

Evaluating the SiteStory Transactional Web

Archive With the ApacheBench Tool



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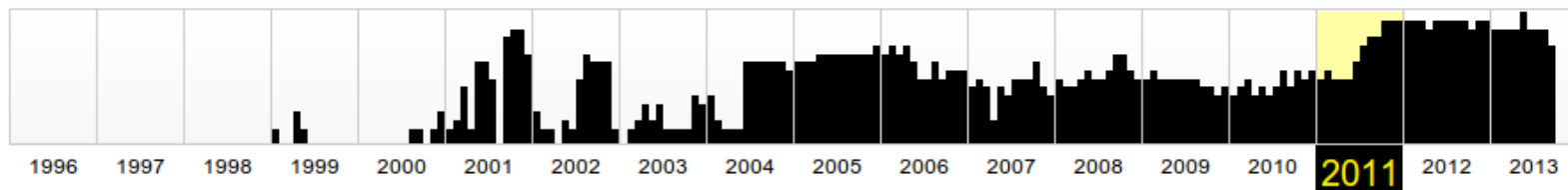
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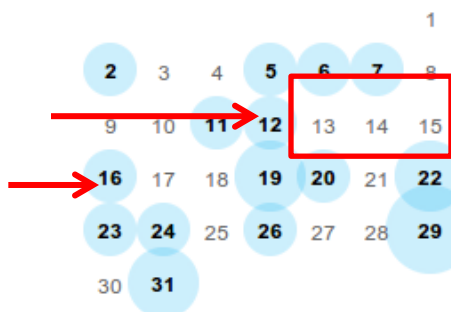
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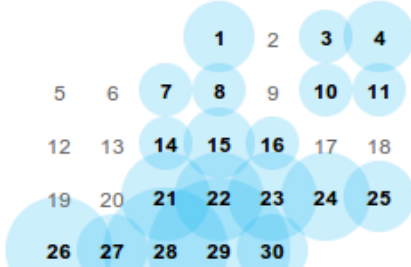
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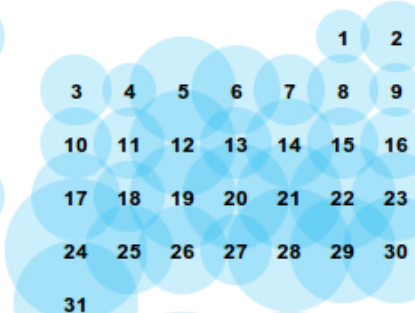
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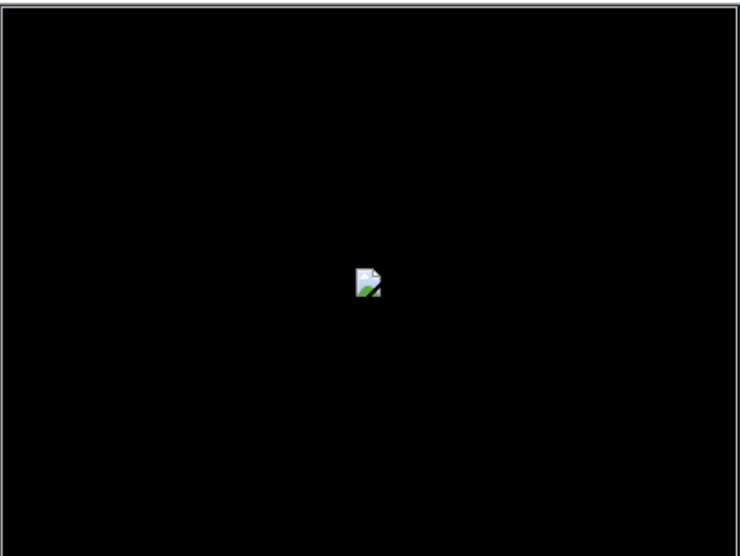
AFTER the TRAGEDY
AN AMERICAN CONVERSATION CONTINUED

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Doctors Take Rep. Giffords Off Ventilator

Doctors may soon know if Giffords can speak after brain injury from shooting.



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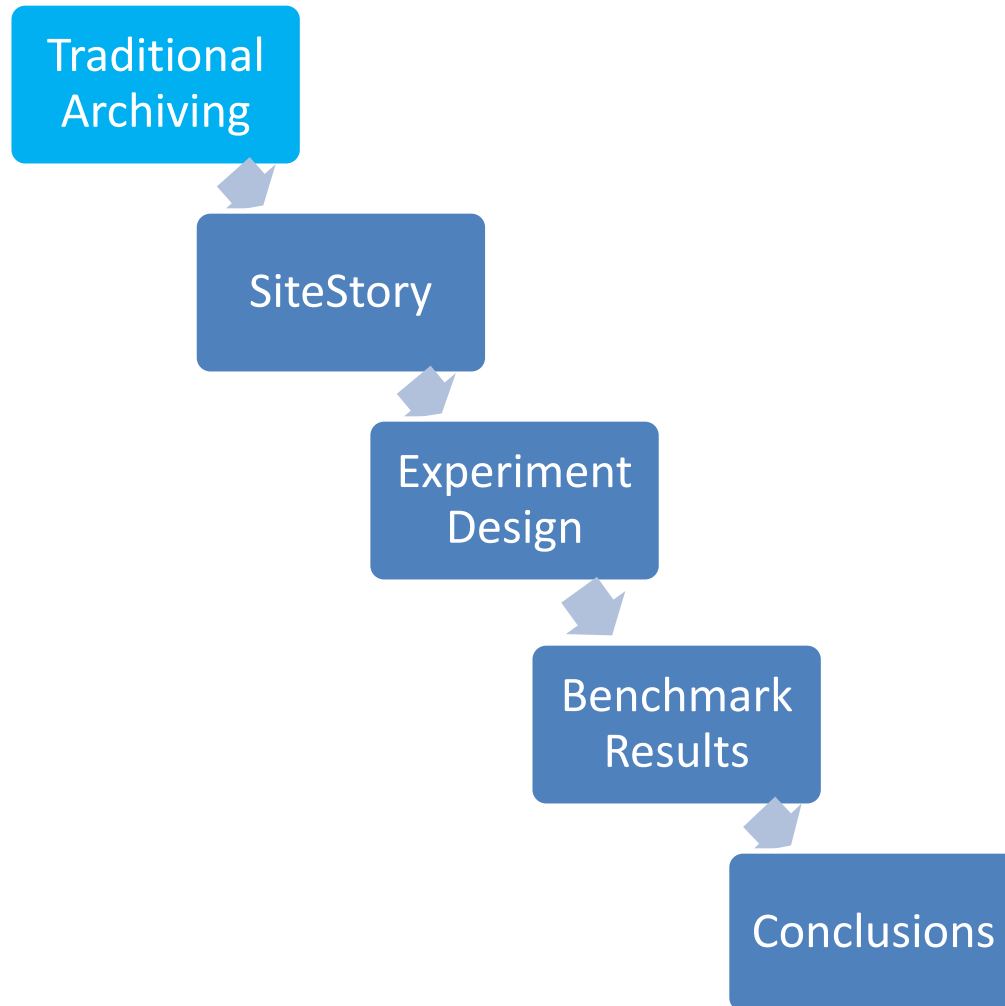
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Problem

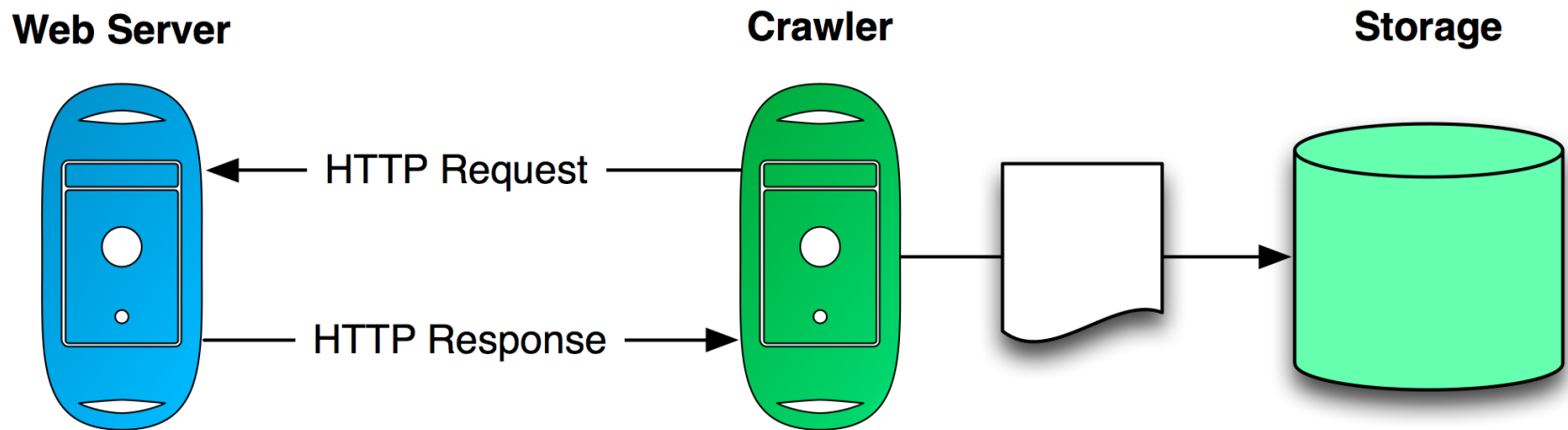
- People view ABC News all the time
- No mementos for “all the time”
 - Missed stories
- Solution: Transactional Archiving!

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Traditional Web Archiving

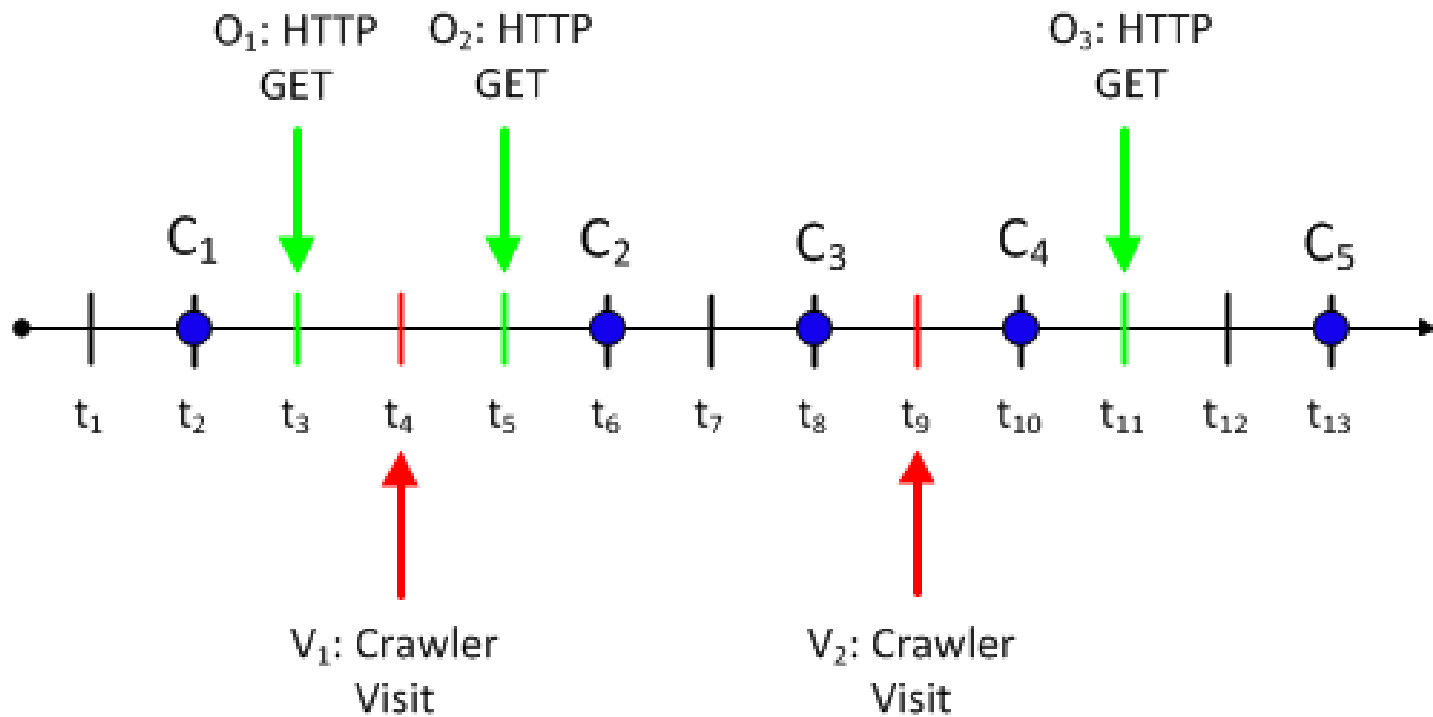
- Active crawling
- Heritrix



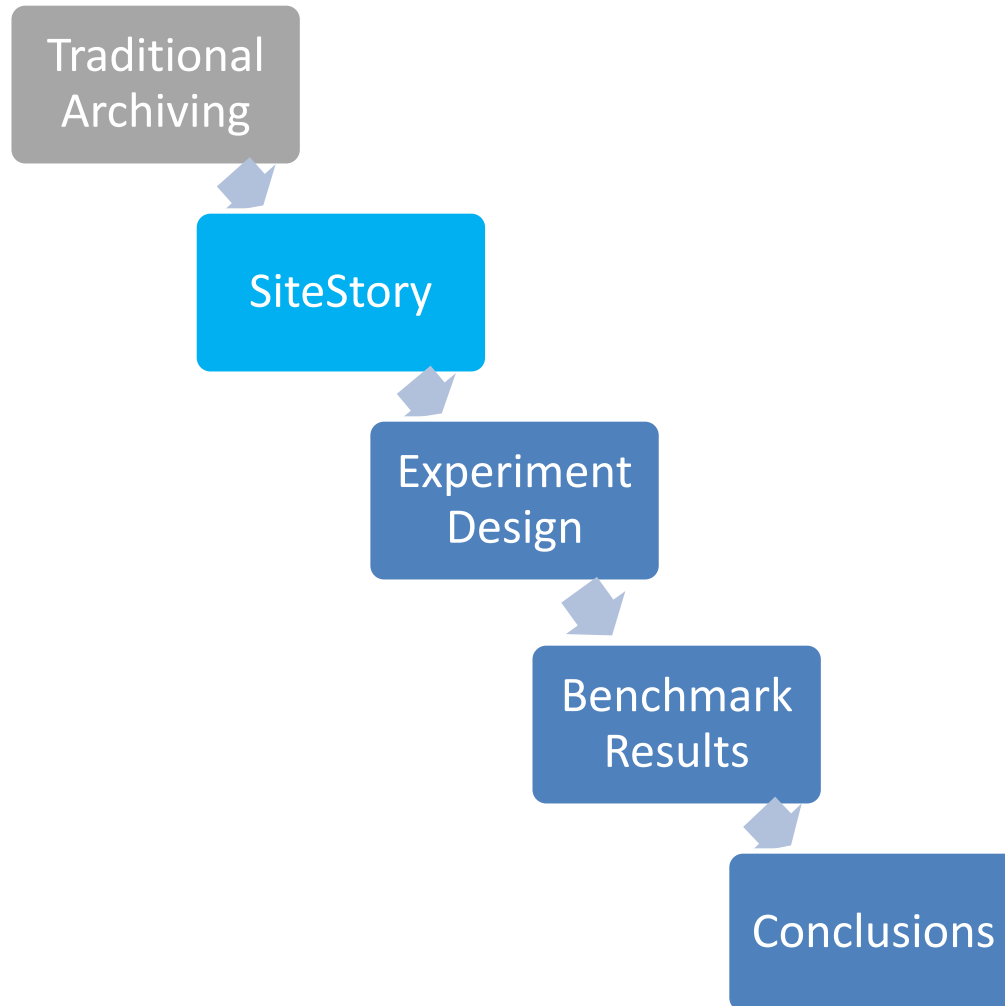
Issues with Traditional Web Archiving

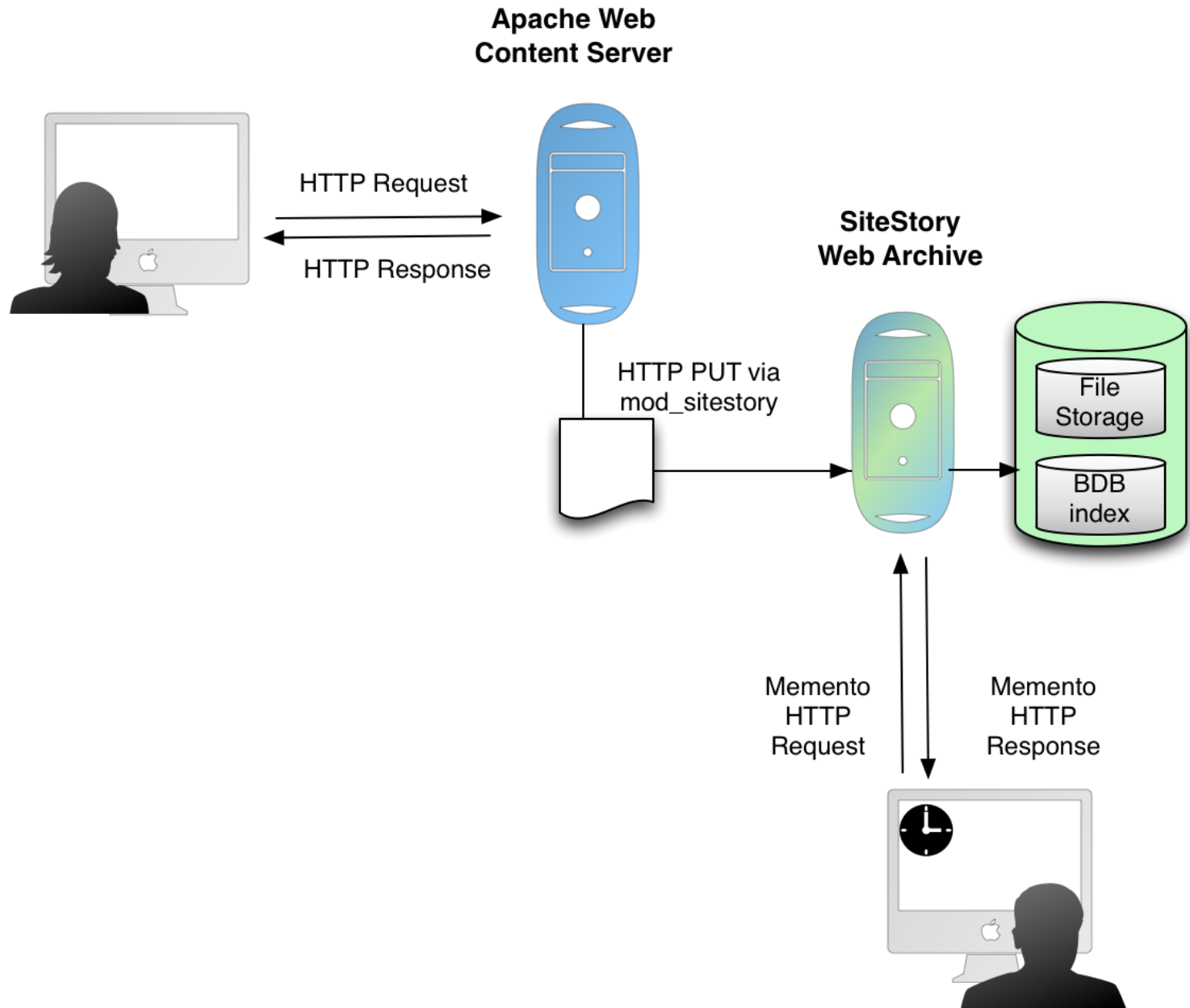
- Request can be rejected (robots.txt, user-agent, IP)
- Can be deceived (geo-location, user-agent)
- Can be trapped (crawl my calendar!)
- Resource-intensive (bandwidth)
- Recrawl vs. change-rate

Missed Updates

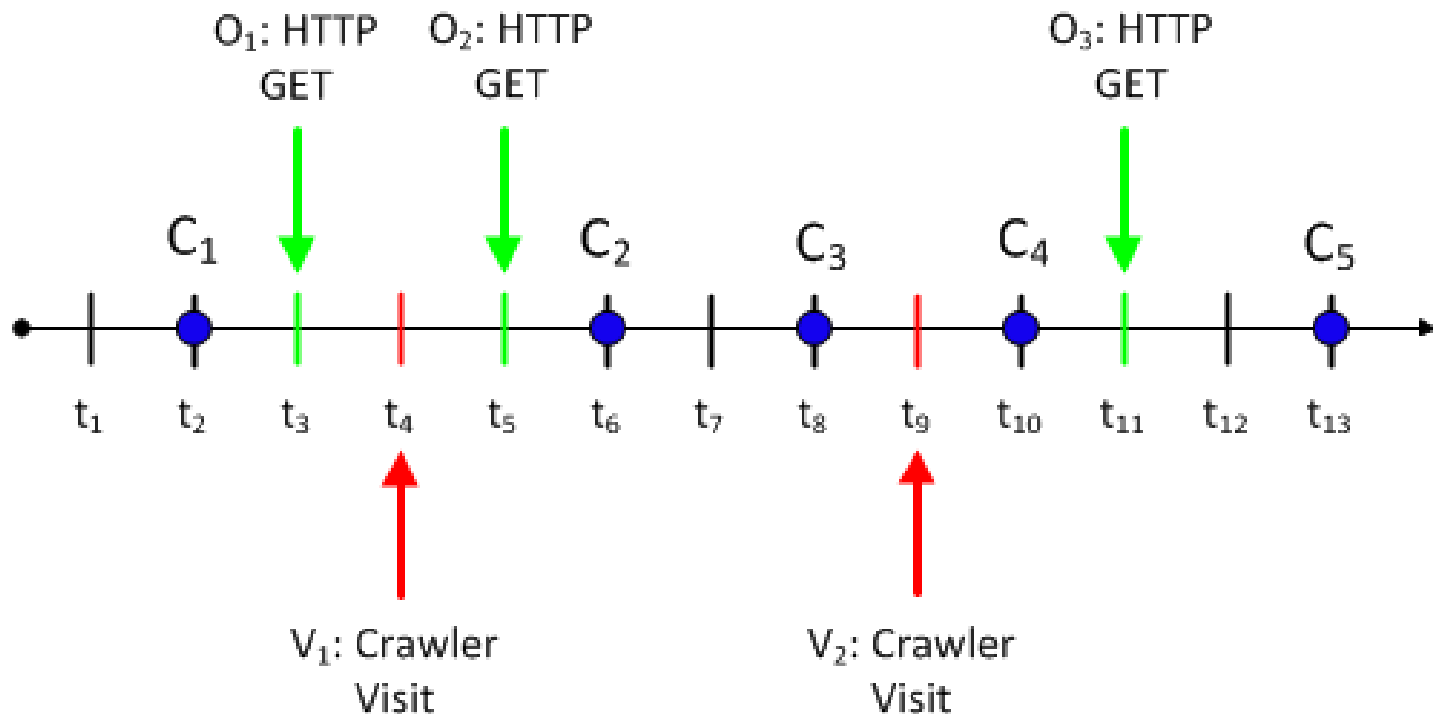


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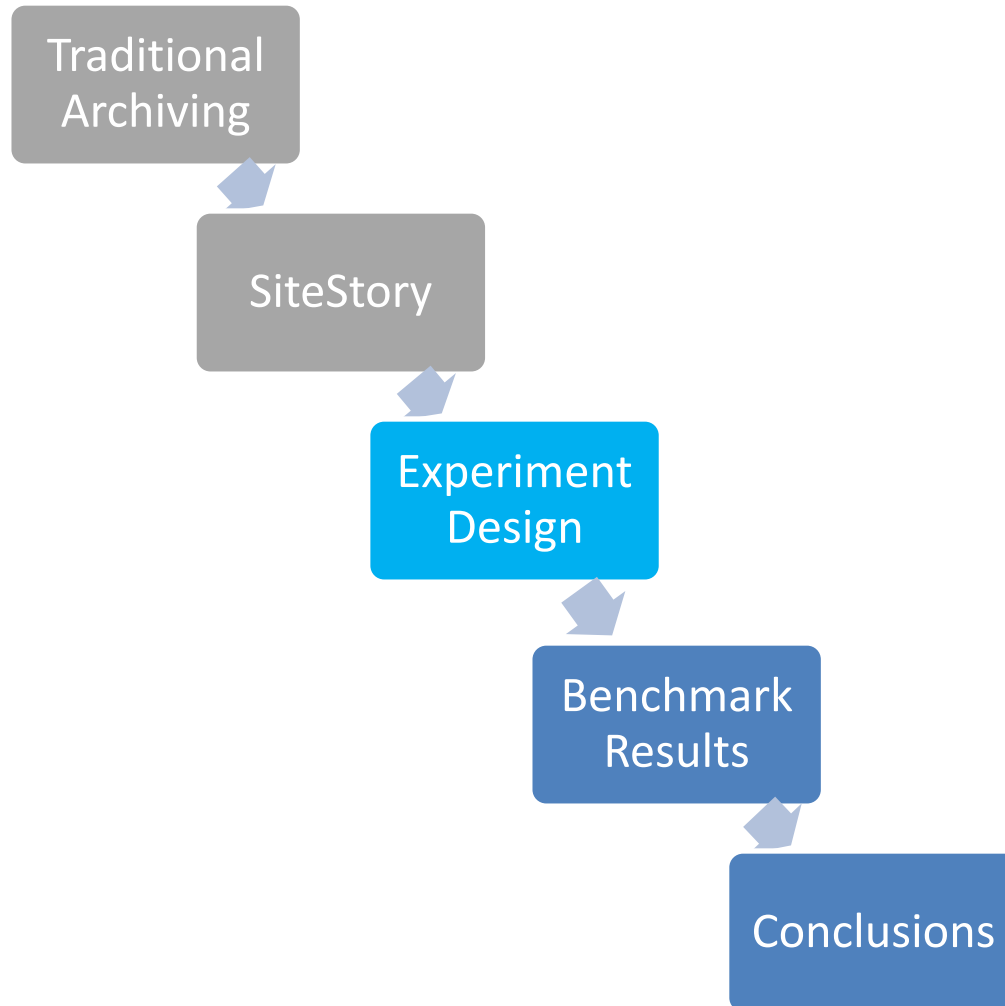




Now we have them all



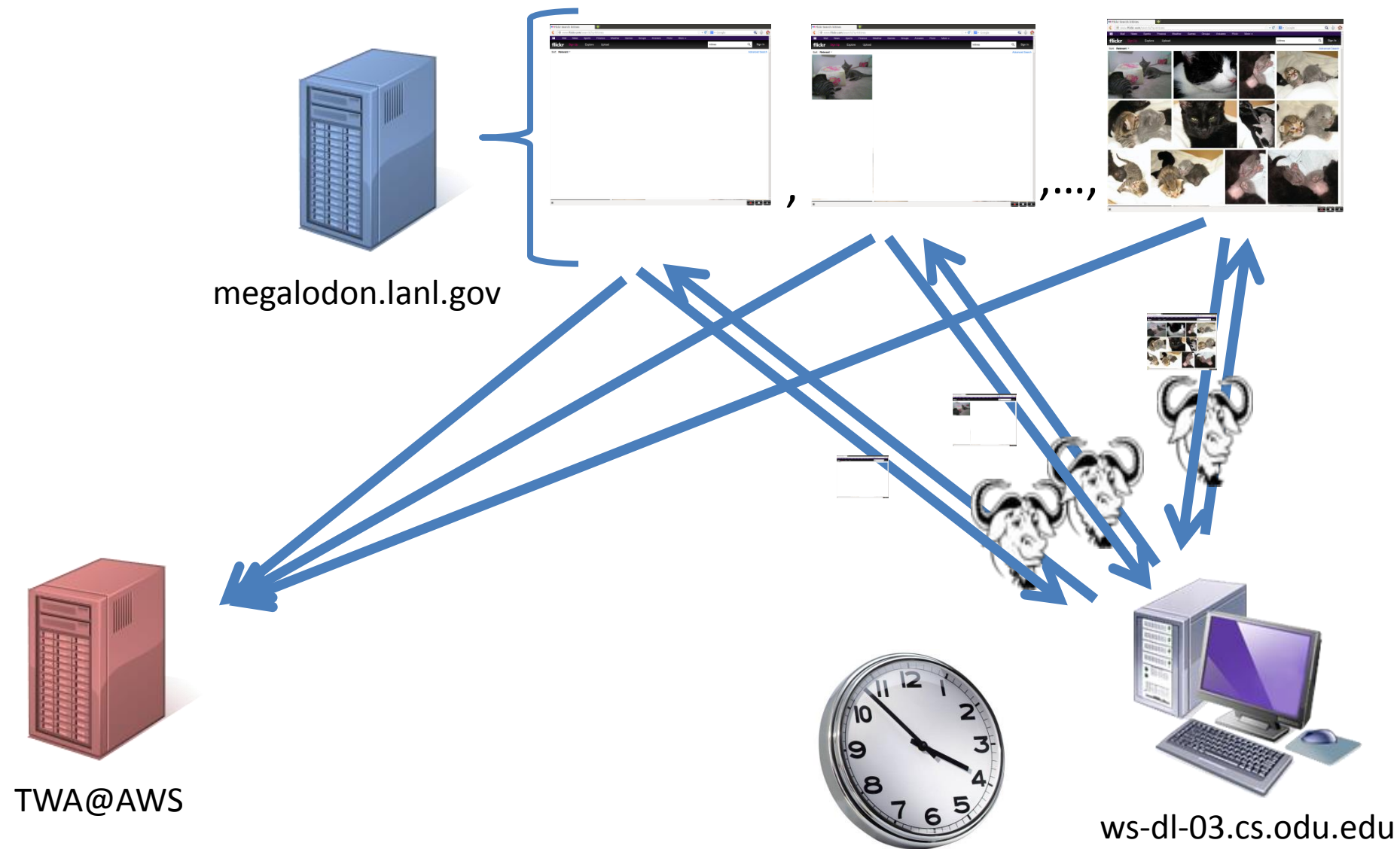
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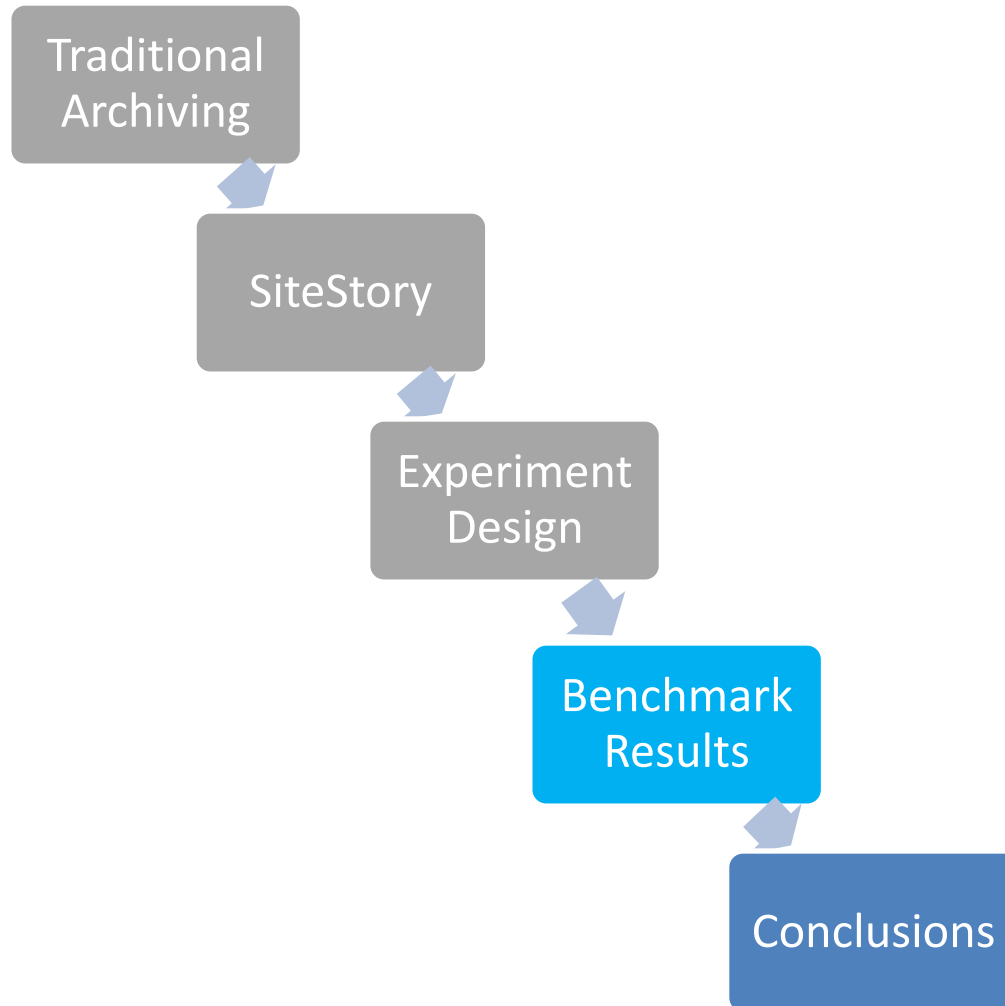
Benchmark with ab

- ApacheBench: ab
 - -n [Number of Connections]
 - -c [Concurrency]
- Benchmarked with SiteStory on & off

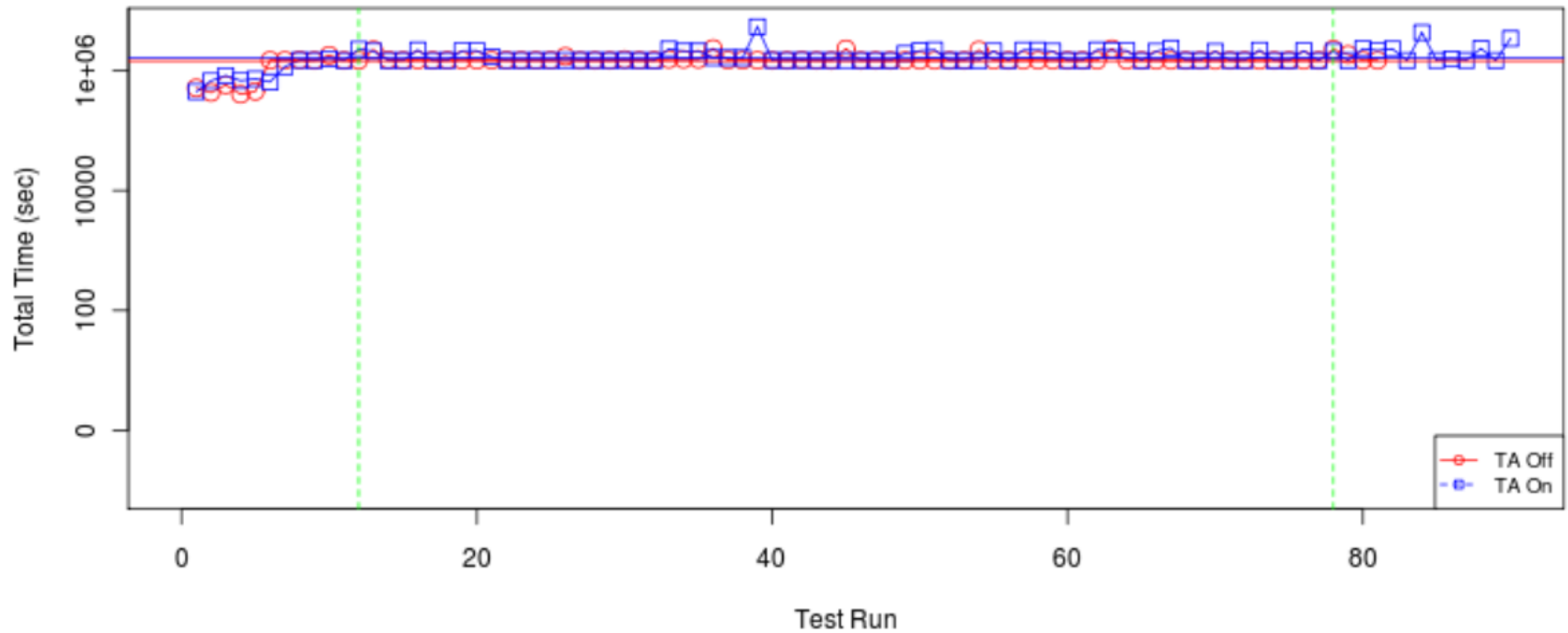
Benchmark with wget



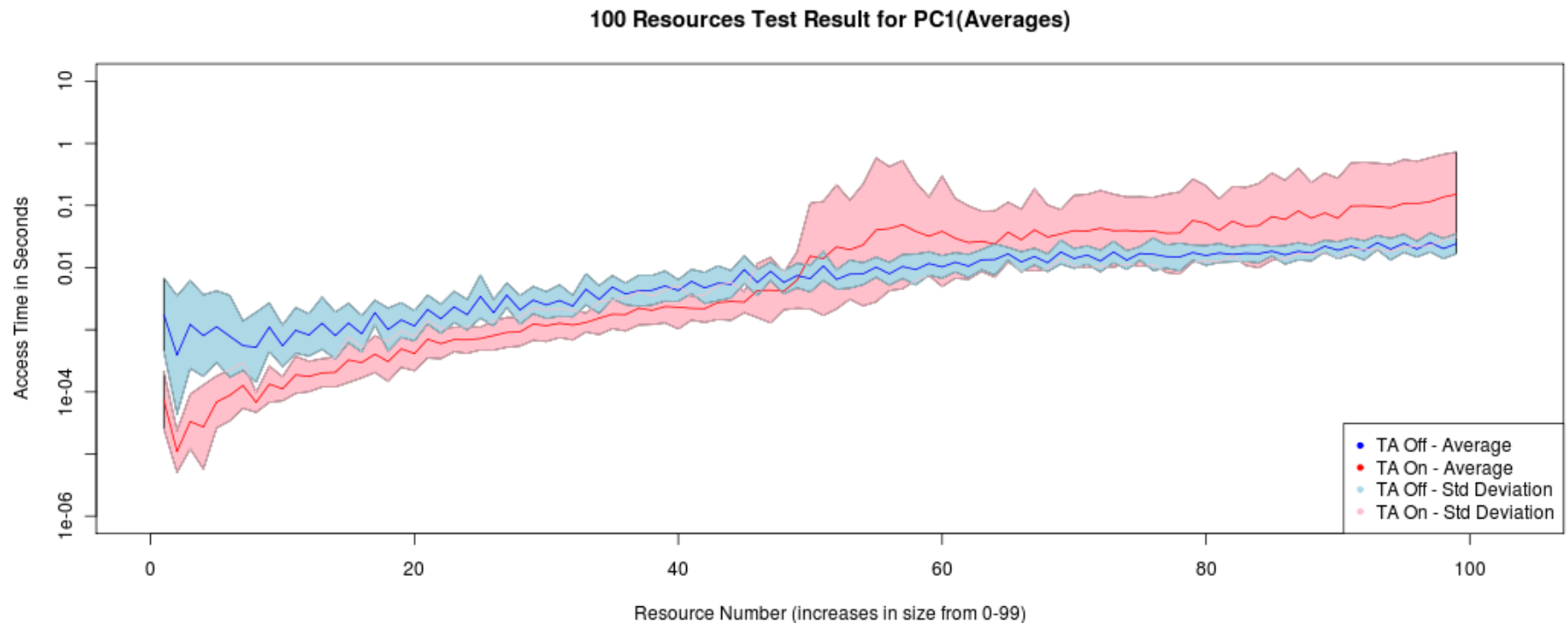
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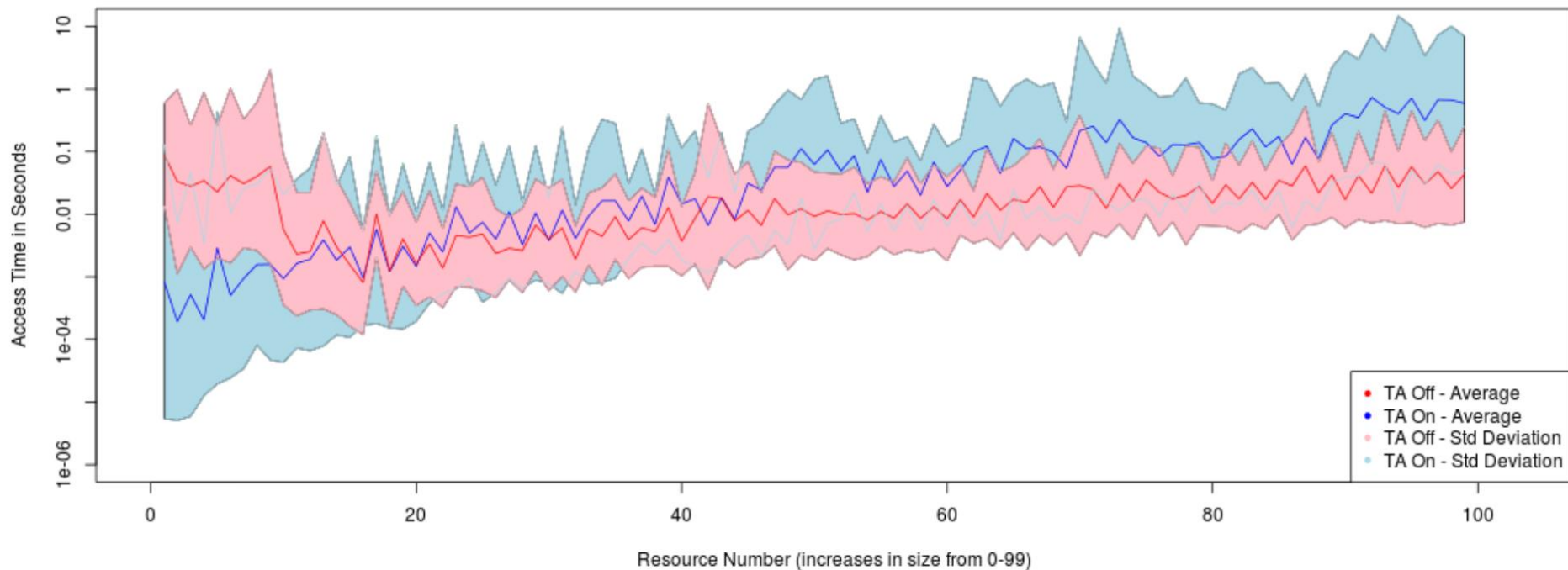
Testing LAN with ab



Benchmark with wget (unburdened)



Benchmark with wget (burdened)

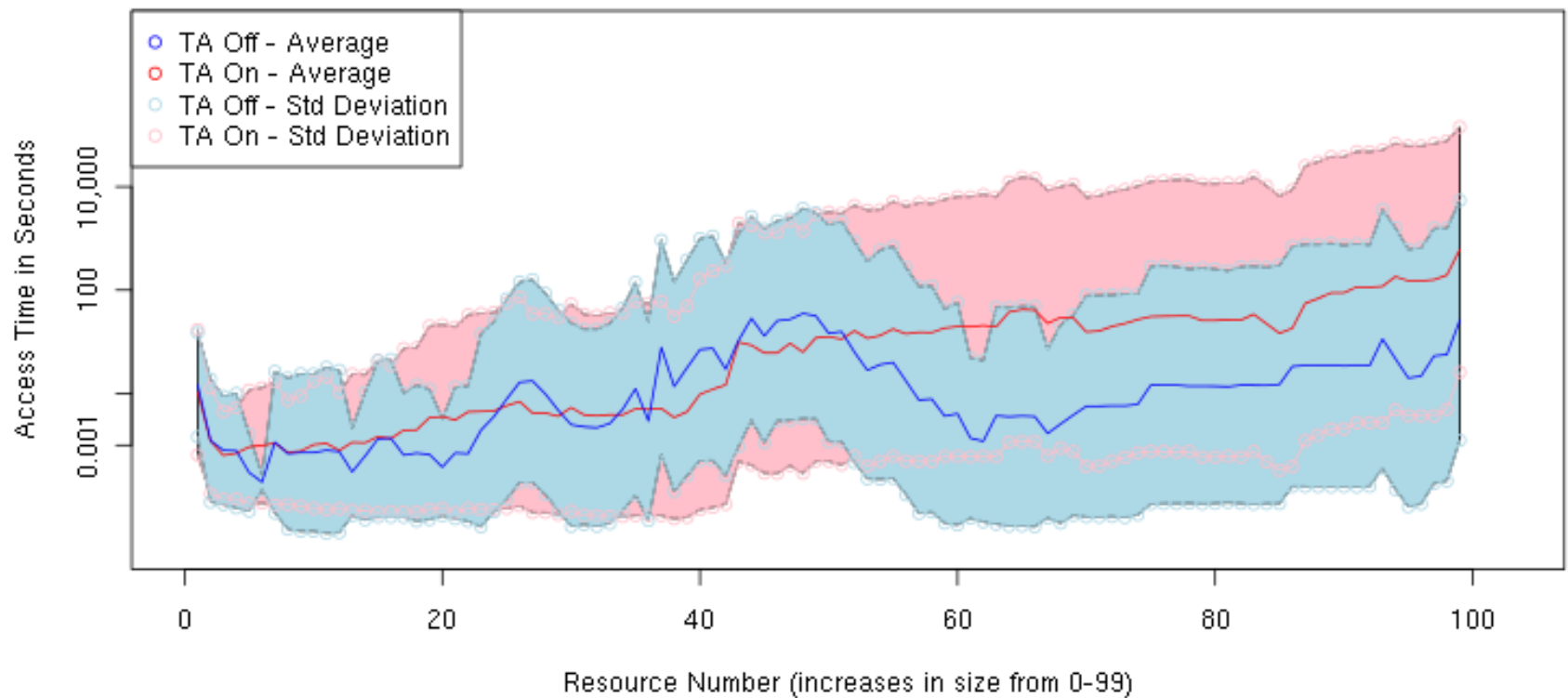


Results

- Negligible difference SiteStory On vs Off
- Limited to local LAN
- Performance over WAN?

Testbed Performance

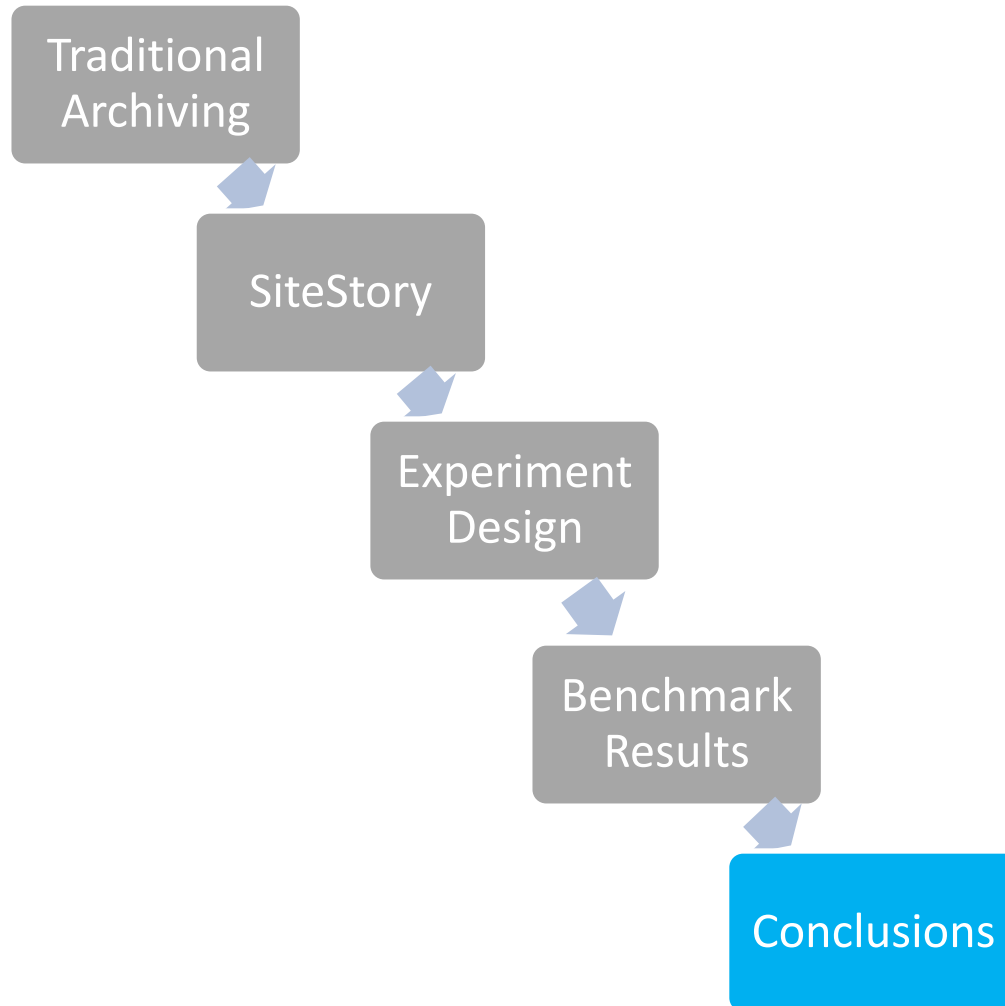
100 Resources Test Result (Averages)



SiteStory Testbed

- We have a SiteStory Web Archive installed for you!
 1. Install and configure *mod_sitestory*
 2. Send an email containing:
 1. Your contact info
 2. Web server IP address
 3. Server domain name used
 3. Happy Sitestory'ing!
- [mailto: SiteStory-Testbed@googlegroups.com](mailto:SiteStory-Testbed@googlegroups.com)

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Results

- Distributed: Higher variance
- Increased delay due to network
- On vs. Off Comparison still comparable

Conclusions



- Small performance difference
- Viable solution without crippling service

<http://mementoweb.github.io/SiteStory/>

Backups

Sample ab output

```
$ ab -n 10 -c 2 "http://www.cs.odu.edu/"
```

```
This is ApacheBench, Version 2.3 <$Revision: 655654 $>
```

```
...
```

```
Server Software:  Apache/2.2.17
Server Hostname:  www.cs.odu.edu
Server Port:      80
```

```
Document Path:    /
Document Length:  62289 bytes
```

```
Concurrency Level:  2
Time taken for tests: 0.213 seconds
Complete requests:  10
Failed requests:     0
Write errors:        0
Total transferred:  624810 bytes
HTML transferred:   622890 bytes
Requests per second: 47.01 [#/sec] (mean)
Time per request:   42.540 [ms] (mean)
Time per request:   21.270 [ms] (mean, across all
concurrent requests)
Transfer rate:      2868.66 [Kbytes/sec] received
```

```
...
```

Connection Times (ms)

	min	mean[+/-sd]	median	max
Connect:	0	1 0.0	1	1
Processing:	27	41 10.8	45	62
Waiting:	3	3 0.4	4	4
Total:	27	41 10.8	45	63

Percentage of the requests served within a certain time (ms)

50%	45
66%	46
75%	46
80%	46
90%	63
95%	63
98%	63
99%	63
100%	63 (longest request)