

10.4.0 against 10.3.0

value-only workload

Michael Karg, Cardano Performance team

2025-05-05

# Contents

<b>1</b>	<b>Manifest</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Analysis</b>	<b>4</b>
2.1	Resource Usage . . . . .	4
2.2	Anomaly control . . . . .	4
2.3	Forging . . . . .	5
2.4	Individual peer propagation . . . . .	5
2.5	End-to-end propagation . . . . .	5
<b>I</b>	<b>Appendix A: charts</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Cluster performance charts</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>Appendix B: data dictionary</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Block propagation metrics</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Cluster performance metrics</b>	<b>28</b>

# Chapter 1

## Manifest

We compare 10.4.0 (Conway) relative to 10.3.0 (Conway), under value-only workload.

	10.3.0	10.4.0
Analysis date	2025-04-12	2025-04-26
Cluster system start date	2025-04-11	2025-04-25
Cluster system start time	13:59:34	16:52:04
Identifier	10.3.0	10.4.0
Run batch	10.3.0	10.4.0
GHC version	9.6.5	9.6.5
cardano-node version	10.3.0	10.4.0
ouroboros-consensus version	0.24.0.0	0.26.0.0
ouroboros-network version	0.20.1.0	0.20.1.0
cardano-ledger-core version	1.17.0.0	1.17.0.0
plutus-core version	1.43.1.0	1.45.0.0
cardano-crypto version	1.3.0	1.3.0
cardano-prelude version	0.2.1.0	0.2.1.0
cardano-node git	d0dcd9b	91e8d93
ouroboros-consensus git	da502c2	61c990c
ouroboros-network git	d5d2042	d5d2042
cardano-ledger-core git	a9e78ae	a9e78ae
plutus-core git	cdf0de7	ba16ec6
cardano-crypto git	unknown	unknown
cardano-prelude git	68e015f	68e015f
Era	conway	conway
Delegation map size	1000000	1000000
Stuffed UTxO size	4000000	4000000
DRep count	10000	10000
Extra tx payload	100	100
Tx inputs	2	2
Tx Outputs	2	2
TPS	12.0	12.0
Transaction count	768000	768000
Plutus script	—	—
Machines	52	52
Number of filters applied	3	3
Log objects emitted per host	4056349.5384	3727396.5769
Log objects analysed per host	1873407.0769	1753819.0
Host run time, s	63837.1	63863.6
Host log line rate, Hz	63.542	58.365
Total log objects analysed	97417168	91198588
Run time, s	63842	63868
Analysed run duration, s	48010	48028
Run time efficiency	0.75	0.75
Node start spread, s	6.0992588	5.5377573
Node stop spread, s	3.2060487	4.1451256
Slots analysed	48008	48025
Blocks analysed	2244	2227
Blocks rejected	845	830

## Chapter 2

# Analysis

### 2.1 Resource Usage

	10.3.0	10.4.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
Forge loop starts, #	0.9986	0.99869	0.000	0
Process CPU usage, %	7.3977	7.2617	-0.136	-2
RTS GC CPU usage, %	0.40834	0.39526	-0.013	-3
RTS Mutator CPU usage, %	6.9828	6.8647	-0.118	-2
Major GCs, #	0.00085	0.00079	-0.000	0
Minor GCs, #	1.7081	1.7033	-0.005	0
Kernel RSS, MB	8699.7	8870.1	170.400	2
RTS heap size, MB	8640.8	8810.1	169.300	2
RTS live GC dataset, MB	3992.7	4101.8	109.100	3
RTS alloc rate, MB/s	52.847	52.492	-0.355	-1
Filesystem reads, KB/s	0.00039	0.00019	-0.000	0
Filesystem writes, KB/s	256.51	255.87	-0.640	0
CPU 85% spans, slots	5.2009	5.5573	0.356	7
Sample count	(249>)	(249>)		

### 2.2 Anomaly control

	10.3.0	10.4.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
Blocks per host, blocks	61.423	60.788	-0.635	-1
Filtered to chained block ratio, /	0.7267	0.72811	0.001	0
Chained to forged block ratio, /	0.96676	0.96682	0.000	0
Height & slot battles, blocks	0.00534	0.00673	0.001	19
Block size, B	88966	88964	-2	0
Sample count	(52)	(52)		

## 2.3 Forging

	10.3.0	10.4.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
Started forge loop iteration, s	0.00242	0.00151	-0.001	-41
Acquired block context, s	0.02472	0.02384	-0.001	-4
Acquired ledger state, s	5e-05	9e-05	0.000	0
Acquired ledger view, s	2e-05	2e-05	0.000	0
Leadership check duration, s	0.00042	0.00041	-0.000	0
Ledger ticking, s	0.02437	0.024	-0.000	0
Mempool snapshotting, s	0.05517	0.04661	-0.009	-16
Leadership to forged, s	0.00076	0.00175	0.001	132
Forged to announced, s	0.00075	0.0008	0.000	0
Forged to sending, s	0.00761	0.00595	-0.002	-26
Forged to self-adopted, s	0.07447	0.07003	-0.004	-5
Slot start to announced, s	0.10874	0.09907	-0.010	-9
Sample count	(2244)	(2227)		

## 2.4 Individual peer propagation

	10.3.0	10.4.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
First peer notice, s	0.1121	0.101	-0.011	-10
First peer fetch, s	0.12137	0.11064	-0.011	-9
Notice to fetch request, s	0.00135	0.00127	-0.000	0
Fetch duration, s	0.3654	0.3626	-0.003	-1
Fetches to announced, s	0.00124	0.00133	0.000	0
Fetches to sending, s	0.04759	0.04567	-0.002	-4
Fetches to adopted, s	0.07567	0.07586	0.000	0
Sample count	(2244)	(2227)		

## 2.5 End-to-end propagation

	10.3.0	10.4.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
0.50 adoption, s	0.66615	0.64745	-0.019	-3
0.80 adoption, s	1.0359	1.0222	-0.014	-1
0.90 adoption, s	1.0553	1.0413	-0.014	-1
0.92 adoption, s	1.0598	1.0456	-0.014	-1
0.94 adoption, s	1.0646	1.053	-0.012	-1
0.96 adoption, s	1.0708	1.0585	-0.012	-1
0.98 adoption, s	1.0814	1.0677	-0.014	-1
1.00 adoption, s	1.1172	1.0941	-0.023	-2
Sample count	(2244)	(2227)		

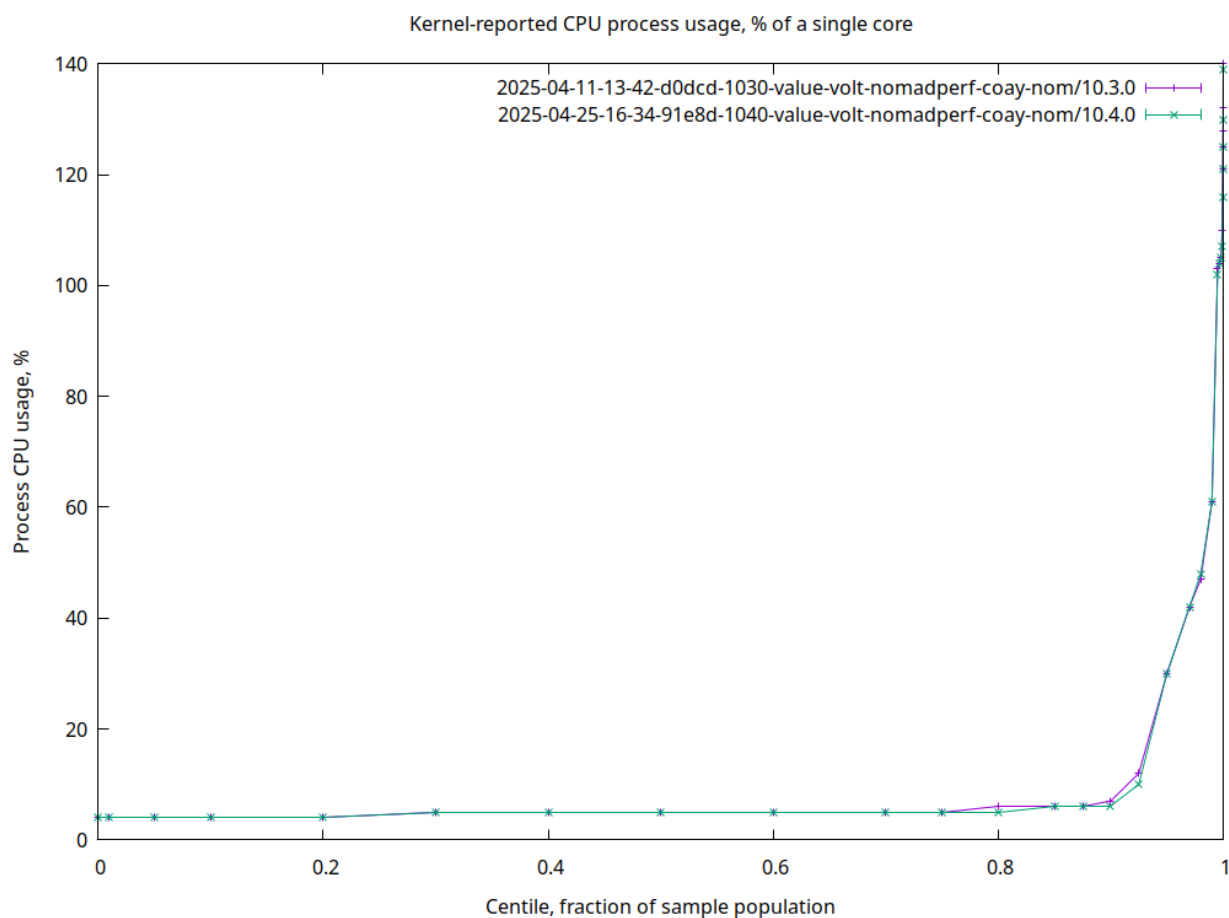
## Part I

### Appendix A: charts

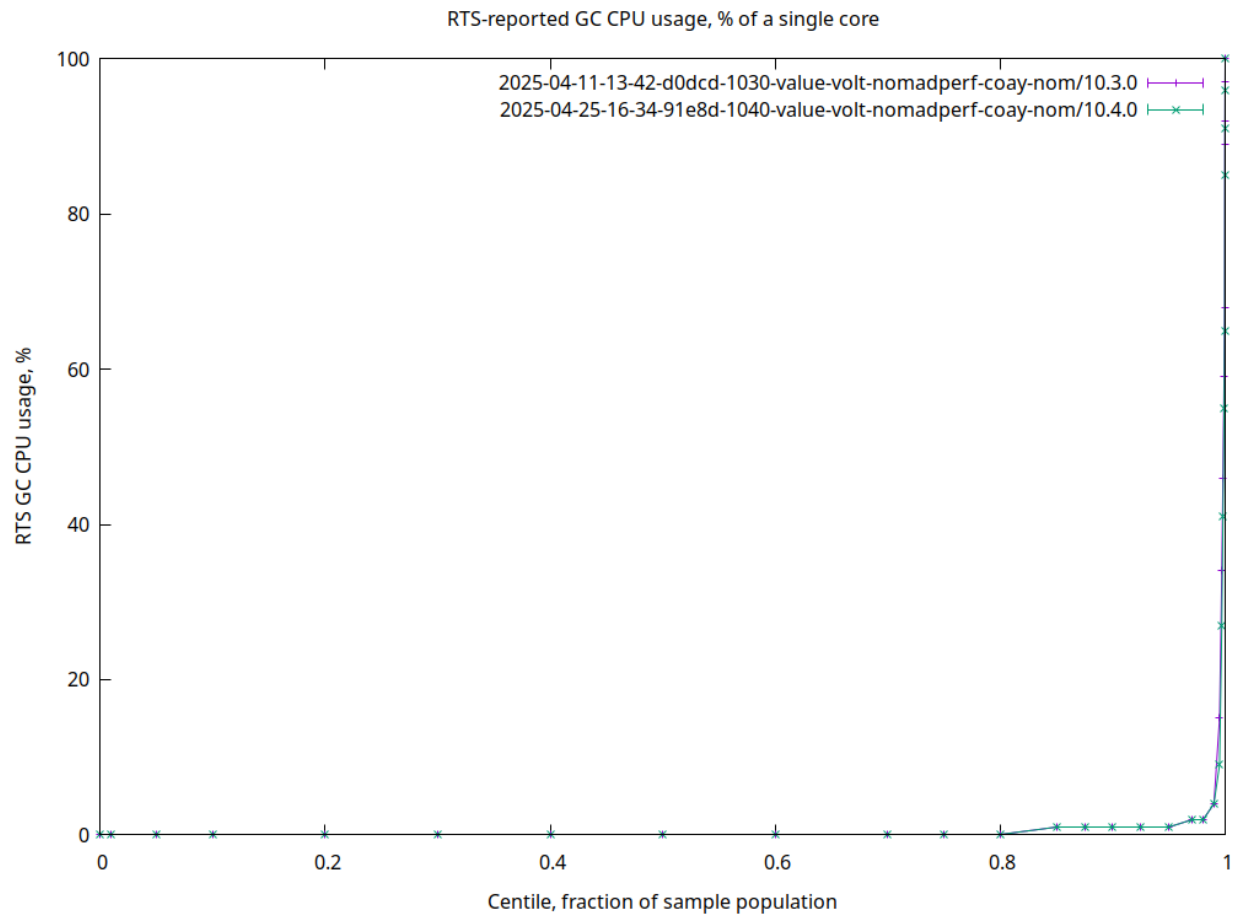
## Chapter 3

# Cluster performance charts

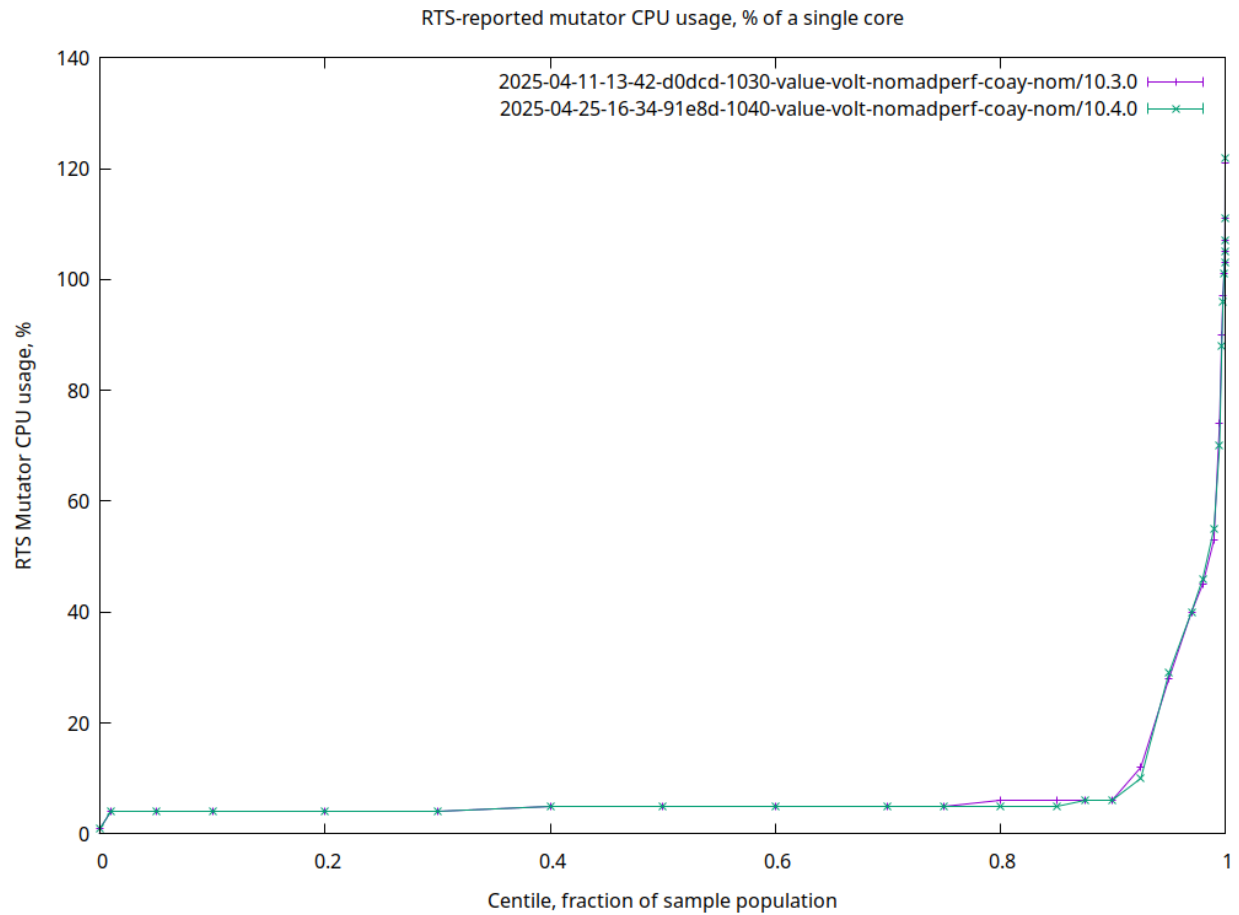
**Process CPU usage (CentiCpu)** Kernel-reported CPU process usage, % of a single core



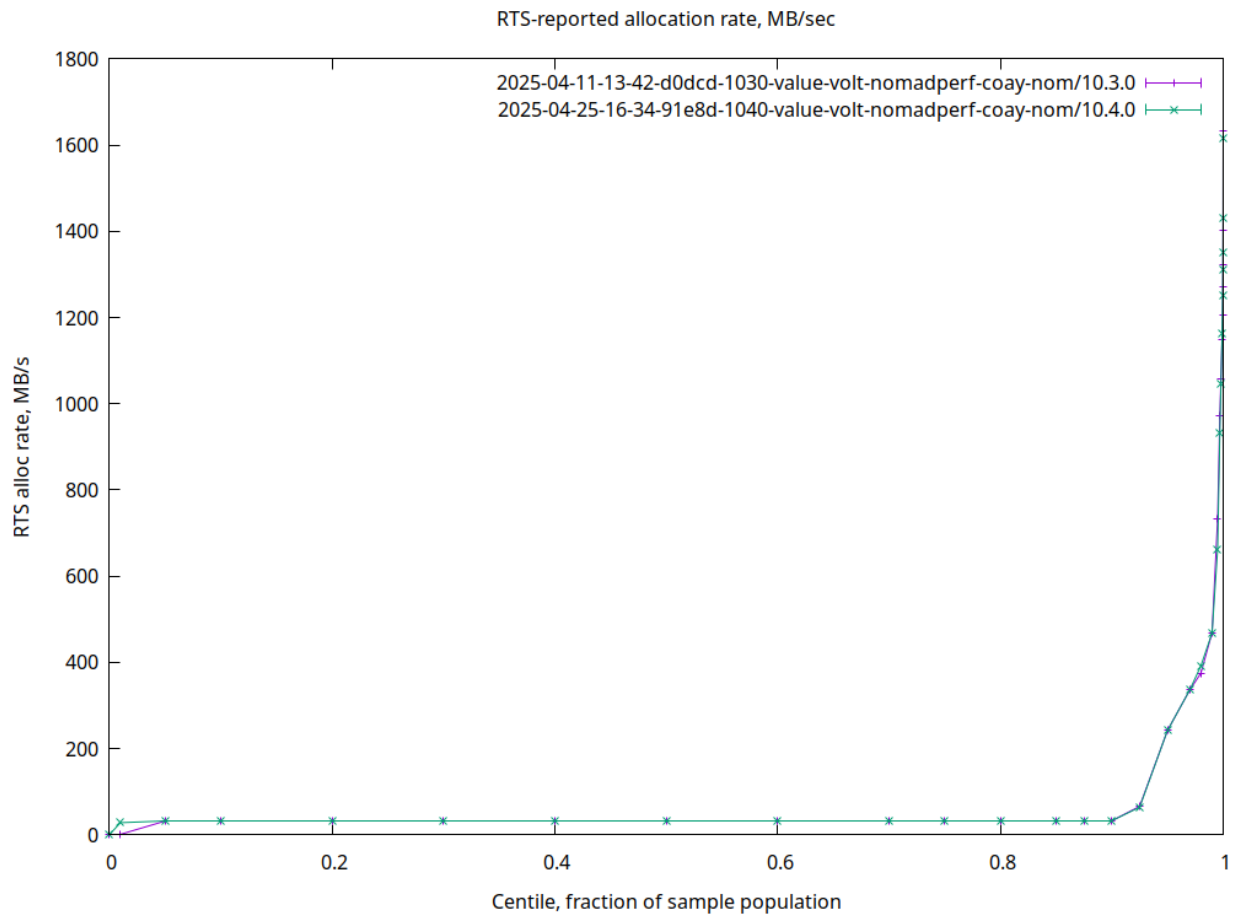
**RTS GC CPU usage (CentiGC)** RTS-reported GC CPU usage, % of a single core



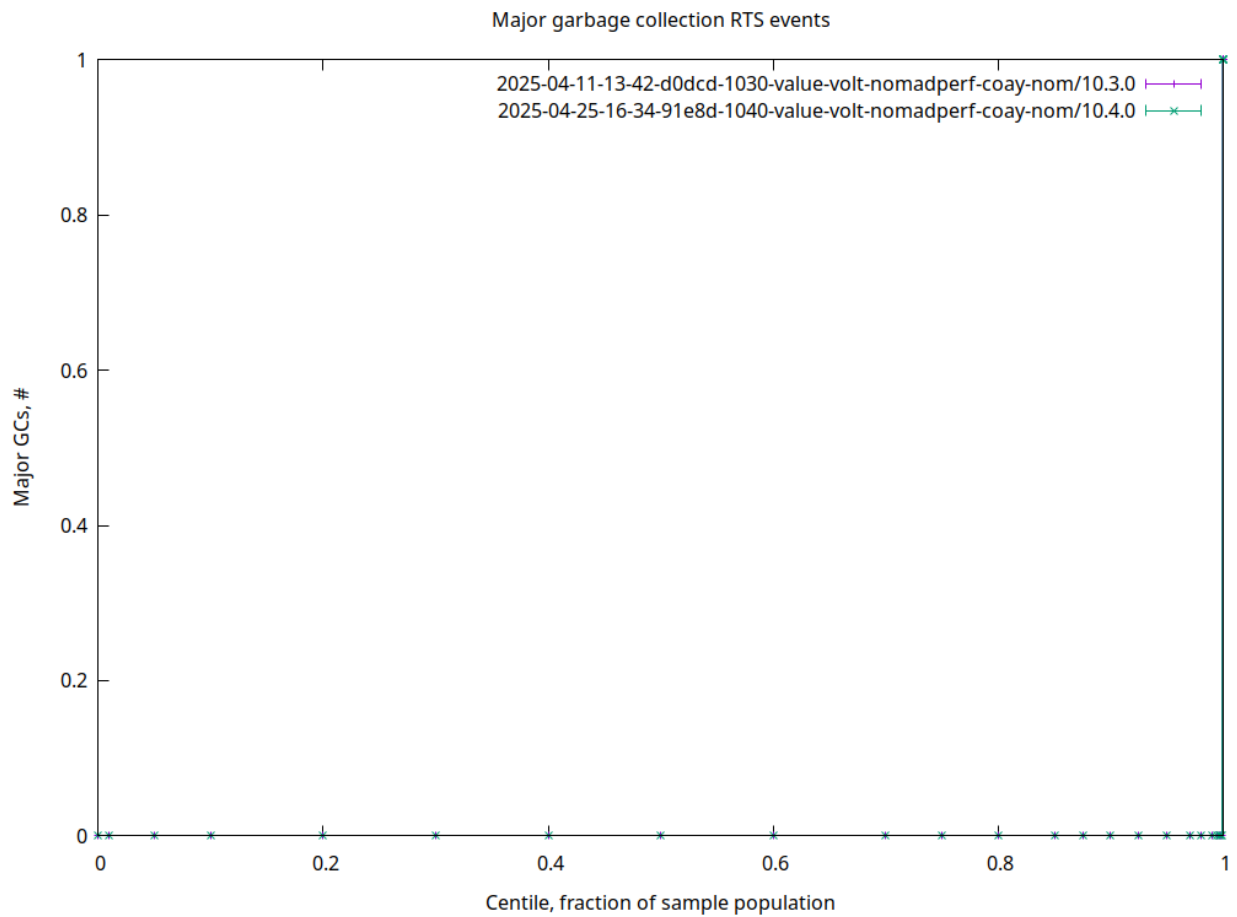
**RTS Mutator CPU usage (CentiMut)** RTS-reported mutator CPU usage, % of a single core



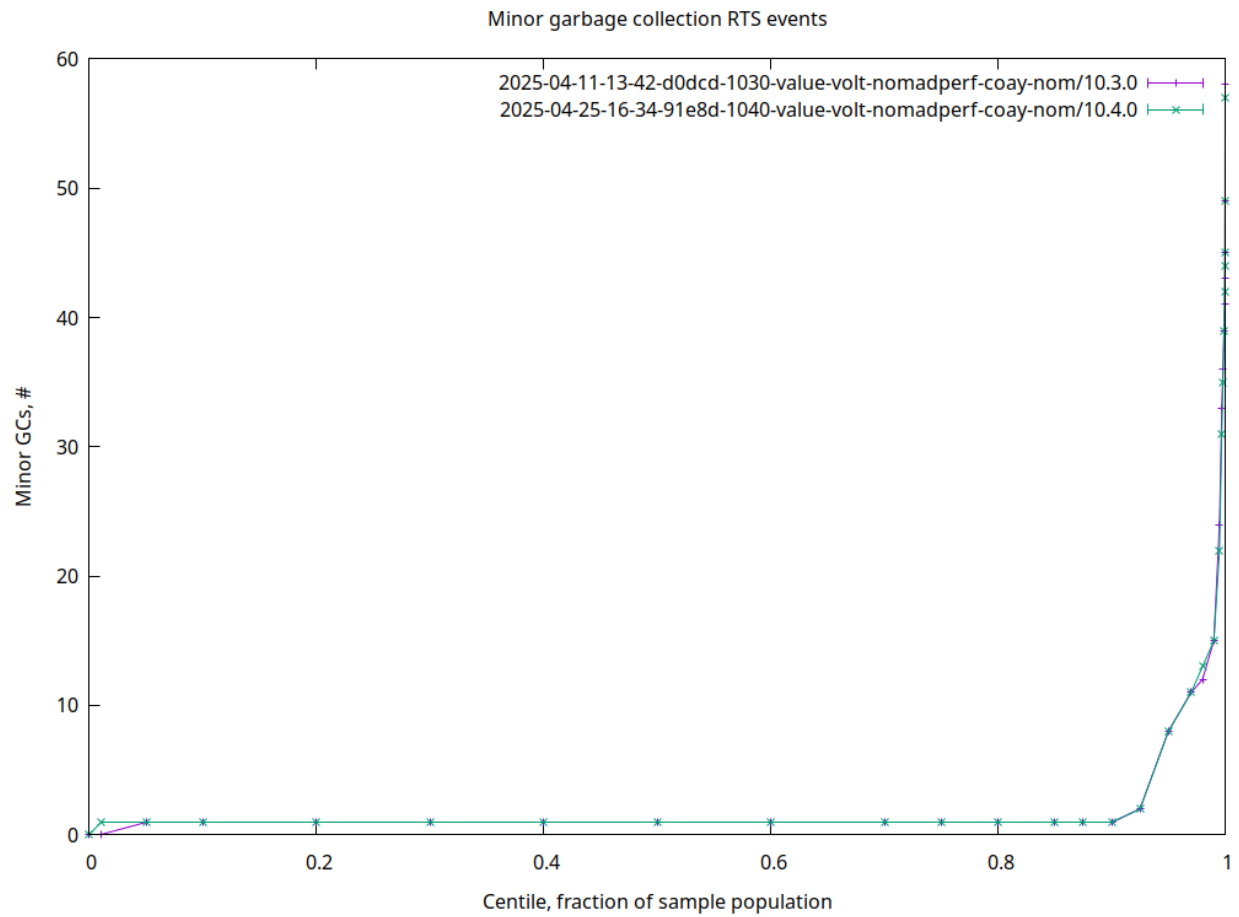
**RTS alloc rate (Alloc)** RTS-reported allocation rate, MB/sec



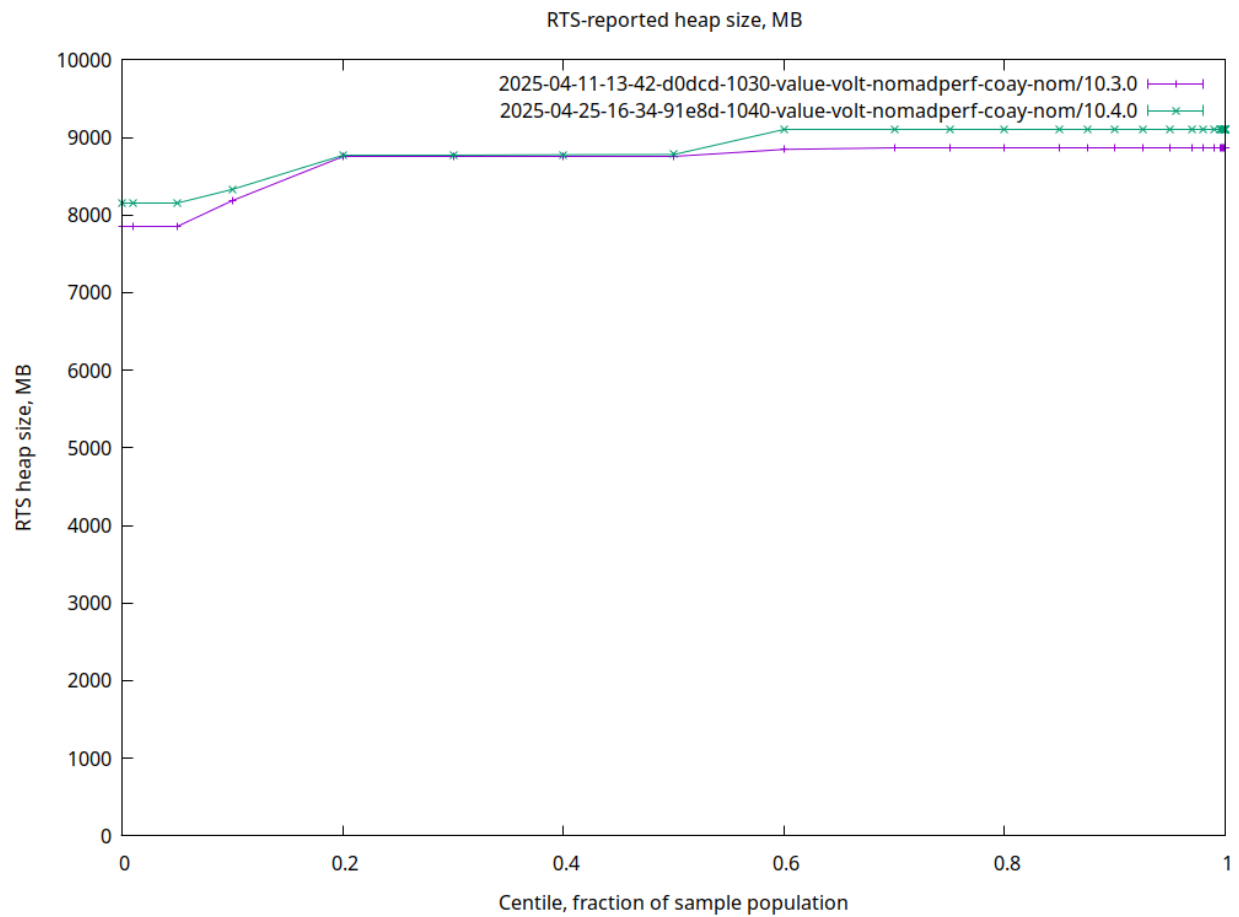
**Major GCs (GcsMajor)** Major garbage collection RTS events



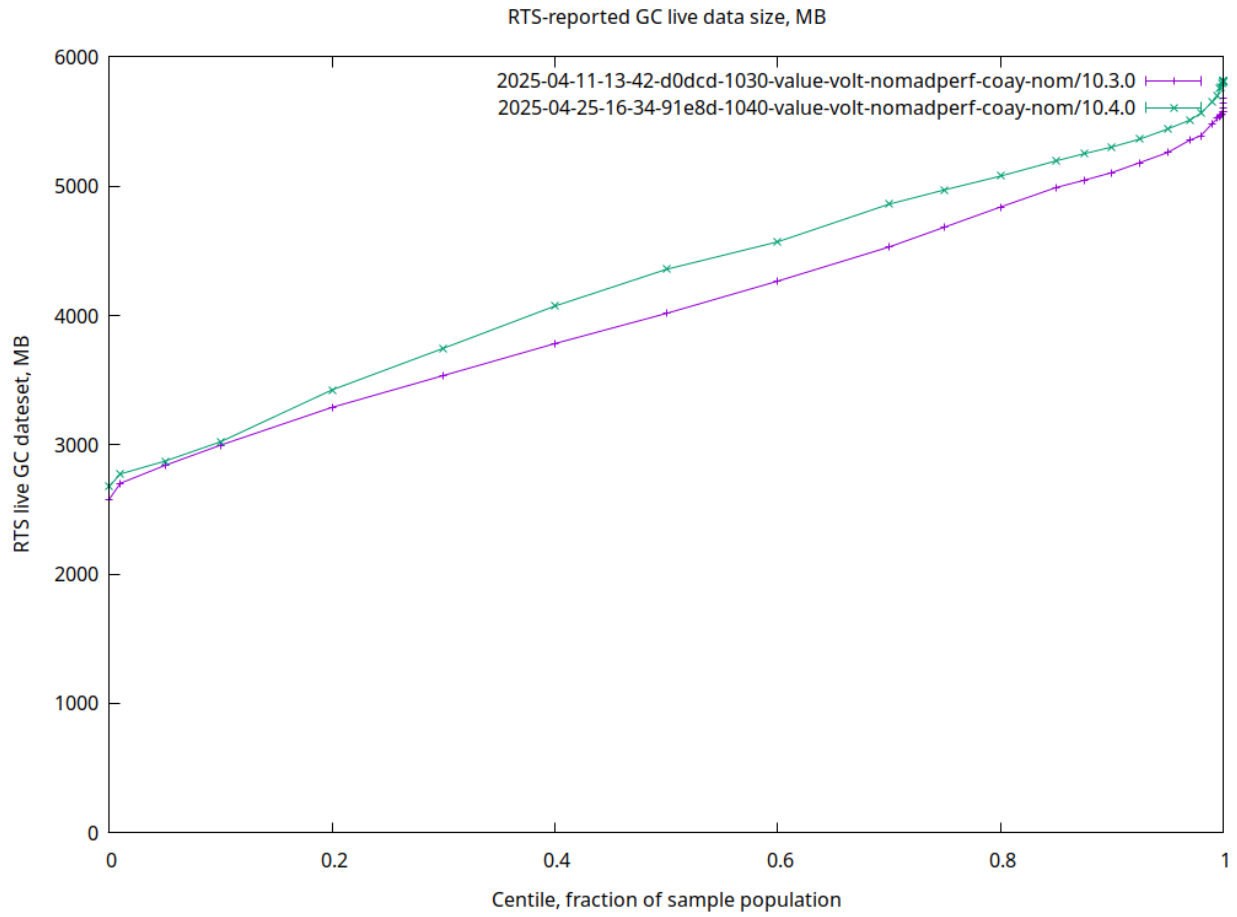
**Minor GCs (GcsMinor)** Minor garbage collection RTS events



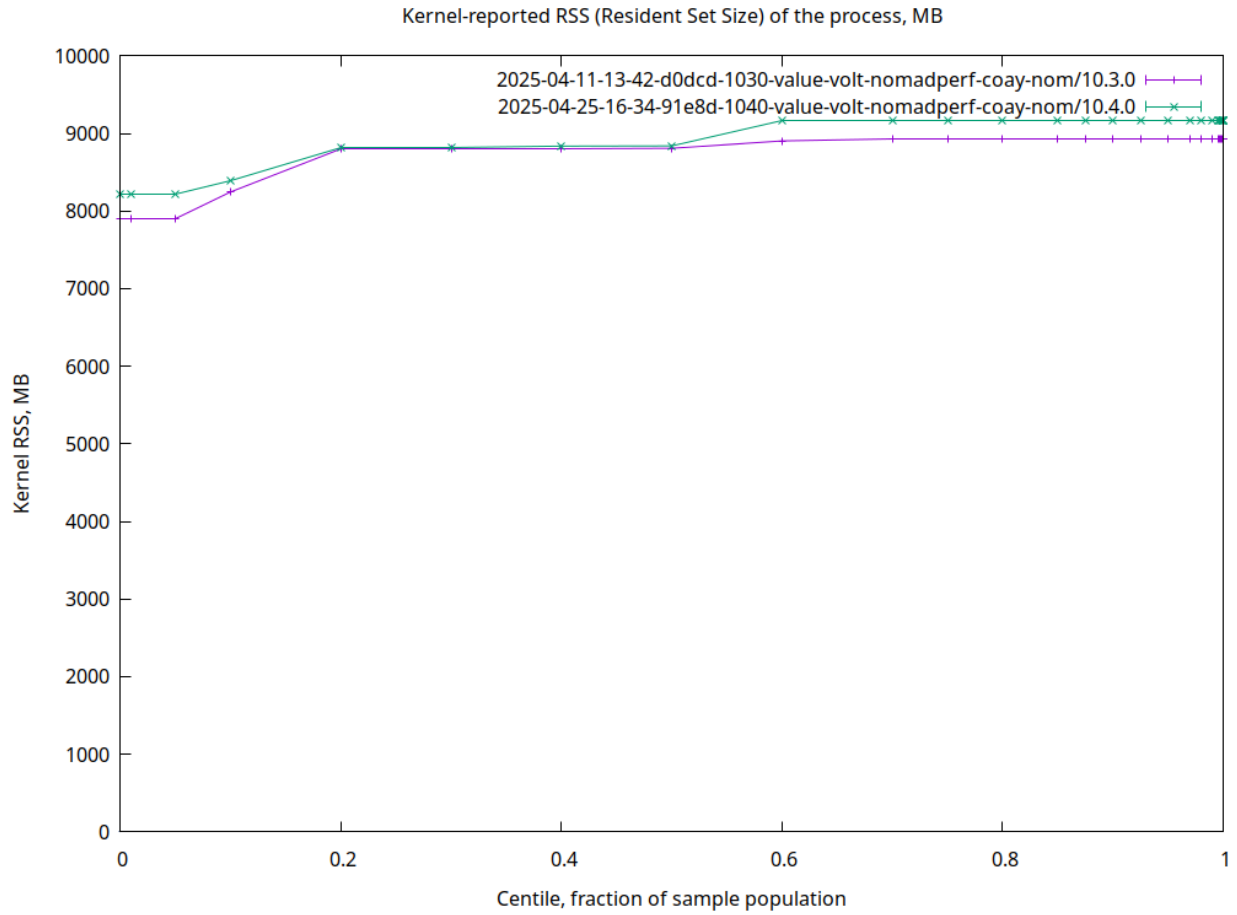
**RTS heap size (Heap)** RTS-reported heap size, MB



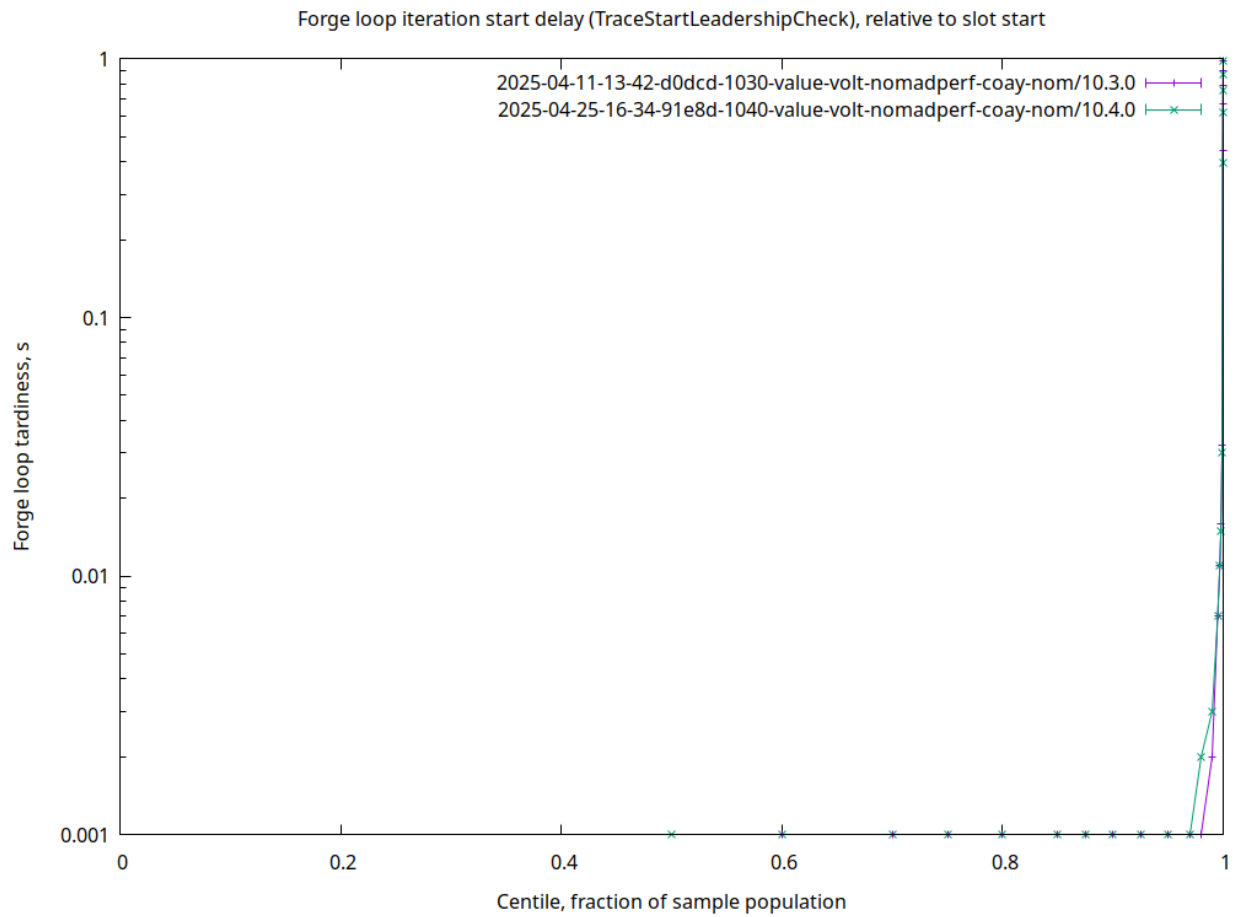
**RTS live GC dataset (Live)** RTS-reported GC live data size, MB



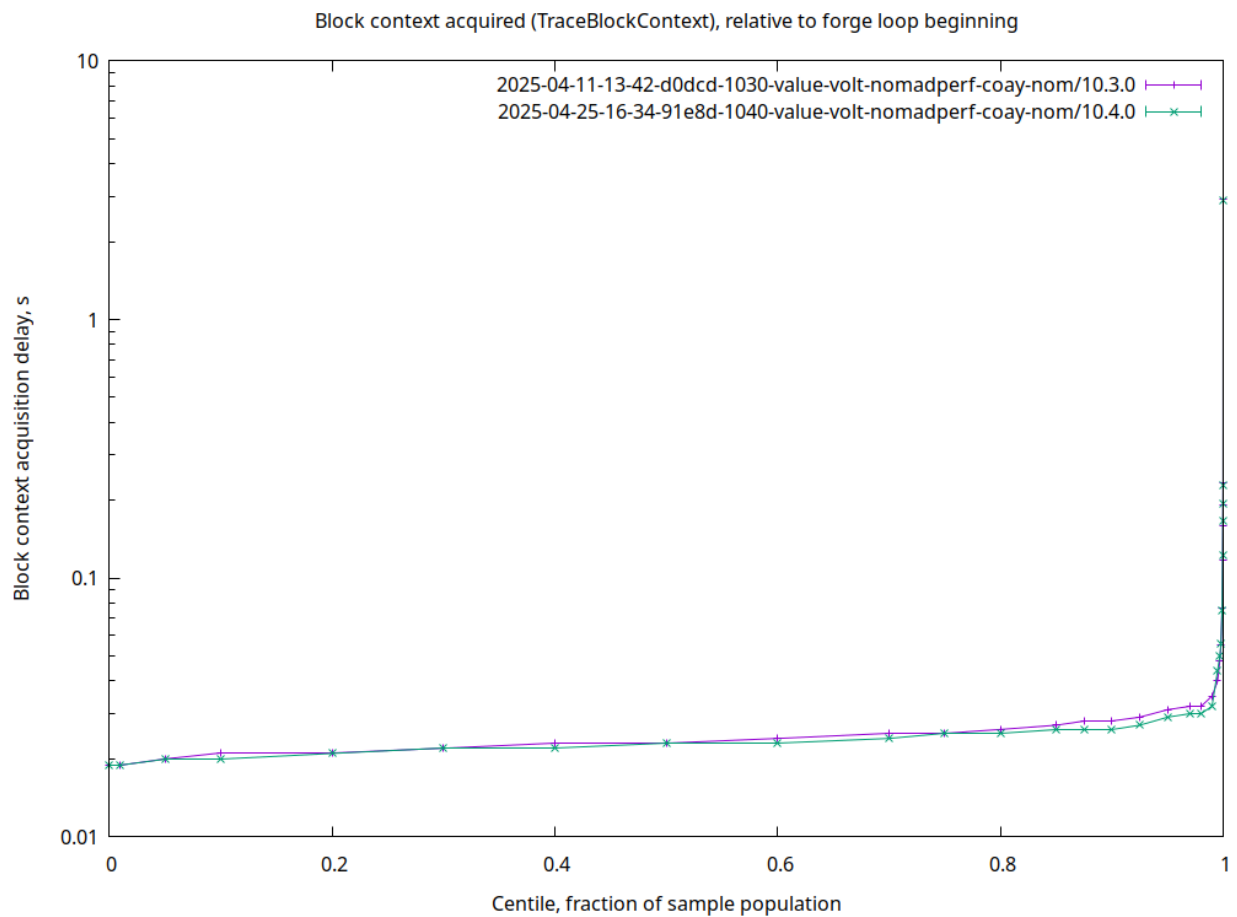
**Kernel RSS (RSS)** Kernel-reported RSS (Resident Set Size) of the process, MB



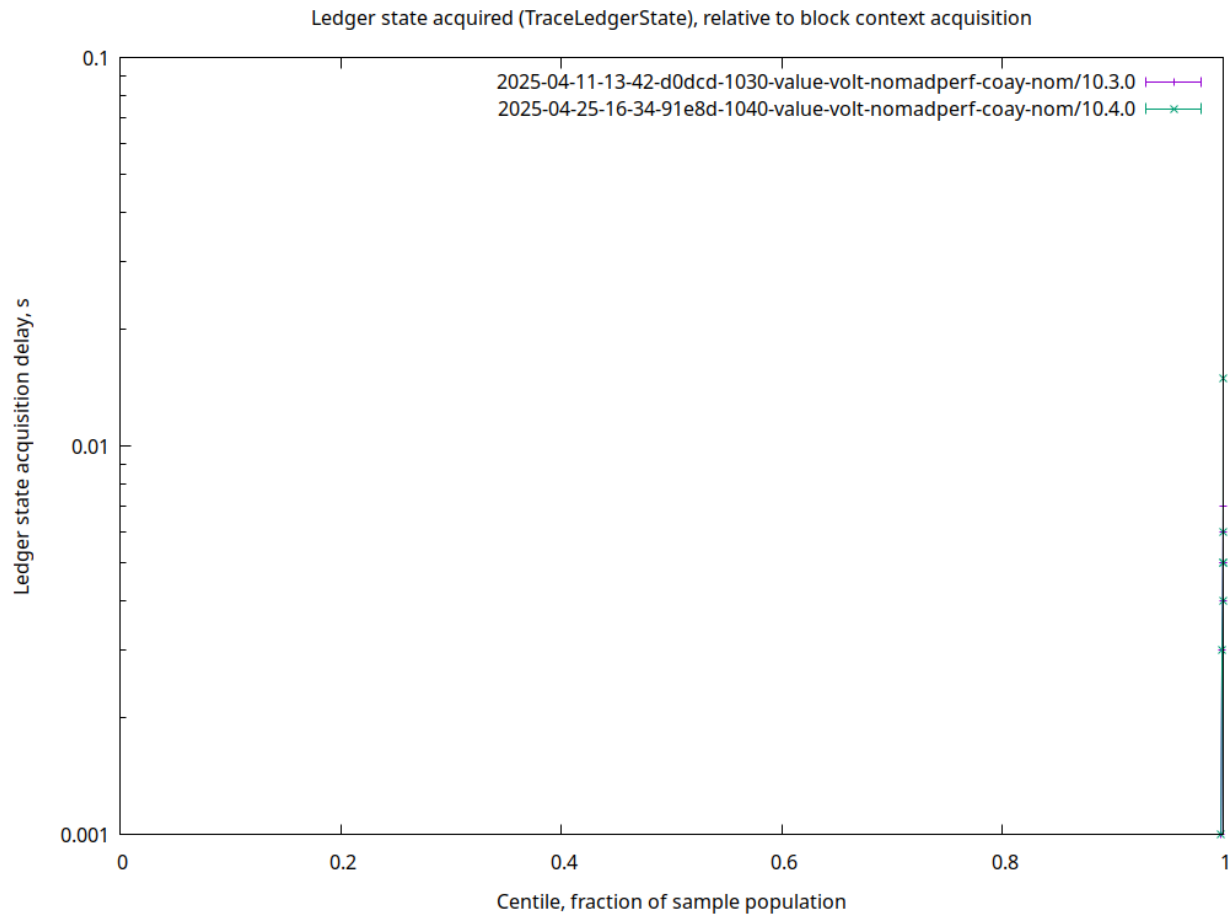
**Forge loop tardiness (cdfStarted)** Forge loop iteration start delay (TraceStartLeadershipCheck), relative to slot start



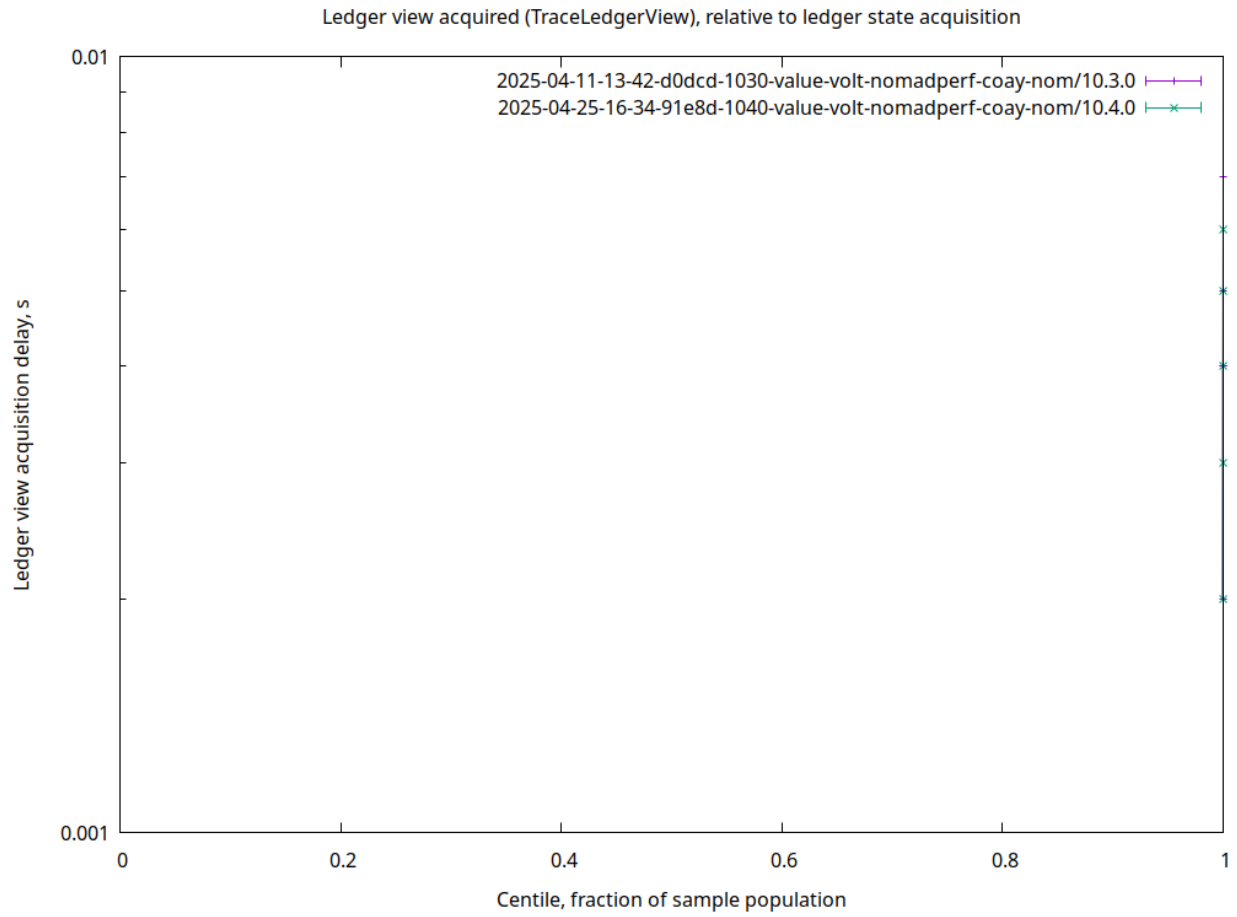
**Block context acquisition delay (cdfBlkCtx)** Block context acquired (TraceBlockContext), relative to forge loop beginning



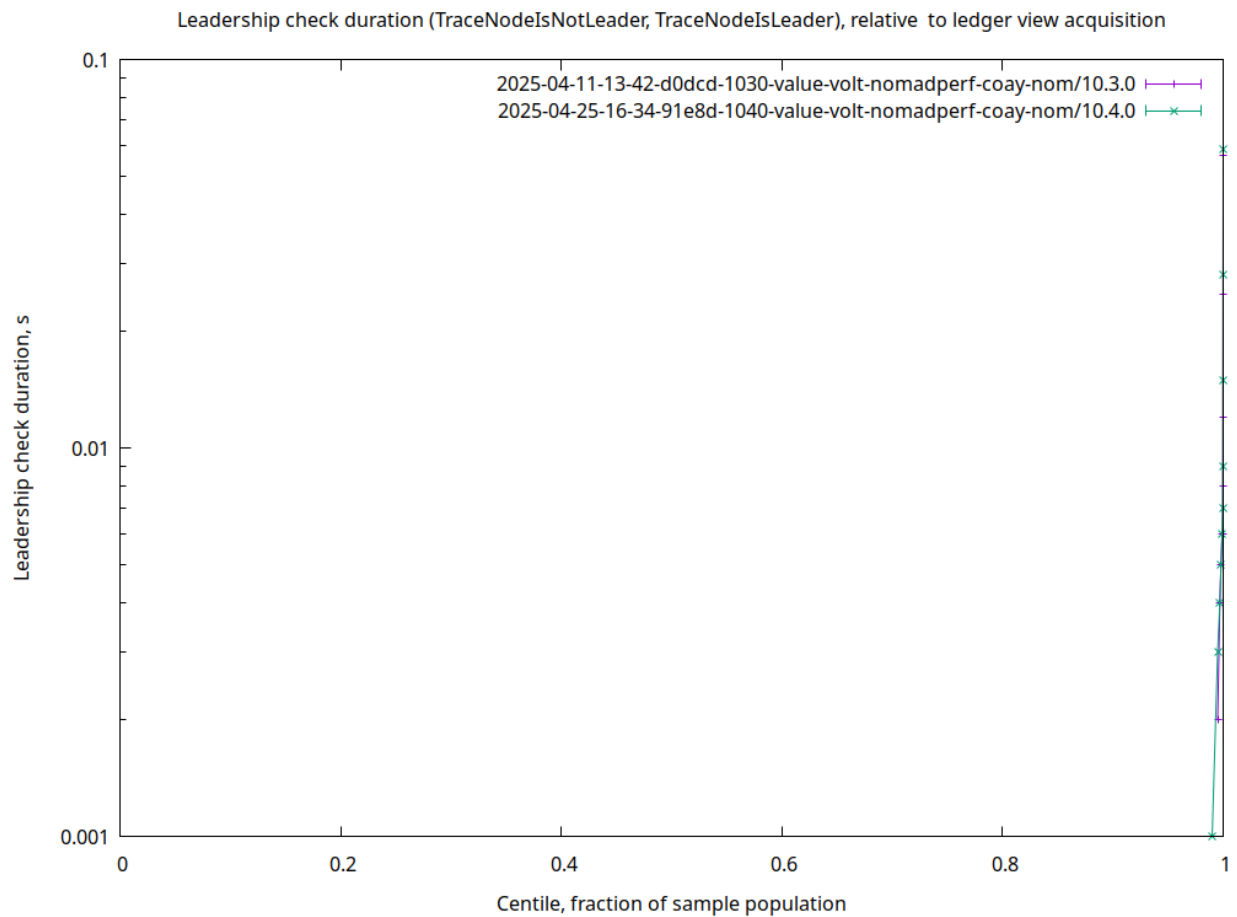
**Ledger state acquisition delay (cdfLgrState)** Ledger state acquired (TraceLedgerState), relative to block context acquisition



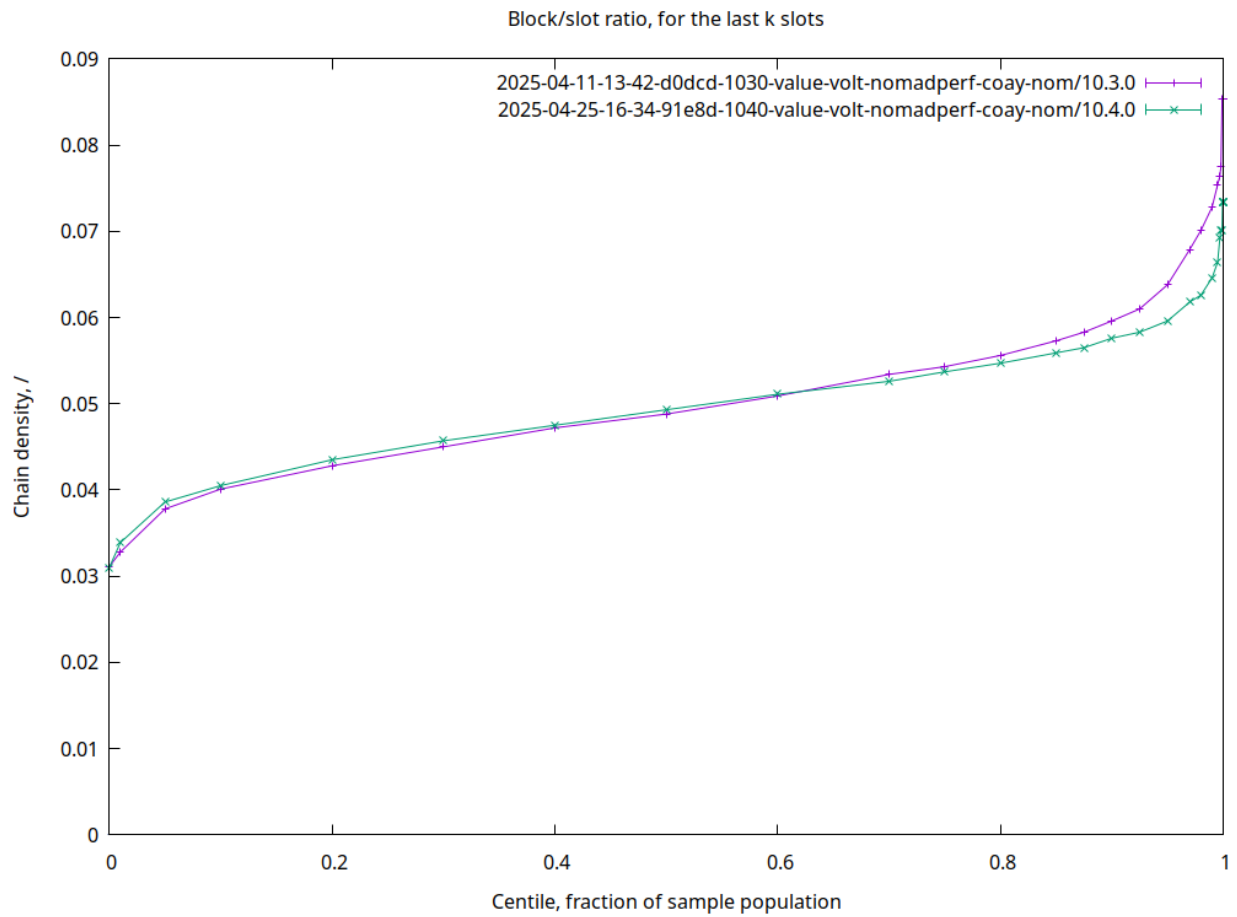
**Ledger view acquisition delay (cdfLgrView)** Ledger view acquired (TraceLedgerView), relative to ledger state acquisition



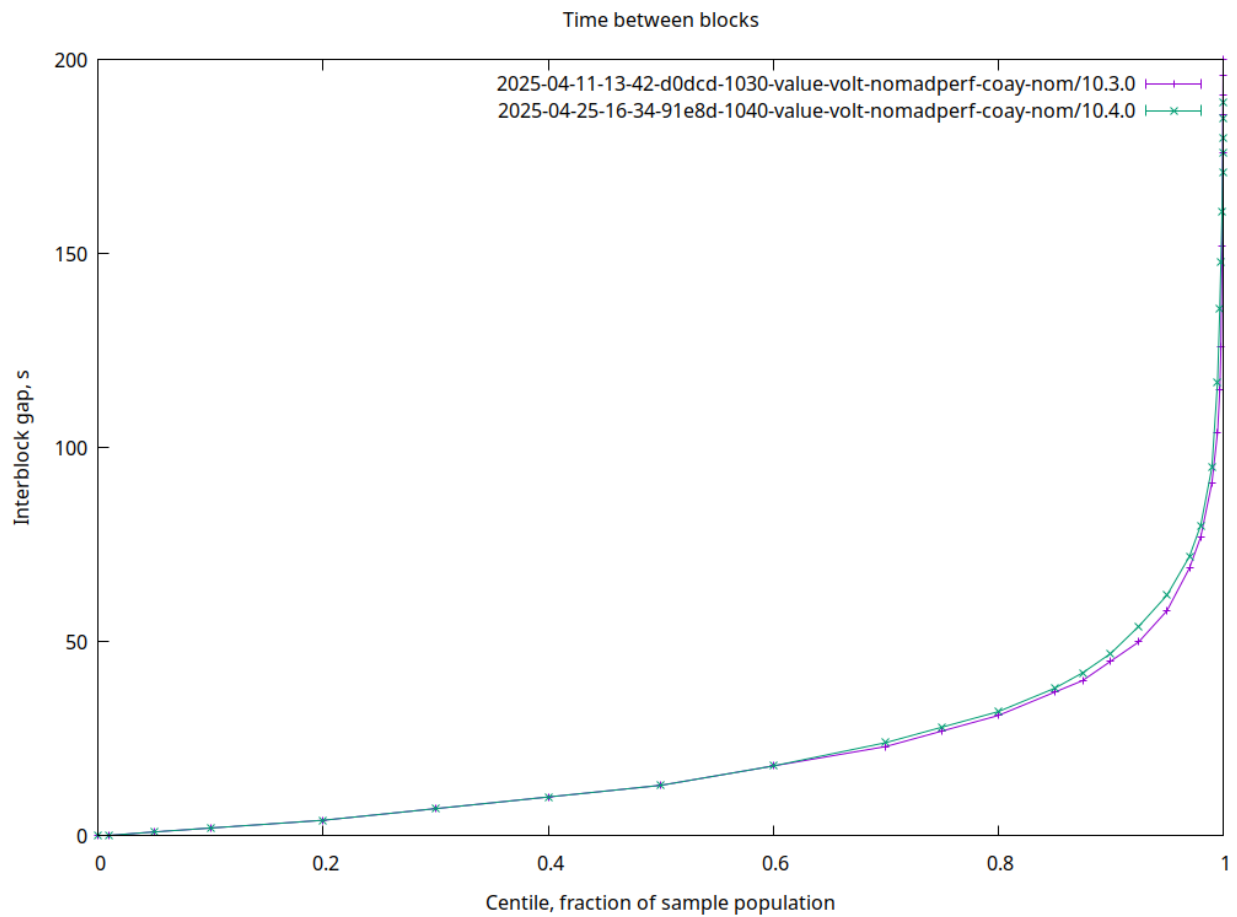
**Leadership check duration (cdfLeading)** Leadership check duration (TraceNodeIsNotLeader, TraceNodeIsLeader), relative to ledger view acquisition



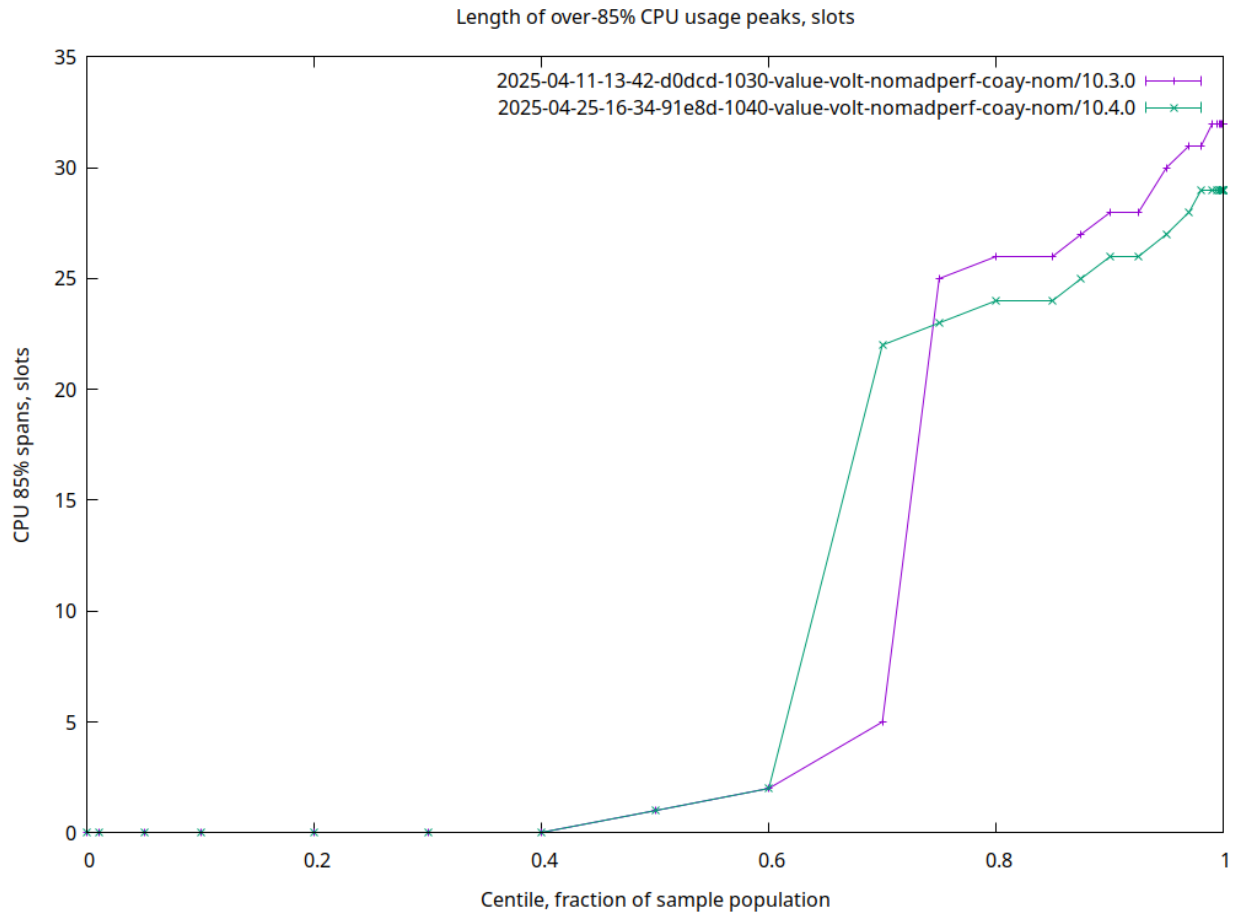
**Chain density (cdfDensity)** Block/slot ratio, for the last 'k' slots



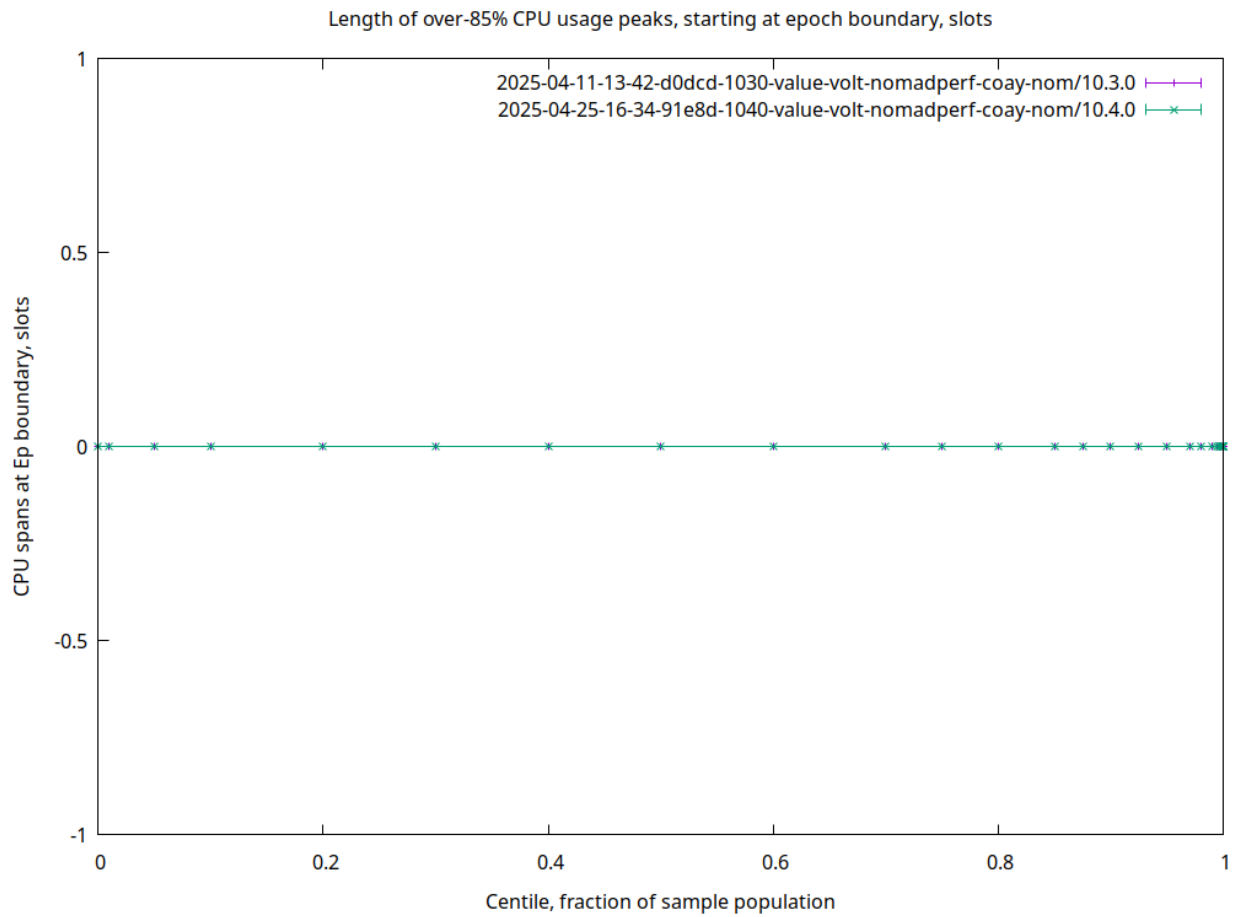
Interblock gap (cdfBlockGap) Time between blocks



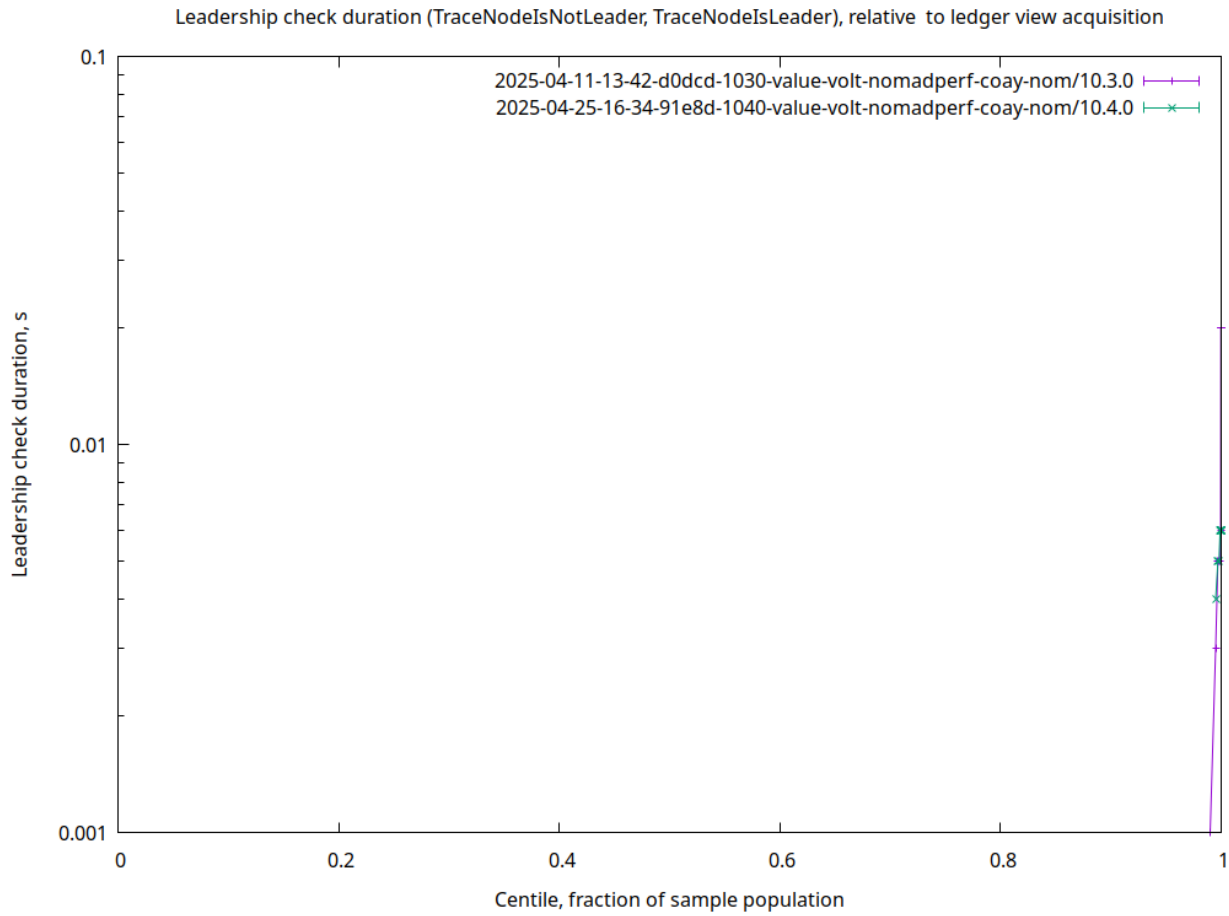
CPU 85% spans (cdfSpanLensCpu) Length of over-85% CPU usage peaks, slots



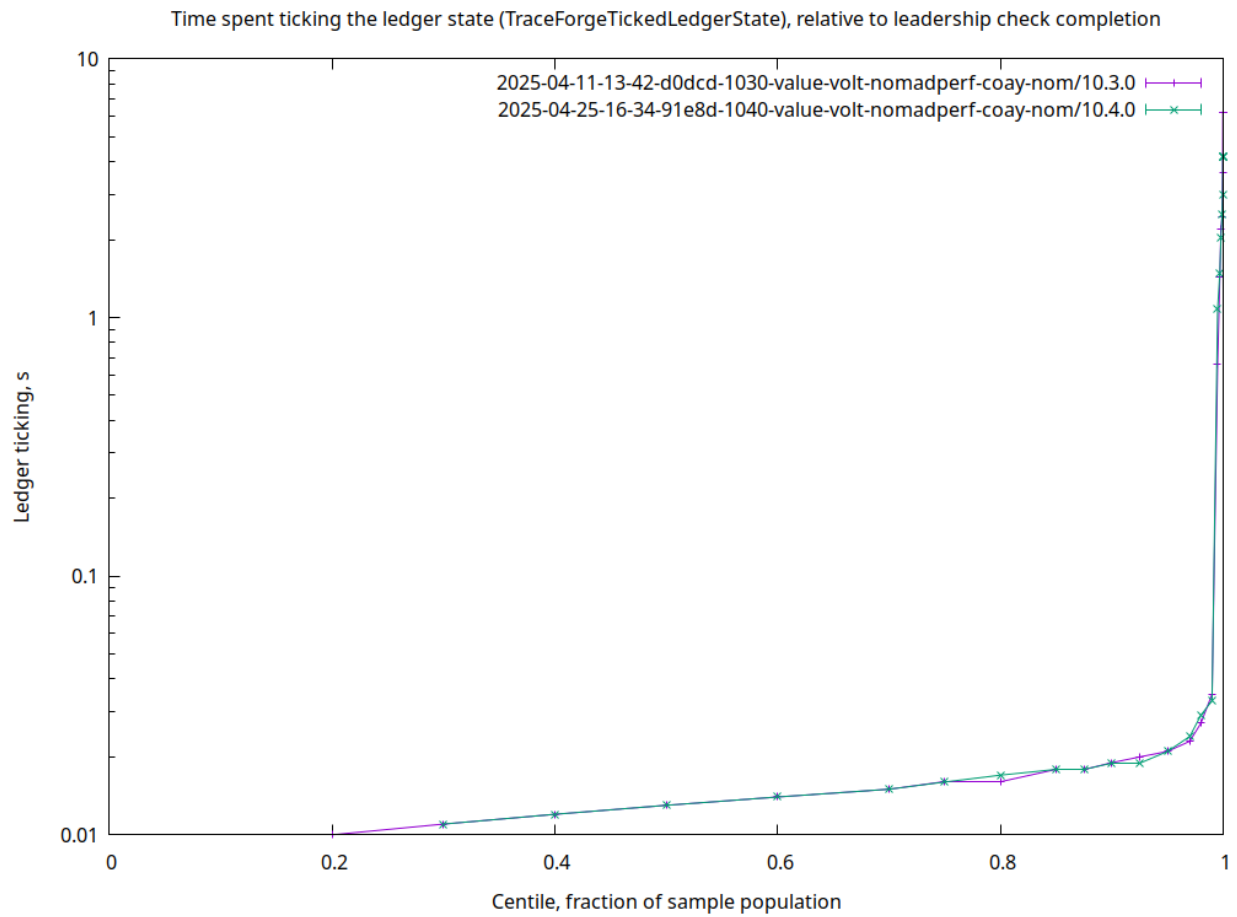
**CPU spans at Ep boundary (cdfSpanLensCpuEpoch)** Length of over-85% CPU usage peaks, starting at epoch boundary, slots



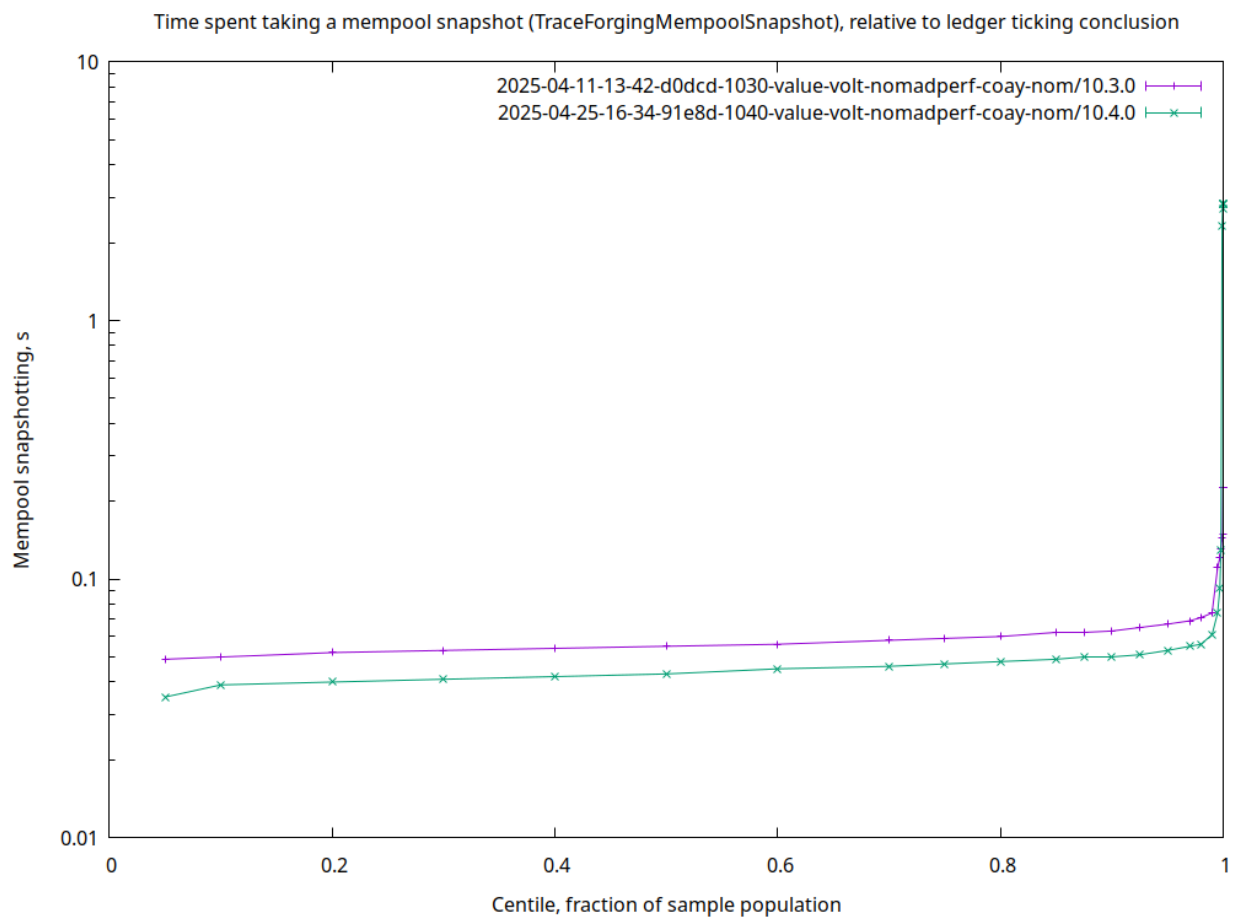
**Leadership check duration (cdfForgerLead)** Leadership check duration (TraceNodeIsNotLeader, TraceNodeIsLeader), relative to ledger view acquisition



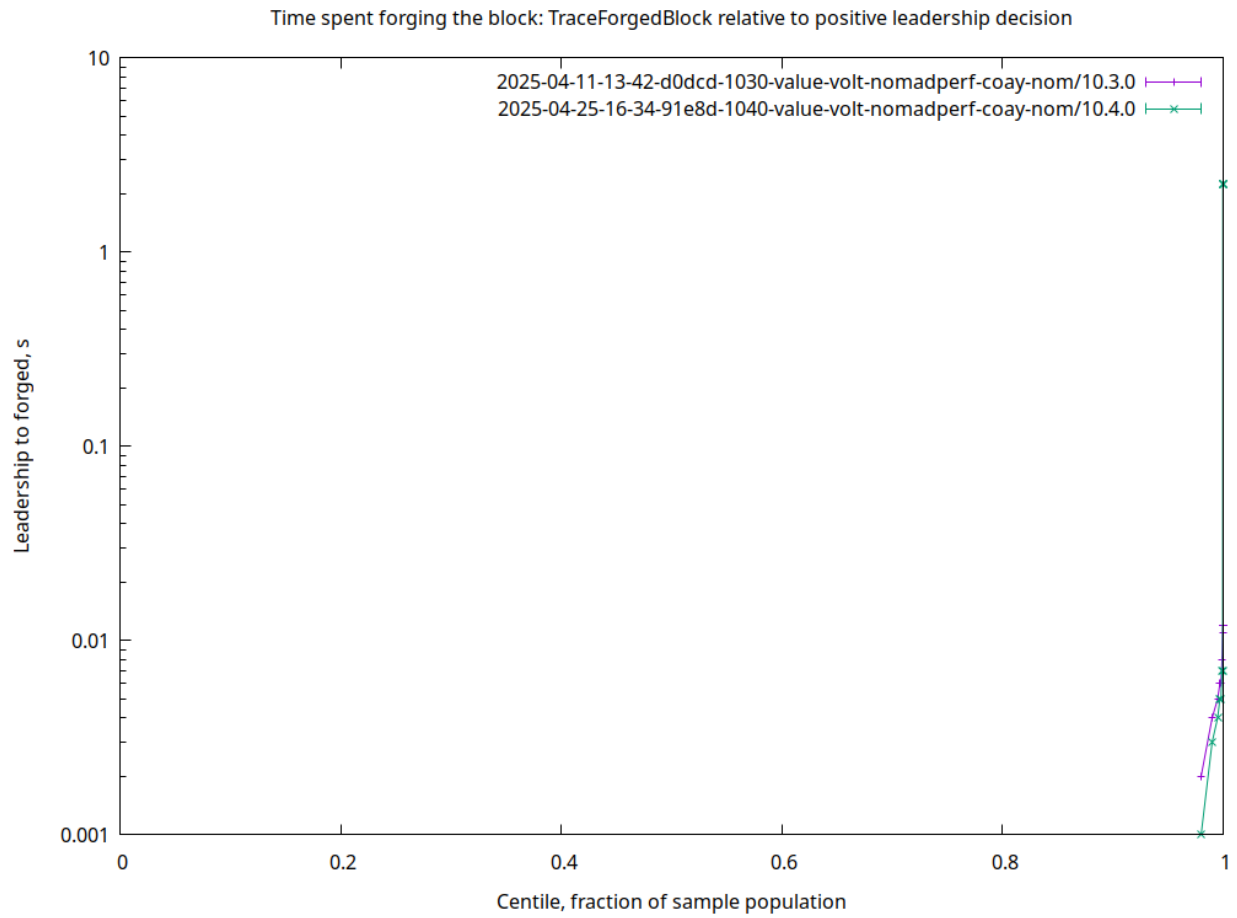
**Ledger ticking (cdfForgerTicked)** Time spent ticking the ledger state (TraceForgeTickedLedgerState), relative to leadership check completion



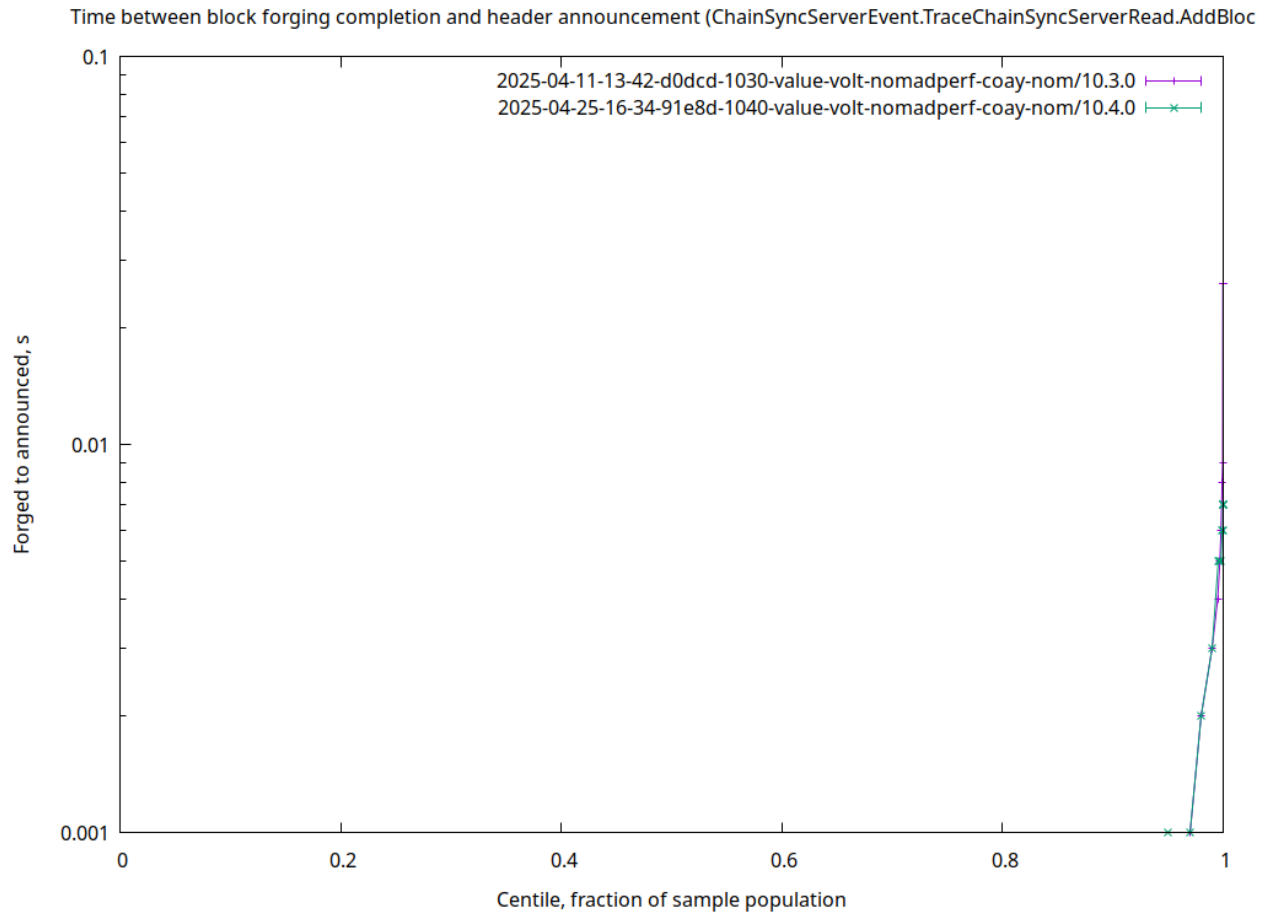
**Mempool snapshotting (cdfForgerMemSnap)** Time spent taking a mempool snapshot (TraceForgingMempool-Snapshot), relative to ledger ticking conclusion



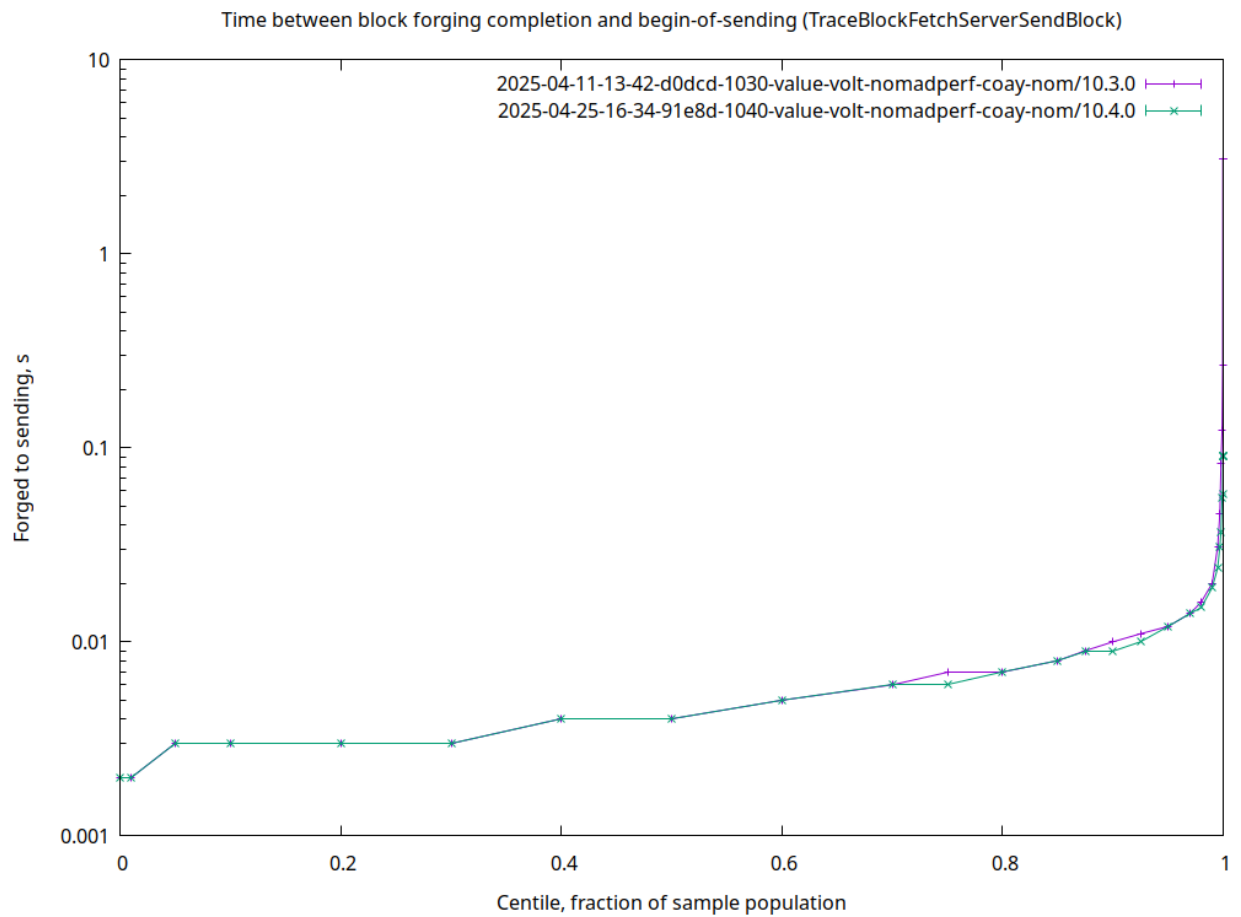
**Leadership to forged (cdfForgerForge)** Time spent forging the block: TraceForgedBlock relative to positive leadership decision



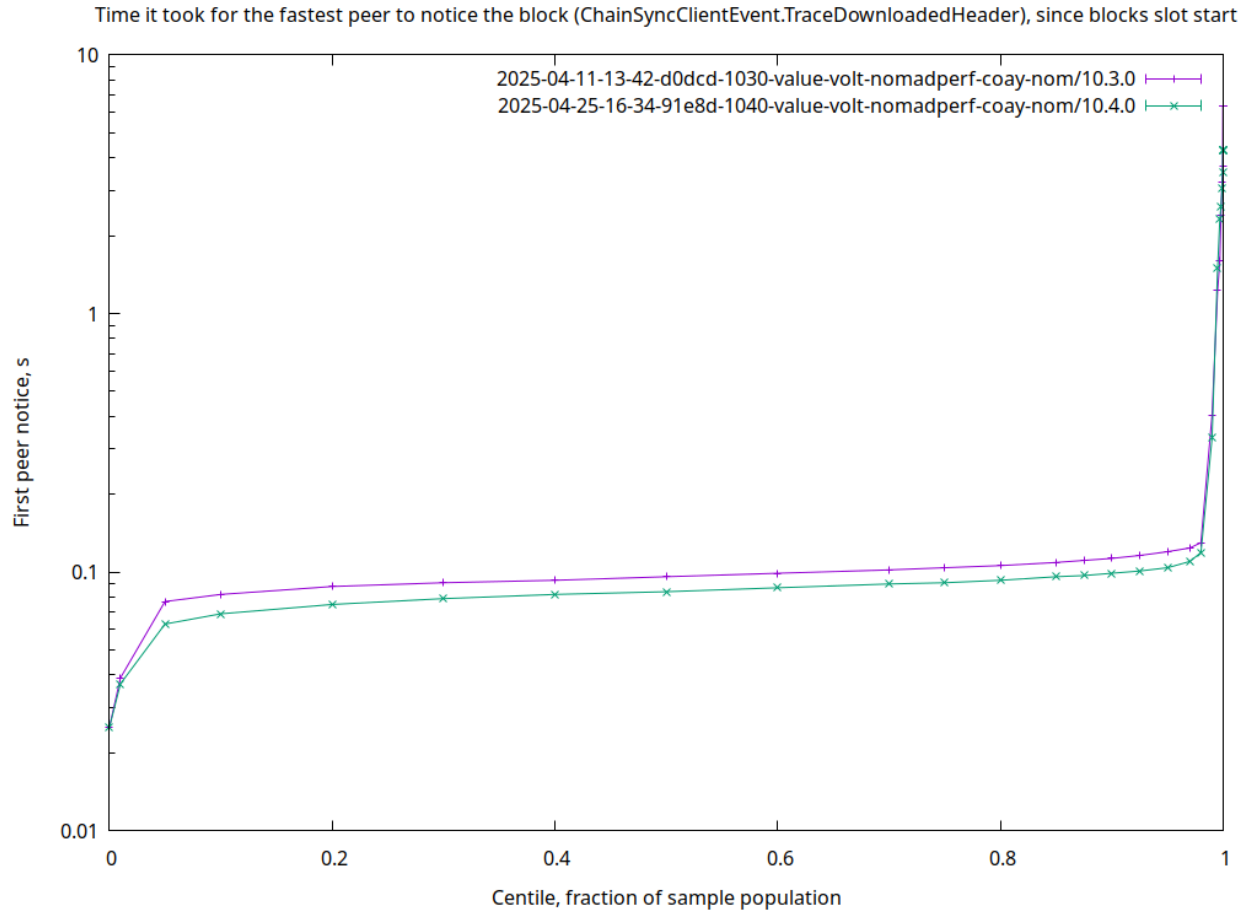
**Forged to announced (cdfForgerAnnounce)** Time between block forging completion and header announcement (ChainSyncServerEvent.TraceChainSyncServerRead.AddBlock)



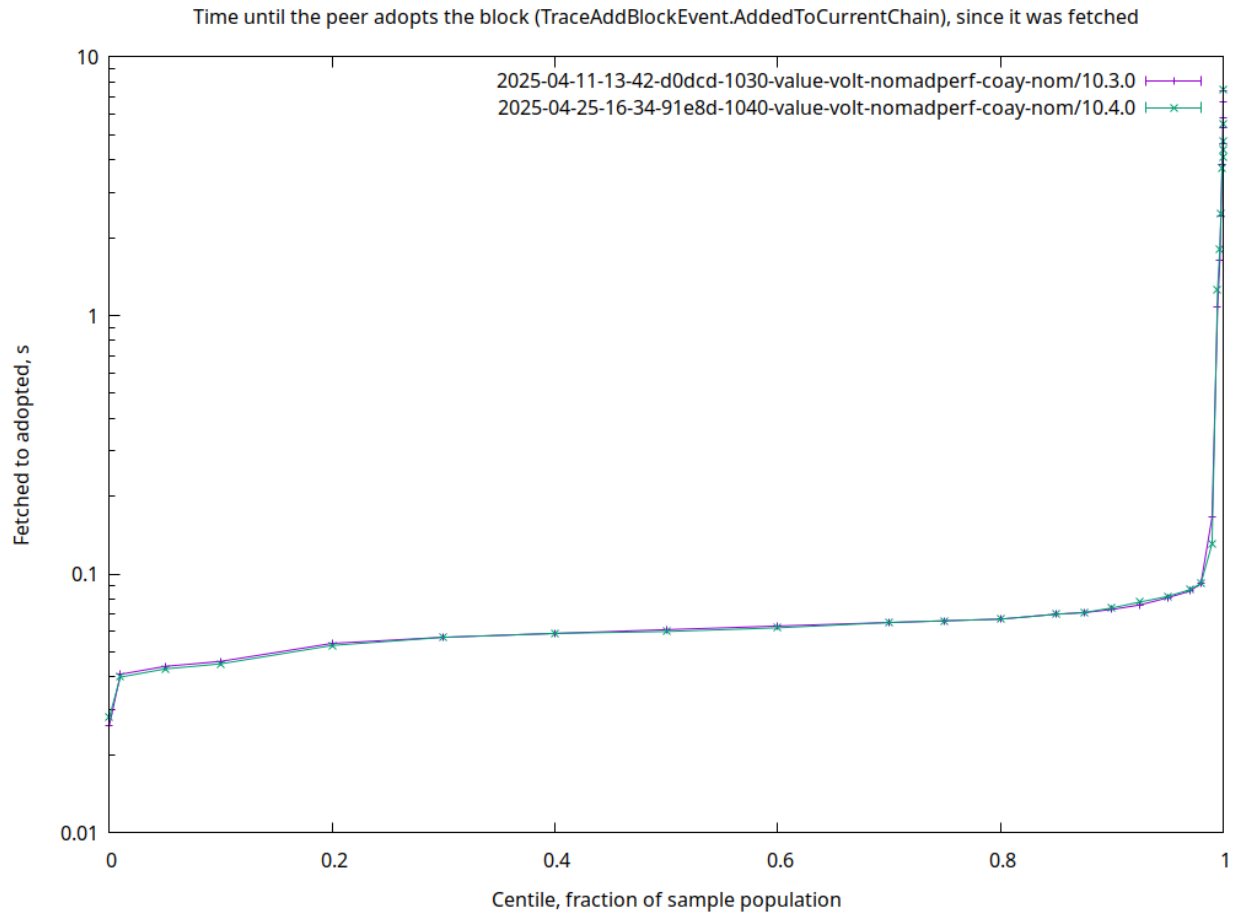
**Forged to sending (cdfForgerSend)** Time between block forging completion and begin-of-sending (TraceBlockFetchServerSendBlock)



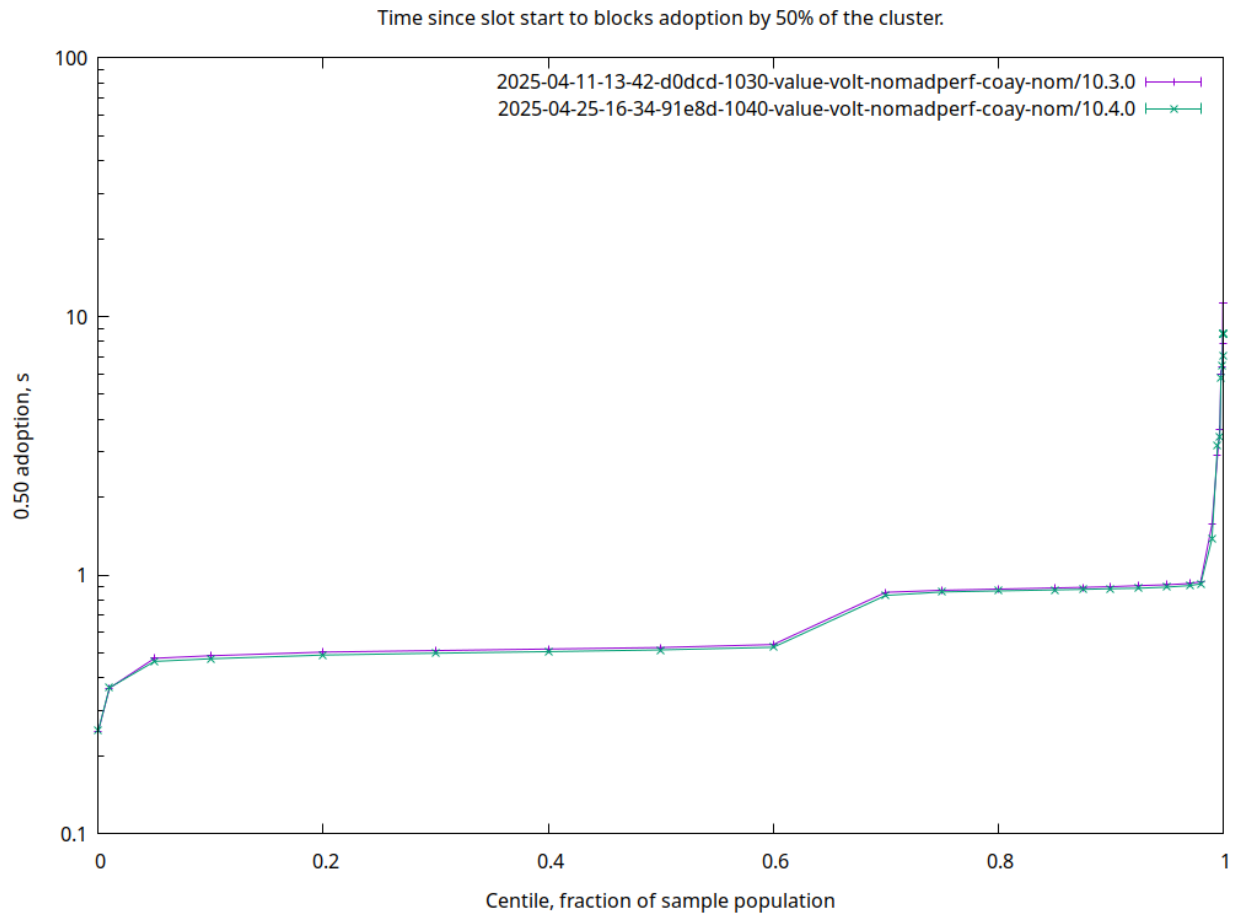
**First peer notice (cdfPeerNoticeFirst)** Time it took for the fastest peer to notice the block (ChainSyncClientEvent.TraceDownloadedHeader), since block's slot start



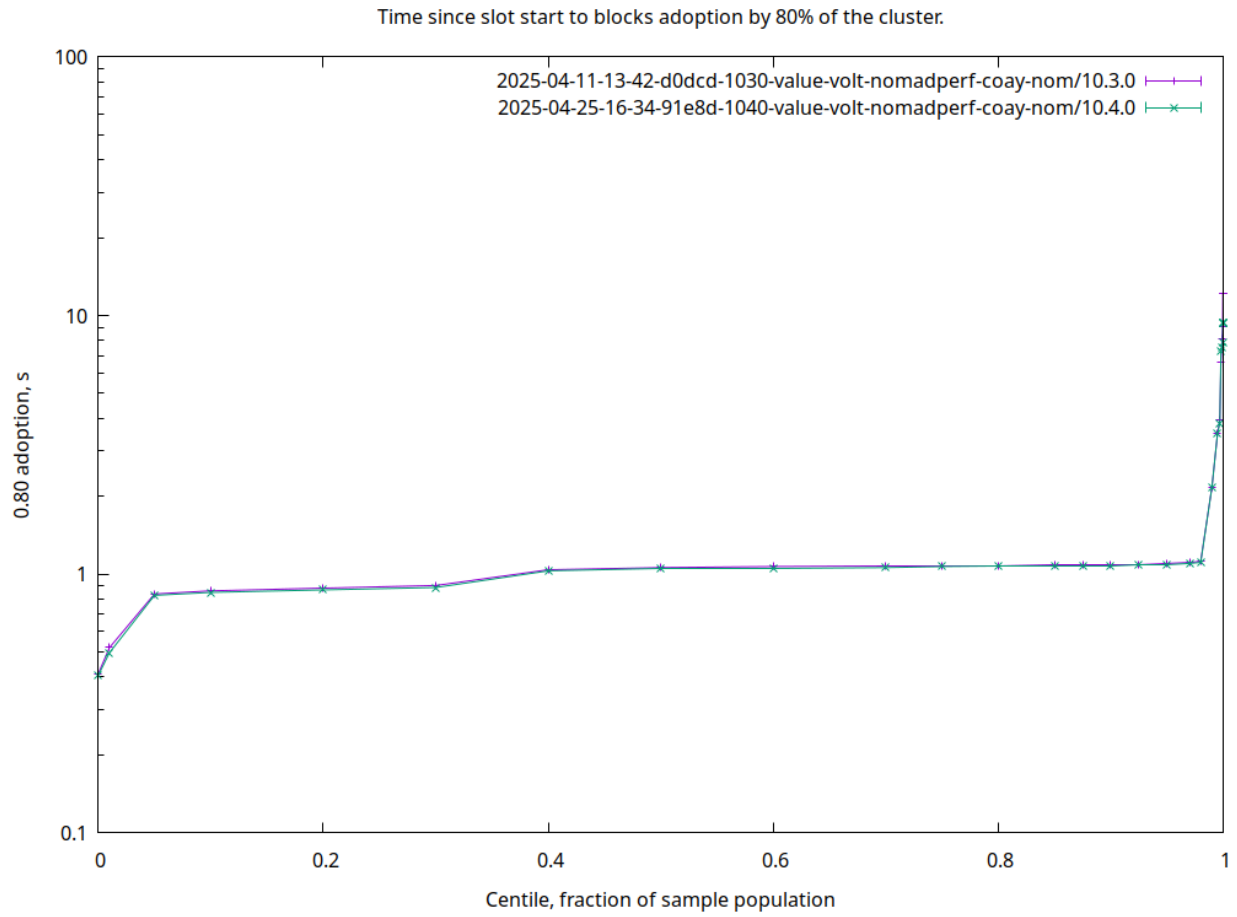
**Fetches to adopted (cdfPeerAdoption)** Time until the peer adopts the block (TraceAddBlockEvent.AddedToCurrentChain), since it was fetched



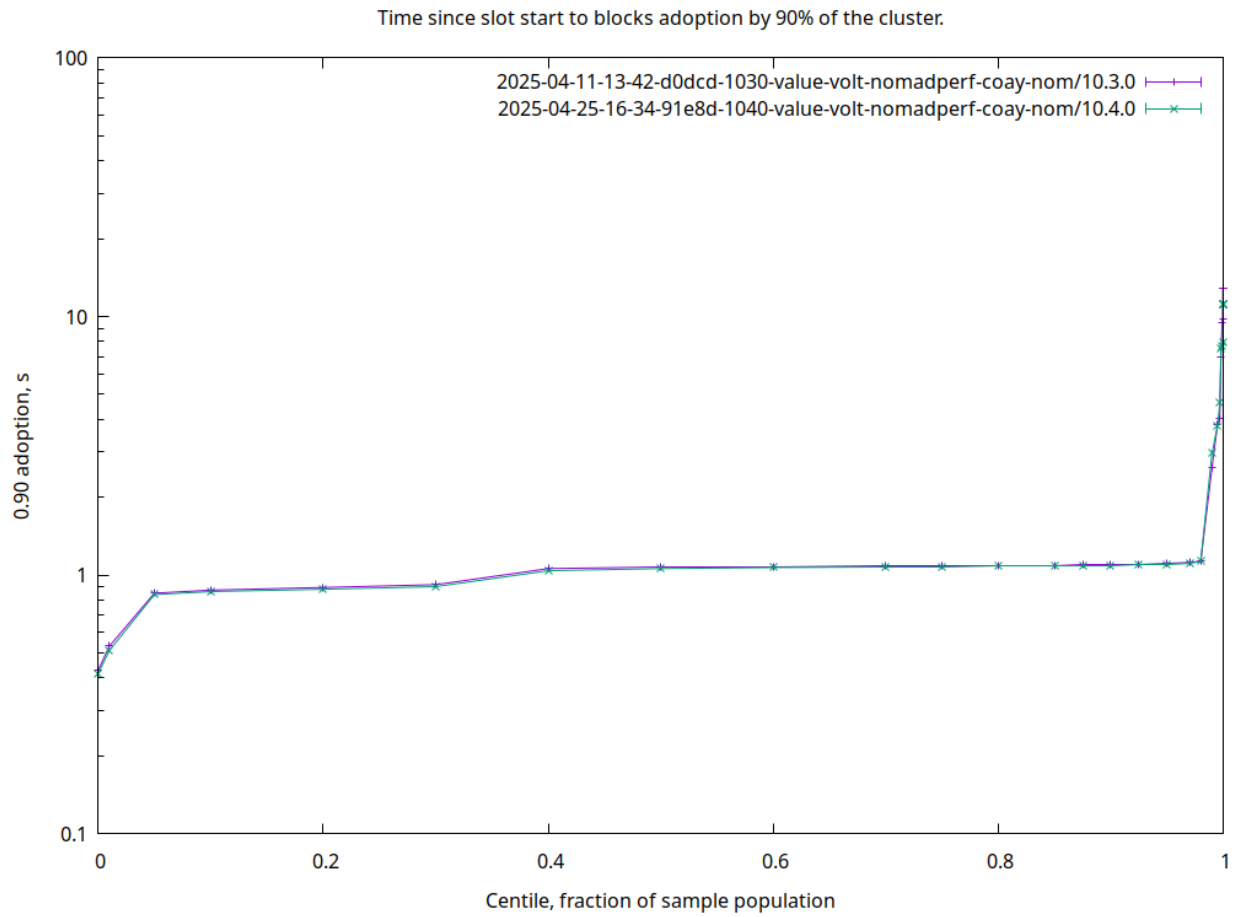
**0.50 adoption (cdf0.50)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 50% of the cluster.



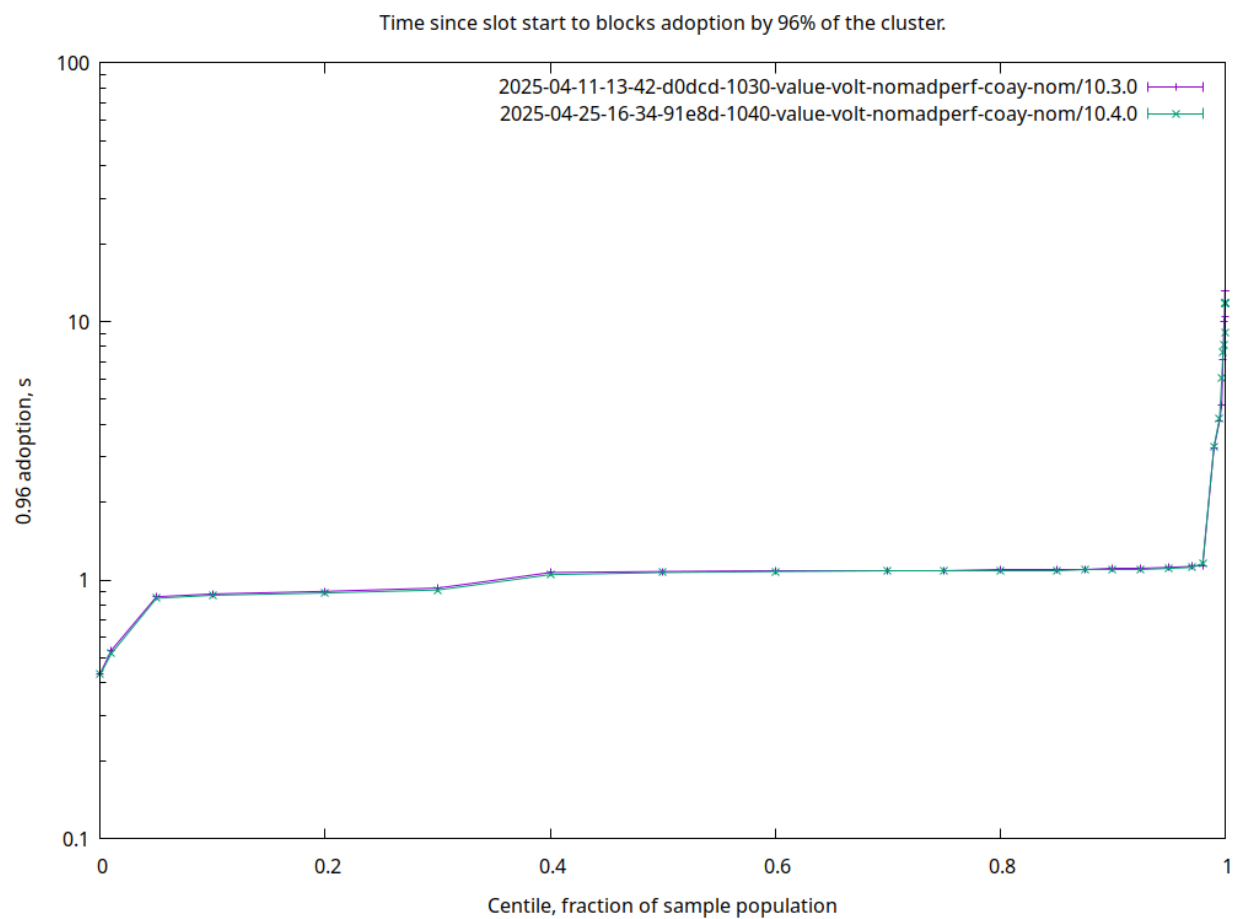
**0.80 adoption (cdf0.80)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 80% of the cluster.



**0.90 adoption (cdf0.90)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 90% of the cluster.



**0.96 adoption (cdf0.96)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 96% of the cluster.



## Part II

### Appendix B: data dictionary

## Chapter 4

# Block propagation metrics

**0.50 adoption (cdf0.50)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 50% of the cluster.

**0.80 adoption (cdf0.80)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 80% of the cluster.

**0.90 adoption (cdf0.90)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 90% of the cluster.

**0.92 adoption (cdf0.92)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 92% of the cluster.

**0.94 adoption (cdf0.94)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 94% of the cluster.

**0.96 adoption (cdf0.96)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 96% of the cluster.

**0.98 adoption (cdf0.98)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 98% of the cluster.

**1.00 adoption (cdf1.00)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 100% of the cluster.

**Height & slot battles (cdfBlockBattle)** For a given block, number of all abandoned blocks at its block height. Sum of height and slot battles

**Block size (cdfBlockSize)** Block size, in bytes

**Chained to forged block ratio (cdfBlocksChainedRatio)** For each host, ratio of blocks that made into chain / all forged

**Filtered to chained block ratio (cdfBlocksFilteredRatio)** For each host, ratio of blocks that passed filtering / all on chain

**Blocks per host (cdfBlocksPerHost)** For each host, number of blocks made during the entire observation period

**Forged to self-adopted (cdfForgerAdoption)** Time between block forging completion and adoption (TraceAdoptedBlock)

**Forged to announced (cdfForgerAnnounce)** Time between block forging completion and header announcement (ChainSyncServerEvent.TraceChainSyncServerRead.AddBlock)

**Slot start to announced (cdfForgerAnnounceCum)** Time since slot start until header announcement (ChainSyncServerEvent.TraceChainSyncServerRead.AddBlock)

**Acquired block context (cdfForgerBlkCtx)** Block context acquired (TraceBlockContext), relative to forge loop beginning

**Leadership to forged (cdfForgerForge)** Time spent forging the block: TraceForgedBlock relative to positive leadership decision

**Leadership check duration (cdfForgerLead)** Leadership check duration (TraceNodeIsNotLeader, TraceNodeIsLeader), relative to ledger view acquisition

**Acquired ledger state (cdfForgerLgrState)** Ledger state acquired (TraceLedgerState), relative to block context acquisition

**Acquired ledger view (cdfForgerLgrView)** Ledger view acquired (TraceLedgerView), relative to ledger state acquisition

**Mempool snapshotting (cdfForgerMemSnap)** Time spent taking a mempool snapshot (TraceForgingMempool-Snapshot), relative to ledger ticking conclusion

**Forged to sending (cdfForgerSend)** Time between block forging completion and begin-of-sending (TraceBlockFetch-ServerSendBlock)

**Started forge loop iteration (cdfForgerStart)** Forge loop iteration delay (TraceStartLeadershipCheck), relative to slot start

**Ledger ticking (cdfForgerTicked)** Time spent ticking the ledger state (TraceForgeTickedLedgerState), relative to leadership check completion

**Fetches to adopted (cdfPeerAdoption)** Time until the peer adopts the block (TraceAddBlockEvent.AddedToCurrentChain), since it was fetched

**Fetches to announced (cdfPeerAnnounce)** Time it took a peer to announce the block (ChainSyncServerEvent.TraceChainSync), since it was fetched

**Fetch duration (cdfPeerFetch)** Time it took the peer to complete fetching the block (BlockFetchClient.CompletedBlockFetch), after having requested it

**First peer fetch (cdfPeerFetchFirst)** Time it took for the fastest peer to fetch the block (BlockFetchClient.CompletedBlockFetch), since block's slot start

**First peer notice (cdfPeerNoticeFirst)** Time it took for the fastest peer to notice the block (ChainSyncClientEvent.TraceDownloadedHeader), since block's slot start

**Notice to fetch request (cdfPeerRequest)** Time it took the peer to request the block body (BlockFetchClient.SendFetchRequest), after it have seen its header

**Fetches to sending (cdfPeerSend)** Time until the peer started sending the block (BlockFetchServer.SendBlock), since it was fetched

## Chapter 5

# Cluster performance metrics

**RTS alloc rate (Alloc)** RTS-reported allocation rate, MB/sec

**Process CPU usage (CentiCpu)** Kernel-reported CPU process usage, % of a single core

**RTS GC CPU usage (CentiGC)** RTS-reported GC CPU usage, % of a single core

**RTS Mutator CPU usage (CentiMut)** RTS-reported mutator CPU usage, % of a single core

**Filesystem reads (FsRd)** Number of bytes which this process really did cause to be fetched from the storage layer, per second

**Filesystem writes (FsWr)** Number of bytes which this process caused to be sent to the storage layer, modulo truncate(), per second

**Major GCs (GcsMajor)** Major garbage collection RTS events

**Minor GCs (GcsMinor)** Minor garbage collection RTS events

**RTS heap size (Heap)** RTS-reported heap size, MB

**RTS live GC dataset (Live)** RTS-reported GC live data size, MB

**Network reads (NetRd)** Network reads, kB/sec

**Network writes (NetWr)** Network writes, kB/sec

**Kernel RSS (RSS)** Kernel-reported RSS (Resident Set Size) of the process, MB

**Block context acquisition delay (cdfBlkCtx)** Block context acquired (TraceBlockContext), relative to forge loop beginning

**Interblock gap (cdfBlockGap)** Time between blocks

**Chain density (cdfDensity)** Block/slot ratio, for the last 'k' slots

**Leadership check duration (cdfLeading)** Leadership check duration (TraceNodeIsNotLeader, TraceNodeIsLeader), relative to ledger view acquisition

**Ledger state acquisition delay (cdfLgrState)** Ledger state acquired (TraceLedgerState), relative to block context acquisition

**Ledger view acquisition delay (cdfLgrView)** Ledger view acquired (TraceLedgerView), relative to ledger state acquisition

**CPU 85% spans (cdfSpanLensCpu)** Length of over-85% CPU usage peaks, slots

**CPU spans at Ep boundary (cdfSpanLensCpuEpoch)** Length of over-85% CPU usage peaks, starting at epoch boundary, slots

**Forge loop tardiness (cdfStarted)** Forge loop iteration start delay (TraceStartLeadershipCheck), relative to slot start

**Forge loop starts (cdfStarts)** For any given slot, how many forging loop starts were registered