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Performance Visualizations

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G’Day, I’m Brendan

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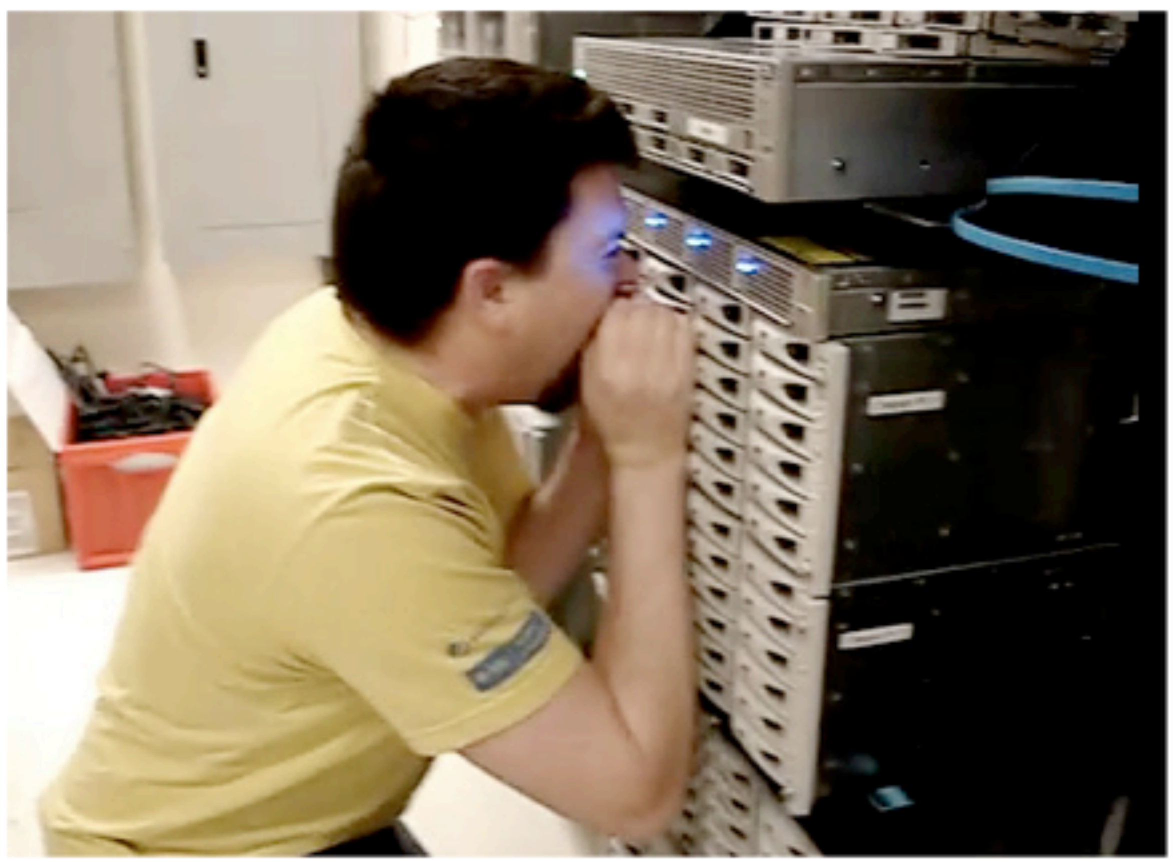

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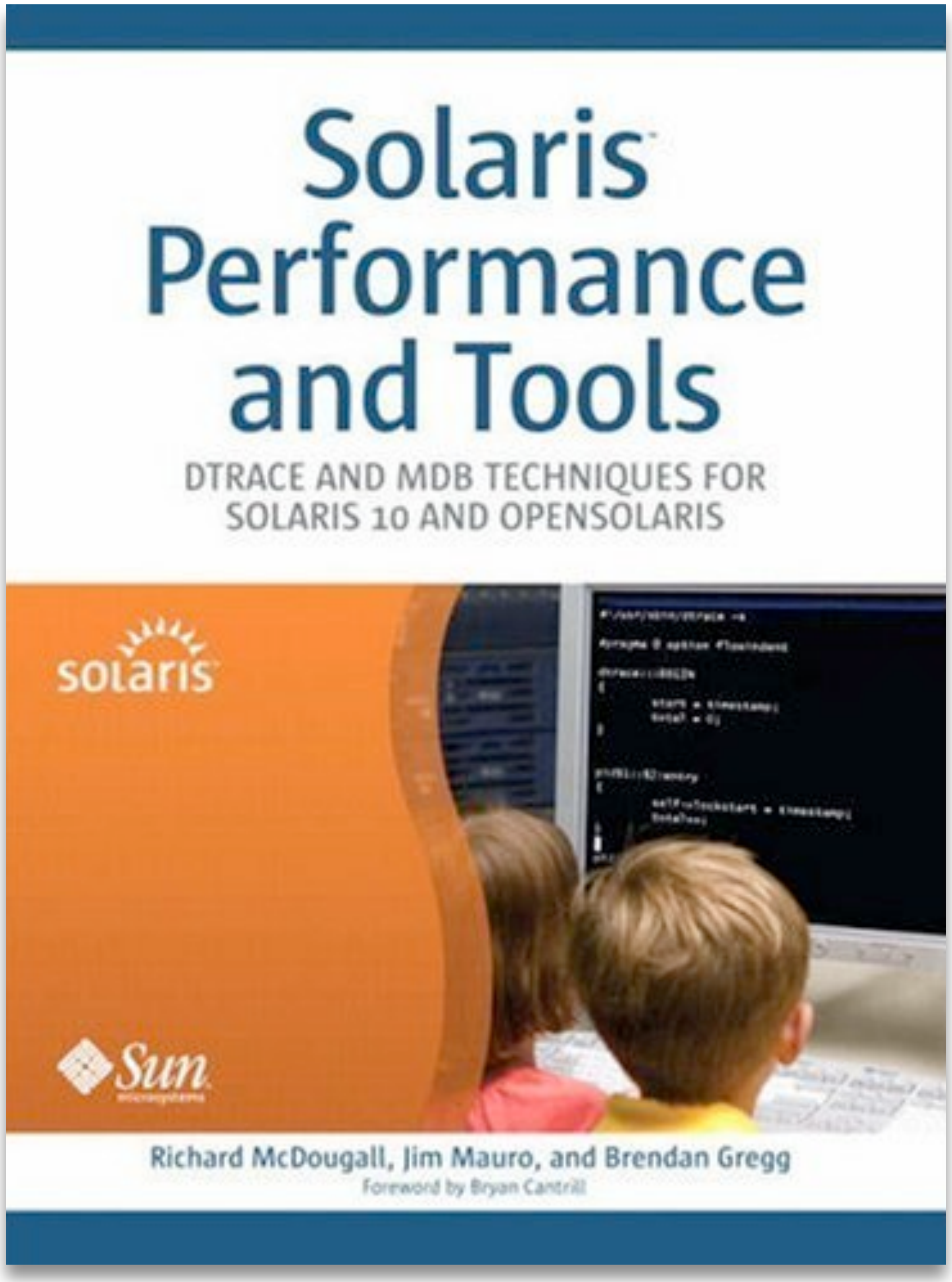
I do performance analysis

and I’m a DTrace addict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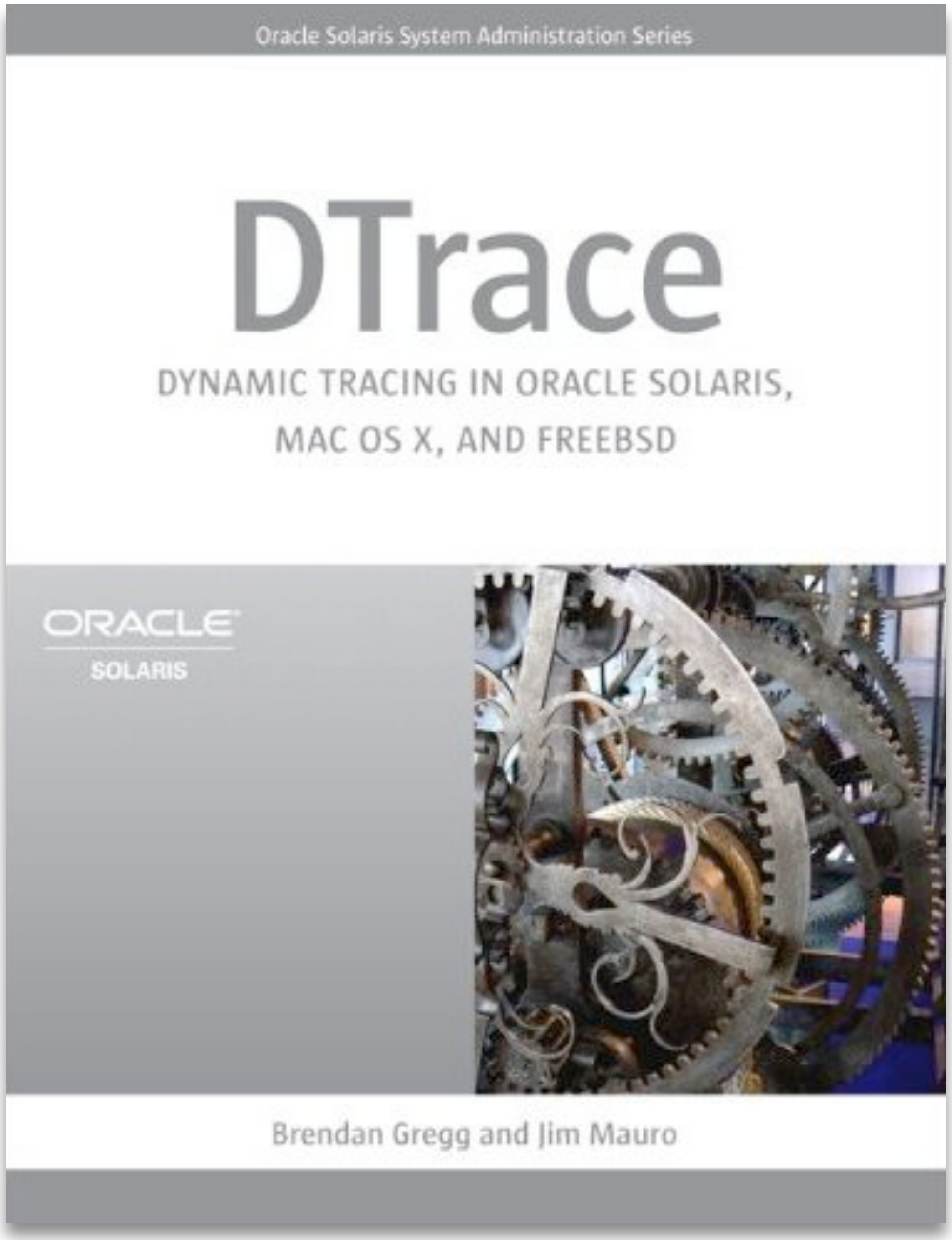
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Agenda

- Performance
  - Workload Analysis and Resource Monitoring
  - Understanding available and ideal metrics before plotting
- Visualizations
  - Current examples
    - Latency
    - Utilization
  - Future opportunities
    - Cloud Computing

Visualizations like these

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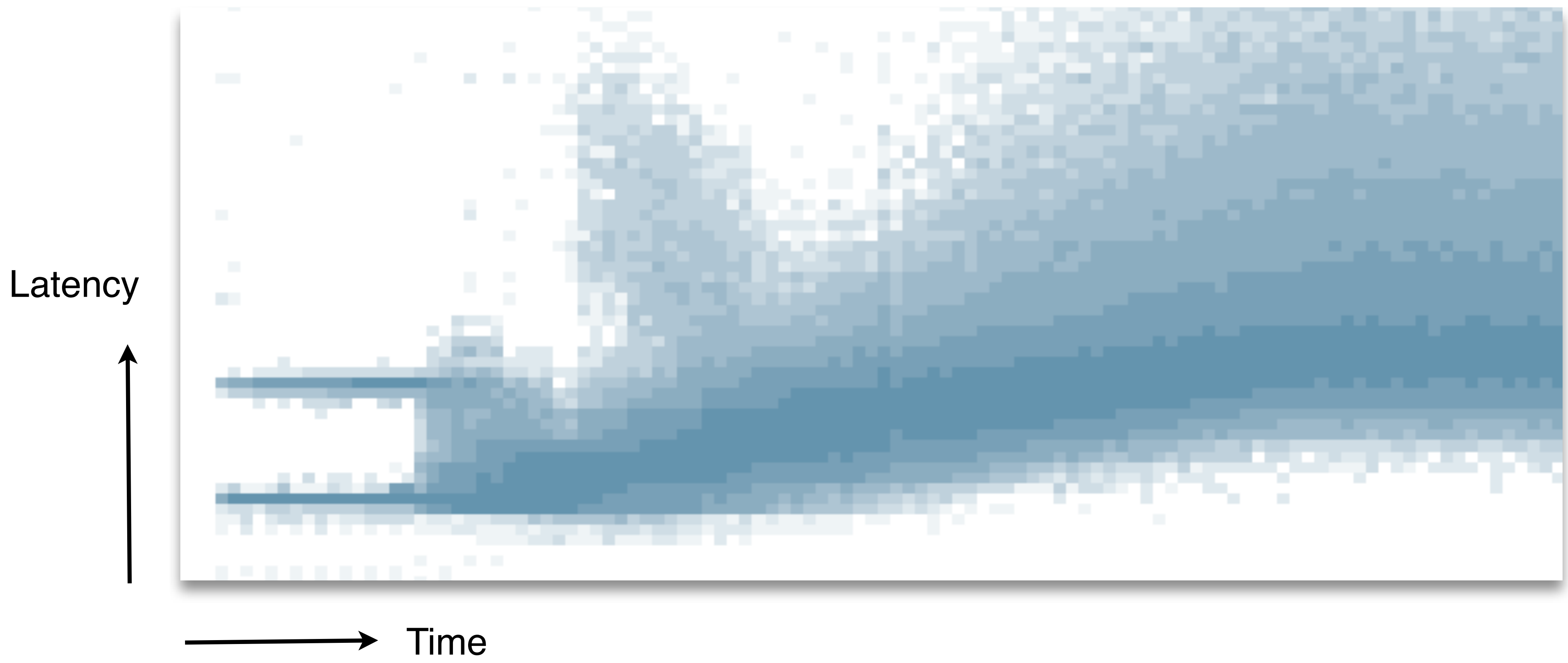
- The “rainbow pterodactyl”



- ... which needs quite a bit of explanation

Primary Objectives

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- Consider performance metrics before plotting
- See the value of visualizations
- Remember key examples

Secondary Objectives

- Consider performance metrics before plotting
  - Why studying latency is good
  - ... and studying IOPS can be bad
- See the value of visualizations
  - Why heat maps are needed
  - ... and line graphs can be bad
- Remember key examples
  - I/O latency, as a heat map
  - CPU utilization by CPU, as a heat map

Content based on

- “Visualizing System Latency”, Communications of the ACM July 2010, by Brendan Gregg
- and more

Performance

Understanding the metrics before we visualize them

Performance Activities

- Workload analysis
  - Is there an issue? Is an issue real?
  - Where is the issue?
  - Will the proposed fix work? Did it work?
- Resource monitoring
  - How utilized are the environment components?
  - Important activity for capacity planning

Workload Analysis

- Applied during:
  - software and hardware development
  - proof of concept testing
  - regression testing
  - benchmarking
  - monitoring

Workload Performance Issues

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- Load
- Architecture

Workload Performance Issues

- Load
  - Workload applied
  - Too much for the system?
  - Poorly constructed?
- Architecture
  - System configuration
  - Software and hardware bugs

Workload Analysis Steps

- Identify or confirm if a workload has a performance issue
  - Quantify
- Locate issue
  - Quantify
- Determine, apply and verify solution
  - Quantify

Quantify

- Finding a performance issue isn't the problem ... it's finding the issue that matters

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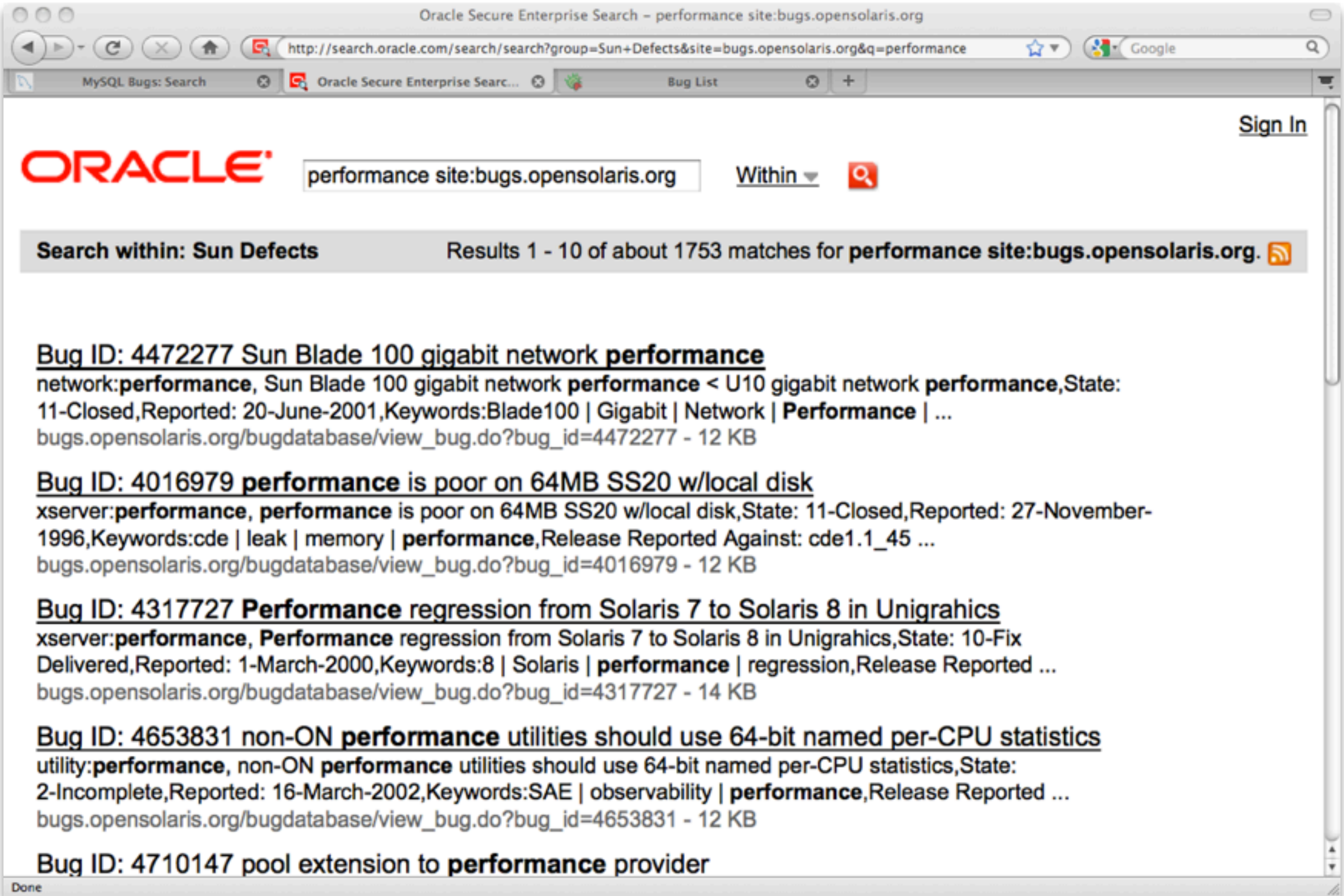

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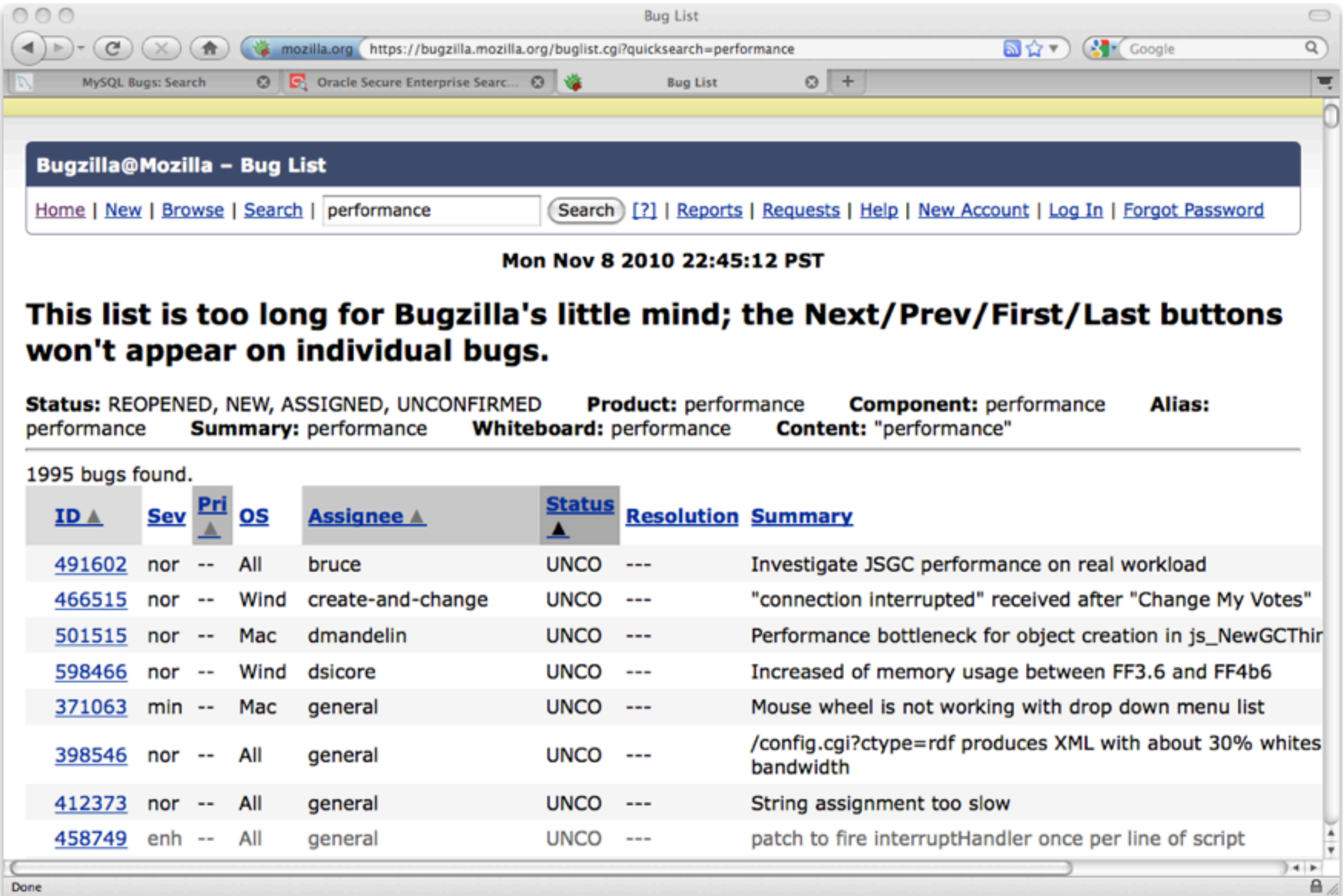
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Done

“performance” bugs

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- ... and those are just the known performance bugs
- ... and usually only of a certain type (architecture)

How to Quantify

- Observation based
  - Choose a reliable metric
  - Estimate performance gain from resolving issue
- Experimentation based
  - Apply fix
  - Quantify before vs. after using a reliable metric

Observation based

- For example:
  - Observed: application I/O takes 10 ms
  - Observed: 9 ms of which is disk I/O
  - Suggestion: replace disks with flash-memory based SSDs, with an expected latency of ~100 us
  - Estimated gain: 10 ms -> 1.1 ms (10 ms - 9 ms + 0.1 ms) =~ 9x gain
- Very useful - but not possible without accurate quantification

Experimentation based

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- For example:
  - Observed: Application transaction latency average 10 ms
  - Experiment: Added more DRAM to increase cache hits and reduce average latency
  - Observed: Application transaction latency average 2 ms
  - Gain: 10 ms -> 2 ms = 5x
- Also very useful - but risky without accurate quantification

Metrics to Quantify Performance

- Choose reliable metrics to quantify performance:
  - IOPS
  - transactions/second
  - throughput
  - utilization
  - latency
- Ideally
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generally better suited for:

Capacity Planning

Workload Analysis

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    - reliable

Metrics Availability

- Ideally (given the luxury of time):
  - design the desired metrics
  - then see if they exist, or,
  - implement them (eg, DTrace)
- Non-ideally
  - see what already exists
  - make-do (eg, vmstat -> gnuplot)

Assumptions to avoid

- Available metrics are implemented correctly
  - all software has bugs
    - eg, CR: 6687884 nxge rbytes and obytes kstat are wrong
  - trust no metric without double checking from other sources
- Available metrics are designed by performance experts
  - sometimes added by the programmer to only debug their code
- Available metrics are complete
  - you won’t always find what you really need

Getting technical

- This will be explained using two examples:
  - Workload Analysis
  - Capacity Planning

Example: Workload Analysis

- Quantifying performance issues with IOPS vs latency
  - IOPS is commonly presented by performance analysis tools
  - eg: disk IOPS via kstat, SNMP, iostat, ...

IOPS

- Depends on where the I/O is measured
  - app -> library -> syscall -> VFS -> filesystem -> RAID -> device
- Depends on what the I/O is
  - synchronous or asynchronous
  - random or sequential
  - size
- Interpretation difficult
  - what value is good or bad?
  - is there a max?

Some disk IOPS problems

- IOPS Inflation
  - Library or Filesystem prefetch/read-ahead
  - Filesystem metadata
  - RAID stripes
- IOPS Deflation
  - Read caching
  - Write cancellation
  - Filesystem I/O aggregation
- IOPS aren’t created equal

IOPS example: iostat -xnz 1

- Consider this disk: 86 IOPS == 99% busy

```
                     extended device statistics
    r/s    w/s   kr/s   kw/s wait actv wsvc_t asvc_t  %w  %b device
   86.6    0.0  655.5    0.0  0.0  1.0    0.0   11.5   0  99 c1d0
```

- Versus this disk: 21,284 IOPS == 99% busy

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    r/s    w/s   kr/s   kw/s wait actv wsvc_t asvc_t  %w  %b device
 21284.7    0.0 10642.4    0.0  0.0  1.8    0.0    0.1   2  99 c1d0
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- ... they are the same disk, different I/O types
    - 1) 8 Kbyte random
    - 2) 512 byte sequential (on-disk DRAM cache)

Using IOPS to quantify issues

- to identify
    - is 100 IOPS an problem? Per disk?
- to locate
    - 90% of IOPS are random. Is that the problem?
- to verify
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- We can introduce more metrics to understand these, but standalone IOPS is tricky to interpret

Using latency to quantify issues

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  - is a 100ms I/O a problem?
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Using latency to quantify issues

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    - 90ms of the 100ms is lock contention. Is that the problem? (yes)
- to verify
    - A filesystem tunable caused the I/O latency to reduce to 1ms.
      Has this fixed the issue? (probably - if 1ms is acceptable)
- Latency is much more reliable, easier to interpret

Latency

- Time from I/O or transaction request to completion
- Synchronous latency has a direct impact on performance
  - Application is waiting
  - higher latency == worse performance
- Not all latency is synchronous:
  - Asynchronous filesystem threads flushing dirty buffers to disk
    eg, zfs TXG synchronous thread
  - Filesystem prefetch
    no one is waiting at this point
  - TCP buffer and congestion window: individual packet latency may be high, but pipe is kept full for good throughput performance

Turning other metrics into latency

- Currency converter (* -> ms):
  - random disk IOPS == I/O service latency
  - disk saturation == I/O wait queue latency
  - CPU utilization == code path execution latency
  - CPU saturation == dispatcher queue latency
  - ...
- Quantifying as latency allows different components to be compared, ratios examined, improvements estimated.

Example: Resource Monitoring

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- Different performance activity
  - Focus is environment components, not specific issues
  - incl. CPUs, disks, network interfaces, memory, I/O bus, memory bus, CPU interconnect, I/O cards, network switches, etc.
  - Information is used for capacity planning
  - Identifying future issues before they happen
- Quantifying resource monitoring with IOPS vs utilization

IOPS vs Utilization

- Another look at this disk:

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- Q. does this system need more spindles for IOPS capacity?
    - IOPS (r/s + w/s): ???
    - Utilization (%b): yes (even considering NCQ)
    - Latency (wsvc_t): no
- Latency will identify the issue once it is an issue; utilization will forecast the issue - capacity planning

Performance Summary

- Metrics matter - need to reliably quantify performance
  - to identify, locate, verify
  - try to think, design
- Workload Analysis
  - latency
- Resource Monitoring
  - utilization
- Other metrics are useful to further understand the nature of the workload and resource behavior

Objectives

- Consider performance metrics before plotting
    - Why latency is good
    - ... and IOPS can be bad
- See the value of visualizations
    - Why heat maps are needed
    - ... and line graphs can be bad
- Remember key examples
    - I/O latency, as a heat map
    - CPU utilization by CPU, as a heat map

Visualizations

Current Examples

Latency

Visualizations

- So far we've picked:
- Latency
  - for workload analysis
- Utilization
  - for resource monitoring

Latency

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- For example, disk I/O
- Raw data looks like this:

```
# iosnoop -o
DTIME        UID   PID D    BLOCK   SIZE       COMM PATHNAME
125          100   337 R    72608   8192       bash /usr/sbin/tar
138          100   337 R    72624   8192       bash /usr/sbin/tar
127          100   337 R    72640   8192       bash /usr/sbin/tar
135          100   337 R    72656   8192       bash /usr/sbin/tar
118          100   337 R    72672   8192       bash /usr/sbin/tar
108          100   337 R    72688   4096       bash /usr/sbin/tar
87           100   337 R    72696   3072       bash /usr/sbin/tar
9148         100   337 R   113408   8192        tar /etc/default/lu
8806         100   337 R   104738   7168        tar /etc/default/lu
2262         100   337 R    13600   1024        tar /etc/default/cron
76           100   337 R    13616   1024        tar /etc/default/devfsadm
```
[...many pages of output...]

- iosnoop is DTrace based
  - examines latency for every disk (back end) I/O

Latency Data

- tuples
  - I/O completion time
  - I/O latency
- can be 1,000s of these per second

Summarizing Latency

- iostat(1M) can show per second average:

```
$ iostat -xnz 1
[...]
                    extended device statistics
    r/s    w/s   kr/s   kw/s wait actv wsvc_t asvc_t  %w  %b device
  471.0    7.0  786.1   12.0  0.1  1.2    0.2    2.5   4  90 c1d0
                    extended device statistics
    r/s    w/s   kr/s   kw/s wait actv wsvc_t asvc_t  %w  %b device
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  472.0    0.0  529.0    0.0  0.0  1.0    0.0    2.1   0  94 c1d0
[...]
```

Per second

- Condenses I/O completion time
- Almost always a sufficient resolution
  - (So far I've only had one case where examining raw completion time data was crucial: an interrupt coalescing bug)

Average/second

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- Average loses latency outliers
- Average loses latency distribution
- ... but not disk distribution:

```
$ iostat -xnz 1
[...]
                    extended device statistics
    r/s    w/s   kr/s   kw/s wait actv wsvc_t asvc_t  %w  %b device
   43.9    0.0  351.5    0.0  0.0  0.4    0.0   10.0   0  34 c0t5000CCA215C46459d0
   47.6    0.0  381.1    0.0  0.0  0.5    0.0    9.8   0  36 c0t5000CCA215C4521Dd0
   42.7    0.0  349.9    0.0  0.0  0.4    0.0   10.1   0  35 c0t5000CCA215C45F89d0
   41.4    0.0  331.5    0.0  0.0  0.4    0.0    9.6   0  32 c0t5000CCA215C42A4Cd0
   45.6    0.0  365.1    0.0  0.0  0.4    0.0    9.2   0  34 c0t5000CCA215C45541d0
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   44.9    0.0  359.5    0.0  0.0  0.4    0.0    9.3   0  35 c0t5000CCA215C45323d0
[...]
```

- only because iostat(1M) prints this per-disk
  - but that gets hard to read for 100s of disks, per second!

Latency outliers

- Occasional high-latency I/O
- Can be the sole reason for performance issues
- Can be lost in an average
  - 10,000 fast I/O @ 1ms
  - 1 slow I/O @ 500ms
  - average = 1.05 ms
- Can be seen using max instead of (or as well as) average

Maximum/second

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- iostat(1M) doesn’t show this, however DTrace can
- can be visualized along with average/second
- does identify outliers
- doesn’t identify latency distribution details

Latency distribution

- Apart from outliers and average, it can be useful to examine the full profile of latency - all the data.
  - For such a crucial metric, keep as much details as possible
- For latency, distributions we'd expect to see include:
  - bi-modal: cache hit vs cache miss
  - tri-modal: multiple cache layers
  - flat: random disk I/O

Latency Distribution Example

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- Using DTrace:

```
# ./disklatency.d
Tracing... Hit Ctrl-C to end.
^C
   sd4 (28,256), us:

           value  ------------- Distribution ------------- count
              16 |                                         0
              32 |                                         82
              64 |@@@                                      621
             128 |@@@@@                                    833
             256 |@@@@                                     641
             512 |@@@                                      615
            1024 |@@@@@@@                                  1239
            2048 |@@@@@@@@@                                1615
            4096 |@@@@@@@@                                 1483
            8192 |                                         76
           16384 |                                         1
           32768 |                                         0
           65536 |                                         2
          131072 |                                         0
```

disklatency.d

- not why we are here, but before someone asks...

```
#!/usr/sbin/dtrace -s

#pragma D option quiet

dtrace:::BEGIN
{
        printf("Tracing... Hit Ctrl-C to end.\n");
}

io:::start
{
        start_time[arg0] = timestamp;
}

io:::done
/this->start = start_time[arg0]/
{
        this->delta = (timestamp - this->start) / 1000;
        @[args[1]->dev_statname, args[1]->dev_major, args[1]->dev_minor] =
            quantize(this->delta);
        start_time[arg0] = 0;
}

dtrace:::END
{
        printa("   %s (%d,%d), us:\n%@d\n", @);
}
```

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```

65 - 131 ms outliers

- ... but can we see this distribution per second?
- ... how do we visualize a 3rd dimension?

Column Quantized Visualization aka "heat map"

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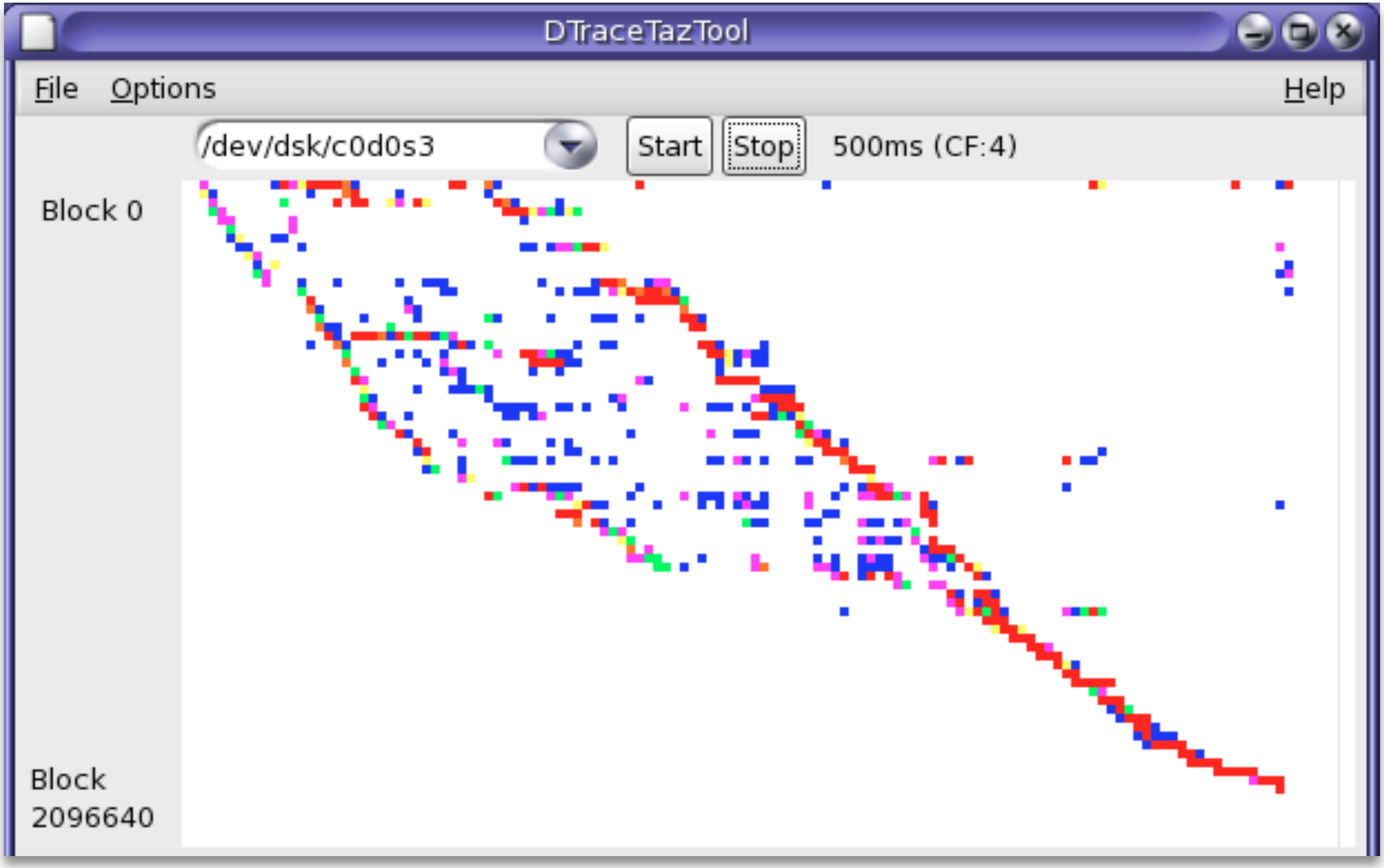
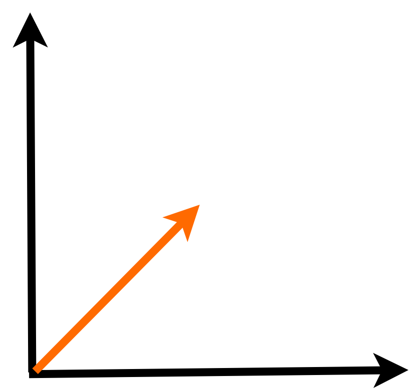
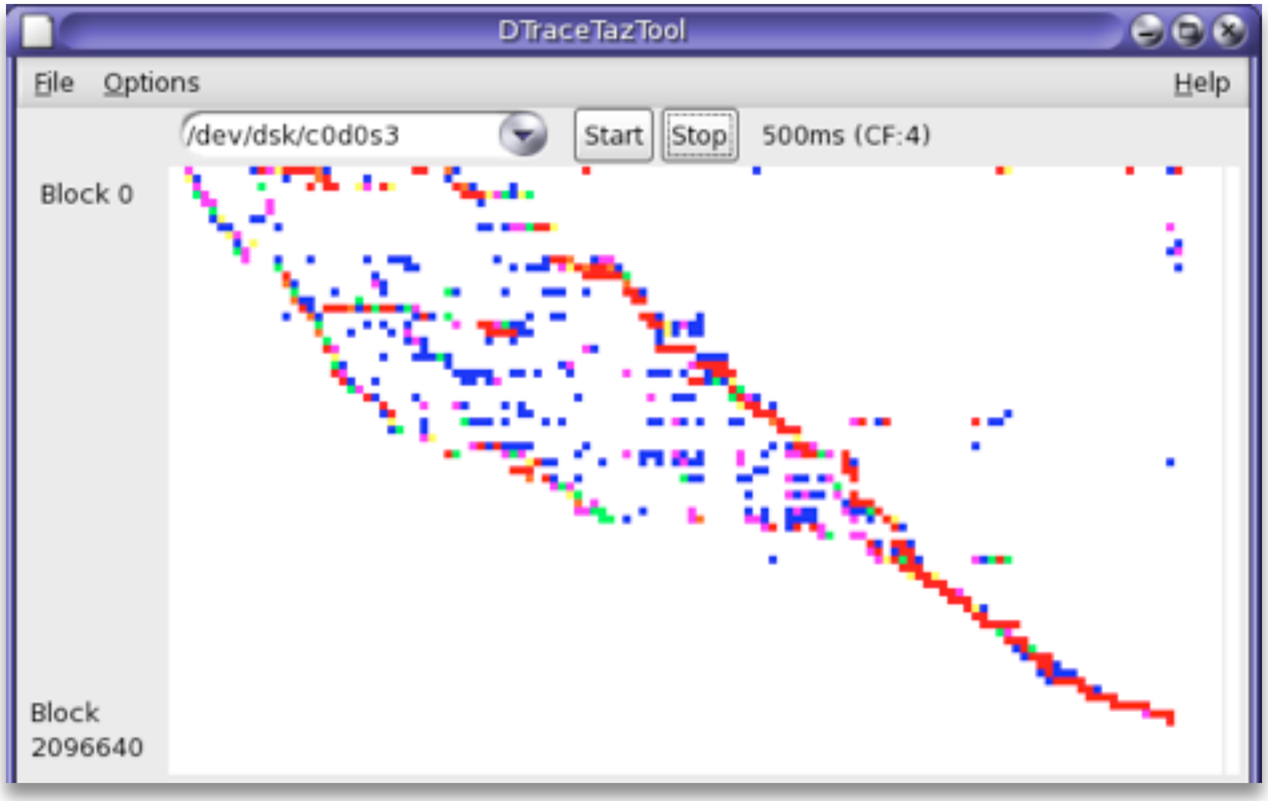
- For example:



Heat Map: Offset Distribution



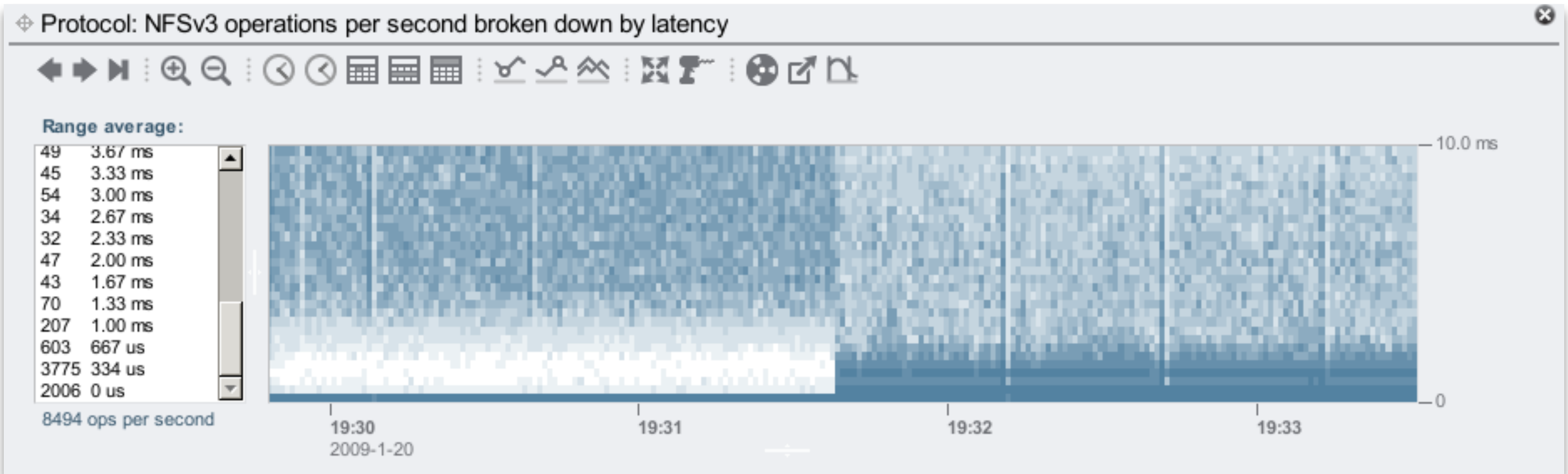


- x-axis: time
- y-axis: offset
- z-axis (color scale): I/O count for that time/offset range

- Identified random vs. sequential very well
- Similar heat maps have been used before by defrag tools

Heat Map: Latency Distribution

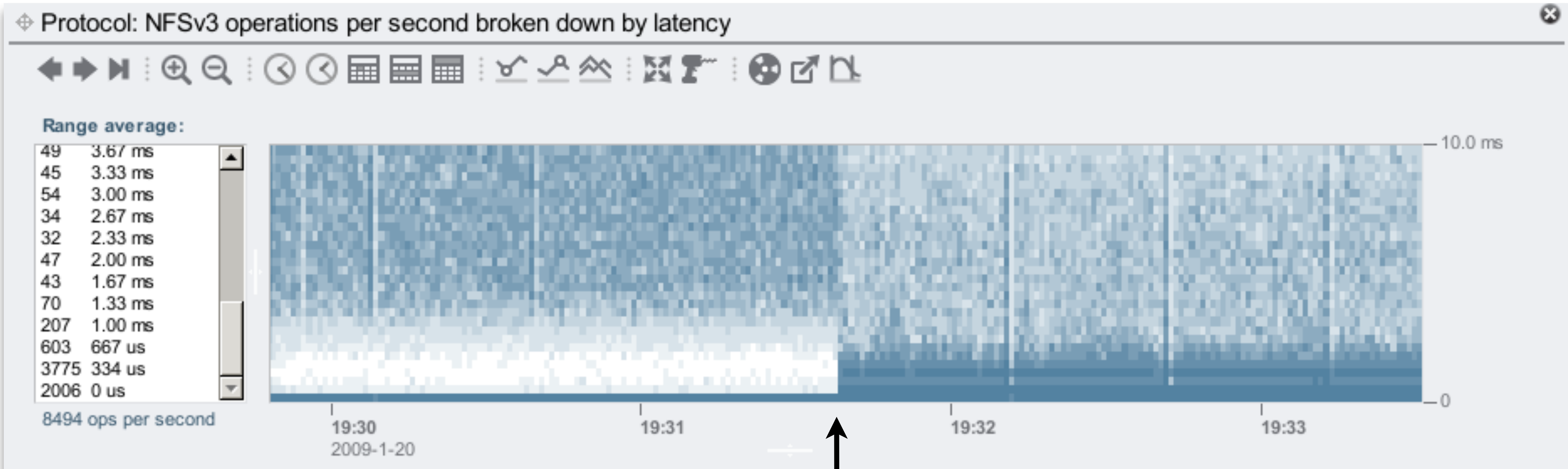
- For example:



  - x-axis: time
  - y-axis: latency
  - z-axis (color saturation): I/O count for that time/latency range

Heat Map: Latency Distribution

- ... in fact, this is a great example:



- reads served from:

DRAM
disk

DRAM
flash-memory based SSD
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ZFS “L2ARC” enabled

Heat Map: Latency Distribution

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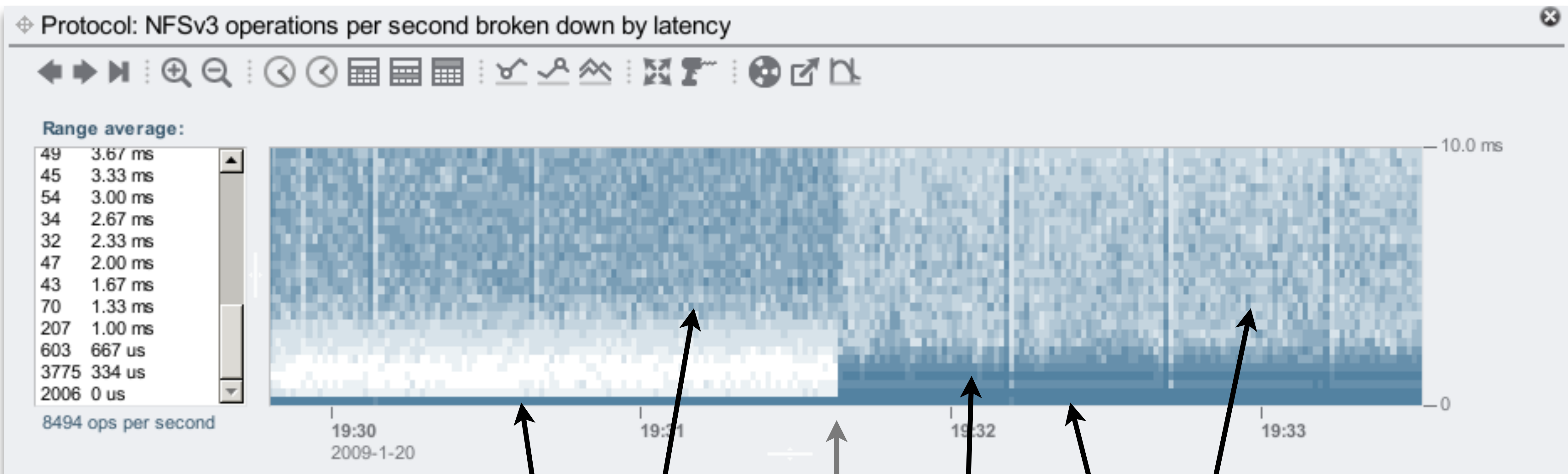

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Latency Heat Map

- A color shaded matrix of pixels
- Each pixel is a time and latency range
- Color shade picked based on number of I/O in that range
- Adjusting saturation seems to work better than color hue. Eg:
    - darker == more I/O
    - lighter == less I/O

Pixel Size

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- Large pixels (and corresponding time/latency ranges)
  - increases likelyhood that adjacent pixels include I/O, have color, and combine to form patterns
  - allows color to be more easily seen

- Smaller pixels (and time/latency ranges)
  - can make heat map look like a scatter plot
  - of the same color - if ranges are so small only one I/O is typically included

Color Palette

- Linear scale can make subtle details (outliers) difficult to see
  - observing latency outliers is usually of high importance
  - outliers are usually < 1% of the I/O
  - assigning < 1% of the color scale to them will washout patterns
- False color palette can be used to emphasize these details
  - although color comparisons become more confusing - non-linear

Outliers

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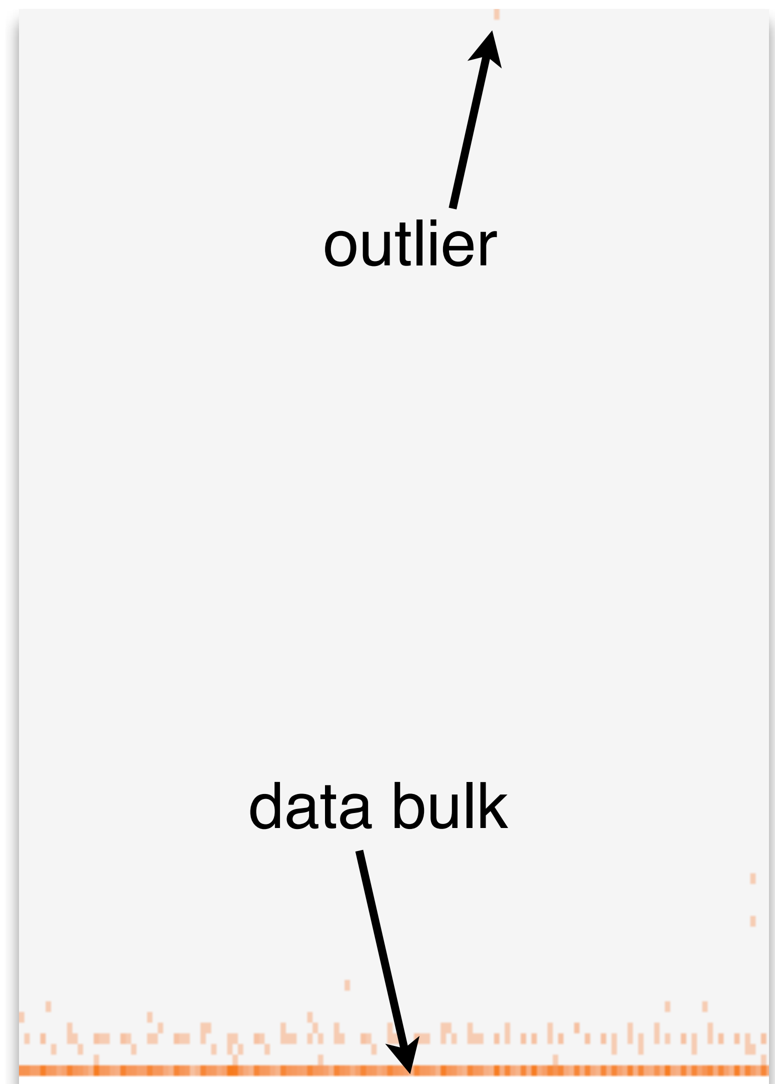
- Heat maps show these very well
- However, latency outliers can compress the bulk of the heat map data
    - eg, 1 second outlier while most I/O is < 10 ms
- Users should have some control to be able to zoom/truncate details
    - both x and y axis



Data Storage

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- Since heat-maps are three dimensions, storing this data can become costly (volume)
- Most of the data points are zero
  - and you can prevent storing zero's by only storing populated elements: associative array
- You can reduce to a sufficiently high resolution, and resample lower as needed
- You can also be aggressive at reducing resolution at higher latencies
  - 10 us granularity not as interesting for I/O > 1 second
  - non-linear resolution

Other Interesting Latency Heat Maps

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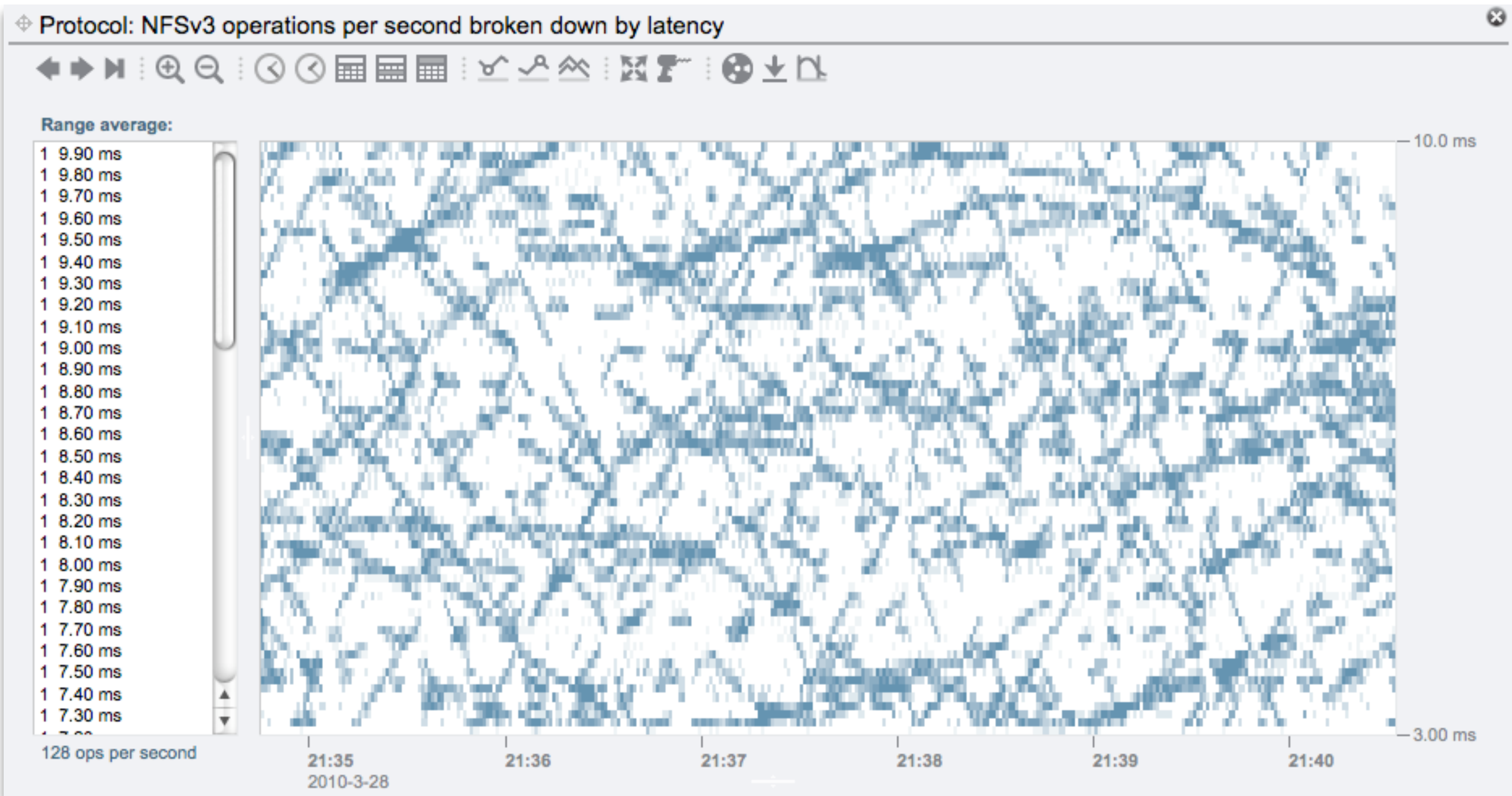
- The “Icy Lake”
- The “Rainbow Pterodactyl”
- Latency Levels

The “Icy Lake” Workload

- About as simple as it gets:
  - Single client, single thread, sequential synchronous 8 Kbyte writes to an NFS share
  - NFS server: 22 x 7,200 RPM disks, striped pool
- The resulting latency heat map was unexpected

The “Icy Lake”


Protocol: NFSv3 operations per second broken down by latency
Range average:
1 9.90 ms
1 9.80 ms
1 9.70 ms
1 9.60 ms
1 9.50 ms
1 9.40 ms
1 9.30 ms
1 9.20 ms
1 9.10 ms
1 9.00 ms
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1 7.80 ms
1 7.70 ms
1 7.60 ms
1 7.50 ms
1 7.40 ms
1 7.30 ms
128 ops per second
10.0 ms
3.00 ms
21:35
2010-3-28
21:36
21:37
21:38
21:39
21:40

"Icy Lake" Analysis: Observation

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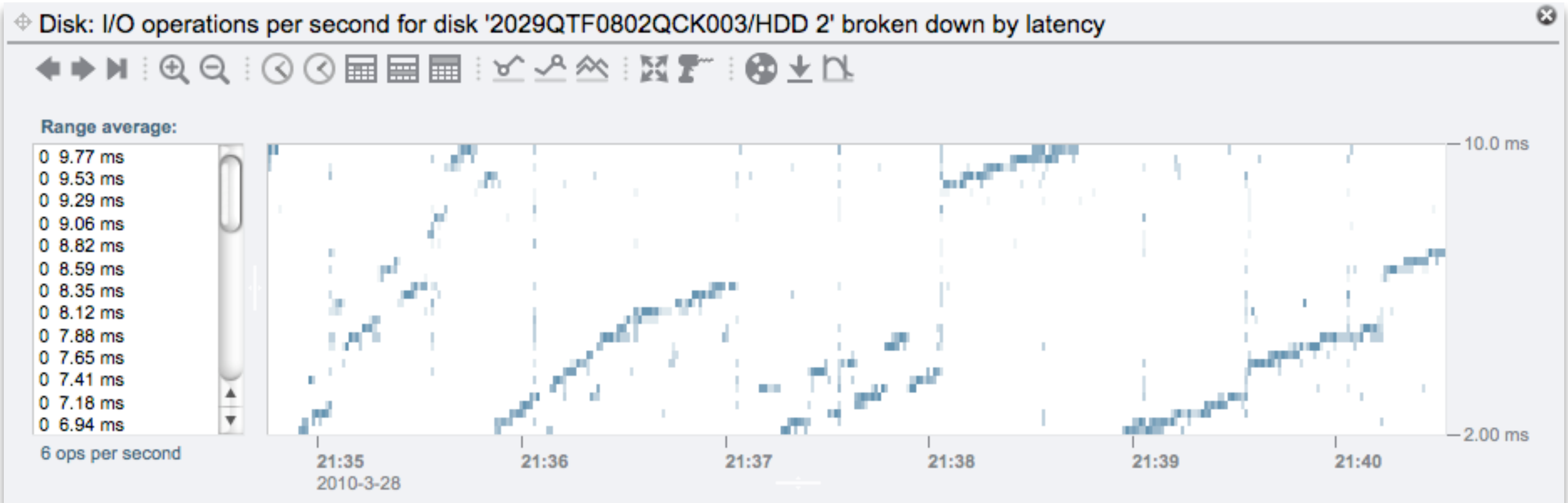
- Examining single disk latency:



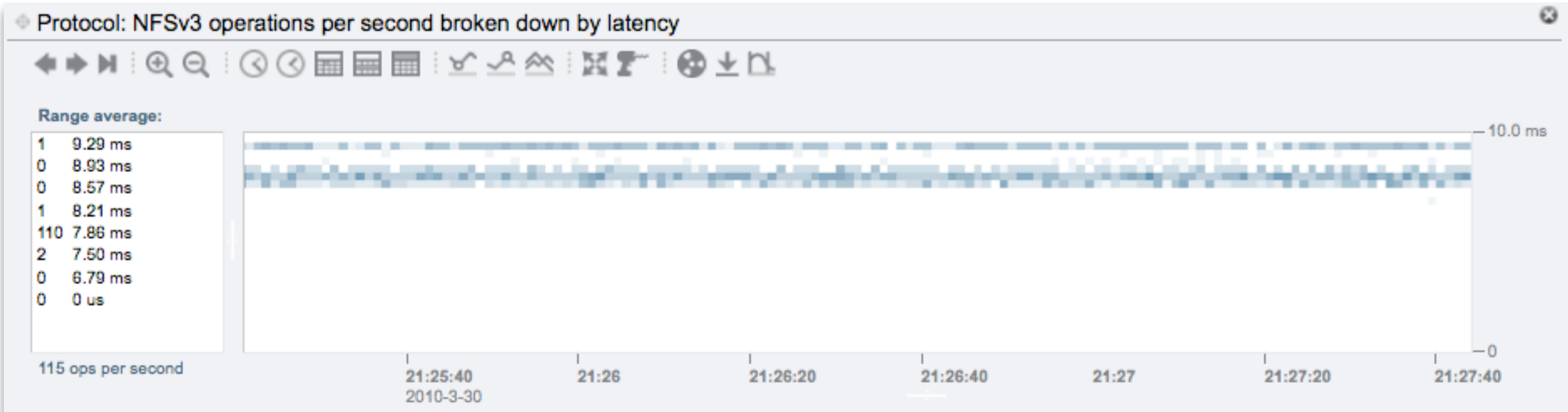
- Pattern match with NFS latency: similar lines
  - each disk contributing some lines to the overall pattern

Pattern Match?

- We just associated NFS latency with disk device latency, using our eyeballs
    - see the titles on the previous heat maps
- You can programmatically do this (DTrace), but that can get difficult to associate context across software stack layers (but not impossible!)
- Heat Maps allow this part of the problem to be offloaded to your brain
    - and we are very good at pattern matching

“Icy Lake” Analysis: Experimentation

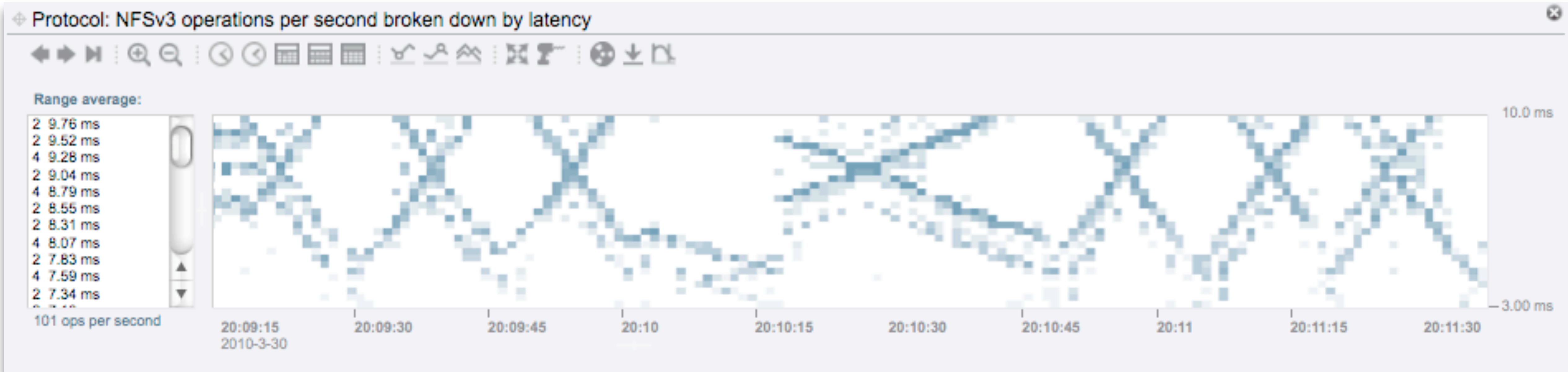
- Same workload, single disk pool:



- No diagonal lines
  - but more questions - see the line (false color palette enhanced) at 9.29 ms? this is < 1% of the I/O. (I’m told, and I believe, that this is due to adjacent track seek latency.)

“Icy Lake” Analysis: Experimentation

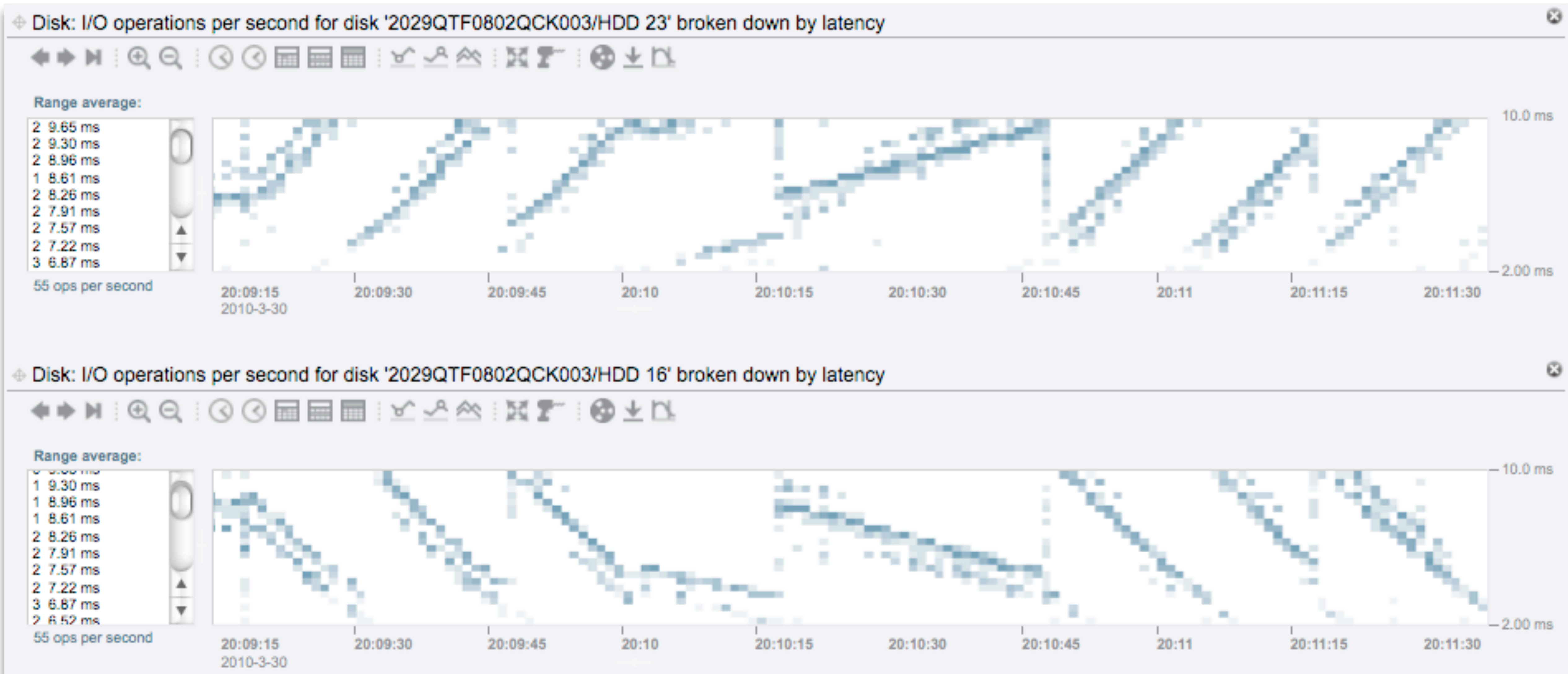
- Same workload, two disk striped pool:



- Ah-hah! Diagonal lines.
    - ... but still more questions: why does the angle sometimes change? why do some lines slope upwards and some down?

“Icy Lake” Analysis: Experimentation

- ... each disk from that pool:

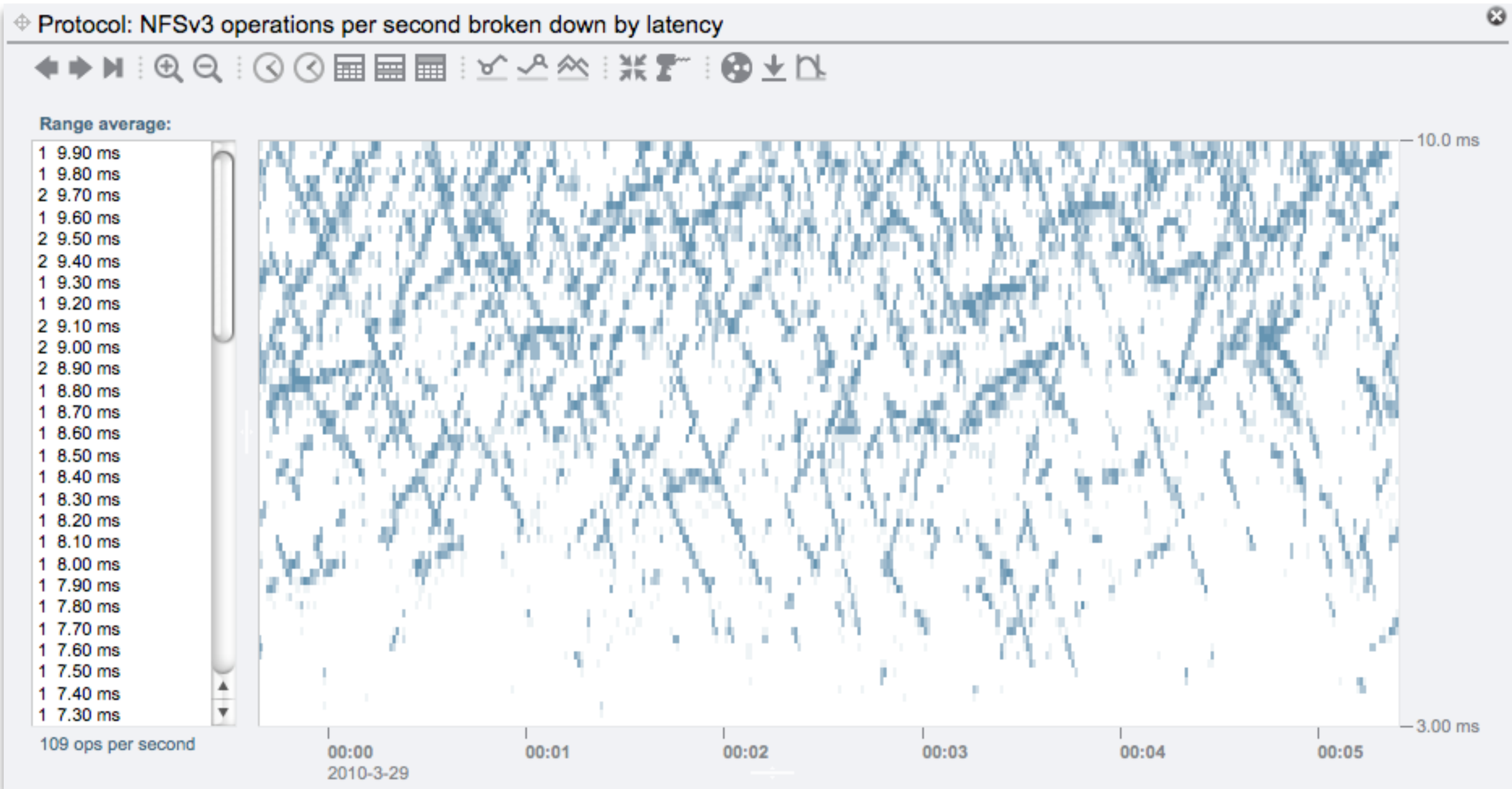


“Icy Lake” Analysis: Questions

- Remaining Questions:
  - Why does the slope sometimes change?
  - What exactly seeds the slope in the first place?

“Icy Lake” Analysis: Mirroring

- Trying mirroring the pool disks instead of striping:



Another Example: “X marks the spot”

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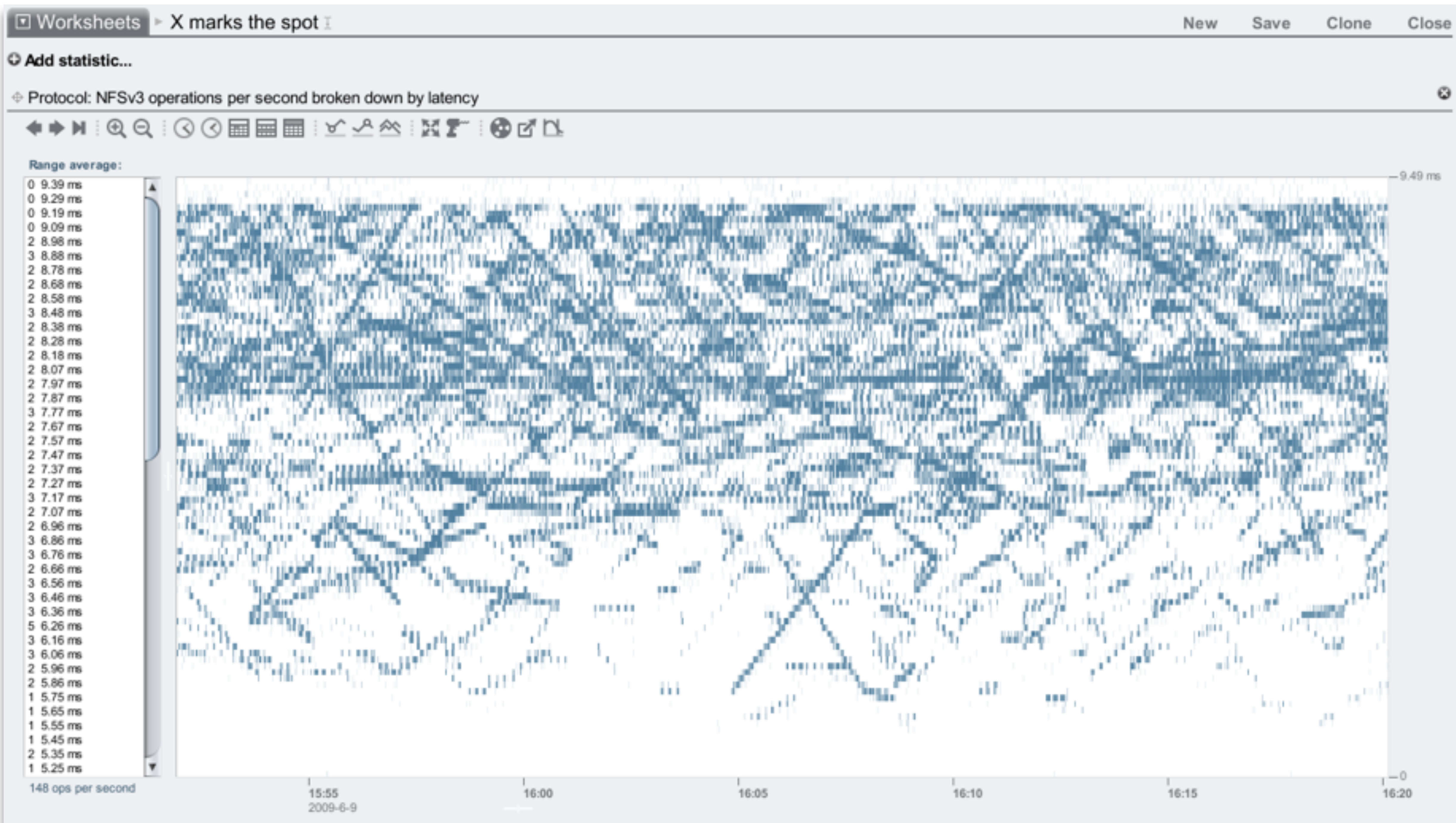
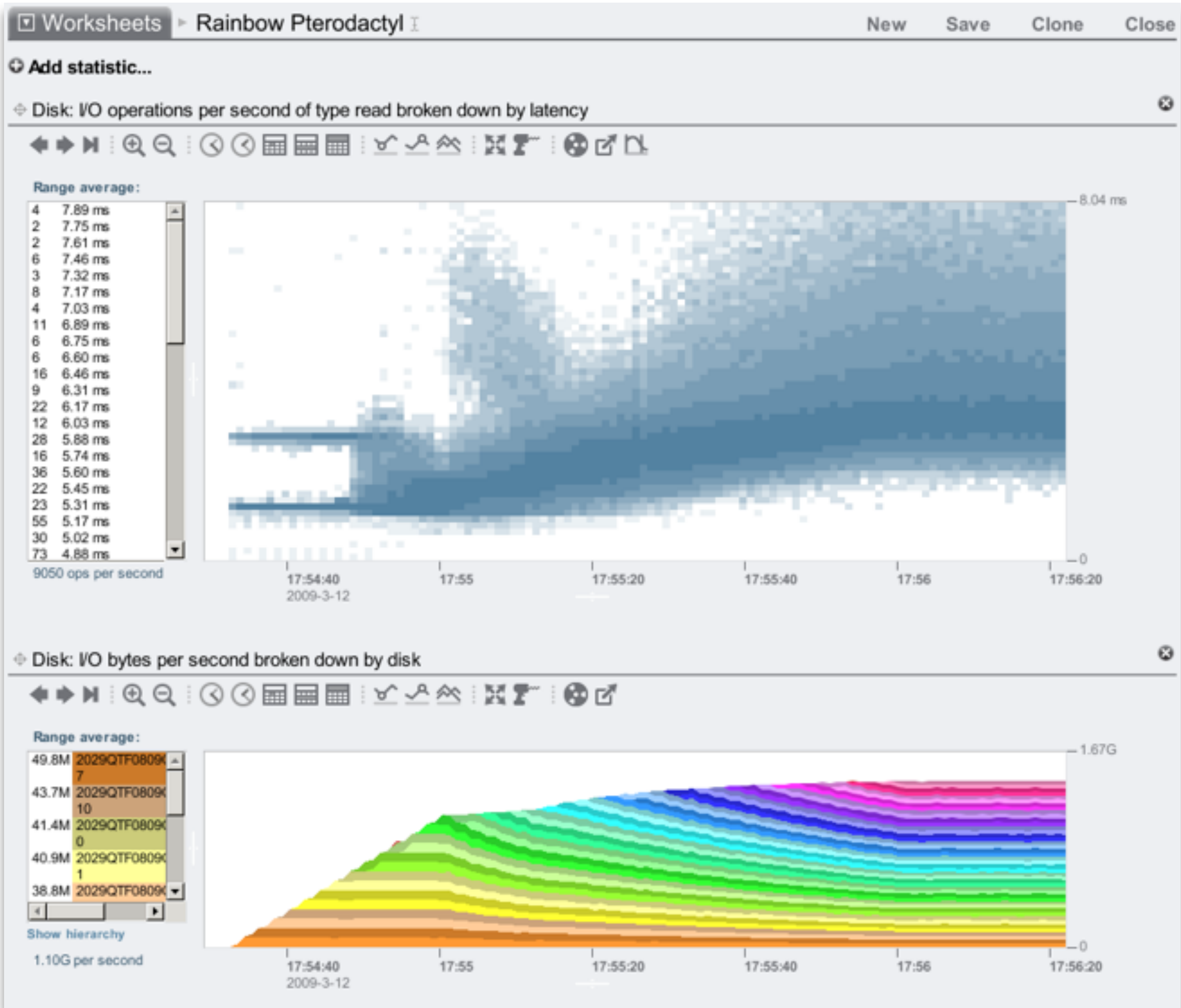


The “Rainbow Pterodactyl” Workload

- 48 x 7,200 RPM disks, 2 disk enclosures
- Sequential 128 Kbyte reads to each disk (raw device), adding disks every 2 seconds
- Goal: Performance analysis of system architecture
  - identifying I/O throughput limits by driving I/O subsystem to saturation, one disk at a time (finds knee points)

The “Rainbow Pterodactyl”



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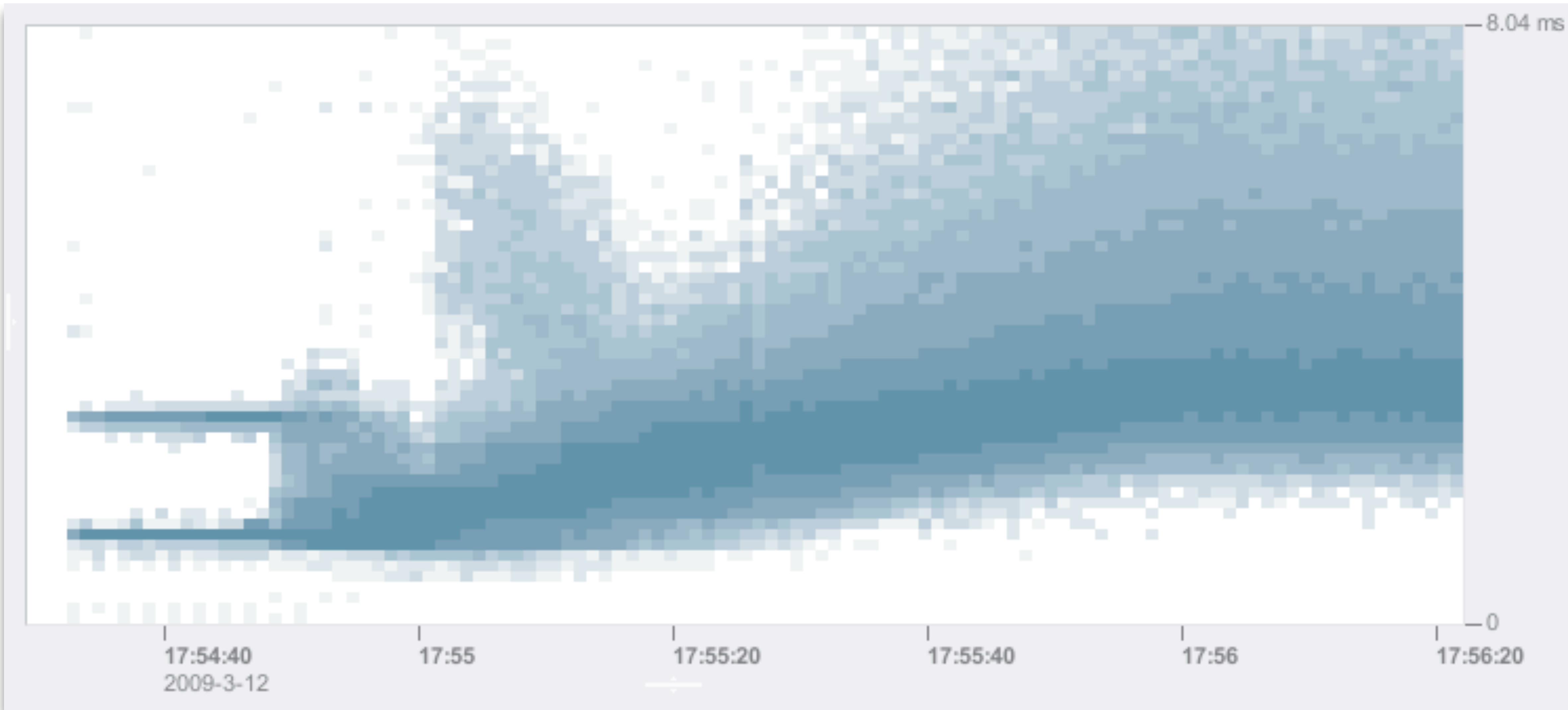

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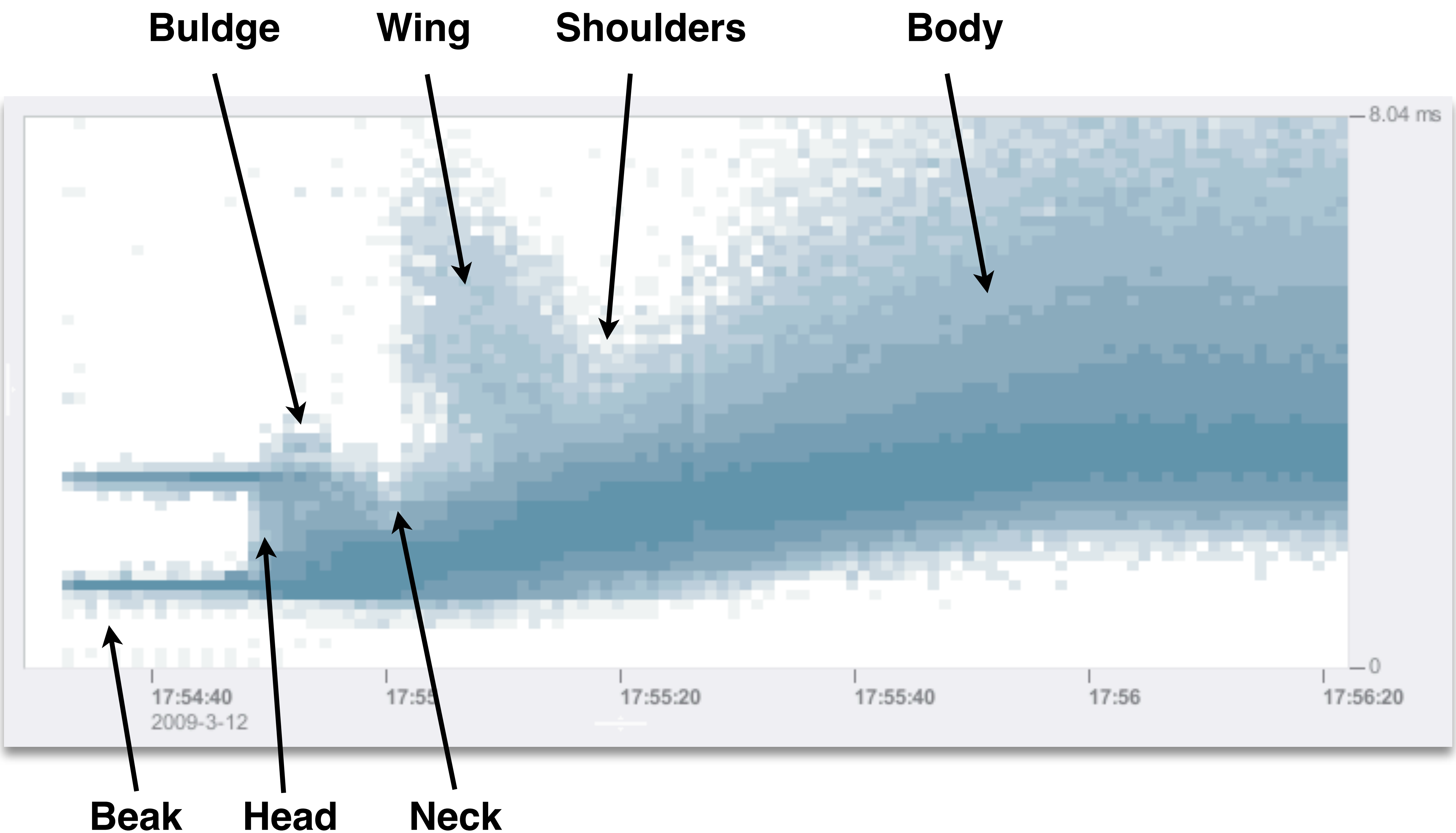

The “Rainbow Pterodactyl”: Analysis

- Hasn’t been understood in detail
  - Would never be understood (or even known) without heat maps
- It is repeatable

The “Rainbow Pterodactyl”: Theories

- “Beak”: disk cache hit vs disk cache miss -> bimodal
- “Head”: 9th disk, contention on the 2 x4 SAS ports
- “Buldge”: ?
- “Neck”: ?
- “Wing”: contention?
- “Shoulders”: ?
- “Body”: PCI-gen1 bus contention

Latency Levels Workload

- Same as “Rainbow Pterodactyl”, stepping disks
- Instead of sequential reads, this is repeated 128 Kbyte reads (read -> seek 0 -> read -> ...), to deliberately hit from the disk DRAM cache to improve test throughput

Latency Levels

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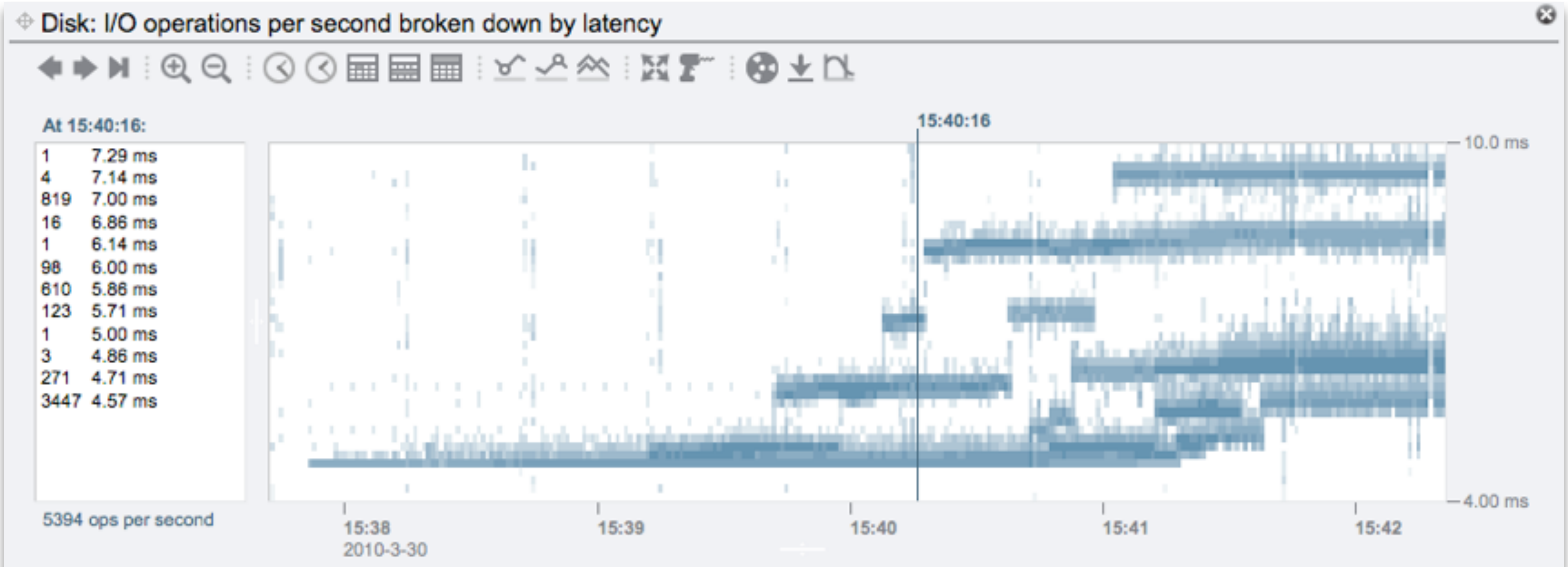

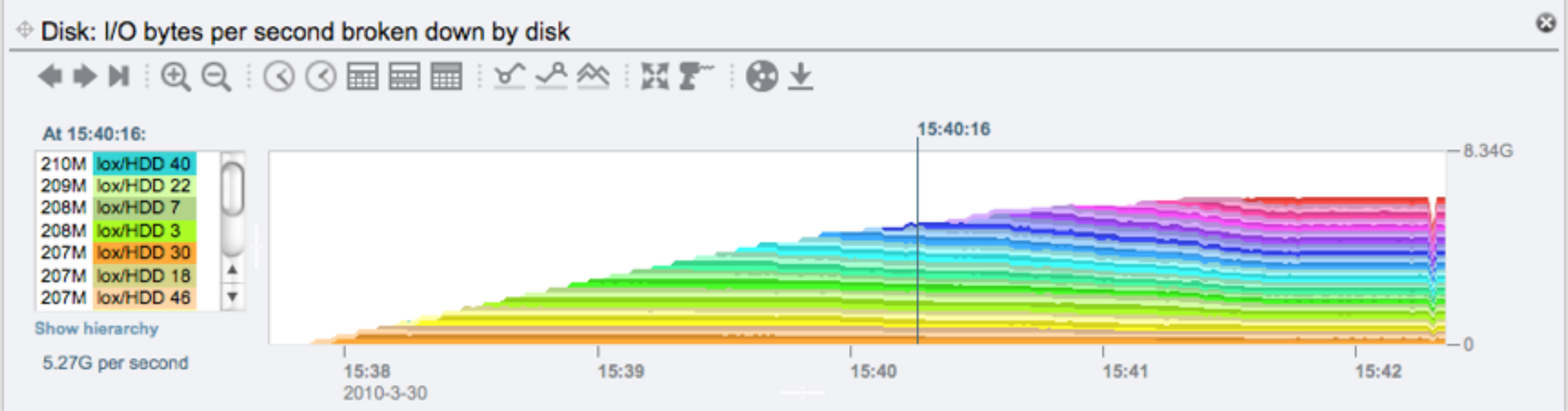

Latency Levels Theories

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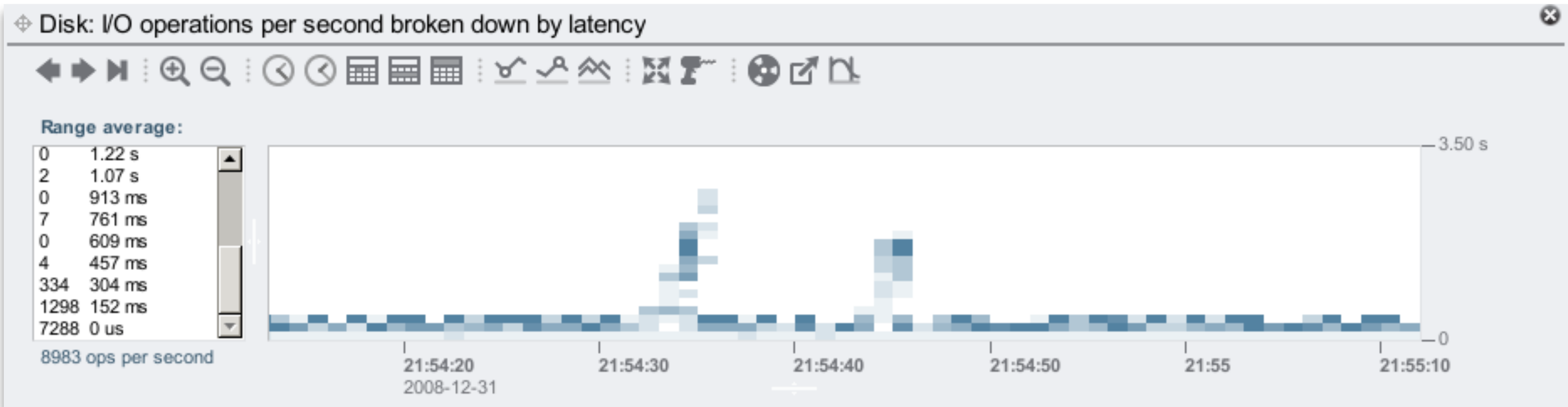
- ???

Bonus Latency Heat Map



- This time we do know the source of the latency...

硬碟也會鬧情緒

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癮科技小劇場：硬碟也會鬧情緒

http://chinese.engadget.com/2009/01/05/video-shouting-at-disk-drive-causes-high-latency-low-r

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由 Flow Yu 於 1 year 之前發表

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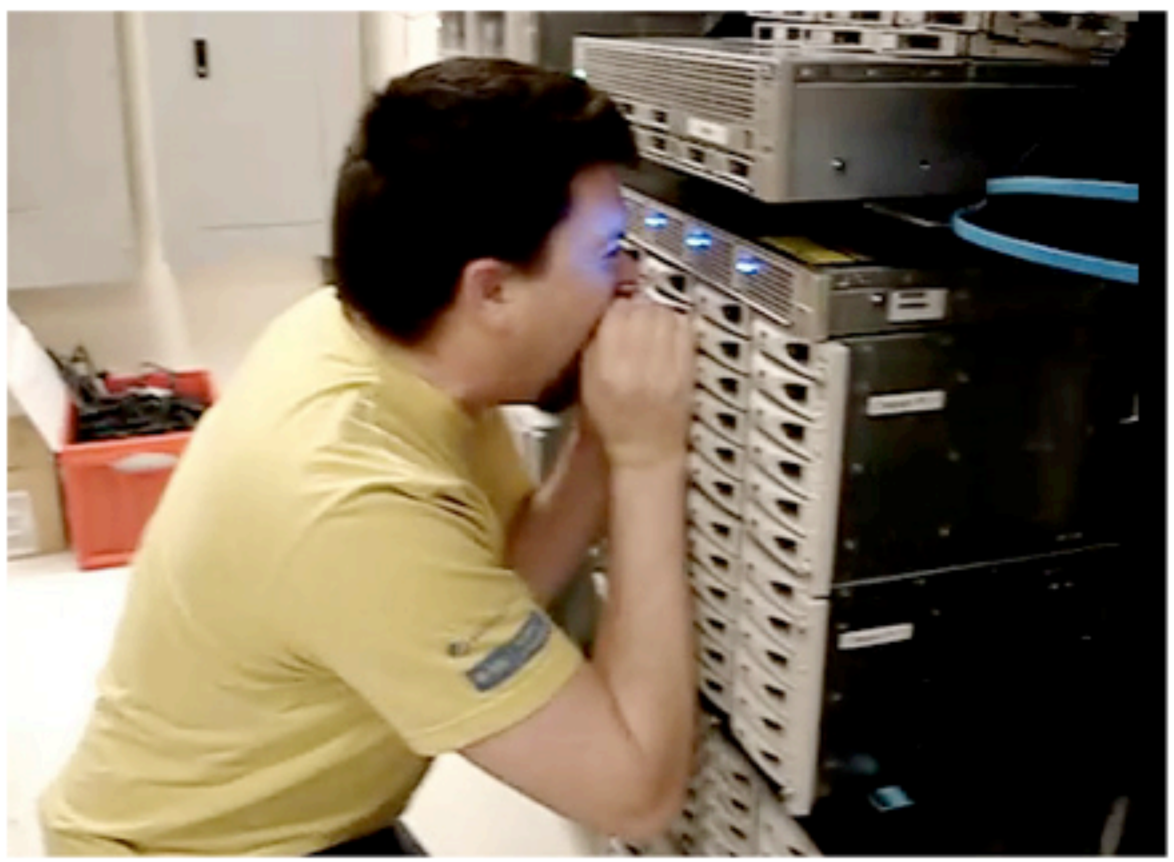


這可不是開玩笑來著，而是經過實驗証明的唷！來自 Sun Fishworks 團隊的 Brendan Gregg，或許是在機房裡待久了，於是突發異想跑去對機房中的磁碟陣列大吼大叫一陣，結果就這麼發現了一個真理，那就是：硬碟就跟員工一樣，吼叫並不會讓他們的效率變高，反而還會讓它們心生不爽而降低士氣，私底下就開始搞罷工。

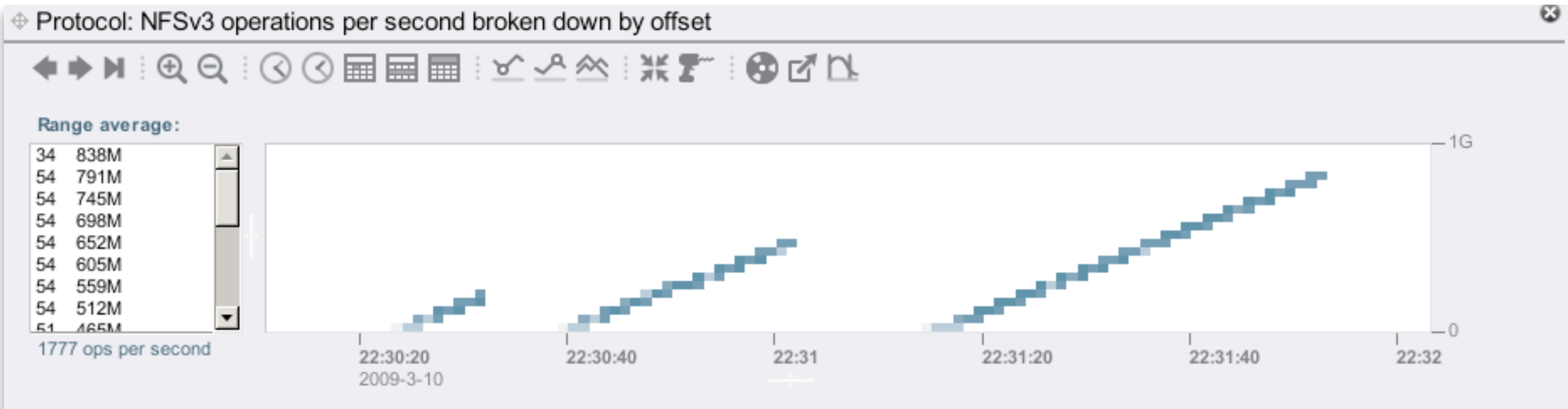
Latency Heat Maps: Summary

- Shows latency distribution over time
- Shows outliers (maximums)
- Indirectly shows average
- Shows patterns
    - allows correlation with other software stack layers

Similar Heat Map Uses

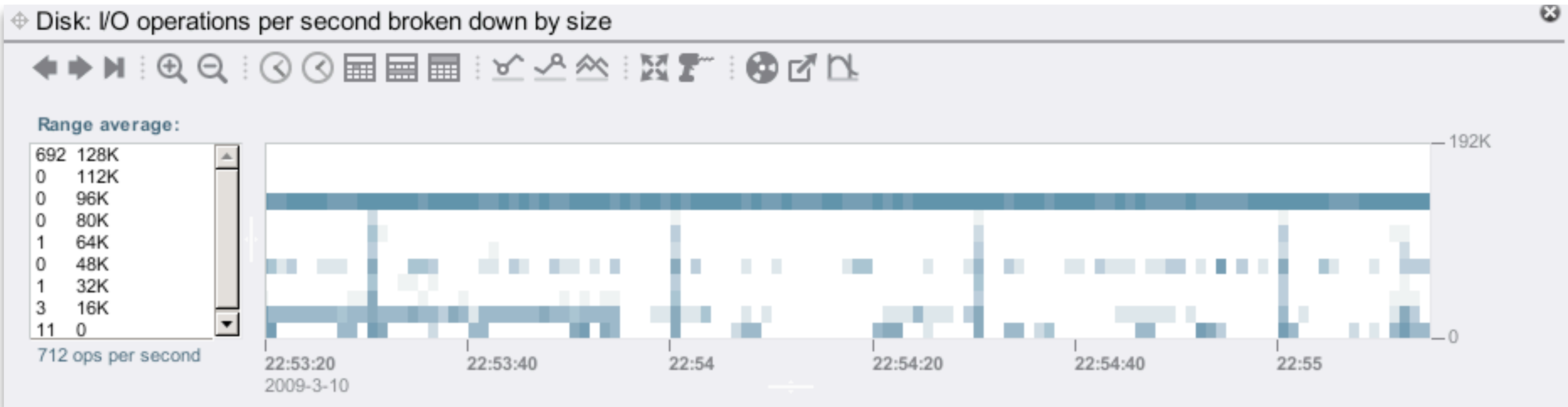
- These all have a dynamic y-axis scale:
  - I/O size
  - I/O offset
- These aren’t a primary measure of performance (like latency); they provide secondary information to understand the workload

Heat Map: I/O Offset



- y-axis: I/O offset (in this case, NFSv3 file location)

Heat Map: I/O Size



- y-axis: I/O size (bytes)

Heat Map Abuse

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- What can we ‘paint’ by adjusting the workload?

I/O Size

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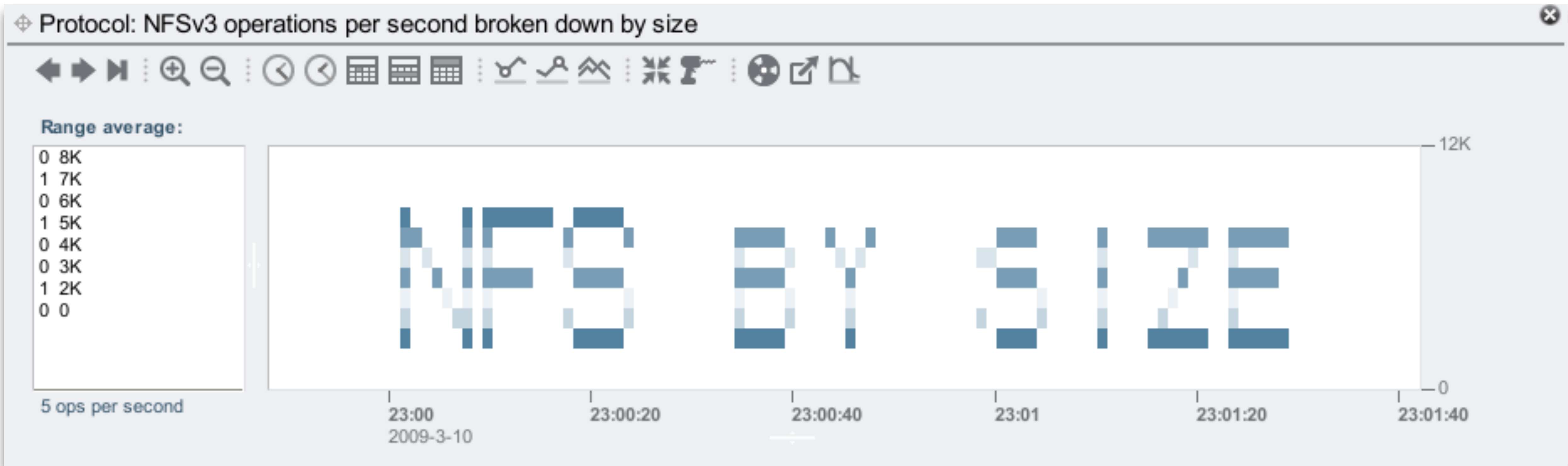

- How was this done?

I/O Offset

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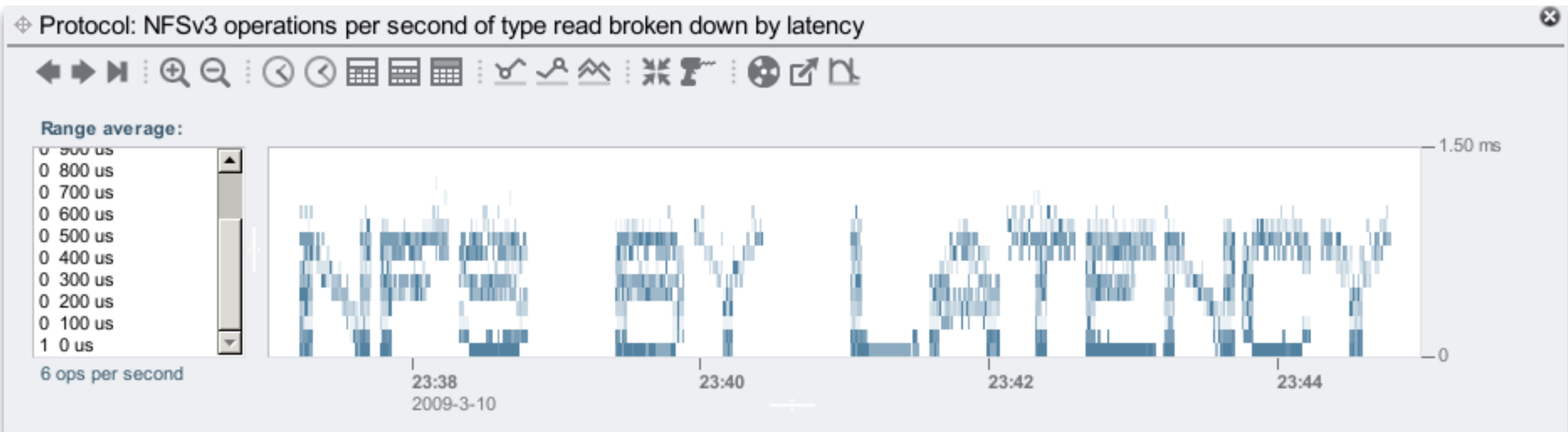
I/O Latency



- How was this done?

Visualizations

Current Examples

Utilization

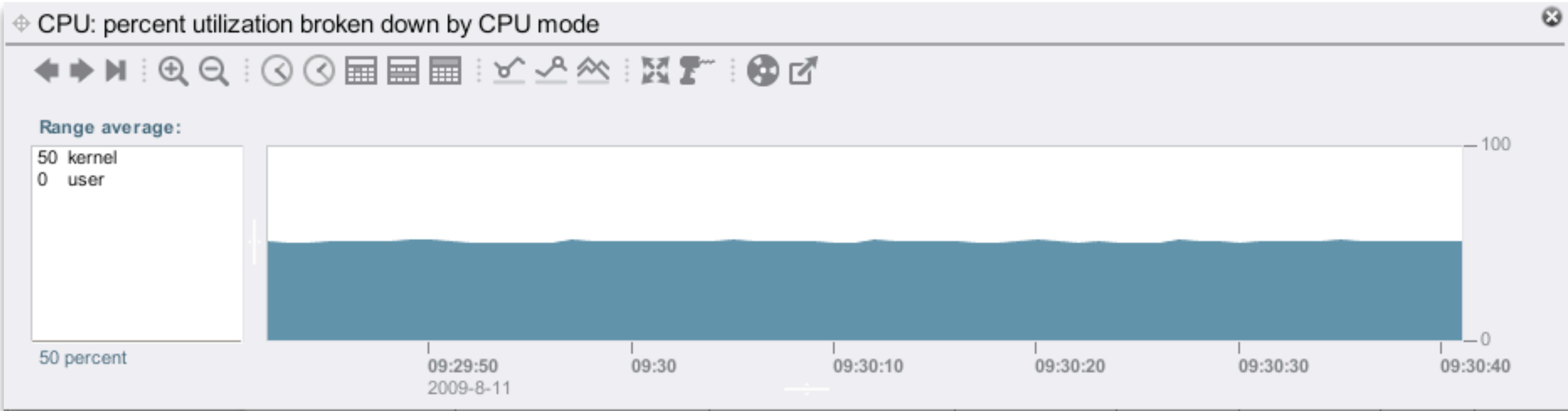
CPU Utilization

- Commonly used indicator of CPU performance
- eg, vmstat(1M)

```
$ vmstat 1 5
 kthr      memory                  page                disk          faults      cpu
 r b w   swap   free   re  mf pi po fr de sr s0 s1 s2 s3   in   sy   cs us sy id
 0 0 0 95125264 28022732 301 1742 1 17 17 0 0 -0 -0 -0 6 5008 21927 3886 4 1 94
 0 0 0 91512024 25075924 6 55 0 0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0 4665 18228 4299 10 1 89
 0 0 0 91511864 25075796 9 24 0 0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0 3504 12757 3158 8  0 92
 0 0 0 91511228 25075164 3 163 0 0 0  0  0  0  0  0  0 4104 15375 3611 9  5 86
 0 0 0 91510824 25074940 5 66 0 0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0 4607 19492 4394 10 1 89
```

CPU Utilization: Line Graph

- Easy to plot:



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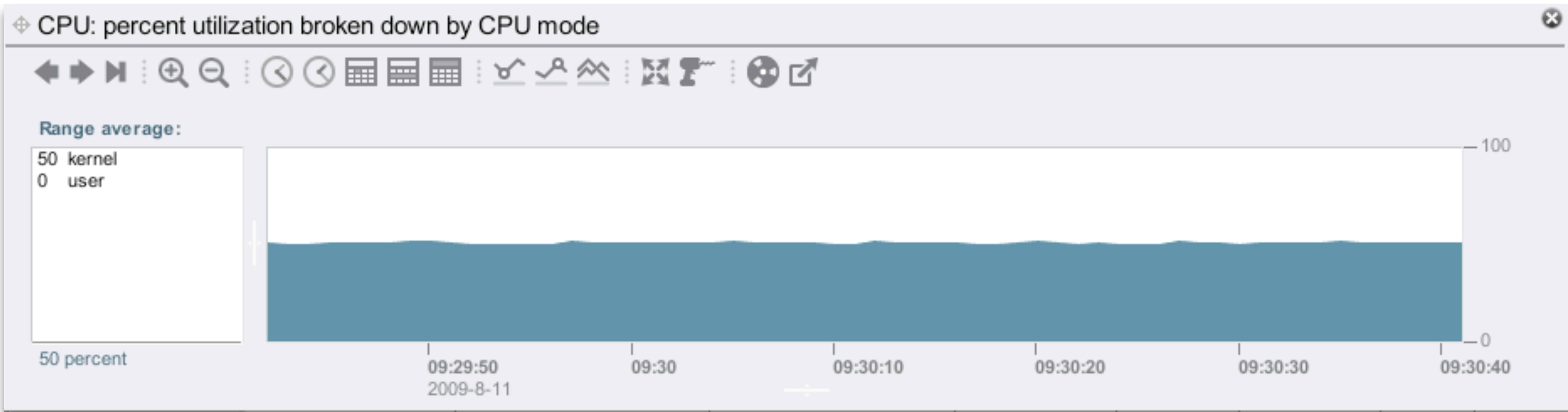

- Average across all CPUs:
    - Identifies how utilized all CPUs are, indicating remaining headroom - provided sufficient threads to use CPUs

CPU Utilization by CPU

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- mpstat(1M) can show utilization by-CPU:

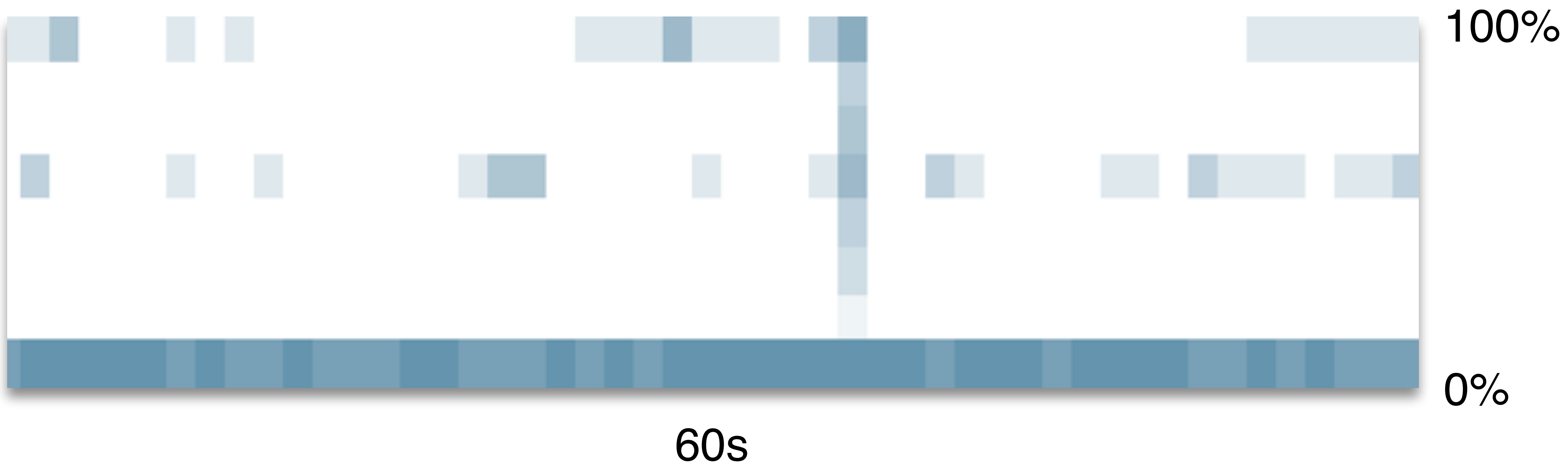
```
$ mpstat 1
[...]
CPU minf mjf xcal  intr ithr  csw icsw migr smtx  srw syscl  usr sys  wt idl
  0    0   0    2   313  105  315    0   24    4    0  1331    5   1   0  94
  1    0   0    0    65   28  190    0   12    4    0   576    1   1   0  98
  2    0   0    0    64   20  152    0   12    1    0   438    0   1   0  99
  3    0   0    0   127   74  274    1   21    3    0   537    1   1   0  98
  4    0   0    0    32    5  229    0    9    2    0   902    1   1   0  98
  5    0   0    0    46   19  138    0    7    3    0   521    1   0   0  99
  6    2   0    0   109   32  296    0    8    2    0  1266    4   0   0  96
  7    0   0    0    30    8    0    9    0    1    0     0  100   0   0   0
  8    0   0    0   169   68  311    0   22    2    0   847    2   1   0  97
  9    0   0   30   111   54  274    0   16    4    0   868    2   0   0  98
 10    0   0    0    69   29  445    0   13    7    0  2559    7   1   0  92
 11    0   0    0    78   36  303    0    7    8    0  1041    2   0   0  98
 12    0   0    0    74   34  312    0   10    1    0  1250    7   1   0  92
 13   38   0   15   456  285  336    2   10    1    0  1408    5   2   0  93
 14    0   0    0  2620 2497  209    0   10   38    0   259    1   3   0  96
 15    0   0    0    20    8   10    0    4    2    0     2    0   0   0 100
```

- can identify a single hot CPU (thread)
  - and un-balanced configurations

CPU Resource Monitoring

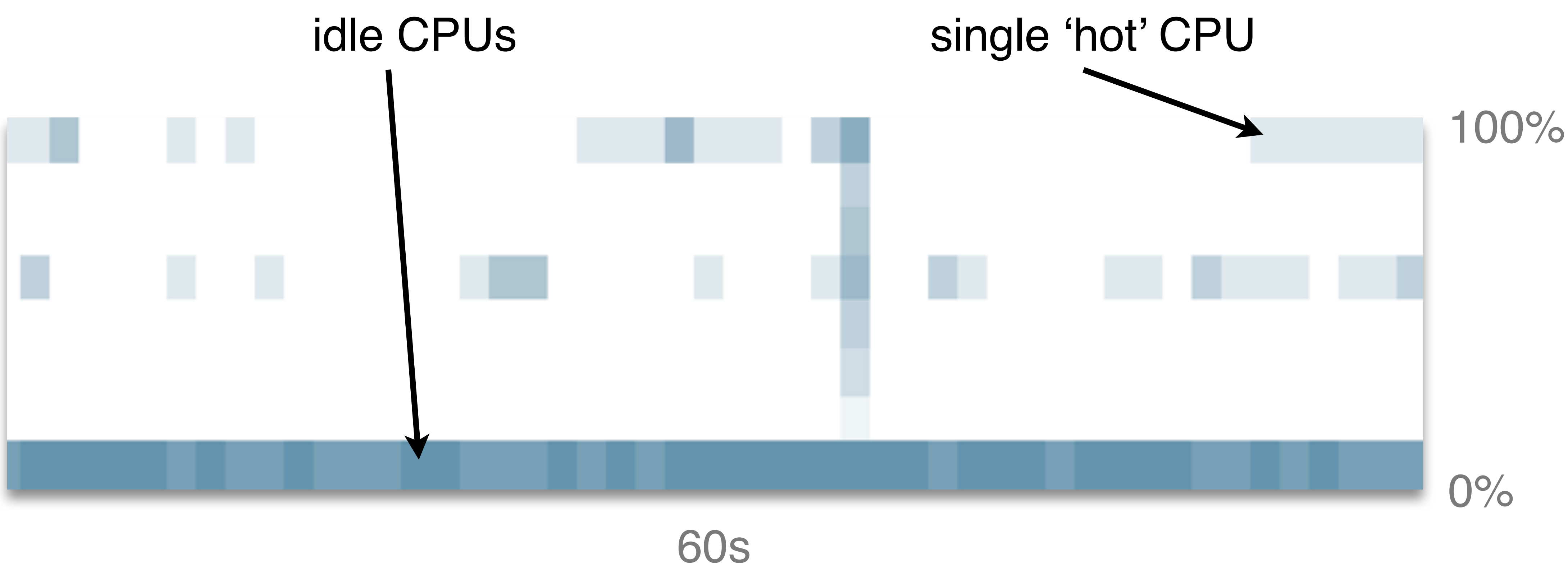
- Monitor overall utilization for capacity planning
- Also valuable to monitor individual CPUs
  - can identify un-balanced configurations
  - such as a single hot CPU (thread)
- The virtual CPUs on a single host can now reach the 100s
  - its own dimension
  - how can we display this 3rd dimension?

Heat Map: CPU Utilization



- x-axis: time
- y-axis: percent utilization
- z-axis (color saturation): # of CPUs in that time/utilization range

Heat Map: CPU Utilization



- Single ‘hot’ CPUs are a common problem due to application scaleability issues (single threaded)
- This makes identification easy, without reading pages of mpstat(1M) output

Heat Map: Disk Utilization

- Ditto for disks
- Disk Utilization heat map can identify:
    - overall utilization
    - unbalanced configurations
    - single hot disks (versus all disks busy)
- Ideally, the disk utilization heat map is tight (y-axis) and below 70%, indicating a well balanced config with headroom
    - which can't be visualized with line graphs

Back to Line Graphs...

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- Are typically used to visualize performance, be it IOPS or utilization
- Show patterns over time more clearly than text (higher resolution)
- But graphical environments can do much more
  - As shown by the heat maps (to start with); which convey details line graphs cannot
- Ask: what “value add” does the GUI bring to the data?

Resource Utilization Heat Map Summary

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- Can exist for any resource with multiple components:
  - CPUs
  - Disks
  - Network interfaces
  - I/O busses
  - ...
- Quickly identifies single hot component versus all components
- Best suited for physical hardware resources
  - difficult to express ‘utilization’ for a software resource

Visualizations

Future Opportunities

Cloud Computing

So far analysis has been for a single server

What about the cloud?

From one to thousands of servers

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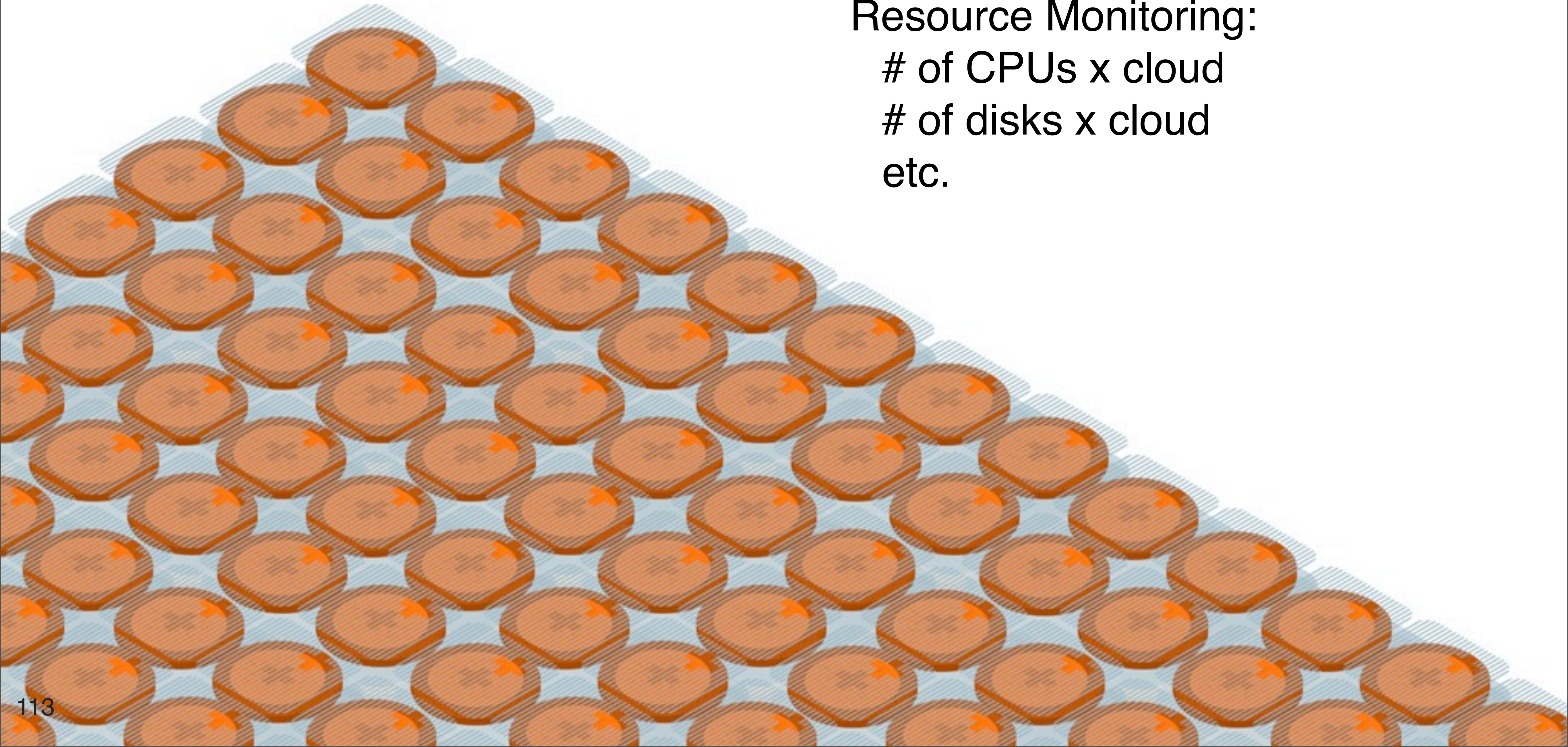
Workload Analysis:
  latency I/O x cloud

Resource Monitoring:
  # of CPUs x cloud
  # of disks x cloud
  etc.



Heat Maps for the Cloud

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- Heat Maps are promising for cloud computing observability:
  - additional dimension accommodates the scale of the cloud
- Find outliers regardless of node
  - cloud-wide latency heat map just has more I/O
- Examine how applications are load balanced across nodes
  - similar to CPU and disk utilization heat maps
- mpstat and iostat's output are already getting too long
  - multiply by 1000x for the number of possible hosts in a large cloud application

Proposed Visualizations

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- Include:
  - Latency heat map across entire cloud
  - Latency heat maps for cloud application components
  - CPU utilization by cloud node
  - CPU utilization by CPU
  - Thread/process utilization across entire cloud
  - Network interface utilization by cloud node
  - Network interface utilization by port
  - lots, lots more

Cloud Latency Heat Map

- Latency at different layers:
  - Apache
  - PHP/Ruby/...
  - MySQL
  - DNS
  - Disk I/O
  - CPU dispatcher queue latency
  - and pattern match to quickly identify and locate latency

Latency Example: MySQL

- Query latency (DTrace):

```
query time (ns)
           value  ------------- Distribution ------------- count
            1024 |                                         0
            2048 |                                         2
            4096 |@                                        99
            8192 |                                         20
           16384 |@                                        114
           32768 |@                                        105
           65536 |@                                        123
          131072 |@@@@@@@@@@@@@                            1726
          262144 |@@@@@@@@@@@                              1515
          524288 |@@@@                                     601
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         8388608 |@@@@@                                    660
        16777216 |                                         67
        33554432 |                                         12
        67108864 |                                         7
       134217728 |                                         4
       268435456 |                                         5
       536870912 |                                         0
```

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What is this?
(8-16 ms latency)

Latency Example: MySQL

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       268435456 |                                         5
       536870912 |                                         0

innodb srv sleep (ns)
           value  ------------- Distribution ------------- count
         4194304 |                                         0
         8388608 |@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@ 841
        16777216 |                                         0
```

oh...

Latency Example: MySQL

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- Spike of MySQL query latency: 8 - 16 ms
- innodb thread concurrency back-off sleep latency: 8 - 16 ms
- Both have a similar magnitude (see "count" column)
- Add the dimension of time as a heat map, for more characteristics to compare
- ... quickly compare heat maps from different components of the cloud to pattern match and locate latency

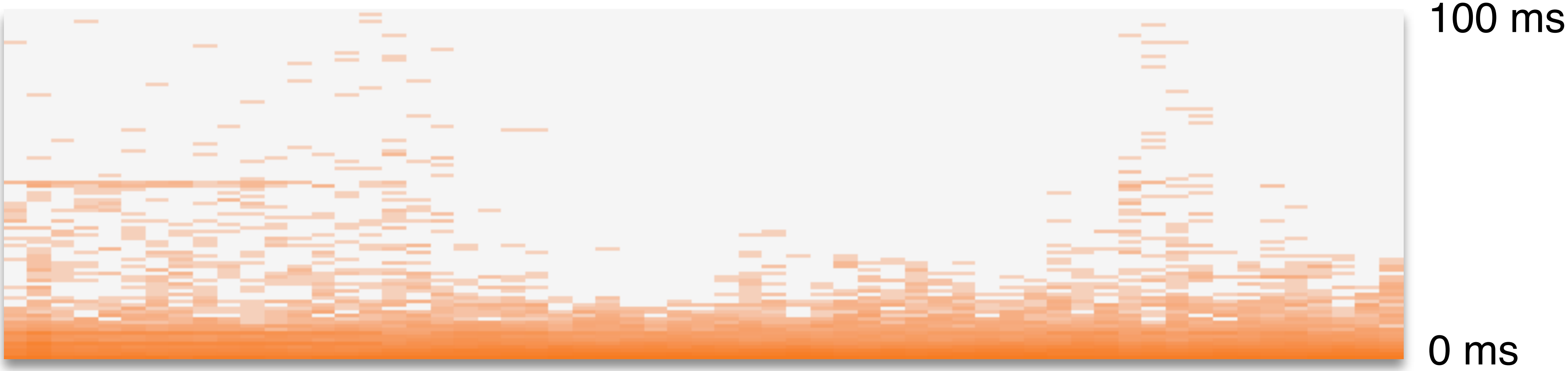
Cloud Latency Heat Map

- Identify latency outliers, distributions, patterns
- Can add more functionality to identify these by:
  - cloud node
  - application, cloud-wide
  - I/O type (eg, query type)
- Targeted observability (DTrace) can be used to fetch this
- Or, we could collect it for everything
  - ... do we need a 4th dimension?

4th Dimension!

- Bryan Cantrill @Joyent coded this 11 hours ago
  - assuming it’s now about 10:30am during this talk
  - ... and I added these slides about 7 hours ago

4th Dimension Example: Thread Runtime



- x-axis: time
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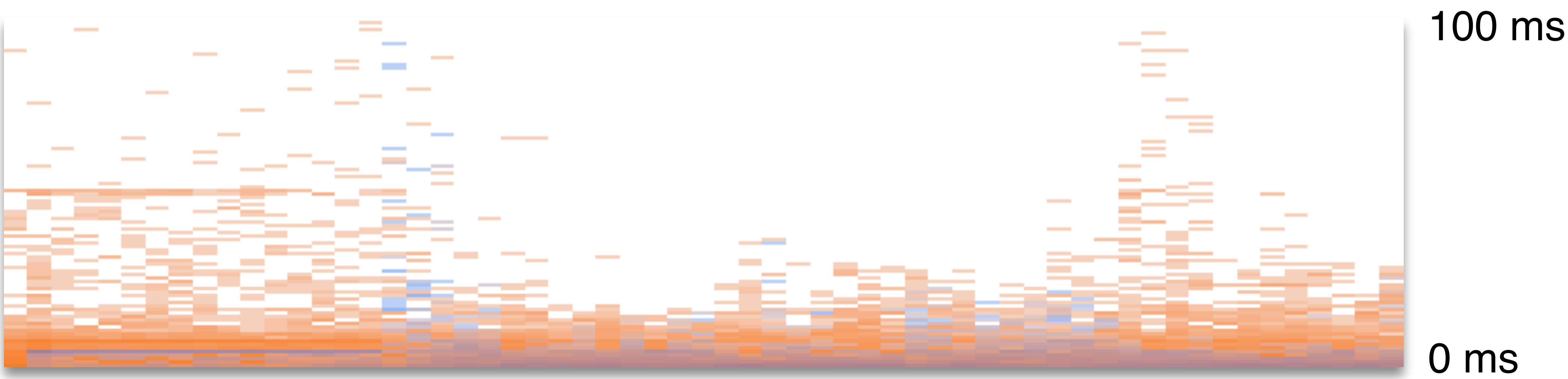

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- omega-axis (color hue): application

- blue == “coreaudiod”

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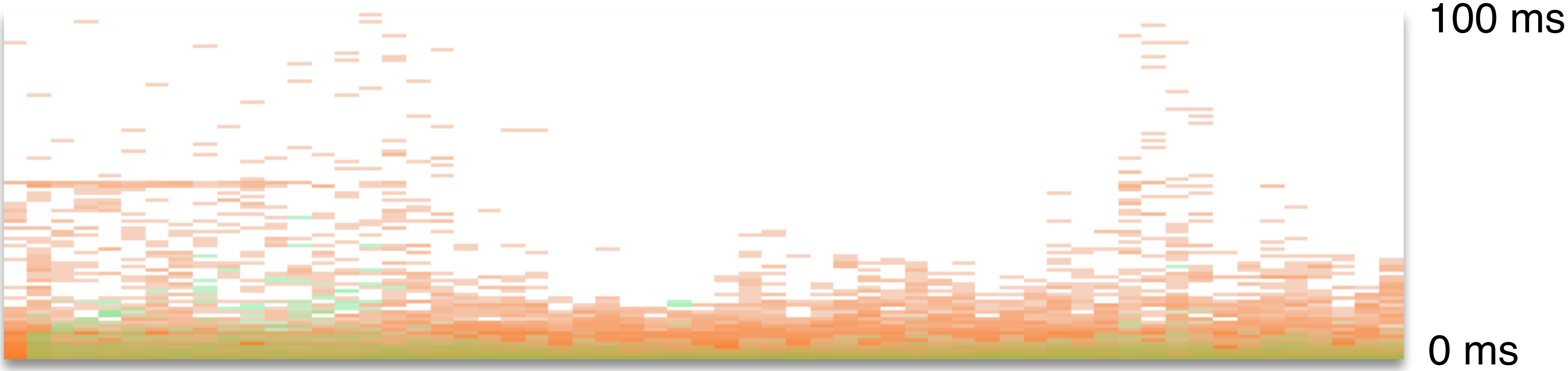

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- green == “iChat”

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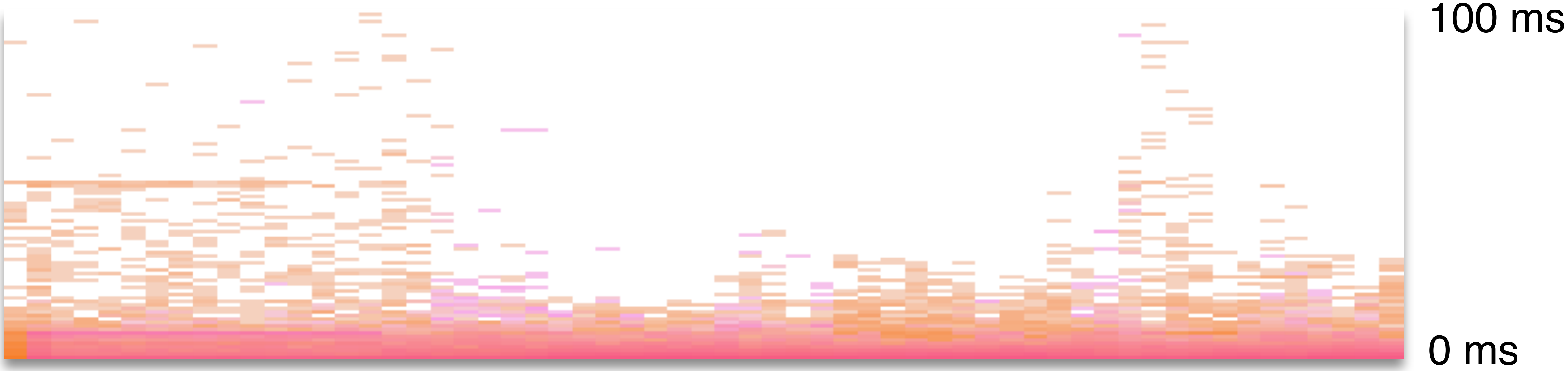

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- violet == “Chrome”

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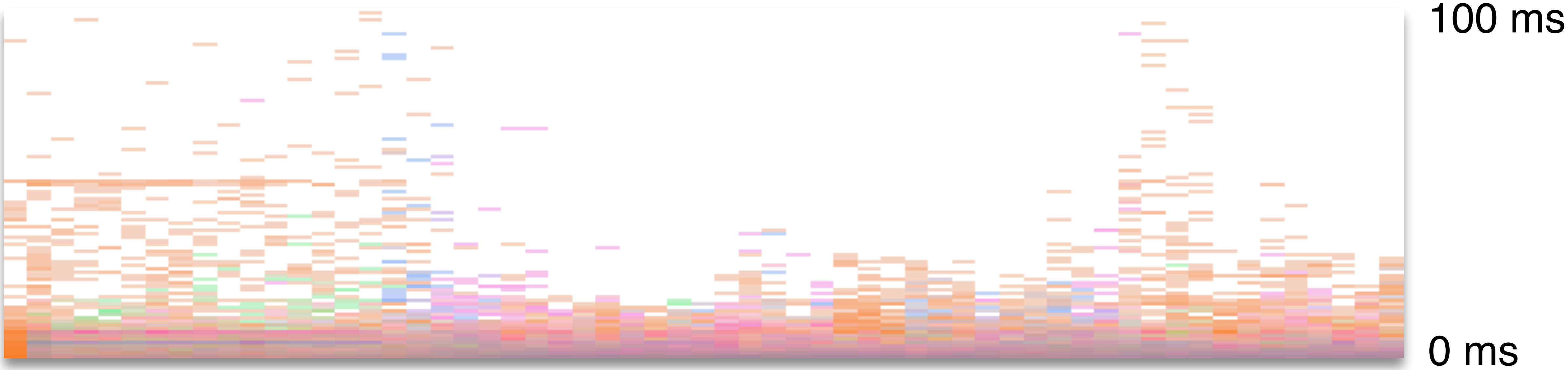

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- All colors

“Dimensionality”

- While the data supports the 4th dimension, visualizing this properly may become difficult (we are eager to find out)
  - The image itself is still only 2 dimensional
- May be best used to view a limited set, to limit the number of different hues; uses can include:
  - Highlighting different cloud application types: DB, web server, etc.
  - Highlighting one from many components: single node, CPU, disk, etc.
- Limiting the set also helps storage of data

More Visualizations

- We plan much more new stuff
  - We are building a team of engineers to work on it; including Bryan Cantrill, Dave Pacheo, and mysqlf
  - Dave and I have only been at Joyent for 2 1/2 weeks

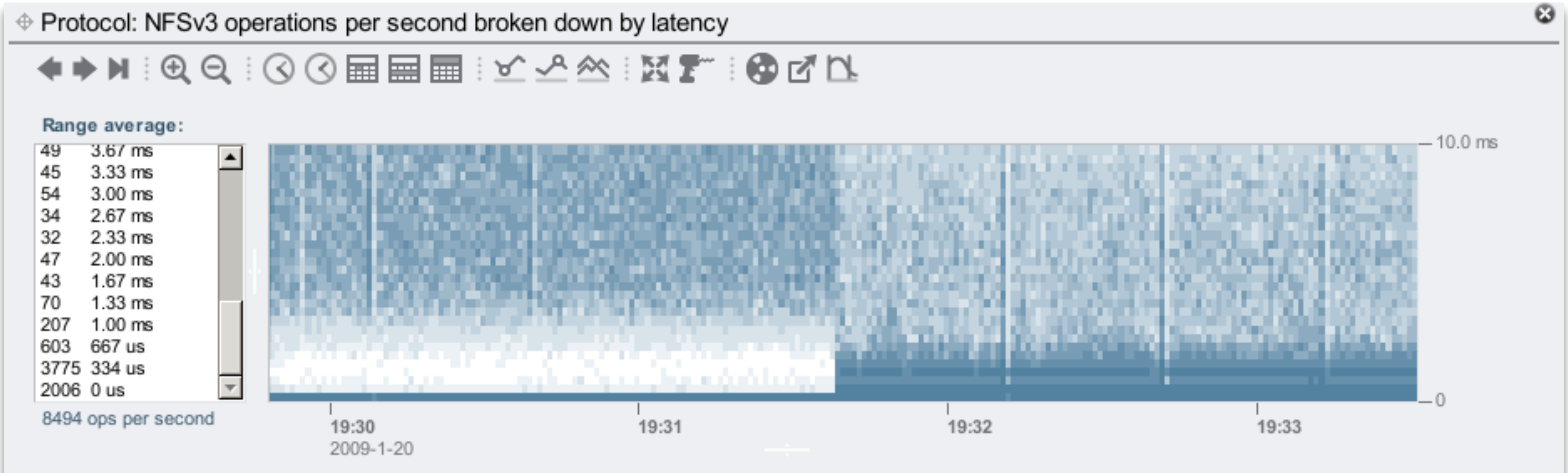
Beyond Performance Analysis

- Visualizations such as heat maps could also be applied to:
- Security, with pattern matching for:
  - robot identification based on think-time latency analysis
  - inter-keystroke-latency analysis
  - brute force username latency attacks?
- System Administration
  - monitoring quota usage by user, filesystem, disk
- Other multi-dimensional datasets

Objectives

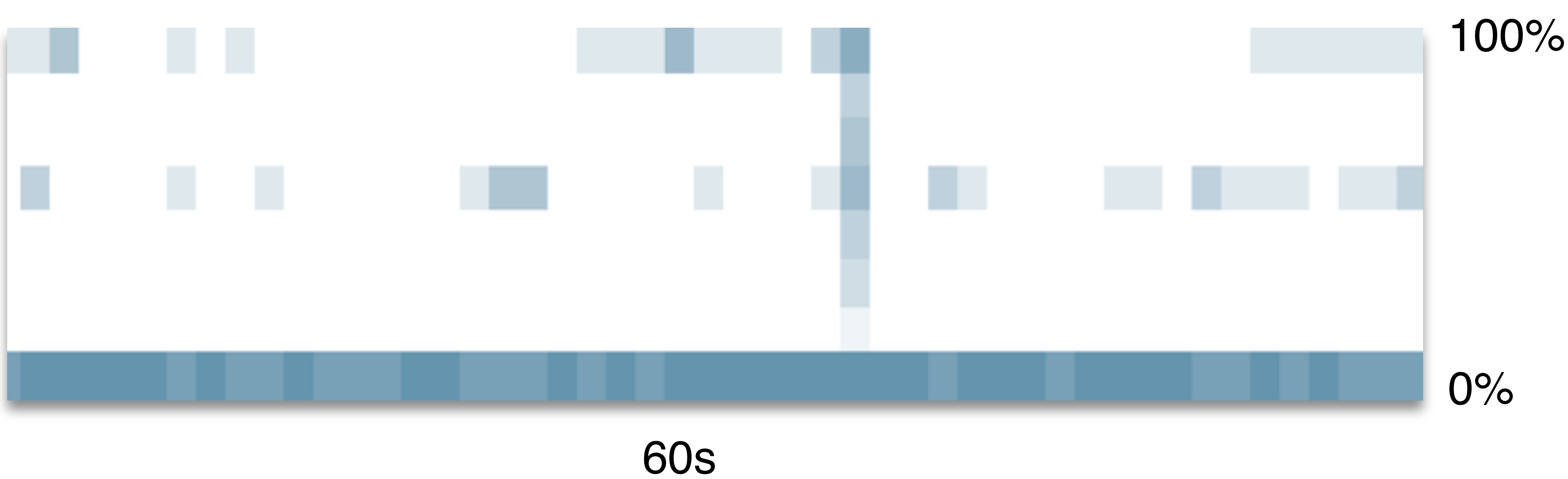
- Consider performance metrics before plotting
    - Why latency is good
    - ... and IOPS can be bad
- See the value of visualizations
    - Why heat maps are needed
    - ... and line graphs can be bad
- Remember key examples
    - I/O latency, as a heat map
    - CPU utilization by CPU, as a heat map

Heat Map: I/O Latency



- Latency matters
  - synchronous latency has a direct impact on performance
- Heat map shows
  - outliers, balance, cache layers, patterns

Heat Map: CPU Utilization



- Identify single threaded issues
    - single CPU hitting 100%
- Heat map shows
    - fully utilized components, balance, overall headroom, patterns

Tools Demonstrated

- For Reference:
- DTraceTazTool
  - 2006; based on TazTool by Richard McDougall 1995. Open source, unsupported, and probably no longer works (sorry).
- Analytics
  - 2008; Oracle Sun ZFS Storage Appliance
- “new stuff” (not named yet)
  - 2010; Joyent; Bryan Cantrill, Dave Pacheco, Brendan Gregg

Question Time

- Thank you!

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