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## Job Monitoring using PIKA

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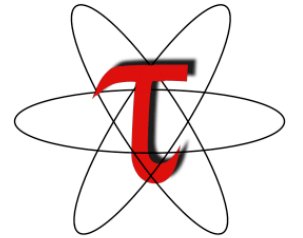
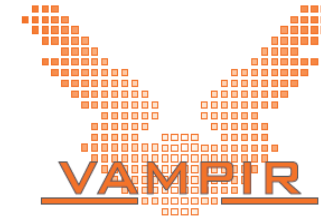
# HPC Performance Analysis

- Performance is crucial for HPC
- Hence, measurement, analysis, and validation are also important
- Numerous established tools are available
- Problem solved?
  
- ... for those who are aware of the problem
- Active preparation is necessary
- Not continuous for all jobs of all users



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# Continuous HPC Monitoring: Goals

Cluster-wide administrative view

- Existing generic solutions
- Pure hardware perspective

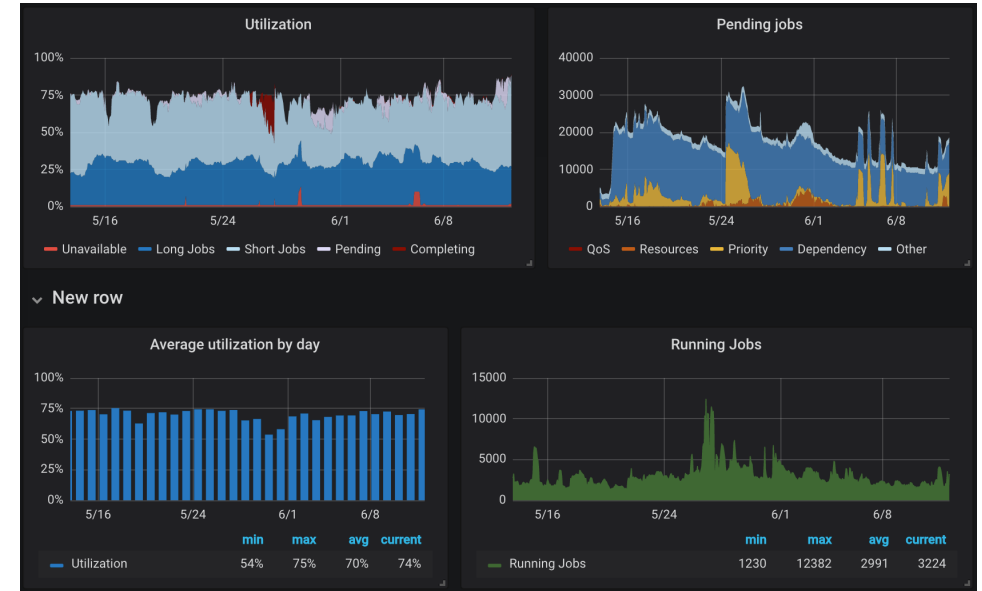


Job-specific view for users and admins

- Representation for projects, users, jobs

Continuous

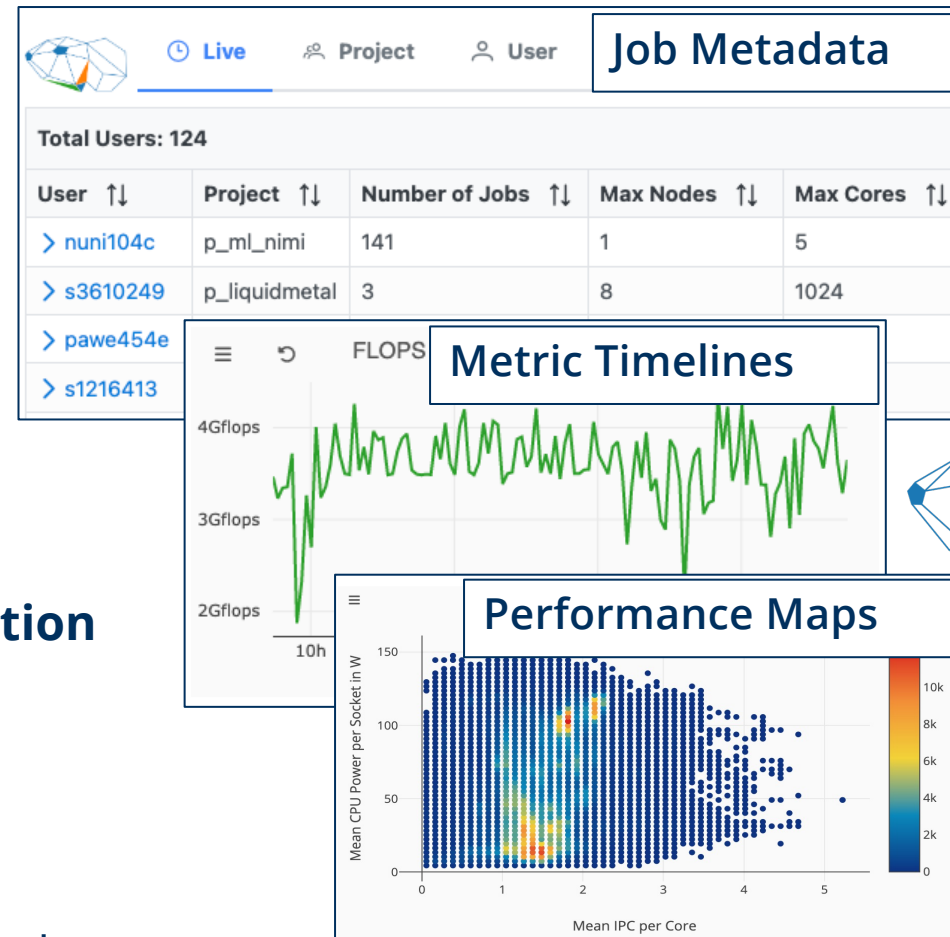
- For all jobs, without explicit activation/preparation
- Minimal overhead, coarse granularity
- Performance history available on demand (retrospectively)



Grafana: Generic visualization of cluster utilization

# PIKA: Continuous HPC Job Monitoring

- Non-intrusive **data acquisition** on all cluster nodes
- Continuous **data collection**
- Web frontend for live and post-mortem **visualization**
- Detection of pathological jobs
- Automatic **job analysis and classification**
- Long-term **data storage**



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# PIKA: Continuous HPC Job Monitoring

*“Pikas prefer rocky slopes and graze on a range of plants, mostly grasses, flowers and young stems. In the autumn, they pull hay, soft twigs and other stores of food into their burrows to eat during the long cold winter.”*

Source: Walters, Martin (2005).  
*Encyclopedia of animals.*  
Parragon. p. 203. [ISBN 978-1-40545-669-2](#).

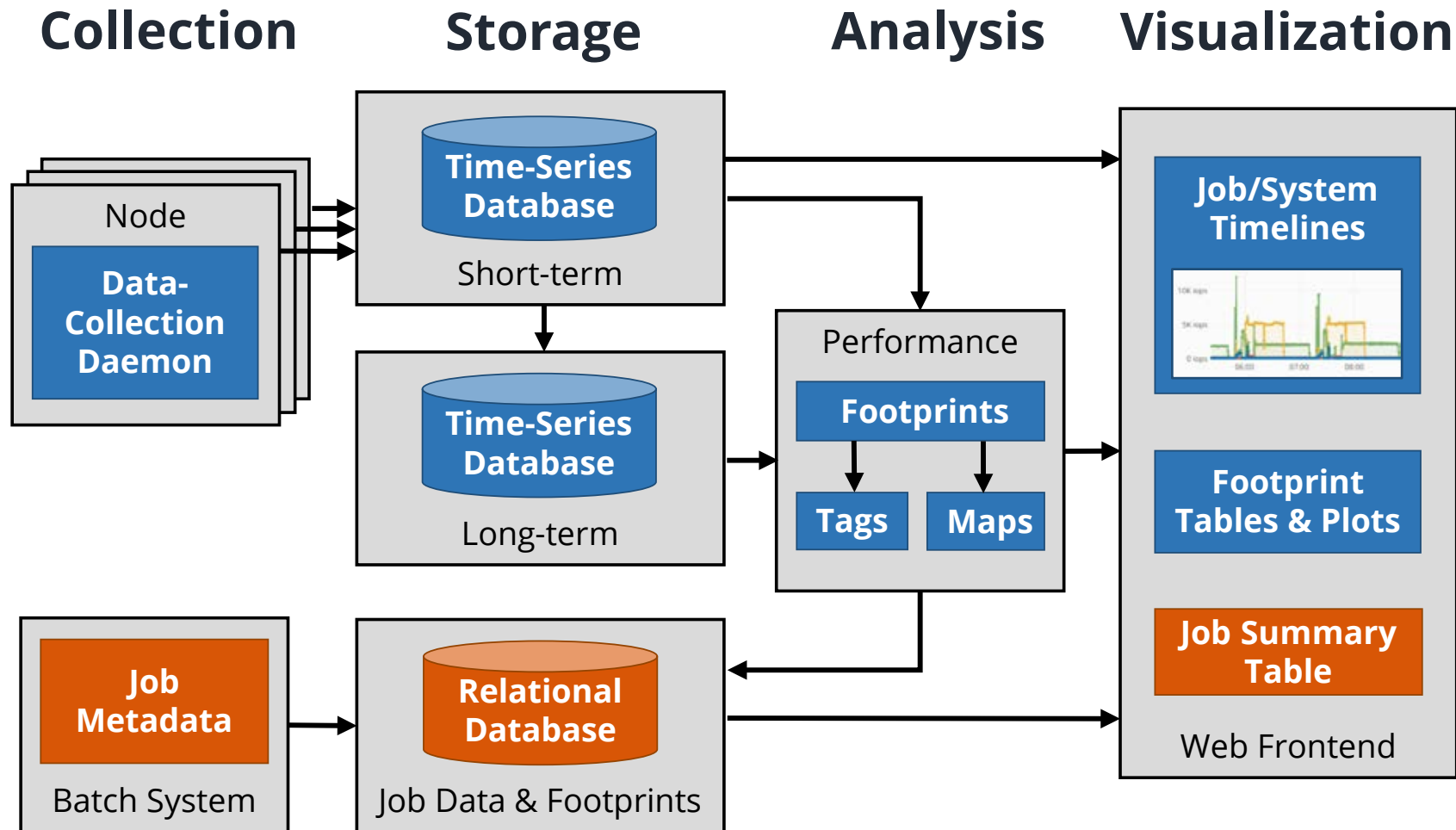


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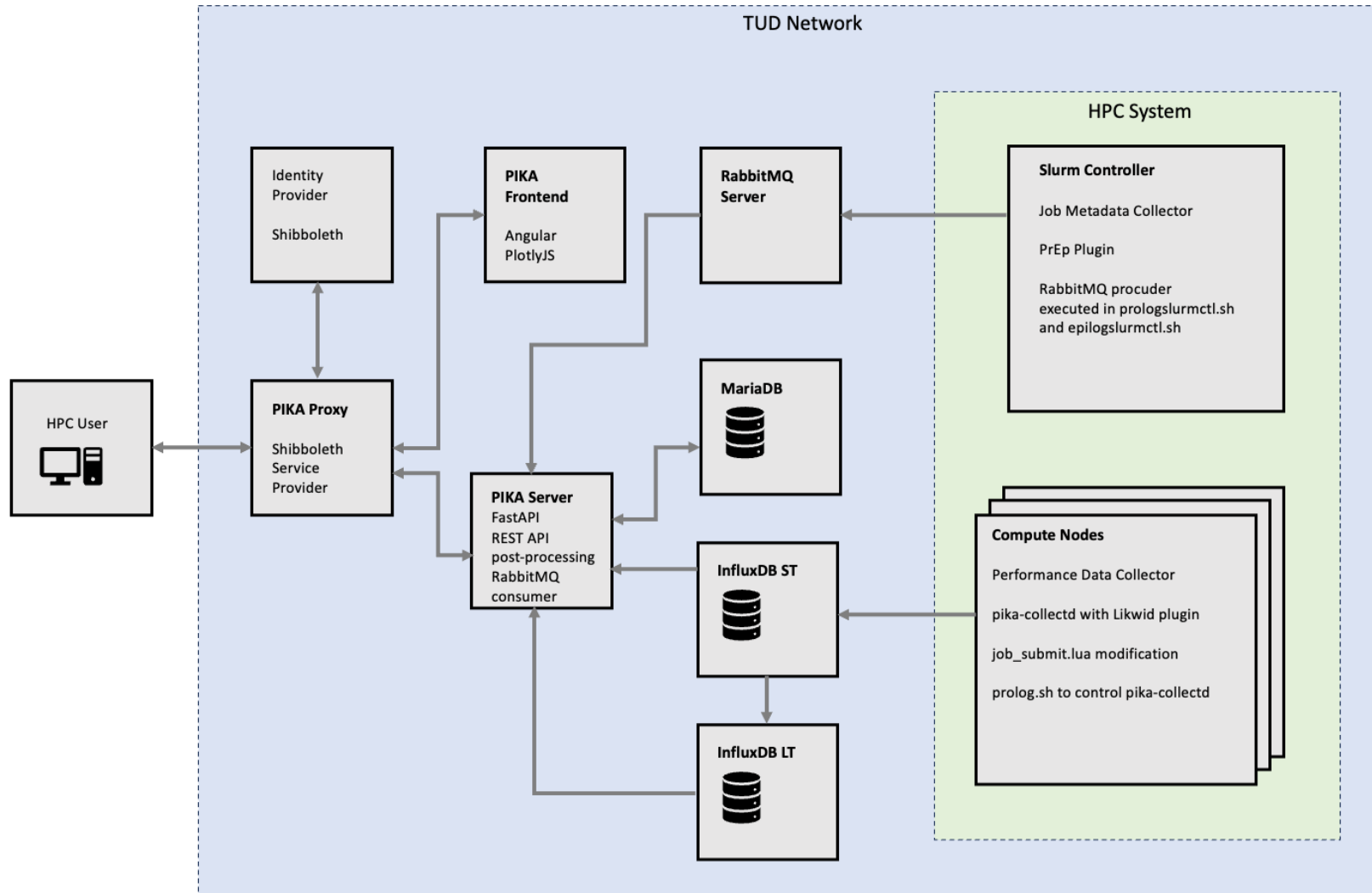
- PIKA infrastructure
- PIKA web frontend
- Hands-on exercise
- Discussions



# PIKA Architecture Overview



# PIKA Architecture at TUD





# PIKA Metadata Collection

**Slurm PrEp Plugin** to capture job metadata:

- Unique job identifier, ArrayID
- Project, user, job name
- Start and end time, walltime
- Status (running, completed, timeout, failed, OOM, cancelled)
- Requested resources
  - Partition
  - Allocated compute nodes
  - Allocated CPUs on each node
  - Exclusive nodes
  - Main memory
  - GPUs per node

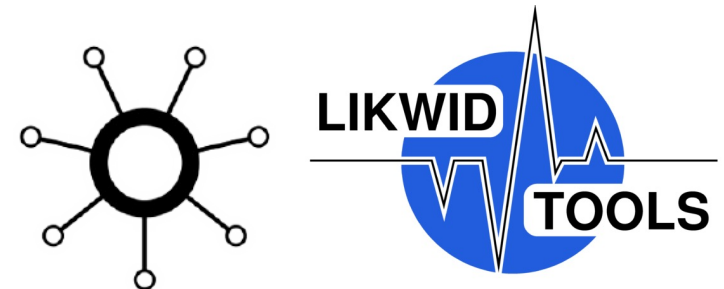


# PIKA Runtime Data Collection

Monitored Metrics	Data Source	Hardware Unit
Instructions per Cycle (IPC)	LIKWID	Hardware Thread
FLOPS (SP Normalized)		Hardware Thread
Main Memory Bandwidth		CPU/Socket
Power Consumption		CPU/Socket
CPU Usage	proc & sysfs	Hardware Thread
Main Memory Utilization		Node
Network Bandwidth		Node
File I/O Bandwidth & Metadata	Local disk, Filesystems (Lustre)	Disk, Lustre Instance
GPU Usage	NVML	GPU
GPU Memory Utilization		
GPU Power Consumption		
GPU Temperature		

## Collection daemon **collectd**

- One collector/plugin for each metric source
- CPU counters are collected with LIKWID
- Hardware thread metrics are summarized to the physical CPU core



# PIKA Job Visualization – Tables

Total Projects: 492

Project ↑↓	Number of Jobs ↑↓	Max Nodes ↑↓	Max Cores ↑↓	Overall Core Time ↑↓	Max Pending ↑↓	Overall Runtime ↑↓	#Footprints ↑↓
> p_...	1375	1	8	0003y 355d 09:54h	02d 07:24:28h	0001y 006d 21:42h	818
> swt...	1735	4	128	0010y 247d 07:39h	02d 01:43:24h	0000y 065d 13:13h	159
> hp...	4720	41	4096	0032y 173d 12:01h	05d 16:02:24h	0001y 129d 09:50h	2420
> p_...	21417	2	96	0010y 059d 09:04h	03d 06:12:31h	0003y 049d 21:20h	14003
> p_...	2011	3	36	0013y 161d 00:09h	11d 17:16:13h	0002y 071d 05:35h	812

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Jobs of 492 projects have been recorded for the selected time interval (top right).

# PIKA Job Visualization – Tables

Total Projects: 492

Project ↑↓	Number of Jobs ↑↓	Max Nodes ↑↓	Max Cores ↓	Overall Core Time ↑↓	Max Pending ↑↓	Overall Runtime ↑↓	#Footprints ↑↓
> p_t...	1419	243	7680	0095y 354d 01:29h	13d 19:07:44h	0000y 140d 10:46h	975
> p_f...	876	306	7344	0066y 260d 21:36h	48d 09:39:16h	0000y 043d 21:59h	490
> p_s...	1100	306	7344	0004y 309d 05:56h	02d 04:07:34h	0000y 019d 20:52h	272
> p_...	1353	300	7296	0987y 061d 15:29h	09d 16:25:39h	0001y 111d 15:39h	3438
> p_...		346	7000	0111y 135d 03:04h	08d 08:08:03h	0000y 137d 16:48h	75

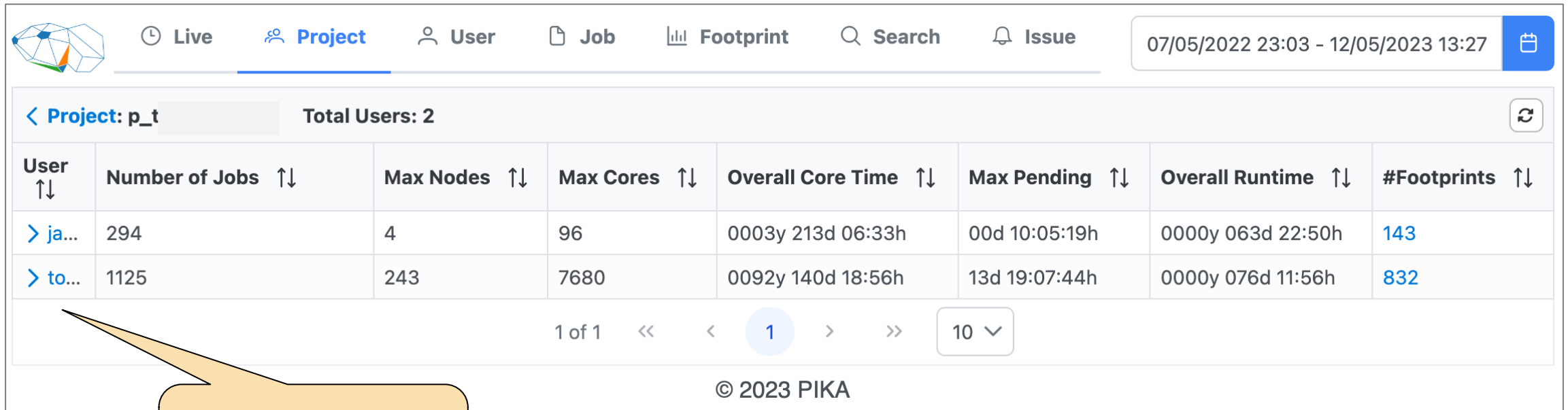
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Unfolding

Get project with the highest number of cores.

# PIKA Job Visualization – Tables

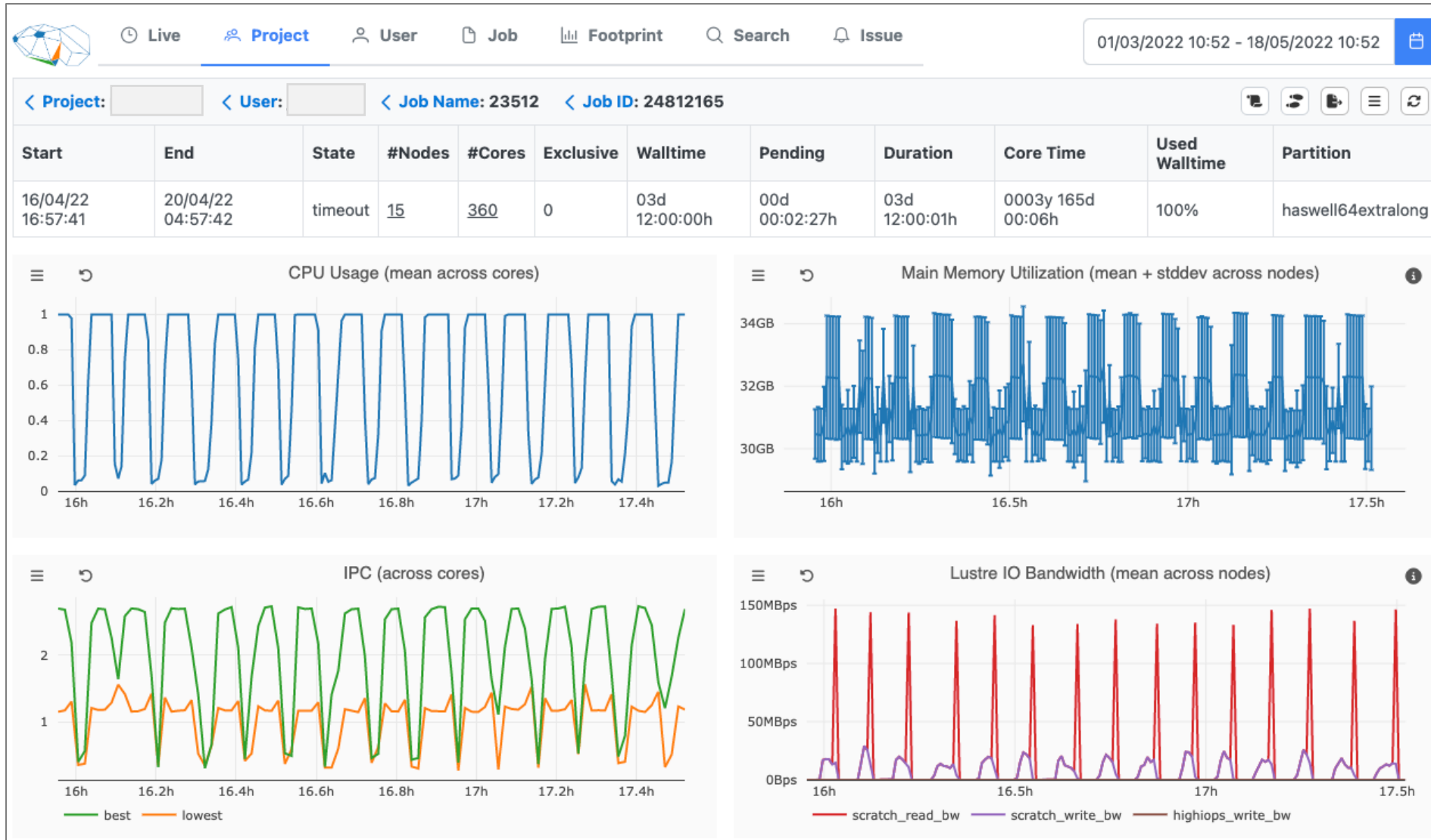


The interface shows a navigation bar with tabs for Live, Project, User, Job, Footprint, Search, and Issue. A date range filter is set to 07/05/2022 23:03 - 12/05/2023 13:27. The main content area displays a table for Project: p\_t with 2 total users. The table has 8 columns: User, Number of Jobs, Max Nodes, Max Cores, Overall Core Time, Max Pending, Overall Runtime, and #Footprints. Two users are listed: 'ja...' and 'to...'. A pagination bar shows 1 of 1 items, and a copyright notice © 2023 PIKA is at the bottom.

User ↑↓	Number of Jobs ↑↓	Max Nodes ↑↓	Max Cores ↑↓	Overall Core Time ↑↓	Max Pending ↑↓	Overall Runtime ↑↓	#Footprints ↑↓
> ja...	294	4	96	0003y 213d 06:33h	00d 10:05:19h	0000y 063d 22:50h	143
> to...	1125	243	7680	0092y 140d 18:56h	13d 19:07:44h	0000y 076d 11:56h	832

Project "p\_t" has two users.

# PIKA Job Visualization – Metadata & Timelines



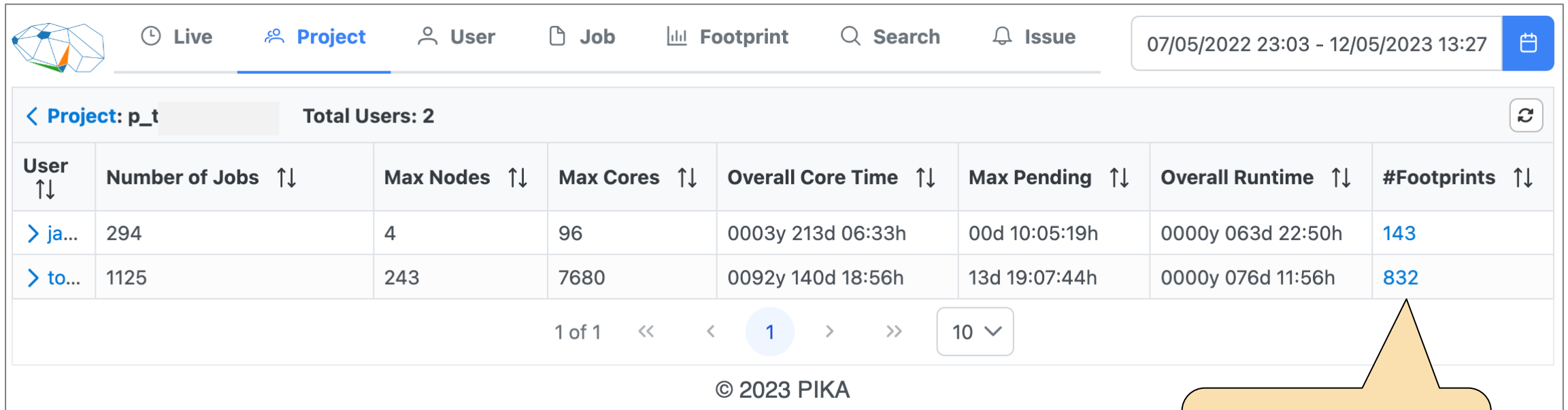
# PIKA Post Processing

## Job characterization via tagging

- **Footprints** based on summarized runtime data
  - **Average** (CPU and GPU usage, IPC, FLOPS, main memory bandwidth, CPU and GPU power, InfiniBand traffic)
  - **Total** (file IO read/write)
  - **Maximum** (host and GPU memory usage)
- Job tags based on formulas and thresholds

Tag Name	Formula and Threshold
unrestrained	-
memory-bound	$\frac{\text{memory bandwidth (measured)}}{\text{memory bandwidth (maximum)}} > 80\%$
compute-bound	$\frac{\text{FLOP/s (measured)}}{\text{FLOP/s (maximum)}} > 70\%$ or $\frac{\text{IPC (measured)}}{\text{IPC (optimal)}} > 60\%$
GPU-bound	GPU utilization > 70% or GPU utilization > CPU utilization
IO-heavy	$\frac{\text{IO bandwidth (measured)}}{\text{IO bandwidth (maximum)}} > 60\%$
network-heavy	$\frac{\text{network bandwidth (measured)}}{\text{network bandwidth (maximum)}} > 60\%$

# PIKA Post Processing



The screenshot shows the PIKA web interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Live, Project (selected), User, Job, Footprint, Search, and Issue. A date range filter is set to 07/05/2022 23:03 - 12/05/2023 13:27. Below the navigation, the current project is identified as 'Project: p\_t' with 'Total Users: 2'. A table displays the following data:

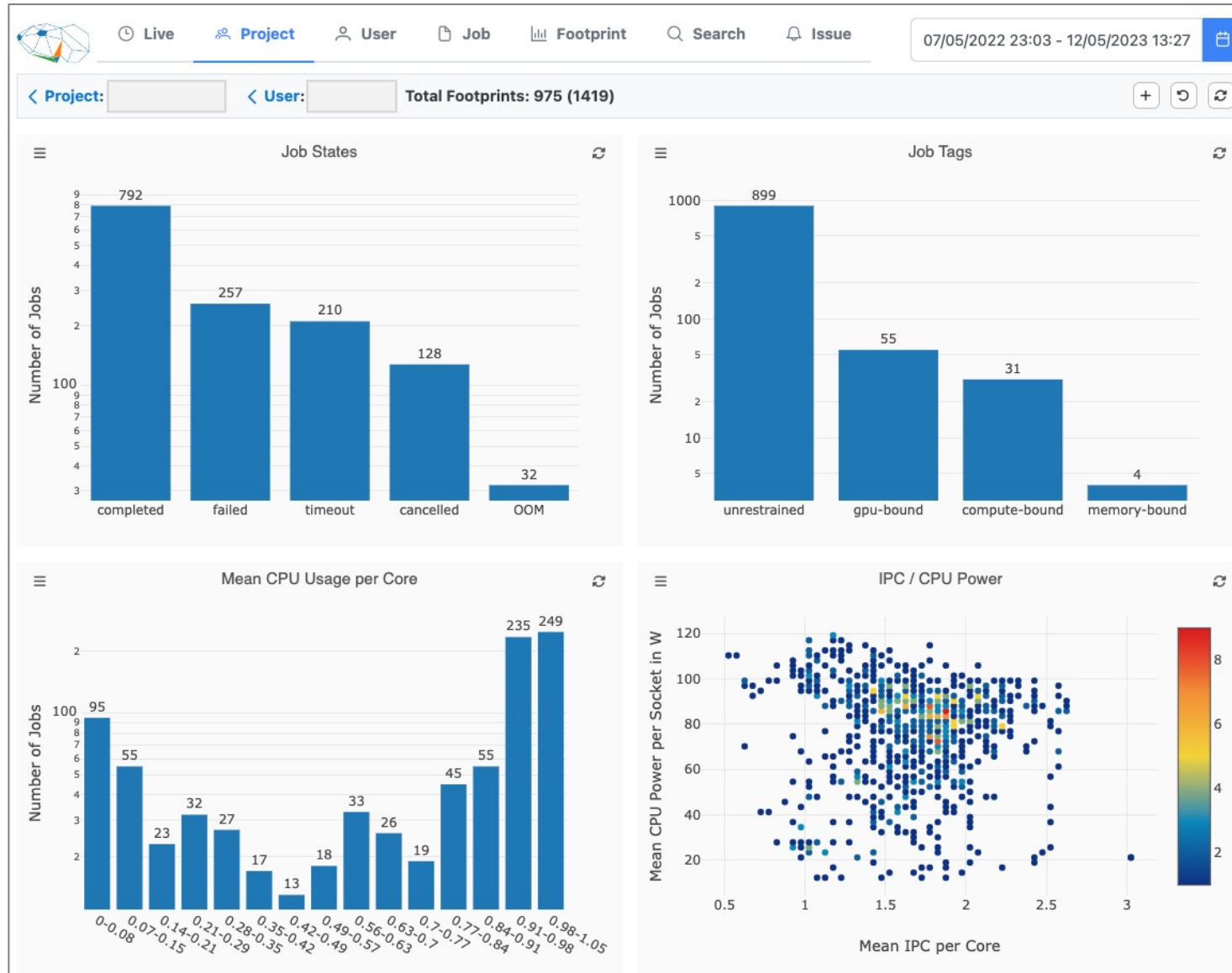
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> to...	1125	243	7680	0092y 140d 18:56h	13d 19:07:44h	0000y 076d 11:56h	832

Below the table, there is a pagination control showing '1 of 1' and a dropdown menu set to '10'. The footer of the interface includes '© 2023 PIKA'.

832 user jobs are tagged.



# PIKA Job Visualization – Footprints



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# PIKA – Search for Suboptimal Jobs

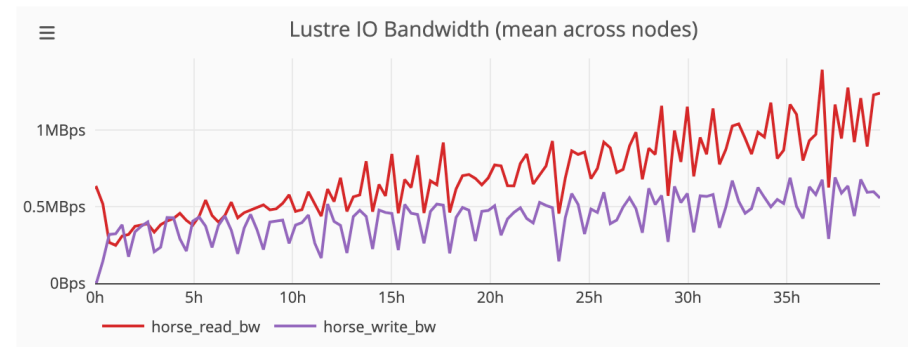
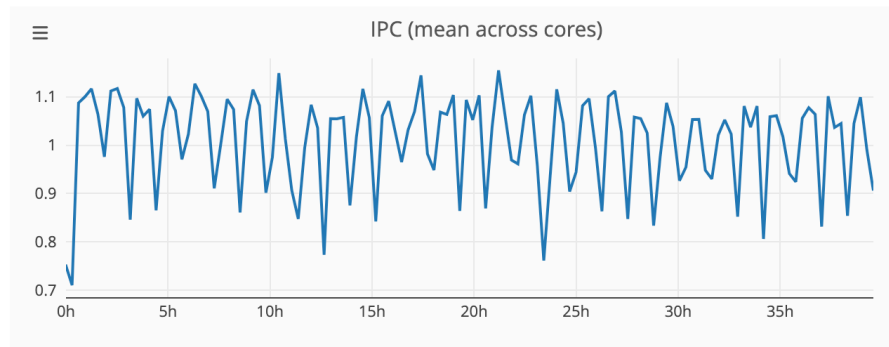
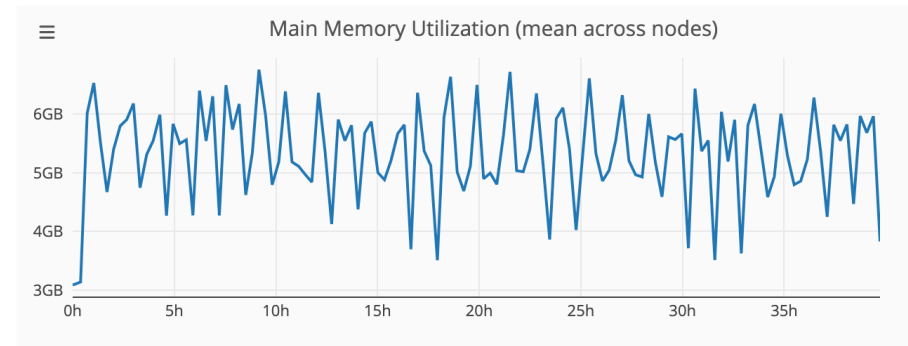
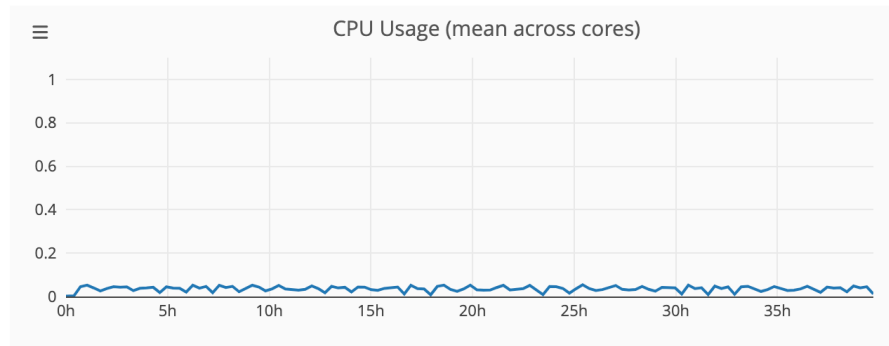
The screenshot shows the PIKA search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Live', 'Project', 'User', 'Job', 'Footprint', 'Search', and 'Issue' tabs. The date range is '18/02/2024 11:46 - 25/02/2024 11:46' and the user is 'admin'. Below the navigation bar, there are search filters: 'Job ID' (dropdown), 'Enter ID' (input), 'Select Job Grouping' (dropdown), 'Exclusive' (checkbox, circled in red), and 'Ignore Selected Time' (checkbox). The main search area is divided into several sections: 'Project' (dropdown), 'Job Name' (input), 'Number of Nodes' (input with '2' and 'Enter Max' dropdown, circled in red), 'User' (dropdown), 'Node Name' (input), 'Number of Cores' (input with 'Enter Min' and 'Enter Max' dropdowns), 'Job Status' (dropdown), 'Job Tag' (dropdown), 'Number of GPUs' (input with 'Enter Min' and 'Enter Max' dropdowns), 'Partition' (dropdown), 'Footprint' (dropdown), 'Time Limit' (input with 'Enter Min', 'Enter Max', and unit dropdown), 'SMT Job Mode' (dropdown), 'Mean CPU Usage per Core' (input with 'Enter Min', '0.1', and 'Enter Max' dropdown, circled in red), 'Pending Time' (input with 'Enter Min', 'Enter Max', and unit dropdown), and 'File System' (dropdown). At the bottom, there is a 'PIKA' logo and a 'Confirm' button. A speech bubble points to the 'Confirm' button with the text: 'Find jobs with inappropriate resource allocation.'

# PIKA – Search for Suboptimal Jobs


🕒 Live
👤 Project
👤 User
📄 Job
📊 Footprint
🔍 Search
🔔 Issue
18/02/2024 18:25 - 25/02/2024 18:25
👤 admin

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Project	User	Job Name	Start	End	State	#Nodes	#Cores	SMT	Exclusive	Walltime	Pending	Duration	Core Time	Used Walltime	Partition
			21/02/24 13:59:06	23/02/24 05:51:39	completed	10	1040	2	1	02d 00h 00m 00s	00d 01h 10m 45s	01d 15h 52m 33s	0004y 267d 18h 25m	83.07%	barnard



# PIKA Issue Analysis

## Automatic detection of job performance issues on eligible jobs

### — Prerequisite:

- Duration  $\geq$  1 hour
- Number of physical cores  $>$  1
- Slurm Status: completed, out of memory, timeout
- Metric timeline vectors\*: CPU/GPU load, memory usage, I/O bandwidths and I/O metadata operations

### — Heuristics to detect inefficient jobs

### — Criteria for efficient usage

- Shortest possible runtimes (compared to similar jobs)
- High utilization of the hardware
- Even distribution of computational workloads across processing units

\* Sampled every 30 seconds

# PIKA Issue Analysis – Summarized User View

Possible performance issues with the inefficient HPC jobs of a user

Performance Issue	Description
Idle CPU/GPU Time ( <b>ICT/IGT</b> )	Summed time intervals of all CPUs/GPUs across all jobs in which the load was close to zero.
Idle CPU/GPU Ratio ( <b>ICR/IGR</b> )	Quotient of “Idle CPU/GPU Time” and “Total CPU/GPU Time” across all jobs.
Maximum Unused CPU/GPU Ratio ( <b>Max UCR/UGR</b> )	Maximum ratio of “unused” to “used” CPUs/GPUs across all jobs.
Maximum CPU/GPU Load Imbalance ( <b>Max CLI/GLI</b> )	Maximum of the average standard deviation of CPU/GPU load across all jobs.
Maximum I/O Congestion ( <b>Max IOC</b> )	Maximum rate of metadata operations at a measuring point across all jobs. The attribution per job starts with 40 operations.
Maximum I/O Blocking Phases ( <b>Max IOB</b> )	Maximum periodic number of phases with an inverse correlation between CPU load and I/O metrics across all jobs. The attribution per job starts with 10 periodic phases.
Maximum Synchronous Offloading ( <b>Max SO</b> )	Maximum periodic number of phases with an inverse correlation between CPU and GPU load across all jobs. The attribution per job starts with 10 periodic phases.
Maximum Memory Leak ( <b>Max ML</b> )	Maximum of the linear increase of memory usage over time across all jobs.

# PIKA Issue Analysis – Issue Table

User jobs are sorted by idle CPU time

Total Issue Users: 946

User ↑↓	Project ↑↓	#Runs ↑↓	ICT ↓	ICR ↑↓	Max UCR ↑↓	Max CLI ↑↓	Max IOB ↑↓	Max IOC ↑↓	Max ML ↑↓	IGT ↑↓	IGR ↑↓	Max UGR ↑↓	Max GLI ↑↓	Max SO ↑↓	Max S ↑↓
> diw...	p_fun...	23752	0230y 166d 14:01h	0.36	1	0.57	0	2503	0.05	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0
> pa...	p_sca...	11523	0180y 200d 02:44h	0.69	1	0.7	0	0	0.06	174d 18:24:30h	0.45	0	0	0	0
> lau...	p_sra	30561	0167y 271d 03:22h	0.57	1	0.82	0	2765	0.93	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0
> s2...	p_ml_rl	1775	0147y 150d 21:10h	0.48	0.5	0.5	0	38	0.74	00d 00:12:30h	0	0	0	0	0
> s5...	p_am...	3017	0131y 062d 20:17h	0.9	1	0.5	0	44	0.02	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0

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# PIKA Issue Analysis – Issue Table

User jobs are sorted by idle GPU time

Total Issue Users: 946

User ↑↓	Project ↑↓	#Runs ↑↓	ICT ↑↓	ICR ↑↓	Max UCR ↑↓	Max CLI ↑↓	Max IOB ↑↓	Max IOC ↑↓	Max ML ↑↓	IGT ↓	IGR ↑↓	Max UGR ↑↓	Max GLI ↑↓	Max SO ↑↓	Max S ↑↓
> sek...	p_sca...	406	0002y 096d 03:59h	0.05	0.83	0.45	0	39226	0.86	96d 05:14:30h	0.04	1	0.6	0	0
> s12...	p_da...	79	0000y 099d 19:02h	0.18	0.54	0.22	0	0	0.1	91d 07:31:30h	0.98	1	0	0	0
> s9...	p_sca...	8781	0078y 345d 18:15h	0.84	1	0.85	0	0	0	919d 09:55:30h	0.98	1	0	0	0
> s6...	zihfor...	27	0000y 341d 19:04h	0.41	0.6	0.63	0	336	0.01	90d 04:47:30h	0.65	0.88	0.46	0	0
> s3...	zihfor...	413	0005y 337d 04:12h	0.39	1	0.38	0	19464	0.04	893d 10:59:30h	0.61	1	0.54	0	0

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# PIKA Issue Analysis – Issue Table

User jobs are sorted by maximum I/O congestion

Total Issue Users: 946

User ↑↓	Project ↑↓	#Runs ↑↓	ICT ↑↓	ICR ↑↓	Max UCR ↑↓	Max CLI ↑↓	Max IOB ↑↓	Max IOC ↓	Max ML ↑↓	IGT ↑↓	IGR ↑↓	Max UGR ↑↓	Max GLI ↑↓	Max SO ↑↓	Max S ↑↓
> s81...	p_sp_...	56	0000y 211d 04:57h	0.49	0.88	0.47	0	92007	0.02	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0
> s4...	nano- 10	1158	0099y 020d 01:17h	0.57	0.89	0.5	0	56928	0.16	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0
> dm...	p_lv_...	3	0000y 029d 13:05h	0.23	0	0	0	51677	0.09	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0
> sek...	p_sca...	406	0002y 096d 03:59h	0.05	0.83	0.45	0	39226	0.86	96d 05:14:30h	0.04	1	0.6	0	0
> sek...	p_dar...	54	0011y 028d 20:22h	0.06	0.99	0.5	0	34343	0.16	04d 21:20:00h	0.98	1	0	0	0

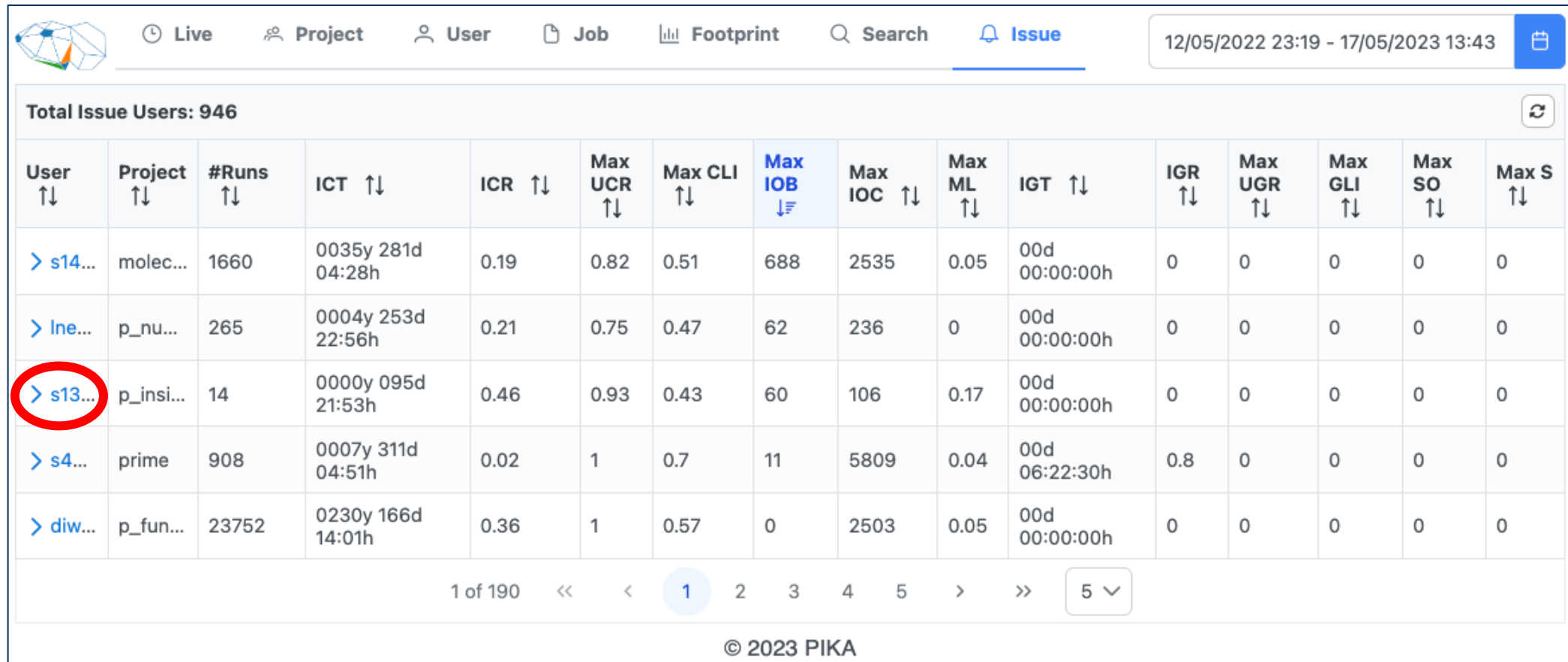
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# PIKA Issue Analysis – Issue Table

User jobs are sorted by maximum I/O blocking



Total Issue Users: 946

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> s14...	molec...	1660	0035y 281d 04:28h	0.19	0.82	0.51	688	2535	0.05	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0
> lne...	p_nu...	265	0004y 253d 22:56h	0.21	0.75	0.47	62	236	0	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0
> s13...	p_insi...	14	0000y 095d 21:53h	0.46	0.93	0.43	60	106	0.17	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0
> s4...	prime	908	0007y 311d 04:51h	0.02	1	0.7	11	5809	0.04	00d 06:22:30h	0.8	0	0	0	0
> diw...	p_fun...	23752	0230y 166d 14:01h	0.36	1	0.57	0	2503	0.05	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0

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# PIKA Issue Analysis – Issue Table

User jobs with I/O blocking issues

Job Name ↑↓	Project ↑↓	#Runs ↑↓	ICT ↑↓	ICR ↑↓	Max UCR ↑↓	Max CLI ↑↓	Max IOB ↑↓	Max IOC ↑↓	Max ML ↑↓	IGT ↑↓	IGR ↑↓	Max UGR ↑↓	Max GLI ↑↓	Max SO ↑↓	Max S ↑↓
> hP_Sta...	p_in...	14	0000y 095d 21:53h	0.46	0.93	0.43	60	106	0.17	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0

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# PIKA Issue Analysis – Issue Table

User jobs with I/O blocking issues

🕒 Live
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12/05/2022 23:19 - 17/05/2023 13:43

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< Job Name: 
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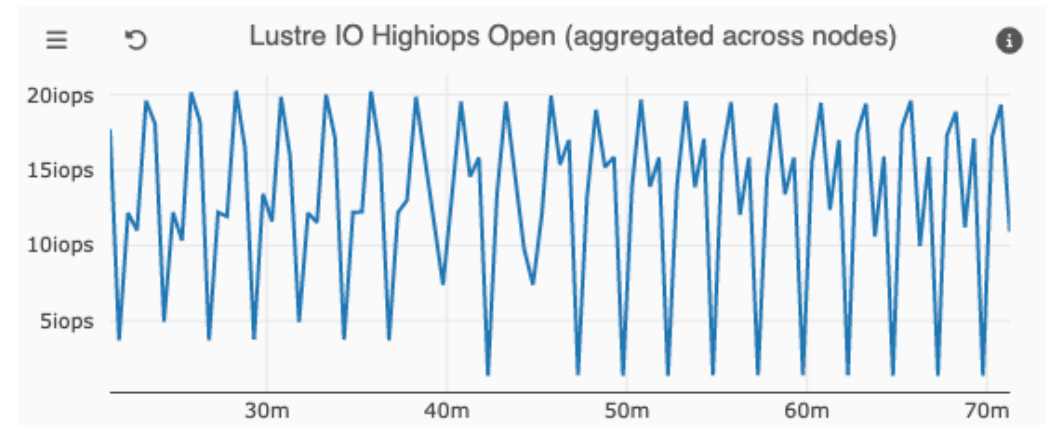
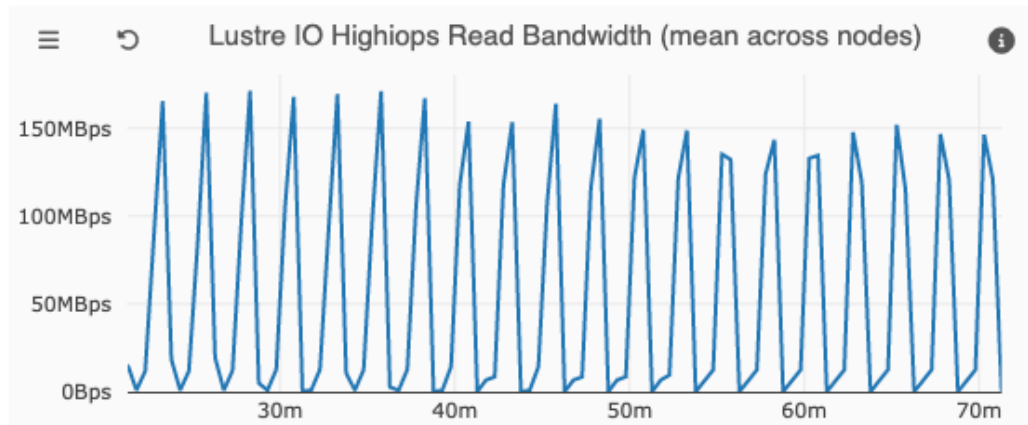
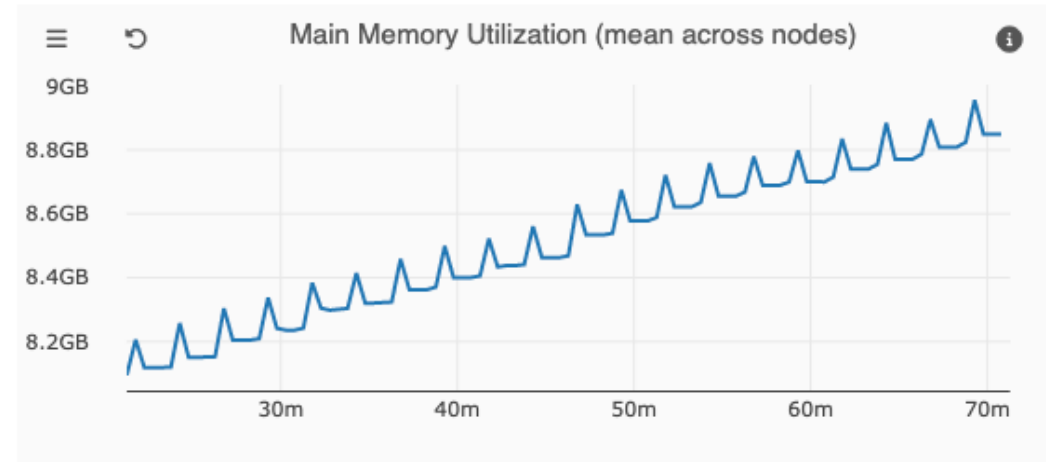
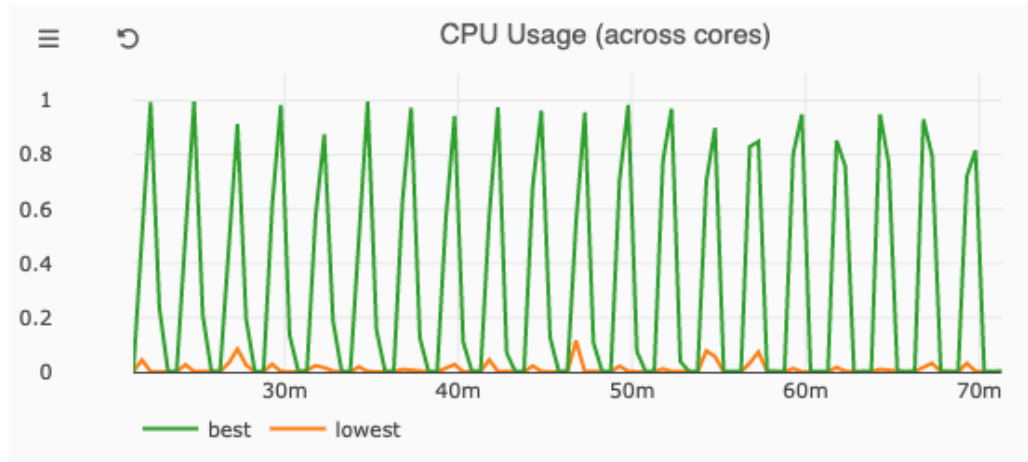
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32963697	p_insitu	0000y 004d 15:27h	0.24	0	0	60	55	0	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0
32960189	p_insitu	0000y 004d 07:11h	0.24	0	0	56	58	0	00d 00:00:00h	0	0	0	0	0
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# PIKA Issue Analysis – Metadata & Timelines

Pro	Start	End	State	#Nodes	#Cores	Exclusive	Walltime	Pending	Duration	Core Time	Used	Partition
p...	09/02/23 22:27:43	10/02/23 00:58:26	com...	<u>6</u>	<u>144</u>	0	00d 04:00	00d 01:57	00d 02:30:43h	0000y 015d 01:43h	62.8%	haswell...



# Conclusion

**PIKA** is a hardware performance monitoring stack in order to identify potentially inefficient jobs.

- Easy access to processed performance data for individual jobs, projects, and users
- Performance overview facilitates quick identification of pathological or suboptimal jobs
- Awareness for performance analysis among new HPC users



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<https://gitlab.hrz.tu-chemnitz.de/pika>



# Hands-on Exercise

# PIKA Hands-on (1)

Open the PIKA web interface and log in with the PIKA demo user:

<https://pika.zih.tu-dresden.de>

User / Password: TBA

## PIKA Hands-on (2)

Connect to Barnard cluster via ssh:

```
% cp ${VIHPS_ROOT}/pika/run_nhr_pika_example.sh .  
  
% sbatch run_nhr_pika_example.sh  
Submitted batch job 19349695
```

Open the PIKA web interface and log in with your own login credentials:

<https://pika.zih.tu-dresden.de>

- Click on the Live tab
- Update the timelines by clicking on the refresh button (data is updated about every minute)
- Examine the benchmark output of triad\_avx and check whether FLOPS and Memory Bandwidth are displayed correctly in PIKA
- Do the IO bandwidths match the instructions in the job script?