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Lightweight Distributed Metric Service (LDMS)

Run-time Resource Utilization Monitoring

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Motivation

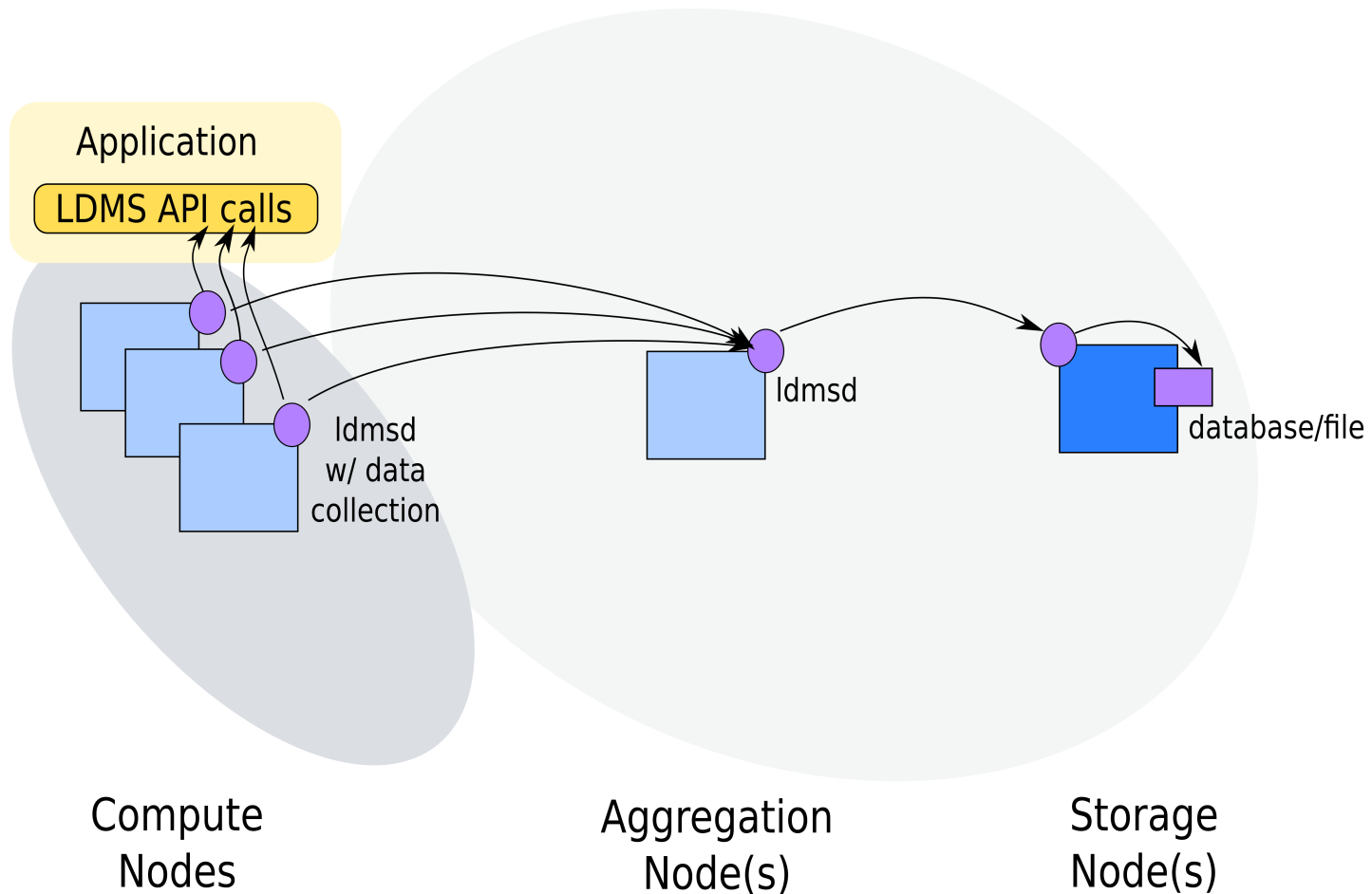
Gain insight into resource utilization/bottlenecks (e.g., network bandwidth/hotspots, CPU utilization, Memory footprint/bandwidth)

- Intelligent job placement
- Run-time workload partitioning/adaptation
- Historical comparison
- Anomaly detection

Monitoring System and Application Resource Utilization

- Typical monitoring systems target failure detection, uptime, trend overview:
 - Information targeted to system administration
 - Collection intervals of minutes
 - Relatively high overhead (both compute node and aggregators)
- Application profiling/debugging/tracing tools:
 - Collection intervals of sub seconds (even sub-millisecond)
 - Typically requires linking, not run under real-world conditions (i.e., tools perturb the application profile)
 - Limits on scale
 - Don't account for external applications competing for the same resource
- Lightweight Distributed Metric Service (LDMS):
 - Continuous data collection, transport, storage as a system service
 - Targets system administrators, users, and applications
 - Enables collection of a reasonably large number of metrics with collection periods that enable job-centric resource utilization analysis and run-time anomaly detection
 - Variable collection period (~seconds)
 - On-node interface to run-time data
 - Multiple concurrent data clients and installations

LDMS High Level Overview

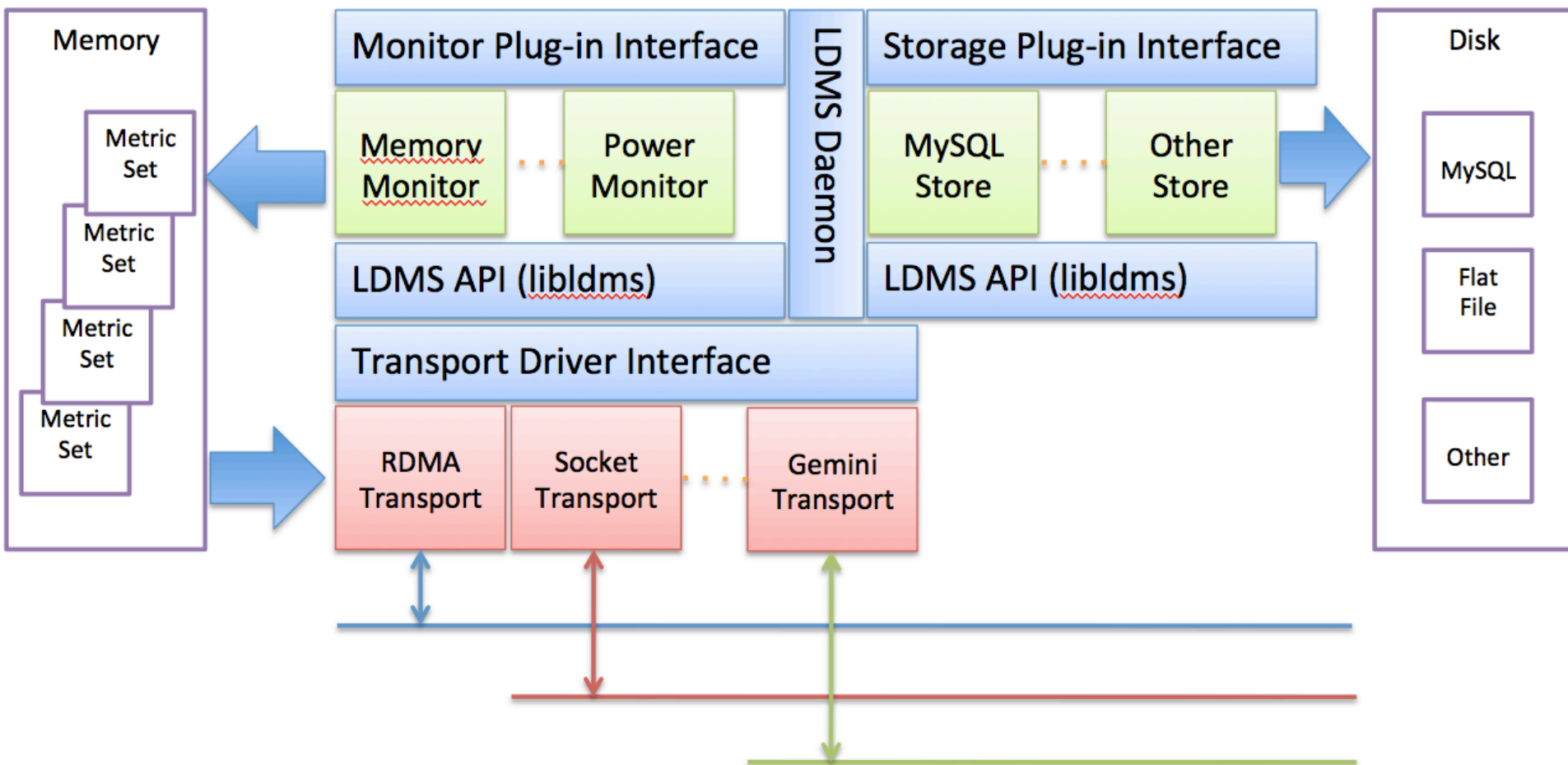


* Only the current data is retained on-node

LDMS Functional Overview

- Data is bundled into “Metric Sets” – “related” information
- Metric Sets have associated Data and Meta-data and include generation numbers for both
 - Meta-data is only transmitted during initial setup and when change occurs
- Run-time (Re)Configuration:
 - Run-time Collection plugin add, start, stop
 - Add new collection components
 - Start collection – begin scheduling data collection and make data visible to queries
 - Stop collection – stop scheduling data collection, last data set still visible to queries – no CPU overhead associated with this as no collection scheduled
 - Modify collection frequency on metric set basis
 - Run-time Storage plugin add, start, stop
 - Insert to new data storage containers
 - Add new metrics to the store
 - Run-time Add Hosts to Aggregator
- Data Queries can be either host local or remote
- Socket or RDMA transport options

LDMS Architecture: Modular Plugin Interface for Data Collectors, Transport, and Storage



LDMS Metric Sets Example

shuttle-cray.ran.sandia.gov_1/meminfo

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Metric sets:

- (datatype, value, metricname) tuples
- optional per metric user metadata e.g., component id

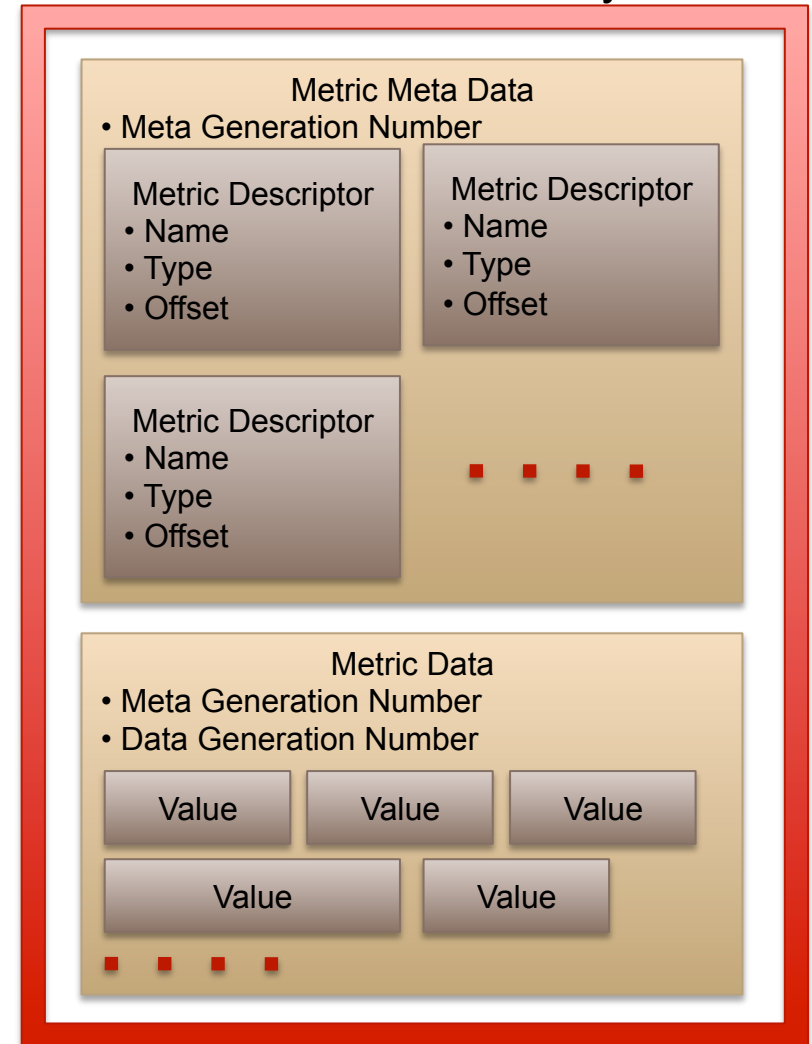
API:

- *ldms_get_set*
- *ldms_get_metric*
- *ldms_get_u64*
- Same API for on-node and off-node (aggregator) transport

Metric Set Format

- Meta data generation number bumped whenever metrics are added or removed
- Data generation number changes whenever a value changes
- Meta data generation number is included with metric data to detect when cached local meta-data is stale

Metric Set Memory



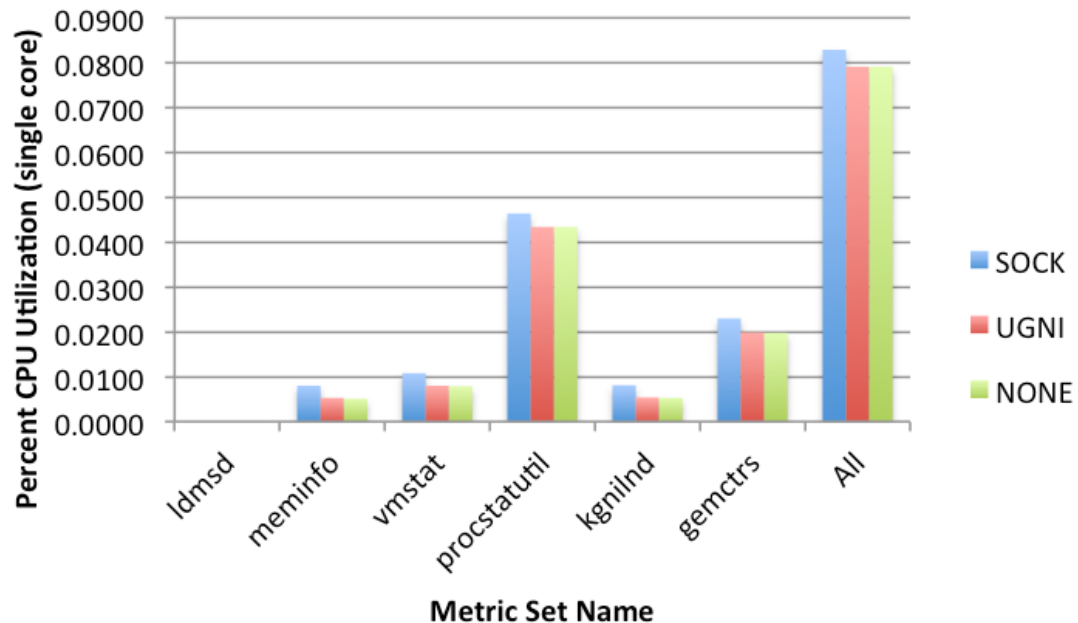
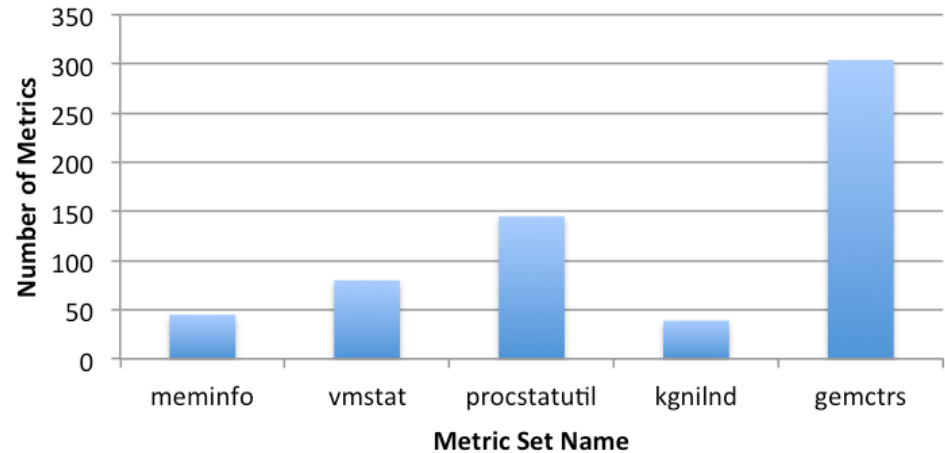
Current Data Collector/Storage Plugins

- /proc
 - meminfo, vmstat, stat, interrupts, pid/(stat, statm)
 - kgnilnd (Cray specific)
- Gem_link_perf (Cray specific)
 - Gemini Tile and NIC counters w/ link aggregation
- perf_event
 - Generic interface for acquisition of hardware counters e.g., data cache misses, instruction cache misses, hyper-transport bandwidth (AMD)
- rsyslog (Cray specific)
 - SEDC (RAS) and ALPSdata
- lmsensors (/sys)
 - Temperatures, fan speeds, voltages
- Storage: Flatfile, CSV, SQL, NoSQL, Custom

Overhead

Collection Interval of 1 second on Cray XE6

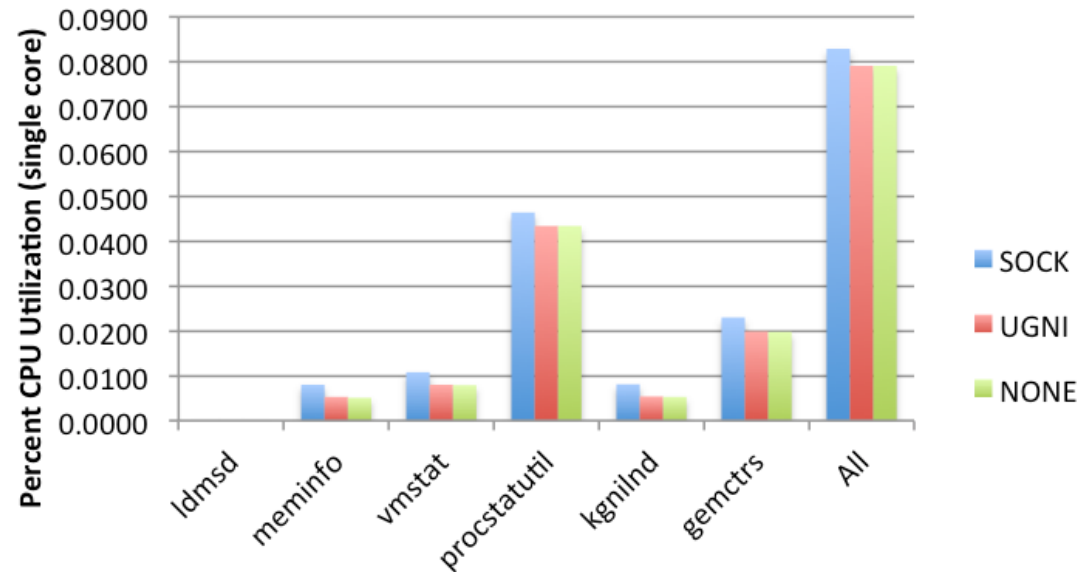
- CPU overhead increases with number of metrics in a metric set for a particular gathering mechanism (e.g., /proc, /sys readers, ioctl calls)
- gemctrs – ioctl as opposed to reading from /proc. gemctrs with ~300 metrics has < 1/3rd the overhead of procstatutil but has ~twice the number of metrics



Overhead Summary

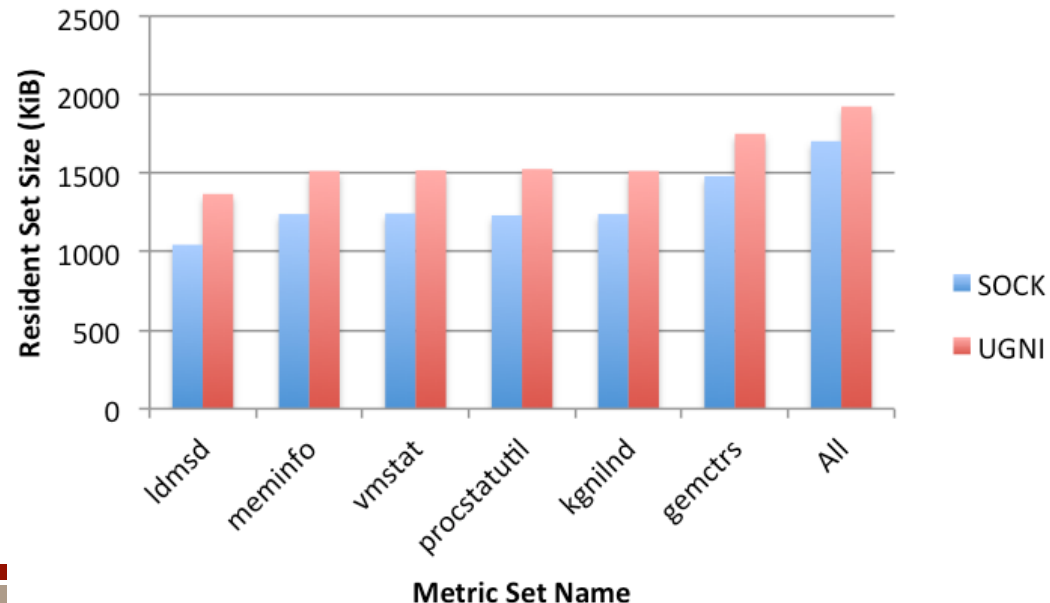
CPU Overhead

- Mostly due to data collection vs. transport
- RDMA (UGNI) has none past startup
- SOCK significant if collection overhead is small (e.g., small dataset)



Memory Footprint

- RDMA has a larger memory footprint than SOCK
- Except for gemctrs, sampler overhead, over *ldmsd* alone is about the same



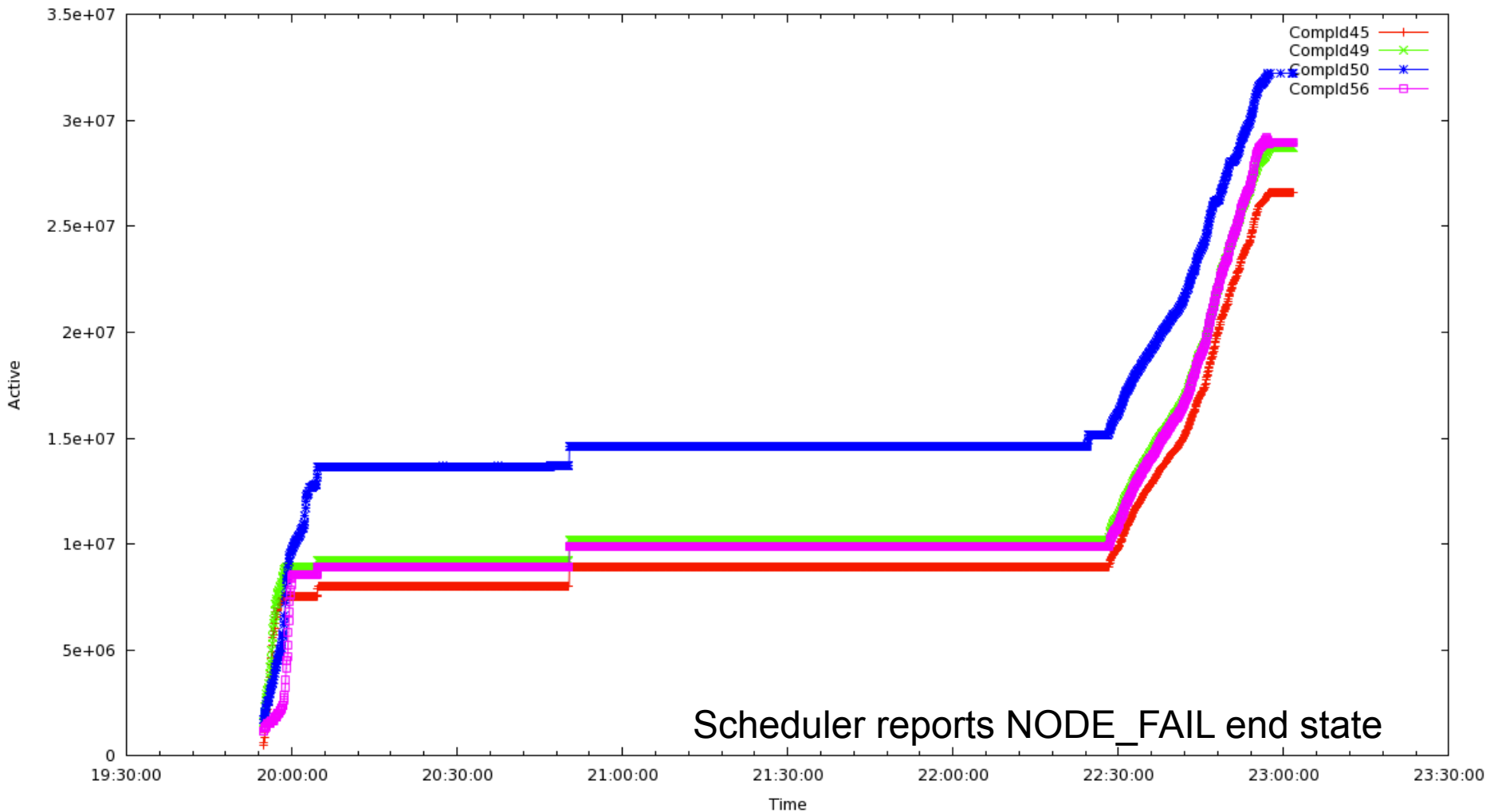
USAGE

Data Collection and Analysis Tools as a System Service

- LDMS data collection runs as a system service
 - Run-time adjustment of data collected, frequency
 - Requires NO changes or relinking to the application
 - Per-user LDMS instances*
- Run-time feed of resource utilization information
 - Early warning of problems
- Provide job profile data dumps on a per-user per-job basis
 - Analysis and plotting tools
 - Users can examine performance across runs
 - Post-mortem diagnosis
- On-node API for data access
 - Can be used for computational steering, dynamic allocation

Temporal Job Profile

(Per-job per-component graphical tools extract data from the database dump)



Statistical Profiling Tools

(Active Memory)

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./stats_multi -p /data1/store -j 6684780, "/var/log/glory_slurm/joblog", 0 -o ./output_6684780/6684780 node:Active
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COMP_TYPE: node METRIC_NAME: Active									
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CompId	NPts	Ave	Std	Min	MinTime	Max	MaxTime		

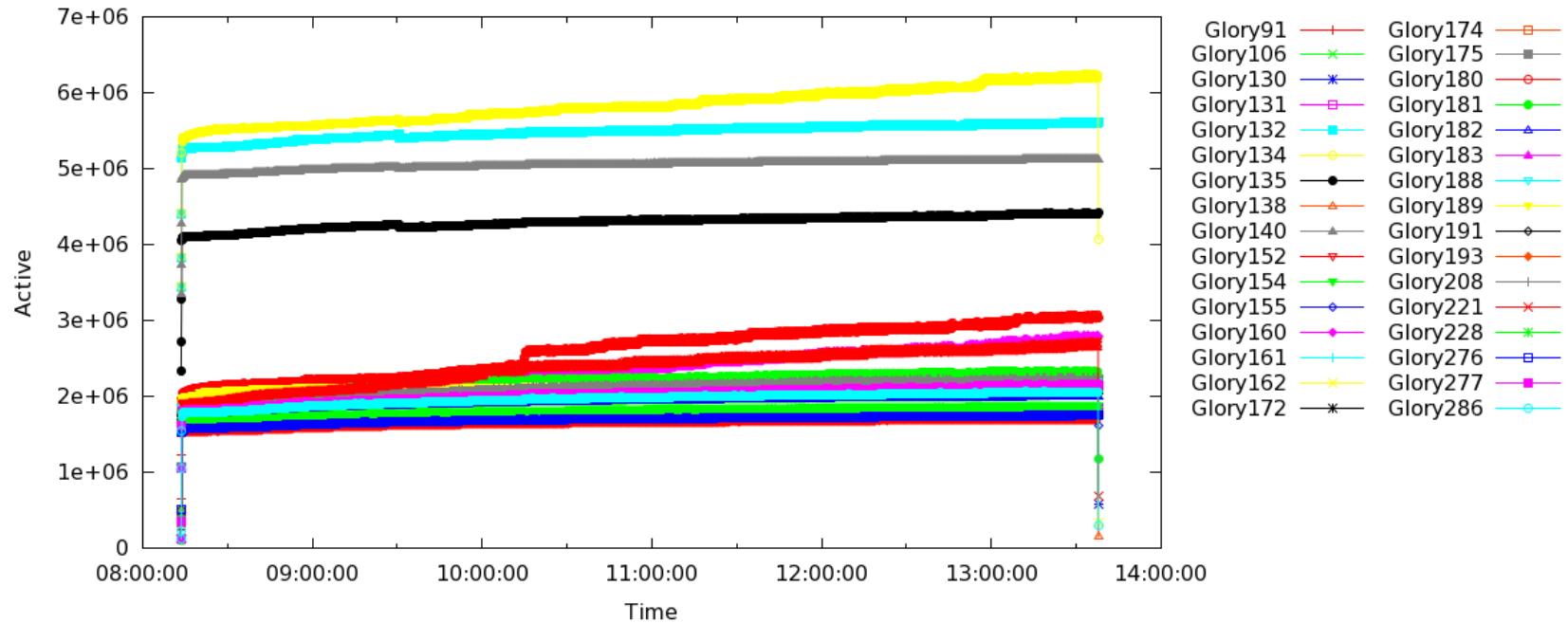
45	2242	1.023e+07	4.537e+06	525824	12/14/12 19:54:52	2.65823e+07	12/14/12 23:01:15		
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50	2195	1.545e+07	4.362e+06	1.7361e+06	12/14/12 19:54:52	3.22476e+07	12/14/12 23:01:35		
56	2242	1.124e+07	5.072e+06	1.19422e+06	12/14/12 19:54:52	2.91891e+07	12/14/12 22:56:55		

Group	NPts	Ave	Min	MinCompId	Max	MaxCompId			

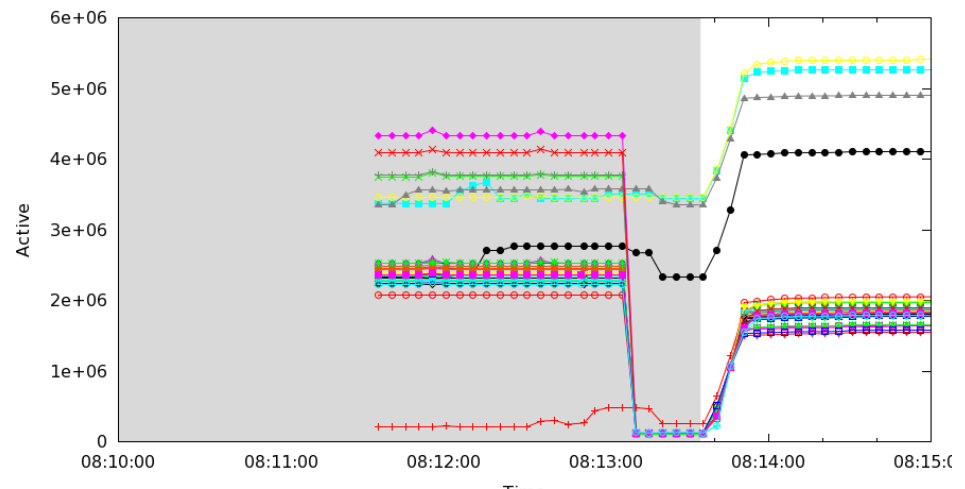
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- Descriptive statistics, high/low water mark, per node and per job basis
- One node averages %50 more active memory over job lifetime than other nodes
- High maximum active memory near job end in all nodes compared to job average, available memory

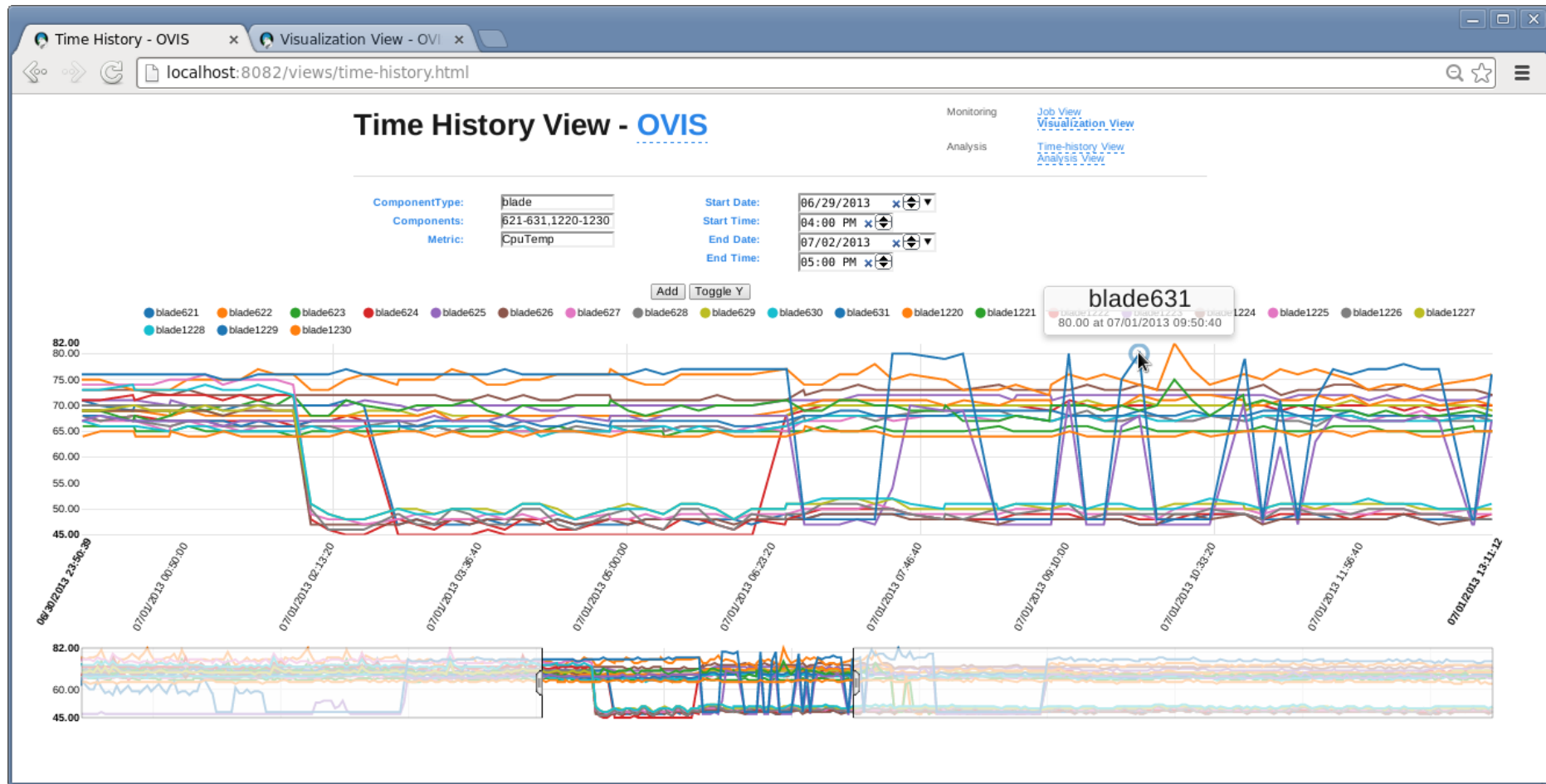
Multi-node: General Behavior



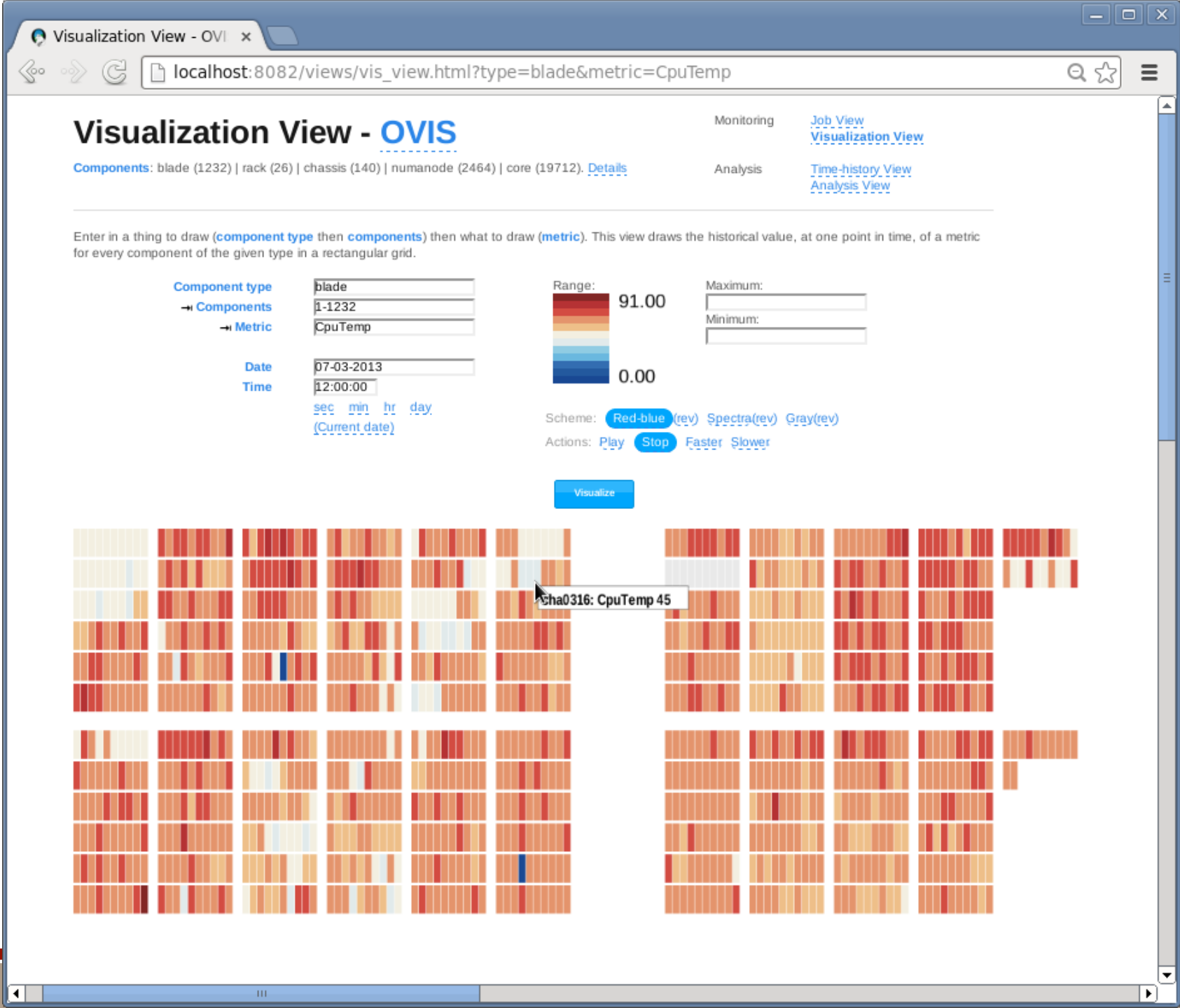
- All nodes similarly behaved but with offset
- Problem is initial node condition



Data Storage Options Enable User's Choice of Analysis Tools

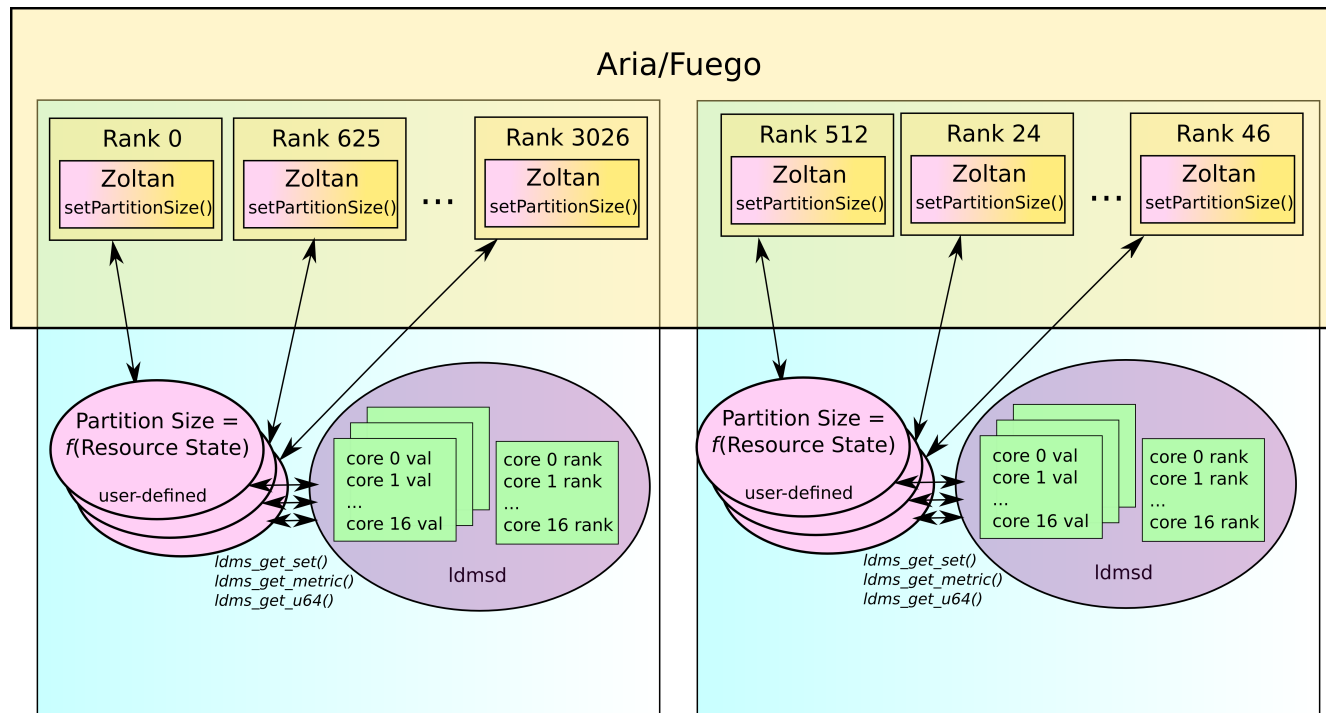


Example: JavaScript Web Visualizations of MySQL data



Resource-Aware Applications

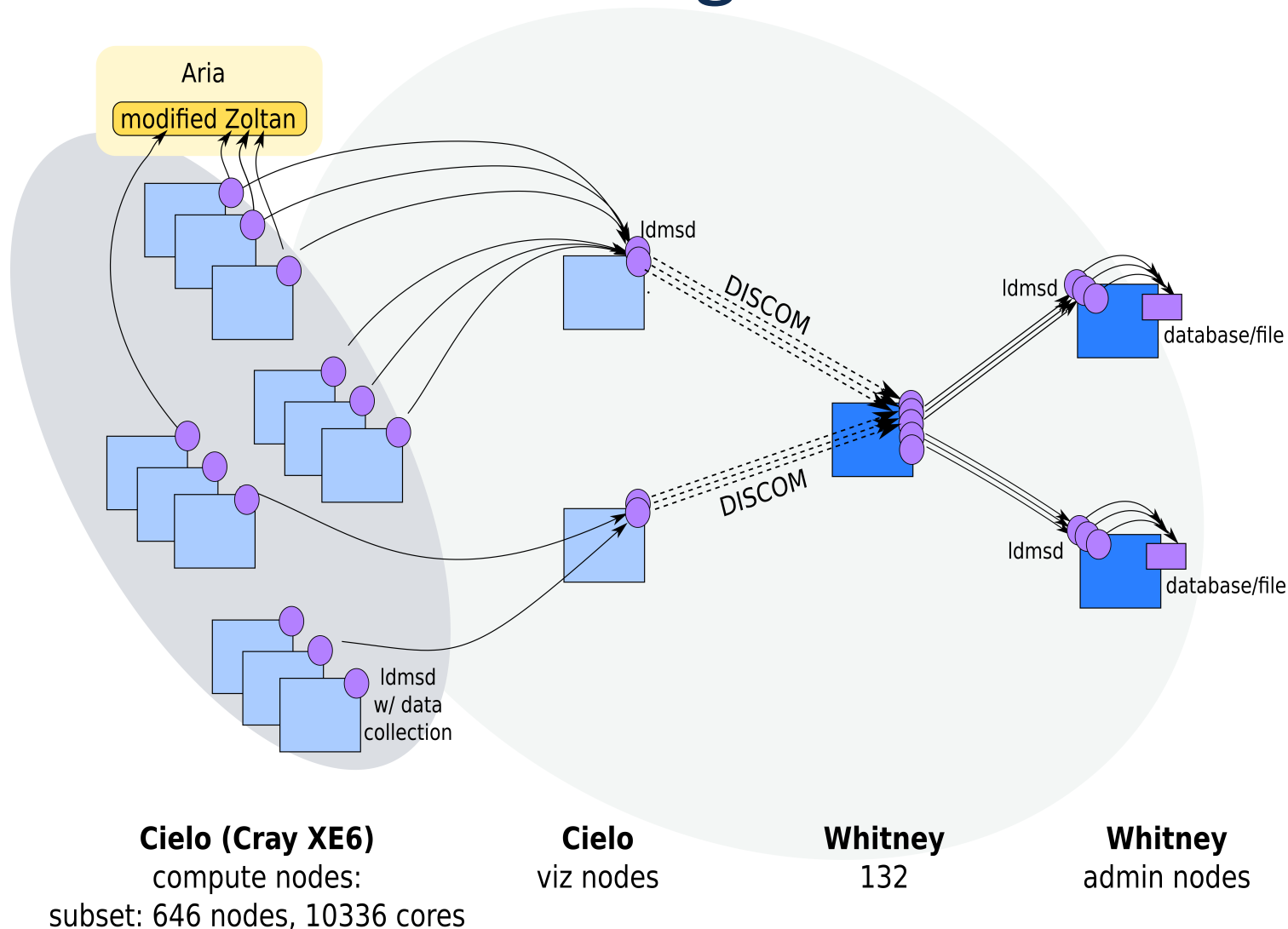
- Performance of an application depends on capabilities of the hardware and system software and on how the application utilizes resources.
- Utilize node level monitoring information to make run-time load balancing decisions.



- SIERRA Applications repartition using Zoltan
- Augmented Zoltan to call LDMS for resource utilization data via on-node interface and use that information in repartitioning calculation

ADVANCED DEPLOYMENT FEATURES

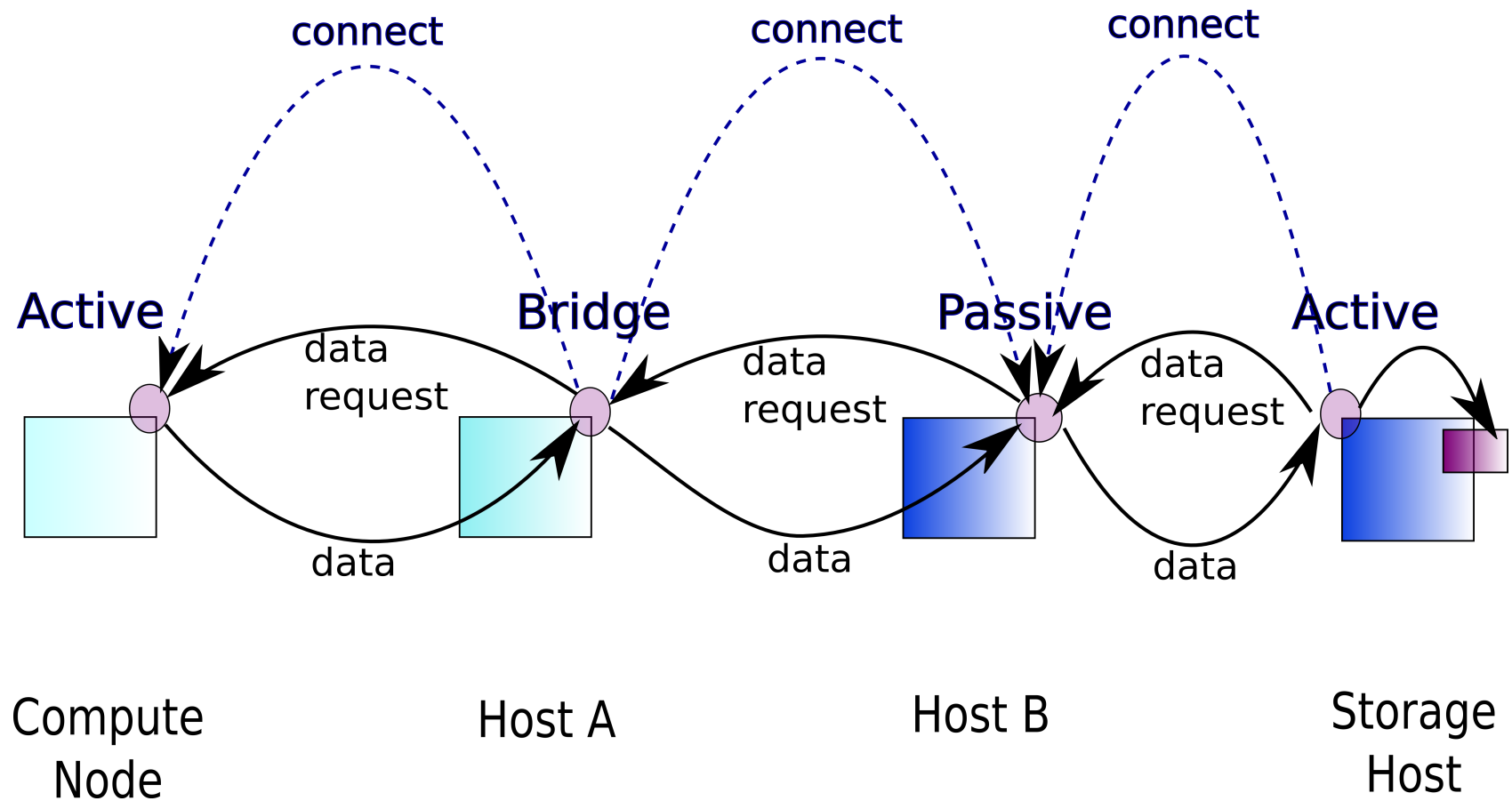
Cielo: Data streaming across DISCOM



FY11 ASC L2 Milestone:

Develop Feedback System for Intelligent Dynamic Resource Allocation to Improve Application Performance

Supporting Security Postures: Asymmetric Network Set-up



Concurrent Administrator and User LDMS Instances

- Admin: Continuous system-wide LDMS deployment supporting administrator data of interest and data rates
- Users: transient job-wide LDMS's launched by the Resource Manager
 - User determines metrics and frequency based on interest and acceptable performance impact
 - User can adjust metrics and rate collected during run time (e.g., change rates, metrics based on what is happening in the computation).

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Security

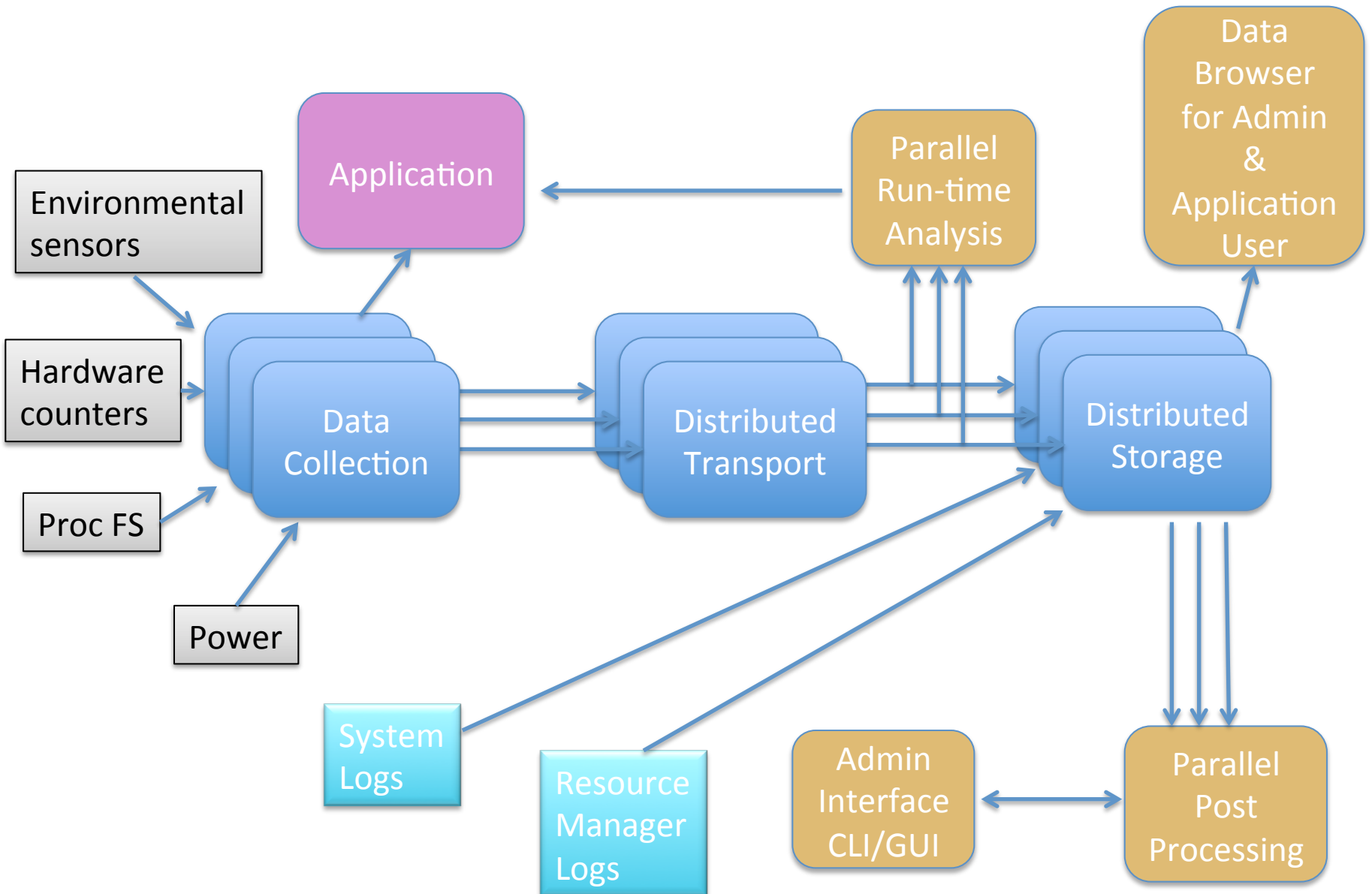
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 - Service nodes – root/privileged user
 - What ports would be open and on what servers
 - Compute nodes – privileged port, unprivileged port for user
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- Privilege
 - Authentication – Unix AUTH
 - Daemons run as root or user/group ldms:ldms
- Communication
 - Trusted Networks (e.g. uGNI)
 - Privileged port or other access mechanism (e.g. PTags in uGNI)
 - Un-trusted Networks
 - Accessible through LDMS secure socket (SSL) transport
 - Authentication through private/public key + Unix AUTH
 - Data are encrypted via SSL

Summary

- Lightweight Distributed Metric Service (LDMS):
 - System service that provides low-overhead collection and storage of high-fidelity system related data
 - Continuous job and system resource utilization profiling
 - Supply to the user full data dumps, graphs, statistics etc
 - Resource utilization information in actual run conditions
 - On-node interface for run-time application interaction
- Developing production architecture to launch per-job LDMS instances
 - User dynamically selects metric sets of interest and frequency based on interest and acceptable performance impact
- Open Source
 - <http://ovis.ca.sandia.gov>
 - ovis@sandia.gov

EXTRA SLIDES

Scalable HPC Information Processing



System CPU Utilization

Metric State

Display the last measurement of a metric for each entity over which the metric is defined.

Namespace

Metric

Min

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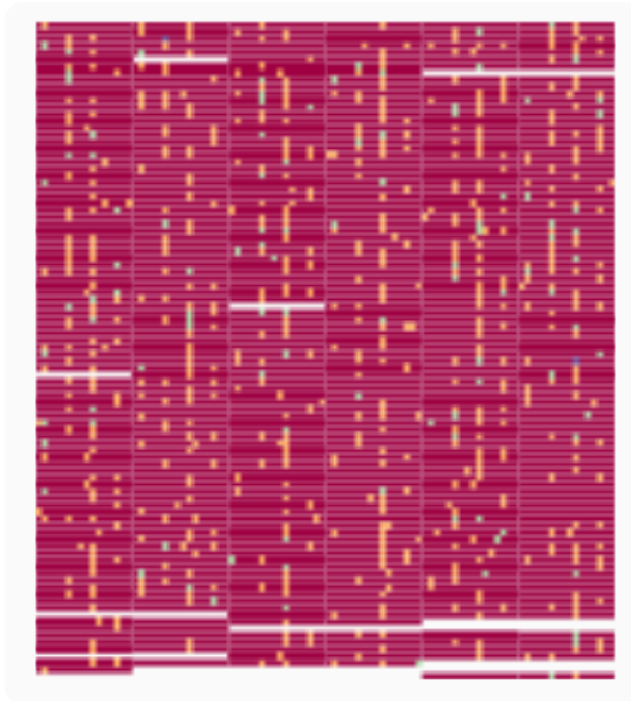
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- 8310 Cores during idle on Cray XE6

Non-Voluntary Context Switches

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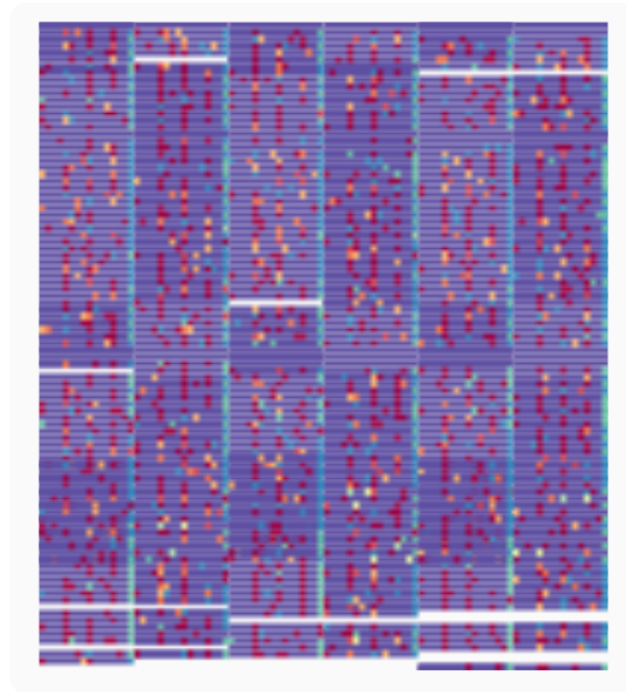
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- From 8310 processor application run on Cray XE6



Visualization View - OVIS

Components: blade (1232) | rack (26) | chassis (140) | numanode (2464) | core (19712). [Details](#)

Monitoring

[Job View](#)

[Visualization View](#)

Analysis

[Time-history View](#)

[Analysis View](#)

Enter in a thing to draw ([component type](#) then [components](#)) then what to draw ([metric](#)). This view draws the historical value, at one point in time, of a metric for every component of the given type in a rectangular grid.

Component type
→ Components
→ Metric

chassis

1-140

InletTemp0

Date
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Time
12:00:00

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(Current date)

Range:

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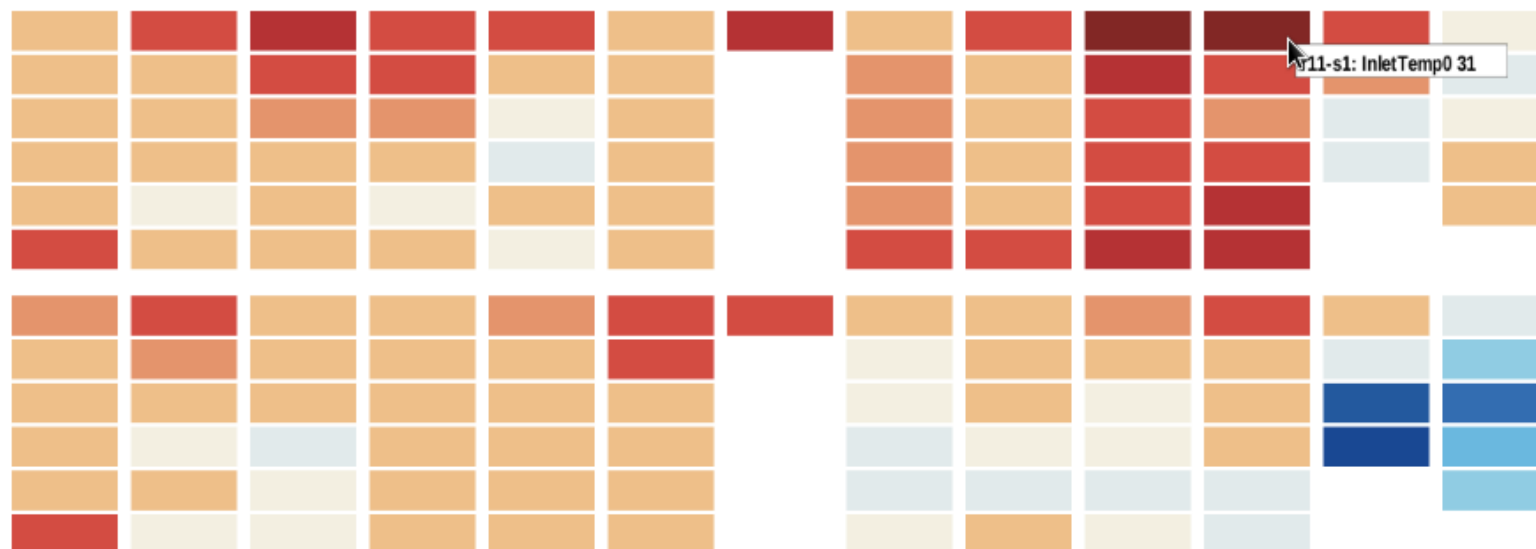
Maximum:

Minimum:

Scheme: [Red-blue](#) (rev) [Spectra](#) (rev) [Gray](#) (rev)

Actions: [Play](#) [Stop](#) [Faster](#) [Slower](#)

Visualize



LDMS MetricSets Example

ldms_ls -h localhost -x sock -p 60000: (Lists the metric sets)

- shuttle-cray.ran.sandia.gov_1/meminfo
- shuttle-cray.ran.sandia.gov_1/procstatutil
- shuttle-cray.ran.sandia.gov_1/vmstat

LDMS MetricSets Example

ldms_ls -h localhost -x sock -p 60000 -v

- shuttle-cray.ran.sandia.gov_1/vmstat
- METADATA -----
- Size : 6954
- Inuse : 3792
- Metric Count : 97
- GN : 98
- DATA -----
- Size : 808
- Inuse : 808
- GN : 105410
- -----
- shuttle-cray.ran.sandia.gov_1/procstatutil
- METADATA -----
- Size : 7805
- Inuse : 4192
- Metric Count : 118
- GN : 119
- DATA -----
- Size : 976
- Inuse : 976
- GN : 128468
- -----

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RDMA Transport Overview

- Metric Sets reside in pinned, registered memory.
 - Metric Sets may reside in either kernel or user memory
- Metric Set Remote Key/Virtual Address is shared with remote peer and returned with metric set directory information
- Metric Set contents are ‘mirrored’ on consumer
- Metric Set contents are made consistent with an RDMA READ that is issued through *ldms_update*

Security

Provide Compatibility with security postures of platforms

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 - Prefer not to run as root – have a trust relationship between source and consumer – currently investigating options

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