

Aggregation and multiscale visualization for embedded system program trace analysis

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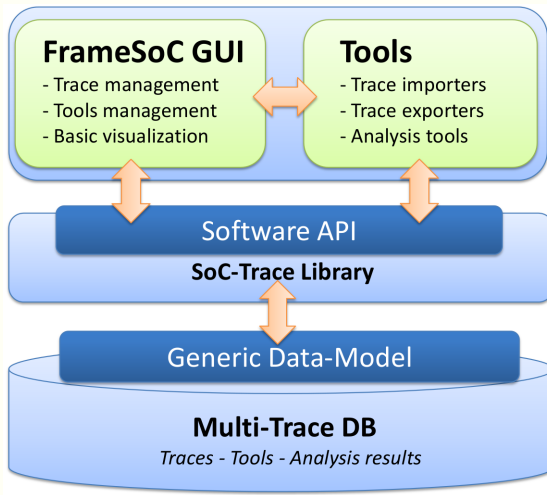


FIG. 1: *FrameSoC architecture and its features*

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In traditional visualization techniques

- **Fidelity** : aliasing artifacts, proportions (zoom out)
- **Understanding** : loss of context (zoom in, scroll), information loss (aggregation)

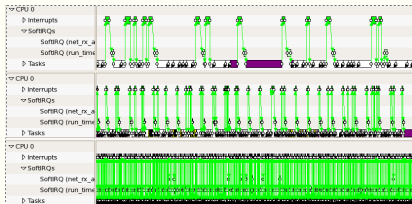


FIG. 2: KPTrace dezoom : example of time axis scalability issues

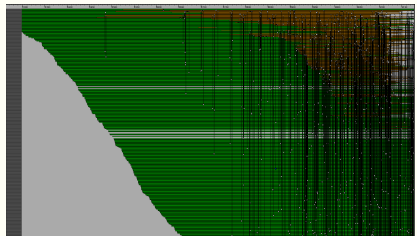


FIG. 3: Example of space limitations : Pajé trace with 700 producers

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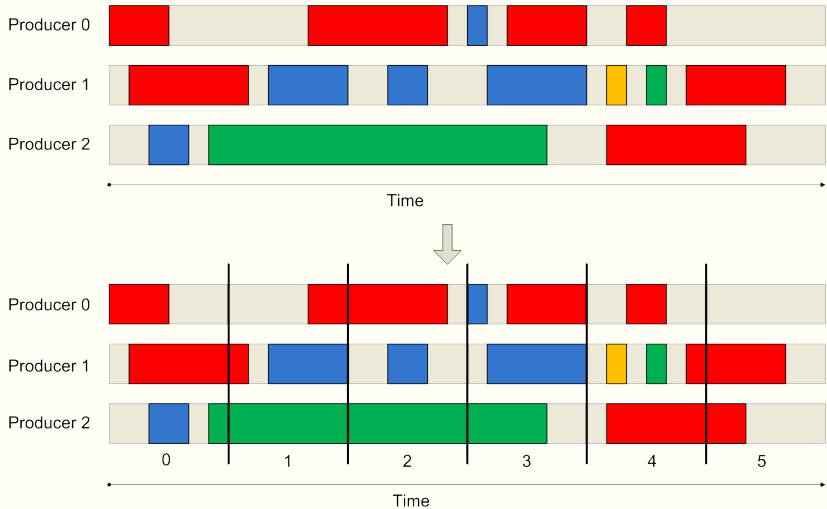
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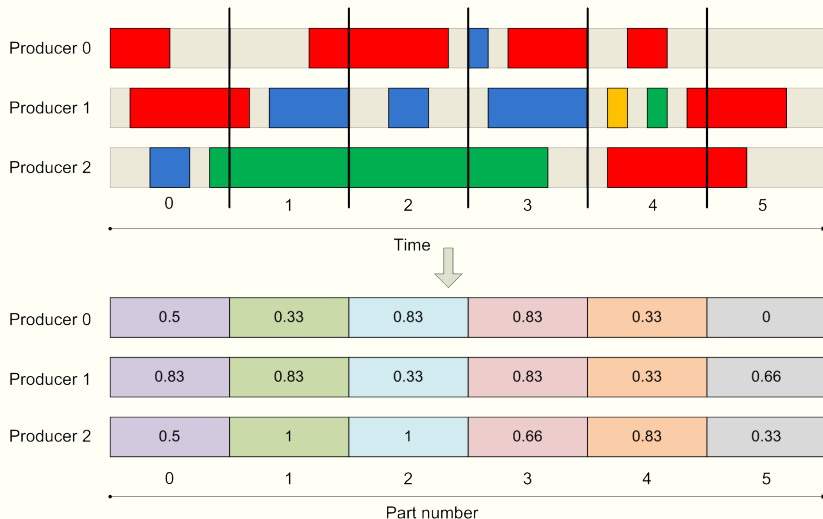
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Time-Slicing : example of a synthetic trace



Time-Slicing : activity time matrix generation



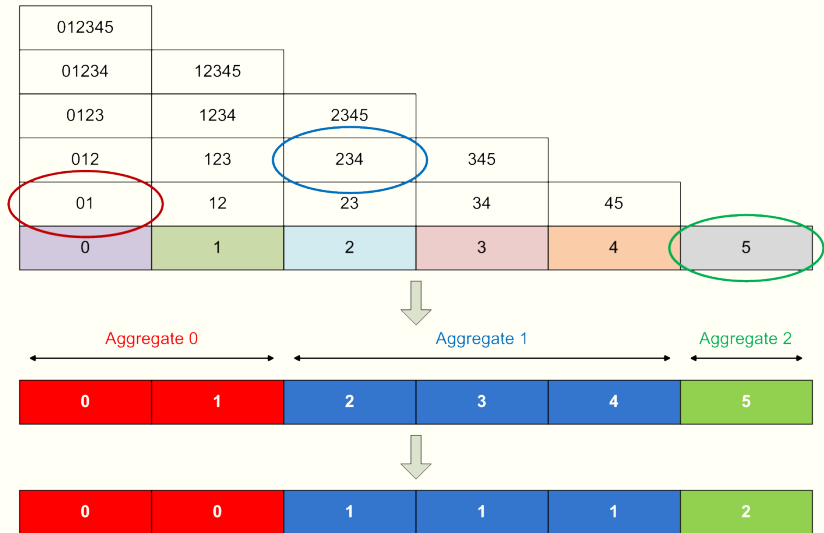
Best-Cut Partition algorithm : qualities

Qualities : Gain and loss

- Computed from Shannon Entropy and Kullback-Leibler Divergence
- Used to compute parametrized information criteria
$$pIC(\mathcal{A}) = p \times \text{gain}(\mathcal{A}) - (1 - p) \times \text{loss}(\mathcal{A})$$

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Best-Cut Partition algorithm : parts aggregation



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