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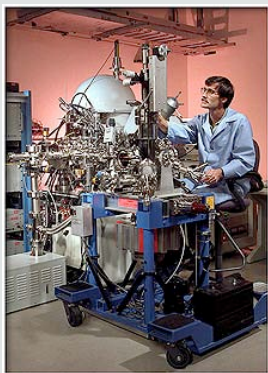
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► Who are we?

- A 200,000 square-foot U.S. Department of Energy national scientific user facility
- Operated by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington

► What we provide for users

- Free access to over 100 state-of-the-art research instruments
- A peer-review proposal process
- Expert staff to assist or collaborate

► Why use EMSL?

- EMSL provides - under one roof - staff and instruments for fundamental research on physical, chemical, and biological processes.

Agenda & Stats

- ▶ MPP2(HPCS2) - Lustre Scratch File System
- ▶ NWFS v2 – Archive Lustre File System
- ▶ MPP2(HPCS2) – Lustre Scalability Test Runs

System	Kernel/Lustre Version	Packager	#OSS/# OST's	Stripe Width	Interconnect
MPP2	2.4.20+/1.4.2	HP-SFS	32/64	8	QsNet2 –elan4
NWFSv2	2.6.9/1.4.7	CFS/PNNL	34/136	1	Ethernet
MPP2 test	2.6.12/1.6beta5	PNNL	570/3990	10	QsNet2 –elan4

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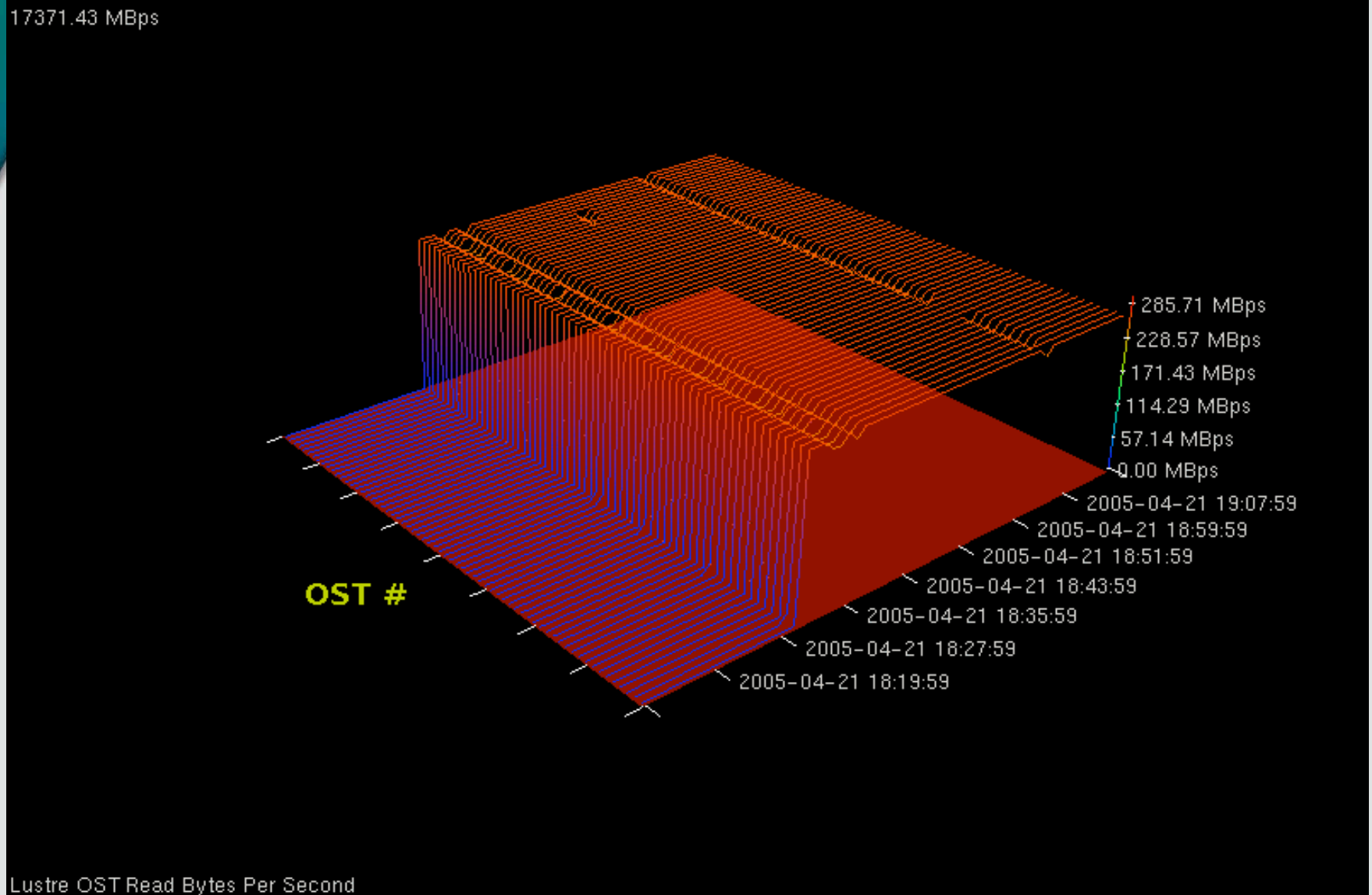
- ▶ 11.8TF Linux based supercomputer using Intel Itanium2 processors
 - 500TB Disk
 - 450 TB local I/O
 - 53 TB Lustre filesystem
 - 600MB/s Single node sustained write speed
 - 3.2GB/s Cluster sustained write
 - 5.6GB/s Cluster sustained read
- 1,960 1.5GHz IA64 processors
- 9.8 TB memory
- Quadrics Elan 4 Interconnect @ 900MB/s

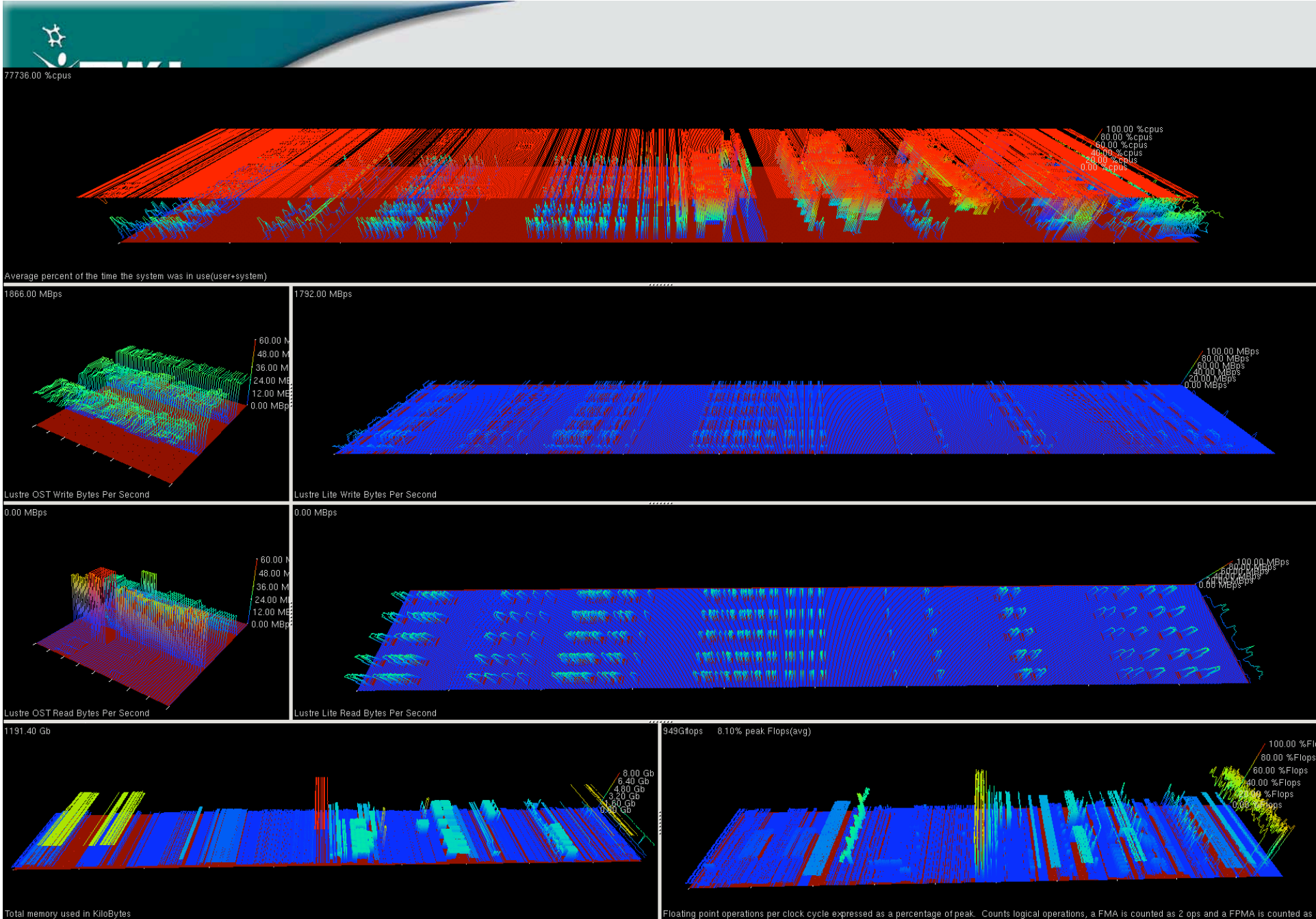


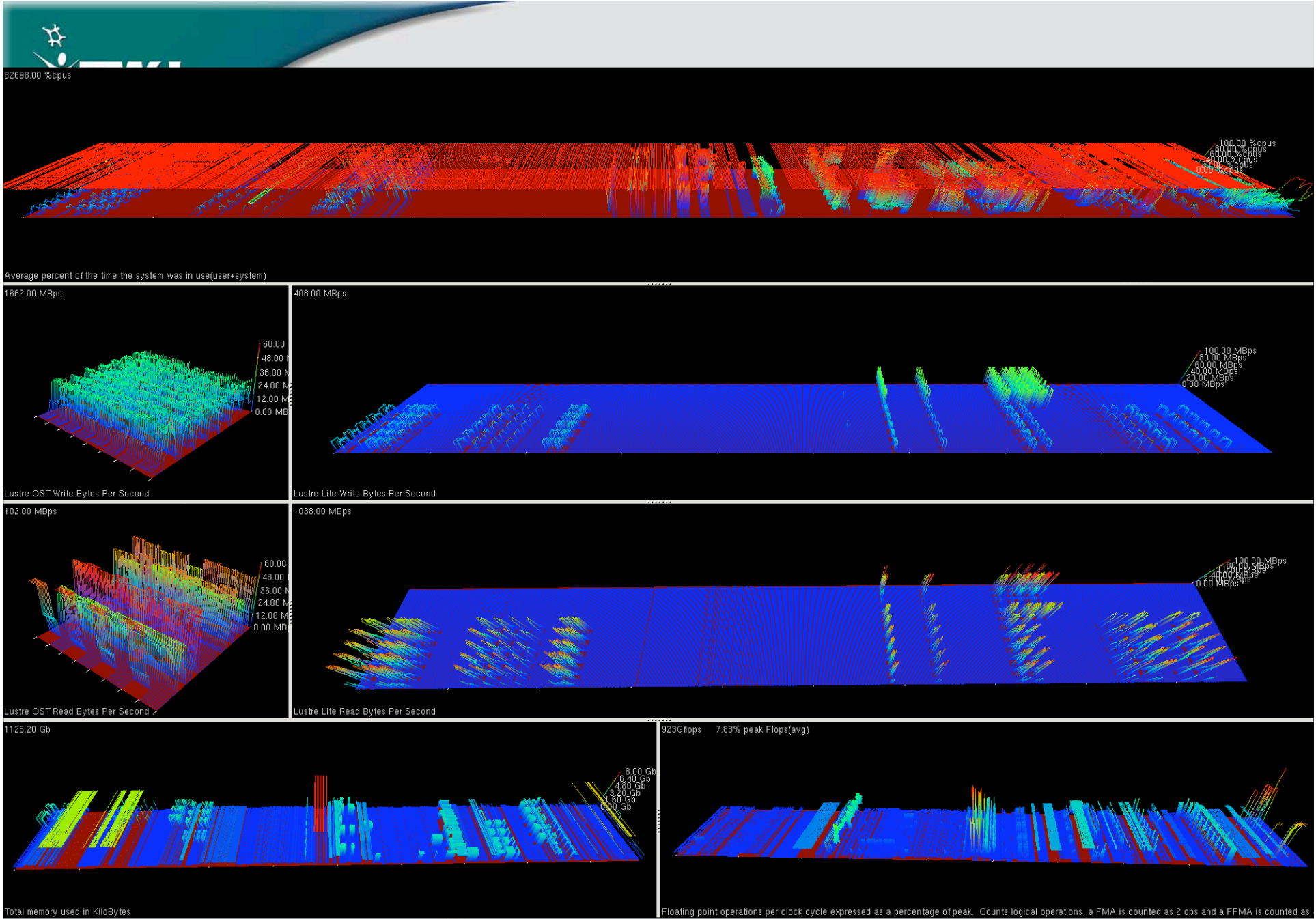
- ▶ 34 * HP rx2600 server nodes
- ▶ 32 * 2C3D HP Enterprise Virtual Arrays
- ▶ 1 * 2C2D HP Enterprise Virtual Array
- ▶ 64 * 880 GB LUN's for data
- ▶ 1 * 1TB LUN for Lustre meta data
- ▶ Dual Fibre Channel SAN



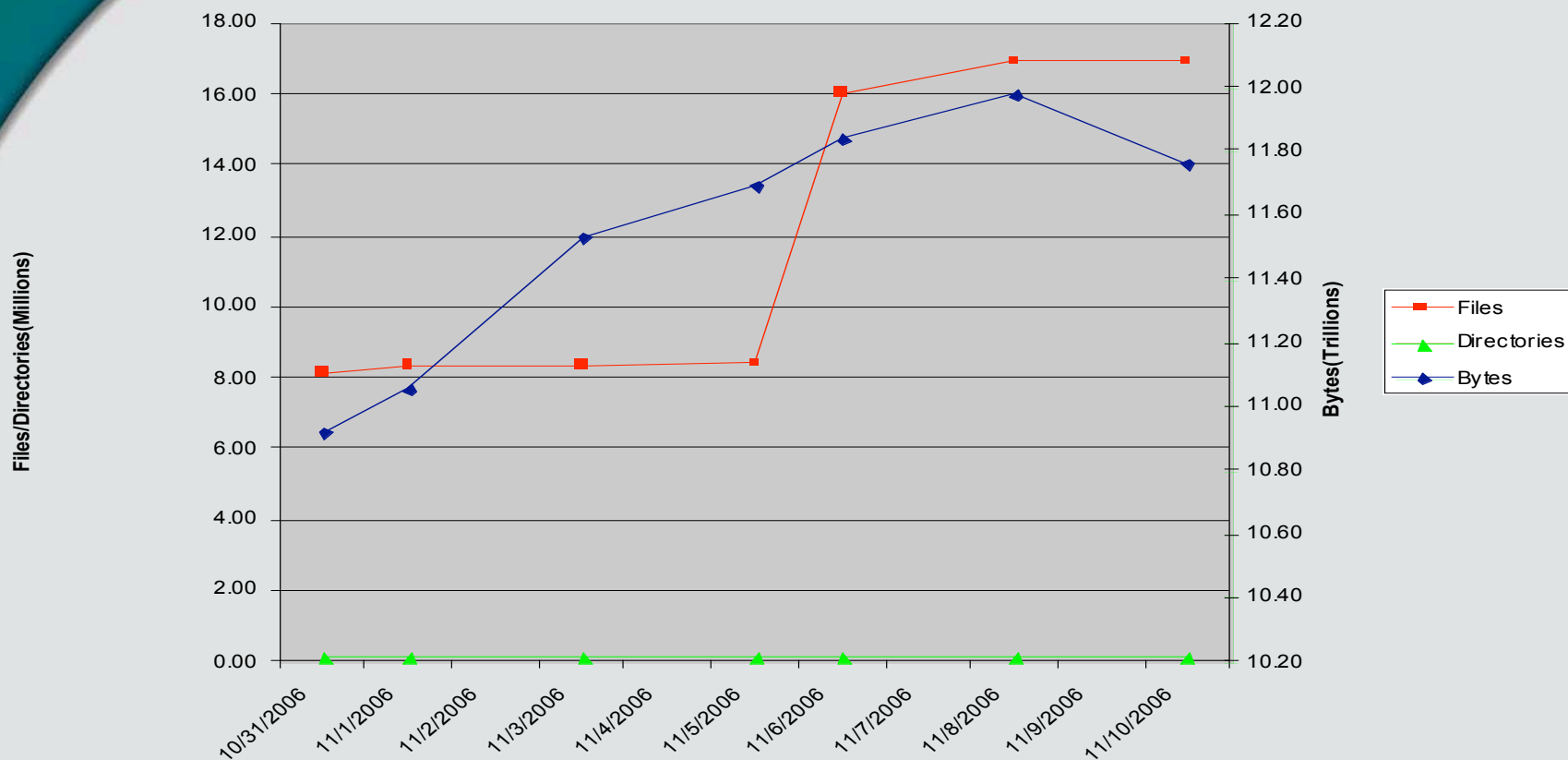
Lustre Server Read: 1024 processor





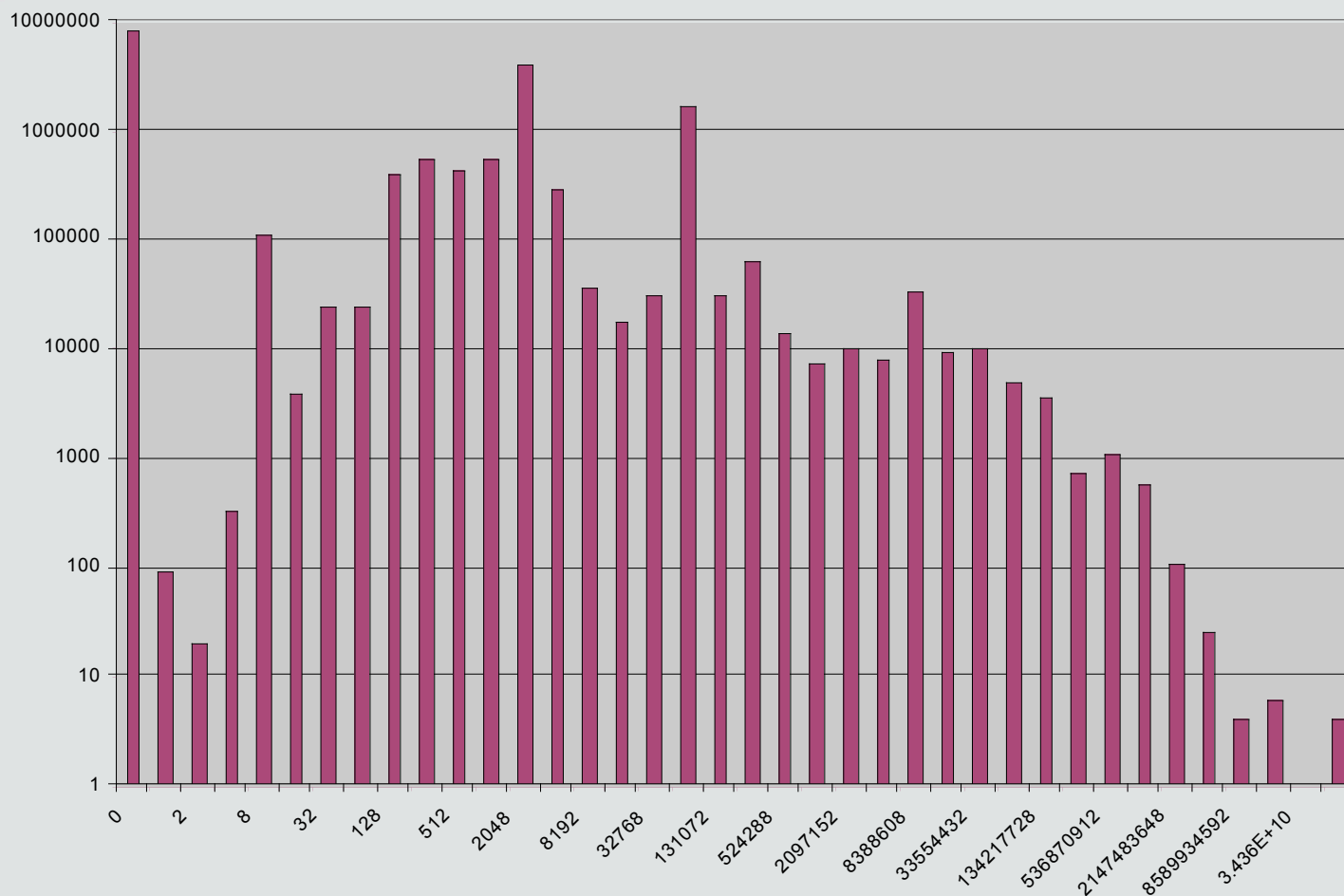


HPCS2 Lustre Use

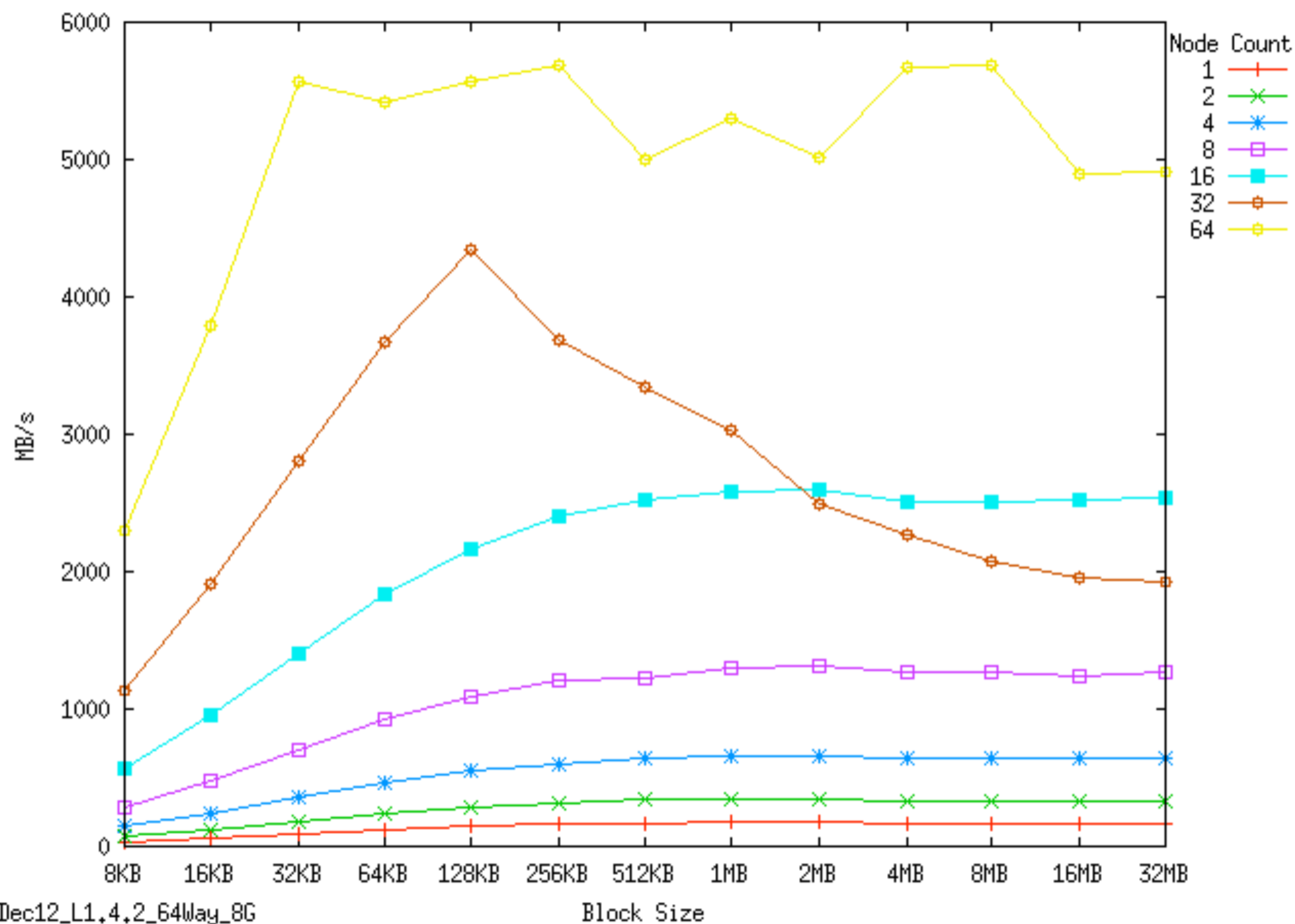


	10/31/2006	11/1/2006	11/3/2006	11/5/2006	11/6/2006	11/8/2006	11/10/2006
Files	8,119,478.00	8,361,861.00	8,369,772.00	8,378,340.00	16,038,970.00	16,933,655.00	16,928,851.00
Directories	121,378.00	117,747.00	121,489.00	122,306.00	122,405.00	122,969.00	141,107.00
Bytes	10,920,657,075,67	11,052,325,023,19	11,531,781,669,63	11,690,567,139,18	11,834,306,610,85	11,974,349,228,99	11,762,473,227,54

HPCS2 File Sizes

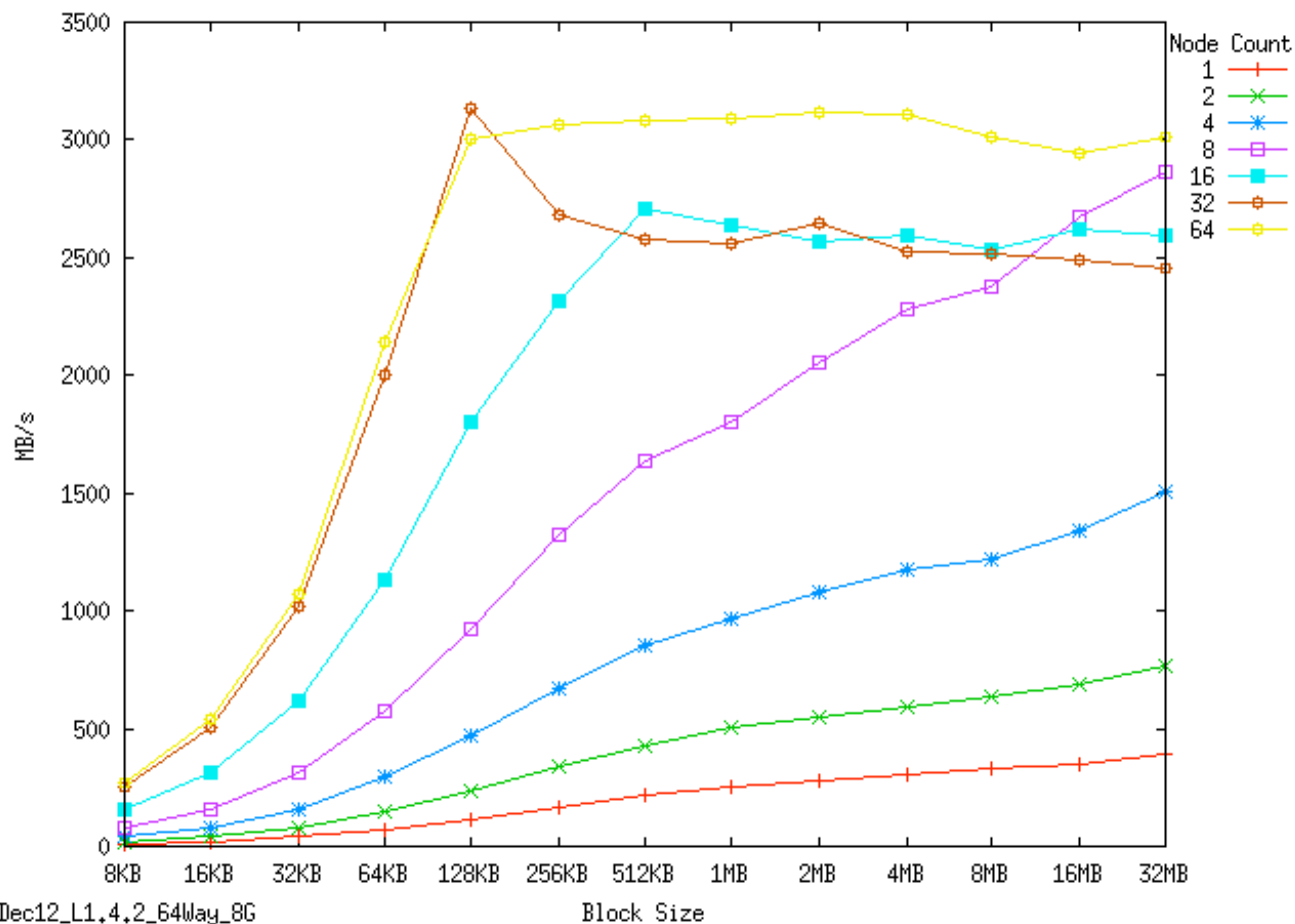


Read Node Count Graph

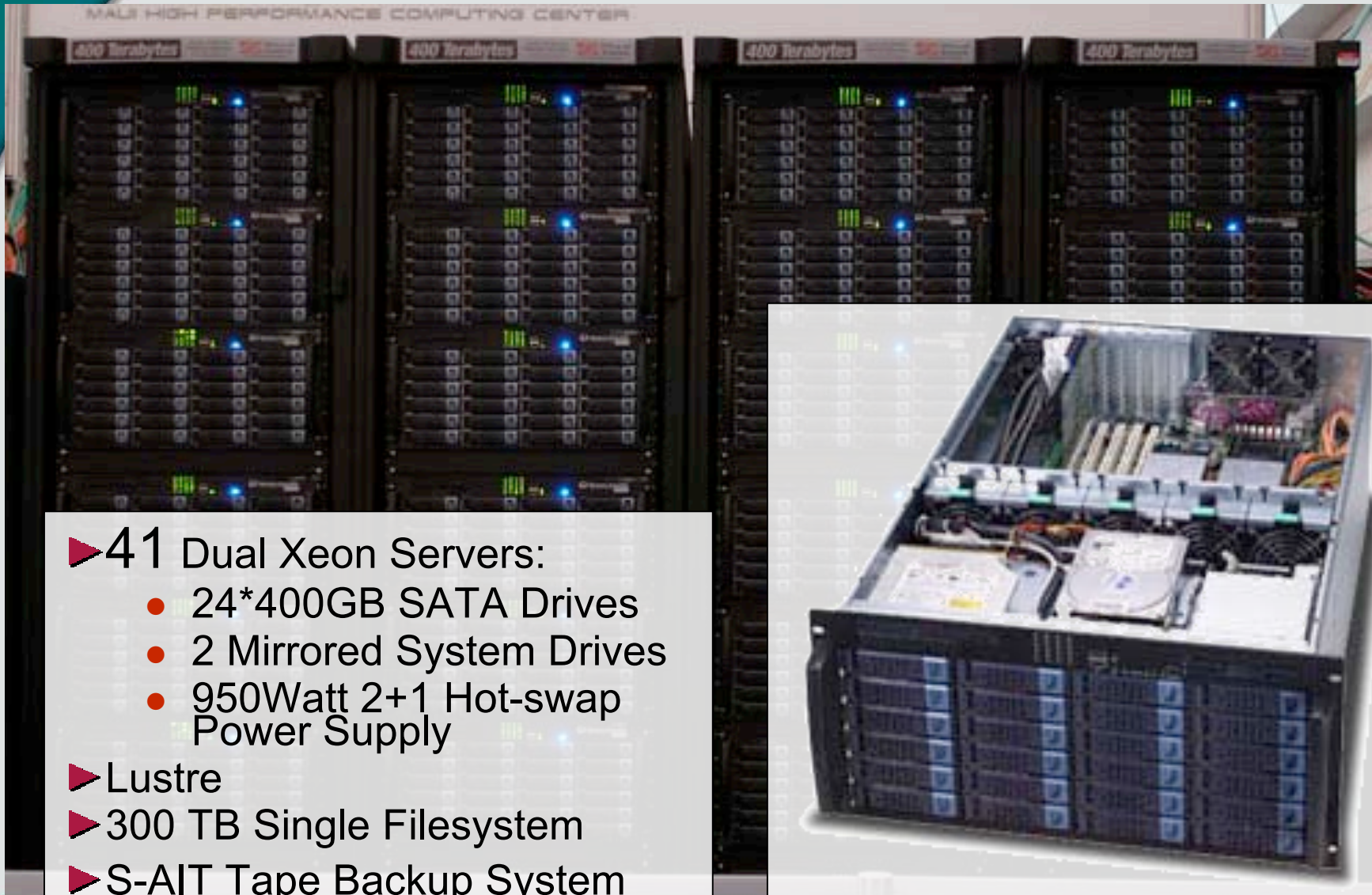


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Write Node Count Graph

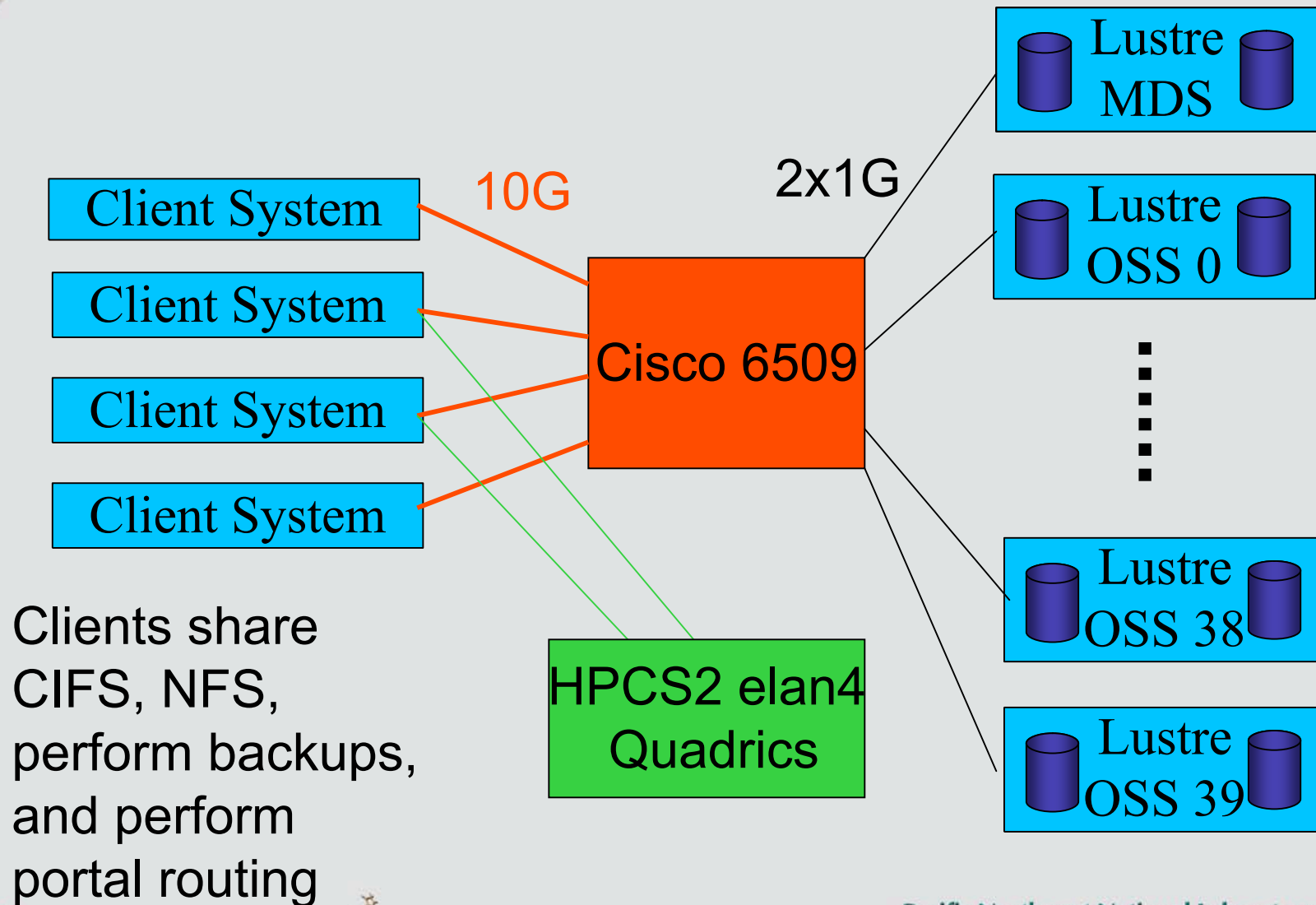


NWfs2 – Archival Storage



- ▶ 41 Dual Xeon Servers:
 - 24*400GB SATA Drives
 - 2 Mirrored System Drives
 - 950Watt 2+1 Hot-swap Power Supply
- ▶ Lustre
- ▶ 300 TB Single Filesystem
- ▶ S-AIT Tape Backup System

PNNL Archive Diagram

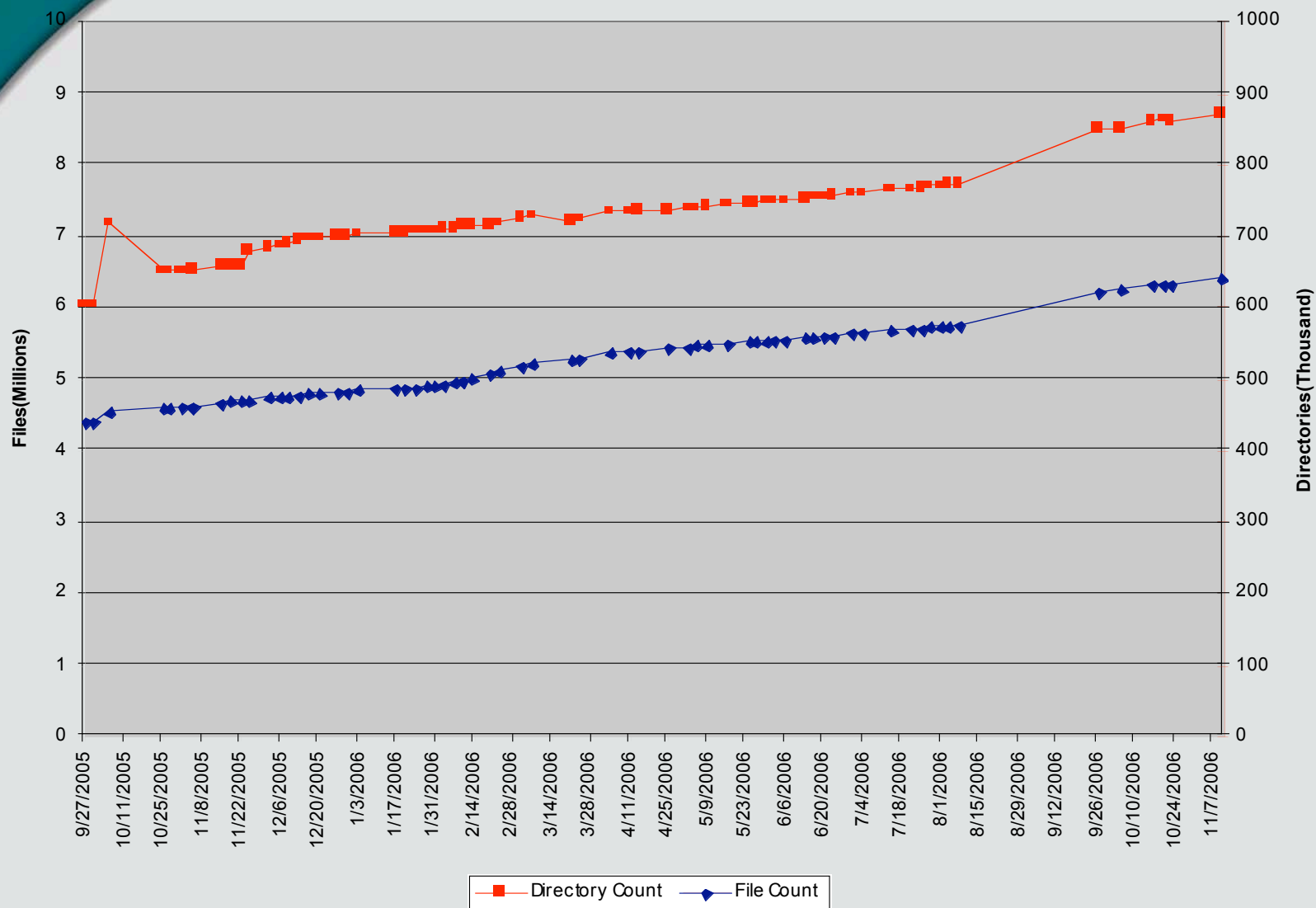


NWfs2 Particulars

- ▶ Built for economy, capacity, reliability, expandability (Rather than performance)
 - Dual Channel-bonded Gigabit Ethernet is used as the intra-cluster interconnect
 - 10 Gigabit Ethernet connects gateway nodes to MSCF & EMSL
 - Default Lustre policy is **not** to stripe so all of a file is on a single OST
 - Tape for disaster recovery
- ▶ Lustre is the “glue”
 - Unifies locally-attached storage into a single network filesystem
 - Provides expandability of the filesystem
 - Will allow some freedom to have heterogeneous server configurations in the filesystem

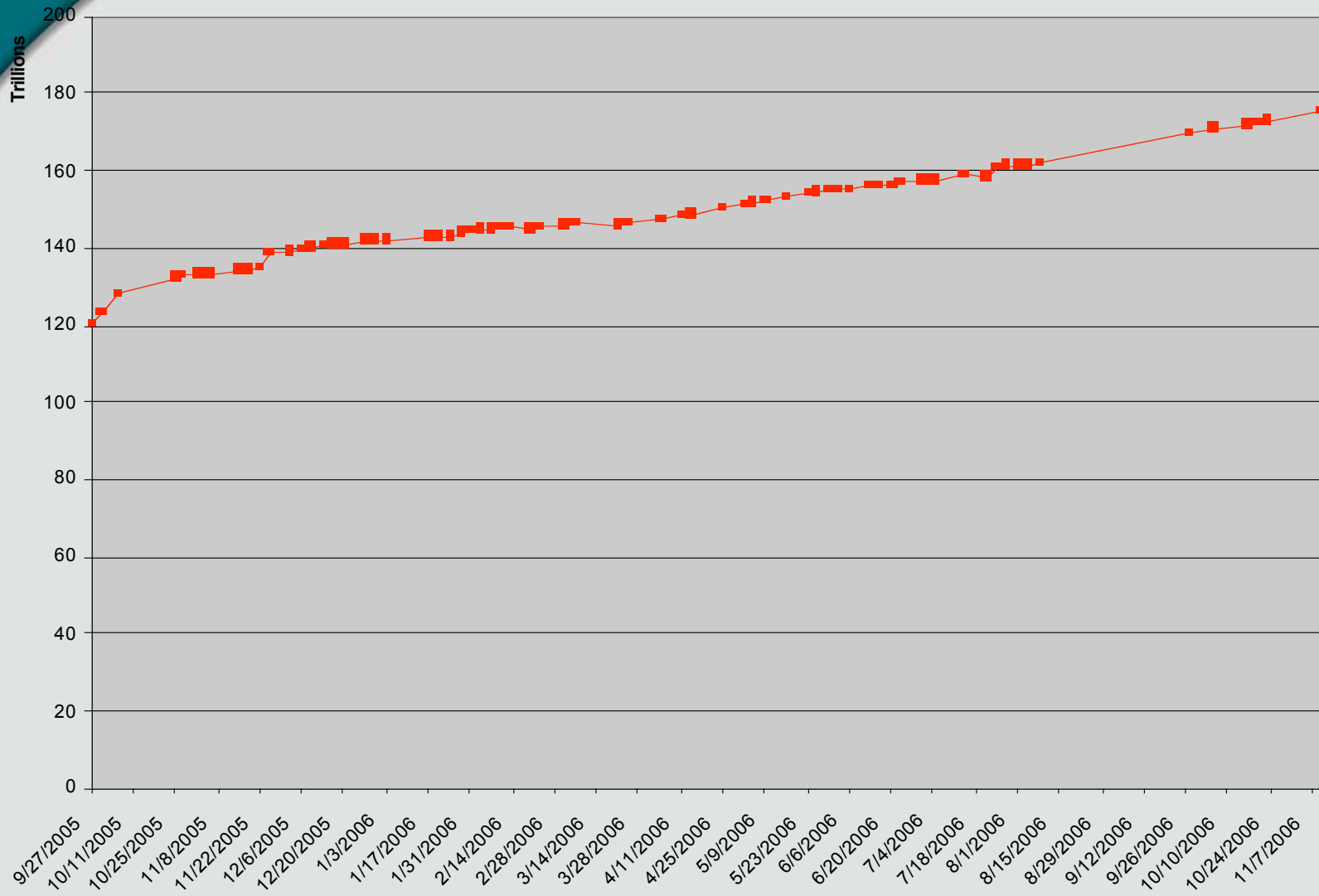


NWFS v2 Lustre Storage





NWFS v2 Byte Count



MPP2(HPCS2) Lustre Scalability Test

- ▶ Use all 'Fat' Nodes from Mpp2 for OST targets.
- ▶ 7 – 73 gig drives in each Node
- ▶ 570 'Fat' Nodes
- ▶ 3990 Total OST's
- ▶ Lustre/Kernel Tweaks
 - Max OST defines in obd_class.h -> MAX_OBD_DEVICES=4096
 - Liblustreapi.c check for < 4096 instead of < 2049
 - Bigger Kernel Slab caches.

3990 OST Lustre System



MPP2 test - Results/Issues

- ▶ Slow MGS connection rate caused slow 'mount' times.
- ▶ Individual Disk speeds varied from 12MB/s to 80 MB/s
- ▶ Takes some time to create/delete 399 perfectly striped files in one directory.

Future Needs/Wants

- ▶ Multi-system global file system
- ▶ File systems that handle degrading disk speeds
- ▶ Virtual I/O server research
- ▶ Object Based Disk(OSD) implementations/hardware.
- ▶ Large scale Parallel filesystem backup.
- ▶ Handle changing network congestion



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