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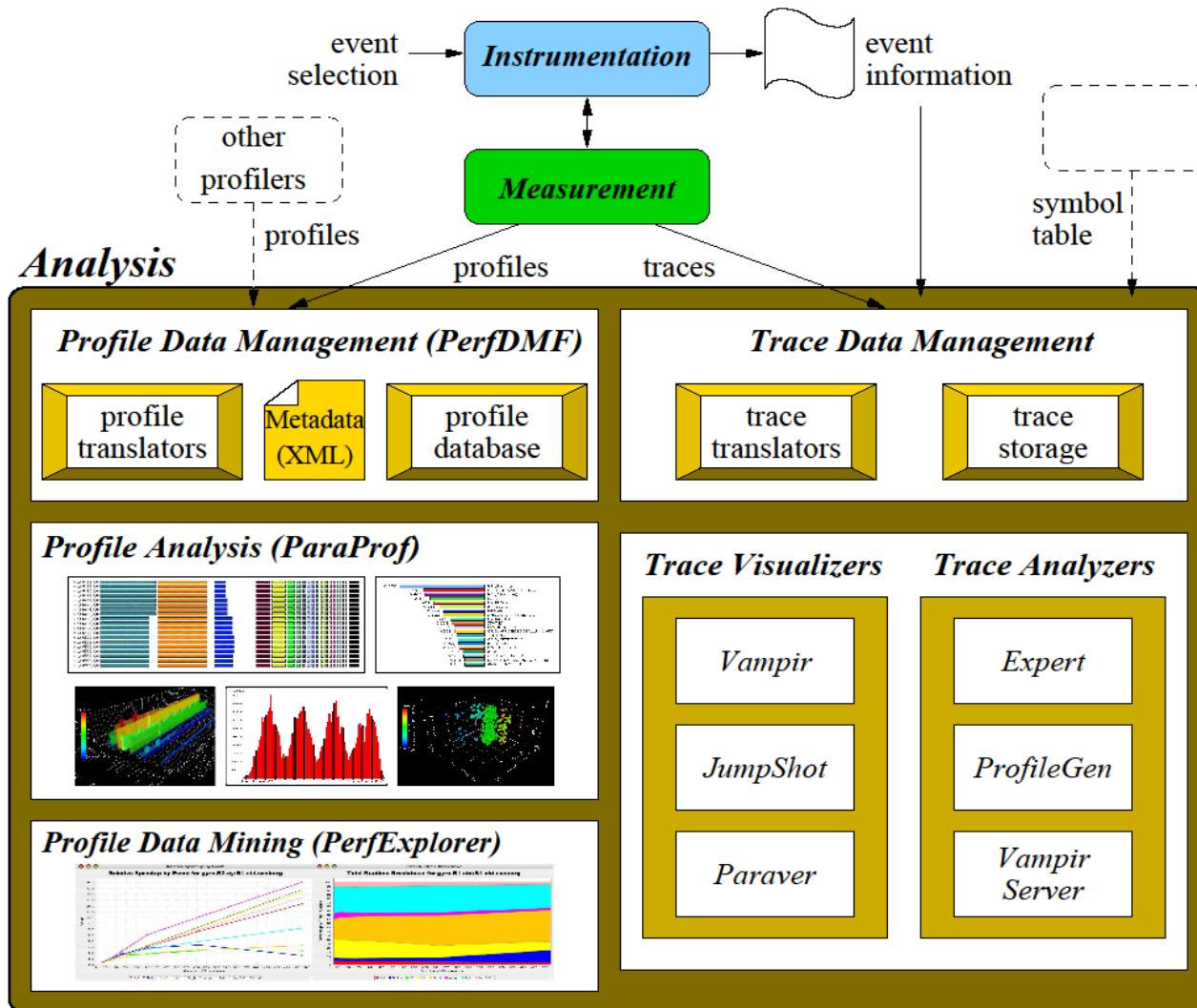
# Debugging & Profiling Techniques

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# TAU Tuning and Analysis Utilities

- TAU Performance System® is a portable profiling and tracing toolkit for performance analysis of serial and parallel programs written in Fortran, C, C++, Java, and Python. [www.cs.uoregon.edu/research/tau](http://www.cs.uoregon.edu/research/tau)
- 12+ years of project in which are currently involved:
  - University of Oregon Performance Research Lab
  - LANL Advanced Computing Laboratory
  - Research Centre Julich at ZAM, Germany
- TAU (Tuning and Analysis Utilities) is capable of gathering performance information through instrumentation of functions, methods, basic blocks and statements of serial and shared or distributed memory parallel codes
- It's portable on all architectures
- Provides powerful and user friendly graphic tools for result analysis

# Architecture



# Installation and configuration

- During the installation phase TAU requires different configurations flags depending on the kind of code to be analyzed.

GNU	Flags
<b>Base Serial</b>	configure --prefix=/data/apps/bin/tau/2.20.2-gnu/base_serial --pdt=/data/apps_exa/bin/pdt/3.17/intel-c++=g++ -cc=gcc -fortran=gfortran
<b>Base MPI</b>	configure --prefix=/data/apps/bin/tau/2.20.2-gnu/base_mpi --mpiinc=/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-1.4.1/include --mpilib=/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-1.4.1/lib64 --pdt=/data/apps_exa/bin/pdt/3.17/intel -c++=g++ -cc=gcc -fortran=gfortran
<b>Base OpenMP</b>	configure --prefix=/data/apps/bin/tau/2.20.2-gnu/base_openmp --pdt=/data/apps_exa/bin/pdt/3.17/intel -openmp -opari -opari_region -opari_construct -c++=g++ -cc=gcc -fortran=gfortran
<b>Base MPI+OpenMP</b>	configure --prefix=/data/apps/bin/tau/2.20.2-gnu/base_mpi_openmp -openmp --mpi --mpiinc=/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-1.4.1/include --mpilib=/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-1.4.1/lib64 --pdt=/data/apps_exa/bin/pdt/3.17/intel-opari -opari_region -opari_construct -c++=g++ -cc=gcc -fortran=gfortran

- After configuration TAU can be easily installed with:
  - make
  - make install

# Introduction

- TAU provides three different methods to track the performance of your application.
- The simplest way is to use TAU with dynamic instrumentation based on pre-charged libraries

## Dynamic instrumentation

- Doesn't require to recompile the executable
- Instrumentation is achieved at **run-time** through library pre-loading
- Dynamic instrumentation include tracking MPI, io, memory, cuda, opencl library calls. MPI instrumentation is included by default, the others are enabled by command-line options to tau\_exec.

- Serial code

```
%> tau_exec -io ./a.out
```

- Parallel MPI code

```
%> mpirun -np 4 tau_exec -io ./a.out
```

- Parallel MPI + OpenMP code

```
%> mpirun -x OMP_NUM_THREADS=2 -np 4 tau_exec -io ./a.out
```



# Compiler based instrumentation

- For more detailed profiles, TAU provides two means to compile your application with TAU: through your compiler or through source transformation using PDT.
- It's necessary to recompile the application, **static instrumentation** at compile time
- TAU provides these scripts to instrument and compile Fortran, C, and C++ programs respectively:
  - tau\_f90.sh
  - tau\_cc.sh
  - tau\_cxx.sh
- Compiler based instrumentation needs the following steps:
  - Environment configuration
  - Code recompiling
  - Execution
  - Result analysis

# Compiler based instrumentation

## 1. Environment configuration:

```
%>export TAU_MAKEFILE=[path to tau]/[arch]/lib/[makefile]  
%>export TAU_OPTIONS='‐optCompInst ‐optRevert'
```

### Optional:

```
%>export PROFILEDIR = [path to directory with result]
```

## 2. Code recompiling:

```
%>tau_cc.sh source_code.c
```

## 3. To enable callpath creation:

```
%>export TAU_CALLPATH=1  
%>export TAU_CALLPATH_DEPTH=30
```

## 4. To enable MPI message statistics

```
%>export TAU_TRACK_MESSAGE=1
```

# TAU environment variables

Environment Variable	Default	Description
TAU_PROFILE	1	Set to 1 to have TAU profile your code
TAU_CALLPATH	0	When set to 1 TAU will generate call-path data. Use with TAU_CALLPATH_DEPTH.
TAU_CALLPATH_DEPTH	2	Callapath depth. 0 No callapath. 1 flat profile
TAU_SYNCHRONIZE_CLOCKS	1	When set TAU will correct for any time discrepancies between nodes because of their CPU clock lag.
TAU_COMM_MATRIX	0	If set to 1 generate MPI communication matrix data.
TAU_THROTTLE	1	If set to 1 enables the runtime throttling of events that are lightweight
TAU_THROTTLE_NUMCALLS	100000	Set the maximum number of calls that will be profiled for any function when TAU_THROTTLE is enabled
TAU_THROTTLE_PERCALL	10	Set the minimum inclusive time (in milliseconds) a function has to have to be instrumented when TAU_THROTTLE is enabled.



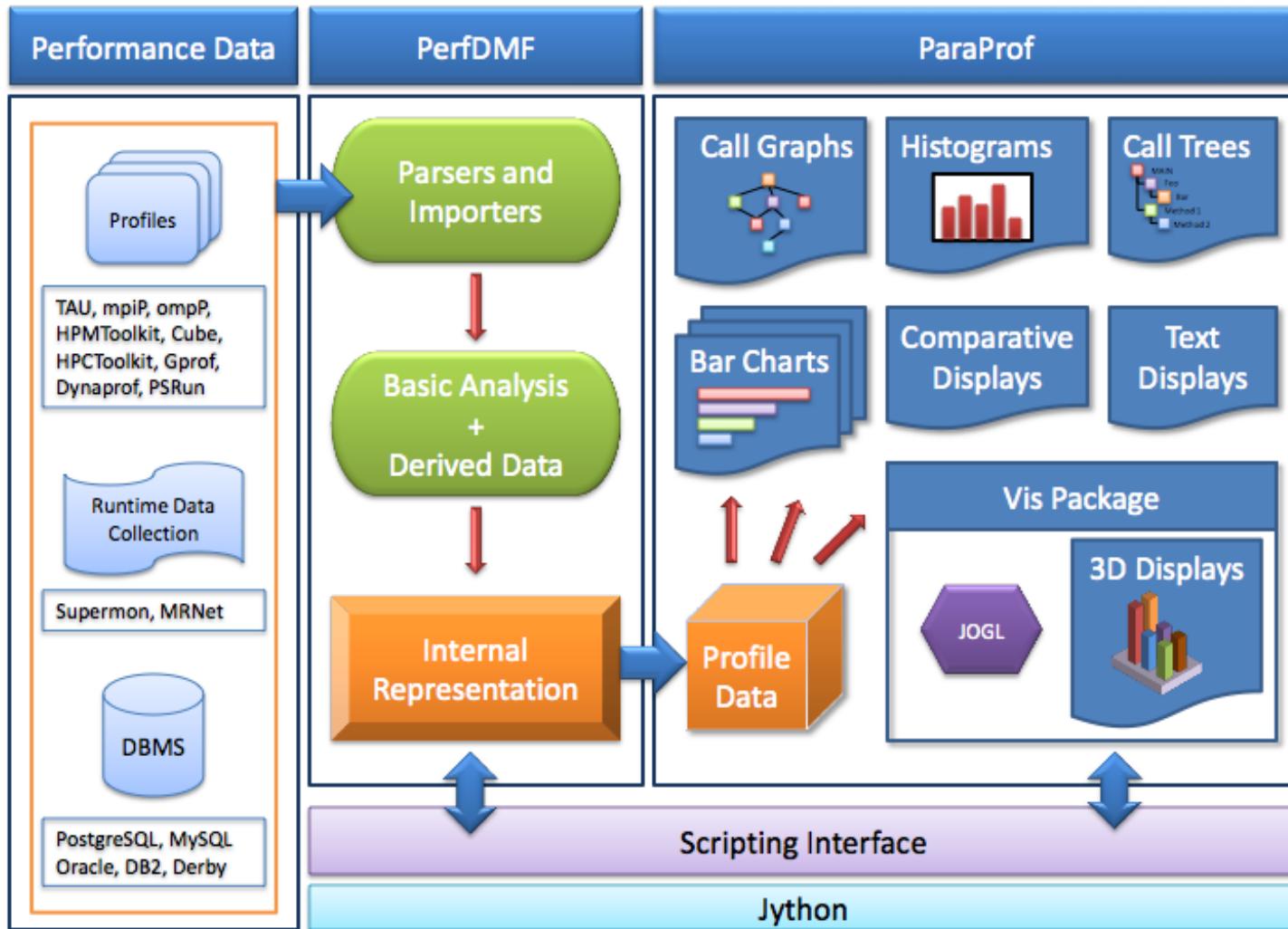
# TAU\_OPTIONS

- Optional parameters for TAU\_OPTIONS: [tau\_compiler.sh -help]
  - **-optVerbose**                          Verbose debugging
  - **-optComInst**                          Compiler based instrumentation
  - **-optNoComInst**                        No Compiler based instrumentation
  - **-optPreProcess**                        Fortran preprocessing before code instrumentation
  - **-optTauSelectFile=" "**                Selective file for the tau\_instrumentor

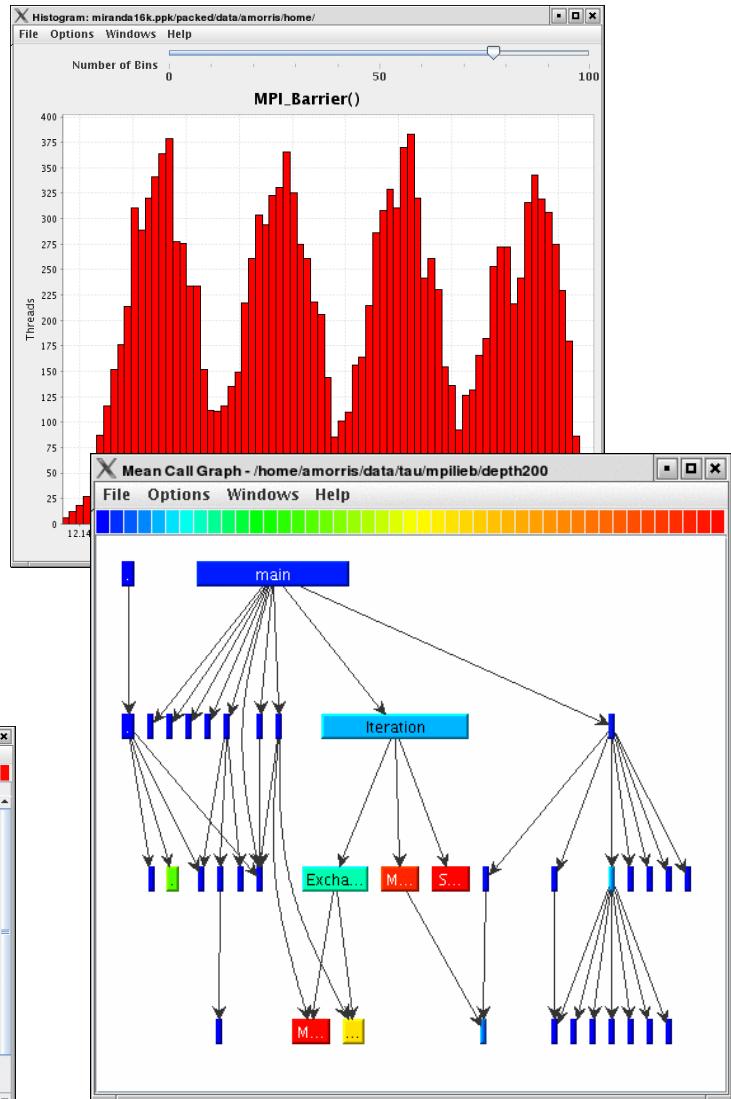
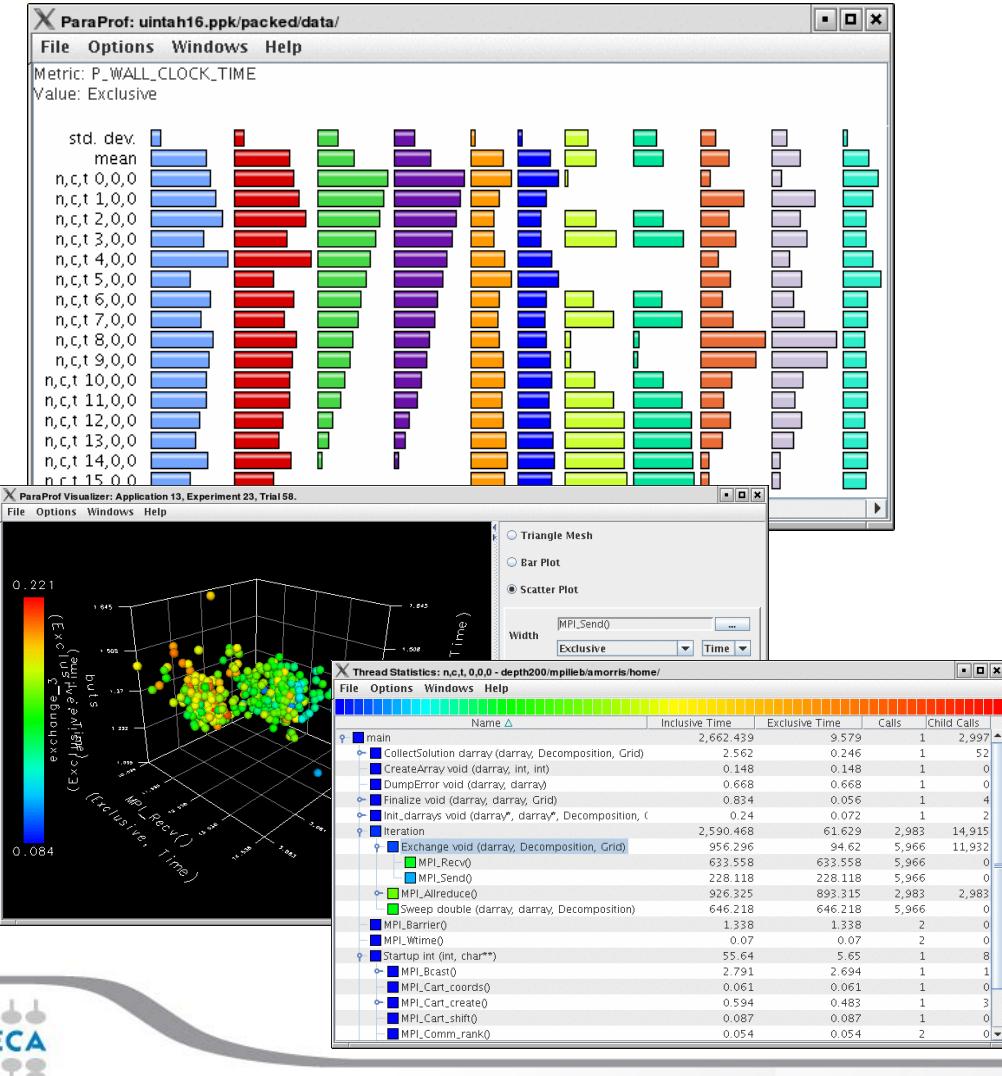
# Result analysis

- At the end of a run, a code instrumented with TAU produces a series of files “profile.x.x.x” containing the profiling information.
- TAU provides two tools for profiling analysis :
  - pprof command line, useful for a quick view summary of TAU performance
  - Paraprof with a sophisticated GUI allows very detailed and powerful analysis
- **Usage:** pprof [-c|-b|-m|-t|-e|-i|-v] [-r] [-s] [-n num] [-f filename] [-p] [-l] [-d] [node numbers]
  - a : Show all location information available
  - c : Sort according to number of Calls
  - b : Sort according to number of subRoutines called by a function
  - m : Sort according to Milliseconds (exclusive time total)
  - t : Sort according to Total milliseconds (inclusive time total) (default)
  - e : Sort according to Exclusive time per call (msec/call)
  - i : Sort according to Inclusive time per call (total msec/call)
  - v : Sort according to Standard Deviation (excl usec)
  - r : Reverse sorting order
  - s : print only Summary profile information
  - n <num> : print only first <num> number of functions
  - f filename : specify full path and Filename without node ids
  - p : suppress conversion to hh:mm:ss:mmm format
  - l : List all functions and exit
  - d : Dump output format (for tau\_reduce) [node numbers] : prints only info about all contexts/threads of given node numbers

# Result analysis: paraprof



# Paraprof



# Example

```
#include<stdio.h>

double add3(double x){return x+3;}
double mysum(double *a, int n){
    double sum=0.0;
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++) sum+=a[i]+add3(a[i]);
    return sum;
}
double init(double *a,int n){
    double res;
    for (int i=0;i<n;i++) a[i]=(double)i;
    res=mysum(a,n);
    return res;
}

int main(){
    double res,mysum;
    int n=30000;
    double a[n];

    for (int i=0;i<n;i++) res=init(a,n);
    printf("Result %f\n",res);
    return 0;
}
```

# Pprof

## pprof output:

```
%> pprof
```

```
Reading Profile files in profile.*
```

```
NODE 0;CONTEXT 0;THREAD 0:
```

%Time	Exclusive msec	Inclusive total msec	#Call	#Subrs	Inclusive usec/call	Name
<hr/>						
100.0	3	3:20.342	1	1	200342511	.TAU application
100.0	4	3:20.338	1	30000	200338851	main
100.0	2,344	3:20.334	30000	30000	6678	init
98.8	1:40.824	3:17.989	30000	9E+08	6600	mysum
48.5	1:37.164	1:37.164	9E+08	0	0	add3

# Paraprof Manager Window

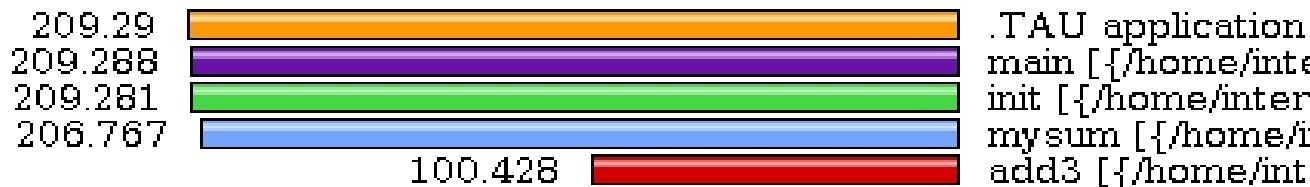
paraprof output:

TAU: ParaProf Manager		
	TrialField	Value
Applications	Name	profiling/esercizi_scuola_dottorato/d...
Standard Applications	Application ID	0
Default App	Experiment ID	0
Default Exp	Trial ID	0
profiling/esercizi_scuola_dottorato	CPU Cores	6
TIME	CPU MHz	2799.310
	CPU Type	Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU X5660 @ 2.80G...
	CPU Vendor	GenuineIntel
	CWD	/home/interni/dagna/esercizi_scuola...
	Cache Size	12288 KB
	Command Line	./sum_tau
	Executable	/home/interni/dagna/esercizi_scuola...
	File Type Index	1
	File Type Name	Tau profiles
	Hostname	cn298
	Local Time	2012-05-14T09:54:56+02:00
	Memory Size	24683248 KB
	Node Name	cn298
	OS Machine	x86_64
	OS Name	Linux
	OS Release	2.6.18-238.el5
	OS Version	#1 SMP Sun Dec 19 14:22:44 EST 2...
	Starting Timestamp	1336982065530947
	TAU Architecture	x86_64
	TAU Config	-prefix=/data/apps/bin/tau/2.20.2...
	TAU Makefile	/data/apps/bin/tau/2.20.2/gnu/bas...
	TAU Version	2.20.2
	TAU_CALLPATH	on

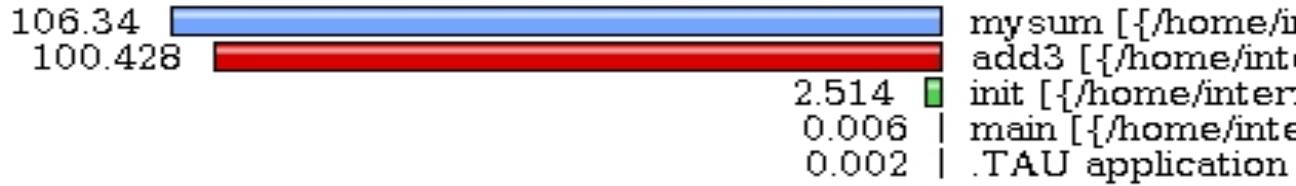
This window is used to manage profile data. The user can upload/download profile data, edit meta-data, launch visual displays, export data, derive new metrics, etc.

# Thread bar chart

Metric: TIME  
Value: Inclusive  
Units: seconds



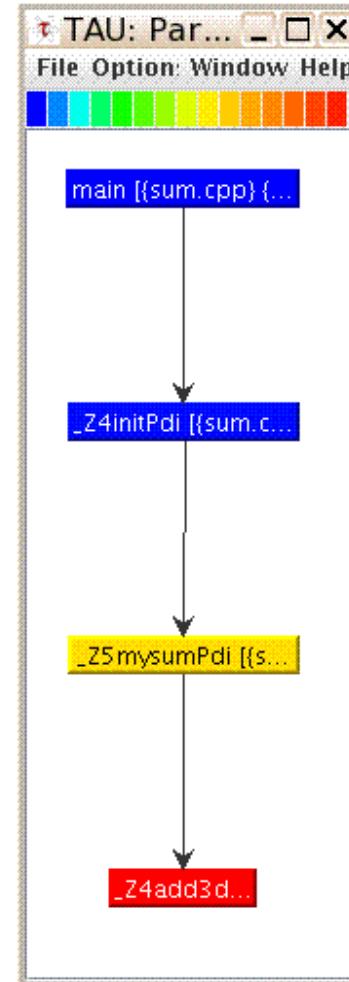
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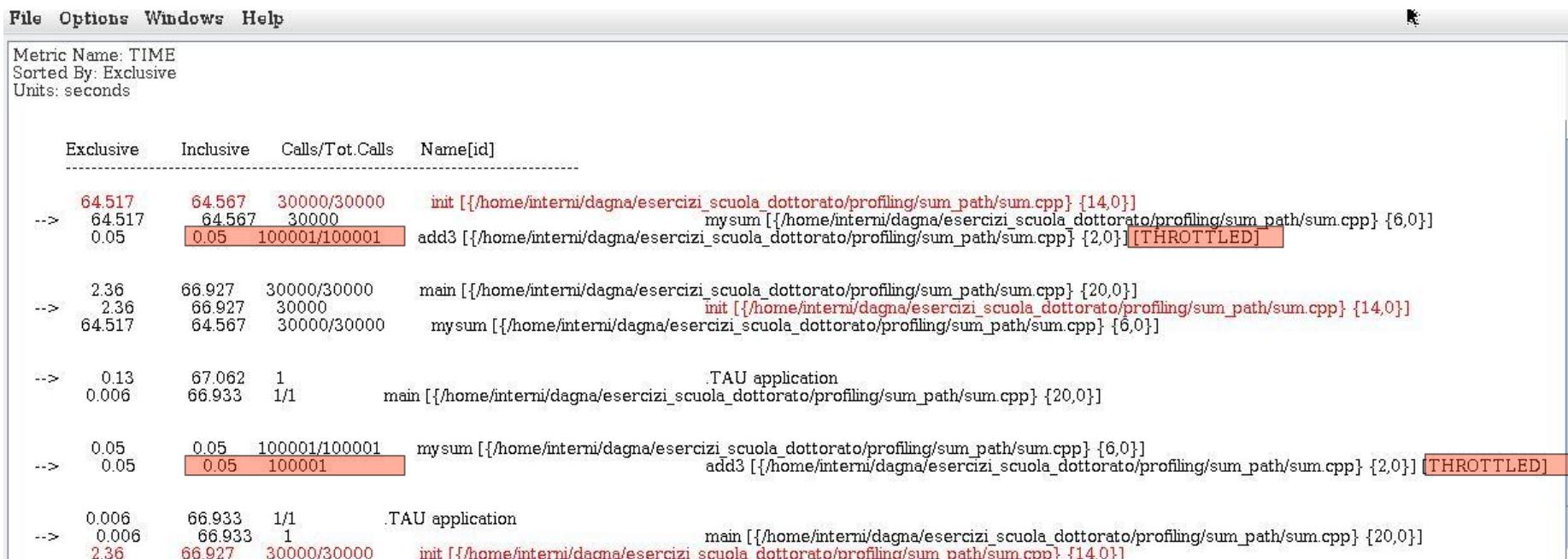
This display graphs each function on a particular thread for comparison. The metric, units, and sort order can be changed from the Options menu.

# Call Graph

- This display shows callpath data in a graph using two metrics, one determines the width, the other the color.
- The full name of the function as well as the two values (color and width) are displayed in a tooltip when hovering over a box.
- By clicking on a box, the actual ancestors and descendants for that function and their paths (arrows) will be highlighted with blue.
- This allows you to see which functions are called by which other functions since the interplay of multiple paths may obscure it.



# Thread Call Path Relations Window



- TAU automatically throttles short running functions in an effort to reduce the amount of overhead associated with profiles of such functions, default throttle limit is:
  - numcalls > 100000 && usecs/call < 10
- To change default settings TAU gives the following environment variables:
  - TAU\_THROTTLE\_NUMCALLS, TAU\_THROTTLE\_PERCALL
- To disable TAU throttle : export TAU\_THROTTLE=0



## Tau profiler: parallel codes

TAU provides a lot of tools to analyze OpenMP, MPI or OpenMP + MPI parallel codes.

Profiling the application the user can obtain a lot of useful information which can help to identify the causes of an unexpected low parallel efficiency.

Principal factors which can affect parallel efficiency are:

- load balancing
- communication overhead
- process synchronization
- Latency and bandwidth

# Tau profiler: parallel codes

- Configure:

```
%>export TAU_MAKEFILE=[path to tau]/[arch]/lib/[makefile]  
%>export TAU_OPTIONS=-optCompInst
```

- Compile:

```
Tau_cc.sh -o executable source.c (C)
```

```
Tau_cxx.sh -o executable source.cpp (C++)
```

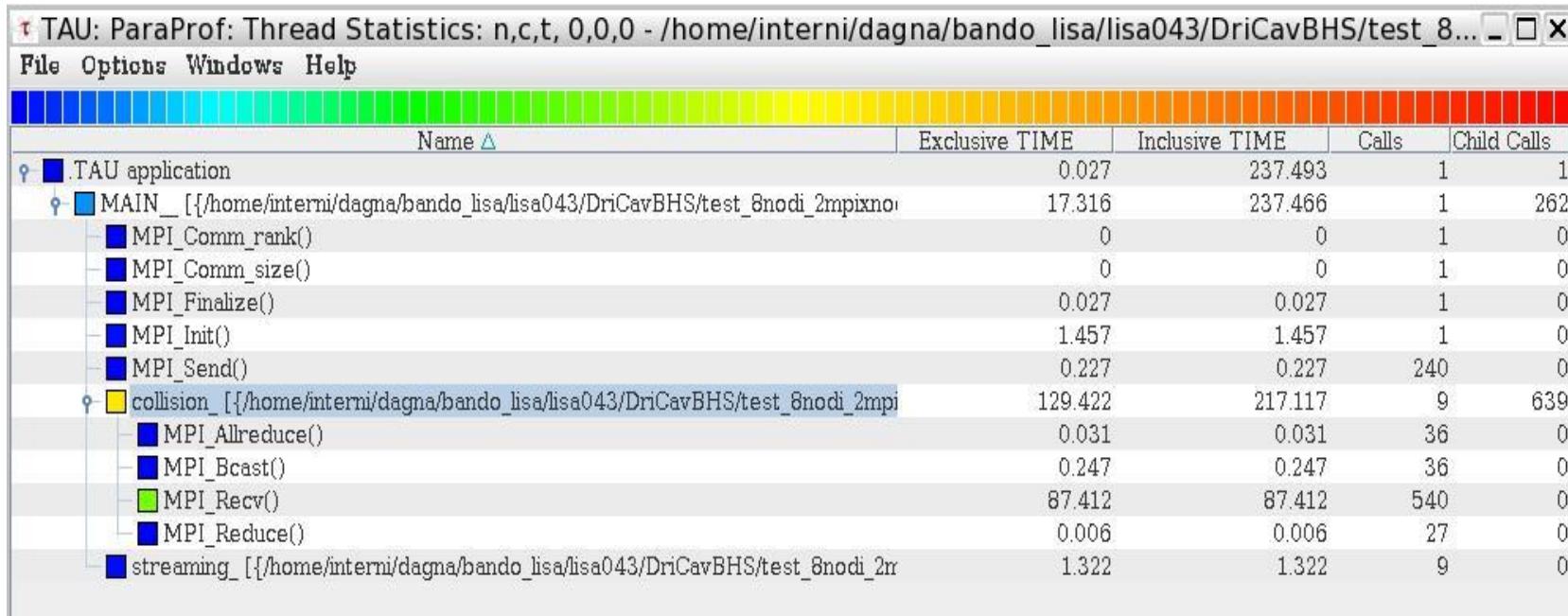
```
Tau_f90.sh -o executable source.f90 (Fortran)
```

- Run the application:

```
mpirun -np #procs ./executable
```

At the end of simulation, in the working directory or in the path specified with the PROFILEDIR variable, the data for the profiler will be saved in files profile.x.x.x

# Thread Statistics Table



This display shows the callpath data in a table. Each callpath can be traced from root to leaf by opening each node in the tree view.  
A colorscale immediately draws attention to "hot spots" areas that contain highest values.

# Unbalanced load

```
# include <cstdlib>
# include <iostream>
# include <iomanip>
# include <cmath>
using namespace std;

# include "mpi.h"
void compute(float * data, int start, int stop){
    for (int i=0;i<1000000;i++) {
        for(int j=start;j<stop;j++) {
            data[j]=pow( (double)j / (j+4) , 3.5); }
    }
int main ( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    int count;
    float data[24000];
    int dest,i,num_procs,rank,tag;
    MPI::Status status;
    float value[12000];
    MPI::Init ( argc, argv );
    rank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank ( );
    if ( rank == 0 ){
        num_procs = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size ( );
        cout << " The number of processes available is " << num_procs << "\n"; }
```

# Unbalanced load

```
if ( rank == 0 )
{
    tag = 55;
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv ( value, 12000, MPI::FLOAT, MPI::ANY_SOURCE, tag,
                           status );
    cout << "P:" << rank << " Got data from process " <<
    status.Get_source() << "\n";
    count = status.Get_count ( MPI::FLOAT );
    cout << "P:" << rank << " Got " << count << " elements.\n";
    compute(value,0,12000);
}

else if ( rank == 1 )
{
    cout << "\n";
    cout << "P:" << rank << " - setting up data to send to process 0.\n";
    for ( i = 0; i < 24000; i++ ) data[i] = i;
    dest = 0;
    tag = 55;
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send ( data, 12000, MPI::FLOAT, dest, tag );
    compute(data,12000,24000);
}
```

# Unbalanced load

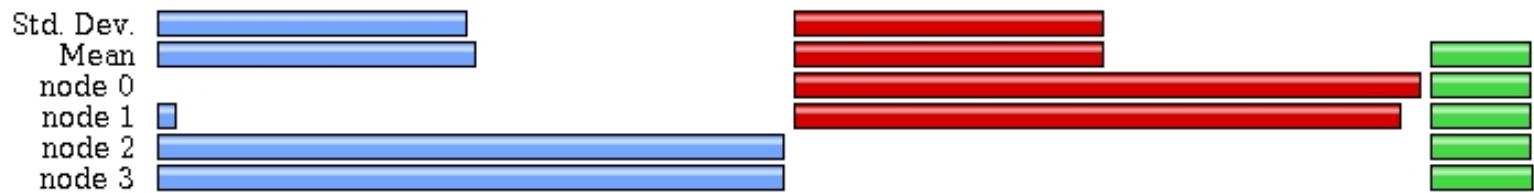
```
else
{
    cout << "\n";
    cout << "P:" << rank << " - MPI has no work for me!\n";
}
MPI::Finalize ( );
if ( rank == 0 ) cout << " Normal end of execution.\n";
return 0;
}
```

## Output:

```
The number of processes available is 4
P:0 Got data from process 1
P:0 Got 12000 elements.
P:1 - setting up data to send to process 0.
P:3 - MPI has no work for me!
P:2 - MPI has no work for me!
Normal end of execution.
```

# Unstacked bars

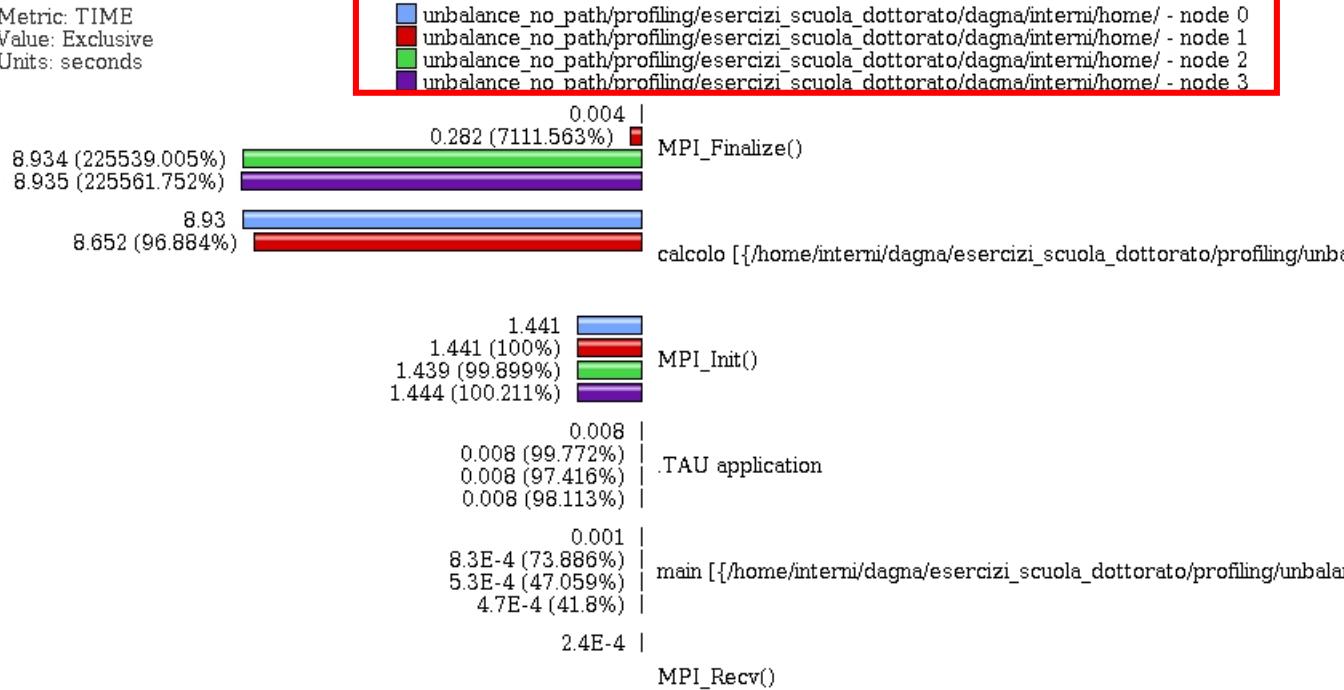
Metric: TIME  
Value: Exclusive



- Very useful to compare individual functions across threads in a global display

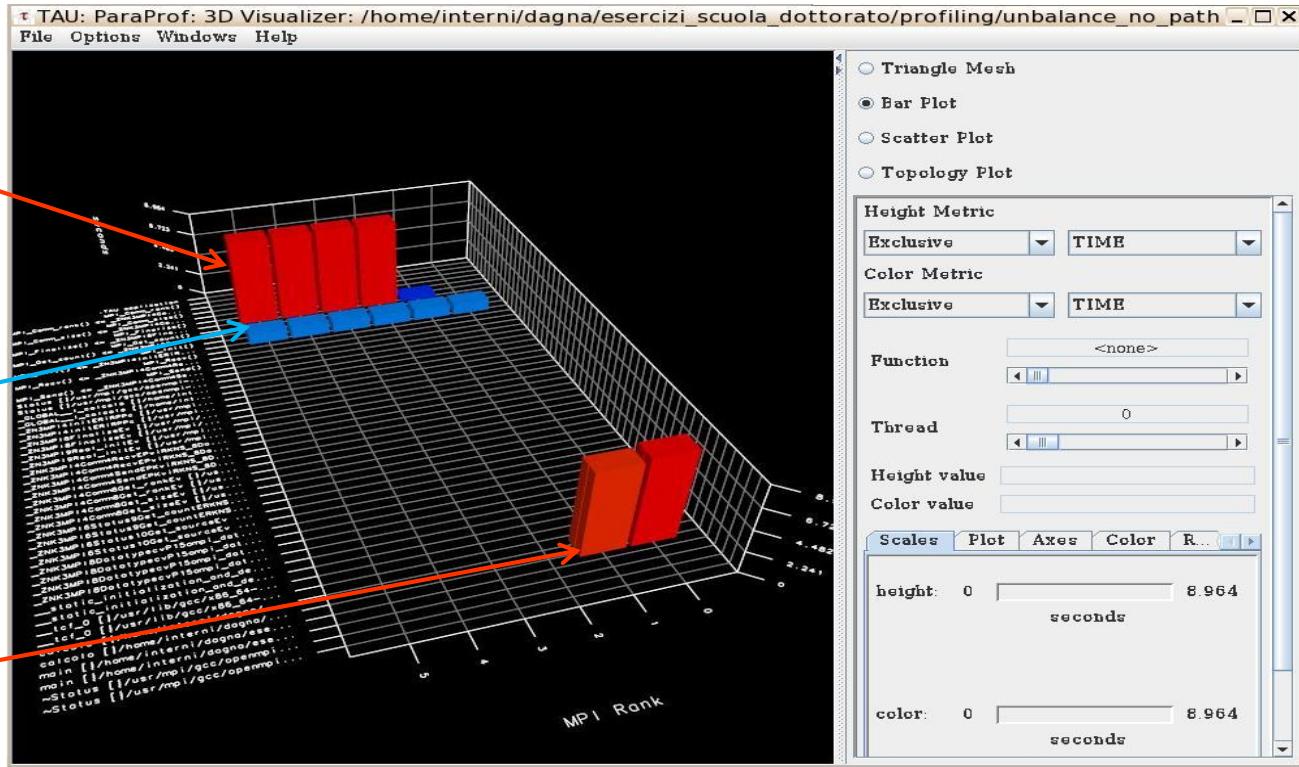
# Comparison window

Metric: TIME  
Value: Exclusive  
Units: seconds



Very useful to compare the behavior of process and threads in all the functions or regions of the code to find load unbalances.

# 3D Visualizer



This visualization method shows two metrics for all functions, all threads. The height represents one chosen metric, and the color, another. These are selected from the drop-down boxes on the right.

To pinpoint a specific value in the plot, move the *Function* and *Thread* sliders to cycle through the available functions/threads.

# Balanced load

## Balancing the load:

```
int main ( int argc, char *argv[] ){
MPI::Init ( argc, argv );
rank = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_rank ( );
float data[24000];
if ( rank == 0 )
{
    num_procs = MPI::COMM_WORLD.Get_size ( );
    cout << " The number of processes available is " << num_procs << "\n";
}
int subd = 24000/num_procs;
if ( rank!= 0)
{
    tag = 55;
    MPI::COMM_WORLD.Recv ( data,subd, MPI::FLOAT, MPI::ANY_SOURCE, tag, status );
    cout << "P:" << rank << " Got data from process " <<
    status.Get_source() << "\n";
    count = status.Get_count ( MPI::FLOAT );
    cout << "P:" << rank << " Got " << count << " elements.\n";
    compute(data,rank*subd,rank*subd+subd);
    printf("Done\n");
}
```

# Balanced load

```
else if ( rank == 0 )
{
    cout << "\n";
    cout << "P:" << rank << " - setting up data to send to processes.\n";

    for ( i = 0; i <24000; i++ ) data[i] = i;
    tag = 55;
    printf("Done\n");
    for(int el=1;el<num_procs;el++) {
        MPI::COMM_WORLD.Send ( &data[subd*el], subd, MPI::FLOAT, el, tag );
        compute(data,0,subd);
    }

    MPI::Finalize ( );

    if ( rank == 0 )
    {
        cout << " Normal end of execution.\n";
    }
}

return 0;
}
```

# Balanced load

- **Output:**

The number of processes available is 6

P:0 - setting up data to send to processes.

Done

P:5 Got data from process 0

P:5 Got 4000 elements.

P:1 Got data from process 0

P:1 Got 4000 elements.

P:2 Got data from process 0

P:2 Got 4000 elements.

P:3 Got data from process 0

P:3 Got 4000 elements.

P:4 Got data from process 0

P:4 Got 4000 elements.

Done

Done

Done

Done

Done

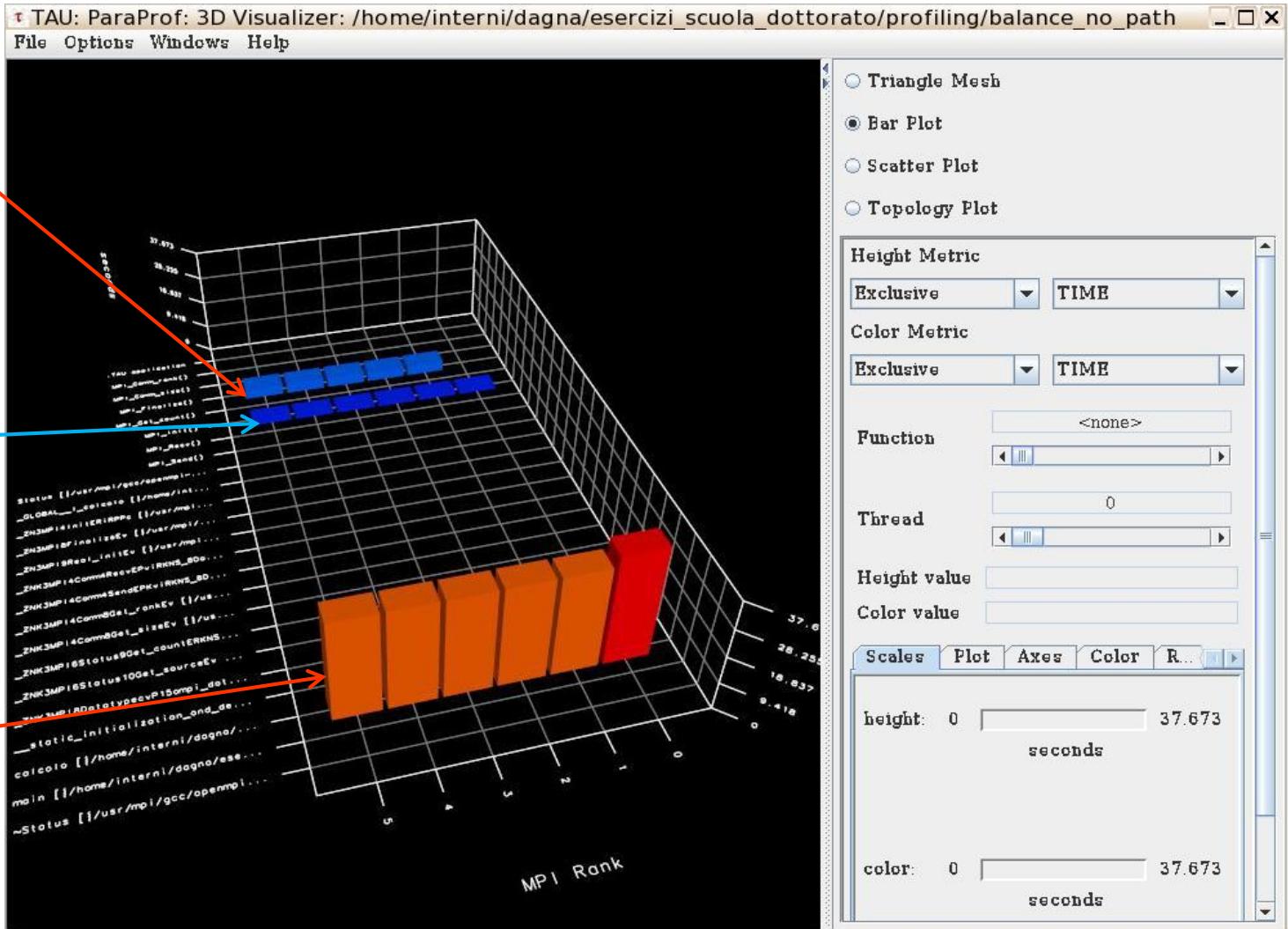
Normal end of execution.

# Balanced load

MPI\_Finalize()

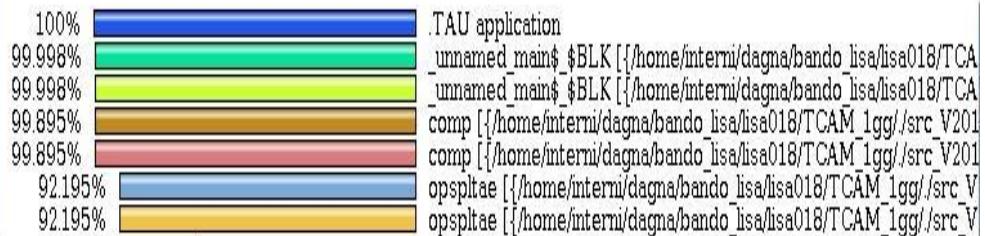
MPI\_Init()

compute()



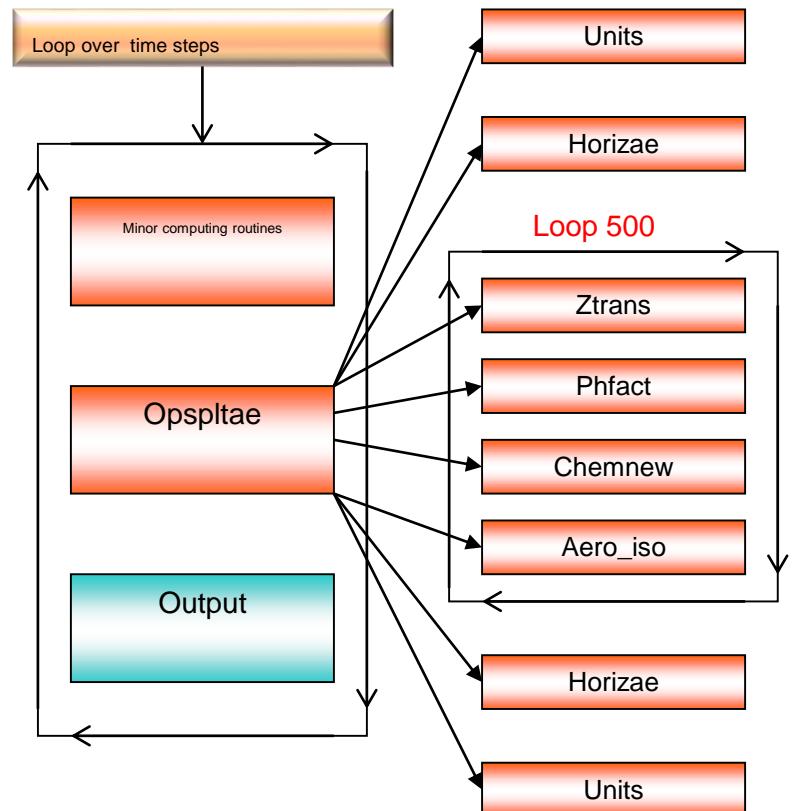
# Real Case Air Pollution Model

Metric: TIME  
Value: Inclusive percent



Metric: TIME  
Sorted By: Exclusive  
Units: seconds

Exclusive	Inclusive	Calls/Tot.Calls	
71.785	3829.47	72/72	comp [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/] <b>opspitae</b>
--> 71.785	<u>3829.47</u>	72	
0.248	0.248	100001/100001	phfact [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/]
2.4E-4	2.4E-4	72/72	newphknew [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/]
6.123	6.123	288/478	units [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/TCAM_1gg]
6.48	2746.714	4419360/4419360	chemnew [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/]
7.8E-4	7.8E-4	72/74	datetm [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/]
80.281	<u>452.527</u>	144/144	horizae [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/]
33.933	<u>362.447</u>	4419360/4419360	aero_iso [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/]
0.021	0.021	35211/100001	relhum [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/]
189.604	<u>189.604</u>	1607040/1607040	ztrans [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/]
7.8E-4	7.8E-4	864/938	iaddrs [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/]
4.2E-5	4.2E-5	72/72	savphknew [/home/interni/dagna/bando_lisa/lisa018/]



# Real Case Air Pollution Model

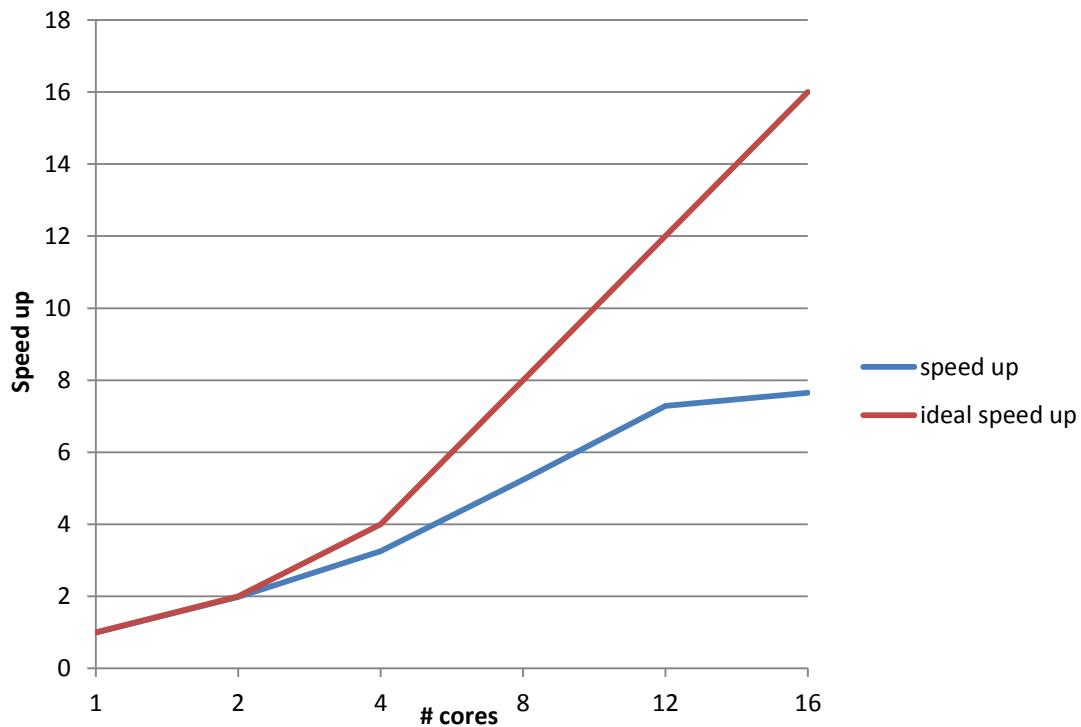
Amdahl law

Theoretical speedup

$$S(N) = \frac{1}{(1 - P) + \frac{P}{N}}.$$

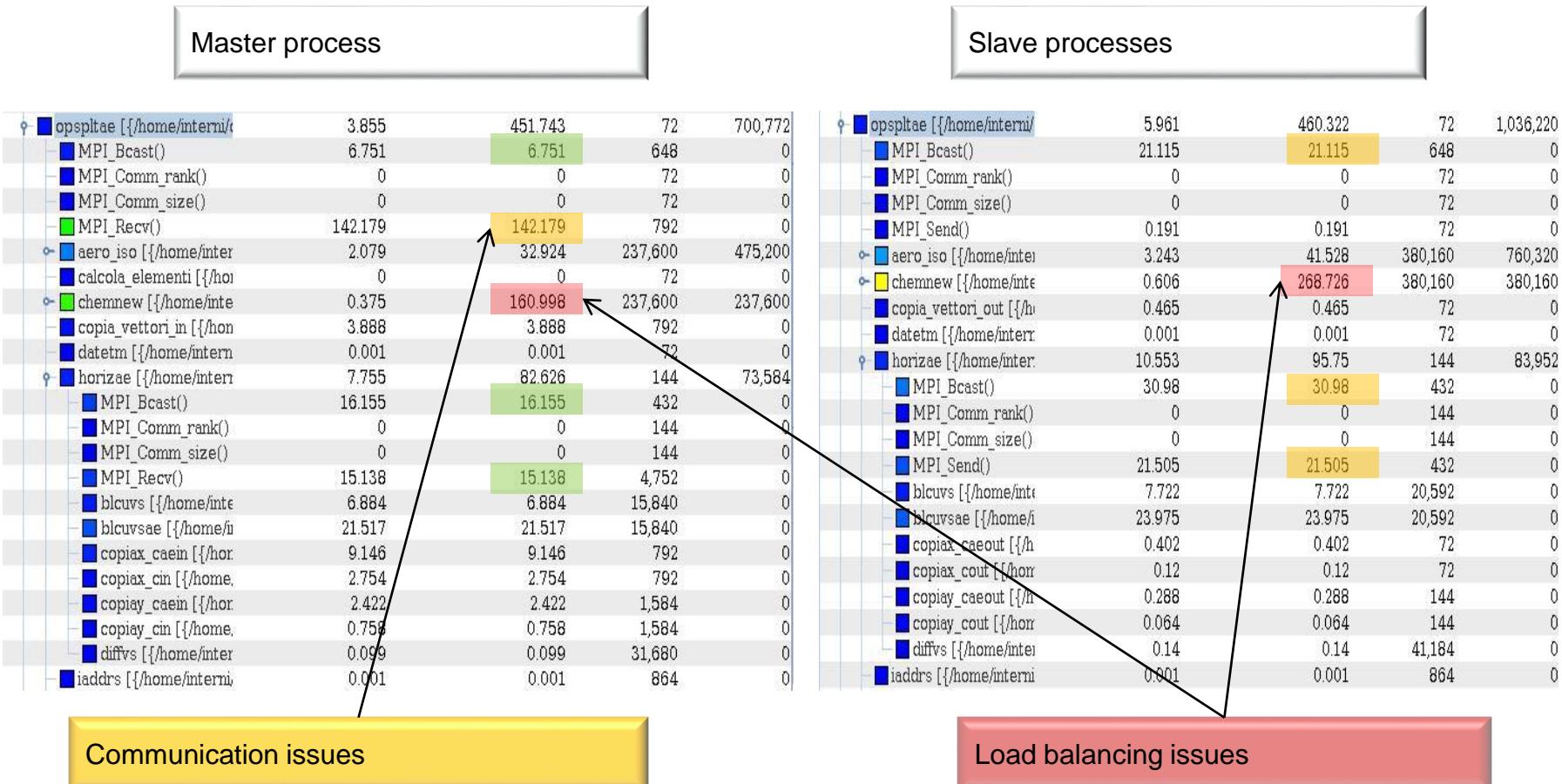
$$P=0.93 \rightarrow S(N)=14$$

Real speedup = 7.6 ☺



Let's check communication and load balncing !!

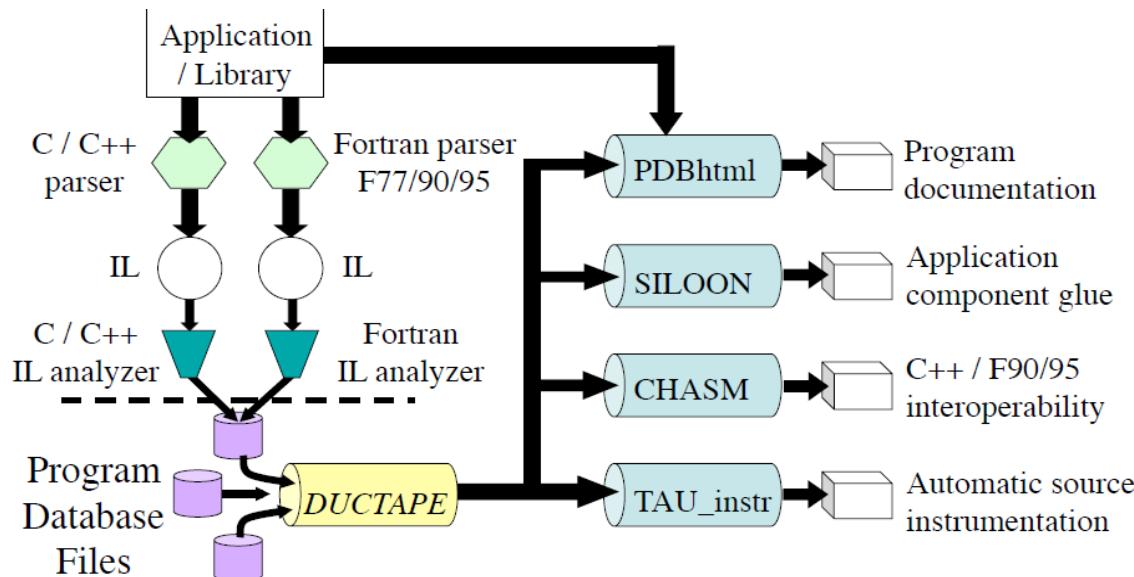
# Real Case Air Pollution Model



The imbalance of computational load causes an overhead in the MPI directives due to long synchronization times reducing the scalability

# Source instrumentation with PDT

- TAU provides an API which can be useful when it's necessary to focus on particular sections of code to have more detailed information.
- Sometimes, for complex routines manual source instrumentation can become a long and error prone task.
- With TAU, instrumentation can be inserted in the source code using an automatic instrumentor tool based on the Program Database Toolkit (PDT).



# Source instrumentation with PDT

TAU and PDT howto:

- Parse the source code to produce the .pdb file:
  - cxxparse file.cpp C++
  - cparses file.c C
  - f95parse file.f90 Fortran
- Instrument the program:
  - tau\_instrumentor file.pdb file.cpp -o file.inst.cpp -f select.tau
- Complile:
  - tau\_compiler.sh file.inst.cpp -o file.exe

# Source instrumentation with PDT

- The “-f” flag associated to the command “tau\_instrumentator” allows you to customize the instrumentation of a program by using a selective instrumentation file. This instrumentation file is used to manually control which parts of the application are profiled and how they are profiled.
- Selective instrumentation file can contain the following sections:

## 1. Routines exclusion/inclusion list:

```
BEGIN_EXCLUDE_LIST / END_EXCLUDE_LIST  
BEGIN_INCLUDE_LIST / END_INCLUDE_LIST
```

## 2. Files exclusion/inclusion list:

```
BEGIN_FILE_EXCLUDE_LIST / END_FILE_EXCLUDE_LIST  
BEGIN_FILE_INCLUDE_LIST / END_FILE_INCLUDE_LIST
```

## 3. More detailed instrumentation specifics:

```
BEGIN_INSTRUMENT_SECTION / END_INSTRUMENT_SECTION
```

# Source instrumentation with PDT

In a BEGIN\_INSTRUMENT\_SECTION/END\_INSTRUMENT\_SECTION block it's possible to specify the profiling of:

- Cycles

```
loops file="filename.cpp" routine="routinename"
```

- Memory

```
memory file="filename.f90" routine="routinename"
```

- I/O with dimension of read/write data

```
io file="foo.f90" routine="routinename"
```

- Static and dynamic timers

```
static/dynamic timer name="name" file="filename.c" line=17  
to line=23
```

# Air Pollution Model

## Instrumentation file : instrument\_rules.txt

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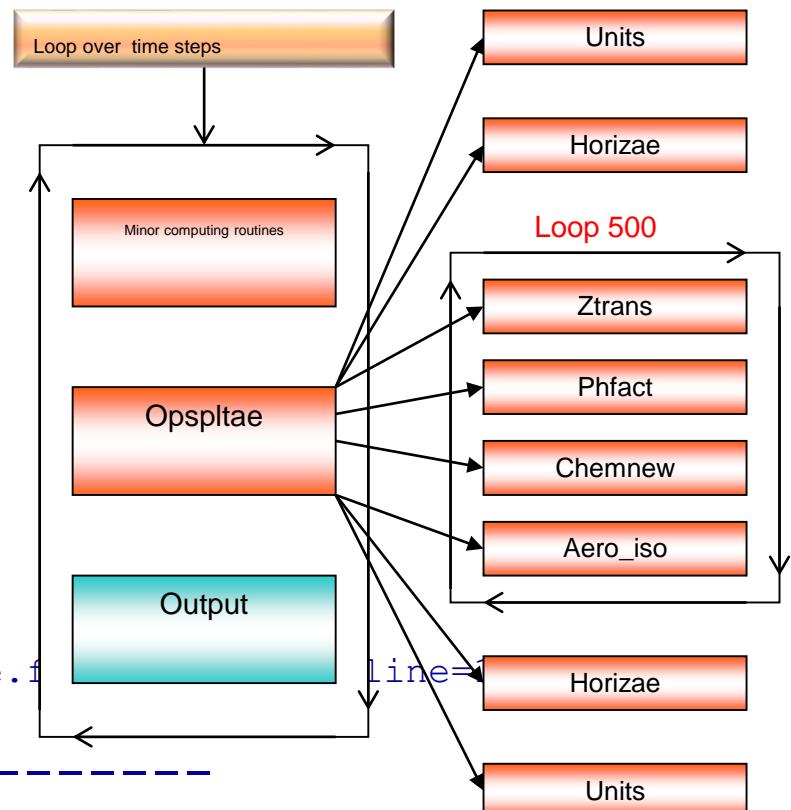
```
BEGIN_FILE_INCLUDE_LIST
opspltae.f
chemnew.f
horizae.f
ztrans.f
END_FILE_INCLUDE_LIST
```

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```
BEGIN_INSTRUMENT_SECTION
```

```
loops file="opspltae.f" routine="OPSPLTAE"
loops file="chemnew.f" routine="CHEMNEW"
loops file="horizae.f" routine="HORIZAE"
loops file="ztrans.f" routine="ZTRANS"
io file="wROUT1.f" routine="WROUT1"
dynamic timer name="dyn_timer" file="opspltae.f"
END_INSTRUMENT_SECTION
```

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# Air Pollution Model

Routine opspltae: Loop 500, TAU automatic instrumentation

```

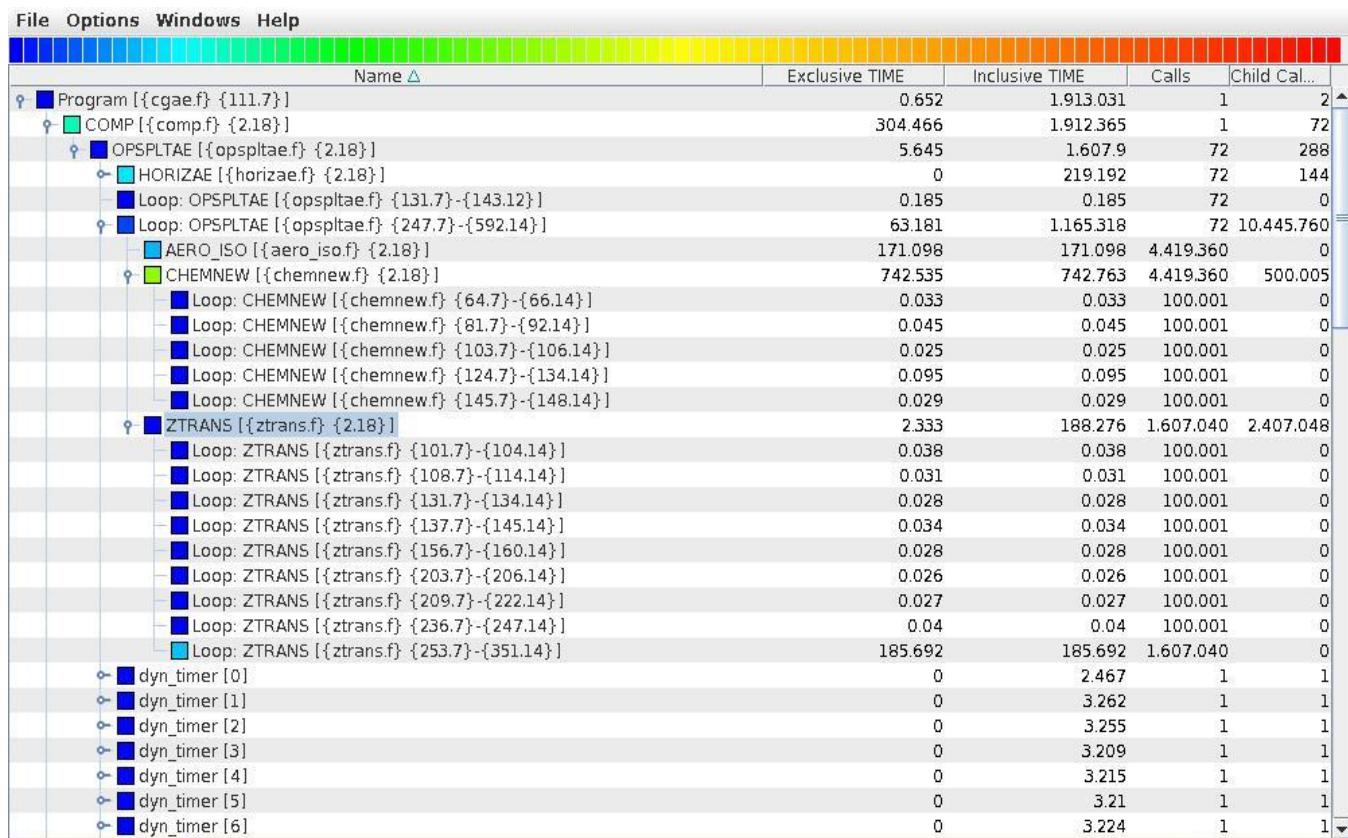
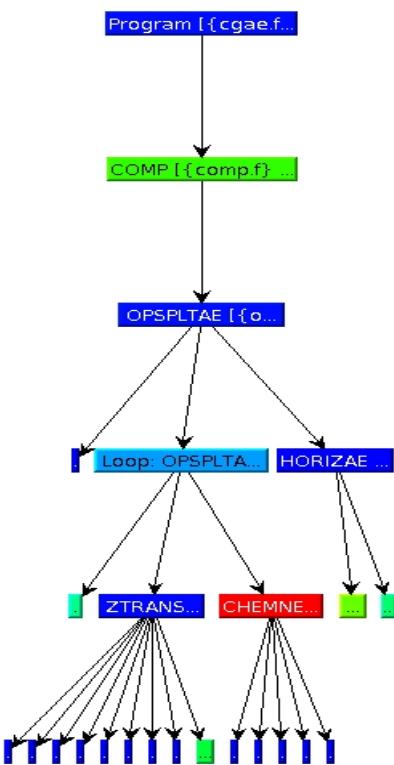
call TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(profiler, 'OPSPLTAE [{opspltae.f} {2,18}]')
call TAU_PROFILE_START(profiler)
call TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(t_131, ' Loop: OPSPLTAE [{opspltae.f} {131,7}-{143,12}]')
call TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(t_195, ' Loop: OPSPLTAE [{opspltae.f} {195,10}-{203,17}]')
call TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(t_247, ' Loop: OPSPLTAE [{opspltae.f} {247,7}-{592,14}]')
call TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(t_597, ' Loop: OPSPLTAE [{opspltae.f} {597,10}-{605,17}]')
call TAU_PROFILE_TIMER(t_639, ' Loop: OPSPLTAE [{opspltae.f} {639,10}-{647,17}]')
iugrid= iaddrs('UGRID ',1,1,1,1,1)

.....
call TAU_PROFILE_START(t_247) ]    TAU Loop 500 instrumentation
do 500 i=2,nxm1
  do 500 j=2,nym1
  .....
  .....
500  continue
call TAU_PROFILE_STOP(t_247) ]    TAU Loop 500 end instrumentation

```

TAU TIMER  
Initialization

# Air Pollution Model



Profiling time with default routine level compiler based instrumentation :

**4192 sec**

Profiling time with PDT and selective instrumentation :

**1913 sec**

Execution time without profiling overhead:

**1875 sec**