



Parallel File System for AI and Deep Learning

Managing exponential data growth with Lustre File System

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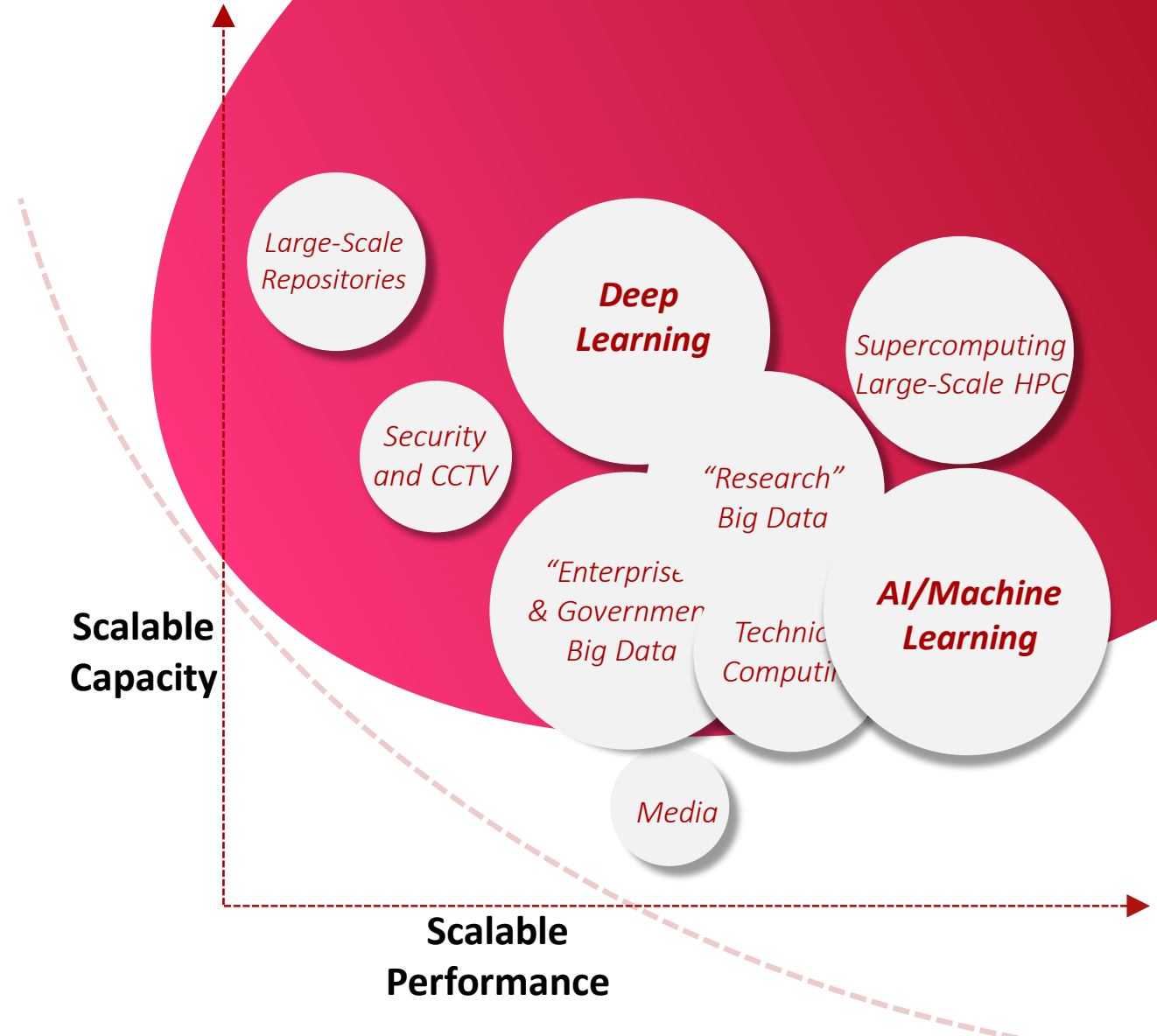
How Would it Impact Your Business if You Could
Seamlessly **Extract** a Lot More Answers
per Hour From Your Data **at Any Scale?**

DDN[®]
STORAGE

DDN | Storage Optimized for All Your AI Needs

We Deliver the Most Efficient Storage Solutions to **Transform Your Data Science Into Real Business Benefits** in AI and Deep Learning

Leading Storage, AI, Deep Learning Expertise
Highest Performing Analytics > 12X Faster
Scale IOPS, Bandwidth, Capacity



DDN: Leading Deployments Across All AI & Deep Learning

**Driverless
Cars**

**Data Security
Fraud Detection**

**Augmented
Reality**

**Healthcare
Diagnostics**

**Personalized
Marketing**

**Natural
Language**

Massive Scale Out.
Real Time Ingest &
Process

Fast Flash
High IO/Client
Security

Globally
Distributed
Optimized IO

Sensor Data Live
Diagnostics Security

Distributed
Analytics Resilient

Massive Ingest
Flash/Disk Large
Datasets

Data-at-scale Services

**Delivered Real-time
Resource Optimized
Flash/GPU/CPU/Network**



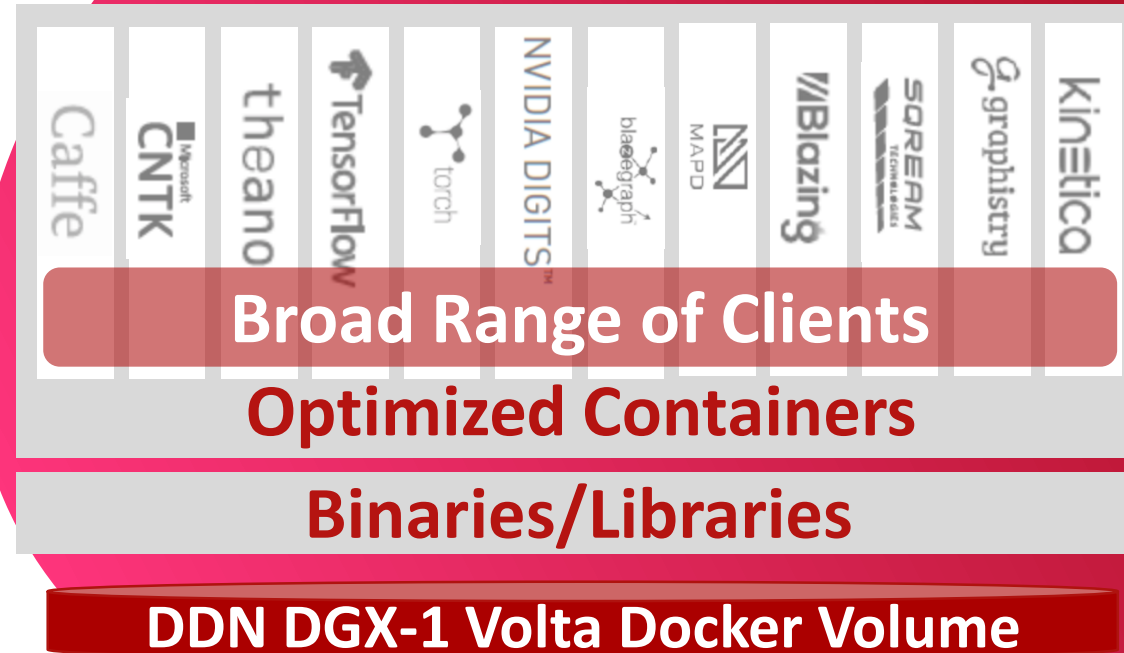
Scalable storage Platforms

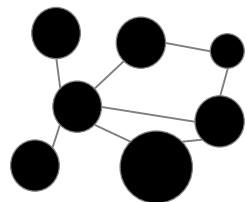
**Line Speed Performance
Tiered Storage At Scale
Extended Flash Life**

DDN | Your Data Was Never as Close to Your GPU's

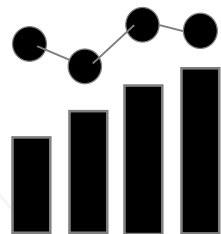
DDN Storage Accelerates Your Processors and GPU's and Optimized Containers So That You Achieve **the Full Business Value** of Your AI System

RDMA Accelerated I/O Delivered Directly to GPU's
Parallel File System Which is So Much Faster Than NFS!
Leverages a Wide Range of GPU Optimized Applications





Machine and Deep
Learning



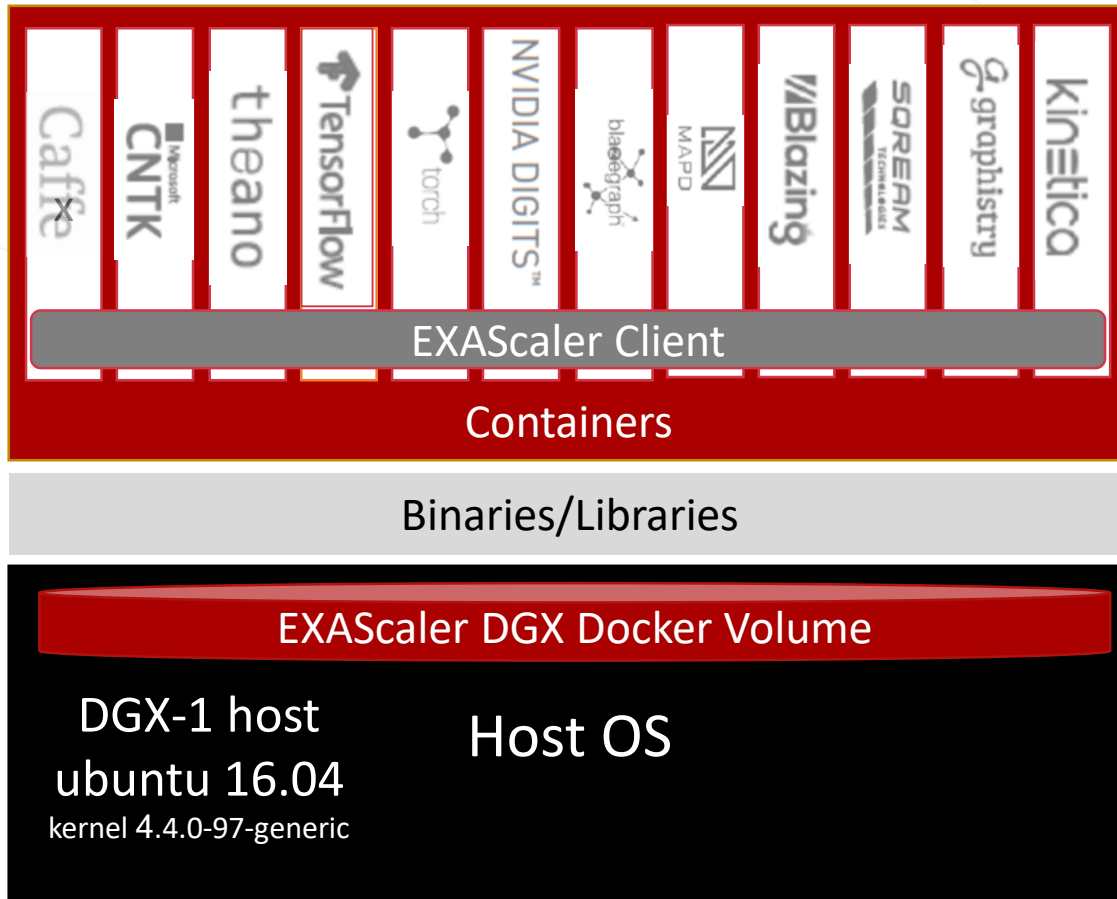
NoSQL
Analytics



Big Data

IO Characteristics: Read, Random, High Throughput per Client, File and IO Sizes between a few kb and a few MB
Training Sets typically larger than local cache

EXASCALER FOR AI AND DEEP LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS (DGX-1 STACK)



- ▶ Integrated Flash Parallel File System Access via TCP or IB
- ▶ Extreme Data Access Rates for concurrent DGX Containers

EXAScaler DGX Docker Volume

- Lustre ES3.2 kernel modules compiled for Ubuntu kernel and host's OFED
- Lustre userspace tools
- scripts for Lustre mount/umount

WHY LUSTRE FILE SYSTEM – DDN EXASCALER

Feature	Importance for AI	Others	Lustre
Unique Metadata Operations	Medium - depends on Installation Size and Application Workflow	✓ Highly scalable	✓ Highly scalable with DNE I and II
Shared Metadata Operations	High - training data are usually curated into a single directory	✗ Lower than 10K	✓ Up to 200K
Support for high-performance mmap() I/O Calls	High - many AI applications use mmap() calls	✗ Extremely poor	✓ Strong
Container Support	High - most AI applications are containerized	✗ Poor (network complexity & root issues)	✓ Available
Data Isolation for Containers	Medium/High – important for shared environments	✗ Not available or very limited today	✓ Available
Data-on-Metadata (small file support)	Medium/High – depends on data set	✗ DOM limited to tiny files	✓ DOM is highly tunable

#open_source #no_hidden_fees #fully_supported

DDN EXASCALER FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Lustre Native Container Support



#subdirectory_mounts

#docker_ready_containers

#docker_optimizations

#nvidia_DGX

Lustre Persistent Client Cache



#local_lustre_cache

#lustre_aware

#designed_for_ai

#machine_learning_oriented

#containers #read_write

Lustre Enhanced security



#mls

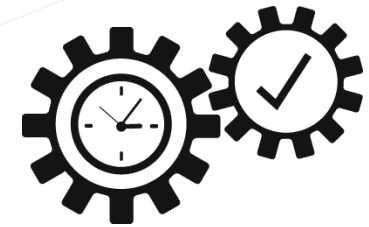
#changelog_audit

#isolation

#kerberos

#encryption_at_rest

Integrated Policy Engine



#fast_metadata_scan

#lightweight

#no_sql

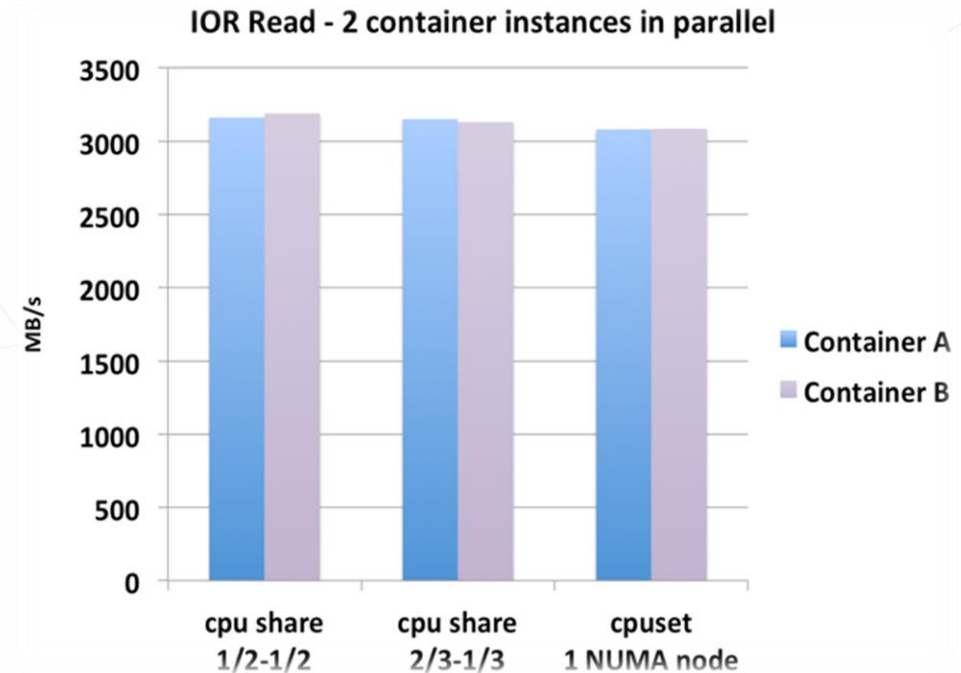
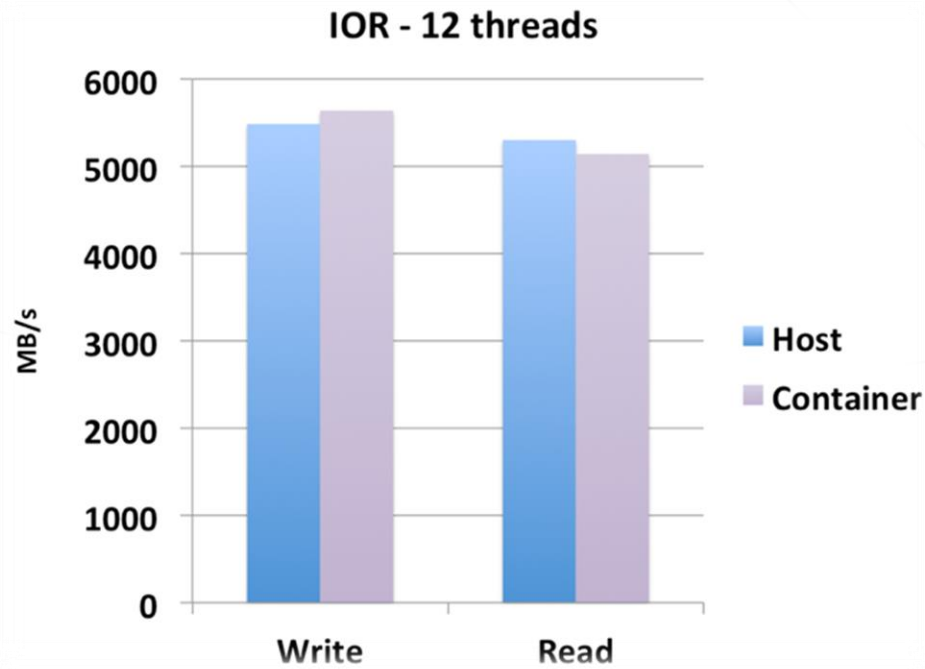
#scalable

#mds_integrated

#rh_alternative

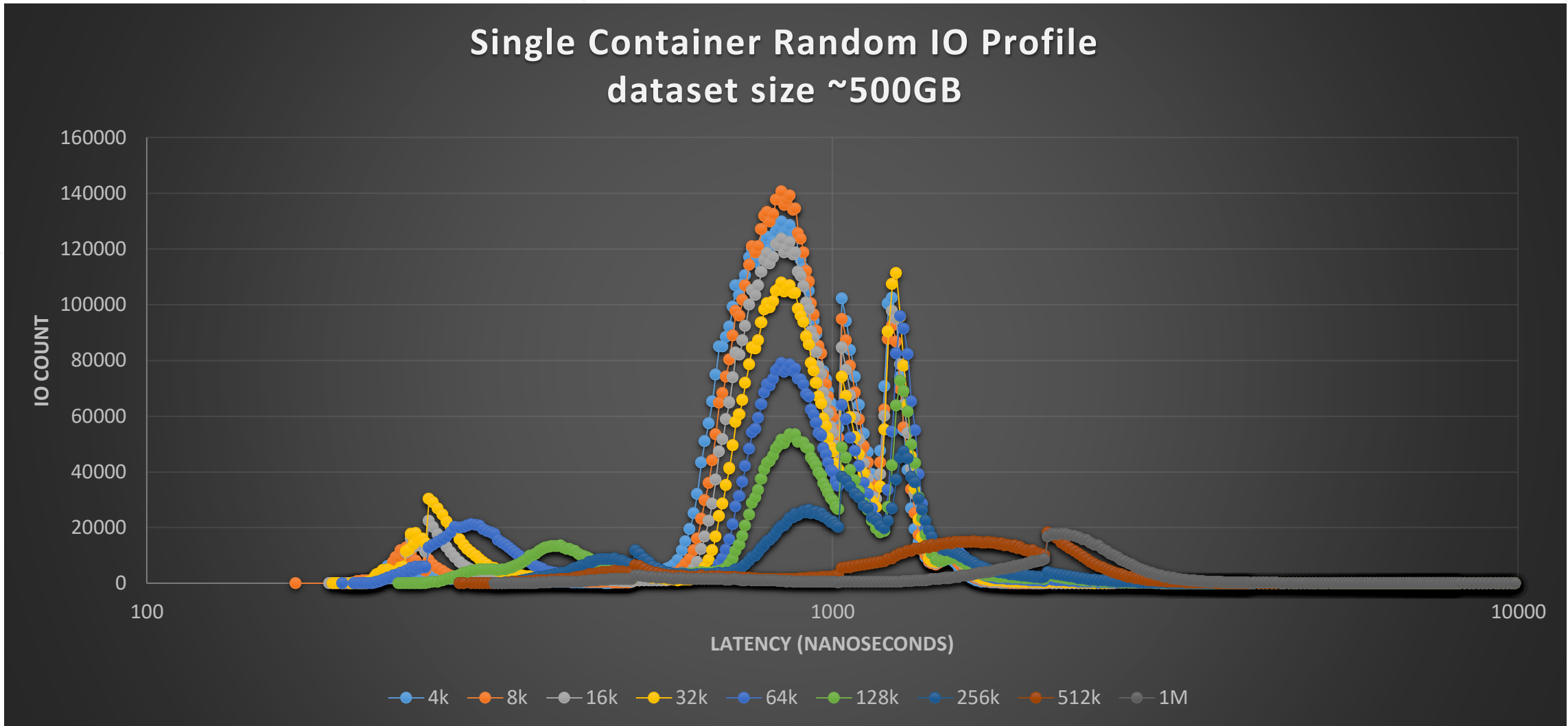
Features under development

DDN EXASCALER LUSTRE CONTAINER MINIMAL OVERHEAD

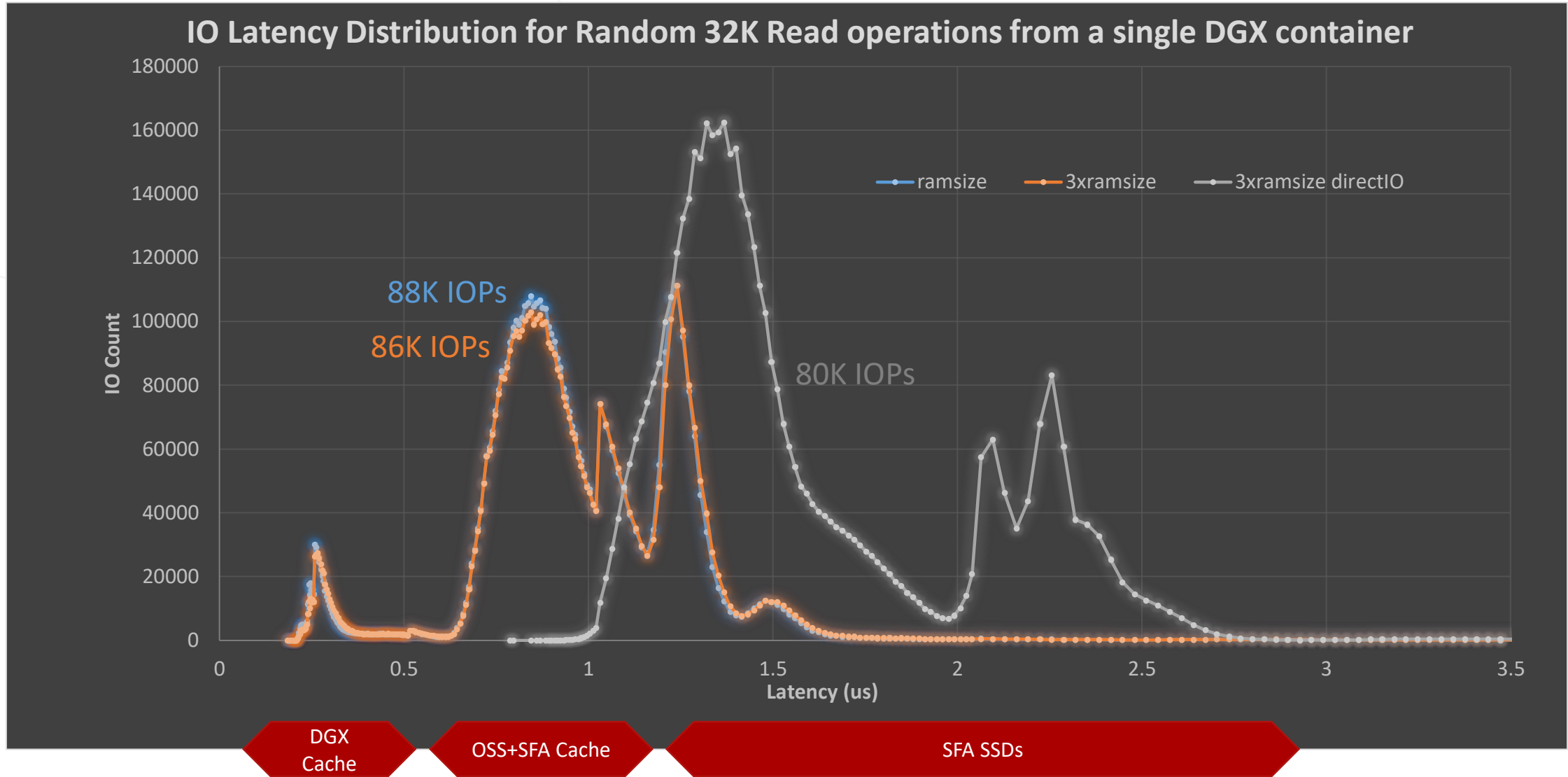


- SFA7700 delivering 7BG/s+
 - Client node: 16 cores, 128 GB RAM, IB 4X FDR
- Software: CentOS 7 (3.10 kernel), Lustre pre-IEEL3.0 (2.7 + patches), OFED 3.18-1, Docker 1.8.2

IO LATENCY PROFILE FOR RANDOM READ DGX LUSTRE FULL FLASH

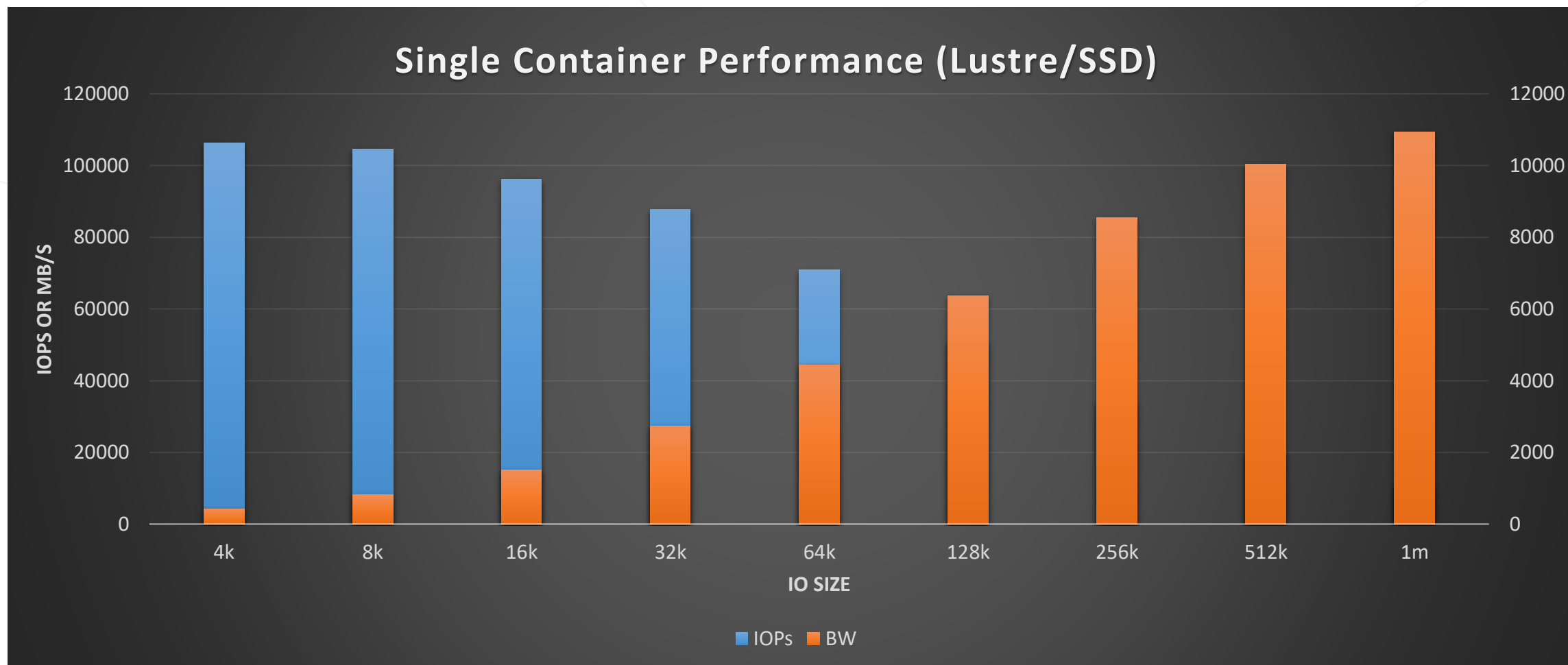


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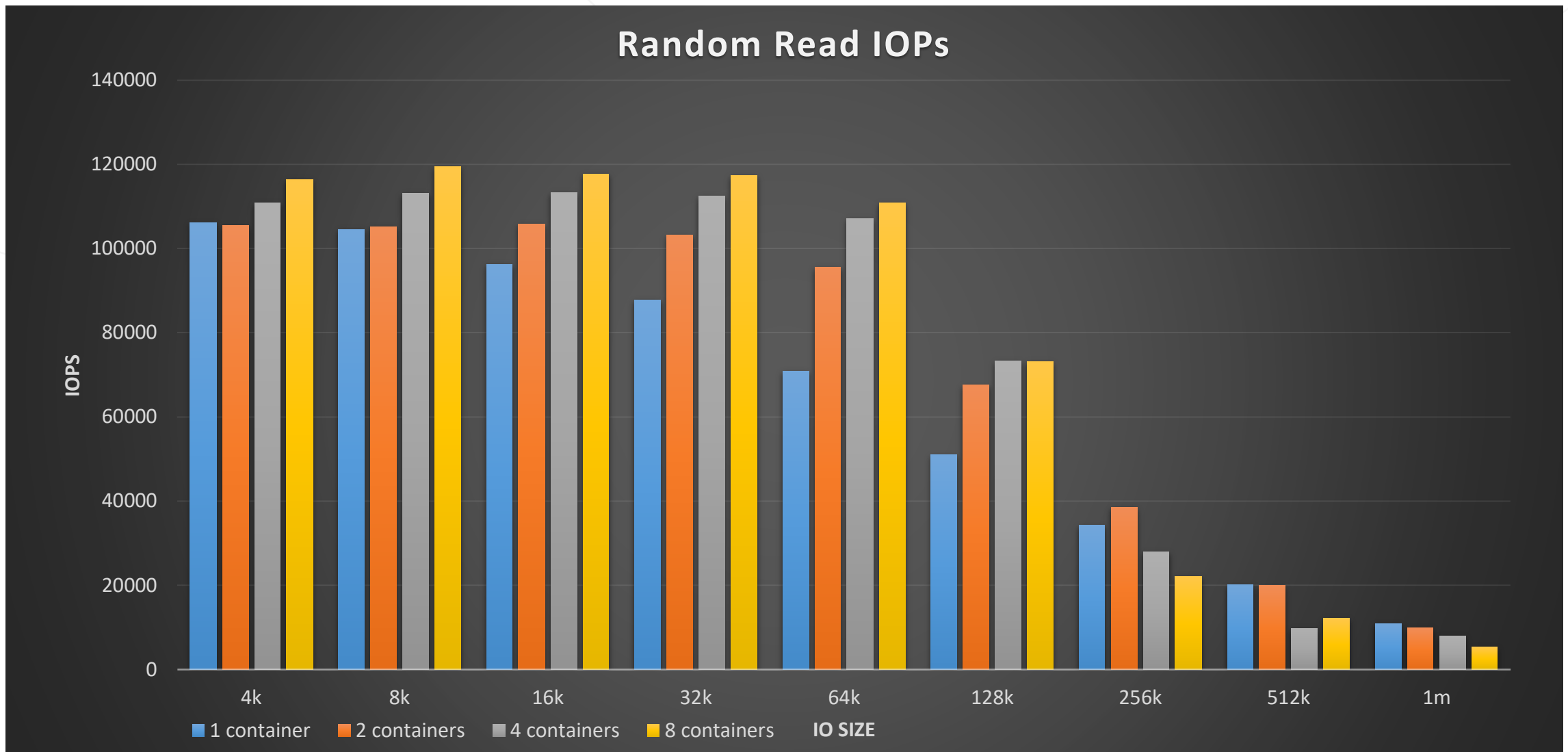


DGX DDN EXASCALER VOLUME PERFORMANCE

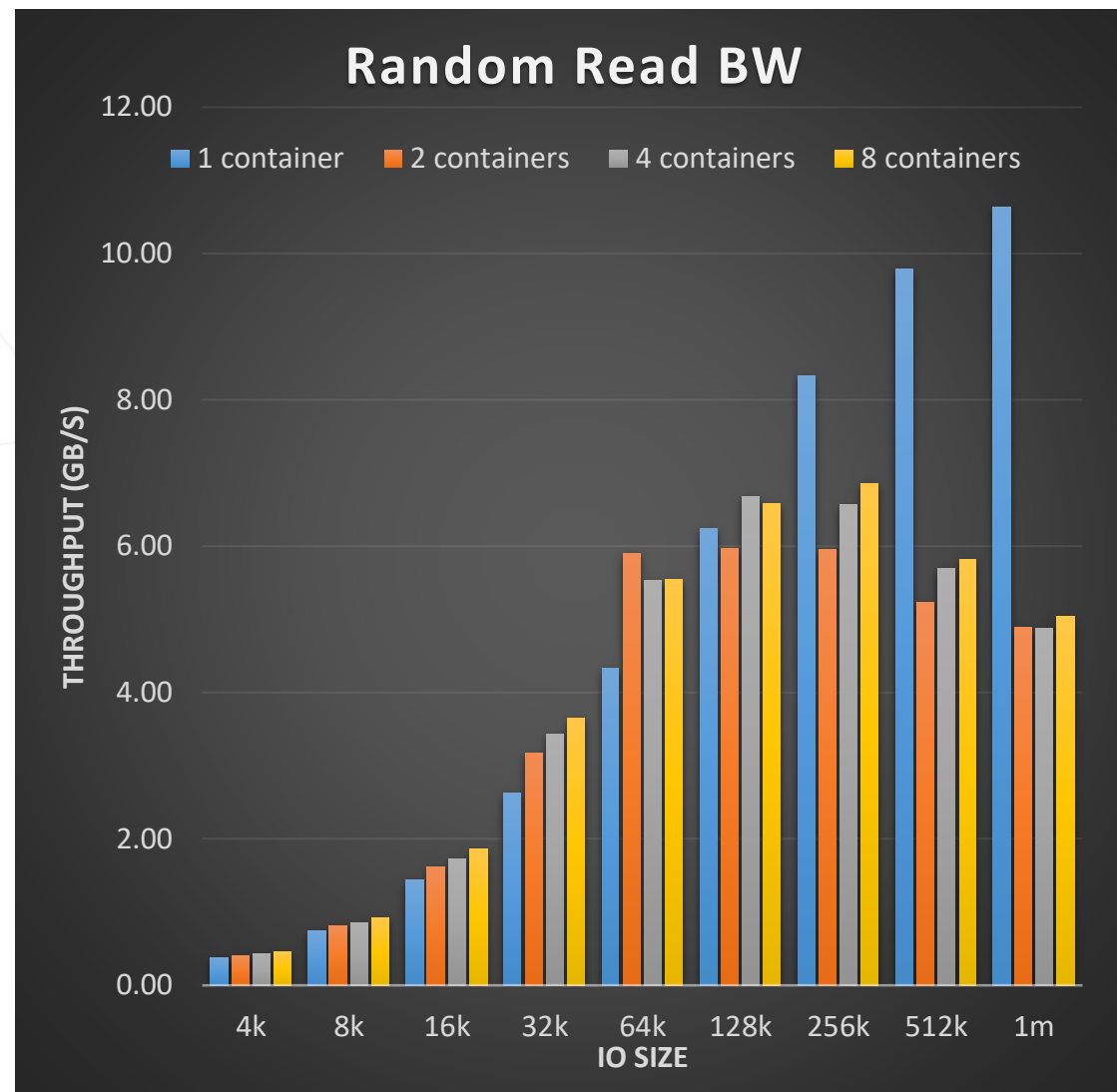
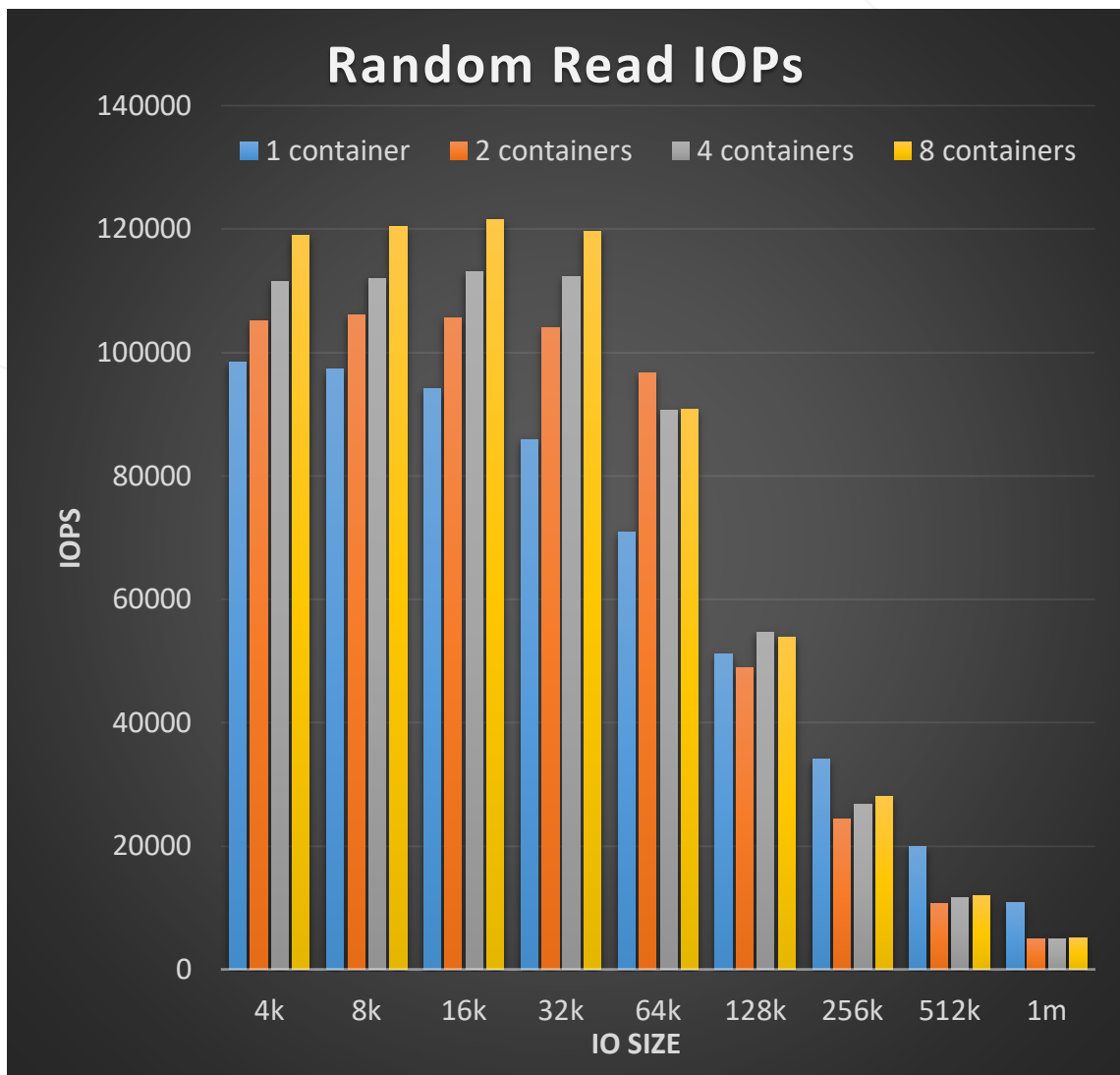
Over 100K IOPs and 11GB/s to a single container



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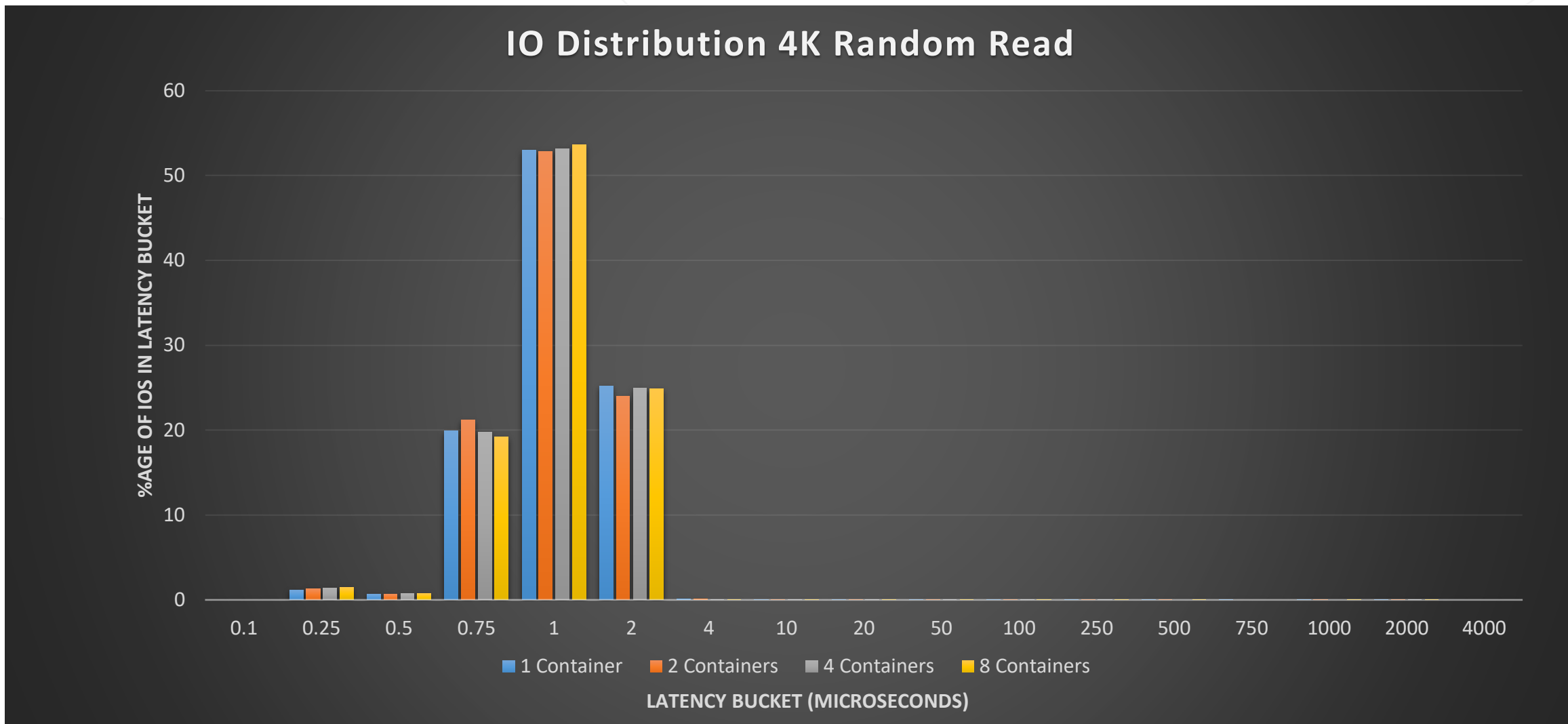


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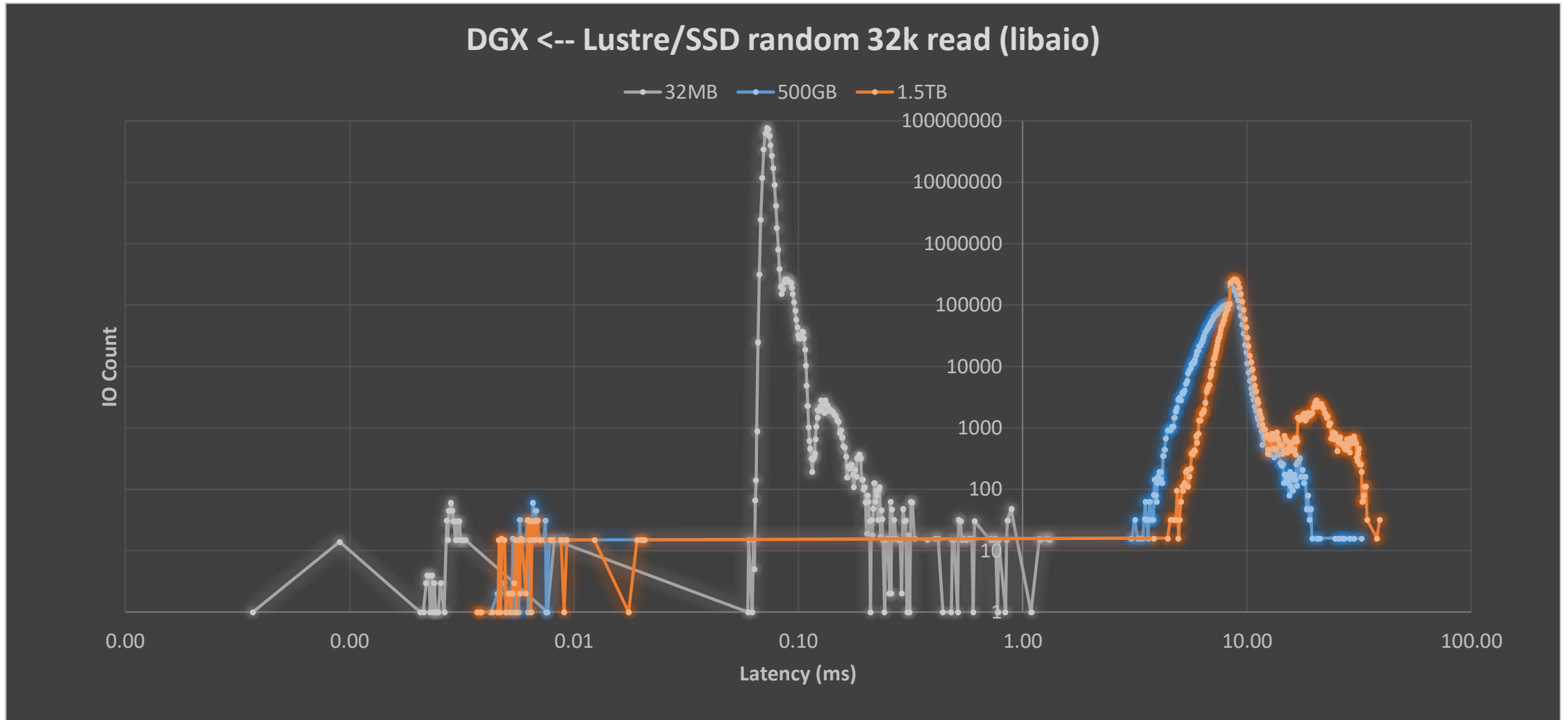
DATASET 3X DGX RAM CAPACITY RANDOM READ

Almost all reads in under 4 microseconds



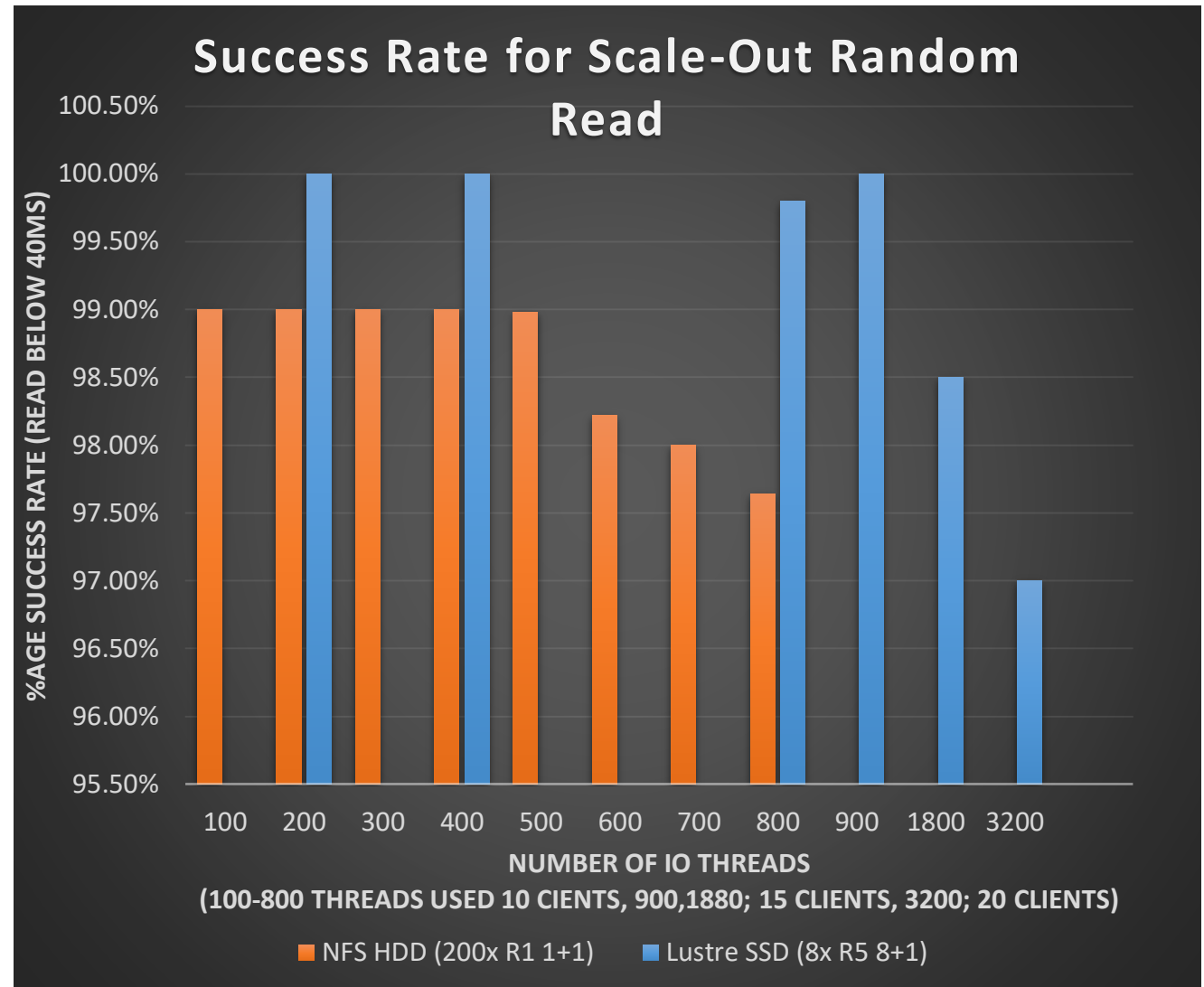
DGX Testing (libaio)

32k random read across different dataset sizes from a single DGX container



Autonomous Driving: Customer Benchmark

- ▶ Create 3M files, 100 per directory across 3000 directories
- ▶ Starting with 40 files per thread, kick off multiples of 10 threads across a number of clients
 - each thread randomly selects 40 files at a time to read sequentially
- ▶ Each thread iterates in batches of 40 files.
- ▶ A success rate is calculated corresponding to the percentage of files that are read within a set time window (40ms)
- ▶ Lustre DGX Docker Volume demonstrates 100% success rate with 900 IO threads



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