

HPCToolkit: Sampling-based Performance Tools for Leadership Computing

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Challenges for Computational Scientists

- **Execution environments and applications are rapidly evolving**
 - **architecture**
 - rapidly changing multicore microprocessor designs
 - increasing scale of parallel systems
 - growing use of accelerators
 - **applications**
 - MPI everywhere to threaded implementations
 - adding additional scientific capabilities to existing applications
 - maintaining multiple variants or configurations for particular problems
- **Steep increase in application development effort to attain performance, evolvability, and portability**
- **Application developers need to**
 - assess weaknesses in algorithms and their implementations
 - improve scalability of executions within and across nodes
 - adapt to changes in emerging architectures
 - overhaul algorithms & data structures to add new capabilities

Performance tools can play an important role as a guide

Performance Analysis Challenges

- **Complex architectures are hard to use efficiently**
 - multi-level parallelism: multi-core, ILP, SIMD instructions
 - multi-level memory hierarchy
 - result: gap between typical and peak performance is huge
- **Complex applications present challenges**
 - for measurement and analysis
 - for understanding and tuning
- **Supercomputer platforms compound the complexity**
 - unique hardware
 - unique microkernel-based operating systems
 - multifaceted performance concerns
 - computation
 - communication
 - I/O

Performance Analysis Principles

- **Without accurate measurement, analysis is irrelevant**
 - avoid systematic measurement error
 - measure actual executions of interest, not an approximation
 - fully optimized production code on the target platform
- **Without effective analysis, measurement is irrelevant**
 - quantify and attribute problems to source code
 - compute insightful metrics
 - e.g., “scalability loss” or “waste” rather than just “cycles”
- **Without scalability, a tool is irrelevant for supercomputing**
 - large codes
 - large-scale threaded parallelism within and across nodes

Performance Analysis Goals

- **Programming model independent tools**
- **Accurate measurement of complex parallel codes**
 - large, multi-lingual programs
 - fully optimized code: loop optimization, templates, inlining
 - binary-only libraries, sometimes partially stripped
 - complex execution environments
 - dynamic loading (Linux clusters) vs. static linking (Cray, Blue Gene)
 - SPMD parallel codes with threaded node programs
 - batch jobs
- **Insightful analysis that pinpoints and explains problems**
 - correlate measurements with code for actionable results
 - support analysis at the desired level
 - intuitive enough for application scientists and engineers
 - detailed enough for library developers and compiler writers
- **Scalable to petascale and beyond**

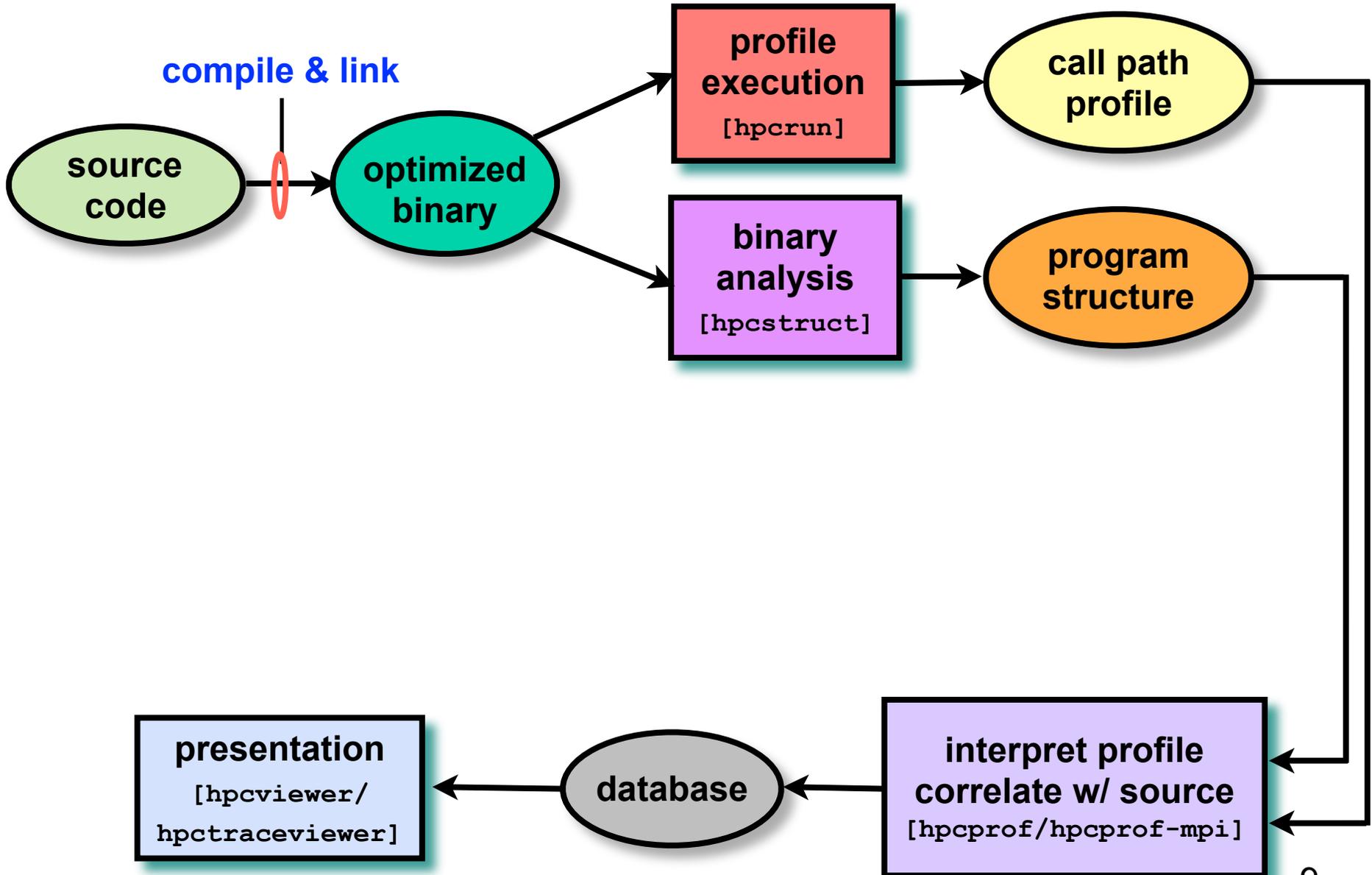
HPCToolkit Design Principles

- **Employ binary-level measurement and analysis**
 - observe **fully optimized**, **dynamically linked** executions
 - support **multi-lingual codes** with external binary-only libraries
- **Use sampling-based measurement (avoid instrumentation)**
 - **controllable overhead**
 - **minimize** systematic error and avoid blind spots
 - enable data collection for **large-scale parallelism**
- **Collect and correlate multiple derived performance metrics**
 - diagnosis typically requires more than one species of metric
- **Associate metrics with both static and dynamic context**
 - **loop nests**, **procedures**, **inlined code**, **calling context**
- **Support top-down performance analysis**
 - natural approach that minimizes burden on developers

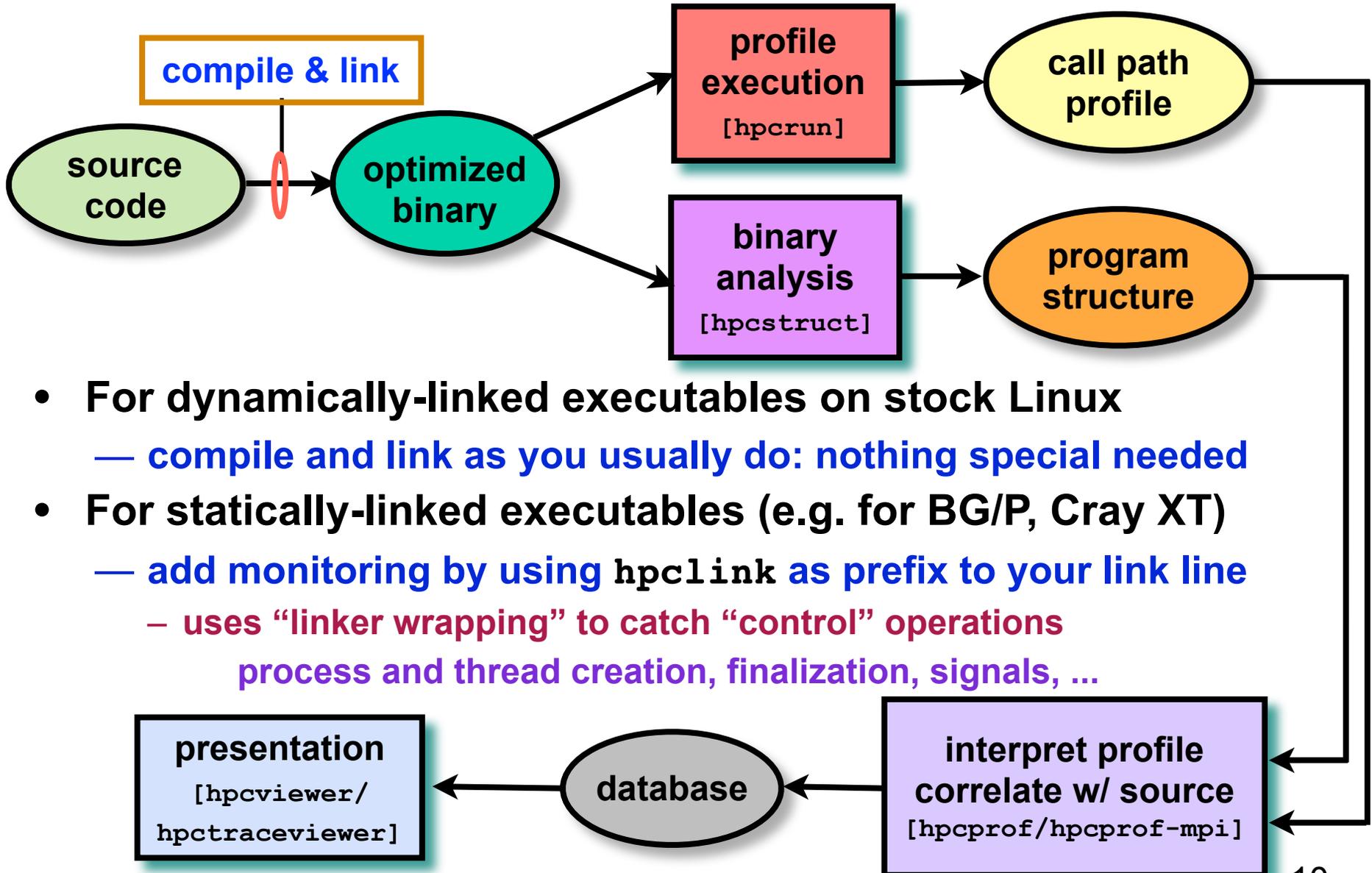
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- **Overview of Rice's HPCToolkit**
- **Accurate measurement**
- **Effective performance analysis**
- **Pinpointing scalability bottlenecks**
 - scalability bottlenecks on large-scale parallel systems
 - scaling on multicore processors
- **Assessing process variability**
- **Understanding temporal behavior**
- **Using HPCToolkit**
- **Ongoing R&D**

HPCToolkit Workflow

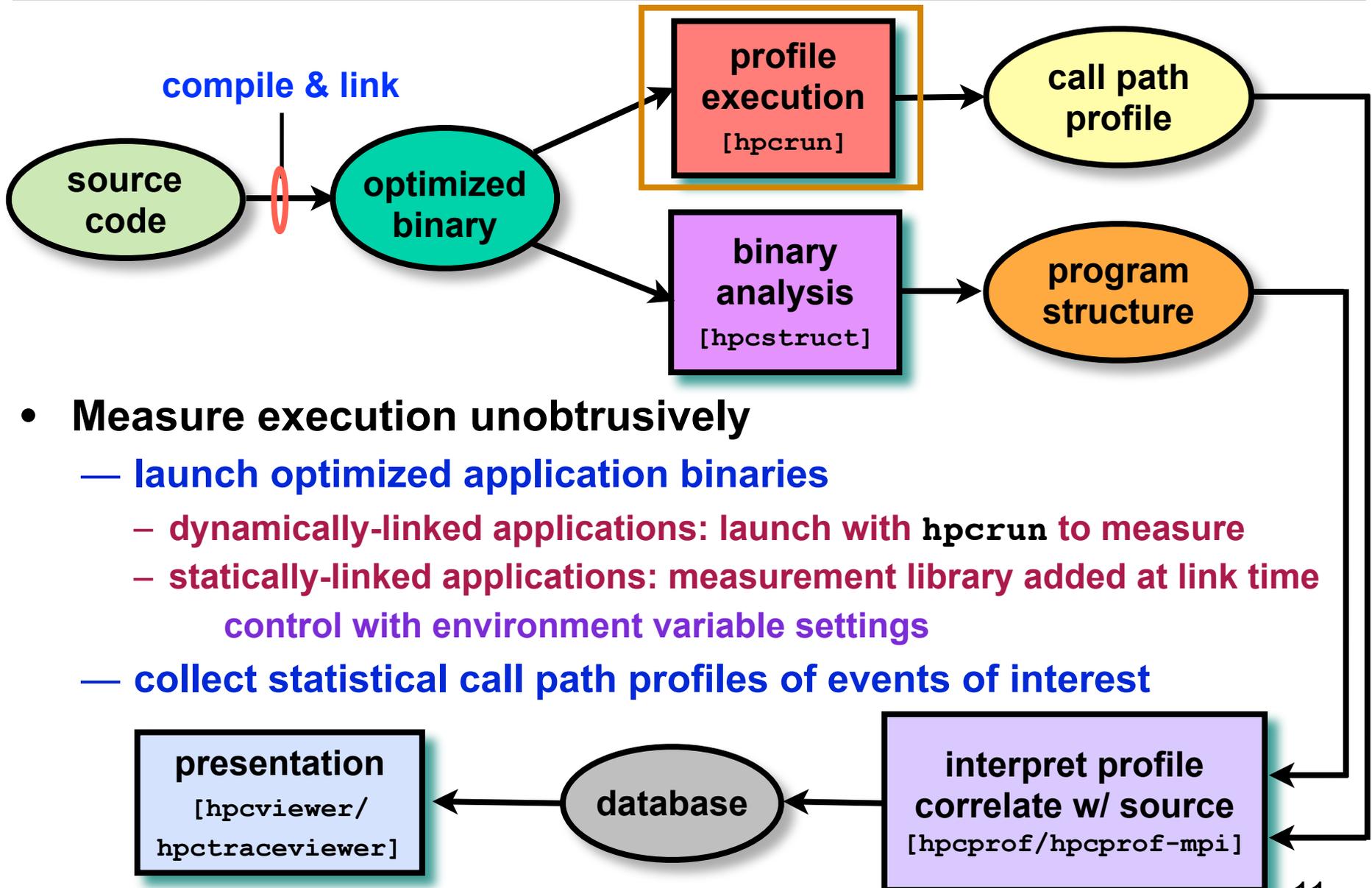


HPCToolkit Workflow



- For dynamically-linked executables on stock Linux
 - **compile and link as you usually do: nothing special needed**
- For statically-linked executables (e.g. for BG/P, Cray XT)
 - **add monitoring by using `hpcLink` as prefix to your link line**
 - uses “linker wrapping” to catch “control” operations
process and thread creation, finalization, signals, ...

HPCToolkit Workflow



- **Measure execution unobtrusively**

- **launch optimized application binaries**

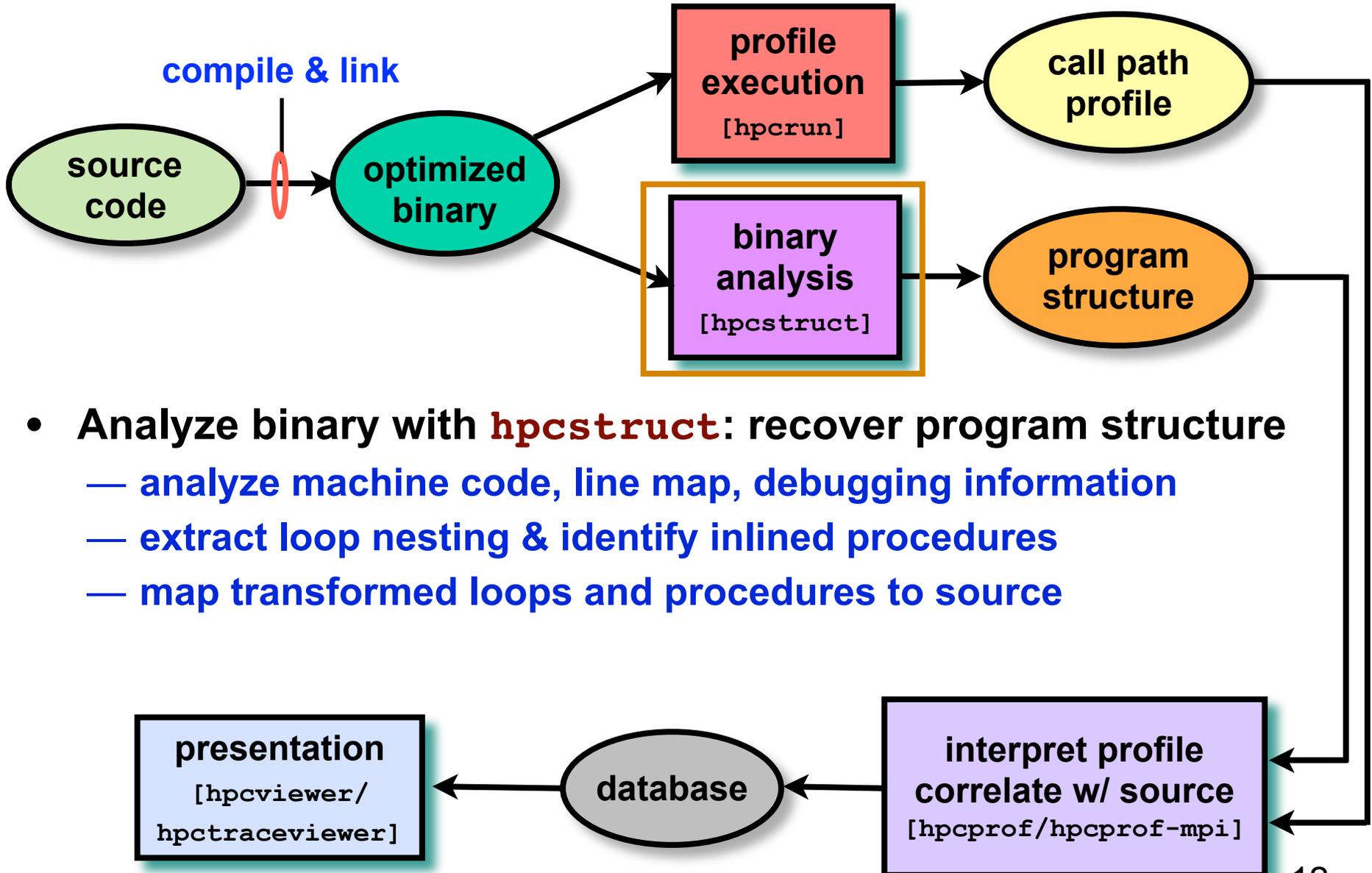
- **dynamically-linked applications: launch with `hpcrun` to measure**

- **statically-linked applications: measurement library added at link time**

- control with environment variable settings

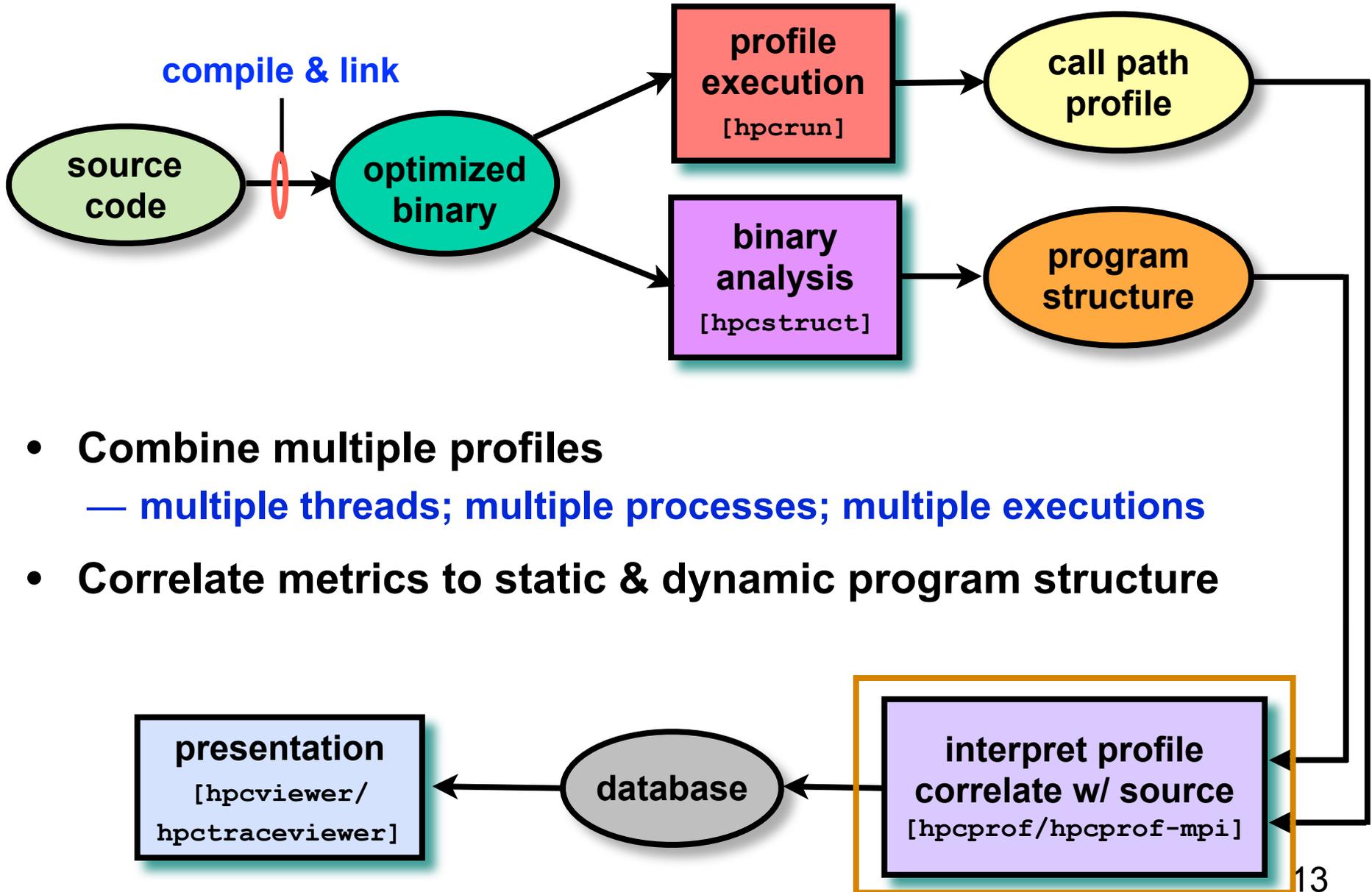
- **collect statistical call path profiles of events of interest**

HPCToolkit Workflow

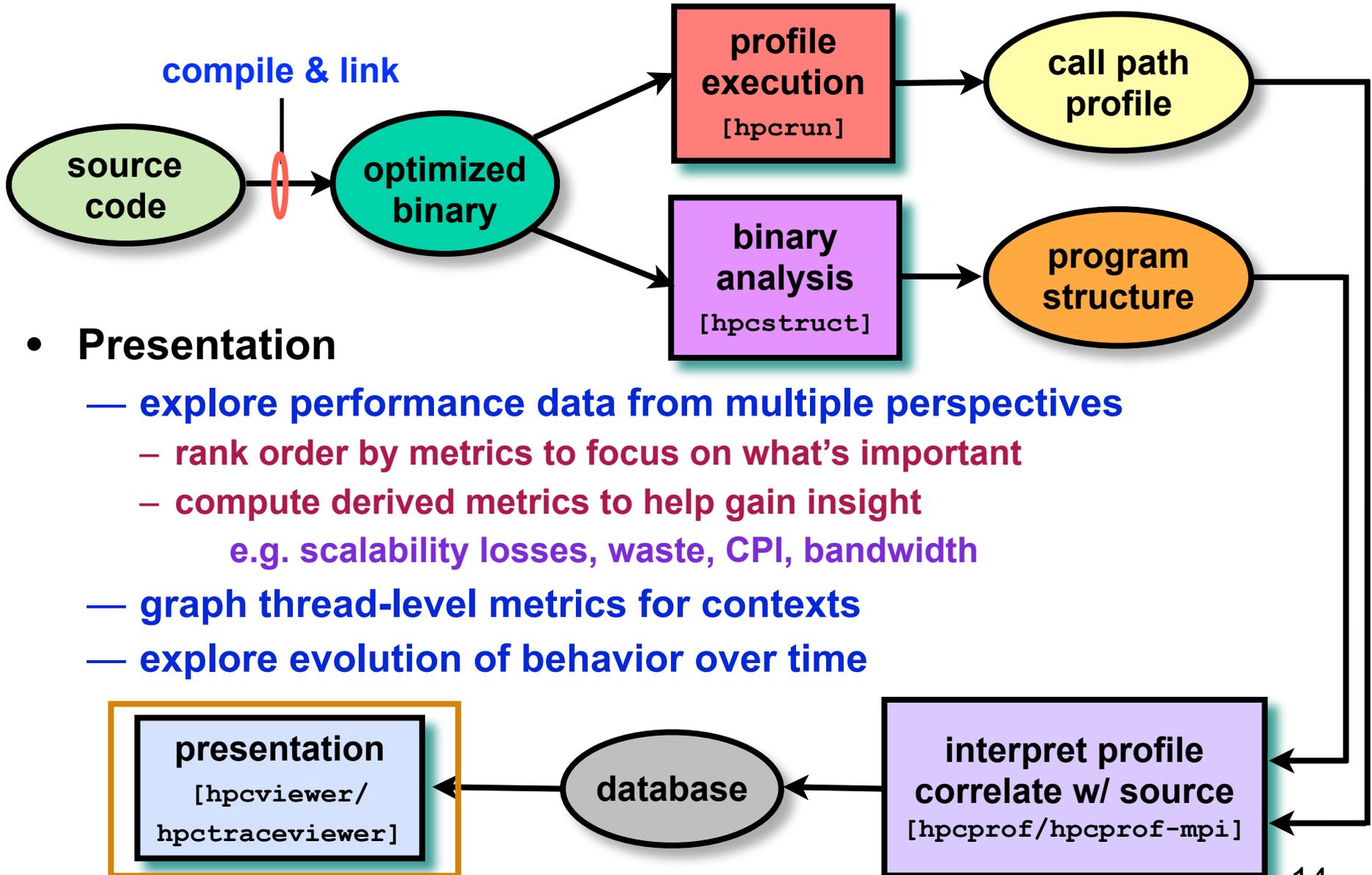


- Analyze binary with **hpcstruct**: recover program structure
 - analyze machine code, line map, debugging information
 - extract loop nesting & identify inlined procedures
 - map transformed loops and procedures to source

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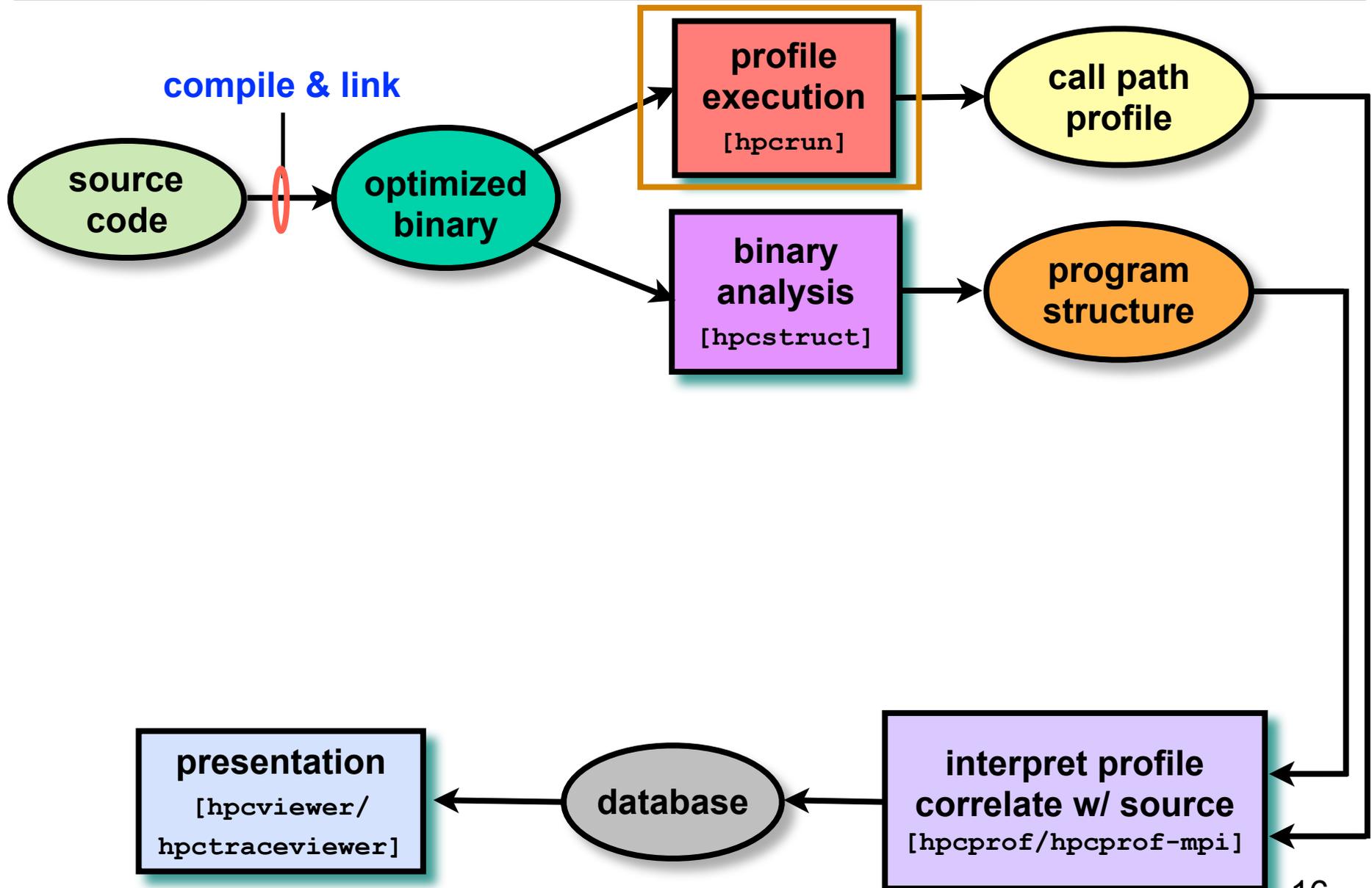
- **Presentation**

- explore performance data from multiple perspectives
 - rank order by metrics to focus on what's important
 - compute derived metrics to help gain insight
 - e.g. scalability losses, waste, CPI, bandwidth
- graph thread-level metrics for contexts
- explore evolution of behavior over time

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Measurement



Novel Aspects of Our Approach

- **Unwind fully-optimized and even stripped code**
 - use on-the-fly binary analysis to support unwinding
- **Cope with dynamically-loaded shared libraries on Linux**
 - note as new code becomes available in address space
- **Integrate static & dynamic context information in presentation**
 - dynamic call chains including procedures, inlined functions, loops, and statements

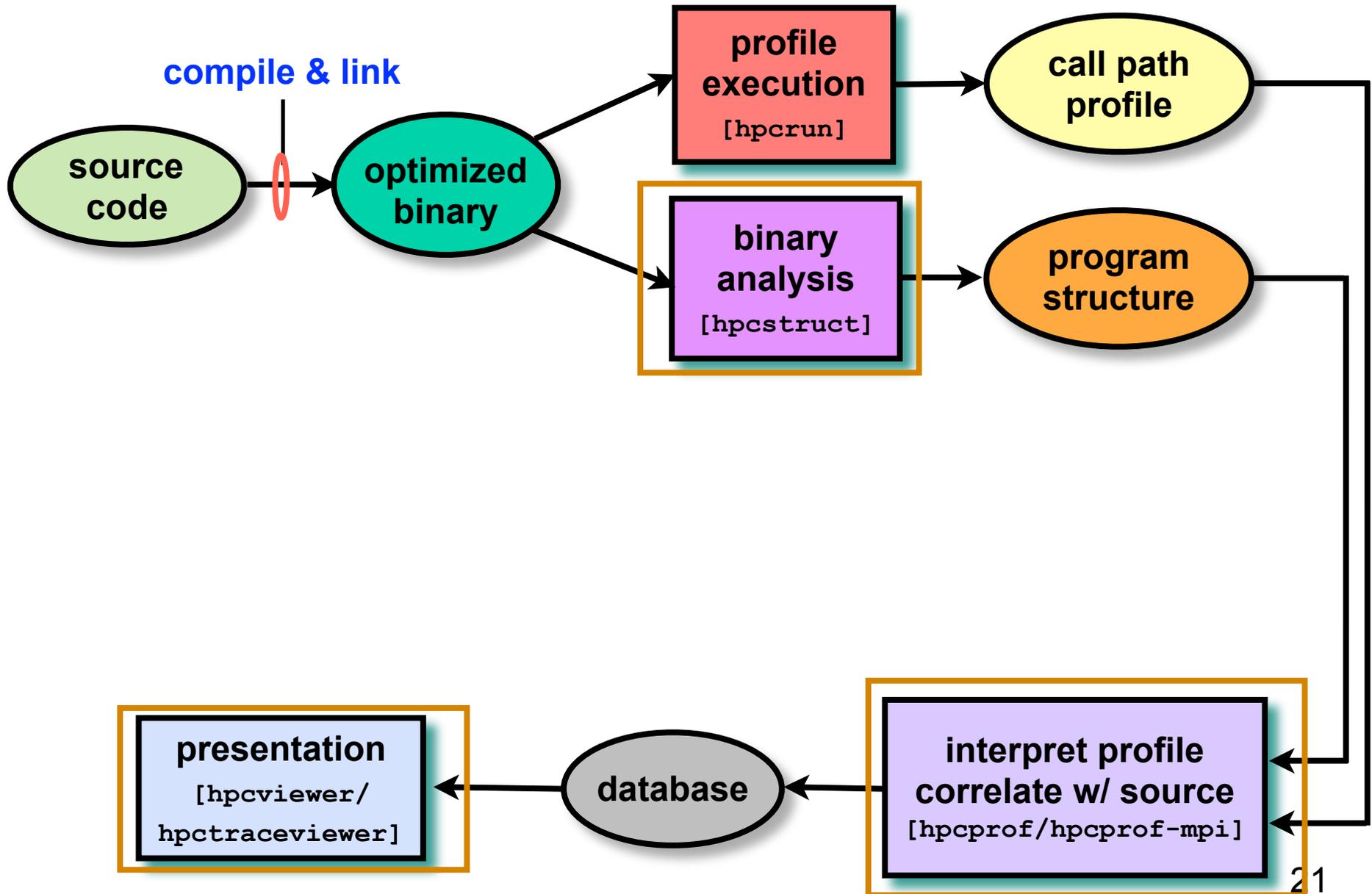
Measurement Effectiveness

- **Accurate**
 - **PFLOTRAN on Cray XT @ 8192 cores**
 - 148 unwind failures out of 289M unwinds
 - 5e-5% errors
 - **Flash on Blue Gene/P @ 8192 cores**
 - 212K unwind failures out of 1.1B unwinds
 - 2e-2% errors
 - **SPEC2006 benchmark test suite (sequential codes)**
 - fully-optimized executables: Intel, PGI, and Pathscale compilers
 - 292 unwind failures out of 18M unwinds (Intel Harpertown)
 - 1e-3% error
- **Low overhead**
 - e.g. **PFLOTRAN scaling study on Cray XT @ 512 cores**
 - measured cycles, L2 miss, FLOPs, & TLB @ 1.5% overhead
 - **suitable for use on production runs**

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Effective Analysis



Recovering Program Structure

- **Analyze an application binary**
 - **identify object code procedures and loops**
 - **decode machine instructions**
 - **construct control flow graph from branches**
 - **identify natural loop nests using interval analysis**
 - **map object code procedures/loops to source code**
 - **leverage line map + debugging information**
 - **discover inlined code**
 - **account for many loop and procedure transformations**

Unique benefit of our binary analysis

- **Bridges the gap between**
 - **lightweight measurement of fully optimized binaries**
 - **desire to correlate low-level metrics to source level abstractions**

Analyzing Results with hpcviewer

The screenshot displays the hpcviewer interface for a MOAB application. The top pane shows the source code for `mbperf_iMesh.cpp`. The middle pane contains view controls: `Calling Context View`, `Callers View`, and `Flat View`. Below this is a `metric display` section with icons for navigation and metrics. The bottom pane is a `navigation pane` showing a tree of scopes and a `metric pane` table.

costs for

- inlined procedures
- loops
- function calls in full context

source pane

```
22 * Define less-than comparison for EntitySequence pointers as a comparison
23 * of the entity handles in the pointed-to EntitySequence
24 */
25 class SequenceCompare {
26 public: bool operator<(EntitySequence* a, EntitySequence* b) const
27 { return a->start_handle() < b->start_handle(); }
28 };
```

view control

metric display

navigation pane

metric pane

Scope	PAPI_L1_DCM (I)	PAPI_TOT_CYC (I)	P
main	8.63e+08 100 %	1.13e+11 100 %	
testB(void*, int, double const*, int const*)	8.35e+08 96.7%	1.10e+11 97.6%	
inlined from mbperf_iMesh.cpp: 261	6.81e+08 78.9%	0.98e+11 86.5%	
loop at mbperf_iMesh.cpp: 280-313	3.43e+08		0.9%
imesh_getvtxarrcoords_	3.20e+08 37.1%	2.18e+10 19.3%	
MBCore::get_coords(unsigned long const*, int, double*)	3.20e+08 37.1%	2.16e+10 19.1%	
loop at MBCore.cpp: 681-693	3.20e+08 37.1%	2.16e+10 19.1%	
inlined from stl_tree.h: 472	2.04e+08 23.7%	9.38e+09 8.3%	
loop at stl_tree.h: 1388	2.04e+08 23.6%	9.37e+09 8.3%	
inlined from TypeSequenceManager.hpp: 27	1.78e+08 20.6%	8.56e+09 7.6%	
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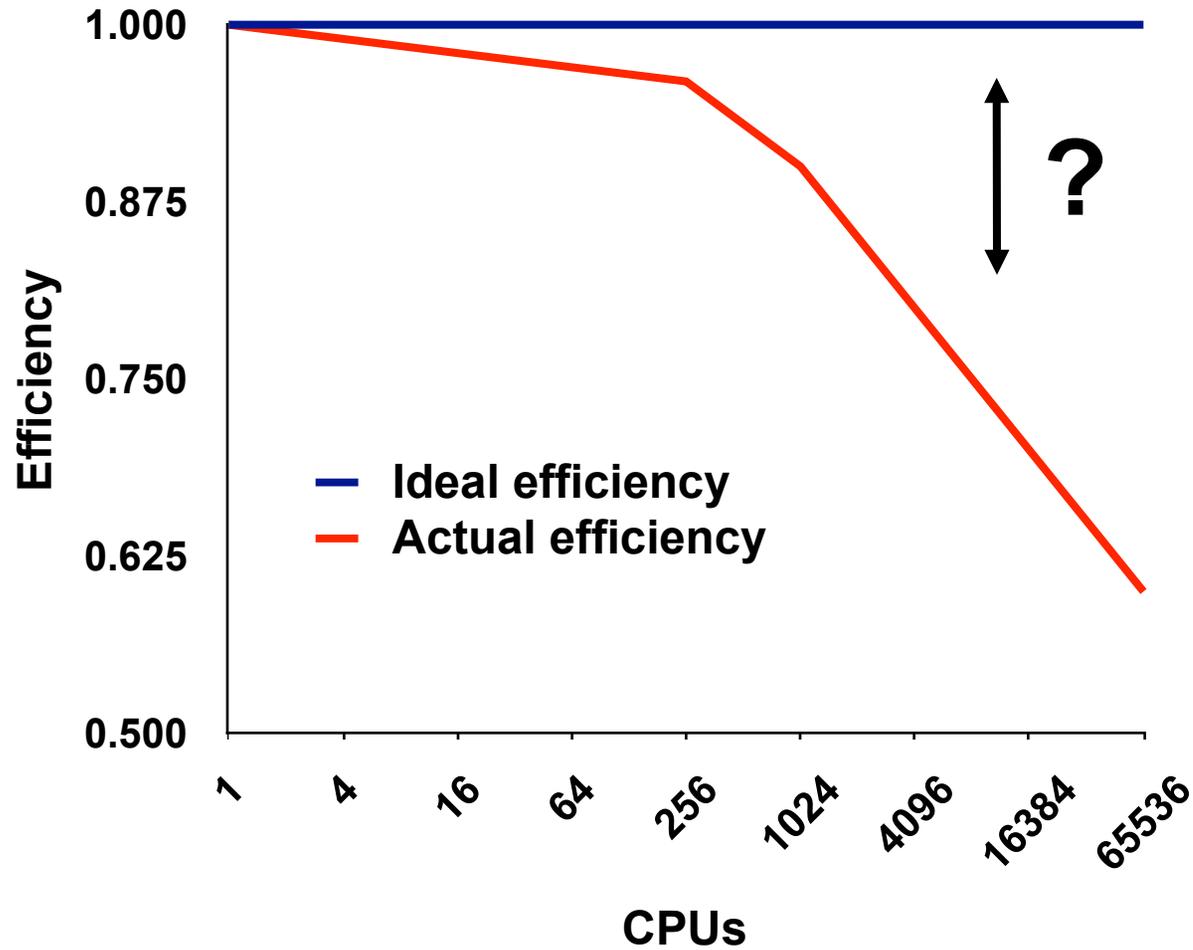
Principal Views

- **Calling context tree view - “top-down” (down the call chain)**
 - associate metrics with each dynamic calling context
 - high-level, hierarchical view of distribution of costs
- **Caller’s view - “bottom-up” (up the call chain)**
 - apportion a procedure’s metrics to its dynamic calling contexts
 - understand costs of a procedure called in many places
- **Flat view - ignores the calling context of each sample point**
 - aggregate all metrics for a procedure, from any context
 - attribute costs to loop nests and lines within a procedure

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The Problem of Scaling



Note: higher is better

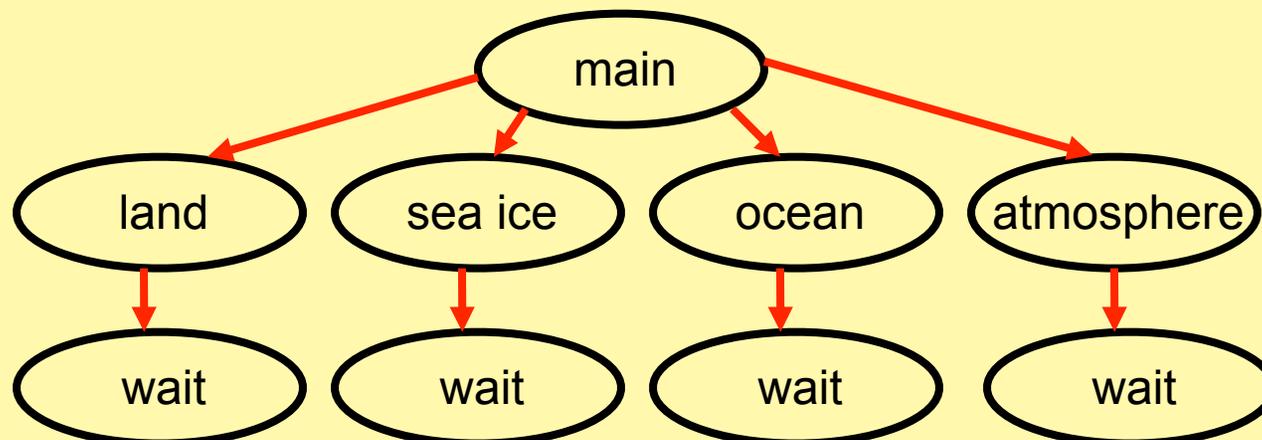
Goal: Automatic Scaling Analysis

- Pinpoint scalability bottlenecks
- Guide user to problems
- Quantify the magnitude of each problem
- **Diagnose the nature of the problem**

Challenges for Pinpointing Scalability Bottlenecks

- **Parallel applications**
 - modern software uses layers of libraries
 - performance is often context dependent
- **Monitoring**
 - bottleneck nature: computation, data movement, synchronization?
 - 2 pragmatic constraints
 - acceptable data volume
 - low perturbation for use in production runs

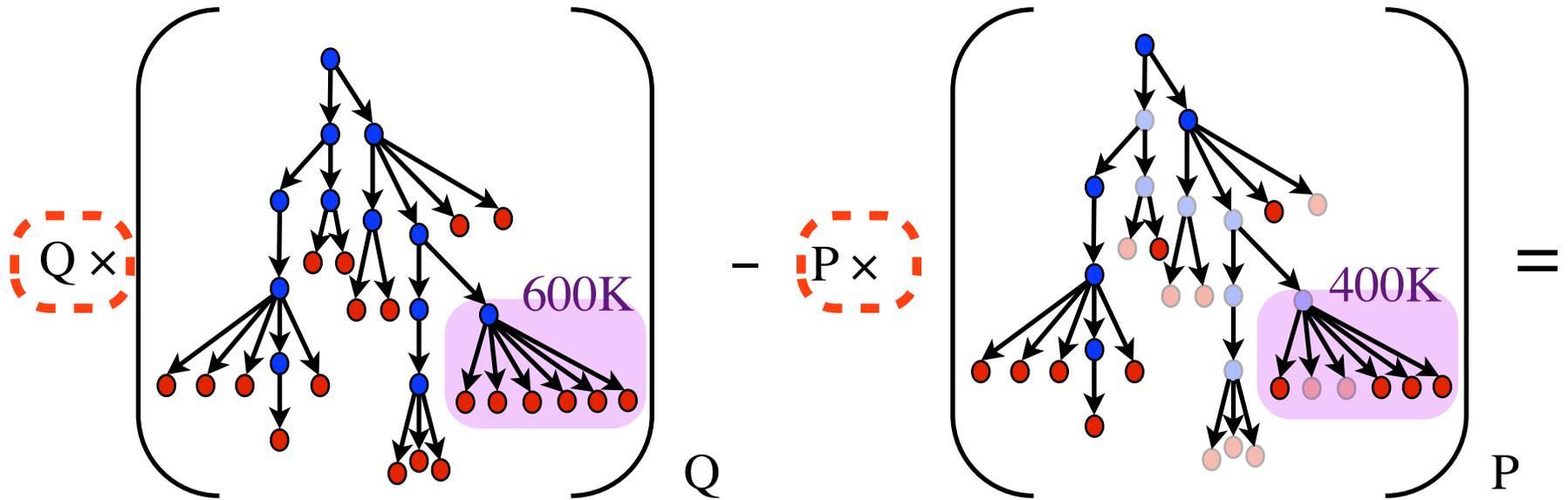
Example climate code skeleton



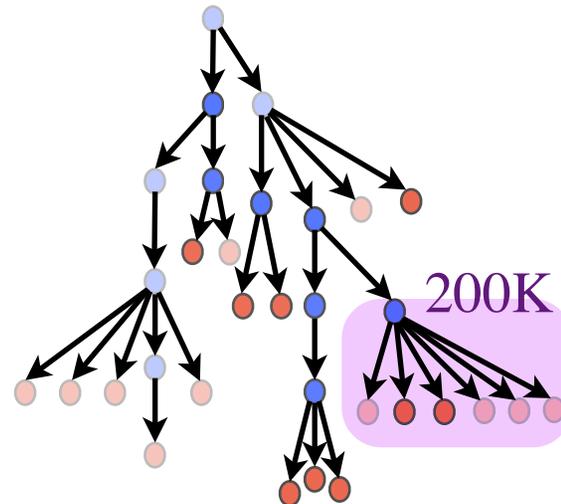
Performance Analysis with Expectations

- You have performance expectations for your parallel code
 - strong scaling: linear speedup
 - weak scaling: constant execution time
- Putting your expectations to work
 - measure performance under different conditions
 - e.g. different levels of parallelism or different inputs
 - express your expectations as an equation
 - compute the deviation from expectations for each calling context
 - for both inclusive and exclusive costs
 - correlate the metrics with the source code
 - explore the annotated call tree interactively

Pinpointing and Quantifying Scalability Bottlenecks

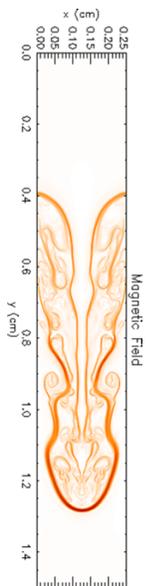


coefficients for analysis of strong scaling

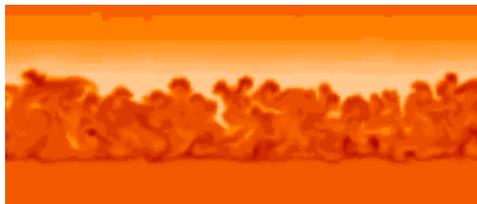


Scalability Analysis Demo

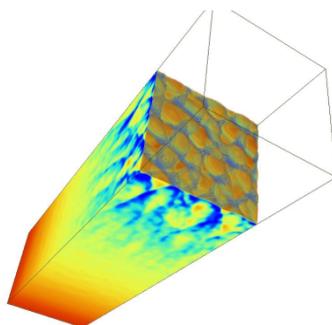
Code: University of Chicago FLASH
Simulation: white dwarf detonation
Platform: Blue Gene/P
Experiment: 8192 vs. 256 processors
Scaling type: weak



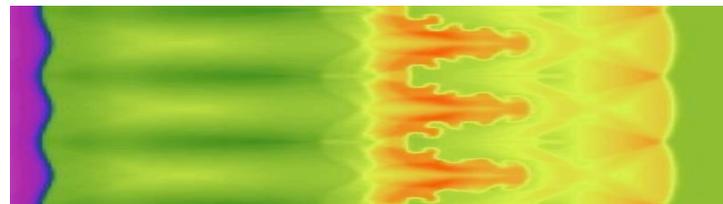
*Magnetic
Rayleigh-Taylor*



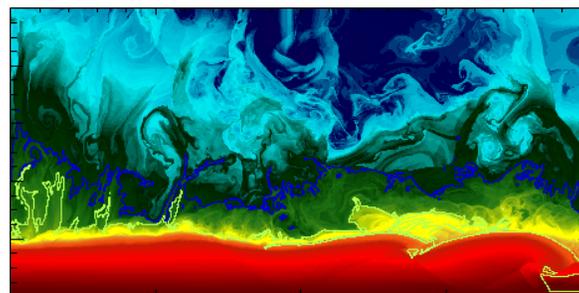
Nova outbursts on white dwarfs



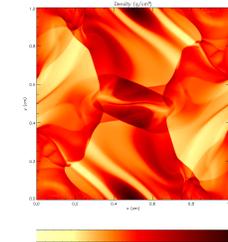
Cellular detonation



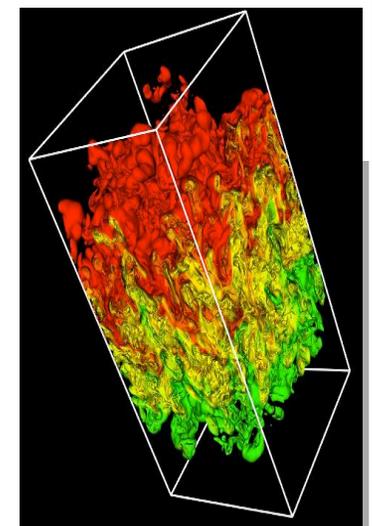
Laser-driven shock instabilities



Helium burning on neutron stars



*Orzag/Tang MHD
vortex*



Rayleigh-Taylor instability

Figures courtesy of FLASH Team, University of Chicago

Scaling on Multicore Processors

- **Compare performance**
 - single vs. multiple processes on a multicore system
- **Strategy**
 - differential performance analysis
 - subtract the calling context trees as before, unit coefficient for each

S3D: Multicore Losses at the Loop Level

```
193 *ge. 2) then
194   l__ujUpper30 = (3 - 1 + 1) / 3 * 3 + 1 - 1
195   do m = 1, l__ujUpper30, 3
196     do n = 1, n_spec - 1
197       do lt__2 = 1, nz
198         do lt__1 = 1, ny
199           do lt__0 = 1, nx
200             diffflux(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, n, m) = -ds_mixav
201             *(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, n) * (grad_ys(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, n, m) +
202             *s(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, n) * grad_mixmw(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, m))
203             diffflux(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, n_spec, m) = diff
204             *lux(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, n_spec, m) - diffflux(lt__0, lt__1, lt__
205             *, n, m)
206             diffflux(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, n, m + 1) = -ds_m
207             *xavg(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, n) * (grad_ys(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, n, m
208             * + 1) + ys(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2, n) * grad_mixmw(lt__0, lt__1, lt__2
```

Scope	1-core (ms) (I)	1-core (ms) (E)	8-core(1) (ms) (I)	8-core(1) (ms) (E)...	Multicore Loss					
▶ loop at diffflux_gen_uj.f: 197-222	2.86e06	2.6%	2.86e06	2.6%	8.12e06	4.3%	8.12e06	4.3%	5.27e06	6.9%
▶ loop at integrate_erk_jstage_lt_ge	1.09e08	98.1%	1.25e06	1.1%	1.84e08	97.9%	5.94e06	3.2%	4.70e06	6.1%
▶ loop at variables_m.f90: 88-99	1.49e06	1.3%	1.49e06	1.3%	6.08e06	3.2%	6.08e06	3.2%	4.60e06	6.0%
▶ loop at rhsf.f90: 516-536	2.70e06	2.4%	1.31e06	1.2%	6.49e06	3.5%	3.72e06	2.0%	2.41e06	3.1%
▶ loop at rhsf.f90: 538-544	3.35e06	3.0%	1.45e06	1.3%	7.06e06	3.8%	3.82e06	2.0%	2.36e06	3.1%
▶ loop at rhsf.f90: 546-552	2.56e06	2.3%	1.47e06	1.3%	5.86e06	3.1%	3.42e06	1.8%	1.96e06	2.6%
▶ loop at thermchem_m.f90: 127-1	8.00e05	0.7%	8.00e05	0.7%	2.28e06	1.2%	2.28e06	1.2%	1.48e06	1.9%
▶ loop at heatflux_lt_gen.f: 5-132	1.46e06	1.3%	1.46e06	1.3%	2.88e06	1.5%	2.88e06	1.5%	1.41e06	1.8%
▶ loop at rhsf.f90: 576	6.65e05	0.6%	6.65e05	0.6%	1.87e06	1.0%	1.87e06	1.0%	1.20e06	1.6%
▶ loop at getrates.f: 504-505	8.00e06	7.2%	8.00e06	7.2%	8.74e06	4.7%	8.74e06	4.7%	7.35e05	1.0%
▶ loop at derivative_x.f90: 213-690	1.78e06	1.6%	1.78e06	1.6%	2.47e06	1.3%	2.47e06	1.3%	6.95e05	0.9%

Execution time increases 2.8x in the loop that scales worst

loop contributes a 6.9% scaling loss to whole execution

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Parallel Radix Sort on 960 Cores

“Right click” on a node in the CCT view to graph values across all threads

Values for all threads graphed for the selected context

NOTE: Must analyze measurement data with hpcprof-mpi to include thread-centric metrics in the performance database

The screenshot displays the hpcviewer interface for a parallel radix sort on 960 cores. The top panel shows the source code for `usort_x.c`, with the `usort` function highlighted. The middle panel is a plot titled "[Plot graph] usort: PAPI_TOT_CYC (I)" showing the total cycle count for each of the 960 threads. The y-axis represents the metric value, ranging from 0.0E0 to 4.0E10, and the x-axis represents the process thread, from 00.00 to 900.00. The plot shows a dense cluster of points at approximately 2.56e+10 cycles per thread. The bottom panel shows the "Calling Context View" with a table of metrics for the selected context.

Scope	PAPI_TOT_CYC:Sum (I)	PAPI_TOT_CYC:Mean (I)	PAPI_TO
loop at loopat: 1323	2.56e+13	5.0%	2.56e+10
MPI_Barrier	3.11e+14	60.0%	3.11e+11
MPIR_Barrier_impl	3.11e+14	60.0%	3.11e+11
psortui64_mpi2	1.21e+14	23.3%	1.21e+11
loop at psort_mpi2.c: 801	5.04e+13	9.7%	5.04e+10
usort	2.56e+13	5.0%	2.56e+10
loop at loopat: 1324	2.40e+13	4.6%	2.40e+10
loop at loopat: 1325	1.01e+13	1.9%	1.01e+10
usort	8.00e+12	1.5%	8.00e+09

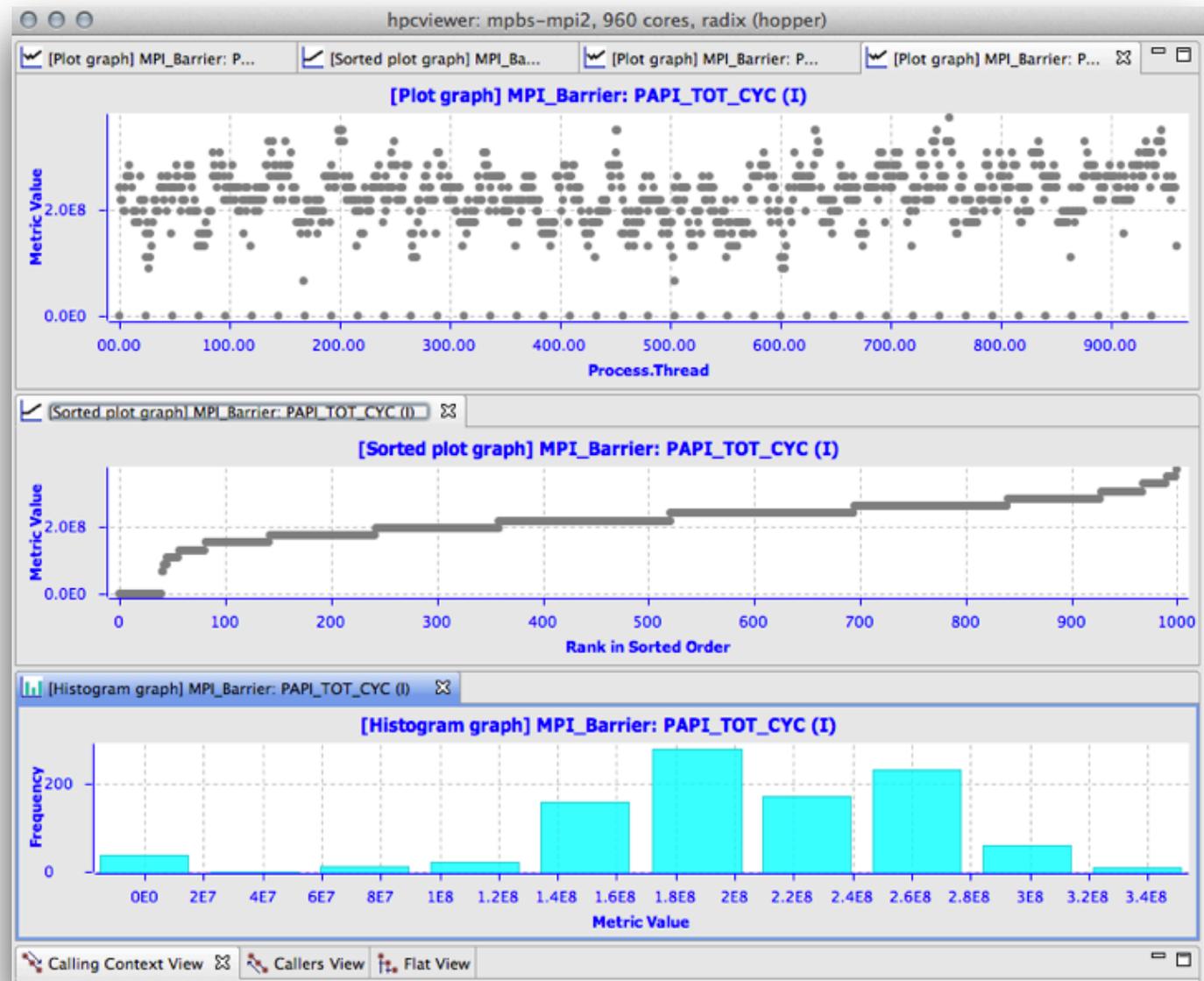
A context menu is open over the `usort` entry in the table, showing options such as "Zoom-in", "Zoom-out", "Copy", and "Graph PAPI_TOT_CYC (I)". The "Graph PAPI_TOT_CYC (I)" option is selected, and a sub-menu is visible with options: "Plot graph", "Sorted plot graph", and "Histogram graph".

Radix Sort on 960 Cores: Barrier Time

sorted by rank

sorted by value

value histogram

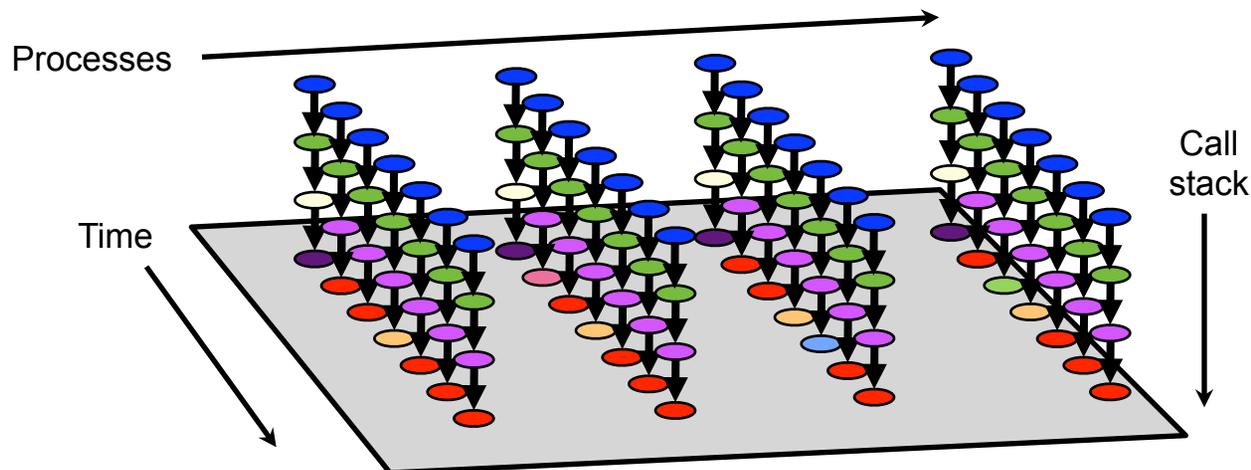


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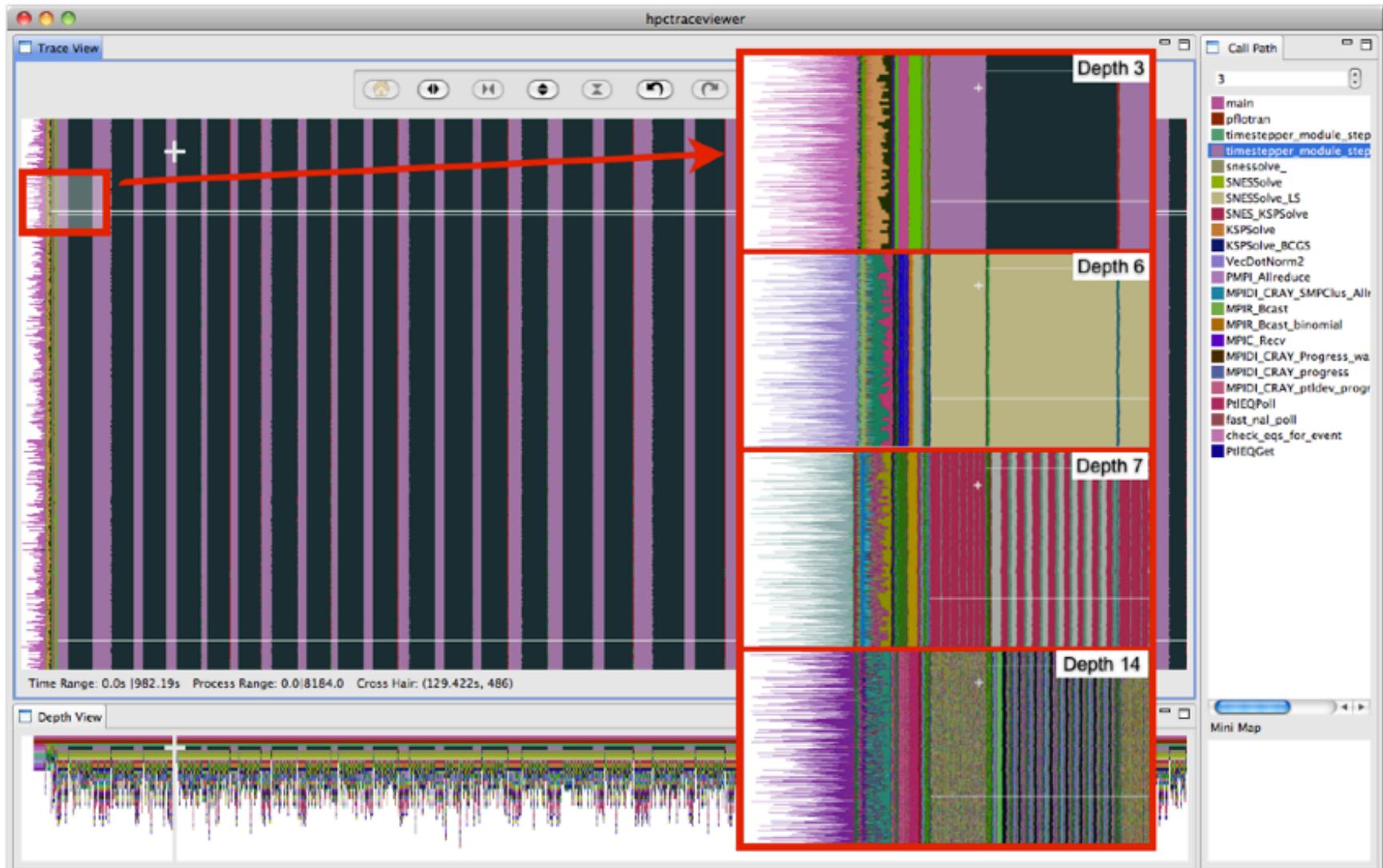
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Understanding Temporal Behavior

- Profiling compresses out the temporal dimension
 - temporal patterns, e.g. serialization, are invisible in profiles
- What can we do? Trace call path samples
 - sketch:
 - N times per second, take a call path sample of each thread
 - organize the samples for each thread along a time line
 - view how the execution evolves left to right
 - what do we view?
 - assign each procedure a color; view a depth slice of an execution



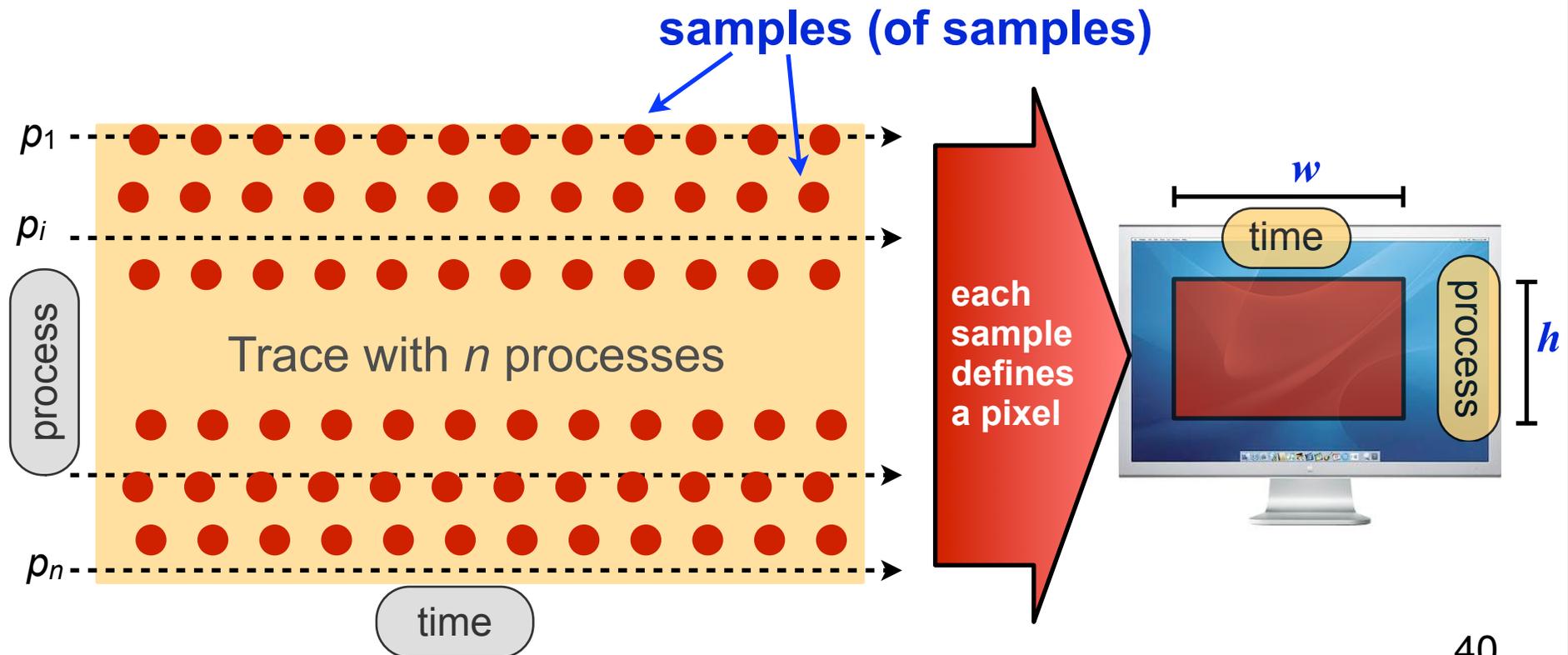
Process-Time Views of PFLOTRAN



8184-core execution on Cray XT5. Trace view rendered using hpctraceviewer on a Mac Book Pro Laptop. Insets show zoomed view of marked region at different call stack depths.

Presenting Large Traces on Small Displays

- How to render an arbitrary portion of an arbitrarily large trace?
 - we have a display window of dimensions $h \times w$
 - typically many more processes (or threads) than h
 - typically many more samples (trace records) than w
- Solution: sample the samples!



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Where to Find HPCToolkit

- **ALCF Systems**
 - **intrepid: /home/projects/hpctoolkit/ppc64/pkg/hpctoolkit**
 - **vesta: /home/projects/hpctoolkit/pkg/hpctoolkit**
 - **eureka: /home/projects/hpctoolkit/x86_64/pkg/hpctoolkit**
- **OLCF (Interlagos)**
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- **NERSC (Hopper)**
 - **/project/projectdirs/hpctk/hpctoolkit-hopper**
 - **/project/projectdirs/hpctk/hpcviewer**
- **For your local Linux systems, you can download and install it**
 - **documentation, build instructions, and software**
 - **see <http://hpctoolkit.org> for instructions**
 - **we recommend downloading and building from svn**
 - **important notes:**
 - **using hardware counters requires downloading and installing PAPI**
 - **kernel support for hardware counters**
 - on Linux 2.6.32 or better: built-in kernel support for counters
 - earlier Linux needs a kernel patch ([perfmon2](#) or [perfctr](#))

HPCToolkit Documentation

<http://hpctoolkit.org/documentation.html>

- **Comprehensive user manual:**
 - <http://hpctoolkit.org/manual/HPCToolkit-users-manual.pdf>
 - **Quick start guide**
 - **essential overview that almost fits on one page**
 - **Using HPCToolkit with statically linked programs**
 - **a guide for using hpctoolkit on BG/P and Cray XT**
 - **The hpcviewer and hpctraceviewer user interfaces**
 - **Effective strategies for analyzing program performance with HPCToolkit**
 - **analyzing scalability, waste, multicore performance ...**
 - **HPCToolkit and MPI**
 - **HPCToolkit Troubleshooting**
 - **why don't I have any source code in the viewer?**
 - **hpcviewer isn't working well over the network ... what can I do?**
- **Installation guide**

Using HPCToolkit

- Add hpctoolkit's bin directory to your path
 - see earlier slide for HPCToolkit's HOME directory on your system
- Adjust your compiler flags (if you want full attribution to src)
 - add `-g` flag after any optimization flags
- Add hpclink as a prefix to your Makefile's link line
 - e.g. `hpclink mpixlf -o myapp foo.o ... lib.a -lm ...`
- Decide what hardware counters to monitor
 - statically-linked executables (e.g., Cray XT, BG/P)
 - use `hpclink` to link your executable
 - launch executable with environment var `HPCRUN_EVENT_LIST=LIST`
(BG/P hardware counters supported)
 - dynamically-linked executables (e.g., Linux)
 - use `hpcrun -L` to learn about counters available for profiling
 - use `papi_avail`
you can sample any event listed as “profilable”

Collecting Performance Data

- **Collecting traces**
 - dynamically-linked: `hpcrun -t ...`
 - statically-linked: set environment variable `HPCRUN_TRACE=1`
- **Launching your job using hpctoolkit**
 - **Blue Gene**
 - `qsub -q prod-devel -t 10 -n 2048 -c 8192 \
--env OMP_NUM_THREADS=2:\
HPCRUN_EVENT_LIST=WALLCLOCK@5000:\
HPCRUN_TRACE=1 your_app`
 - **Cray (with WALLCLOCK)**
 - `setenv HPCRUN_EVENT_LIST "WALLCLOCK@5000"`
 - `setenv HPCRUN_TRACE 1`
 - `aprun your_app`
 - **Cray (with hardware performance counters)**
 - `setenv HPCRUN_EVENT_LIST "PAPI_TOT_CYC@3000000 \
PAPI_L2_MISS@400000 PAPI_TLB_MISS@400000 PAPI_FP_OPS@400000"`
 - `setenv HPCRUN_TRACE 1`
 - `aprun your_app`

Digesting your Performance Data

- Use hpcstruct to reconstruct program structure
 - e.g. `hpcstruct your_app`
 - creates `your_app.hpcstruct`
- Correlate measurements to source code with hpcprof and hpcprof-mpi
 - run hpcprof on the front-end node to analyze a few processes
 - no per-thread profiles
 - run hpcprof-mpi on the compute nodes to analyze data in parallel
 - includes per-thread profiles to support thread-centric graphical view
- Digesting performance data in parallel with hpcprof-mpi
 - `run_cmd \`
 - `/path/to/hpcprof-mpi \`
 - `-S your_app.hpcstruct \`
 - `-I /path/to/your_app/src/'*' \`
 - `hpctoolkit-your_app-measurements.jobid`
 - `runcmd`
 - Cray: `aprun`
 - Blue Gene: `qsub -q prod-devel -t 20 -n 32 -m co`

Analysis and Visualization

- **Use hpcviewer to open resulting database**
 - **warning: first time you graph any data, it will pause to combine info from all threads into one file**
- **Use hpctraceviewer to explore traces**
 - **warning: first time you open a trace database, the viewer will pause to combine info from all threads into one file**
- **Try our our user interfaces before collecting your own data**
 - **example performance data for Chombo on hpctoolkit.org**

A Special Note About `hpcstruct` and `xlf`

- IBM's `xlf` compiler emits machine code for Fortran that have an unusual mapping back to source
- To compensate, `hpcstruct` needs a special option
 - `--loop-fwd-subst=no`
 - without this option, many nested loops will be missing in `hpcstruct`'s output and (as a result) `hpcviewer`

Manual Control of Sampling

- **Why?**
 - get meaningful results when measuring a shorter execution than would really be representative.
 - only want to measure solver without measuring initialization.
- **How**
 - **Environment variable**
 - `HPCTOOLKIT_DELAY_SAMPLING=1`
 - **API**
 - `hpctoolkit_sampling_start()`
 - `hpctoolkit_sampling_stop()`
 - **Include file**
 - `-I /home/projects/hpctoolkit/ppc64/pkgs/hpctoolkit/include`
 - `#include <hpctoolkit.h>`
 - **Always against API library**
 - `-L /home/projects/hpctoolkit/ppc64/pkgs/hpctoolkit/lib/hpctoolkit \`
`-lhpctoolkit`
 - **API is a no-op unless used with hpclink or hpcrun**

HPCToolkit Capabilities at a Glance

calling context view

costs for

- inlined procedures
- loops
- function calls in full context

Scope	PARALLEL_OCM (B)	PAR_TOT_CYC (B)
main	8.63e+08 100.0%	1.12e+11 100.0%
inlined from mbperf_Mesh.cpp: 26	6.81e+08 78.9%	0.98e+11 86.5%
loop at mbperf_Mesh.cpp: 280-313	3.43e+08 39.4%	3.37e+10 29.9%
inlined from mbperf_Mesh.cpp: 280-313	3.20e+08 37.1%	2.16e+10 19.1%
loop at MFCore.cpp: 681-693	3.20e+08 37.1%	2.16e+10 19.1%
loop at stl_tree.h: 472	2.04e+08 23.7%	9.38e+09 8.3%
loop at stl_tree.h: 1384	2.04e+08 23.6%	9.37e+09 8.3%
inlined from TypeSequenceManager.hpp: 27	1.78e+08 20.6%	8.56e+09 7.6%
TypeSequenceManager.hpp: 27	1.78e+08 20.6%	8.56e+09 7.6%

Attribute Costs to Code

Execution time increases 2.8x in the loop that scales worst

loop contributes a 6.9% scaling loss to whole execution

```

193 *gn. 2) then
194   l_ujUpper30 = (3 - 1) / 3 * 3 + 1 - 1
195   do n = 1, l_ujUpper30, 3
196     do m = 1, n, m - 1
197       do lt_2 = 1, n
198         do lt_0 = 1, n
199           diffFlux(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n, m) = -ds_mixed
200           diffFlux(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n, m) =
201             *(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n) * grad_mixed(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n, m) +
202             *(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n) * grad_mixed(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n, m) = diff
203             diffFlux(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n, m, spec, m) = diff
204             *(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n, spec, m) = diffFlux(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2,
205               n, m)
206             diffFlux(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n, m + 1) = -ds_m
207             *mov(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n) * (grad_sys(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n,
208               m) + grad_sys(lt_0, lt_1, lt_2, n, m + 1) - ds_m)

```

Pinpoint & Quantify Scaling Bottlenecks

imbalances

loop at timestep.F90: 1230

SNES_KSPSolve

SNESComputeJacobian: TOT_CYC (1)

SNES_KSPSolve: TOT_CYC (1)

Assess Imbalance and Variability

Trace View

main

pthread_spin_unlock

worldtask.h: 142

Analyze Behavior over Time

quantum chemistry: MPI + pthreads

16 cores; 1 thread/core (4 x Barcelona)

lock contention accounts for 23.5% of execution time.

Adding futures to shared global work queue.

Shift Blame from Symptoms to Causes

yspecies latency for this loop is 14.5% of total latency in program

41.2% of memory hierarchy latency related to yspecies array

Associate Costs with Data

Outline

- Overview of Rice's HPCToolkit
- Accurate measurement
- Effective performance analysis
- Pinpointing scalability bottlenecks
 - scalability bottlenecks on large-scale parallel systems
 - scaling on multicore processors
- Assessing process variability
- Understanding temporal behavior
- Using HPCToolkit
- Ongoing R&D

Ongoing R&D

- **Available in prototype form**
 - **memory leak detection**
 - **performance analysis of multithreaded code**
 - **pinpoint & quantify insufficient parallelism and parallel overhead**
 - **pinpoint & quantify idleness due to serialization at locks**
- **Emerging capabilities**
 - **data-centric profiling**
 - **GPU support**
 - **enhanced analysis of OpenMP and multithreading**
- **Future work**
 - **improving measurement scalability by using parallel file I/O**

Ask Me About

- **Filtering traces**
- **Derived metrics**
- **Profiling OpenMP**
- **Profiling hybrid CPU+GPU code**
- **Data centric performance analysis**
- **Profiling programs with recursion**
- **Scalable trace server**