

State of the MQ

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Background

- ✦ Complex system with many moving parts
- ✦ Not all need updates “right now”
- ✦ Needed an asynchronous communication tool



More Background

- ✦ Started out with RabbitMQ
- ✦ Clustered setup
- ✦ Hit performance wall at around 1K msgs/sec (6KB size)
- ✦ Started looking into alternatives



Initial Contenders

- ✦ Kafka
- ✦ Kestrel
- ✦ OMQ
- ✦ Redis
- ✦ Keep upgrading RabbitMQ and hope for the best



Test Bed

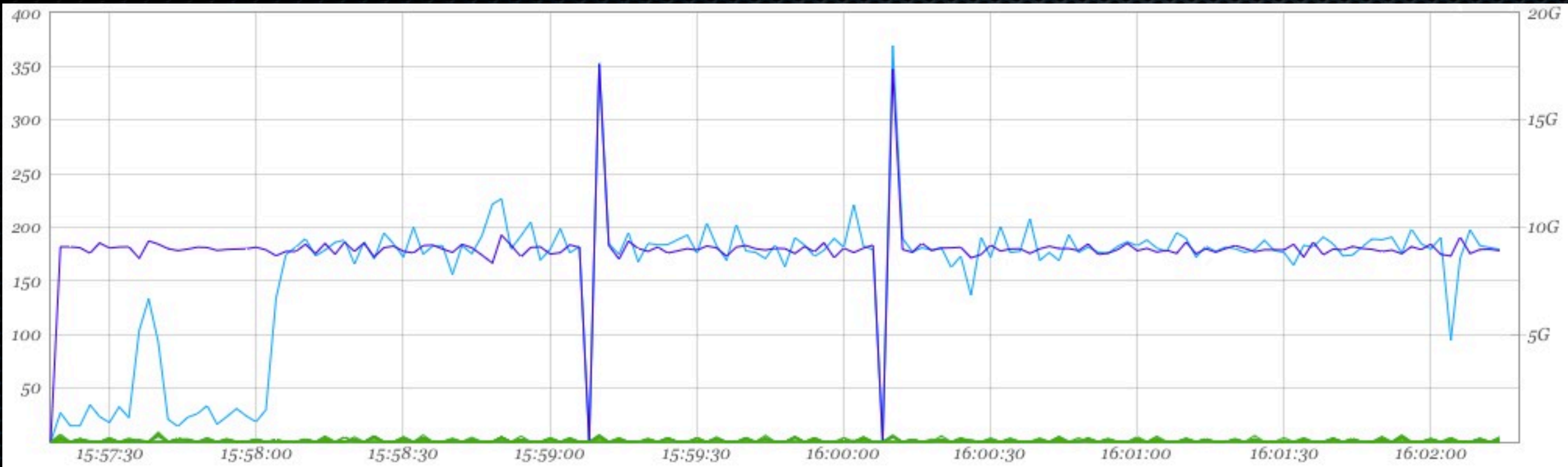
- ✧ 4 core 2.6Ghz CPU
- ✧ 32GB RAM
- ✧ 6 x 15K drives (3 mirrored pairs in zpool)
- ✧ Gigabit Ethernet
- ✧ 1 producer 1 consumer on different box
- ✧ 2.1K and 33 byte average message size



RabbitMQ

- ✦ Erlang R15B Rabbit 2.8.4
- ✦ Full featured, mature, brokered
- ✦ Topic, Fanout, Direct, Header exchanges
- ✦ Durability of exchanges, queues and messages
- ✦ Wide adoption, lots of clients





Low

High

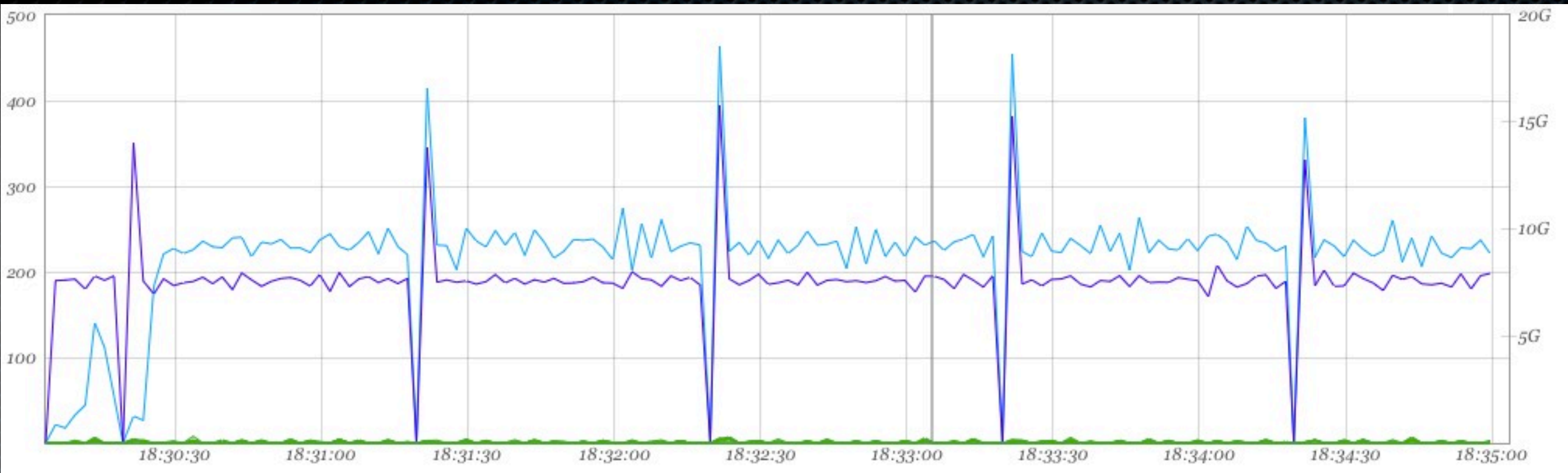
Average

721.75

2400.17

2124.29





Low

High

Average

5780.63

6677.59

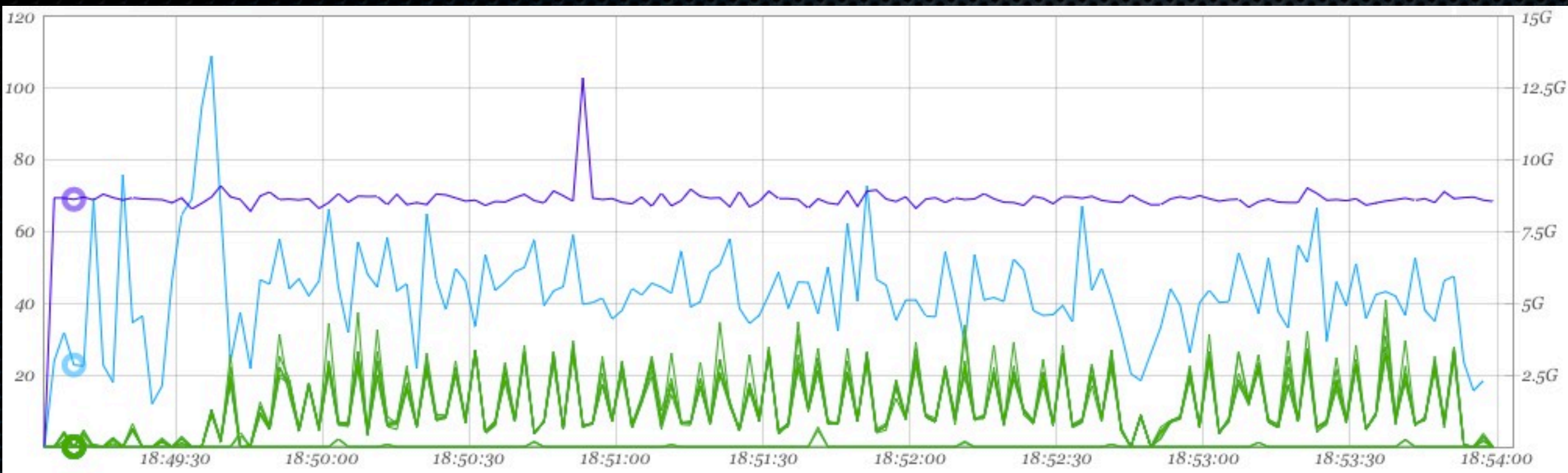
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Kafka

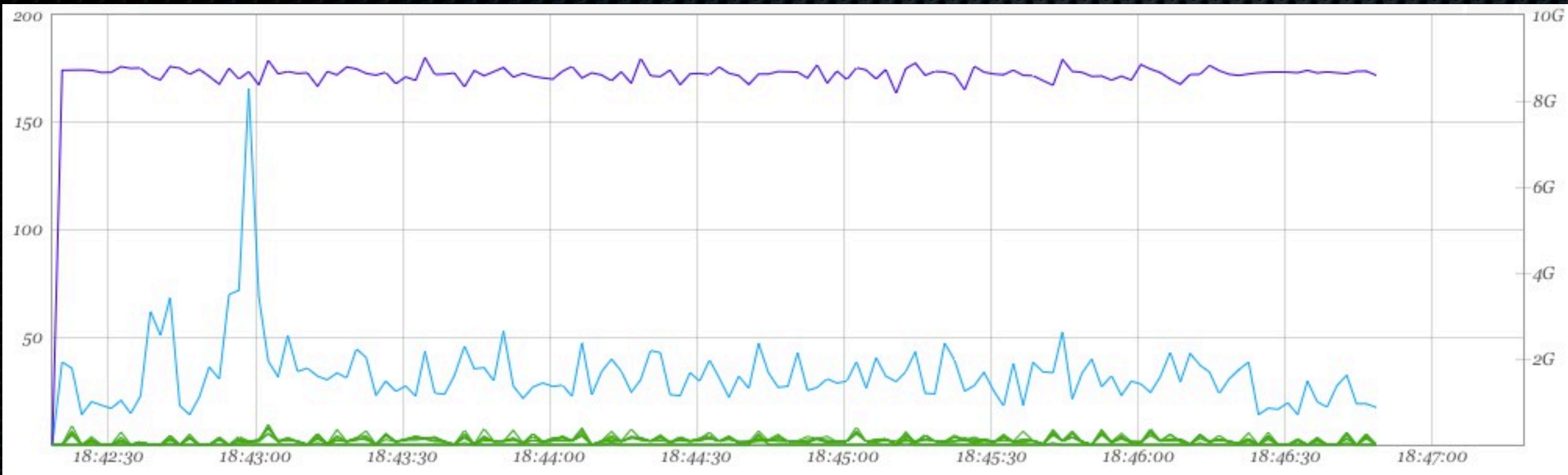
- ✧ 0.7.1
- ✧ From Linkedin currently in Apache incubator
- ✧ All message are written to disk
- ✧ Few clients, fewer that actually work





	Low	High	Average
Producer	1010.77	9578.02	8223.98
Consumer	75.94	2362.98	461.69





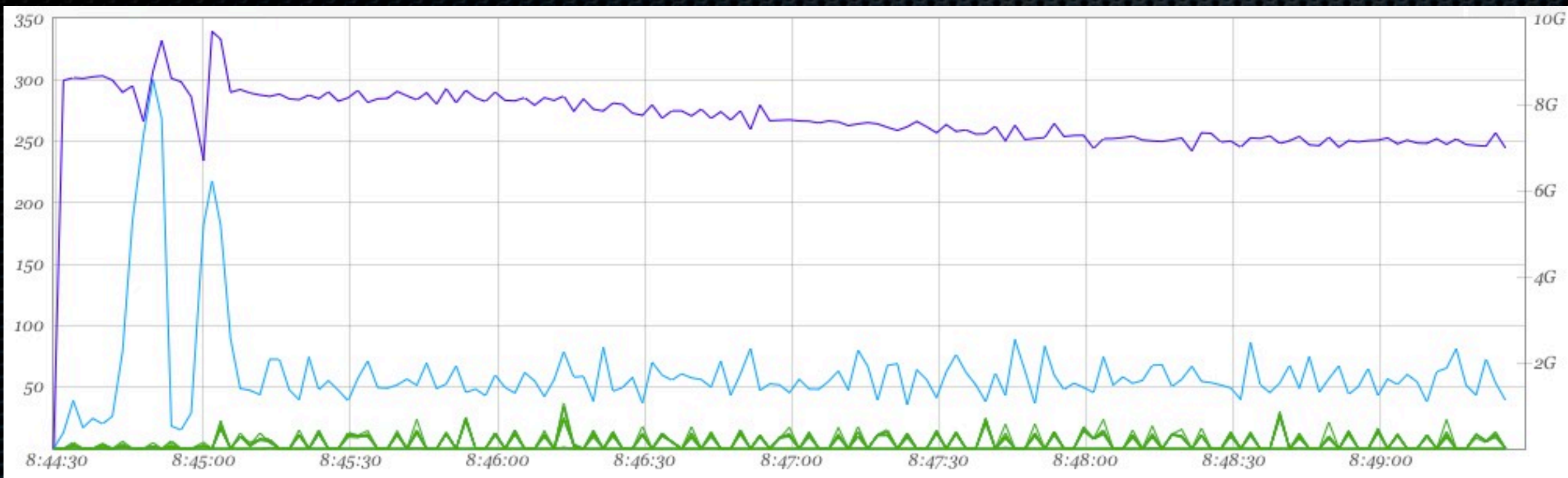
	Low	High	Average
Producer	12814.88	13334.22	13176.79
Consumer	74.90	21985.55	2918.29



Kestrel

- ✧ 2.1.3 (2.3.1 current)
- ✧ Based on Ruby MQ Starling
- ✧ Messages stored in RAM and journaled to disk
- ✧ Memcache protocol
- ✧ Decent client selection





Low

High

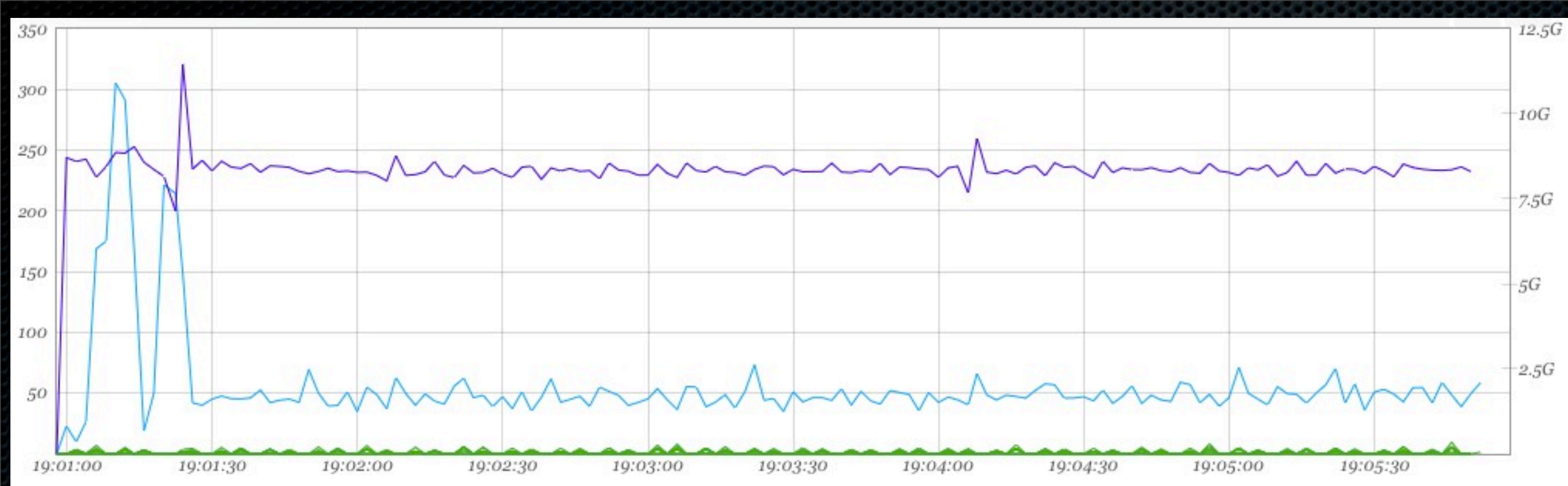
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1445.60

3225.96

2885.51





Low

High

Average

1679.52

3965.36

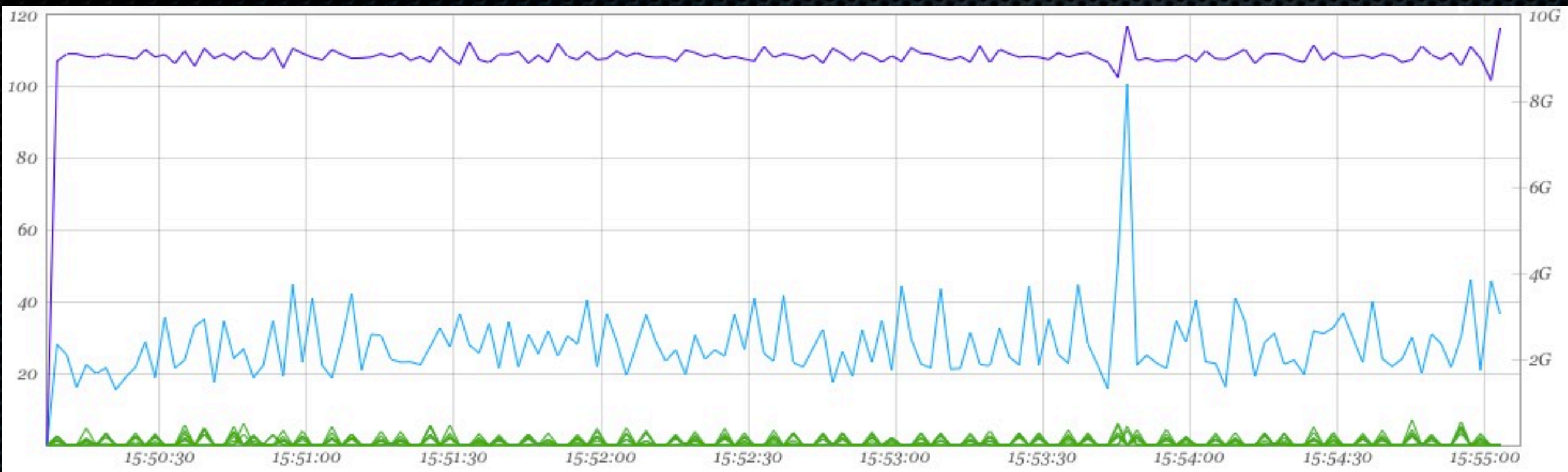
3796.66



Redis

- ✧ 2.4.15
- ✧ C
- ✧ Messages stored in memory
- ✧ No way to turn off “acknowledgements”
- ✧ Large adoption, lots of clients





Low

High

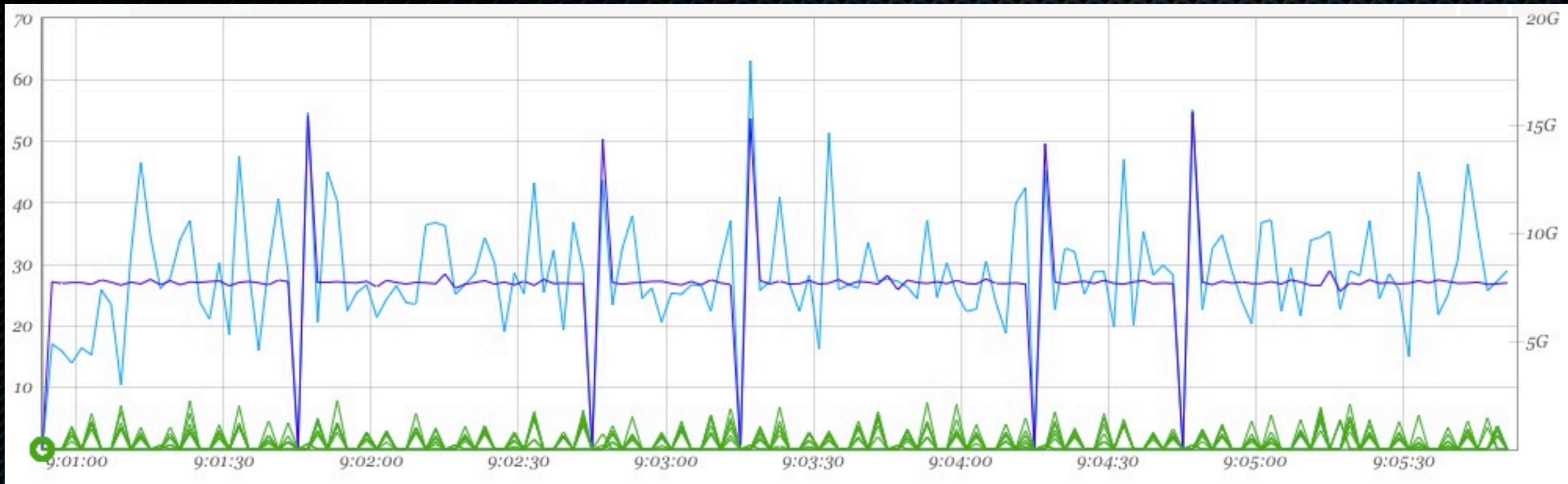
Average

1720

4454

4145.76





Low

High

Average

5142

7856

7378.15



OMQ

- ✧ C++
- ✧ Not Brokered
- ✧ Hides all the complexity from you





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Following



Let it be clear, zeromq is useful if you are so stupid you don't understand `<socket.h>`

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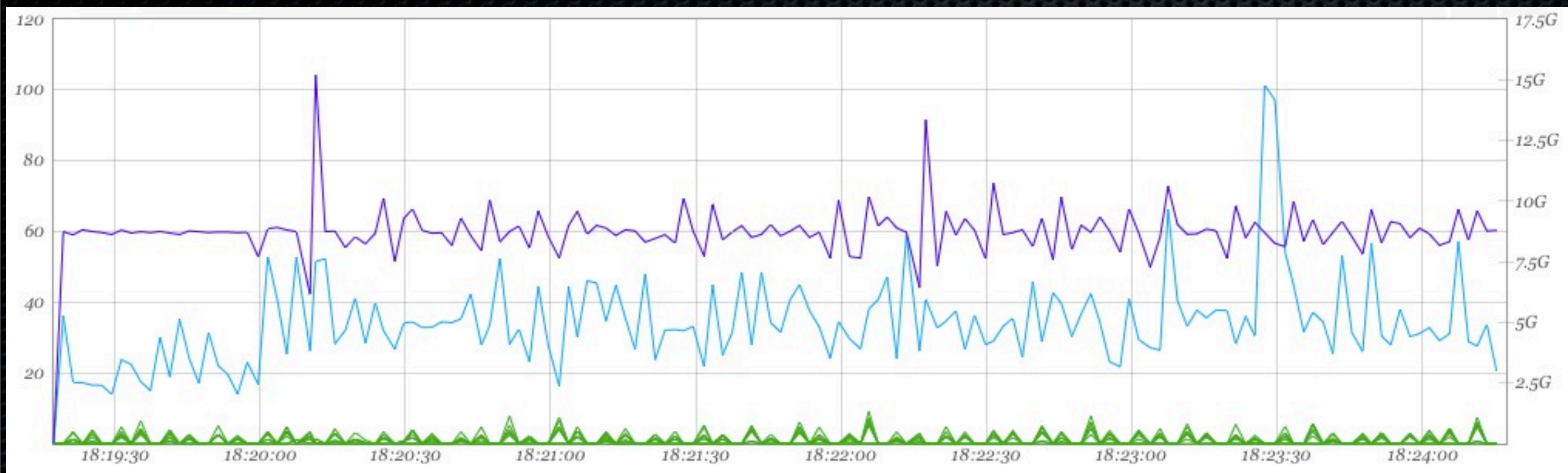
Conclusions?



fq

- ✖ C
- ✖ Brokered
- ✖ <https://github.com/postwait/fq>





Low

High

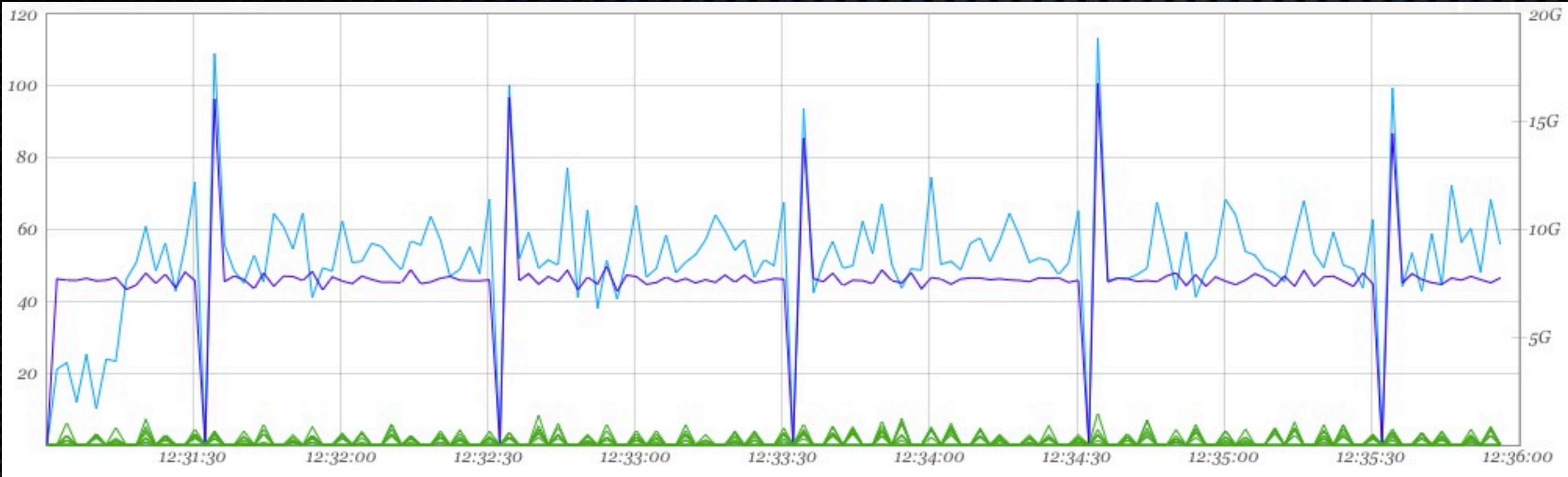
Average

11548.21

24024.47

21205.95





Low

High

Average

39292.11

134681.70

101423.13



- ✧ <https://github.com/neophenix/StateOfTheMQ>
- ✧ Kafka Perl lib - <https://github.com/neophenix/Kafka>
- ✧ fq - <https://github.com/postwait/fq>

