

# BLUE WATERS

SUSTAINED PETASCALE COMPUTING

## Failure and Resiliency in the Shadow of Extreme Scale – Will our Current Assumptions Take Us in the Right Direction?

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## Agenda

- Overarching Comments
- HMDR Project
- Compare how we have progress
  - Current - Blue Waters Insights and Examples
  - Past – NERSC Insights and Examples
- Blue Waters Monitoring Infrastructure
- Lessons, Needs and Implications for Extreme Scale

# WE CANNOT MANAGE WHAT WE CANNOT MEASURE

This is true in general, but especially true in very large, very complex systems.

# THE BEHAVIOR WE MEASURE IS THE BEHAVIOR WE GET

True with people and systems.

With people, measuring is the primary motivator and rewards are enhancers

With systems, we have be the ones that interpret and take action based on the measurements.

## WE HAVE TO TAKE HOLISTIC APPROACHES TO @SCALE SYSTEM AND SERVICES MEASUREMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

Holistic – “characterized by comprehension of the parts of something as intimately interconnected and explicable only by reference to the whole” – Google

Holistic – “relating to or concerned with complete systems rather than with individual parts” – Merriam-Webster Dictionary

## What People Want from an HPC System

- Performance – How fast will a system process their work if everything is perfect
- Effectiveness – What is the likelihood they can get the system to do their work
- Reliability – The system is available to do work and operates correctly all the time
- Consistency/(un)Variability – How often will the system process their work as fast as it can
- Usability – How easy is it for them to get the system to go as fast as possible

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# CURRENT AND PAST INSIGHTS

## Two Time Periods to Compare

- 2000 – 2008 - NERSC systems
  - 2002 - IBM SP-3 – Seaborg
    - POWER 3+ 375 MHz
    - IBM “Colony” interconnect
    - 416 nodes with 16 cores per node – 6,656 cores
    - 6.7 TBs of Memory (1 GB/core)
  - 2007 - Cray XT4 - Franklin
    - AMD Opteron 2.6 GHz - Dual-Core
    - SeaStar Torus Interconnect
    - 9,660 nodes2 cores pre node - 19,320 cores
    - 38.6 TBs of Memory (2 GB/core)
    - 356 TB of disk
- 2013-2016 - NCSA Blue Waters
  - The largest Cray systems every built
  - 84% XE6 blades, 16% XK7 blades

# Holistic Measurement Driven Resiliency (HMDR) Project Goals

Overall Goal - We will determine fault → error → failure paths in extreme scale systems of today to help improve those and future systems.

- HMDR is collecting and analyzing a rich set of log and metric data from three generations of large scale HPC platforms
  - Blue Waters at NCSA, Hopper (XE6) and Edison (XC30) at NERSC , Cielo (XE6) at LANL and their successors, Trinity (XC40) and Cori
- Provide a rich understanding of failure modes, root causes, detection/mitigation mechanisms, costs, and impact on applications.
- Provide a deeper understanding of fundamental fault mechanisms and fault/error propagation in current and future systems
- Facilitate other resiliency research by providing annotated datasets from modern extreme-scale systems
- Address a number of multi-generational extreme-scale architectures, including next-generation advanced technologies
- Use fault injection experiments in combination with field data analytics to identify fault/error propagation and improve diagnosability and detectability of faults/errors
- FOR ECP: Enhance our current software tools to support scalable automated: measurement collection, transport, analysis, and fault categorization for enabling application resilience to fault and contention based degradation and failure at Extreme Scale and beyond

## Project Participants

- UIUC:
  - Prof. Ravishankar Iyer - the George and Ann Fisher Distinguished Professor of Engineering AND Leads the DEPEND group focuses on the research, design, and validation of highly available, reliable, and trustworthy computing systems and networks.
  - Dr. Zbigniew Kalbarczyk – Principle Research Scientist in the UI Coordinated Systems Laboratory
  - Dr. Valerio Formicola – visiting scholar and post-doc
- NCSA
  - Prof. William Kramer - Director Blue Waters and CS Research Professor
  - Jeremy Enos – Blue Waters System Management & Development Lead
  - Joseph Fullop – Integrated System Console Lead
  - Mike Showerman – Blue Waters System Resource Manager
  - Graduate students
- Cray:
  - Larry Kaplan – Chief Software Architect – Cray Inc.



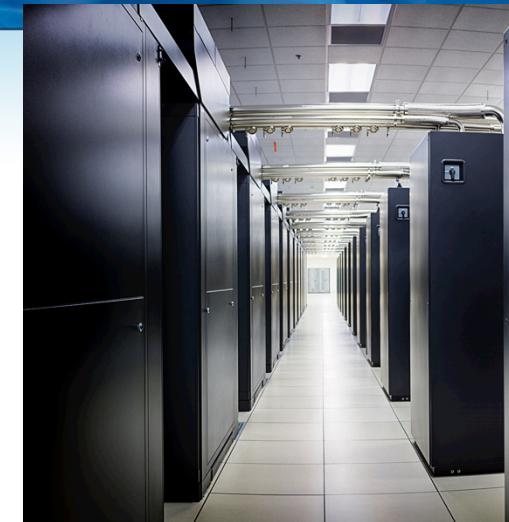
## Project Participants

- SNL:
  - James Brandt - Distinguished Member of the Computer Science R&D Staff – HPC Monitoring Lead, leads software development effort OVIS/LDMS
  - Dr. Ann Gentile - Principal Member of the Computer Science R&D Staff, SNL Trinity Operations Lead
- NERSC:
  - Dr. Nicholas J. Wright - Advanced Technologies Group Leader and works in performance modeling and characterization
  - Dr. James Botts – Computational Systems Group
  - Tina Butler. – Computational Systems Group – lead for NERSC 4 and NERSC 6
- LANL:
  - Jim Lujan – Project director of Trinity and Crossroads
  - Cindy Martin – HPC Operations Group Leader



## The Blue Waters System

- Comprehensive development, deployment and service phases with co-design and other aspects
- The Blue Waters system is a top ranked system in all aspects of its capabilities.
- Diverse Science teams are able to make excellent use of those capabilities due to the system's flexibility and emphasis on sustained performance.



- 45% larger than any system Cray has ever built
- Peak Performance and delivered cycles are approximately the same as the aggregate of all the NSF XSEDE resources.
- Ranks in the top 5 systems in the world in peak performance – despite being over two years old
- Largest memory capacity (1.66 PetaBytes) of any HPC system in the world! One of the fastest file systems (>1 TB/s) in the world!
- Largest nearline tape system (>250 PB) in the world
- Fastest external network capability (370-470 Gb/s) of any open science site.



## Blue Waters Computing System

[bluewaters.ncsa.illinois.edu](http://bluewaters.ncsa.illinois.edu)



**1.66PB Globally Addressable Memory**

**13.1 Peak PF**

**10/40/100 Gb  
Ethernet Switch**

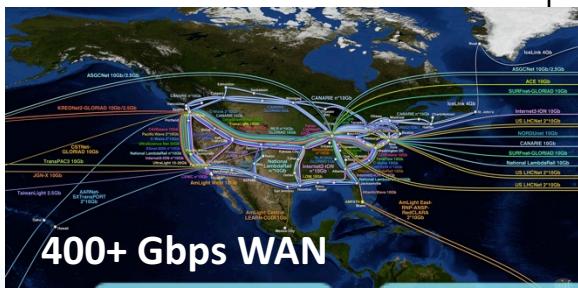
**External Servers**

**IB Switch**

**>1 TB/sec**

**100 GB/sec**

**220+ Gb/sec**  
**Going to 400+ Gb/sec by end 2015**



**400+ Gbps WAN**

**Full Scale use  
across all  
ranges of  
research**

**Measured,  
Sustained 1.3  
PF/s over 14  
benchmarks**

**The largest  
System Cray  
has ever built –  
45% larger  
than Titan**

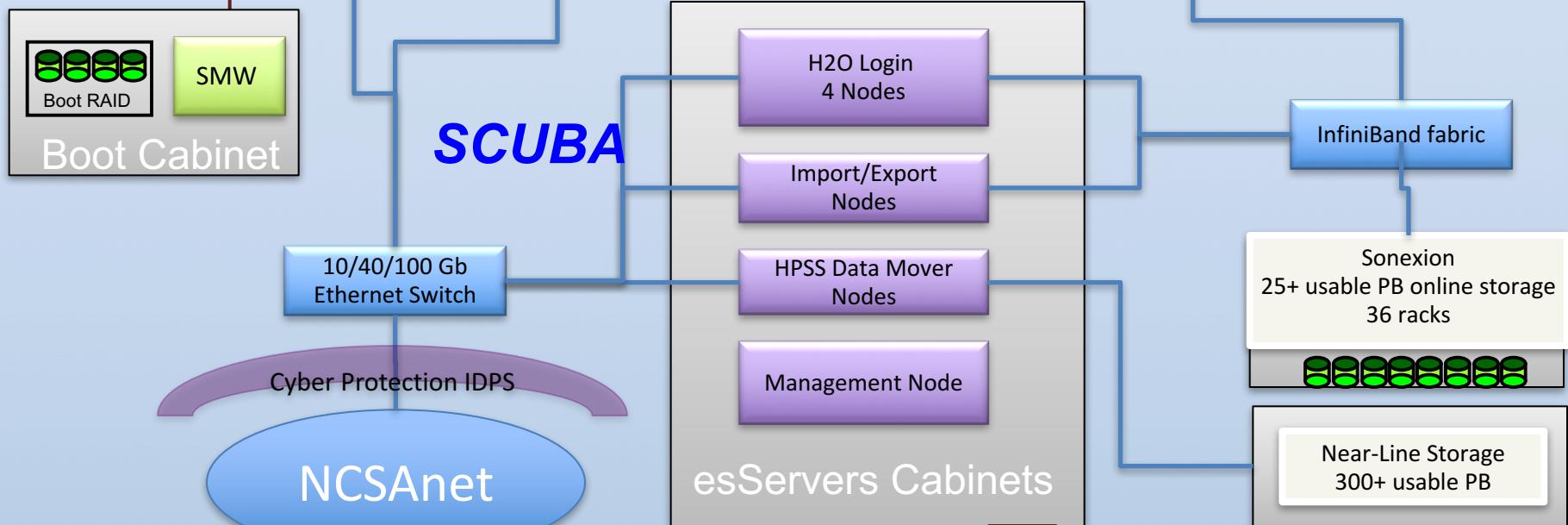
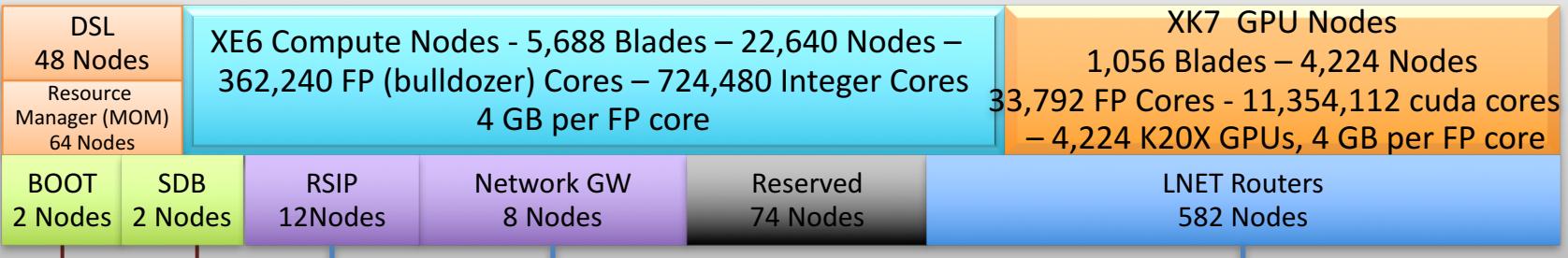
**Largest  
Memory of any  
system in open  
science – 1.66  
PB**

**Most  
networked  
facility in open  
science**

**Not listed on  
the Top500 on  
purpose**



## Gemini Fabric (HSN)



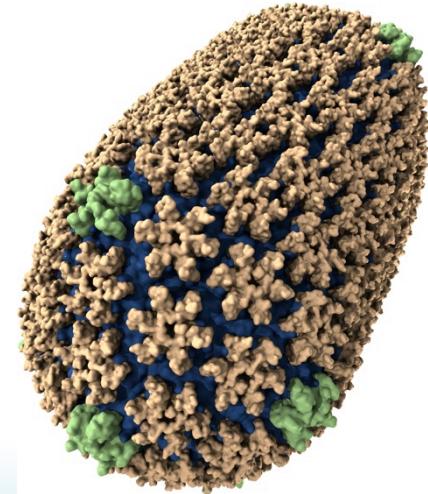
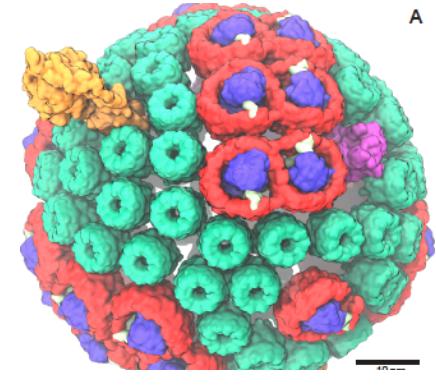
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Supporting systems: LDAP, RSA, Portal, JIRA, Globus CA, Bro, test systems, Accounts/Allocations, CVS, Wiki

## Schulten - The Computational Microscope

*"We were challenged with describing an extremely large structure. ... at the very moment when Blue Waters was available. Five years ago, this breakthrough simulation of the HIV virus wouldn't have happened."*

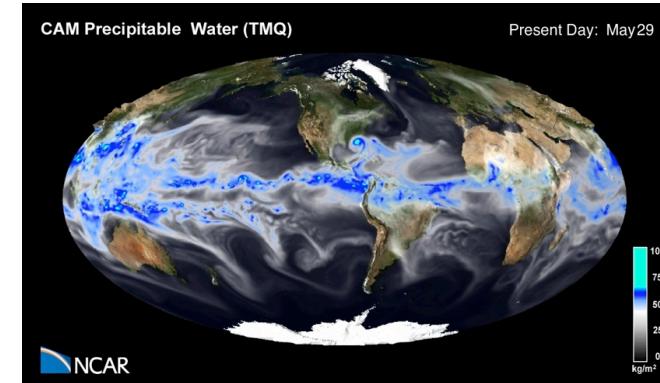
- Challenge Goals
  - First ever atomic-level structure of a native, mature HIV capsid to help scientists understand better how the HIV capsid infects the host cells and could lead to new HIV therapies.
  - The first all-atom model of a cellular organelle. – the Chromatophore which allow the bacteria to absorb sunlight and turn it into chemical fuel that drives many processes in the cell. The chromatophore is composed of about 200 proteins and carries out about 20 processes.
- Usage/Accomplishments
  - Explored the interactions of the full HIV capsid with small molecules for potential drug therapy, Together with experimental collaborators, were able to describe the action of cyclophilin A on the capsid to help scientists understand better how the HIV capsid infects the host cells
  - Complete Chromatophore simulation at the full organelle structure
- Blue Waters Help
  - Enabled graphics driver support on XK nodes that supported work that lead to SC'14 Visualization and Data Analytics Showcase award winner.
  - Performance, Compiler and runtime tuning
  - Topology study using shapes to identify ideal node allocation.



## Wuebbles, Washington, et. al. – Climate Change Uncertainties

*Blue Waters allows multiple, high resolution runs, 150+ years past and 100 years future, to characterize uncertainty.*

- Challenge Goal
  - Validated the effects of very high resolution (10-30 km horizontal resolution) in coupled climate models.
- Usage/Accomplishments
  - 3 present day AMIP (1979-2010) experiments were conducted using CAM5 at  $0.25^\circ$  resolution with different atmosphere/ocean coupling. “After examining the simulations in detail we believe the modified coupling approach (flux calculations on the higher-resolution atmosphere grid) is correct, while the current default coupling is demonstrably unphysical in situations with strong wind curvature.”
  - WRF with a resolution of ~1 degree, and dynamically downscale the data using weather research forecasting model (WRF) so we can view predicted atmospheric variables at 12 km resolution
  - Climate-Weather Research Forecasting model (CWRF, Liang et al. 2012) to examine uncertainties in the treatment of cloud, aerosol and radiative transfer processes
- PRAC 338 Million core hours



# CURRENT

## Example HDMR Insights and Results

- LDMS deployed at scale (> 11M data points per minute) on Petascale Systems without introducing Jitter
  - Lightweight Distributed Metric Service: A Scalable Infrastructure for Continuous Monitoring of Large Scale Computing Systems and Applications, A. Agelastos, B. Allan, J. Brandt, P. Cassella, J. Enos, J. Fullop, A. Gentile, S. Monk, N. Naksinehaboon, J. Ogden, M. Rajan, M. Showerman, J. Stevenson, N. Taerat, and T. Tucker [IEEE/ACM Int'l. Conf. for High Performance Storage, Networking, and Analysis \(SC14\) New Orleans, LA. Nov 2014.](#)
- Software installed and in use on all current systems within the HDMR collaboration
- Initial log data templates defined and being replicated
- Insights from ISC and Logdiver
  - 99.4% of failures limited to a single blade;
  - Software errors propagate 20 times more often than hardware failures;
  - DDR5 ECC is 100x more prone to uncorrected errors than DDR3 with x8 Chipkill;
  - software accounts for 53% of repair hours;
  - hardware failure rates decline over time but software does not; ...

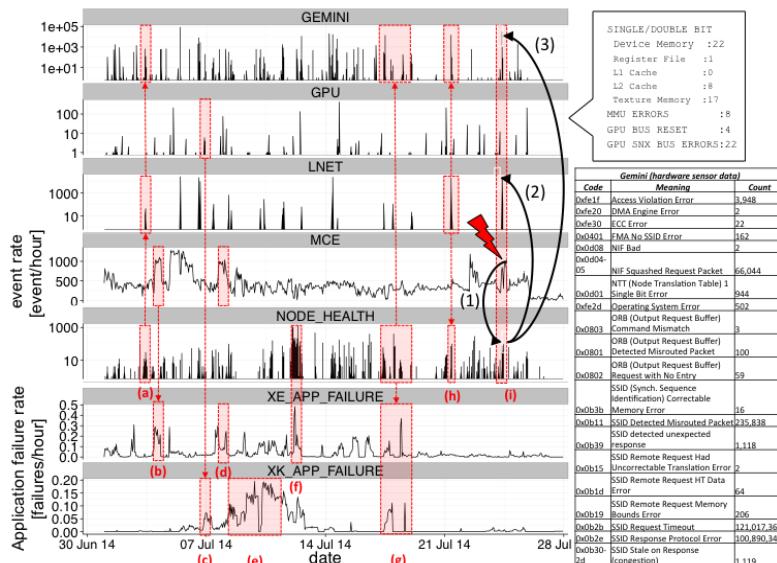
## Example HMDR Insights and Results (cont)

- Insights (cont)
  - 74% of system wide outages are due to software;
  - 50% of these are during failover;
  - filesystem and interconnect are prime contributors;
  - failure of failover causes a significant number of system wide outages;
  - application failure increases with increasing duration of failover time.
    - Catello Di Martino, Zbigniew Kalbarczyk, William Kramer, Ravishankar Iyer, "Measuring and understanding extreme-scale resilience: A field study of 5,000,000 HPC application runs," 45th IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks, DSN 2015, pp. 25–36, 22–25 June 2015. [URL: http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=7266835](http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=7266835)
    - Di Martino, Catello, F. Baccanico, W. Kramer, J. Fullop, J, Z Kalbarczyk, and R Iyer, Lessons Learned From the Analysis of System Failures at Petascale: The Case of Blue Waters, The 44th Annual IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN 2014}), June 23-26 2014

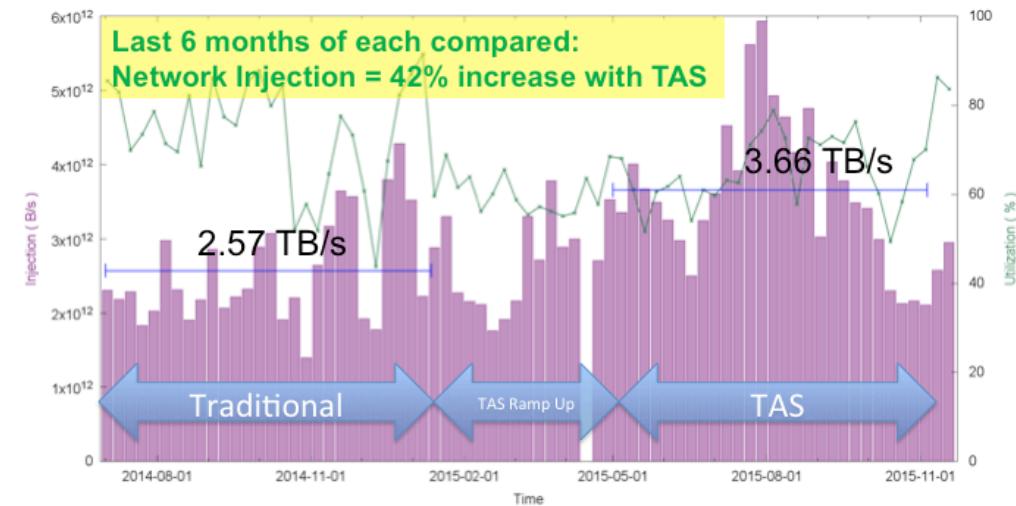
## Example HMDR Insights and Results (cont)

- HMDR Web portal created and published
  - <http://portal.nersc.gov/project/m888/resilience/>
- Software released
  - Blue Waters ISC posted on github - <https://github.org/ncsa/isc>
  - LDMS and OVIS available – <https://github.org/ovis-hpc>

## Examples of Results: Improving systems through understanding of root causes of faults, failure propagation, and performance changes



Analysis of data for root cause fault analysis - Published

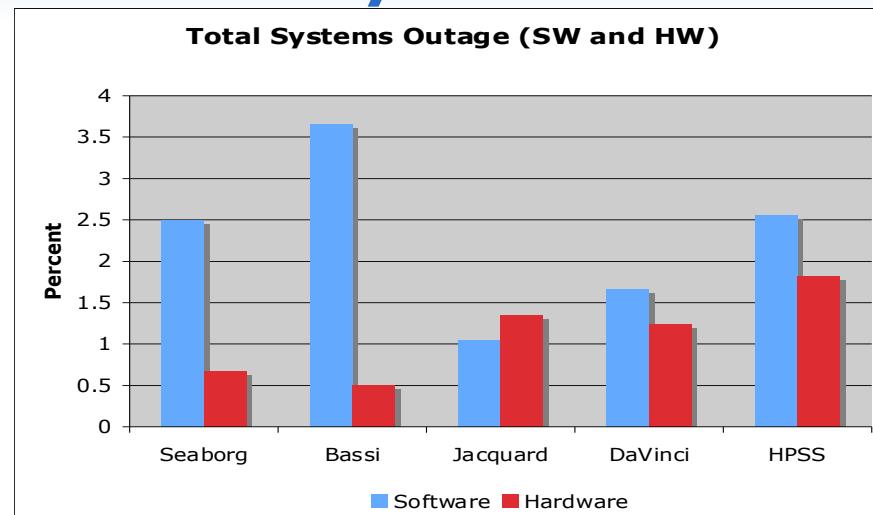


One root cause of significant performance degradation addressed by “topologically aware scheduling” – Publication in preparation

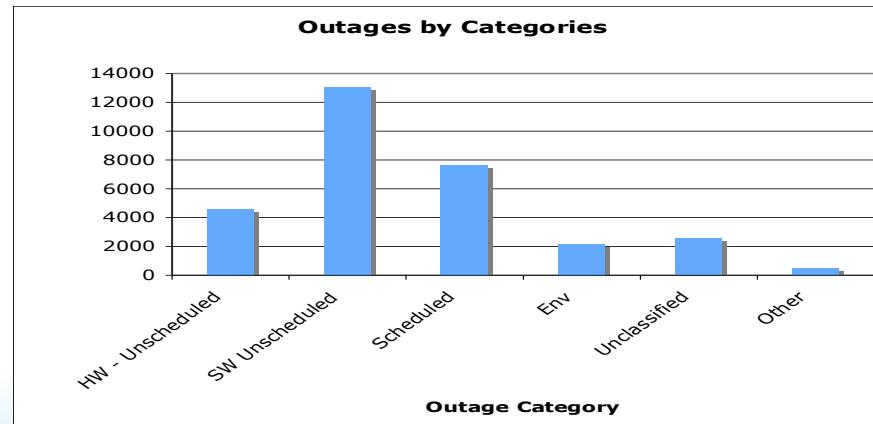
# BACK TO THE PAST

# Reliability is the Key Issue

- 6 Years of NERSC System

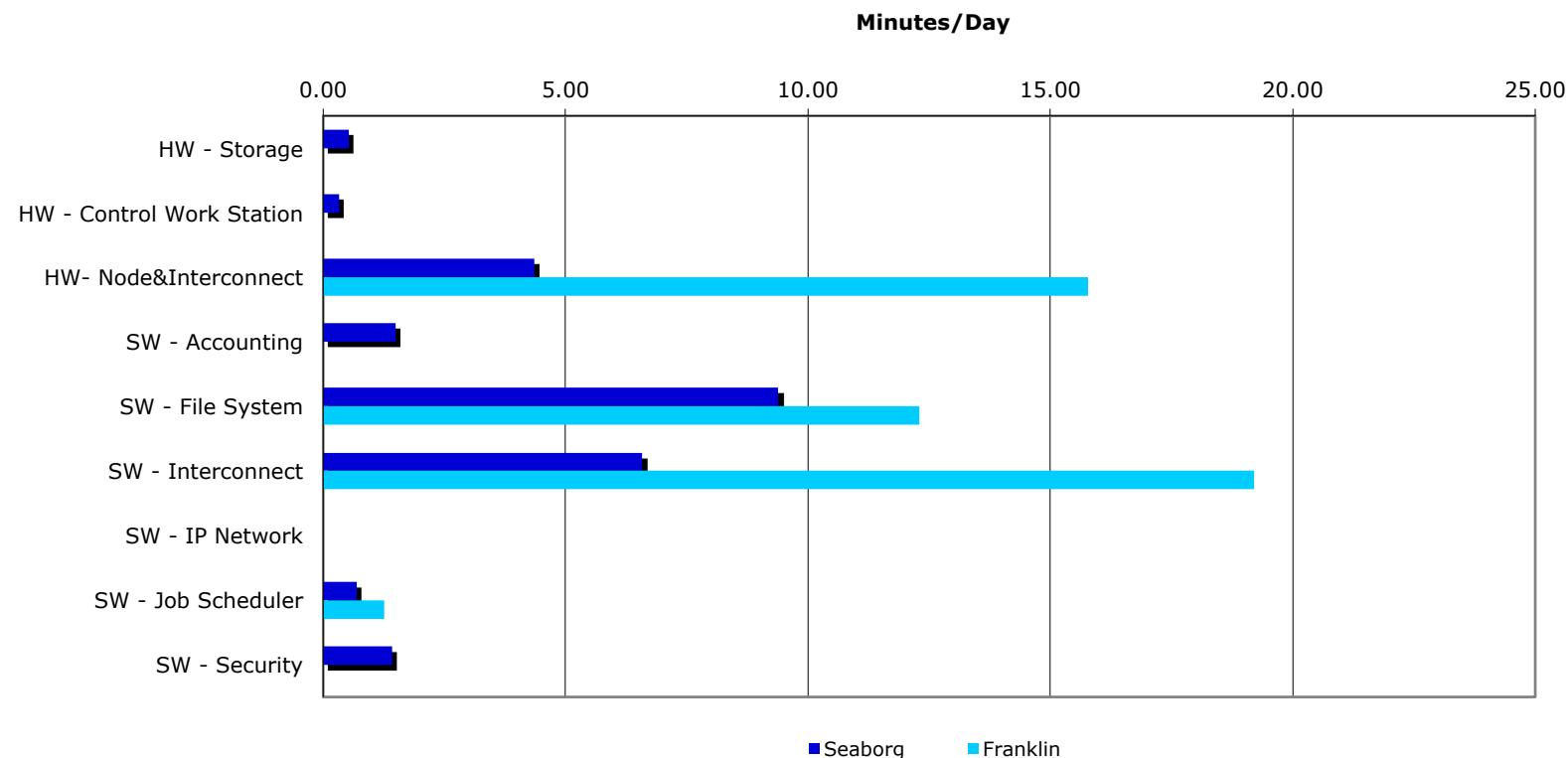


- 4 Months of XT-4 Franklin

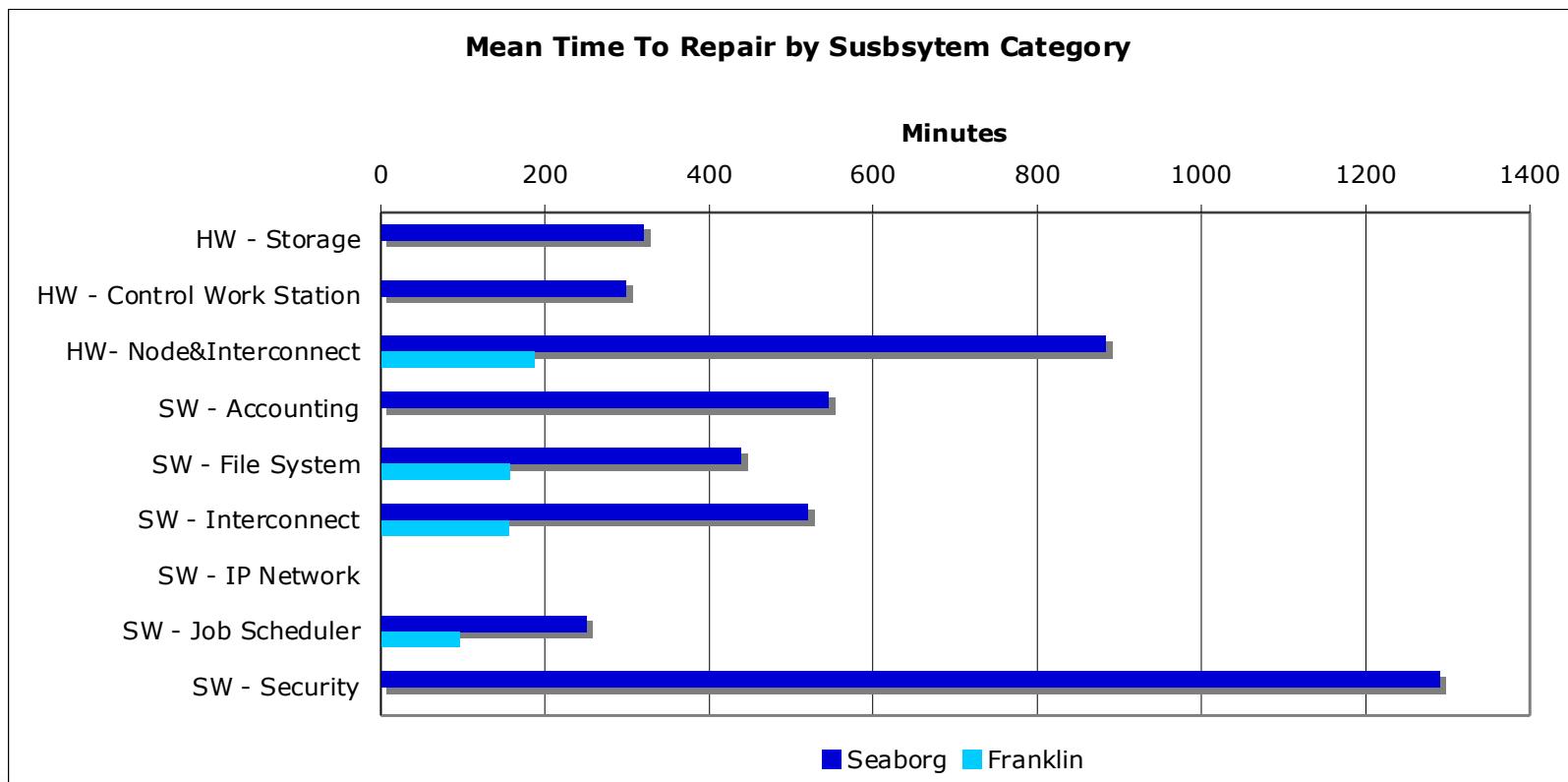


## Software Reliability

Average Daily Downtime by Subsystem Category



## Software Reliability



# BLUE WATERS Responsibility - Even If a System Stays Up - Will It Stay

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## Jobs Succeed?

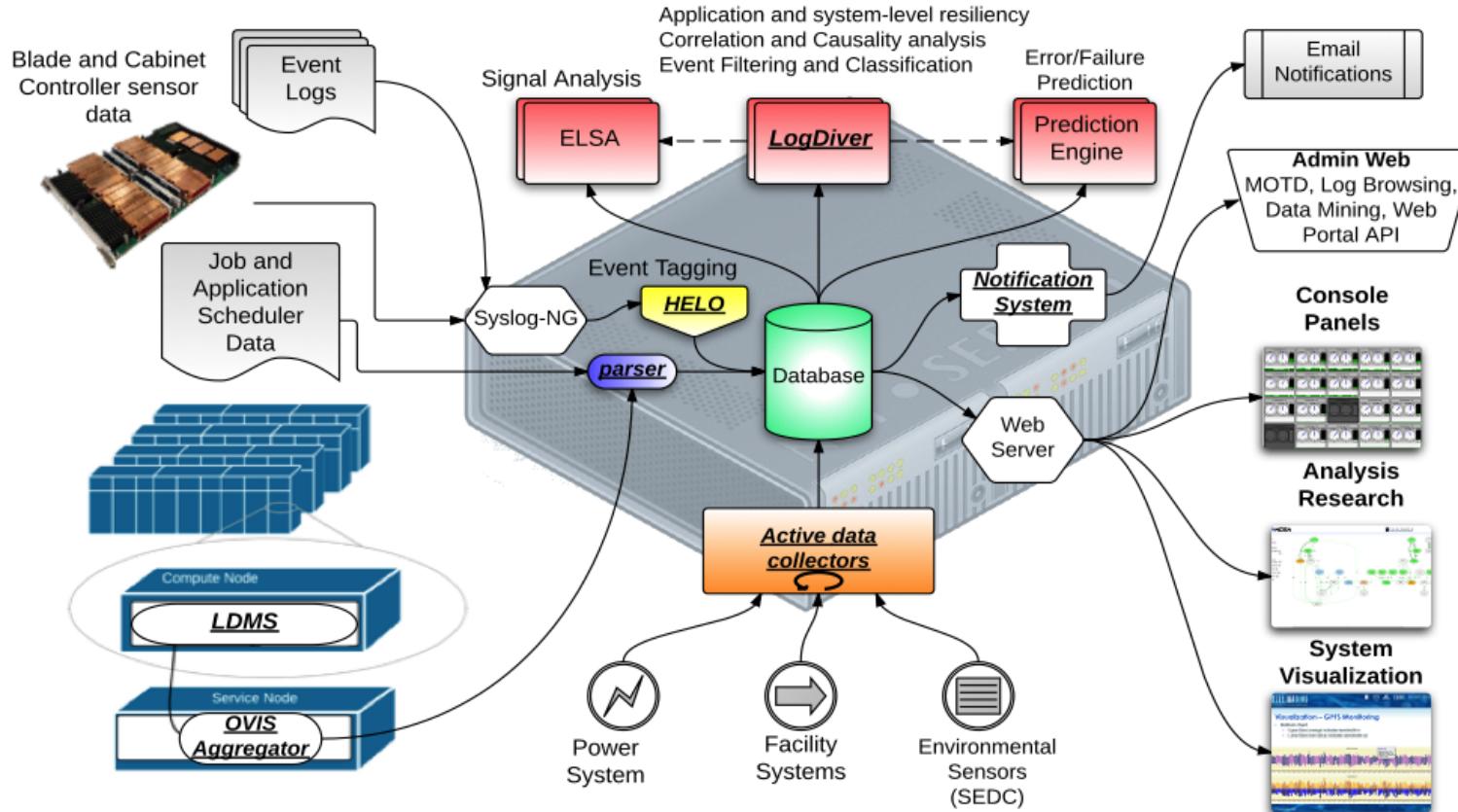
Job Failure Error Categories for the NERSC Cray XT-4	Number of Jobs	Percent of Jobs
<b>SUCCESS - Job clearly succeeds</b>	117,884	66.2%
<b>WALLTIME - Job ran to the wall clock time limit - some user causes - some system causes</b>	12,614	7.1%
<b>WIDTH - A mismatch between job request and aprun command request -- normally a user error</b>	0	0.0%
<b>NODEFAIL - A node assigned to the job failed or crashed – possibly hardware</b>	192	0.1%
<b>UNEX - This error indicates MPI buffers need to be increased</b>	75	>0.05%
<b>ENOENT – A requested executable file does not exist</b>	1,148	0.6%
<b>LIBSMA - An error within the SHMEM communication library</b>	70	>0.05%
<b>SIGTERM - Job received a Terminate Signal that could have been from the user or the system</b>	58	>0.05%
<b>NOAPRUN - The batch job did not appear to execute an aprun, usually due to a scripting error</b>	6,516	3.7%
<b>NOTRACE –Process accounting data could not be traced to identify the aprun associated with this job. The job did execute an aprun but the parent process id was 1 so it could not be properly matched. Usually a job was killed or a system wide failure</b>	11,389	6.4%
<b>QUOTA - Job exceeded a File System quota</b>	2,865	1.6%
<b>ATOMIC – The job failed due to a software problem when using parts of the SHMEM library (fixed)</b>	4	>0.05%
<b>UNKNOWN - The status of the job completion was non-determinate. aprun command had a non-zero exit code may be due to a system problem or due to some user action that prevents recording the exit status</b>	25,318	14.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>178,133</b>	

# COLLECTING AND ANALYZING SYSTEM MONITORING DATA

## Current Database Data

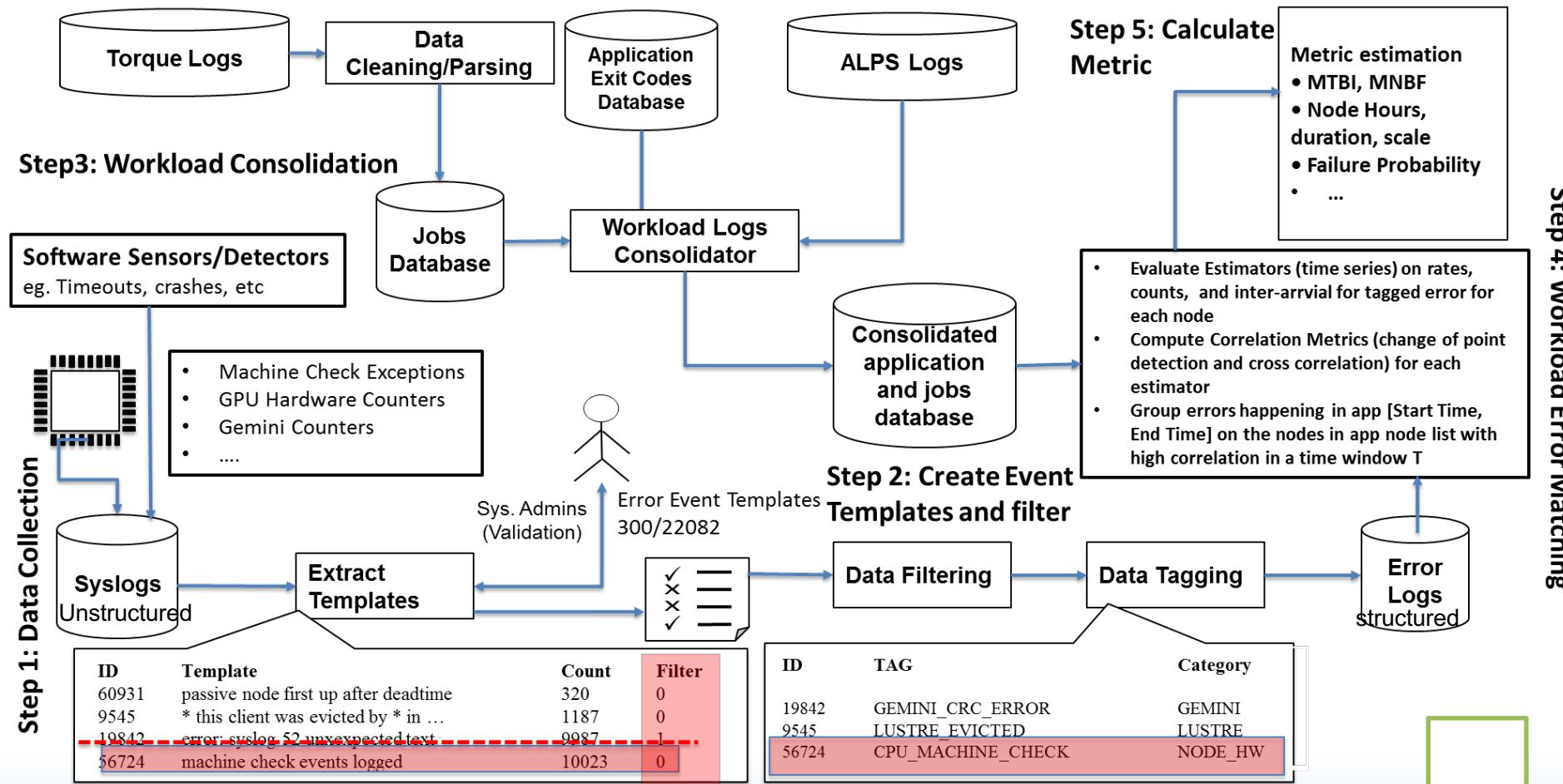
- Node
  - Load average
    - Latest, 5min, running processes, total processes
  - Current free memory
  - GPU
    - Utilization, memory used, temperature
    - Pstate, Power Limit, Power Usage
- Filesystems
  - For each home, projects, and scratch
    - Bytes/sec Read and write
    - Rate of Opens, closes, seeks
- Gemini Link Statistics
  - All 6 directions
  - Link BW, %used, avg packet size, %input queue stalls, %credit stalls
- Gemini/NIC Statistics
  - totaloutput\_optA/B, total input, fma output, bet output
  - SMSG
    - Number tx/rx rate , Bytes tx/rx rate
- RDMA
  - Number tx/rx rate , Bytes tx/rx rate
- IP over Gemini
  - Tx/rx rate

## Analysis Architecture



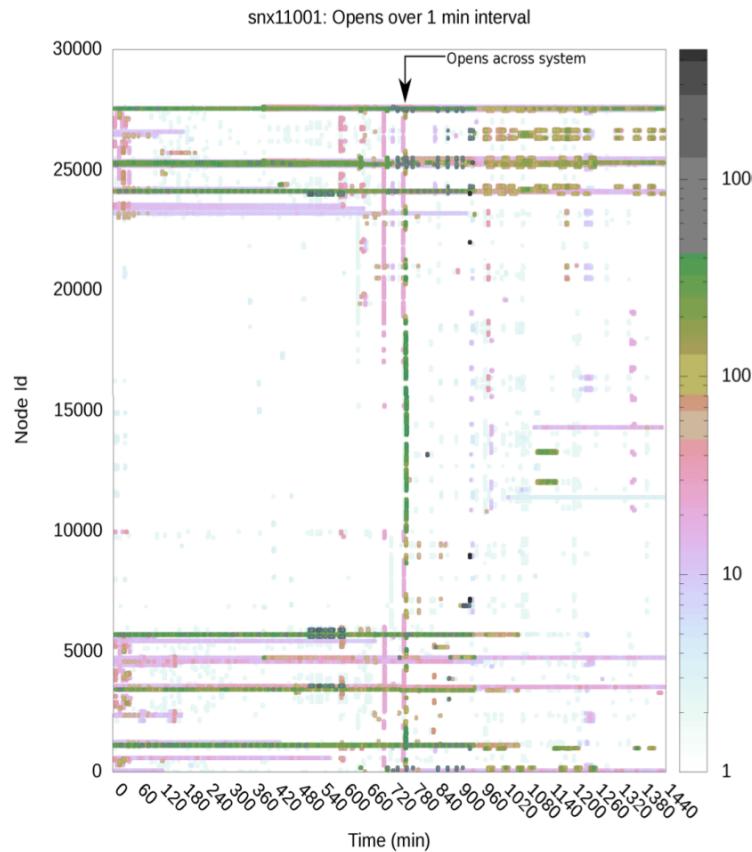
On Blue Waters, today has a core of about 8,100 active unique event types using HELO and ISC , with about 50,000 different event types that we have seen over the course of the project. We see around 30M log events on average per day, getting upwards of 1,470M log events on some days. This is exclusive of metric data like ovis and the plethora of other things we track. The ISC project has around 300 different tables we use to track those various other things.

## LogDiver workflow



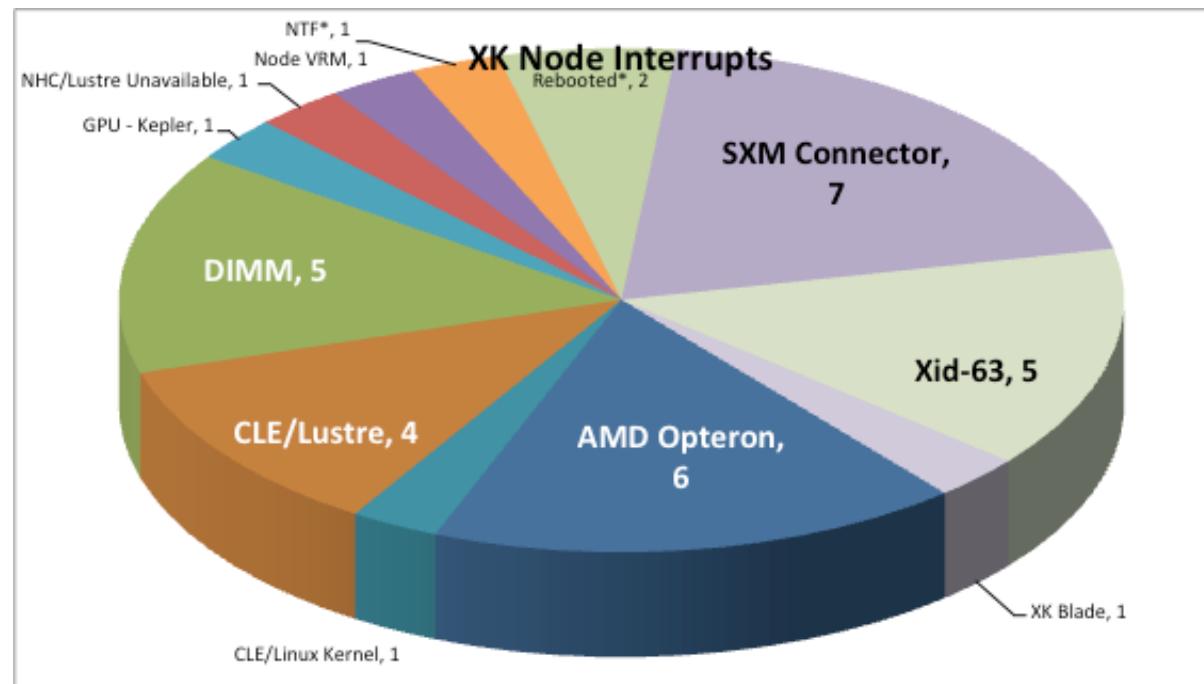
## LDMS – Lightweight, High-Fidelity Data Collection, Transport, and Storage

- Provides HPC system state data unique in scope and fidelity
  - Whole system snapshots down to sub-second intervals
  - Minimal impact on platform resources
  - No measurable adverse impact on large-scale application run times
- Features:
  - Synchronous collection for coherent system snapshots
  - Minimal and efficient processing on compute resources
    - Efficient data layout and minimization of data movement
    - RDMA to pull data without involving compute resource processors
  - Aggregators on dedicated resources support high overhead tasks such as failover and in-transit analysis plugins
  - High fan in ratios (> 15000:1)

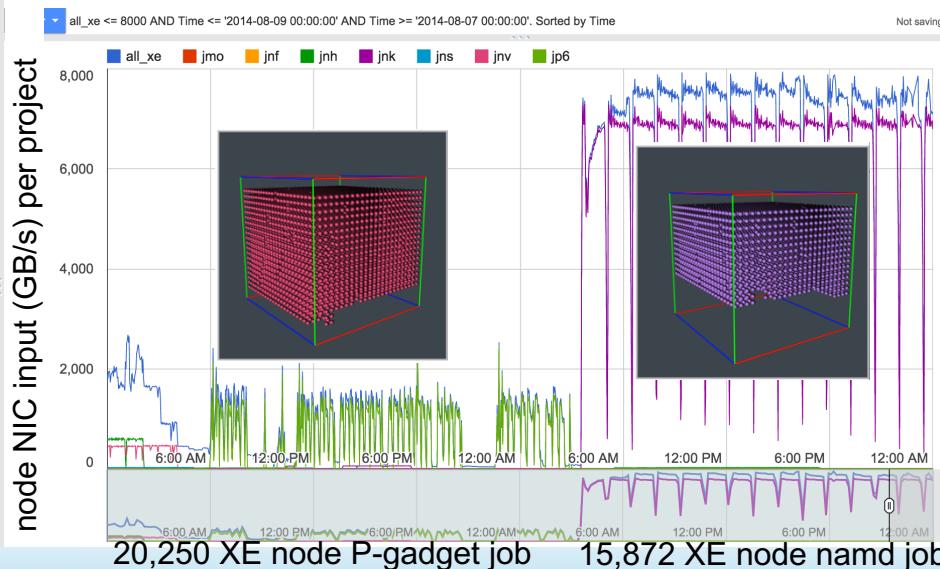


Blue Waters: One day dataset contains ~40 million data points per metric and 7.7 billion data points overall

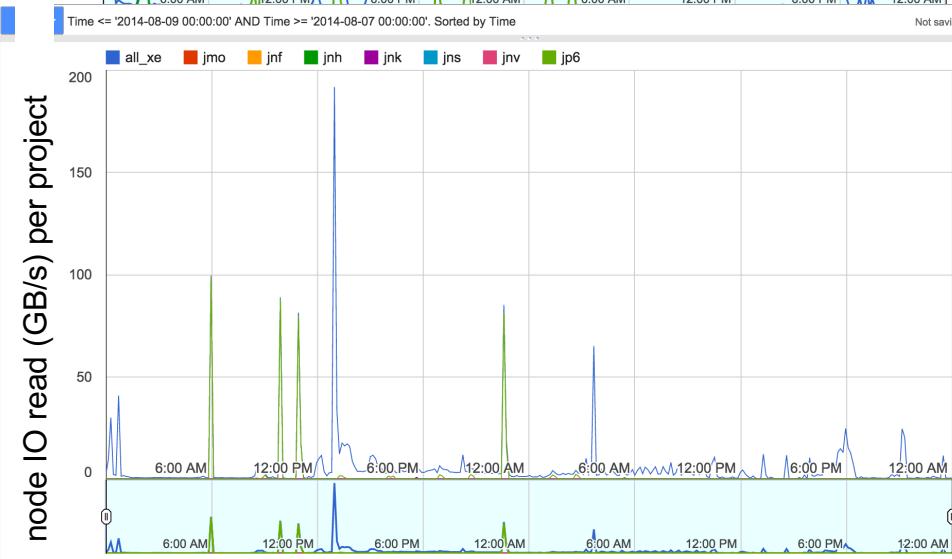
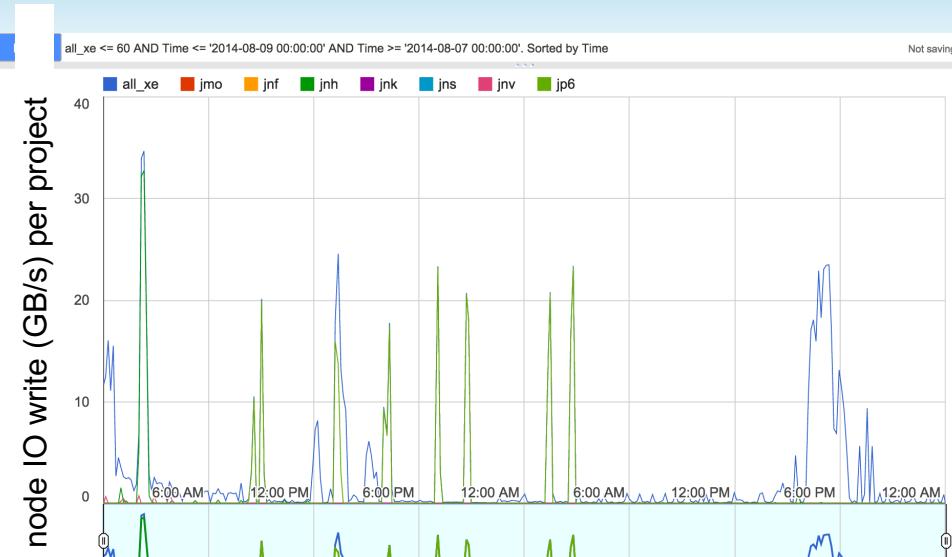
## Examples of Data: Node Failure Causes on Blue Waters



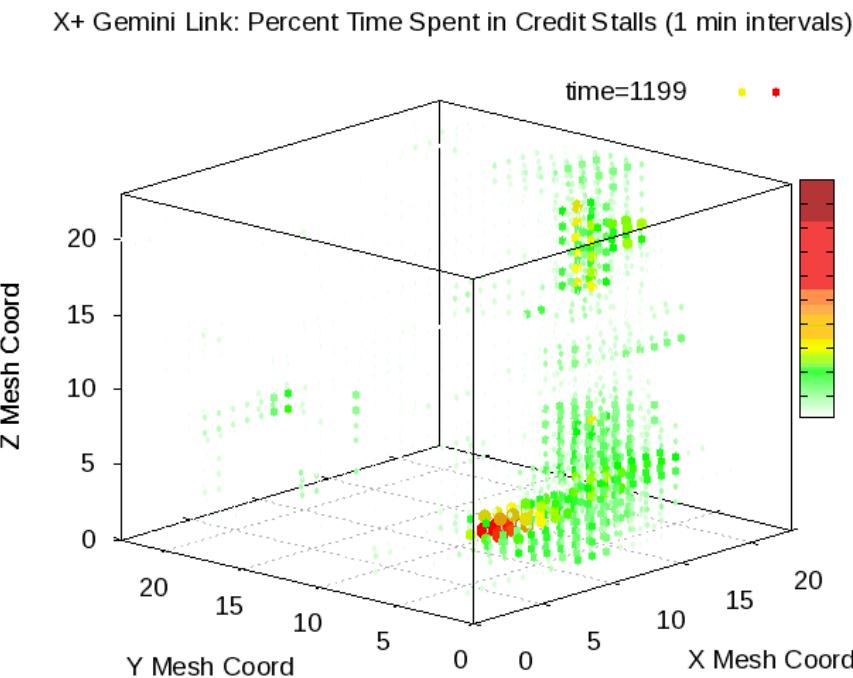
## Example Views of Job Behavior



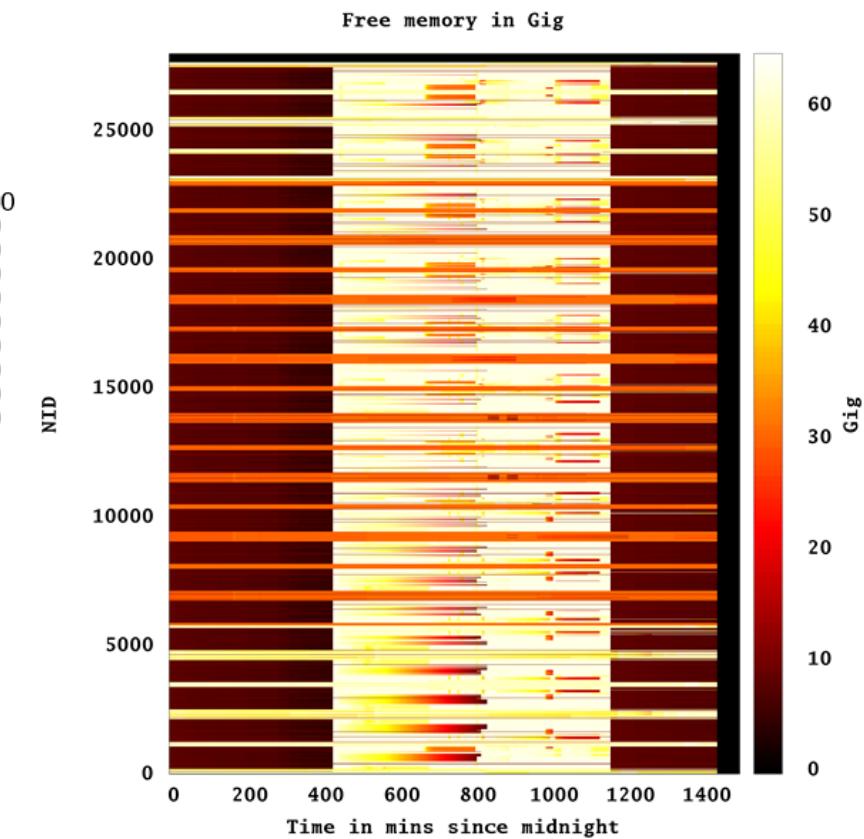
Data credited the HMDR Project Team, the LDMS/Ovis Team and NCSA Blue Waters Team



## 3D Animations and Graphs

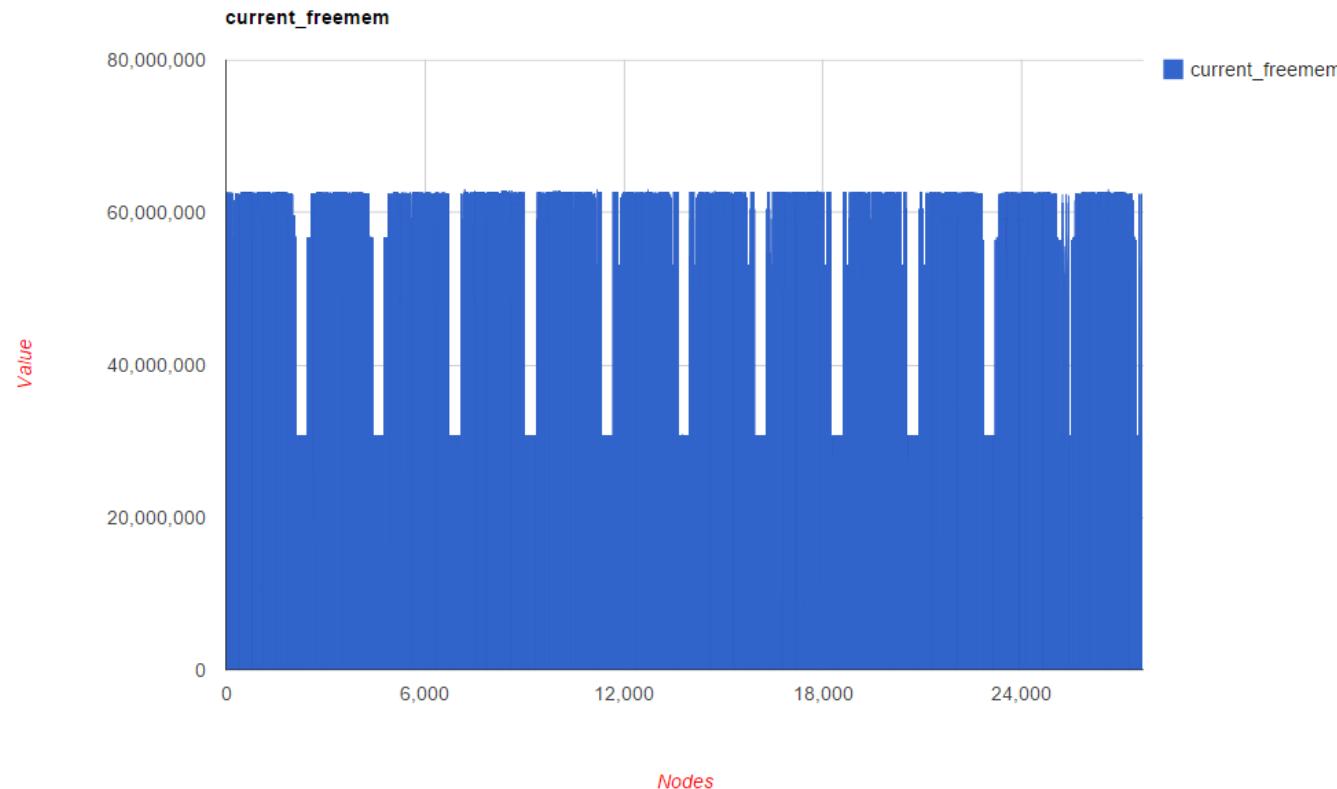


Network Contention



Free Memory

## Single Metric in Time (Free Memory)



## Job Write Performance

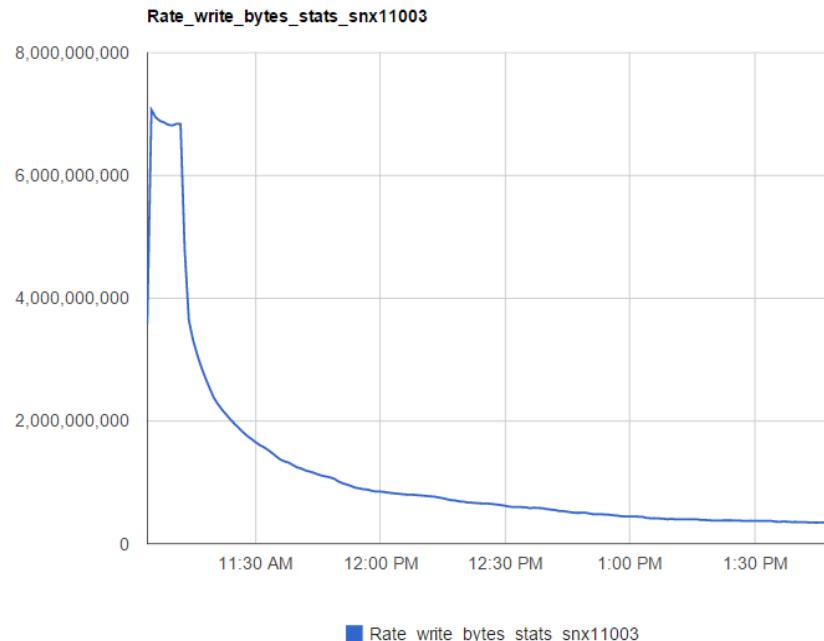
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Job 1622393 is still running

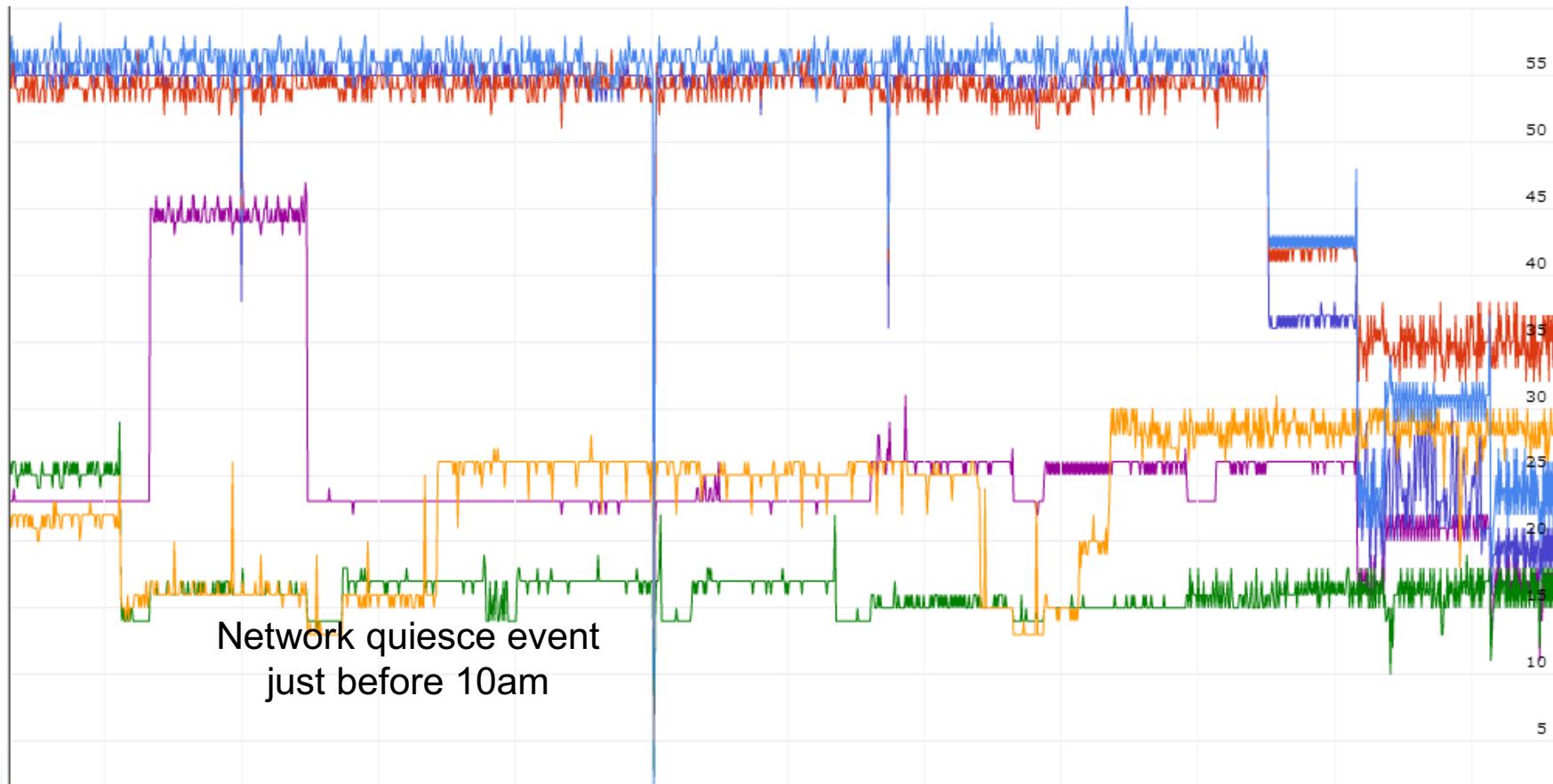
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End =Tue, 28 Apr 2015 13:51:32 -0500

Data Query took 10 seconds

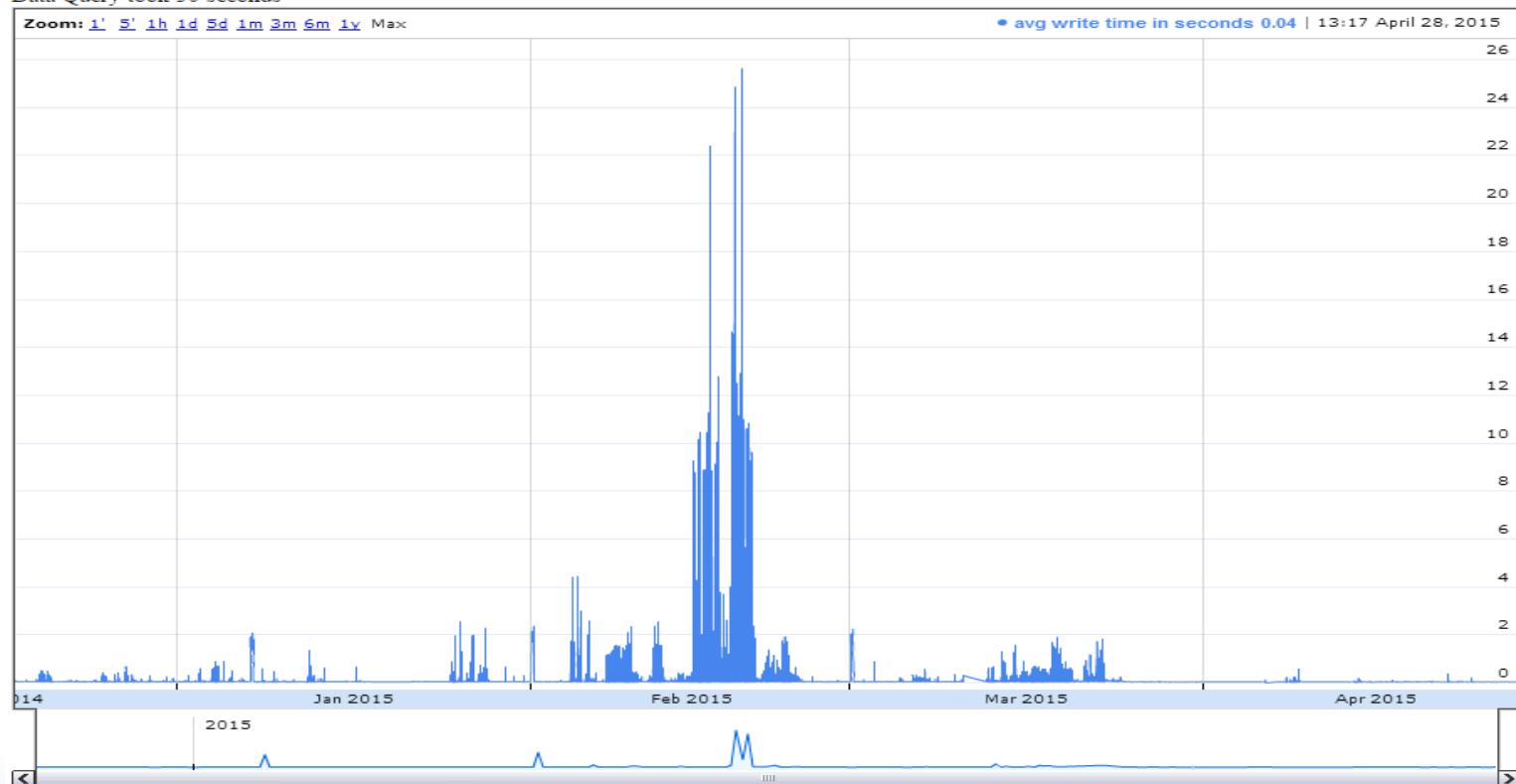


## Maximal value across entire system of percent time spent in input queue stall

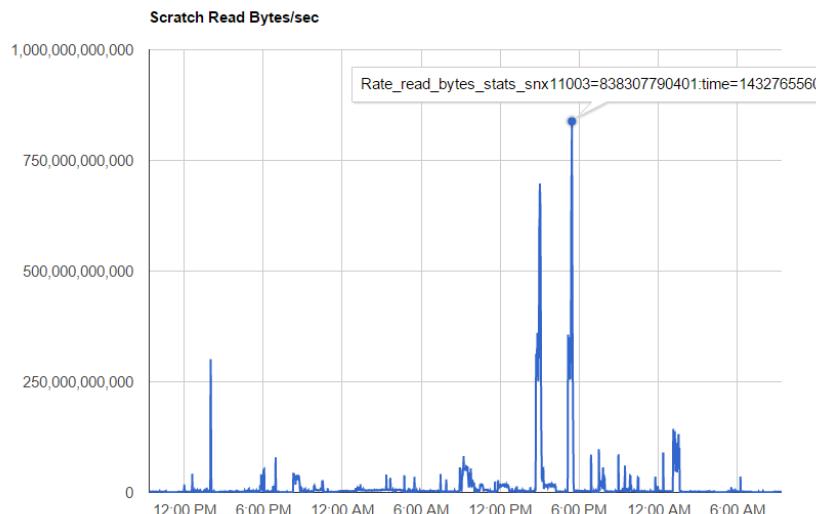


## Real World Problem Example

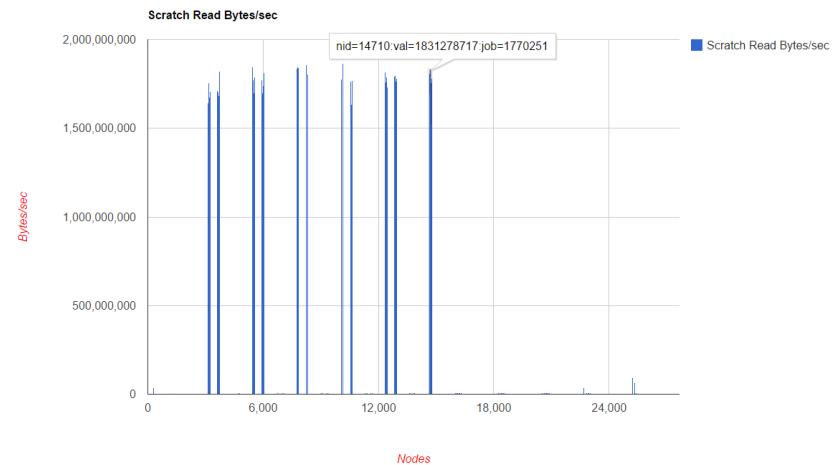
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Displaying data for h2ologin
Test Number not set via testnum=, using 2 (write)
Displaying data for home filesystem
No duration Time set via length= , showing data through current time
Start=Mon, 01 Dec 2014 12:14:15 -0600
End =Tue, 28 Apr 2015 13:17:11 -0500
Data Query took 30 seconds
```



## Sum of scratch reads across entire system



## Individual node behavior at the selected time



# **EXTREME SCALE VISION – HOLISTIC MEASUREMENT DRIVEN SYSTEM ASSESSMENT (HMDSA)**

# Extreme Scale Vision – Holistic Measurement Driven System Assessment (HMDSA)

- A complete, holistic performance and resiliency monitoring, run-time analysis, and system software/application interactive infrastructure for Extreme Scale platforms that is
  - Platform independent with architecture specific probes
  - Provides near realtime situational data for applications and system services
  - Provides extensive post-processing of monitoring data
  - Automatically catalogues and processes notifications and data
- The data and analysis needed for HMDR is expandable to other areas for understanding complex (aka Extreme Scale) systems.
  - Reliability and Resiliency
  - Fault root causes
  - Failover
  - Holistic system performance and productivity
    - “Black Box” Analysis
  - Sub-system specific improvements
  - Application based assessments with large numbers of application runs and data points
- From the “user” perspective, performance inconsistency and resiliency and failovers are all on a continuum of making systems more productive for their work

## Extreme Scale HMDSA Tools Challenges

- Distributed parallel system level monitoring framework
  - New technology data source samplers
  - New network technology transport plugins
- Parallel Post-processing log and numeric data Analysis
  - New technology related characterization and anomaly detection
  - New technology related root cause and propagation analysis
    - New fault to failure propagation paths
    - New performance degradation mechanisms
- Streaming analysis, filter, and feedback plugins to monitoring framework
  - Develop hooks and mechanisms to enable low latency stack level and application appropriate feedback, of fault/failure/performance degradation situations
- Already addressing scalability with parallelism incorporated into tool design

## Vision for HMDSA Activities for Extreme Scale

A complete, holistic performance and resiliency monitoring, run-time analysis, and system software/application interactive infrastructure for Extreme Scale platforms that is

- Assesses all PERCU areas
- Platform independent with architecture specific probes
- Provides near realtime situational data for applications and system services
- Provides extensive post-analysis of monitoring data
- Automatically catalogues and processes notifications and data
- Creates a suite of analysis tools for understanding the huge data volumes monitoring and managing Extreme Scale systems will create

## What Should We Monitor and Act On for Petascale and Extreme Scale

- We have to collect, assess and analyze the measures that will tell us where a system is Performant, Effective, Reliable/resilient, Consistent and Usable.
  - Control Metrics – tens
  - Operational Metrics – millions to billions
- We have to be able to answer the relationship questions about these areas
  - When does a slowdown in performance become a failure
  - How to tell a system failure from an application load
  - ...

## HMDSA Today and for Extreme Scale

- Tools Today
  - Right fidelity system-level monitoring – LDMS/OVIS, ISC, HELO
  - Run-time and post-processing analysis – HELO, Logdiver, LDMS plugins
    - Root cause analysis of failures including performance degradation
  - Run-time feedback and system reconfiguration (e.g., topologically aware scheduling) - ISC
- Tools for Extreme Scale System
  - Insights with Petascale and Trans-petascale systems can inform the design and development and operation of Extreme Scale systems.
  - Streaming distributed parallel system-level diagnosis and system/application feedback to enable real time and non-real time reconfiguration for malleable applications and resource management
  - Provide longer term guidance for improvements in resiliency and failover and also for reducing system bottlenecks that limit application performance and time to solution
  - HDMR can evolve to HDMSA

## What are our Practical Issues

- System logging inconsistency
  - System and subsystem logs change – we spend lots of time just collecting and parsing logs
  - We need more common and self documenting formats
- We still use email messages for most information exchange
- Lack of common definitions causes confusion
  - We need a well understood, flexible, common taxonomy for discussion and understanding
- We may not be attacking the most important issues
- .....

## Summary

- As a community, we have made tremendous progress in being able to collect “Petascale” metrics
  - Orders of Magnitude More
  - Little or now interference with application performance
- We struggle to understand what we collect
- We need a much larger focus and better understanding of software failures since they have the largest impacts
- We need to understand the relationships and how to handle multiple, simultaneous failures and faults
- We need to move from forensic analysis to situational awareness for the Extreme Scale

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