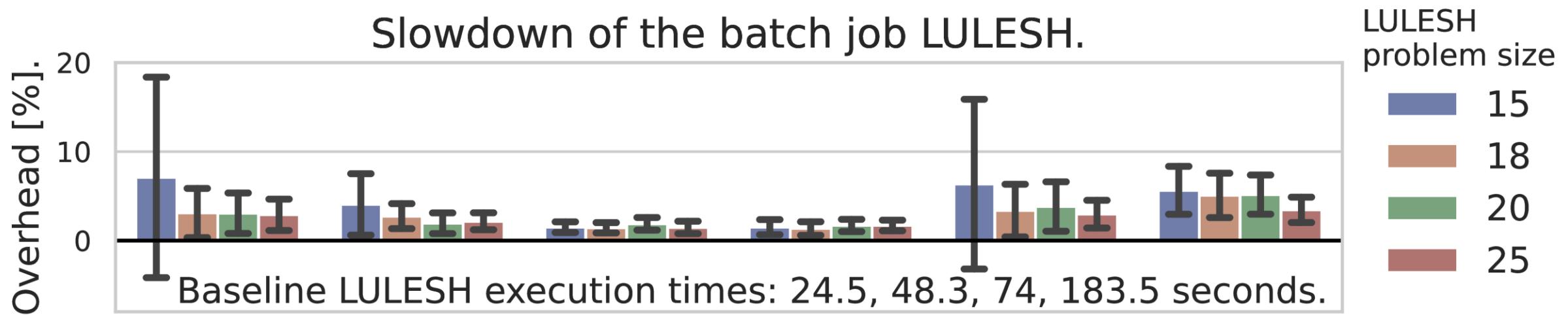
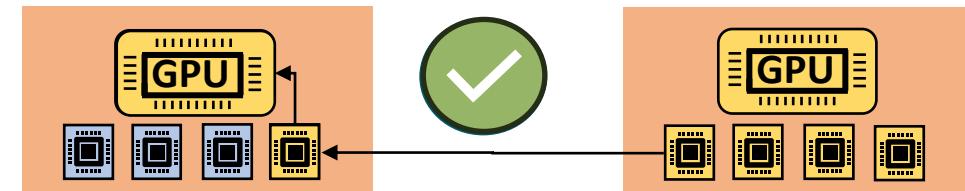
1 – 4 ranks

Distributed across nodes.

## #2 Serving Remote Memory



## #3 Co-locating GPU and CPU workloads

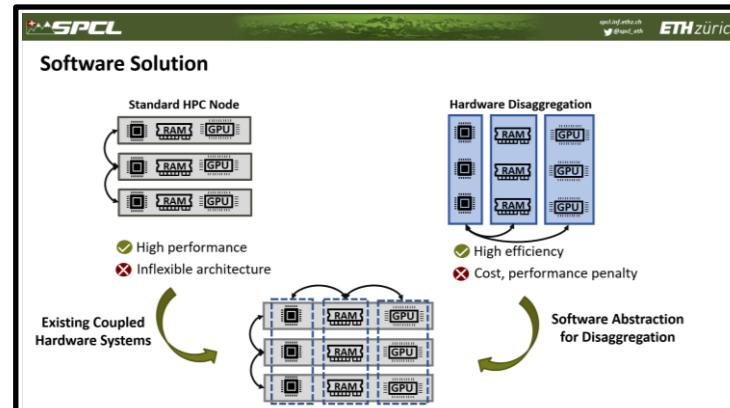
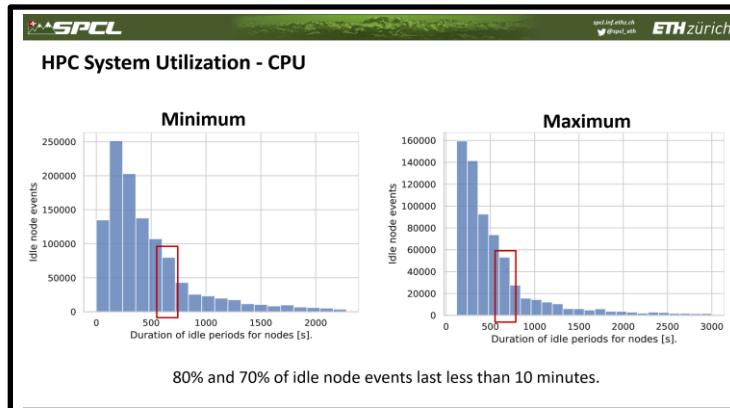


Co-located GPU application.

**LULESH** – 27 ranks, 3 nodes, 9 out of 12 cores allocated.

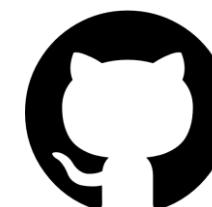
**Rodinia** – 1 MPI rank, 1 GPU.

# Summary



**#1 CPU Sharing**

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spcl/rFaaS

*“the goal of achieving near 100% utilization while supporting a real parallel supercomputing workload is unrealistic”*

## Scheduling for Parallel Supercomputing: A Historical Perspective of Achievable Utilization

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