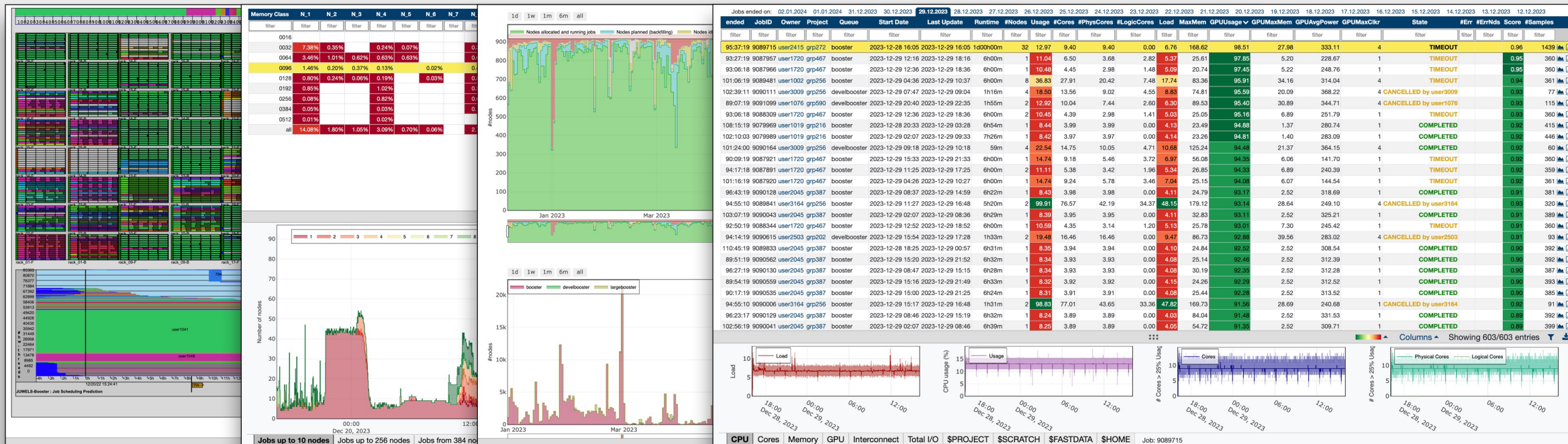




Supporting HPC Users with LLview

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Disclaimer: from the point of view of the support team

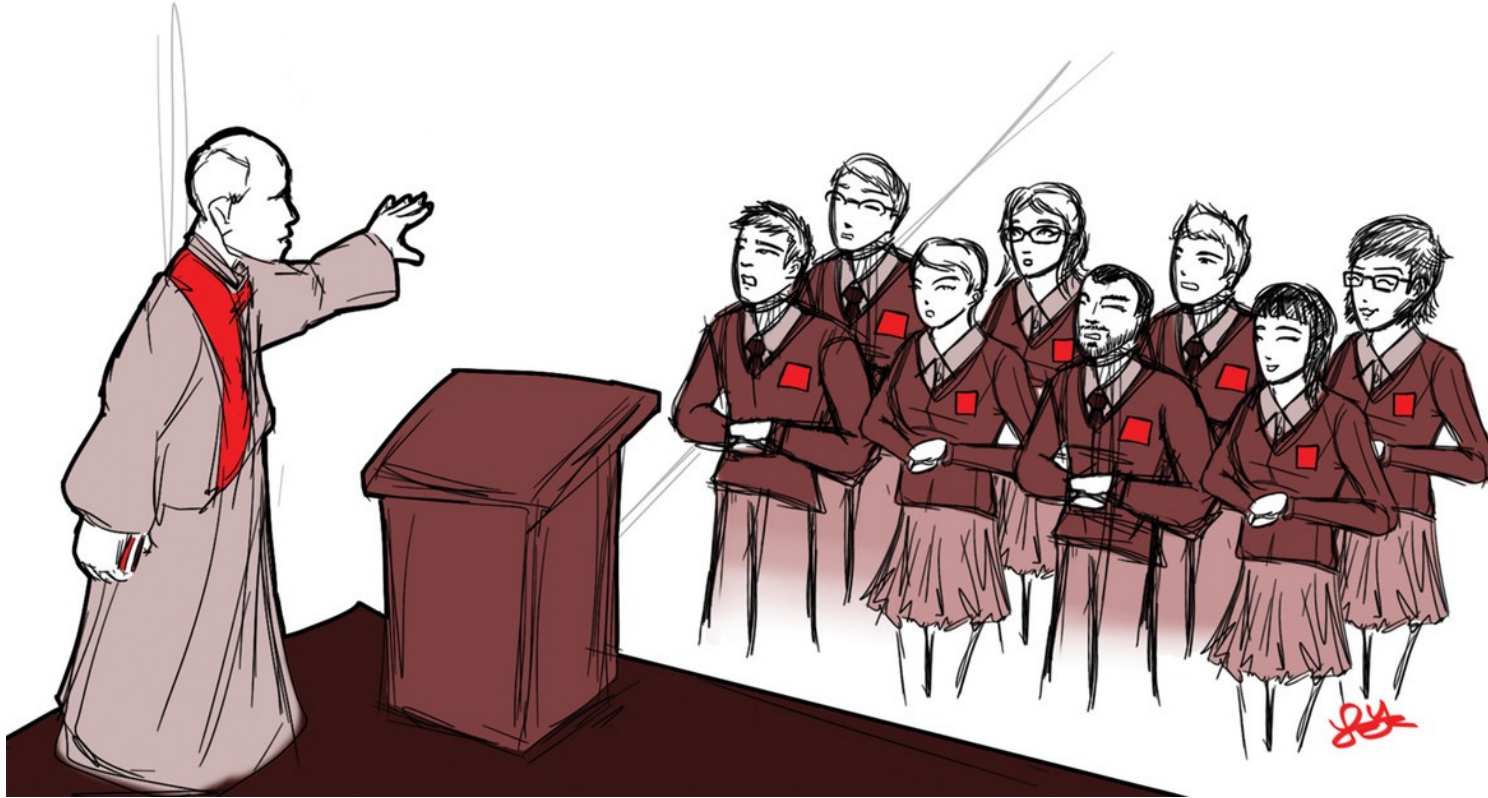


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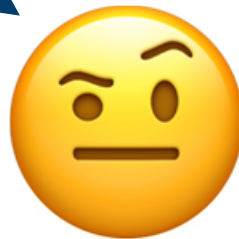


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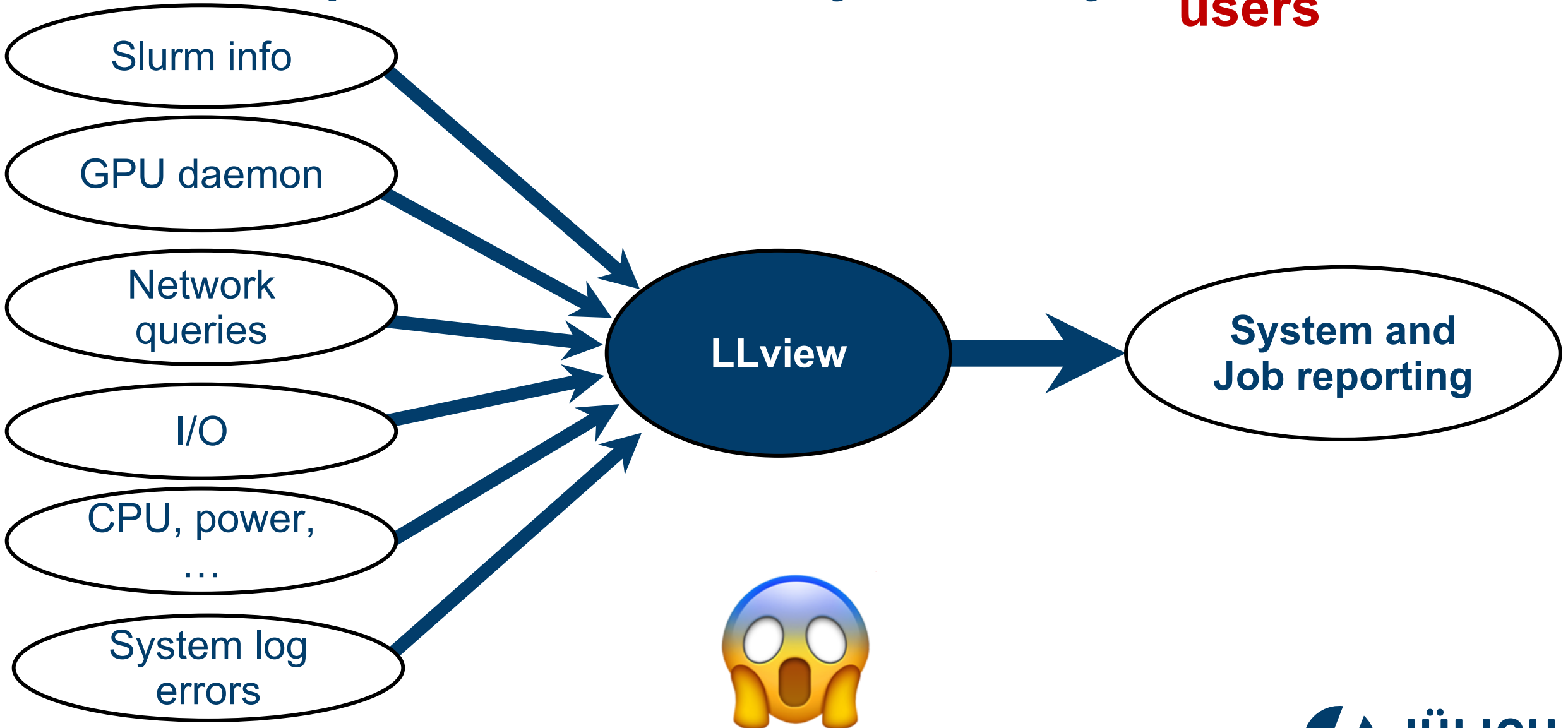
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Supporters



Admins

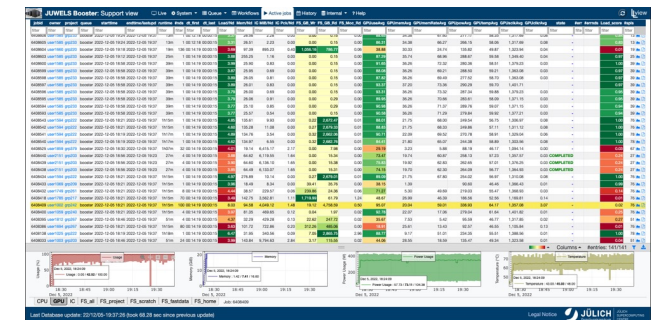
LLview

Updates every ~1min
using existing sources

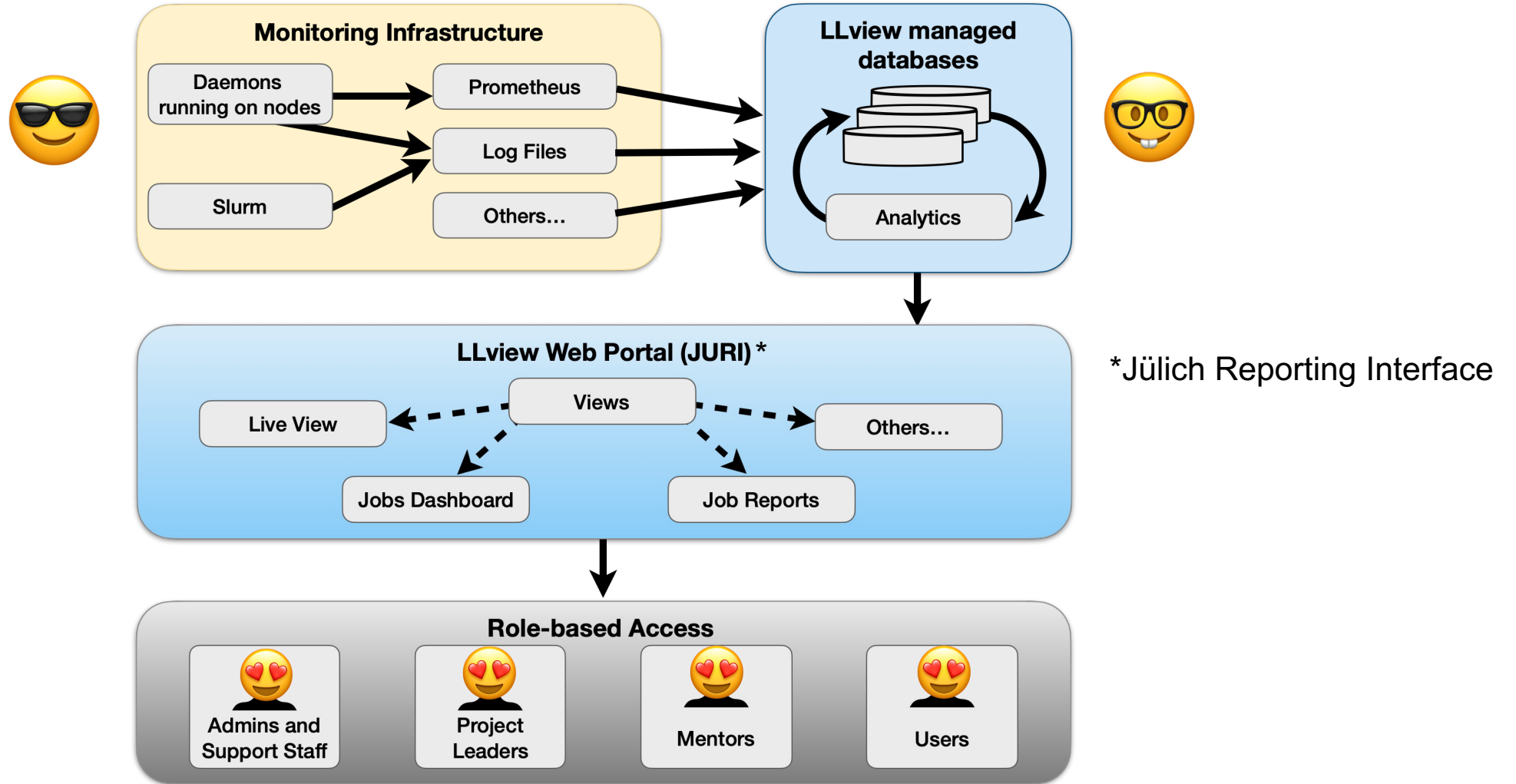
➡ Negligible overhead!

➡ Scalable!

System and
Job reporting



Simplified Scheme of LLview



Features of LLview



Current version: 2.3.2

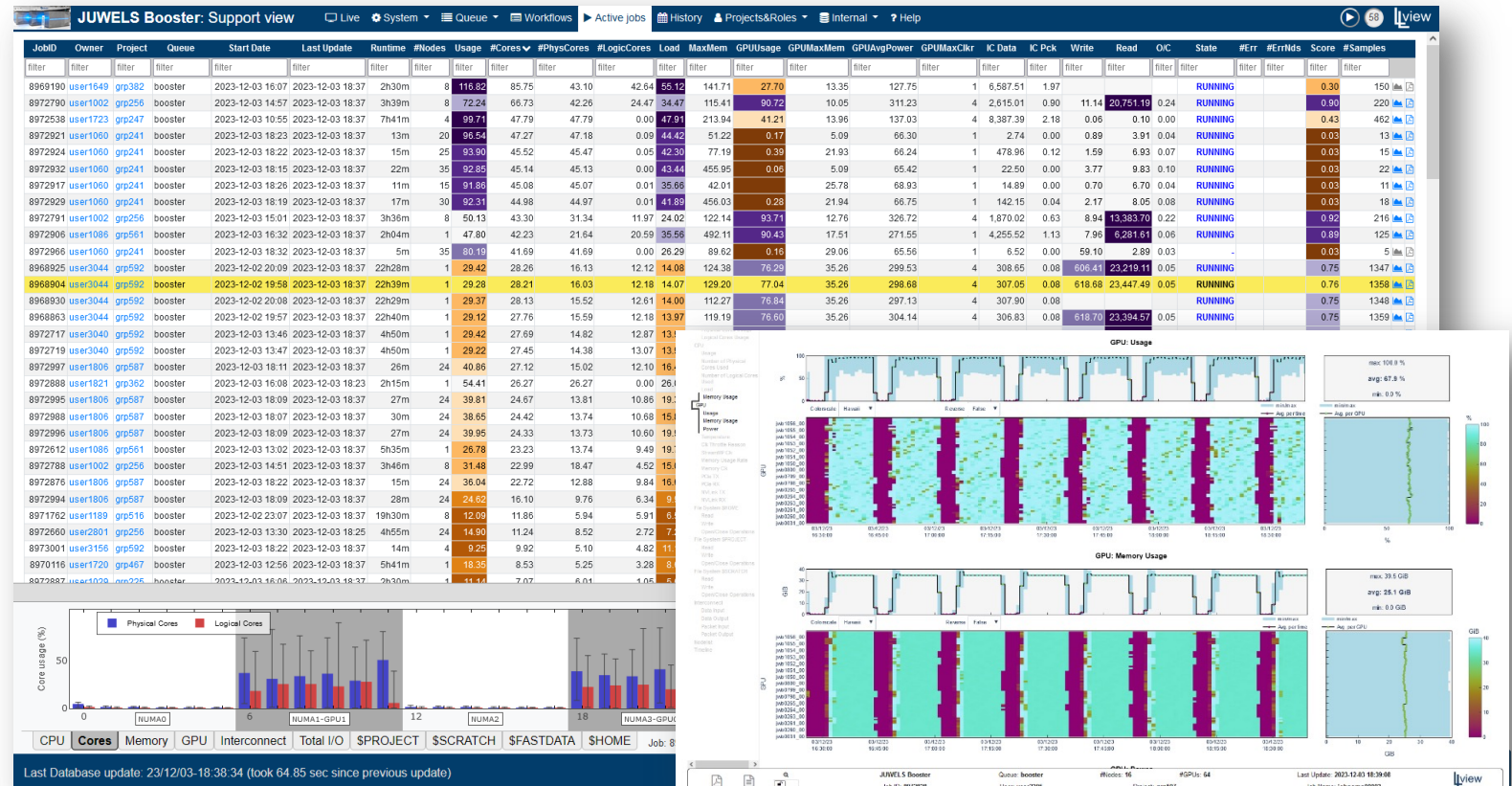
- Near-real time information (also in HTML and PDF reports)
- Role-based access ([Users](#), [PI/PAs](#), [mentors](#), [support](#))
- Modular/extendable design
- Separation between data processing and visualisation

Job information

- Basic job information
- Computing time spent/estimation
- Job Status
- CPU: Load, Core, Memory usage
- GPU: Usage, Power, Temperature, ...
- I/O statistics
- Network traffic
- Node list (with interconnected cells)
- System error messages
- Timeline

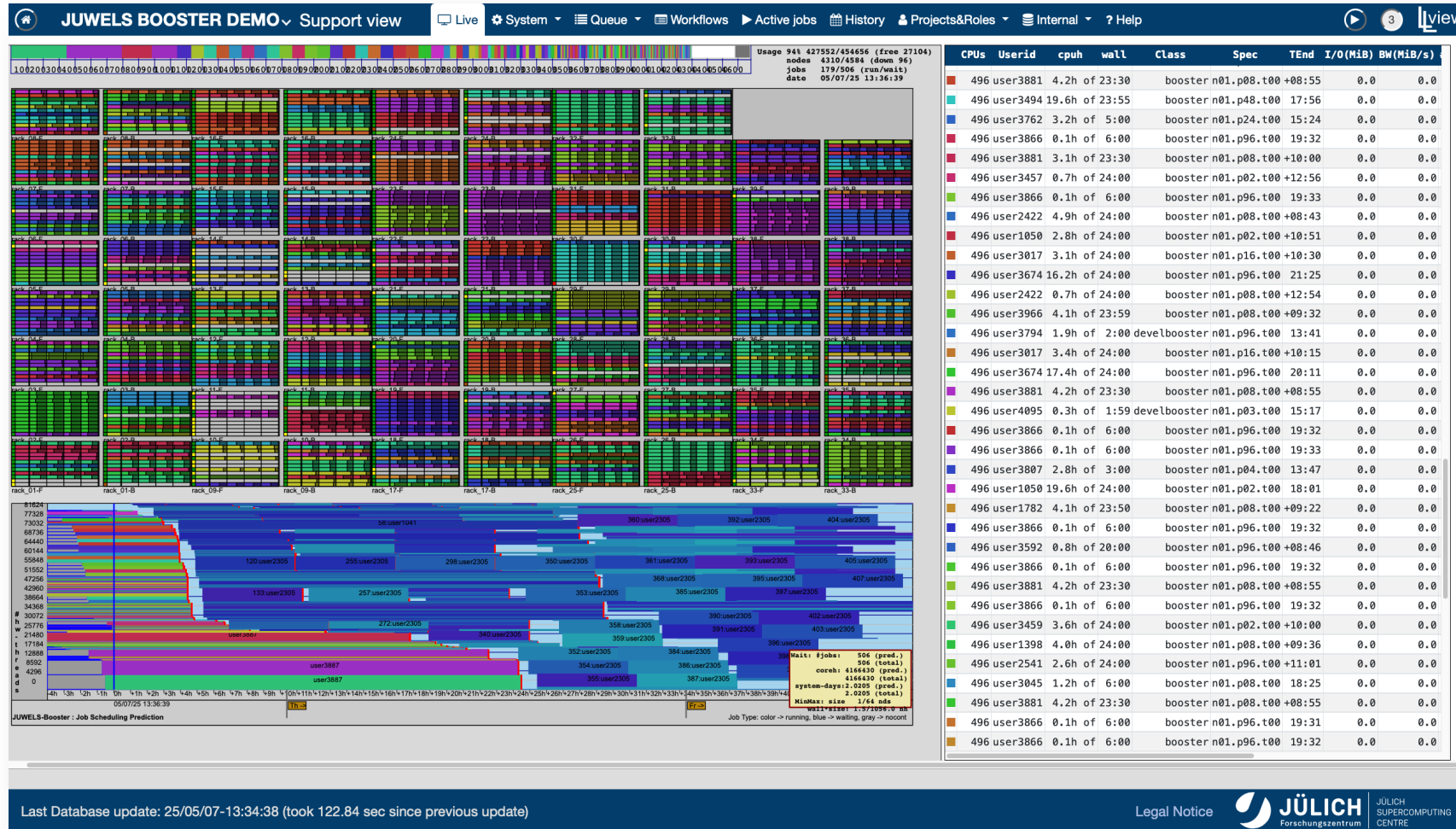
System information

- System usage overview
- Node usage, Errors



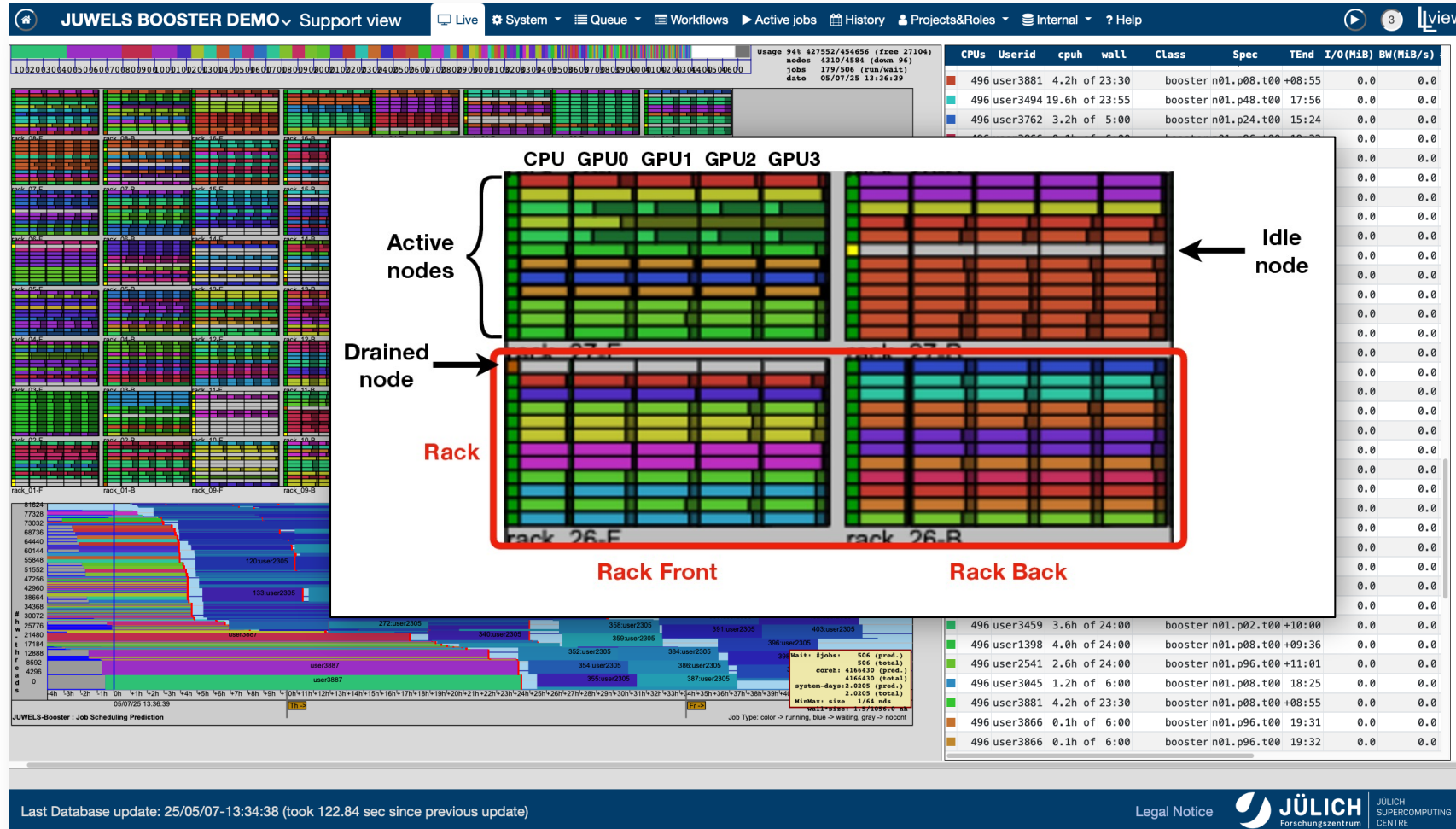
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Live View



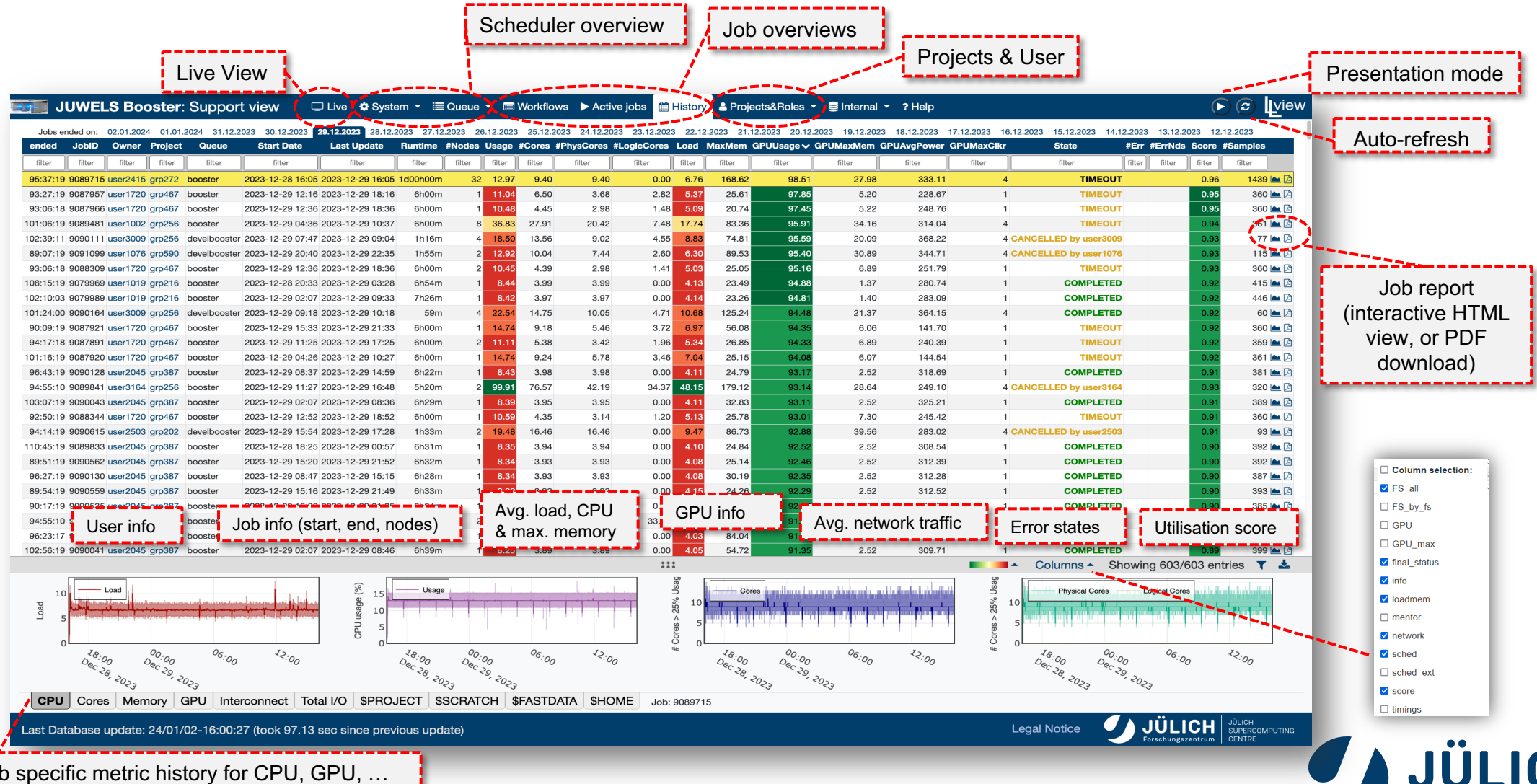
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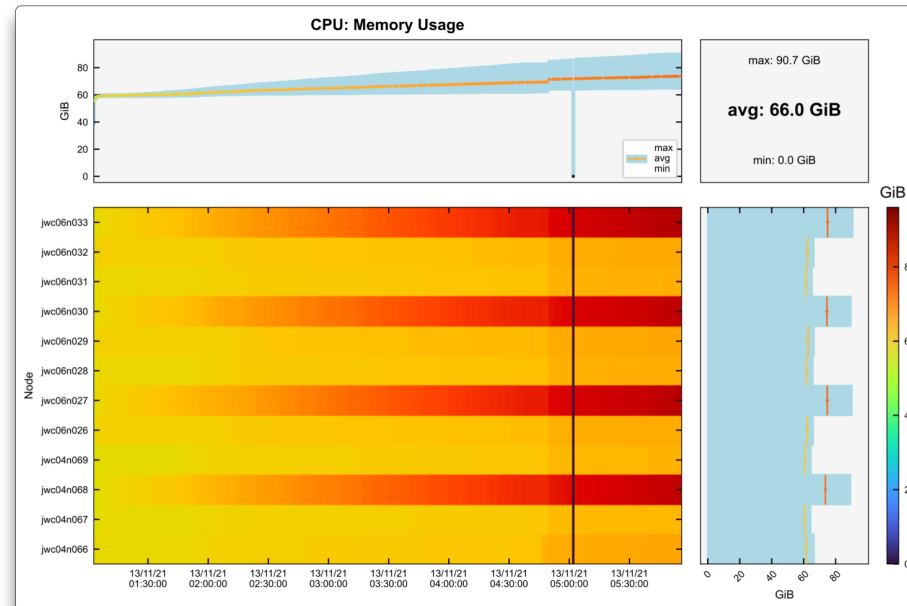
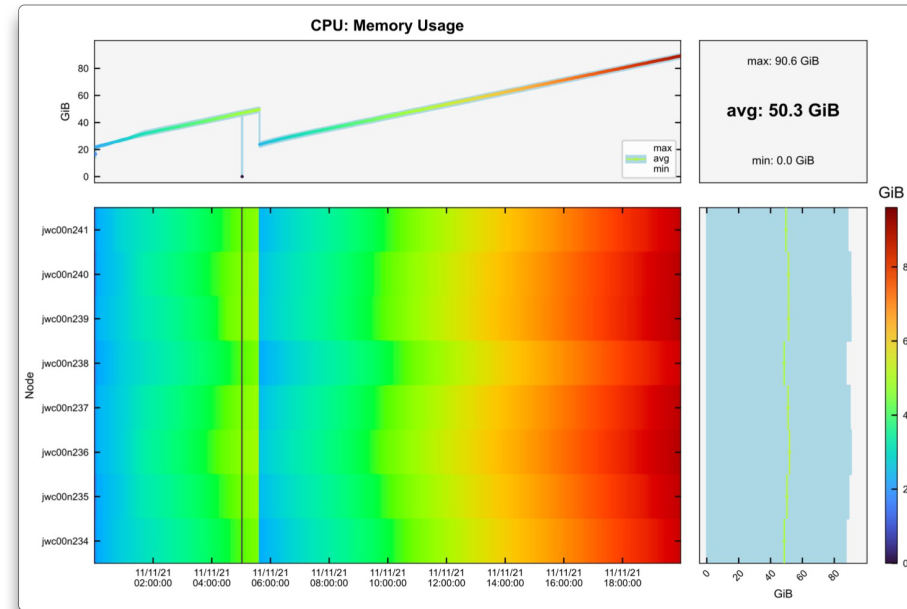
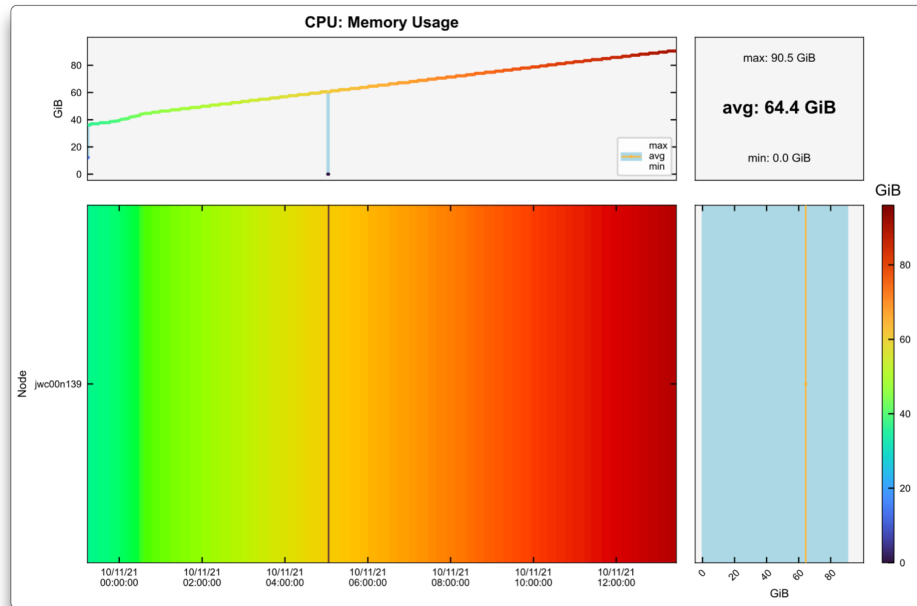
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Jobs Dashboard



Examples

Memory leak



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System Error Logs

Job Finalization Report	Job State: FAILED	Return Code: 9	Signal Number: 0
System Error Report	# Msgs: 2	# Nodes: 1	(Out-of-memory)
This job has used approximately: 1 nodes × 48 cores × 0.186 hours = 8.93 core-h			

System Error Report

Msgs: **2** # Nodes: **1**

Error Messages:

```
2025-04-24T19:21:29+0200 jwb0163.juwels kernel: python invoked oom-killer:
gfp_mask=0x140dca(GFP_HIGHUSER_MOVABLE!__GFP_COMP!__GFP_ZERO), order=0, oom_score_adj=0
2025-04-24T19:21:29+0200 jwb0163.juwels kernel: Out of memory: Killed process 1556003 (python) total-
vm:902572524kB, anon-rss:496358356kB, file-rss:89856kB, shmem-rss:19200kB, UID:xxxxxx pgtables:973944kB
oom_score_adj:0
```

Examples

System Error Logs

Job Finalization Report	Job State: TIMEOUT	Return Code: 0	Signal Number: 0
System Error Report	# Msgs: 2	# Nodes: 1	(Flipping Link)
This job has used approximately: 16 nodes × 48 cores × 11.973 hours = 9195.26 core-h			

System Error Report

Msgs: **2** # Nodes: **1**

Error Messages:

```
2025-06-02T03:24:56+0200 jwb0155.juwels pshealthcheck[184436]: [EE] ERROR: mlx5_2 local port (LID
4667, port 1): LinkDownedCounter = 8 (threshold = 1)
2025-06-02T03:24:56+0200 jwb0155.juwels pshealthcheck[184436]: [EE] ERROR: mlx5_2 remote port (LID
297, port 34): LinkDownedCounter = 8 (threshold = 1)
```

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Job Finalization Report

Job State: **FAILED**

Return Code: **0**

Signal Number: **9**

System Error Report

Msgs: **59**

Nodes: **59**

(Node Error)

This job has used approximately: 60 nodes × 48 cores × 11.328 hours = 32624.64 core-h

System Error Report

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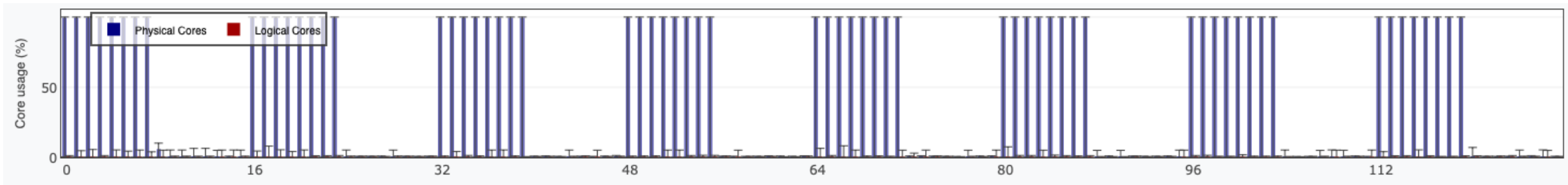
Error Messages:

```
2025-06-03T10:50:14+0200 jwb0011.juwels psid[63607]: psslurm: nodeDownAlloc: node 3764 in allocation
11584692 state A_RUNNING is down
2025-06-03T10:50:15+0200 jwb0025.juwels psid[80835]: psslurm: nodeDownAlloc: node 3764 in allocation
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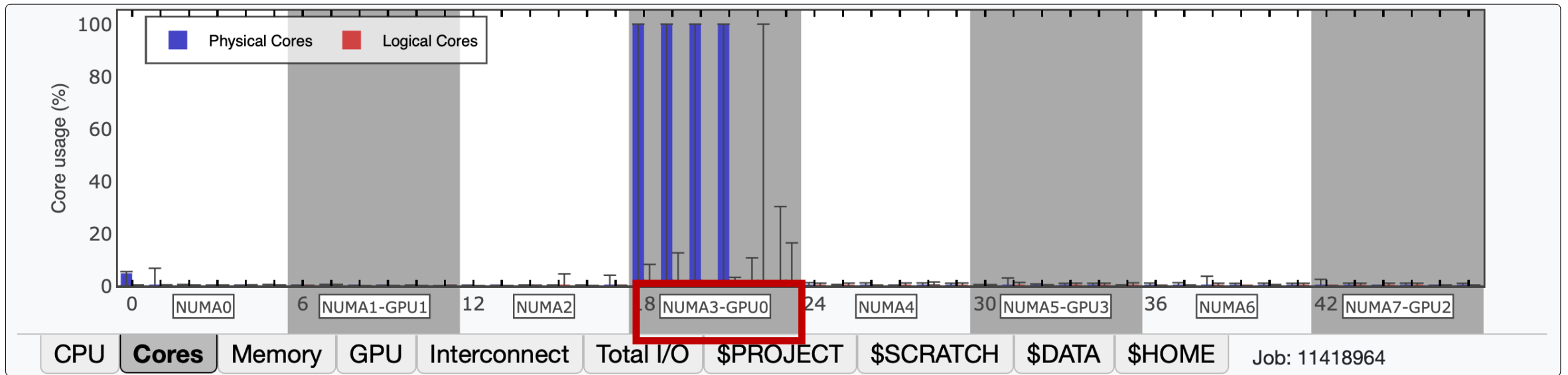
Inadequate Resource Usage

Usage	#Cores	#PhysCores	#LogicCores	Load
<50	filter	filter	filter	filter
2.90	0.01	0.01	0.0	512.26
1.37	0.37	0.27	0.1	477.35
4.07	0.01	0.01	0.0	395.68
0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	158.31
3.00	3.73	3.73	0.00	149.31
18.90	23.98	23.98	0.00	128.64
10.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	128.32
18.91	24.00	24.00	0.00	127.77
18.86	23.94	23.94	0.00	127.68
18.88	23.98	23.98	0.00	127.68
30.34	78.75	78.75	0.00	124.96



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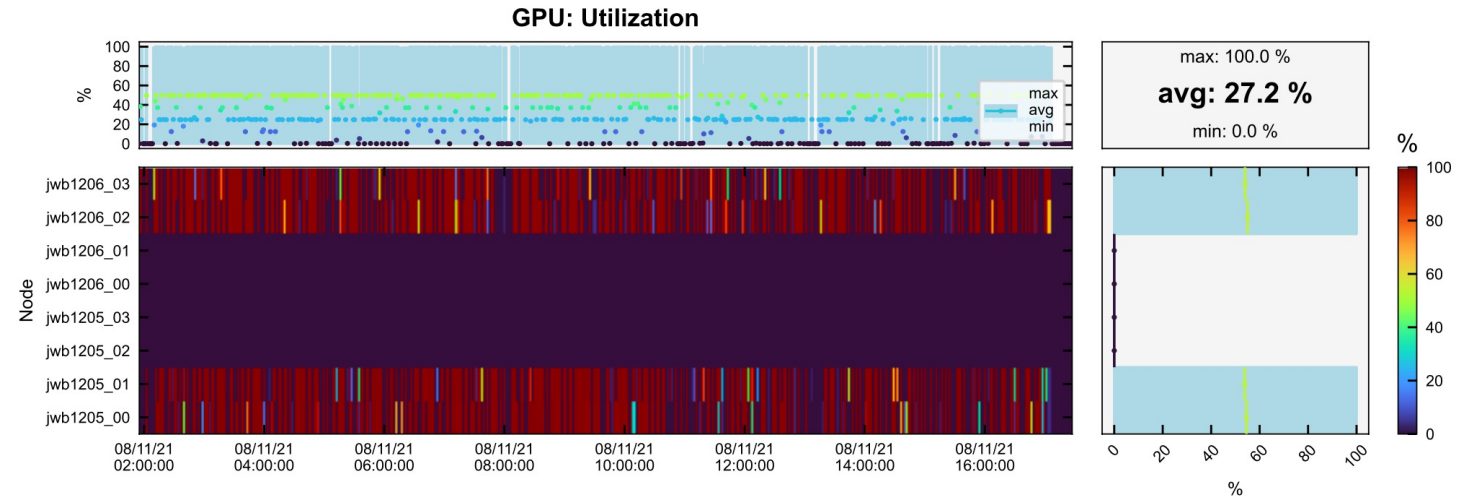
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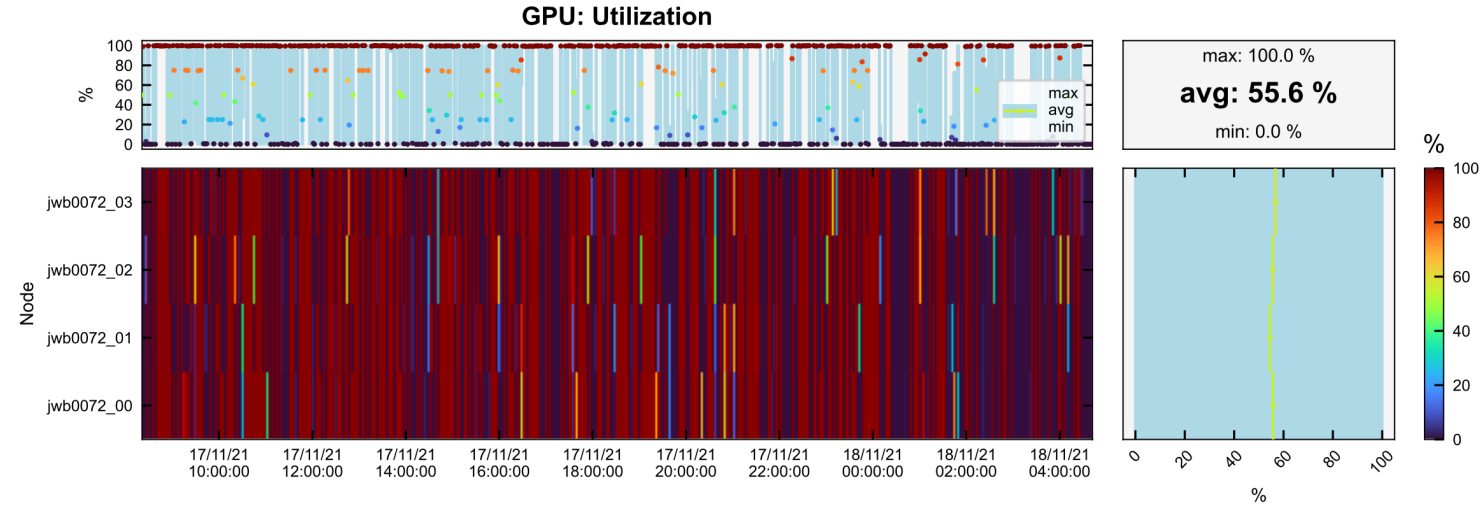
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Inadequate Resource Usage

2 nodes (8 GPUs) using
only 2 GPUs each



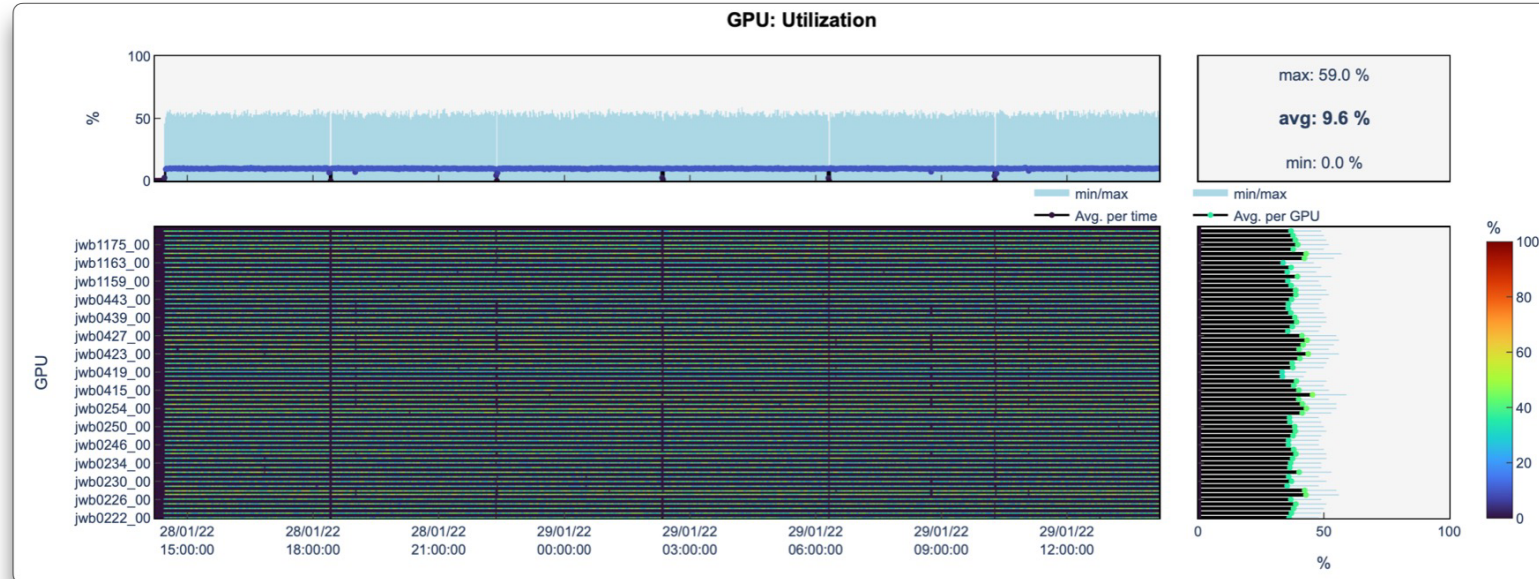
1 nodes using all 4 GPUs



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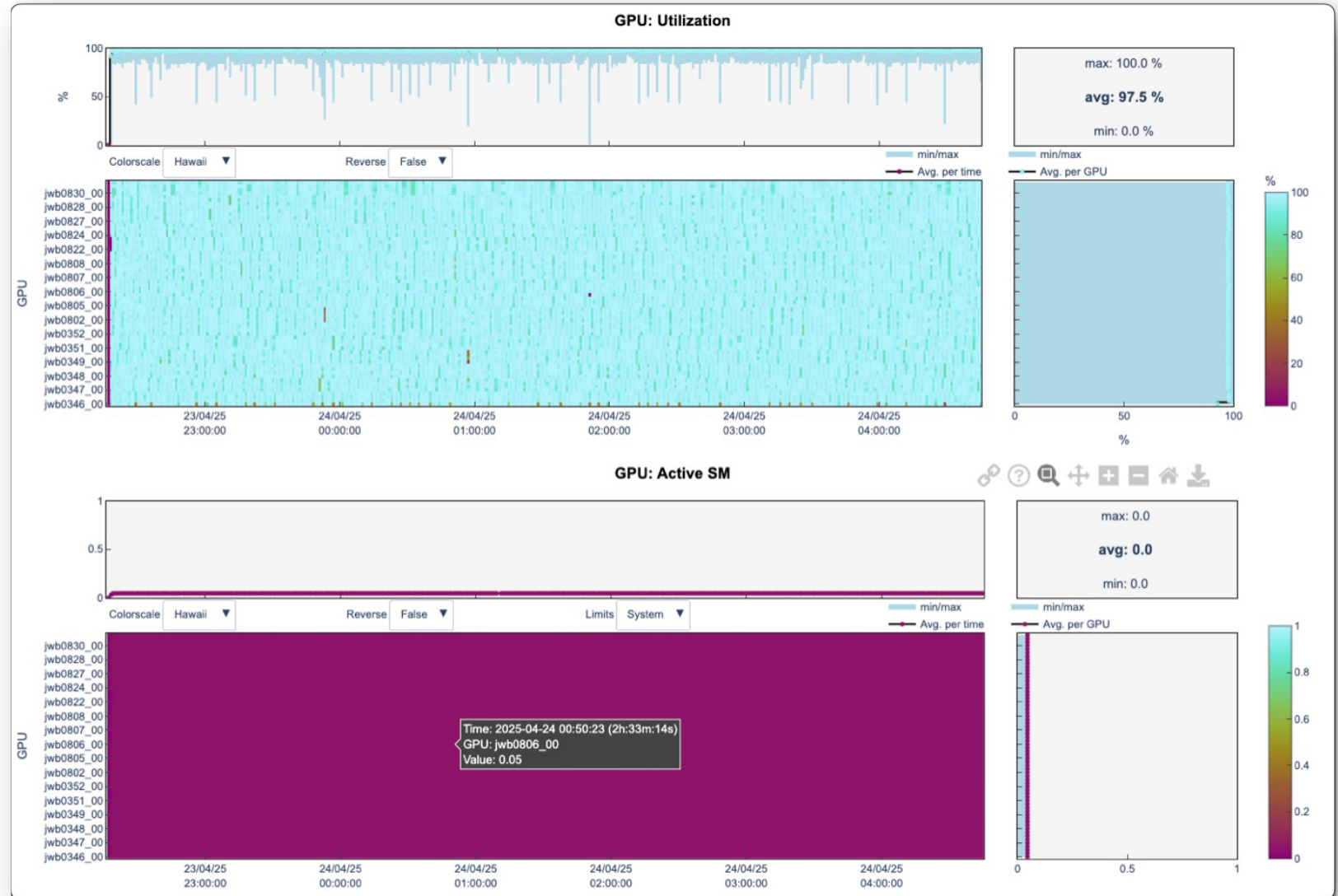
1 GPU per node



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Inadequate Resource Usage

GPU Utilisation ~100%

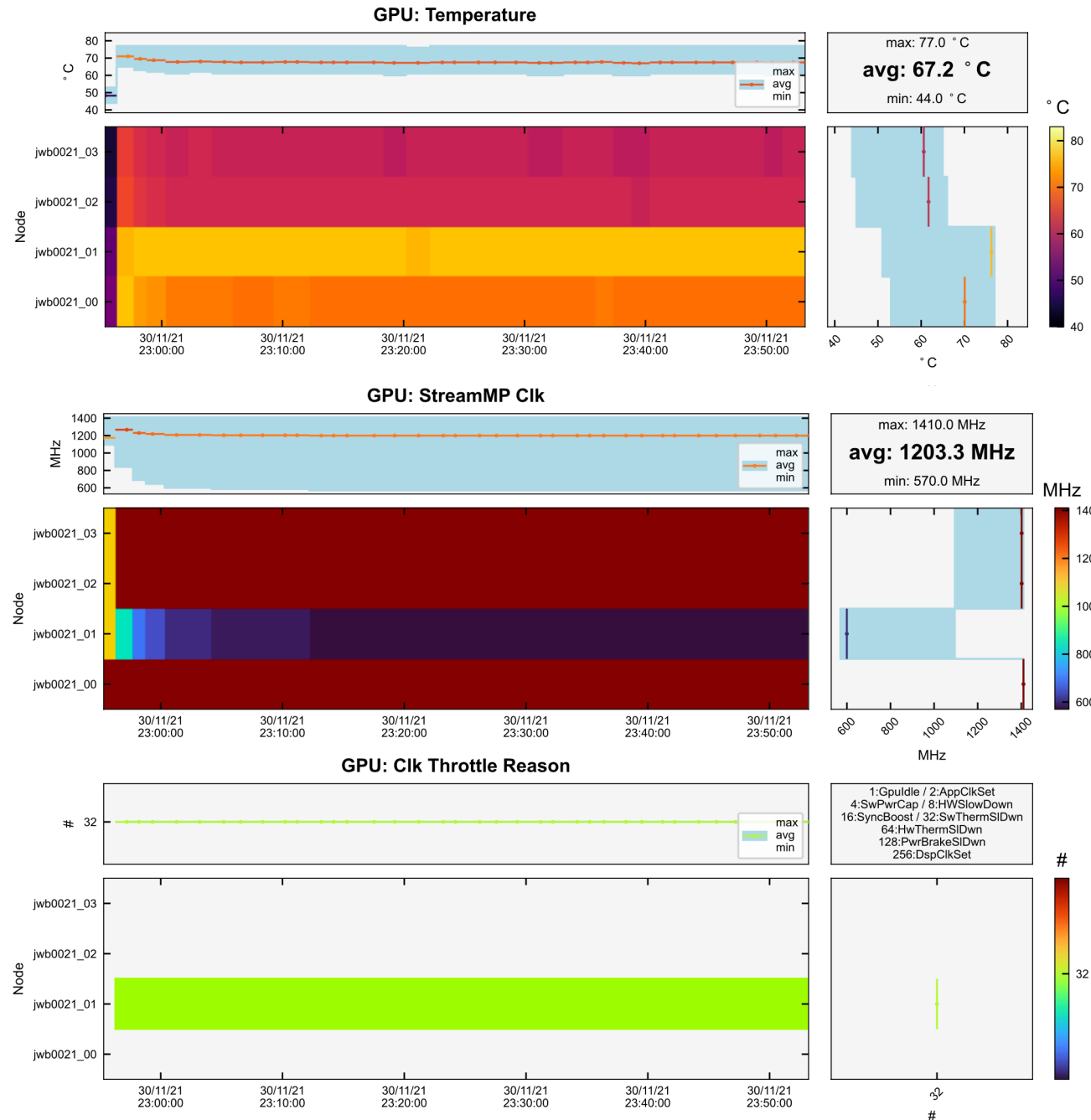


GPU Active SM ~5%

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Hardware Issues

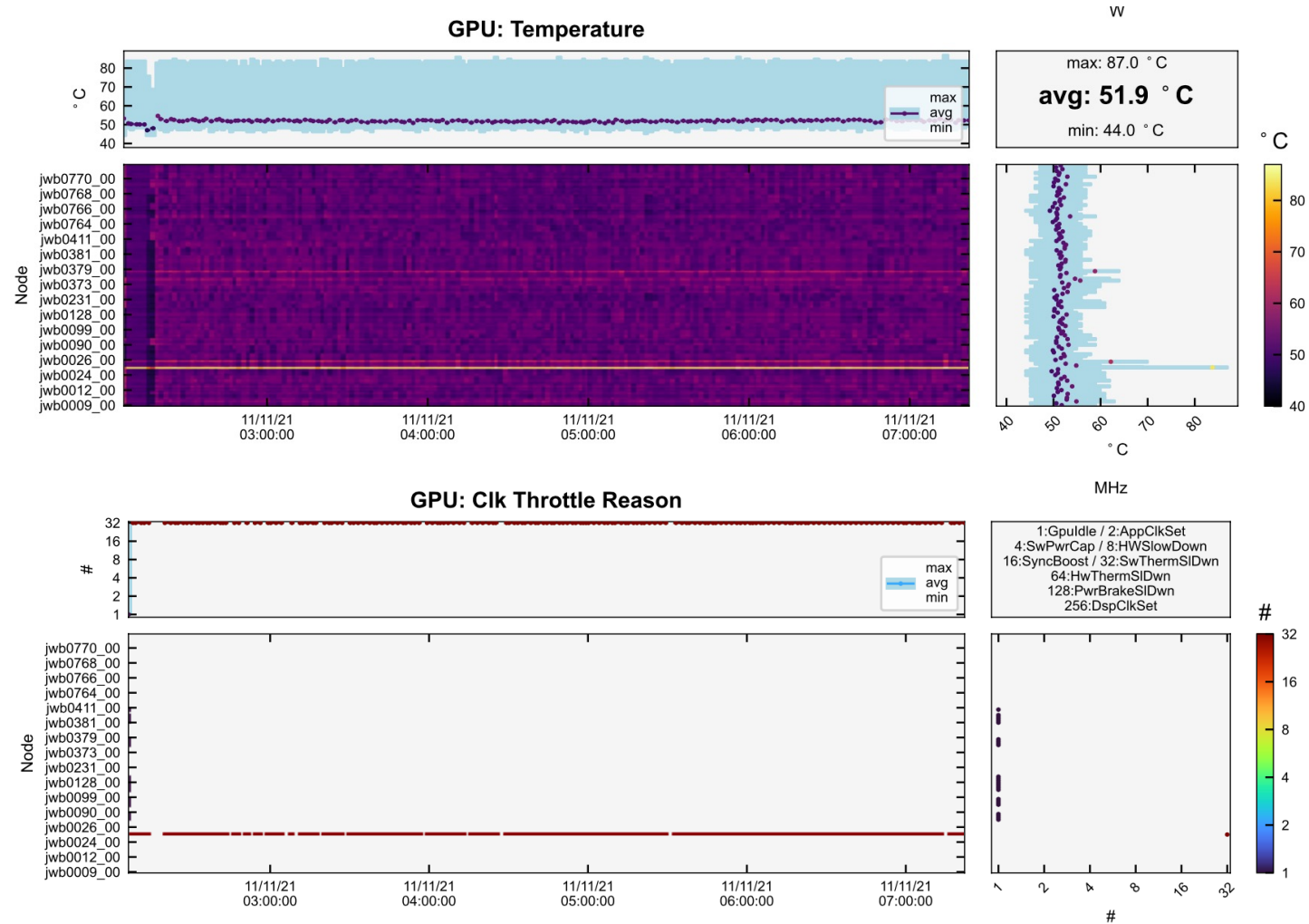
4 GPUs:



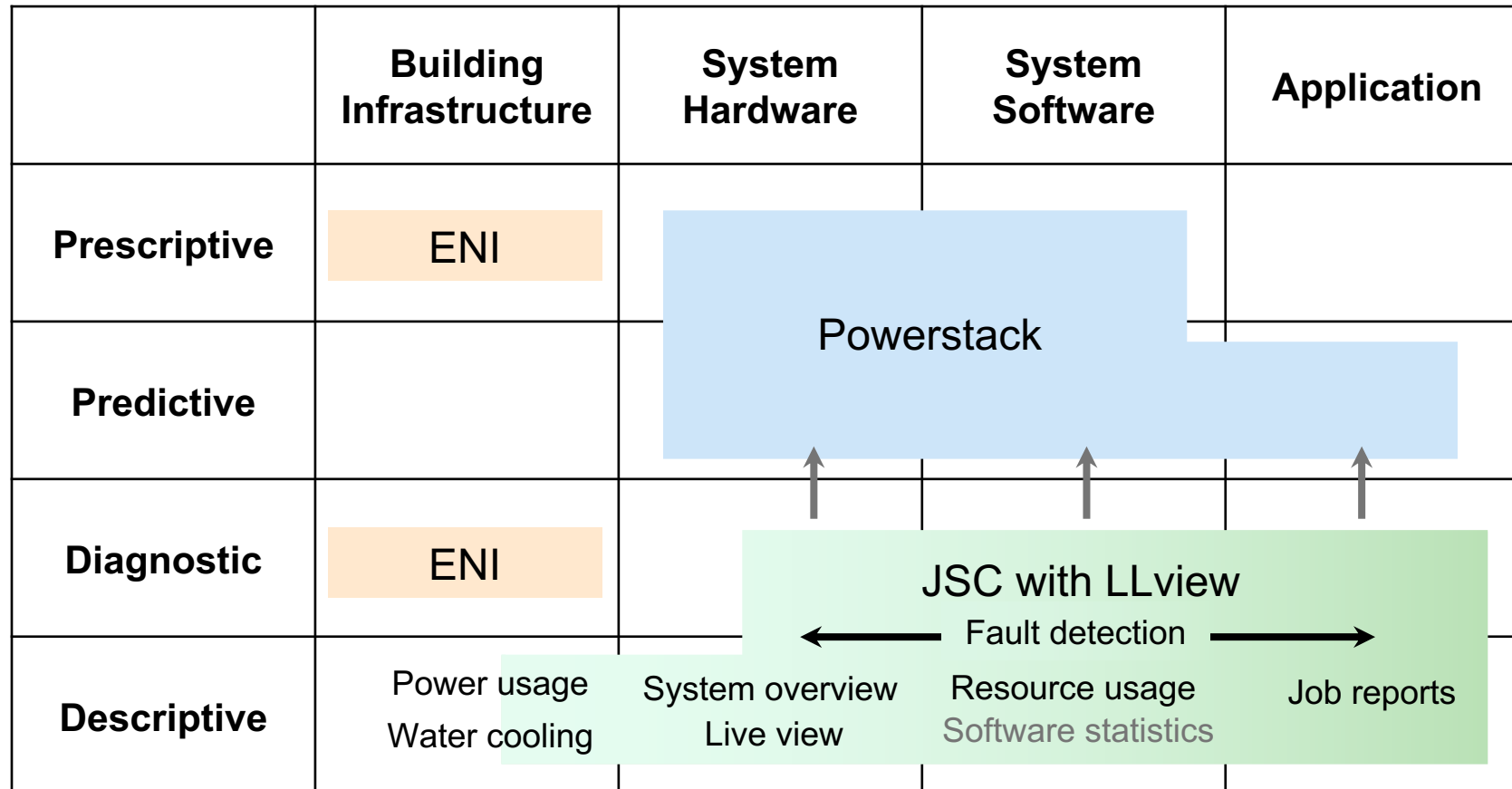
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128 GPUs:

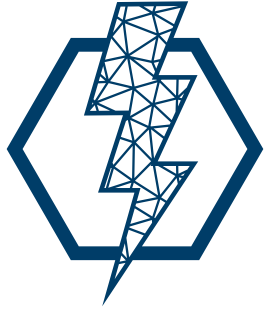


Classifying LLview



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Outlook



JUPITER



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SEANERGY

(Starting in June 2025)

- Faster updates (for JUPITER)
- Generalisations, new metrics and data sources
- Queue view and analysis
- REST-API
- Long-term analysis
- Workflow and project reports
- ...

Conclusions

Thank you!

LLview...

- ...helps to identify (user and system) software and hardware issues
 - ...enables users find problems on their own
 - ...brings support to a higher level
 - ...reduces the need for communication between users and support as well as support and admins
 - ...improves the overall system utilisation
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- Open source GPLv3 Licence github.com/FZJ-JSC/llview
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