

Green computing

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Green Computing: Challenges

- Extremely broad topic
 - From electric grid to CPU to software to users
 - Different cultures / mindsets / languages
 - “Divide-and-conquer” is problematic
- Many non-technical factors
 - Economics, politics, bureaucracy, psychology...

Agenda

- Energy monitoring
- Energy optimization
- Carbon-aware computing

Computing infrastructure survey

- What are you using for long analyses (>4h)?
 - Personal laptop or desktop
 - Dedicated desktop or server (lab-owned)
 - Shared server or cluster (institute-owned, external)
 - Cloud (e.g. AWS)

Our computing infrastructure

- Lab-owned: 4 desktops, 6 rack servers
- HITS institute cluster #1 (on premise)
- HITS institute cluster #2 (university)
- External resources (SCC Karlsruhe, LRZ Garching/Munich)

Motivation 2019: Climate crisis

- Back-of-the-napkin estimate:
 - 2 CPUs x 85W + peripherals + cooling $\geq$ 200W
 - 24h single-node job: $0.2 \times 24 = 4.8$ kWh
 - German energy mix 2019: $\sim 400\text{g}$ CO₂ / kWh
 - CO₂ emissions: $4.8 \times 0.4 = 1.92$ kg

10 km x



BMW X5 M50d: 190g/km

Software gets faster

New Results

[Comment on this paper](#)

A Fast and Memory-Efficient Implementation of the Transfer Bootstrap

Sarah Lutteropp,  Alexey M. Kozlov

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/733000>

480x speedup

EPA-ng: Massively Parallel Evolutionary Placement of Genetic Sequences

Pierre Barbera , Alexey M. Kozlov

Tomáš Flouri, Alexandre C.

30x speedup

Systematic Biology, Volume 68, Issue 2, March 2019, Pages 365–369, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sysbio/syy054>

CORRECTED PROOF

RAxML-NG: a fast, scalable and user-friendly tool for maximum likelihood phylogenetic inference

Alexey M. Kozlov , Diego

Bioinformatics, btz305, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btz305>

Published: 09 May 2019 [Article history](#)

4x speedup

Multi-rate Poisson tree processes for single-locus species delimitation under maximum likelihood and Markov chain Monte Carlo

P Kapli , S Lutteropp, J Zhang, K Kobert, P Pavlidis, A Stamatakis , T Flouri 

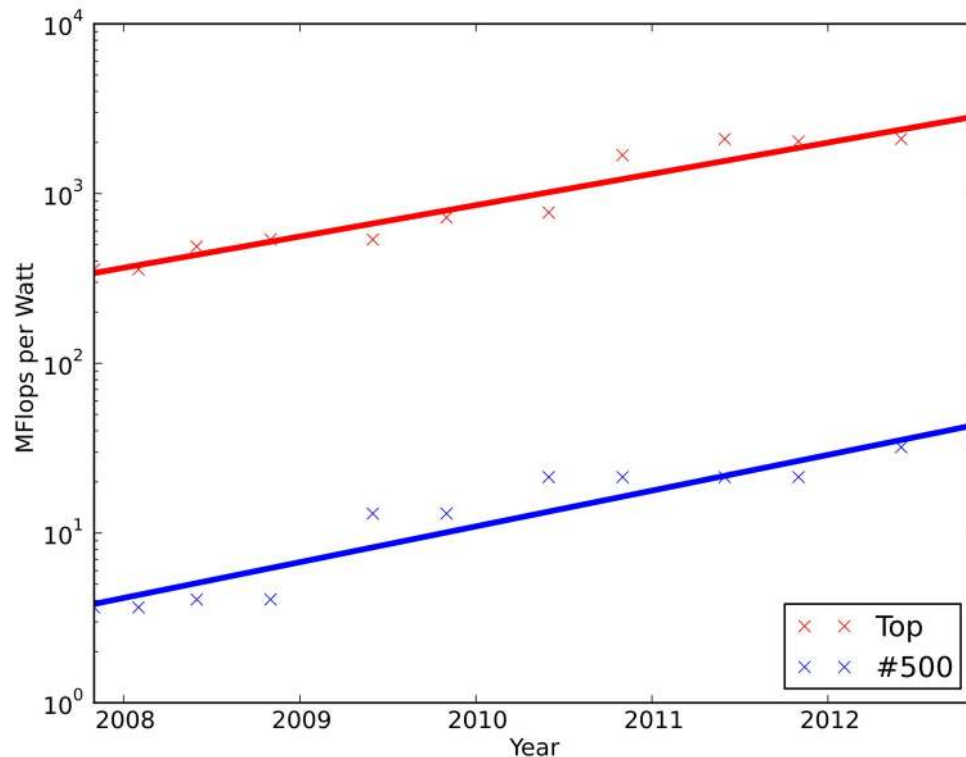
Bioinformatics, Volume 33, Issue 1, January 2017, Pages 1–11, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btx025>

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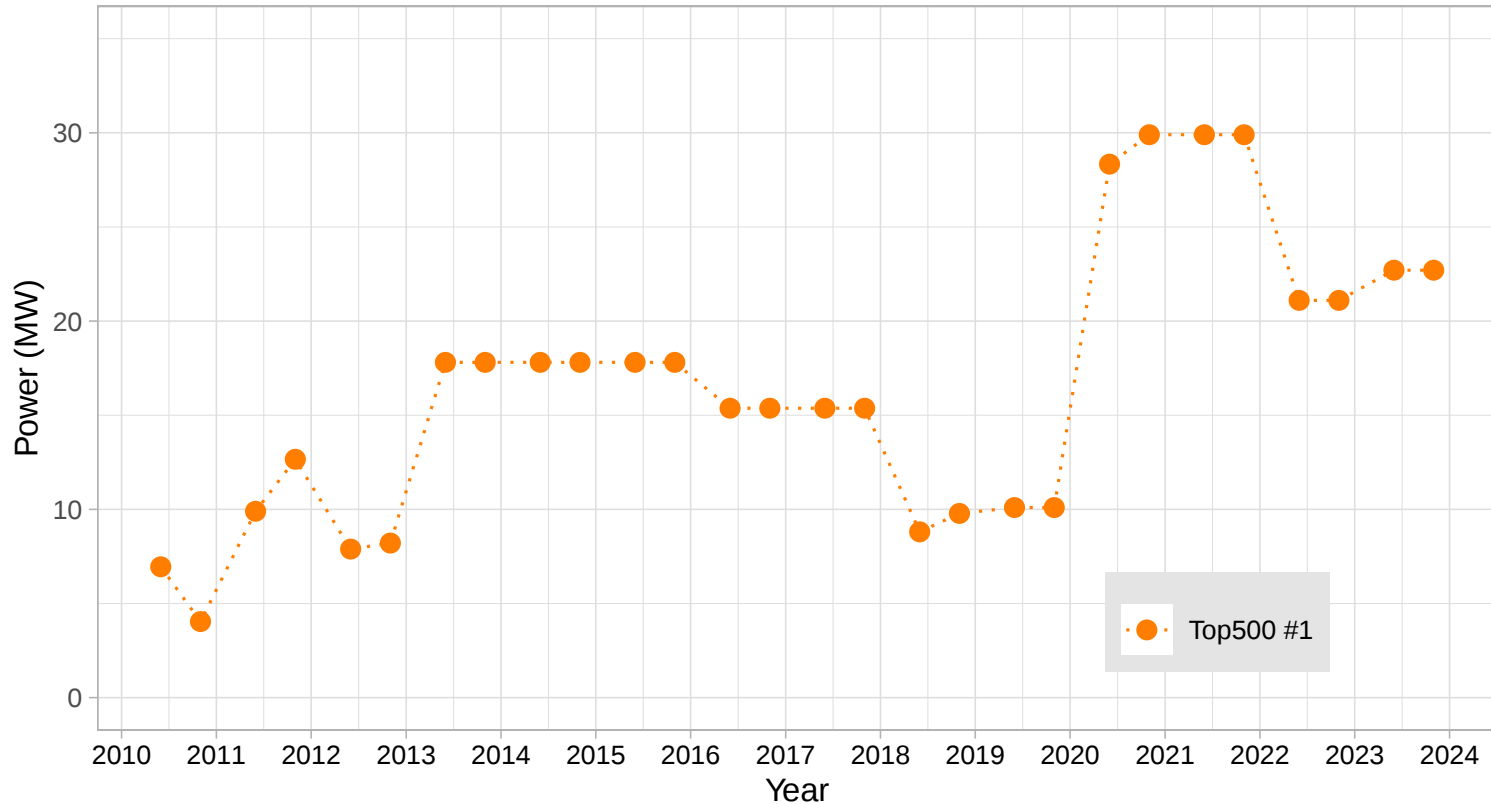
~1000x speedup

Hardware gets better

- Green500: Exponential growth in FLOPS/Watt



Top500 power trend



The Jevons paradox

- W. S. Jevons „The Coal Question“ (1865):



a.k.a. “rebound effect” or “induced demand”



Energy monitoring

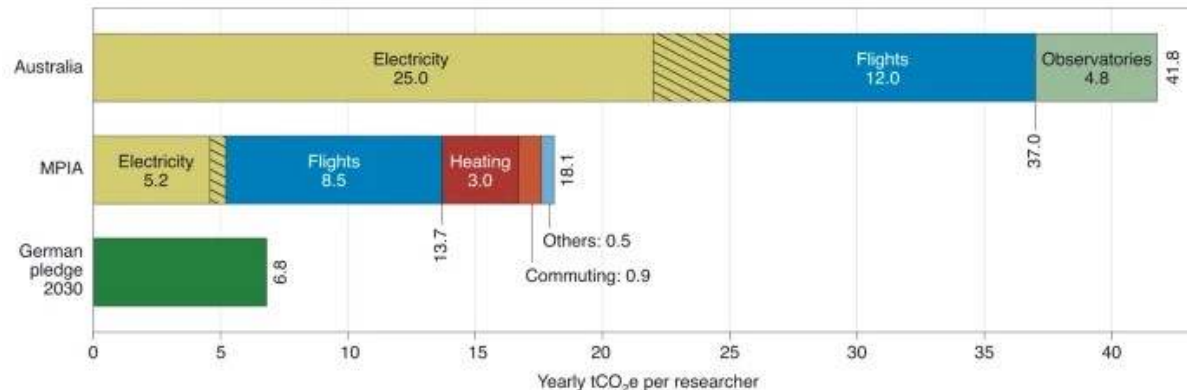
Energy monitoring: goals

- Measuring energy *accurately* is hard!
- Let's be pragmatic
 - All measurements are wrong, but some are useful
 - *Feasibility* over *Simplicity* over *Accuracy*
 - *Consistency* important for *comparability*

Energy monitoring: use case #1

- General awareness
 - Impact vs. other areas, e.g. transportation
 - Averaged estimates are OK → **W/core**, **CO2/kWh** ...

Fig. 1: Average annual emissions in 2018 for an Australian and MPIA researcher in $\text{tCO}_2\text{e yr}^{-1}$, broken down by sources.



(Jahnke et al., Nat Astronomy 2020)

Top-down estimation

- The analysis took **1,200,000 CPU-hours** on the SuperMUC-NG supercomputer (LRZ, Garching, Germany)
- In 2021, LRZ energy consumption was **32,632,950 kWh** [LRZ1], and in total **2,308,500,000 CPU-hours** were allocated to user jobs [LRZ2]
- On average, this corresponds to roughly **14 Wh per CPU-hour**, or **17,000 kWh** for the full analysis
- This translates to **~7,200 kg** of CO₂ based on carbon intensity of the German electricity mix (**0.425 kgCO₂/kWh** in 2021 [UBA])
- This is roughly equivalent to **17 NY->London flights** (one-way) [Google]

Bottom-up estimation

Details about your algorithm

To understand how each parameter impacts your carbon footprint, check out the formula below and the [methods article](#)

Runtime (HH:MM)

Type of cores

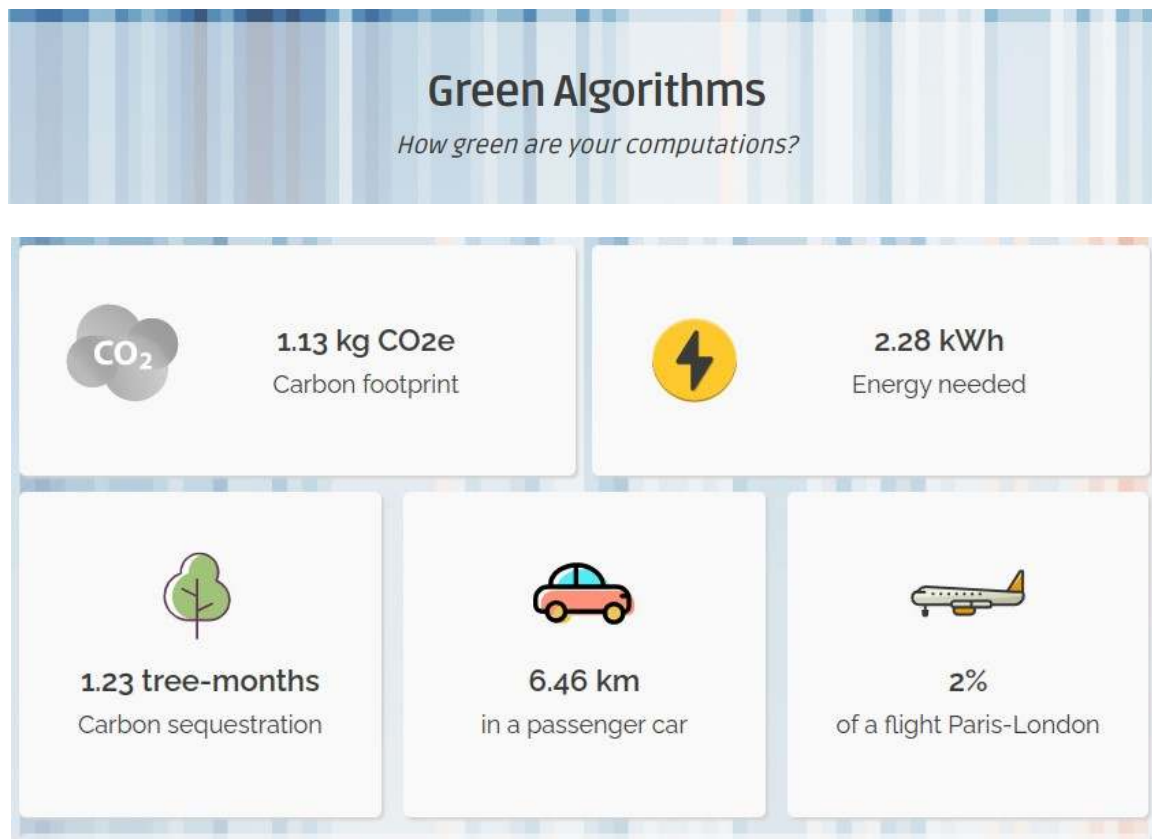
Number of cores

Model

Memory available (in GB)

Select the platform used for the computations

Select location

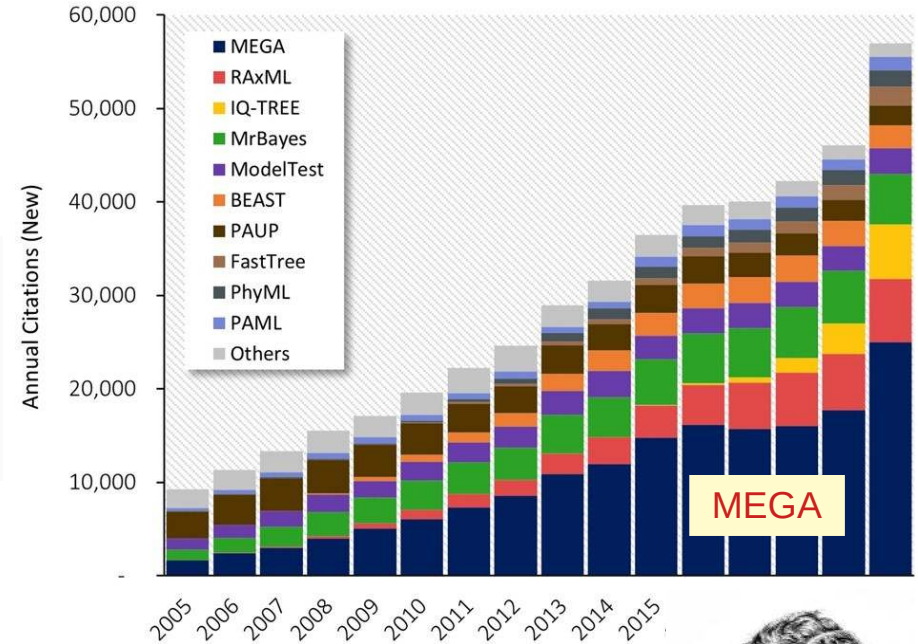


<http://calculator.green-algorithms.org/>

NJ for Future?

		Computer Resources			Environmental Impact	
		Time	Memory	Energy	C-footprint	Trees
Function	Method/Tool	(h)	(peak, MB)	(kWh)	(g)	(days)
(c) Phylogeny inference						
c1.	Maximum likelihood	8.1	4,000	0.11	41	1.2
c2.	FastTree	0.7	700	0.01	3	0.1
MEGA	Neighbor-joining	0.1	8	<0.01	<1	<0.1

(Kumar, 2022 MBE)



can raxml-ng handle 6 million genomes of SARS-CoV-2? #172

✓ Closed

opened this issue last week · 4 comments



Energy monitoring: use case #2

- Comparative analysis / benchmarking
 - Year-to-year, programs, parameters etc.
 - Actual measurements needed
 - Systematic under-/overestimation is OK

Energy measurement levels

- Building / Datacenter → smart meters
- Server room, rack → smart PDUs
- Node / Server
- CPU / GPU
- Job
- User

Energy monitoring: Toolbox

	IPMI / DCMI	NV-SMI	ROcM-SMI	RAPL
Platform	Servers	GPU (Nvidia)	GPU (AMD)	CPU (Intel, AMD)
Scope	Full system	GPU	GPU	CPU+DRAM
Power	✓	✓	✓	✗
Energy	✗	✗	✓	✓
Resolution	low	medium	medium	very high
Low latency	✗	depends?	???	✓
Reliability	✗	???	???	✓
Non-root access	✗	✓	✓	✓ / ✗
Power limiting	✓ / ✗	✓	✓	✓

Energy monitoring: RAxML-NG

- New in RAxML-NG v1.0: energy usage report
 - Measured with Intel RAPL → CPU+DRAM only
 - Supported on Linux systems only
 - To disable, add: **--extra energy-off**

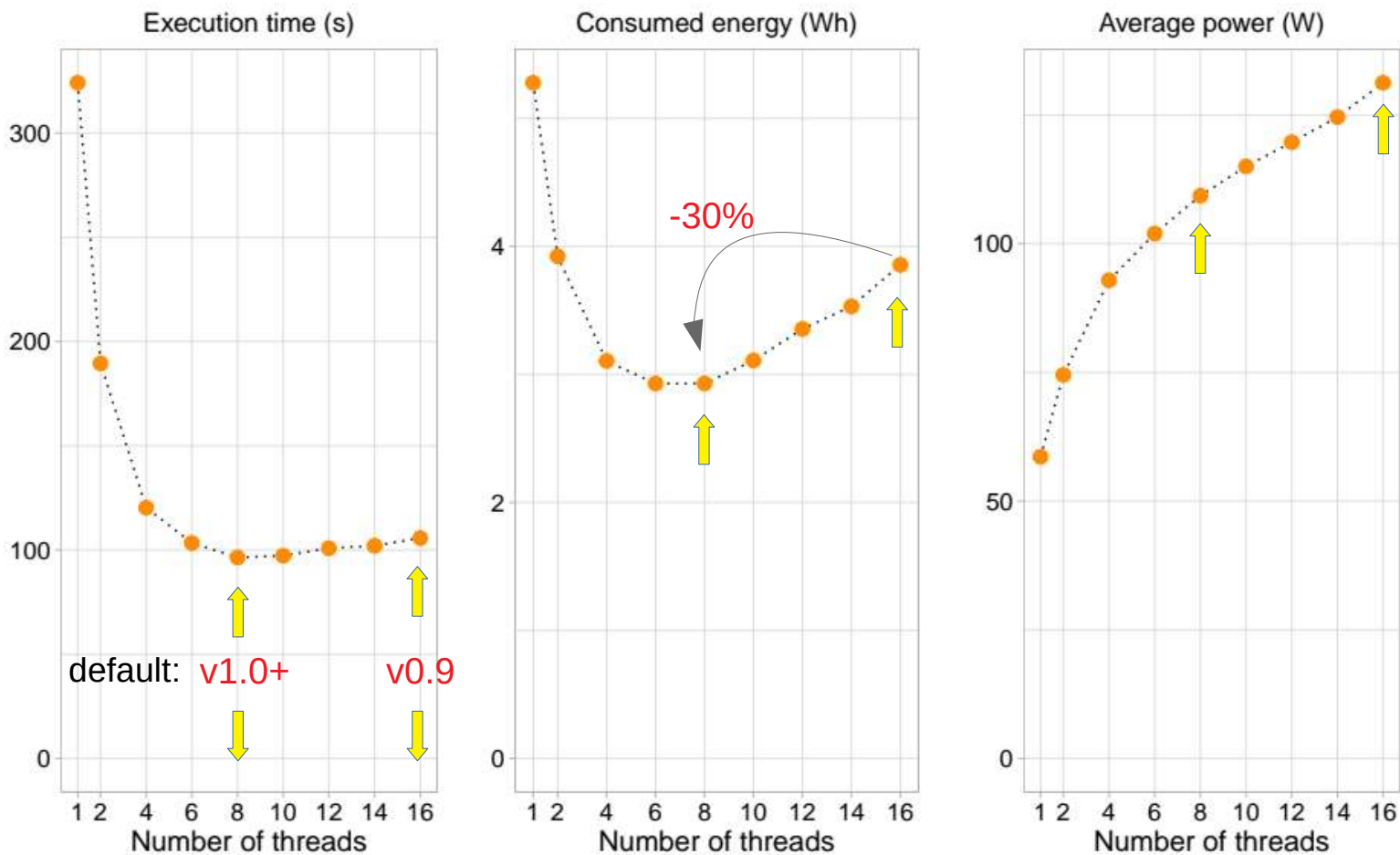
```
Elapsed time: 42846.287 seconds
```

```
Consumed energy: 162370.469 Wh (= 812 km in an electric car, or 4059 km with an e-scooter!)
```

Energy-to-solution



Automatic parallelization tuning



Experiment Impact Tracker

- Energy&CO2 tracking library for Python
 - Code: <https://github.com/Breakend/experiment-impact-tracker>
 - Paper: <https://jmlr.csail.mit.edu/papers/volume21/20-312/20-312.pdf>

```
from experiment_impact_tracker.compute_tracker import ImpactTracker

experiment1 = tempfile.mkdtemp()
experiment2 = tempfile.mkdtemp()

with ImpactTracker(experiment1):
    do_something()

with ImpactTracker(experiment2):
    do_something_else()
```

```
$ generate-carbon-impact-statement experiment1_log_dir experiment2_log_dir
```

Energy monitoring in SLURM

- Plugins for RAPL, IPMI...
- Node power →
- Job energy ↓

```
[user@cascade-login ~]$ scontrol show node cascade-149
NodeName=cascade-149 Arch=x86_64 CoresPerSocket=20
CPUAlloc=0 CPUTot=40 CPULoad=0.00
AvailableFeatures=cpu6230,ram96,rtx2080
ActiveFeatures=cpu6230,ram96,rtx2080
Gres=gpu:2,cpuonly:1
NodeAddr=cascade-149 NodeHostName=cascade-149 Version=20.11.7
OS=Linux 4.18.0-147.8.1.el8_1.x86_64 #1 SMP Thu Apr 9 13:49:54 UTC 2020
RealMemory=95000 AllocMem=0 FreeMem=92900 Sockets=1 Boards=1
MemSpecLimit=2048
State=IDLE ThreadsPerCore=2 TmpDisk=0 Weight=1 Owner=N/A MCS_label=N/A
Partitions=debug.p
BootTime=2021-06-09T11:20:43 SlurmdStartTime=2021-06-09T15:02:11
CfgTRES=cpu=40,mem=95000M,billing=40,gres/gpu=2
AllocTRES=
CapWatts=n/a
CurrentWatts=18 AveWatts=14 ←
ExtSensorsJoules=n/s ExtSensorsWatts=0 ExtSensorsTemp=n/s
Comment=(null)
```

```
[user@cascade-login ~]$ sacct -j 880244 -o ConsumedEnergy
```

```
ConsumedEnergy
```

```
-----
70.11K
70.11K
70.10K
```

Energy in SLURM: problems

- Poor visibility, no summary stats
- RAPL broken on Intel Haswell and later
 - Fixed on HITS clusters
 - Bug opened upstream:
https://bugs.schedmd.com/show_bug.cgi?id=9956
- No support for NVIDIA GPUs (yet?)
 - But: AMD GPUs via ROCm-SMI library

Per-application energy

- What if nodes are **shared**?
- Perfect attribution problematic
- Heuristic: use **CPU usage ratio** (proc/sys)

Guerilla monitoring @ HITS

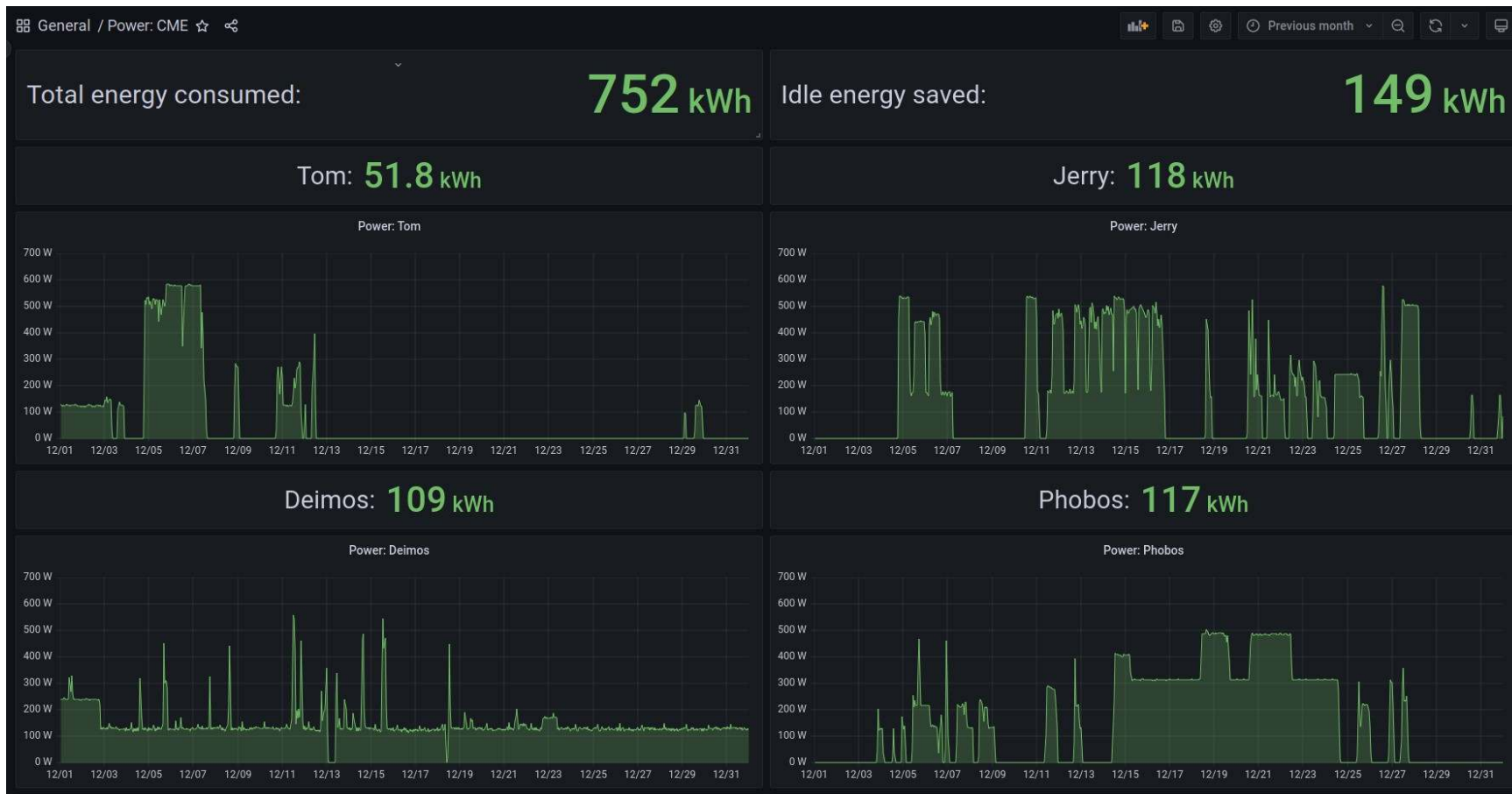
- Group servers

- IPMI → telegraf → influxDB → Grafana
- Resolution: 30 s
- HowTo: <https://github.com/amkozlov/ipmi-grafana>

- HITS clusters

- IPMI → checkmk → CSV → influxDB → Grafana
- Resolution: 1 min

Group servers power



Cluster nodes power: aggregated



+ storage + network + cooling + PSU conversion losses

Energy optimization

Idle consumption

- Example: Intel i7-7800X, 6 cores, 64GB RAM
 - sleep: 5W, idle: 55W, under load: 150W
 - 50% utilization → 25% savings (219 kWh/a)
 - 30% utilization → 42% savings (306 kWh/a)
- Example: Xeon Platinum 8260, 48 cores, 764GB RAM
 - standby: 20W, idle: 120 W, under load: 500 W
 - 50% utilization → 16% savings (438 kWh/a)
 - 30% utilization → 30% savings (613 kWh/a)

Sleep-on-Idle

- Desktops
 - Suspend-on-idle + Wake-on-LAN
 - Used by several groups, no centralized solution yet
- Rack servers
 - No suspend to RAM :(
 - PowerOff-on-idle + PowerOn-over-IPMI
 - <https://github.com/amkozlov/idle-sleep>

PowerOff-on-Idle

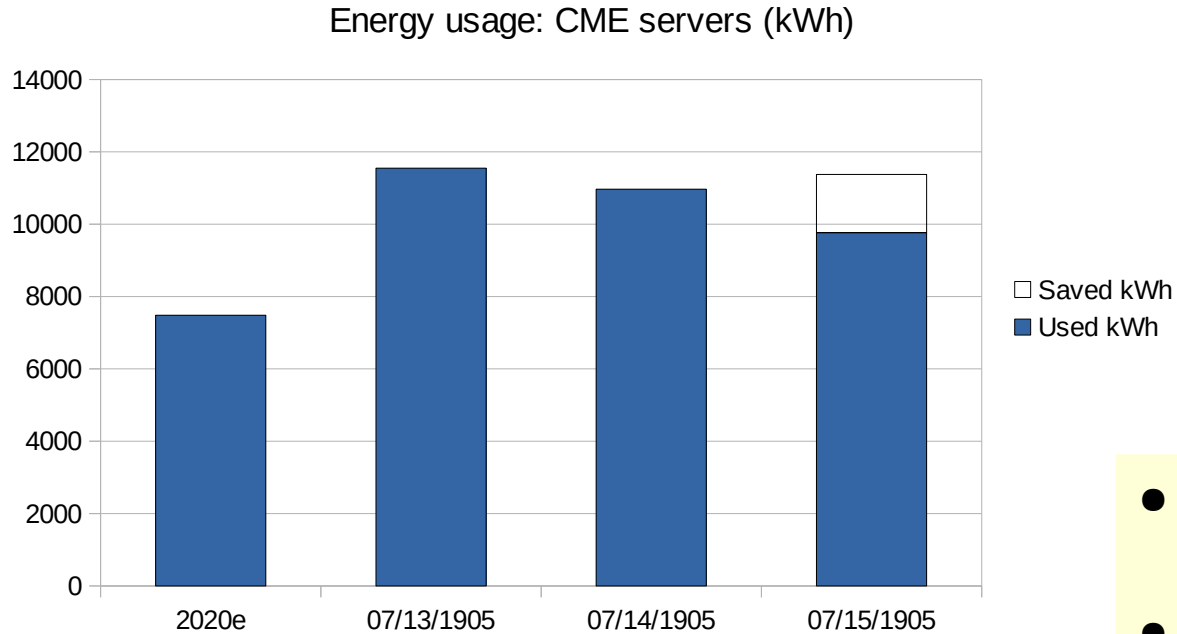
- Idle detection cron job
 - No active sessions + CPU utilization < 0.5 → **idle**
 - Idle since 1 hour → **poweroff**
 - Can be temporarily disabled:

```
deimos$ ecosleep disable 12h  
Server will not be powered off until: Di 16. Mai 10:13:34 CEST 2023
```

- PowerOn via SSH

```
laptop$ alias | grep ecowake  
alias ecowake='ssh kozlovay@XXXX.h-its.org sudo /hits/fast/cme/ecosleep/wakeup.sh'  
  
laptop$ ecowake deimos  
kozlovay@XXX.h-its.org's password:  
Chassis Power Control: Up/On  
waiting for deimos .....  
Server is back online!
```

Idle power savings 2023



- 1600 kWh (16%)
- -11% vs. 2022

Problems / Improvements

- screen/tmux sessions lost
 - tmux-resurrect might help
- Boot delay 1-2 min.

Power scaling

Power scaling on CPU and GPU

- Widely available: Intel/AMD/NVIDIA
- Power and/or frequency limits
- Typical range: 50% - 100% TDP
- Easy-to-use, transparent to workload

NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2080 SUPER

```
$ nvidia-smi -q -d POWER,CLOCK
Power Management       : Supported
Power Draw             : 4.24 W
Power Limit            : 250.00 W
Default Power Limit    : 250.00 W
Enforced Power Limit   : 250.00 W
Min Power Limit        : 125.00 W
Max Power Limit        : 250.00 W
```

```
$ sudo nvidia-smi -pl 200
Power limit for GPU 00000000:17:00.0 was set
to 200.00 W from 300.00 W.
```

Intel Xeon Platinum 8260

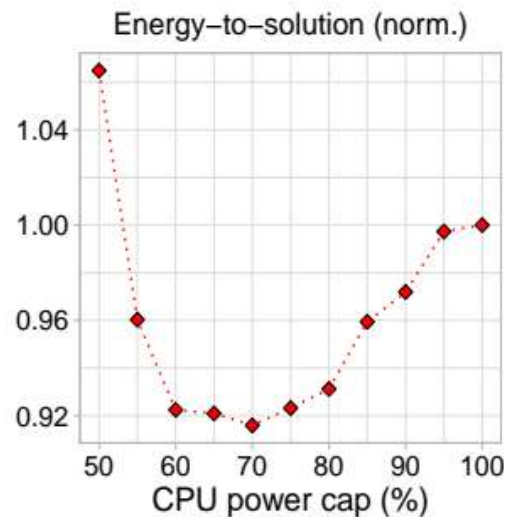
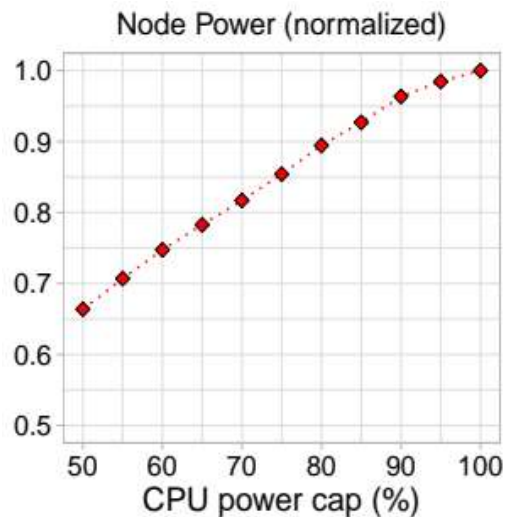
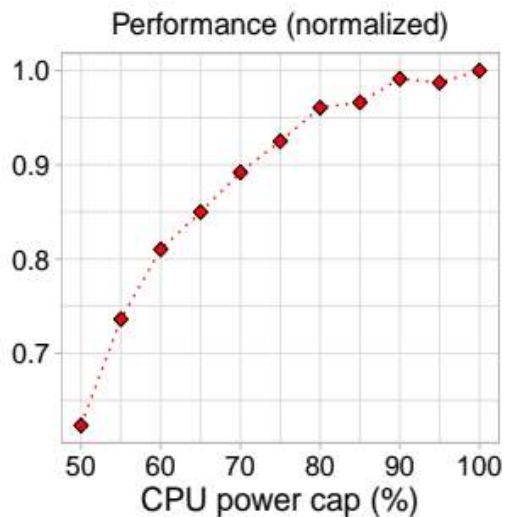
```
$ sudo cpupower frequency-info
hardware limits: 1000 MHz - 3.90 GHz
available cpufreq governors: performance powersave
current policy: frequency should be within 1000 MHz and 3.90 GHz.
```

AMD EPYC 7452

```
$ sudo cpupower frequency-info
hardware limits: 1.50 GHz - 2.35 GHz
available frequency steps: 2.35 GHz, 2.00 GHz, 1.50 GHz
```

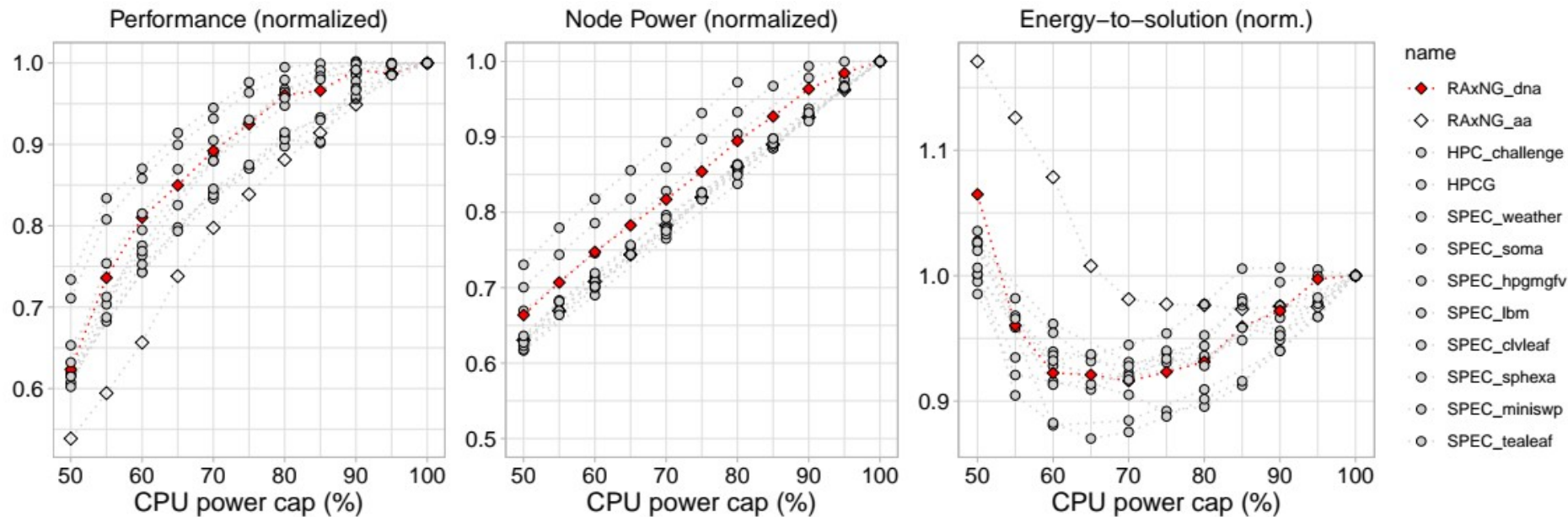
```
$ sudo cpupower frequency-set -u 2000000
Setting cpu: 0
...
```

Energy efficiency “sweet spot”



(RAxML-NG 1.1, 2x Intel Xeon Platinum 8260, 48T)

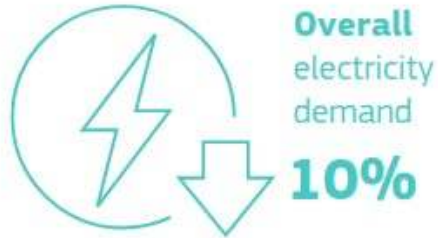
Workload variation



Motivation 2022: Energy crisis

Reduce electricity consumption

THE COMMISSION PROPOSES:



A target for Member States to reduce overall electricity demand by at least 10%



An obligation for Member States to reduce demand during peak price hours by at least 5%

By reducing electricity demand by **5% at peak** times, we **reduce** gas use for power by around 4% over the winter and reduce pressure on prices



HPC community reaction



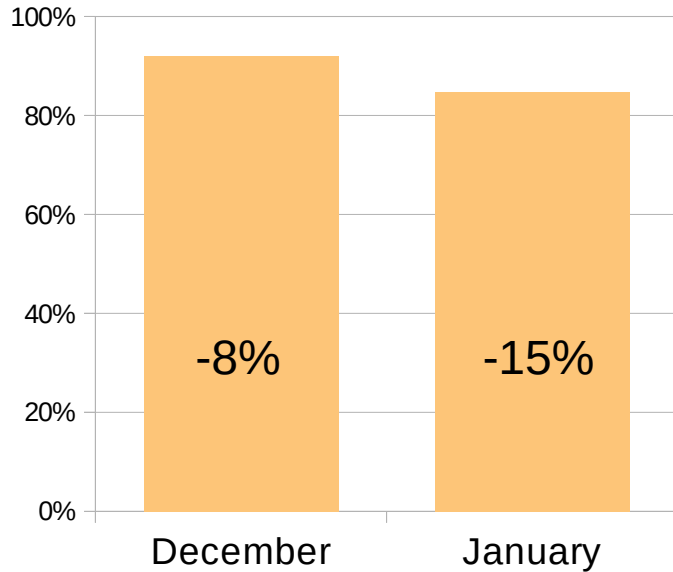
(biased subjective perception, limited sample size)

“Christmas experiment”

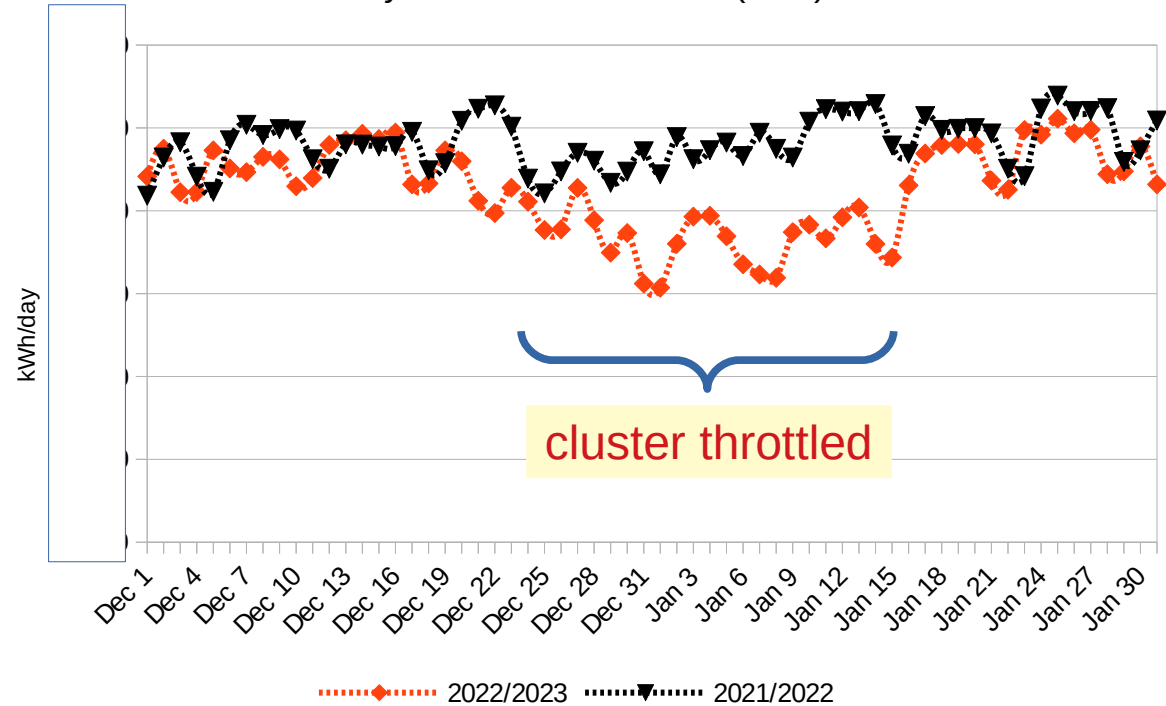
- 23.12.2022 → Apply power throttling
 - Haswell cluster (URZ): CPU 2000 MHz
 - Cascade cluster (HITS): CPU 90 W / GPU 175 W
- 16.01.2023 → Back to normal power
- 16.01. – 29.01. → Baseline data collection

Energy consumption: HITS campus

Monthly: 2022/23 vs. 2021/22



Daily: 2022/23 vs. 2021/22 (kWh)



Energy consumption: Clusters

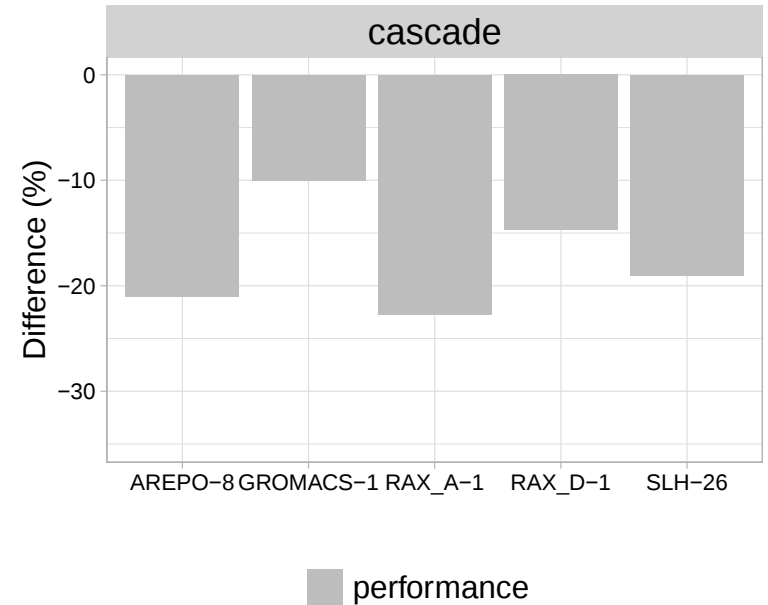
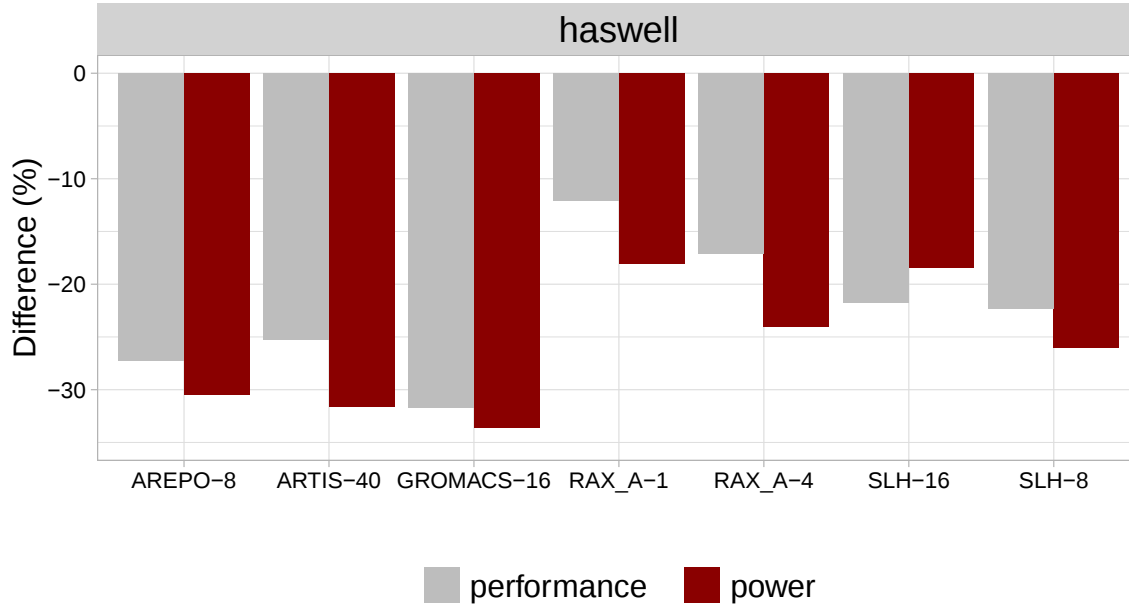
	Avg. node power (excl. idle)			Energy saved	Performance reduction (min ... max)
	Regular 16.01 – 29.01	Reduced 23.12 – 15.01*	Diff.		
Haswell / URZ	150 W	100 W	-33 %	5110 kWh	-12 % ... -32 %
Cascade / HITS	294 W	220 W	-25 %	4791 kWh	-10 % ... -25 %

* cascade: 07.01-11.01 excluded due to storage failure

Estimated total savings (3 weeks):

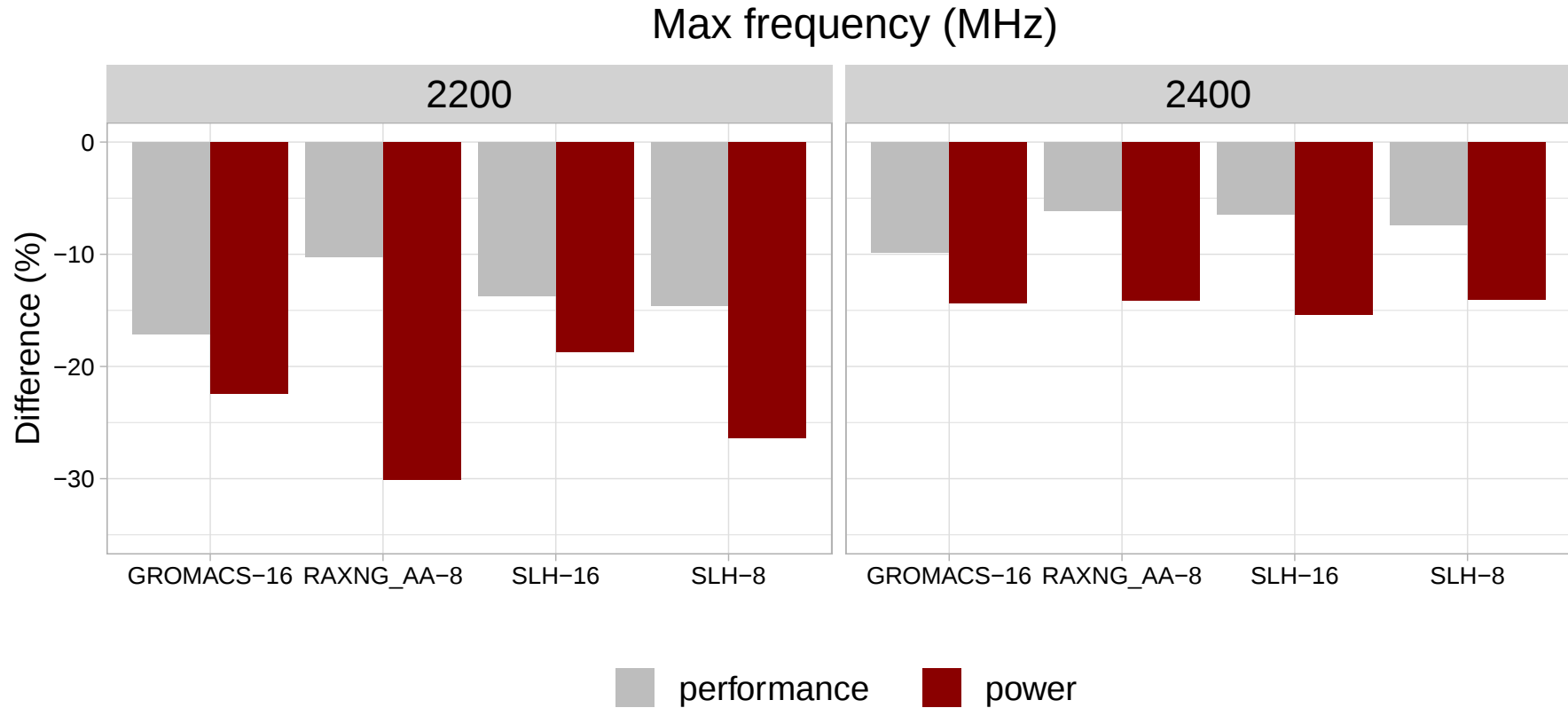
 10,000 kWh =  5-7 years =  50,000 km

Performance vs. power reduction



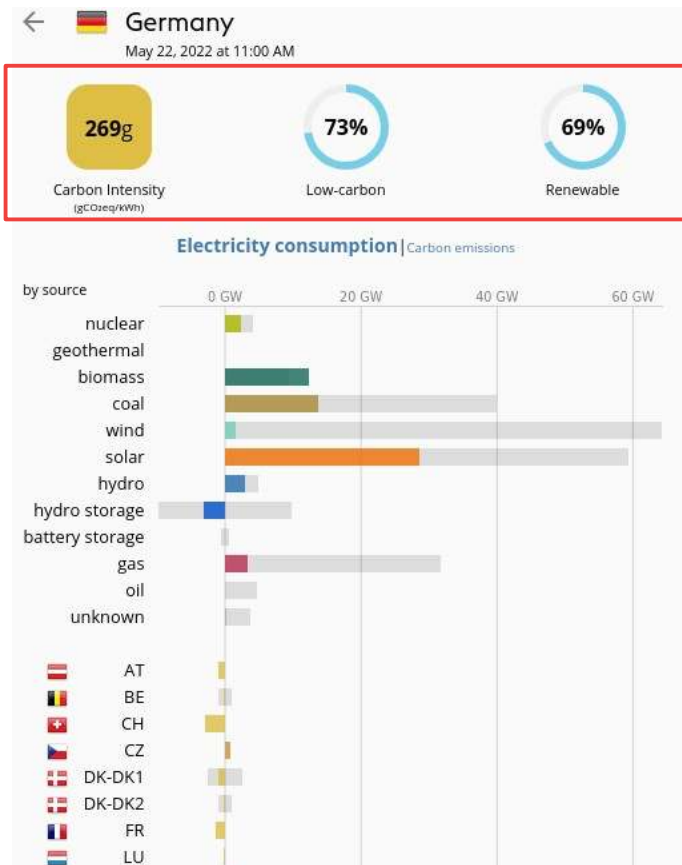
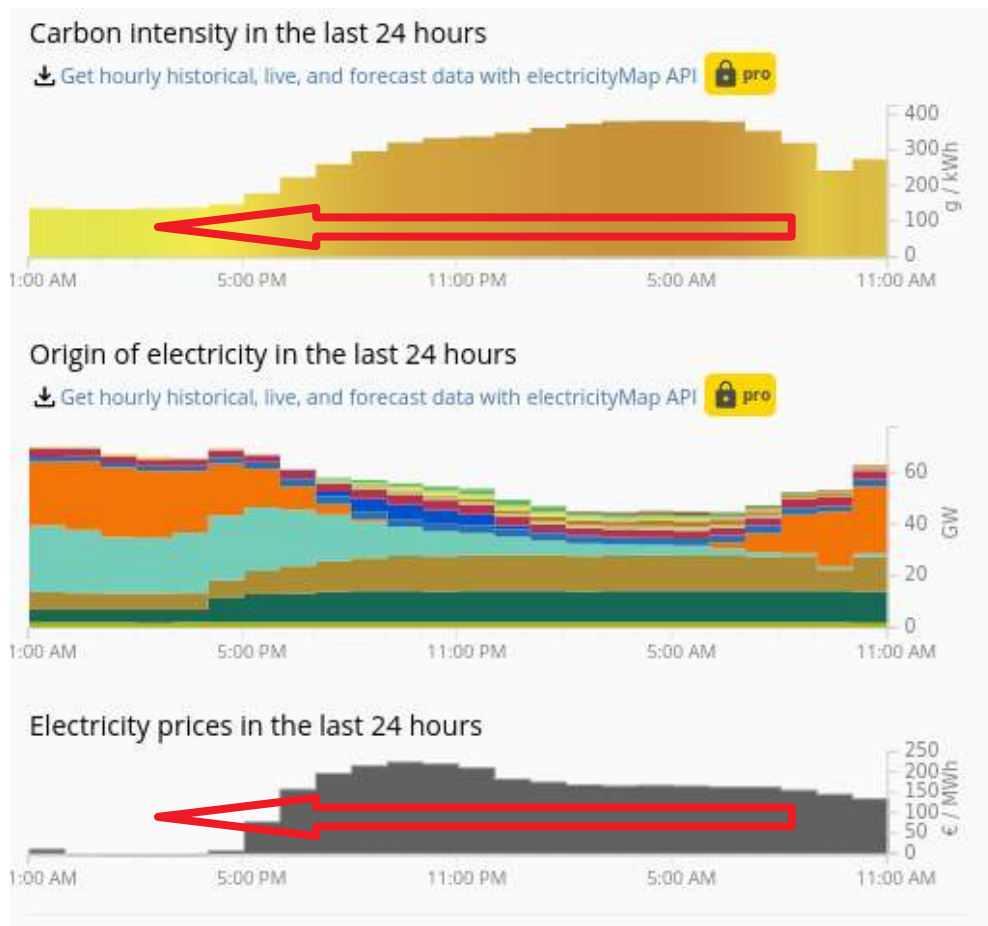
- performance loss is sublinear w.r.t. power
- BUT: for many workloads, “free lunch” is small: 2000 MHz below efficiency sweet spot?

Searching for the sweet spot



Carbon-aware computing

Real-time energy mix



<https://app.electricitymaps.com>

Signal: Local, marginal, CO2, price

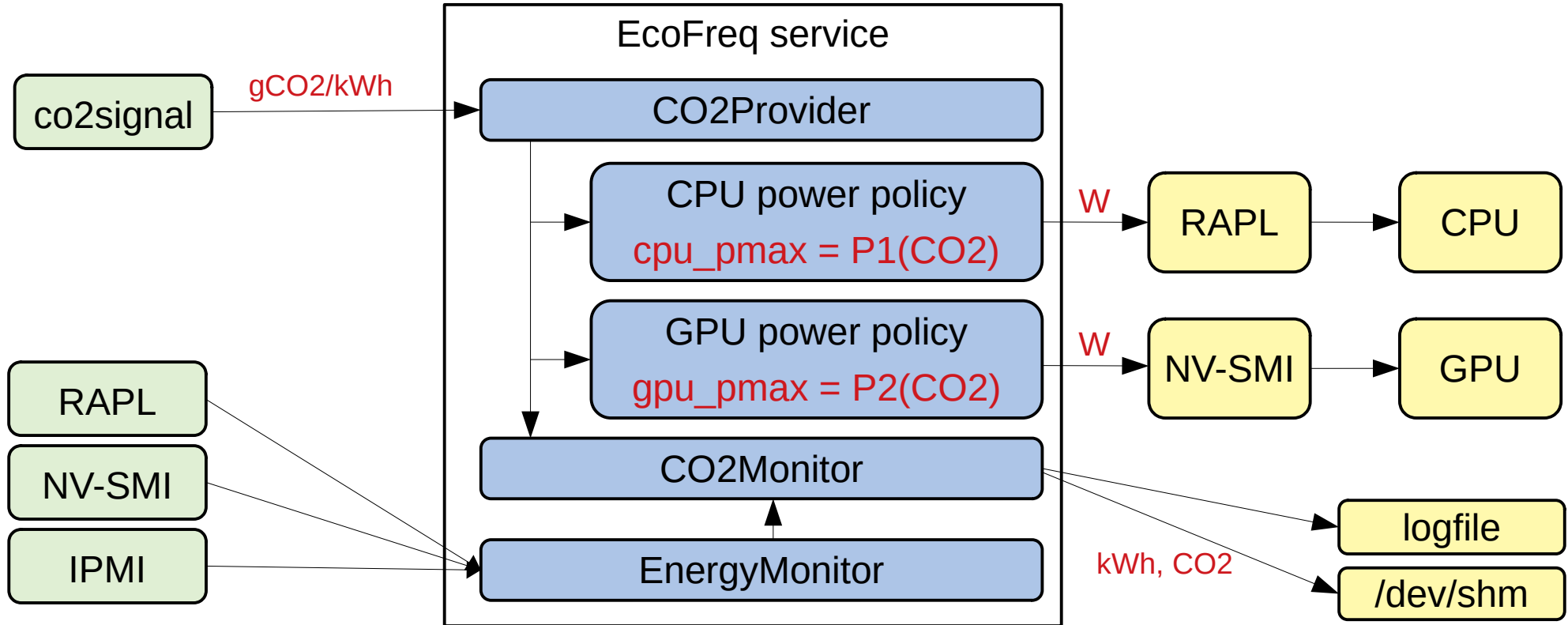


<https://www.stromgedacht.de/>



<https://tibber.com>

Compute with cleaner energy



- Proof-of-concept implementation: <https://github.com/amkozlov/eco-freq>

Power scaling: techniques

- RAPL / DVFS
 - Dynamic power / frequency limits → ~50% - 100% TDP
 - Supported by most CPUs/GPUs (Intel, AMD, NVIDIA)
- Utilization capping
 - e.g. Linux cgroup
- Adaptive parallelization
 - Adjust # threads / MPI ranks
- Freeze / suspend / turn off nodes

RAPL: advantages

- Transparent to the workload
 - No profiling, recompilation etc.
 - Long jobs are fine (no interruption / restart)
- Also works without job queue / scheduler
- No generation forecast needed
 - But can be used if available

EcoFreq: Demo

```
$ sudo ./ecofreq.py
```

#Timestamp	gCO2/kWh	CPU_Pmax [W]	GPU_Pmax [W]	SYS_Pavg [W]	Energy [J]	CO2 [g]
2021-06-11T23:14:18	380	223.000	NA	398.650	358785.000	37.874
...						
2021-06-12T09:44:48	262	275.750	NA	529.639	476675.000	34.632
...						
2021-06-12T13:44:59	133	330.000	NA	594.097	534687.500	19.778

```
$ ./ecostat.py
```

EcoStat v0.0.1

Loading data from log file: /var/log/ecofreq.log

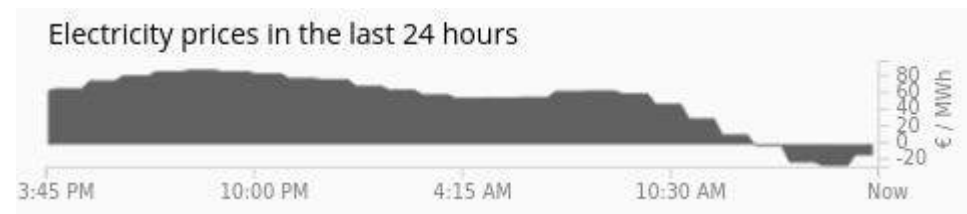
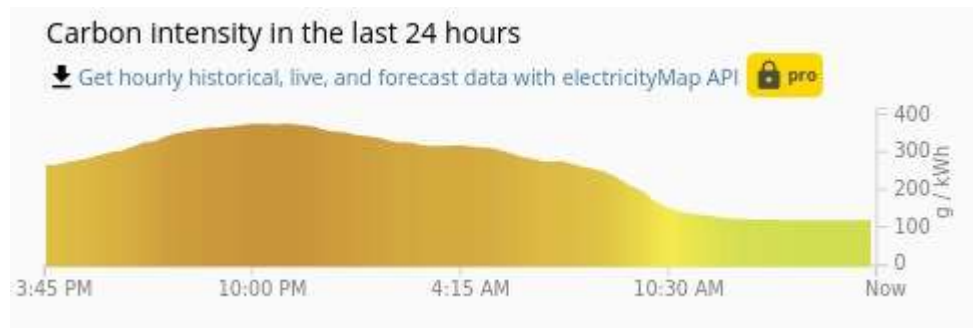
Time interval: 2021-05-18 - 2021-06-11
Duration active: 23 days, 23:15:57
Duration inactive: 17:06:18
CO2 intensity range [g/kWh]: 108 - 449
CO2 intensity mean [g/kWh]: 284
Energy consumed [J]: 657629645.0
Energy consumed [kWh]: 182.675
CO2 emitted [kg]: 51.701283

```
$ ./ecorun.py -p linear raxml-ng
```

[...]

time_s: 882.708
pwr_avg_w: 553.422
energy_j: 488510.0
energy_kwh: 0.136
co2_g: 51.112

EcoFreq: Evaluation



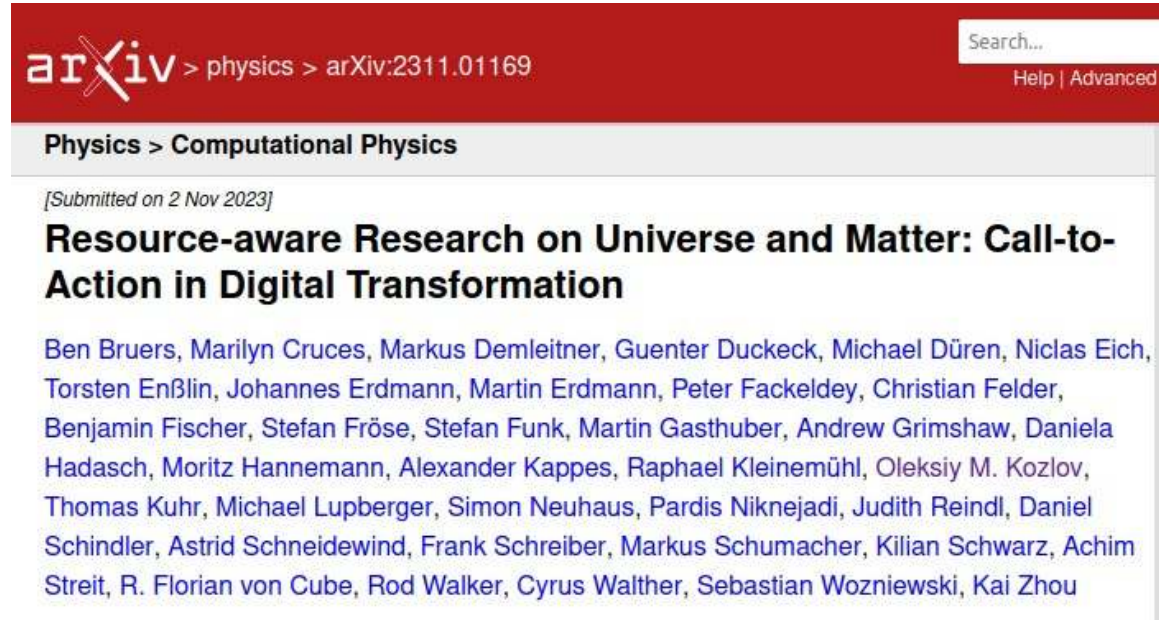
Germany, June 11-12, 2021

RAxML-NG v1.0.2 @ Intel Xeon Platinum 8260, 48C

	Baseline	EcoFreq	Diff. %
Time [s]	58502	62257	+6.4 %
Energy [kWh]	9.533	9.082	-4.7 %
CO2-to-solution [g]	2590	2307	-10.9 %
CO2-per-hour [g] (100% utilization)	153	133	-13.1 %

Further topics

- Cooling
- Heat re-use
- UPS
- Datacenter location
- Embodied carbon
- E-waste
- ...



<https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.01169>

Take-home messages

- Familiarize yourself with energy
 - measured in kWh, not “average households”
- Look for absolute consumption numbers
 - Not hypothetical “savings”
- Don't wait for management or IT
 - Find motivated colleagues, build horizontal links