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SNL HPC Monitoring and Analysis with AppSysFusion

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Operational Data Analytics – Drowning in Data

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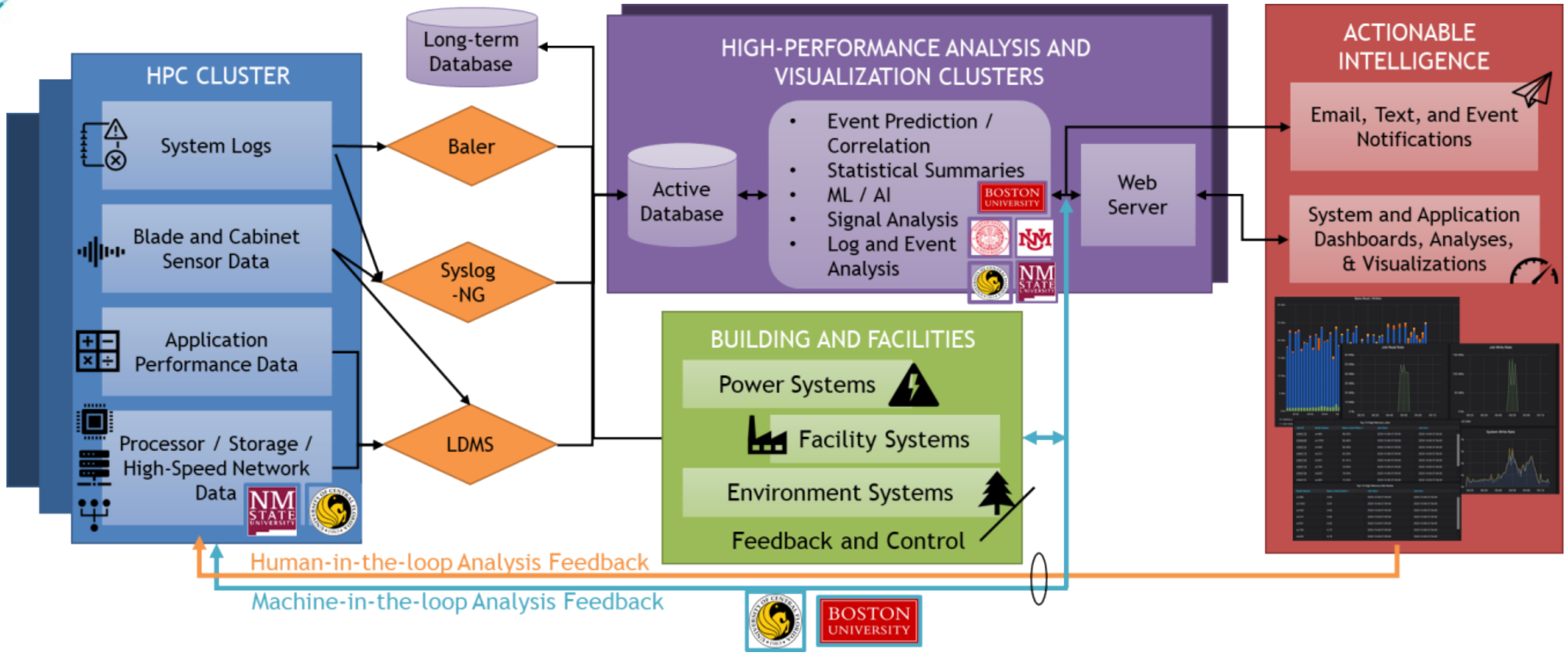
Holistic HPC Monitoring and Analysis Architectural Overview



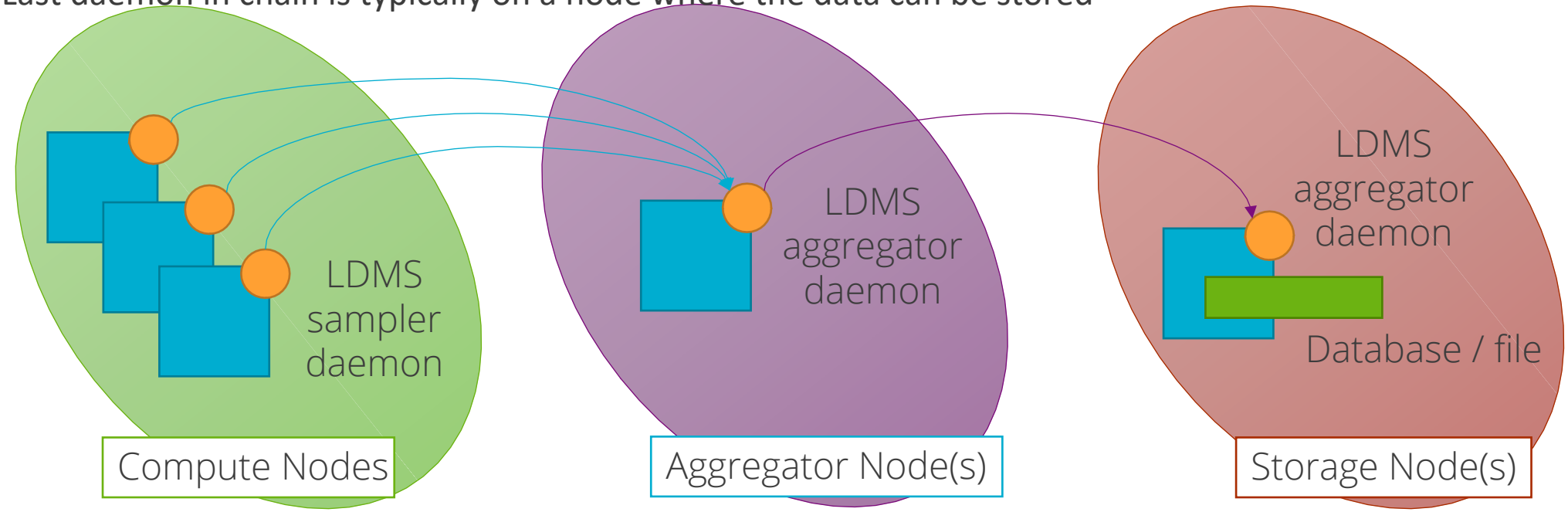
Lightweight Distributed Metric Service (LDMS)

At Sandia, we use LDMS to collect system and application data

- LDMS can collect 1000s of system metrics at sub-second intervals, typically collect at 1 Hz
- These metrics range from network performance counters to filesystem statistics to CPU and memory utilization
- Currently collecting ~10s of TB of data **each day** to custom database Distributed Scalable Object Store (DSOS)

An LDMS sampler daemon on each compute node collects information and sends it synchronously to an LDMS aggregation daemon, typically on an admin node

- Aggregator daemons can chain as many times as desired
- Last daemon in chain is typically on a node where the data can be stored



AppSysFusion: Integrating Application and System Data for Execution Time Diagnosis of Performance Variation

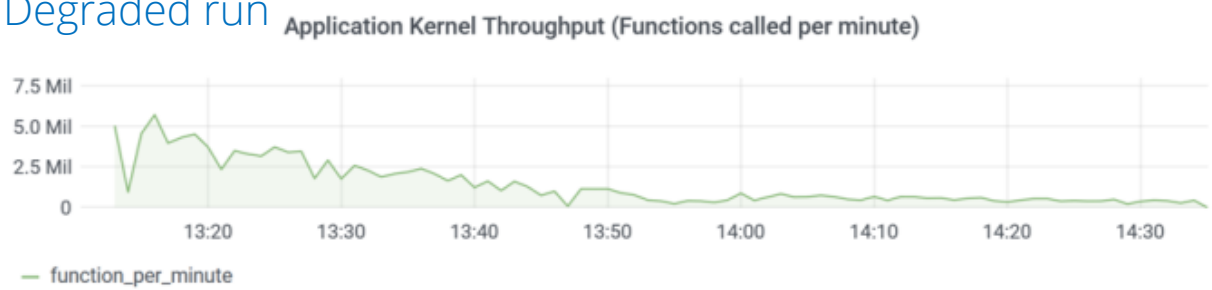
The **AppSysFusion** project combines kernel timing data and system metrics in an analysis and visualization framework to enable real-time insights

- **Kokkos** used to sample application and timing data without recompilation
- **LDMS** used to sample whole-system data and transport all collected data to separate cluster for storage and analysis

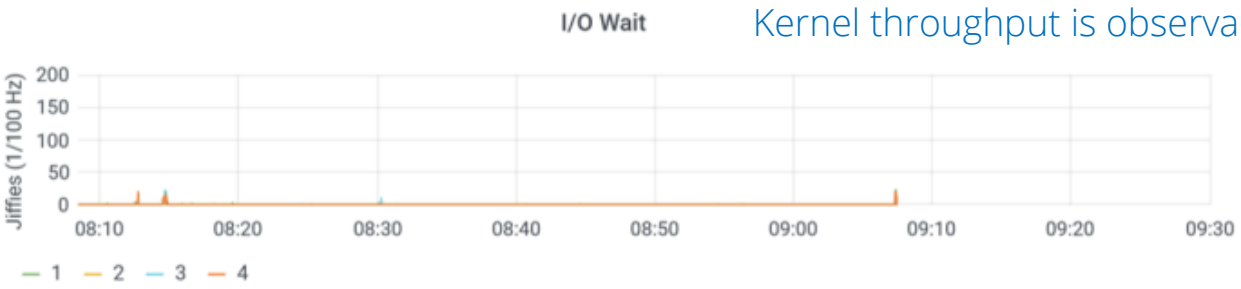
Deployed on several HPC systems at SNL and collaborating with multiple code teams

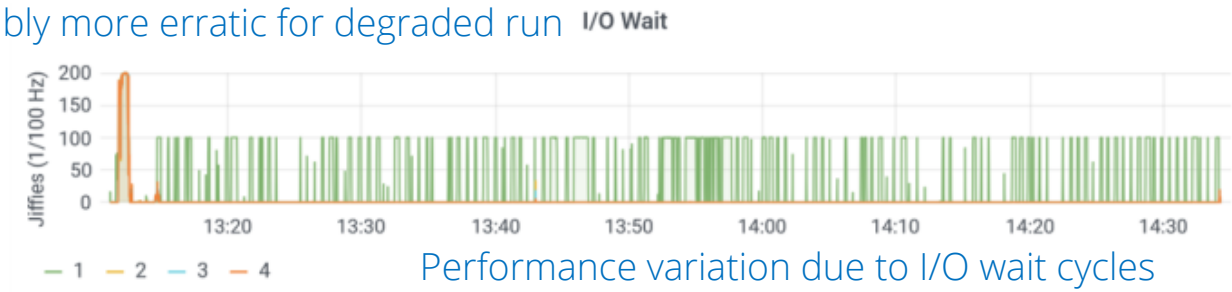
Normal run

Degraded run



Kernel throughput is observably more erratic for degraded run





Performance variation due to I/O wait cycles

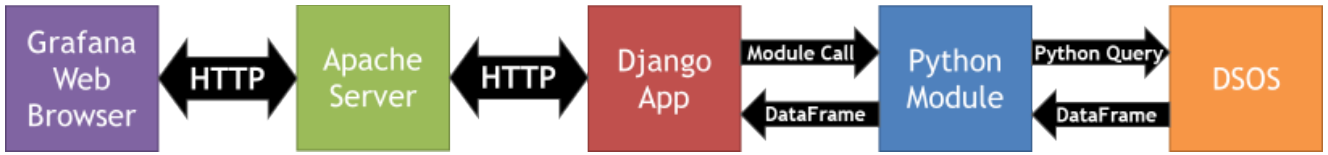
Dashboard of EMPIRE run with and without degraded performance caused by significant I/O contention

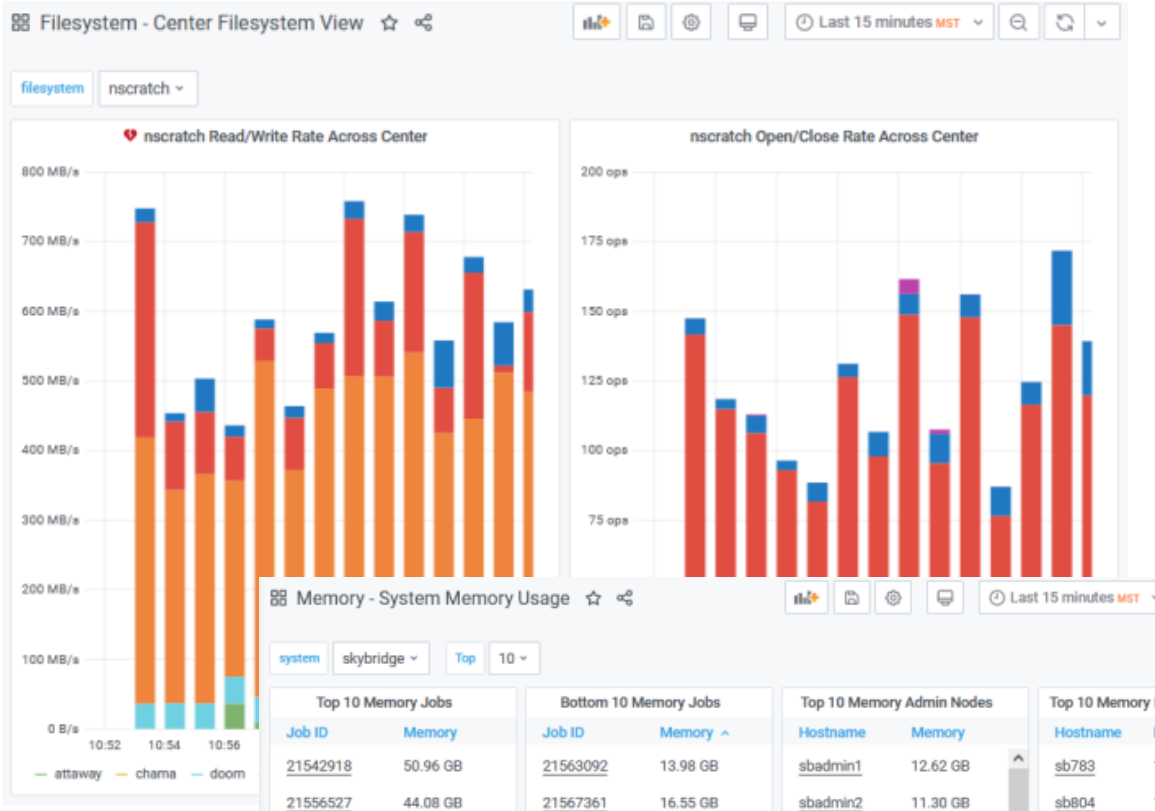
Runtime Analysis and Visualization of System and Applications

User queries from Grafana dashboards are sent through a backend python application which can call python analyses to derive metrics from raw data

- In-query analyses save significant computation time/resources for creating analysis results
  - Only data of interest is analyzed and new analyses can be created without recreation of analysis results across the database
  - Analyses can easily be changed / added to meet new challenges and decrease

Python modules can query the database and return pandas DataFrames for analysis





University Research Collaborations

SNL has partnered with six universities over the past five years to explore research topics for HPC monitoring and analysis

University collaborations allow us to explore and trial new techniques with top researchers in their field

Brief list of university topics:

- Boston University – Machine Learning Modelling of HPC Anomalies
- New Mexico State University – GPU Resource Monitoring and Application Instrumentation
- University of Central Florida – HPC Resource Allocation and Metric Collection Research
- University of New Mexico – Time-series Analysis using Dynamic Time Warping
- University of Northeastern – Network and DARSHAN I/O Characterization and Clustering
- University of Urbana Champaign – Network Contention / Modelling Analysis

SNL has been researching monitoring and analysis techniques for HPC centers since 2003

List of most publications can be found at https://github.com/ovis-hpc/ovis-publications/wiki

Questions?

Backup Slides

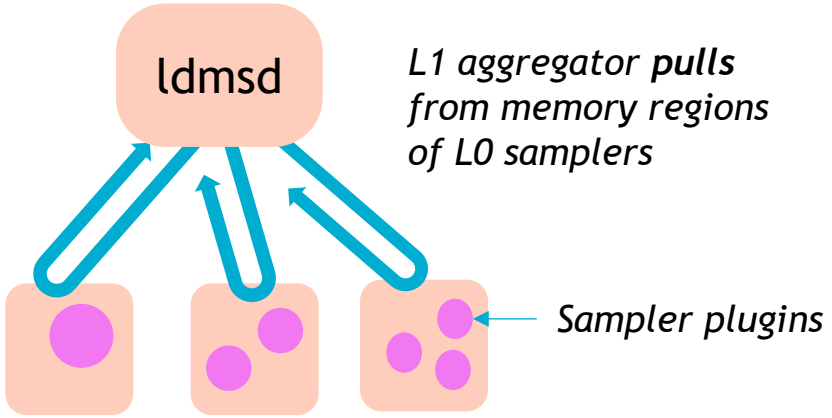
Enabling Application Data Injection via LDMS

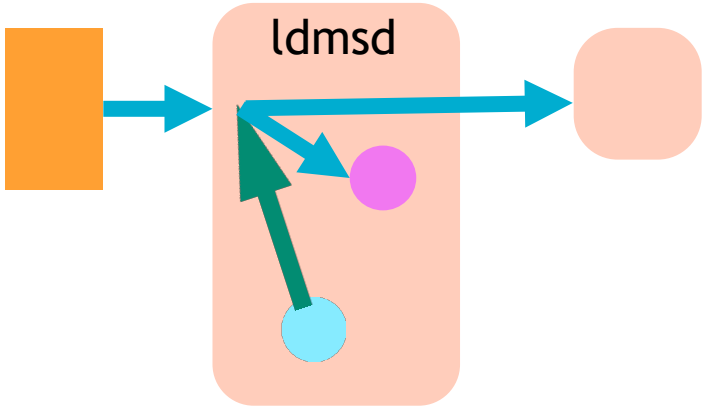
LDMS - **low-overhead (<1% application)** data collection, transport, and storage capability designed for **continuous monitoring** supporting **run time analytics** and feedback.

- System data collection is typically **synchronous** at regular (e.g., second or less) intervals
- **Structured** data format (i.e., metric set) designed to minimize data movement
- Transport is typically **pull** based to minimize CPU interference
- Transport to multiple arbitrary consumers over both RDMA and socket

LDMS Streams – **on demand publication** of loosely formatted information to subscribers

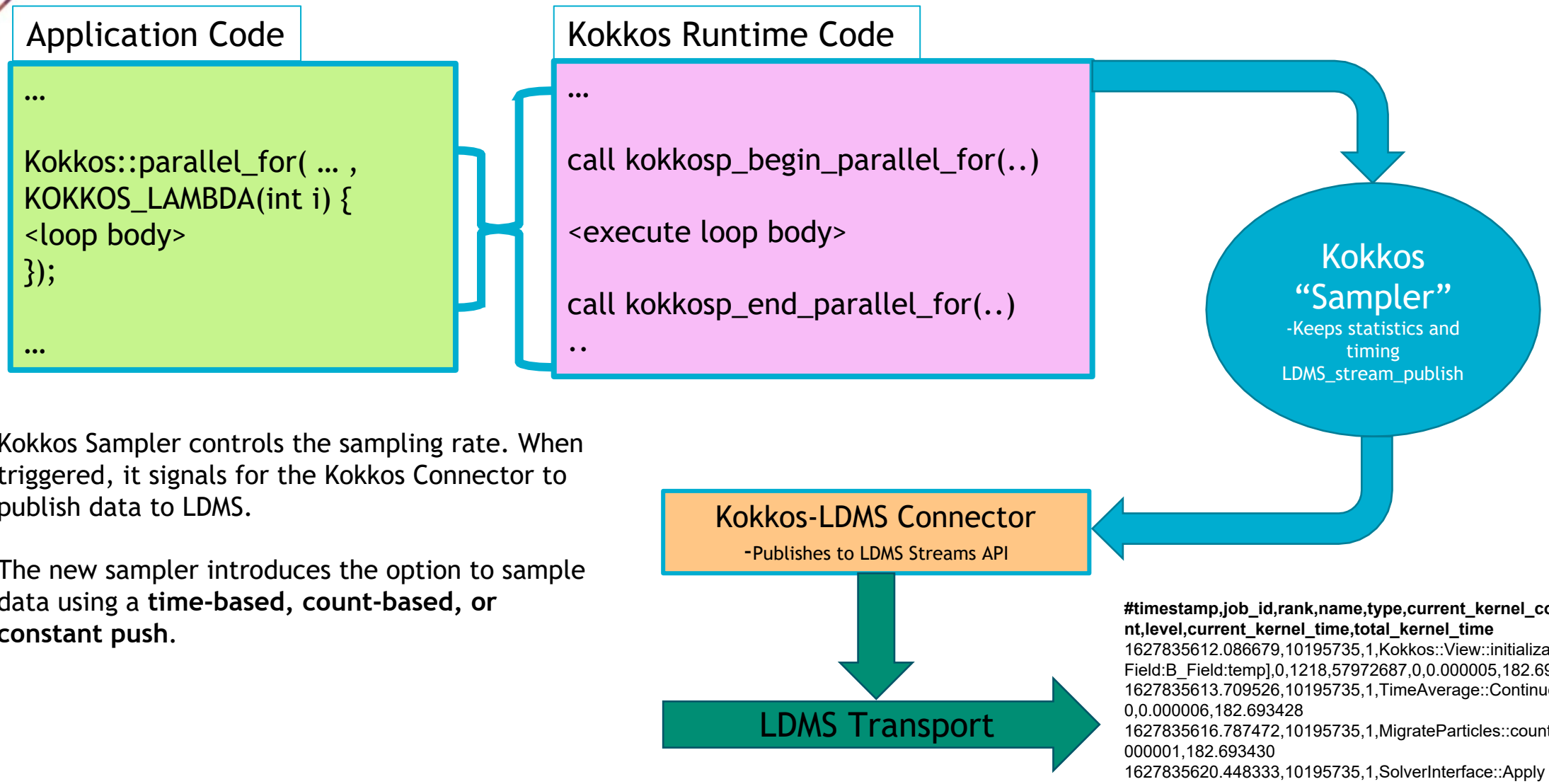
- Transport is **push** based and supports **asynchronous** event data (e.g. scheduler and log data)
- **Unstructured** data





*Daemon publish API called from externally or by a plugin **pushes** to ldmsd which pushes to all subscribing plugins and aggregators*

Kokkos to LDMS publish



Kokkos Sampler controls the sampling rate. When triggered, it signals for the Kokkos Connector to publish data to LDMS.

The new sampler introduces the option to sample data using a **time-based, count-based, or constant push**.

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DSOS: Enabling Scalable Ingest and Queries for Analysis and Viz

Distributed Scalable Object Store (DSOS) is a scalable database with a variety of features which enable simultaneous large-scale data ingest and queries

- Designed specifically for large-scale HPC monitoring data ingest and query with flexibility to change and adapt as needs arise
- Coordinates databases across multiple devices and nodes to present a “single, unified” database to the end user
- High insert rate for continuous data collection
- Indices can be created or removed as needed for optimizing queries without reloading data
- Python, C, and C++ API and command line interface