

Intel[®] VTune[™] Amplifier XE Generics

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Agenda

Introduction to Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE profiler

High-level Features

Types of Analysis

Hotspot analysis

- Basic Hotspots
- Advanced Hotspots
- Lab 1: Find the Performance Hotspot

Concurrency Analysis

Lab 2: Analyzing Parallelism

Locks and Waits Analysis

Lab 3: Identifying Parallelism issues

User and Synchronization API, Frame/Task Analysis

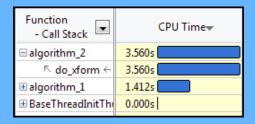
Lab 4: Instrumenting user source code

Command Line Interface, Installation, Remote Collection Conclusion

Performance Profiler

Where is my application...

Spending Time?



- Focus tuning on functions taking time
- See call stacks
- See time on source

Wasting Time?

Line		MEM_LOAD LLC_MISS
475	float rx, ry, rz =	
476	float param1 = (AP	30,000
477	float param2 = (AA	
478	bool neg = (rz < 0	

- See cache misses on your source
- See functions sorted by # of cache misses

Waiting Too Long?



- See locks by wait time
- Red/Green for CPU utilization during wait

- Windows & Linux
- Low overhead
- No special recompiles

Advanced Profiling For Scalable Multicore Performance

Tune Applications for Scalable Multicore Performance

Fast, Accurate Performance Profiles

- Hotspot (Statistical call tree)
- Call counts (Statistical)
- Hardware-Event Sampling

Thread Profiling

- Visualize thread interactions on timeline
- Balance workloads

Easy set-up

- Pre-defined performance profiles
- Use a normal production build

Find Answers Fast

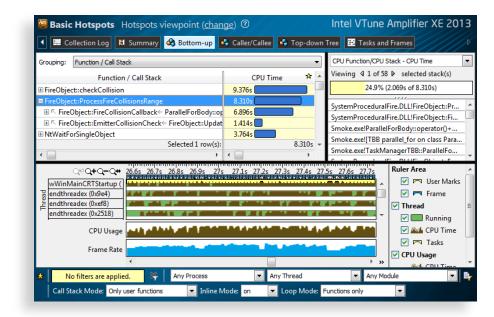
- Filter extraneous data
- View results on the source / assembly

Compatible

- Microsoft, GCC, Intel compilers
- C/C++, Fortran, Assembly, .NET, Java
- Latest Intel® processors and compatible processors¹

Windows or Linux

- Visual Studio Integration (Windows)
- Standalone user i/f and command line
- 32 and 64-bit



¹ IA32 and Intel[®] 64 architectures. Many features work with compatible processors. Event based sampling requires a genuine Intel[®] Processor.



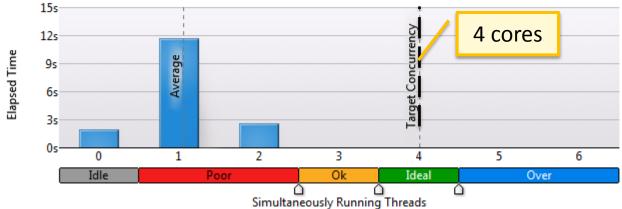
A set of instruments to identify performance problems

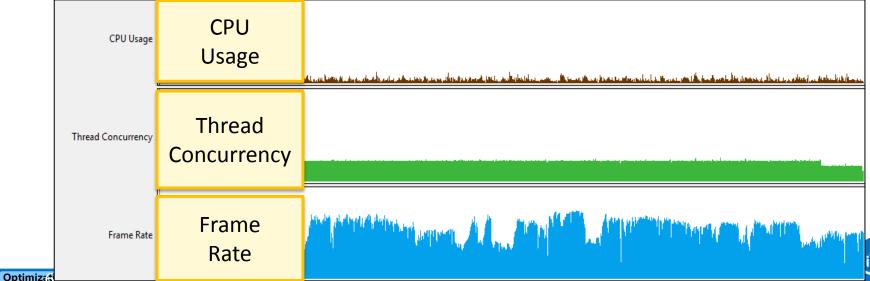
Quick Overview

Get a quick snapshot

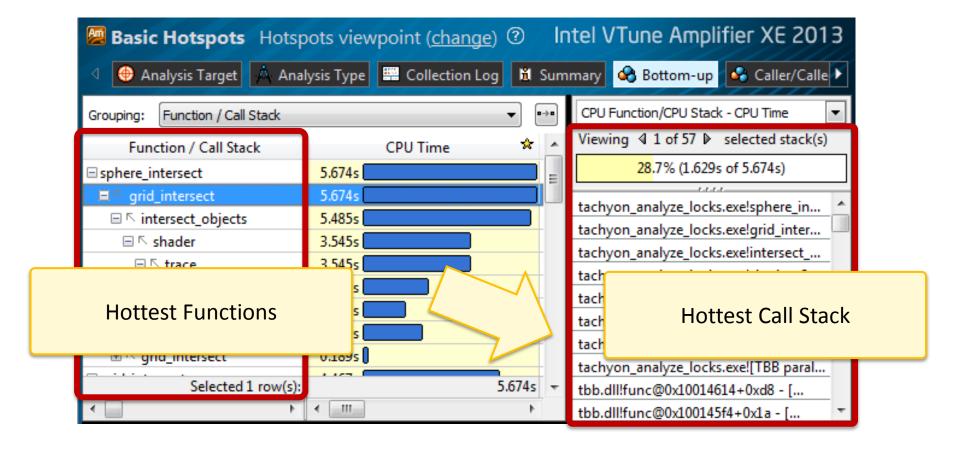
Thread Concurrency Histogram

This histogram represents a breakdown of the Elapsed Time. It visualizes the percentage of the wall time the specific number of threads were considered running if they are either actually running on a CPU or are in the runnable state in the OS scheduler. Essentially, Thread Concurrer that were not waiting. Thread Concurrency may be higher than CPU usage if threads are in the runnable state and not consuming CPU time.





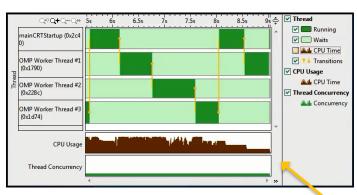
Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE Identify hotspots



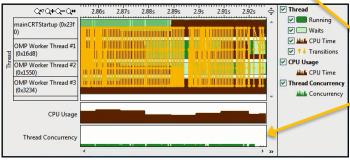
Quickly identify what is important

Identify threading inefficiency

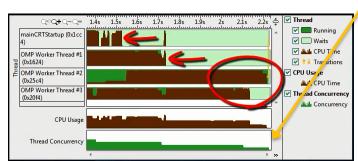
Coarse Grain Locks



High Lock Contention

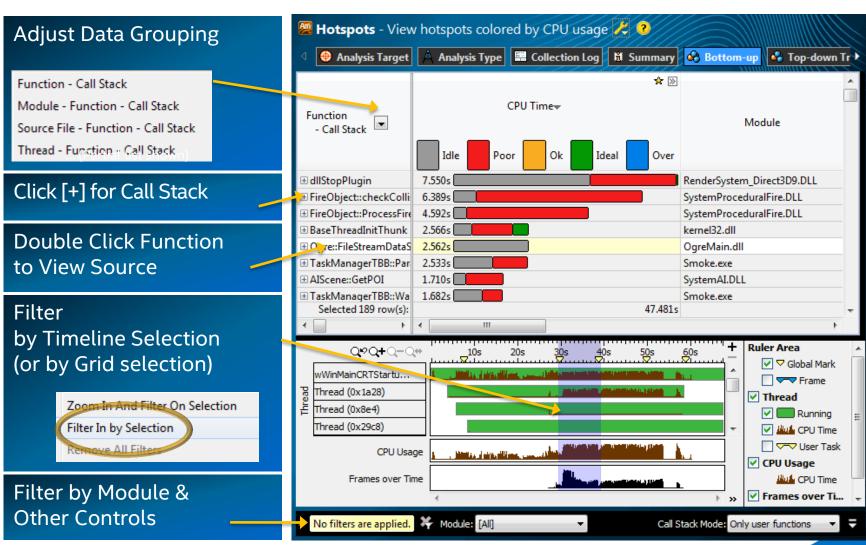


Load Imbalance

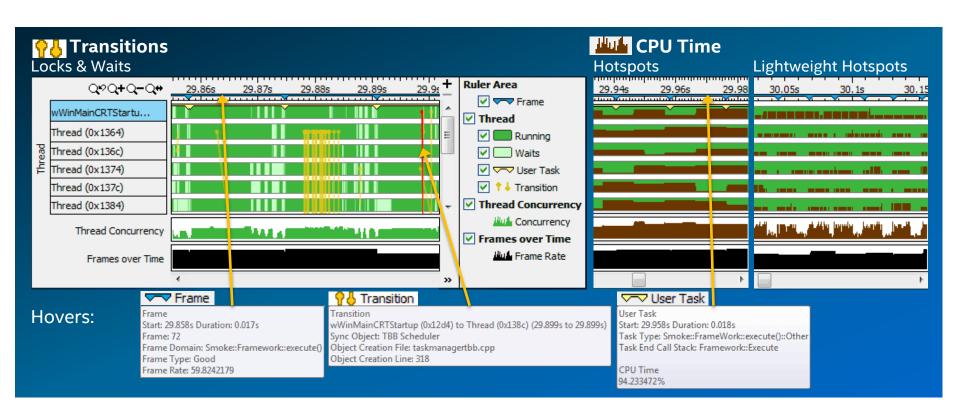


Low Concurrency

Find Answers Fast



Timeline Visualizes Thread Behavior

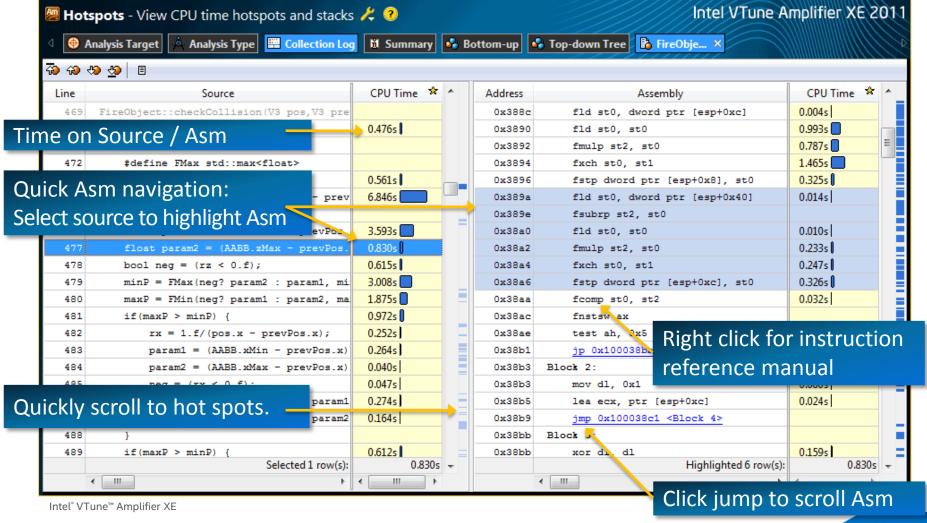


Optional: Use API to mark frames and user tasks

Optional: Add a mark during collection



See Profile Data On Source / Asm



High-level Features

Feature Highlights

Basic Hot Spot Analysis (Statistical Call Graph)

- Locates the time consuming regions of your application
- Provides associated call-stacks that let you know how you got to these time consuming regions
- Call-tree built using these call stacks

Advanced Hotspot and architecture analysis

- Based on Hardware Event-based Sampling (EBS)
- Pre-defined tuning experiments

Thread Profiling

- Visualize thread activity and lock transitions in the timeline
- Provides lock profiling capability
- Shows CPU/Core utilization and concurrency information

GPU Compute Performance Analysis

Collect GPU data for tuning OpenCL applications. Correlate GPU and CPU activities

Feature Highlights

Attach to running processes

Hotspot and Concurrency analysis modes can attach to running processes

System wide data collection

 EBS modes allows system wide data collection and the tool provides the ability to filter this data

GUI

- Standalone GUI available on Windows* and Linux
- Microsoft* Visual Studio integration

Command Line

Comprehensive support for regression analysis and remote collection

Platform & application support

- Windows* and Linux (Android, Tizen, Yocto in the ISS)
- Microsoft* .NET/C# applications
- Java* and mixed applications
- Fortran applications



Feature Highlights

Event multiplexing

Gather more information with each profiling run

Timeline correlation of thread and event data

- Populates thread active time with event data collected for that thread
- Ability to filter regions on the timeline

Advanced Source / Assembler View

- See event data graphed on the source / assembler
- View and analyze assembly as basic blocks
- Review the quality of vectorization in the assembly code display of your hot spot

Provides pre-defined tuning experiments

- Predefined profiles for quick analysis configuration
- A user profile can be created on a basis of a predefined profile

User API

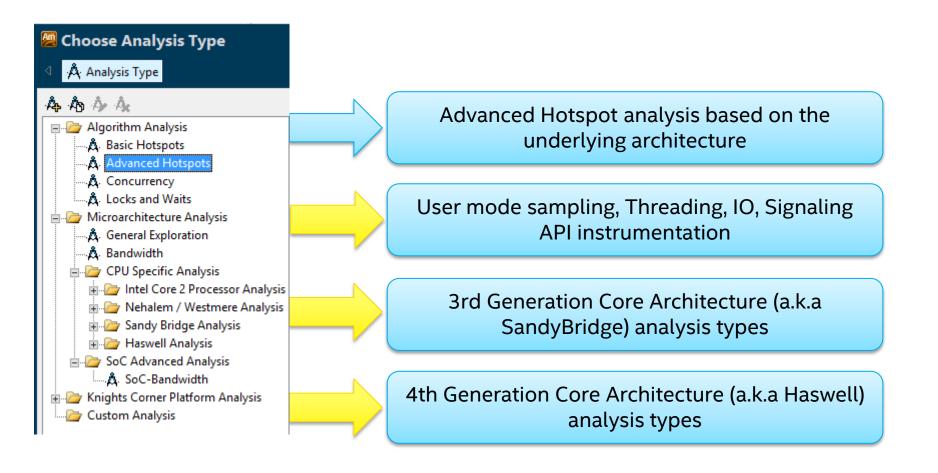
 Rich set of user API for collection control, events highlighting, code instrumentation, and visualization enhancing.

Data Collectors and Analysis Types

Analysis Types (based on technology)

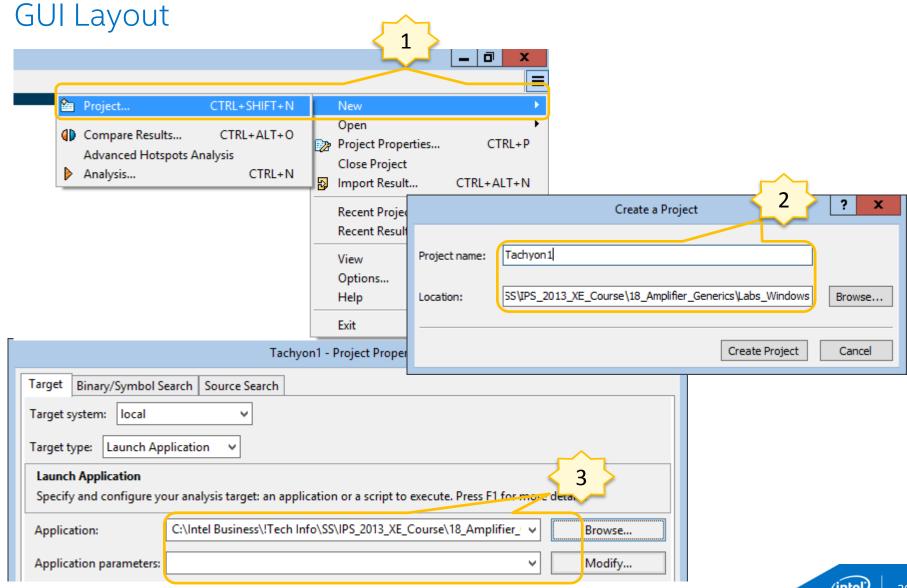
Software Collector Any x86 processor, any virtual, no driver	Hardware Collector Higher res., lower overhead, system wide
Basic Hotspots Which functions use the most time?	Advanced Hotspots Which functions use the most time? Where to inline? – Statistical call counts
Concurrency Tune parallelism. Colors show number of cores used.	General Exploration Where is the biggest opportunity? Cache misses? Branch mispredictions?
Locks and Waits Tune the #1 cause of slow threaded performance – waiting with idle cores.	Advanced Analysis Dig deep to tune bandwidth, cache misses, access contention, etc.

Pre-defined Analysis Types

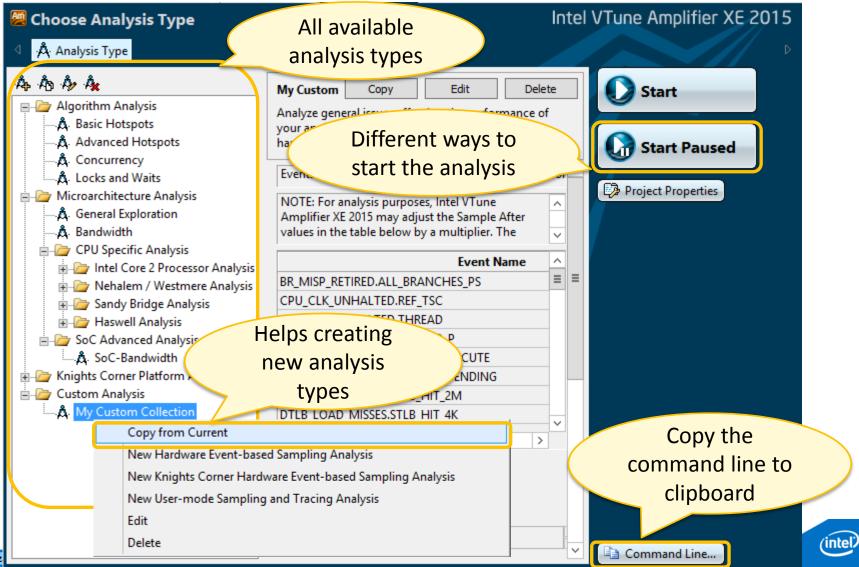


GUI Layout

Creating a Project

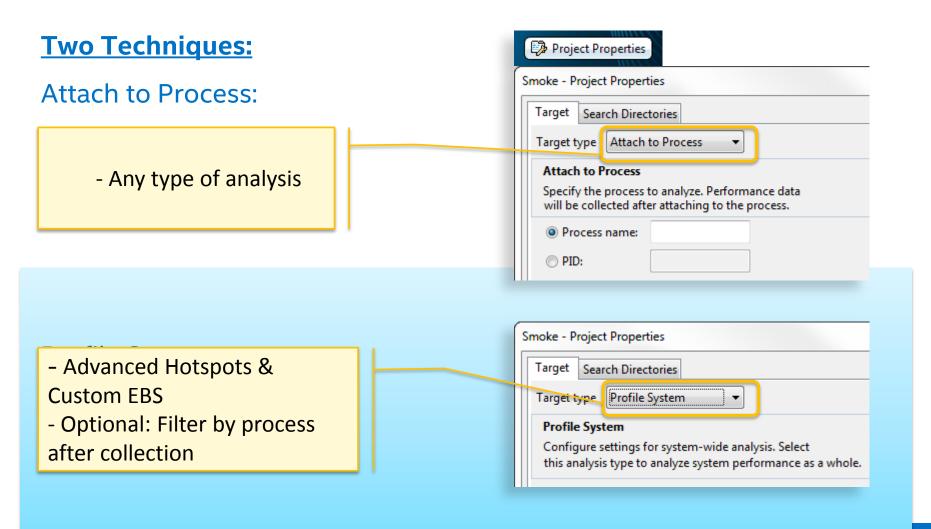


Selecting type of data collection GUI Layout



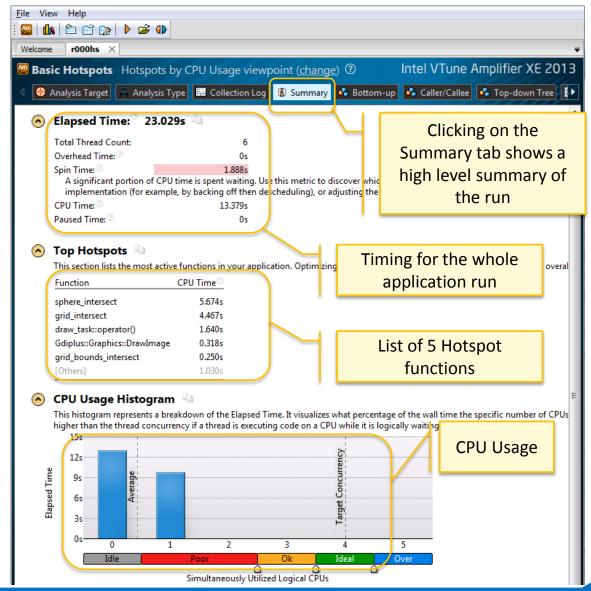
Profile a Running Application

No need to stop and re-launch the app when profiling

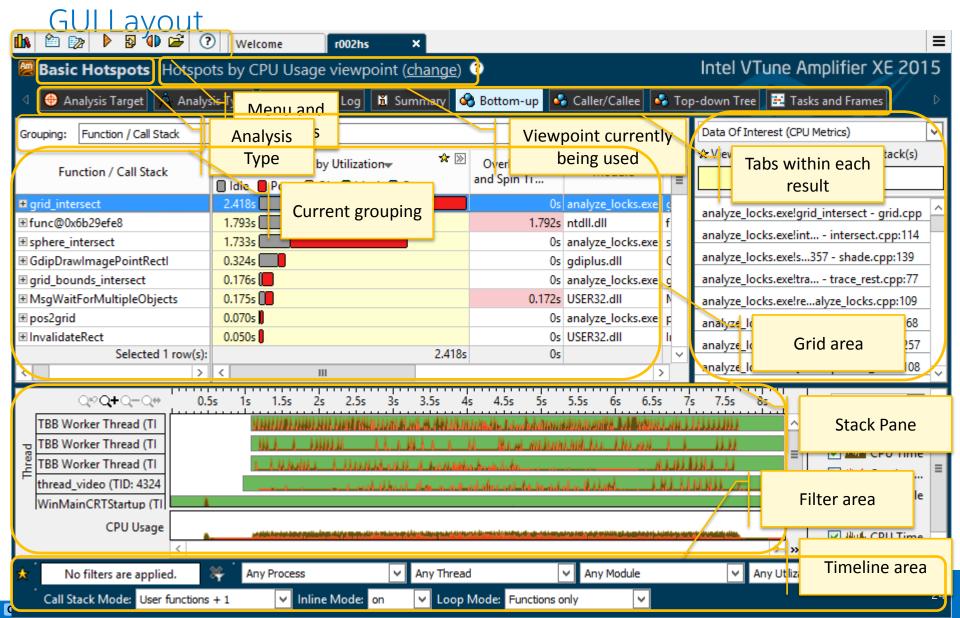


Summary View

GUI Layout

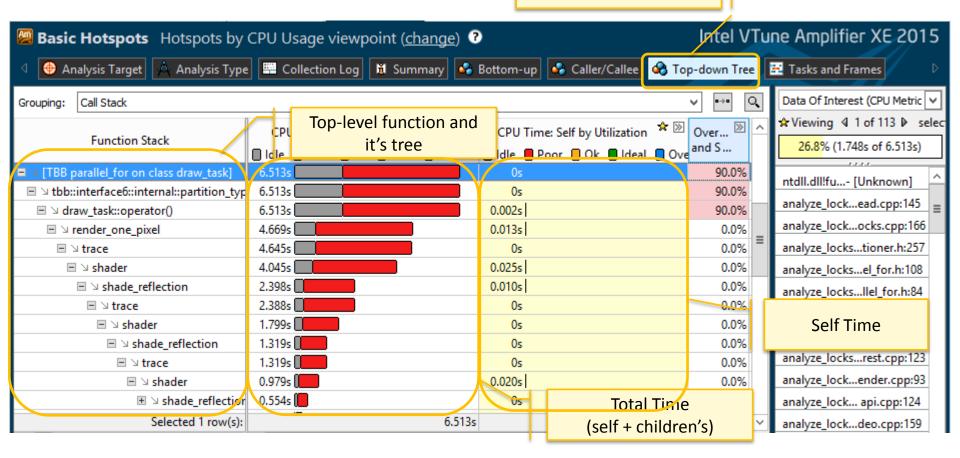


Bottom-Up View



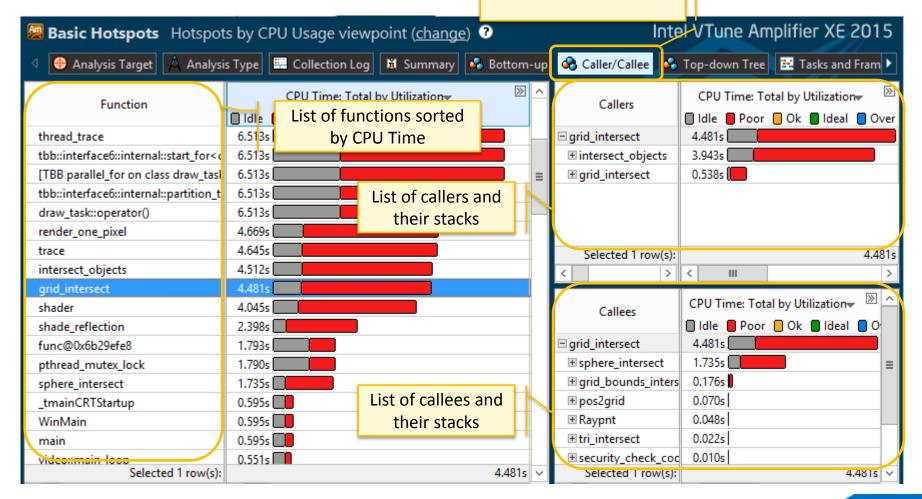
Top-Down View GUI Layout

Clicking on the Top-Down Tree tab changes stack representation in the Grid



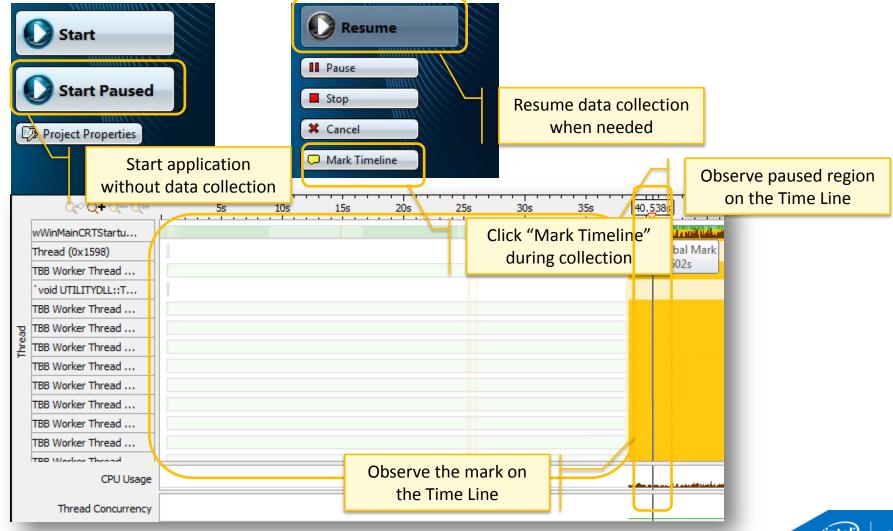
Caller/Callee View GUI Layout

Select a function in the Bottom-Up and find the caller/callee



Adding User Marks to the Timeline

GUI Controls

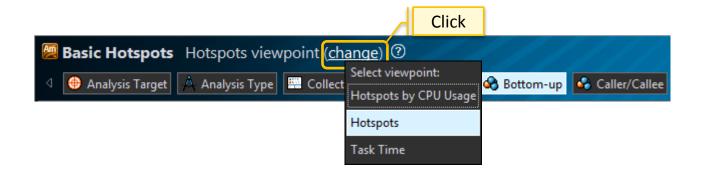


Key Result Analysis and GUI Concepts

Result Analysis GUI Concepts

Viewpoints

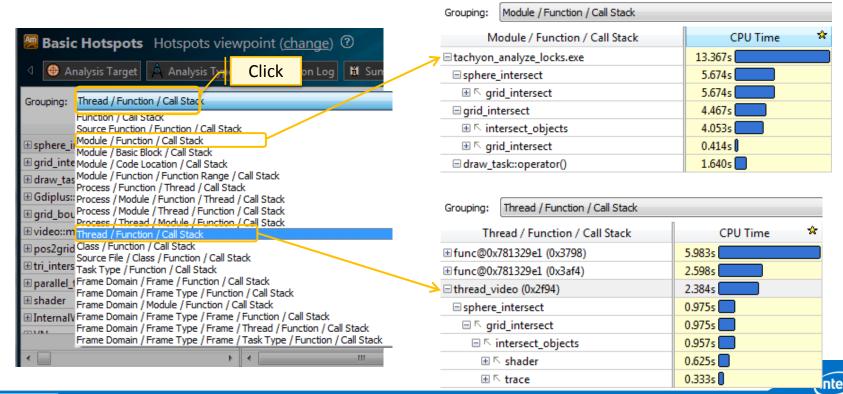
- It is a pre-defined view that determines what needs to be displayed in the grid and timeline for a given analysis type
- An analysis type may support more than one view points
- To change viewpoints, select a viewpoint by clicking on



Result Analysis GUI Concepts

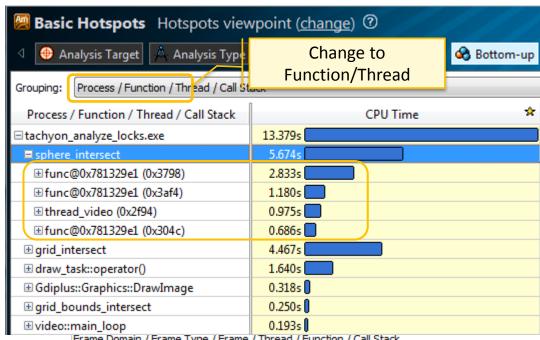
Groupings

- Each analysis type has many viewpoints
- Each viewpoint has pre-defined groupings
- Allows you to analyze the data in different hierarchies and granularities



Viewpoints and Groupings

For example, pre-defined groupings can be used to determine load imbalance



Frame Domain / Frame Type / Frame / Thread / Function / Call Stack Frame Domain / Frame Type / Frame / Task Type / Function / Call Stack

Key Concepts

Results Comparison

VTune™ Amplifier XE allows comparison of two similar runs

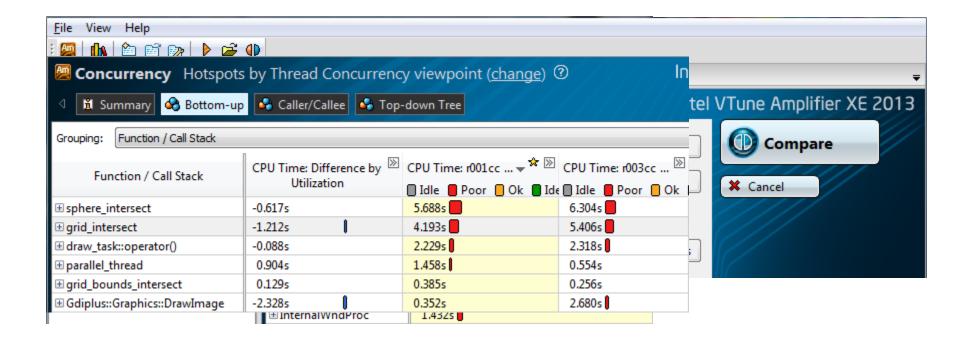
Extremely useful for:

- Benchmarking
- Regression analysis
- Testing

During performance optimization work source code may change

- Binary recompiled: compare based on source function
- Inside a function: compare based on functions level
- Functions changed: group by source files and compare
- Source files changed: compare by modules

Results Comparison



Analysis Types Revisited Lab Activities

Reminding the methodology

of performance profiling and tuning

The Goal: minimize the time it takes your program / module / function to execute

- Identify Hotspots and focus on them
- It's just a few functions (20% of code does 80% of job)
- Optimize them (with compiler or hand optimizations)
- Check for hotspots again, and find new ones

How to optimize the Hotspots?

- Maximize CPU utilization and minimize elapsed time
- Ensure CPU is busy all the time
- All Cores busy parallelism
- Busy with useful tasks
- Optimize tasks execution

Performance profiling

Terminology

Elapsed Time

The total time your target application ran. Wall clock time at end of application

- Wall clock time at start of application

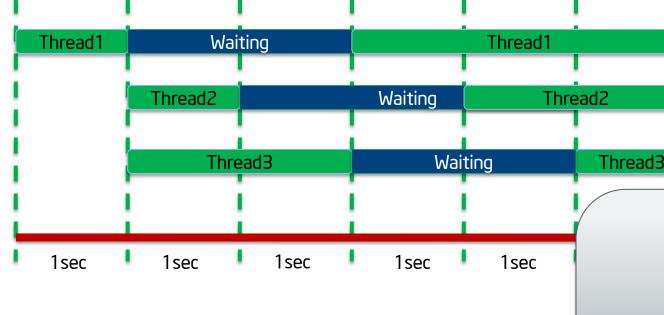
CPU Time

The amount of time a thread spends executing on a logical processor. For multiple threads, the CPU time of the threads is summed.

Wait Time

The amount of time that a given thread waited for some event to occur, such as: synchronization waits and I/O waits

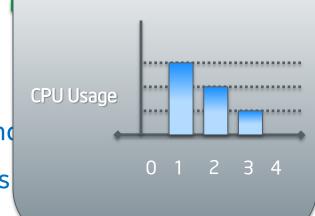
Performance profiling CPU Usage



Elapsed Time: 6 seconds

CPU Time: T1 (4s) + T2 (3s) + T3 (3s) = 10 second

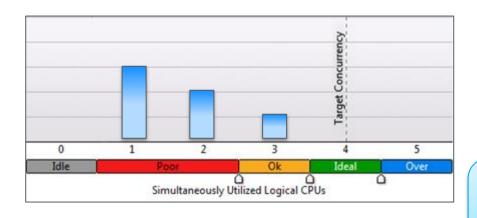
Wait Time: T1(2s) + T2(2s) + T3(2s) = 6 seconds



CPU Usage

How it's presented by VTune Amplifier

Summary View: CPU Usage Histogram



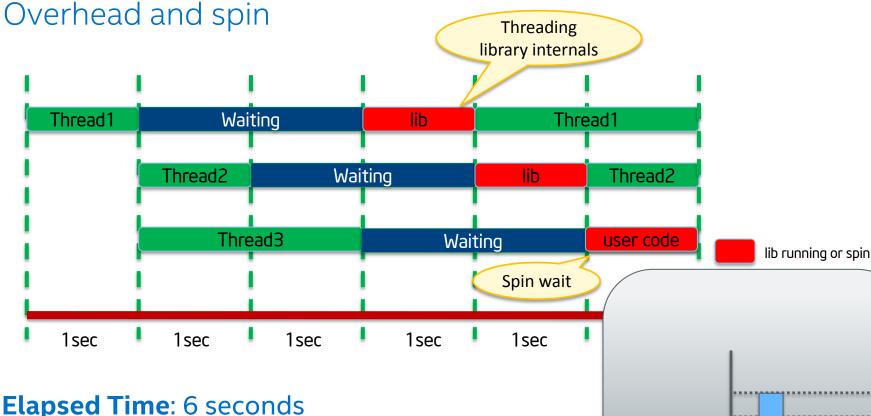
Only CPU Time measured

Wait Time is not counted in Hotspots

Bottom-Up View: CPU Time

Function	CPU Time	By CPU Utilization
My_Func()	10 s	

Performance profiling



Elapsed Time: 6 seconds

CPU Time: T1 (4s) + T2 (3s) + T3 (3s) = 10 seconds

Wait Time: T1(2s) + T2(2s) + T3(2s) = 6 seconds

Overhead and spin Time: T1(1s) + T2(1s) + T2(1s)

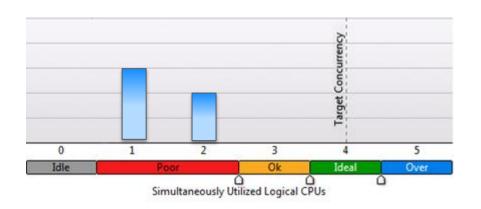


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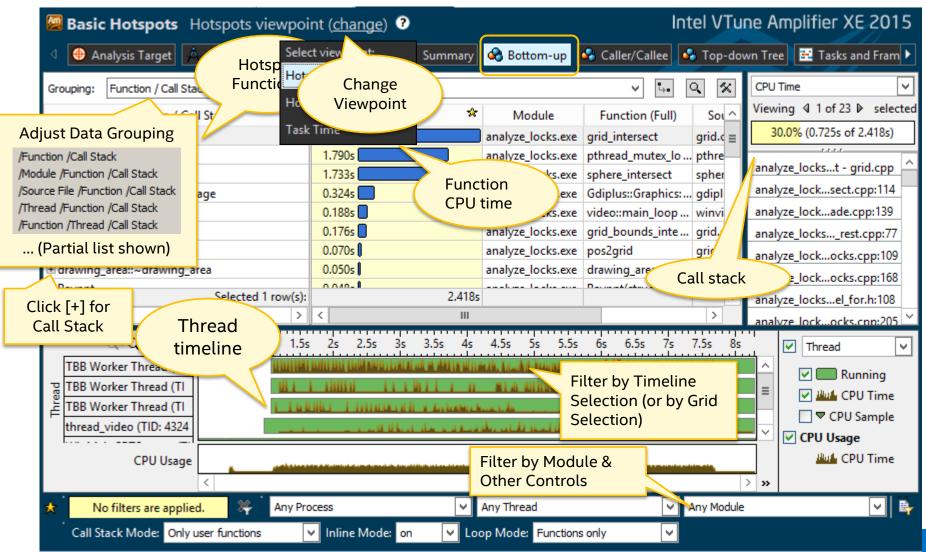
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Bottom-Up View: CPU Time

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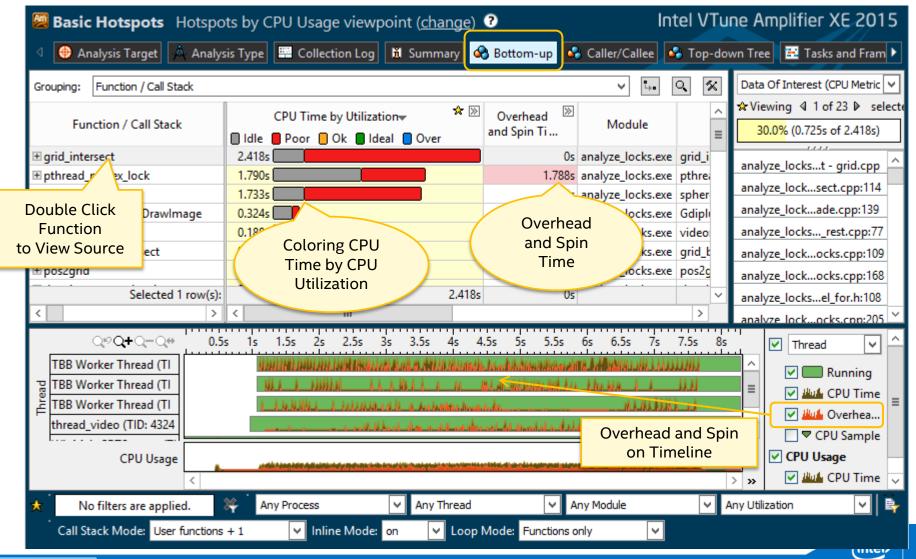
Hotspots analysis

Hotspot functions



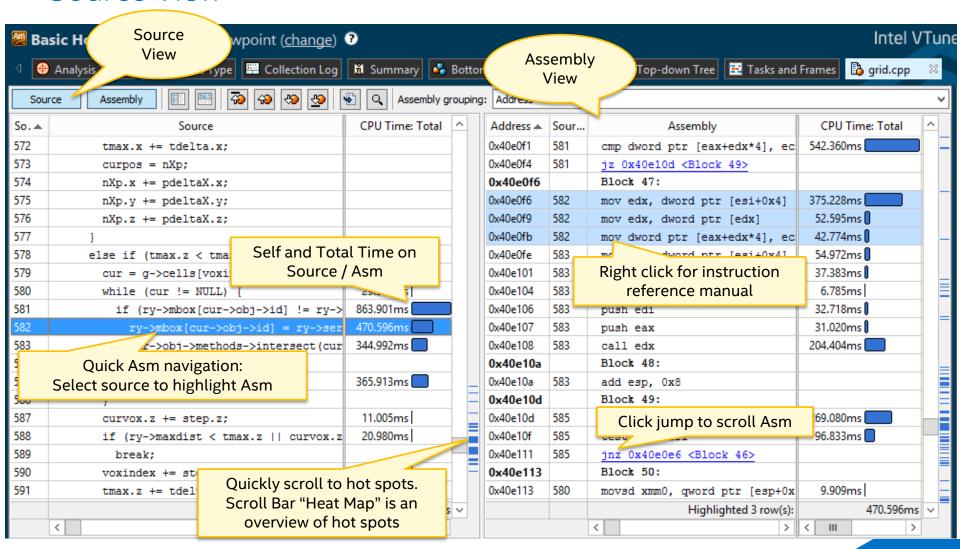
Hotspots analysis

Hotspot functions by CPU usage



Hotspots analysis

Source View



Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE User APIs

User APIs

- Collection Control API
- Thread Naming API
- User-Defined Synchronization API
- Task API
- User Event API
- Frame API
- JIT Profiling API

Enable you to

- control collection
- set marks during the execution of the specific code
- specify custom synchronization primitives implemented without standard system APIs

To use the user APIs, do the following:

- Include ittnotify.h, located at <install_dir>/include
- Insert __itt_* notifications in your code
- Link to the libittnotify.lib file located at <install_dir>/lib

Collection control and threads naming

Collection Control APIs

void ___itt_pause (void)

Run the application without collecting data. VTune™ Amplifier XE reduces the overhead of collection, by collecting only critical information, such as thread and process creation.

void ___itt_resume (void)

Resume data collection. VTune™ Amplifier XE resumes collecting all data.

Thread naming APIs

void __itt_thread_set_name (const __itt_char *name) Set thread name using char or Unicode string, where name is the thread name.

void ___itt_thread_ignore (void)

Indicate that this thread should be ignored from analysis. It will not affect the concurrency of the application. It will not be visible in the Timeline pane.

Collection Control Example

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    doSomeInitializationWork();

    __itt_resume();
    while(gRunning) {
        doSomeDataParallelWork();
    }
    __itt_pause();

    doSomeFinalizationWork();
    return 0;
}
```

User defined synchronization API example

```
long spin = 1;
. . . . .
. . . .
. itt_sync_prepare((void *) &spin );
while(ResourceBusy);
   // spin wait;
   _itt_sync_acquired((void *) &spin );
   // Use shared resource
   _itt_sync_releasing((void *) &spin );
   // Code here should free the resource
```

User Event APIs

- Useful to observe when certain events occur in your application or identify how long certain regions of code take to execute
- Event APIs enables you to annotate an application when certain events occur

```
__itt_event __itt_event_create(char *, int);
__itt_event_start(__itt_event);
__itt_event_end(__itt_event);
```

User Event APIs reference

__itt_event __**itt_event_create**(const __itt_char *name, int namelen); Create a user event type with the specified name. This API returns a handle to the user event type that should be passed into the following APIs as a parameter. The namelen parameter refers to the number of characters, not the number of bytes.

int __itt_event_start(__itt_event event);

Call this API with an already created user event handle to register an instance of that event. This event appears in the Timeline pane display as a tick mark.

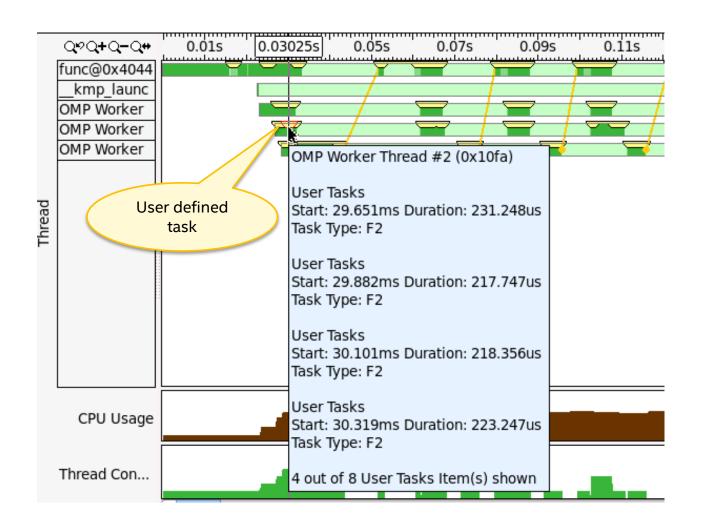
int __itt_event_end(__itt_event event);

Call this API following a call to __itt_event_start() to show the user event as a tick mark with a a duration line from start to end. If this API is not called, the user event appears in the Timeline pane as a single tick mark.

User Event APIs example

```
DWORD WINAPI aiWork (LPVOID lpArg)
   int tid = *((int*)lpArg);
    itt event aiEvent;
   aiEvent = itt event create("AI Thread Work",14);
   while(gRunning) {
       WaitForSingleObject(bSignal[tid], INFINITE);
         itt event start(aiEvent);
       doSomeDataParallelWork();
       itt event end(aiEvent);
       SetEvent(eSignal[tid]);
   return 0;
```

Visualizing Events in the Timeline View



Performance Profiling

Frame Analysis

Frame Analysis – **Analyze Long Latency Activity**

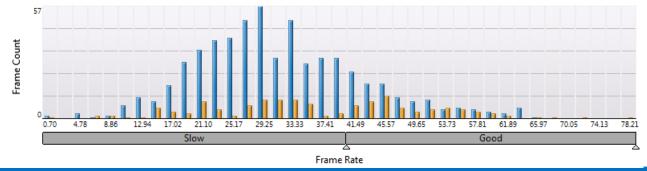
Frame: a region executed repeatedly (non-overlapping)

- API marks start and finish
- Auto detect DirectX frames

Examples:

- Game Compute next graphics frame
- Simulator Time step loop
- Computation Convergence loop

```
Application
voidalgorithm 1();
voidalgorithm 2(int myid);
doubleGetSeconds();
DWORD WINAPI do_xform (void * lpmyid);
bool checkResults();
itt domain* pD = itt domain create ("myDomain");
 Region (Frame)
while(gRunning){
   itt frame begin v3(pD, NULL);
 //Do Work
   itt frame end v3(pD, NULL);
for (int k = 0; k < N; ++k) {
int ik = i*N + k;
int kj = k*N + j;
c2[ij] += a[ik]*b[kj];
```



User API Frame APIs reference

```
__itt_domain* __itt_domain_create( const __itt_char *name );
```

void __itt_frame_begin_v3(const __itt_domain *domain, __itt_id *id);

void __itt_frame_end_v3(const
__itt_domain *domain, __itt_id *id);

Create a domain with a domain name.

Since the domain is expected to be static over the application's execution time, there is no mechanism to destroy a domain. Any domain can be accessed by any thread in the process, regardless of which thread created the domain. This call is thread-safe.

Define the beginning of the frame instance.

A __itt_frame_begin_v3 call must be paired with a __itt_frame_end_v3 call.

Successive calls to __itt_frame_begin_v3 with the same ID are ignored until a call to __itt_frame_end_v3 with the same ID.

- •domain is the domain for this frame instance.
- •id is the instance ID for this frame instance, or NULL.

Define the end of the frame instance.

A __itt_frame_end_v3 call must be paired with a __itt_frame_begin_v3 call. The first call to __itt_frame_end_v3 with a given ID ends the frame. Successive calls with the same ID are ignored, as are calls that do not have a matching itt frame begin v3 call.

- •domain The domain for this frame instance
- •id The instance ID for this frame instance, or NULL for the current instance.

Frame APIs example

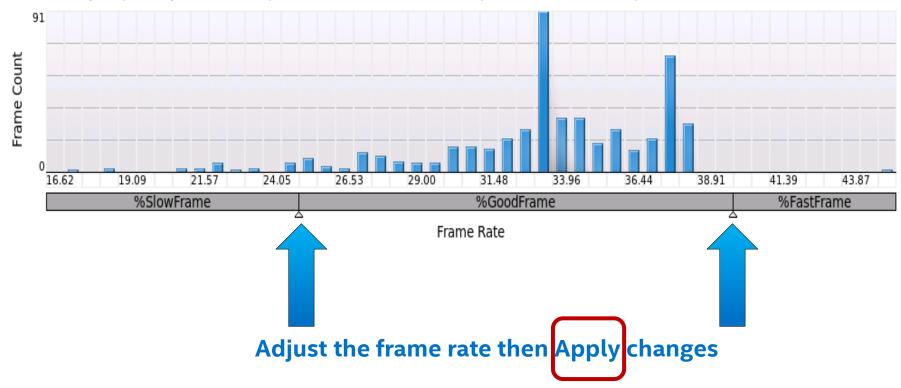
```
itt domain* pD = itt domain create ("SimDomain");
   while(gRunning) {
       itt frame begin v3(pD, NULL);
       start = clock();
       //Wait all threads before moving into the next frame
       WaitForMultipleObjects (FUNCTIONAL DOMAINS, eSignal, TRUE,
INFINITE);
       stop = clock();
       //Give all threads the "go" signal
       for (int i = 0; i < FUNCTIONAL DOMAINS; i++)</pre>
           SetEvent(bSignal[i]);
       if (frame % NETWORKCONNETION FREQ == 0) {
           //Start network thread
           SetEvent(bNetSignal);
        itt frame end v3(pD, NULL);
```

Frame Analysis

Summary View / Frame Rate Chart

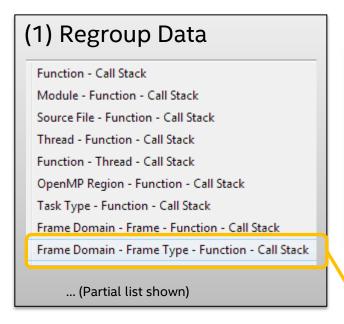
Frame Rate Chart

This histogram shows the total number of frames in your application executed with a specific frame rate. High number of slow or fast frames signals a performance bottleneck. Explore the data provided in the Bottom-up, Top-down Tree, and Timeline panes to identify code regions with the high/slow frame rate. Try to optimize your code to keep the frame rate constant (for example, from 30 to 60 frames per second).

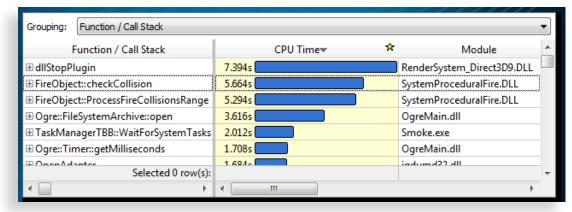


Frame Analysis

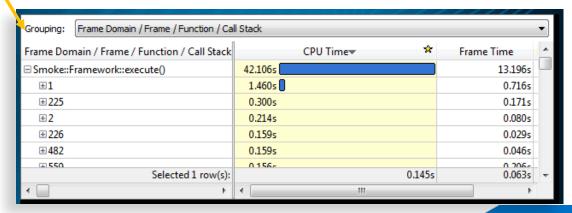
Find Slow Frames With One Click



Before: List of Functions Taking Time

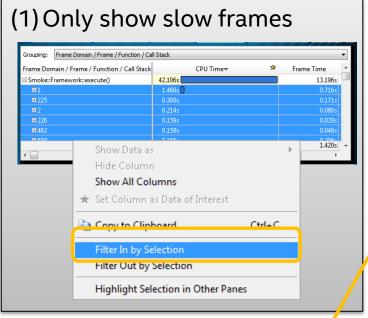


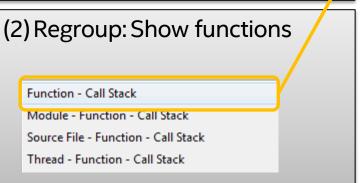
After: List of Slow Frames



Frame Analysis

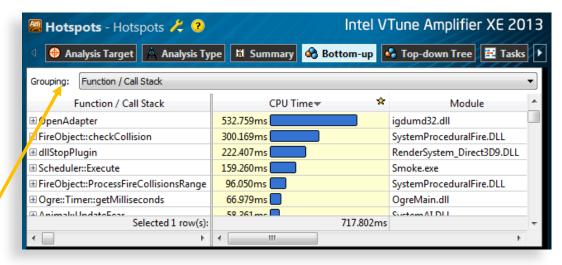
Find Slow functions in slow frames





Result:

Functions taking a lot of time in slow frames



User APIs Task APIs

- A task is a logical unit of work performed by a particular thread
- Tasks can be nested
- You can use task APIs to assign tasks to threads
- One thread executes one task at a given time
- Tasks may correspond to functions, scopes, or a case block in a switch statement

Task APIs reference

Use This Primitive	To Do This
*domain,itt_id taskid,itt_id parentid,itt_string_handle *name)	Create a task instance on a thread. This becomes the current task instance for that thread. A call toitt_task_end() on the same thread ends the current task instance.
<pre>voiditt_task_end (constitt_domain *domain)</pre>	End a task instance on a thread.

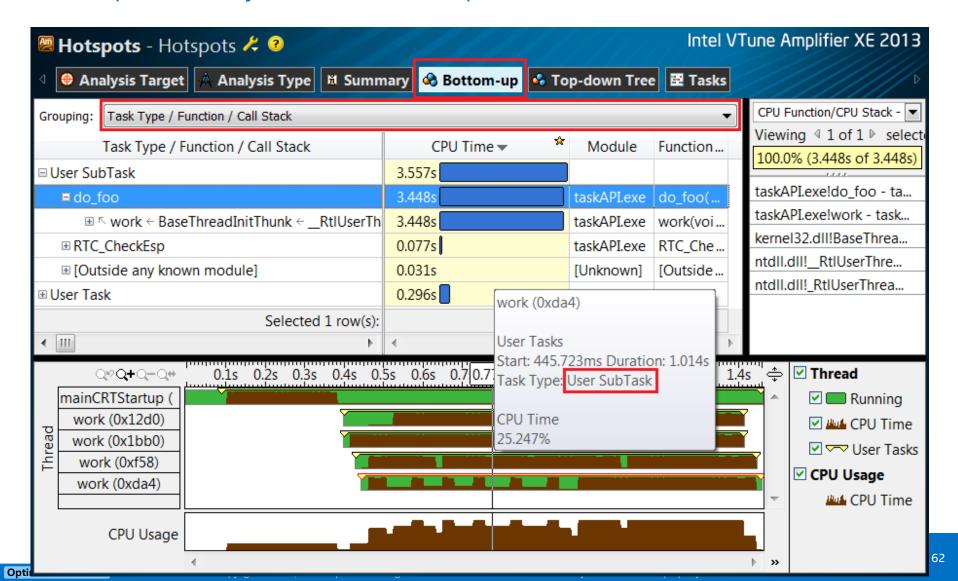
Parameter	Description
itt_domain	The domain of the task.
itt_id taskid	This is a reserved parameter.
itt_id parentid	This is a reserved parameter.
itt_string_handle	The task string handle.

Task APIs example

```
itt domain* domain = itt domain create(L"Task Domain");
 itt string handle* UserTask = itt string handle create(L"UserTask");
 itt string handle* UserSubTask = itt string handle create(L"UserSubTask");
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
    itt task begin (domain, itt null, itt null, UserTask);
    //create many threads to call work()
    itt task end (domain);
work()
    itt task begin (domain, itt null, itt null, UserSubTask);
    do foo();
    itt task end (domain);
    return 0;
```

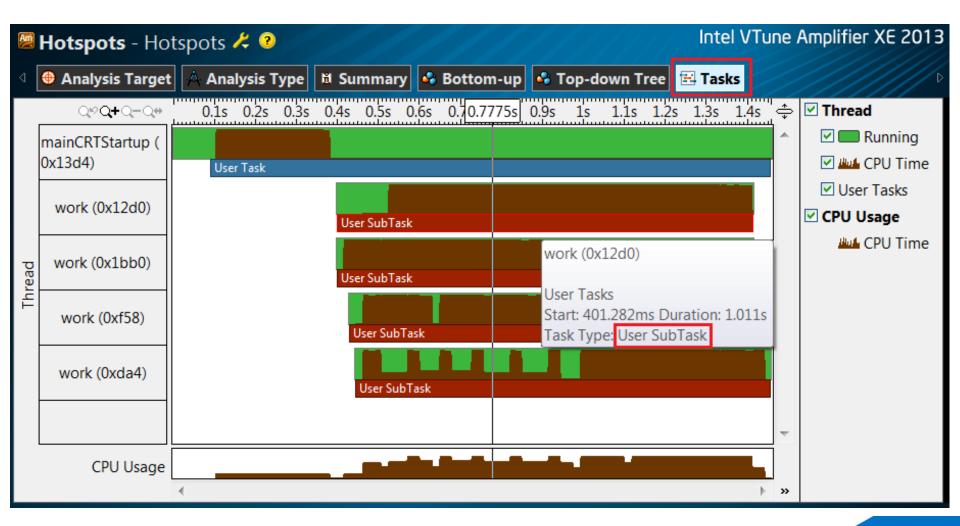
Using Task API

Hotspots analysis – Bottom-up view



Using Task API

Hotspots analysis – Task view



Command line (CLI) versions exist on Linux* and Windows*

CLI use cases:

- Test code changes for performance regressions
- Automate execution of performance analyses

CLI features:

- Fine-grained control of all analysis types and options
- Text-based analysis reports
- Analysis results can be opened in the graphical user interface

Examples

Display a list of available analysis types and preset configuration levels

```
amplxe-cl -collect-list
```

Run Hot Spot analysis on target *myApp* and store result in defaultnamed directory, such as *r000hs*

```
amplxe-cl -c hotspots -- myApp
```

Run the Cuncurrency analysis, store the result in directory r001par

amplxe-cl -c concurrency -result-dir r001par -- myApp

Reporting

```
$> amplxe-cl -report summary -r
/home/user1/examples/lab2/r003cc
```

Summary

Average Concurrency: 9.762

Elapsed Time: 158.749

CPU Time: 561.030

Wait Time: 190.342

CPU Usage: 3.636

Executing actions 100 % done

Gropof-like output

[levent@hlasnb AXE_lab3]\$ amplxe-cl -report gprof-cc -r /home/levent/examples/cern/labs/AXE_lab3/r003cc Using result path `/home/levent/examples/cern/labs/AXE_lab3/r003cc'

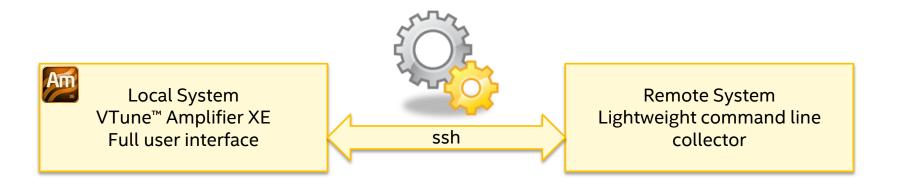
Executing actions 50 % Generating a report

	% Wait Time:Total	Wait Time:Self		Name	Index
[0]	99.88	190.104 190.104	190.104 0.0	G4RunManager::BeamOn ParRunManager::DoEventLoop	[23] [0]
[1]	0.1	0.162 0.025 0 0.186 0.001	0.162 0.025 0.001 0.001 0.001	<pre>operator<< G4RunManagerKernel::G4RunManagerKernel RunAction::EndOfRunAction G4strstreambuf::sync G4MycoutDestination::ReceiveG4cout</pre>	[17] [11] [30] [1] [5]
[2]	83.08	0.033 0.033 0	158.141 158.108 158.108	func@0x416c28 main G4_main	[7] [2] [18]
[3]	0.0	0.002 0.002	0.002 0.0	CLHEP::HepRandom::showEngineStatus CLHEP::RanecuEngine::showStatus	[22] [3]
[4]	0.0	0.001 0.001	0.001 0.0	G4_main G4MycoutDestination::G4MycoutDestination	[18] [4]
[5]	0.0	0.001 0.001	0.001 0.0	G4strstreambuf::sync G4MycoutDestination::ReceiveG4cout	[1] [5]
[6]	0.0	0 0.0	0 0.0	G4UImanager::ExecuteMacroFile <cycle 1=""> G4UIbatch::G4UIbatch</cycle>	[28] [6]
[7]	83.08	0.0 0.033	158.141 158.141	func@0x416c28 main	[7] [2]
[8]	99.88	0 0.0	190.107 190.107	G4_main <cycle 1="" a="" as="" whole=""></cycle>	[18] [8]

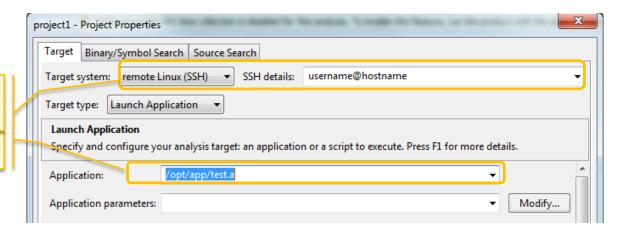
CSV output

```
$> amplxe-cl -report hotspots -csv-delimiter=comma -format=csv -
report-out=testing111 -r r003cc
Function, Module, CPU Time, Idle: CPU Time, Poor: CPU Time, Ok: CPU
Time, Ideal: CPU Time, Over: CPU Time
CLHEP::RanecuEngine::flat,test40,50.751,0,0.050,0.081,0.080,50.541
G4UniversalFluctuation::SampleFluctuations, test40,32.730,0,0.030,0.
070,0.010,32.620
sqrt, test40,19.060,0,0.010,0.070,0.030,18.951
G4Track::GetVelocity,test40,15.330,0,0.030,0.030,0.040,15.230
G4VoxelNavigation::LevelLocate, test40,14.460,0,0.020,0.010,0.040,14
.390
G4Step::UpdateTrack,test40,14.090,0,0,0.030,0.020,14.040
G4NavigationLevelRep::G4NavigationLevelRep,test40,13.721,0,0.030,0.
020,0.040,13.631
exp, test40, 13.438, 0, 0.038, 0.010, 0.060, 13.330
log, test40, 13.340, 0, 0.180, 0.020, 0.110, 13.030
G4PhysicsVector::GetValue,test40,11.970,0,0.020,0.020,0.050,11.880
```

Remote Data Collection



- Setup the experiment using GUI locally
- Configure remote target connection*
- 3. Specify application to run
- Run analysis and get results copied to the Host automatically.



*Need to establish a passwordless ssh-connection

Remote Data Collection

Advanced



Local System VTune™ Amplifier XE Full user interface

Copy command line

Copy results file

Remote System Lightweight command line collector

- Setup the experiment using GUI locally
- 2. Copy command line instructions to paste buffer
- 3. Open remote shell on the target system
- 4. Paste command line, run collection
- 5. Copy result to your system
- 6. Open file using local GUI

One typical model

- Collect on Linux, analyze and display on Windows
 - The Linux machine is target
- Collect data on Linux system using command line tool
 - Doesn't require a license
- Copy the resulting performance data files to a Windows* system
- Analyze and display results on the Windows* system
 - Requires a license

Summary

The Intel® VTune Amplifier XE can be used to find:

- Source code for performance bottlenecks
- Characterize the amount of parallelism in an application
- Determine which synchronization locks or APIs are limiting the parallelism in an application
- Understand problems limiting CPU instruction level parallelism
- Instrument user code for better understanding of execution flow defined by threading runtimes

Questions?



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