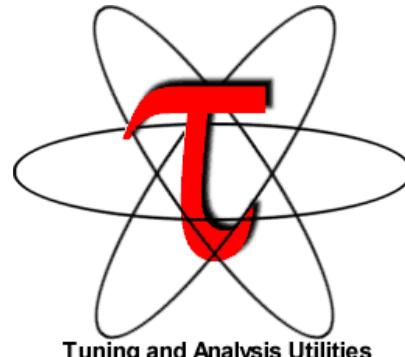


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EXTREME - SCALE COMPUTING

TAU



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Using TAU on Aurora

```
tar xf /soft/perf-tools/tau/tar/workshop.tgz
cd workshop; cat README

qsub -I -l walltime=0:29:00 -l filesystems=home:flare -A ATPESC2025 -q debug -
-l select=1 -X

module use /soft/modulefiles
module load tau
module load tau/tau2
module load frameworks

mpiexec -n 4 ./a.out
mpiexec -n 4 tau_exec -10 -ebs ./a.out

mpiexec -n 4 tau_exec -10 -ebs python ./foo.py
pprof -a | more
paraprof --pack foo.ppk
On your desktop: % paraprof foo.ppk
```

Motivation and Challenges

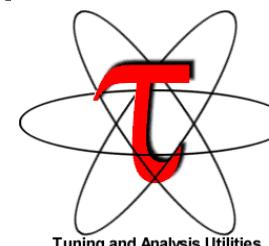
- With growing hardware complexity, it is getting harder to accurately measure and optimize the performance of our HPC and AI/ML workloads.
- TAU Performance System[®]:
 - Deliver a scalable, portable, performance evaluation toolkit for HPC and AI/ML workloads.
 - <http://tau.uoregon.edu>

Motivation: Improving Productivity

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TAU Performance System®

- Versatile profiling and tracing toolkit that supports:
 - MPI, DPC++/SYCL (Level Zero), OpenCL, and OpenMP (OpenMP Tools Interface for Target Offload)
- Scalable, portable, performance evaluation toolkit for HPC and AI/ML workloads that supports:
 - C++/C/DPC++, Fortran, Python
- Supports PAPI, Likwid for hardware performance counter information
- Instrumentation includes support for Kokkos, MPI, pthread, event-based sampling, GPU runtimes
- A single tool (`tau_exec`) is used to launch un-instrumented, un-modified binaries
- TAU's paraprof, pprof, perfexplorer for profile analysis; Vampir, Jumpshot, Perfetto.dev for traces
- <https://tau.uoregon.edu>



ParaTools

Application Performance Engineering using TAU

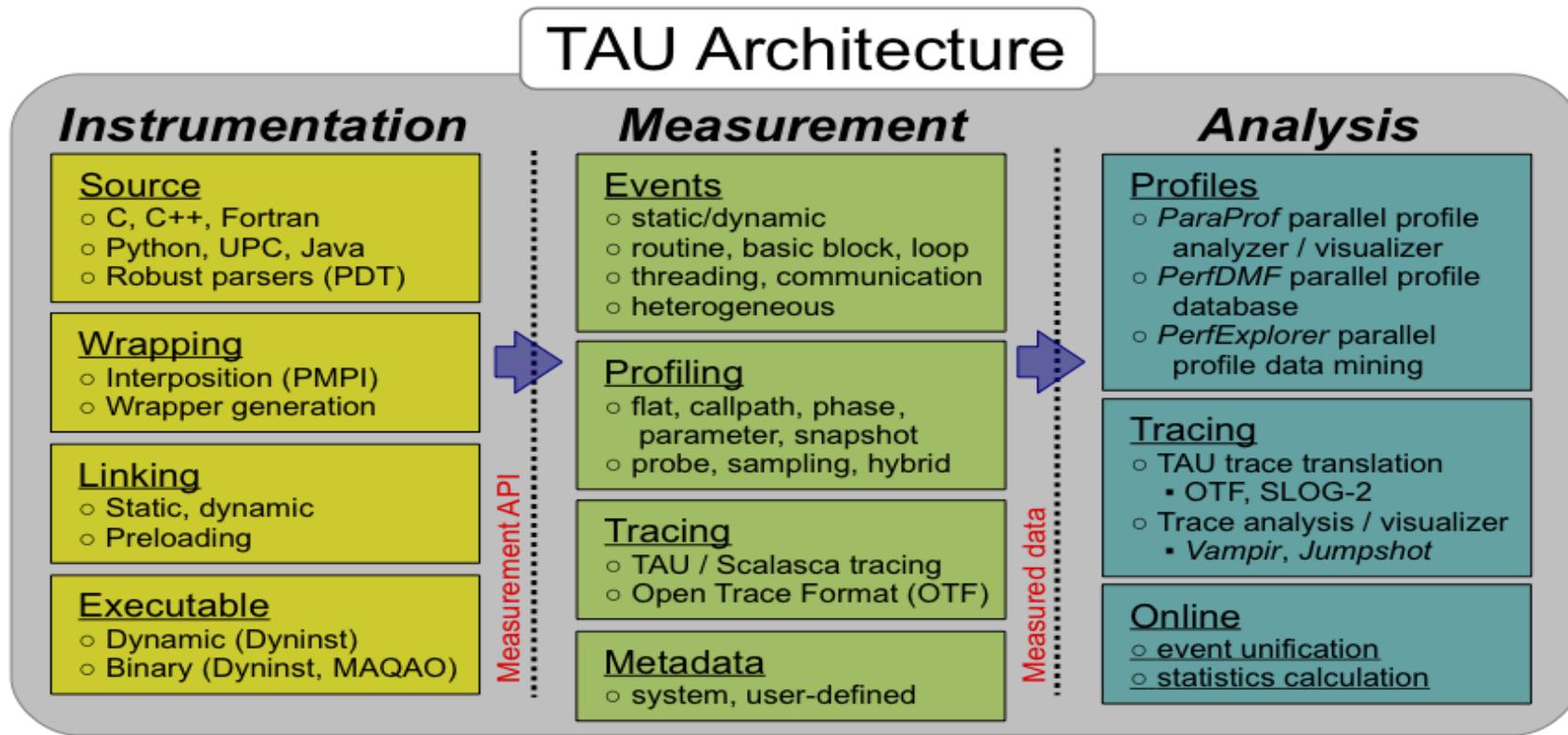
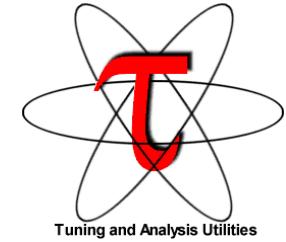
- How much time is spent in each application routine and outer *loops*? Within loops, what is the contribution of each *statement*? What is the time spent in OpenMP loops? In kernels on GPUs.
- How many instructions are executed in these code regions?
Floating point, Level 1 and 2 *data cache misses*, hits, branches taken? What is the extent of vectorization for loops?
- How much time did my application spend waiting at a barrier in MPI collective operations?
- What is the memory usage of the code? When and where is memory allocated/de-allocated? Are there any memory leaks? What is the memory footprint of the application? What is the memory high water mark?
- How much energy does the application use in Joules? What is the peak power usage?
- What are the I/O characteristics of the code? What is the peak read and write *bandwidth* of individual calls, total volume?
- How does the application *scale*? What is the efficiency, runtime breakdown of performance across different core counts?

TAU Performance System®

Parallel performance framework and toolkit

Supports all HPC platforms, compilers, runtime system

Provides portable instrumentation, measurement, analysis



TAU Performance System®

Instrumentation

- Fortran, C++, C, UPC, Java, Python, Chapel, Spark
- Automatic instrumentation

Measurement and analysis support

- MPI (MVAPICH2, Intel MPI), OpenSHMEM, ARMCI, PGAS, DMAPP
- Supports Intel oneAPI compilers
- pthreads, OpenMP, OMPT interface, hybrid, other thread models
- GPU: OpenCL, oneAPI DPC++/SYCL (Level Zero), OpenACC, Kokkos, RAJA
- Parallel profiling and tracing

Analysis

- Parallel profile analysis (ParaProf), data mining (PerfExplorer)
- Performance database technology (TAUdb)
- 3D profile browser

Instrumentation

Add hooks in the code to perform measurements

- **Source instrumentation using a preprocessor**
 - Add timer start/stop calls in a copy of the source code.
 - Use Program Database Toolkit (PDT) for parsing source code.
 - Requires recompiling the code using TAU shell scripts (tau_cc.sh, tau_f90.sh)
 - Selective instrumentation (filter file) can reduce runtime overhead and narrow instrumentation focus.
- **Compiler-based instrumentation**
 - Use system compiler to add a special flag to insert hooks at routine entry/exit.
 - Requires recompiling using TAU compiler scripts (tau_cc.sh, tau_f90.sh...)
- **Runtime preloading of TAU's Dynamic Shared Object (DSO)**
 - No need to recompile code! Use **mpiexec tau_exec ./app** with options.
 - It will preload TAU's DSO and intercept MPI calls and generate profile/trace data.

Configurations of TAU installed on Aurora

```
module use /soft/modulefiles;
module load tau;
module load tau/tau2
module load frameworks
ls $TAU/Makefile*
/soft/perf-tools/tau/tau2/x86_64/lib/
Makefile.tau-level_zero-icpx-papi-ompt-mpi-pthread-python-pdt-openmp
/soft/perf-tools/tau/tau2/x86_64/lib/
Makefile.tau-level_zero-icpx-papi-ompt-pthread-python-pdt-openmp
mpieexec -n 12 tau_exec -10 -ebs ./a.out will choose the MPI configuration by
default. For non MPI jobs, please use -T serial. For e.g.,
tau_exec -T serial -ebs -10 python ./foo.py and will LD_PRELOAD:
/soft/perf-tools/tau/tau2/x86_64/lib/shared-level_zero-icpx-papi-ompt-pthread-python-
pdt-openmp/libTAU.so
```

Using TAU for source instrumentation

TAU supports several measurement and thread options

Phase profiling, profiling with hardware counters, MPI library, Python...

Each measurement configuration of TAU corresponds to a unique stub makefile and library that is generated when you configure it

To instrument source code automatically using PDT

Choose an appropriate TAU stub makefile in <arch>/lib:

```
% module use /soft/modulefiles; module load tau; load tau/tau2
% export TAU_MAKEFILE=/soft/perf-tools/tau/tau2/x86_64/lib/
Makefile.tau-level_zero-icpx-papi-ompt-mpi-pthread-python-pdt-openmp

% export TAU_OPTIONS='-optVerbose ...' (see tau_compiler.sh )
% export PATH=$TAUDIR/x86_64/bin:$PATH
Use tau_f90.sh, tau_cxx.sh, tau_upc.sh, or tau_cc.sh as F90, C++, UPC, or C compilers respectively:
% mpif90 foo.f90      changes to
% tau_f90.sh foo.f90
```

Set runtime environment variables, execute application and analyze performance data:

```
% pprof (for text based profile display)
% paraprof (for GUI)
```

Configurations of TAU installed on Polaris

```
module use /soft/modulefiles; module load tau; ls $TAU/Makefile*
/soft/perftools/tau/tau-2.33.2/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-gnu-papi-mpi-cupti-pdt
/soft/perftools/tau/tau-2.33.2/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-gnu-papi-mpi-pdt
/soft/perftools/tau/tau-2.33.2/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-gnu-papi-mpi-pthread-cupti-pdt
/soft/perftools/tau/tau-2.33.2/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-gnu-pdt
/soft/perftools/tau/tau-2.33.2/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-gnu-tbb-pdt
/soft/perftools/tau/tau-2.33.2/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-nvidia-papi-mpi-cupti-pdt
/soft/perftools/tau/tau-2.33.2/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-nvidia-papi-mpi-pdt
/soft/perftools/tau/tau-2.33.2/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-nvidia-pdt
```

```
aprun -n 16 tau_exec -T gnu-papi-mpi-pthread-cupti-pdt -ebs ./a.out
will choose a configuration represented by:
```

```
/soft/perftools/tau/tau-2.33.2/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-gnu-papi-mpi-pthread-cupti-pdt
```

TAU's Support for Runtime Systems

- *MPI*
 - PMPI profiling interface
 - MPI_T tools interface using performance and control variables
- *Pthread*
 - Captures time spent in routines per thread of execution
- *OpenMP*
 - OMPT tools interface to track salient OpenMP runtime events
 - Opari source rewriter
 - Preloading wrapper OpenMP runtime library when OMPT is not supported
- *OpenACC*
 - OpenACC instrumentation API
 - Track data transfers between host and device (per-variable)
 - Track time spent in kernels

TAU's Support for Runtime Systems (contd.)

- *OpenCL*
 - OpenCL profiling interface
 - Track timings of kernels
- *Intel® OneAPI*
 - Level Zero
 - Track time spent in kernels executing on GPU
 - Track time spent in OneAPI runtime calls
- *Kokkos*
 - Kokkos profiling API
 - Push/pop interface for region, kernel execution interface
- *Python*
 - Python interpreter instrumentation API
 - Tracks Python routine transitions as well as Python to C transitions

Examples of Multi-Level Instrumentation

- *MPI + OpenMP*
 - MPI_T + PMPI + OMPT may be used to track MPI and OpenMP
- *MPI + pthread*
 - PMPI + pthread interfaces
- *MPI + Intel® oneAPI DPC++/SYCL*
- PMPI + Level Zero interfaces
- *OpenCL + Python*
 - OpenCL + Python instrumentation interfaces
- *Kokkos + OpenMP*
 - Kokkos profiling API + OMPT to transparently track events
- *Kokkos + pthread + MPI*
 - Kokkos + pthread wrapper interposition library + PMPI layer
- *MPI + OpenCL*
 - PMPI + OpenCL profiling interfaces

Binary instrumentation of libraries: Work in progress

```
% tau_run a.out -o a.inst
```

instruments a binary. Other flags –T <tags>, -f <selective instrumentation file>

```
% tau_run -l /path/to/libhdf5.so.310 -o libhdf5.so.310
```

instruments a DSO

```
% tau_exec ./a.out
```

executes the uninstrumented application with the instrumented shared object.

To use with DyninstAPI 13 on x86_64:

1. Load spack: source spack/share/spack/setup-env.sh

2. Install dyninst: spack install dyninst@13 %gcc@11

3. Configure tau with dyninst:

- 3.1 spack find -p dyninst boost tbb elfutils

- 3.2 Copy the paths for each package into the configure line

- 3.3 ./configure -bfd=download -dyninst=<dir> -tbb=<dir> -boost=<dir> -elf=<dir>; make install

Binary instrumentation of libraries: HDF5



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

NODE 0;CONTEXT 0;THREAD 0:

%Time	Exclusive msec	Inclusive total msec	#Call	#Subrs	Inclusive Name usec/call
100.0	0.272	68	1	1	68245 .TAU application
99.6	1	67	1	26	67973 taupreload_main
65.8	0.008	44	6	1	7484 H5open
65.8	6	44	2	14	22448 H5_init_library
36.0	4	24	1	12	24563 H5VL_init_phase2
27.8	1	18	1	319	18943 H5T_init
19.8	0.193	13	179	179	76 H5T_register_int
19.5	0.302	13	179	310	74 H5T_register
19.0	4	12	155	2555	84 H5T_path_find_real
13.0	2	8	1	79	8857 H5P_init_phase1
12.7	0.663	8	2	51	4349 H5F_open
11.2	0.348	7	1	6	7610 H5Fcreate
10.5	0.386	7	1	6	7138 H5F_create_api_common
9.8	0.406	6	1	2	6707 H5VL_file_create
9.2	0.005	6	1	1	6299 H5VL__native_file_create
7.1	1	4	488	976	10 H5T_copy
6.5	1	4	1	363	4452 H5E_init
5.6	0.013	3	4	12	956 H5I_dec_app_ref
5.6	0.013	3	2	10	1896 H5Fclose
5.5	0.009	3	2	4	1878 H5F_close_cb
5.5	0.01	3	2	6	1868 H5VL_file_close
5.4	0.013	3	2	4	1852 H5VL__native_file_close
5.4	0.019	3	4	8	924 H5F_try_close.localalias

Using TAU's Runtime Preloading Tool: tau_exec

Preload a wrapper that intercepts the runtime system call and substitutes with another

MPI

OpenMP

POSIX I/O

Memory allocation/deallocation routines

Wrapper library for an external package

No modification to the binary executable!

Enable other TAU options (communication matrix, OTF2, event-based sampling)

TAU Execution Command (tau_exec)

Uninstrumented execution

```
% mpirun -np 256 ./a.out
```

Track GPU operations

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec --rocm ./a.out (-rocm_pc for PC sampling on GPU)
```

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec --cupti ./a.out
```

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec --cupti -um ./a.out (for Unified Memory) (-cupti_pc for PC sampling on GPU)
```

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec -io ./a.out
```

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec --opencl ./a.out
```

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec --openacc ./a.out
```

Track MPI performance

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec ./a.out
```

Track I/O, and MPI performance (MPI enabled by default)

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec -io ./a.out
```

Track OpenMP and MPI execution (using OMPT for Intel v19+ or Clang 8+)

```
% export TAU_OMPT_SUPPORT_LEVEL=full;
```

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec -T ompt,mpi -ompt ./a.out
```

Track memory operations

```
% export TAU_TRACK_MEMORY_LEAKS=1
```

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec --memory_debug ./a.out (bounds check)
```

Use event based sampling (compile with -g)

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec --ebs ./a.out
```

```
Also export TAU_METRICS=TIME,PAPI_L1_DCM... -ebs_resolution=<file | function | line>
```

TAU Configurations

```
% ls /usr/projects/packages/tau/tau-2.34.1/craycnl/lib/Makefile*
/usr/projects/packages/tau/tau-2.34.1/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-cray-papi-ompt-mpi-pdt-openmp
/usr/projects/packages/tau/tau-2.34.1/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-cray-pdt
```

For an uninstrumented binary:

```
% salloc -N 1
% srun -n 16 -T cray,mpi,papi,pdt ./a.out
```

Picks the configuration represented by

```
/usr/projects/packages/tau/tau-2.34.1/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-cray-papi-ompt-mpi-pdt-openmp
```

To use OpenMP instrumentation:

```
% export TAU_OMPT_SUPPORT_LEVEL=full
% export OMP_NUM_THREADS=<N>
% srun -n 16 tau_exec -T ompt,mpi -ompt -ebs ./a.out
```

To use TAU's source code instrumentation:

```
% export TAU_MAKEFILE=/usr/projects/packages/tau/tau-2.34.1/craycnl/lib/Makefile.tau-cray-papi-ompt-mpi-pdt-openmp
% make CC=tau_cc.sh F90=tau_f90.sh CXX=tau_cxx.sh ; mpirun -np 16 ./a.out
% pprof -a | more
% paraprof
% paraprof --pack foo.ppk
# Copy it to your local machine and launch: % paraprof foo.ppk
```

TAU Configurations available

```
% module load tau
% ls $TAU/Makefile*
/packages/tau-2.34/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-intel-papi-mpi-pthread-pdt
/packages/tau-2.34/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-intel-papi-ompt-mpi-pdt-openmp
/packages/tau-2.34/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-papi-mpi-pdt
/packages/tau-2.34/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-papi-pdt
/packages/tau-2.34/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-papi-pthread-pdt

For an uninstrumented binary:
% mpirun -np 16 tau_exec -T mpi,papi,pdt ./a.out
Picks the configuration represented by
/packages/tau-2.34/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-intel-papi-mpi-pdt

To use OpenMP instrumentation:
% export TAU_OMPT_SUPPORT_LEVEL=full
% export OMP_NUM_THREADS=<N>
% mpirun -np 16 tau_exec -T ompt,mpi -ompt -ebs ./a.out
To use TAU's source code instrumentation:
% export TAU_MAKEFILE=/packages/tau-2.34/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-intel-papi-mpi-pdt
% make CC=tau_cc.sh F90=tau_f90.sh CXX=tau_cxx.sh ; mpirun -np 16 ./a.out
% pprof -a | more
% paraprof
% paraprof --pack foo.ppk
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```

Tags in tau_exec and other tools

```
% cd $TAU; ls Makefile.*  
Makefile.tau-icpx-papi-mpi-pdt  
% srun -n 4 ./matrix  
% tau_exec -T icpx,mpi,pdt ./a.out
```

Chooses Makefile.tau-icpx-mpi,pdt and associated libraries.

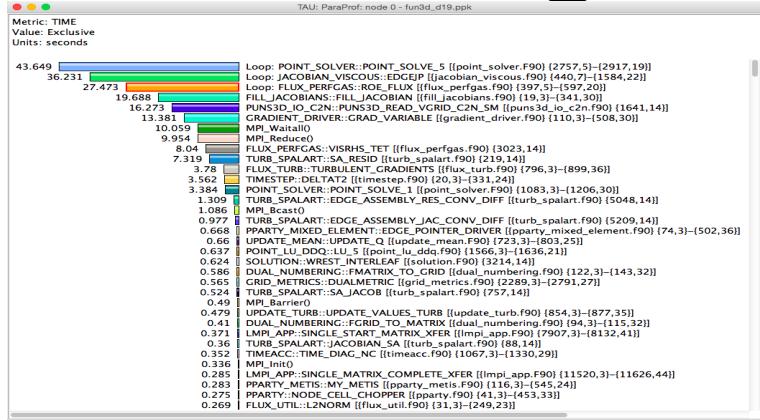
```
% tau_exec -T serial,pdt ./a.out  
Chooses Makefile.tau-pdt or the shortest Makefile name without  
-mpi.
```

-T <list_of_tags> is used in several TAU tools:

- tau_run
- tau_python
- tau_rewrite
- tau_exec
- tau_gen_wrapper

Profiling and Tracing

Profiling

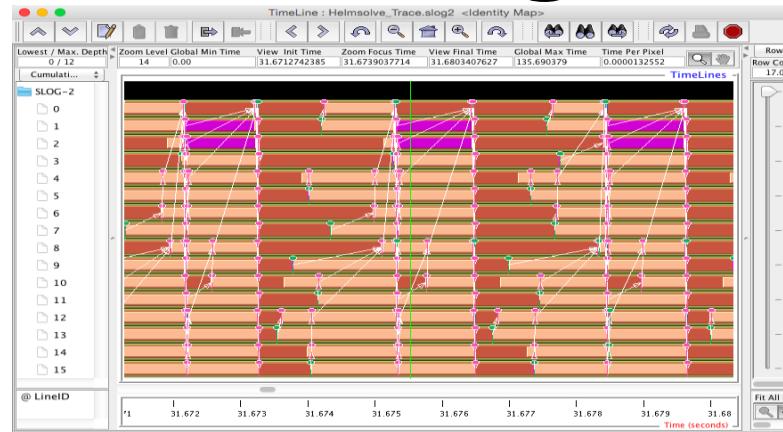


- Profiling shows you how much (total) time was spent in each routine**
- Profiling and tracing

Profiling shows you how much (total) time was spent in each routine

Tracing shows you when the events take place on a timeline

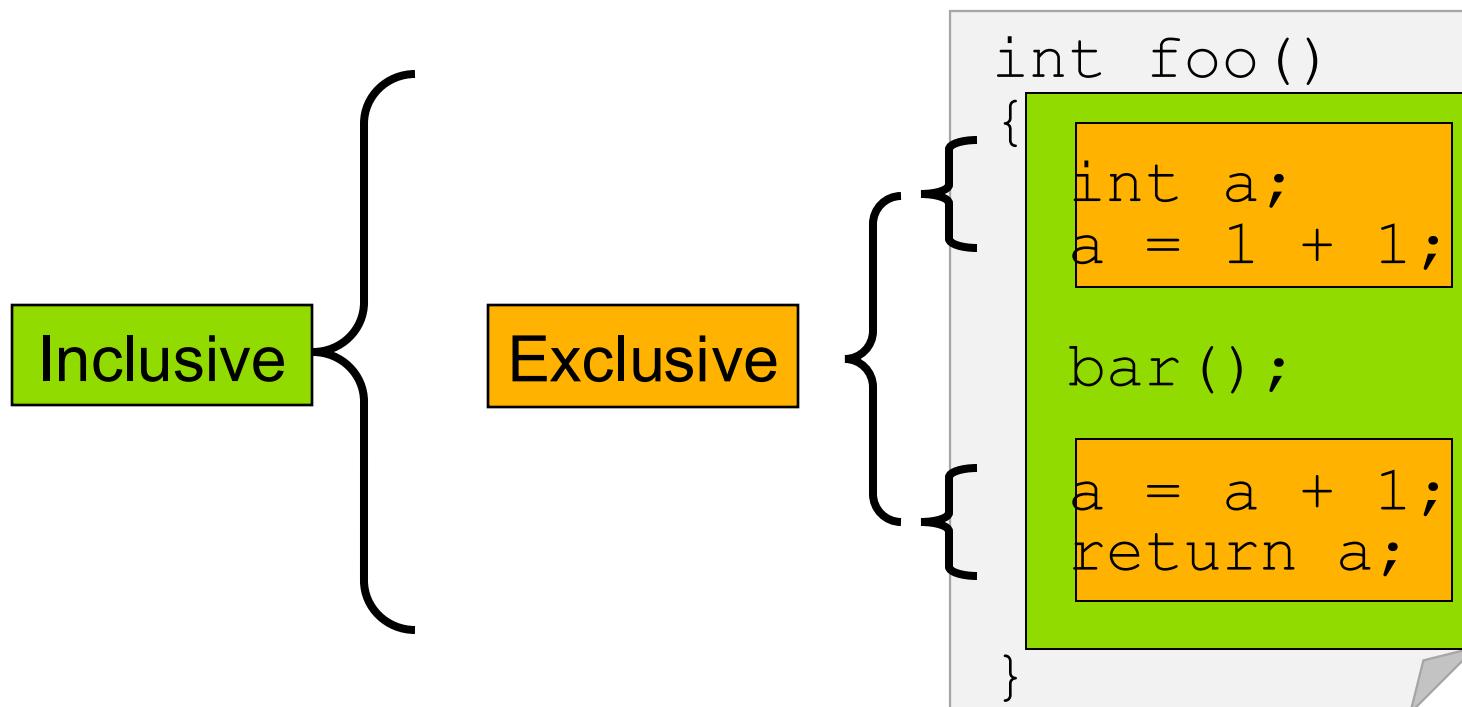
Tracing



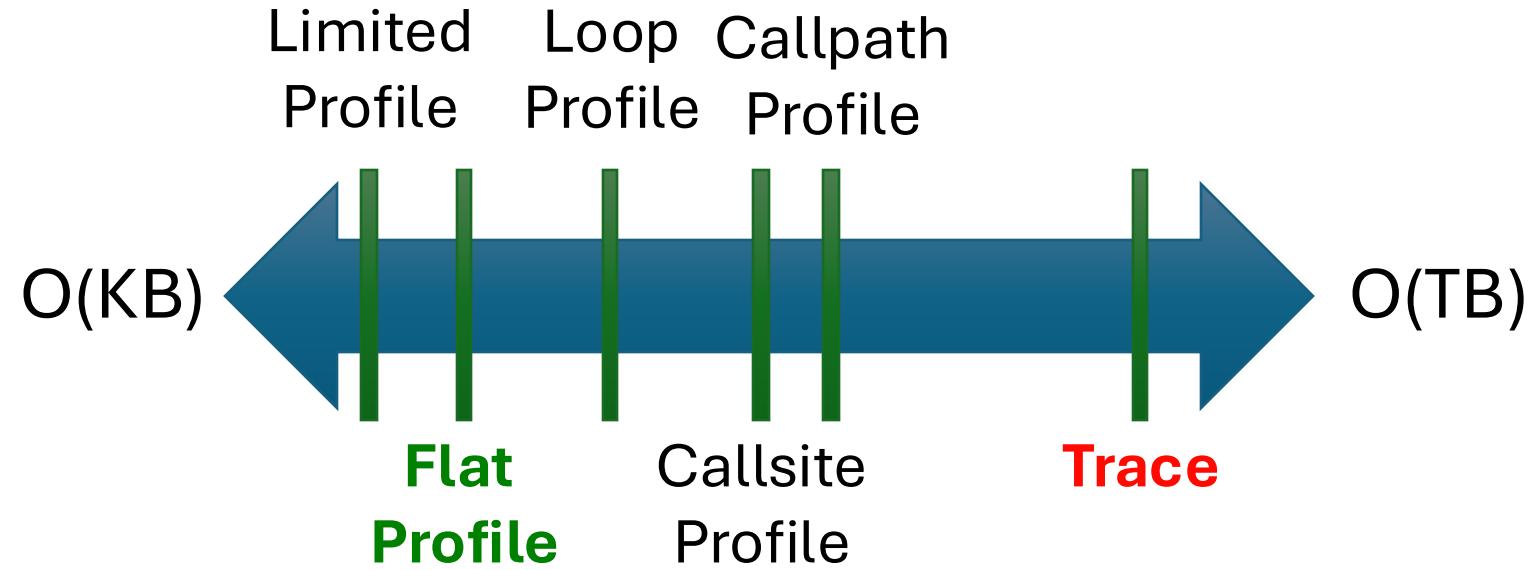
- Tracing shows you when the events take place on a timeline**

Inclusive vs. Exclusive values

- Inclusive
 - Information of all sub-elements aggregated into single value
- Exclusive
 - Information cannot be subdivided further



How much data do you want?

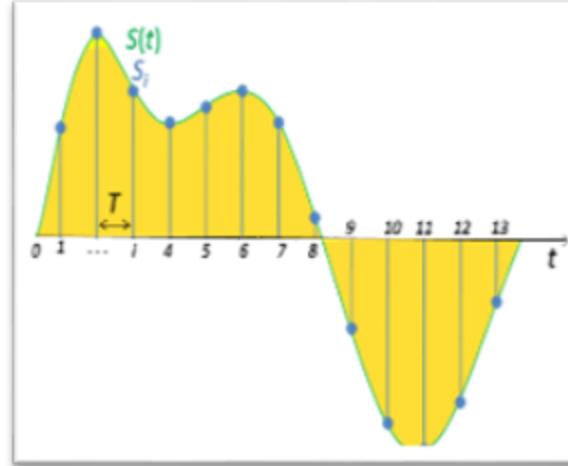


Performance Data Measurement

Direct via Probes

```
Call  
START('potential')  
// code  
Call  
STOP('potential')
```

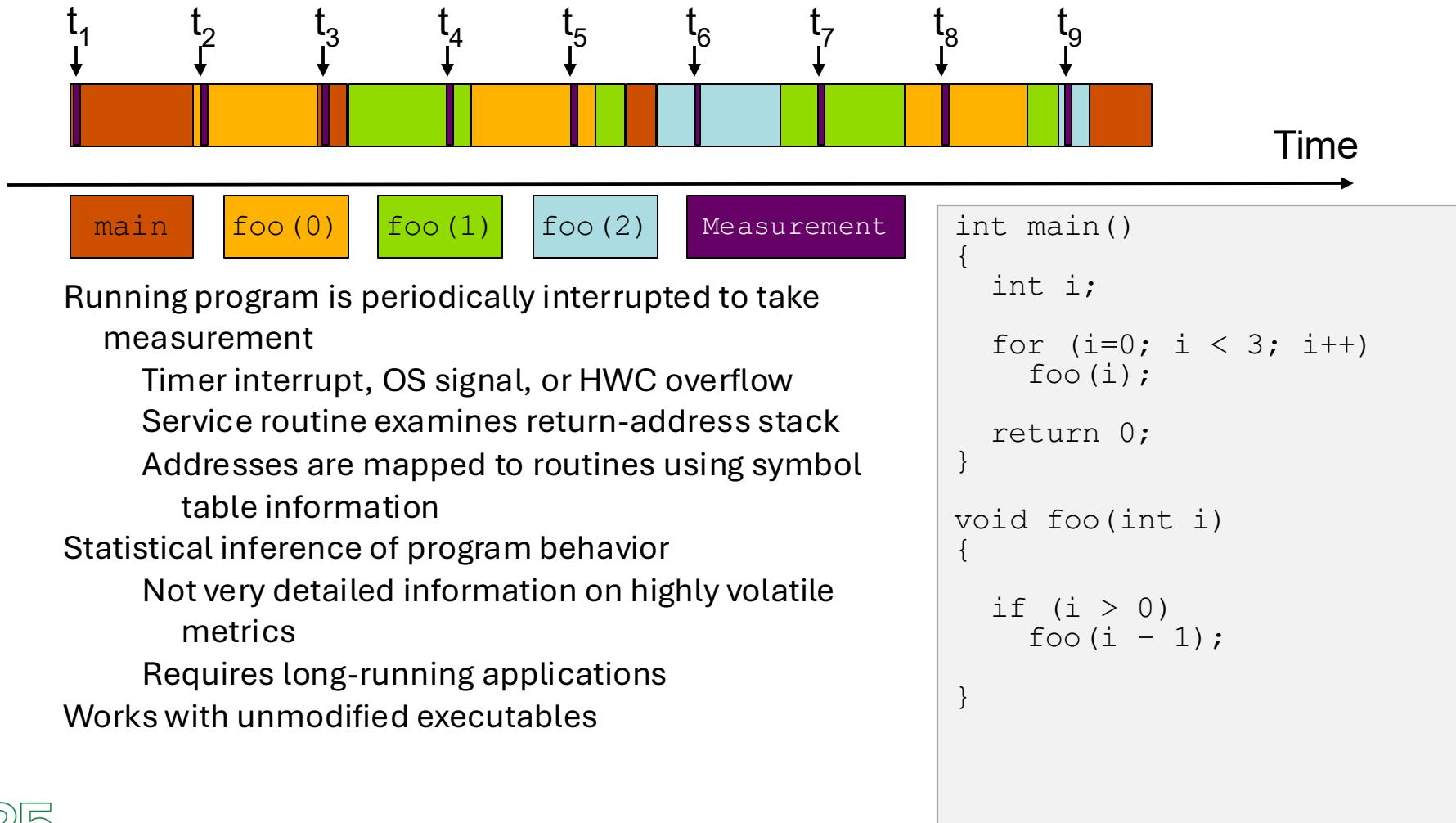
Indirect via Sampling



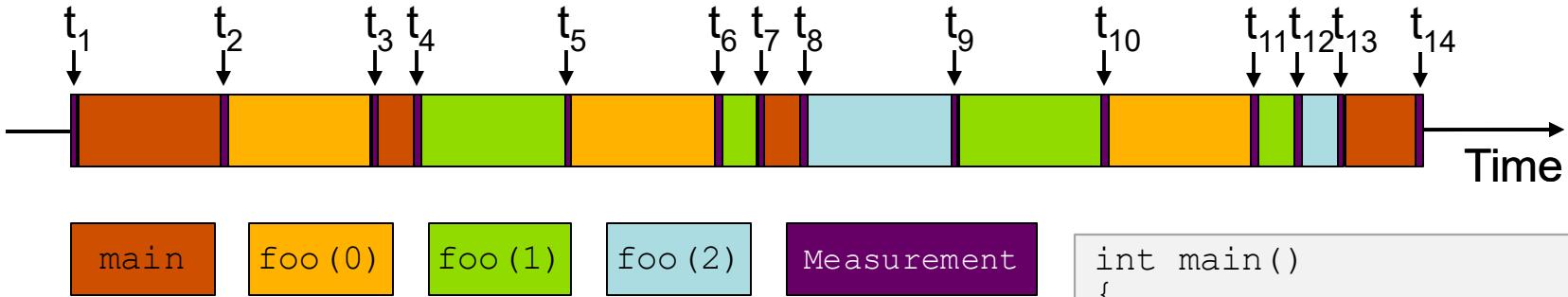
- Exact measurement
- Fine-grain control
- Calls inserted into code

- No code modification
- Minimal effort
- Relies on debug symbols (**-g**)

Sampling



Instrumentation



Measurement code is inserted such that every event of interest is captured directly

Can be done in various ways

Advantage:

Much more detailed information

Disadvantage:

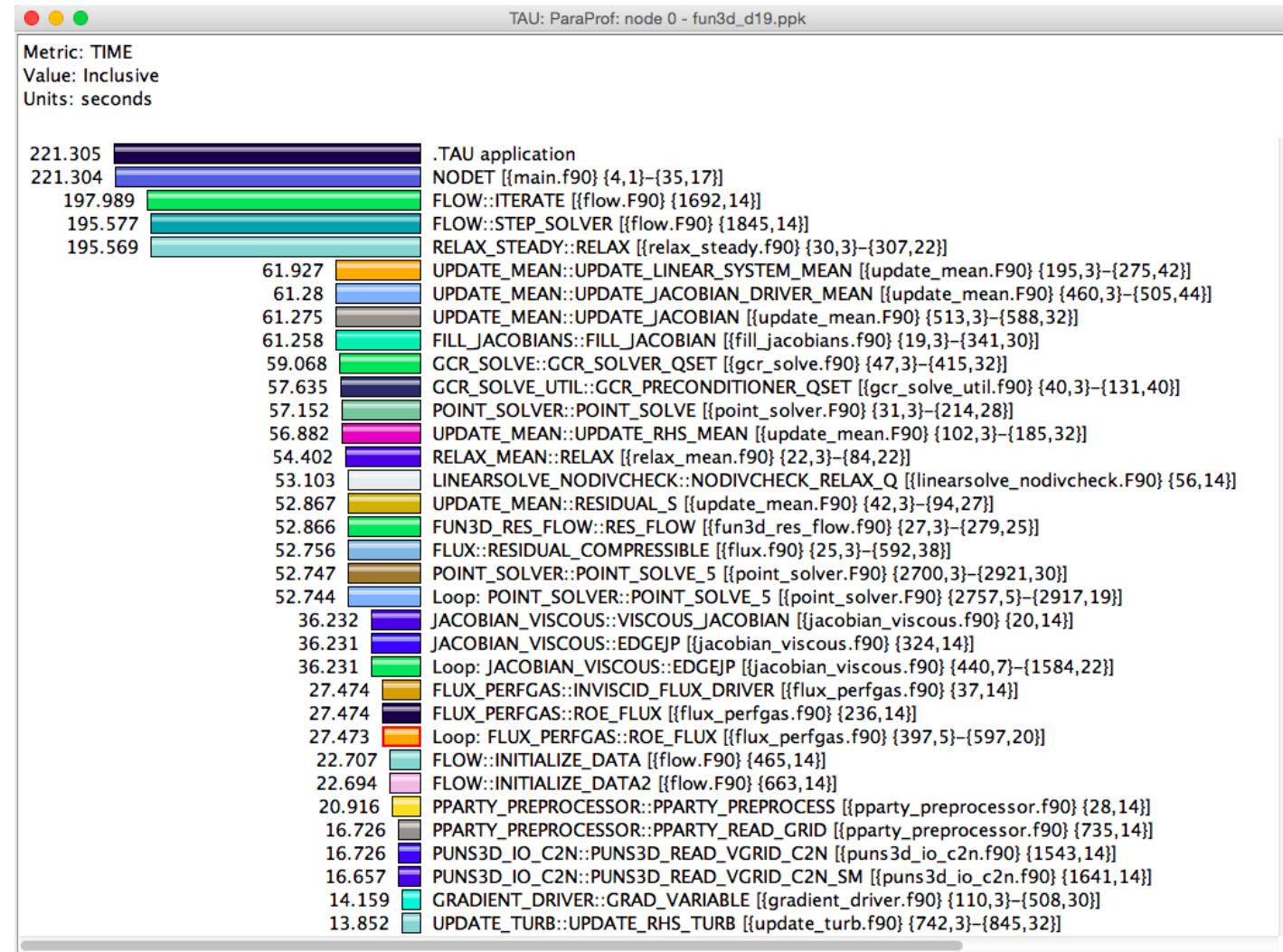
Processing of source-code / executable
necessary

Large relative overheads for small functions

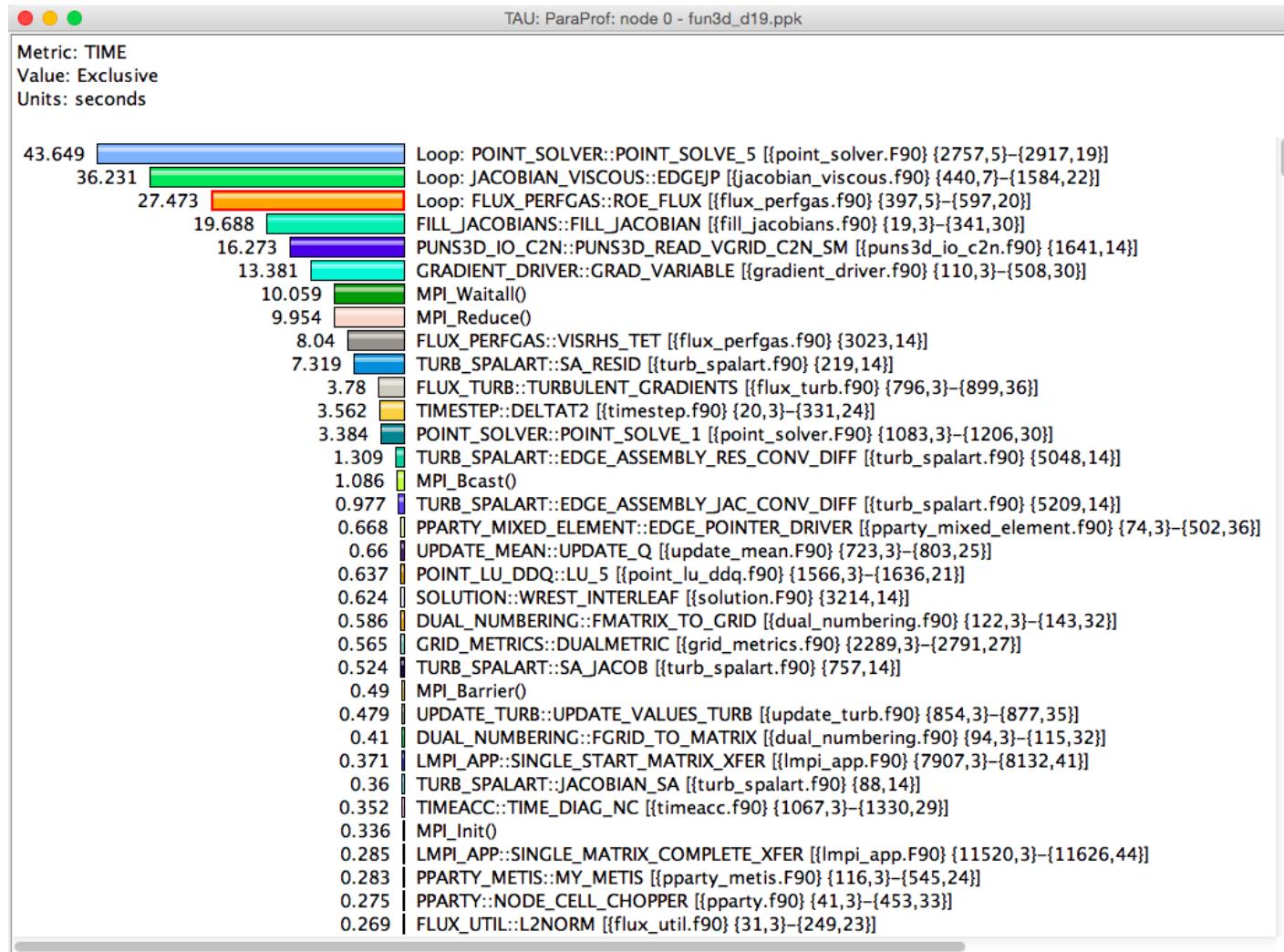
```
int main()
{
    int i;
    TAU_START("main");
    for (i=0; i < 3; i++)
        foo(i);
    TAU_STOP("main");
    return 0;
}

void foo(int i)
{
    TAU_START("foo");
    if (i > 0)
        foo(i - 1);
    TAU_STOP("foo");
}
```

Inclusive Measurements



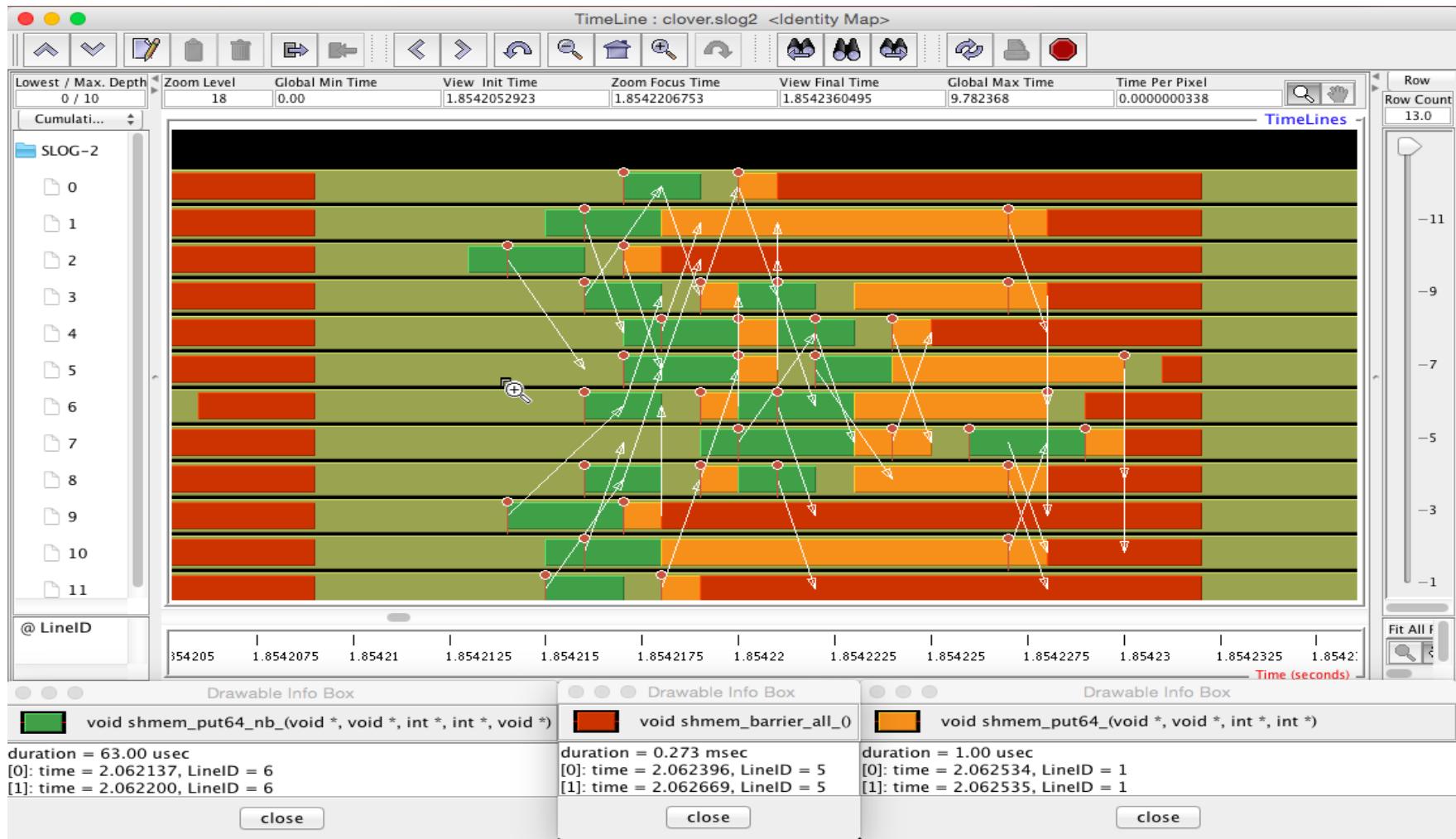
Exclusive Time



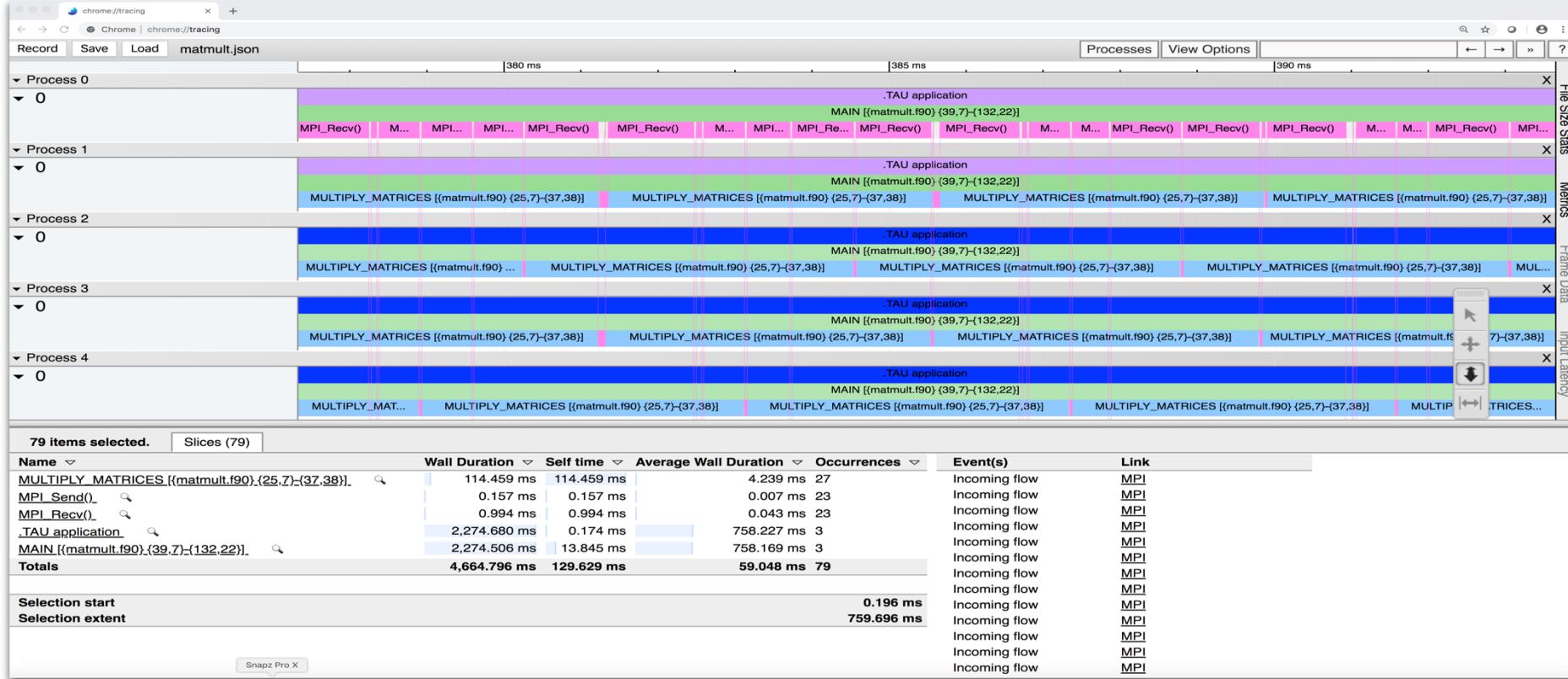
TAU's Runtime Environment Variables

Environment Variable	Default	Description
TAU_TRACE	0	Setting to 1 turns on tracing
TAU_CALLPATH	0	Setting to 1 turns on callpath profiling
TAU_TRACK_MEMORY_FOOTPRINT	0	Setting to 1 turns on tracking memory usage by sampling periodically the resident set size and high-water mark of memory usage
TAU_TRACK_POWER	0	Tracks power usage by sampling periodically.
TAU_CALLPATH_DEPTH	2	Specifies depth of callpath. Setting to 0 generates no callpath or routine information, setting to 1 generates flat profile and context events have just parent information (e.g., Heap Entry: foo)
TAU_SAMPLING	1	Setting to 1 enables event-based sampling.
TAU_TRACK_SIGNALS	0	Setting to 1 generate debugging callstack info when a program crashes
TAU_COMM_MATRIX	0	Setting to 1 generates communication matrix display using context events
TAU_THROTTLE	1	Setting to 0 turns off throttling. Throttles instrumentation in lightweight routines that are called frequently
TAU_THROTTLE_NUMCALLS	100000	Specifies the number of calls before testing for throttling
TAU_THROTTLE_PERCALL	10	Specifies value in microseconds. Throttle a routine if it is called over 100000 times and takes less than 10 usec of inclusive time per call
TAU_CALLSITE	0	Setting to 1 enables callsite profiling that shows where an instrumented function was called. Also compatible with tracing.
TAU_PROFILE_FORMAT	Profile	Setting to "merged" generates a single file. "snapshot" generates xml format
TAU_METRICS	TIME	Setting to a comma separated list generates other metrics. (e.g., ENERGY,TIME,P_VIRTUAL_TIME,PAPI_FP_INS,PAPI_NATIVE_<event>:<subevent>)

Tracing: Jumpshot [ANL] (ships with TAU)



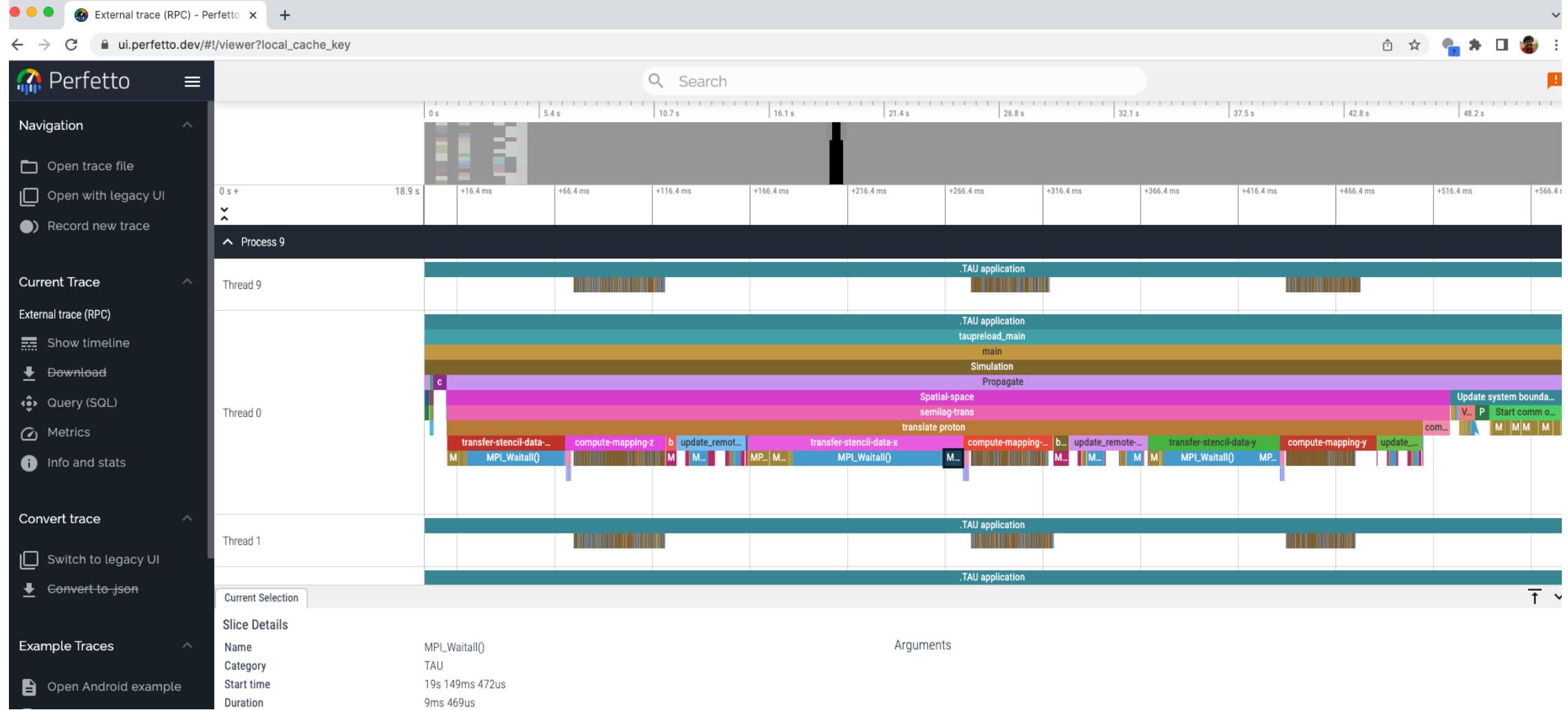
Tracing: Chrome Browser



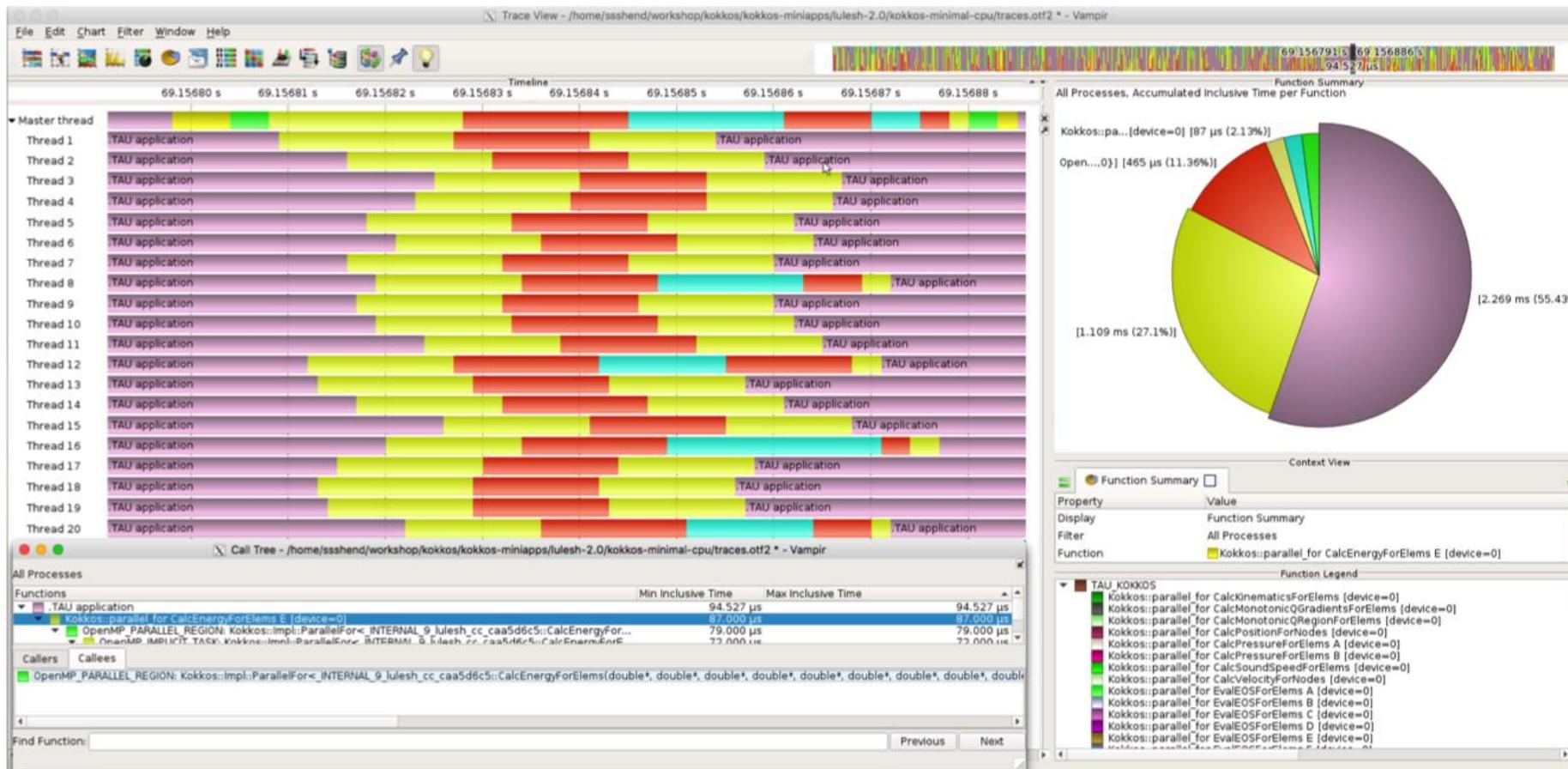
```
% export TAU_TRACE=1  
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec ./a.out  
% tau_treemerge.pl; tau_trace2json tau.trc tau.edf --chrome --ignoreatomic --o app.json
```

Chrome browser: chrome://tracing (Load -> app.json) OR use https://perfetto.dev

Perfetto.dev



Vampir [TU Dresden] Timeline: Kokkos



```
% export TAU_TRACE=1; export TAU_TRACE_FORMAT=otf2  
% tau_exec -T ompt -ompt ./a.out  
% vampir traces.otf2 &
```

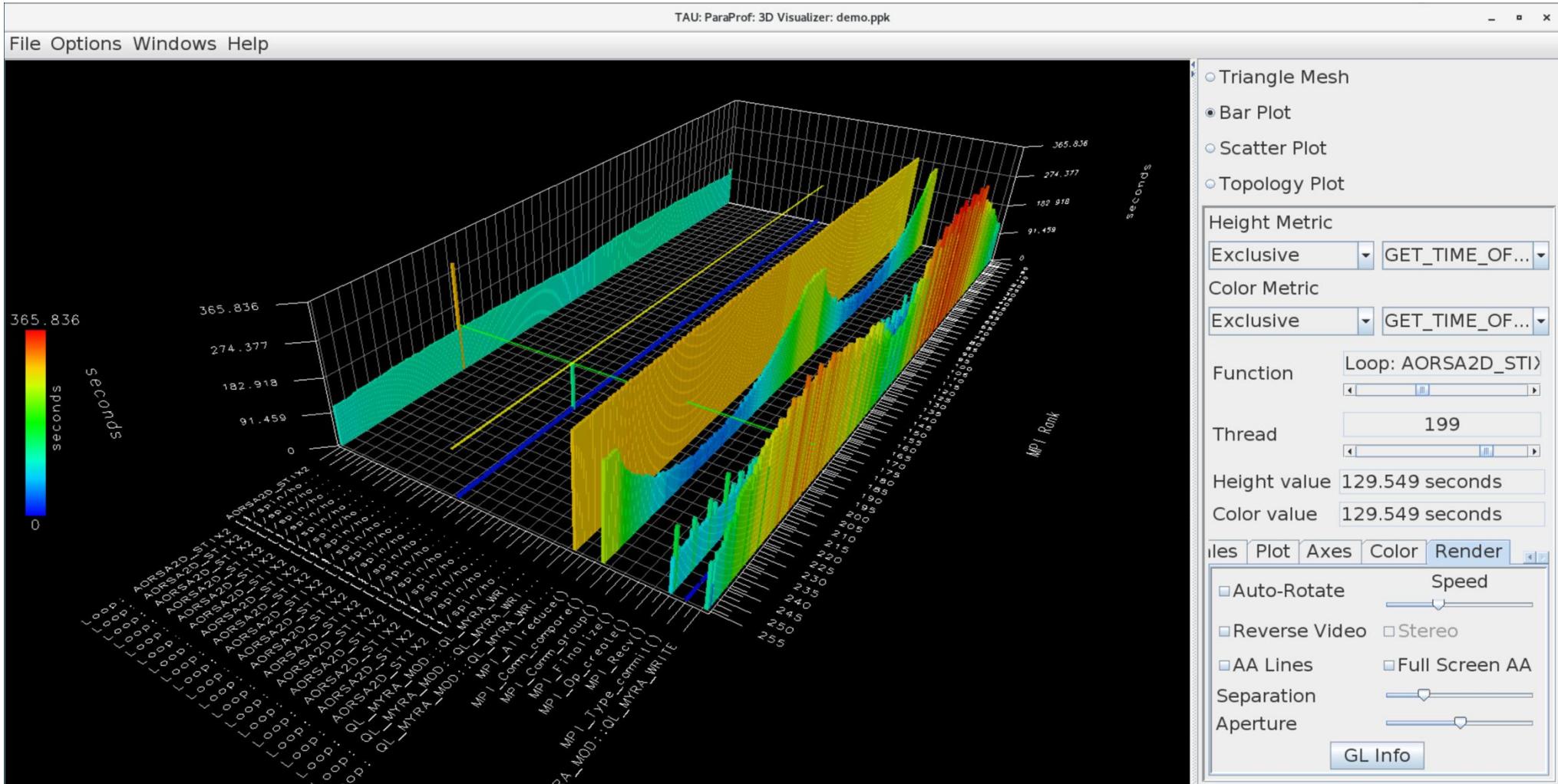
ParaProf Profile Browser

% paraprof

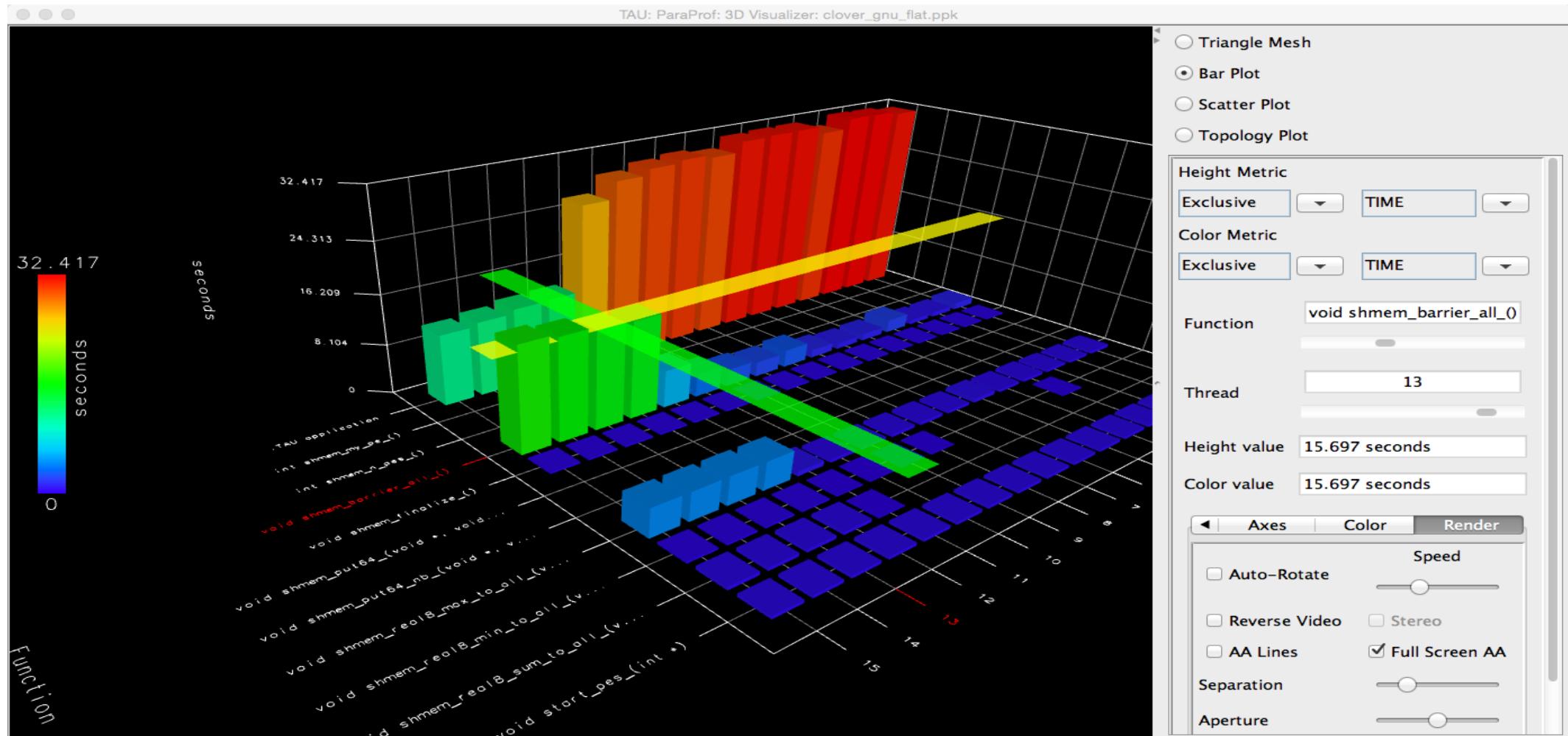


On a Mac if there are
black windows:
% paraprof -fix-xquartz

ParaProf 3D Profile Browser

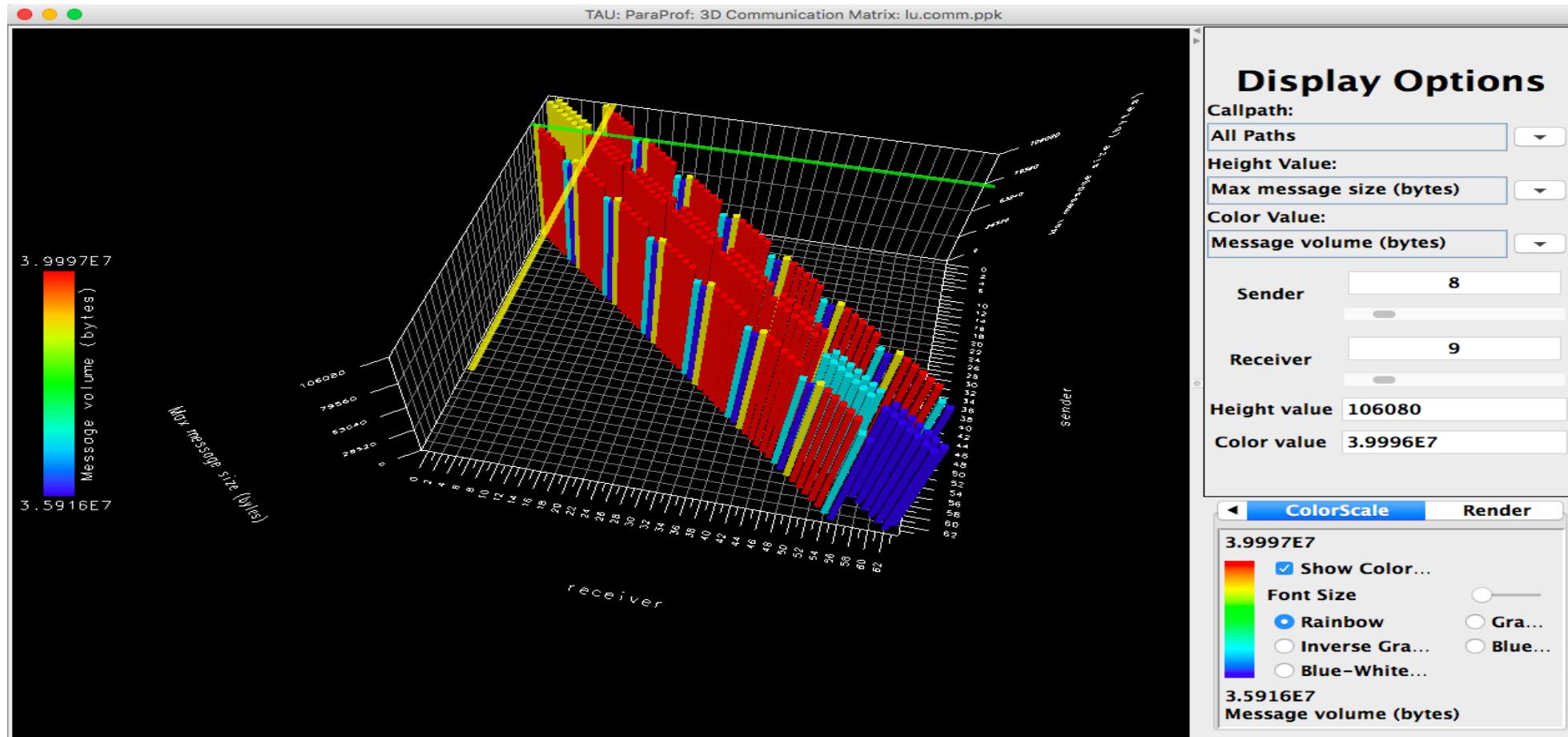


TAU – ParaProf 3D Visualization



% paraprof app.ppk
Windows -> 3D Visualization -> Bar Plot (right pane)

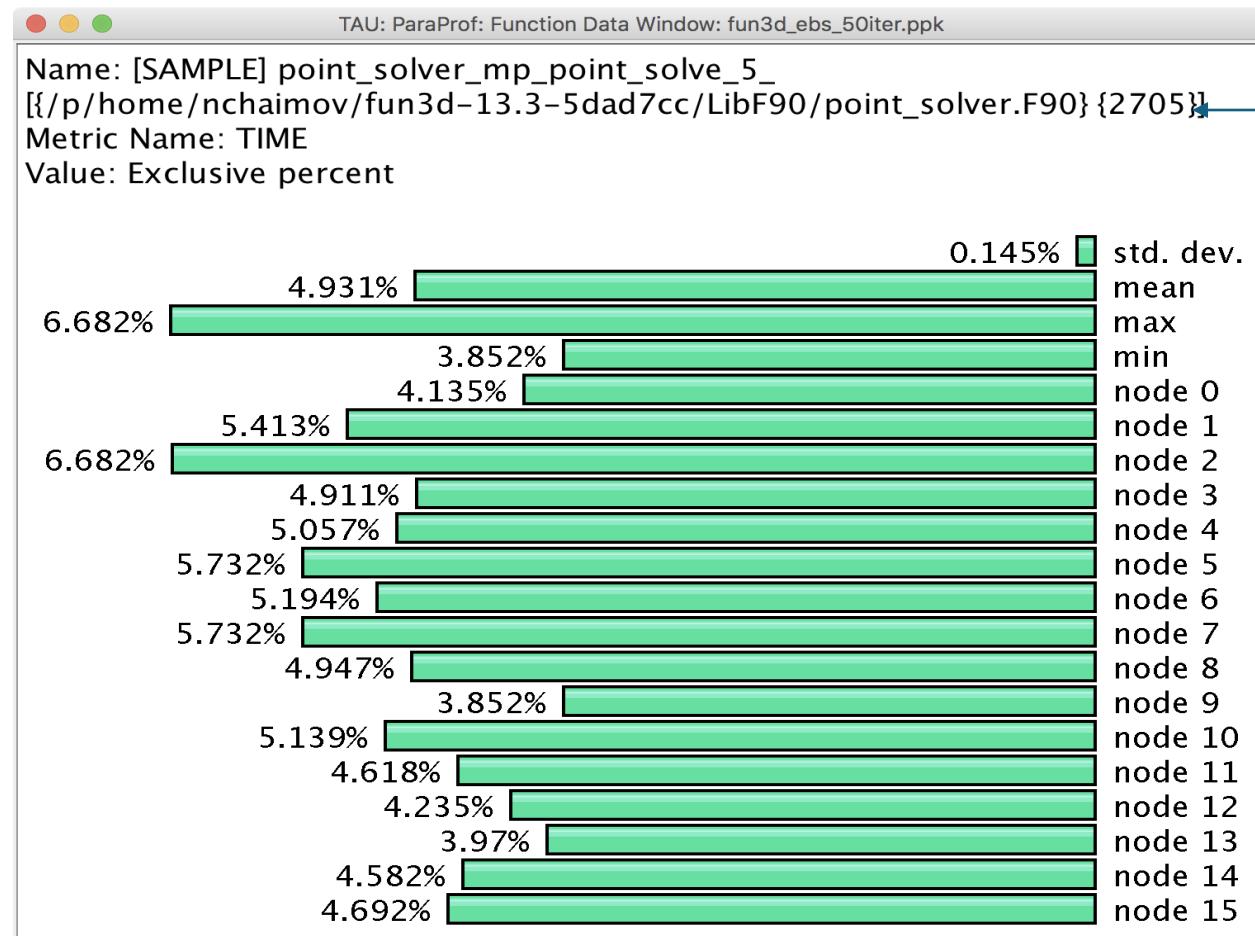
TAU – 3D Communication Window



```
% export TAU_COMM_MATRIX=1; mpirun ... tau_exec ./a.out
```

```
% paraprof; Windows -> 3D Communication Matrix
```

Event Based Sampling (EBS)



File: point_solver.F90
Line: 2705

Uninstrumented!

% mpirun -n 16 tau_exec **-ebs** a.out

TAU's Runtime Environment Variables

Environment Variable	Default	Description
TAU_TRACE	0	Setting to 1 turns on tracing
TAU_CALLPATH	0	Setting to 1 turns on callpath profiling
TAU_TRACK_MEMORY_FOOTPRINT	0	Setting to 1 turns on tracking memory usage by sampling periodically the resident set size and high water mark of memory usage
TAU_TRACK_POWER	0	Tracks power usage by sampling periodically.
TAU_CALLPATH_DEPTH	2	Specifies depth of callpath. Setting to 0 generates no callpath or routine information, setting to 1 generates flat profile and context events have just parent information (e.g., Heap Entry: foo)
TAU_SAMPLING	1	Setting to 1 enables event-based sampling.
TAU_TRACK_SIGNALS	0	Setting to 1 generate debugging callstack info when a program crashes
TAU_COMM_MATRIX	0	Setting to 1 generates communication matrix display using context events
TAU_THROTTLE	1	Setting to 0 turns off throttling. Throttles instrumentation in lightweight routines that are called frequently
TAU_THROTTLE_NUMCALLS	100000	Specifies the number of calls before testing for throttling
TAU_THROTTLE_PERCALL	10	Specifies value in microseconds. Throttle a routine if it is called over 100000 times and takes less than 10 usec of inclusive time per call
TAU_CALLSITE	0	Setting to 1 enables callsite profiling that shows where an instrumented function was called. Also compatible with tracing.
TAU_PROFILE_FORMAT	Profile	Setting to "merged" generates a single file. "snapshot" generates xml format
TAU_METRICS	TIME	Setting to a comma separated list generates other metrics. (e.g., ENERGY,TIME,P_VIRTUAL_TIME,PAPI_FP_INS,PAPI_NATIVE_<event>:<subevent>)

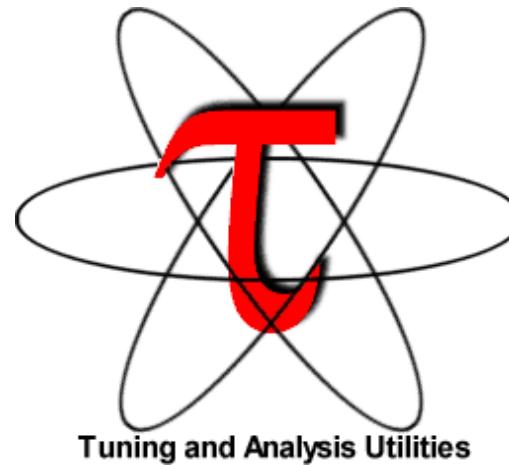
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TAU_TRACE_FORMAT	Default	Setting to "otf2" turns on TAU's native OTF2 trace generation (configure with --otf=download)
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TAU_TRACK_LOAD	0	Setting to 1 tracks system load on the node
TAU_SELECT_FILE	Default	Setting to a file name, enables selective instrumentation based on exclude/include lists specified in the file.
TAU_OMPT_SUPPORT_LEVEL	basic	Setting to "full" improves resolution of OMPT TR6 regions on threads 1.. N-1. Also, "lowoverhead" option is available.
TAU_OMPT_RESOLVE_ADDRESS_EAGERLY	1	Setting to 1 is necessary for event based sampling to resolve addresses with OMPT. Setting to 0 allows the user to do offline address translation.

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TAU_MEMDBG_OVERHEAD	0	Specifies the number of bytes for TAU's memory overhead for memory debugging.
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TAU_EVENT_THRESHOLD	0.5	Define a threshold value (e.g., .25 is 25%) to trigger marker events for min/max

Download TAU from U. Oregon



<https://tau.uoregon.edu>

<https://e4s.io> [TAU in Docker/Singularity containers]

for more information

Free download, open source, BSD license

Installing and Configuring TAU

- **Installing PDT:**

- `wget tau.uoregon.edu/pdt_lite.tgz`
- `./configure –prefix=<dir>; make ; make install`

- **Installing TAU:**

- `wget tau.uoregon.edu/tau.tgz; tar zxf tau.tgz; cd tau-2.<ver>`
- `wget http://tau.uoregon.edu/ext.tgz ; tar xf ext.tgz`
- `./configure -bfd=download -pdt=<dir> -papi=<dir> -mpi
-pthread -c++=mpicxx -cc=mpicc -fortran=mpif90
-dwarf=download -unwind=download -otf=download
-iowrapper -papi=<dir>`
- `make install`

- **Using TAU for source instrumentation (not needed with tau_exec):**

- `export TAU_MAKEFILE=<taudir>/x86_64/lib/Makefile.tau-<TAGS>`
- `make CC=tau_cc.sh CXX=tau_cxx.sh F90=tau_f90.sh`

Compile-Time Options

Optional parameters for the TAU_OPTIONS environment variable:

% tau_compiler.sh

-optVerbose	Turn on verbose debugging messages
-optComInst	Use compiler based instrumentation
-optNoComInst	Do not revert to compiler instrumentation if source instrumentation fails.
-optTrackIO	Wrap POSIX I/O call and calculates vol/bw of I/O operations (Requires TAU to be configured with <i>-iowrapper</i>)
-optTrackGOMP	Enable tracking GNU OpenMP runtime layer (used without <i>-opari</i>)
-optMemDbg	Enable runtime bounds checking (see TAU_MEMDBG_* env vars)
-optKeepFiles	Does not remove intermediate .pdb and .inst.* files
-optPreProcess	Preprocess sources (OpenMP, Fortran) before instrumentation
-optTauSelectFile=" <i><file></i> "	Specify selective instrumentation file for <i>tau_instrumentor</i>
-optTauWrapFile=" <i><file></i> "	Specify path to <i>link_options.tau</i> generated by <i>tau_gen_wrapper</i>
-optHeaderInst	Enable Instrumentation of headers
-optTrackUPCR	Track UPC runtime layer routines (used with <i>tau_upc.sh</i>)
-optLinking=""	Options passed to the linker. Typically \$(TAU_MPI_FLIBS) \$(TAU_LIBS) \$(TAU_CXXLIBS)
-optCompile=""	Options passed to the compiler. Typically \$(TAU_MPI_INCLUDE) \$(TAU_INCLUDE) \$(TAU_DEFS)
-optPdtF95Opts=""	Add options for Fortran parser in PDT (f95parse/gfparse) ...

Compile-Time Options (contd.)

Optional parameters for the TAU_OPTIONS environment variable:

% tau_compiler.sh

-optShared	Use TAU's shared library (libTAU.so) instead of static library (default)
-optPdtCxxOpts=""	Options for C++ parser in PDT (cxxparse).
-optPdtF90Parser=""	Specify a different Fortran parser
-optPdtCleanscapeParser	Specify the Cleanscape Fortran parser instead of GNU gfparser
-optTau=""	Specify options to the tau_instrumentor
-optTrackDMAPP	Enable instrumentation of low-level DMAPP API calls on Cray
-optTrackPthread	Enable instrumentation of pthread calls

See tau_compiler.sh for a full list of TAU_OPTIONS.

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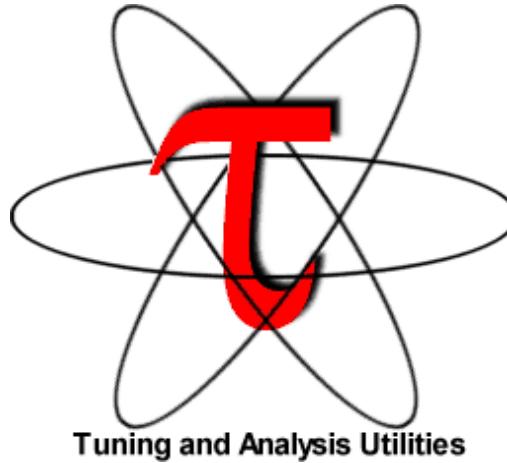
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Hands-On

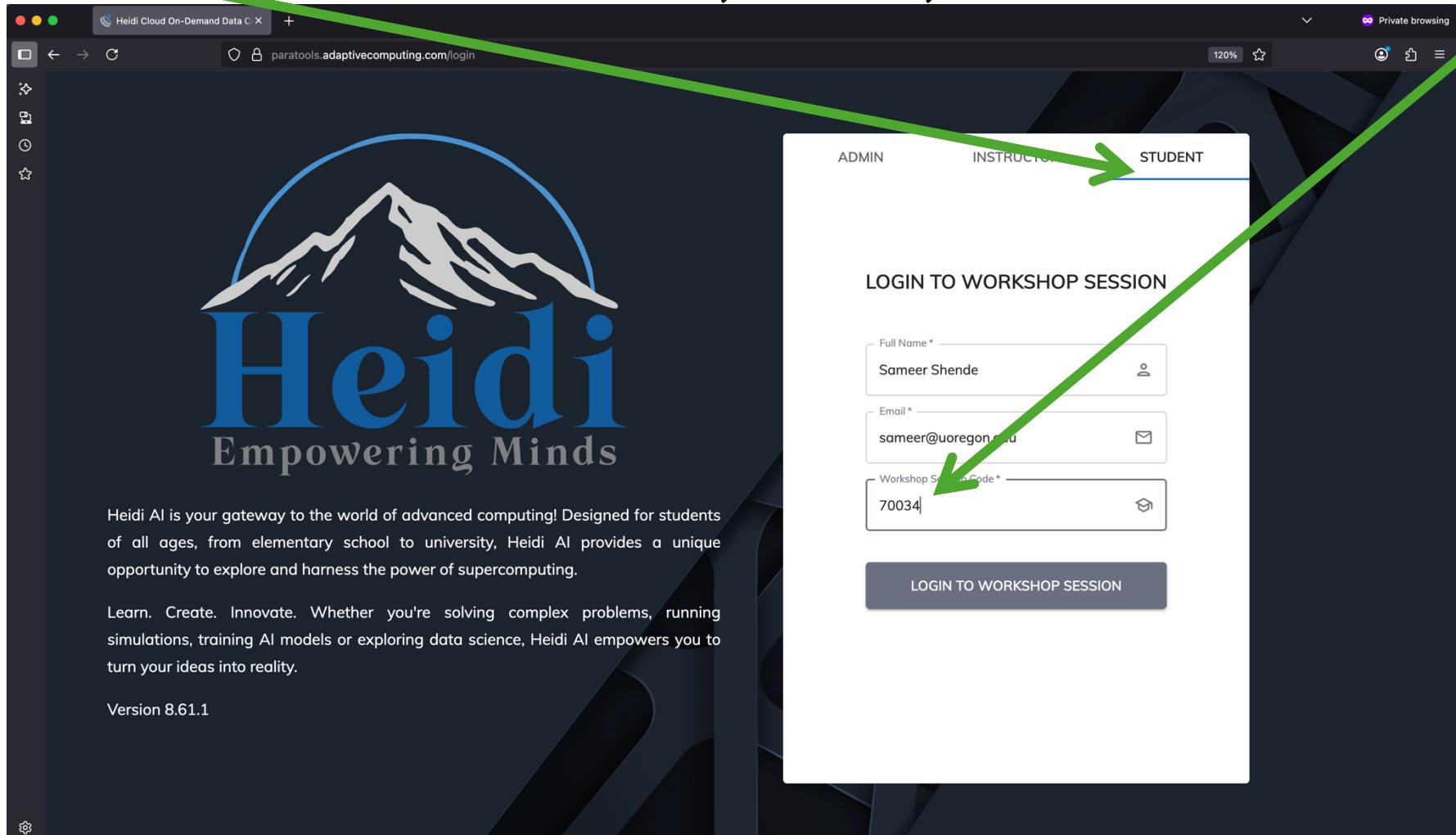


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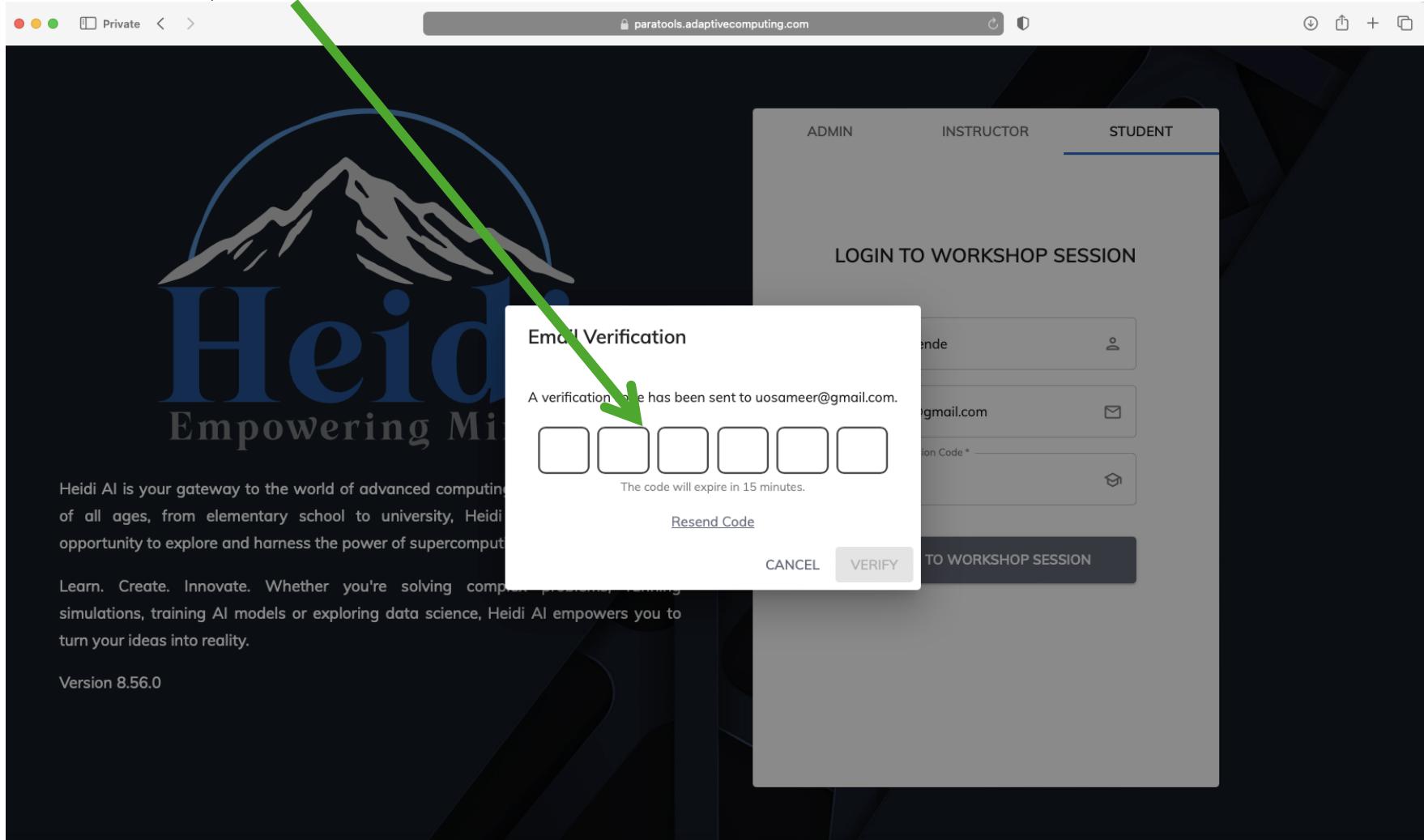
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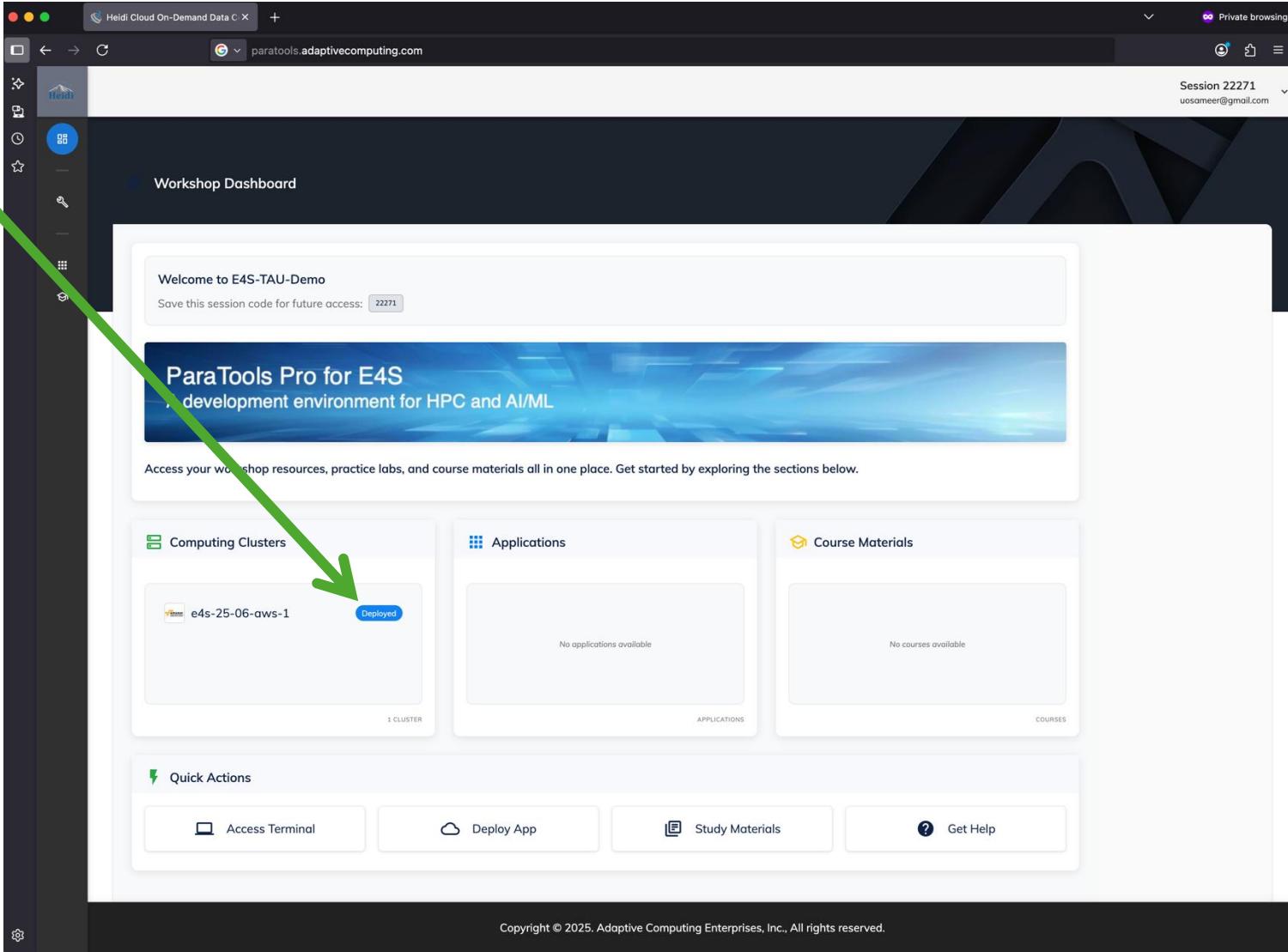
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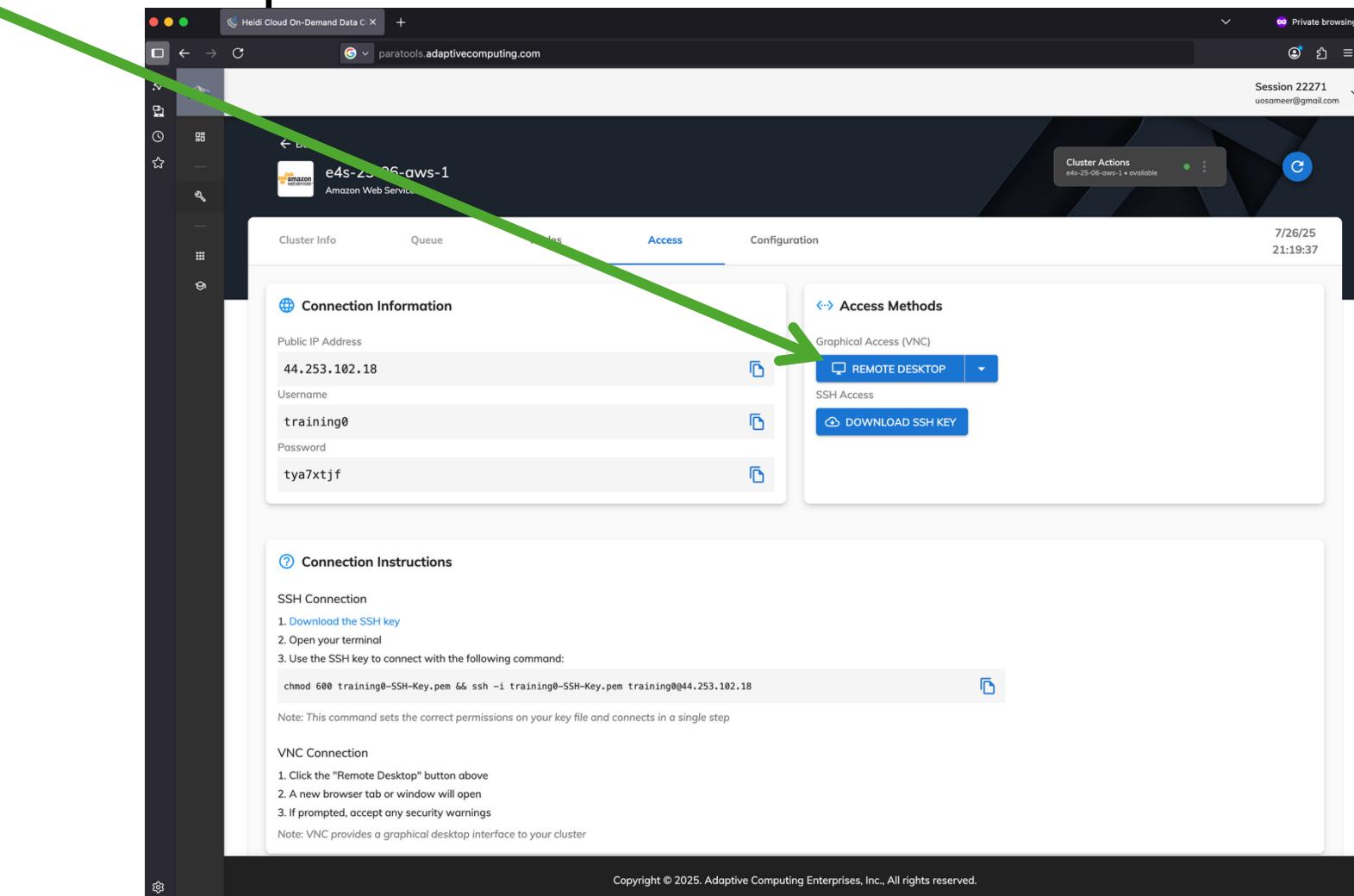
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- Click cluster



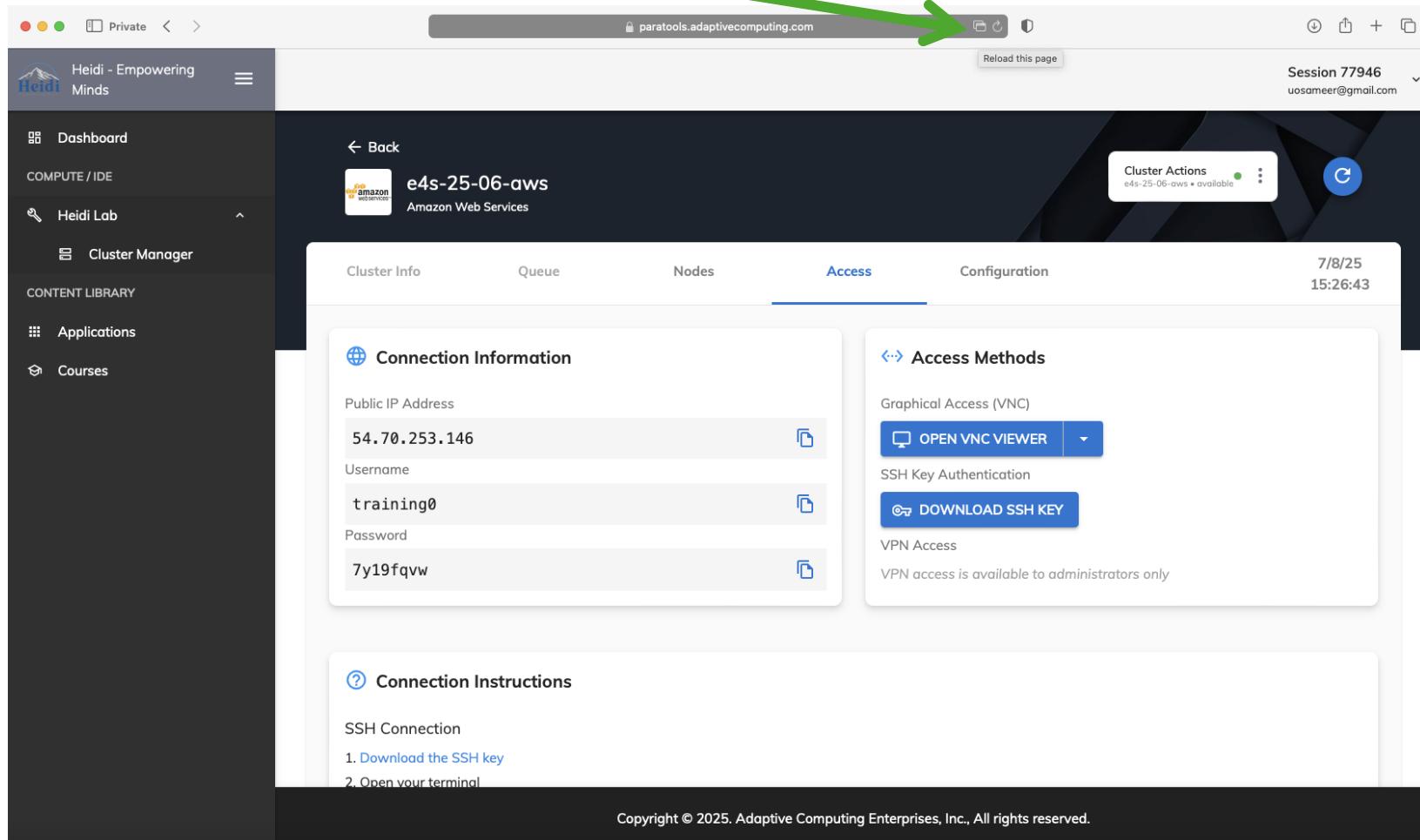
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- Click Remote Desktop



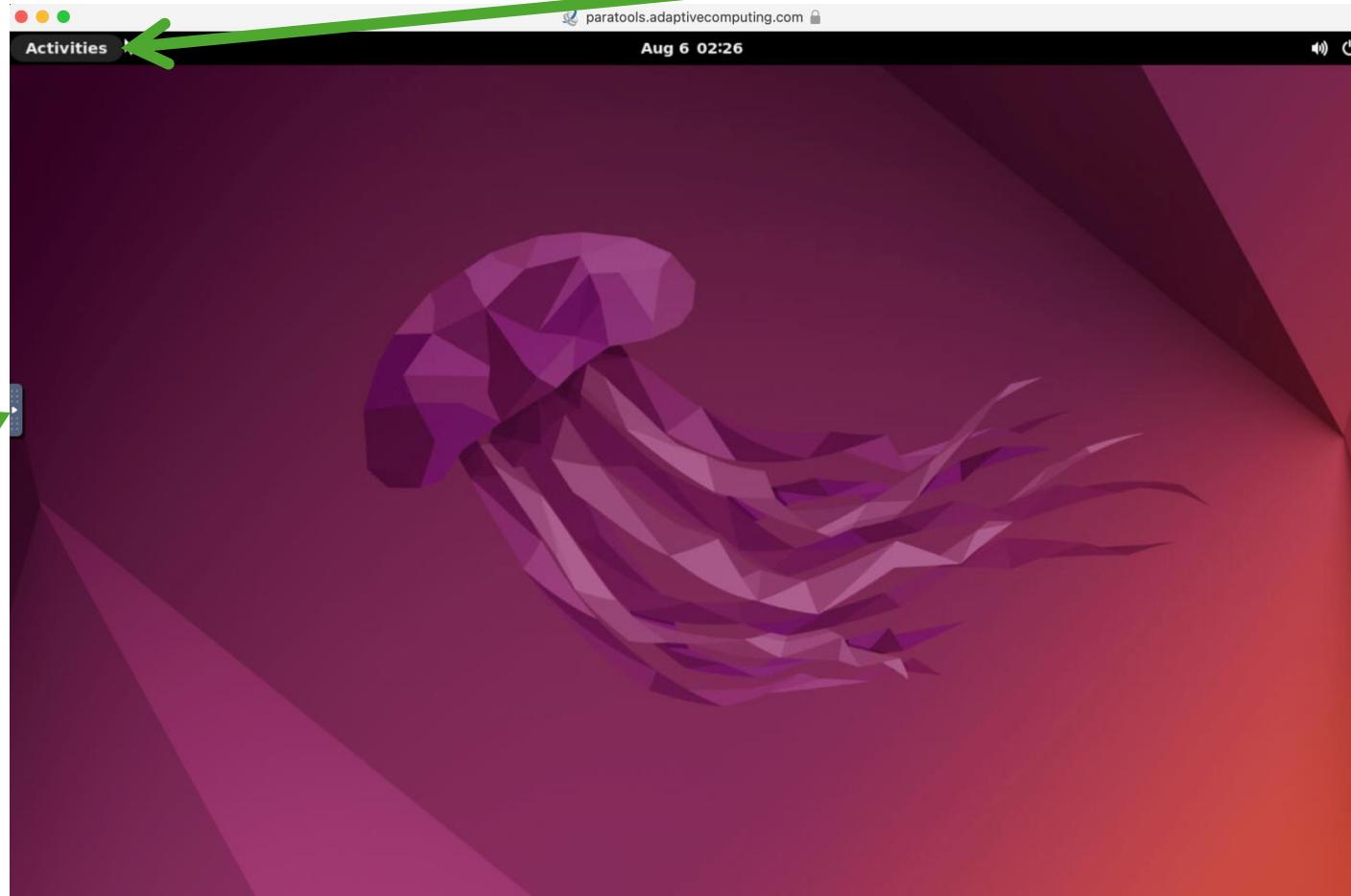
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- You may have to enable pop-up windows and accept



Connect to Students tab with code 70034 at <https://paratools.adaptivecomputing.com>

- You should see this jellyfish. Click on Activities.



If this doesn't work for you!

Go to

<https://uooddc.nic.uoregon.edu>

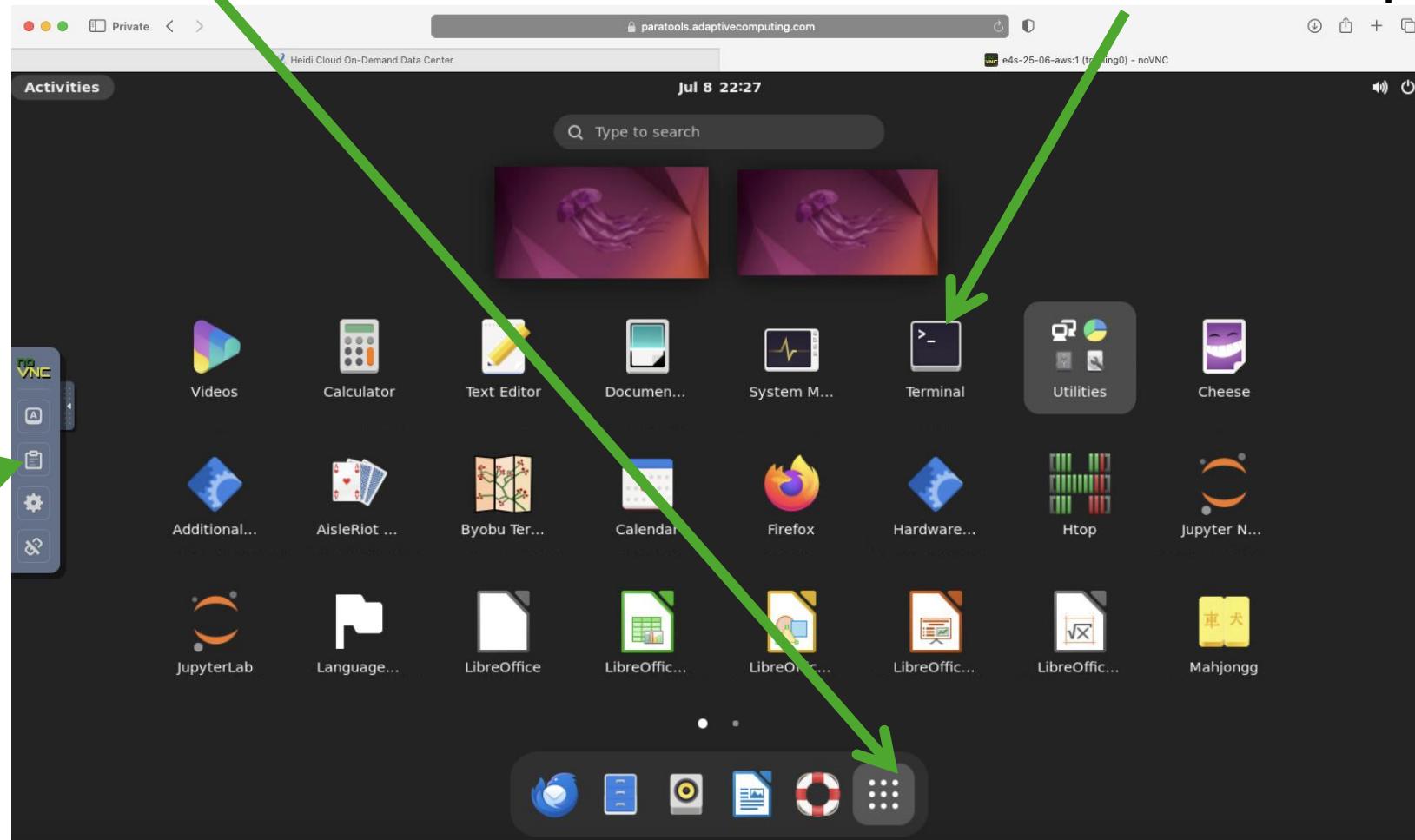
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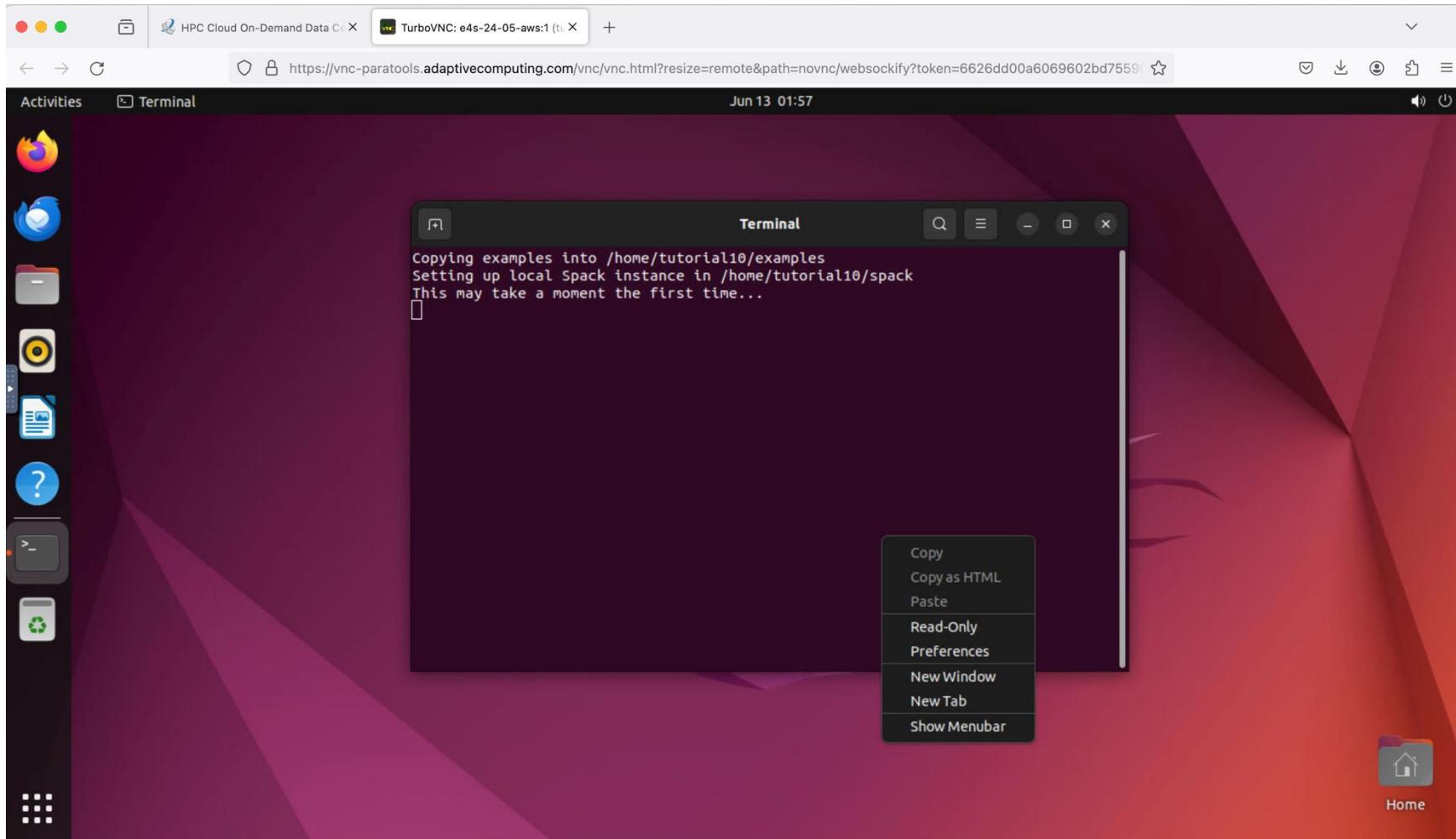
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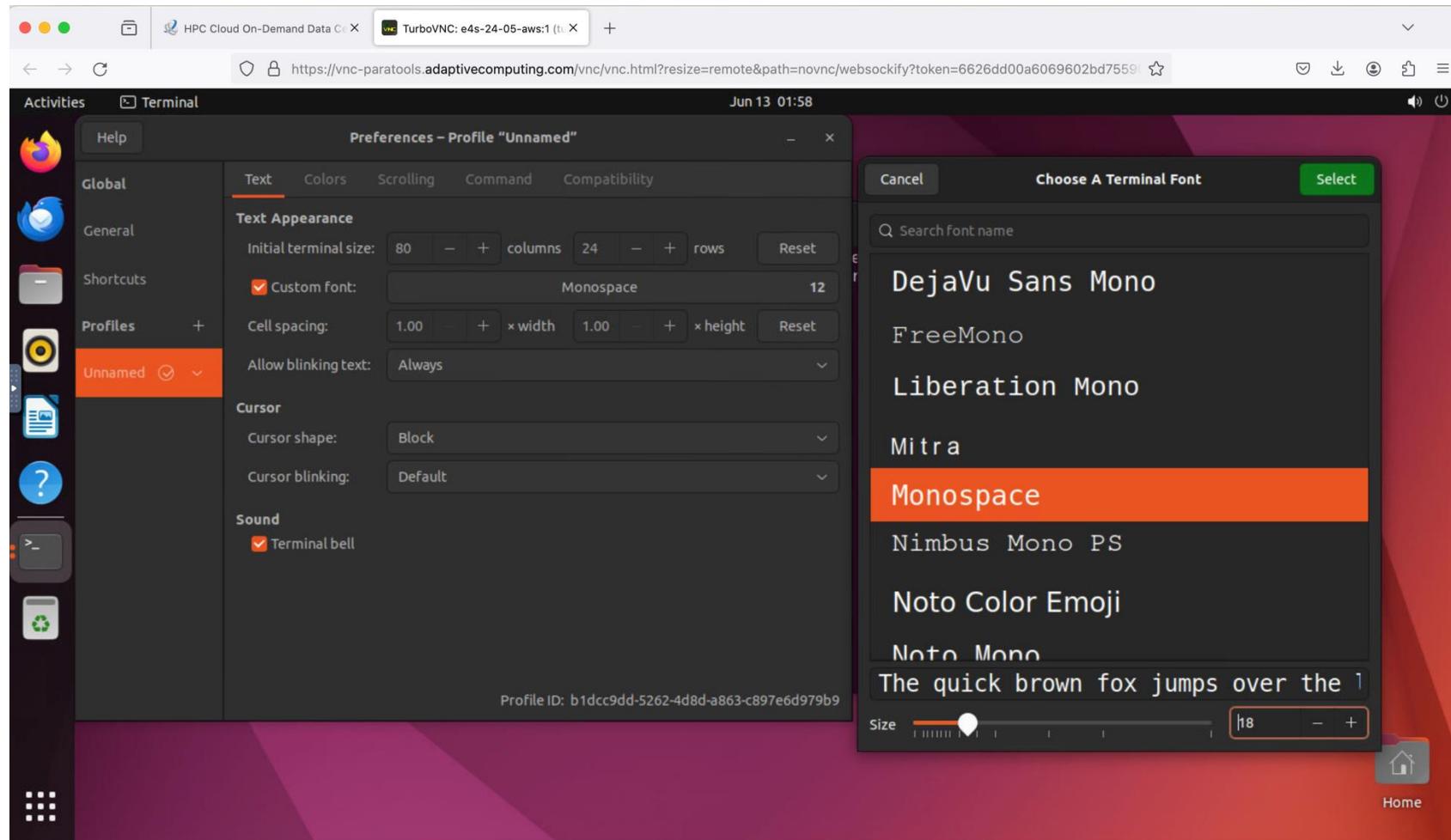
- Click on Activities, nine dots, and then select the Terminal application



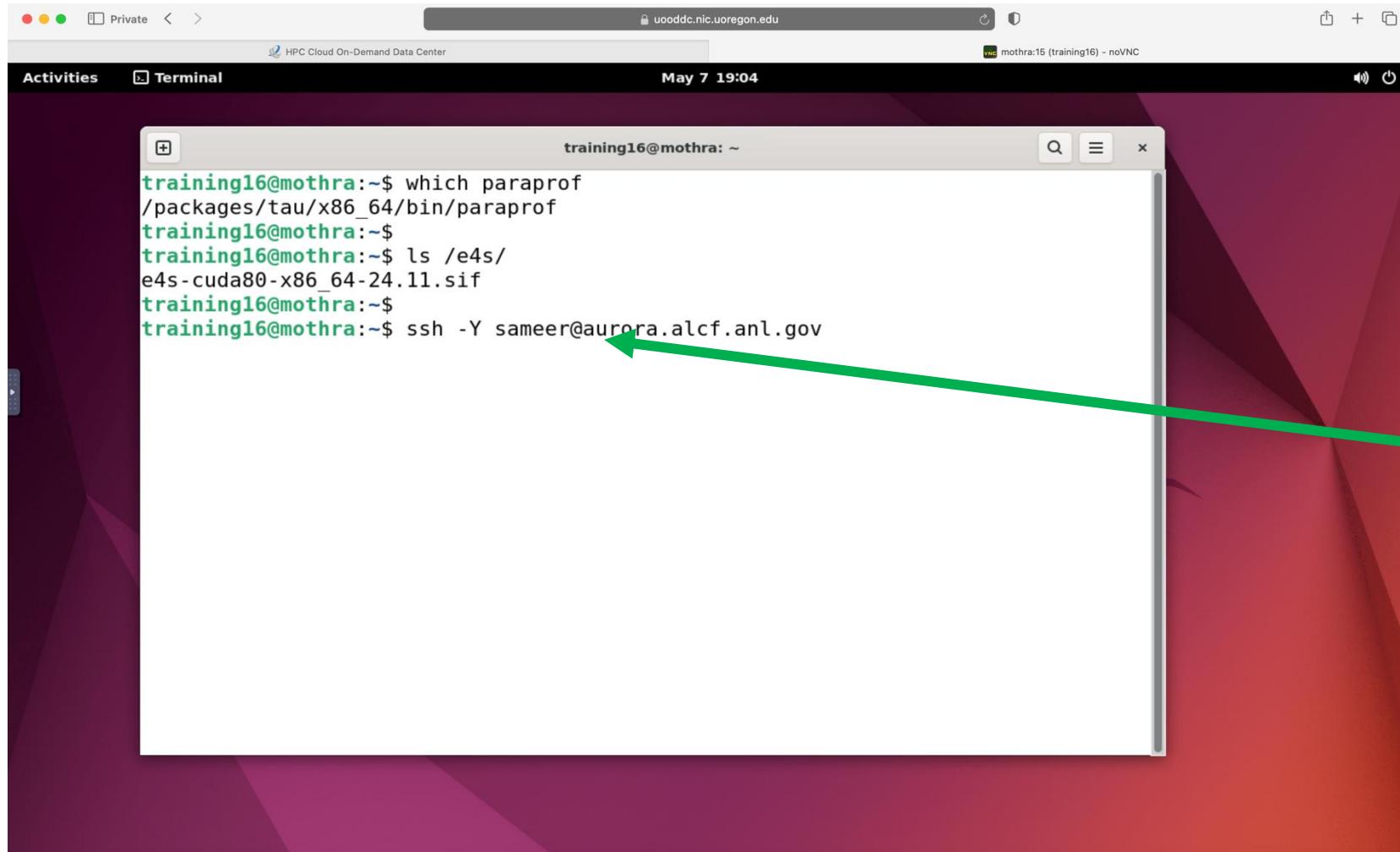
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Choose font size after clicking Custom Font for Terminal

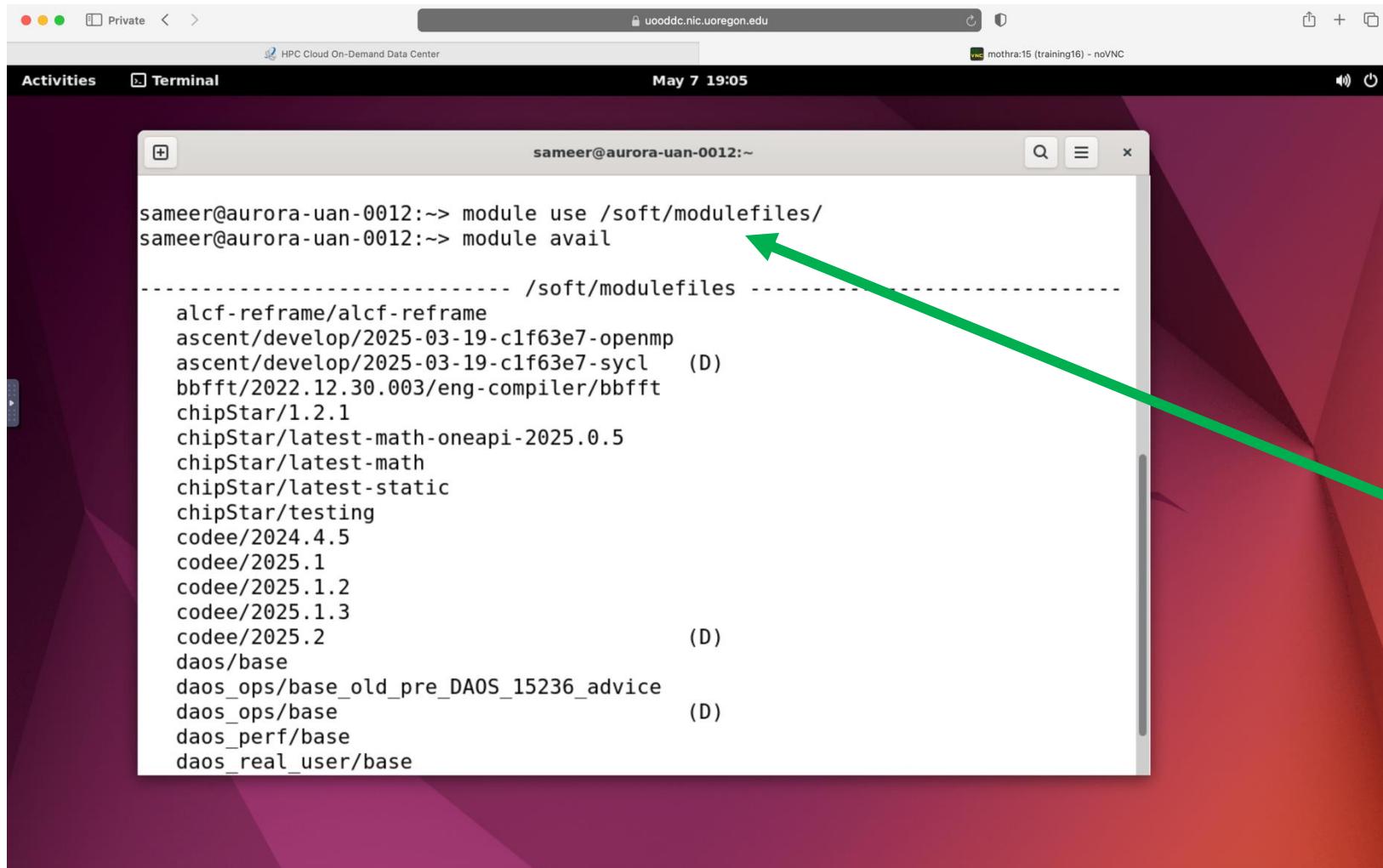


Adaptive Computing's Heidi: Logging into Aurora



ssh using -Y

Aurora: Add a directory to the default module path



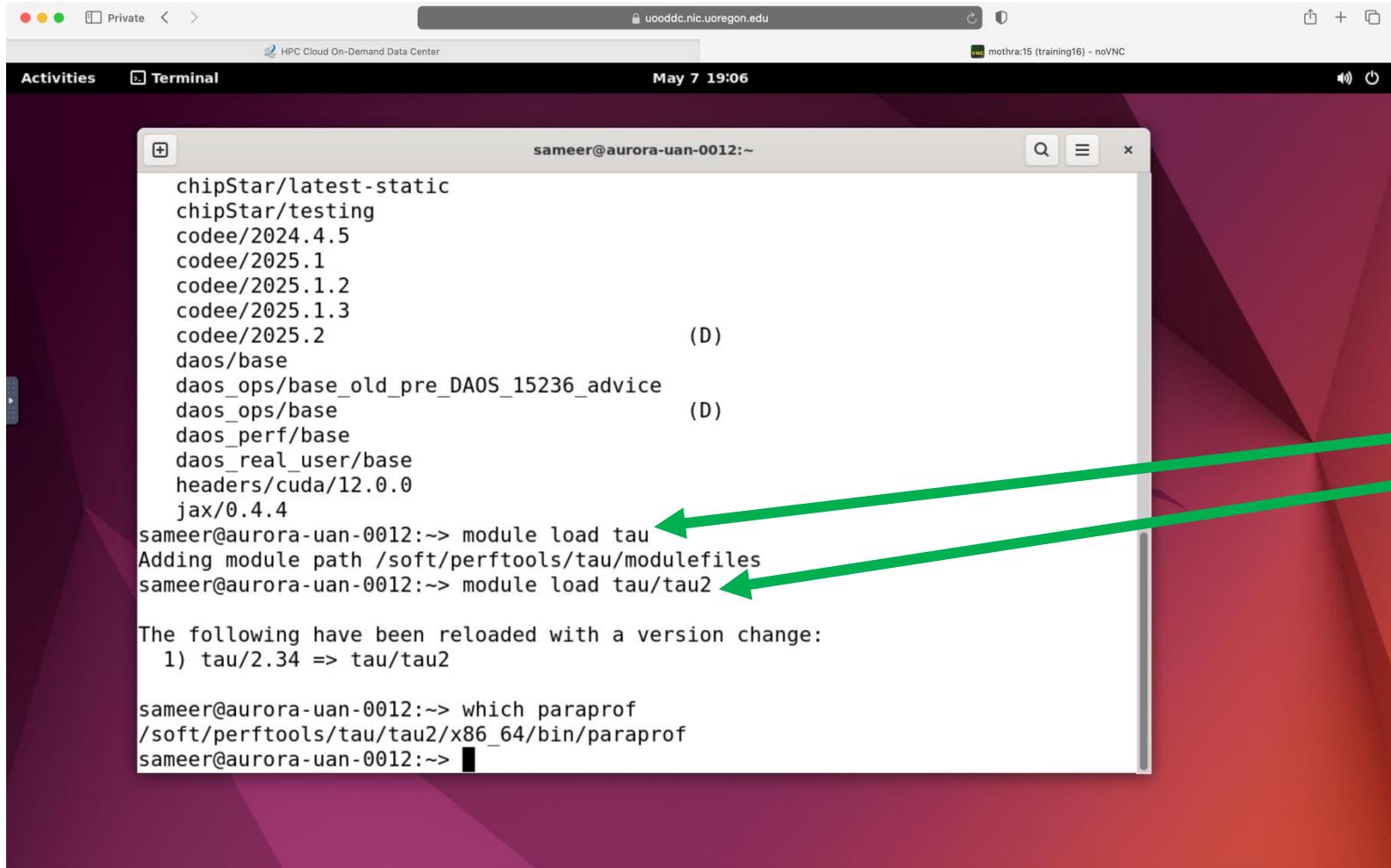
A screenshot of a Linux desktop environment showing a terminal window. The terminal window title is "sameer@aurora-uau-0012:~". The terminal content shows the user running the command "module use /soft/modulefiles/" followed by "module avail". A green arrow points from the text "module use /soft/modulefiles" in the caption below to the command "module use /soft/modulefiles/" in the terminal window. The terminal also displays a list of available modules, including "alcf-reframe/alcf-reframe", "ascent/develop/2025-03-19-c1f63e7-openmp", "ascent/develop/2025-03-19-c1f63e7-sycl (D)", "bbfft/2022.12.30.003/eng-compiler/bbfft", "chipStar/1.2.1", "chipStar/latest-math-oneapi-2025.0.5", "chipStar/latest-math", "chipStar/latest-static", "chipStar/testing", "codee/2024.4.5", "codee/2025.1", "codee/2025.1.2", "codee/2025.1.3", "codee/2025.2 (D)", "daos/base", "daos_ops/base_old_pre_DAOS_15236_advice (D)", "daos_perf/base", "daos_real_user/base".

```
sameer@aurora-uau-0012:~ module use /soft/modulefiles/
sameer@aurora-uau-0012:~ module avail

----- /soft/modulefiles -----
alcf-reframe/alcf-reframe
ascent/develop/2025-03-19-c1f63e7-openmp
ascent/develop/2025-03-19-c1f63e7-sycl (D)
bbfft/2022.12.30.003/eng-compiler/bbfft
chipStar/1.2.1
chipStar/latest-math-oneapi-2025.0.5
chipStar/latest-math
chipStar/latest-static
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codee/2024.4.5
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daos_real_user/base
```

module use /soft/modulefiles

Aurora: Loading TAU



The screenshot shows a Linux terminal window titled "Activities Terminal" running on a system named "sameer@aurora-uau-0012". The terminal displays a list of loaded modules:

```
chipStar/latest-static
chipStar/testing
codee/2024.4.5
codee/2025.1
codee/2025.1.2
codee/2025.1.3
codee/2025.2          (D)
daos/base
daos_ops/base_old_pre_DAOS_15236_advice
daos_ops/base          (D)
daos_perf/base
daos_real_user/base
headers/cuda/12.0.0
jax/0.4.4
sameer@aurora-uau-0012:~> module load tau
Adding module path /soft/perf-tools/tau/modulefiles
sameer@aurora-uau-0012:~> module load tau/tau2

The following have been reloaded with a version change:
 1) tau/2.34 => tau/tau2

sameer@aurora-uau-0012:~> which paraprof
/soft/perf-tools/tau/tau2/x86_64/bin/paraprof
sameer@aurora-uau-0012:~>
```

Two green arrows point from the text "Load TAU using module load tau" and "module load tau/tau2" to the corresponding commands in the terminal output.

Load TAU using
module load tau
module load tau/tau2

Aurora: Setting up workshop examples

```
sameer@aurora-uan-0012:~/workshop> qsub -I -l walltime=0:29:00 -l filesystems=home:flare -A tools -q debug -l select=1 -X
qsub: waiting for job 4683648.aurora-pbs-0001.hostmgmt.cm.aurora.alcf.anl.gov to start
qsub: job 4683648.aurora-pbs-0001.hostmgmt.cm.aurora.alcf.anl.gov ready

sameer@x4106c0s5b0n0:~> module use /soft/modulefiles
sameer@x4106c0s5b0n0:~> module load tau
Adding module path /soft/perftools/tau/modulefiles
sameer@x4106c0s5b0n0:~> module load tau/tau2
The following have been reloaded with a version change:
 1) tau/2.34 => tau/tau2

sameer@x4106c0s5b0n0:~> module load frameworks
(/opt/aurora/24.347.0/frameworks/aurora_nre_models_frameworks-2025.0.0) sameer@x4106c0s5b0n0:~> which python
/opt/aurora/24.347.0/frameworks/aurora_nre_models_frameworks-2025.0.0/bin/python
(/opt/aurora/24.347.0/frameworks/aurora_nre_models_frameworks-2025.0.0) sameer@x4106c0s5b0n0:~> which tau_exec
/soft/perftools/tau/tau2/x86_64/bin/tau_exec
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/soft/perftools/tau/tau2/x86_64/bin/paraprof
(/opt/aurora/24.347.0/frameworks/aurora_nre_models_frameworks-2025.0.0) sameer@x4106c0s5b0n0:~> mpiexec -n 4 tau_exec -l0 -ebs ./a.out
```

Use -X
for GUIs

Use your
allocation
ATPESC2025
and queue
ATPESC

Load TAU
on compute
nodes

Using TAU on Aurora

```
tar xf /soft/perf-tools/tau/tar/workshop.tgz
cd workshop; cat README

qsub -I -l walltime=1:29:00 -l filesystems=home:flare -A ATPESC2025 -q ATPESC -l select=1 -X
module use /soft/modulefiles
module load tau
module load tau/tau2          # Uses the latest git head version
module load frameworks

mpiexec -n 4 ./a.out
mpiexec -n 4 tau_exec -10 -ebs ./a.out

mpiexec -n 4 tau_exec -10 -ebs python ./foo.py
pprof -a | more
paraprof

For large scale runs: export TAU_PROFILE_FORMAT="merged" and use
paraprof tauprofile.xml &
```

Setup: Installing TAU on Laptops

Prerequisites: Java in your path

- Microsoft Windows
 - Install Java from Oracle.com
 - <http://tau.uoregon.edu/tau.exe>
 - Install, click on a ppk file to launch paraprof
 - macOS (arm64, Apple Silicon M series)
 - http://tau.uoregon.edu/java_arm64.dmg
 - http://tau.uoregon.edu/tau_arm64.dmg
- macOS (x86_64)
 - Install Java 11.0.3:
 - Download and install <http://tau.uoregon.edu/java.dmg>
 - If you have multiple Java installations, add to your ~/.zshrc (or ~/.bashrc as appropriate):
 - export PATH=/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/jdk-11.0.3.jdk/Contents/Home/bin:\$PATH
 - Download and install TAU (copy to /Applications from dmg):
 - <http://tau.uoregon.edu/tau.dmg>
 - export PATH=/Applications/TAU/tau/apple/bin:\$PATH
 - paraprof app.ppk &
- Linux (<http://tau.uoregon.edu/tau.tgz>)
 - ./configure; make install; export PATH=<taudir>/x86_64/bin:\$PATH; paraprof app.ppk &

TAU: Quickstart Guide for aurora.alcf.anl.gov

```
% tar xf /soft/perf-tools/tau/tar/workshop.tgz; cd workshop; cat README
% qsub -I -l walltime=0:29:00 -l filesystems=home:flare -A ATPESC2025 -q ATPESC -l select=1 -X
% module use /soft/modulefiles; module load tau; module load tau/tau2

• Un-instrumented run with MPI           % mpiexec -np N ./a.out
• Profiling an un-instrumented application (use tau_exec -ebs with any of the following for event-based sampling):
• MPI without GPUs:                    % mpiexec -np N tau_exec -ebs ./a.out
• DPC++/SYCL with MPI:                 % mpiexec -np N tau_exec -T level_zero -10 ./a.out
• DPC++/SYCL without MPI:              % tau_exec -T serial -10 ./a.out
• OpenMP: export TAU_OMPT_SUPPORT_LEVEL=full
• OpenMP with MPI:                    % mpiexec -np N tau_exec -T ompt -ompt ./a.out
• OpenMP without MPI:                 % tau_exec -T serial -ompt ./a.out

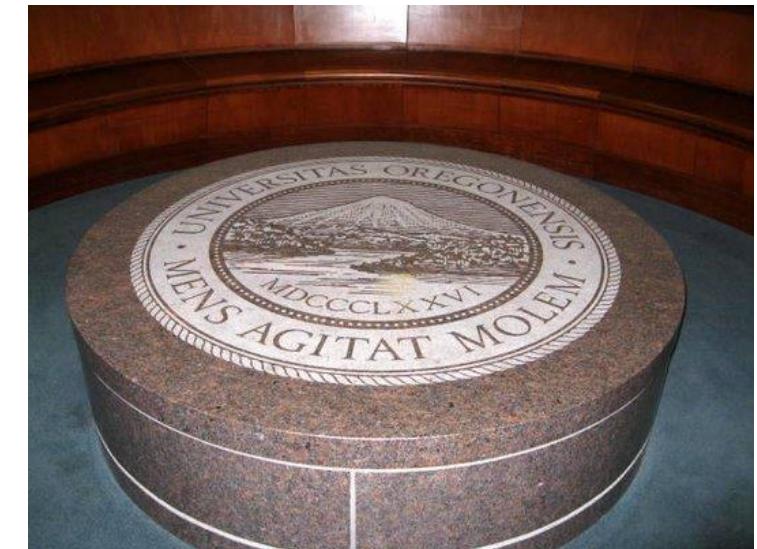
Analysis:                                % pprof -a -m | more; % paraprof (GUI)

Tracing:

Perfetto.dev:    % export TAU_TRACE=1; mpiexec -np N tau_exec ./a.out; tau_treemerge.pl;
                  % tau_trace2json tau.trc tau.edf -chrome -ignoreatomic -o app.json
Chrome browser: chrome://tracing (Load -> app.json) or https://Perfetto.dev

• Jumpshot:      % export TAU_TRACE=1; mpiexec -np N tau_exec [Options] ./a.out;
                  % tau_treemerge.pl; tau2slog2 tau.trc tau.edf -o app.slog2; jumpshot app.slog2 &
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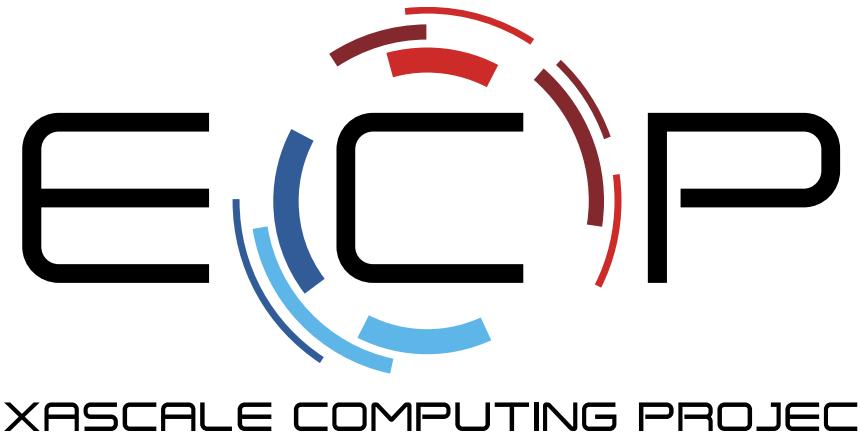
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