



# Session 9257

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## *Linux Filesystems*

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## Agenda

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  - 31 / 64 bit
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## Problems of non-journaling file systems

- data and meta-data is written directly and in arbitrary order
  - no algorithm to ensure data integrity
  - after crash, complete structure of file system has to be checked to ensure integrity
  - file system check times depend on size of file system
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- risk of data loss
  - long and costly system outages



## advantages of journaling

- data integrity ensured
  - in case of system crash only journal has to be replayed to recover consistent file system structure
  - file system check time depends on size of journal
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- ↳ much higher data integrity
  - ↳ much shorter system outages
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- but there is a cost...



## Journaling file systems in SuSE SLES8

- ext3 v0.9.18
- jfs 1.0.24
- reiserfs 3.6.2

For reference :

- ext2 v0.5 (non-journaling)



## ext3

- developed by Andrew Morton and others
- based on ext2
- extended by journaling features
- supports full data journaling
- resizing (only with unmount) possible
- <http://www.zipworld.com.au/~akpm/linux/ext3/>



## jfs

- developed by IBM Austin Lab
- ported from OS/2 Warp Server
- only metadata journaling
- max. file system size 4 PB
- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/oss/jfs/index.html>





## reiserfs

- developed by a group around Hans Reiser
- SUSE's default choice
- only metadata journaling
- disk space optimization algorithm
- online enlargement of file system
- <http://www.namesys.com/>





# Measurement setup

## Hardware

- **2064-216 (z900)**
  - ◆ 1.09ns (917MHz)
  - ◆ 2 \* 16 MB L2 Cache (shared)
  - ◆ 64 GB
  - ◆ 6 FICON channels
- **2105-F20 (Shark)**
  - ◆ 384 MB NVS
  - ◆ 16 GB Cache
  - ◆ 128 \* 36 GB disks
  - ◆ 10.000 RPM
  - ◆ FICON (1 Gbps)

## Software

- **SUSE SLES8**
- **Dbench**



## Measurement setup

- dbench
- 128MB main memory
- 1, 2 and 4 CPUs
- LPAR and z/VM 4.3
- 31-bit and 64-bit
- Single 3390 model 3 disk
- 6 pack of 3390-3 using striped LVM. Attached via 6 FICON channels
- Running 8 and 16 processes



## Dbench File I/O

- Emulation of Netbench benchmark, rates windows filesystems
- Large set of mixed file operations workload for each process: create, write, read, append, delete
  - Scaling for Linux with 1, 2, 4 PUs
  - Scaling for 8 and 16 clients (processes) simultaneously
- forced to do I/O while memory is filling up with data





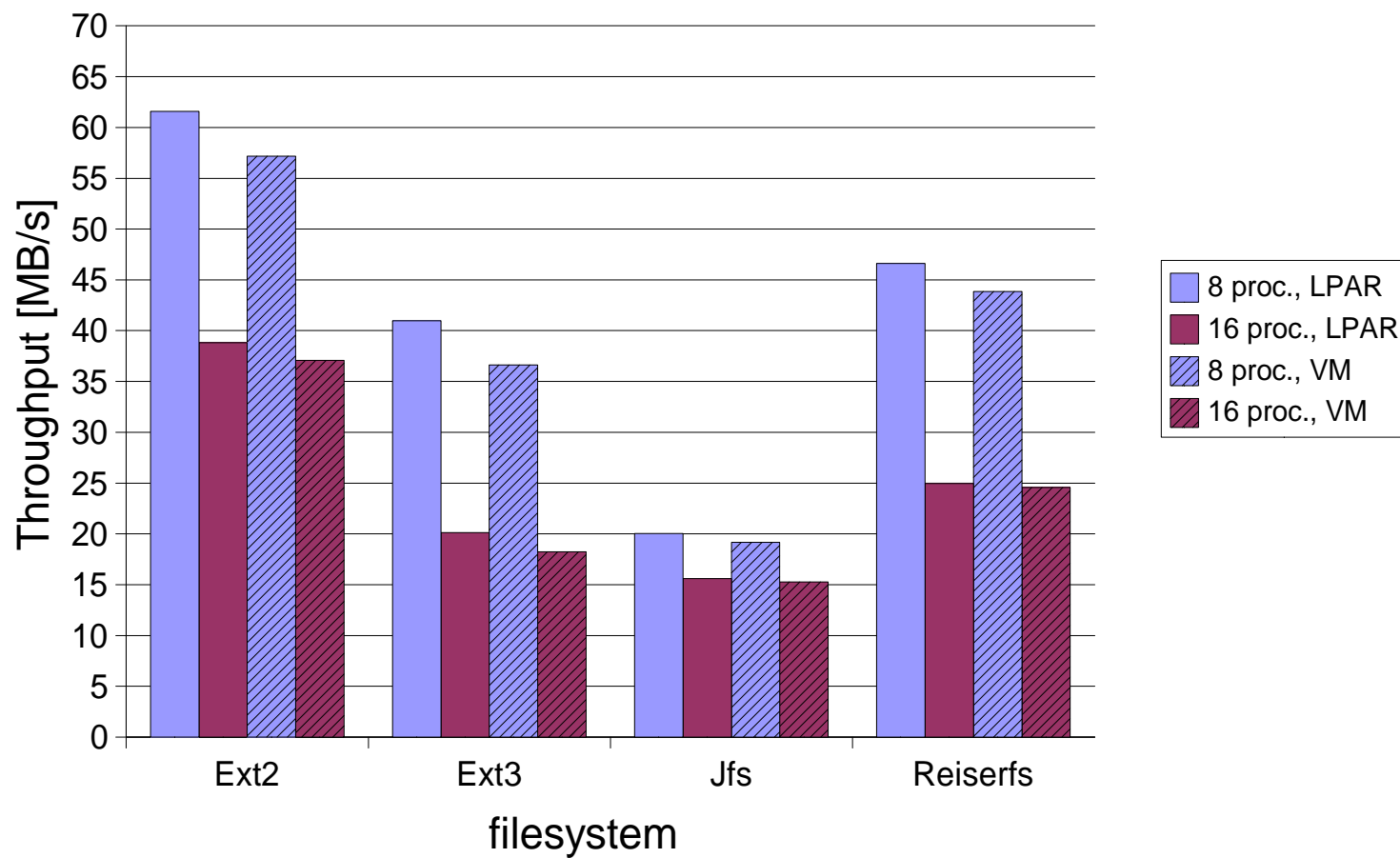
## Measurement results





## LPAR and VM

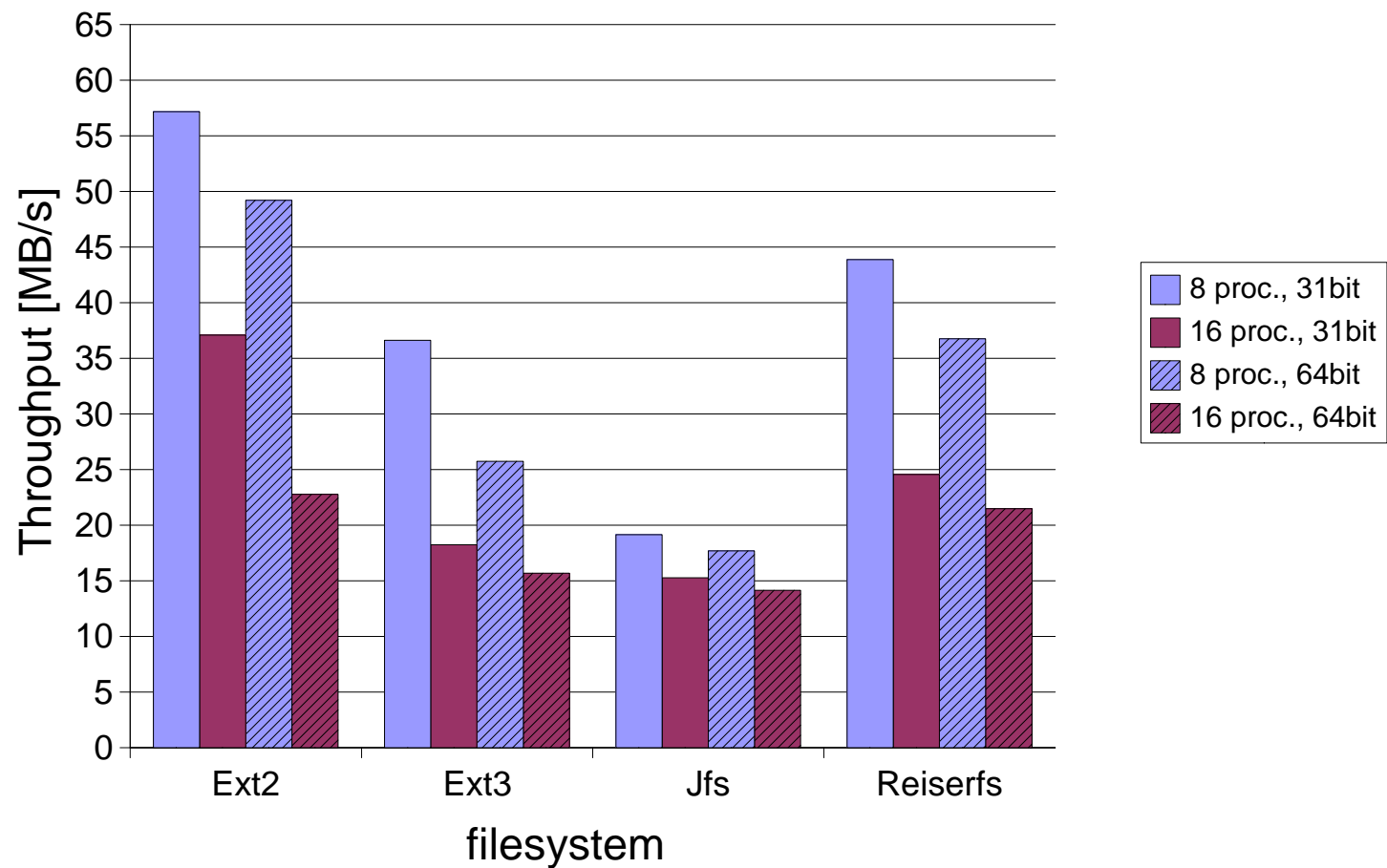
single disk, LPAR and VM, 31bit, 4 CPUs





## 31-bit and 64-bit

single disk, VM, 4 CPUs



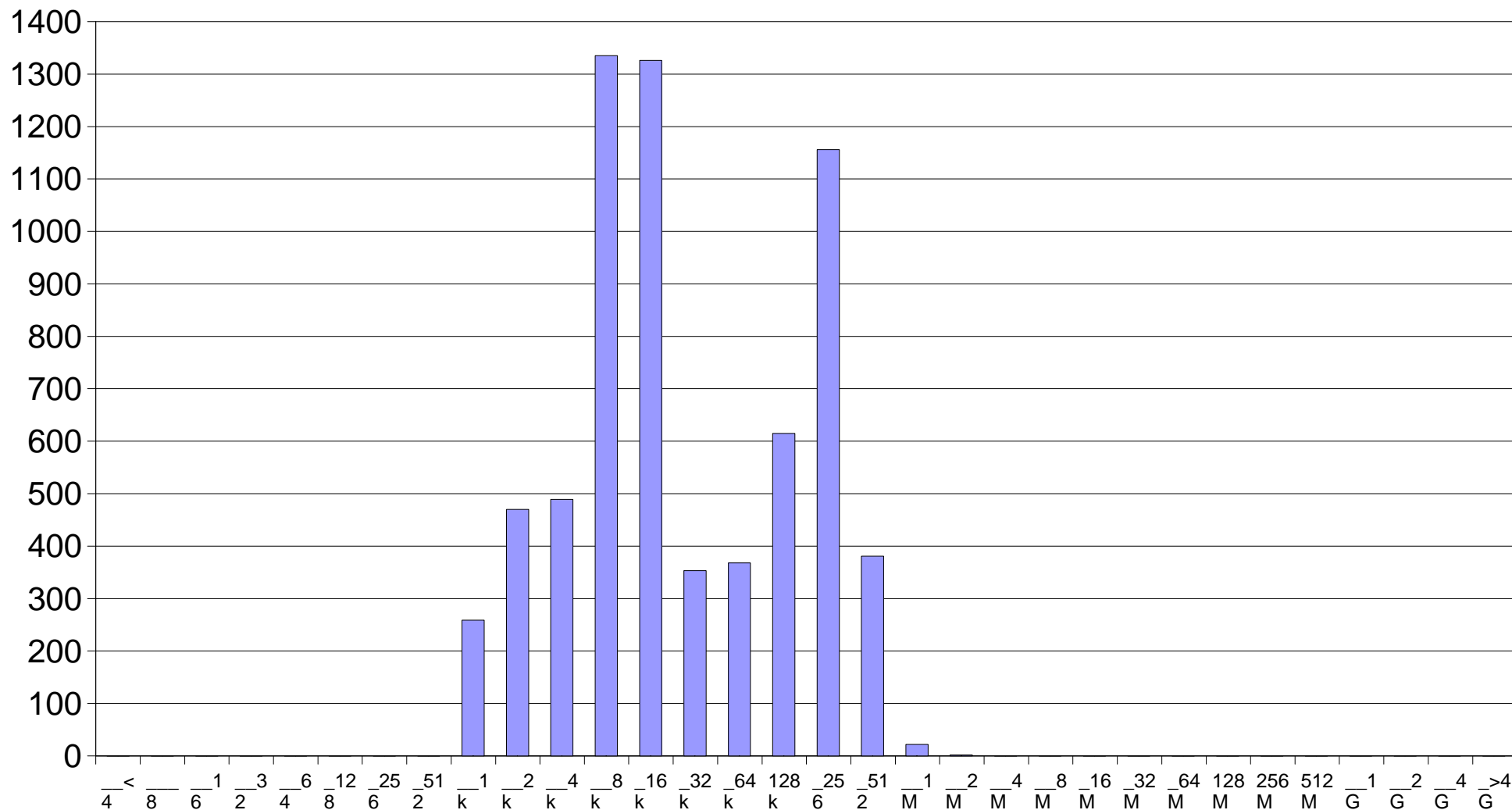






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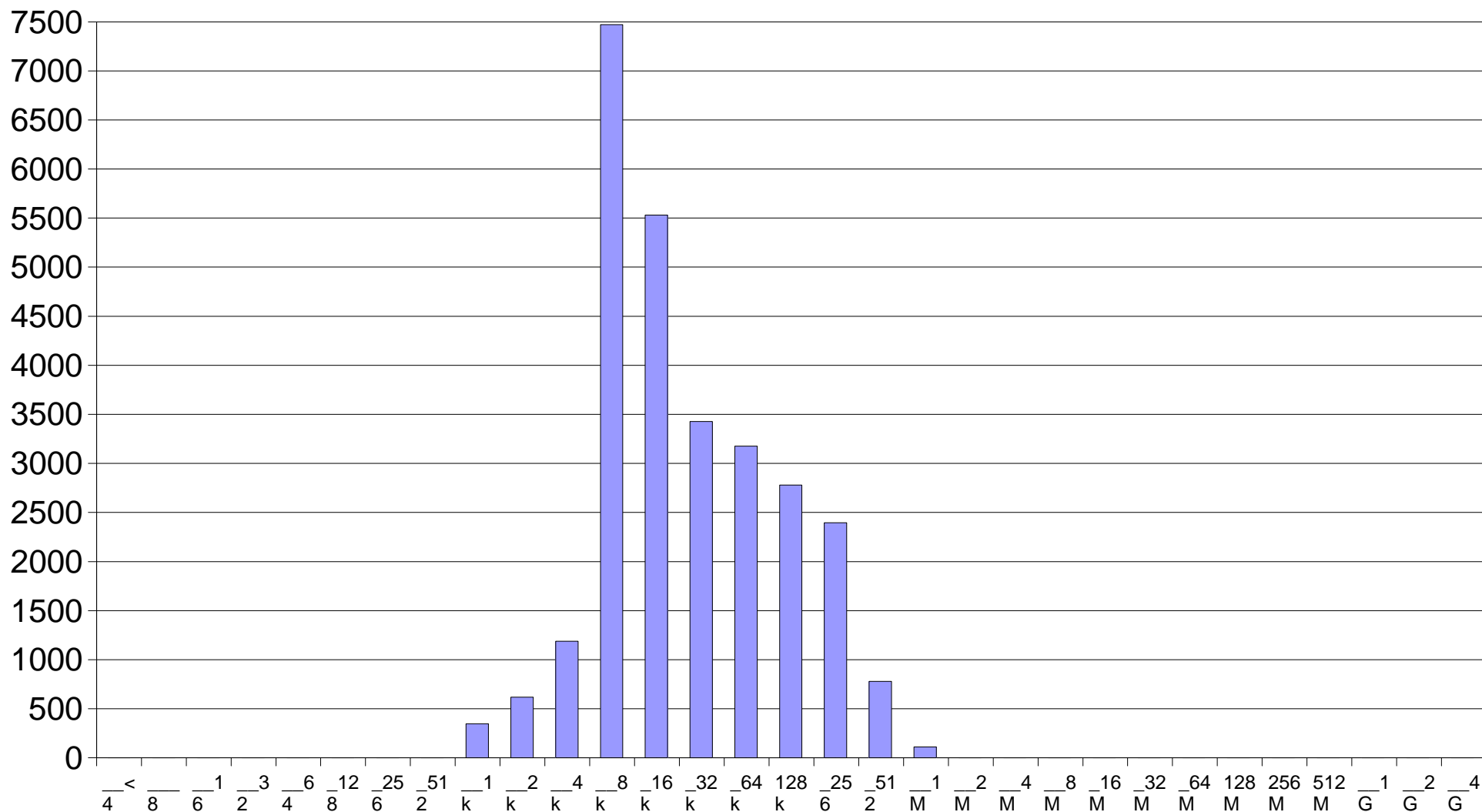
## Histogram of I/O times (microseconds)





# ext2, 16 Proceses

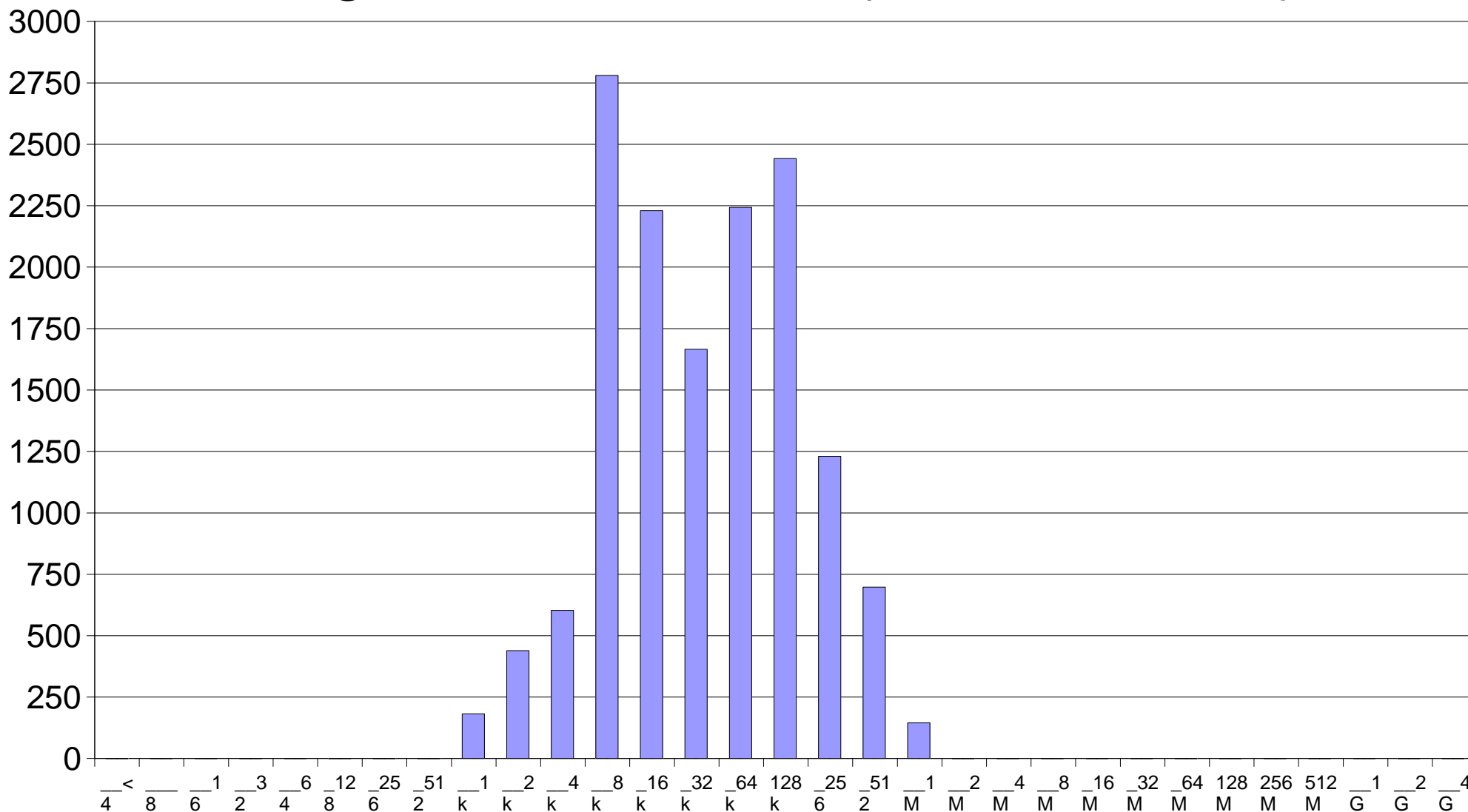
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# ext3, 8 Processes

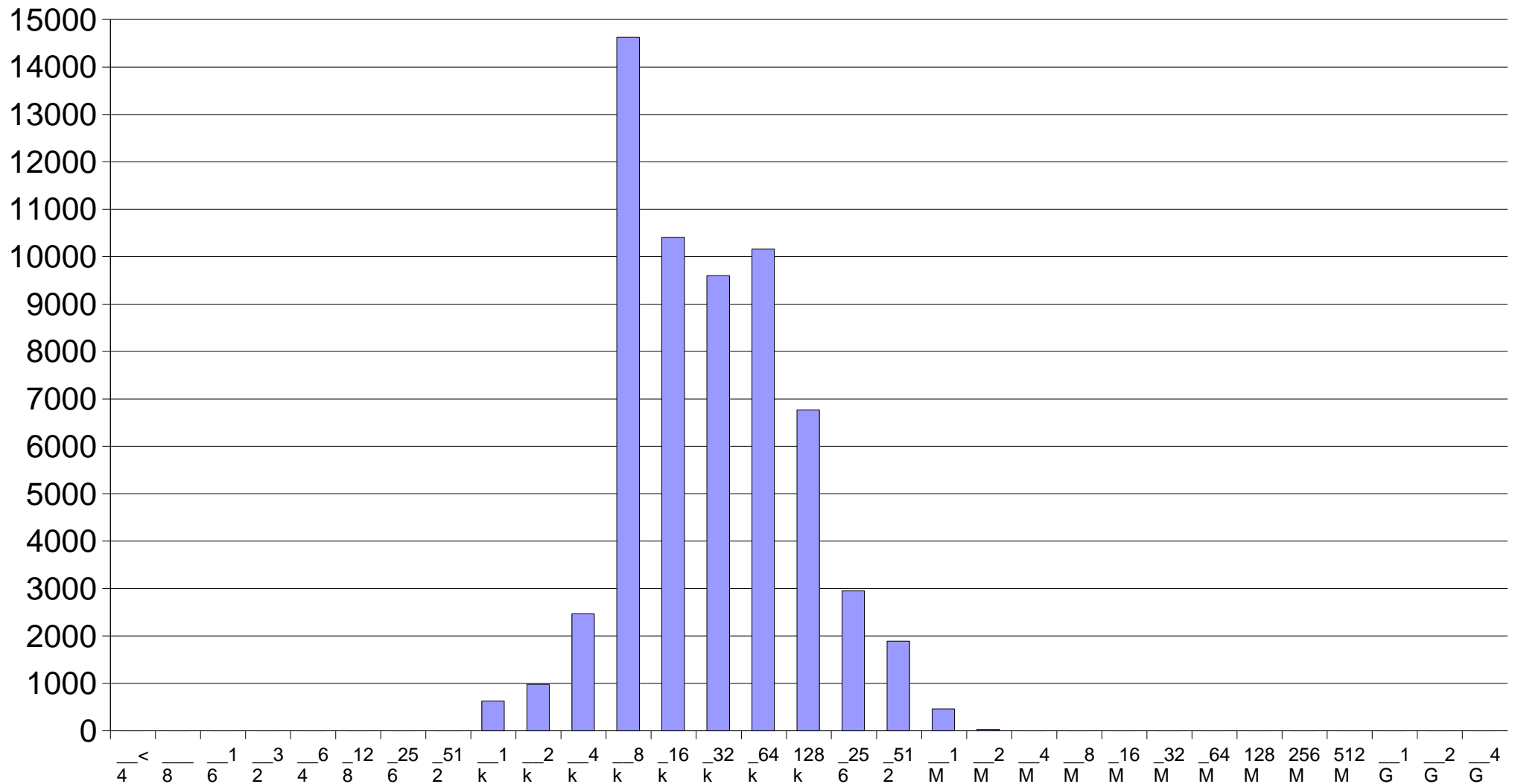
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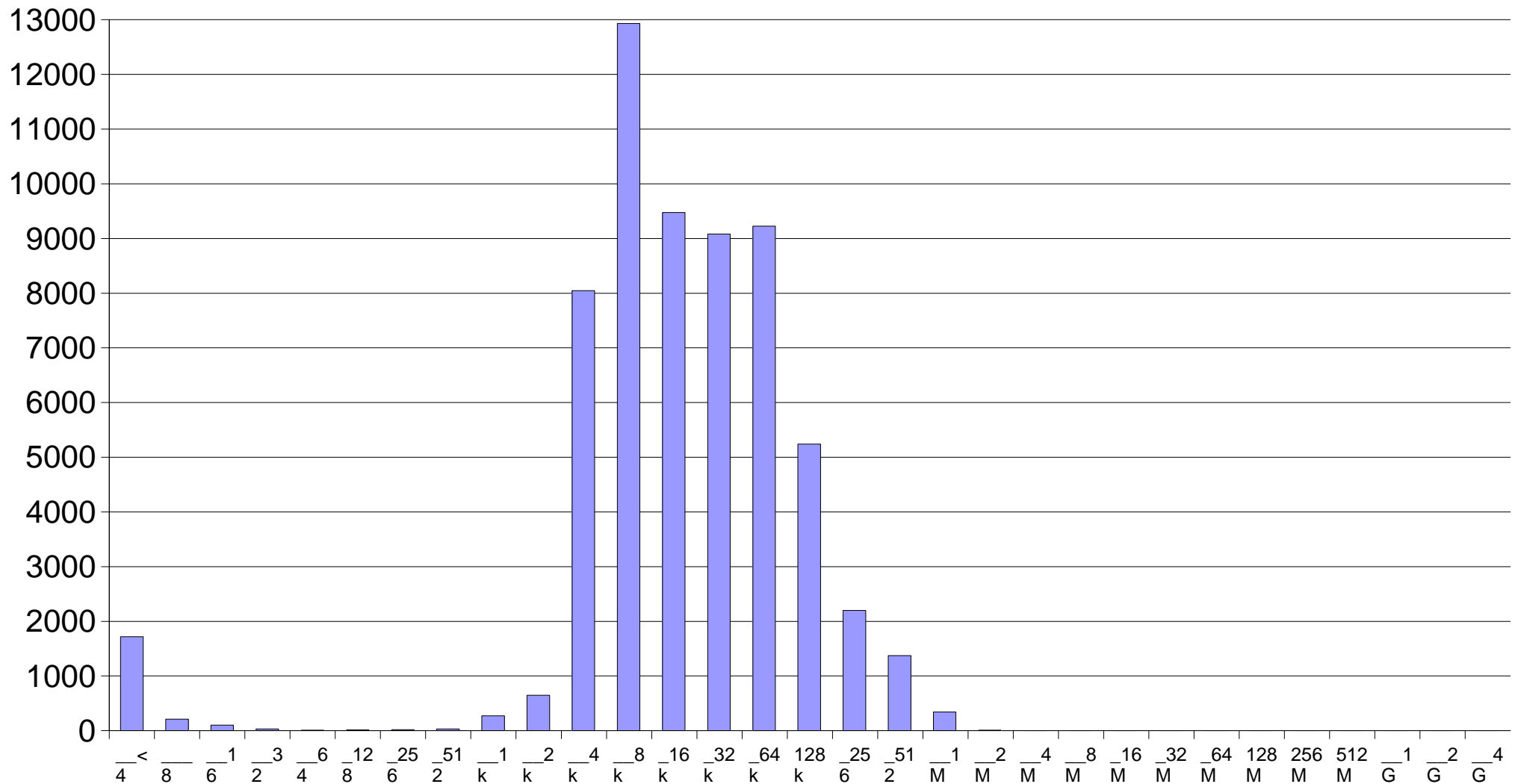
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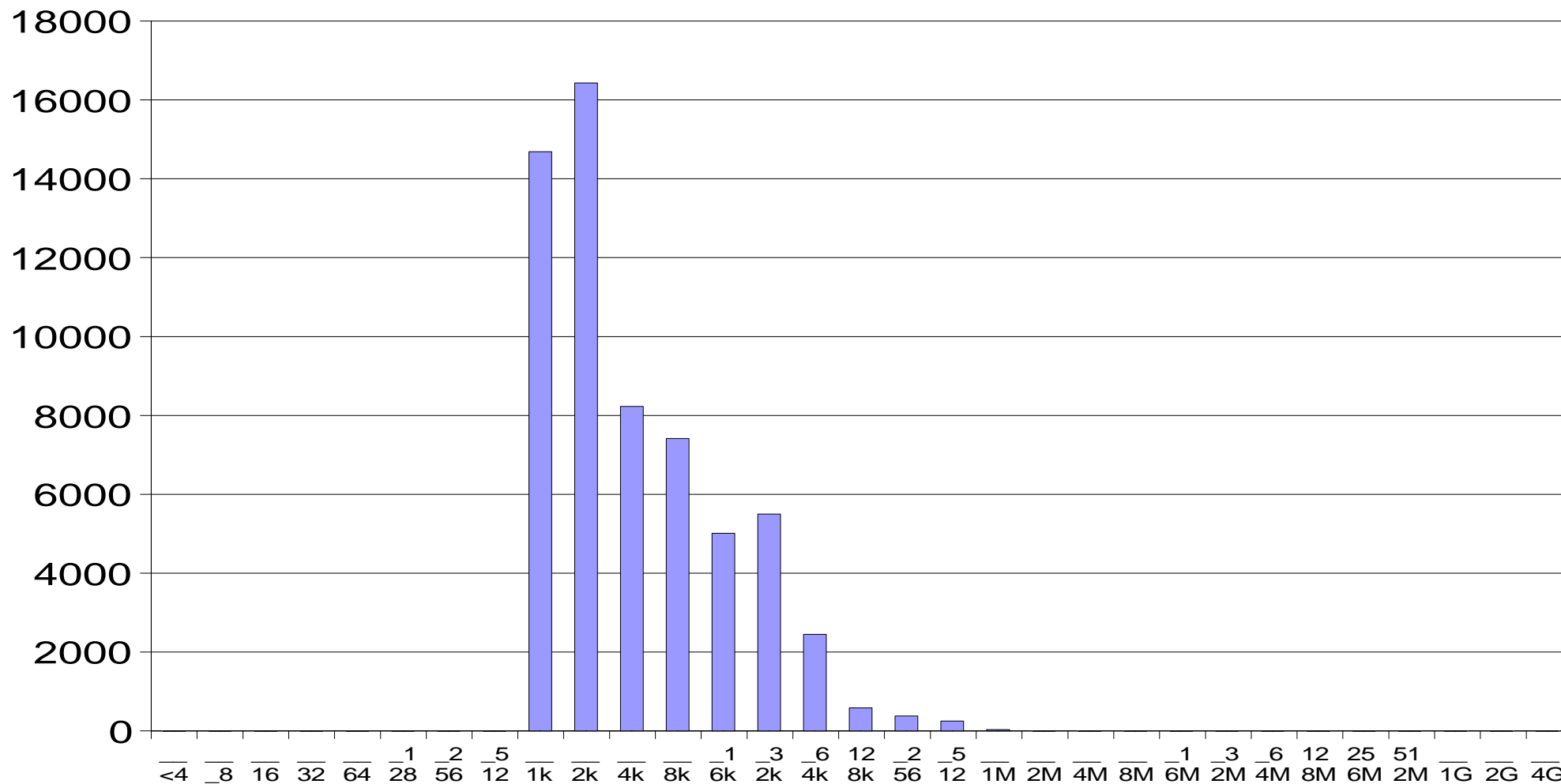
## Histogram of I/O time before SSCH (IOSQ)





# Ext3, 16 Processes

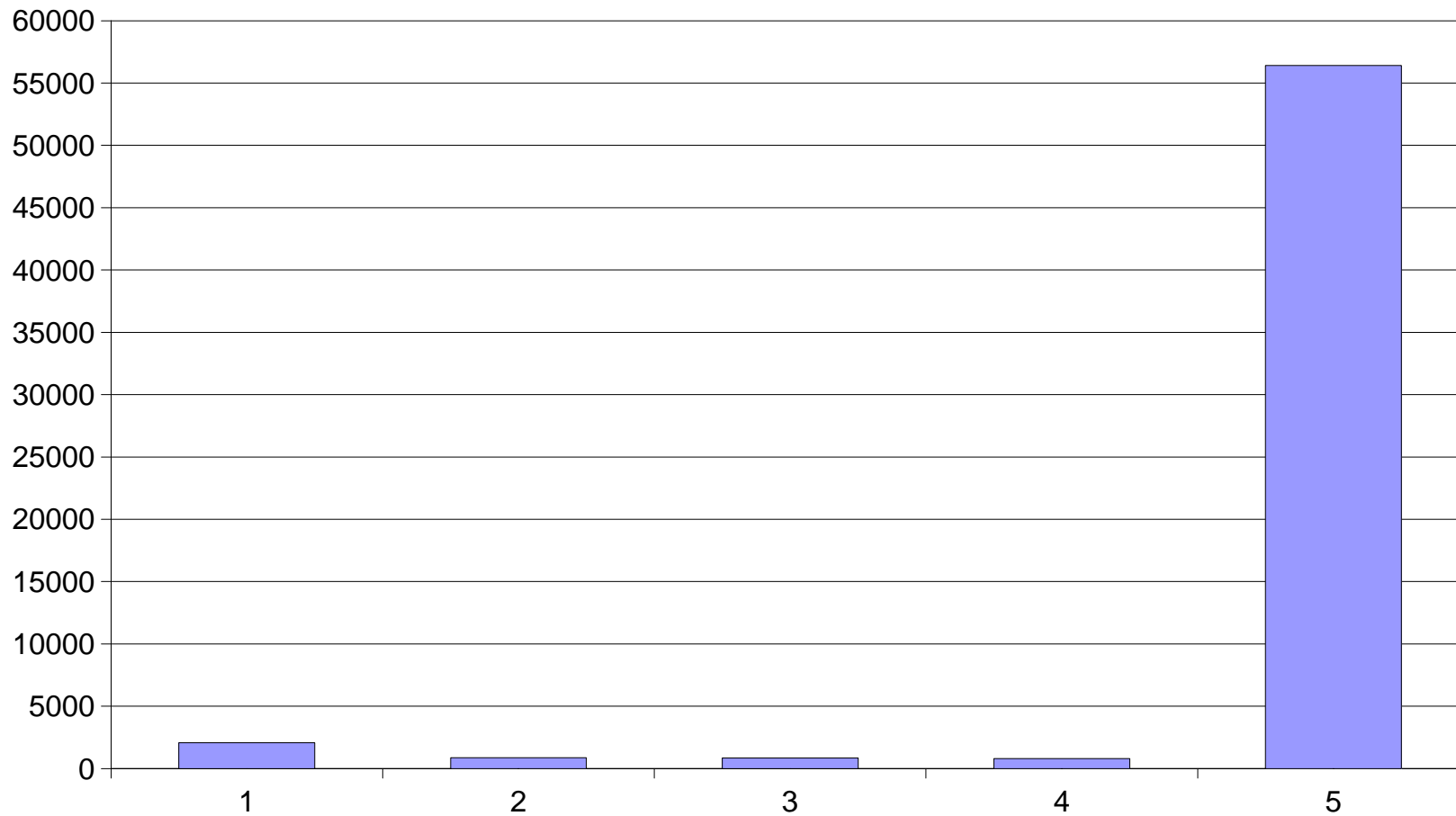
## Histogram of I/O time between SSCH and IRQ





## Ext3, 16 Processes

number of requests in subchannel-queue at enqueueing





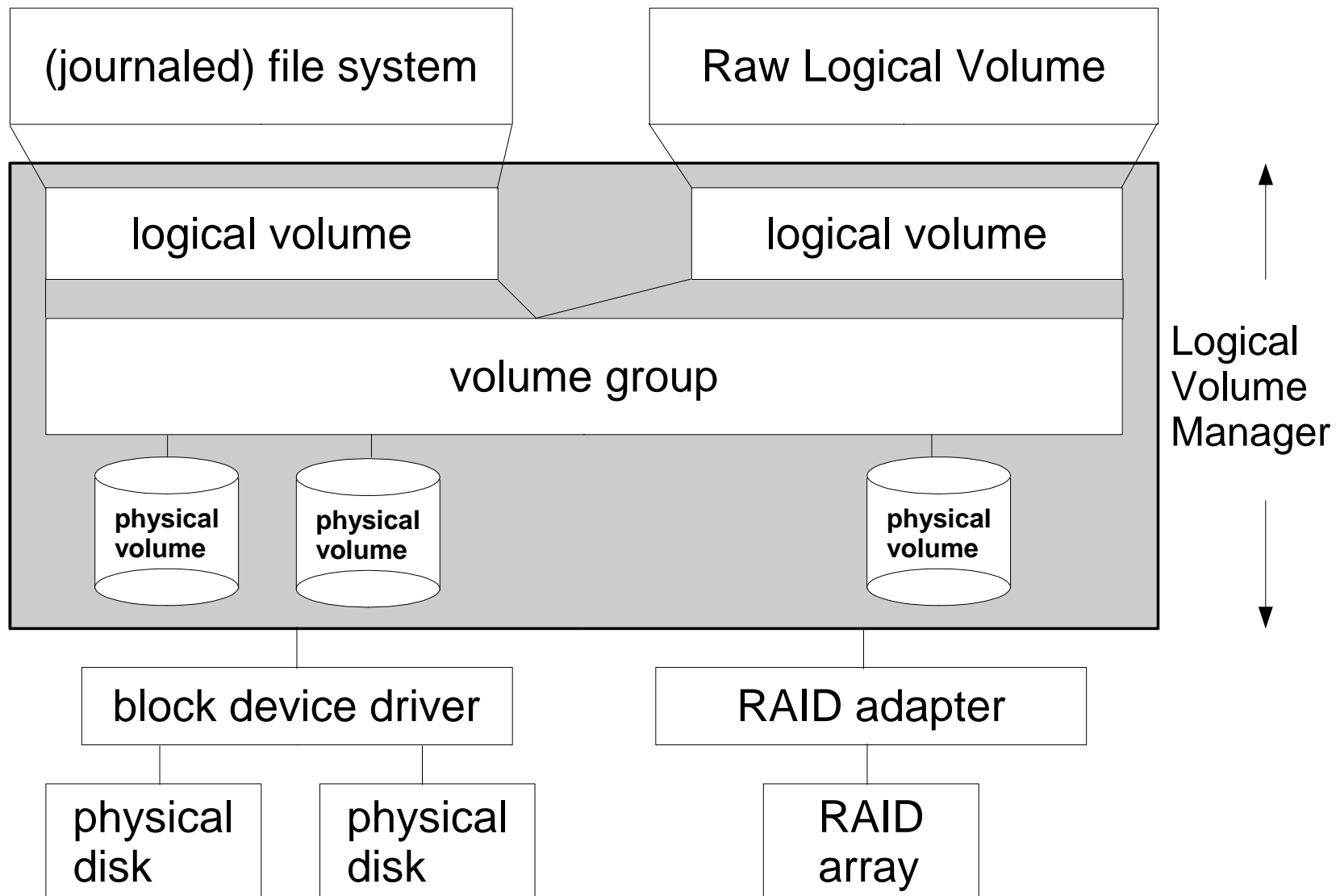
## Logical Volume Manager (LVM)

- Linux software raid with raid levels 0,1, 4 and 5
- excellent performance
- excellent flexibility (resizing, adding/removing disks)
- available in SLES7, SLES8, and RedHat RHEL 3
- on zSeries, support multipath and PAV (under z/VM)
- [http://www.sistina.com/products\\_lvm.htm](http://www.sistina.com/products_lvm.htm)





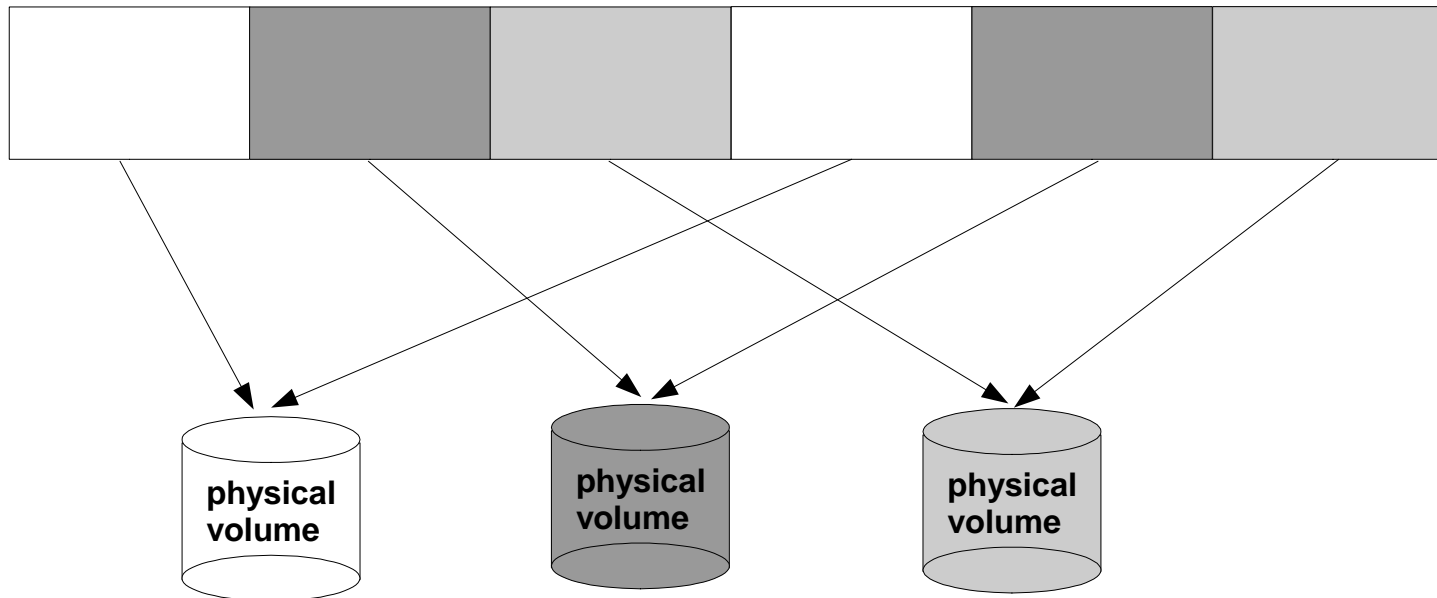
## LVM system structure





## Improving disk performance with LVM

striped datastream

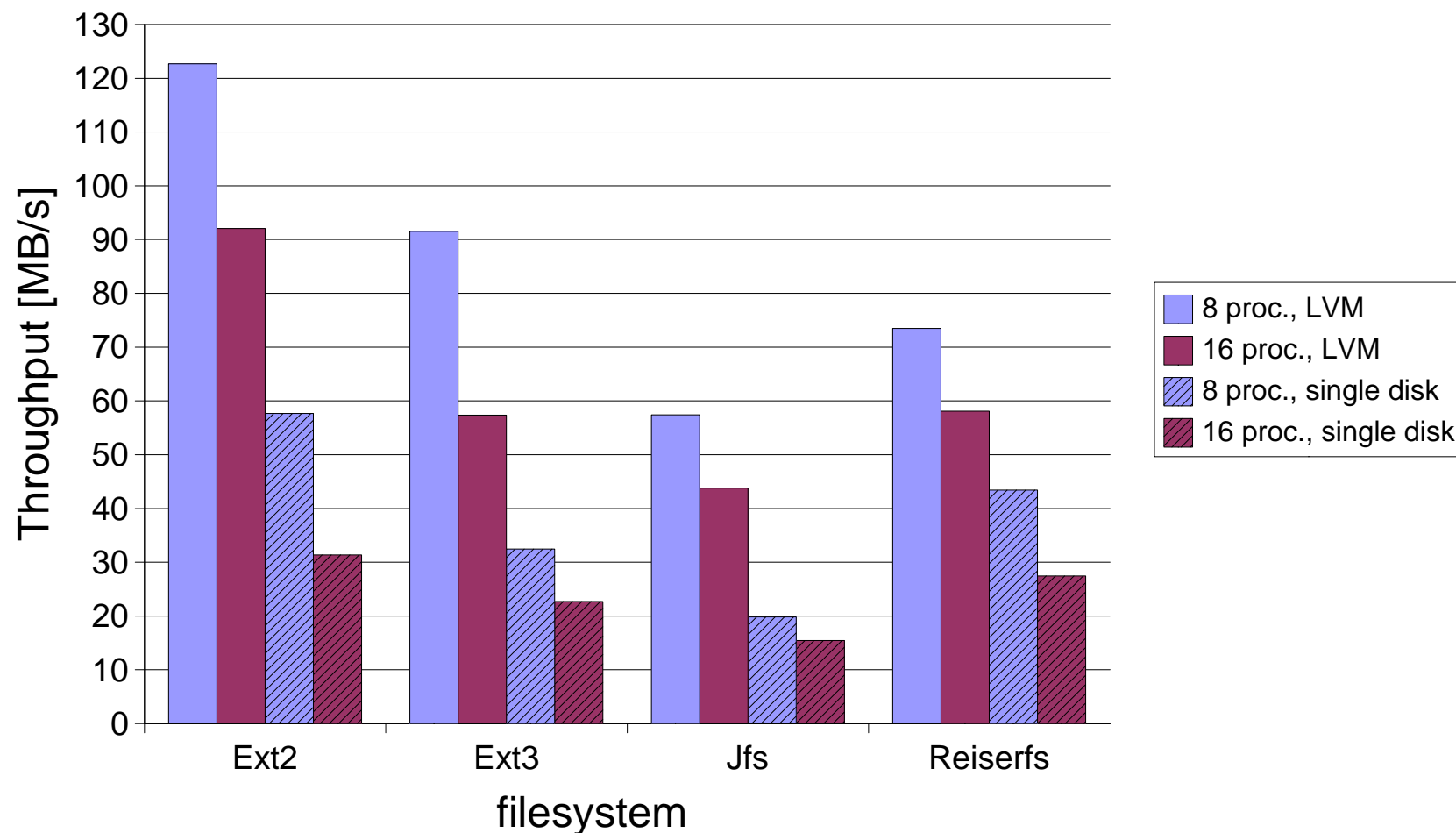


- With LVM **and** striping parallelism is achieved



## LVM results

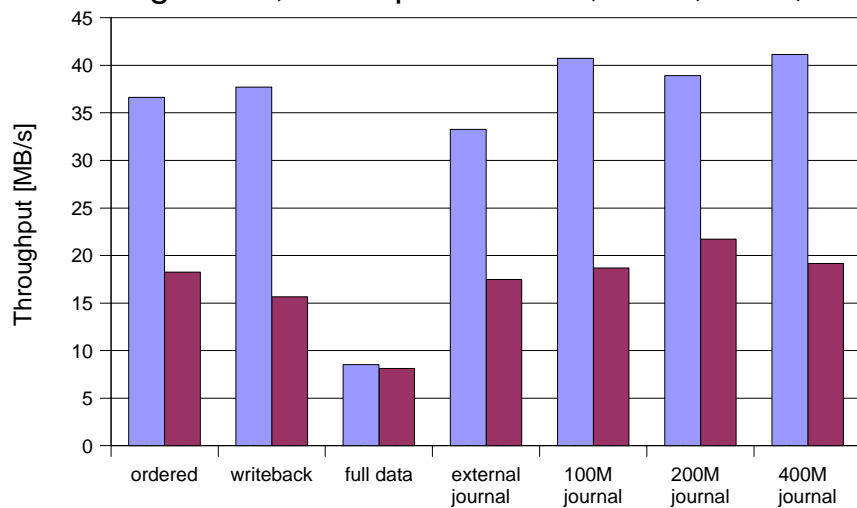
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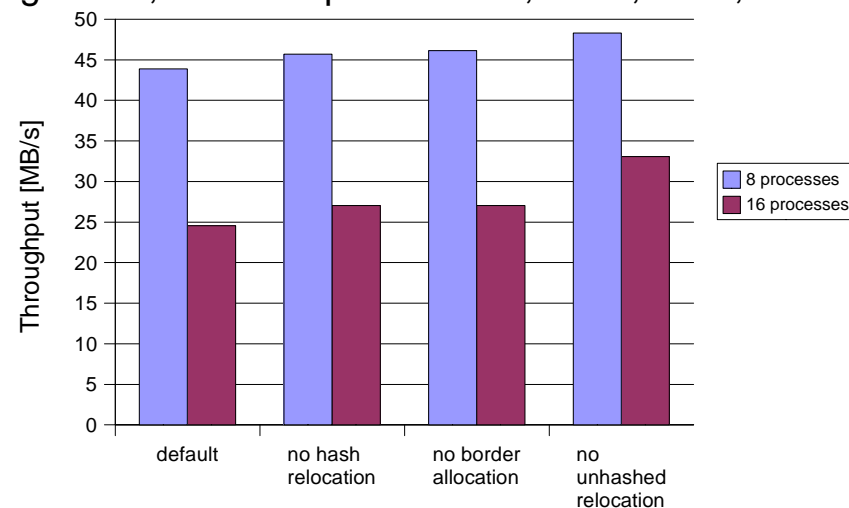


# filesystem options

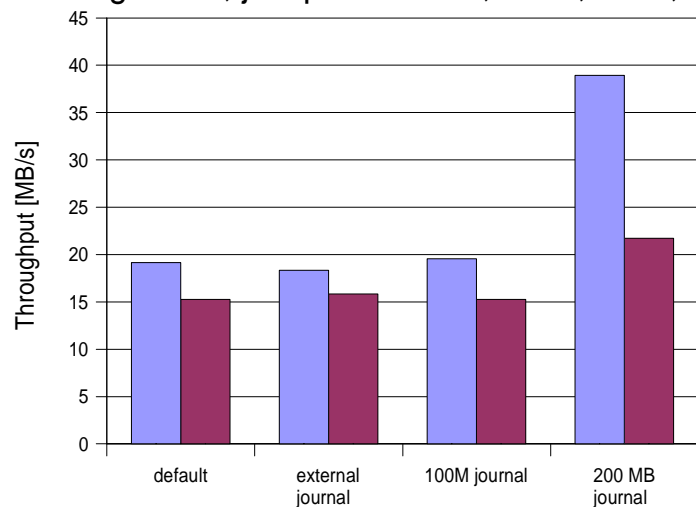
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single disk, reiserfs optimizations, z/VM, 31bit, 4 CPUs



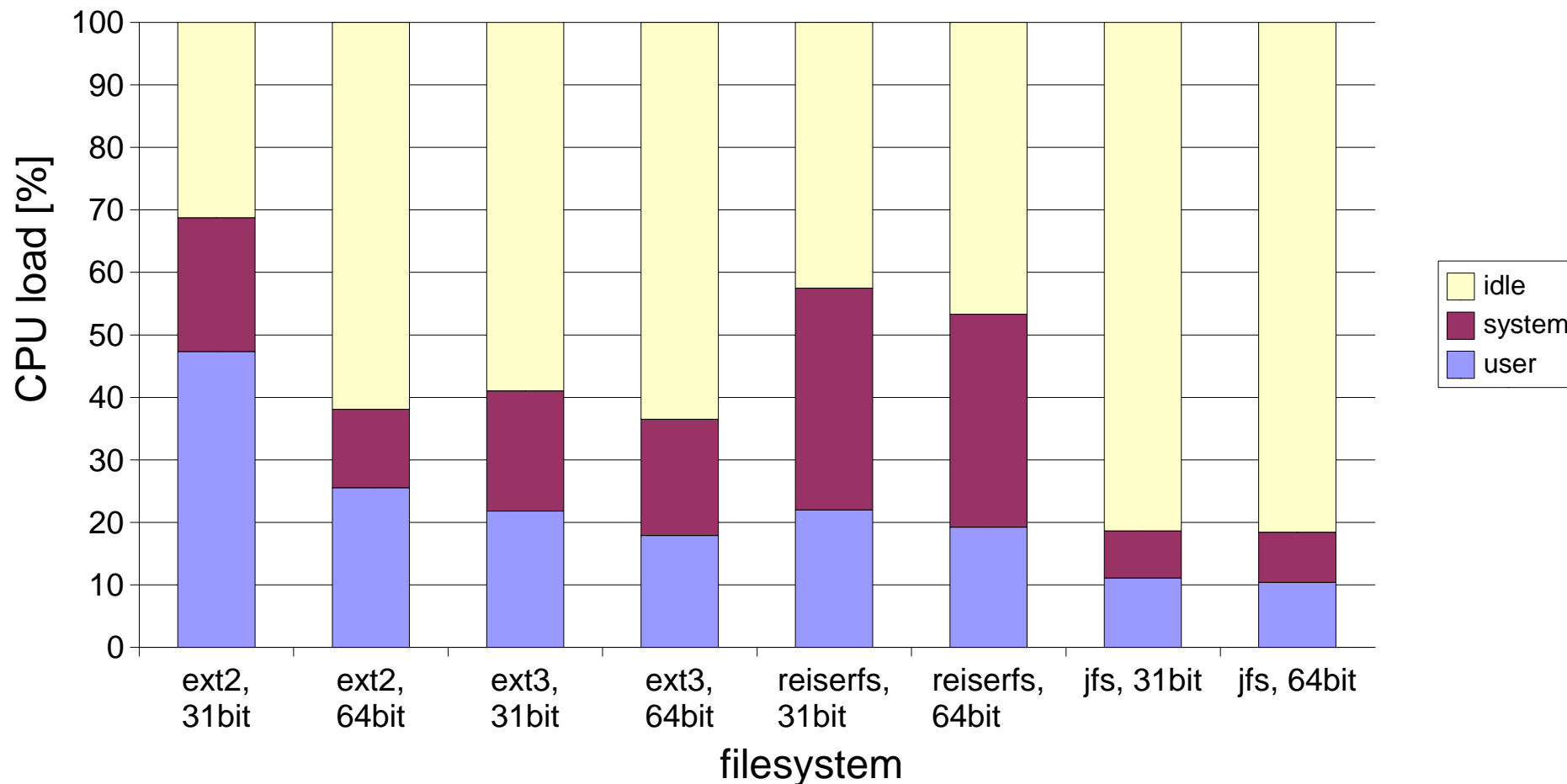
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## CPU load

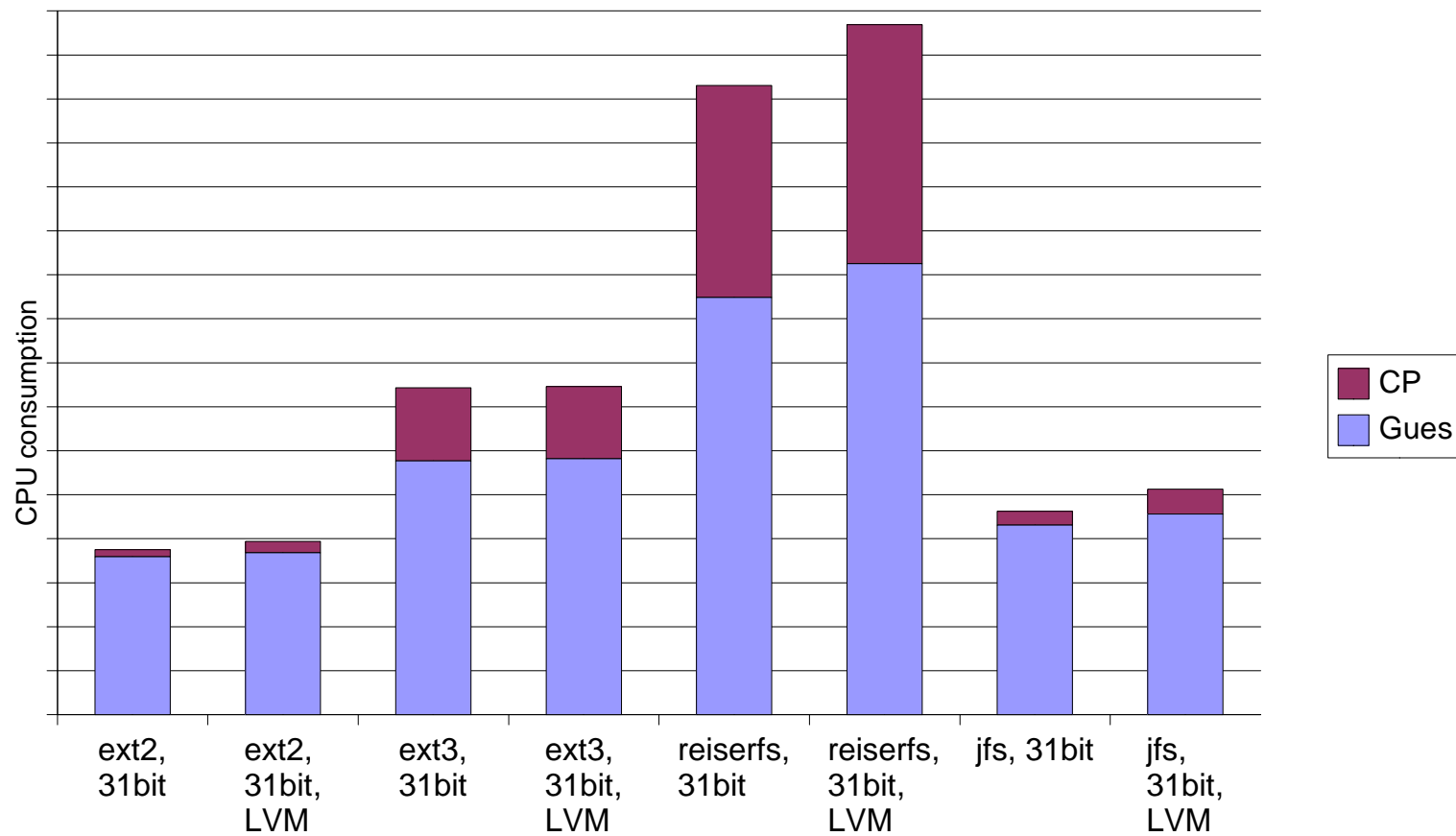
LPAR, 1 CPU, 8 processes, single disk





# VM overhead

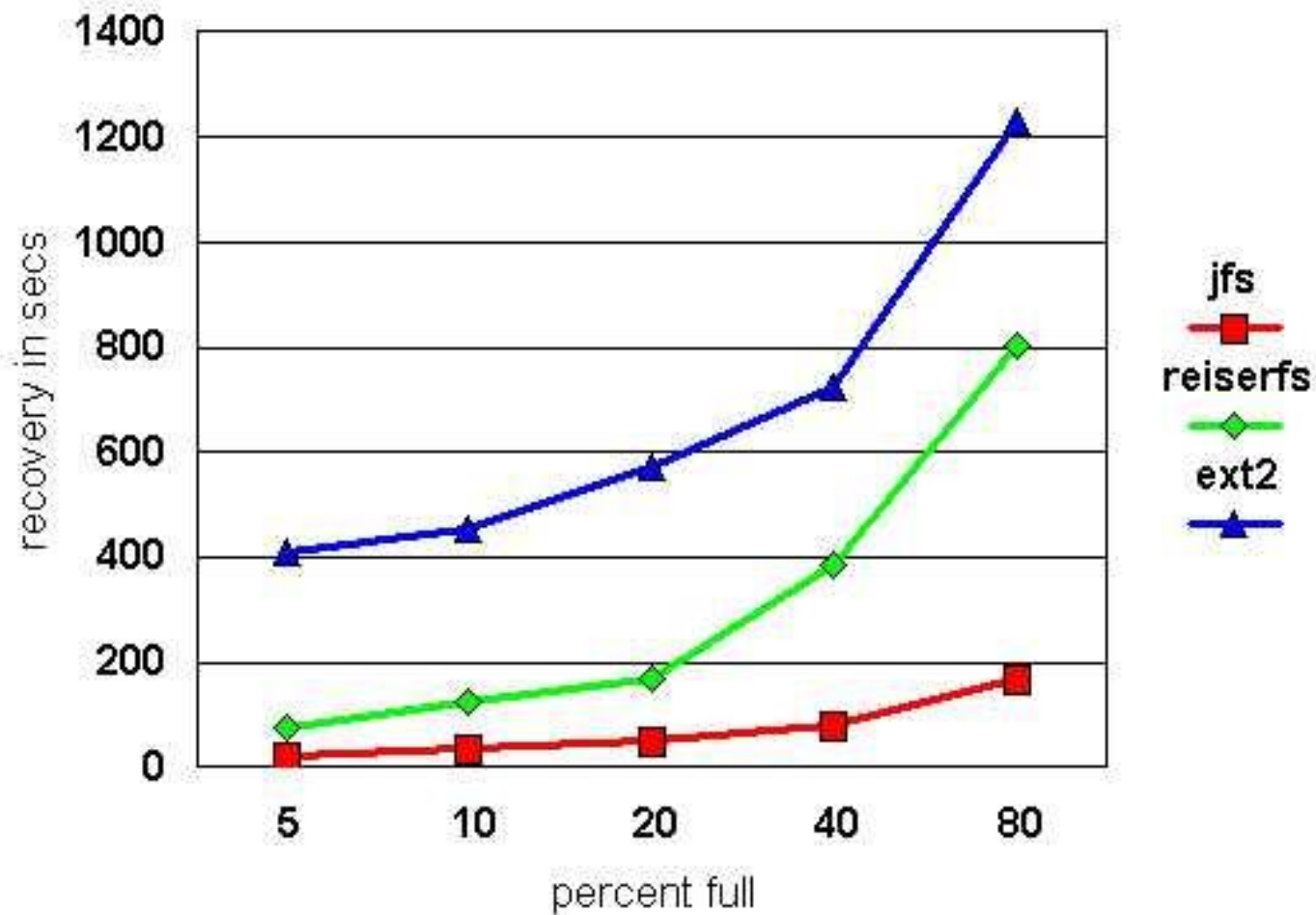
## LVM CPU consumption





## recovery times

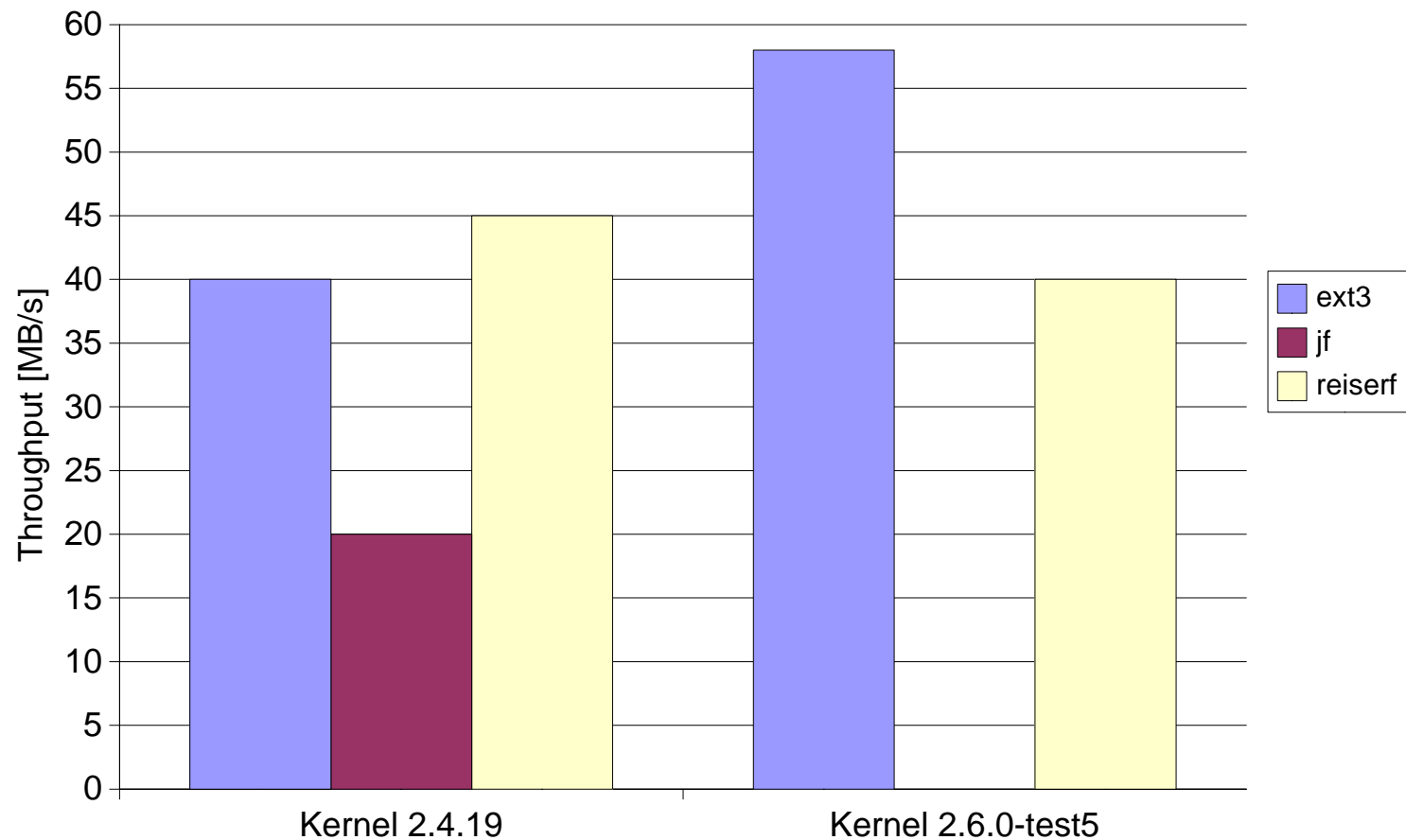
### Recovery of 96gb FS on 4 way w/ Shark





## Outlook on kernel 2.6

journaling filesystem in kernel version 2.4 vs 2.6



● preliminary results

● jfs was not compiled into 2.6 kernel





## Summary

- journaling file systems increase data integrity significantly
- journaling file systems dramatically reduce system outage times
- performance cost is at least 30%
- reiserfs is slightly faster than ext3, but needs much more CPU
- journaling file systems profit from LVM
- jfs has fastest recovery times
- 2.6 will bring more improvements (increased throughput, reduced CPU load, iostat for ECKD)



# Questions ?

