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TAU Performance System®

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http://tau.uoregon.edu/TAU_ALCF25.pdf

Using TAU on Aurora

```
tar xf /soft/perftools/tau/tar/workshop.tgz
cd workshop; cat README
qsub -I -l walltime=0:29:00 -l filesystems=home:flare -A gpu_hack -q gpu_hack_prio
-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 -l0 -ebs ./a.out

mpiexec -n 4 tau_exec -l0 -ebs python ./foo.py
pprof -a | more
paraprof --pack foo.ppk
On your desktop: % paraprof foo.ppk
```

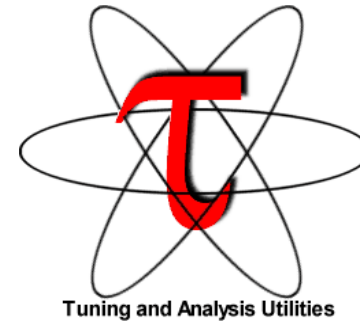
Motivation and Challenges

- With growing hardware complexity, it is getting harder to accurately measure and optimize the performance of our HPC and AI/ML workloads.
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 - Deliver a scalable, portable, performance evaluation toolkit for HPC and AI/ML workloads.
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ParaTools

- 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
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Application Performance Engineering using TAU

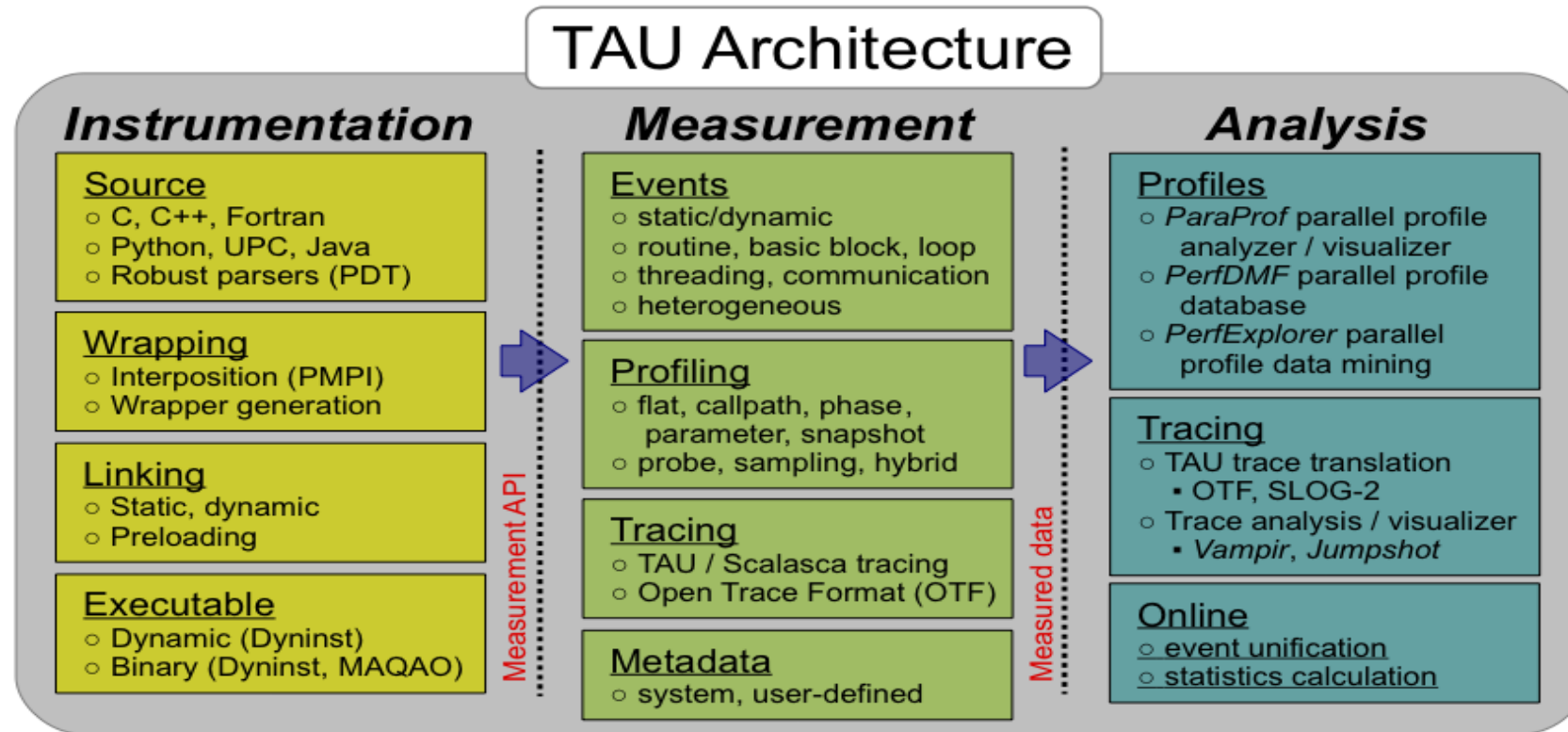
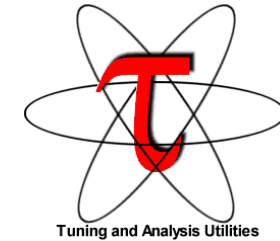
- How much time is spent in each application routine and outer *loops*? Within loops, what is the contribution of each *statement*? What is the time spent in OpenMP loops? In kernels on GPUs.
- How many instructions are executed in these code regions? Floating point, Level 1 and 2 *data cache misses*, 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/perftools/tau/tau2/x86_64/lib/
```

```
Makefile.tau-level_zero-icpx-papi-ompt-mpi-pthread-python-pdt-openmp
```

```
/soft/perftools/tau/tau2/x86_64/lib/
```

```
Makefile.tau-level_zero-icpx-papi-ompt-pthread-python-pdt-openmp
```

mpirun -n 12 tau_exec -l0 -ebs ./a.out will choose the MPI configuration by default. For non MPI jobs, please use -T serial. E.g.,

```
tau_exec -T serial -ebs -l0 python ./foo.py and will LD_PRELOAD:  
/soft/perftools/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/perftools/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
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```
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```

```
/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>; <set paths>; 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 -l0 ./a.out
```

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

```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec -rocm ./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
```

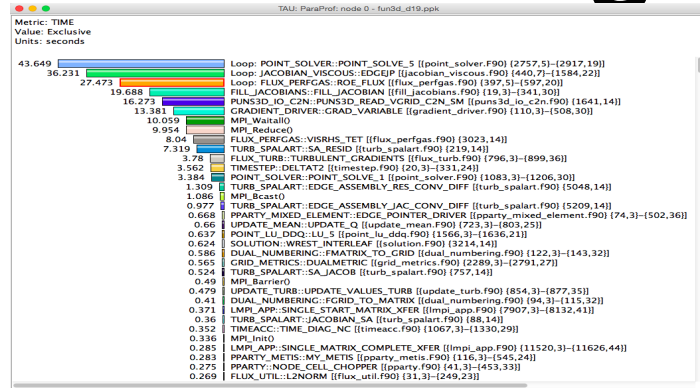
```
% mpirun -np 256 tau_exec -memory_debug ./a.out (bounds check)
```

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>
```

Profiling and Tracing

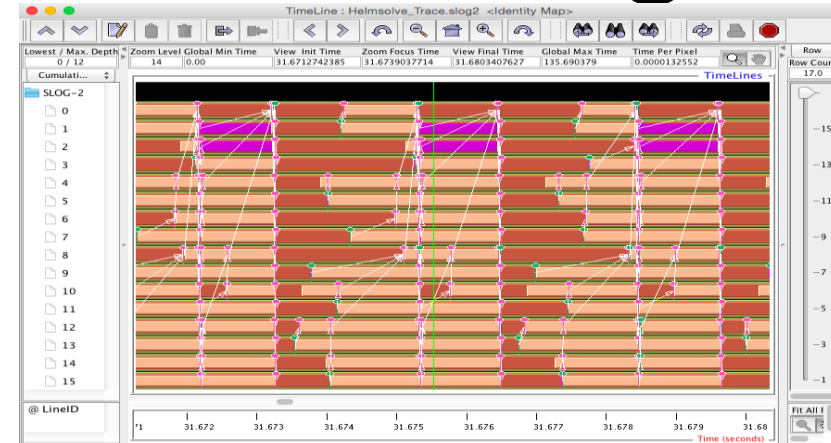


- **Profiling** shows you **how much** (total) time was spent in each routine
- Profiling and tracing

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

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

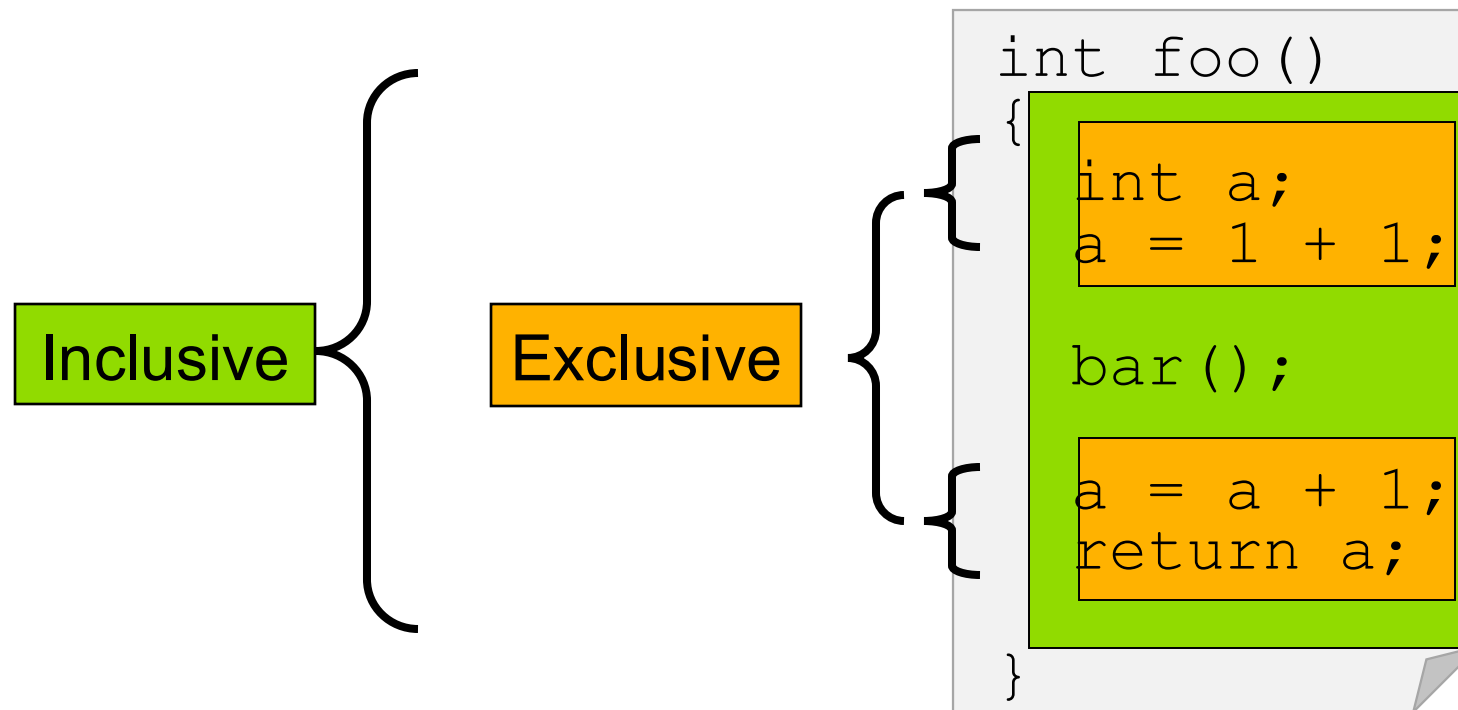
Tracing



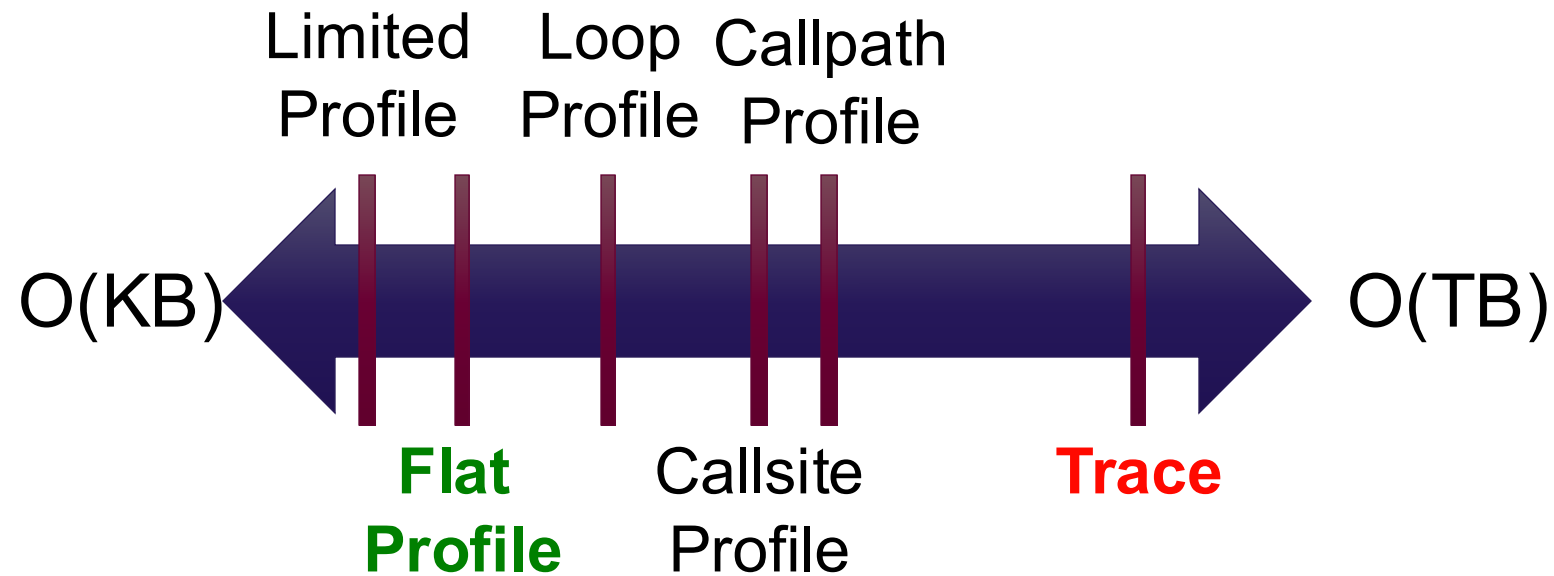
- Tracing shows you when the events take place on a timeline

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?



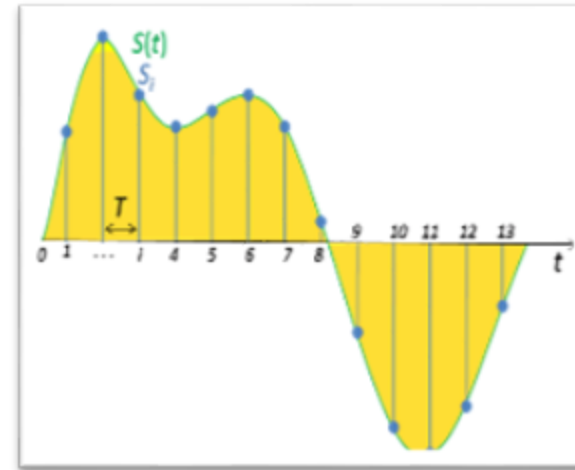
Performance Data Measurement

Direct via Probes

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

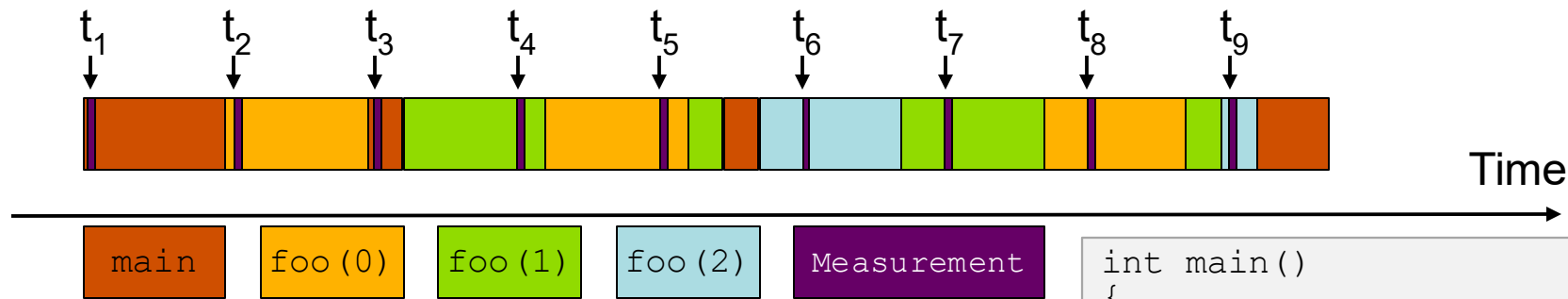
- Exact measurement
- Fine-grain control
- Calls inserted into code

Indirect via Sampling



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

Sampling



Running program is periodically interrupted to take measurement

Timer interrupt, OS signal, or HWC overflow

Service routine examines return-address stack

Addresses are mapped to routines using symbol table information

Statistical inference of program behavior

Not very detailed information on highly volatile metrics

Requires long-running applications

Works with unmodified executables

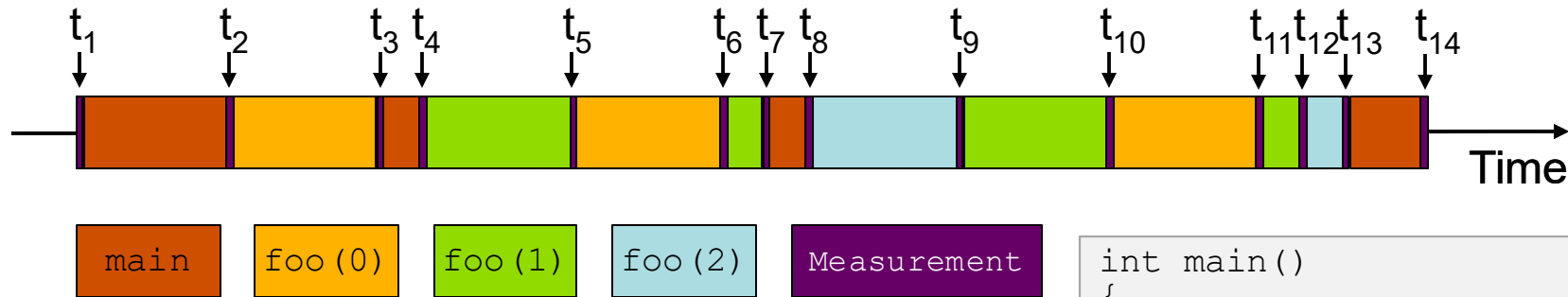
```
int main()
{
    int i;

    for (i=0; i < 3; i++)
        foo(i);

    return 0;
}

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

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:

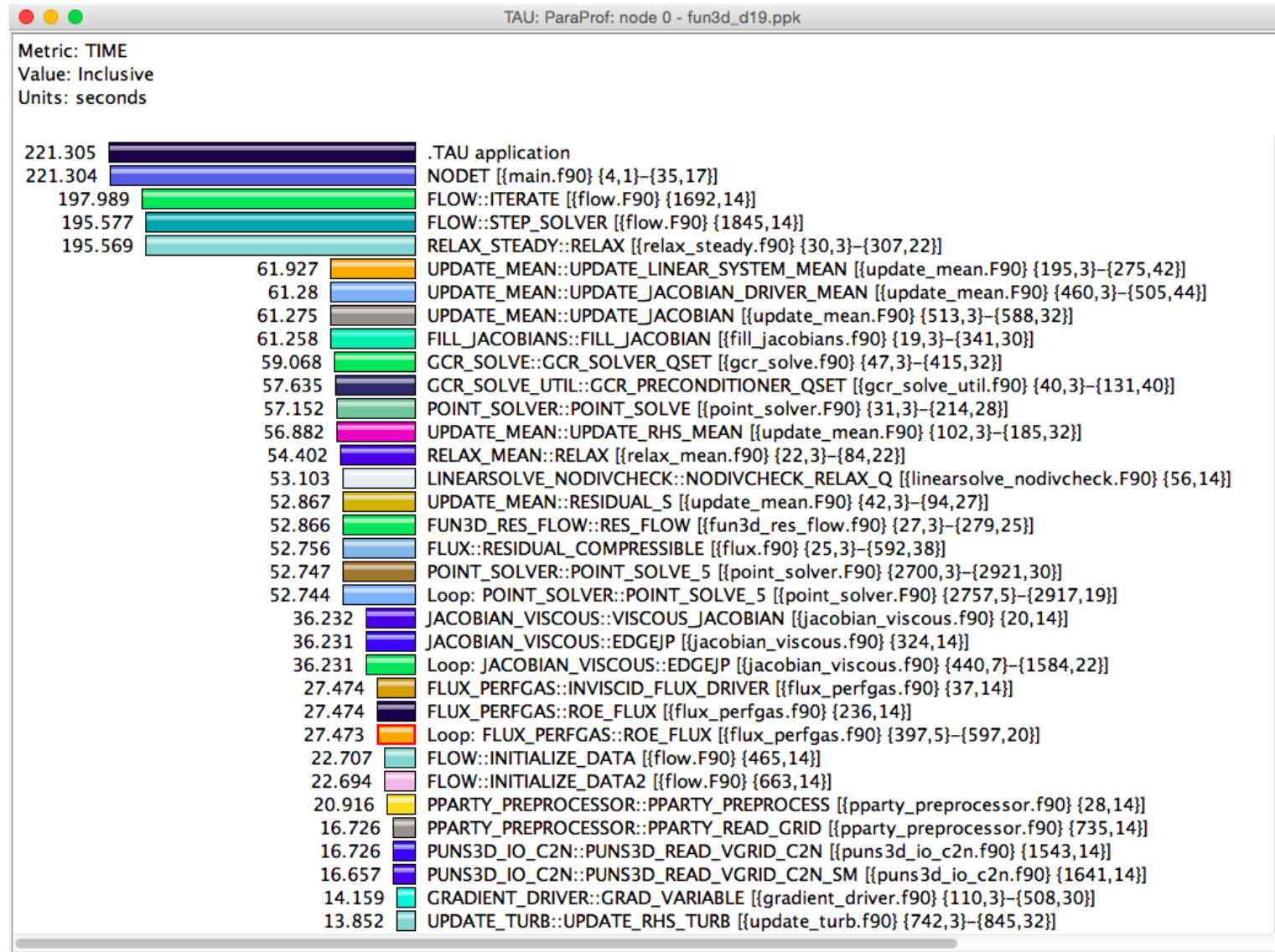
Processing of source-code / executable necessary

Large relative overheads for small functions

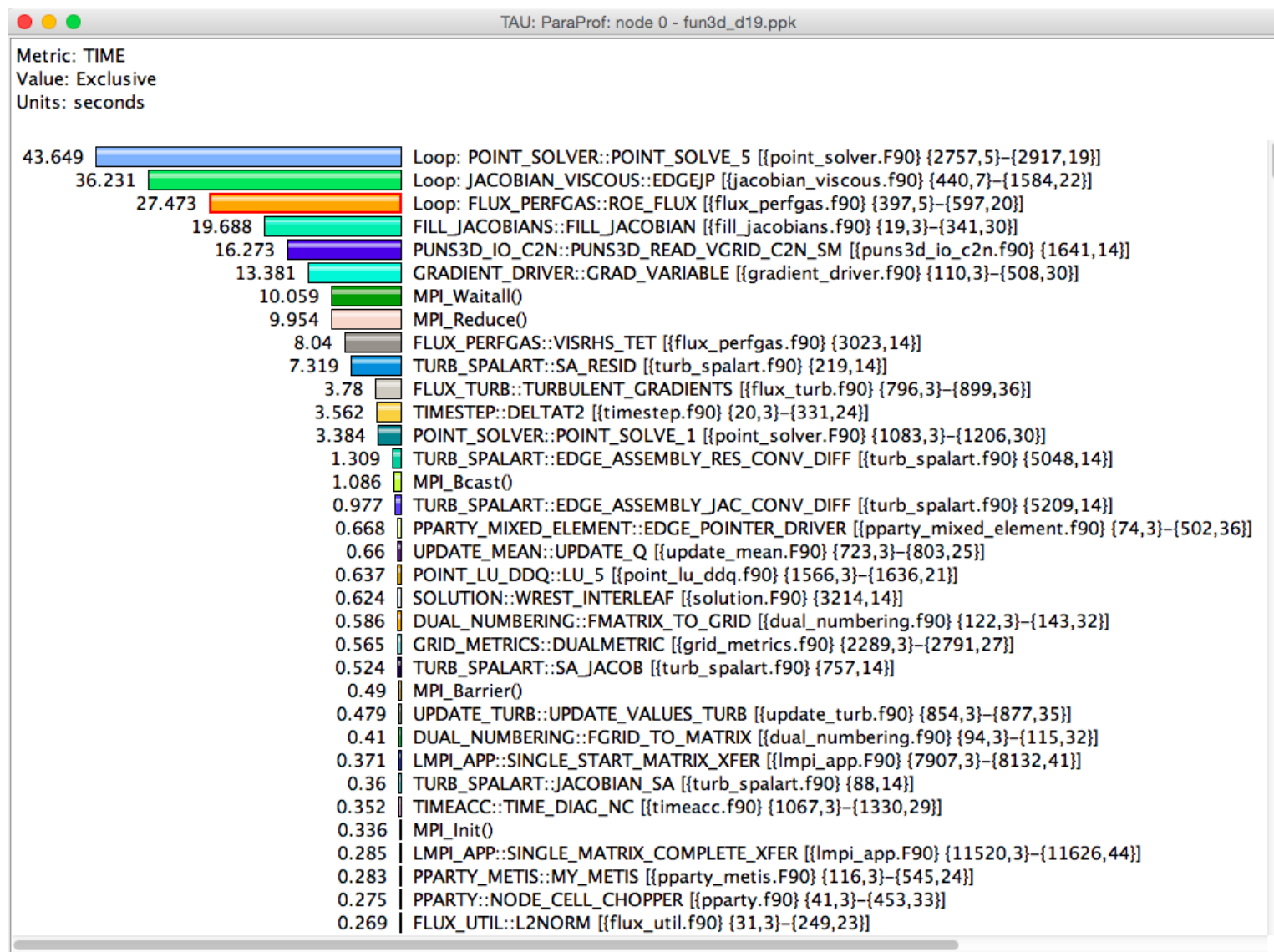
```
int main()
{
    int i;
    TAU_START("main");
    for (i=0; i < 3; i++)
        foo(i);
    TAU_STOP("main");
    return 0;
}

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

Inclusive Measurements



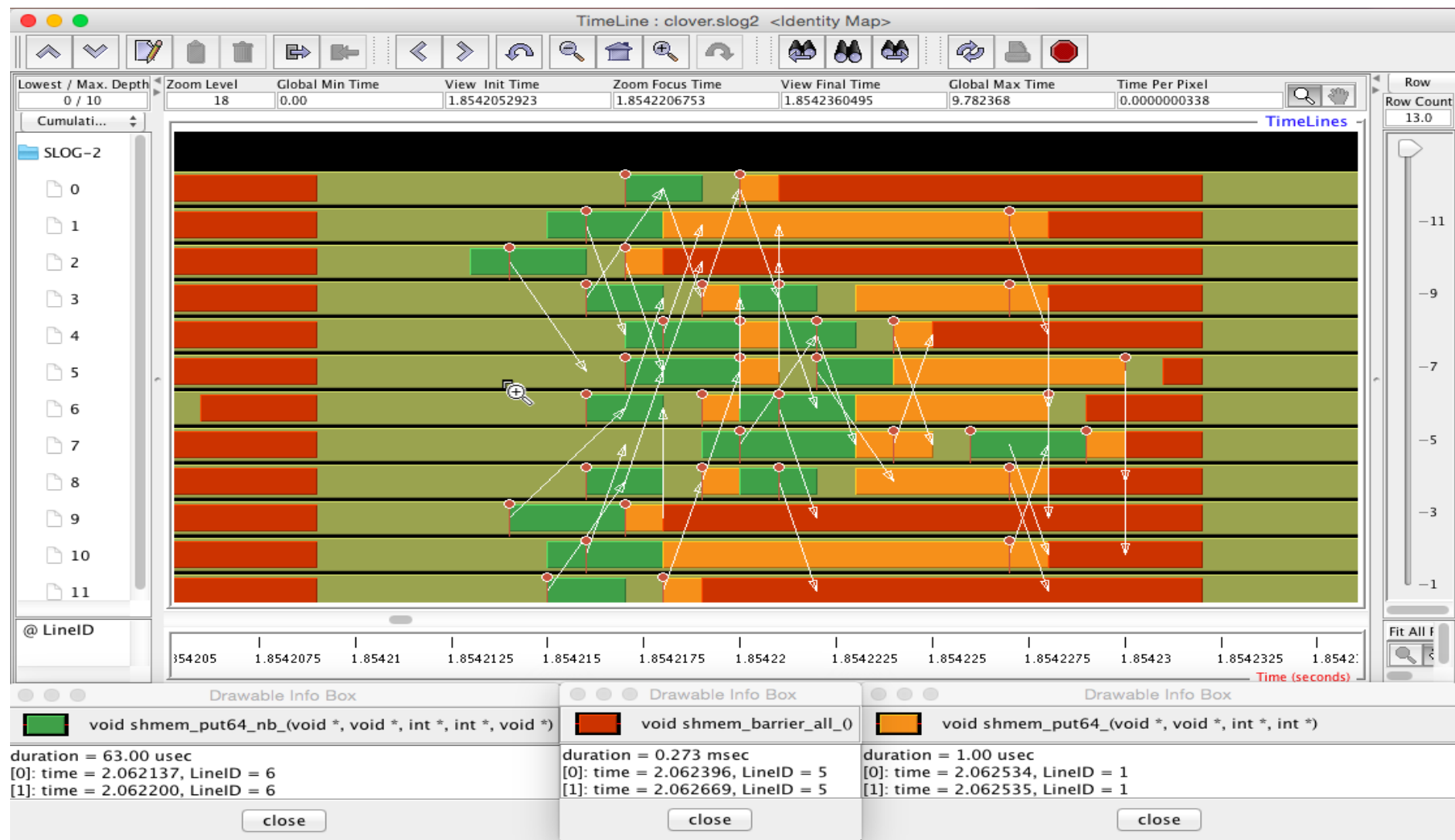
Exclusive Time



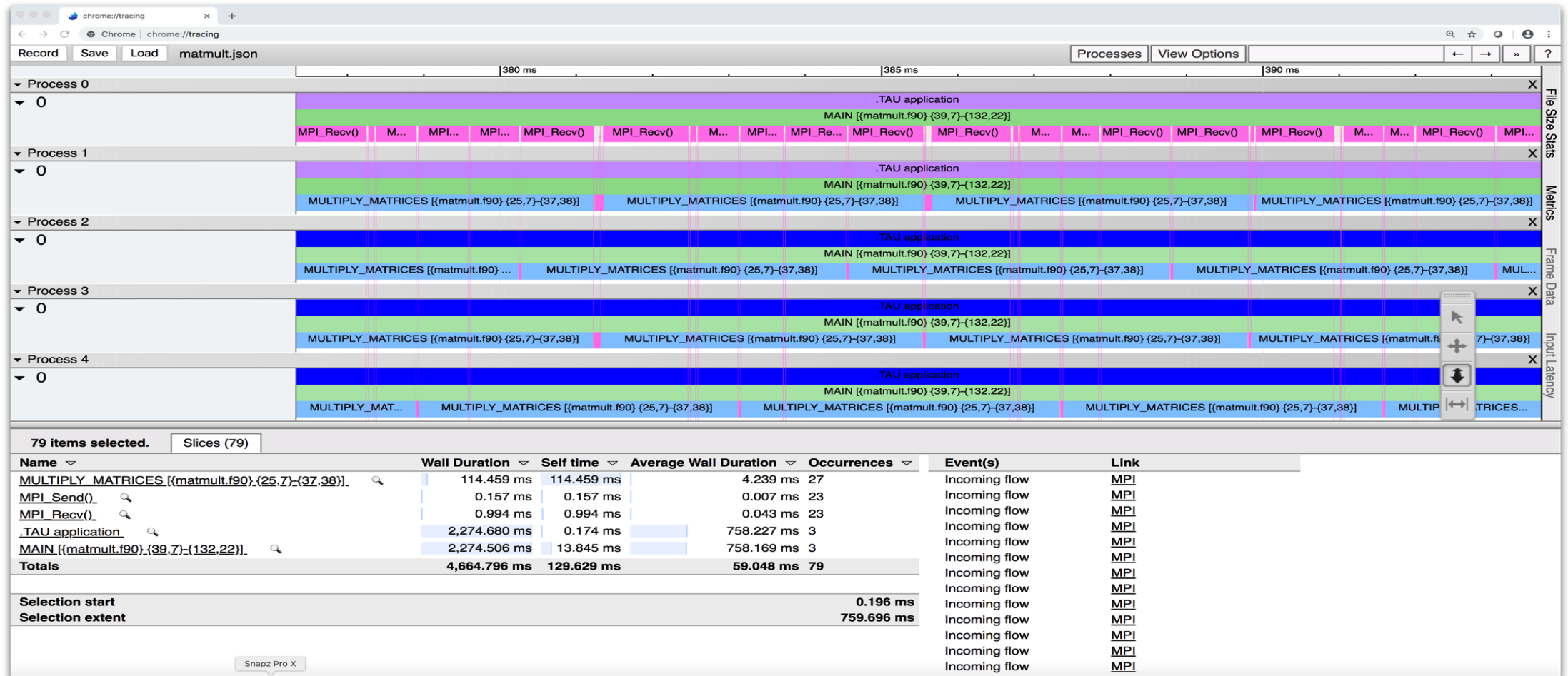
TAU's Runtime Environment Variables

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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.
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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



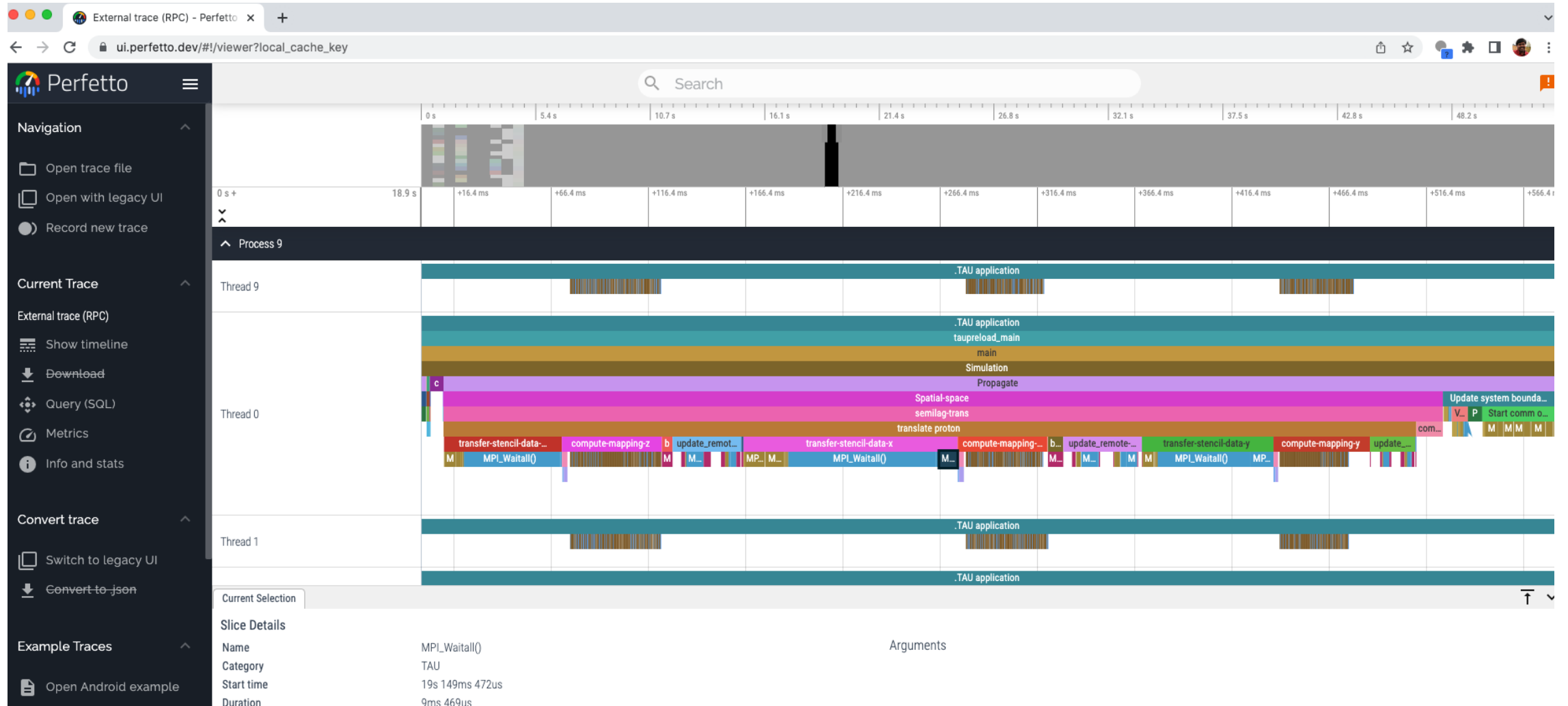
```
% export TAU_TRACE=1
```

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

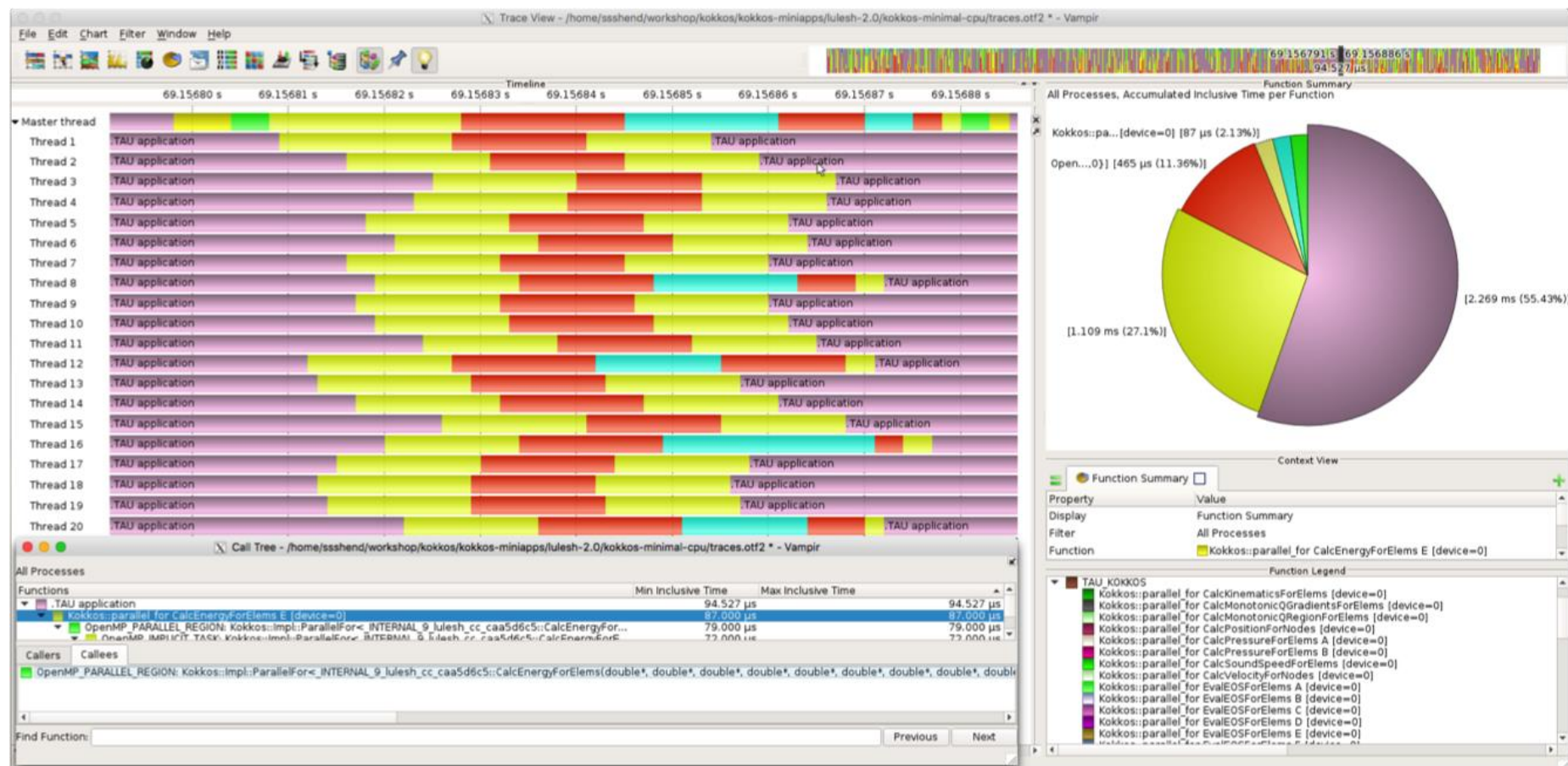
```
% tau_treemerge.pl; tau_trace2json tau.trc tau.edf -chrome -ignoreatomic -o app.json
```

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

Perfetto.dev

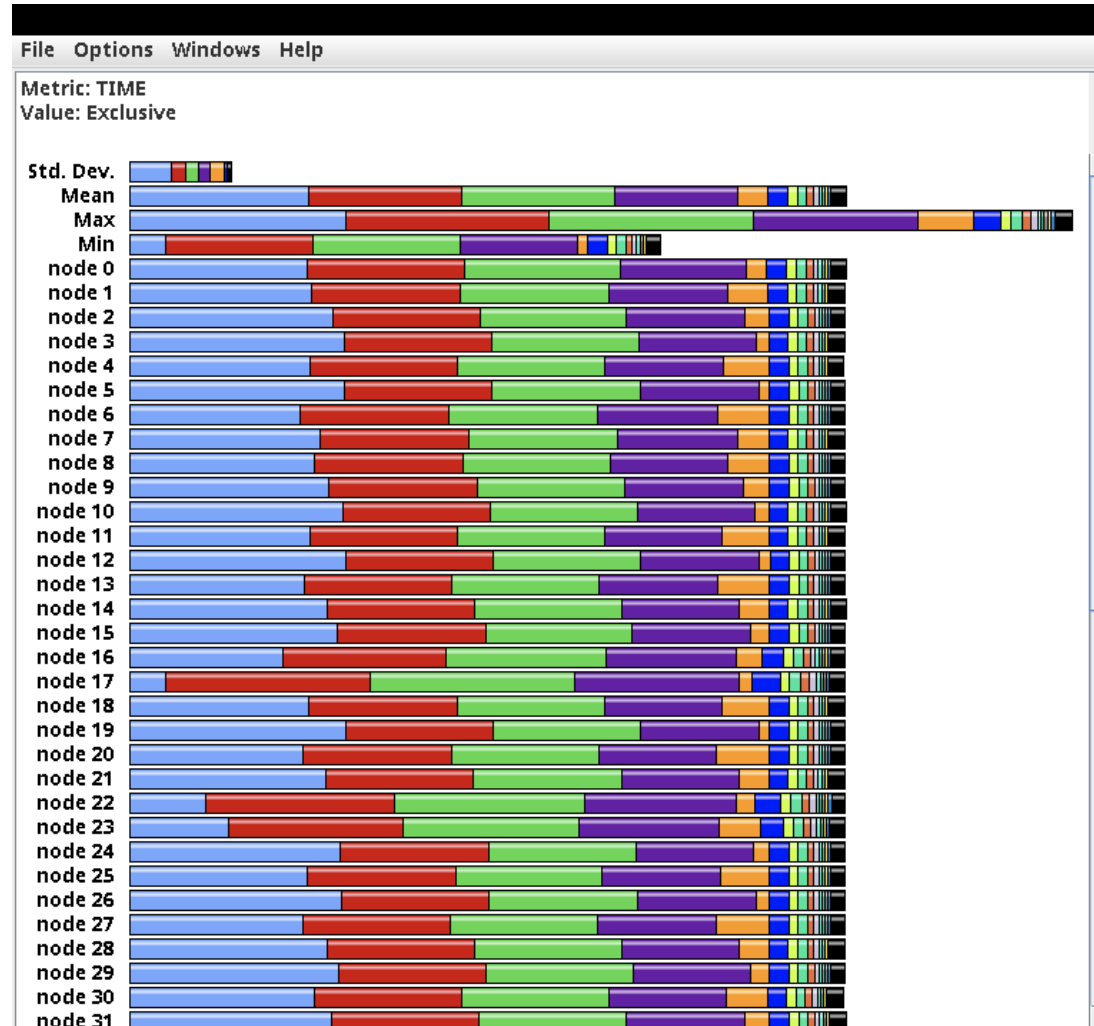


Vampir [TU Dresden] Timeline: Kokkos



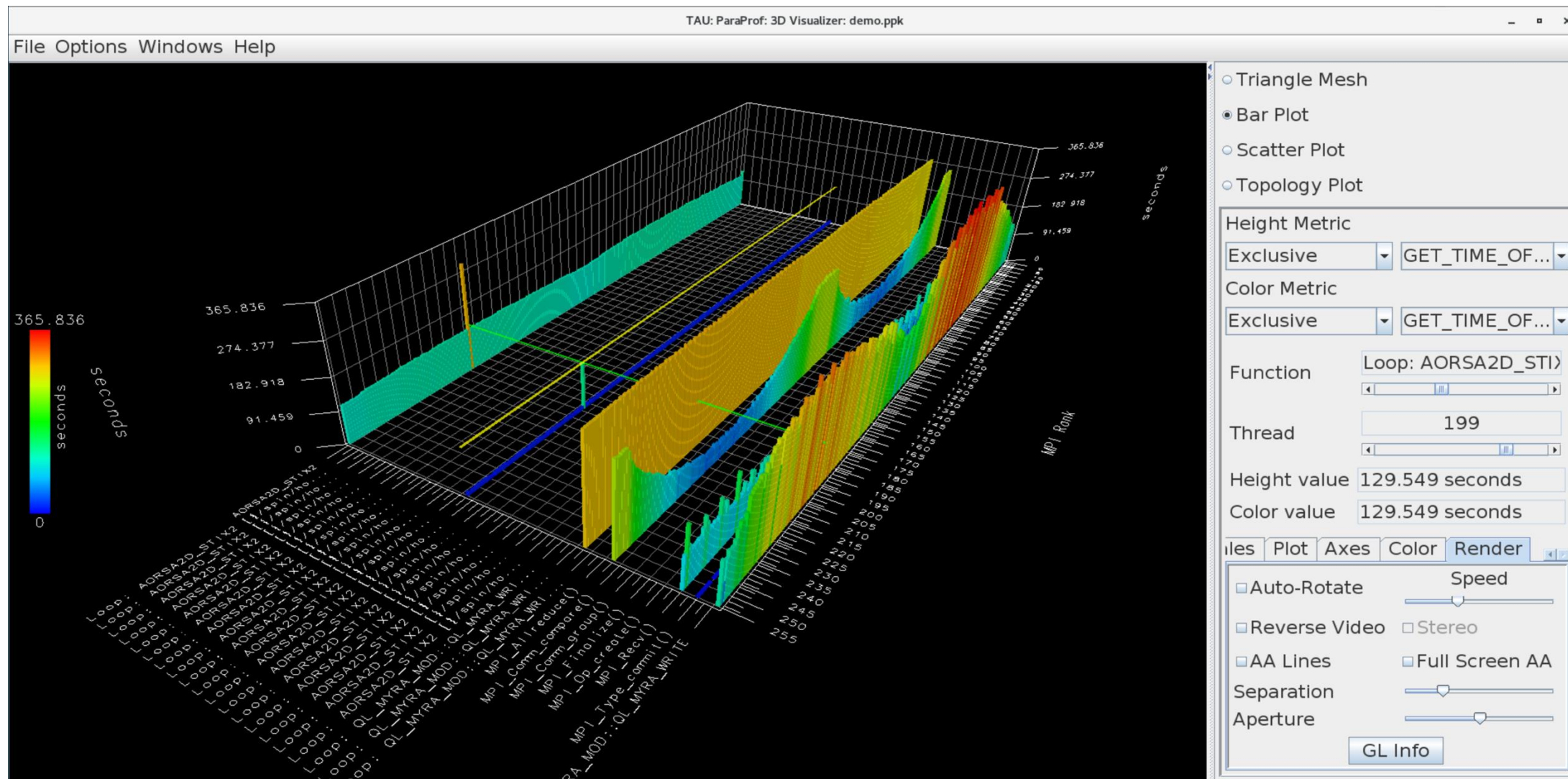
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% export TAU_TRACE=1; export TAU_TRACE_FORMAT=otf2
% tau_exec -T ompt --ompt ./a.out
% vampir traces.otf2 &
```

ParaProf Profile Browser

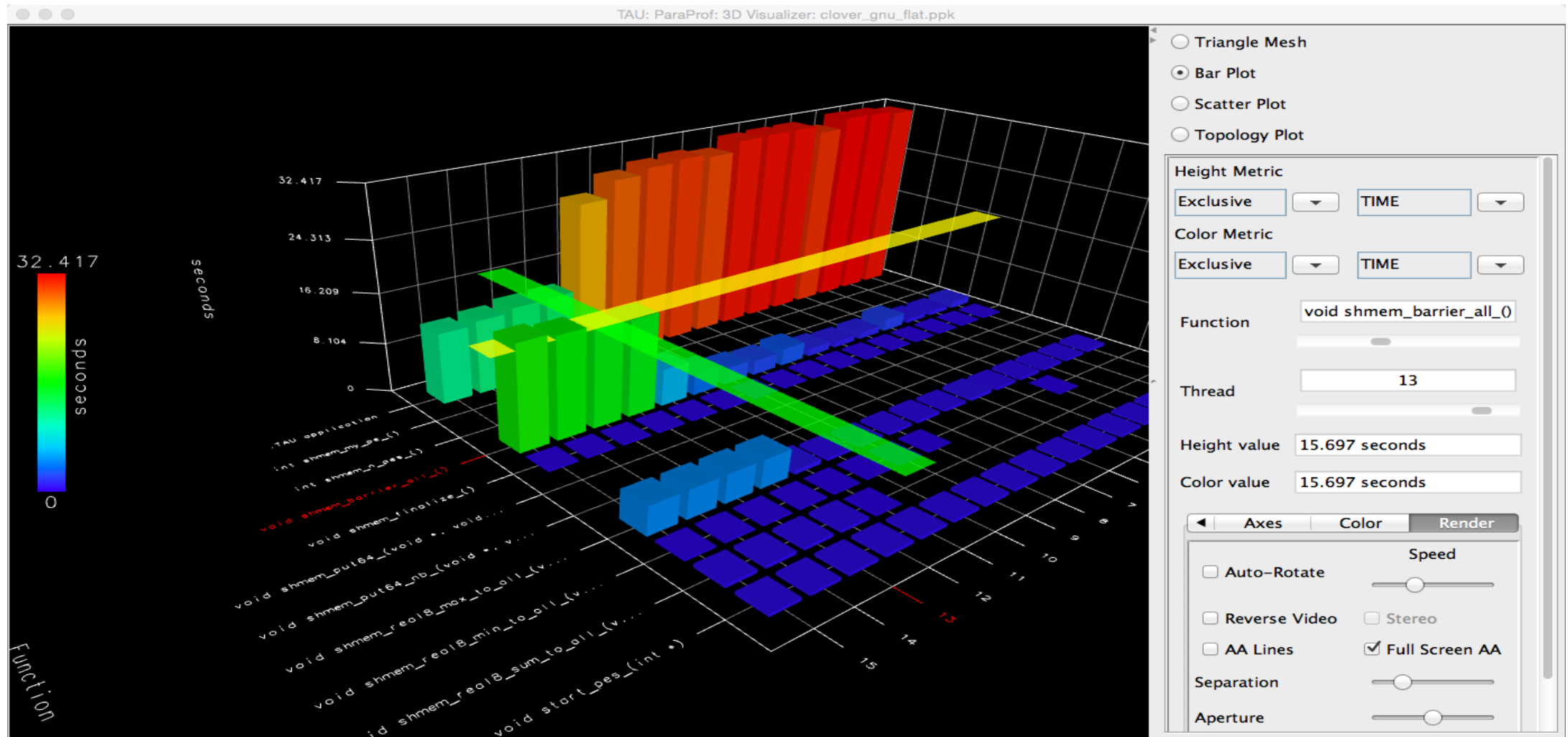


% paraprof

ParaProf 3D Profile Browser



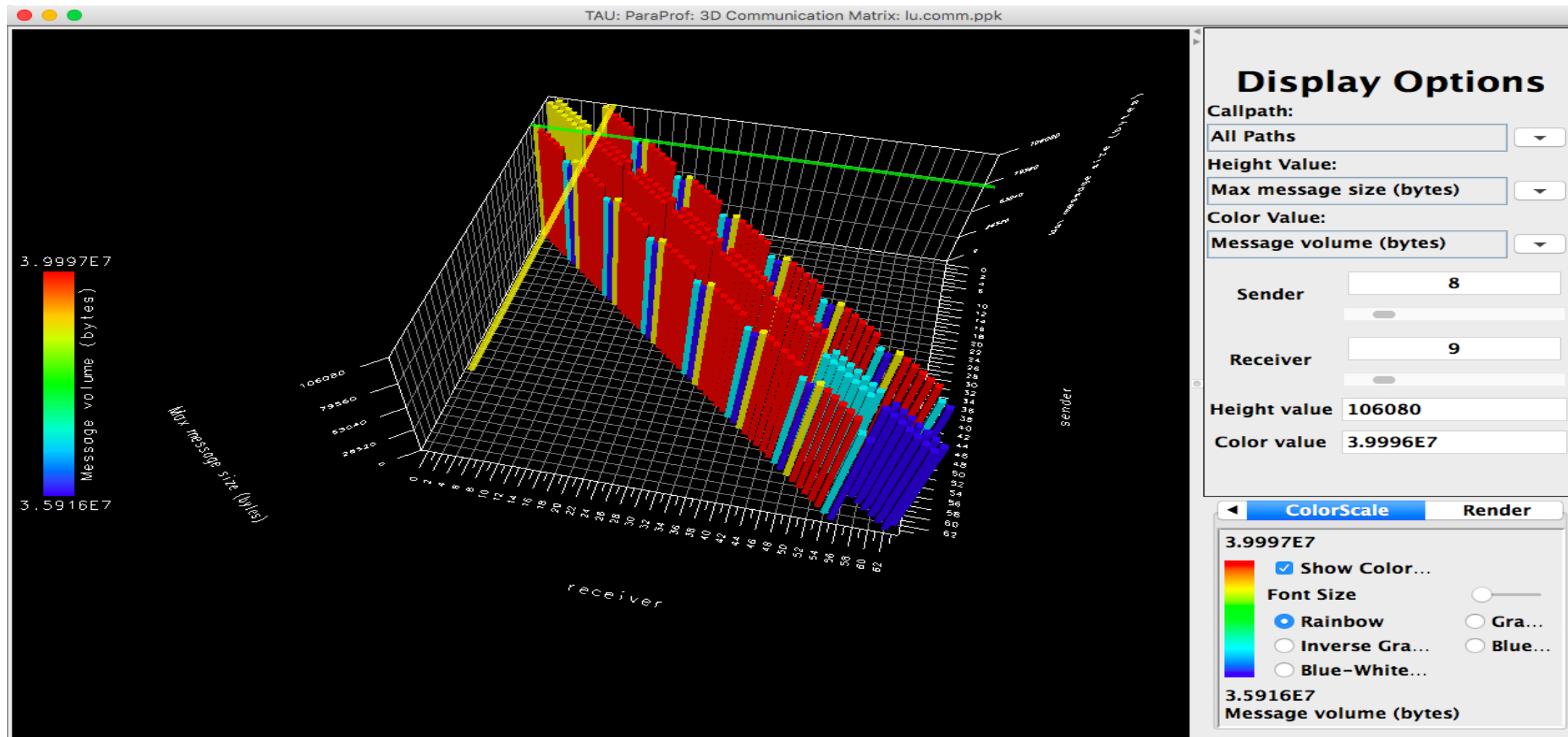
TAU – ParaProf 3D Visualization



% paraprof app.ppk

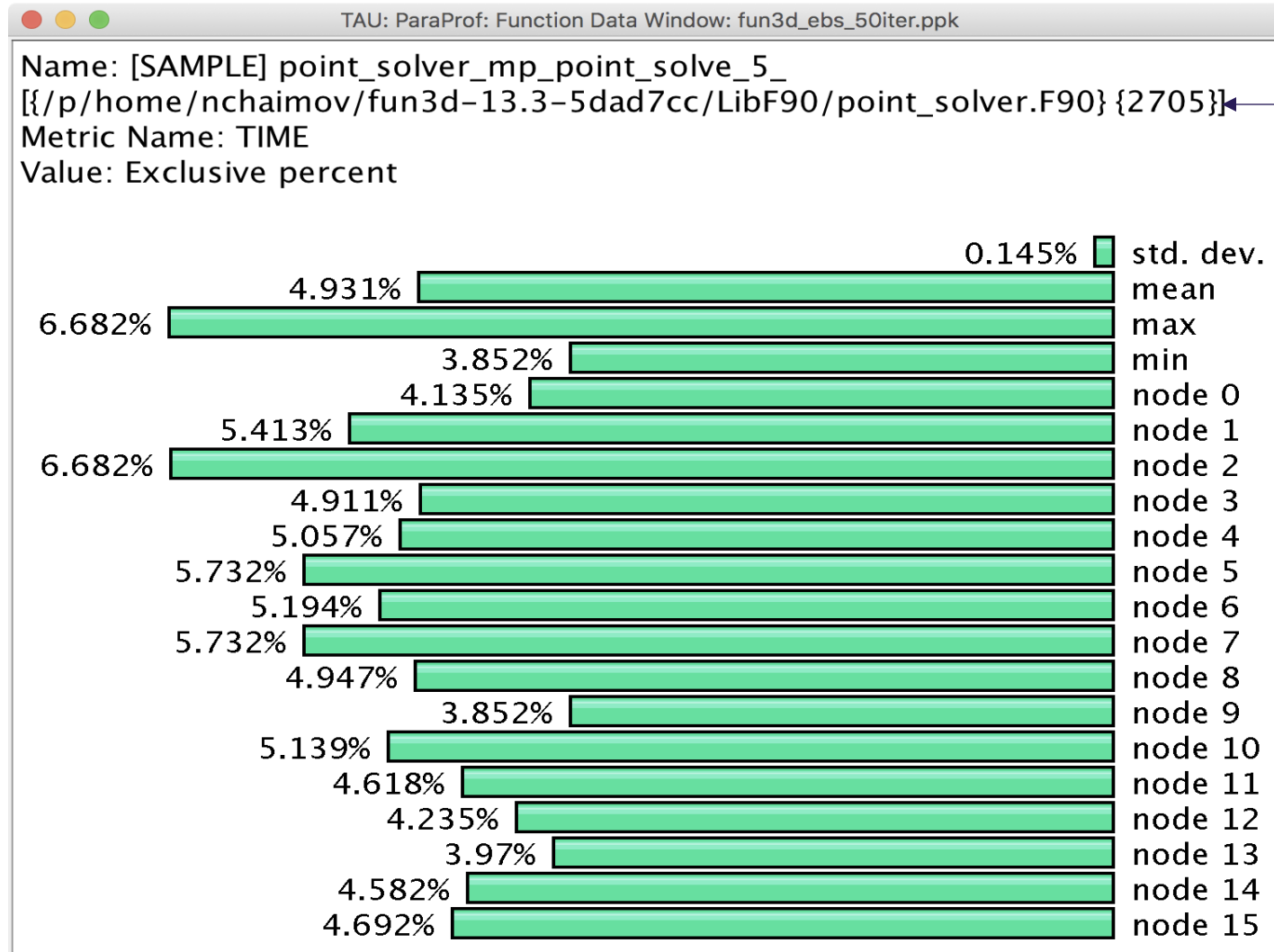
Windows -> 3D Visualization -> Bar Plot (right pane)

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

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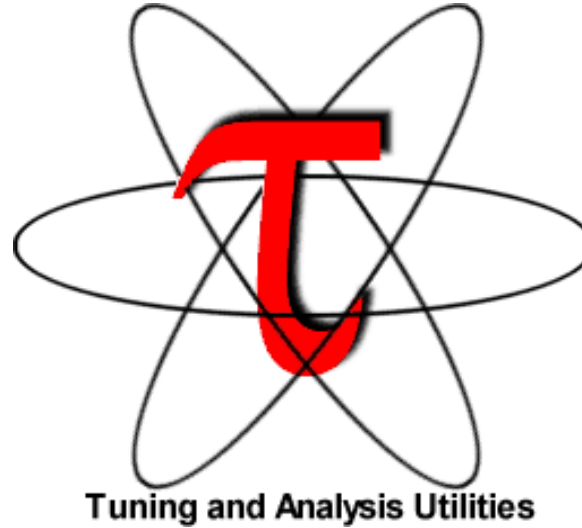
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TAU_SELECT_FILE	Default	Setting to a file name, enables selective instrumentation based on exclude/include lists specified in the file.
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TAU_EBS_PERIOD	100000	Specifies the overflow count for interrupts
TAU_MEMDBG_ALLOC_MIN/MAX	0	Byte size minimum and maximum subject to bounds checking (used with <code>TAU_MEMDBG_PROTECT_*</code>)
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TAU_MEMDBG_ATTEMPT_CONTINUE	0	Setting to 1 allows TAU to record and continue execution when a memory error occurs at runtime.
TAU_MEMDBG_FILL_GAP	Undefined	Initial value for gap bytes
TAU_MEMDBG_ALINGMENT	Sizeof(int)	Byte alignment for memory allocations
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



<http://tau.uoregon.edu>

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

Free download, open source, BSD license

Reference

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 xzf 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
-optCompInst	Use compiler based instrumentation
-optNoCompInst	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 tau_upc.sh)
-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 gfparsers
-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.

...

TAU's Runtime Environment Variables

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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>)

Runtime Environment Variables

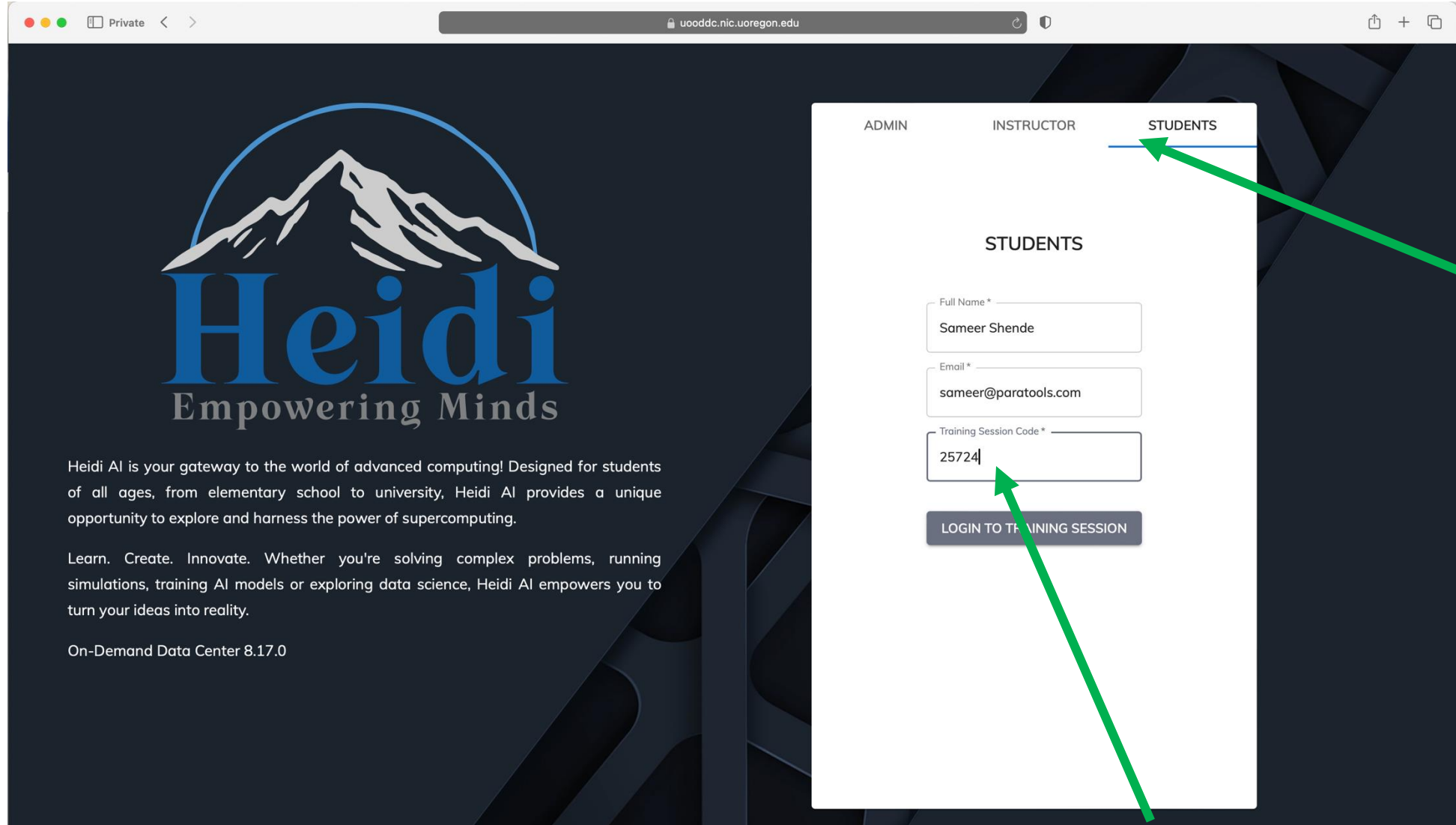
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Hands on examples on Aurora: TAU

Logging in using Heidi at <https://uooddc.nic.uoregon.edu>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://uooddc.nic.uoregon.edu>. The page features the Heidi AI logo, which includes a mountain silhouette and the text "Heidi Empowering Minds". Below the logo, there is a paragraph describing Heidi AI as a gateway to advanced computing for students of all ages, and another paragraph encouraging learning, creating, and innovating. At the bottom left, it says "On-Demand Data Center 8.17.0". On the right side, there is a white login form with three tabs: "ADMIN", "INSTRUCTOR", and "STUDENTS". The "STUDENTS" tab is selected and highlighted with a green arrow. The form contains three input fields: "Full Name *" with the value "Sameer Shende", "Email *" with the value "sameer@paratools.com", and "Training Session Code *" with the value "25724". A green arrow points from the text "Click here" to the "STUDENTS" tab. Another green arrow points from the bottom right of the slide to the "Training Session Code" input field. Below the input fields is a button labeled "LOGIN TO TRAINING SESSION".

ADMIN INSTRUCTOR **STUDENTS**

STUDENTS

Full Name *
Sameer Shende

Email *
sameer@paratools.com

Training Session Code *
25724

LOGIN TO TRAINING SESSION

Click here

<https://uooddc.nic.uoregon.edu> and enter training session code **25724** and login

2FA: Check your email for a six digit code

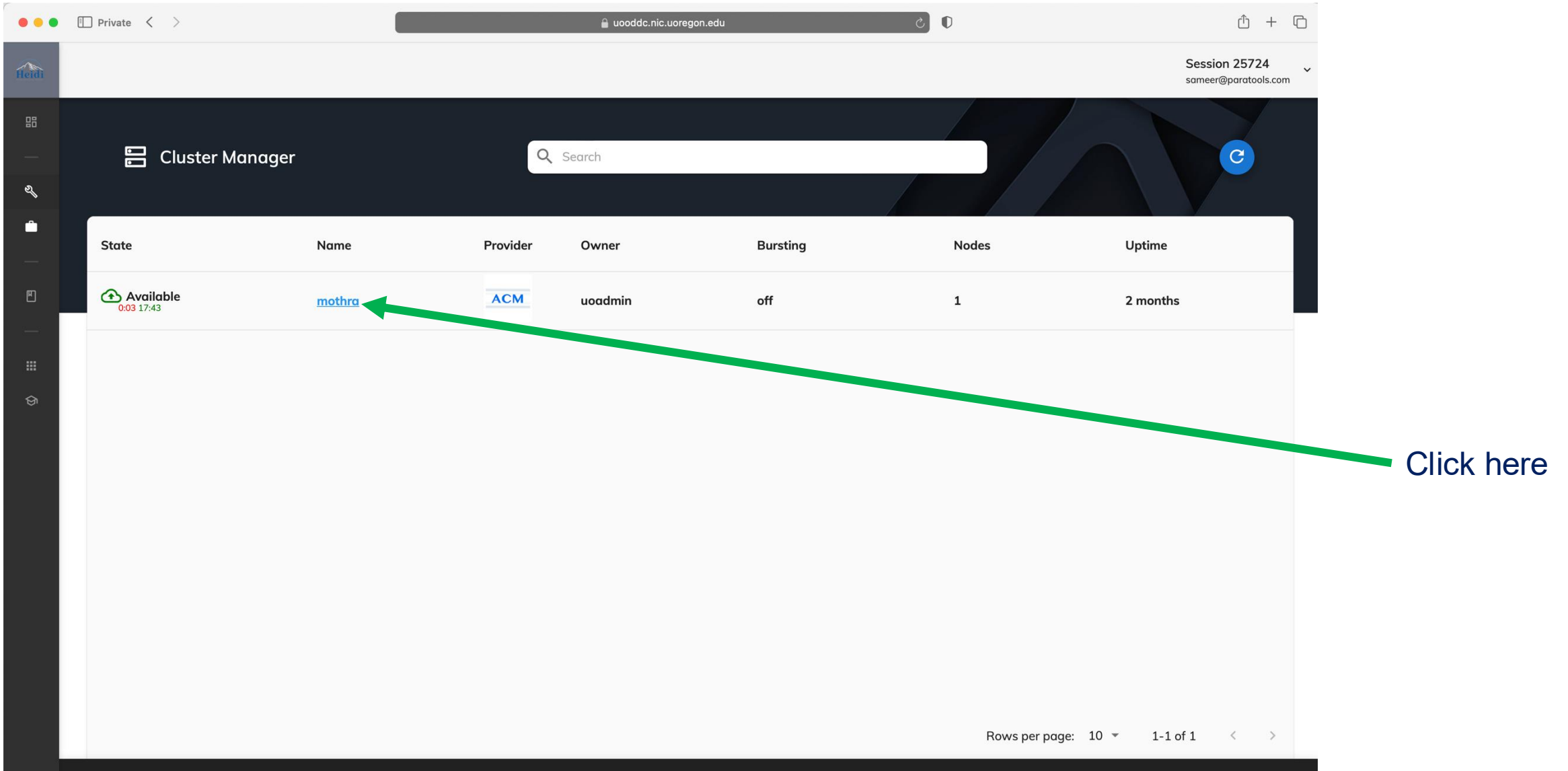
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Overlaid on the page is a modal window titled "Email Verification". The modal contains the following text: "A verification code has been sent to sameer@paratools.com." Below this text are six empty square boxes for entering the code. Under the boxes, it says "The code will expire in 15 minutes." and there is a link labeled "Resend Code". At the bottom of the modal are two buttons: "CANCEL" and "VERIFY".

A green arrow points from the text "Enter code here" to the sixth box in the verification code input field.

Enter
code here

Adaptive Computing's Heidi: Cluster Manager



The screenshot shows the Heidi Cluster Manager web interface. The browser address bar displays `uoddc.nic.uoregon.edu`. The top right corner shows the session information: Session 25724, sameer@paratools.com. The main header includes the Heidi logo, the title "Cluster Manager", a search bar, and a refresh button. A table lists the clusters with the following columns: State, Name, Provider, Owner, Bursting, Nodes, and Uptime.

State	Name	Provider	Owner	Bursting	Nodes	Uptime
Available 0:03 17:43	mothra	ACM	uoadmin	off	1	2 months

At the bottom right of the table area, it says "Rows per page: 10" and "1-1 of 1". A green arrow points from the text "Click here" to the [mothra](#) link in the Name column.

Adaptive Computing's Heidi: Launch VNC Viewer

The screenshot shows the Heidi web interface in a browser window. The URL is `uooddc.nic.uoregon.edu`. The interface has a dark sidebar on the left with the Heidi logo and navigation links: Dashboard, COMPUTE (Heidi Lab, Credentials Manager, Stack Manager, Cluster Manager), Workloads, EDUCATION (Heidi Workshops), CONTENT LIBRARY (Applications, Courses), and a session ID of 25724 for user sameer@paratools.com.

The main content area shows the 'mothra' cluster details. The 'Access' tab is selected, displaying 'Connection Information' and 'Access Methods'. The 'Connection Information' section lists:

- Public IP Address: 172.17.123.8
- Username: training16
- Password: nhsvgyimi

The 'Access Methods' section includes:

- Graphical Access (VNC): **OPEN VNC VIEWER** (highlighted with a green arrow)
- SSH Key Authentication: **DOWNLOAD SSH KEY**
- VPN Access: VPN access is available to administrators only

Below these sections is the 'Connection Instructions' panel, which provides steps for an SSH connection and a terminal command:

```
chmod 600 training16-SSH-Key.pem && ssh -i training16-SSH-Key.pem training16@172.17.123.8
```

A green arrow points from the text 'Click here' to the 'OPEN VNC VIEWER' button.

Click here

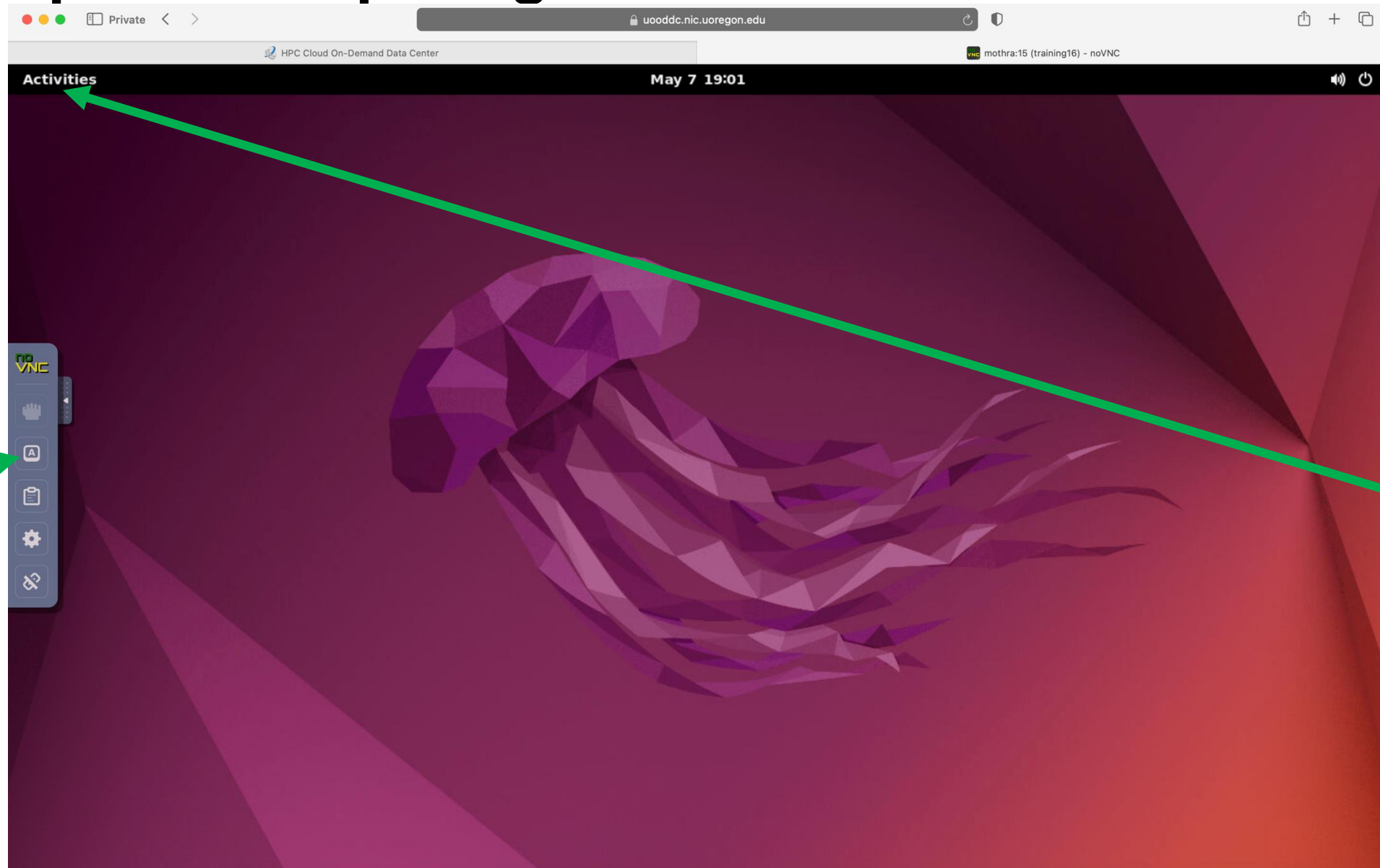
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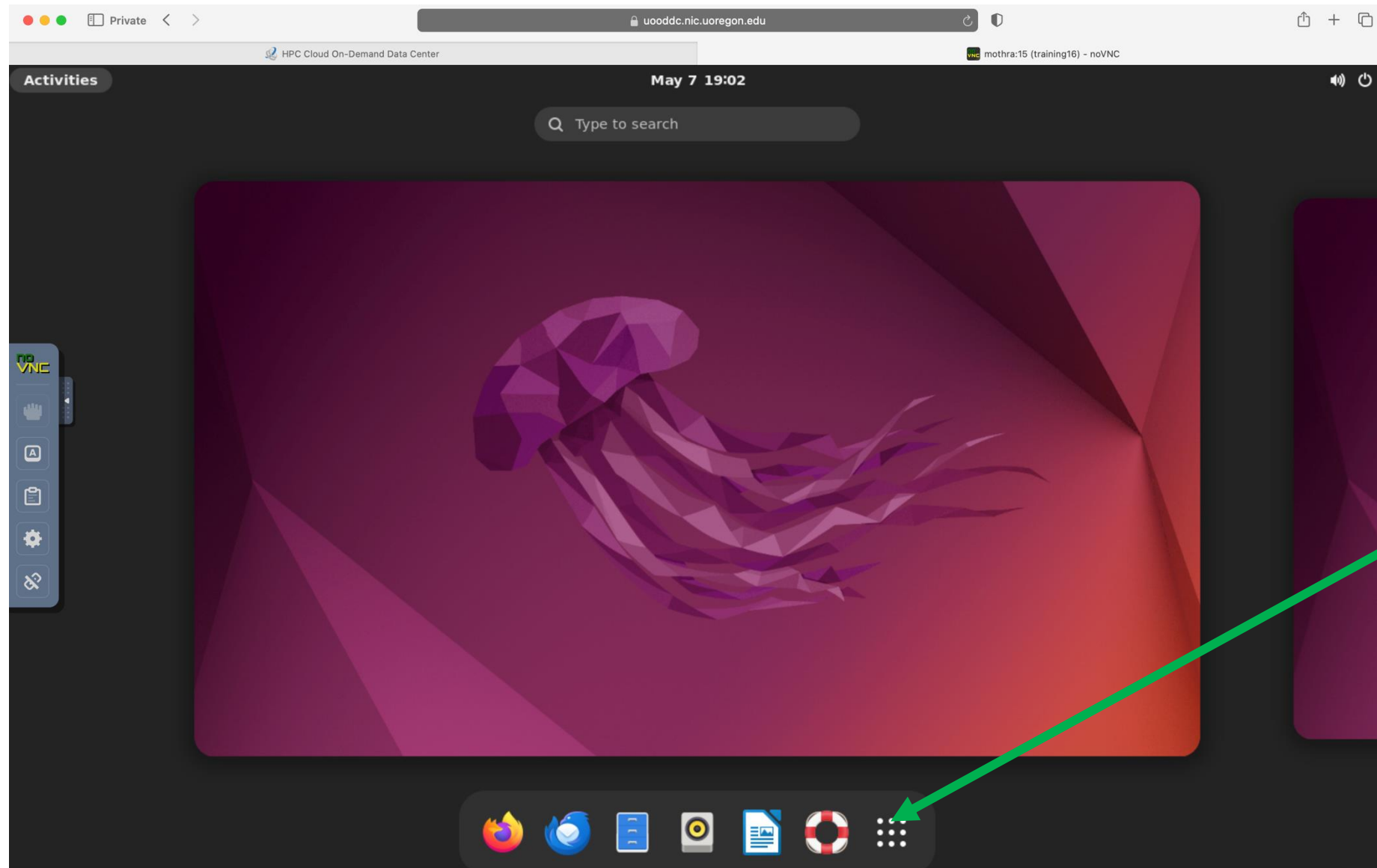
Adaptive Computing's Heidi: Launch VNC Viewer



Clipboard
to copy
to/from
host

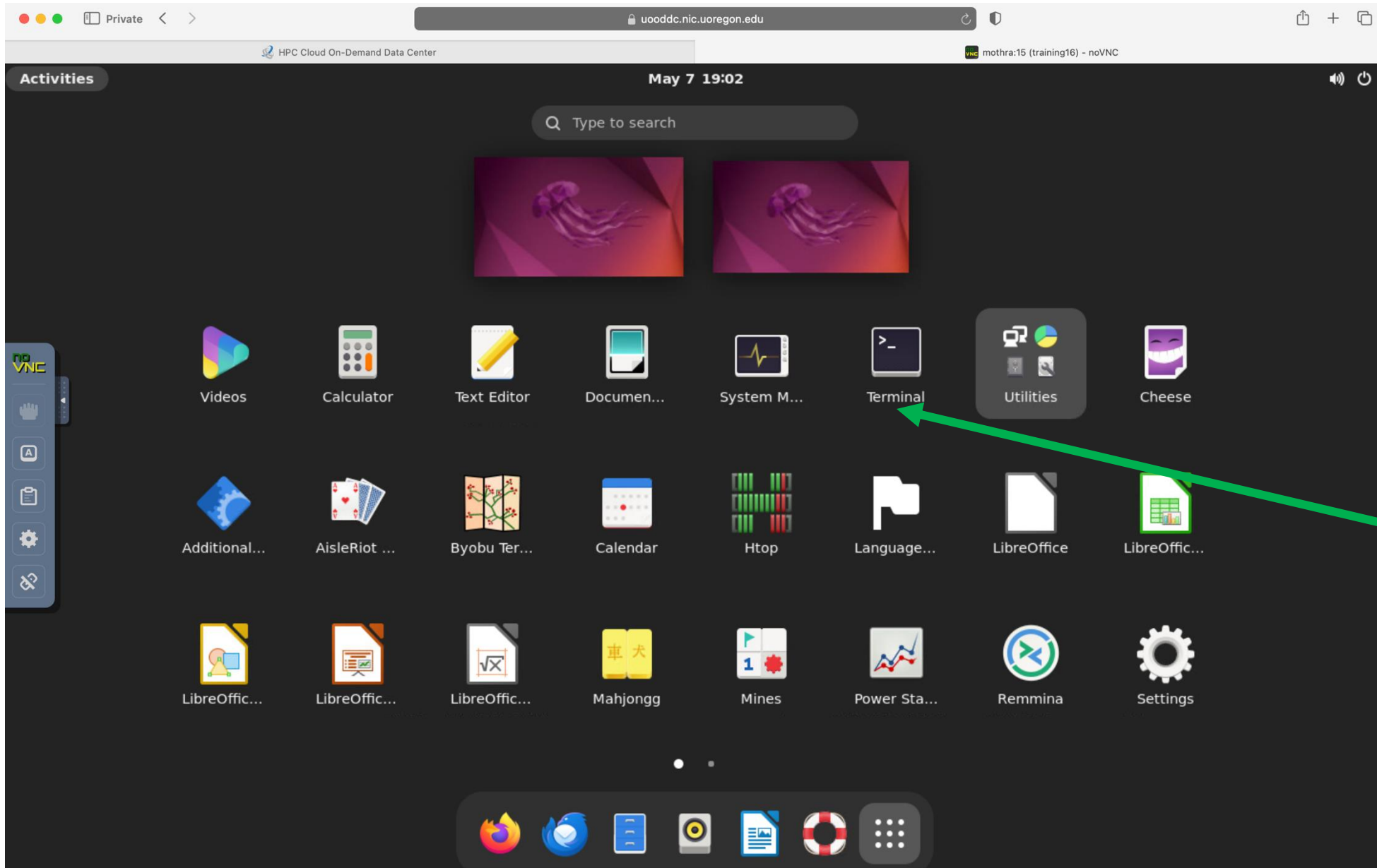
Click Activities

Adaptive Computing's Heidi: remote desktop



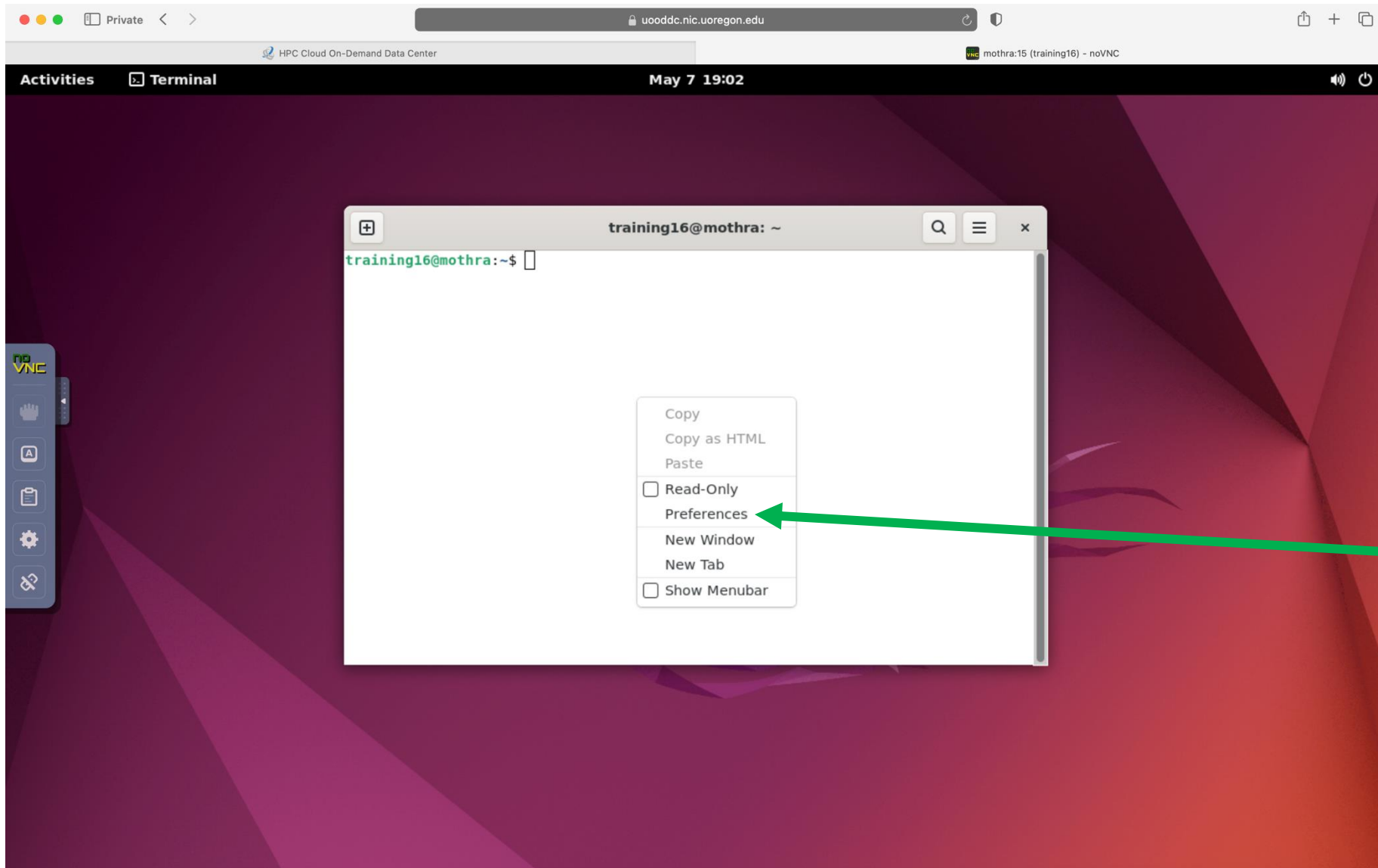
Click nine dots
to launch terminal

Adaptive Computing's Heidi: Launch Terminal application



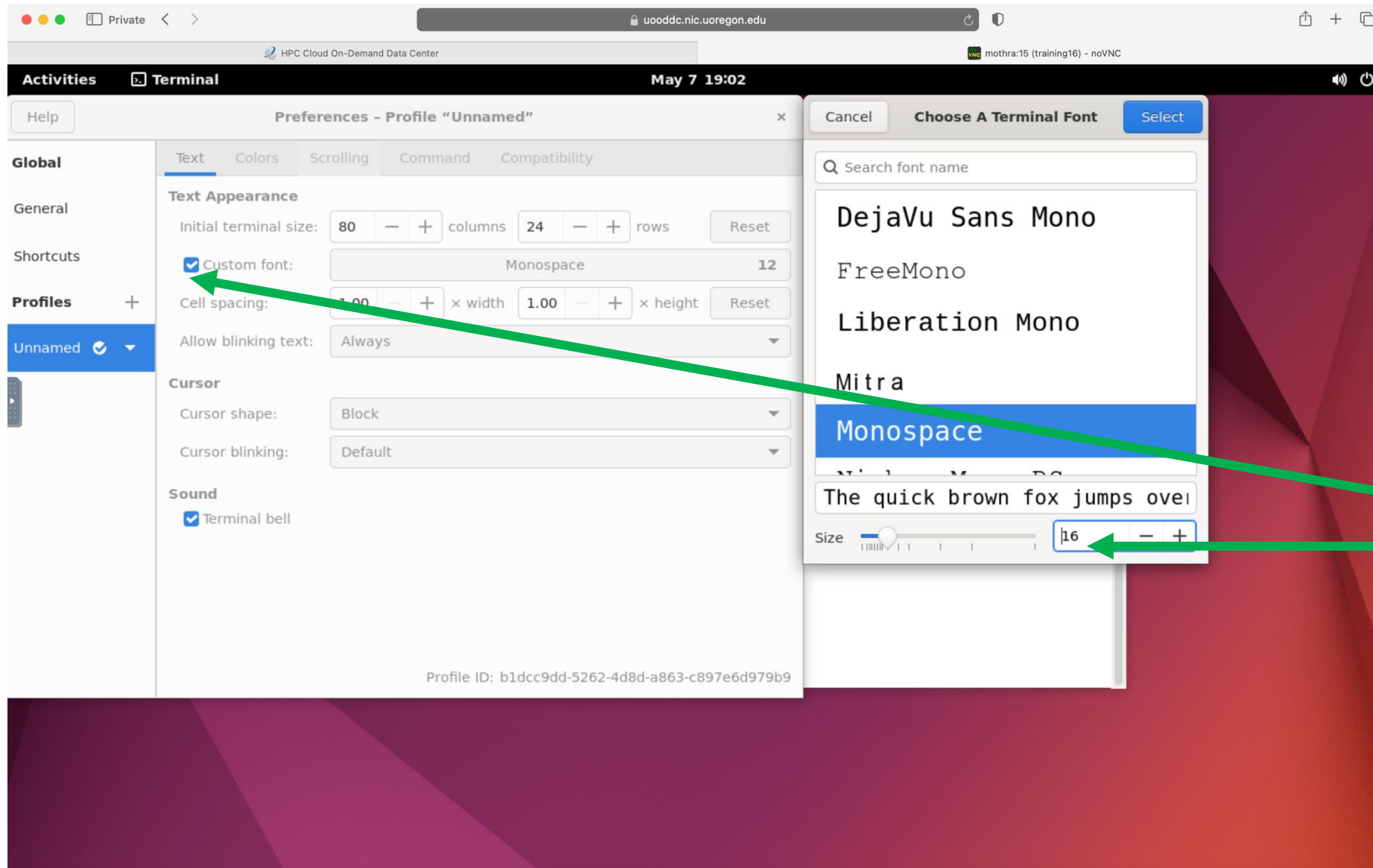
Double click and launch Terminal application

Adaptive Computing's Heidi: Launch Terminal application



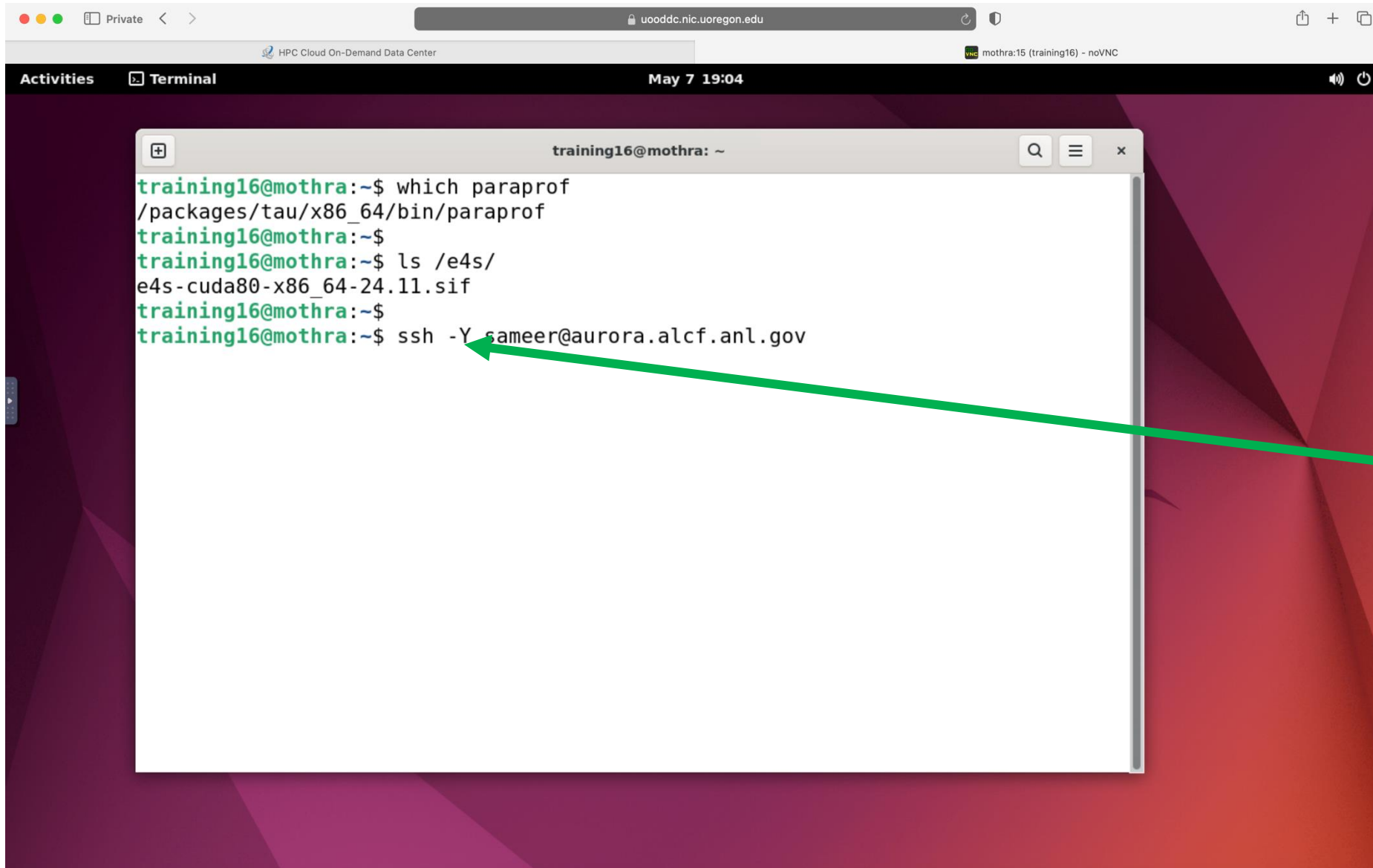
Change font size?
Right click in the
terminal and choose
Preferences

Adaptive Computing's Heidi: Launch Terminal application



Click Custom font
and choose size

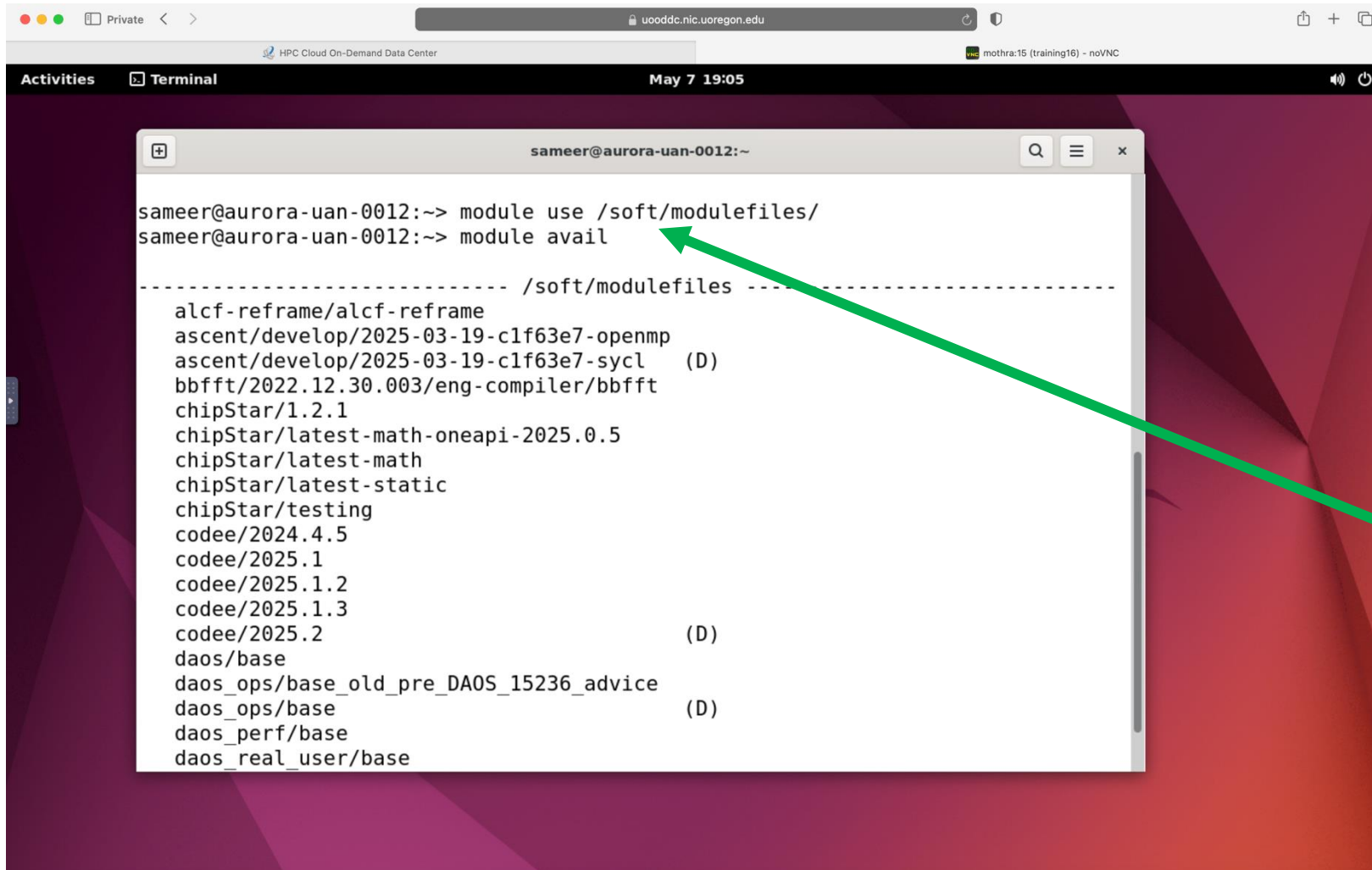
Adaptive Computing's Heidi: Logging into Aurora



```
training16@mothra:~$ which paraprof
/packages/tau/x86_64/bin/paraprof
training16@mothra:~$
training16@mothra:~$ ls /e4s/
e4s-cuda80-x86_64-24.11.sif
training16@mothra:~$
training16@mothra:~$ ssh -Y sameer@aurora.alcf.anl.gov
```

ssh using -Y

Aurora: Add a directory to the default module path

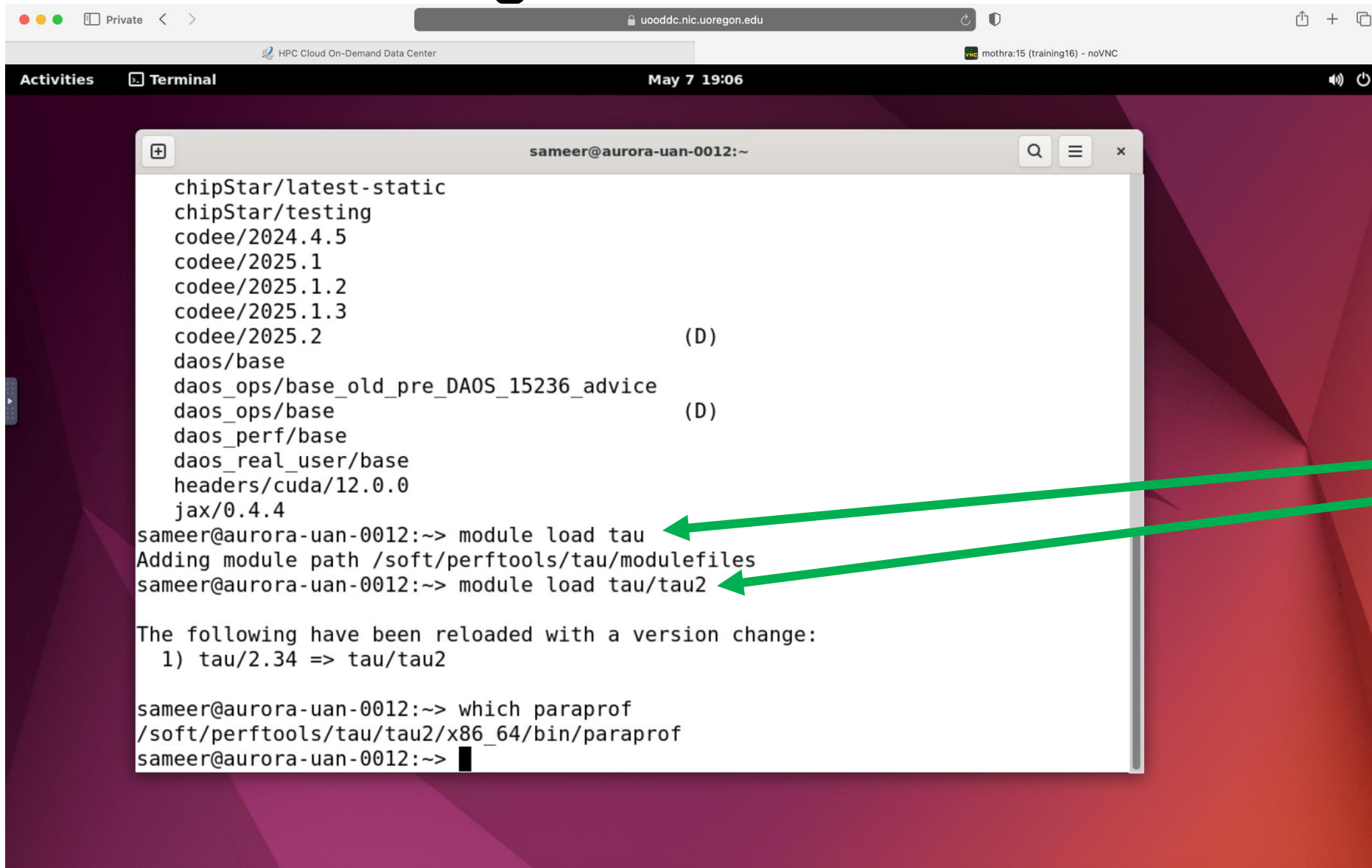


```
sameer@aurora-uan-0012:~> module use /soft/modulefiles/
sameer@aurora-uan-0012:~> module avail

----- /soft/modulefiles -----
alcf-reframe/alcf-reframe
ascent/develop/2025-03-19-clf63e7-openmp
ascent/develop/2025-03-19-clf63e7-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
daos_ops/base (D)
daos_perf/base
daos_real_user/base
```

module use /soft/modulefiles

Aurora: Loading TAU



```
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-uan-0012:~> module load tau
Adding module path /soft/perftools/tau/modulefiles
sameer@aurora-uan-0012:~> module load tau/tau2

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

sameer@aurora-uan-0012:~> which paraprof
/soft/perftools/tau/tau2/x86_64/bin/paraprof
sameer@aurora-uan-0012:~> █
```

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

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 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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(/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

Load TAU
on compute
nodes

Using TAU on Aurora

```
tar xf /soft/perftools/tau/tar/workshop.tgz
cd workshop; cat README
qsub -I -l walltime=0:29:00 -l filesystems=home:flare -A gpu_hack -q gpu_hack_prio
-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 -l0 -ebs ./a.out

mpiexec -n 4 tau_exec -l0 -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
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- 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

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% module use /soft/modulefiles; module load tau; module load tau/tau2
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- 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 -l0 ./a.out`
 - DPC++/SYCL without MPI: `% tau_exec -T serial -l0 ./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)
```

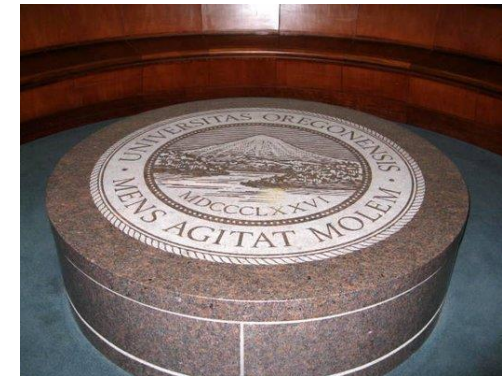
Tracing:

```
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;`
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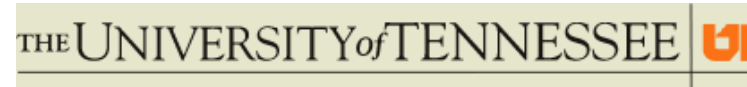
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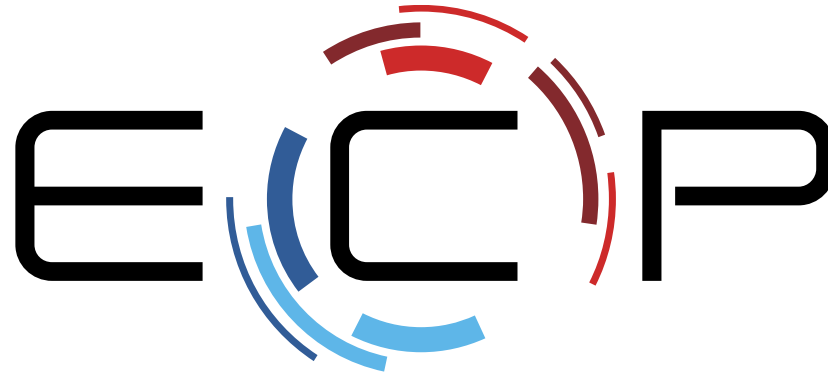
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