

Hardware Performance Analysis on the Opteron with PAPI

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- Hardware Performance Analysis
- Opteron Performance Counter Hardware
- Description of PerfCtr and PAPI
- Building and Installing PAPI and PerfCtr
- Some sample PAPI instrumentation
- Building and Installing 2 performance tools, papiex and TAU.
- How to use those tools on your code
- Links to other tools.

- Traditionally, performance evaluation has been somewhat of an art form:
 - Limited set of tools (time & -p/-pg)
 - Major differences between systems
 - Lots of guesswork as to what was 'behind the numbers'
- Today, the situation is different.
 - Hardware support for performance analysis
 - A wide variety of Open Source tools to choose from.

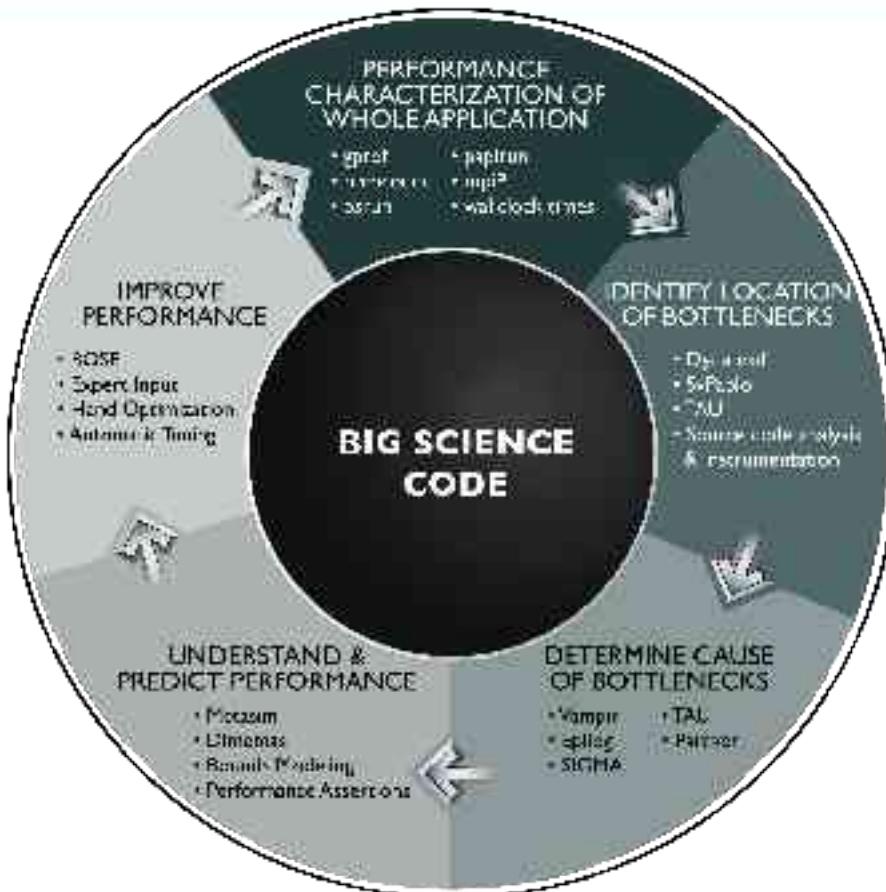


*“The single most important impediment to good parallel performance is *still* poor single-node performance.”*

- William Gropp

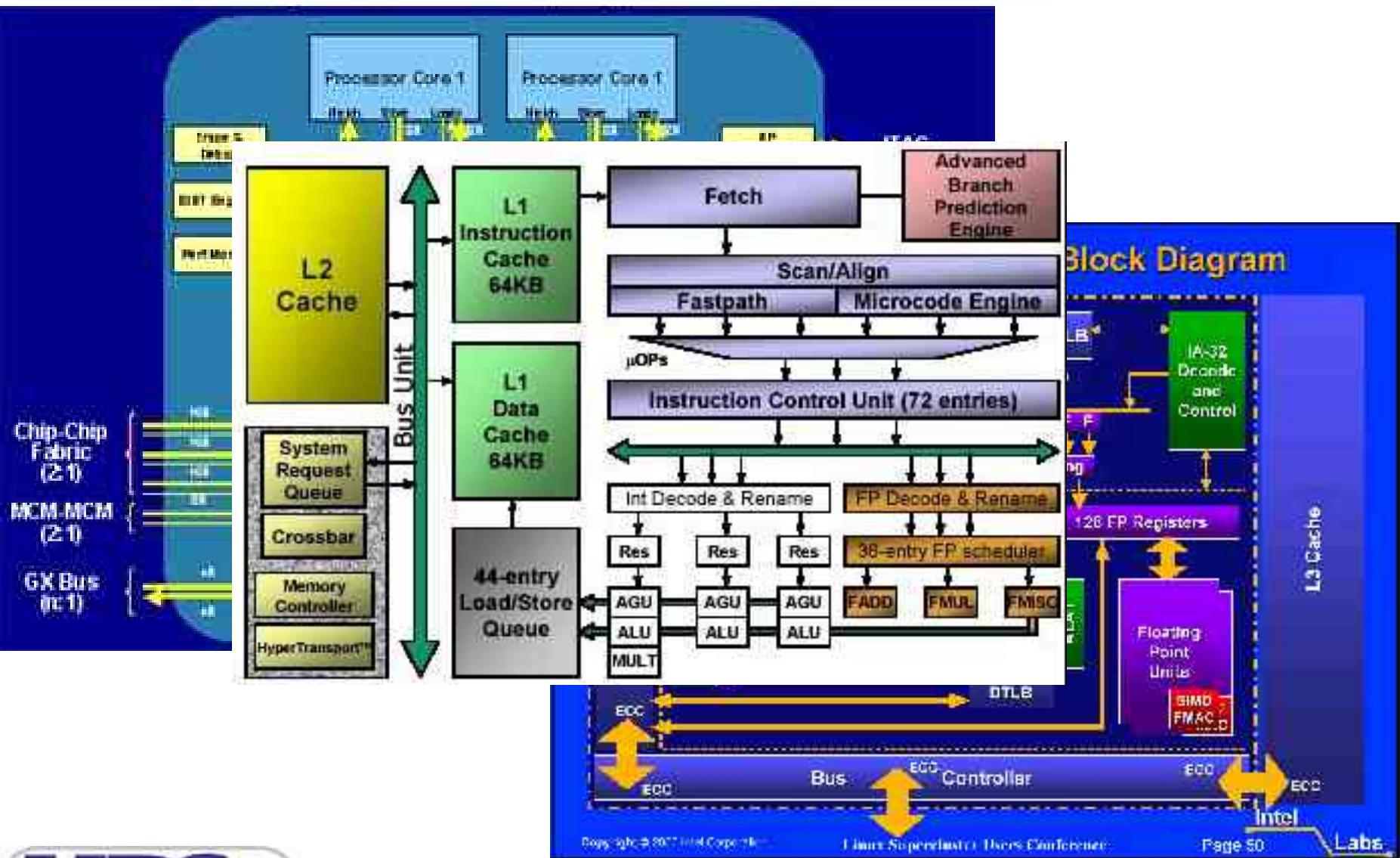
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Rising Complexity



- No longer can we easily trace the execution of a segment of code.
 - Static/Dynamic Branch Prediction
 - Prefetching
 - Out-of-order scheduling
 - Predication
- So, just a measure of 'wallclock' time is not enough.
- Need to know what's really happening under the hood.

- Performance Counters are hardware registers dedicated to counting certain types of events within the processor or system.
 - Usually a small number of these registers (2,4,8)
 - Sometimes they can count a lot of events or just a few
 - Symmetric or asymmetric
- Each register has an associated control register that tells it what to count and how to do it.
 - Interrupt on overflow
 - Edge detection (cycles vs. events)
 - User vs. kernel mode



- Most high performance processors include hardware performance counters.
 - AMD Athlon and Opteron
 - Compaq Alpha EV Series
 - CRAY T3E, X1
 - IBM Power Series
 - Intel Itanium, Pentium
 - SGI MIPS R1xK Series
 - Sun UltraSparc II +
 - And many others...



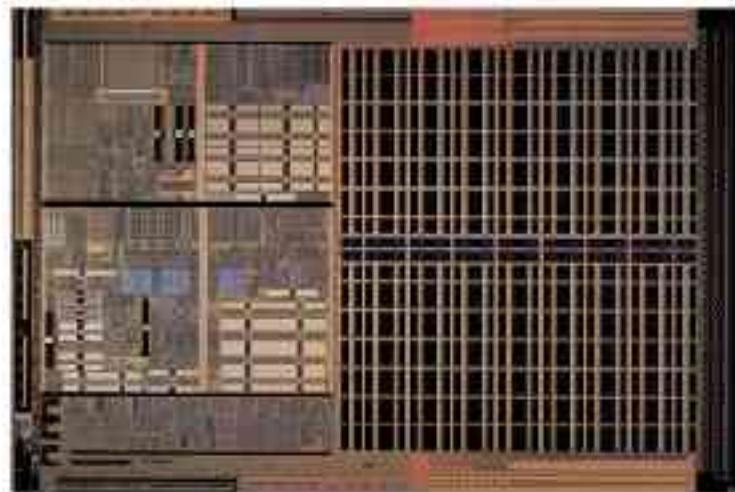


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Opteron Performance Counters



- The Opteron has 4 symmetric performance counter registers.
- Each can count 58+ events, each of which has a multitude of different flags that can be set.
- Supports hardware interrupt on counter overflow.



- Example of hardware events:
 - DISPATCHED_FPU_OPS
 - NO_FPU_OPS (cycles with no-FPU ops retired)
 - LS_BUFFER_FULL (load-store buffer full)
 - CYCLES
- For a full description of all the events, see AMD' BIOS and Kernel Developer' Guide, Document #26094

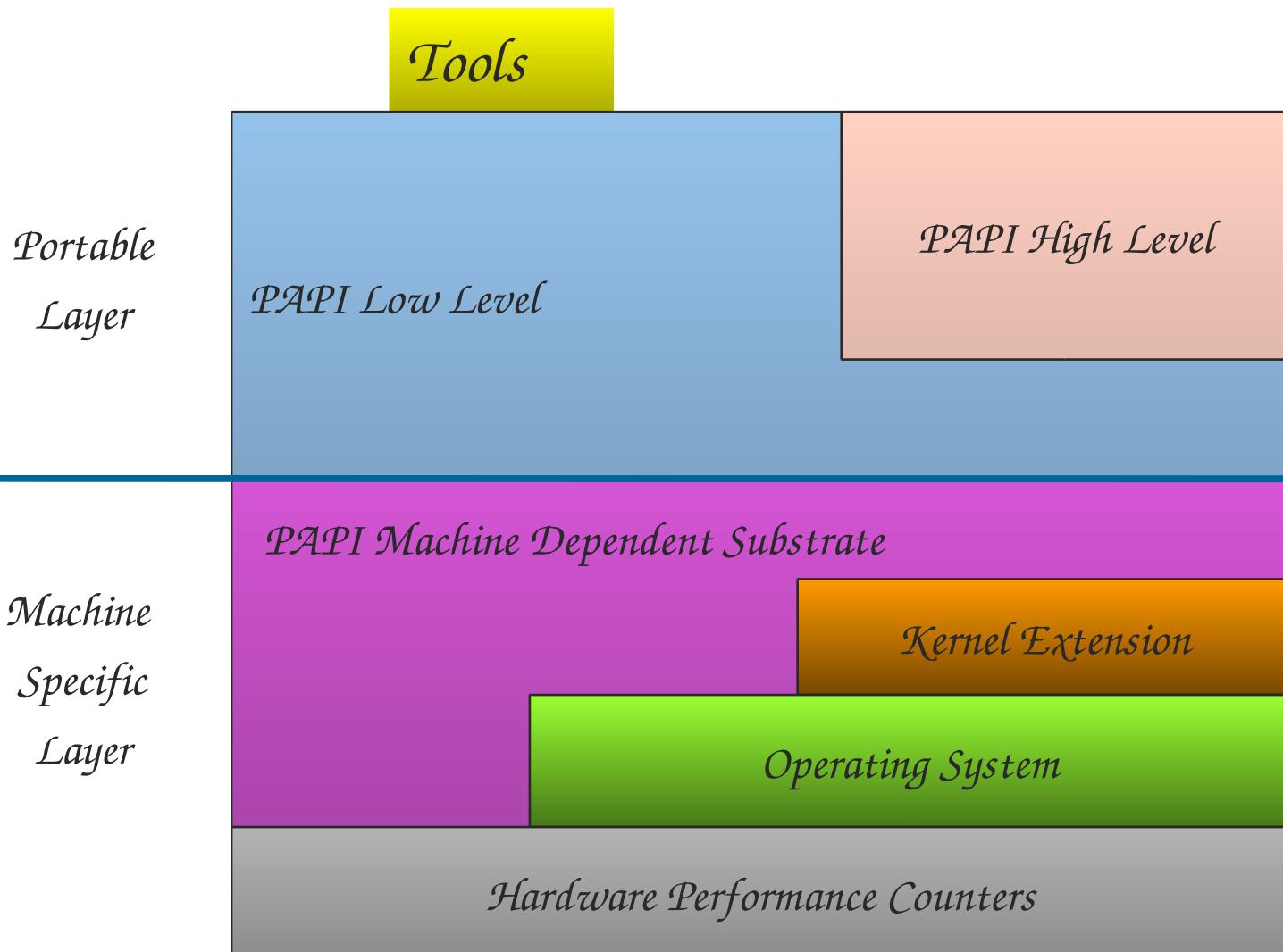
- On some platforms there are APIs, on others nothing is available.
- When the APIs do exist, they are usually:
 - Not appropriate for the application engineer.
 - Not very well documented.
- The same can be said for the counter hardware itself.
 - Often not well documented.
 - Rarely are the events verified by the engineers.



- Performance Application Programming Interface
- The purpose of PAPI is to implement a standardized portable and efficient API to access the hardware performance monitor counters found on most modern microprocessors.
- The goal of PAPI is to facilitate the optimization of parallel and serial code performance by encouraging the development of cross-platform optimization tools.



- Standardized Access to Performance Counters
- Preset Performance Metrics
- Easy Access to Platform-Specific Metrics
- Multiplexed Event Measurement
- Dispatch on Overflow
- Full SVR4 Profiling
- Bindings for C, Fortran, Matlab, and Java



- PAPI supports 103 preset events, defined in papiStdEventDefs.h
- Proposed set of events deemed most relevant for application performance tuning
- Preset events are mappings from symbolic names to machine specific definitions for a particular hardware resource.
 - Total Cycles is PAPI_TOT_CYC
- Mapped to native events on a given platform
 - ctests/avail -a will list the PAPI preset events available
- PAPI also supports presets that may be derived from the underlying hardware metrics
 - Floating Point Operations is PAPI_FP_OPS



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Native Events



- Any event countable by the CPU can be counted even if there is no matching preset PAPI event.
- Same interface as when setting up a preset event, but we use one additional call to translate a CPU-specific moniker into a PAPI event definition.
- See ctests and ftests directory in the distribution.



PAPI Counter Interfaces



- PAPI provides 2 interfaces to the underlying counter hardware:
 1. The high level interface provides the ability to start, stop and read the counters for a specified list of events.
 2. The low level interface manages hardware events in user defined groups called *EventSets*, and provides access to advanced features.

- Meant for application programmers wanting coarse-grained measurements
- Not thread safe
- Calls the lower level API
- Allows only PAPI preset events
- Easier to use and less setup (additional code) than low-level

- C interface
PAPI_start_counters
PAPI_read_counters
PAPI_stop_counters
PAPI_accum_counters
PAPI_num_counters
PAPI_flops
- Fortran interface
PAPIF_start_counters
PAPIF_read_counters
PAPIF_stop_counters
PAPIF_accum_counters
PAPIF_num_counters
PAPIF_flops

- ```
int PAPI_flops(float *real_time, float
*proc_time, long_long *flpins, float
*mflops)
```

  - Only two calls needed, PAPI\_flops before and after the code you want to monitor
  - `real_time` is the wall-clocktime between the two calls
  - `proc_time` is the “virtual” time or time the process was actually executing between the two calls (not as fine grained as `real_time` but better for longer measurements)
  - `flpins` is the total floating point instructions executed between the two calls
  - `mflops` is the Mflop/s rating between the two calls
  - If `*flpins == -1` the counters are reset

- `int PAPI_num_counters(void)`
  - Initializes PAPI (if needed)
  - Returns number of hardware counters
- `int PAPI_start_counters(int *events, int len)`
  - Initializes PAPI (if needed)
  - Sets up an event set with the given counters
  - Starts counting in the event set
- `int PAPI_library_init(int version)`
  - Low-level routine implicitly called by above

- PAPI\_stop\_counters(long\_long \*vals, int alen)
  - Stop counters and put counter values in array
- PAPI\_accum\_counters(long\_long \*vals, int alen)
  - Accumulate counters into array and reset
- PAPI\_read\_counters(long\_long \*vals, int alen)
  - Copy counter values into array and reset counters
- PAPI\_flops(float \*rtime, float \*ptime,  
              long\_long \*flpins, float \*mflops)
  - Wallclock time, process time, FP ins since start,
  - Mflop/s since last call

- Increased efficiency and functionality over the high level PAPI interface
- Obtain information about the executable, the hardware & the memory
- Allows native events
- Can perform counter multiplexing
- Callbacks on counter overflow
- SVR4 compatible profil() interface
- Approximately 54 functions

- Cycle count
- Instruction count
  - All instructions
  - Floating point
  - Integer
  - Load/store
- Branches
  - Taken / not taken
  - Mispredictions
- Pipeline stalls due to
  - Memory subsystem
  - Resource conflicts
- Cache
  - I/D cache misses for different levels
  - Invalidations
- TLB
  - Misses
  - Invalidations

# Example PAPI Data: Parallel Ocean Program Performance

## x1 Data Set, 2x2 Procs, 10 Steps



| Raw Data       | Debug     | Optimized | Metric         | Debug | Optimized |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-------|-----------|
| PAPI_LD_INS    | 1.21E+011 | 2.104E+10 | % Ld Ins       | 36.86 | 33.63     |
| PAPI_SR_INS    | 2.02E+010 | 7.783E+09 | % Sr Ins       | 6.17  | 12.44     |
| PAPI_BR_INS    | 8.64E+009 | 5.043E+09 | % Br Ins       | 2.63  | 8.06      |
| PAPI_FP_INS    | 2.21E+010 | 2.251E+10 | % FP Ins       | 6.75  | 35.98     |
| PAPI_FMA_INS   | 1.04E+010 | 1.007E+10 | % FMA Ins      | 3.16  | 16.09     |
| PAPI_FPU_FDIV  |           | 2.551E+08 | % FP Divide    |       | 0.41      |
| PAPI_FPU_FSQRT |           | 1.317E+08 | % FP SQRT      |       | 0.21      |
| PAPI_TOT_INS   | 3.28E+011 | 6.257E+10 | MFLIPS         | 12.19 | 72.31     |
| PAPI_TOT_CYC   | 3.63E+011 | 6.226E+10 | % MFLIPS Peak  | 3.05  | 18.08     |
|                |           |           | IPC            | 0.90  | 1.00      |
|                |           |           | Mem Opt/FLIP   | 6.38  | 1.28      |
| PAPI_L1_LDM    | 1.03E+009 | 1.011E+09 | % L1 Ld HR     | 99.15 | 95.19     |
| PAPI_L1_STM    | 3.54E+008 | 3.475E+08 | % L1 Sr HR     | 98.25 | 95.54     |
| PAPI_L2_LDM    | 6.94E+008 | 6.894E+08 | % L2 Ld HR     | 99.43 | 96.72     |
| PAPI_FPU_IDL   | 1.66E+011 | 1.411E+10 | % FPU Idle Cyc | 45.77 | 22.66     |
| PAPI_LSU_IDL   | 4.06E+010 | 1.483E+10 | % LSU Idle Cyc | 11.17 | 23.82     |
| PAPI_MEM_RCY   | 1.03E+011 | 1.368E+10 | % Ld Stall Cyc | 28.28 | 21.97     |
| PAPI_MEM_SCY   | 1.26E+011 | 2.413E+10 | % Sr Stall Cyc | 34.59 | 38.76     |
| PAPI_STL_CCY   | 2.01E+011 | 3.367E+10 | % No Ins. Cyc  | 55.25 | 54.08     |

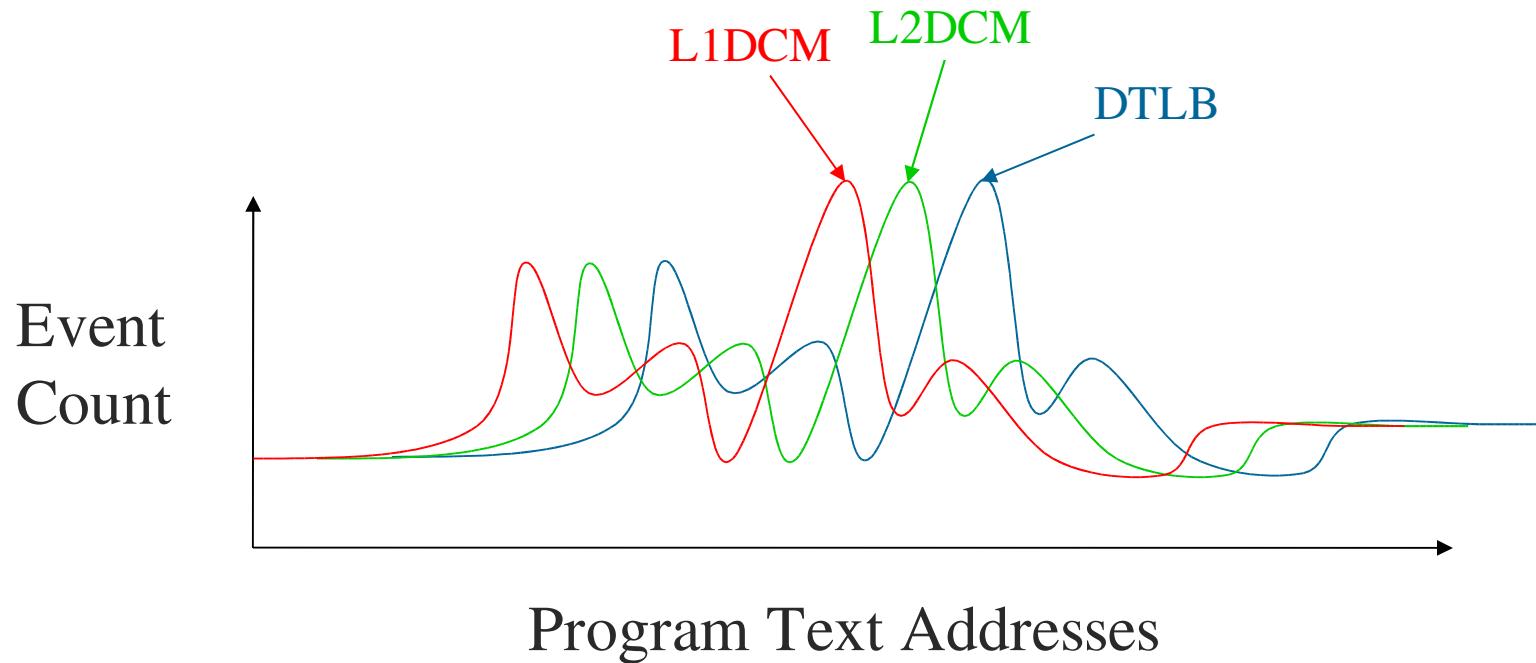
- AMD Athlon and Opteron
- Cray T3E and X1
- HP Alpha (caveats)
- IBM POWER3, POWER4
- Intel Pentium Pro,II,III + 4, Itanium 1 + 2
- MIPS R10K, R12K, R14K
- Sun UltraSparc I, II, III

- Increased efficiency and functionality over the high level PAPI interface
- About 56 functions ([http://icl.cs.utk.edu/projects/papi/files/html\\_man/papi.html#4](http://icl.cs.utk.edu/projects/papi/files/html_man/papi.html#4))
- Obtain information about the executable and the hardware
- Thread-safe
- Fully programmable (native events)
- Multiplexing
- Callbacks on counter overflow
- Profiling

- Library initialization
  - PAPI\_library\_init, PAPI\_thread\_init, PAPI\_multiplex\_init, PAPI\_shutdown
- Timing functions: highest resolution and accuracy
  - PAPI\_get\_real\_usec, PAPI\_get\_virt\_usec
  - PAPI\_get\_real\_cyc, PAPI\_get\_virt\_cyc
- Inquiry functions
- EventSet management
- Thread specific data pointers
- Simple fast lock/unlock operators
  - PAPI\_lock/PAPI\_unlock

- PAPI provides the ability to call user-defined handlers when a specified event exceeds a specified threshold.
- For systems that do not support counter overflow at the OS level, PAPI sets up a high resolution interval timer and installs a timer interrupt handler.

- Callbacks on counter overflow allow us to do interesting things.
- PAPI provides support for SVR4-compatible execution profiling based on any counter event.
- `PAPI_profil()` creates a histogram of overflow counts for a specified region of the application code.



- Lower Measurement Overheads
- Overflow and Profiling on Multiple Simultaneous Events
- Complete and Easy Access to All Platform-Specific Metrics
- High level API is now thread safe
- Internal timer/signal/thread abstractions

- Wallclock cycle cost of a PAPI\_start(),PAPI\_stop() sequence is approximately 4500 cycles.
- Cost of PAPI\_read() is 116 cycles.
- Cost of Wallclock Cycle timer is 25 cycles, resolution 1 cycle.
- Cost of Virtual Cycle timer is 28 cycles, resolution 1 cycle.

- To use the hardware counters, it is necessary to patch the Linux kernel.
  - Allows measurement only the process or thread of interest with no interference.
  - Allows more than one user to use the counter hardware.
  - Ensures 64-bit values.
  - Saves/restores counter information at context switch.
    - If in use by a process, only a few hundred cycles difference per context switch.
  - Allows dispatch of signal on counter overflow.

- Originally, PAPI used a system-call based kernel patch.
- A better patch, the PerfCtr kernel patch, was developed by Mikael Pettersson of Uppsala.
  - Biggest difference was that it provided memory mapped access of the counters for ultra-fast access.
- The patch consists of a patch to the kernel and a small shared library, libperfctr.so.

- The release version of PAPI comes with a recent version of PerfCtr in papi/src/perfctr-2.6.x.
- Download the latest version of PAPI 3 from the PAPI website.
  - Latest and greatest from the CVS tree. (recommended)

```
Cvs -d :pserver:anonymous@icl.cs.utk.edu:/cvs/homes/papi
login
<no password>
```

```
Cvs -d :pserver:anonymous@icl.cs.utk.edu:/cvs/homes/papi
co papi/src
```

- Last stable release: 3.0 Beta 2

```
Wget http://icl.cs.utk.edu/projects/papi/downloads/papi-3.0-beta2.tar.gz
```

- Oprofile
  - PC Sampling only, no aggregate measurement.
  - Handles samples in kernel space as well as application and library space.
  - Configuration is set by root, users cannot change what counters are used.
  - Ideal for tuning of system throughput, not suited to a production environment where users need to tune their codes with different tools.

- Let PDIR be the directory containing the PerfCtr distribution.
- Cd to your Linux kernel directory
  - Cd /usr/src/linux-2.4
- Patch the kernel
  - PDIR/update-kernel
  - If there is an error: PDIR/update-kernel –test –patch=version where version is found in PDIR/patches
- Reconfigure the Kernel

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  - Make oldconfig
- Answer Y to the questions about PerfCtr.
  - CONFIG\_PERFCTR=y
  - CONFIG\_PERFCTR\_GLOBAL=y
  - CONFIG\_PERFCTR\_VIRTUAL=y
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- Recompile and install the new kernel.

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  - Vi .config -or-
  - Make config
  - CONFIG\_X86\_GOOD\_APIC=y
  - CONFIG\_X86\_UP\_APIC=y
  - CONFIG\_X86\_UP\_IOAPIC=y
  - CONFIG\_X86\_LOCAL\_APIC=y
  - CONFIG\_X86\_IO\_APIC=y
- Recompile and install the new kernel.

- Reboot
  - Look for PerfCtr messages in your boot log like:
  - perfctr: driver 2.6.2, cpu type AMD K8C at 1794933 kHz
- Make the device file
  - Mknod /dev/perfctr c 10 182
  - Chmod 644 /dev/perfctr
- Build the PerfCtr library
  - Cd PDIR
  - make

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  - Cd PDIR; make
- Test the example program: (make sure pcint is there for APIC)
  - examples/self/self
  - examples/perfex/perfex -i

**PerfCtr Info:**

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| abi_version     | 0x05000500                |
| driver_version  | 2.6.2                     |
| cpu_type        | 15 (AMD K8 Revision C)    |
| cpu_features    | 0x7 (rdpmc,rdtsc,pcint)   |
| cpu_khz         | 1794933                   |
| tsc_to_cpu_mult | 0 (unspecified, assume 1) |
| cpu_nrctrs      | 4                         |
| cpus            | [0], total: 1             |
| cpus_forbidden  | [ ], total: 0             |

- Perfex is a program that directly manipulates the control registers and reads the values of a forked process.
  - No thread/fork support
  - All events specified in hexadecimal
  - Useful for testing, not for performance analysis
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  - Cd papi/src
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- Do a quick test that it works:
  - ctests/zero

```
Test case 0: start, stop.
PAPI_FP_INS : 40000194
PAPI_TOT_CYC : 227791408
Real usec : 127205
Real cycles : 228205736
zero.c PASSED
```

- Optionally run all the test cases and wait.
  - Sh run\_tests.sh

- Install PAPI and PerfCtr:
  - Make -f Makefile.linux-opteron install-all PREFIX=/usr
- Replace /usr with your local prefix of installation.
  - /usr/local
  - \$HOME/usr
- Verify library paths:
  - Ldd <PREFIX>/lib/libpapi.so should show all libraries as found.
  - If PAPI and PerfCtr are not installed in the standard place, you'll need to set your LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH to the location of the libraries. (<PREFIX>/lib)

Test case 8: Available events and hardware information.

```

Vendor string and code : AuthenticAMD (2)
Model string and code : AMD K8 Revision C (15)
CPU Revision : 8.000000
CPU Megahertz : 1794.932983
CPU's in this Node : 1
Nodes in this System : 1
Total CPU's : 1
Number Hardware Counters : 4
Max Multiplex Counters : 32

```

| Name         | Derived | Description (Mgr. Note)                                                             |
|--------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PAPI_L1_DCM  | No      | Level 1 data cache misses (DC_MISS)                                                 |
| PAPI_L1_ICM  | No      | Level 1 instruction cache misses (IC_MISS)                                          |
| PAPI_L2_DCM  | No      | Level 2 data cache misses (BU_L2_FILL_MISS_DC)                                      |
| PAPI_L2_ICM  | No      | Level 2 instruction cache misses (BU_L2_FILL_MISS_IC)                               |
| PAPI_L1_TCM  | Yes     | Level 1 cache misses (DC_MISS, IC_MISS)                                             |
| PAPI_L2_TCM  | Yes     | Level 2 cache misses (BU_L2_FILL_MISS_IC, BU_L2_FILL_MISS_DC)                       |
| PAPI_FPU_IDL | No      | Cycles floating point units are idle (FP_NONE_RET)                                  |
| PAPI_TLB_DM  | No      | Data translation lookaside buffer misses<br>(DC_L1_DTLB_MISS_AND_L2_DTLB_MISS)      |
| PAPI_TLB_IM  | No      | Instruction translation lookaside buffer misses<br>(IC_L1ITLB_MISS_AND_L2ITLB_MISS) |





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# Simple Low Level Example in C



```
#include "papi.h"
#define NUM_EVENTS 2
int Events[NUM_EVENTS]={PAPI_FP_INS,PAPI_TOT_CYC};
int retval, EventSet = PAPI_NULL;
long long values[NUM_EVENTS];

/* Initialize the Library */
retval = PAPI_library_init(PAPI_VER_CURRENT);
/* Allocate space for the new eventset and do setup */
retval = PAPI_create_eventset(&EventSet);
/* Add Flops and total cycles to the eventset */
retval = PAPI_add_events(EventSet,Events,NUM_EVENTS);
/* Start the counters */
retval = PAPI_start(EventSet);
do_work();
/*Stop counters and store results in values */
retval = PAPI_read(EventSet,values);
do_more_work();
/*Stop counters and store results in values */
retval = PAPI_stop(EventSet,values);
```





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# Simple Low Level Example in Fortran



```
#include "fpapi.h"
integer evset, status, retval
integer*8 values(2)
retval = PAPI_VER_CURRENT
evset = PAPI_NULL
call papif_library_init(retval)
call papif_create_eventset(evset, status)
call papif_add_event(evset, PAPI_TOT_CYC, status)
call papif_add_event(evset, PAPI_FP_INS, status)
call papif_start(evset, status)
C
call do_work()
C
call papif_read(evset, values, status)
C
call do_more_work()
C
call papif_stop(evset, values, status)
```



```
long long values[NUM_EVENTS];
unsigned int Events[NUM_EVENTS] =
{PAPI_TOT_INS,PAPI_TOT_CYC};
/* Start the counters */
PAPI_start_counters((int*)Events,NUM_EVENTS);
/* What we are monitoring... */
do_work();
/* Stop the counters and store the results in
values */
retval = PAPI_stop_counters(values,NUM_EVENTS);
```

- You must have the right tool for the job.
- What are your needs? Things to consider:
  - User Interface
    - Complex Suite
    - Quick and Dirty
  - Data Collection Mechanism
    - Aggregate
    - Trace based
    - Statistical

- Instrumentation Mechanism
  - Source
  - Binary (DPCL/DynInst)
  - Library interposition
- Data Management
  - Performance Database
  - User (Flat file)
- Data Visualization
  - Run Time
  - Post Mortem
  - Serial/Parallel Display
  - ASCII

- A simple tool that generates performance measurements for the entire run of a code.
- Requires no recompilation.
  - Uses library preloading and function replacement.
- Monitors all subprocesses.
- Output goes to stderr.
- Currently only handles the main thread.

- Cd papi/tools/trapper
- Make install PREFIX=<dir> (default /usr)
- Cd ../papiex
- Make install PREFIX=<dir> PAPI\_PREFIX=<dir>

```
> papiex -h
```

Usage: ./papiex [-lihvmt] [-e event]... -- <cmd> <cmd options>

- l Print the available preset events.
- i Print information about the host machine.
- h Print this message.
- v Print version information.
- t Enable monitoring of multiple threads.
- m Enable multiplexing of hardware counters.
- e event Monitor this hardware event.

\*\* All counts reflect user mode code only. \*\*



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# Using papiex



```
torc13(109)> ./papiex -i
```

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```
torc13(110)> ./papiex -l
```

```
Preset events.
```

| Preset               | Derived | Description | Native Name                                |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PAPI_L1_DCM          | No      |             | Level 1 data cache misses (DC_MISS)        |
| PAPI_L1_ICM          | No      |             | Level 1 instruction cache misses (IC_MISS) |
| PAPI_L2_DCM          | No      |             | Level 2 data cache misses                  |
| (BU_L2_FILL_MISS_DC) |         |             |                                            |
| PAPI_L2_ICM          | No      |             | Level 2 instruction cache misses           |
| (BU_L2_FILL_MISS_IC) |         |             |                                            |
| PAPI_L1_TCM          | Yes     |             | Level 1 cache misses (DC_MISS, IC_MISS)    |
| PAPI_L2_TCM          | Yes     |             | Level 2 cache misses (BU_L2_FILL_MISS_IC,  |
| BU_L2_FILL_MISS_DC)  |         |             |                                            |
| PAPI_FPU_IDL         | No      |             | Cycles floating point units are idle       |
| (FP_NONE_RET)        |         |             |                                            |



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# Using papiex on SWM



```
> f77 swim.F

> f77 -O3 swim.F

> papiex -e PAPI_L1_DCA -e PAPI_L1_DCM -e PAPI_FP_INS -e
 PAPI_TOT_CYC ./a.out

[swim output deleted]
```

|               |                                                  |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Executable:   | /a/nala/flannel/homes/mucci/dynaprof/tests/a.out |
| Process ID:   | 16217                                            |
| Hostname:     | torc13                                           |
| Start:        | Fri Apr 2 21:45:54 2004                          |
| Finish:       | Fri Apr 2 21:46:02 2004                          |
| PAPI_L1_DCA:  | 7767266125                                       |
| PAPI_L1_DCM:  | 56169610                                         |
| PAPI_FP_INS:  | 3354924950                                       |
| PAPI_TOT_CYC: | 14117355986                                      |
| Real usecs:   | 7967477                                          |
| Proc usecs:   | 7927087                                          |
| Real cycles:  | 14293650686                                      |
| Proc cycles:  | 14221192099                                      |

- From that data: (parens are -O3 version)
  - Delivered MFLOP/S: 423 (795)
    - $\text{PAPI\_FP\_INS} / \text{Process Virtual Usec}$
  - L1 Hit Rate: 99.3% (96.4%)
    - $(1.0 - (\text{PAPI\_L1\_DCM} / \text{PAPI\_L1\_DCA})) * 100.0$
  - Computation Intensity: 2.3 Load-Stores/Flop (.56)
    - $\text{PAPI\_L1\_DCA} / \text{PAPI\_FP\_INS}$
  - Note that PAPI\_FP\_INS does not include SSE, SSE2 or 3dNow! Instructions.

Tuning and Analysis Utilities (11+ year project effort)

*Performance system framework* for scalable parallel and distributed high-performance computing

Targets a general complex system computation model

- nodes / contexts / threads
- Multi-level: system / software / parallelism
- Measurement and analysis abstraction

*Integrated toolkit* for performance instrumentation, measurement, analysis, and visualization

Portable performance profiling and tracing facility

- Open software approach with technology integration
- University of Oregon , Forschungszentrum Jülich, LANL

TAU supports profiling and tracing measurement

Robust timing and hardware performance support using PAPI

Support for online performance monitoring

- Profile and trace performance data export to file system
- Selective exporting

Extension of TAU measurement for multiple counters

- Creation of user-defined TAU counters
- Access to system-level metrics

Support for callpath measurement

Integration with system-level performance data

- Linux MAGNET/MUSE (Wu Feng, LANL)

## Performance information

- Performance events
- High-resolution **timer library** (real-time / virtual clocks)
- General **software counter library** (user-defined events)

### Hardware performance counters

**PAPI** (Performance API) (UTK, Ptools Consortium)

- consistent, portable API

## Organization

- Node, context, thread levels
  - Profile groups for collective events (runtime selective)
- Performance data **mapping** between software levels

## Parallel profiling

- Function-level, block-level, statement-level
- Supports user-defined events
- TAU parallel profile data stored during execution
- Hardware counts values
- Support for multiple counters
- Support for callgraph and callpath profiling

## Tracing

- All profile-level events
- Inter-process communication events
- Trace merging and format conversion

*Support for standard program events*

- Routines
- Classes and templates
- Statement-level blocks

*Support for user-defined events*

- Begin/End events (“user-defined timers”)
- Atomic events (e.g., size of memory allocated/freed)
- Selection of event statistics

*Support definition of “semantic” entities for mapping*

*Support for event groups*

*Instrumentation optimization*

## *Flexible instrumentation mechanisms at multiple levels*

### *Source code*

- manual
- automatic
  - C, C++, F77/90/95 (Program Database Toolkit (*PDT*)))
  - OpenMP (directive rewriting (*Opari*), *POMP* spec)

### *Object code*

- pre-instrumented libraries (e.g., MPI using *PMPI*)
- statically-linked and dynamically-linked

### *Executable code*

- dynamic instrumentation (pre-execution) (*DynInstAPI*)
- virtual machine instrumentation (e.g., Java using *JVMPI*)

Targets common measurement interface

*TAU API*

Multiple instrumentation interfaces

- Simultaneously active

Information sharing between interfaces

- Utilizes instrumentation knowledge between levels

Selective instrumentation

- Available at each level
- Cross-level selection

Targets a common performance model

Presents a unified view of execution

- Consistent performance events

Program code analysis framework

- develop source-based tools

*High-level interface* to source code information

*Integrated toolkit* for source code parsing, database creation, and database query

- Commercial grade front-end parsers
- Portable IL analyzer, database format, and access API
- Open software approach for tool development

Multiple source languages

Implement automatic performance instrumentation tools

*tau\_instrumentor*

Uses standard MPI Profiling Interface

Provides name shifted interface

`MPI_Send` = `PMPI_Send`

Weak bindings

Interpose TAU's MPI wrapper library between MPI and TAU

`-lmpi` replaced by `-lTauMpi -lpmpi -lmpi`

No change to the source code! Just **re-link** the application to generate performance data

Install TAU

Instrument application

TAU Profiling API

Typically modify application makefile

include TAU's stub makefile, modify variables

Set environment variables

directory where profiles/traces are to be stored

Execute application

% mpirun -np <procs> a.out;

Analyze performance data

paraprof, vampir, pprof, paraver ...

## Parallel profile analysis

### *Pprof*

- parallel profiler with text-based display

### *ParaProf*

- Graphical, scalable, parallel profile analysis and display

## Trace analysis and visualization

- Trace merging and clock adjustment (if necessary)
- Trace format conversion (ALOG, SDDF, VTF, Paraver)
- Trace visualization using *Vampir* (Pallas/Intel)

## Computing platforms (selected)

- IBM SP / pSeries, SGI Origin 2K/3K, Cray T3E / SV-1 / X1, HP (Compaq) SC (Tru64), Sun, Hitachi SR8000, NEC SX-5/6, Linux clusters (IA-32/64, Alpha, PPC, PA-RISC, Power, Opteron), Apple (G4/5, OS X), Windows

## Programming languages

- C, C++, Fortran 77/90/95, HPF, Java, OpenMP, Python

## Thread libraries

- pthreads, SGI sproc, Java, Windows, OpenMP

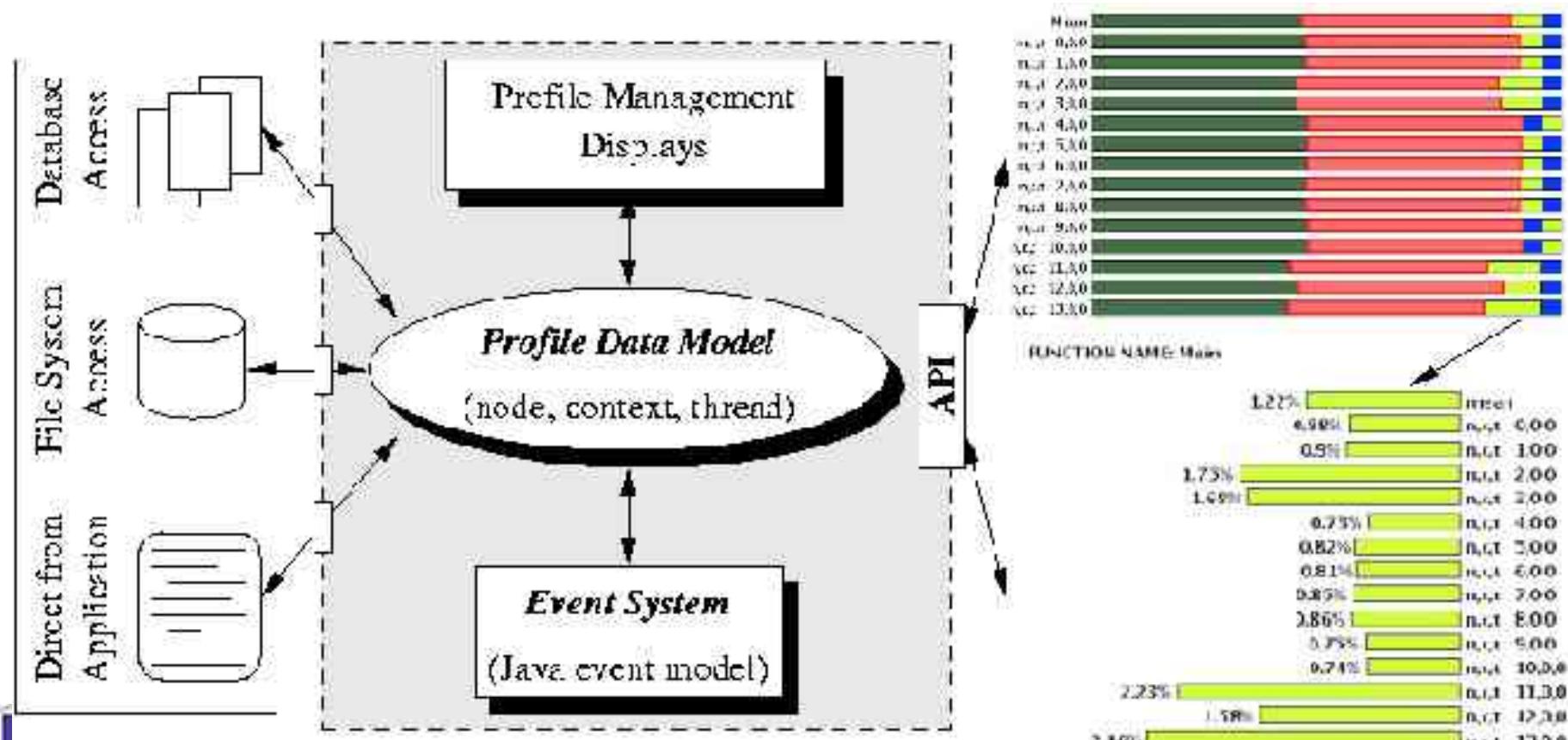
## Compilers (selected)

- Intel KAI (KCC, KAP/Pro), PGI, GNU, Fujitsu, Sun, Microsoft, SGI, Cray, IBM (xlc, xlf), Compaq, NEC, Intel

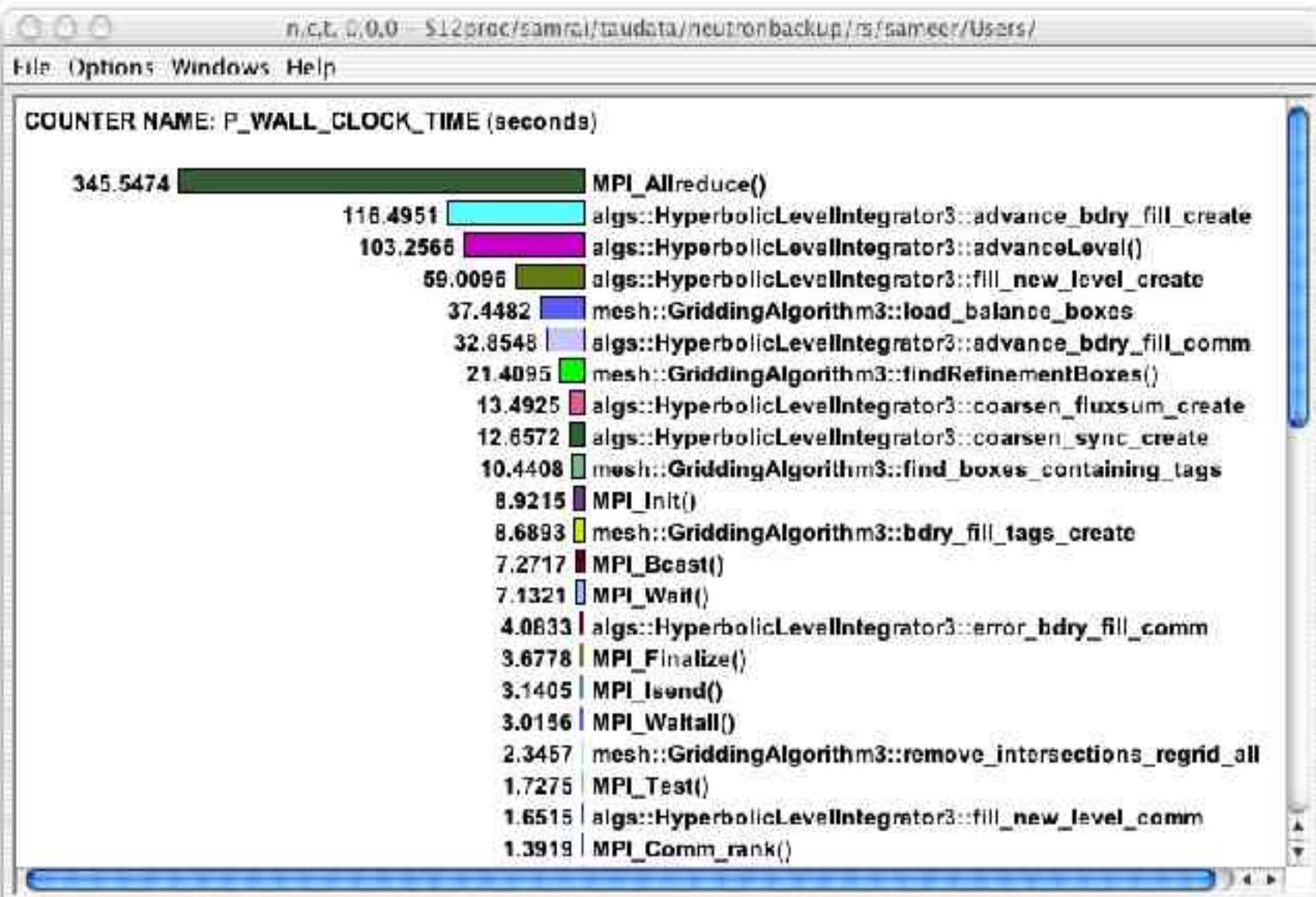
Portable, extensible, and scalable tool for profile analysis

Try to offer “best of breed” capabilities to analysts

Build as profile analysis framework for extensibility



# Node / Context / Thread Profile Window



TAU maintains a performance event (routine) callstack  
Profiled routine (child) looks in callstack for parent

Previous profiled performance event is the parent

A *callpath profile structure* created first time parent calls

TAU records parent in a *callgraph map* for child

String representing k-level callpath used as its key

“a( )=>b( )=>c()” : name for time spent in “c” when called by  
“b” when “b” is called by “a”

Map returns pointer to callpath profile structure

k-level callpath is profiled using this profiling data

Set environment variable `TAU_CALLPATH_DEPTH` to depth

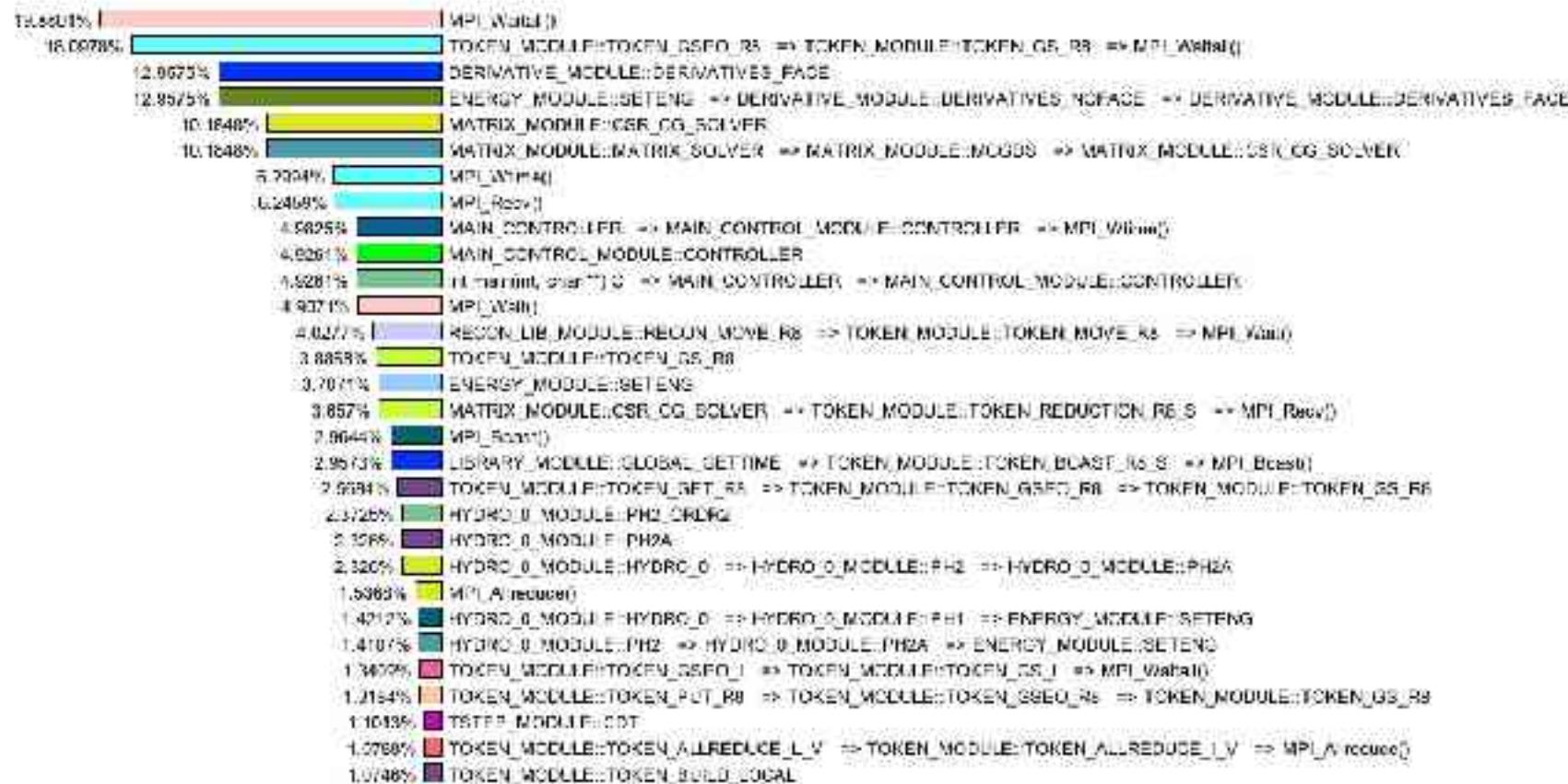
Build upon TAU’s performance mapping technology

Measurement is independent of instrumentation

Use – `PROFILECALLPATH` to configure TAU

# Example Callpath Data

Metric Name / Time  
Value Type: exclusive



# Gprof Style Callpath View in Paraprof

Metric Name: Time  
 Sorted By: exclusive  
 Units: seconds

| Exclusive   | Inclusive | Calls/Tot.Calls | Name[id]                                    |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1.8584      | 1.8584    | 1196/13188      | TOKEN_MODULE::TOKEN_GS_I [521]              |
| 0.584       | 0.584     | 239/13188       | TOKEN_MODULE::TOKEN_GS_L [533]              |
| 25.0819     | 25.0819   | 11758/13188     | TOKEN_MODULE::TOKEN_GS_R8 [734]             |
| --> 27.5242 | 27.5242   | 13188           | MPI_Waitall() [525]                         |
| <hr/>       |           |                 |                                             |
| 17.9579     | 39.1657   | 156/156         | DERIVATIVE_MODULE::DERIVATIVES_NOFACE [841] |
| --> 17.9579 | 39.1657   | 156             | DERIVATIVE_MODULE::DERIVATIVES_FACE [813]   |
| 0.0156      | 0.0195    | 312/312         | TIMER_MODULE::TIMERSSET [77]                |
| 0.1113      | 0.1264    | 2340/2340       | MESSAGE_MODULE::CLONE_GET_R8 [808]          |
| 0.1602      | 0.4608    | 4056/4056       | MESSAGE_MODULE::CLONE_PUT_R8 [850]          |
| 0.0059      | 0.6006    | 117/117         | MESSAGE_MODULE::CLONE_PUT_I [856]           |
| <hr/>       |           |                 |                                             |
| 14.1151     | 21.6209   | 5/5             | MATRIX_MODULE::MCGDS [1443]                 |
| --> 14.1151 | 21.6209   | 5               | MATRIX_MODULE::CSR_CG_SOLVER [1470]         |
| 0.0654      | 1.2617    | 1005/1005       | TOKEN_MODULE::TOKEN_GET_R8 [769]            |
| 0.0557      | 5.2714    | 1005/1005       | TOKEN_MODULE::TOKEN_REDUCTION_R8_S [1475]   |
| 0.0703      | 0.9726    | 1000/1000       | TOKEN_MODULE::TOKEN_REDUCTION_R8_V [208]    |

- Download TAU from
  - <http://www.cs.uoregon.edu/research/paracomp/tau>
- TAU requires the configuration and building of multiple measurement libraries for different environments.
- First build PDT. (only once)
  - `./configure -arch=x86_64`
  - `make install`
- Here, we build with PDT, PAPI and callpath profiling.
  - `./configure -arch=x86_64 -papi=<directory>`  
`-pdt=<directory>`  
`-MULTIPLECOUNTERS -PROFILECALLPATH -PROFILE`  
`-PAPIWALLCLOCK -PAPIVIRTUAL`

## configure [OPTIONS]

- {-c++=<CC>, -cc=<cc>}      Specify C++ and C compilers
- {-pthread, -sproc}                  Use pthread or SGI sproc threads
- -openmp                                Use OpenMP threads
- -jdk=<dir>                         Specify Java instrumentation (JDK)
- -opari=<dir>  
    tool                                    Specify location of Opari OpenMP
- -papi=<dir>                        Specify location of PAPI
- -pdt=<dir>                        Specify location of PDT
- -dyninst=<dir>                    Specify location of DynInst Package
- -mpi[inc/lib]=<dir>              Specify MPI library instrumentation
- -python[inc/lib]=<dir>           Specify Python instrumentation
- -epilog=<dir>                      Specify location of EPILOG

## configure [OPTIONS]

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| -TRACE             | Generate binary TAU traces      |
| -PROFILE (default) | Generate profiles (summary)     |
| -PROFILECALLPATH   | Generate call path profiles     |
| -PROFILESTATS      | Generate std. dev. statistics   |
| -MULTIPLECOUNTERS  | Use hardware counters + time    |
| -COMPENSATE        | Compensate timer overhead       |
| -CPUTIME           | Use usertime+system time        |
| -PAPIWALLCLOCK     | Use PAPI's wallclock time       |
| -PAPIVIRTUAL       | Use PAPI's process virtual time |
| -SGITIMERS         | Use fast IRIX timers            |
| -LINUXTIMERS       | Use fast x86 Linux timers       |

# Description of Optional Packages

**PAPI** – Measures hardware performance data e.g., floating point instructions, L1 data cache misses etc.

**DyninstAPI** – Helps instrument an application binary at runtime or rewrites the binary

**EPILOG** – Trace library. Epilog traces can be analyzed by EXPERT [FZJ], an automated bottleneck detection tool.

**Opari** – Tool that instruments OpenMP programs

**Vampir** – Commercial trace visualization tool [Pallas]

**Paraver** – Trace visualization tool [CEPBA]

- Include TAU Stub Makefile (<arch>/lib) in the user's Makefile.
- Variables:

**TAU\_CXX**

Specify the C++ compiler used by TAU

**TAU\_CC, TAU\_F90**

Specify the C, F90 compilers

**TAU\_DEFS**

Defines used by TAU. Add to CFLAGS

**TAU\_LDFLAGS**

Linker options. Add to LDFLAGS

**TAU\_INCLUDE**

Header files include path. Add to CFLAGS

**TAU\_LIBS**

Statically linked TAU library. Add to LIBS

**TAU\_SHLIBS**

Dynamically linked TAU library

**TAU\_MPI\_LIBS**

TAU's MPI wrapper library for C/C++

**TAU\_MPI\_FLIBS**

TAU's MPI wrapper library for F90

**TAU\_FORTRANLIBS**

Must be linked in with C++ linker for F90

**TAU\_CXXLIBS**

Must be linked in with F90 linker

**TAU\_INCLUDE\_MEMORY**

Use TAU's malloc/free wrapper lib

**TAU\_DISABLE**

TAU's dummy F90 stub library

- Note: Not including TAU\_DEFS in CFLAGS disables instrumentation in C/C++ programs (**TAU\_DISABLE** for f90).

```
include /usr/local/tau/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-papiwallclock-
multiplecounters-papivirtual-papi-pdt

CC = $(TAU_CC)

LIBS = $(TAU_LIBS) $(TAU_CXXLIBS)

LD_FLAGS = $(TAU_LDFLAGS)

OBJS = ...

TARGET= a.out

TARGET: $(OBJS)
 $(CXX) $(LDFLAGS) $(OBJS) -o $@ $(LIBS)

.f.o:
 $(F90) $(FFLAGS) -c $< -o $@
```

```
% set path=($path <taudir>/<arch>/bin)
% set path=($path $PET_HOME/PTOOLS/tau-2.13.5/src/rs6000/bin)
% setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH $LD_LIBRARY_PATH\:<taudir>/<arch>/lib
```

For PAPI (multiplecounters) :

```
% setenv COUNTER1 PAPI_FP_INS (PAPI's Floating point ins)
% setenv COUNTER2 PAPI_TOT_CYC (PAPI's Total cycles)
% setenv COUNTER3 P_VIRTUAL_TIME (PAPI's virtual time)
% setenv COUNTER4 LINUX_TIMERS (Wallclock time)
% mpirun -np <n> <application>
% llsubmit job.sh
% paraprof (for performance analysis)
```

```
% tau_instrumentor

Usage : tau_instrumentor < pdbfile > < sourcefile > [-o < outputfile >] [-noinline] [-g
groupname] [-i headerfile] [-c | -c++ | -fortran] [-f < instr_req_file >]

For selective instrumentation, use -f option

% tau_instrumentor foo.pdb foo.cpp -o foo.inst.cpp -f selective.dat
% cat selective.dat
Selective instrumentation: Specify an exclude/include list of routines/files.
```

```
BEGIN_EXCLUDE_LIST
void quicksort(int *, int, int)
void sort_5elements(int *)
void interchange(int *, int *)
END_EXCLUDE_LIST
```

```
BEGIN_FILE_INCLUDE_LIST
Main.cpp
Foo?.c
*.C
END_FILE_INCLUDE_LIST
Instruments routines in Main.cpp, Foo?.c and *.C files only
Use BEGIN_[FILE]_INCLUDE_LIST with END_[FILE]_INCLUDE_LIST
```

```
include /usr/local/tau/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-pdt
CXX = $(TAU_CXX)
CC = $(TAU_CC)
PDTPARSE = $(PDTDIR)/$(PDTARCHDIR)/bin/cxxparse
TAUINSTR = $(TAUROOT)/$(CONFIG_ARCH)/bin/tau_instrumentor
CFLAGS = $(TAU_DEFS) $(TAU_INCLUDE)
LIBS = $(TAU_LIBS)
OBJS =
TARGET= a.out
TARGET: $(OBJS)
 $(CXX) $(LDFLAGS) $(OBJS) -o $@ $(LIBS)
.cpp.o:
 $(PDTPARSE) $<
 $(TAUINSTR) $*.pdb $< -o $*.inst.cpp -f select.dat
 $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $*.inst.cpp -o $@
```

```
include /usr/local/tau/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-pdt
F90 = $(TAU_F90)
CC = $(TAU_CC)
PDTPARSE = $(PDTDIR)/$(PDTARCHDIR)/bin/f95parse
TAUINSTR = $(TAUROOT)/$(CONFIG_ARCH)/bin/tau_instrumentor
LIBS = $(TAU_LIBS) $(TAU_CXXLIBS)
OBJS = f1.o f2.o f3.o
TARGET = a.out
PDB = merged.pdb
TARGET:$(PDB) $(OBJS)
 $(F90) $(LDFLAGS) $(OBJS) -o $@ $(LIBS)
$(PDB): $(OBJS:.o=.f)
 $(PDTF95PARSE) $(OBJS:.o=.f) -o$(PDB) -R free
This expands to f95parse *.f -omerged.pdb -R free
.f.o:
 $(TAU_INSTR) $(PDB) $< -o $*.inst.f -f sel.dat; \
 $(FCOMPILE) $*.inst.f -o $@;
```

- Initialization and runtime configuration

```
TAU_PROFILE_INIT(argc, argv);
TAU_PROFILE_SET_NODE(myNode);
TAU_PROFILE_SET_CONTEXT(myContext);
TAU_PROFILE_EXIT(message);
TAU_REGISTER_THREAD();
```

- Function and class methods for C++ only:

```
TAU_PROFILE(name, type, group);
```

- Template

```
TAU_TYPE_STRING(variable, type);
TAU_PROFILE(name, type, group);
CT(variable);
```

- User-defined timing

```
TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(timer, name, type, group);
TAU_PROFILE_START(timer);
TAU_PROFILE_STOP(timer);
```

- User-defined events

```
TAU_REGISTER_EVENT(variable, event_name);
TAU_EVENT(variable, value);
TAU_PROFILE_STMT(statement);
```

- Heap Memory Tracking:

```
TAU_TRACK_MEMORY();
TAU_SET_INTERRUPT_INTERVAL(seconds);
TAU_DISABLE_TRACKING_MEMORY();
TAU_ENABLE_TRACKING_MEMORY();
```

- Reporting

```
TAU_REPORT_STATISTICS();
TAU_REPORT_THREAD_STATISTICS();
```

```
#include <TAU.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
 TAU_PROFILE("int main(int, char **)", " ", TAU_DEFAULT);
 TAU_PROFILE_INIT(argc, argv);
 TAU_PROFILE_SET_NODE(0); /* for sequential programs */
 foo();
 return 0;
}

int foo(void)
{
 TAU_PROFILE("int foo(void)", " ", TAU_DEFAULT); // measures entire foo()
 TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(t, "foo(): for loop", "[23:45 file.cpp]", TAU_USER);
 TAU_PROFILE_START(t);
 for(int i = 0; i < N ; i++) {
 work(i);
 }
 TAU_PROFILE_STOP(t);
 // other statements in foo ...
}
```

```
#include <TAU.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
 TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(tmain, "int main(int, char **)", "", TAU_DEFAULT);
 TAU_PROFILE_INIT(argc, argv);
 TAU_PROFILE_SET_NODE(0); /* for sequential programs */
 TAU_PROFILE_START(tmain);
 foo();
 ...
 TAU_PROFILE_STOP(tmain);
 return 0;
}

int foo(void)
{
 TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(t, "foo()", "", TAU_USER);
 TAU_PROFILE_START(t);
 for(int i = 0; i < N ; i++) {
 work(i);
 }
 TAU_PROFILE_STOP(t);
}
```

cc34567 Cubes program – comment line

```
PROGRAM SUM_OF_CUBES
 integer profiler(2)
 save profiler
 INTEGER :: H, T, U
 call TAU_PROFILE_INIT()
 call TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(profiler, 'PROGRAM SUM_OF_CUBES')
 call TAU_PROFILE_START(profiler)
 call TAU_PROFILE_SET_NODE(0)
 ! This program prints all 3-digit numbers that
 ! equal the sum of the cubes of their digits.
 DO H = 1, 9
 DO T = 0, 9
 DO U = 0, 9
 IF (100*H + 10*T + U == H**3 + T**3 + U**3) THEN
 PRINT "(3I1)", H, T, U
 ENDIF
 END DO
 END DO
 END DO
 call TAU_PROFILE_STOP(profiler)
END PROGRAM SUM_OF_CUBES
```

## OpenMP Pragma And Region Instrumentor

- Source-to-Source translator to insert **POMP** calls around OpenMP constructs and API functions

Done: Supports

Fortran77 and Fortran90, OpenMP 2.0

C and C++, OpenMP 1.0

POMP Extensions

- EPILOG and TAU POMP implementations
- Preserves source code information (#line line file)

## Step I: Configure KOJAK/opari [Download from <http://www.fz-juelich.de/zam/kojak/>]

```
% cd kojak-0.99; cp mf/Makefile.defs.ibm Makefile.defs;
edit Makefile
% make
```

**Builds opari**

## Step II: Configure TAU with Opari (used here with PDT)

```
% configure -opari=/usr/contrib/TAU/kojak-0.99/opari
-pdt=/usr/contrib/TAU/pdtoolkit-3.1
% make clean; make install
```

```
call pomp_parallel_fork(d)
!$OMP PARALLEL other-clauses...
 call pomp_parallel_begin(d)
 call pomp_do_enter(d)
 !$OMP DO schedule-clauses, ordered-clauses,
 lastprivate-clauses
 do loop
 !$OMP END DO NOWAIT
 call pomp_barrier_enter(d)
 !$OMP BARRIER
 call pomp_barrier_exit(d)
 call pomp_do_exit(d)
 call pomp_parallel_end(d)
!$OMP END PARALLEL DO
call pomp_parallel_join(d)
```

```
OMPCC = ... # insert C OpenMP compiler here
OMPCXX = ... # insert C++ OpenMP compiler here

.c.o:
 opari $<
 $(OMPCC) $(CFLAGS) -c $*.mod.c

.cc.o:
 opari $<
 $(OMPCXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -c $*.mod.cc

opari.init:
 rm -rf opari.rc

opari.tab.o:
 opari -table opari.tab.c
 $(CC) -c opari.tab.c

myprog: opari.init myfile*.o ... opari.tab.o
 $(OMPCC) -o myprog myfile*.o opari.tab.o -lpomp

myfile1.o: myfile1.c myheader.h
myfile2.o:
```

```
OMPF77 = ... # insert f77 OpenMP compiler here
OMPF90 = ... # insert f90 OpenMP compiler here

.f.o:
 opari $<
 $(OMP77) $(CFLAGS) -c $*.mod.F

.f90.o:
 opari $<
 $(OMP90) $(CXXFLAGS) -c $*.mod.F90

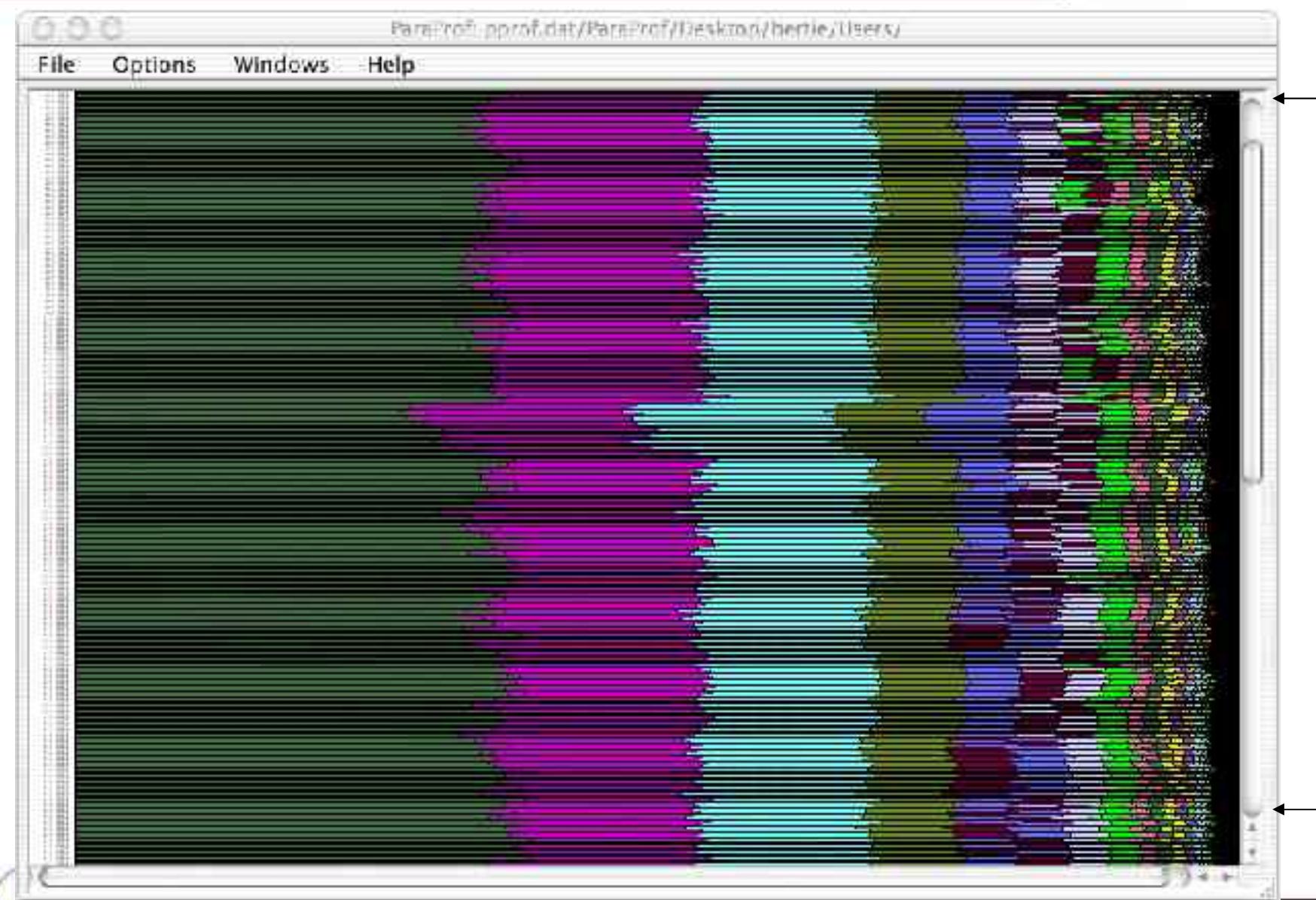
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opari.tab.o:
 opari -table opari.tab.c
 $(CC) -c opari.tab.c

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 $(OMP90) -o myprog myfile*.o opari.tab.o -lpomp

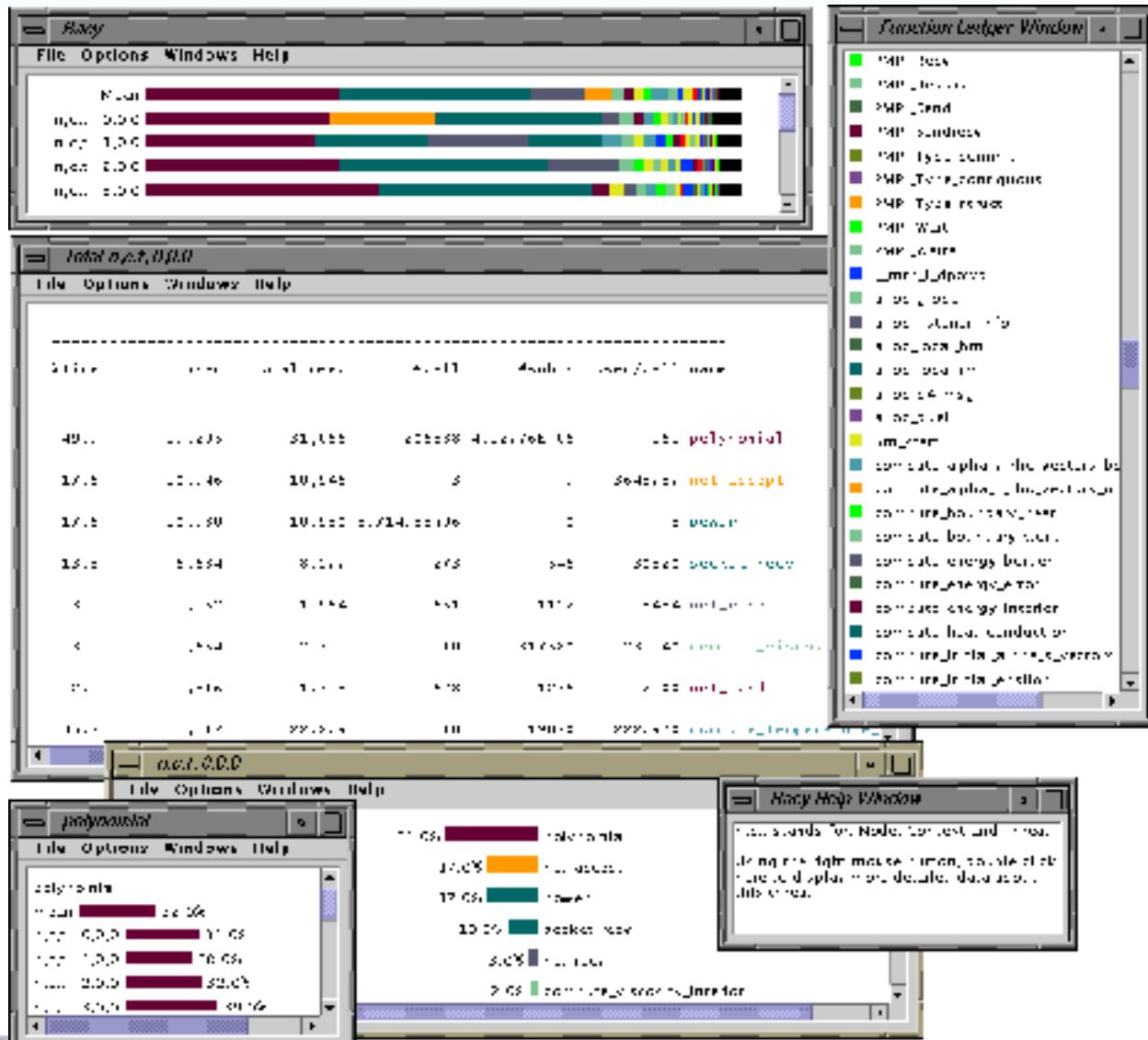
myfile1.o: myfile1.f90
myfile2.o: ...
```

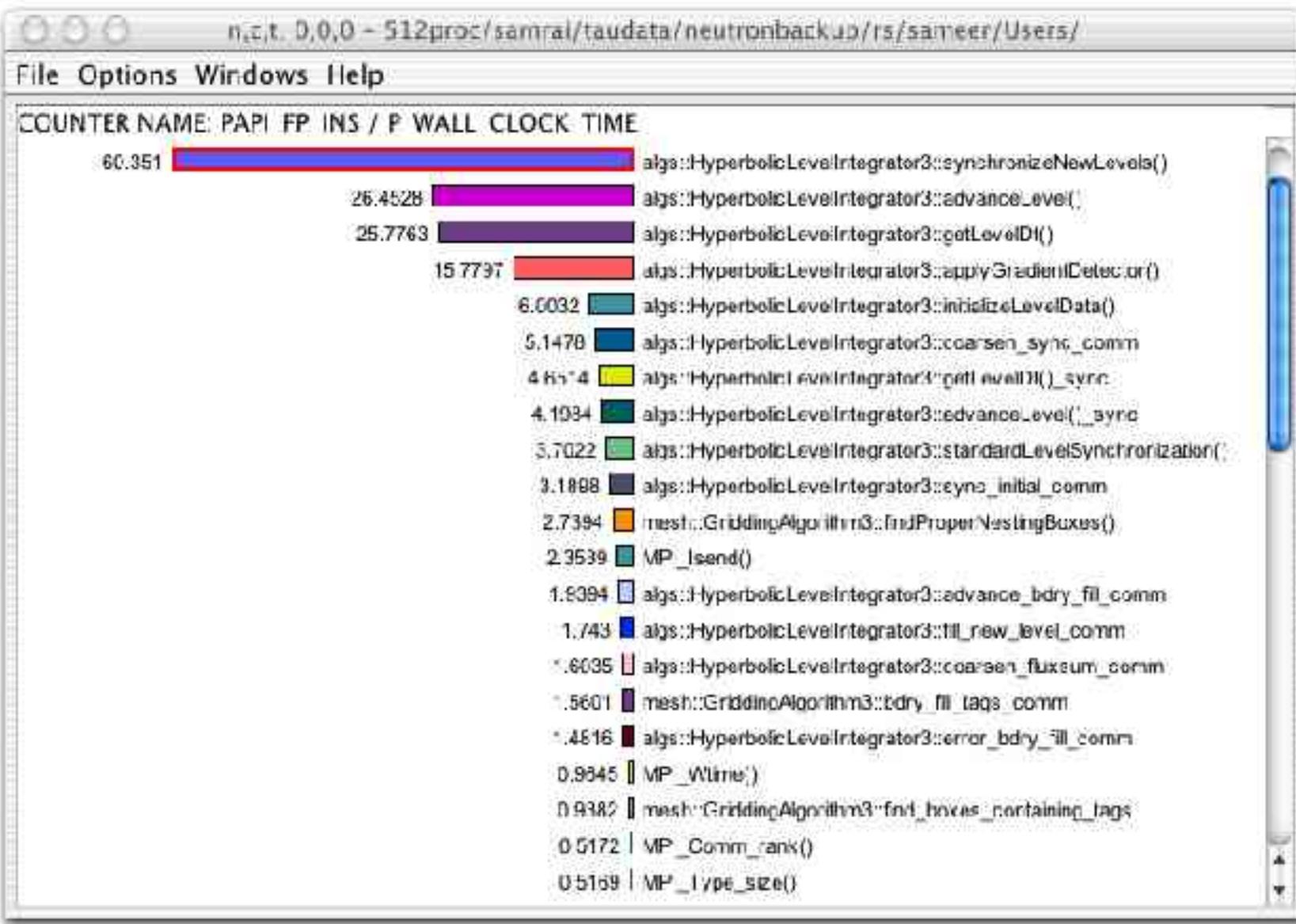
# Full Profile Window (Exclusive Time)



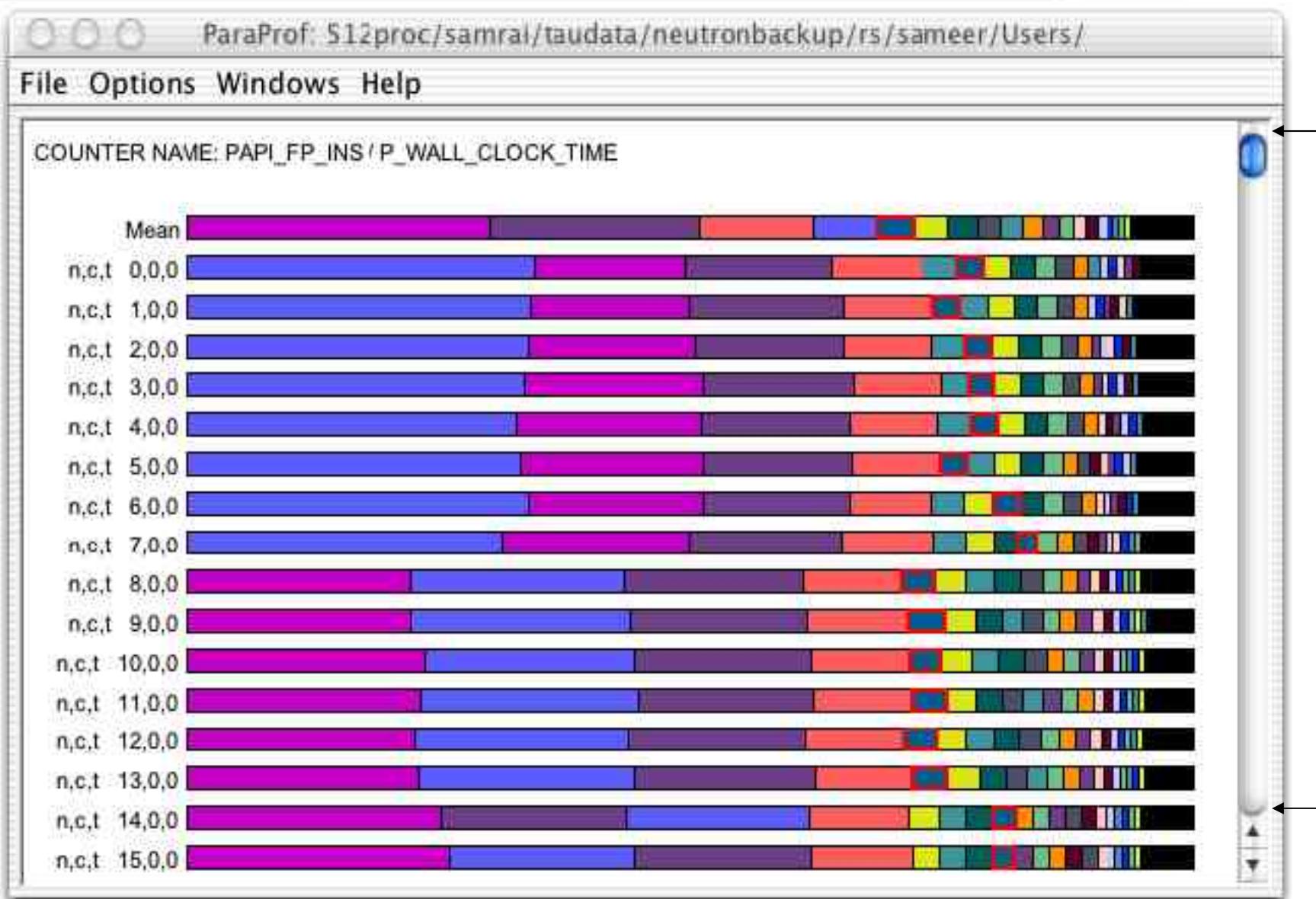


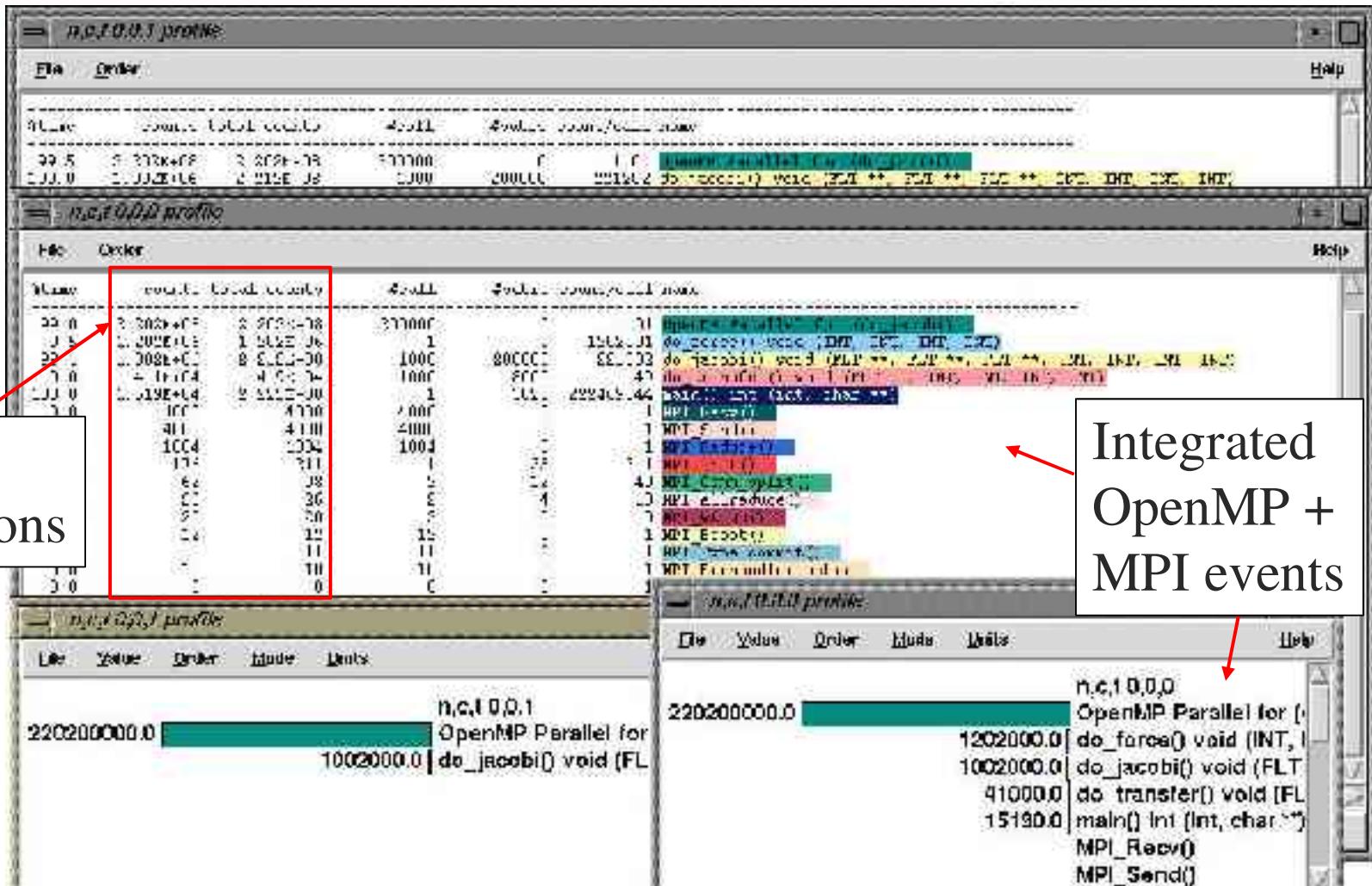
# SIMPLE Hydrodynamics Benchmark





# Profile Window for Derived Metrics





```
% configure -papi=../packages/papi -openmp -c++=pgCC -cc=pgcc
-mpiinc=../packages/mpich/include -mpilib=../packages/mpich/lib
```

## Department of Energy (DOE)

- Office of Science contracts
- University of Utah DOE ASCI Level 1 sub-contract
- DOE ASCI Level 3 (LANL, LLNL)



## NSF National Young Investigator (NYI) award



## Research Centre Juelich

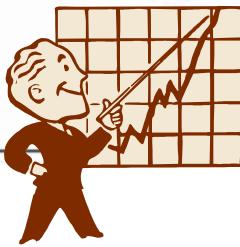
- John von Neumann Institute for Computing
- Dr. Bernd Mohr



## Los Alamos National Laboratory



# Tools that use PAPI



- TAU (Sameer Shende, U Oregon)

<http://www.cs.uoregon.edu/research/paracomputing/tau/>

- SvPablo (Celso Mendes, UIUC)

<http://www-pablo.cs.uiuc.edu/Project/SVPablo/>

- HPCToolkit (J. Mellor-Crummey, Rice U)

<http://hipersoft.cs.rice.edu/hpctoolkit/>

- psrun (Rick Kufrin, NCSA, UIUC)

<http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/~rkufri/perfsuite/psrun/>

- Titanium (Dan Bonachea, UC Berkeley)

<http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/Research/Projects/titanium/>



- SCALEA (Thomas Fahringer, U Innsbruck)  
<http://www.par.univie.ac.at/project/scalea/>
- KOJAK (Bernd Mohr, FZ Juelich; U Tenn)  
<http://www.fz-juelich.de/zam/kojak>
- Cone (Felix Wolf, U Tenn)  
<http://icl.cs.utk.edu/kojak/cone>
- HPMtoolkit (Luiz Derose, IBM)  
<http://www.alphaworks.ibm.com/tech/hpmtoolkit>
- CUBE (Felix Wolf, U Tenn)  
<http://icl.cs.utk.edu/kojak/cube>

- ParaVer (J. Labarta, CEPBA)

<http://www.cepba.upc.es/paraver>

- VAMPIR (Pallas)

<http://www.pallas.com/e/products/vampir/index.htm>

- DynaProf (P. Mucci, U Tenn)

<http://www.cs.utk.edu/~mucci/dynaprof>

This talk:

- [http://www.cs.utk.edu/~mucci/latest/mucci\\_talks.html](http://www.cs.utk.edu/~mucci/latest/mucci_talks.html)

The PAPI Homepage:

- <http://icl.cs.utk.edu/papi>