

Site Report: Jülich Supercomputing Centre

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Jülich Supercomputing Centre (JSC)



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Supercomputer operation for:

- Centre – FZJ
- Region – RWTH Aachen University
- Germany – Gauss Centre for Supercomputing
John von Neumann Institute for Computing
- Europe – PRACE, EU projects

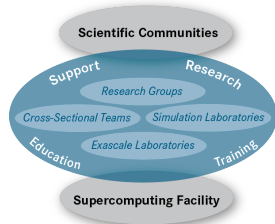


Application support

- Unique support & research environment at JSC
- Peer review support and coordination

R&D work

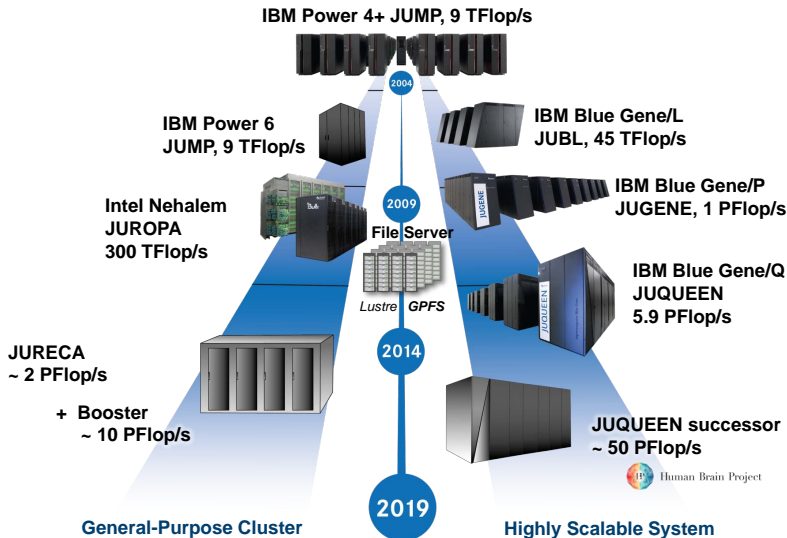
- Methods and algorithms, computational science, performance analysis and tools
- Scientific Big Data Analytics
- Computer architectures, Co-Design
Exascale Laboratories: EIC, ECL, NVIDIA



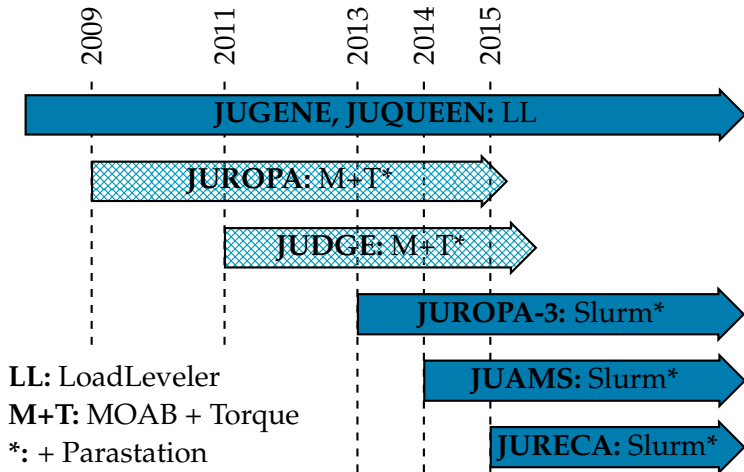
Education and Training



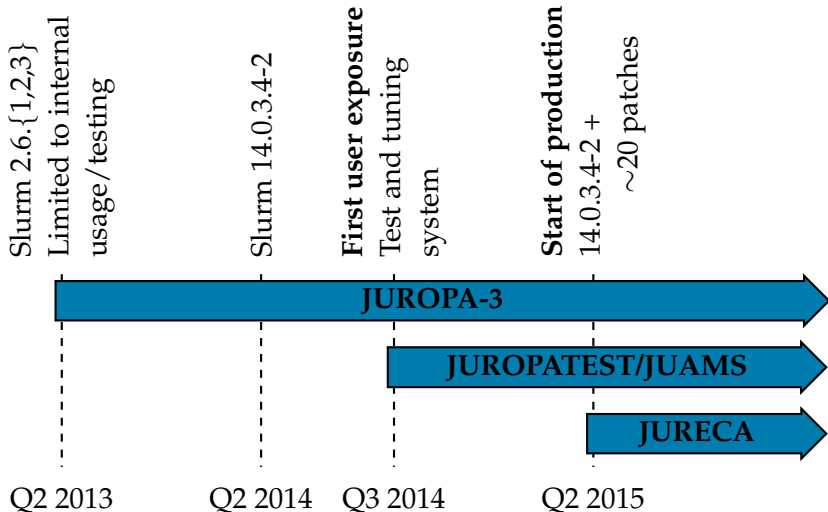
Supercomputer Systems: Dual Architecture Strategy



(A subset of) workload managers at JSC



Slurm at JSC



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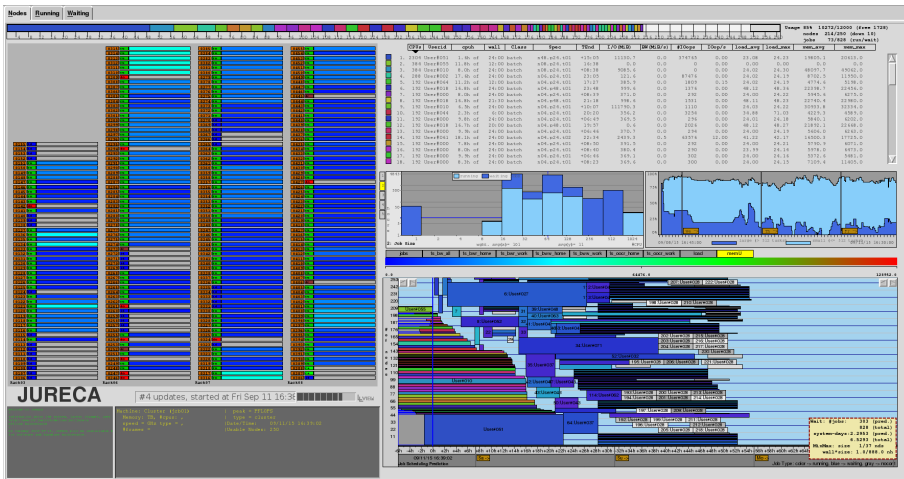
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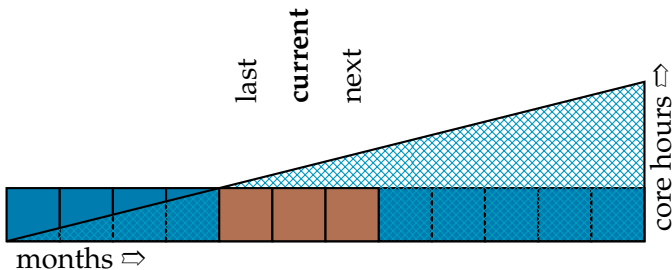
compute node
psid + psmunge +
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Llview: WM-centric system monitoring



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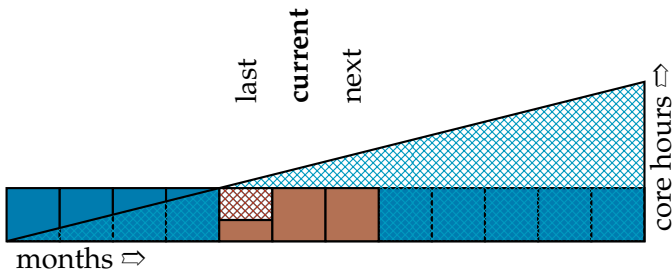


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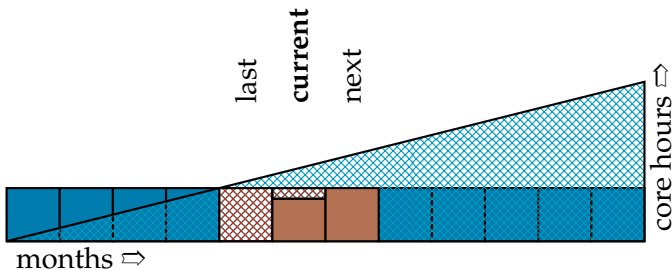


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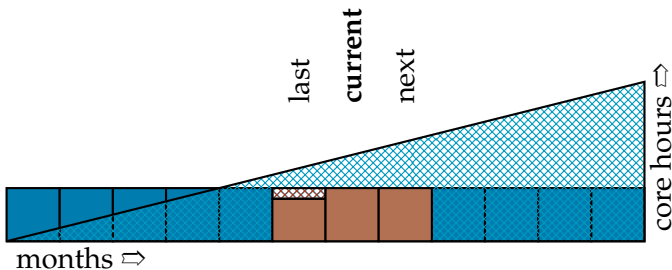


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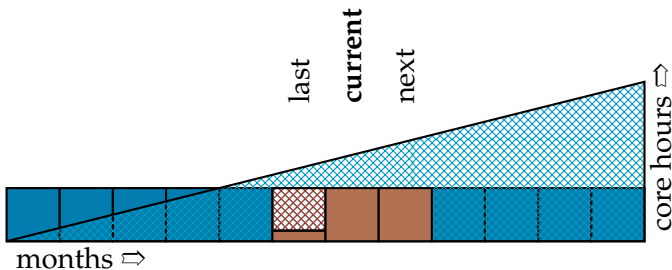


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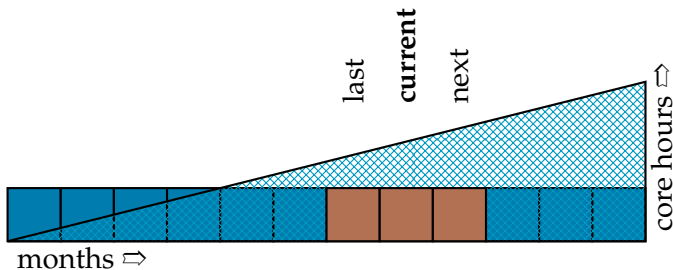


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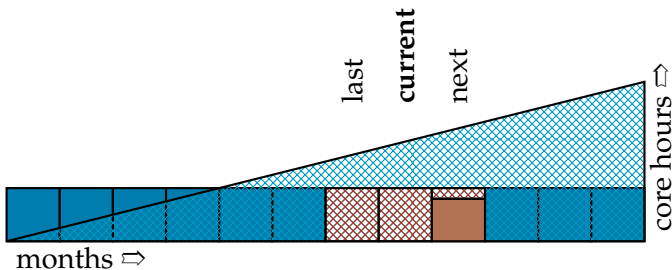


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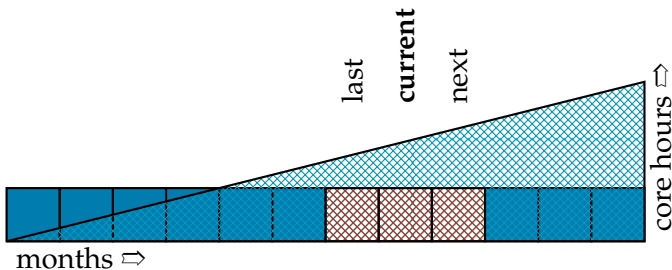


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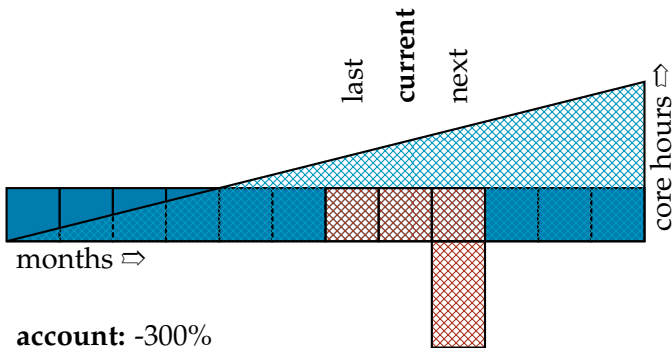


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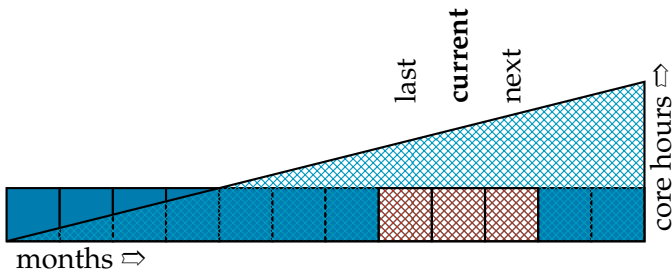


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Noteworthy/Exotic settings

- Custom X forwarding mechanism (**-forward-x**) for **srun**
- Custom CPU binding code
 - Designed for the 99% while leaving freedom for the 1%
 - Example: Do not “pack” **-exclusive** job steps
- Non-consumable gres (**mem{128, 256, 512, 1024}**) to handle heterogeneities
 - Features are not captured in accounting database
 - **Rule of thumb:** If it is not in the accounting database we cannot use it

Slurm experience

- Overall very positive experience
- Largely stable
 - Five internal tickets open against **slurmctld** (14.03.4-2):
 - 1 **assoc_mgr** lock contention during share updates
 - 2 **slurmctld** crash during assoc update
 - 3 Split brain occurrence
 - 4 Invalid **protocol_version** in **_pack_cred()** during job launch
 - 5 Bogus projected start/end times
- Open source is a big plus
 - Increased insights
 - Ability to push features based on own needs/roadmap

End of presentation

JUQUEEN: Jülich's Scalable Petaflop System

IBM Blue Gene/Q JUQUEEN

- IBM PowerPC® A2 1.6 GHz, 16 cores per node
- 28 racks, 458,752 cores
- 5,9 Petaflop/s peak
5,0 Petaflop/s Linpack
- 448 TByte main memory
- connected to a Global Parallel File System (GPFS) with
O(10) PByte online disk and O(50) PByte offline tape capacity
- 5D network
- Production start: Nov 5, 2012



Jun 2015:
#2 in Europe
#9 worldwide
#51 in Green500

JURECA: Jülich Research on Exascale Cluster Architectures

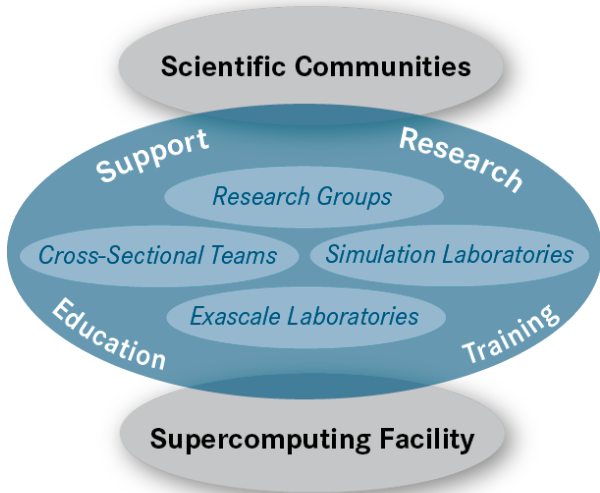
JURECA, an Intel-based cluster

- 2 Intel Haswell 12-core processors, 2.5 GHz, SMT, 128 GB main memory
- 1,884 compute nodes or 45,216 cores, thereof
 - 75 nodes with 2 K80 NVIDIA graphics cards each and
 - 12 nodes with 512 GB main memory and 2 K40 NVIDIA graphics cards each for visualisation
- **2.245 Petaflop/s peak (with K80 graphics cards)**
?? Petaflop/s Linpack
- 281 TByte memory
- Mellanox Infiniband EDR
- Connected to the GPFS file system on JUST



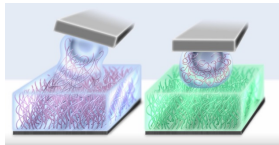
System integrator:
T-Platforms, Russia

R&D and Application Support at the Jülich Supercomputing Centre

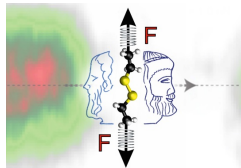


High Impact Publications

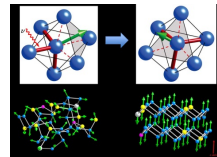
Users of the facility at JSC produce about 250 publications per year



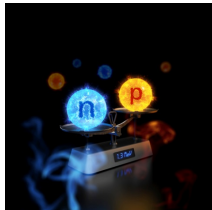
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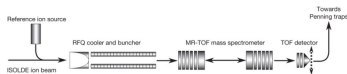
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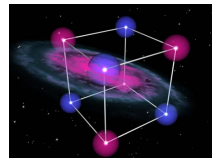
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