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AstroPortal: A Science Gateway for Large-scale Astronomy Data Analysis

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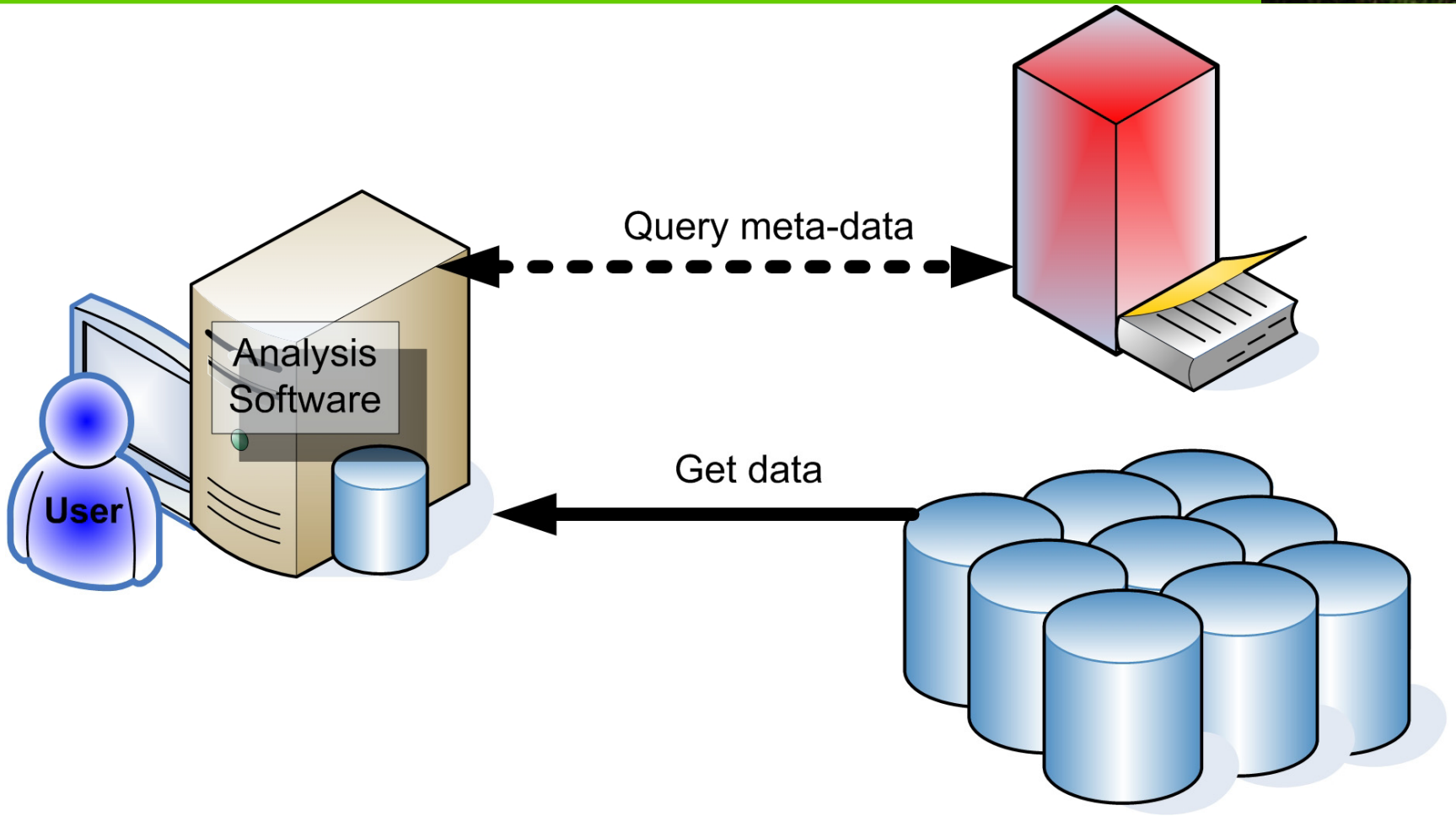
Analysis of Datasets: Data → Computation



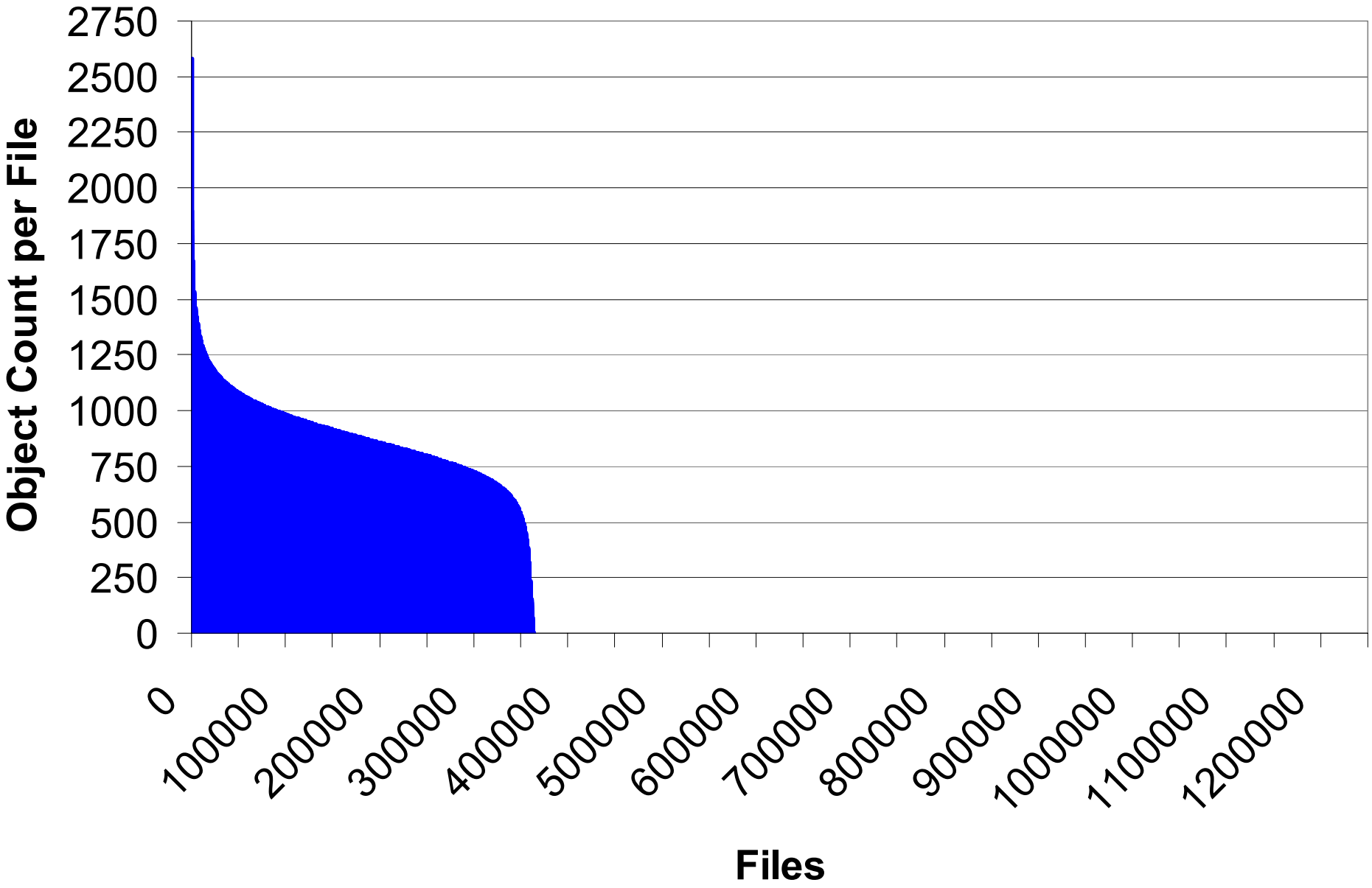
Dynamic & Distributed Analysis of Large Datasets

- Science Portals enable entire communities access to both compute and storage resources
  - Can enable the efficient analysis of large datasets
  - Move the computations to the data
- Potential Applications Characteristics
  - Large data sets
  - Large number of users
  - Relatively easy parallelization
- Applicable fields:
  - Astronomy
  - Medicine
  - Others

Astronomy Field

- Astronomy datasets (i.e. SDSS) are the crown-jewels
  - SDSS DR5
    - 1.5M images
      - 350M+ objects
      - 3TB compressed images (2MB x 1.5M)
      - 9TB raw images (6.1MB x 1.5M)
    - 100K worldwide potential users (100s of big users)
- Applications:
  - Stacking
  - Montage

Object distribution in SDSS



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AstroPortal: Stacking Service

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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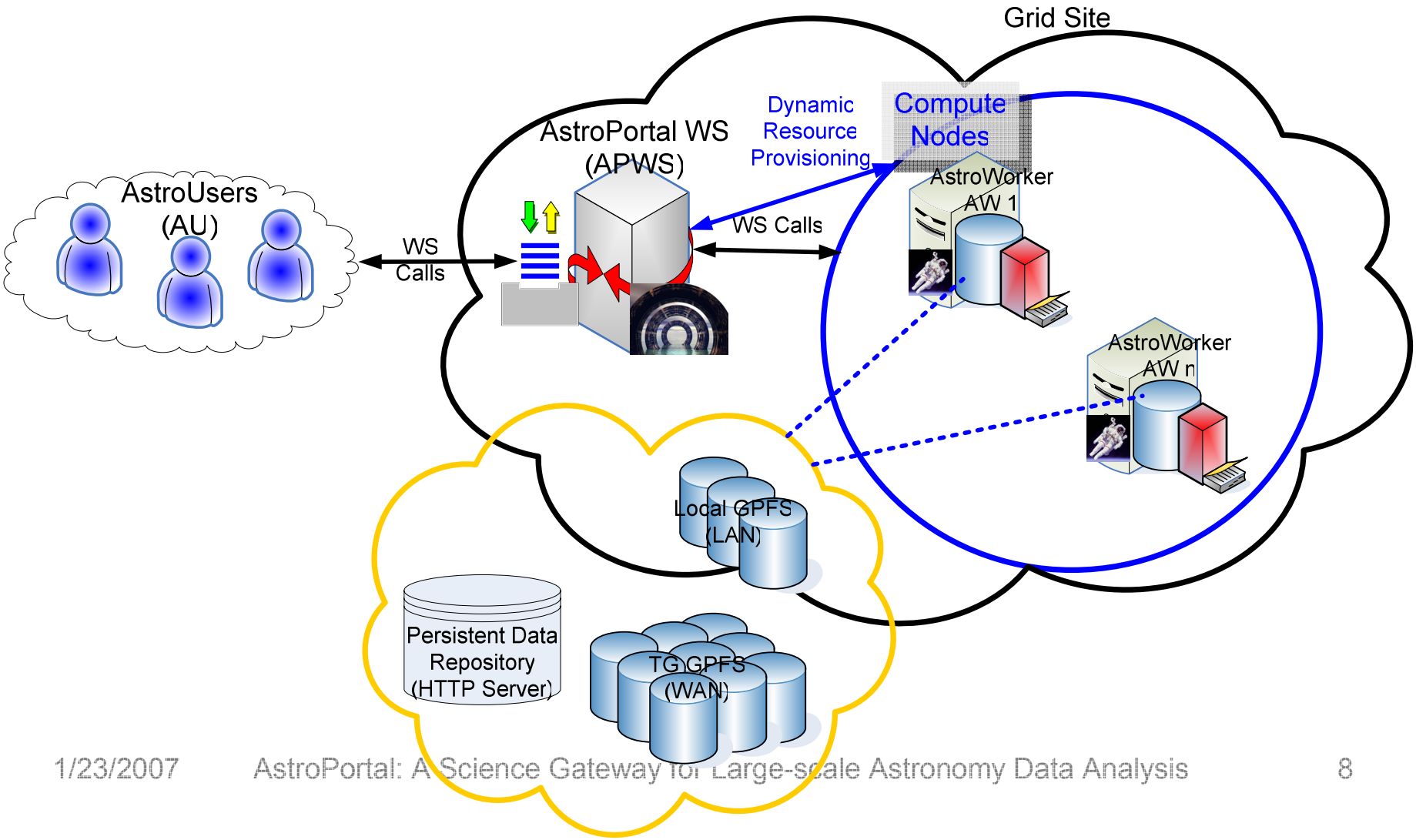

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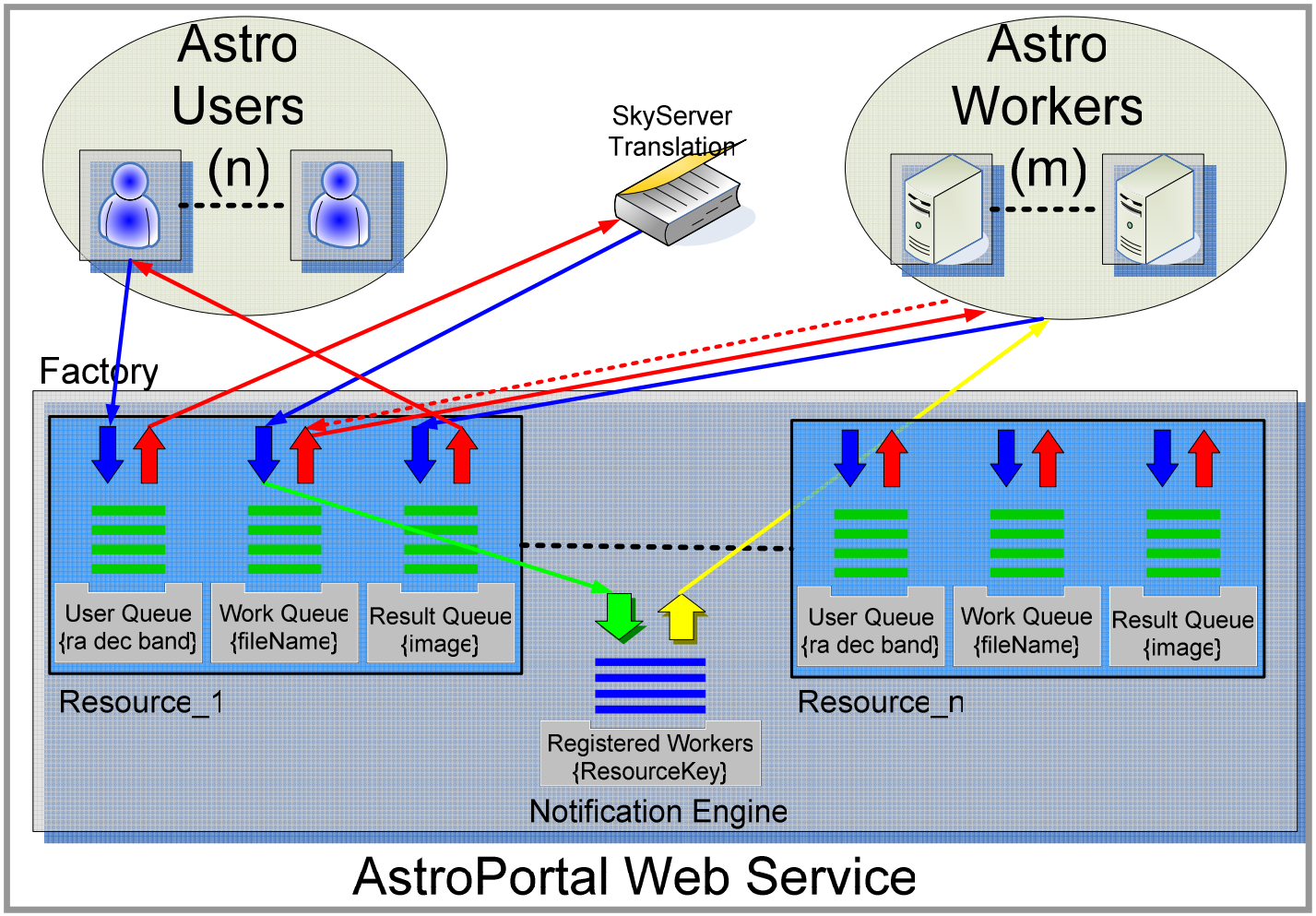

Raw Cutout Performance LAN GPFS in GZ Format

Peak	Min	Aver	Med	Max	STDEV
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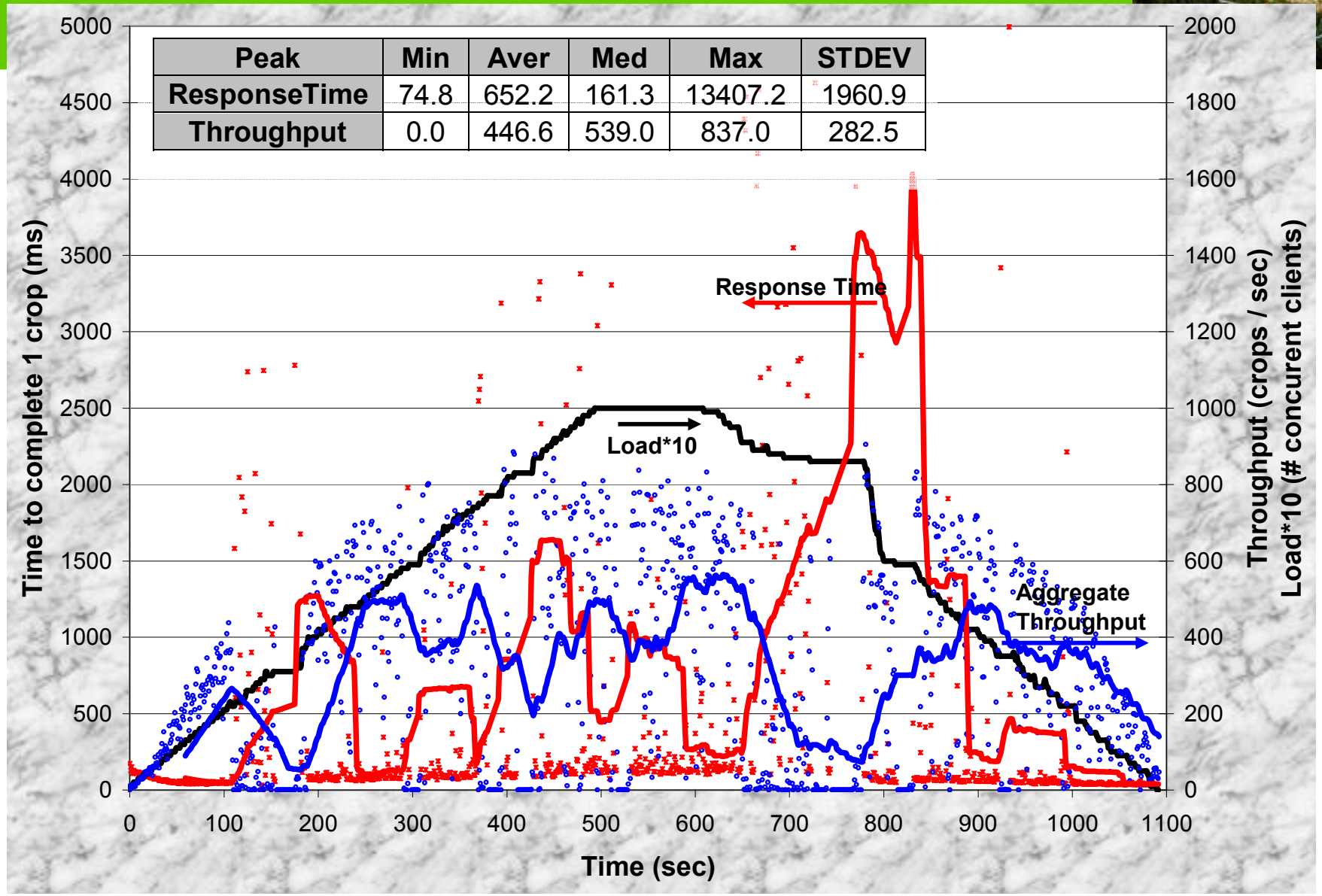

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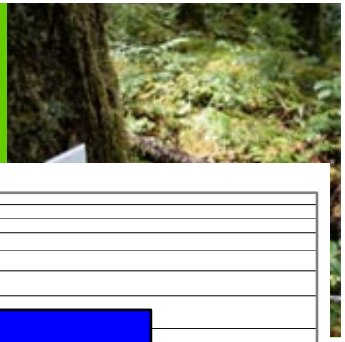
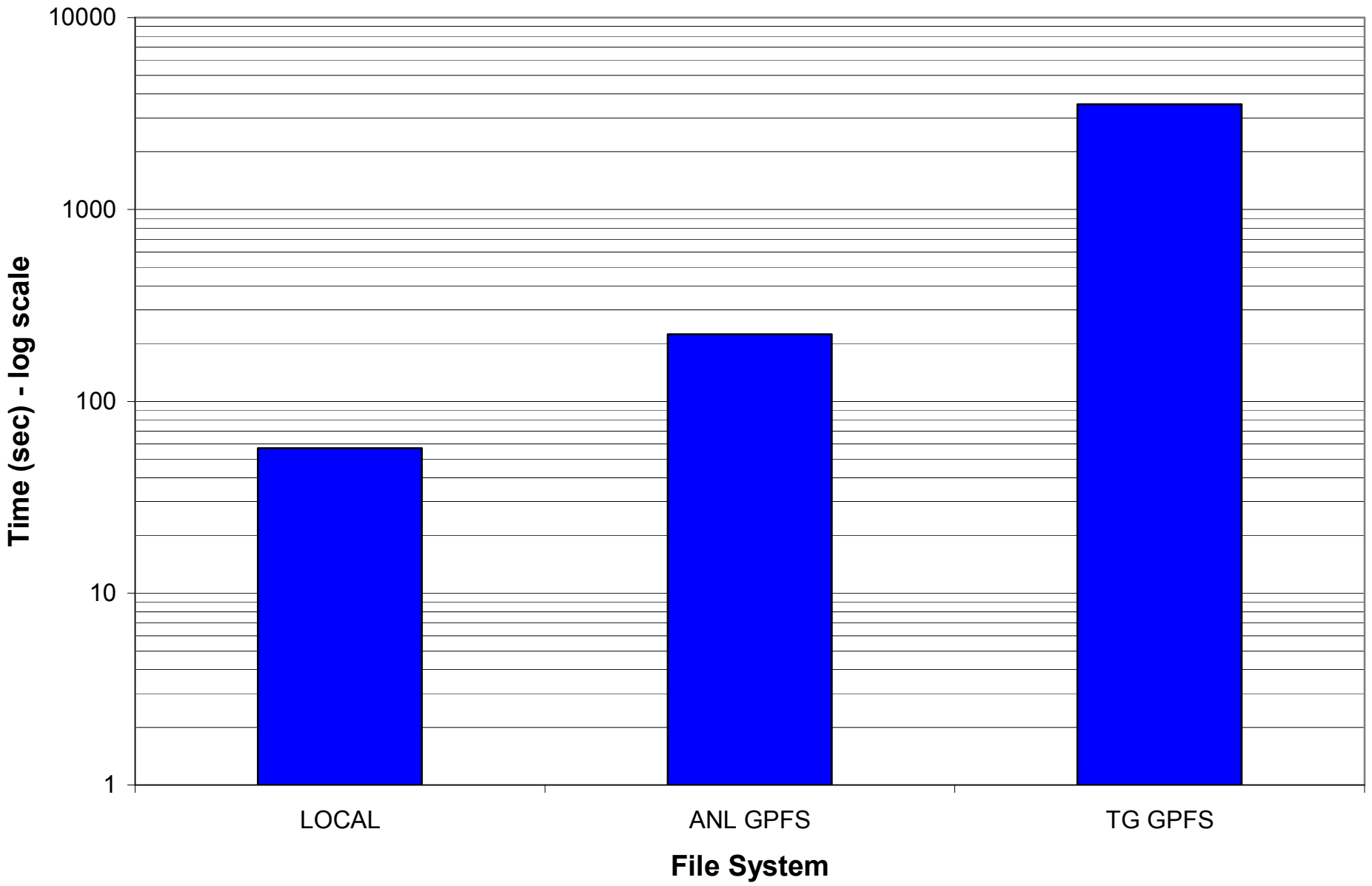
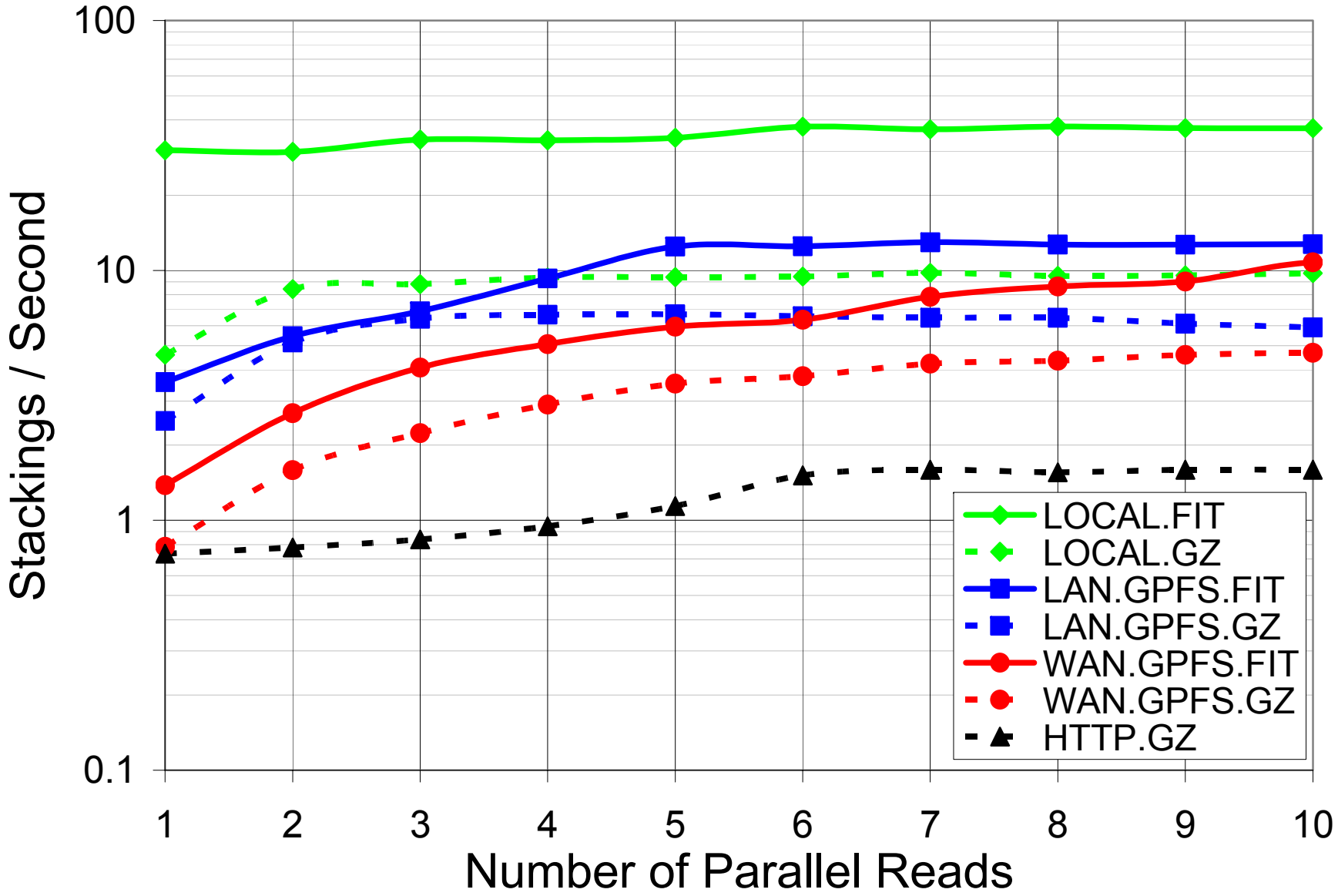
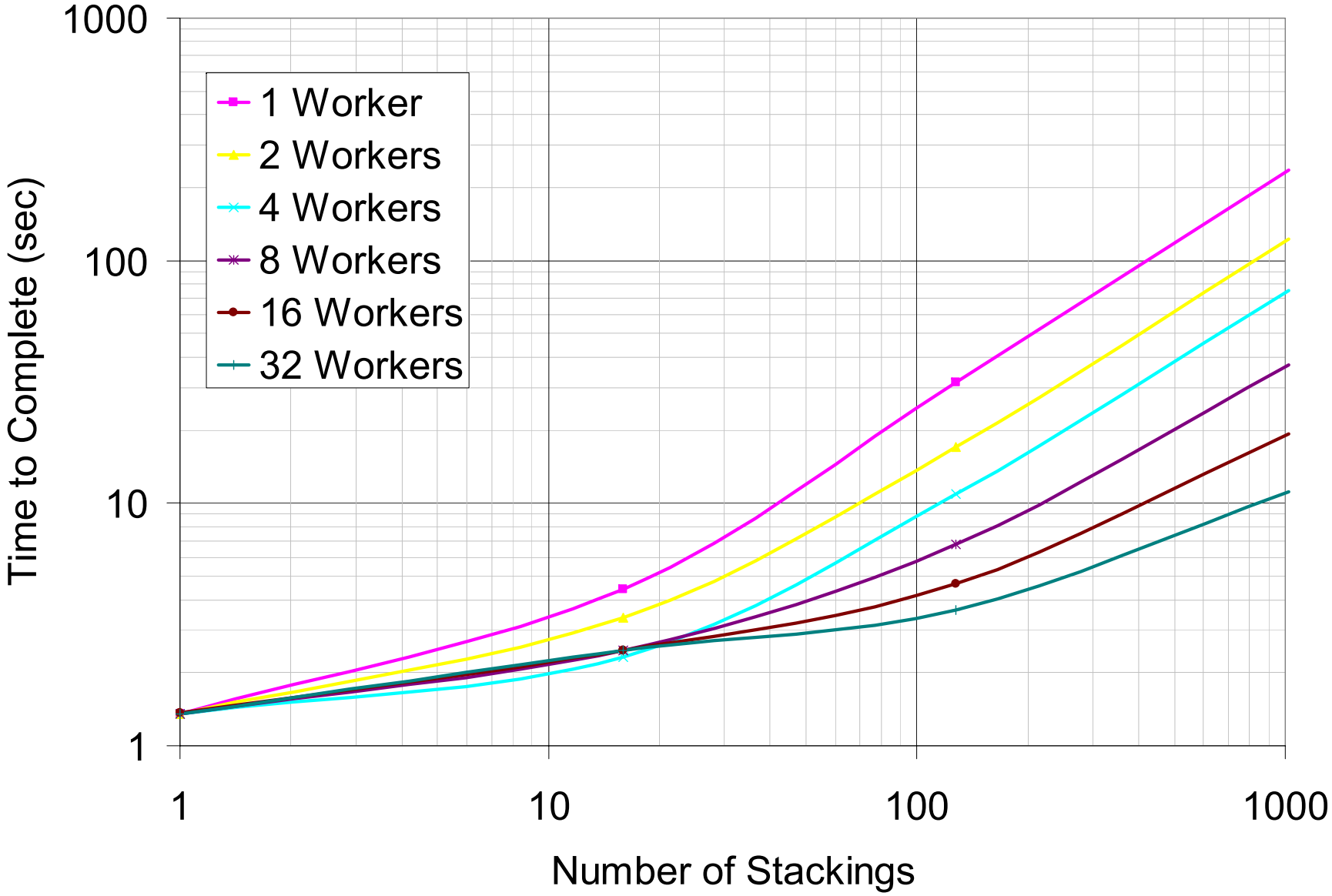




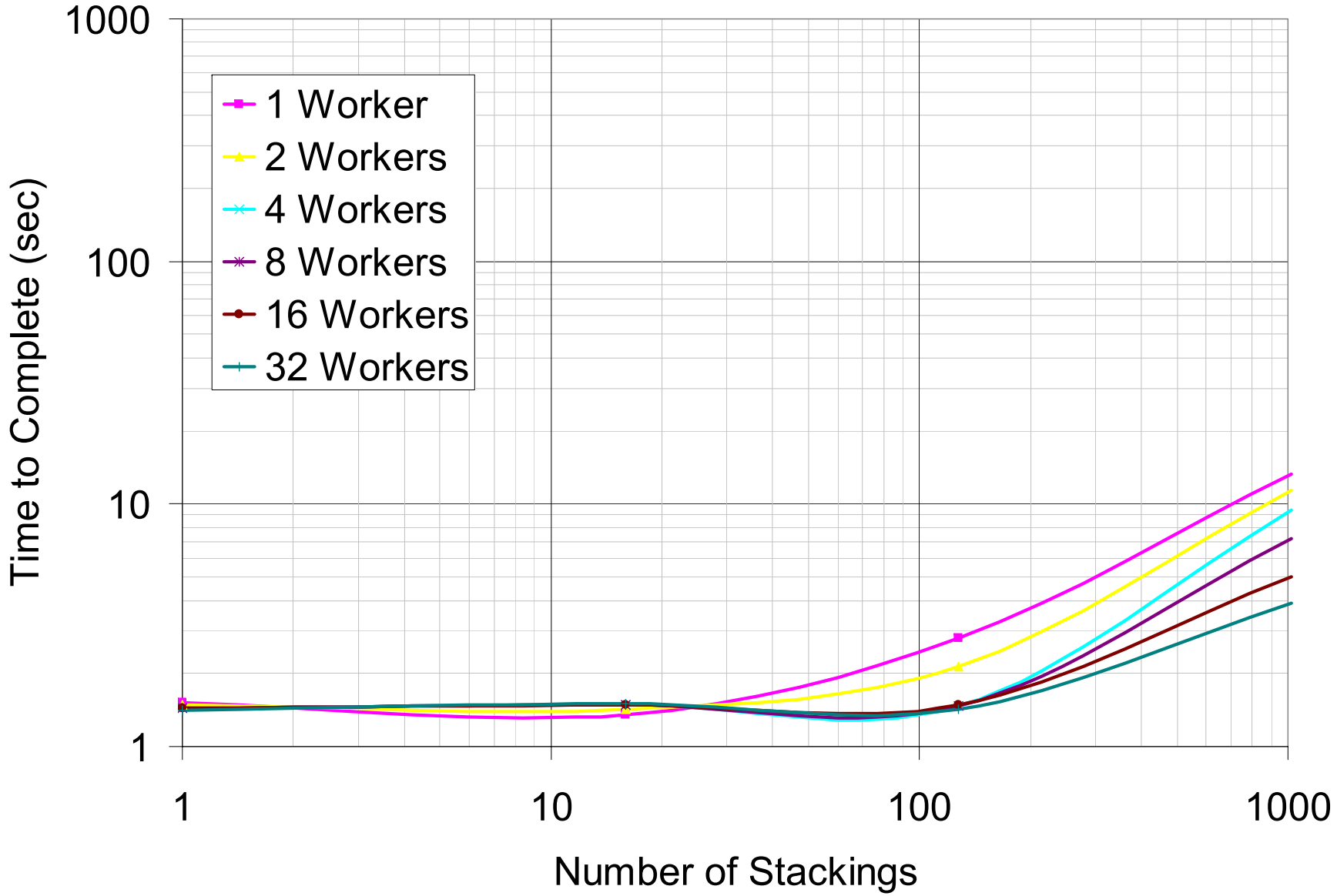
Raw Stacking
1 Worker – Multiple Threads



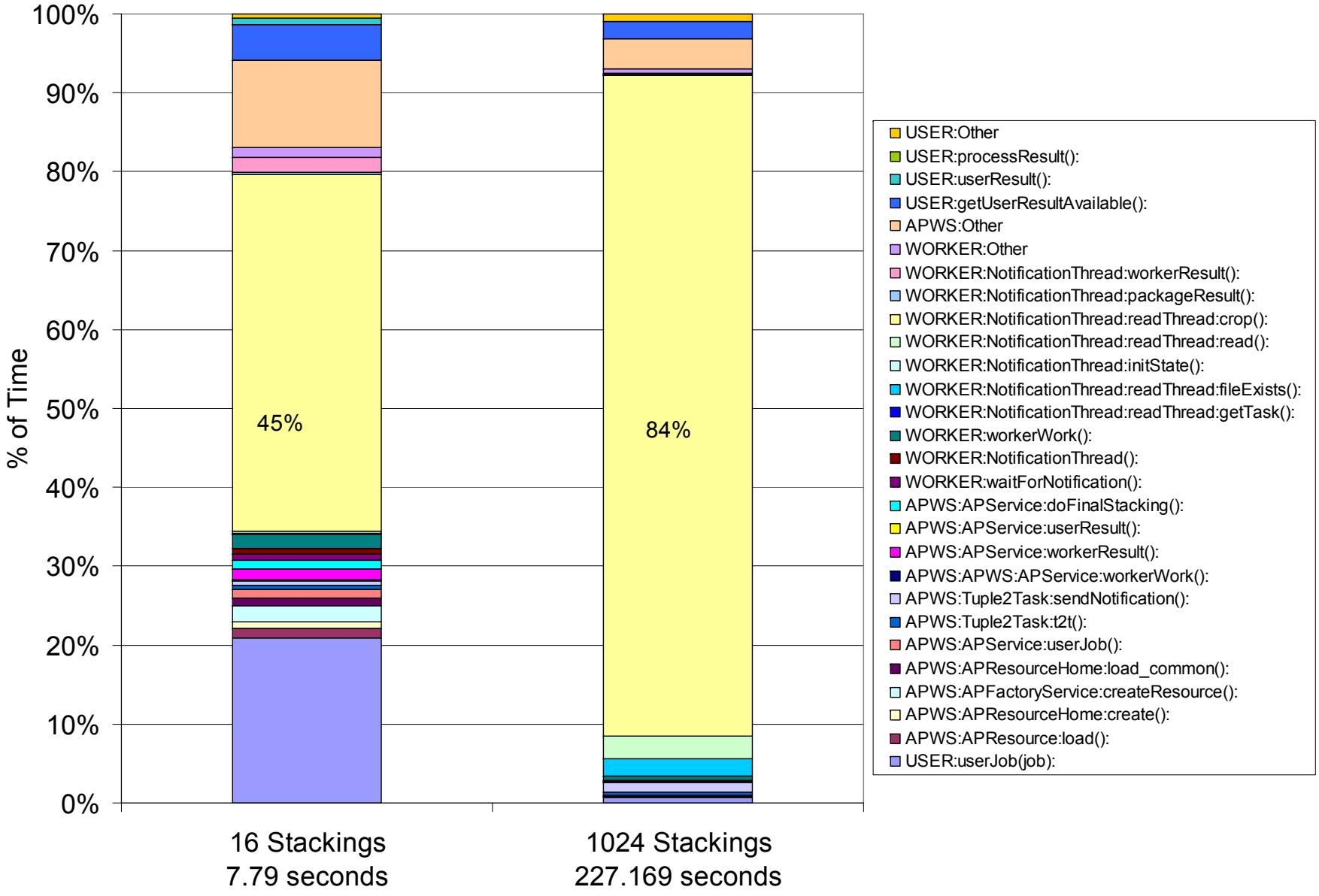
Stacking via the AstroPortal LAN GPFS in GZ Format



Stacking via the AstroPortal Local Disk in FIT Format



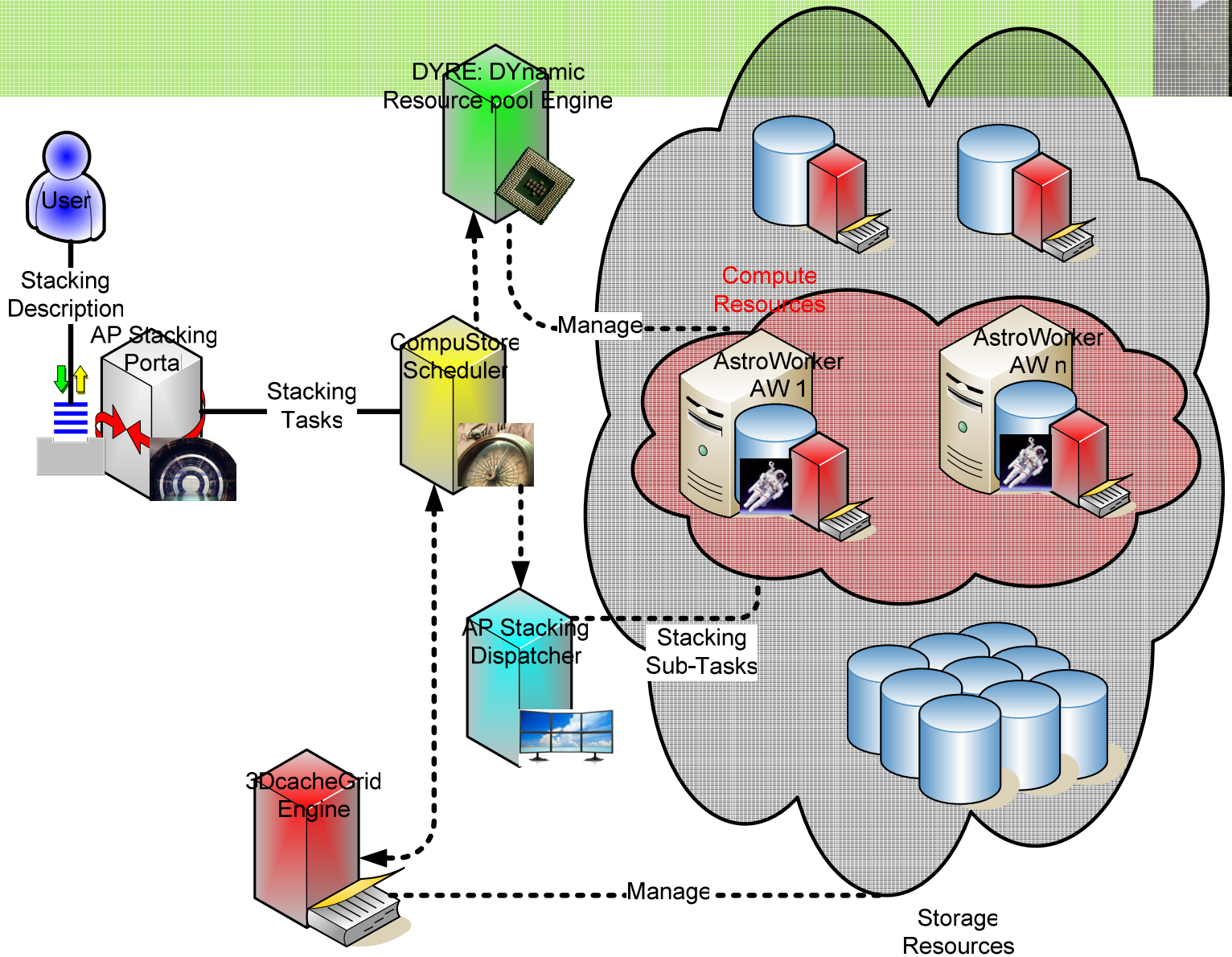
AstroPortal Stacking Profile LAN GPFS in GZ Format



Open Research Questions

- Data Resource management
  - Data set distribution among various storage resources
  - Data placement based on past workloads and access patterns
    - Caching strategies: LRU, FIFO, popularity, …
    - Replication strategies to meet a desired QoS
  - Data management architectures
- Compute Resource management
  - Resource Provisioning
  - Harness entire TeraGrid pool of resources
  - Workload management, moving the work vs. moving the data
  - Distributed resource management between various sites
  - Scheduling of computations close to data

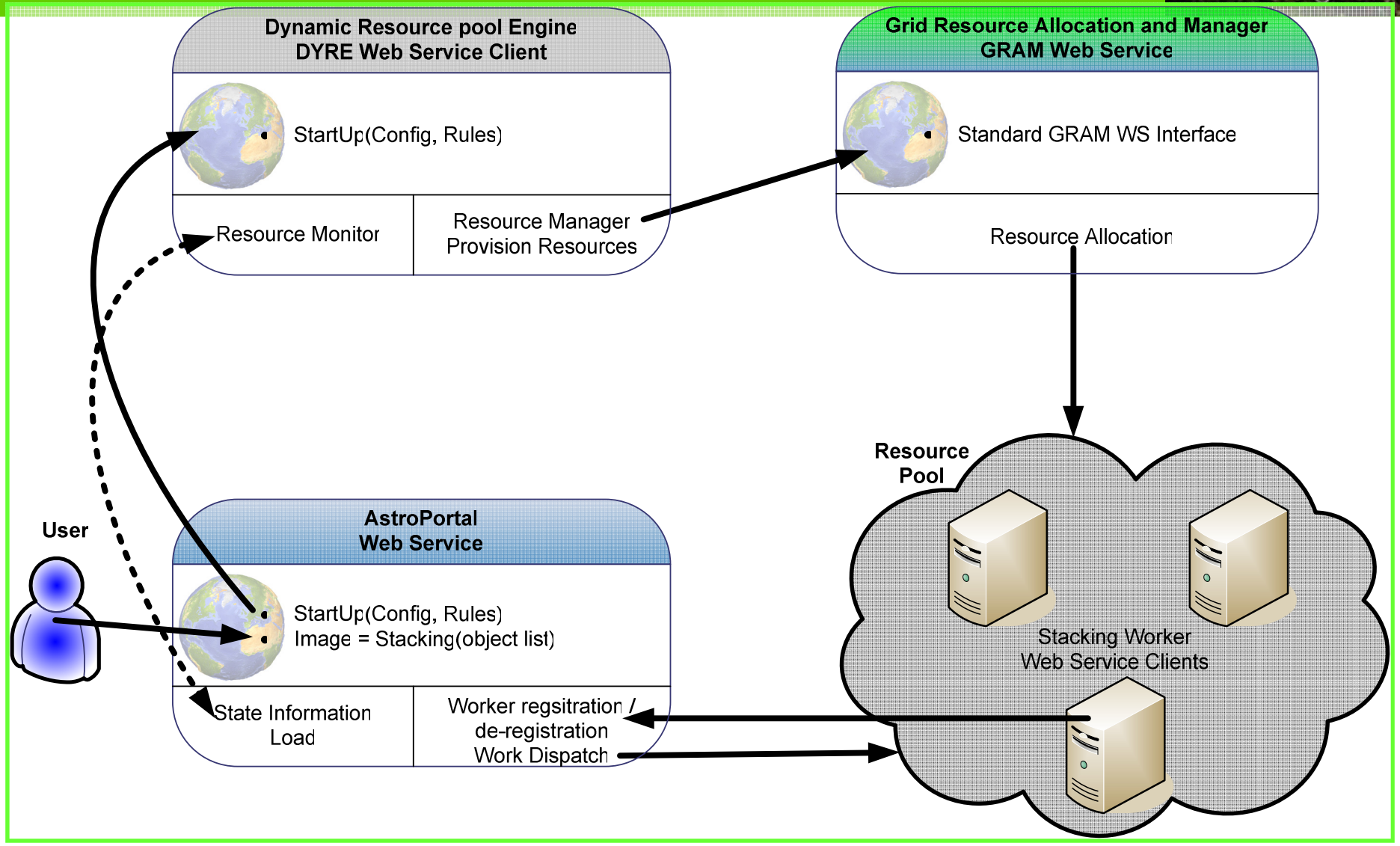
Proposed Opimizations



DYRE: Dynamic Resource pool Engine

- DYRE is an AstroPortal specific implementation of dynamic resource provisioning
- Features
  - State monitoring
  - Resource allocation based on observed state
  - Maintain a set of resources (even in the absence of lease extension mechanisms)
  - Resource de-allocation based on observed state
  - Exposes relevant information to other systems

DYRE Architecture



DYRE Advantages

- Allows for finer grained resource management, including the control of priorities and usage policies
- Optimize for the grid user's perspective: reduces delays on per job scheduling by utilizing pre-reserved resources
- Increased resource utilization (on the surface)
- Opens the possibility to customize the resource scheduler per application basis
  - use of both data resource management and compute resource management information for more efficient scheduling
- Reduced complexity to the application developer

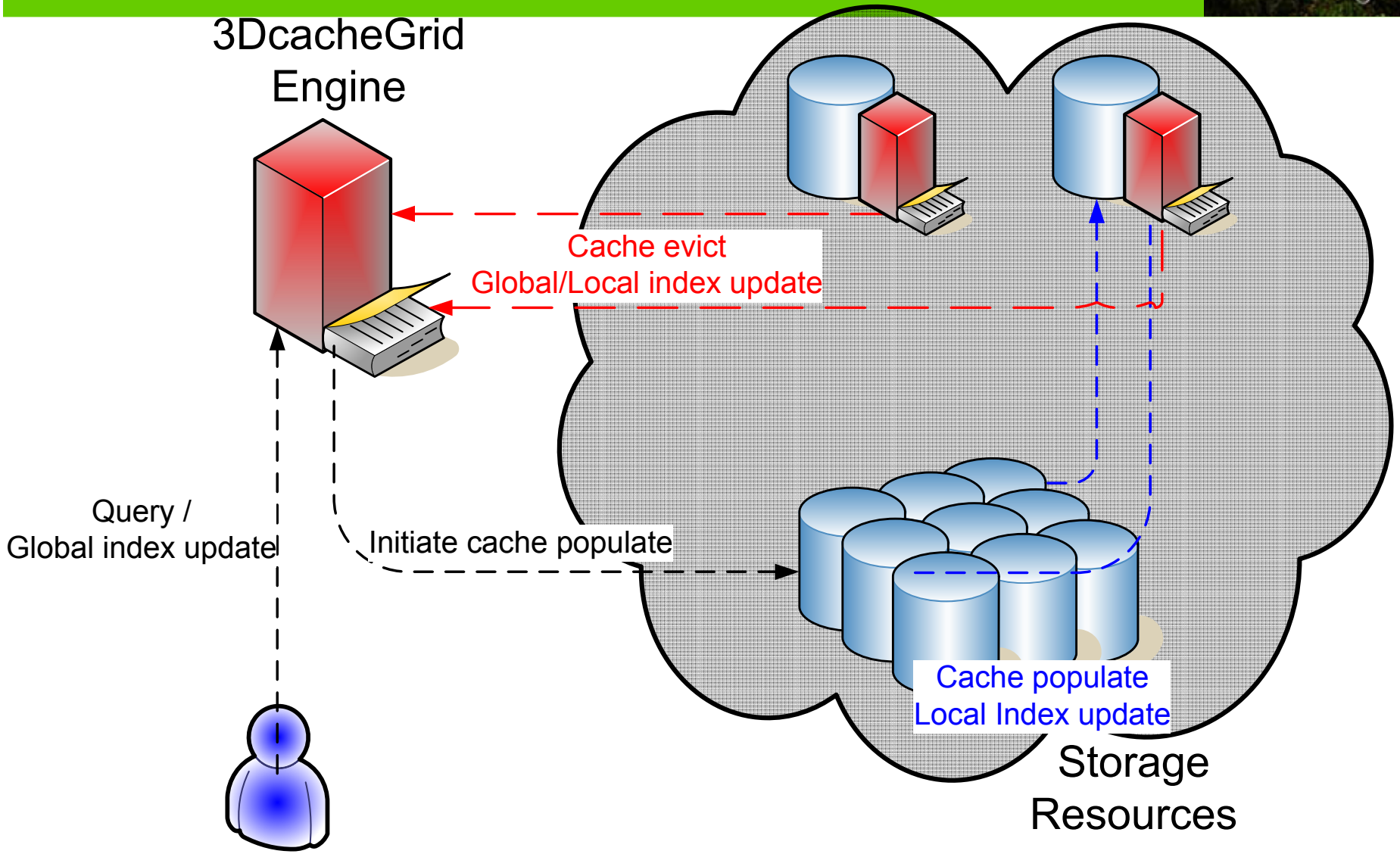
DYRE Disadvantages

- All jobs submitted by different members need to map to the same user
- Initial startup overhead
- Work could be halted unfinished when the original time lease on a particular resource expires if the time lease not being exposed to the work dispatcher
- Underutilization of raw resources

3DcacheGrid Engine: Dynamic Distributed Data cache for Grid Applications

- Performs data indexing necessary for efficient data discovery and access
- Cache eviction policy
  - RAND: Random
  - FIFO: First In First Out
  - LRU: Least Recently Used
  - Perfect LFU: Perfect Least Frequently Used
  - Hybrid Perfect LFU: Hybrid (using the object distribution in the dataset) Perfect Least Frequently Used
- Offers efficient management for large datasets along various dimentions
  - Number of files managed
  - Size of dataset
  - Number of storage resources used
  - Level of replication among the storage resources

3DcacheGrid Architecture



3Dcache Pros/Cons

- Pros:
  - Ease of application implementation: achieves a good separation of concerns between the application logic and the complicated data management task of large data sets
  - Improved performance with higher cache hits if data lcality is present
  - Improved scalability as the data I/O will be distributed over more resources with higher cache hits
  - Improved availability as cached data could be accessed without the need for the original data
  - Can enable compute scheduling to be data aware
- Cons:
  - Added complexity/overhead to a running system
  - Could produce worse overall performance than without 3DcacheGrid

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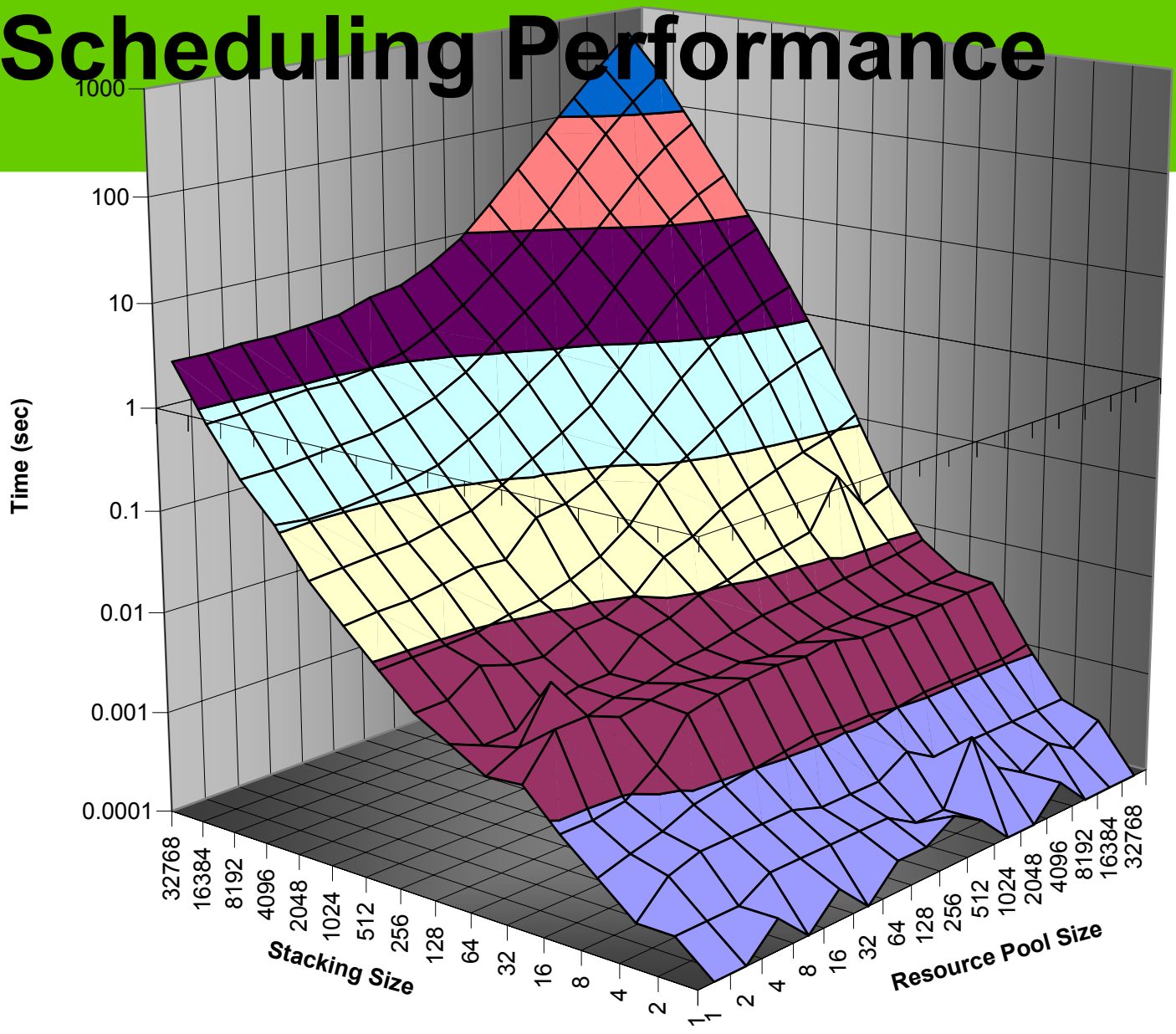

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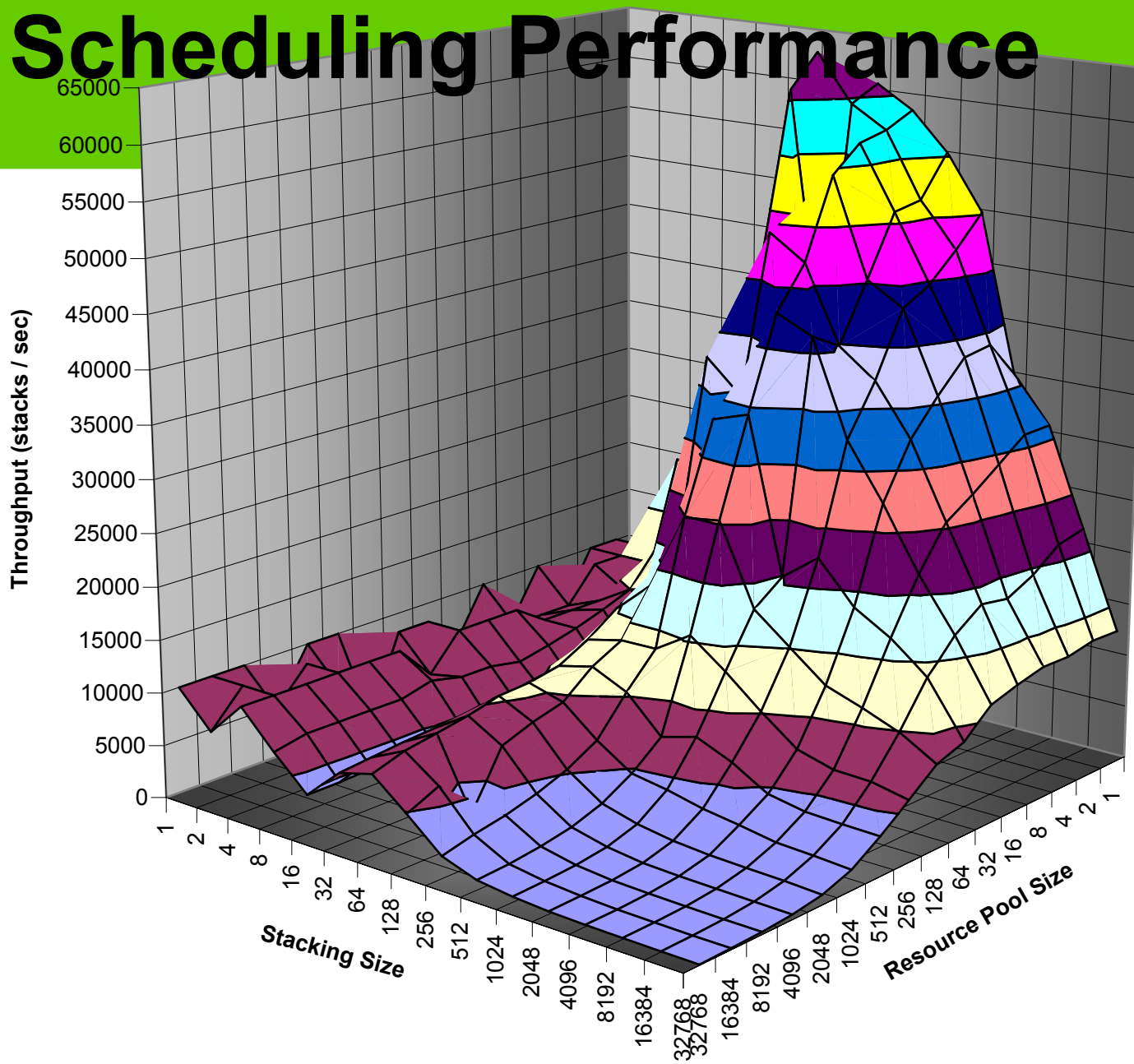

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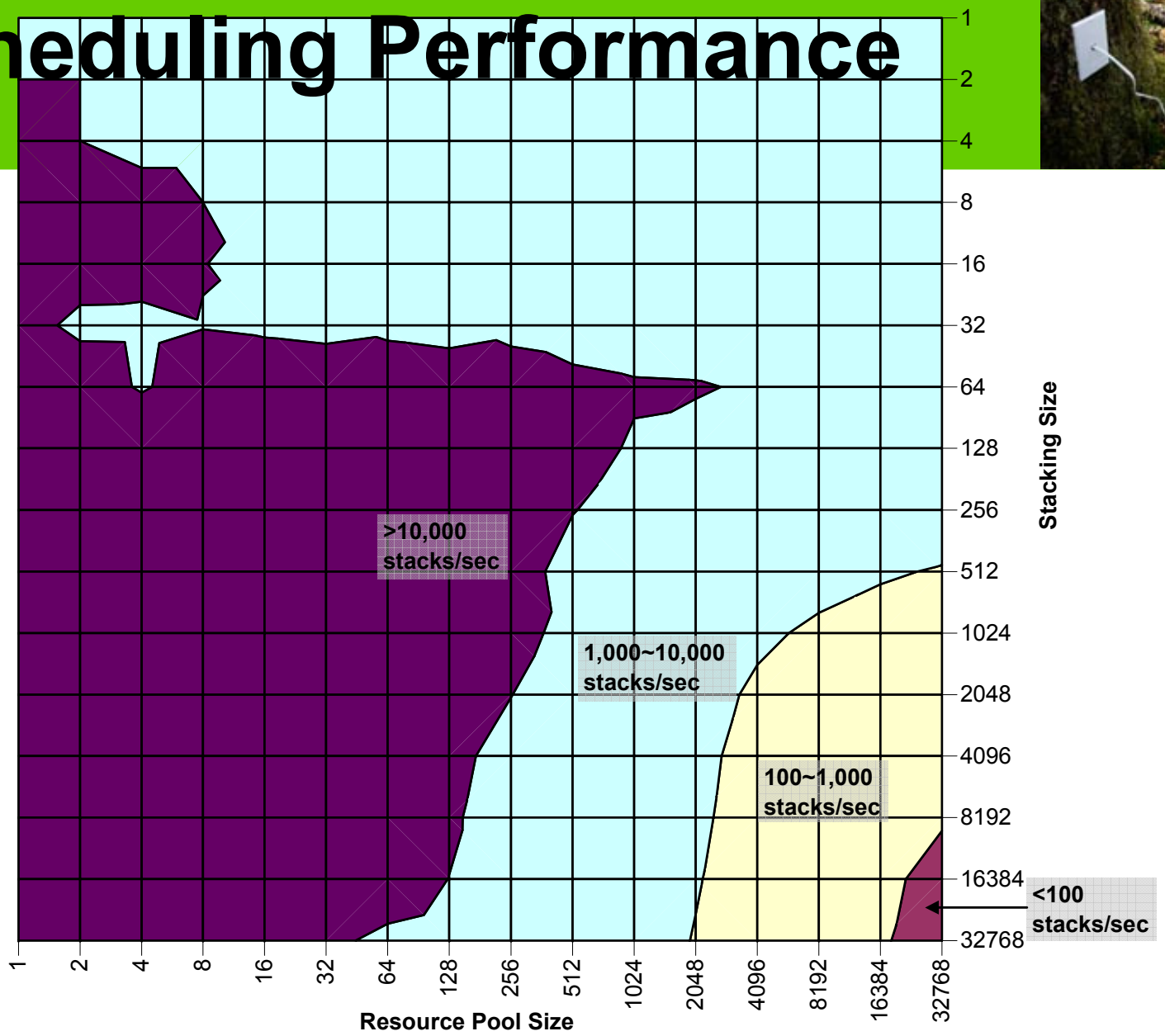

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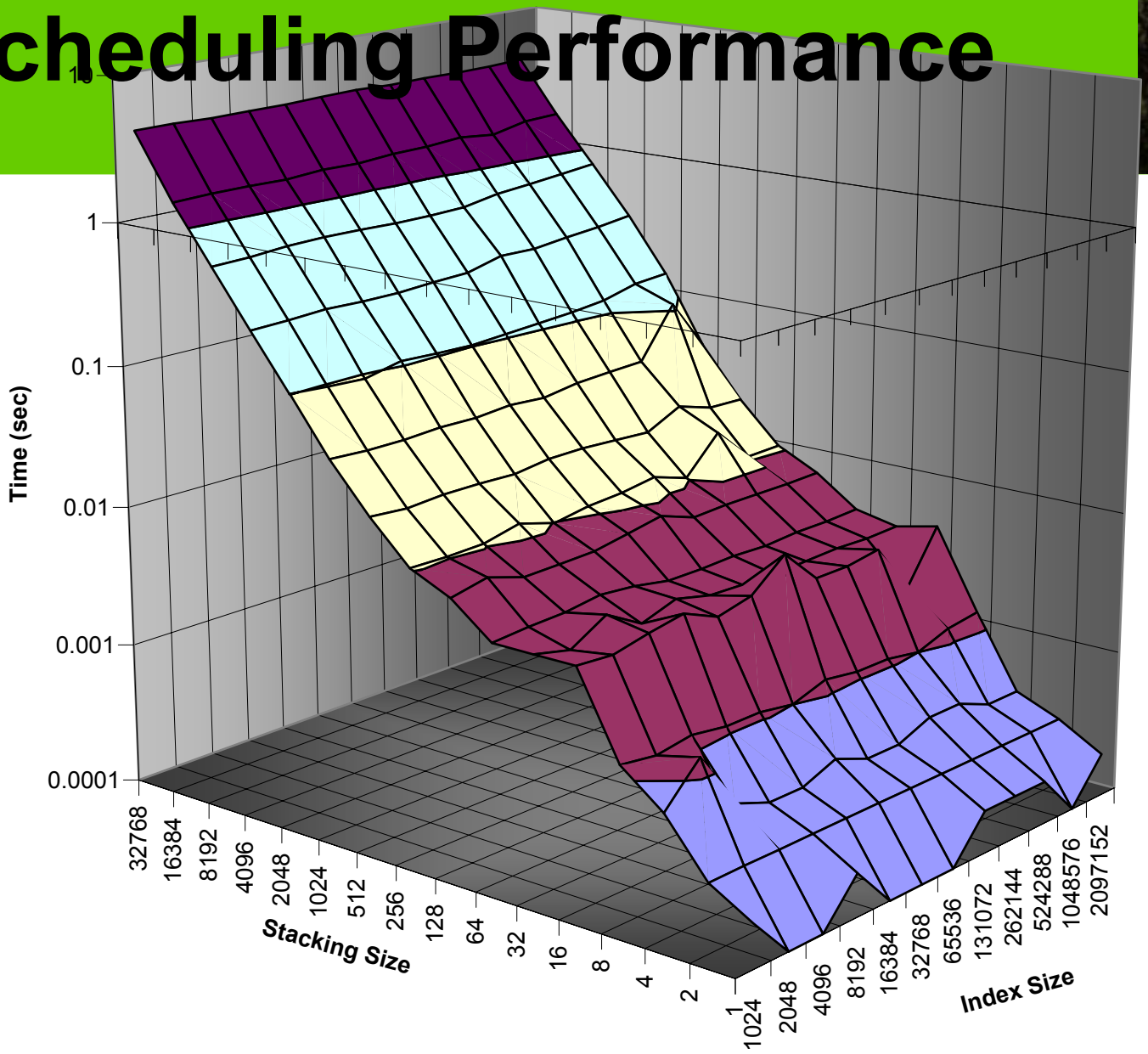

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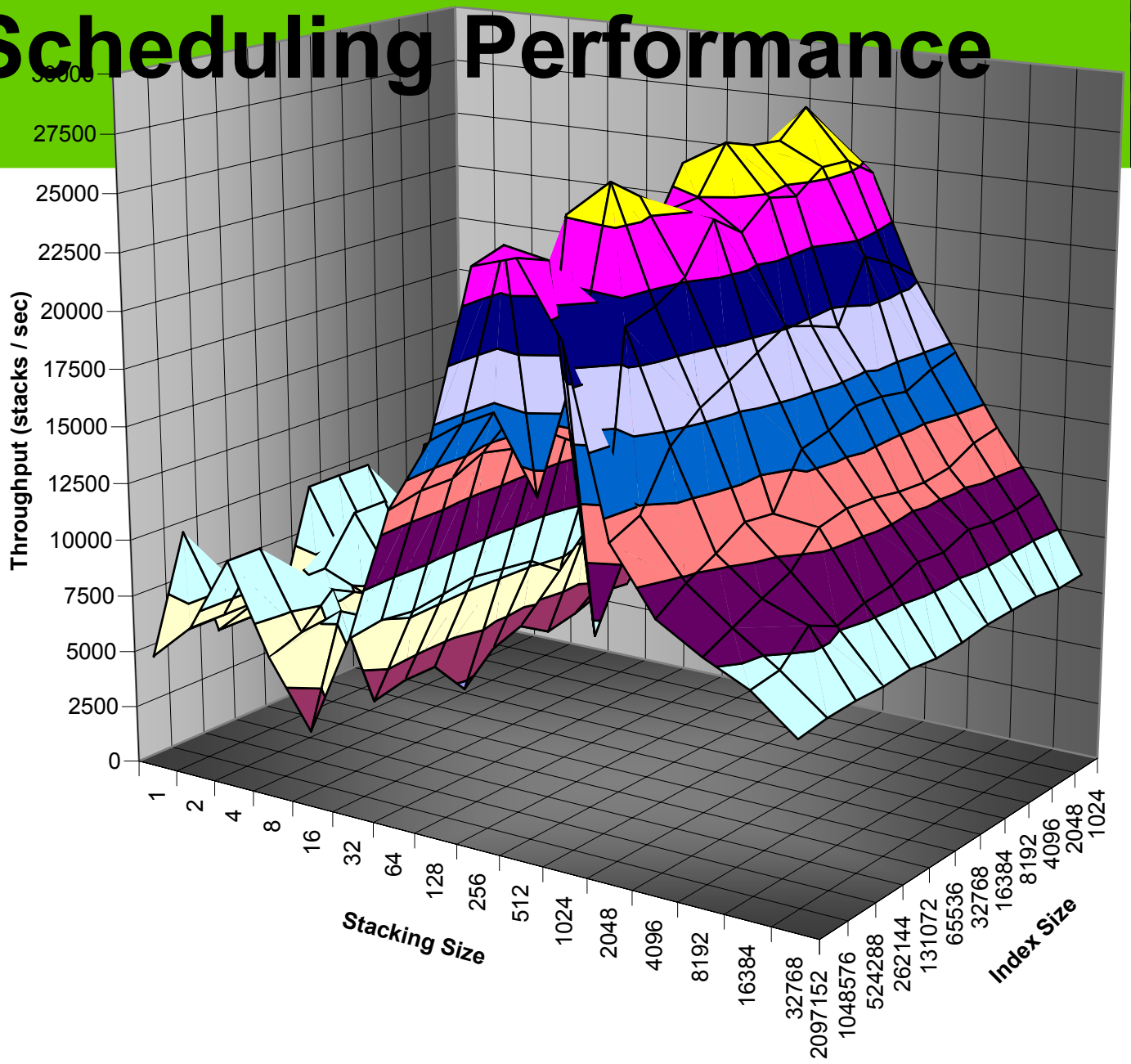

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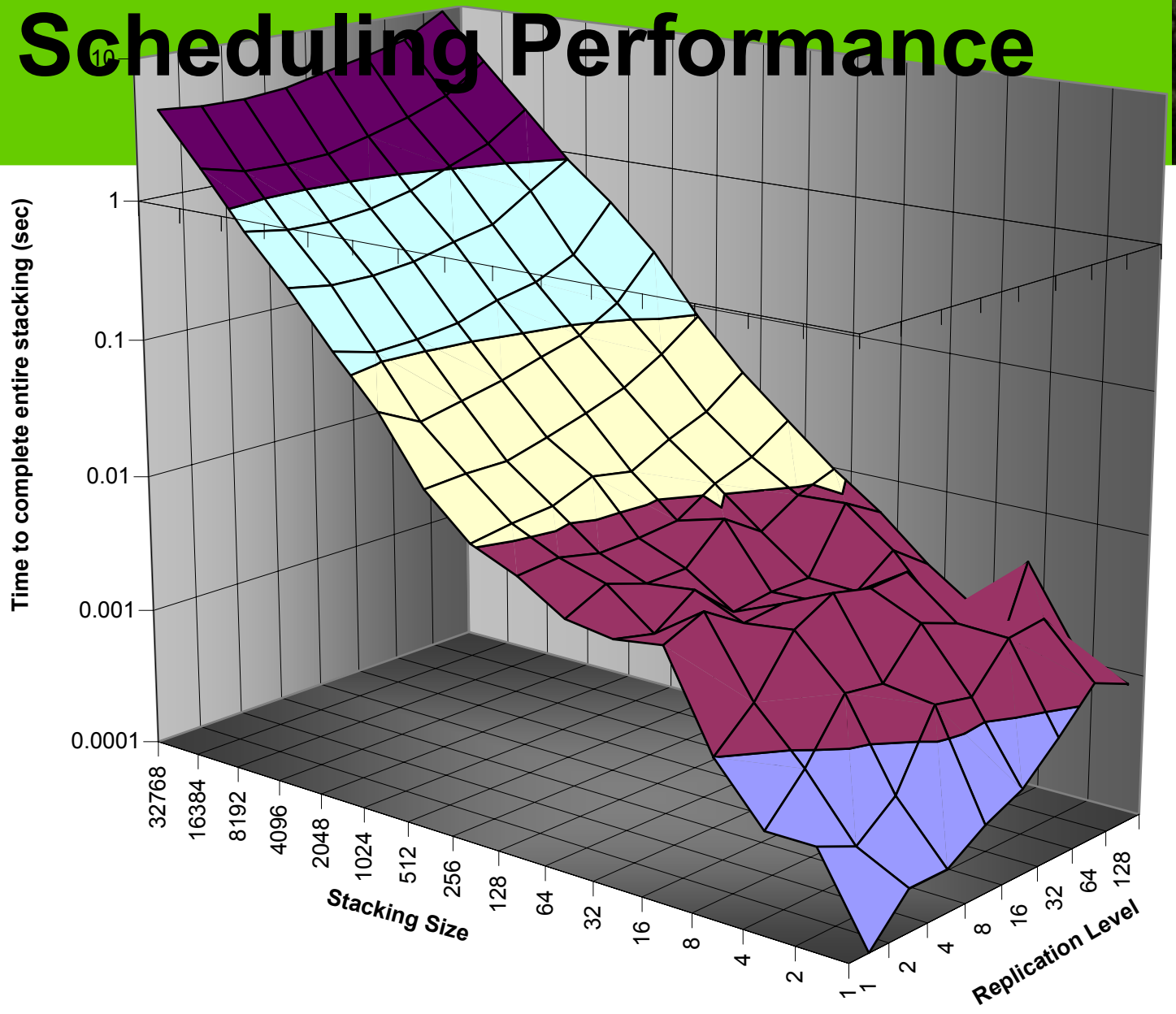

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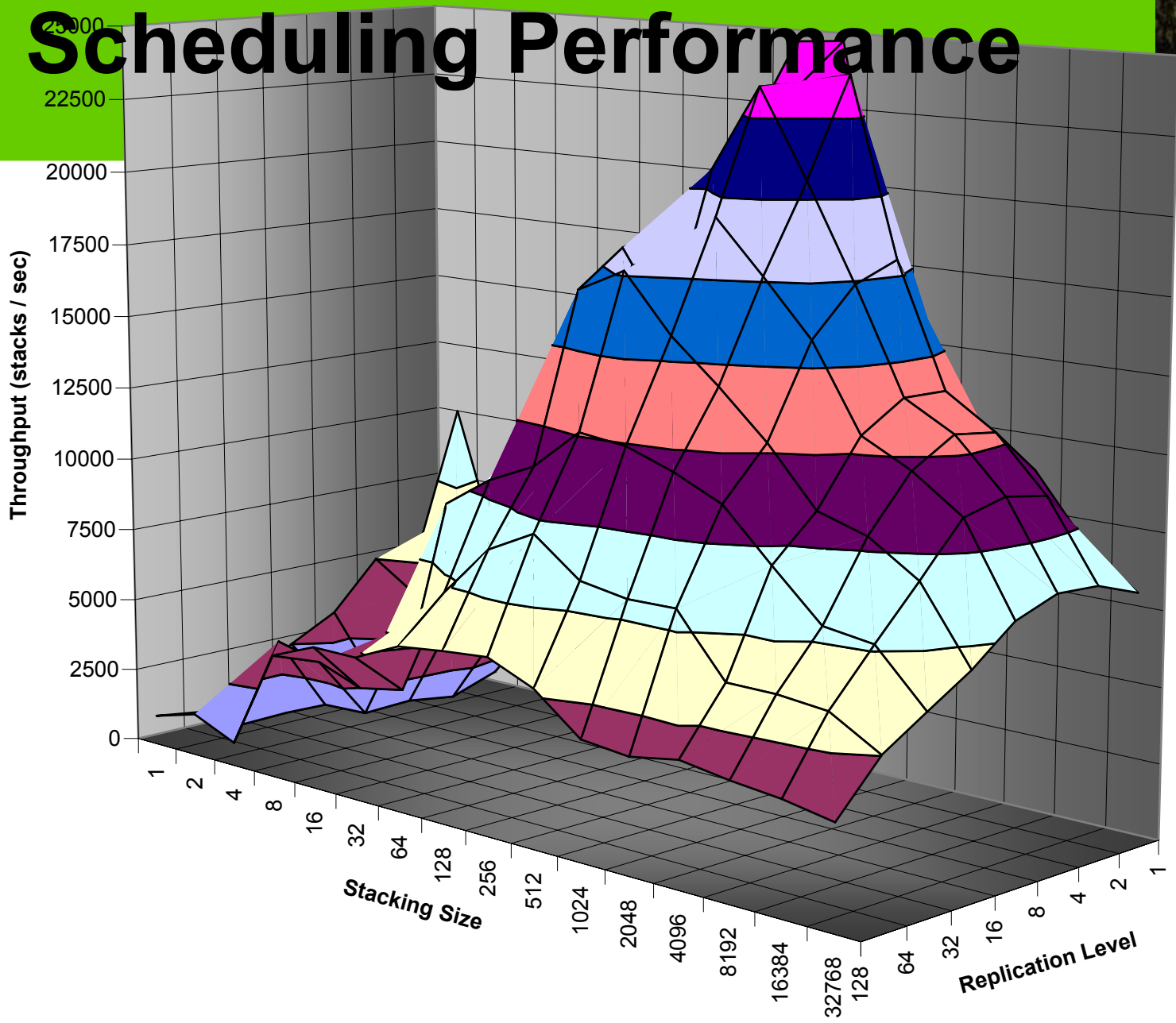

Data Management & Scheduling Performance Conclusions

- Stacking size: less than 32K (although another order of magnitude probably won't pose any performance risks)
- Resource pool size: less than 1000 resources might offer decent performance if there is the replication level remains low, but for higher orders of replication, less than 100 resources are recommended
- Index Size: 2M~10M depending on the level of replication using a 1.5GB Java heap; larger index sizes could be supported linearly without sacrificing performance by increasing the Java heap size (needing more physical memory and possibly a 64 bit JVM environment)
- Replication Level: less than 128 replicas (although more could be supported as long as the dataset size remains relatively fixed)
- Resource Capacity: 100GB of local storage per resource (this could be increased, but its unclear what the performance effects would be)

Other Applicable Domains: Medical Field

- Medium to large medical datasets are hard to acquire
  - Typical medium size data set (of CT images)
    - 1000 patient case studies
      - 100K images (1000 cases x 100 images)
        - » 1M+ objects (i.e. organs, tissues, abnormalities, etc…)
        - » 0.4TB+ raw images (4MB x 100K)
    - 10K+ potential users from 1K+ of different institutions (research labs, hospitals, etc…)
- Applications:
  - Making datasets available to trusted parties
  - Allowing image processing algorithms to be dynamically applied
  - Normal tissue classification in CT images
  - Lung cancer image databases

Other Applications

- Large datasets
  - Must be organized/partitioned into files to utilize current data management system (i.e. datasets composed of many images with each image in a separate file is a natural fit)
- Easy parallelization of analysis code

Questions?

- More information: http://people.cs.uchicago.edu/~iraicu/research/
- Related materials and further readings:
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