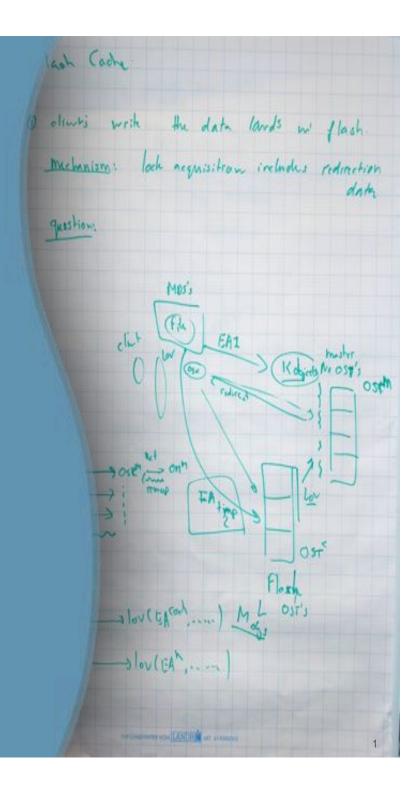


## **Engineering Update**

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## **Guiding Principals**

- Stability
  - > A technology preview is not a product
- Benchmarking
  - > Evidence based decision making
- Interoperation
  - It's not optional
- Execution
  - Deliver the roadmap



## **Delivering Stability**

- Development Process
  - > From architectural requirements through to code
  - > Release "gate"
- Restructuring / Refactoring
  - > CLIO
  - Porting APIs
- Improved Test Facilities
  - > New test cluster in Broomfield
  - > REP system
  - > Test Automation
  - > We need YOU!
- Conservative Feature Rollout
  - > Not until it's ready



## Interoperation

- We hear you!
  - > Site-wide shutdown is unacceptable
  - > Cluster-wide shutdown is unacceptable
  - Deployment intractable without "version smear"
  - > Different versions may need to interoperate for weeks
- Guarantee
  - Node-by-node upgrade
  - > Rolling upgrade path always possible
- Fine Print
  - > Arbitrary version interoperation not guaranteed
  - Possible reduced performance on version mismatch
  - > Node upgrade order may be prescribed
  - > Downgrade may not be supported



## **Upcoming Releases**

#### And Release Numbering

- 1.6.5 Imminent
  - > Bug Fixes, Minor improvements
- 1.8 Fall
  - > New Features
    - 2.0 Interoperability
    - Recovery Improvements
- 2.0+ End of Year
  - Major New Features



#### **Adaptive Timeouts**

- RPC timeout => server death
  - > On a large cluster (10,000s of nodes), extreme server load indistinguishable from death.
  - > Site tunables
- Adaptive Timeouts
  - Client adapts timeouts to observed service times
  - > Server pre-empts timeouts with "early" replies
  - > Eliminate tunables
  - Increase responsiveness



#### **Version Based Recovery**

Recovering Uncommitted Client RPCs on Server Restart

- Current recovery
  - > All clients replay in original execution order
  - > Fixed recovery window late clients lose
  - > Transactions after a "gap" lose
- VBR
  - > Recovery transaction checks object version
  - "Gaps" not fatal
  - > Clients may reconnect late
  - COS resilience/performance tradeoff



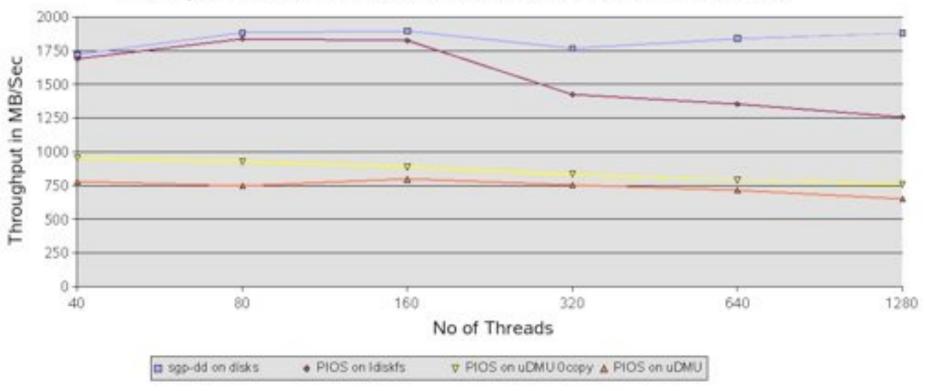
#### **ZFS**

- Easier Administration
  - Pooled storage model
  - No volume manager
  - > Snapshots
- Immense Capacity
  - > 128-bit file system
- End-to-end data integrity
  - > Copy-on-write, transactional design
  - > Everything checksummed
  - MD block replication
  - > RAID-Z/Mirroring
  - > Resilvering



## **Lustre ZFS Performance Today**

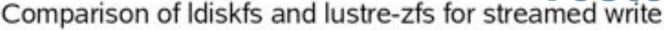
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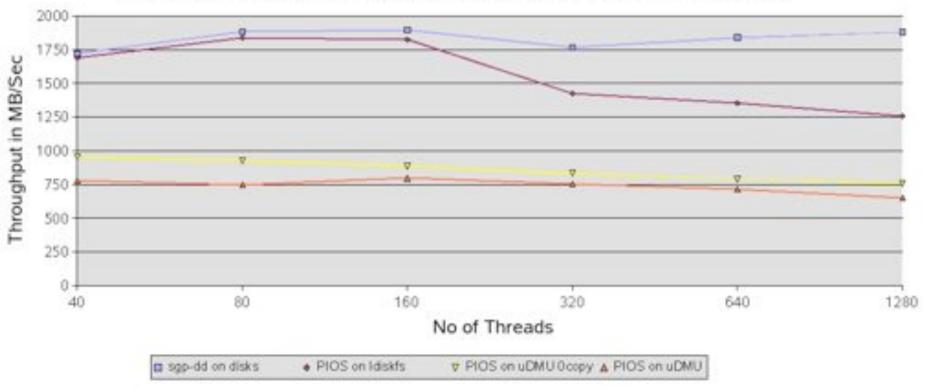


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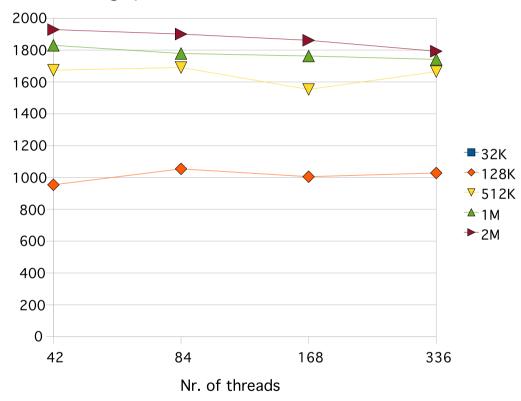


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#### **Lustre ZFS Performance Today**

Throughput as a function of PIOS threads



With Zero Copy (simulated – but it's doable!)

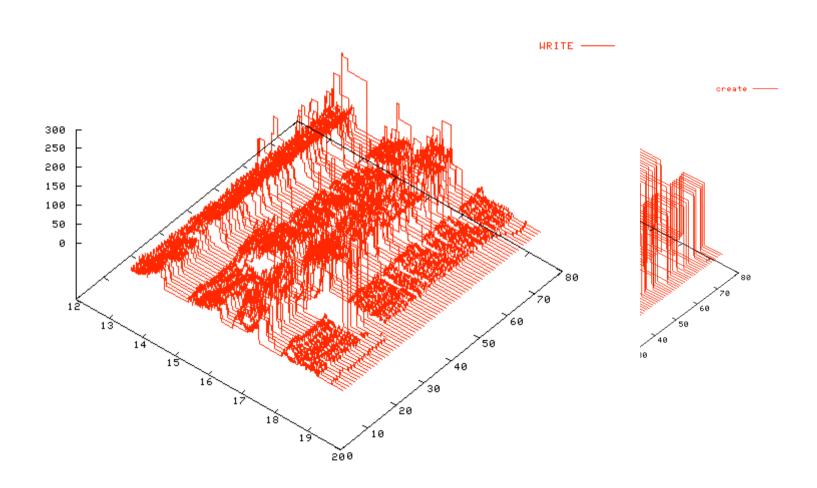


#### **ZFS** rollout

- Initial ZFS release
  - Only for new file systems
  - Client works with both Idiskfs and ZFS servers
- Later ZFS releases
  - Online OSS migration via space management tools
    - Add ZFS OSTs
    - "Empty" Idiskfs OSTs
    - Piecemeal or wholesale
  - Offline MDS migration via conversion utility
  - > Online MDS migration still an open issue
    - CMD
    - Idiskfs EOL

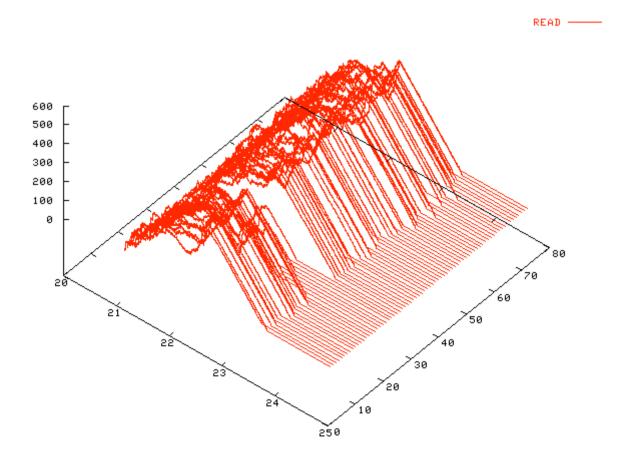


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#### **Network Request Scheduler**

- Today, requests processed in FIFO order
  - > Only as fair as the network
  - Over-reliance on disk elevator
- NRS re-orders RPCs on arrival
  - > Enforce fairness
  - Working set == buffered RPCs not # service threads
  - Work with block allocator
- Global NRS to coordinate servers
  - > QoS



#### **Simulator**

- Discrete Event Simulator
  - > Simplicity v. Accuracy
  - > 100K + node simulations
- Component Models
  - > Client
  - > Network
  - > Server side request scheduler
  - > Backend F/S
  - > Disk Elevator
  - > Disk



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