

# Performance Evaluation and Analysis Consortium (PEAC) End Station

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# Overview

The PEAC End Station provides the performance evaluation and performance tool developer communities access to the Leadership Computing Facility (LCF) systems.

Consortium goals	
System evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluate the performance of LCF systems using standard and custom micro-, kernel, and application benchmarks</li></ul>
Performance tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Port performance tools to LCF systems and make them available to National Center for Computational Sciences (NCCS) users</li><li>Further develop the tools to take into account the scale and unique features of LCF systems</li></ul>
Performance modeling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Validate the effectiveness of performance modeling methodologies</li><li>Modify methodologies as necessary to improve their utility for predicting resource requirements for production runs on LCF systems</li></ul>

# Overview (continued)

## Consortium goals (continued)

Application analysis and optimization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analyze performance</li><li>• Help optimize current and candidate LCF application codes</li></ul>
Performance and application community support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide access to other performance researchers who are interested in contributing to the performance evaluation of the LCF systems or in porting complementary performance tools of use to the NCCS user community</li><li>• Provide access to application developers who wish to evaluate the performance of their codes on LCF systems</li></ul>

**All of this must be accomplished while adhering to the “Golden Rules” of the performance community:**

- Low visibility (no production runs!)
- Open and fair evaluations
- Timely reporting of results



# Status as of 8/28/07

**32 active users,**

**39 active projects:**

- **13 application performance analysis and optimization**
- **8 system evaluation**
- **8 tool development**
- **6 infrastructure development**
- **4 application modeling**

**Consuming:**

- **XT4: 1,168,000 processor hours (exceeding 1,000,000 processor-hour allocation)**

**Contributing to:**

- **1 refereed journal paper**
- **1 invited journal paper**
- **6 refereed proceedings papers**
- **10 proceedings papers**
- **2 book chapters**
- **Numerous oral presentations**

# System evaluation

LBNL	<b>Memory, interprocess communication, and I/O benchmarks</b>
	<b>APEX-MAP system characterization benchmark</b>
	<b>Lattice-Boltzman kernels and mini applications</b>
	<b>Application benchmarks from Astrophysics (Cactus), Fluid Dynamics (ELBM3D), High Energy Physics (BeamBeam3D, MILC), Fusion (GTC), Materials Science (PARATEC), AMR Gas Dynamics (HyperCLaw)</b>
ORNL	<b>Computation, memory, interprocess comm., and I/O benchmarks</b>
	<b>Application benchmarks from Astrophysics (Chimera), Climate (CAM, CLM, FMS, POP), Combustion (S3D), Fusion (AORSA, GTC, GYRO, XGC), Molecular Dynamics (NAMD)</b>
PMAC	<b>Subsystem probes for system characterization needed for convolution-based performance modeling</b>
Purdue Univ.	<b>Computation, memory, and interprocess comm. benchmarks</b>
	<b>Application benchmarks from Chemistry (GAMESS), High Energy Physics (MILC), Seismic Processing (SEISMIC), Weather (WRF)</b>

# Performance tools

HPCToolkit	<b>Tool suite for profile-based performance analysis</b>
Modeling assertions	<b>Performance model specification and verification framework</b>
mpiP	<b>MPI profiling infrastructure</b>
PAPI	<b>Performance data collection infrastructure</b>
Scalasca	<b>Scalable trace collection and analysis tool</b>
SvPablo	<b>Performance analysis system</b>
TAU	<b>Performance analysis system</b>
MRNet	<b>Scalable performance tool infrastructure</b>

# **Application performance analysis and optimization**

<b>Chombo</b>	<b>AMR gas dynamics model</b>
<b>DeCart</b>	<b>Nuclear code</b>
<b>FACETS</b>	<b>Framework application for core-edge transport simulation</b>
<b>GADGET</b>	<b>Computational cosmology</b>
<b>GTC_s</b>	<b>Shape plasma version of GTC gyrokinetic turbulence code</b>
<b>NEWTRNX</b>	<b>Neutron transport code</b>
<b>PDNS3D/SBLI</b>	<b>Ab initio aeroacoustic simulations of jet and airfoil flows</b>
<b>PFLOTRAN</b>	<b>Subsurface flow model</b>
<b>PNEWT</b>	<b>Combustion code</b>

# **Application code scaling, optimization, and/or performance evaluation**

<b>POLCOMS</b>	<b>Coastal ocean model</b>
<b>S3D</b>	<b>Combustion model</b>
<b>TDCC-9d</b>	<b>Nuclear code</b>
-	<b>Lattice-Boltzman applications</b>

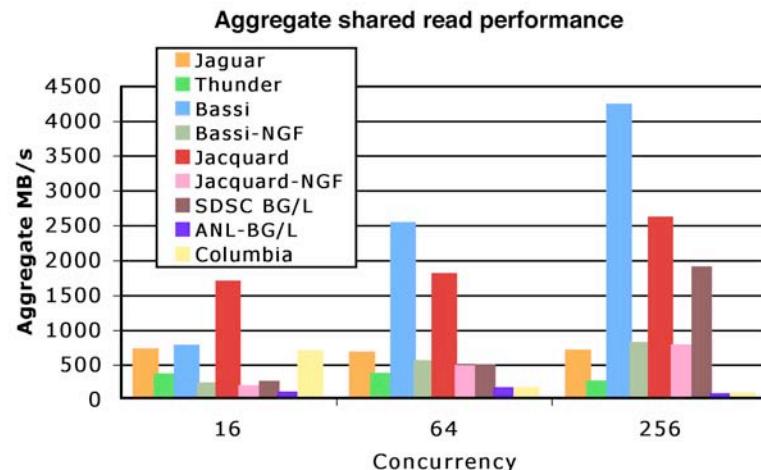
# System infrastructure

<b>cafC</b>	<b>Co-array Fortran compiler for distributed-memory systems</b>
<b>GASNet</b>	<b>Runtime networking layer for UPC and Titanium compilers</b>
<b>PETSc</b>	<b>Toolset for numerical solution of PDEs</b>
<b>PVFS/Portals</b>	<b>PVFS file system implementation on native Portals interface</b>
<b>UPC</b>	<b>Extension of C designed for high-performance computing on large-scale parallel systems</b>
-	<b>Reduction-based communication library</b>

# Performance modeling

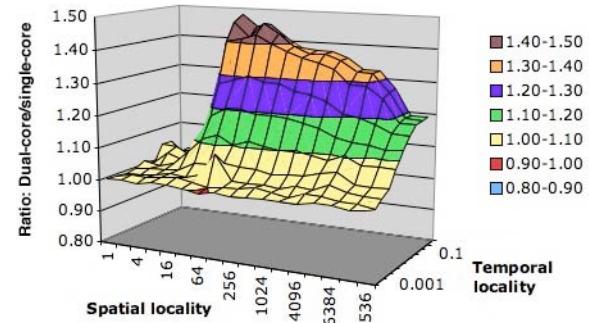
PMAC	Genetic algorithm-based modeling of memory-bound computations
ORNL	NAS parallel benchmarks; HYCOM ocean code
Texas A&M Univ.	GTC fusion code
Univ. of Wisconsin	Reusable analytic model for waveform algorithms, applied to NPB-LU, SWEEP3D, and Chimaera
	LogGP model for MPI communication on the XT4

# Subsystem evaluations



I/O performance characterization (LBL)

Cycles/Data access: Dual-core vs. single-core



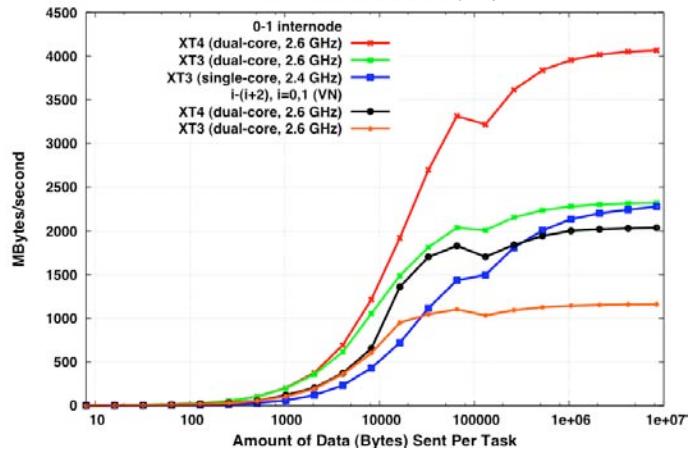
Dual vs. single core performance evaluation using APEX-MAP (LBL)

Ratio of time for all processes sending in halo update to time for a single sender

System	4 neighbors		8 Neighbors	
		Periodic		Periodic
BG/L	2.24		2.01	
BG/L, VN	1.46		1.81	
XT3	7.5	8.1	9.08	9.41
XT4	10.7	10.7	13.0	13.7
XT4 SN	5.47	5.56	6.73	7.06

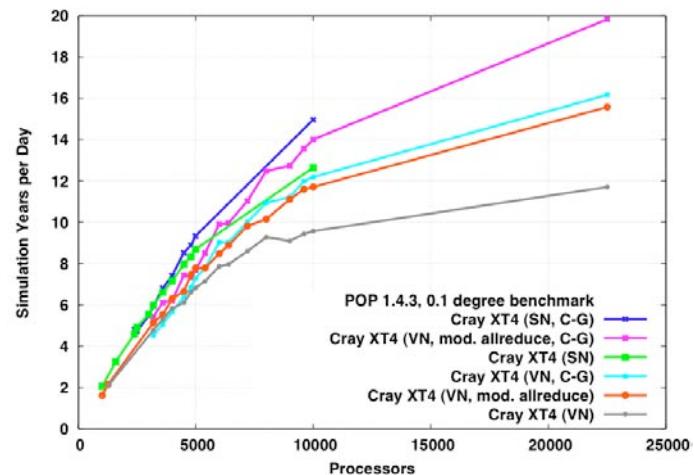
Identifying performance anomalies (ANL)

Bidirectional Bandwidth (MPI)

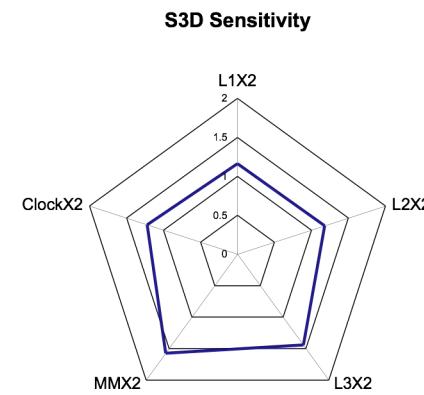


MPI performance characterization (ORNL)

# Application analyses and benchmarks



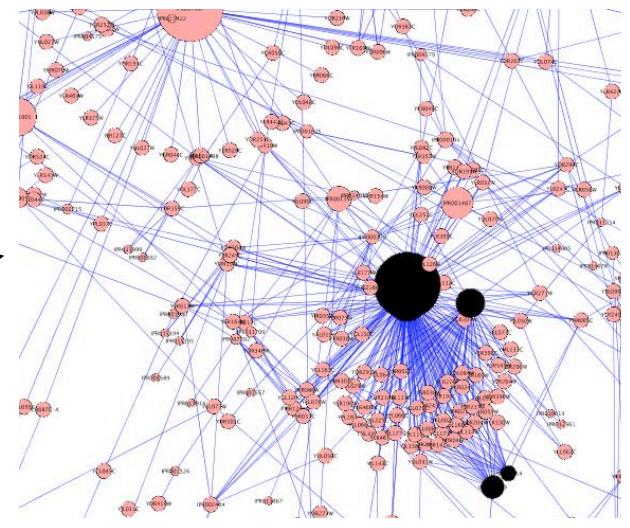
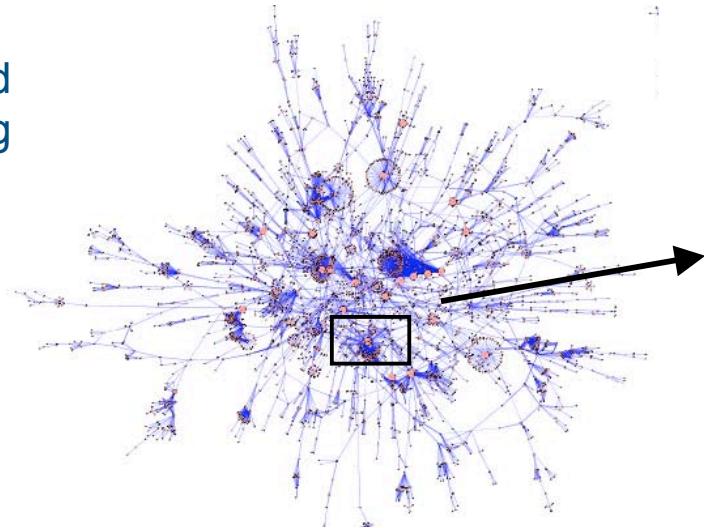
Scalability optimizations (ORNL)



Performance sensitivities (SDSC)

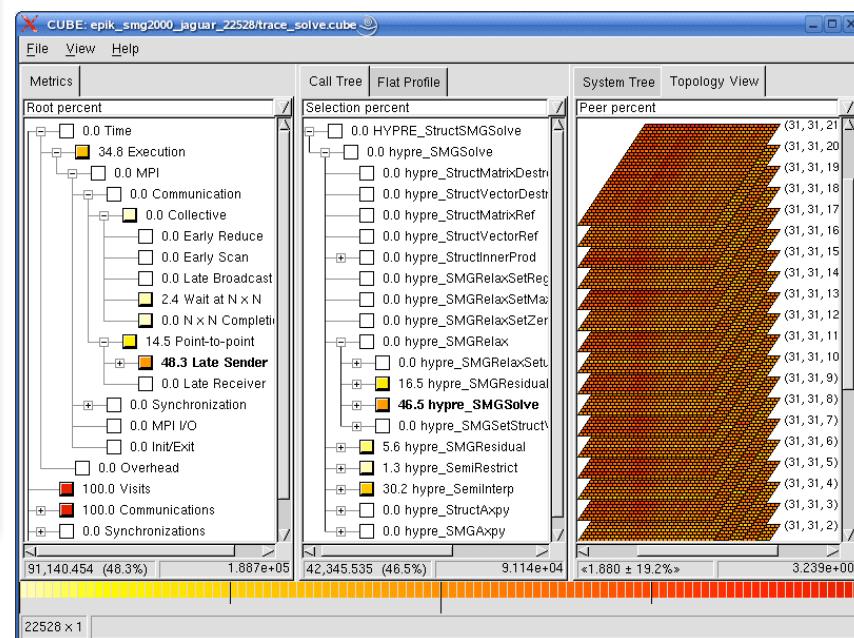
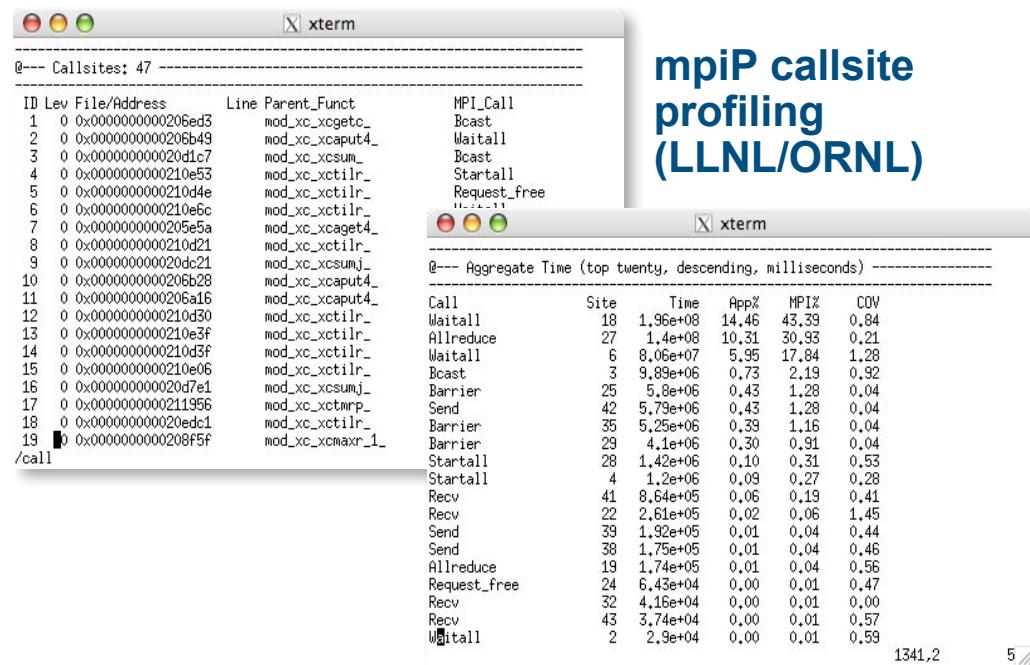
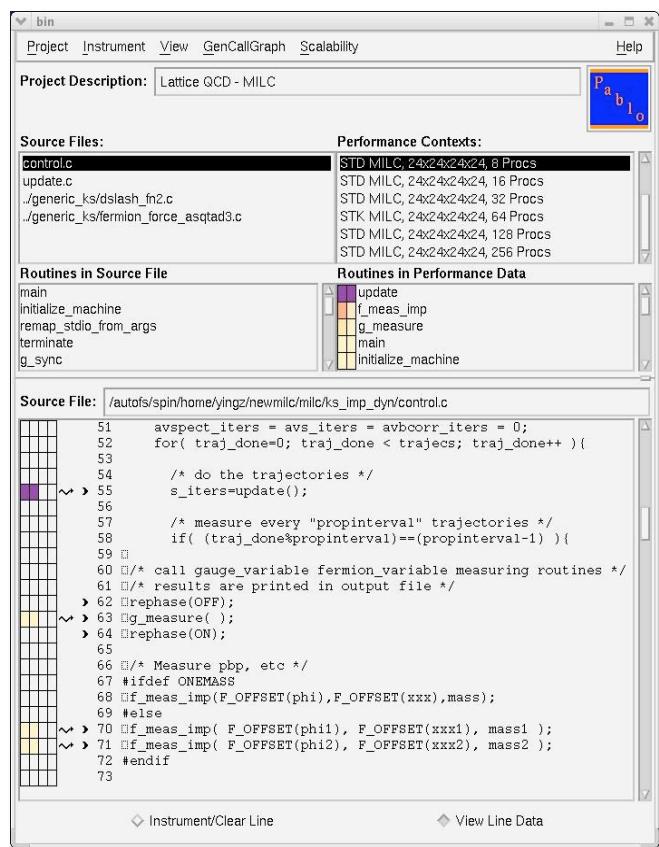
Processing of genomes into domain maps: Need improved load balancing that takes into account scale-free nature of the graphs.

Porting and optimizing new applications (RENCI/NCSA)



# Tool development

## SvPablo source code-correlated performance analysis (RENCI)



mpiP callsite  
profiling  
(LLNL/ORNL)

SCALASCA  
trace-based  
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