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“基于SkyWalking Agent的
持续性能剖析与交互式诊断”

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持续性能剖析

Continuous Profiling

GOOGLE-WIDE PROFILING: A CONTINUOUS PROFILING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DATA CENTERS

GOOGLE-WIDE PROFILING (GWP), A CONTINUOUS PROFILING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DATA CENTERS, PROVIDES PERFORMANCE INSIGHTS FOR CLOUD APPLICATIONS. WITH NEGLIGIBLE OVERHEAD, GWP PROVIDES STABLE, ACCURATE PROFILES AND A DATACENTER-SCALE TOOL FOR TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCE ANALYSES. FURTHERMORE, GWP INTRODUCES NOVEL APPLICATIONS OF ITS PROFILES, SUCH AS APPLICATION-PLATFORM AFFINITY MEASUREMENTS AND IDENTIFICATION OF PLATFORM-SPECIFIC, MICROARCHITECTURAL PECULIARITIES.

FIG. GWP published by Google in 2010 : low overhead, stable, accurate, scalable

Continuous Profiling的发展史

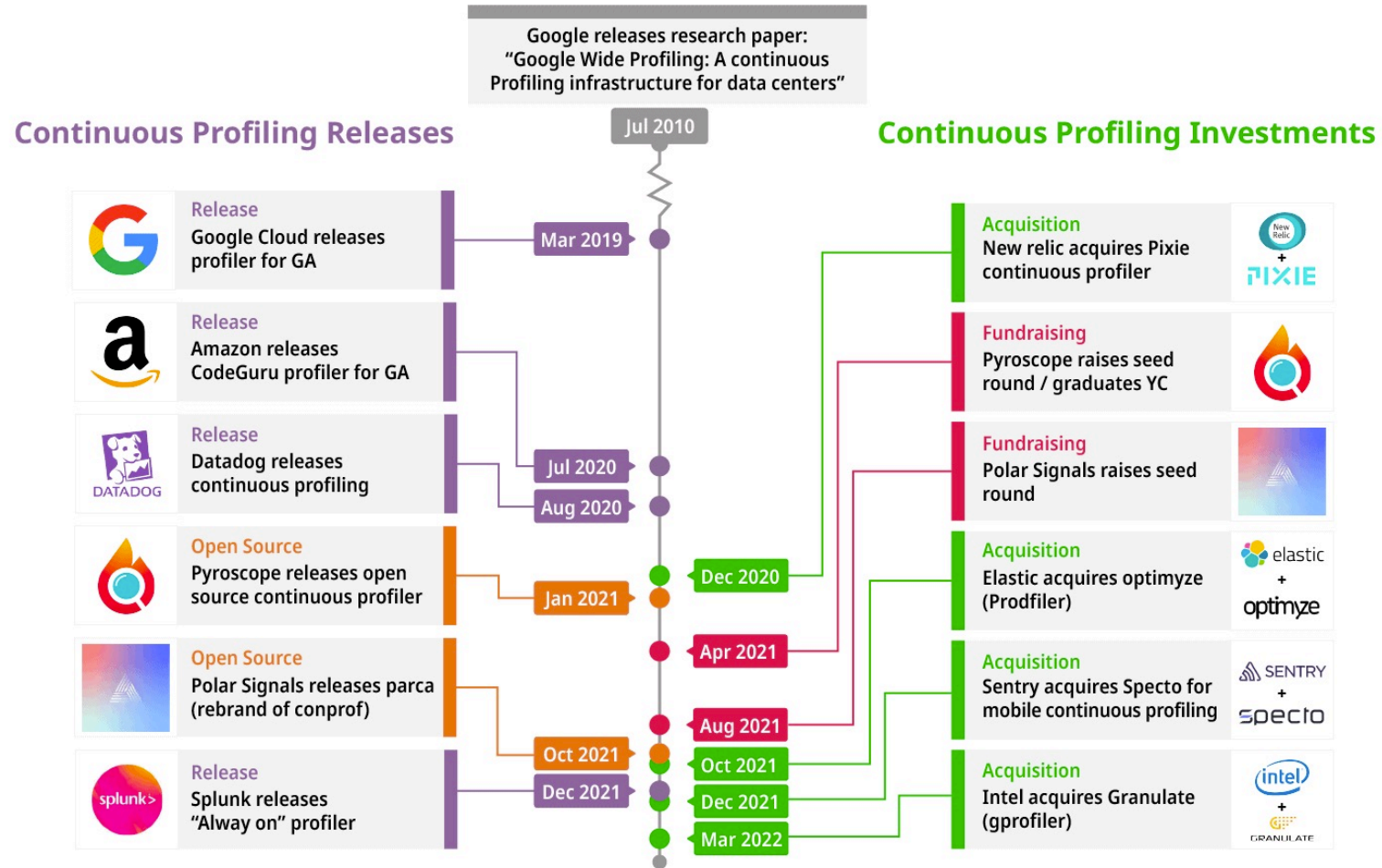


FIG. Since GWP, many major vendors have joined "Continuous Profiling": Pyroscope is an open-source solution, acquired by Grafana Lab on 2023-03-15

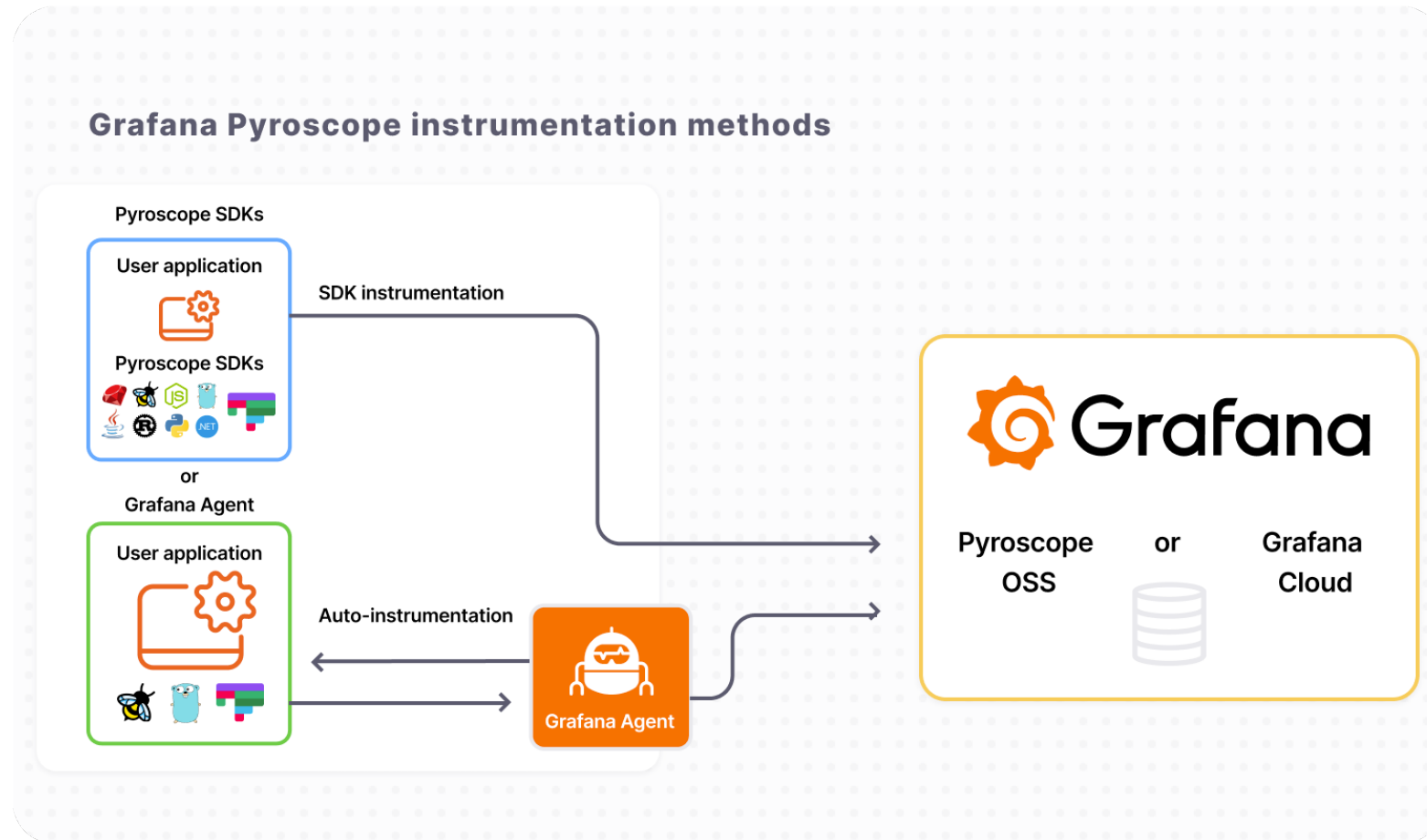


FIG. Architecture of the Grafana Pyroscope

Java: How to collect? Java Flight Recorder

- Capture both JVM and application data
 - GC
 - Synchronization
 - Compiler
 - CPU usage
 - Exceptions
 - I/O
- Sampling-based profiler
 - Very low overhead: 2-3%
- Buffers
 - Thread Buffer
 - Global Buffer
 - Repository (Disk chunk)

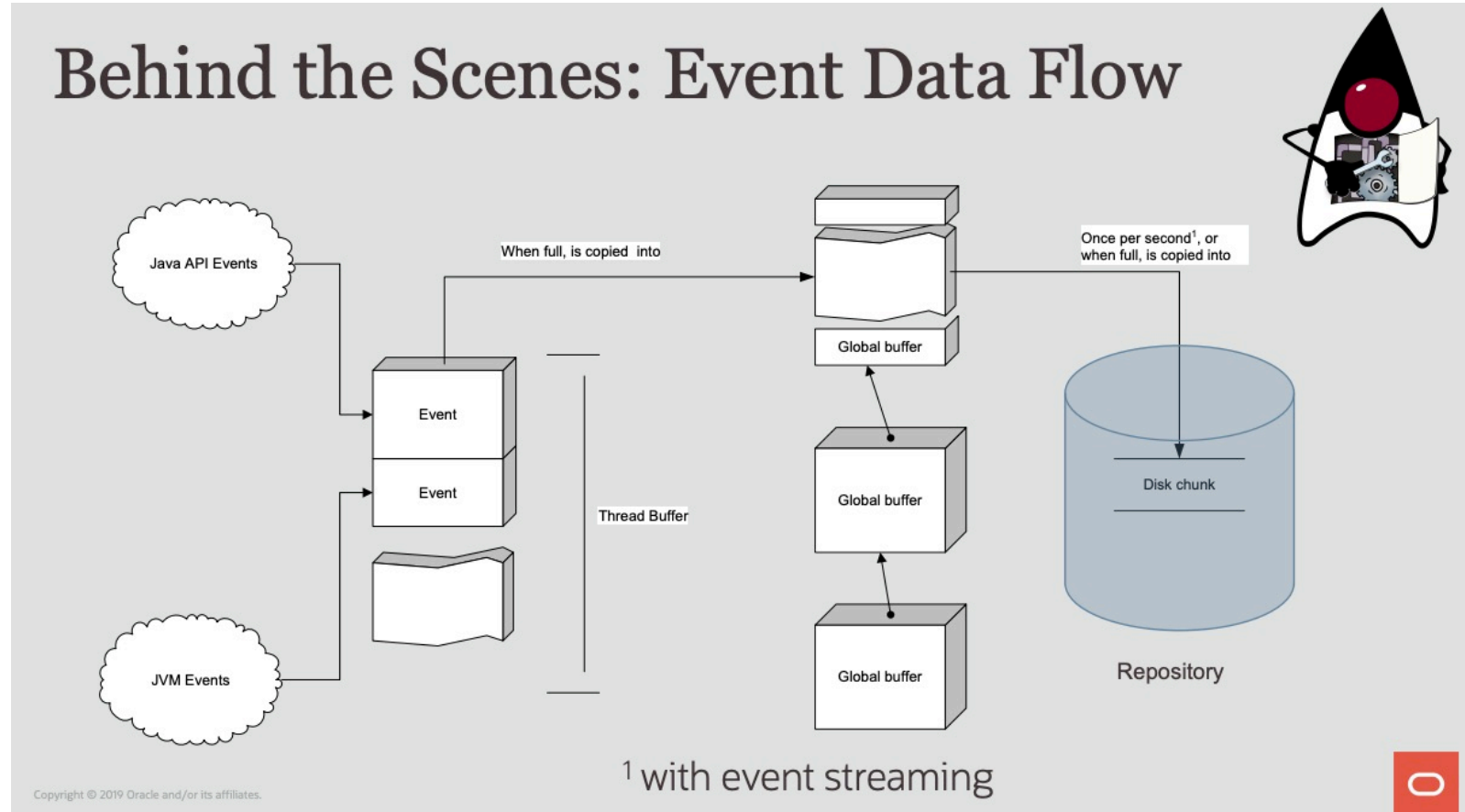


FIG. How JFR works in the background: API events and JVM events as sources. <https://www.infoq.com/presentations/monitoring-jdk-jfr>

Java: How to collect? Java Flight Recorder

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```
jdk.ExecutionSample {
  startTime = 2023-02-13T05:53:01.646060063Z
  sampledThread = "http-nio-8080-exec-482" (javaThreadId = 12559)
  state = "STATE_RUNNABLE"
  contextId = 0
  stackTrace = [
    java.util.LinkedHashMap.entrySet() line: 635
    java.util.HashMap.putMapEntries(Map, boolean) line: 513
    java.util.HashMap.<init>(Map) line: 491
    io.netty.bootstrap.AbstractBootstrap.copiedMap(Map) line: 429
    io.netty.bootstrap.AbstractBootstrap.options() line: 417
    ...
  ]
}
```

Event ID

Timestamp (CPU ticks)

Duration (CPU ticks)

Thread ID

StackTrace ID

Event Specific Payload

FIG. The anatomy of a JFR event and a typical example

async-profiler

This project is a low overhead sampling profiler for Java that does not suffer from [Safepoint bias problem](#). It features HotSpot-specific APIs to collect stack traces and to track memory allocations. The profiler works with OpenJDK, Oracle JDK and other Java runtimes based on the HotSpot JVM.

async-profiler can trace the following kinds of events:

- CPU cycles
- Hardware and Software performance counters like cache misses, branch misses, page faults, context switches etc.
- Allocations in Java Heap
- Contented lock attempts, including both Java object monitors and ReentrantLocks

Java: How to analyze? FlameGraph

<https://github.com/brendangregg/FlameGraph>

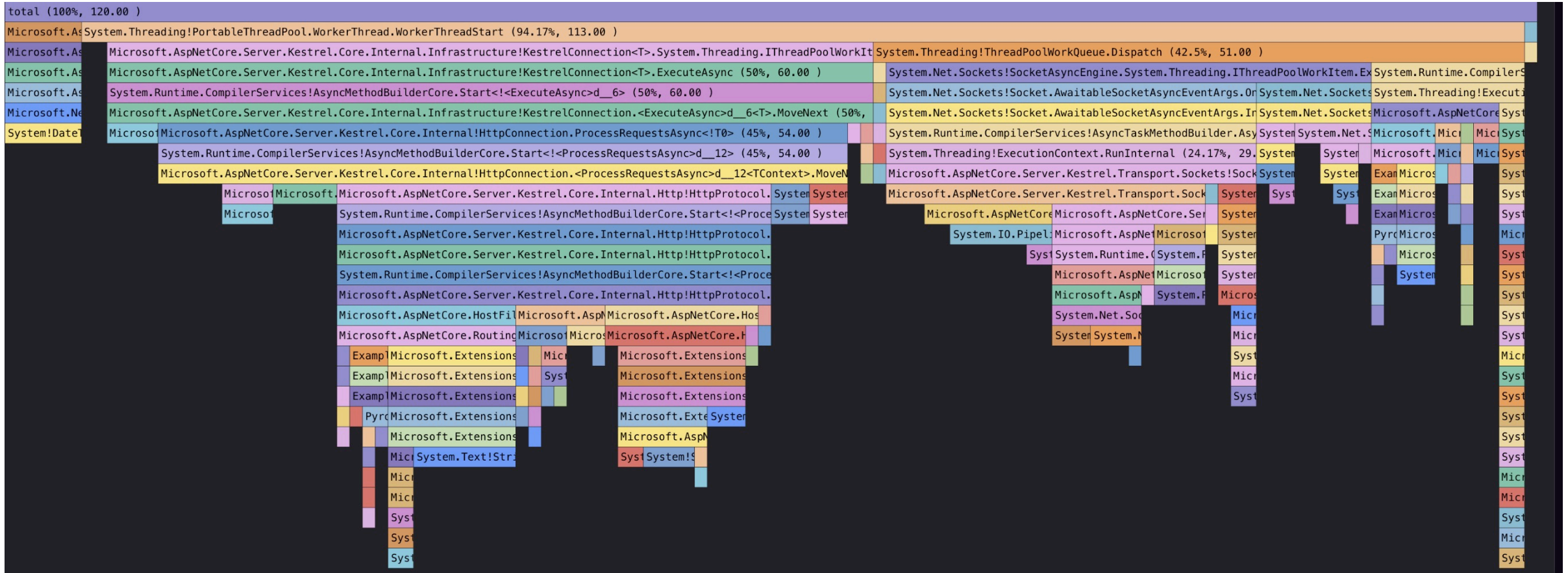


FIG. A typical flamegraph

Java: How to analyze? JDK Mission Control

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<https://www.azul.com/products/components/azul-mission-control/>

The screenshot displays the Azul Mission Control interface for a Java application. The left sidebar shows a tree view of analysis categories: Java Application, JVM Internals, Environment, and Recording. The main panel is titled 'Java Application' and shows a table of threads, a CPU usage bar chart, and a stack trace.

Thread	Profiling Samples	Total I/O Time	Total Blocked Time	Class Loading Time	Total Allocation	Throv
reactor-http-epoll-2	1,702		6.406 ms		2.65 GiB	
reactor-http-epoll-3	1,696		54.518 μs		2.6 GiB	
reactor-http-epoll-1	1,684		62.716 μs		2.6 GiB	
reactor-http-epoll-4	1,666		33.057 μs		2.61 GiB	

The CPU Usage chart shows 100% usage over time. The Allocation chart shows 4 GiB usage. The Stack Trace table is as follows:

Stack Trace	Samples	Percentage
void sun.net.www.http.KeepAliveCache.put(URL, Object, HttpClient)	360910	15.5 %
void sun.net.www.http.HttpClient.putInKeepAliveCache()	360910	15.5 %
void sun.net.www.http.HttpClient.finished()	360910	15.5 %
void sun.net.www.http.KeepAliveStream.close()	360896	15.5 %
void sun.net.www.MeteredStream.justRead(long)	360896	15.5 %
int sun.net.www.MeteredStream.read(byte[], int, int)	360896	15.5 %
int java.io.FilterInputStream.read(byte[], int, int)	360896	15.5 %
int sun.net.www.protocol.http.HttpURLConnection\$HttpInputStream.read(byte[], int, int)	360896	15.5 %
int com.googlecode.jsonrpc4j.NoCloseInputStream.read(byte[], int, int)	360896	15.5 %
boolean com.fasterxml.jackson.core.json.ByteSourceJsonBootstrapper.ensureLoaded(int)	360444	15.5 %
JsonEncoding com.fasterxml.jackson.core.json.ByteSourceJsonBootstrapper.detectEncoding()	360444	15.5 %
JsonParser com.fasterxml.jackson.core.json.ByteSourceJsonBootstrapper.constructParser(int, ObjectCodec, ByteQuads)	360444	15.5 %
JsonParser com.fasterxml.jackson.core.JsonFactory.createParser(InputStream, IOContext)	360444	15.5 %
JsonParser com.fasterxml.jackson.core.JsonFactory.createParser(InputStream)	360444	15.5 %
Object com.fasterxml.jackson.databind.ObjectMapper.readValue(InputStream, Class)	360444	15.5 %
JsonNode com.googlecode.jsonrpc4j.ReadContext.nextValue()	360444	15.5 %
JsonNode com.googlecode.jsonrpc4j.JsonRpcClient.readResponseNode(ReadContext)	360444	15.5 %
ObjectNode com.googlecode.jsonrpc4j.JsonRpcClient.getValidResponse(String, ReadContext)	360444	15.5 %
Object com.googlecode.jsonrpc4j.JsonRpcClient.readResponse(Type, InputStream, String)	360444	15.5 %
Object com.googlecode.jsonrpc4j.JsonRpcClient.readResponse(Type, InputStream)	360444	15.5 %
Object com.googlecode.jsonrpc4j.JsonRpcHttpClient.invoke(\$original\$puUdVvZwG(String, Object, Type, Map)	360444	15.5 %
Object com.googlecode.jsonrpc4j.JsonRpcHttpClient.invoke(\$original\$puUdVvZwG\$accessor\$SYtRAFIg(String, Object, T	360444	15.5 %
Object com.googlecode.jsonrpc4j.JsonRpcHttpClient\$auxiliary\$yI64Wlv3.call()	360444	15.5 %
Object org.apache.skywalking.apm.agent.core.plugin.interceptor.enhance.InstMethodsInter.intercept(Object, Object[], C	360444	15.5 %
Object com.googlecode.jsonrpc4j.JsonRpcHttpClient.invoke(String, Object, Type, Map)	360444	15.5 %

Arch Overview

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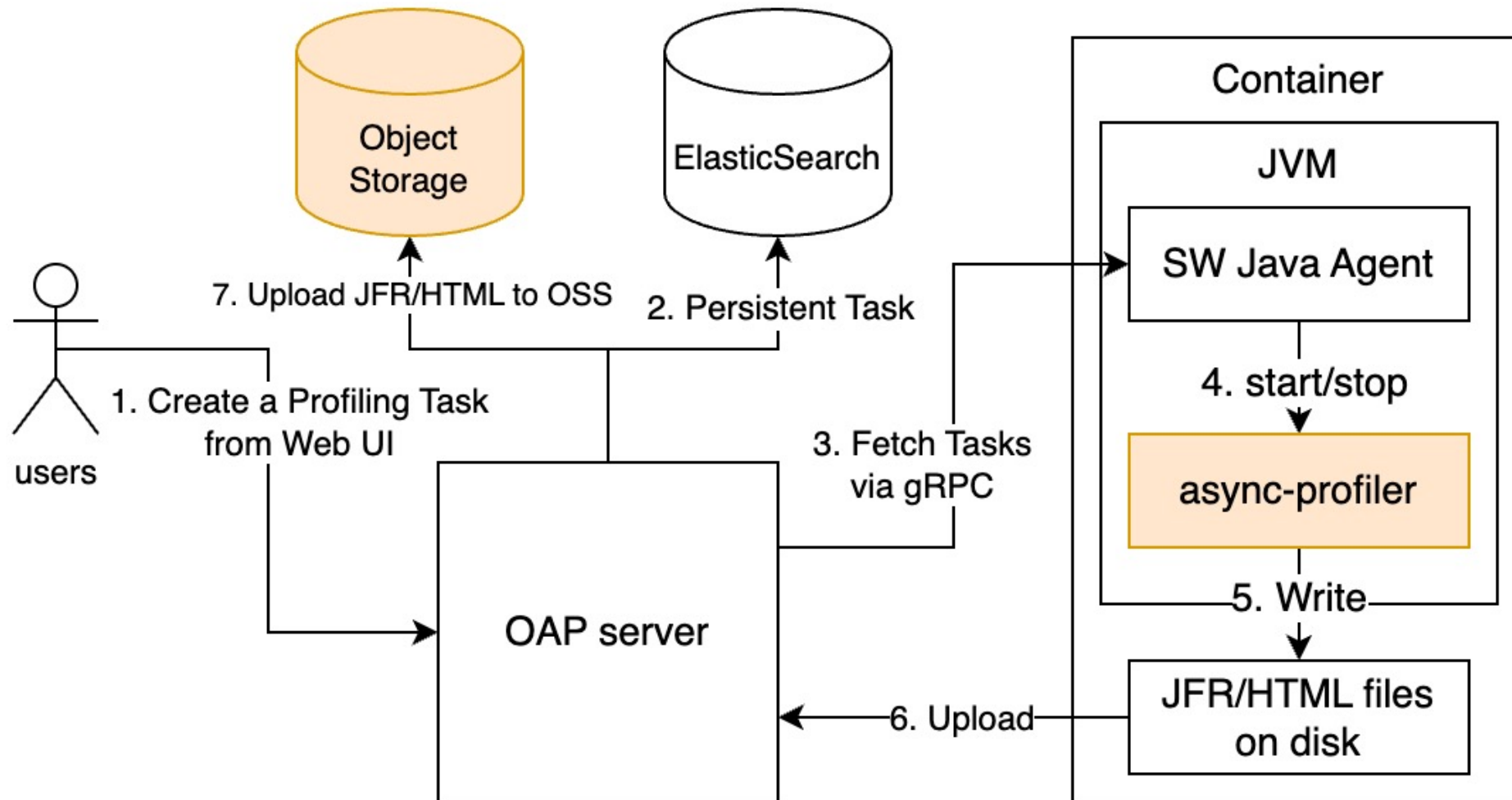


FIG. Overview of the system design

JFR Reader: read events w/ jfr mod

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```
1 package org.example;
2
3 import jdk.jfr.consumer.RecordedEvent;
4 import jdk.jfr.consumer.RecordingFile;
5
6 import java.nio.file.Paths;
7 import java.util.List;
8
9 public class App {
10     public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
11         List<RecordedEvent> events = RecordingFile.readAllEvents(Paths.get("/path/to/jfr"));
12         for (final RecordedEvent event : events) {
13             // process...
14         }
15     }
16 }
17
```

```
jdk.ExecutionSample {
  startTime = 2023-02-13T05:53:01.646060063Z
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    ...
  ]
}
```

FIG. Read all events and then decode (JDK 8u262+)

JFR Reader: build call stack



FIG. Build the call stack (Tree with treeNode as children)

JFR Reader: build call stack (~80M)

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```
8 ▶ public class App {
9 ▶     public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
10     Tree callStack = new Tree();
11     63.35 MB
12     for (final RecordedEvent event : RecordingFile.readAllEvents(Paths.get(first: "/Users/megrez/Downloads/fcb95fca8e9
13     647.24 MB
14         if (event != null) {
15             decodeEvent(event, callStack);
16         }
17     }
18 @ 1 usage
19     public static void decodeEvent(RecordedEvent event, Tree callStack) {
20         switch (event.getEventType().getName()) {
21             case "jdk.ObjectAllocationInNewTLAB":
22                 callStack.insertStackString(event.getStackTree().getFrames(), event.getLong(name: "allocationSize"));
23                 break;
24         }
25     }
}
```

~120 million

FIG. Memory issue: large heap size while building the call stack with millions of (allocation) events

JFR Reader: build call stack (~80M)

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FIG. Memory issue: large heap size while building the call stack with millions of (allocation) events

JFR Reader: Iterator pattern

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```
8 > public class App {
9 >     public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
10         Tree callStack = new Tree();
11         try (RecordingFile recordingFile = new RecordingFile(Paths.get(first: "/Users/megrez/Downloads/fcb95fca8e93dde7d924
12             while (recordingFile.hasMoreEvents()) {
13                 final RecordedEvent event = recordingFile.readEvent();
14                 if (event != null) {
15                     decodeEvent(event, callStack);
16                 }
17             }
18         }
19     }
20
21 @ 1 usage
22     public static void decodeEvent(RecordedEvent event, Tree callStack) {
23         switch (event.getEventType().getName()) {
24             case "jdk.ObjectAllocationInNewTLAB":
25                 callStack.insertStackString(event.getStackTrace().getFrames(), event.getLong(name: "allocationSize"));
26                 break;
27         }
28     }
}
```

FIG. Process RecordEvent one by one

JFR Reader: Iterator pattern

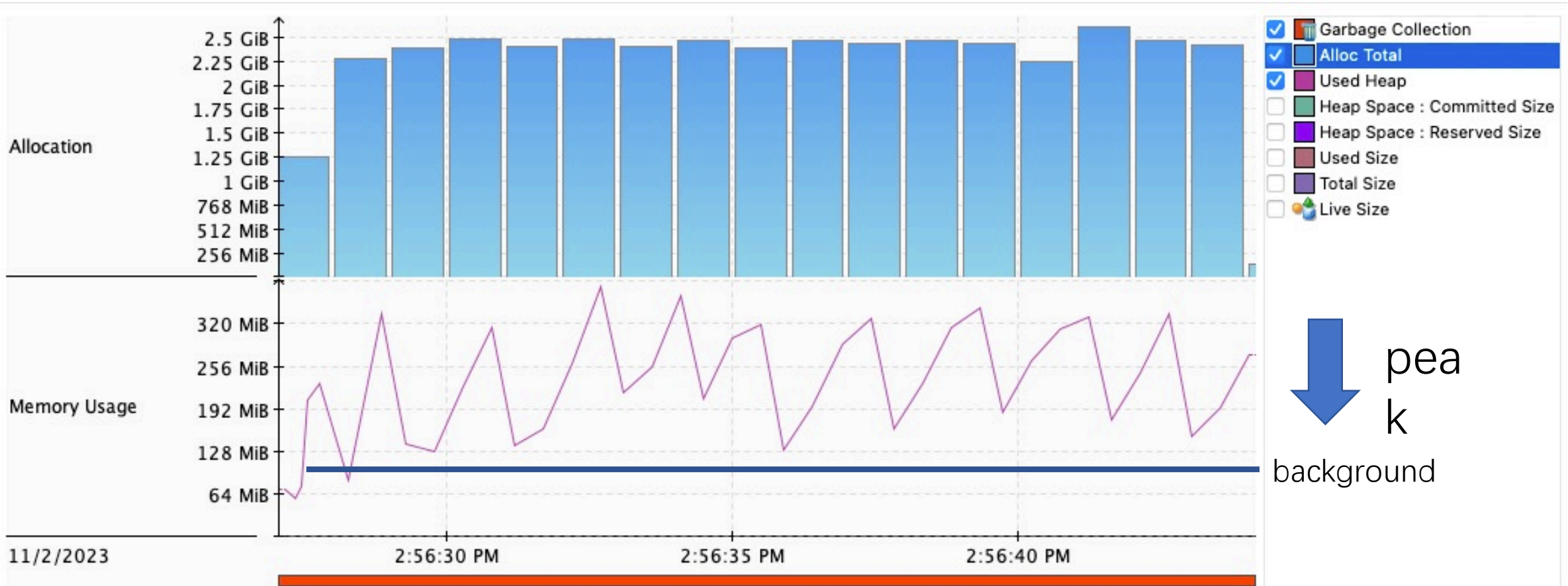


FIG. Memory issue: large heap size while building the call stack with millions of (allocation) events

JFR Reader: Slow!

```
12      5 usages
      public class Tree {
13          2 usages
      private final TreeNode root = new TreeNode( name: "");
14
15          1 usage
      public void insertStackFrames(List<RecordedFrame> frames, long v) {
16          TreeNode n = this.root;
17          300 ms
      for (final RecordedFrame frame : Lists.reverse(frames)) {
18              n.total += v;
19              2,079 ms
      final RecordedMethod m = frame.getMethod();
20          10,236 ms
      final String frameStr = m.getType().getName() + "." + m.getName();
21          1,229 ms
      n = n.insertString(frameStr);
22          30 ms
      }
23      // Leaf.
24      n.total += v;
25      n.self += v;
26  }
```

FIG. Performance issue: most time spent on building frame names

JFR Reader: use raw references

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```
public class StackTrace {  
    // 方法ID  
    public final long[] methods;  
    // 每个byte表示对应的方法类型, 有INTERPRETED, JIT_COMPILED等  
    public final byte[] types;  
    // 每个int表示方法所在的行号和bci  
    public final int[] locations;  
    // ...  
}
```

FIG. use references instead of materialized stack trace

JFR Reader: use raw references

通过JDK原生的方式读取

通过async-profiler读取

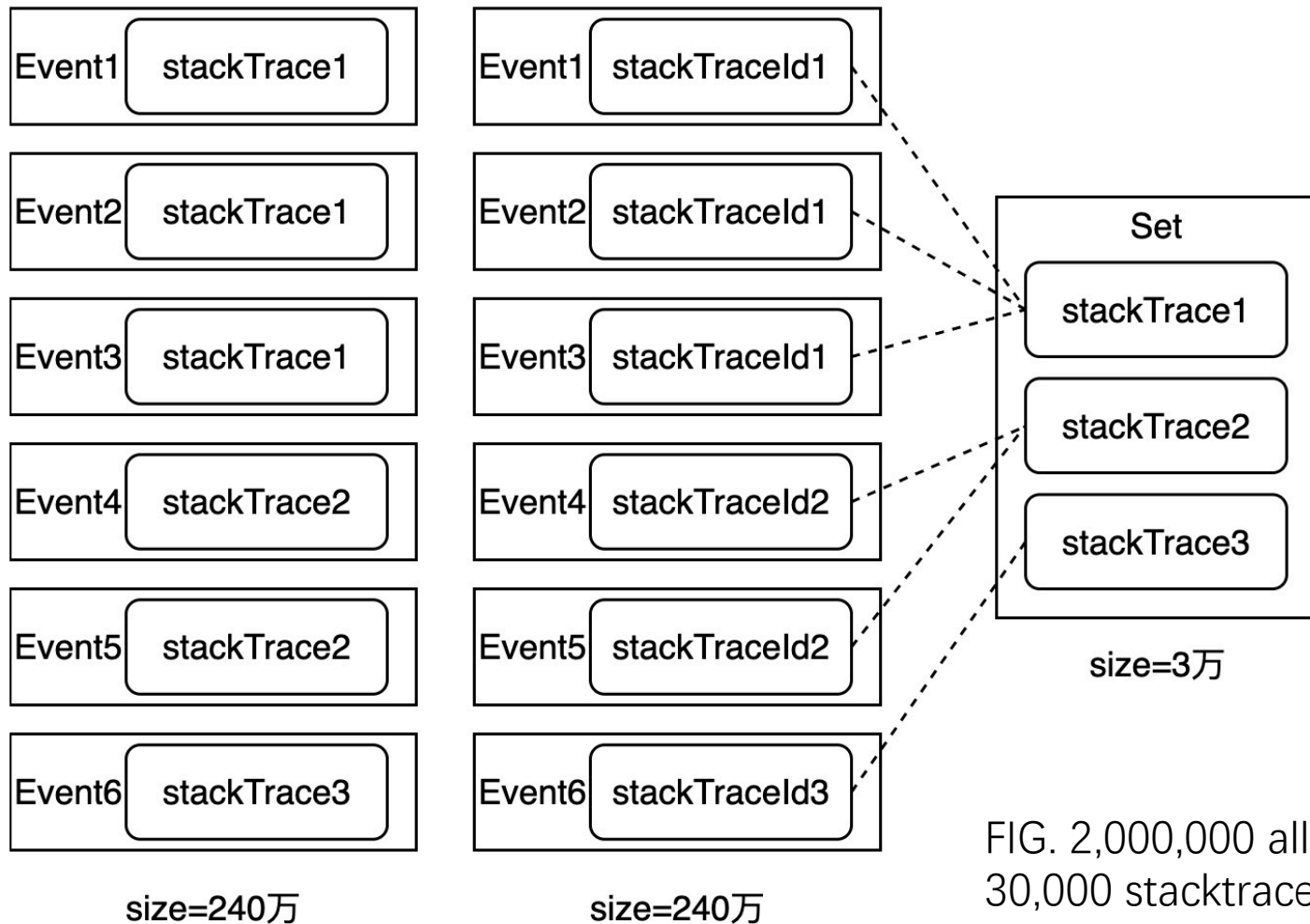


FIG. 2,000,000 alloc events share 30,000 stacktraces

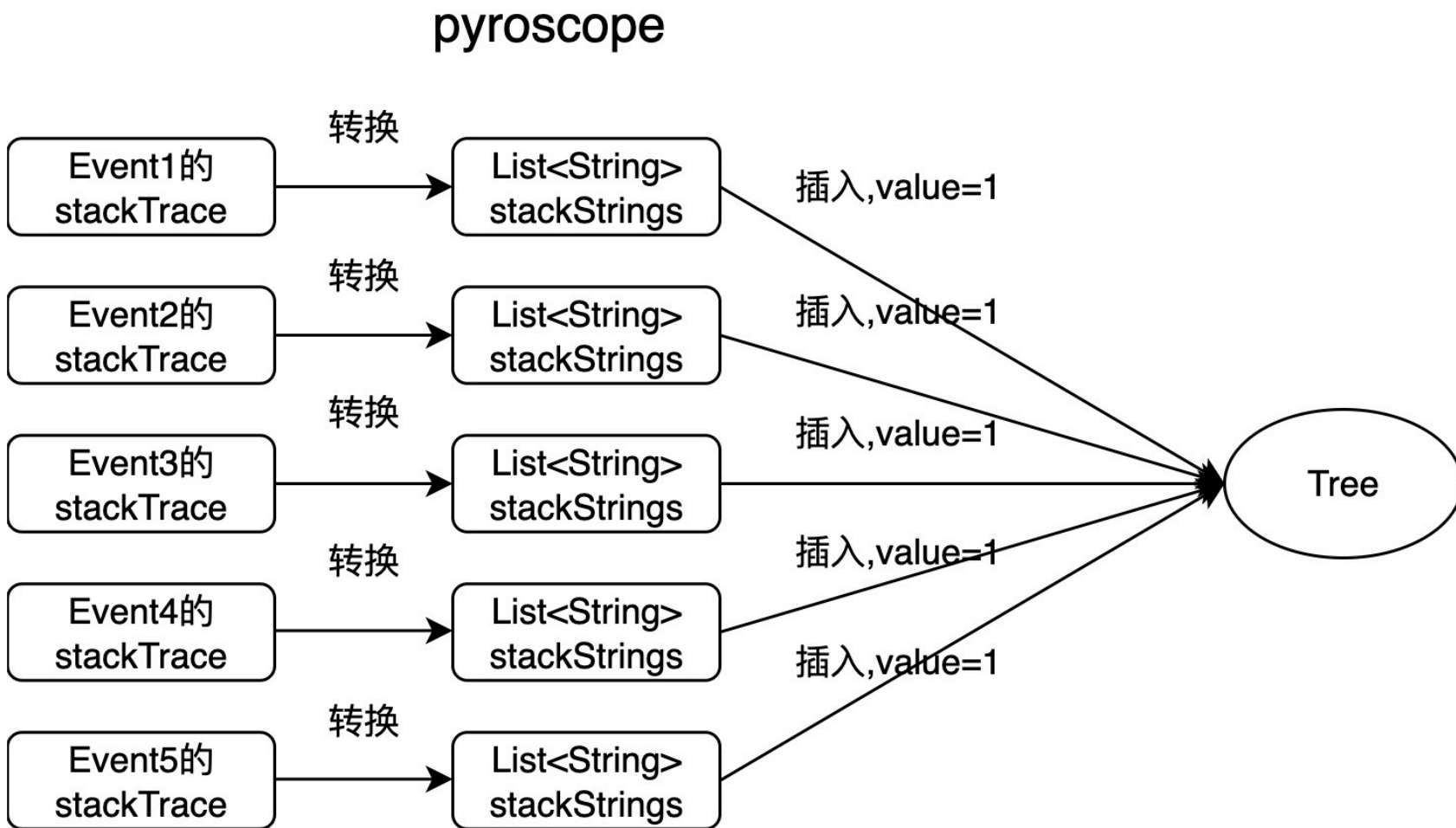
JFR Reader: binary search $O(\log N)$?

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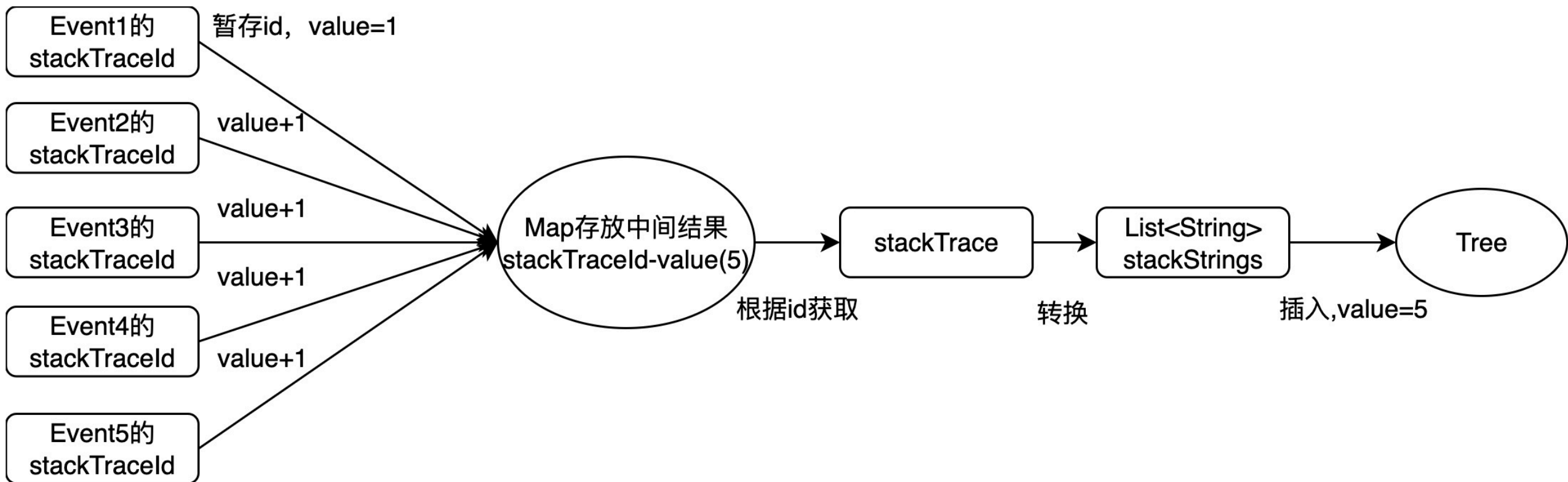


FIG. Another performance issue: too many binary searches during insertion even if binary search has $O(\log N)$ complexity

JFR Reader: insert first



JFR Reader: aggregate first



JFR Reader: final round

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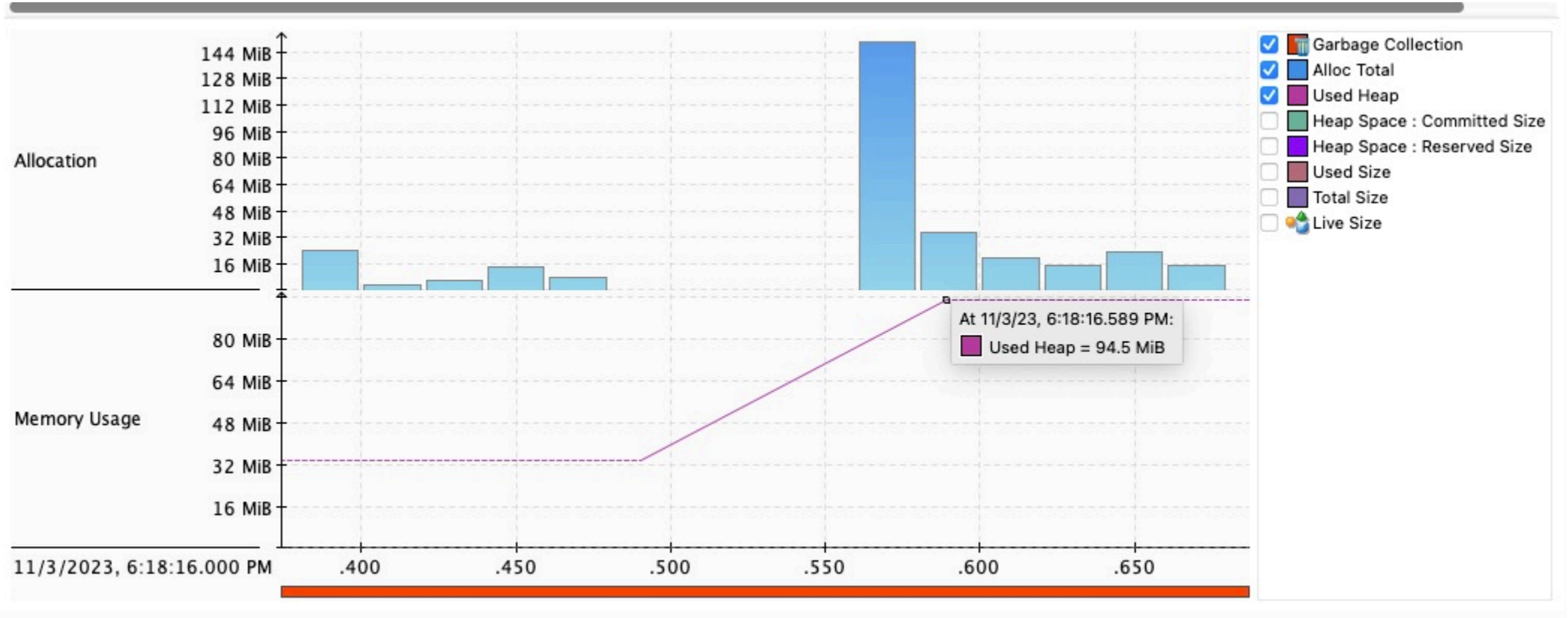
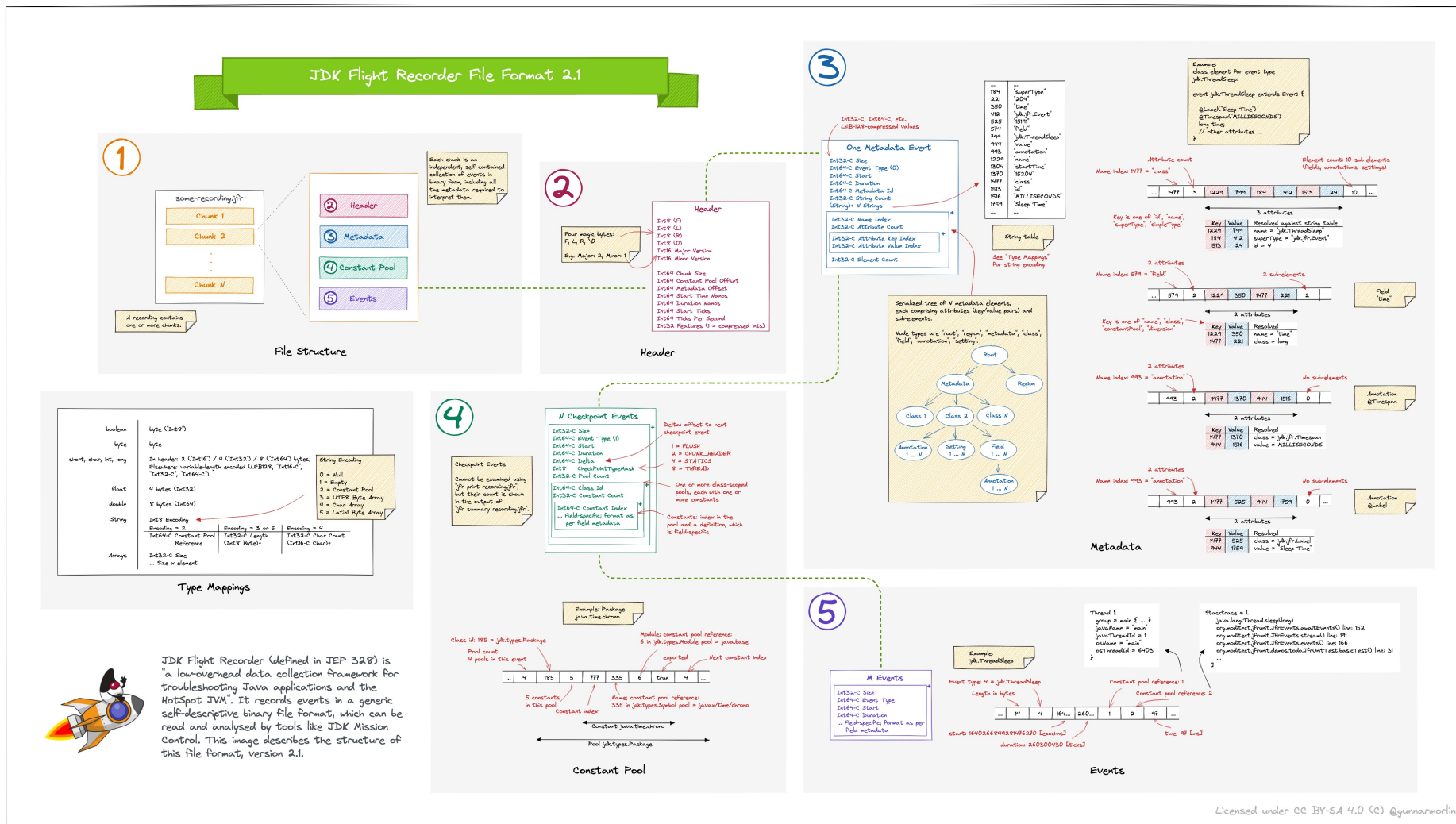


FIG. Final result: use <100M heap, and finish parsing <1 second

JFR Reader: What about large JFR file?



JFR Reader: What about large JFR file?

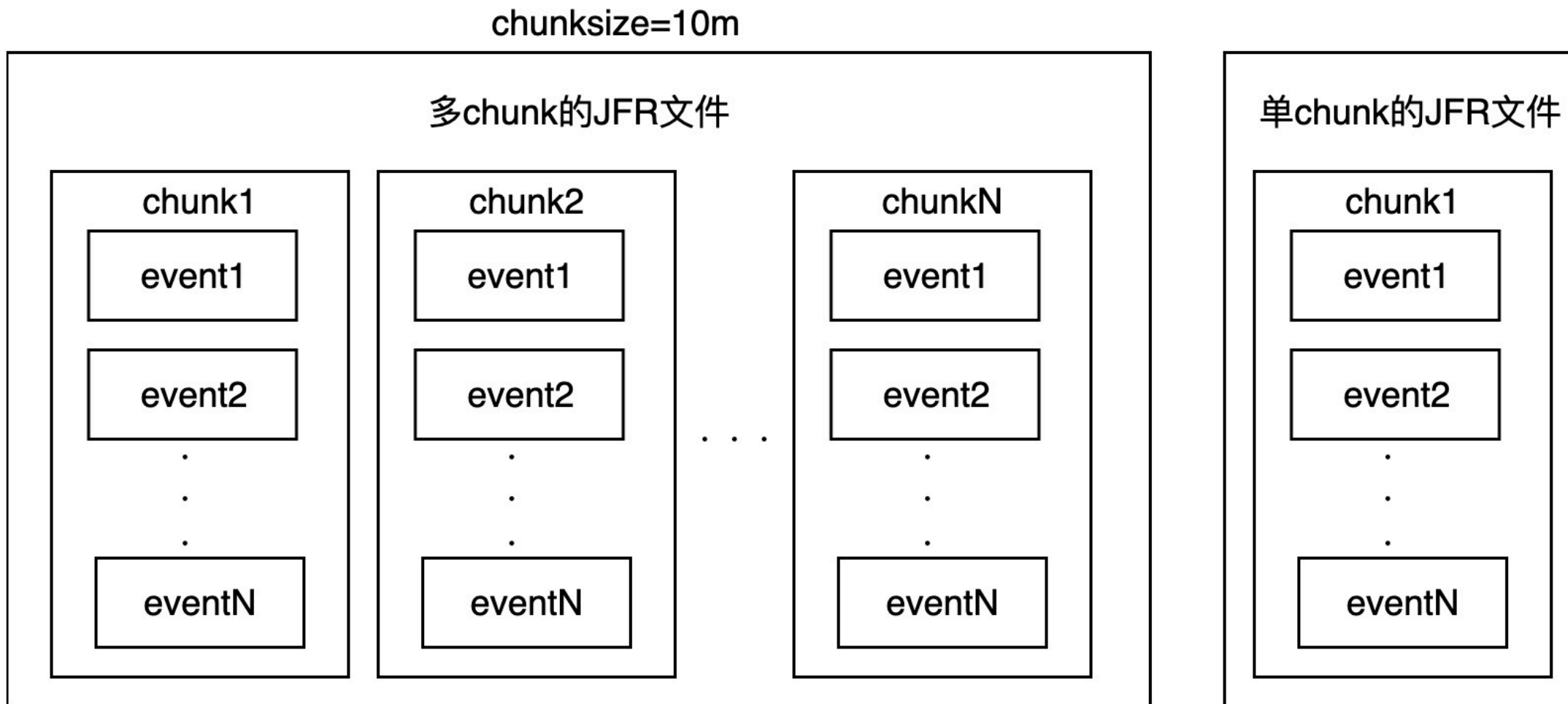


FIG. ChunkSize can be controlled by parameter

JFR Reader: What about large JFR file?

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Support read JFR file chunk by chunk #718

Closed lujiajing1126 wants to merge 2 commits into `async-profiler:master` from `lujiajing1126:master`

Conversation 4 Commits 2 Checks 1 Files changed 4 +186 -28

lujiajing1126 commented on Feb 23 · edited Contributor

If the JFR file is large, for example, `alloc` event is enabled, it may cost large heap space to process millions of events.

This PR intends to amortize memory consumption by allowing users to read a single chunk once.

API:

As is used by `readAllEvents` in the `JfrReader.java`,

```
public <E extends Event> List<E> readAllEvents(Class<E> cls) {
    Chunks<E> chunks = readChunks(cls);
    ArrayList<E> events = new ArrayList<>();
    for (final Chunk<E> chunk : chunks) {
        for (final E event : chunk) {
            events.add(event);
        }
    }
    Collections.sort(events);
    return events;
}
```

Still questions: (Excuse for my poor understanding of the JFR spec)

In the current impl, I noticed only `types` and `typesByName` are cleared. However, according to [the file format](#), `Chunk` should be self-contained. Does it mean that we can clear all intermediate states, e.g. classes, symbols, methods when we start to read a new Chunk?

Reviewers: No reviews

Assignees: No one assigned

Labels: None yet

Projects: None yet

Milestone: No milestone

Development: Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues. None yet

Notifications: [Customize](#) [Unsubscribe](#)

You're receiving notifications because you authored the thread.

One more thing: correlation

Context ID functionality #576

Open krzysztofslusarski wants to merge 18 commits into `async-profiler:master` from `krzysztofslusarski:ecid`

Conversation 84 Commits 18 Checks 1 Files changed 6 +69 -9

krzysztofslusarski commented on Apr 3, 2022 · edited

Adding two operations to Java API:

- `setContextId(long contextId)`
- `clearContextId()`

Use case:

There are java applications that want to achieve better performance by distributing the single request work into multiple threads. In such cases it is hard to find in profiler results where the time is wasted, since you have no information which thread executed which request. To make it traceable I would like to use external correlation id, so it is generated by client before passing work to other threads, then the worker thread would do:

```
asyncProfiler.setContextId(correlationId);
actualWork();
asyncProfiler.clearContextId();
```

The context id is passed to custom field on execution sample, so we can post-filter it.

Other use cases I see is reactive programming, and in the future, loom project, distributed systems...

This PR is not finished, I just want to know, what do you think [@apangin](#)? If you like that functionality I can add this field to other profiling event.

Contributor

Reviewers

- jbachorik
- apangin
- ocadaruma
- AdrK
- vasi-stripe

Still in progress? Learn about draft PRs

Assignees

No one assigned

Labels

None yet

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Milestone

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Development

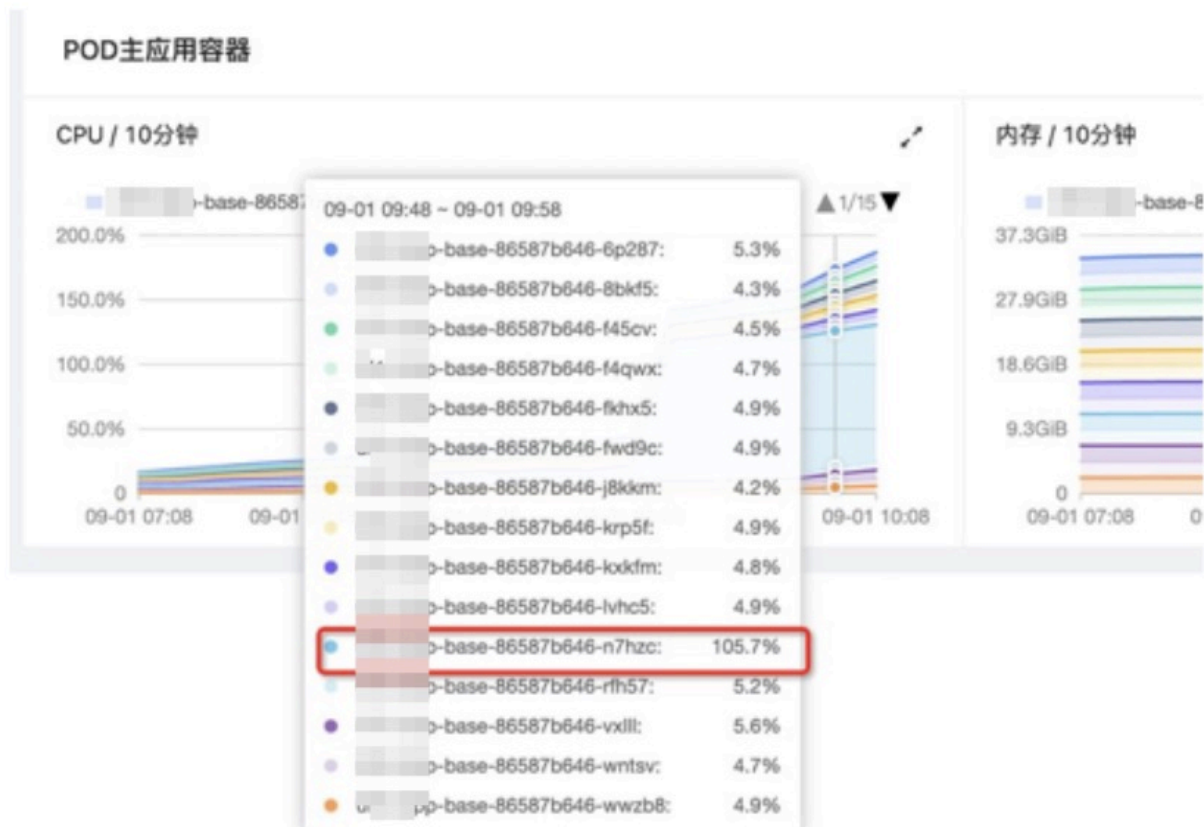
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02

交互式诊断

Interactive Diag.

How to diag. a CPU spike



有一个节点 cpu 和 young gc 次数 遥遥领先，
看起来很奇怪

How to diag. a CPU spike: Arthas

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The screenshot shows the Arthas v3.7.1 documentation website. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items like '文档', '简介', '快速入门', 'Arthas Install', '下载', '表达式核心变量', '命令列表', and various command names. The main content area is titled '使用参考' and contains the text '支持一键展示当前最忙的前 N 个线程并打印堆栈:'. Below this is a terminal window showing the output of the '\$ thread -n 3' command. The output lists three threads: 'C1 CompilerThread0' (1.63% CPU usage), 'arthas-command-execute' (0.11% CPU usage), and 'VM Periodic Task Thread' (0.07% CPU usage). The 'arthas-command-execute' thread is expanded to show its stack trace.

Arthas v3.7.1

首页 在线教程 文档 命令列表

使用参考

支持一键展示当前最忙的前 N 个线程并打印堆栈:

```
1 $ thread -n 3
2 "C1 CompilerThread0" [Internal] cpuUsage=1.63% deltaTime=3ms time=1170ms
3
4
5 "arthas-command-execute" Id=23 cpuUsage=0.11% deltaTime=0ms time=401ms RUNNABLE
6   at java.management@11.0.7/sun.management.ThreadImpl.dumpThreads0(Native Method)
7   at java.management@11.0.7/sun.management.ThreadImpl.getThreadInfo(ThreadImpl.j
8   at com.taobao.arthas.core.command.monitor200.ThreadCommand.processTopBusyThrea
9   at com.taobao.arthas.core.command.monitor200.ThreadCommand.process(ThreadComma
10  at com.taobao.arthas.core.shell.command.impl.AnnotatedCommandImpl.process(Anno
11  at com.taobao.arthas.core.shell.command.impl.AnnotatedCommandImpl.access$100(A
12  at com.taobao.arthas.core.shell.command.impl.AnnotatedCommandImpl$ProcessHandl
13  at com.taobao.arthas.core.shell.command.impl.AnnotatedCommandImpl$ProcessHandl
14  at com.taobao.arthas.core.shell.system.impl.ProcessImpl$CommandProcessTask.run
15  at java.base@11.0.7/java.util.concurrent.Executors$RunnableAdapter.call(Execut
16  at java.base@11.0.7/java.util.concurrent.FutureTask.run(FutureTask.java:264)
17  at java.base@11.0.7/java.util.concurrent.ScheduledThreadPoolExecutor$Scheduled
18  at java.base@11.0.7/java.util.concurrent.ThreadPoolExecutor.runWorker(ThreadPo
19  at java.base@11.0.7/java.util.concurrent.ThreadPoolExecutor$Worker.run(ThreadP
20  at java.base@11.0.7/java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:834)
21
22
23 "VM Periodic Task Thread" [Internal] cpuUsage=0.07% deltaTime=0ms time=584ms
```

How to integrate SkyWalking with Arthas

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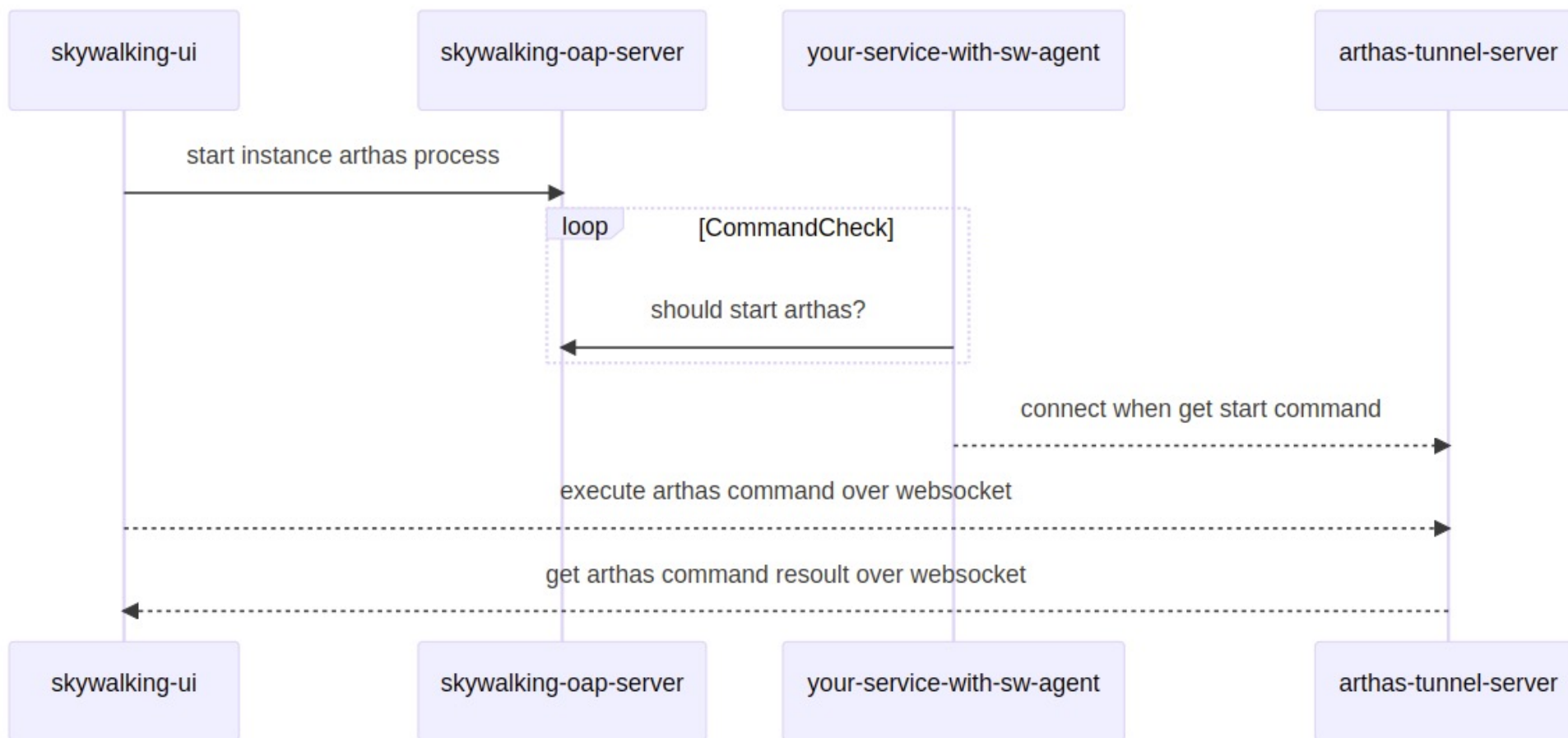
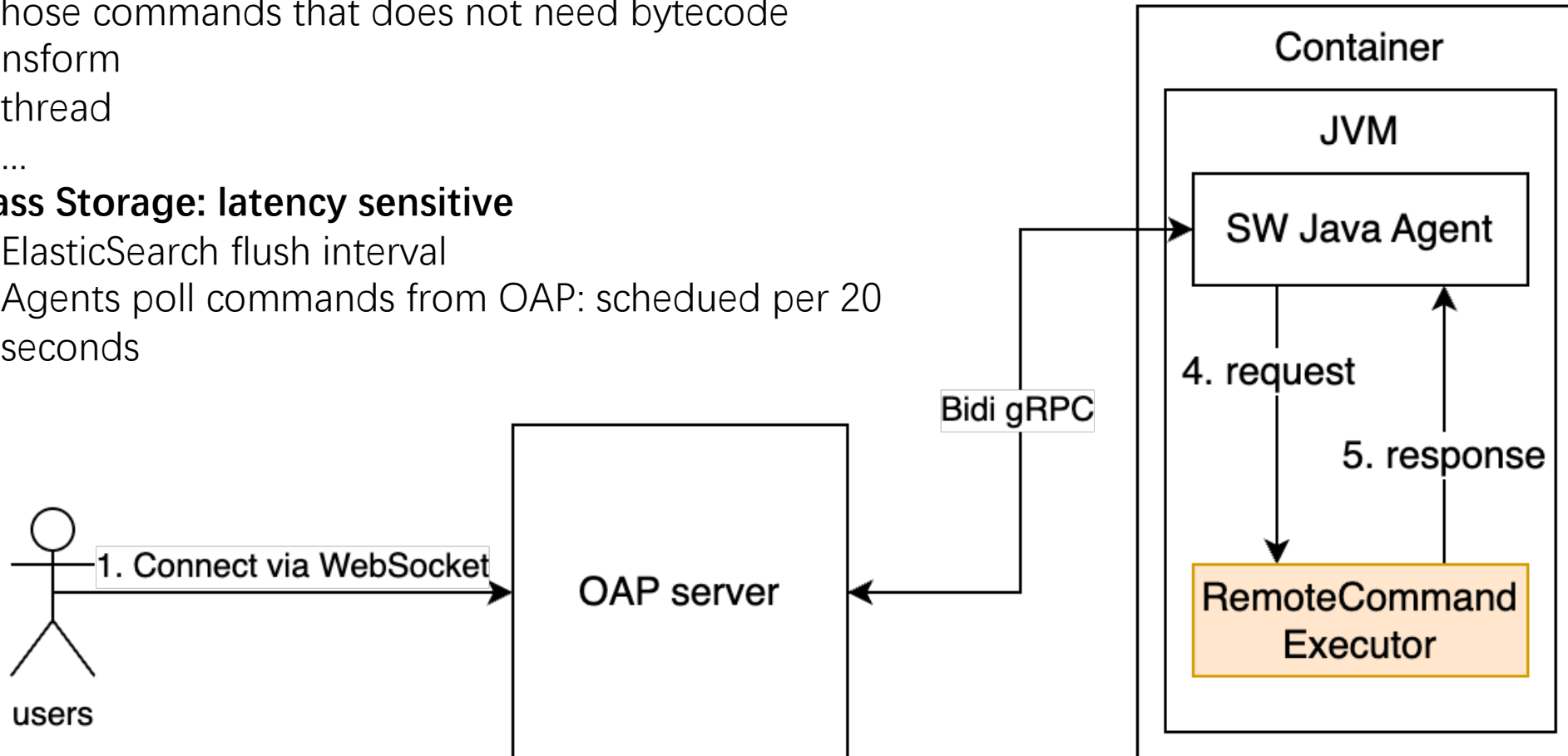


FIG. 将 Apache SkyWalking 与 Arthas 集成 By 魏翔

<https://skywalking.apache.org/zh/2023-09-17-integrating-skywalking-with-arthas/>

How to integrate SkyWalking with Arthas

- For those commands that does not need bytecode retransform
 - thread
 - ...
- **Bypass Storage: latency sensitive**
 - ElasticSearch flush interval
 - Agents poll commands from OAP: scheduled per 20 seconds



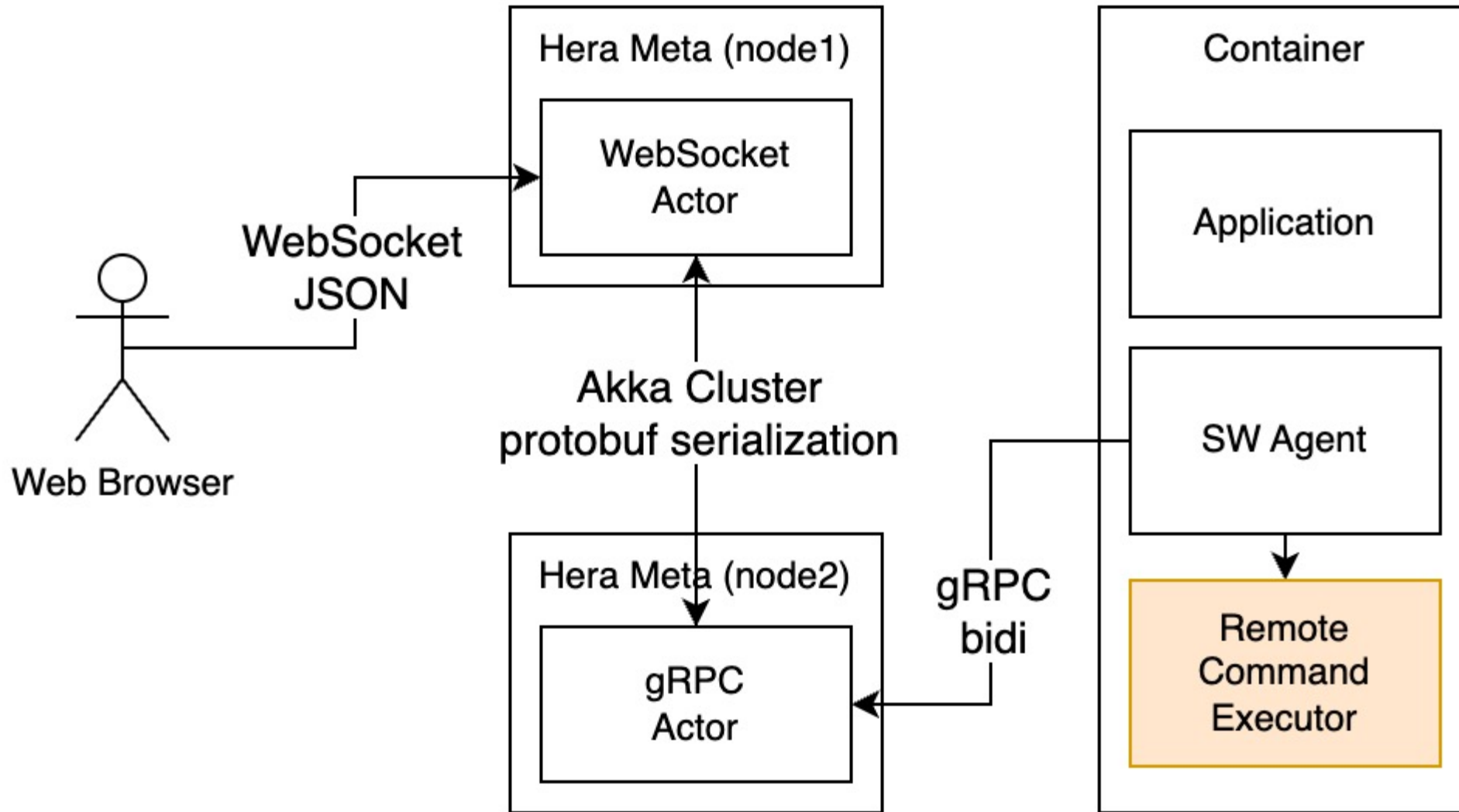
Protocol Design: bidi over unary

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```
29  service ProfileTask {
30
31      // query all sniffer need to execute profile task commands
32      rpc getProfileTaskCommands (ProfileTaskCommandQuery) returns (common.v1.Commands) {
33      }
34
35      // collect dumped thread snapshot
36      rpc collectSnapshot (stream ThreadSnapshot) returns (common.v1.Commands) {
37      }
38
39      // report profiling task finished
40      rpc reportTaskFinish (ProfileTaskFinishReport) returns (common.v1.Commands) {
41      }
42
43  }
```

```
29  service RemoteCommandTask {
30      // collect remote command result
31      rpc executeRemoteCommand (stream RemoteCommandRequest) returns (stream RemoteCommandResponse) {
32      }
33  }
```


What about distributed OAP?



What about retransform?

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<https://github.com/apache/skywalking/blob/master/docs/en/FAQ/Compatible-with-other-javaagent-bytecode-processing.md#compatibility-with-other-java-agent-bytecode-processes>

Problem [↗](#)

1. When using the SkyWalking agent, some other agents, such as Arthas, can't work properly. [#4858](#)
2. The retransform classes in the Java agent conflict with the SkyWalking agent, as illustrated in this [demo](#)

Cause [↗](#)

The SkyWalking agent uses ByteBuddy to transform classes when the Java application starts. ByteBuddy generates auxiliary classes with different random names every time.

When another Java agent retransforms the same class, it triggers the SkyWalking agent to enhance the class again. Since the bytecode has been regenerated by ByteBuddy, the fields and imported class names have been modified, and the JVM verifications on class bytecode have failed, the retransform classes would therefore be unsuccessful.

Resolution [↗](#)

1. Enable the class cache feature

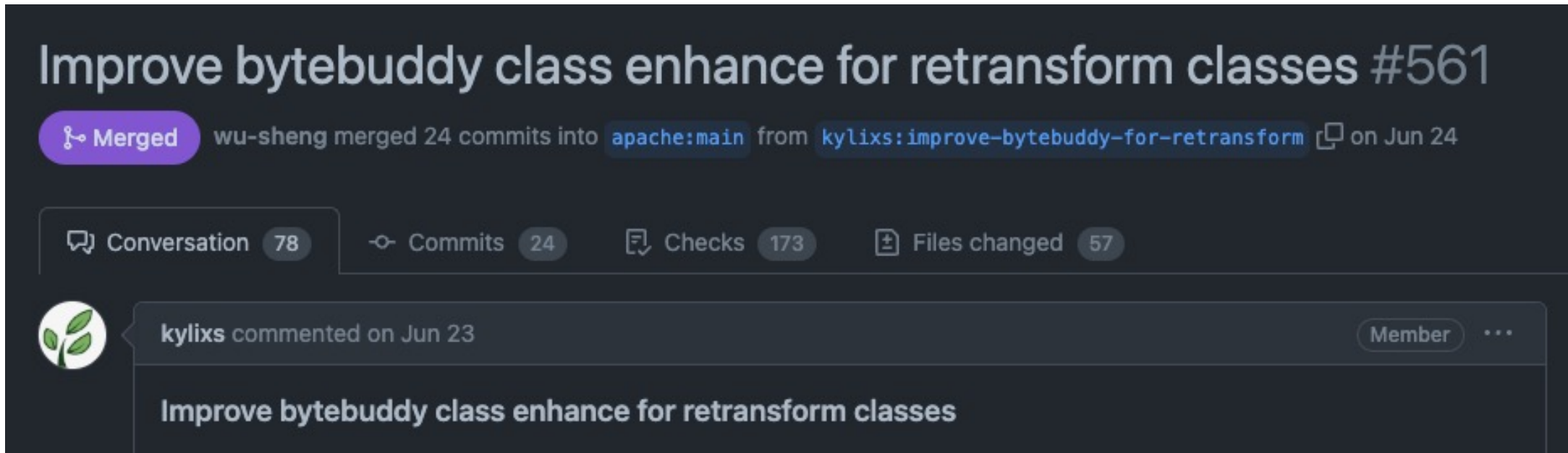
Add JVM parameters:

```
-Dskywalking.agent.is_cache_enhanced_class=true -Dskywalking.agent.class_cache_mode=MEMORY
```

What about retransform? Changes in 9.0.3

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The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. At the top, the title is "Improve bytebuddy class enhance for retransform classes #561". Below the title, it says "Merged" in a purple pill, followed by "wu-sheng merged 24 commits into apache:main from kylixs:improve-bytebuddy-for-retransform on Jun 24". There are statistics for the pull request: Conversation (78), Commits (24), Checks (173), and Files changed (57). A comment from user "kylixs" is visible, dated "Jun 23", with the text "Improve bytebuddy class enhance for retransform classes". The user's profile picture is a green leaf icon, and they are identified as a "Member".

- For those commands that does need bytecode retransform,
 - watch: observe method exec (parameter, result, exception...)
 - trace: trace method exec path
 - monitor: stat method exec (not real time)
- Main idea
 - For TypeDescription: always prefer bytecode from TypePool to reflection API
 - For aux. fields/methods: use stable prefix/suffix instead of random ones

Changes in 9.0: perf issue (resolved)

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The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. At the top, the title is "Optimize bytebuddy type description performance #637". Below the title, it indicates that the pull request is merged and was merged by wu-sheng 8 hours ago. The interface includes navigation tabs for Conversation (37), Commits (13), Checks (181), and Files changed (11). A progress bar shows +494 lines added and -20 lines removed. The main content area features a comment from user kylixs, titled "Improve the performance of type description of byte-buddy". The comment explains the goal of getting the original class description at re-transform, the previous performance issue caused by the POOL_FIRST policy, and the new approach of removing dynamic fields and methods. It lists key features and a three-step process flow. On the right side, there are sections for Reviewers (lujiajing1126 and wu-sheng), Assignees (No one—assign yourself), Labels (core, enhancement, TBD), Projects (None yet), and Milestone (9.1.0).

FIG. Using POOL_FIRST TypeDescription strategy in SW Java 9.0 caused almost double application launch time and larger heap size. Resolved in PR #637.

Q&A

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