

Java Mixed-Mode Flame Graphs

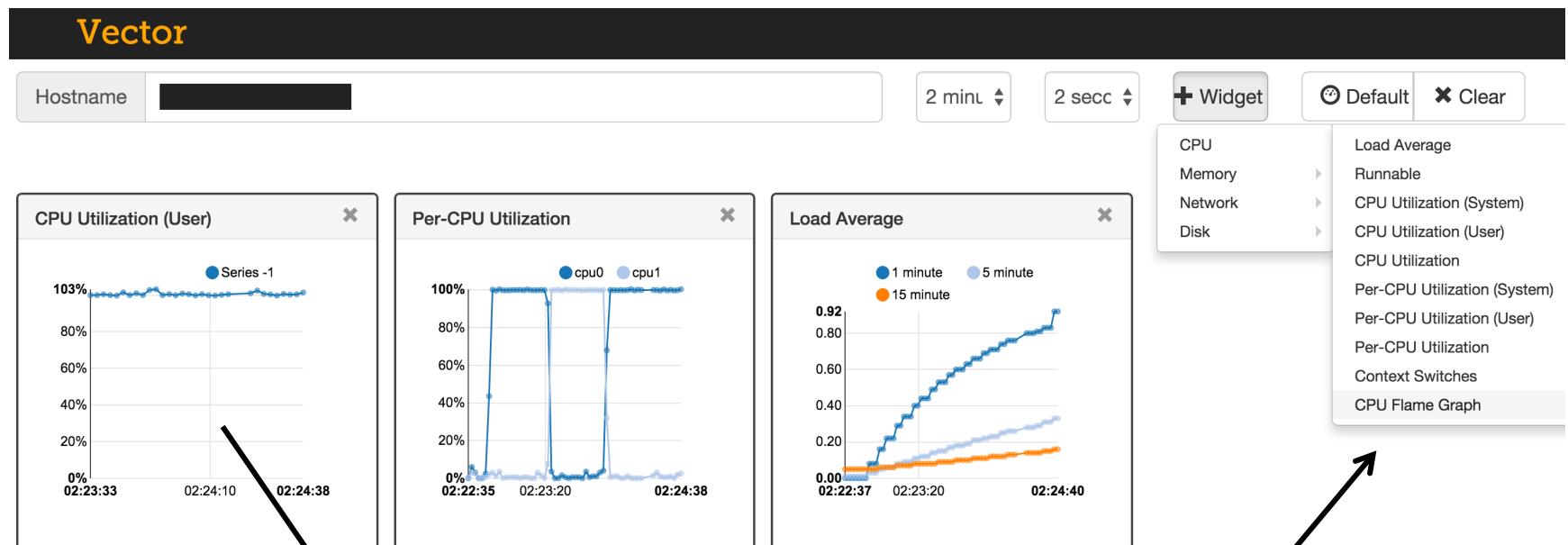
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Understanding Java CPU usage quickly and completely

Quickly

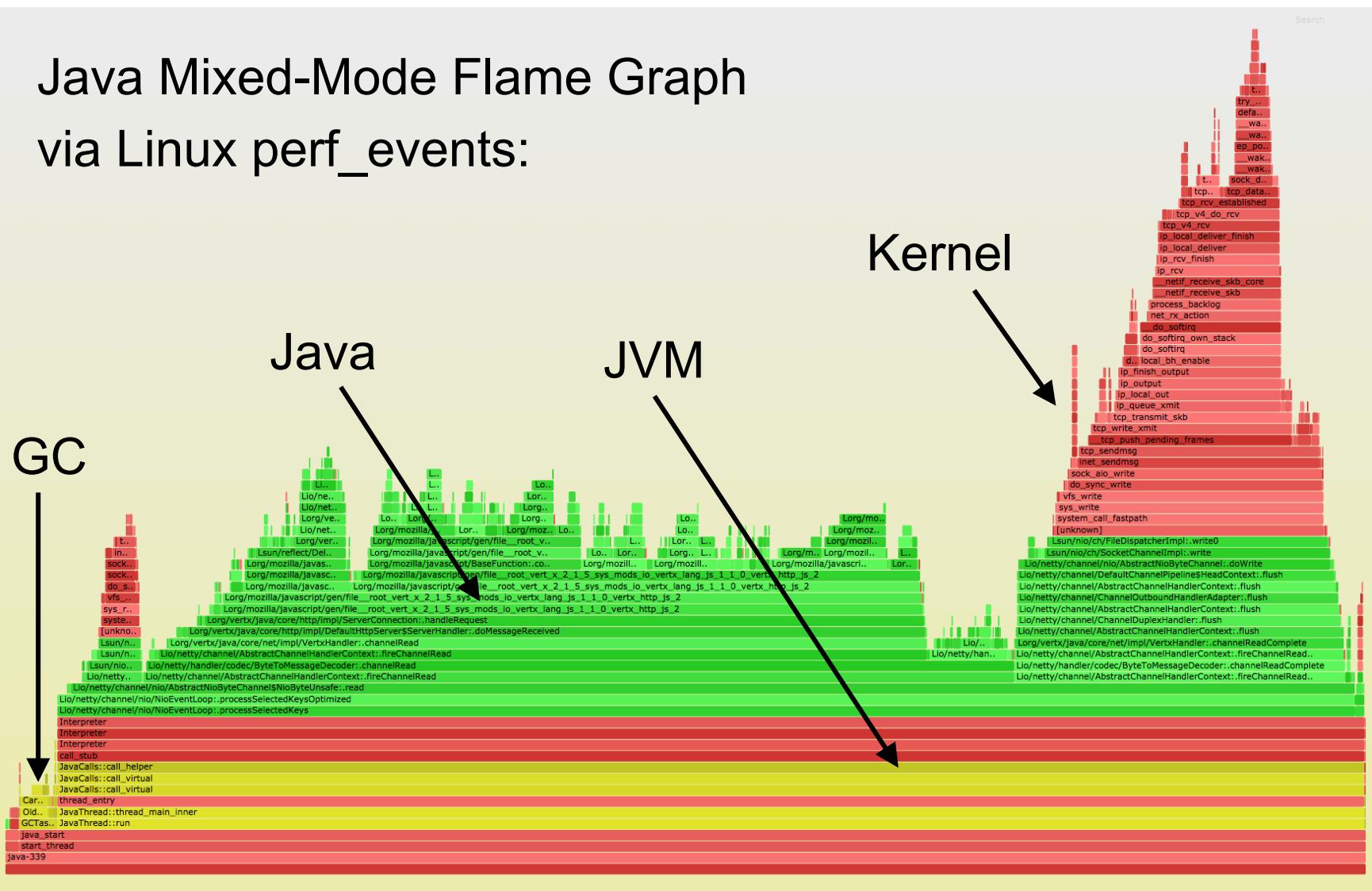
- Via SSH and open source tools (covered in this talk)
- Or using Netflix Vector GUI (also open source):



1. Observe high CPU usage
2. Generate a flame graph

Completely

Java Mixed-Mode Flame Graph
via Linux perf_events:



Messy House Fallacy

Fallacy: my code is a mess, I bet yours is immaculate, therefore the bug must be mine

Reality: everyone's code is terrible and buggy

- Don't overlook system code: kernel, libraries, etc.

Context

NETFLIX

- Over 60 million subscribers
 - Just launched in Spain!
- AWS EC2 Linux cloud
- FreeBSD CDN
- Awesome place to work



NETFLIX Cloud

- Tens of thousands of AWS EC2 instances
- Mostly running Java applications (Oracle JVM)

Linux (usually Ubuntu)

Optional Apache,
memcached, Node.js,
...

Atlas, S3 log rotation,
sar, ftrace, perf, stap,
perf-tools

Vector, pcp

Java (JDK 8)

GC and
thread
dump
logging

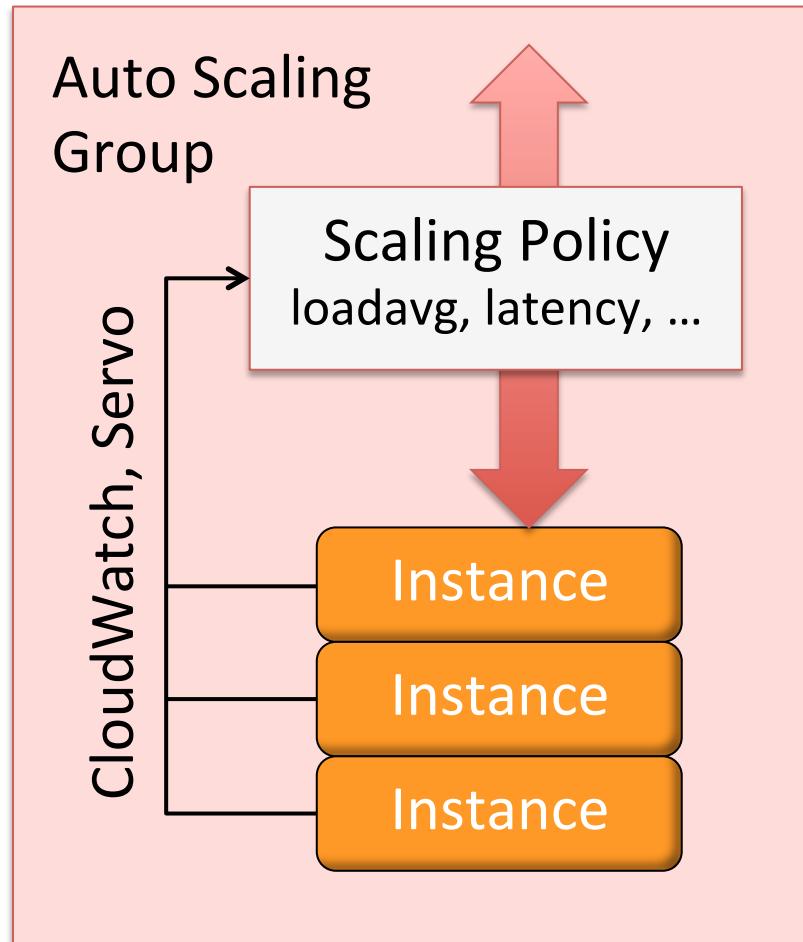
Tomcat

Application war files,
platform, base servlet

hystrix, metrics (Servo),
health check

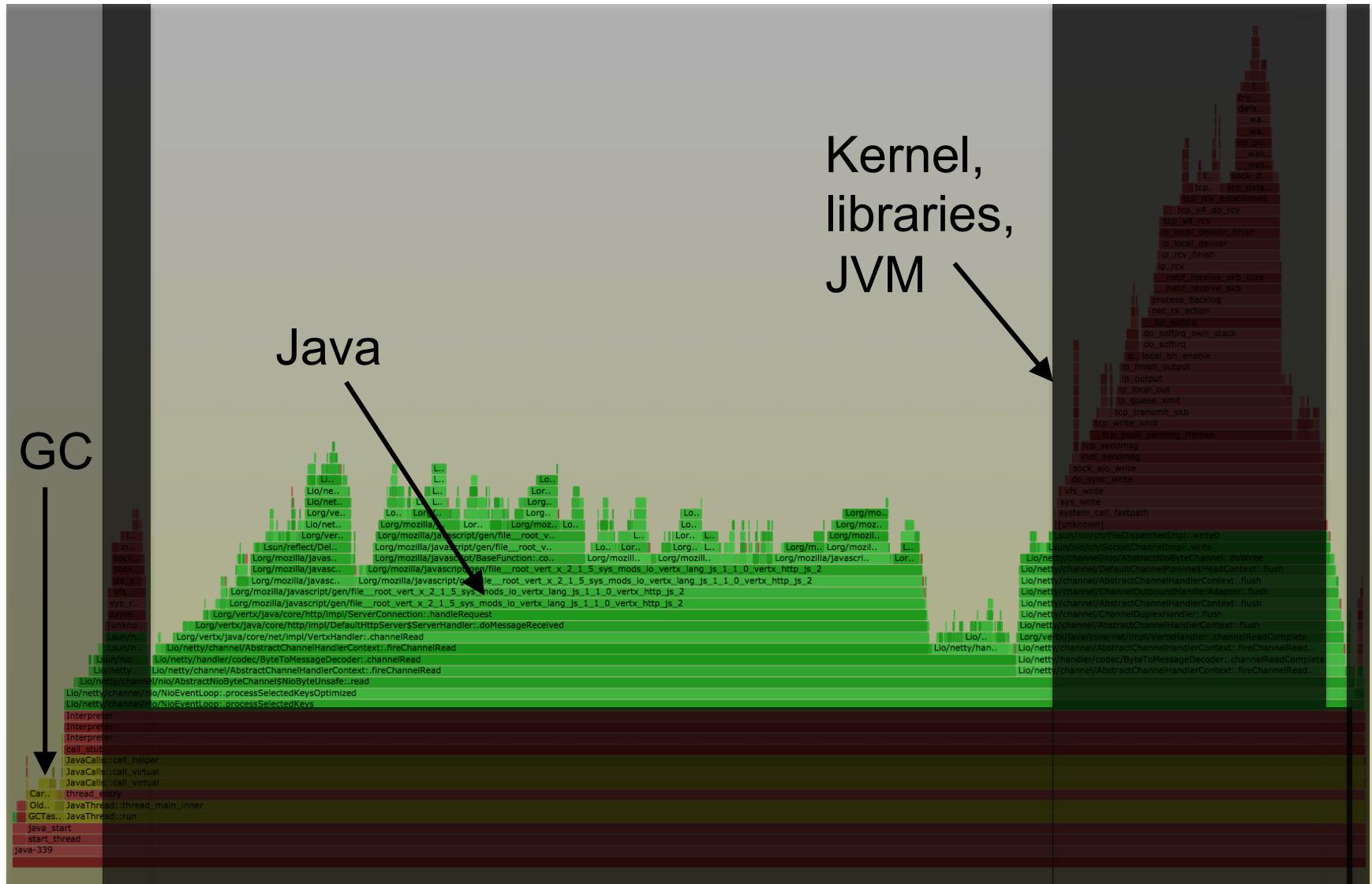
Why we need CPU profiling

- Improving performance
 - Identify tuning targets
 - Incident response
 - Non-regression testing
 - Software evaluations
 - CPU workload characterization
- Cost savings
 - ASGs often scale on load average (CPU), so CPU usage is proportional to cost



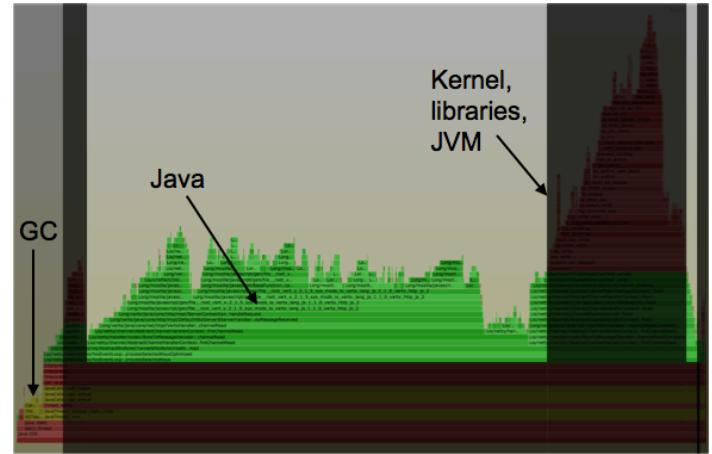
The Problem with Profilers

Java Profilers

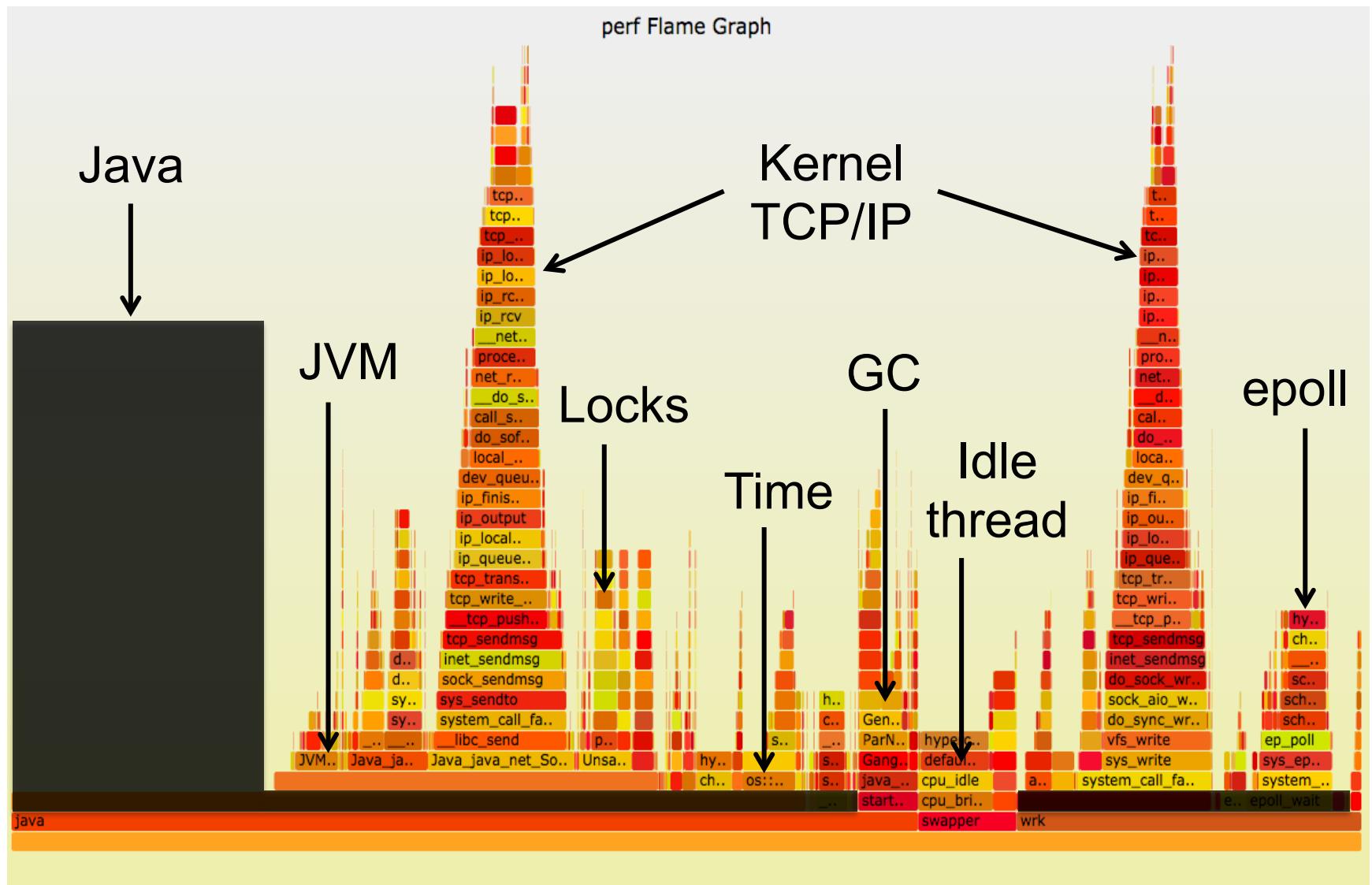


Java Profilers

- **Visibility**
 - Java method execution
 - Object usage
 - GC logs
 - Custom Java context
- **Typical problems:**
 - Sampling often happens at safety/yield points (skew)
 - Method tracing has massive observer effect
 - Misidentifies RUNNING as on-CPU (e.g., epoll)
 - Doesn't include or profile GC or JVM CPU time
 - Tree views not quick (proportional) to comprehend
- **Inaccurate (skewed) and incomplete profiles**

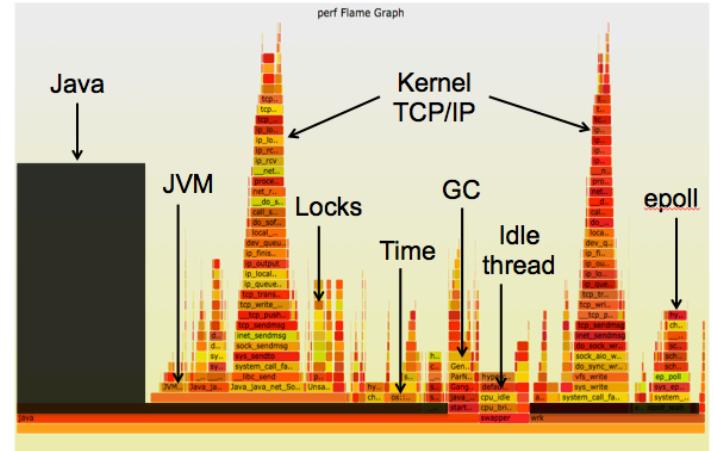


System Profilers



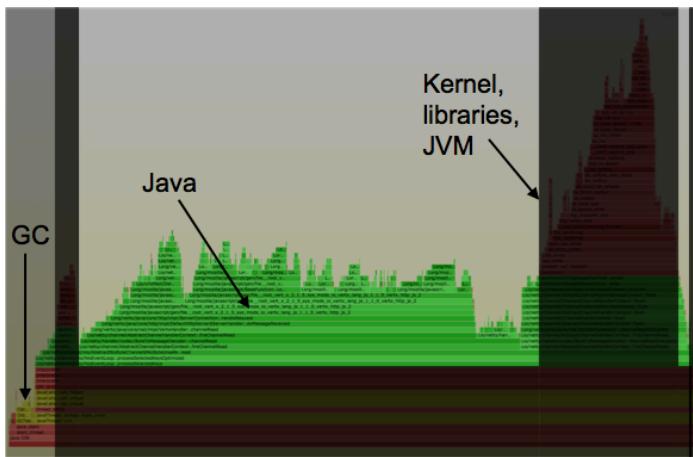
System Profilers

- **Visibility**
 - JVM (C++)
 - GC (C++)
 - libraries (C)
 - kernel (C)
- Typical problems (x86):
 - Stacks missing for Java
 - Symbols missing for Java methods
- Other architectures (e.g., SPARC) have fared better
- Profile everything **except Java**

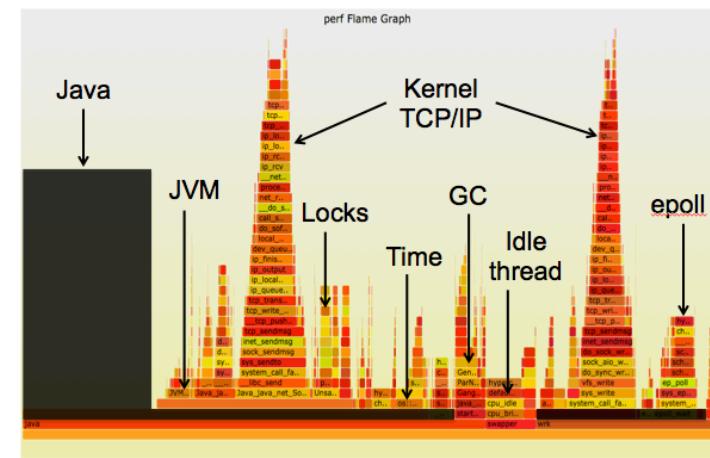


Workaround

- Capture both Java and system profiles, and examine side by side



Java

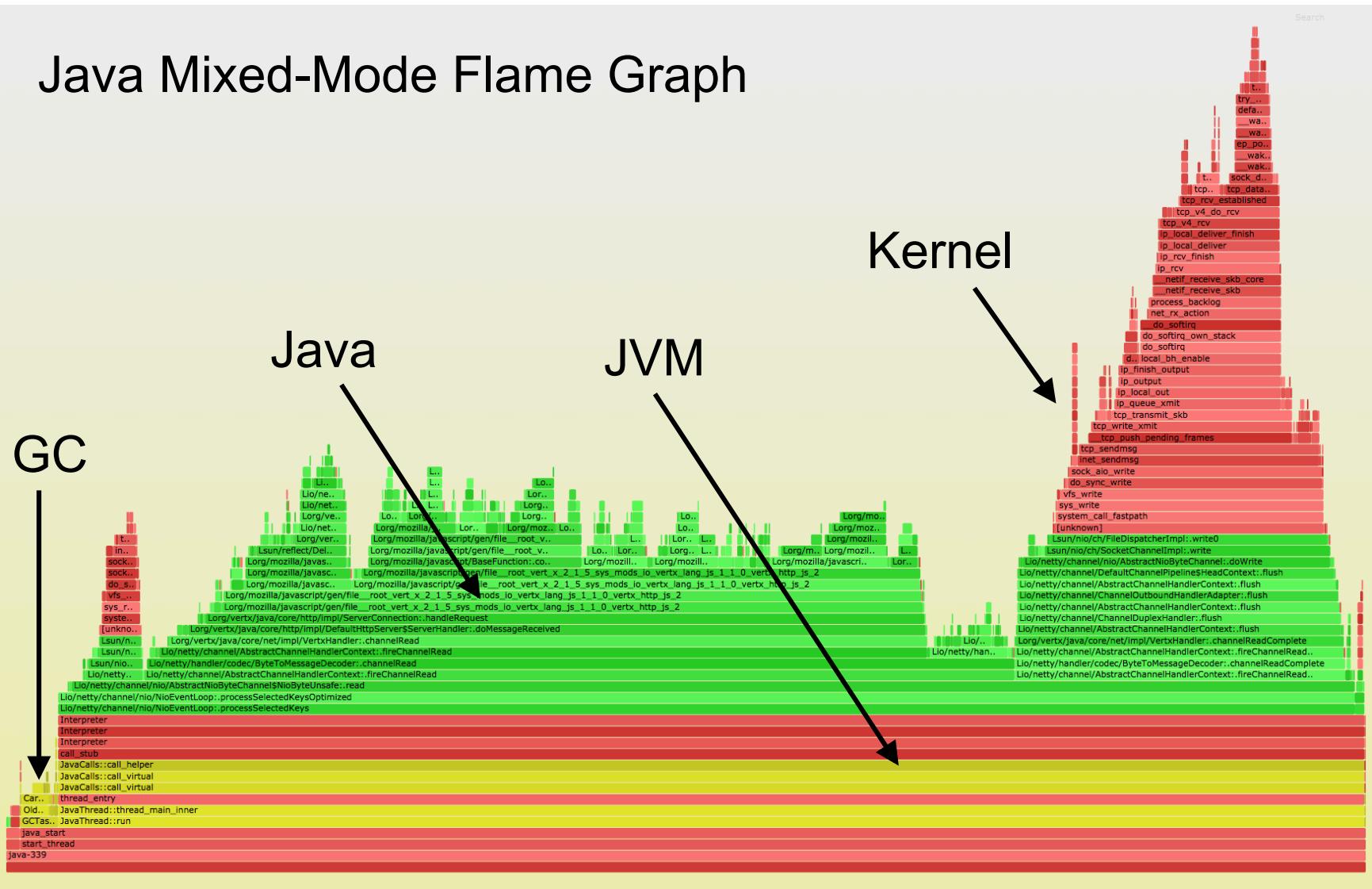


System

- An improvement, but Java context is often crucial for interpreting system profiles

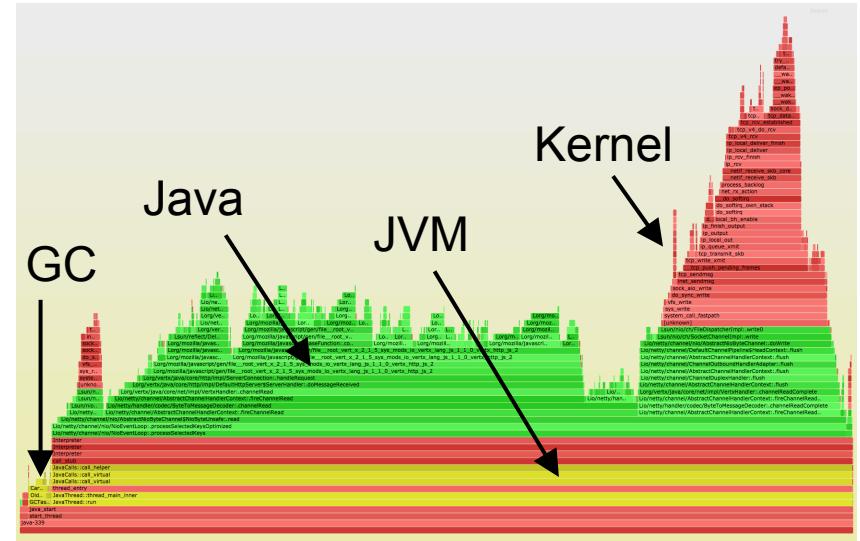
Solution

Java Mixed-Mode Flame Graph



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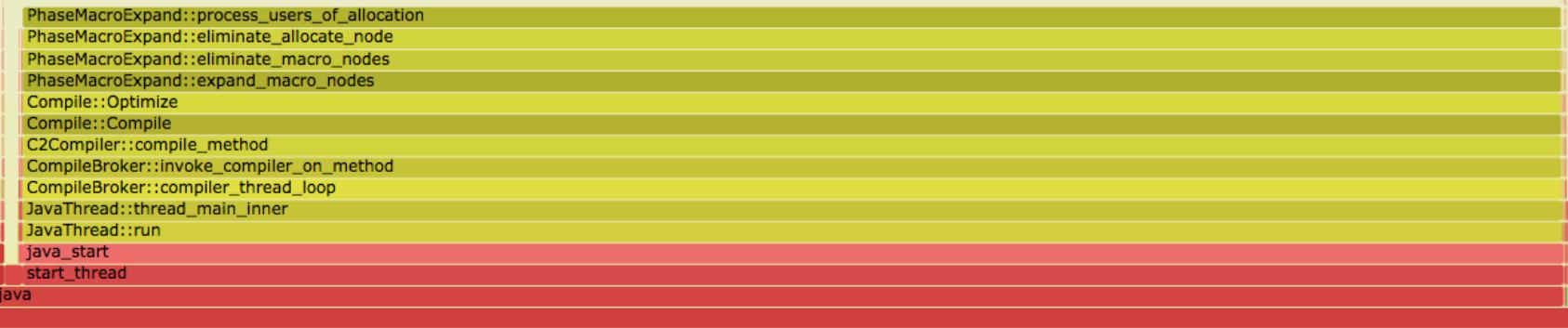
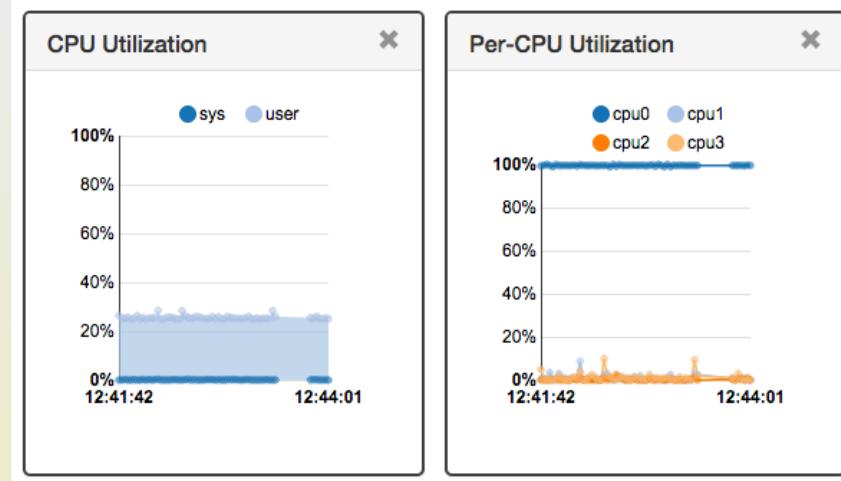
- Fix system profiling
 - Only way to see it all
- Visibility is everything:
 - Java methods
 - JVM (C++)
 - GC (C++)
 - libraries (C)
 - kernel (C)
- Minor Problems:
 - 0-3% CPU overhead to enable frame pointers (usually <1%).
 - Symbol dumps can consume a burst of CPU
- **Complete and accurate (asynchronous) profiling**



Simple Production Example

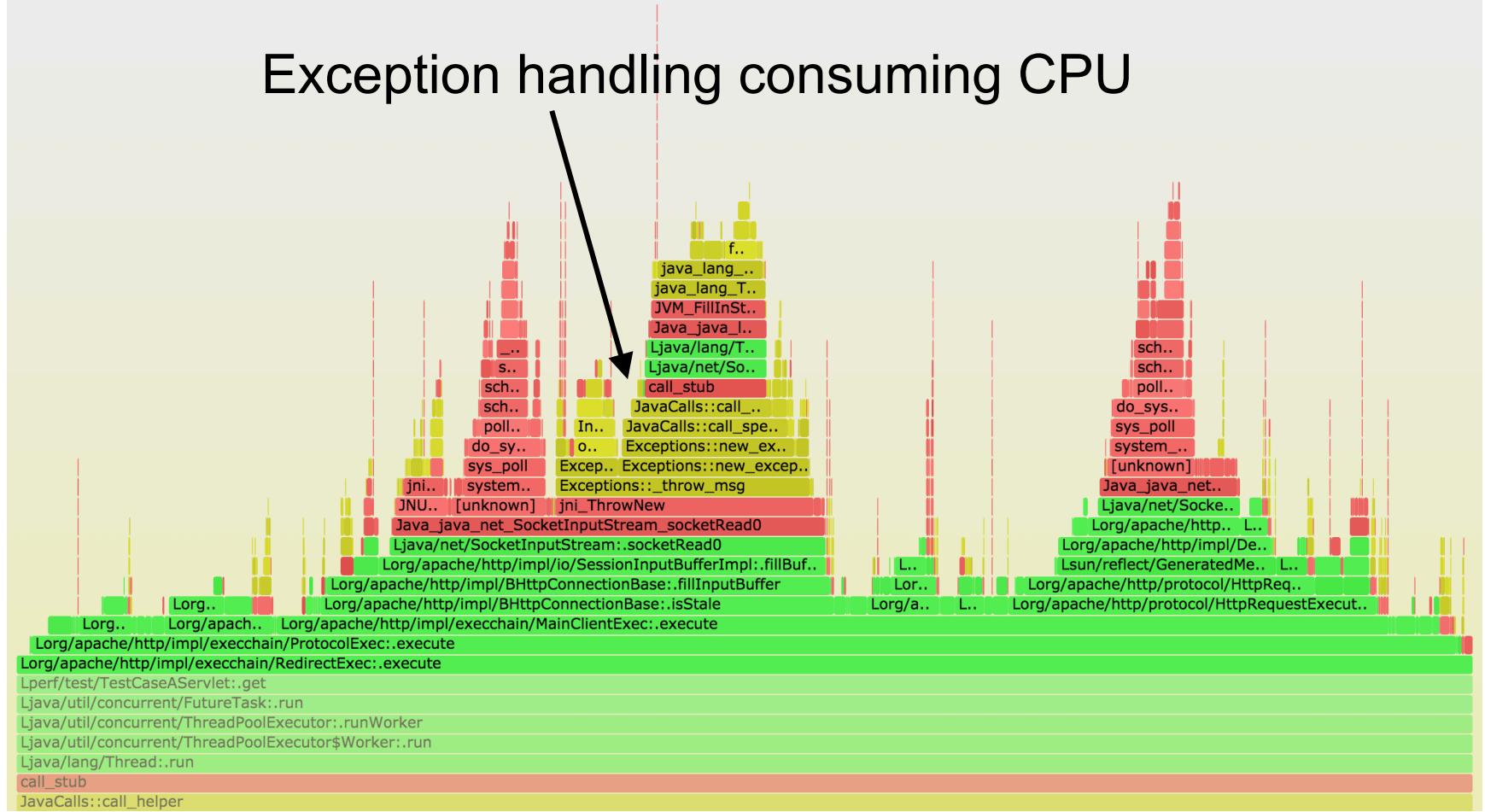
CPU Flame Graph (no idle): , 2015-02-05_20:38:52

1. Poor performance, and one CPU at 100%
2. perf_events flame graph shows JVM stuck compiling



Another System Example

Exception handling consuming CPU



DEMO

FlameGraph_tomcat01.svg

Exonerating The System

- From last week:
 - Frequent thread creation/destruction assumed to be consuming CPU resources.
Recode application?
 - A flame graph quantified this CPU time: near zero
 - Time mostly other Java methods



Profiling GC

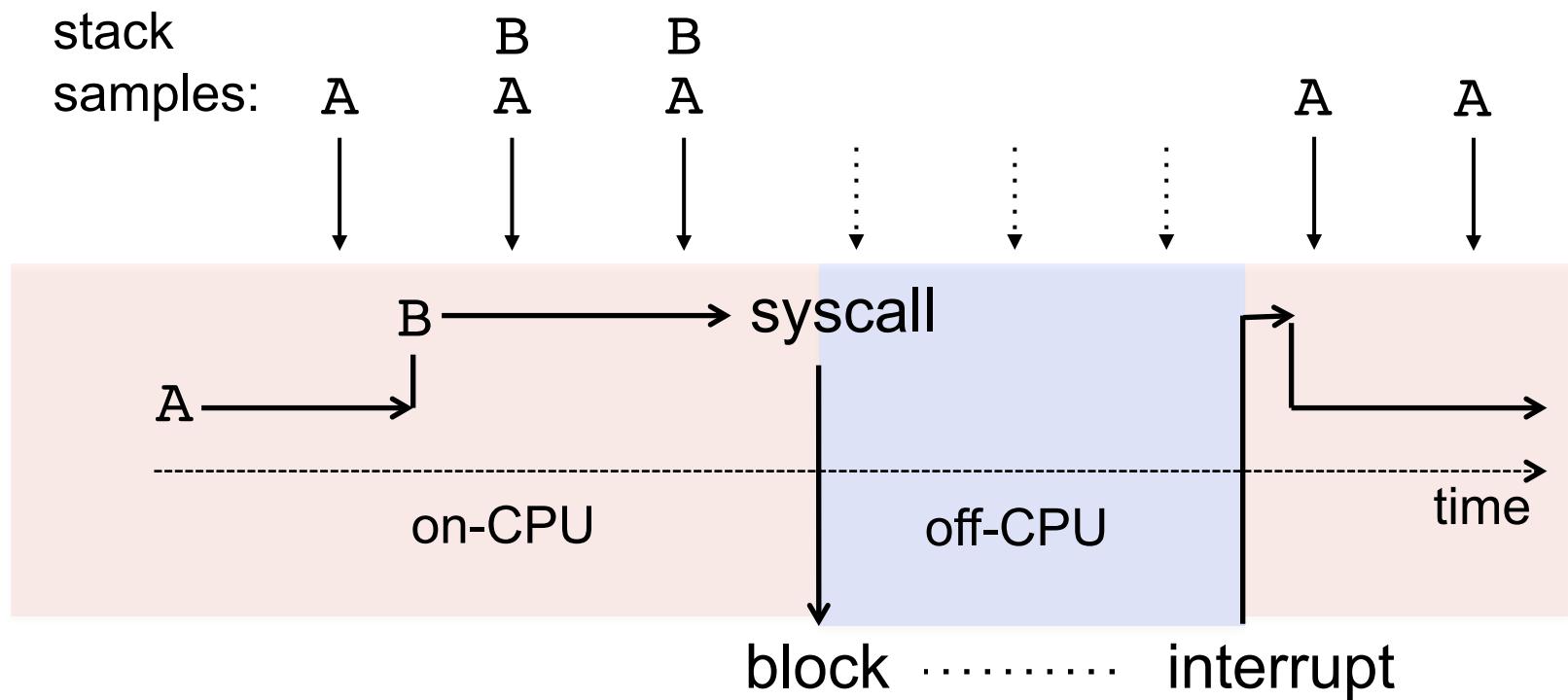
GC internals, visualized:



CPU Profiling

CPU Profiling

- Record stacks at a timed interval: simple and effective
 - Pros: Low (deterministic) overhead
 - Cons: Coarse accuracy, but usually sufficient



Stack Traces

- A code path snapshot. e.g., from jstack(1):

```
$ jstack 1819
[...]
"main" prio=10 tid=0x00007ff304009000
nid=0x7361 runnable [0x00007ff30d4f9000]
    java.lang.Thread.State: RUNNABLE
        at Func_abc.func_c(Func_abc.java:6)
        at Func_abc.func_b(Func_abc.java:16)
        at Func_abc.func_a(Func_abc.java:23)
        at Func_abc.main(Func_abc.java:27)
```

running
codepath
start

running
parent
g.parent
g.g.parent

System Profilers

- Linux
 - perf_events (aka "perf")
- Oracle Solaris
 - DTrace
- OS X
 - Instruments
- Windows
 - XPerf
- And many others...

Linux perf_events

- Standard Linux profiler
 - Provides the `perf` command (multi-tool)
 - Usually pkg added by `linux-tools-common`, etc.
- Features:
 - Timer-based sampling
 - Hardware events
 - Tracepoints
 - Dynamic tracing
- Can sample stacks of (almost) everything on CPU
 - Can miss hard interrupt ISRs, but these should be near-zero. They can be measured if needed (I wrote my own tools)

perf record Profiling

- Stack profiling on all CPUs at 99 Hertz, then dump:

```
# perf record -F 99 -ag -- sleep 30
[ perf record: Woken up 9 times to write data ]
[ perf record: Captured and wrote 2.745 MB perf.data (~119930 samples) ]
# perf script
[...]
bash 13204 cpu-clock:
        459c4c dequote_string (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        465c80 glob_expand_word_list (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        466569 expand_word_list_internal (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        465a13 expand_words (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        43bbf7 execute_simple_command (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        435f16 execute_command_internal (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        435580 execute_command (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        43a771 execute_while_or_until (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        43a636 execute_while_command (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        436129 execute_command_internal (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        435580 execute_command (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        420cd5 reader_loop (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
        41ea58 main (/root/bash-4.3/bash)
    7ff2294edec5 __libc_start_main (/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc-2.19.so)
[... ~47,000 lines truncated ...]
```

one
stack
sample
————→

perf report Summary

- Generates a call tree and combines samples:

```
# perf report -n -stdio
[...]
# Overhead      Samples  Command          Shared Object           Symbol
# .....  .....
# .....  .....
#
20.42%        605      bash   [kernel.kallsyms]  [k] xen_hypcall_xen_version
|
--- xen_hypcall_xen_version
    check_events
    |
    --44.13%-- syscall_trace_enter
                tracesys
    |
    ---35.58%-- __GI__libc_fcntl
    |
    ---65.26%-- do_redirection_internal
                  do_redirections
                  execute_builtin_or_function
                  execute_simple_command
[... ~13,000 lines truncated ...]
```

call tree summary

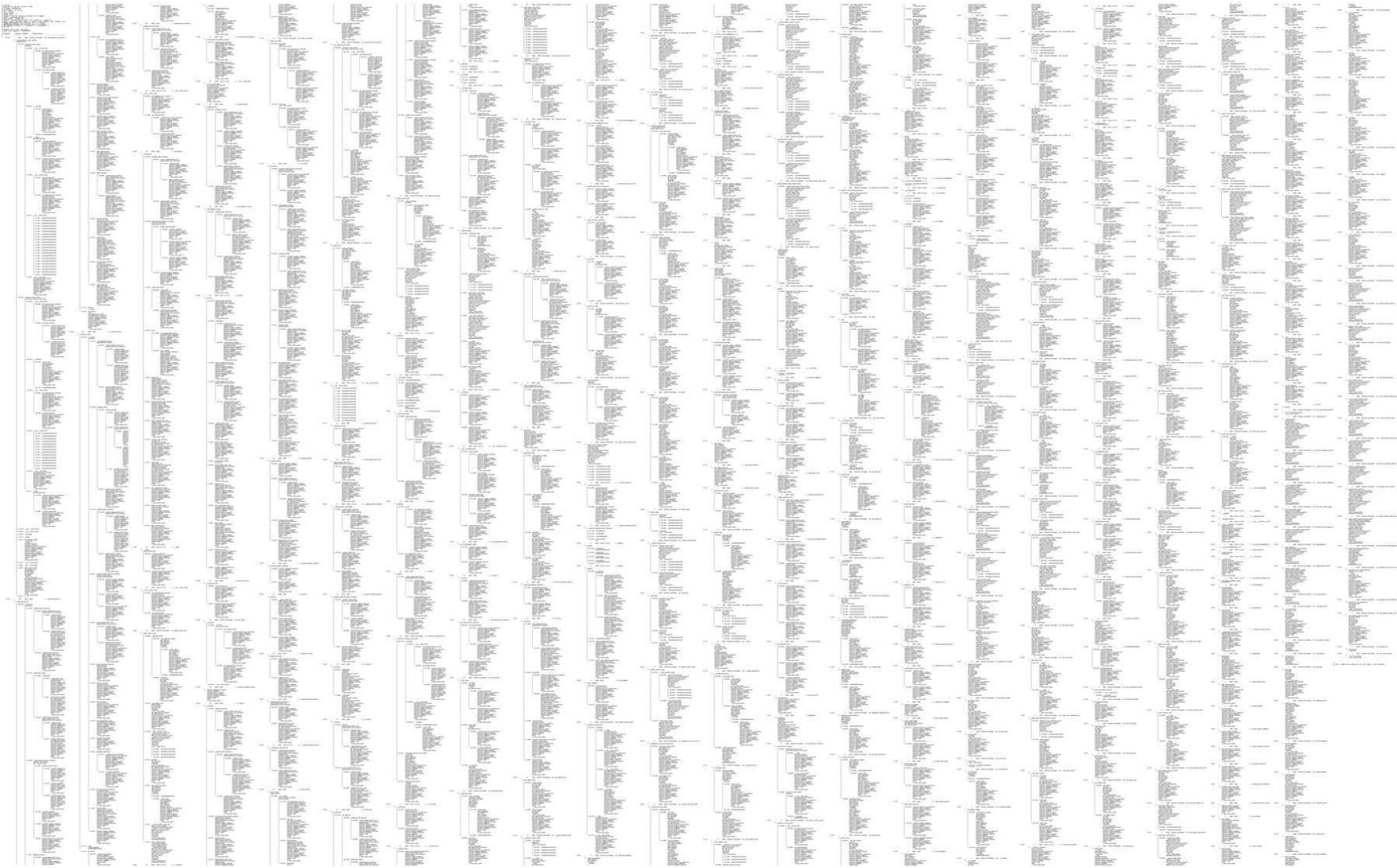
Flame Graphs

perf report Verbose

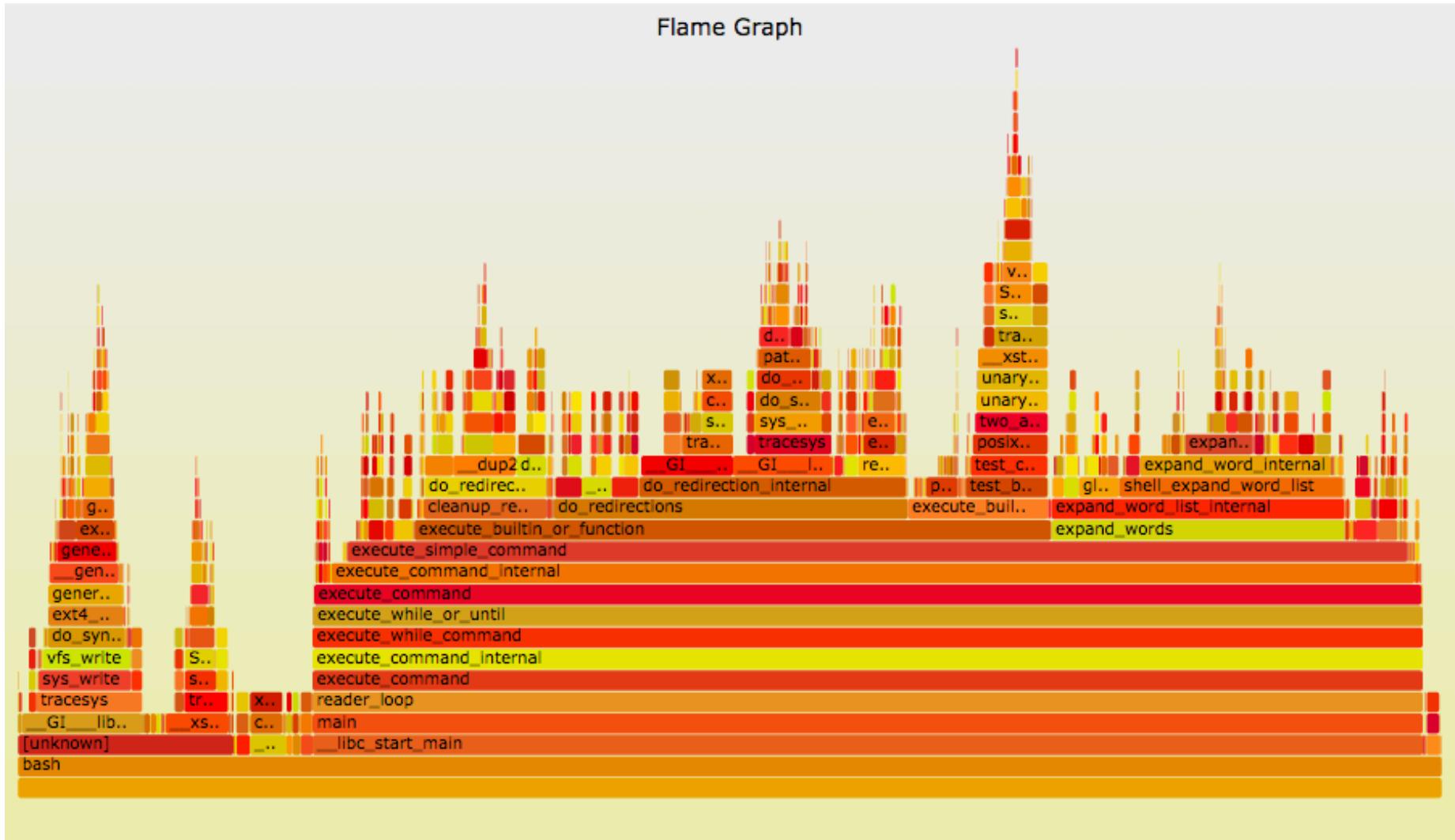
- Despite summarizing, output is still verbose

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# perf report -n -stdio
[...]
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# .....  .....
#
#      20.42%       605      bash   [kernel.kallsyms]  [k]  xen_hypercall_xen_version
|
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```

Full perf report Output



... as a Flame Graph

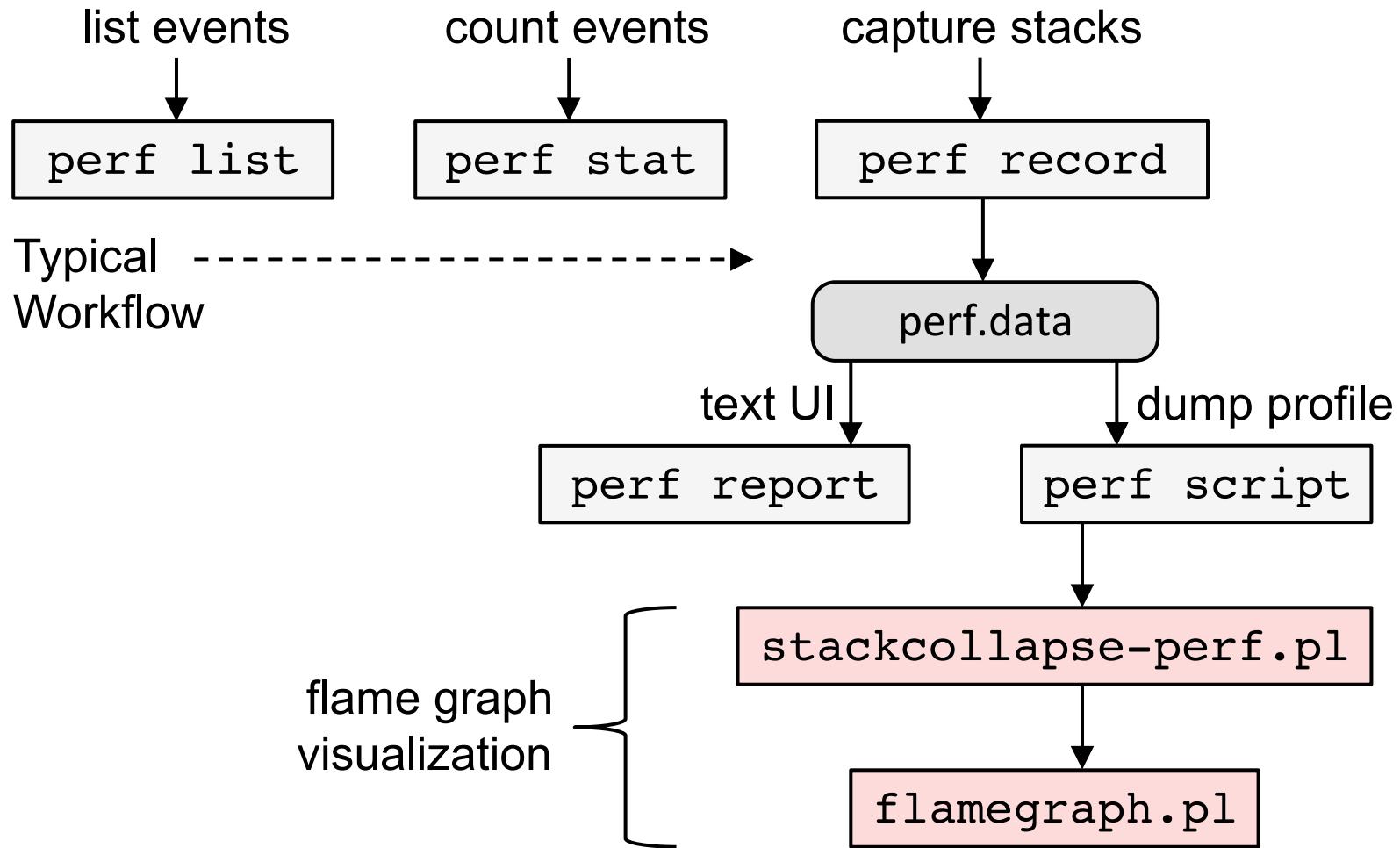


Flame Graphs

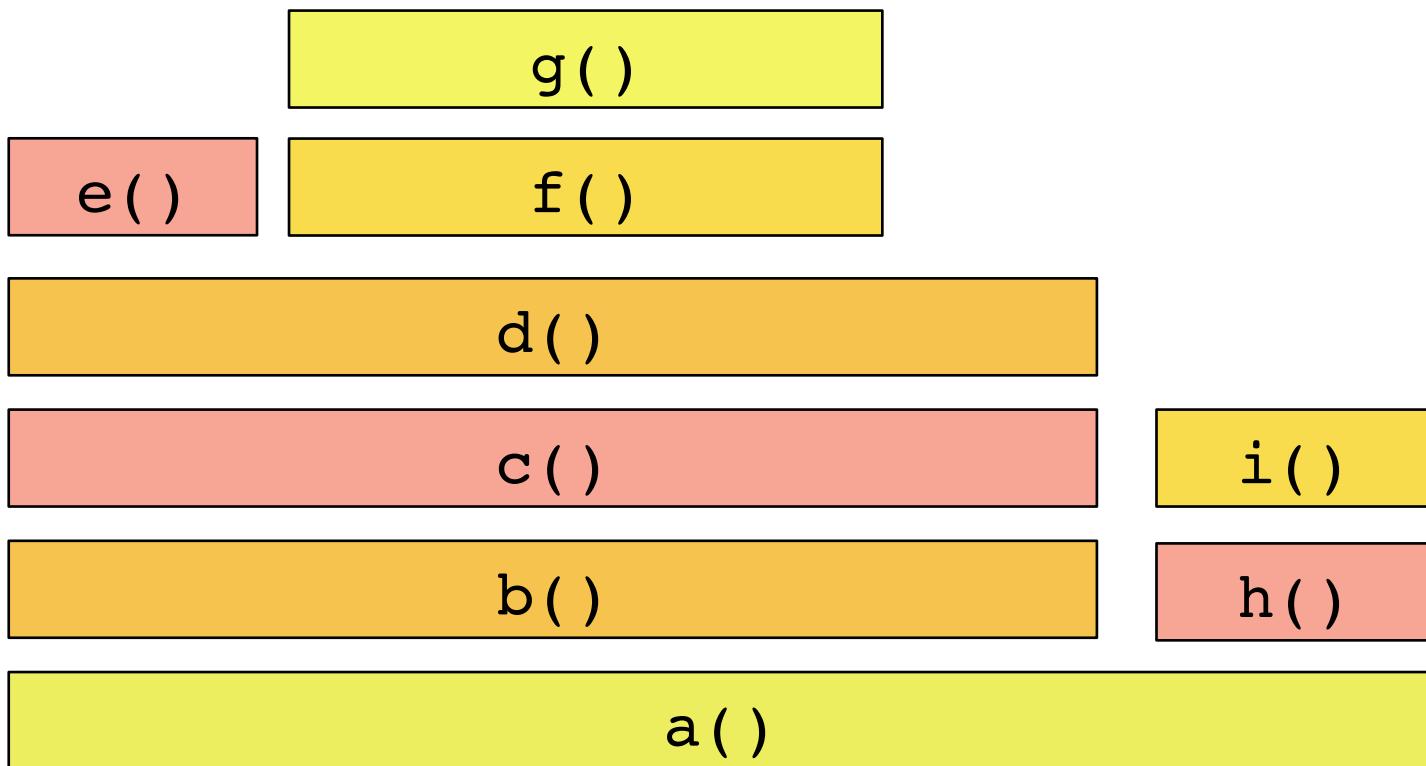
```
git clone --depth 1 https://github.com/brendangregg/FlameGraph  
cd FlameGraph  
perf record -F 99 -a -g -- sleep 30  
perf script | ./stackcollapse-perf.pl | ./flamegraph.pl > perf.svg
```

- Flame Graphs:
 - **x-axis**: alphabetical stack sort, to maximize merging
 - **y-axis**: stack depth
 - **color**: random (default), or a dimension
- Currently made from Perl + SVG + JavaScript
 - Multiple d3 versions are being developed
- Easy to get working
 - <http://www.brendangregg.com/FlameGraphs/cpuflamegraphs.html>
 - Above commands are Linux; see URL for other OSes

Linux perf_events Workflow

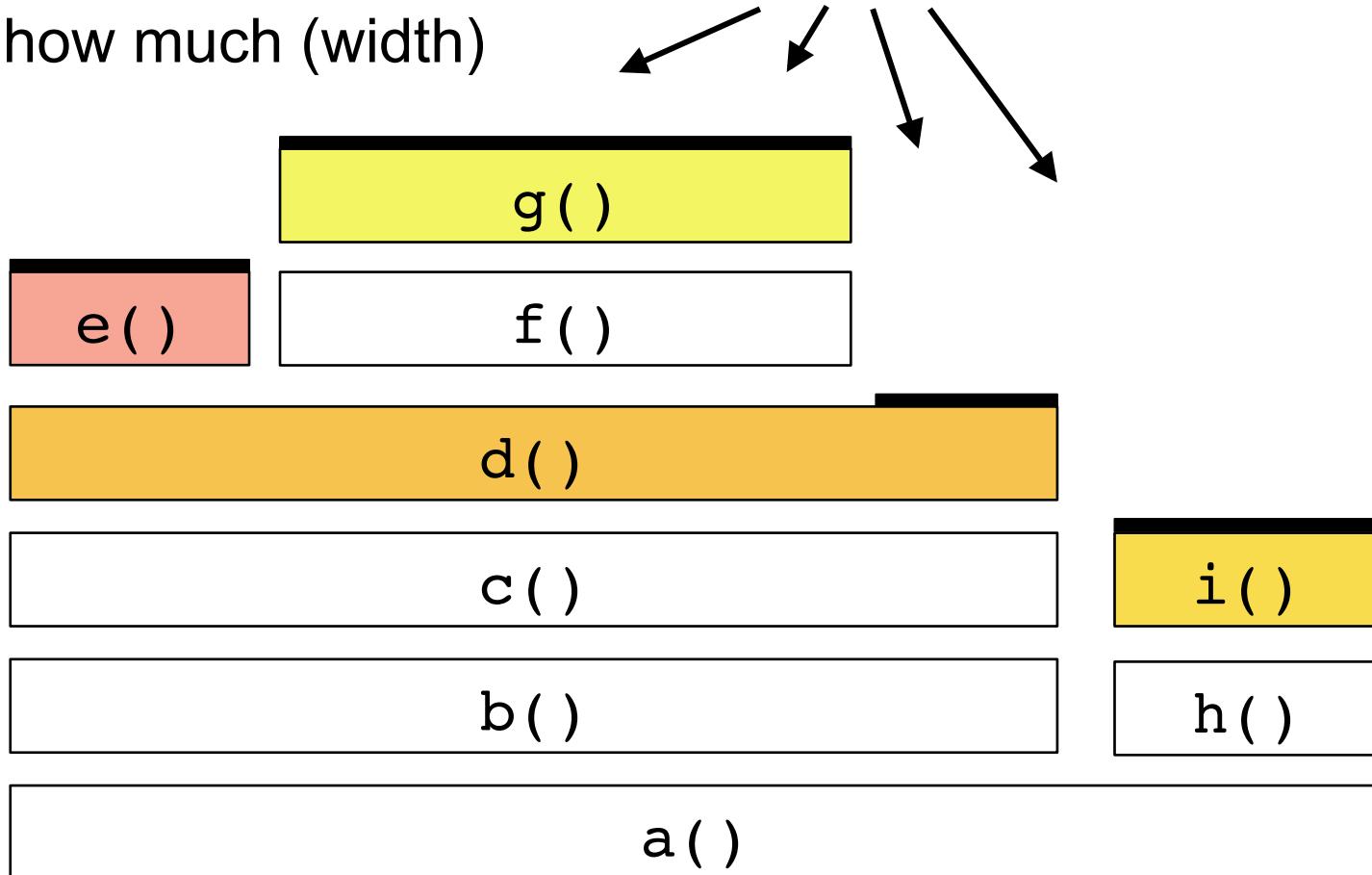


Flame Graph Interpretation



Flame Graph Interpretation (1/3)

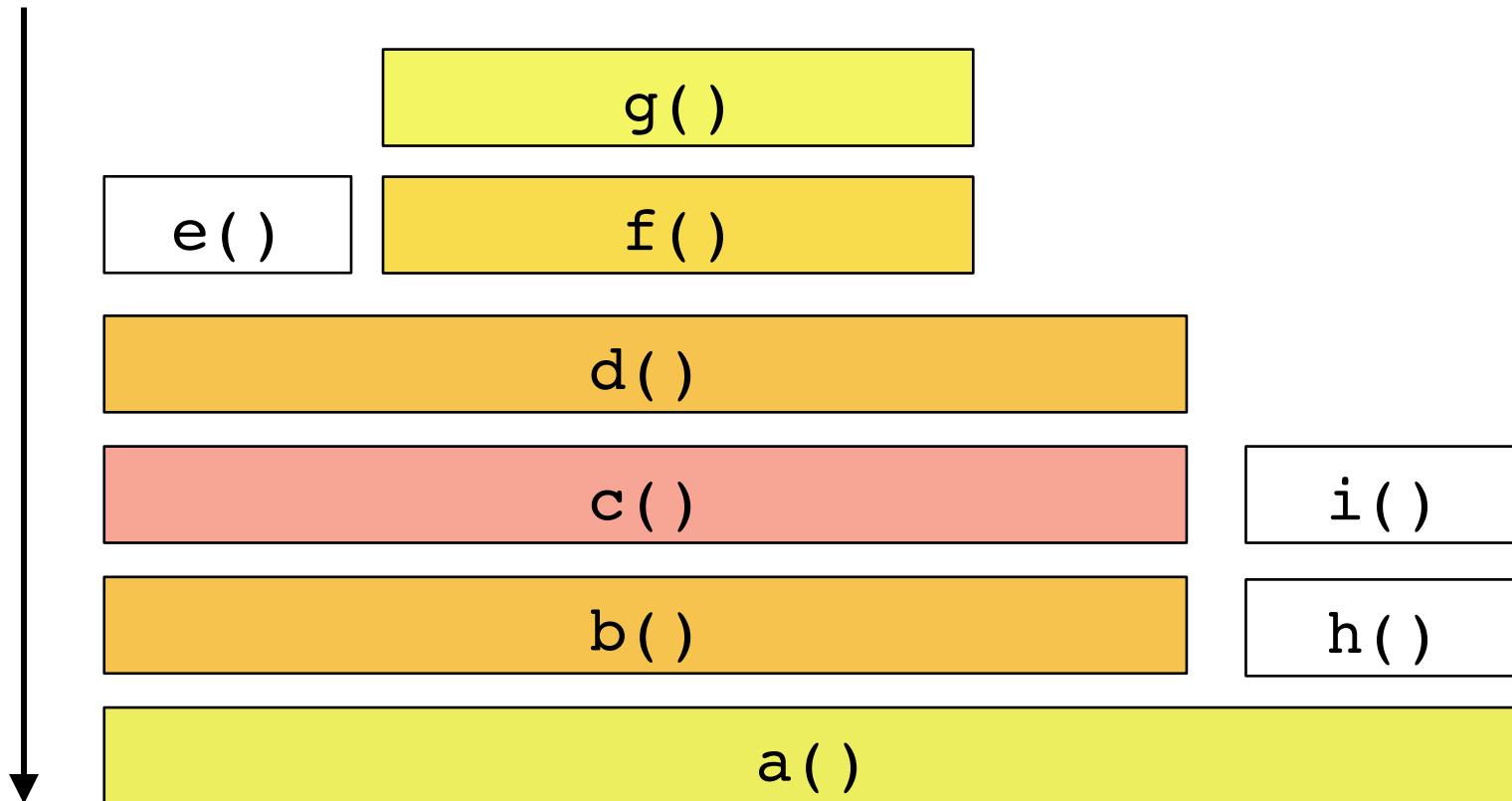
Top edge shows who is running on-CPU,
and how much (width)



Flame Graph Interpretation (2/3)

Top-down shows ancestry

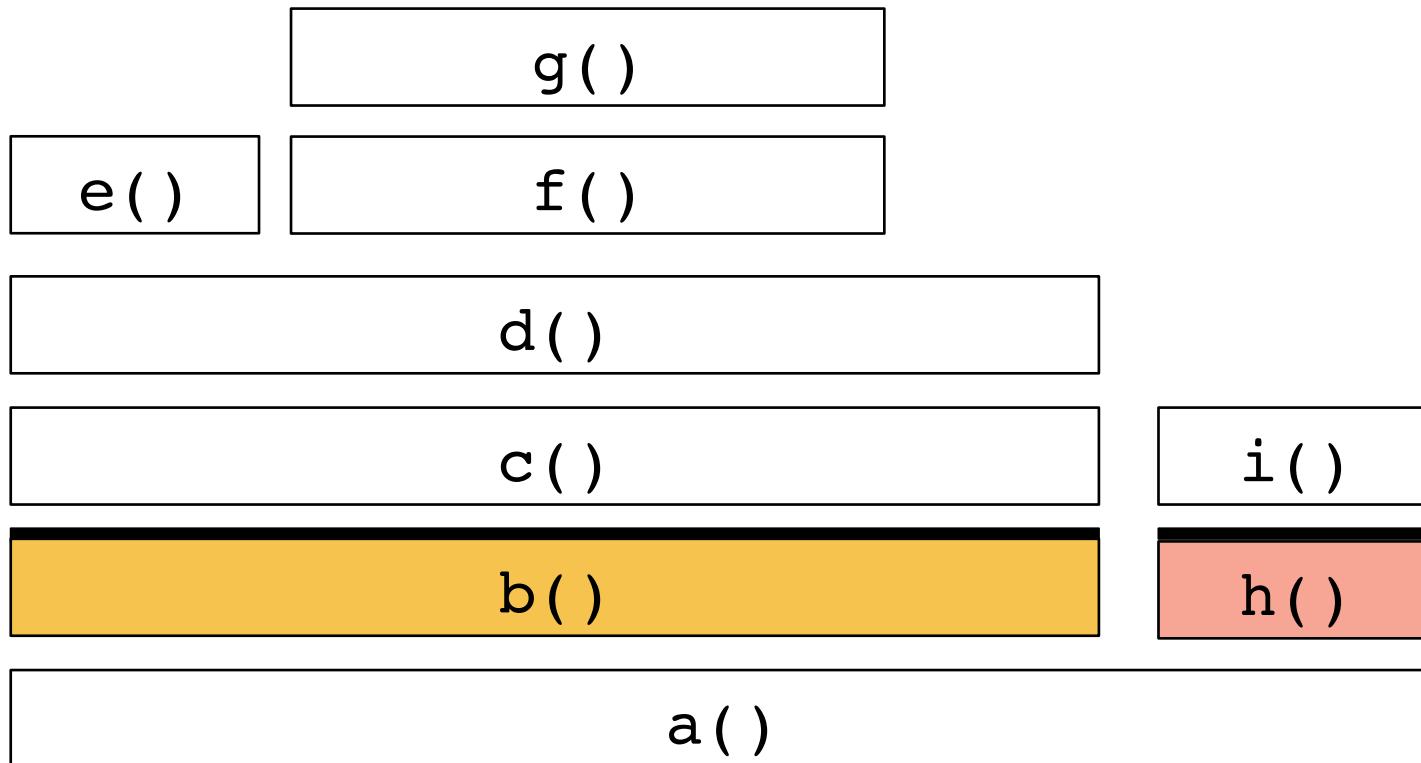
e.g., from g():



Flame Graph Interpretation (3/3)

Widths are proportional to presence in samples

e.g., comparing `b()` to `h()` (incl. children)

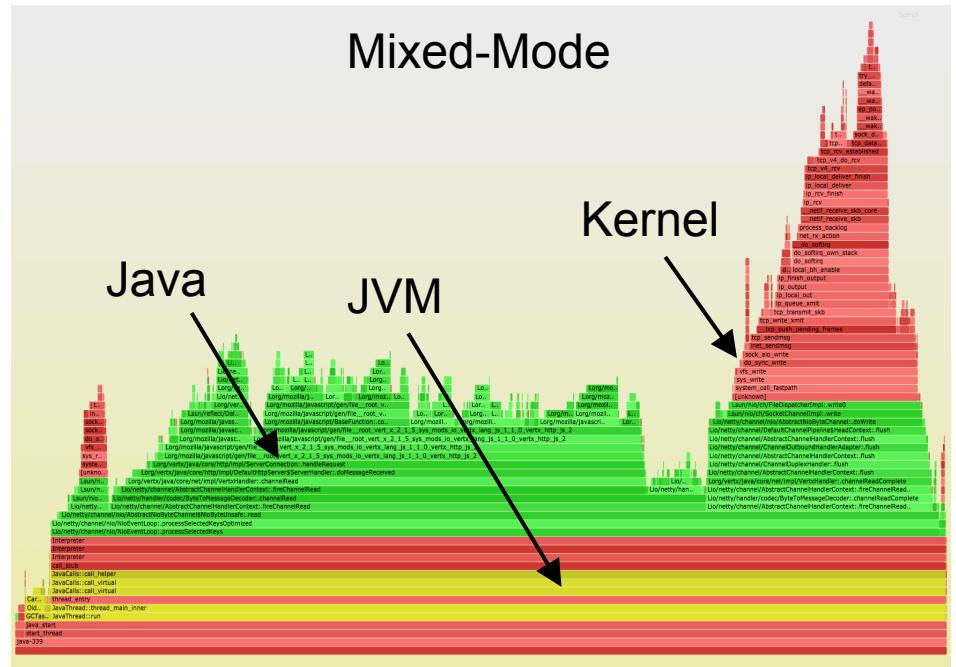


Flame Graph Colors

- Randomized by default
- Can be used as a dimension. e.g.:
 - Mixed-mode flame graphs
 - Differential flame graphs
 - Search

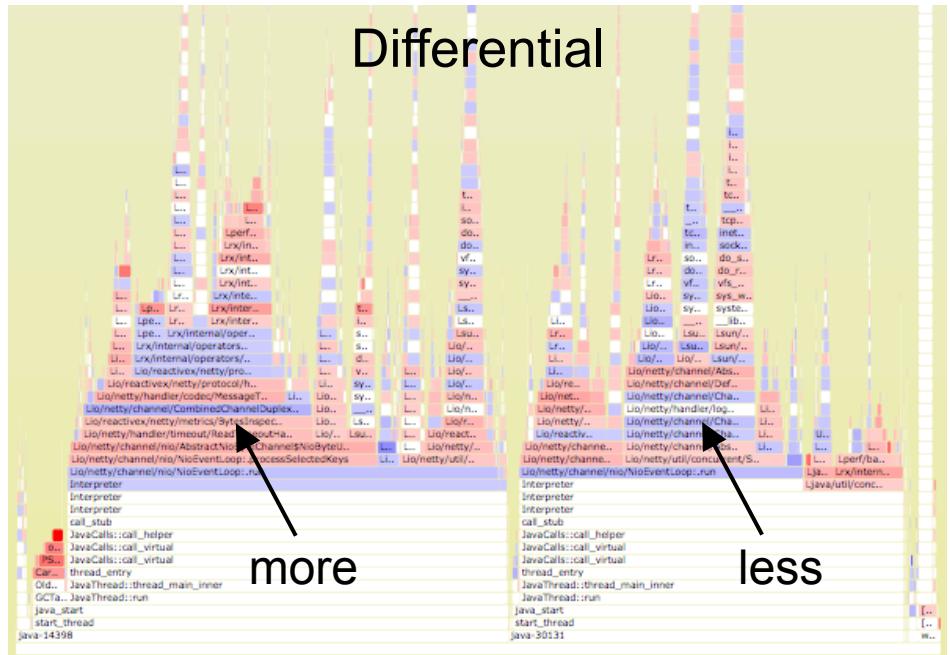
Mixed-Mode Flame Graphs

- Hues:
 - green == Java
 - red == system
 - yellow == C++
- Intensity randomized to differentiate frames
 - Or hashed based on function name



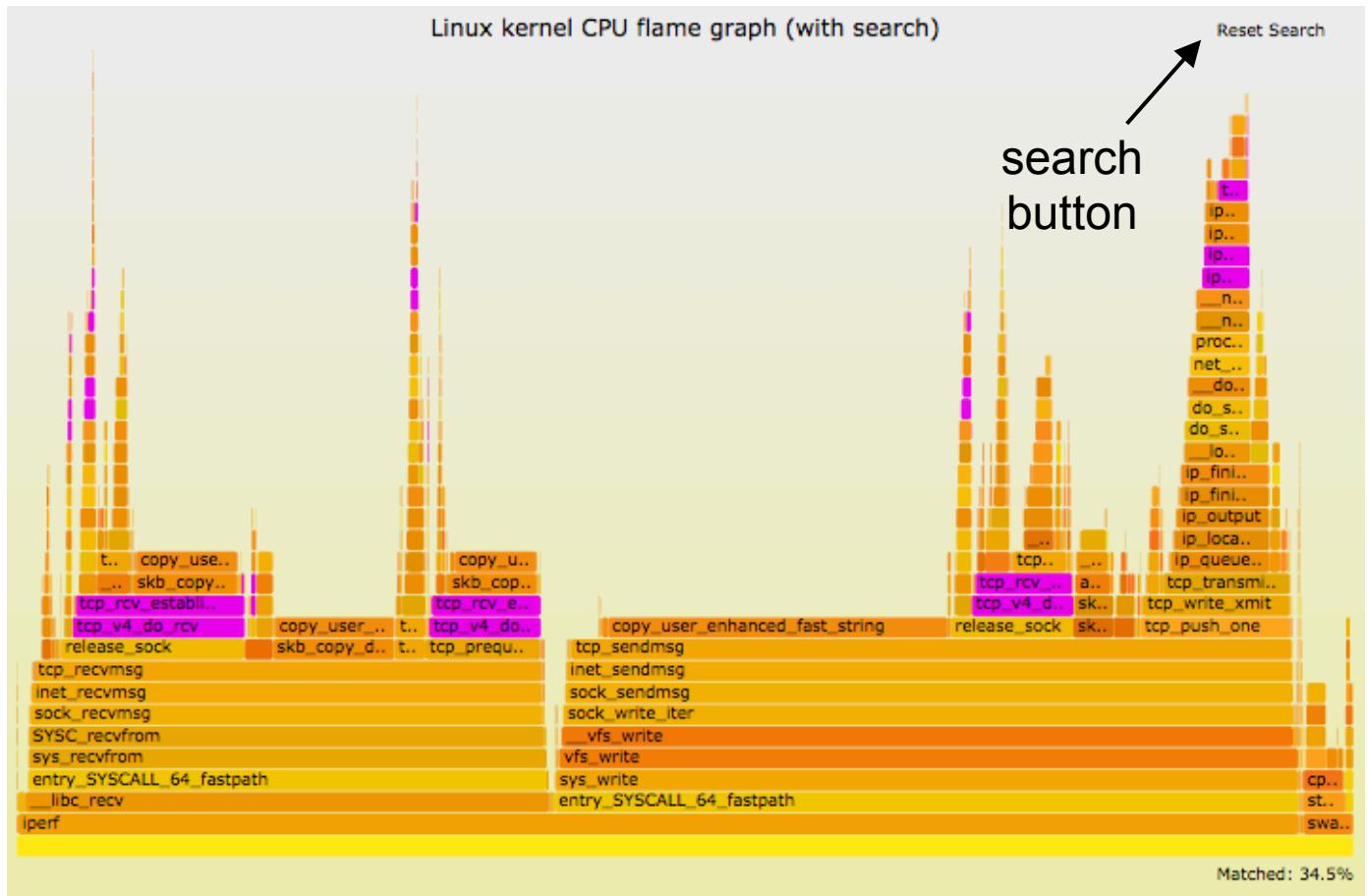
Differential Flame Graphs

- Hues:
 - red == more samples
 - blue == less samples
- Intensity shows the degree of difference
- Used for comparing two profiles
- Also used for showing other metrics: e.g., CPI



Flame Graph Search

- Color: magenta to show matched frames



Flame Charts

- Final note: these are useful, but are not flame *graphs*



- Flame **charts**: x-axis is time
- Flame **graphs**: x-axis is population (maximize merging)

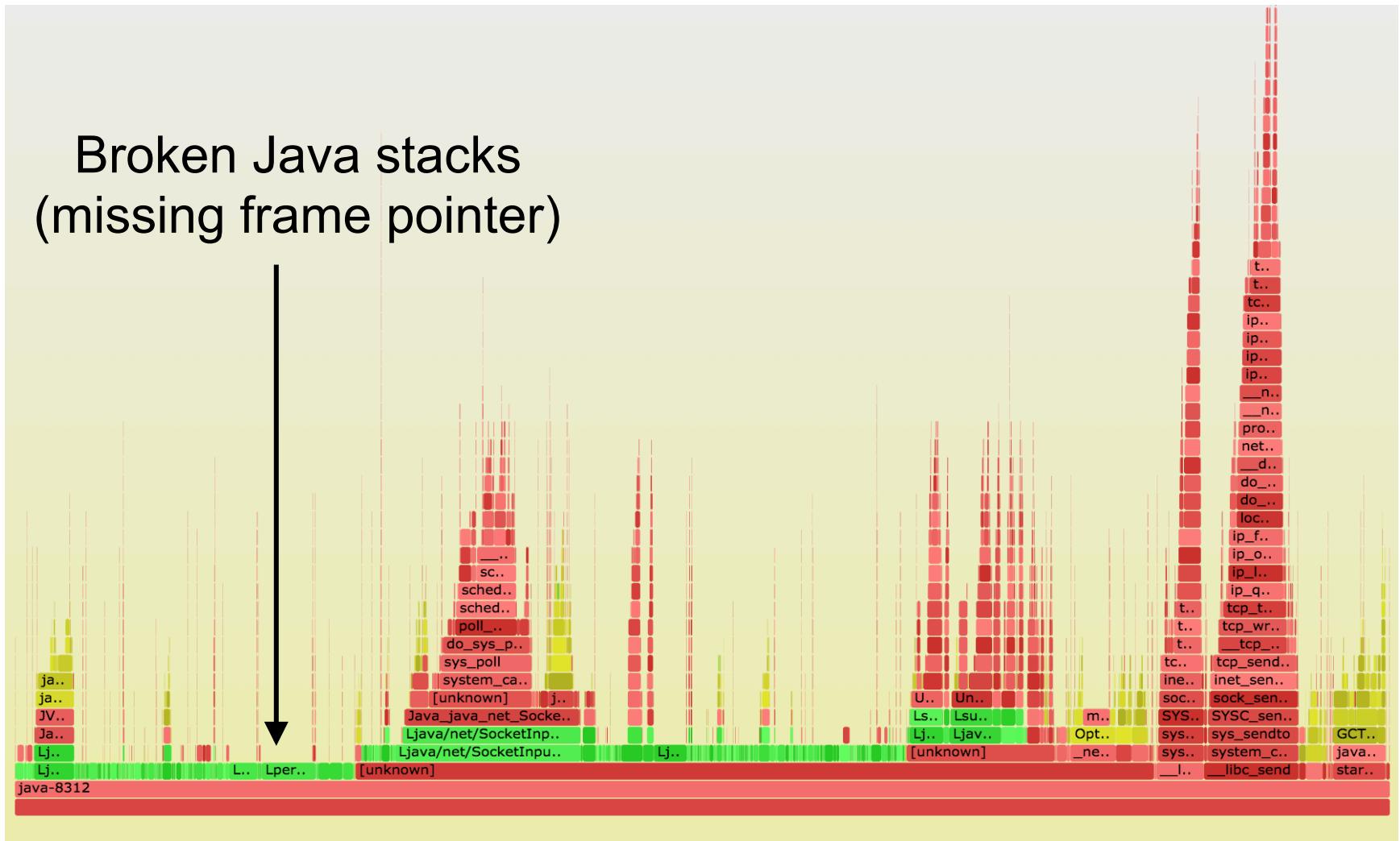
Stack Tracing

System Profiling Java on x86

- For example, using Linux perf
- The stacks are 1 or 2 levels deep, and have junk values

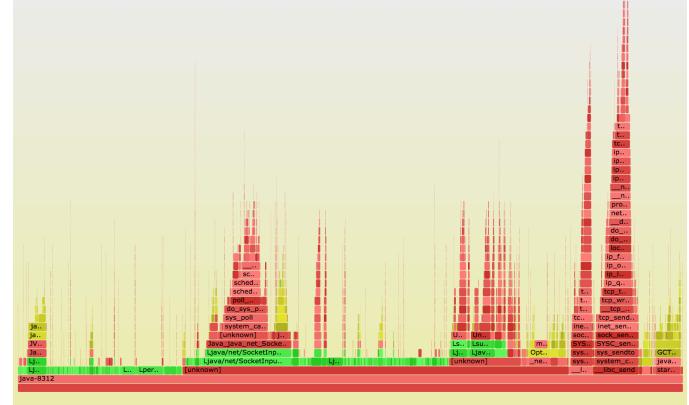
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# perf script
[...]
java 4579 cpu-clock:
    ffffffff8172adff tracesys ([kernel.kallsyms])
        7f4183bad7ce pthread_cond_timedwait@@GLIBC_2...
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    java 4579 cpu-clock:
        7f41792fc65f [unknown] (/tmp/perf-4458.map)
        a2d53351ff7da603 [unknown] ([unknown])
    java 4579 cpu-clock:
        7f4179349aec [unknown] (/tmp/perf-4458.map)
    java 4579 cpu-clock:
        7f4179101d0f [unknown] (/tmp/perf-4458.map)
    [...]
```

... as a Flame Graph



Why Stacks are Broken

- On x86 (`x86_64`), hotspot uses the frame pointer register (RBP) as general purpose
 - This "compiler optimization" breaks (simple) stack walking
 - *Once upon a time*, x86 had fewer registers, and this made much more sense
 - gcc provides **`-fno-omit-frame-pointer`** to avoid doing this, but the JVM had no such option...



Fixing Stack Walking

Possibilities:

- A. Fix frame pointer-based stack walking (the default)
 - Pros: simple, supported by many tools
 - Cons: might cost a little extra CPU
- B. Use a custom walker (likely needing kernel support)
 - Pros: full stack walking (incl. inlining) & arguments
 - Cons: custom kernel code, can cost more CPU when in use
- C. Try libunwind and DWARF
 - Even feasible with JIT?

Our current preference is (A)

Hacking OpenJDK (1/2)

- As a proof of concept, I hacked hotspot to support an x86_64 frame pointer

```
--- openjdk8clean/hotspot/src/cpu/x86/vm/x86_64.ad 2014-03-04 ...
+++ openjdk8/hotspot/src/cpu/x86/vm/x86_64.ad 2014-11-08 ...
@@ -166,10 +166,9 @@
 // 3) reg_class stack_slots( /* one chunk of stack-based "registers" */ )
 //

-// Class for all pointer registers (including RSP)
+// Class for all pointer registers (including RSP, excluding RBP)
 reg_class any_reg(RAX, RAX_H,
                    RDX, RDX_H,
-                   RBP, RBP_H, ← Remove RBP from
-                   RDI, RDI_H, register pools
-                   RSI, RSI_H,
-                   RCX, RCX_H,
[...]
```

Hacking OpenJDK (2/2)

```
--- openjdk8clean/hotspot/src/cpu/x86/vm/macroAssembler_x86.cpp 2014-03-04...
+++ openjdk8/hotspot/src/cpu/x86/vm/macroAssembler_x86.cpp 2014-11-07 ...
@@ -5236,6 +5236,7 @@
    // We always push rbp, so that on return to interpreter rbp, will be
    // restored correctly and we can correct the stack.
    push(rbp);
+   mov(rbp, rsp); ←
    // Remove word for ebp
    framesize -= wordSize;
```

Fix x86_64 function prologues

```
--- openjdk8clean/hotspot/src/cpu/x86/vm/c1_MacroAssembler_x86.cpp ...
+++ openjdk8/hotspot/src/cpu/x86/vm/c1_MacroAssembler_x86.cpp ...
[...]
```

- We used this patched version successfully for some limited (and urgent) performance analysis

-XX:+PreserveFramePointer

- We shared our patch publicly
 - See "A hotspot patch for stack profiling (frame pointer)" on the hotspot complier dev mailing list
 - It became **JDK-8068945** for JDK 9 and **JDK-8072465** for JDK 8, and the -XX:+PreserveFramePointer option
- Zoltán Majó (Oracle) took this on, rewrote it, and it is now:
 - In **JDK 9**
 - In **JDK 8 update 60** build 19
 - Thanks to Zoltán, Oracle, and the other hotspot engineers for helping get this done!
- It might cost 0 – 3% CPU, depending on workload

Broken Java Stacks (before)

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[...]
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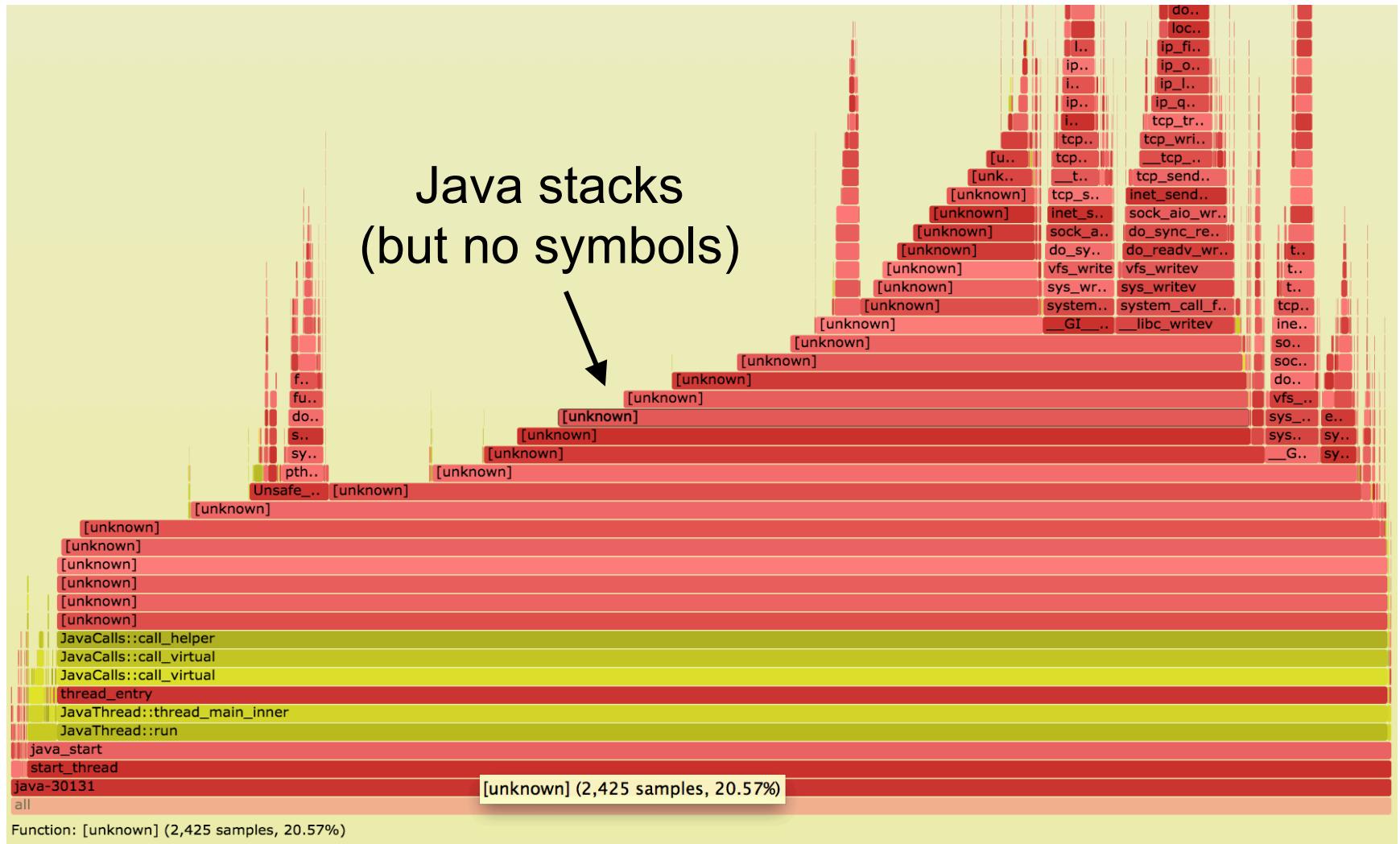
- Check with "perf script" to see stack samples
- These are 1 or 2 levels deep (junk values)

Fixed Java Stacks

```
# perf script
[...]
java 8131 cpu-clock:
7fff76f2dce1 [unknown] ([vds0])
7fd3173f7a93 os::javaTimeMillis() (/usr/lib/jvm...
7fd301861e46 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd30184def8 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd30174f544 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd30175d3a8 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd30166d51c [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd301750f34 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd3016c2280 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd301b02ec0 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd3016f9888 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd3016ece04 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd30177783c [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd301600aa8 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd301a4484c [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
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7fd301007325 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd301007325 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd3010004e7 [unknown] (/tmp/perf-8131.map)
7fd3171df76a JavaCalls::call_helper(JavaValue*,...
7fd3171dce44 JavaCalls::call_virtual(JavaValue*...
7fd3171dd43a JavaCalls::call_virtual(JavaValue*...
7fd31721b6ce thread_entry(JavaThread*, Thread*)...
7fd3175389e0 JavaThread::thread_main_inner() (...
7fd317538cb2 JavaThread::run() (/usr/lib/jvm/nf...
7fd3173f6f52 java_start(Thread*) (/usr/lib/jvm/...
7fd317a7e182 start_thread (/lib/x86_64-linux-gn...
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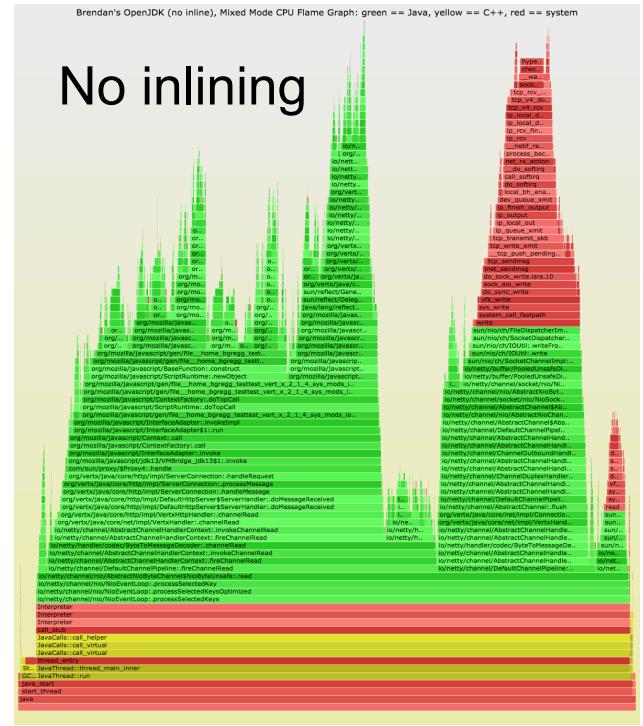
- With -XX:
+PreserveFramePointer
stacks are full, and
go all the way to
`start_thread()`
- This is what the
CPUs are really
running: inlined
frames are not
present

Fixed Stacks Flame Graph



Stacks & Inlining

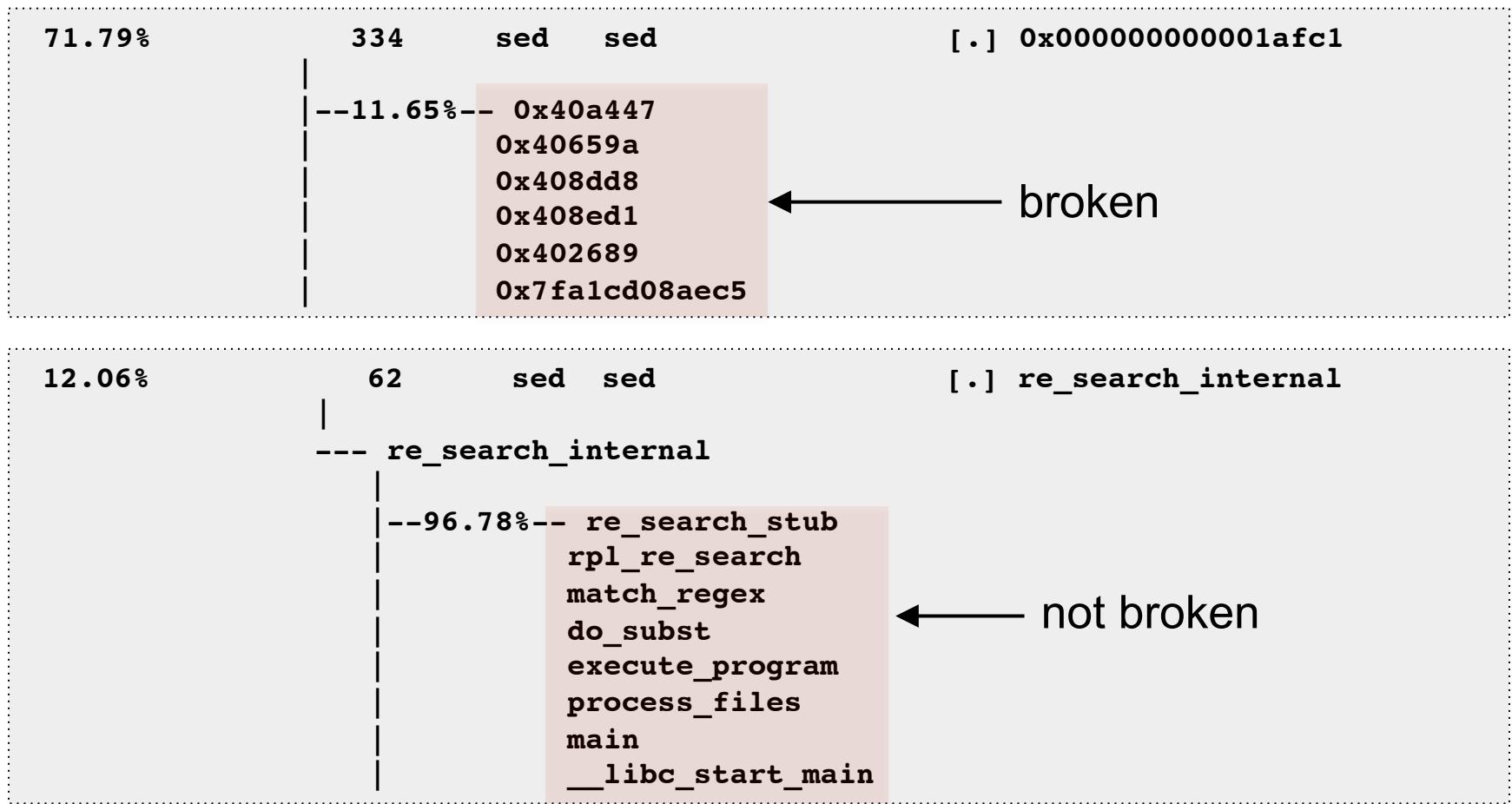
- Frames may be missing (inlined)
- Disabling inlining:
 - `-XX:-Inline`
 - Many more Java frames
 - Can be 80% slower!
- May not be necessary
 - Inlined flame graphs often make enough sense
 - Or tune `-XX:MaxInlineSize` and `-XX:InlineSmallCode` a little to reveal more frames
 - Can even improve performance!
- `perf-map-agent (next)` has experimental un-inline support



Symbols

Missing Symbols

- Missing symbols may show up as hex; e.g., Linux perf:



Fixing Symbols

- For JIT'd code, Linux perf already looks for an externally provided symbol file: /tmp/perf-PID.map, and warns if it doesn't exist

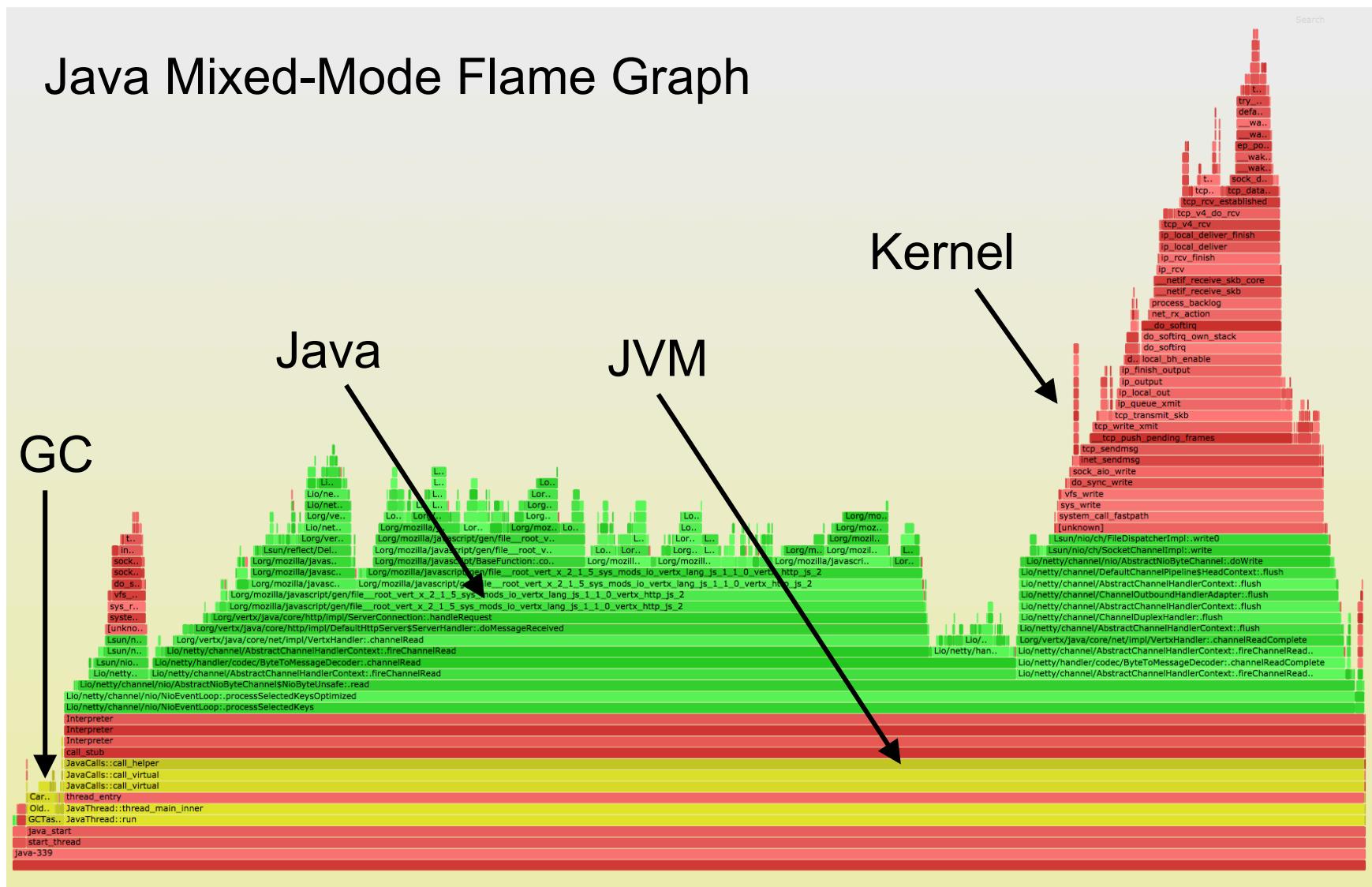
```
# perf script
Failed to open /tmp/perf-8131.map, continuing without symbols
[...]
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    7fff76f2dce1 [unknown] ([vdso])
    7fd3173f7a93 os:::javaTimeMillis() (/usr/lib/jvm...
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[...]
```

- This file can be created by a Java agent

Java Symbols for perf

- perf-map-agent
 - <https://github.com/jrudolph/perf-map-agent>
 - Agent attaches and writes the /tmp file on demand (previous versions attached on Java start, wrote continually)
 - Thanks Johannes Rudolph!
- Use of a /tmp symbol file
 - Pros: simple, can be low overhead (snapshot on demand)
 - Cons: stale symbols
- Using a symbol logger with perf instead
 - Patch by Stephane Eranian currently being discussed on lkml; see "perf: add support for profiling jitted code"

Stacks & Symbols



Stacks & Symbols (zoom)



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1. Check Java version
2. Install perf-map-agent
3. Set -XX:+PreserveFramePointer
4. Profile Java
5. Dump symbols
6. Generate Mixed-Mode Flame Graph

Note these are unsupported: use at your own risk

Reference: <http://techblog.netflix.com/2015/07/java-in-flames.html>

1. Check Java Version

- Need JDK8u60 or better
 - for -XX:+PreserveFramePointer

```
$ java -version
java version "1.8.0_60"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.8.0_60-b27)
Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (build 25.60-b23, mixed mode)
```

- Upgrade Java if necessary

2. Install perf-map-agent

- Check <https://github.com/jrudolph/perf-map-agent> for the latest instructions. e.g.:

```
$ sudo bash
# apt-get install -y cmake
# export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-8-oracle
# cd /usr/lib/jvm
# git clone --depth=1 https://github.com/jrudolph/perf-map-agent
# cd perf-map-agent
# cmake .
# make
```

3. Set -XX:+PreserveFramePointer

- Needs to be set on Java startup
- Check it is enabled (on Linux):

```
$ ps wwp `pgrep -n java` | grep PreserveFramePointer
```

4. Profile Java

- Using Linux perf_events to profile all processes, at 99 Hertz, for 30 seconds (as root):

```
# perf record -F 99 -a -g -- sleep 30
```

- Just profile one PID (broken on some older kernels):

```
# perf record -F 99 -p PID -g -- sleep 30
```

- These create a perf.data file

5. Dump Symbols

- See perf-map-agent docs for updated usage
- e.g., as the same user as java:

```
$ cd /usr/lib/jvm/perf-map-agent/out
$ java -cp attach-main.jar:$JAVA_HOME/lib/tools.jar \
    net.virtualvoid.perf.AttachOnce PID
```

- perf-map-agent contains helper scripts. I wrote my own:
 - <https://github.com/brendangregg/Misc/blob/master/java/jmaps>
- Dump symbols quickly after perf record to minimize stale symbols. How I do it:

```
# perf record -F 99 -a -g -- sleep 30; jmaps
```

6. Generate a Mixed-Mode Flame Graph

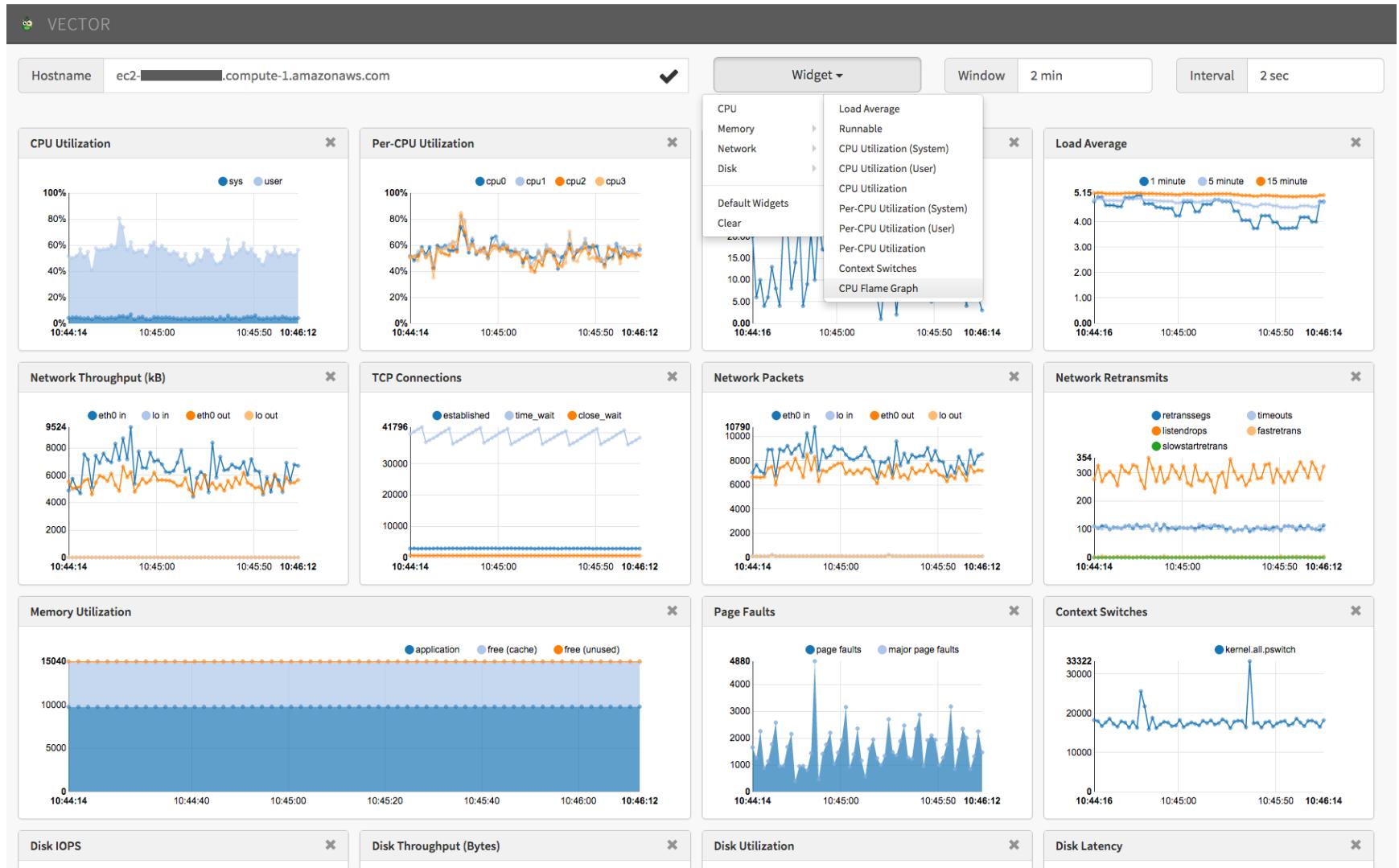
- Using my FlameGraph software:

```
# perf script > out.stacks01
# git clone --depth=1 https://github.com/brendangregg/FlameGraph
# cat out.stacks01 | ./FlameGraph/stackcollapse-perf.pl | \
    ./FlameGraph/flamegraph.pl --color=java --hash > flame01.svg
```

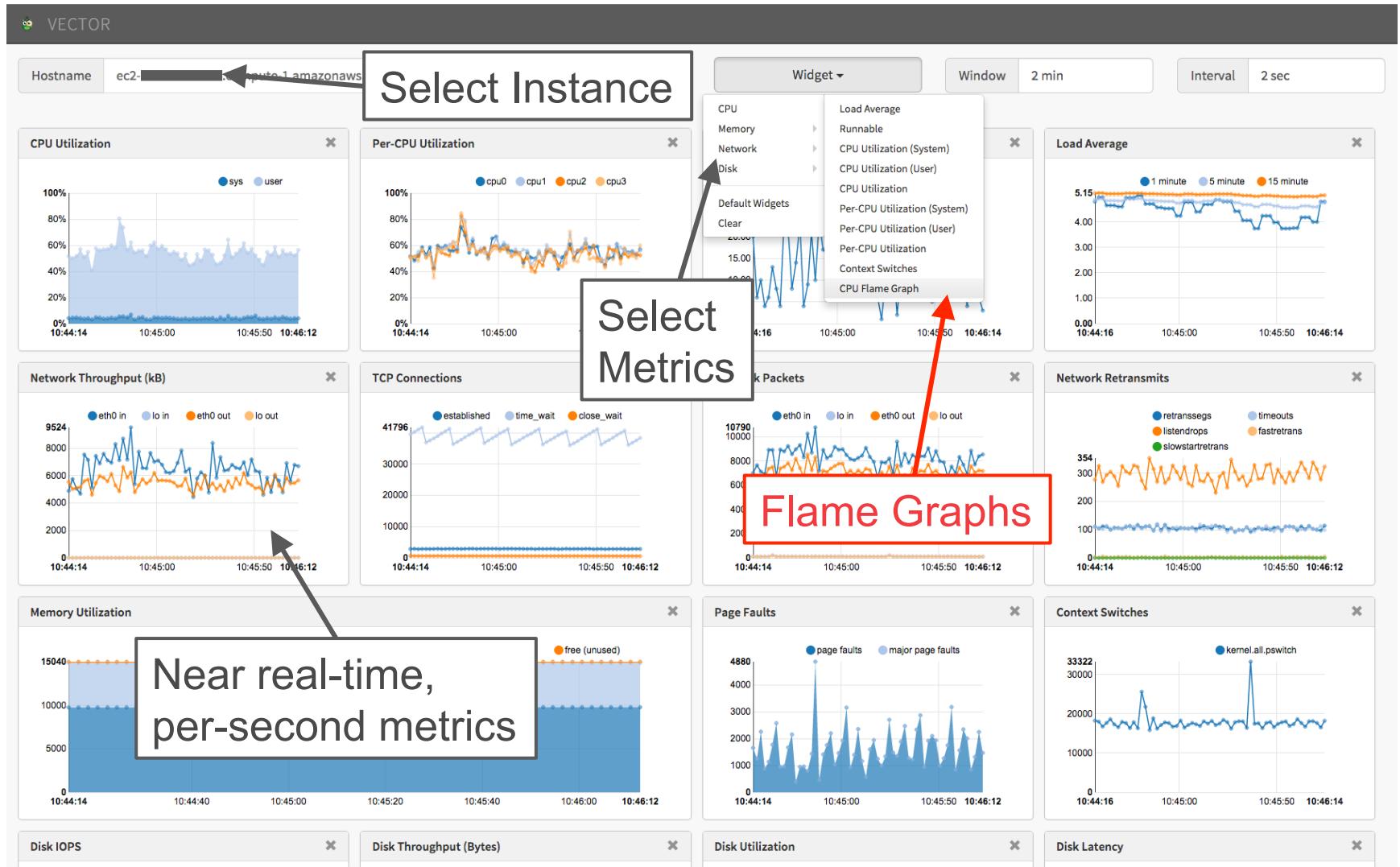
- perf script reads perf.data with /tmp/*.map
- out.stacks01 is an intermediate file; can be handy to keep
- Finally open flame01.svg in a browser
- Check for newer flame graph implementations (e.g., d3)

Automation

Netflix Vector



Netflix Vector



Netflix Vector

- Open source, on-demand, instance analysis tool
 - <https://github.com/netflix/vector>
- Shows various real-time metrics
- Flame graph support currently in development
 - Automating previous steps
 - Using it internally already
 - Also developing a new d3 front end



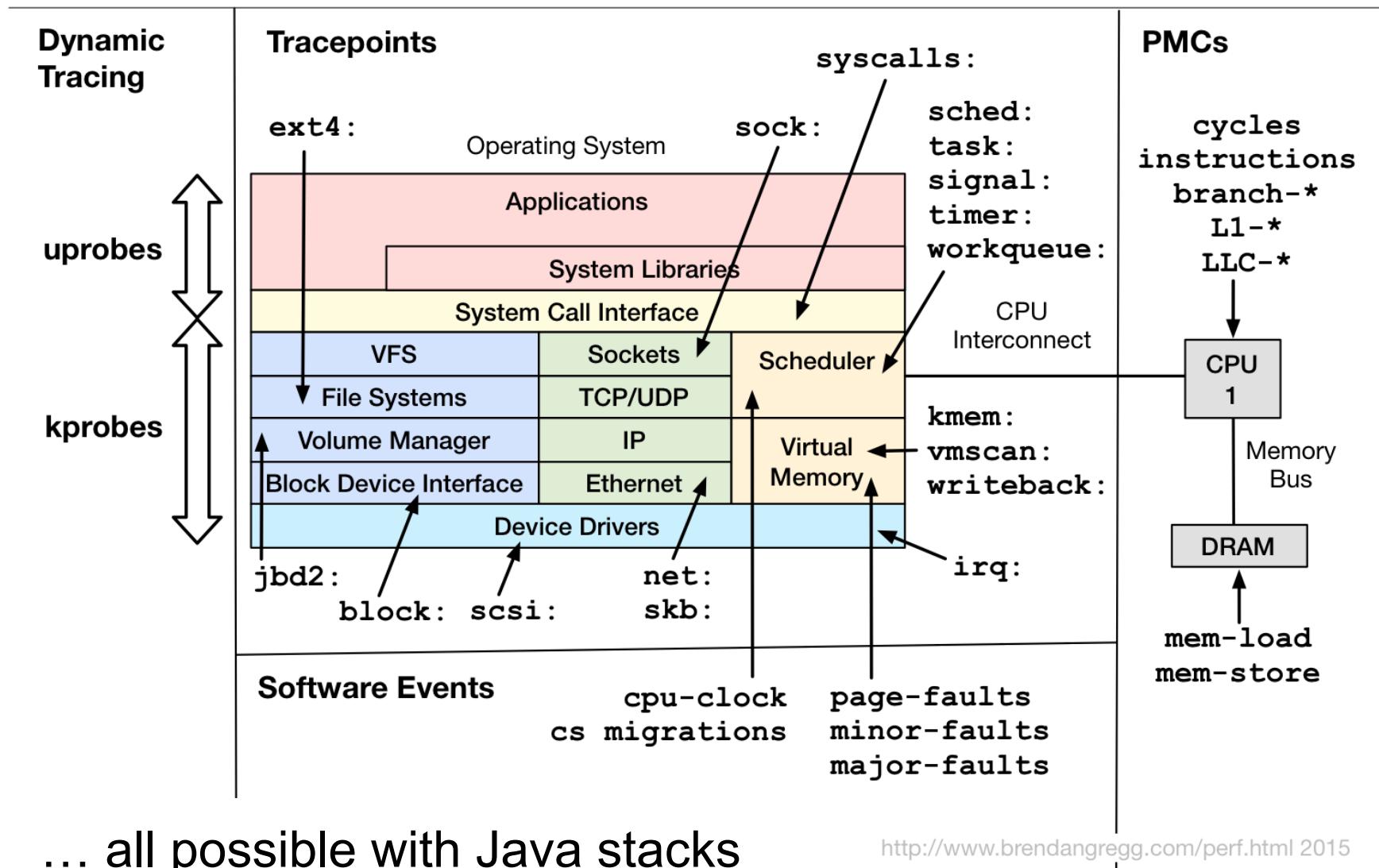
Netflix Open Source Software

DEMO

d3-flame-graph

Advanced Analysis

Linux perf_events Coverage



Advanced Flame Graphs

- Examples:
 - Page faults
 - Context switches
 - Disk I/O requests
 - TCP events
 - CPU cache misses
 - CPI
- Any event issued in *synchronous* Java context

Synchronous Java Context

- Java thread still on-CPU, and event is directly triggered
- Examples:
 - Disk I/O requests issued directly by Java → yes
 - direct reads, sync writes, page faults
 - Disk I/O completion interrupts → no*
 - Disk I/O requests triggered async, e.g., readahead → no*

* can be made yes by tracing and associating context

Page Faults

- Show what triggered main memory (resident) to grow:

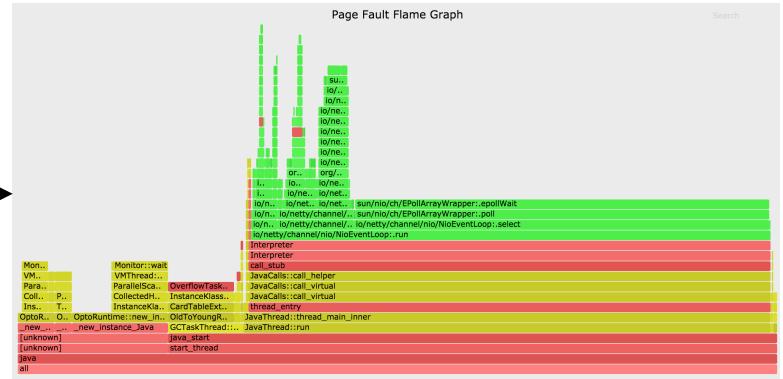
```
# perf record -e page-faults -p PID -g -- sleep 120
```

- "fault" as (physical) main memory is allocated on-demand, when a virtual page is first populated
- Low overhead tool to solve some types of memory leak

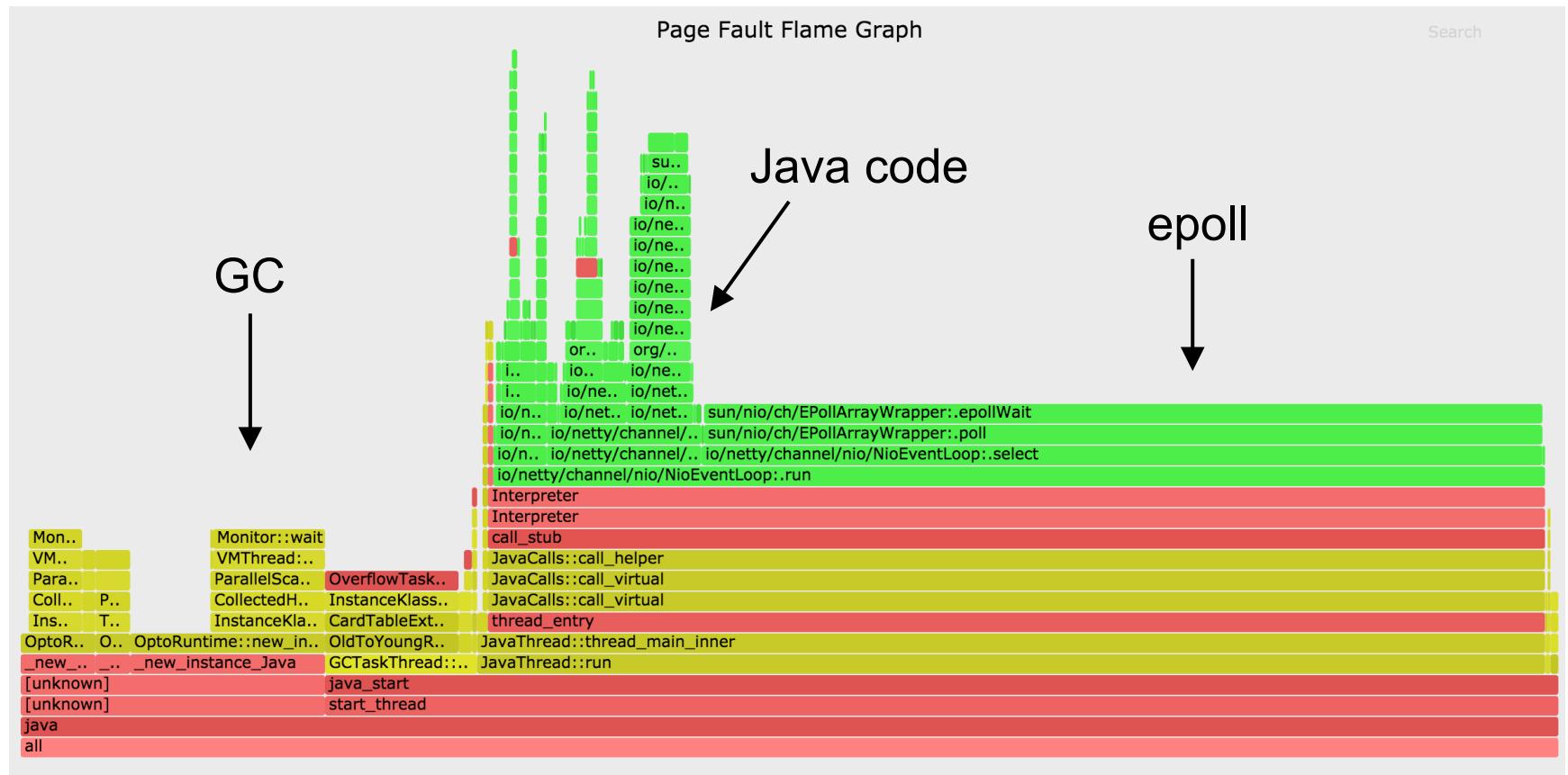
RES column in top(1)

VIRT	RES	COMMAND
3972756	376876	java
344752	231344	ab
0	0	kworker/1:1
1069716	44032	evolution-calen
0	0	ksoftirqd/2

grows
because



Page Fault Flame Graph



Context Switches

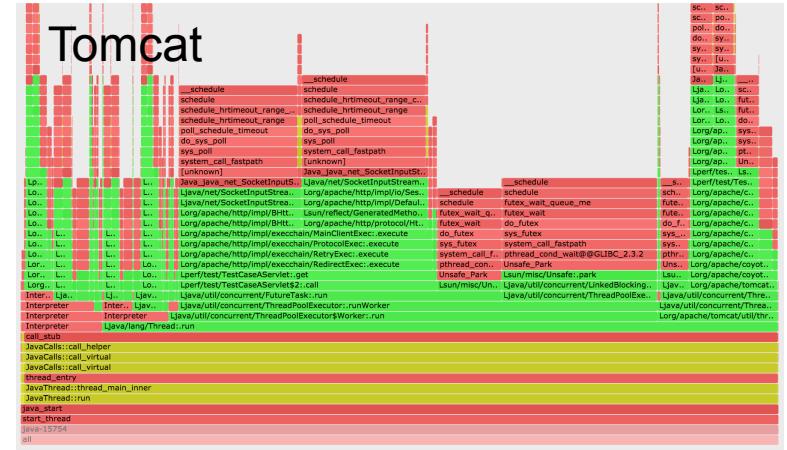
- Show why Java blocked and stopped running on-CPU:

```
# perf record -e context-switches -p PID -g -- sleep 5
```

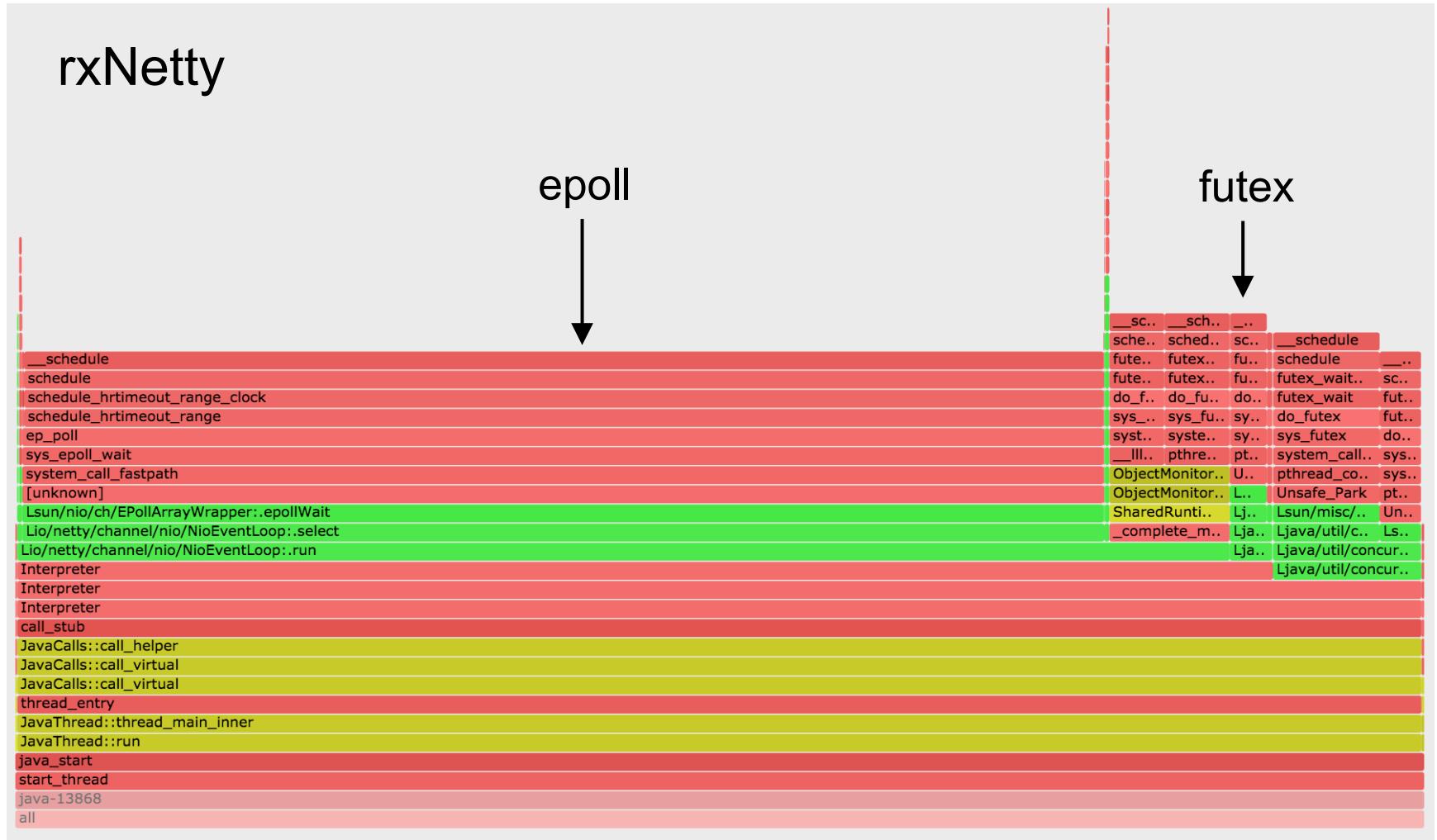
- Identifies locks, I/O, sleeps
 - If code path shouldn't block and looks random, it's an involuntary context switch. I could filter these, but you should have solved them beforehand (CPU load).
- e.g., was used to understand framework differences:



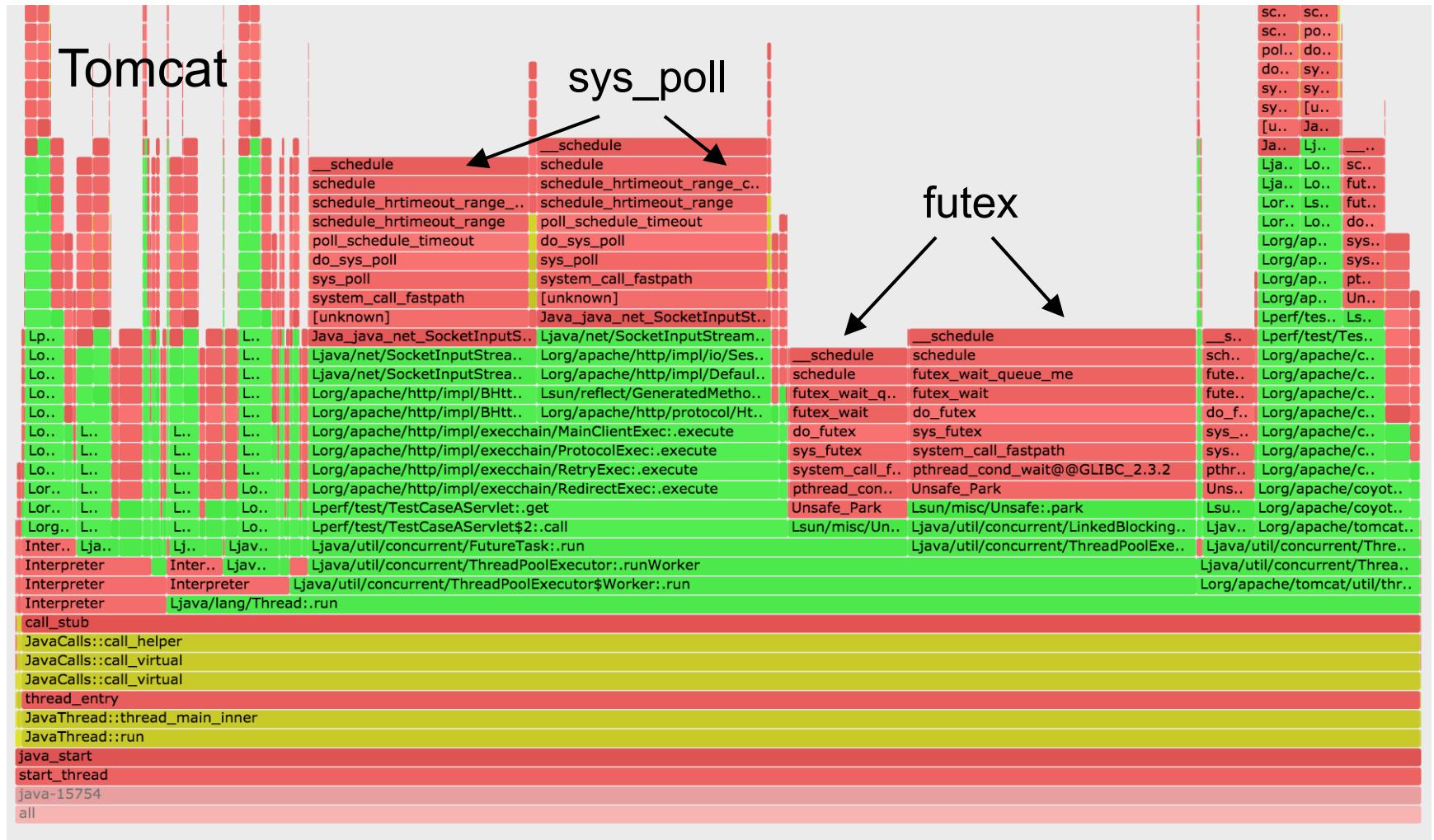
vs



Context Switch Flame Graph (1/2)



Context Switch Flame Graph (2/2)

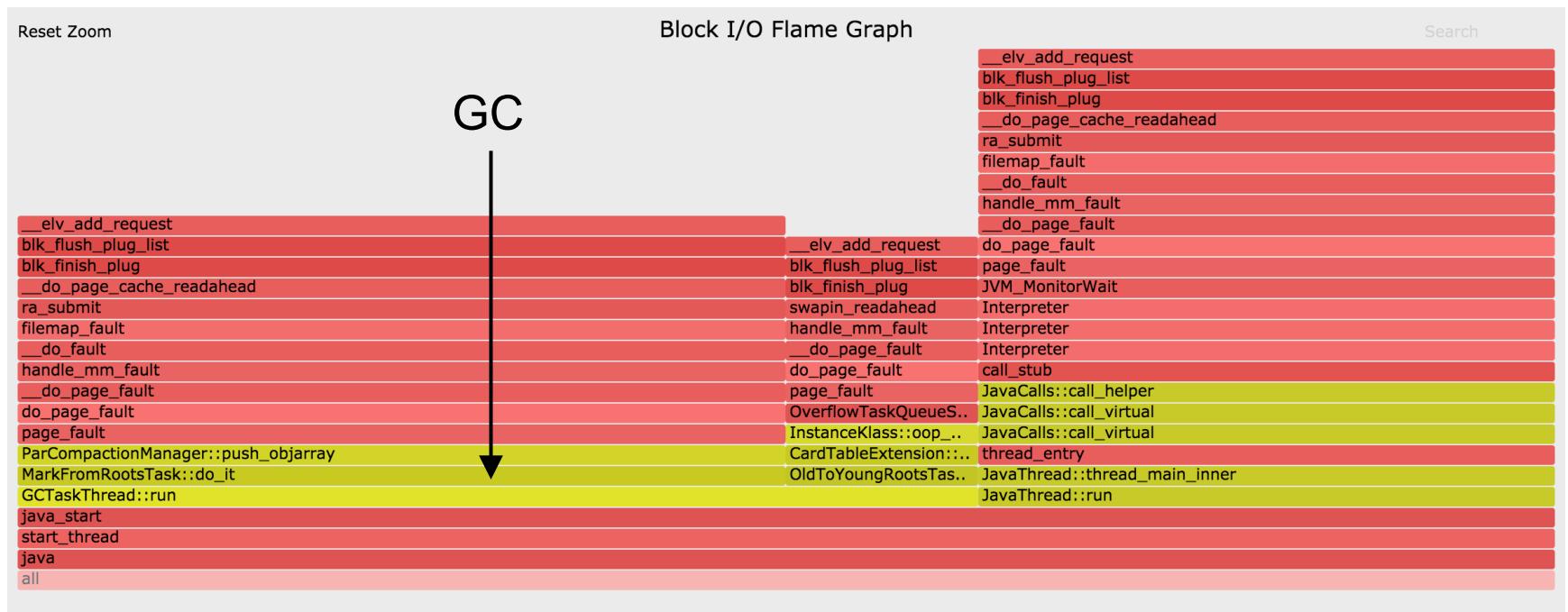


Disk I/O Requests

- Shows who issued disk I/O (sync reads & writes):

```
# perf record -e block:block_rq_insert -a -g -- sleep 60
```

- e.g.: page faults in GC? This JVM has swapped out!:

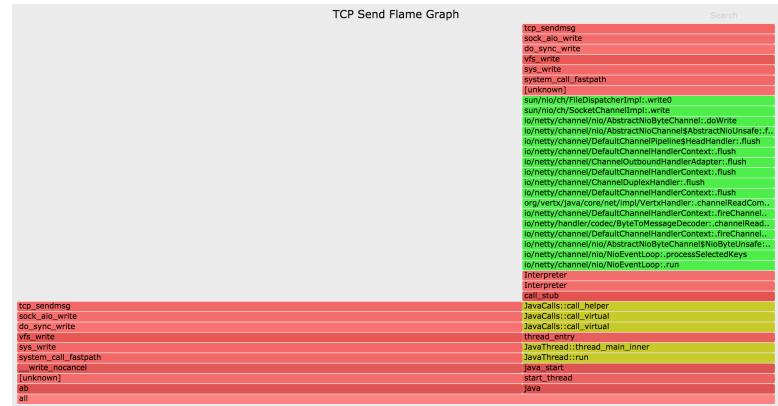


TCP Events

- TCP transmit, using dynamic tracing:

```
# perf probe tcp_sendmsg  
# perf record -e probe:tcp_sendmsg -a -g -- sleep 1; jmaps  
# perf script -f comm,pid,tid,cpu,time,event,ip,sym,dso,trace > out.stacks  
# perf probe --del tcp_sendmsg
```

- Note: can be high overhead for high packet rates
 - For the current perf trace, dump, post-process cycle
 - Can also trace TCP connect & accept (lower overhead)
 - TCP receive is async
 - Could trace via socket read



TCP Send Flame Graph

Only one code-path
taken in this example

ab (client process)

```
tcp_sendmsg
sock_aio_write
do_sync_write
vfs_write
sys_write
system_call_fastpath
__write_nocancel
[unknown]
ab
all
```

TCP Send Flame Graph

Search

kernel

Java

JVM

The flame graph visualizes the execution flow between the kernel, Java, and JVM layers. The vertical axis represents the execution time, with the bottom being the most recent and the top being the earliest. The horizontal axis represents the call stack. The colors of the bars indicate the source of the code: red for kernel, green for Java, and yellow for JVM. Arrows point from the text labels 'kernel', 'Java', and 'JVM' to their respective colored regions in the graph.

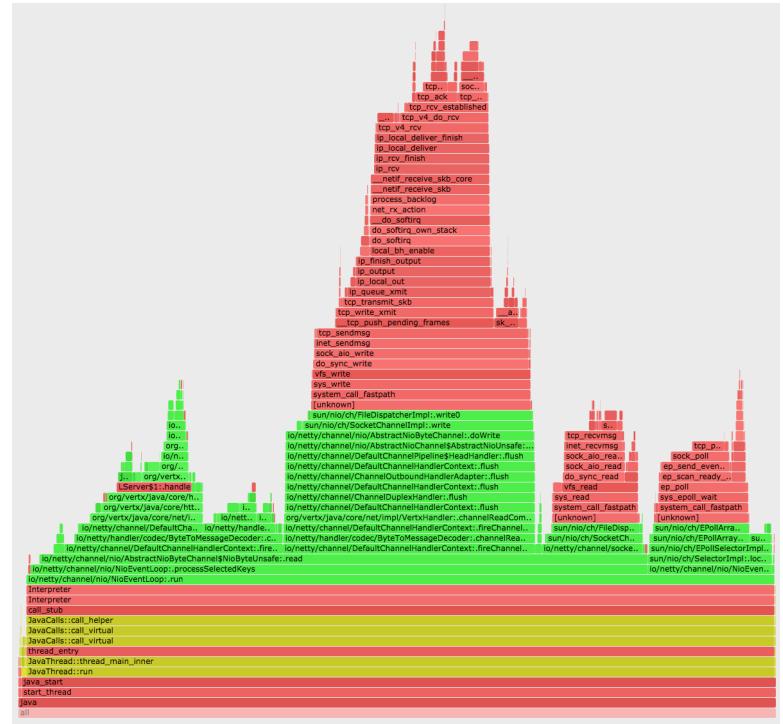
```
tcp_sendmsg
sock_aio_write
do_sync_write
vfs_write
sys_write
system_call_fastpath
[unknown]
sun/nio/ch/FileDispatcherImpl:.write0
sun/nio/ch/SocketChannelImpl:.write
io/netty/channel/nio/AbstractNioByteChannel:.doWrite
io/netty/channel/nio/AbstractNioChannel$AbstractNioUnsafe:f..
io/netty/channel/DefaultChannelPipeline$HeadHandler:.flush
io/netty/channel/DefaultChannelHandlerContext:.flush
io/netty/channel/ChannelOutboundHandlerAdapter:.flush
io/netty/channel/DefaultChannelHandlerContext:.flush
io/netty/channel/ChannelDuplexHandler:.flush
io/netty/channel/DefaultChannelHandlerContext:.flush
org/vertx/java/core/net/impl/VertxHandler:.channelReadCom..
io/netty/channel/DefaultChannelHandlerContext:.fireChannel..
io/netty/handler/codec/ByteToMessageDecoder:.channelRead..
io/netty/channel/DefaultChannelHandlerContext:.fireChannel..
io/netty/channel/nio/AbstractNioByteChannel$NioByteUnsafe:..
io/netty/channel/nio/NioEventLoop:.processSelectedKeys
io/netty/channel/nio/NioEventLoop:.run
Interpreter
Interpreter
call_stub
JavaCalls::call_helper
JavaCalls::call_virtual
JavaCalls::call_virtual
thread_entry
JavaThread::thread_main_inner
JavaThread::run
java_start
start_thread
java
```

CPU Cache Misses

- In this example, sampling via Last Level Cache loads:

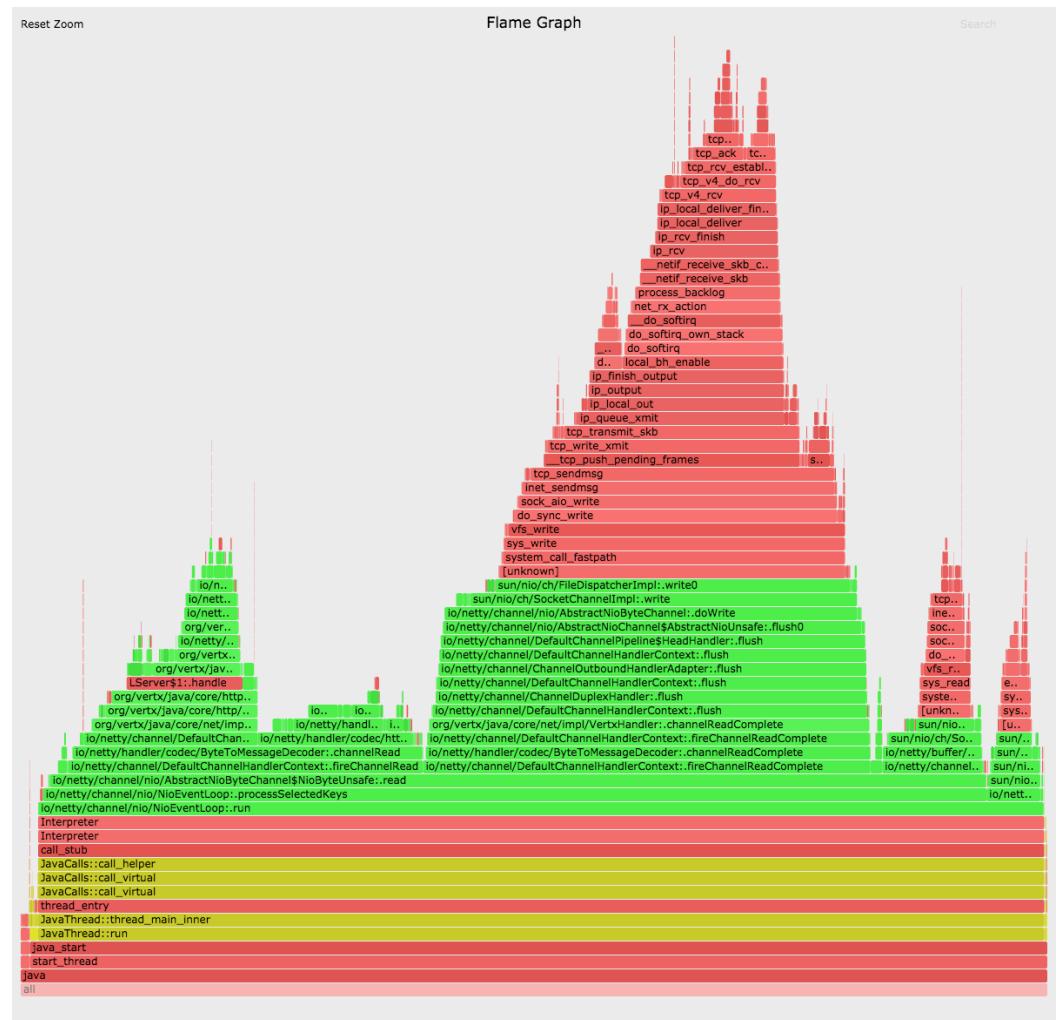
```
# perf record -e LLC-loads -c 10000 -a -g -- sleep 5; jmaps  
# perf script -f comm,pid,tid,cpu,time,event,ip,sym,dso > out.stacks
```

- c is the count (samples once per count)
- Use other CPU counters to sample hits, misses, stalls



One Last Example

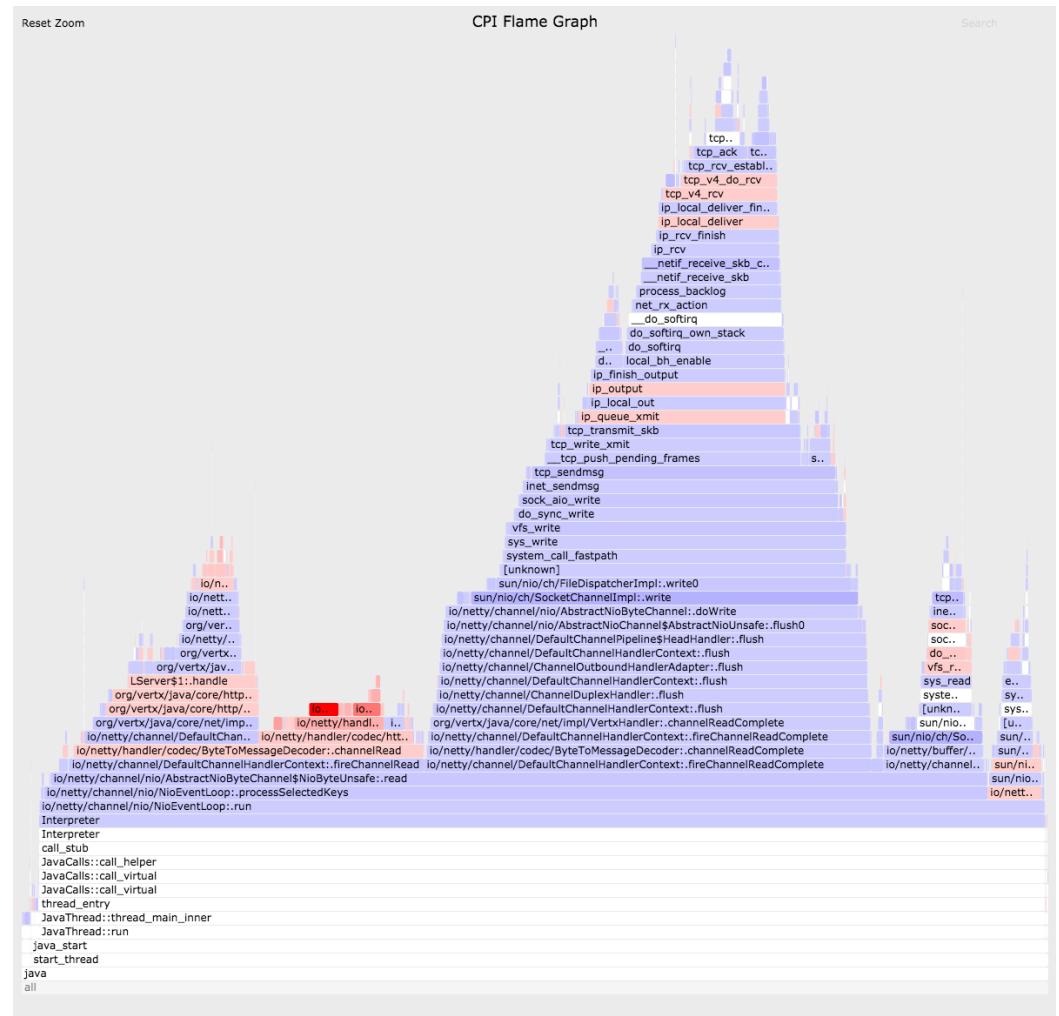
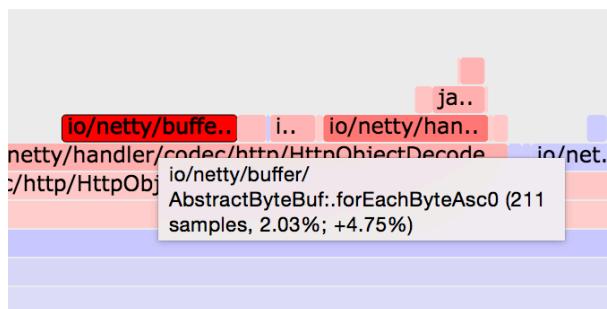
- Back to a mixed-mode CPU flame graph
- What else can we show with color?



CPI Flame Graph

- Cycles Per Instruction!
 - red == instruction heavy
 - blue == cycle heavy (likely mem stall cycles)

zoomed:



Links & References

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