

A Comprehensive Study of Characterizing Program Execution Time

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Abstract

(Tentative) Measuring execution time is a useful tool in evaluating the performance of a program. But it is challenging to obtain precise, accurate program execution time due to the presence of various system daemons and their unpredictable activities. Such activities significantly contribute to varying program execution time. It will be very useful to predict the concrete performance of a program with different input sizes in a real situation, if a (probabilistic) distribution of the execution times of that program is found, considering the daemon activities. In this work, we discuss several interesting phenomenon observed to characterize program execution times. We find that such a distribution of the execution times cannot be uniquely identified, and it will be more likely to be mixture of two or more models formed by different periodicity of different daemon processes. Finally, we discuss some remaining issues that should be resolved to successfully identify a distribution of program execution times.

1 Experiment Notes

Task Length	Description	Time Length
Regular PUT experiment. Refer to Sections 2, 3, and 4.		
PUT1~PUT64	Runs of 1000 samples (on <code>sodb12</code>).	2013-10-14 ~ 2013-10-15
PUT128~PUT2048	Runs of 300 samples (on <code>sodb12</code>).	2013-12-12 ~ 2013-12-21
PUT4096	A run of 300 samples (on <code>sodb12</code>).	2014-06-23 ~ 2014-07-10
PUT8192	Runs of 40/260 samples (on <code>sodb12</code>).	2015-04-23 ~ 2015-04-27 / 2015-10-31 ~ 2015-11-24
PUT16384	Runs of 40/260 samples (on <code>sodb12</code>).	2015-04-23 ~ 2015-04-23 / 2015-11-25 ~ 2016-01-14

Table 1: Notes on the regular PUT data used for the histograms

Task Length	Description	Time Length
Regular PUT experiment. Refer to Section 5.		
PUT1/2	Runs of 20k samples on <code>sodb9/sodb10</code> .	2015-12-15 ~ 2015-12-15
PUT4/8	Runs of 20k samples on <code>sodb10</code> .	2016-01-20 ~ 2016-01-20
PUT16	Runs of 2k, 4k, 8k, 16k, and 32k samples (on <code>sodb12</code>).	2016-01-25 ~ 2016-02-09
Dual PUT experiment. Refer to Section 6.		
PUT4096	A run of 500 samples on <code>sodb8</code> .	2015-11-08 ~ 2015-12-25
PUT2	A run of 1k samples on <code>sodb9</code> .	2015-12-27 ~ 2015-12-27
PUT4~PUT32	Runs of 1k samples on <code>sodb9</code> .	2016-01-27 ~ 2016-01-31
PUT64~PUT2048	Runs of 1k samples on <code>sodb9</code> .	2016-02-17 ~ 2016-04-05
PUT2048	A run of 100 samples on <code>sodb9</code> .	2016-04-13 ~ 2016-04-16
PUT4096	A run of 100 samples on <code>sodb8</code> .	2016-04-13 ~ 2016-04-19

Table 2: Notes on the new PUT experiments

2 Summary of the EMPv4 data

EMPv4: Running PUT with a specific task length under a controlled environment, with i) daemon processes disabled, ii) the NTP daemon process activated, iii) major CPU features (turbo and speedstep) disabled, and iv) an up-to-date Linux version (RHEL 6.0) installed.

	Num. of Samples	Minimum (msec)	Maximum (msec)	Average (msec)	Std. Dev. (msec)
PUT1	1,000	999.0	1,005.0	1,002.4	0.73
PUT2	1,000	1,996.0	2,007.0	2,004.5	1.38
PUT4	1,000	4,004.0	4,012.0	4,008.6	1.64
PUT8	1,000	8,014.0	8,023.0	8,018.1	1.72
PUT16	1,000	16,029.0	16,041.0	16,034.3	1.86
PUT32	1,000	32,064.0	32,084.0	32,068.2	2.05
PUT64	1,000	64,129.0	64,145.0	64,135.0	2.27
PUT128	300	128,244.0	128,260.0	128,251.2	2.32
PUT256	300	256,494.0	256,523.0	256,502.3	3.29
PUT512	300	512,995.0	513,152.0	513,005.1	9.41
PUT1024	300	1,025,997.0	1,026,141.0	1,026,012.4	11.43
PUT2048	300	2,051,981.0	2,052,156.0	2,052,012.0	11.19
PUT4096	300	4,105,451.0	4,105,629.0	4,105,526.0	25.98
PUT8192	40 (last Apr)	8,207,870.0	8,207,967.0	8,207,918.0	21.03
PUT8192	260 (Nov)	8,210,940.0	8,211,196.0	8,211,049.0	36.60
PUT16384	40 (last Apr)	16,415,757.0	16,415,964.0	16,415,810.3	40.43
PUT16384	260 (Nov)	16,422,028	16,422,389	16,422,153.0	52.54

Table 3: PT statistics by EMPv4 (See Table 1.)

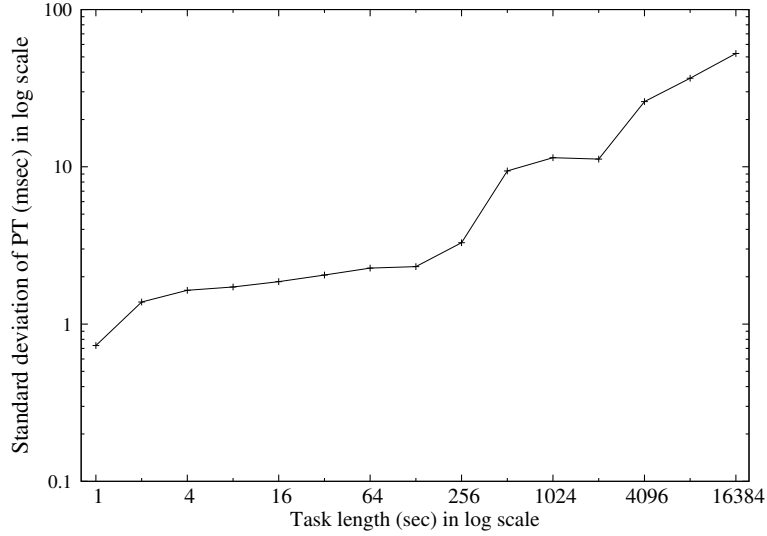


Figure 1: Std. dev. of PT over increasing task length (See Table 1.)

3 Histograms on the EMPv4 Data

The base data of the following histograms are from Table 1.

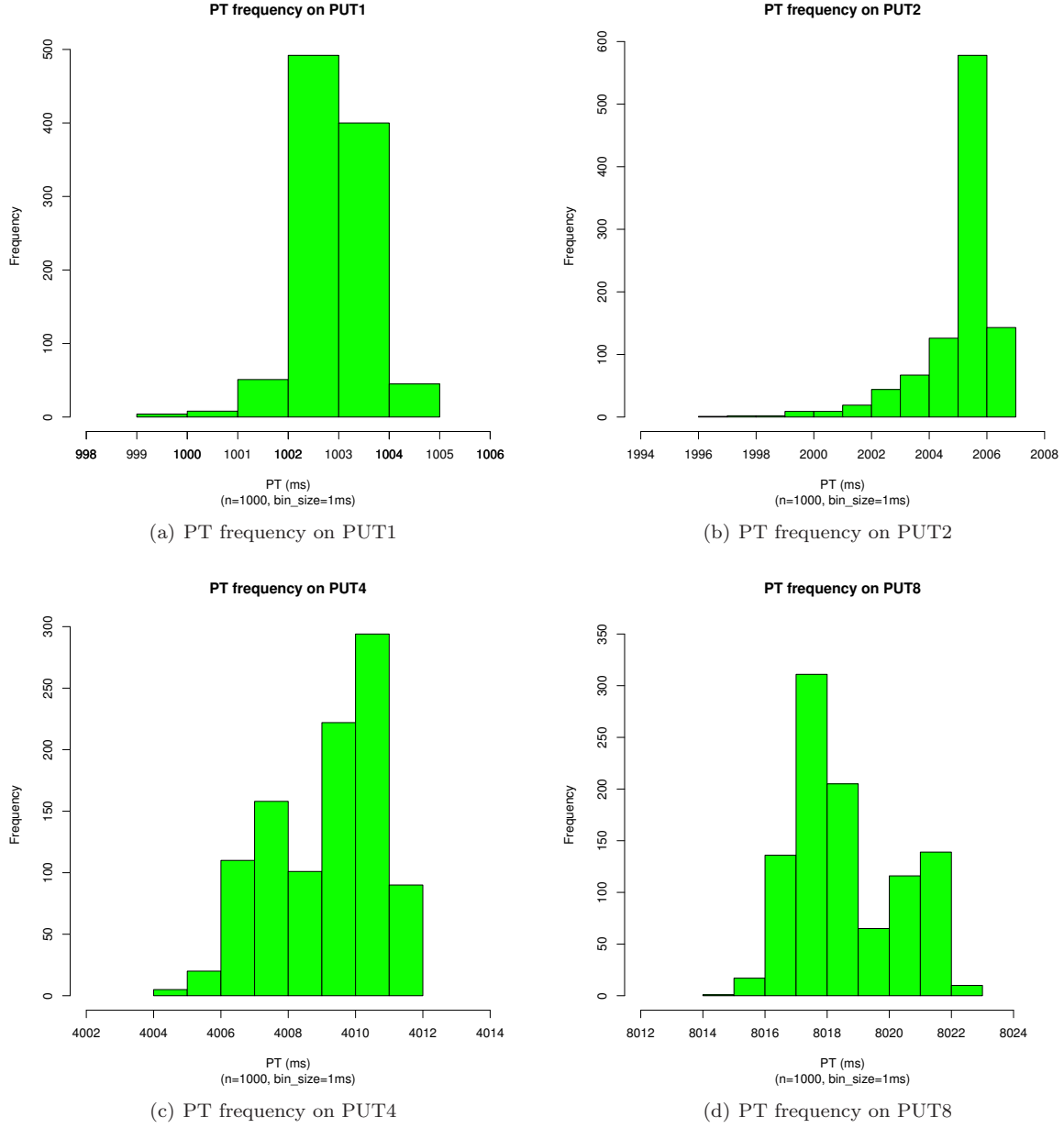
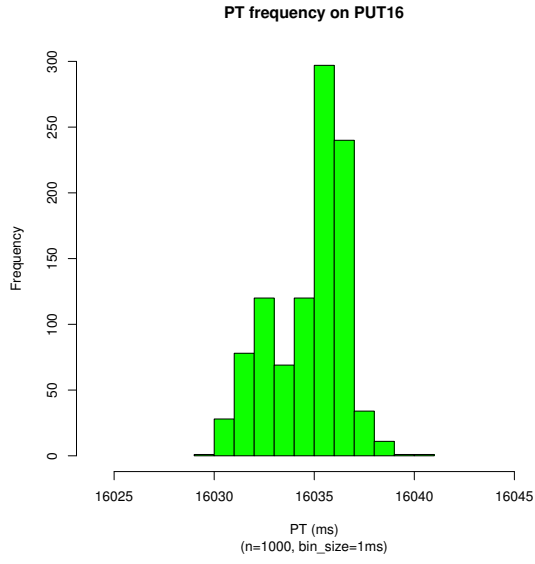
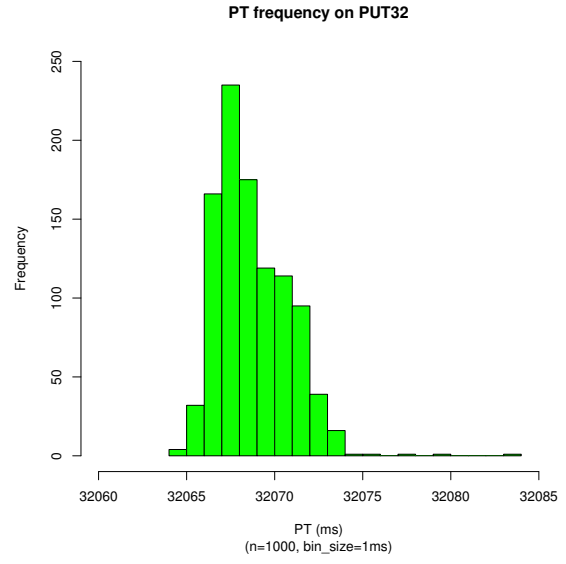


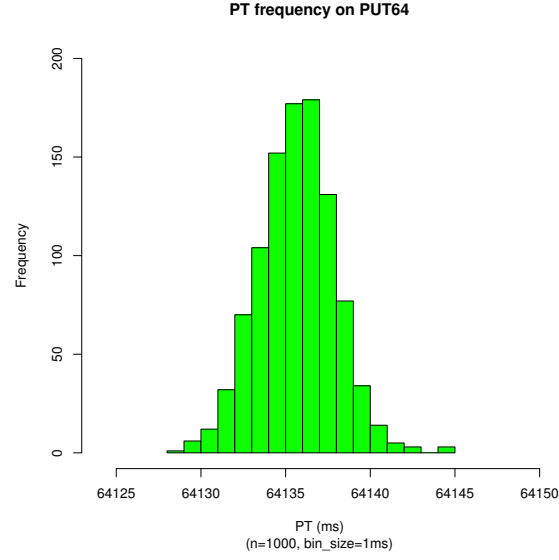
Figure 2: PT Histograms of PUT1 ... PUT8



(a) PT frequency on PUT16

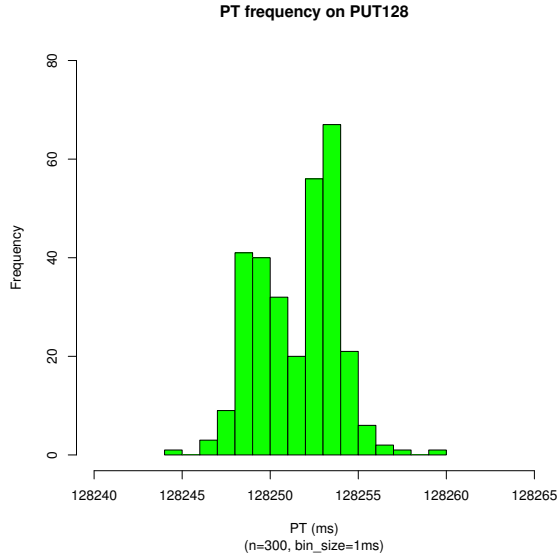


(b) PT frequency on PUT32

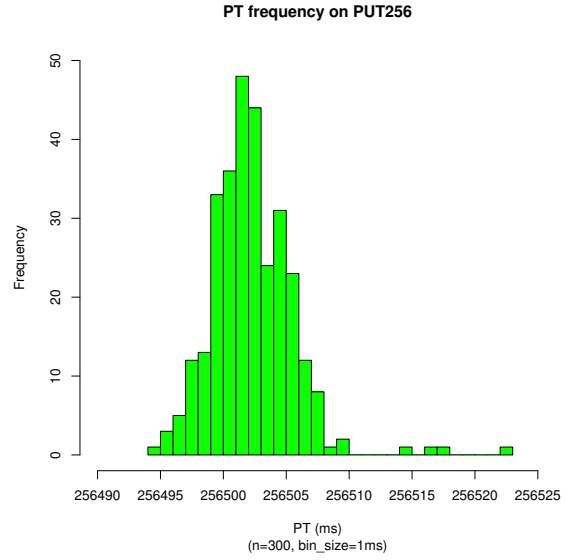


(c) PT frequency on PUT64

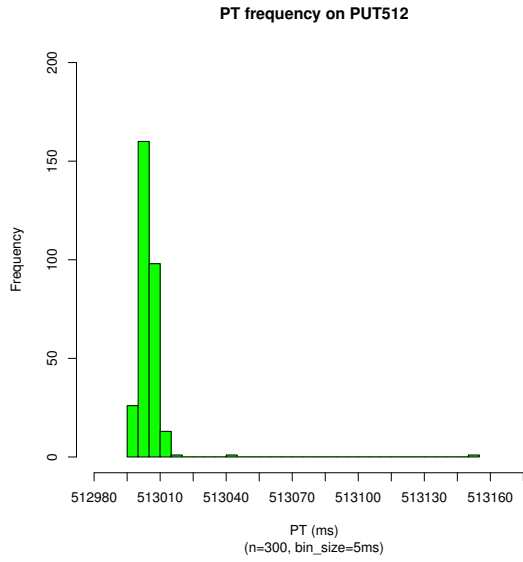
Figure 3: PT Histograms of PUT16 ... PUT64



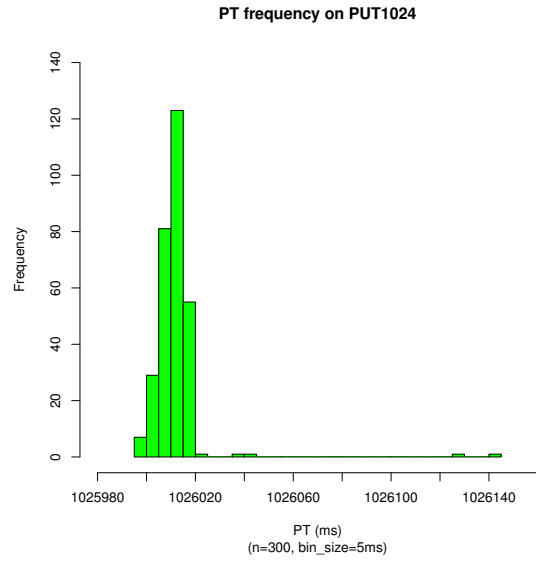
(a) PT frequency on PUT128



(b) PT frequency on PUT256

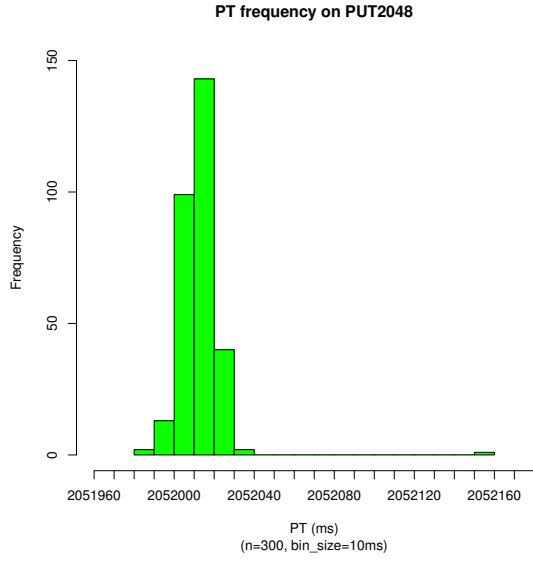


(c) PT frequency on PUT512

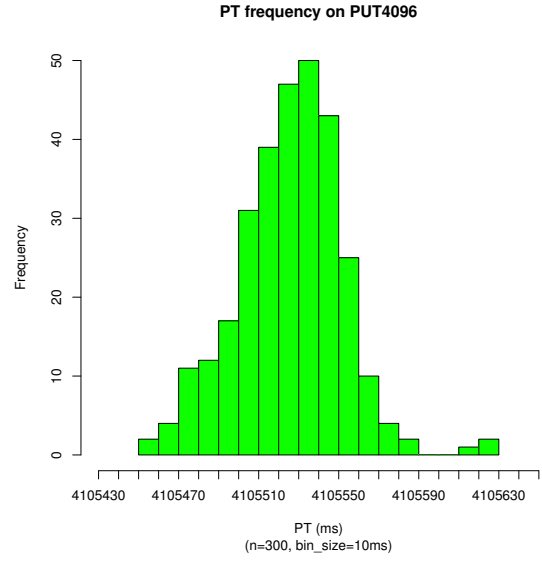


(d) PT frequency on PUT1024

Figure 4: PT Histograms of PUT128 ... PUT1024

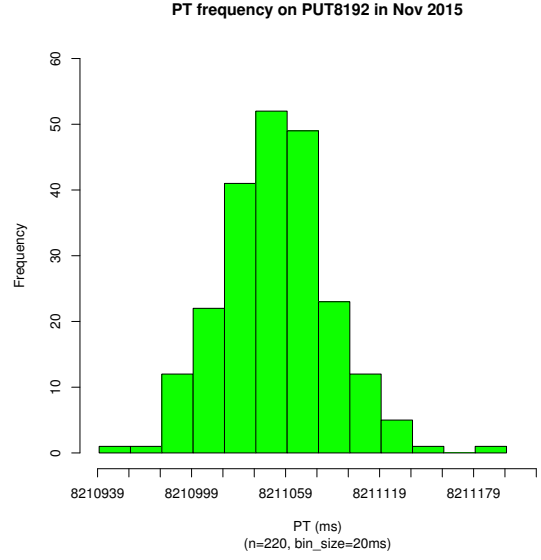
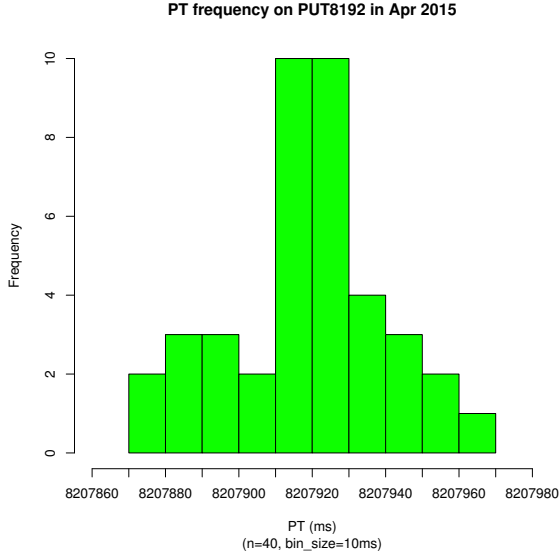


(a) PT frequency on PUT2048

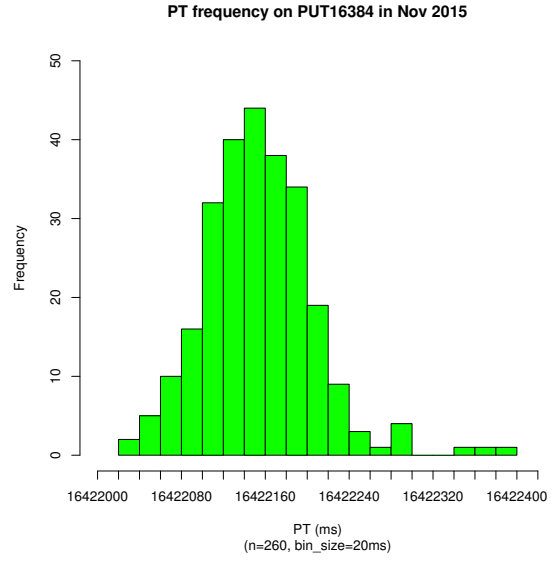
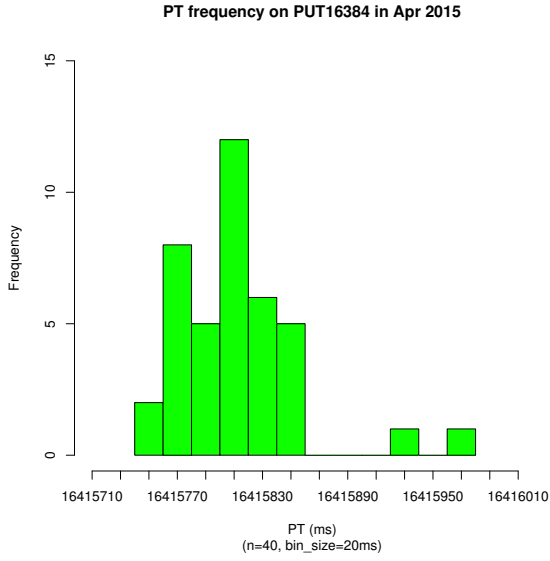


(b) PT frequency on PUT4096

Figure 5: PT Histograms of PUT2048 and PUT4096



(a) PT frequency on PUT8192 with 40 samples (See Table 1.) (b) PT frequency on PUT8192 with 260 samples (See Table 1.)



(c) PT frequency on PUT16384 with 40 samples (See Table 1.) (d) PT frequency on PUT16384 with 260 samples (See Table 1.)

Figure 6: PT Histograms of PUT8192 and PUT16384

4 Histograms on the EMPv5 Data

The base data of the following histograms are from Table 1. EMPv5(-relaxed) trims outliers from the data of each PUT by EMPv4. To be more specific, for each run of PUT an outlier is determined as the one above and below the average \pm *five¹* standard deviations computed from the EMPv4 data.

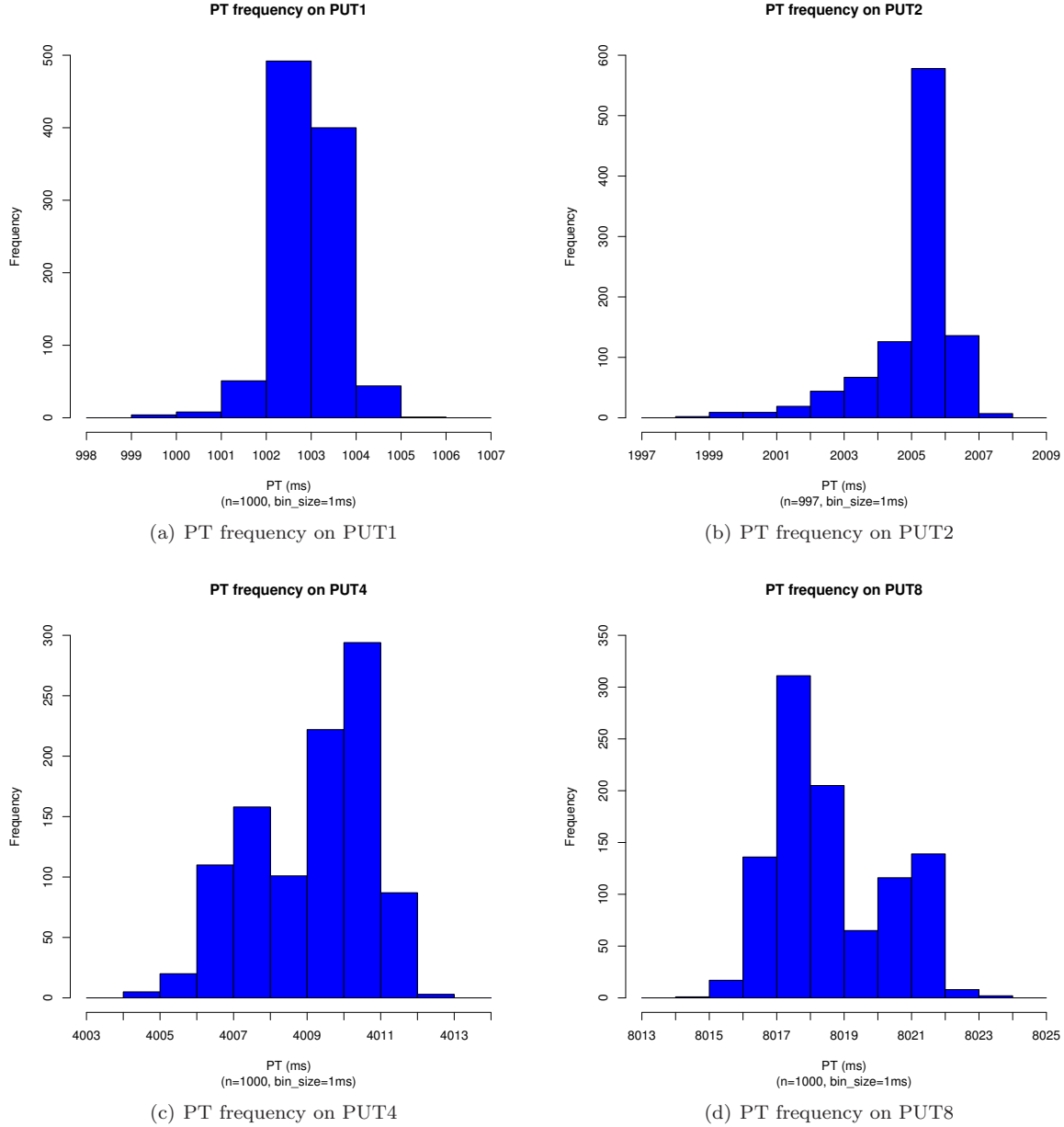
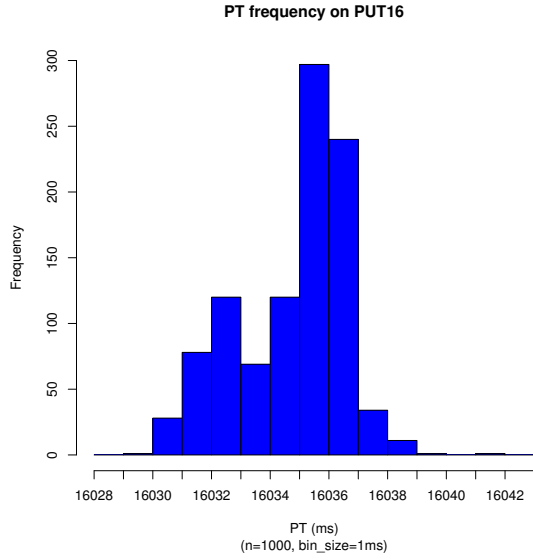
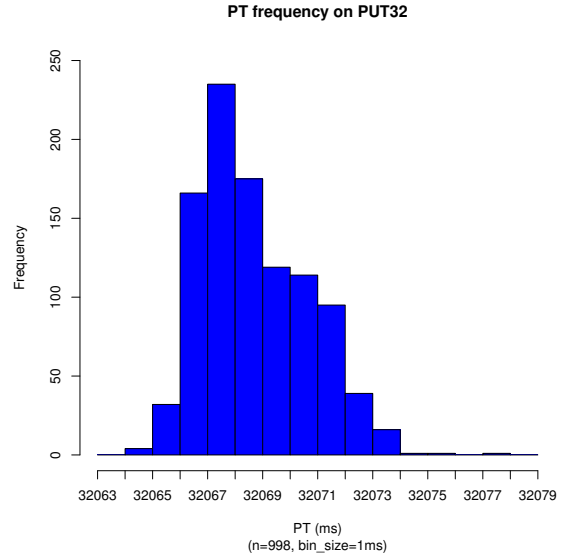


Figure 7: PT Histograms of PUT1 ... PUT8

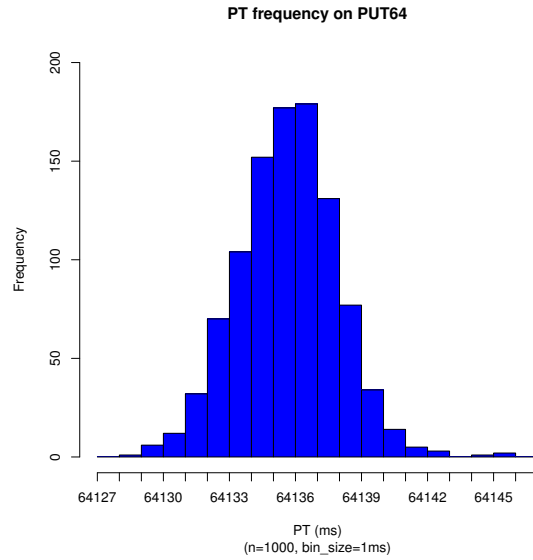
¹In the stricter version, we use *two*.



(a) PT frequency on PUT16

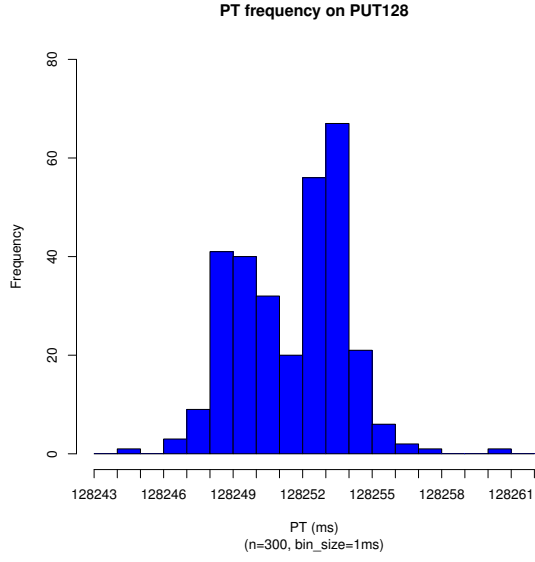


(b) PT frequency on PUT32

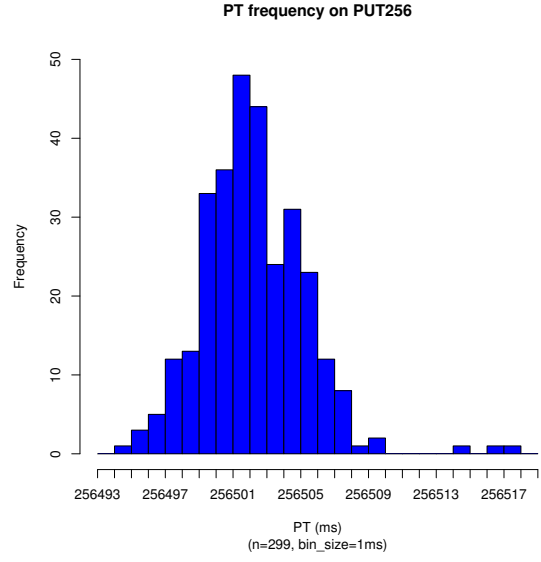


(c) PT frequency on PUT64

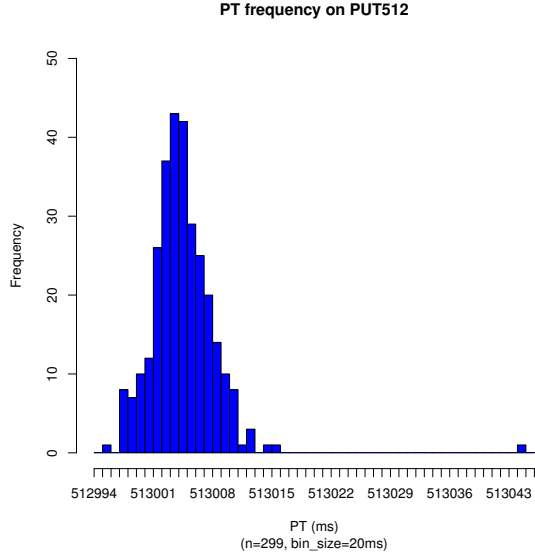
Figure 8: PT Histograms of PUT16 ... PUT64



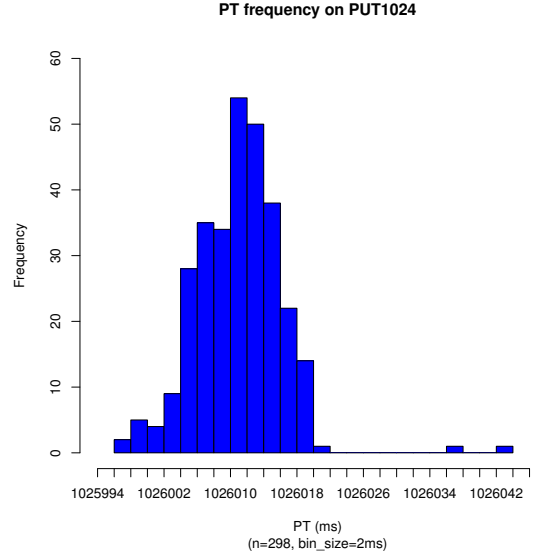
(a) PT frequency on PUT128



(b) PT frequency on PUT256

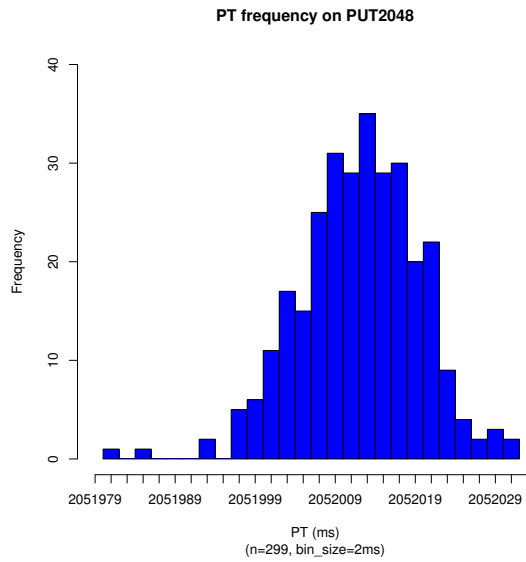


(c) PT frequency on PUT512

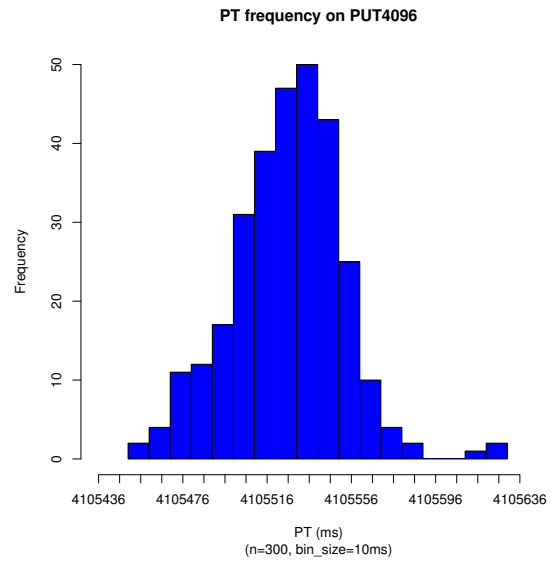


(d) PT frequency on PUT1024

Figure 9: PT Histograms of PUT128 ... PUT1024

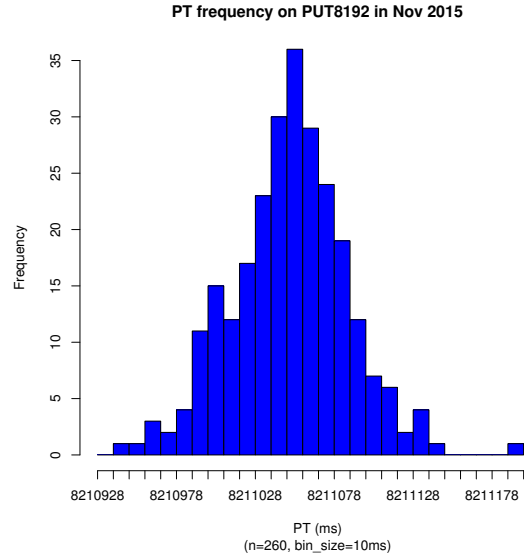
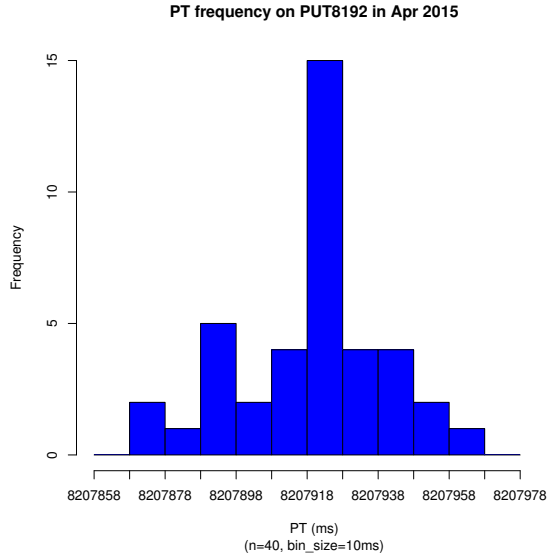


(a) PT frequency on PUT2048

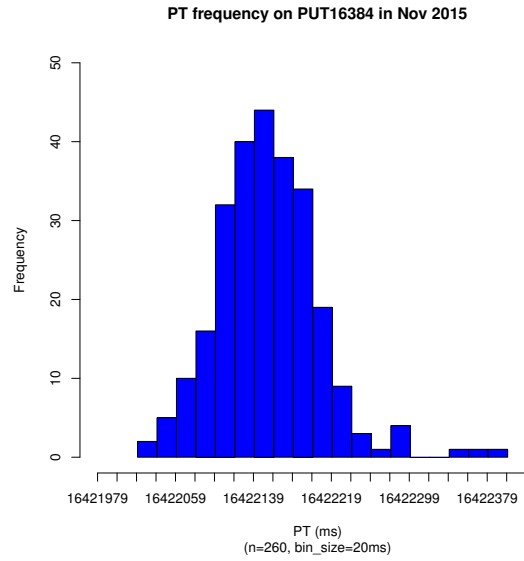
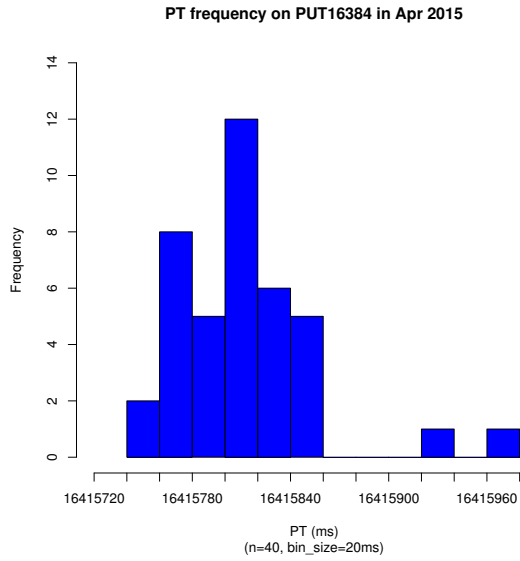


(b) PT frequency on PUT4096

Figure 10: PT Histograms of PUT2048 and PUT4096



(a) PT frequency on PUT8192 with 40 samples (See Table 1.) (b) PT frequency on PUT8192 with 260 samples (See Table 1.)



(c) PT frequency on PUT16384 with 40 samples (See Table 1.) (d) PT frequency on PUT16384 with 260 samples (See Table 1.)

Figure 11: PT Histograms of PUT8192 and PUT16384

5 Sample Size vs. Standard Deviation of PT

The base data of the following histograms are from Table 2.

5.1 PUT1 and PUT2

Table 4 exhibits varying standard deviations over increasing sample size on PUT1 and PUT2. EMPv4 is applied to the table's data.

Num. of Samples	Std. Dev. (msec)	
	PUT1	PUT2
1,000	1.07	1.40
2,000	1.06	1.39
3,000	1.07	1.38
4,000	1.07	1.37
5,000	1.07	1.40
6,000	1.06	1.70
7,000	1.06	1.65
8,000	1.07	1.62
9,000	1.07	1.60
10,000	1.07	1.58
11,000	1.08	1.57
12,000	1.08	1.56
13,000	1.08	1.54
14,000	1.08	1.53
15,000	1.08	1.52
16,000	1.08	1.51
17,000	1.08	1.50
18,000	1.08	1.50
19,000	1.08	1.50
20,000	1.08	1.49

Table 4: Std. Dev. of PUT1 and PUT2 over increasing sample size

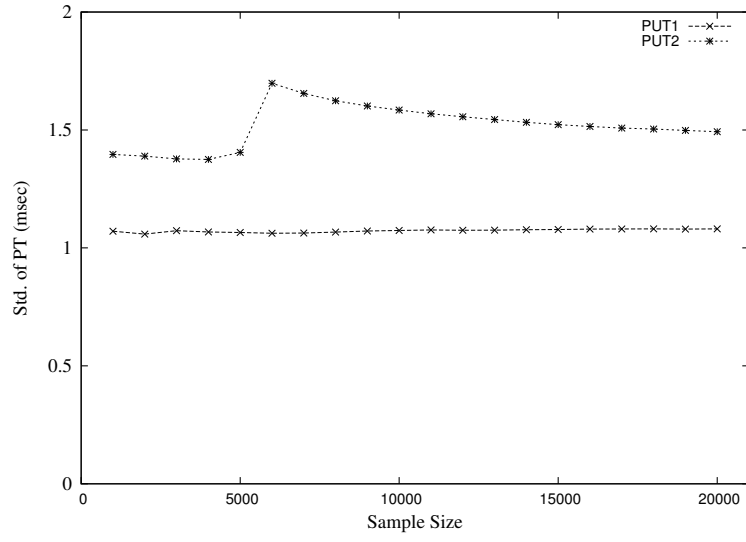


Figure 12: Std. dev. of PT on PUT1 and PUT2 over increasing sample size

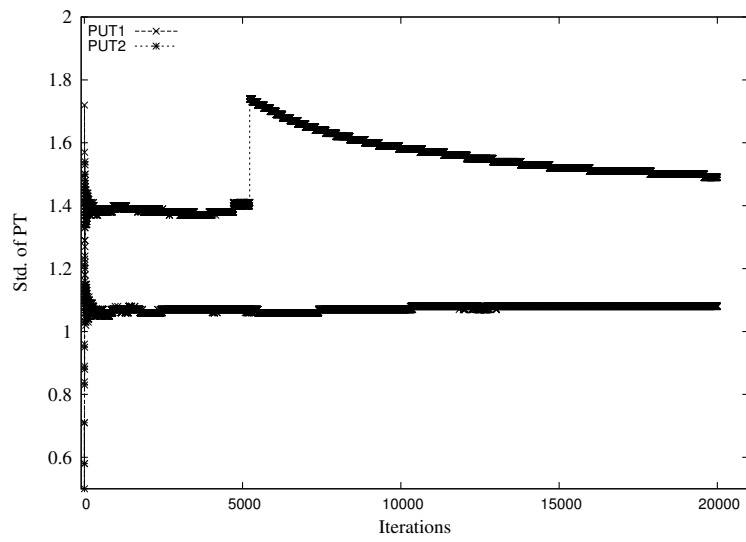
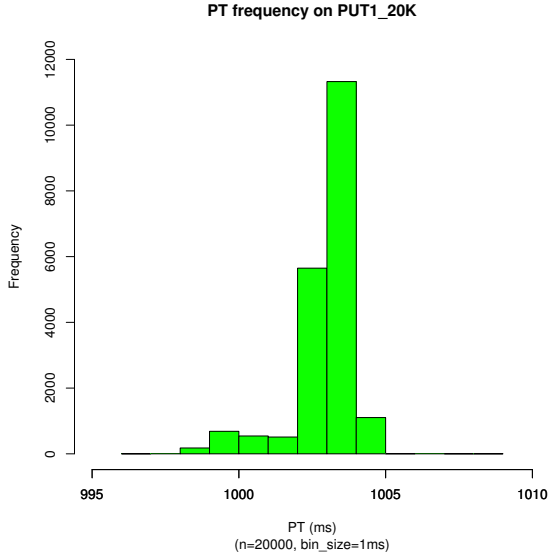


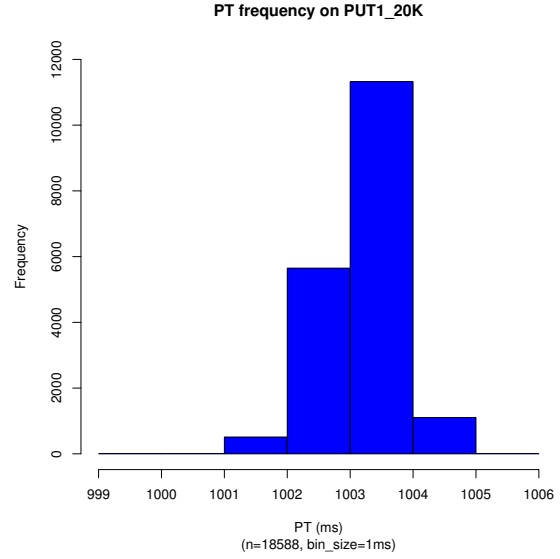
Figure 13: Std. dev. of PT on PUT1 and PUT2 over increasing sample size

PUT2	Program Time
incr_work	2078 msec (at the 5276th iteration)
Daemon Processes	Program Time
md0_raid1	1 msec
proc_monitor	198 msec
rhn_check	460 msec
Total	659 msec

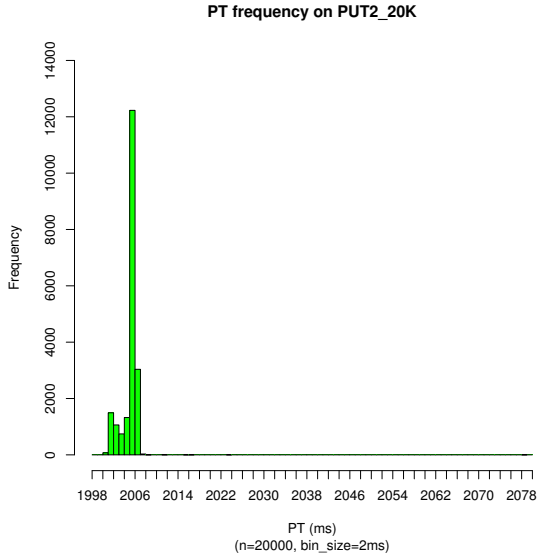
Table 5: The daemon processes captured at the hike of PUT2



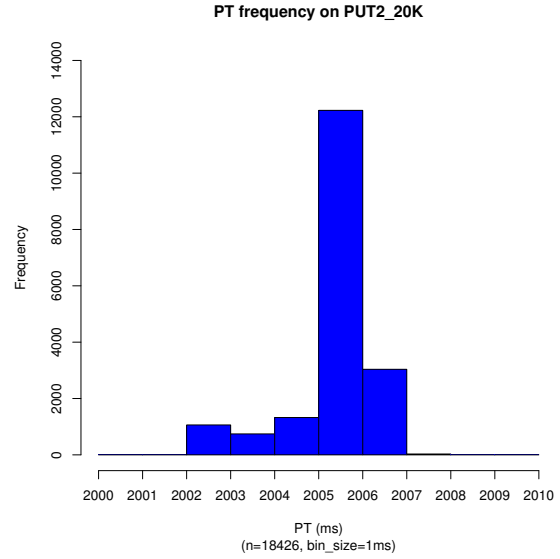
(a) PT frequency on PUT1 by EMPv4 (See Table 2.)



(b) PT frequency on PUT1 by EMPv5 (See Table 2.)

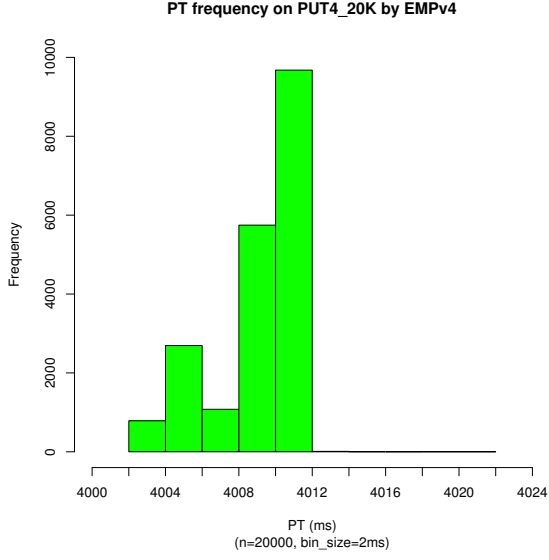


(c) PT frequency on PUT2 by EMPv4 (See Table 2.)

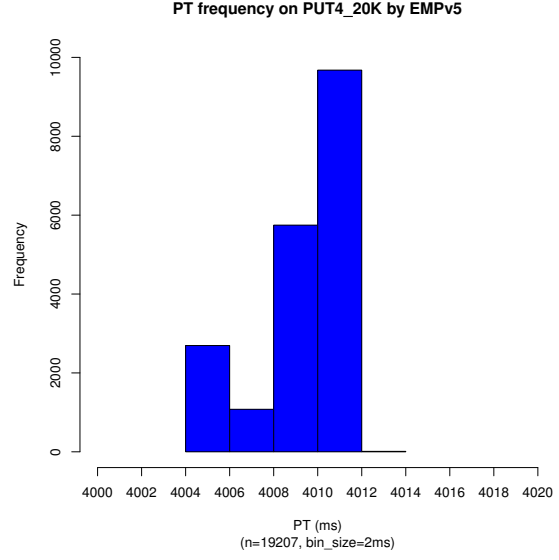


(d) PT frequency on PUT2 by EMPv5 (See Table 2.)

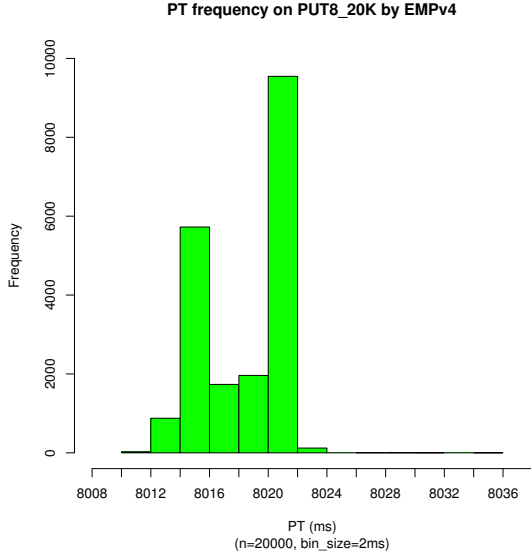
Figure 14: PT Histograms of PUT1 and PUT2 by 20,000 trials



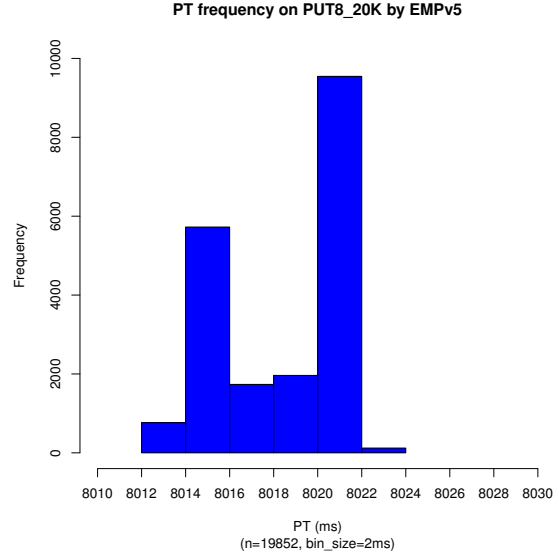
(a) PT frequency on PUT4 by EMPv4 (See Table 2.)



(b) PT frequency on PUT4 by EMPv5 (See Table 2.)



(c) PT frequency on PUT8 by EMPv4 (See Table 2.)



(d) PT frequency on PUT8 by EMPv5 (See Table 2.)

Figure 15: PT Histograms of PUT4 and PUT8 by 20,000 trials

5.2 PUT16

In this experiment we ran PUT16 up to 32,000 from 1,000 times by a factor of two. The relaxed version of EMPv5 (called *EMPv5-relaxed*) uses *five* standard deviations whereas its strict version (called *EMPv5-strict*) does *two* standard deviations for a vertical gap below and above the average. (Young: 2k samples seem most appropriate to represent the whole population of PUT16, in that the standard deviations by EMPv5 on the 2k sample size are almost at peak compared to those of the other sample sizes.)

Num. of Samples	Std. Dev. (msec)		
	EMPv4	EMPv5-relaxed	EMPv5-strict
1,000	1.86	1.86	1.68
2,000	2.20	2.12	1.81
4,000	2.21	1.89	1.65
8,000	2.23	1.97	1.71
16,000	2.07	2.00	1.61
32,000	1.81	1.75	1.53

Table 6: Standard deviations of PUT16 over increasing sample size

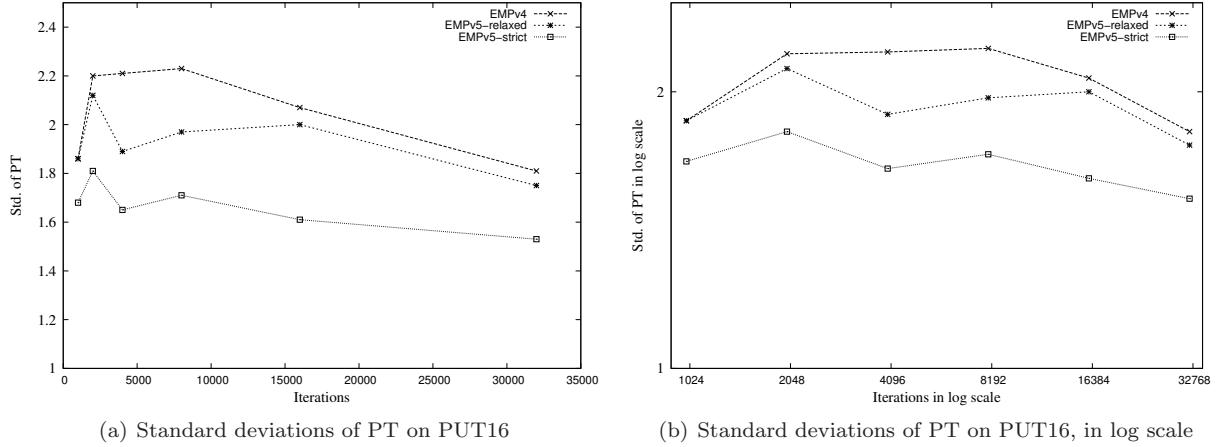


Figure 16: Standard deviations of PT on PUT16 over increasing sample size

5.3 Histograms by EMPv4

We apply EMPv4 to the runs of PUT16 as mentioned above. The following histograms are the results of EMPv4.

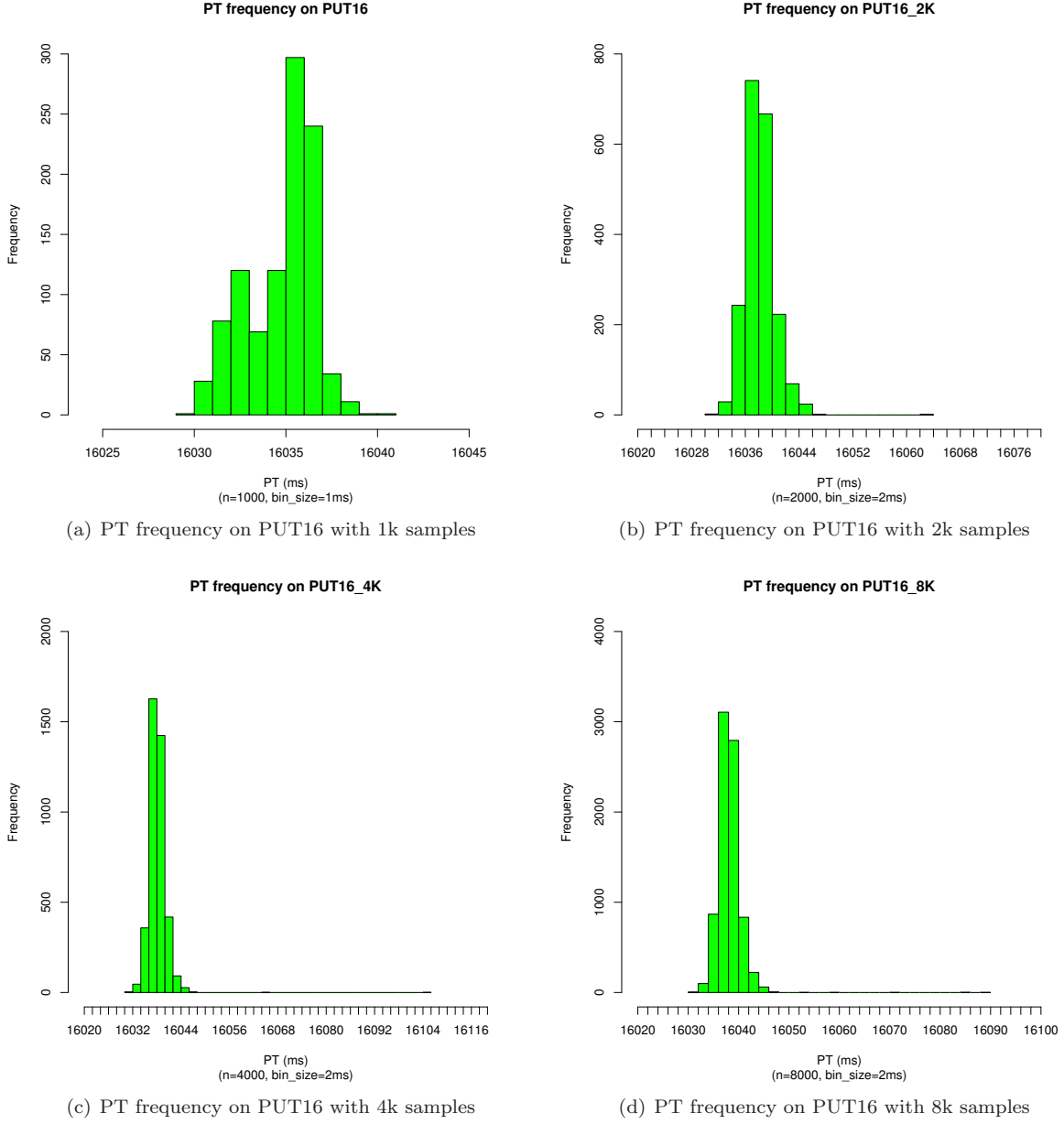
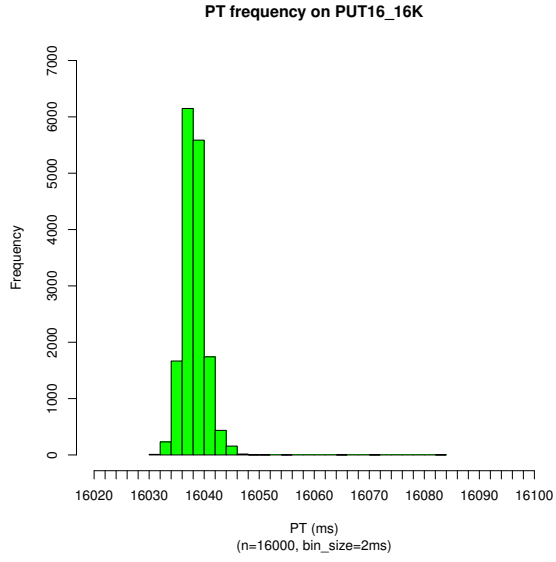
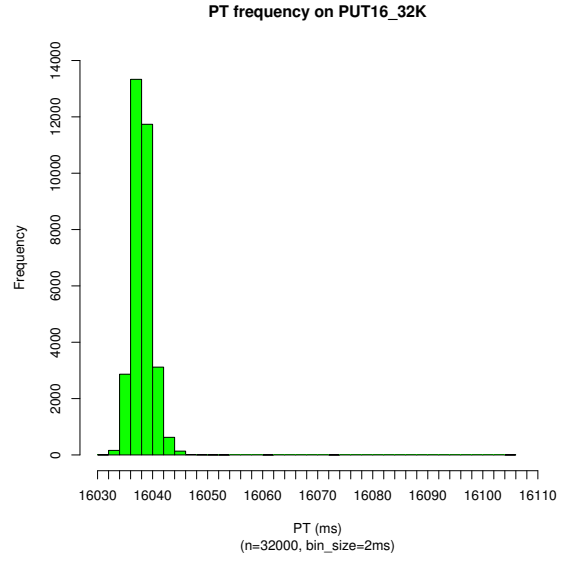


Figure 17: PT histogram of PUT16 by EMPv4, with the sample size increasing from 1k to 8k



(a) PT frequency on PUT16 with 16k samples



(b) PT frequency on PUT16 with 32k samples

Figure 18: PT histogram of PUT16 by EMPv4, with the sample size increasing from 16k to 32k

5.4 Histograms by EMPv5

We now apply EMPv5 to the same data of PUT16. To be more specific, we use EMPv5-strict, by which the following histograms are obtained.

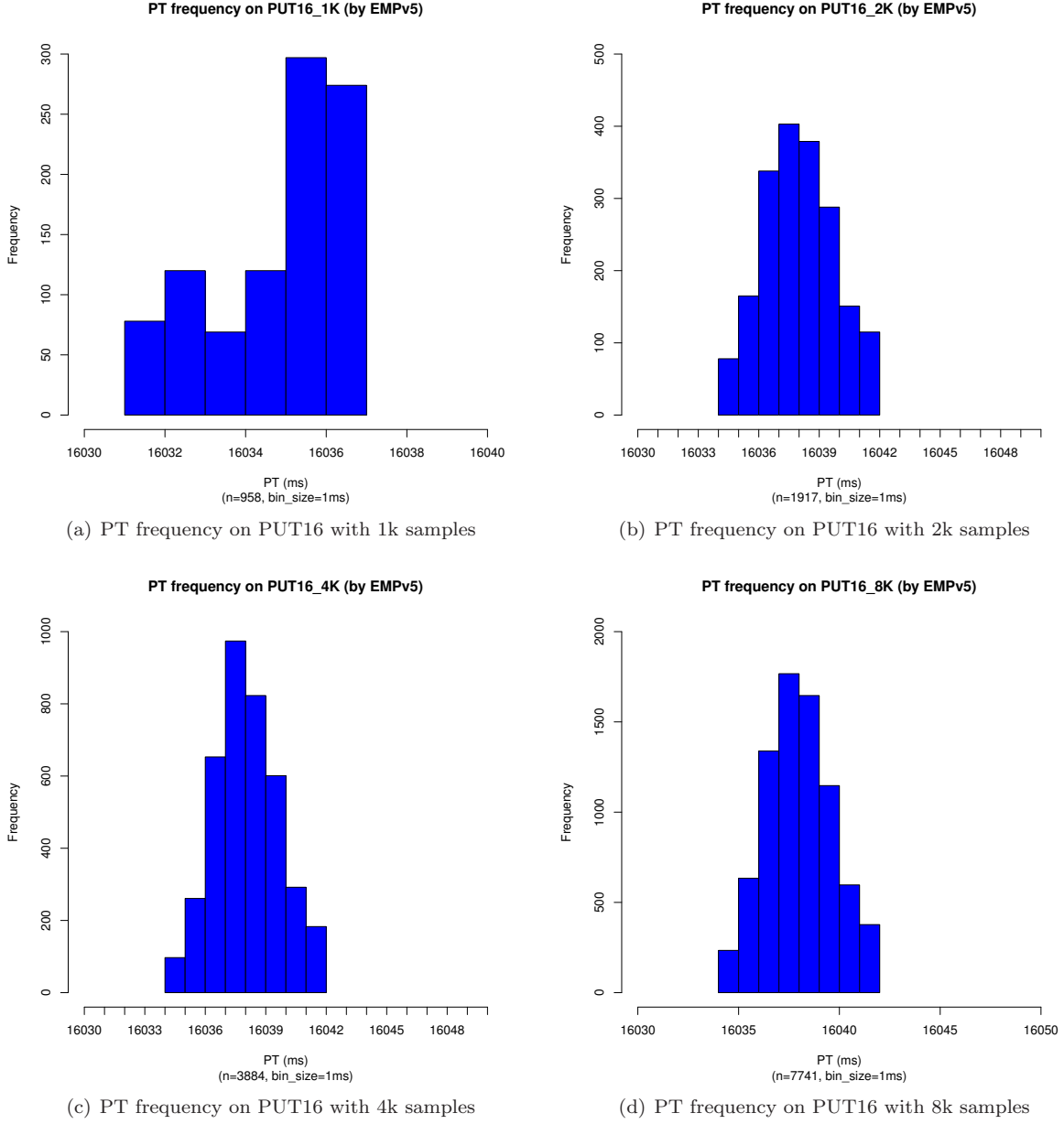
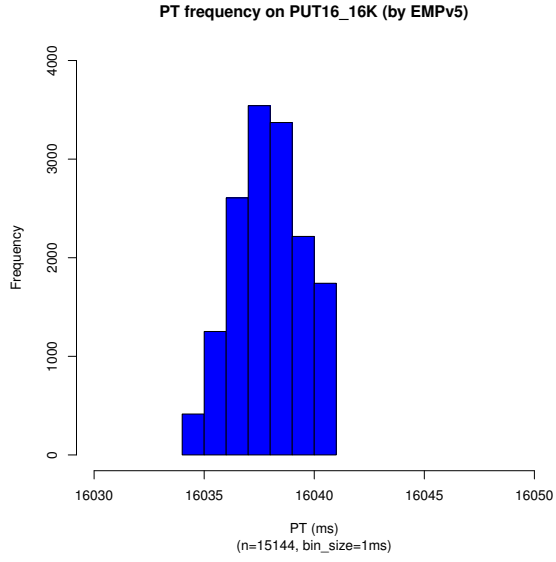
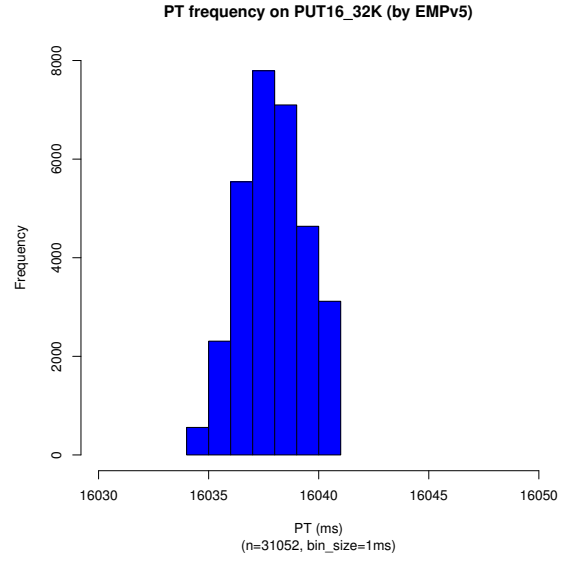


Figure 19: PT histogram of PUT16 by EMPv5, with the sample size increasing from 1k to 8k



(a) PT frequency on PUT16 with 16k samples



(b) PT frequency on PUT16 with 32k samples

Figure 20: PT histogram of PUT16 by EMPv5, with the sample size increasing from 16k to 32k

6 Dual PUT Experiment

In this section we study the characteristics of program times measured in the dual PUT experiments, in which the for-loop of PUT is broken up into two equal-sized for-loops (for_1 and for_2) of which elapsed times are individually measured using `gettimeofday()`. The experiment is designed to see whether there exists “internal dependency” of measured times of the two for-loops when PUT is timed. To be more specific, we compute correlation coefficients between corresponding measured times of for_1 and for_2 , within the same run of each PUT. We also compute the correlation coefficients after removing some outliers determined by eye. In this experiment we expect that little dependency will be observed within the same run for any PUT. Note that except dual PUT4096 (on `sodb12`) all the other dual experiments were run on the same machine (`sodb9`), as described in Table 2. This could be one of possible reasons that the structure of dual PUT4096 looks quite different from that of the others although both `sodb9` and `sodb12` have the same machine specification.

The base data of the following table and subsequent plots are from Table 2.

	Corr. Coeff.	Corr. Coeff. with outliers removed	Sample Size (# of regulars)
PUT2	0.3	0.5	1,000
PUT4	-0.07	-0.2	1,000
PUT8	0.8	-0.2	1,000
PUT16	0.3	-0.6	1,000
PUT32	0.01	-0.4	1,000
PUT64	0.003	-0.5	1,000
PUT128	0.04	-0.5	1,000
PUT256	0.004	-0.1	1,000
PUT512	-0.03	-0.1	1,000
PUT1024	0.14	-0.04	1,000
PUT2048	-0.01	-0.08	1,000
PUT4096	-0.01	-0.2	500

Table 7: Overall statistics of dual PUT experiment

6.1 Scatter Plots

In this section we plot measured times of dual PUT experiments. We provide not only scatter plots of raw data but also those of focused clouds to further look inside. The focused clouds were obtained by cutting off outliers chosen by eye.

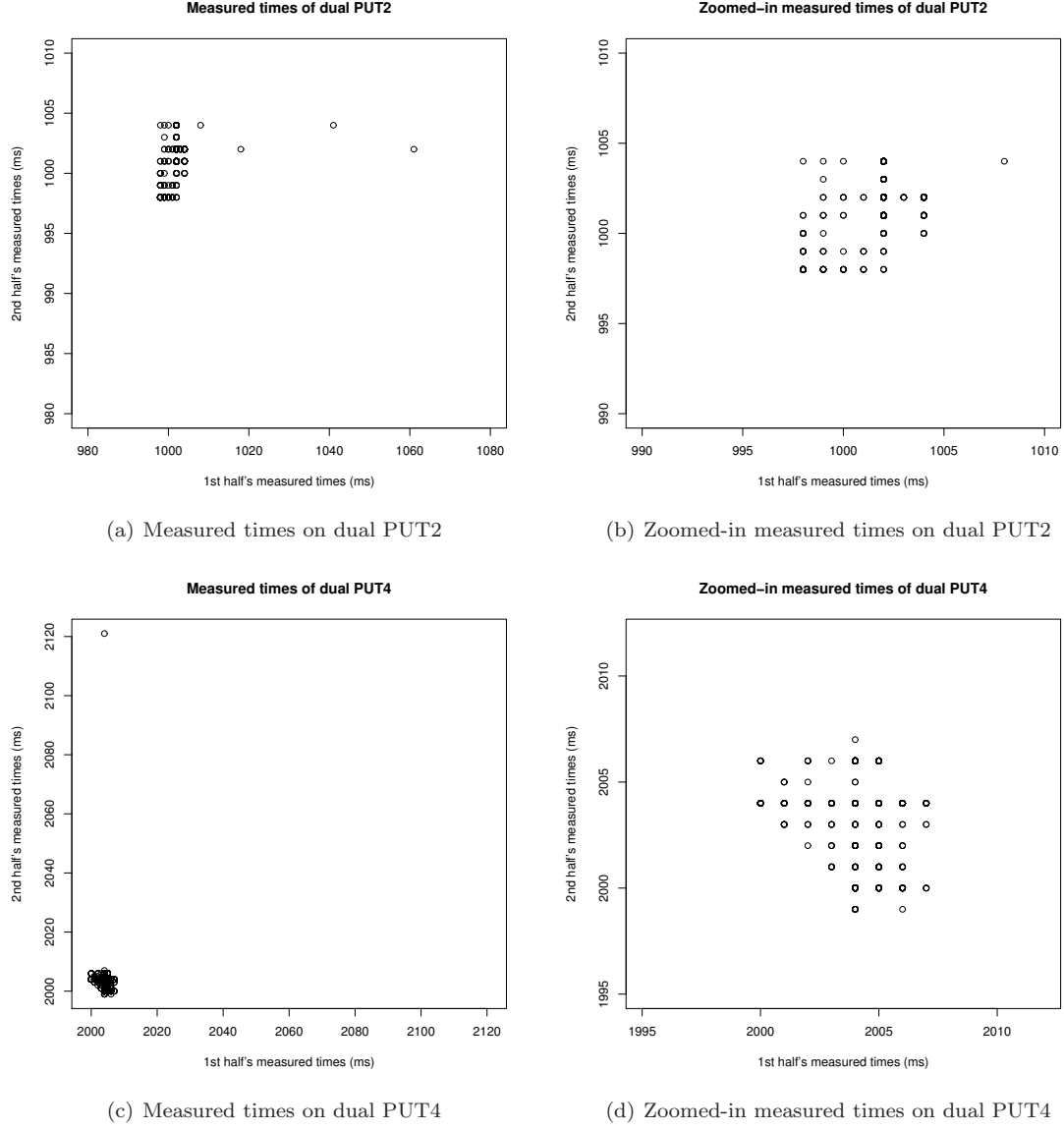
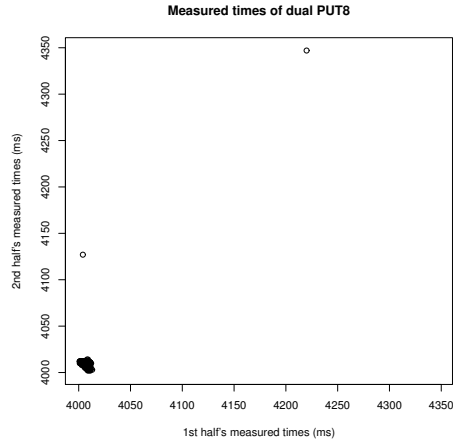
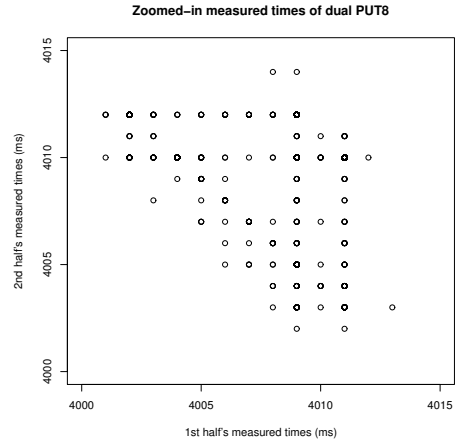


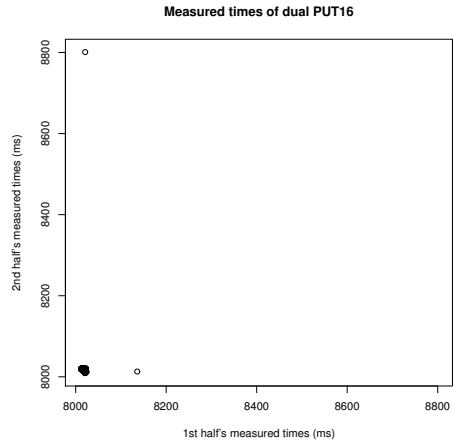
Figure 21: Scatter plots on dual PUT2~PUT8



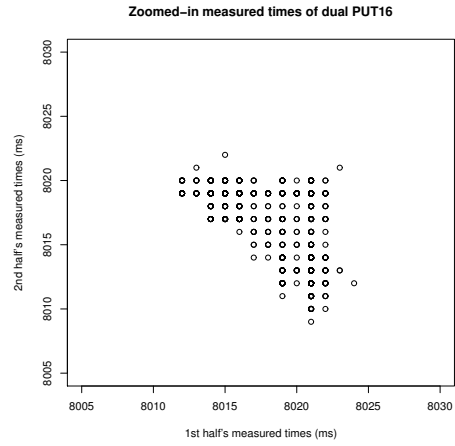
(a) Measured times on dual PUT8



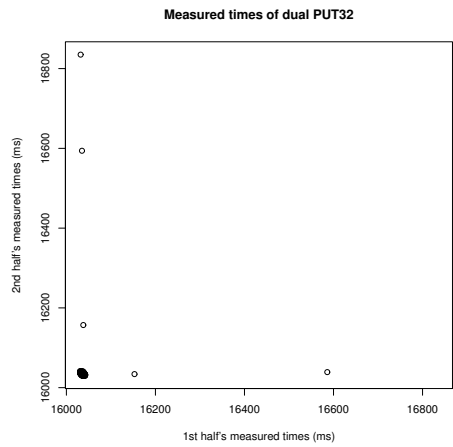
(b) Zoomed-in measured times on dual PUT8



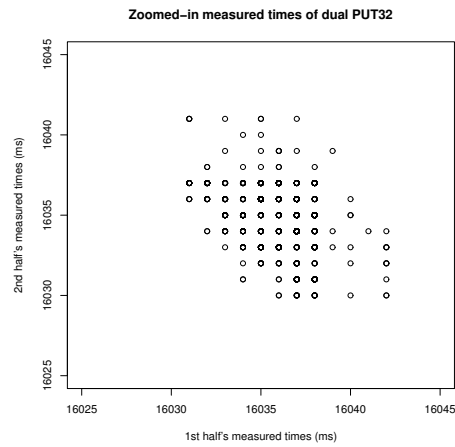
(c) Measured times on dual PUT16



(d) Zoomed-in measured times on dual PUT16

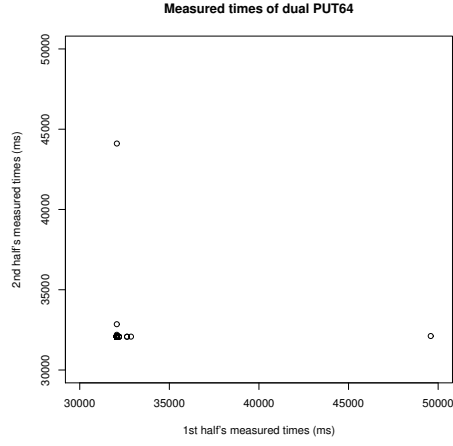


(e) Measured times on dual PUT32

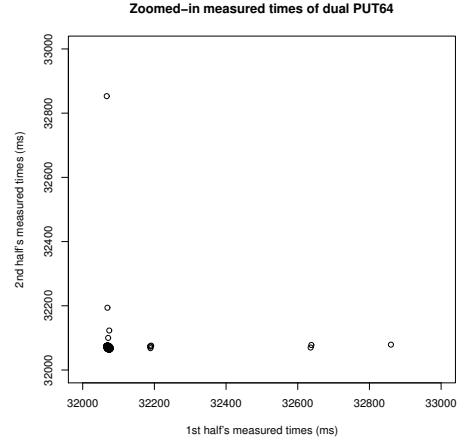


(f) Zoomed-in measured times on dual PUT32

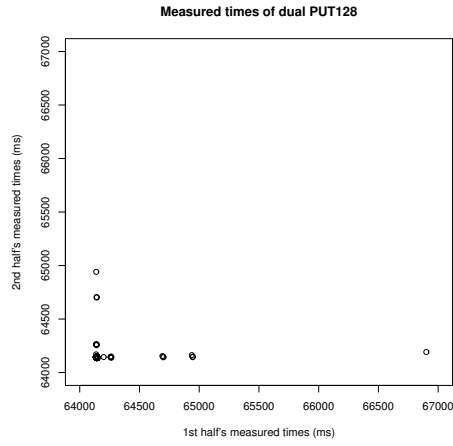
Figure 22: Scatter plots on dual PUT8~PUT32



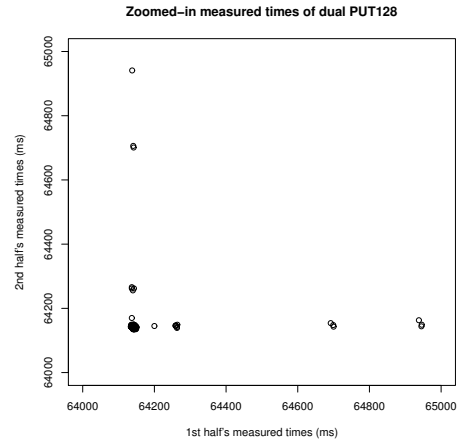
(a) Measured times on dual PUT64



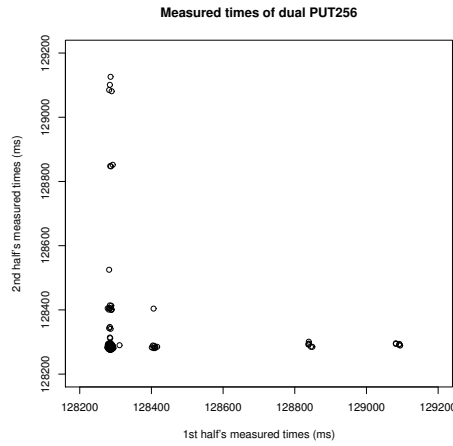
(b) Zoomed-in measured times on dual PUT64



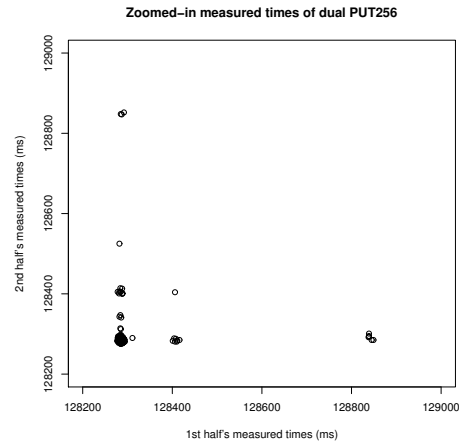
(c) Measured times on dual PUT128



(d) Zoomed-in measured times on dual PUT128

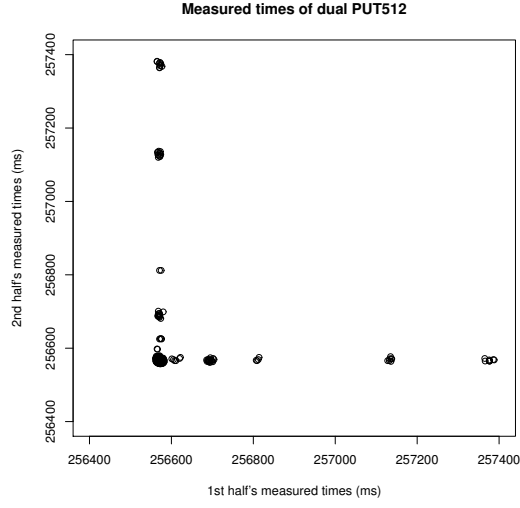


(e) Measured times on dual PUT256

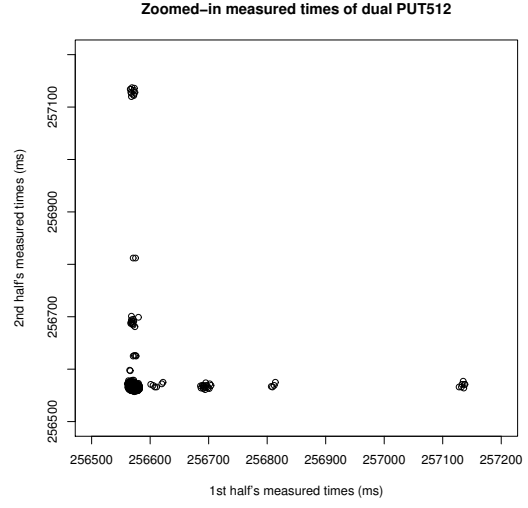


(f) Zoomed-in measured times on dual PUT256

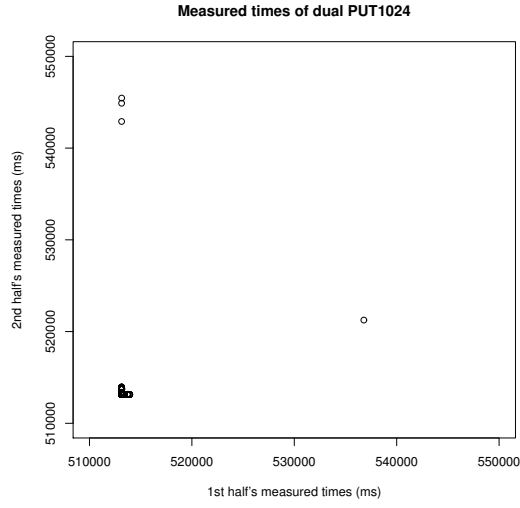
Figure 23: Scatter plots on dual PUT64~PUT256



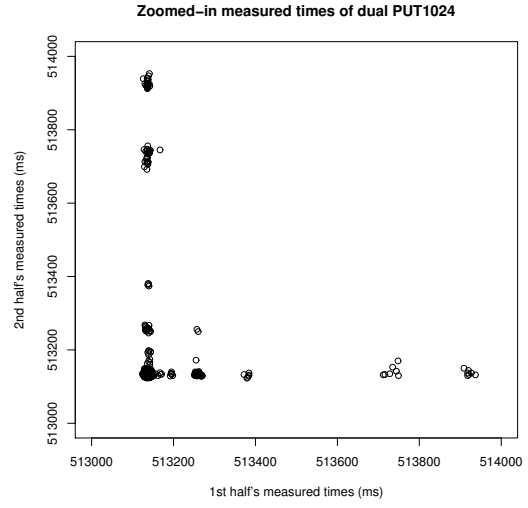
(a) Measured times on dual PUT512



(b) Zoomed-in measured times on dual PUT512

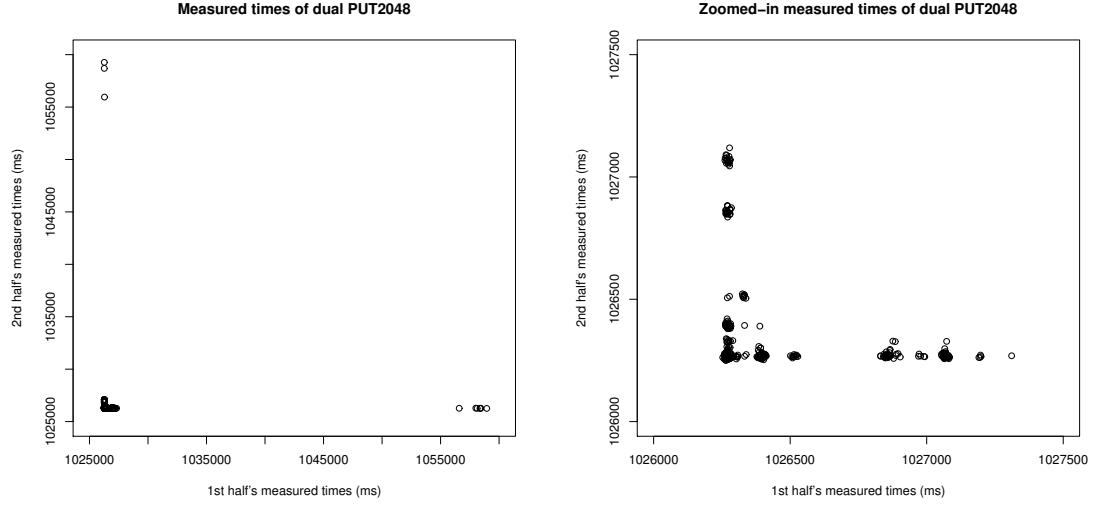


(c) Measured times on dual PUT1024

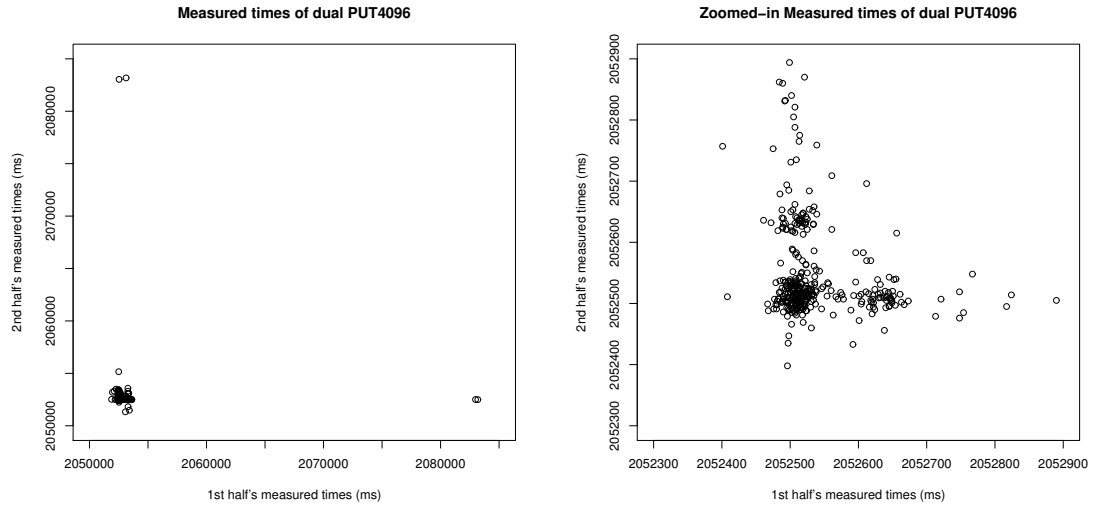


(d) Zoomed-in measured times on dual PUT1024

Figure 24: Scatter plots on dual PUT512 and PUT1024



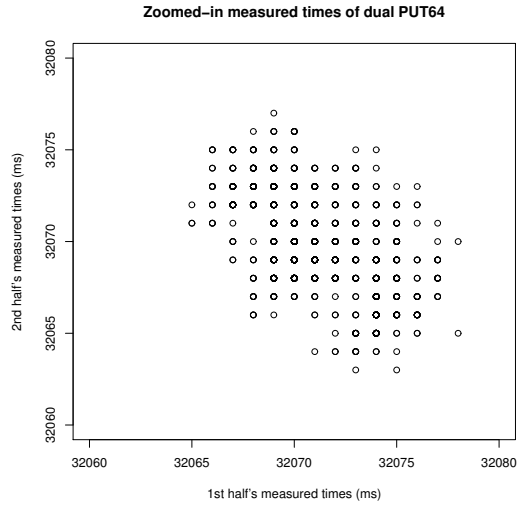
(a) Measured times on dual PUT2048 (run on `sodb9`) (b) Zoomed-in measured times on dual PUT2048 (run on `sodb9`)



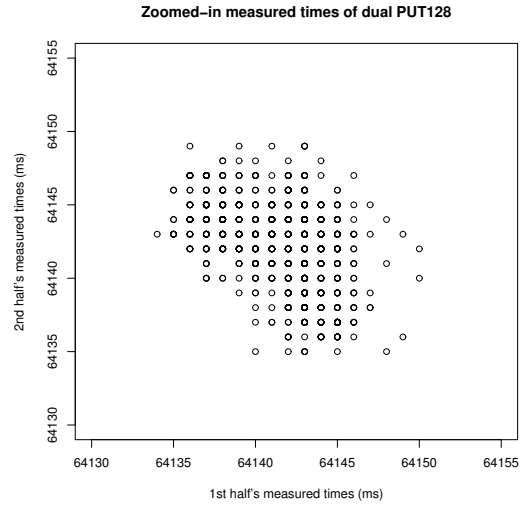
(c) Measured times on dual PUT4096 (run on `sodb8`) (d) Zoomed-in measured times on dual PUT4096 (run on `sodb8`)

Figure 25: Scatter plots on dual PUT2048~PUT4096

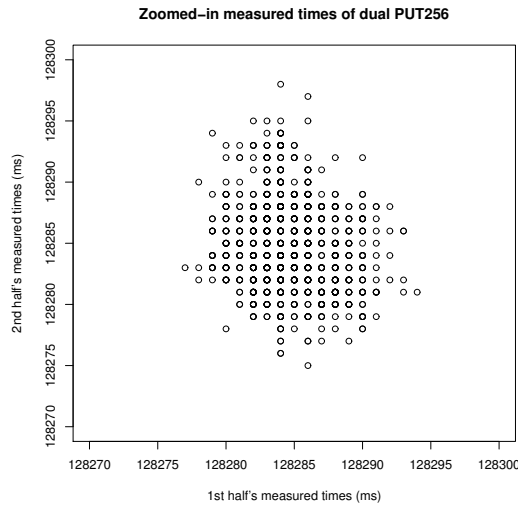
6.1.1 Supplementary Scatter Plots



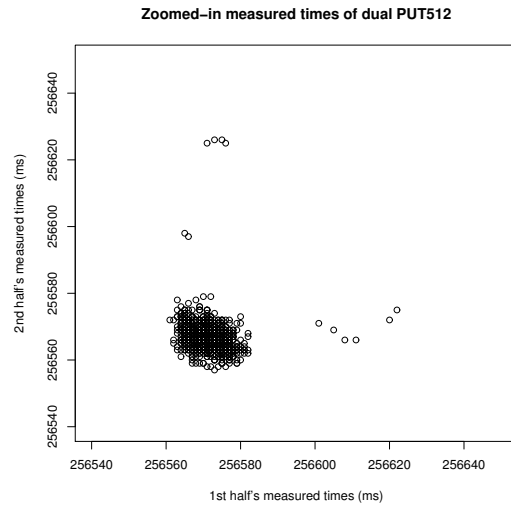
(a) The central clump of dual PUT64



(b) The central clump of dual PUT128

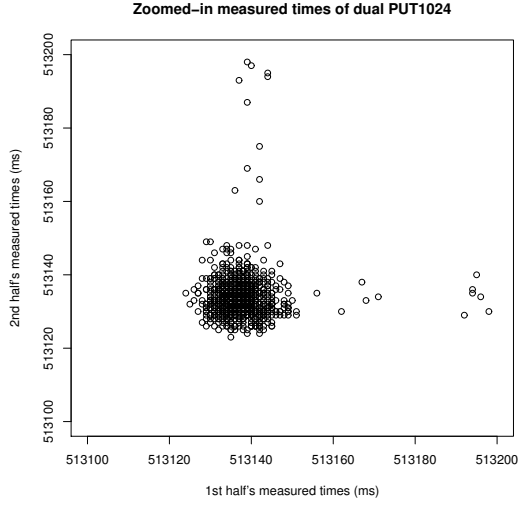


(c) The central clump of dual PUT256

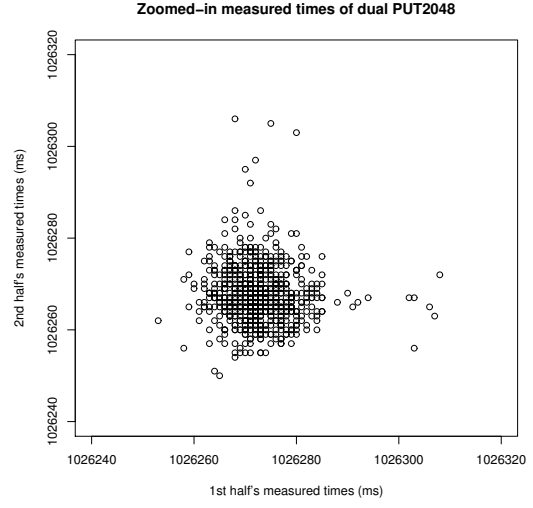


(d) The central clump of dual PUT512

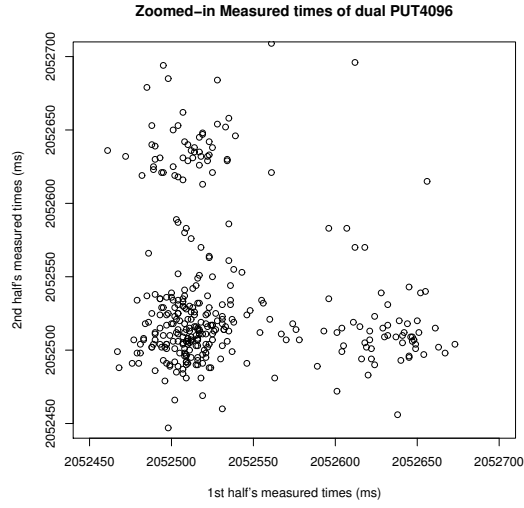
Figure 26: Focused clumps - part I



(a) The central clump of dual PUT1024



(b) The central clump of dual PUT2048



(c) The central clump of dual PUT4096

Figure 27: Focused clumps - part II

6.1.2 Captured Processes on Dual PUT4096

In this study we examine a list of processes captured in a specific region of measured times on dual PUT4096. The base data is from Figure 25(c). We divide the data into four subregions by the pivot point of “2,052,575” msec on the x and y axes. This pivot is chosen by eye, based on Figure 27(c).

Table 8 represents a list of daemon processes captured in each of the four subregions while Table 9 shows a list of regions in which a specific daemon process(es) appeared. The last column in Table 8 indicates the average time executed by the captured daemon processes in each region. Table 9 also shows how long each daemon process was on average run whenever it appeared in a specific region.

Subregion	Daemon Processes	Avg. Daemon (Running) Time (msecs)	# of Samples
Region 1 ($x < \text{pivot}, y < \text{pivot}$)	bash, id, java, rhn_check, rhsmcertd-worke, sshd, uname	3,494	214
Region 2 ($x < \text{pivot}, y \geq \text{pivot}$)	id, java, rhn_check, rhsmcertd-worke, sshd	6,954	137
Region 3 ($x \geq \text{pivot}, y < \text{pivot}$)	java, rhn_check, rhsmcertd-worke, sshd	16,350	128
Region 4 ($x \geq \text{pivot}, y \geq \text{pivot}$)	java, rhn_check, rhsmcertd-worke, sshd	2,130	21

Table 8: Captured Daemon Processes and Their Times in Each Region

Daemon Processes	Captured Region List
bash	1 (370 msecs)
id	1 (10 msecs), 2 (10 msecs)
java	1 (11 msecs), 2 (11 msecs), 3 (12 msecs), 4 (12 msecs)
rhn_check	1 (6,415 msecs), 2 (25,855 msecs), 3 (21,923 msecs), 4 (7,585 msecs)
rhsmcertd-worke	1 (1,157 msecs), 2 (1,156 msecs), 3 (1,158 msecs), 4 (1,152 msecs)
sshd	1 (183 msecs), 2 (64 msecs), 3 (80 msecs), 4 (75 msecs)
uname	1 (10 msecs)

Table 9: Per-Daemon Appearance Region and Its Average Running Time

6.1.3 Analysis of Outliers on Dual PUT128

An in-depth analysis of outliers in Figure 23(c) was conducted. This analysis concerns what daemon processes with positive CPU time were captured and how much time was taken by them. The value in the parentheses is obtained when `proc_monitor` is considered.

Iter. #	1st Half (msec)	2nd Half (msec)	Daemon Procs.	Daem. Time (msec)
68	64142	64701	kslowd000, kslowd001, md0_raid1, java (, proc_monitor)	18 (220)
180	64138	64941	kslowd000, kslowd001, md0_raid1, java (, proc_monitor)	20 (224)
292	64141	64706	kslowd000, kslowd001, md0_raid1, java (, proc_monitor)	19 (221)
351	64938	64163	kblockd/0, kslowd000, kslowd001, md0_raid1, java (, proc_monitor)	19 (221)
435	64692	64154	kslowd000, kslowd001, md0_raid1, java (, proc_monitor)	17 (219)
547	66901	64192	kslowd000, kslowd001, java (, proc_monitor)	16 (218)
659	64699	64148	kslowd000, kslowd001, md0_raid1, java (, proc_monitor)	19 (221)
771	64946	64149	kslowd000, kslowd001, md0_raid1, java (, proc_monitor)	18 (220)
883	64700	64143	kslowd000, kslowd001, md0_raid1, java (, proc_monitor)	17 (219)
986	64945	64144	kslowd000, kslowd001, java (, proc_monitor)	16 (218)
Corr. eff. b/w PUT and daem. proc. times				-0.67 (-0.63)

Table 10: Further Examination of Outliers on Dual PUT128 in Figure 23(c)

6.1.4 Refined Dual PUT Data

We conduct another in-depth study on some outliers of the dual PUT512, PUT1024, PUT2048 and PUT4096 data. The outliers are considered the ones with a daemon process(es) (e.g., `rhn_check`) run for a significant amount of time (more than 500 msecs for dual PUT512 and 1,000 msecs for the other three, respectively).

Dual 512: In Figure 28, a total of 36 points are identified as outliers and removed, compared to that of Figure 24(a).

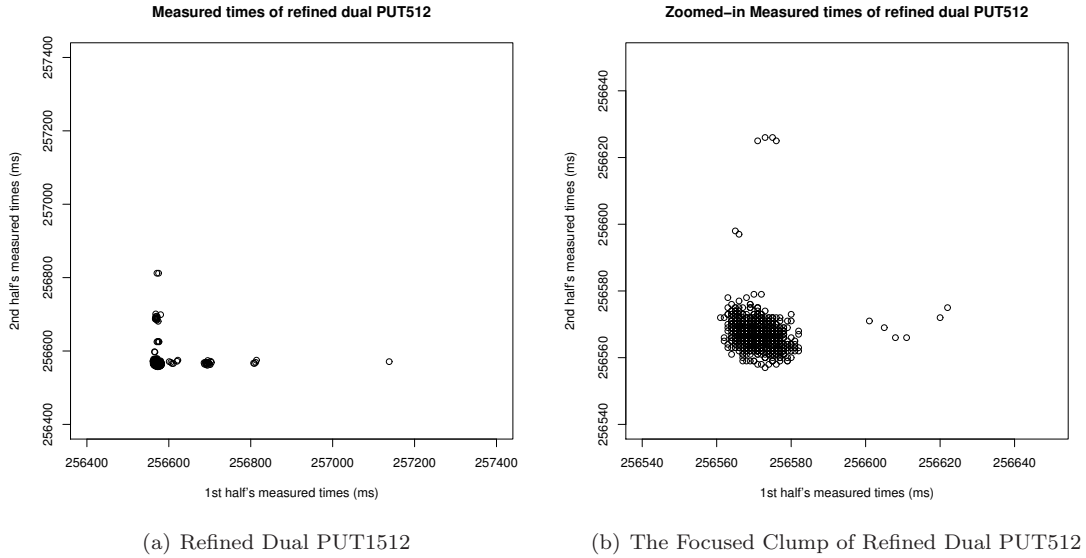


Figure 28: Refined Dual PUT512 with Significant `rhn_check` Removed

Dual 1024: In Figure 29(a), just four points are removed compared to that of Figure 24(c).

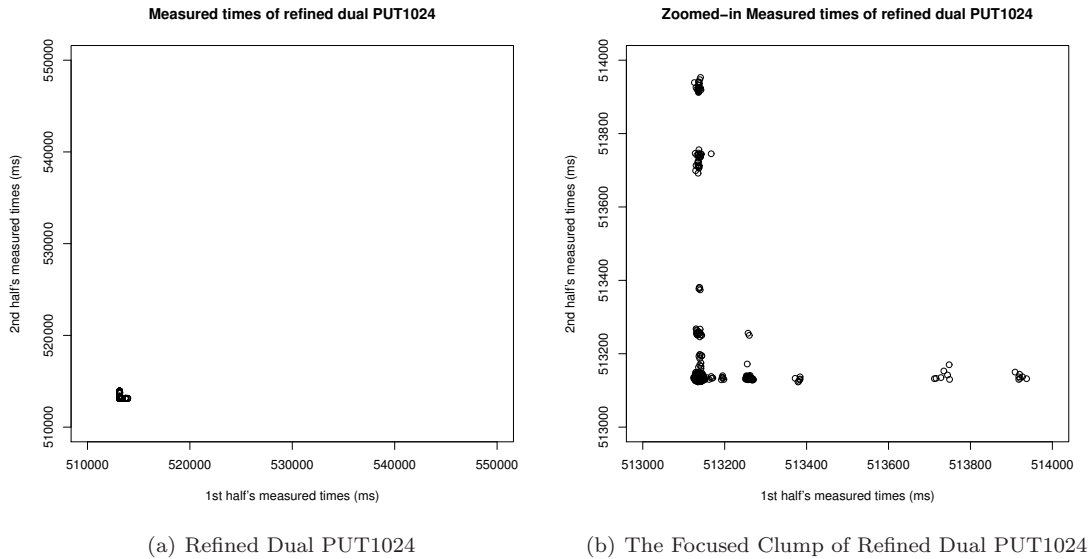
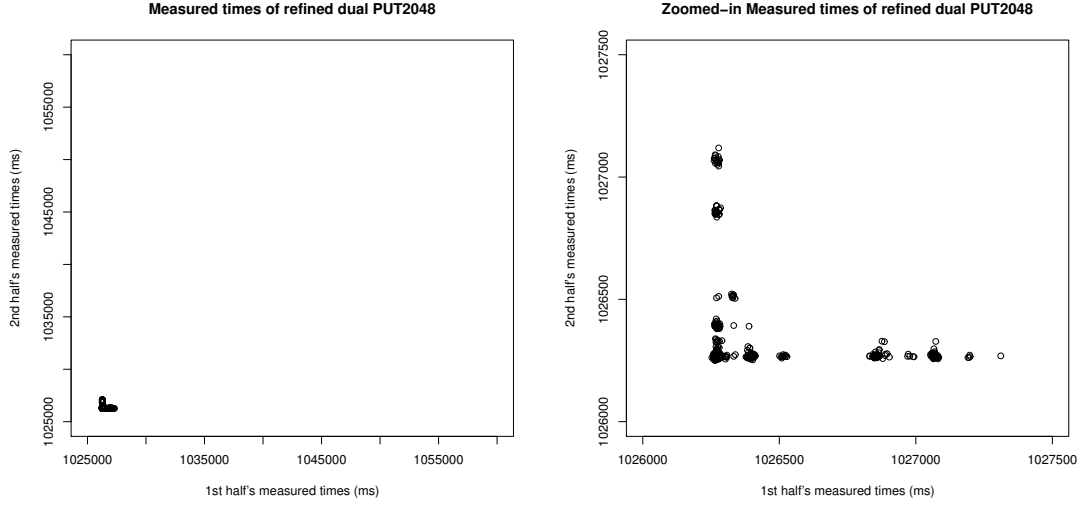


Figure 29: Refined Dual PUT1024 with Significant `rhn_check` Removed

Dual 2048: In Figure 30(a), ten points (outliers) are removed compared to that of Figure 25(a).

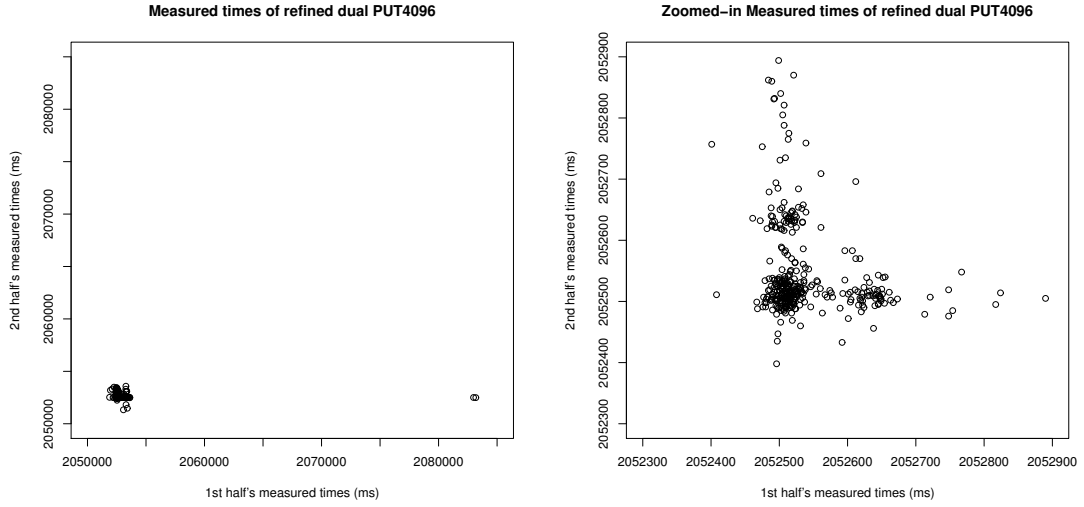


(a) Refined Dual PUT2048

(b) The Focused Clump of Refined Dual PUT2048

Figure 30: Refined Dual PUT2048 with `rhn.check` Removed.

Dual 4096: See Table 2 for the details of this run (on `sodb8`). In Fig. 31(a), five points (outliers) are removed compared to that of Fig. 25(c). In particular, `rhn.check` with a significant time (771 msec) is still included in one of the two outliers at the bottom right corner in Fig. 31(a).



(a) Refined Dual PUT4096

(b) The Focused Clump of Refined Dual PUT4096

Figure 31: Refined Dual PUT4096 with `rhn.check` Removed

6.1.5 Dual PUT Data with `rhn_check` Disabled

In this experiment we switched off the `rhn_check` daemon and then ran dual PUT2048 (on `sodb9`) and PUT4096 (on `sodb8`) 100 times. For more details of the two runs, see Table 2. Table 11 compares the measurement quality of each half when `rhn_check` was enabled and disabled.

	Sample Size	Std. Dev. (msec) in 1st	Std. Dev. (msec) in 2nd	Corr. Coeff.
Dual PUT2048 w/ <code>rhn_check</code>	1000	2659.249	1739.93	-0.008
Dual PUT2048 w/o <code>rhn_check</code>	100	12.66	54.79	0.55
Dual PUT4096 w/ <code>rhn_check</code>	500	1942.12	1946.38	-0.005
Dual PUT4096 w/o <code>rhn_check</code>	100	47.26	73.49	-0.22

Table 11: Standard deviations of dual PUT2048 and PUT4096

Figure 32 compares the measurements of the first and second halves of the dual PUTs.

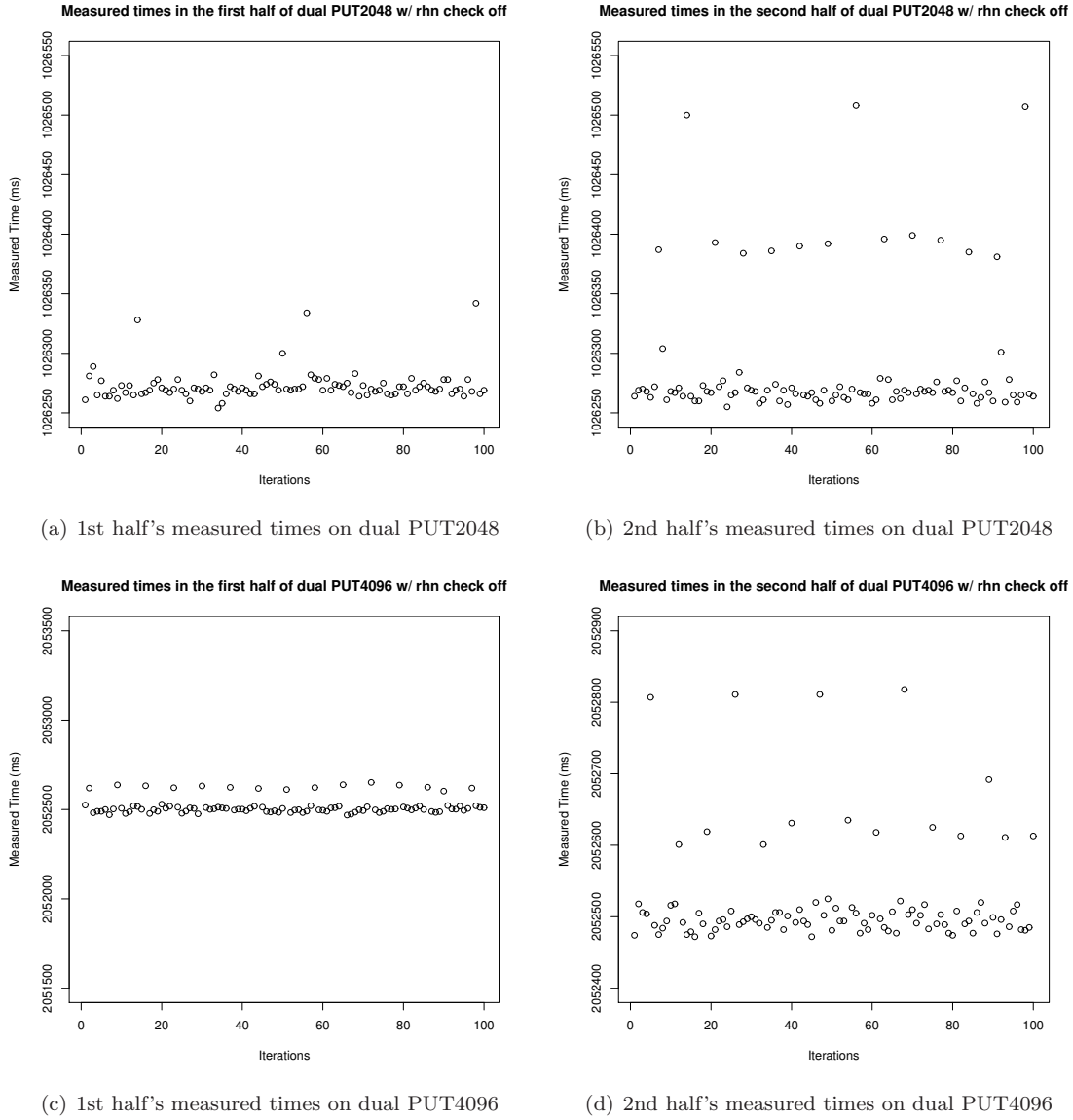


Figure 32: Comparison of measured times on dual PUT2048 and PUT4096 with `rhn_check` off

Figure 33 shows raw and zoomed-in scatter plots of the measurements of the dual PUTs.

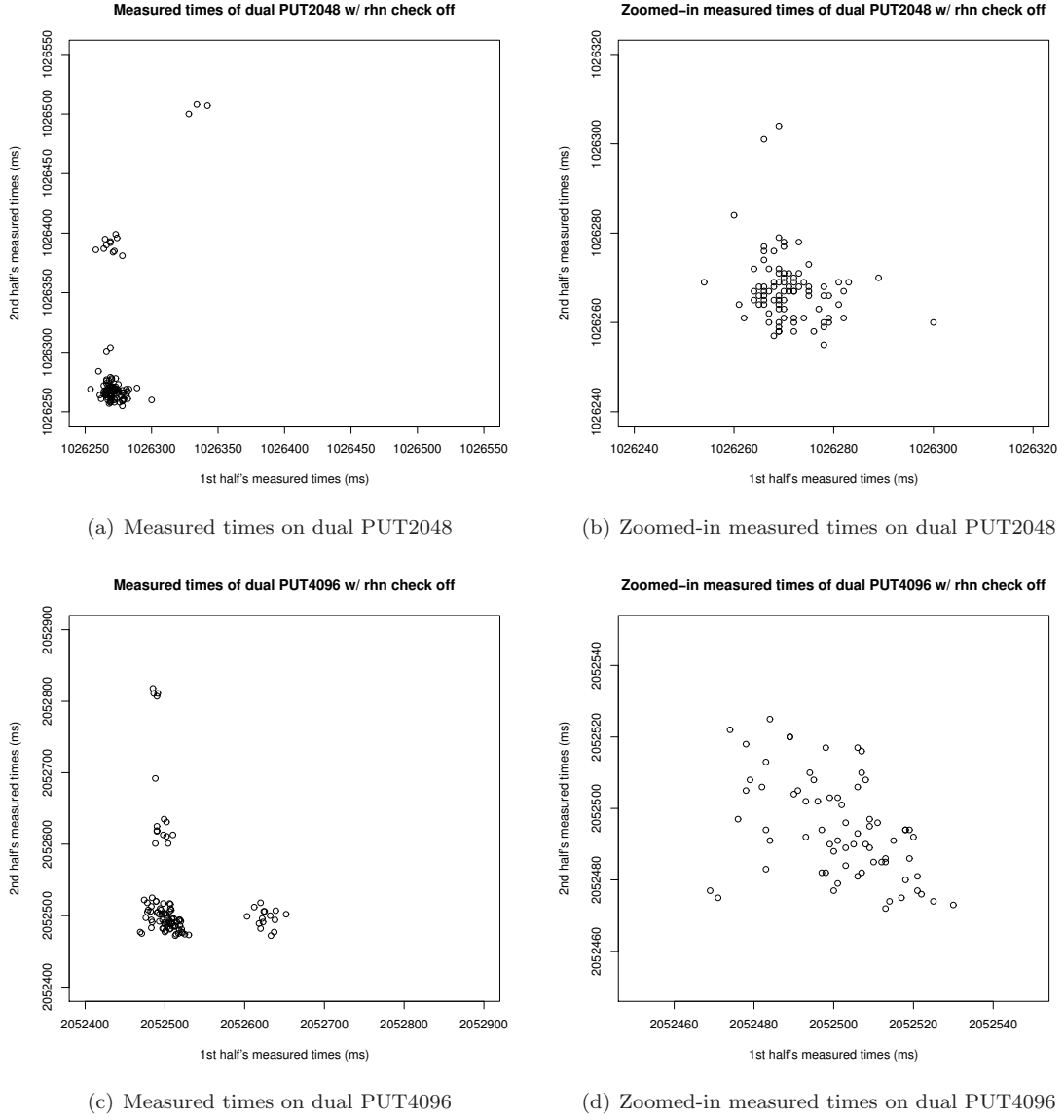


Figure 33: Scatter plots on dual PUT2048 and PUT4096 with `rhn_check` off

6.1.6 Influence of `rhn_check` on the Same Dual PUT

Even though `rhn_check` is off, both halves' distributions look different. Dual PUT2048 reveals two bands above 1,026,300 msec in the second half (Fig. 34(d)) while exhibiting only three scattered points above 1,026,300 msec in the first half (Fig. 34(c)). In dual PUT4096, the second half (Fig. 35(d)) also shows more variance than that of the first half (Fig. 35(c)).

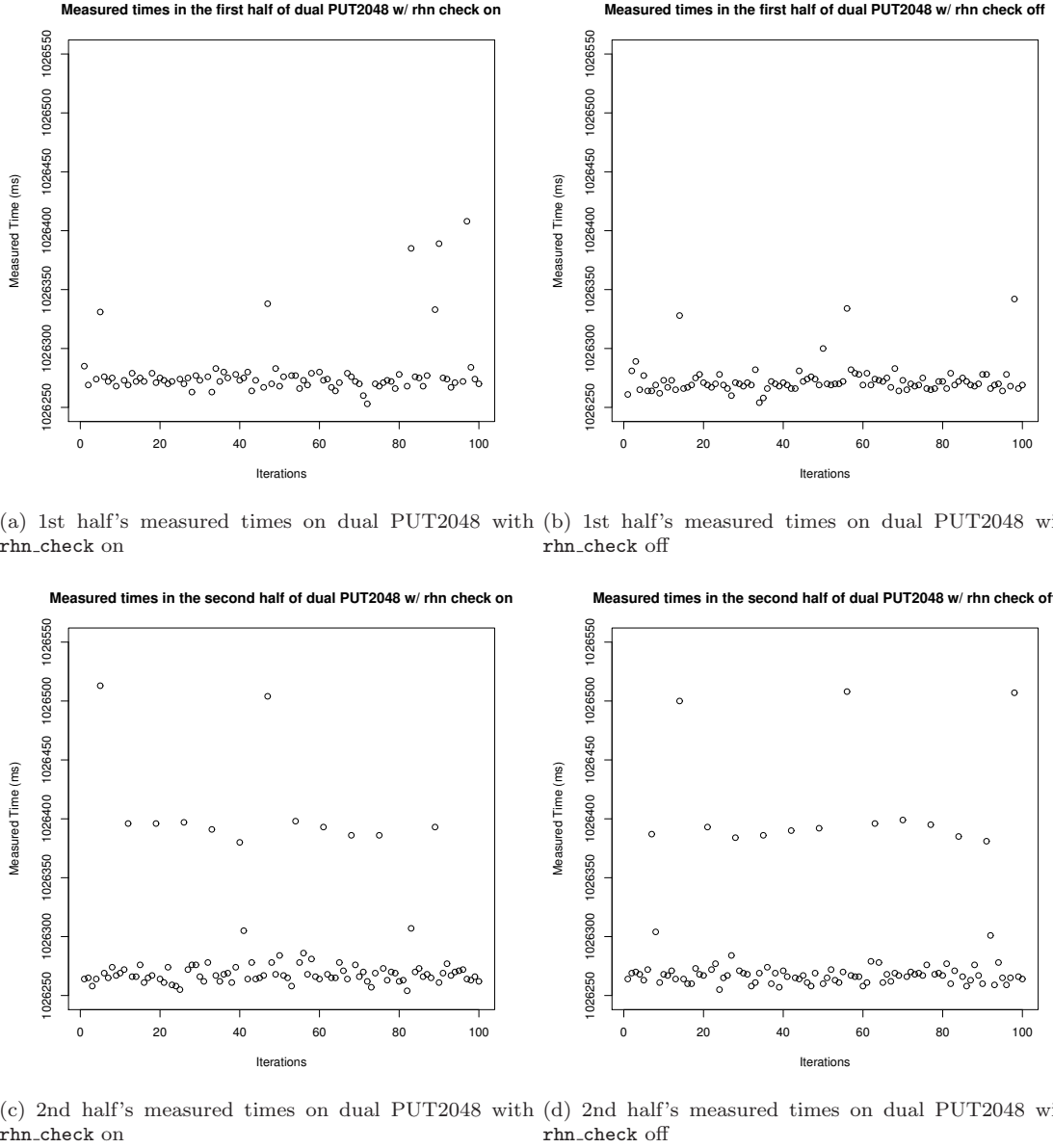
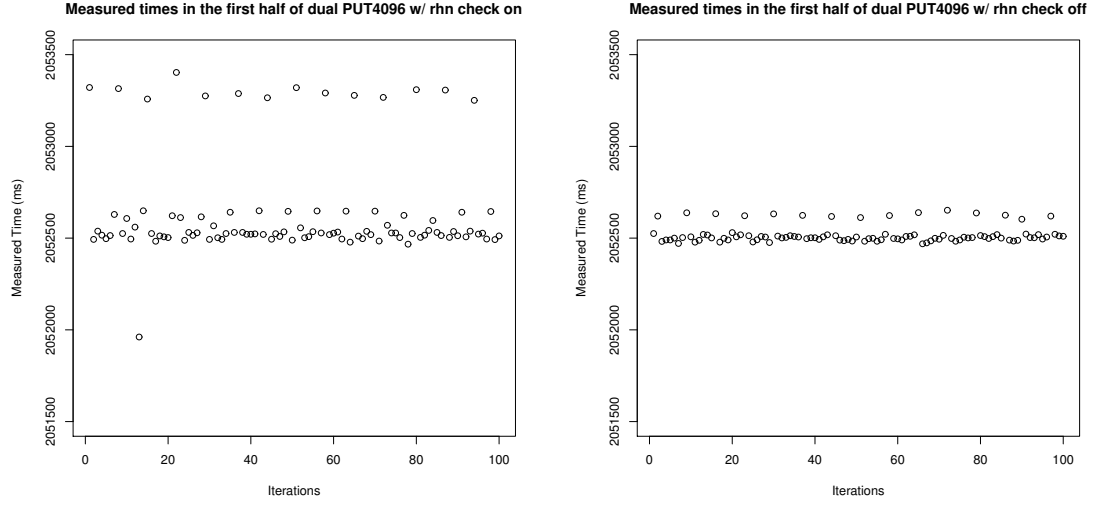
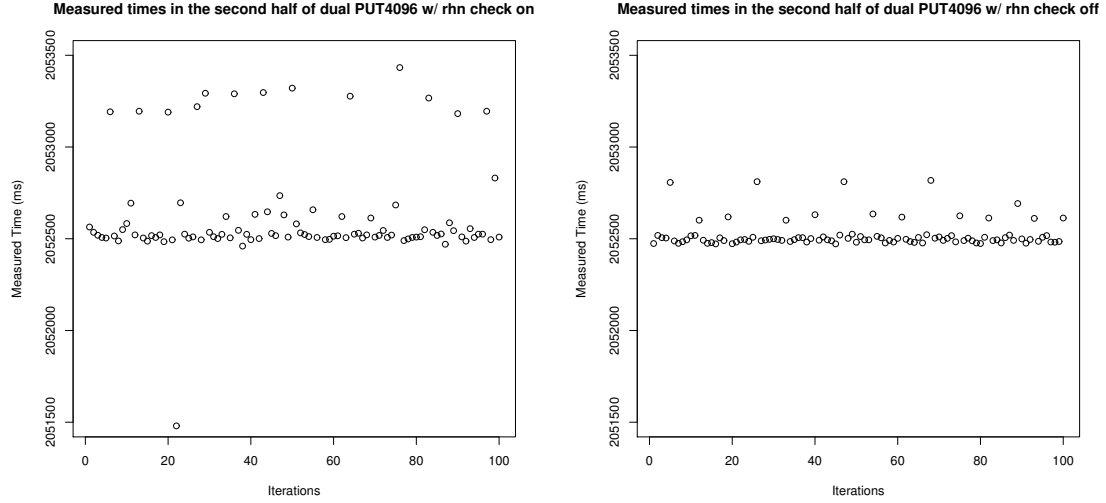


Figure 34: Comparison of measured times on the same axes for dual PUT2048 in the presence/absence of `rhn_check`: some outliers excluded

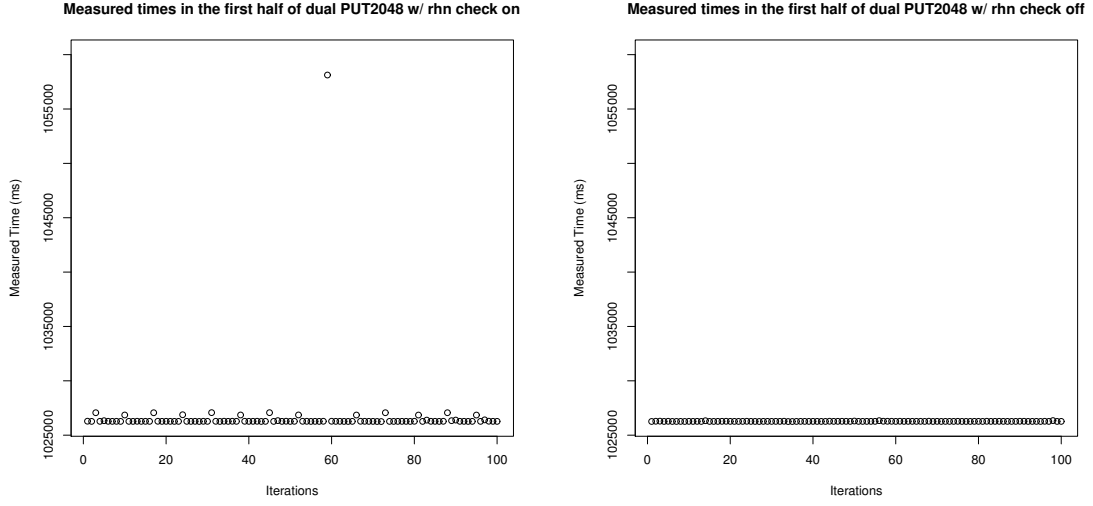


(a) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT4096 with `rhn_check` on (b) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT4096 with `rhn_check` off

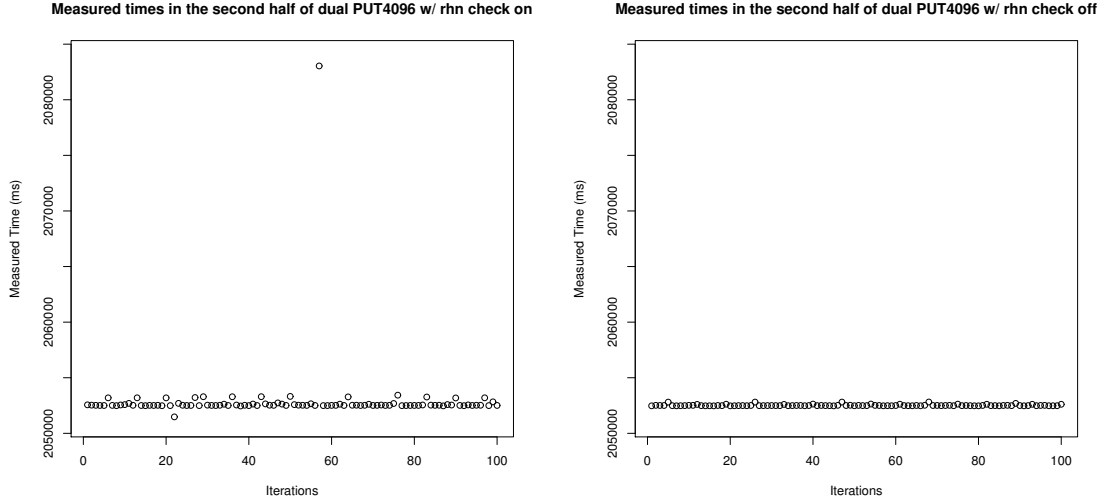


(c) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT4096 with `rhn_check` on (d) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT4096 with `rhn_check` off

Figure 35: Comparison of measured times on the same axes for dual PUT4096 in the presence/absence of `rhn_check`: some outliers excluded



(a) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT2048 with `rhn_check` on (b) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT2048 with `rhn_check` off



(c) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT4096 with `rhn_check` on (d) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT4096 with `rhn_check` off

Figure 36: Unrefined (full) measured times on dual PUT2048/PUT4096 in the presence/absence of `rhn_check`: Fig. 36(a) unrefined on Fig. 34(a), Fig. 36(b) on Fig. 34(b), Fig. 36(c) on Fig. 35(c), and Fig. 36(d) on Fig. 35(d),

6.2 Investigation about Periodic Appearance of Daemons in dual PUT experiments

In this section we study a phenomenon of why some daemons (`rhn.check`, `kslowd000`, and `kslowd001`) appears to kick in the second half's execution of the dual PUT with a long task length.

6.2.1 `rhn.check`

Dual PUT2048: We examine the trace of regular PUT1024 by EMPv6, to check when `rhn.check` kicks in.

PUTx	Iter. #	Proc. Name	Program Time (msec)
1024	13	<code>rhn.check</code>	534
1024	27	<code>rhn.check</code>	18372
1024	41	<code>rhn.check</code>	422
1024	55	<code>rhn.check</code>	522
1024	69	<code>rhn.check</code>	417
1024	83	<code>rhn.check</code>	522
1024	97	<code>rhn.check</code>	417
1024	111	<code>rhn.check</code>	518
1024	125	<code>rhn.check</code>	417
1024	135	<code>rhn.check</code>	522
1024	149	<code>rhn.check</code>	425
1024	163	<code>rhn.check</code>	528
1024	177	<code>rhn.check</code>	418
1024	191	<code>rhn.check</code>	523
1024	205	<code>rhn.check</code>	419
1024	219	<code>rhn.check</code>	522
1024	233	<code>rhn.check</code>	422
1024	247	<code>rhn.check</code>	526
1024	261	<code>rhn.check</code>	421
Total Appearances:			19 times

Table 12: `rhn.check` Appearance at Even Iterations of (Regular) PUT1024 with 300 measurements

PUTx	Iter. #	Proc. Name	Program Time (msec)
1024	276	<code>rhn.check</code>	19748
1024	290	<code>rhn.check</code>	382
1024	298	<code>rhn.check</code>	537
Total Appearances:			3 times

Table 13: `rhn.check` Appearance at Odd Iterations of (Regular) PUT1024 with 300 measurements

Dual PUT4096: We examine the trace of regular PUT2048 by EMPv6, to check when `rhn_check` kicks in.

PUTx	Iter. #	Proc. Name	Program Time (msec)
2048	13	rhn_check	378
2048	27	rhn_check	375
2048	41	rhn_check	374
2048	55	rhn_check	378
2048	69	rhn_check	383
2048	89	rhn_check	544
2048	103	rhn_check	542
2048	117	rhn_check	19810
2048	131	rhn_check	544
2048	145	rhn_check	540
2048	159	rhn_check	541
2048	163	rhn_check	374
2048	177	rhn_check	378
2048	191	rhn_check	373
2048	205	rhn_check	377
2048	219	rhn_check	376
2048	233	rhn_check	375
2048	245	rhn_check	378
2048	259	rhn_check	376
2048	273	rhn_check	374
2048	287	rhn_check	375
Total Appearances:			21 times

Table 14: `rhn_check`'s Appearance at Odd Iterations of (Regular) PUT2048 with 300 measurements

PUTx	Iter. #	Proc. Name	Program Time (msec)
2048	6	rhn.check	539
2048	20	rhn.check	541
2048	34	rhn.check	549
2048	48	rhn.check	539
2048	62	rhn.check	542
2048	76	rhn.check	543
2048	82	rhn.check	379
2048	96	rhn.check	374
2048	110	rhn.check	387
2048	124	rhn.check	371
2048	138	rhn.check	377
2048	152	rhn.check	378
2048	170	rhn.check	536
2048	184	rhn.check	551
2048	198	rhn.check	543
2048	212	rhn.check	541
2048	226	rhn.check	540
2048	240	rhn.check	549
2048	252	rhn.check	542
2048	266	rhn.check	541
2048	280	rhn.check	544
2048	294	rhn.check	573
Total Appearances:			22 times

Table 15: `rhn.check`'s Appearance at Even Iterations of (Regular) PUT2048 with 300 measurements

6.2.2 kslowd000

Dual PUT2048: We examined the trace of regular PUT1024 by EMPv6 but had no record capturing kslowd000.

Dual PUT4096: We examined the trace of regular PUT2048 by EMPv6 but had no record capturing kslowd000, either. But the daemon was found in every measurement of the dual PUT2048 data (Figs. 32(a) and 32(b)) by EMPv6 with `rhn_sd` (`rhn_check`) disabled.

Dual PUTx	Iter. #	Proc. Name	Program Time (msec)
2048	1	kslowd000	103
2048	3	kslowd000	103
2048	5	kslowd000	103
2048	7	kslowd000	102
2048	9	kslowd000	102
2048	11	kslowd000	104
2048	13	kslowd000	103
2048	15	kslowd000	102
2048	17	kslowd000	103
2048	19	kslowd000	103
2048	21	kslowd000	103
2048	23	kslowd000	102
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2048	27	kslowd000	103
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2048	95	kslowd000	102
2048	97	kslowd000	102
2048	99	kslowd000	103
Total Appearances:			50 times

Table 16: kslowd000's Appearance at Odd Iterations of dual PUT2048 with 100 measurements

Dual PUTx	Iter. #	Proc. Name	Program Time (msec)
2048	2	kslowd000	103
2048	4	kslowd000	102
2048	6	kslowd000	103
2048	8	kslowd000	103
2048	10	kslowd000	103
2048	12	kslowd000	102
2048	14	kslowd000	103
2048	16	kslowd000	103
2048	18	kslowd000	102
2048	20	kslowd000	102
2048	22	kslowd000	103
2048	24	kslowd000	103
2048	26	kslowd000	102
2048	28	kslowd000	103
2048	30	kslowd000	104
2048	32	kslowd000	104
2048	34	kslowd000	102
2048	36	kslowd000	103
2048	38	kslowd000	103
2048	40	kslowd000	103
2048	42	kslowd000	102
2048	44	kslowd000	103
2048	46	kslowd000	103
2048	48	kslowd000	102
2048	50	kslowd000	103
2048	52	kslowd000	103
2048	54	kslowd000	103
2048	56	kslowd000	103
2048	58	kslowd000	103
2048	60	kslowd000	103
2048	62	kslowd000	102
2048	64	kslowd000	102
2048	66	kslowd000	103
2048	68	kslowd000	103
2048	70	kslowd000	102
2048	72	kslowd000	103
2048	74	kslowd000	104
2048	76	kslowd000	103
2048	78	kslowd000	103
2048	80	kslowd000	103
2048	82	kslowd000	103
2048	84	kslowd000	102
2048	86	kslowd000	102
2048	88	kslowd000	103
2048	90	kslowd000	103
2048	92	kslowd000	102
2048	94	kslowd000	103
2048	96	kslowd000	103
2048	98	kslowd000	103
2048	100	kslowd000	102
Total Appearances:			50 times

Table 17: kslowd000 's Appearance at Even Iterations of dual PUT2048 with 100 measurements

6.2.3 kslowd001

We examined the trace of regular PUT2048 by EMPv6 but had no record capturing kslowd001, either. But the daemon was found in every measurement of the dual PUT2048 data (Figs. 32(a) and 32(b)) by EMPv6 with `rhn_sd` (`rhn_check`) disabled.

Dual PUTx	Iter. #	Proc. Name	Program Time (msec)
2048	1	kslowd001	104
2048	3	kslowd001	103
2048	5	kslowd001	102
2048	7	kslowd001	103
2048	9	kslowd001	103
2048	11	kslowd001	102
2048	13	kslowd001	102
2048	15	kslowd001	103
2048	17	kslowd001	103
2048	19	kslowd001	102
2048	21	kslowd001	103
2048	23	kslowd001	103
2048	25	kslowd001	103
2048	27	kslowd001	102
2048	29	kslowd001	103
2048	31	kslowd001	103
2048	33	kslowd001	102
2048	35	kslowd001	102
2048	37	kslowd001	103
2048	39	kslowd001	103
2048	41	kslowd001	103
2048	43	kslowd001	103
2048	45	kslowd001	103
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2048	79	kslowd001	104
2048	81	kslowd001	103
2048	83	kslowd001	103
2048	85	kslowd001	103
2048	87	kslowd001	103
2048	89	kslowd001	103
2048	91	kslowd001	102
2048	93	kslowd001	102
2048	95	kslowd001	103
2048	97	kslowd001	103
2048	99	kslowd001	102
Total Appearances:			50 times

Table 18: kslowd001's Appearance at Odd Iterations of dual PUT2048 with 100 measurements

Dual PUTx	Iter. #	Proc. Name	Program Time (msec)
2048	2	kslowd001	102
2048	4	kslowd001	103
2048	6	kslowd001	103
2048	8	kslowd001	102
2048	10	kslowd001	103
2048	12	kslowd001	103
2048	14	kslowd001	102
2048	16	kslowd001	102
2048	18	kslowd001	103
2048	20	kslowd001	104
2048	22	kslowd001	102
2048	24	kslowd001	102
2048	26	kslowd001	103
2048	28	kslowd001	103
2048	30	kslowd001	104
2048	32	kslowd001	103
2048	34	kslowd001	103
2048	36	kslowd001	102
2048	38	kslowd001	102
2048	40	kslowd001	103
2048	42	kslowd001	103
2048	44	kslowd001	102
2048	46	kslowd001	102
2048	48	kslowd001	103
2048	50	kslowd001	103
2048	52	kslowd001	102
2048	54	kslowd001	103
2048	56	kslowd001	103
2048	58	kslowd001	102
2048	60	kslowd001	102
2048	62	kslowd001	103
2048	64	kslowd001	103
2048	66	kslowd001	102
2048	68	kslowd001	103
2048	70	kslowd001	103
2048	72	kslowd001	103
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2048	76	kslowd001	103
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2048	80	kslowd001	102
2048	82	kslowd001	102
2048	84	kslowd001	103
2048	86	kslowd001	103
2048	88	kslowd001	103
2048	90	kslowd001	103
2048	92	kslowd001	104
2048	94	kslowd001	103
2048	96	kslowd001	102
2048	98	kslowd001	104
2048	100	kslowd001	103
Total Appearances:			50 times

Table 19: kslowd001's Appearance at Even Iterations of dual PUT2048 with 100 measurements

6.2.4 Captured Daemon Processes at Some Outliers

Dual 4096 with rhn_check active: Data based on Figure 25(c).

Iter. #	Process Name (msec)
56	rhn_check (30031)
249	rhn_check (30111)

Table 20: Captured daemon processes at outliers on dual PUT4096

Dual 4096 with rhn_check removed: Data based on Figure 33(c).

Iter. #	Process Name (msec)
4	rhsmcertd-worke (230), sshd (28), grep (9), flush-9:127(0.1)
25	rhsmcertd-worke (229), sshd (27), grep (8)
46	rhsmcertd-worke (230), sshd (26), grep (10), java(1)
67	rhsmcertd-worke (231), sshd (29), grep (11), java (1)

Table 21: Captured daemon processes at outliers on dual PUT4096

Dual 2048 with rhn_check active: Data based on Figure 25(a).

Iter. #	Process Name (msec)
178	rhn_check (29211), flush-9:0 (112), kslowd001 (106), md0_raid1 (106), kslowd000 (104), jbd2/md0-8 (20), rhnsd (6), java (4), cifs (1)
353	rhn_check (31877), flush-9:0 (146), kslowd001 (105), kslowd000 (104), md0_raid1 (99), jbd2/md0-8 (15), rhnsd (6), java (3), cifs (1)
395	rhn_check (32436), flush-9:0 (142), md0_raid1 (116), kslowd001 (105), kslowd000 (104), jbd2/md0-8 (11), rhnsd (4), java (3), cifs (2), kblockd/0 (1)

Table 22: Captured daemon processes at outliers on dual PUT2048

***Dual 2048 with rhn_check removed*:** Data based on Figure 33(a). (The average/median of PUT2048 was 2,052,306 msecs.)

Iter. #	Process (Time (msec))
13	PUT2048 (2,052,315) / Daemons (511): rhsmcertd-worke (234), kslowd000 (103), kslowd001 (102), ssd (27), md0_raid1 (26), grep (16), java (2), jbd2/md0-8 (1)
55	PUT2048 (2,052,341) / Daemons (476): rhsmcertd-worke (232), kslowd000 (103), kslowd001 (102), ssd (26), md0_raid1 (26), grep (8), kblockd/0 (2), java (2), jbd2/md0-8 (1)
99	PUT2048 (2,052,337) / Daemons (512): rhsmcertd-worke (233), kslowd000 (103), kslowd001 (102), ssd (33), md0_raid1 (27), grep (10), java (2), flush-9:0 (1) kblockd/0 (1)

Table 23: Captured daemon processes at outliers on dual PUT2048

6.3 Program Time Comparison

In this section we perform one-to-one comparison on measured times of parts I and II for the same iteration of each PUT.

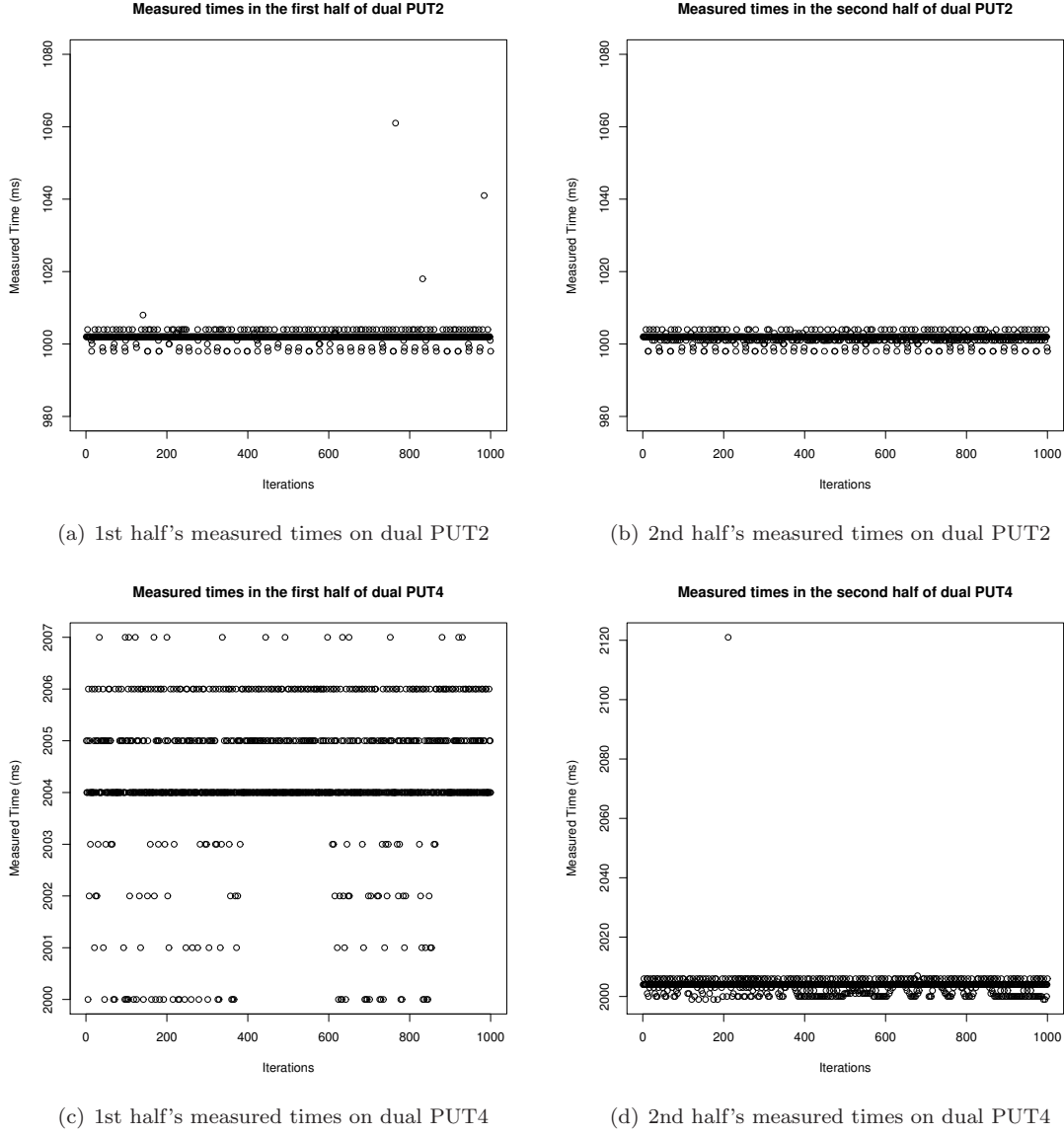
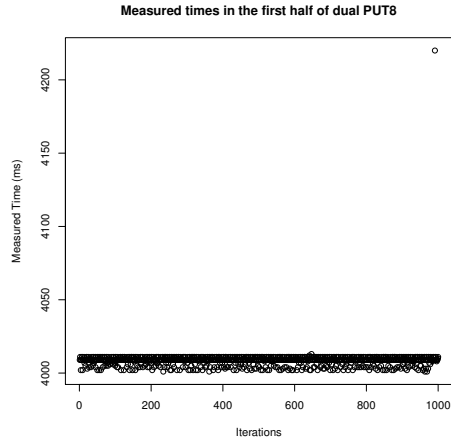
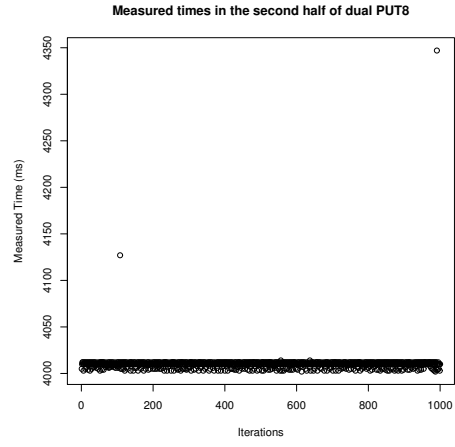


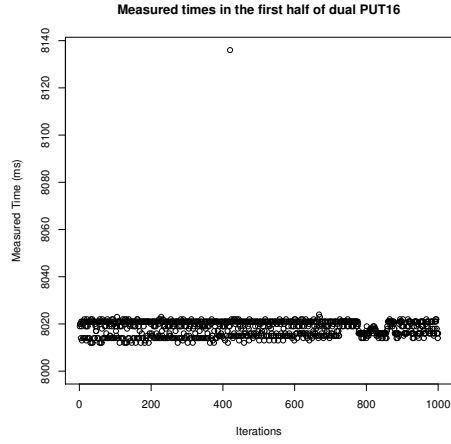
Figure 37: Comparison of measured times on dual PUT2~PUT4



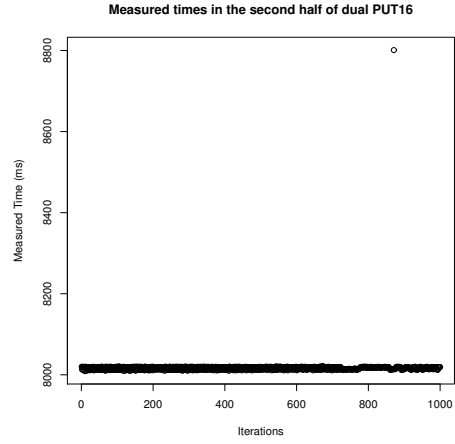
(a) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT8



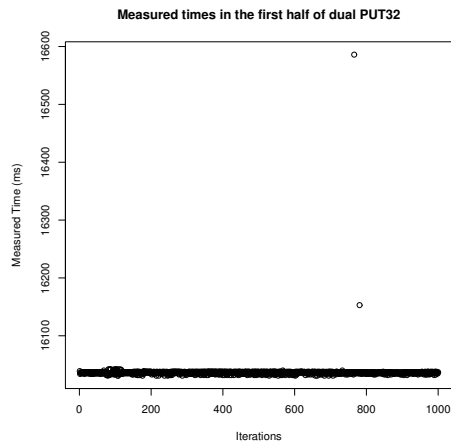
(b) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT8



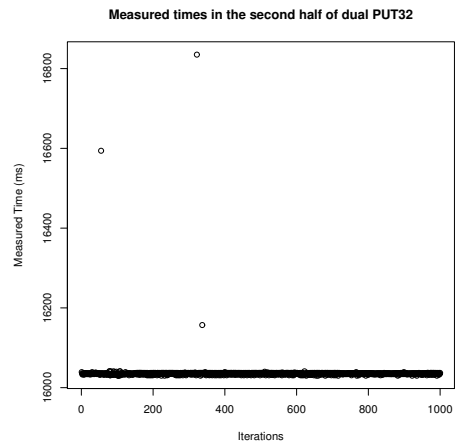
(c) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT16



(d) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT16

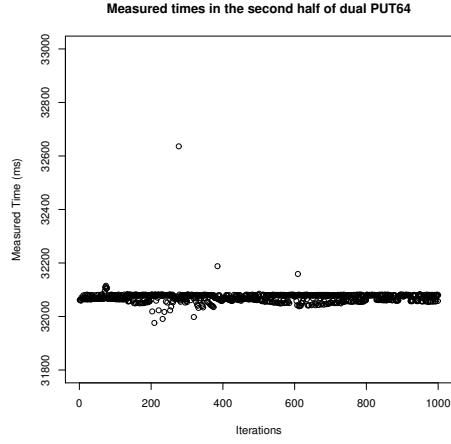


(e) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT32

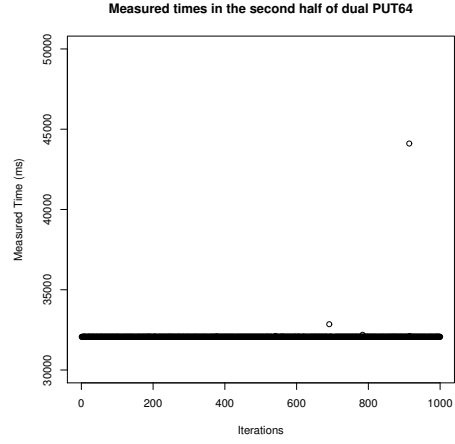


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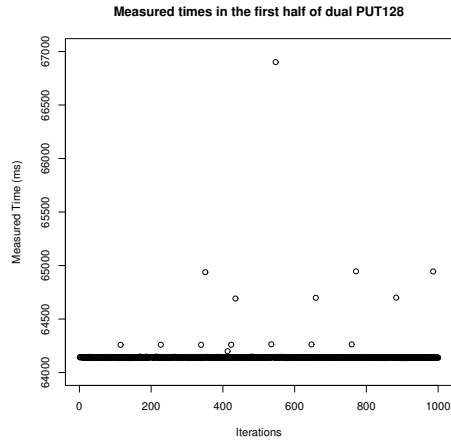
Figure 38: Comparison of measured times on dual PUT8~PUT32



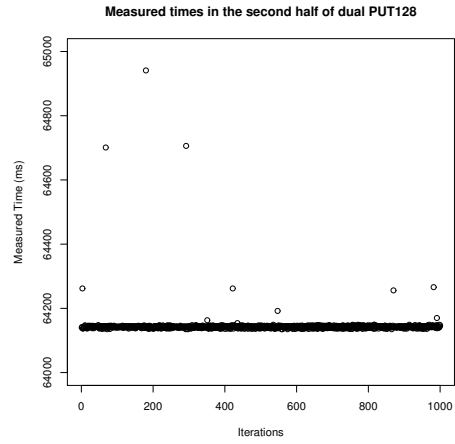
(a) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT64



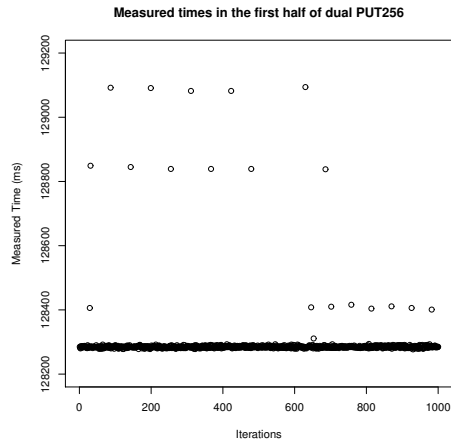
(b) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT64



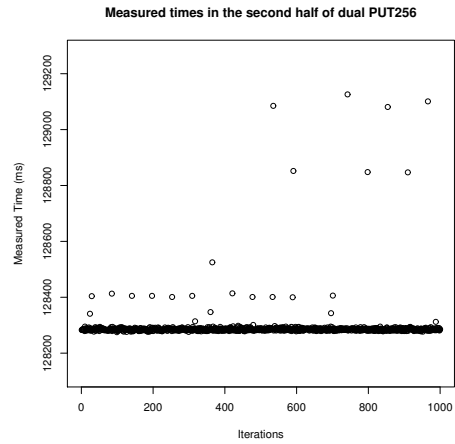
(c) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT128



(d) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT128

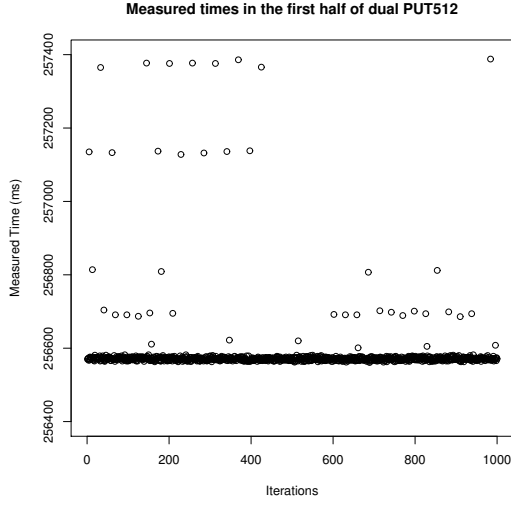


(e) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT256

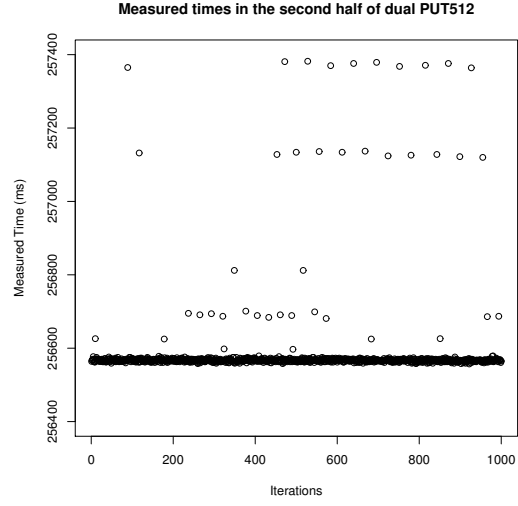


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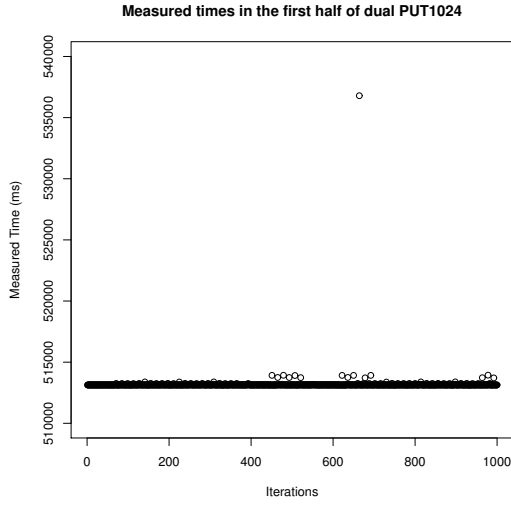
Figure 39: Comparison of measured times on dual PUT64~ PUT256



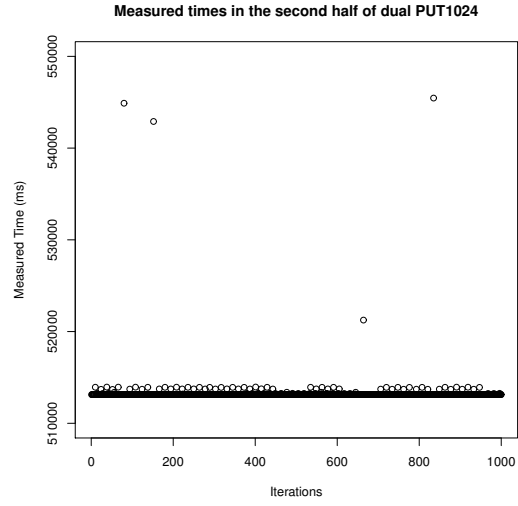
(a) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT512



(b) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT512

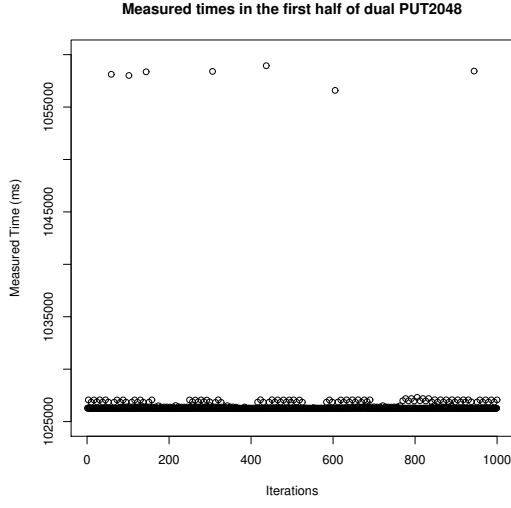


(c) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT1024

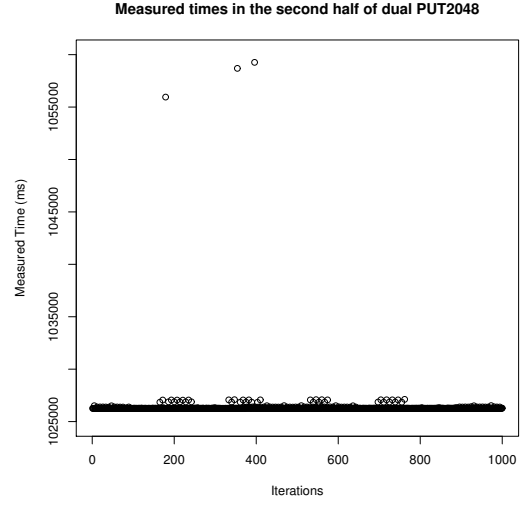


(d) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT1024

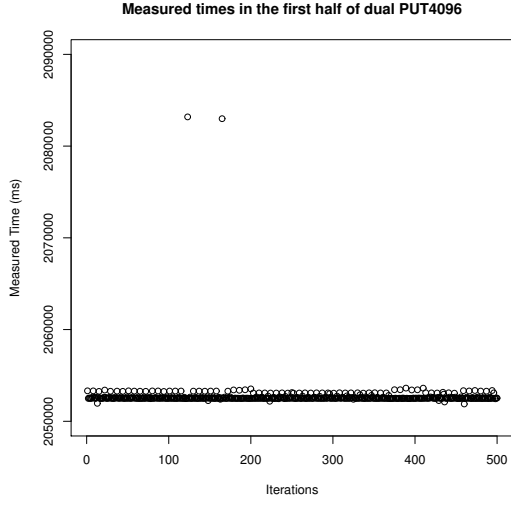
Figure 40: Comparison of measured times on dual PUT512 and PUT1024



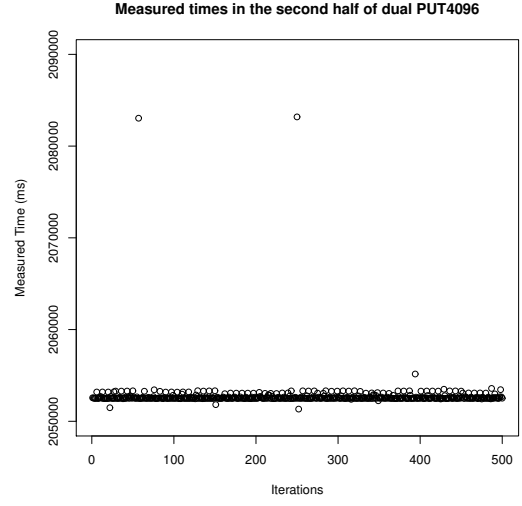
(a) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT2048



(b) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT2048



(c) 1st half's measured times on dual PUT4096



(d) 2nd half's measured times on dual PUT4096

Figure 41: Comparison of measured times on dual PUT2048 and PUT4096

7 Successive Iterations' Dependency

In this section we plot measured times of each iteration pair consisting of odd and even iterations. Specifically, the measured times at adjacent, odd and even iterations consist of x and y coordinates and plotted. The data are described in Table 1. The data in Figure 44 exclude outliers chosen by eye.

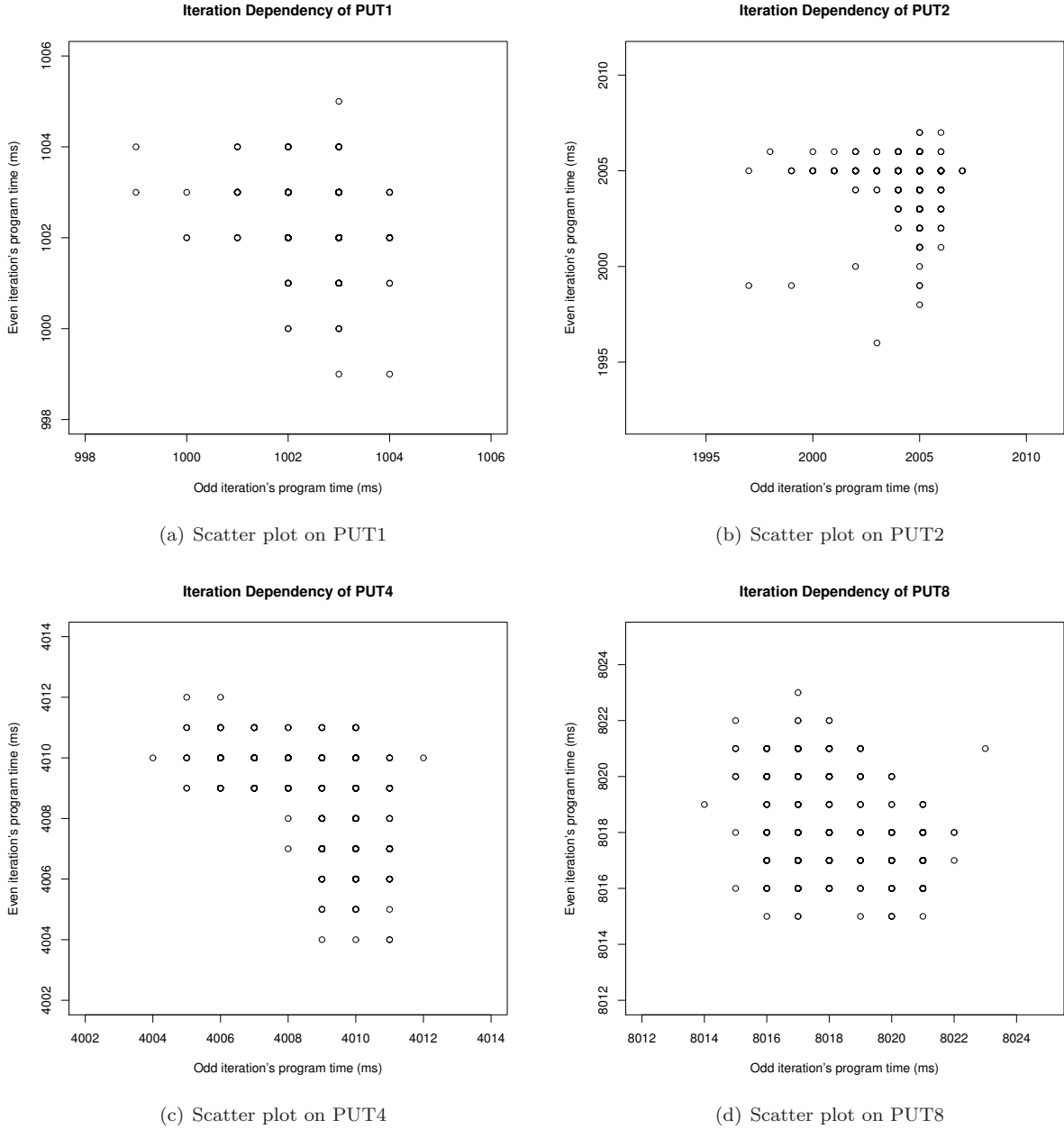
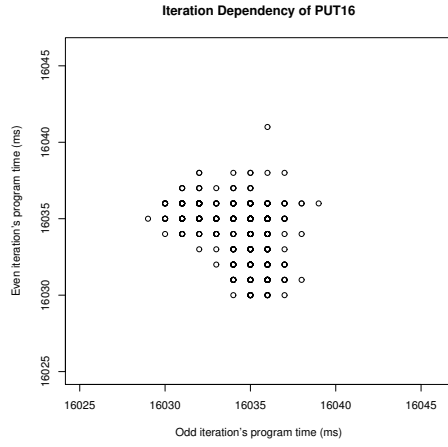
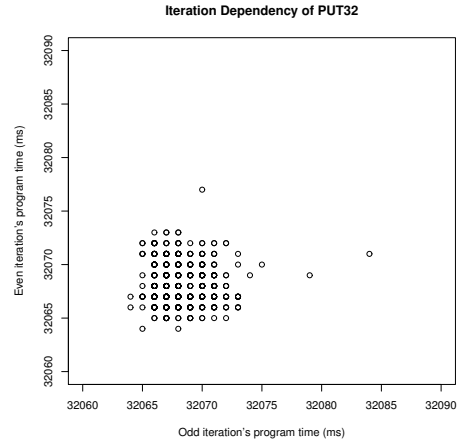


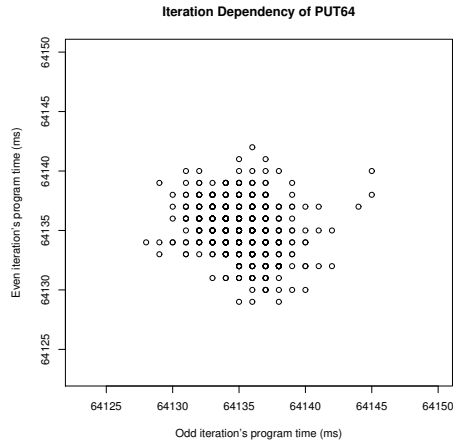
Figure 42: Iteration dependency on PUT1~PUT8



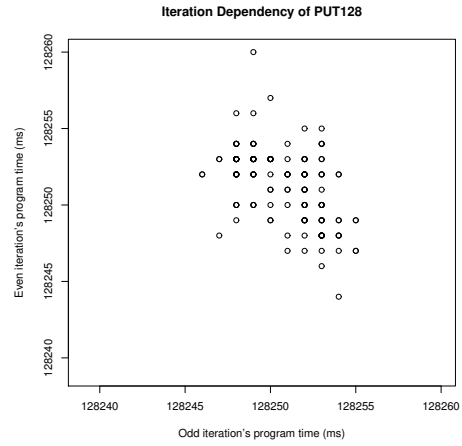
(a) Scatter plot on PUT16



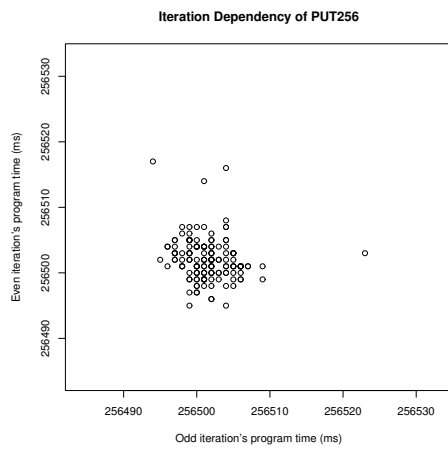
(b) Scatter plot on PUT32



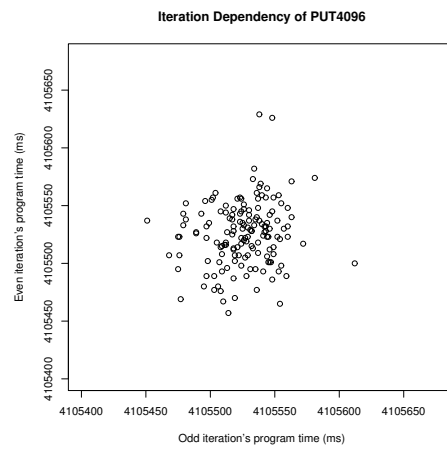
(c) Scatter plot on PUT64



(d) Scatter plot on PUT128

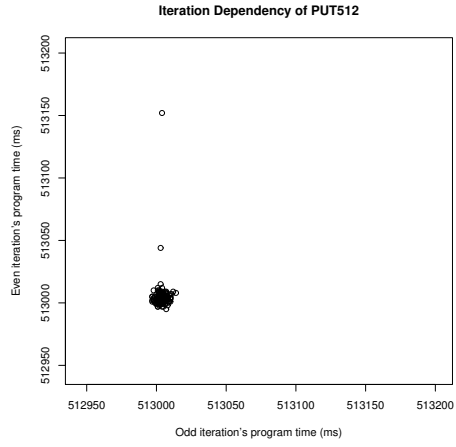


(e) Scatter plot on PUT256

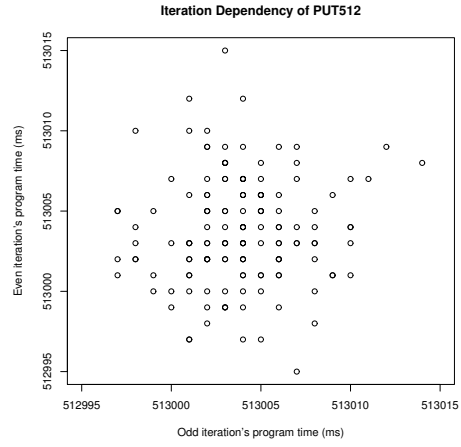


(f) Scatter plot on PUT4096

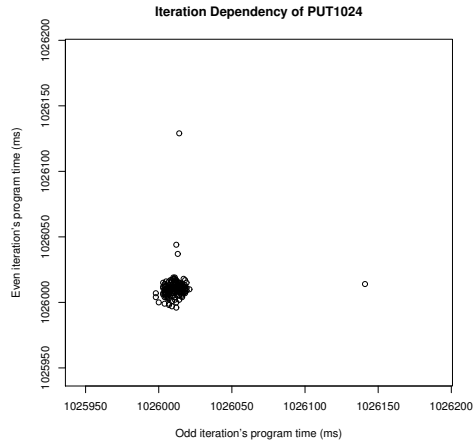
Figure 43: Iteration Dependency on PUT16~PUT256 and PUT4096



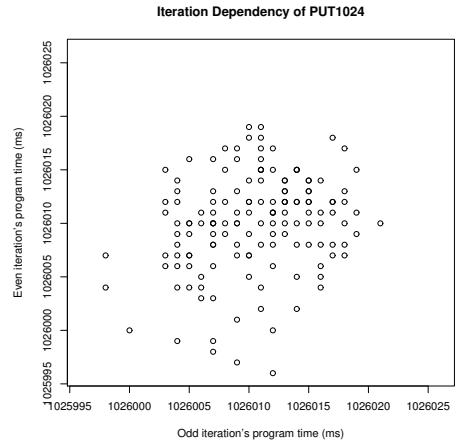
(a) Scatter plot on PUT512



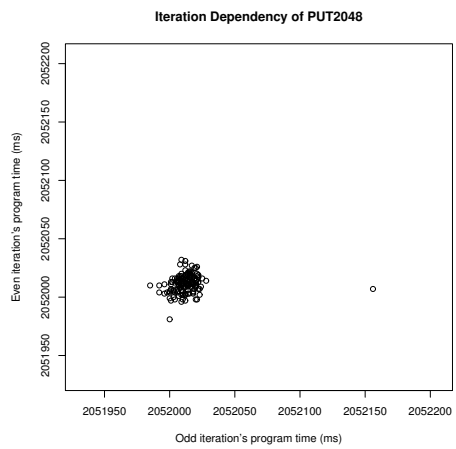
(b) Scatter plot on trimmed data of PUT512



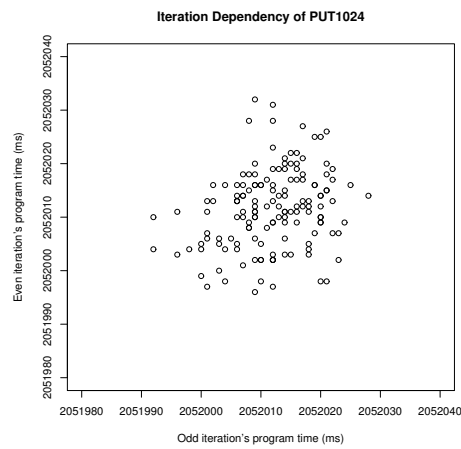
(c) Scatter plot on PUT1024



(d) Scatter plot on trimmed data of PUT1024

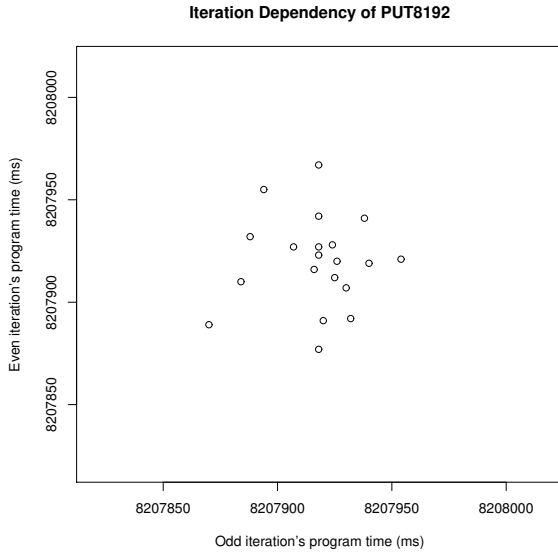


(e) Scatter plot on PUT2048

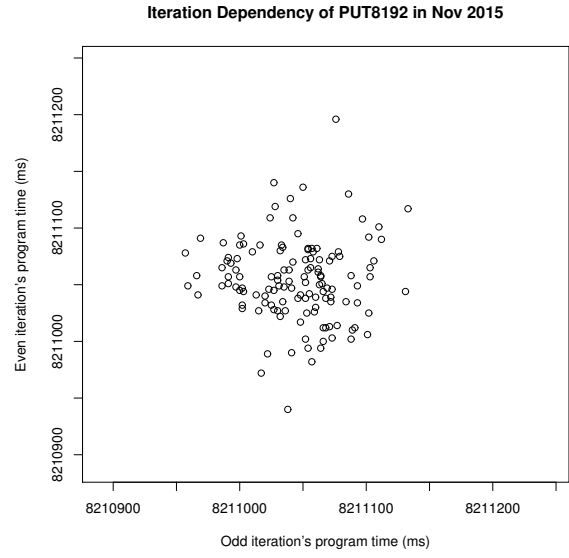


(f) Scatter plot on trimmed data of PUT2048

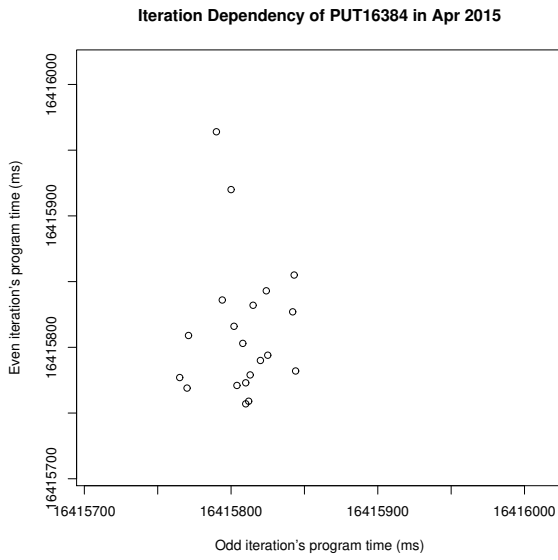
Figure 44: Iteration dependency on PUT512, PUT1024, and PUT2048



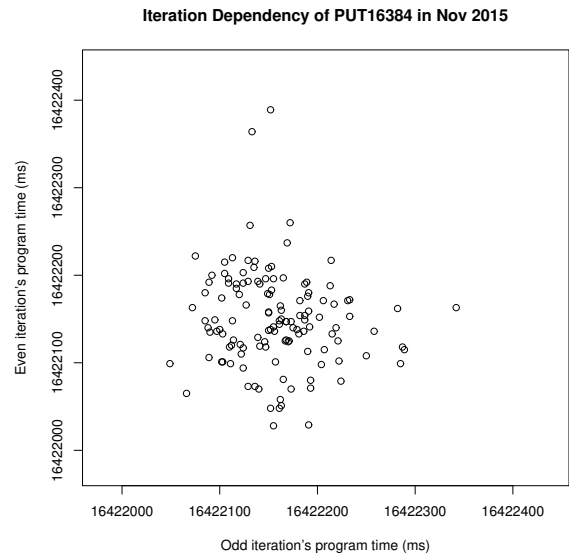
(a) Scatter plot on PUT8192 in Apr 2015



(b) Scatter plot on PUT8192 in Nov 2015



(c) Scatter plot on PUT16384 in Apr 2015



(d) Scatter plot on PUT16384 in Nov 2015

Figure 45: Iteration dependency on PUT8192~PUT16384

8 Influence of Daemon Process on Program Time Measurement

In this section we investigate correlations of program times between PUT and a group of daemon processes. The base data, obtained by EMPv4, are from Table 1. It seems that the longer PUT, the stronger correlation of its PT with that of daemon processes.

PUT	Correlation Coefficient by EMPv4	Correlation Coefficient by EMPv5-relaxed
PUT1	-0.2	-0.2
PUT2	-0.005	-0.009
PUT4	-0.05	-0.05
PUT8	0.1	0.1
PUT16	0.1	0.1
PUT32	0.3	0.15
PUT64	0.2	0.2
PUT128	0.2	0.2
PUT256	0.4	0.4
PUT512	0.9	0.6
PUT1024	0.9	0.2
PUT2048	0.8	0.24
PUT4096	0.4	0.4
PUT8192 in Apr	0.4	0.4
PUT8192 in Nov	0.3	0.3
PUT16384 in Apr	0.4	0.8
PUT16384 in Nov	0.5	0.5

Table 24: Correlation Coefficients between Program Times of Daemon and PUT by EMPv4 and EMPv5

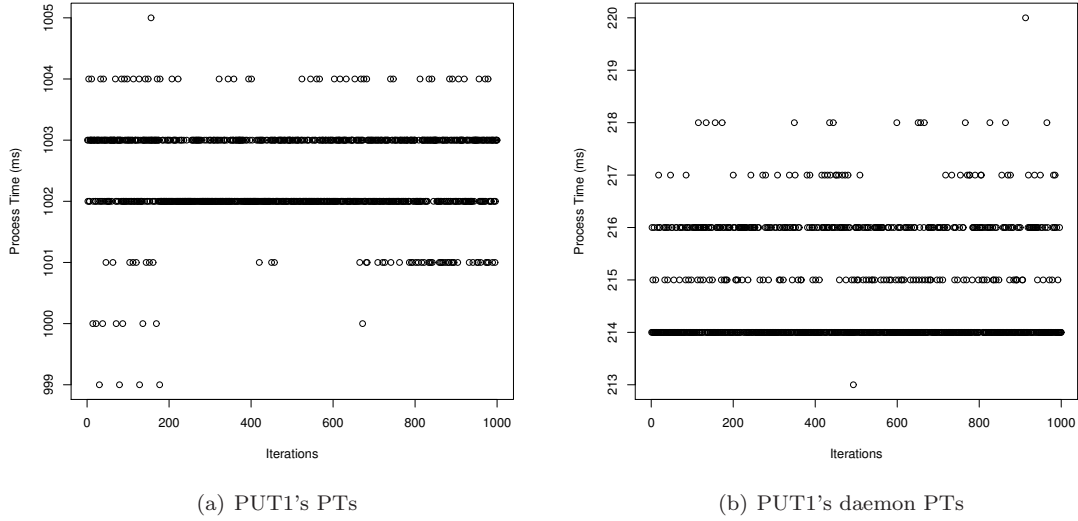
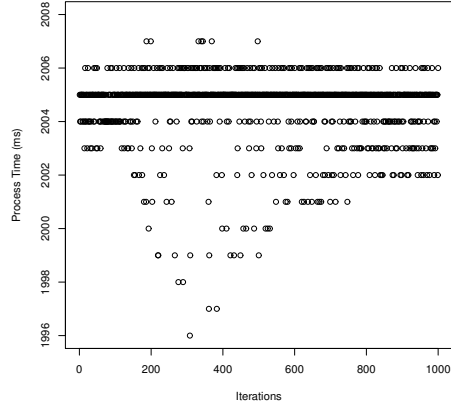
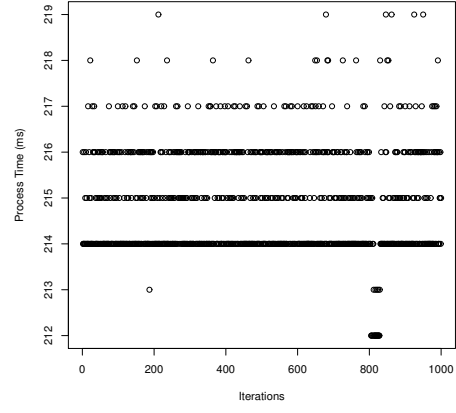


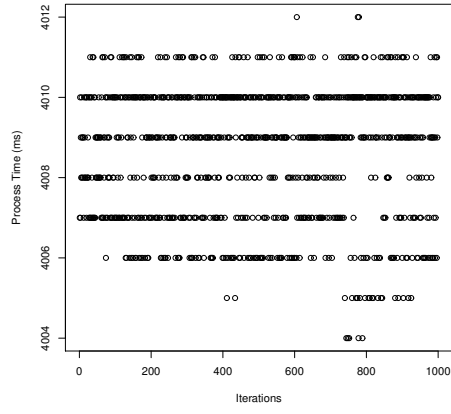
Figure 46: Program times between PUT1 vs. Daemon processes



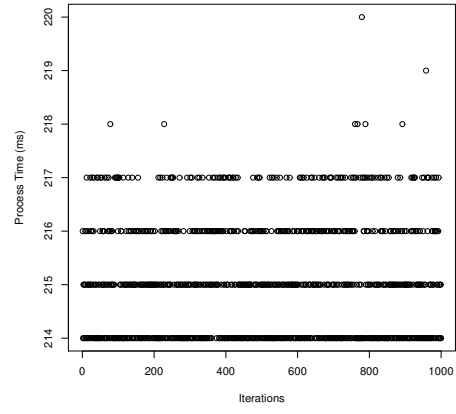
(a) PUT2's PTs



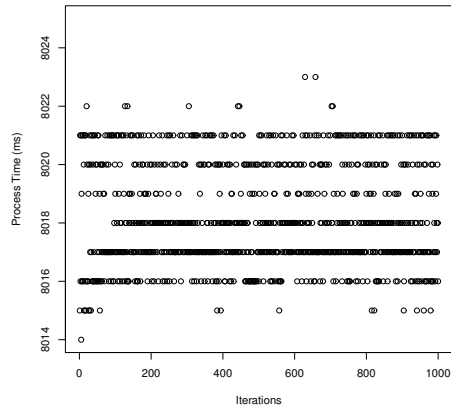
(b) PUT2's daemon PTs



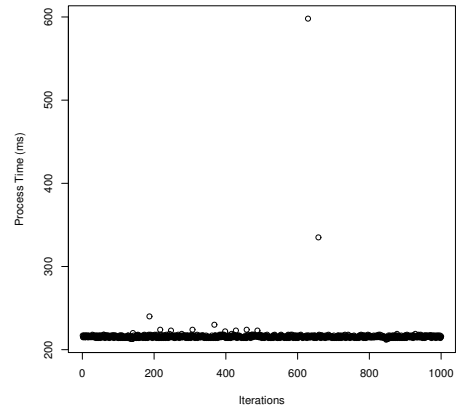
(c) PUT4's PTs



(d) PUT4's daemon PTs

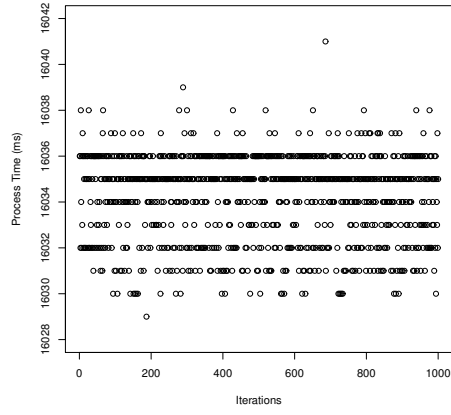


(e) PUT8's PTs

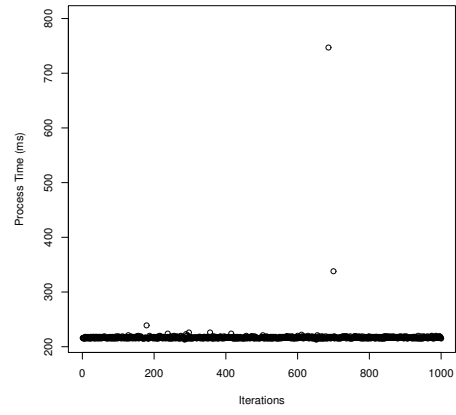


(f) PUT8's daemon PTs

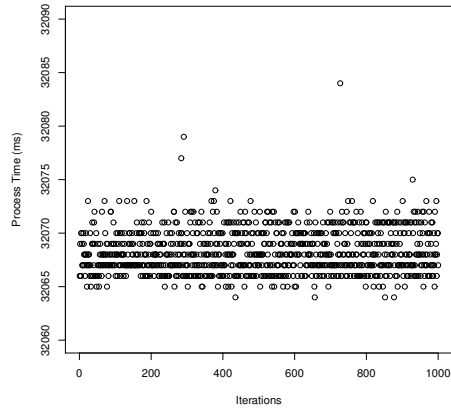
Figure 47: Program times between PUT2~PUT8 vs. Daemon processes



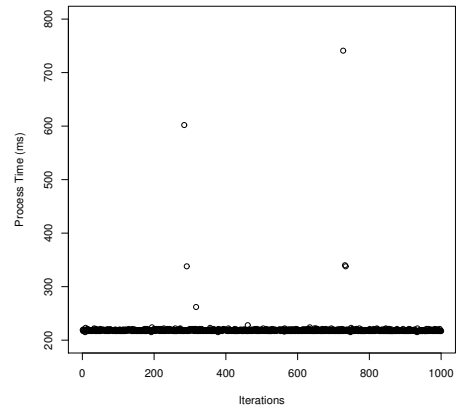
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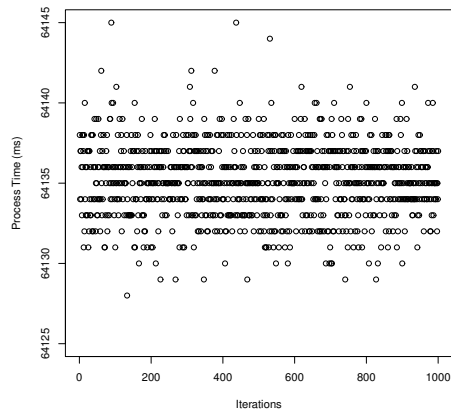
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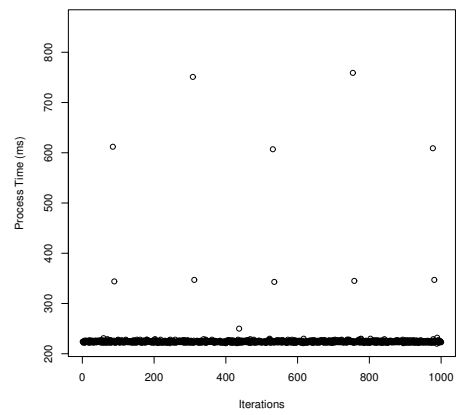
(c) PUT32's PTs



(d) PUT32's daemon PTs

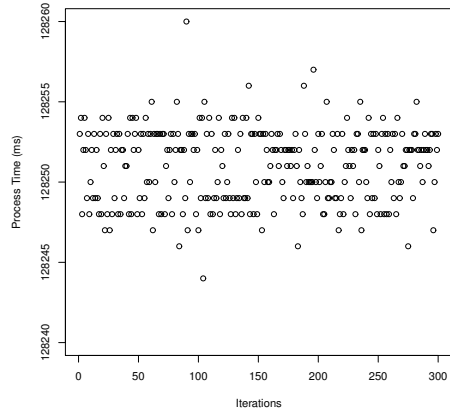


(e) PUT64's PTs

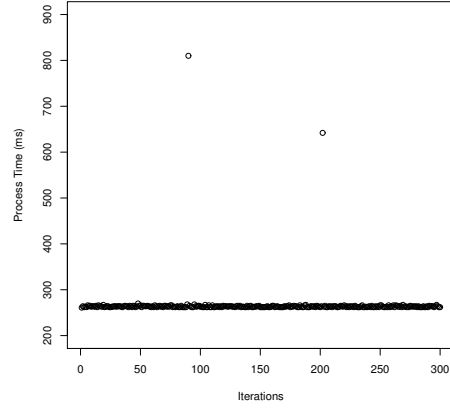


(f) PUT64's daemon PTs

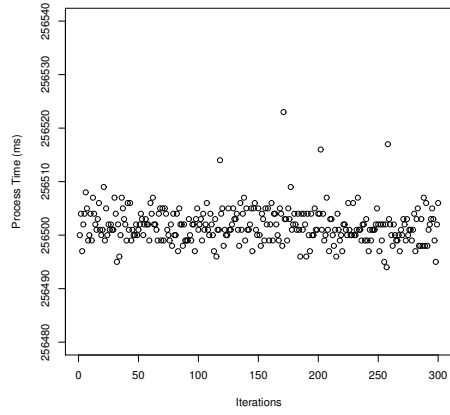
Figure 48: Program times between PUT16~PUT64 vs. Daemon processes



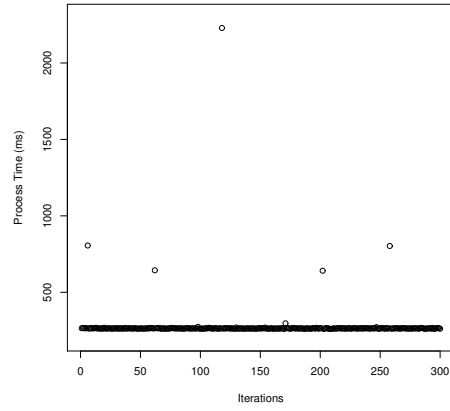
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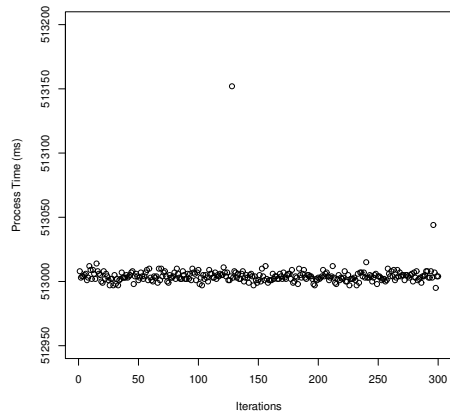
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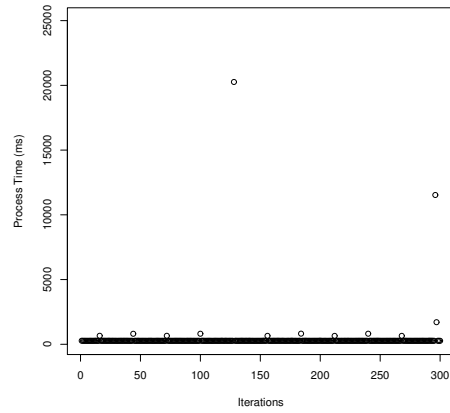
(c) PUT256's PTs



(d) PUT256's daemon PTs

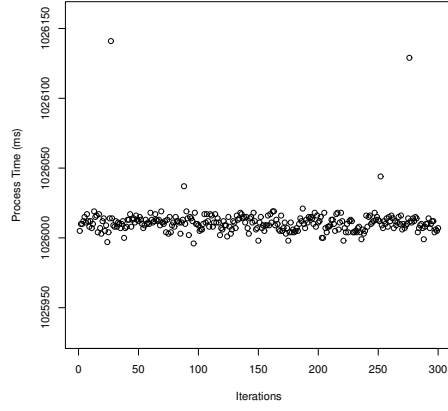


(e) PUT512's PTs

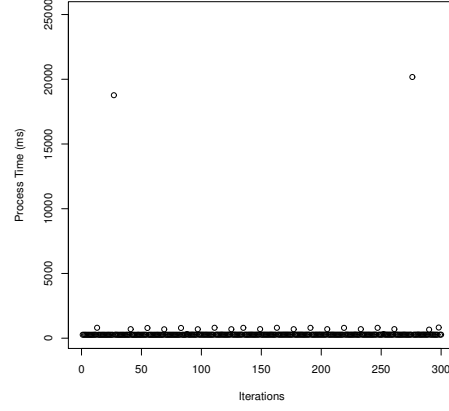


(f) PUT512's daemon PTs

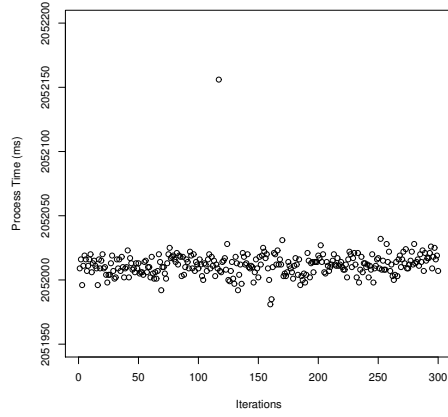
Figure 49: Program times between PUT128~PUT512 vs. Daemon processes



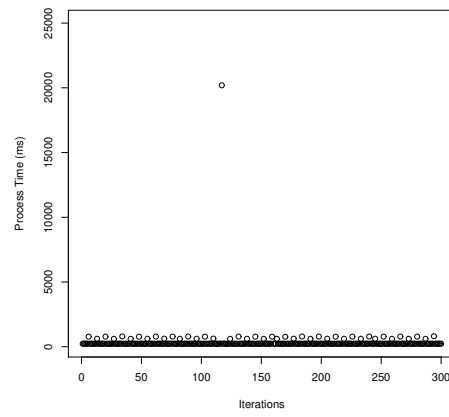
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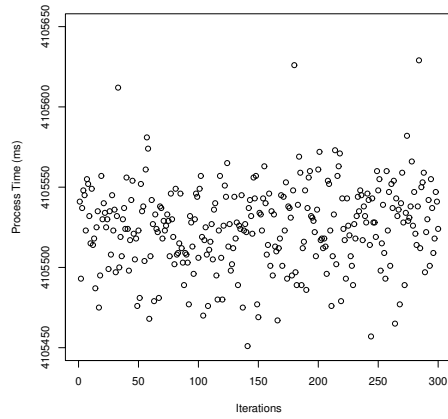
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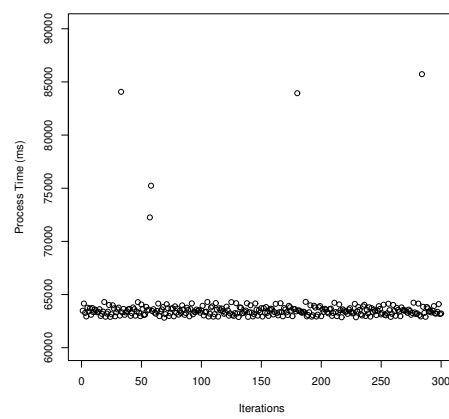
(c) PUT2048's PTs



(d) PUT2048's daemon PTs

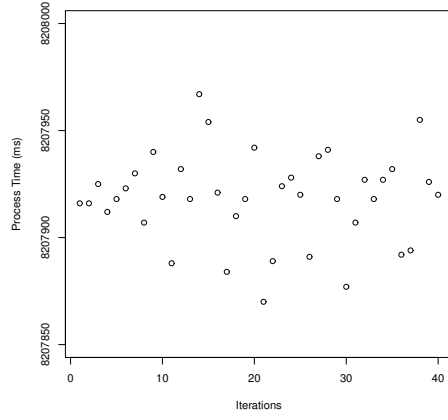


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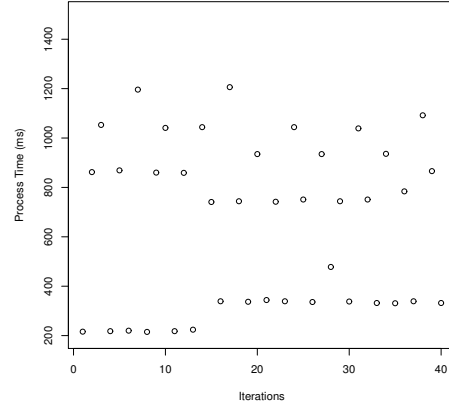


(f) PUT4096's daemon PTs

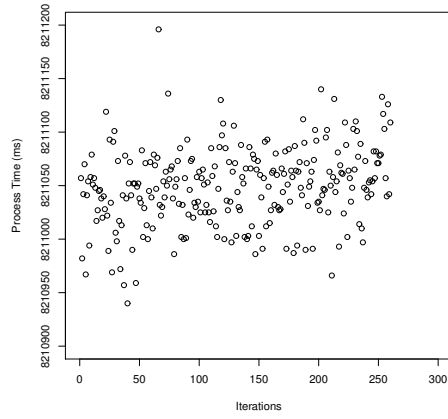
Figure 50: Program times between PUT1024~PUT4096 vs. Daemon processes



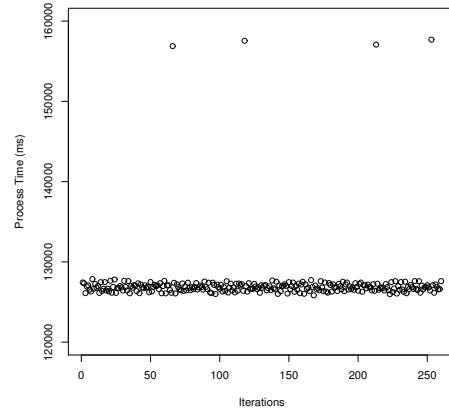
(a) PUT8192's PTs in Apr 2015



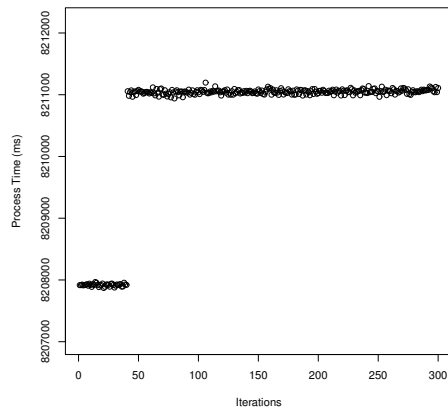
(b) PUT8192's daemon PTs in Apr 2015



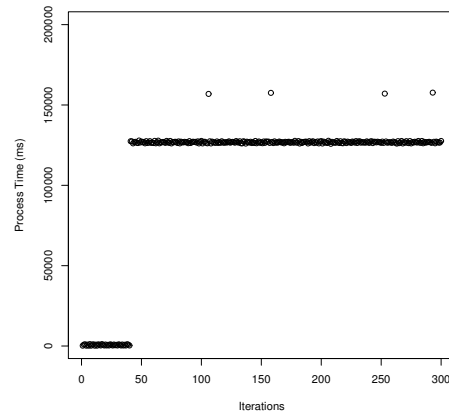
(c) PUT8192's PTs in Nov 2015



(d) PUT8192's daemon PTs in Nov 2015

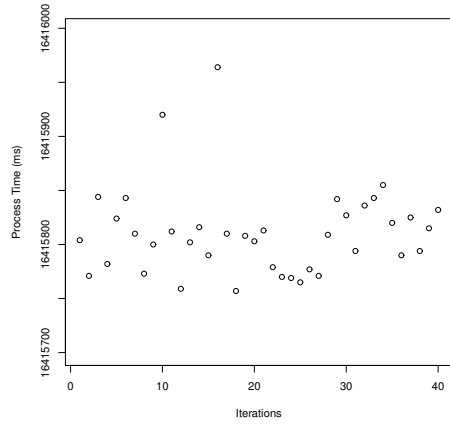


(e) Combined PUT8192's PTs

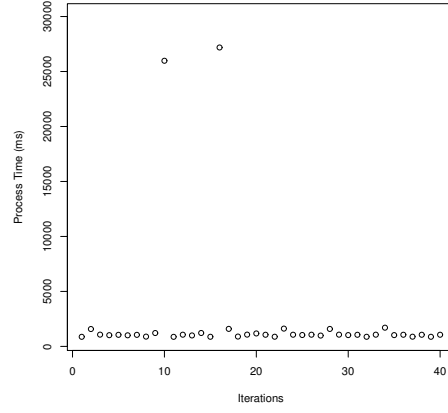


(f) Combined PUT8192's daemon PTs

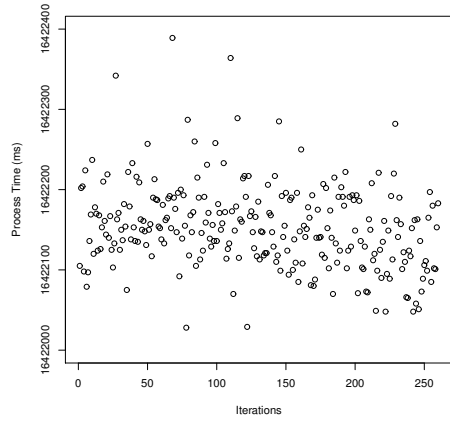
Figure 51: Program times between PUT8192 vs. Daemon processes



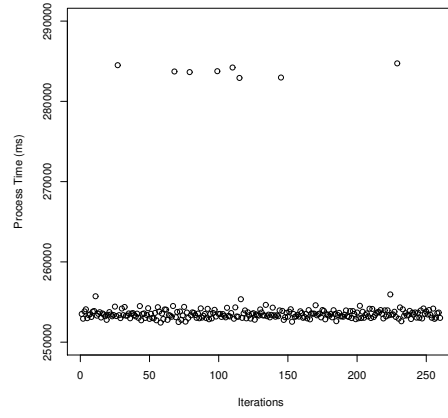
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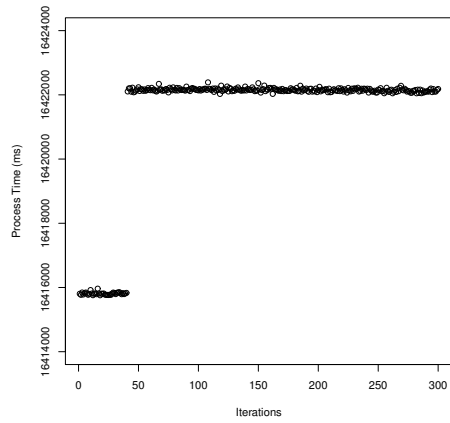
(b) PUT16384's daemon PTs in Apr 2015



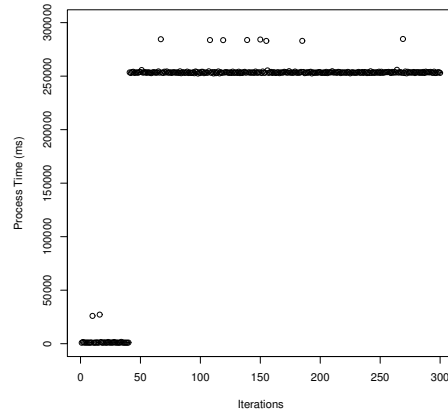
(c) PUT16384's PTs in Nov 2015



(d) PUT16384's daemon PTs in Nov 2015



(e) Combined PUT16384's PTs



(f) Combined PUT16384's daemon PTs

Figure 52: Program times between PUT16384 vs. Daemon processes

9 Conclusion

Below are the summarized observations by this study. (Order does not matter.)

- Typically, the distribution of program times (PTs) of PUT is somewhat mixture of two (or possibly more) models. (But only when you compare fist/second half.)
- Outlier trimming does not well shape a normal distribution of PT. Outliers are higher non-normal. Still, we don't have a precise characterization of outliers, but doing so would be difficult because of very large, very infrequent outliers (cf. Figure 12).
- For a short task length of PUT, it seems there is dependency between iterations in the same run of PUT.
- Presence and activation of (infrequent) daemon processes strongly contribute to creating high variance in PT measurement, due to a few very-far outliers. This results in a very long, very thin tail with a structure we don't understand.
- The bigger task length, the stronger correlation between PTs of PUT and daemon processes, probably because the longer the PUT runs, the more likely that there will be a daemon process. **Caveat:** what if the task size is not large and the sample size is small?
- **New:** The bigger task length, the more clumps formed, probably caused by different periodicity of different daemon processes (cf. Figures 23 and 24). This implies that when a given task length is big, it will give more room to capture activities of various daemon processes at different times. Accordingly, it leads to observing mixture of two (or more) models, as addressed in the second item.
- When PUT is timed affects PT distribution, due to the presence of daemon processes whose running can't be controlled.
- Measurement protocol is scalable with growing sample size and increasing task length, because the protocol can do the trimming: see above. **Idea:** Run one version *many* times to estimate the distribution and what is a reasonable criterion for dropping outliers.

Below is a remaining issue(s) revealed through this study.

- We want a definition of "outlier" over a wide range of program times.

10 Appendix

This appendix provides specific details of what daemon processes was captured and how much time was taken at a specific iteration revealing the most program time of a certain PUT.

10.1 Breakdown on Program Times of Daemon Processes

PUT256	Program Time
incr_work	256,514 msecs (at the 118th iteration)
Daemon Processes	Program Time
java	2 msecs
md0_raid1	4 msecs
jbd2/md0-8	1 msec
flush-9:0	10 msecs
proc_monitor	262 msecs
rhnsd	6 msecs
rhn_check	1,944 msecs
Total	2,229 msecs

Table 25: The daemon processes captured at the worst PT of PUT256

PUT256	Program Time
incr_work	513,152 msecs (at the 128th iteration)
Daemon Processes	Program Time
java	2 msecs
md0_raid1	51 msecs
jbd2/md0-8	27 msecs
flush-9:0	86 msecs
proc_monitor	270 msecs
rhnsd	6 msecs
rhn_check	19,820 msecs
Total	20,262 msecs

Table 26: The daemon processes captured at the worst PT of PUT512

PUT4096	Program Time
incr_work	4,105,629 msec (at the 284th iteration)
Daemon Processes	Program Time
events/0	1 msec
kblockd/0	1 msec
kslowd000	31,710 msec
kslowd001	31,782 msec
md0_raid1	82 msec
jbd2/md0-8	21 msec
flush-9:0	79 msec
proc_monitor	206 msec
rhnsd	3 msec
ntpd	1 msec
java	2 msec
rhn_check	21,840 msec
Total	85,728 msec

Table 27: The daemon processes captured at the worst PT of PUT4096

PUT8192	Program Time
incr_work	8,207,884 msec (at the 244th iteration)
Daemon Processes	Program Time
kblockd/0	3 msec
kslowd000	31,710 msec
kslowd001	31,782 msec
md0_raid1	12 msec
jbd2/md0-8	2 msec
proc_monitor	204 msec
rhnsd	6 msec
java	1 msec
rhsmcertd-worke	114 msec
rhsmcertd-worke	114 msec
rhn_check	708 msec
Total	64,656 msec

Table 28: The daemon processes captured at the worst PT of PUT8192

Daemon Processes	Descriptions
<code>kslowd000</code> (<code>kslowd001</code>)	A kernel threads for performing things that take a relatively long time. “Typically, when processing something, these items will spend a lot of time, blocking a thread on I/O, thus making that thread unavailable for doing other work.” (http://www.mjmwired.net/kernel/Documentation/slow-work.txt)
<code>rhn_check</code>	An external program for check for updates, run by <code>rhnsd</code>
<code>rhnsd</code>	“A background daemon process that periodically polls the Red Hat Network to see if there are any queued actions available. Typically started from the initialization (<code>init</code>) scripts in <code>/etc/init.d/rhnsd</code> when its time to poll the Red Hat Network server for available updates and actions. The default interval is every 240 minutes. The minimum polling interval is 60 minutes. Any network activity is done via the <code>rhn_check</code> utility.” (http://linuxcommand.org/man_pages/rhnsd8.html)

Table 29: Descriptions of some daemon processes