

10.5.0 against 10.4.1

value-only workload

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# Chapter 1

## Manifest

We compare 10.5.0 (Conway) relative to 10.4.1 (Conway), under value-only workload.

	10.4.1	10.5.0
Analysis date	2025-06-12	2025-06-28
Cluster system start date	2025-06-11	2025-06-27
Cluster system start time	14:30:08	19:37:29
Identifier	10.4.1	10.5.0
Run batch	10.4.1	1050fix
GHC version	9.6.5	9.6.5
cardano-node version	10.4.1	10.5.0
ouroboros-consensus version	0.26.0.1	0.27.0.0
ouroboros-network version	0.20.1.0	0.21.2.0
cardano-ledger-core version	1.17.0.0	1.17.0.0
plutus-core version	1.45.0.0	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	9993fc5	28152ff
ouroboros-consensus git	9a2493b	8e3afe1
ouroboros-network git	d5d2042	879683d
cardano-ledger-core git	a9e78ae	a9e78ae
plutus-core git	ba16ec6	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	4510890.1153	3869633.0769
Log objects analysed per host	2047878.9615	1847240.5192
Host run time, s	63898.4	63879.9
Host log line rate, Hz	70.595	60.577
Total log objects analysed	106489706	96056507
Run time, s	63906	63885
Analysed run duration, s	48032	48017
Run time efficiency	0.75	0.75
Node start spread, s	15.909057	4.6618552
Node stop spread, s	5.7869634	4.2671434
Slots analysed	48027	48013
Blocks analysed	2274	2245
Blocks rejected	936	857

## Chapter 2

# Analysis

### 2.1 Resource Usage

	10.4.1	10.5.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
Forge loop starts, #	0.99863	0.99867	0.000	0
Process CPU usage, %	7.9601	5.5921	-2.368	-30
RTS GC CPU usage, %	0.44011	0.35519	-0.085	-19
RTS Mutator CPU usage, %	7.5131	5.2357	-2.277	-30
Major GCs, #	0.00079	0.00077	-0.000	0
Minor GCs, #	1.8331	1.3885	-0.445	-24
Kernel RSS, MB	8890.6	8993.9	103.300	1
RTS heap size, MB	8829.6	8932.4	102.800	1
RTS live GC dataset, MB	4105.0	4041.2	-63.800	-2
RTS alloc rate, MB/s	56.682	41.427	-15.255	-27
Filesystem reads, KB/s	0.0	0.04981	0.050	nan
Filesystem writes, KB/s	257.75	256.46	-1.290	-1
CPU 85% spans, slots	6.3149	6.1078	-0.207	-3
Sample count	(249>)	(249>)		

### 2.2 Anomaly control

	10.4.1	10.5.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
Blocks per host, blocks	63.48	61.923	-1.557	-2
Filtered to chained block ratio, /	0.70813	0.72482	0.017	2
Chained to forged block ratio, /	0.97211	0.96333	-0.009	-1
Height & slot battles, blocks	0.00219	0.00757	0.005	228
Block size, B	88951	88970	19	0
Sample count	(52)	(52)		

## 2.3 Forging

	10.4.1	10.5.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
Started forge loop iteration, s	0.0011	0.00136	0.000	0
Acquired block context, s	0.02471	7e-05	-0.025	-101
Acquired ledger state, s	0.0001	9e-05	-0.000	0
Acquired ledger view, s	2e-05	3e-05	0.000	0
Leadership check duration, s	0.00041	0.00046	0.000	0
Ledger ticking, s	0.02333	0.02613	0.003	13
Mempool snapshotting, s	0.04308	0.04458	0.002	5
Leadership to forged, s	0.00075	0.00072	-0.000	0
Forged to announced, s	0.0008	0.00078	-0.000	0
Forged to sending, s	0.00583	0.00596	0.000	0
Forged to self-adopted, s	0.07074	0.06964	-0.001	-1
Slot start to announced, s	0.09433	0.07425	-0.020	-21
Sample count	(2274)	(2245)		

## 2.4 Individual peer propagation

	10.4.1	10.5.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
First peer notice, s	0.09624	0.07622	-0.020	-21
First peer fetch, s	0.1054	0.08545	-0.020	-19
Notice to fetch request, s	0.00129	0.00125	-0.000	0
Fetch duration, s	0.34864	0.36309	0.014	4
Fetches to announced, s	0.00123	0.001	-0.000	0
Fetches to sending, s	0.04381	0.04515	0.001	2
Fetches to adopted, s	0.07553	0.07293	-0.003	-4
Sample count	(2274)	(2245)		

## 2.5 End-to-end propagation

	10.4.1	10.5.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
0.50 adoption, s	0.62519	0.62604	0.001	0
0.80 adoption, s	0.98653	0.98762	0.001	0
0.90 adoption, s	1.0063	1.0053	-0.001	0
0.92 adoption, s	1.0101	1.0095	-0.001	0
0.94 adoption, s	1.0145	1.0134	-0.001	0
0.96 adoption, s	1.02	1.0198	-0.000	0
0.98 adoption, s	1.028	1.0268	-0.001	0
1.00 adoption, s	1.0557	1.0493	-0.006	-1
Sample count	(2274)	(2245)		

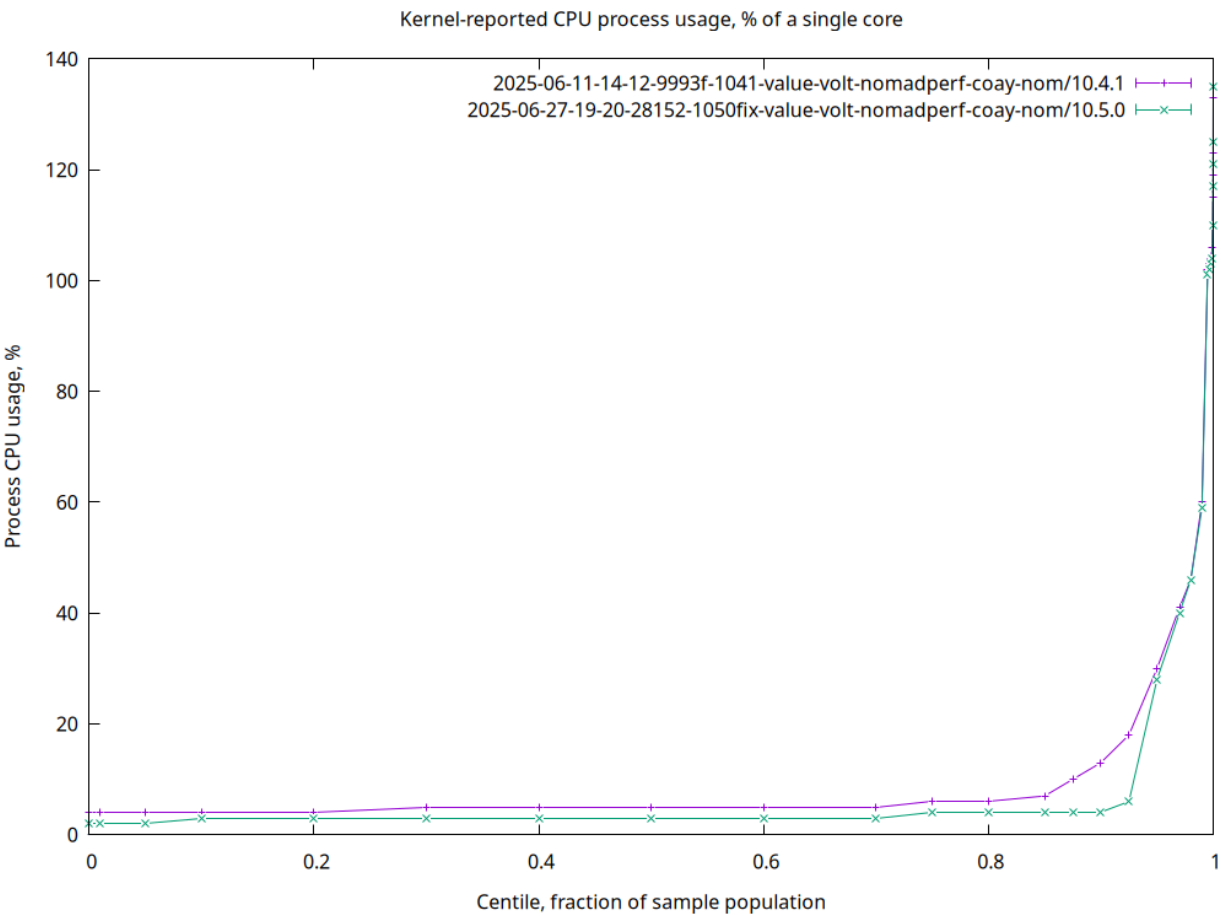
## Part I

### Appendix A: charts

# Chapter 3

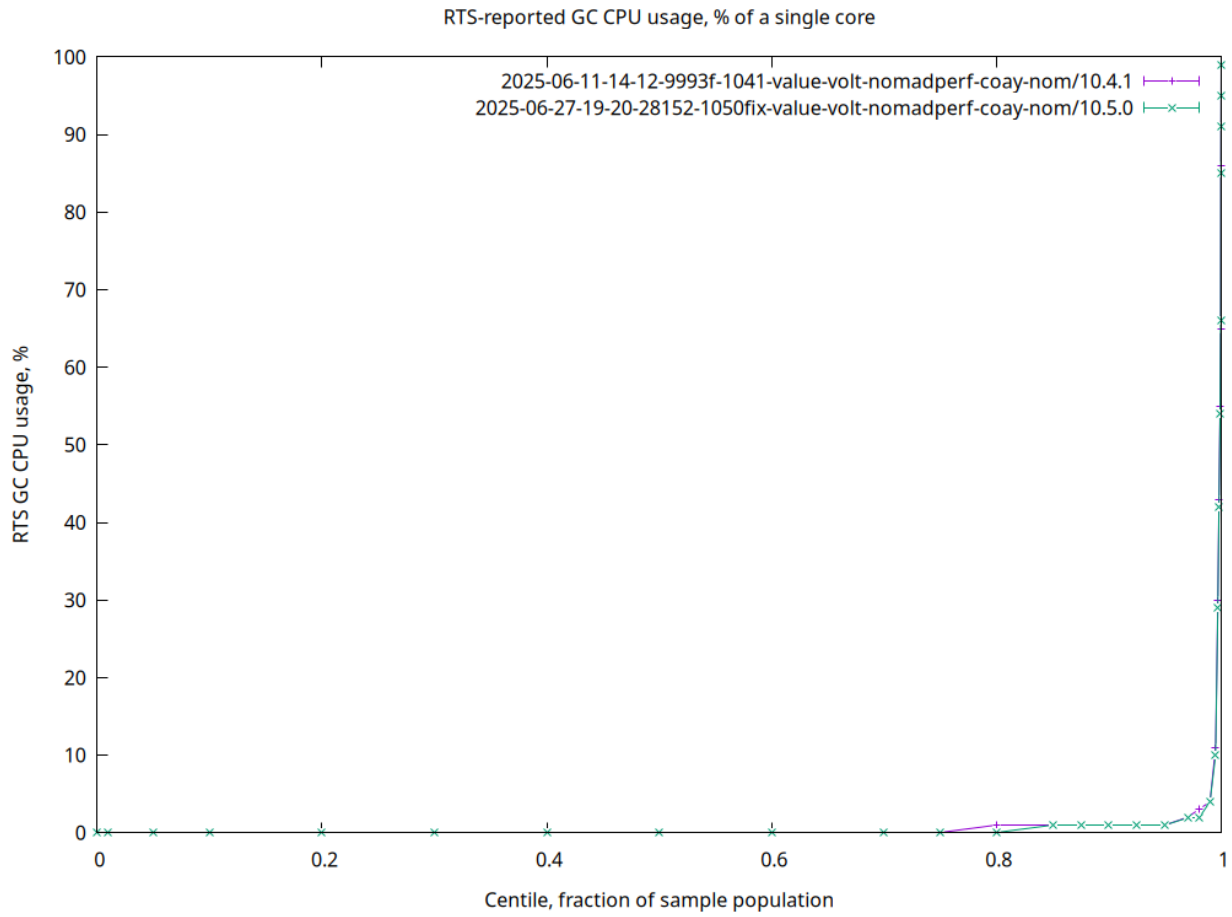
## Cluster performance charts

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

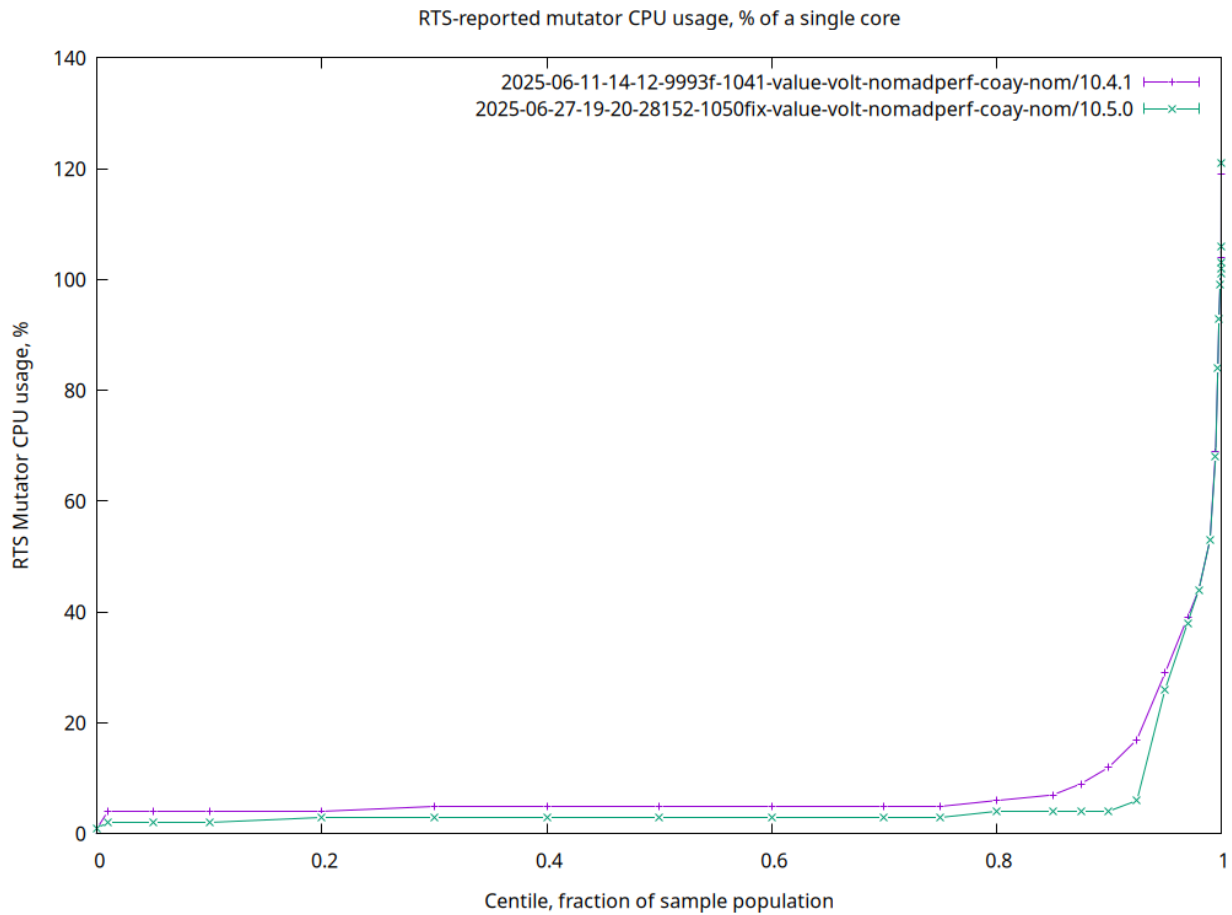


**RTS GC CPU usage (CentiGC)** RTS-reported GC CPU usage, % of a single core

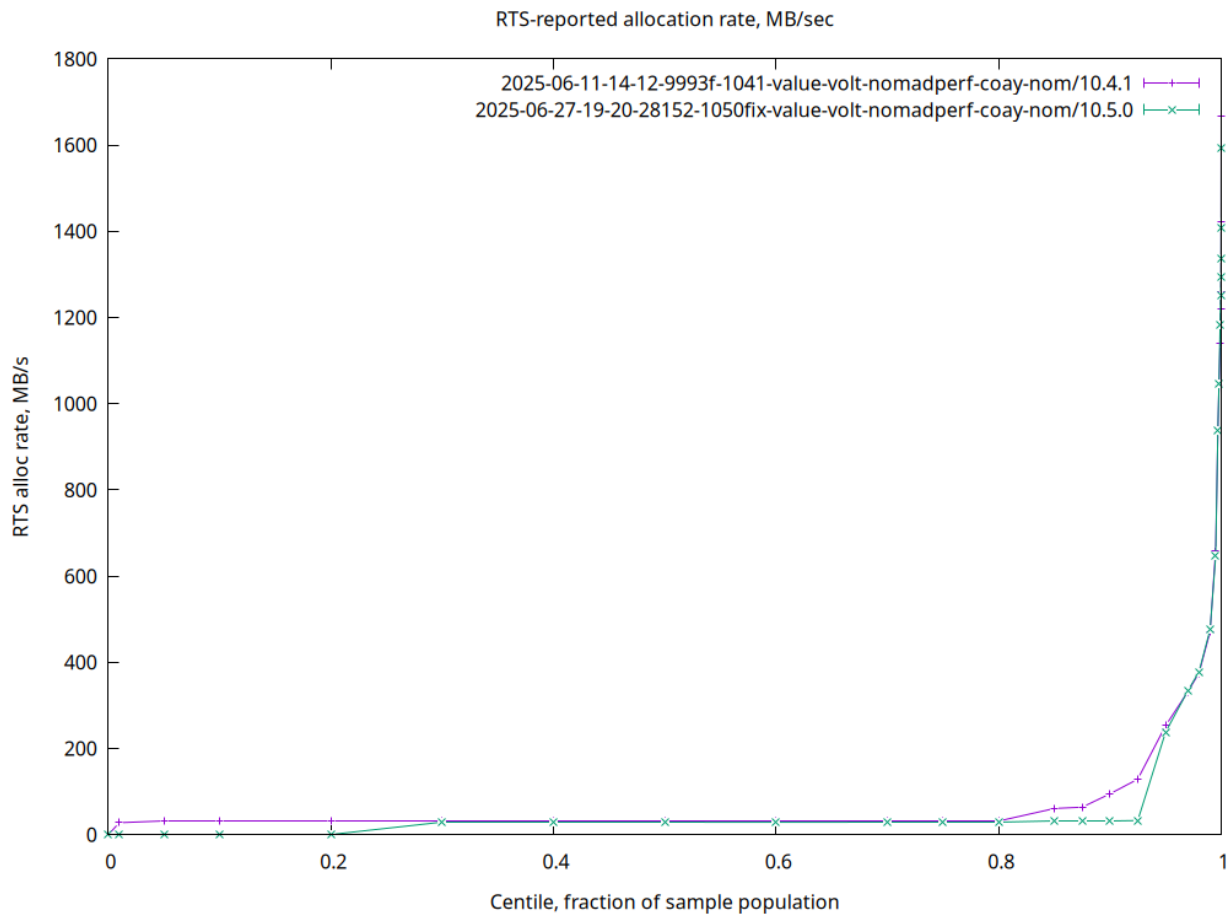




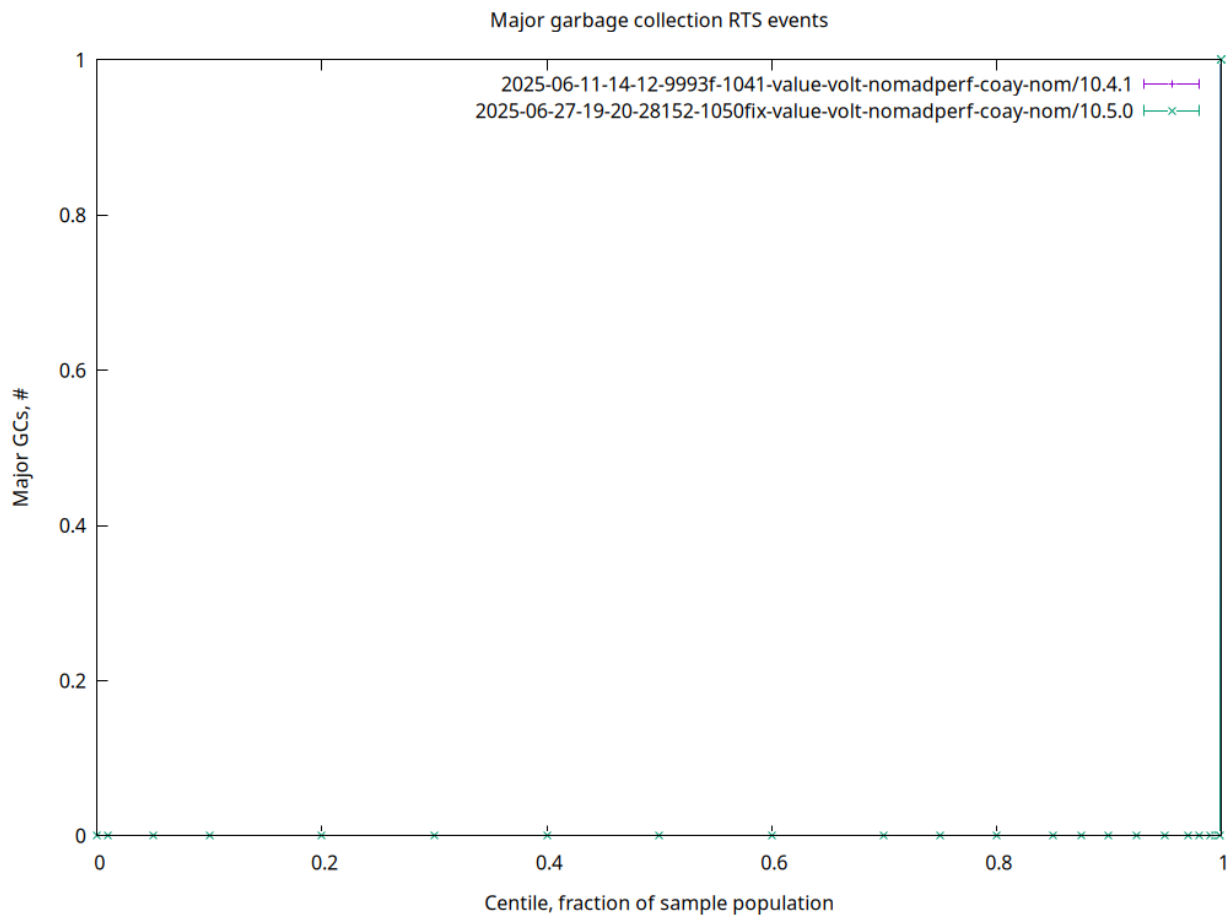
**RTS Mutator CPU usage (CentiMut)** RTS-reported mutator CPU usage, % of a single core



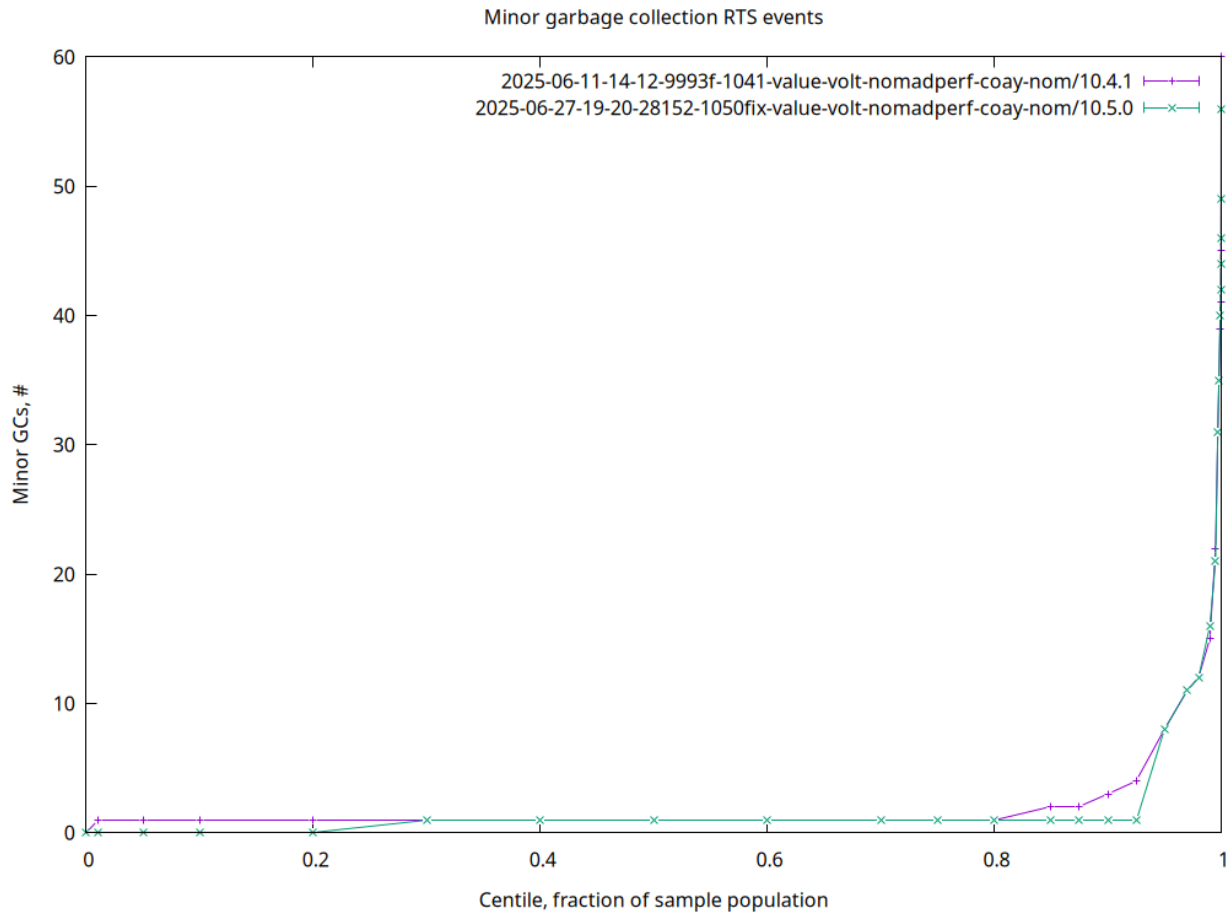
**RTS alloc rate (Alloc)** RTS-reported allocation rate, MB/sec



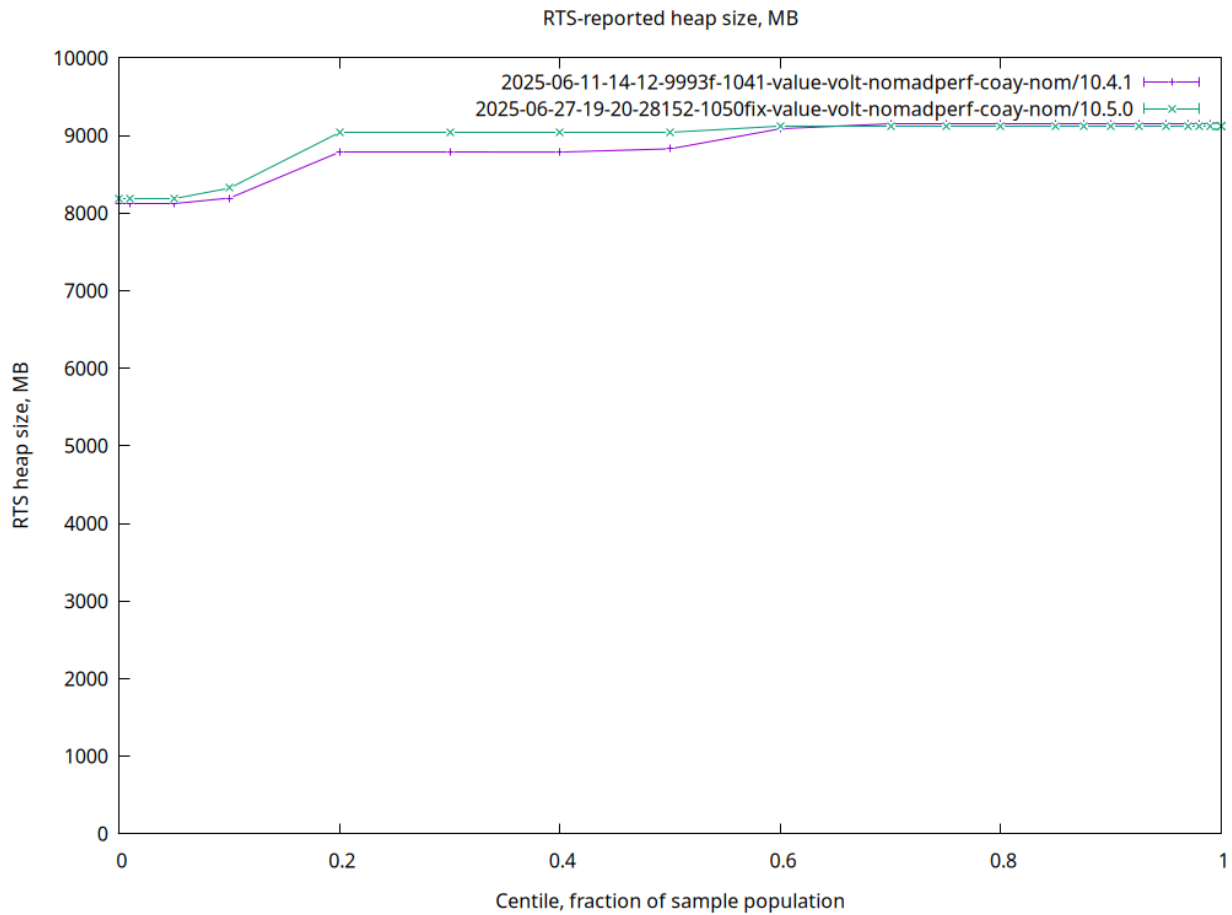
**Major GCs (GcsMajor)** Major garbage collection RTS events



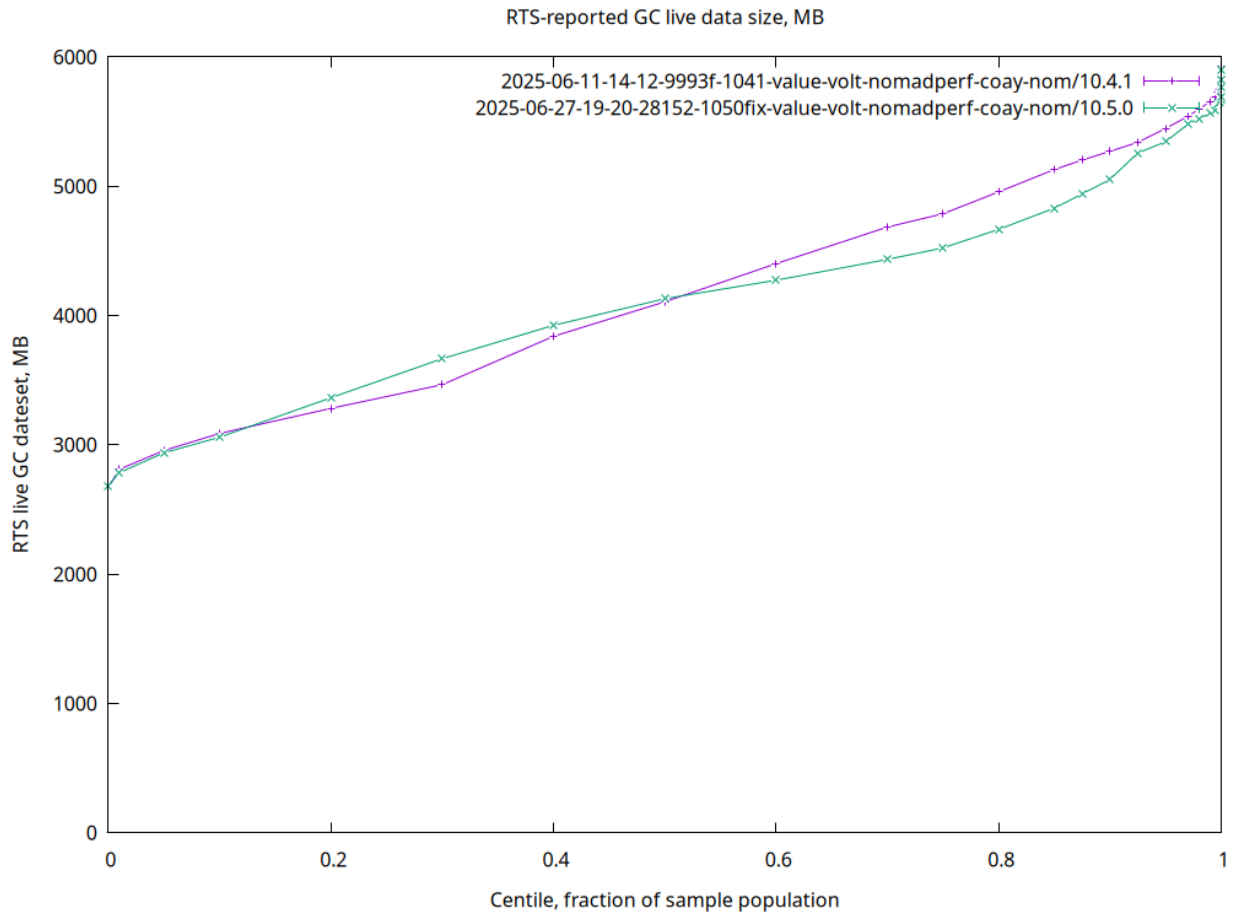
**Minor GCs (GcsMinor)** Minor garbage collection RTS events



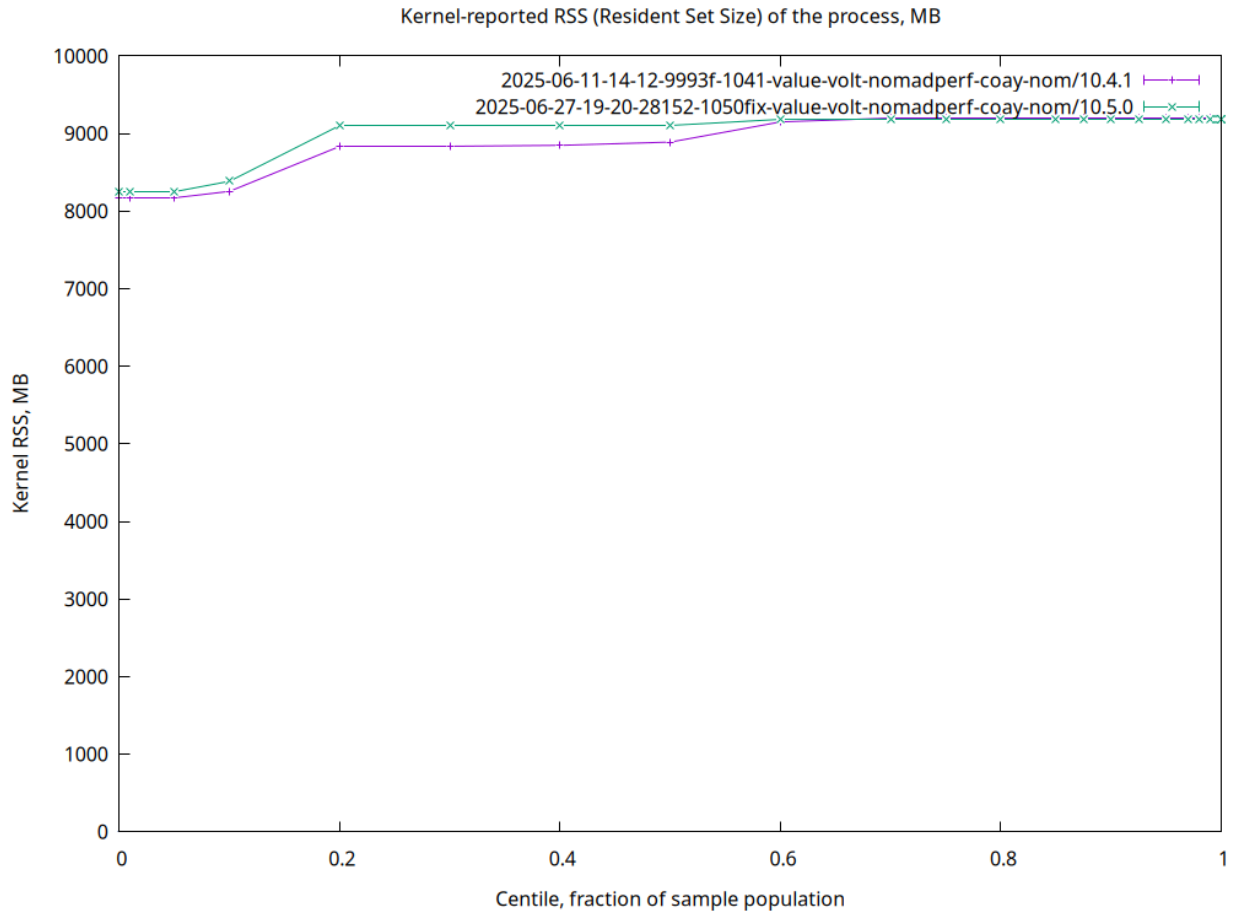
**RTS heap size (Heap)** RTS-reported heap size, MB



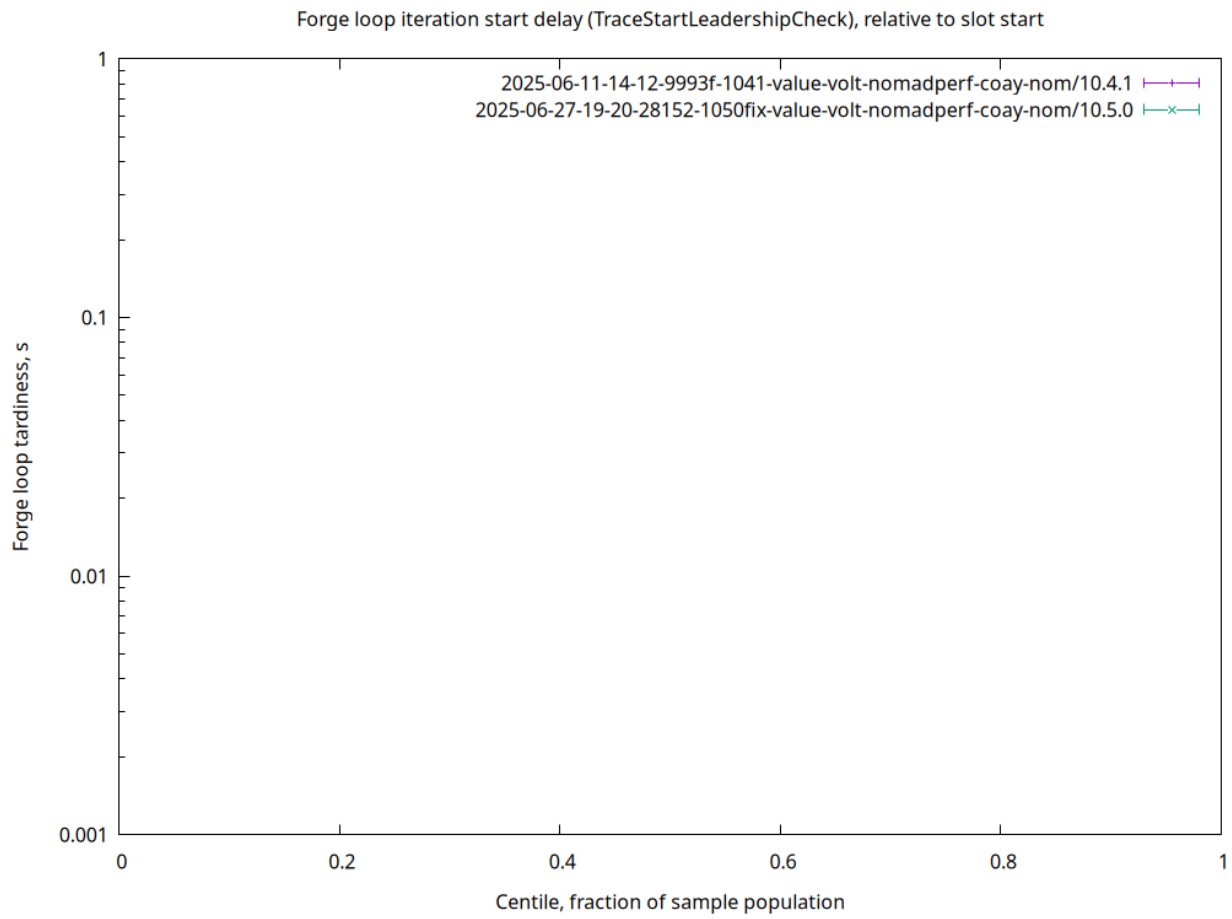
**RTS live GC dataset (Live)** RTS-reported GC live data size, MB



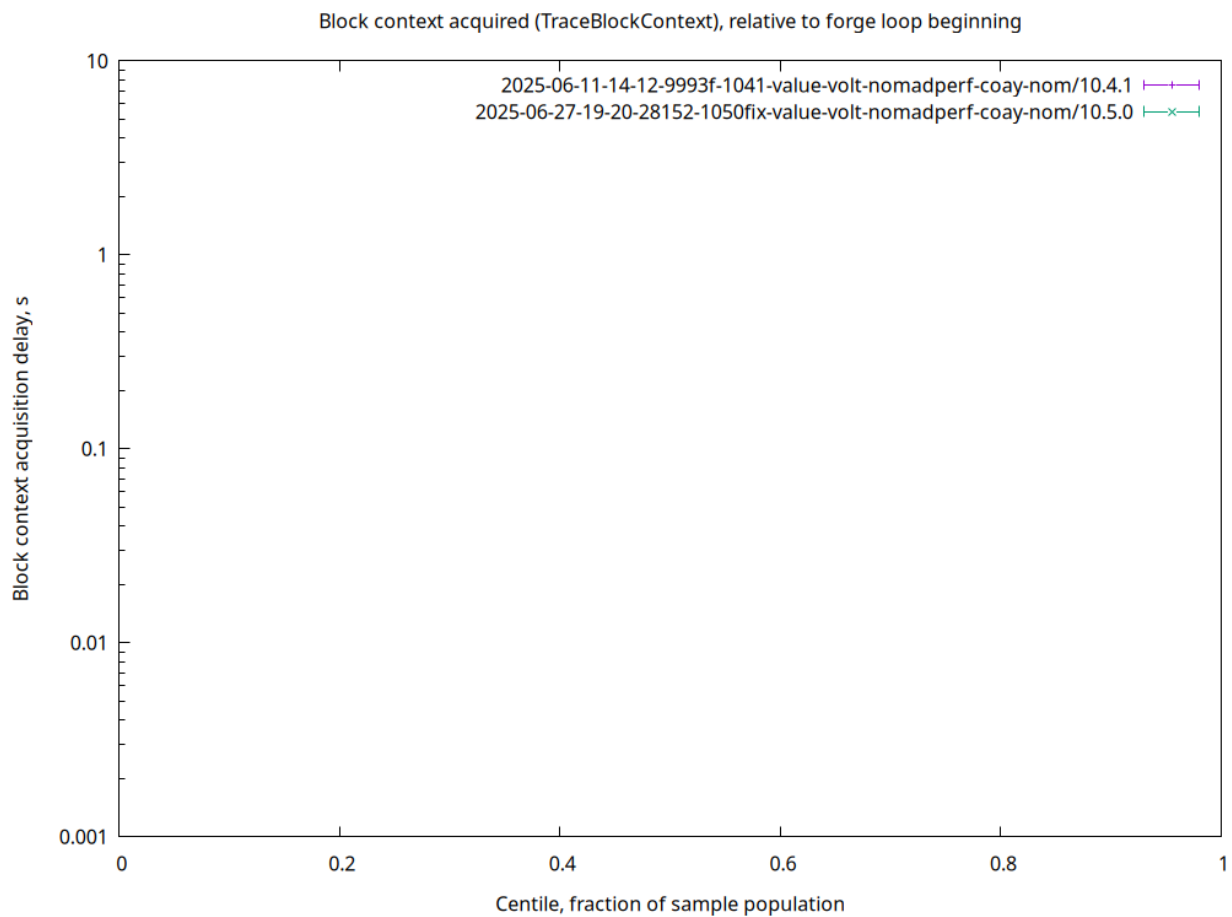
**Kernel RSS (RSS)** Kernel-reported RSS (Resident Set Size) of the process, MB



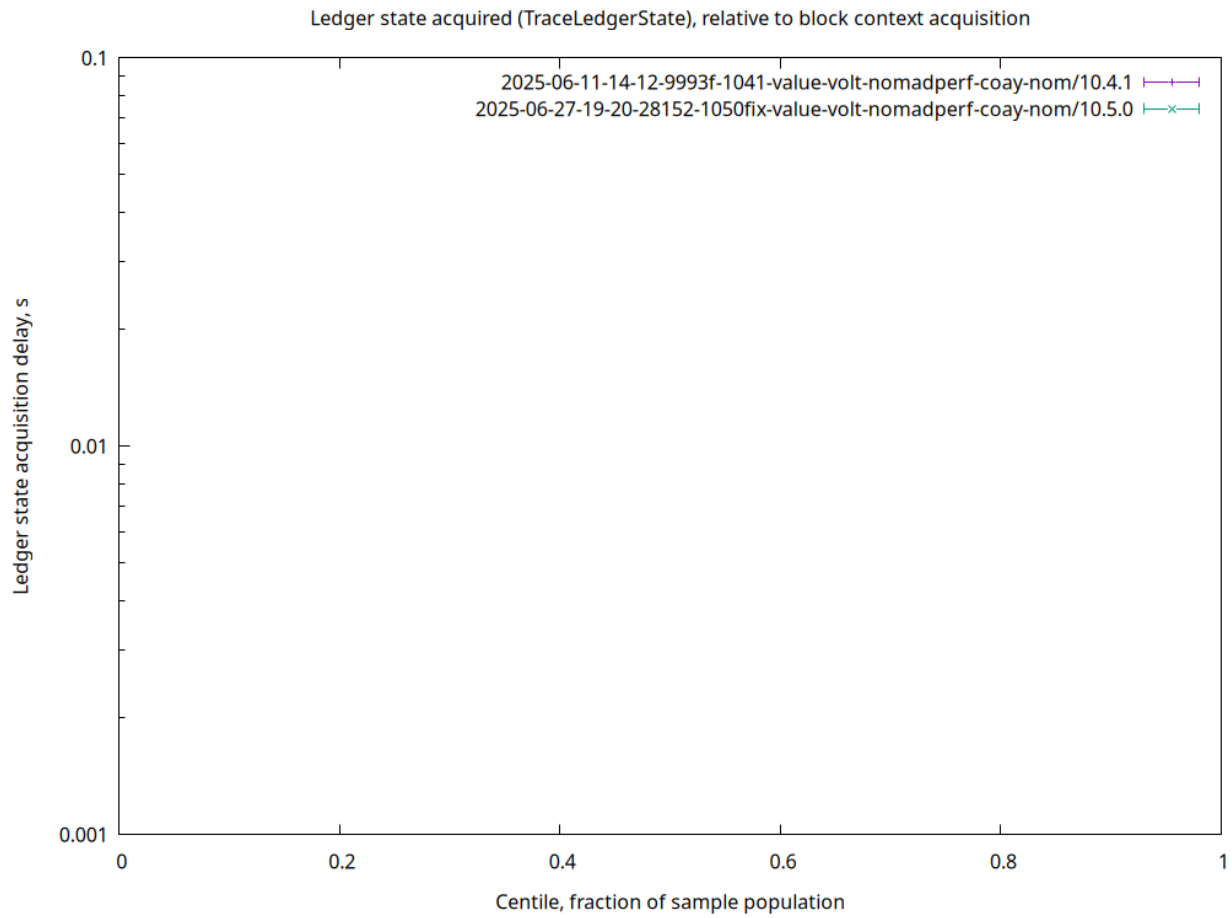
**Forge loop tardiness (cdfStarted)** Forge loop iteration start delay (TraceStartLeadershipCheck), relative to slot start



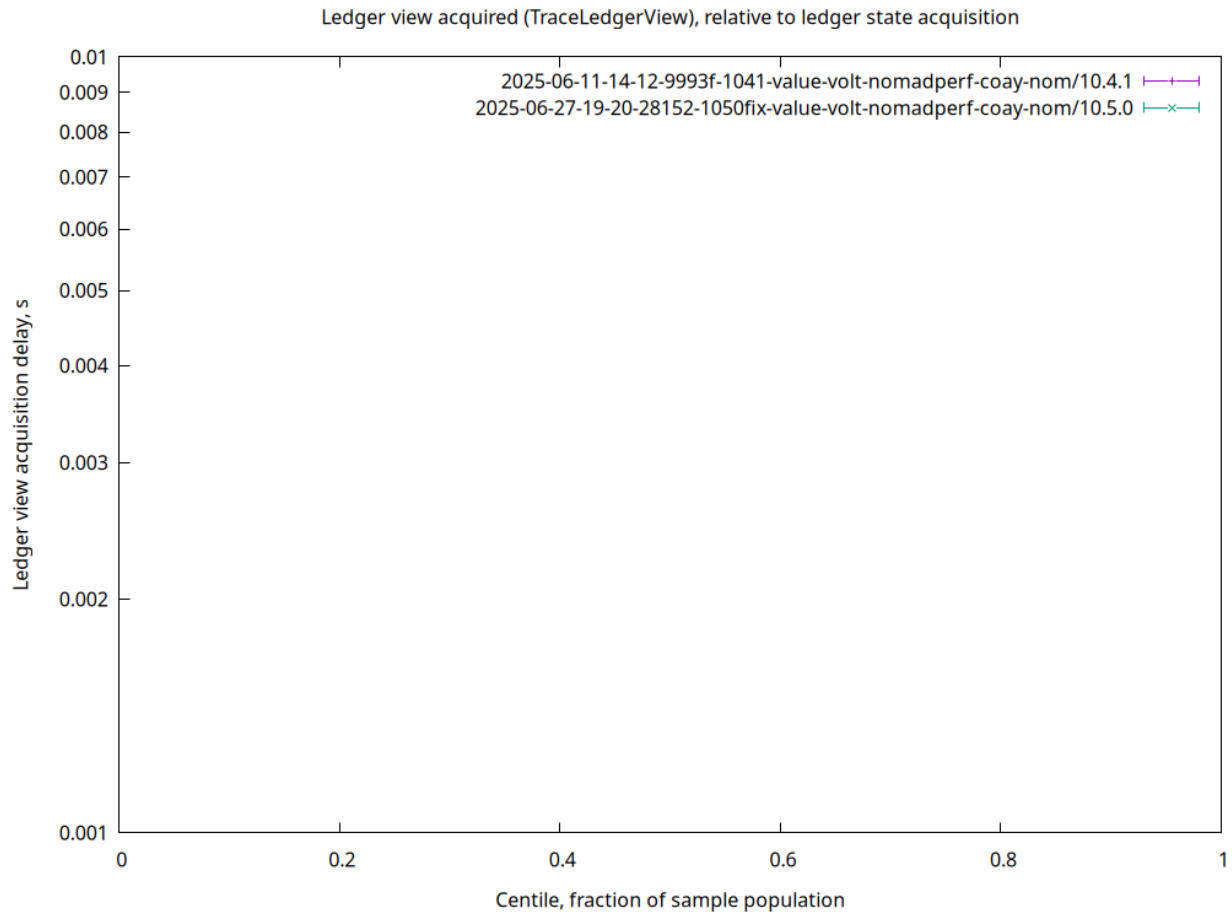
**Block context acquisition delay (cdfBlkCtx)** Block context acquired (TraceBlockContext), relative to forge loop beginning



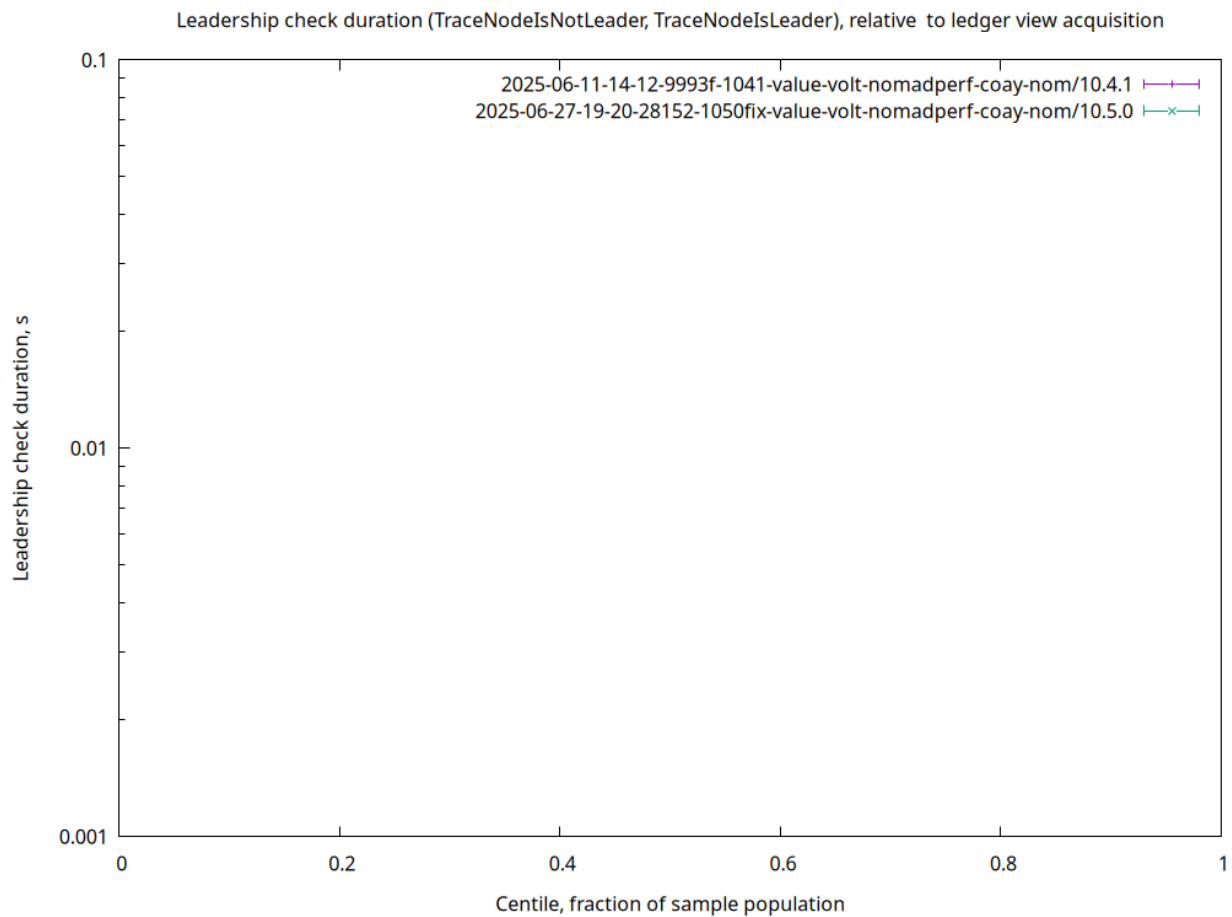
**Ledger state acquisition delay (cdfLgrState)** Ledger state acquired (TraceLedgerState), relative to block context acquisition



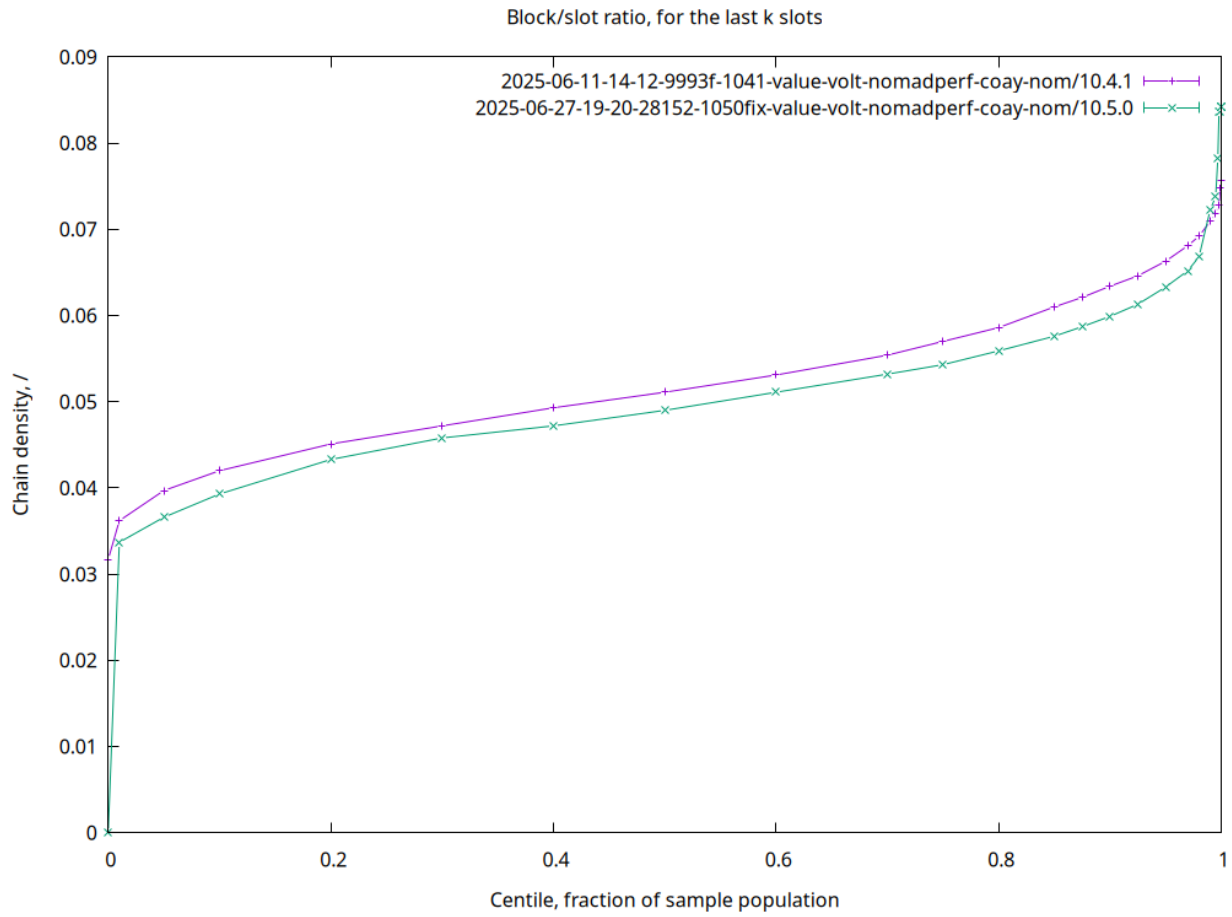
**Ledger view acquisition delay (cdfLgrView)** Ledger view acquired (TraceLedgerView), relative to ledger state acquisition



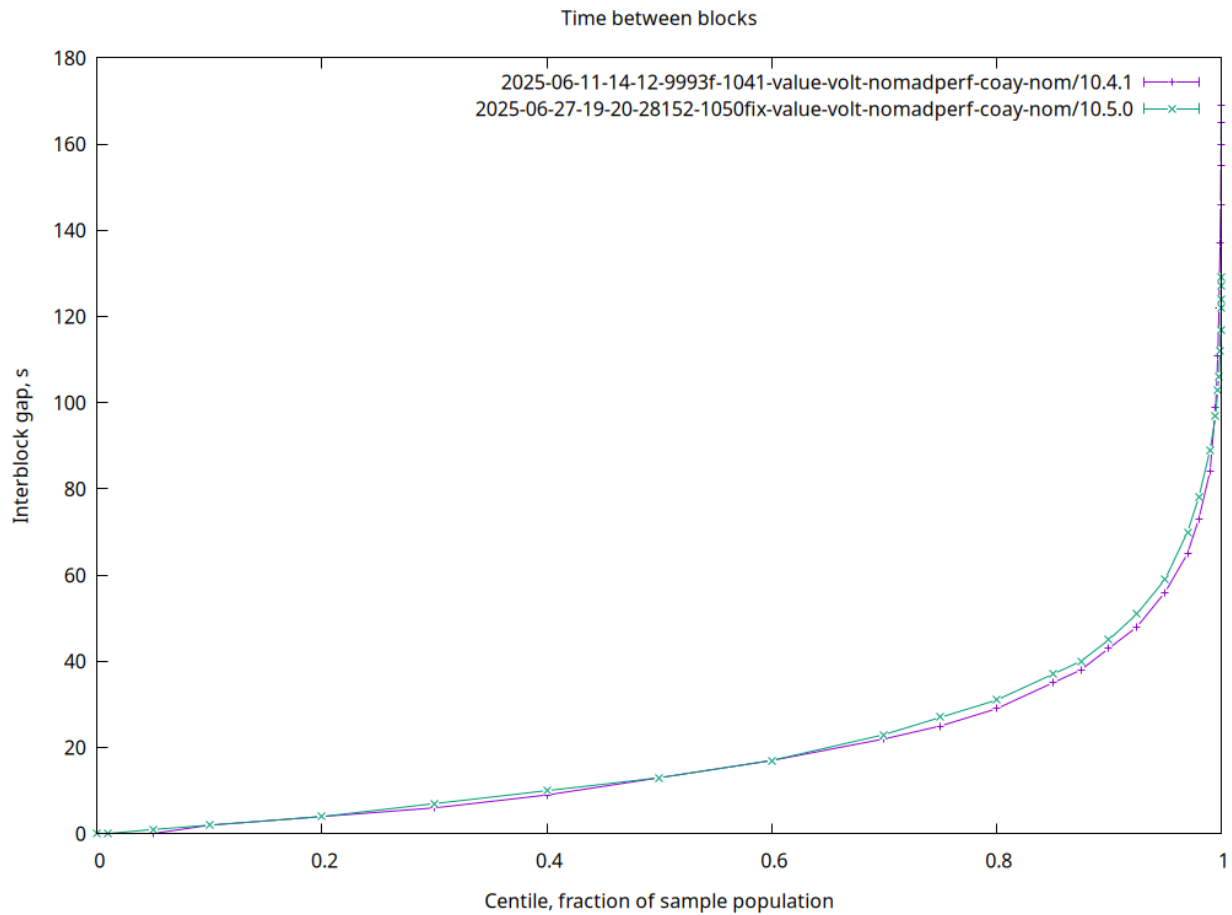
**Leadership check duration (cdfLeading)** Leadership check duration (TraceNodeIsNotLeader, TraceNodeIsLeader), relative to ledger view acquisition



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

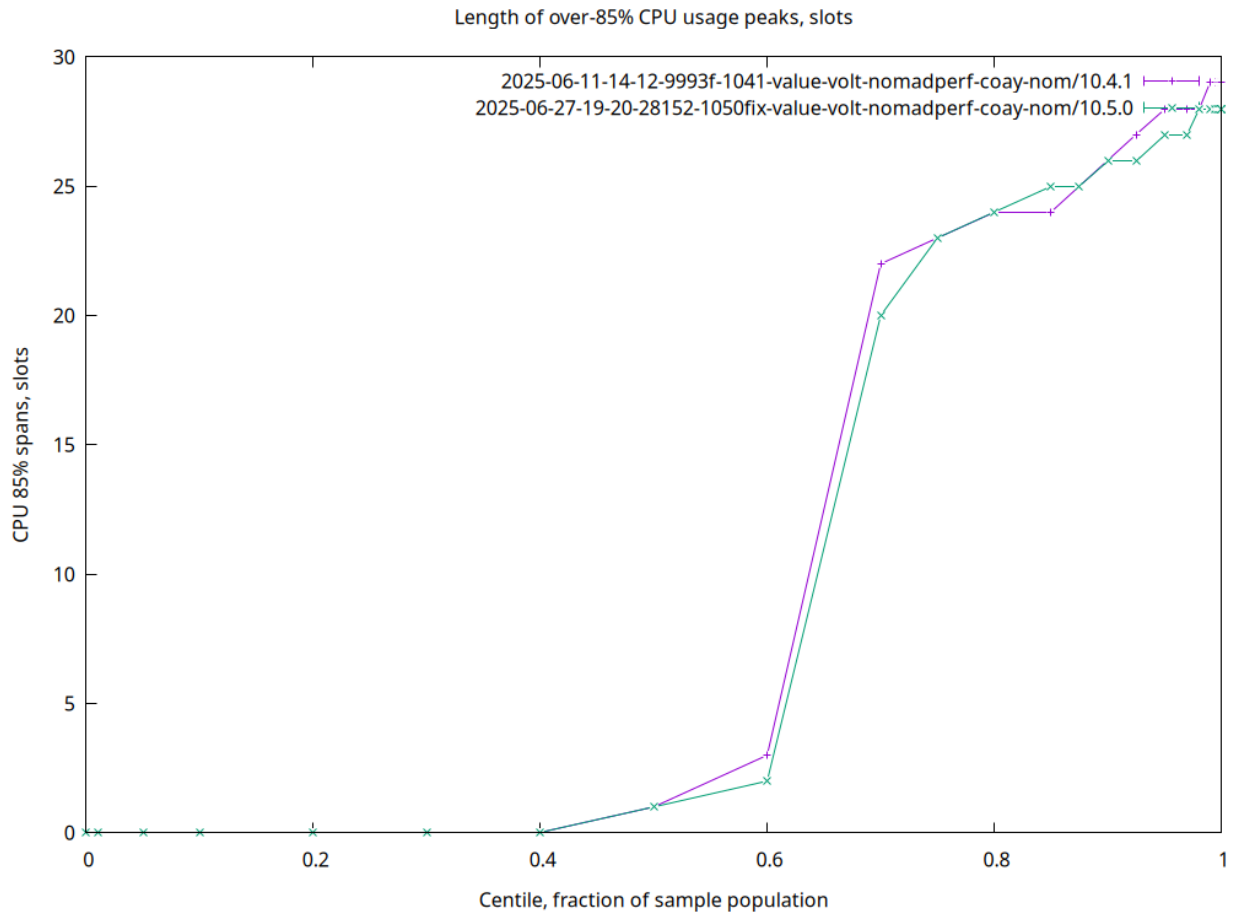


Interblock gap (cdfBlockGap) Time between blocks

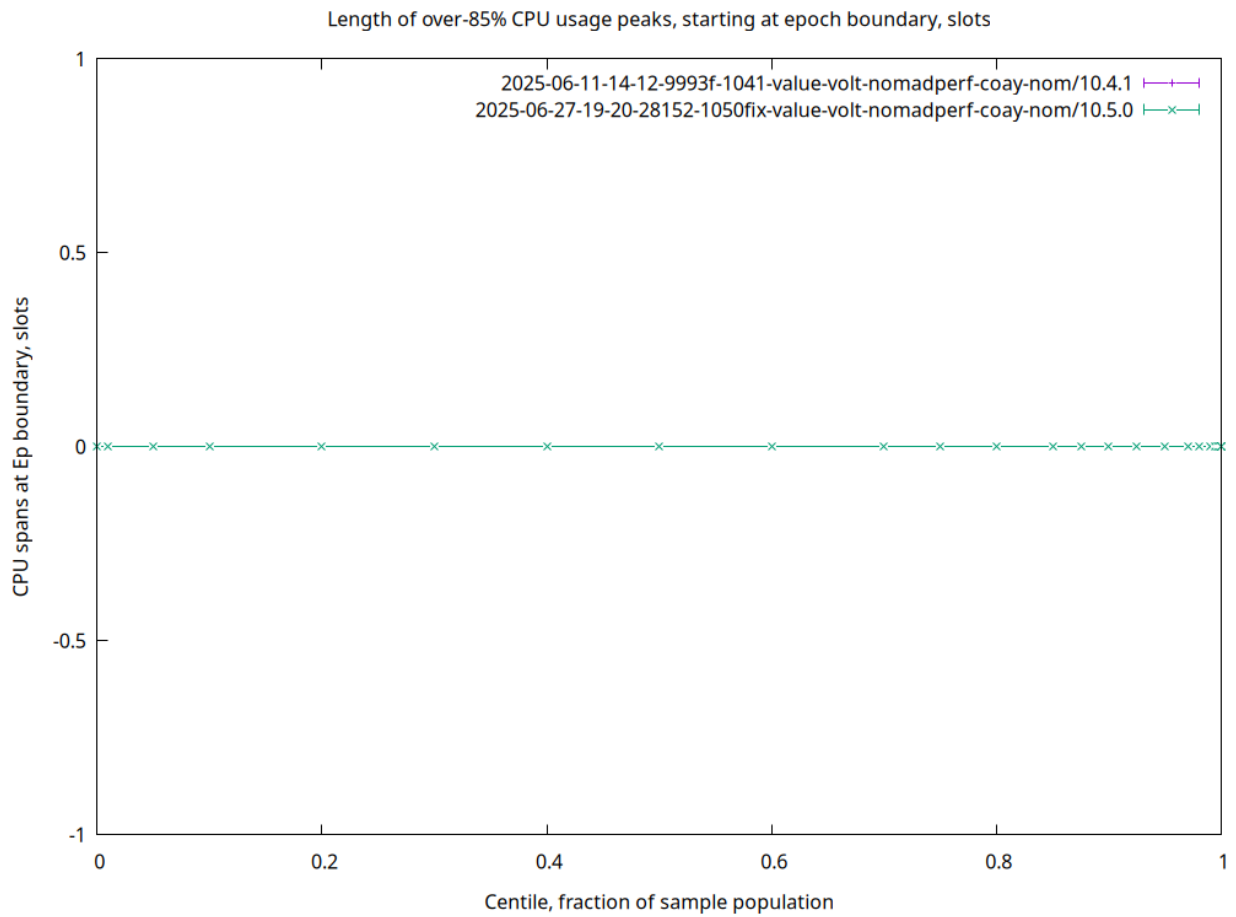


CPU 85% spans (cdfSpanLensCpu) Length of over-85% CPU usage peaks, slots

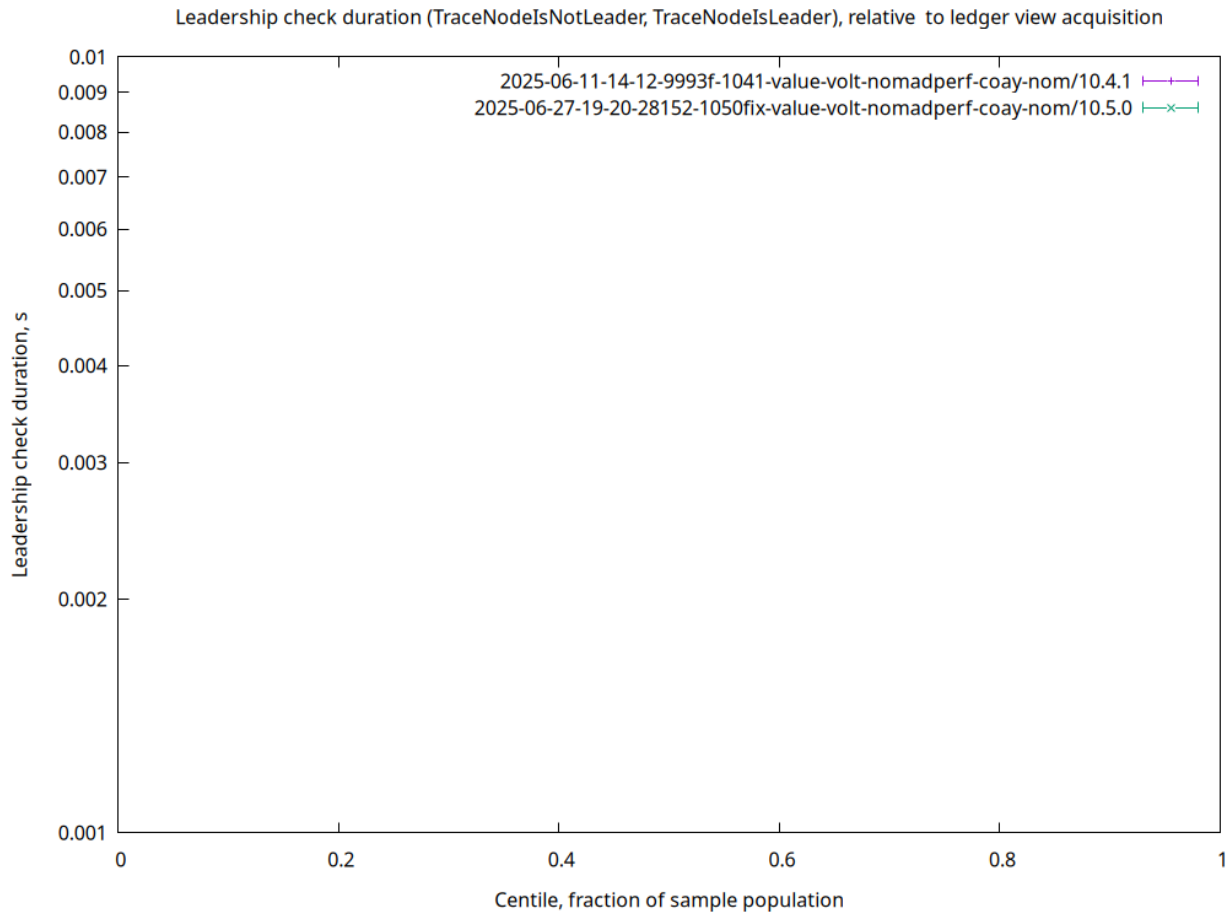




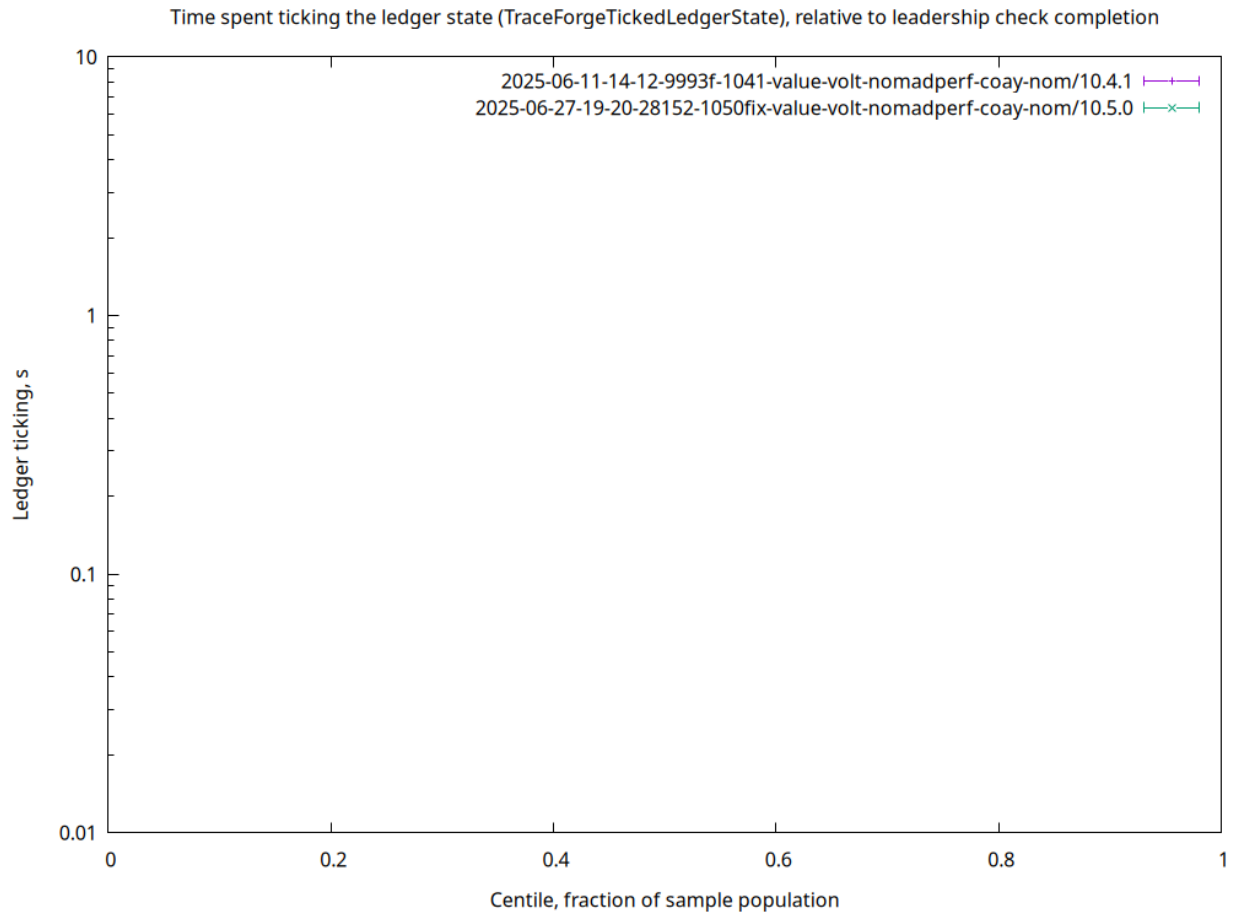
**CPU spans at Ep boundary (cdfSpanLensCpuEpoch)** Length of over-85% CPU usage peaks, starting at epoch boundary, slots



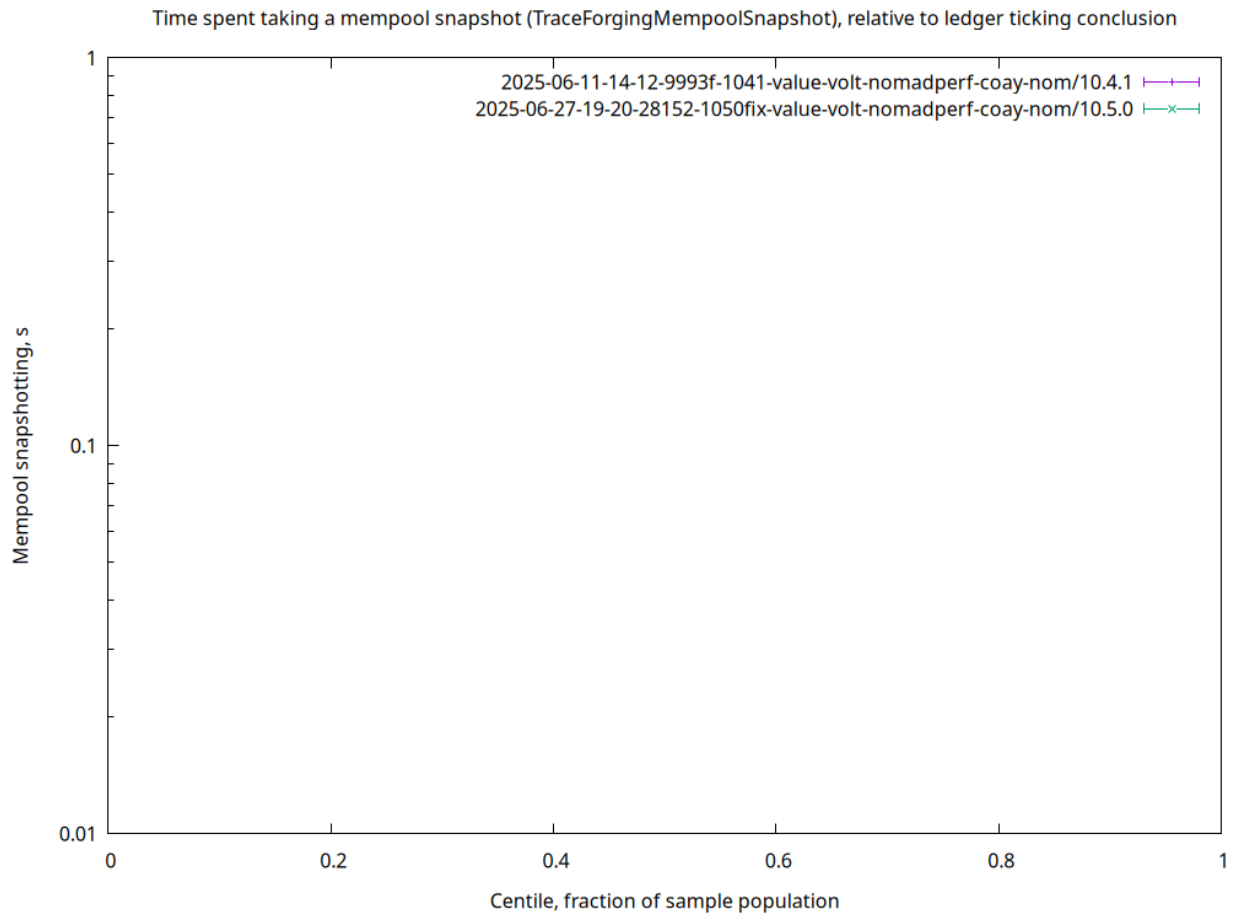
**Leadership check duration (cdfForgerLead)** Leadership check duration (TraceNodeIsNotLeader, TraceNodeIsLeader), relative to ledger view acquisition



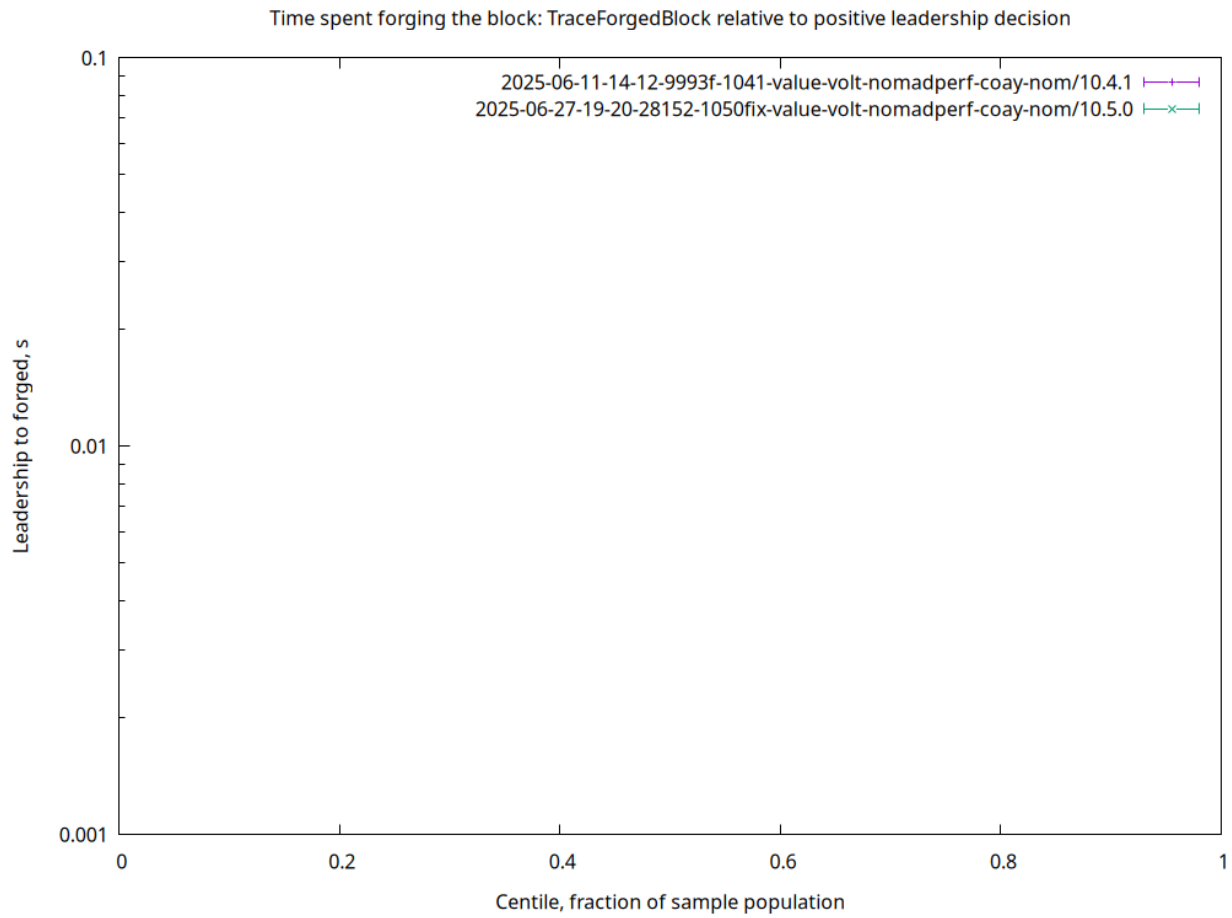
**Ledger ticking (cdfForgerTicked)** Time spent ticking the ledger state (TraceForgeTickedLedgerState), relative to leadership check completion



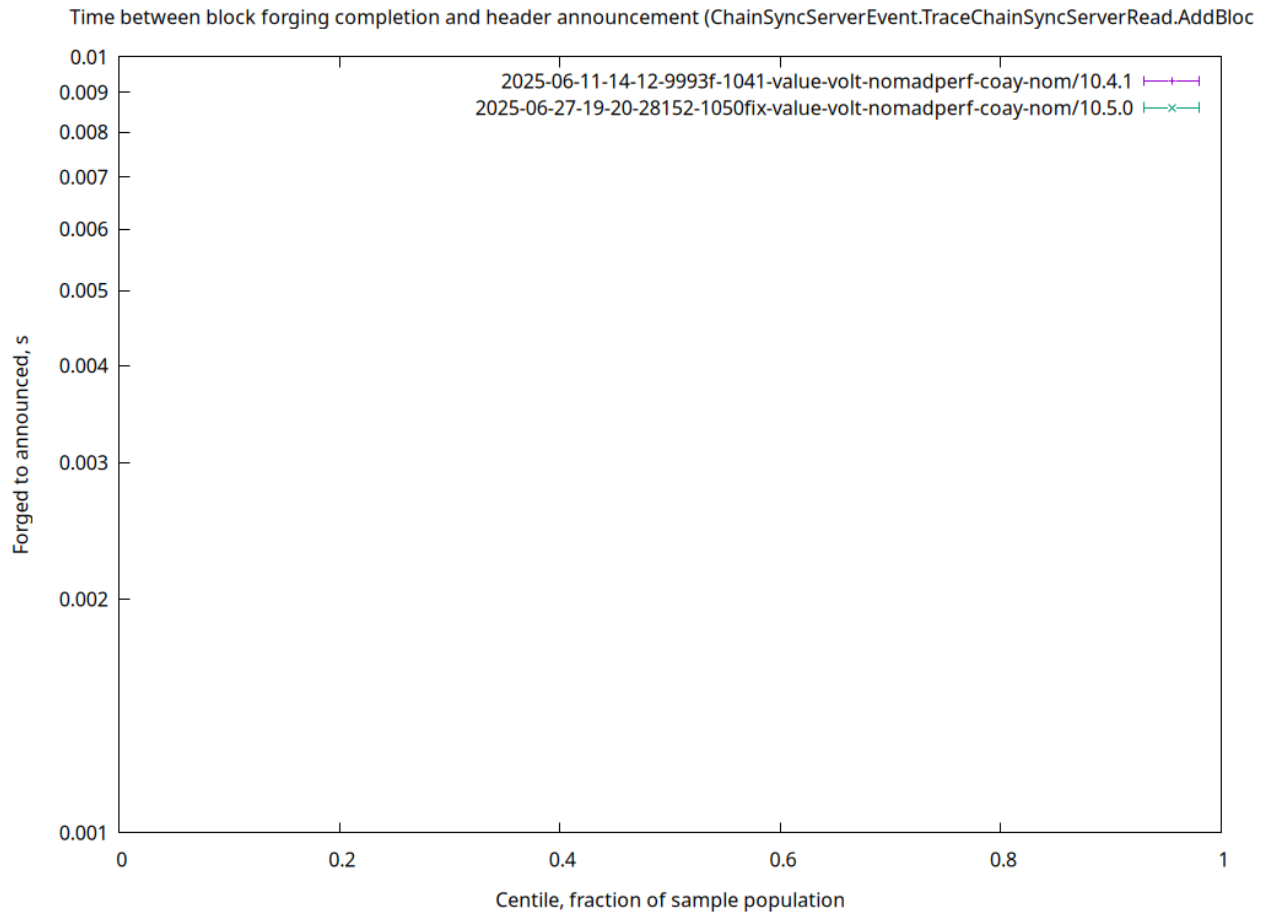
**Mempool snapshotting (cdfForgerMemSnap)** Time spent taking a mempool snapshot (TraceForgingMempool-Snapshot), relative to ledger ticking conclusion



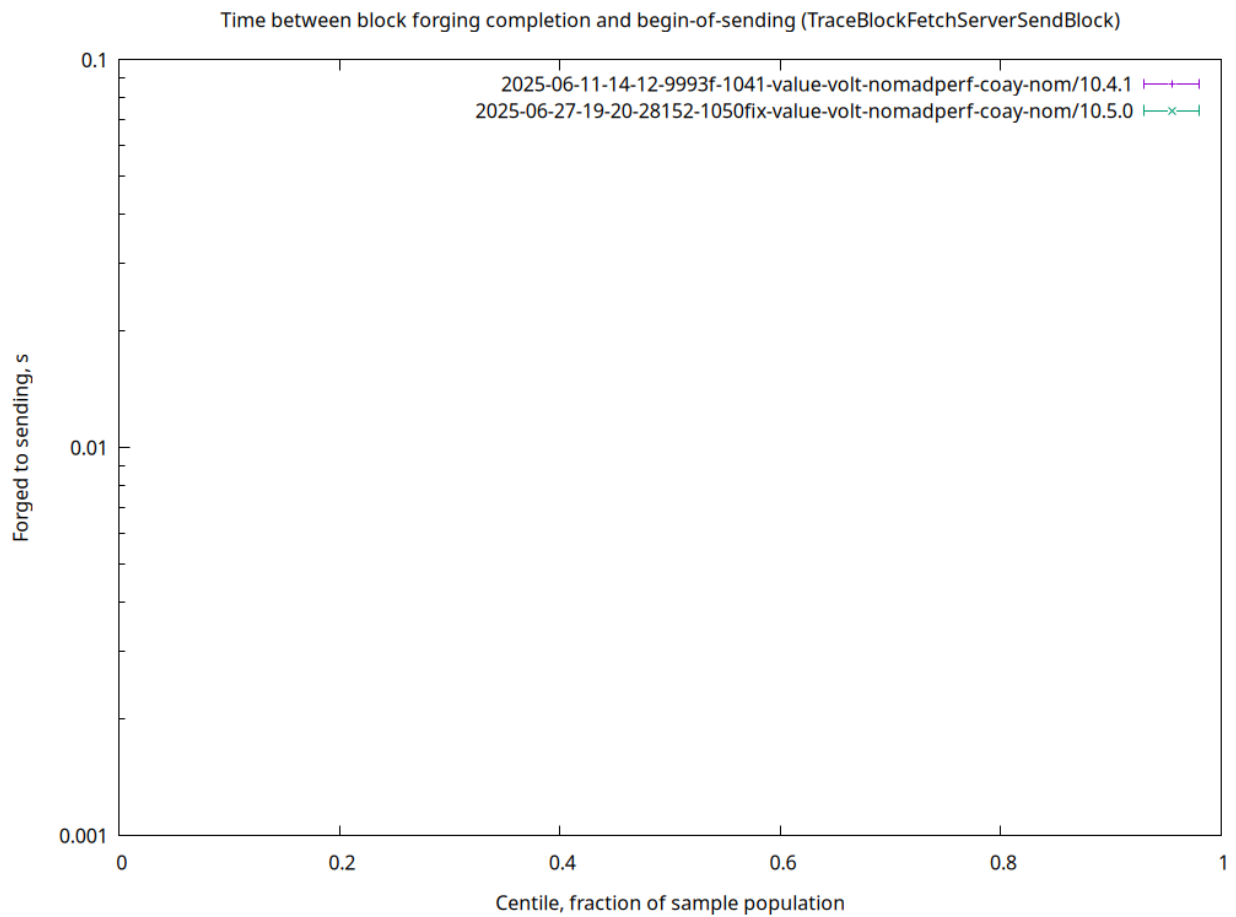
**Leadership to forged (cdfForgerForge)** Time spent forging the block: TraceForgedBlock relative to positive leadership decision



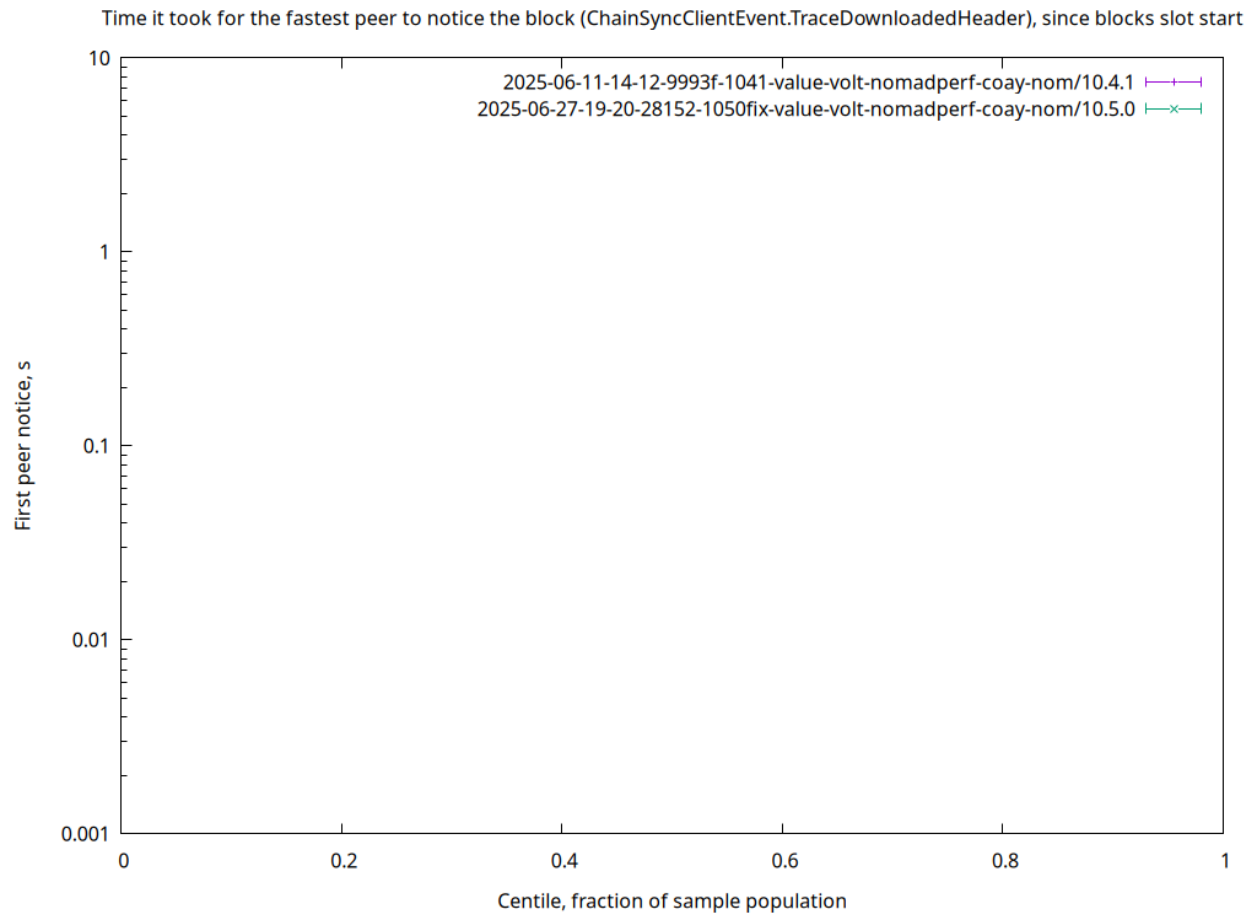
**Forged to announced (cdfForgerAnnounce)** Time between block forging completion and header announcement (ChainSyncServerEvent.TraceChainSyncServerRead.AddBlock)



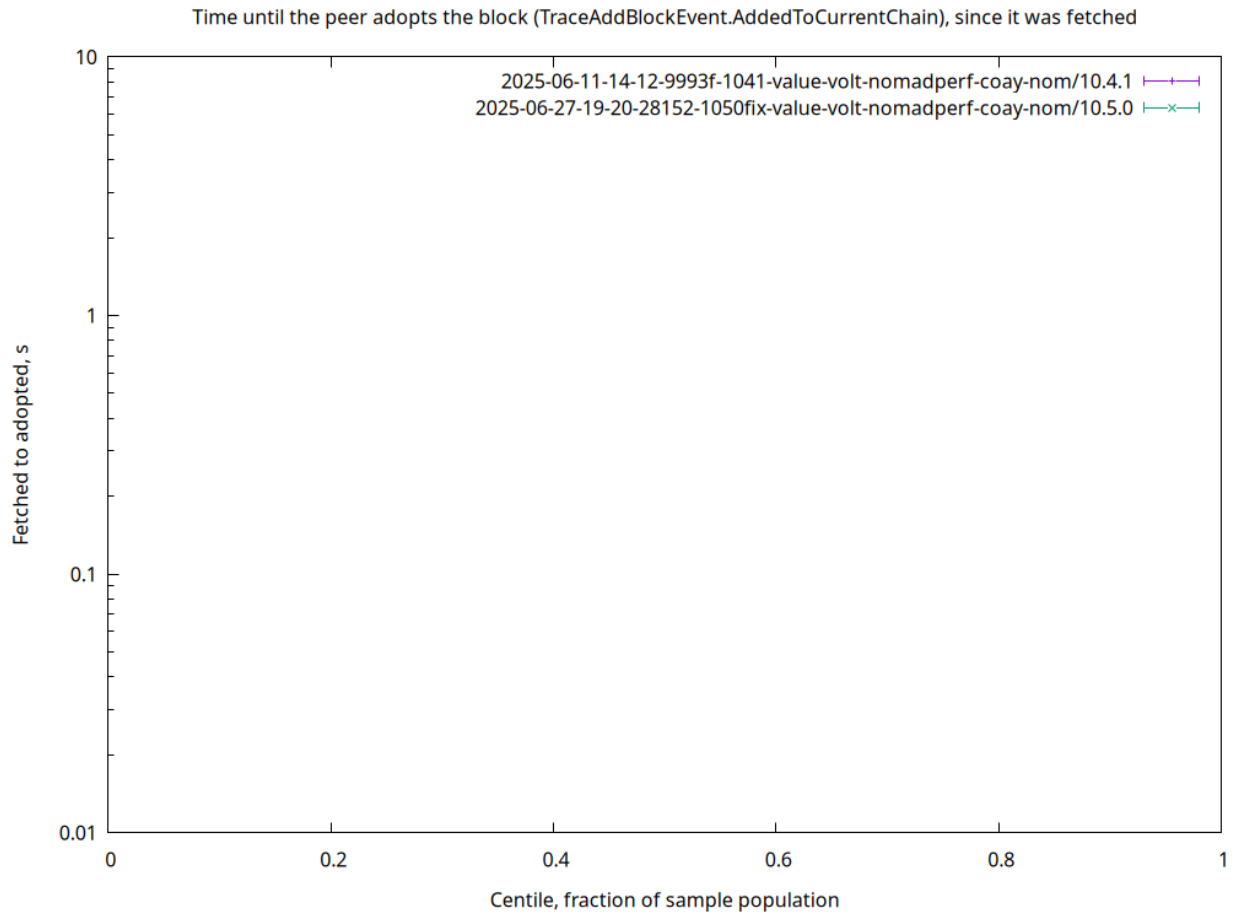
**Forged to sending (cdfForgerSend)** Time between block forging completion and begin-of-sending (TraceBlockFetchServerSendBlock)



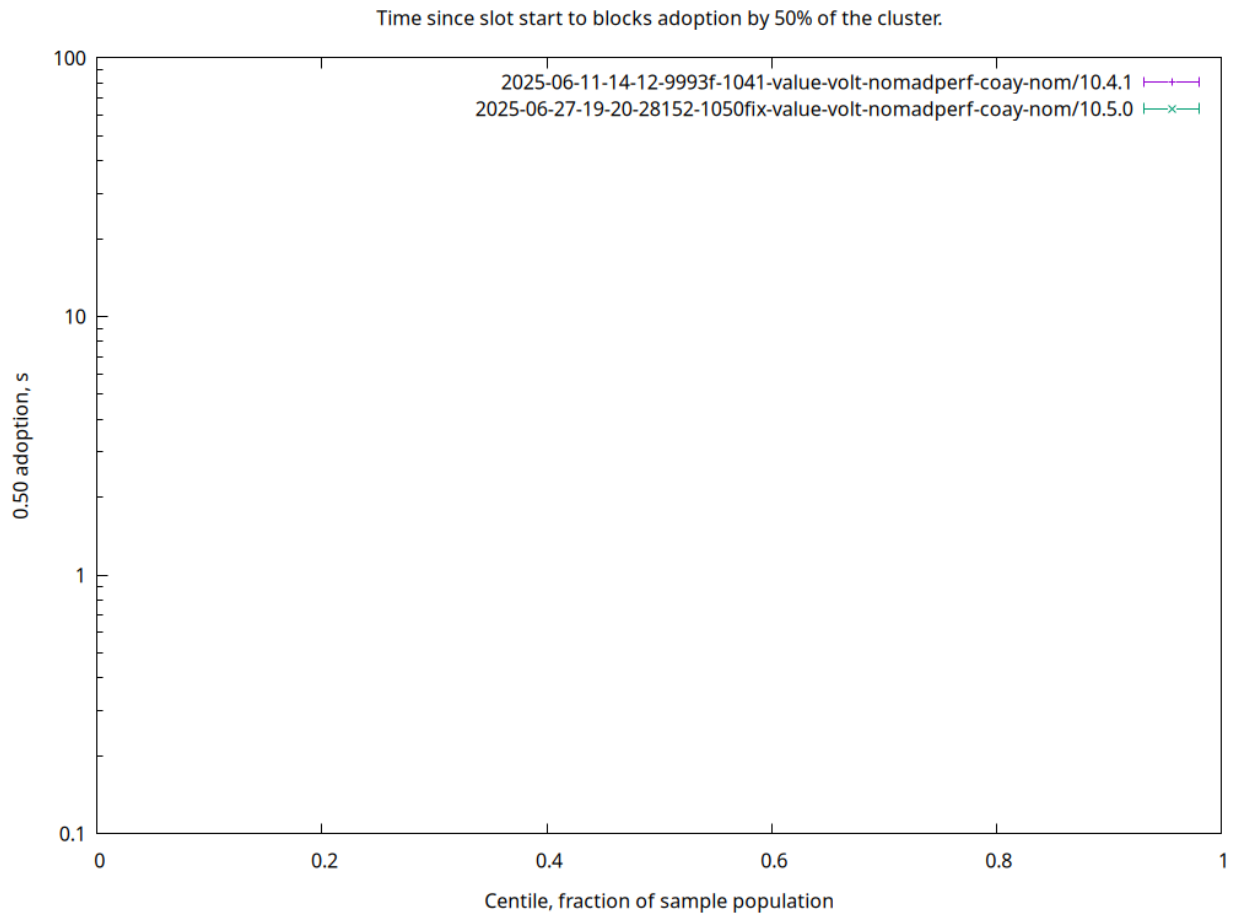
**First peer notice (cdfPeerNoticeFirst)** Time it took for the fastest peer to notice the block (ChainSyncClientEvent.TraceDownloadedHeader), since block's slot start



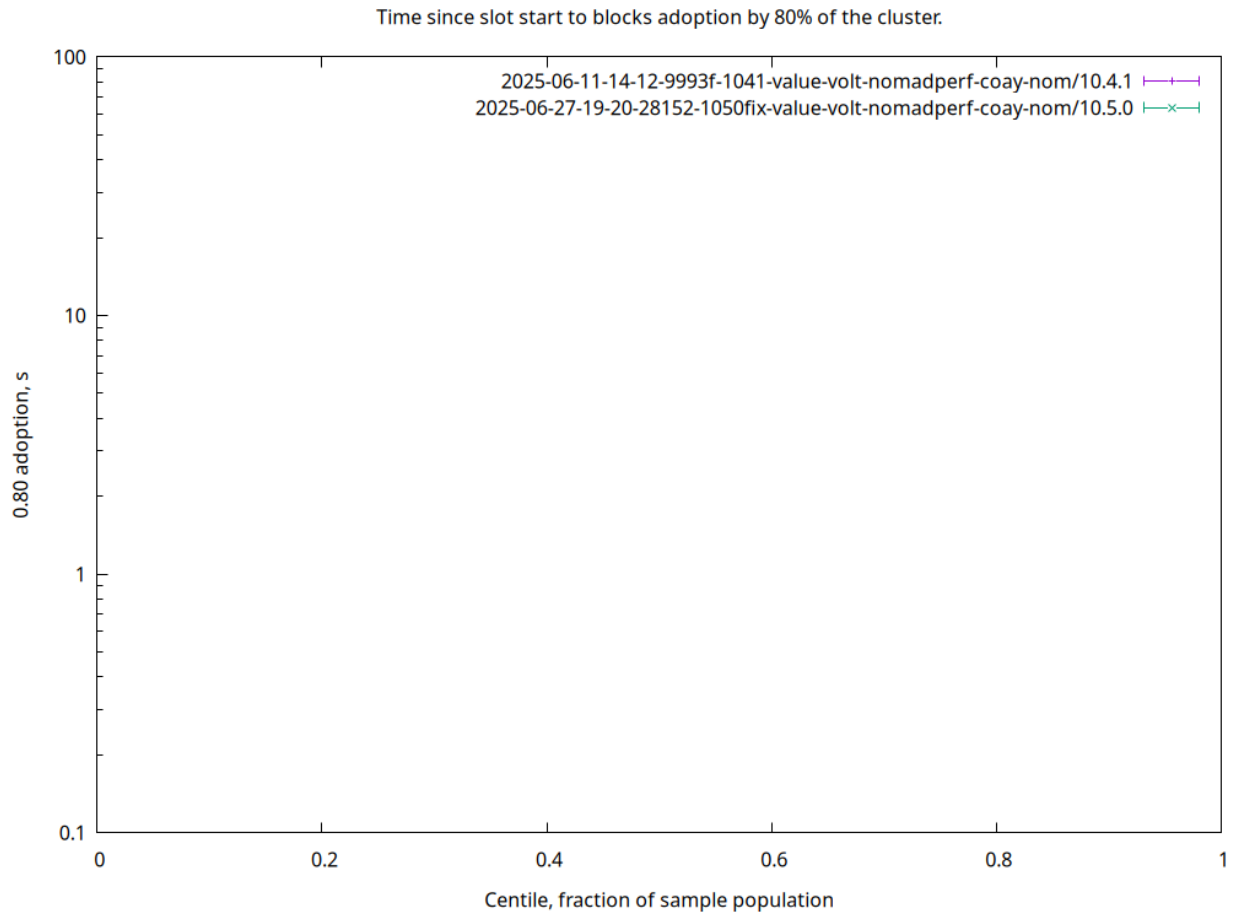
**Fetches to adopted (cdfPeerAdoption)** Time until the peer adopts the block (TraceAddBlockEvent.AddedToCurrentChain), since it was fetched



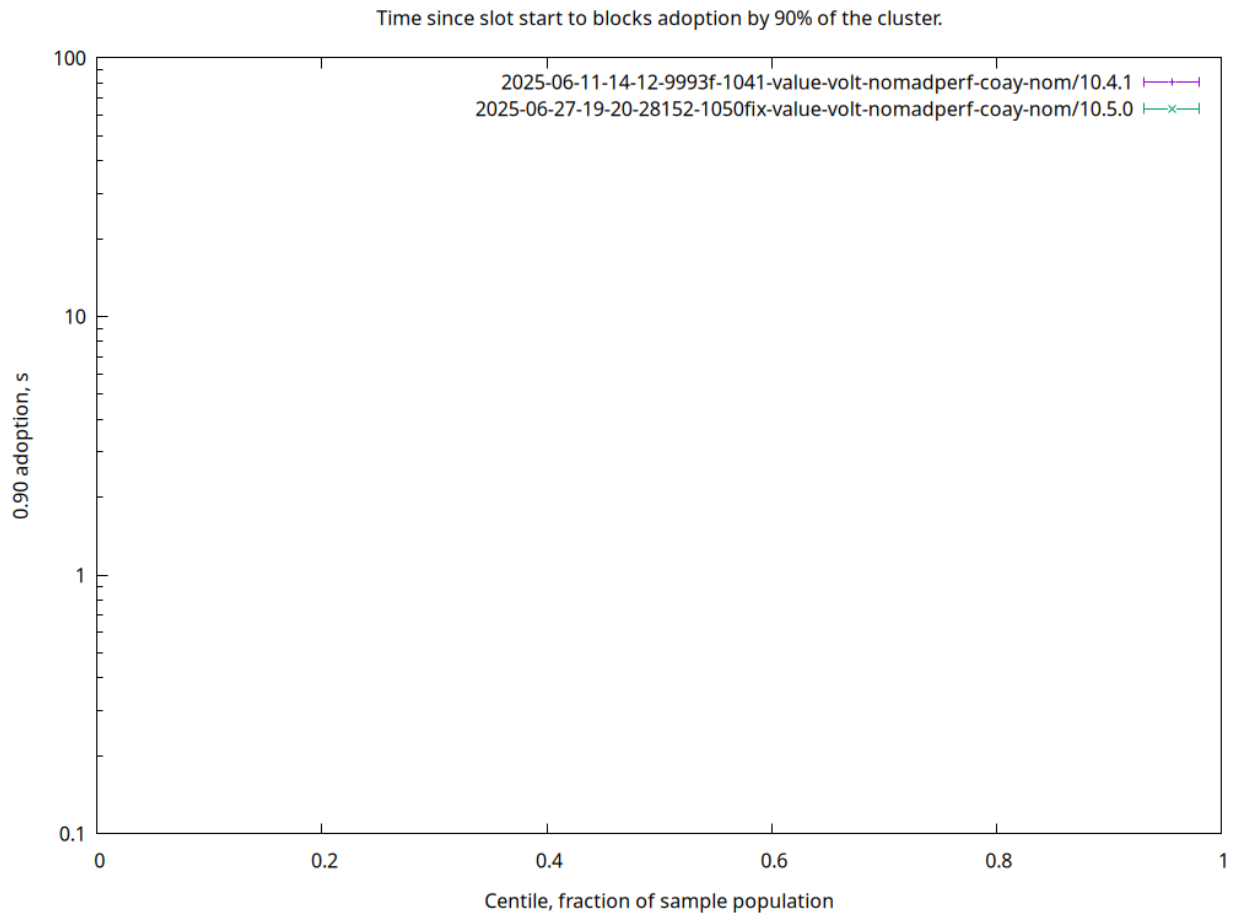
**0.50 adoption (cdf0.50)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 50% of the cluster.



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

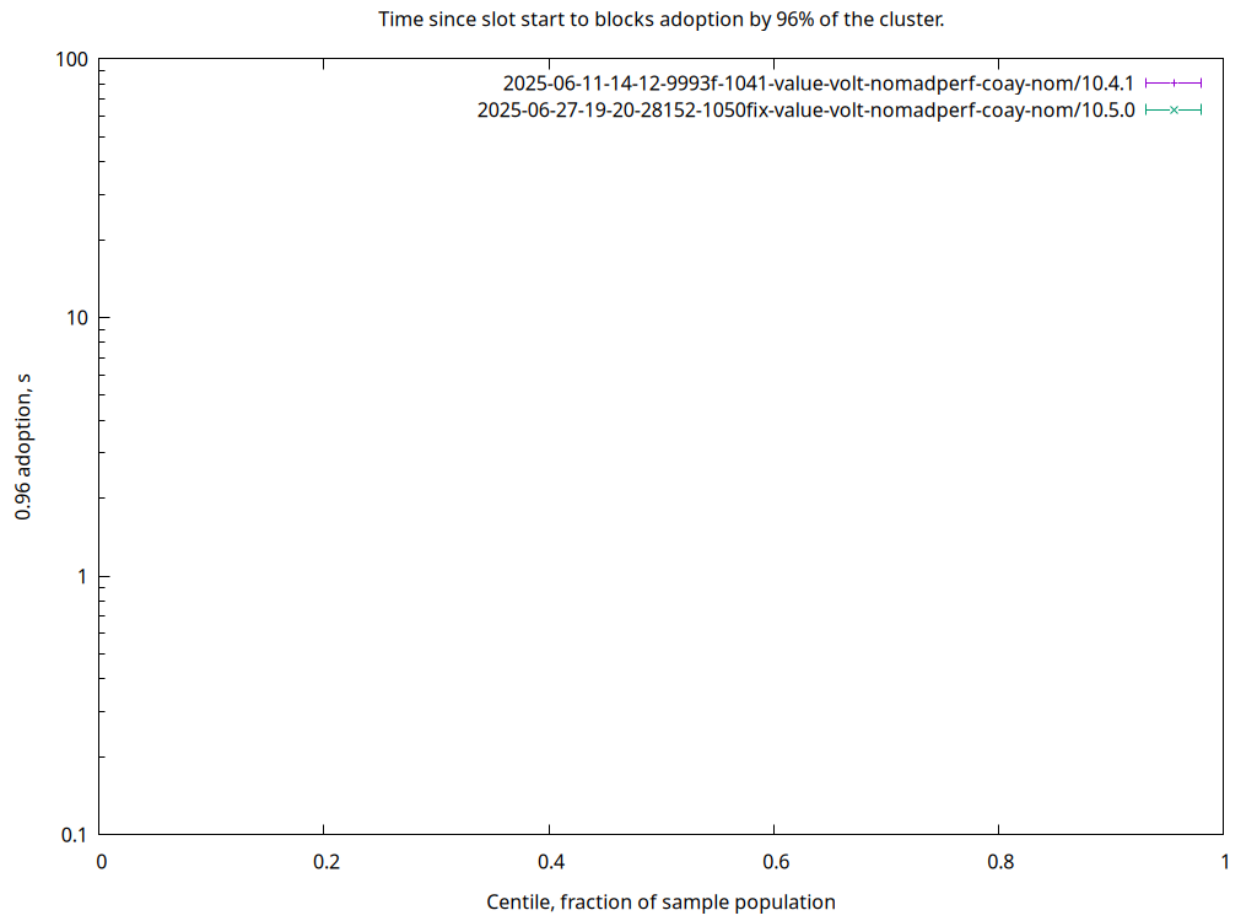


**0.90 adoption (cdf0.90)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 90% of the cluster.



**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

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

**Fetchd 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

**Fetchd 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