

## Resource Management in Big-Data Clusters

Mesos, YARN

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- No single programming framework is optimal for all kinds of big-data applications



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- Organizations would like to use the same cluster hardware for multiple programming frameworks, versions, and applications
- Sharing of data to be used across frameworks?

- **Jobs:** Both periodic production runs, development tests, and short ad-hoc queries
  - Most jobs are (relatively) short
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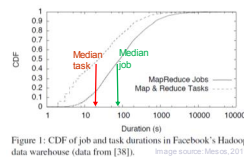


Figure 1: CDF of job and task durations in Facebook's Hadoop data warehouse (data from [38]). Image source: Mesos, 2011

- Need a "cluster-wide OS" for sharing a cluster among different big-data frameworks and jobs that know basically nothing about each other
  - Fairness, priorities, scalability, protection

= **Virtualization** of cluster resources

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## Sharing a Cluster?

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→ Low utilization of expensive cluster resources

- Idea: Support multiple users and multiple Hadoop jobs that time-share the cluster
  - One application per node at a time
  - Hadoop-on-demand
    - ▶ Using Torque/Mauai batch scheduler for cluster jobs

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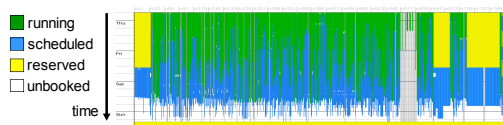
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## Batch Scheduling for Large Parallel Systems

- Batch queue systems e.g. Torque, Maui, Slurm (common in HPC)
- Only 1 application (job) per node
- Parallel jobs
  - Job description:  
ask for  $N$  nodes together for  $M$  minutes each to run program  $A$
- Ahead-of-time reservation of system partitions and time
- Load balancing etc. over this fixed set of resources is up to the programming framework's runtime system e.g. of Hadoop, Spark



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- Idea: Separate resource management functionality from the programming model
  - Can run multiple applications (e.g. Hadoop) on same cluster
  - Can mix task executions from concurrent applications using e.g. Hadoop (incl. different versions of it) and other frameworks (e.g. MPI) on same cluster → Diversity of programming models
  - Can reuse resource management subsystem for different programming models
    - Cleaner software structure for the framework (e.g. Hadoop) itself

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## Mesos

[Hindman et al. 2011]

- Mesos master process on one node manages all resources
- Mesos slaves offer resources that are currently free
- Frameworks (e.g. Hadoop) submit requests for allocation and release of resources, to be approved/committed by Mesos master

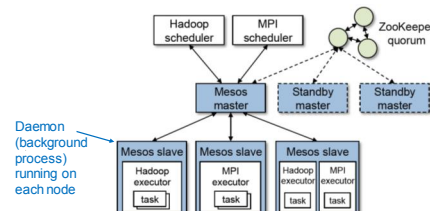
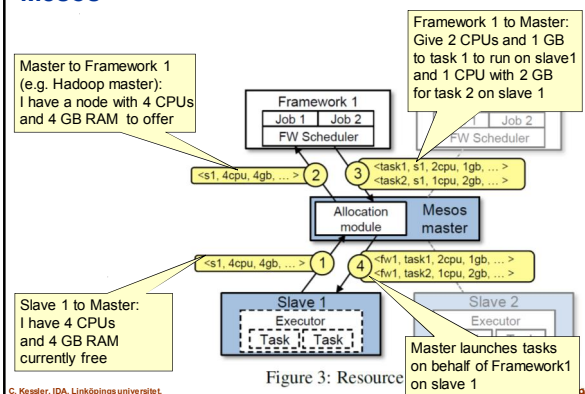


Figure 2: Mesos architecture diagram, showing two running frameworks (Hadoop and MPI).

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## YARN

YARN = Yet Another Resource Negotiator

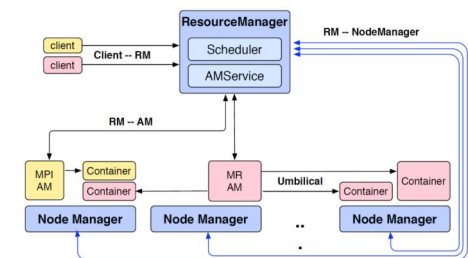


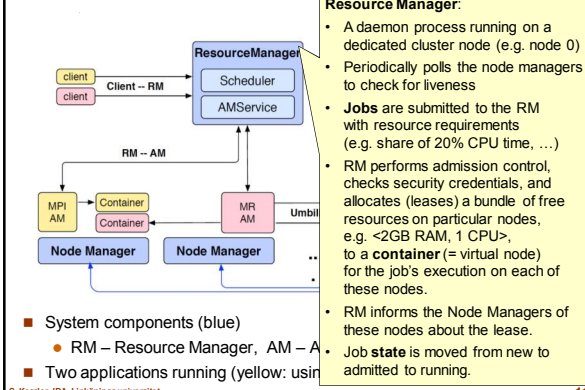
Image source: Vavilapalli et al. 2013

- System components (blue)
  - RM – Resource Manager, AM – Application Master, NM – node mgr.
- Two applications running (yellow: using MPI, pink: using Hadoop)

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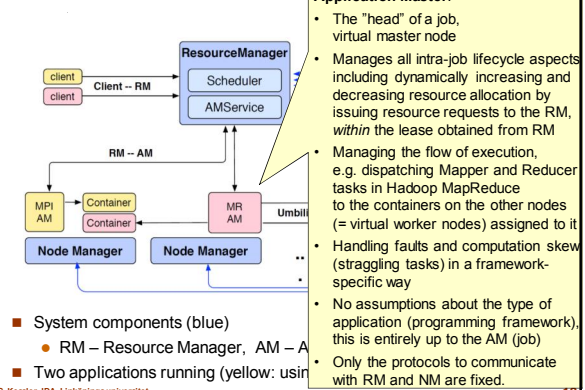
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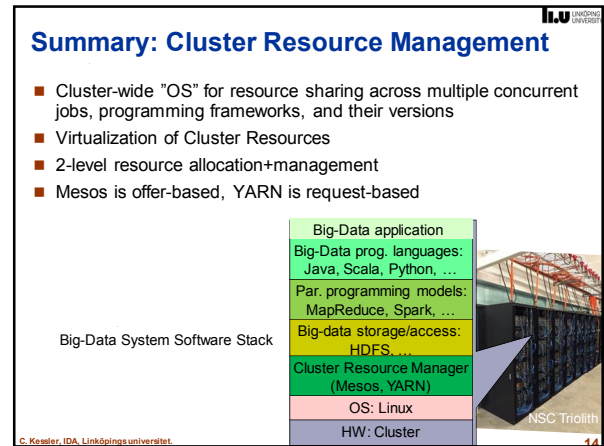
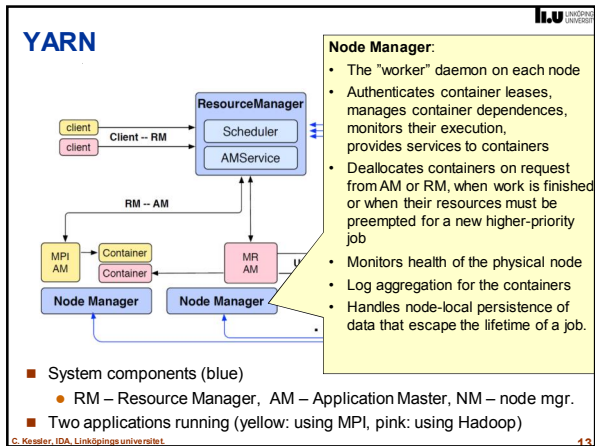
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## Questions for Reflection

- Why is it reasonable that Application Masters can request and return resources dynamically from/to the Resource Manager (within the maximum lease initially granted to their job by the RM), instead of requesting their maximum lease on all nodes immediately and keeping it throughout the job's lifetime?
  - Contrast this mechanism to the resource allocation performed by batch queuing systems for clusters.
- Explain why the Node Manager's tasks are better performed in a daemon process controlled by the RM and not under the control of the framework-specific application.

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