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“基于SkyWalking Agent的
持续性能剖析与交互式诊断 ”

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持续性能剖析

Continuous Profiling

GOOGLE-WIDE PROFILING: A CONTINUOUS PROFILING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DATA CENTERS

GOOGLE-WIDE PROFILING (GWP), A CONTINUOUS PROFILING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DATA CENTERS, PROVIDES PERFORMANCE INSIGHTS FOR CLOUD APPLICATIONS. WITH NEGLIGIBLE OVERHEAD, GWP PROVIDES STABLE, ACCURATE PROFILES AND A DATACENTER-SCALE TOOL FOR TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCE ANALYSES. FURTHERMORE, GWP INTRODUCES NOVEL APPLICATIONS OF ITS PROFILES, SUCH AS APPLICATION-PLATFORM AFFINITY MEASUREMENTS AND IDENTIFICATION OF PLATFORM-SPECIFIC, MICROARCHITECTURAL PECULIARITIES.

FIG. GWP published by Google in 2010 : low overhead, stable, accurate, scalable

Continuous Profiling的发展史

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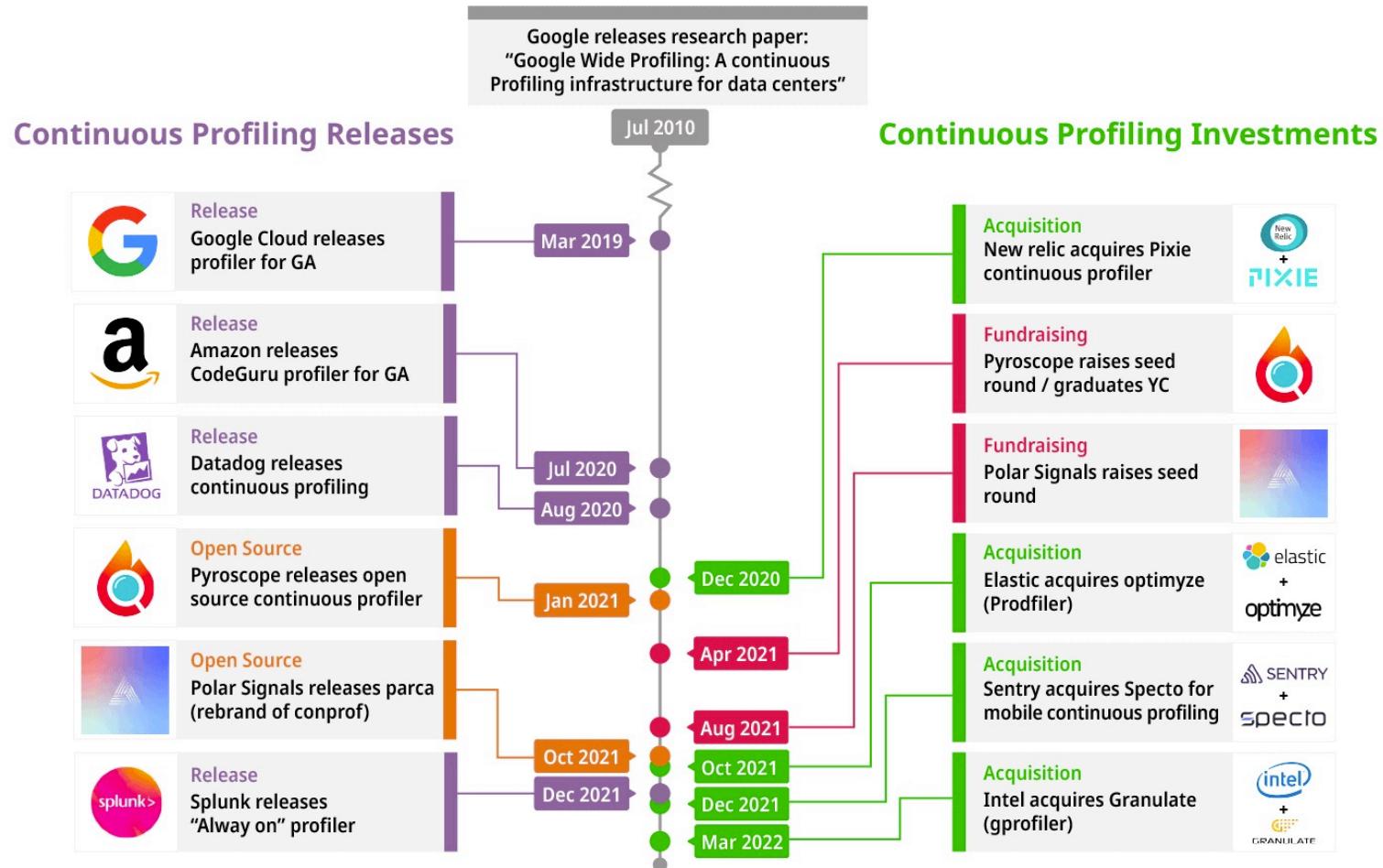


FIG. Since GWP, many major vendors have joined “Continuous Profiling” :
Pyroscope is an open-source solution, acquired by Grafana Lab on 2023-03-15

Grafana Pyroscope

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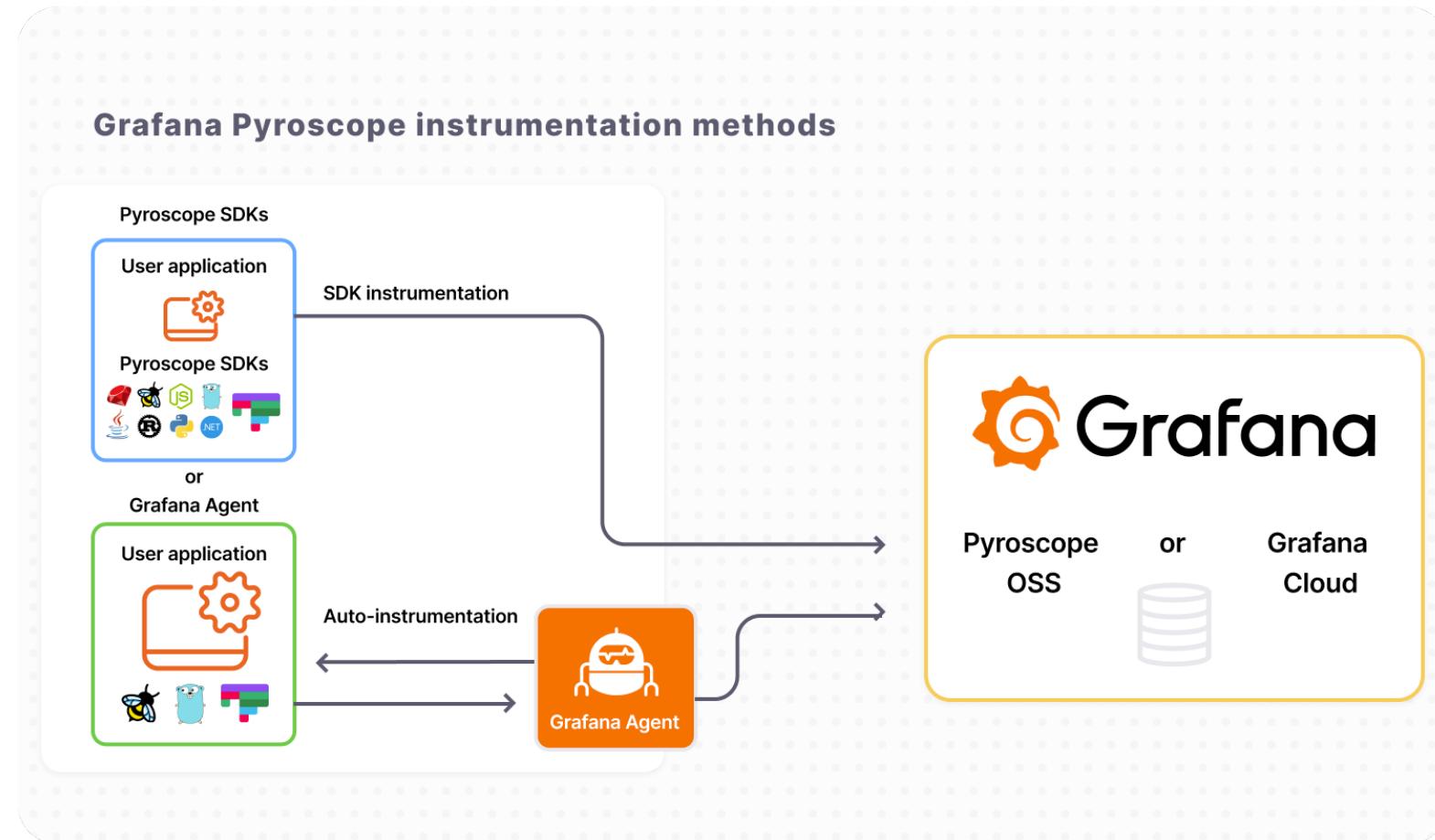


FIG. Architecture of the Grafana Pyroscope

Java: How to collect? Java Flight Recorder

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- Capture both JVM and application data
 - GC
 - Synchronization
 - Compiler
 - CPU usage
 - Exceptions
 - I/O
- Sampling-based profiler
 - Very low overhead: 2-3%
- Buffers
 - Thread Buffer
 - Global Buffer
 - Repository (Disk chunk)

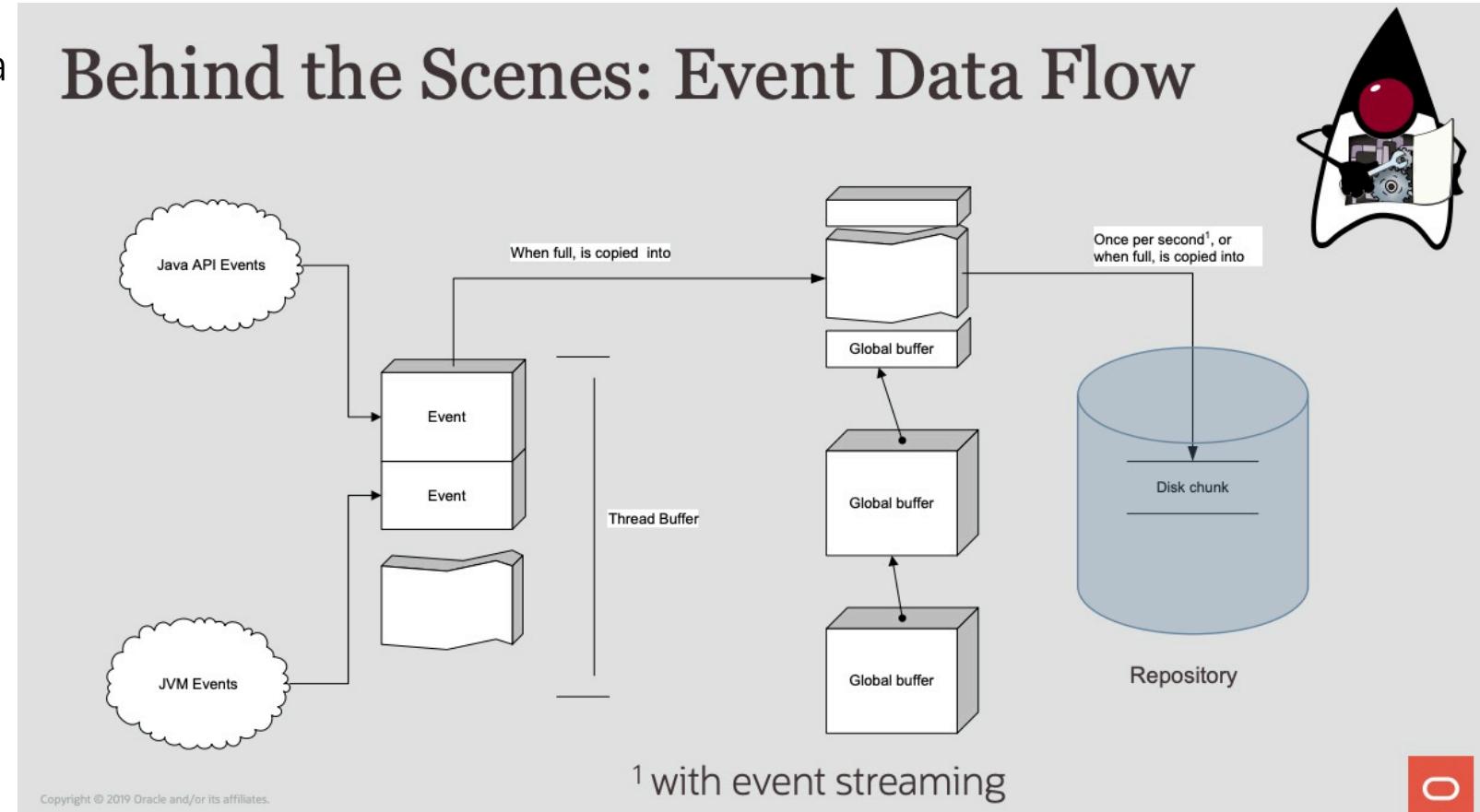


FIG. How JFR works in the background: API events and JVM events as sources. <https://www.infoq.com/presentations/monitoring-jdk-jfr>

Java: How to collect? Java Flight Recorder

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```
jdk.ExecutionSample {  
    startTime = 2023-02-13T05:53:01.646060063Z  
    sampledThread = "http-nio-8080-exec-482" (javaThreadId = 12559)  
    state = "STATE_RUNNABLE"  
    contextId = 0  
    stackTrace = [  
        java.util.LinkedHashMap.entrySet() line: 635  
        java.util.HashMap.putMapEntries(Map, boolean) line: 513  
        java.util.HashMap.<init>(Map) line: 491  
        io.netty.bootstrap.AbstractBootstrap.copiedMap(Map) line: 429  
        io.netty.bootstrap.AbstractBootstrap.options() line: 417  
        ...  
    ]  
}
```

Event ID

Timestamp (CPU ticks)

Duration (CPU ticks)

Thread ID

StackTrace ID

Event Specific Payload

FIG. The anatomy of a JFR event and a typical example

async-profiler

This project is a low overhead sampling profiler for Java that does not suffer from [Safepoint bias problem](#). It features HotSpot-specific APIs to collect stack traces and to track memory allocations. The profiler works with OpenJDK, Oracle JDK and other Java runtimes based on the HotSpot JVM.

async-profiler can trace the following kinds of events:

- CPU cycles
- Hardware and Software performance counters like cache misses, branch misses, page faults, context switches etc.
- Allocations in Java Heap
- Contented lock attempts, including both Java object monitors and ReentrantLocks

Java: How to analyze? FlameGraph

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<https://github.com/brendangregg/FlameGraph>

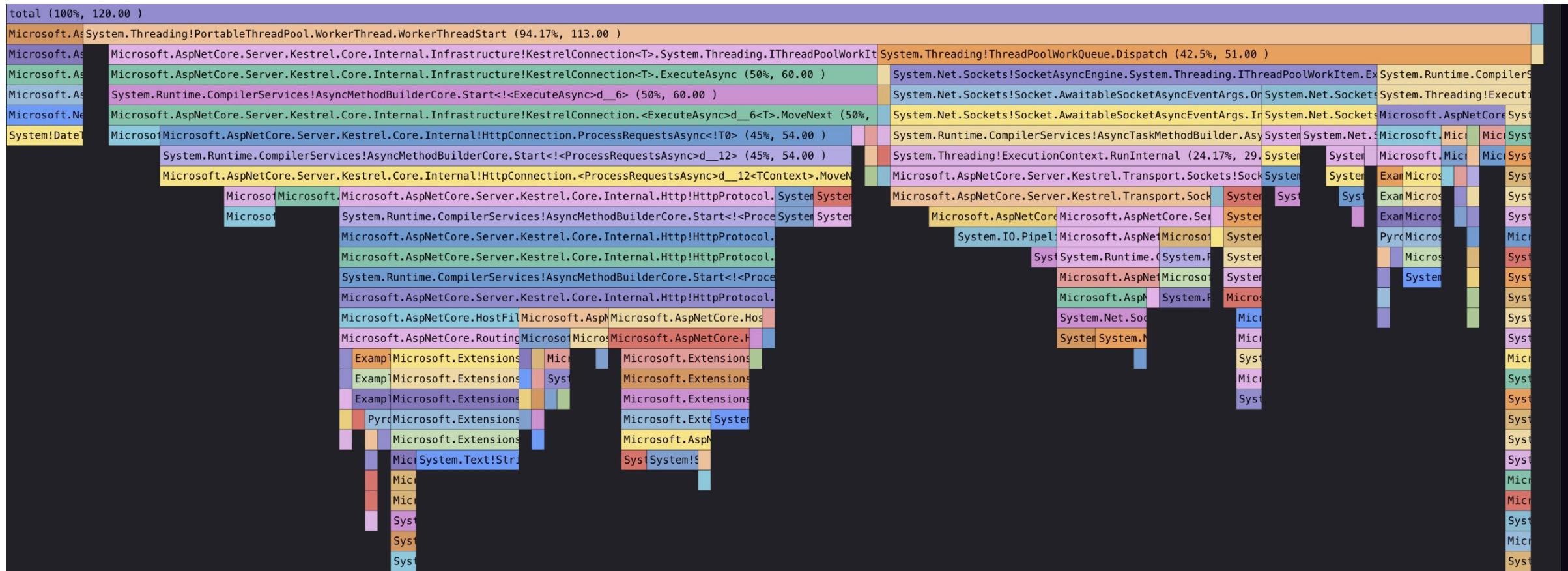
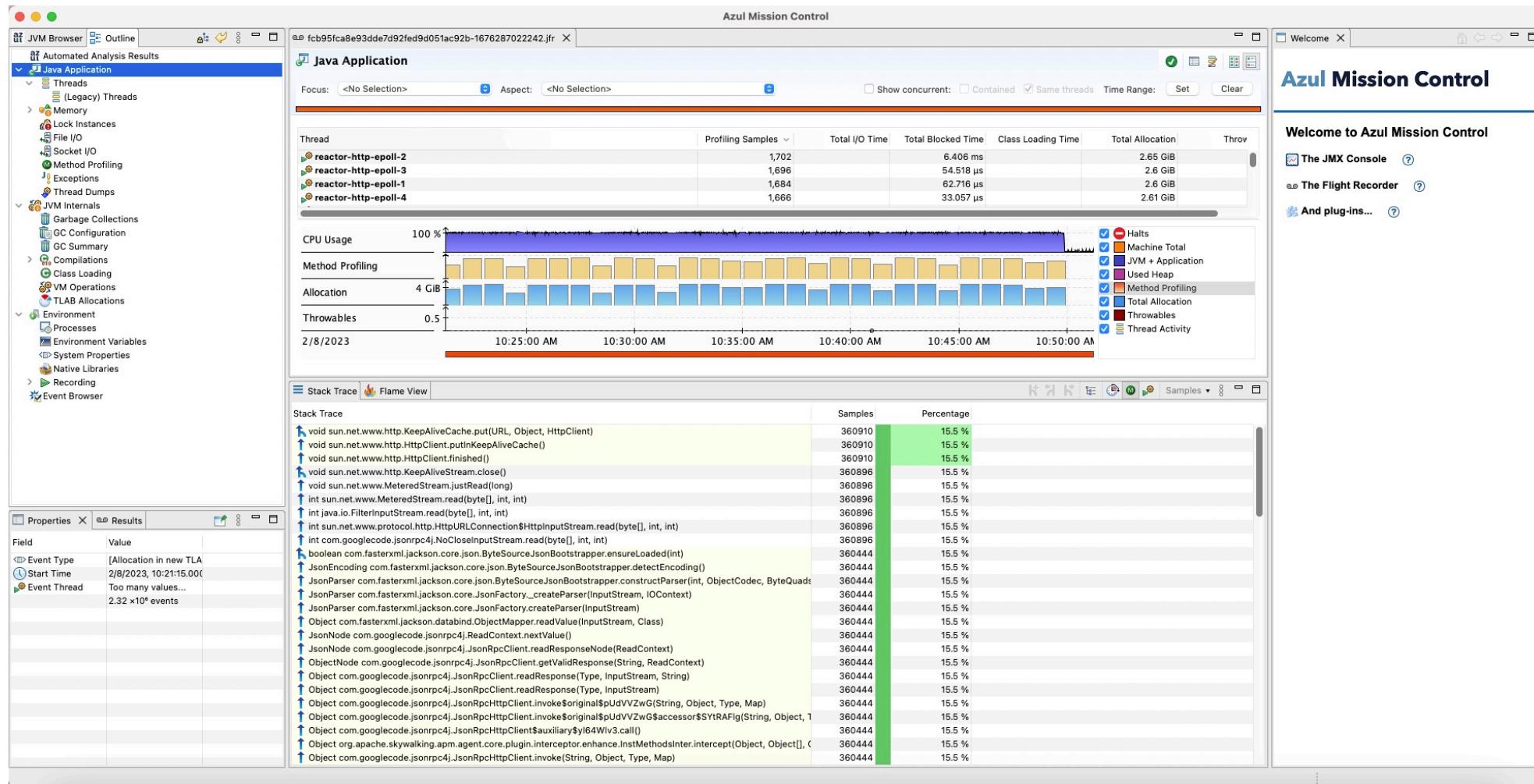


FIG. A typical flamegraph

Java: How to analyze? JDK Mission Control

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Arch Overview

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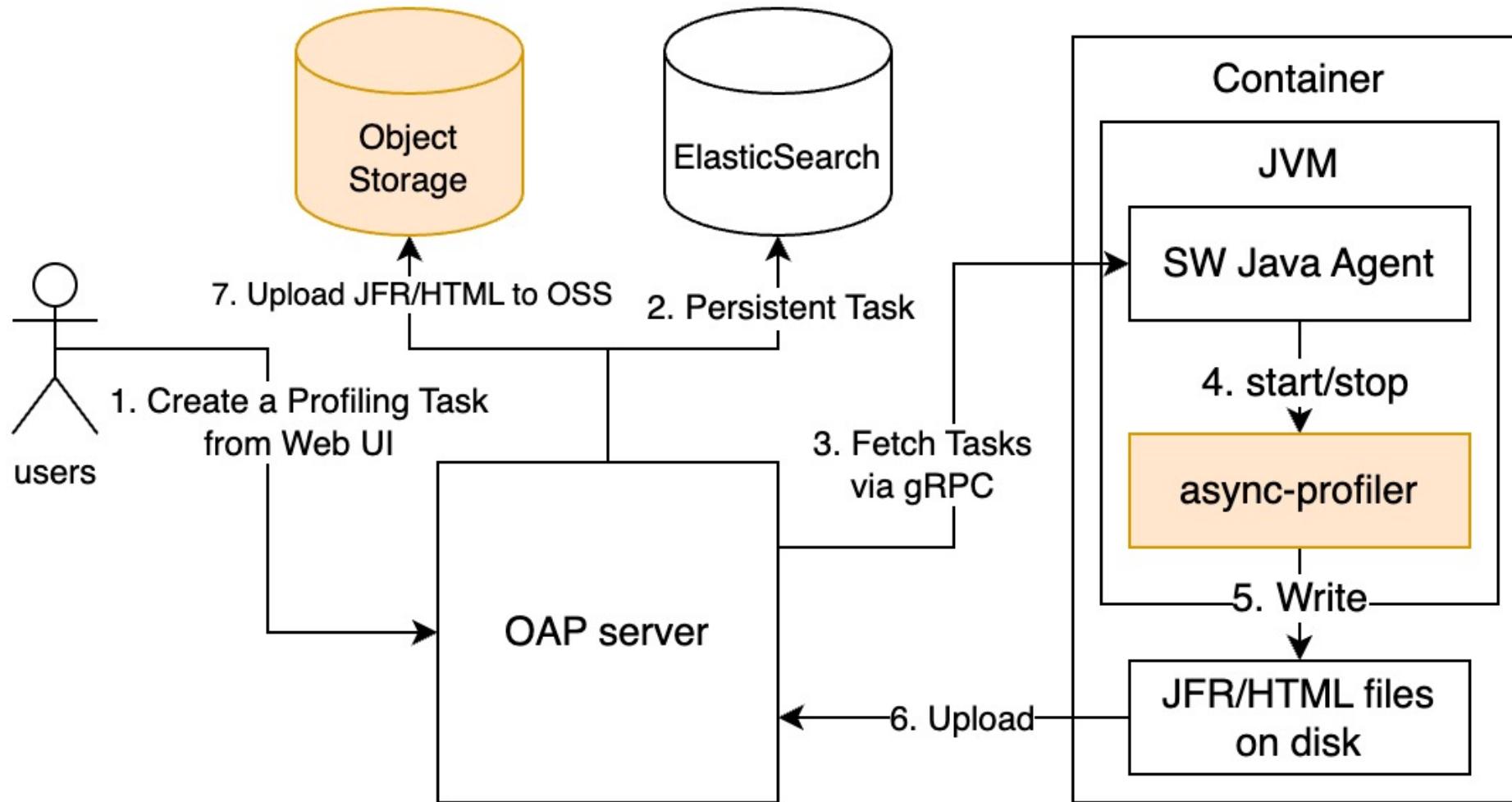


FIG. Overview of the system design

JFR Reader: read events w/ jfr mod

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```
1 package org.example;
2
3 import jdk.jfr.consumer.RecordedEvent;
4 import jdk.jfr.consumer.RecordingFile;
5
6 import java.nio.file.Paths;
7 import java.util.List;
8
9 public class App {
10     public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
11         List<RecordedEvent> events = RecordingFile.readAllEvents(Paths.get(first: "/path/to/jfr"));
12         for (final RecordedEvent event : events) {
13             // process...
14         }
15     }
16 }
17
```

```
jdk.ExecutionSample {
  startTime = 2023-02-13T05:53:01.646060063Z
  sampledThread = "http-nio-8080-exec-482" (javaThreadId = 12559)
  state = "STATE_RUNNABLE"
  contextId = 0
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    ...
  ]
}
```

FIG. Read all events and then decode (JDK 8u262+)

JFR Reader: build call stack

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```
total (380%, 128.00 )  
 5 usages  
12  public class Tree {  
    2 usages  
13      private final TreeNode root = new TreeNode( name: "");  
14  
15      1 usage  
16      public void insertStackFrames(List<RecordedFrame> frames, long v) {  
17          TreeNode n = this.root;  
18          for (final RecordedFrame frame : Lists.reverse(frames)) {  
19              n.total += v;  
20              final RecordedMethod m = frame.getMethod();  
21              final String frameStr = m.getType().getName() + "." + m.getName();  
22              n = n.insertString(frameStr);  
23          }  
24          // Leaf.  
25          n.total += v;  
26          n.self += v;  
}
```



FIG. Build the call stack (Tree with treeNode as children)

JFR Reader: build call stack (~80M)

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The screenshot shows a Java code editor with a dark theme. The code is a JFR Reader for building a call stack. The memory usage is tracked on the left side of the editor:

- Line 8: 63.35 MB
- Line 13: 647.24 MB
- Line 21: ~42.76 GB (highlighted in red)

The code itself is as follows:

```
8 public class App {  
9     public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {  
10         Tree callStack = new Tree();  
11         for (final RecordedEvent event : RecordingFile.readAllEvents(Paths.get(first: "/Users/megrez/Downloads/fcb95fca8e9  
12             if (event != null) {  
13                 decodeEvent(event, callStack);  
14             }  
15         }  
16     }  
17     1 usage  
18     @  
19     public static void decodeEvent(RecordedEvent event, Tree callStack) {  
20         switch (event.getEventType().getName()) {  
21             case "jdk.ObjectAllocationInNewTLAB":  
22                 callStack.insertStackString(event.getStackTrace().getFrames(), event.getLong(name: "allocationSize"));  
23                 break;  
24         }  
25     }  
}
```

Annotation at line 21: ~120 million

FIG. Memory issue: large heap size while building the call stack with millions of (allocation) events

JFR Reader: build call stack (~80M)

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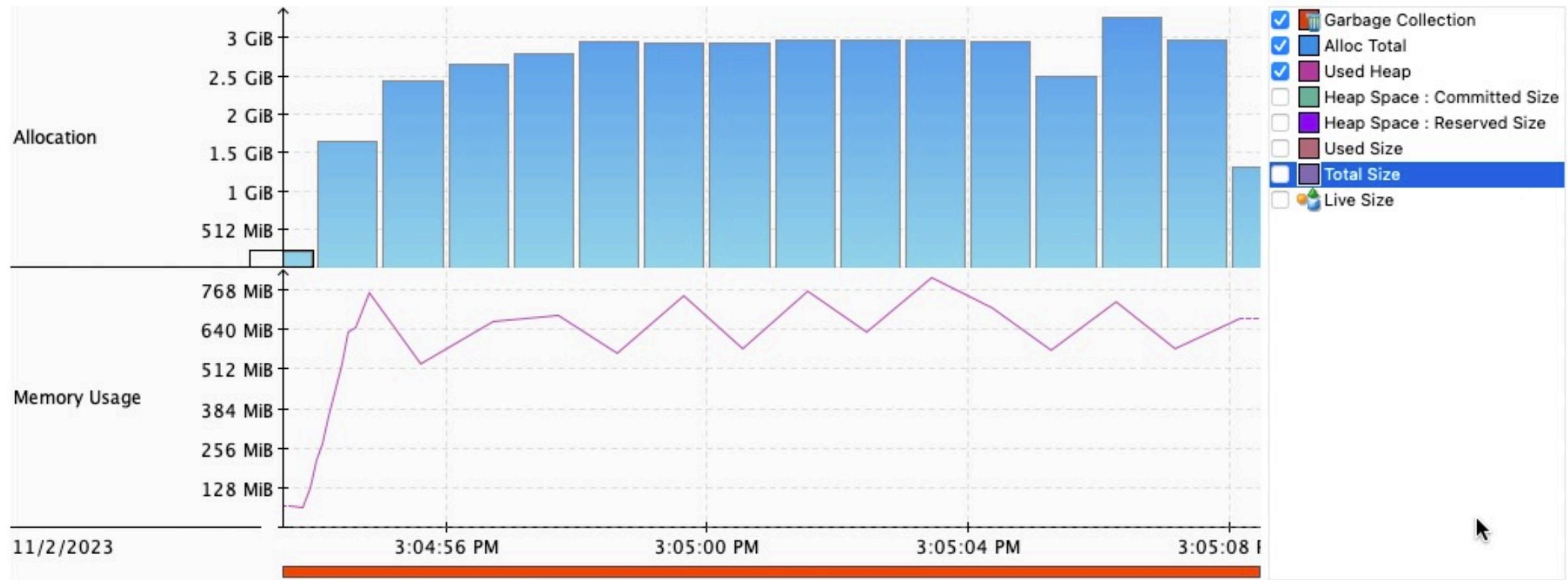


FIG. Memory issue: large heap size while building the call stack with millions of (allocation) events

JFR Reader: Iterator pattern

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```
8 > public class App {
9 >     public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
10    Tree callStack = new Tree();
11    try (RecordingFile recordingFile = new RecordingFile(Paths.get(first: "/Users/megrez/Downloads/fcb95fca8e93dde7d921
12    while (recordingFile.hasMoreEvents()) {
13        final RecordedEvent event = recordingFile.readEvent();
14        if (event != null) {
15            decodeEvent(event, callStack);
16        }
17    }
18 }
19
20
21 @usage
22 public static void decodeEvent(RecordedEvent event, Tree callStack) {
23     switch (event.getEventType().getName()) {
24         case "jdk.ObjectAllocationInNewTLAB":
25             callStack.insertStackString(event.getStackTrace().getFrames(), event.getLong(name: "allocationSize"));
26             break;
27     }
28 }
```

FIG. Process RecordEvent one by one

JFR Reader: Iterator pattern

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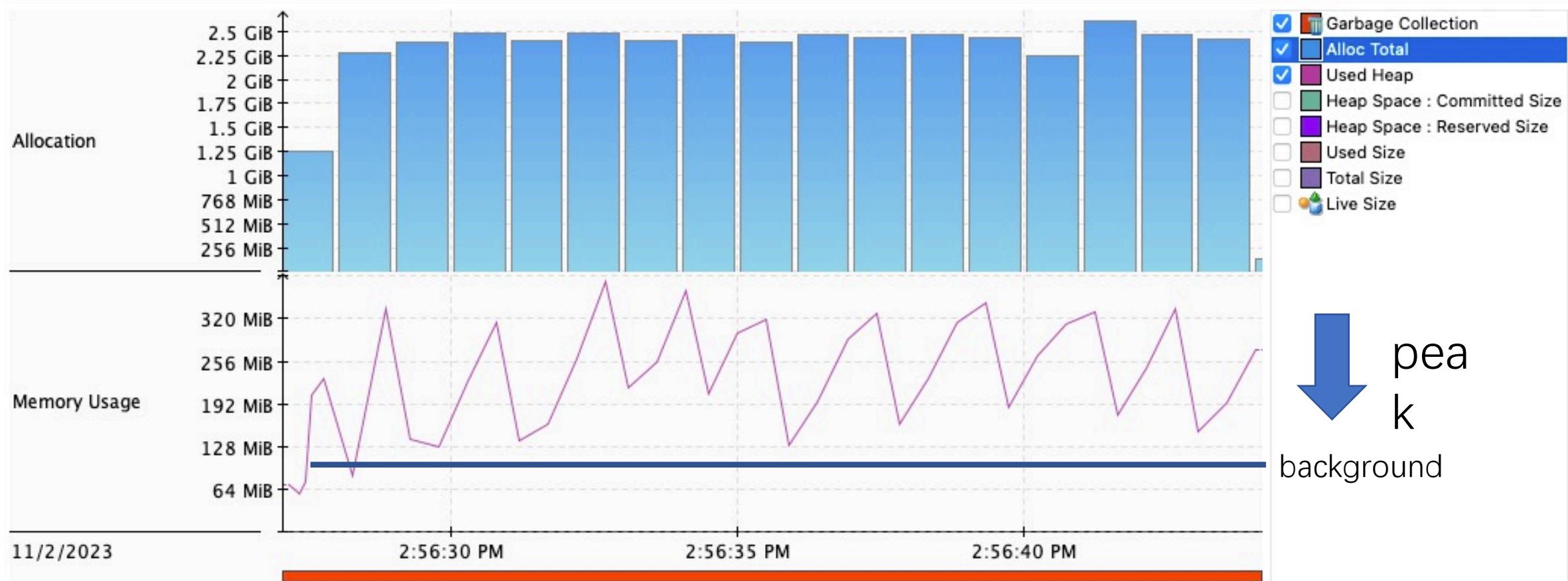


FIG. Memory issue: large heap size while building the call stack with millions of (allocation) events

JFR Reader: Slow!

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The screenshot shows a Java code editor with syntax highlighting. The code is annotated with performance metrics from a Java Flight Recorder (JFR) session. The annotations are shown as small boxes next to specific lines of code:

- Line 12: "5 usages" (highlighted in green)
- Line 13: "private final TreeNode root = new TreeNode(name: "");" (highlighted in orange)
- Line 15: "300 ms" (highlighted in grey)
- Line 19: "2,079 ms" (highlighted in grey)
- Line 20: "@ 10,236 ms" (highlighted in red)
- Line 21: "1,229 ms" (highlighted in grey)
- Line 22: "30 ms" (highlighted in grey)

```
12      5 usages
13  public class Tree {
14      2 usages
15      private final TreeNode root = new TreeNode(name: "");
16
17      300 ms
18
19      2,079 ms
20      @ 10,236 ms
21      1,229 ms
22      30 ms
23
24      // Leaf.
25      n.total += v;
26      n.self += v;
}
```

FIG. Performance issue: most time spent on building frame names

```
public class StackTrace {  
    // 方法ID  
    public final long[] methods;  
    // 每个byte表示对应的方法类型, 有INTERPRETED, JIT_COMPILED等  
    public final byte[] types;  
    // 每个int表示方法所在的行号和bci  
    public final int[] locations;  
    // ...  
}
```

FIG. use references instead of materialized stack trace

JFR Reader: use raw references

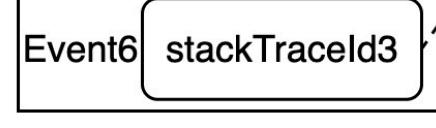
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通过JDK原生的方式读取



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通过async-profiler读取



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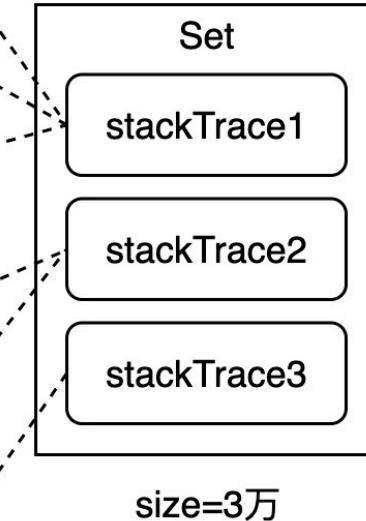


FIG. 2,000,000 alloc events share
30,000 stacktraces

JFR Reader: binary search O(logN)?

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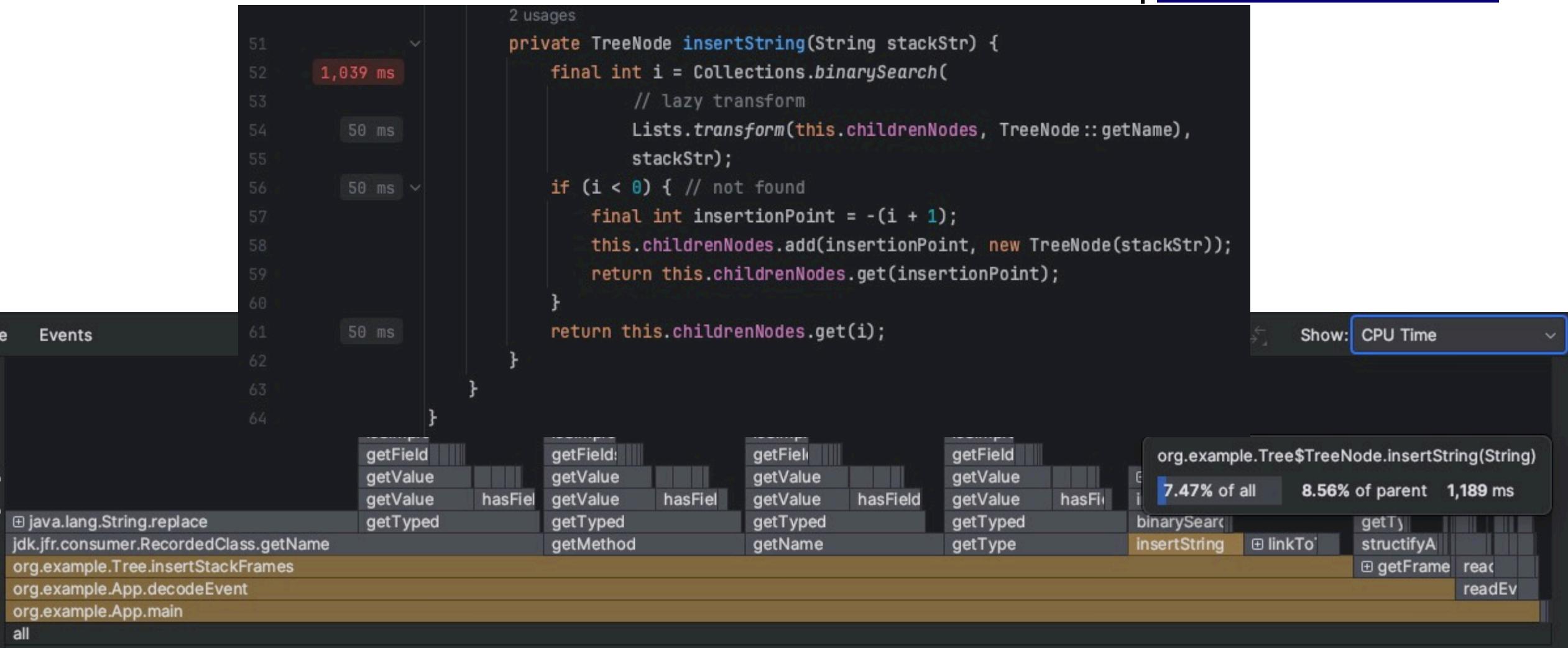
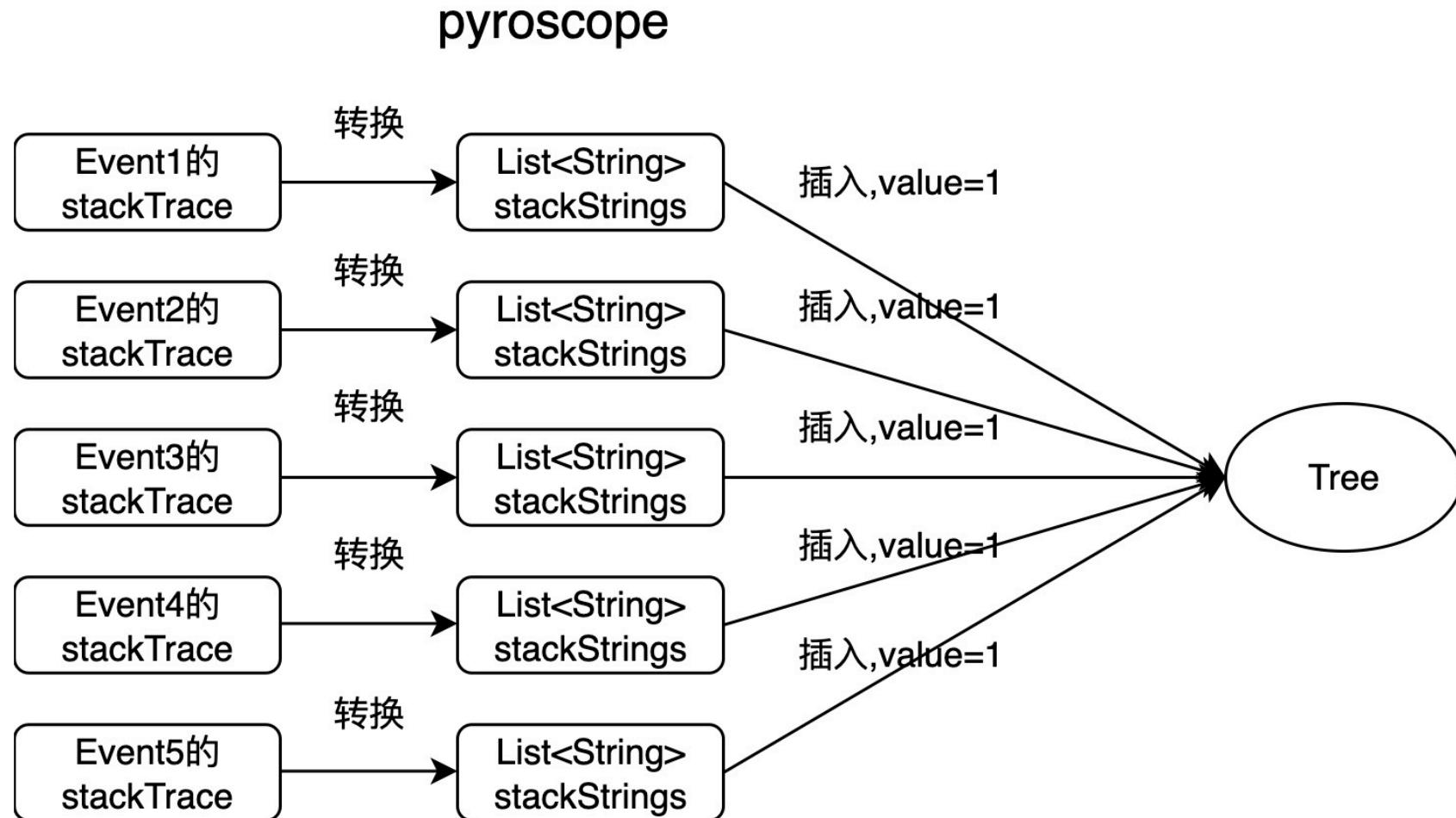


FIG. Another performance issue: too many binary searches during insertion even if binary search has $O(\log N)$ complexity

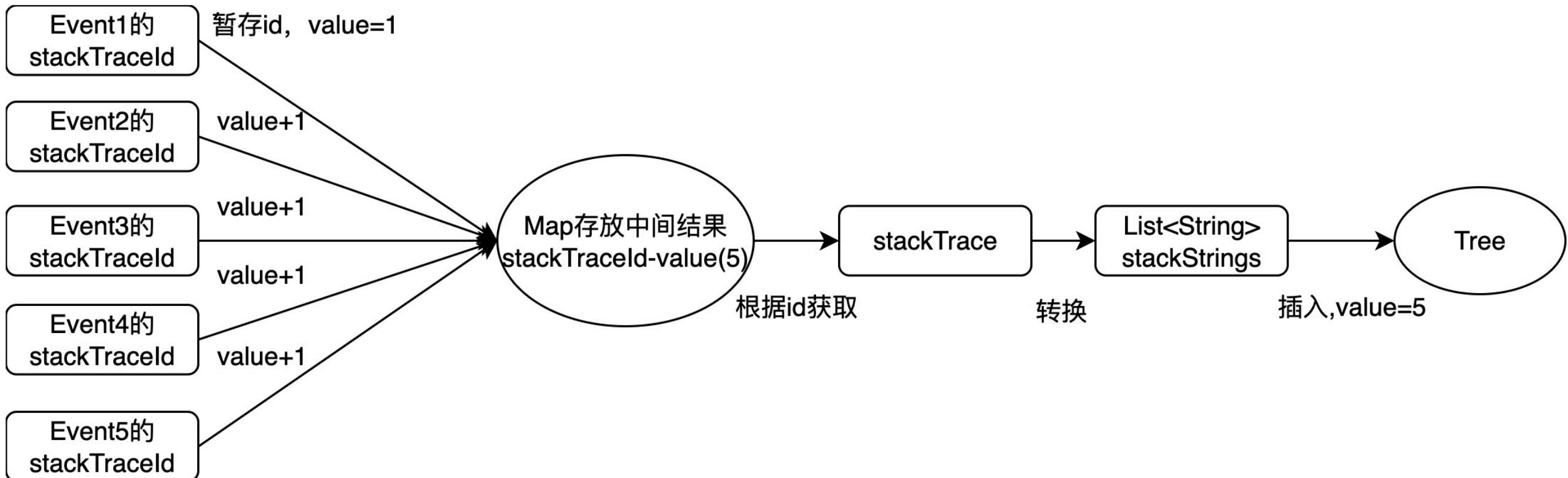
JFR Reader: insert first

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JFR Reader: aggregate first

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JFR Reader: final round

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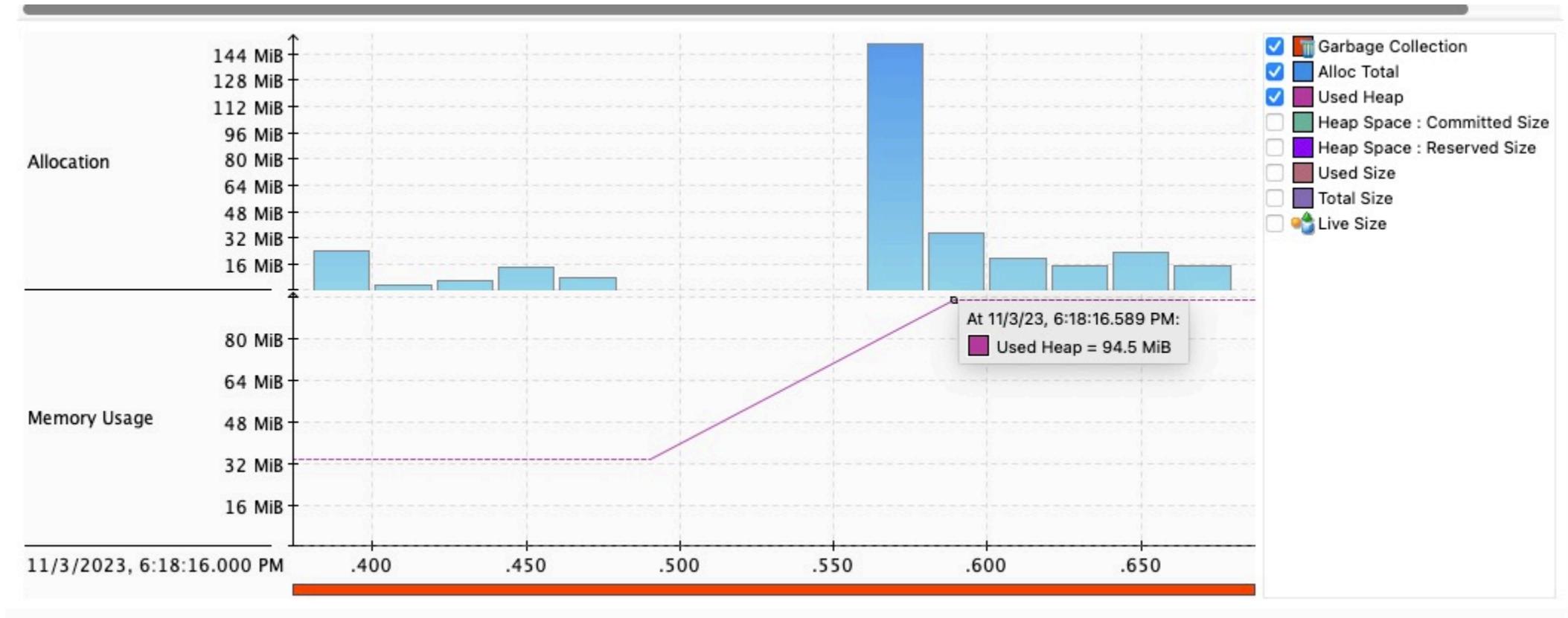
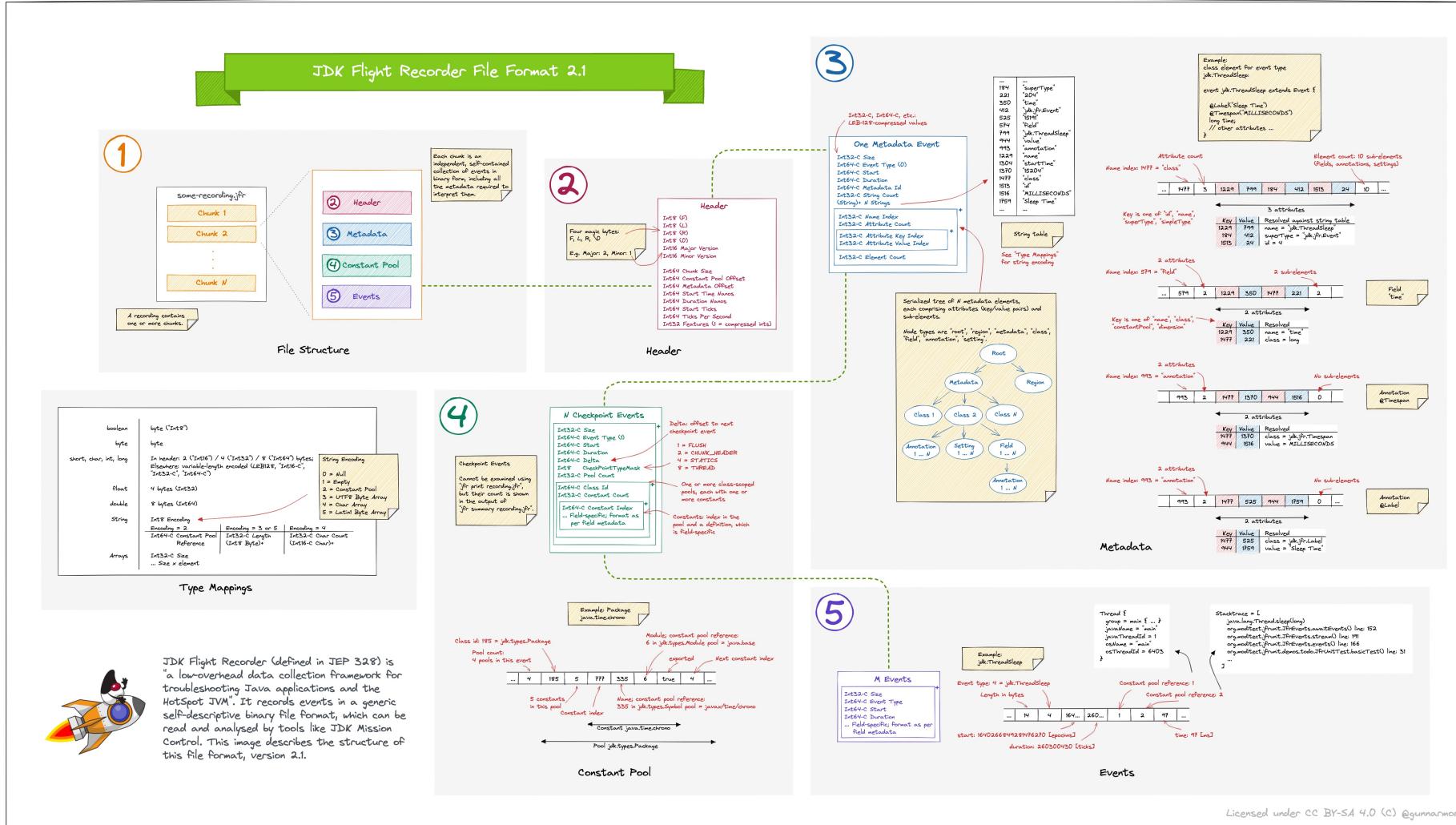


FIG. Final result: use <100M heap, and finish parsing
<1 second

JFR Reader: What about large JFR file?

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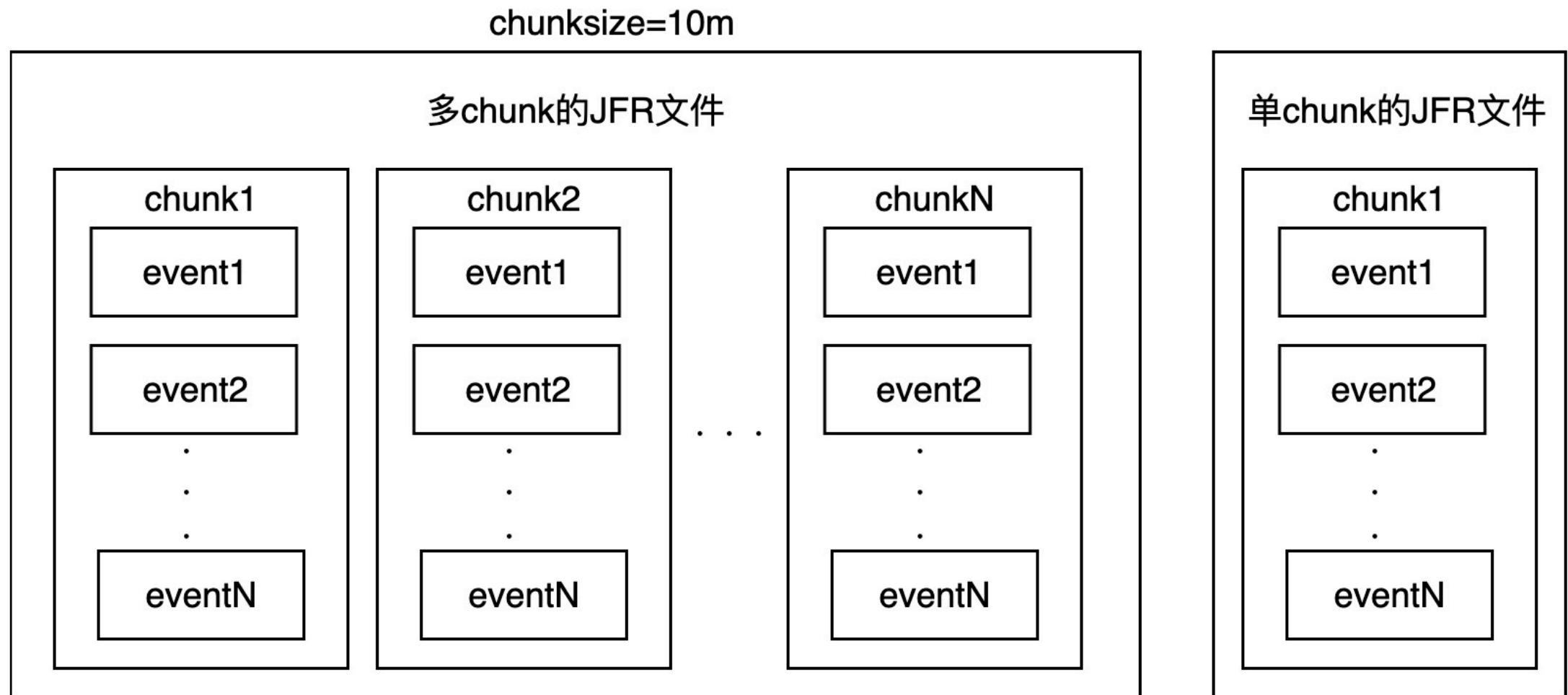


FIG. ChunkSize can be controlled by parameter

JFR Reader: What about large JFR file?

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Support read JFR file chunk by chunk #718

Closed luojiajing1126 wants to merge 2 commits into `async-profiler:master` from `luojiajing1126:master` ↗

Conversation 4 Commits 2 Checks 1 Files changed 4 +186 -28

luojiajing1126 commented on Feb 23 · edited

If the JFR file is large, for example, `alloc` event is enabled, it may cost large heap space to process millions of events.

This PR intends to amortize memory consumption by allowing users to read a single chunk once.

API:

As is used by `readAllEvents` in the `JfrReader.java`,

```
public <E extends Event> List<E> readAllEvents(Class<E> cls) {
    Chunks<E> chunks = readChunks(cls);
    ArrayList<E> events = new ArrayList<E>();
    for (final Chunk<E> chunk : chunks) {
        for (final E event : chunk) {
            events.add(event);
        }
    }
    Collections.sort(events);
    return events;
}
```

Still questions: (Excuse for my poor understanding of the JFR spec)

In the current impl, I noticed only `types` and `typesByName` are cleared. However, according to [the file format](#), `Chunk` should be self-contained. Does it mean that we can clear all intermediate states, e.g. classes, symbols, methods when we start to read a new Chunk?

Contributor

Reviewers
No reviews

Assignees
No one assigned

Labels
None yet

Projects
None yet

Milestone
No milestone

Development
Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues.
None yet

Notifications
Customize
Unsubscribe

You're receiving notifications because you authored this thread.

One more thing: correlation

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Context ID functionality #576

[Open](#) krzysztofslusarski wants to merge 18 commits into `async-profiler:master` from `krzysztofslusarski:ecid` ↗

Conversation 84 Commits 18 Checks 1 Files changed 6 +69 -9

krzysztofslusarski commented on Apr 3, 2022 · edited

Contributor

Adding two operations to Java API:

- `setContextId(long contextId)`
- `clearContextId()`

Use case:
There are java applications that want to achieve better performance by distributing the single request work into multiple threads. In such cases it is hard to find in profiler results where the time is wasted, since you have no information which thread executed which request. To make it traceable I would like to use external correlation id, so it is generated by client before passing work to other threads, then the worker thread would do:

```
asyncProfiler.setContextId(correlationId);
actualWork();
asyncProfiler.clearContextId();
```

The context id is passed to custom field on execution sample, so we can post-filer it.

Other use cases I see is reactive programming, and in the future, loom project, distributed systems...

This PR is not finished, I just want to know, what do you think [@apangin](#)? If you like that functionality I can add this field to other profiling event.

Code

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Reviewers

- jbachorik
- apangin
- ocadaruma
- AdrK
- vasi-stripe

Still in progress? Learn about draft PRs

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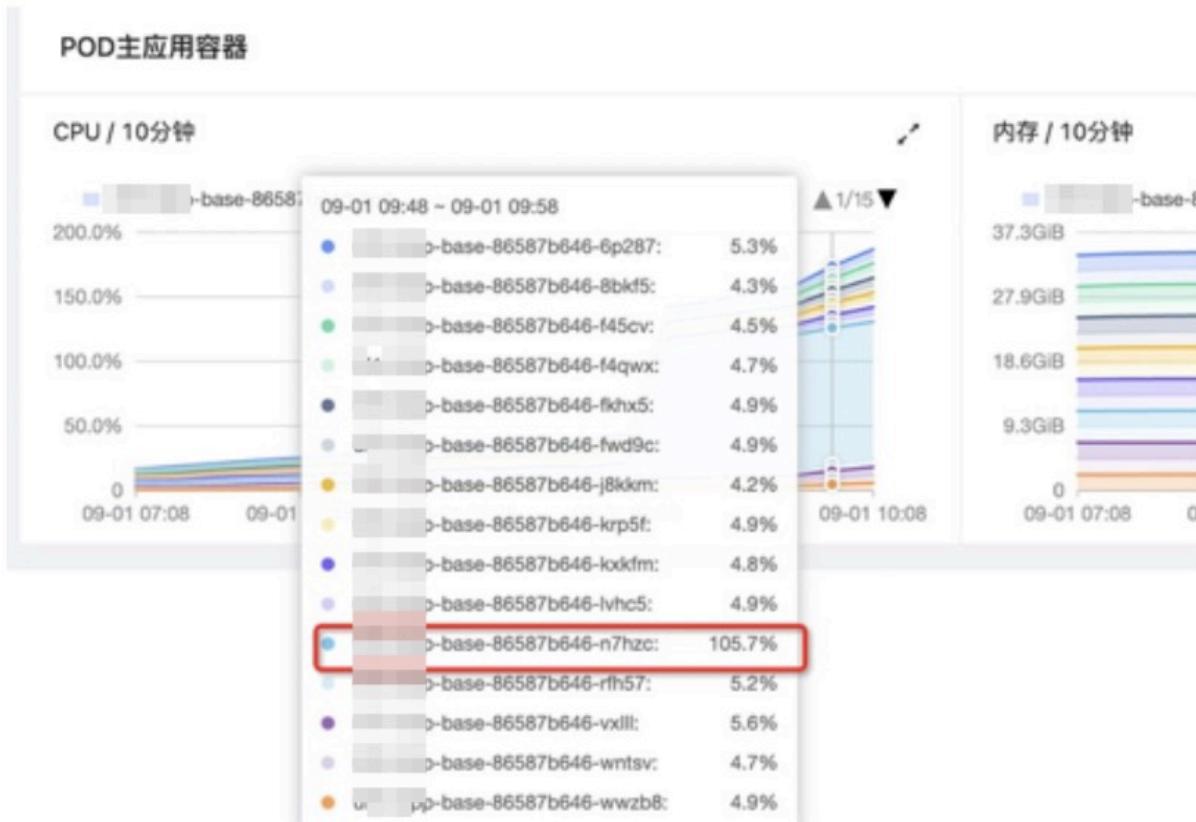
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交互式诊断

Interactive Diag.

How to diag. a CPU spike

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[REDACTED] 有一个节点 cpu 和 young gc 次数 遥遥领先，
看起来很奇怪

How to diag. a CPU spike: Arthas

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The screenshot shows the Arthas documentation website at version v3.7.1. The left sidebar contains links for '文档' (Documentation), '简介' (Introduction), '快速入门' (Quick Start), 'Arthas Install', '下载' (Download), '表达式核心变量' (Core Variables), '命令列表' (Command List), and a detailed list of commands: auth, base64, cat, classloader, cls, dashboard, dump, echo, getstatic, grep, heapdump, help, history, jad, and jfr. The main content area is titled '使用参考' (Usage Reference) and features a section titled '支持一键展示当前最忙的前 N 个线程并打印堆栈:' (Supports one-click display of the top N busiest threads and prints the stack trace). It includes a code snippet showing the output of the '\$ thread -n 3' command:

```
$ thread -n 3
"C1 CompilerThread0" [Internal] cpuUsage=1.63% deltaTime=3ms time=1170ms

"arthas-command-execute" Id=23 cpuUsage=0.11% deltaTime=0ms time=401ms RUNNABLE
    at java.management@11.0.7/sun.management.ThreadImpl.dumpThreads0(Native Method)
    at java.management@11.0.7/sun.management.ThreadImpl.getThreadInfo(ThreadImpl.j
    at com.taobao.arthas.core.command.monitor200.ThreadCommand.processTopBusyThrea
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    at java.base@11.0.7/java.util.concurrent.FutureTask.run(FutureTask.java:264)
    at java.base@11.0.7/java.util.concurrent.ScheduledThreadPoolExecutor$Scheduled
    at java.base@11.0.7/java.util.concurrent.ThreadPoolExecutor.runWorker(ThreadPo
    at java.base@11.0.7/java.util.concurrent.ThreadPoolExecutor$Worker.run(ThreadP
    at java.base@11.0.7/java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:834)

"VM Periodic Task Thread" [Internal] cpuUsage=0.07% deltaTime=0ms time=584ms
```

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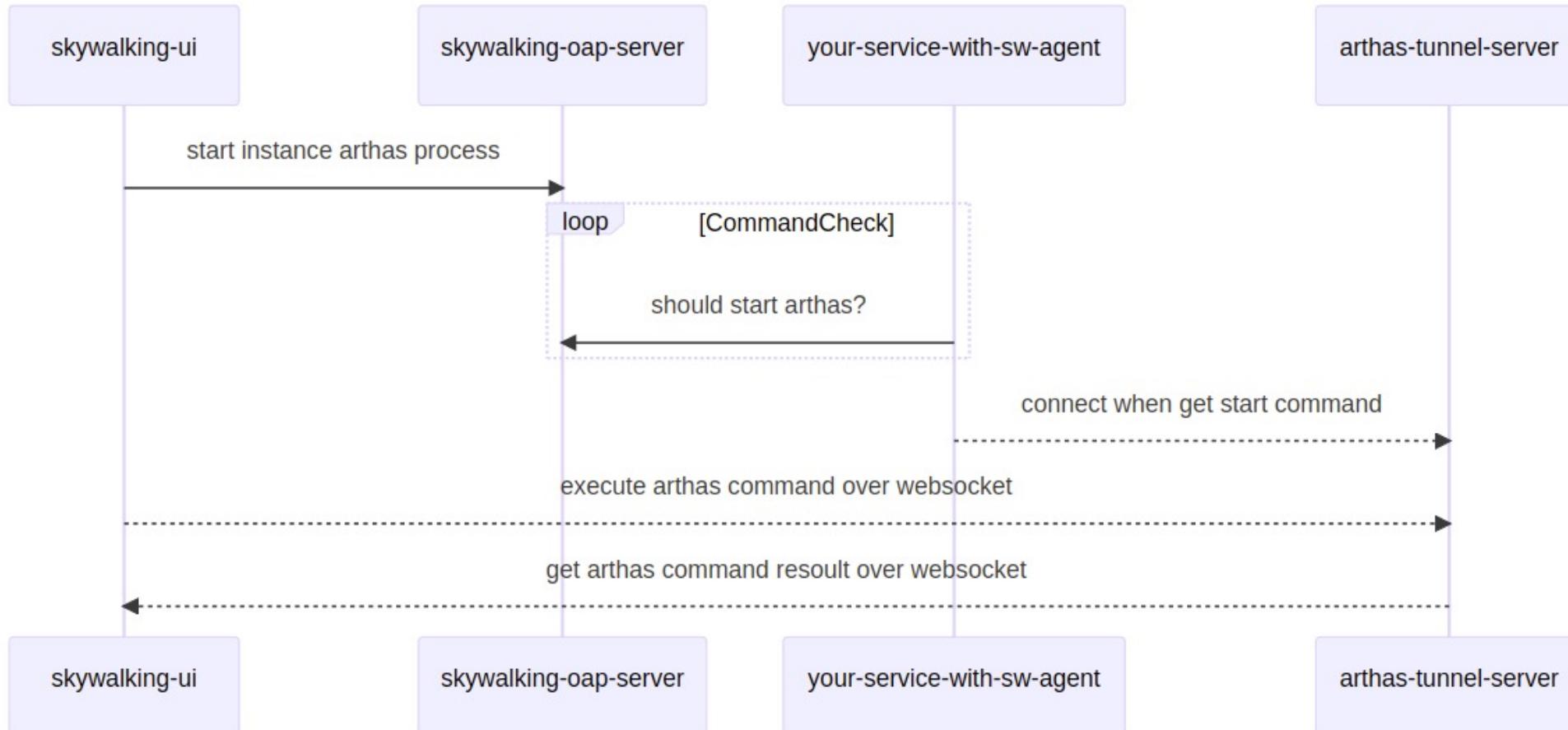


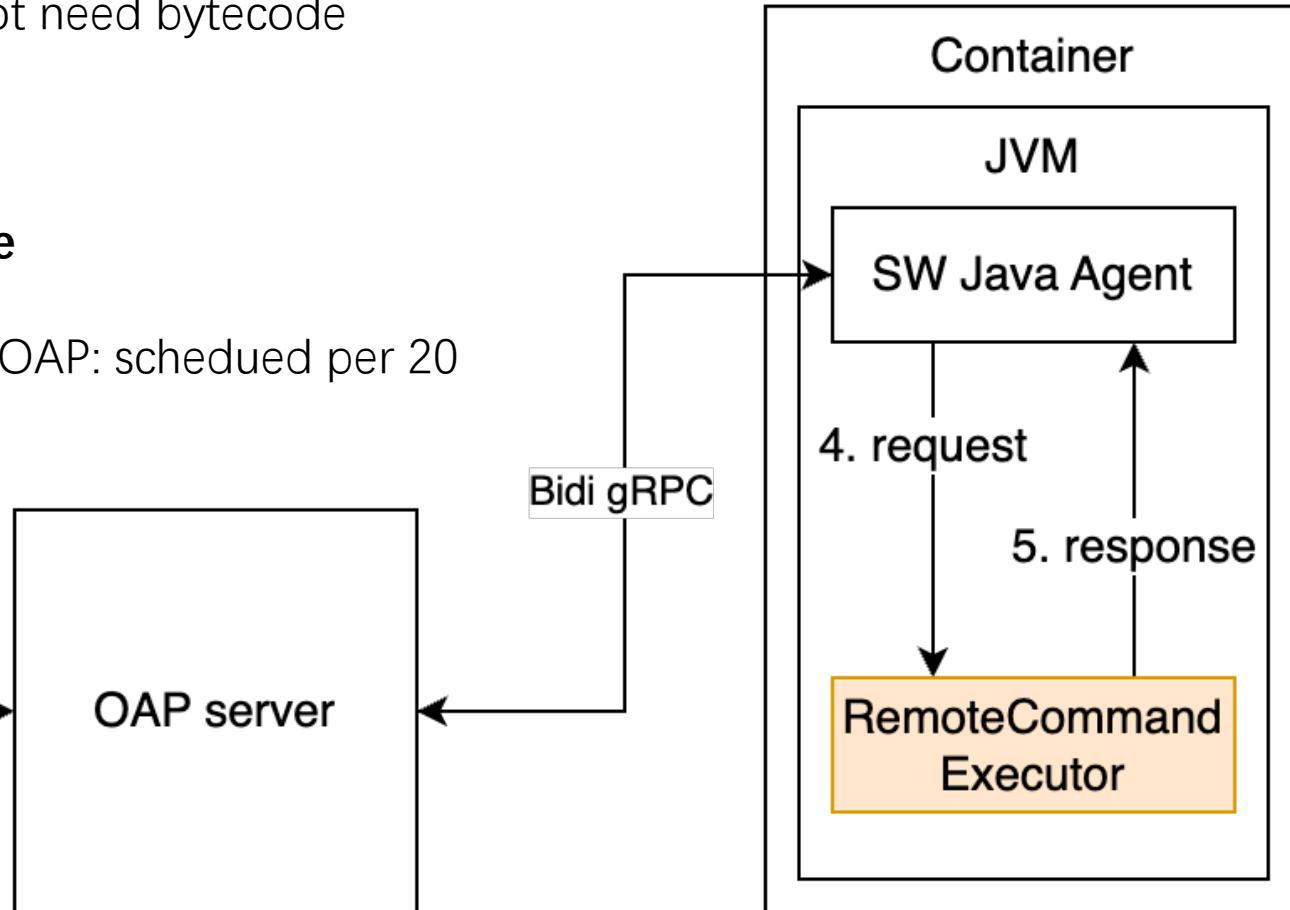
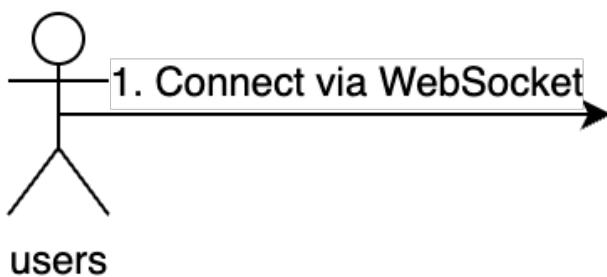
FIG. 将 Apache SkyWalking 与 Arthas 集成 By 魏翔

<https://skywalking.apache.org/zh/2023-09-17-integrating-skywalking-with-arthas/>

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- For those commands that does not need bytecode retransform
 - thread
 - ...
- **Bypass Storage: latency sensitive**
 - ElasticSearch flush interval
 - Agents poll commands from OAP: scheduled per 20 seconds



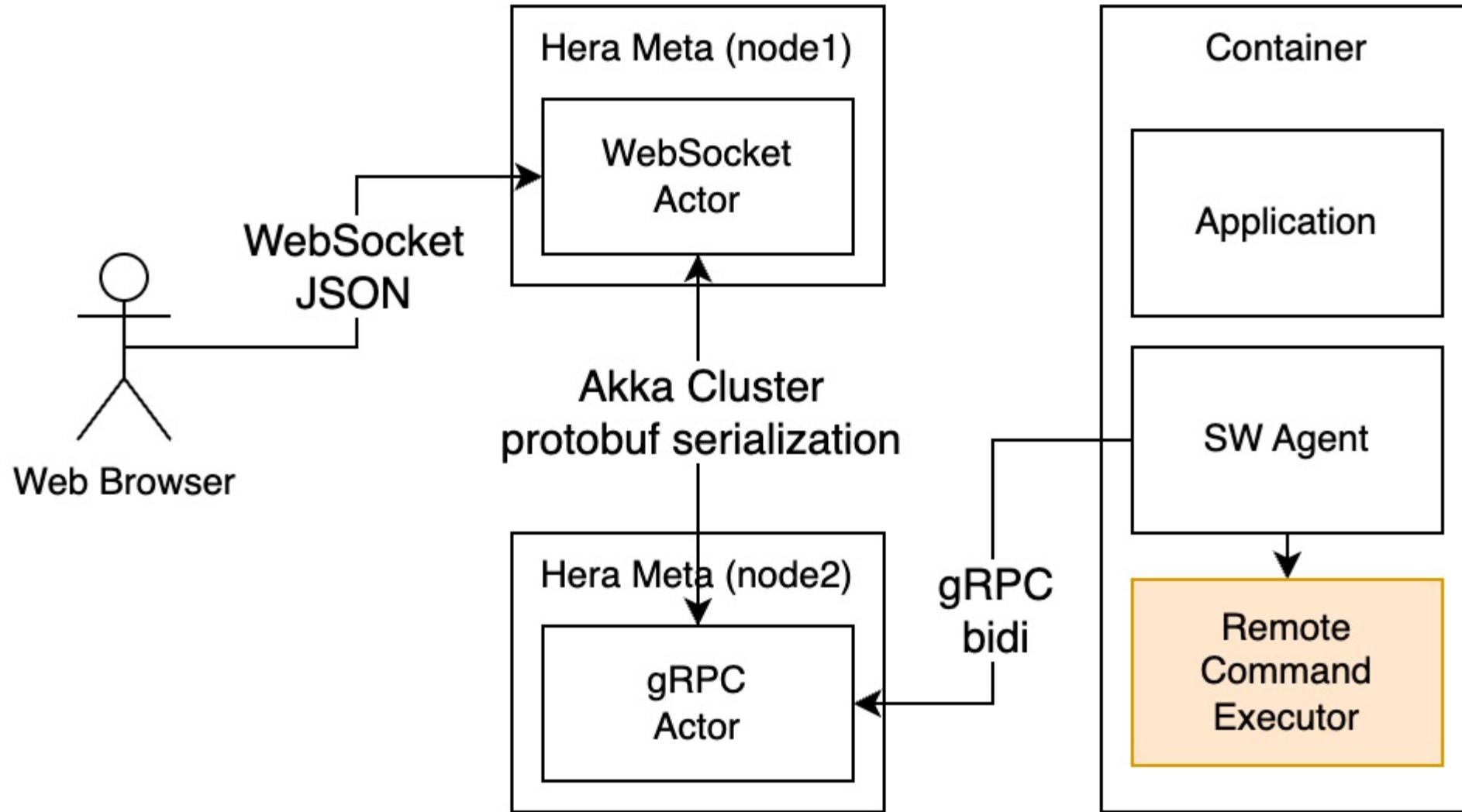
Protocol Design: bidi over unary

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```
29 service ProfileTask {  
30  
31     // query all sniffer need to execute profile task commands  
32     rpc getProfileTaskCommands (ProfileTaskCommandQuery) returns (common.v1.Commands) {  
33     }  
34  
35     // collect dumped thread snapshot  
36     rpc collectSnapshot (stream ThreadSnapshot) returns (common.v1.Commands) {  
37     }  
38  
39     // report profiling task finished  
40     rpc reportTaskFinish (ProfileTaskFinishReport) returns (common.v1.Commands) {  
41     }  
42  
43 }  
..  
  
29 service RemoteCommandTask {  
30     // collect remote command result  
31     rpc executeRemoteCommand (stream RemoteCommandRequest) returns (stream RemoteCommandResponse) {  
32     }  
33 }
```

What about distributed OAP?

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What about retransform?

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<https://github.com/apache/skywalking/blob/master/docs/en/FAQ/Compatible-with-other-javaagent-bytecode-processing.md#compatibility-with-other-java-agent-bytecode-processes>

Problem

1. When using the SkyWalking agent, some other agents, such as Arthas, can't work properly. [#4858](#)
2. The retransform classes in the Java agent conflict with the SkyWalking agent, as illustrated in this [demo](#)

Cause

The SkyWalking agent uses ByteBuddy to transform classes when the Java application starts. ByteBuddy generates auxiliary classes with different random names every time.

When another Java agent retransforms the same class, it triggers the SkyWalking agent to enhance the class again. Since the bytecode has been regenerated by ByteBuddy, the fields and imported class names have been modified, and the JVM verifications on class bytecode have failed, the retransform classes would therefore be unsuccessful.

Resolution

1. Enable the class cache feature

Add JVM parameters:

```
-Dskywalking.agent.is_cache_enhanced_class=true -Dskywalking.agent.class_cache_mode=MEMORY
```

What about retransform? Changes in 9.0.3

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Improve bytebuddy class enhance for retransform classes #561

Merged

wu-sheng merged 24 commits into apache:main from kylixs:improve-bytebuddy-for-retransform on Jun 24

Conversation 78

Commits 24

Checks 173

Files changed 57



kylixs commented on Jun 23

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- For those commands that does need bytecode retransform,
 - watch: observe method exec (parameter, result, exception...)
 - trace: trace method exec path
 - monitor: stat method exec (not real time)
- Main idea
 - For TypeDescription: always prefer bytecode from TypePool to reflection API
 - For aux. fields/methods: use stable prefix/suffix instead of random ones

Changes in 9.0: perf issue (resolved)

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Optimize bytebuddy type description performance #637

Merged wu-sheng merged 13 commits into apache:main from kylixs:opt_bytebuddy_type_pool 8 hours ago

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kylixs commented last week · edited

Improve the performance of type description of byte-buddy

The goal is to get the original class description at re-transform, so as to generate consistent results when the Skywalking agent is enhanced again (including implementing the EnhancedInstance interface, auxiliary fields and methods, etc.)

The previous type description used the `AgentBuilder.DescriptionStrategy.Default.POOL_FIRST` policy to get origin type description, which slows down the application startup, due to heavy I/O operations and parsing bytecode.

New way is to remove dynamic fields, methods and interfaces generated by SkyWalking Agent from `TypeDescription`, and make it as origin type descriptor.

Key feature :

- No need to cache `TypeDescription` objects, less memory used.
- It only applies to the re-transform class processing flow and does not affect the startup process.

Process flow:

- Find `TypeDescription` from commonly used type cache, such as primitive class.
- Delegate to `AgentBuilder.DescriptionStrategy.Default.HYBRID`
- Wrap `TypeDescription` by `SWTypeDescriptionWrapper`, remove fields, methods, interface generated by SkyWalking.

Reviewers: lujiajing1126, wu-sheng

Assignees: No one—assign yourself

Labels: core, enhancement, TBD

Projects: None yet

Milestone: 9.1.0

Notifications: Customize

This screenshot shows a GitHub pull request (PR #637) titled "Optimize bytebuddy type description performance". The PR has been merged. The commit history shows 13 commits from user "kylixs" merged into the "apache:main" branch from the "kylixs:opt_bytebuddy_type_pool" branch. The pull request has 181 checks and 11 files changed. The code review section shows two reviewers: "lujiajing1126" and "wu-sheng", with "wu-sheng" having a green checkmark indicating review completion. The PR is labeled with "core", "enhancement", and "TBD". The "Projects" field is set to "None yet". The "Milestone" is set to "9.1.0". The "Notifications" section includes a "Customize" link. The main body of the PR discusses the performance improvement of type description by removing dynamic fields, methods, and interfaces generated by the SkyWalking Agent, and provides a key feature list and a process flow diagram.

FIG. Using POOL_FIRST TypeDescription strategy in SW Java 9.0 caused almost double application launch time and larger heap size. Resolved in PR #637.

Q&A

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