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Visualizing job usage with the ViewClust Python package

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Overview

Factors that affect wait times in the queue of the Compute Canada general purpose clusters (Graham, Cedar, and Beluga).

Usage decisions that can lead to unnecessarily long wait times in the queue.

Querying the properties of the systems, scheduler and job queue

Visualizing job records with the ViewClust-Vis Python package

Factors that affect wait times

Resources (cluster) and resource requests (jobs)

cores, gpus, memory..

Ordering of jobs in the scheduling queue (priority)

target share, usage, core equivalent

Scheduler configuration (partitions)

Specific resource requests are isolated to subsets of nodes

Usage decisions that can lead to unnecessarily long wait times

Node memory limits

Partition constraints

Heterogeneous job submission from a single account

Core equivalent usage billing towards fair share

Querying properties of the system, scheduler and job queue

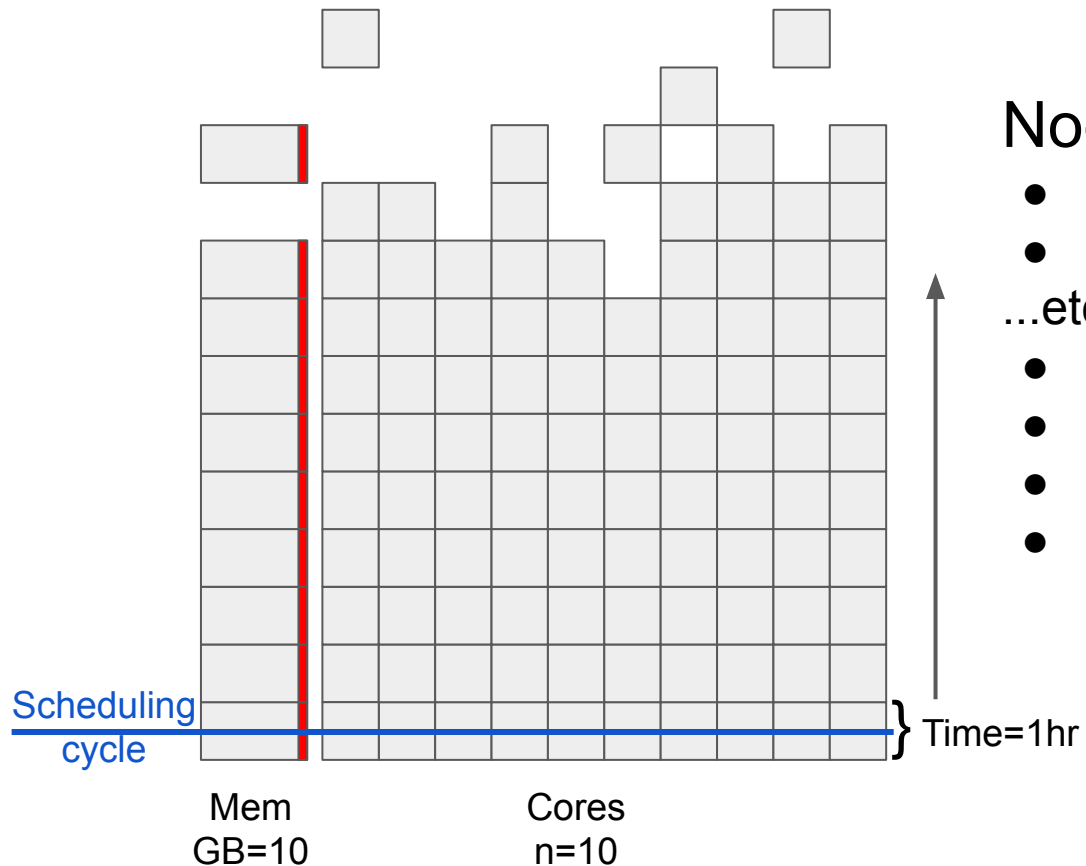
What resources are available? `sinfo`, `partition-stats`,

How are the nodes organized into partitions? `scontrol show partitions`

What is the job load in the queue and running on the nodes? `squeue`, `sacct`

Summary of an account's job records with `ViewClust-Vis`

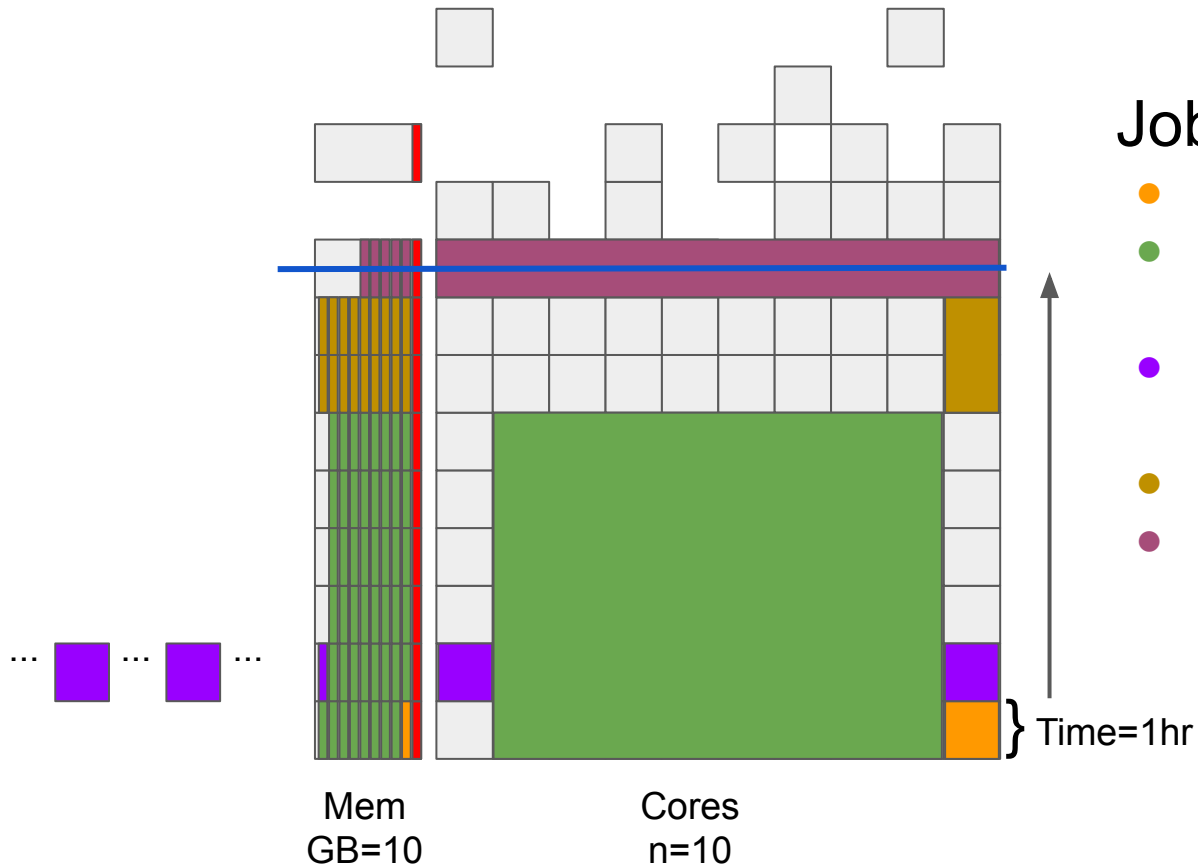
Node resources and resource requests (jobs)



Node resources

- Cores
- Memory
- ...etc
- GPUs
- Software licenses
- ...
- Time

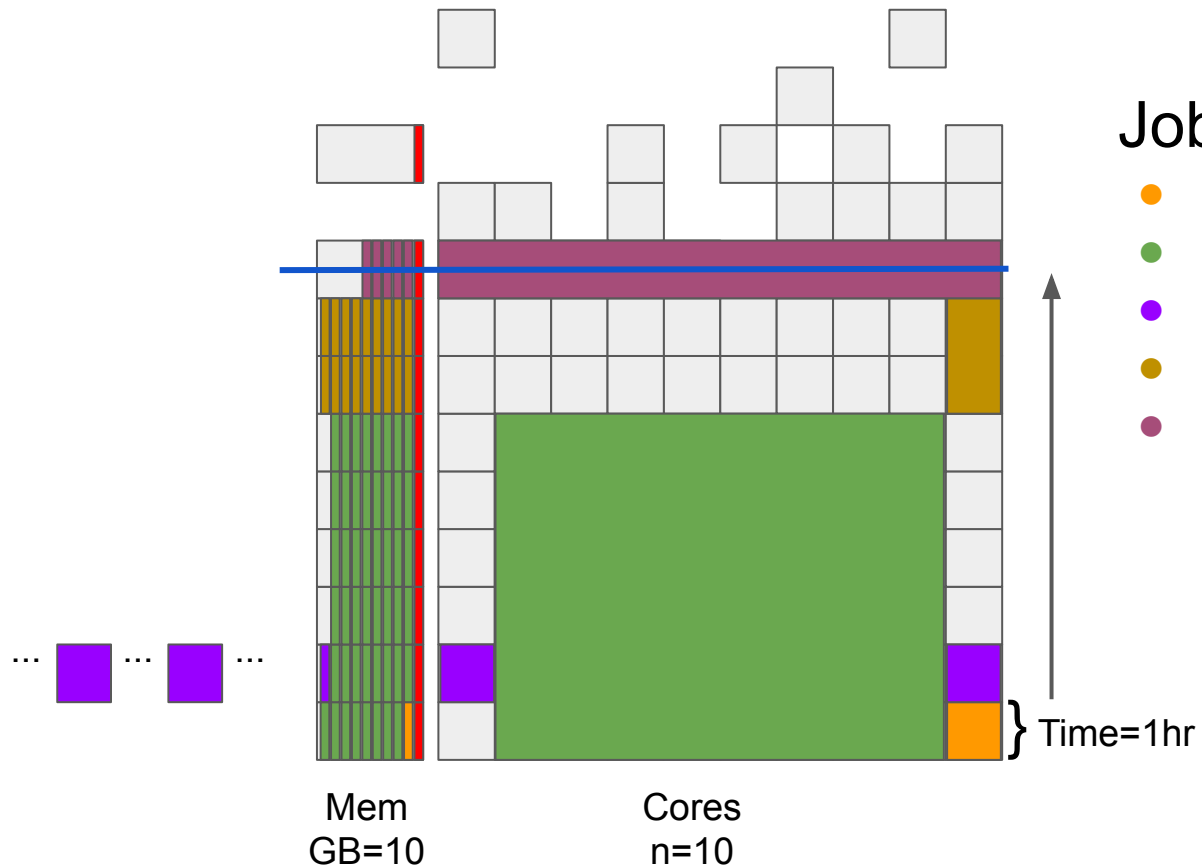
Node resources and resource requests (jobs)



Job size

- `--time=1:00 --mem=1G`
- `--time=6:00 --mem=8G`
`--cpu-per-task=8`
- `--time=1:00 --ntasks=10`
`--mem-per-cpu=400`
- `--time=2:00 --mem=9G`
- `--time=1:00 --nodes=1`
`--ntasks-per-node=10`
`--mem-per-cpu=400`

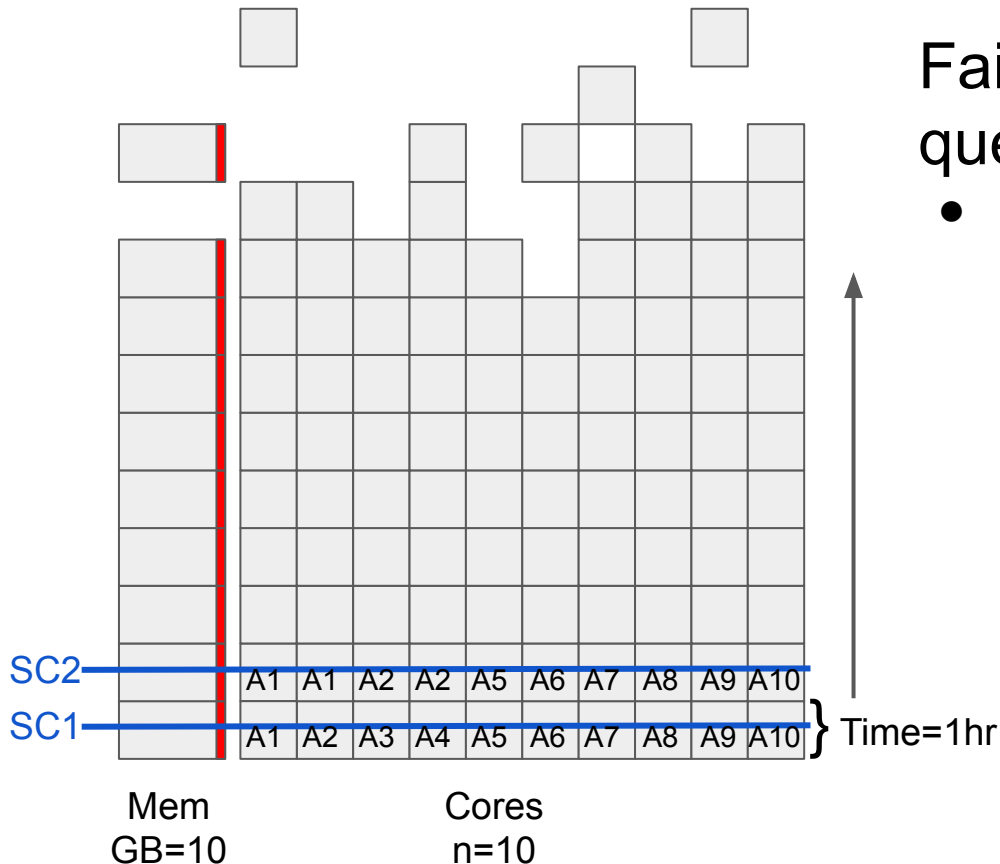
Node resources and resource requests (jobs)



Job billing (by core & mem)

- 1 core equivalent
- 8 core equivalent
- 10 core equivalent
- 9 core equivalent
- 10 core equivalent

Ordering of jobs in the scheduling queue (priority)

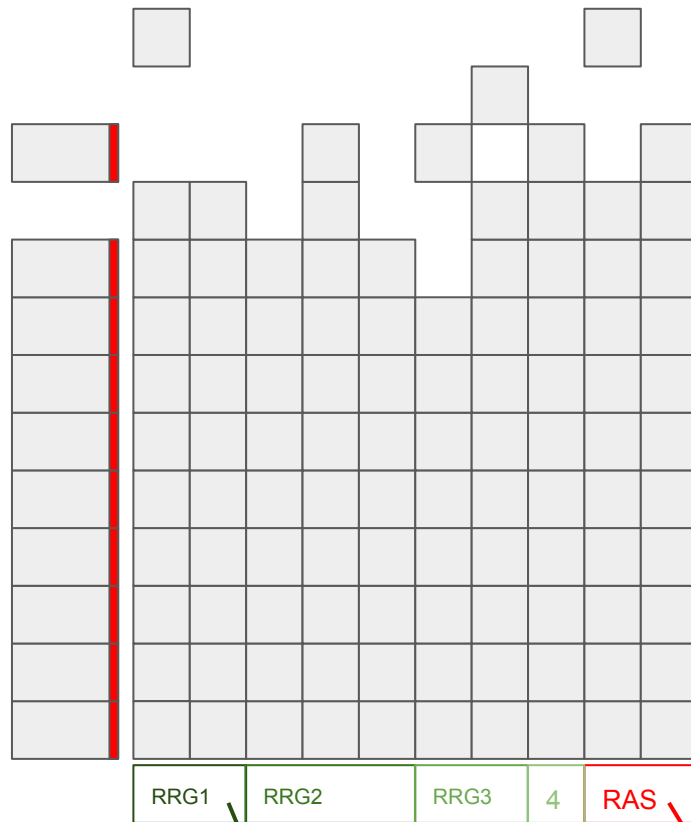


Fair-share priority queue sorting

- Example: 10 accounts with equal shares of 1.

SC1	SC2	SC3
A1, .5	A1, .5	A3, .75
A2, .5	A1, .5	A4, .75
A3, .5	A2, .5	A5, .5
A4, .5	A2, .5	A6, .5
A5, .5	A5, .5	A7, .5
A6, .5	A6, .5	A8, .5
A7, .5	A7, .5	A9, .5
A8, .5	A8, .5	A10, .5
A9, .5	A9, .5	A1, .25
A10, .5	A10, .5	A2, .25
(FIFO)	(FIFO)	(FS priority)

Ordering of jobs in the scheduling queue (priority)



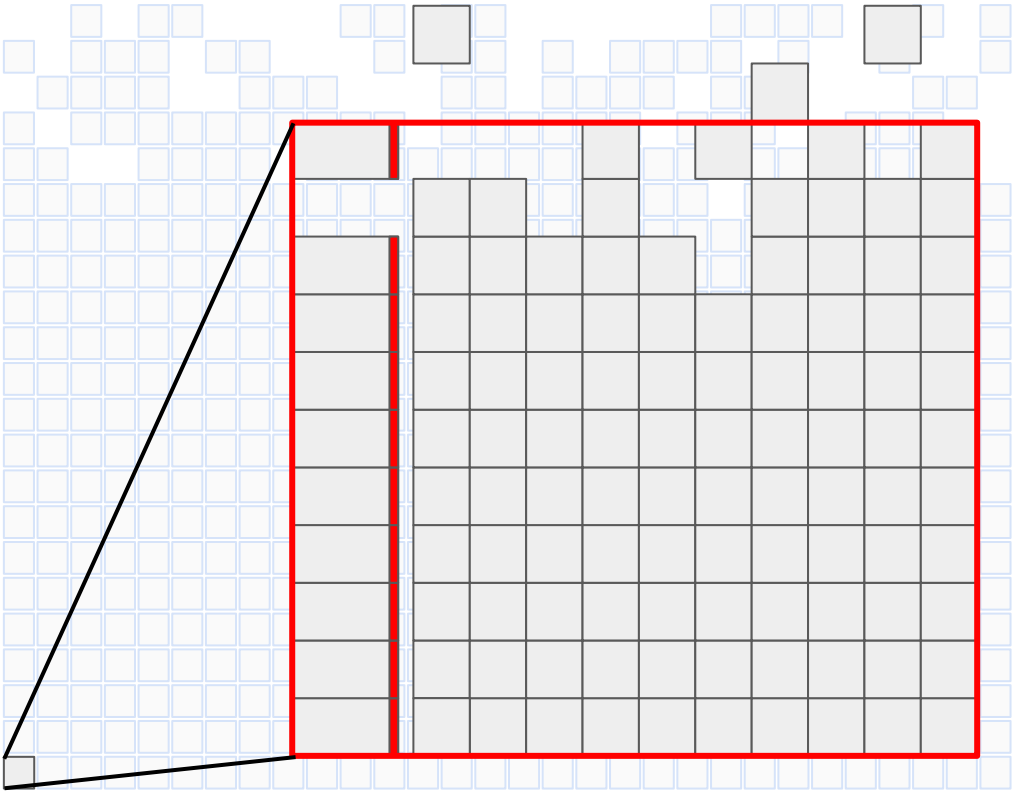
Shared equally among RRG1 users

Shared among default accounts

Fair-share targets

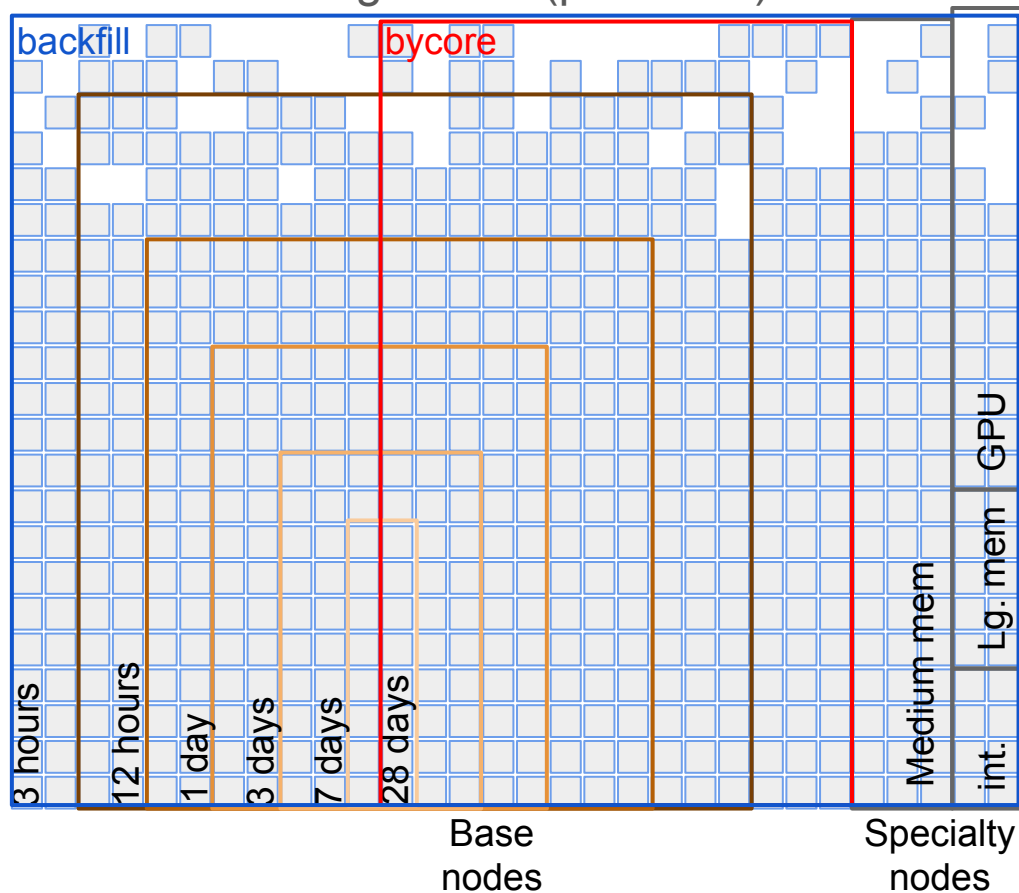
- In production target shares are not equal
- Resource allocations (e.g. RRG, RPP) are defined by unique share targets.
- RAS is the equally shared residual system resources available beyond allocations

Scheduler configuration (partitions)



Partitions

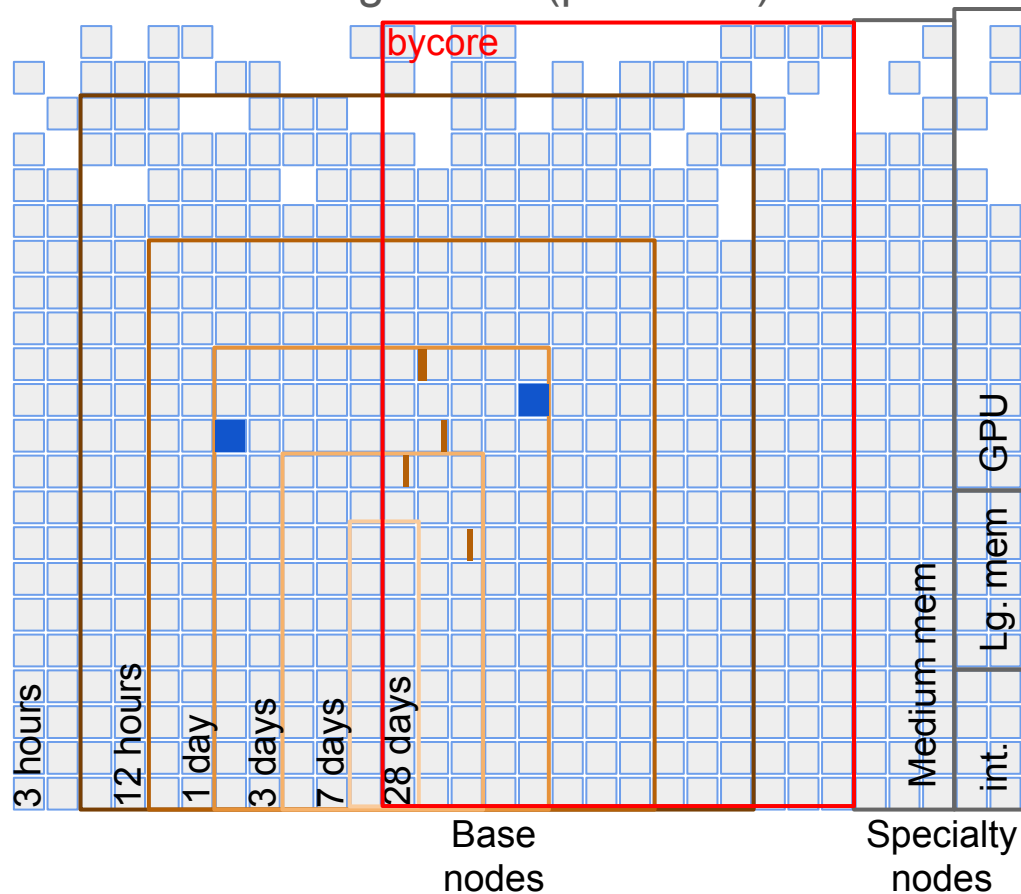
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Partitions

- Restrict jobs of specific shapes to node sets
- Full node jobs can run on most any node (bynode)
- Jobs 24 hours and shorter can run on most any node
- Longer run time jobs have access to fewer nodes
- Partial node jobs (bycore) have access to fewer nodes
- Backfill jobs can run on most any node

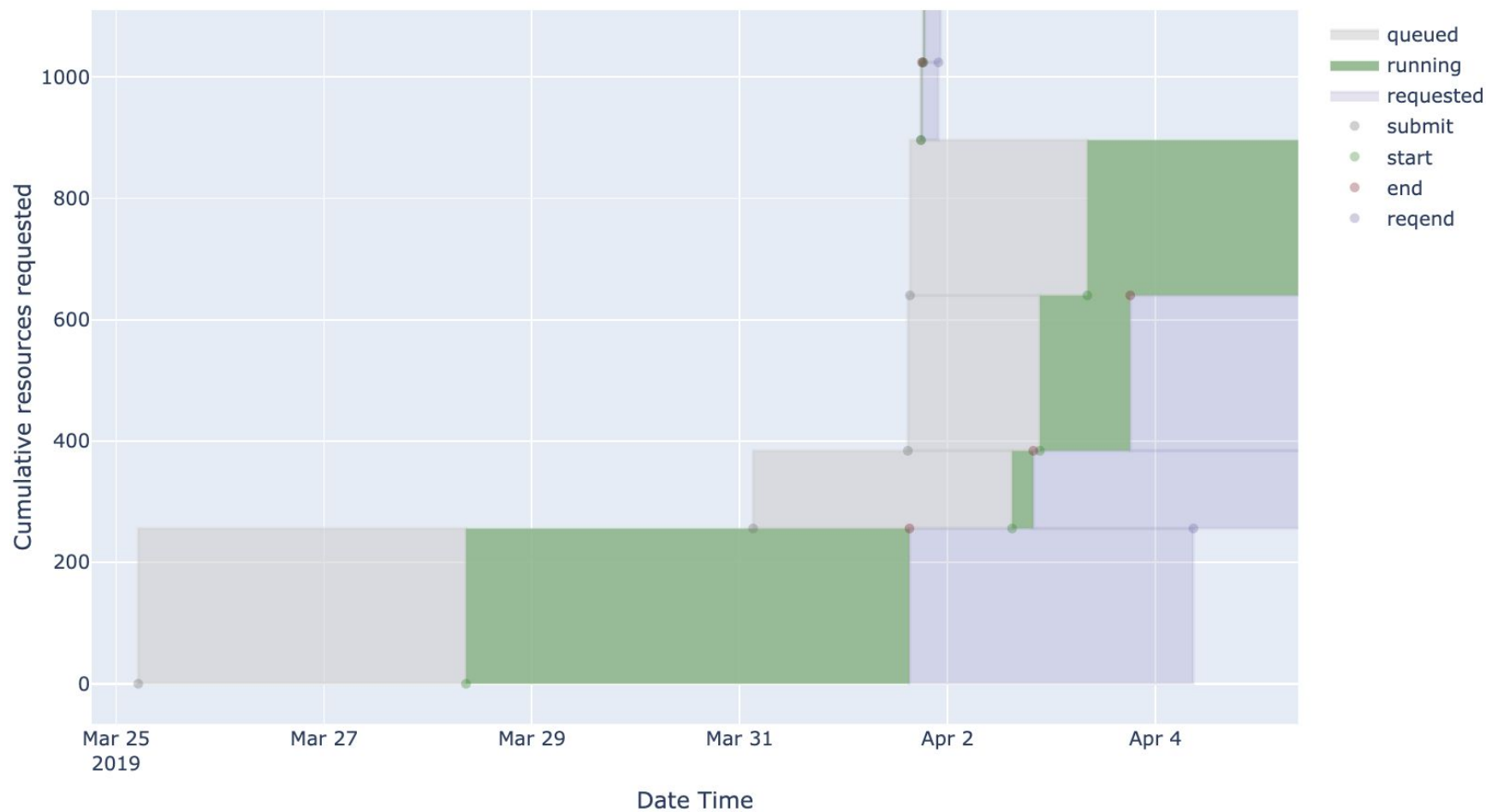
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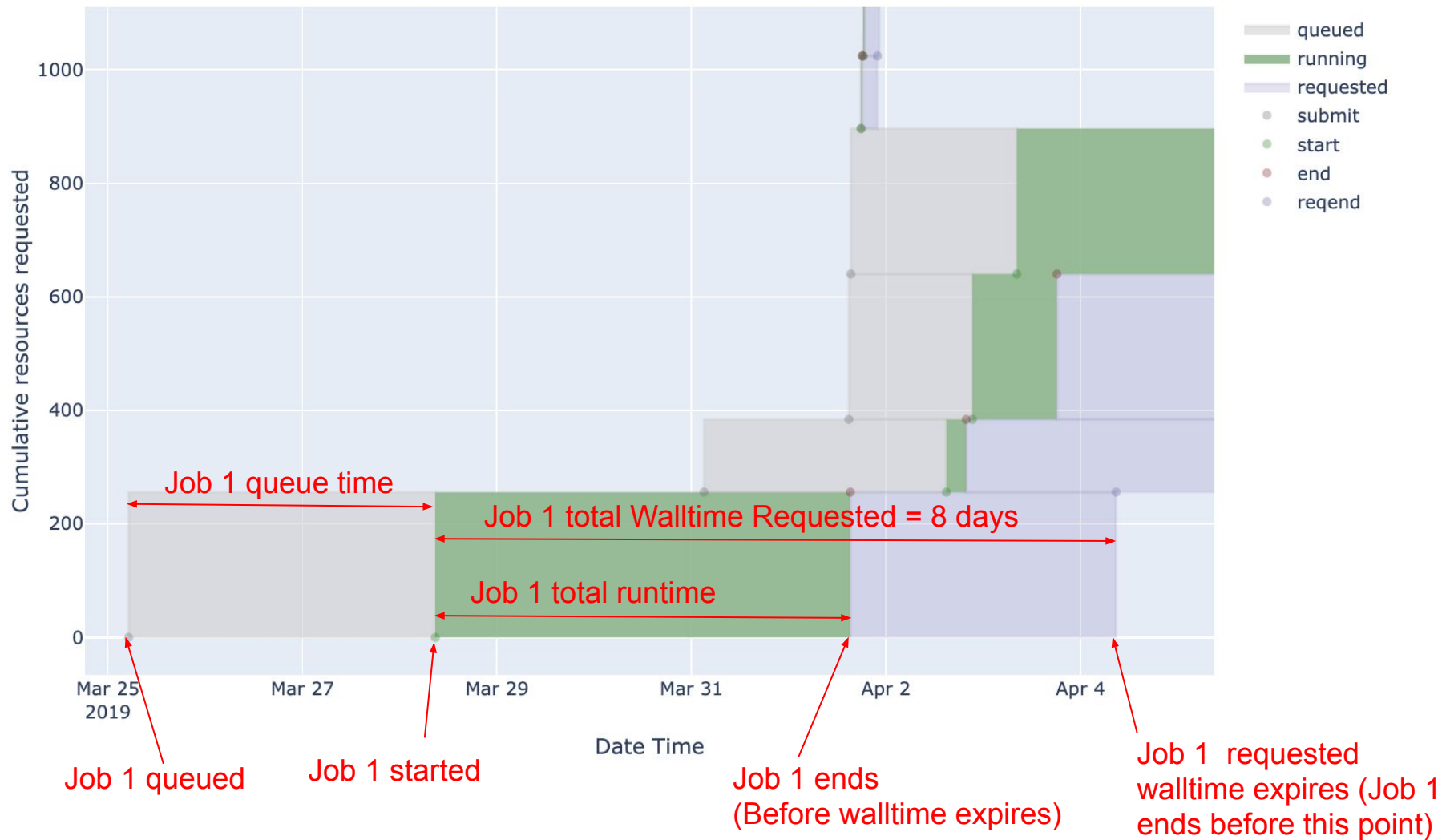


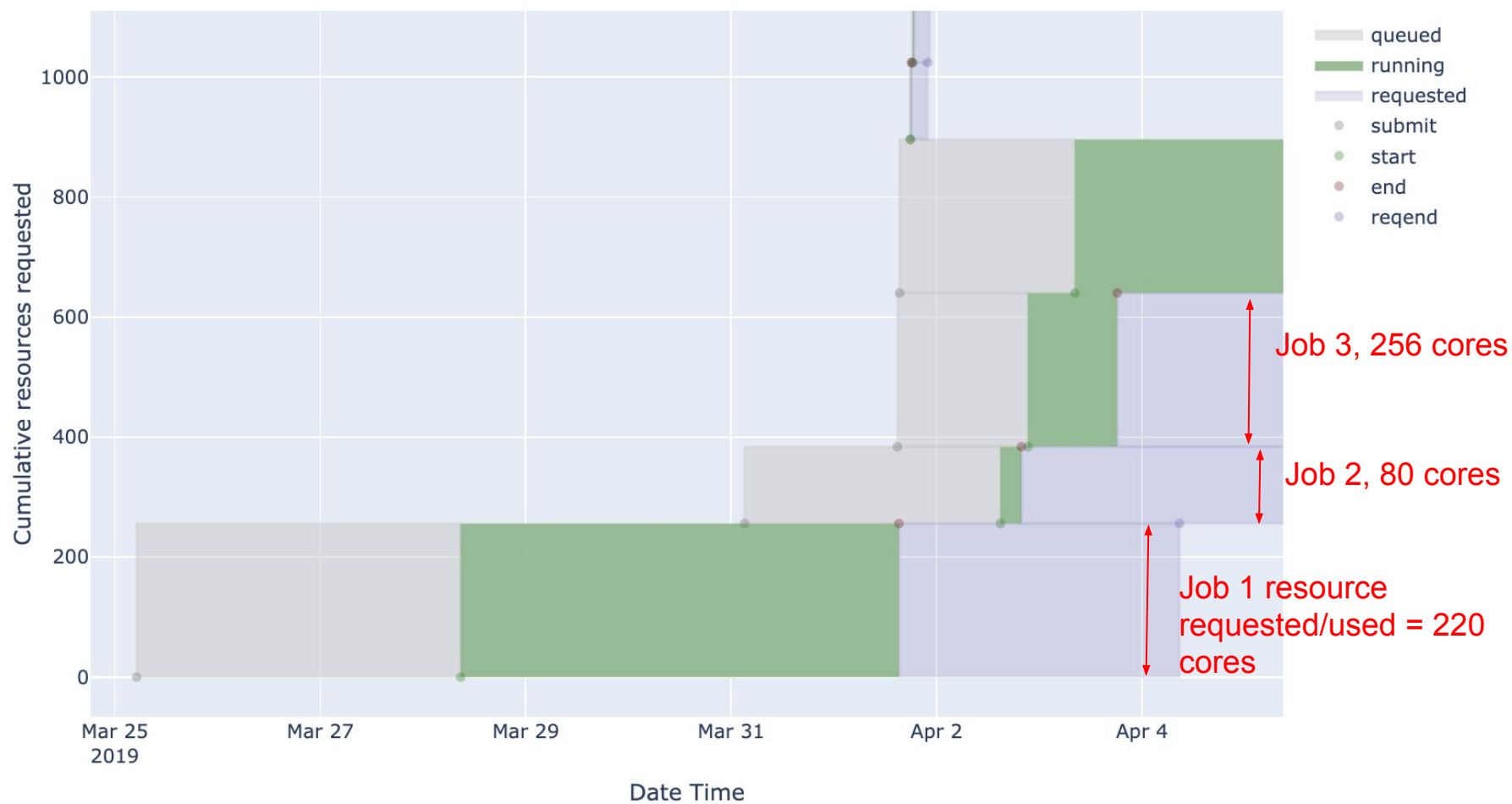
Partitions

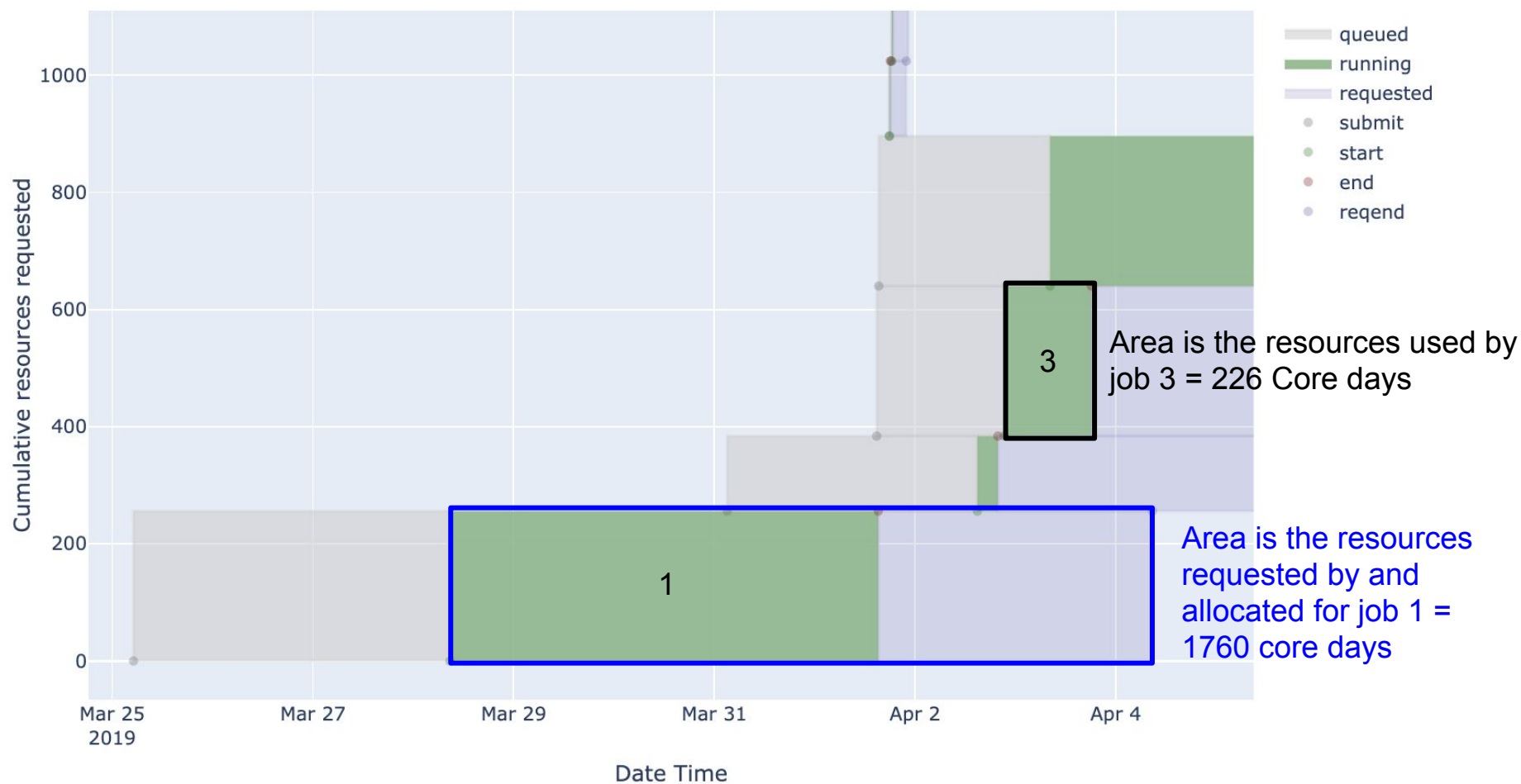
- By node vs by core
 - By node jobs can perform better
 - By core jobs have more opportunity to run
- `--time=3-00:00 --nodes=1`
- `--ntasks-per-node=32`
- `--time=3-00:00 --ntasks=32`

Job stack Graph for a single accounting Group



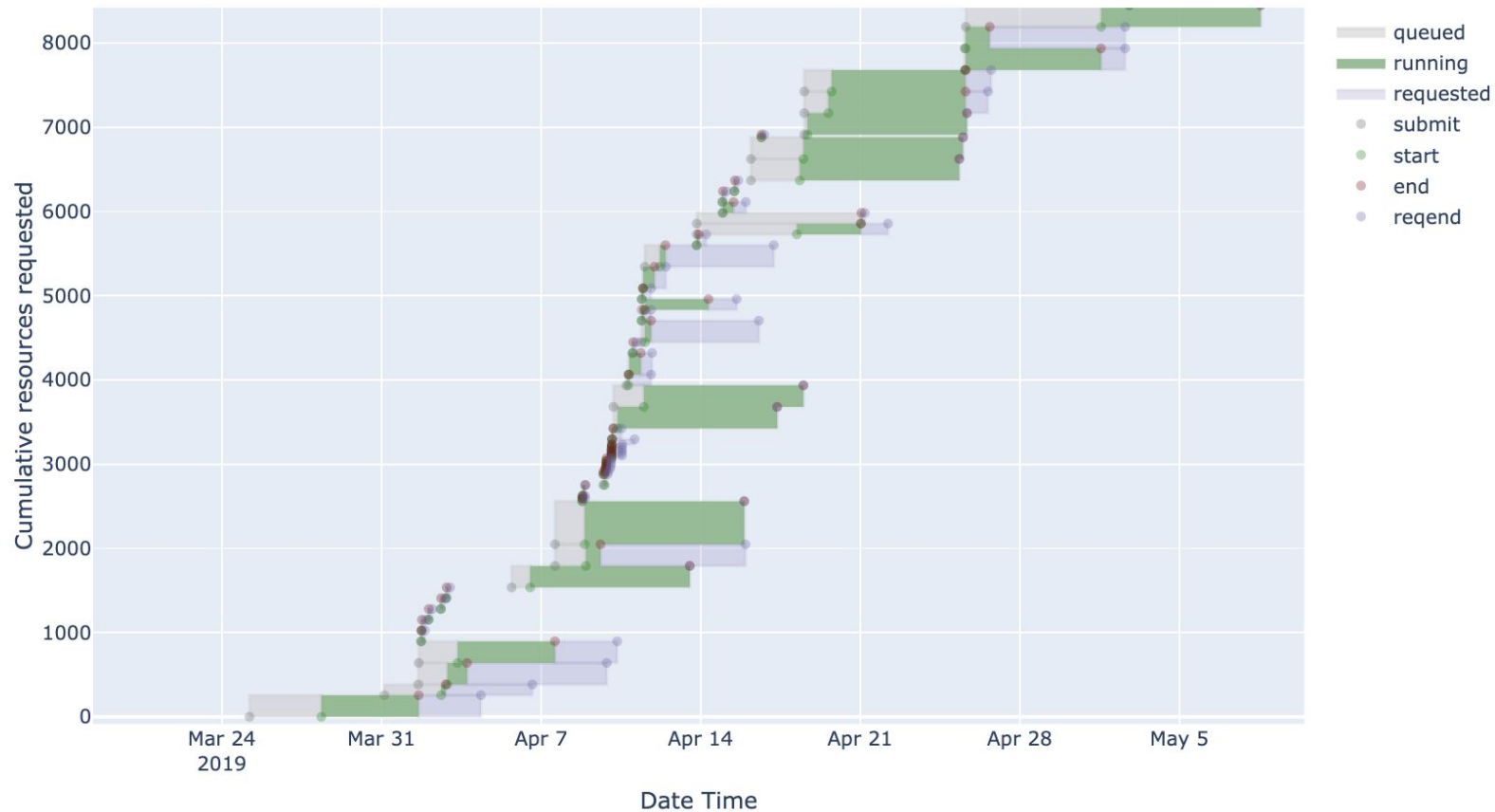








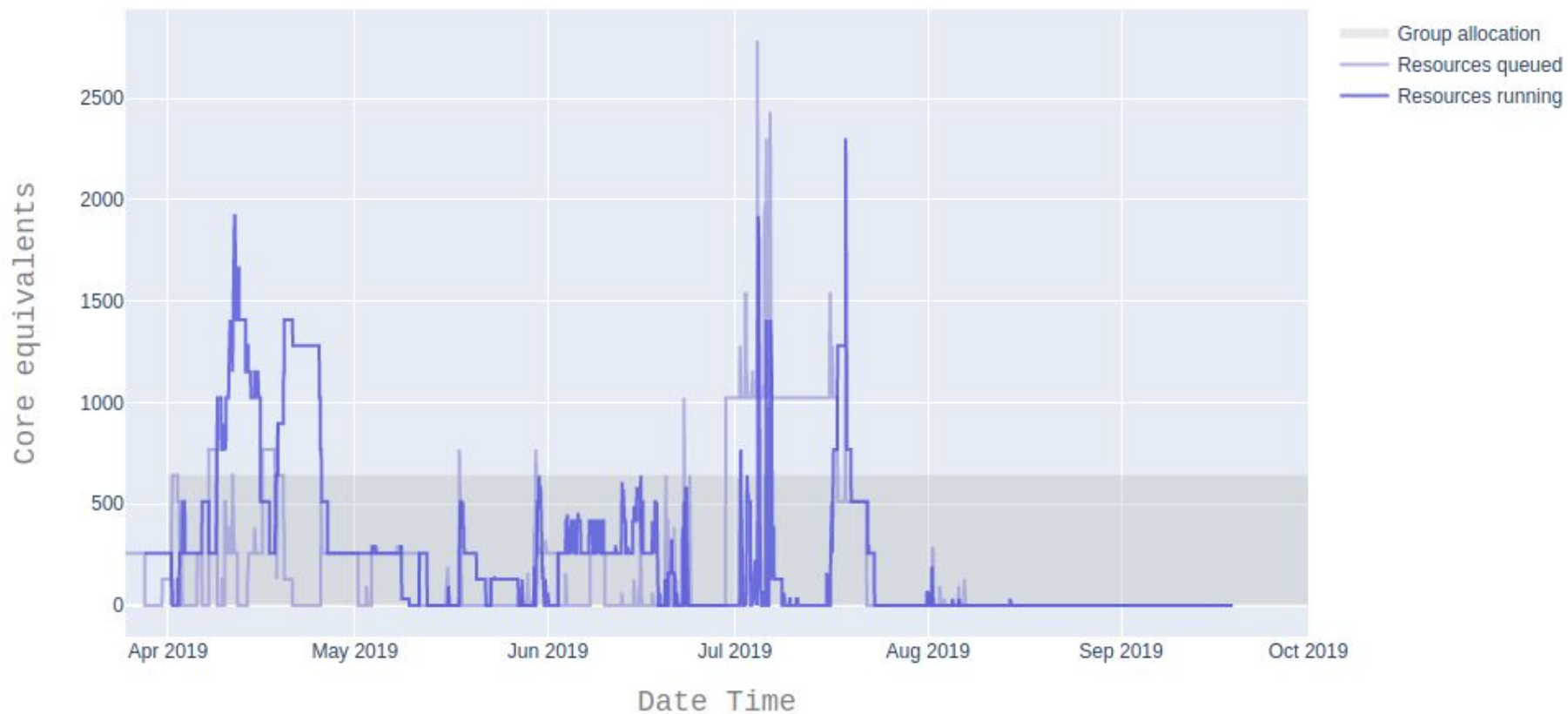
Job stack: ctb-rubel_cpu 2019-04-01T00:00:00 2019-09-01T00:00:00 graham



The same Job stack Graph for a single accounting Group



Research group's account usage of resources and resources queued on Graham at any instance of time



Research group's (account) cumulative usage of Graham



Monitoring jobs, the queue and the cluster

Show all of the jobs in the queue sorted by their current priority:

```
squeue -P --sort=-p,i --states=PD -o "%.4a %P %.8C %m %V %l %t %p" | less
```

Show properties of all jobs for specified account on the system since a stated date:

```
sacct -aX -A def-jdesjard_cpu -S 2020-07-01 -o account%4,partition%24,submit,start,timelimit,reqmem,ncpus,nnodes,state | less
```

Show node properties:

```
sinfo --Node --long
```

Show partition properties:

```
partition-stats
```

```
scontrol show partition
```

Prepare to use ViewClust-Vis Python package on a Compute Canada cluster

On the compute system create a working directory and enter into it:

```
mkdir job_measure
```

```
cd job_measure
```

Load the Python module then create and activate a virtual environment:

```
module load python/3.7.4
```

```
virtualenv --no-download env
```

```
source env/bin/activate
```

Install the ViewClust-Vis Python package into the virtual environment:

```
pip install viewclust-vis
```


Run ViewClust-Vis job record summary

From the virtual environment start the Python interpreter:

```
python
```

In the Python interpreter import the ViewClust-Vis package:

```
import viewclust_vis as vcv
```

Call the `show_job_use` function to generate an account's job use summary:

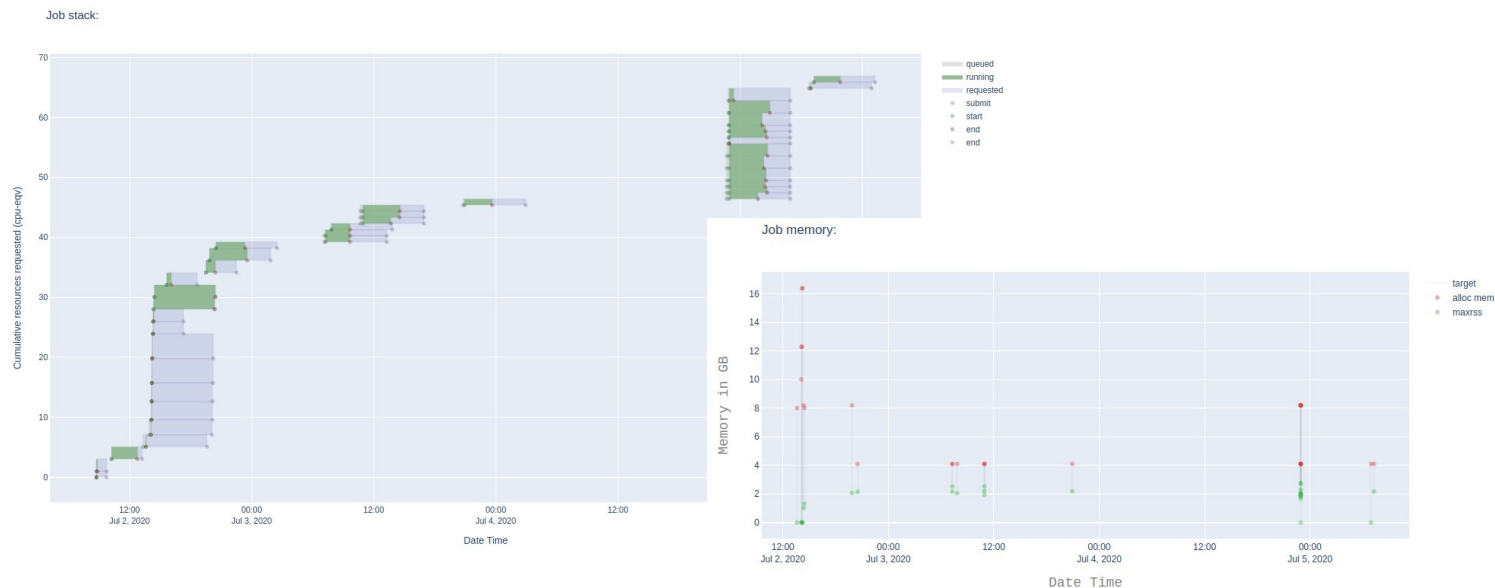
```
vcv.show_job_use('def-jdesjard_cpu',50,'2020-07-01T00:00:00',out_path='use_figs',plot_mem_delta=True,plot_start_wait=True);
```

View the ViewClust-Vis job record summaries from a local web browser

On the local computer start an sshfs mount to the working directory on the remote system:

```
sshfs jdesjard@cedar.computecanada.ca:/home/jdesjard/job_measure tmpmnt_cdr
```

In the show_job_use output folder click on the *.html files to open them in the default web browser:



Relevant online resources

Slurm scheduler

- <https://slurm.schedmd.com/>
- https://docs.computecanada.ca/wiki/Running_jobs
- https://docs.computecanada.ca/wiki/Job_scheduling_policies

General purpose systems and Python at Compute Canada:

- <https://docs.computecanada.ca/wiki/Graham>
- <https://docs.computecanada.ca/wiki/Cedar>
- <https://docs.computecanada.ca/wiki/Beluga>
- <https://docs.computecanada.ca/wiki/Python>

ViewClust GitHub repositories

- <https://github.com/Andesha/ViewClust-Vis>
- <https://github.com/Andesha/ViewClust>

What can be done about wait times?

Node memory limits

- Consider node and partition memory constraints as they relate to the resources that are available for a job. (memory requests in M instead of G)

Partition constraints

- Consider how the shape of the resource request may isolate the job to a subset of resources.

Heterogeneous job submission from a single account

- Consider how jobs from an account affect each other (run specific job types on different systems)

Core equivalent usage charge

- Consider the effect that job requests have on your account billing and priority of subsequent jobs

What can be done about wait times?

Job resource footprint (shape of the job on the cluster)

- Decrease job footprint: minimize accurate requests, checkpointing, dependent queuing
- Consider the compressed vs distributed footprint of MPI jobs.

Load on the system (relative to resources available)

- Users have no control over the load on the system (by others) but there are methods to view the state
- The contribution model gives users the ability to influence the resource pool

Account target share (fair-share priority)

- Be efficient about usage (both in terms of job numbers and footprint)
- Apply for a resource target allocation

Conclusions

The scheduling policy is prioritizing account target consumption and system utilization.

Job submission should prioritize the optimal running of the procedure (profiling, scaling tests, etc) and feasibility within the scheduling policy.

The configuration of the cluster (partitions, etc) will be adjusted to best suit the system workloads defined by user job shapes.

Do not hesitate to open support tickets regarding job shape and queue properties by email us at:

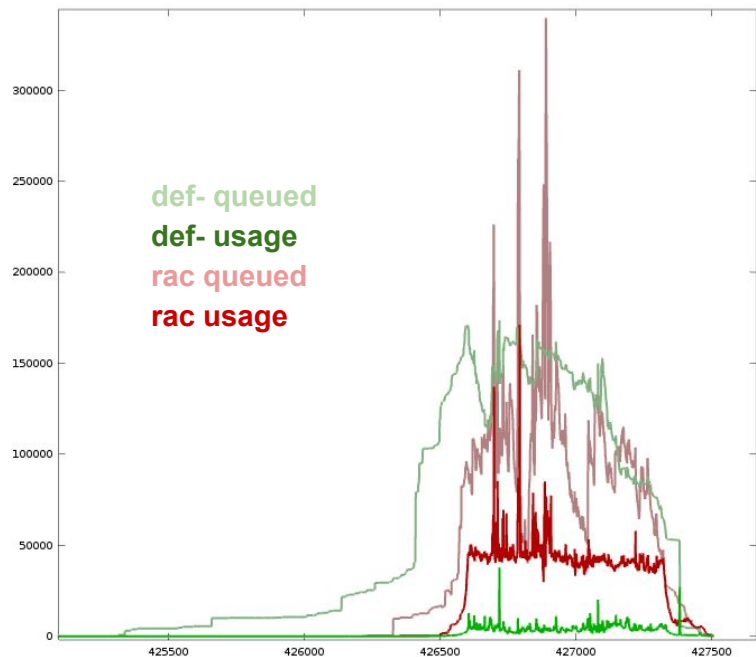
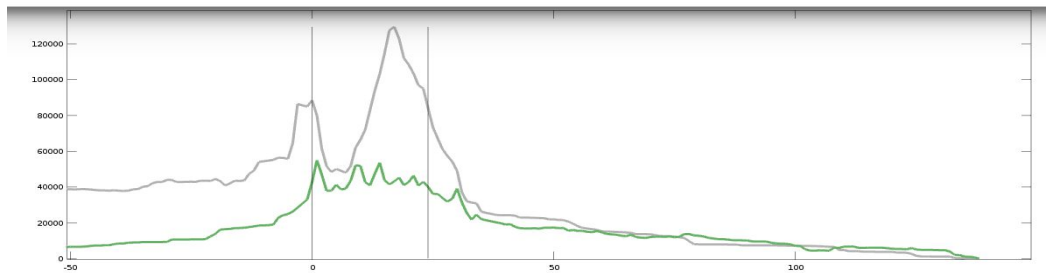
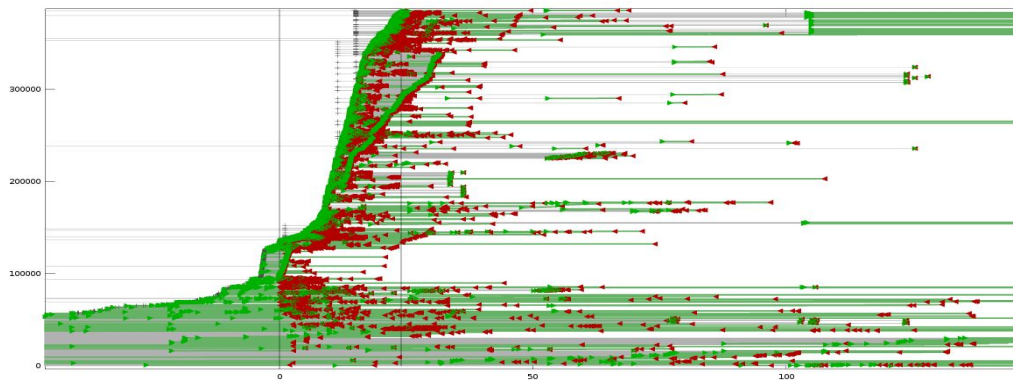
support@compu-tecanada.ca

Thank you for your attention!



Redirecting sacct output to csv for local interactive work and visualization

```
sacct -aX -S 2018-10-04 -E 2018-10-05 -p --delimiter "|" -n --units=M -o  
jobid,user,account,ncpus,nnodes,reqmem,timelimit,submit,start,end,elapsed,state,priority,partition%36 | grep "cpubase_"  
| grep -E 'rrg-|rpp-' > cdr_cpubase_rac_2018_10_04_10_05.csv
```



Redirecting sacct output to csv for local interactive work and visualization

Sacctplot gitlab repo: <https://git.sharcnet.ca/jdesjard/sacctplot>

REMOTE:

```
sacct -aX -S 2018-10-09 -E 2018-10-10 -p --delimiter "|" -n --units=M -o  
jobid,user,account,ncpus,nnodes,reqmem,timelimit,submit,start,end,elapsed,state,priority,partition%36 | grep "cpubase_"  
| grep -E 'rrg-|rpp-' > cdr_cpubase_rac_2018_10_09_10_10.csv
```

LOCAL:

```
sshfs jdesjard@cedar.computecanada.ca:/home/jdesjard/queueplot tmpmnt
```

OCTAVE:

```
[cr_tal,cq_tal,ts]=jobstack('tmpmnt/cdr_cpubase_rac_2018_10_09_10_10.csv',8,9,10,11,4,5,6,7,12,'2018-10-09','2018-10-10');
```

Monitoring jobs, the queue and the cluster

```
[jdesjard@gra-login4 ~]$ sacct -aX -S 2018-04-20 -o account%4,partition%32,submit,start,end,timelimit,reqmem,ncpus,nnodes,state
```

```
...
rrg+      cpubase_bycore_b2 2018-04-24T13:11:21 2018-04-24T21:56:56      Unknown 12:00:00      256Mc      1      1      RUNNING
rrg+      cpubase_bycore_b2 2018-04-24T13:11:21 2018-04-24T21:56:56      Unknown 12:00:00      256Mc      1      1      RUNNING
rpp+      cpubase_bycore_b2 2018-04-24T21:57:02 2018-04-24T21:57:09 2018-04-24T21:59:52 06:00:00      4Gn      1      1      FAILED
def+      cpubase_bycore_b2,cpubackfill 2018-04-24T21:57:03      Unknown      Unknown 05:00:00      4Gn      1      1      PENDING
def+      cpubase_bycore_b6 2018-04-24T21:57:09      Unknown      Unknown 10-00:00:+      32Gn      16      1      PENDING
def+      cpubase_bycore_b1,cpubackfill 2018-04-24T21:57:09      Unknown      Unknown 03:00:00      4Gn      1      1      PENDING
def+      cpubase_bycore_b1 2018-04-24T19:56:06 2018-04-24T21:57:09 2018-04-24T21:59:42 03:00:00      4Gn      1      1      COMPLETED
def+      cpubase_bycore_b1 2018-04-24T19:56:06 2018-04-24T21:57:09 2018-04-24T21:59:42 03:00:00      4Gn      1      1      COMPLETED
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def+      cpubase_bycore_b1 2018-04-24T19:56:06 2018-04-24T21:57:09 2018-04-24T21:59:50 03:00:00      4Gn      1      1      COMPLETED
rpp+      cpubase_bycore_b2 2018-04-24T21:57:11 2018-04-24T21:57:11      Unknown 06:00:00      4Gn      1      1      RUNNING
rpp+      cpubase_bycore_b2 2018-04-24T21:57:15 2018-04-24T21:57:22      Unknown 06:00:00      4Gn      1      1      RUNNING
def+      cpubase_bycore_b1,cpubackfill 2018-04-24T21:57:18      Unknown      Unknown 00:05:00      256Mc      1      1      PENDING
rpp+      cpubase_bycore_b2 2018-04-24T21:57:20 2018-04-24T21:57:22      Unknown 06:00:00      4Gn      1      1      RUNNING
...
```

Monitoring jobs, the queue and the cluster

```
sqeueue -P --sort=-p,i --states=PD -o "%.4a %P %.8C %m %V %e %l %r %t %S" | less
```

[illegible]

Monitoring jobs, the queue and the cluster

```
[jdesjard@gra-login4 ~]$ sinfo
```

PARTITION	AVAIL	TIMELIMIT	NODES	STATE	NODELIST
cpubase_interac	up	3:00:00	1	mix	gra800
cpubase_interac	up	3:00:00	1	alloc	gra796
cpubase_interac	up	3:00:00	3	idle	gra[797-799]
cpubase_bynode_b1	up	3:00:00	15	drain*	gra[222,732,988-997,1020,1030,1040]
cpubase_bynode_b1	up	3:00:00	16	drng	gra[13,33,37,39,46,60,67-68,71,79,87,115,120,130,135,343]
cpubase_bynode_b1	up	3:00:00	144	mix	
gra[44,47,91,100-101,116,118,124,138-139,225,236,263,284-286,291,293,295,299-300,309,314,321-323,325-331,333-340,342,344-352,354-355,357,360-368,370,372-375,377-379,381,384,387-389,391,393-396,401,428,433,447,506,509,542,547,550,568,584-585,608,616,622,625-626,634-635,640,643-644,647,650-651,668-669,701-702,720,724,727,738-739,741-745,998-1002,1005-1011,1013-1014,1016,1018,1026,1031-1036,1042]					
cpubase_bynode_b1	up	3:00:00	687	alloc	
gra[1-12,14-32,34-36,38,40-43,45,48-59,61-66,69-70,72-78,80-86,88-90,92-99,102-114,117,119,121-123,125-129,131-134,136-137,140-221,223-224,226-235,237-262,264-283,287-290,292,294,296-298,301-308,310-313,315-320,324,332,341,353,356,358-359,369,371,376,380,382-383,385-386,390,392,397-400,402-427,429-432,434-446,448-505,507-508,510-541,543-546,548-549,551-567,569-583,586-607,609-615,617-621,623-624,627-633,636-639,641-642,645-646,648-649,652-667,670-700,703-719,721-723,725-726,728-731,733-737,740,746-795,1003-1004,1012,1015,1017,1019,1027,1037-1038,1041,1108-1127]					
cpubase_bynode_b1	up	3:00:00	9	idle	gra[1021-1025,1028-1029,1039,1043]
cpubase_bynode_b2	up	12:00:00	15	drain*	gra[222,732,988-997,1020,1030,1040]
cpubase_bynode_b2	up	12:00:00	16	drng	gra[13,33,37,39,46,60,67-68,71,79,87,115,120,130,135,343]
cpubase_bynode_b2	up	12:00:00	144	mix	
gra[44,47,91,100-101,116,118,124,138-139,225,236,263,284-286,291,293,295,299-300,309,314,321-323,325-331,333-340,342,344-352,354-355,357,360-368,370,372-375,377-379,381,384,387-389,391,393-396,401,428,433,447,506,509,542,547,550,568,584-585,608,616,622,625-626,634-635,640,643-644,647,650-651,668-669,701-702,720,724,727,738-739,741-745,998-1002,1005-1011,1013-1014,1016,1018,1026,1031-1036,1042]					
cpubase_bynode_b2	up	12:00:00	667	alloc	
gra[1-12,14-32,34-36,38,40-43,45,48-59,61-66,69-70,72-78,80-86,88-90,92-99,102-114,117,119,121-123,125-129,131-134,136-137,140-221,223-224,226-235,237-262,264-283,287-290,292,294,296-298,301-308,310-313,315-320,324,332,341,353,356,358-359,369,371,376,380,382-383,385-386,390,392,397-400,402-427,429-432,434-446,448-505,507-508,510-541,543-546,548-549,551-567,569-583,586-607,609-615,617-621,623-624,627-633,636-639,641-642,645-646,648-649,652-667,670-700,703-719,721-723,725-726,728-731,733-737,740,746-795,1003-1004					

Monitoring jobs, the queue and the cluster

```
[jdesjard@gra-login4 ~]$ partition-stats
```

Node type	Max walltime					
	3 hr	12 hr	24 hr	72 hr	168 hr	672 hr
----- -----						
Number of Queued Jobs by partition Type (by node:by core)						
----- -----						
Regular	29:179	7:5492	69:293	238:724	1:945	3:118
Large Mem	1:0	0:0	0:0	0:9	0:6	2:2
GPU	0:101	0:10	0:44	181:23	412:35	1:0
----- -----						
Number of Running Jobs by partition Type (by node:by core)						
----- -----						
Regular	43:76	14:1437	73:204	106:250	7:960	24:110
Large Mem	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:1	0:1	0:2
GPU	0:18	1:36	15:53	49:39	0:7	0:2
----- -----						
Number of Idle nodes by partition Type (by node:by core)						
----- -----						
Regular	1:0	1:0	1:0	1:0	0:0	0:0
Large Mem	3:1	3:1	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0
GPU	13:0	13:0	7:0	0:0	0:0	0:0
----- -----						
Total Number of nodes by partition Type (by node:by core)						
----- -----						
Regular	871:431	851:411	821:391	636:276	281:164	90:50
Large Mem	27:12	27:12	24:11	20:3	4:3	3:2
GPU	156:78	156:78	144:72	104:52	13:12	13:12
----- -----						

Monitoring jobs, the queue and the cluster

```
[jdesjard@gra-login4 ~]$ scontrol show partition
PartitionName=cpubase_interac
  AllowGroups=ALL AllowAccounts=ALL AllowQos=ALL
  AllocNodes=ALL Default=NO QoS=N/A
  DefaultTime=01:00:00 DisableRootJobs=NO ExclusiveUser=NO GraceTime=0 Hidden=NO
  MaxNodes=UNLIMITED MaxTime=03:00:00 MinNodes=1 LLN=NO MaxCPUsPerNode=UNLIMITED
  Nodes=gra[796-800]
  PriorityJobFactor=1 PriorityTier=1 RootOnly=NO ReqResv=NO OverSubscribe=NO
  OverTimeLimit=NONE PreemptMode=OFF
  State=UP TotalCPUs=160 TotalNodes=5 SelectTypeParameters=NONE
  DefMemPerCPU=256 MaxMemPerNode=UNLIMITED
  TRESBillingWeights=CPU=1.0,Mem=0.25G

PartitionName=cpubase_bynode_b1
  AllowGroups=ALL AllowAccounts=ALL AllowQos=ALL
  AllocNodes=ALL Default=NO QoS=N/A
  DefaultTime=01:00:00 DisableRootJobs=NO ExclusiveUser=NO GraceTime=0 Hidden=NO
  MaxNodes=UNLIMITED MaxTime=03:00:00 MinNodes=1 LLN=NO MaxCPUsPerNode=UNLIMITED
  Nodes=gra[1-795,988-1043,1108-1127]
  PriorityJobFactor=12 PriorityTier=1 RootOnly=NO ReqResv=NO OverSubscribe=NO
  OverTimeLimit=NONE PreemptMode=OFF
  State=UP TotalCPUs=27872 TotalNodes=871 SelectTypeParameters=NONE
  DefMemPerCPU=256 MaxMemPerNode=UNLIMITED
  TRESBillingWeights=CPU=1.0,Mem=0.25G

PartitionName=cpubase_bynode_b2
  AllowGroups=ALL AllowAccounts=ALL AllowQos=ALL
  AllocNodes=ALL Default=NO QoS=N/A
  ...
```

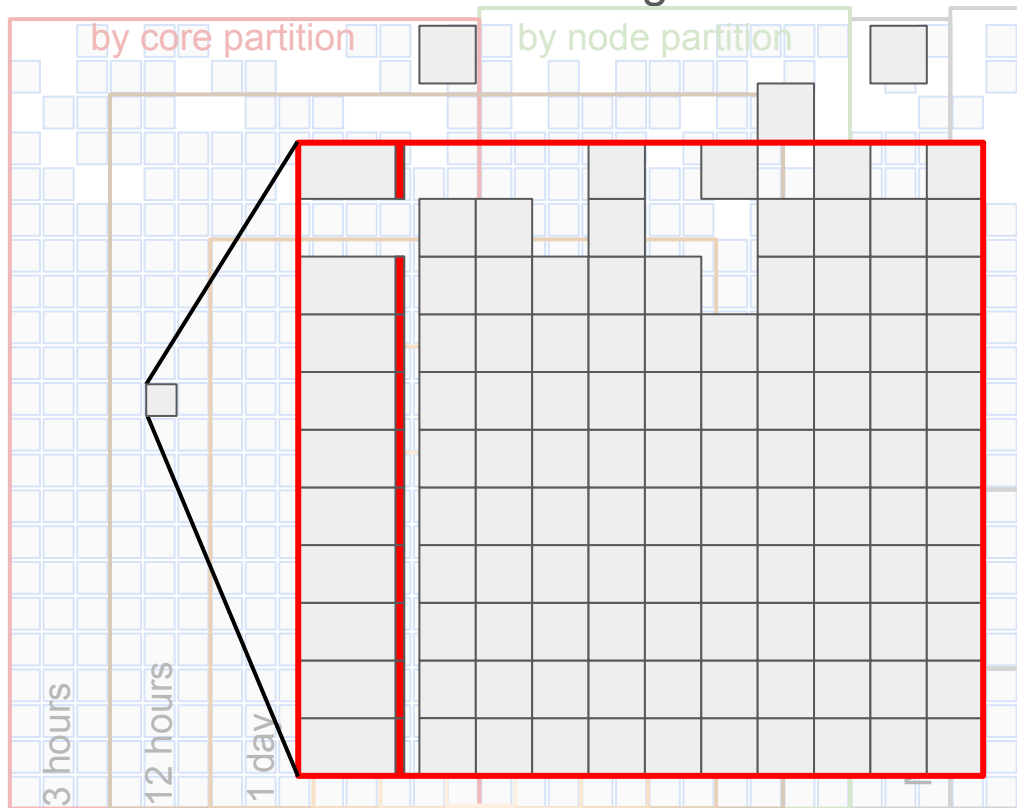
Cluster resource basics: categorization of resources that affect priority (partitions)



cpu_bycore

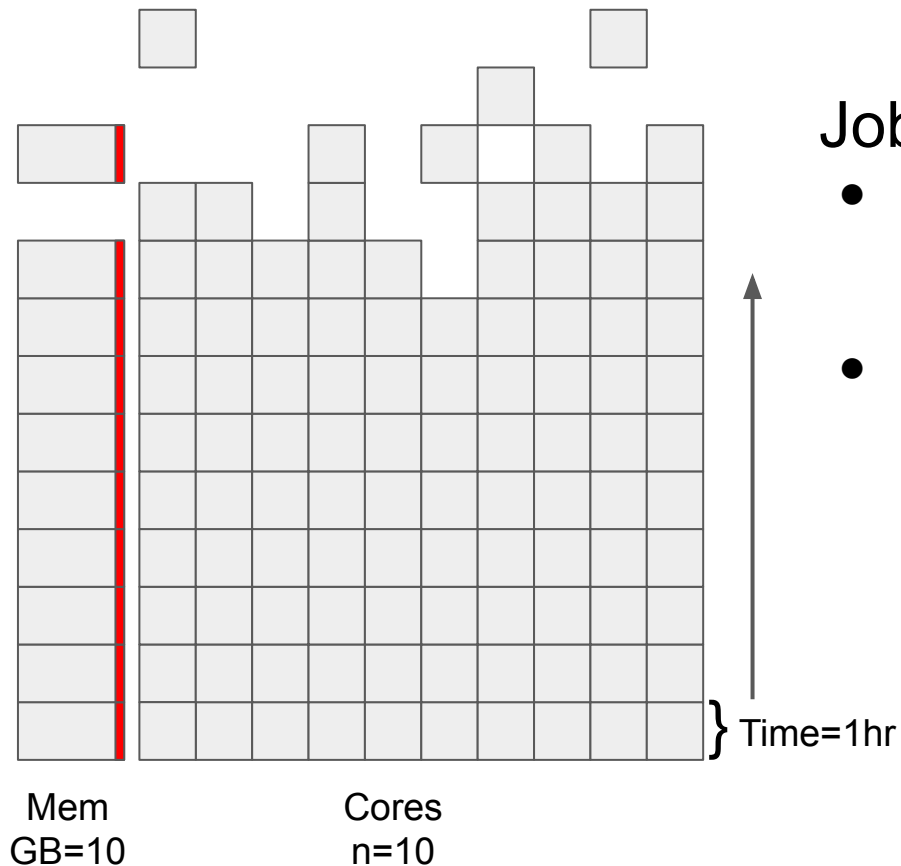
cpu_bynode

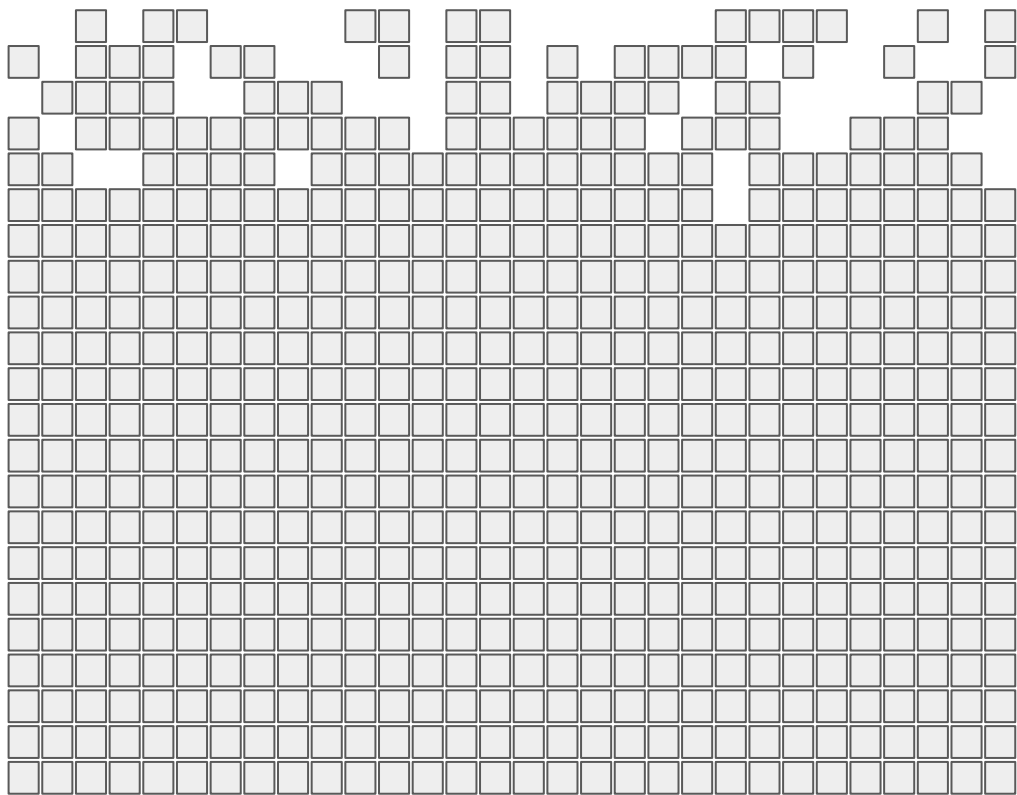
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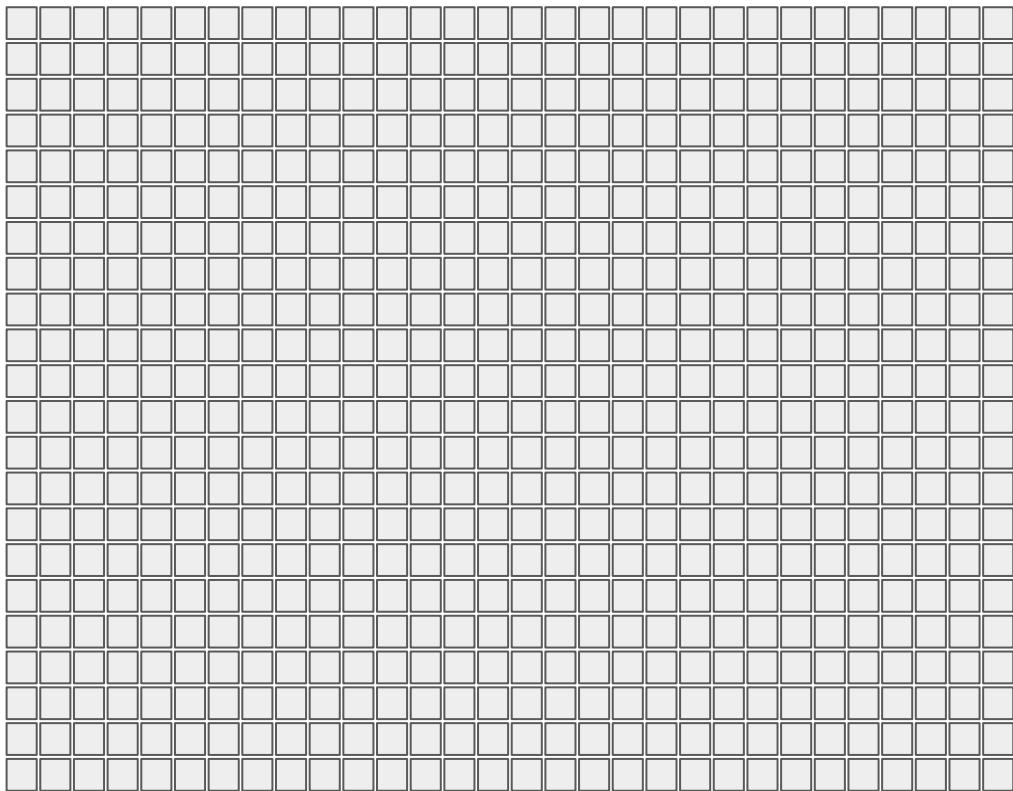


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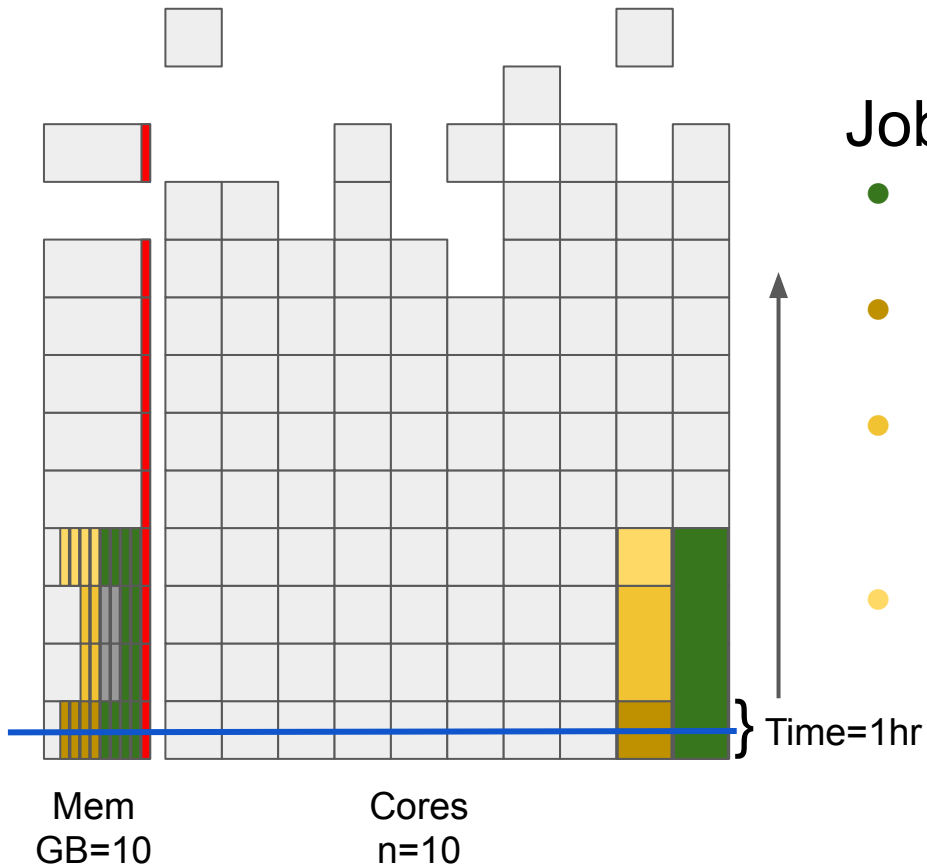






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Scheduling basics: node resources and resource requests (job queue)



Job dependencies

- jobid 1
 - --time=4:00 --mem=4G
- jobid 2
 - --time=1:00 --mem=4G
- jobid 3
 - --time=2:00 --mem=2G
 - --dependency=afterok:2
- jobid 4
 - --time=1:00 --mem=4G
 - --dependency=afterok:3

Factors contributing to job queue time

Job resource footprint (shape of the job on the cluster)

Load on the system (relative to resources available)

Account target share (fairshare priority)

Monitoring jobs, the queue and the cluster

cluster

- sinfo
- scontrol show

Job queue basics: factors that affect the order of jobs in queue (priority)

Job size

- The shape of requested resources affects a job's priority

Age

- A jobs duration in the queue affects its priority (for FIFO this is the only factor)

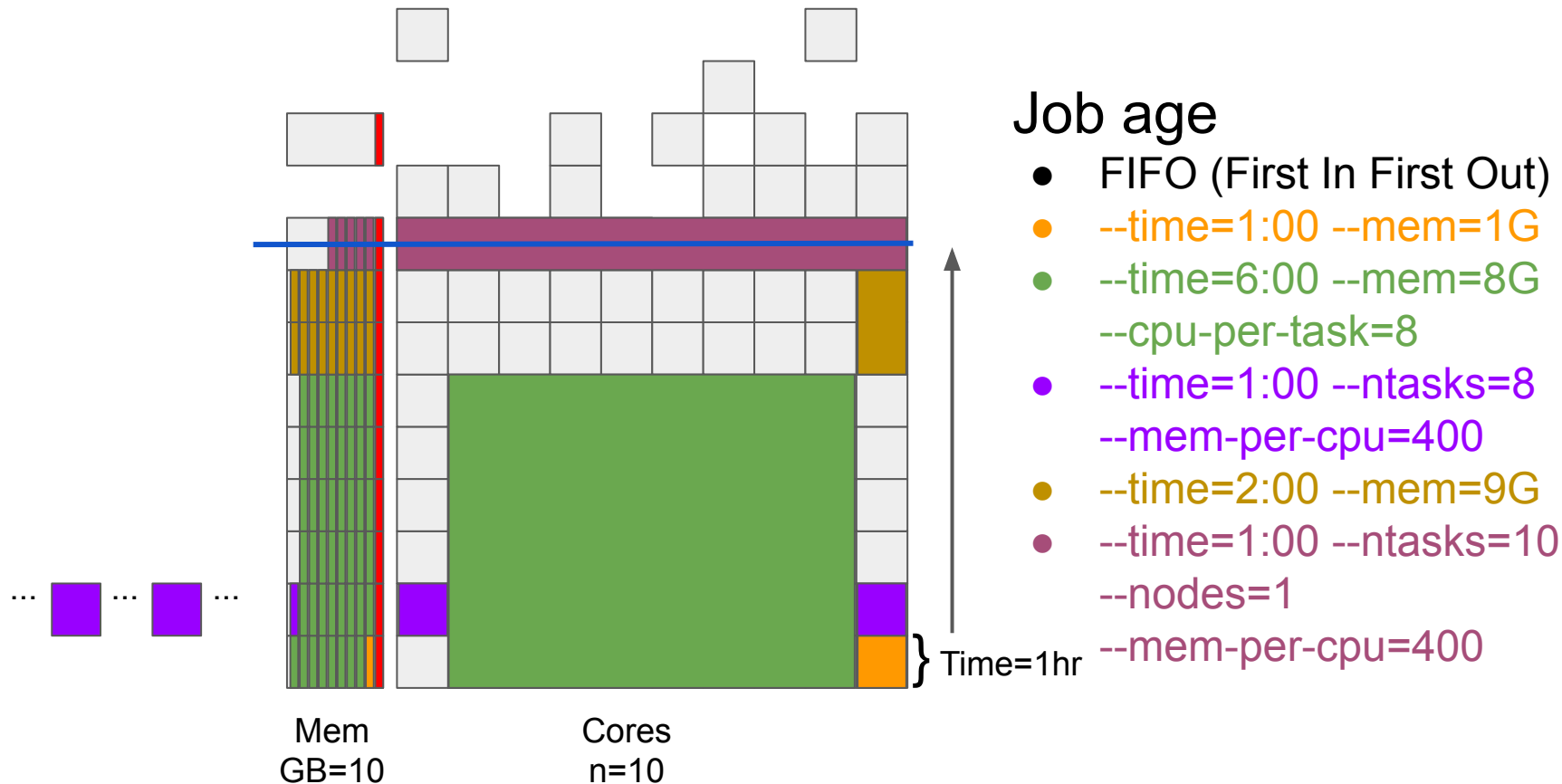
Fair-share

- An account's past usage affects the priority of queued jobs

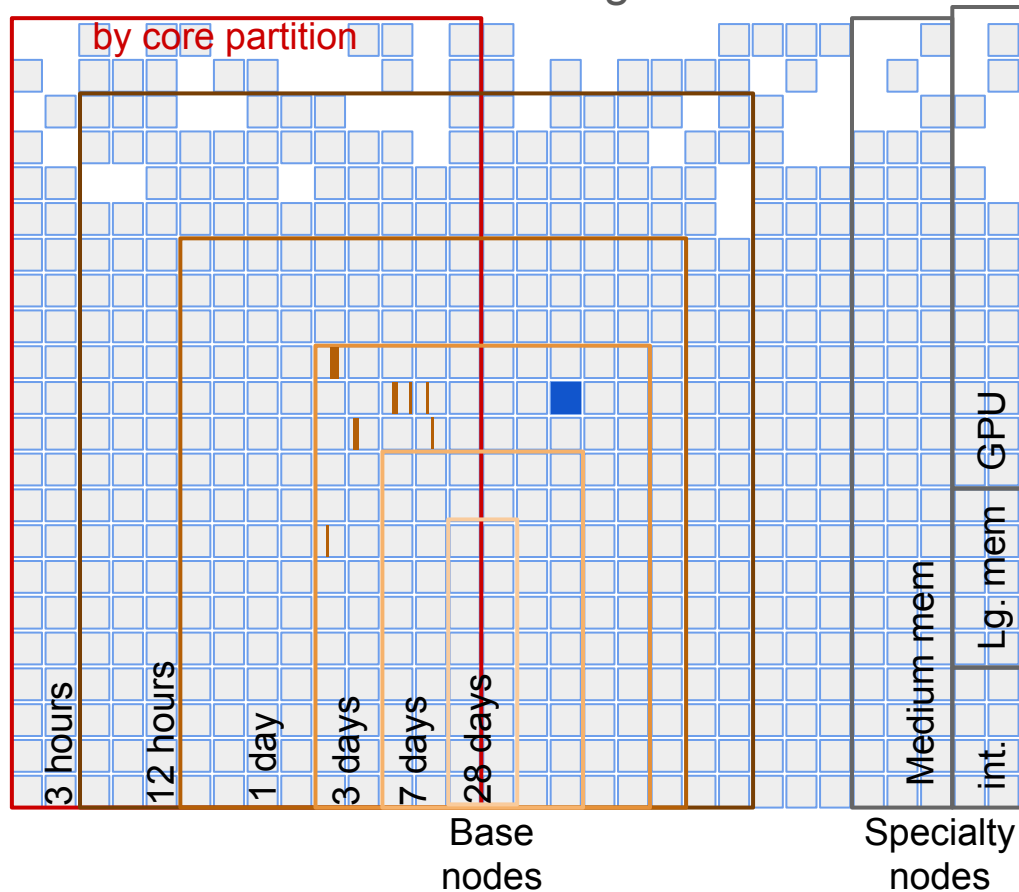
Partition

- The classification of node sets interacts with job size in determining priority

Job queue basics: factors that affect the order of jobs in queue (priority)



Cluster resource basics: segmentation of nodes in the cluster (partitions)



Partitions

- By node vs by core
 - By node jobs can perform better
 - By core jobs have more opportunity to run
- `--time=3-00:00 --ntasks=32 --nodes=1`
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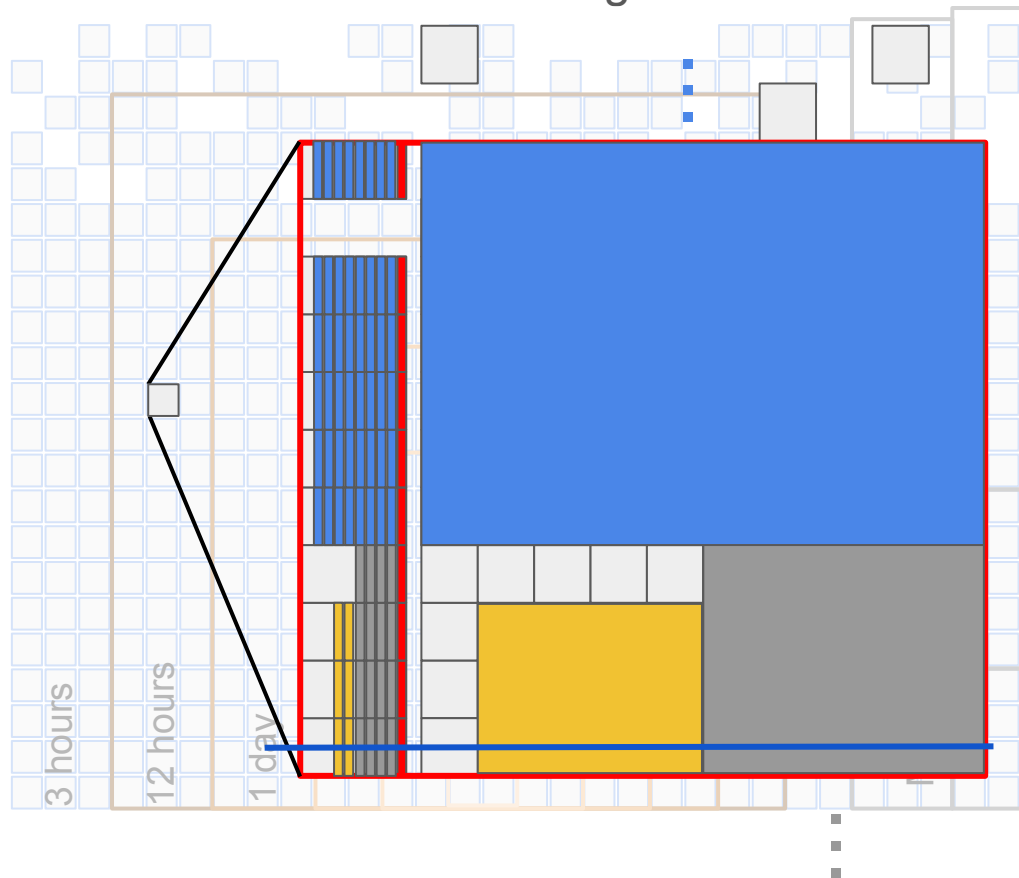
General purpose clusters

Traditionally SHARCNET systems were relatively homogeneous

The researcher chose a system based on fitting job resources to system specs

On Graham and Cedar the scheduler makes decisions about where a job runs on a heterogeneous system.

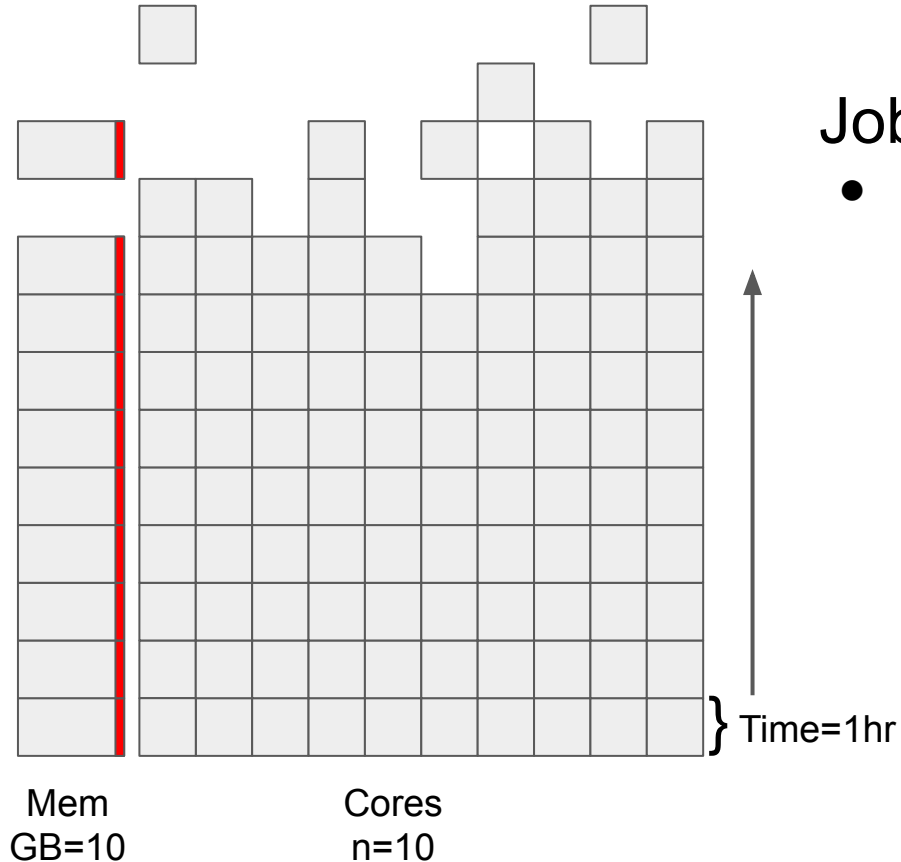
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- Running of lower priority jobs that can finish before any higher priority job can begin
- `--time=12:00 --ntasks=1`
`--cpus-per-task=10`
`--mem=8G`
- `--time=12:00 --ntasks=1`
`--cpus-per-task=4`
`--mem=2G`
- `--time=3:00 --ntasks=1`
`--cpus-per-task=4`
`--mem=2G`

Job queue basics: factors that affect the order of jobs in queue (priority)



Job age

- FIFO (First In First Out)