

9.0 against 8.12

Plutus countdown loop workload

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# Chapter 1

## Manifest

We compare 9.0 (Conway) relative to 8.12 (Conway), under Plutus countdown loop workload.

	8.12	9.0
Analysis date	2024-06-25	2024-07-06
Cluster system start date	2024-06-24	2024-07-05
Cluster system start time	11:34:22	09:05:00
Identifier	8.12.0	9.0.0
Run batch	8.12.0-pre	9.0.0
GHC version	8.10.7	8.10.7
cardano-node version	8.12.0	9.0.0
ouroboros-consensus version	0.19.0.0	0.20.0.0
ouroboros-network version	0.16.1.0	0.16.1.1
cardano-ledger-core version	1.13.0.0	1.13.2.0
plutus-core version	1.30.0.0	1.30.0.0
cardano-crypto version	1.1.2	1.1.2
cardano-prelude version	0.2.0.0	0.2.0.0
cardano-node git	ae8bc93	2820a63
ouroboros-consensus git	f4c0208	68a574e
ouroboros-network git	49931be	f22edb3
cardano-ledger-core git	923e75b	698a24c
plutus-core git	bc8c3a7	bc8c3a7
cardano-crypto git	6568a5e	6568a5e
cardano-prelude git	273167c	273167c
Era	conway	conway
Delegation map size	1000000	1000000
Starting UTxO set size	4000000	4000000
Extra tx payload	100	100
Tx inputs	1	1
Tx Outputs	1	1
TPS	0.85	0.85
Transaction count	61200	61200
Plutus script	Loop	Loop
Machines	52	52
Number of filters applied	4	4
Log text lines emitted per host	847434.07692	843014.71153
Log objects emitted per host	847404.07692	842984.71153
Log objects analysed per host	547117.76923	545877.59615
Host run time, s	71889.5	71897.6
Host log line rate, Hz	11.788	11.725
Total log objects analysed	28450124	28385635
Run time, s	71893	71903
Analysed run duration, s	56020	56022
Run time efficiency	0.77	0.77
Node start spread, s	4.9359432	3.9436927
Node stop spread, s	3.2554219	4.3115731
Perf analysis start spread, s	0	0
Perf analysis stop spread, s	4	4
Slots analysed	56017	56018
Blocks analysed	2791	2718
Blocks rejected	850	860

# Chapter 2

## Analysis

### 2.1 Resource Usage

	8.12	9.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
Forge loop starts, #	0.99904	0.99904	0.000	0
Process CPU usage, %	5.7473	5.9548	0.208	4
RTS GC CPU usage, %	0.63653	0.62062	-0.016	-3
RTS Mutator CPU usage, %	5.1051	5.3226	0.218	4
Major GCs, #	0.00094	0.00093	-0.000	0
Minor GCs, #	1.5796	1.5733	-0.006	0
Kernel RSS, MB	7520.7	7494.6	-26.100	0
RTS heap size, MB	7467.5	7441.6	-25.900	0
RTS live GC dataset, MB	3489.0	3393.2	-95.800	-3
RTS alloc rate, MB/s	48.87	48.714	-0.156	0
Filesystem reads, KB/s	1e-05	1e-05	0.000	0
Filesystem writes, KB/s	204.77	206.18	1.410	1
CPU 85% spans, slots	0.17559	0.16915	-0.006	-3
Sample count	(291>)	(291>)		

### 2.2 Anomaly control

	8.12	9.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
Blocks per host, blocks	72.115	70.519	-1.596	-2
Filtered to chained block ratio, /	0.76714	0.76052	-0.007	-1
Chained to forged block ratio, /	0.97074	0.97626	0.006	1
Height & slot battles, blocks	0.00071	0.00036	-0.000	0
Block size, B	3012.0	3012.0	0.000	0
Sample count	(52)	(52)		

## 2.3 Forging

	8.12	9.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
Started forge loop iteration, s	0.00139	0.00111	-0.000	0
Acquired block context, s	0.02105	0.02215	0.001	5
Acquired ledger state, s	6e-05	6e-05	0.000	0
Acquired ledger view, s	2e-05	2e-05	0.000	0
Leadership check duration, s	0.0004	0.00039	-0.000	0
Ledger ticking, s	0.02067	0.01951	-0.001	-5
Mempool snapshotting, s	0.06915	0.06981	0.001	1
Leadership to forged, s	0.00041	0.00047	0.000	0
Forged to announced, s	0.00058	0.00059	0.000	0
Forged to sending, s	0.00557	0.00558	0.000	0
Forged to self-adopted, s	0.05268	0.0508	-0.002	-4
Slot start to announced, s	0.11376	0.11414	0.000	0
Sample count	(2791)	(2718)		

## 2.4 Individual peer propagation

	8.12	9.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
First peer notice, s	0.11543	0.11581	0.000	0
First peer fetch, s	0.1209	0.12131	0.000	0
Notice to fetch request, s	0.0012	0.00118	-0.000	0
Fetch duration, s	0.13062	0.12394	-0.007	-5
Fetches to announced, s	2e-05	0.0	-0.000	0
Fetches to sending, s	0.04279	0.04212	-0.001	-2
Fetches to adopted, s	0.05257	0.04963	-0.003	-6
Sample count	(2791)	(2718)		

## 2.5 End-to-end propagation

	8.12	9.0	$\Delta$	$\Delta\%$
0.50 adoption, s	0.38363	0.37899	-0.005	-1
0.80 adoption, s	0.56704	0.53545	-0.032	-6
0.90 adoption, s	0.57782	0.54553	-0.032	-6
0.92 adoption, s	0.58003	0.54816	-0.032	-6
0.94 adoption, s	0.58261	0.55105	-0.032	-5
0.96 adoption, s	0.58513	0.55421	-0.031	-5
0.98 adoption, s	0.58983	0.55899	-0.031	-5
1.00 adoption, s	0.60363	0.57407	-0.030	-5
Sample count	(2791)	(2718)		

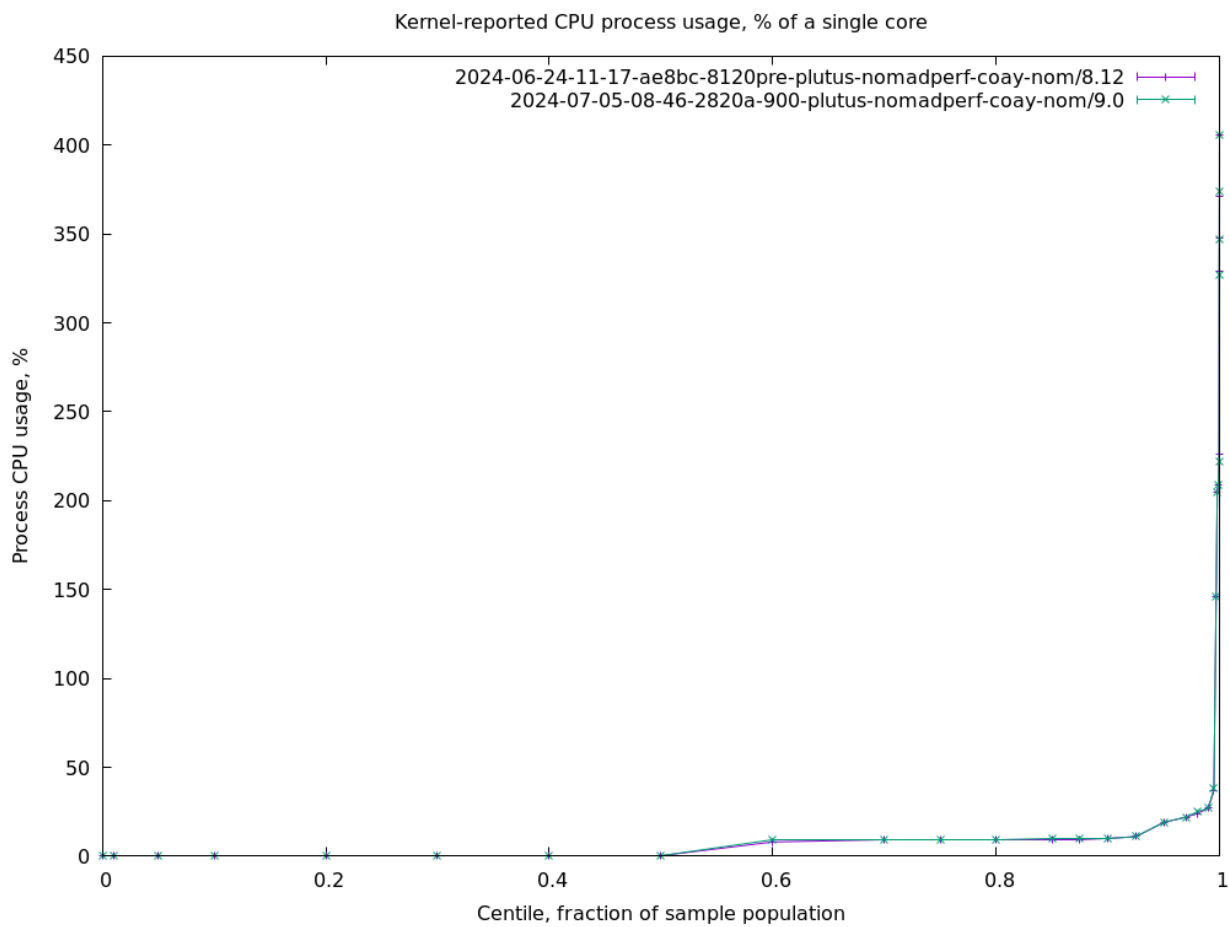
## Part I

# Appendix A: charts

# Chapter 3

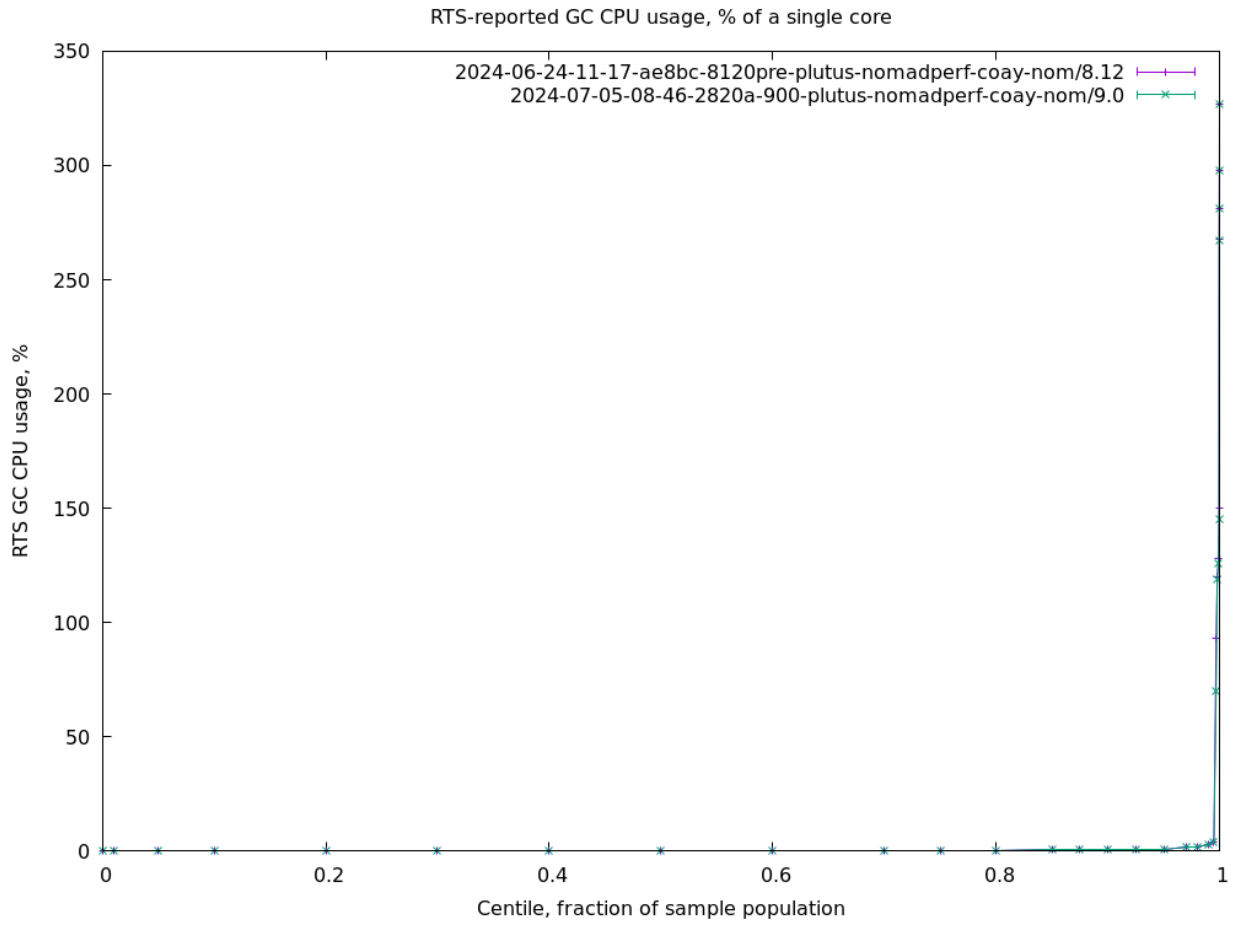
## Cluster performance charts

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

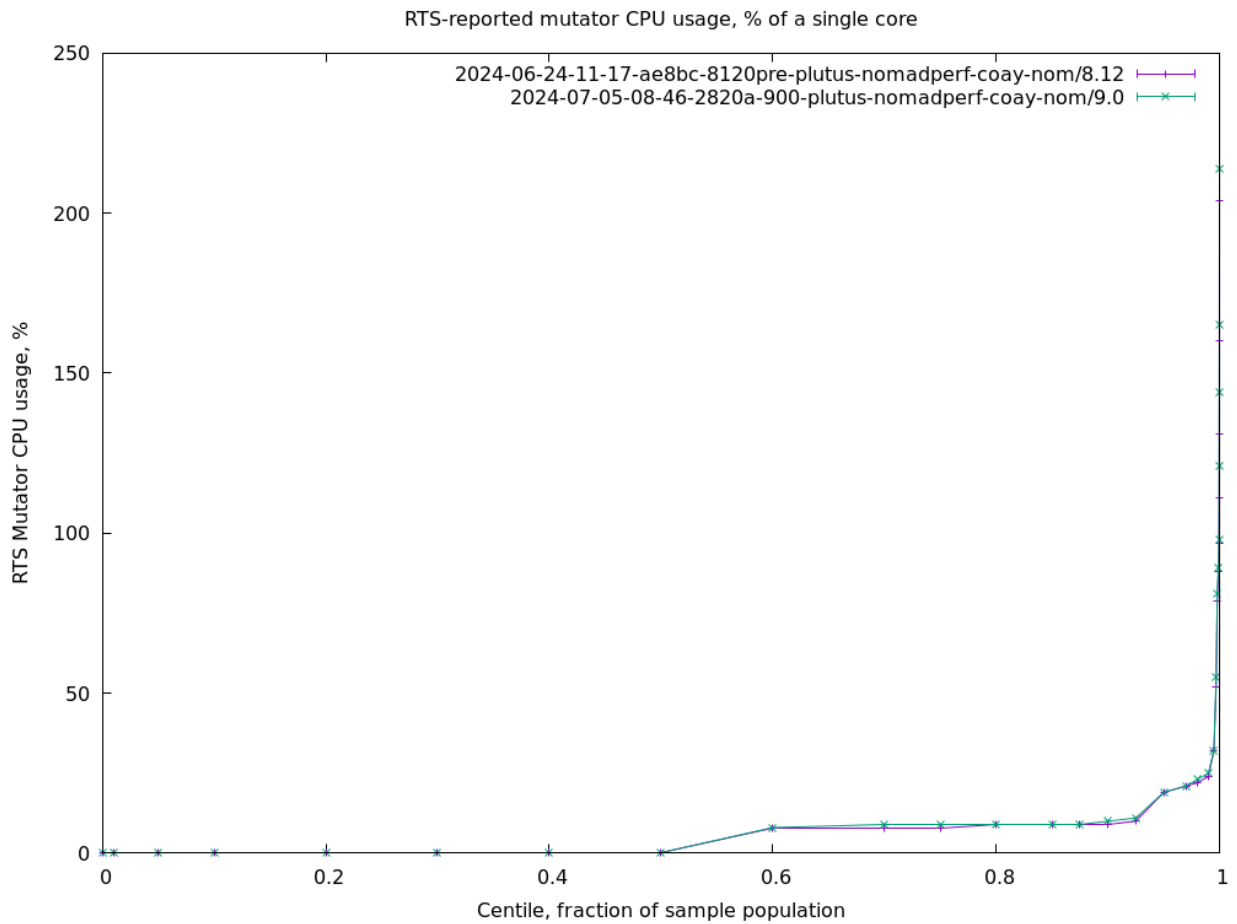


**RTS GC CPU usage (CentiGC)** RTS-reported GC CPU usage, % of a single core

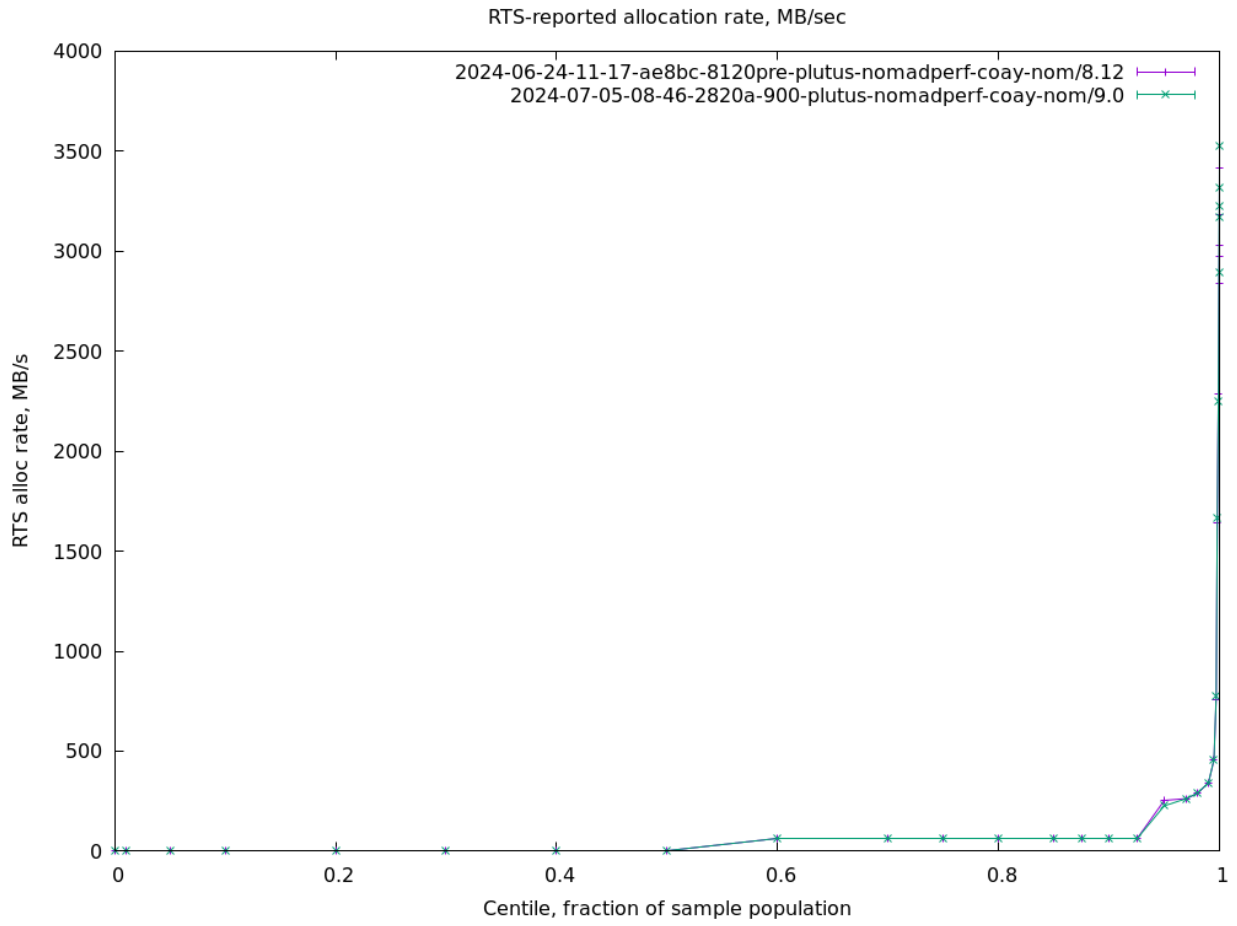




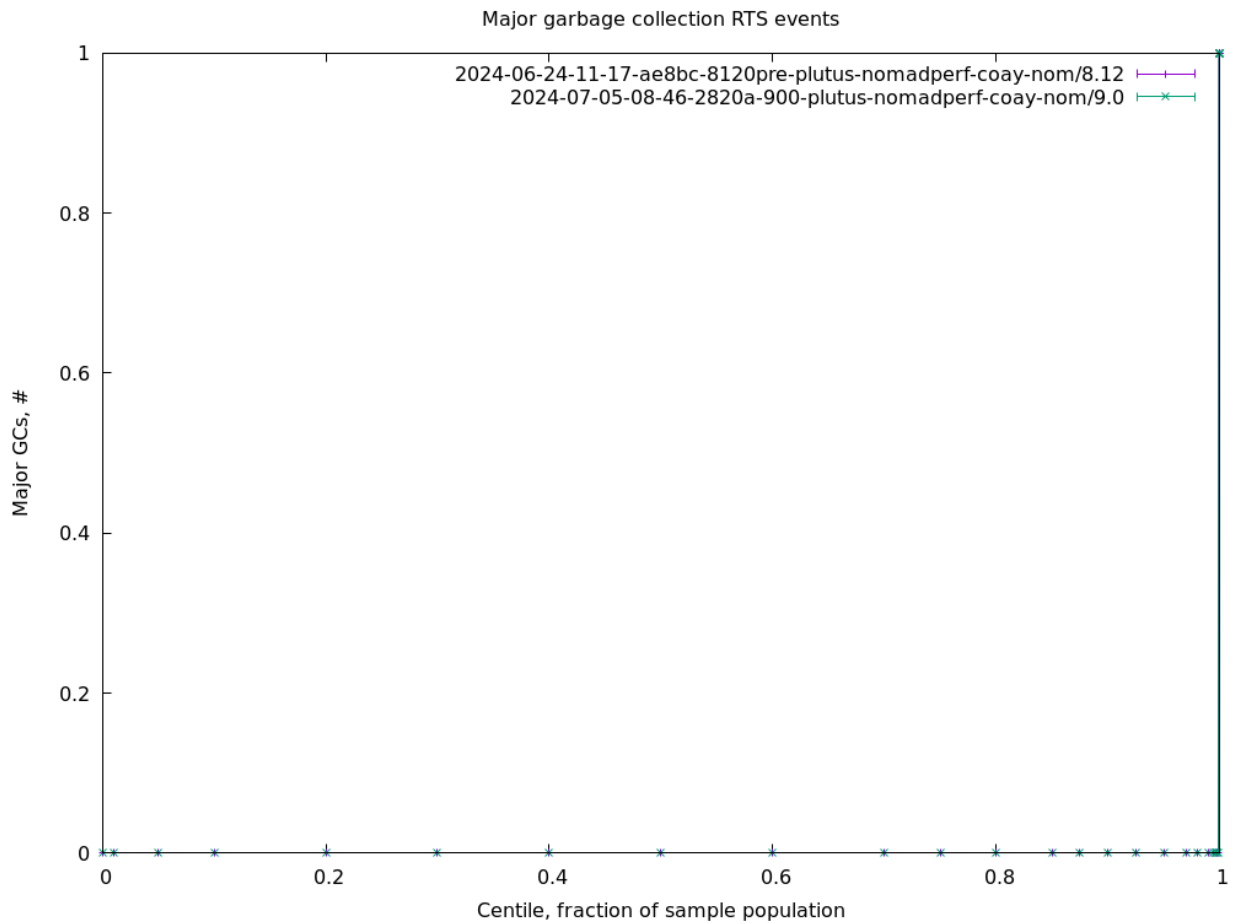
**RTS Mutator CPU usage (CentiMut)** RTS-reported mutator CPU usage, % of a single core



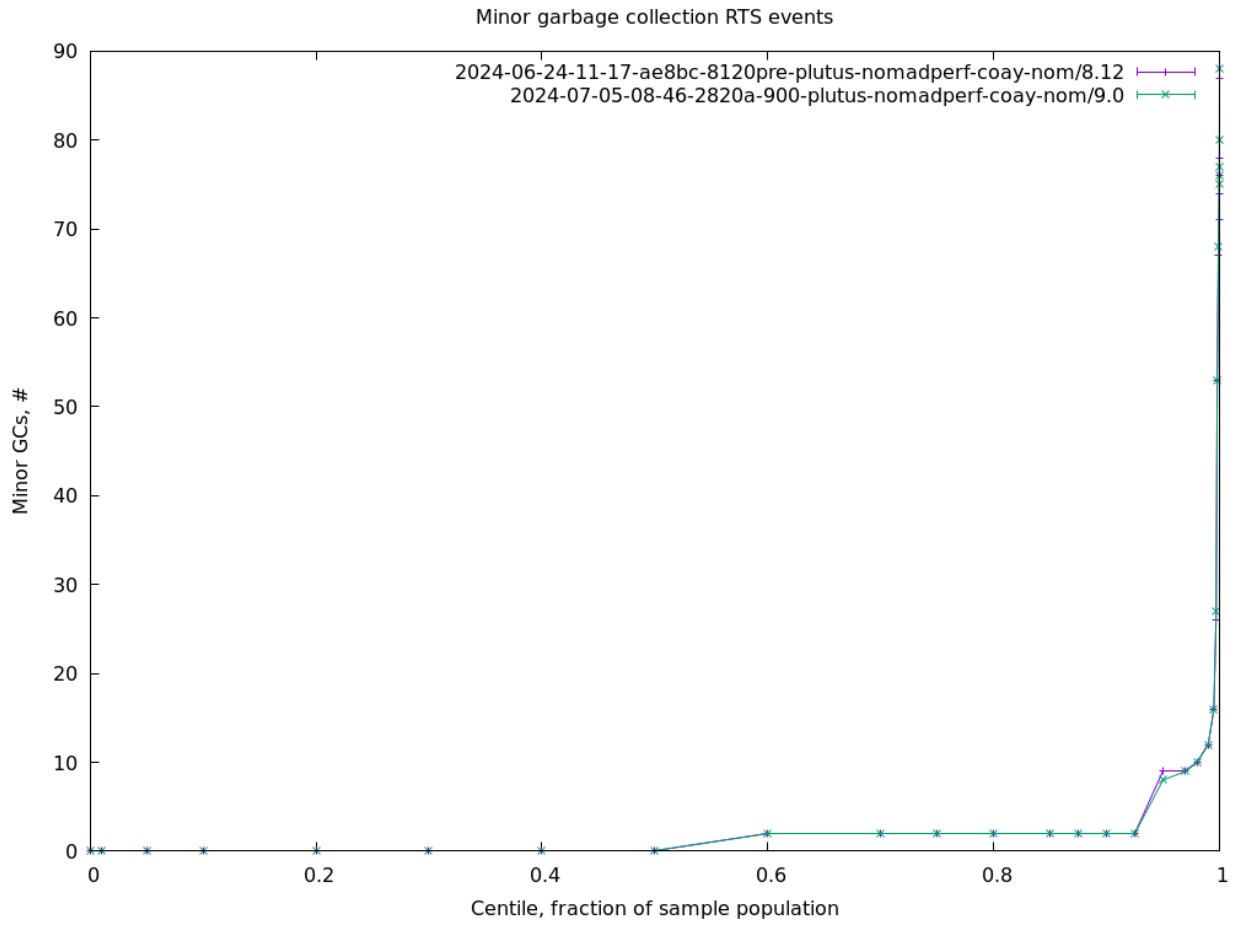
**RTS alloc rate (Alloc)** RTS-reported allocation rate, MB/sec



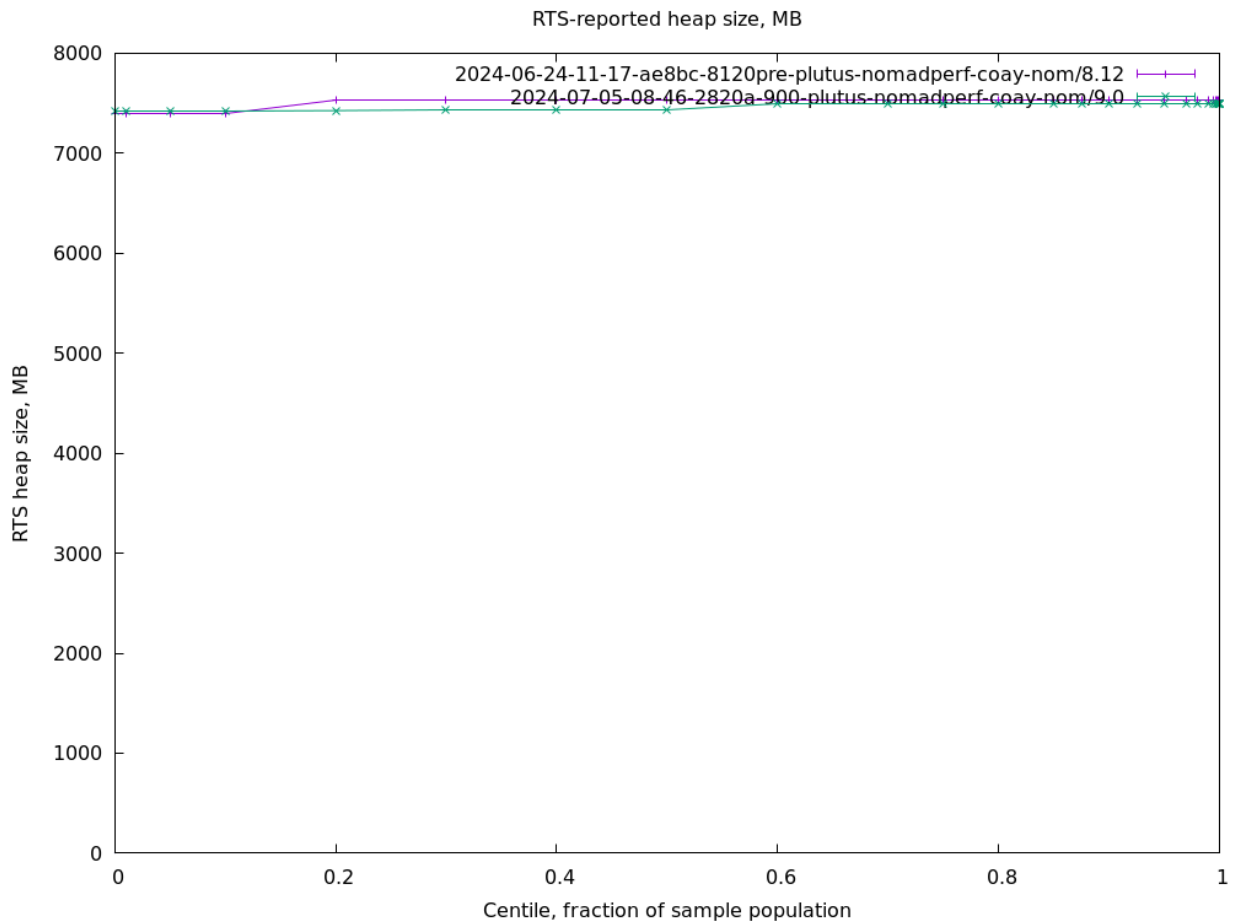
Major GCs (GcsMajor) Major garbage collection RTS events



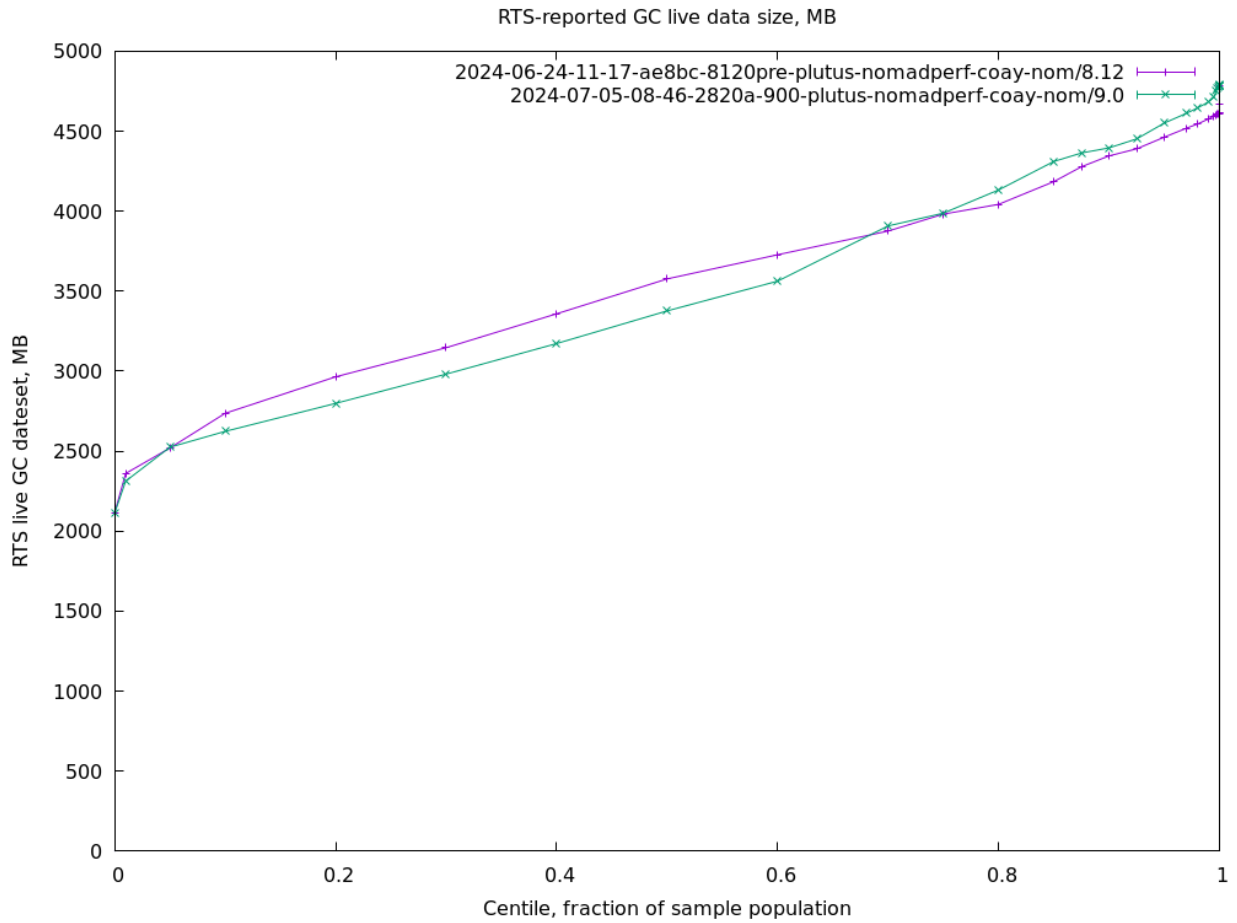
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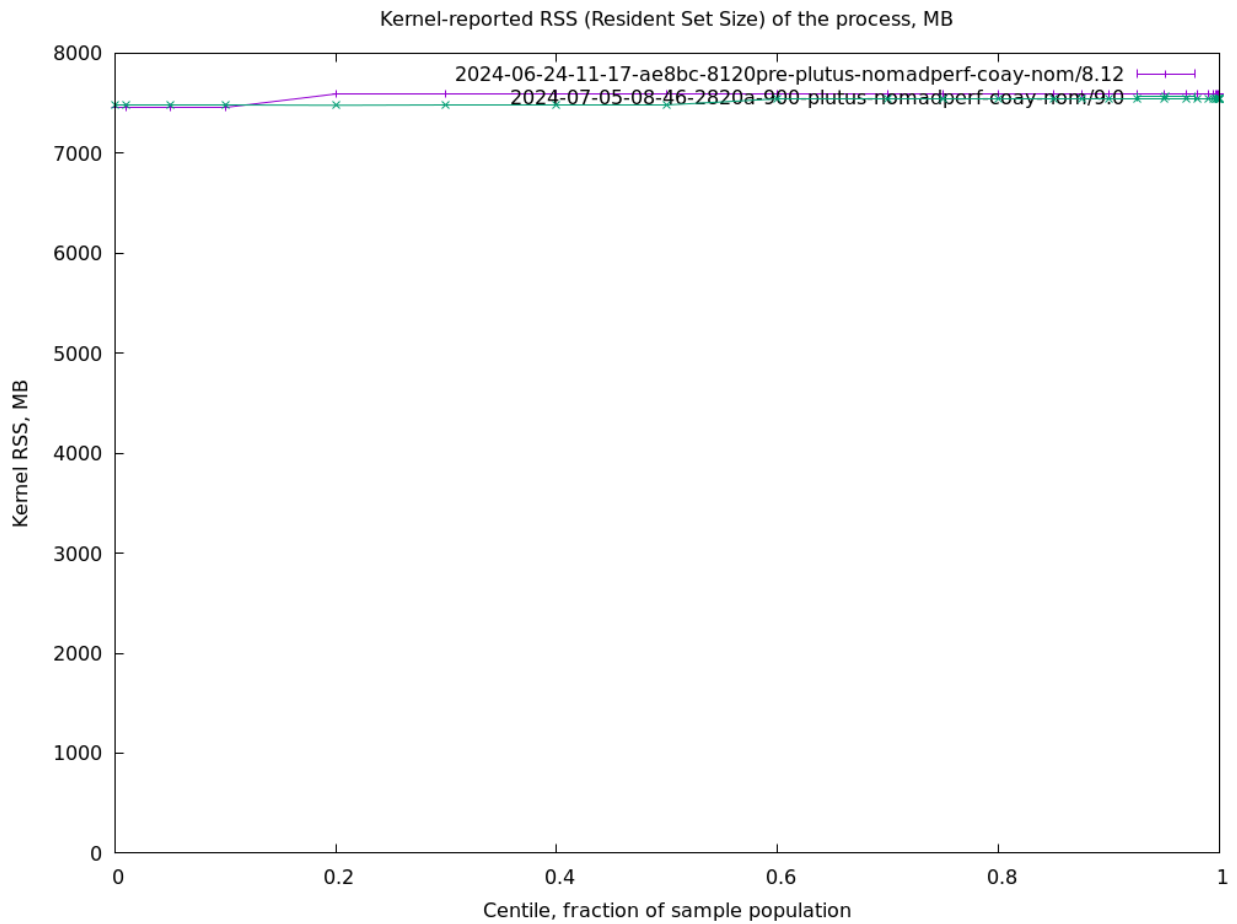
**RTS heap size (Heap)** RTS-reported heap size, MB



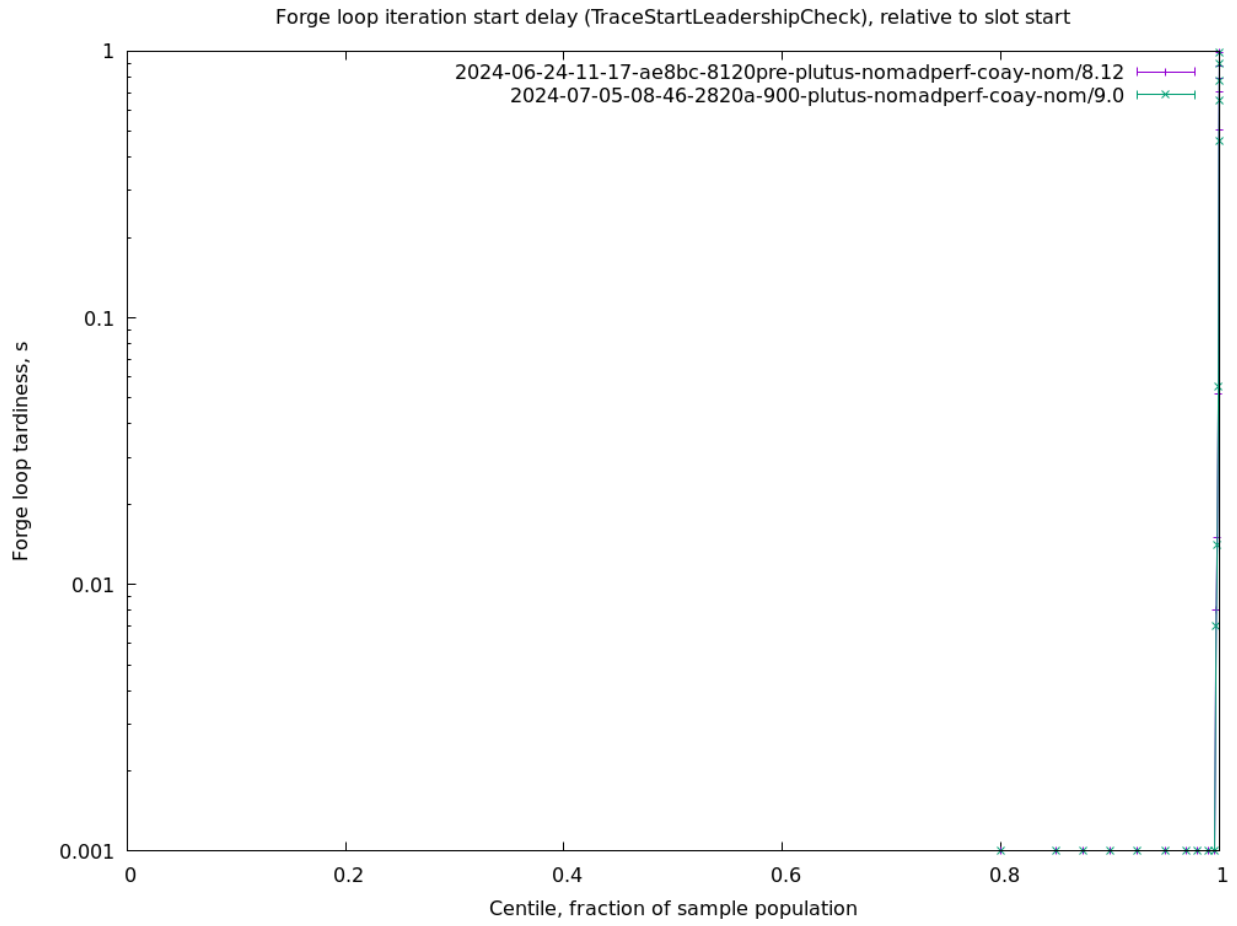
**RTS live GC dataset (Live)** RTS-reported GC live data size, MB



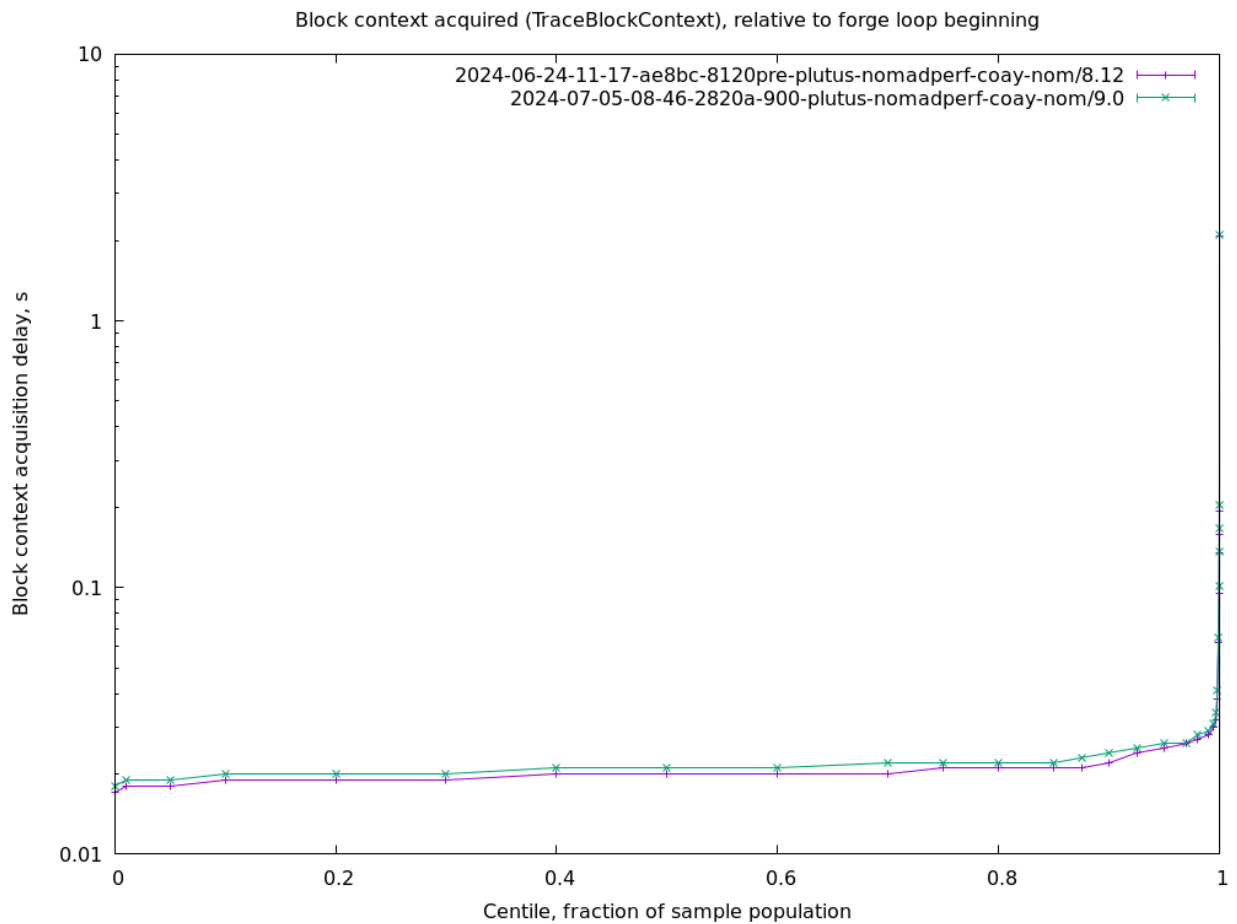
**Kernel RSS (RSS)** Kernel-reported RSS (Resident Set Size) of the process, MB



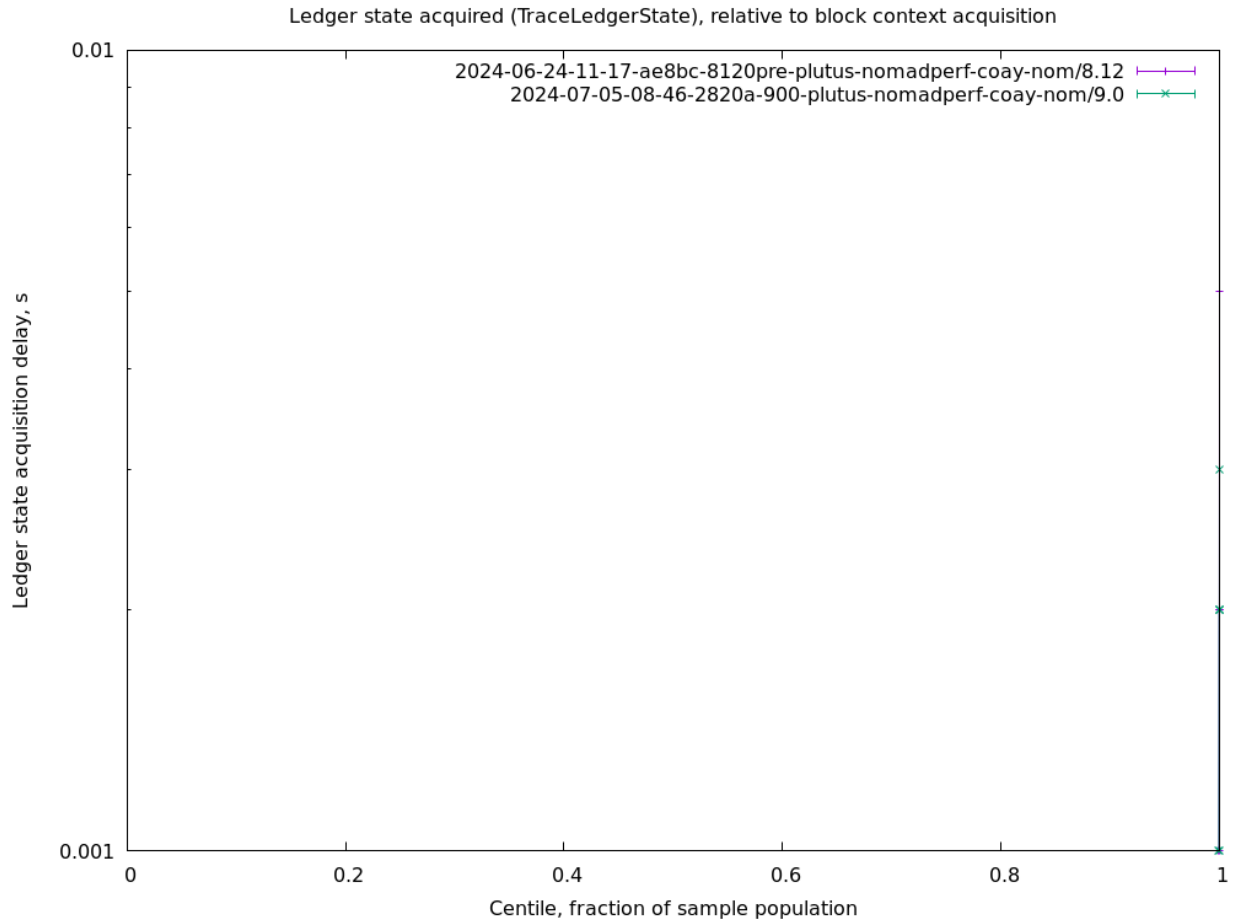
**Forge loop tardiness (cdfStarted)** Forge loop iteration start delay (TraceStartLeadershipCheck), relative to slot start



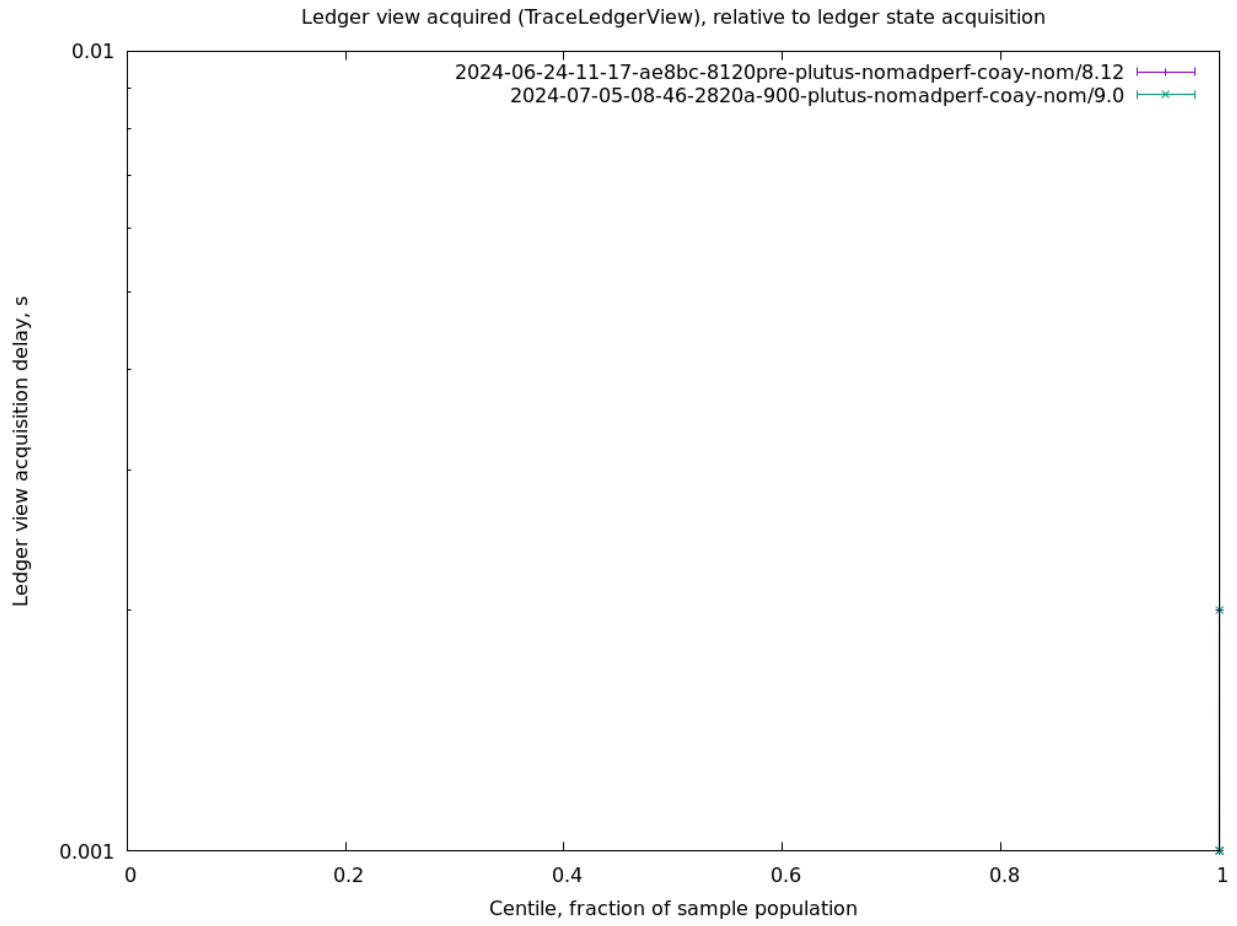
**Block context acquisition delay (cdfBlkCtx)** Block context acquired (TraceBlockContext), relative to forge loop beginning



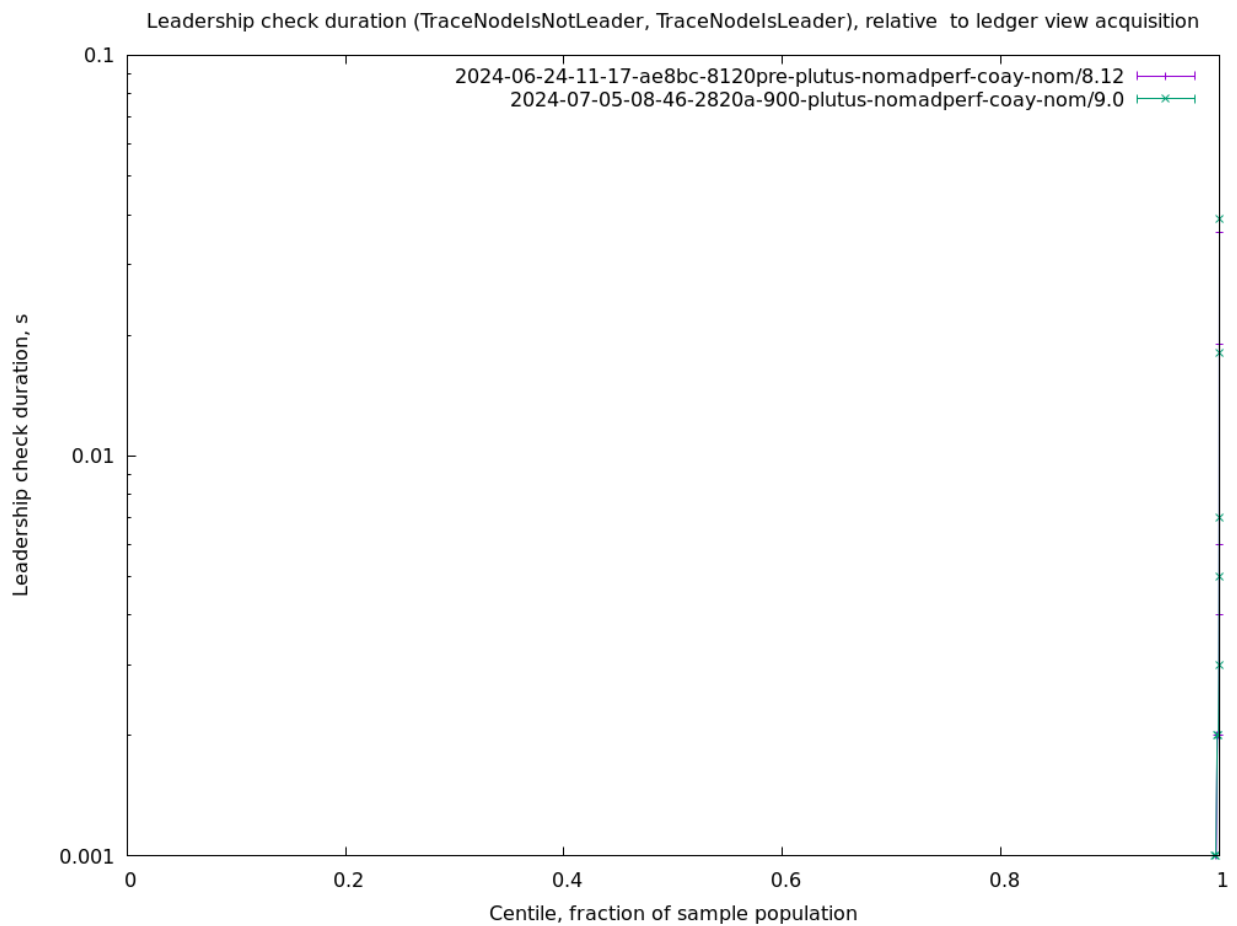
**Ledger state acquisition delay (cdfLgrState)** Ledger state acquired (TraceLedgerState), relative to block context acquisition



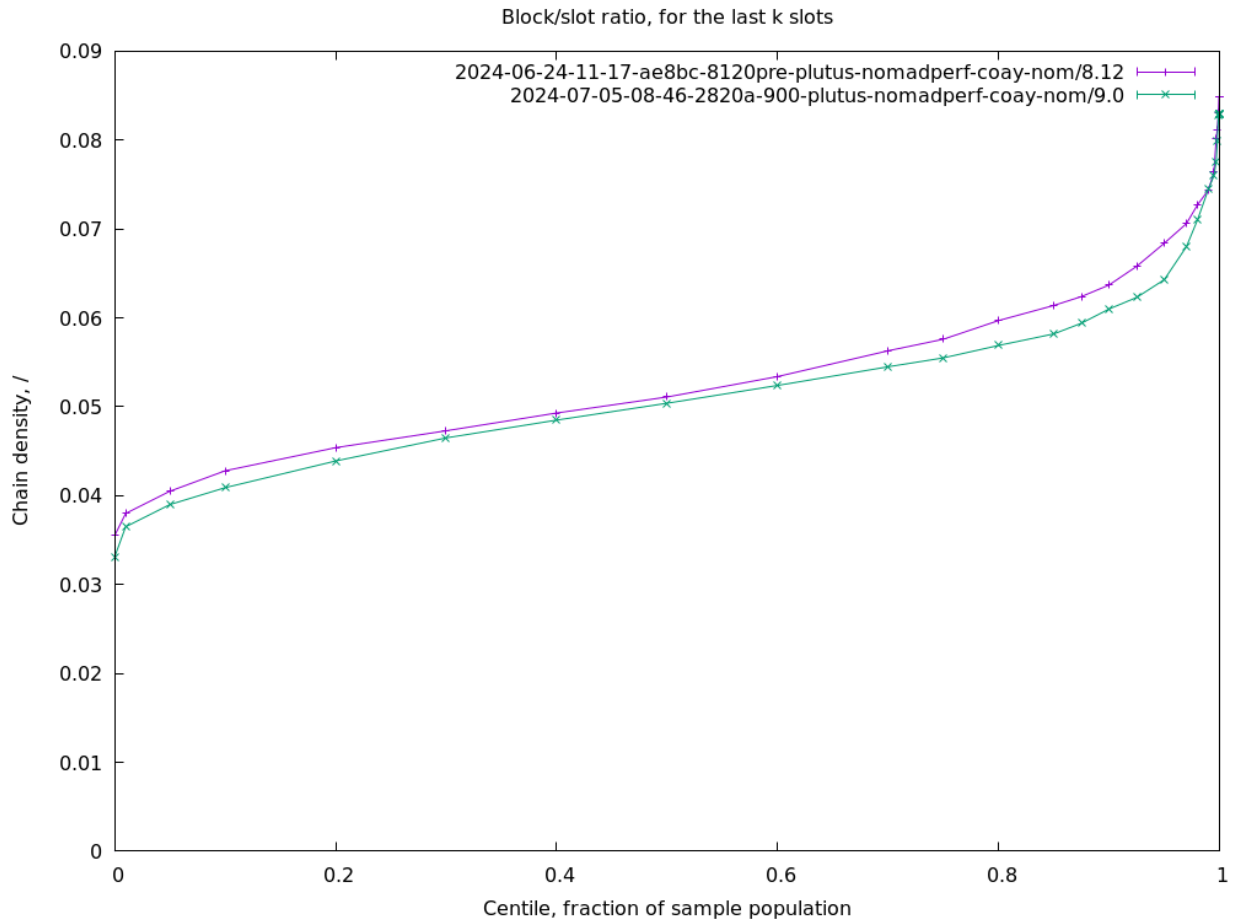
**Ledger view acquisition delay (cdfLgrView)** Ledger view acquired (TraceLedgerView), relative to ledger state acquisition



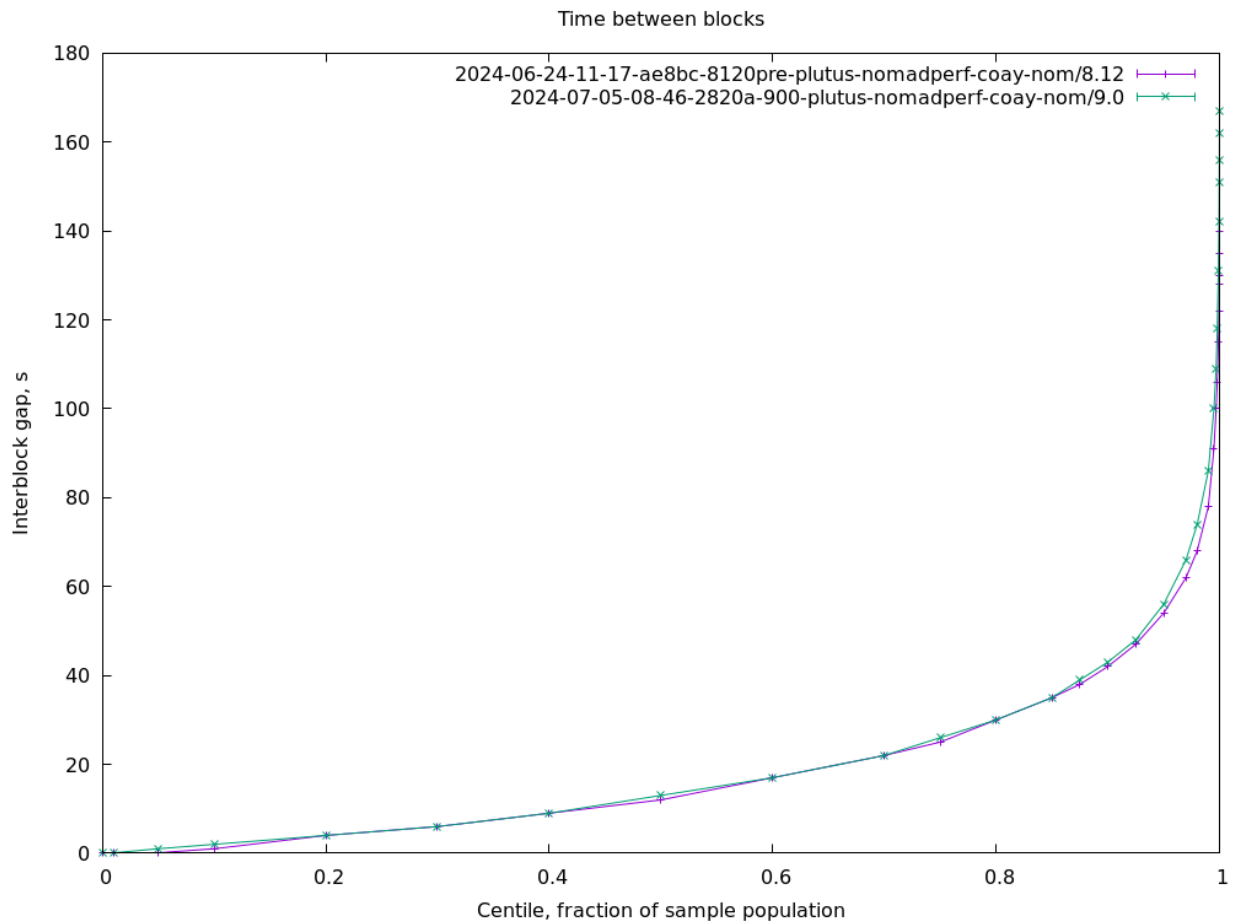
**Leadership check duration (cdfLeading)** Leadership check duration (TraceNodeIsNotLeader, TraceNodeIsLeader), relative to ledger view acquisition



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

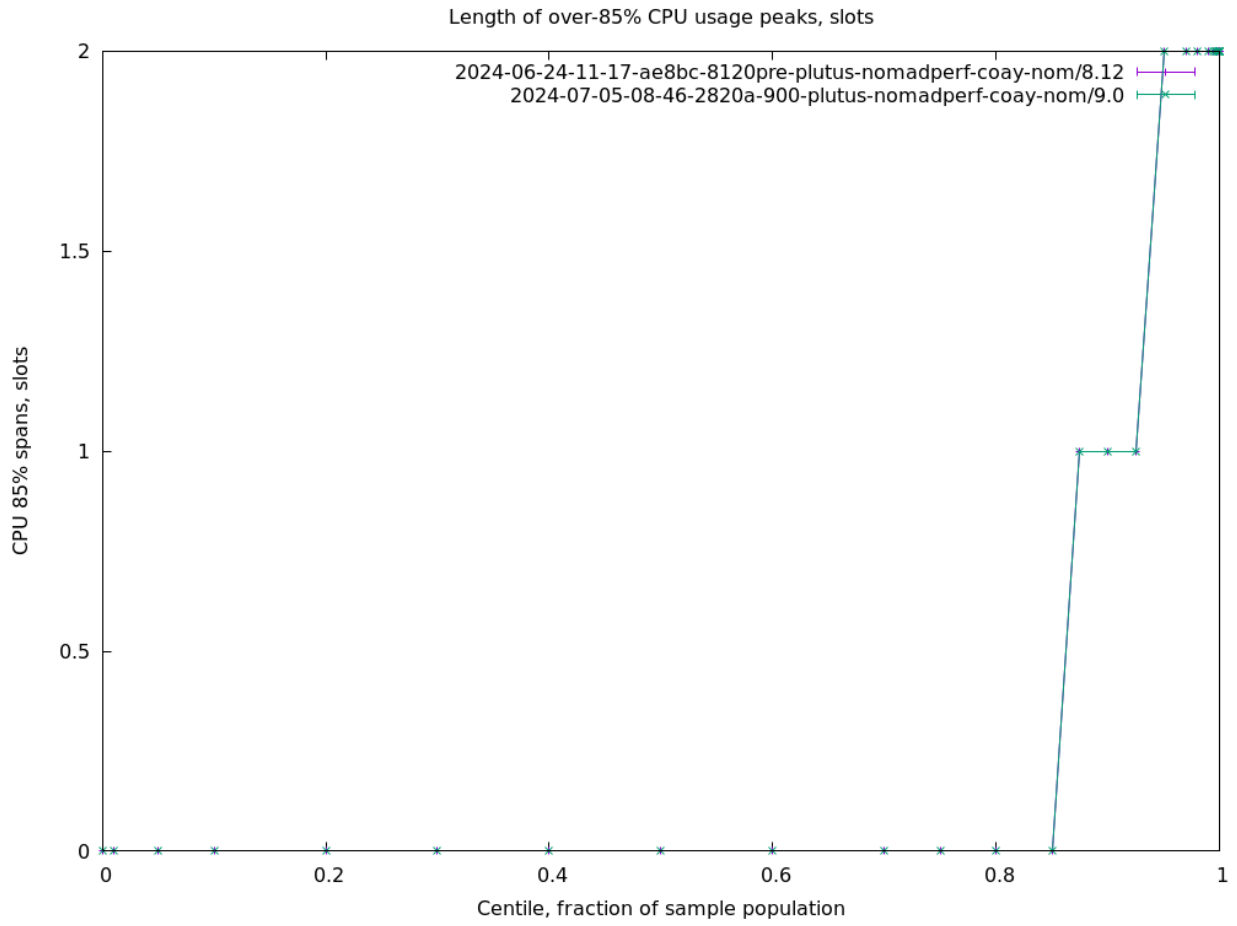


Interblock gap (cdfBlockGap) Time between blocks

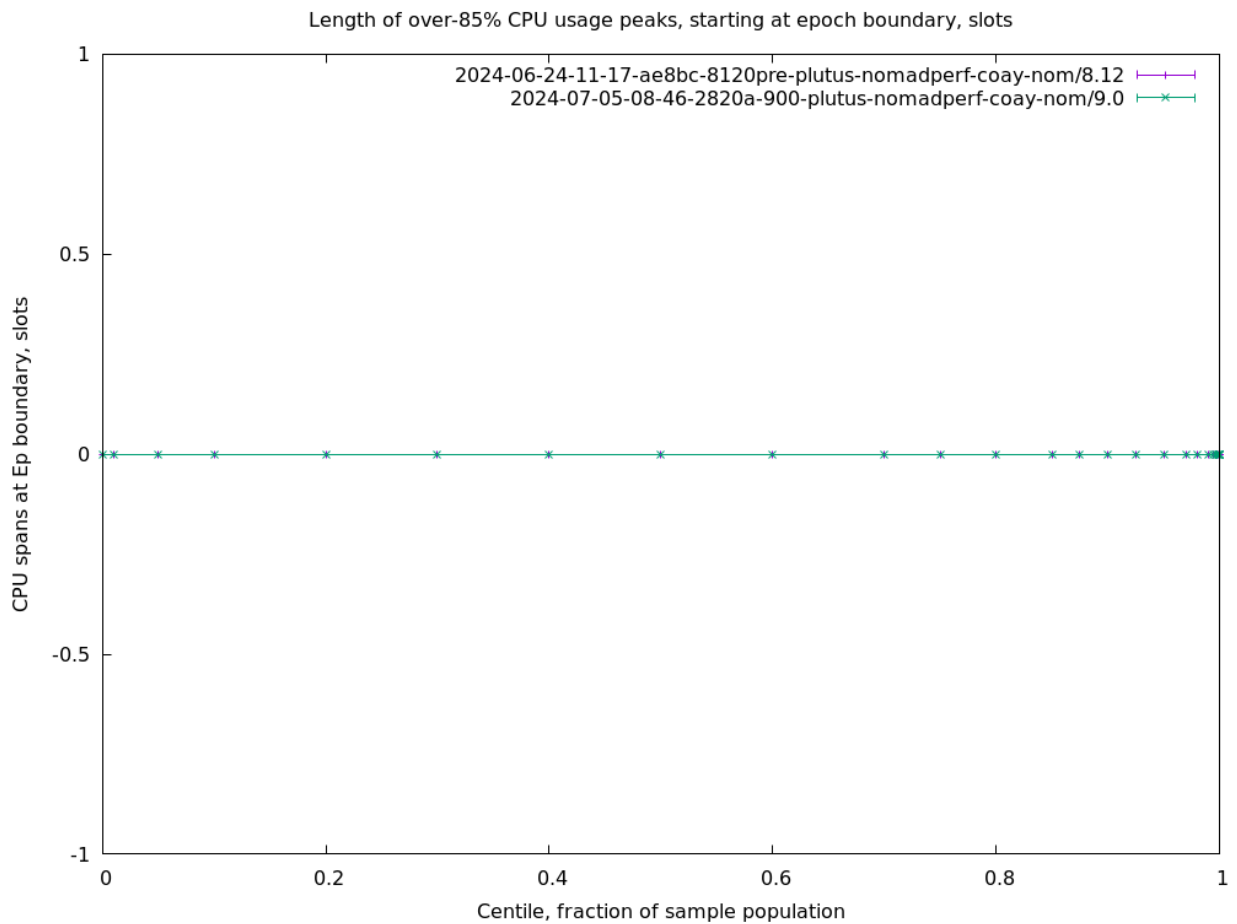


CPU 85% spans (cdfSpanLensCpu) Length of over-85% CPU usage peaks, slots

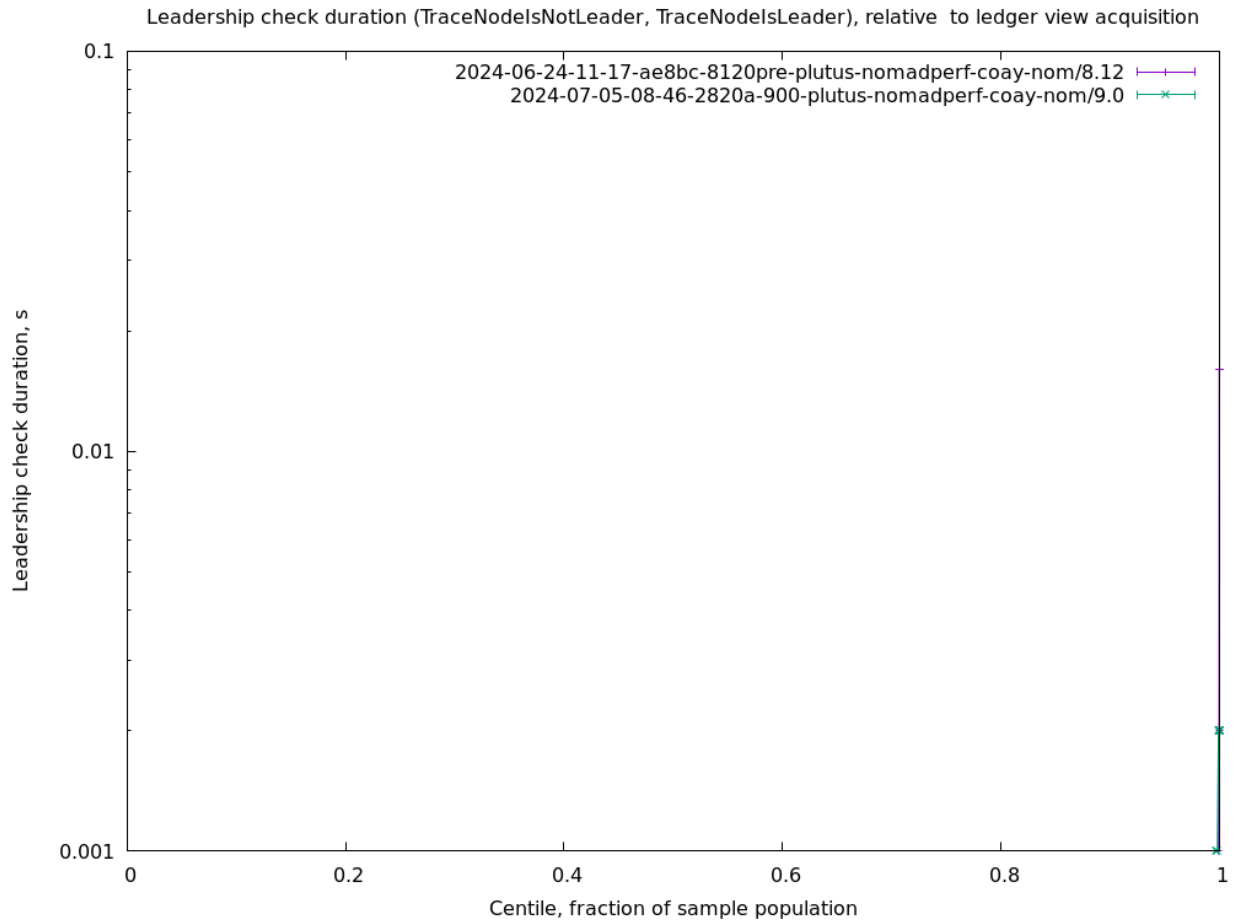




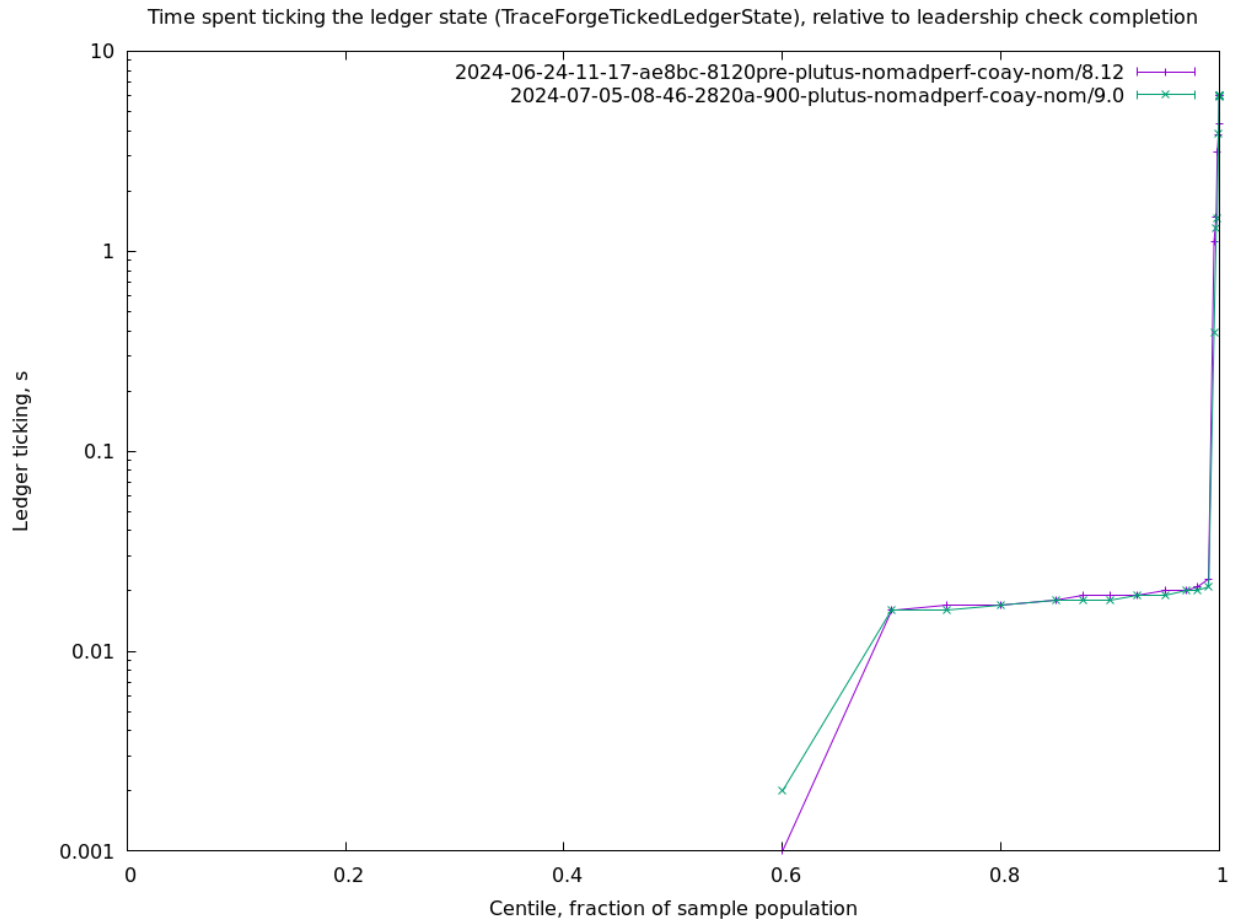
CPU spans at Ep boundary (cdfSpanLensCpuEpoch) Length of over-85% CPU usage peaks, starting at epoch boundary, slots



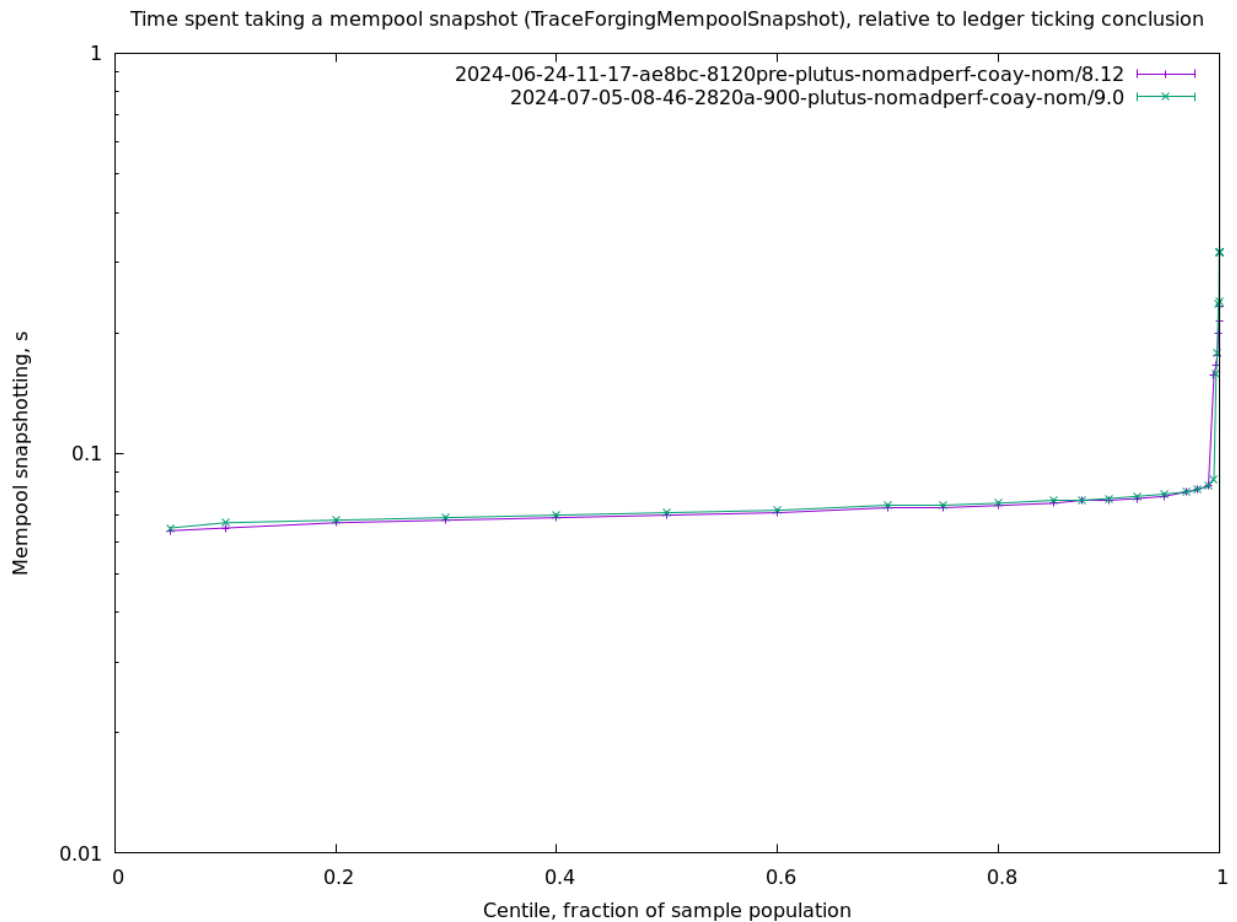
**Leadership check duration (cdfForgerLead)** Leadership check duration (TraceNodeIsNotLeader, TraceNodeIsLeader), relative to ledger view acquisition



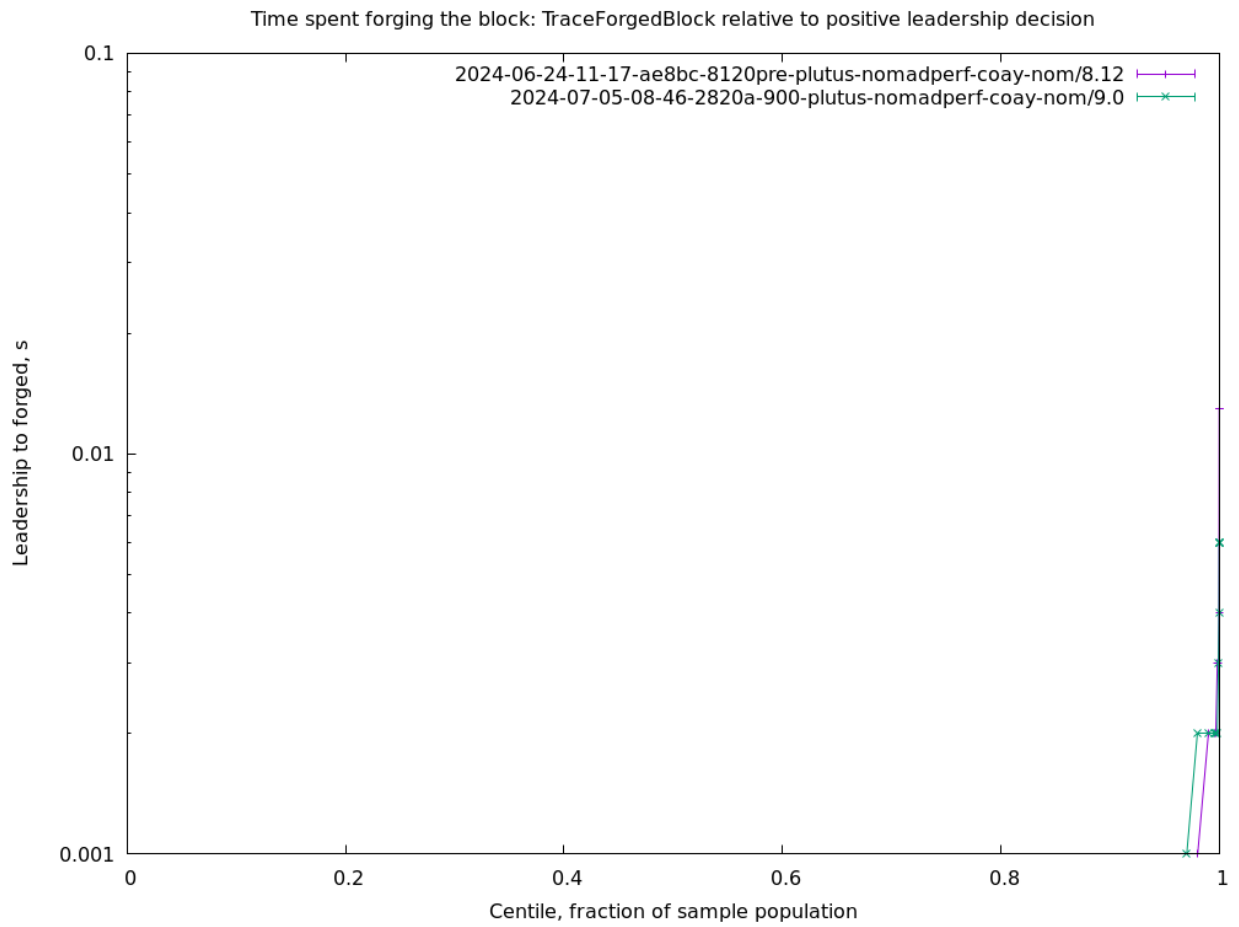
**Ledger ticking (cdfForgerTicked)** Time spent ticking the ledger state (TraceForgeTickedLedgerState), relative to leadership check completion



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

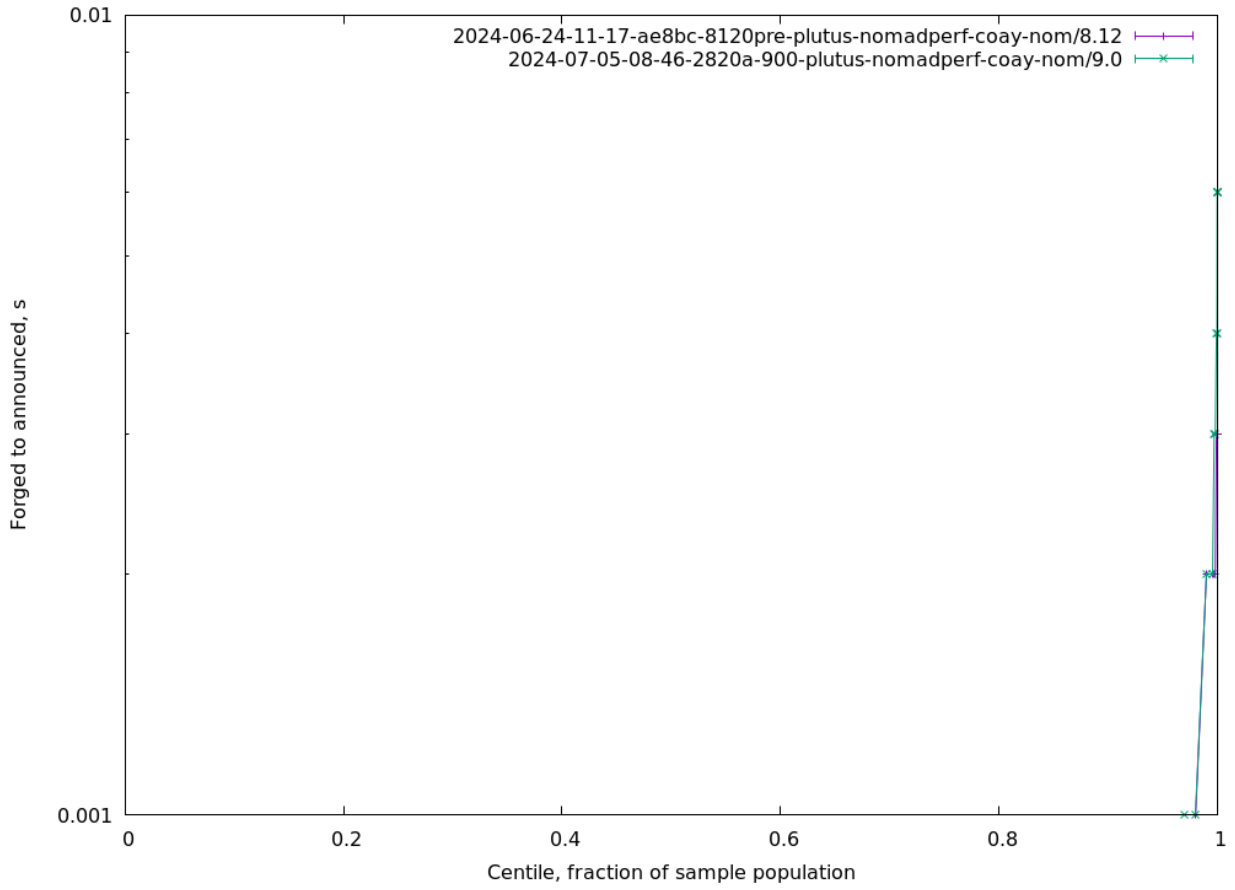


**Leadership to forged (cdfForgerForge)** Time spent forging the block: TraceForgedBlock relative to positive leadership decision

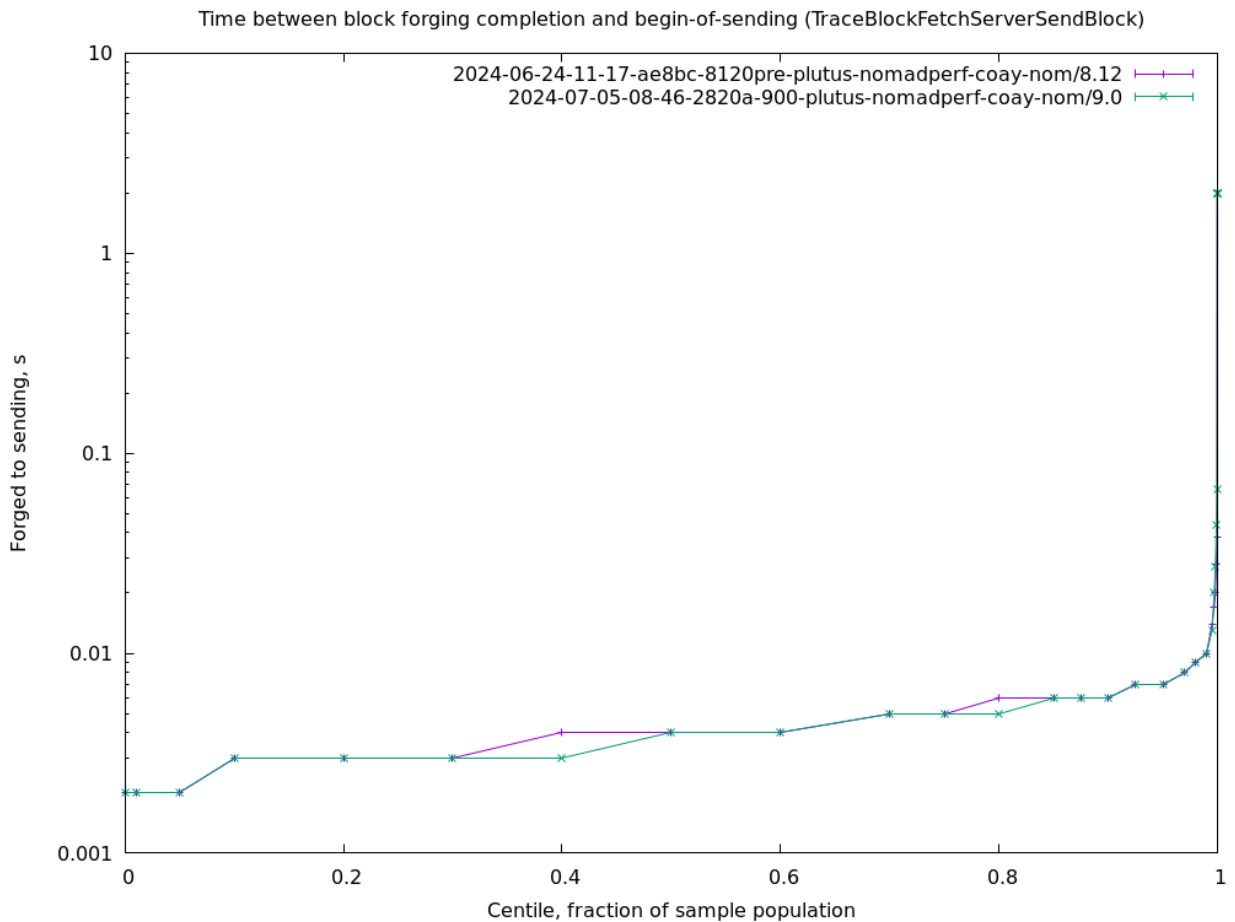


**Forged to announced (cdfForgerAnnounce)** Time between block forging completion and header announcement (ChainSyncServerEvent.TraceChainSyncServerRead.AddBlock)

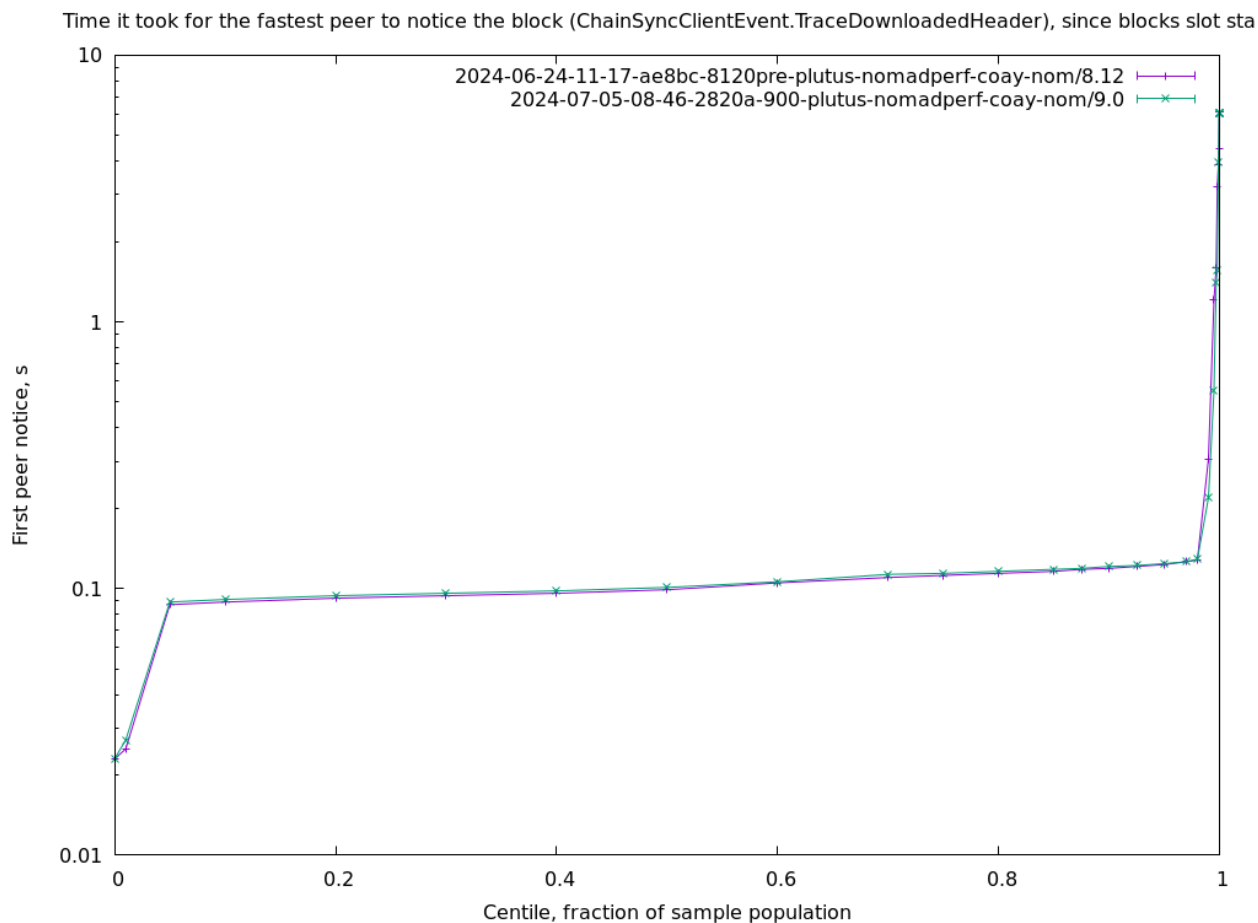
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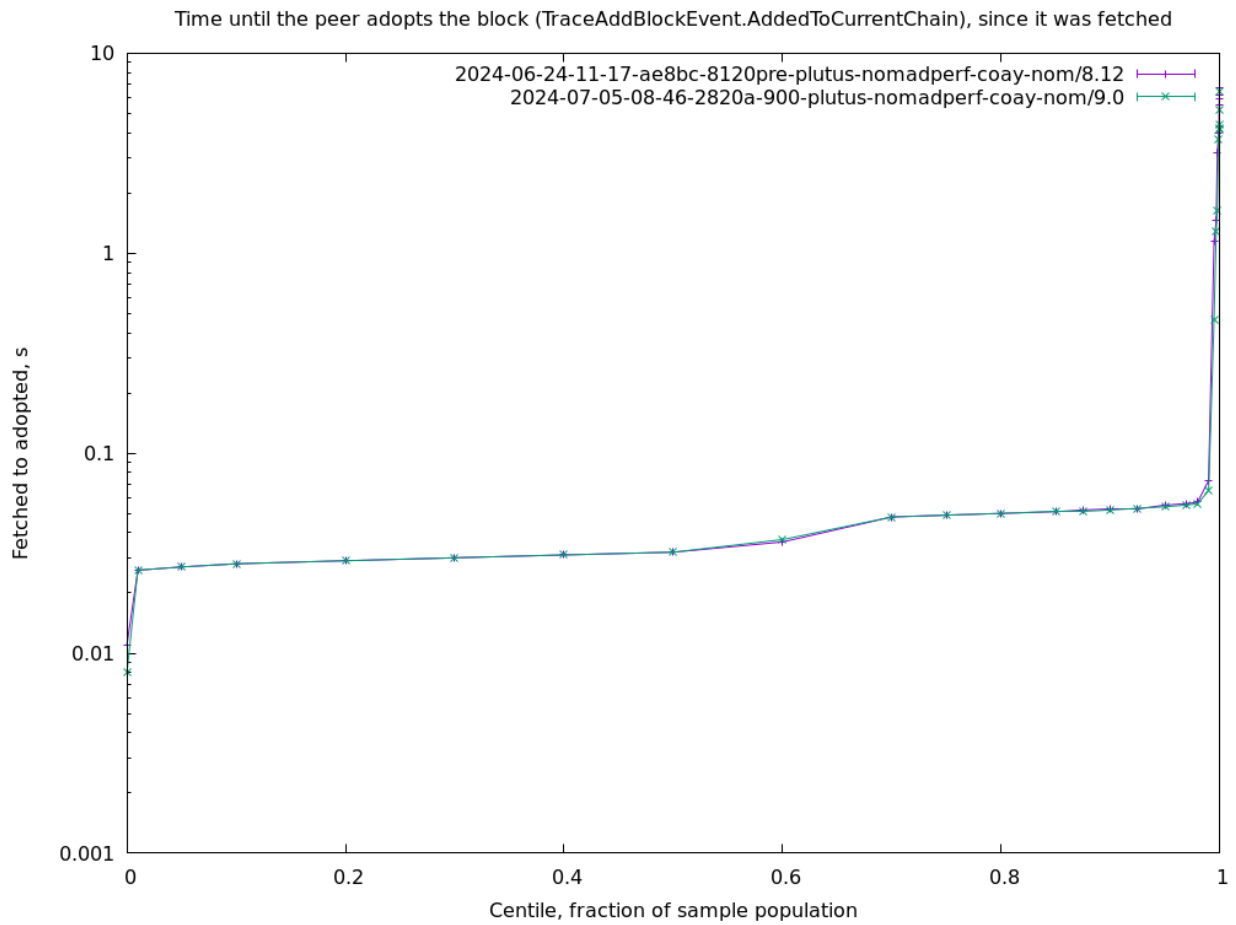
**Forged to sending (cdfForgerSend)** Time between block forging completion and begin-of-sending (TraceBlockFetchServerSendBlock)



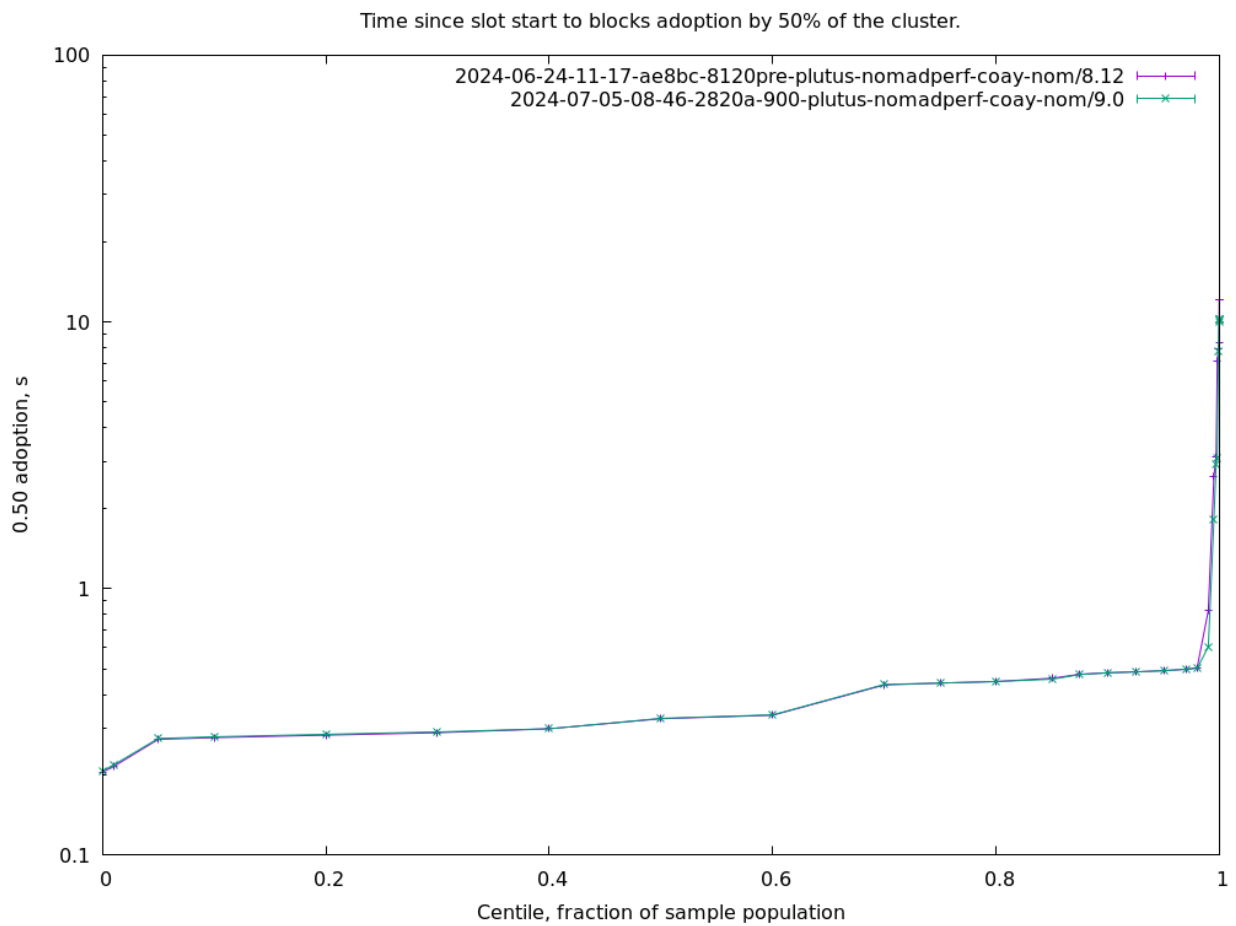
**First peer notice (cdfPeerNoticeFirst)** Time it took for the fastest peer to notice the block (ChainSyncClientEvent.TraceDownloadedHeader), since block's slot start



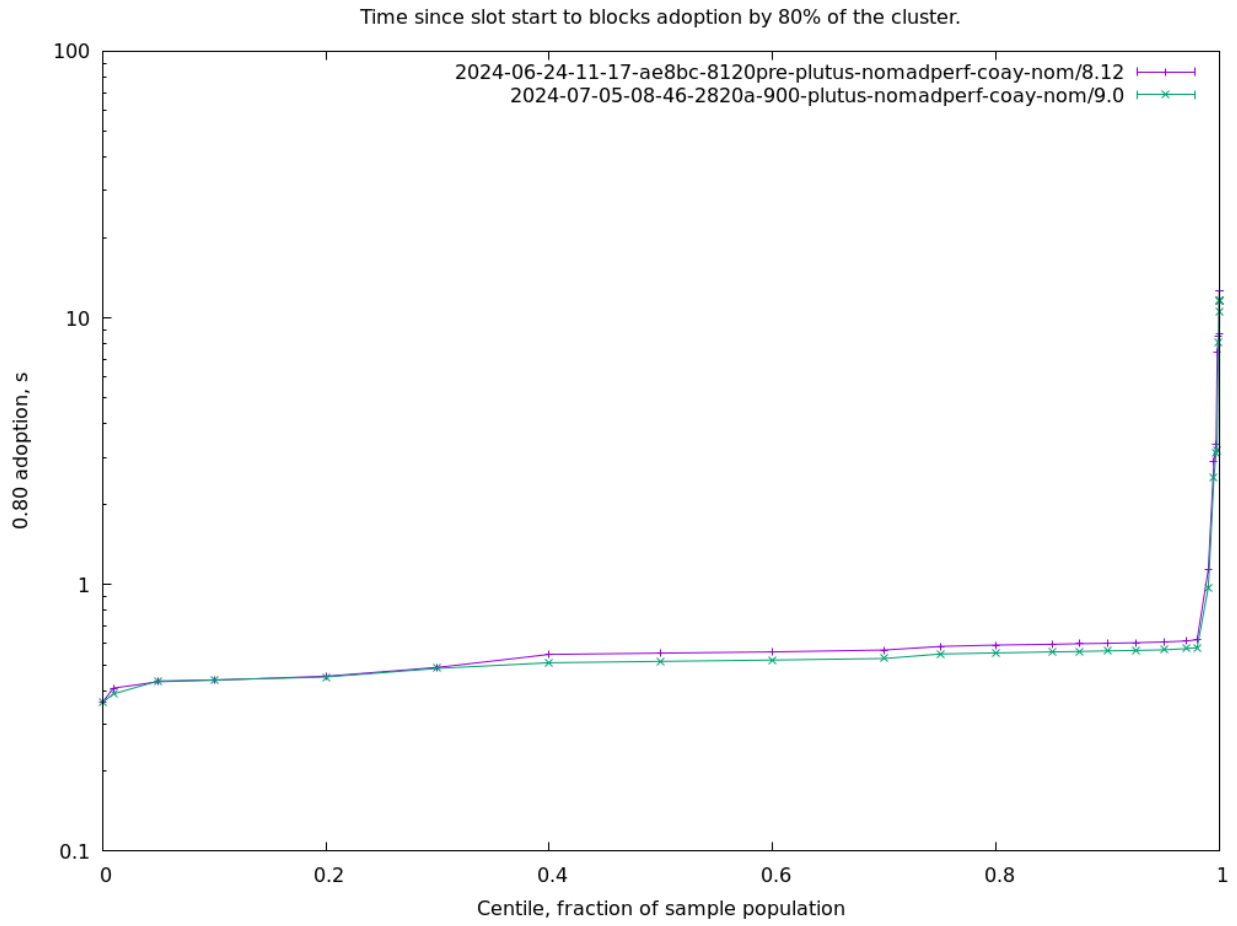
**Fetches to adopted (cdfPeerAdoption)** Time until the peer adopts the block (TraceAddBlockEvent.AddedToCurrentChain), since it was fetched



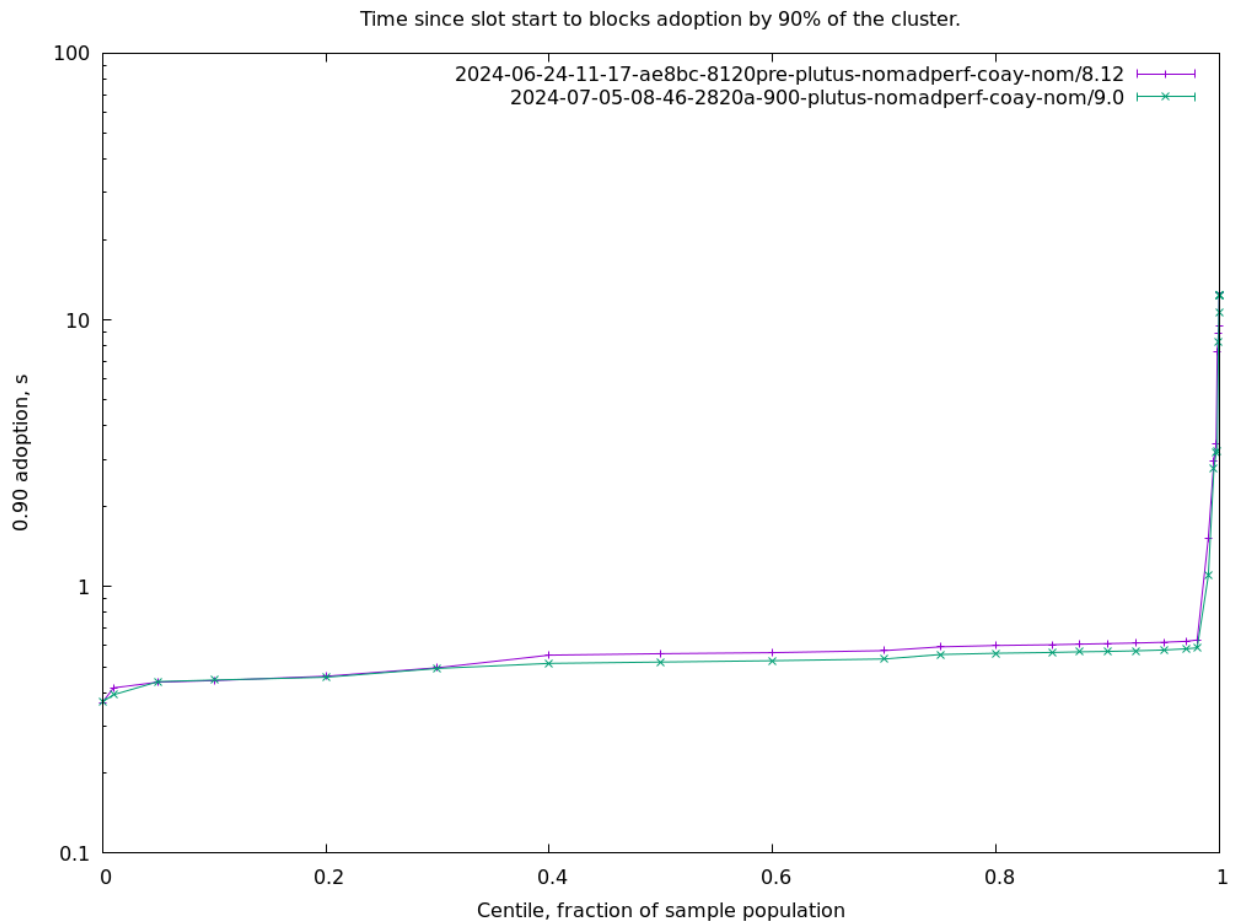
**0.50 adoption (cdf0.50)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 50% of the cluster.



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



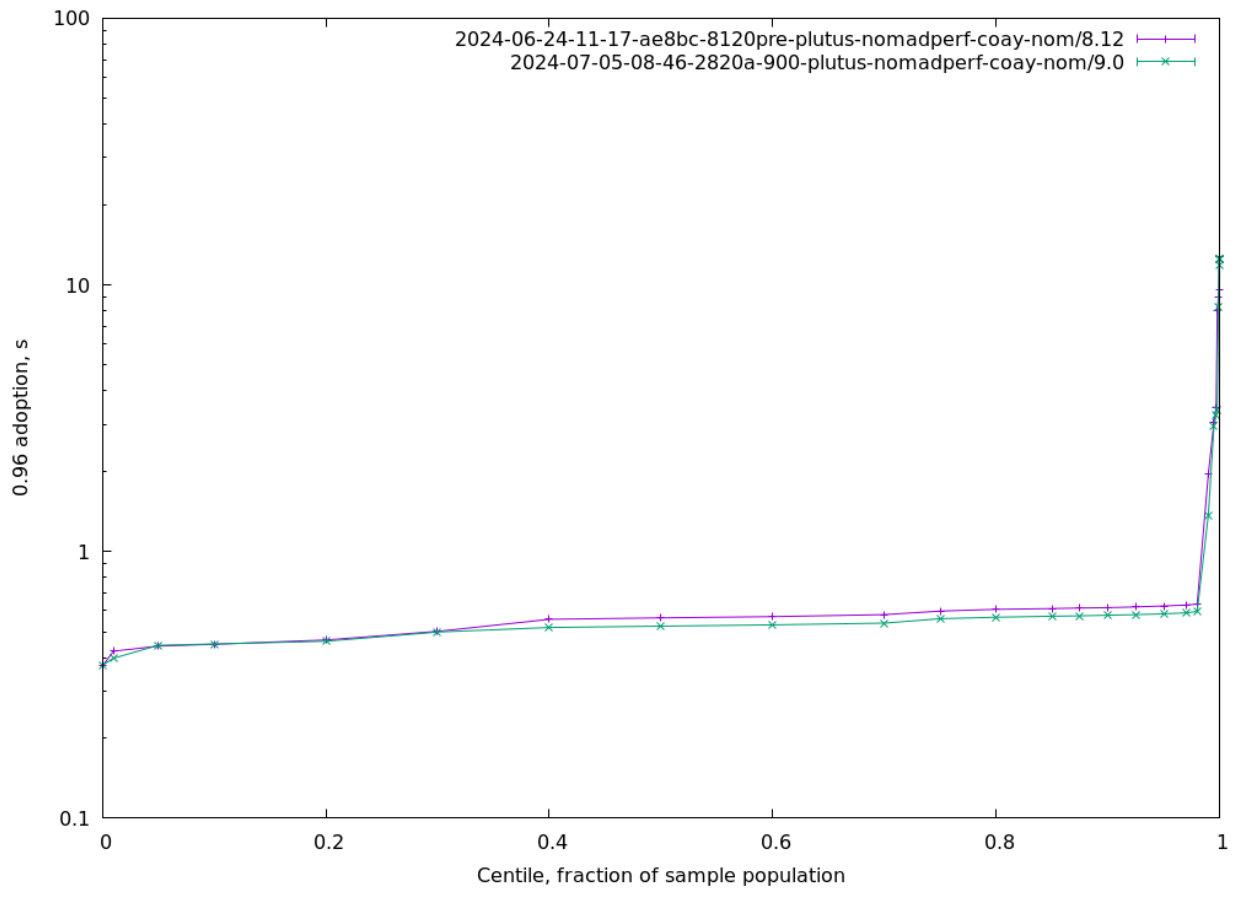
**0.90 adoption (cdf0.90)** Time since slot start to block's adoption by 90% of the cluster.



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



Time since slot start to blocks 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 (TraceForgingMempoolSnapshot), relative to ledger ticking conclusion

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

**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