



# 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

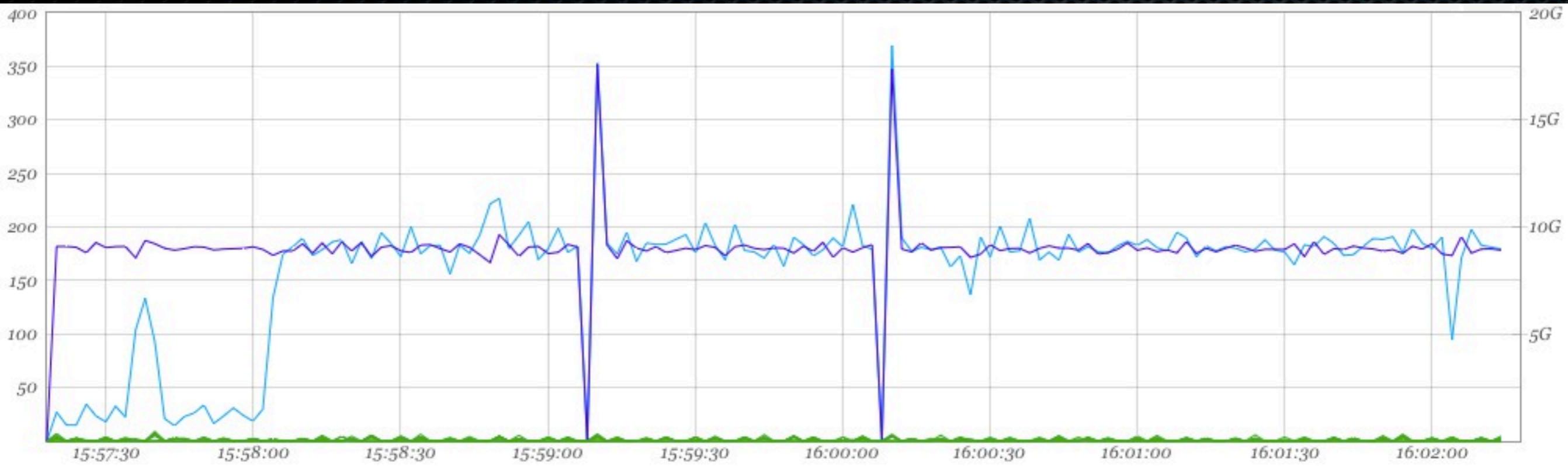
- ✦ 4 core 2.6Ghz CPU
- ✦ 32GB RAM
- ✦ 6 x 15K drives (3 mirrored pairs in zpool)
- ✦ Gigabit Ethernet
- ✦ 1 producer 1 consumer on different box
- ✦ 2.1K and 33 byte average message size



# 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

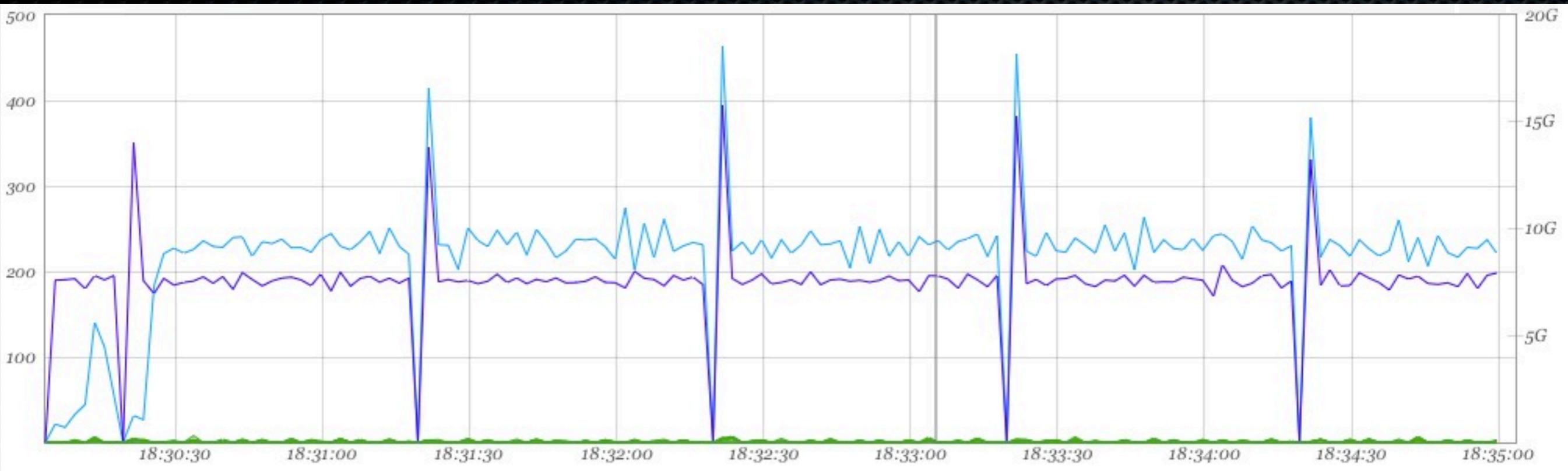
Average

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2400.17

2124.29





Low

High

Average

5780.63

6677.59

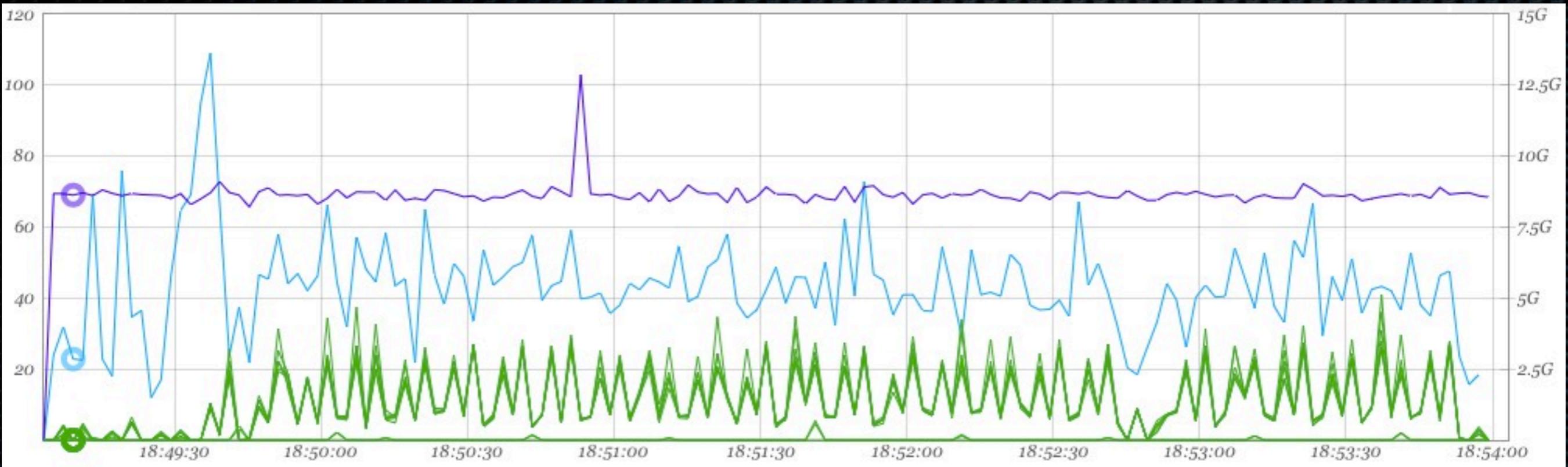
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# Kafka

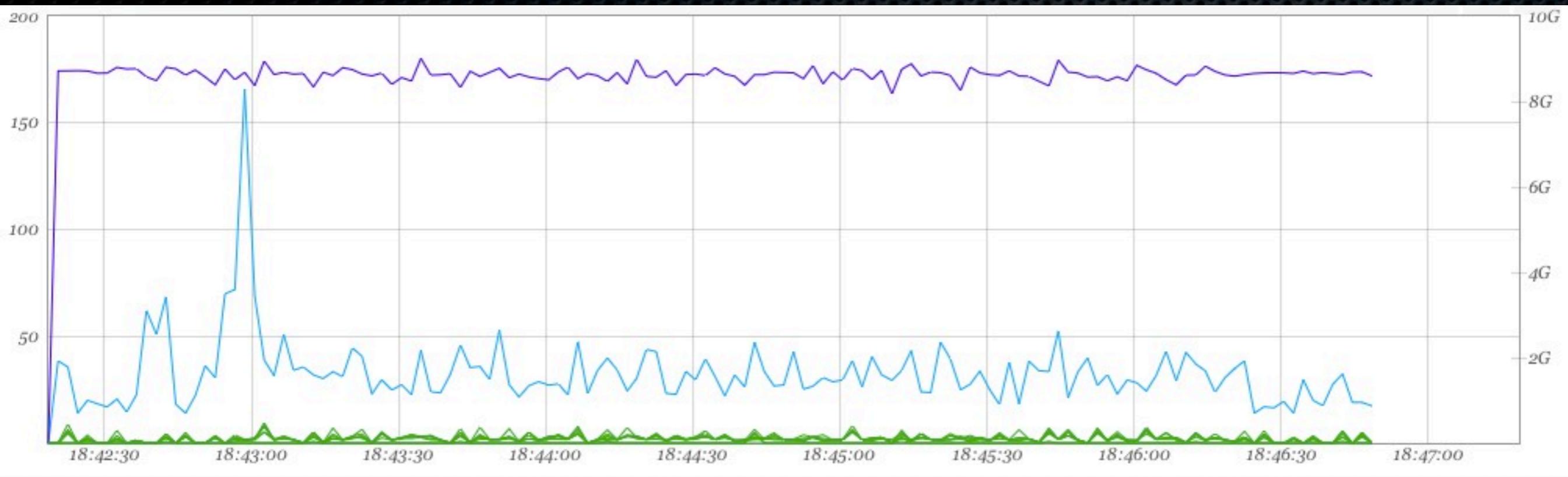
- ✦ 0.7.1
- ✦ From LinkedIn currently in Apache incubator
- ✦ All message are written to disk
- ✦ Few clients, fewer that actually work





	Low	High	Average
Producer	1010.77	9578.02	8223.98
Consumer	75.94	2362.98	461.69





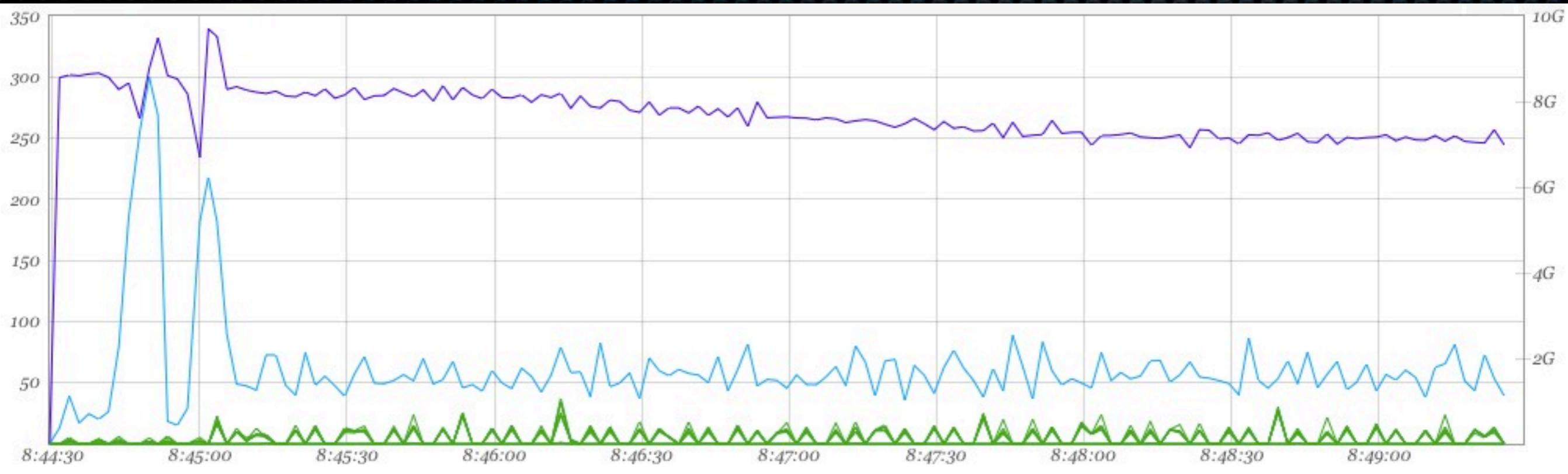
	Low	High	Average
Producer	12814.88	13334.22	13176.79
Consumer	74.90	21985.55	2918.29



# 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

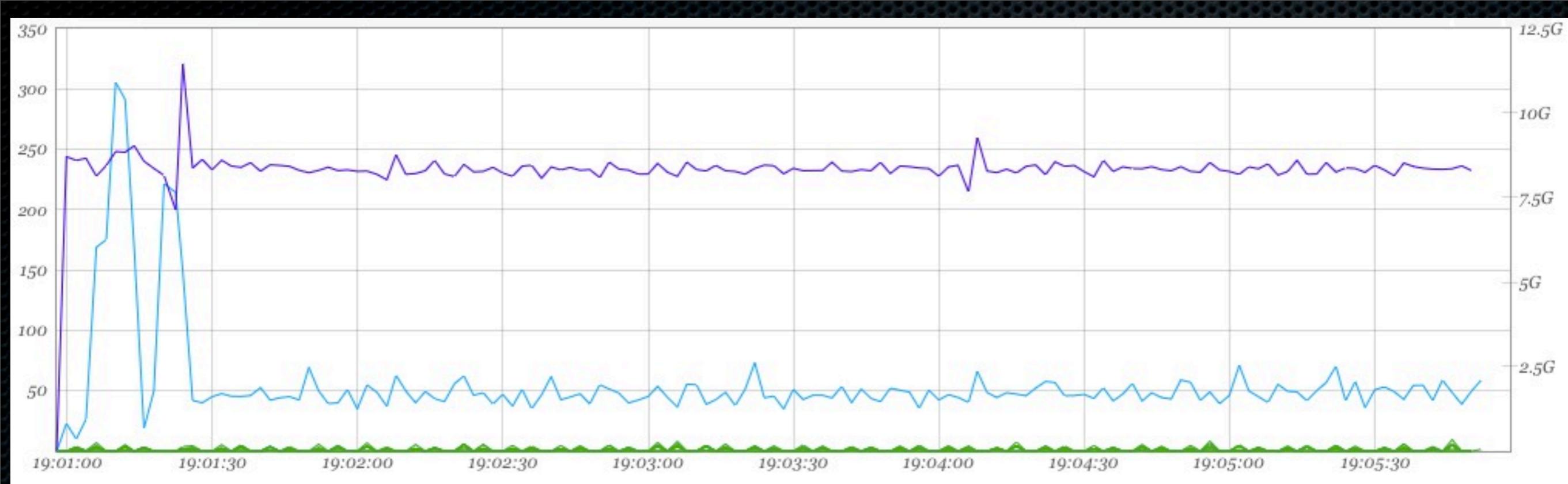
Average

1445.60

3225.96

2885.51





Low

High

Average

1679.52

3965.36

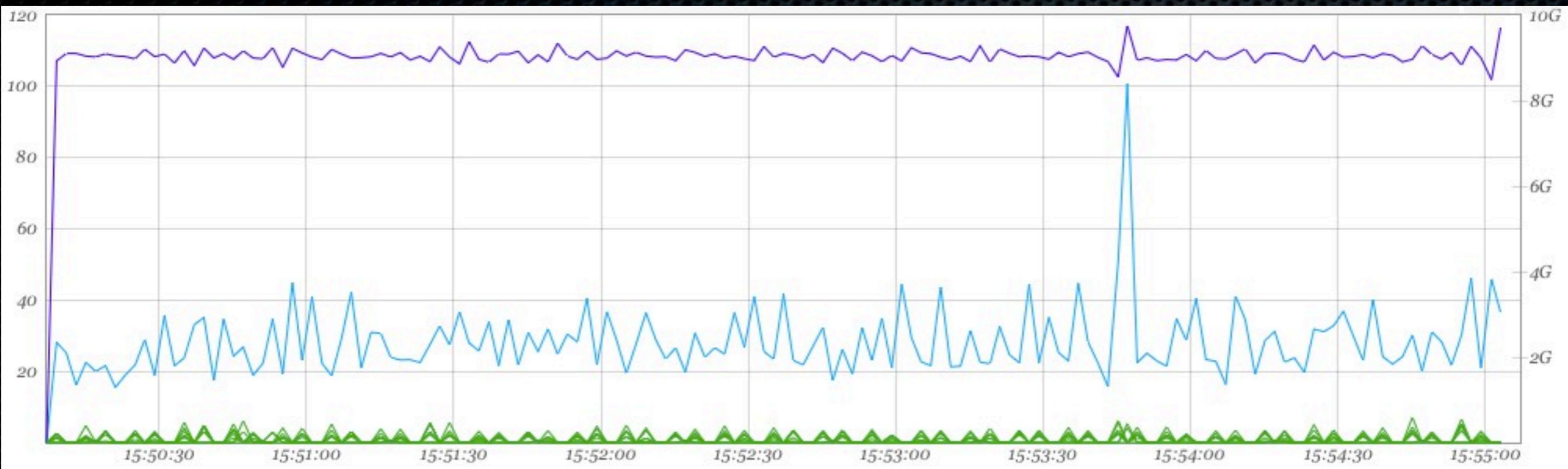
3796.66



# Redis

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





Low

High

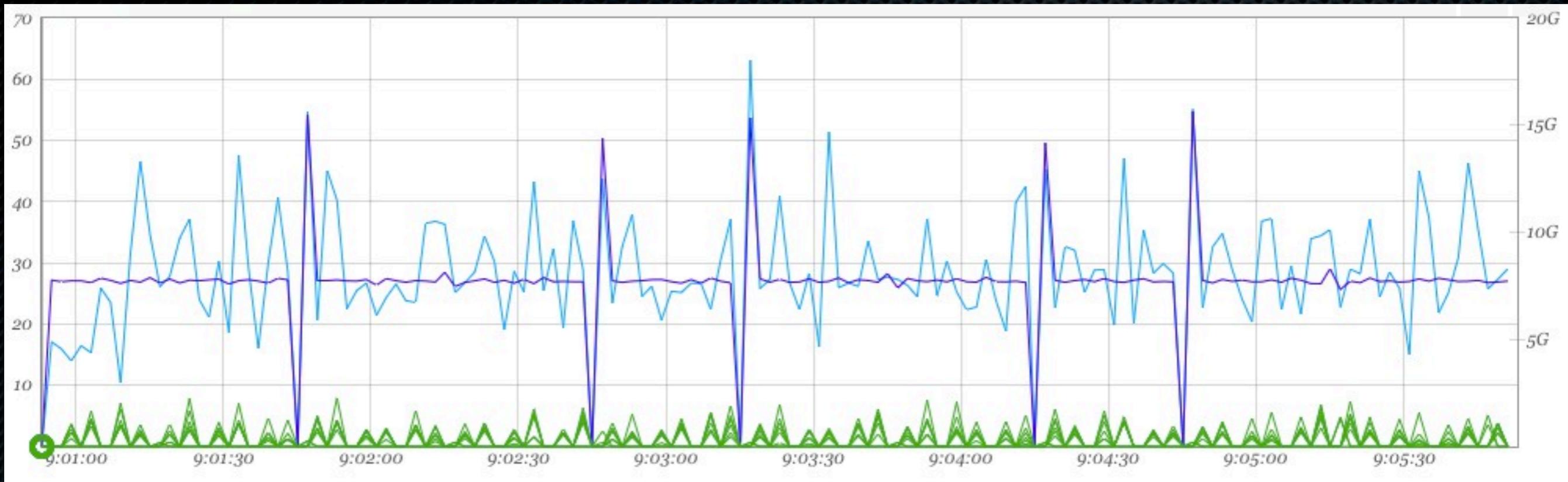
Average

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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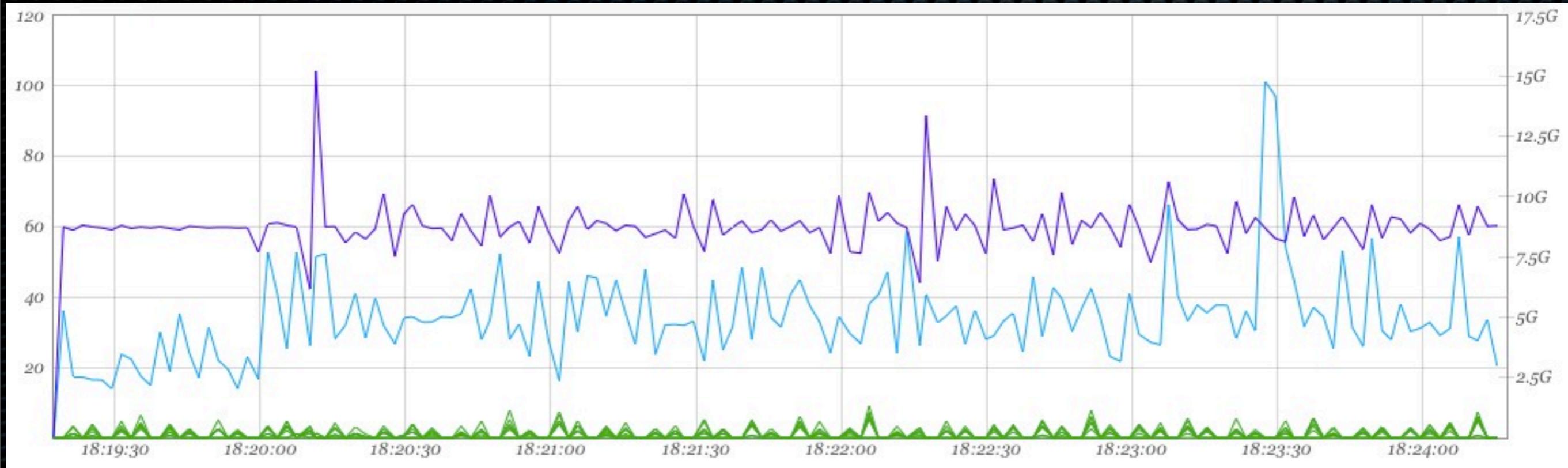
Conclusions?



# fq

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





Low

High

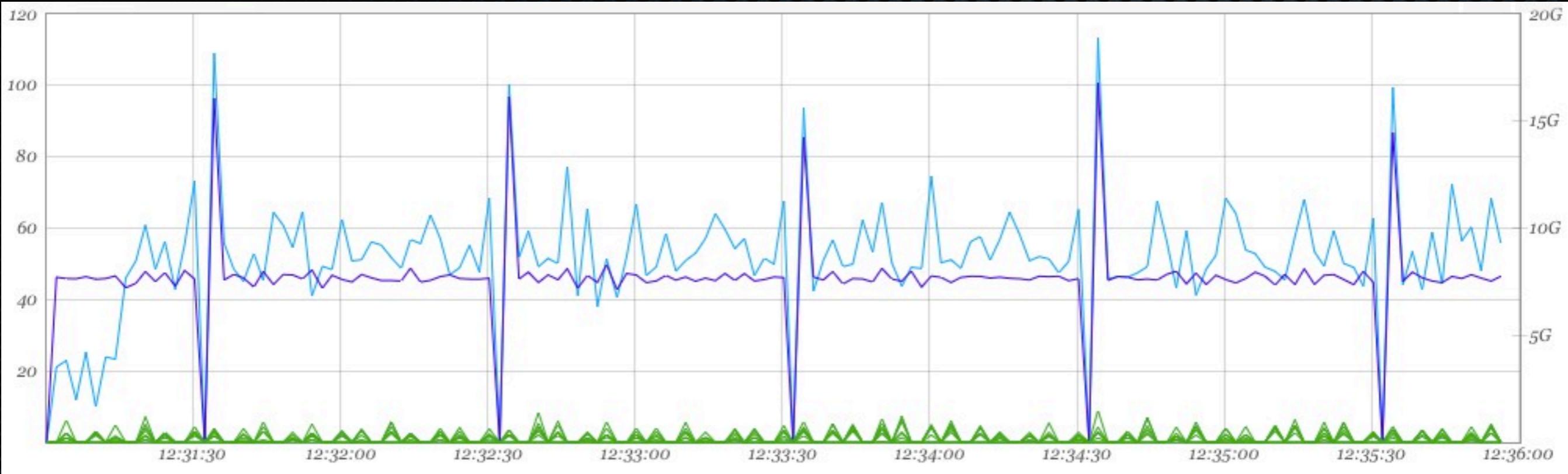
Average

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>

