

10.6.2 against 10.5.4

Plutus countdown loop workload

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Manifest

We compare 10.5.4 (Conway) and 10.6.2 (Conway) relative to 10.5.4 (Conway), under Plutus countdown loop workload.

	10.5.4	10.6.2
Analysis date	2026-02-07	2026-02-14
Cluster system start date	2026-02-06	2026-02-13
Cluster system start time	17:25:54	09:44:33
Identifier	10.5.4	10.6.2
Run batch	1054	10.6.2
GHC version	9.6.5	9.6.7
cardano-node version	10.5.4	10.6.2
ouroboros-consensus version	0.27.0.0	0.30.0.1
ouroboros-network version	0.21.6.1	0.22.6.0
cardano-ledger-core version	1.17.0.0	1.18.0.0
plutus-core version	1.45.0.0	1.57.0.0
cardano-crypto version	1.3.0	1.3.0
cardano-prelude version	0.2.1.0	0.2.1.0
cardano-node git	b0a1259	0d697f1
ouroboros-consensus git	8e3afe1	96a9e1b
ouroboros-network git	6275b8f	b49dfd9
cardano-ledger-core git	a9e78ae	faa7a9d
plutus-core git	ba16ec6	8ab7a76
cardano-crypto git	unknown	unknown
cardano-prelude git	68e015f	68e015f
Era	conway	conway
Delegation map size	1000000	1000000
Stuffed UTxO size	4000000	4000000
DRep count	10000	10000
Extra tx payload	100	100
Tx inputs	1	1
Tx Outputs	1	1
TPS	0.85	0.85
Transaction count	61200	61200
Plutus script	Loop	Loop
Machines	52	52
Number of filters applied	4	4
Log objects emitted per host	915544.32692	896428.11538
Log objects analysed per host	613953.84615	614733.98076
Host run time, s	71860.1	71875.2
Host log line rate, Hz	12.740	12.472
Total log objects analysed	31925600	31966167
Run time, s	71863	71885
Analysed run duration, s	56009	56020
Run time efficiency	0.77	0.77
Node start spread, s	5.6183688	5.3376002
Node stop spread, s	2.1555507	9.2491610
Slots analysed	56007	56012
Blocks analysed	2771	2816
Blocks rejected	888	869

Analysis

Resource Usage

	10.5.4	10.6.2	Δ	Δ%
Forge loop starts, units	0.99894	0.99905	0.000	0.0
Process CPU usage, %	4.0087	3.9472	-0.062	-2
RTS GC CPU usage, %	0.2437	0.2039	-0.040	-16
RTS Mutator CPU usage, %	3.7587	3.7375	-0.021	-0.6
Major GCs, events	0.0008	0.0011	0.000	34
Minor GCs, events	0.9875	0.3548	-0.633	-64
Kernel RSS, MiB	7962.4	6459.8	-1502.645	-19
RTS heap size, MiB	7901.1	6396.8	-1504.303	-19
RTS live GC dateset, MiB	3381.6	2460.5	-921.101	-27
RTS alloc rate, MiB/s	28.847	10.5	-18.347	-64
Filesystem reads, KiB/s	0.0	0.0	0.000	NaN
Filesystem writes, KiB/s	225.1	223.92	-1.182	-0.5
CPU 85% spans, slots	10.644	12.403	1.760	17

Anomaly control

	10.5.4	10.6.2	Δ	Δ%
Blocks per host, blocks	72.288	72.846	0.558	0.8
Filtered to chained blocks, :	0.7574	0.7647	0.007	1.0
Chained to forged blocks, :	0.973	0.9729	-0.000	-0.0
Height & slot battles, blocks	0.00072	0.00071	-0.000	0
Block size, Bytes	2996.1	2996.	-0.019	-0.0

Forging

	10.5.4	10.6.2	Δ	$\Delta\%$
Started forge loop iteration, s	0.00106	0.00123	0.000	16
Acquired block context, s	6.9e-5	7.1e-5	0.000	0
Acquired ledger state, s	9.5e-5	0.00013	0.000	0
Acquired ledger view, s	3.0e-5	3.1e-5	0.000	0
Leadership check duration, s	0.00043	0.00041	-0.000	0
Ledger ticking, s	0.02343	0.02065	-0.003	-12
Mempool snapshotting, s	0.0015	0.00169	0.000	13
Leadership to forged, s	0.00017	0.00019	0.000	0
Forged to announced, s	0.00067	0.0006	-0.000	0
Forged to sending, s	0.00643	0.00536	-0.001	-17
Forged to self-adopted, s	0.04724	0.04395	-0.003	-7
Slot start to announced, s	0.02745	0.025	-0.002	-9

Individual peer propagation

	10.5.4	10.6.2	Δ	$\Delta\%$
First peer notice, s	0.02932	0.02683	-0.002	-9
First peer fetch, s	0.03547	0.03323	-0.002	-6
Notice to fetch request, s	0.0012	0.00128	0.000	0
Fetch duration, s	0.12669	0.12356	-0.003	-2
Fetched to announced, s	0.0008	0.00074	-0.000	0
Fetched to sending, s	0.04298	0.04421	0.001	3
Fetched to adopted, s	0.04481	0.04685	0.002	5

End-to-end propagation

	10.5.4	10.6.2	Δ	$\Delta\%$
0.50 adoption, s	0.28804	0.2869	-0.001	-0.4
0.80 adoption, s	0.46417	0.45071	-0.013	-3
0.90 adoption, s	0.47493	0.4661	-0.009	-2
0.92 adoption, s	0.47799	0.47015	-0.008	-2
0.94 adoption, s	0.48168	0.47568	-0.006	-1
0.96 adoption, s	0.48518	0.48306	-0.002	-0.4
0.98 adoption, s	0.49098	0.49709	0.006	1
1.00 adoption, s	0.50126	0.55249	0.051	10

Appendix A: charts

Cluster performance charts

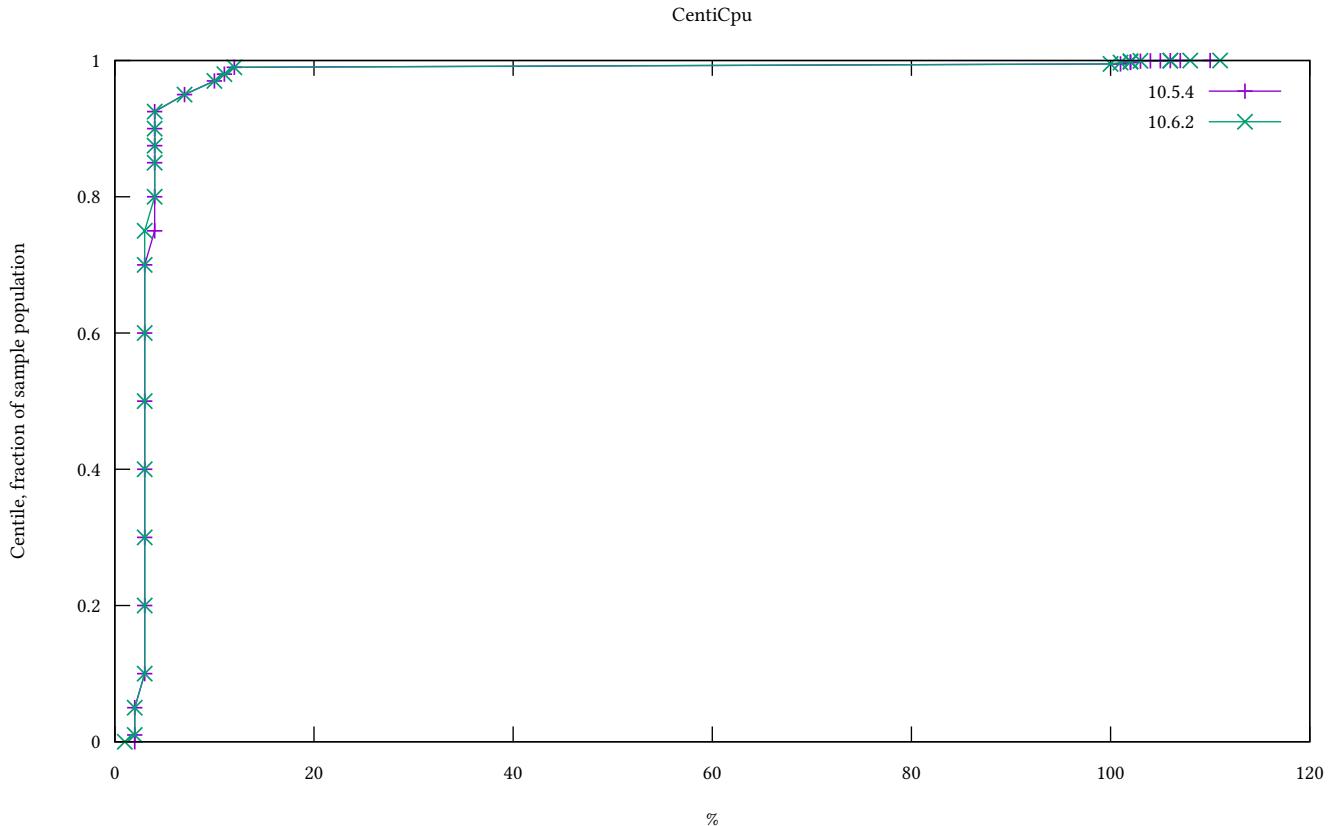


Figure 1: Process CPU usage

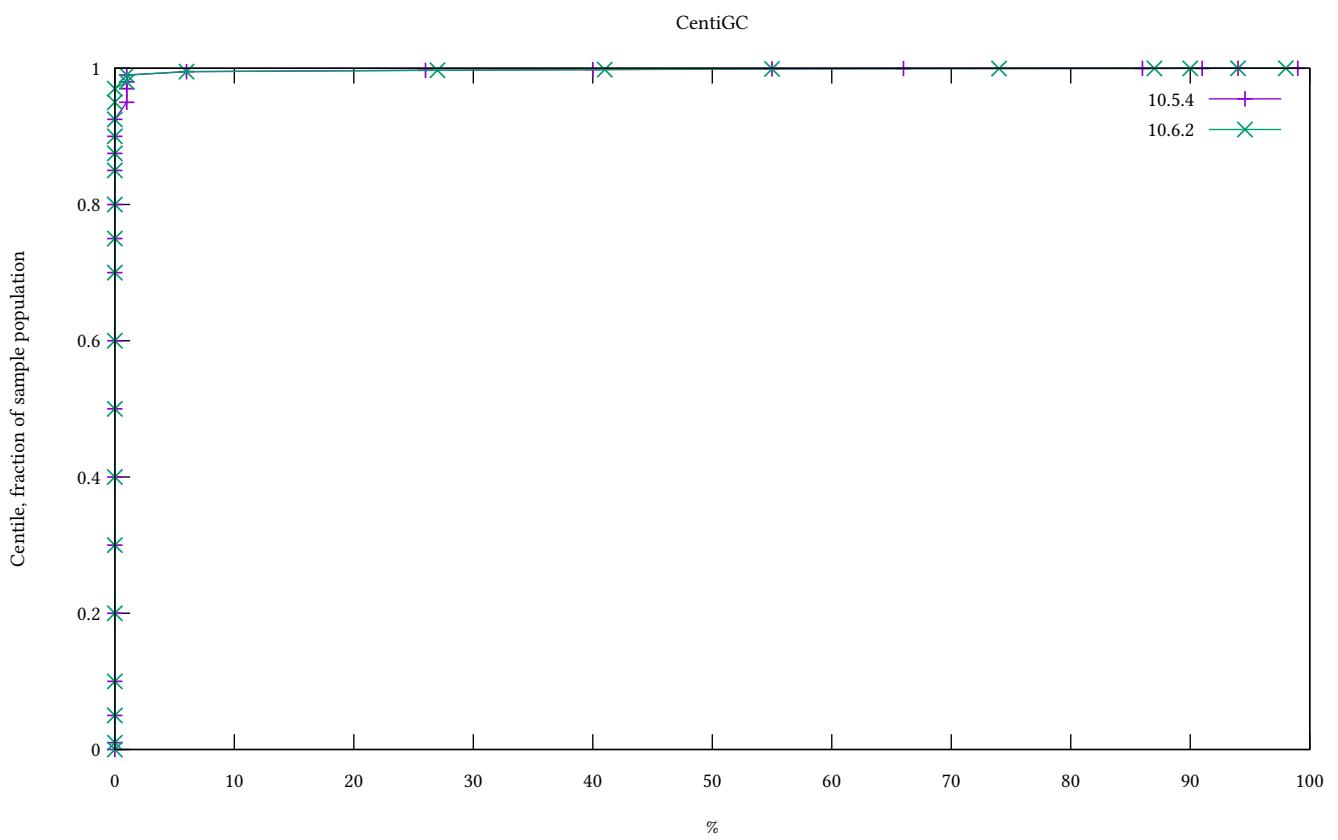


Figure 2: RTS GC CPU usage

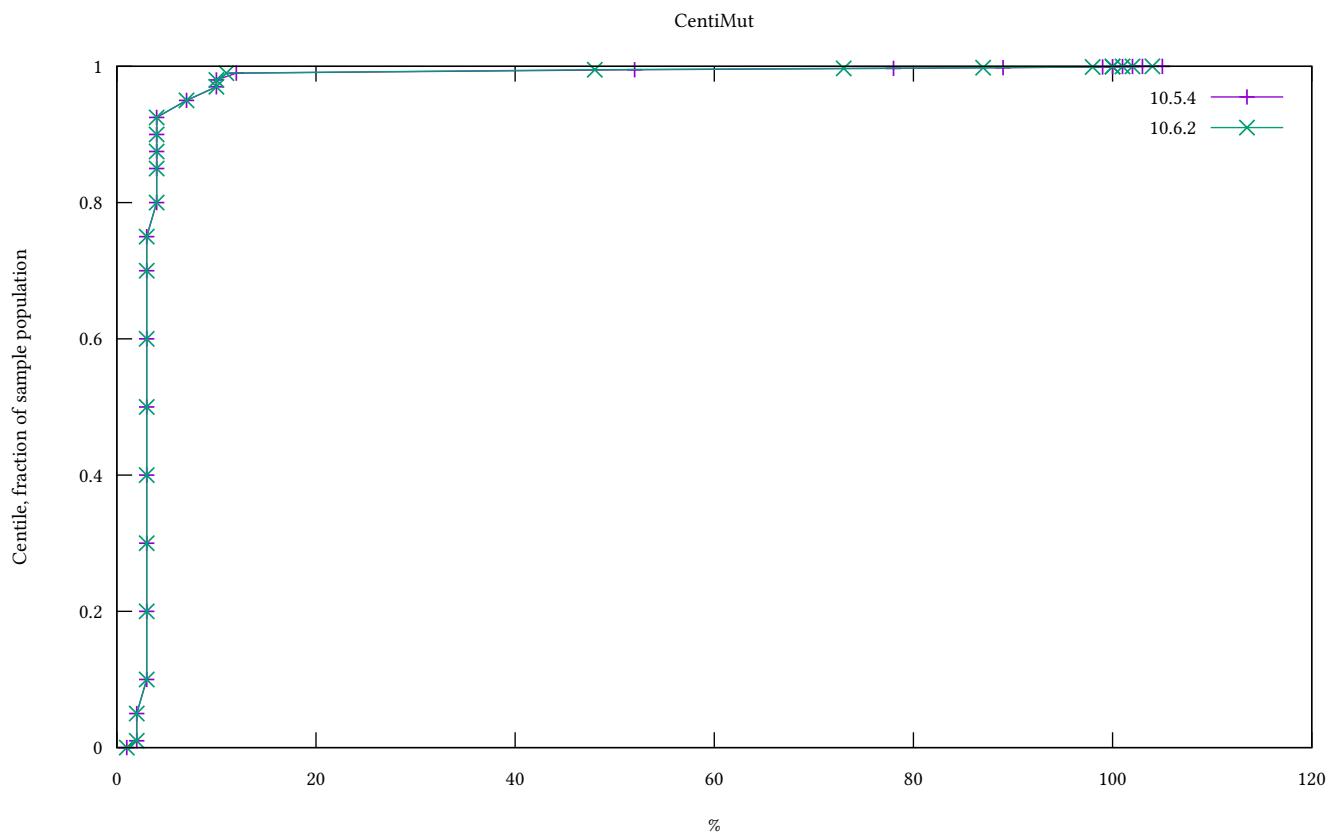


Figure 3: RTS Mutator CPU usage

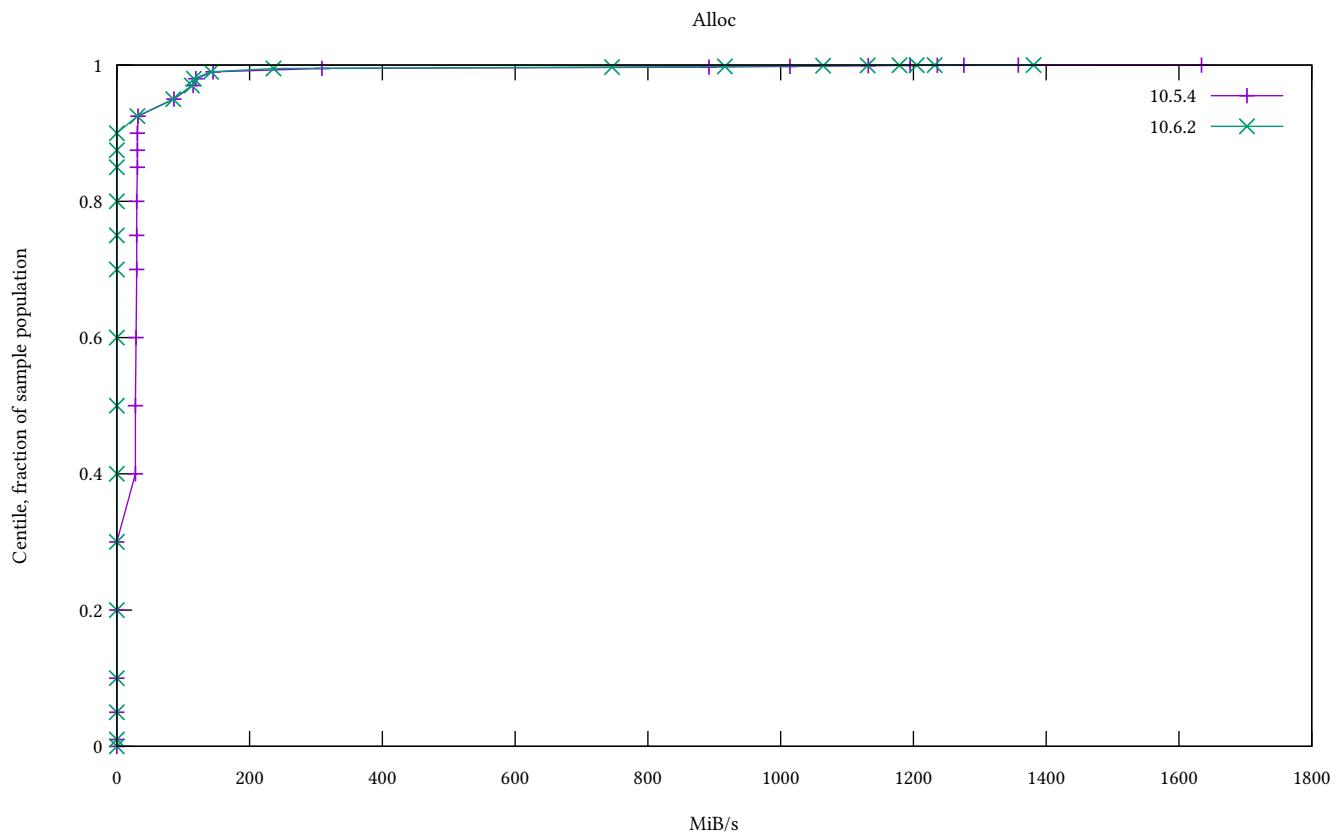


Figure 4: RTS alloc rate

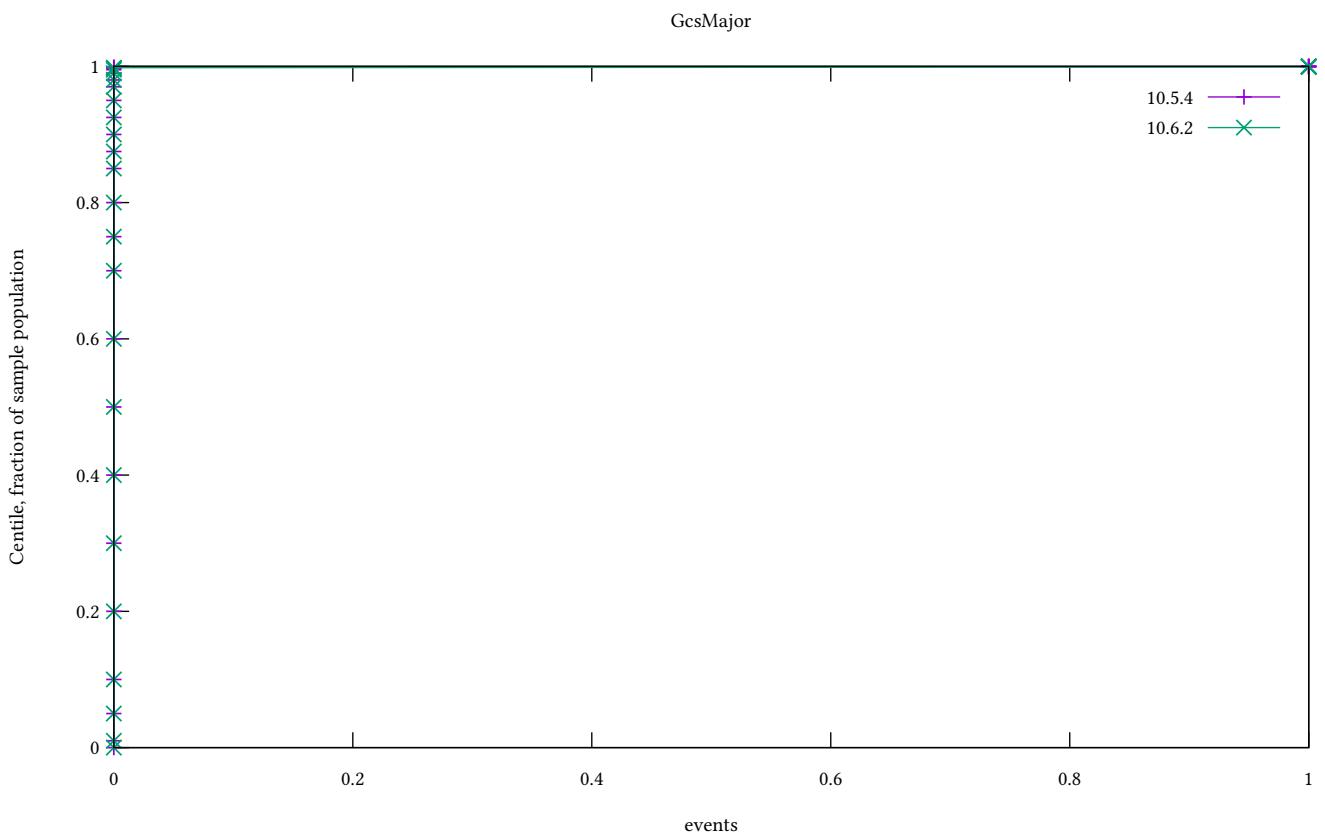


Figure 5: Major GCs

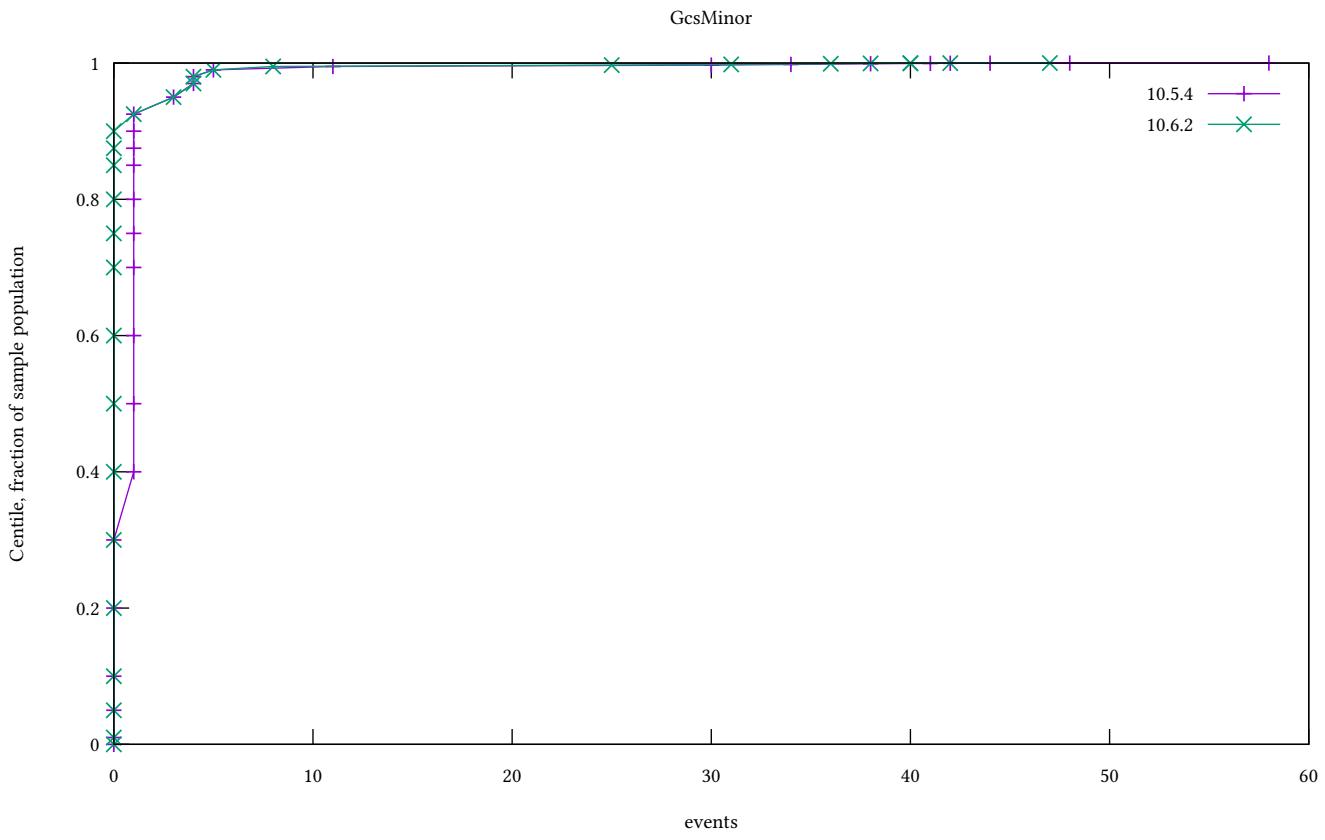


Figure 6: Minor GCs

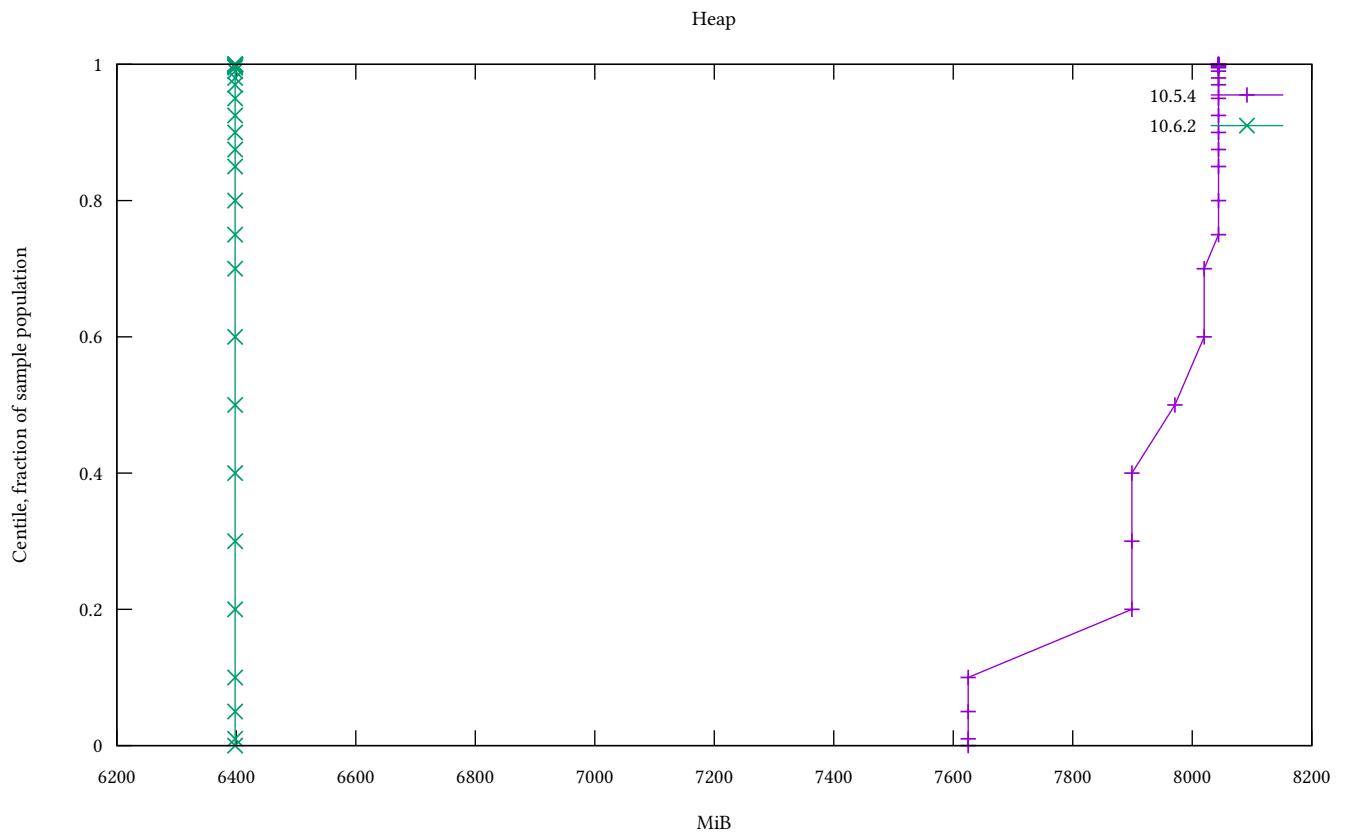


Figure 7: RTS heap size

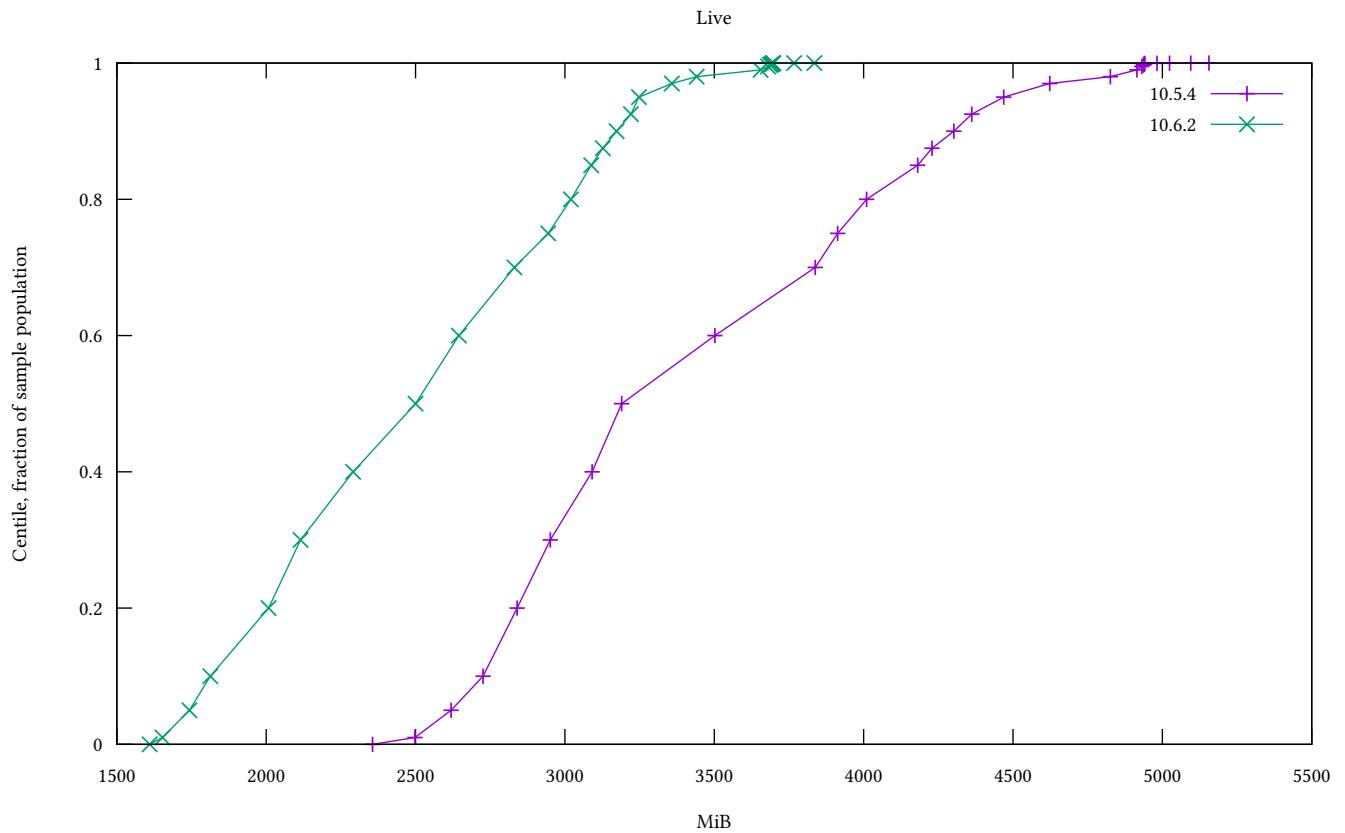


Figure 8: RTS live GC dataset

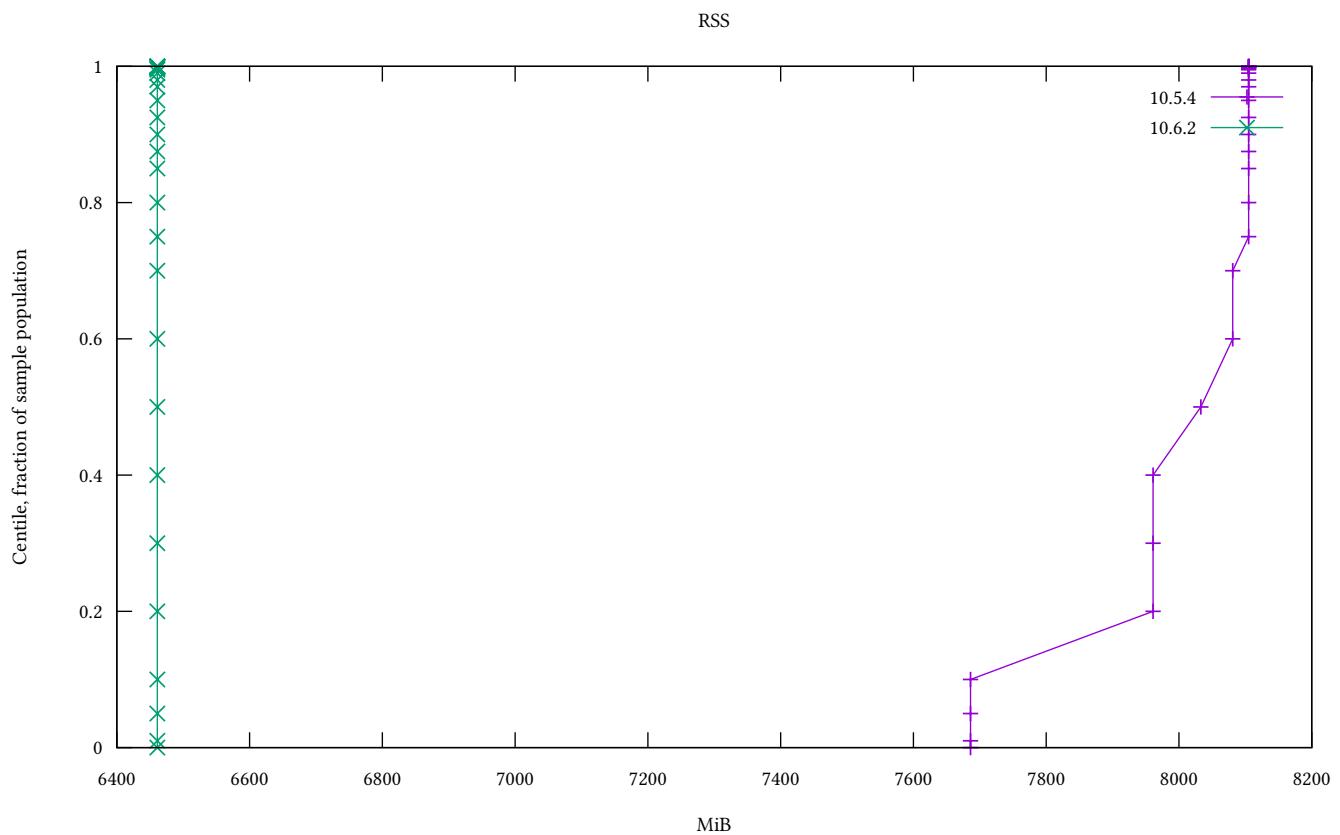


Figure 9: Kernel RSS

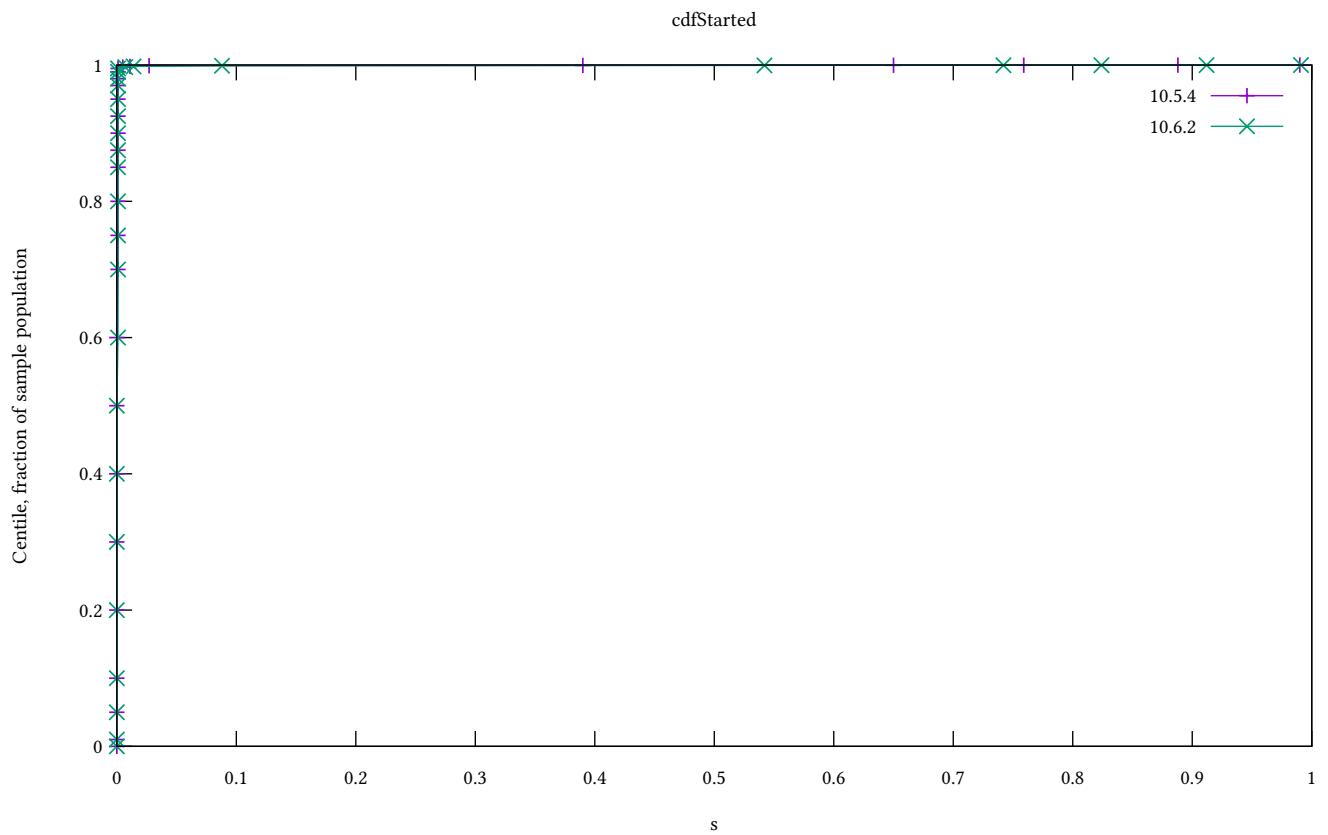


Figure 10: Forge loop tardiness

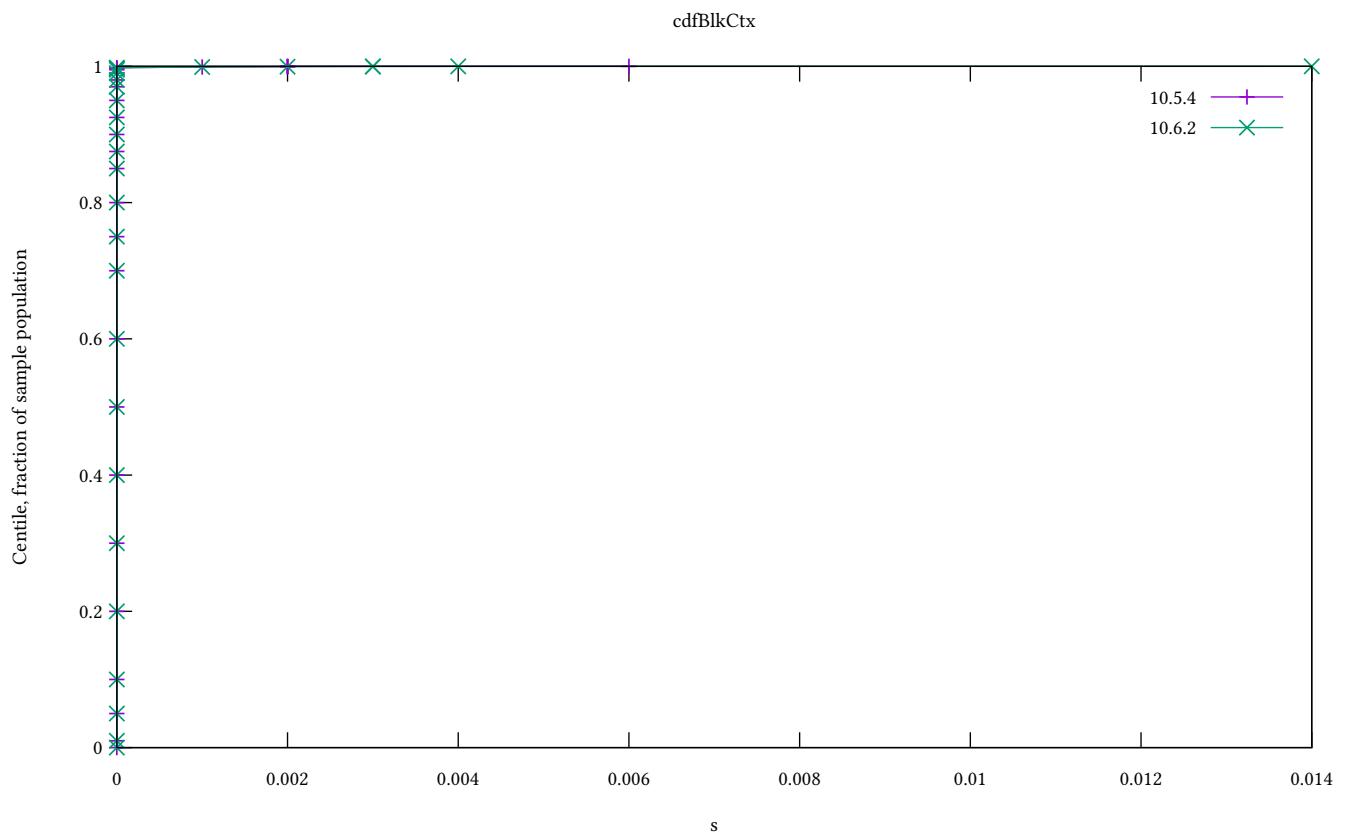


Figure 11: Block context acquisition delay

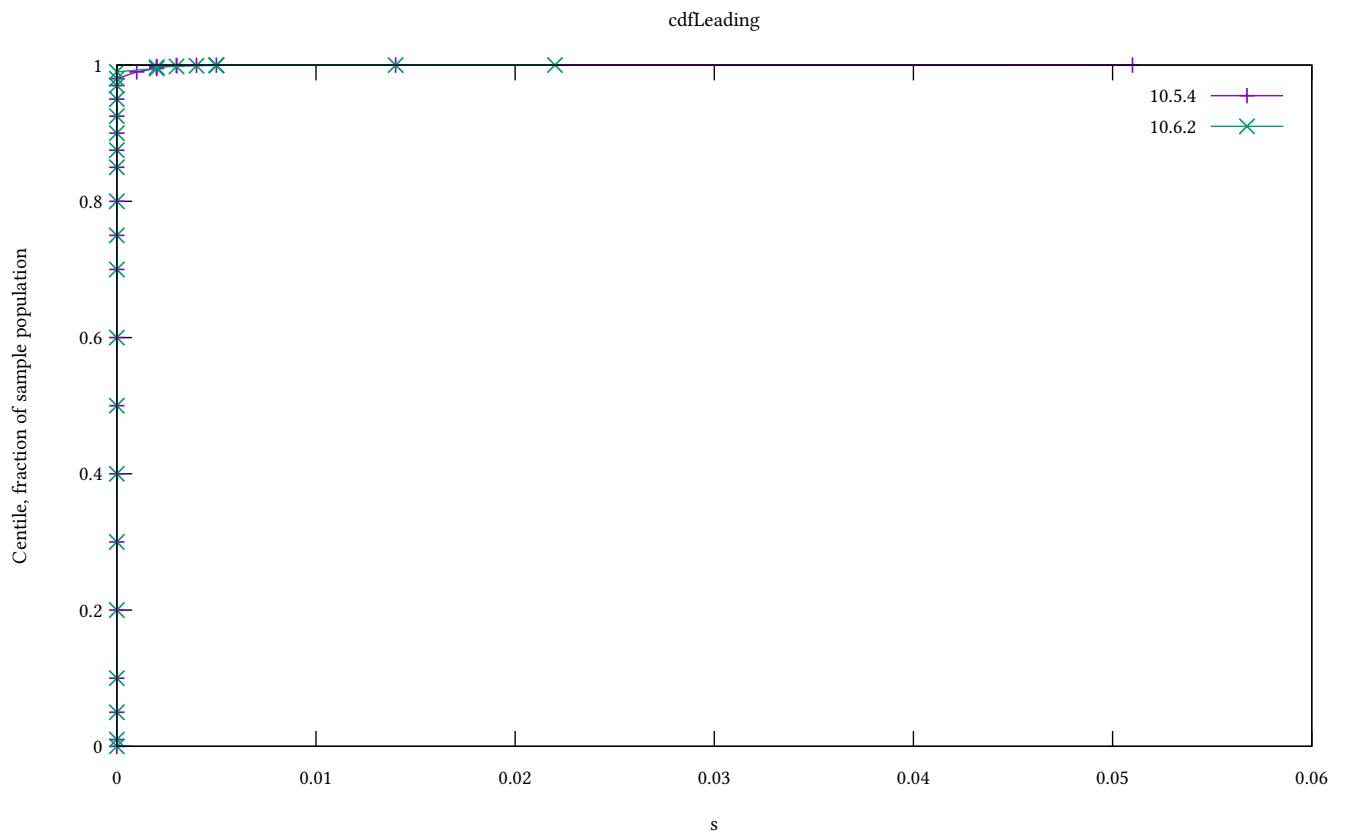


Figure 12: Leadership check duration

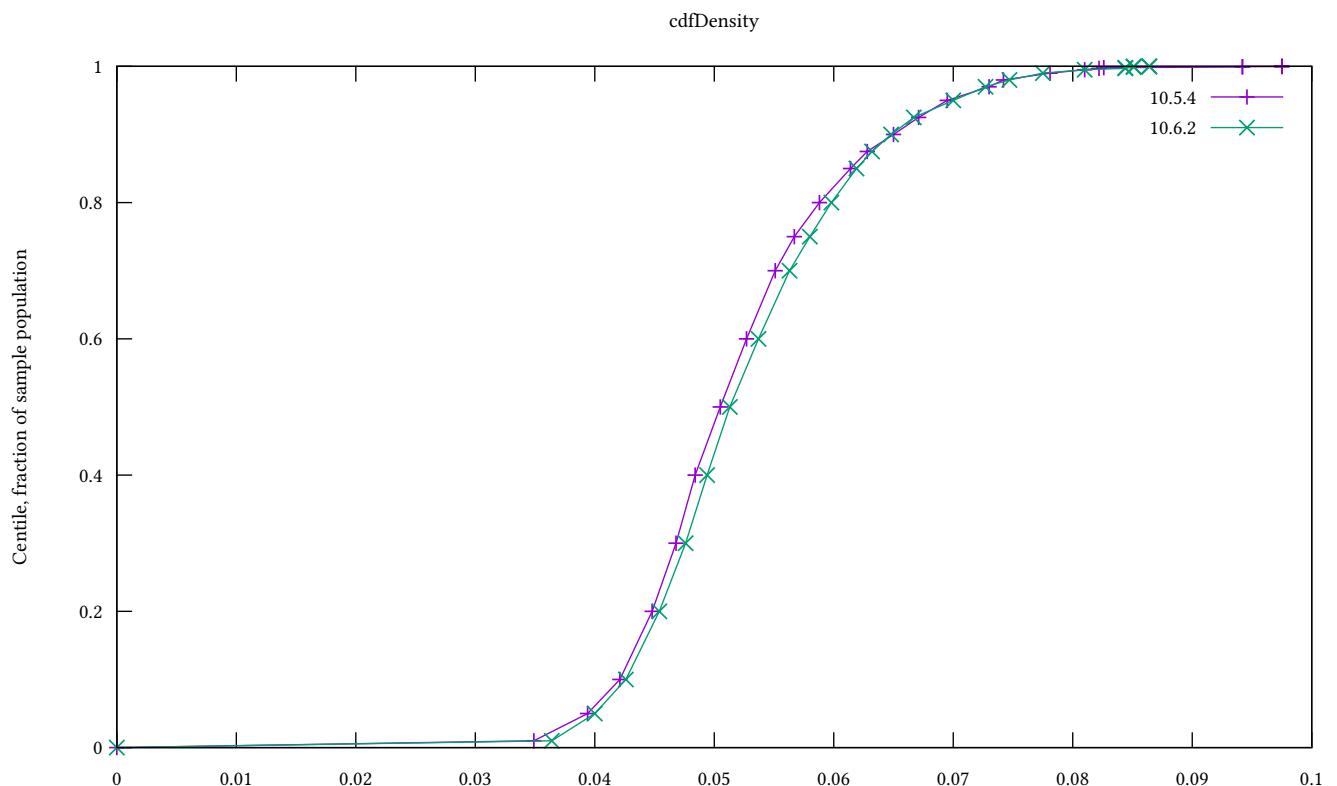


Figure 13: Chain density

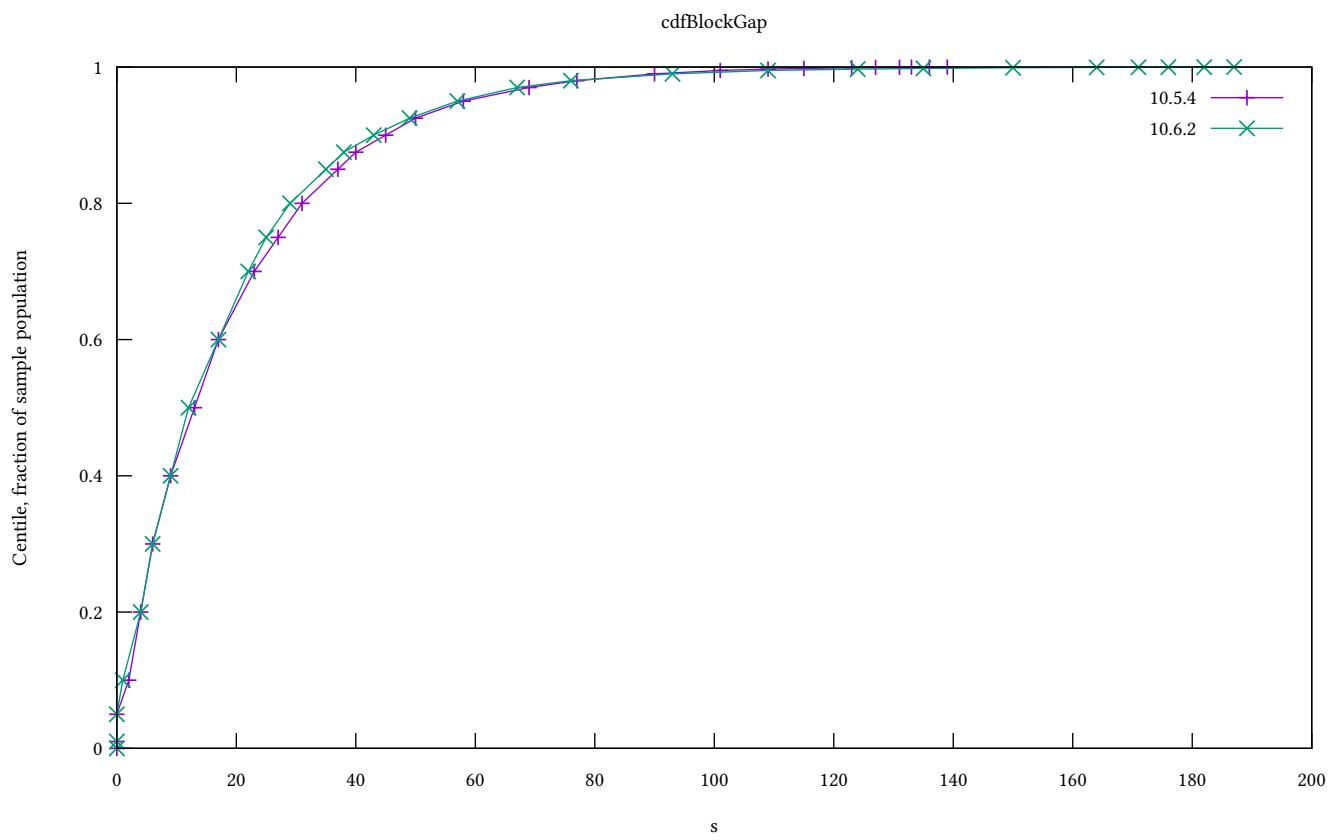


Figure 14: Interblock gap

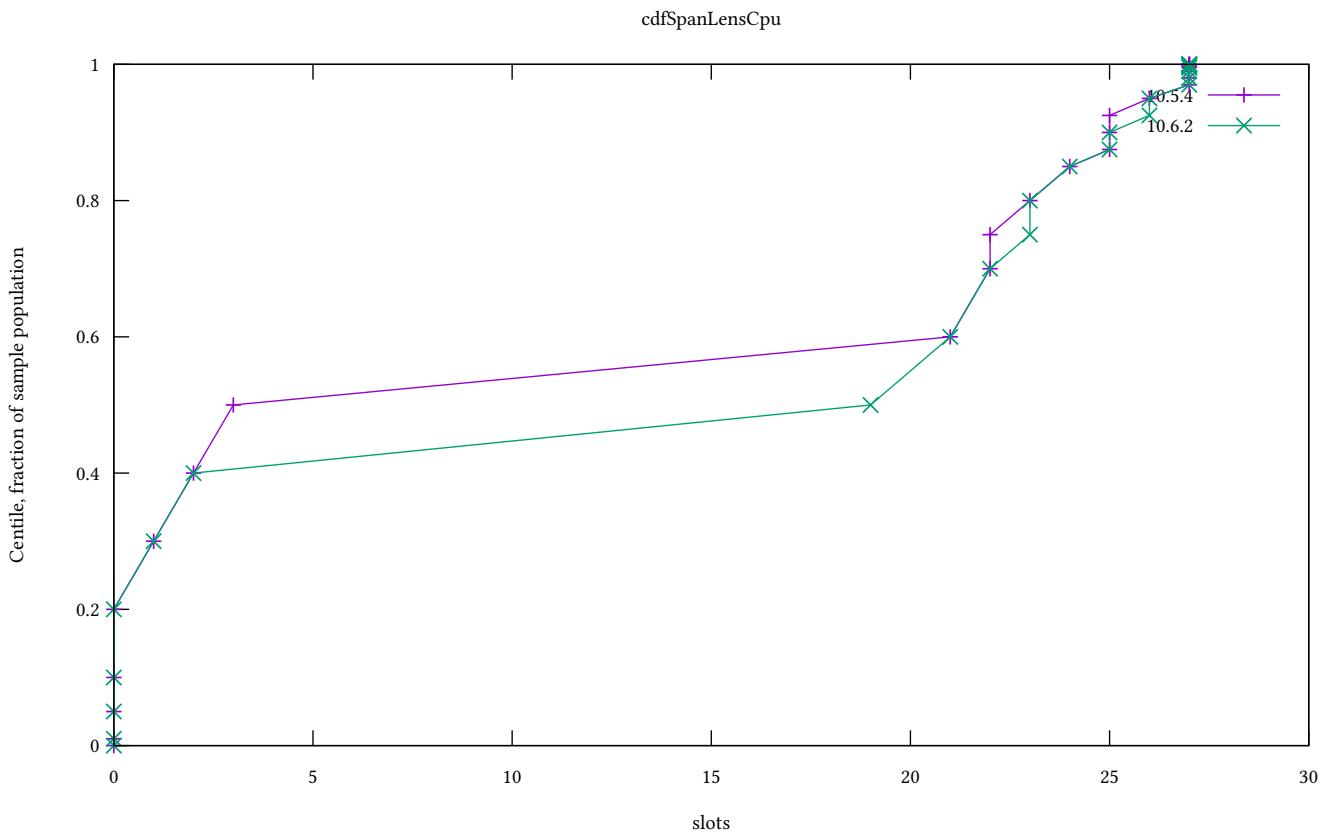


Figure 15: CPU 85% spans

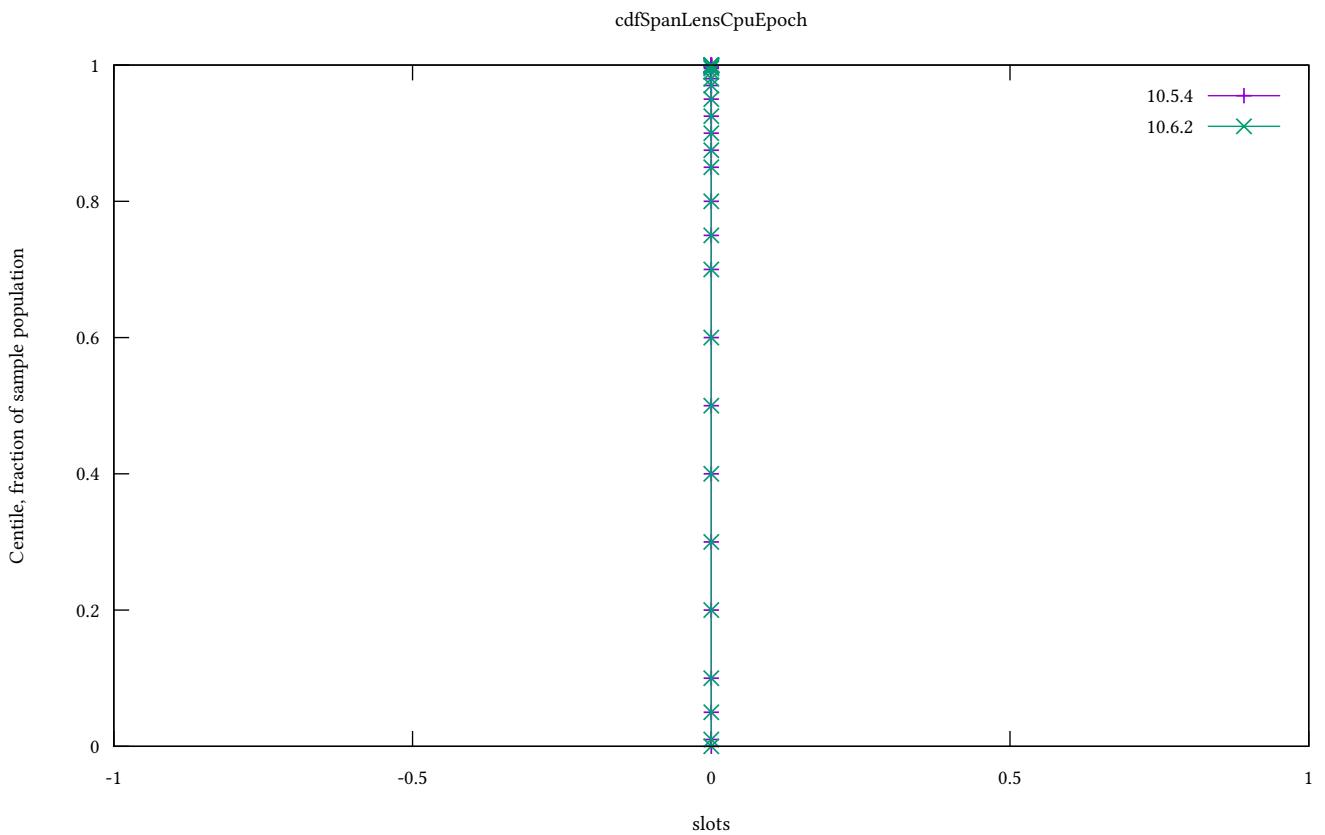


Figure 16: CPU spans at Ep boundary

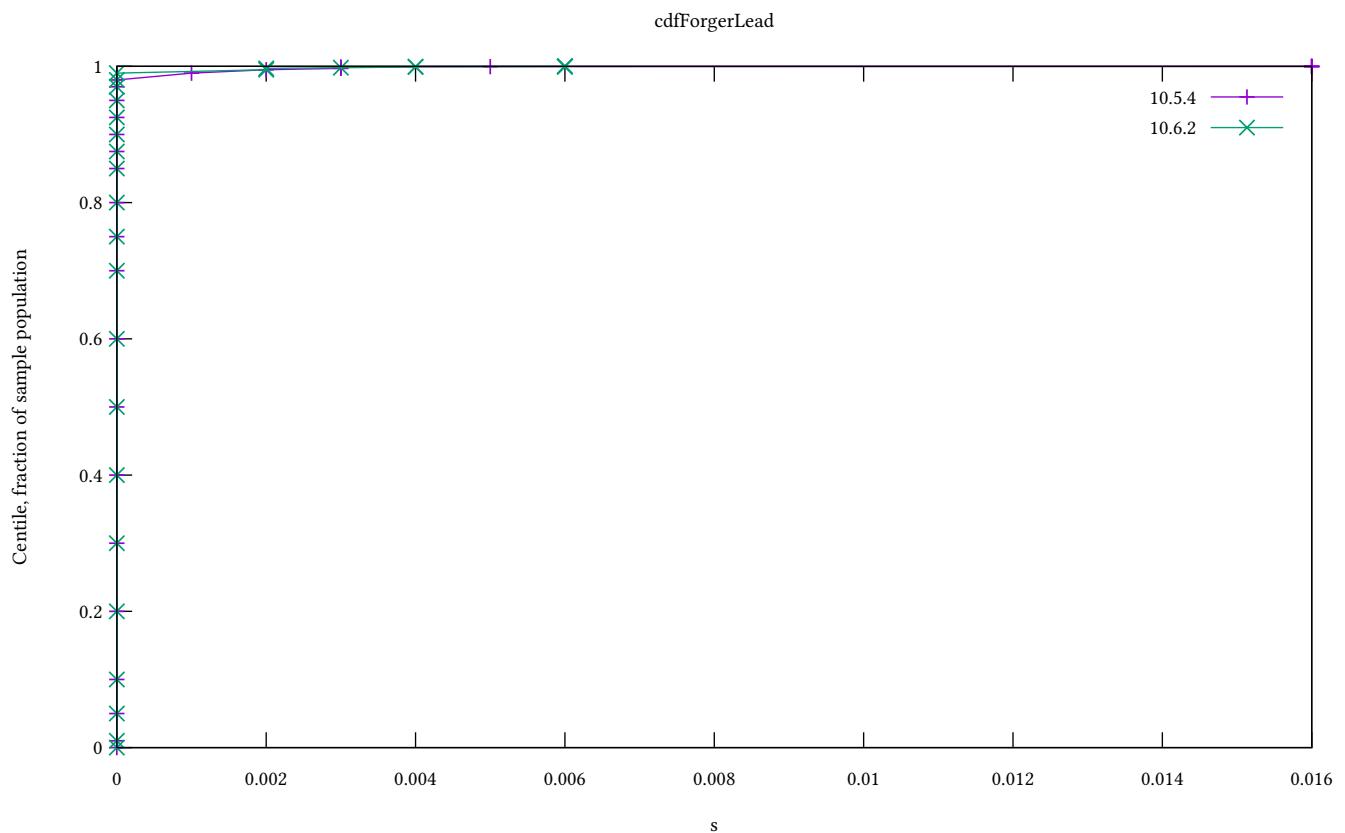


Figure 17: Leadership check duration

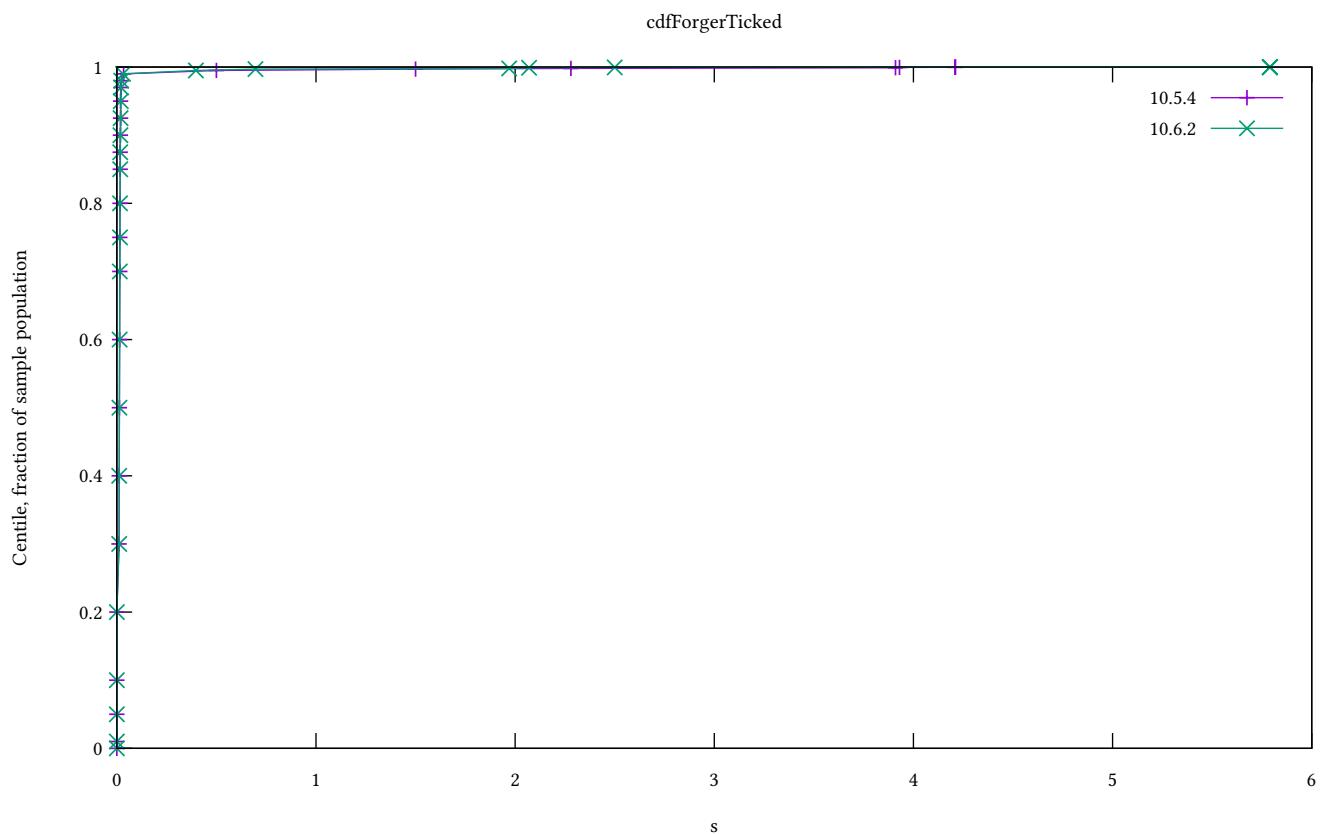


Figure 18: Ledger ticking

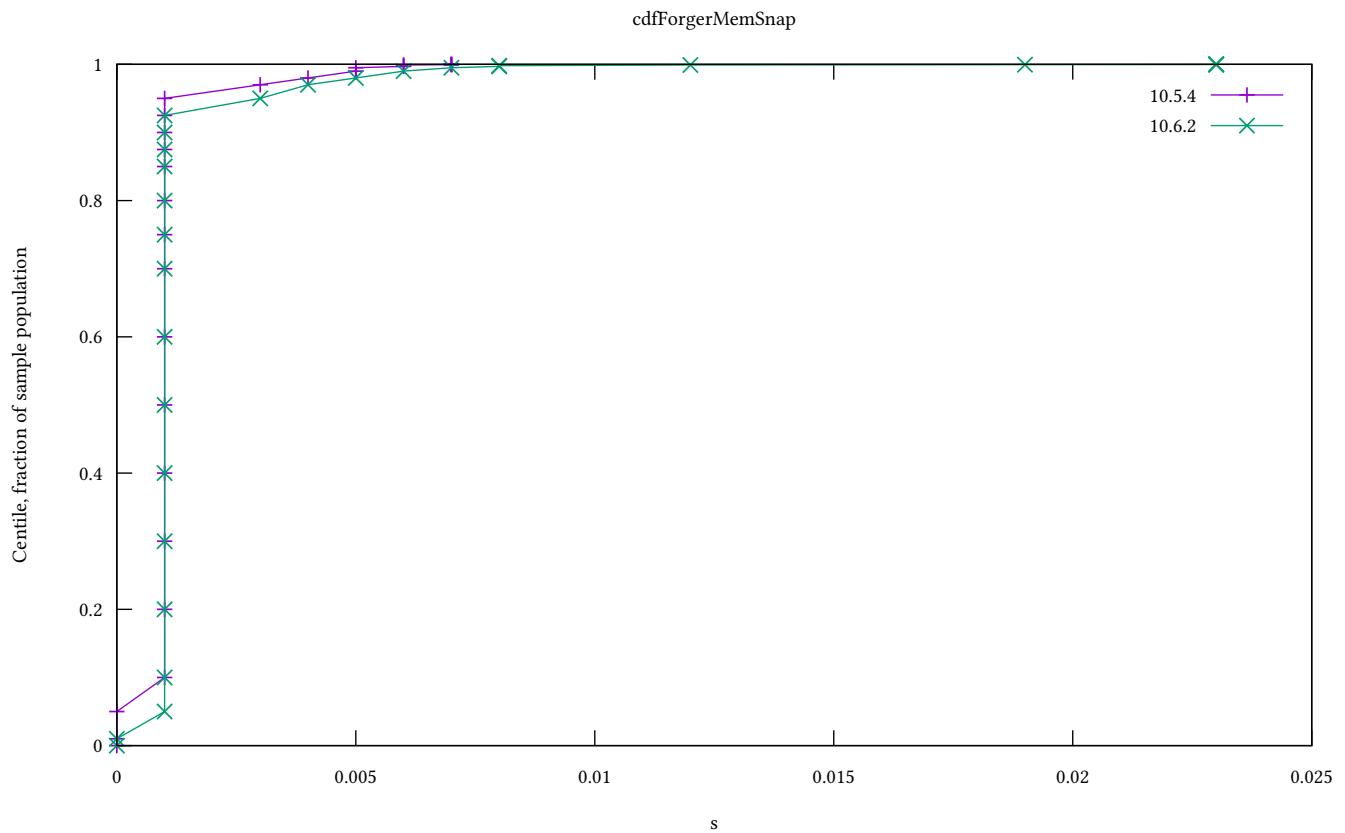


Figure 19: Mempool snapshotting

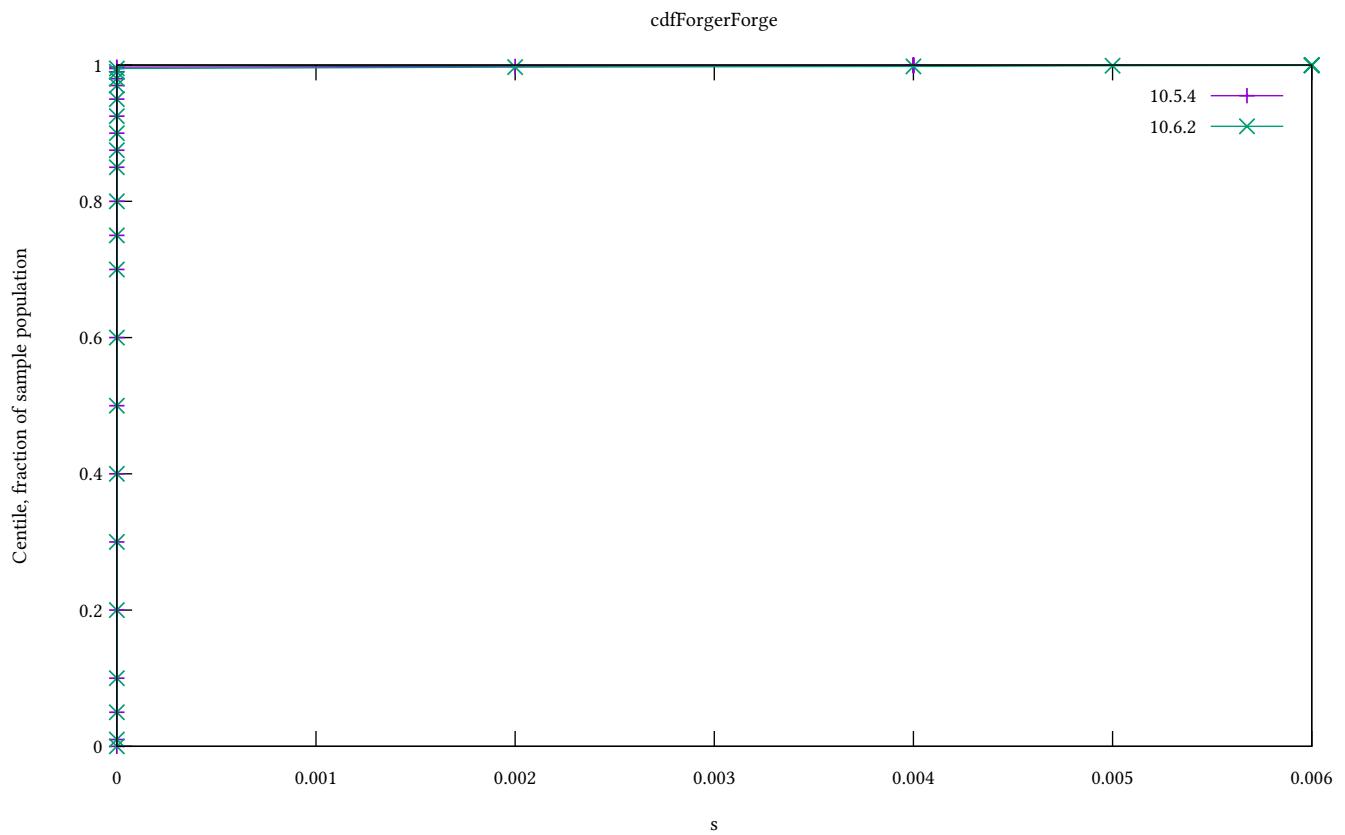


Figure 20: Leadership to forged

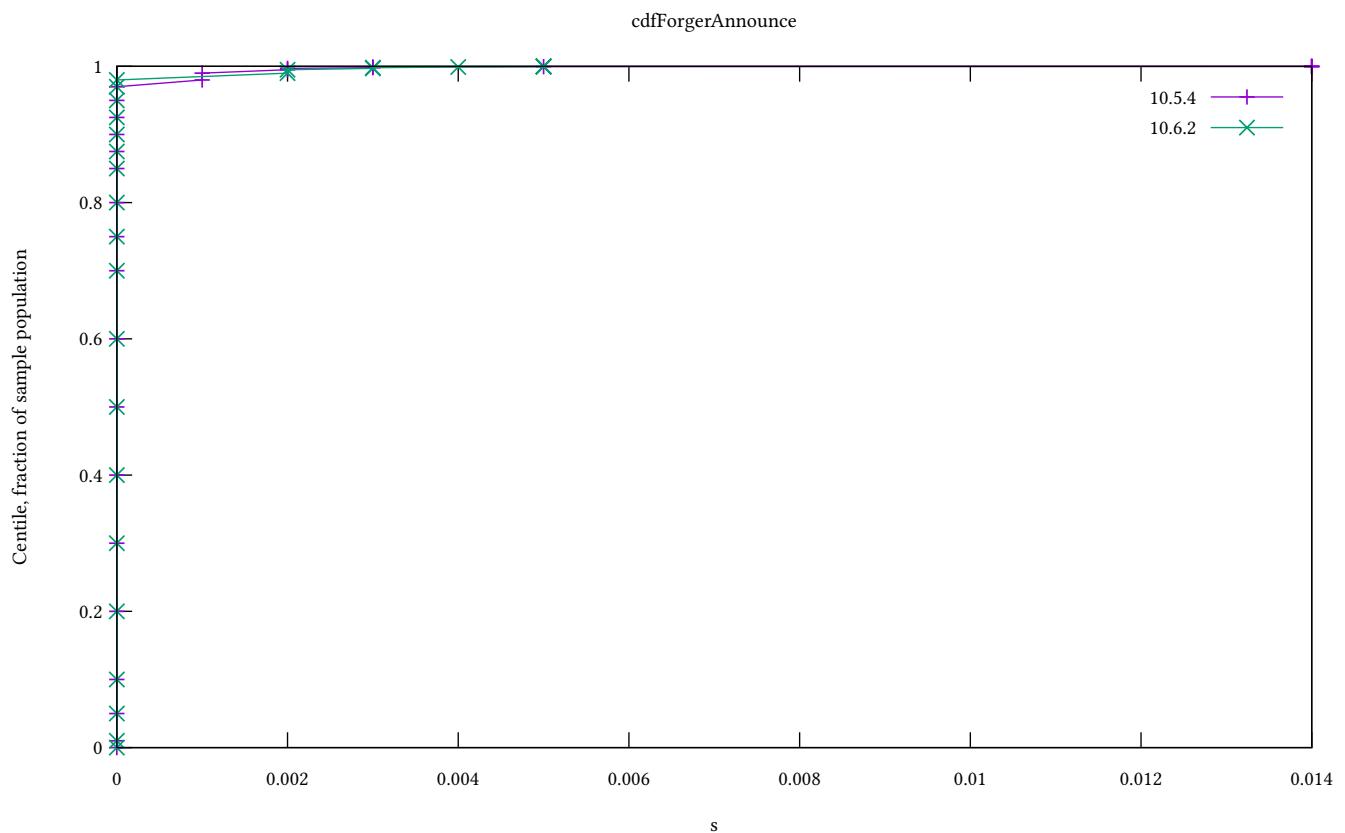


Figure 21: Forged to announced

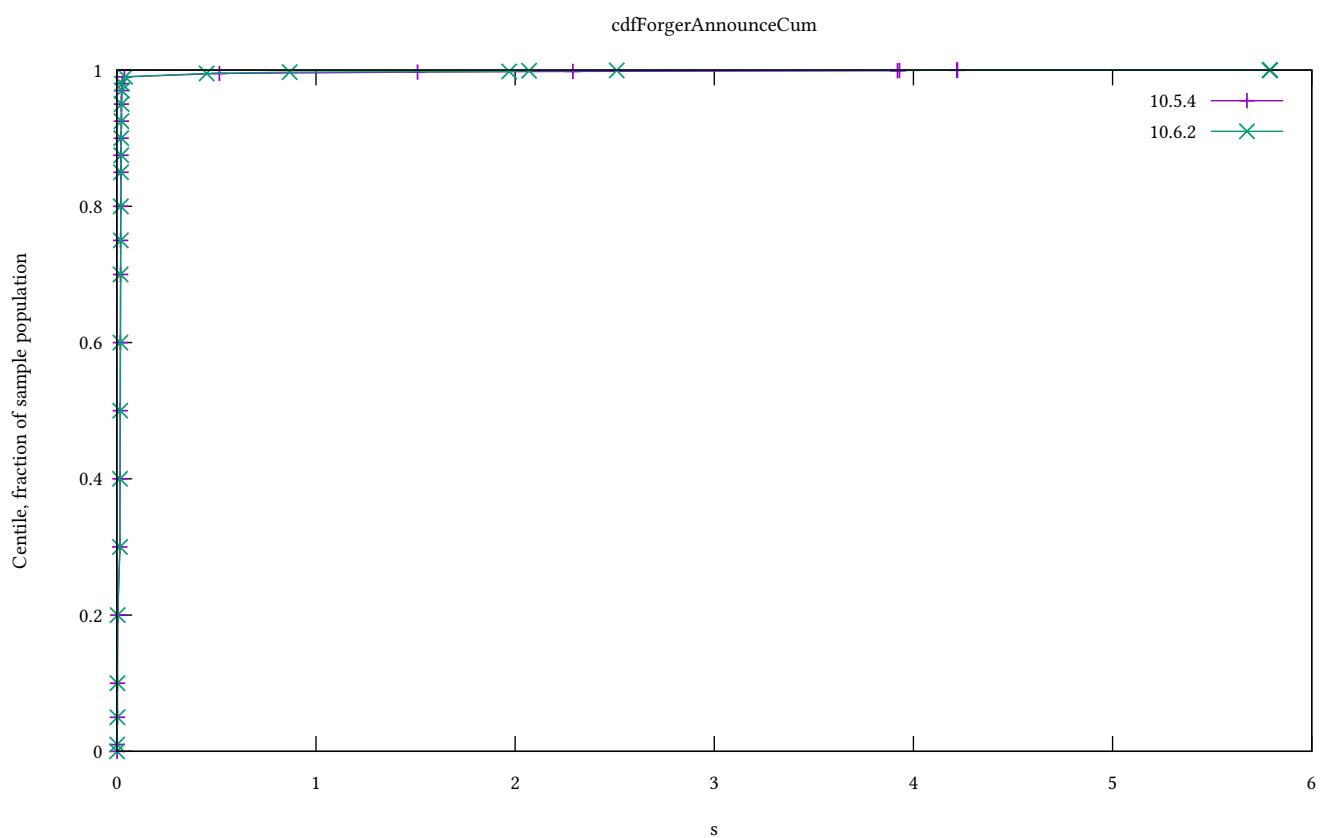


Figure 22: Slot start to announced

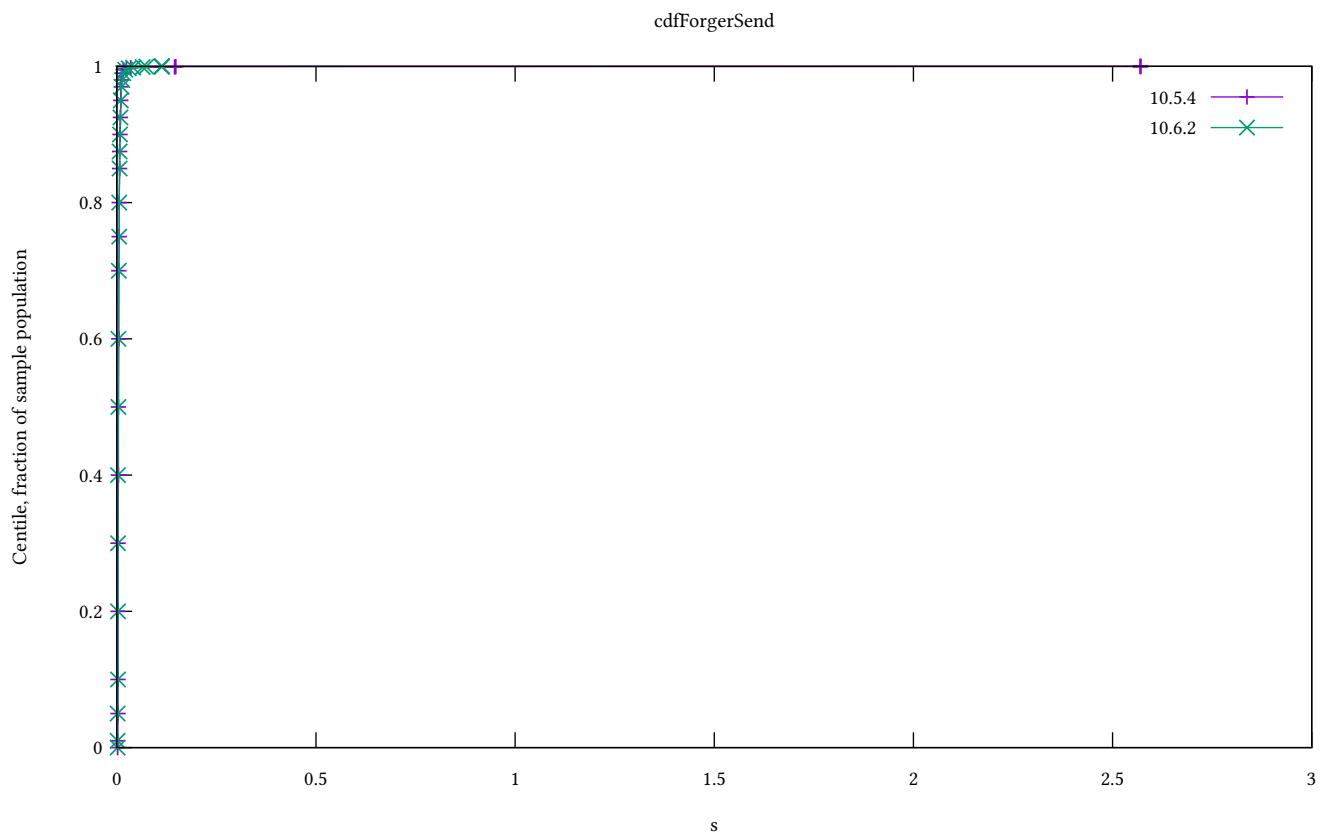


Figure 23: Forged to sending

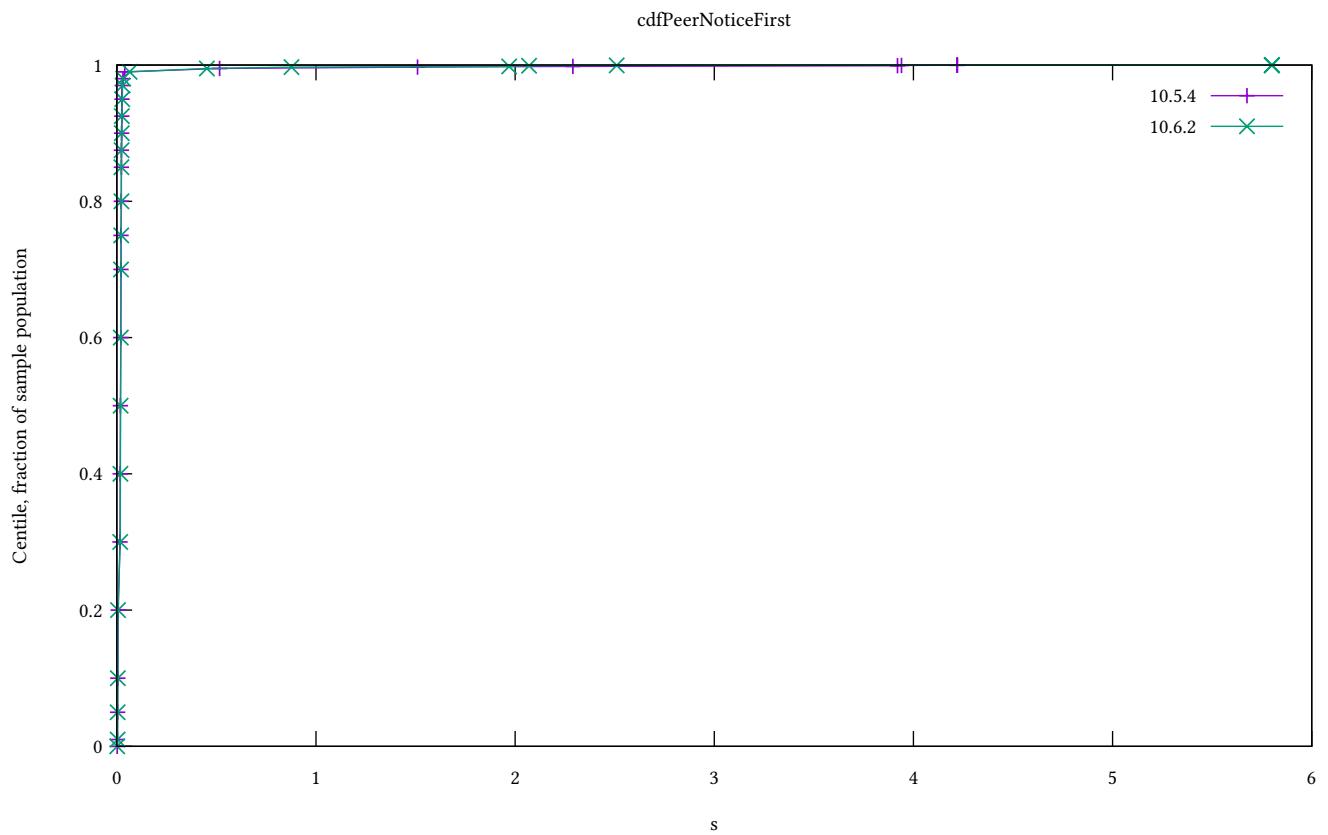


Figure 24: First peer notice

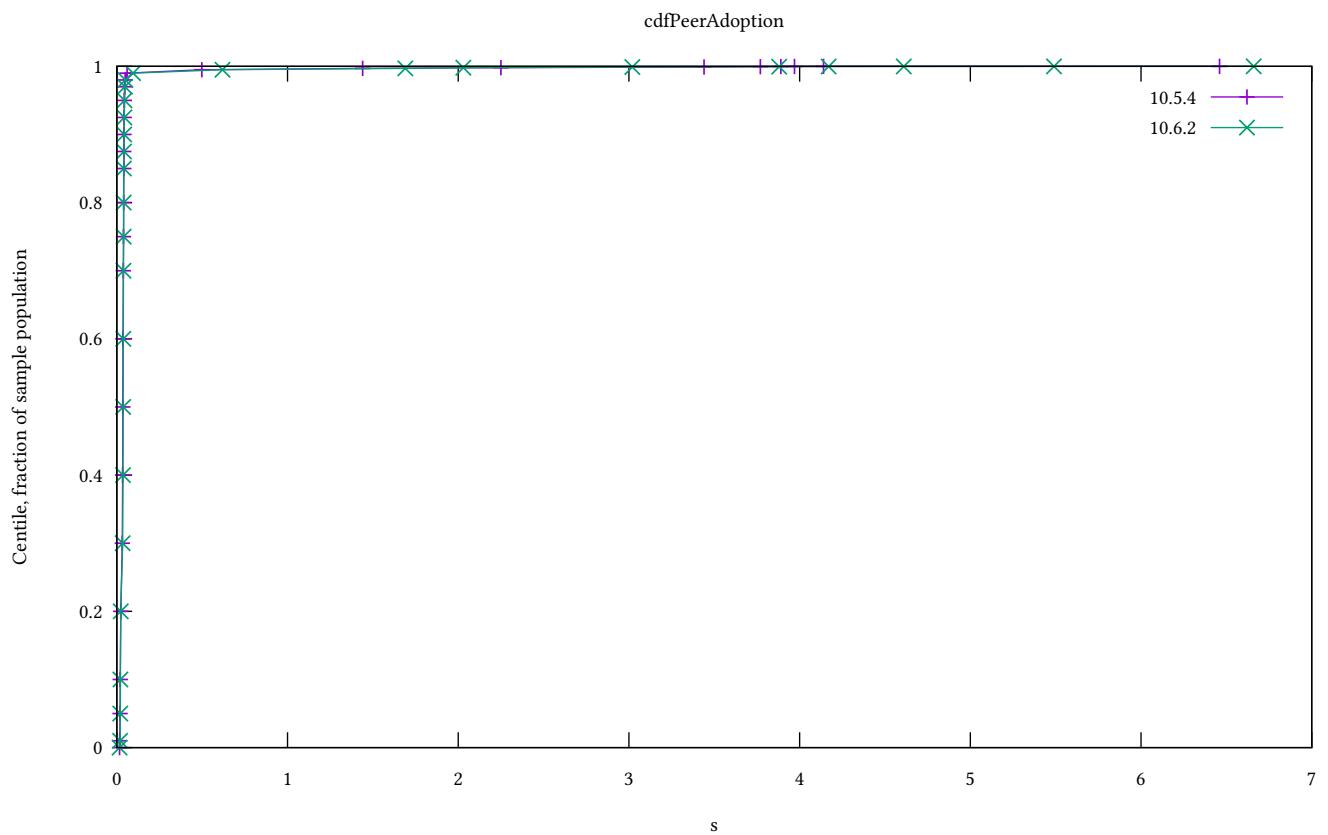


Figure 25: Fetched to adopted

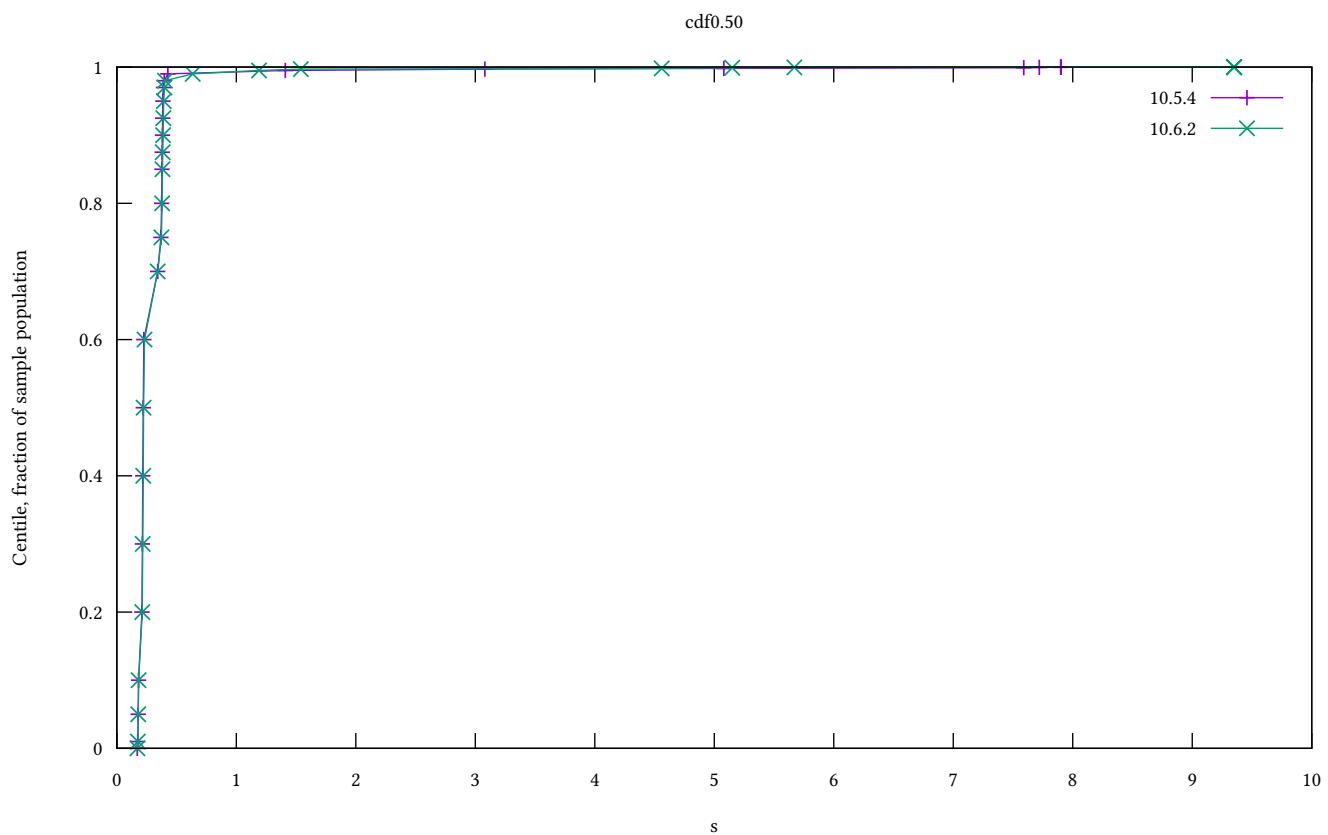


Figure 26: 0.50 adoption

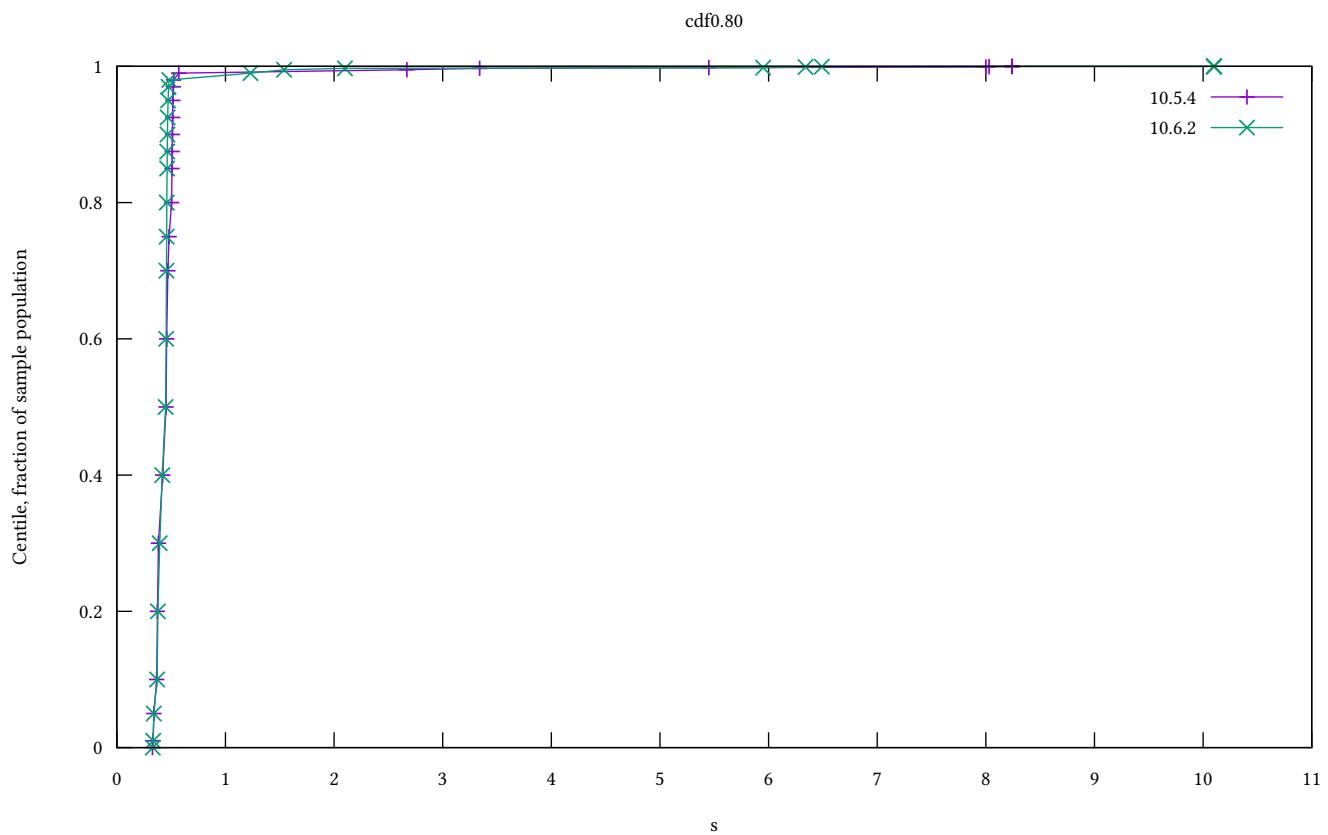


Figure 27: 0.80 adoption

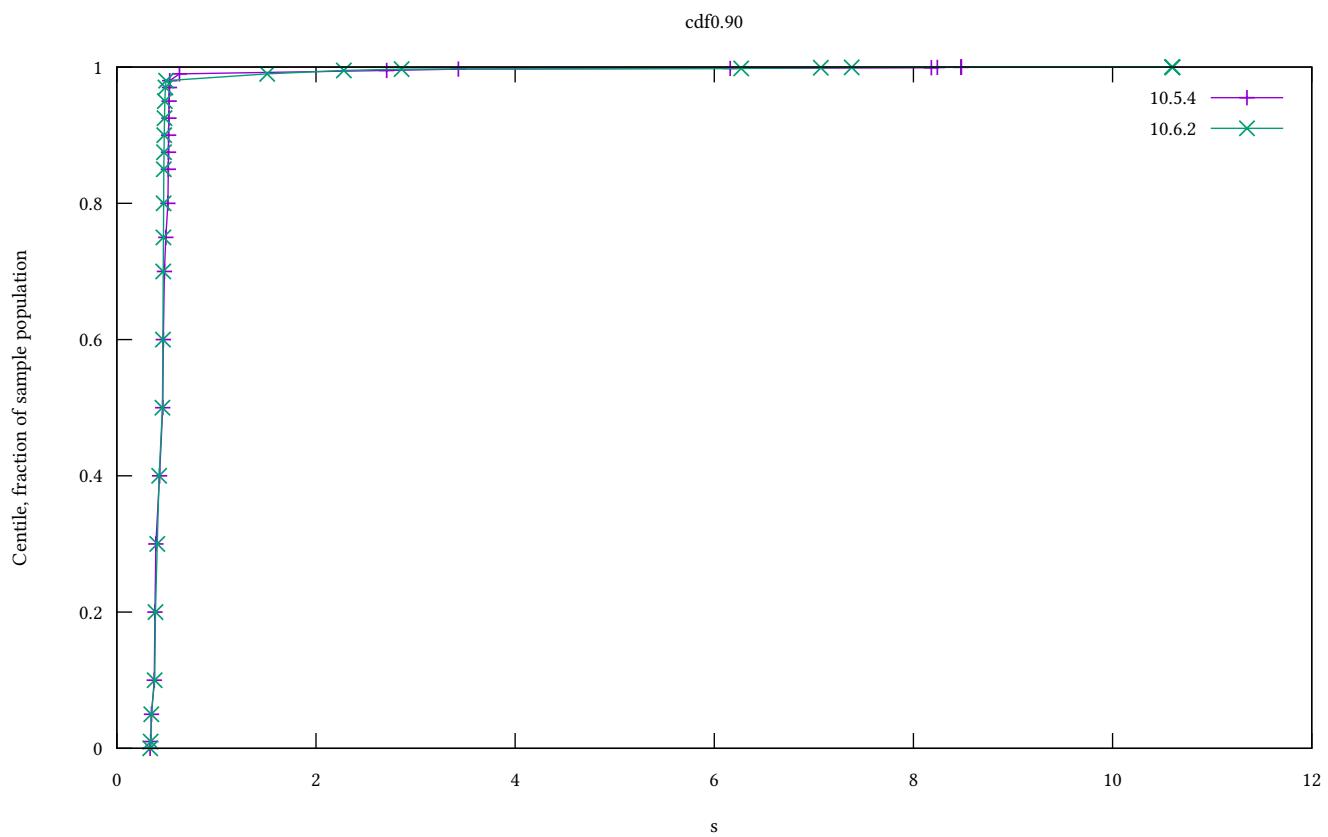


Figure 28: 0.90 adoption

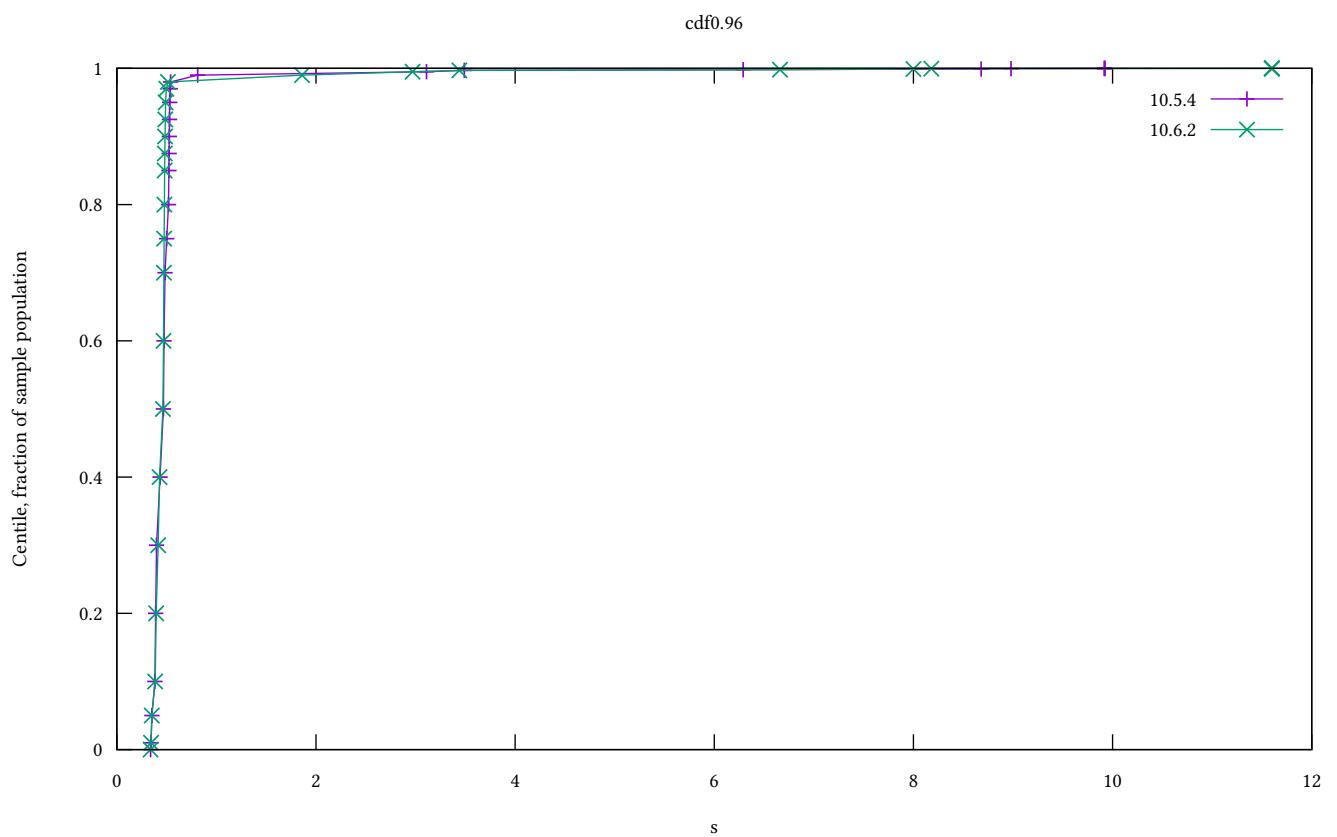


Figure 29: 0.96 adoption

Appendix B: data dictionary

Block propagation metrics

0.50 adoption (*cdf0.50*) – Time since slot start to block's adoption by 50% of the cluster.

0.80 adoption (*cdf0.80*) – Time since slot start to block's adoption by 80% of the cluster.

0.90 adoption (*cdf0.90*) – Time since slot start to block's adoption by 90% of the cluster.

0.92 adoption (*cdf0.92*) – Time since slot start to block's adoption by 92% of the cluster.

0.94 adoption (*cdf0.94*) – Time since slot start to block's adoption by 94% of the cluster.

0.96 adoption (*cdf0.96*) – Time since slot start to block's adoption by 96% of the cluster.

0.98 adoption (*cdf0.98*) – Time since slot start to block's adoption by 98% of the cluster.

1.00 adoption (*cdf1.00*) – Time since slot start to block's adoption by 100% of the cluster.

Height & slot battles (*cdfBlockBattle*) – For a given block, number of all abandoned blocks at its block height. Sum of height and slot battles

Block size (*cdfBlockSize*) – Block size, in bytes

Chained to forged blocks (*cdfBlocksChainedRatio*) – For each host, ratio of blocks that made into chain / all forged

Filtered to chained blocks (*cdfBlocksFilteredRatio*) – For each host, ratio of blocks that passed filtering / all on chain

Blocks per host (*cdfBlocksPerHost*) – For each host, number of blocks made during the entire observation period

Forged to self-adopted (*cdfForgerAdoption*) – Time between block forging completion and adoption (TraceAdoptedBlock)

Forged to announced (*cdfForgerAnnounce*) – Time between block forging completion and header announcement (ChainSyncServerEvent.TraceChainSyncServerRead.AddBlock)

Slot start to announced (*cdfForgerAnnounceCum*) – Time since slot start until header announcement (ChainSyncServerEvent.TraceChainSyncServerRead.AddBlock)

Acquired block context (*cdfForgerBlkCtx*) – Block context acquired (TraceBlockContext), relative to forge loop beginning

Leadership to forged (*cdfForgerForge*) – Time spent forging the block: TraceForgedBlock relative to positive leadership decision

Leadership check duration (*cdfForgerLead*) – Leadership check duration (TraceNodeIsNotLeader, TraceNodeIsLeader), relative to ledger view acquisition

Acquired ledger state (*cdfForgerLgrState*) – Ledger state acquired (TraceLedgerState), relative to block context acquisition

Acquired ledger view (*cdfForgerLgrView*) – Ledger view acquired (TraceLedgerView), relative to ledger state acquisition

Mempool snapshotting (*cdfForgerMemSnap*) – Time spent taking a mempool snapshot (TraceForgingMempoolSnapshot), relative to ledger ticking conclusion

Forged to sending (*cdfForgerSend*) – Time between block forging completion and begin-of-sending (TraceBlockFetchServerSendBlock)

Started forge loop iteration (*cdfForgerStart*) – Forge loop iteration delay (TraceStartLeadershipCheck), relative to slot start

Ledger ticking (*cdfForgerTicked*) – Time spent ticking the ledger state (TraceForgeTickedLedgerState), relative to leadership check completion

Fetched to adopted (*cdfPeerAdoption*) – Time until the peer adopts the block (TraceAddBlockEvent.AddedToCurrentChain), since it was fetched

Fetched to announced (*cdfPeerAnnounce*) – Time it took a peer to announce the block (ChainSyncServerEvent.TraceChainSyncServerUpdate), since it was fetched

Fetch duration (*cdfPeerFetch*) – Time it took the peer to complete fetching the block (BlockFetchClient.CompletedBlockFetch), after having requested it

First peer fetch (*cdfPeerFetchFirst*) – Time it took for the fastest peer to fetch the block (`BlockFetchClient.CompletedBlockFetch`), since block's slot start

First peer notice (*cdfPeerNoticeFirst*) – Time it took for the fastest peer to notice the block (`ChainSyncClientEvent.TraceDownloadedHeader`), since block's slot start

Notice to fetch request (*cdfPeerRequest*) – Time it took the peer to request the block body (`BlockFetchClient.SendFetchRequest`), after it have seen its header

Fetched to sending (*cdfPeerSend*) – Time until the peer started sending the block (`BlockFetchServer.SendBlock`), since it was fetched

Cluster performance metrics

RTS alloc rate (*Alloc*) – RTS-reported allocation rate, MB/sec

Process CPU usage (*CentiCpu*) – Kernel-reported CPU process usage, % of a single core

RTS GC CPU usage (*CentiGC*) – RTS-reported GC CPU usage, % of a single core

RTS Mutator CPU usage (*CentiMut*) – RTS-reported mutator CPU usage, % of a single core

Filesystem reads (*FsRd*) – Number of bytes which this process really did cause to be fetched from the storage layer, per second

Filesystem writes (*FsWr*) – Number of bytes which this process caused to be sent to the storage layer, modulo `truncate()`, per second

Major GCs (*GcsMajor*) – Major garbage collection RTS events

Minor GCs (*GcsMinor*) – Minor garbage collection RTS events

RTS heap size (*Heap*) – RTS-reported heap size, MB

RTS live GC dateset (*Live*) – RTS-reported GC live data size, MB

Network reads (*NetRd*) – Network reads, kB/sec

Network writes (*NetWr*) – Network writes, kB/sec

Kernel RSS (*RSS*) – Kernel-reported RSS (Resident Set Size) of the process, MB

Block context acquisition delay (*cdfBlkCtx*) – Block context acquired (`TraceBlockContext`), relative to forge loop beginning

Interblock gap (*cdfBlockGap*) – Time between blocks

Chain density (*cdfDensity*) – Block/slot ratio, for the last 'k' slots

Leadership check duration (*cdfLeading*) – Leadership check duration (`TraceNodeIsNotLeader`, `TraceNodeIsLeader`), relative to ledger view acquisition

Ledger state acquisition delay (*cdfLgrState*) – Ledger state acquired (`TraceLedgerState`), relative to block context acquisition

Ledger view acquisition delay (*cdfLgrView*) – Ledger view acquired (`TraceLedgerView`), relative to ledger state acquisition

CPU 85% spans (*cdfSpanLensCpu*) – Length of over-85% CPU usage peaks, slots

CPU spans at Ep boundary (*cdfSpanLensCpuEpoch*) – Length of over-85% CPU usage peaks, starting at epoch boundary, slots

Forge loop tardiness (*cdfStarted*) – Forge loop iteration start delay (`TraceStartLeadershipCheck`), relative to slot start

Forge loop starts (*cdfStarts*) – For any given slot, how many forging loop starts were registered