



# State of the MQ

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# Background

- Complex system with many moving parts
- Not all need updates “right now”
- Needed an asynchronous communication tool



# More Background

- Started out with RabbitMQ
- Clustered setup
- Hit performance wall at around 1K msgs/sec (6KB size)
- Started looking into alternatives



# Initial Contenders

- Kafka
- Kestrel
- 0MQ
- Redis
- Keep upgrading RabbitMQ and hope for the best



# Test Bed

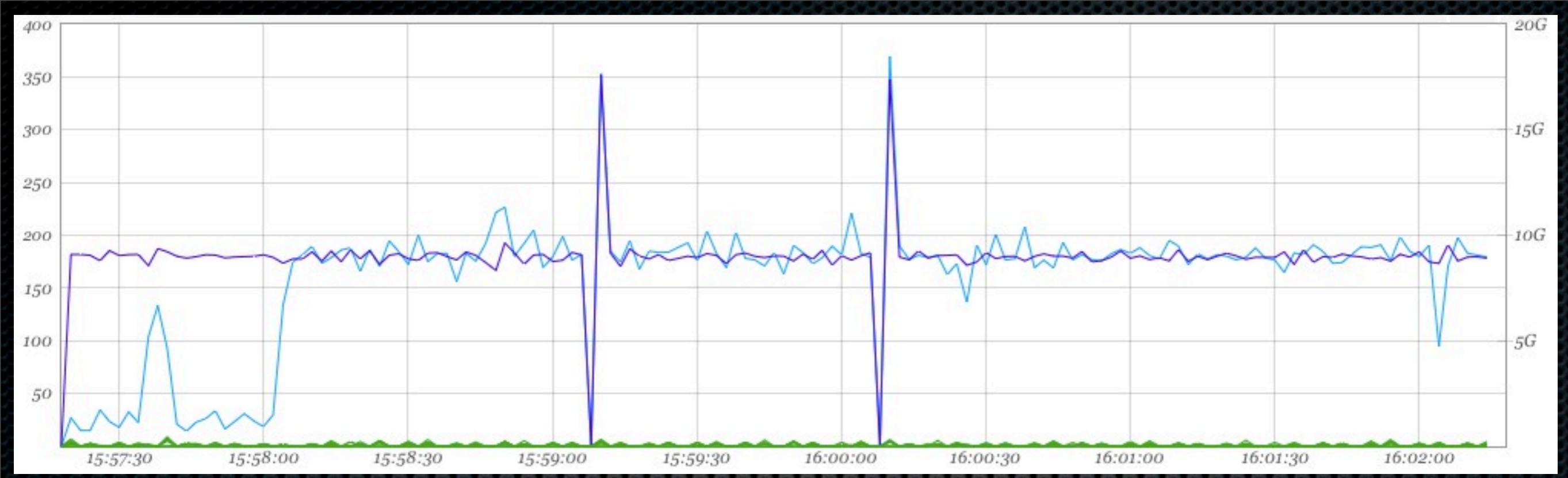
- 4 core 2.6Ghz CPU
- 32GB RAM
- 6 x 15K drives (3 mirrored pairs in zpool)
- Gigabit Ethernet
- 1 producer 1 consumer on different box
- 2.1K and 33 byte average message size



# RabbitMQ

- Erlang R15B Rabbit 2.8.4
- Full featured, mature, brokered
- Topic, Fanout, Direct, Header exchanges
- Durability of exchanges, queues and messages
- Wide adoption, lots of clients





Low

721.75

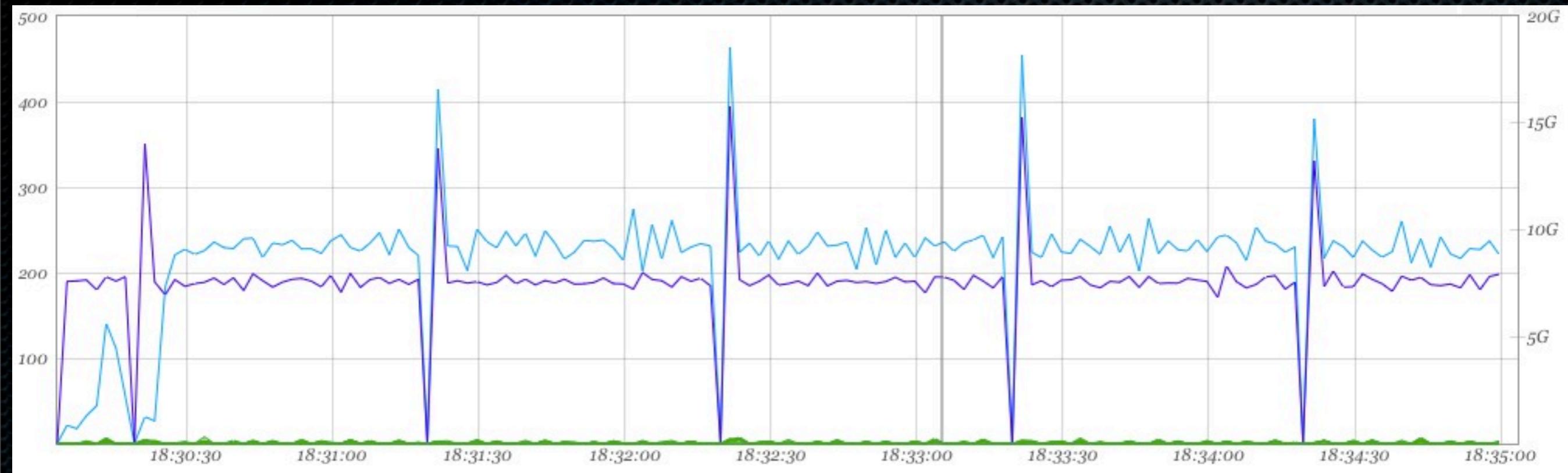
High

2400.17

Average

2124.29





Low

5780.63

High

6677.59

Average

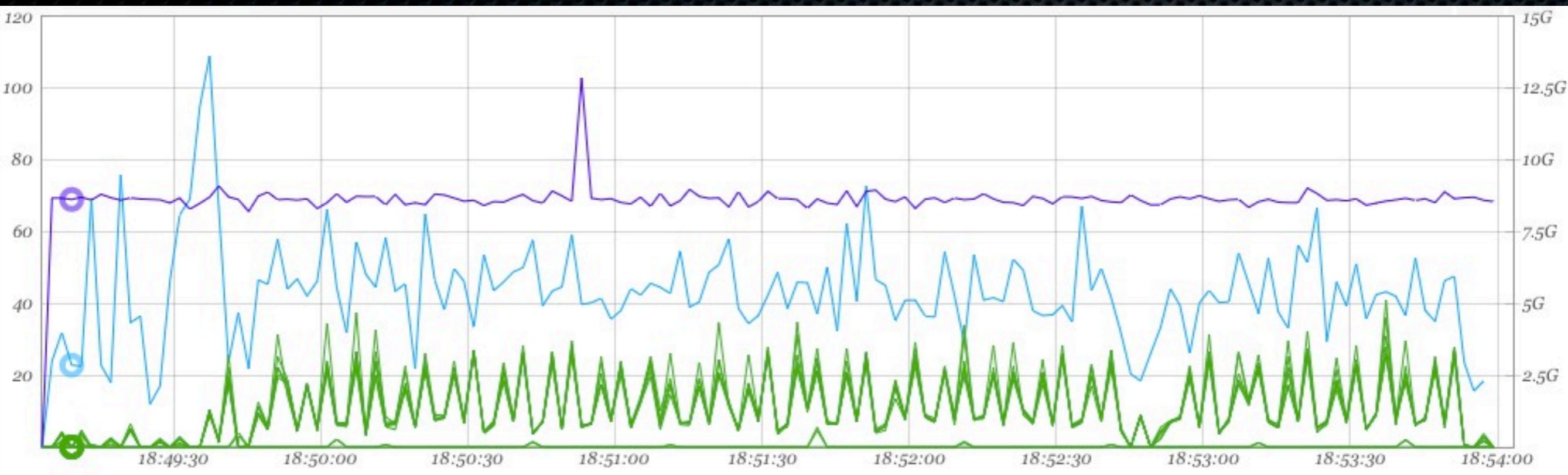
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# Kafka

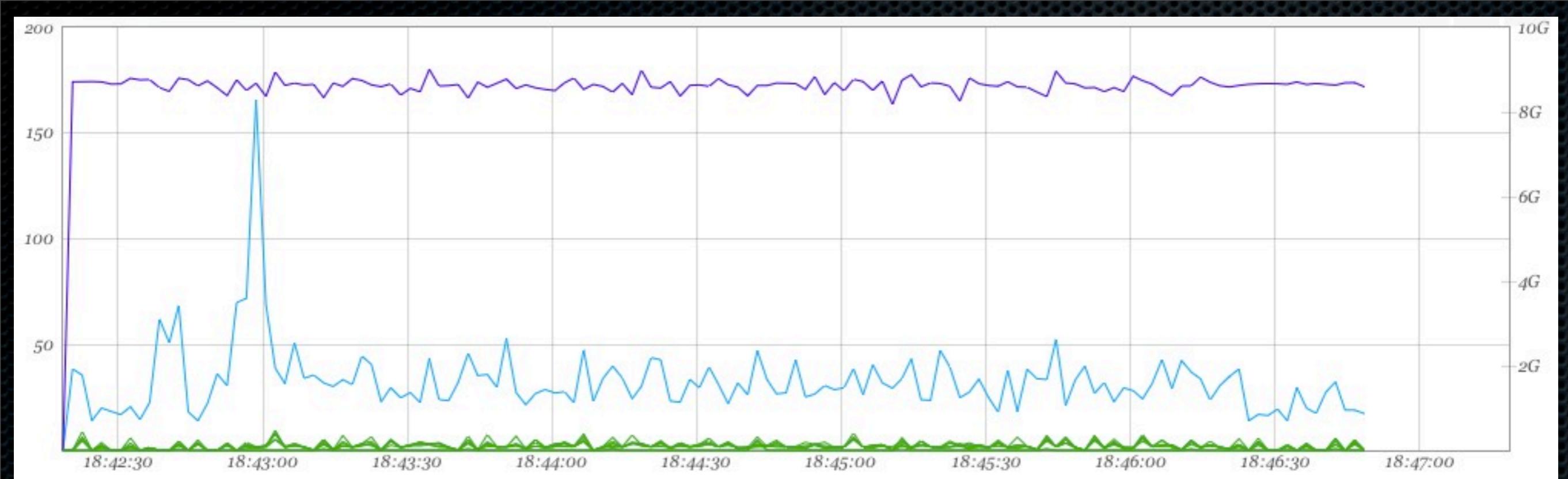
- 0.7.1
- From Linkedin currently in Apache incubator
- All message are written to disk
- Few clients, fewer that actually work





	Low	High	Average
Producer	1010.77	9578.02	8223.98
Consumer	75.94	2362.98	461.69





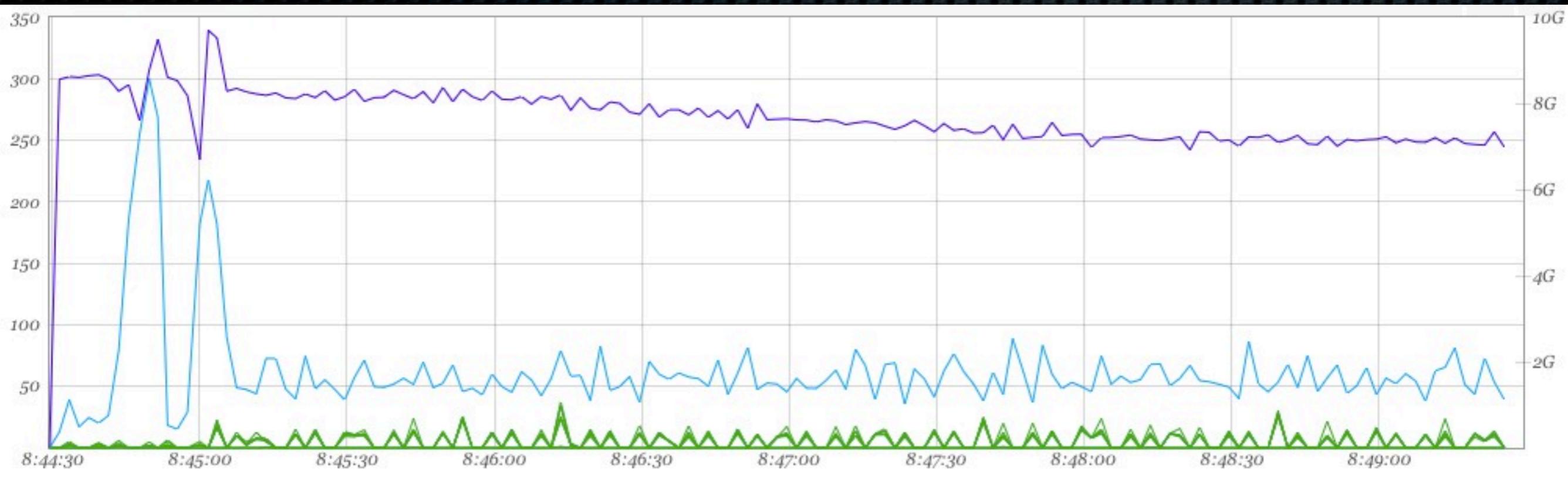
	Low	High	Average
Producer	12814.88	13334.22	13176.79
Consumer	74.90	21985.55	2918.29



# Kestrel

- 2.1.3 (2.3.1 current)
- Based on Ruby MQ Starling
- Messages stored in RAM and journaled to disk
- Memcache protocol
- Decent client selection





Low

1445.60

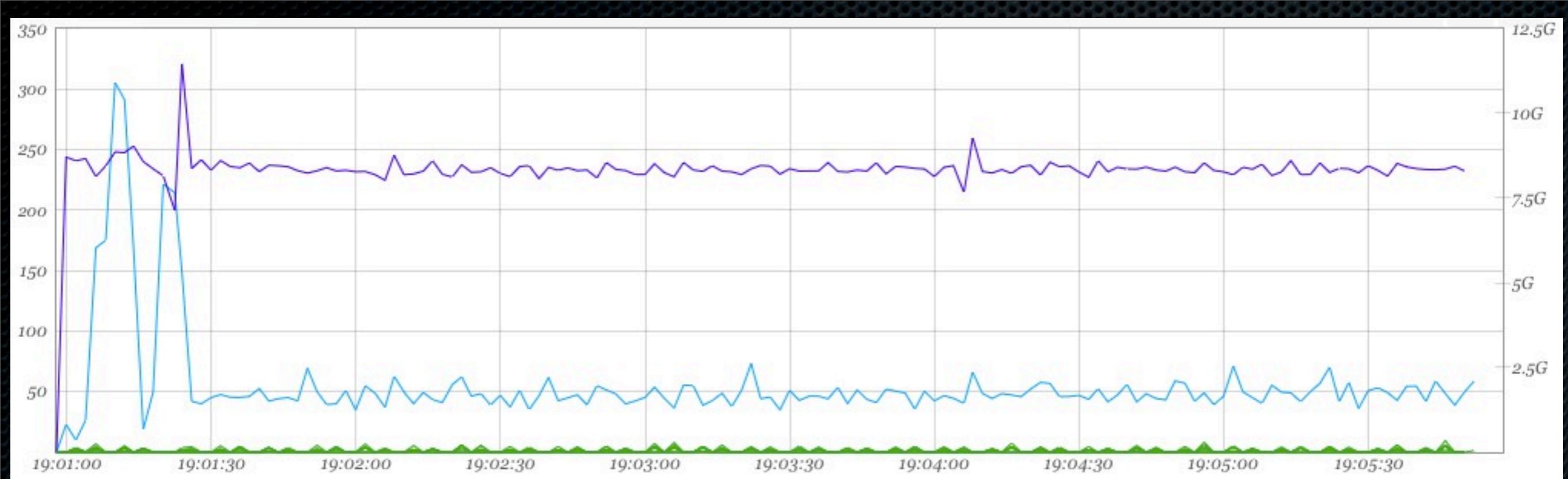
High

3225.96

Average

2885.51





Low

1679.52

High

3965.36

Average

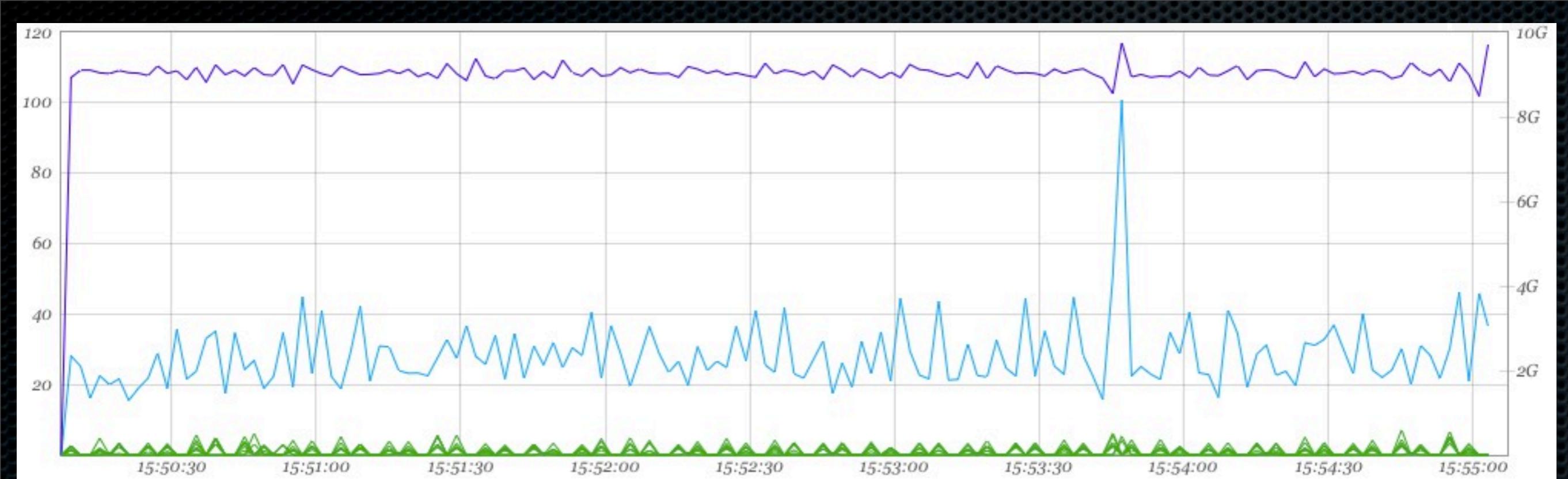
3796.66



# Redis

- 2.4.15
- C
- Messages stored in memory
- No way to turn off “acknowledgements”
- Large adoption, lots of clients





Low

1720

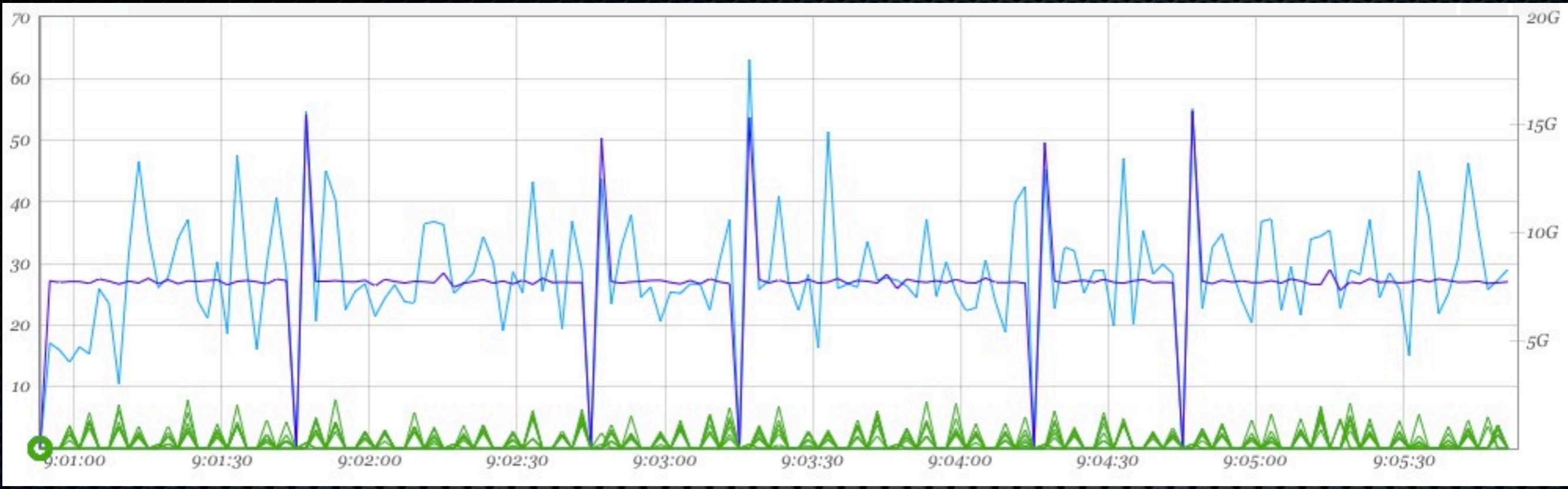
High

4454

Average

4145.76





Low

5142

High

7856

Average

7378.15



# OMQ

- ❖ C++
- ❖ Not Brokered
- ❖ Hides all the complexity from you





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Following



Let it be clear, zeromq is useful if you are so stupid you don't understand <socket.h>

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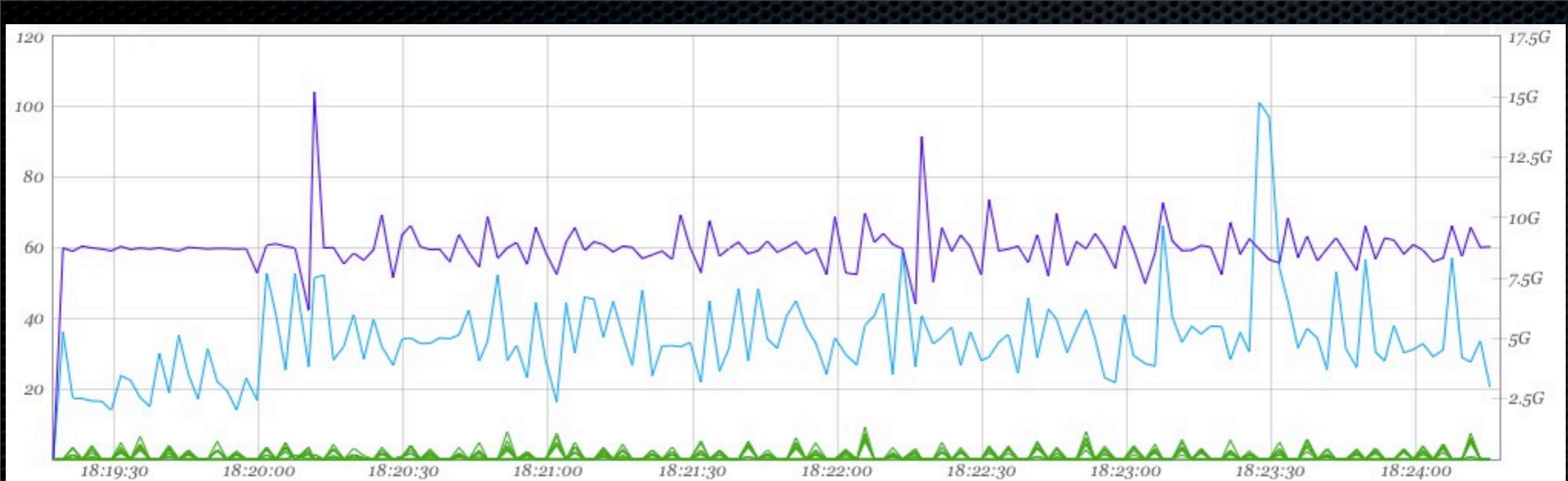
# Conclusions?



# fq

- C
- Brokered
- <https://github.com/postwait/fq>





Low

11548.21

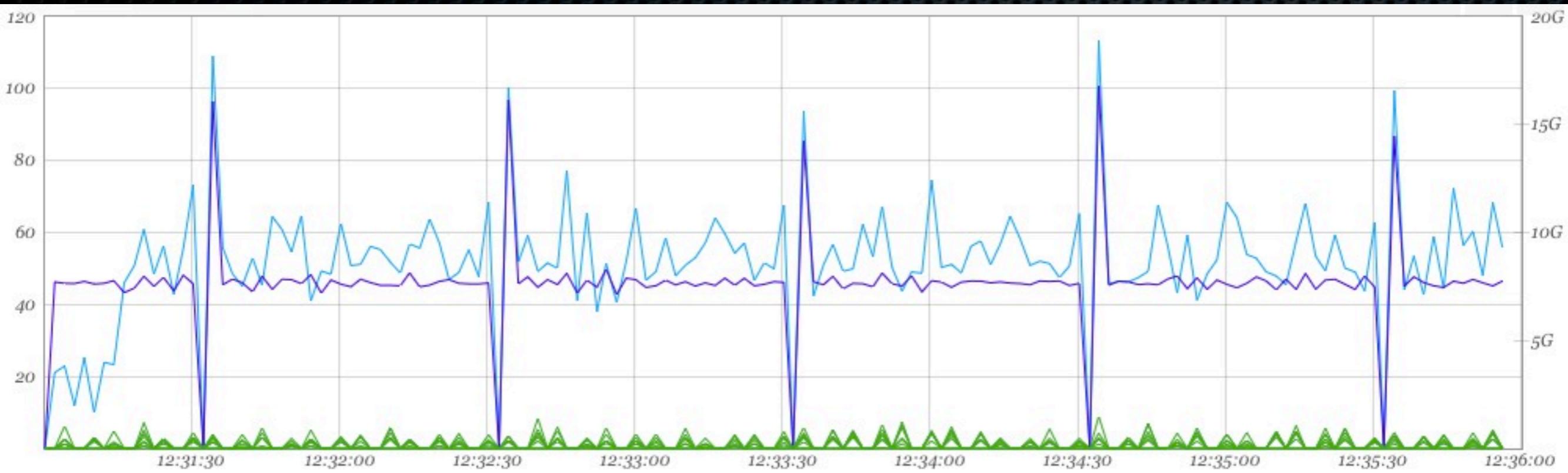
High

24024.47

Average

21205.95





Low

39292.11

High

134681.70

Average

101423.13



- ❖ <https://github.com/neophenix/StateOfTheMQ>
- ❖ Kafka Perl lib - <https://github.com/neophenix/Kafka>
- ❖ fq - <https://github.com/postwait/fq>

