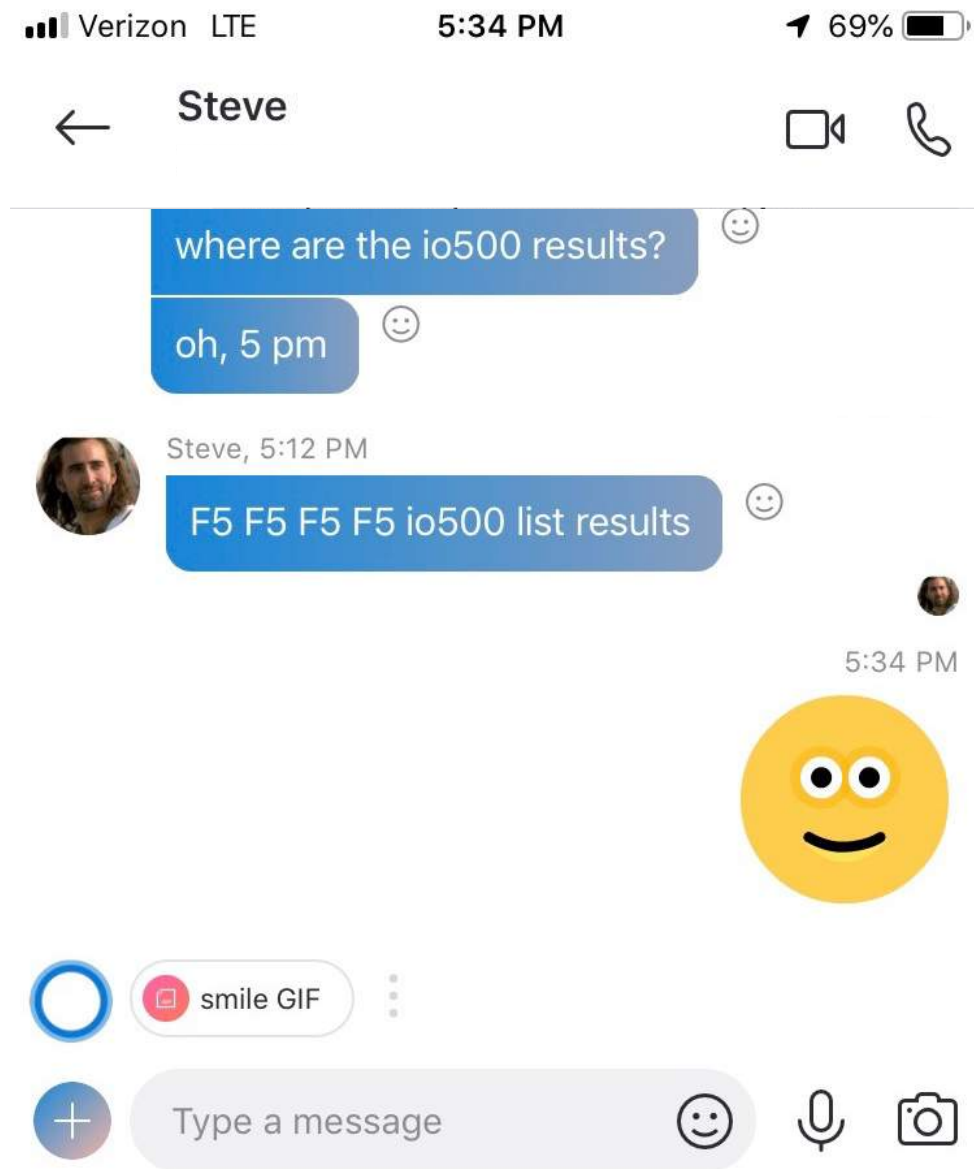




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Bent, Lofstead, Kunkel, Markomanolis



Why IOR Hard Write is Difficult

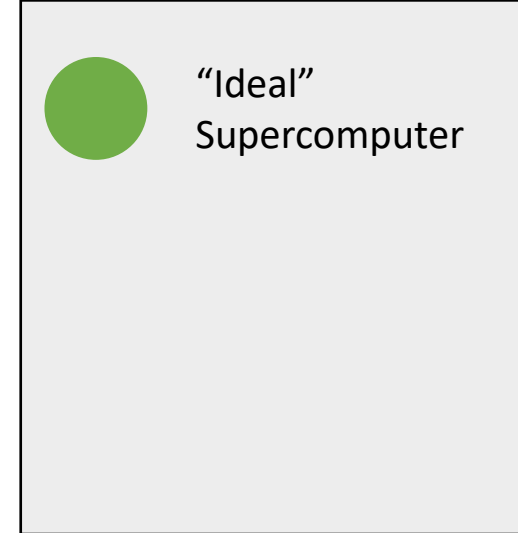
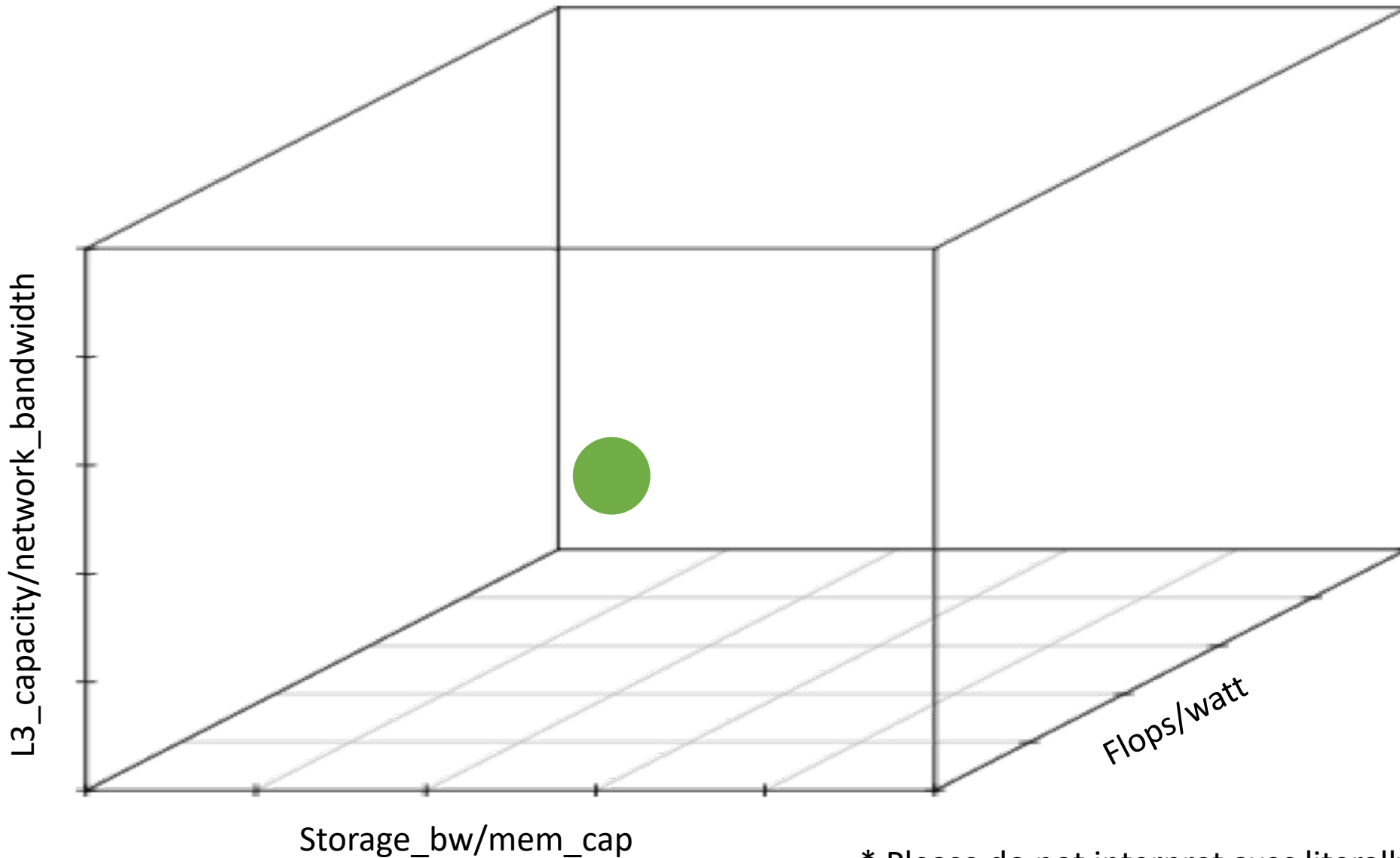
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8K:			0	0	100			4	0	0	
16K:			0	0	100			18	0	0	
32K:			0	0	100			24	0	0	
64K:			0	0	100			12999	96	96	
128K:			0	0	100			406	3	99	
256K:			0	0	100			68	0	99	
512K:			0	0	100			3	0	100	

This data is a histogram of IO sizes from an Lustre OST during the IOR hard test. Because each write is 47K, each will incur a 4K read due to read-modify-write of that page followed by a 48K write (which shows up in the 64K bucket).

IO500 | Motivation: “How Fast Does a Disk Drive Go?”

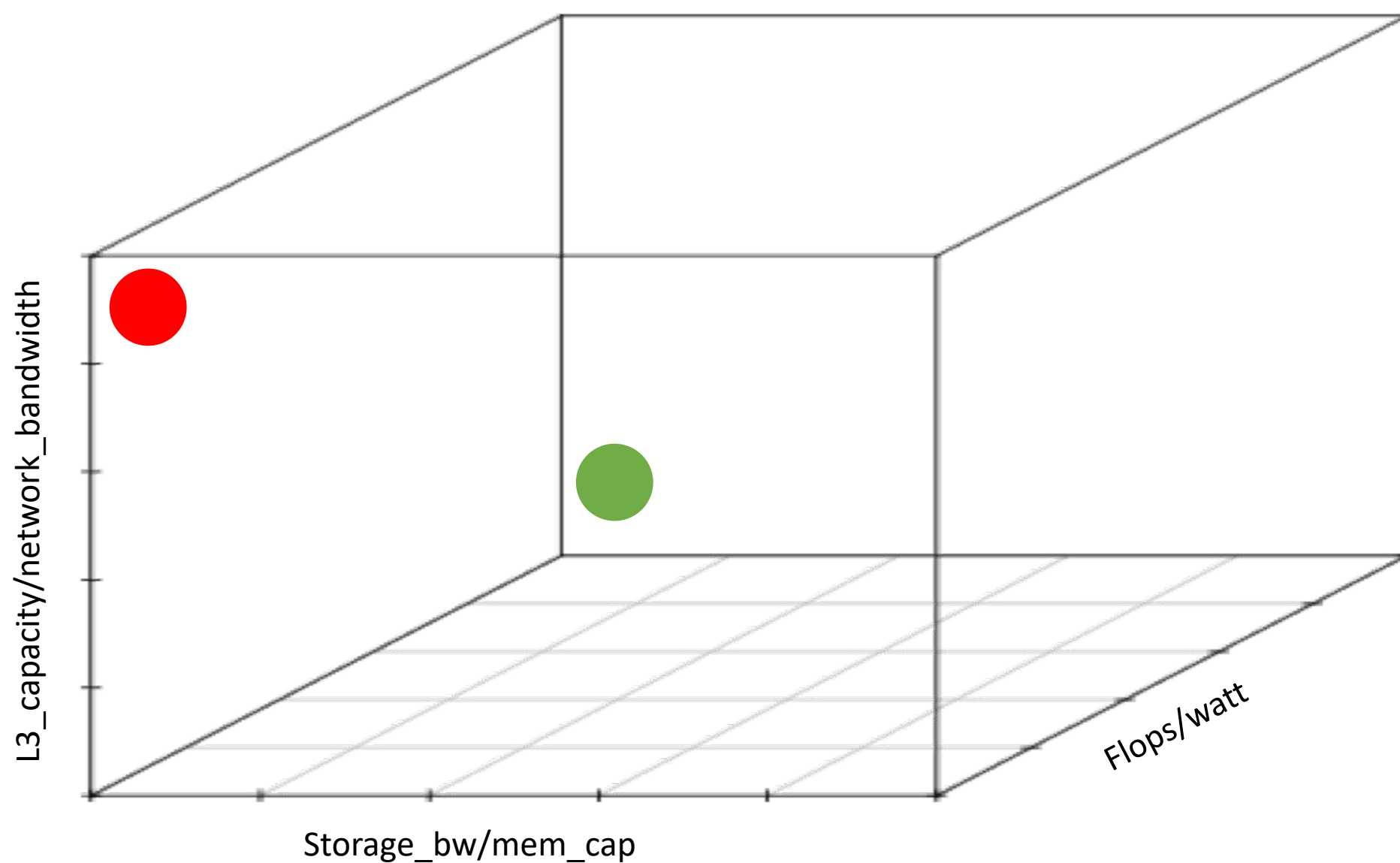
- Firmware engineer: “150 – 160 MB/s”
- Marketer: “200 MB/s”
- Performance engineer: “130 MB/s”
- Salesperson: “100 MB/s”
- User: “Why do I only see 10 MB/s?!?”
- *Building balanced systems to improve system efficiency and user productivity*

IO500 | A Legitimate Concern About Linpack

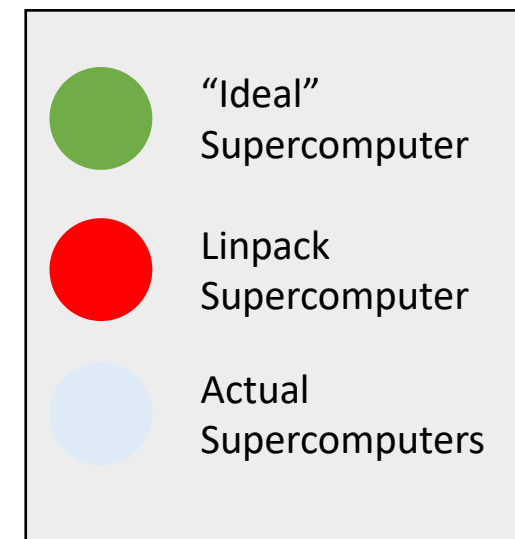
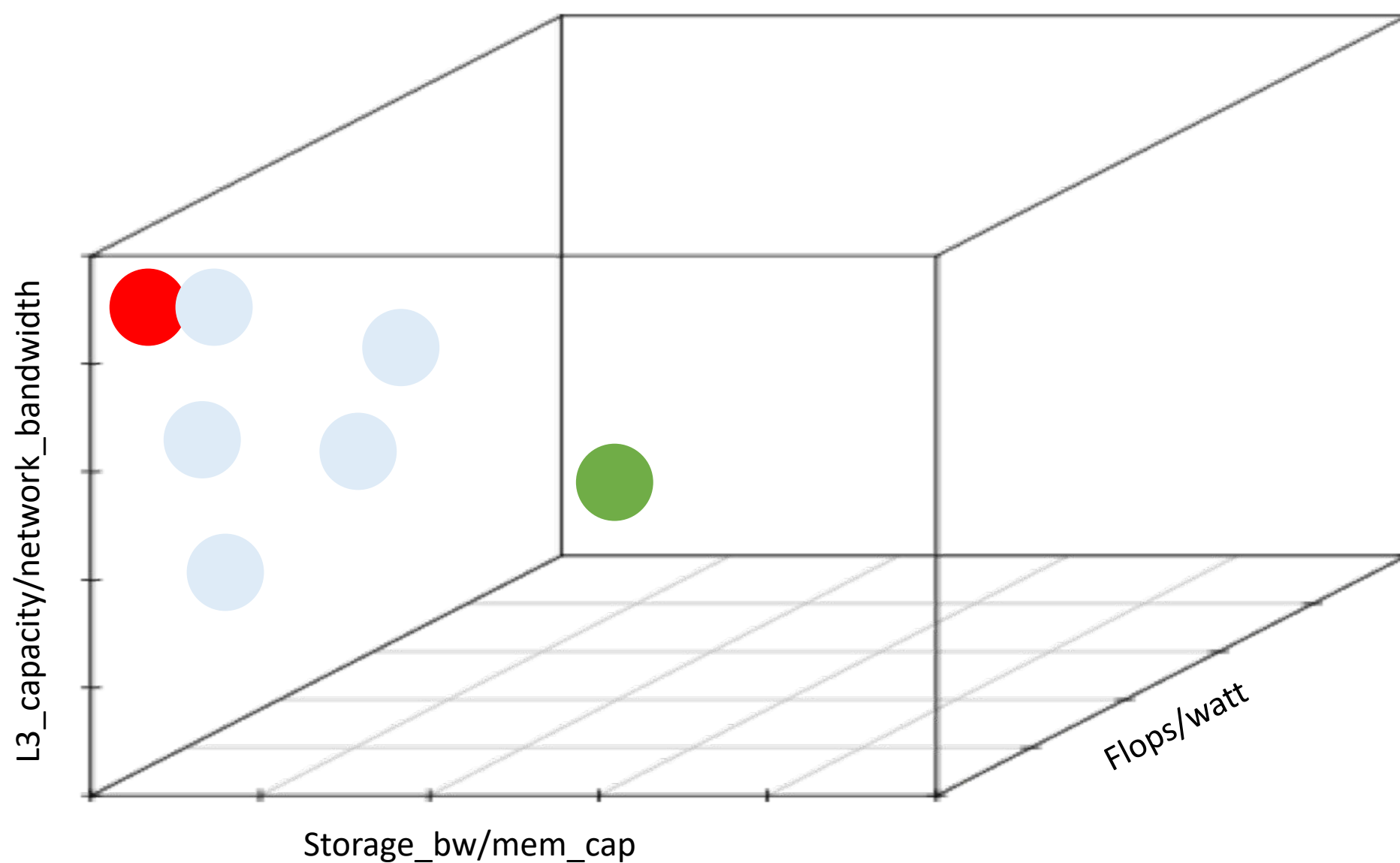


* Please do not interpret axes literally.
Just examples illustrating multi-variable complexity.

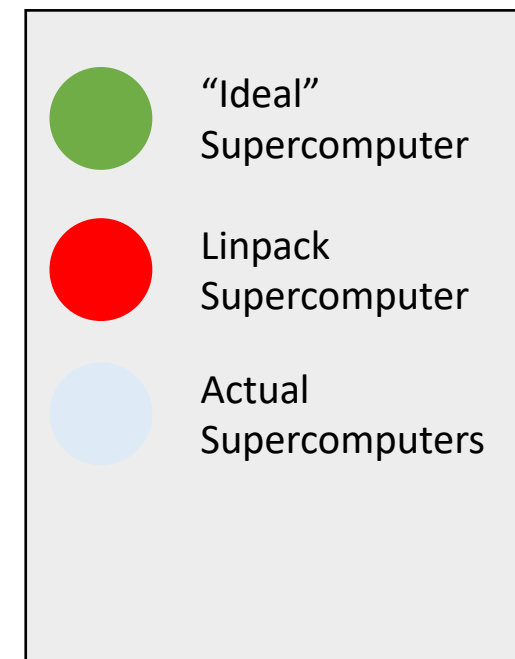
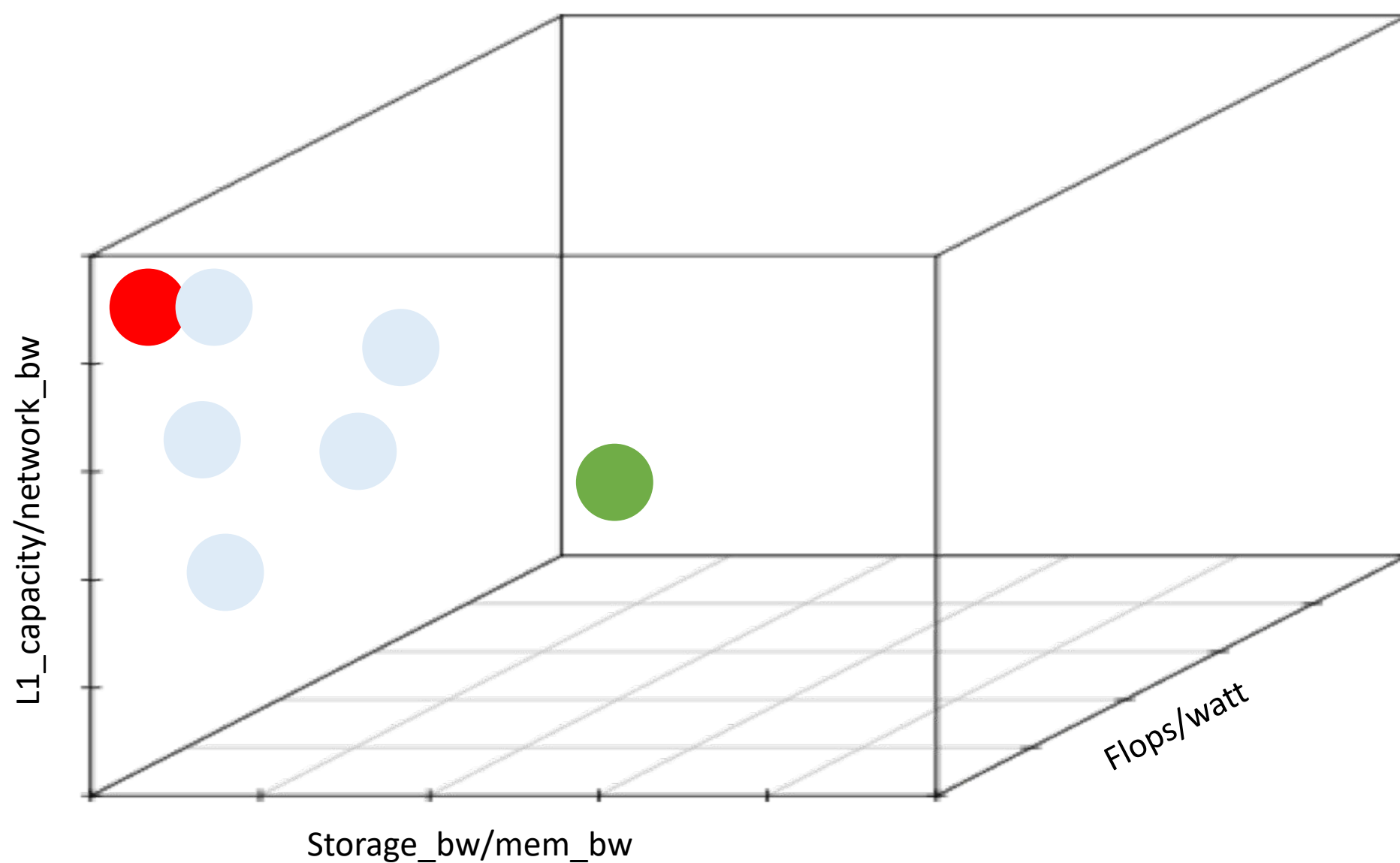
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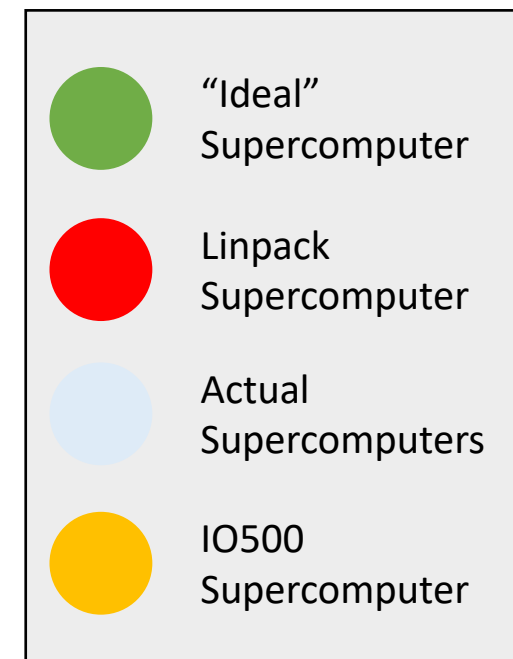
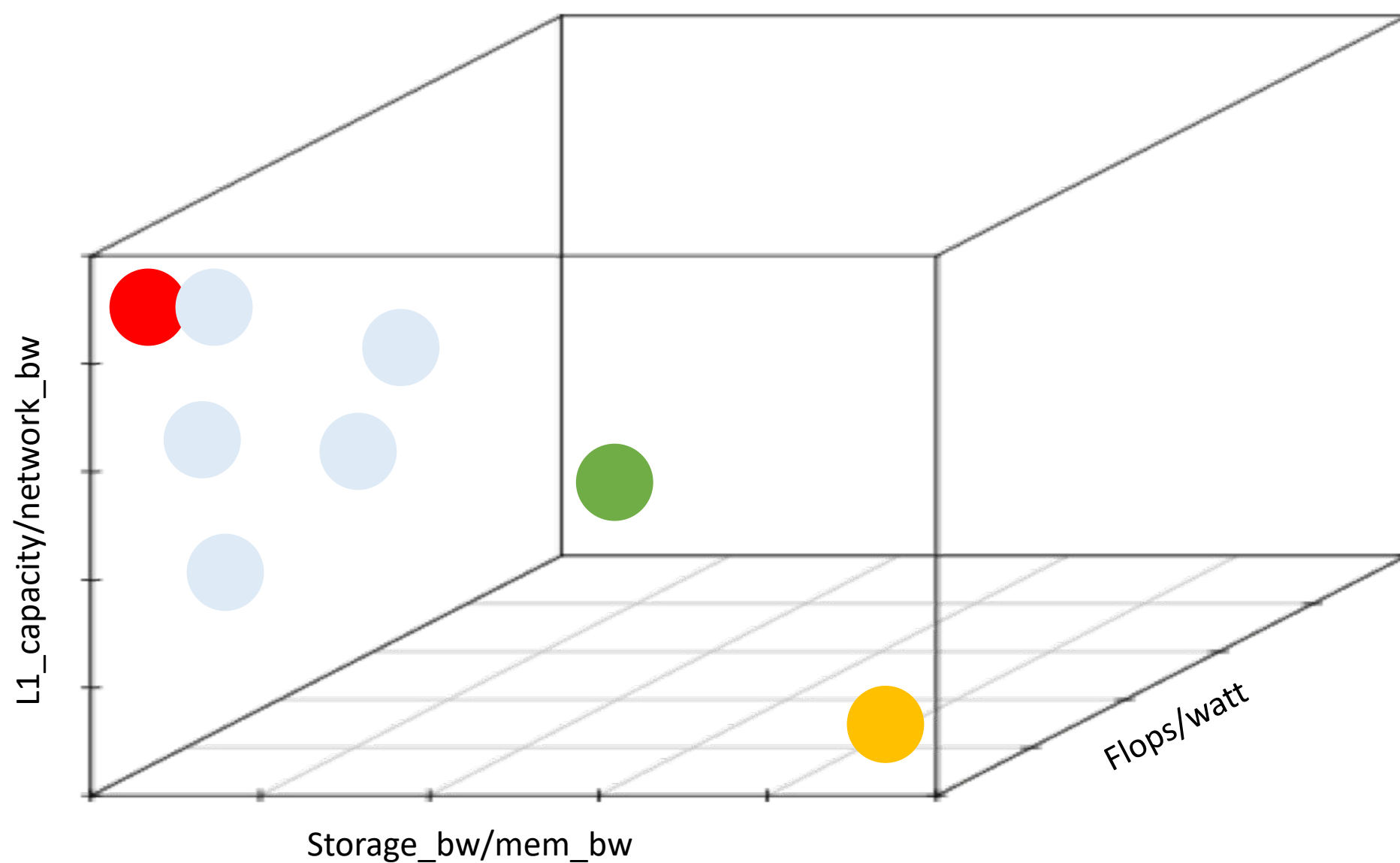
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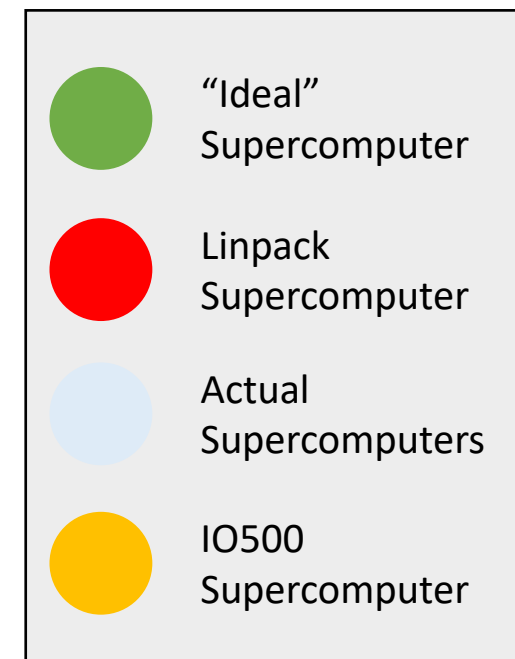
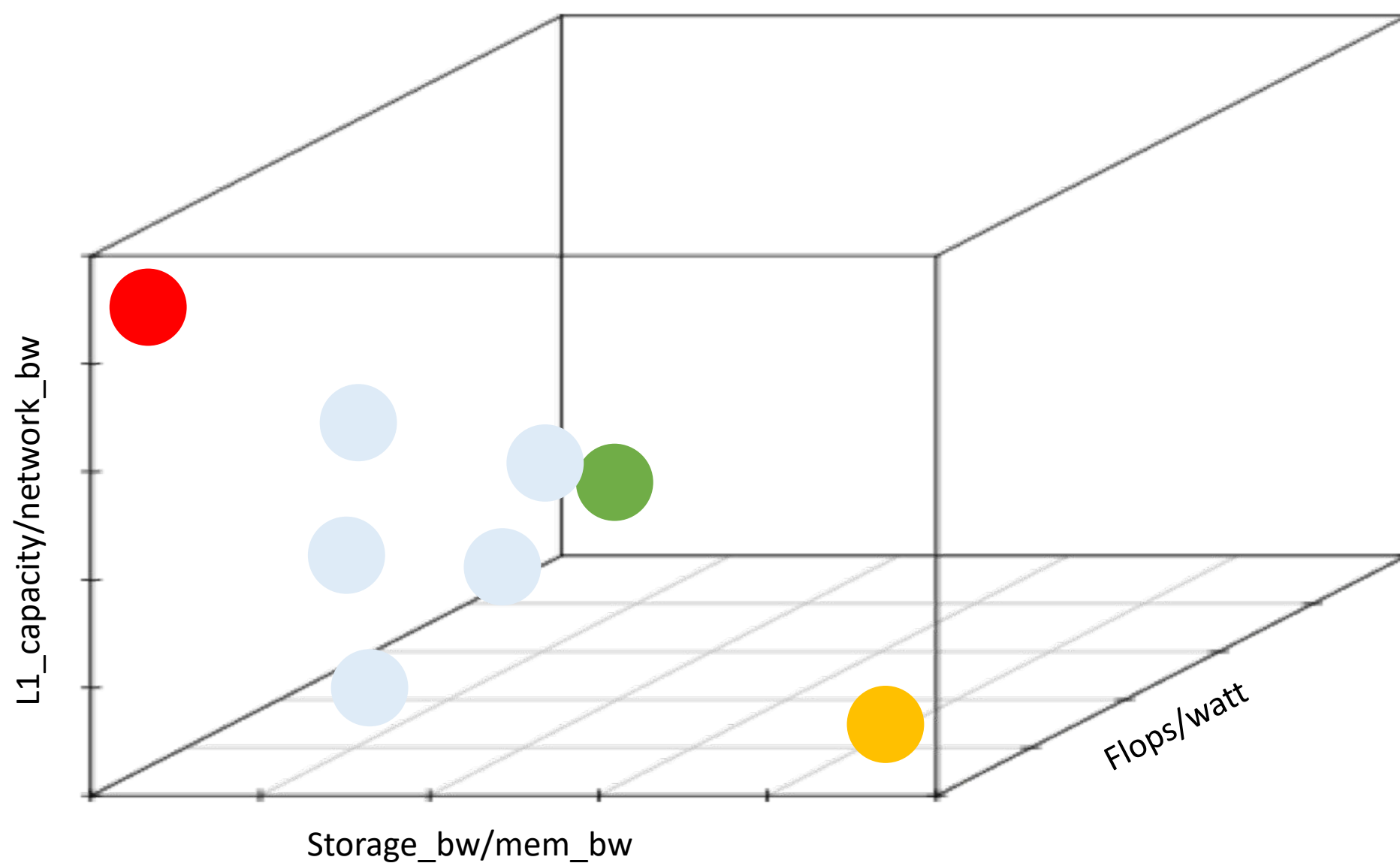
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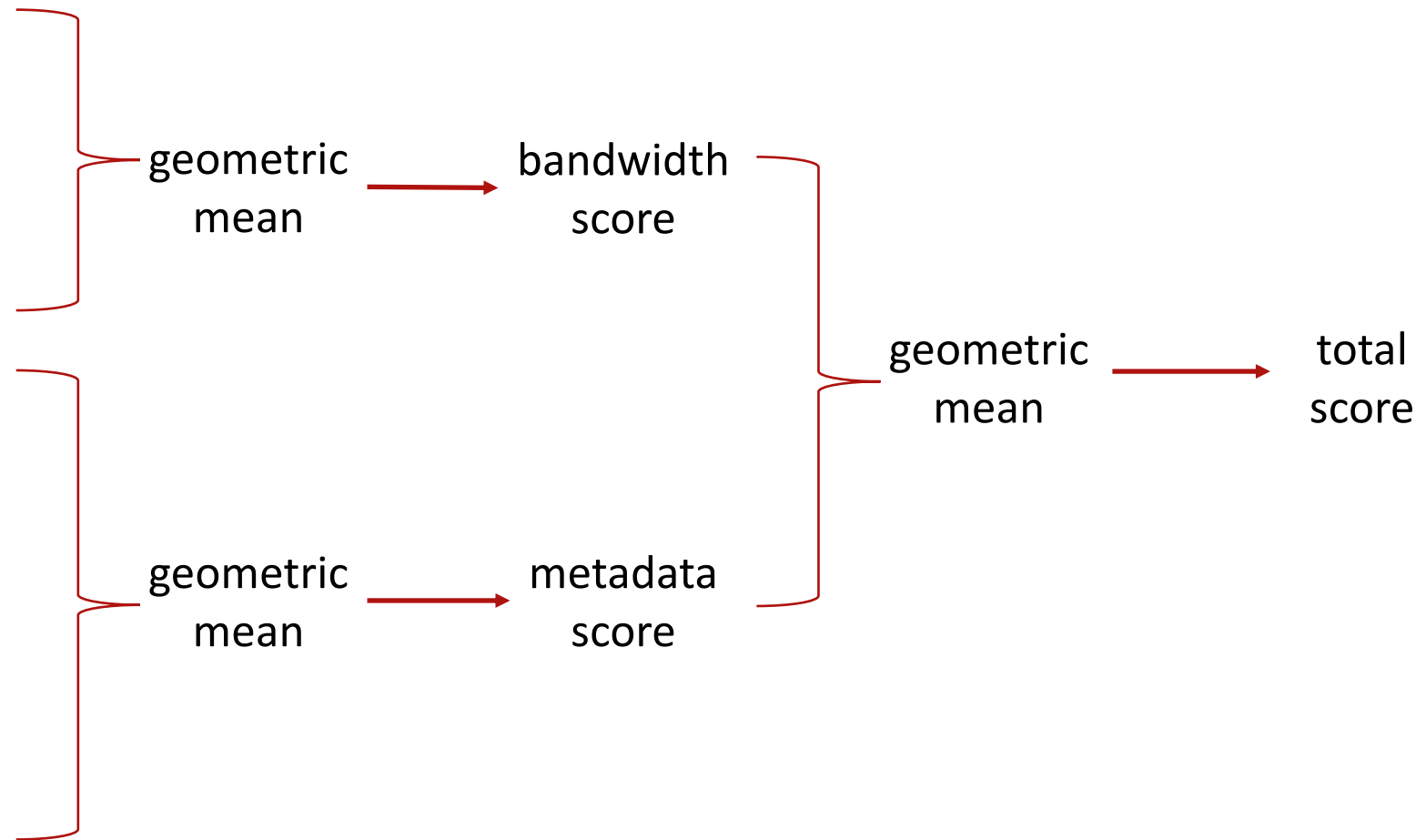


IO500 | IO500 Restores Balance



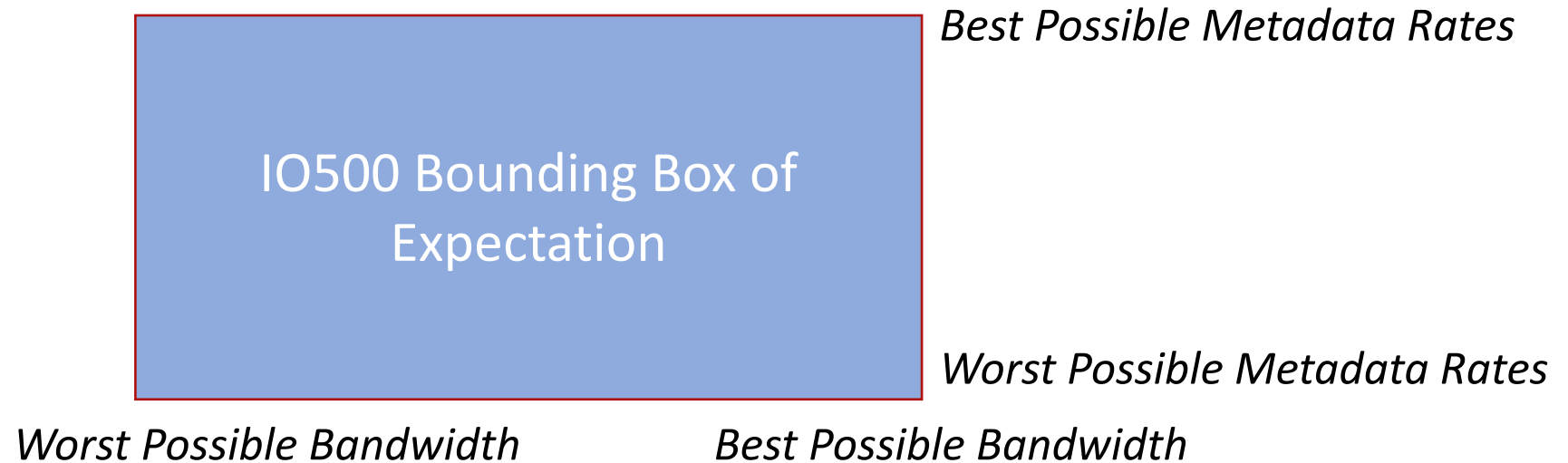
IO500 | IO500 is Balanced

- Hero bandwidth
 - Write and read
- Anti-hero bandwidth
 - Write and read
- Hero metadata
 - Create, stat, delete
- Anti-hero metadata
 - Create, stat, read, delete
- And a namespace search
 - Search



IO500 | Bounding Box of Expectation

- “We tried 20 years ago. Impossible to create a single representative benchmark.”
 - Great point! We won’t try. Our bounding box includes them all.



BOLD CLAIM

IO500 cannot be gamed.

Whatever you do to improve your IO500 score will result in a better storage system for applications.

Prove me wrong. 😊

IO500 | Current Status of the Benchmark

- Stonewall makes it easier to run than it was previously
 - Importantly captures the straggler effect
- Idiskfs limitation makes mdtest_hard_write difficult
 - Mdtest has been modified to address this
 - [But doesn't yet work with stonewall]
- Parallel rm needed for cleanup
- Several other open feature requests
 - <https://github.com/VI4IO/io-500-dev>

IO500 | Thanks for all the submissions!

- 54 new submissions from 19 institutions; up to 67 new submissions

```
mysql> select information__institution,count(*) as count from io500 where information__submission_date gte '2018-06';
```

information__institution	count
Joint Institute for Nuclear Research	1
Sandia National Laboratories	1
DKRZ	1
Queen Mary, University Of London	1
Google and DDN	1
EPCC	1
Penguin Computing Advanced Solutions Group	1
DDN	1
QMUL	1
Nemours	2
Google	2
Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI)	2
JCAHPC	2
CERN	2
ORNL	2
WekaIO	2
KAUST	2
STFC	3
University of Cambridge	3
Clemson University	23

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```

Maybe enough for some analysis?

All data is available for analysis.

10 Node Challenge

IO500

This is the official result list from [SC 2018](#) for the 10 Node Challenge. The list shows all qualifying 10 node results.

#	information							io500		
	institution	system	storage vendor	filesystem type	client nodes	client total procs	data	score	bw	md
									GiB/s	kIOP/s
1	Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Summit	IBM	Spectrum Scale	10	160	zip	70.63	9.84	506.93
2	WekaIO		WekaIO		10	700	zip	67.79	27.05	169.93
3	DDN	Bancholab	DDN	Lustre	10	240	zip	31.78	6.33	159.41
4	IBM	Sonasad	IBM	Spectrum Scale	10	10	zip	24.24	4.57	128.61
5	KAUST	Shaheen II	Cray	DataWarp	10	80	zip	13.99	14.45	13.53
6	Google and DDN	Lustre on GCP	Google	Lustre	10	80	zip	12.87	4.30	38.52
7	Clemson University	ofsdev	Dell	BeeGFS	10	80	zip	11.58	2.32	57.89
8	Queen Mary; University Of London	Apocrita	E8	GPFS	10	240	zip	9.79	4.32	22.21
9	Clemson University	ofsdev	Dell	Lustre	10	40	zip	8.18	1.90	35.26
10	Clemson University	Palmetto	Dell	BeeGFS	10	10	zip	7.51	2.32	24.34
11	DKRZ	Mistral	Seagate	Lustre	10	80	zip	5.35	1.05	27.33
12	Queen Mary, University Of London	Apocrita	DDN	GPFS	10	240	zip	3.73	0.87	15.94
13	EPCC	Archer	Seagate	Lustre	10	80	zip	3.70	0.77	17.84
14	Sandia National Laboratories	Ghost	IBM	GPFS	10	100	zip	0.32	0.05	2.00

2018-11

IO500

This is the official list from  SC 2018. The list shows the best result for a given combination of system/institution/filesystem.

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	institution	system	storage vendor	filesystem type	client nodes	client total procs	data	score	bw	md
									GiB/s	kIOP/s
1	Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Summit	IBM	Spectrum Scale	504	1008	zip	366.47	88.20	1522.69
2	Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI)	NURION	DDN	IME	2048	4096	zip	160.67	554.23	46.58
3	University of Cambridge	Cumulus	Dell EMC	DAC-Lustre	184	2944	zip	158.71	71.40	352.75
4	JCAHPC	Oakforest-PACS	DDN	IME	2048	16384	zip	137.78	560.10	33.89
5	KAUST	ShaheenII	Cray	DataWarp	1024	8192	zip	77.37	496.81	12.05
6	University of Cambridge	Data Accelerator	Dell EMC	DAC-BeeGFS	184	5888	zip	74.58	58.81	94.57
7	Google	Exascaler on GCP	Google	Lustre	120	960	zip	56.77	23.06	139.74
8	KAUST	ShaheenII	Cray	Lustre	1000	16000		41.00*	54.17	31.03*
9	JSC	JURON	ThinkparQ	BeeGFS	8	64		35.77*	14.24	89.81*
10	DKRZ	Mistral	Seagate	Lustre	100	1000		32.15	22.77	45.39

Radar Chart



This is the official list from SC 2018 with a radar chart and controls to manipulate the ranking. The list shows all results.

#	information								io500		
	submission date	institution	system	storage vendor	filesystem type	client nodes	client total procs	data	score	bw	md
										GiB/s	kIOP/s
1	2018-11-09	Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Summit	IBM	Spectrum Scale	504	1008	zip	366.47	88.20	1522.69
2	2018-11-02	Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI)	NURION	DDN	IME	2048	4096	zip	160.67	554.23	46.58
3	2018-11-12	University of Cambridge	Cumulus	Dell EMC	DAC-Lustre	184	2944	zip	158.71	71.40	352.75
4	2018-05-09	JCAHPC	Oakforest-PACS	DDN	IME	2048	16384	zip	137.78	560.10	33.89
5	2017-11	JCAHPC	Oakforest-PACS	DDN	IME	2048	16384	zip	101.48	471.25	21.85
6	2018-11-13	WekaIO	WekaIO	WekaIO		17	935	zip	92.95	37.39	231.05
7	2018-06-21	KAUST	ShaheenII	Cray	DataWarp	1024	8192	zip	77.37	496.81	12.05
8	2018-10-25	University of Cambridge	Data Accelerator	Dell EMC	DAC-BeeGFS	184	5888	zip	74.58	58.81	94.57
9	2017-11	KAUST	ShaheenII	Cray	DataWarp	300	2400		70.90*	151.53	33.17*
10	2018-11-09	Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Summit	IBM	Spectrum Scale	10	160	zip	70.63	9.84	506.93

Preliminary Analyses

- Now that we have lots of data, the following slides will attempt some preliminary analyses and suggest different ways of using IO500 as well
- There are the following sections
 - Analysis of the 10 Node Challenge
 - Analysis of the Overall Top Five Systems
 - Analysis of the Cambridge apples-apples results comparing untuned BeeGFS, untuned Lustre, and tuned Lustre – highlights also the value of Lustre DNE2
 - Analysis of the Exascaler on Google Cloud Platform results showing what happens with different numbers of clients, metadata servers, and object servers
 - Analysis of the straggler effect and whether some filesystems might be less sensitive than others – no spoilers!
 - Analysis of degradation from easy to hard and whether some filesystems might be less sensitive than others – no spoilers!
 - Analysis of the JCAHPC results showing the impact of upgrading their IME version
 - Analysis of the Nemour results showing the value of using IO500 for regression testing
 - Analysis of the IME results further showing the impact of the IME version (maybe)
 - A huge set of extra bonus graphs with no analysis – an exercise for the reader!
- Caveats!
 - There is probably not enough data to be statistically significant. I might imagine trends that don't exist.
 - Broad claims suggesting filesystem comparisons are probably not valid.
 - To any offended file system developers out there, I apologize. Please correct any mistakes and explain any confusion!

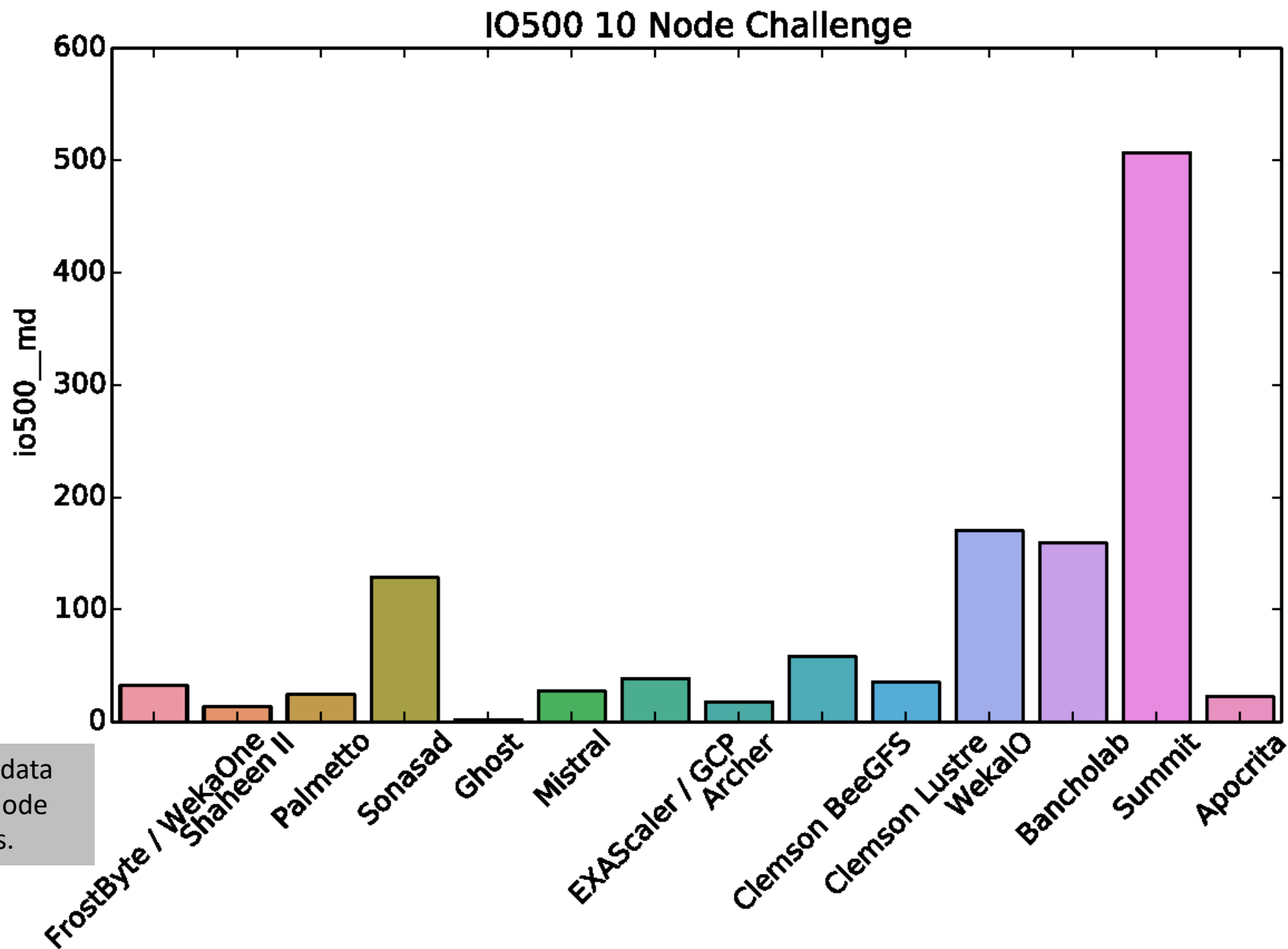
Ten Node Challenge

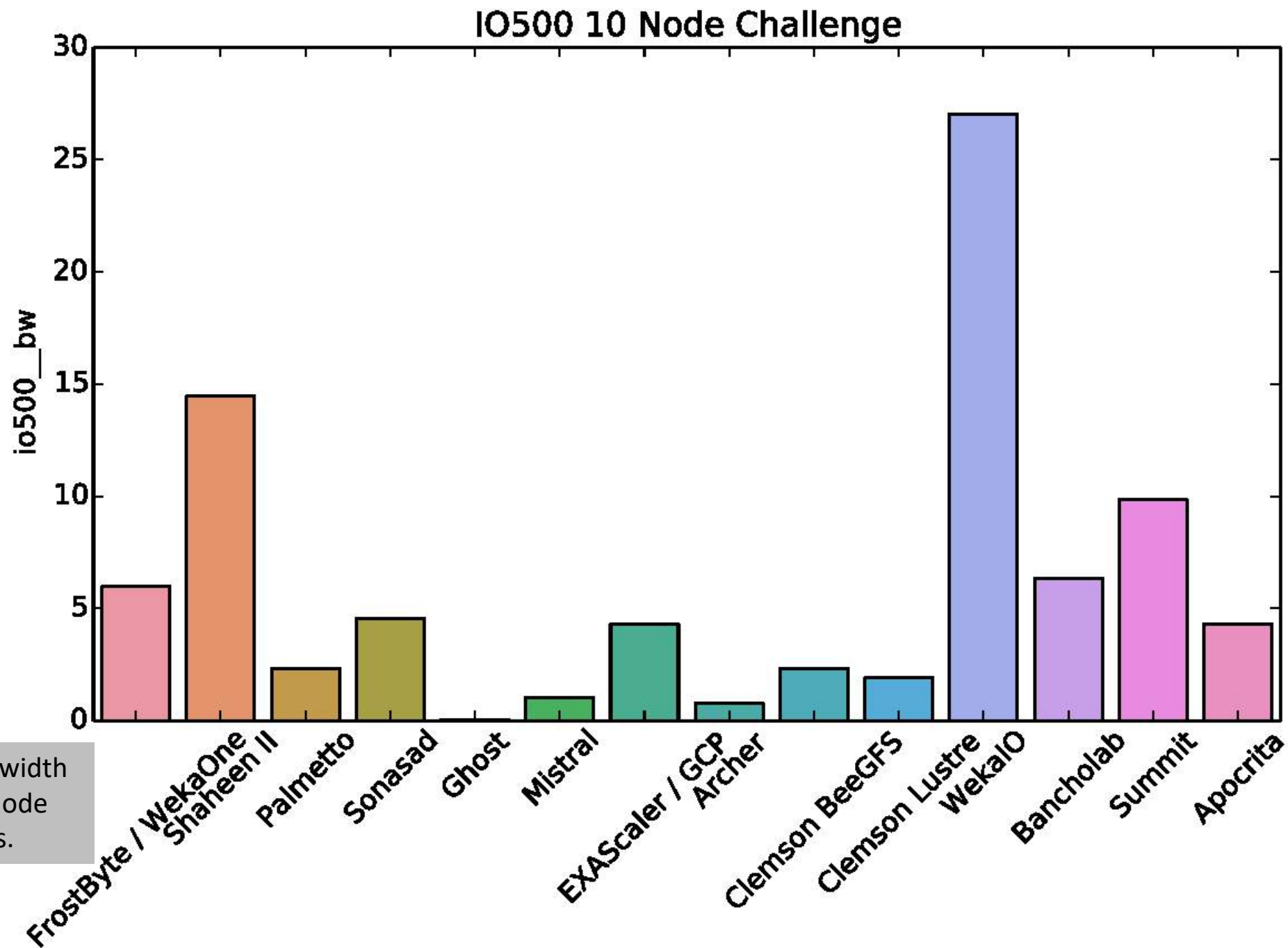
- We introduced a “Ten Node Challenge” this year in an attempt to encourage small systems to submit
- It was successful; we had 14 submissions!

```
[mysql> select information__submission_date,information__system from io500 where information__client_nodes=10 order by information__submission_date;
```

information__submission_date	information__system
2017-11-01	Sonasad
2018-08-22	Shaheen II
2018-11-01	Palmetto
2018-11-03	Mistral
2018-11-05	Clemson BeeGFS
2018-11-07	Apocrita
2018-11-08	Clemson Lustre
2018-11-08	Bancholab
2018-11-09	Apocrita
2018-11-09	Archer
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2018-11-10	Ghost
2018-11-11	FrostByte
2018-11-11	EXAScaler / GCP
2018-11-14	WekaIO

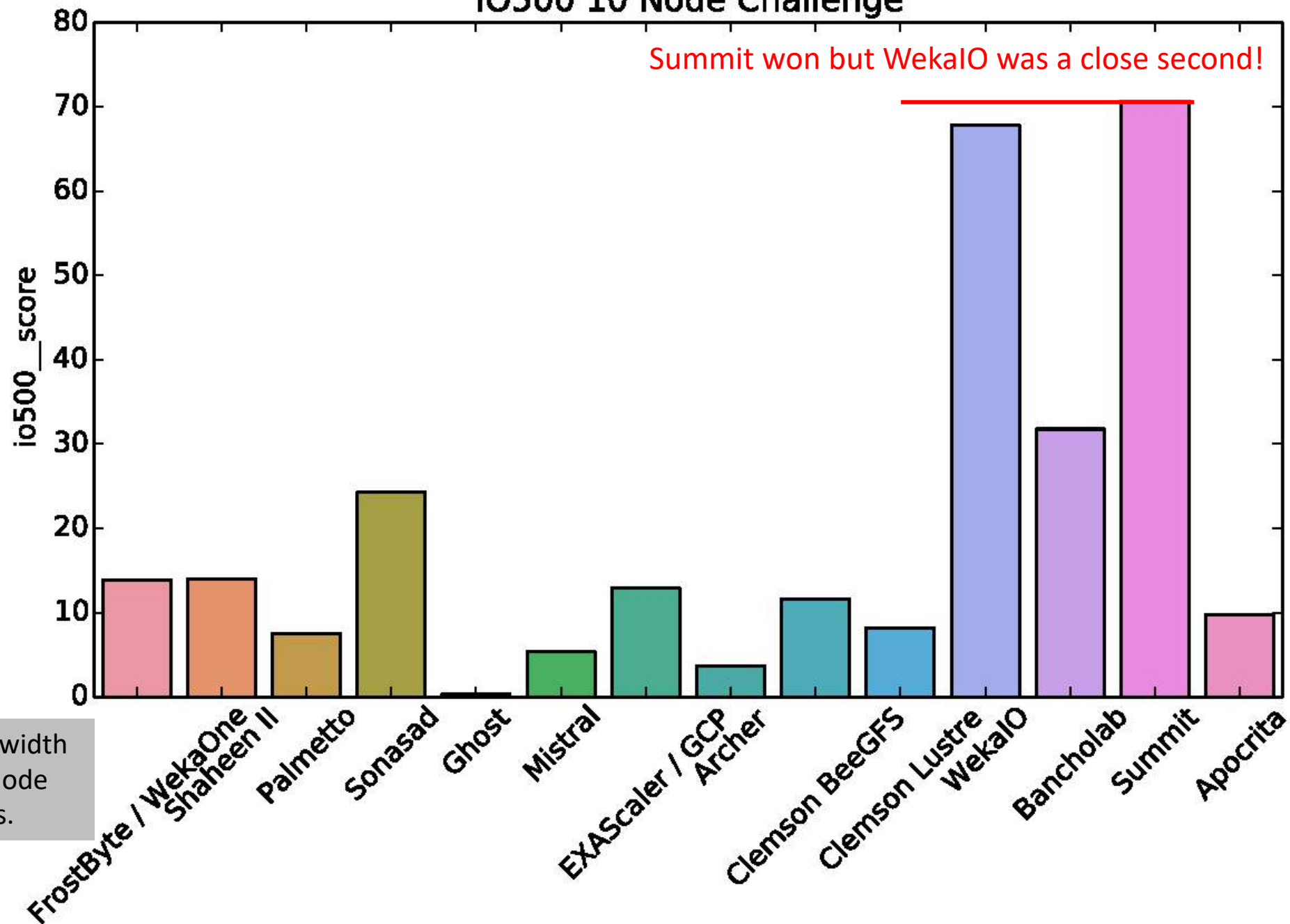
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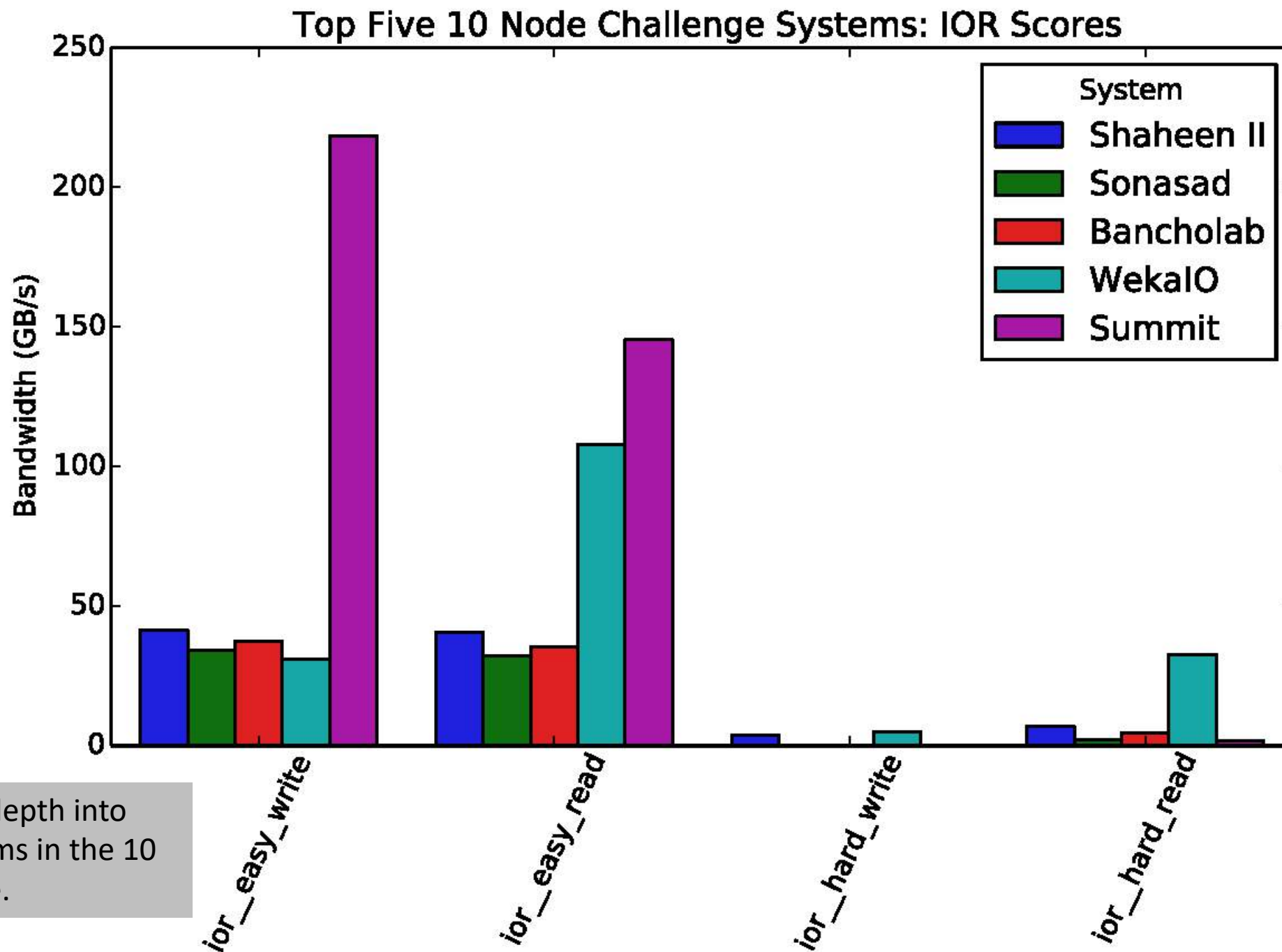


The overall bandwidth score for all 10 Node Challenge entries.

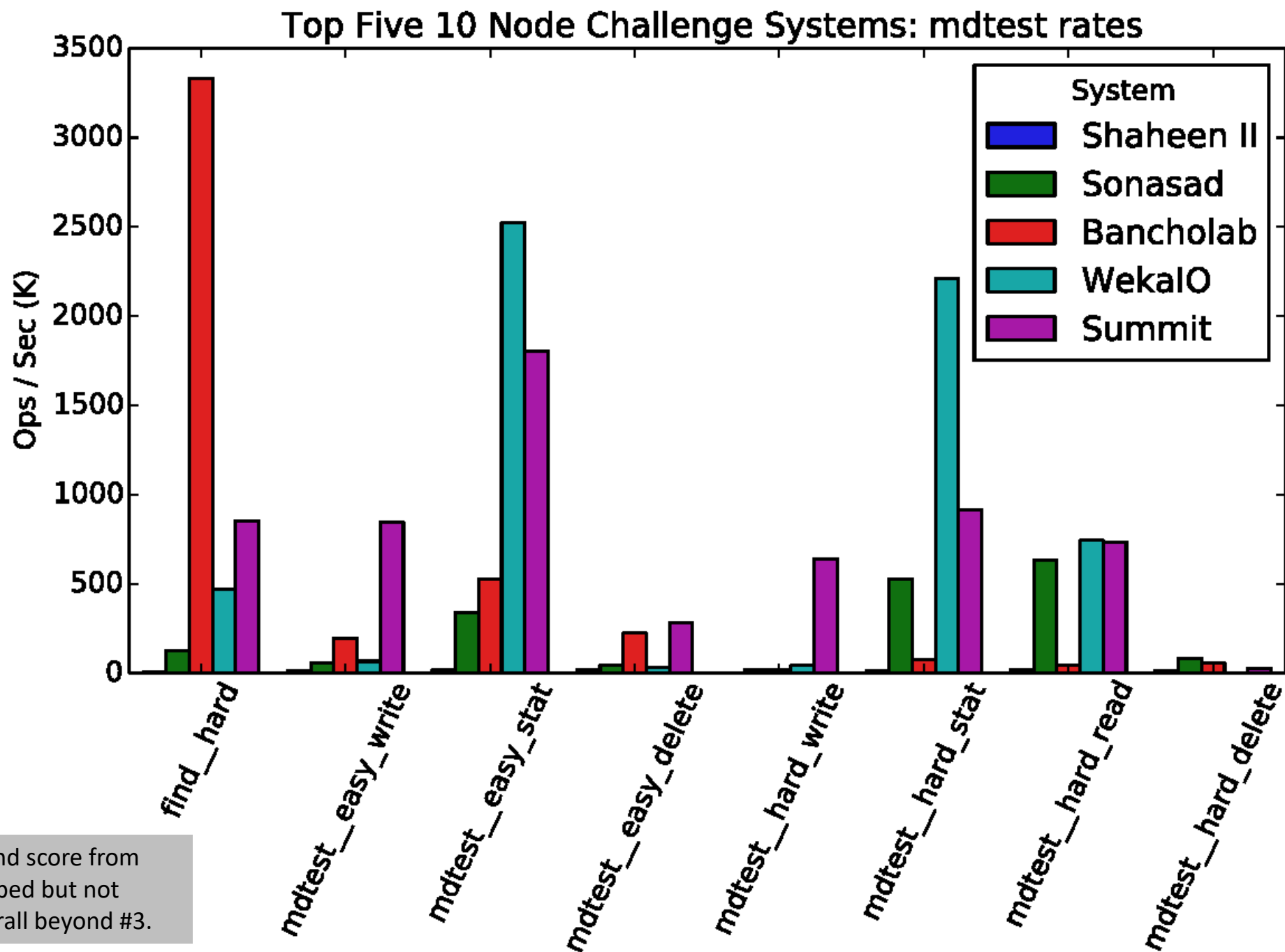
IO500 10 Node Challenge



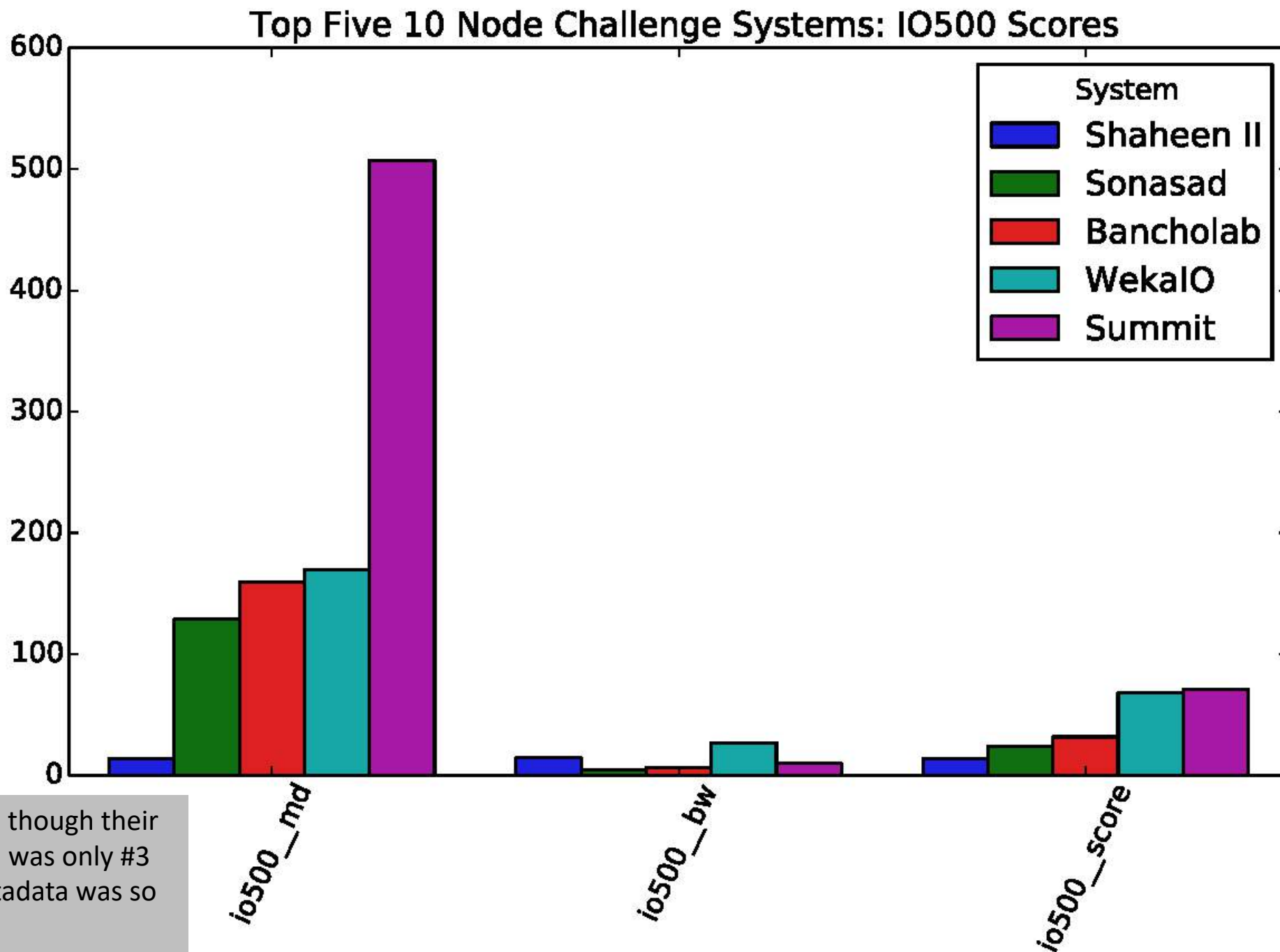
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Here we go in-depth into the top-5 systems in the 10 Node Challenge.



A very impressive find score from the DDN Lustre testbed but not enough to lift it overall beyond #3.



Summit won even though their overall bandwidth was only #3 because their metadata was so much better.

Top Five Overall Systems

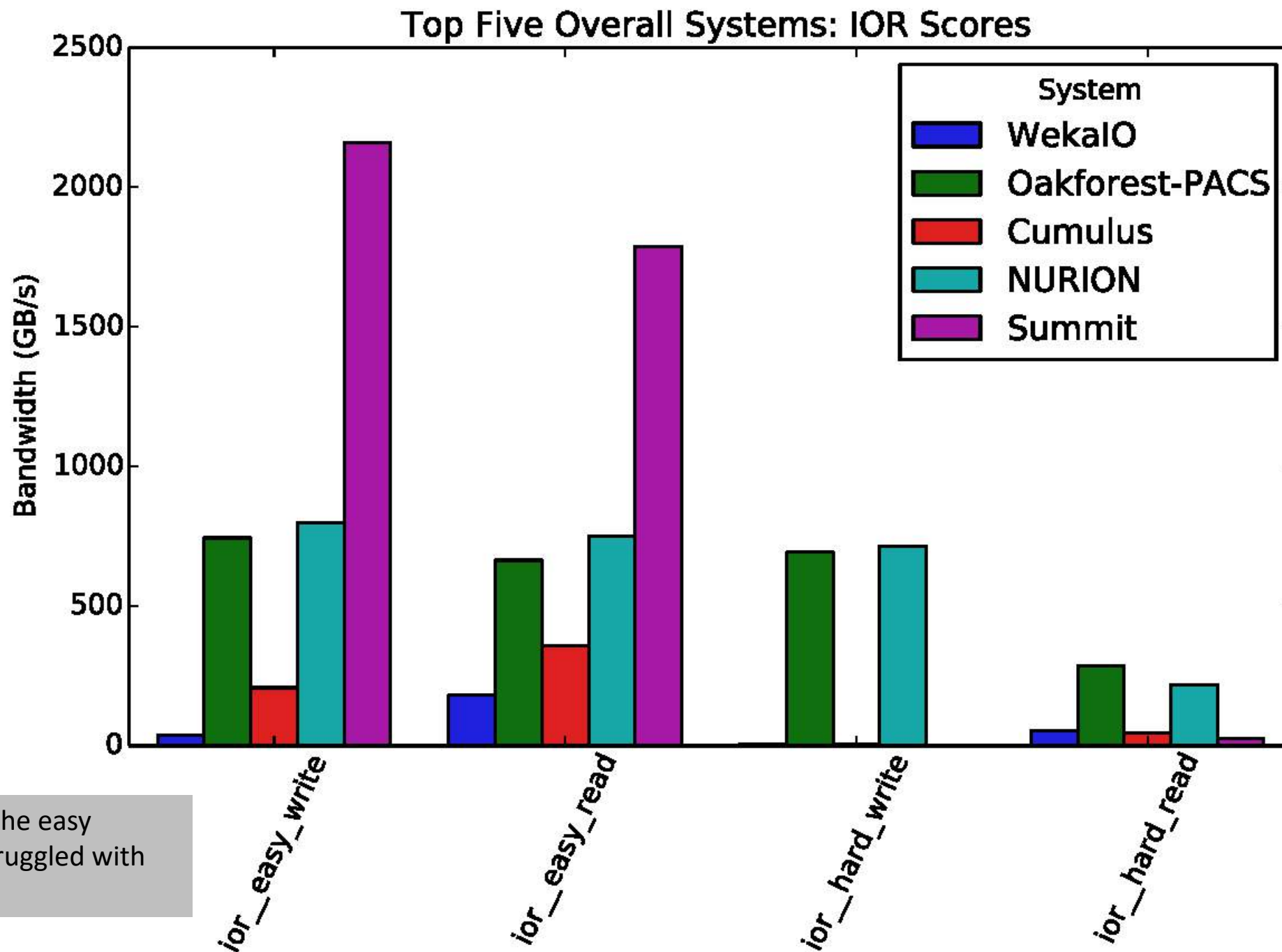
- Here we go in-depth into the top five overall systems on the list

IO-500

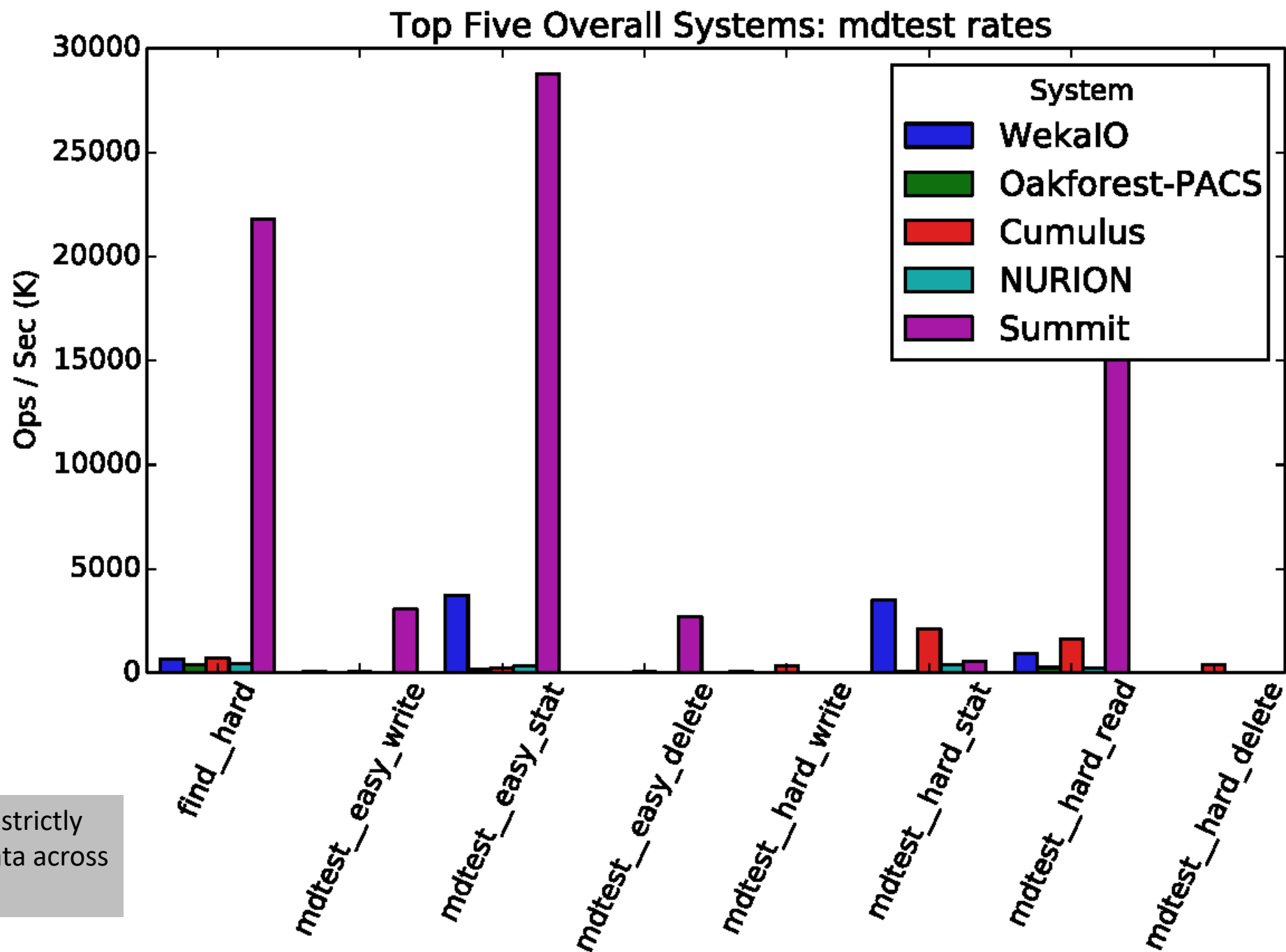
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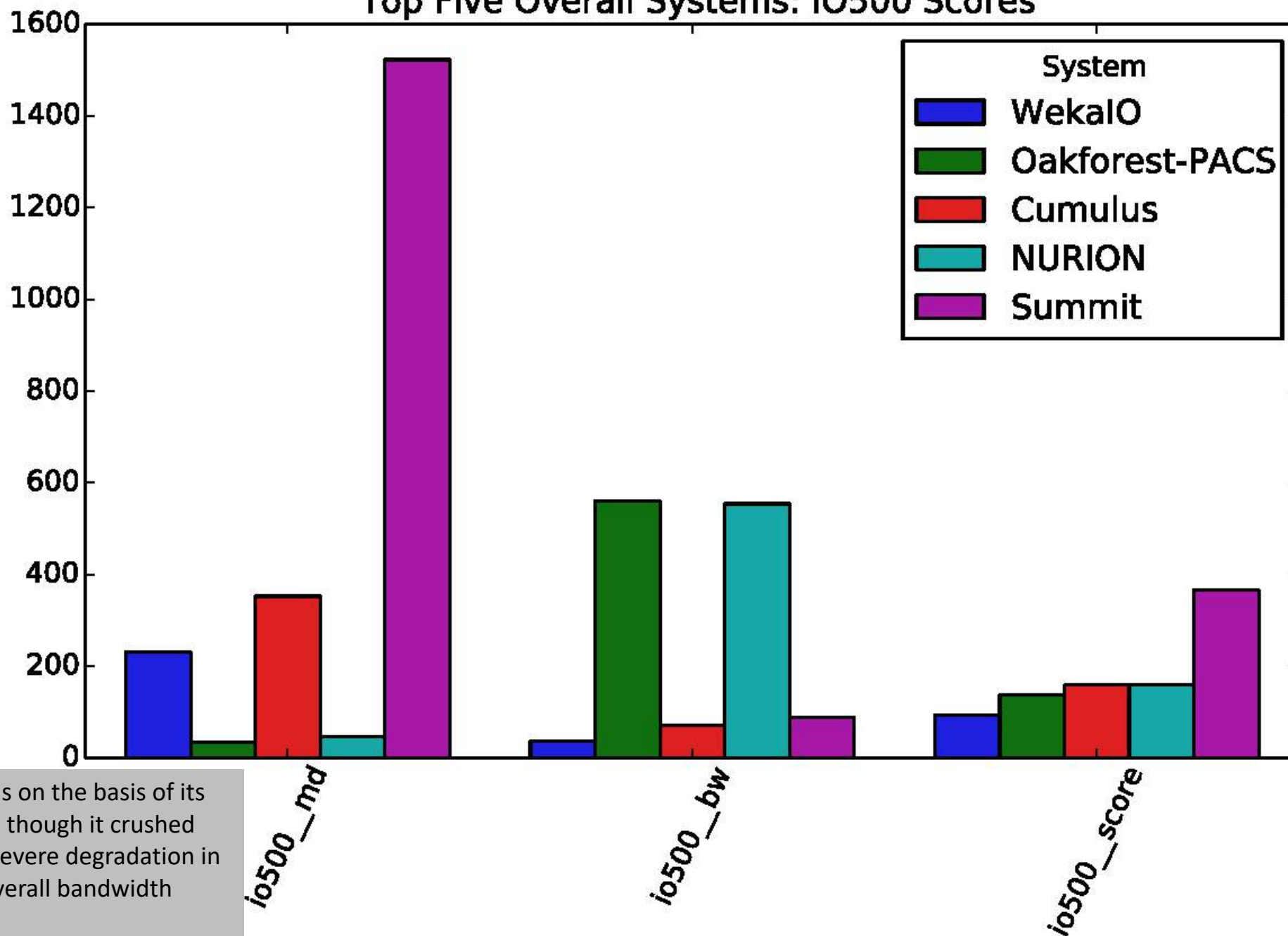


Summit crushed the easy bandwidth but struggled with hard.



Summit is almost strictly better for metadata across the board.

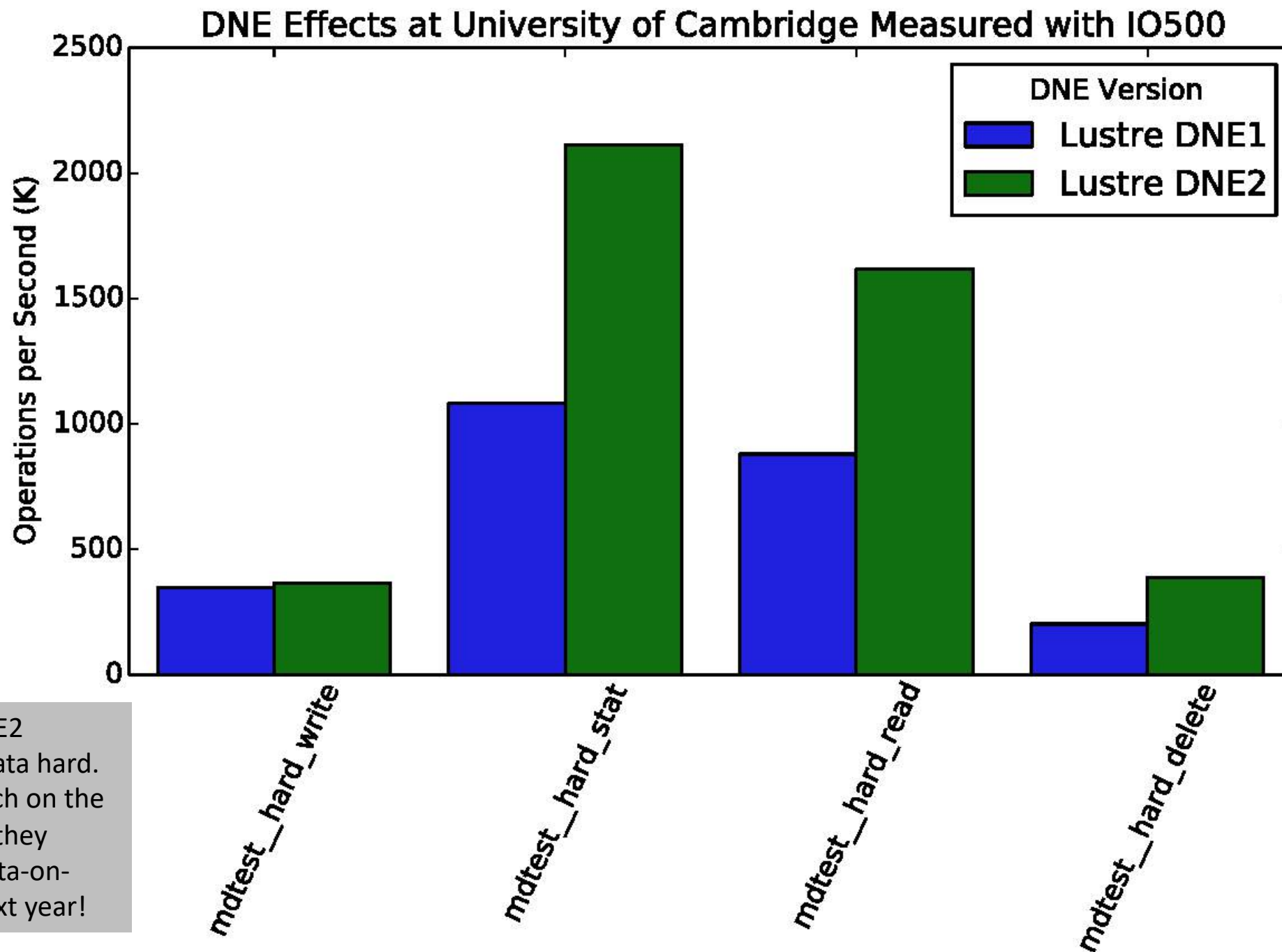
Top Five Overall Systems: IO500 Scores



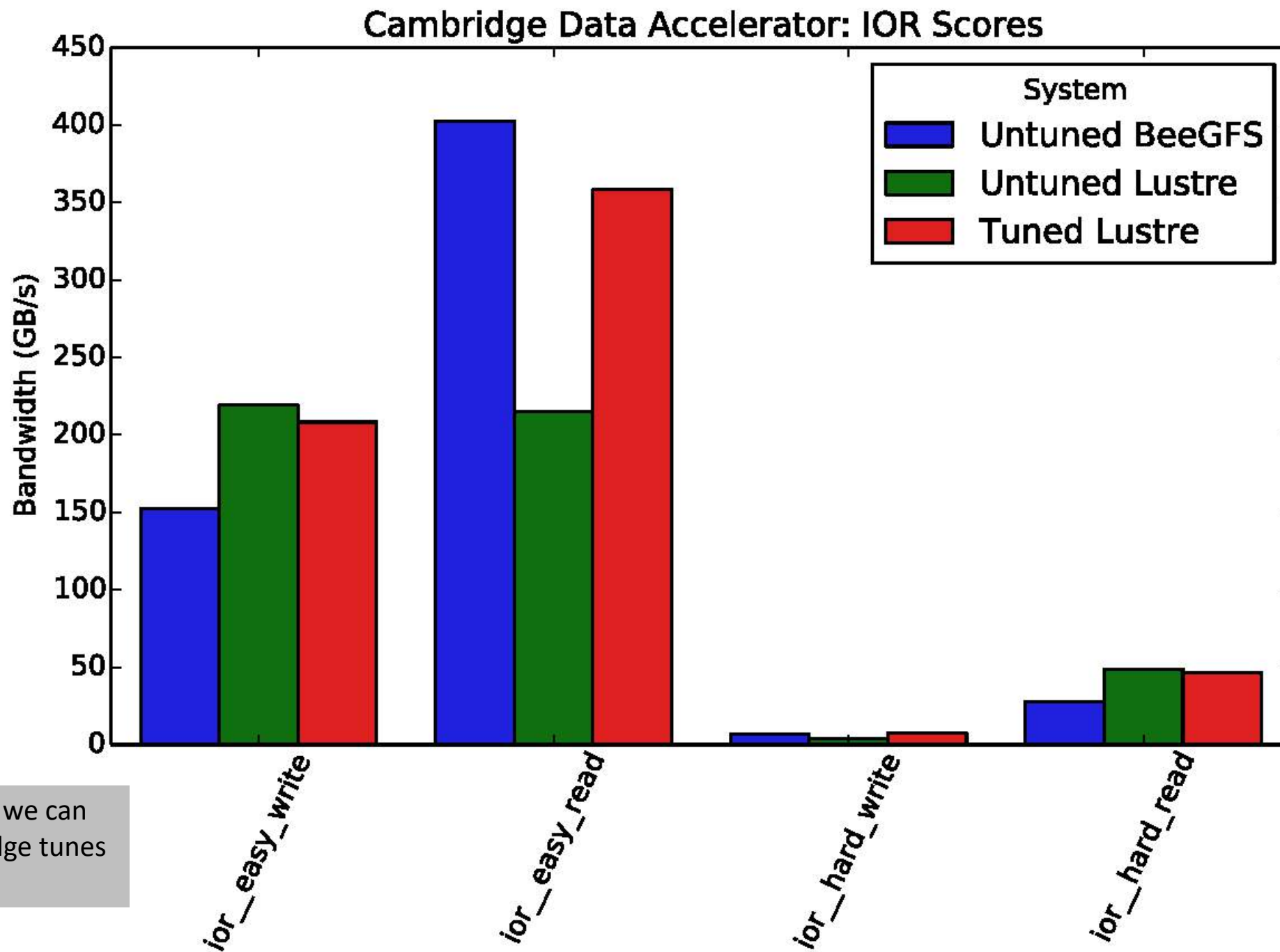
Yet again, Summit wins on the basis of its metadata score. Even though it crushed easy bandwidth, the severe degradation in hard really hurt the overall bandwidth score.

Some Analysis

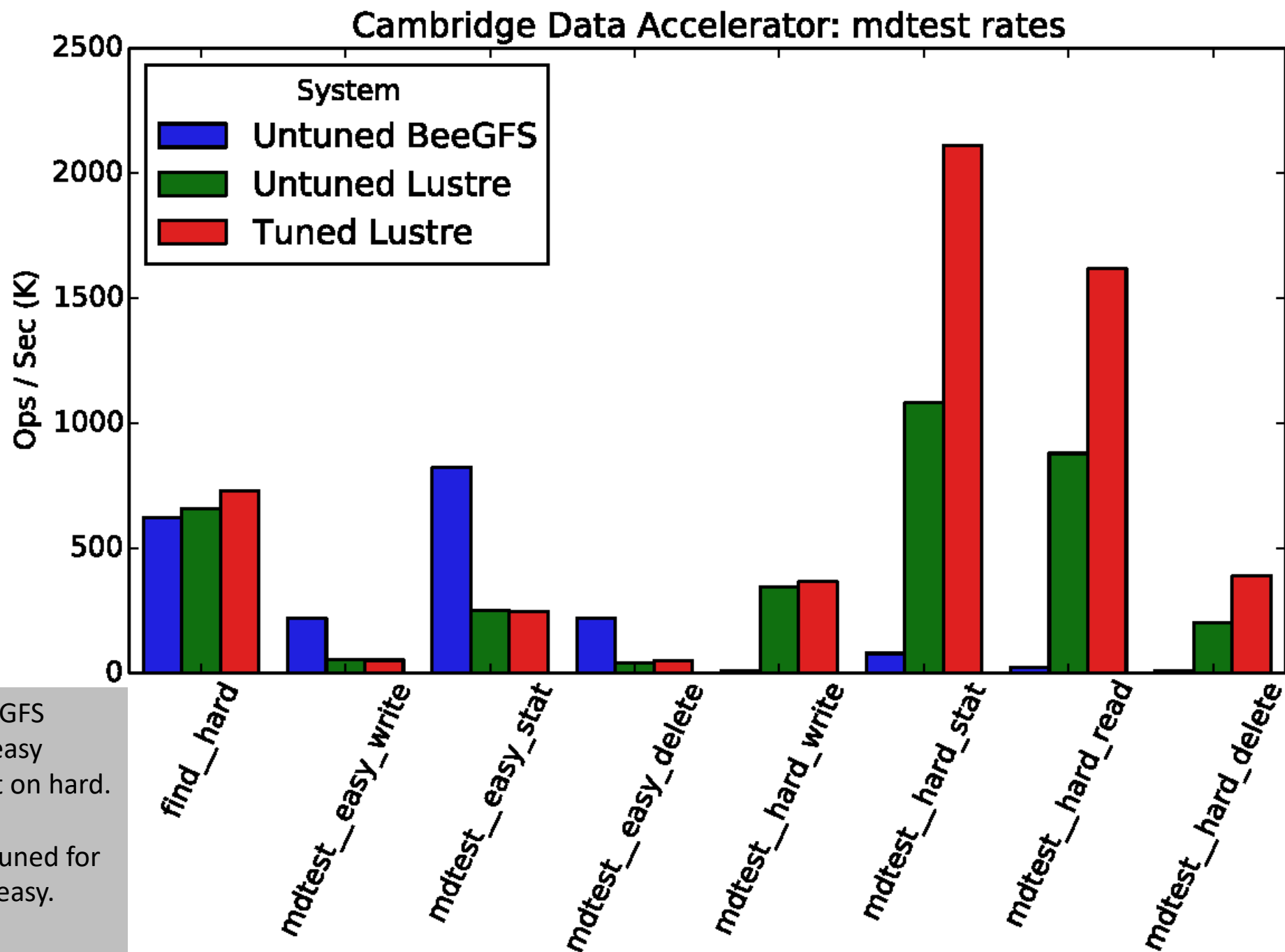
- University of Cambridge Data Accelerator submitted three results
- We can look at the value of tuning and the impact of Lustre DNE2 on mdtest_hard_*
- Fantastic apples-apples comparison on the exact same hardware



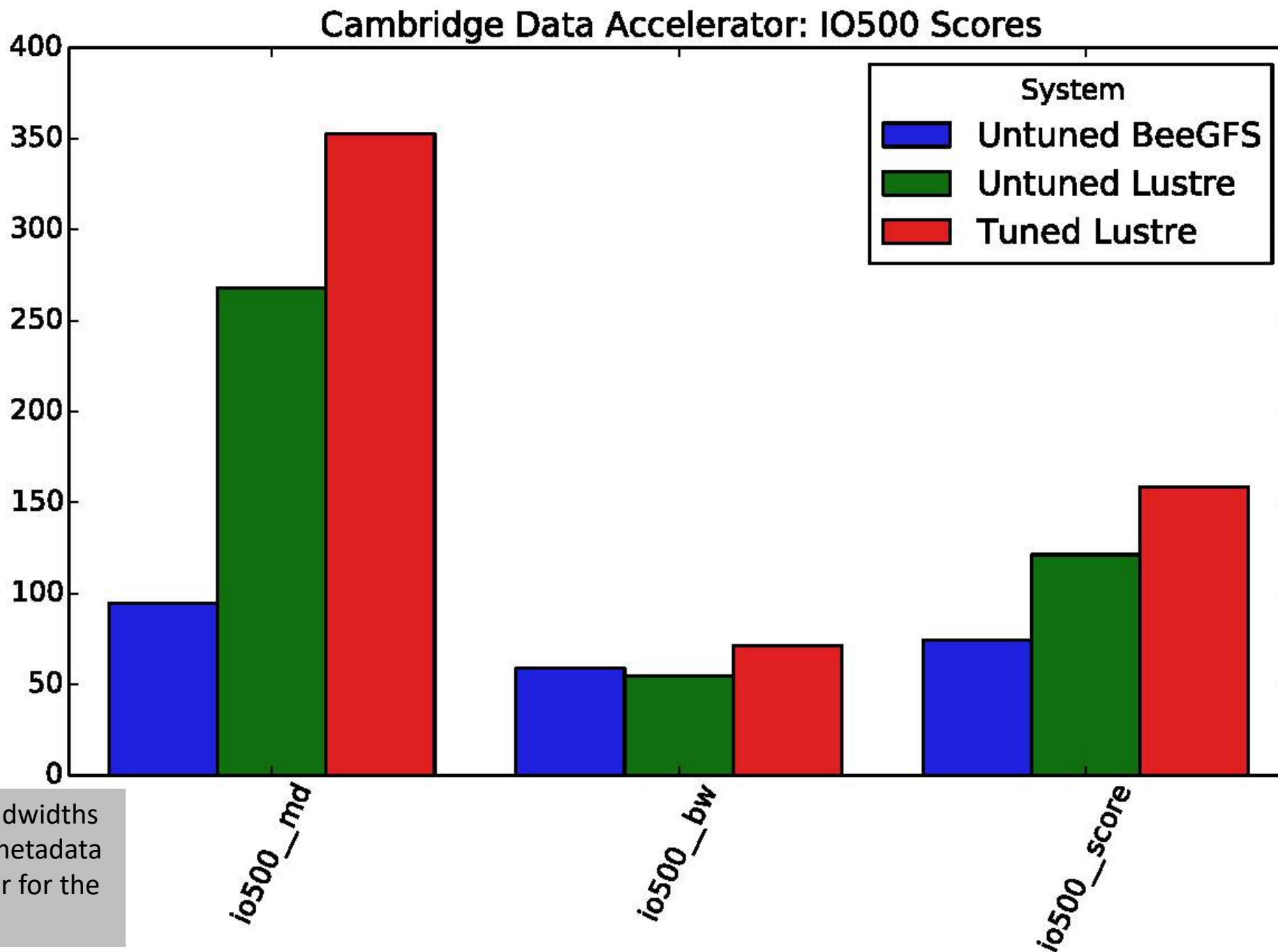
As expected, DNE2 improves metadata hard. But not very much on the write. Probably they weren't using data-on-metadata . . . Next year!



Maybe next year we can see how Cambridge tunes BeeGFS!



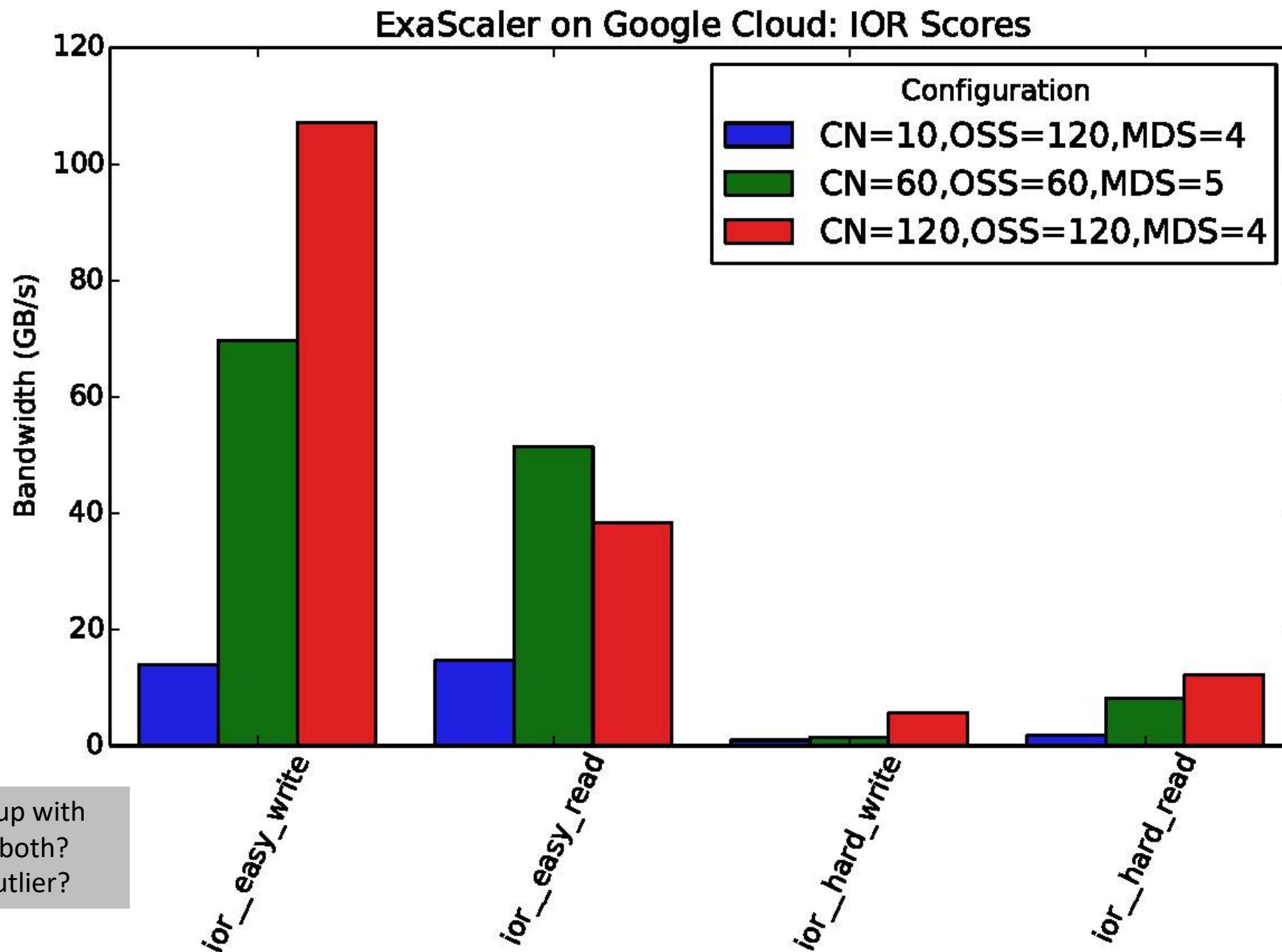
The untuned BeeGFS outperforms on easy metadata but not on hard. However, I think Cambridge only tuned for hard and not for easy. Next year!



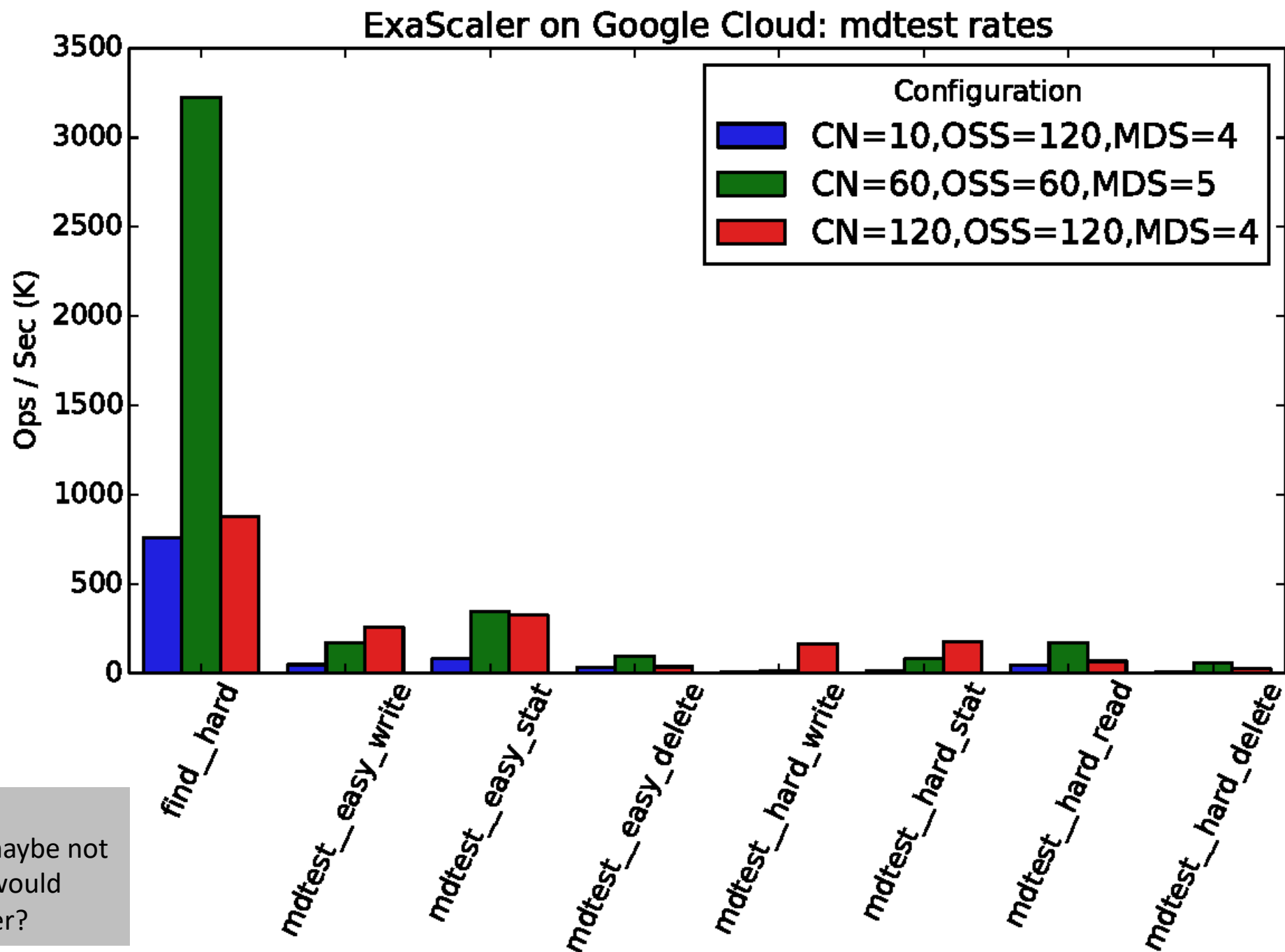
Pretty similar bandwidths so yet again the metadata is the prime driver for the overall score.

DDN and Google Partnered on Exascaler on GCP

- Three runs allow us to see the varying affects of changing client count, MDS count, and OSS count in the Lustre file system

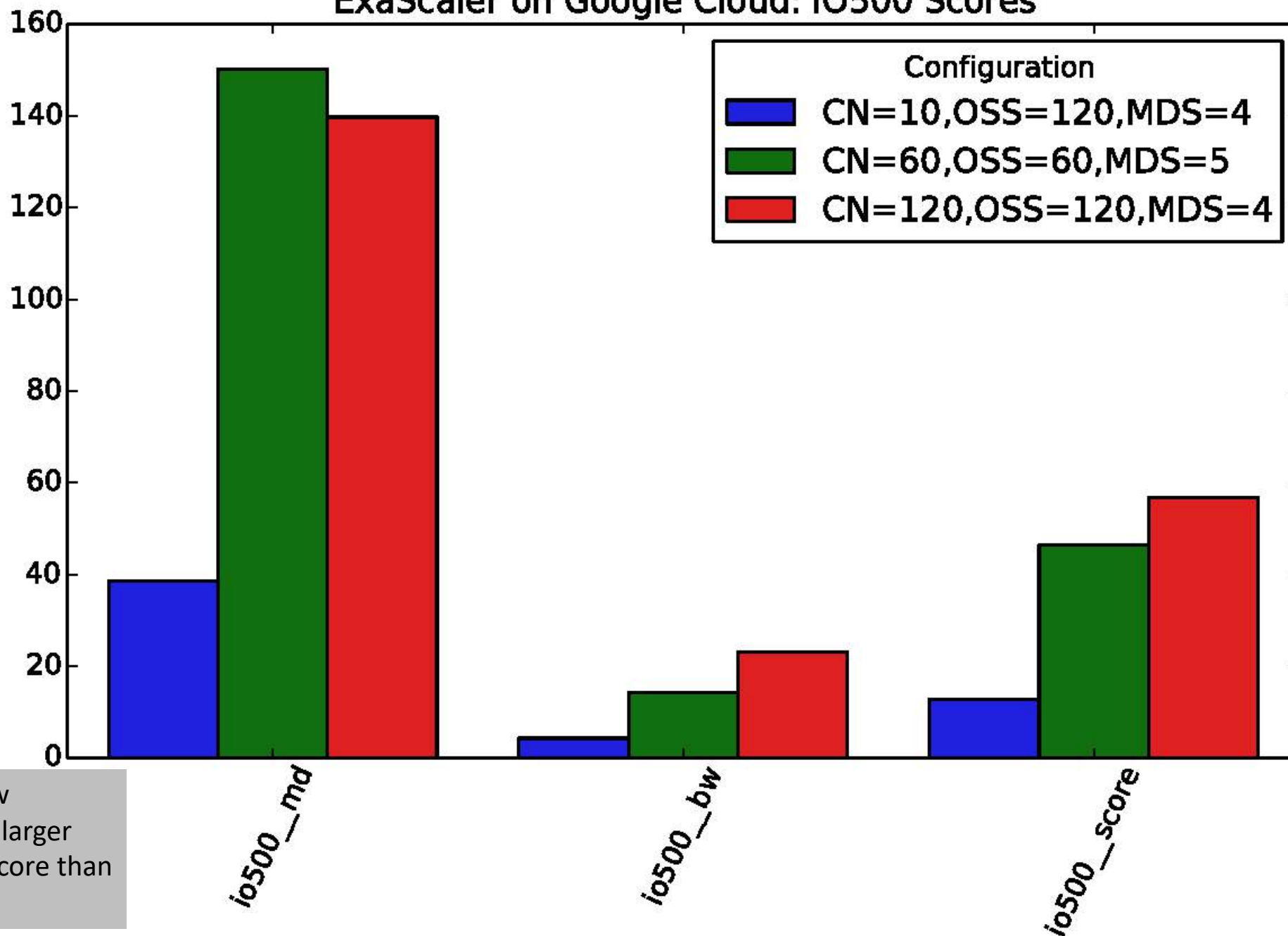


Bandwidth goes up with
clients or OSS or both?
Easy read is an outlier?



More MDS helps metadata. But maybe not as much as find would suggest . . . outlier?

ExaScaler on Google Cloud: IO500 Scores



A result where bw seemed to play a larger factor in overall score than metadata

Straggler Analysis

- Reminder of how stonewall works in IO500:
- This is because real codes do fixed amounts of work not fixed amounts of time
- But stonewall is useful for benchmarking!
- We do the wearout to get a realistic measurement in a bounded amount of time
- This then effectively measures how balanced a system is.
- In a perfectly balanced system, everyone will do the same amount of work in the same amount of time and straggler_effect will be 1
- High straggler_effects might indicate imbalanced systems

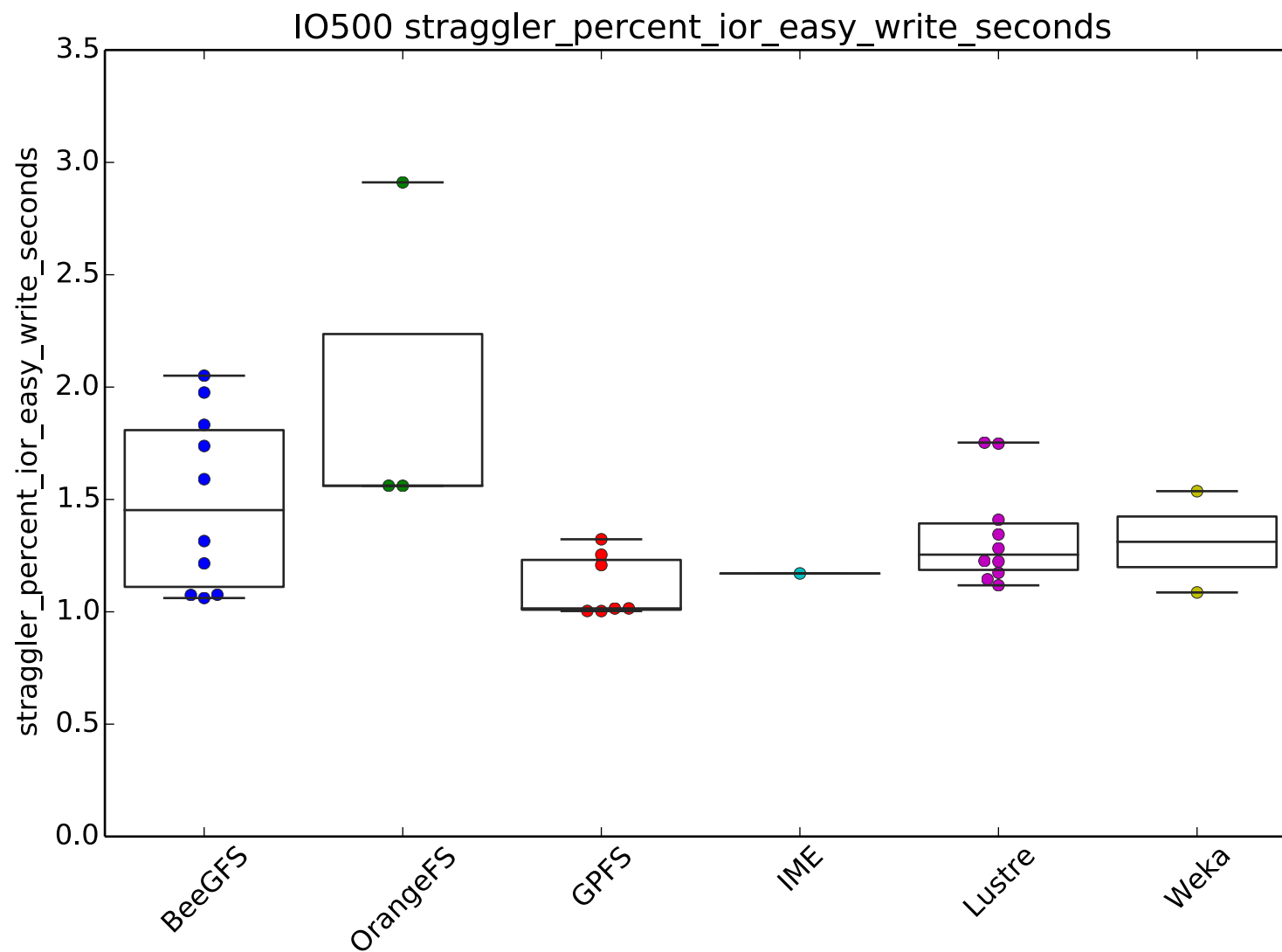
```
stonewall = 300
myunits = 0
timer = now()
while(true)
    do_work()
    myunits++
    break if now()-timer >= stonewall
maxunits=MPI_Reduce(MAX,myunits,COMM_WORLD)
while myunits < maxunits
    do_work
    myunits++
elapsed = now()-timer
straggler_effect = elapsed / stonewall
```

Stonewall phase

Wearout phase

Using pandas, sql, matplotlib, and seaborn python modules, all results using stonewall are grouped by filesystem and there is one point for each result. The boxes show median, quartiles, and max-min.

GPFS seems to have the least imbalance for ior easy write.



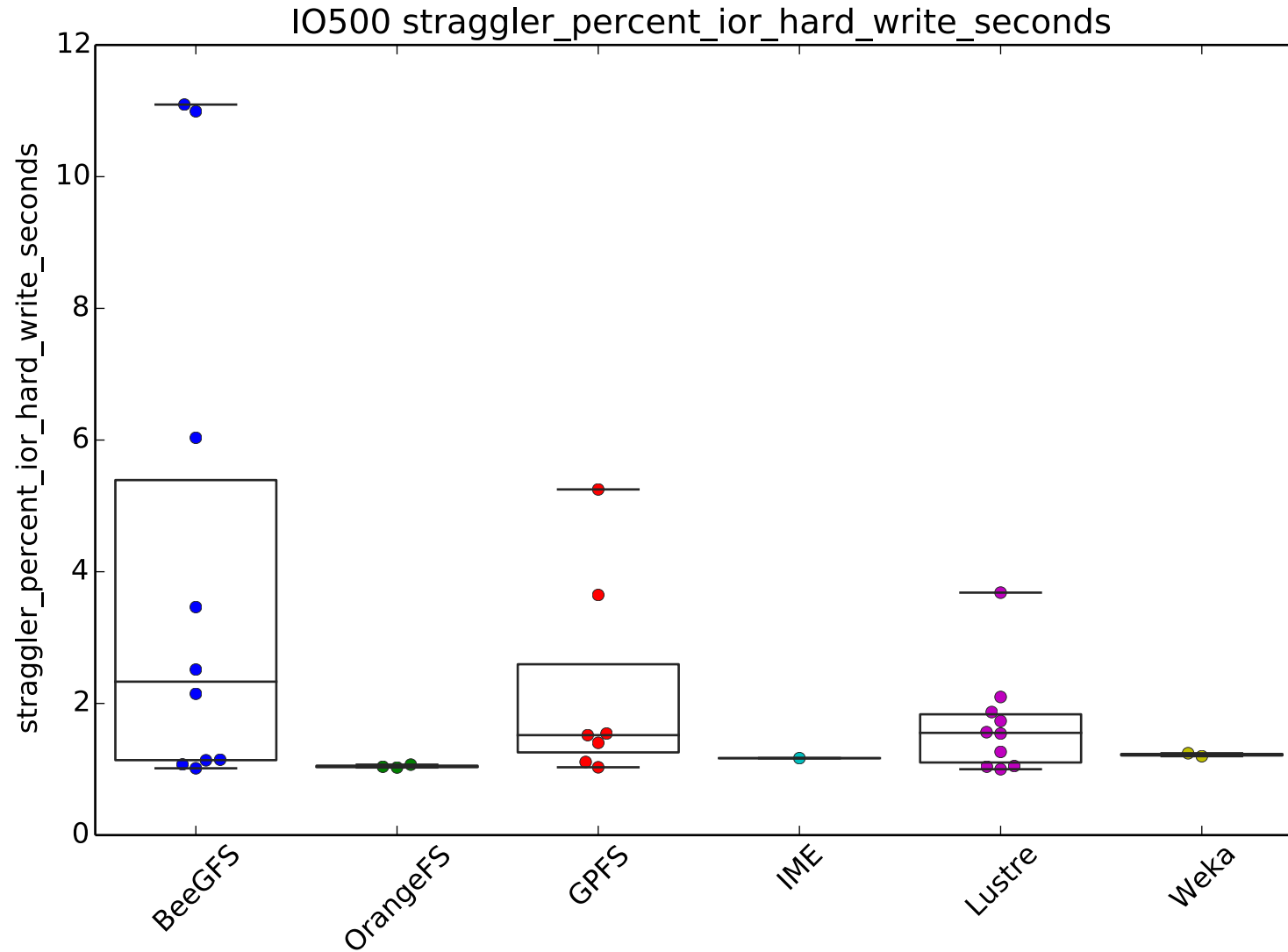
Remember a value of 1 might indicate a balanced system.

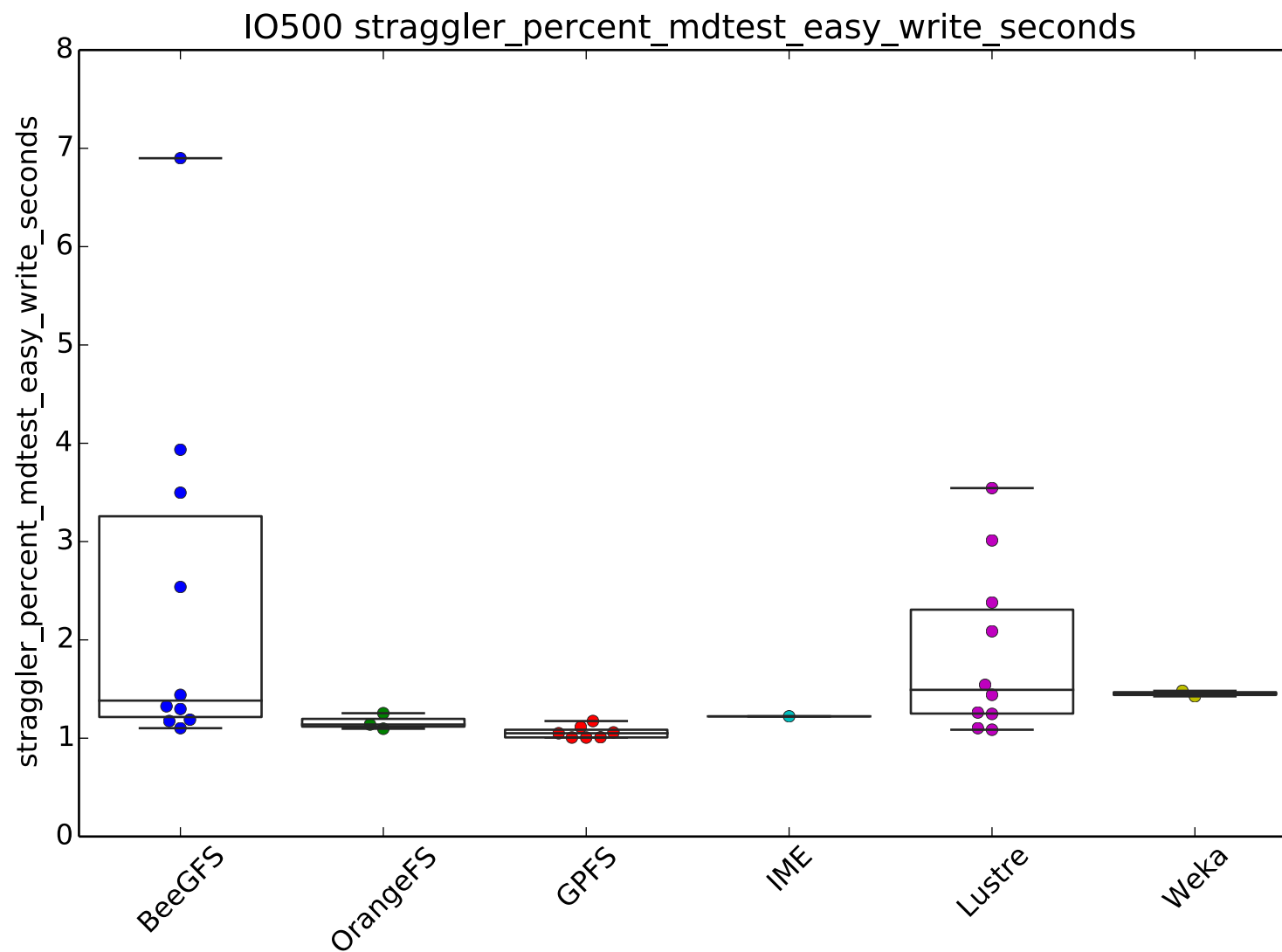
OrangeFS looks great for balance in `ior_hard_write`.

Of course the other consideration is total amount of work done.

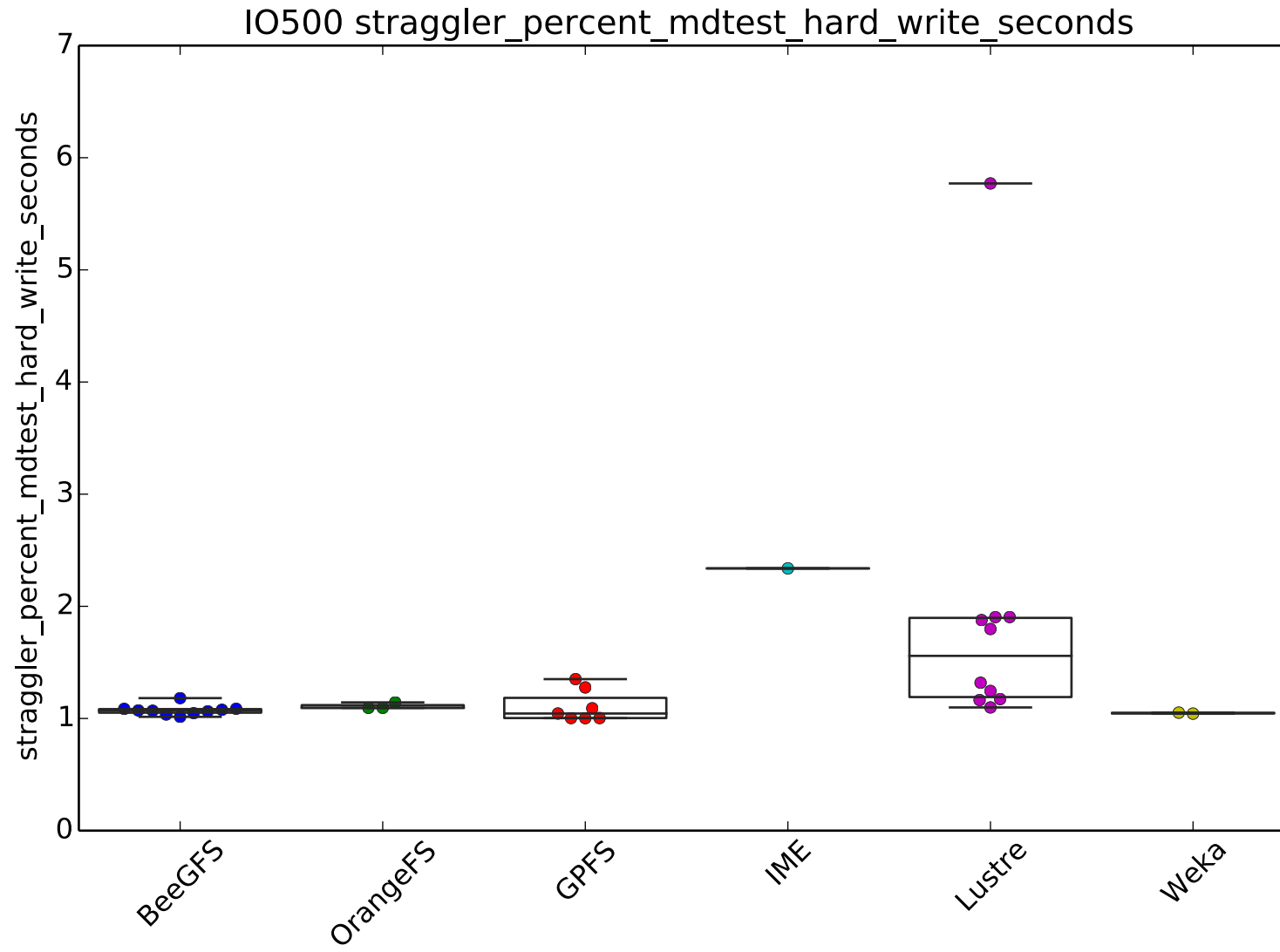
If `ior_hard_write` is very challenging, very little work might be done and therefore there might be less variance than with `ior_easy_write`.

However, there are some points here where the straggler effect is much higher than in any of the `ior_easy_write` results...





OrangeFS and GPFS look pretty balanced for mdtest_easy_write.



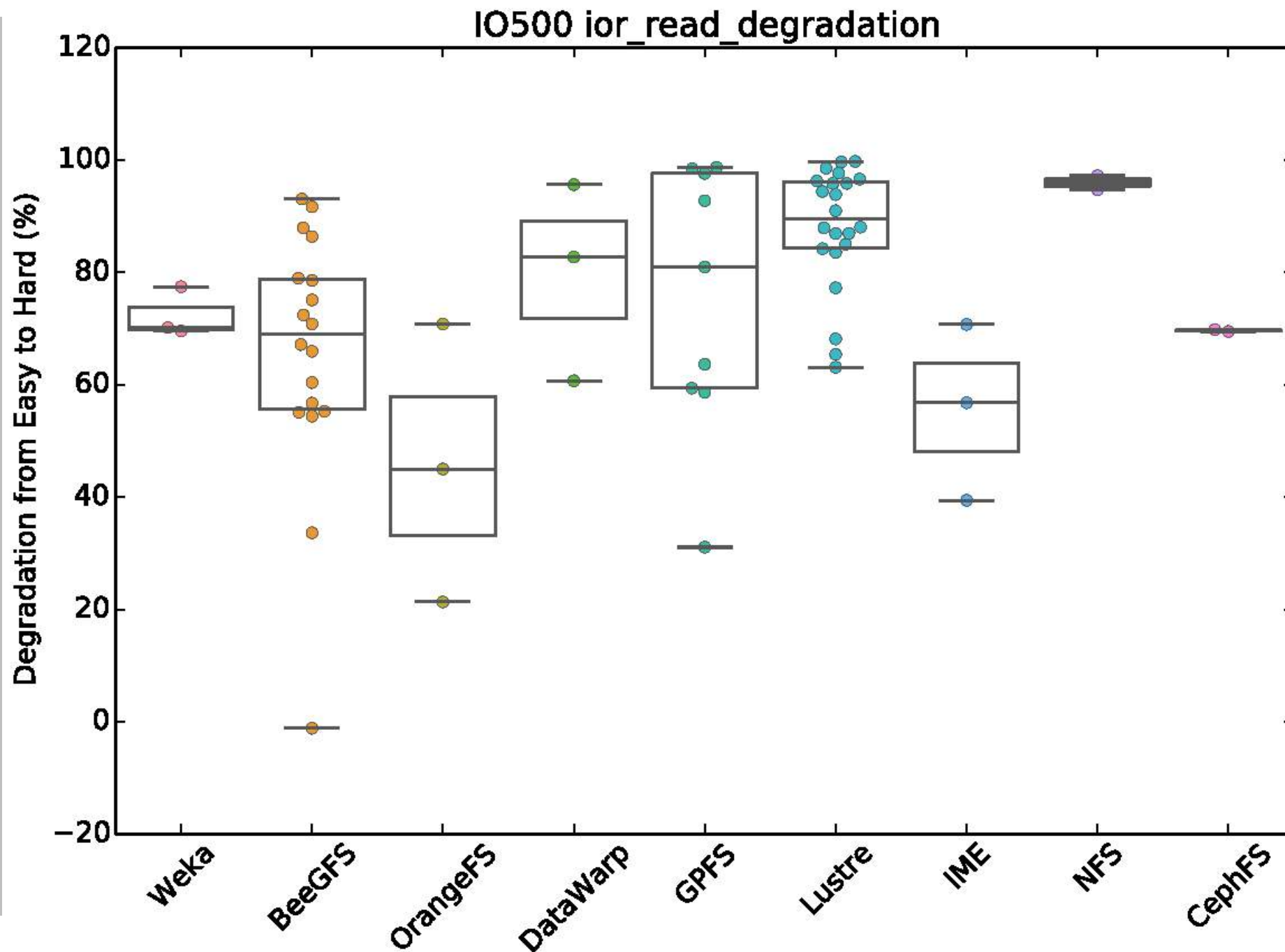
Visually comparing to the previous graph, it looks like mdtest_hard is less likely to incur imbalance overall than is mdtest_easy. Across the board, the straggler effect is low here.

Degradation: “Measuring the Bounding Box of Expectation”

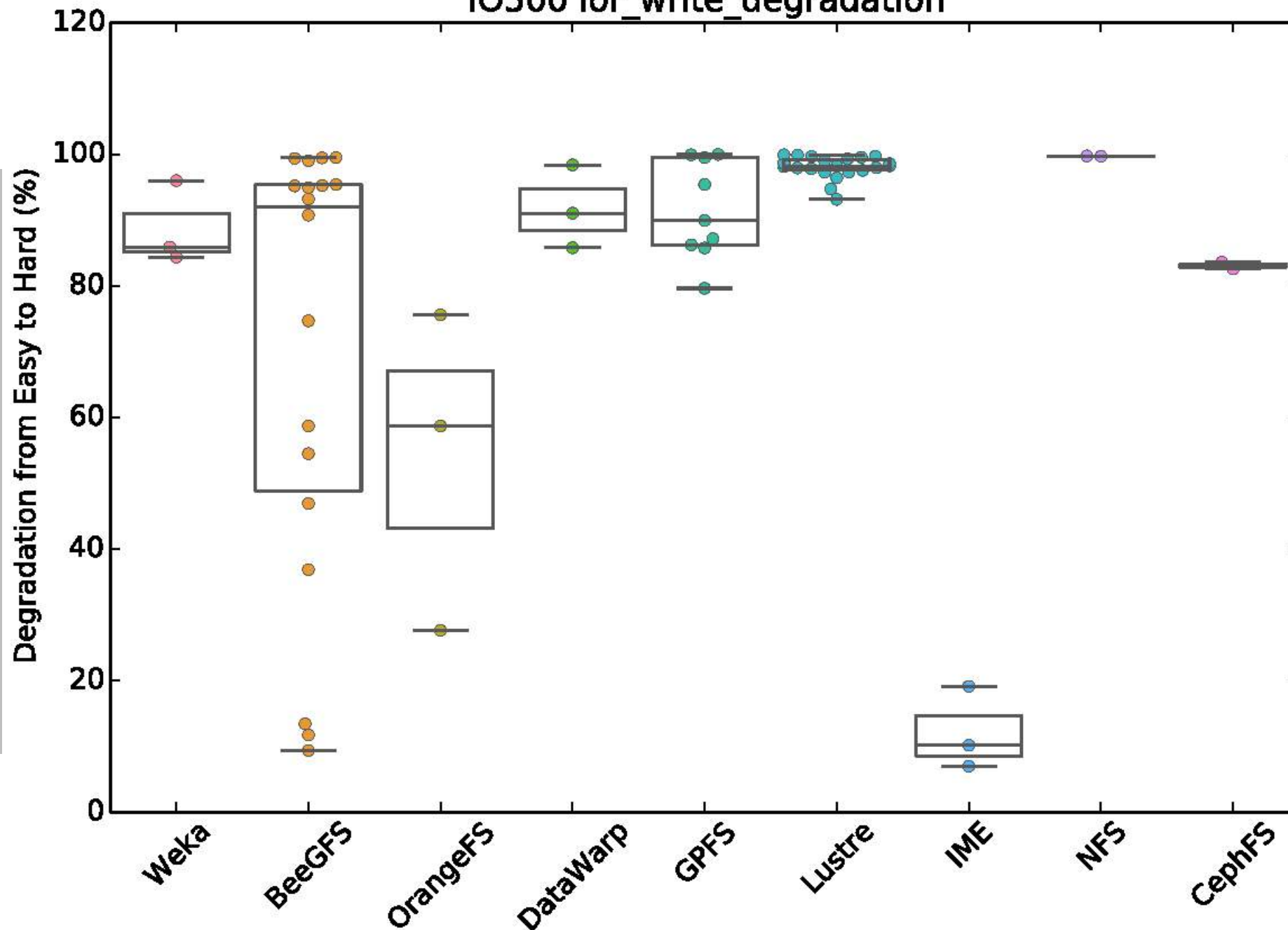
- As mentioned in the intro, one possible virtue of a system is to have a small “Bounding Box of Expectation”
- In other words, the difference between hard and easy is minimal such that every user of a system has a reasonable expectation of performance within a small bounds
- This also minimizes the need to tune applications
- In the following graphs, we therefore look at the degradation from easy to hard

In these graphs, 0% means that the hard score was identical to the easy score. A high value means that the hard score lost amount amount of the possible performance as measured by easy.

This graph shows degradation from `ior_easy_read` to `ior_hard_read`. Because IOR opens with `O_RDONLY`, there shouldn't be much locking and degradation here should be overall low. That is not what we see however.



IO500 ior_write_degradation



As expected, the log-structure approach in IME means very little performance is lost from ior_easy_write to ior_hard_write.

BeeGFS has an interesting spread. Some great results at the bottom! But some bad ones at the top. The next slide tries to figure out why...

Why Does BeeGFS have such a large degradation spread for ior_write?

```
[mysql> select (ior__hard_write-ior__easy_write)*-1/ior__easy_write*100 as Degradation,
information__system as System,information__client_nodes as CN,concat("Data on ",io
500_info_data_storage_type," metadata on ",io500_info_metadata_storage_type) as Storage,
io500_info_filesystem_version as Version from io500 where information__filesystem rlike 'beegfs'
order by ior__hard_write/ior__easy_write;
```

Degradation	System	CN	Storage	Version
99.520636984	Clemson BeeGFS	16	Data on HDD metadata on SSD	7
99.462218576	Clemson BeeGFS	10	Data on HDD metadata on SSD	7.1
99.382203781	Clemson BeeGFS	16	Data on HDD metadata on SSD	7
99.047069015	Clemson BeeGFS	16	Data on HDD metadata on SSD	7
95.409140279	Data Accelerator	184	Data on xxx metadata on xxx	xxx
95.263437999	Seislab	24	NULL	NULL
95.200525970	JURON	8	NULL	NULL
94.952681388	Palmetto	32	Data on HDD metadata on SSD	7.1
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Large Spread!
Why?!?!

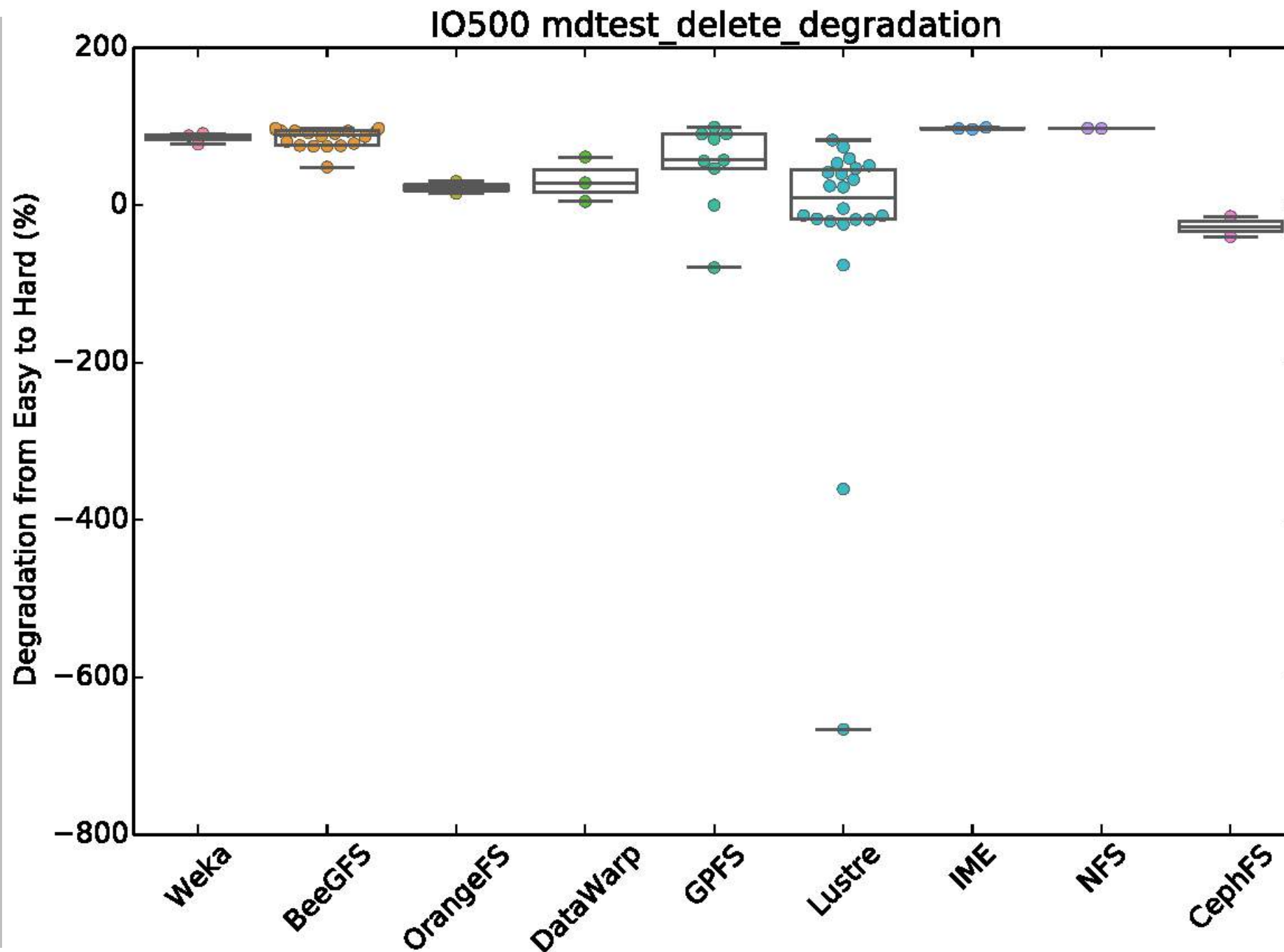
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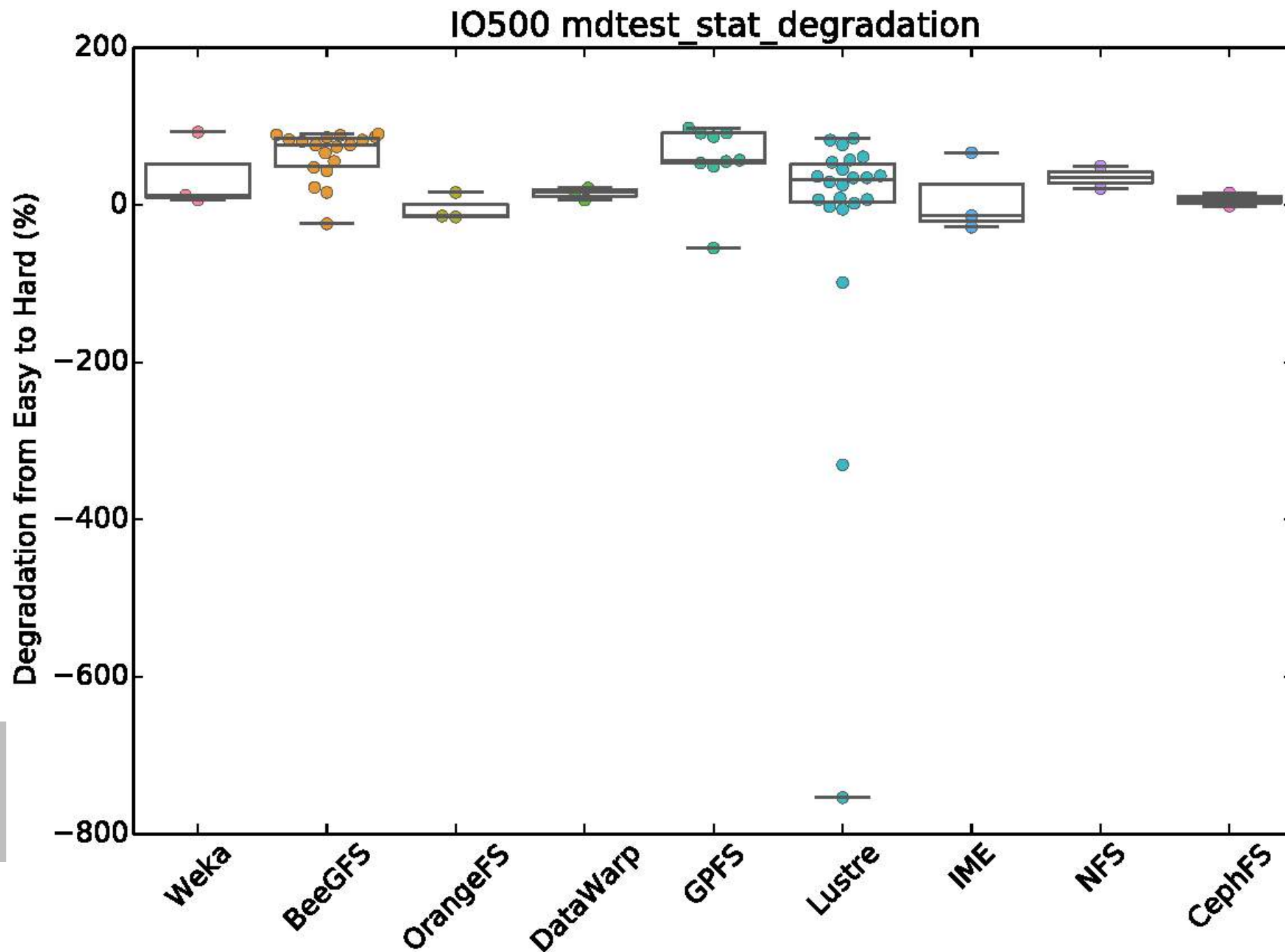


Reminder: 0% is the “target” here as it indicates no loss from easy to hard. 100% would be the worst case and indicates that hard is infinitely worse than easy.

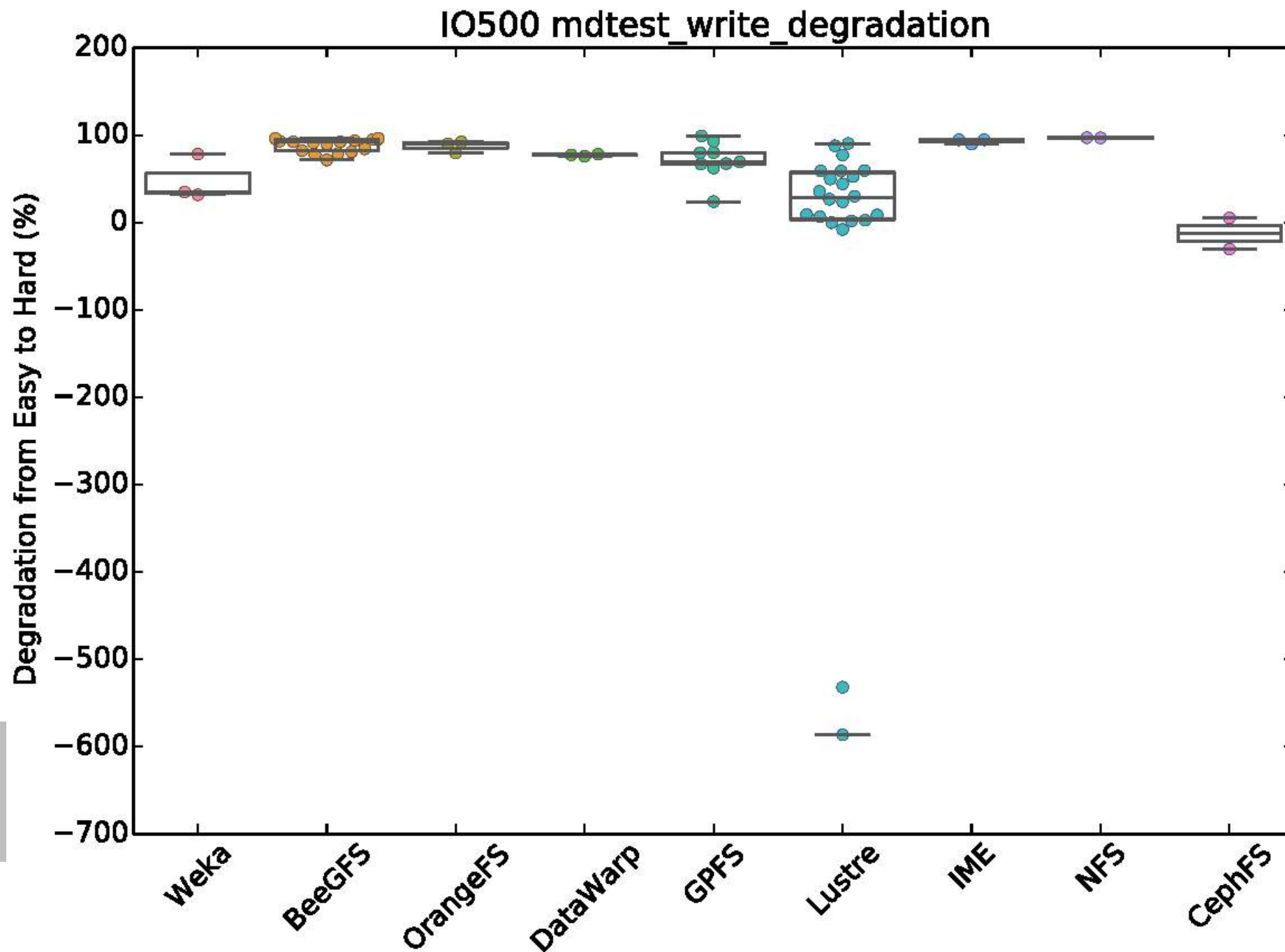
A negative result is unexpected and means that hard did better than easy.

The Lustre results from Cambridge do have metadata results where hard is better because they tuned hard to use DNE2 but did not tune easy so easy results only used one MDS/MDT.





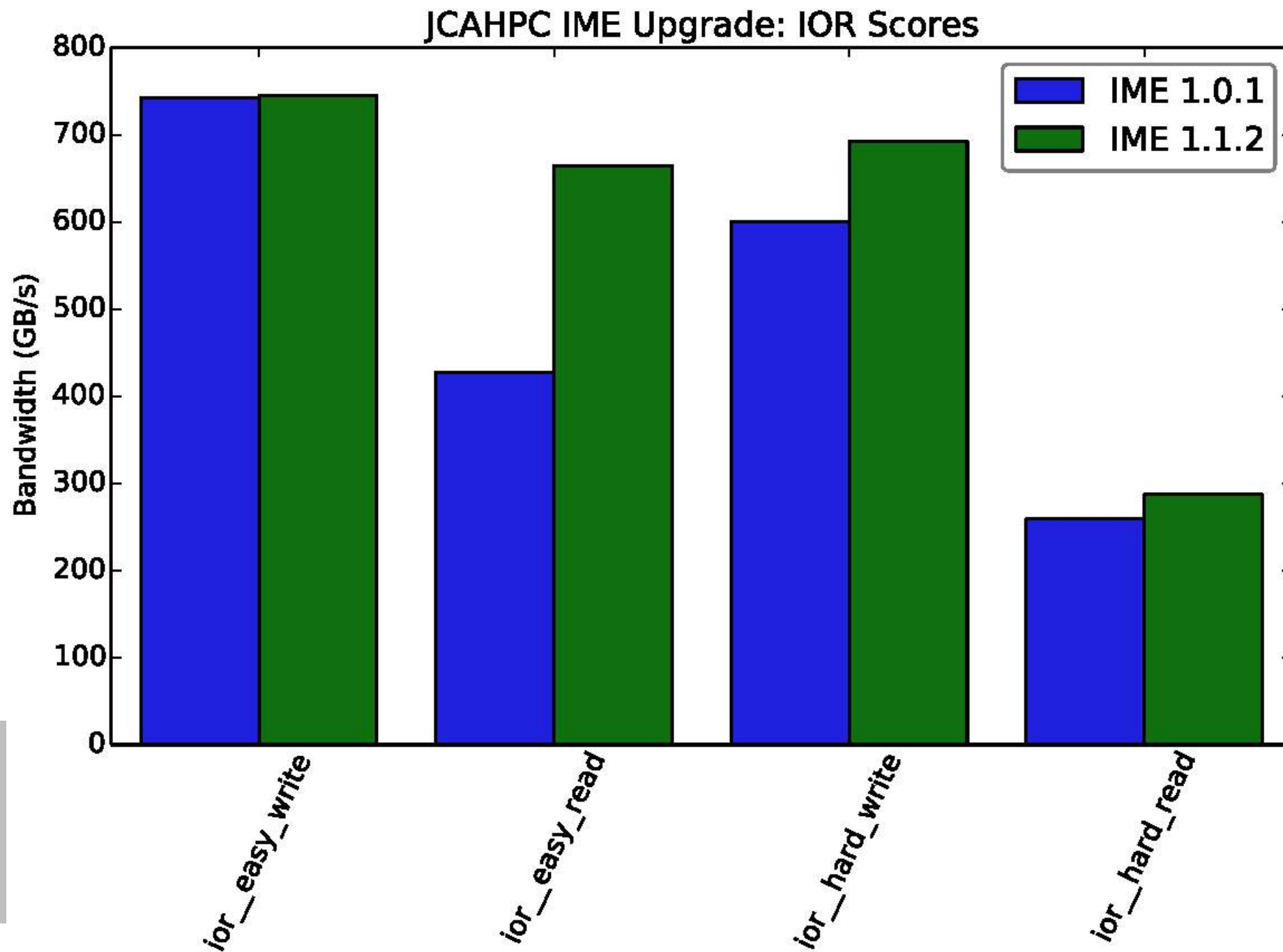
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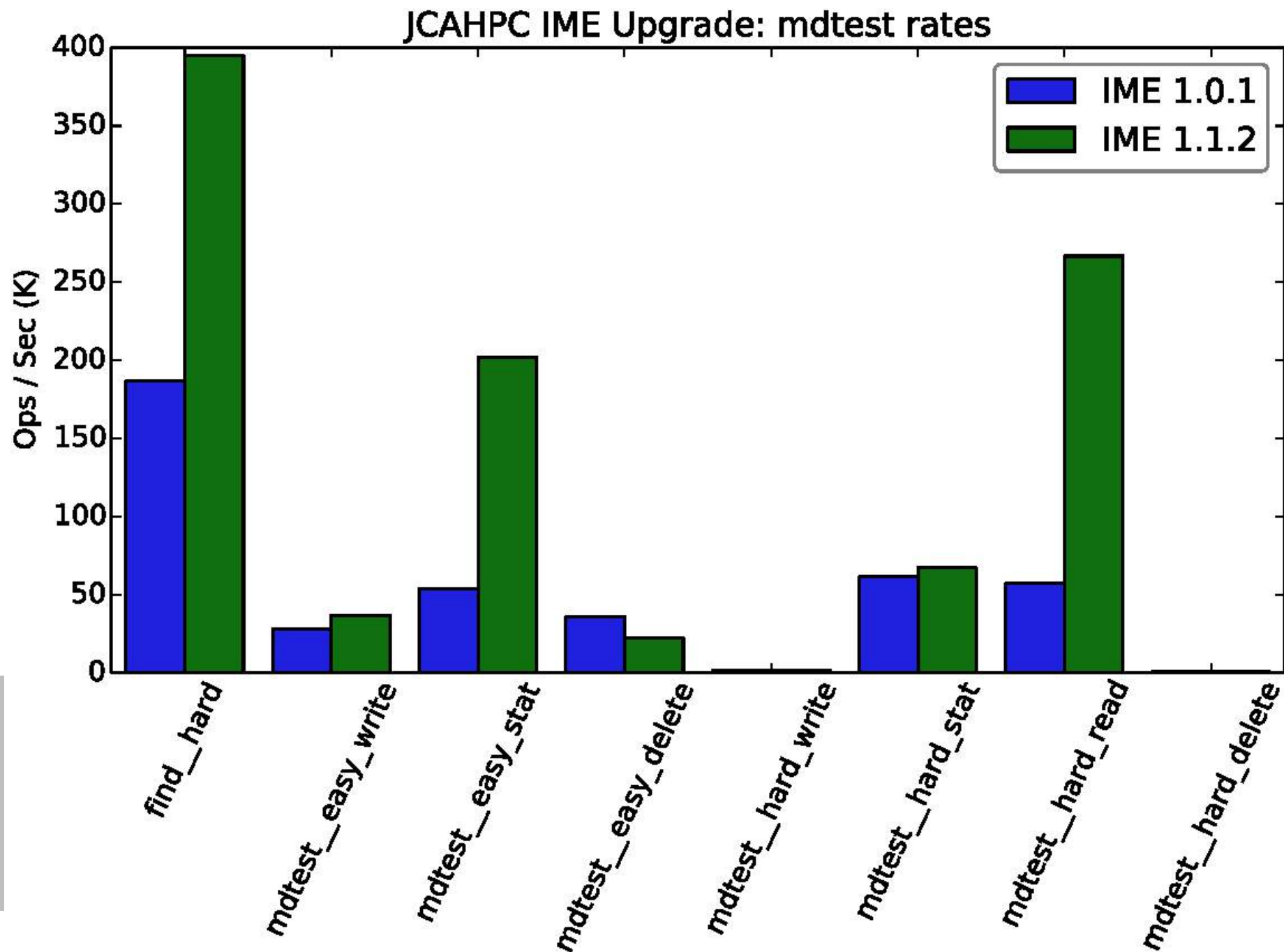
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JCAHPC

- Use IO500 for regression testing or to check whether a software upgrade actually improves the system

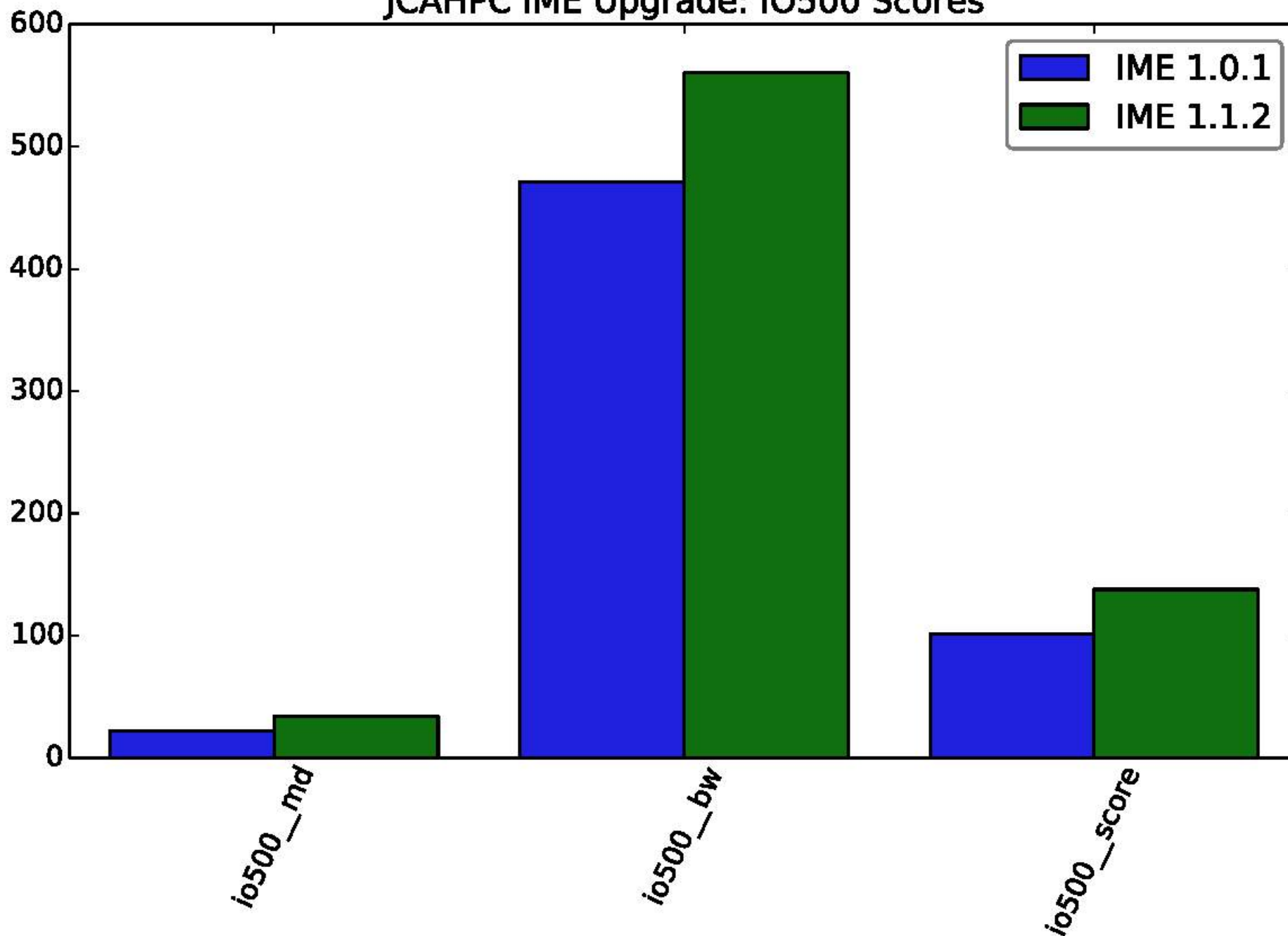


Upgrading IME improves bandwidth! This is apples-apples hardware comparison.



Upgrading IME improves metadata except delete got worse. Something to debug ... Better in 1.2?

JCAHPC IME Upgrade: IO500 Scores

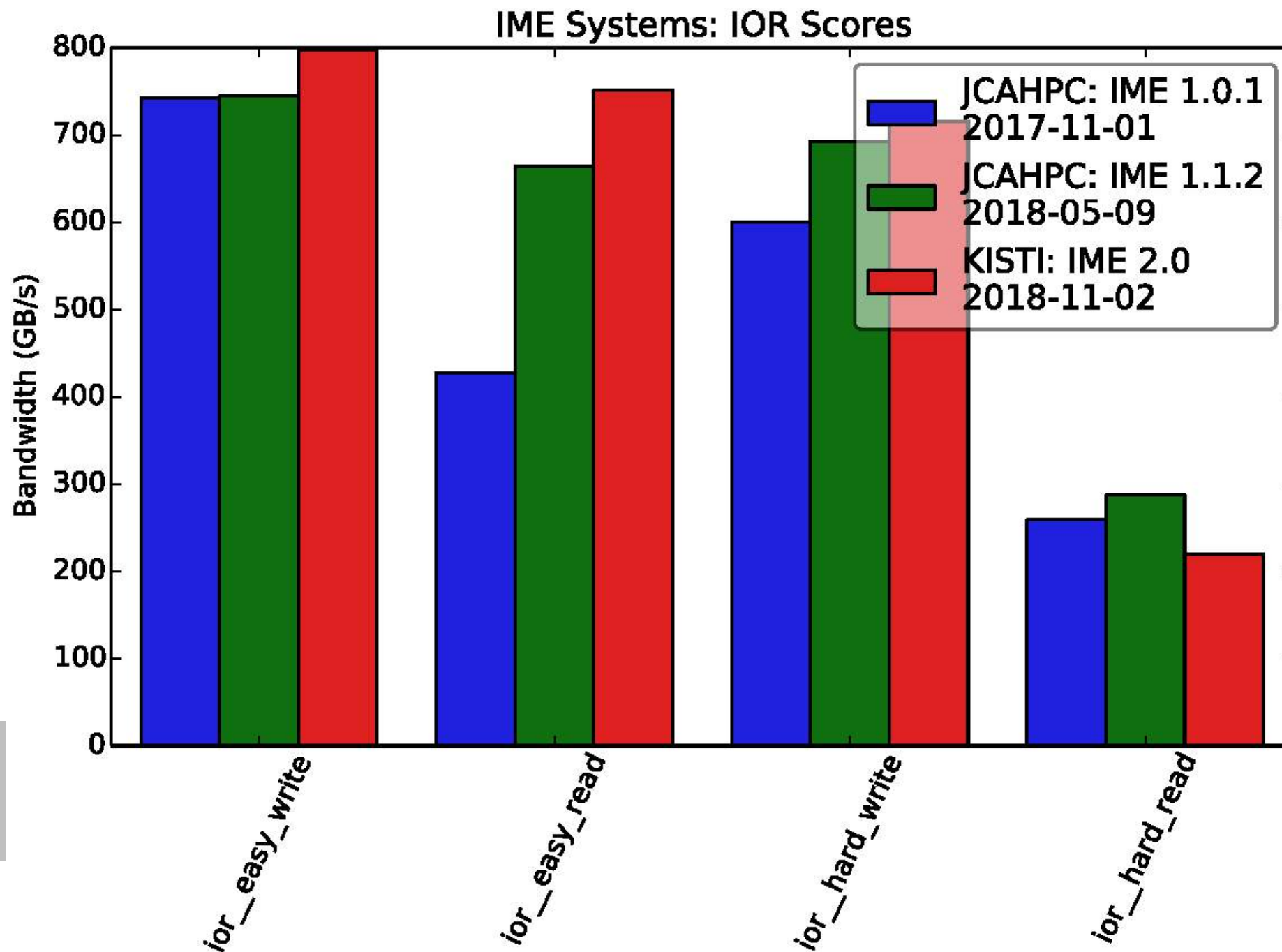


As expected,
overall scores
went up.

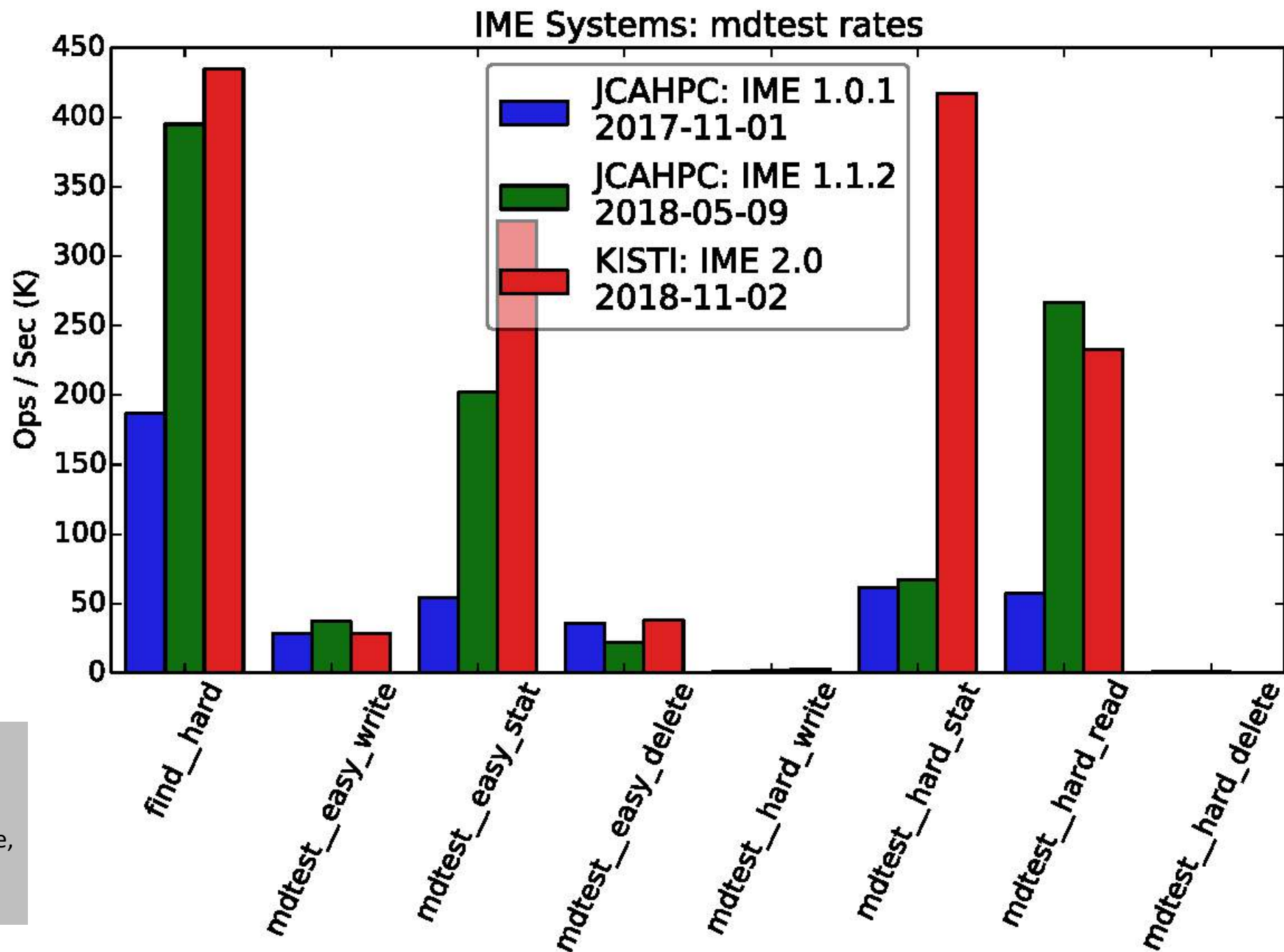
Good job IME
developers!

IME Results

- To see whether IME 1.2 further improves over IME 1.1.2, we can compare the KISTI result to the two JCAHPC results
- Unfortunately this is different hardware so comparison might be tricky

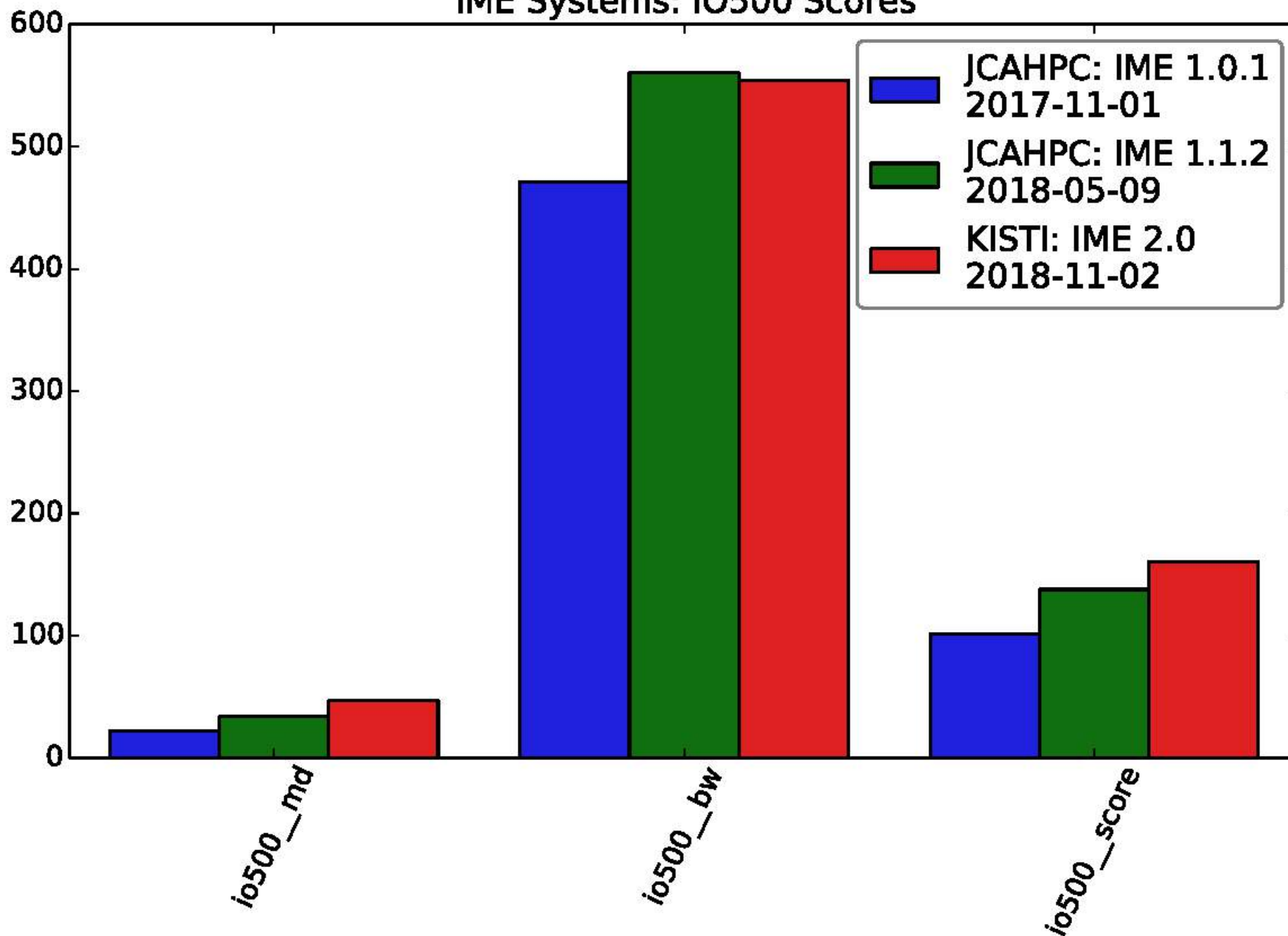


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Except for
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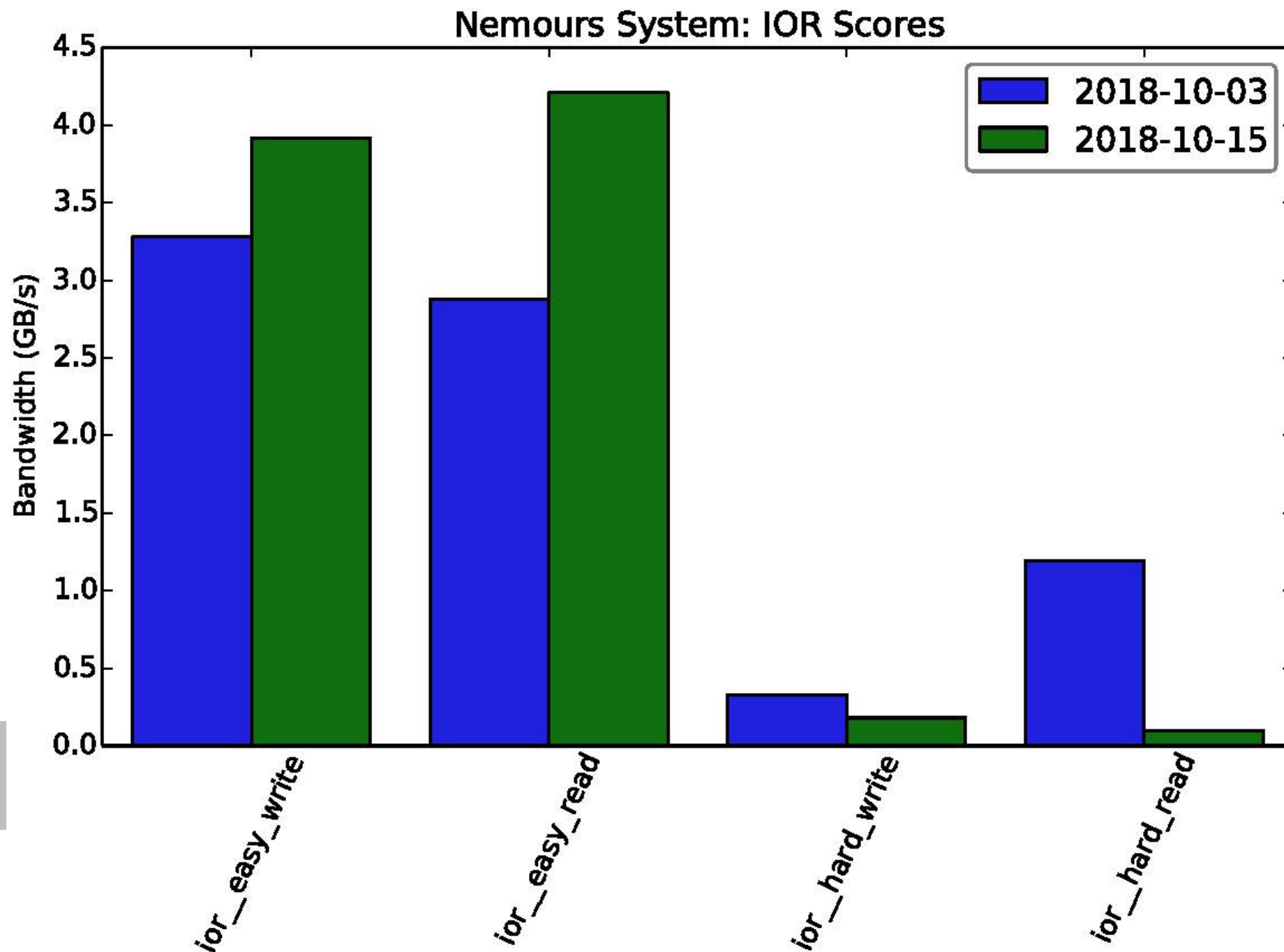
IME Systems: IO500 Scores



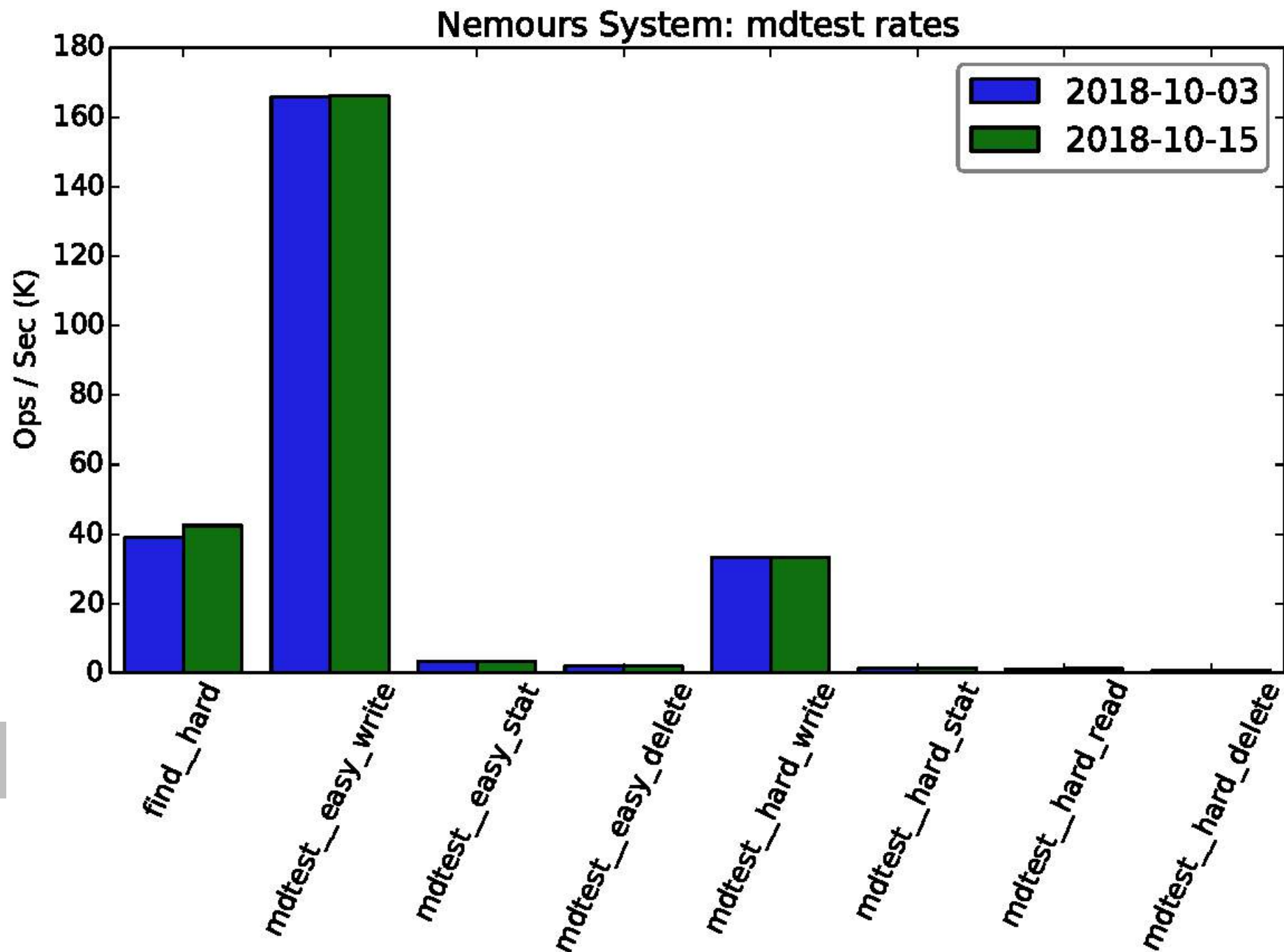
Bandwidth went slightly down but the improvement in metadata was enough to improve the overall score.

Regression Testing at Nemours

- Nemours also used IO500 to test a system before and after an upgrade.
- Unfortunately the overall performance went down. Why?
- Noise during testing?
- The upgrade was actual a downgrade?
- The test only used one client so perhaps that's more of a measure of the particular client node than of the overall file system?
- More data needed!

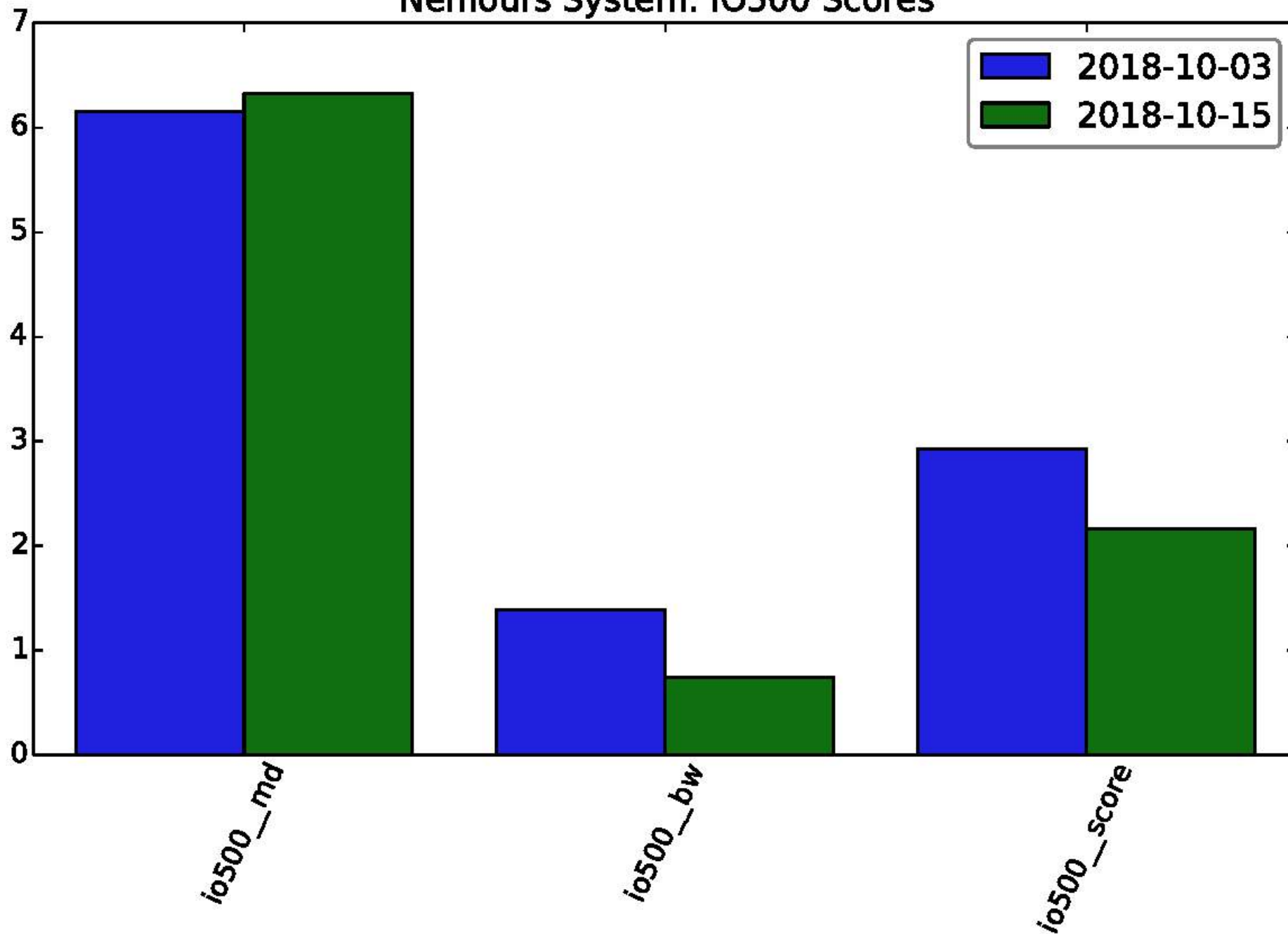


IOR easy got better but hard got worse.



Not much change
in metadata.

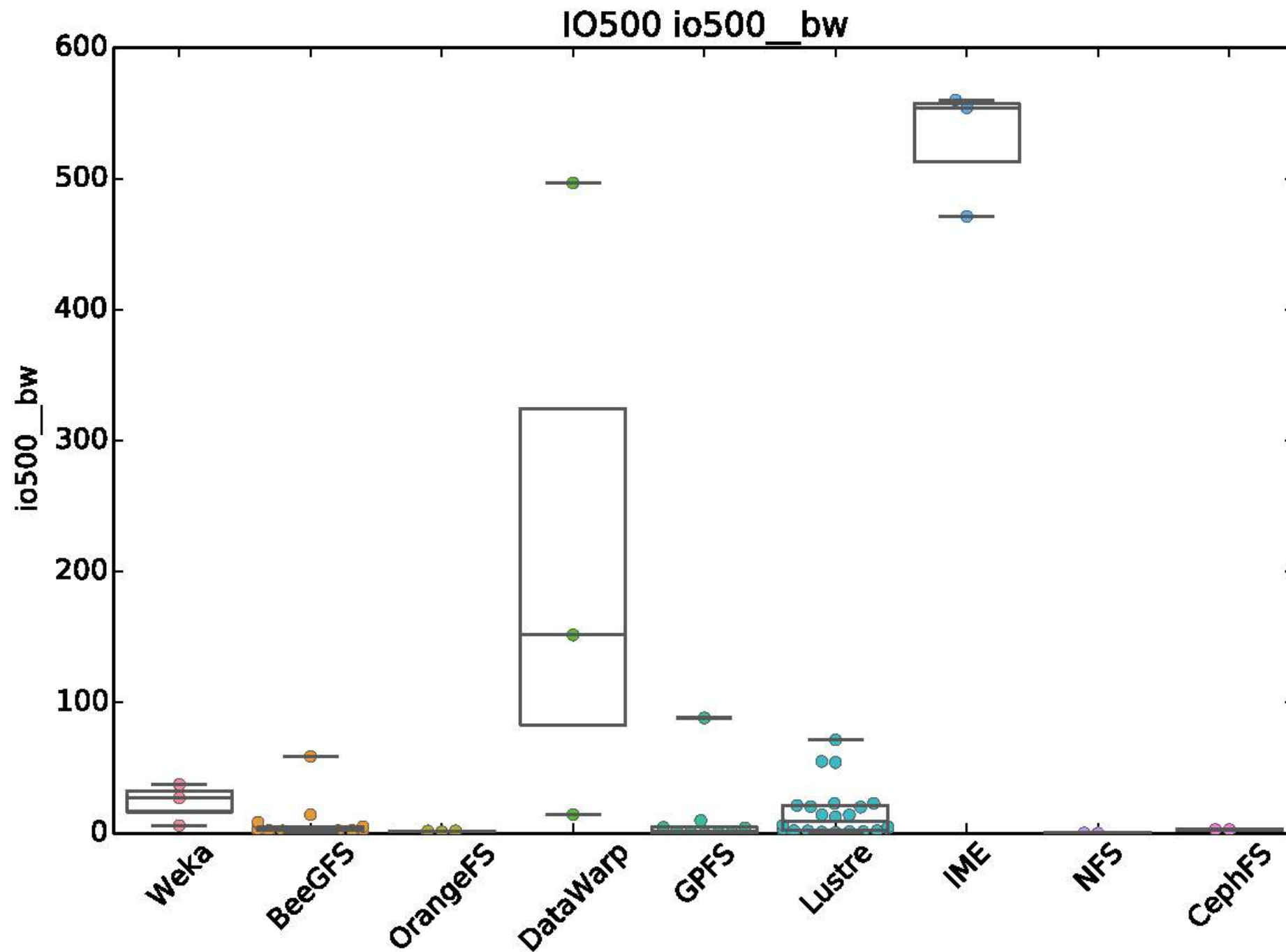
Nemours System: IO500 Scores

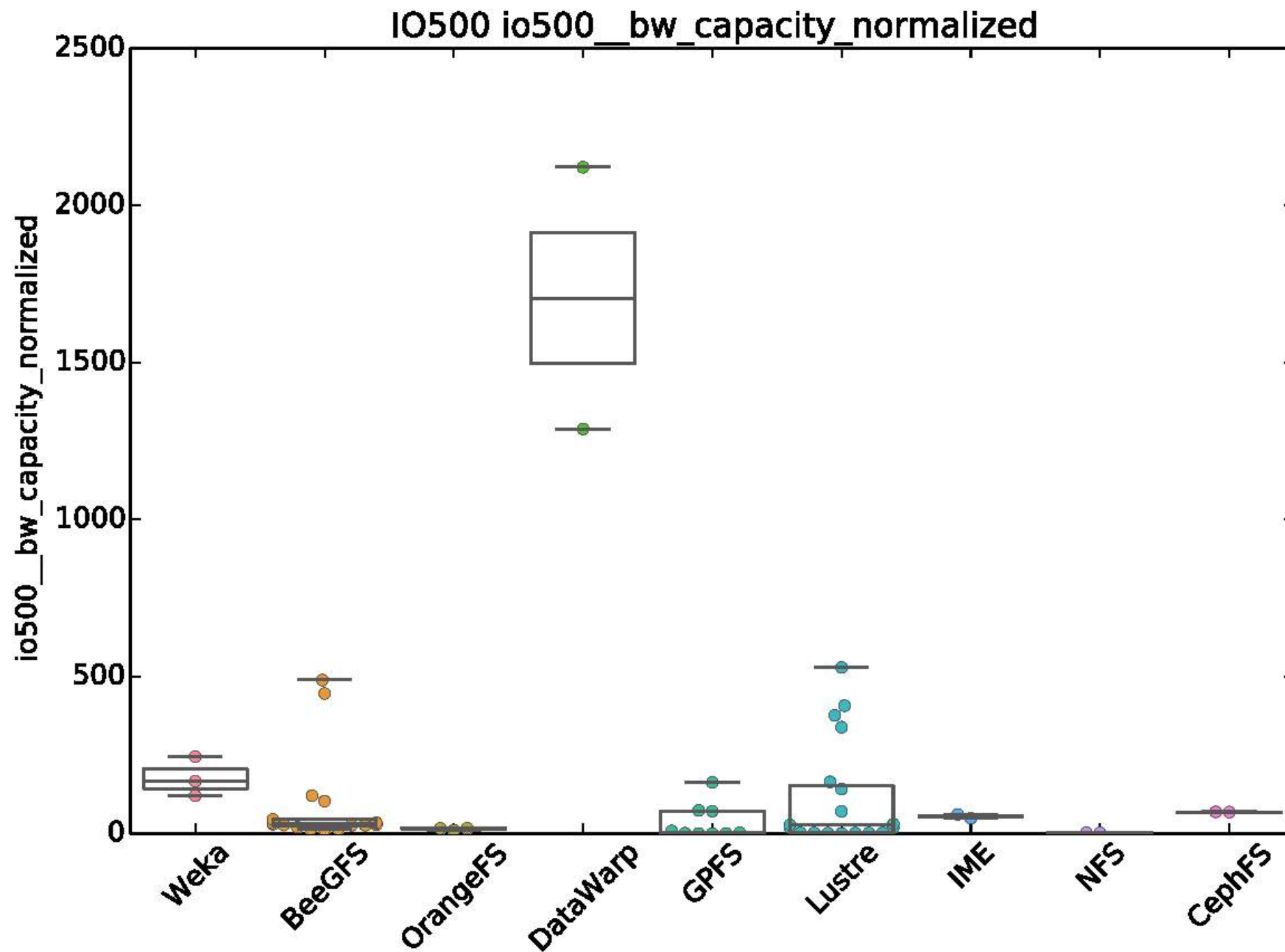


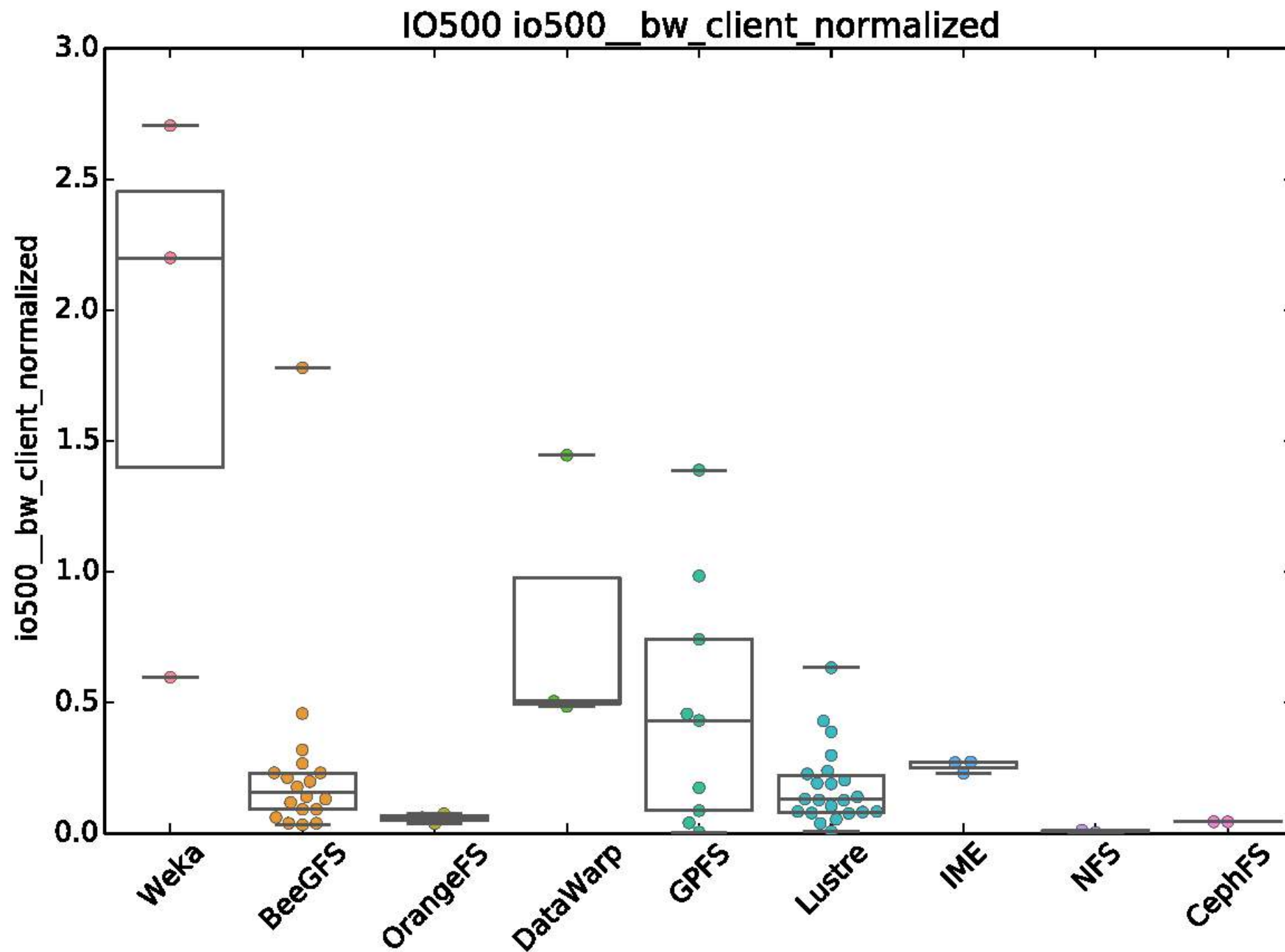
A mixed bag but overall the score went slightly down.

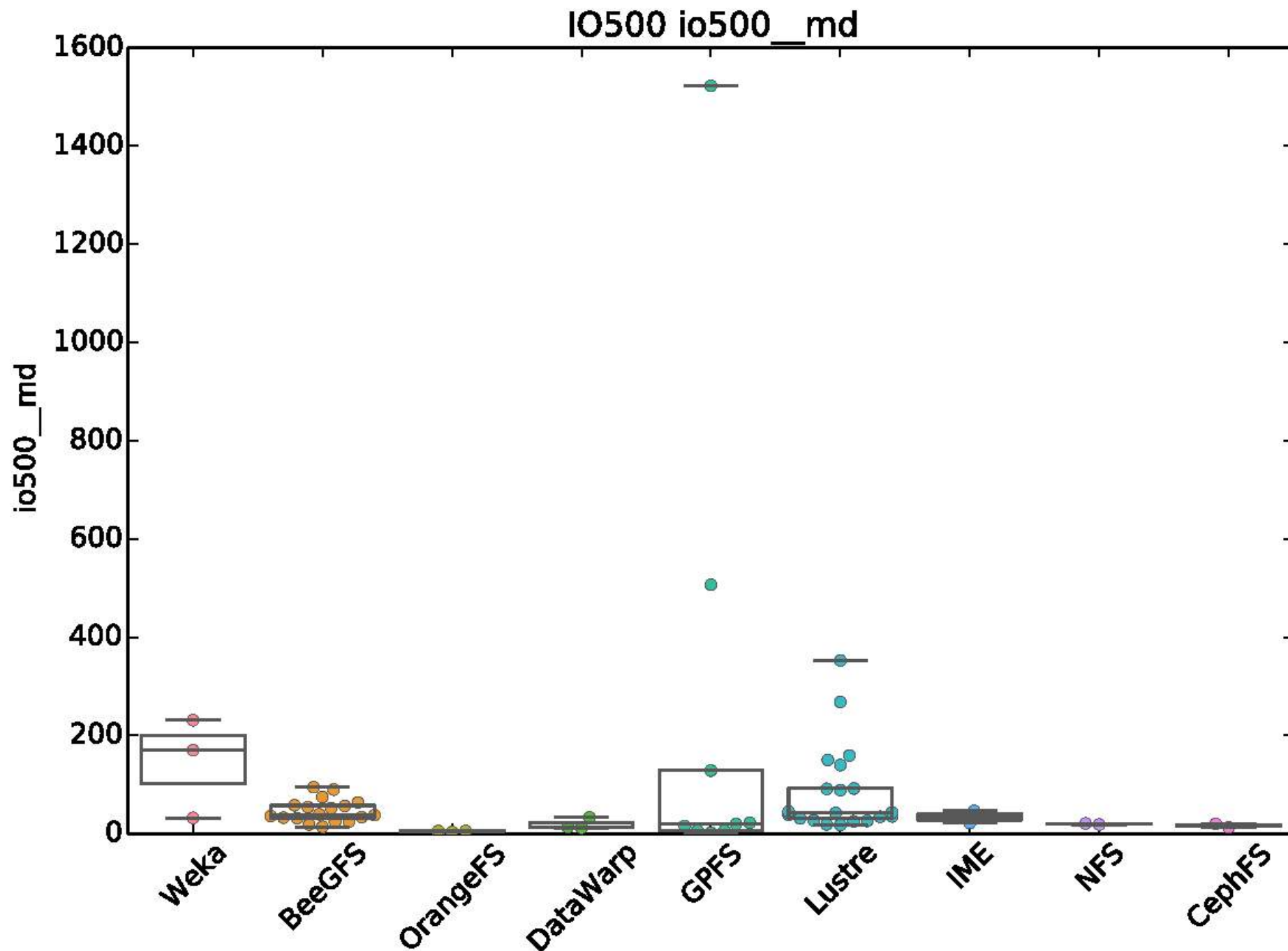
Tons and Tons of Boxplots

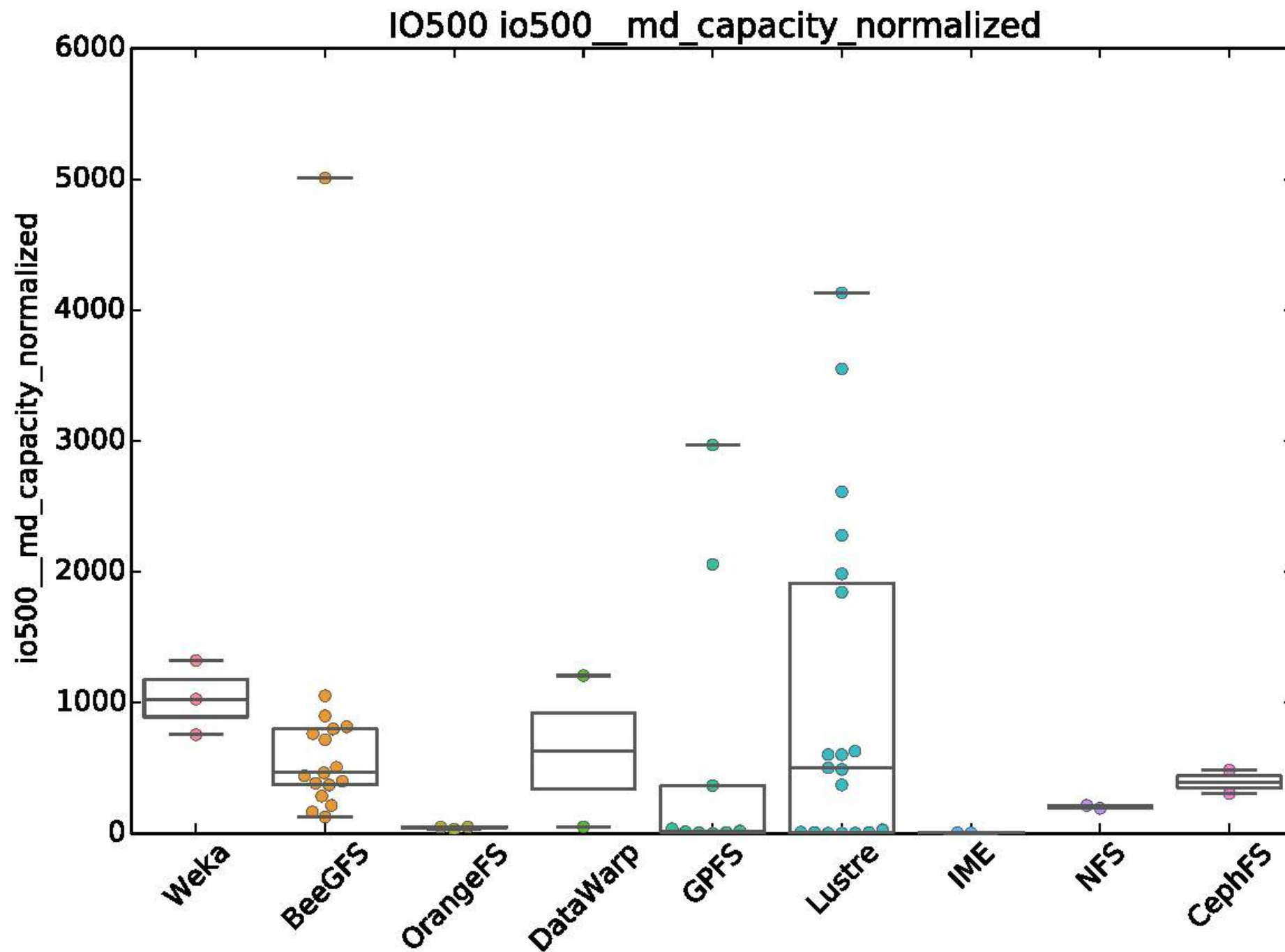
- For each metric, all the results grouped by file system
- Also includes an attempted normalization by client count
- Also includes an attempted normalization by total capacity
 - Note total capacity is inaccurate!
 - io500.sh collects df by calling 'df'. However, 'df' reports in block and different systems use a different value for block size.
 - We need to update io500.sh to pass a flag to 'df' to force consistency in the block size
 - More generally we need to scrape more environmental info.
 - Feel free to submit patches! 😊
- Way too many graphs to attempt analysis. Have at ye!

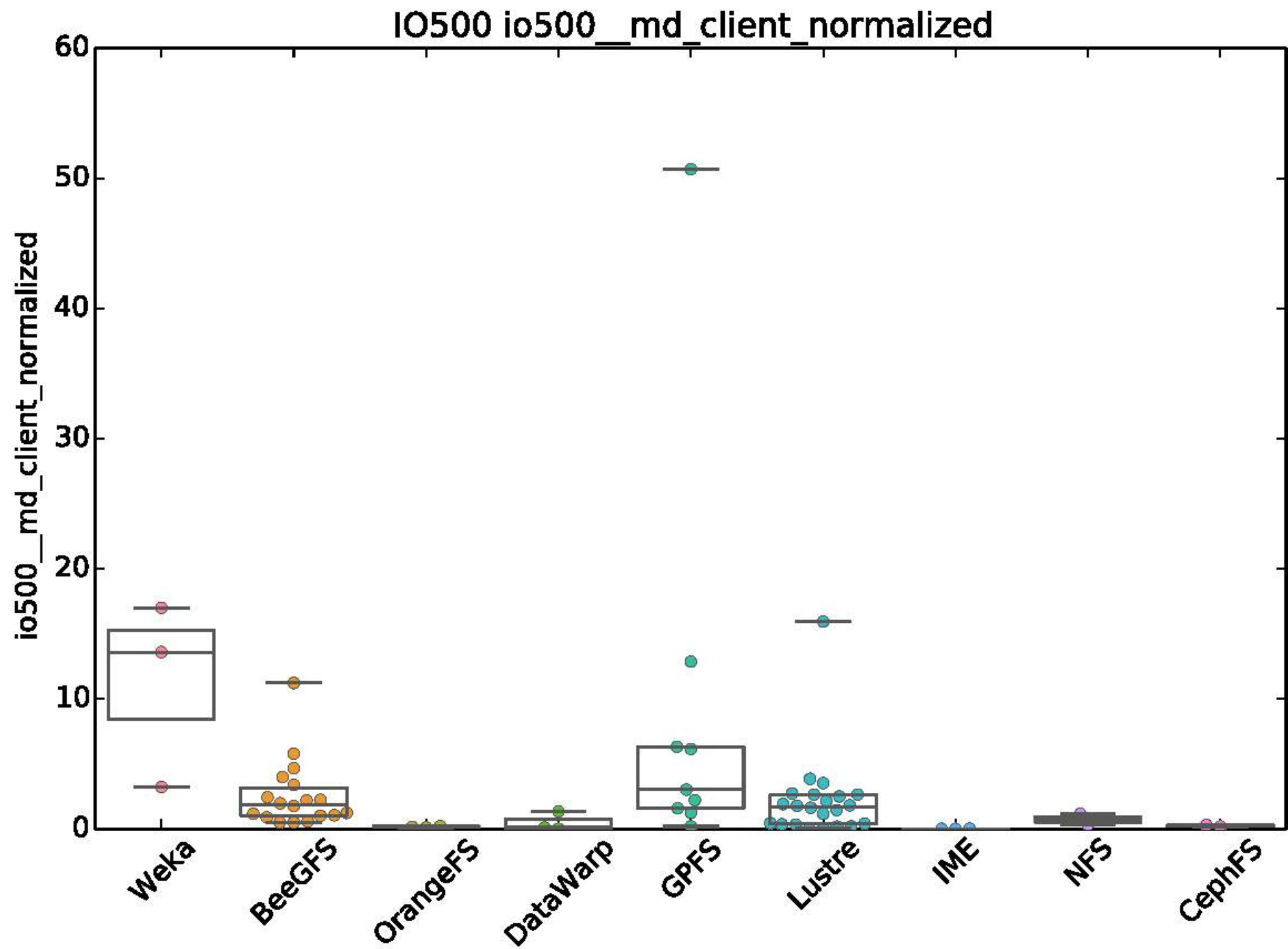


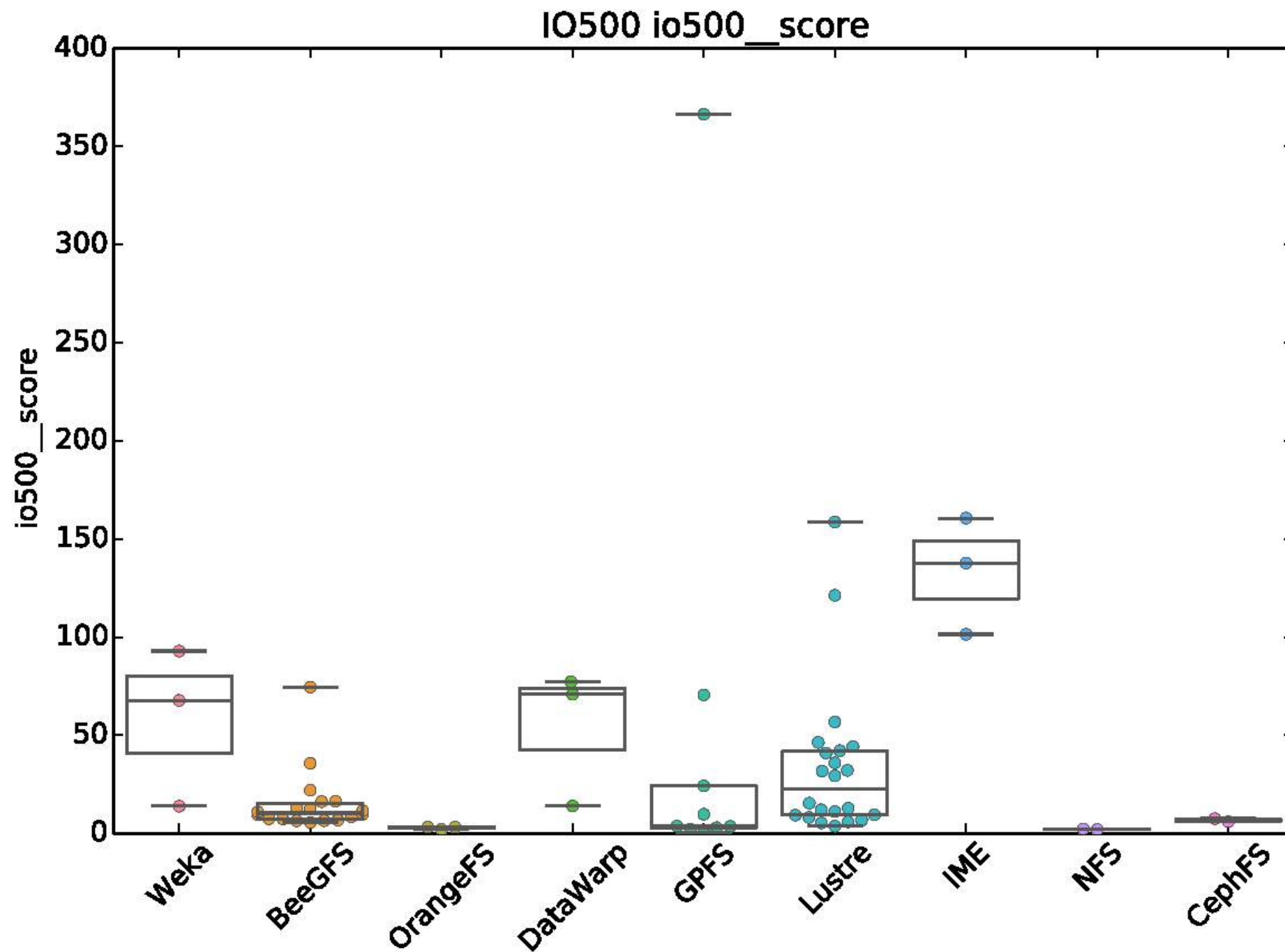


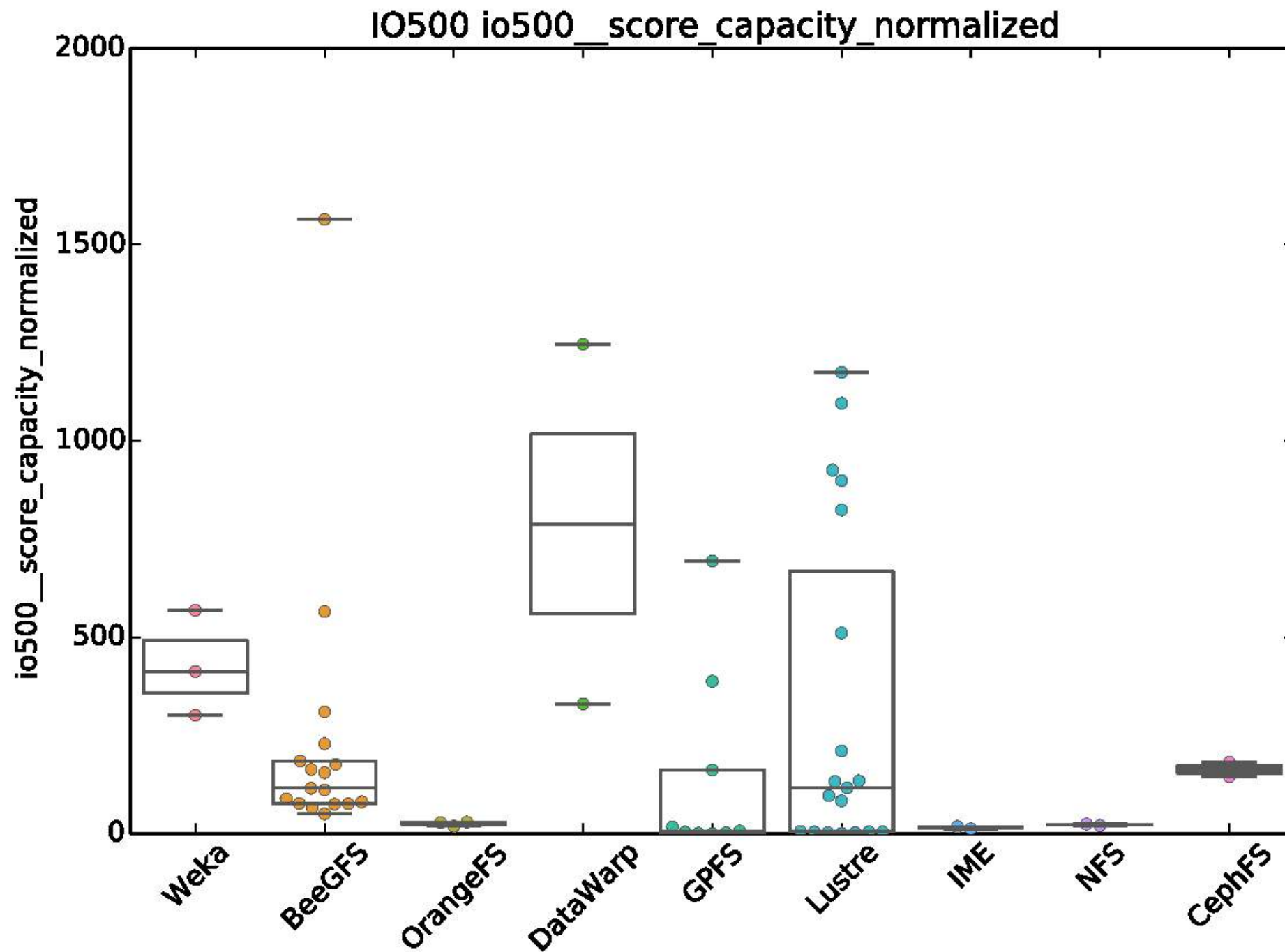


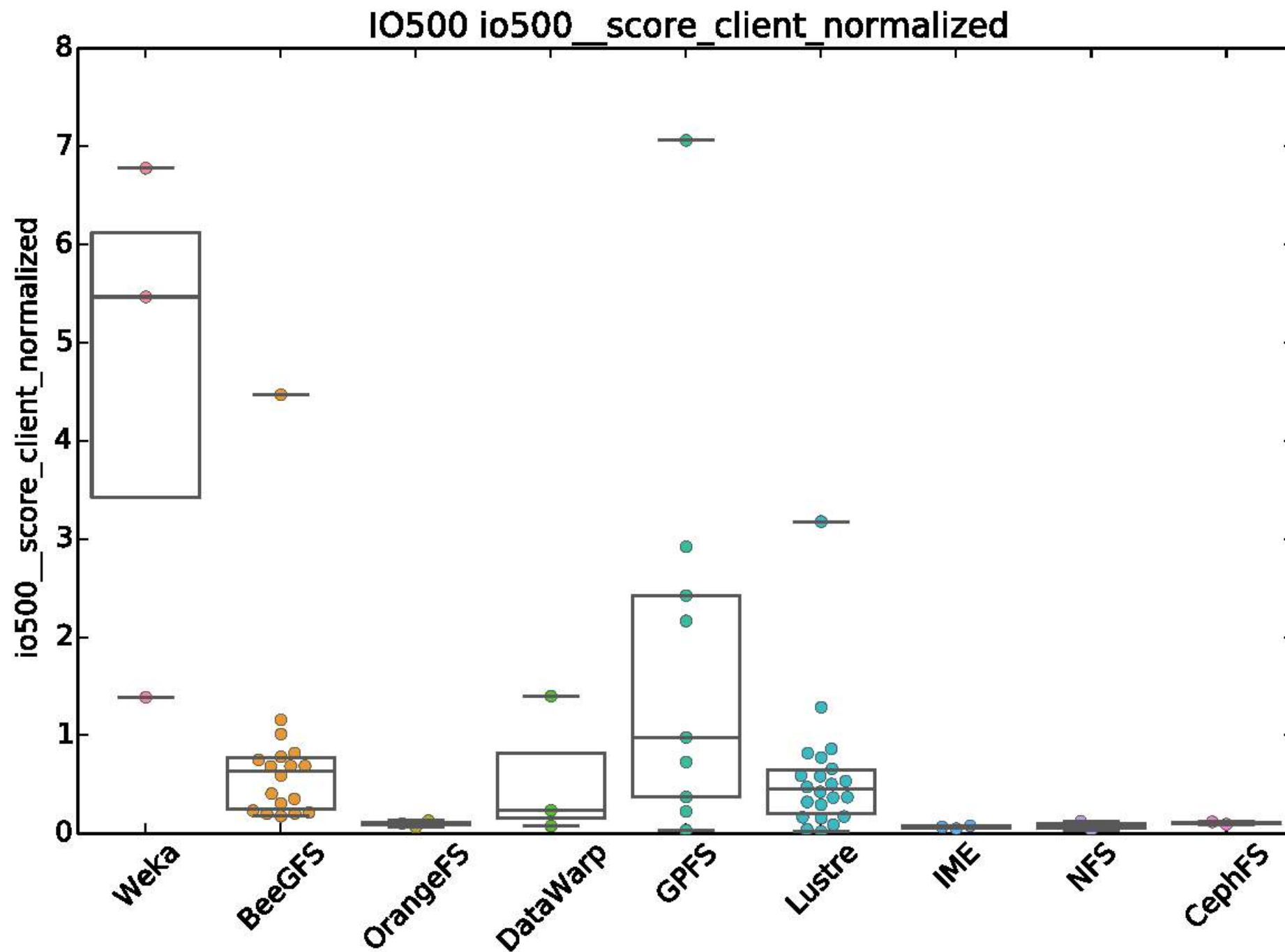


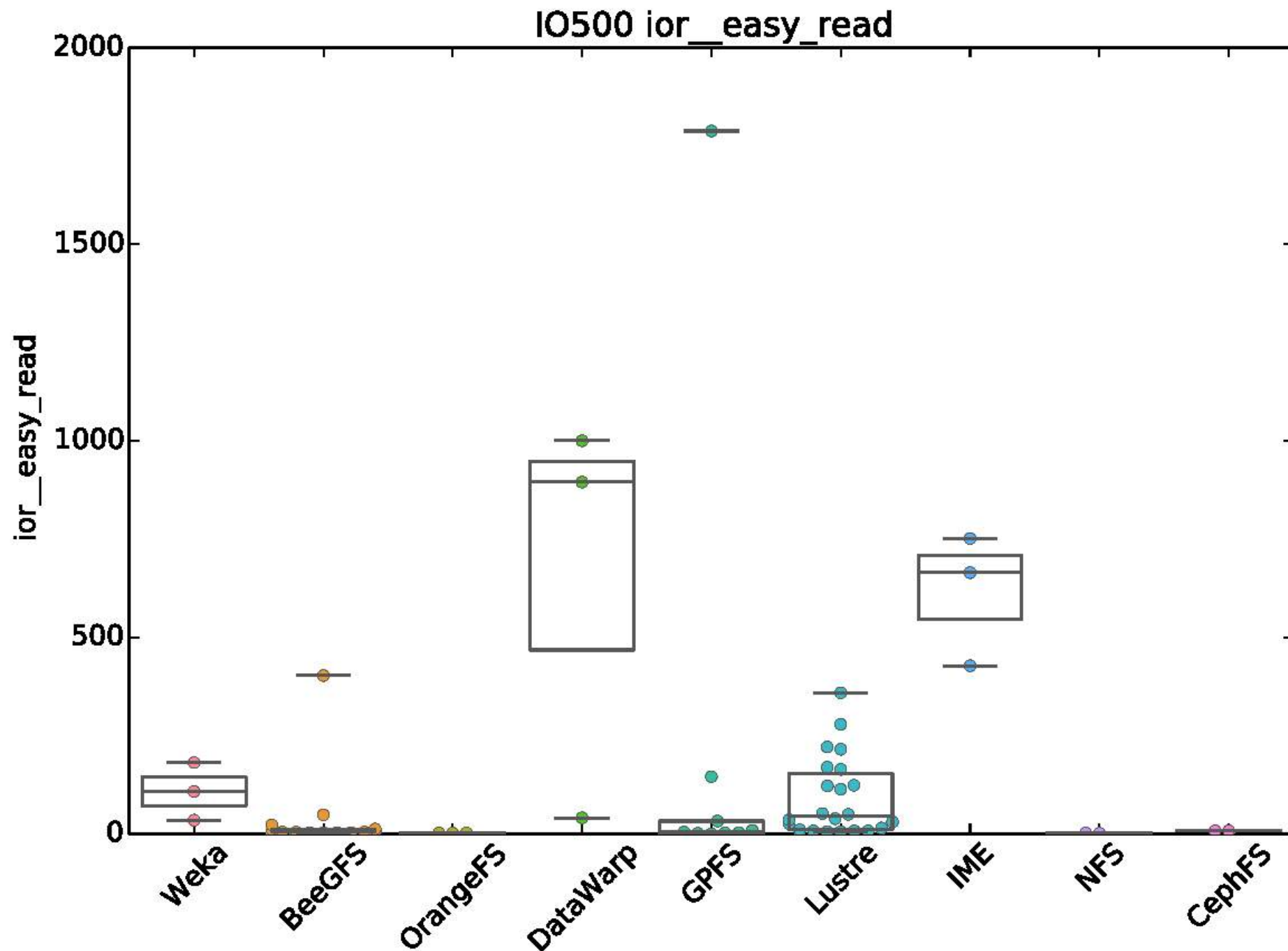


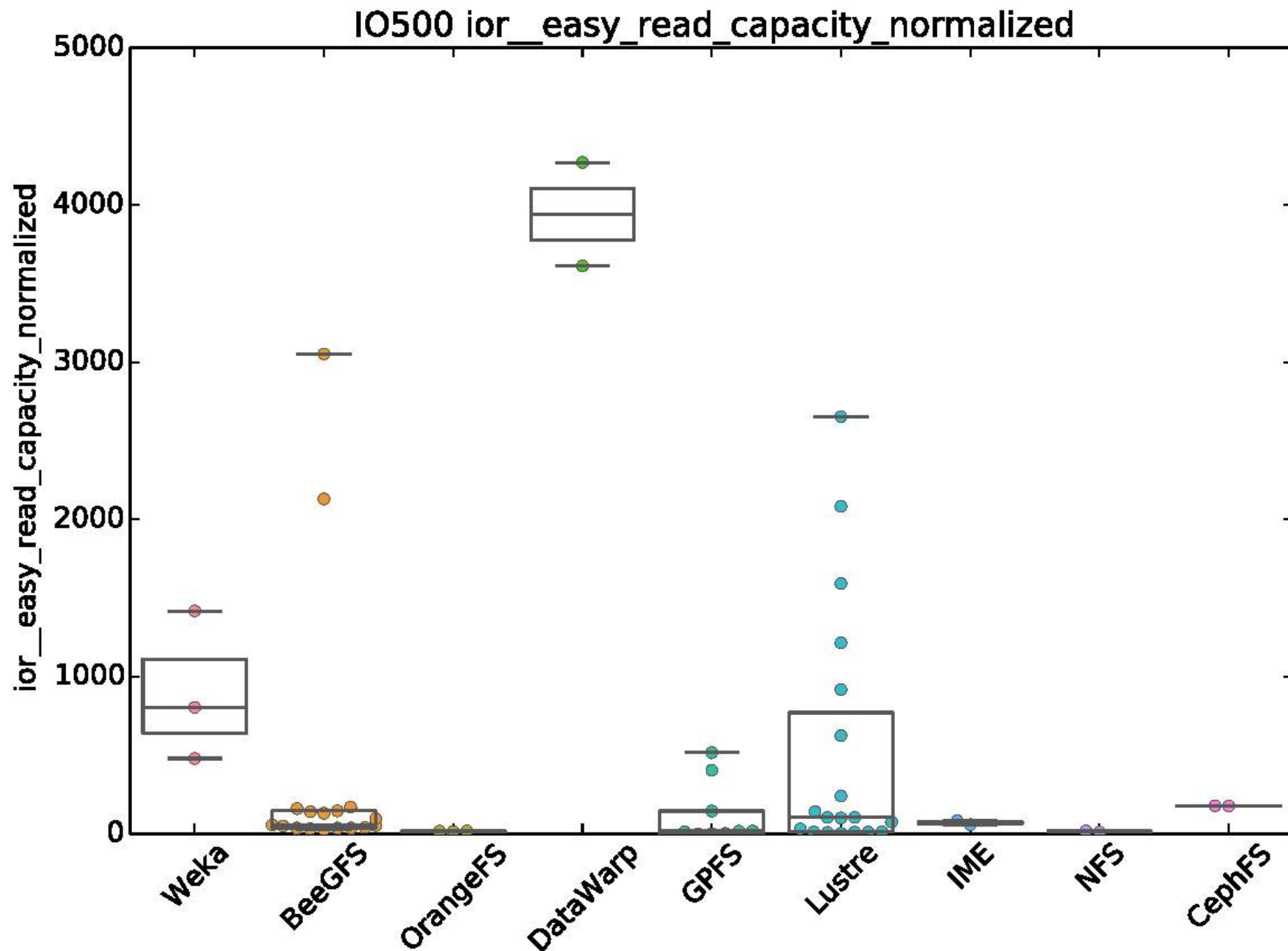


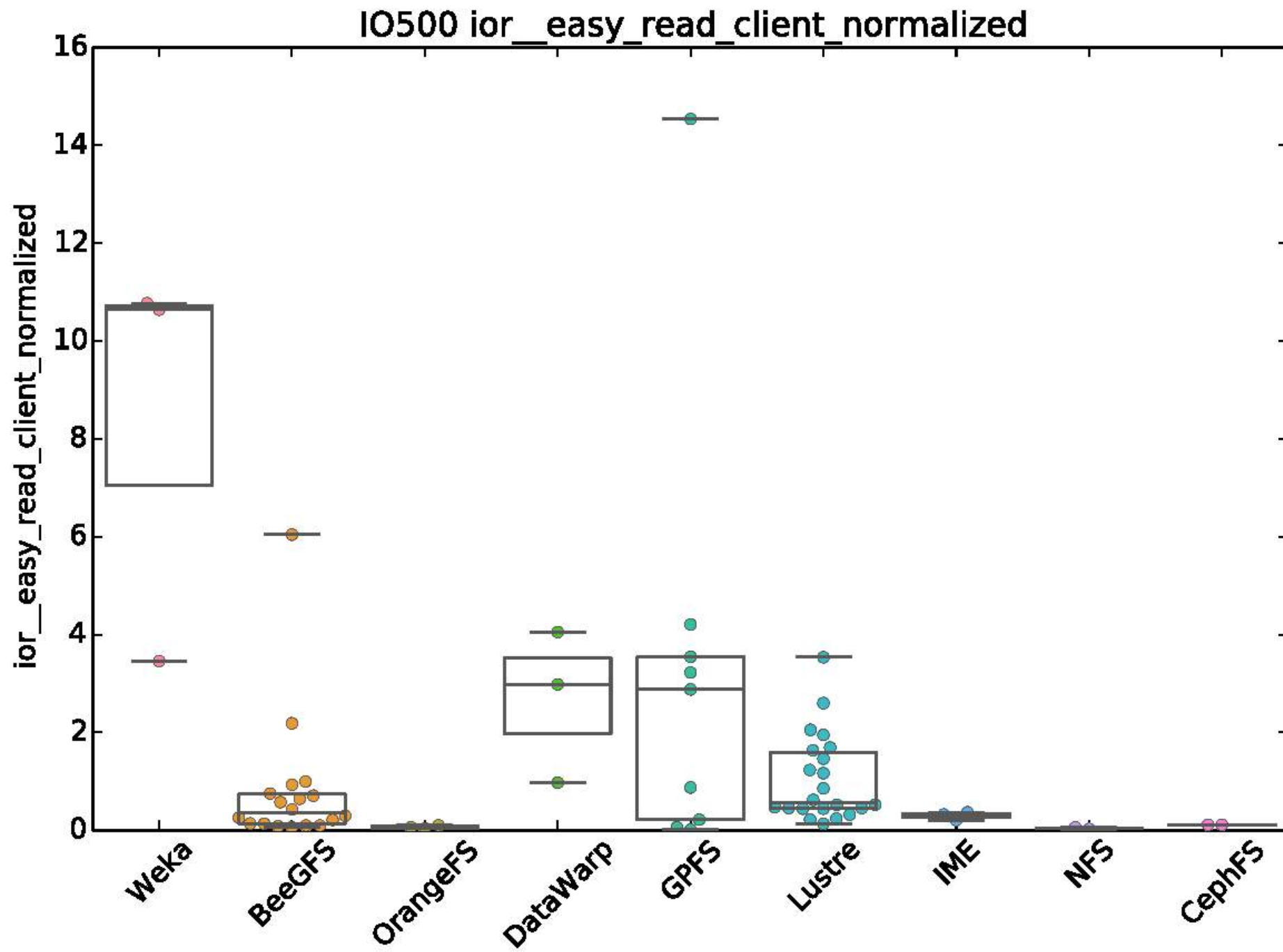


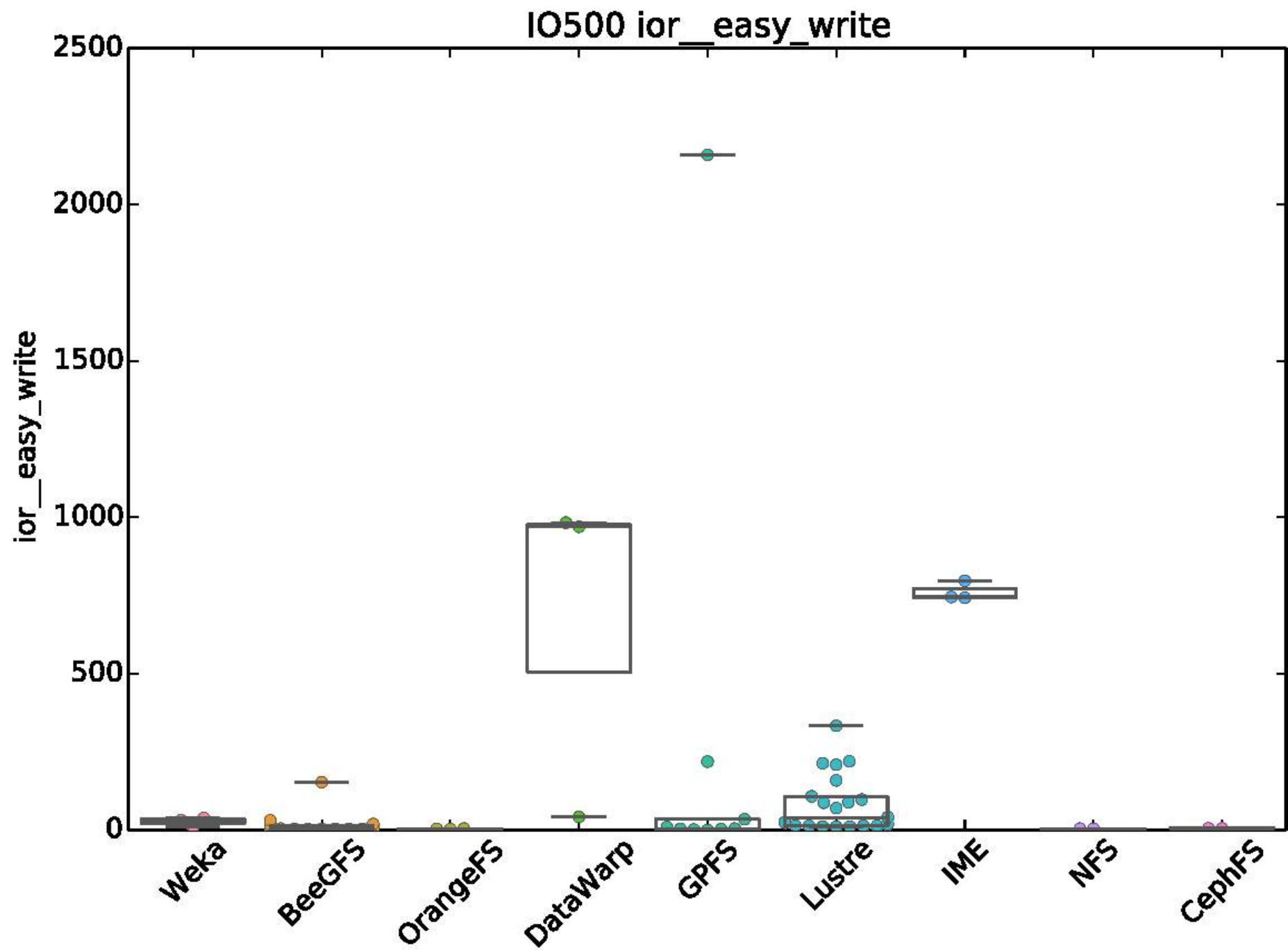


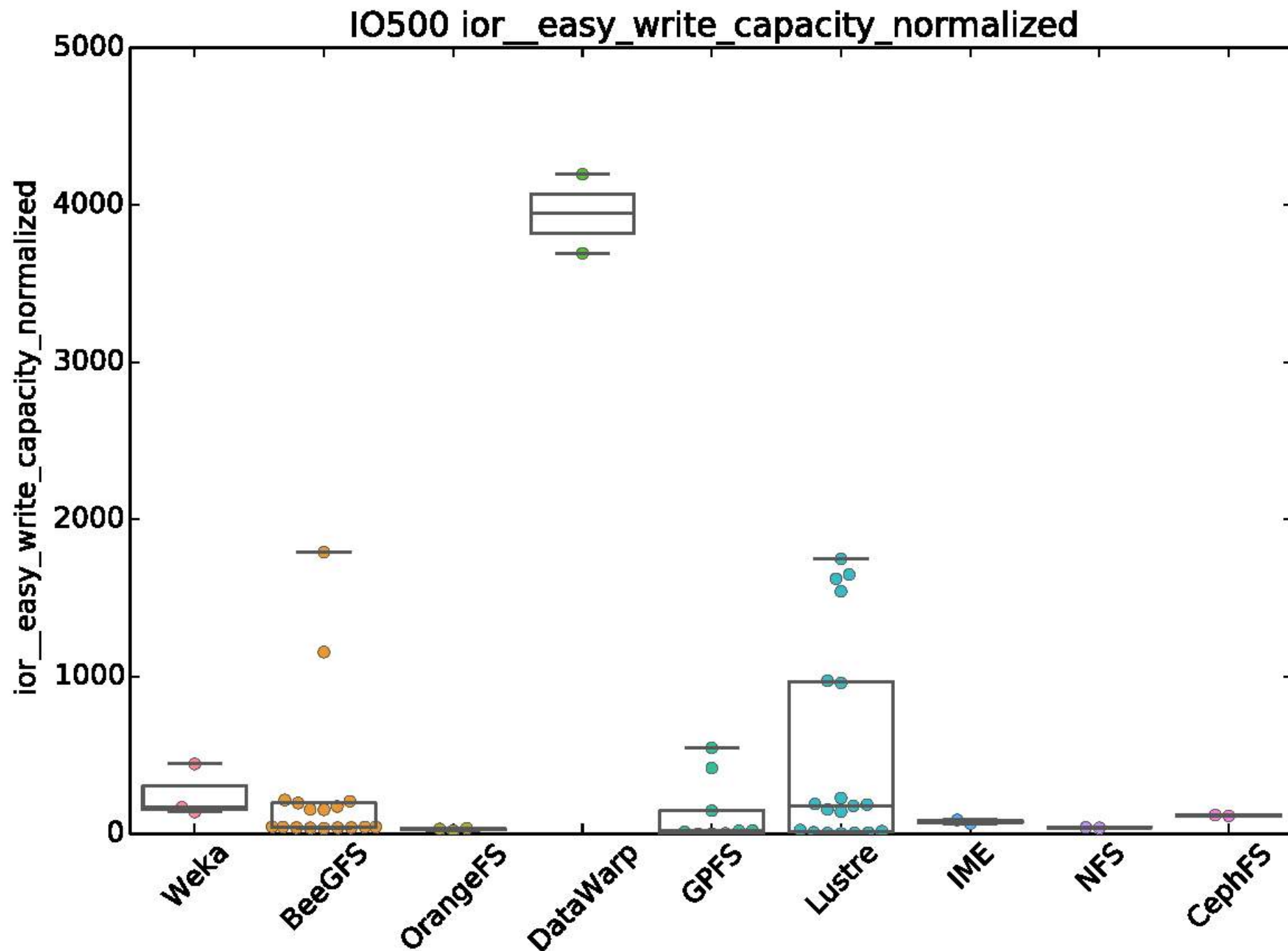


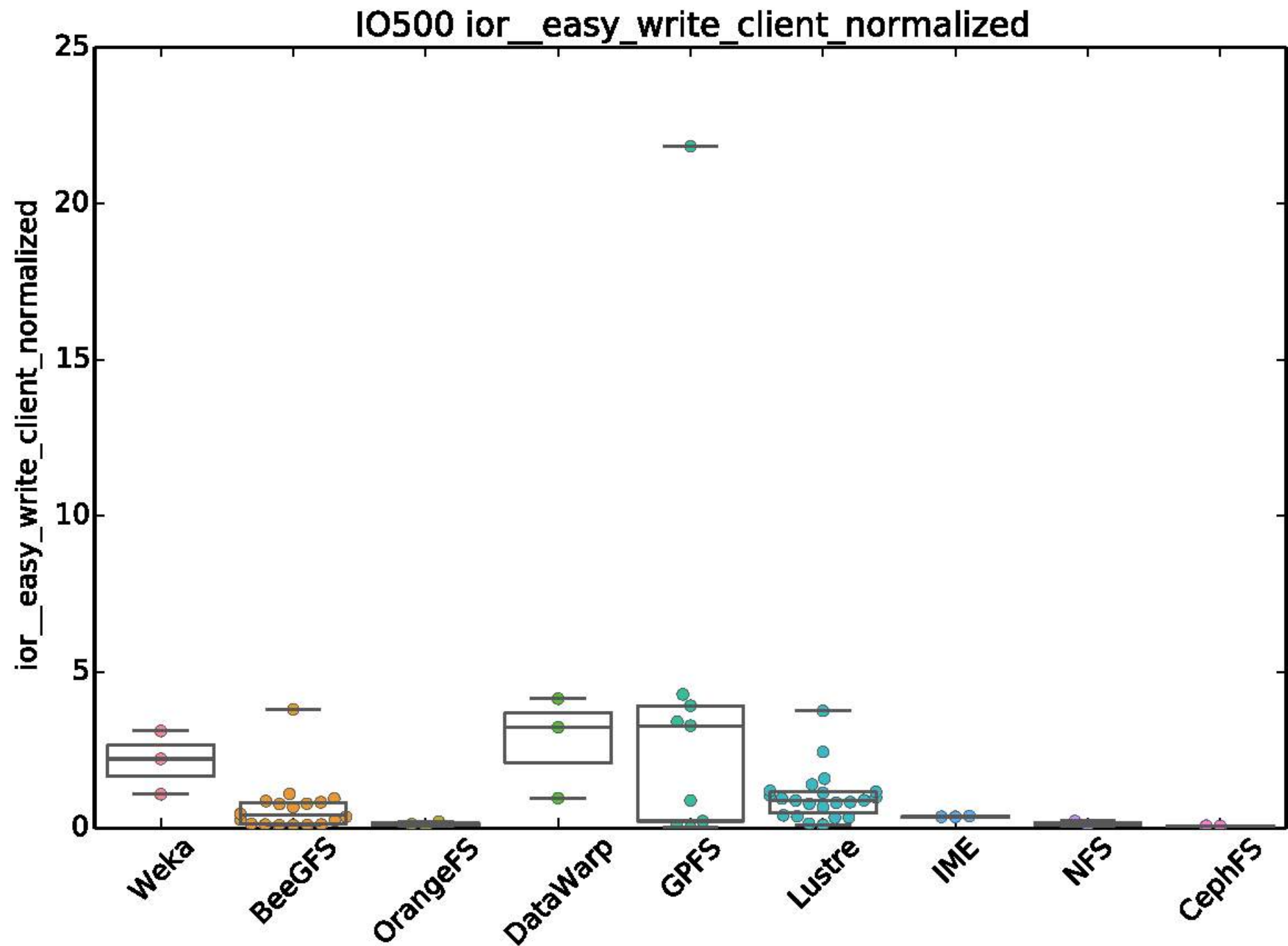


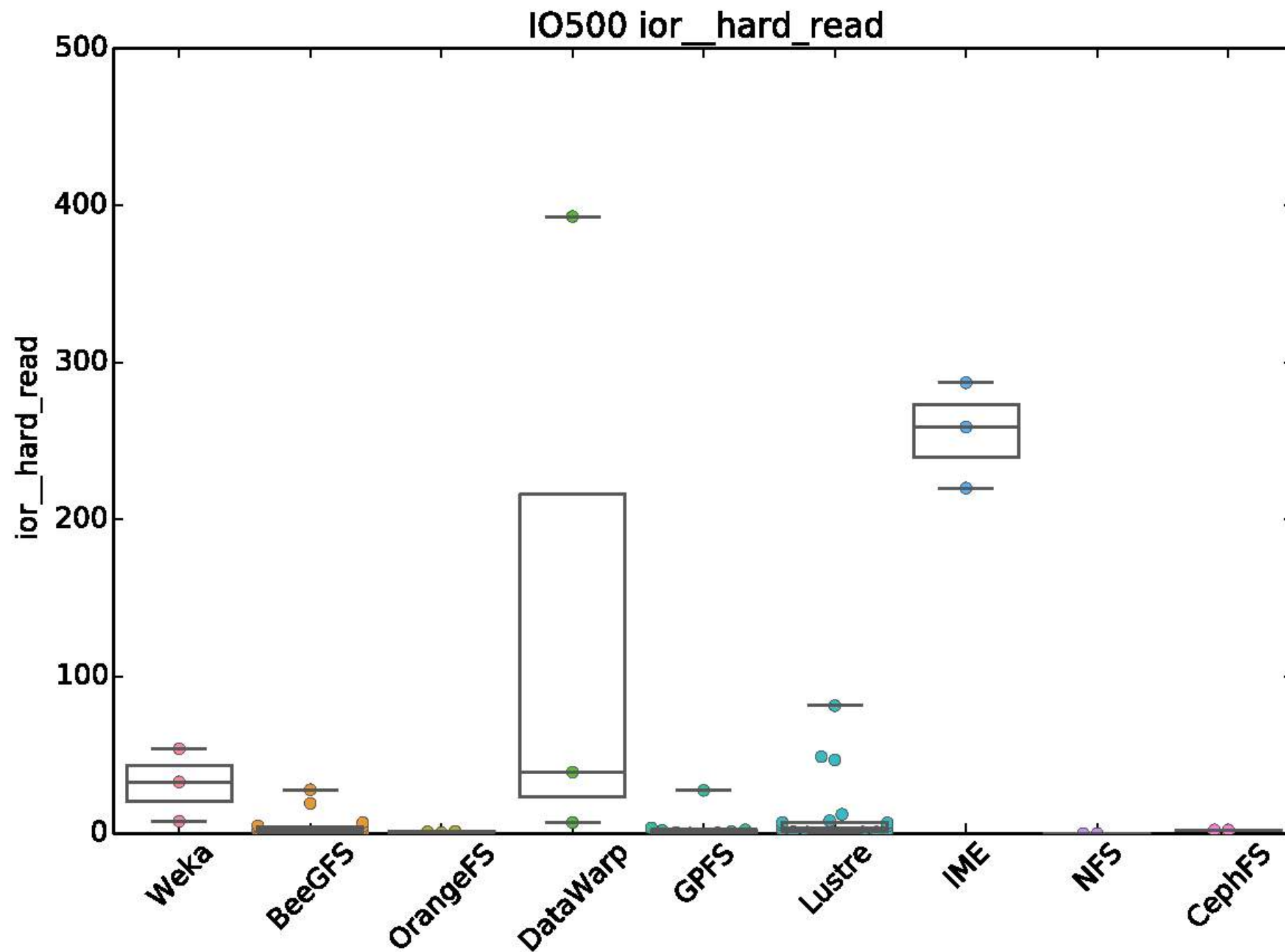


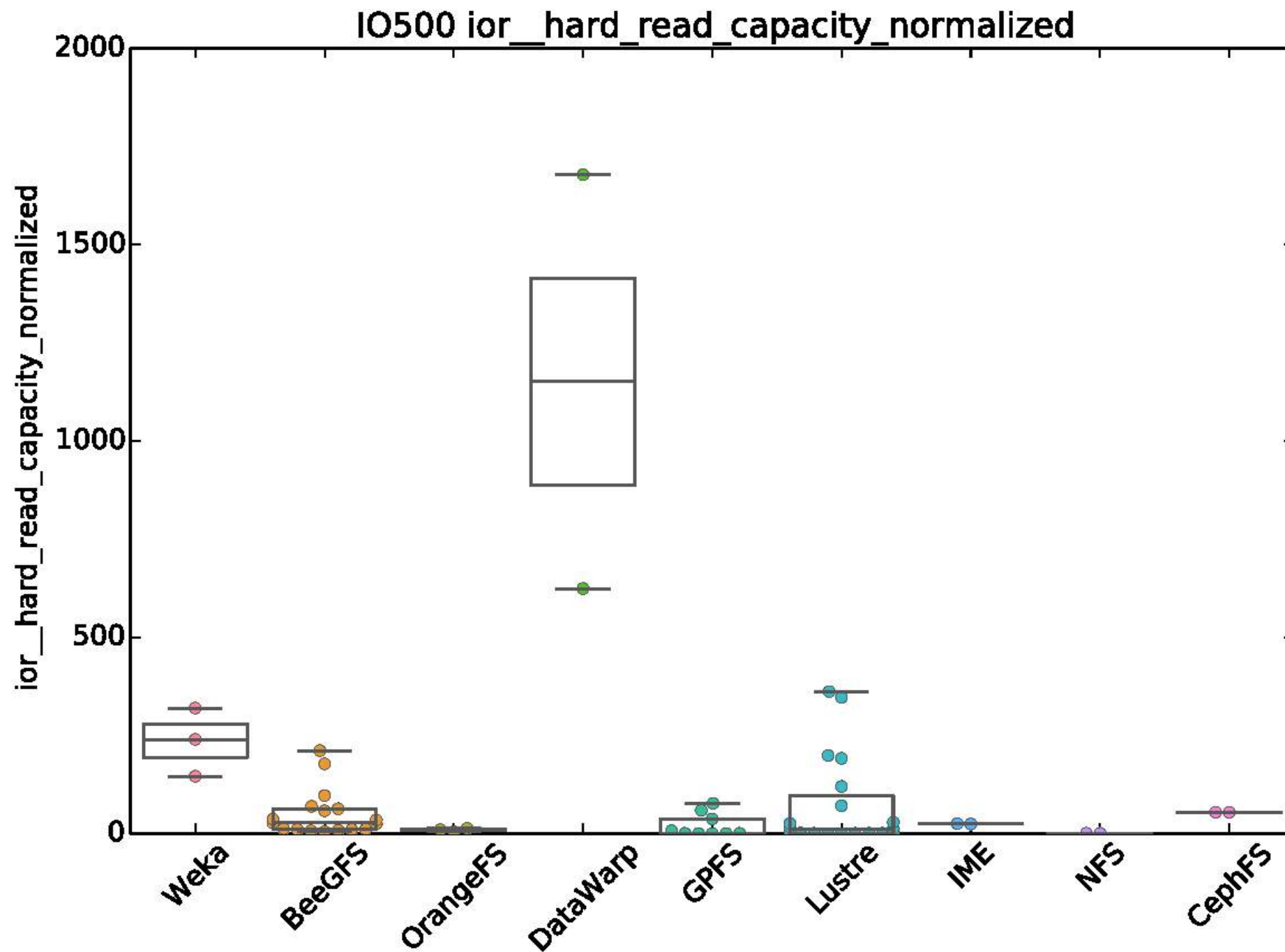


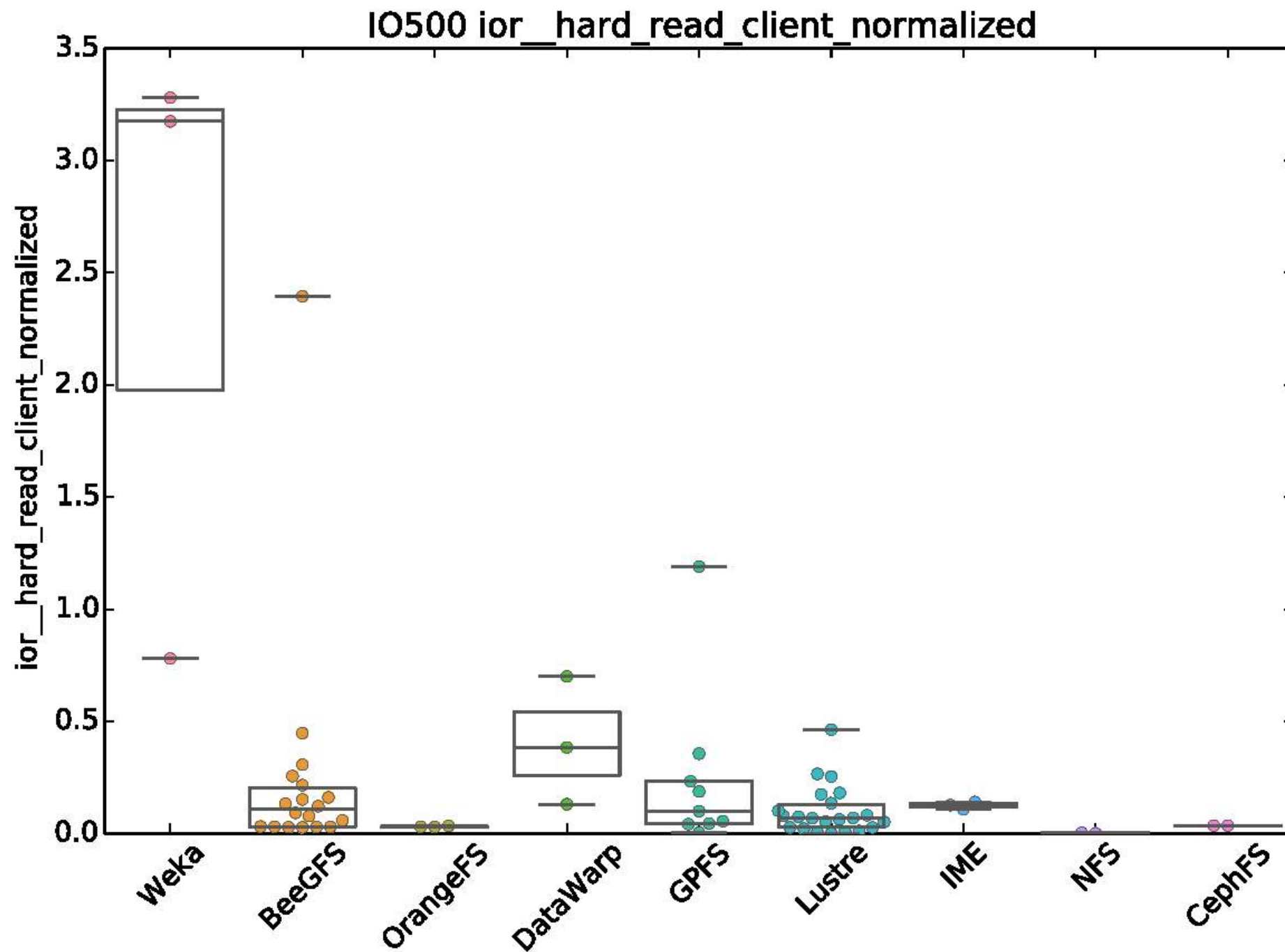


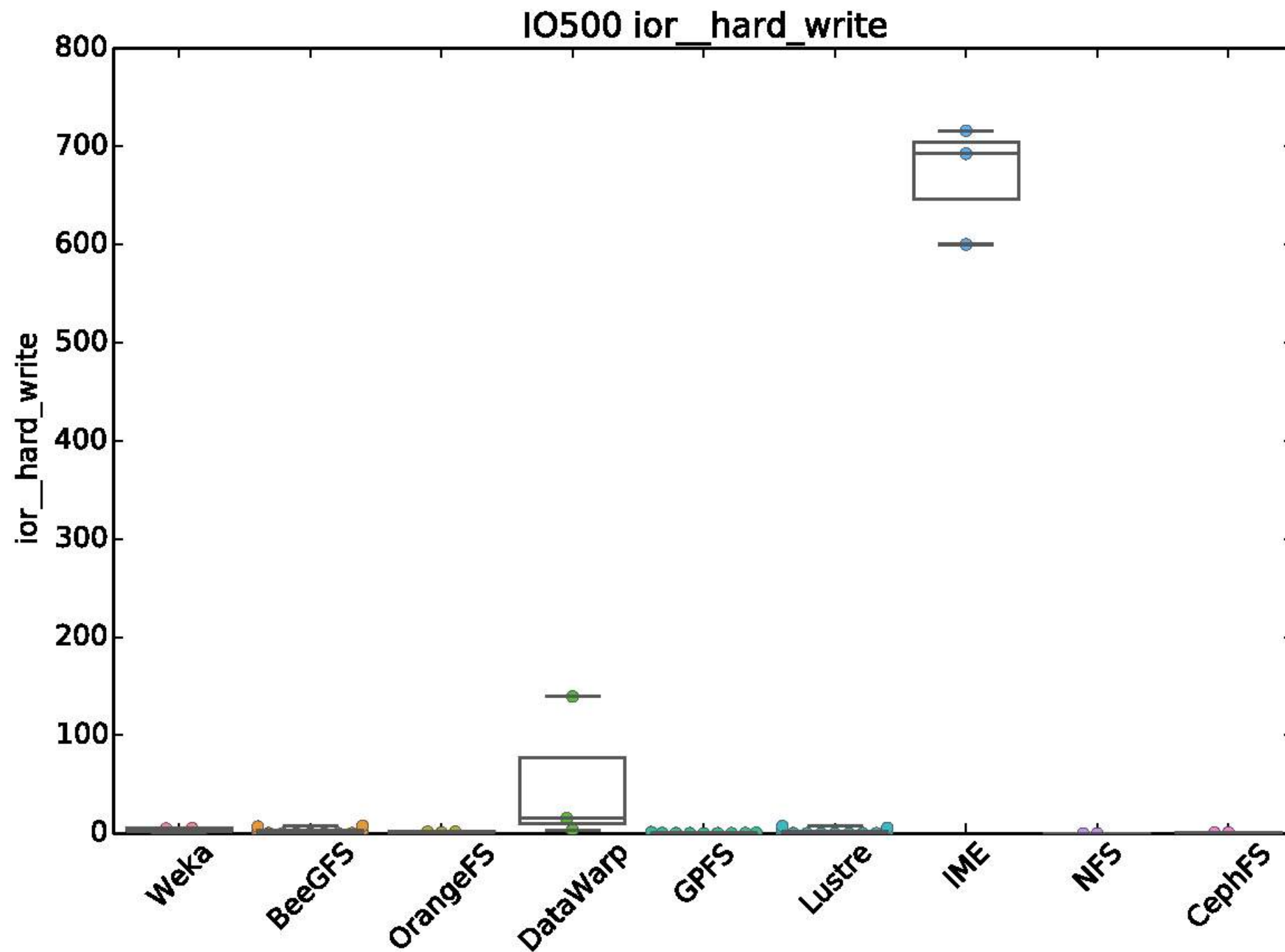


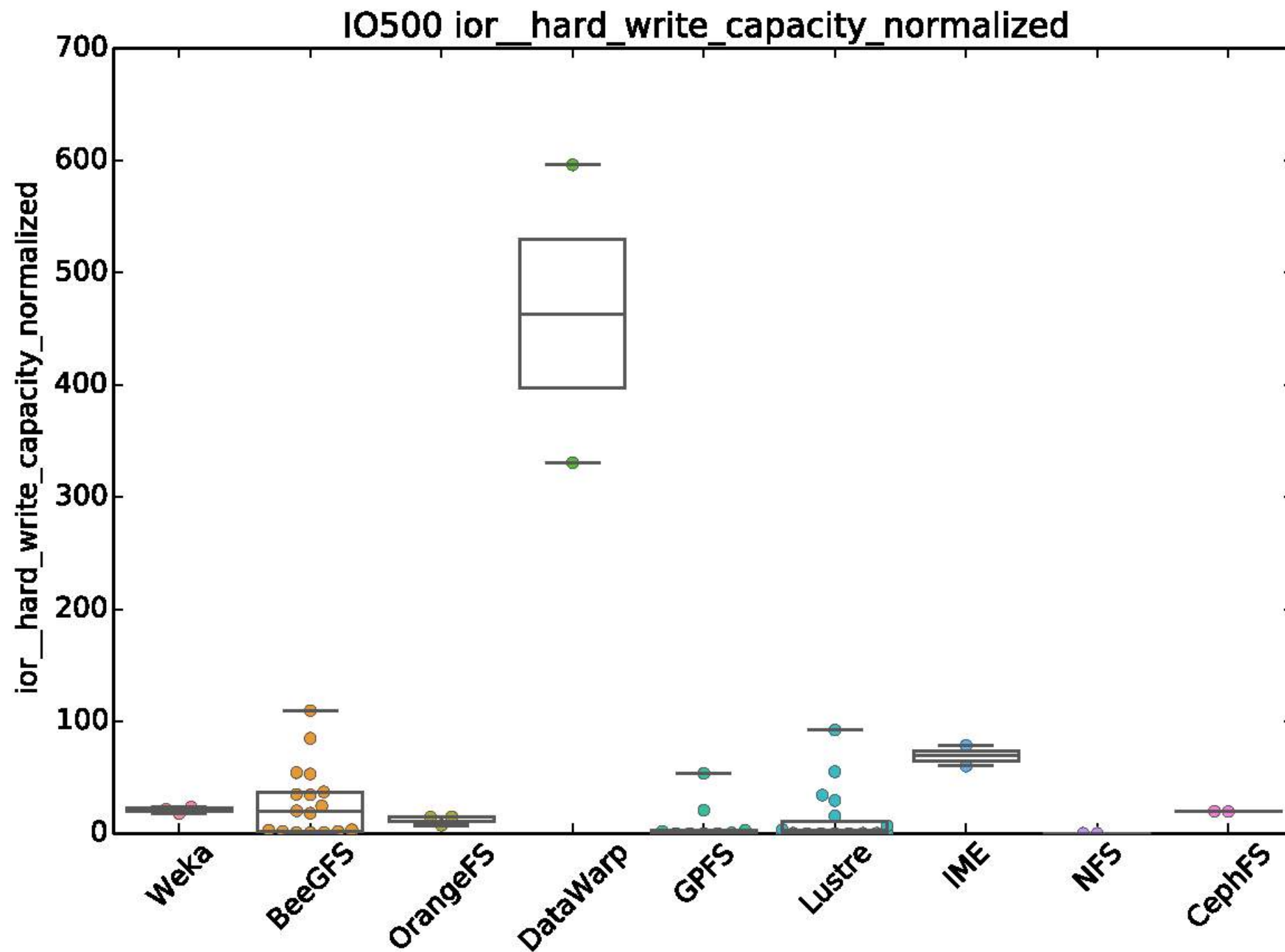


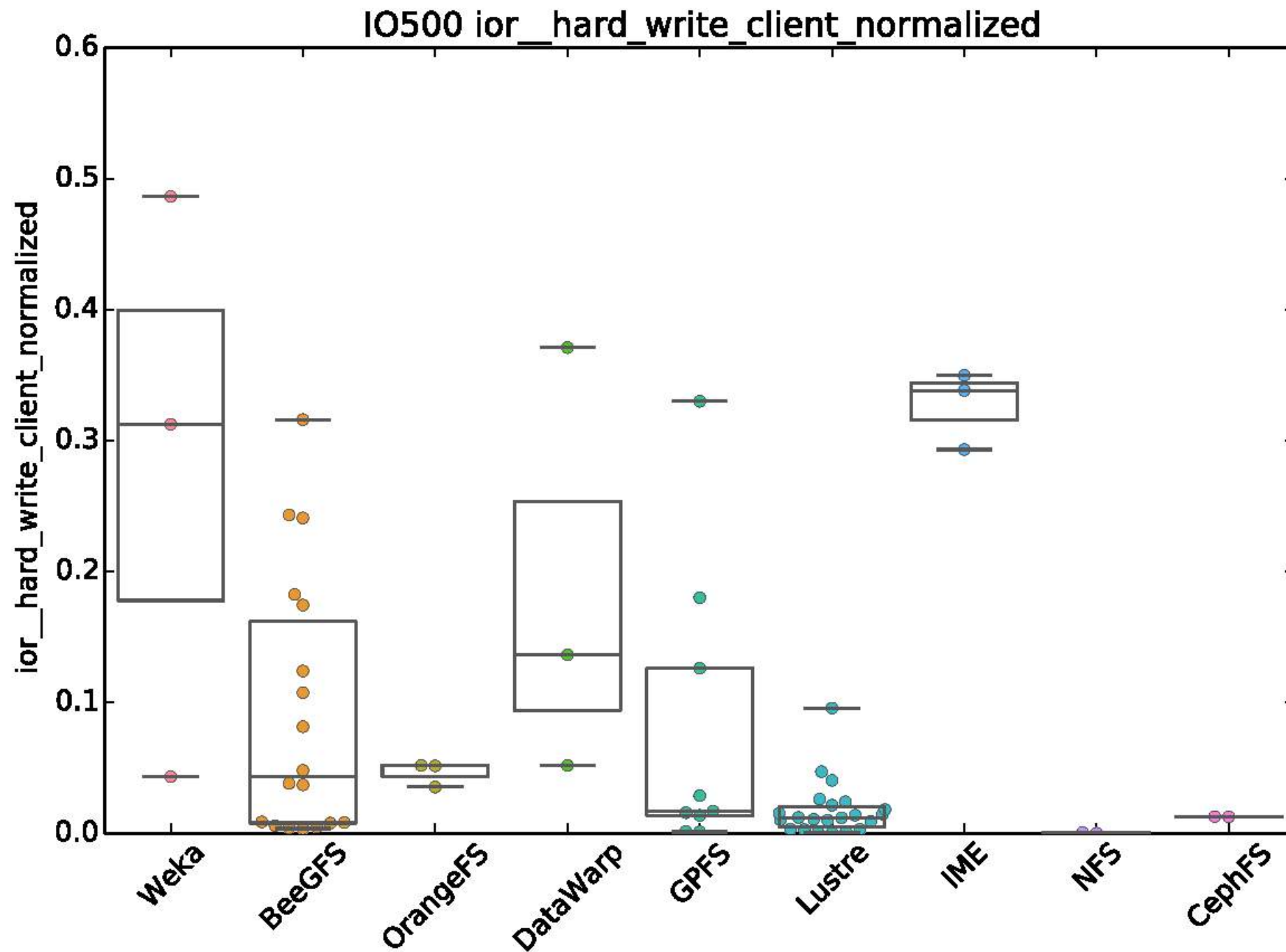


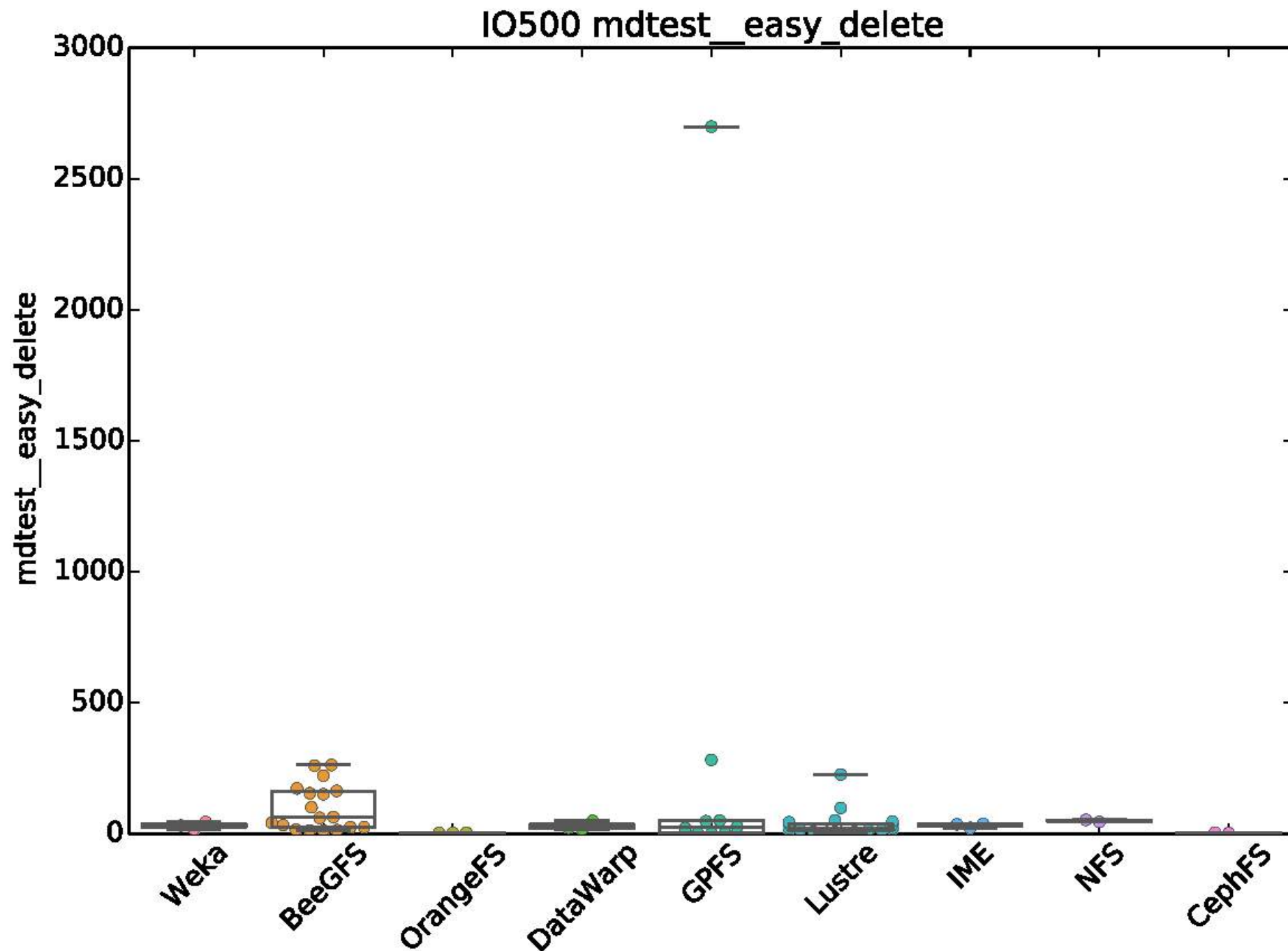


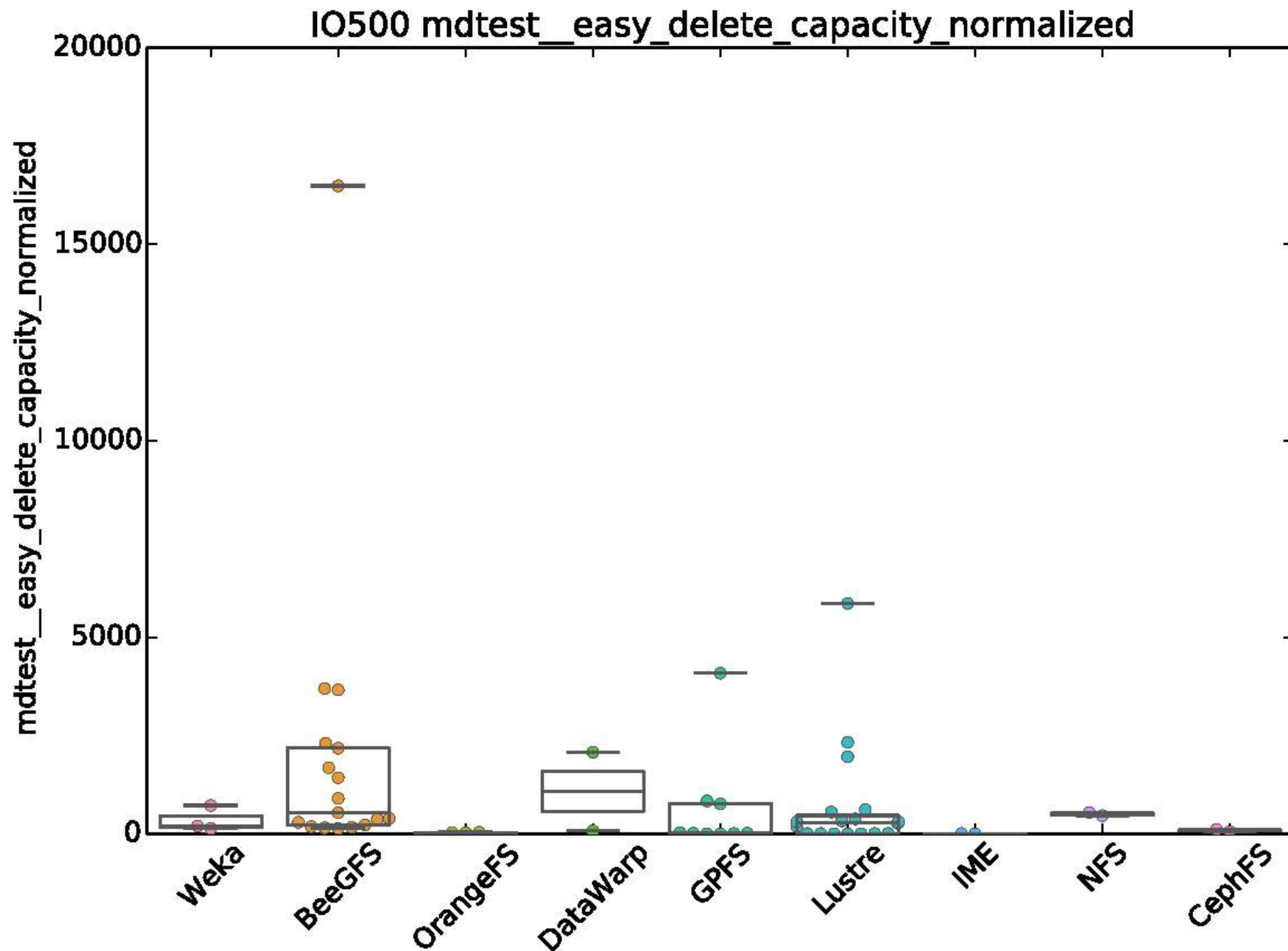


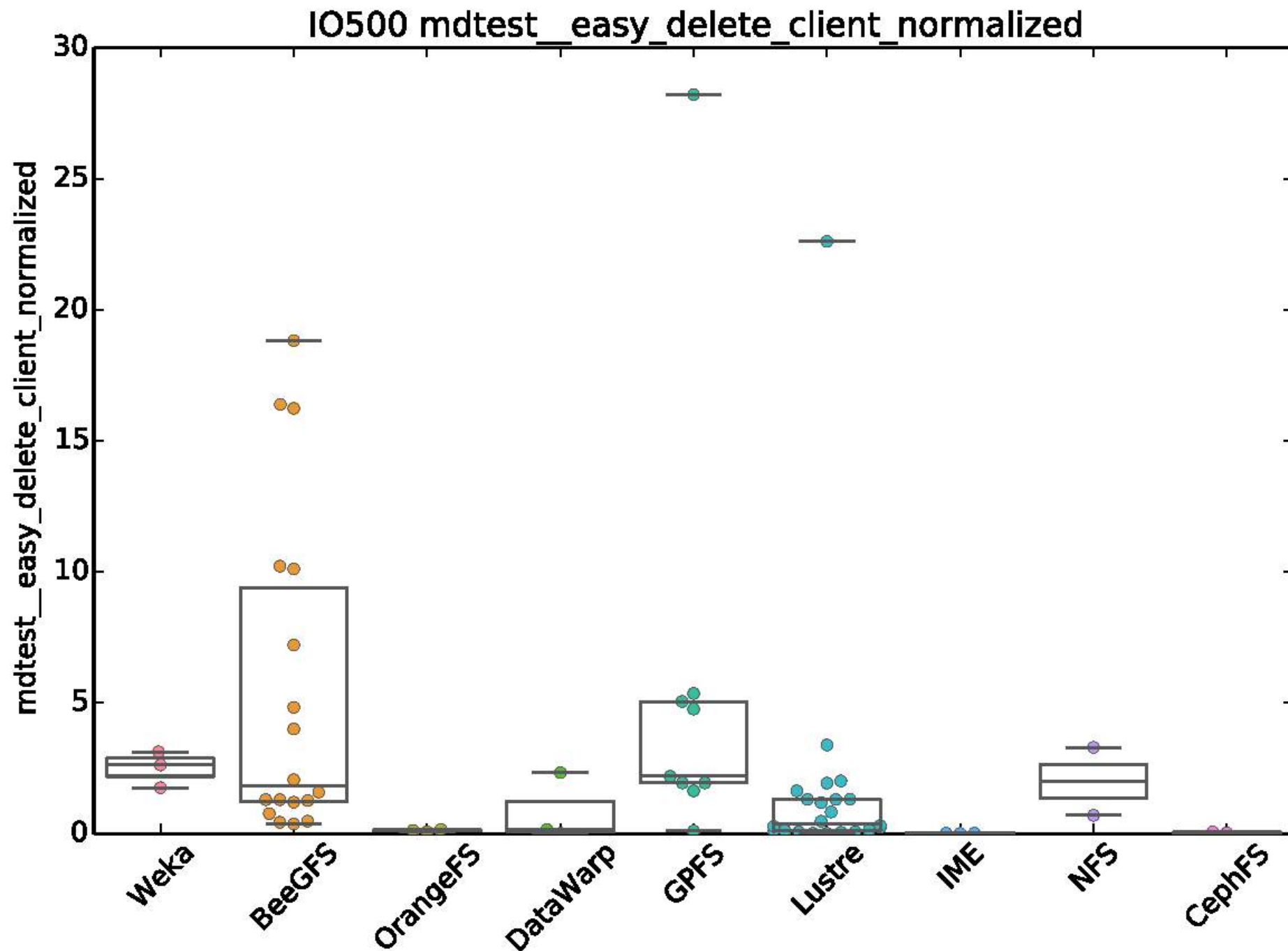


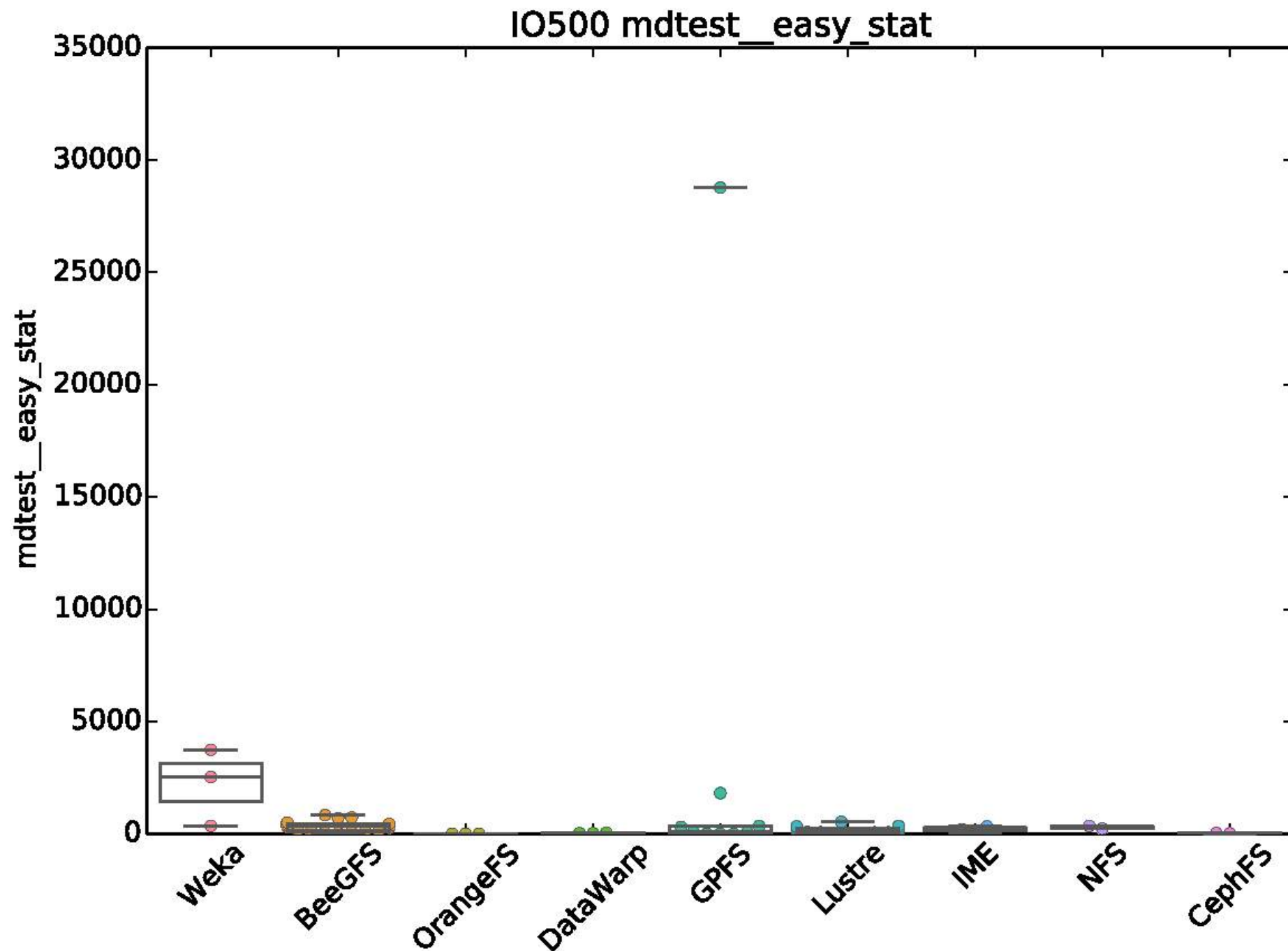


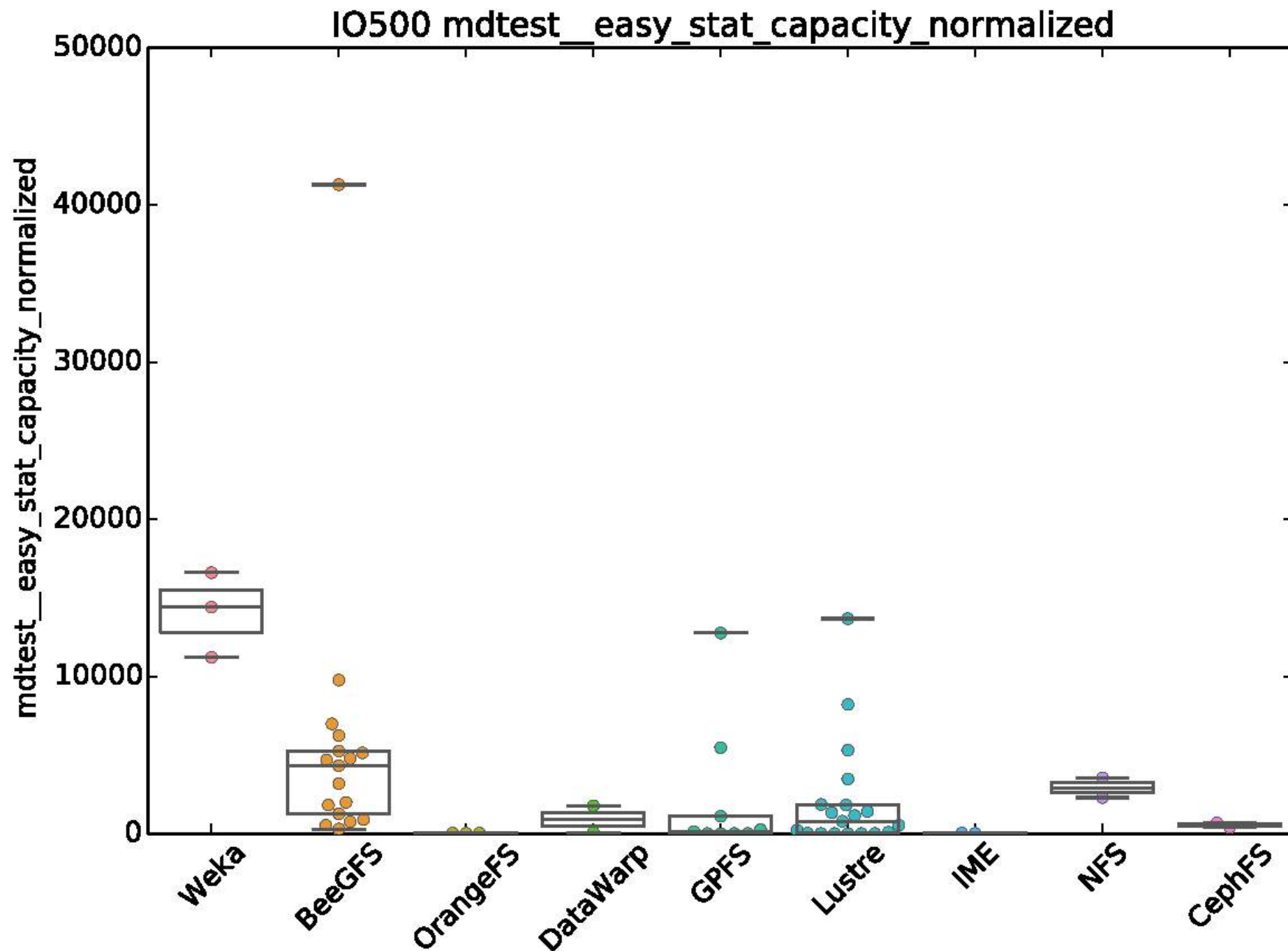


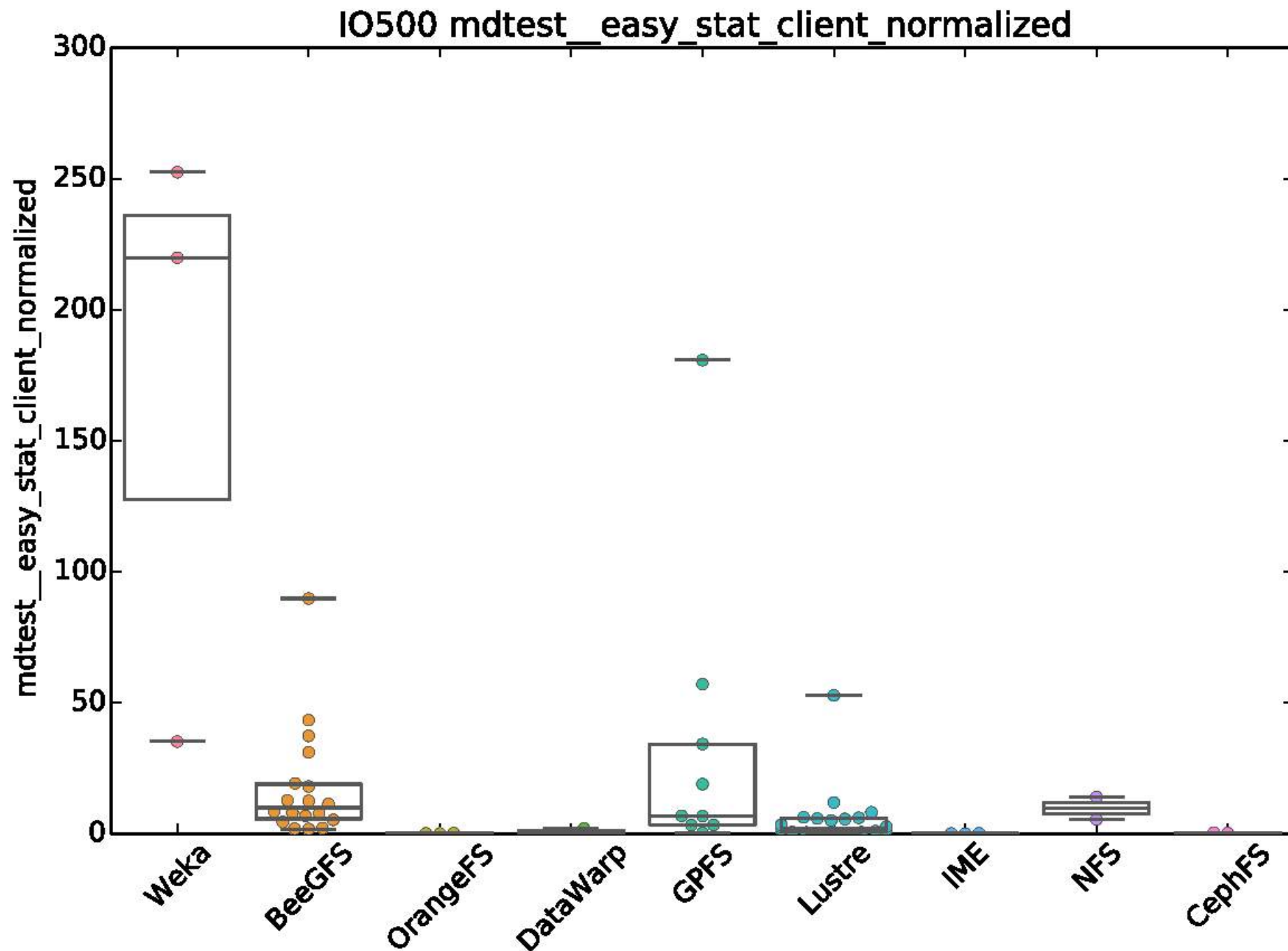


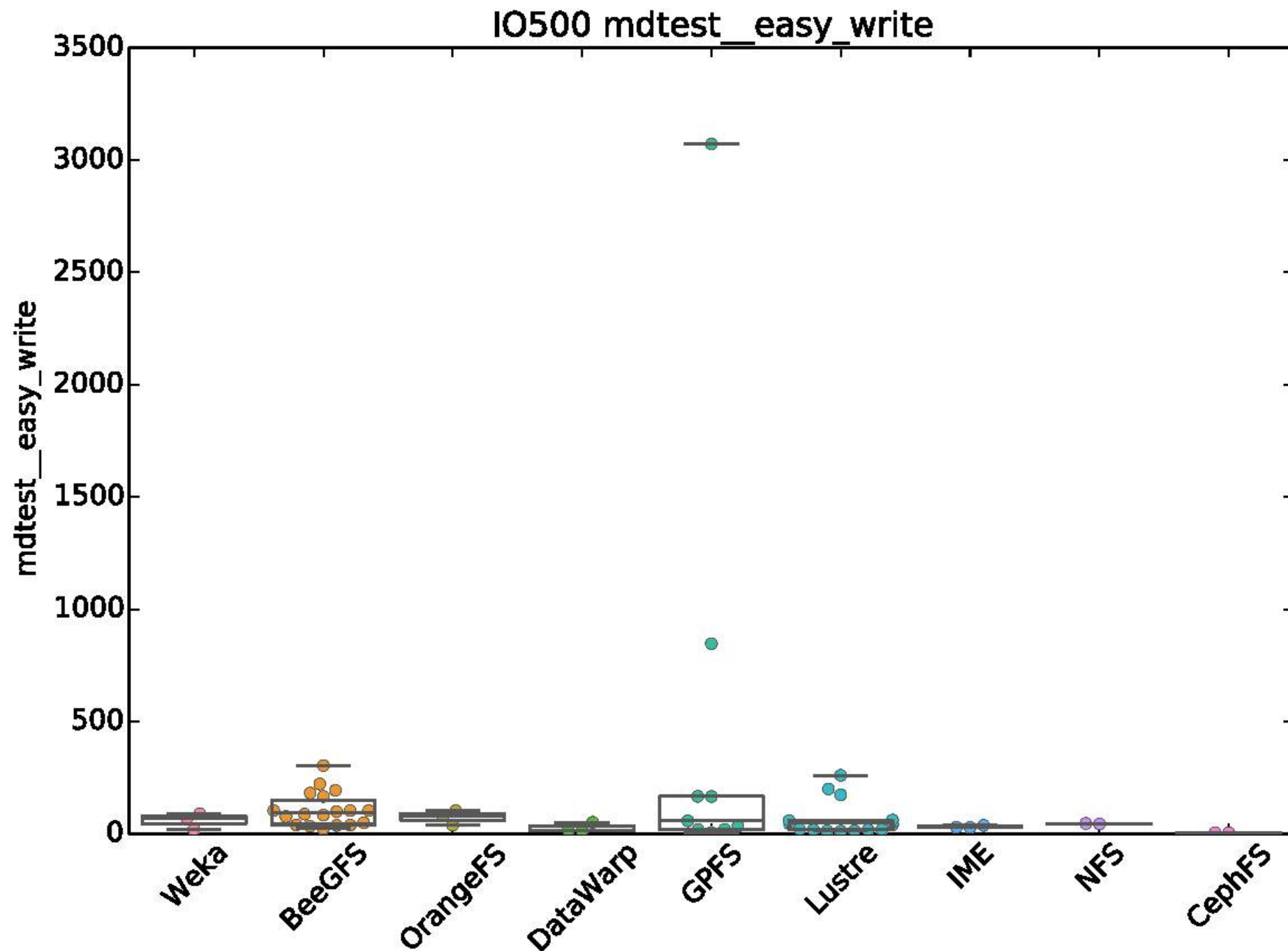


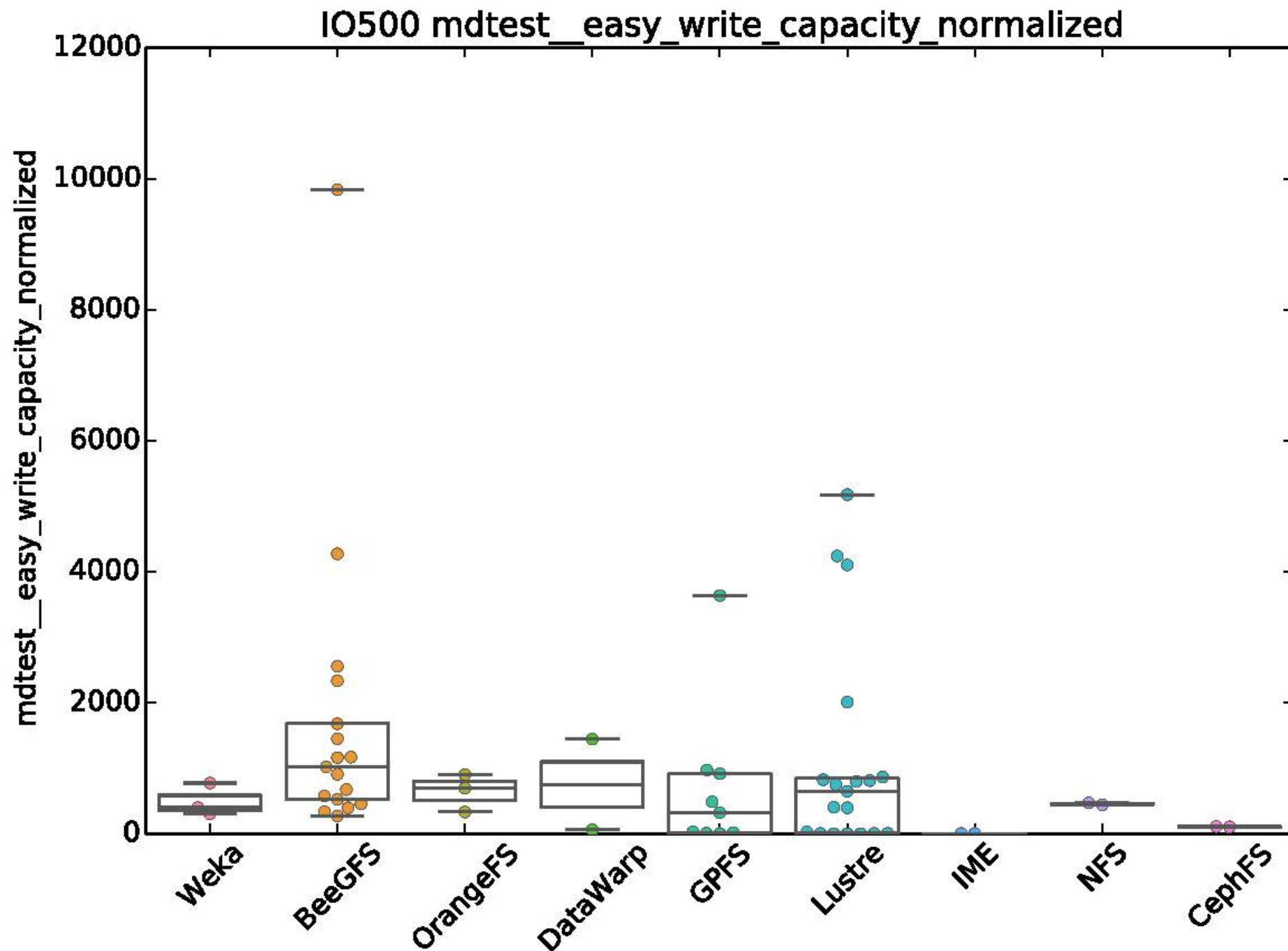


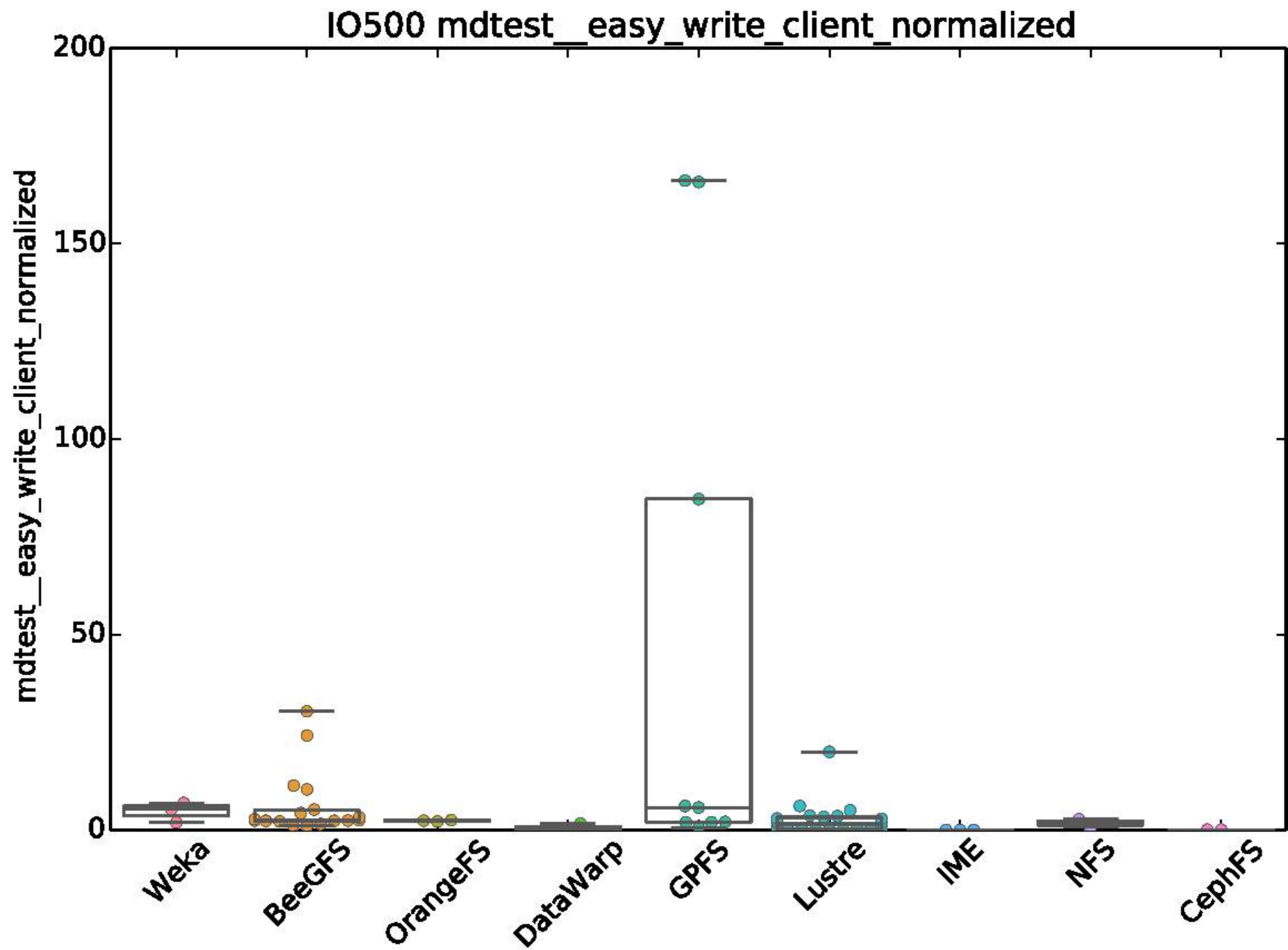




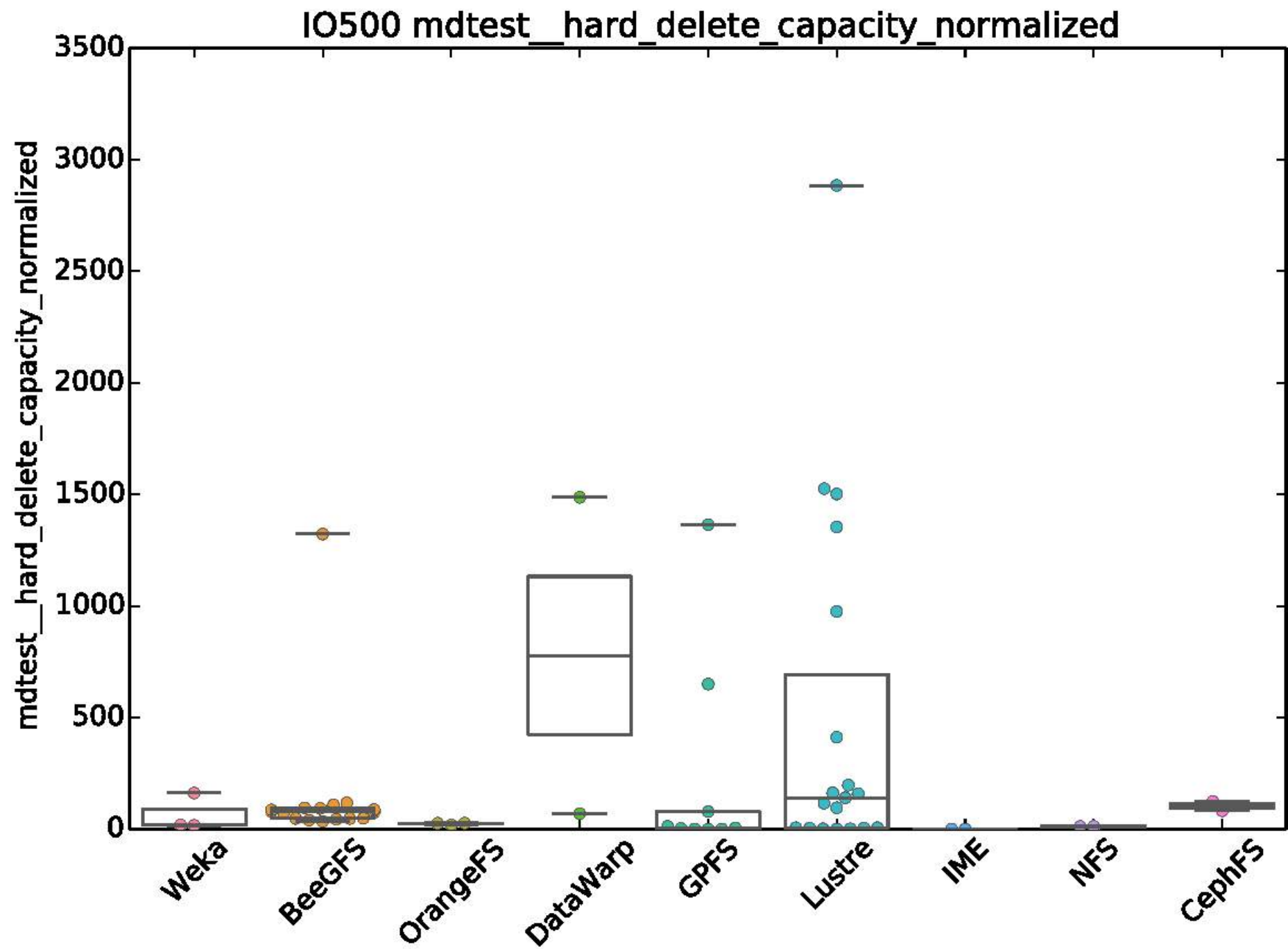


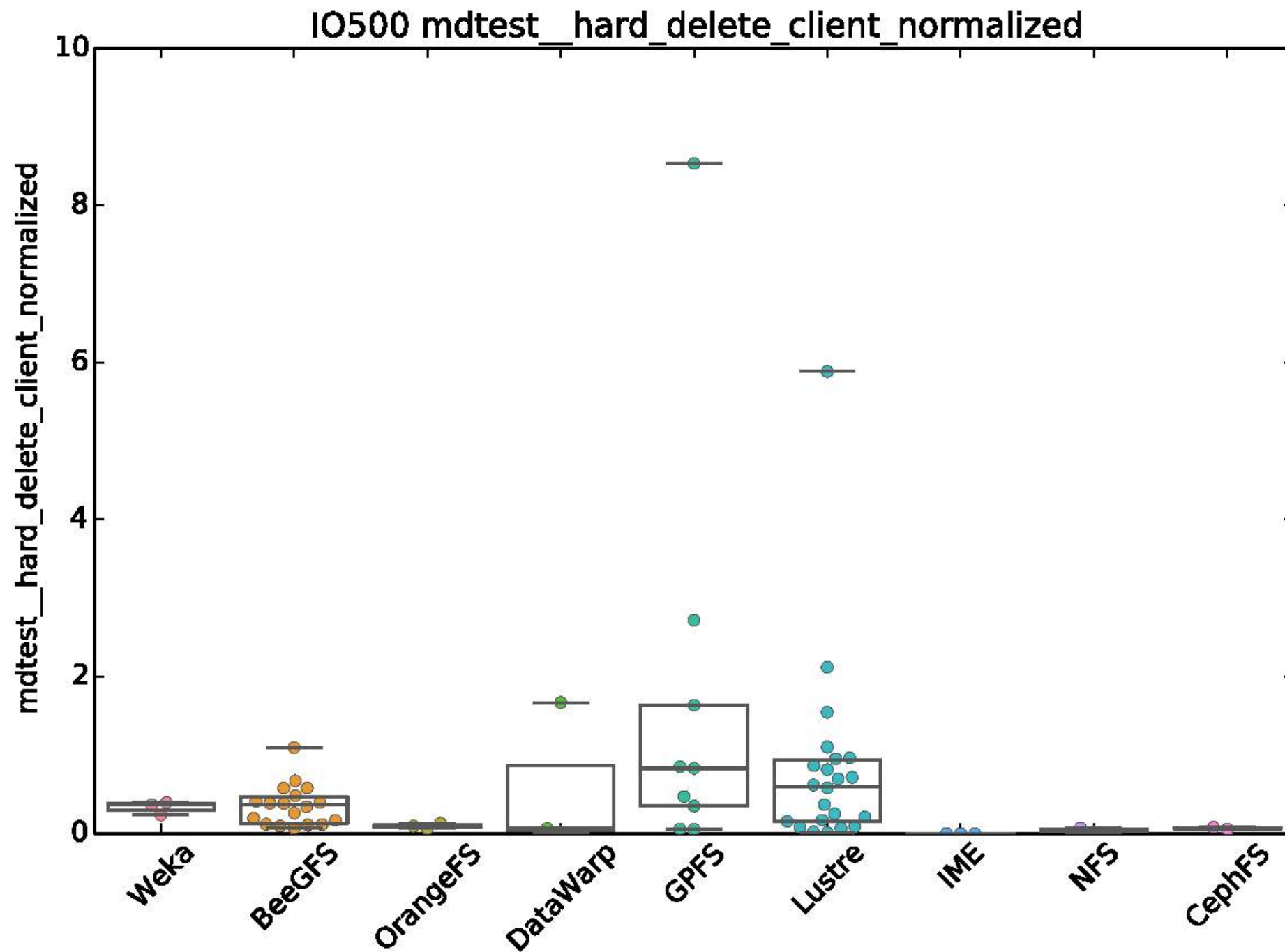


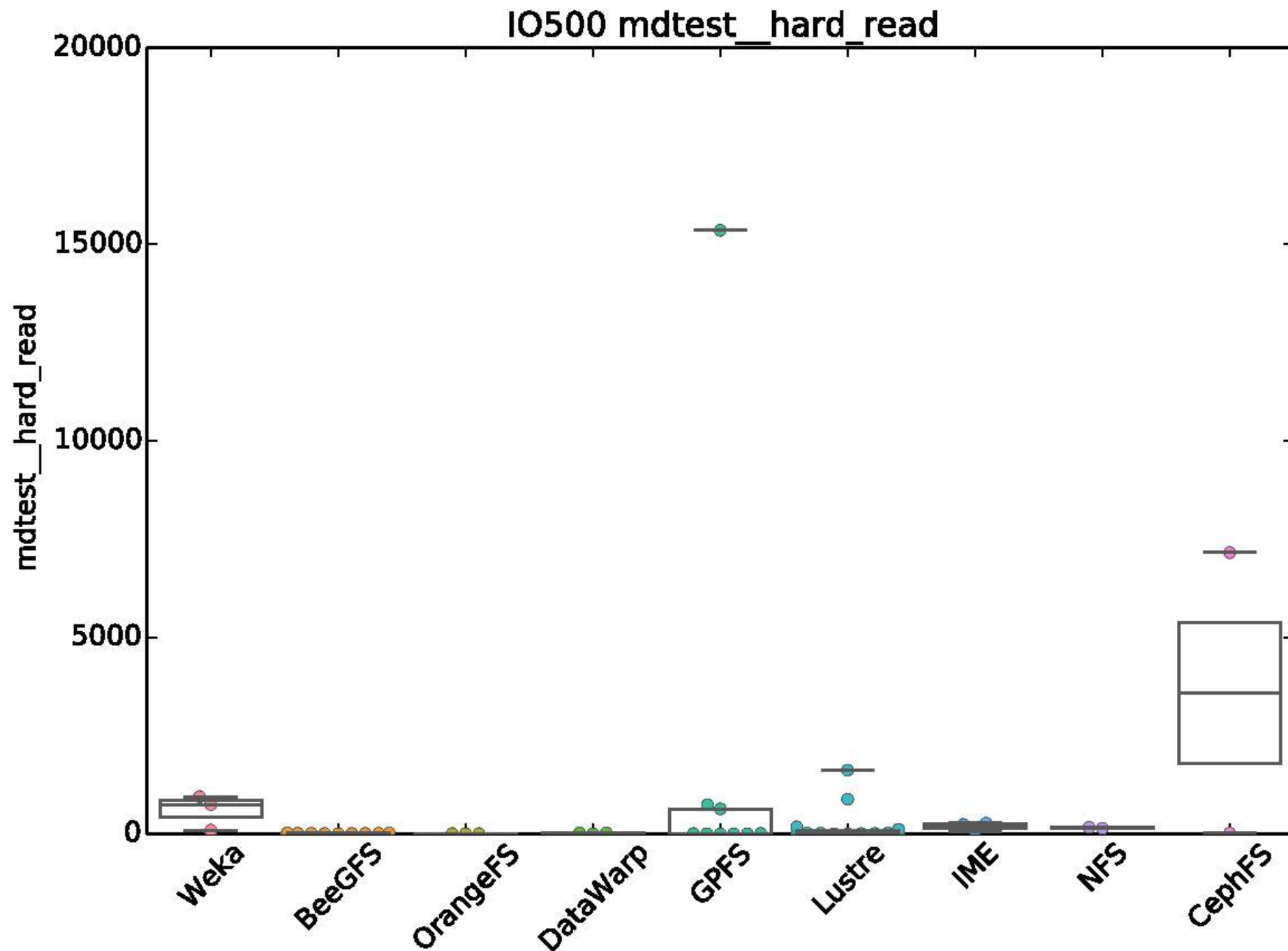


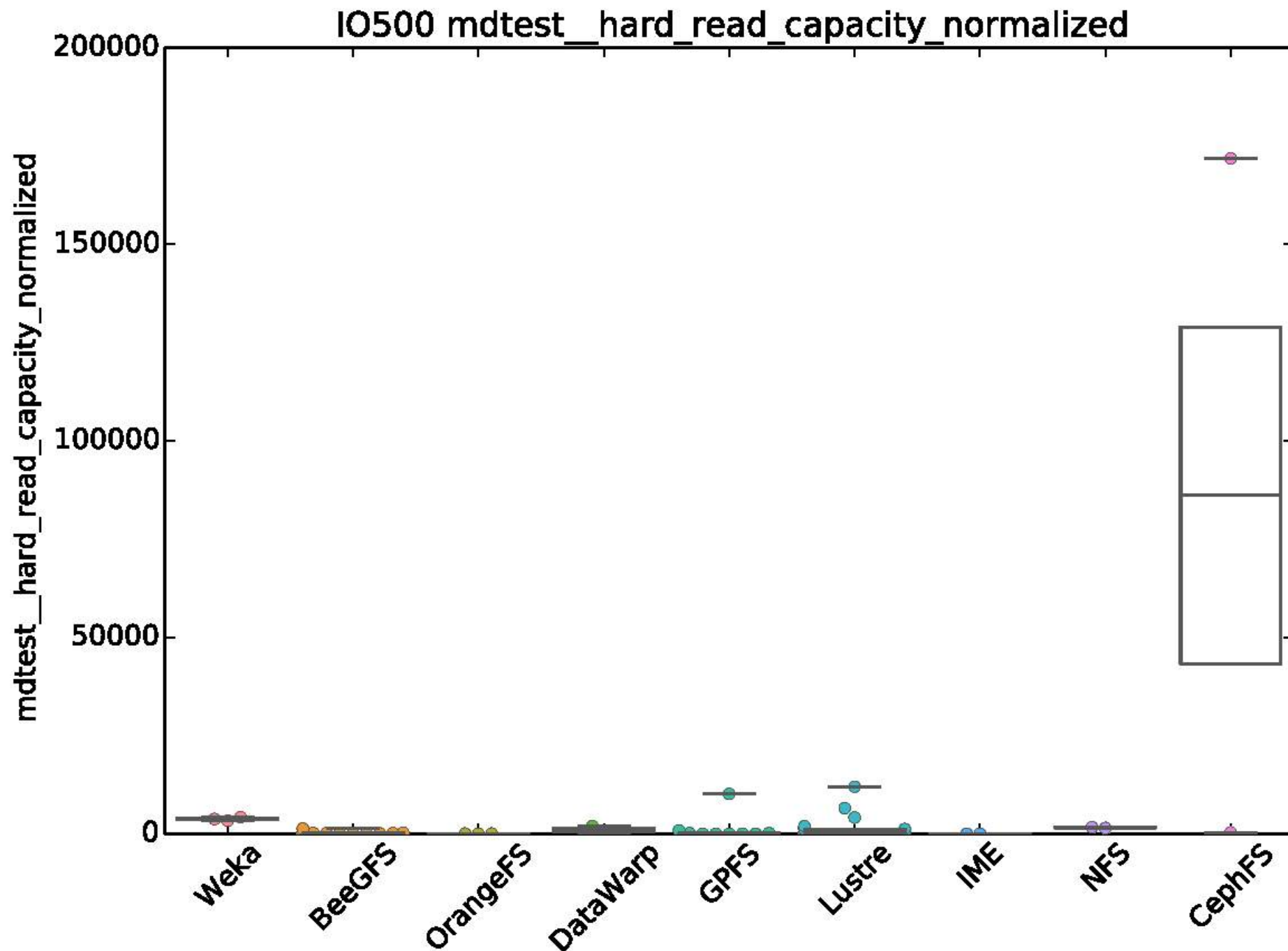


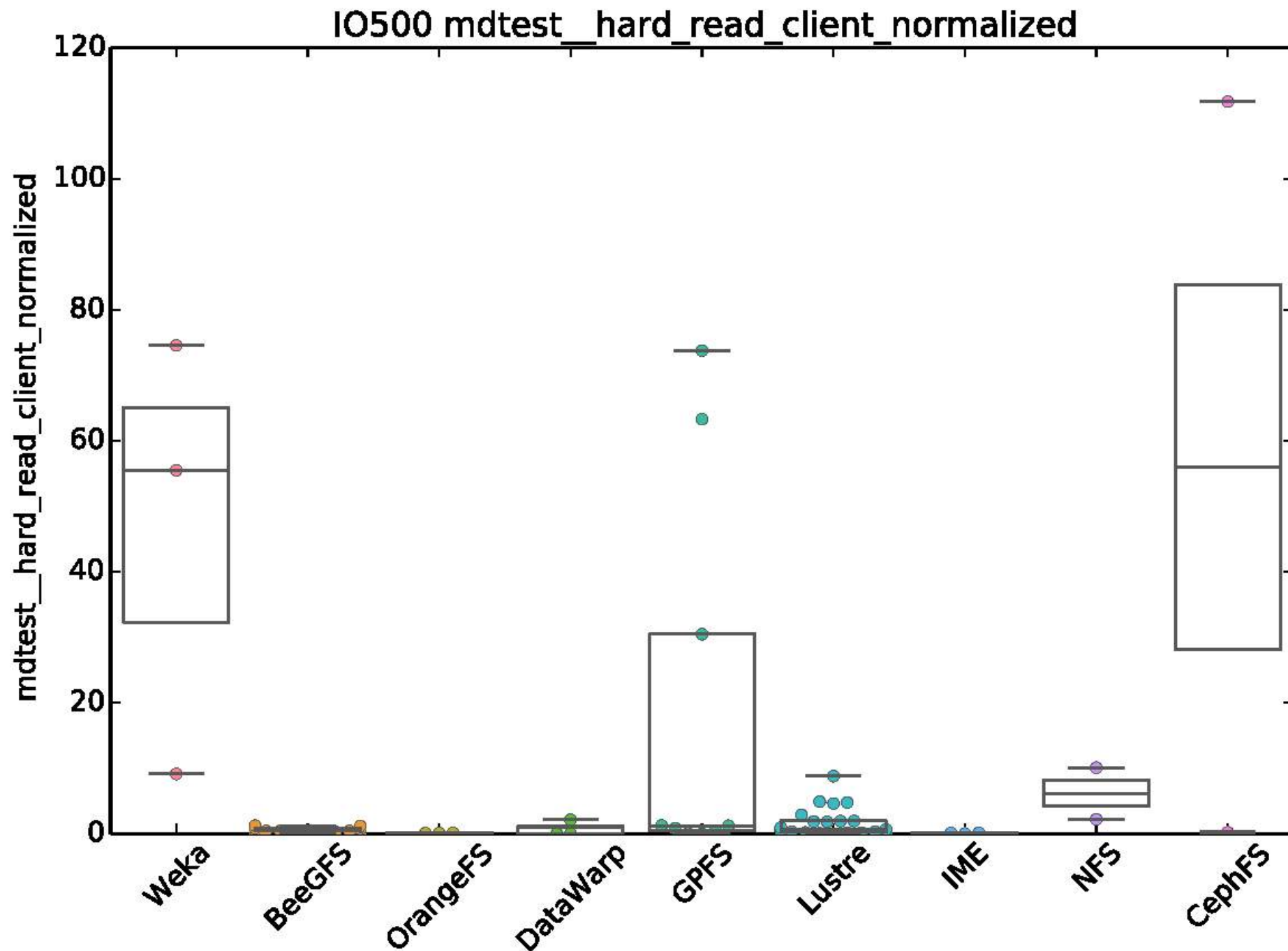


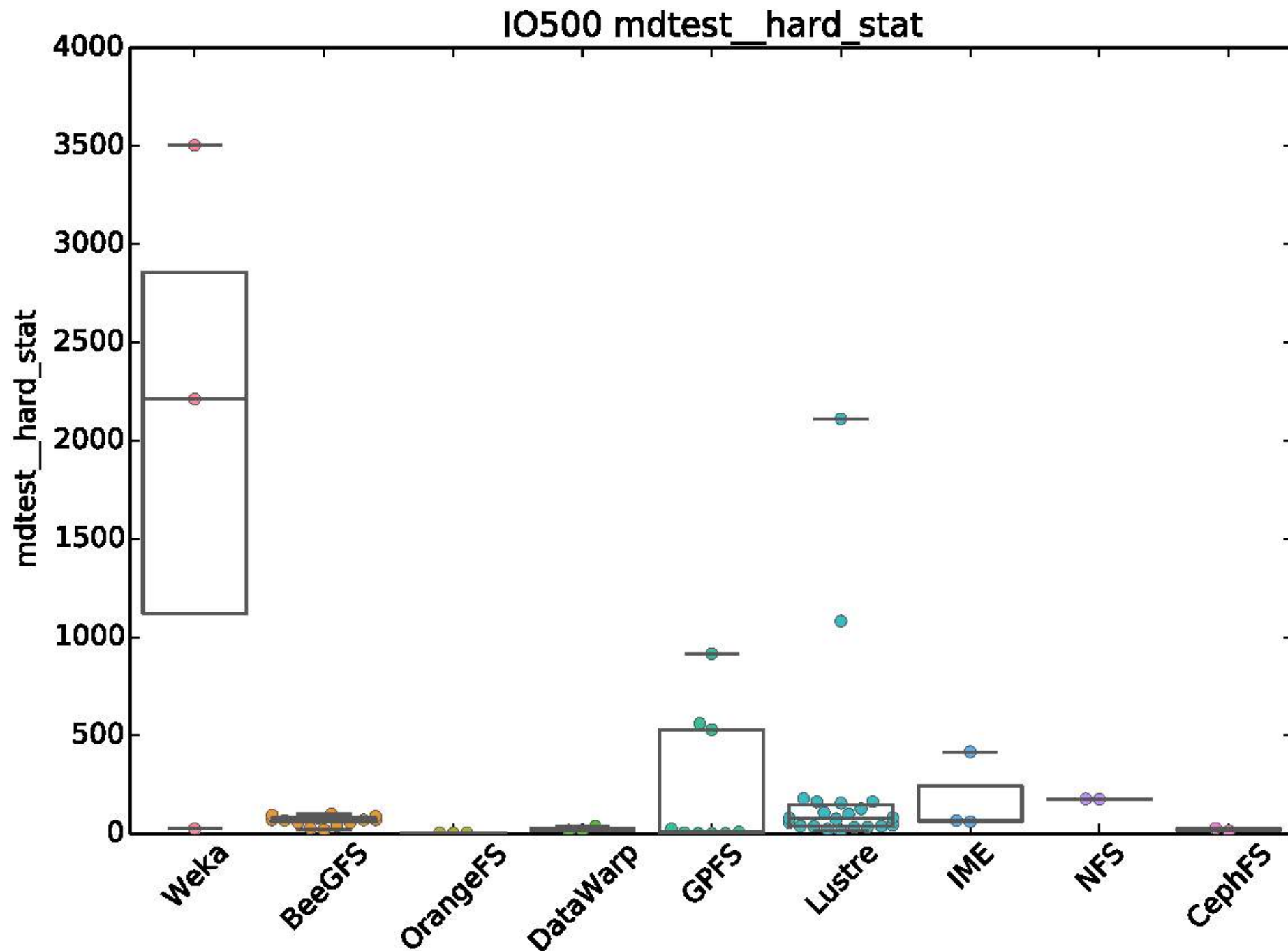


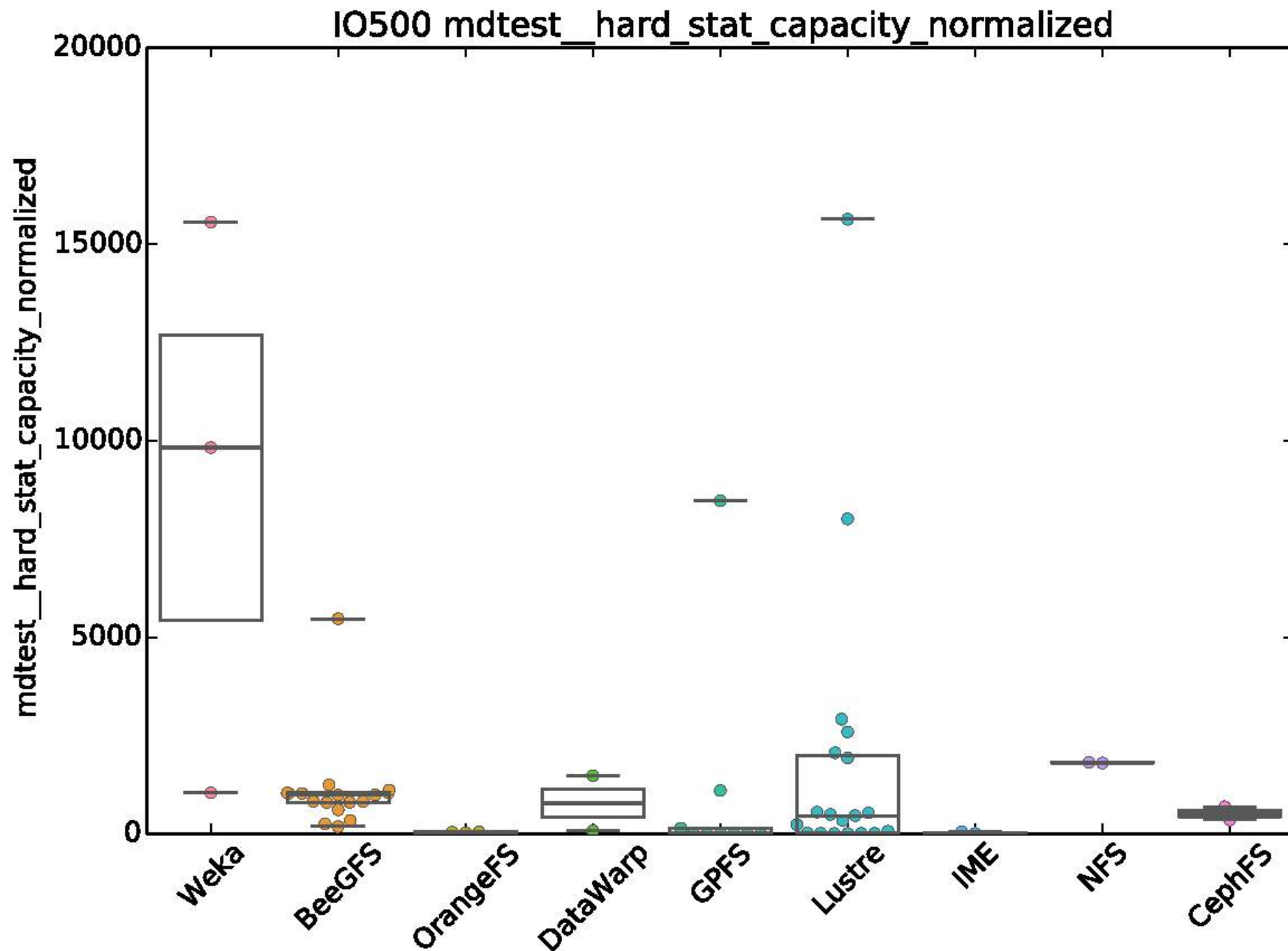


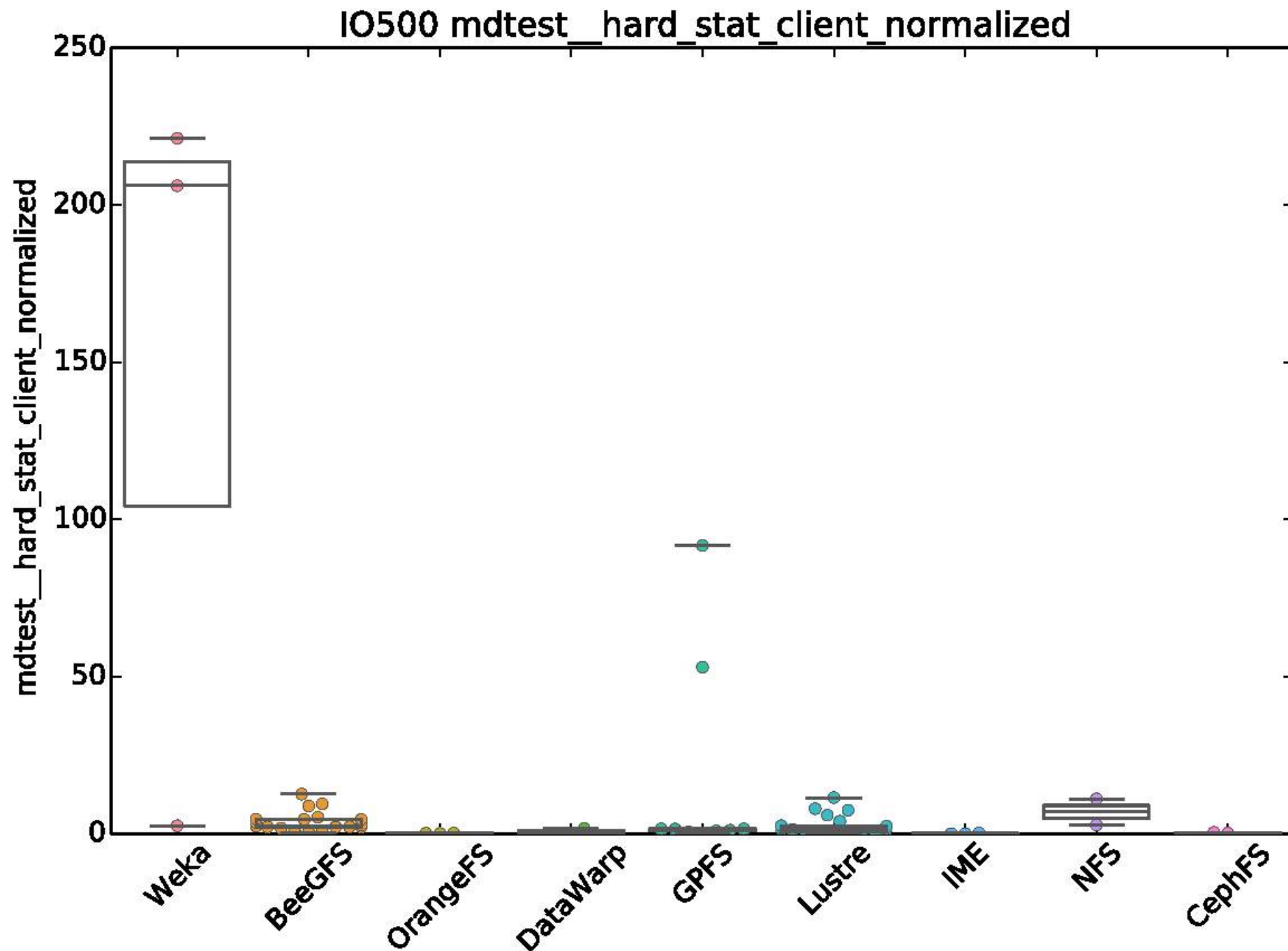




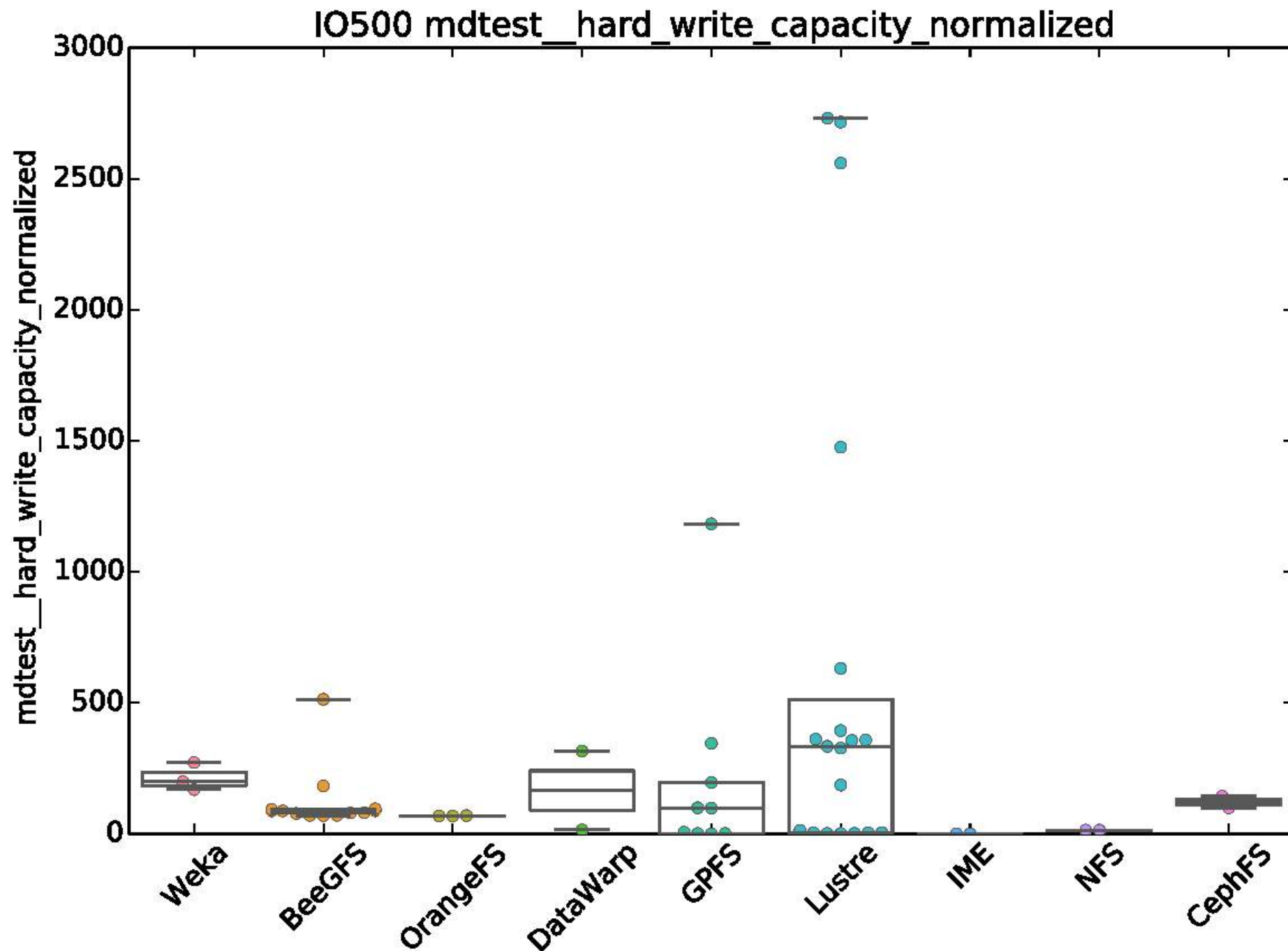


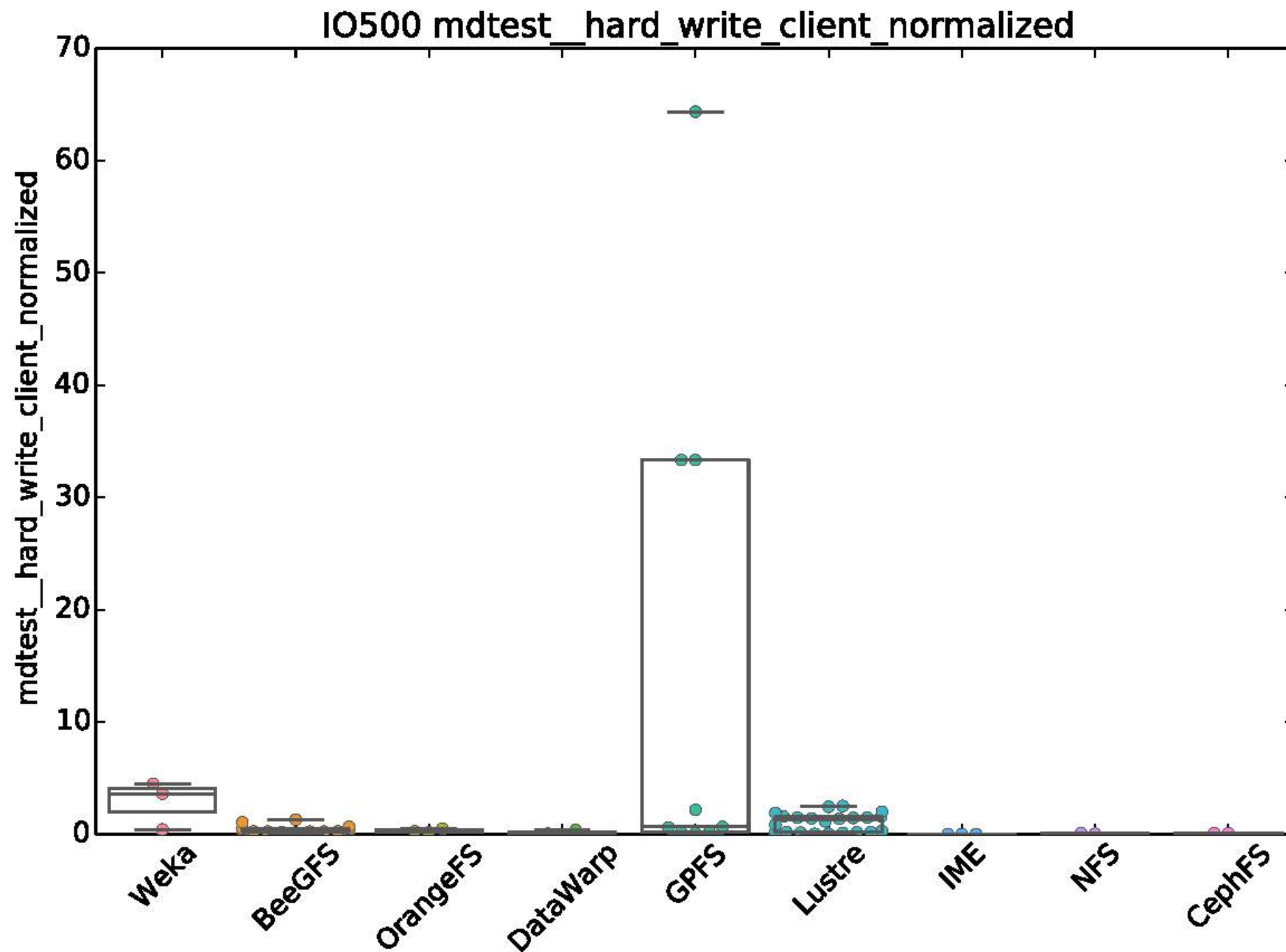














See you at ISC'19 for the fourth IO500 List!