

IO500: The High-Performance Storage Community

IO500 Committee

- Dean Hildebrand - Google
- Andreas Dilger - Whamcloud/DDN
- Julian Kunkel - Georg-August-Universität Göttingen/GWDG
- Jay Lofstead - Sandia National Laboratories
- George Markomanolis - AMD

BoF Agenda

1. **Welcome** – Dean Hildebrand
2. **The New IO500 List Analysis** – Jay Lofstead
3. **Award Presentations** – Dean Hildebrand
4. **Community Presentation** – Kevin Harms, Argonne National Laboratory
5. **Roadmap**
 - **Website Update and Demo** - Jean Luca Bez
 - **Benchmark Phases and Extended Access Patterns** - Andreas Dilger
 - **List Split and Reproducibility** - Dean Hildebrand
6. **Community Discussion**

IO500 Organization Status

- A US non-profit organization IO500 Foundation
 - Domain, mailing list, servers, GitHub belongs to IO500 Foundation
- Website contains results with links to details, CFS, BoF slides, etc.
 - io500.org
 - Contribute fixes at github.com/IO500/webpage
- Please join our mailing list for announcements:
 - io500.org/contact
- Please join our Slack for discussions:
 - io500workspace.slack.com/
 - Join link: rb.gy/sn8esm

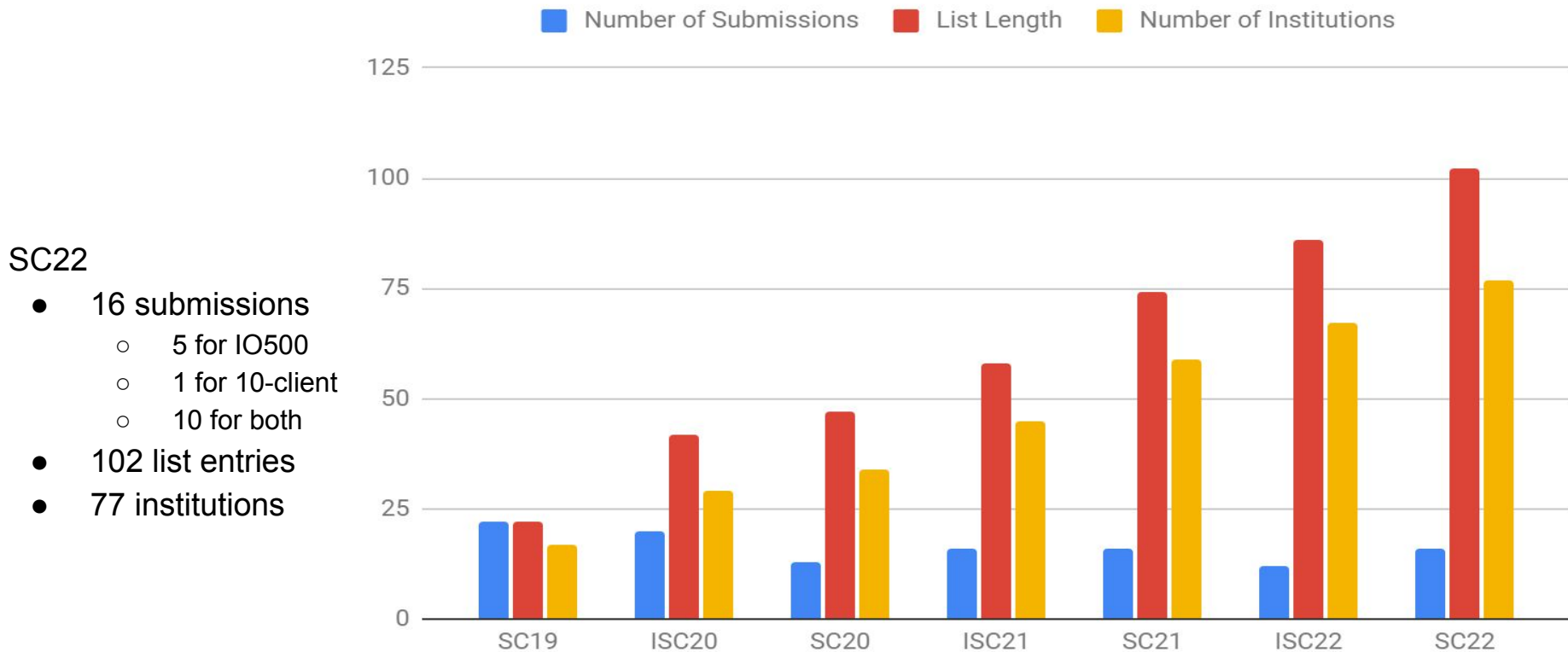


IO500 List Analysis

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Growth in Entries and Institutions

IO500 List



Aggregate List Bandwidth

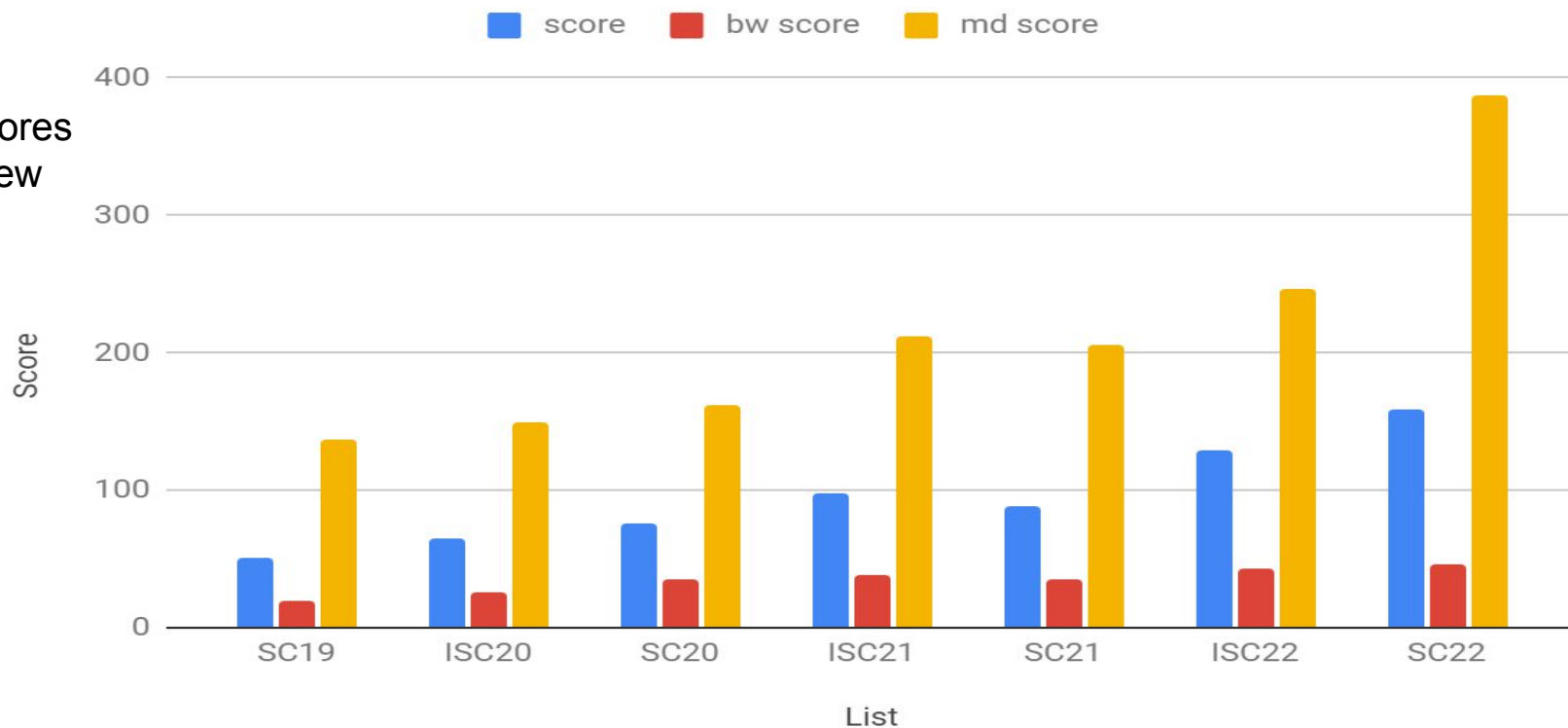
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Median Scores

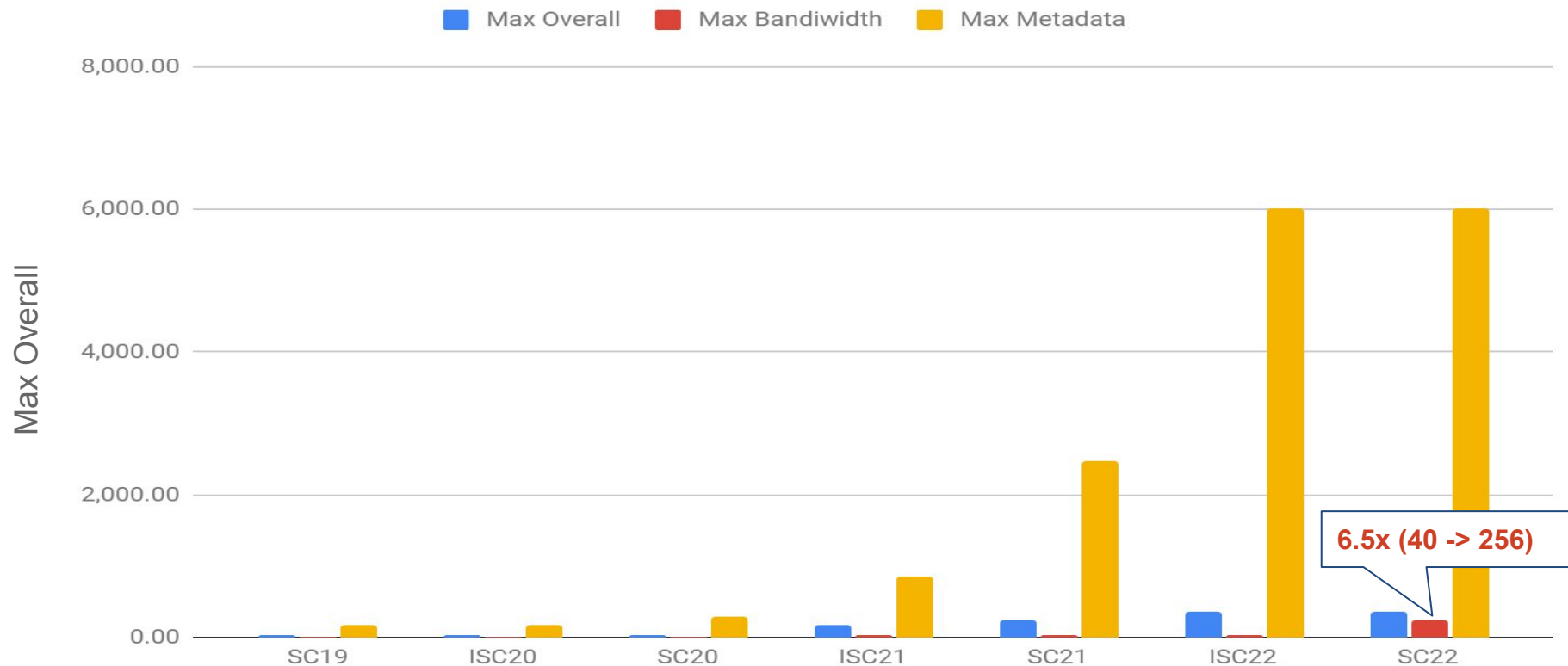
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Median scores
reached new
highs



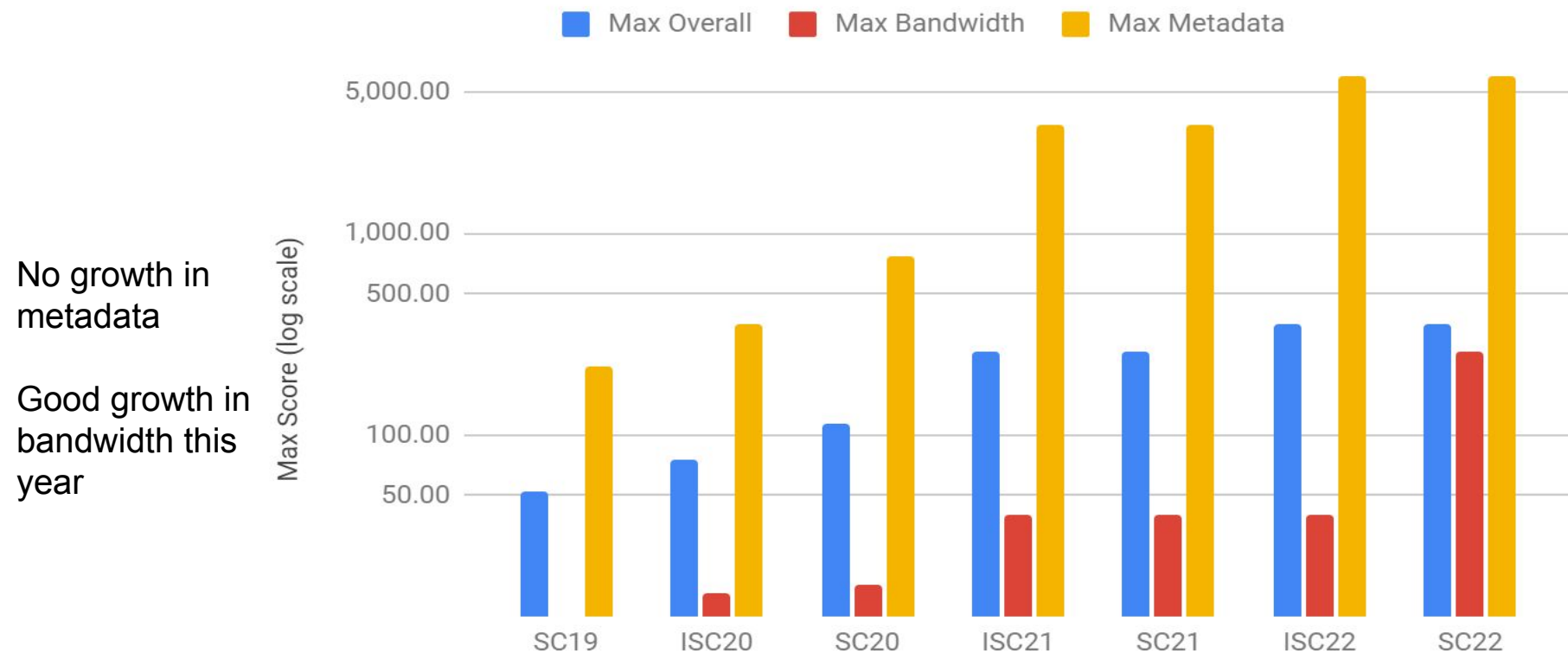
Growth in Max Score per Client

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Growth in Max Scores per Client

10-Node Challenge List



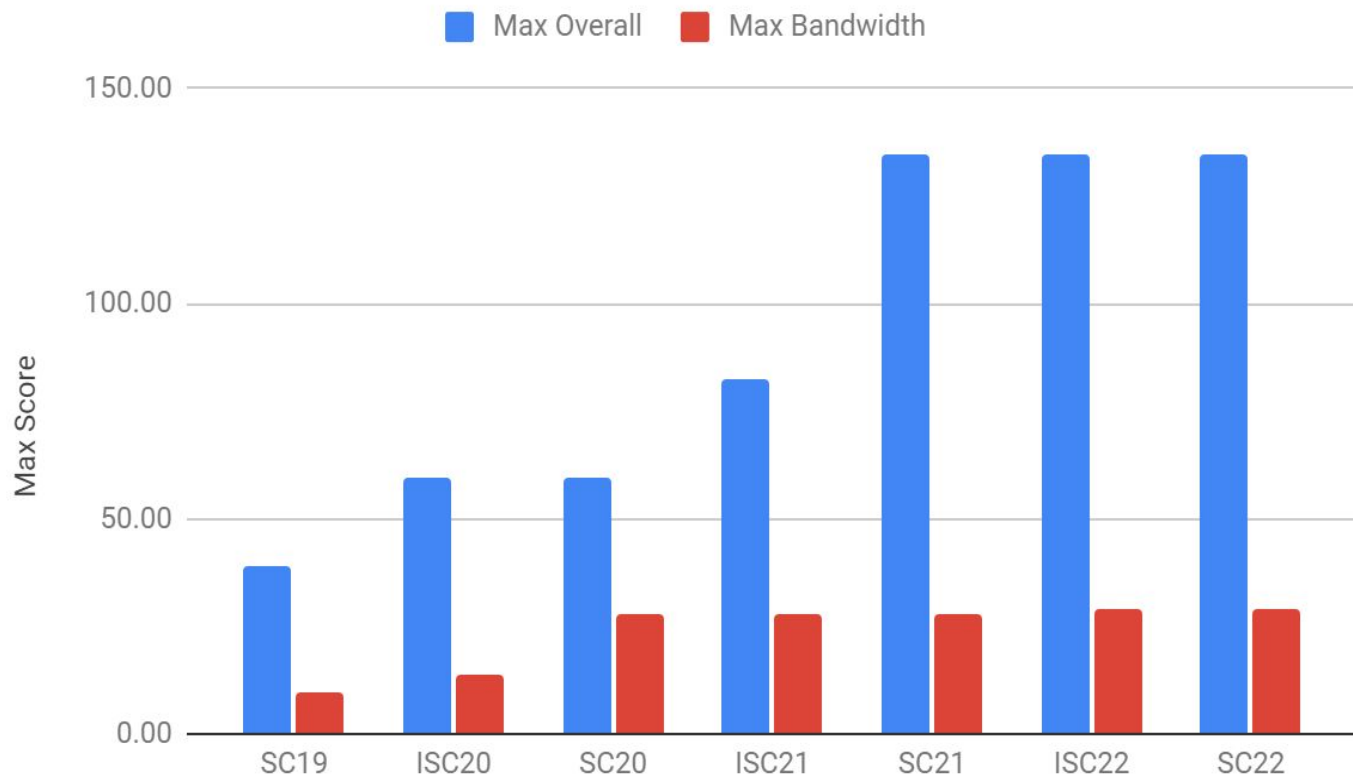
Growth in Max Score per Storage Server

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Per-client scores are flat

Per-storage server scores
are growing much slower

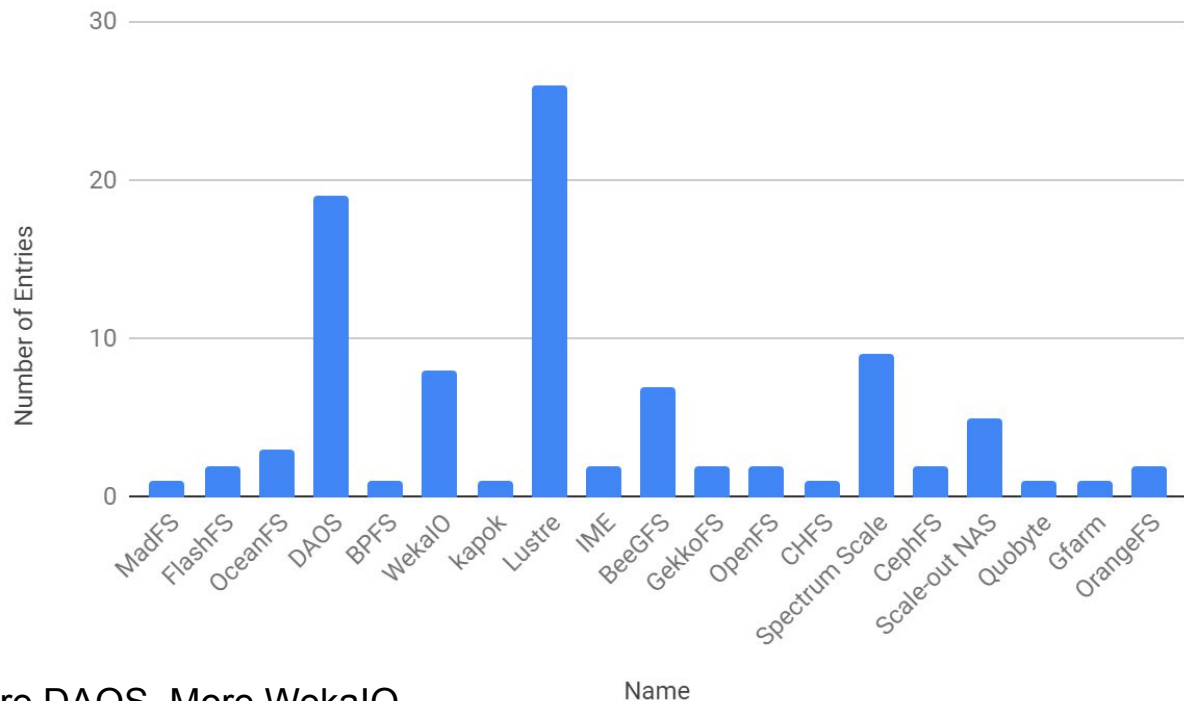
- bandwidth flat for 5 lists
- metadata flat for 3 lists



Note: metadata score per server growth reflected in overall score

Number of File System Entries

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More Lustre, More DAOS, More WekaIO
some new systems

Award Ceremony




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Six Awards

- Full List
 - Bandwidth
 - Metadata
 - Overall
- 10-Node (client) Challenge List
 - Bandwidth
 - Metadata
 - Overall

10 node challenge - Bandwidth Winner

Sorted by BW

#	RELEASE	SYSTEM	INSTITUTION	FILESYSTEM TYPE	SCORE	BW ↑ (GIB/S)	MD (KIOP/S)
 1	SC22	ParaStor	Sugon Cloud Storage Laboratory	ParaStor		718.11	
 2	SC22	StarStor	SuPro Storteck	StarStor		515.15	
3	ISC21	Endeavour	Intel	DAOS		398.77	
4	SC21	OceanStor Pacific	Olympus Lab	OceanFS		317.07	
5	SC21	Athena	Huawei HPDA Lab	OceanFS		314.56	
6	ISC22	Cumulus	University of Cambridge	DAOS		216.78	
 7	SC22	Meadowgate	Meadowgate Technologies	DAOS		213.15	
8	ISC22	SuperMUC-NG Phase2	LRZ	DAOS		209.48	
9	ISC22	Shanhe	National Supercomputing Center in Jinan	flashfs		207.79	
10	ISC21	Pengcheng Cloudbrain-II on Atlas 900	Pengcheng Laboratory	MadFS		193.77	

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IO500 Performance Certification

This Certificate is awarded to:
Sugon Cloud Storage Lab (ParaStor)

#1 in the 10 Node Challenge Bandwidth Score

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10-Node Challenge - Metadata Winner

Sorted by MD

#	RELEASE	SYSTEM	INSTITUTION	FILESYSTEM TYPE	SCORE	BW (GIB/S)	MD ↑ (KIOP/S)
1	SC22	SuperStore	Tsinghua Storage Research Group	SuperFS			169,515.95
2	SC22	ParaStor	Sugon Cloud Storage Laboratory	ParaStor			106,042.93
3	SC22	StarStor	SuPro Storteck	StarStor			88,491.65
4	ISC22	Shanhe	National Supercomputing Center in Jinan	flashfs			60,119.50
5	ISC21	Pengcheng Cloudbrain-II on Atlas 900	Pengcheng Laboratory	MadFS			34,777.27
6	SC21	Athena	Huawei HPDA Lab	OceanFS			18,235.71
7	SC22	HPC-OCI	Cloudam HPC on OCI	BurstFS			17,224.05
8	SC21	OceanStor Pacific	Olympus Lab	OceanFS			16,664.88
9	SC21	Kongming	BPFS Lab	BPFS			9,827.09
10	ISC21	Endeavour	Intel	DAOS			8,671.65

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10-Node Challenge - Winner

Sorted by
score

# ↑	RELEASE	SYSTEM	INSTITUTION	FILESYSTEM TYPE	SCORE ↑	BW (GIB/S)	MD (KIOP/S)
 1	SC22	ParaStor	Sugon Cloud Storage Laboratory	ParaStor	8,726.42	718.11	106,042.93
 2	SC22	StarStor	SuPro Storteck	StarStor	6,751.75	515.15	88,491.65
 3	SC22	SuperStore	Tsinghua Storage Research Group	SuperFS	5,517.73	179.60	169,515.95
4	ISC22	Shanhe	National Supercomputing Center in Jinan	flashfs	3,534.42	207.79	60,119.50
5	ISC21	Pengcheng Cloudbrain-II on Atlas 900	Pengcheng Laboratory	MadFS	2,595.89	193.77	34,777.27
6	SC21	Athena	Huawei HPDA Lab	OceanFS	2,395.03	314.56	18,235.71
7	SC21	OceanStor Pacific	Olympus Lab	OceanFS	2,298.69	317.07	16,664.88
8	ISC21	Endeavour	Intel	DAOS	1,859.56	398.77	8,671.65
 9	SC22	HPC-OCI	Cloudfam HPC on OCI	BurstFS	1,285.21	95.90	17,224.05
10	ISC22	SuperMUC-NG Phase2	LRZ	DAOS	1,034.55	209.48	5,109.23

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Full list - Bandwidth Winner

Sorted by BW

#	RELEASE	SYSTEM	INSTITUTION	FILESYSTEM TYPE	SCORE	BW ↑ (GIB/S)	MD (KIOP/S)
1	SC22	Aurora Storage	Argonne National Laboratory	DAOS		6,048.69	
2	ISC21	Pengcheng Cloudbrain-II on Atlas 900	Pengcheng Laboratory	MadFS		3,421.62	
3	SC22	ParaStor	Sugon Cloud Storage Laboratory	ParaStor		718.11	
4	SC20	Oakforest-PACS	JCAHPC	IME		697.20	
5	ISC20	NURION	Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI)	IME		515.59	
6	SC22	StarStor	SuPro Stordeck	StarStor		515.15	
7	ISC21	Endeavour	Intel	DAOS		398.77	
8	ISC20	Wolf	Intel	DAOS		371.67	
9	ISC22	SuperMUC-NG Phase2	LRZ	DAOS		321.75	
10	SC21	OceanStor Pacific	Olympus Lab	OceanFS		317.07	

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Argonne National Laboratory (Aurora Storage)

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Full list - Metadata Winner

Sorted by MD

#	RELEASE	SYSTEM	INSTITUTION	FILESYSTEM TYPE	SCORE	BW (GiB/s)	MD (KiOP/s)
1	ISC21	Pengcheng Cloudbrain-II on Atlas 900	Pengcheng Laboratory	MadFS			396,872.82
2	SC22	SuperStore	Tsinghua Storage Research Group	SuperFS			169,515.95
3	SC22	ParaStor	Sugon Cloud Storage Laboratory	ParaStor			106,042.93
4	SC22	StarStor	SuPro Stordeck	StarStor			88,491.65
5	SC22	Aurora Storage	Argonne National Laboratory	DAOS			70,802.51
6	ISC22	Shanhe	National Supercomputing Center in Jinan	flashfs			60,119.50
7	SC21		Huawei Cloud	Flashfs			37,034.00
8	SC22	HPC-OCI	Cloudam HPC on OCI	BurstFS			33,033.54
9	SC21	Athena	Huawei HPDA Lab	OceanFS			18,235.71
10	SC21	OceanStor Pacific	Olympus Lab	OceanFS			16,664.88

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Full list - Winner

# ↑	RELEASE	SYSTEM	INSTITUTION	FILESYSTEM TYPE	SCORE ↑	BW (GiB/s)	MD (KiOP/s)
1	ISC21	Pengcheng Cloudbrain-II on Atlas 900	Pengcheng Laboratory	MadFS	36,850.40	3,421.62	396,872.82
2	SC22	Aurora Storage	Argonne National Laboratory	DAOS	20,694.50	6,048.69	70,802.51
3	SC22	ParaStor	Sugon Cloud Storage Laboratory	ParaStor	8,726.42	718.11	106,042.93
4	SC22	StarStor	SuPro Storteck	StarStor	6,751.75	515.15	88,491.65
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8	SC21	Athena	Huawei HPDA Lab	OceanFS	2,395.03	314.56	18,235.71
9	SC21	OceanStor Pacific	Olympus Lab	OceanFS	2,298.69	317.07	16,664.88
10	SC21		Huawei Cloud	Flashfs	2,016.70	109.82	37,034.00

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#1 in the IO500 Overall Score

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List of Awarded Systems in the Ranked Lists

10-Node	Bandwidth	Sugon Cloud Storage Lab	ParaStor	718.11 GiB/s
	Metadata	Tsinghua Storage Research	SuperFS	169,515.95 kIOPS
	Overall	Sugon Cloud Storage Lab	ParaStor	8,726.42 score
IO500	Bandwidth	Argonne National Laboratory	DAOS	6,048.69 GiB/s
	Metadata	Pengcheng Cloudbrain-II	MadFS	396,872.82 kIOPS
	Overall	Pengcheng Cloudbrain-II	MadFS	36,850.37 score

Community Presentation

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DAOS on Aurora

IO500 BoF SC22

Kevin Harms
Argonne Leadership Computing Facility

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Acknowledgements

- **Mohamad Chaarawi - Intel**
 - Did all the IO500 runs
 - Assisted with much of the performance testing
- **Intel Aurora test team**
 - Doing all the hardware work of testing and evaluation of the new hardware



Aurora

Leadership Computing Facility
Exascale Supercomputer

Peak Performance
 ≥ 2 Exaflops DP

Intel GPU
**Intel® Data Center
GPU Max**

Intel Xeon Processor
**Intel® Xeon® CPU
Max**

Platform
HPE Cray-Ex

Compute Node

2 Xeon Intel® Xeon® CPU Max
processors
6 Intel® Data Center GPU Max
Node Unified Memory Architecture
8 fabric endpoints

GPU Architecture

Intel XeHPC architecture
High Bandwidth Memory Stacks

Node Performance

>130 TF

System Size

>9,000 nodes

Aggregate System Memory

>10 PB aggregate System Memory

System Interconnect

HPE Slingshot 11
Dragonfly topology with adaptive routing

Network Switch

25.6 Tb/s per switch (64 200 Gb/s ports)
Links with 25 GB/s per direction

High-Performance Storage

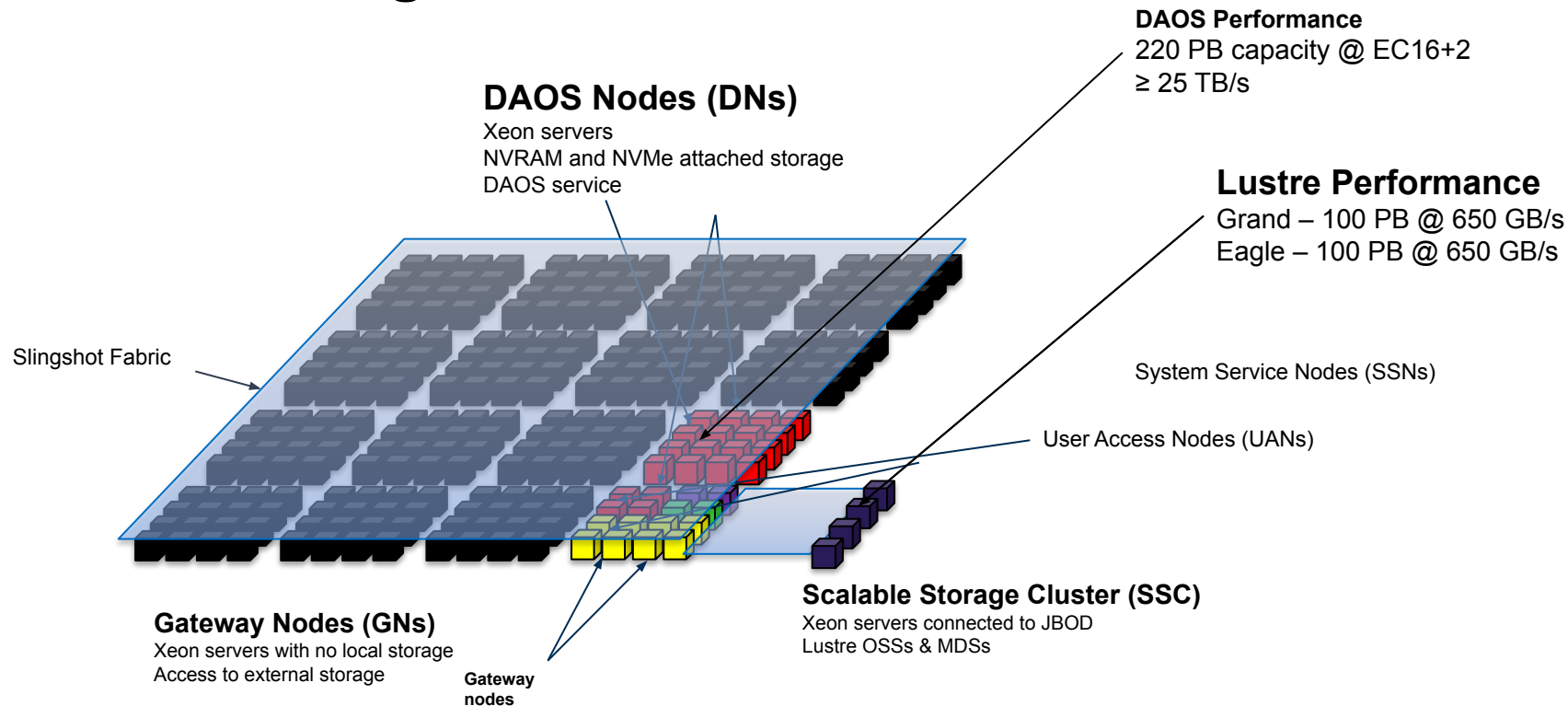
220 PB
 ≥ 25 TB/s DAOS bandwidth

Software Environment

- C/C++
- Fortran
- SYCL/DPC++
- OpenMP offload
- Kokkos
- RAJA
- Intel Performance Tools



Aurora Storage Overview



DAOS Node Details

- Intel Coyote Pass System
 - (2) Xeon 5320 CPU (Ice Lake)
 - (16) 32GB DDR4 DIMMs
 - (16) 512GB Intel Optane Persistent Memory 200
 - (16) 15.3TB Samsung PM1733
 - (2) HPE Slingshot NIC
- 1024 Total Servers
 - Each node will run 2 DAOS engines
 - 2048 DAOS engines



IO-500 Results



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- Overall Score

- Bandwidth 6048.687 GiB/s
- IOPS 70802.506 Kiops
- TOTAL 20694.496

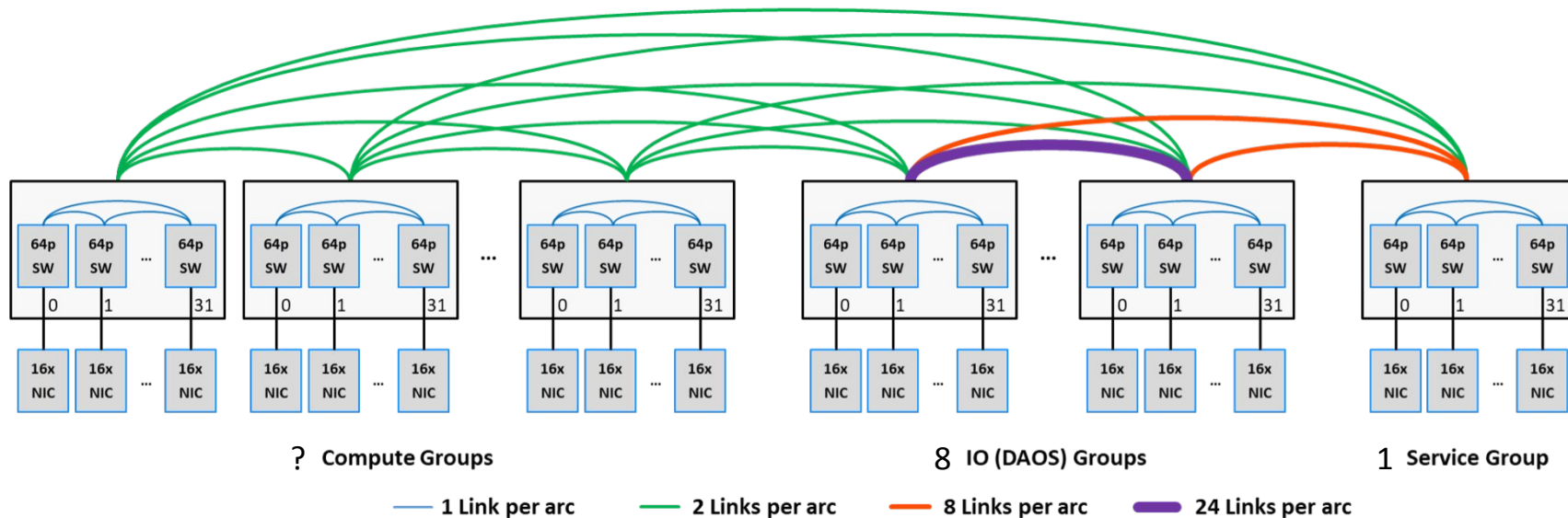
IO500 version io500-sc22_v2 (standard)

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[RESULT]      mdtest-easy-write    145696.813787 kIOPS : time 330.344 seconds
[      ]      timestamp           0.000000 kIOPS : time 0.005 seconds
[RESULT]      ior-hard-write       4795.290353 GiB/s : time 327.292 seconds
[RESULT]      mdtest-hard-write    53017.993976 kIOPS : time 386.900 seconds
[RESULT]      find                 15489.721171 kIOPS : time 4303.172 seconds
[RESULT]      ior-easy-read        7902.422629 GiB/s : time 323.396 seconds
[RESULT]      mdtest-easy-stat      101911.220782 kIOPS : time 464.149 seconds
[RESULT]      ior-hard-read        4349.587799 GiB/s : time 359.606 seconds
[RESULT]      mdtest-hard-stat      80885.419297 kIOPS : time 256.336 seconds
[RESULT]      mdtest-easy-delete    113779.205446 kIOPS : time 416.927 seconds
[RESULT]      mdtest-hard-read      63803.314017 kIOPS : time 322.842 seconds
[RESULT]      mdtest-hard-delete    88201.041190 kIOPS : time 236.203 seconds
[SCORE ] Bandwidth 6048.686604 GiB/s : IOPS 70802.506017 kiops : TOTAL 20694.496120
```

IO500 Configuration

- 250 DAOS nodes as servers
 - 2 engines per node
 - 500 engines total
- 260 DAOS nodes used as clients
- Aurora storage resources used
 - 5 total dragonfly IO groups
 - Servers and clients mixed within groups (approximately 50/50)
 - No topology optimizations for object locations
- Run configured for maximum performance using no data protection (rf=0)
- pfind modified to use DAOS libdfs API
 - https://github.com/mchaarawi/pfind/tree/dfs_find
- IOR and mdtest use DAOS backends committed to upstream repos
 - SX object class used for wide striping

Aurora Network Architecture



- Increased DAOS inter-group bandwidth
 - Support rebuilding and inter-server communication
 - Prevent DAOS server traffic interfering with application communication
- Increased bandwidth to service group
 - Support off-cluster access and data-movement to other storage systems

Summation

- Projecting bandwidth to Aurora
 - $6 \text{ TB/s} * 4 = 24 \text{ TB/s}$ (96% of advertised)
 - $70\text{M IOps} * 4 = 280 \text{ M IOps}$ (lower than desired)
- Significantly more clients once we have Aurora
 - Rather than 1:1 ratio
- Significantly more network resources once using all compute groups

Join the Aurora Team

- Looking for a post-doc to work on DAOS
 - ALCF's performance engineering group is looking for a Postdoctoral Appointee to perform research and development on the open source DAOS storage system, in the context of the upcoming exascale platforms, and Aurora in particular.
 - Three areas of interest for study are:
 - new opportunities for applications to optimize I/O that isn't oriented around file access. DAOS provides very low latency access and the possibility allows applications to write data in a more "read-optimized" format with minimal penalty versus write-optimized formats.
 - DAOS supports a prototype "active storage" interface, and exploration of some HPC type workloads (like pointer chasing, lookup tables, etc.)
 - With the proliferation of CPUs and accelerators with significant dedicated high performance memory, the DAOS client should provide a mechanism to utilize device memory with direct-to-NIC memory movement bypassing CPU memory.
- https://argonne.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Argonne_Careers/job/Lemont-IL-USA/Postdoctoral-Appointee---Exascale-Storage-using-DAOS_414419

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Roadmap

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Roadmap for the IO500

- Still working on splitting lists into Production and Research
- Fill in gaps in IO500 to improve usage patterns
 - Collect and evaluate results for potential new benchmark phases
 - Not part of benchmark score yet
 - Create proposals to give rationale and details of any potential new phase
 - Proposal must gain community consensus before official inclusion
- New **io500.org** submissions page - thanks Jean Luca
 - Will continue adding more mandatory fields and integrate reproducibility questionnaire
 - Please give feedback and be patient in the transition
- Community meeting
 - Skipped a meeting in September due to lack of topics
 - Target Feb 2023 if topics to discuss

ISC 23 (May 21-25, 2023)

- Call for submission: March ~15th
- Testing phase ends: April ~1st
 - Code freeze, but please test before!
- Submission deadline: May 8th
- List release: BoF date TBD (ISC during May 21-25)

New IO500 Submission Form

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New IO500 submission platform

IO500HUB ACCESS

AUTHENTICATION

EMAIL

PASSWORD

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Goals


- Manage account and submissions
- List all previous submissions
- Make new submissions when calls are open
- Easier submission and results analysis
- Allow users to update metadata of submissions until the deadline
- Integrated workflow for review and publication


IO500HUB USER ACCESS

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UPLOAD NEW FILES

RESULTS FILE (.TAR.GZ)
 [Browse...](#) No file selected.

JOB SCRIPT
 [Browse...](#) No file selected.

JOB OUTPUT
 [Browse...](#) No file selected.

[SUBMIT](#)

Benchmark Phases and Extended Access Patterns

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IO500 Survey Results

- Most users want that the benchmark to evolve to cover more patterns
 - Should test concurrent metadata ops (53%)
 - Should split find into easy/hard (38%)
 - Should add random read 4KB (38%)
 - Should add random write 4KB (35%)
 - Should add random read 1MB (36%)
 - Should add random write 1MB (35%)
 - Benchmark should stay as it is (22%)

Added to `--mode=extended` run

Benchmark Phases and Extended Access Patterns

- Experimental **extended** mode with extra phases
 - New phases subject to change until final agreement
 - Two submissions for ISC22 with extended data, need more feedback
- Pending issues
 - Comparison of score between standard / extended modes
 - New phases may change the result of existing phases in rare cases
- Request that future submission use extended mode
 - Take only the values of **current** IO500 phases to calculate score
 - Allow to compare new results with historical submissions
- Committee working on specification of all I/O patterns
 - Motivation, use cases, description of actual IO pattern, ...
- Code base is there, please give us feedback anytime

Questions About Extended Access Patterns

- Open questions
 - Should both 4KB and 1MB patterns be added, or only one (which)?
 - Current IOR implementation needs write phase at same IO size as read
 - Pseudo-random IO pattern ensures “dense” files, allows data verify
 - Should random **write** phases be counted in the score, or only reads?
 - Relatively few HPC workloads have purely random writes
 - Should find-hard be “harder” than just “find in mdtest-hard directory”?
 - Extra attributes, something other than filename (string) comparison?
 - Should a directory rename test be added?
 - Is this a hierarchical namespace, or flat names with ‘/’ in them?
- Overall runtime would increase by about 30 minutes if all phases added

Reproducibility & List Split Progress

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Reproducibility and Production/Research Lists

Reproducibility Stats

- 3 of 14 submissions completed questionnaire
- No new “Production” systems added to list

Production list unchanged from ISC22

1. SuperMUC-NG-EC - DAOS
2. Oracle Cloud - WEKA
3. Lenovo-Lenox3-EC - DAOS
4. CTPAI - DAOS (newer test run)

Reproducibility and Production/Research Lists

Key Requirements

Production

- Complete submission metadata
- Complete reproducibility questionnaire
- Highest reproducibility score
 - Storage software availability
- No single point of failure
- Production system running production applications

Research

- Complete submission metadata
- Complete reproducibility questionnaire (starting in ISC23)

IO500 Reproducibility and List Split Progress

Progress

- Mandatory fields being added
- New submissions platform being released for ISC23

Next Steps for ISC23

- Continue adding mandatory fields and the questionnaire to new submissions page
- Split lists for ISC22, SC22, ISC23 and beyond
 - These lists all have reproducibility questionnaires
 - Prior to ISC22, all entries will by default remain on “Research” list
 - Submitters wanting to move their submissions prior to ISC22 to the “Production” list can file a request with the IO500 committee and fill out a Reproducibility questionnaire
- Determine best method to publish submitted information and reproducibility questionnaire
- Build review committee
 - Please reach out if interested in helping to review submissions

Voice of the Community & Open Discussion

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Open Floor

- How to collect storage system metadata more easily?
- Can we encourage vendors to support the tool development and schema development?
- Vote with raised hands
 - random I/O 4KB vs. 1MB, what do people want?

Collecting Storage System Metadata

- Improved submission schema with templates to simplify collection
 - Supporting storage-system specific schemas
 - Remove uncertainty about the semantics of fields
 - More useful metadata about test system (nodes, storage, network)
- Started integrating tools to automatically collect system configuration
 - Support the capturing of accurate system data with each submission
 - Simplify collection of system details for end users
 - Client scripts to capture kernel, filesystem, node, network, and other info
 - Per-filesystem-type script, can be customized to best collect information
 - Seek contributions from users/vendors for scripts for their filesystems
- Explanations with video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_Fq_ks4hnM