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

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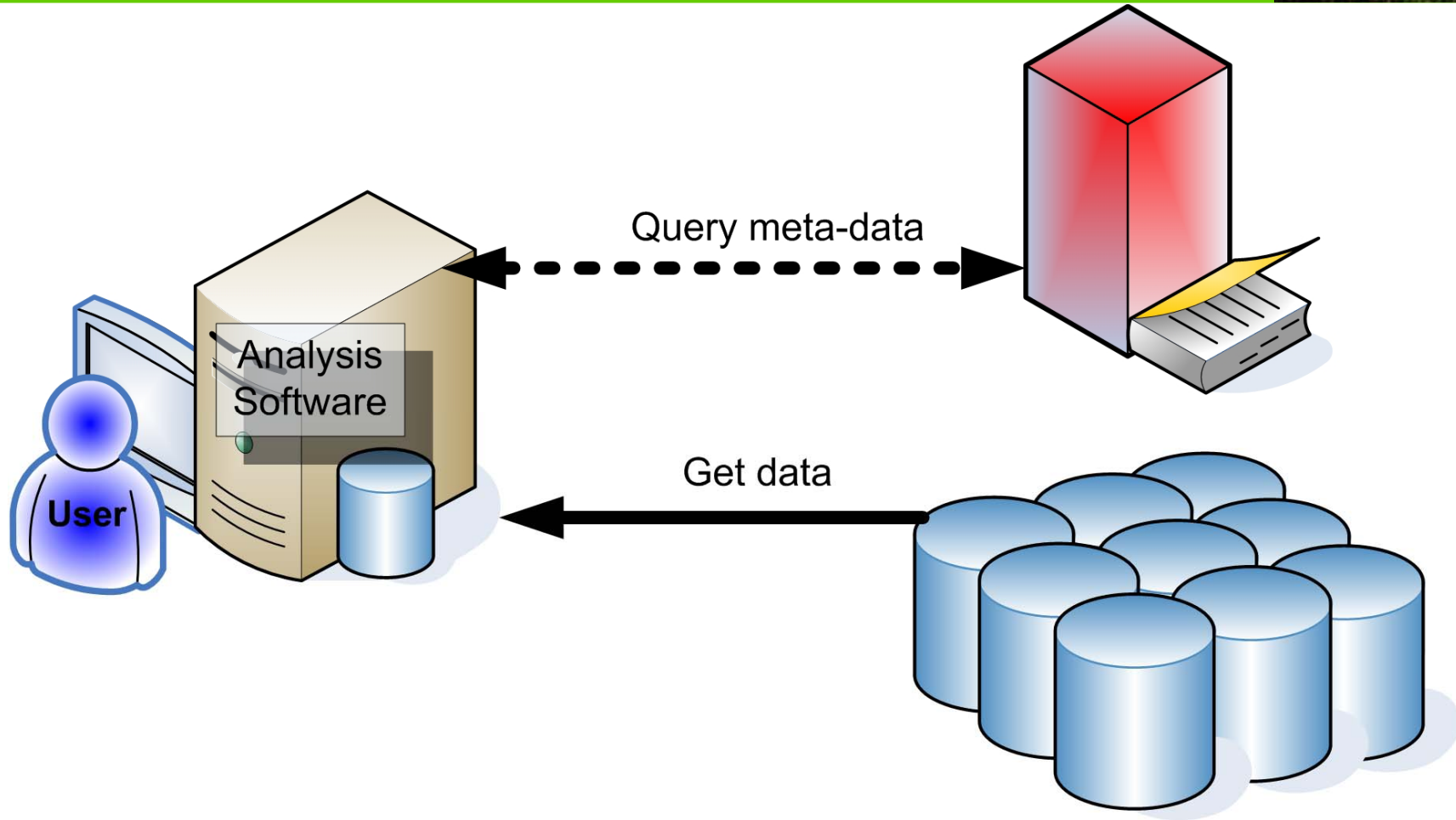
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Analysis of Datasets: Data → Computation



Dynamic & Distributed Analysis of Large Datasets



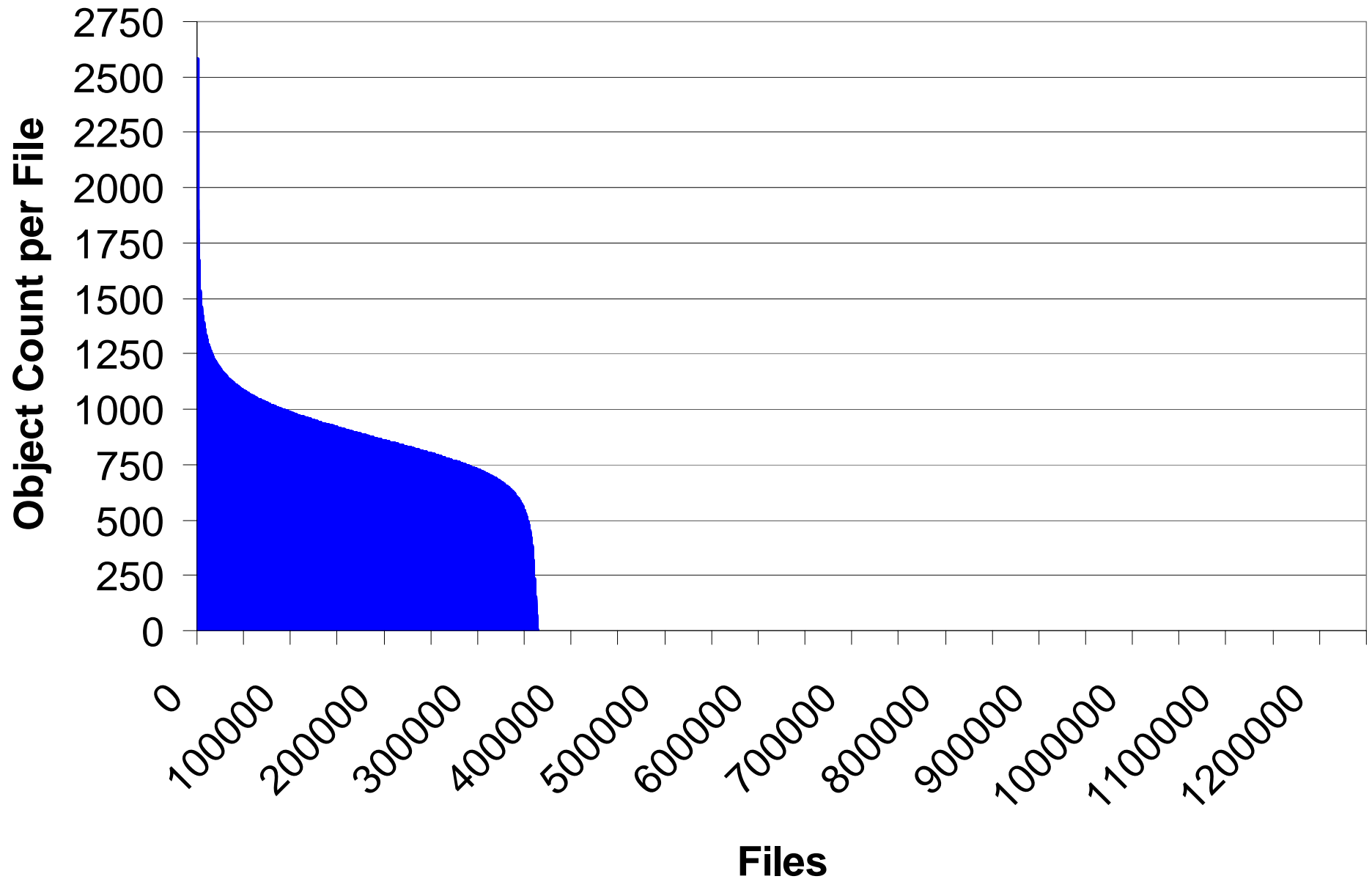
- Science Portals enable entire communities access to both compute and storage resources
 - Can enable the efficient analysis of large datasets
 - Move the computations to the data
- Potential Applications Characteristics
 - Large data sets
 - Large number of users
 - Relatively easy parallelization
- 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 SDSS DR4



AstroPortal Stacking Service - Mozilla Firefox

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AstroPortal: Stacking Service

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Stacking Description (click [here](#) for details)

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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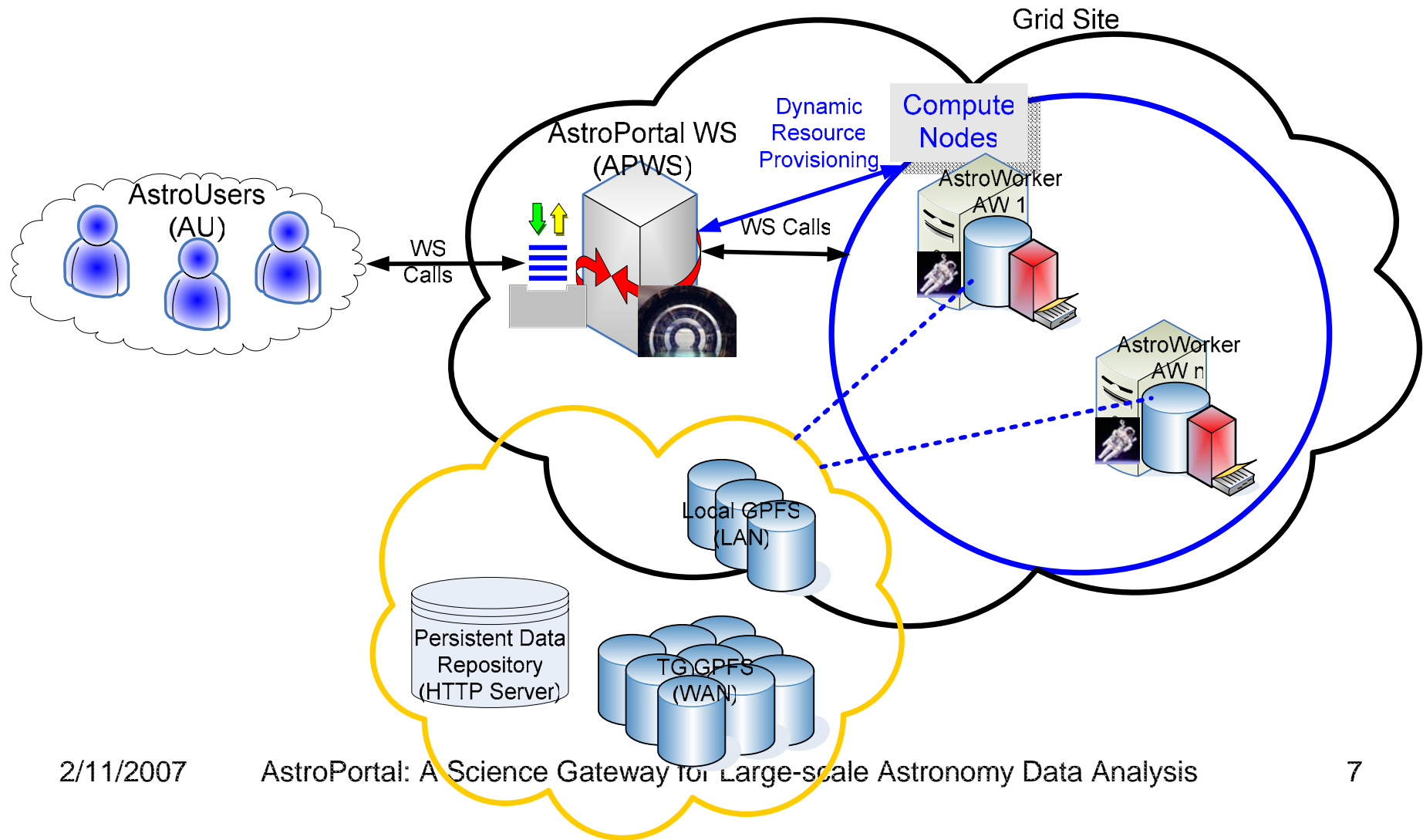
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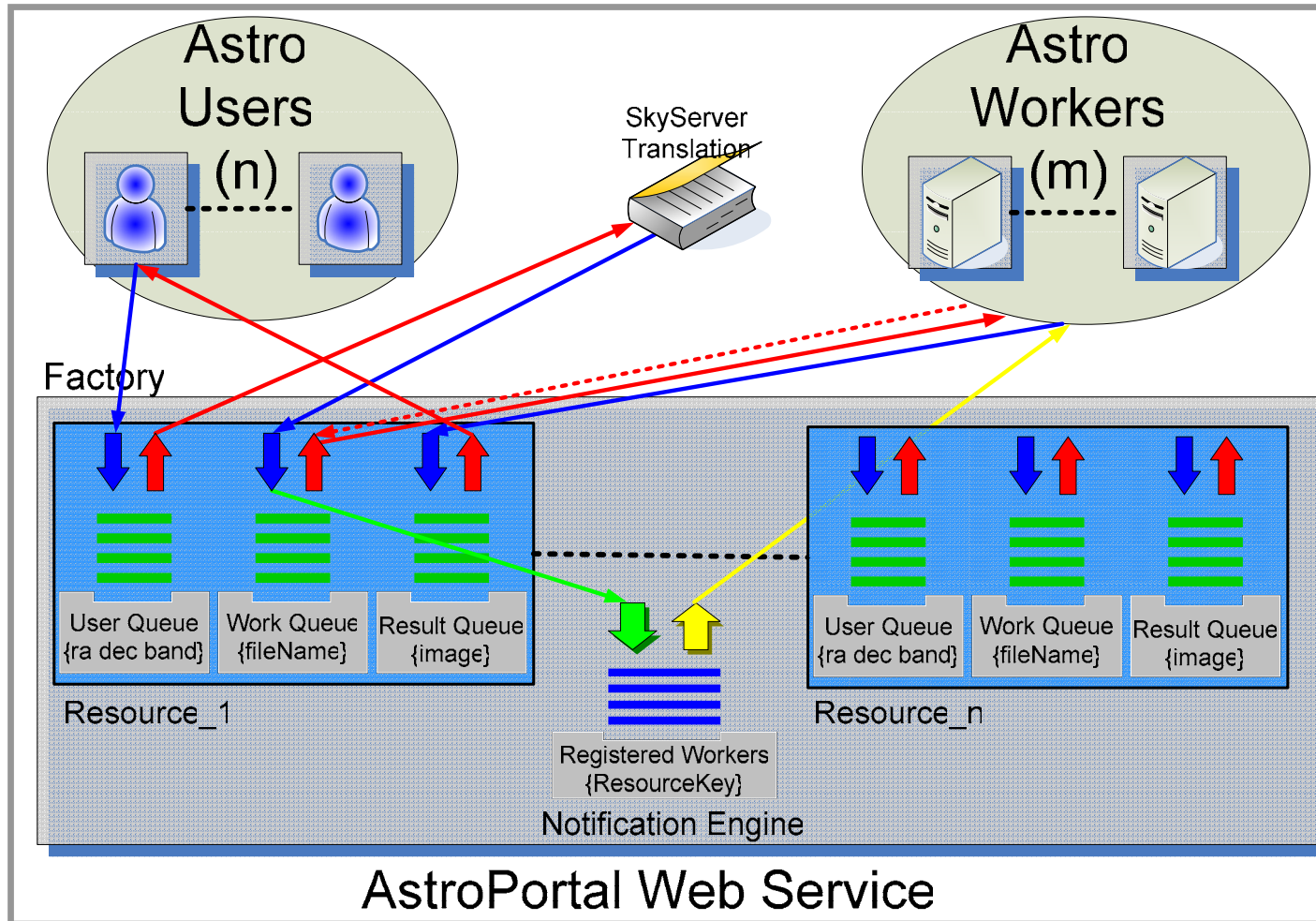
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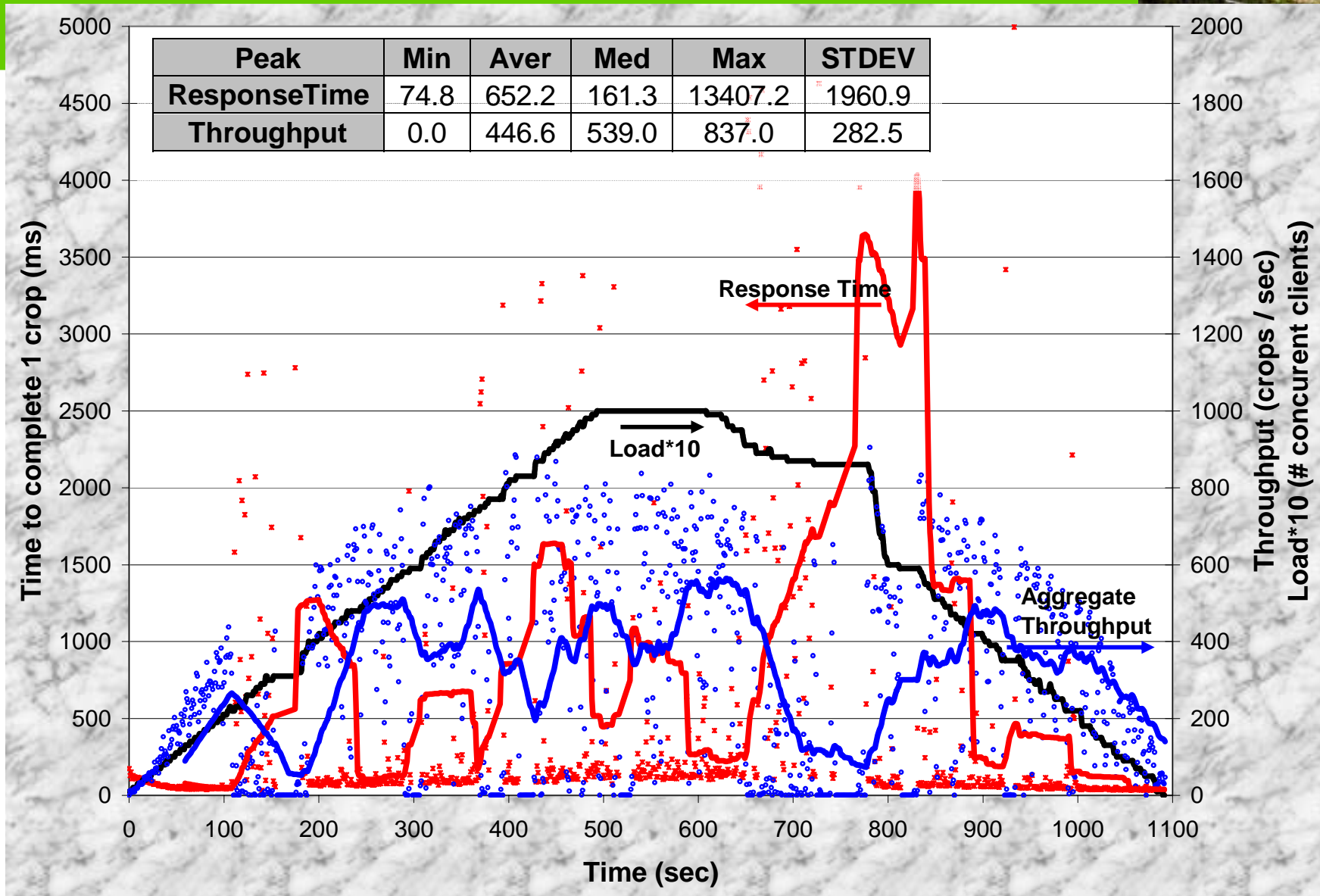
Architecture Overview



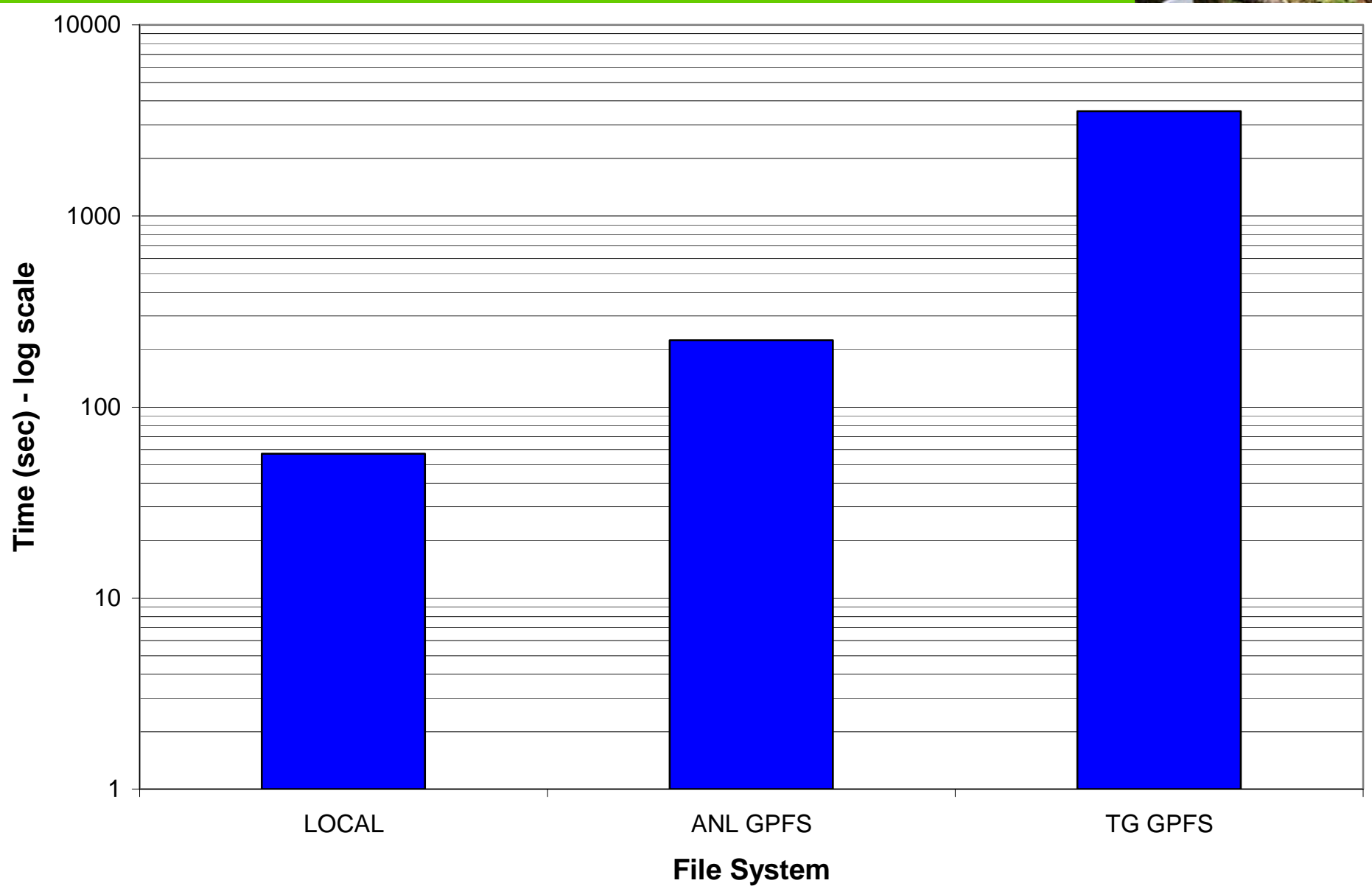
AstroPortal Web Service



Raw Cutout Performance LAN GPFS in GZ Format

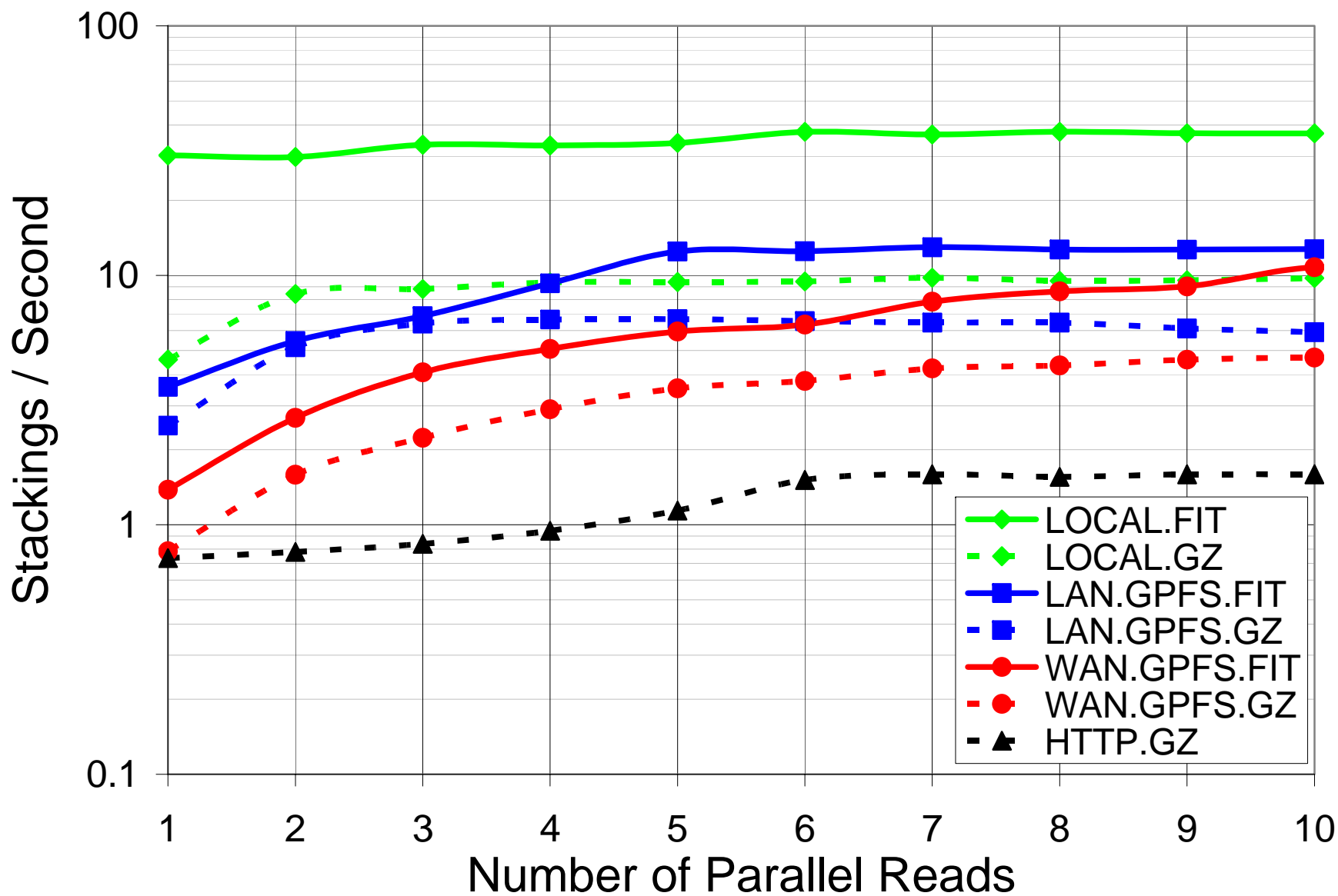


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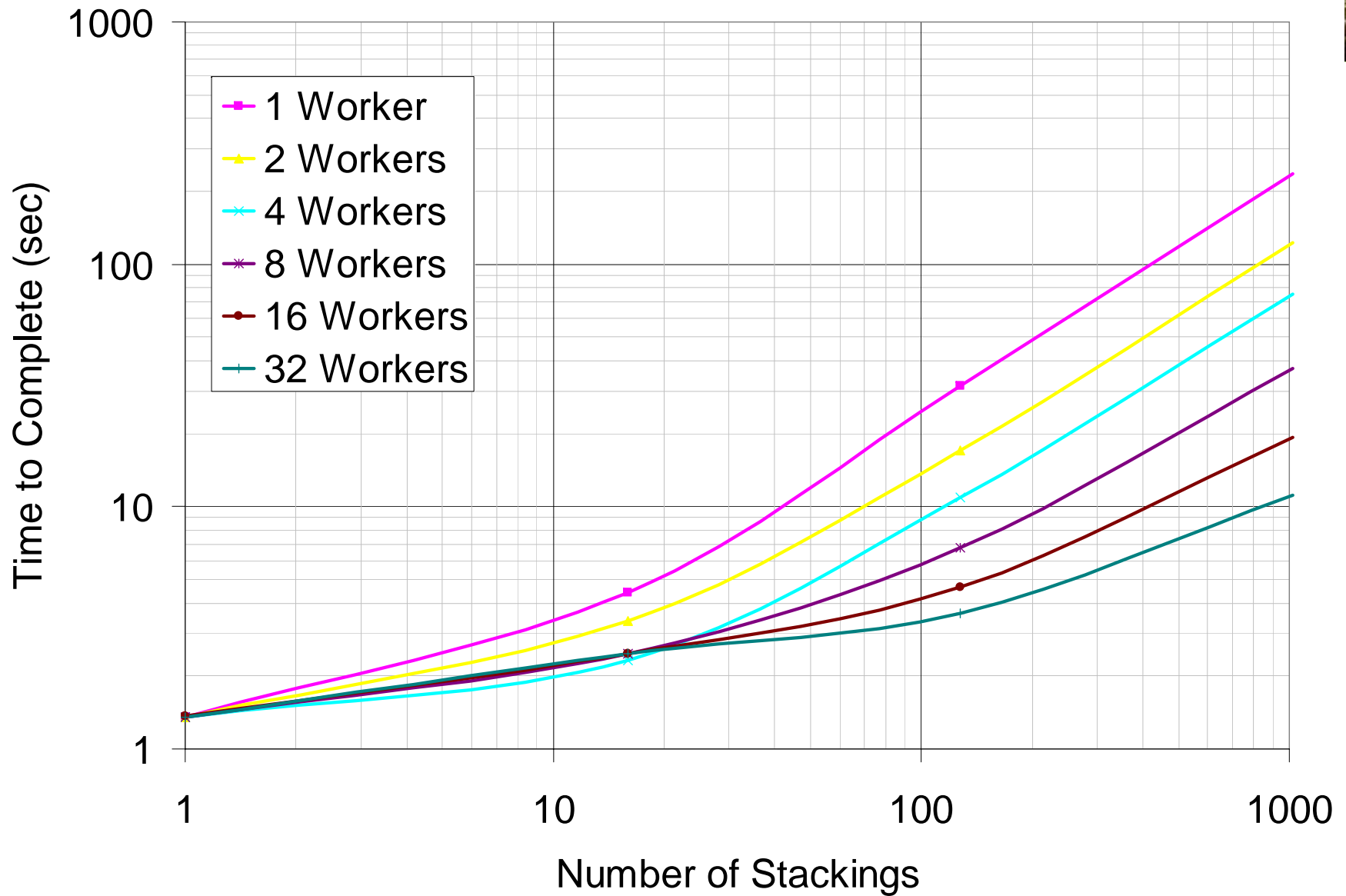


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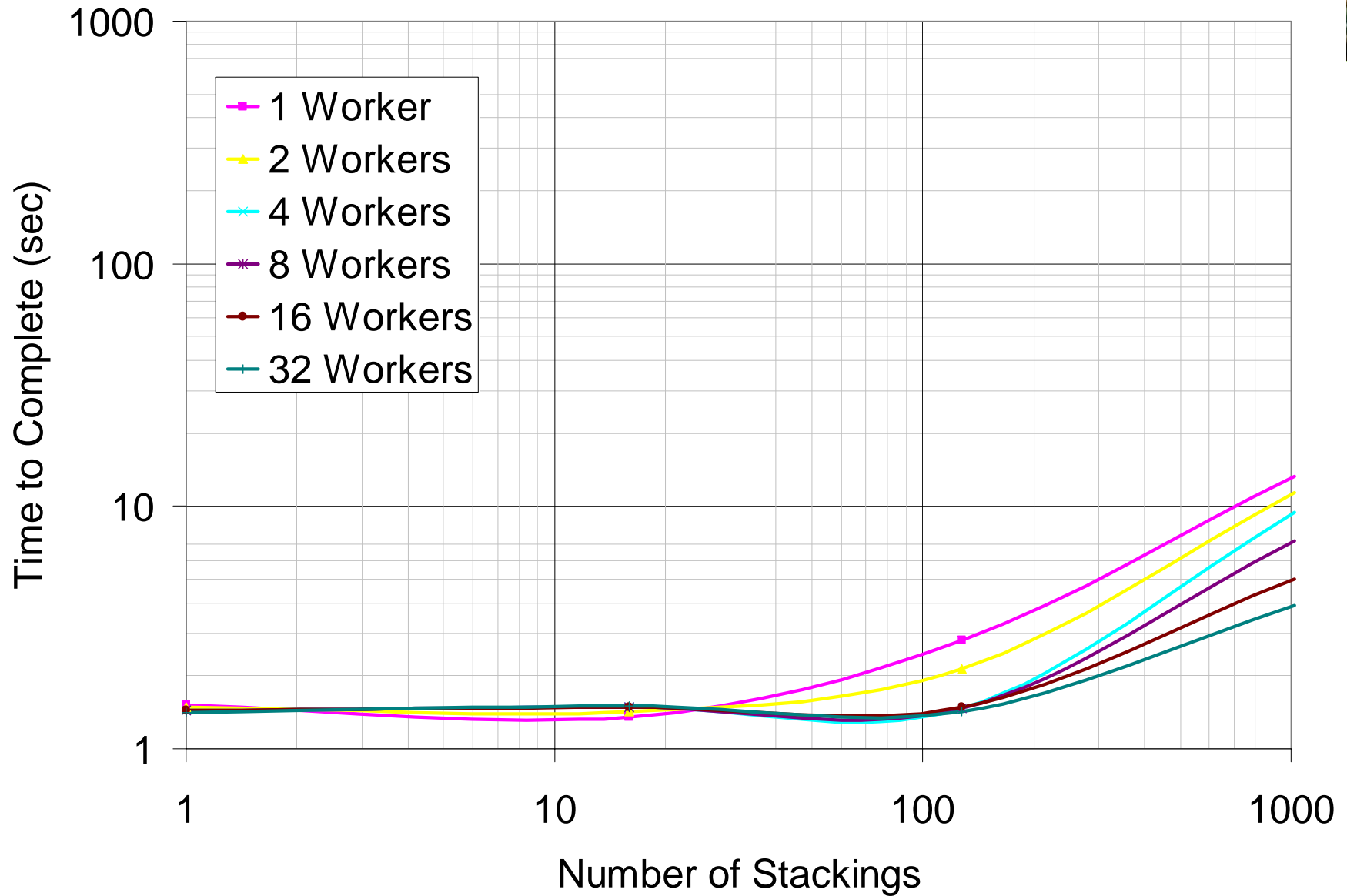
1 Worker – Multiple Threads



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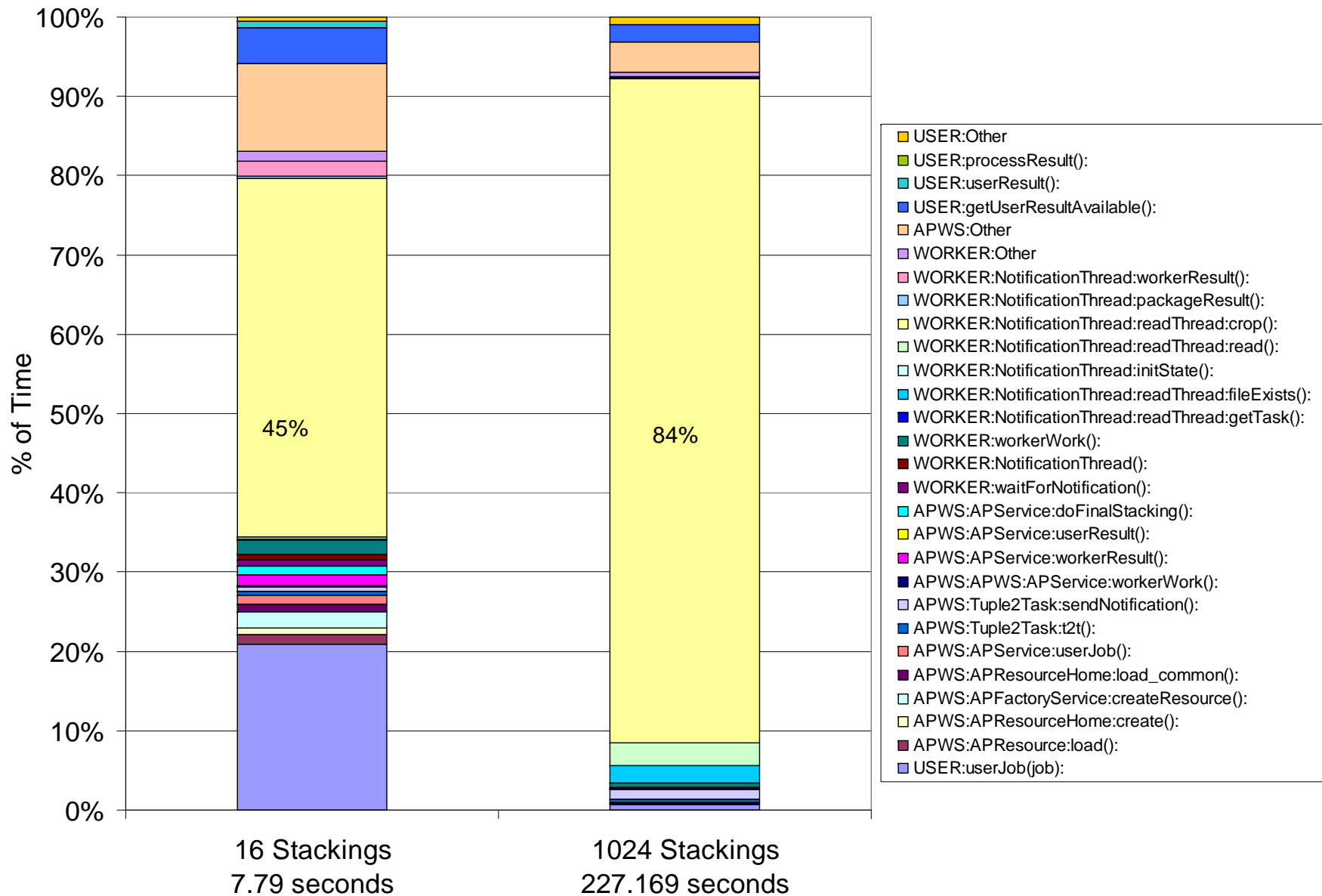


Stacking via the AstroPortal Local Disk in FIT Format



AstroPortal Stacking Profile

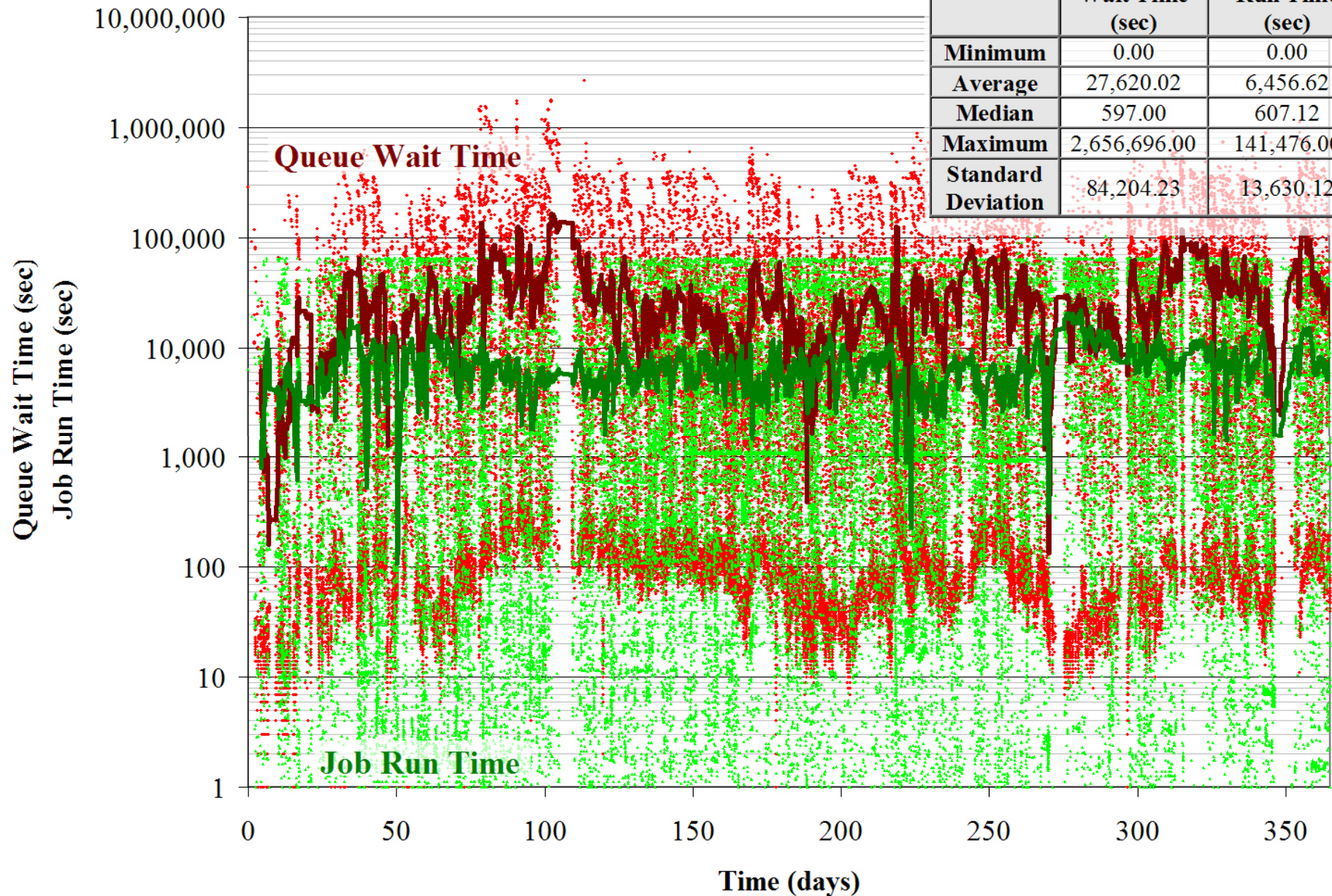
LAN GPFS in GZ Format



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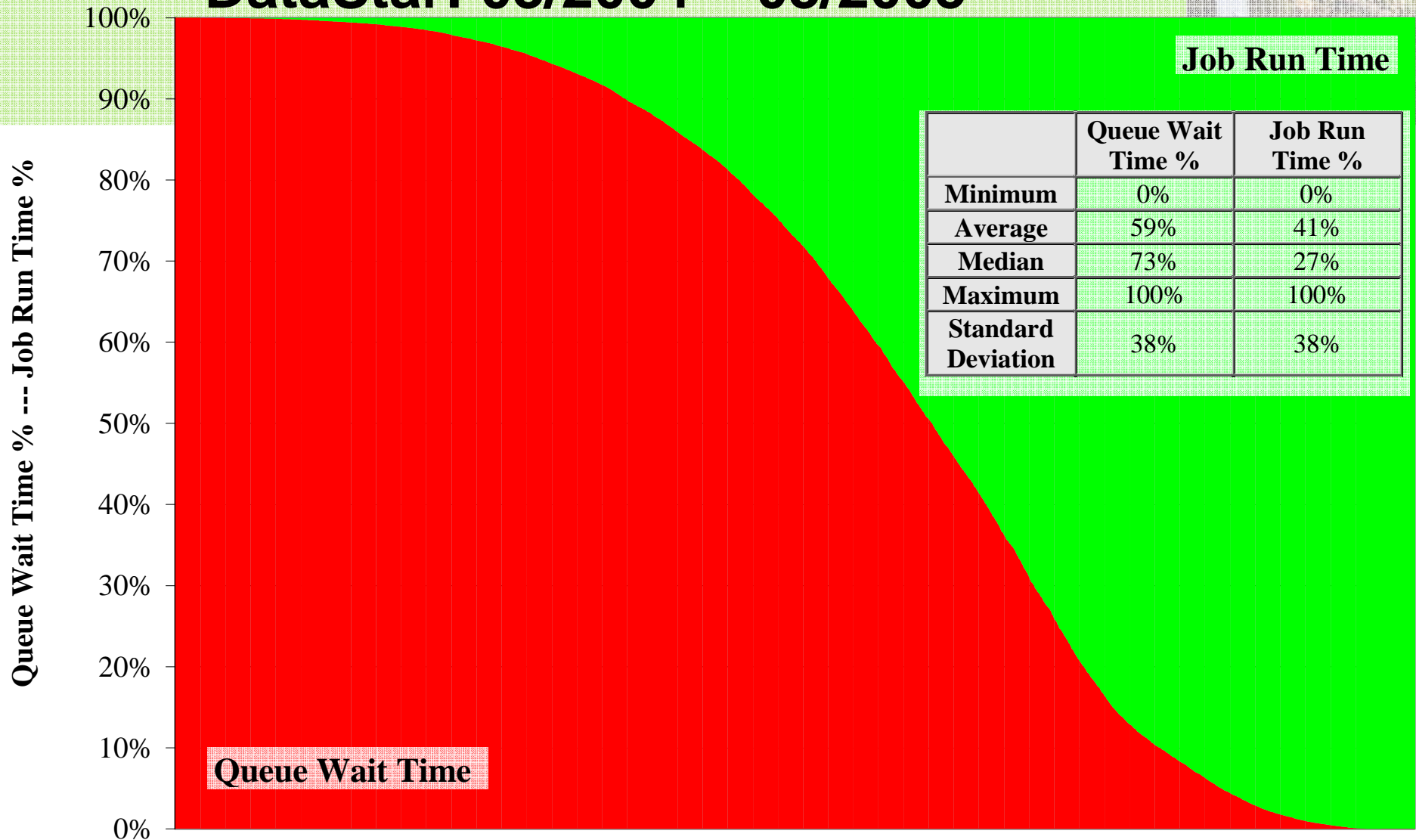
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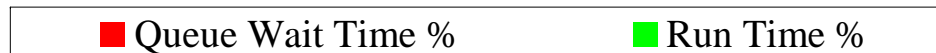
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Job Run Time



Queue Wait Time

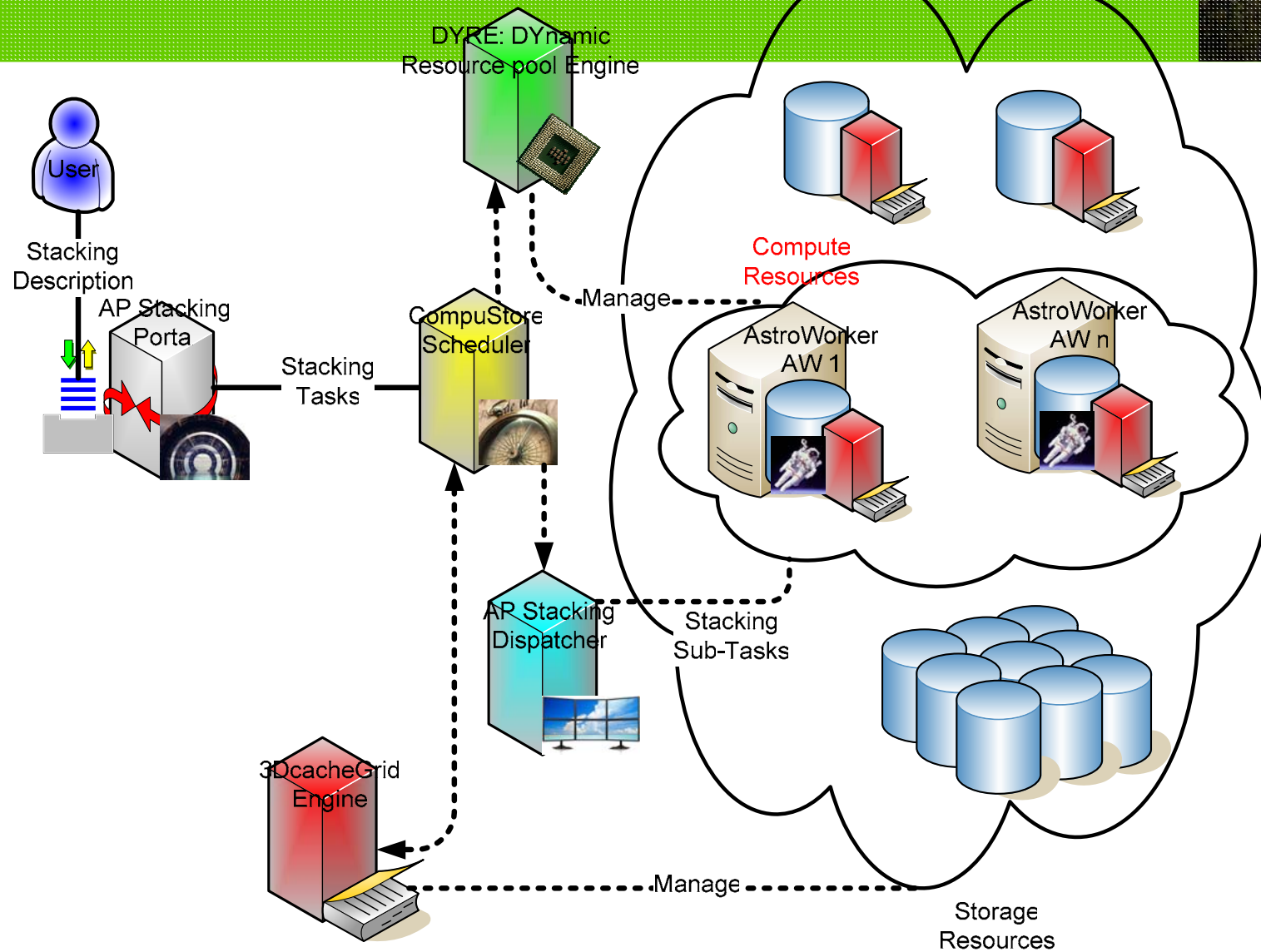


Open Research Questions



- 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 Optimizations

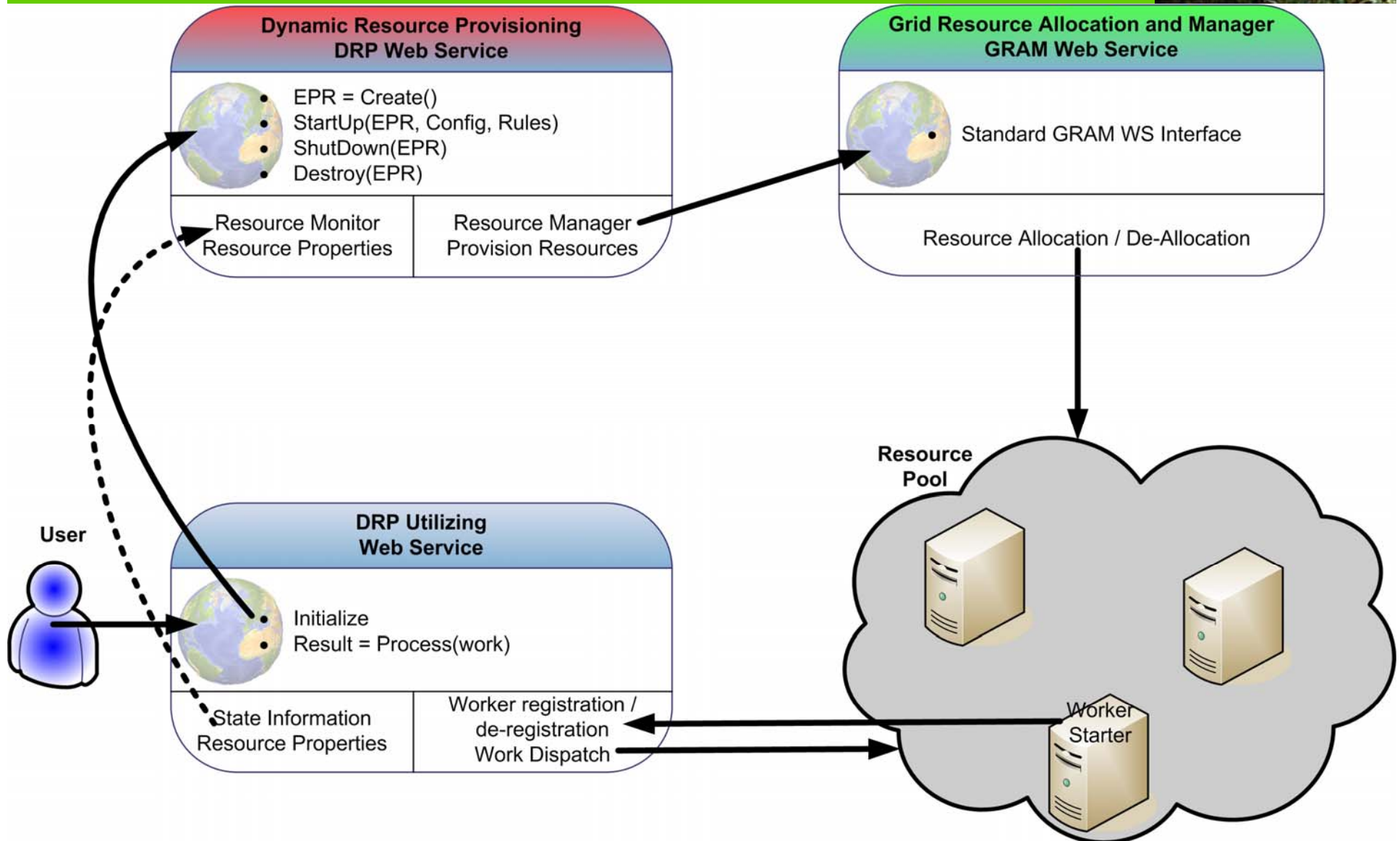


DRP: Dynamic Resource Provisioning



- 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

DRP Architecture



DRP Advantages



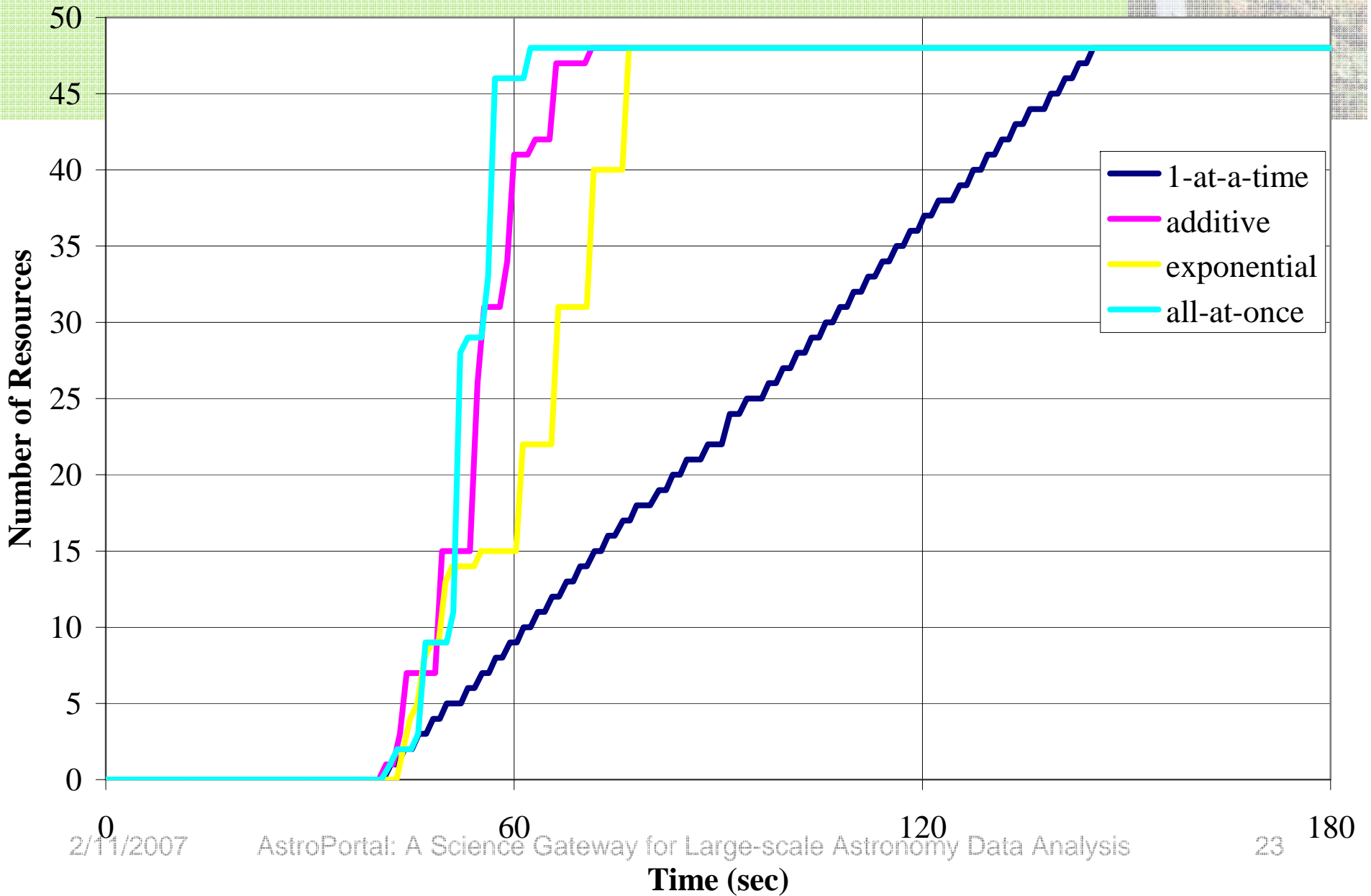
- Allows for finer grained resource management, including the control of priorities and usage policies
- Optimize for the grid user's perspective: reduces delays on per job scheduling by utilizing pre-reserved resources
- Increased resource utilization (on the surface)
- Opens the possibility to customize 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

DRP Disadvantages

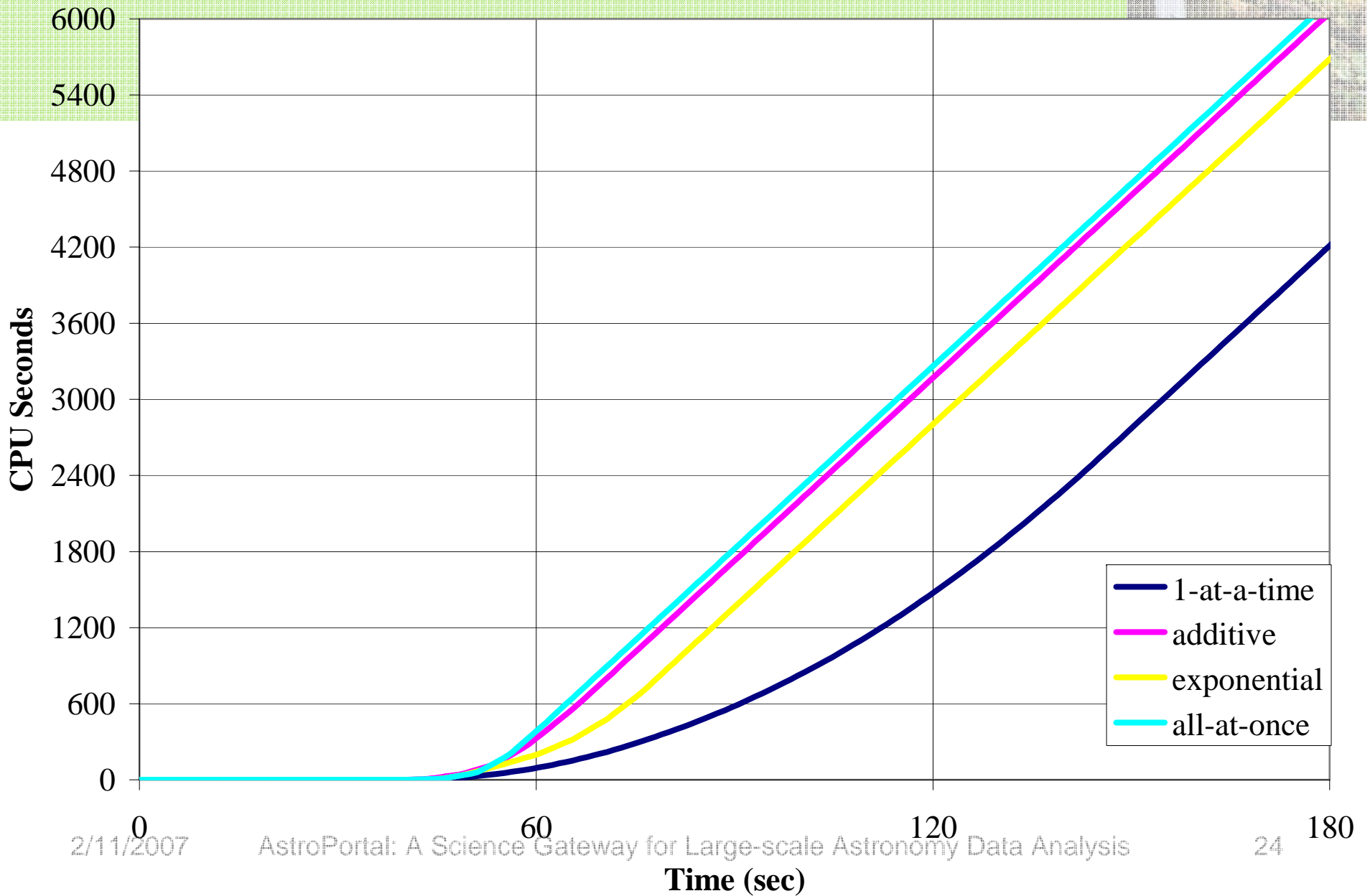


- All jobs submitted by different members need to map to the same user
- Initial startup overhead
- Work could be halted unfinished when the original time lease on a particular resource expires if the time lease not being exposed to the work dispatcher
- Underutilization of raw resources

DRP Provisioning Latency



DRP Accumulated CPU Time



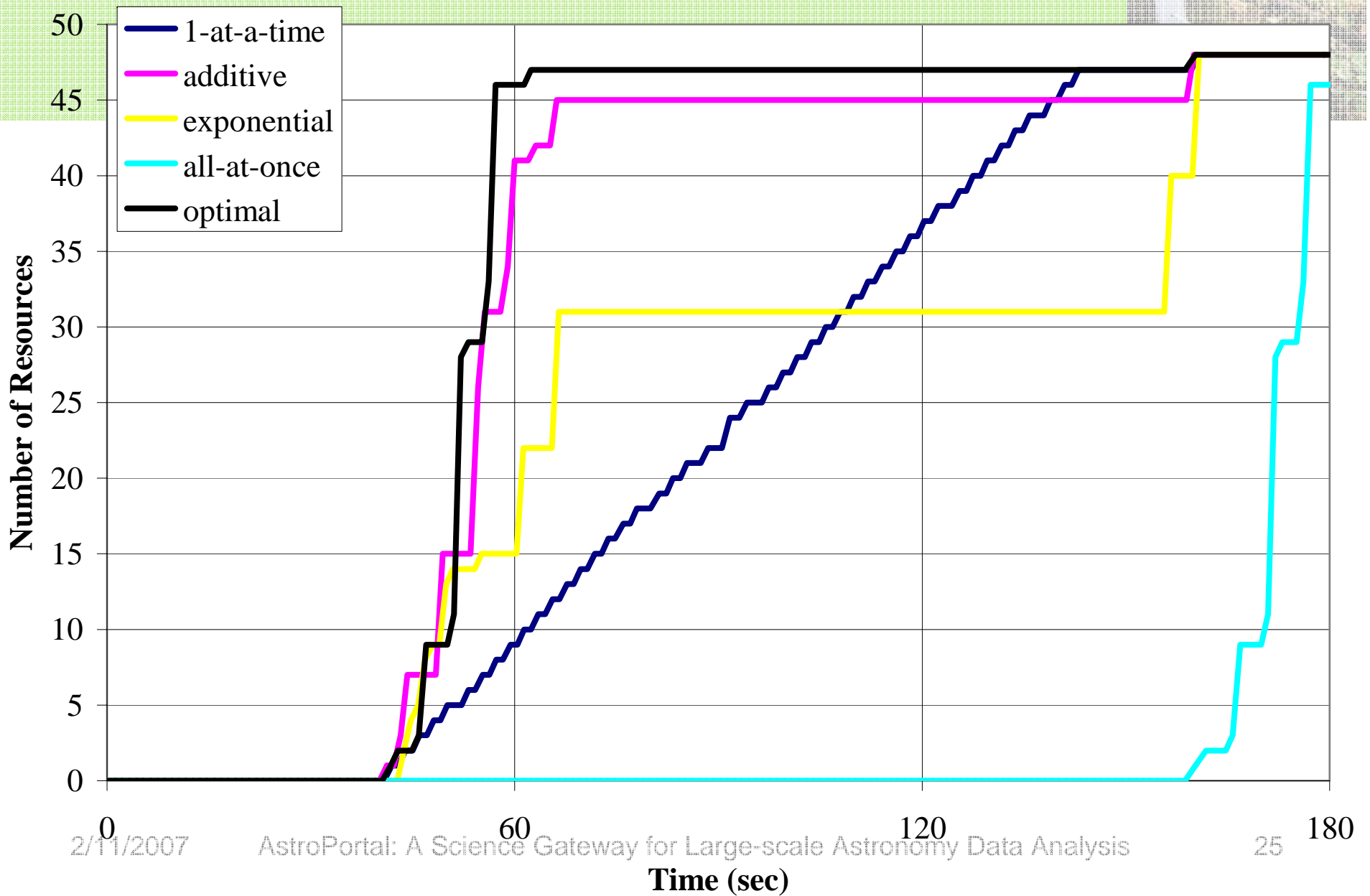
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DRP Provisioning Latency

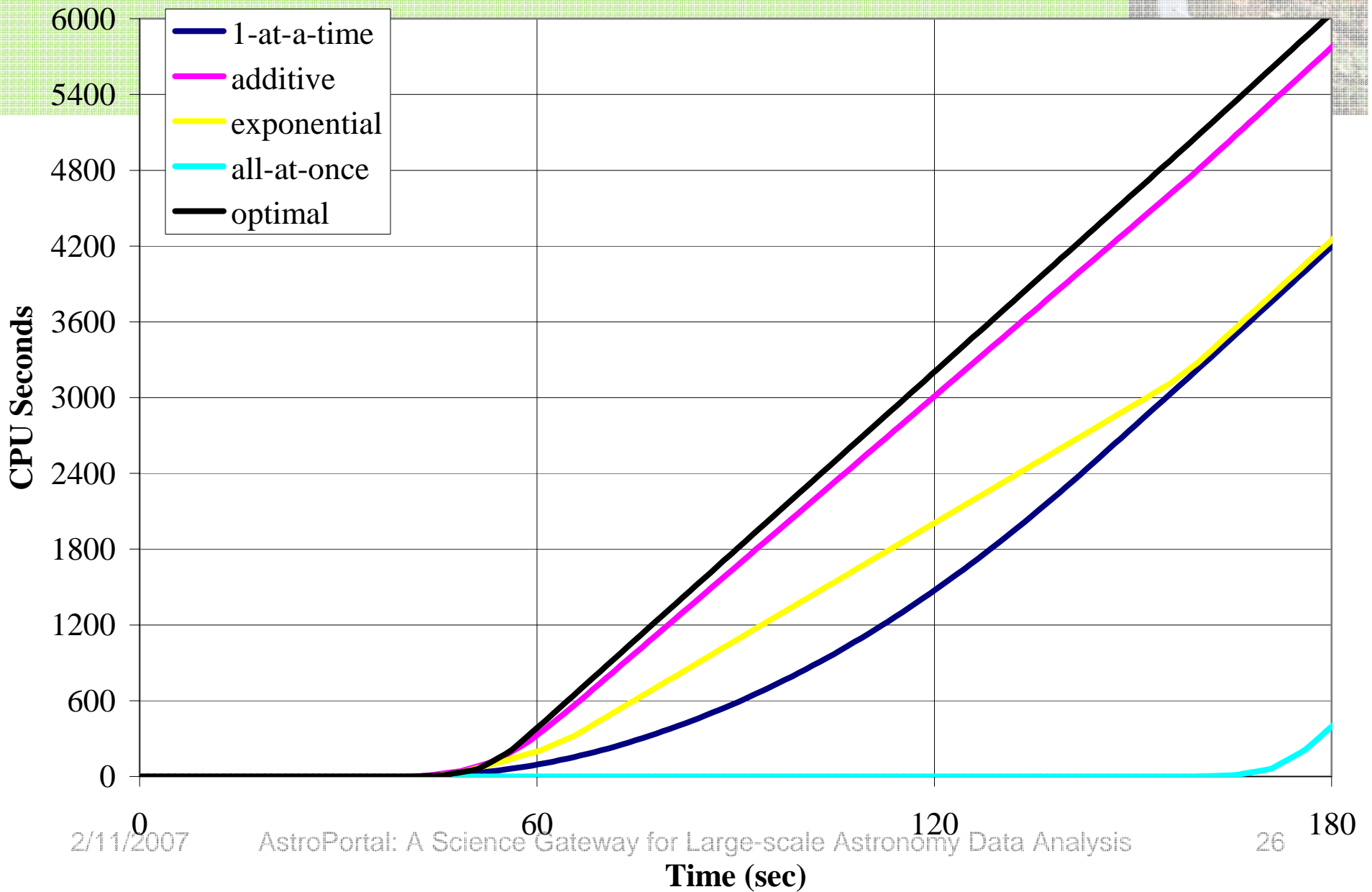


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DRP Accumulated CPU Time



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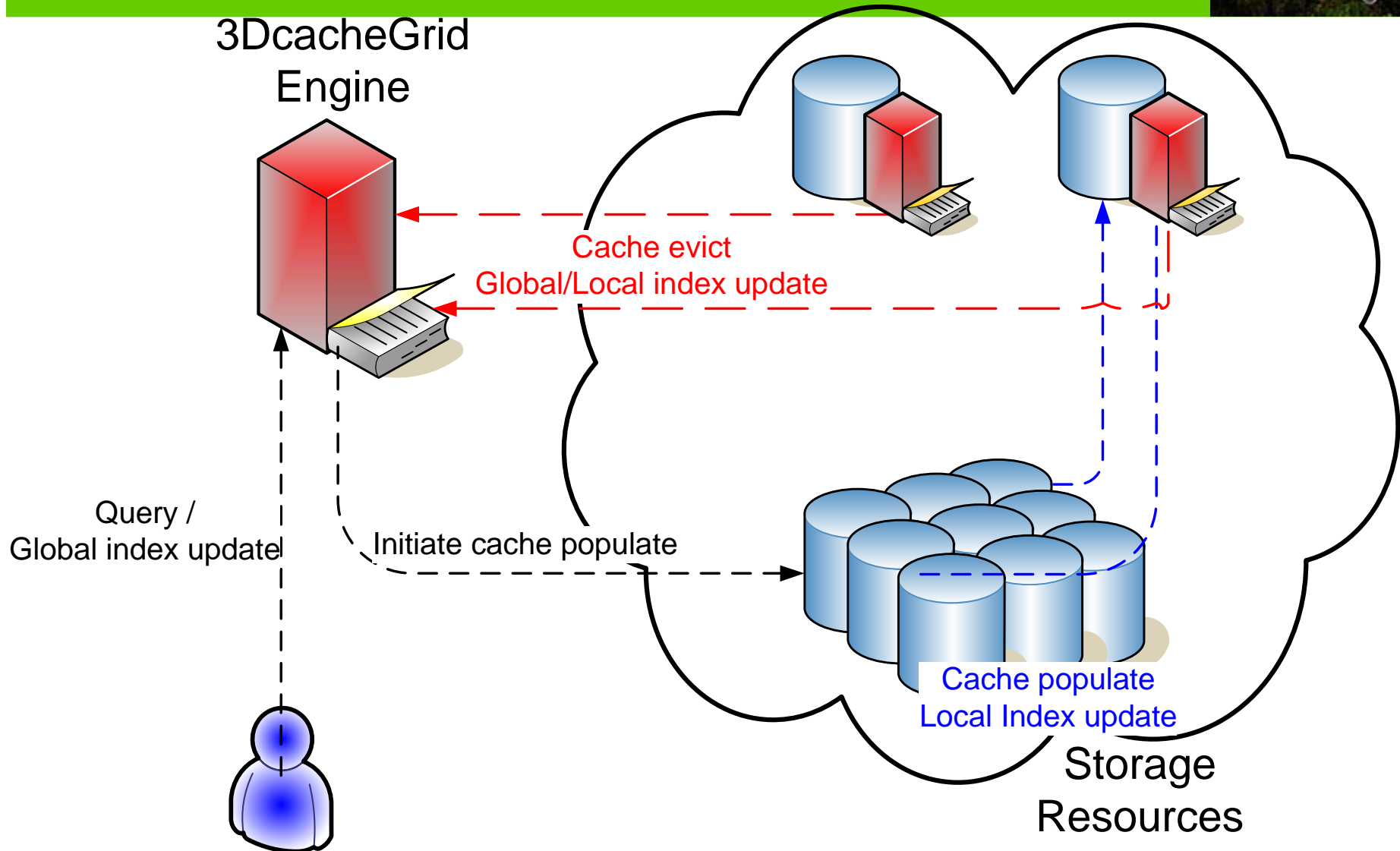
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3DcacheGrid Engine: Dynamic Distributed Data cache for Grid Applications



- 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 dimensions
 - Number of files managed
 - Size of dataset
 - Number of storage resources used
 - Level of replication among the storage resources

3DcacheGrid Architecture

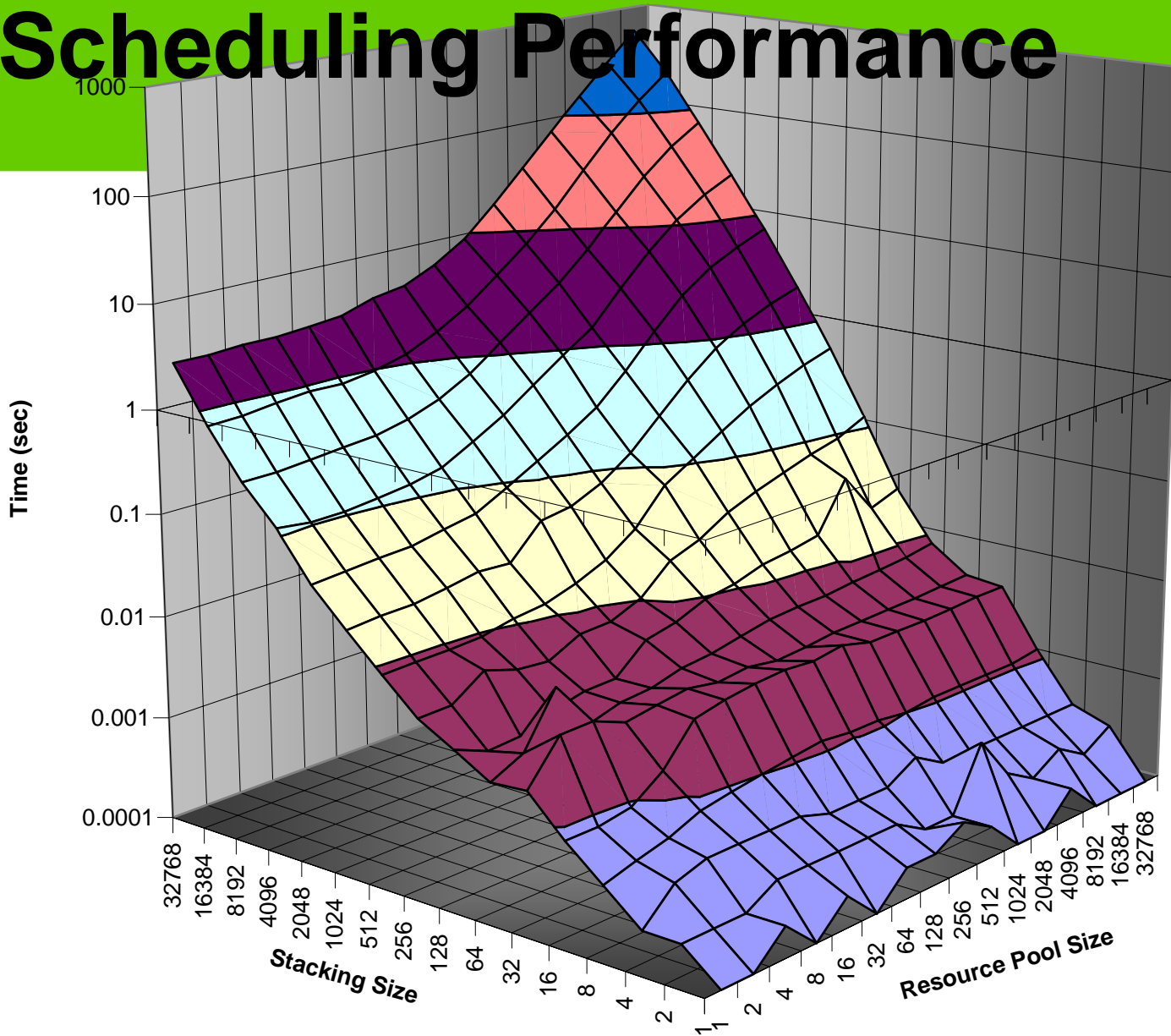


3Dcache Pros/Cons

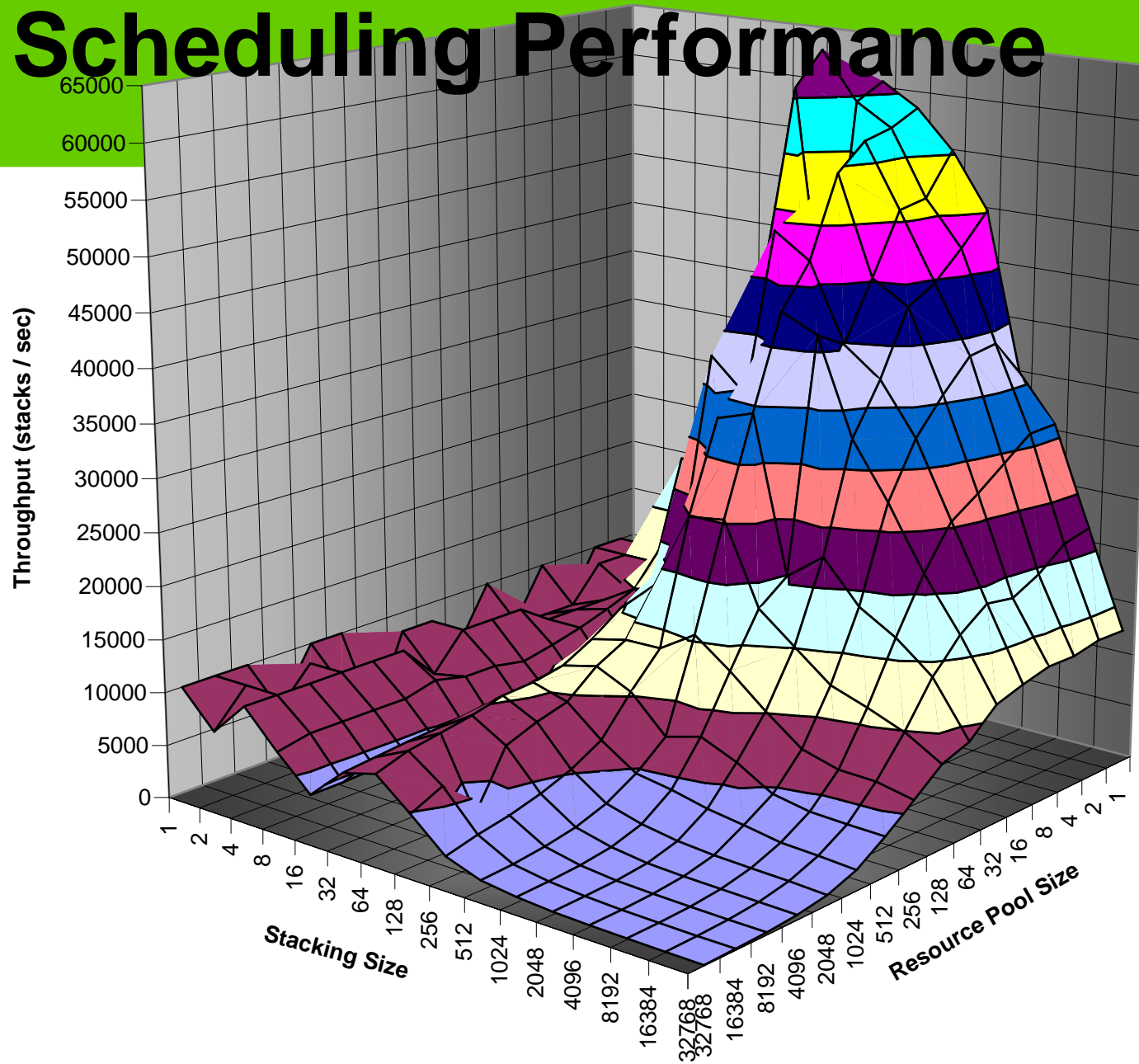


- Pros:
 - Ease of application implementation: achieves a good separation of concerns between the application logic and the complicated data management task of large data sets
 - Improved performance with higher cache hits if data locality is present
 - Improved scalability as the data I/O will be distributed 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

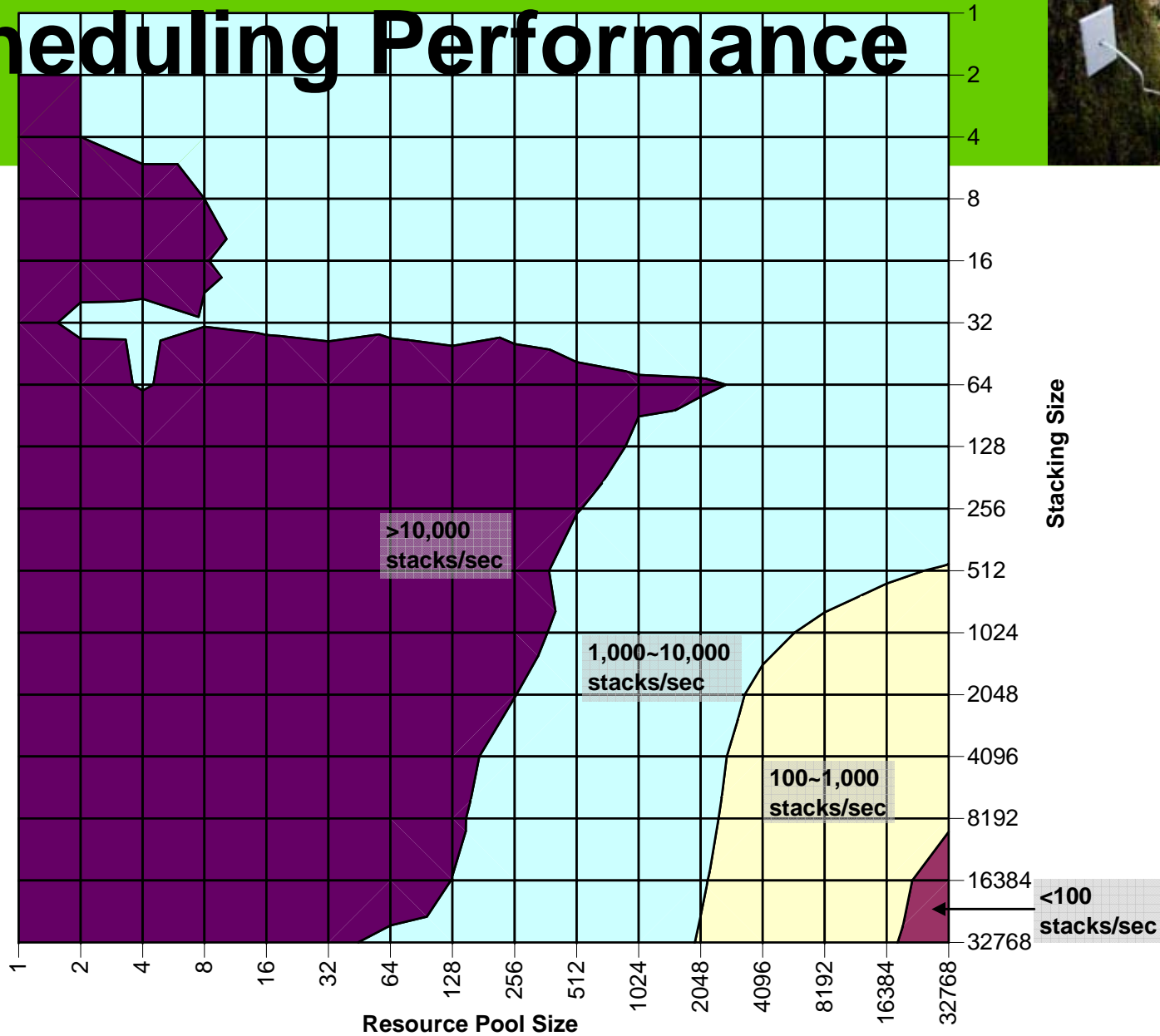
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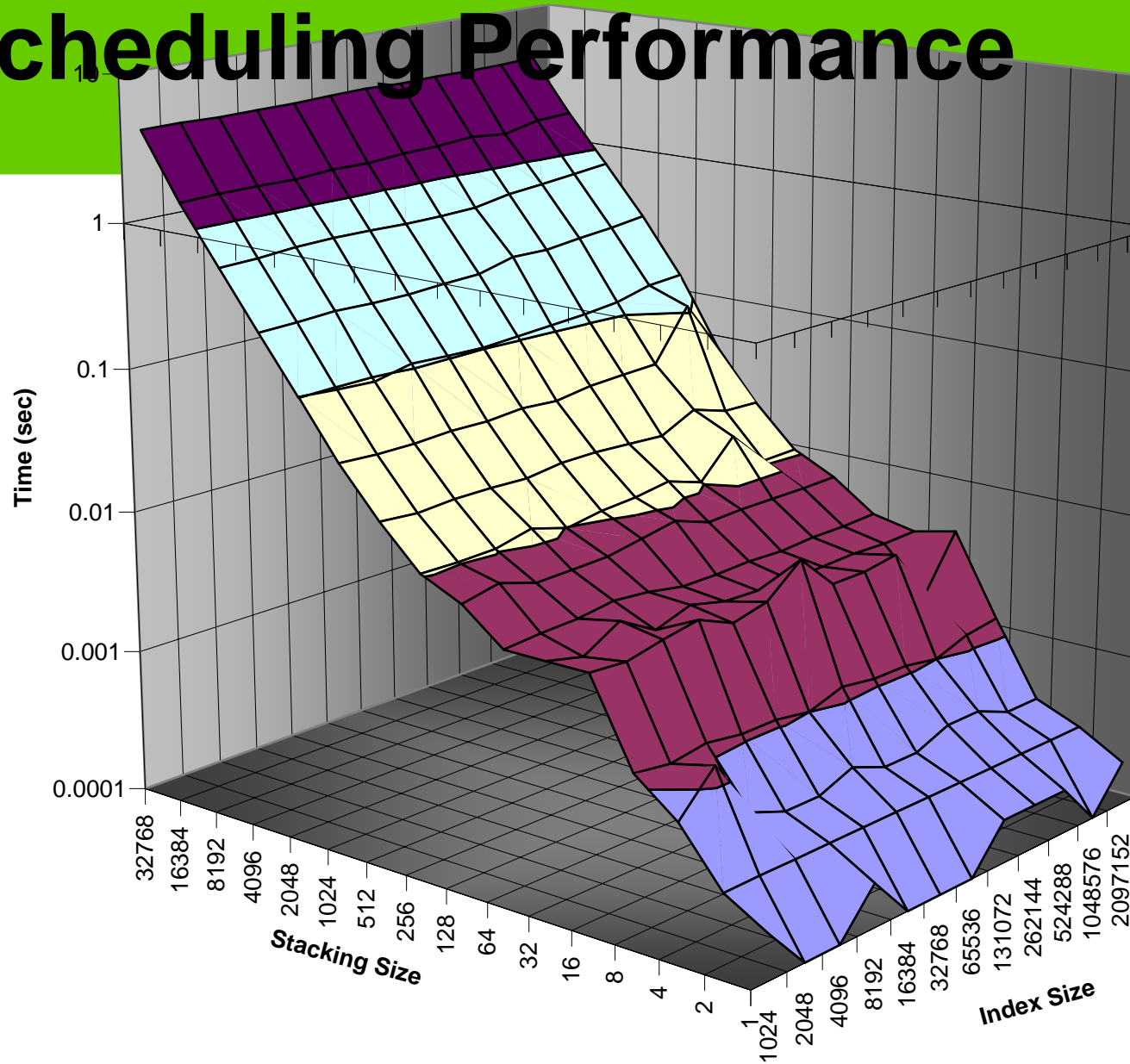
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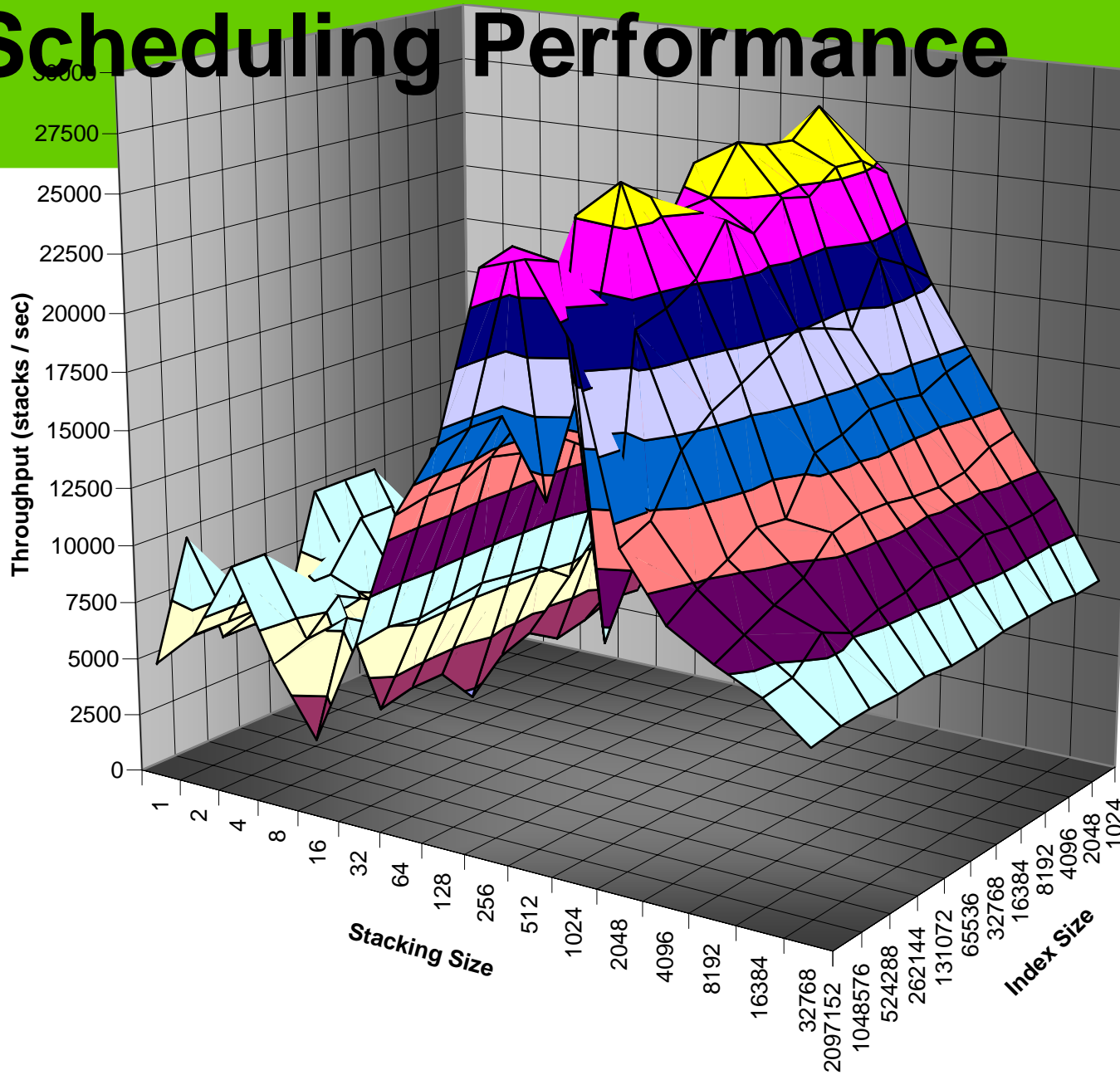
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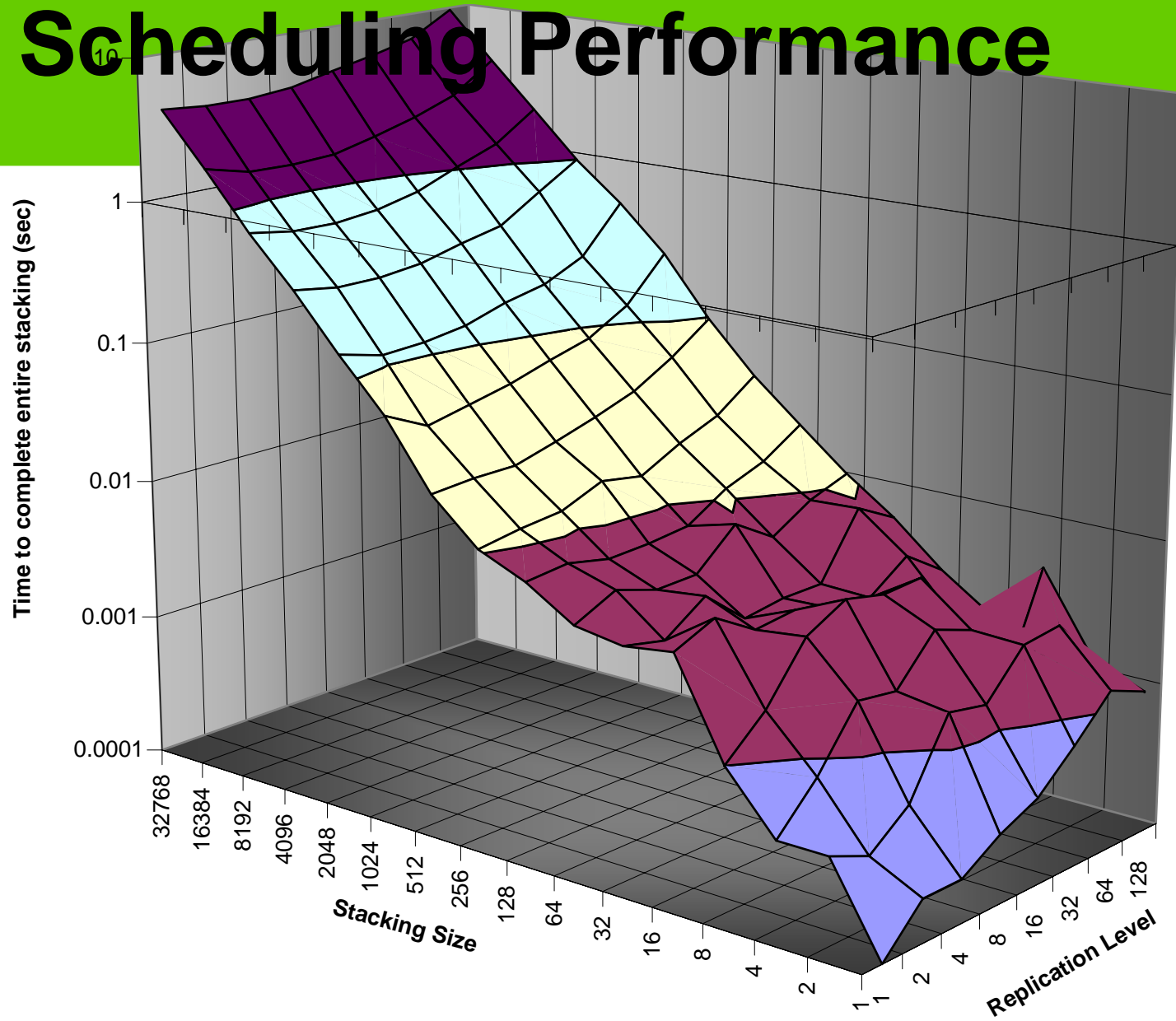
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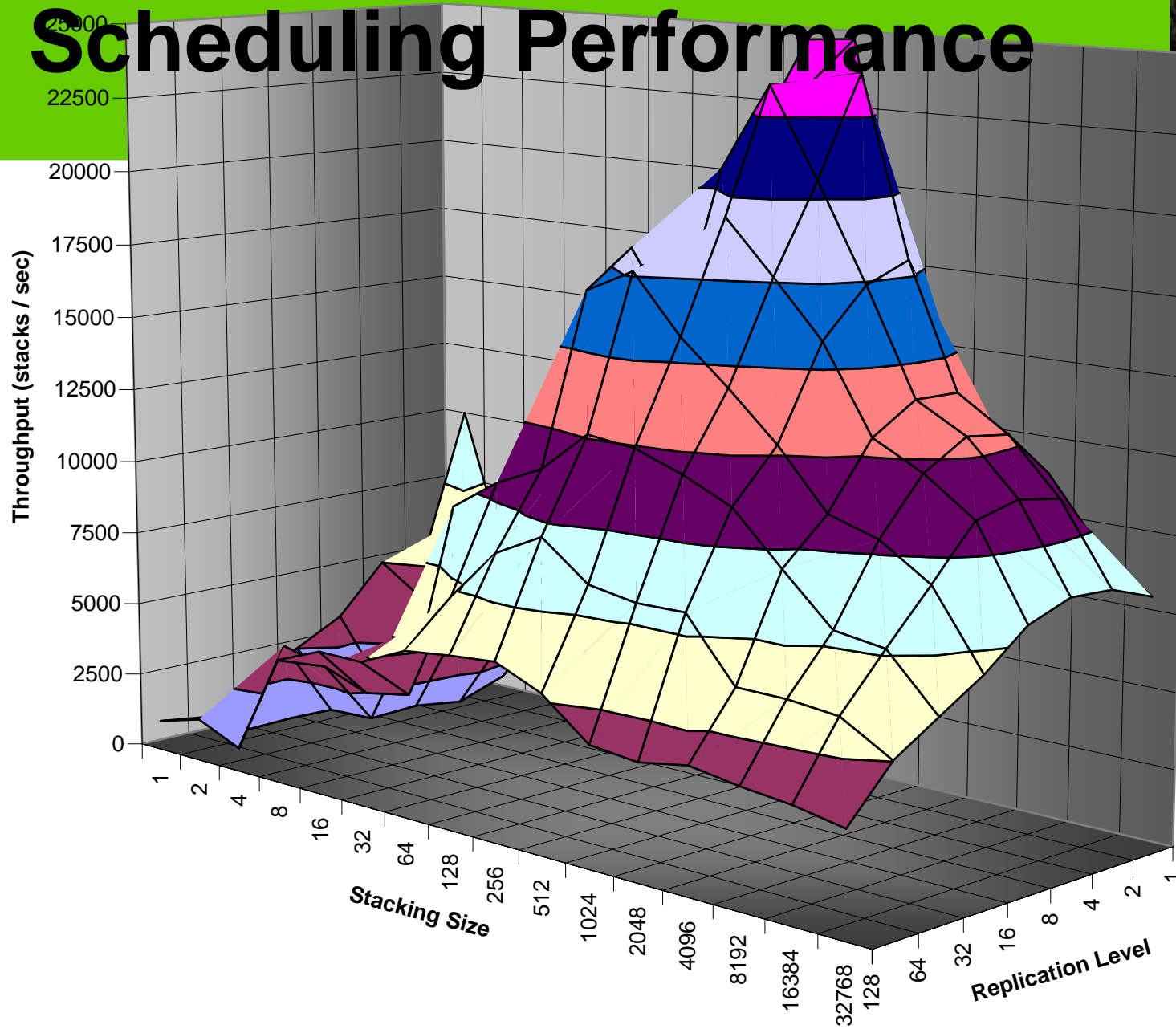
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Data Management & Scheduling Performance Conclusions



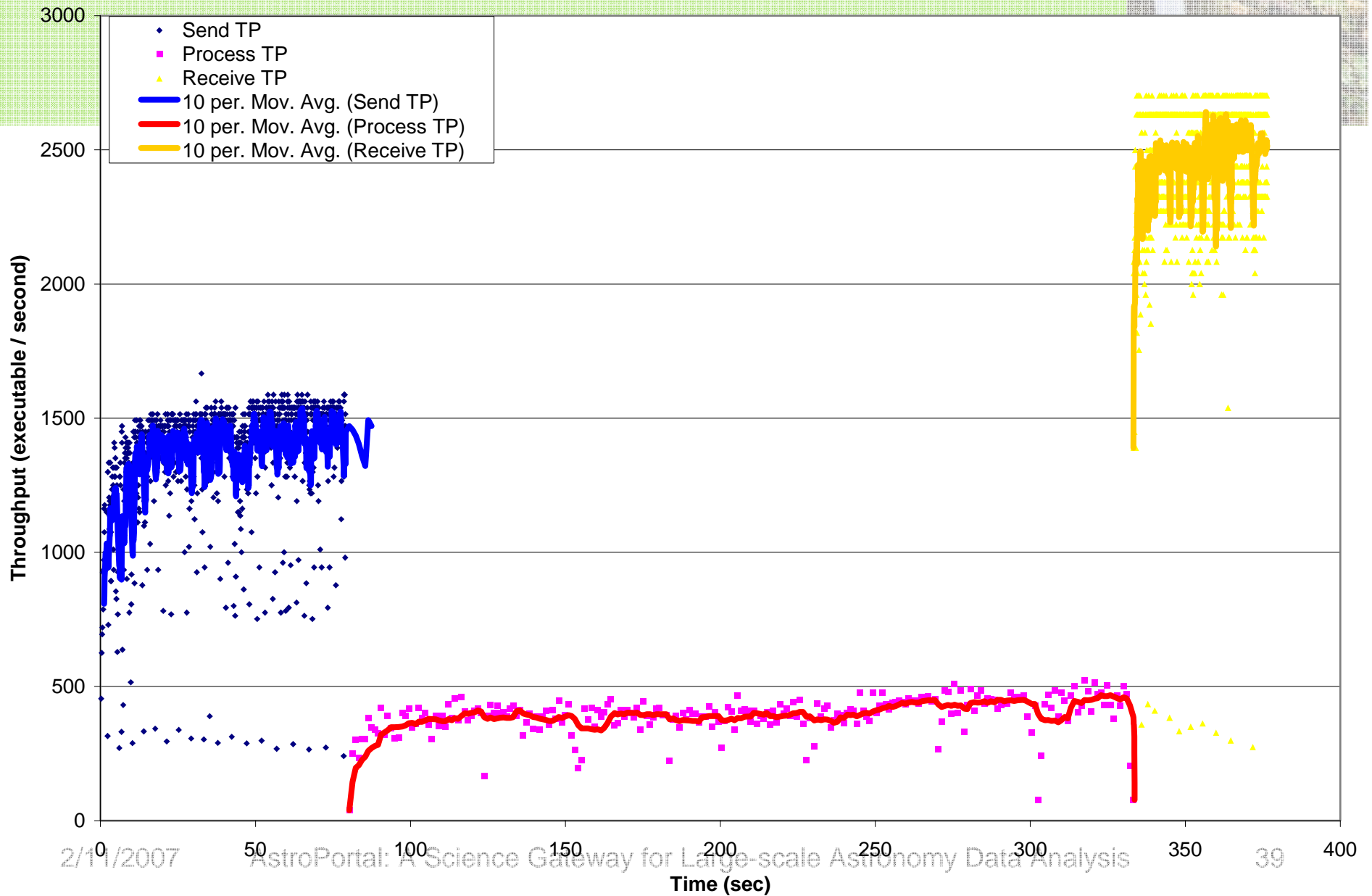
- Stacking size: less than 32K (although another order of magnitude probably won't pose any performance risks)
- Resource pool size: less than 1000 resources might offer decent performance if there is the replication level remains low, but for higher orders of replication, less than 100 resources are 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)

DeeF: Distributed execution environment Framework



- Binding glue connecting DRP, 3DcacheGrid, and CompuStore
- Allows the execution of arbitrary code as well as pre-configured/installed code on remote resources managed by DRP
- Uses CompuStore to schedule tasks based on data locality of the caches
- Amortizes queue wait times over many tasks
- Enables the use of batch-scheduled Grids for interactive applications

DeeF Executing 100K Tasks



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Questions?



- More information: <http://people.cs.uchicago.edu/~iraicu/research/AstroPortal/>
- AstroPortal Web Portal: <http://s8.uchicago.edu:8080/AstroPortal/index.jsp>
- Related materials and further readings:
 - Ioan Raicu, Ian Foster, Alex Szalay, Gabriela Turcu. “**AstroPortal: A Science Gateway for Large-scale Astronomy Data Analysis**”, TeraGrid Conference 2006, June 2006.
 - Alex Szalay, Julian Bunn, Jim Gray, Ian Foster, Ioan Raicu. “**The Importance of Data Locality in Distributed Computing Applications**”, NSF Workflow Workshop 2006.
 - Ioan Raicu, Ian Foster, Alex Szalay. “**Harnessing Grid Resources to Enable the Dynamic Analysis of Large Astronomy Datasets**”, SuperComputing 2006.
 - Ioan Raicu. “**Harnessing Grid Resources to Enable the Dynamic Analysis of Large Astronomy Datasets**”, NASA Ames Research Center GSRP Proposal, funded 10/2006 – 9/2007.
 - Ioan Raicu. “**Harnessing Grid Resources to Enable the Dynamic Analysis of Large Astronomy Datasets**”, NASA Ames Research Center GSRP Proposal for 10/2007 – 9/2008.
 - Ioan Raicu, Catalin Dumitrescu, Ian Foster. “**Dynamic Resource Provisioning in Grid Environments**”, submitted to TeraGrid Conference 2007.
- Related papers that are in the writing pipeline (planning for SC07 and Grid07):
 - 3DcacheGrid: A Dynamic Distributed Data cache for Grid Applications
 - Data Aware Scheduling in High Throughput Computing
 - AMDASK: An Abstract Model for Data-Centric Task Farms
 - DeeF: A Distributed execution environment Framework
 - Enabling the Efficient Analysis of Large Astronomy Datasets with the AstroPortal version 2
 - Discoveries in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey Dataset using the “Stacking” Analysis Implemented by the AstroPortal



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