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DiPerF: automated Distributed PERformance testing Framework

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Introduction



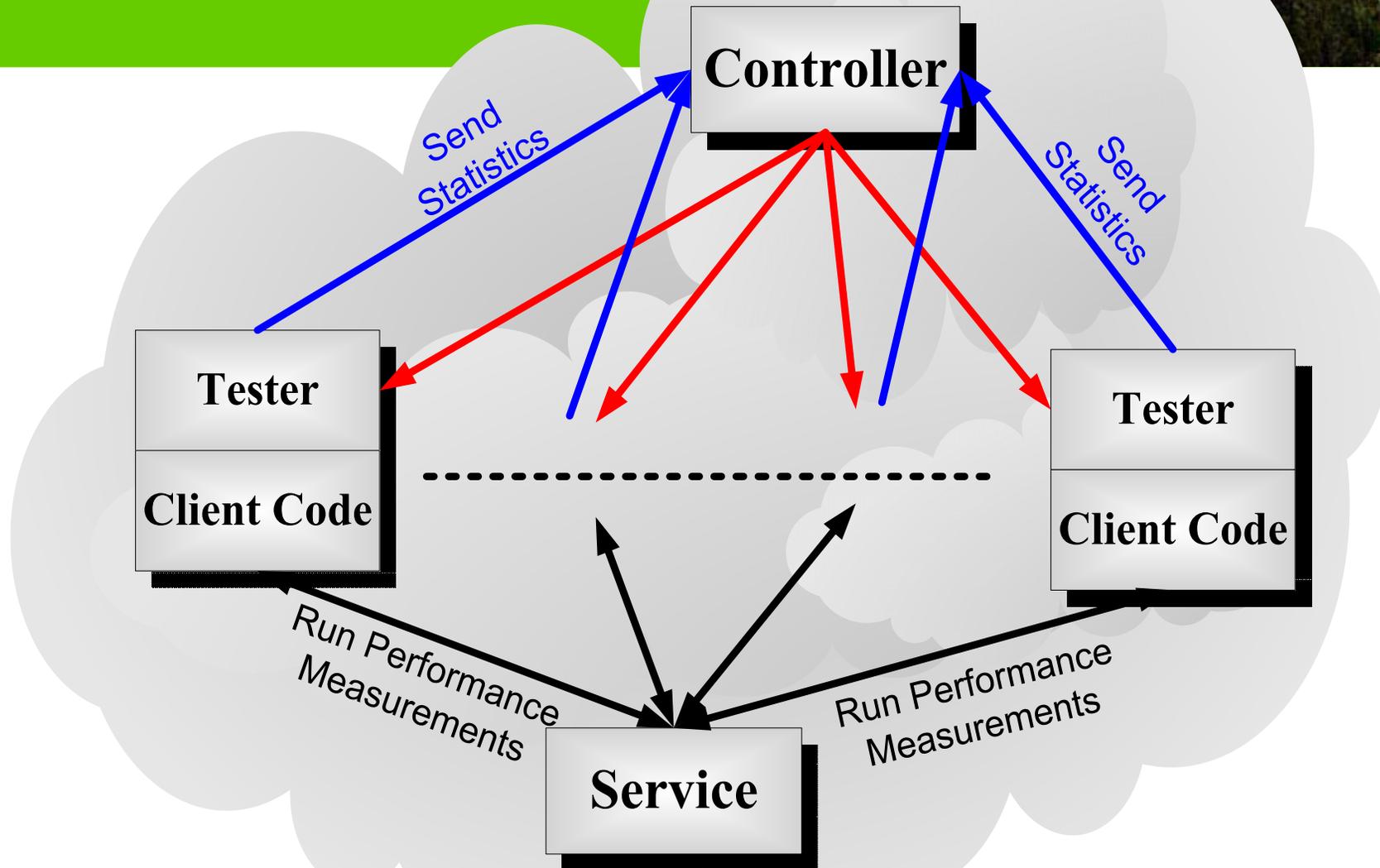
- Goals
 - Simplify and automate distributed performance testing
 - grid services
 - web services
 - network services
 - Define a comprehensive list of performance metrics
 - Produce accurate client and server views of service performance
 - Create analytical models of service performance
- Framework implementation
 - Grid3
 - PlanetLab
 - NFS style cluster (UChicago CS Cluster)

Framework

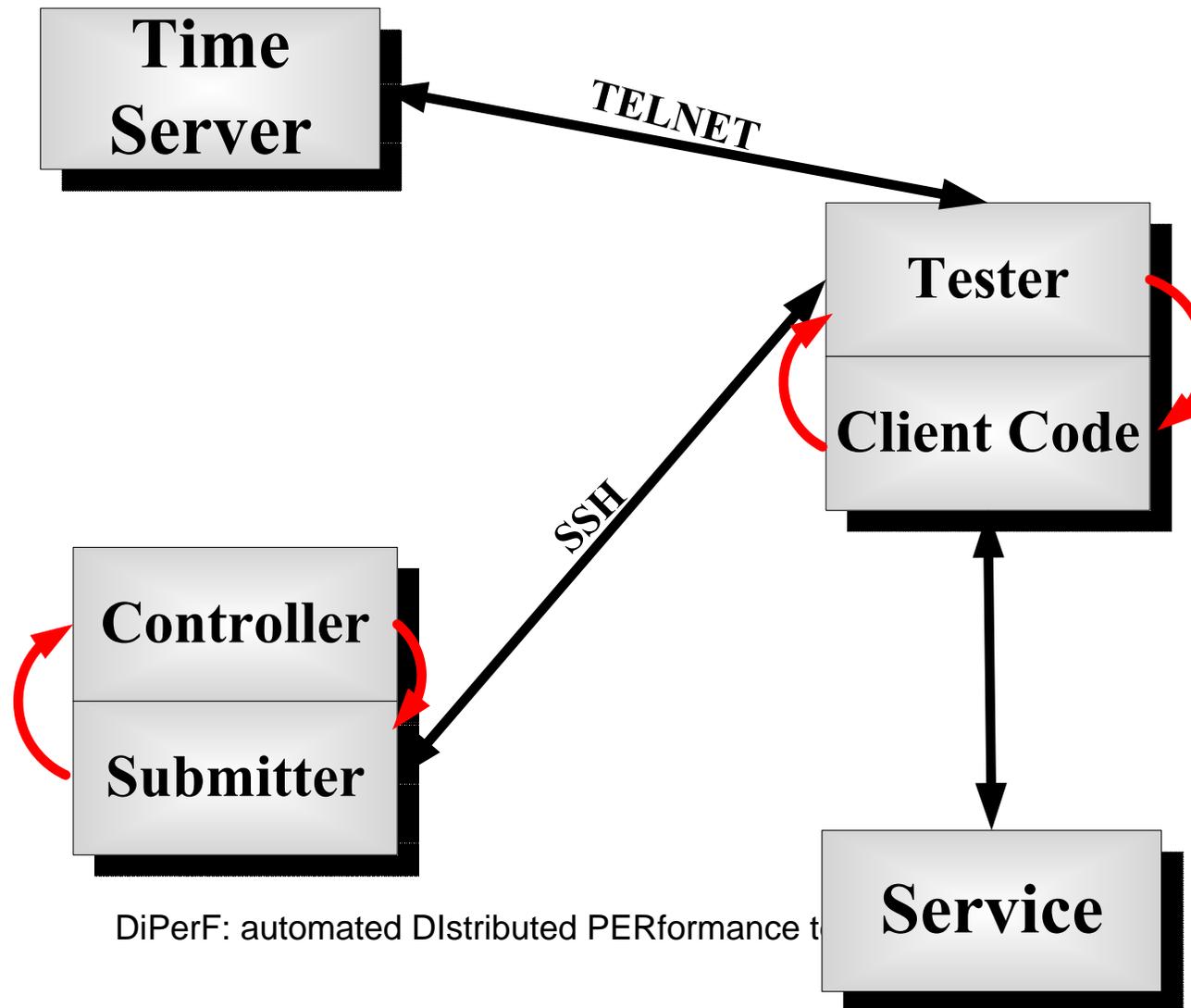


- Coordinates a distributed pool of machines
 - This paper used 100+ clients
 - Scalability goals: 1000+ clients
- Controller
 - Receives the address of the service and a client code
 - Distributes the client code across all machines in the pool
 - Gathers, aggregates, and summarizes performance statistics
- Tester
 - Receives client code
 - Runs the code and produce performance statistics
 - Sends back to “controller” statistic report

Architecture Overview



Communication Overview

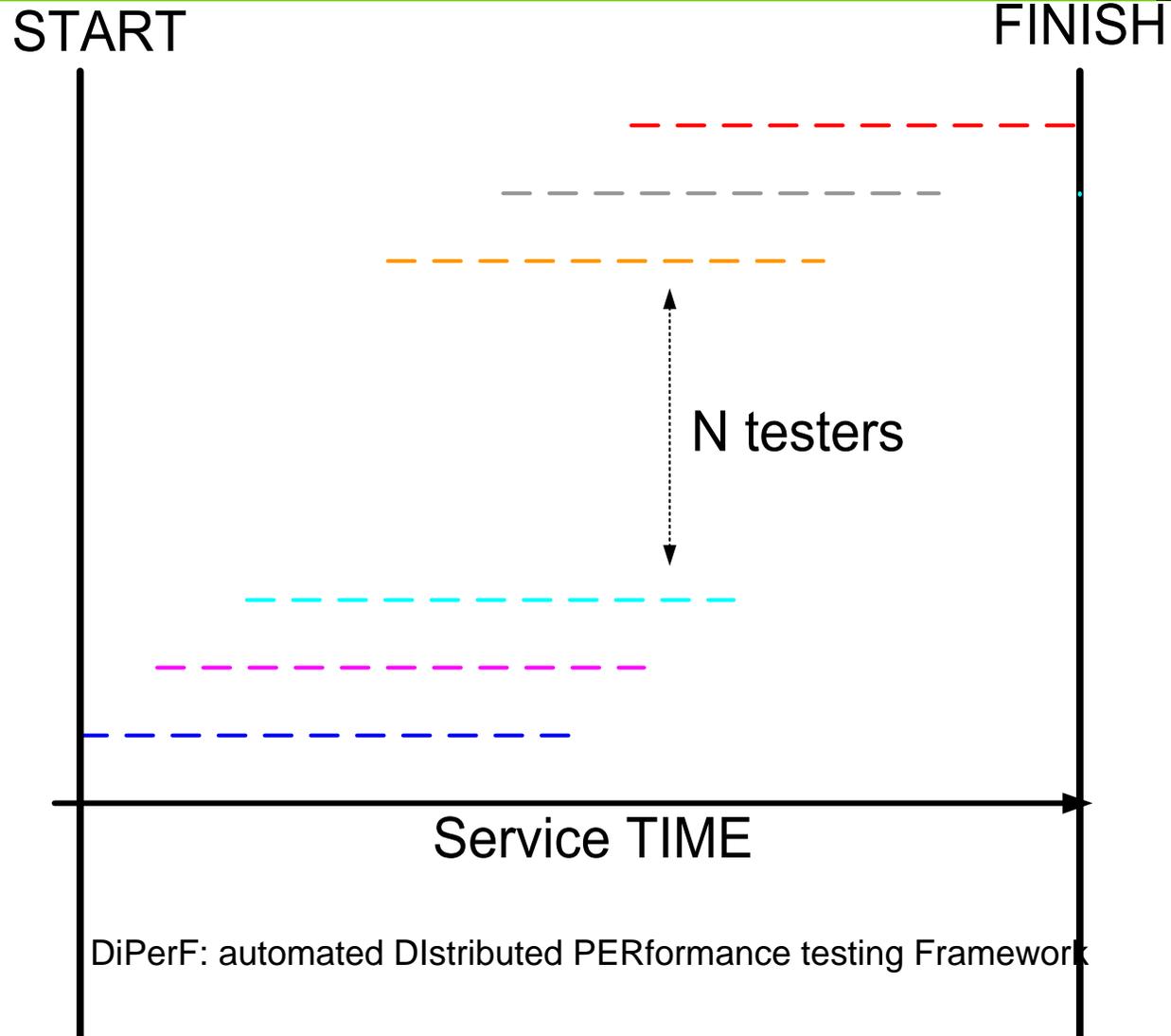


Time Synchronization



- Time synchronization needed at the testers for data aggregation at controller?
 - Distributed approach:
 - Tester uses Network Time Protocol (NTP) to synchronize time
 - Centralized approach:
 - Controller uses time translation to synchronize time
 - Could introduce some time synchronization inaccuracies due to non-symmetrical network links and the RTT variance

Metric Aggregation



Performance Metrics

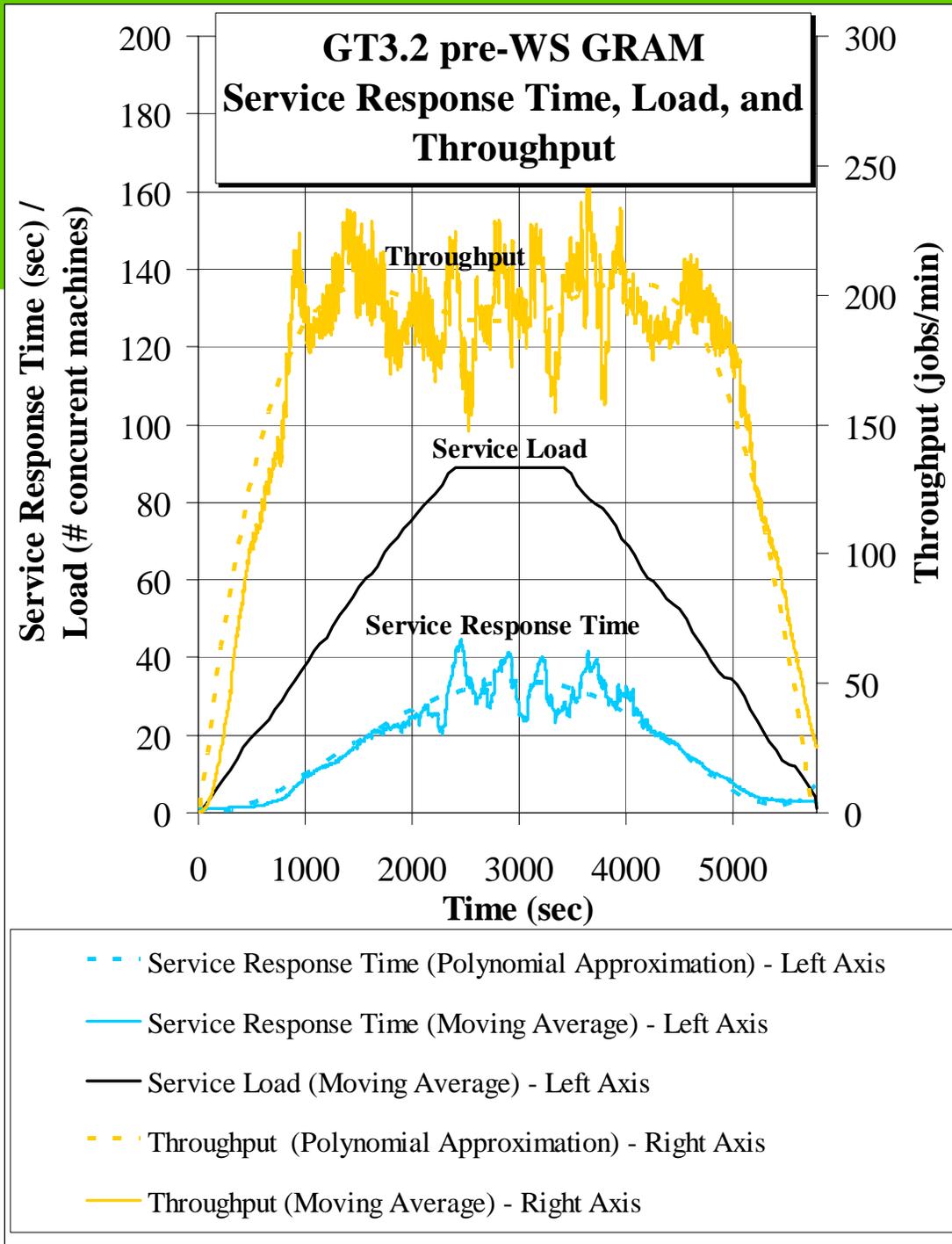


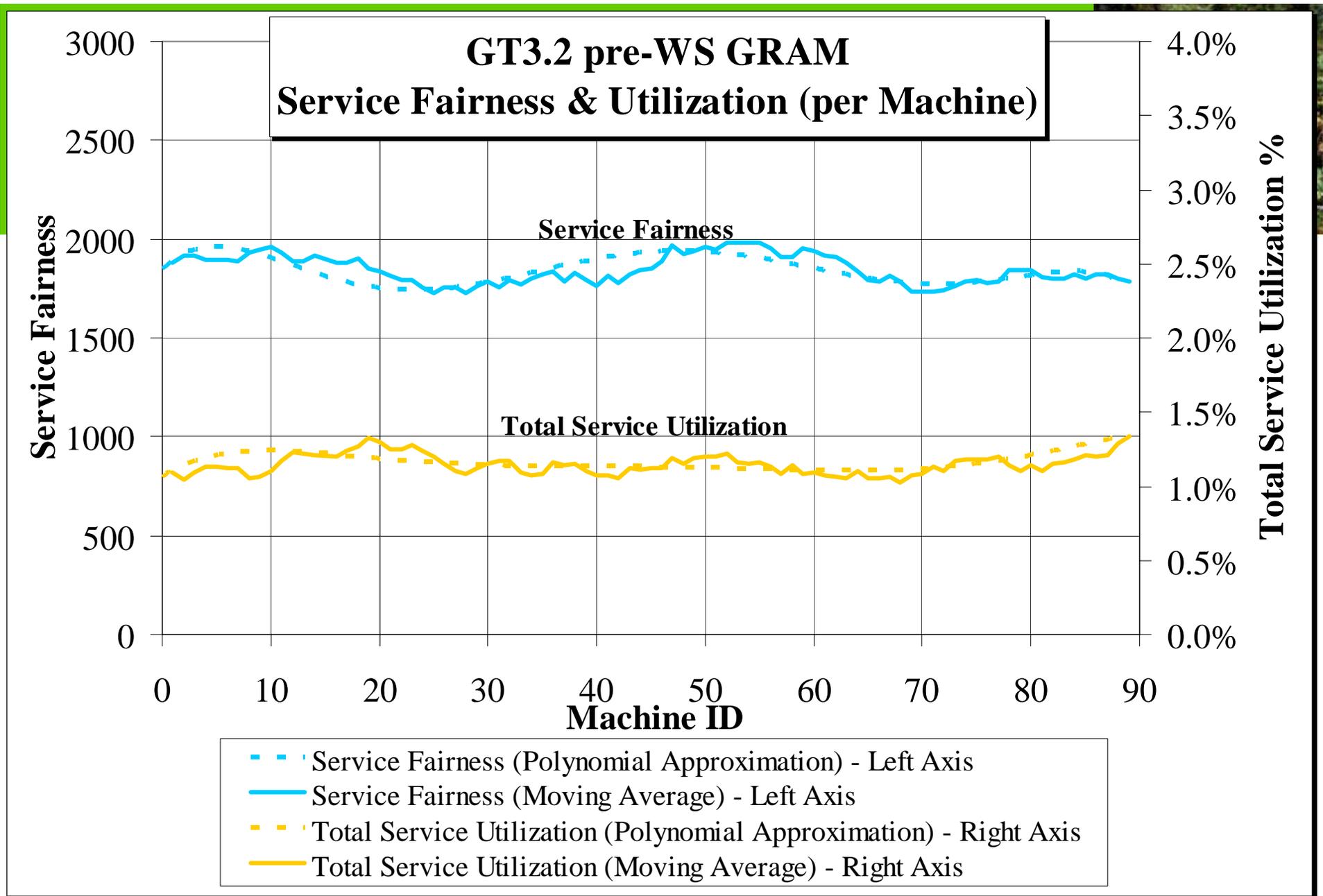
- **service response time:**
 - the time from when a client issues a request to when the request is completed minus the network latency and minus the execution time of the client code
- **service throughput:**
 - number of jobs completed successfully by the service averaged over a short time interval
- **offered load:**
 - number of concurrent service requests (per second)
- **service utilization (per client):**
 - ratio between the number of requests served for a client and the total number of requests served by the service during the time the client was active
- **service fairness (per client):**
 - ratio between the number of jobs completed and service utilization
- **network latency to the service:**
 - time taken for a minimum sized packet to traverse the network from the client to the service
- **time synchronization error:**
 - real time difference between client and service measured as a function of network latency variance
- **client measured metrics:**
 - Any performance metric that the client measures and communicates with the tester

Services Tested



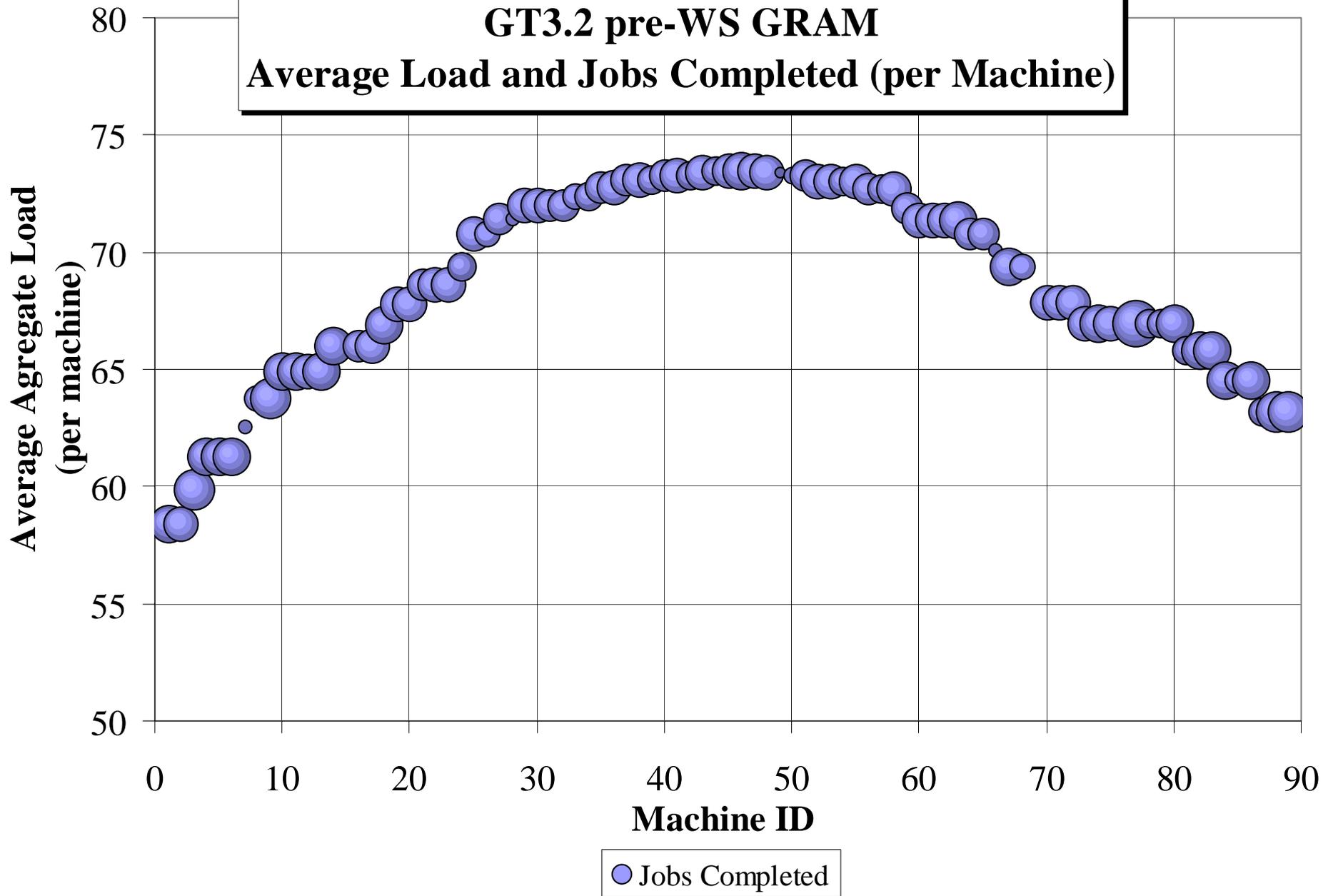
- GT3.2 pre-WS GRAM
 - job submission via Globus Gatekeeper 2.4.3 using Globus Toolkit 3.2 (C version)
 - a gatekeeper listens for job requests on a specific machine
 - performs mutual authentication by confirming the user's identity, and proving its identity to the user
 - starts a job manager process as the local user corresponding to authenticated remote user
 - the job manager invokes the appropriate local site resource manager for job execution and maintains a HTTPS channel for information exchange with the remote user
- GT3.2 WS GRAM
 - job submission using Globus Toolkit 3.2 (Java version)
 - a client submits a *createService* request which is received by the Virtual Host Environment Redirector
 - attempt to forward the *createService* call to a User Hosting Environment (UHE) where mutual authentication / authorization can take place
 - if the UHE is not created, the Launch UHE module is invoked
 - WS GRAM then creates a new Managed Job Service (MJS)
 - MJS submits the job into a back-end scheduling system

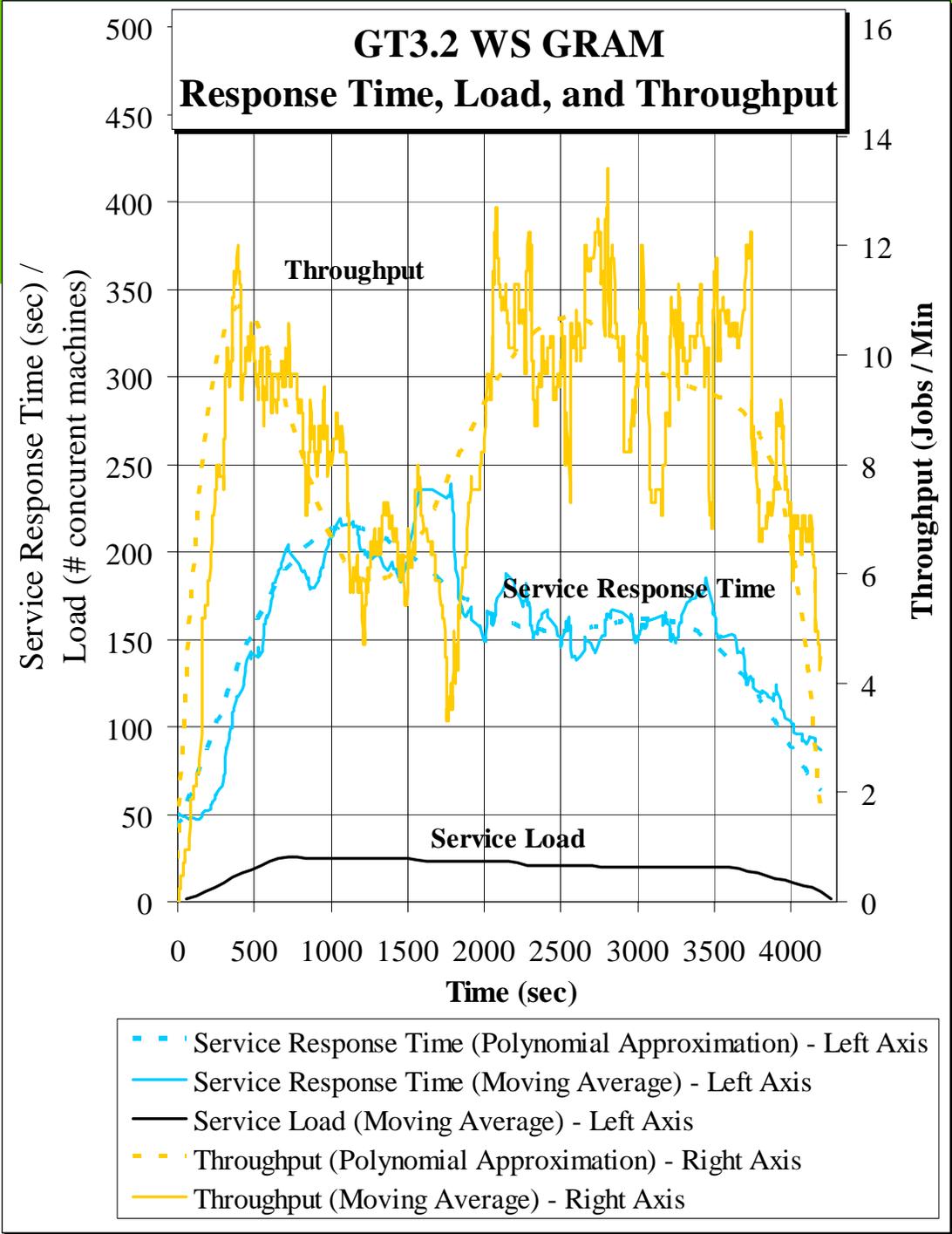


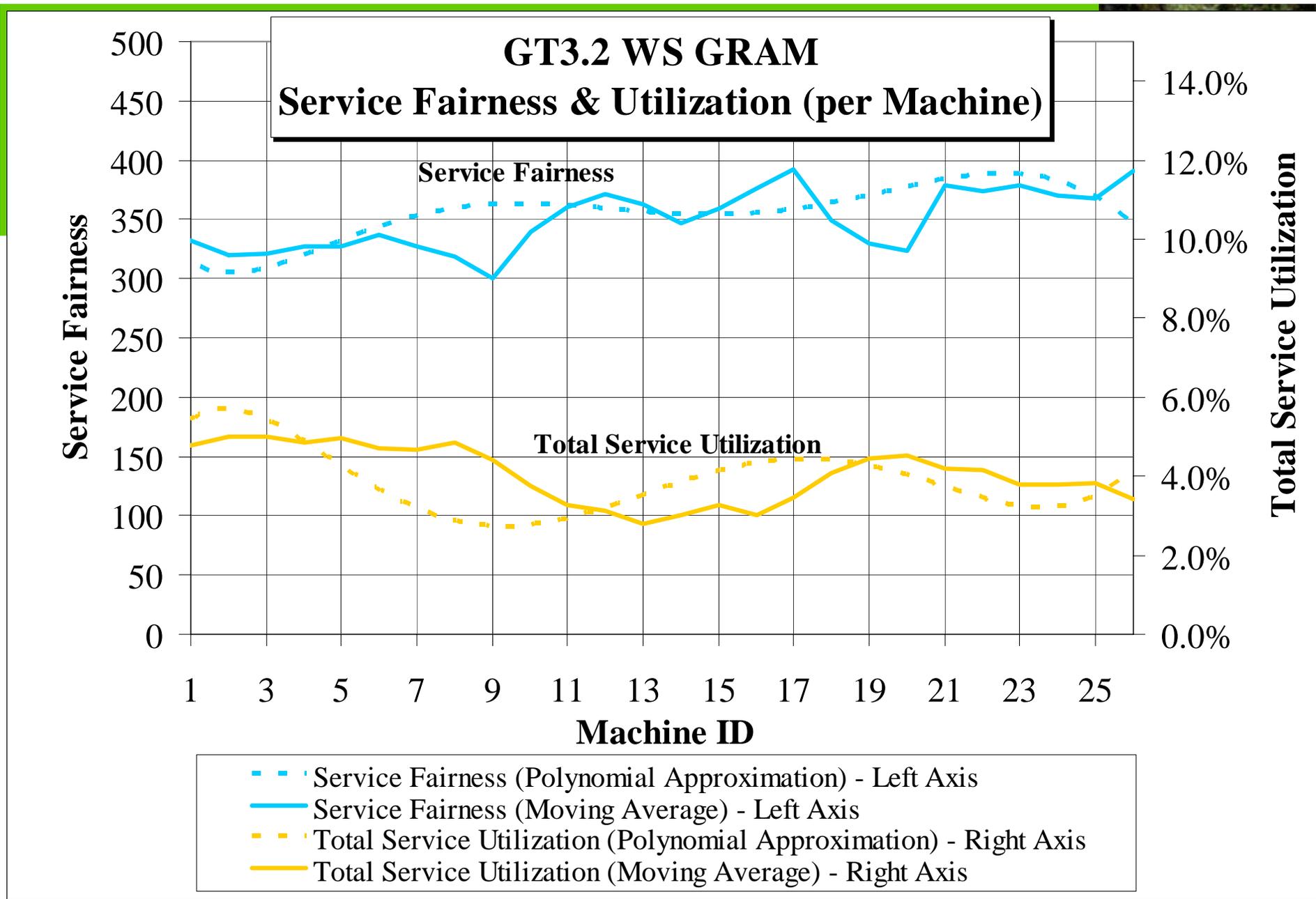


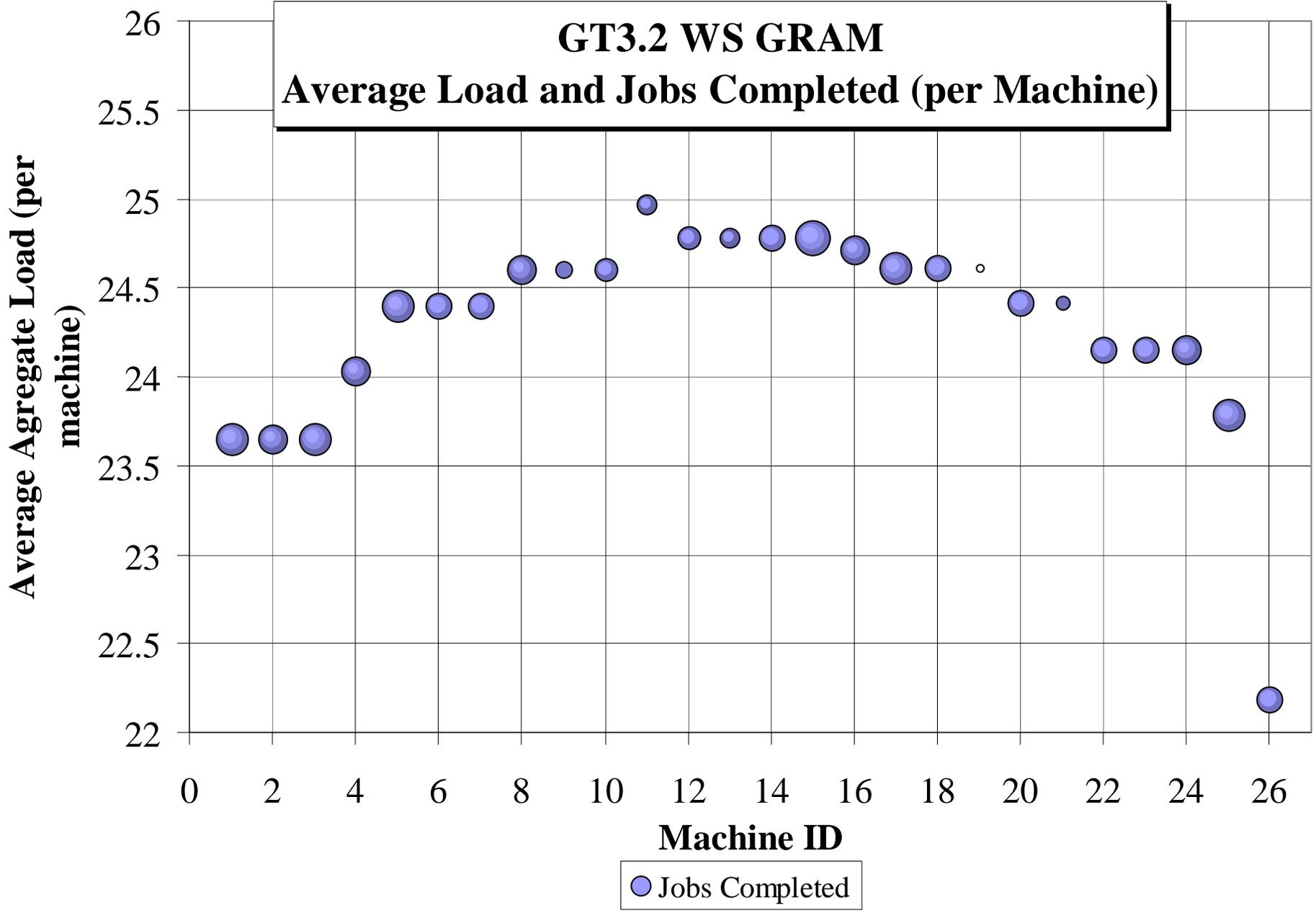
GT3.2 pre-WS GRAM

Average Load and Jobs Completed (per Machine)









Contributions



- Service capacity
- Service scalability
- Resource distribution among clients
- Accurate client views of service performance
- How network latency or geographical distribution affects client/service performance
- Allows the collection of the appropriate metrics to build analytical models

Future Work



- Test more services
 - Job submission in GT3.9/GT4
 - WS GRAM in a LAN vs. WAN
 - Perform testbed characterization
- Complete DiPerF scalability study
- Analytical Models
 - Build
 - Neural networks, decision trees, support vector machines, regression, statistical time series, wavelets, polynomial approximations, etc...
 - Validate
 - Test predictive power

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Questions?



- More info on DiPerF:
 - <http://people.cs.uchicago.edu/~iraicu/research/diperf/>
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