

Integrating Parallel Application Development with Performance Analysis in Periscope

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Common performance analysis procedure on Power6 systems

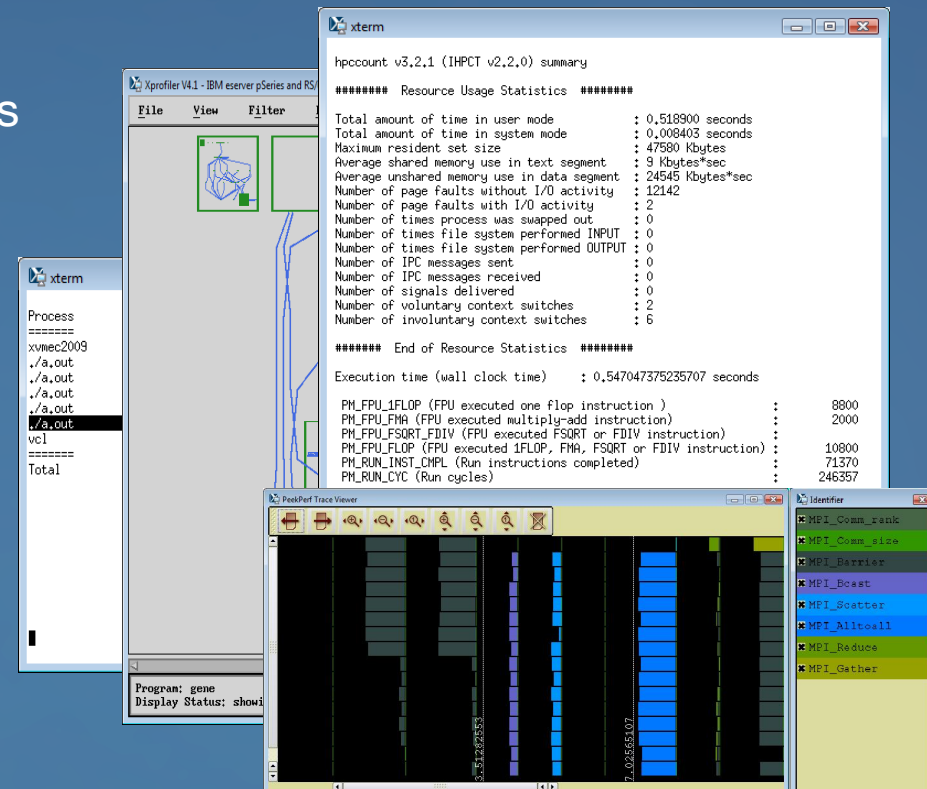
- Use *Tprof* to pinpoint time-consuming subroutines
- Use *Xprofiler* to understand call graph
- Use *hpmcount* (*libhpm*) to measure HW Counters

Problem

- Mostly post-development process
 - *Learning new tools required*
 - *Hard to map bottlenecks to their source code location*
- Routine, error-prone and time-consuming

Solution

- Automate performance analysis
- Integrate parallel application development and performance analysis within the same IDE



- **Tools having separate user interfaces**

- Tailored to gain maximum flexibility when presenting the collected data
- Often hard to map the detected bottlenecks to their exact source location
- External to user's development environment
 - impose greater learning overhead
 - require switching of applications (development/analysis tools)
- Examples are Vampir, SCALASCA, IBM HPCS Toolkit, etc.

- **Tools being integrated in existing IDEs**

- Provide smooth transition between the analysis results and their source code regions
- Tend to be easier to use as the developers do not have to learn new user interfaces and/or different tools
- Examples are VTune, TAU, HPCToolkit, PPW, etc.

On-line

- no need to store trace files

Distributed

- reduced network overhead
- based on autonomous cooperating agents

Analyzes:

- Single-node Performance
 - Intel Itanium2
 - IBM Power6
 - x86-based Systems
- MPI Communication
- OpenMP Performance

Supports: Fortran, C/C++

Graphical User Interface (GUI)

Interactive Frontend

Performance Analysis Agent Network



MRI

Application with Monitor

Integrates with the Eclipse Development Platform

- Open-source, extensible and very popular IDE
- Supports different programming languages: C/C++, Fortran, etc.
- Uses the Eclipse Parallel Tools Platform (PTP) which provides a higher-level abstraction of the underlying parallel system

Designed to combine

- Performance measurement functionality of Periscope
- Advanced IDE functions like code indexing, refactoring, etc.

Features

- Multi-functional table to display the detected bottlenecks
- Outline of the instrumented code regions
- Clustering techniques to get classes of similarly behaving processes
- Supports both local and remote projects
- Higher-level configuration and execution of performance experiments

Periscope GUI Overview

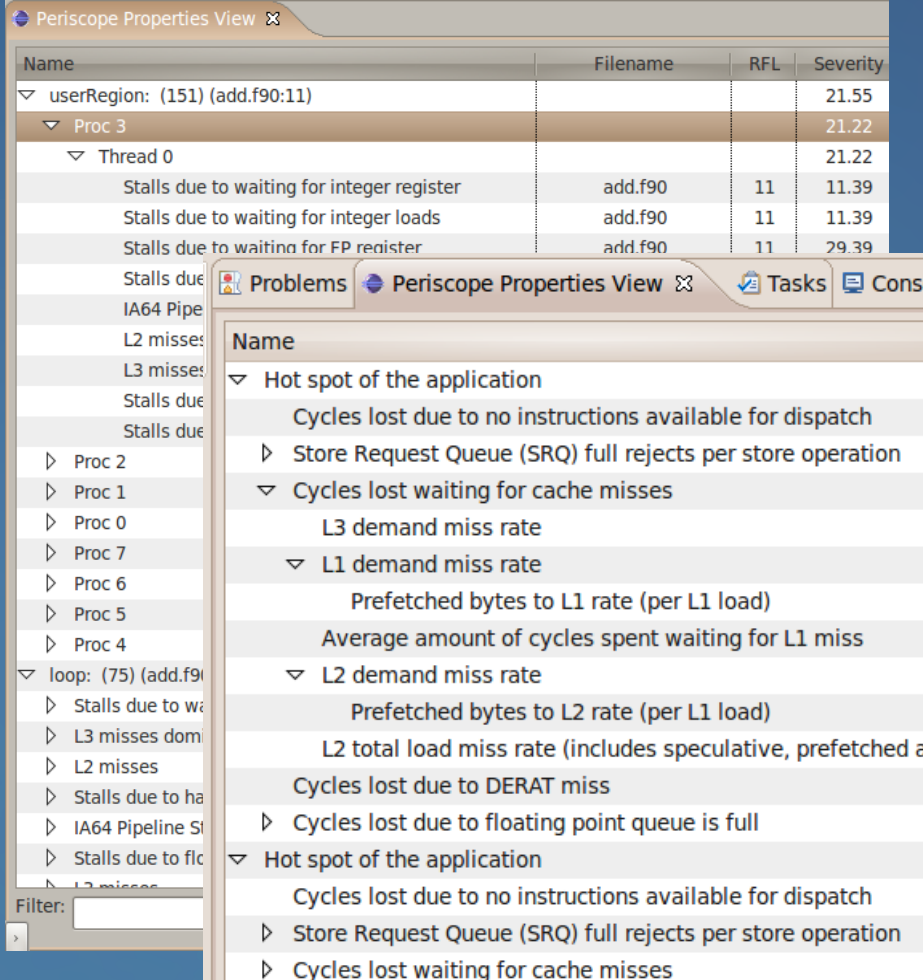
The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE interface for a Fortran project. The main window shows the source code editor for `aux_fields-psc.f90`. A blue callout bubble labeled "Source code editor" points to the code. On the left, the "Project explorer" shows a tree view of the project structure, with `aux_fields.F90` selected. A blue callout bubble labeled "Project explorer" points to this view. On the right, the "Instrumentation outline view" shows a hierarchical view of the program's execution flow, including subroutines and loops. A blue callout bubble labeled "Instrumentation outline view" points to this view. At the bottom, the "Periscope properties view" displays a table of performance metrics. A blue callout bubble labeled "Periscope properties view" points to this view.

Name	Filename	RFL	Severity	Region	Process	Thread
Stalls due to waiting for integer loads			70.09	Group		
L3 misses			70.01	Group		
IA64 Pipeline Stall Cycles			65.04	Group		
Stalls due to waiting for data delivery to register			62.56	Group		
Stalls due to branch misprediction flush			55.45	Group		
Stalls due to pipeline flush			47.89	Group		
L2 misses			34.36	Group		
L2 misses	aux_fields-psc.f90	42	49.20	CALL_REGION	46	0
L2 misses	field_solve_kxky-psc.f90	7	46.61	SUB_REGION	83	0



Multi-functional table based on the *OSEE XViewer*

- Simple and clean tree-based overview
- Multi-level grouping
- Complex data filtering
- Multiple criteria sorting algorithm
- Navigation from the properties to their source code location



The screenshot displays the Periscope Properties View window. The main window shows a hierarchical tree structure of performance metrics. The tree is expanded to show 'Proc 3' and 'Thread 0'. The table below shows the data for 'Thread 0'.

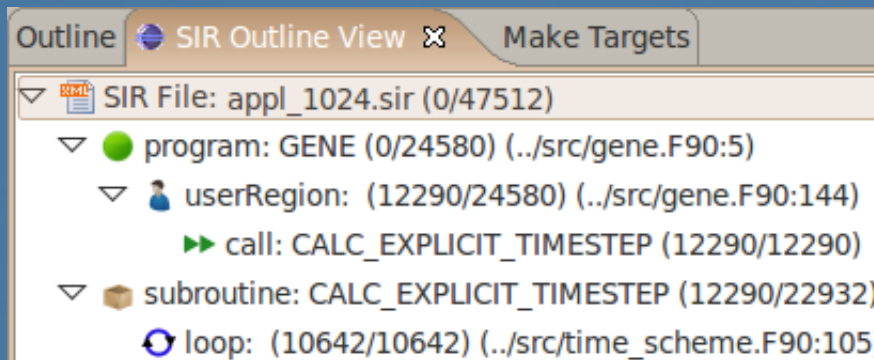
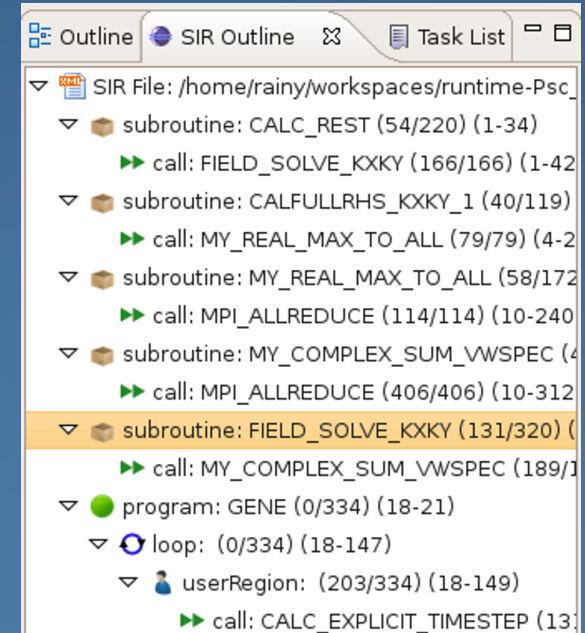
Name	Filename	RFL	Severity
userRegion: (151) (add.f90:11)			21.55
Proc 3			21.22
Thread 0			21.22
Stalls due to waiting for integer register	add.f90	11	11.39
Stalls due to waiting for integer loads	add.f90	11	11.39
Stalls due to waiting for FP register	add.f90	11	29.39

The detailed view shows a 'Hot spot of the application' with the following metrics:

- Hot spot of the application
 - Cycles lost due to no instructions available for dispatch
 - Store Request Queue (SRQ) full rejects per store operation
 - Cycles lost waiting for cache misses
 - L3 demand miss rate
 - L1 demand miss rate
 - Prefetched bytes to L1 rate (per L1 load)
 - Average amount of cycles spent waiting for L1 miss
 - L2 demand miss rate
 - Prefetched bytes to L2 rate (per L1 load)
 - L2 total load miss rate (includes speculative, prefetched a
 - Cycles lost due to DERAT miss
 - Cycles lost due to floating point queue is full
 - Hot spot of the application
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Standard Intermediate Representation (SIR) View

- Resembles the code outline view of the Eclipse C/C++ Development Tooling
- Outlines the instrumented code regions and their nesting
- Shows the number of properties in each region
- Assists code navigation
- Filters the displayed properties



Eclipse File System (EFS)

- Abstracts the underlying file system details
 - *Any supported file system can be used: Remote projects using SSH/FTP/DStore, Local, Zip, etc.*
- Source files of the analyzed application reside only on the remote
 - *no need for synchronization*

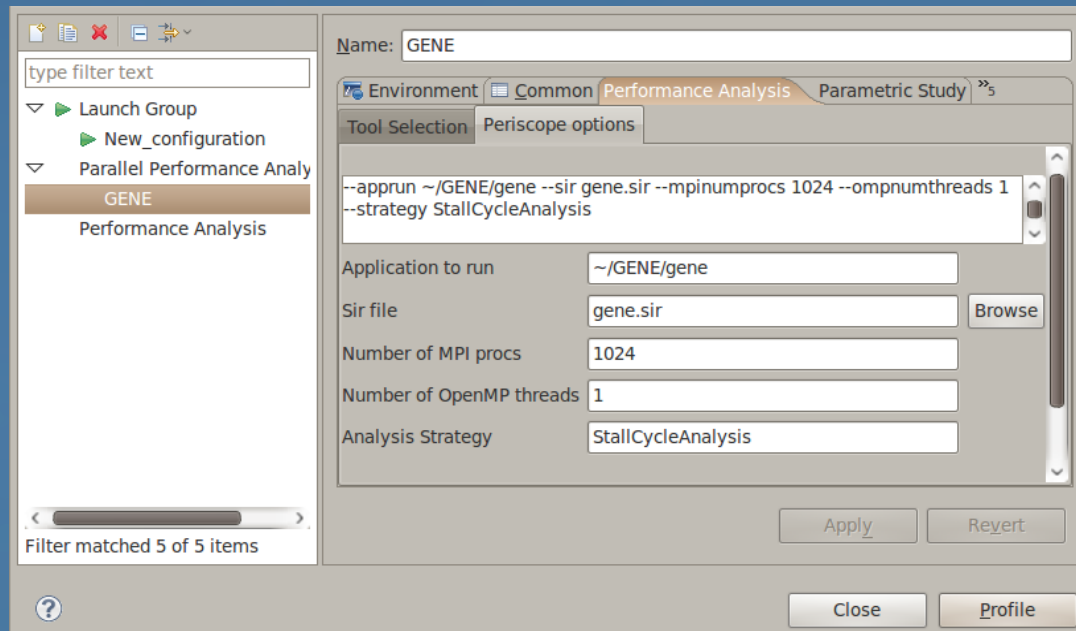
Remote Development Tools (RDT)

- Part of Eclipse Parallel Tools Platform (PTP) Project
- Remote Compilation
- Remote Indexing
- Currently supports only C/C++ applications



External Tools Framework (ETFw)

- Part of Eclipse Parallel Tools Platform (PTP) Project
- More convenient environment using ETFw's Profile launch configuration
 - *no terminal access needed*
 - *higher level configuration and automation possible*



Properties summarization

- Metaproperties

Needed for peta-scale PA

Identify *hidden* behavior

Based on the Weka workbench:

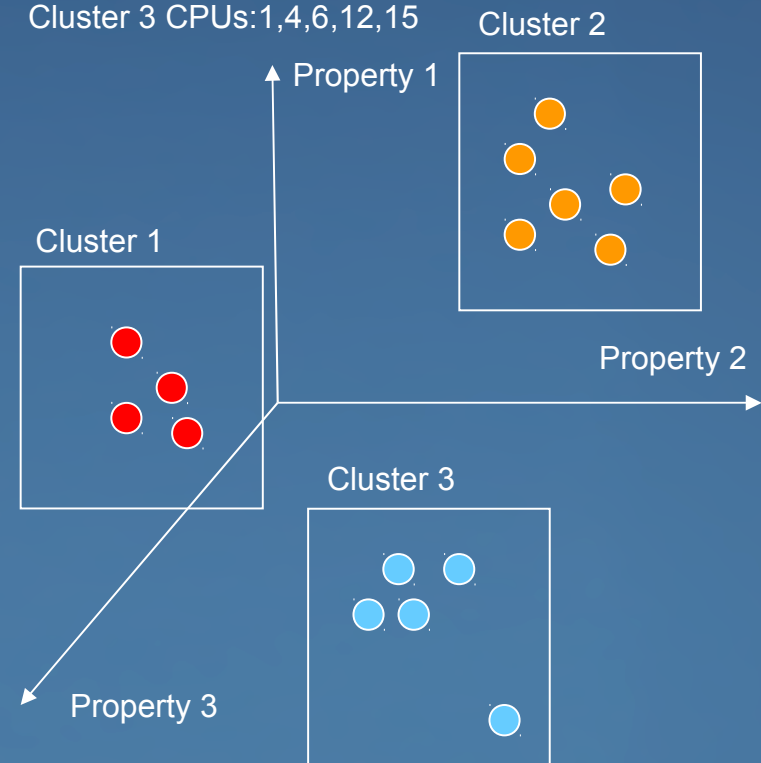
- Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis
- Uses K-Means algorithm
- Groups properties based on CPU distribution and code region

Results shown in a table view similar to the properties view

Cluster 1 CPUs: 7-10,16

Cluster 2 CPUs: 2-3,5,11,13-14

Cluster 3 CPUs: 1,4,6,12,15



Management and comparison of multiple experiments

Enhancing the clustering functionality

- Add pre- and post-processing steps to improve the quality of the results
- Use attribute selection techniques to highlight the most variable data points

Sharing the collected data with other performance tools

- Integrate with a generic performance database, e.g. PerfDMF (TAU)
- Allow the developer to easily apply more than one tool on the same project

Thank you for your attention!

Further information:
<http://www.lrr.in.tum.de/periscope>

