

# Integrating Variorum with System Software and Tools

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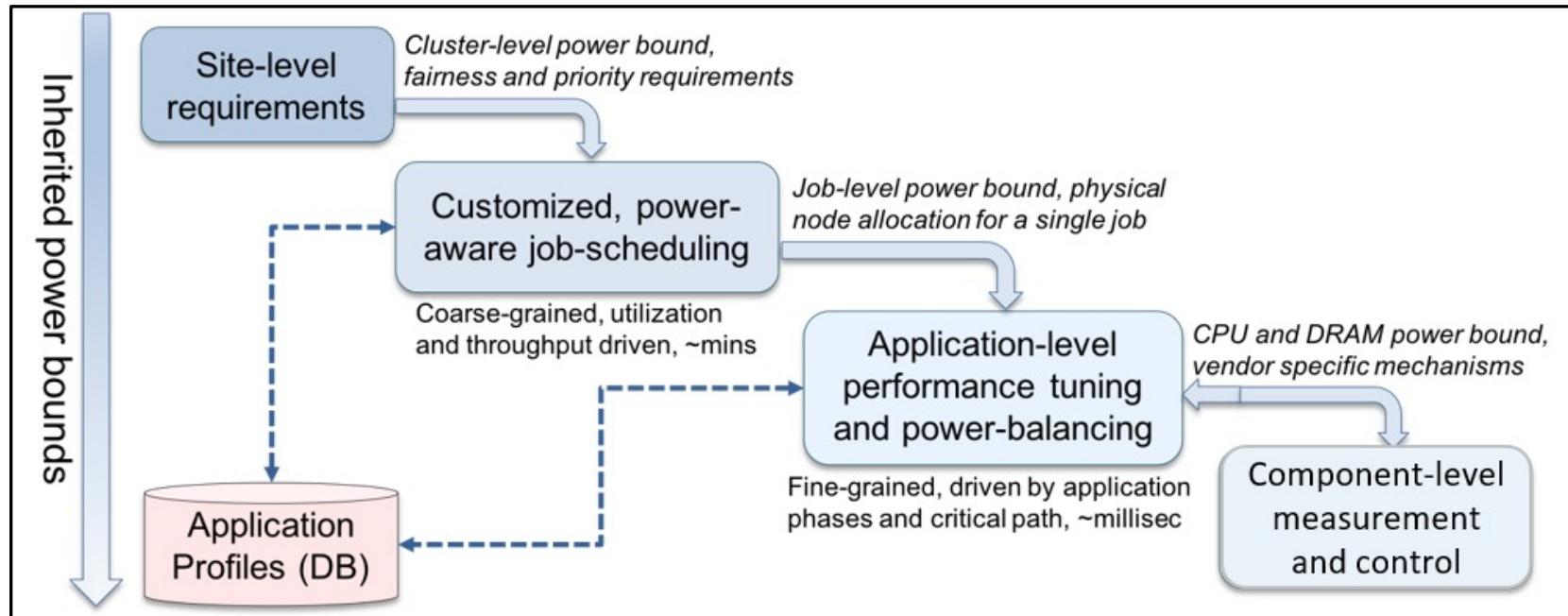


# Module 2 Agenda

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- Recap module 1, revisit PowerStack and JSON API (15 minutes)
- Job-level power management: GEOPM (35 minutes)
- System-level power management:
  - SLURM (5 minutes)
  - Flux (20 minutes)
- Application and workflow power management: Kokkos and Caliper (5 minutes)
- Upcoming features in Variorum (5 minutes)
- Wrap up (5 minutes)

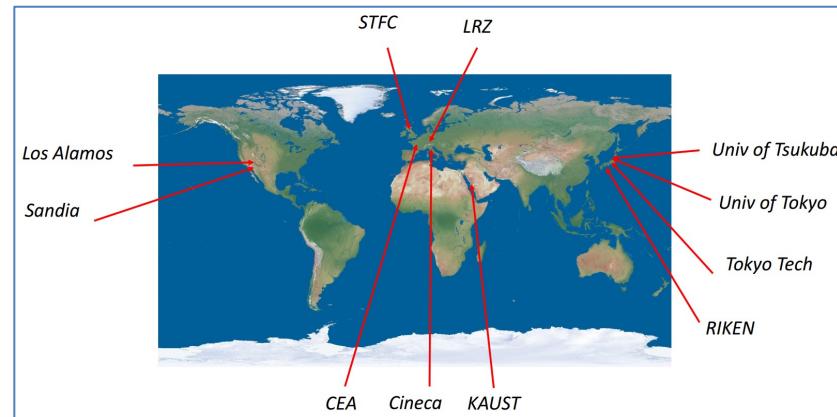
# HPC PowerStack: Community Effort on System-wide, dynamic power management



<https://hpcpowerstack.github.io/>

# PowerStack: Stakeholders

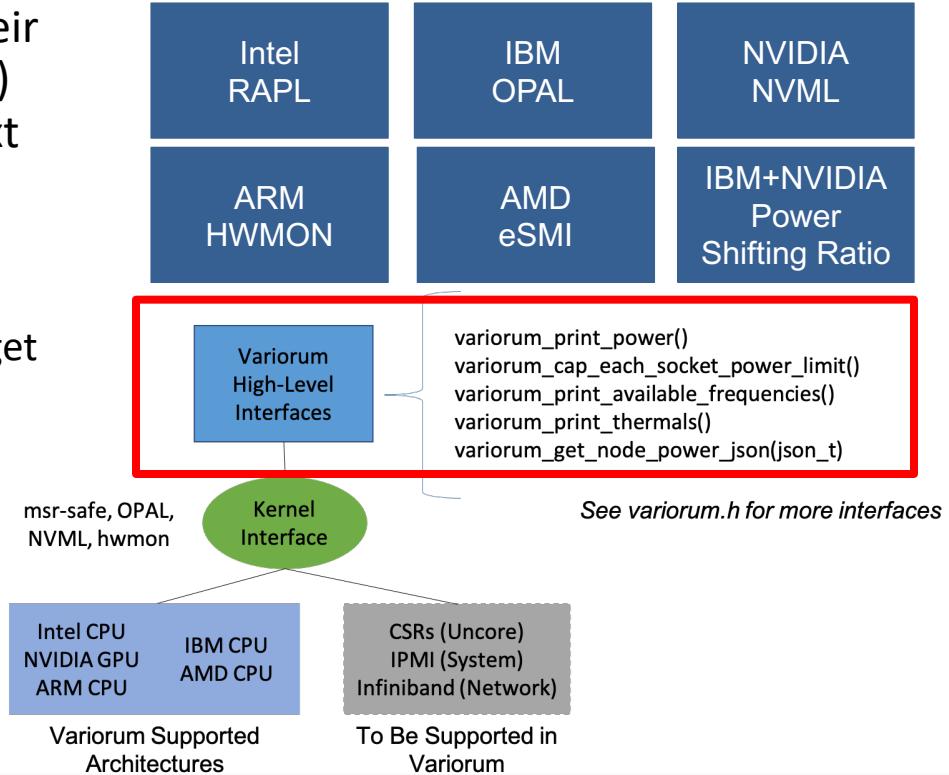
- Current industry collaborators: Intel, IBM, AMD, ARM, NVIDIA, Cray/HPE, Fujitsu, Altair, ATOS/Bull, and PowerAPI community standard
- Multiple academic and research collaborators across Europe, Asia, US
- Three working groups established
- Dynamic power management at all levels, along with prioritization of the critical path, application performance and throughput
- One of the prototypes developed as part of ECP using SLURM, GEOPM, Variorum/msr-safe (close collaboration with Intel)
- Additional software with Flux and Variorum underway



*EEHPC-WG's insight into sites investing in Energy- and Power-aware Job Scheduling and Resource Management (EPA-JSRM)*

# Variorum: Vendor-neutral user space library for power management

- Power management capabilities (and their interfaces, domains, latency, capabilities) widely differ from one vendor to the next
- Variorum: Platform-agnostic vendor-neutral, simple front-facing APIs
  - Evolved from *libmsr*, and designed to target several platforms and architectures
  - Abstract away tedious and chaotic details of low-level knobs
  - Implemented in C, with function pointers to specific target architecture
  - Integration with higher-level power management software through JSON



# Variorum Current Support (as of v0.4.1)

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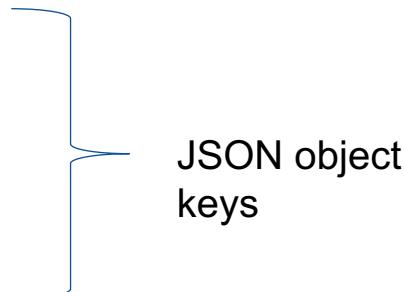
- Initial v0.1.0 released Nov 11, 2019
  - Platforms and microarchitectures supported:
    - Intel: Kaby Lake, Skylake, Broadwell, Haswell, Ivy Bridge, Sandy Bridge
    - IBM: Power9
- Current release (April 2021), v0.4.1:
  - Platforms and microarchitectures supported:
    - Nvidia: Volta
    - ARM: Juno
    - AMD (under review)
  - JSON API to integrate with external tools (e.g., Kokkos, Caliper, GEOPM, Flux)



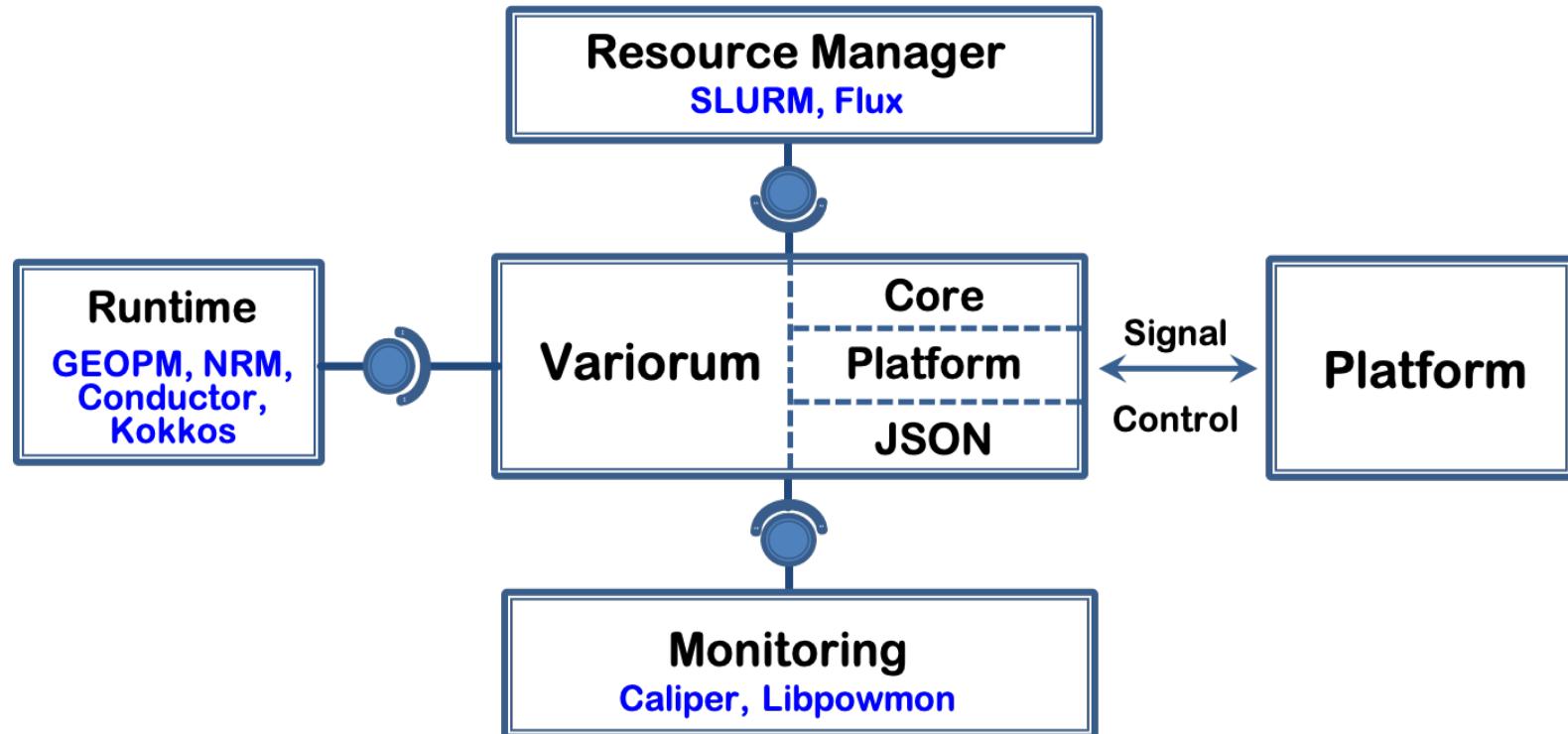
<https://github.com/llnl/variorum>

# Adding a vendor-neutral JSON interface

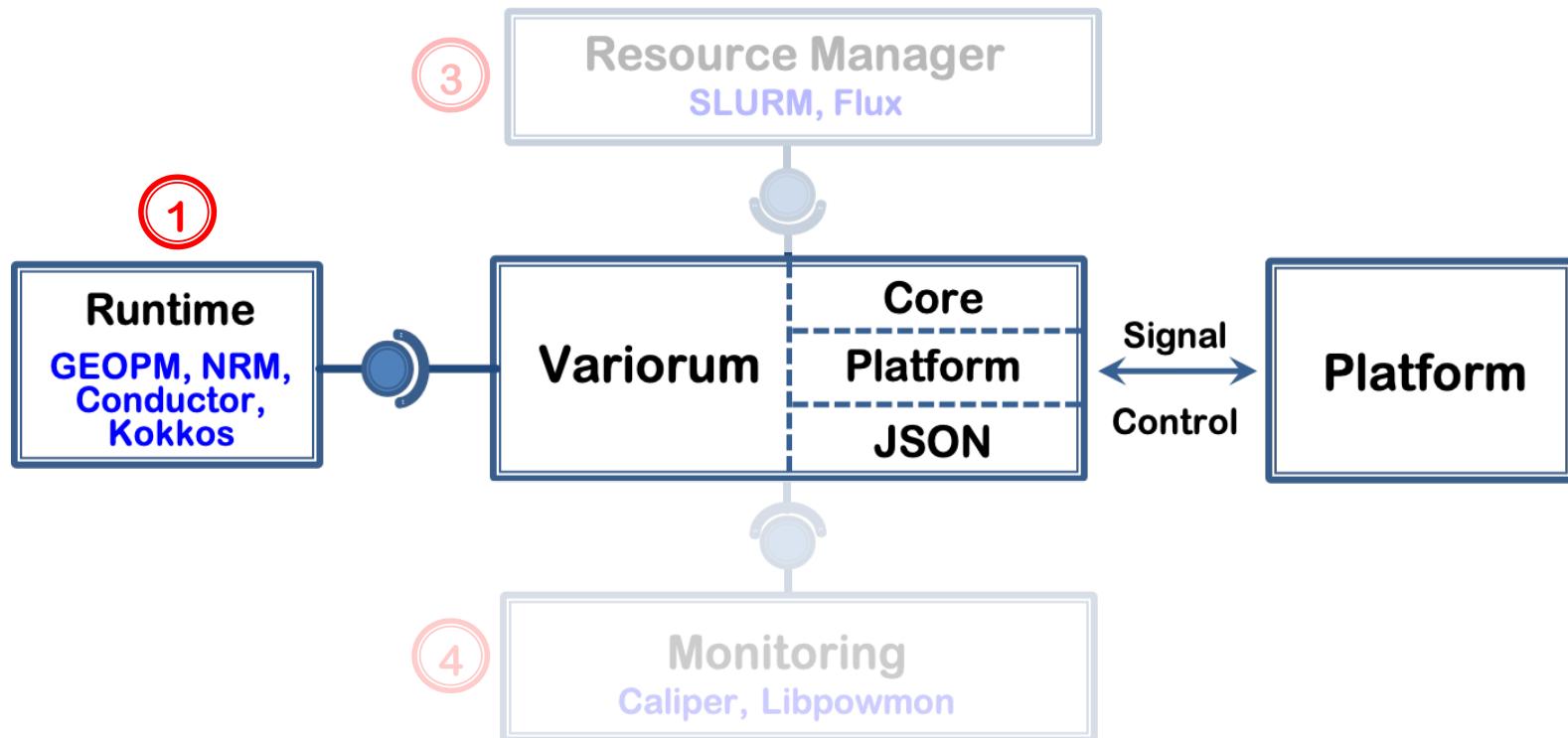
- Many of Variorum's APIs are printing output to stdout for user to parse
  - While nice for providing a friendly interface to understanding the hardware-level metrics, this **limits ability for Variorum to provide these metrics to an external tool**
- Added int variorum\_get\_node\_power\_json(json\_t \*) to integrate variorum with other tools (*e.g.*, Flux and Kokkos)
  - { "hostname": (string),
  - "timestamp": (int),
  - "power\_node": (int),
  - "power\_cpu\_socket\_<id>": (int)
  - "power\_mem\_socket\_<id>": (int)
  - "power\_gpu\_socket\_<id>": (int) }
- Example: Reporting end-to-end power usage for Kokkos loops
- Example: Provide power-awareness to Flux scheduling model enabling resources to be assigned based on available power



# Interfacing Variorum with PowerStack Components



# Interfacing Variorum with PowerStack Components



# Collaborations

## GEOPM Core Team (Intel)

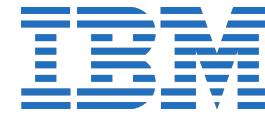
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# Agenda: Integration with Runtime Systems

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- Part I: Overview of GEOPM (5 minutes)
  - High-level design
  - User-facing, application-context markup API
- Part II: Plug-ins to extend GEOPM algorithm and platform support (10 minutes)
  - **Agent**: Run-time tuning extension
  - **PlatformIO**: Platform-specific support extension
  - Demonstrations (5 minutes)
- Part III: ECP Argo Contributions (10 minutes)
  - **VariorumIO**: Variorum plugin for GEOPM
  - **NRM integration**: Decentralizing job-level power management
  - **ConductorAgent**: Transparent, performance-optimizing configuration selection
  - **IBM PlatformIO plugin**: Port of GEOPM to IBM Power9 platform

# Power-Constrained Performance-Optimization Problem

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## Problem definition

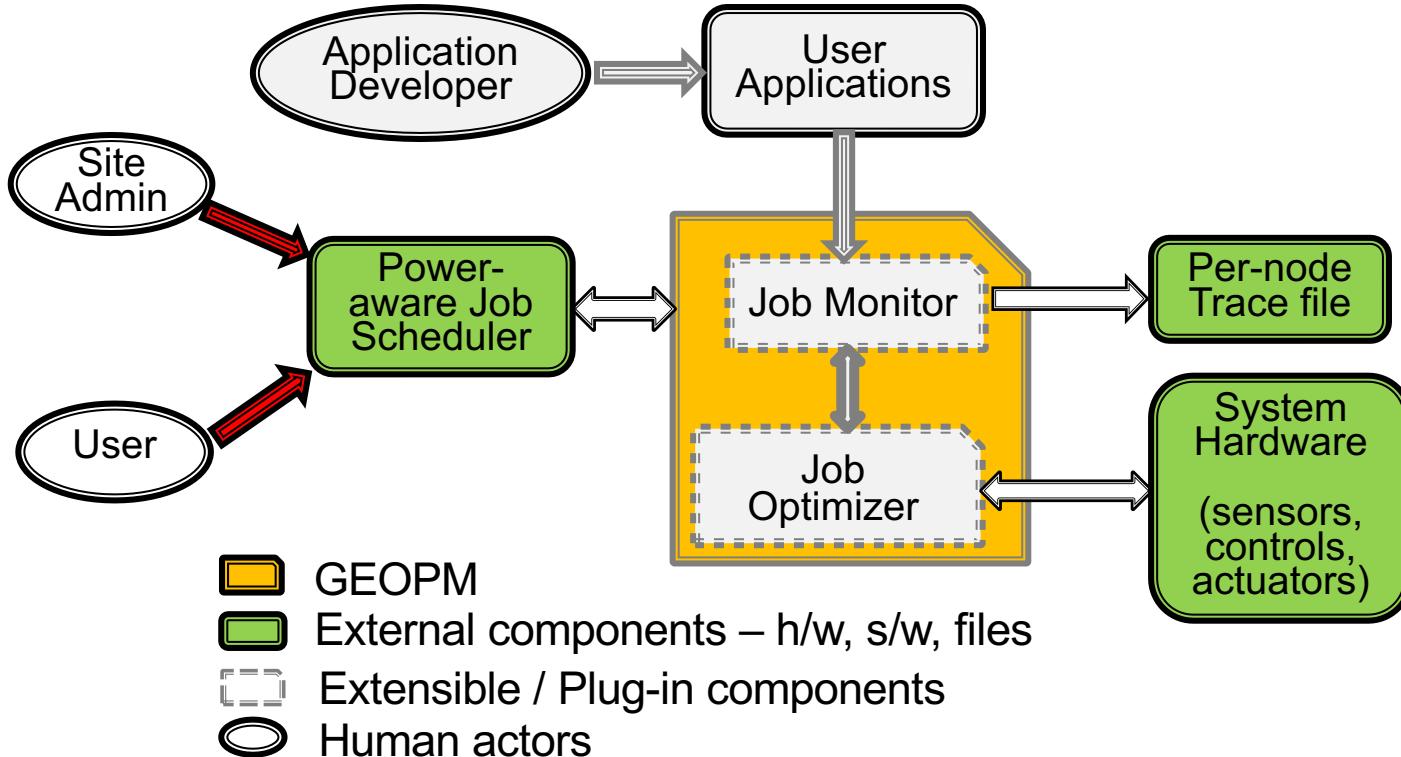
Given a job-level power constraint and number of nodes,  
how do we optimize application performance?

# GEOPM: Global Extensible Open Power Manager

- Power-aware runtime system for large-scale HPC systems
- Intel developed a production-grade, scalable, open-source job-level extensible runtime and framework
  - Extensibility through plug-ins + advanced default functionality
- Limitations of existing runtimes
  - Research-based codes addressed specific needs and situations
  - Ad-hoc, targeted specific architecture, memory model
  - Suffered scalability issues
  - Reliance on empirical data
- Funded through a contract with Argonne National Laboratory

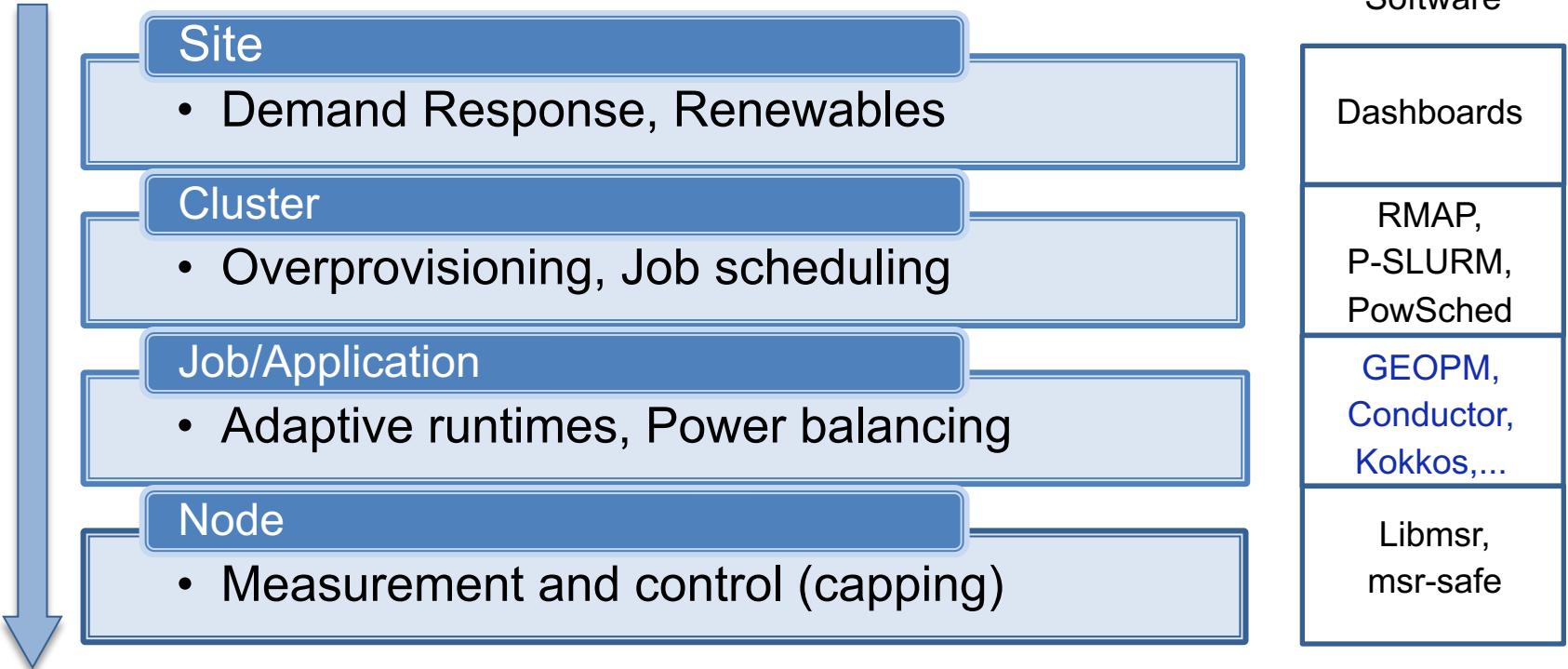


# GEOPM System Model



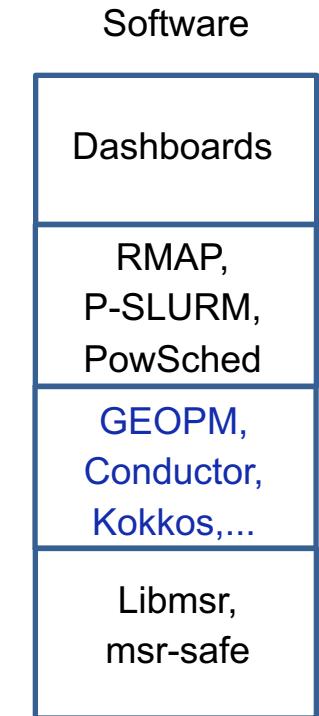
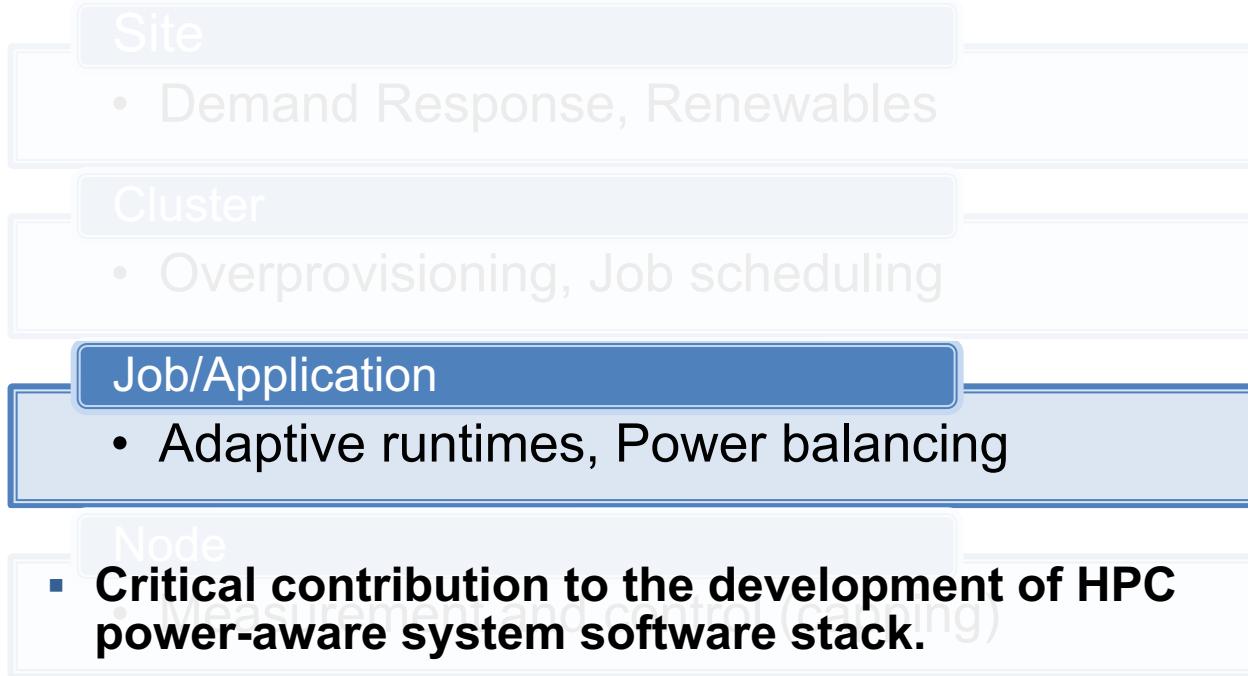
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# GEOPM Project Goals

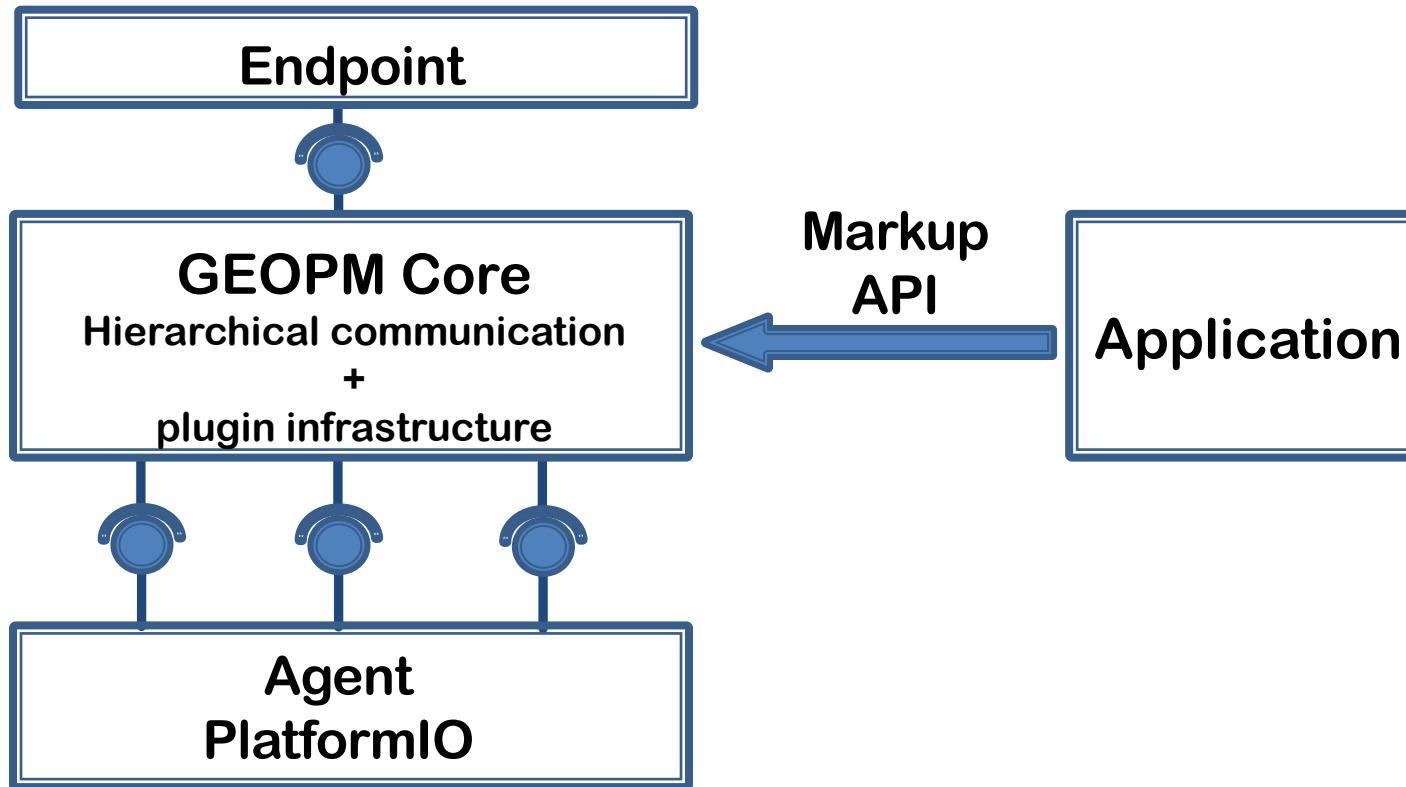
- **Managing power**
  - Maximizing power efficiency or performance under a power cap
- **Managing manufacturing variation**
  - Power / frequency relationship is non-uniform across different processors of same type
- **Managing workload imbalance**
  - Divert power to CPUs with more work
- **Managing system jitter**
  - Divert power to CPUs interrupted or stalled by system noise
- **Application profiling**
  - Report application performance and power metrics
- **Runtime application tuning**
  - Extensible runtime control agent with plug-in architecture
- **Integration with MPI**
  - Automatic integration with MPI runtime through PMPI interface
- **Integration with OpenMP**
  - Automatic integration with OpenMP through OMPT interface

# GEOPM: Capabilities

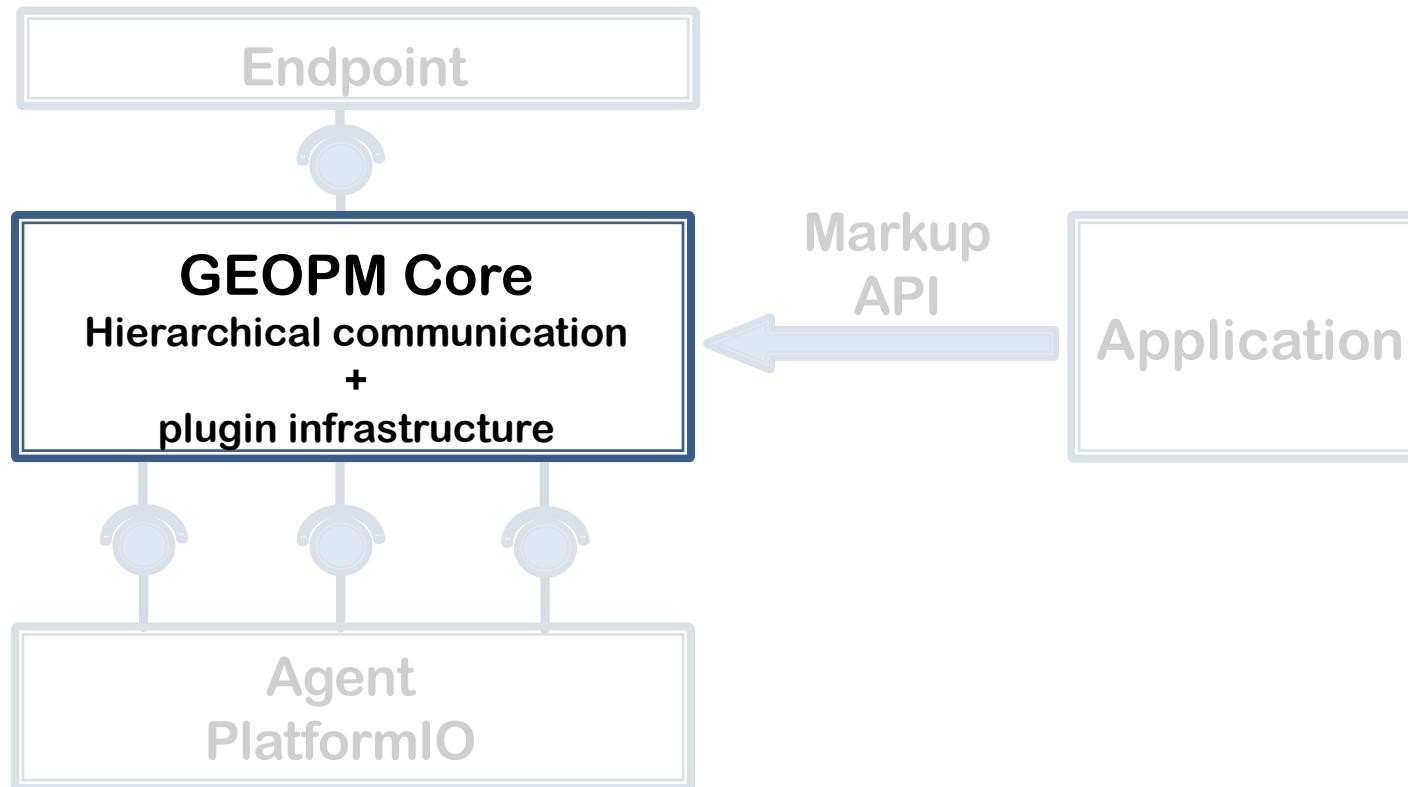
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- Enables analysis and transparent tuning of distributed-memory applications
- **Feedback-guided optimization:** Leverages lightweight application profiling
- **Learns application phase patterns:** load imbalance across nodes, distinct computational phases within a node
- **Uses tuning parameters:** processor power limit, core frequency, etc.
- **Built-in optimization algorithms:** Static Power capping, energy reduction, load balancing, limiting synchronization costs

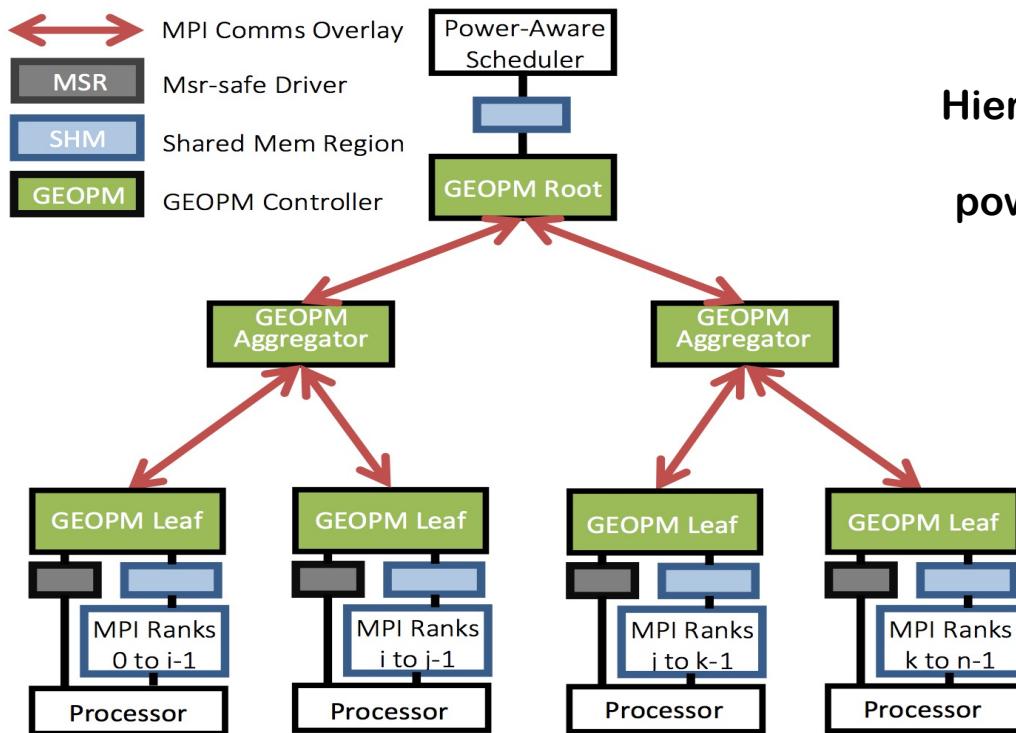
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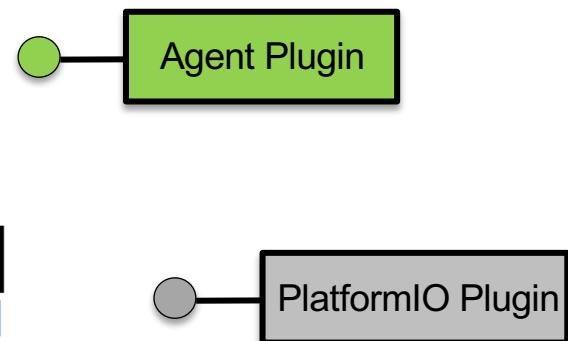
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# GEOPM Infrastructure



**GEOPM Core**  
Hierarchical communication  
+  
power-management plugin

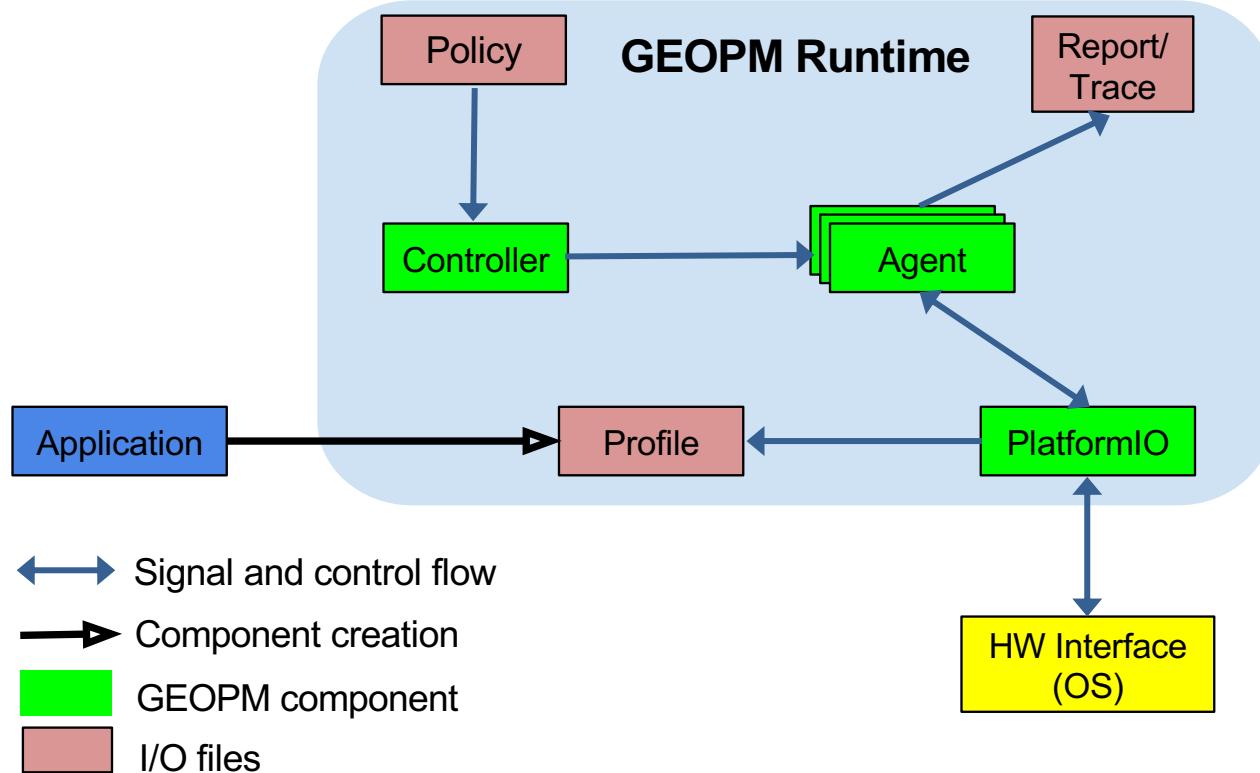


# GEOPM Infrastructure

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- GEOPM [Source repository](#) navigation
  - Branches, directories, releases
  - [GEOPM Wiki](#)
- Build process
  - Dependencies
  - Build configuration
- GEOPM core infrastructure source
  - Overview of important classes
  - Plug-in source
  - Tutorials and examples
  - Test coverage

# GEOPM: Input/Output Files



# GEOPM Configuration, Build and Launch

# Building an Application with GEOPM

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## Step 1 : Set the environment

```
$> module load geomp  
$> module load <intel compiler>  
$> module load <MPI compiled with intel-c>
```

## Step 2: Link the Application to GEOPM library

```
$> mpicc APP_SRC.c -L$GEOPM_LIB -lgeomp \  
    -o APP_EXEC \  
    COMPILER_FLAGS
```

## Example

```
$> mpicc helloworld.c -L$GEOPM_LIB -lgeomp -o a.out
```

# Running an Application with GEOPM

## Step 3: Generate a policy file

```
$> geopmagent --agent=AGENT_NAME --policy=INPUT_PARAMS > POLICY_FILE.json
```

### Example:

```
$> geopmagent --agent=monitor --policy=None > monitor_policy.json
```

## Step 4: Launch application with GEOPM launcher wrapper

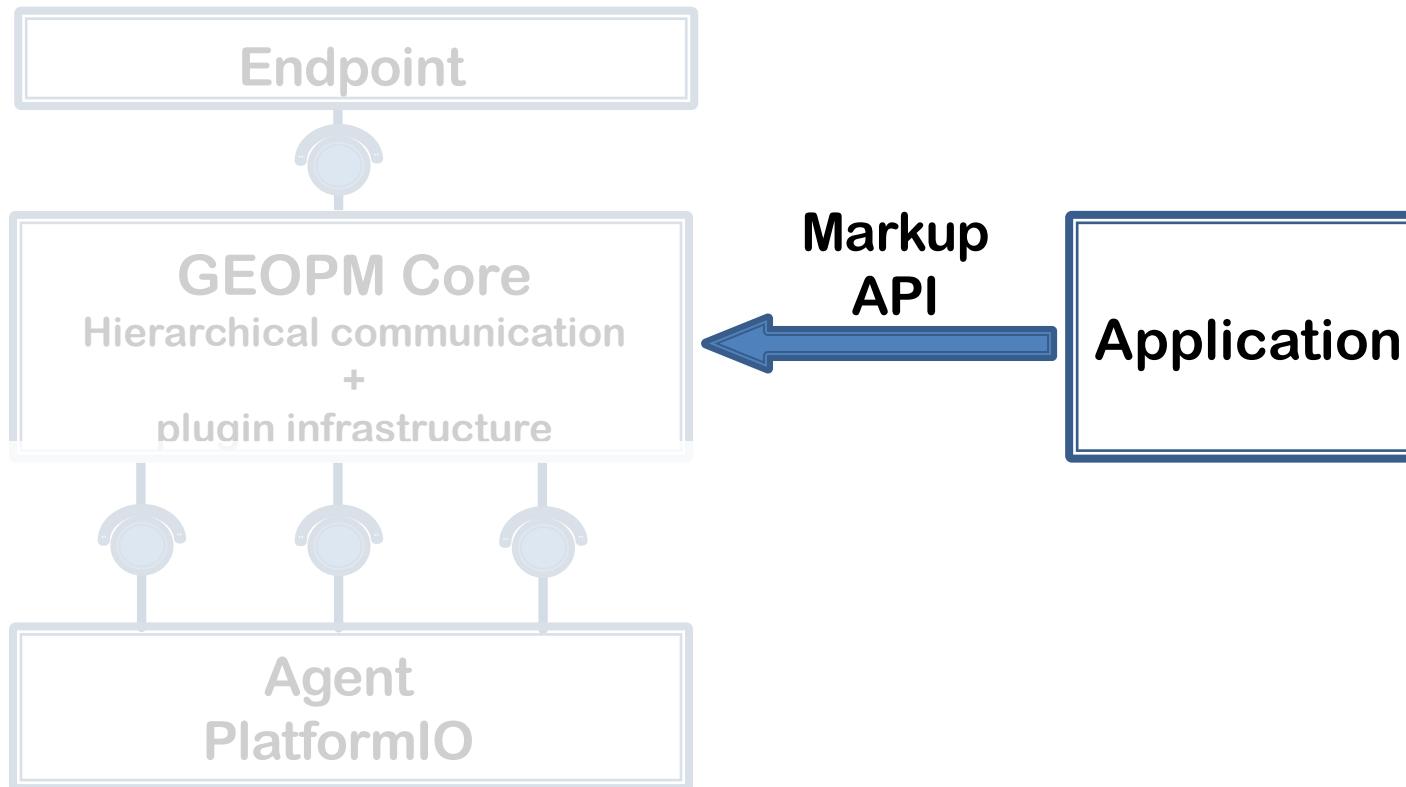
```
$> geopmlaunch srun -n < > -N < > \
    --geopm-ctl=process \
    --geopm-agent=AGENT_NAME \
    --geopm-policy=POLICY_FILE.json \
    --geopm-report=REPORT_FILE.txt \
    --geopm-trace=TRACE_FILE.csv \
    -- APP_EXEC APP_OPTIONS
```

### Example:

```
$> geopmlaunch srun -n 4 -N 1 \
    --geopm-ctl=process \
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## Demo: Running Application with GEOPM

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# GEOPM: Components and Interfaces



## Collecting Application Context

- Application region markup API
  - Computation/communication regions of interest
- Epoch
  - End of iteration
- OpenMP event callbacks

## Power Assignment Policies

- Governed policy
  - Node-level assignment
- Balanced policy
  - Cluster-level assignment

## Extension Interfaces

- New Agent plugin: ConductorAgent
- New PlatformIO plugin: IBM port of GEOPM

# GEOPM Markup API: Purpose

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- C interfaces provided in GEOPM that the application links against
  - Resemble typical profiler interfaces
- Annotation functions for programmers to provide information about application critical path and phases to GEOPM
  - Points **where bulk synchronizations** occur
  - **Phase changes** occur in an MPI rank (i.e. phase entry and exit)
  - **Hints** on whether phases will be compute-, memory-, or communication-intensive
  - **How much progress** each MPI rank has made in the phase (critical path)

# Application Markup API

## MPI/Sequential Region

- Marking up regions of interest
  - `geomp_prof_region(name, hint, ID)`
  - `geomp_prof_enter(ID)`
  - `geomp_prof_exit(ID)`
- Marking region progress
  - `geomp_prof_progress(ID, %progress)`
- Marking a timestep
  - `geomp_prof_epoch()`

## OpenMP Region

- Marking up regions of interest
  - `geomp_tprof_init( num_work_unit)`
  - `geomp_tprof_init_loop(num_thread, thread ID, num_iter, chunk_size)`
- Marking region progress
  - `geomp_tprof_post()`

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## Demo: Using the GEOPM Markup API

## Part II: Plug-ins to extend GEOPM algorithm and platform support

# GEOPM: Policy plugins



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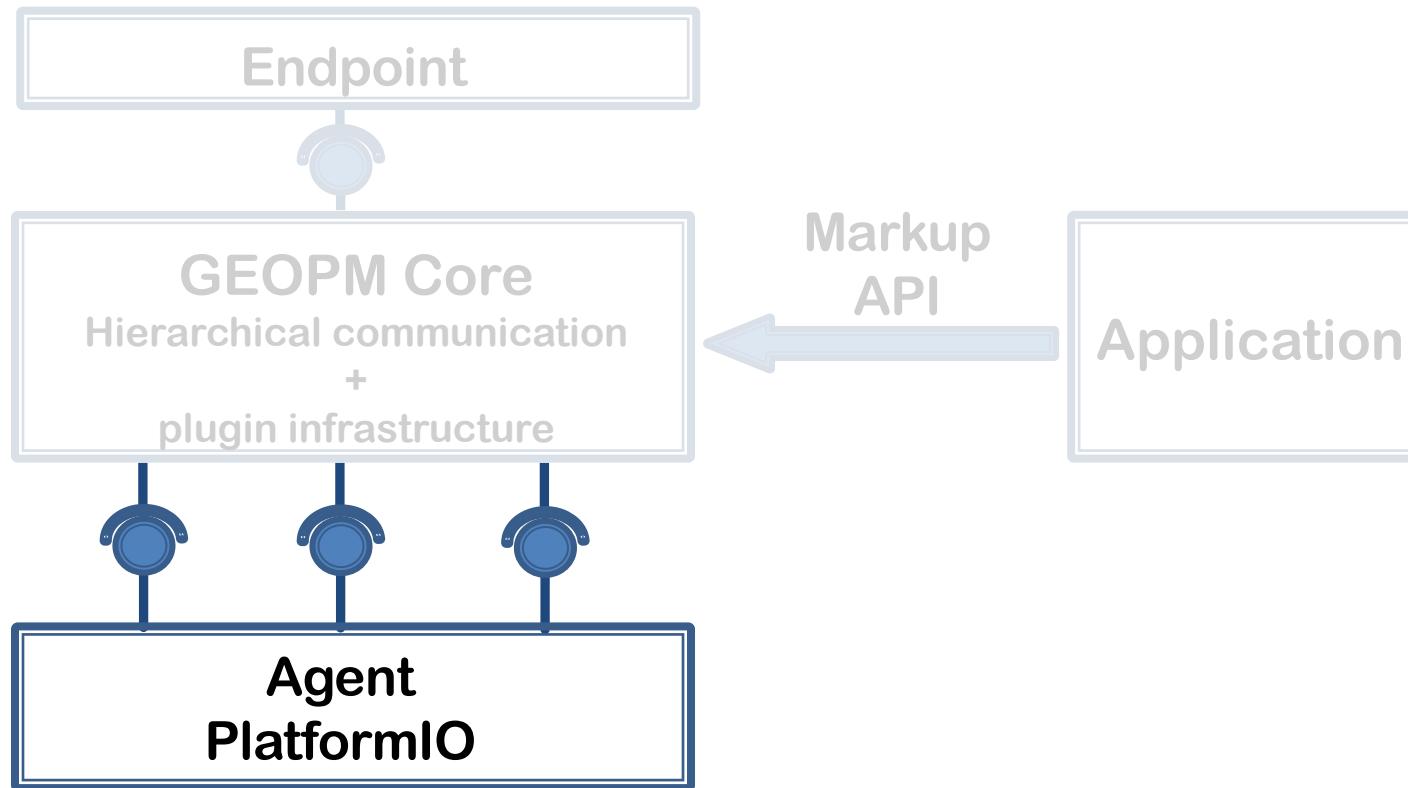
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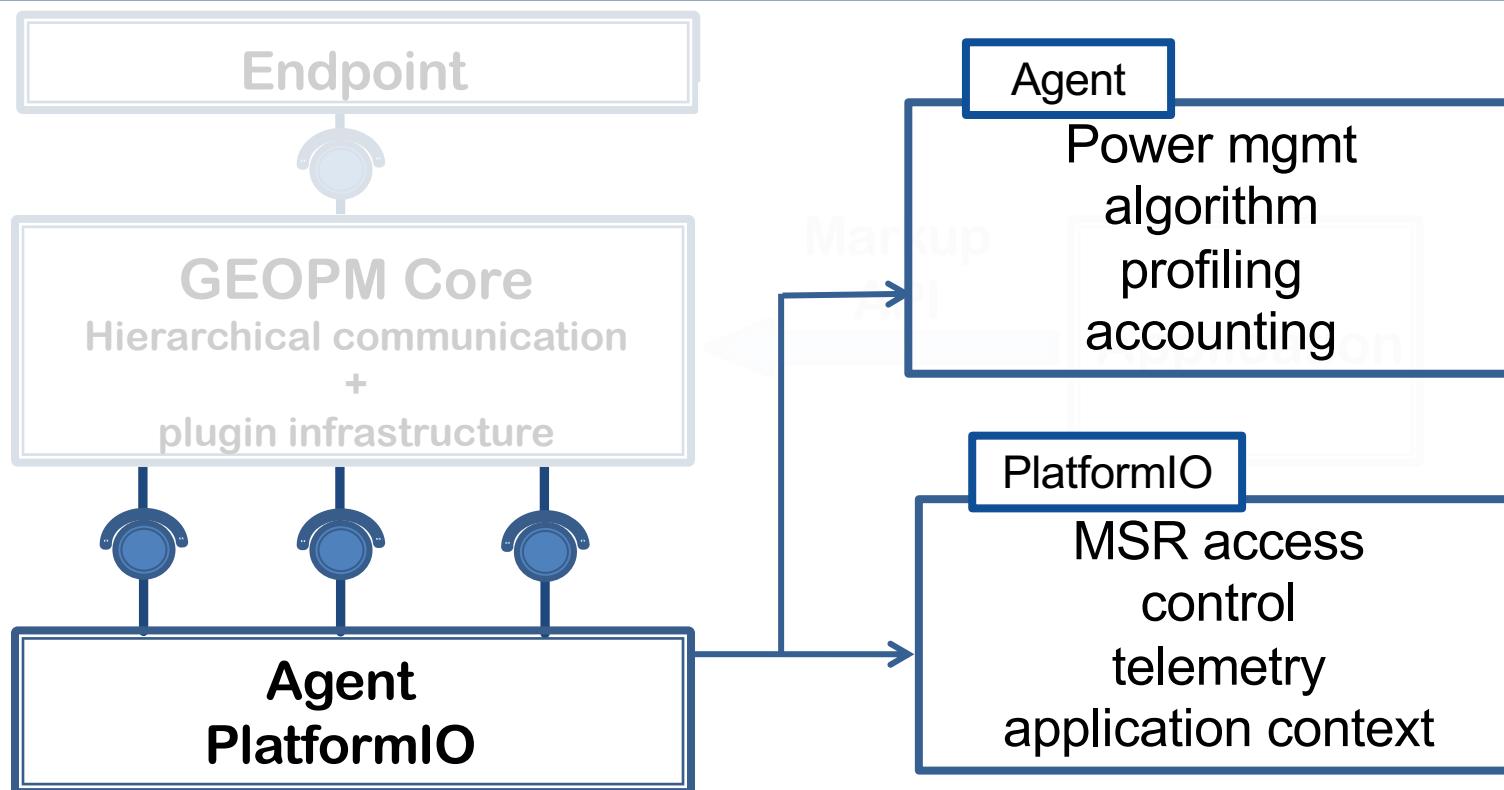
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## Demo: Using the Default GEOPM Policies

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# GEOPM Plugin Interface

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- Two types of plugins: PlatformIO and Agent plugins
- Example **Agent** plugins
  - MonitorAgent
  - BalancerAgent
  - GoverningAgent
- Example **PlatformIO** plugins
  - VariorumIOGroup
- Tutorial plugins: [ExampleAgent](#) and [ExampleIOGroup](#)
  - Key methods and code blocks
  - Policy description interface

# VariorumIO: Interfacing GEOPM with Variorum for Vendor Neutrality

- **Motivation:** GEOPM uses platform-specific interfaces for signals and controls on the target architecture
  - A PlatformIO plug-in interfacing with Variorum as the vendor-neutral lower-level API
- **Components**
  - VariorumIO plugin to map GEOPM-specific data structures to Variorum
  - Low-level API in Variorum to aggregate low-level signals and pass to GEOPM
- **Challenge:** Translate vendor-specific into vendor-agnostic signals and controls
- **On-going work:**
  - Integration with JSON API for capability query
  - Evaluation on several platforms

# VariorumIO: Contributions to GEOPM and Variorum

- GEOPM: Added VariorumIO
- Code contributions:  
<https://github.com/amarathe84/geopm/pull/1>
- Supported version: GEOPM v1.1
- Variorum: Added low-level API to aggregate platform signals and controls
- Code contributions:  
<https://github.com/LLNL/variorum/pull/126>
- Supported version: Variorum v0.4.0

# ConductorAgent: Selecting Power-Optimizing Configuration

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- **Approach:** Hardware Overprovisioning with job-level power guarantees
  - More compute resources than you can power up at once
- **Objective:** Optimize job performance under a power constraint
- **Solution:** GEOPM – power-constrained performance optimization
- **ECP Argo Contributions:**
  - Augment GEOPM's algorithm with performance-optimizing application configurations: # threads, Frequency, etc.
  - Port GEOPM to IBM POWER9 (support for LLNL Sierra)

# Extending GEOPM: Components and Interfaces



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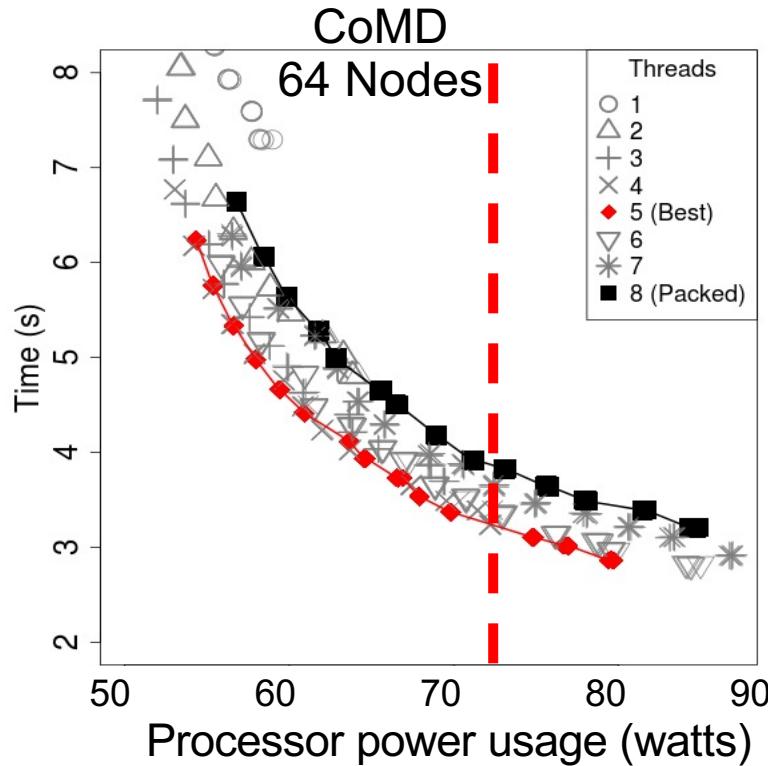
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# Naïve Scheme: Static Power Allocation

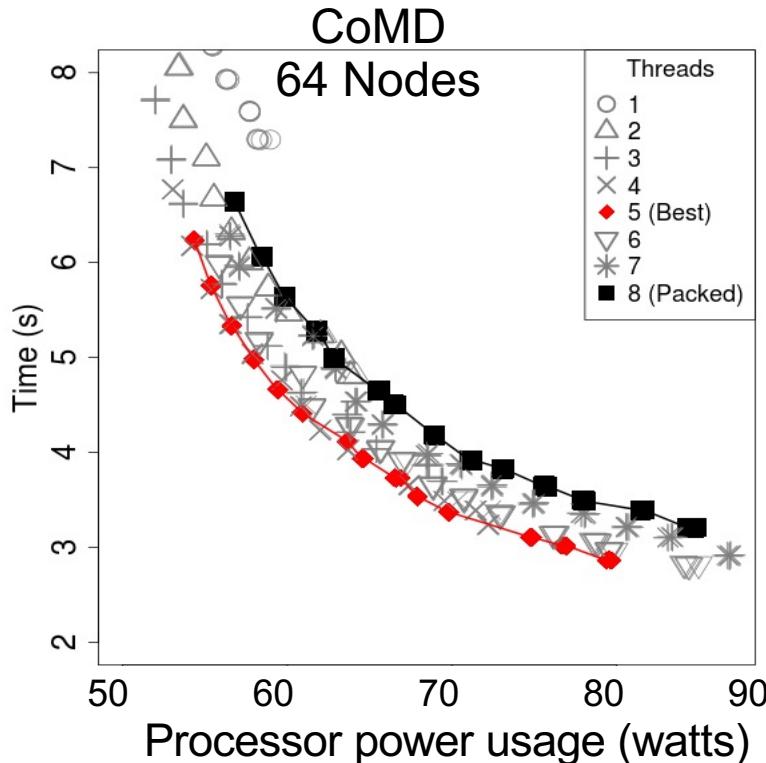
- Equally distribute and enforce power constraint over all nodes of a job
  - Uses Intel's Running Average Power Limit (RAPL) interface
- Statically select a *configuration* under the power constraint
  - Configuration: {Number of cores, Frequency/power limit}
  - Commonly used: *Packed* configuration
    - Maximum cores possible on the processor
    - Frequency or power limit as the control knob

# Limitations of Static Power Allocation



1. Trivial node-level configurations may be inefficient
    - Input: {# cores, frequency/power limit}
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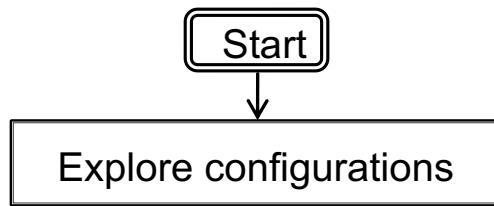
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2. Portion of power left unused with load-imbalanced applications (up to 40%)

# Conductor: Dynamic Configuration and Power Management

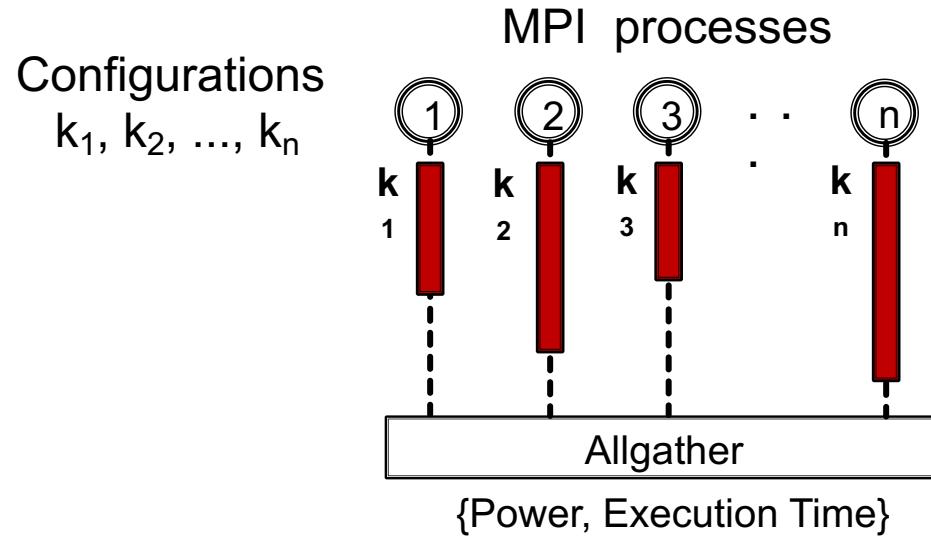
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- Goals of ConductorAgent
  - Speed up computation on the critical path
  - Use power-efficient configuration
- Need to *dynamically* identify
  - Computation region potentially on the critical path
  - {execution time, power usage} profile for every computation on every processor

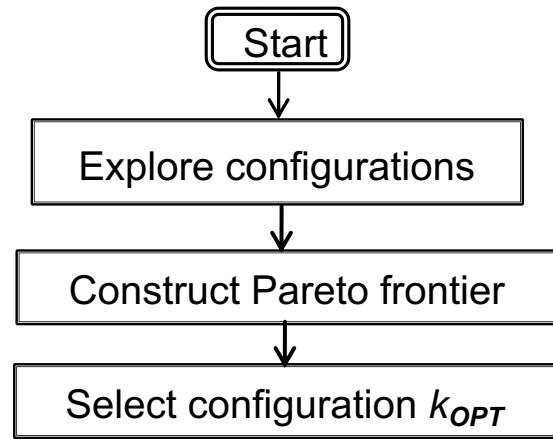
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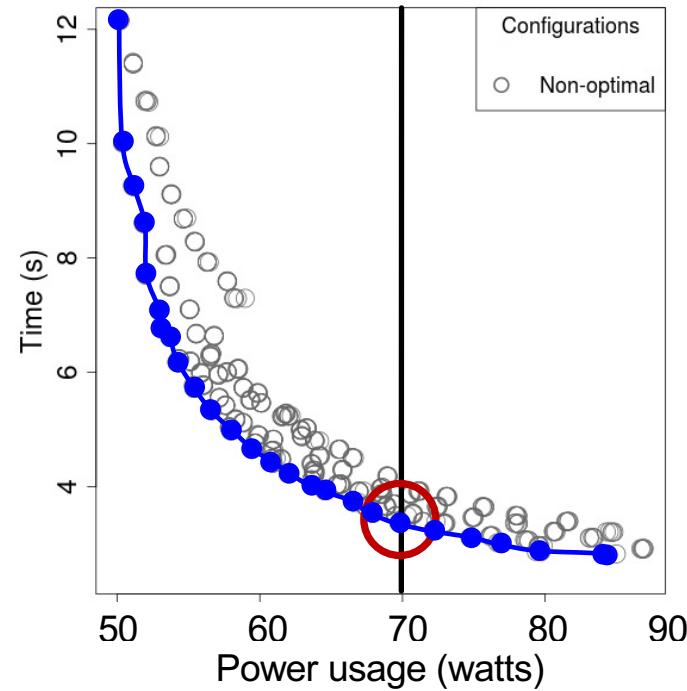
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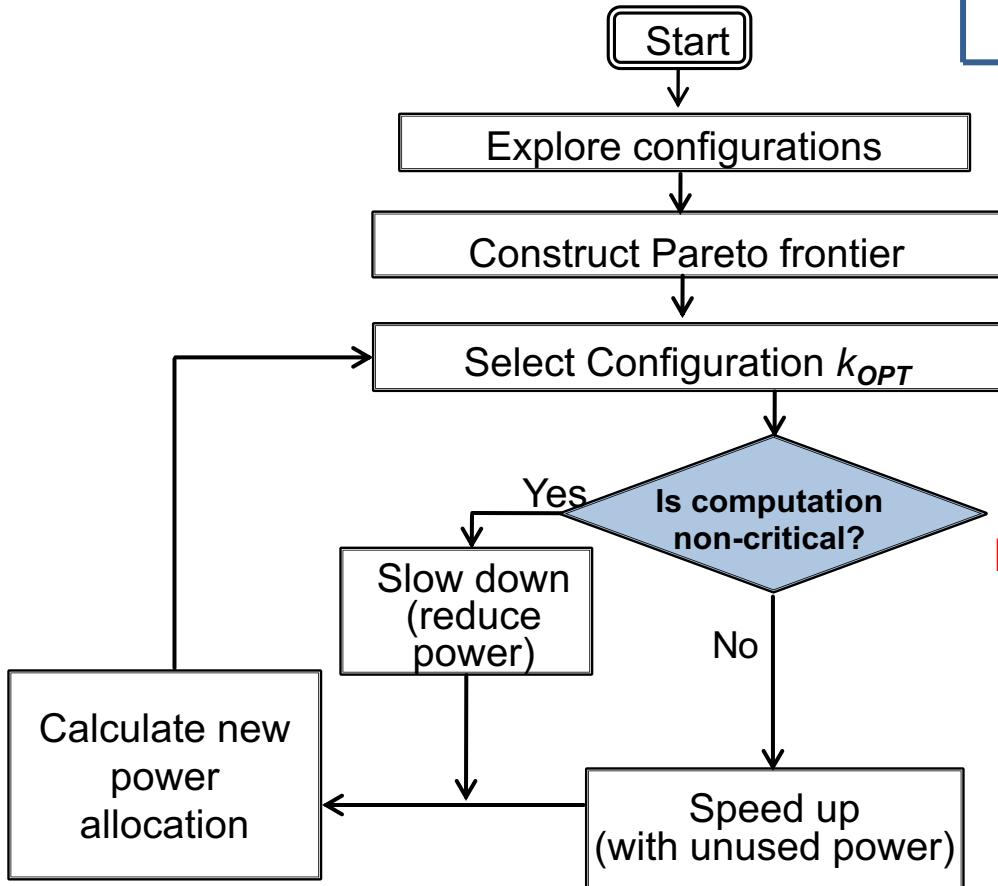
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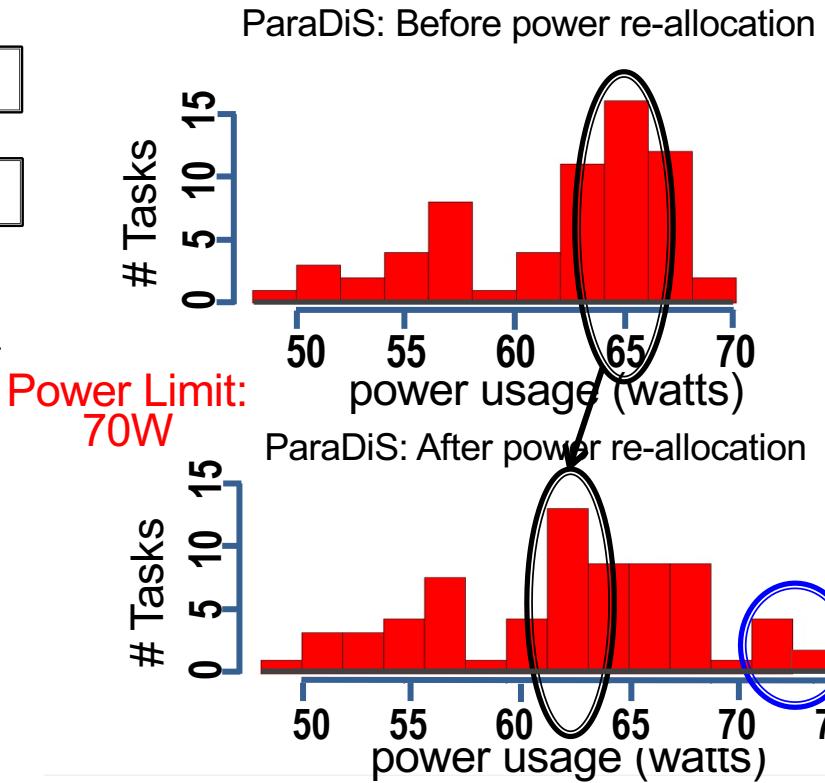
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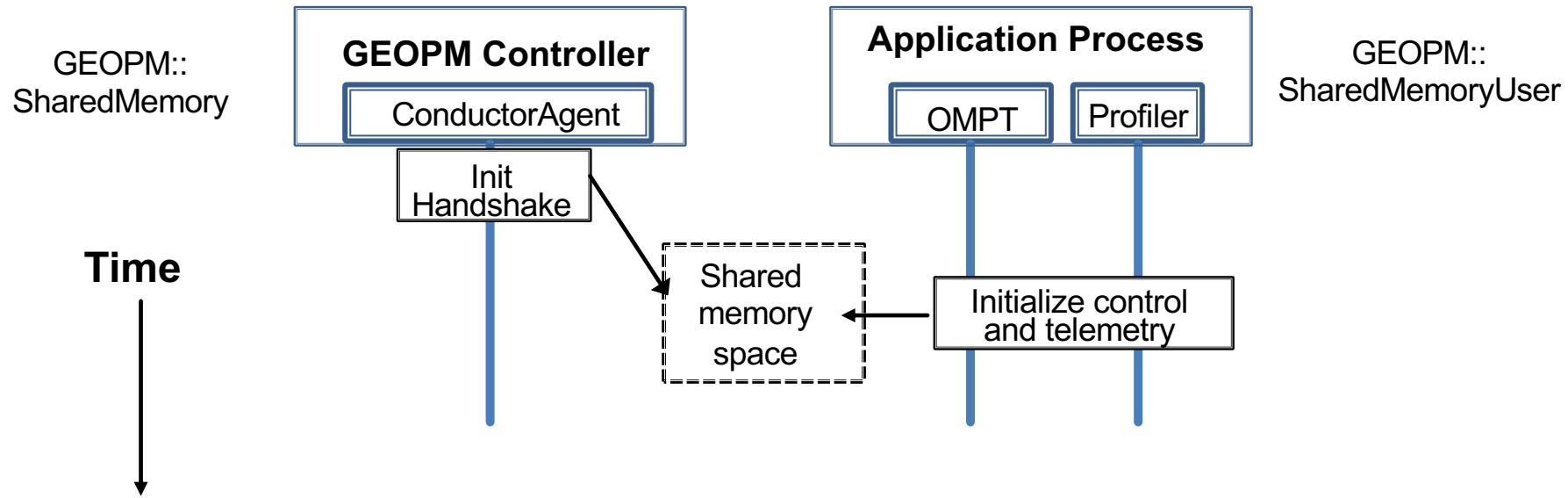
## Step 2: Power Re-allocation



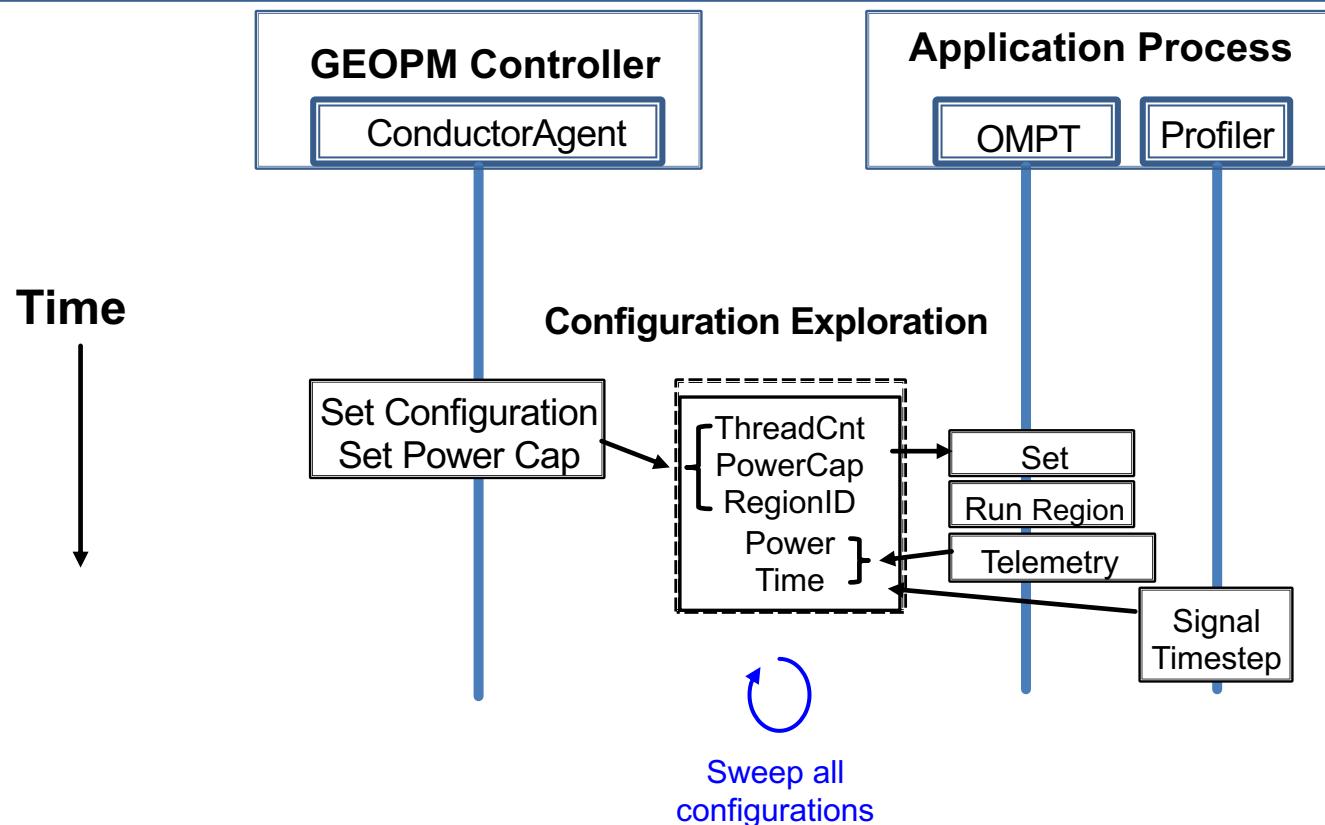
# Conductor: Integration into GEOPM with Variorum

- **OMPT class**
  - Explore {OMP, Pcap} configurations during the exploration phase
  - Select power-efficient configuration during regular execution.
- **Profile class**
  - Report end of timestep (i.e., ‘epoch’), application and system telemetry to enable sweep of configuration at runtime.
- **ConfigApp class**
  - Perform profiling, generate pareto-optimal configurations.
- **ConfigAgent class**
  - Share telemetry with PowerBalancer agent, send configuration to OMPT.

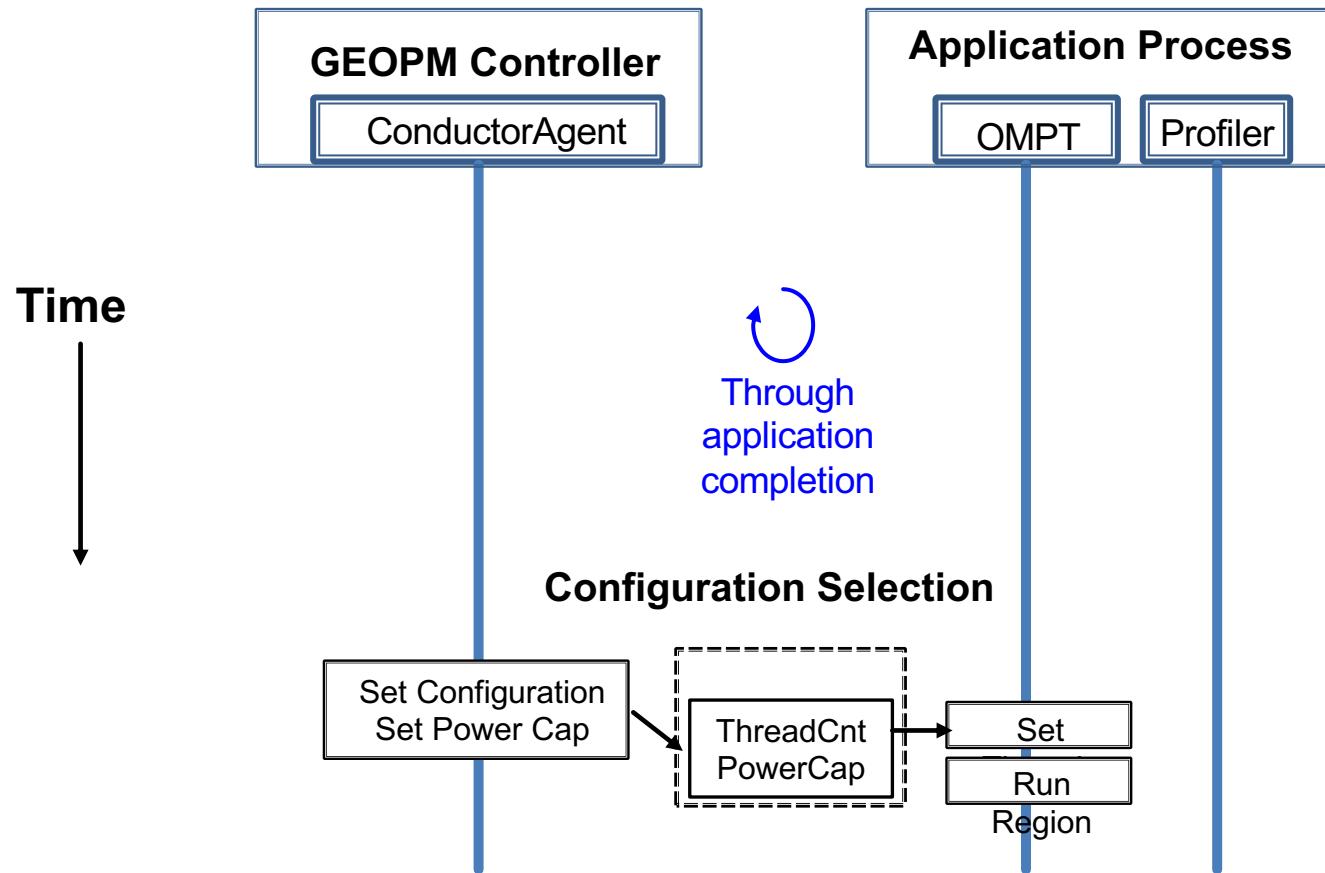
# Initialization: GEOPM, Application Handshake



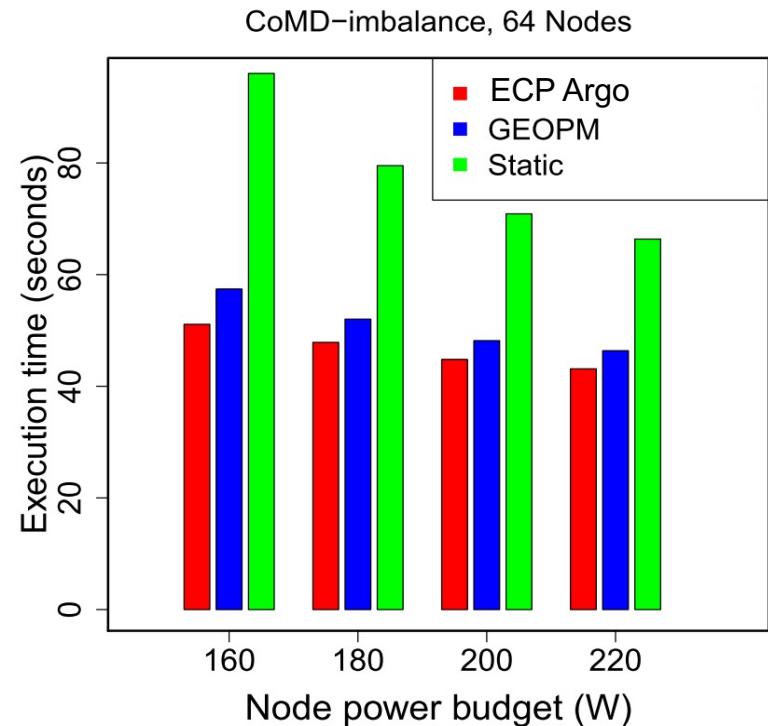
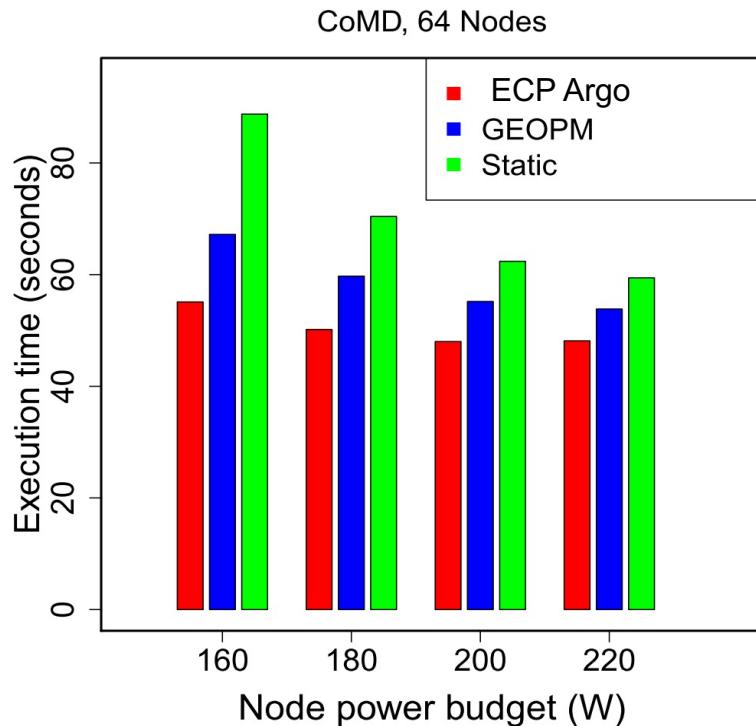
# Configuration Exploration: Set Configuration, Collect Telemetry



# Configuration Selection: Pick Power-Efficient Configurations



# Conductor Integration: Results



# Conductor Integration: On-going Efforts

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- Refresh the Conductor plugin to the latest GEOPM code
- Integration with JSON interface of Variorum
- Conductor integration:
  - <https://github.com/geopm/geopm/pull/757>
- GEOPM integration with Caliper:
  - <https://github.com/LLNL/Caliper/pull/213>

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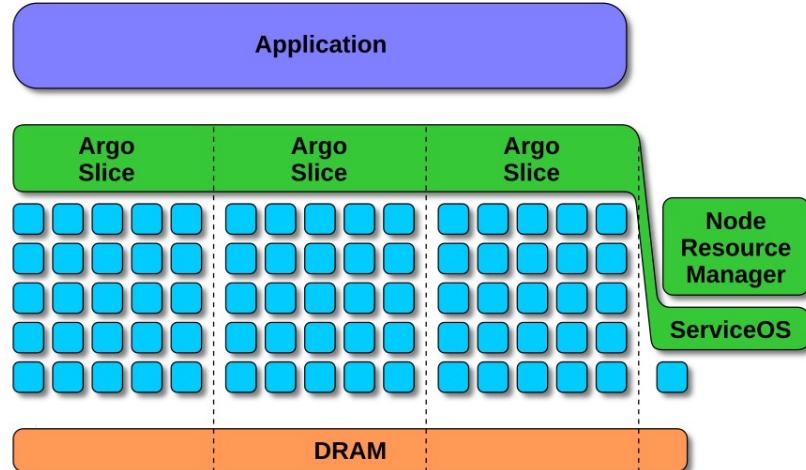
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# Part III: Integration of NRM, GEOPM and Variorum

# Node Resource Manager (NRM) Integration

- Adaemon running on the compute nodes. It centralizes node management activities
  - job management,
  - resource management, and
  - power management
- Uses slices for resource management
  - Physical resources divided into separate partitions
  - Used to separate individual components of workloads
  - Helps in improved performance isolation between components

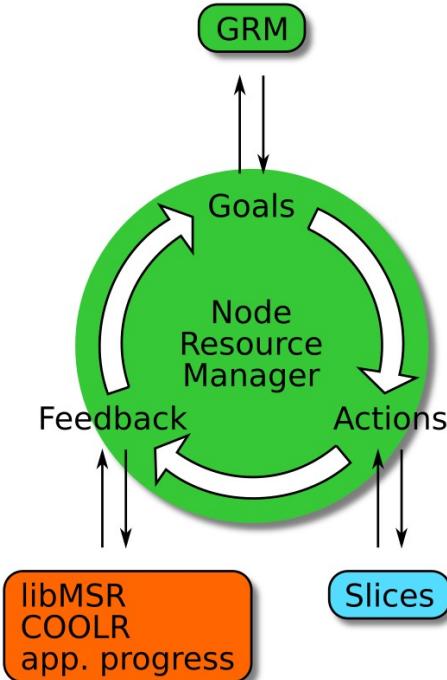


# Node Resource Manager (NRM) Integration

- Slices can currently manage the following:
  - CPU cores (hardware threads)
  - Memory (including physical memory at sub-NUMA granularity with a patched Linux kernel)
  - Kernel task scheduling class: The physical resources are partitioned primarily by using the cgroups mechanism of the Linux kernel. Work is under way to extend the management to I/O bandwidth as well as to the partitioning of last-level CPU cache using Intel's Cache Allocation Technology.
- Meant to be transparent to applications
  - do not impede communication between application components,
  - also compatible with (and complementary to) container runtimes such as Docker, Singularity, or Shifter.

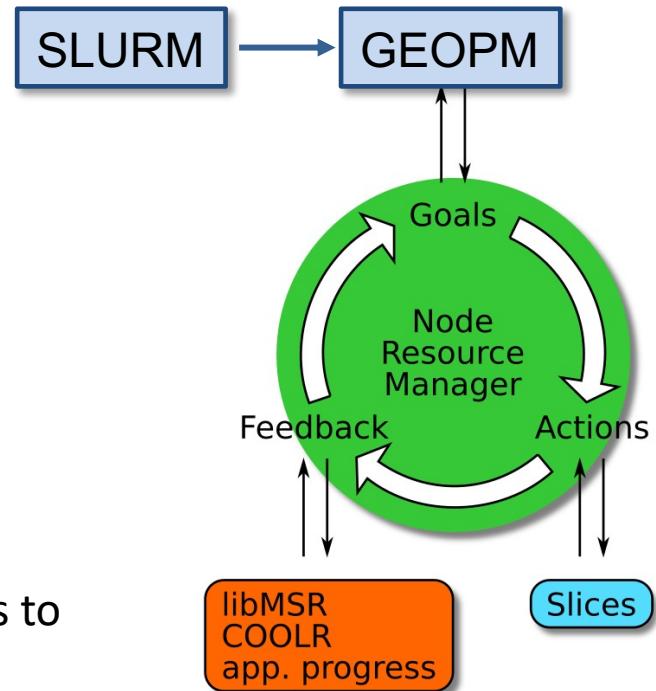
# Node Resource Manager (NRM) Integration

- NRM Daemon
  - Manages power at the node level
  - Works in a closed control loop, obtaining goals (power limit) from the higher level entity
  - Acts on application workloads launched within slices by
- NRM Client
  - Launches and manages application runtime
  - Relies on self-reporting by applications
    - Feedback on the efficacy of its power policies,
    - Identification of the critical path

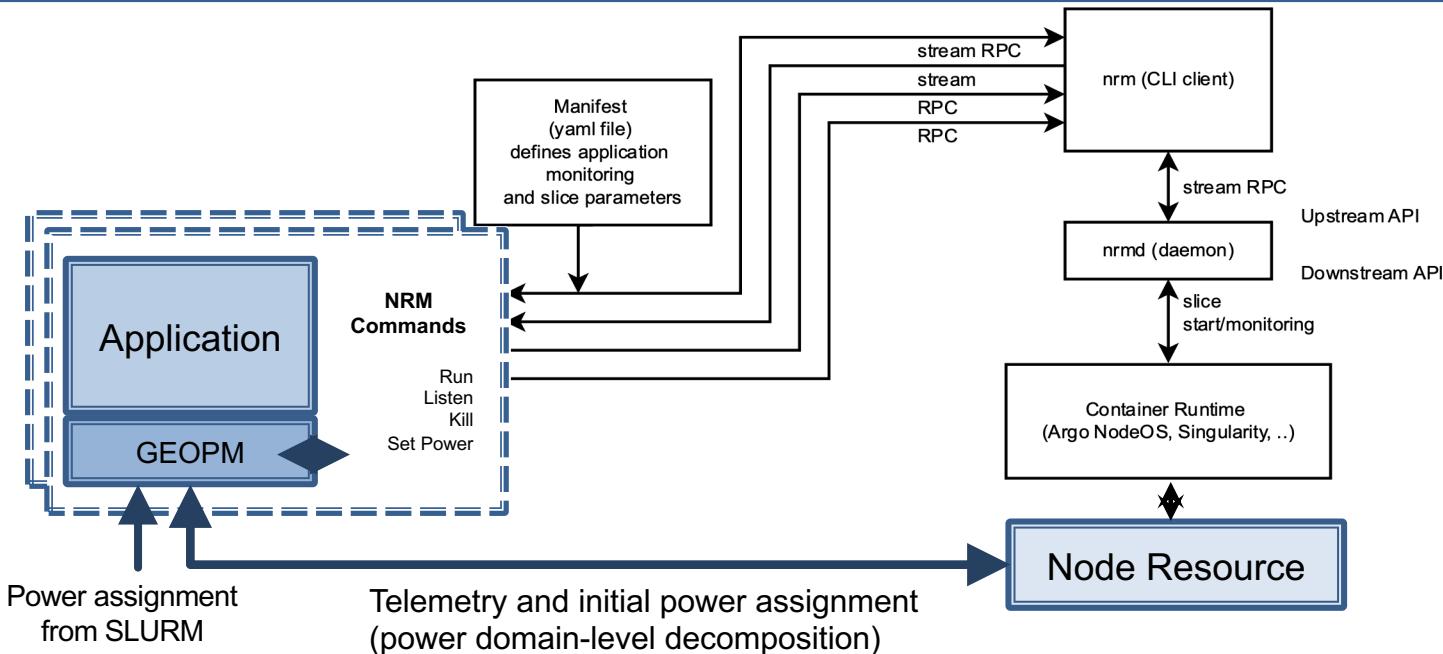


# Motivation: NRM and GEOPM Integration

- Hierarchical assignment of power optimization goals along logical and physical boundaries
- Compartmentalization of the power optimization goals enables level-specific goals, for example, improving the time spent on the critical path (IPS) at the job and power efficiency at the node level (IPS/W).
- GEOPM can indirectly support containerized workflows
  - Limitation: power-assignment still at power domain boundaries.
- Leverage NRM's existing integration with ECP applications to include GEOPM and SLURM integration



# First Attempt: NRM and GEOPM Integration



- The GEOPM launcher integrates with the NRM launcher to launch the application
  - GEOPM runs with a power budget assigned by SLURM
  - Hands off execution to NRM and application through a manifest and NRM JSON
  - NRM runs the application to completion

# Build and Run Application with NRM and GEOPM

## Step 1: Configure and build GEOPM

```
$> git clone https://github.com/amarathe84/geopm-nrm.git  
$> ./autogen.sh  
$> ./configure --prefix=$HOME/geopm/install-ecp \  
    CC=<path to C compiler> \  
    CXX=<path to C++ compiler> \  
    F77=<path to Fortran compiler> \  
    --enable-ompt  
$> make  
$> make install
```

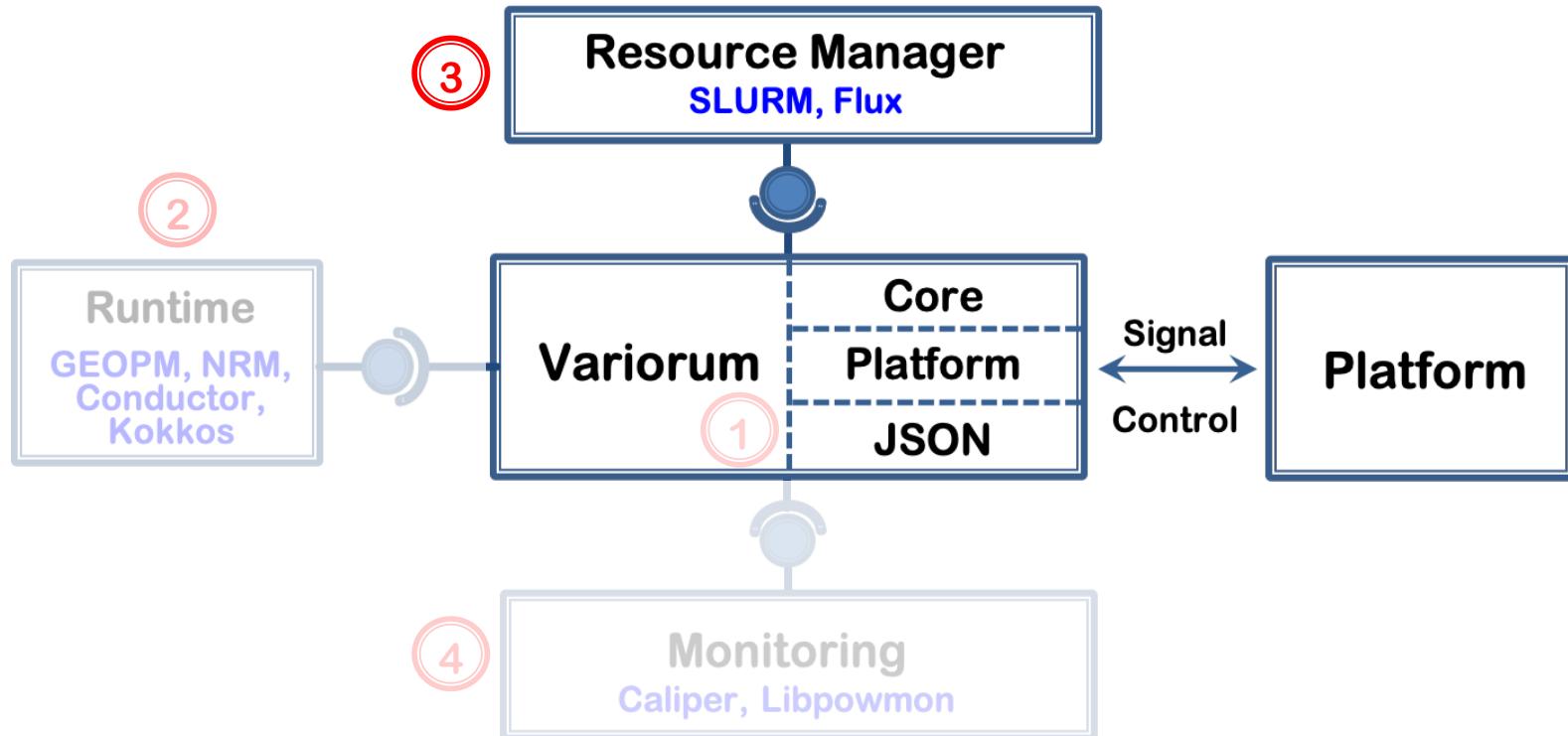
## Step 2: Build NRM (needs nix-build/NixOS)

```
$> nix-build -A nrm
```

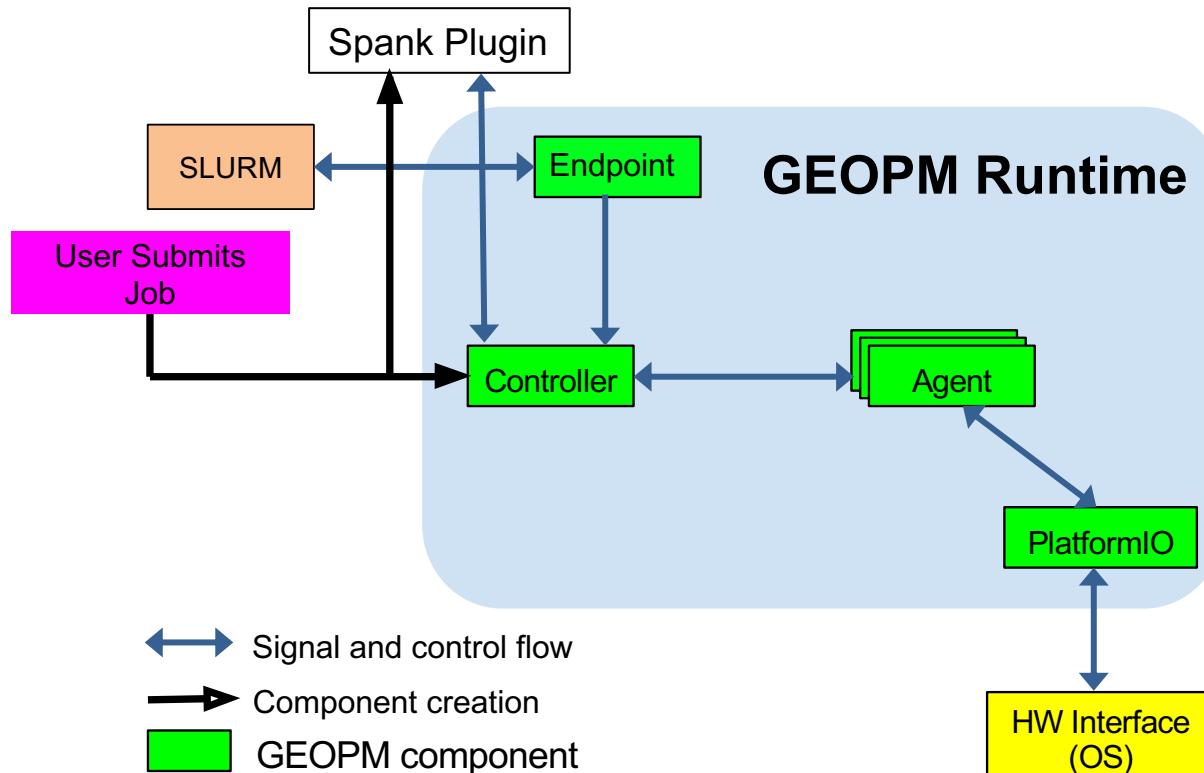
## Step 3: Run GEOPM and NRM

```
$> OMP_NUM_THREADS=<num therads> \  
    geopmnrmlaunch \  
    --geopm-ctl=process \  
    --geopm-policy=<JSON policy spec> \  
    --geopm-report=report \  
    --geopm-trace=trace \  
    --geopm-agent=power_governor \  
    -N <numnodes> -n <numtasks> -m block -l \  
    -- \  
    <application path>
```

# Interfacing Variorum with PowerStack Components

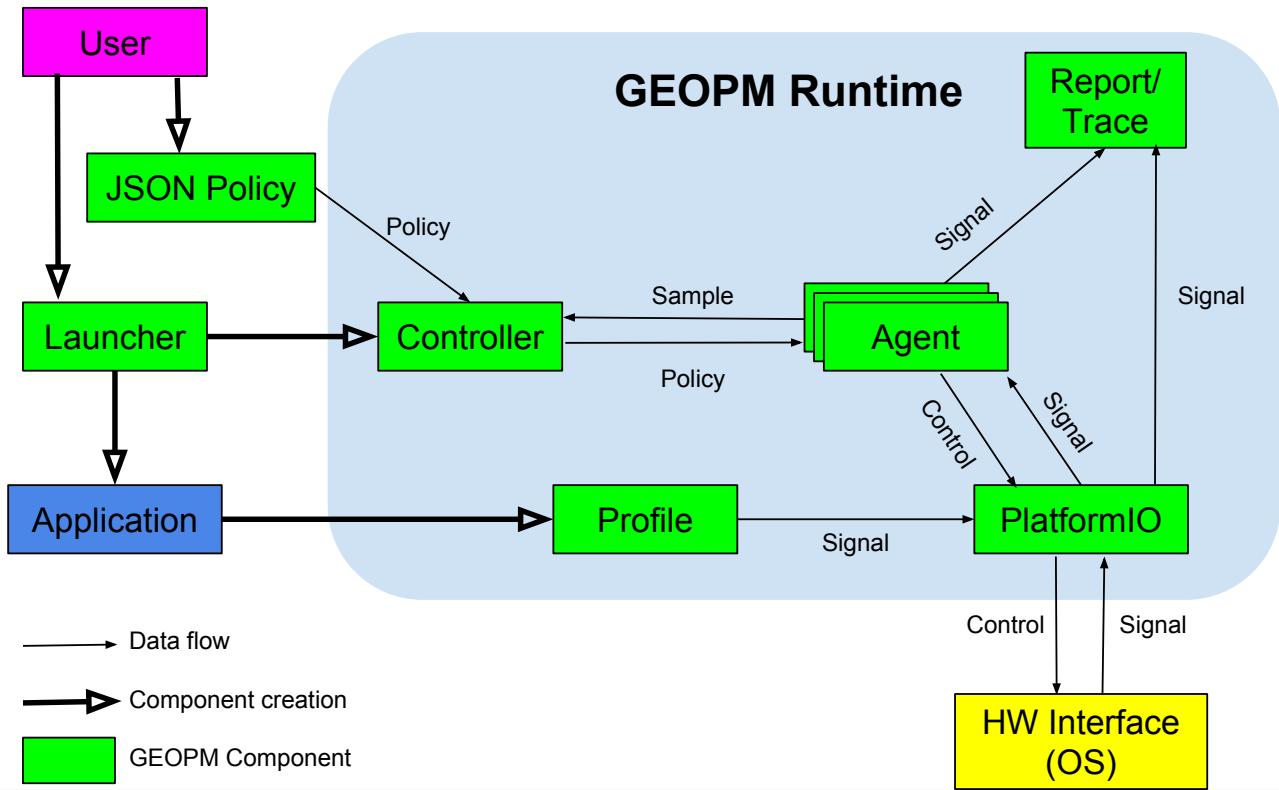


# SLURM, GEOPM and Variorum Integration: Default Behavior



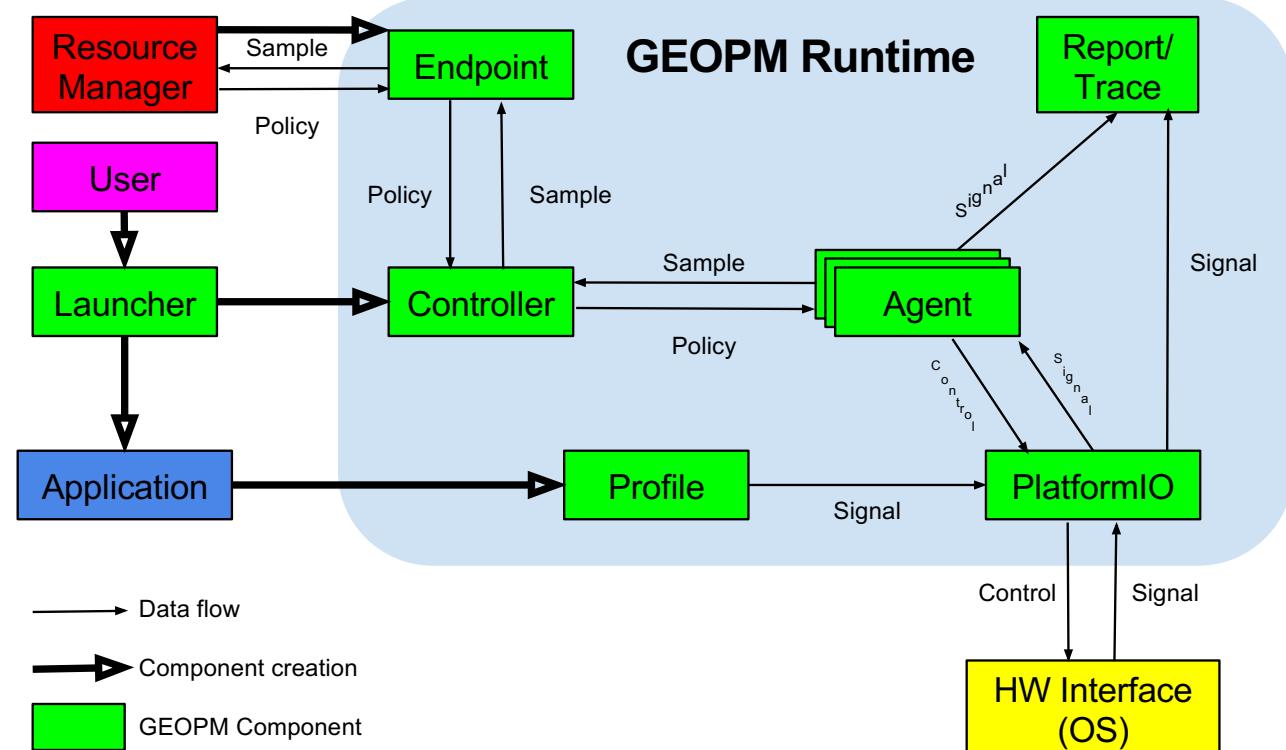
- SLURM allocates resources and runs the spank plugin on each node
- Spank plugin derives the default node power budget
- GEOPM PlatformIO picks up the assigned power budget and applies it to each socket
- GEOPM continues execution through completion with the assigned power budget

# SLURM, GEOPM and Variorum Integration: User-Driven



- SLURM allocates resources and runs the spank plugin on each node
- Spank plugin derives the node power budget Based on user's request
- GEOPM PlatformIO picks up the assigned power budget and applies it to each socket
- GEOPM continues execution

# SLURM, GEOPM and Variorum Integration: Resource Manager Driven



- SLURM allocates resources, derives a node power budget and runs the spank plugin on each node
- Spank plugin passes the node power budget to GEOPM
- GEOPM PlatformIO picks up the assigned power budget and applies it to each socket
- GEOPM continues execution

# SLURM Integration with Variorum

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Steps involved in applying the power budget

1. Allocate job resources (salloc/sbatch)
2. Invoke Variorum API to apply power limit
3. Instantiate application with GEOPM
4. Apply JSON-specified power budget with GEOPM (static)
5. Run application to completion

# SLURM Integration: Verification/Testing

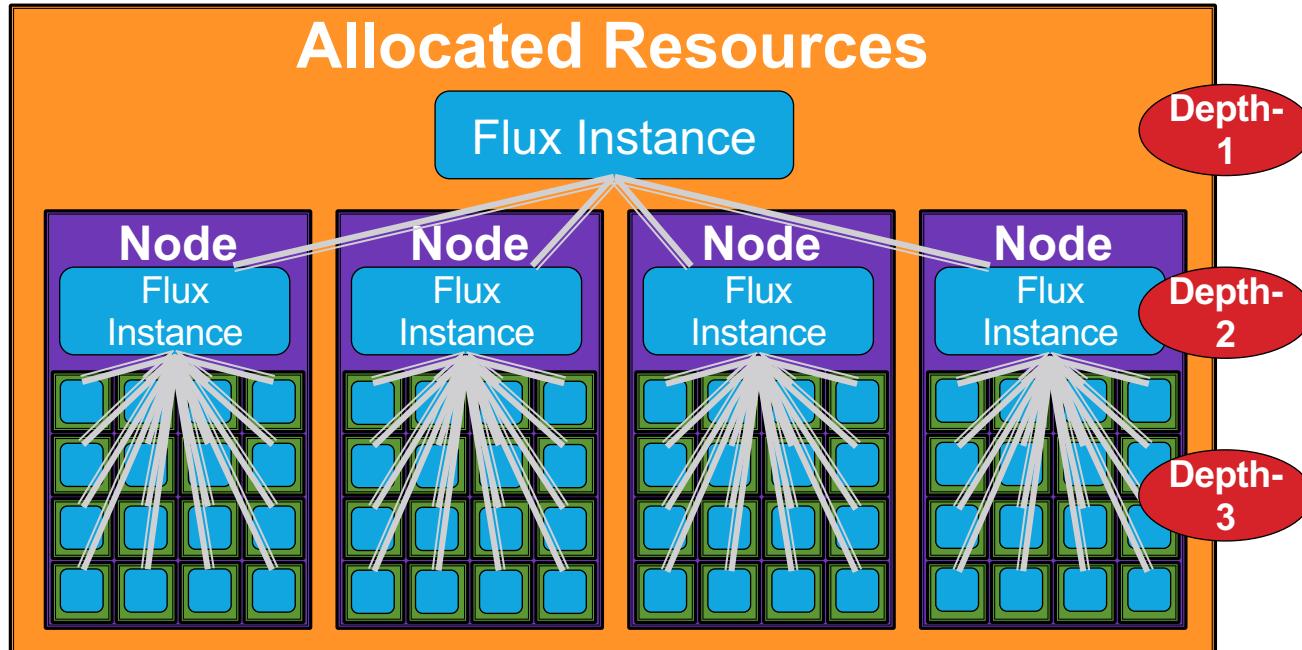
1. GEOPM Configurations: JSON
2. Applications
3. SPANK plugin configuration
4. Job configurations and outcomes
  1. MPI
  2. Non-MPI
  3. OpenMP
  4. MPI+OpenMP

Configuration files:  
`/etc/geopm/environment-default.json`  
`/etc/geopm/environment-override.json`

```
/etc/geopm/environment-override.json
```

```
{ "GEOPM_AGENT": "power_balancer",
  "GEOPM_POLICY": "../ig/geopm_power_balancer.json"}
```

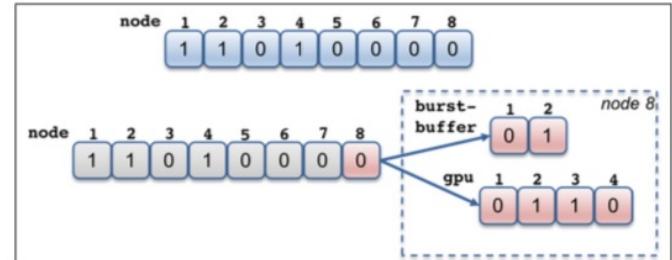
# Flux provides a new hierarchical scheduling model to meet Exascale challenges – targeted on El Capitan



*Our “Fully Hierarchical Scheduling” is designed to cope with many emerging workload challenges.*

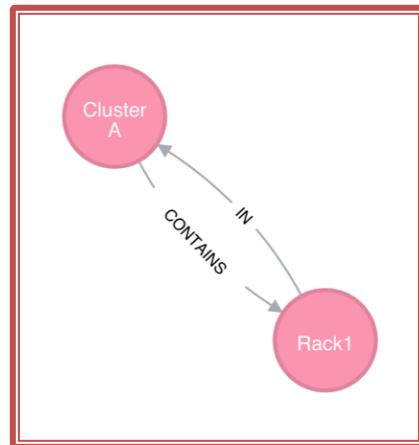
# The traditional resource data models are largely ineffective to cope with the resource challenge.

- Designed when the systems are much simpler
  - Node-centric models
  - SLURM: bitmaps to represent a set of compute nodes
  - PBSPro: a linked-list of nodes
- HPC has become far more complex
  - Evolutionary approach to cope with the increased complexity
  - E.g., add auxiliary data structures on top of the node-centric data model
- Can be quickly unwieldy
  - Every new resource type requires new a user-defined type
  - A new relationship requires a complex set of pointers cross-referencing different types.

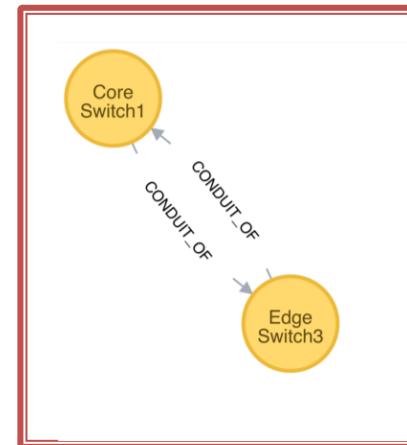


# Flux uses a graph-based resource data model to represent schedulable resources and their relationships.

- A graph consists of a set of vertices and edges
  - Vertex: a resource
  - Edge: a relationship between two resources

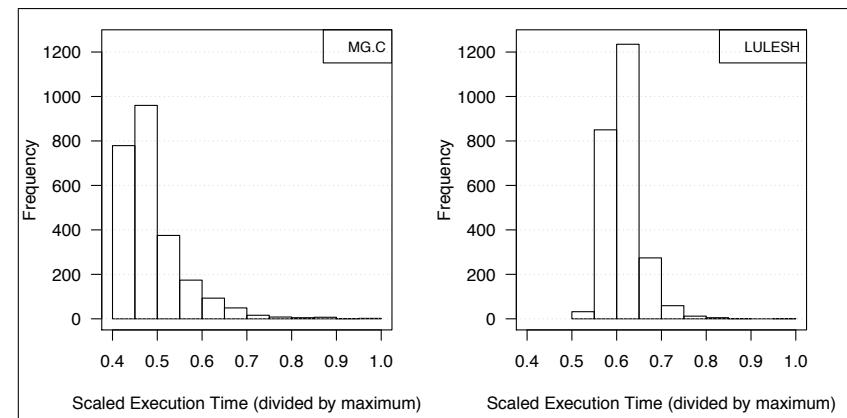
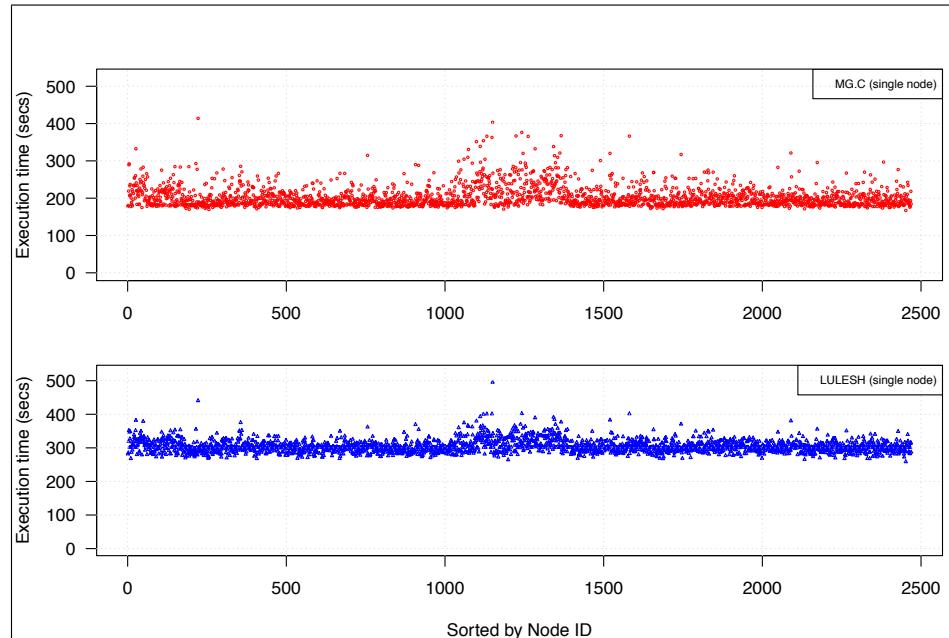


Containment subsystem



Network connectivity subsystem

# Real world example of variation: Quartz cluster, 2469 nodes, 50 W CPU power per socket



- 2.47x difference between the slowest and the fastest node for MG
- 1.91x difference for LULESH.

<https://github.com/flux-framework/flux-sched/tree/master/resource/policies>

# Statically determining node performance classes

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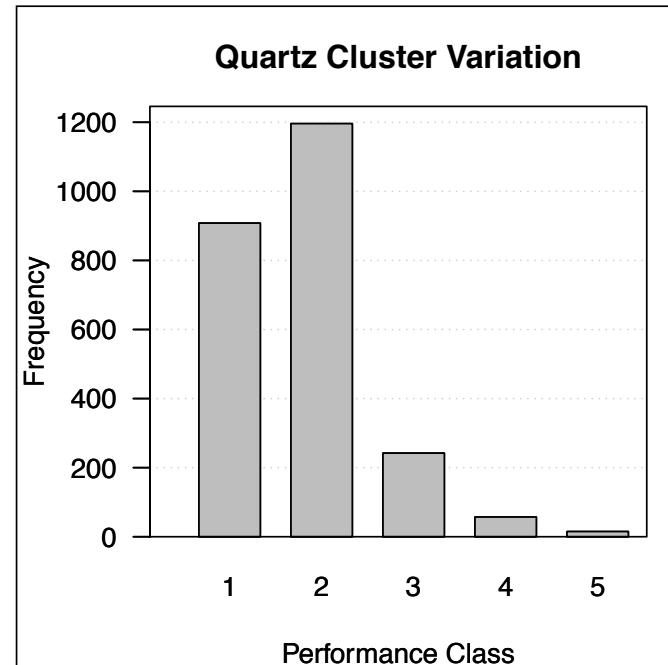
- Ranking every processor is not feasible from point of view of accounting as well as application differences
- Statically create **bins** of processors with similar performance instead
  - Techniques for this can be simple or complex
  - How many classes to create, which benchmarks to use, which parameters to tweak
  - Our choice: 5 classes, LULESH and MG, 50 W power cap
- **Mitigation**
  - **Rank-to-rank:** minimize spreading application across performance classes
  - **Run-to-run:** allocate nodes from same set performance classes to similar applications

# Statically determining node performance classes: 2469 nodes of Quartz

$$t_{combined_i} = \frac{\frac{t_{MG_i}}{\text{median}(t_{MG_{1:n}})} + \frac{t_{LULESH_i}}{\text{median}(t_{LULESH_{1:n}})}}{2}$$

$$t_{norm_j} = \frac{t_{combined_j} - \min(t_{combined_j})}{\max(t_{combined_j}) - \min(t_{combined_j})}$$

$$p = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 0 \leq t_{norm_i} \leq 0.10 \\ 2, & \text{if } 0.10 < t_{norm_i} \leq 0.25 \\ 3, & \text{if } 0.25 < t_{norm_i} \leq 0.40 \\ 4, & \text{if } 0.40 < t_{norm_i} \leq 0.60 \\ 5, & \text{if } 0.60 < t_{norm_i} \leq 1.0 \end{cases}$$



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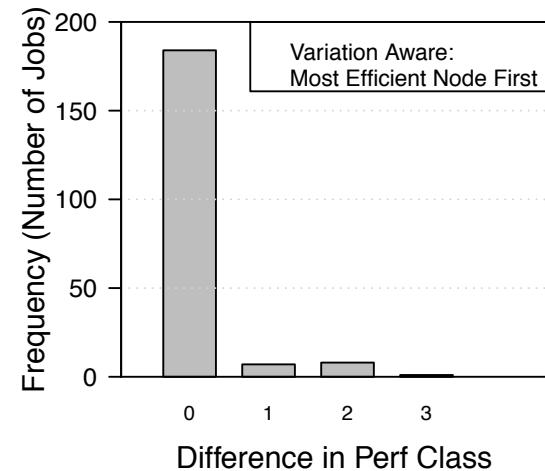
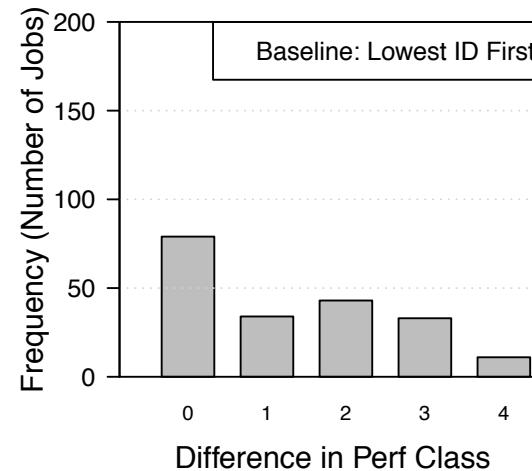
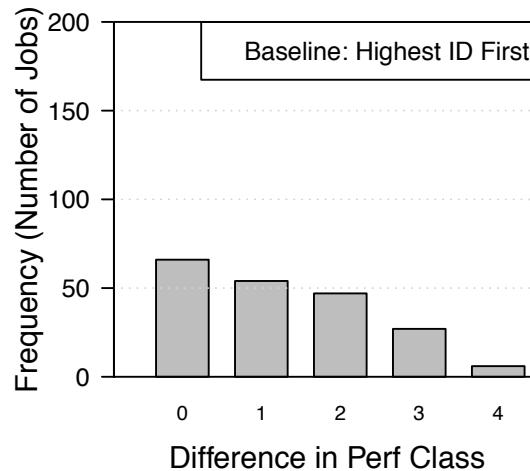
# Measuring impact of variation-aware scheduling

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$$P_j := \{p_a | a \in n \wedge \text{allocated}(a, j)\}$$
$$fom_j = \max(P_j) - \min(P_j)$$

- $\text{allocated}(a, j)$  returns true if node  $a$  has been allocated to job  $j$
- $P_j$  is the set of performance classes of the nodes allocated to job  $j$
- Figure of merit,  $fom_j$ , is a measure of how widely the job is spread across different performance classes
- For a job trace, we will look for number of jobs with low figure of merit

# Variation-aware scheduling results in 2.4x reduction in rank-to-rank variation in applications with Flux



# Facilities Recap: Mitigating Power Swings on Sierra/Lassen with in-depth application analysis with Variorum



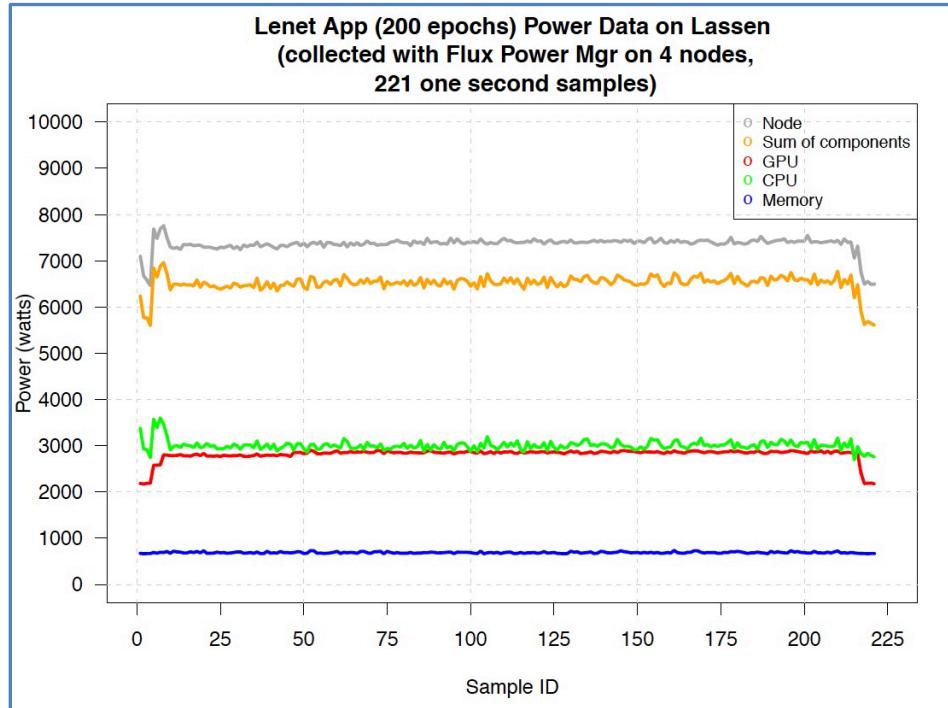
*Example: LBANN on Sierra at full scale has significant fluctuations impacting LLNL's electrical grid -- workload swings expected to worsen at exascale*

- Livermore Big Artificial Neural Network toolkit (LBANN) -- infrastructure used for deep learning in HPC
- LBANN utilizes all 4 GPUs per node
- Data shows 3 minute samples over 6 hours on Sierra with >200 KW swings
- Other workflows have similar trends with power fluctuations at scale
- Mitigation of power fluctuations is required to avoid electrical supply disruption
- Variorum + Flux can dynamically analyze applications and prevent future fluctuations

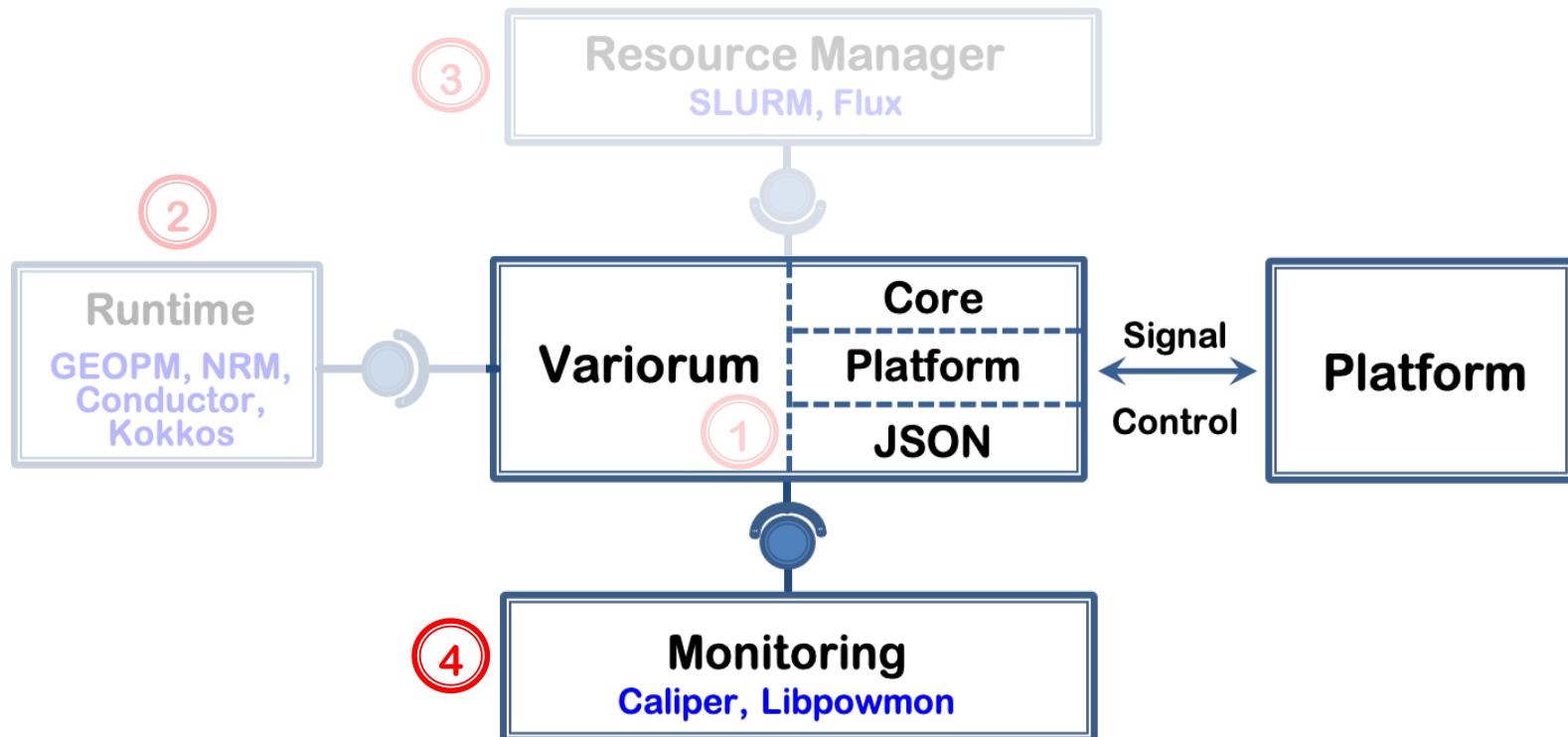
# Combining previous research into upcoming production efforts: Flux + Variorum to monitor and manage power swings of workflows

- Flux Power Manager Module is underway for El Capitan
- Utilizes the Variorum JSON interface to develop a Flux system instance to monitor and control power
- Algorithms for detecting and managing power swings at scale are underway
- Example shows LBANN workflow's Lenet application being monitored

<https://github.com/rountree/flux-power-mgr>



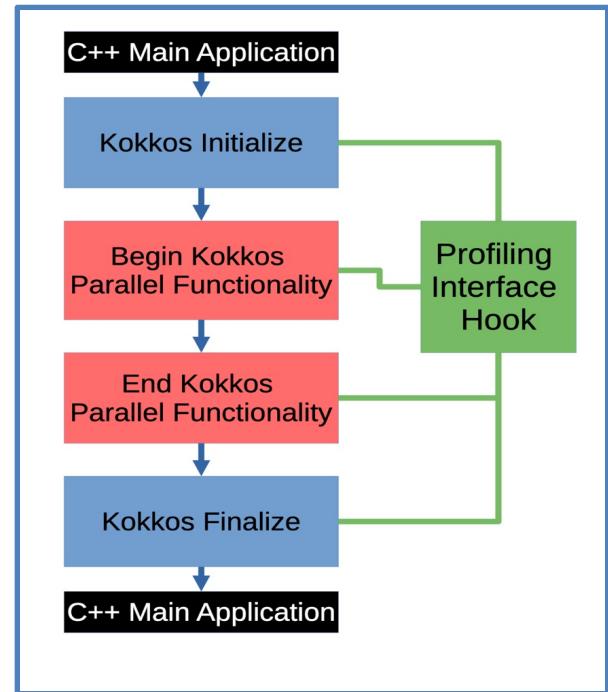
# Interfacing Variorum with PowerStack Components



# Enabling workflow power monitoring with the Kokkos and Caliper ports of Variorum

- Utilizes the Variorum JSON interface to allow for monitoring of integrated workflows
- Kokkos port has been merged into production (with `kokkos-tools`) and provides per-rank output
- Caliper service is under development
- Both ports will be tested for scalability with benchmarks and hardened in the upcoming Variorum release

<https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos-tools/tree/develop/profiling/variorum-connector>



# Upcoming Variorum Next Steps

## Development Efforts

- Upcoming release: last quarter of 2021
- Ports for AMD CPU (WIP), PowerAPI, AMD GPUs
- Advanced APIs
- CI and testing for ECP on exascale microarchitectures

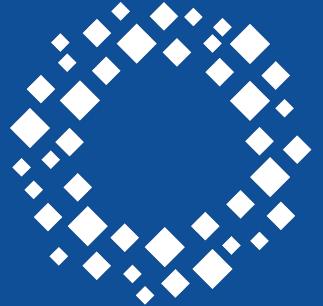
## Research Efforts

- Harden Caliper service for Variorum
- Workflow integration (MuMMI, E3SM, LBANN)
- MLPerf (GPU) characterization
- SLURM + GEOPM + Variorum: Extend it to use JSON

# Thank you for attending our tutorial series!

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- Both modules will be repeated on August 20 and August 23
  - Introduction to Variorum
  - Integrating Variorum with System Software and Tools
- Submit your issues or feature request: <https://github.com/llnl/variorum/issues>
- Documentation: <https://variorum.readthedocs.io>
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