

Performance Analysis and Tuning of Parallel Programs: Resources and Tools

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Optimization Goals

- Execution Time
 - Get the answer as fast as possible.
- Throughput
 - Get as many happy users as possible.
- Utilization
 - Get the best exploitation of the invested money.



Performance of Application or Computer System

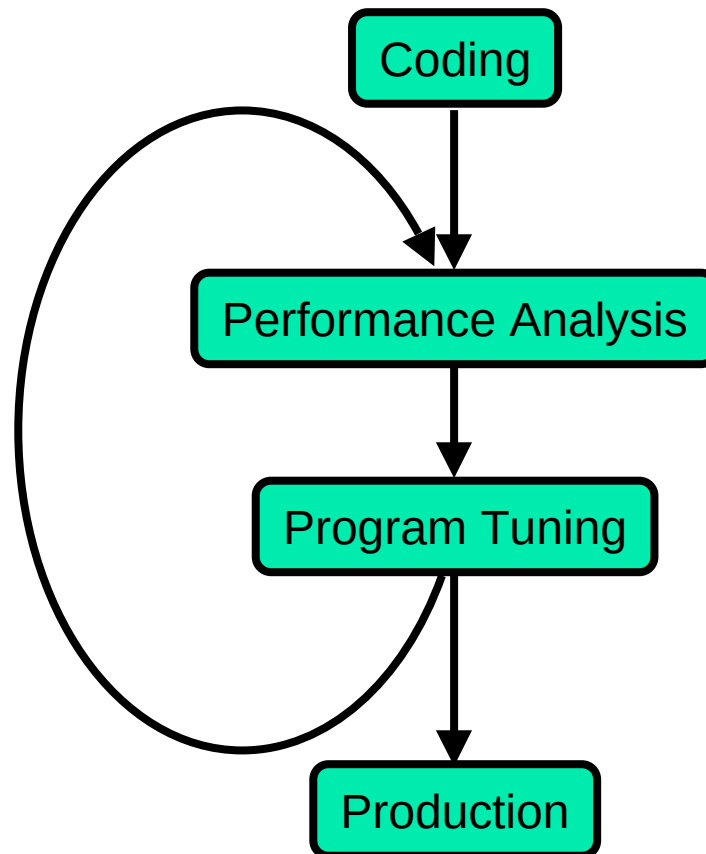
"How well is the goal achieved"

- Performance Analysis and Tuning is based on
 - measurements of performance data
 - evaluation of performance data
 - code or policy changes based on analysis results

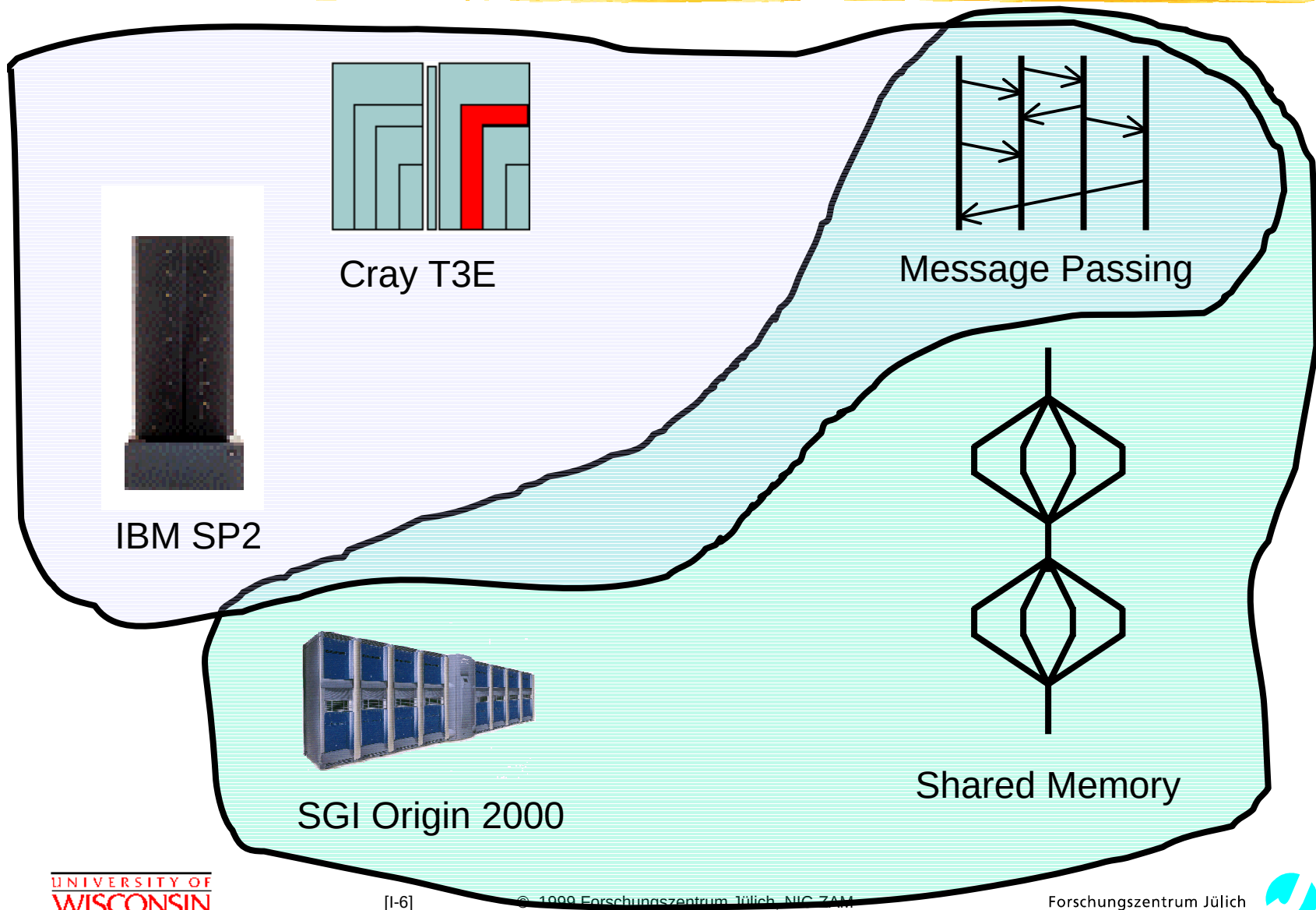


Scenario: Parallel Computing

- Optimization goal: minimal execution time



Parallel Systems and Programming Models



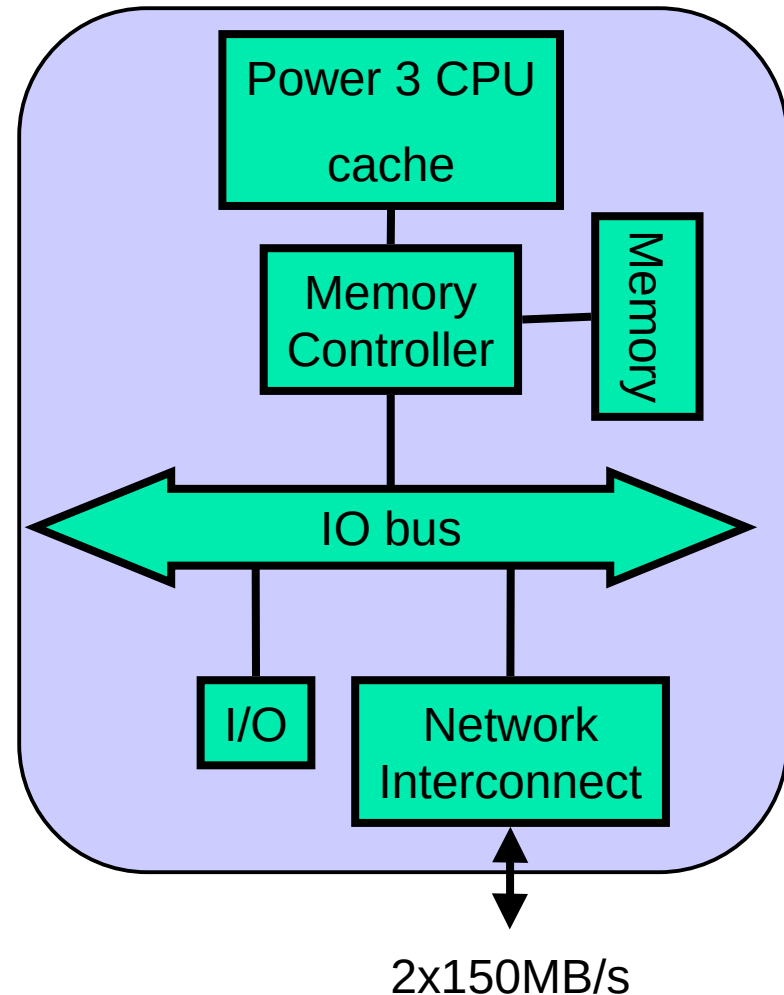
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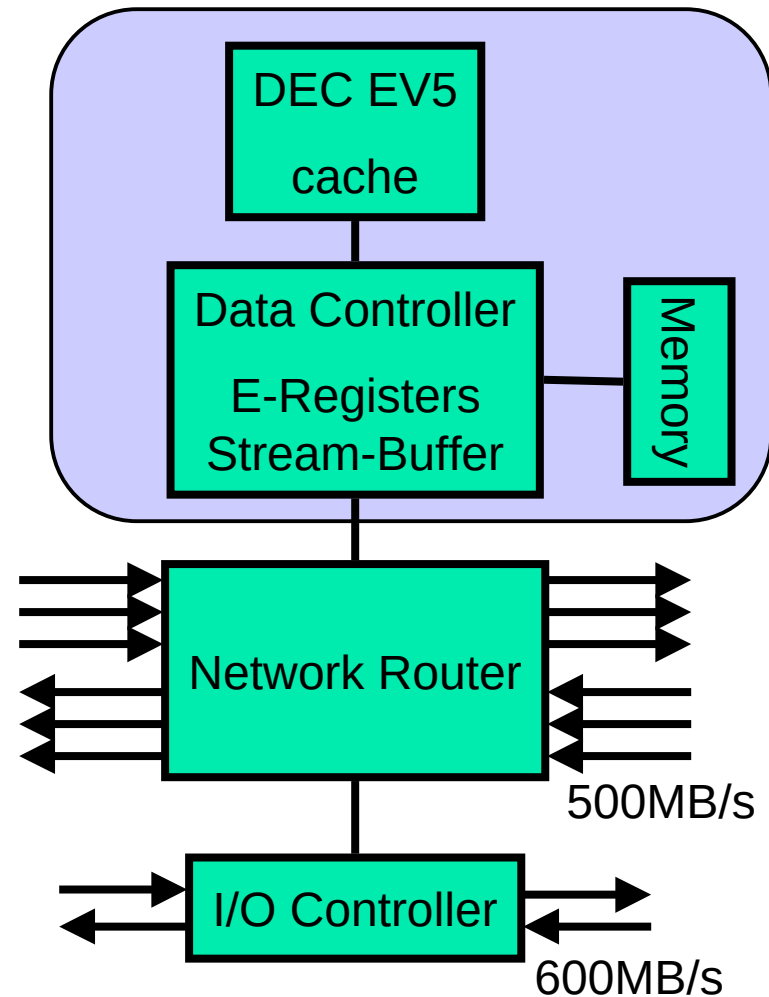
IBM SP2

- message passing system
- cluster of workstations
- 200 MHz Power 3 CPU
 - Peak 800 MFLOPS
 - 4-16 MB 2nd-level cache
 - sustained memory bandwidth 1.6 GB/s
- multistage crossbar switch
- MPI
 - latency 21.7 μ sec
 - bandwidth 139 MB/s
- I/O hardware distributed among the nodes



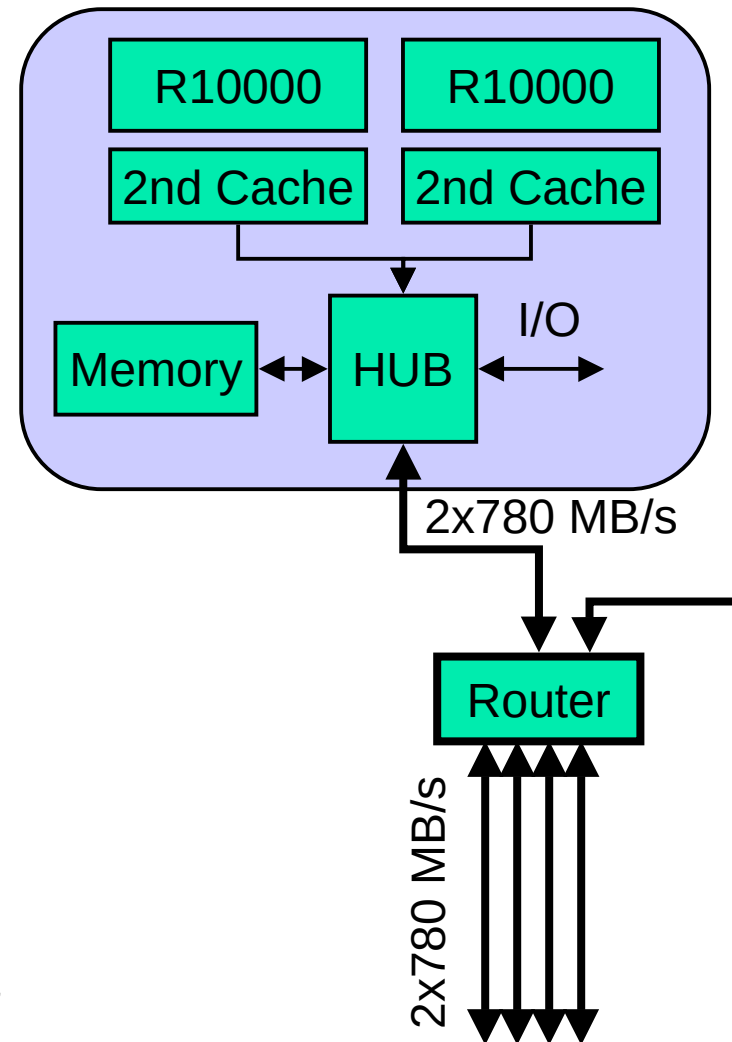
Cray T3E

- remote memory access system
- single system image
- 600 MHz DEC Alpha
 - peak performance 1200 MFLOPS
 - 2nd-level data cache 96 KB
 - memory bandwidth 600 MB/s
- 3D torus network
- MPI
 - latency 37 μ sec
 - bandwidth 300 MB/s
- shmem
 - latency 4 μ sec
 - bandwidth 400 MB/s
- SCI-based I/O network



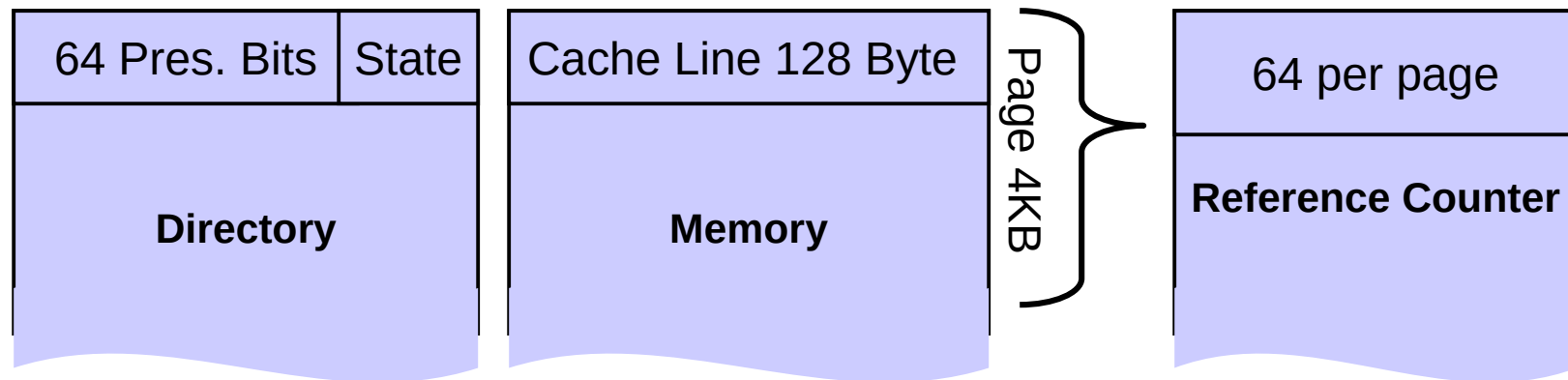
SGI Origin 2000

- cc-NUMA system
- single system image
- 250 MHz MIPS R10000
 - peak performance 500 MFLOPS
 - 2nd-level data cache 4-8 MB
 - memory bandwidth 670 MB/s
- 4D hypercube
- MPI
 - latency 16 μ sec
 - bandwidth 100 MB/s
- remote memory access
 - latency 497 nsec
 - bandwidth 600 MB/s
- I/O hardware distributed among nodes but global resource

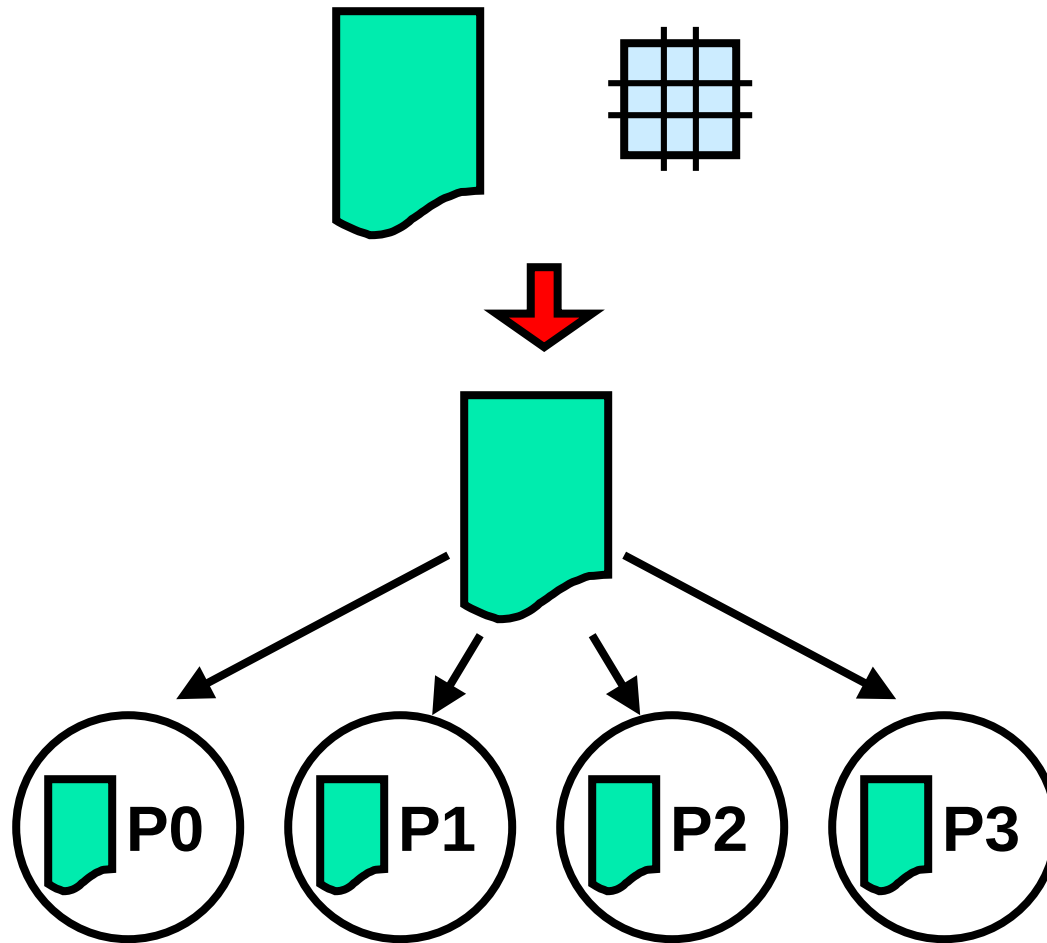


ccNUMA Implementation on SGI Origin 2000

- Access to remote data
 - read or write copy is transferred into the cache
 - coherence of copies and home location is maintained through directory
 - allocation of pages to node memories is by first touch
 - migration is possible based on reference counters



Single Program Multiple Data (SPMD)



sequential program
+ domain decomposition



node program
+ message passing



program replicated



MPI (Message Passing Interface)

- MPI is the standard programming interface
 - MPI 1.0 in 1994
 - MPI 2.0 in 1997
- Library interface (Fortran, C, C++)
- It includes
 - point-to-point communication
 - collective communication
 - barrier synchronization
 - one-sided communication (MPI 2.0)
 - parallel I/O (MPI 2.0)
 - process creation (MPI 2.0)



MPI Example

Node 0

```
//local computation
for(i=0;i<10;i++) a(i)= f(i);
MPI_send(a(1), 10, MPI_INT, Node1, 20, comm)

//reduction
for (i=0;i<10;i++) s=s+a(i);
MPI_reduce(s, s1, 1, MPI_INT, SUM, Node1, comm)
```

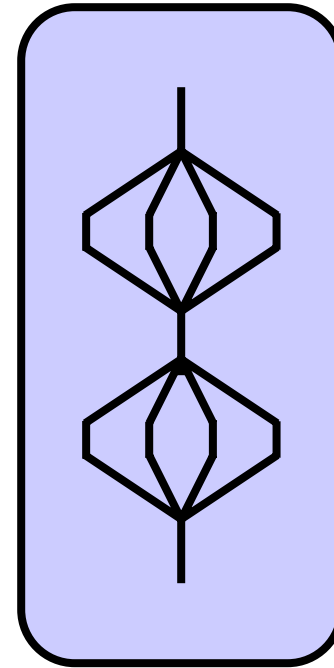
Node 1

```
...
MPI_recv(b(1), 10, MPI_INT, Node1, 20, comm, status)
...
MPI_reduce(s, s1, 1, MPI_INT, SUM, Node1, comm)
printf("Global sum: %d", s1)
```



OpenMP: Directive-based SM Parallelization

- OpenMP is a standard shared memory programming interface (1997)
- Directives for Fortran 77 and C/C++
- Fork-join model resulting in a global program
- It includes:
 - Parallel loops
 - Parallel sections
 - Parallel regions
 - Shared and private data
 - Synchronization primitives
 - barrier
 - critical region



OpenMP: Example

```
!$OMP parallel do schedule(static, 10)
  do i=1,100
    a(i)=f(i)
  enddo
!$OMP end parallel do

!$OMP parallel do reduction(+:a),
!$OMP*                schedule(dynamic,10)
  do i=1,100
    s=s+a(i)
  enddo
!$OMP end parallel do

write(*,*) 'Global sum:', s
```



Common Performance Problems with MPI

- Single node performance
 - Excessive number of 2nd-level cache misses
 - Low number of issued instructions
- IO
 - High data volume
 - Sequential IO due to IO subsystem or sequentialization in the program
- Excessive communication
 - Frequent communication
 - High data volume



Common Performance Problems with MPI

- Frequent synchronization
 - Reduction operations
 - Barrier operations
- Load balancing
 - Wrong data decomposition
 - Dynamically changing load

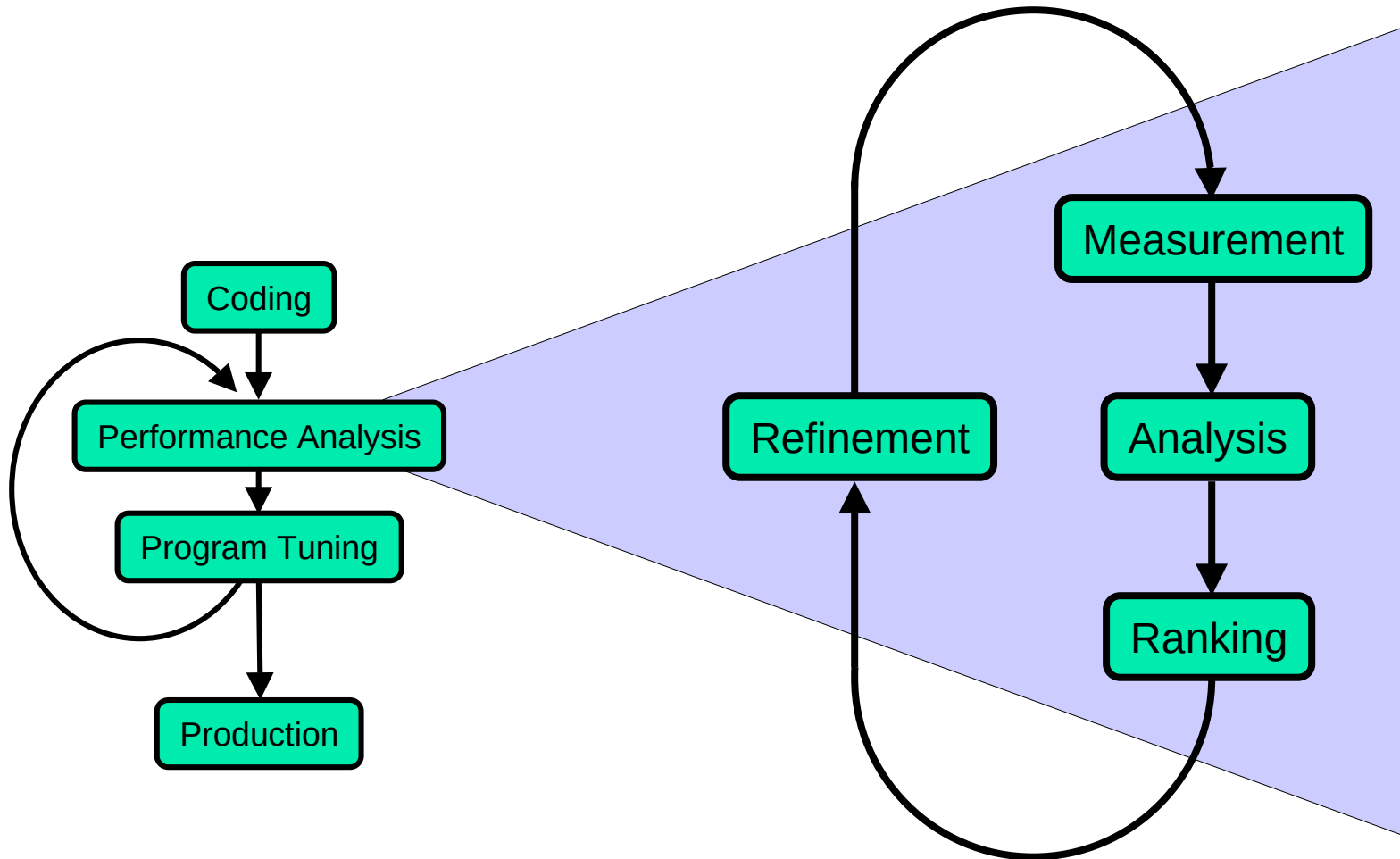


Common Performance Problems with SM

- Single node performance
 - ...
- IO
 - ...
- Excessive communication
 - Large number of remote memory accesses
 - False sharing
 - False data mapping
- Frequent synchronization
 - Implicit synchronization of parallel constructs
 - Barriers, locks, ...
- Load balancing
 - Uneven scheduling of parallel loops
 - Uneven work in parallel sections



Performance Analysis Process



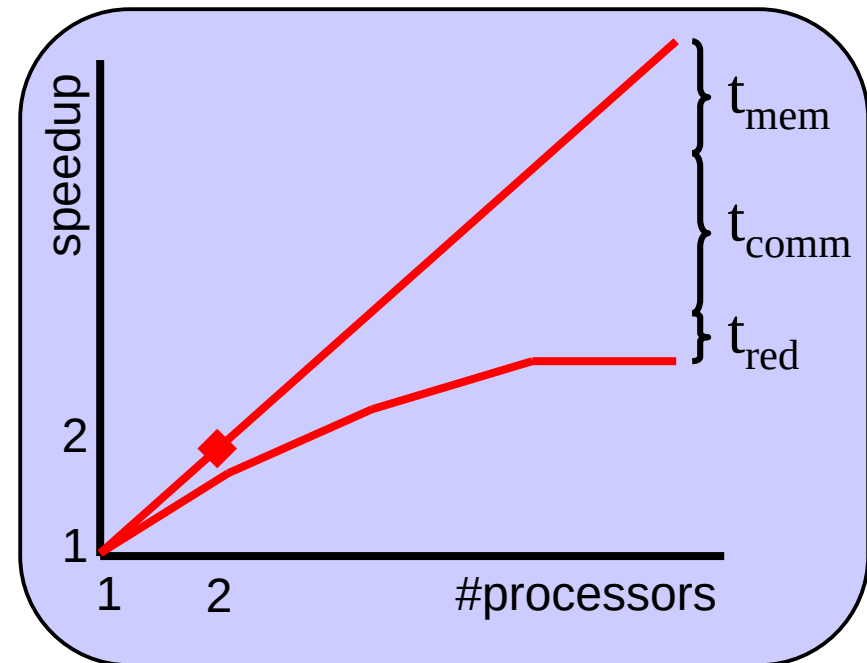
Overhead Analysis

- How to decide whether a code performs well:
 - Comparison of measured MFLOPS with peak performance
 - Comparison with a sequential version

$$\text{speedup}(p) = \frac{t_s}{t_p}$$

- Estimate distance to ideal time via overhead classes

- t_{mem}
- t_{comm}
- t_{sync}
- t_{red}
- ...



Other Performance Metrics

- Scaled speedup: Problem size grows with machine size

$$\text{scaled_speedup}(p) = \frac{t_s(n_p)}{t_p(n_p)}$$

Parallel efficiency: Percentage of ideal speedup

$$\text{efficiency}(p) = \text{speedup}(p) / p = \frac{t_s}{t_p * p}$$

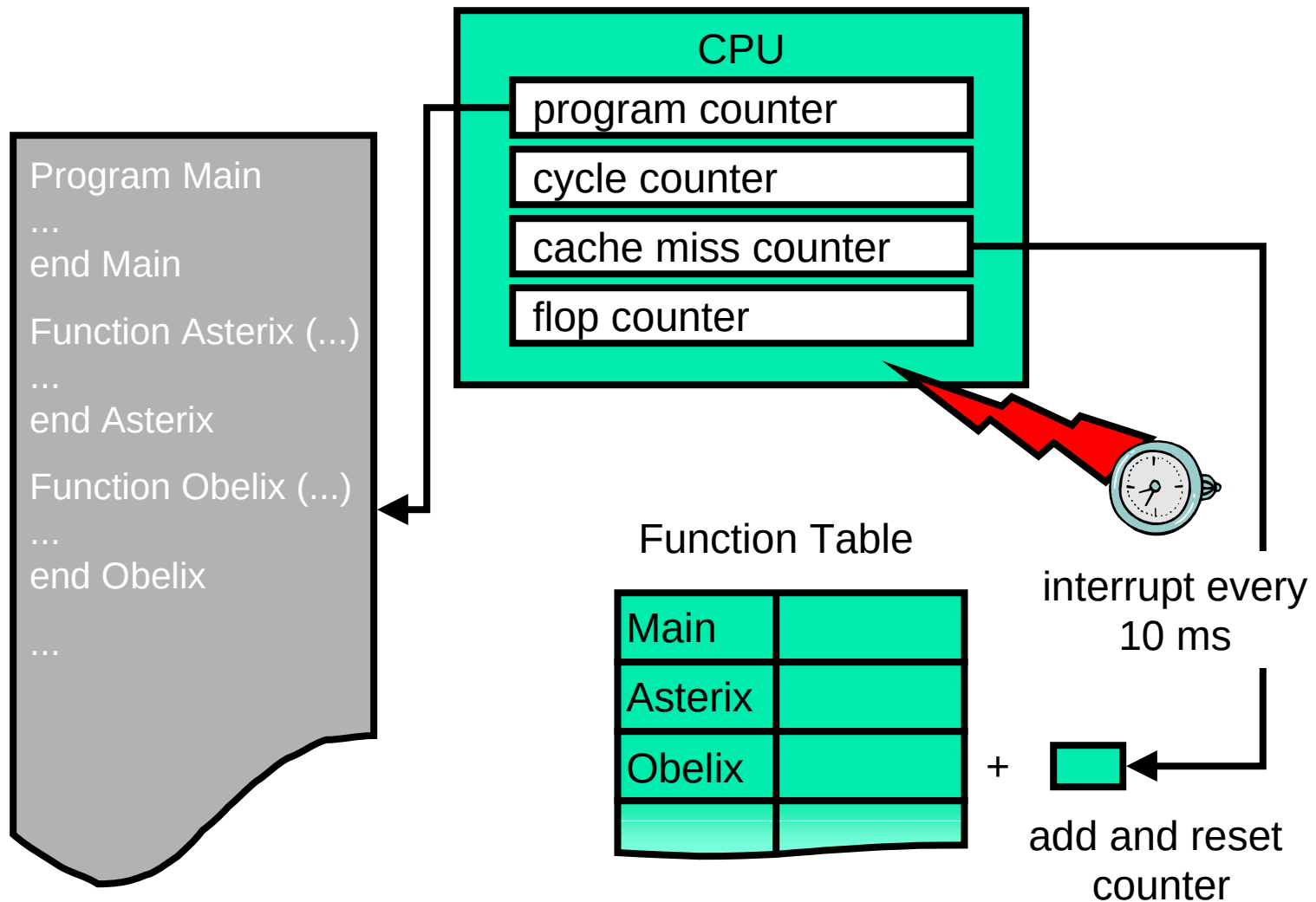


Performance Measurement Techniques

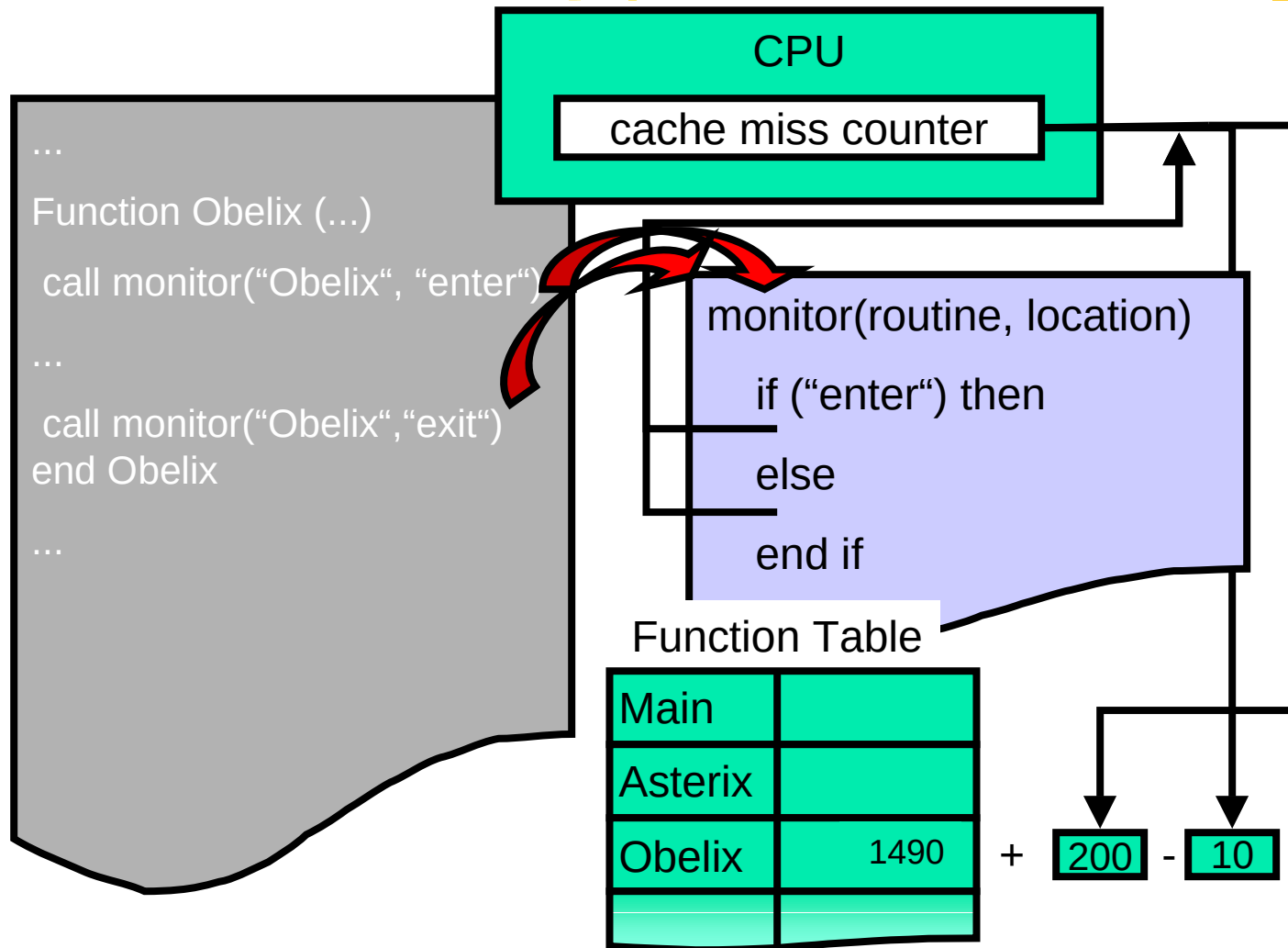
- Event model of the execution
 - Events occur at a processor at a specific point in time
 - Events belong to event types
 - clock cycles
 - cache misses
 - remote references
 - start of a send operation
 - ...
- Profiling: Recording accumulated performance data for events
 - Sampling: Statistical approach
 - Instrumentation: Precise measurement
- Tracing: Recording performance data of individual events



Sampling



Instrumentation and Monitoring



Instrumentation Techniques

- Source code instrumentation
 - done by the compiler, source-to-source tool, or manually
 - + portability
 - + link back to source code easy
 - re-compile necessary when instrumentation is changed
 - difficult to instrument mixed-code applications
 - cannot instrument system or 3rd party libraries or executables
- Object code instrumentation
 - "patching" the executable to insert hooks (like a debugger)
 - inverse pros/cons
 - Offline
 - Online



Tracing

...

Function Obelix (...)

call monitor("Obelix", "enter")

...

call monitor("Obelix", "exit")
end Obelix

...

MPI Library

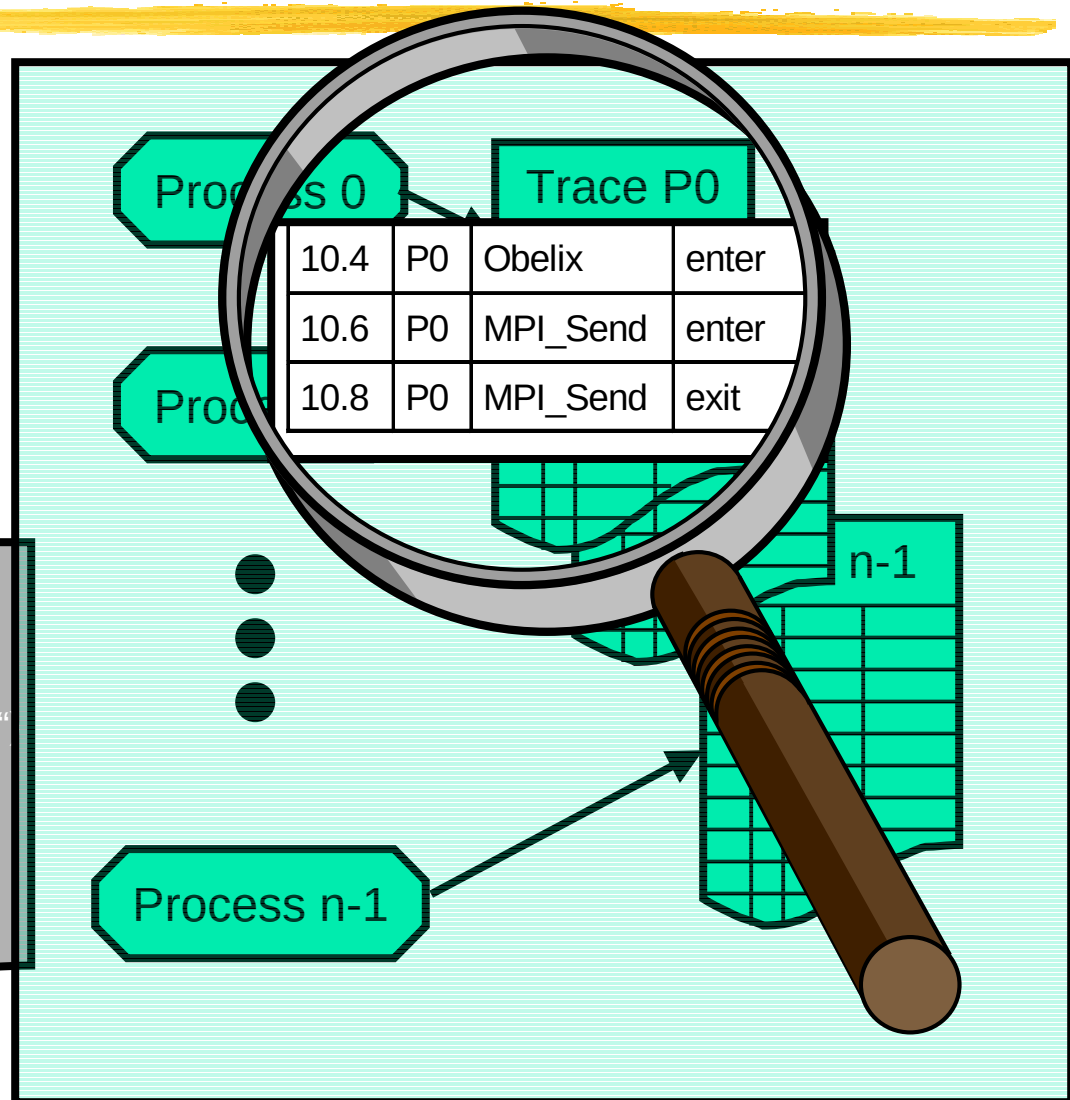
Function MPI_send (...)

call monitor("MPI_send", "enter")

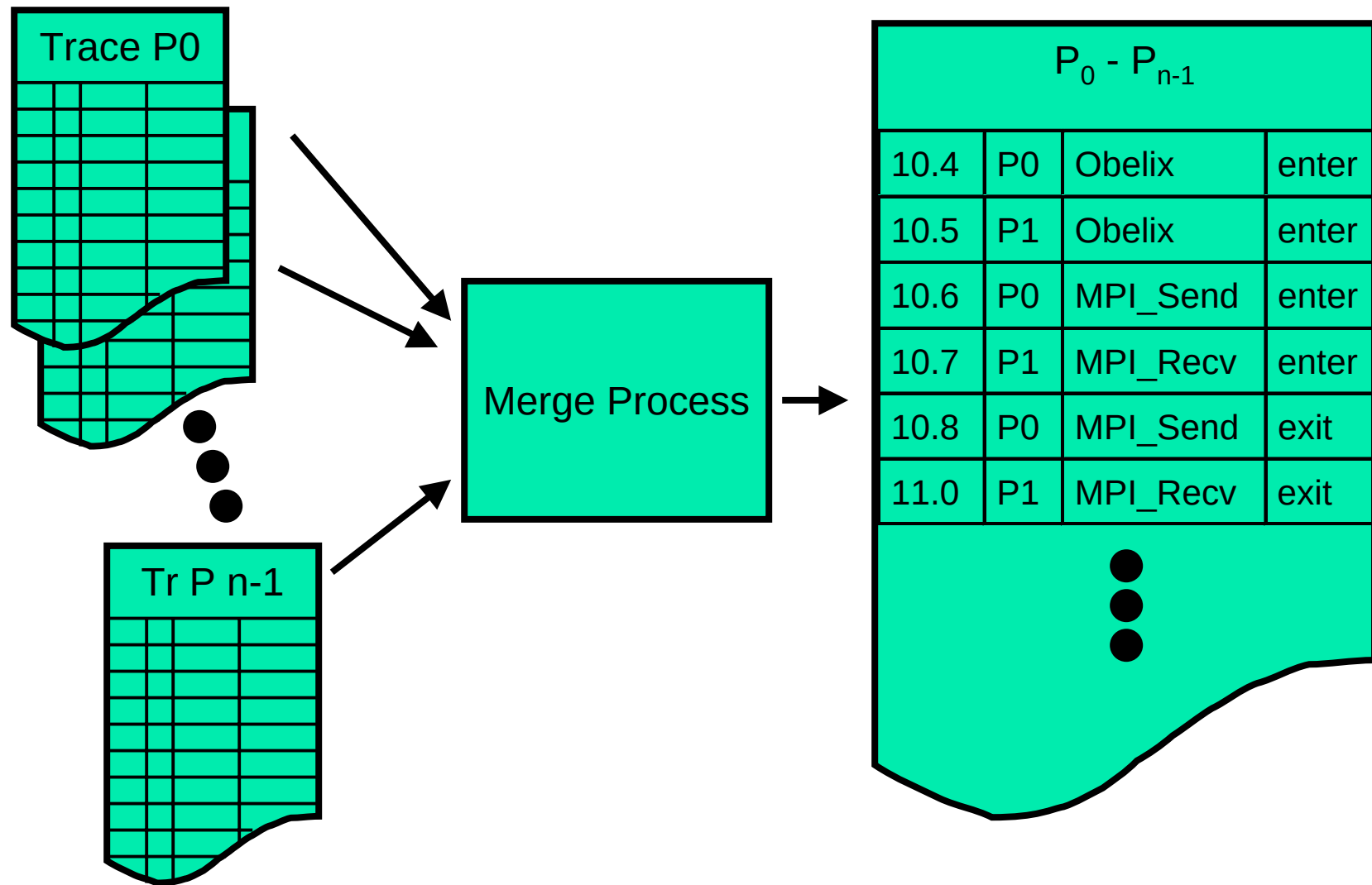
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call monitor("MPI_send", "exit")
end Obelix

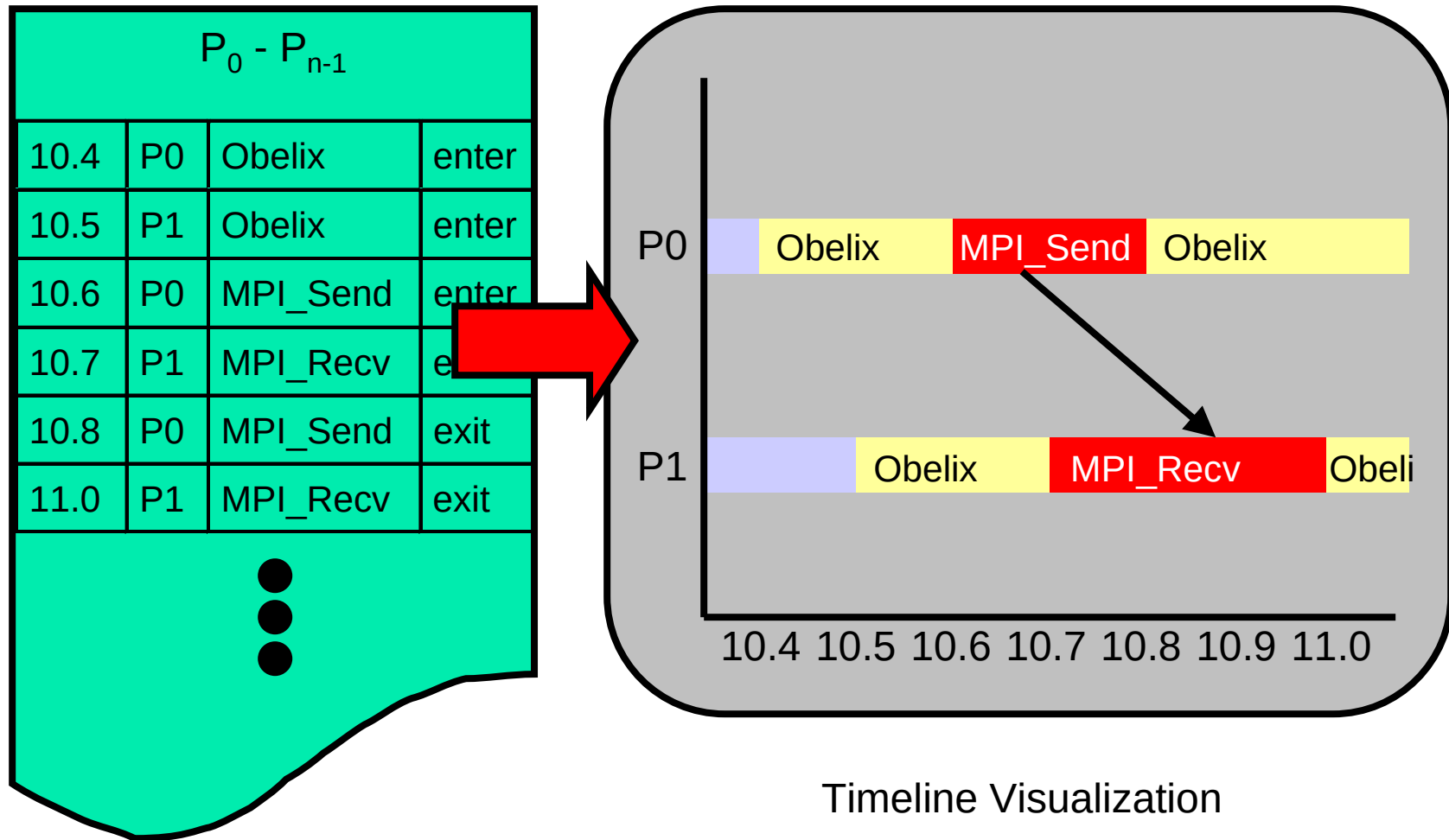
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Merging



Visualization of Dynamic Behaviour



Profiling vs Tracing

- Profiling

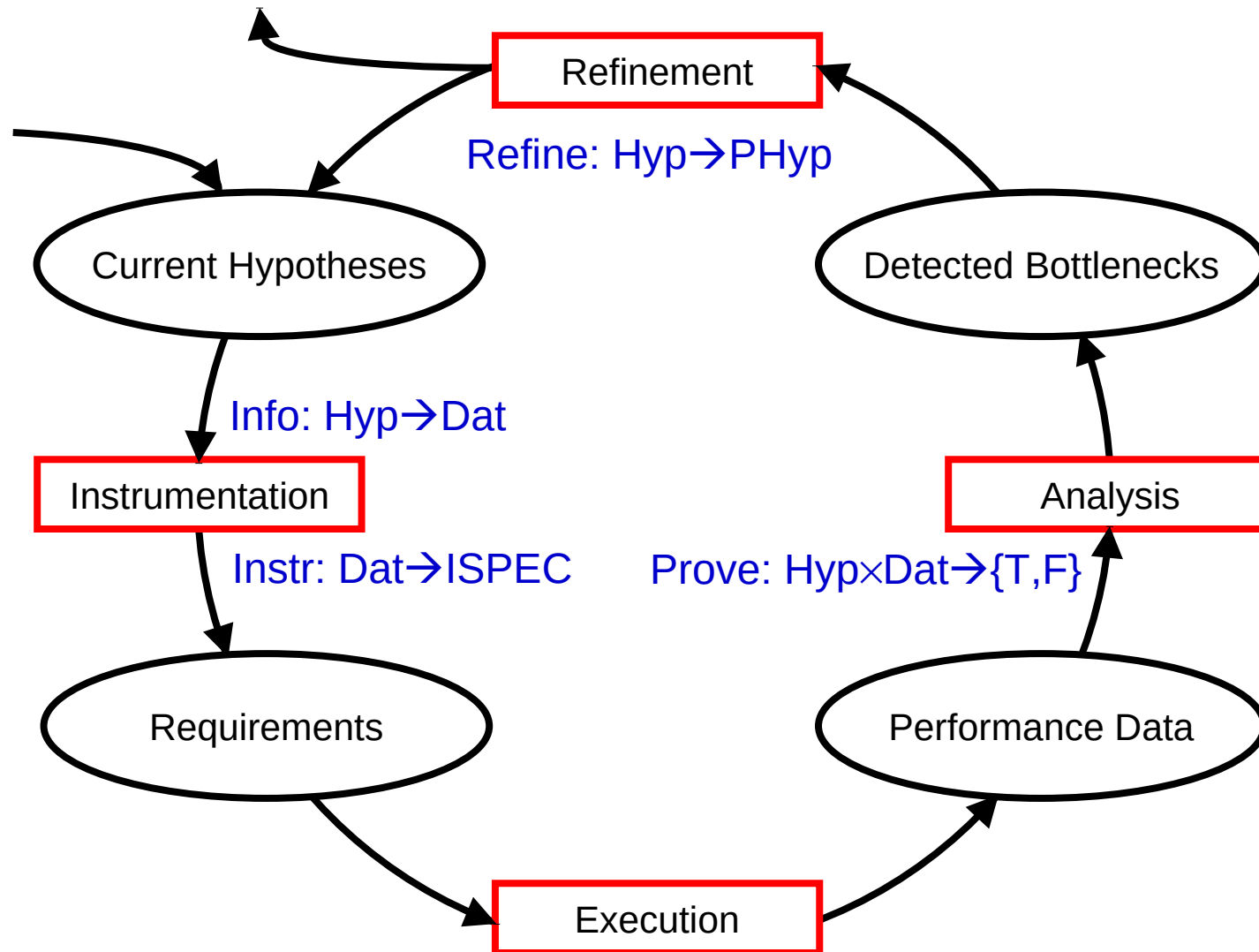
- recording summary information (time, #calls, #misses...)
- about program entities (functions, objects, basic blocks)
- very good for quick, low cost overview
- points out potential bottlenecks
- implemented through sampling or instrumentation
- moderate amount of performance data

- Tracing

- recording information about events
- trace record typically consists of timestamp, processid, ...
- output is a trace file with trace records sorted by time
- can be used to reconstruct the dynamic behavior
- creates huge amounts of data
- needs selective instrumentation



Performance Analysis



Performance Prediction and Benchmarking

- Performance analysis determines the performance on a given machine.
- Performance prediction allows to evaluate programs for a hypothetical machine. It is based on:
 - runtime data of an actual execution
 - machine model of the target machine
 - analytical techniques
 - simulation techniques
- Benchmarking determines the performance of a computer system on the basis of a set of typical applications.



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 - Other
- Fall-back Tools
 - Timer
 - HW Counter



Practical Performance Analysis and Tuning

- Peak and benchmark (Linpack, NAS) performance has nothing to do with 'real' performance
 - ⇒ The performance of your program is important
- 50% of 1 Gflop is better than 20% of 2GFlop
 - ⇒ the sustained fraction of peak performance is crucial
- Tuning is combination of
 - right algorithm and libraries
 - compiler flags and pragmas / directives
 - **THINKING**
- Measurement is better than reasoning / intuition (= guessing)
- It is easier to optimize a slow correct program than to debug a fast incorrect one
 - ⇒ Debugging before Tuning



Practical Performance Analysis and Tuning

- Don't optimize what doesn't matter
- Strategies for **Speed**
 - Use a better algorithm or data structure
 - Use optimized libraries (BLAS, Cray's libsci, IBM ESSL, ...)
 - Enable compiler optimizations (through options and pragmas)
 - Tune the code
 - Collect common subexpressions
 - Replace expensive operations by cheap ones
 - Write a special-purpose allocator
 - Unroll or eliminate loops
 - Cache frequently used values
 - Buffer input and output
 - Use approximate values
- **Space** Efficiency
 - Save space by using the smallest possible data type
 - Don't store what you can easily re-compute



Practical Performance Analysis and Tuning

- Typical Procedure
 - Do I have a performance problem at all?
 - time / HW counter measurements
 - speedup and scalability measurements
 - What is the main bottleneck (calculation / communication / synchronization) ?
 - flat profiling (sampling / prof)
 - Where is the main bottleneck?
 - call graph profiling (gprof)
 - detailed (basic block) profiling
 - Where is the bottleneck exactly and why is it there?
 - tracing of **selected** parts to keep trace files manageable
 - typically by using control functions to switch tracing on/off
 - select important parts only
 - for iterative programs: trace some iterations only
 - sometimes, trace file size can be limited



Debugging: Totalview

- Commercial product of ETNUS Inc.
- UNIX Symbolic Debugger
for C, C++, f77, f90, PGI HPF, assembler programs
- „Quasi“ standard for debugger
- Selected as DOE "ASCI debugger"
- Special, non-traditional features
 - Multi-process and multi-threaded
 - C++ support (templates, inheritance, inline functions)
 - F90 support (user types, pointers, modules)
 - 1D + 2D Array Data visualization
 - parallel debugging
 - MPI (automatic attach, message queues)
 - HPF (HPF source level, distributed array access, distribution display)
 - support for OpenMP on IRIX and Tru64 UNIX (version 3.9)
 - support for IRIX 6.5 pthreads (version 3.9)



Totalview: Availability



- Supported platforms
 - IBM RS/6000 and SP2
 - SGI workstations and O2K
 - Compaq Alpha workstations and Clusters
 - Sun Solaris Sparc + x86, Sun SunOS
- Also available from vendor or 3rd party for
 - Cray
 - Fujitsu VPP
 - QSW CS2,
NEC SX4 + Cenju
 - Hitachi SR22xx
- Plans for HP, Linux, NT
- <http://www.etnus.com/products/totalview/>



CRAY T3E: Performance Tools

- time / HW counter measurements
 - Performance Analysis Tool (PAT)
- flat profiling (sampling)
 - PAT
- call graph profiling
 - PAT
- detailed (basic block) profiling
 - Apprentice
- tracing
 - PAT / [Vampir]



PAT

- Features
 - Profiling: execution time profile for functions (sampling)
 - Call Site Reporting: call graph profiling (number of calls, execution time) of selected functions
 - HW Counter Measurement: e.g. Number of FLOPS
 - [Object-code instrumentation for tracing with Vampir]
- Advantages (especially compared to Apprentice)
 - simple, low overhead => for quick overview!
 - Does not need re-compilation, only re-linking
 - can analyze system and 3rd party libraries
- Disadvantages
 - can only analyze program as a whole
 - no GUI



PAT: Usage

- Prepare user application by linking with PAT library (-lpat) and PAT linker command file (pat.cld)

```
t3e% f90 *.o -o myprog -lpat pat.cld # Fortran
```

```
t3e% cc *.o -o myprog -lpat pat.cld # ANSI C
```

```
t3e% CC *.o -o myprog -lpat pat.cld # C++
```

- If necessary, select T3E HW performance counter through environment variable \$PAT_SEL

```
t3e% export PAT_SEL=FPOPS # floating-point (default)
```

```
t3e% export PAT_SEL=INTOPS # integer instructions
```

```
t3e% export PAT_SEL=LOADS # load instructions
```

```
t3e% export PAT_SEL=STORES # store instructions
```

- If necessary, change sampling rate (default 10000)

```
t3e% export PAT_SAMPLING_RATE=1000
```

[Value is in microseconds]



PAT: Performance Overview

- Execute application as usual (creates file: myprog.pif)

```
t3e% mpprun -n ## myprog -myoptions myargs
```

Start PAT

```
t3e% pat -L myprog myprog.pif
```

- Execution time overview

=> **time**

Elapsed Time	1.129 sec	16 PEs
User Time (ave)	2.090 sec	98%
System Time (ave)	0.027 sec	1%

- HW performance counter report

=> **perfcnt**

Performance counters for FpOps (Values in MILLIONS)

PE	cycles	operations	ops/sec	dmisses	misses/sec
0	104.16	19.33	83.52	5.17	22.32
1	194.00	20.19	46.84	7.01	16.27
2	193.39	20.19	46.99	7.01	16.32

...



PAT: Profiling

- Function profiling report (sampling report):

=> **profile**

	Percent	90% Conf. Interval
VELO	52%	1.4
_shmem_long_wait	7%	0.7
CURR	6%	0.7
barrier	5%	0.6
MPI_RECV	5%	0.6
TEMP	3%	0.5
...		

- Instrument for "Call Site Reporting"

=> **instcall** VELO

=> quit

generates "new a.out"

- Execute again:

t3e% mpprun -n ## a.out -*myoptions myargs*



PAT: Profiling

- Execute PAT again for "Call Site" report:

```
t3e% pat -L a.out a.out.pif
```

```
Interactive mode. Valid commands:
```

```
csi hist instcall perfcntr profile quit time ...
```

```
=> csi
```

```
Name PE called from #calls total time avg./call
```

```
VELO:
```

```
PE:0
```

```
          CX3D      4      165.1102      41.2775
```

```
PE:1
```

```
          CX3D      4      166.7334      41.6834
```

```
PE:2
```

```
          CX3D      4      166.6664      41.6666
```

```
PE:3
```

```
          CX3D      4      165.3808      41.3452
```

```
...
```



Apprentice

- Tool for detailed profiling on basic block level
- Usage
 - Instrumentation by Cray compiler

```
t3e% f90 -eA myprog.f -lapp
```

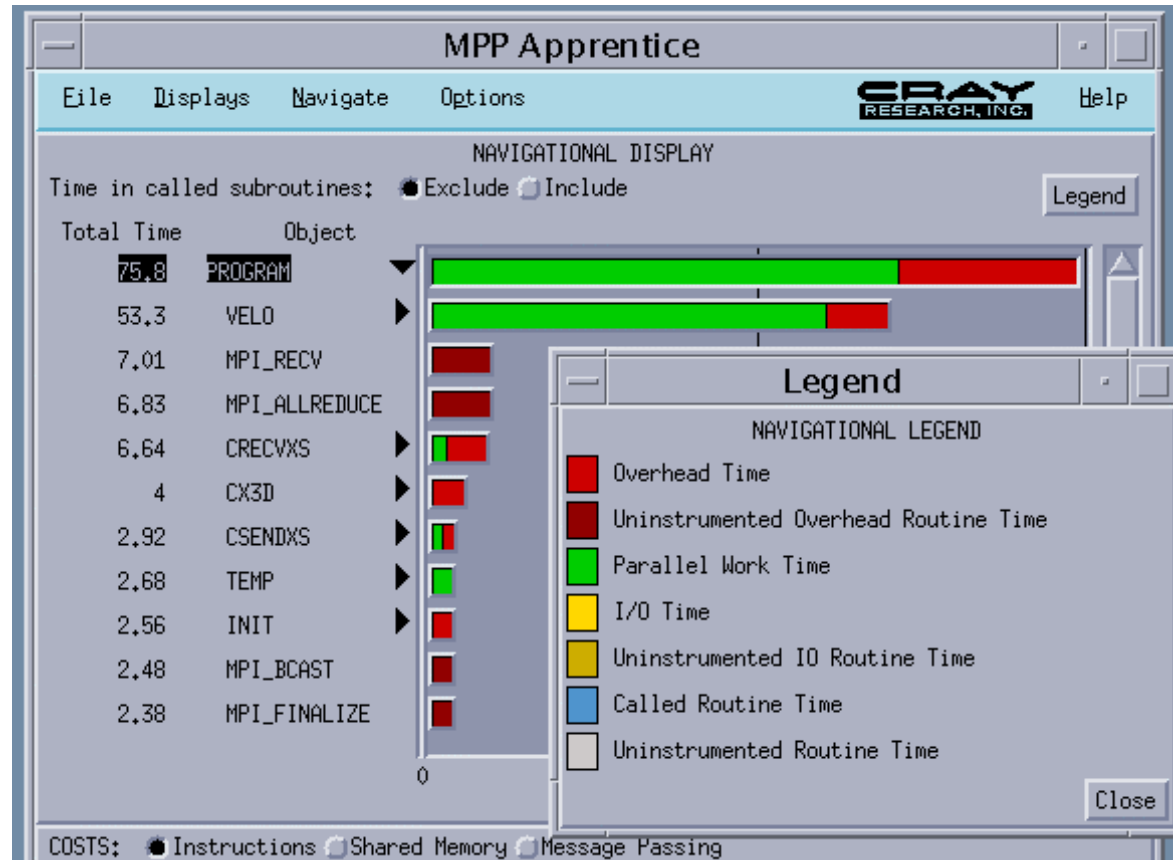
```
t3e% cc -happrentice myprog.c -lapp
```
 - Executing program generates app.rif
 - Analyze performance

```
t3e% apprentice app.rif
```
- Features
 - Provides summary data (sum over all PE and total execution time)
 - Provides
 - execution time (measured)
 - number of floating-point, integer, load, store instructions (calculated)
 - Automatically corrects measurement overhead



Apprentice: Navigation Window

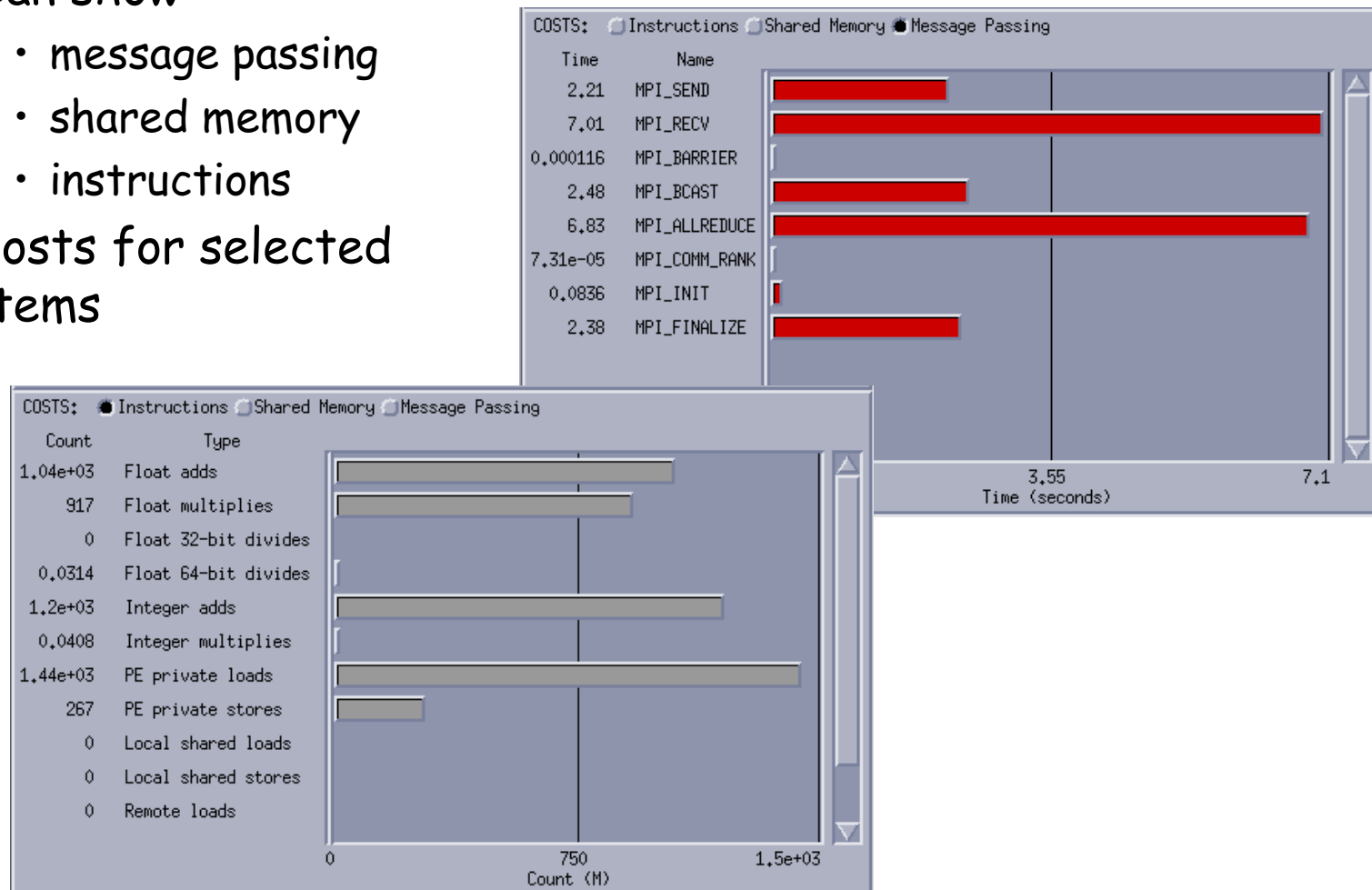
- Shows time profile for
 - program
 - functions
 - basic blockssorted by usage
- Items can be “expanded” by clicking on black triangle
- Can show time including or excluding the time used by subregions



Apprentice: Costs Window

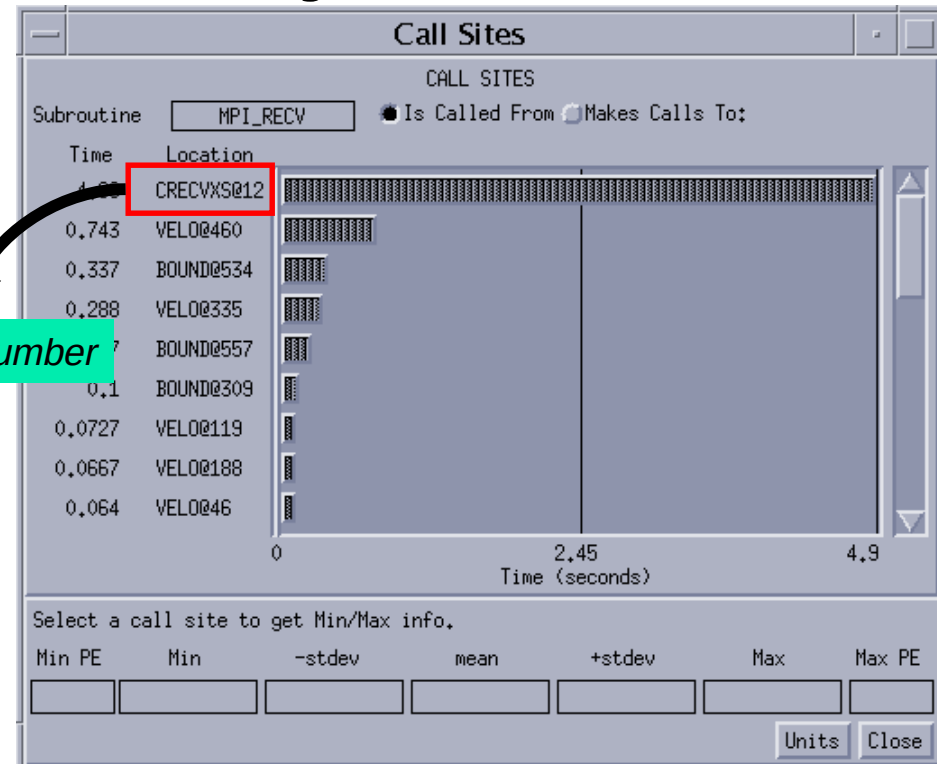
- Can show
 - message passing
 - shared memory
 - instructions

costs for selected items



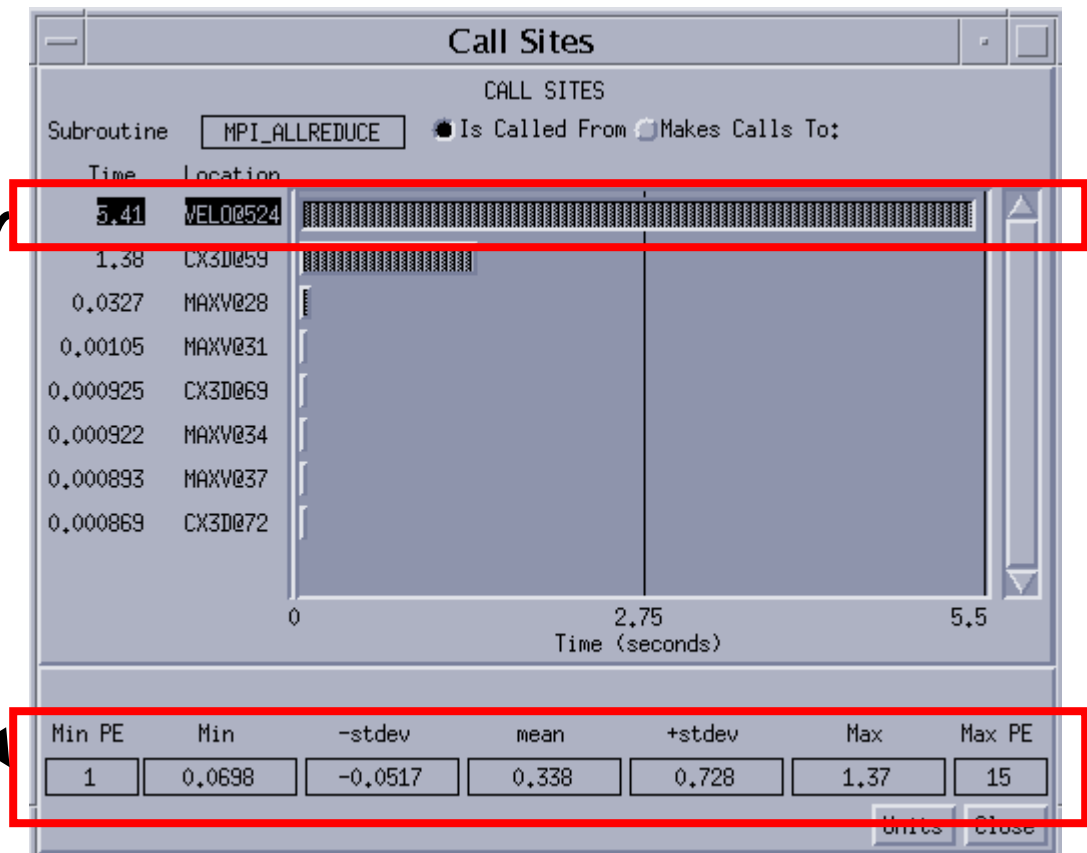
Apprentice: Finding Communication Bottleneck

- Compare values for 1st line (program) in navigation window:
 - Overhead (red) is communication time
 - parallel work (green) is calculation part
- Limiting MPI call => 1st MPI call in navigation window
- Select it, then
 - Menu Displays
 - Item Call sites
 - Option Is Called From
- To show source code
 - expand calling routine in navigation window
 - select call site



Apprentice: Finding Load Imbalance

- Select barrier or MPI collective communication routine in navigation window, then
 - Menu Displays
 - Item Call sites
 - Option Is Called From
- Select call site to see
 - minimum
 - mean
 - maximum execution time



T3E: Tracing

- There is no SGI/Cray tracing tool => use Vampir
- Necessary trace instrumentation can be done in two ways
 - Object code instrumentation with **PAT**
 - collaboration between SGI/Cray and Forschungszentrum Jülich
 - supports MPI-, PVM-, and SHMEM programs
 - additional manual source code instrumentation for selective tracing
 - Commercial **Vampirtrace** tracing library
 - supports MPI programs only
 - additional manual source code instrumentation for recording of user subroutines and selective tracing
- See
<http://www.fz-juelich.de/zam/RD/coop/cray/crayperf.html>
for up-to-date description and additional tips and hints



PAT: Instrumentation for Tracing

- Prepare user application by linking with PAT library (-lpat), **message passing wrapper library (-lwrapper)** and PAT linker command file (pat.cld)

```
t3e% cc *.o -o myprog -lpat -lwrapper pat.cld
```

- Instrument for tracing

```
=> insttrace CX3D VELO barrier CURR MPI_Recv TEMP...
```

```
=> quit
```

- For real programs unusable

better: create list of functions to instrument

- one function per line
 - Note!!! names have to be specified as linker symbol names (i.e. Fortran: all capital letters; C++: "mangled names")
 - ready-to-use lists of message passing routines at website
- Then use -B option for PAT to instrument executable

```
t3e% pat -L -B MYLIST myprog
```



PAT: Trace Generation

- If necessary, parameters for trace recording can be specified through environment variables

```
t3e% export PAT_NUM_TRACE_ENTRIES=20000 # default: 8192
```

```
t3e% export PAT_TRACE_LIMIT=20000 # unlimited
```

```
t3e% export PAT_TRACE_COLLECTIVE=1 # 0
```

- Execute program again (to generate pif file)

```
t3e% mpprun -n ## a.out -myoptions myargs
```

- Convert PAT output into trace format of Vampir
[pif2bpv available at website]

```
t3e% pif2bpv a.out.pif mytrace.bpv
```

- Analyze trace file with Vampir

```
t3e% vampir mytrace.bpv
```



PAT: Trace File Size Reduction

- Manually insert functions (defined in `pat.h` and `pat.fh`)
- for selective tracing

C/C++	Fortran	
<code>TRACE_OFF();</code>	<code>PIF\$TRACEOFF()</code>	# Turn tracing off
<code>TRACE_ON();</code>	<code>PIF\$TRACEON()</code>	# Turn tracing on
- for trace size limitation

<code>TRACE_LIMIT(li);</code>	<code>PIF\$TRACELIMIT(li)</code>	# Set limit to <code>li</code>
		# trace records
		# -1 => unlimited

Pat stops after tracing after recording *li* records



CRAY T3E: URLs



- Cray Research Online Software Publications Library
<http://www.cray.com/swpubs/>
 - CRAY T3E C and C++ Optimization Guide, 004-2178-002
 - CRAY T3E Fortran Optimization Guide, 004-2518-002
 - Introducing the MPP Apprentice Tool, IN-2511 3.0
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- Forschungszentrum Jülich Cray Performance Tools Page
<http://www.fz-juelich.de/zam/RD/coop/cray/crayperf.html>
- Various T3E documents and talks about optimization
<http://www.fz-juelich.de/zam/docs/craydoc/t3e/>



IBM SP2: Performance Tools

- flat profiling (sampling)
 - [prof]
 - gprof
- call graph profiling
 - gprof / Xprofiler
- detailed (source line) profiling
 - Xprofiler
- tracing
 - VT



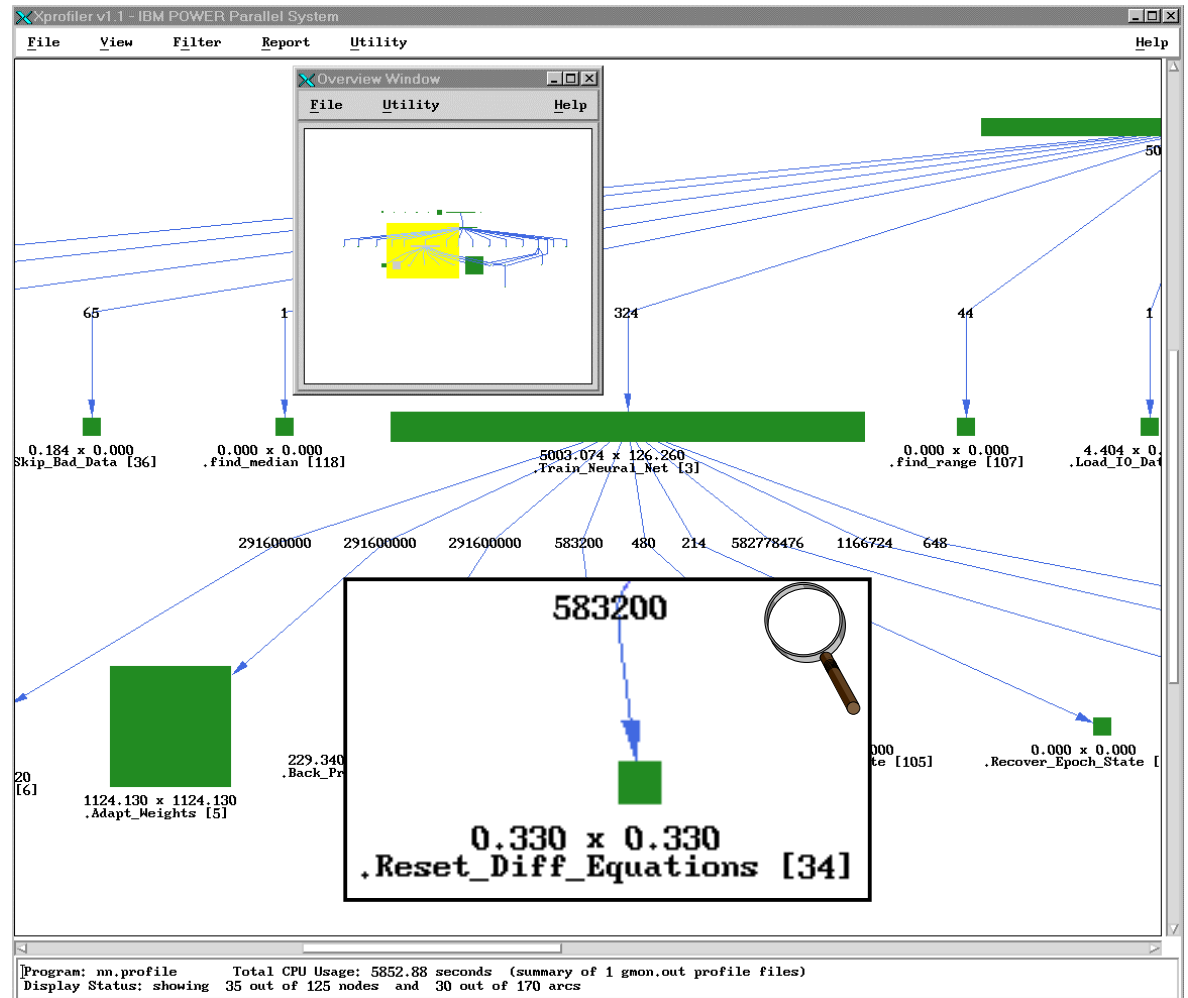
Xprofiler

- Gprof: time sampled call graph profiling
- Xprofiler: graphical analysis interface for gprof outputs
- Usage
 - Compile and link with “-g -pg” flags and optimization
 - Run the code; generates gmon.out.N files (N = 0 .. P-1)
 - Analyze with gprof or xprofiler
 - `sp2% gprof gmon.out.* > gprof.report`
 - `sp2% xprofiler myprog gmon.out.*`
- Features
 - graphical call graph performance display
 - execution time bottleneck location
 - call sequence identification
 - gprof reports
 - source line profiling



Xprofiler: Main Display

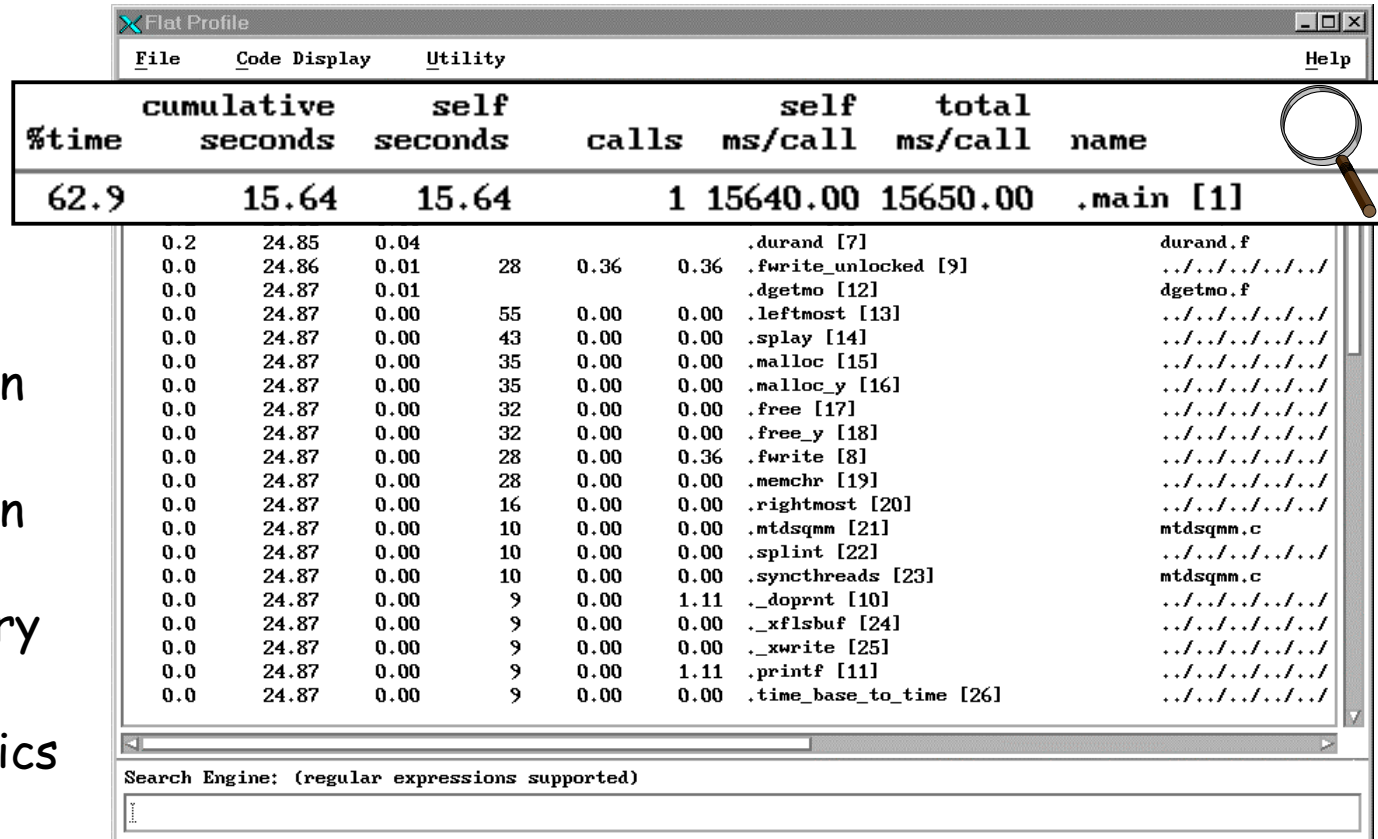
- width of a bar
 $\propto$ time including called routines
- height of a bar
 $\propto$ time excluding called routines
- call arrows
labeled with number of calls
- Overview window
for easy navigation
(View -> Overview)



Xprofiler: Gprof Reports

- Menu Report provides usual gprof reports plus some extra ones

- Flat Profile
- Call Graph Profile
- Function Index
- Function Call Summary
- Library Statistics



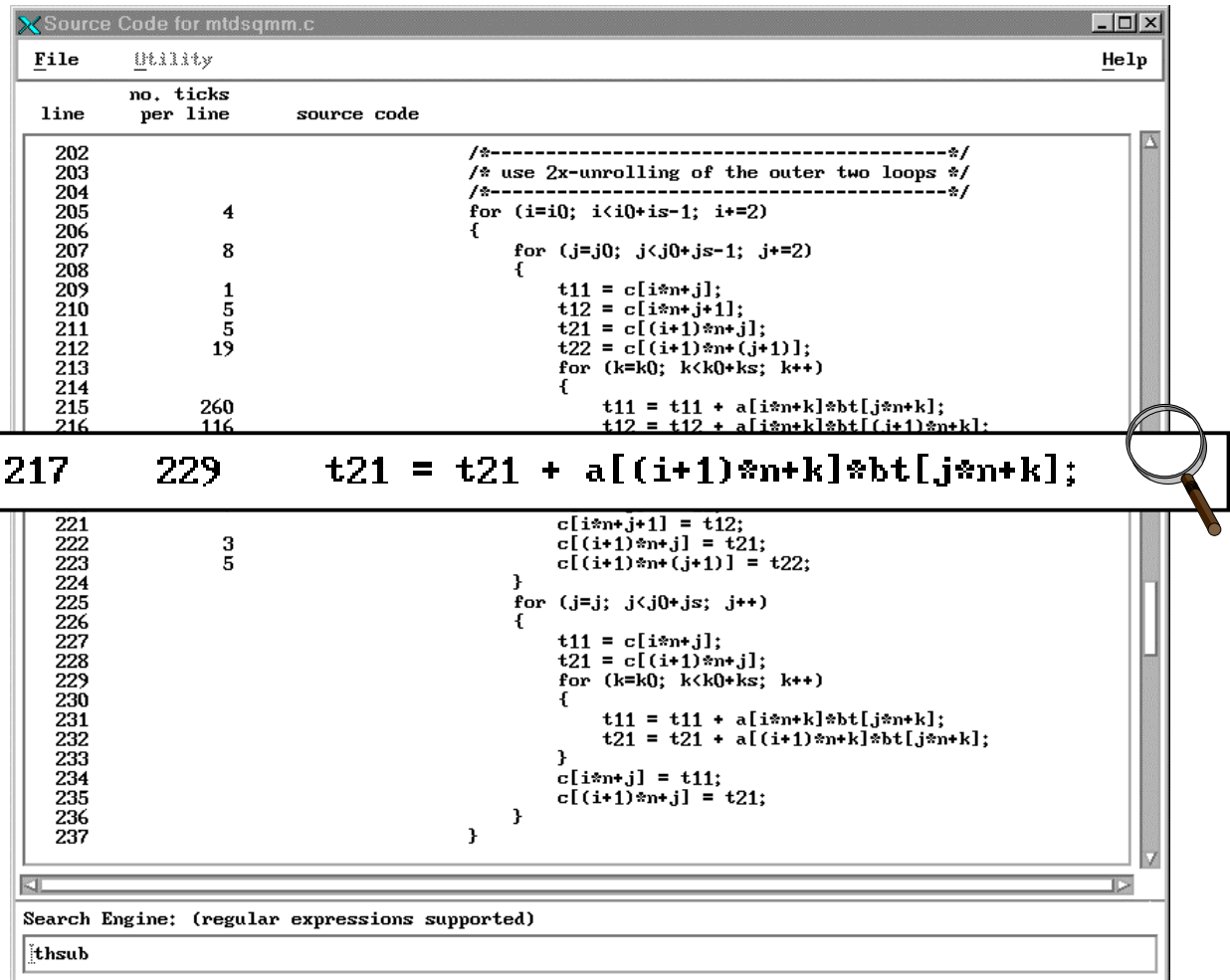
%time	cumulative seconds	self seconds	calls	self ms/call	total ms/call	name
62.9	15.64	15.64	1	15640.00	15650.00	.main [1]
0.2	24.85	0.04				.durand [7]
0.0	24.86	0.01	28	0.36	0.36	.fwrite_unlocked [9]
0.0	24.87	0.01				.dgetmo [12]
0.0	24.87	0.00	55	0.00	0.00	.leftmost [13]
0.0	24.87	0.00	43	0.00	0.00	.splay [14]
0.0	24.87	0.00	35	0.00	0.00	.malloc [15]
0.0	24.87	0.00	35	0.00	0.00	.malloc_y [16]
0.0	24.87	0.00	32	0.00	0.00	.free [17]
0.0	24.87	0.00	32	0.00	0.00	.free_y [18]
0.0	24.87	0.00	28	0.00	0.36	.fwrite [8]
0.0	24.87	0.00	28	0.00	0.00	.memchr [19]
0.0	24.87	0.00	16	0.00	0.00	.rightmost [20]
0.0	24.87	0.00	10	0.00	0.00	.mtdsqmm [21]
0.0	24.87	0.00	10	0.00	0.00	.splint [22]
0.0	24.87	0.00	10	0.00	0.00	.syncthread [23]
0.0	24.87	0.00	9	0.00	1.11	._doprnt [10]
0.0	24.87	0.00	9	0.00	0.00	._xflsbuf [24]
0.0	24.87	0.00	9	0.00	0.00	._xwrite [25]
0.0	24.87	0.00	9	0.00	1.11	.printf [11]
0.0	24.87	0.00	9	0.00	0.00	.time_base_to_time [26]

Search Engine: (regular expressions supported)



Xprofiler: Source Code Window

- Source code window displays source code with time profile (in ticks=.01 sec)
- Access
 - select function in main display
 - > context menu
 - select function in flat profile
 - > Code Display
 - > Show Source Code



line	no. ticks per line	source code
202		/*-----*/
203		/* use 2x-unrolling of the outer two loops */
204		/*-----*/
205	4	for (i=i0; i<i0+is-1; i+=2)
206		{
207	8	for (j=j0; j<j0+js-1; j+=2)
208		{
209	1	t11 = c[i*n+j];
210	5	t12 = c[(i+1)*n+j];
211	5	t21 = c[(i+1)*n+j];
212	19	t22 = c[(i+1)*n+(j+1)];
213		for (k=k0; k<k0+ks; k++)
214		{
215	260	t11 = t11 + a[i*n+k]*bt[j*n+k];
216	116	t12 = t12 + a[(i+1)*n+k]*bt[(i+1)*n+k];
217	229	t21 = t21 + a[(i+1)*n+k]*bt[j*n+k];
221		c[i*n+j+1] = t12;
222	3	c[(i+1)*n+j] = t21;
223	5	c[(i+1)*n+(j+1)] = t22;
224		}
225		for (j=j; j<j0+js; j++)
226		{
227		t11 = c[i*n+j];
228		t21 = c[(i+1)*n+j];
229		for (k=k0; k<k0+ks; k++)
230		{
231		t11 = t11 + a[i*n+k]*bt[j*n+k];
232		t21 = t21 + a[(i+1)*n+k]*bt[j*n+k];
233		}
234		c[i*n+j] = t11;
235		c[(i+1)*n+j] = t21;
236		}
237		}

Search Engine: (regular expressions supported)

thsub

Xprofiler: Tips and Hints

- Simplest when gmon.out.*, executable, and source code are in one directory
- By default, call tree in main display is "clustered"
 - Menu Filter -> Item Uncluster Functions
 - Menu Filter -> Item Hide All Library Calls
- Libraries must match across systems!
 - on measurement SP2 nodes
 - on workstation used for display!
- Must sample realistic problem (sampling rate is 1/100 sec)
- PVM programs require special hostfile (specify different wd's otherwise gmon.out files overwrite each other)



Xprofiler: Sample PVM Hostfile for Profiling



```
#host configuration for v08 nodes
#
#executable path for all hosts
*
ep=$PVM_ROOT/bin/$PVM_ARCH:$PVM_ROOT/lib/$PVM_ARCH:
  $HOME/bin:$PVM_ROOT/lib
v08l01 wd=/cfs/profile/01
v08l02 wd=/cfs/profile/02
v08l03 wd=/cfs/profile/03
v08l04 wd=/cfs/profile/04
v08l05 wd=/cfs/profile/05
v08l06 wd=/cfs/profile/06
...
```

Alternative : add a `chdir()` statement to the procedure code.

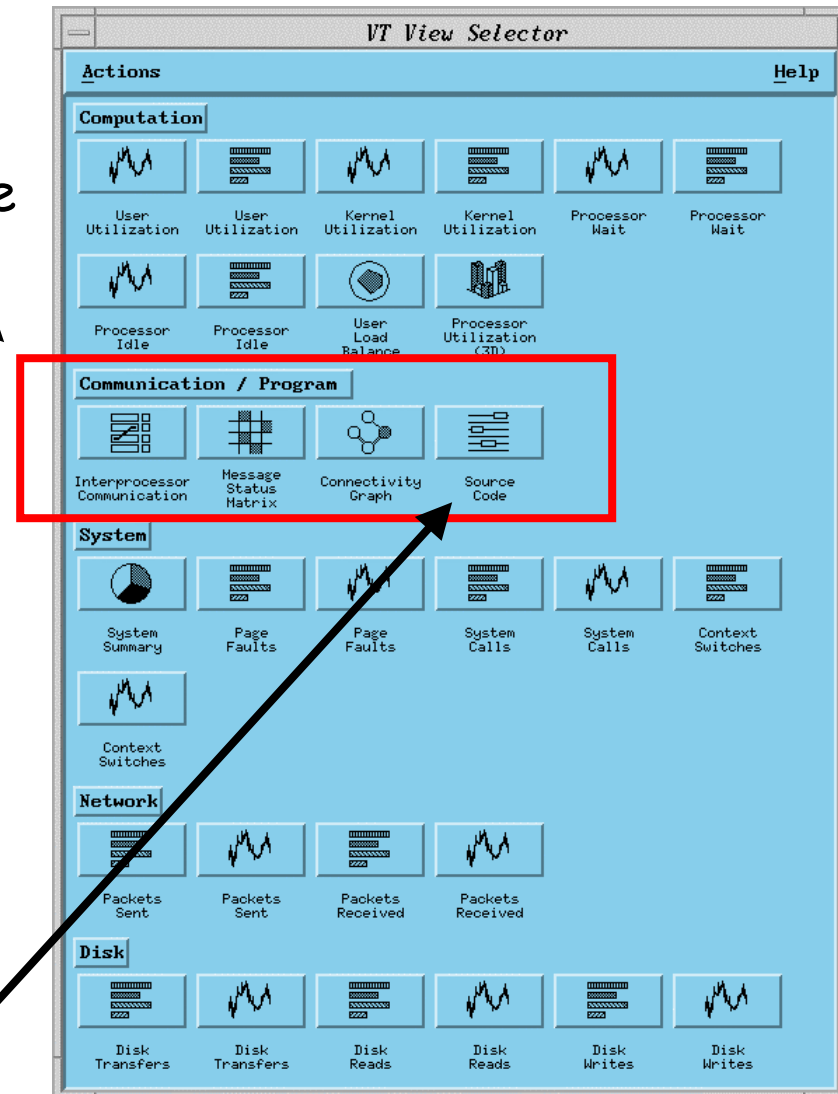
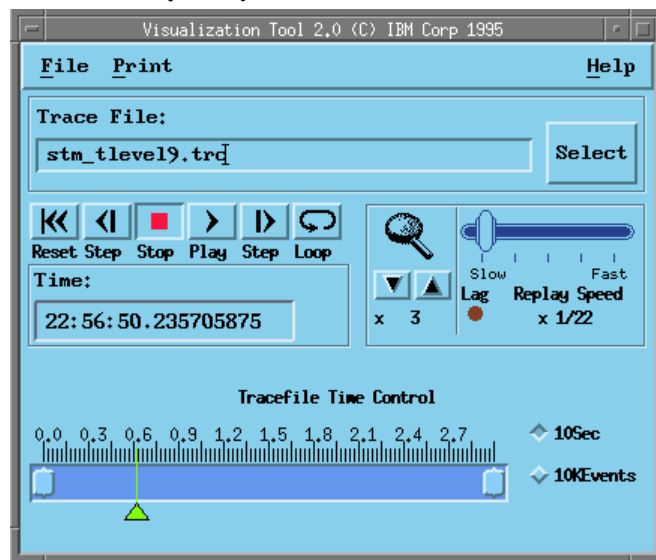


1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 277: 1039-1043.

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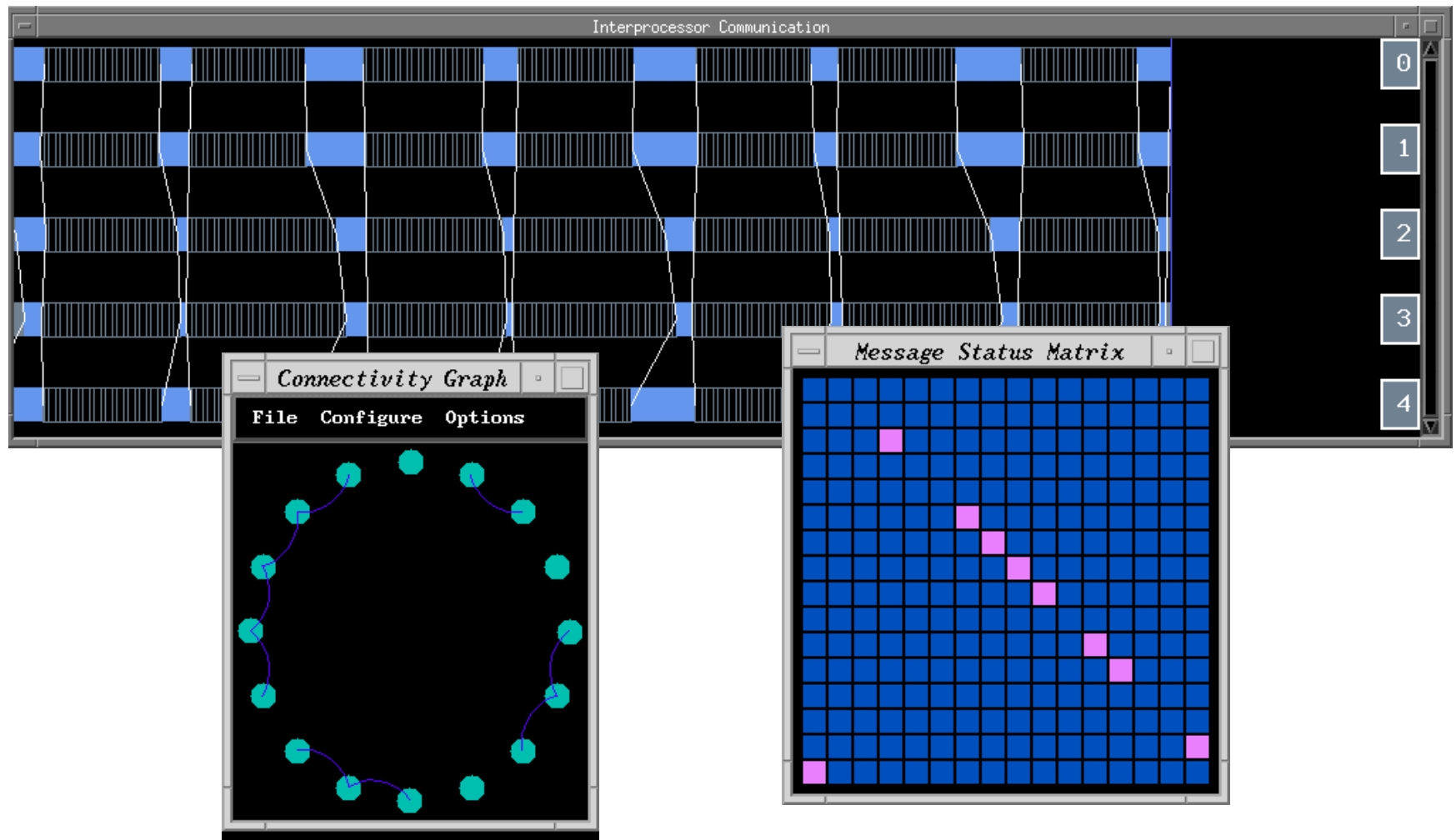
VT Displays

- VT provides a large variety of displays for system and parallel program performance
- Trace Control Window allows control of trace and display animation



- Source display requires -g

VT Communication Displays



VT: Trace Recording Control

- Selective tracing

C/C++

VT_trc_start_c(level);

VT_trc_stop_c();

Fortran

VT_TRC_START(level, ierr)

VT_TRC_STOP(ierr)

- Application marker

mpc_marker(...)

MP_MARKER(light, col, str)

- Trace size limitation

- Command line options

- tbufsize *size* # default 1M

- tpermsize *size* # 10M

- Environment variables

sp2% export MP_TBUFSIZE=*size*

sp2% export MP_TPERMSIZE=*size*



IBM SP2: Future Tools



- Dynamic Probe Class Library (DPCL)
 - dynamic instrumentation of running serial or parallel programs
 - foundation for a new family of tools
 - <http://www.ptools.org/projects/dpcl>
- Performance Hardware Monitor API
- Unified Trace Environment (UTE)
 - uses AIX trace facility and standard MPI profiling interface
 - supports MPI event groups (point-to-point, collective, ...)
 - uses Jumpshot for trace visualisation
 - <http://www.research.ibm.com/people/w/wu/UTE.html>
- SvPablo
 - graphical source code instrumentor for C and Fortran
 - graphical performance analysis and presentation tool
 - captures HW + SW statistics per functions / loops / statements



IBM SP2: URLs



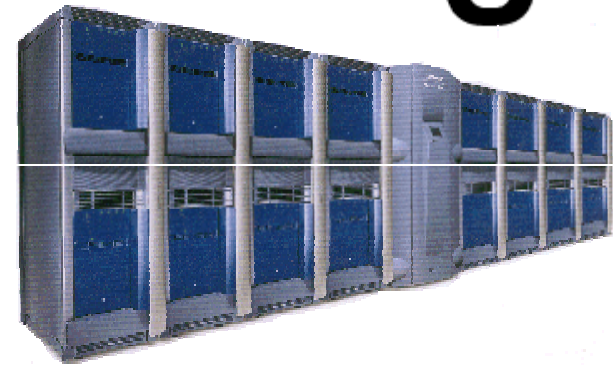
- **Parallel Environment - Product Information**
http://www.rs6000.ibm.com/software/sp_products/pe.html
- **Parallel Environment - Online Documentation**
http://www.rs6000.ibm.com/resource/aix_resource/sp_books/pe/
 - SC28-1980: PE Operation and Use (describes xprofiler + vt)
- **IBM Redbooks**
<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com>
 - RS/6000 Scientific and Technical Computing:
POWER Introduction and Tuning Guide, SG24-5155
 - RS/6000 SP: Practical MPI Programming, SG24-5380
- **White Papers and Technical Reports**
<http://www.rs6000.ibm.com/resource/technology/index.html#sp>
- **POWERPARALLEL User Group**
<http://spud-web.tc.cornell.edu/HyperNews/get/SPUserGroup.html>
- **Advanced Computing Technology Center (ACTC)**
<http://www.research.ibm.com/actc/>



SGI O2K: Performance Tools

- time / HW counter measurements
 - timex, perfex, SpeedShop
- flat profiling (sampling)
 - SpeedShop, Cvperf
- call graph profiling
 - SpeedShop, Cvperf
- detailed (basic block) profiling
 - SpeedShop, Cvperf
- data / memory profiling
 - dprof records memory access information
 - dlook displays placement of memory pages
- tracing
 - SpeedShop / [Vampir]

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Timex

- Command line tool for measuring
 - elapsed, user, and system time
 - processor accounting data (see `man timex`)
- Usage

```
o2k% timex options myprog -myoptions myargs
```
- Example

```
o2k% timex myprog
==> setup ...
==> calculation ...
```

```
real      1.63
user      0.85
sys       0.58
```



Perfex

- Command line tool for accessing MIPS hardware counters (R10000 + R12000 only)
- Usage
`o2k% perfex options myprog -myoptions myargs`
- Features
 - exact count of one or two events (option -e *num*)
 - approximate count of all countable events by multiplexing (-a)
 - can include analytic output (-y)
 - use signals to control start/stop (-s)
 - per-thread + total report for multiprocessing programs (-mp)
- No re-compilation or re-linking necessary!
- Selective profiling with calls to perfex library
- Using perfex with MPI programs
`o2k% mpirun -np # perfex -mp -operf.out myprog myargs`



Perfex: MIPS HW Counter



- R10000 HW Counters

0 = Cycles

1 = Issued instructions

2 = Issued loads

3 = Issued stores

4 = Issued store conditionals

5 = Failed store conditionals

6 = Decoded branches

7 = Quadwords written back
from secondary cache

8 = Correctable secondary cache
data array ECC errors

9 = Primary (L1) instruction
cache misses

10 = Secondary (L2) instruction
cache misses

11 = Instruction misprediction
from secondary cache way
prediction table

12 = External interventions

13 = External invalidations

14 = Virtual coherency conditions

15 = Graduated instructions

16 = Cycles

17 = Graduated instructions

18 = Graduated loads

19 = Graduated stores

20 = Graduated store conditionals

21 = Graduated floating point
instructions

22 = Quadwords written back
from primary data cache

23 = TLB misses

24 = Mispredicted branches



Perfex: MIPS HW Counter



- R10000 HW Counters (cont.)

- 25 = Primary (L1) data cache misses
- 26 = Secondary (L2) data cache misses
- 27 = Data misprediction from secondary cache way prediction table
- 28 = External intervention hits in secondary cache (L2)
- 29 = External invalidation hits in secondary cache
- 30 = Store/prefetch exclusive to clean block in secondary cache
- 31 = Store/prefetch exclusive to shared block in secondary cache

- R12000 HW Counter

Differences to R10000

- 1 = Decoded instructions
- 2 = Decoded loads
- 3 = Decoded stores
- 4 = Miss handling table occupancy
- 6 = Resolved conditional branches
- 14 = Always 0
- 16 = Executed prefetch instructions
- 17 = Prefetch primary data cache misses



Perfex Example: Getting MFlops

```
o2k% perfex -y -e 21 myprog
```

```
==> setup ...
```

```
==> calculation ...
```

```
Summary for execution of myprog
```

```
Based on 195 MHz IP27
```

```
MIPS R10000 CPU
```

Event Counter Name	Counter Value	Typical Time(s)	Minimum Time(s)	Maximum Time(s)
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```
=====
```

0 Cycles.....	5158743137	26.455	26.455	26.455
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-e 21 Floating point..	3651000162	18.723	9.361	973.600
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```
Statistics
```

```
=====
```

Floating point instructions/cycle.....	0.707731
--	----------

MFLOPS (average per process).....	138.007459
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SpeedShop

- Program profiling with three different methods
 - sampling based on **different time bases**
 - ideal time
 - exception trace for fpe's
- No re-compilation or re-linking necessary!
- Supports
 - unstripped executables, shared libraries
 - C, C++, f77, f90, Ada, Power Fortran, Power C
 - sproc/fork parallelism, pthreads, MPI, PVM, shmem, OpenMP
 - lots of different **experiments** (see man speedshop, ssrun, prof)
- Usage
 - run experiments on the executable: `ssrun -exp [-workshop]`
 - generates file `executable.experiment.pid`
 - examine performance data: `prof/cvperf ssrun.outfile`
- Selective profiling with calls to ssapi library



SpeedShop: Sampling Experiments

- Sampling based on
 - actual elapsed time (-totaltime, -usertime, -pcsamp, -cy_hwc)
 - finds the code where the program spends the most time
 - use to get an overview of the program and to find major trouble spots
 - instruction counts (-gi_hwc, -gfp_hwc)
 - finds the code that actually performs the most instructions
 - Use to find the code that could benefit most from a more efficient algorithm
 - data access (-dc_hwc, -sc_hwc, -tlb_hwc)
 - finds the code that has to wait for its data to be brought in from another level of the memory hierarchy
 - Use these to find memory access problems
 - code access (-ic_hwc, -isc_hwc)
 - finds the code that has to be fetched from memory when it is called
 - Use these to pinpoint functions that could be reorganized for better locality, or to see when automatic inlining has gone too far



SpeedShop: Other Experiments

- Ideal
 - provides exact measurements of executed basic blocks
 - reports cycle count (ideal time) => ignores cache misses, overlap...
 - execution slowdown: factor 3 to 6
- io
 - traces calls to UNIX i/o system calls e.g. read, write, ...
- mpi
 - traces calls to MPI point-to-point, MPI_Barrier, and MPI_Bcast
 - generates file viewable with cvperf
 - ssfilter can produce Vampir traces from "-mpi" output (beta)
- fpe
 - floating-point exceptions trapped in HW, but ignored by default
 - collects data on all floating-point exceptions
 - exception free code allows for higher level of optimization



SpeedShop: Performance Analysis

- Prof
 - command line performance analyzer
 - important options
 - heavy reports most heavily used lines in each function
 - quit n or n% truncates after the first n lines / n%
 - butterfly call graph profiling (only for some experiments)
 - compiler + linker feedback file generation
- Cvperf
 - Visual Workshop Performance Analyzer
 - GUI front-end
 - performance experiment and option specification
 - performance analysis specification and performance views



SpeedShop Example: usertime Sampling

```
o2k% ssrun -usertime myprog
```

```
o2k% prof myprog.usertime.m95674
```

```
...
```

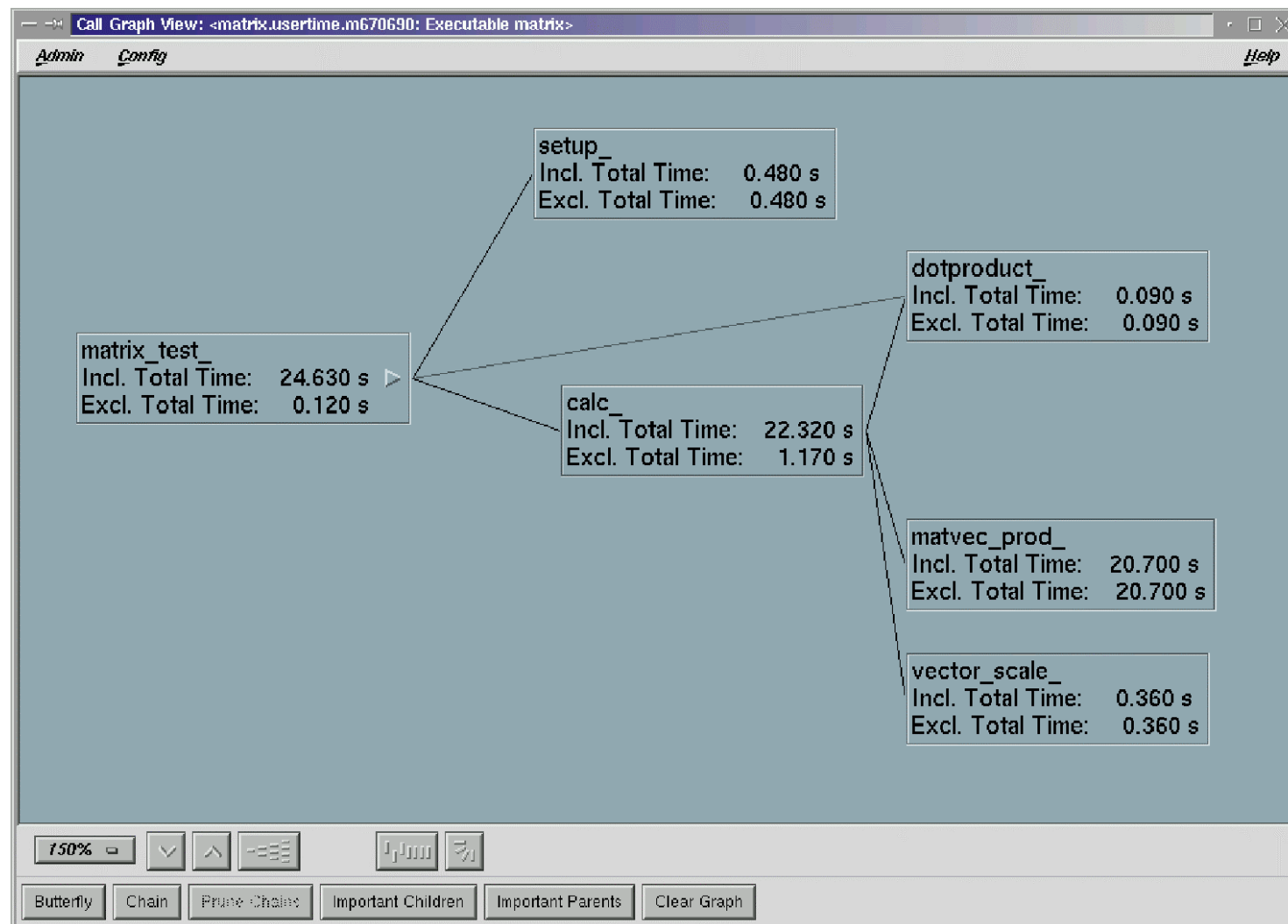
```
-----  
function list, in descending order by exclusive time  
-----
```

[index]	excl.s	excl.%	cum%	incl.s	inc.%	procedure
[5]	10.410	71.8%	71.8%	10.410	71.8%	MATVEC
[6]	2.400	16.6%	88.4%	2.400	16.6%	SETUP
[7]	0.900	6.2%	94.6%	0.900	6.2%	SCALE
[8]	0.780	5.4%	100.0%	0.780	5.4%	DOTPROD
[1]	0.000	0.0%	100.0%	14.490	100.0%	__start
[2]	0.000	0.0%	100.0%	14.490	100.0%	main
[3]	0.000	0.0%	100.0%	14.490	100.0%	MAT_VEC_PR
[4]	0.000	0.0%	100.0%	12.060	83.2%	CALC

```
...
```



Cvperf: Call Graph View



SGI O2K: URLs



- SGI Origin2000 Pages
<http://www.sgi.com/origin/2000/>
- SGI Online Publication Library
<http://techpubs.sgi.com/library>
 - MIPSpro C, C++, Fortran Programmer's Guides
 - MIPSpro Compiling and Performance Tuning Guide
 - Developer Magic: ProDev Workshop MP User's Guide
 - Developer Magic: Performance Analyzer User's Guide
 - SpeedShop User's Guide
 - O2K and Onyx2 Performance Tuning and Optimization Guide
- NCSA: Frequently Used Tools and Methods for Performance Analysis and Tuning on SGI systems
<http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/SCD/Perf/Tuning/Tips/>
- Maui High Perf. Computing Center Performance Tuning Pages
<http://www.mhpcc.edu/doc/perf.html>



3rd Party: Performance Tools

- Tracing of MPI Programs
 - Vampir (Pallas)
 - Vampirtrace (Pallas)
- Performance Prediction
 - Dimemas (Pallas)
- Performance Analysis of OpenMP Programs
 - GuideView (KAI)



Vampir

- Visualization and Analysis of MPI Programs



- Originally developed by Forschungszentrum Jülich



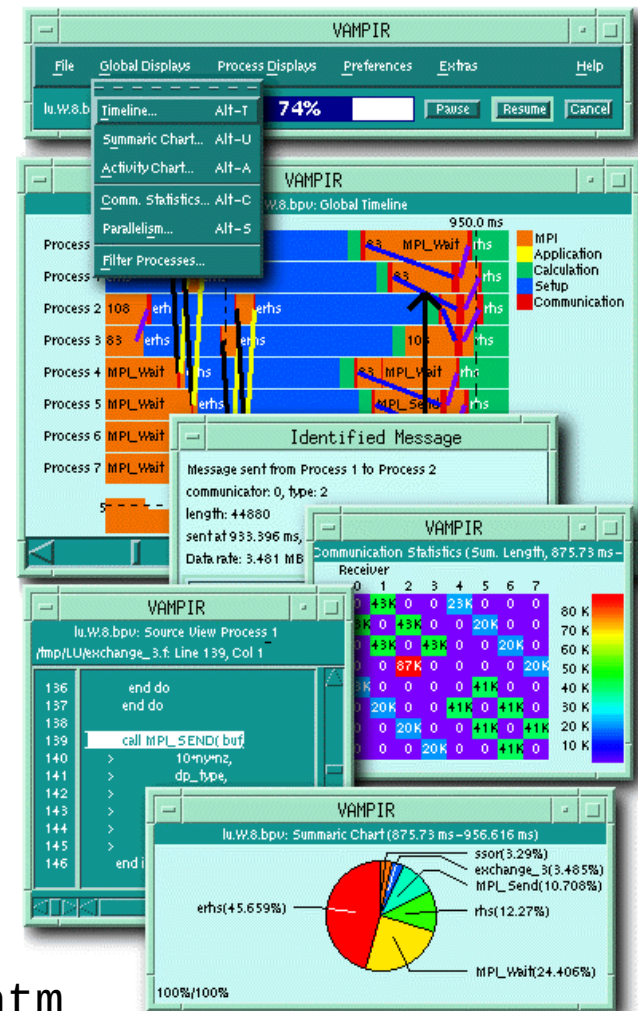
- Now main development by Technical University Dresden



- Commercially distributed by PALLAS, Germany



- <http://www.pallas.de/pages/vampir.htm>



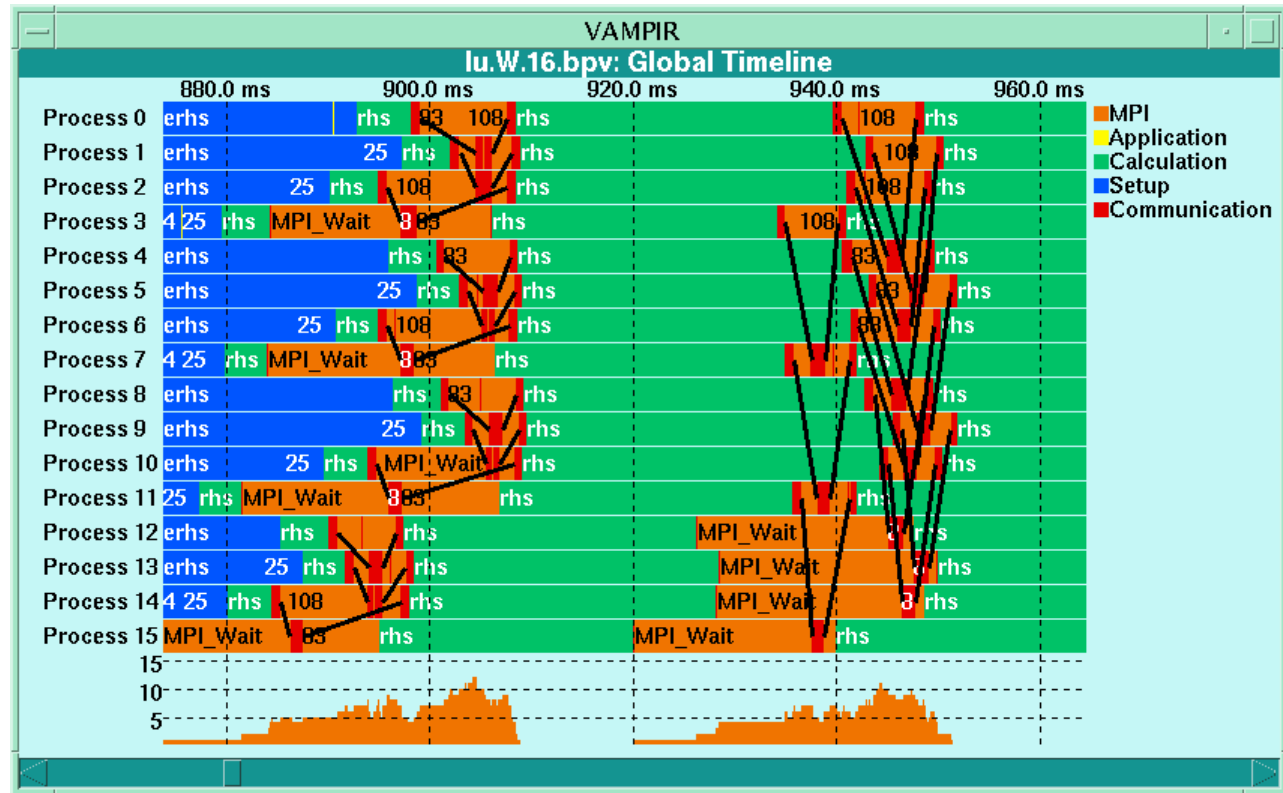
Vampir: General Description

- Offline trace analysis for message passing trace files
- Convenient user-interface / Easy customization
- Scalability in time and processor-space
- Excellent zooming and filtering
- Display and analysis of MPI and application events:
 - user subroutines
 - point-to-point communication
 - collective communication (Version 2.5)
 - MPI-2 I/O operations (Version 2.5)
- Large variety of displays for **ANY** part of the trace



Vampir: Time Line Diagram

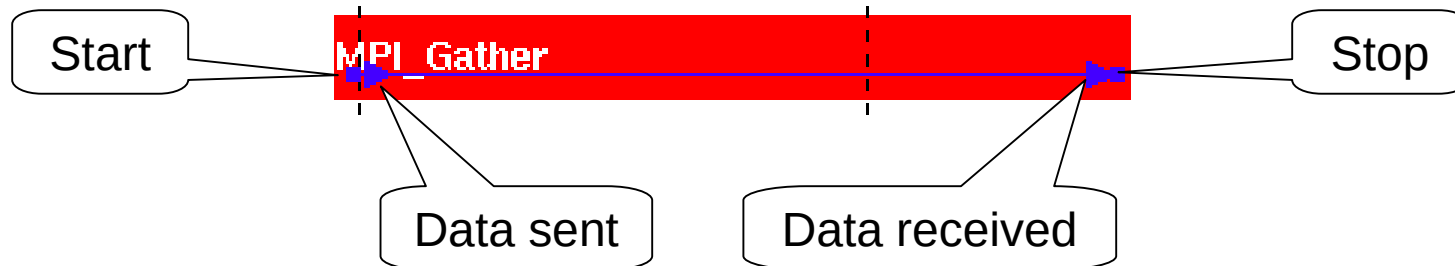
- Functions organized into groups
- coloring by group
- Message lines can be colored by tag or size



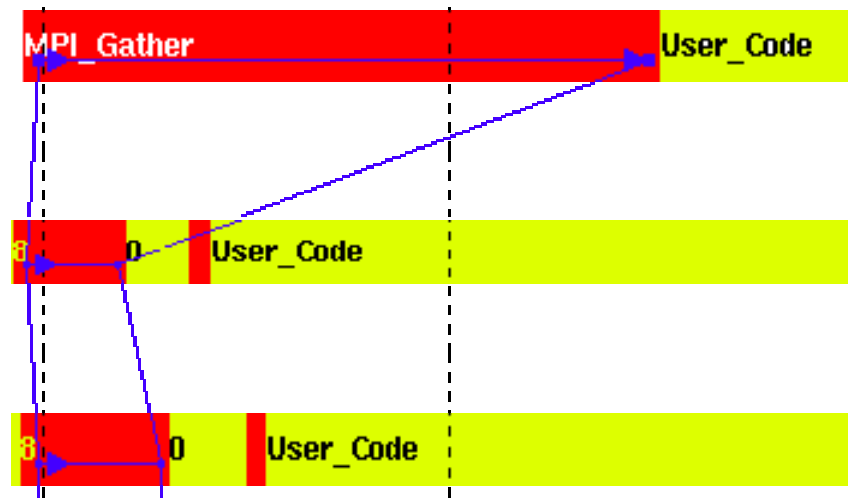
- Information about states, messages, collective and I/O operations available through clicking on the representation
- Source-code references can be displayed if recorded in trace

Vampir: Support for Collective Communication

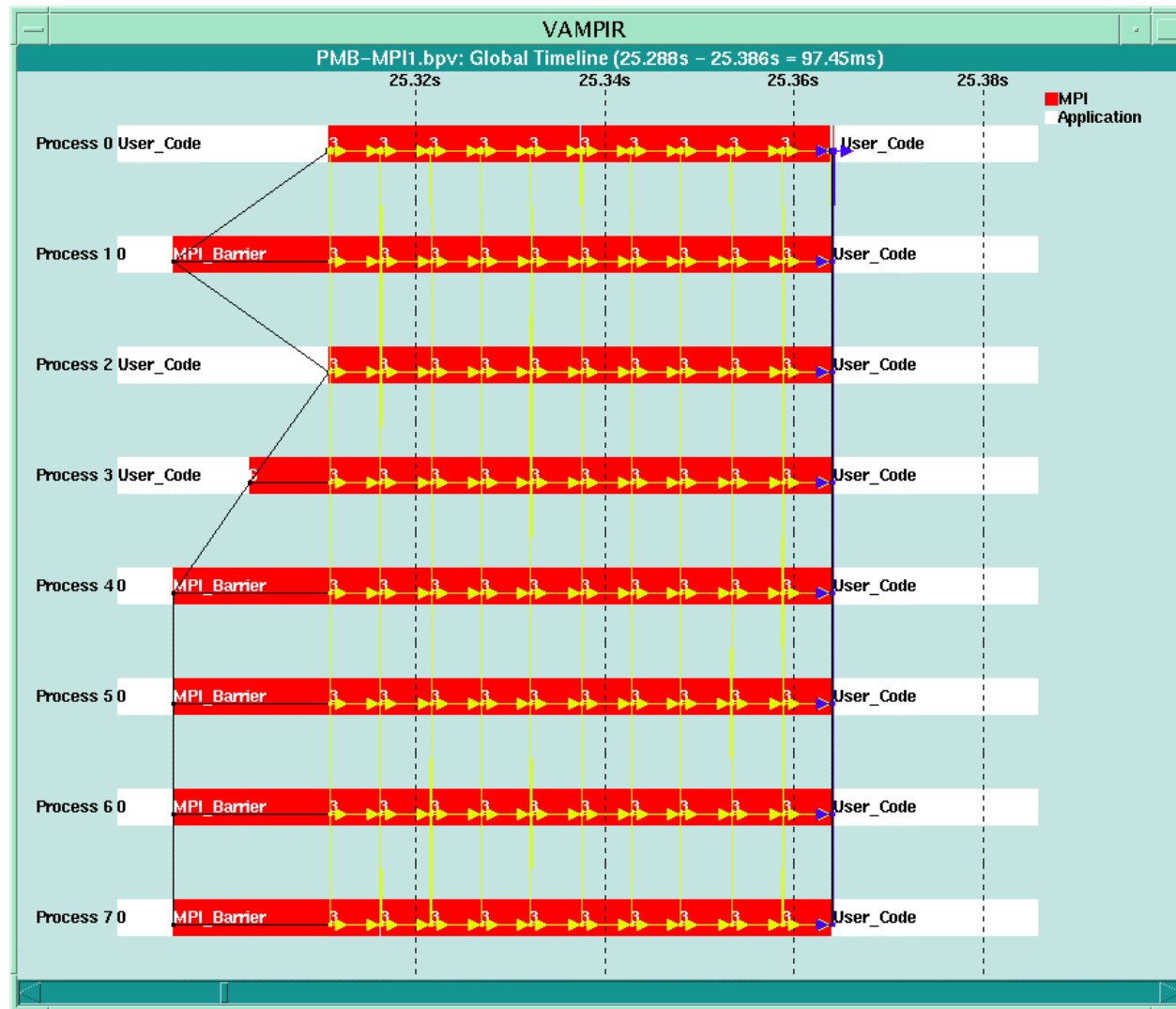
- For each process: locally mark operation



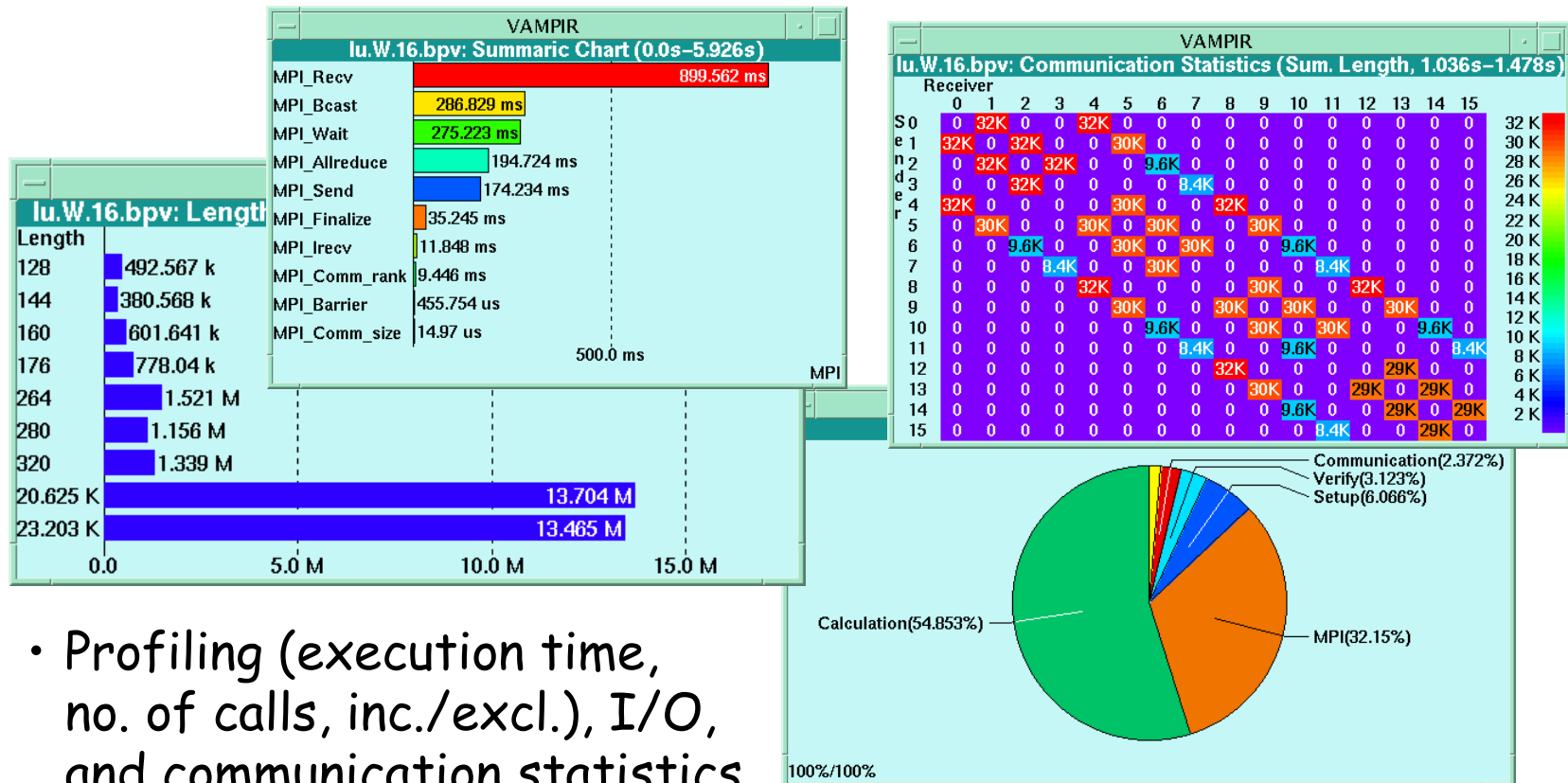
- Connect start/stop points by lines



Vampir: Collective Communication

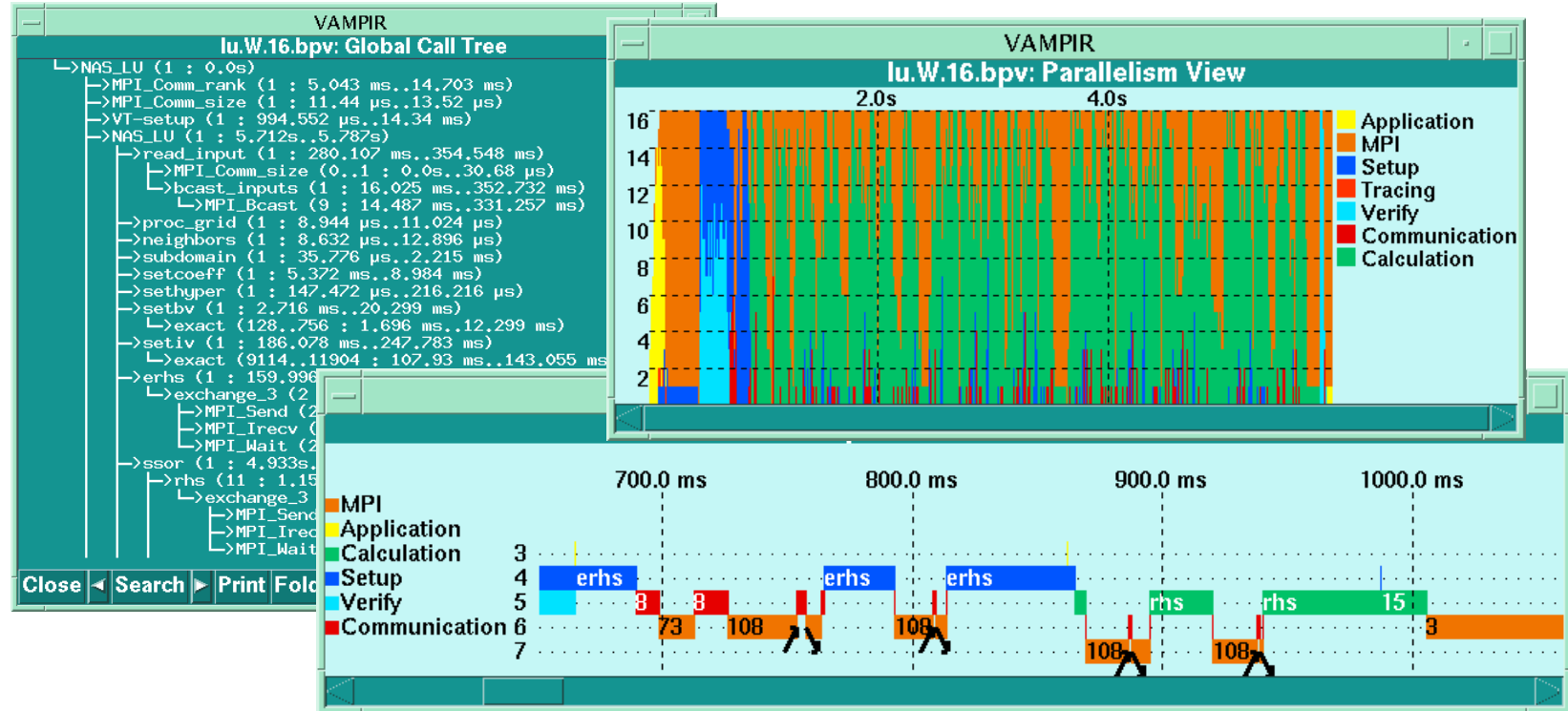


Vampir: Statistical Displays



- Profiling (execution time, no. of calls, inc./excl.), I/O, and communication statistics (byte and message count, message length and bandwidth)
- Available for any part of the trace (selectable through time line diagram)

Vampir: Other Features



- All diagrams highly customizable (through context menus)
- Most diagrams also available in local (per process) form
- Source code, call graph, parallelism diagrams
- Powerful filtering and trace comparison features

Vampir: Availability



- Supported platforms
 - Compaq Alpha, Tru64 Unix
 - Cray T3E
 - Hitachi SR2201, HI-UX/MPP
 - HP PA, HP-UX 10
 - HP Exemplar, SPP-UX 5.2
 - IBM RS/6000 and SP-2, AIX 4
 - Linux/Intel 2.0
 - NEC EWS, EWS-UX 4
 - NEC SX-4, S-UX 8
 - SGI workstations, O2K and PowerChallenge, IRIX 6
 - Sun Solaris/SPARC 2.5
 - Sun Solaris/Intel 2.5



Vampirtrace

- Commercial product of Pallas, Germany
- Library for Tracing of MPI and Application Events
 - records point-to-point communication
 - records user subroutines (on request)
- New version 2.0
 - records collective communication
 - records MPI-2 I/O operations
 - records source-code information (some platforms)
 - support for shmem (Cray T3E)
- uses the MPI profiling interface
- <http://www.pallas.de/pages/vampirt.htm>



Vampirtrace: Usage

- Record MPI-related information
 - Re-link a compiled MPI application (no re-compilation necessary!)

```
% f90 *.o -o myprog -L$(VTHOME)/lib -lVT -lpmpi -lmpi
% cc *.o -o myprog -L$(VTHOME)/lib -lVT -lpmpi -lmpi
% CC *.o -o myprog -L$(VTHOME)/lib -lVT -lpmpi -lmpi
```
 - Execute MPI binary as usual
- Record user subroutines
 - insert calls to the Vampirtrace API (portable, but inconvenient)
 - use automatic instrumentation (NEC SX, Fujitsu VPP, Hitachi SR)
 - use instrumentation tool (Cray PAT, dyninst, ...)
- Reduce trace file sizes
 - filter events in a configuration file
 - enable tracing for part of the application only



Vampirtrace Instrumentation API (C/C++)

- Calls for recording user subroutines

```
#include "VT.h"

VT_symdef(123, "foo", "USER"); // once after MPI_Init!
...

void foo {
    VT_begin(123);                // 1st executable line
    ...
    VT_end(123);                 // at EVERY exit point!
}
```

- Event numbers used must be unique
- Selective tracing through
 - VT_traceoff(); # Turn tracing off
 - VT_traceon(); # Turn tracing on



VT++.h - C++ class wrapper for Vampirtrace

```
#ifndef __VT_PLUSPLUS_  
#define __VT_PLUSPLUS_  
#include "VT.h"  
class VT_Trace {  
    public:  VT_Trace(int code) {VT_begin(code_ = code);}  
            ~VT_Trace()        {VT_end(code_);}  
    private: int code_;  
};  
#endif /* __VT_PLUSPLUS_ */
```

- Same tricks can be used to wrap other tracing APIs for C++ too
- Usage:

```
VT_symdef(123, "foo", "USER"); // symbol definition as before  
void foo(void) {                // user subroutine to monitor  
    VT_Trace vt(123);           // declare VT_Trace object in 1st line  
    ...                          // => automatic tracing by ctor/dtor  
}
```



Vampirtrace Instrumentation API (Fortran)



- Calls for recording user subroutines

```
C      include 'VT.inc'
      integer ierr
      call VTSYMDEF(123, "foo", "USER", ierr)

C      SUBROUTINE foo(...)
      include 'VT.inc'
      integer ierr
      call VTBEGIN(123, ierr)

C      ...
      call VTEND(123, ierr);
      END
```

- Selective tracing through

- VTTRACEOFF() # Turn tracing off
- VTTRACEON() # Turn tracing on



Vampirtrace: Availability



- Supported platforms
 - Compaq Alpha, Tru64 Unix
 - CRAY T3D and T3E, Unicos
 - Fujitsu VPP300 and VPP700, UXP/V
 - Hitachi SR2201, HI-UX/MPP
 - HP PA, HP-UX 10
 - IBM RS/6000 and SP-2, AIX 4
 - Intel Paragon, Paragon OS 1.5
 - Linux/Intel 2.x
 - NEC Cenju-3, Paralib/cj
 - NEC SX-4, S-UX 8
 - SGI workstations, O2K, and PowerChallenge, IRIX 6
 - Sun Solaris/SPARC 2.5
 - Sun Solaris/Intel 2.5



DIMEMAS



- Developed by CEPBA-UPC, Spain
- Now commercial product of Pallas, Germany
- Performance prediction tool for message-passing programs
 - supports several message-passing libraries including PVM, MPI and PARMACS
- Uses
 - Prediction of application runtime on a specific target machine
 - Study of load imbalances and potential parallelism
 - Sensitivity analysis for architectural parameters
 - Identification of user modules that are worthwhile to optimize
- Limitations
 - cache effects
 - process scaling
 - non-deterministic programs
- <http://www.pallas.de/pages/dimemas.htm>



Dimemas Model



- Trace file contains
 - CPU time spent in each code block
 - parameters of communication events (point-to-point, collective)
- Dimemas simulates application execution
 - scales time spent in each block according to target CPU speed
 - performs communication according to target machine model
- Dimemas can model
 - multitasking / multithreading
 - arbitrary process-to-processor mappings
 - heterogeneous machines with various interconnections
 - includes database of machine parameters
 - communication: point-to-point according to latency/bandwidth model, network contention, collective communication (constant, linear, logarithmic)



Dimemas Outputs



- Simulator
 - Execution time + Speed-up
 - Per task:
 - Execution, CPU, Blocking time
 - Messages sent + received
 - Data volume communicated
- What-If Analysis
 - Analysis per code block or subroutine
 - Analysis for target machine parameters
- Critical Path Analysis
 - Critical path (longest communication path)
 - Analysis per code block: percentage of computing + communication time
- Synthetic Perturbation Analysis
- Vampir Trace files



Dimemas: Application Analysis



- Analyze load-balance and communication dependencies:
 - set bandwidth= ∞ , latency=0
- Should messages be aggregated?
 - set bandwidth= ∞
- Does the bandwidth constrain performance?
 - set latency=0
- Does message contention constrain performance?
 - set number of connections=1, 2, ...



Dimemas: Availability



- Supported platforms
 - IBM RS/6000 and SP-2, AIX 4
 - SGI workstations, O2K, and PowerChallenge, IRIX 6
 - Sun Solaris/SPARC 2.4



GuideView

- Commercial product of KAI
- OpenMP Performance Analysis Tool
- Part of KAP/Pro Toolset for OpenMP
- Looks for OpenMP performance problems
 - load imbalance
 - synchronisation (waiting for locks)
 - false sharing
- Works from execution trace(s)
- Usage:
 - compile code with Guide OpenMP compiler
 - link with instrumented library
 - run with real input datasets
 - view traces with GuideView
- <http://www.kai.com/parallel/kapro/>

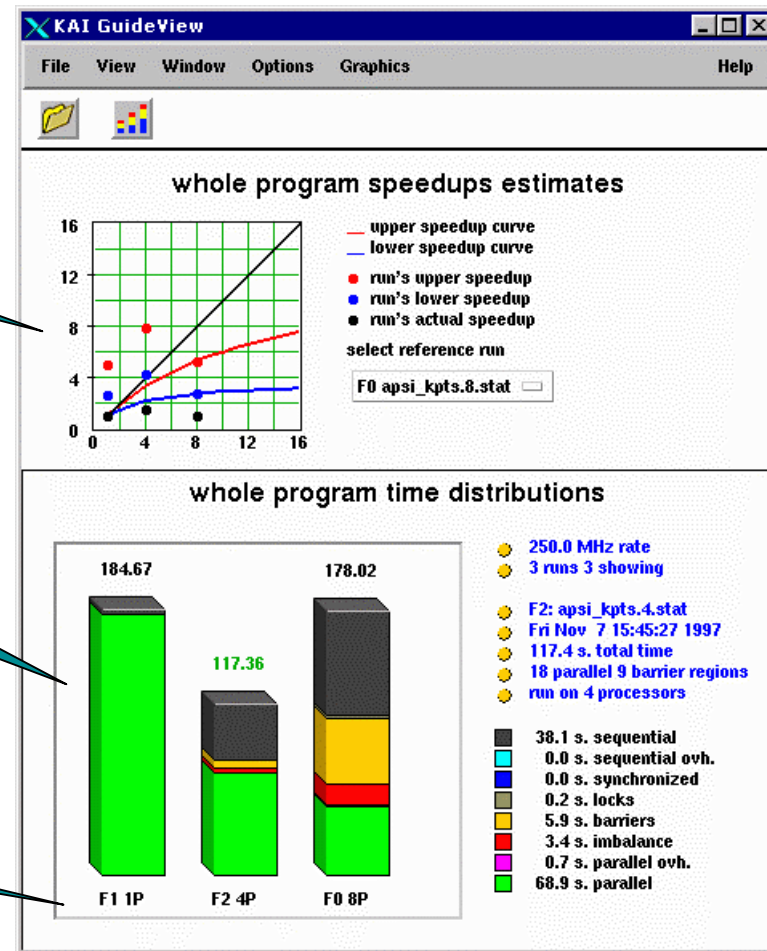


GuideView: Whole Application View

Compare actual vs. ideal performance

Identify bottlenecks
(barriers, locks, seq. time)

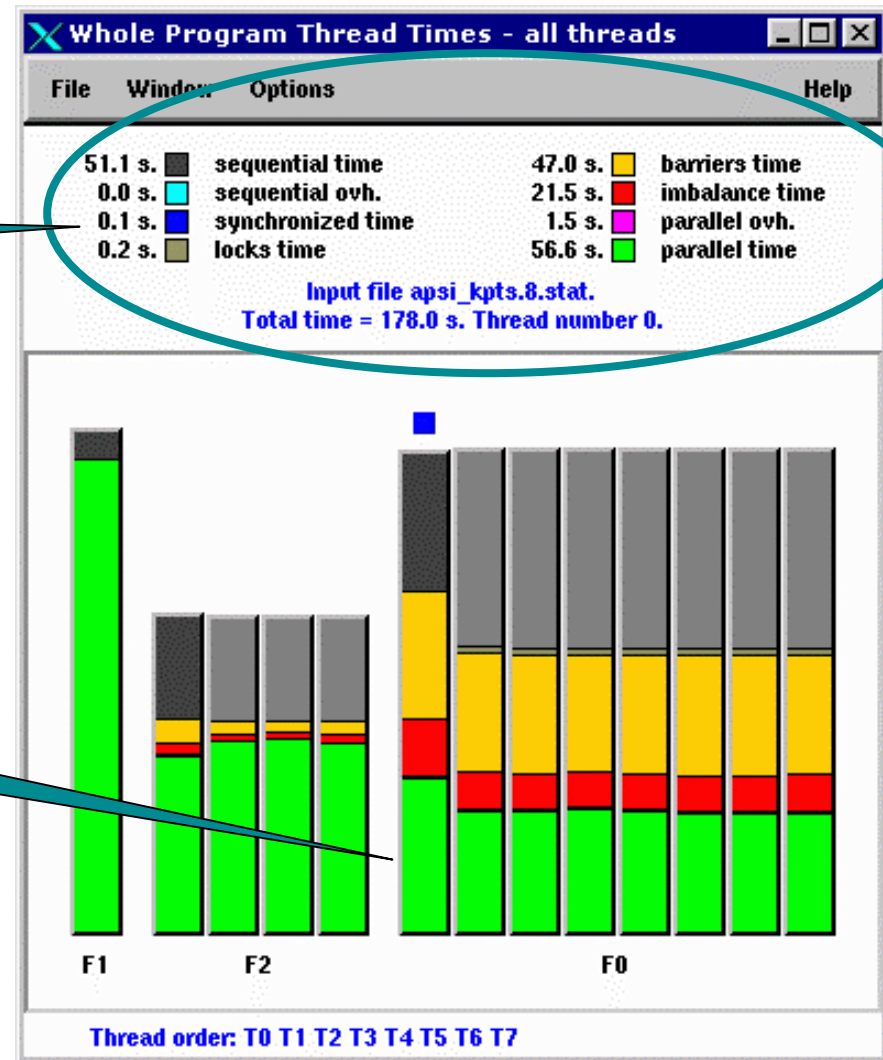
Compare multiple runs



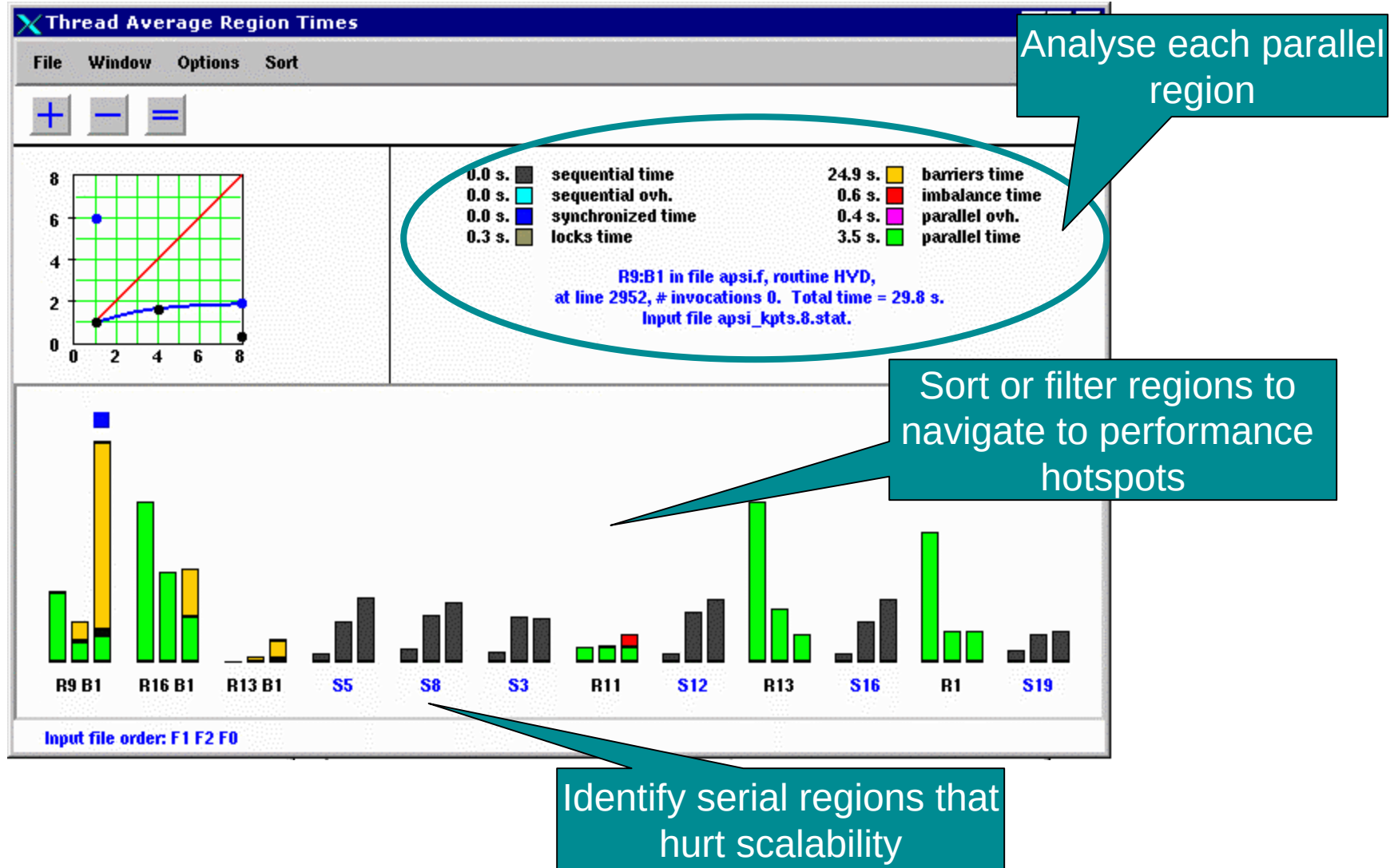
GuideView: Per-Thread View

Analyse each thread's performance

Show scalability problems



GuideView: Per-Section View



KAP/Pro (GuideView): Availability



- Supported platforms
 - Compaq Alpha Systems
 - Compaq Tru64 Unix 4.0 (C/C++, f77, f90)
 - Windows NT 4.0 (f77, f90)
 - SGI MIPS Systems
 - Irix 6.5 (C/C++, f77, f90)
 - Sun SPARC Systems
 - Solaris 2.5, 2.6, and 2.7 (C/C++, f77, f90)
 - Intel (IA32) Systems
 - Windows NT 4.0 (C, f77, f90)
 - Linux 2.0 (C/C++)
 - Solaris 2.5 (f77)
 - Hewlett Packard PA-RISC 2.0 Systems
 - HP-UX 11.0 (C/C++, f77, f90)
 - IBM RS/6000 Systems
 - IBM AIX 4.1 - 4.3 (C/C++, f77, f90)



3rd Party: URLs



- TRAPPER's parallel programming environment includes performance analysis and execution visualization tools
<http://www.genias.de/products/trapper/>
- PGI's PGPROF HPF Profiler
Post-mortem, Graphical or command-level profiling of HPF programs on MPP, SMP, and workstation cluster systems
http://www.pgroup.com/hpf_prof_desc.html
- ETNUS Inc. TimeScan Multiprocess Event Analyzer
<http://www.etnus.com/products/timescan/>



Research: Performance Tools

- Tracing of MPI Programs
 - Nupshot / Jumpshot (MPICH)
 - MPICL / Paragraph
 - AIMS, NTV
 - Profiling / Tracing of parallel, multithreaded programs
 - TAU's Portable Profiling and Tracing Package
 - Dynamic object code instrumentation
 - dyninst
 - DPCL
 - Automatic Performance Analysis
 - Paradyn
- } Part III



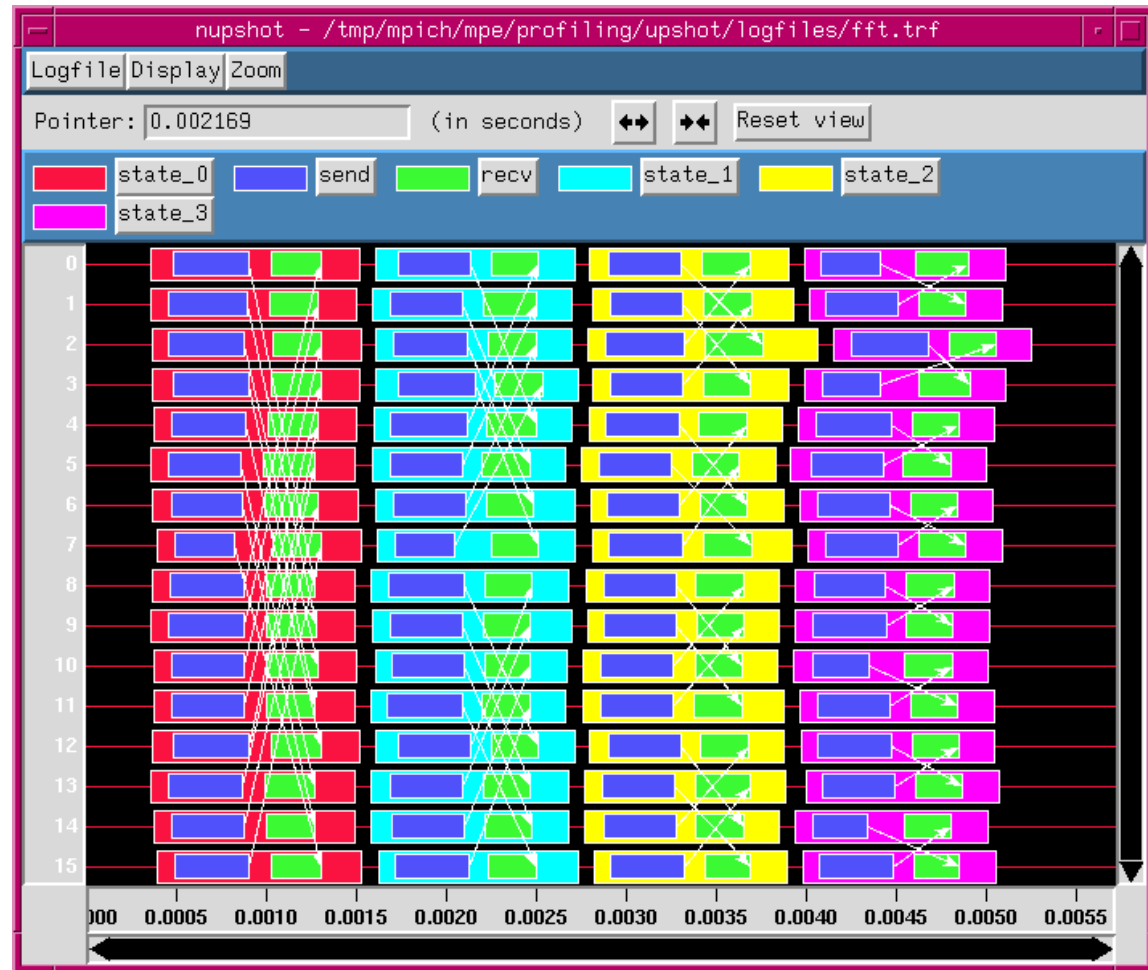
MPICH Tracing

- MPICH distribution provides portable MPI tracing library (called **logging** by MPICH) through MultiProcessing Environment (MPE)
- MPI programs generate traces when compiled with `-mpilog` option to `mpicc`, `mpiCC`, `mpif77`, or `mpif90` command
[or link with `-llmpi -lmpe -lpmpi(ch) -lmpi(ch)`]
- implemented the standard MPI profiling interface
 - ⇒ works with other MPI implementations too (SGI, IBM, Cray)
- supports two trace formats
 - ALOG: older, can be viewed with nupshot
 - CLOG: newer, can be viewed with Jumpshotcontrolled by environment variable `MPI_LOG_FORMAT`
- <http://www-fp.mcs.anl.gov/~lusk/upshot/>



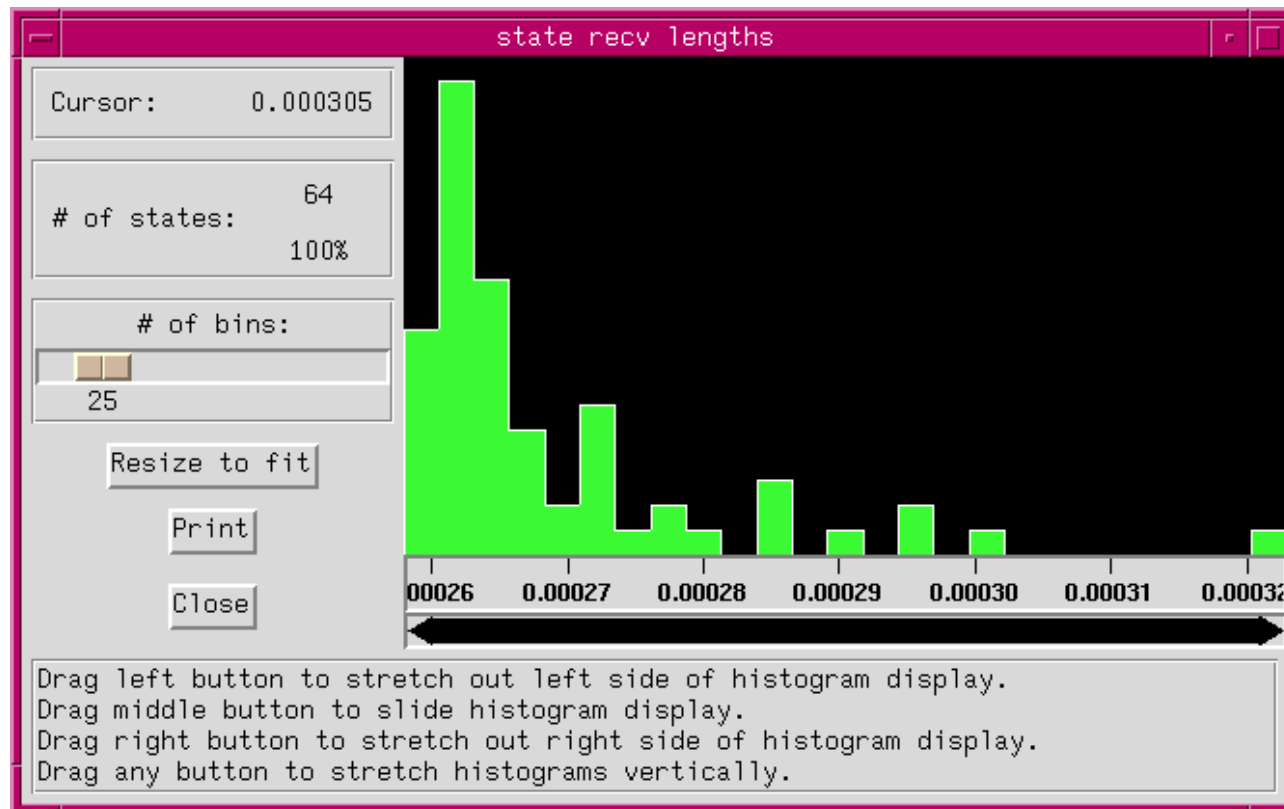
Nupshot: Timeline Display

- Static timeline display with zooming / panning
- Displays ALOG and PICL V1 formats
- Implemented with Tcl/Tk (3.6/7.3 needed)
- More portable, but slower version available as upshot



Nupshot: Statistics Display

- Statistic display showing execution time distribution of selected state
- Accessed through "state" button in timeline display



Jumpshot

- Static timeline display with zooming / panning
- Displays CLOG and PICL V1 formats
- Implemented in Java



- <http://www-unix.mcs.anl.gov/~zaki/JS/home.html>

MPE: Customizing Logfiles (C/C++)

- MPE calls for recording user subroutines

```
#include "mpe.h"
MPE_Describe_state(101, 102, "foo", "blue");
...

void foo {
    MPE_Log_event(101, 0, (char *)0);
    ...
    MPE_Log_event(102, 0, (char *)0);
}
```

- Event numbers used must be unique
- MPE_Log_event can log one integer and string argument
- Selective tracing through
 - MPE_Stop_log(); # Turn tracing off
 - MPE_Start_log(); # Turn tracing on



MPE: Customizing Logfiles (Fortran)



- MPE calls for recording user subroutines

```
include 'mpef.h'
call MPE_DESCRIBE_STATE(101, 102, "foo", "blue")
C
SUBROUTINE foo(...)
include 'mpef.h'
call MPE_LOG_EVENT(101, 0, "")
C
...
call MPE_LOG_EVENT(102, 0, "")
END
```

- Selective tracing through
 - MPE_STOP_LOG() # Turn tracing off
 - MPE_START_LOG() # Turn tracing on



MPICL / Paragraph



- subroutine library for collecting information
 - on communication and user-defined events
 - for Fortran / C MPI programs
- uses the standard MPI profiling interface
- two collection modes
 - profile data, summarizing the number of occurrences, the associated volume statistics, and the time spent in communication and user-defined events for each processor
 - collect detailed traces of each MPI function in PICL format suitable for viewing with Paragraph (nupshot, jumpshot)
- Tested on HP/Convex Exemplar, IBM SP, Intel Paragon, SGI/Cray O2K, SGI/Cray T3E, and on COW / MPICH
- But can easily be ported to any standards-compliant MPI
- <http://www.epm.ornl.gov/picl/mpicl.html>
- <http://www.csar.uiuc.edu/software/paragraph>



AIMS

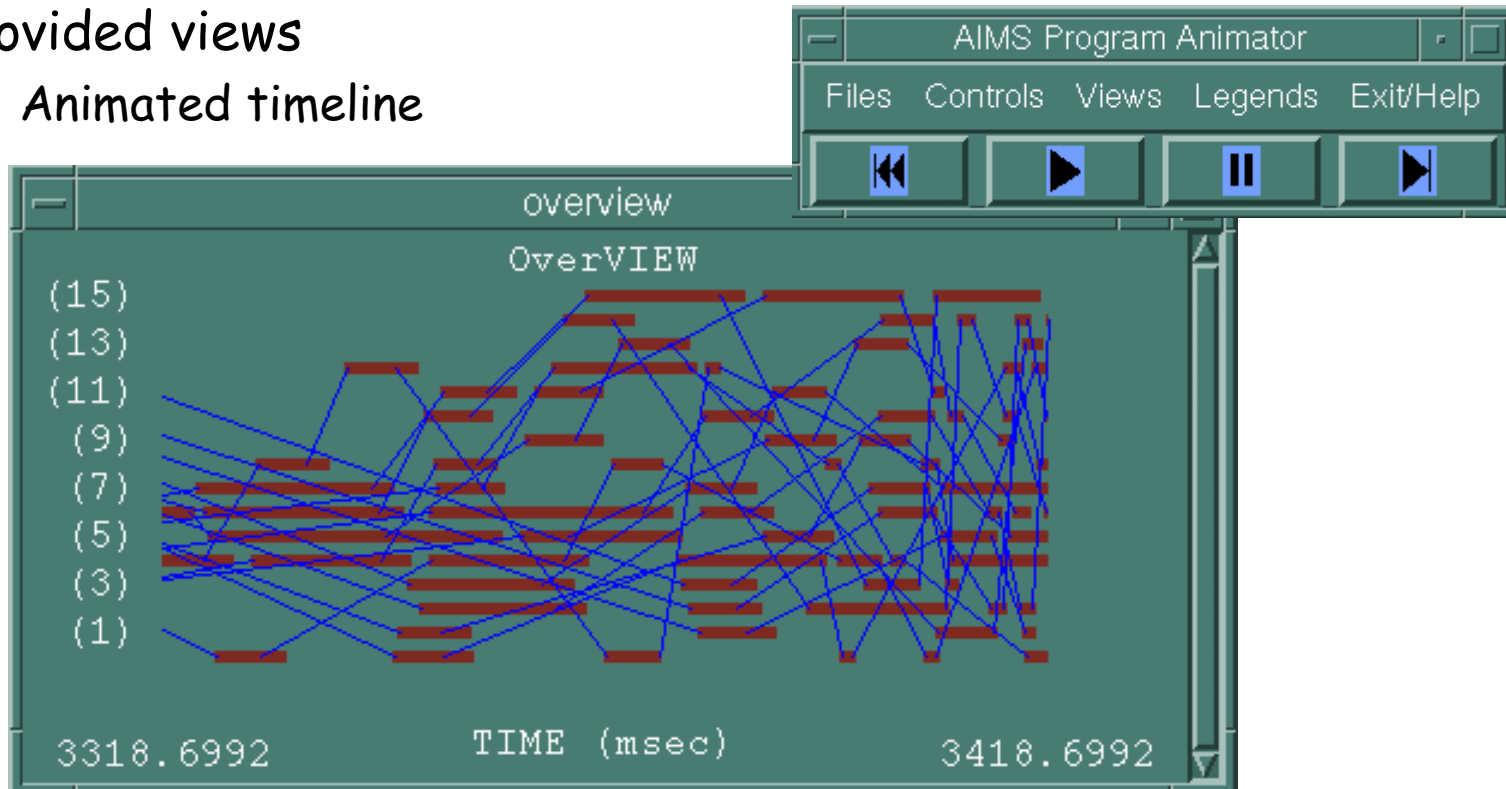
- Automated Instrumentation and Monitoring System
- tool suite for performance measurement and analysis
 - xinstrument: source-code instrumentor for Fortran77 and C message-passing programs (MPI or PVM)
 - monitor: trace-collection library (for IBM SP-2 and workstation cluster (Convex/HP, Sun, SGIs, and IBM)
 - pc: utility for removing monitoring overhead and its effects on the communication patterns
 - trace file visualization and analysis toolkit:
AIMS provides four trace post-processing kernels:
 - visualization/animation (VK)
 - text-based profiling (tally)
 - hierarchical performance tuning (xisk)
 - performance prediction (MK)
 - trace converters for PICL (Paragraph) and SDDF(Pablo)



AIMS: VK



- Provided views
 - Animated timeline



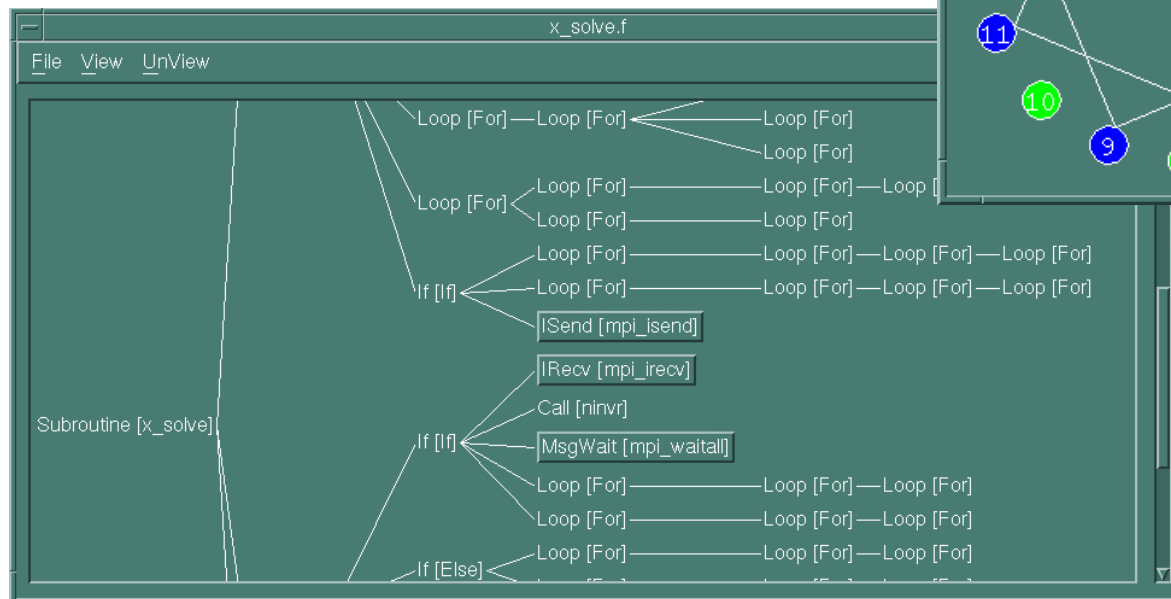
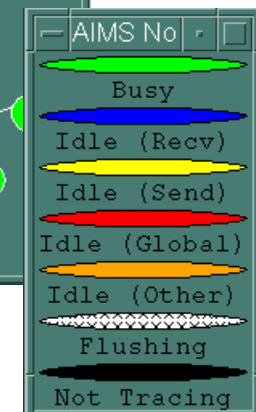
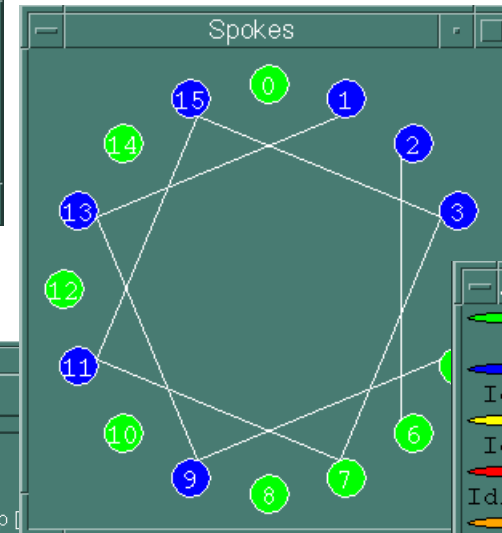
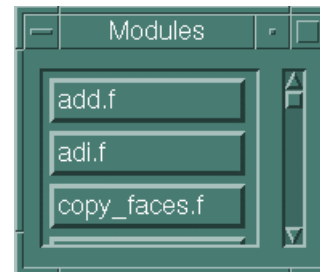
- The amount, type, duration of various I/O activities
- Cost for partitioning data structures across the machine
- The effective rate of execution for each basic block



AIMS: VK



- Network topology
- source-code click-back capability
 - source code view
 - call tree view



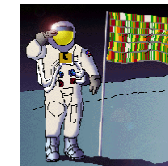
- <http://www.nas.nasa.gov/Groups/Tools/Projects/AIMS/>



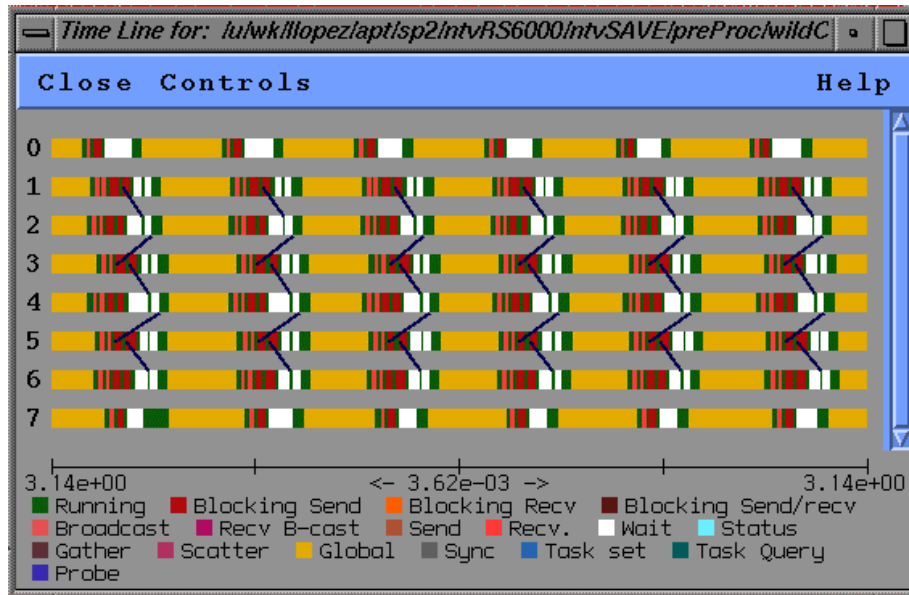
NTV



- NAS Trace Visualizer
- Supports AIMS trace format and IBM AIX trace format
- Static timeline with zooming / panning



NTV
The NAS Trace Visualizer

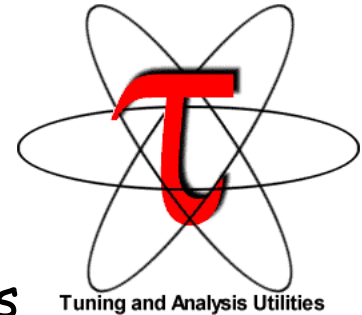


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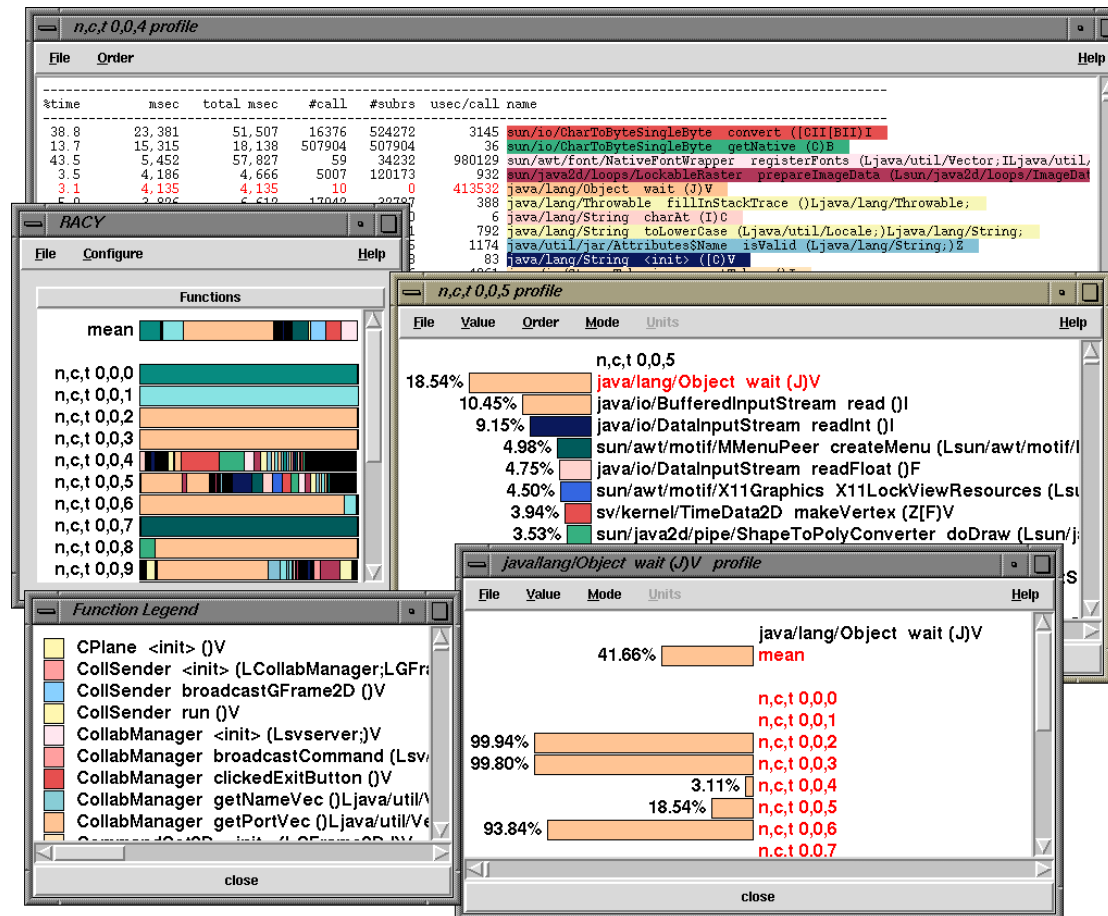
TAU's Portable Profiling and Tracing Package

- **Portable** toolkit for performance instrumentation, measurement, and analysis of parallel, **multithreaded** programs
- captures data for functions, methods, basic blocks, statement execution at all execution levels
- instrumentation API that allows the user to select
 - between profiling and tracing
 - application level
 - measurements alternative (e.g., timers, HW counters (via PCL))
 - measurement groups for organizing and controlling instrumentation
- works with a powerful code analysis system, the Program Database Toolkit (PDT), to implement automatic source instrumentation and static program browsers linked to dynamic performance information



TAU's Profile Visualization Tool: RACY

- provides graphical displays of all the performance analysis results, in aggregate and per node/context/thread form



TAU's Portable Profiling and Tracing Package

- Trace analysis utilizes the Vampir trace visualization tool
- Supports
 - platforms: SGI Power Challenge and O2K, IBM SP2, Intel Teraflop, Cray T3E, HP 9000, Sun, Windows 95/98/NT, Compaq Alpha and Intel Linux cluster
 - languages: C, C++, Fortran 77/90, HPF, HPC++, Java
 - thread packages: pthreads, Tulip threads, SMARTS threads, Java threads, Win32 threads
 - communications libraries: MPI, Nexus, Tulip, ACLMPL
 - compilers: KAI, PGI, GNU, Fujitsu, Sun, Microsoft, SGI and Cray
- <http://www.acl.lanl.gov/tau/>
- <http://www.cs.uoregon.edu/research/paracomp/pdtoolkit/>



Research: URLs: Profiling



- DCPI, the Digital Continuous Profiling Infrastructure
<http://www.research.digital.com/SRC/dcpi>
- Rational Quantify
<http://www.rational.com/products/quantify/>
- ThreadMon
<http://www.cs.brown.edu/research/thmon/>
- WARTS, Wisconsin Architectural Research ToolSet, includes a number of profiling and tracing tools based on EEL:
 - QPT, Quick program Profiling and Tracing system
 - Cprof is a cache performance profiler that processes program traces generated by QPT (above)
 - PP is a Path Profiler

<http://www.cs.wisc.edu/~larus/warts.html>



Research: URLs: Tracing



- Review of Performance Analysis Tools for MPI Programs (AIMS, Nupshot, SvPablo, Paradyn, VAMPIR, VT)
<http://www.cs.utk.edu/~browne/perftools-review/>
- PABLO performance analysis and visualization toolkit
<http://vibes.cs.uiuc.edu/>
Includes SDDF trace file format
<http://vibes.cs.uiuc.edu/Project/SDDF/SDDFOverview.htm>
- SvPablo, graphical source code browser for performance tuning and visualization
<http://vibes.cs.uiuc.edu/Software/SvPablo/svPablo.htm>
- Scala, HPF+ post-execution performance tool
<http://www.par.univie.ac.at/~scholz/scala-project/>
- MEDEA, MEasurements Description, Evaluation and Analysis
<http://mafalda.unipv.it/Docs/medea.html>



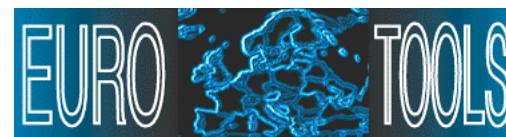
Research: URLs: Catalogs / Misc

- NHSE tool catalog
<http://www.nhse.org/rib/repositories/ptlib/catalog/>
- Parallel Tools Index from Cornell Theory Center
<http://www.tc.cornell.edu/UserDoc/Software/PTools/>
- NAS Parallel Tools Group Hotlist
<http://www.nas.nasa.gov/Groups/Tools/Outside/>
- Nan's Parallel Computing Page (Huge Index)
<http://www.cs.rit.edu/~ncs/parallel.html>

- Ptools: The Parallel Tools Consortium
<http://www.ptools.org>



- EuroTools Working Group
<http://www.eurotools.org>



Fall-back: Home-grown Performance Tools

- If performance analysis and tuning tools are
 - not available
 - too complex and complicatedit is still possible to do some simple measurements
- Time Measurements
 - clock()
 - times()
 - ...
- Hardware Performance Counter Measurements
 - PCL
 - PAPI



Timer: clock

- ANSI C / C++ function
- returns amount of CPU time (user+system) in microseconds used since first call to clock()

```
#include <time.h>

clock_t starttime, endtime;
double elapsed; /* seconds */

starttime = clock();
/* -- long running code -- */
endtime = clock();

elapsed = (endtime - starttime)
          / (double) CLOCKS_PER_SEC;
```



Timer: clock

- If measured region is short, run it in a loop
[applies to all measurements]

```
#include <time.h>

clock_t starttime, endtime;
double elapsed; /* seconds */
int i;

starttime = clock();
for (i=0; i<1000; ++i)
    /* -- short running code -- */
endtime = clock();
elapsed = (endtime - starttime)
        / (double) CLOCKS_PER_SEC
        / i;
```

- But beware of compiler optimizations!!!

Timer: times

- Std. UNIX function: returns wall clock, system and user time

```
#include <sys/times.h>
#include <limits.h>

struct tms s, e;
clock_t starttime, endtime;
double wtime, utime, stime; /* seconds */

starttime = times(&s);
/* -- long running code -- */
endtime = times(&e);

utime = (e.tms_utime - s.tms_utime) / (double) CLK_TCK;
stime = (e.tms_stime - s.tms_stime) / (double) CLK_TCK;
wtime = (endtime - starttime) / (double) CLK_TCK;
```



Timer: gettimeofday

- OSF X/Open UNIX function
- returns wall clock time in microsecond resolution
- base value is 00:00 UCT, January 1, 1970
- portability quirk: optional / missing 2nd argument

```
#include <sys/time.h>

struct timeval tv;
double walltime; /* seconds */

gettimeofday(&tv, NULL);
walltime = tv.tv_sec + tv.tv_usec * 1.0e-6;
```



Timer: getrusage

- OSF X/Open UNIX function
- fills in structure with lots of information:
user time, system time, memory usage, context switches, ...

```
#include <sys/resource.h>

struct rusage ru;
double usertime; /* seconds */
int memused;

getrusage(RUSAGE_SELF, &ru);
usertime = ru.ru_utime.tv_sec +
           ru.ru_utime.tv_usec * 1.0e-6;
memused = ru.ru_maxrss;
```



Timer: others

- MPI programmers can use portable MPI wall-clock timer

```
#include <mpi.h>
double walltime; /* seconds */

walltime = MPI_Wtime();
```

- Fortran90 users can use intrinsic subroutines
 - `cpu_time()`
 - `system_clock()`
- Ptools Portable Timing Routines (PTR) Project
 - library of high resolution timers supported across current MPP and workstation platforms
 - see <http://www.ptools.org/projects/ptr/>



HW Counter: PCL



- Performance Counter Library (PCL)
 - portable API for accessing hardware performance counters
 - provides C, C++, Fortran, Java interfaces
 - supported platforms
 - SGI/Cray T3E with DEC Alpha 21164 CPU
 - Compaq/DEC with DEC Alpha 21164 and 21264 CPU
 - SUN with UltraSPARC I and II CPU
 - SGI O2K with MIPS R10000 CPU
 - IBM with PowerPC 604e CPU
 - Intel/Linux with Pentium, Pentium Pro, Pentium II, Pentium III CPU
 - see <http://www.fz-juelich.de/zam/PCL>



HW Counter: PCL

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "pcl.h"

PCL_CNT_TYPE i_result[2];
PCL_FP_CNT_TYPE fp_result[2];
int counter_list[2] = { PCL_FP_INSTR, PCL_CYCLES };
unsigned int flags = PCL_MODE_USER;

if ( PCLstart(counter_list, 2, flags) != PCL_SUCCESS )
    error();
long_running_function();
if ( PCLstop(i_result, fp_result, 2) != PCL_SUCCESS )
    error();
printf("%15.0f flops in %15.0f cycles\n",
        (double) i_result[0],
        (double) i_result[1]);
```



HW Counter: others

- Ptools Performance Data Standard and API (PAPI) Project
 - specify a standard application programmer interface (API) for accessing hardware performance counters
 - includes a standard set of definitions for a common set of performance metrics as well as specifications of routines to access these metrics
 - provide a means of accessing platform-specific metrics available on a given processor
 - see <http://icl.cs.utk.edu/projects/papi/>
- HW Counter Reference Information
 - see <http://www.cs.utk.edu/~mucci/pdsa/reference.html>



The Future: Automatic Performance Analysis?

- Paradyn
University of Wisconsin-Madison
<http://www.cs.wisc.edu/paradyn/>
- Kappa-PI
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
<http://www.caos.uab.es/kpi.html>
- Finesse
Victoria University of Manchester
- KOJAK
Forschungszentrum Jülich
- Esprit Working Group **APART**
Automatic Performance Analysis: Resources and Tools
<http://www.fz-juelich.de/apart/>



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Performance Analysis and Tuning of Parallel Programs: Resources and Tools

PART1 - Introduction and Overview

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PART2 - Resources and Tools

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PART3 - Automatic Performance Analysis with Paradyne

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Outline

- Brief motivation
- Sample analysis/tuning session with Paradyn
 - simple application start/attach (with no preparation required)
 - usual performance summaries/visualizations
 - automated exigency/bottleneck search
- Paradyn technologies and architecture
 - *Dynamic Instrumentation*
 - the *Performance Consultant*
- On-going research and development
 - current status and availability



Some History and Motivation

Experience with IPS-2 tools project:

- Trace-based tool running on workstations, SMP (Sequent Symmetry), Cray Y-MP.
- Commercial Success: in Sun SPARCWorks, Informix OnView, NSF Supercomputer Centers.
- Many real scientific and database/transaction users.

A 1992 Design Meeting at Intel:

- Goal was to identify hardware support for profiling and debugging for the Touchstone Sigma (Paragon) machine.
- Estimated the cost of tracing, using IPS-2 experience, and extrapolated to the new machine:
2 MB/sec/node → 2 GB/sec of trace data for 1000-node machine.

An entirely new approach was required!



The Challenges

Scalability:

- Large, complex programs
- 100s or 1000s of nodes
- Long runs (hours or days)

Automation:

- Simplify programmer's task in the tuning process
- Manage increasing complexity of application/system

Heterogeneity:

- COWs, SMPs, MPPs
- UNIX, WindowsNT, Linux
- SPARC, x86, MIPS, PowerPC, Alpha
- Source languages: C, C++, Fortran
- Parallel libraries: PVM, MPI

Extensibility:

- Incorporate new sources of performance data and metrics
- Include new visualizations



Searching for Bottlenecks

1. Start with coarse-grain view of whole program performance.
2. When a problem seems to exist, collect more information to refine this problem.
3. Repeat step #2 until a precise enough cause is determined.
4. Collect information to try to refine (*localize*) the problem to particular hosts, processes, modules, functions, files, etc.
5. Repeat step #4 until a precise enough location is determined.

This type of iteration can take many runs of a program (and slow re-builds) to reach a useful conclusion.

Paradyn allows the programmer to do this on-the-fly in a single execution



Paradyn performance analysis/tuning scenario

Parallel/distributed application running on multiple nodes...

- How's it doing?
 - OK: Congratulations! (at least for now)
 - Dunno: Perhaps not so good?

Let's investigate:

- Start Paradyn and attach to running application
 - Executable (and dynamic libraries) parsed to determine structural components and resources used

Have some idea where the problem may lie?

- Select components, performance metrics and presentations
 - Required instrumentation generated and patched into application
 - Accumulated metric data periodically sampled
- Examine presented information for insight into potential cause
- Implement a possible solution (rebuild and repeat...)



Paradyn <metric,focus> & visualization selection

Paradyn Main Control v2.1

File Setup Phase Visi Help

UIM status : ready

Application name : program: bubba, machine: basil, user: (self), daemon: defd

Application status :

Data Manager : ready

Processes : PID=26365

basil : PID=26365, ready.

RUN PAUSE

Select Metrics and Focus(es) below

☐ bucket_width	☒ procedure_calls	☐ msg_bytes_recv
☐ number_of_cpus	☐ procedure_called	☐ msg_bytes
☐ pause_time	☐ exec_time	☒ cpu
☐ active_processes	☐ sync_ops	☐ cpu_inclusive
☐ predicted_cost	☐ msgs	☐ io_wait
		☐ io_ops
		☐ io_bytes

Selections Navigate Abstraction

Whole Program

Code

Machine

Memory

Process

SyncObject

DEFAULT_MODULE

bubba.c

channel.c

graph.c

libc.so.1

libdl.so.1

libdyninstRT.so.1

libm.so.1

outchan.c

random.c

anneal.c

a_accept

a_anneal

a_choosepmove

a_cost

a_dopmove

a_iter_value

a_neighbor

a_output

partition.c

p_copy

p_delmem

p_hconst

p_init

p_isvalid

p_makeMG

p_new

p_overlap

basil

Search: p_makeMG

Start A Visualization

Barchart

Histogram

PhaseTable

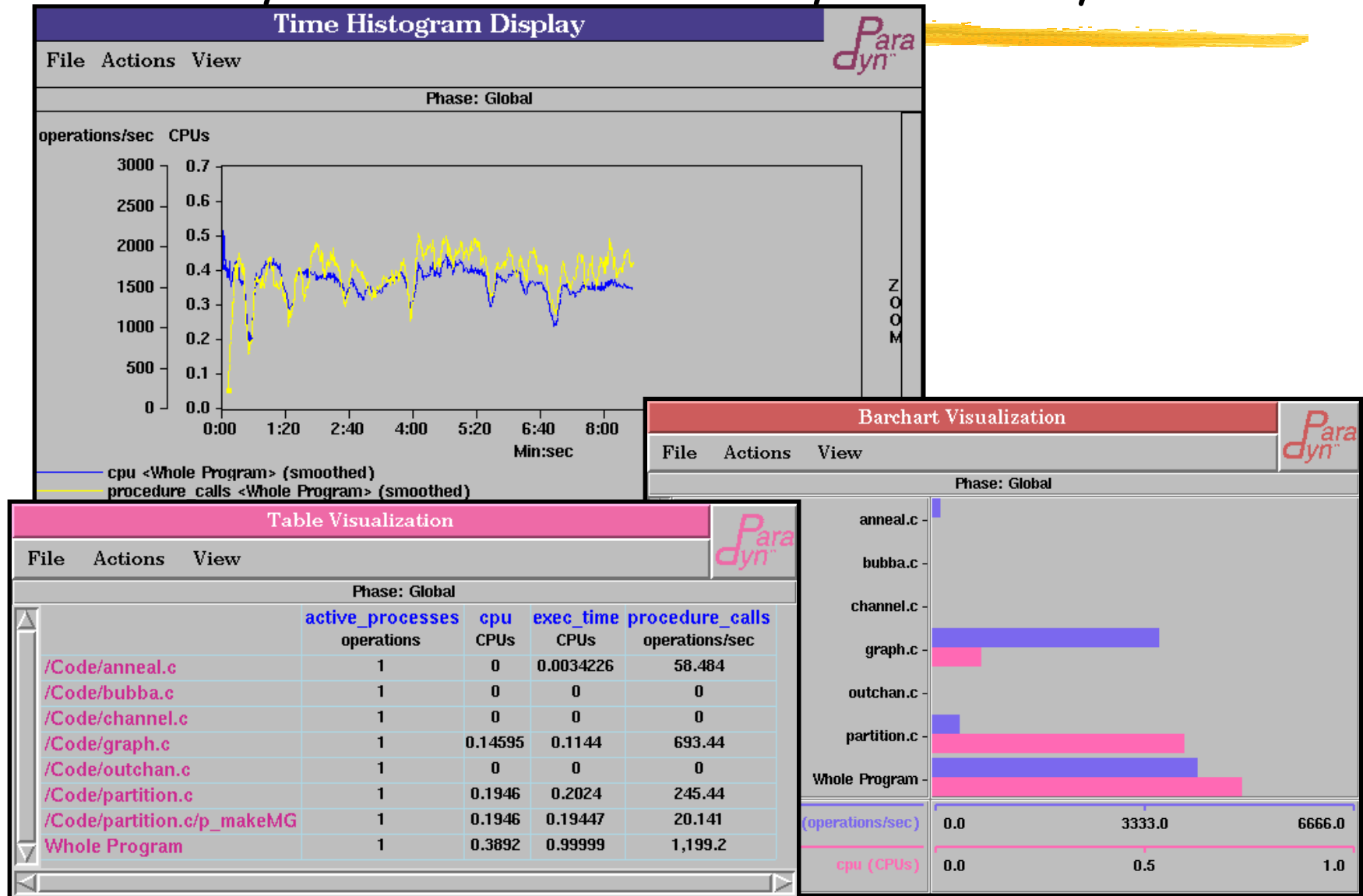
Table

Terrain

Global Phase Current Phase

Start Cancel

Paradyn assorted time-history & summary visis



Paradyn performance analysis/tuning scenario (cont'd)

No idea where to start (or not finding the problem quickly)?

- Initiate Paradyn's *Performance Consultant* automated search
 - A pre-defined (tunable) set of hypotheses are considered in turn (to determine what type of problems may exist)
 - Instrumentation enabled as required and execution characteristics tracked for each current hypothesis
 - Step-wise hierarchical refinement to resolve bottleneck(s) (to focus where the problems are located)
 - Manage instrumentation costs/perturbations (trading accuracy with speed to judgement)
- Follow-up with additional execution statistics or time histories targeted at understanding the likely bottleneck(s)
 - Consider execution phases with distinct characteristics separately (to isolate when the problems manifest)
- Implement a possible solution and repeat...



Performance Consultant search begins...

The Performance Consultant



Searches

Current Search: Global Phase

Initializing Search for Global Phase.

TopLevelHypothesis

ExcessiveSyncWaitingTime

ExcessiveIOBlockingTime

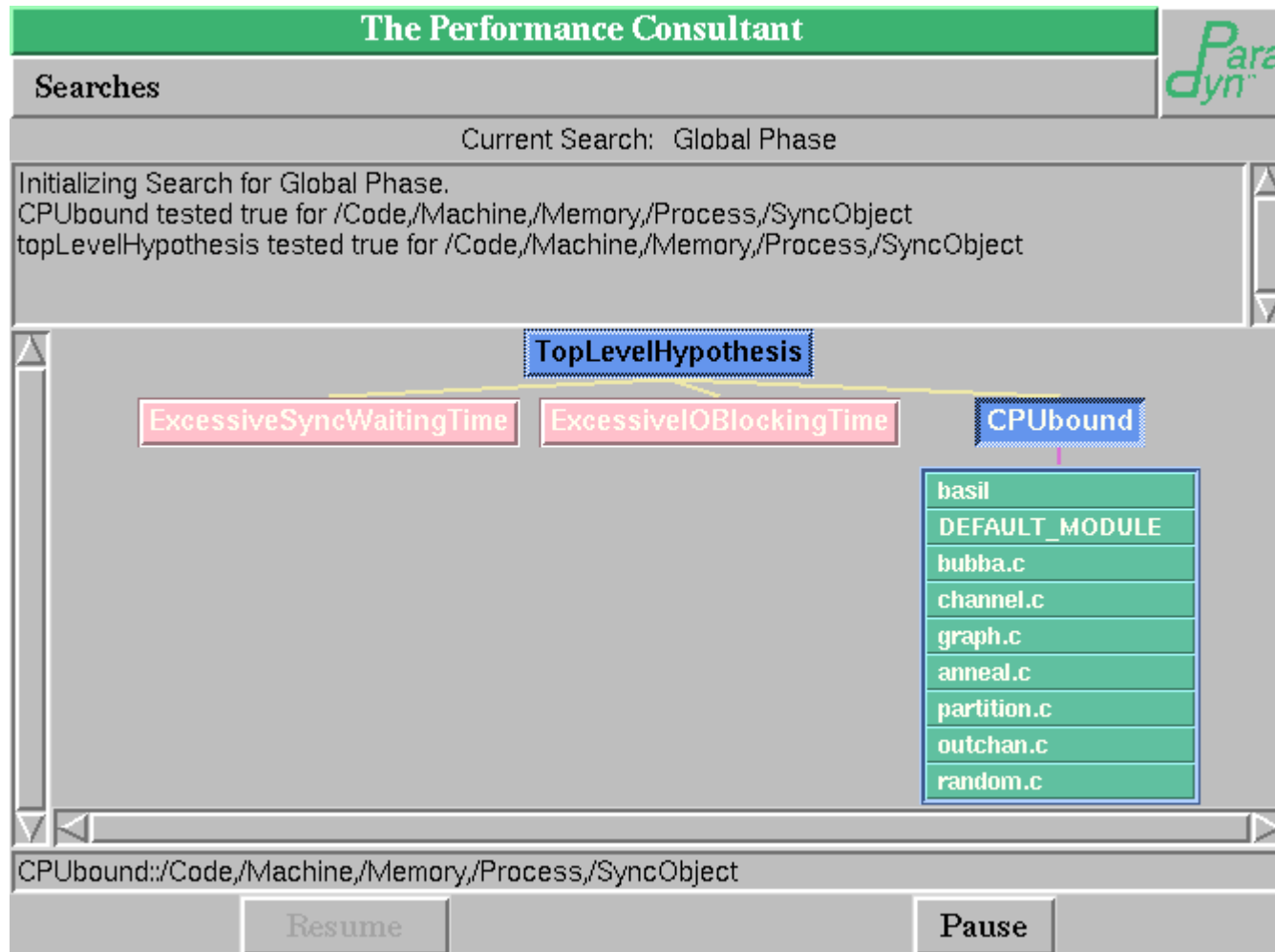
CPUbound

Resume

Pause

Never Evaluated	instrumented
Unknown	uninstrumented
True	<i>instrumented; shadow node</i>
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Why Axis Refinement	Where Axis Refinement

Performance Consultant 1st refinement ...



Performance Consultant 2nd refinements ...

The Performance Consultant



Searches

Current Search: Global Phase

CPUbound tested true for /Code/Machine/basil/Memory/Process/SyncObject
 CPUbound tested true for /Code/random.c/Machine/Memory/Process/SyncObject
 CPUbound tested true for /Code/partition.c/Machine/Memory/Process/SyncObject
 CPUbound tested true for /Code/graph.c/Machine/Memory/Process/SyncObject
 Search Slowed: max pending nodes.

TopLevelHypothesis

ExcessiveSyncWaitingTime
 ExcessiveIOBlockingTime

DEFAULT_MODULE
 bubba.c
 channel.c
 anneal.c
 outchan.c

basil

DEFAULT_MODULE
 bubba.c
 channel.c
 graph.c
 anneal.c
 partition.c
 outchan.c
 random.c

graph.c

basil
 g_init
 g_realloc
 g_toposort
 g_tsort
 g_cycfromnode
 g_anycycle
 g_cycle
 g_print
 g_free

partition.c

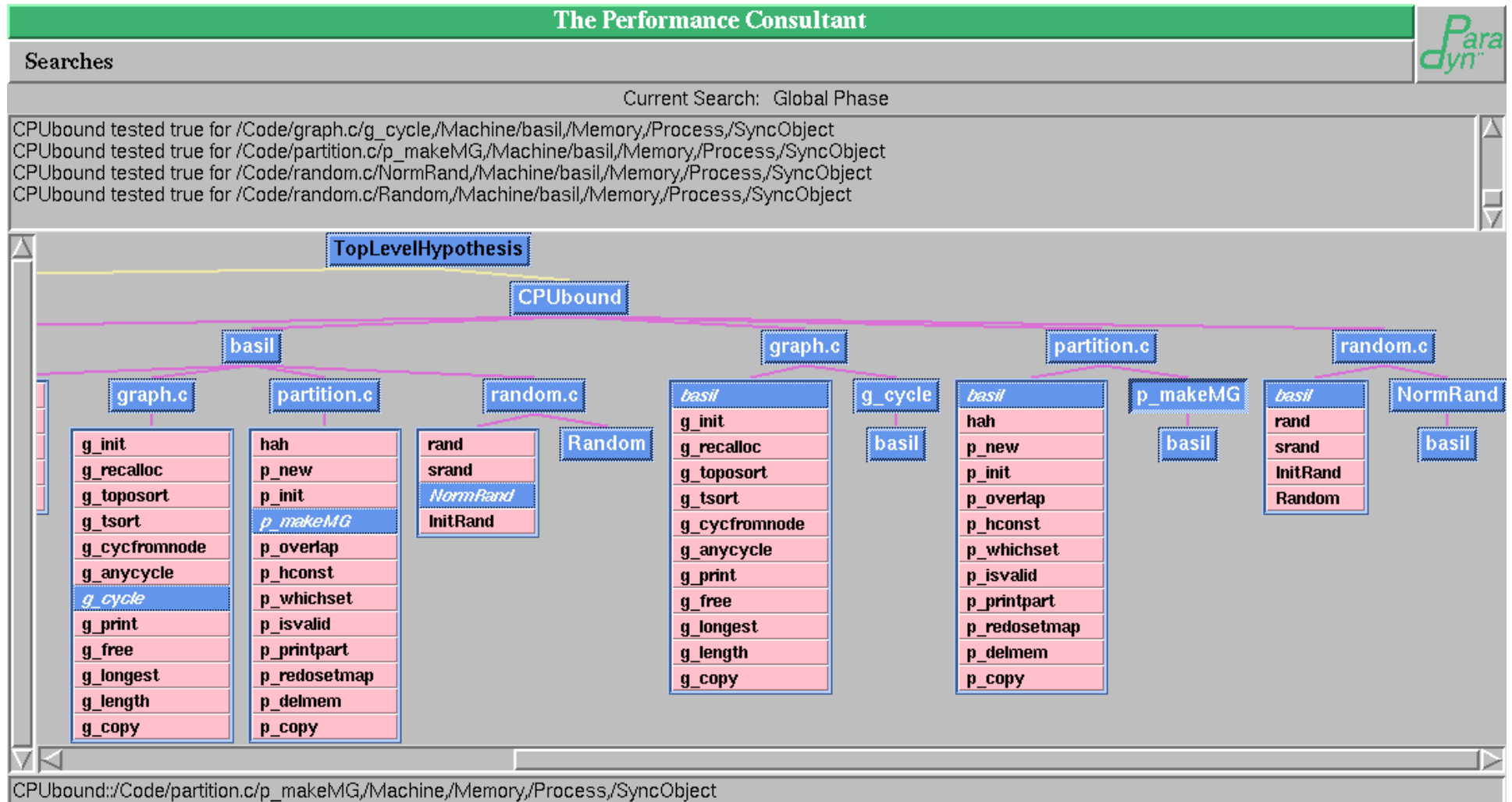
basil
 hah
 p_new
 p_init
 p_makeMG
 p_overlap
 p_hconst
 p_whichset
 p_isvalid
 p_printpart

random.c

basil
 rand
 srand
 NormRand
 InitRand
 Random

CPUbound: /Code/Machine/basil/Memory/Process/SyncObject

1. *What is the purpose of this study?*
 2. *What are the research objectives?*
 3. *What is the research methodology?*
 4. *What are the findings of the study?*
 5. *What are the conclusions of the study?*
 6. *What are the implications of the study?*
 7. *What are the limitations of the study?*
 8. *What are the future research directions?*
 9. *What are the contributions of the study?*
 10. *What are the key words of the study?*



Performance Consultant complete (compact view)

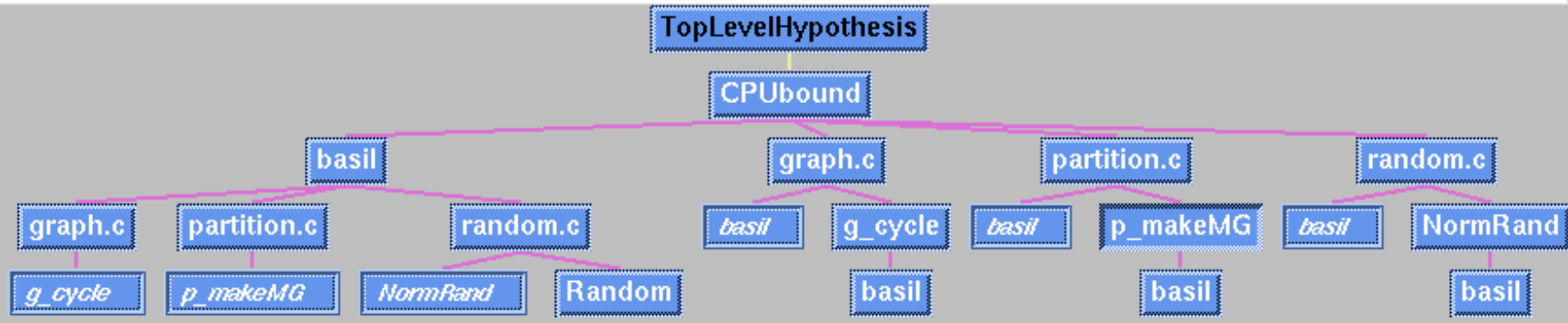
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Searches

Current Search: Global Phase

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 CPUbound tested true for /Code/random.c/NormRand,/Machine/basil,/Memory,/Process,/SyncObject
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Paradyn Technologies

Dynamic Instrumentation

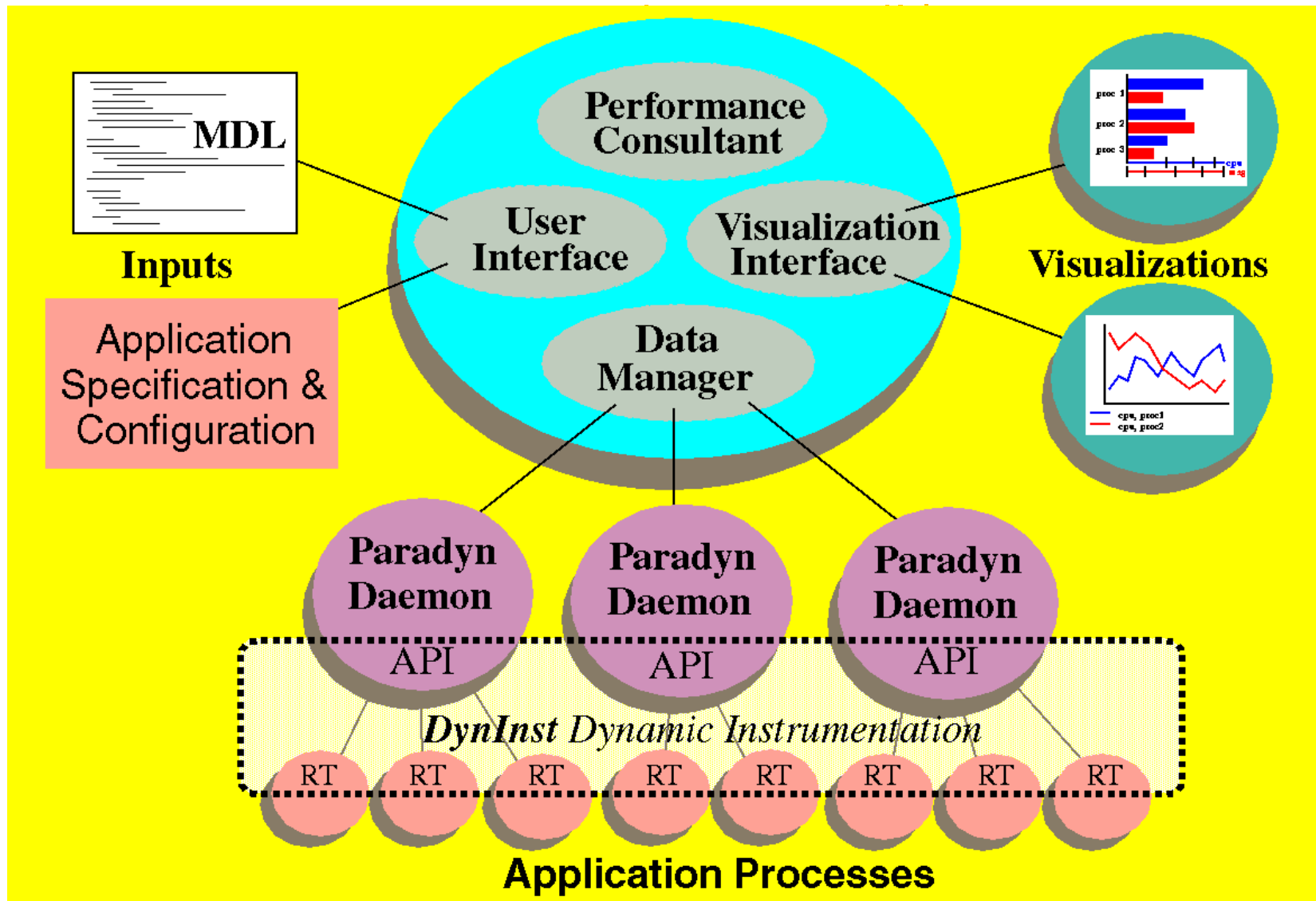
- On-the-fly generation, insertion, removal and modification of instrumentation in the application program while it is running.

Performance Consultant

- Automated (and regulated) exigency search and control of the Dynamic Instrumentation to expediently identify bottlenecks.
- Expressive event/metric instrumentation specification
- Efficient scalable data collection/storage management
- Extensible execution/performance data presentation/visualization



Paradyn Architecture

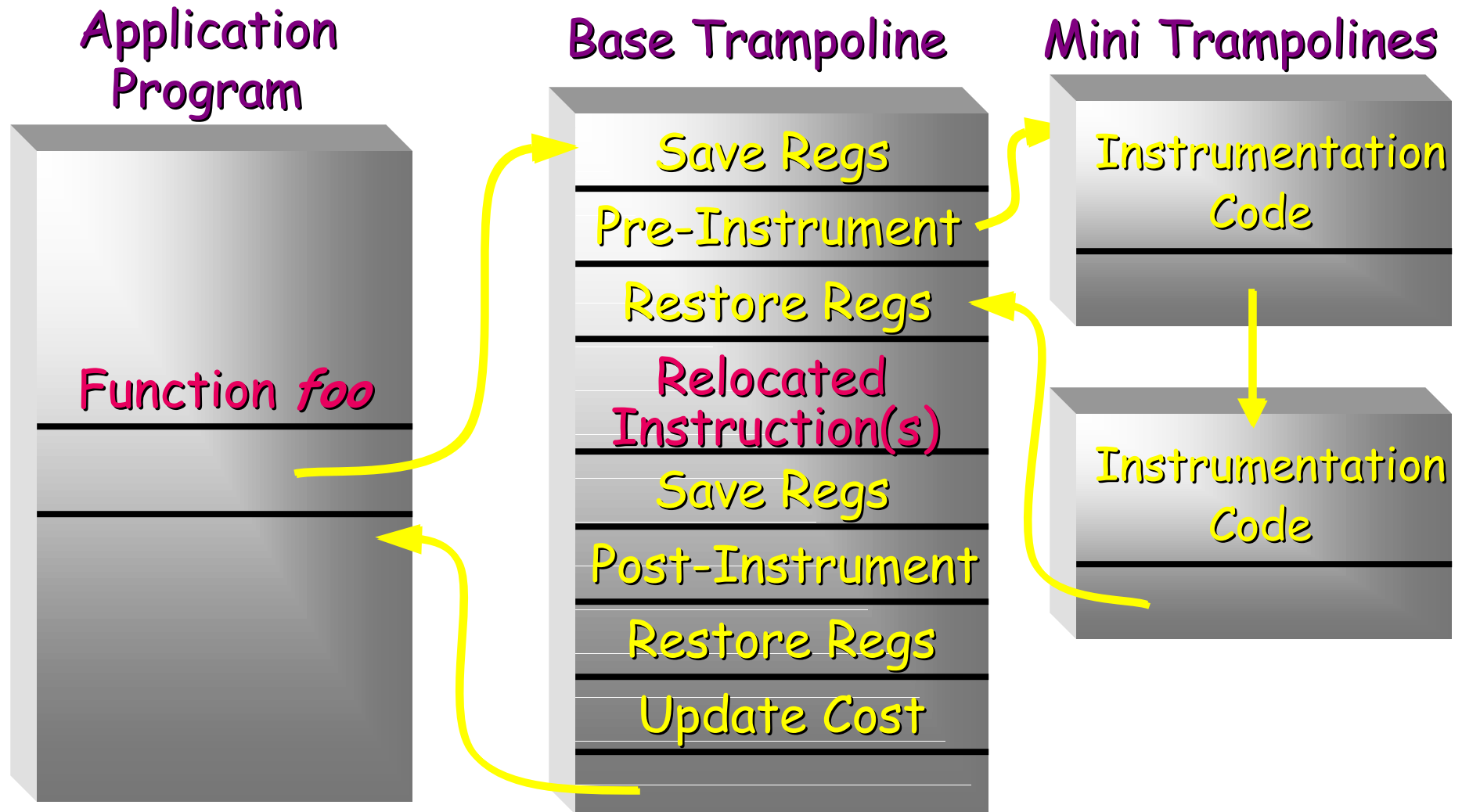


Dynamic Instrumentation

- For each subject program executable object/process:
 - Parse for 'interesting' symbols: functions, variables, etc.
 - Determine potential instrumentation points:
func_entry, func_exits, callsites, ...
- At each chosen instrumentation point:
 - Relocate 'footprint' instruction(s) to instrumentation framework ("base trampoline") where execution state is reconstructed
 - De-optimize/re-write/relocate function, as necessary
 - Replace footprint instruction(s) with branch to base trampoline
- For each 'snippet' of executable instrumentation:
 - Synthesize it from abstract metric specification based on primitives and predicates
 - Embed instrumentation snippet in its own mini-trampoline
 - Daisy-chain snippet mini-trampolines from the base trampoline



Instrumentation Patching



Compiling for Dynamic Instrumentation

Source Code

```
MDL:  
metric  
    { . . }  
constraint  
    { . . }
```

Intermediate Form

Abstract Syntax Trees:

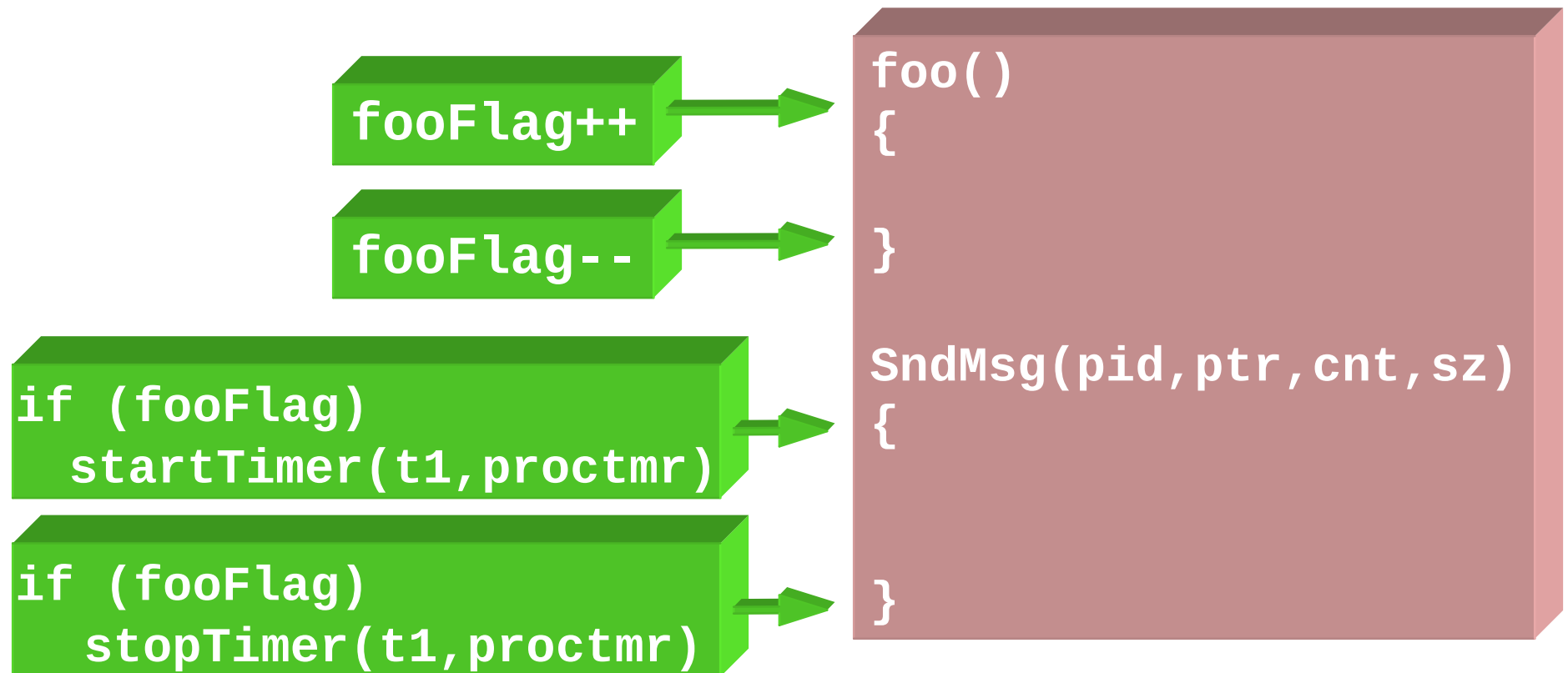


Machine Code

```
Machine  
Instructions:  
ld  r0,ctr  
inc r0  
st  r0,ptr
```

Basic Instrumentation Operations

- Points: places to insert instrumentation
- Snippets: code that gets inserted



Dynamic Instrumentation Benefits

- Does not require recompiling or relinking
 - Saves time: compile and link times are significant in real systems.
 - Can profile without the source code (e.g., proprietary libraries).
 - Can profile without linking (relinking is not always possible).
- Instrument optimized code and threaded applications
 - De-optimize code as required on-the-fly
- Can monitor still-running programs (such as database servers)
 - Production systems, embedded systems.
 - Systems with complex start-up procedures.
- Only instrument what's needed, when it's needed
 - No hidden cost of latent instrumentation.
 - No *a priori* restrictions on the granularity of instrumentation.

Enables "one pass" performance sessions.



Dynamic Instrumentation Benefits (cont'd)

- Anything in the application's address space can become a performance measure
 - Application metrics: transactions/second, commits/second.
 - OS metrics: page faults, context switches, disk I/O operations.
 - Hardware metrics: cycle & instruction counters, miss rates, network statistics.
 - User-level protocol metrics: consistency messages, cache activity.
- Metrics defined with the *Metric Description Language* (MDL)
 - Neither performance tool nor application need be modified.
 - Define metrics once for each environment.
- Can dynamically monitor and control instrumentation overhead
 - Allows programmer to *monitor* intrusiveness.
 - Allows programmer to *control* intrusiveness.
 - Allows Performance Consultant to work efficiently.



Dynamic Instrumentation Challenges

- Finding instrumentation points (function entry, exits, call sites)
 - Procedure exits are often the toughest.
- Finding space for jump to trampoline
 - Long jumps (2-5 words or 5 bytes).
 - Short code sequences.
 - Small functions.
 - One byte instructions.
- Compiler optimizations (instrumenting optimized code)
 - No explicit stack frame (leaf functions).
 - Tight instrumentation points.
 - Data in code space (e.g., jump tables).
 - De-optimize code on the fly (e.g., tail calls).
- Threaded code



Scalable Data Collection & Storage

- Metrics are time-varying functions that quantify execution behavior (e.g., CPU utilization, messages/second, blocking time, file reads/second, ...)
- Instrumentation code in each application process calculates its own metrics (with counters and timers).
- "Every so often" each associated Paradyn daemon samples the performance data from a shared region.
- Accuracy of performance metrics is not affected by sampling rate ... only how often updated values are provided.
- Fixed-size discrete structure used to store time-varying data.
 - Each bucket holds the metric value for a time interval
 - When histogram is full, interval size doubled and data folded



Decision Support: "Performance Consultant"

Answer three questions:

- *Why* is the program running slowly?
- *Where* in the program is this occurring?
- *When* does this problem occur?

We create a regular structure for the causes of bottlenecks.
This makes it possible to automate the search for bottlenecks.

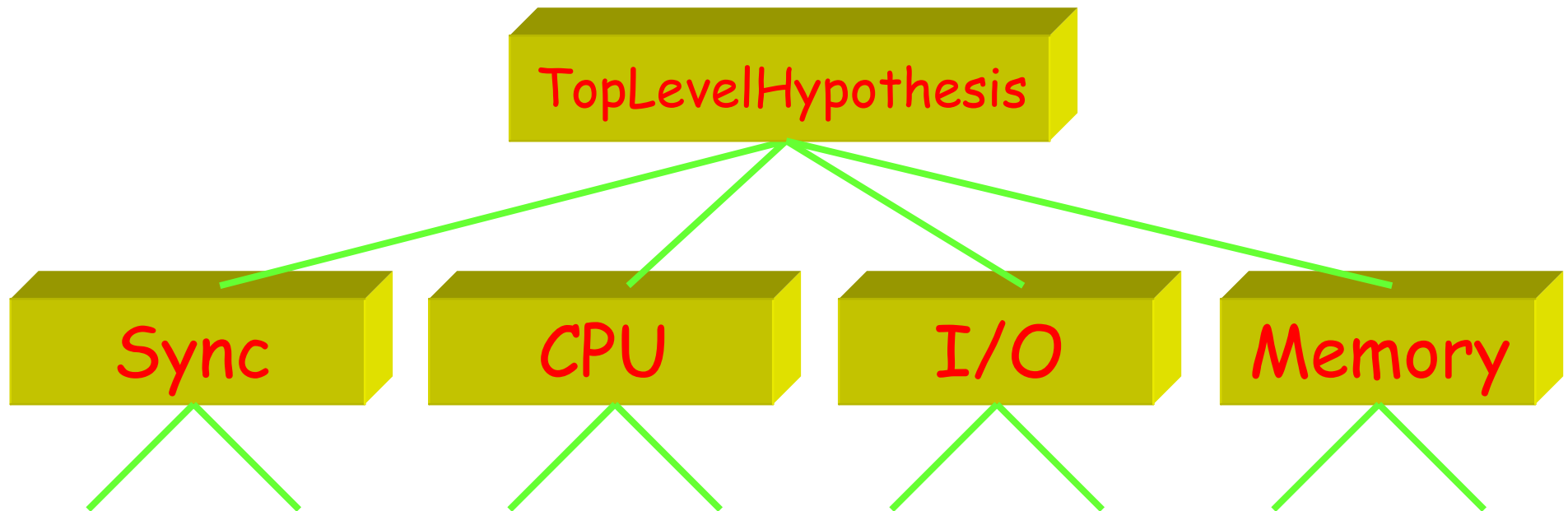


The "Why" Axis: A Hierarchy of Bottlenecks

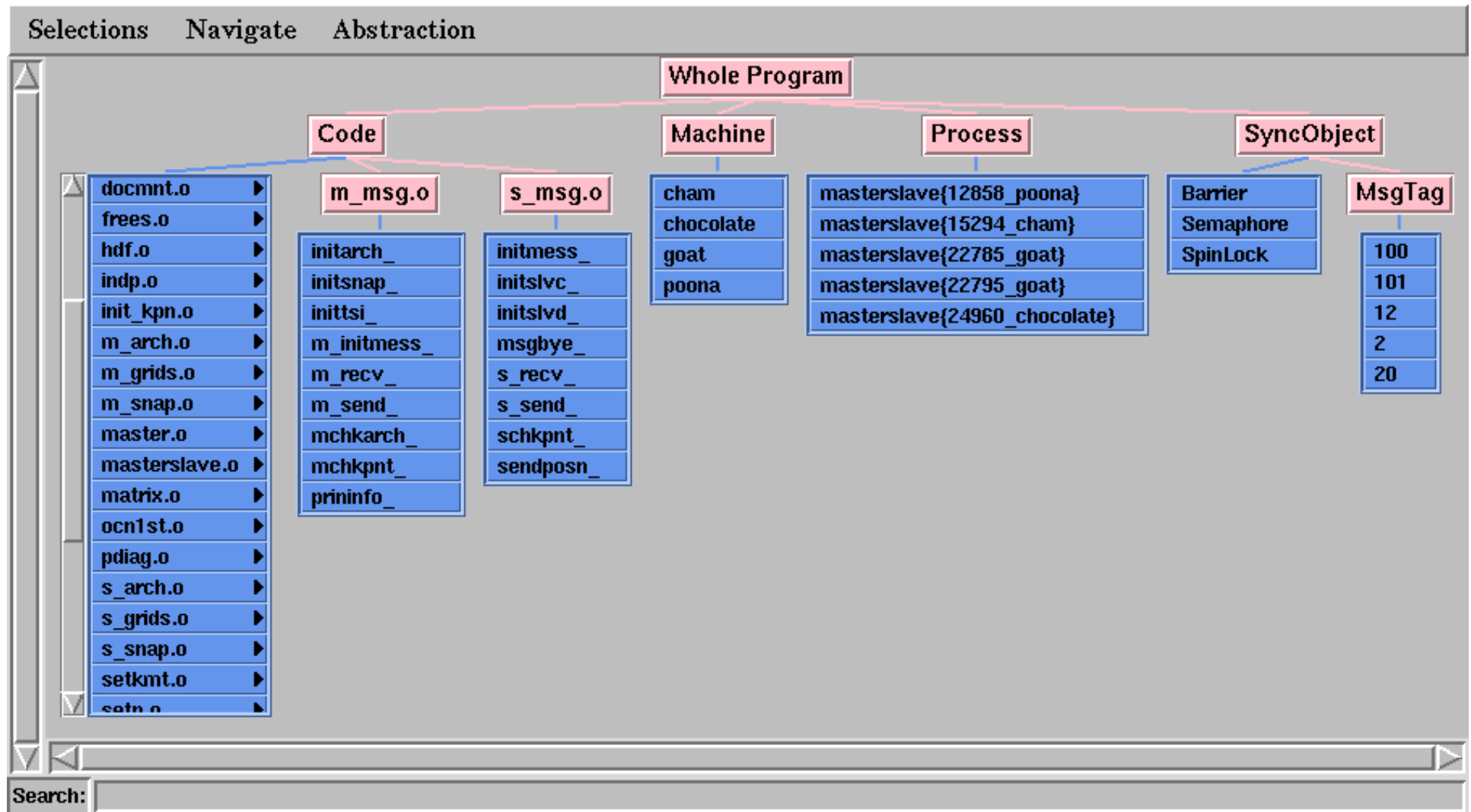
- Potential bottlenecks are represented as hypotheses.
- Evaluating hypotheses triggers dynamic instrumentation.
- Bottlenecks are based on user-set thresholds:
Total sync blocking time < 25% of exec time



The "Why" Axis: A Hierarchy of Bottlenecks



Sample resource "Where Axis"



Performance Consultant (Ocean PVM)

The Performance Consultant



Searches

Current Search: Global Phase

Initializing Search for Global Phase.
 ExcessiveIOBlockingTime tested true for /Code,/Machine,/Process,/SyncObject
 topLevelHypothesis tested true for /Code,/Machine,/Process,/SyncObject
 ExcessiveSyncWaitingTime tested true for /Code,/Machine,/Process,/SyncObject
 ExcessiveSyncWaitingTime tested true for /Code,/Machine,/Process,/SyncObject/MsgTag

TopLevelHypothesis

ExcessiveSyncWaitingTime

s_msg.o

masterslave{12683_poona}
masterslave{15182_cham}
msgbye_
initslvc_
schkpnt_
sendposn_
initmess_
initslvd_
s_send_
MsgTag
SpinLock

s_rcv_

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master.o
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Resume

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Controlling Instrumentation Cost

"What is the overhead of instrumentation?"

translates to:

"How many hypotheses can be evaluated at once?"

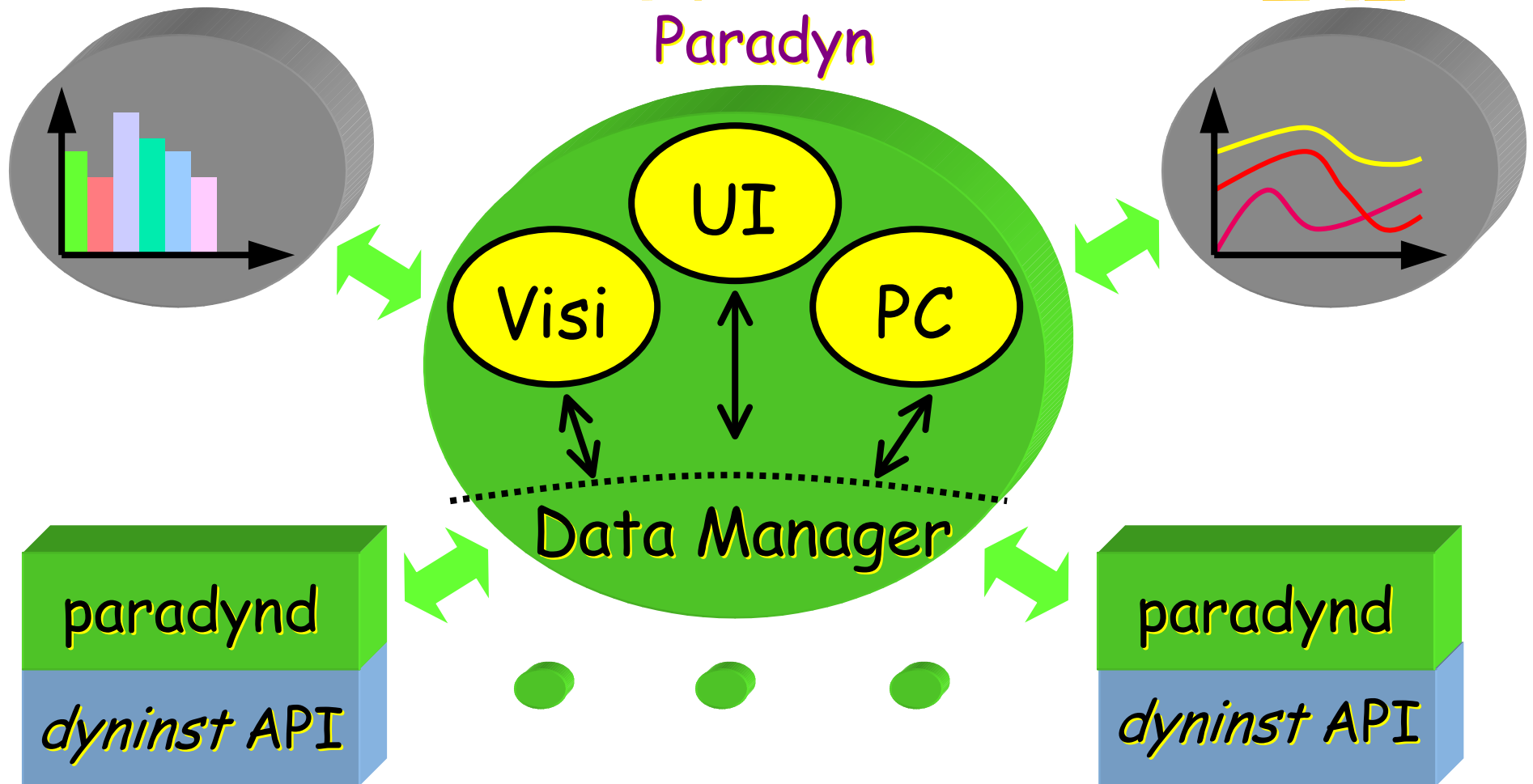
Predicted Cost:

- Known primitive cost
- Estimate frequency
- User-defined threshold

Observed Cost:

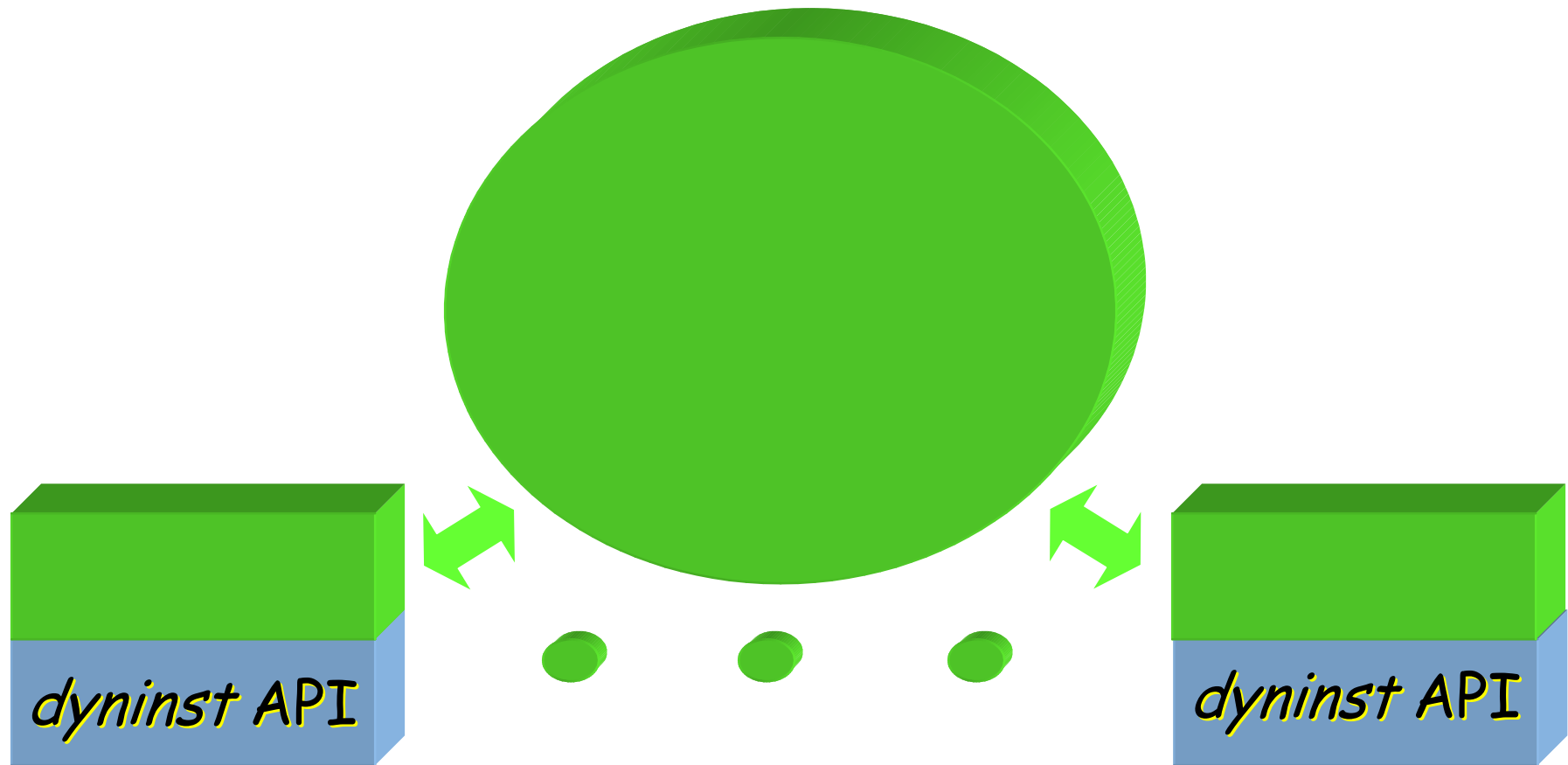
- Calculates actual cost
- Meta-instrumentation
- Reports to Performance Consultant

dyninst API: A Common Substrate



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New Runtime Tool



dyninst API

- Dynamic Instrumentation library and API
 - Basic substrate for building new tools.
 - Functions for control and interrogation of subject process execution
 - Runtime code generation and patching
 - Collaboration with University of Maryland.
- Basis for IBM's *Dynamic Probe Class Library* (DPCL) architecture for secure multi-node, multi-tool support
- Open effort to standardize functionality required for tools:
 - correctness debugging, memory stewardship, computational steering, R/A/S, load balancing, checkpointing, coverage testing, etc.
 - Involves computer vendors, tools researchers and users



Current Research Areas

- Improved Performance Consultant (Trey)
 - Code/module/function hierarchy too wide for efficient searches.
 - Module instrumentation not cheaper than function instrumentation.
 - "Exclusive" metrics more expensive than inclusive metrics.

New search based on static call graph, using inclusive metrics.

- Search adapted to actual program execution
- Dynamic call-site instrumentation to resolve calls-thru-registers
- Instrumentation "ketchup" to retroactively activate new instrumentation for functions currently on the stack

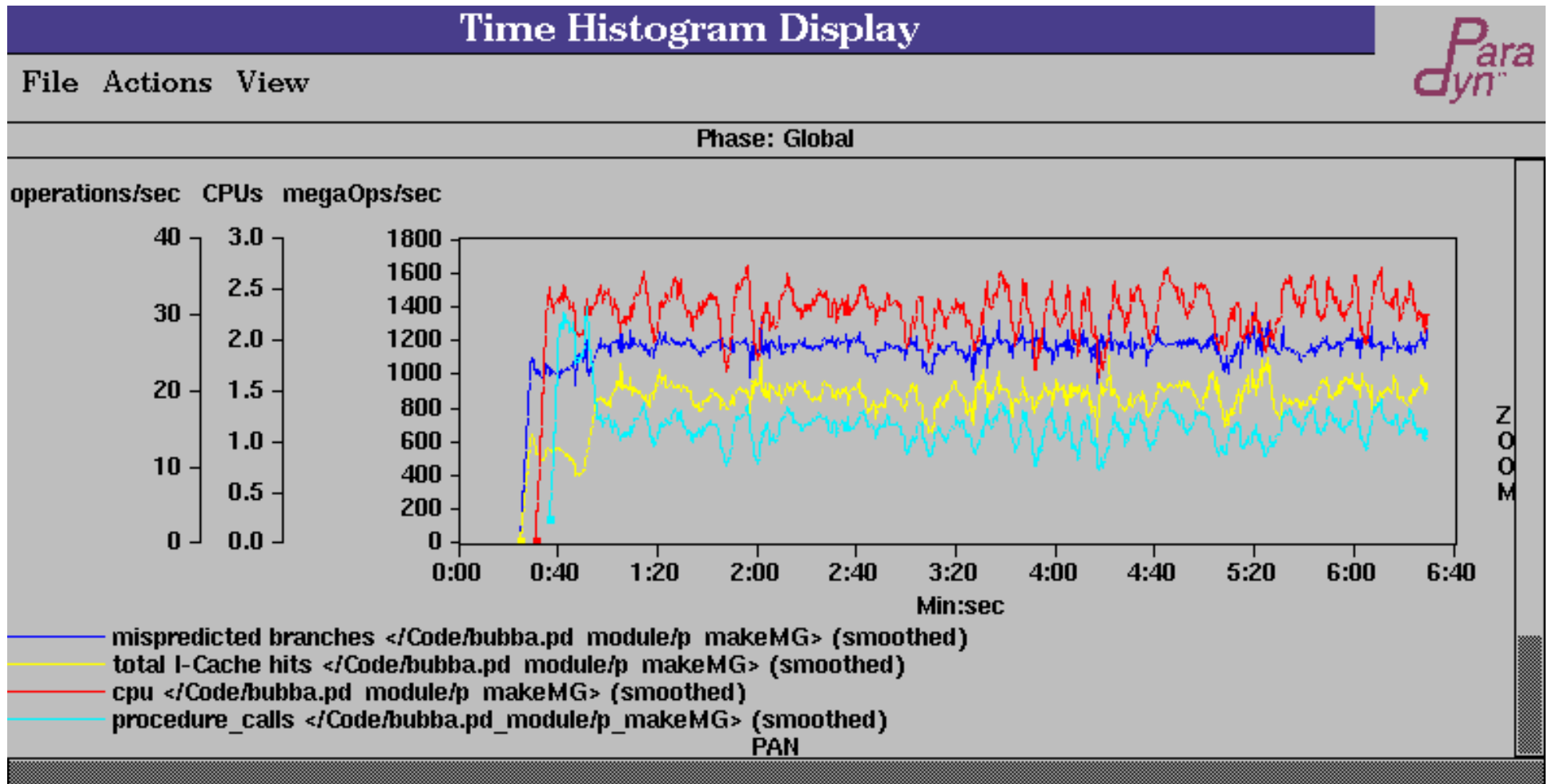


Current Research Areas

- Evolving Operating Systems (Ari,Vic)
 - Fine-grained instrumentation.
 - On-the-fly kernel profiling, debugging, testing.
 - Code that adapts to workload.
 - Dynamically customizable kernels.



UltraSPARC Hardware Performance Counters

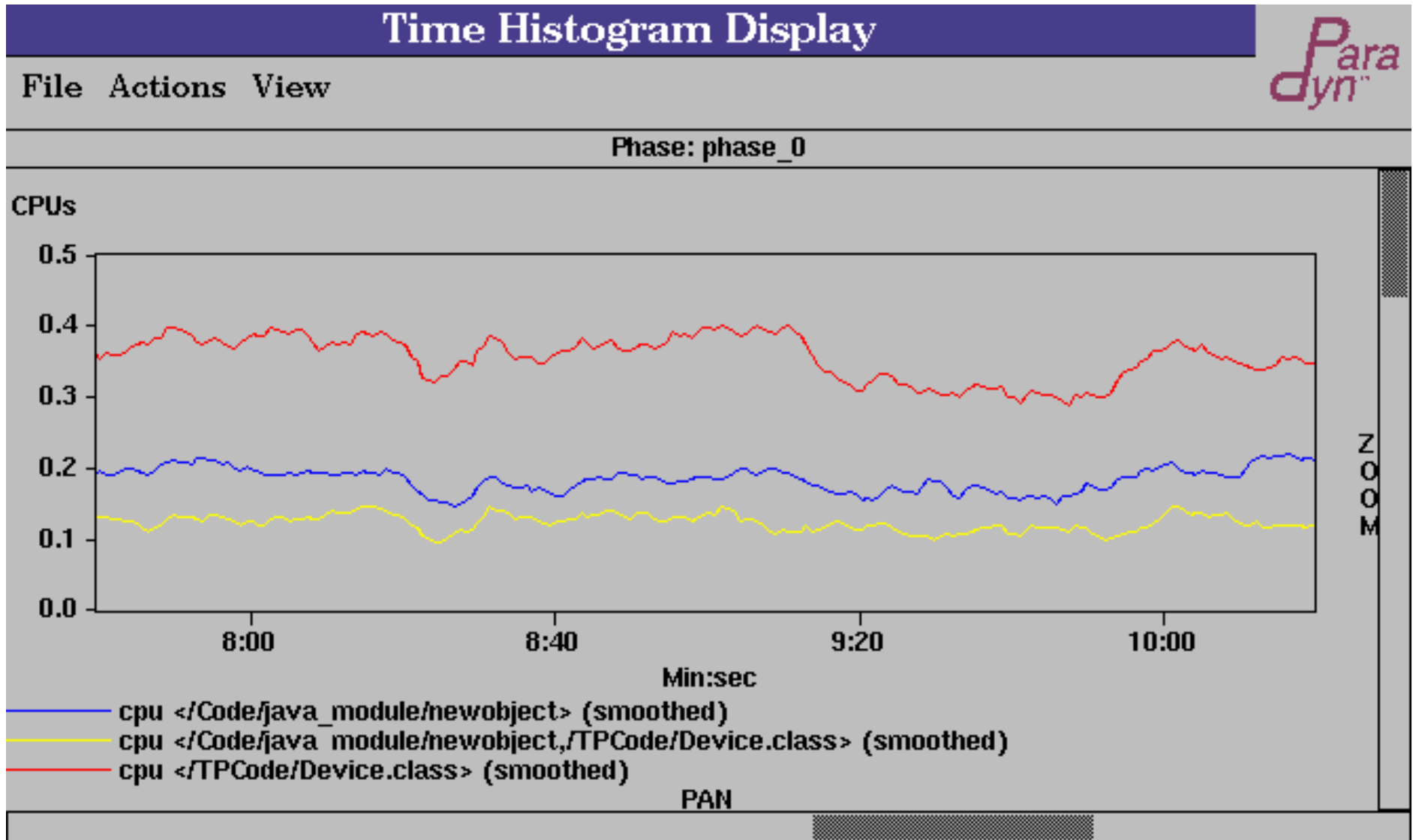


Current Research Areas

- Profiling Interpreted Code (Tia)
 - Performance data in terms of virtual machine:
CPU time for interpreter function f .
 - Performance data in terms of application:
CPU for Java method m .
 - Interaction effects:
CPU time for function f when interpreting method m .
 - Multiple execution forms: interpreted and native machine code, and translation costs.



Java Application and VM Profiling



Current Research Areas

- Experiment Management (Karen)
 - Performance data from multiple runs (huge multidimensional space).
 - Tuning, benchmarking, regression testing, etc.
 - Provides infrastructure for manipulation and management of execution data
 - Automatically compare data from multiple runs.
 - Use historical information to speed performance diagnosis.
 - A "laboratory notebook" for performance studies.



Current Research Areas

- Condor Process Hijacking (Vic)
 - Step 1: Submitting "vanilla" jobs to Condor resource management system.
 - Step 2: Grabbing a running process and submitting it to Condor:
 - Replace running process' system call library.
 - Checkpoint new version of process.
 - Generate new "shadow" process.
- Dynamic Tracing (Chris)
 - Select "vanilla" MPI/PVM-based application (process)
 - Dynamically load desired tracing library: VampirTrace, Pablo, ...
 - Replace process' calls to MPI/PVM communication library with equivalents in tracing library
 - Optionally instrument selected functions with trace annotations
 - Initialize trace library and continue execution



How to Get a Copy of Paradyn

- Documentation: Installation Guide, Tutorial, Users Guide, Developers Guide, Visi/MDL/libthread Programmers Guides.
- Includes *dyninst* API, tests and Programmers Guide
- Free for research use.
- Runs on
 - Solaris (SPARC & x86)
 - Linux (x86)
 - Irix (MIPS)
 - WindowsNT (x86)
 - AIX/SP2 (PowerPC)
 - Tru64 Unix (Alpha)



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