Repeatability Test

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1 Description

This document characterizes execution times measured on a simple program in pure-computation mode, called *INC*, with increasing task lengths (up to 16,384 seconds from 1 second). For the characterization, we present various histograms of INC throughout this document. The main goal of examining these histograms is to make sure if two (or more) histograms of INC with the same task length have the same shape or not. If that's the case, then we can say that such an INC run is so called *repeatable*; in other words, *repeatability* is satisfied in our experimental settings. Another goal is to uncover and explicate several interesting structures behind the histograms. The third goal is to build a statistical distribution (or model) fitting in the histograms, so that later we are capable of predicting a concrete execution time via the model on an arbitrary algorithm with a given input on a real execution environment.

In our experiments, we used EMPv5 [1]. (That said, the second step of EMPv5 was on purpose omitted, just to obtain better histograms by retaining more samples.) In the protocol, we use taskstats C struct to get measures of a captured process. The taskstat's data is delivered via a netlink socket from the kernel space. The receive buffer for the socket is not robust for many observed processes [2]. Fortunately, there is an average of 95 processes per iteration of a run, which turns out to be fine with the struct. For a much more number of processes, the use of /proc/[pid]/stat is preferred, as (i) there are equivalent measures available in the /proc filesystem, and (ii) there's little constraint on the use as opposed to taskstats.

Now we show histograms of elapsed time (ET) and process time (PT) of INC via the EMPv5 protocol.

2 Histograms on the First Run

This section exhibits histograms on the first run of INC with its task length increasing from 1 second to 4096 seconds. The detailed description of the base data is from Table 1.

Experiment Notes: Table 1 provides a short description of our experimental runs, on which the following histograms are based.

Machine	Task Length (sec)	Description	Experiment Period	Relevant
				Histograms
sodb9	INC1~INC64	1000 samples, each	$2017-03-02 \sim 2017-03-04$	Figs. 1, 2, 5, and 6
sodb9	INC128~INC1024	300 samples, each	$2017-03-04 \sim 2017-03-11$	Figs. 3 and 7
sodb10	INC2048	300 samples	$2017-03-02 \sim 2017-03-09$	Figs. 4(a) and 8(a)
sodb12	INC4096	300 samples	$2017-02-13 \sim 2017-02-27$	Figs. 4(b) and 8(b)

Table 1: Notes on experiment runs used for histograms

2.1 ET

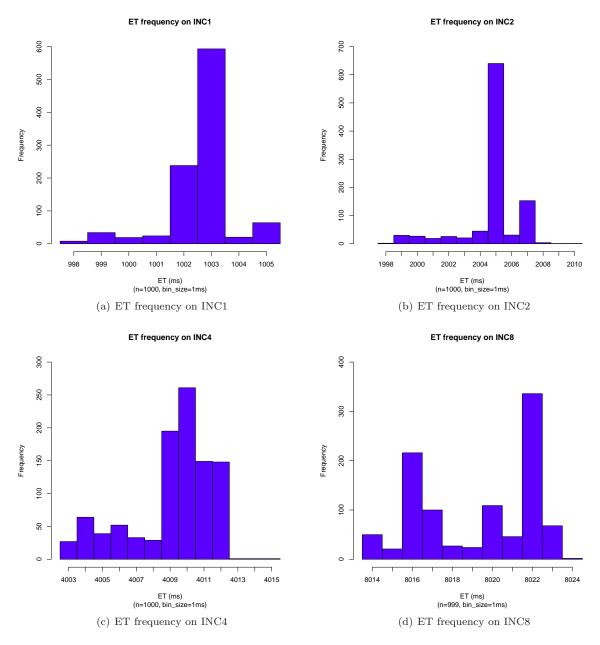
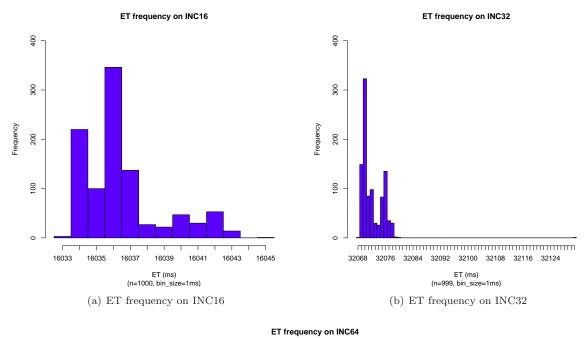


Figure 1: ET Histograms of INC1 \dots INC8



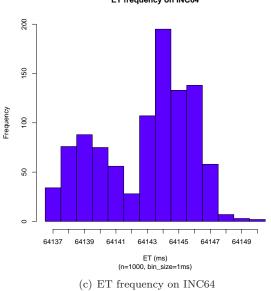


Figure 2: ET Histograms of INC16 \dots INC64

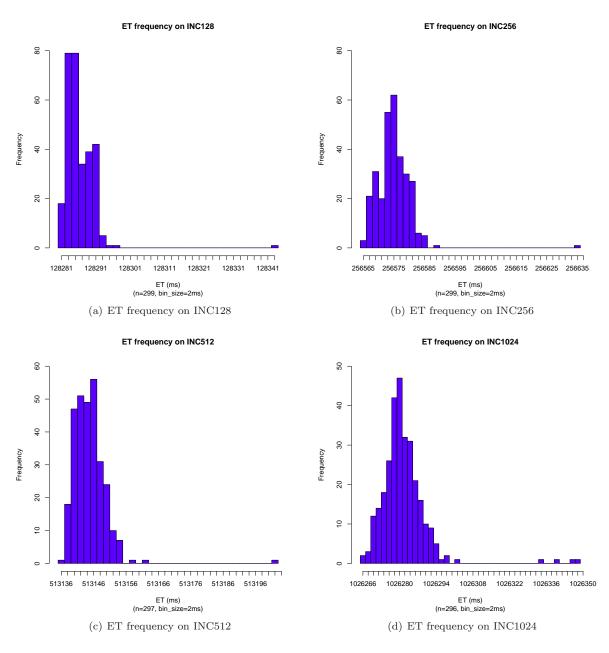


Figure 3: ET Histograms of INC128 ... INC1024

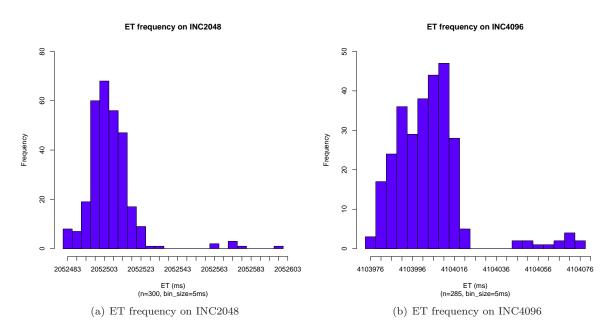


Figure 4: ET Histograms of INC2048 and INC4096

2.2 PT

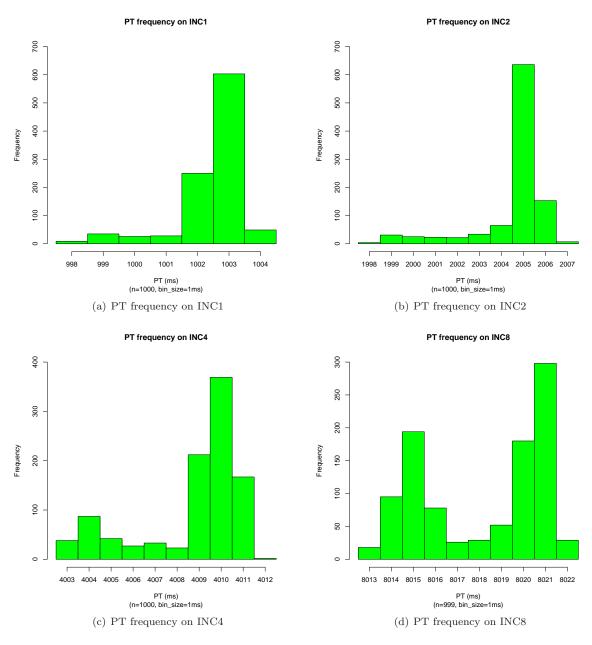
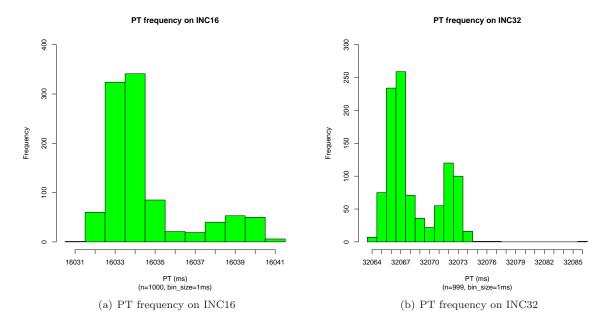


Figure 5: PT Histograms of INC1 ... INC8



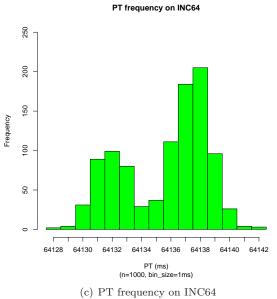


Figure 6: PT Histograms of INC16 \dots INC64

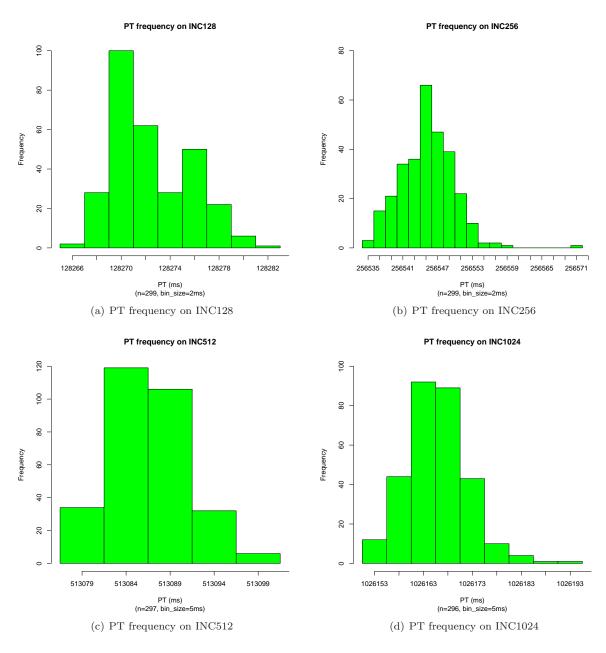


Figure 7: PT Histograms of INC256 ... INC1024

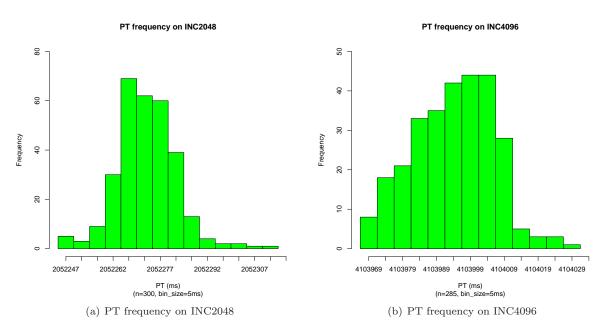


Figure 8: PT Histograms of INC2048 and INC4096

2.3 Additional Histograms

This section exhibits the histograms of INC with some intermediate task lengths under 256 secs. These histograms are intended to investigate where the crossing and merge of two peaks that are consistently observed up to INC128 happened. Table 2 provides a description of the intermediate runs.

Machine	Task Length (sec)	Description	Experiment Period	Relevant
				Histograms
sodb9	INC96~INC256	1000 samples, each	$2017-05-24 \sim 2017-06-06$	Figs. 18, 21(d),
				and 22(a)
	INC3, 6, 12, 24, 48,	1000 samples, each	$2017-06-07 \sim 2017-06-16$	Figs. $16(c)$, $17(a)$,
	72, 80, 88, 104, 112,			17(c), 18(a), 18(c),
	and 120			19(a), 19(b), 19(c),
				20(a), 20(b), and 20(d)

Table 2: Notes on experiment runs used for histograms

2.3.1 ET

Not available at this point, due to the labshelf server's unavailability for the time being.

2.3.2 PT

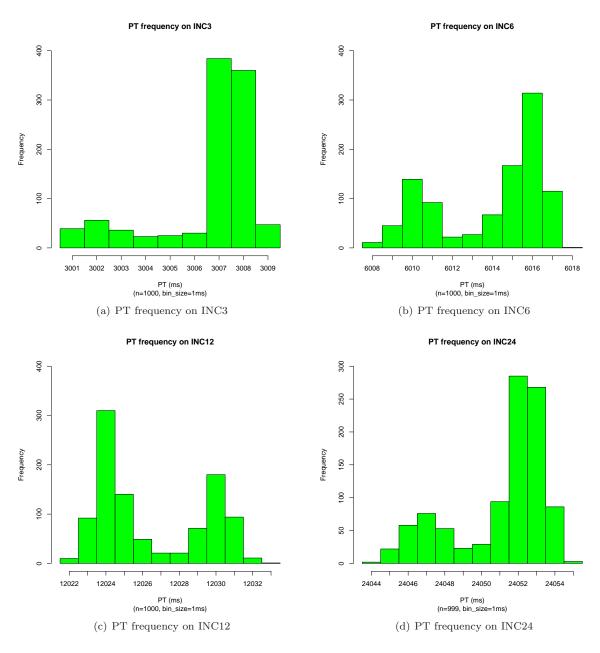


Figure 9: PT Histograms of INC3 ... INC24

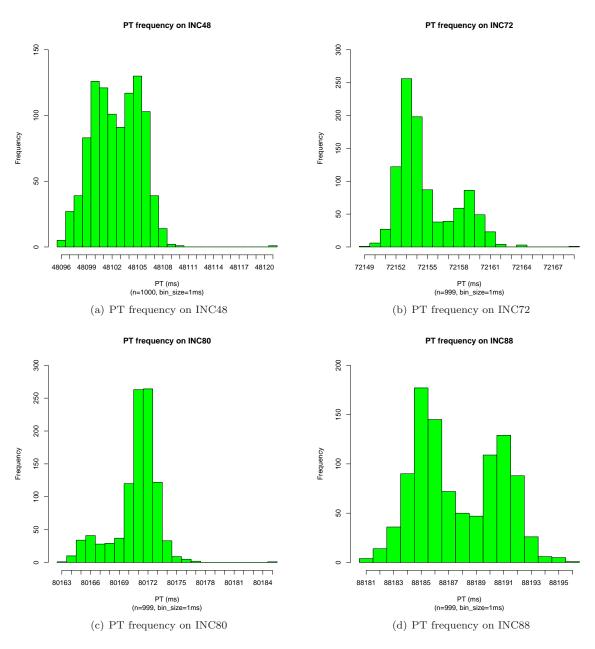


Figure 10: PT Histograms of INC48 ... INC88

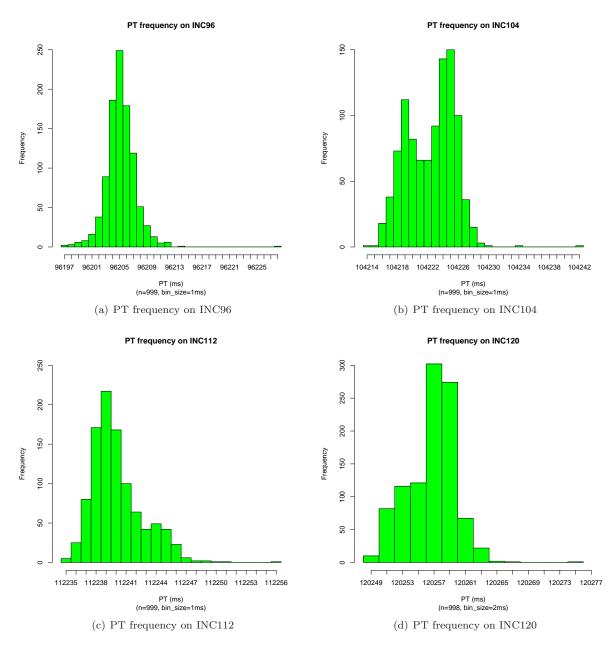
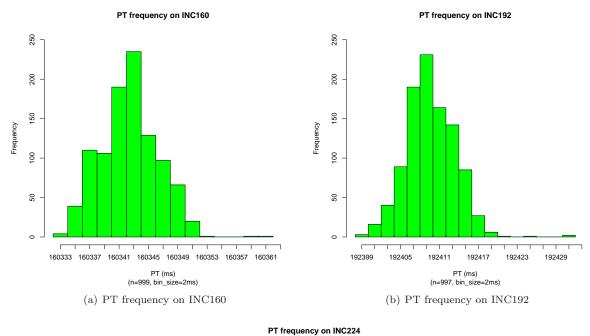


Figure 11: PT Histograms of INC96 \dots INC120



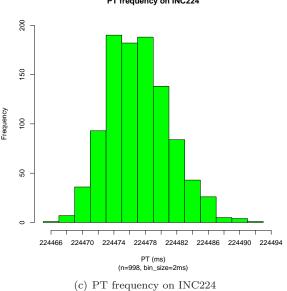


Figure 12: PT Histograms of INC169 \dots INC224

2.4 Summary

Stacked Histograms in a 3D Plot: Figure 13 represents a 3D plot of collecting the histograms of PT exhibited in Section 2. Note that the histograms from the task lengths of 8192 and 16384 seconds to be shown in Figures 37(c) and 37(d). are brought into Figure 13 for completeness. The x-, y-, z-axes indicate the normalized PT ranging from 0 to 100, task length in log scale, and relative frequency of each histogram, such that for each INC it is scaled from 0 (the shortest) to 100 (the highest).

3d Stacked Histogram

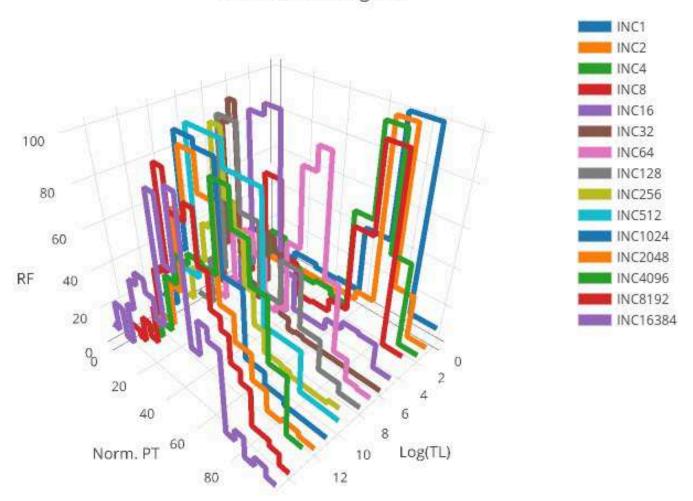


Figure 13: 3D histograms on INC

Figure 14 represents a 3D plot of collecting the histograms of user time only exhibited in Section 2.

3d Stacked Histogram

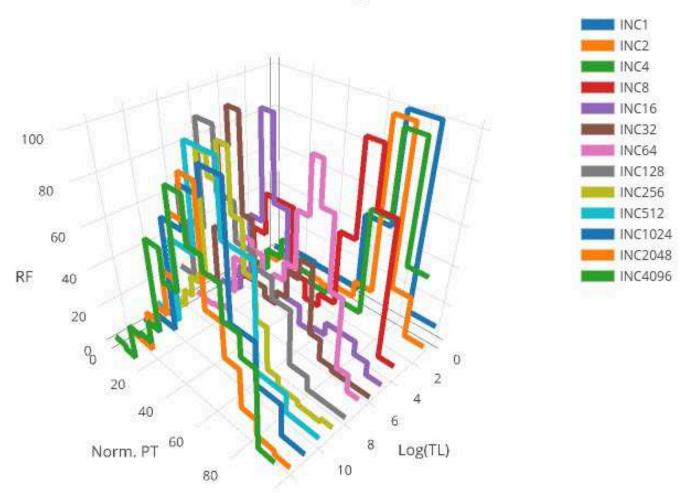


Figure 14: 3D histograms on INC: u time only

Absolute and Relative Variance over Increasing Task Lengths: Figure 15 exhibits absolute and relative variances over increasing task lengths. More specifically, Figures 15(a) and 15(b) concern the PT standard deviations of all the runs including those two longest runs of INC8192 and INC16384 described in Table 11. The x-axis is task length, and the y-axis standard deviation; Figure 15(b) is taken in log scale. Figures 15(c) and 15(d) shows the relative variance of the same data set—coefficient of variation (= standard deviation / task length (or mean)). Both of the x and y axes in these two figures are taken in log scale. We also overlap a linear-square-fit of each case on the same figure.

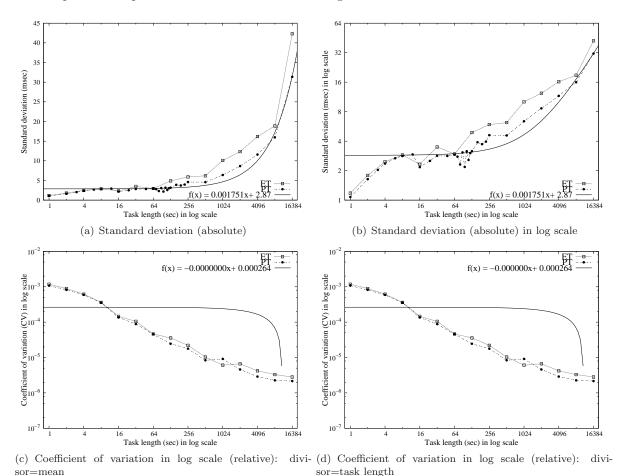


Figure 15: Absolute and relative variances

2.5 Histograms of User and System Time

This section exhibits histograms on user and system time of the INC runs described in Table 1.

2.5.1 User Time

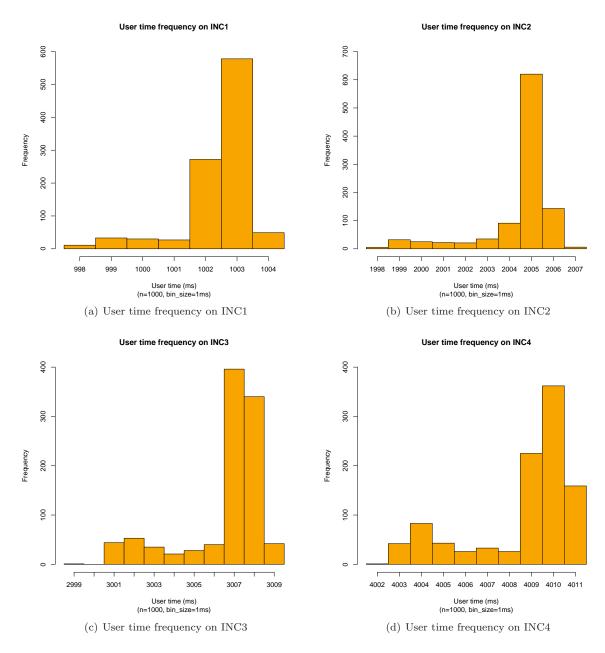


Figure 16: User Time Histograms of INC1 ... INC4

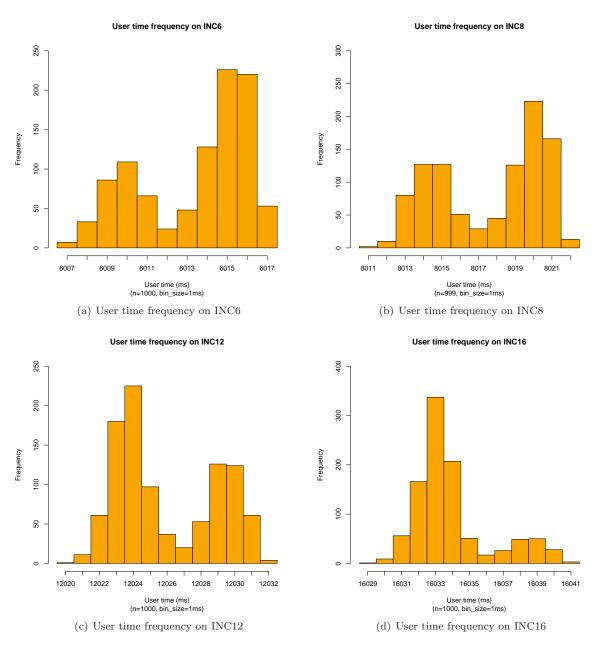


Figure 17: User Time Histograms of INC6 \dots INC16

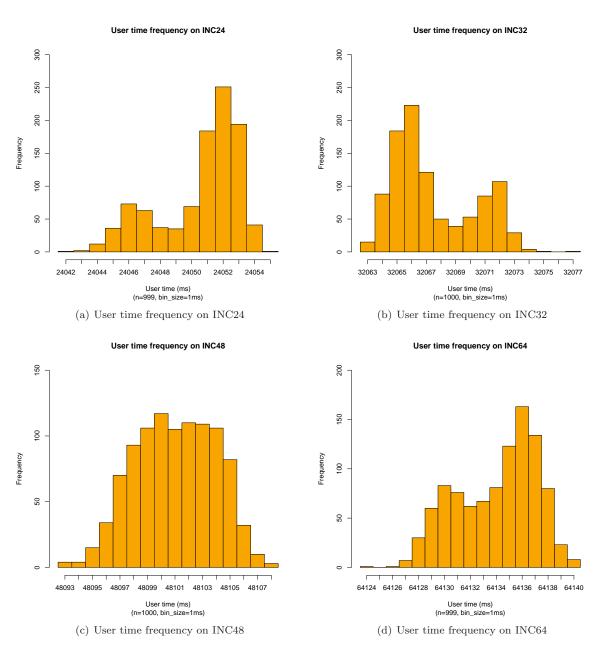


Figure 18: User Time Histograms of INC24 \dots INC64

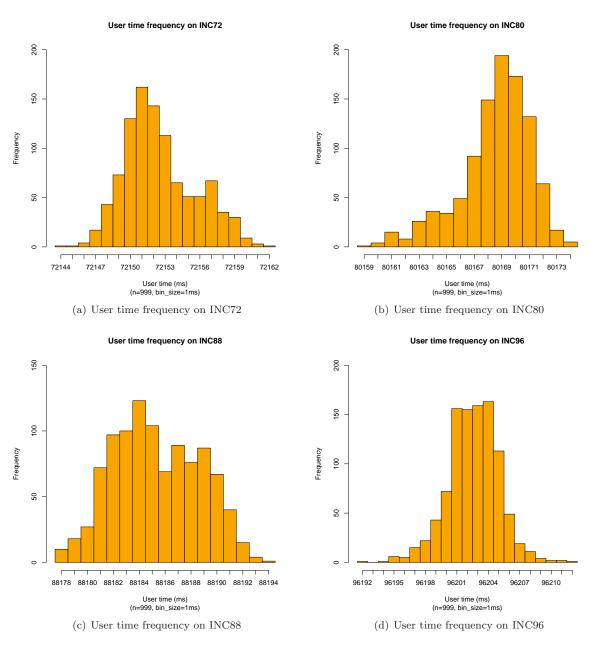


Figure 19: User Time Histograms of INC72 \dots INC96

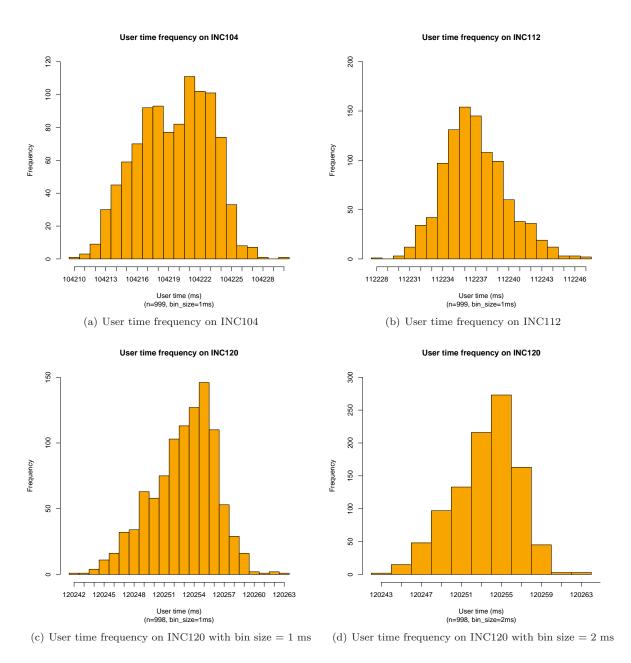


Figure 20: User Time Histograms of INC104 and INC120: for the same 120-sec task length, we used two different bin sizes to see the influence of the choice of the bin size on the shape of histogram.

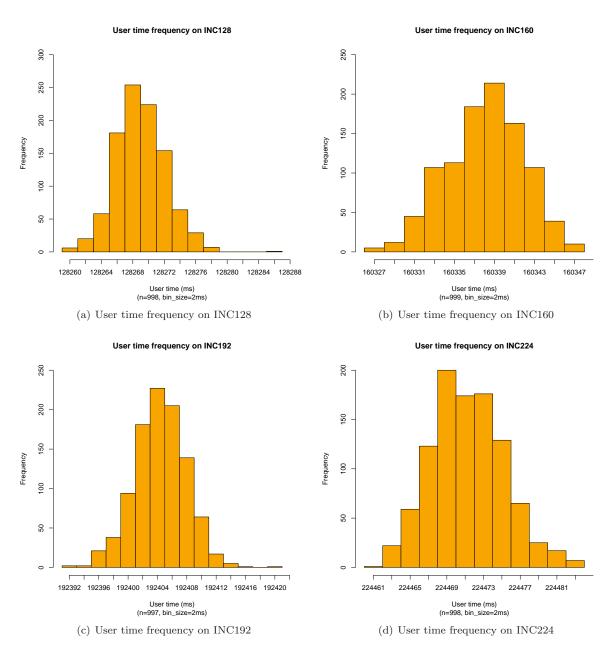
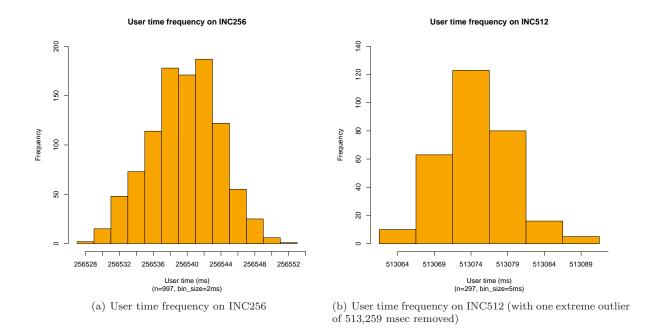


Figure 21: User Time Histograms of INC160 \dots INC224



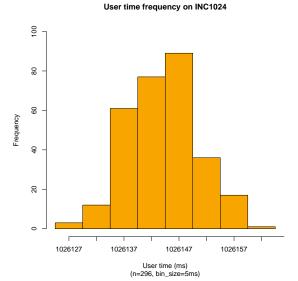


Figure 22: User Time Histograms of INC256 \dots INC1024

(c) User time frequency on INC1024

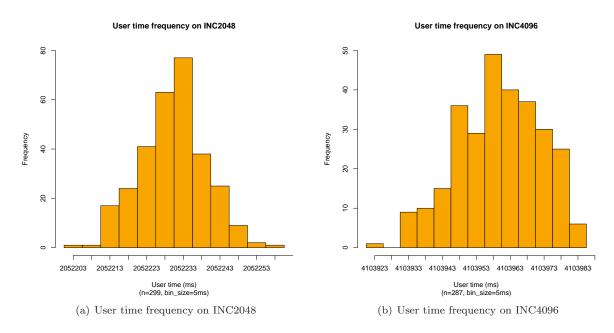


Figure 23: User Time Histograms of INC512 \dots INC4096

2.5.2 System Time

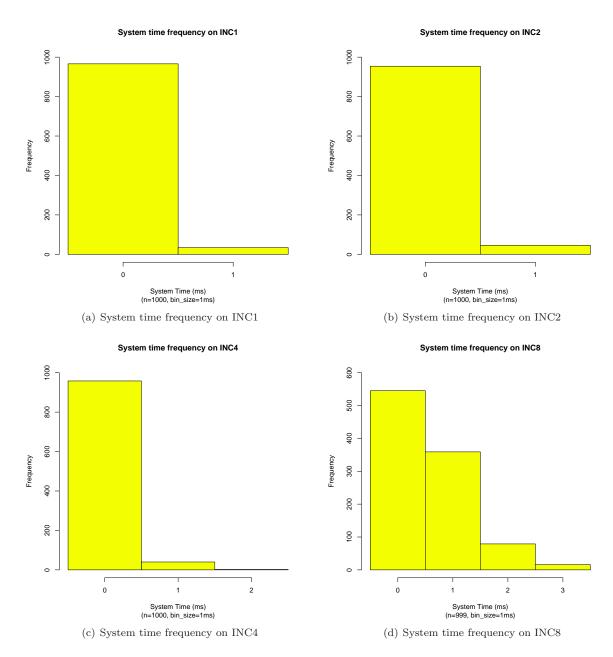
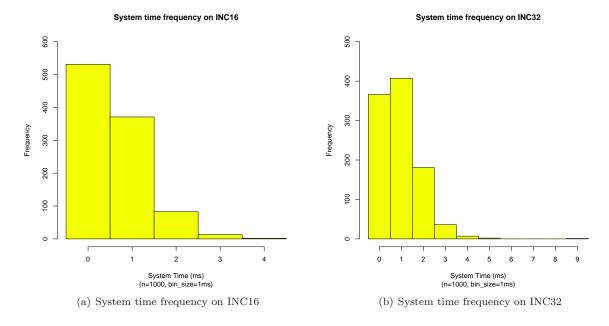
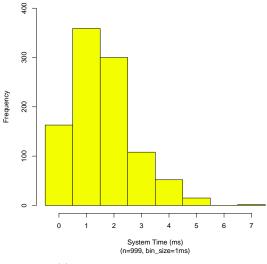


Figure 24: System Time Histograms of INC1 ... INC8



System time frequency on INC64



(c) System time frequency on INC64 $\,$

Figure 25: System Time Histograms of INC16 \dots INC64

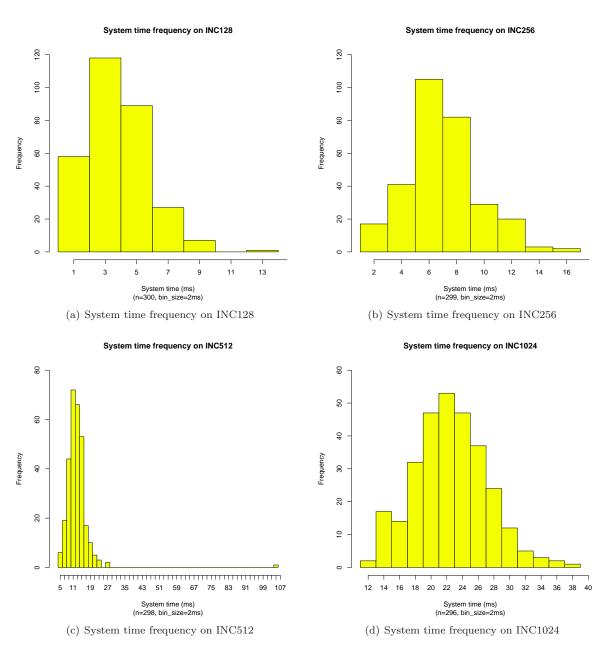


Figure 26: System Time Histograms of INC256 \dots INC1024

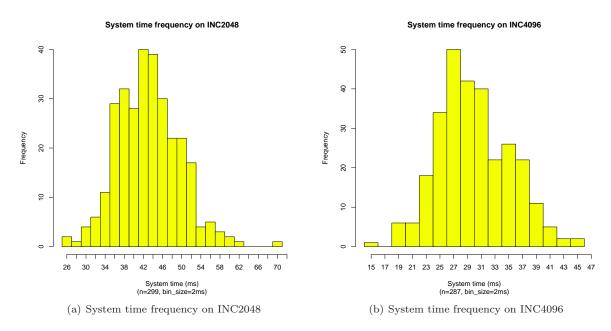


Figure 27: System Time Histograms of INC2048 and INC4096

2.5.3 Correlational Analysis on Selected Runs

In this section we perform correlational analysis between the user and system time of INC2048 and INC4096 runs and selected measures of the daemons captured on the two runs.

	INC2048's u time	INC2048's s time
INC2048's u time	-	0.05
daemon u time	0.56	0.61
daemon s time	0.48	0.57
daemon minor faults	0.53	0.62
daemon major faults	0.55	0.59
daemon read bytes	0.55	0.59
daemon read char	0.56	0.61
daemon read sys calls	0.57	0.63
daemon write bytes	0.57	0.64
daemon write char	0.53	0.62

Table 3: Correlation of user and system time of INC2048 with some daemon measures

	INC4096's u time	INC4096's s time
INC4096's u time	-	-0.30
daemon u time	0.1	0.3
daemon s time	-0.09	0.19
daemon minor faults	0.11	0.32
daemon read char	0.1	0.32
daemon read sys calls	0.11	0.32
daemon write bytes	0	0.26
daemon write char	0.11	0.32

Table 4: Correlation of user and system time of INC4096 with some daemon measures

Scatter Plots on Some Significant Correlations: The following scatter plots correspond to the correlations bold in Table 4.

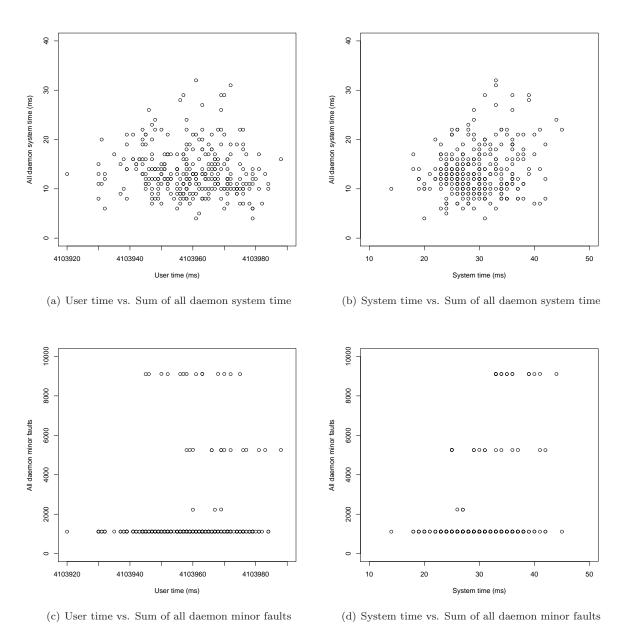


Figure 28: Scatter plots between measures on INC4096

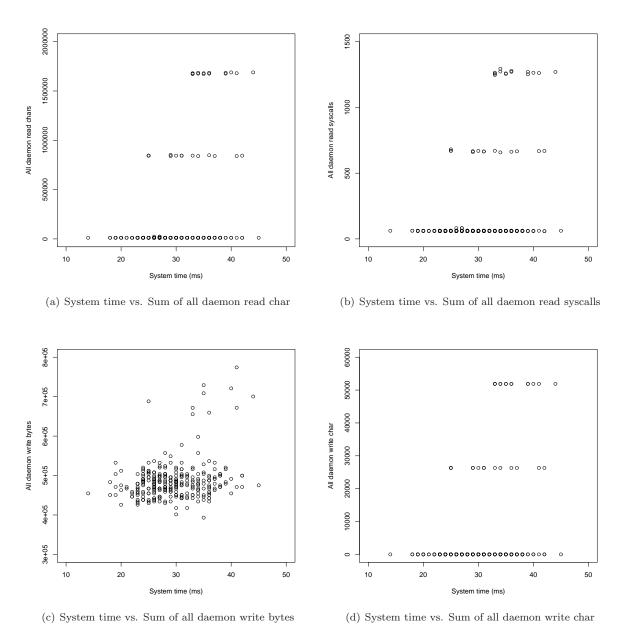


Figure 29: Scatter plots between measures on INC4096 $\,$

Detailed Measures on Some Significant Samples: The following tables show the breakdown of measures of processes observed on some distinct samples (leftmost or rightmost) in the selected runs.

proc name (id)	u time	s time	min flt	maj flt	r bytes	r char	r sysc	w bytes	w char	w sysc
INC4096 (3559)	4103920	36	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
proc_monitor (25917)	194	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
md0_raid1 (484)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
java (3549)	2	1	1093	0	0	11480	20	0	0	0
cifsd (1927)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
kblockd/0 (16)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ntpd (28232)	0	1	1	0	0	0	42	4096	7	0

Table 5: Observed values of measures of processes on the leftmost sample in Fig. 28(c)

proc name (id)	u time	s time	min flt	maj flt	r bytes	r char	r sysc	w bytes	w char	w sysc
INC4096 (3559)	4103984	19	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
proc_monitor (25917)	190	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
java (3549)	2	1	1093	0	0	11480	20	0	0	0
md0_raid1 (484)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ntpd (28232)	0	0	1	0	0	0	39	4096	7	0
java (4108)	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6: Observed values of measures of processes on the second rightmost sample in Fig. 28(c)

proc name (id)	u time	s time	min flt	maj flt	r bytes	r char	r sysc	w bytes	w char	w sysc
INC4096 (3559)	4103988	25	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
proc_monitor (25917)	194	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
sshd (3609)	8	4	1382	0	0	512357	400	0	20881	0
bash (3611)	4	1	835	0	0	283911	155	0	136	0
md0_raid1 (484)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
java (3549)	2	1	1093	0	0	11480	20	0	0	0
cifsd (1927)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
java (3606)	0	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
jbd2/md0-8 (497)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	450560	0	0
kblockd/0 (16)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
grep (3617)	1	0	311	0	0	5417	11	0	0	0
bash (3612)	0	0	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
consoletype (3613)	0	0	127	0	0	1956	6	0	7	0
bash (3614)	0	0	174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
uname (3615)	0	0	189	0	0	1956	6	0	7	0
sshd (3610)	0	0	425	0	0	22656	29	0	4630	0
sshd (2105)	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	594	0
bash (3618)	0	0	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
id (3619)	0	0	225	0	0	4352	12	0	2	0
ntpd (28232)	0	0	1	0	0	0	42	4096	7	0
bash (3616)	0	0	131	0	0	0	0	0	61	0

Table 7: Observed values of measures of processes on the rightmost sample in Fig. 28(c)

proc name (id)	u time	s time	min flt	maj flt	r bytes	r char	r sysc	w bytes	w char	w sysc
INC4096 (3559)	4103981	14	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
proc_monitor (25917)	194	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
md0_raid1 (484)	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
java (3549)	2	1	1093	0	0	11480	20	0	0	0
flush-9:0 (3548)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ntpd (28232)	0	0	1	0	0	0	42	4096	7	0
java (4585)	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8: Observed values of measures of processes on the leftmost sample in Fig. 29(c)

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proc name (id)	u time	s time	min flt	maj flt	r bytes	r char	r sysc	w bytes	w char	w sysc
INC4096 (3559)	4103958	44	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
proc_monitor (25917)	194	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
sshd (4877)	10	4	1382	0	0	519568	392	0	20868	0
sshd (4886)	10	3	1383	0	0	515456	393	0	20868	0
grep (4888)	6	1	994	0	0	287034	154	0	136	0
grep (4879)	3	2	991	0	0	286801	159	0	136	0
java (3549)	2	1	1093	0	0	11480	20	0	0	0
md0_raid1 (484)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
sshd (4878)	2	1	424	0	0	22403	26	0	4268	0
jbd2/md0-8 (497)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	696320	0	0
flush-9:0 (3548)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
cifsd (1927)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
kblockd/0 (16)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
grep (4892)	0	1	309	0	0	5417	11	0	0	0
grep (4883)	1	0	310	0	0	5417	11	0	0	0
id (4894)	0	0	226	0	0	4352	12	0	2	0
bash (4884)	0	0	164	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
id (4885)	0	0	226	0	0	0	12	0	2	0
sshd (2105)	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	1188	0
sshd (4887)	0	0	425	0	0	22403	26	0	4268	0
ntpd (20232)	0	0	1	0	0	0	42	4096	7	0
bash (4880)	0	0	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
uname (4890)	0	0	190	0	0	1956	6	0	7	0
bash (4891)	0	0	128	0	0	0	0	0	61	0
java (4874)	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
bash (4893)	0	0	164	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
uname (4881)	0	0	191	0	0	1956	6	0	7	0
bash (4889)	0	0	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9: Observed values of measures of processes on the second rightmost sample in Fig. 29(c)

proc name (id)	u time	s time	min flt	maj flt	r bytes	r char	r sysc	w bytes	w char	w sysc
INC4096 (3559)	4103948	45	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
proc_monitor (25917)	190	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
md0_raid1 (484)	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
jbd2/md0-8 (497)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	471040	0	0
java (3549)	2	1	1093	0	0	11480	20	0	0	0
cifsd (1927)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
flush-9:0 (3548)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
java (5022)	1	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ntpd (28232)	0	0	1	0	0	0	42	4096	7	0

Table 10: Observed values of measures of processes on the rightmost sample in Fig. 29(c)

3 Histograms on the Second Run

This section exhibits histograms on the second run of INC with its task length increasing from 1 second to 4096 seconds, via EMPv5 without Step 2. The detailed description of the base data is from Table 11.

Machine	Task Length (sec)	Description	Experiment Period	Relevant
				Histograms
sodb9	INC1~INC64	1000 samples, each	$2017-03-13 \sim 2017-03-14$	Figs. 30, 31, 34, and 35
sodb9	INC512~INC1024	300 samples, each	$2017-03-17 \sim 2017-03-21$	Figs. 32 and 36
sodb10	INC2048	300 samples	$2017-03-13 \sim 2017-03-20$	Figs. 33(a) and 37(a)
sodb12	INC4096	300 samples	$2017-03-02 \sim 2017-03-17$	Figs. 33(b) and 37(b)
sodb10	INC8192	261 samples	$2017-04-27 \sim 2017-05-21$	Figs. 33(c) and 37(c)
sodb12	INC16384	130 samples	$2017-04-27 \sim 2017-05-21$	Figs. 33(d) and 37(d)

Table 11: Notes on experiment runs used for histograms

 $\rm INC8192/INC16384$ unfortunately stopped in the middle of their runs due to a frozen vnc problem. So couldn't finish 300 samples.

3.1 ET

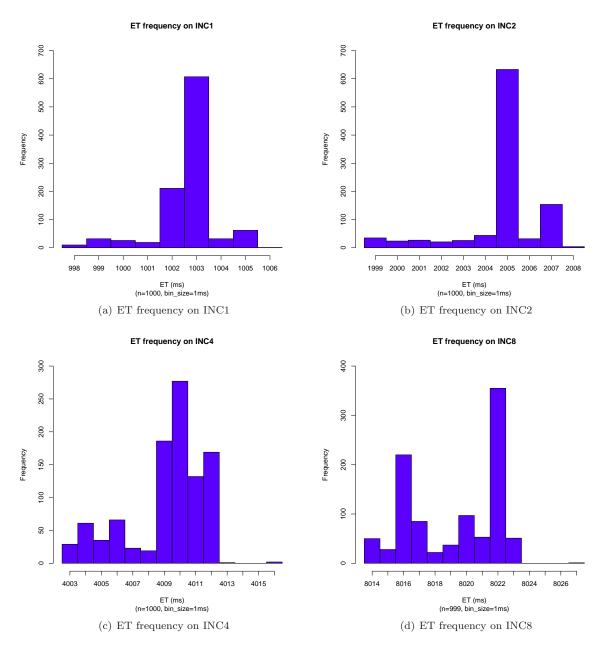
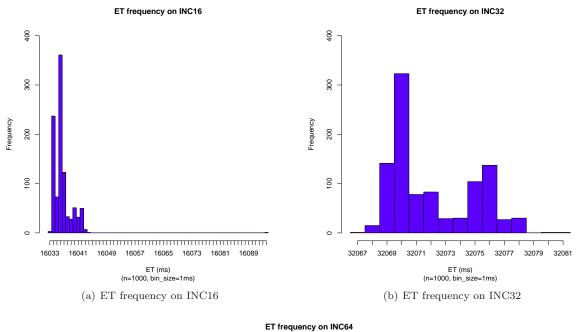


Figure 30: ET Histograms of INC1 ... INC8



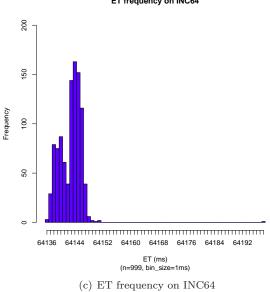


Figure 31: ET Histograms of INC16 \dots INC64

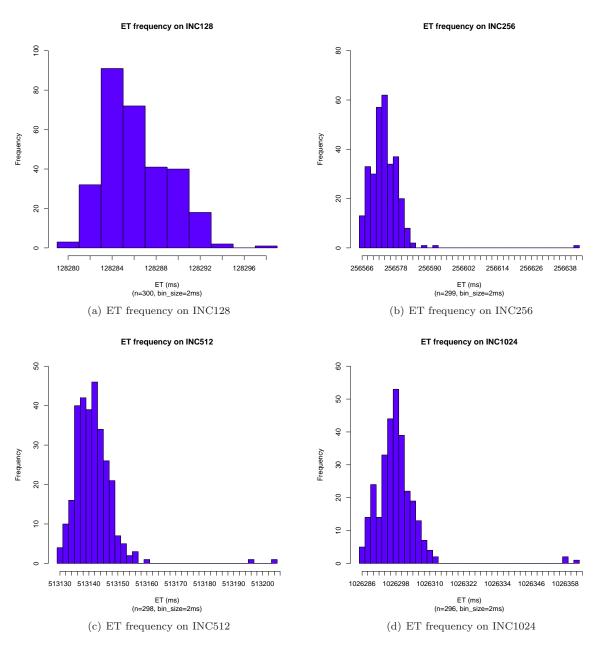


Figure 32: ET Histograms of INC128 \dots INC1024

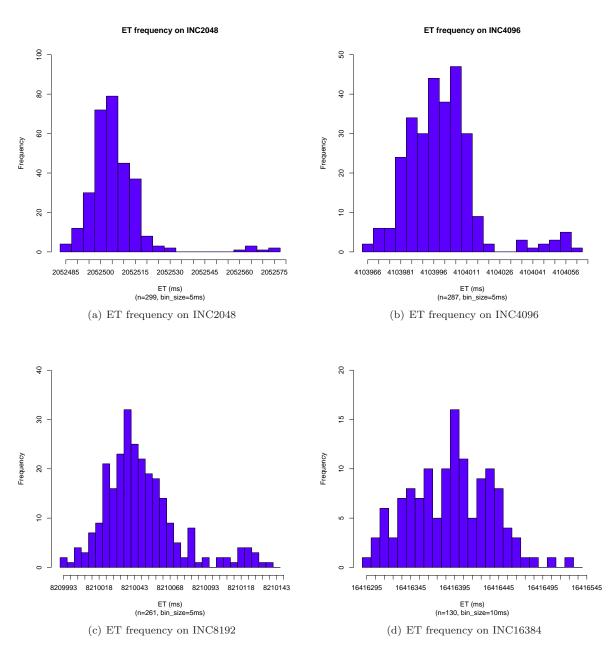


Figure 33: ET Histograms of INC2048 ... INC16384

3.2 PT

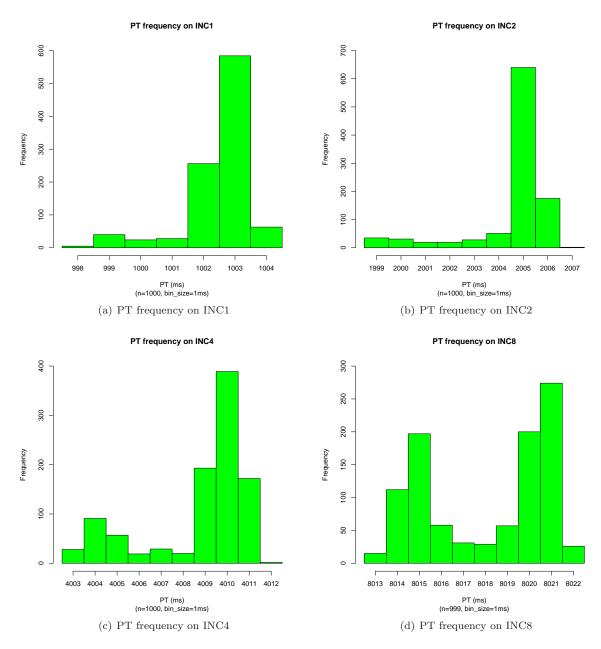
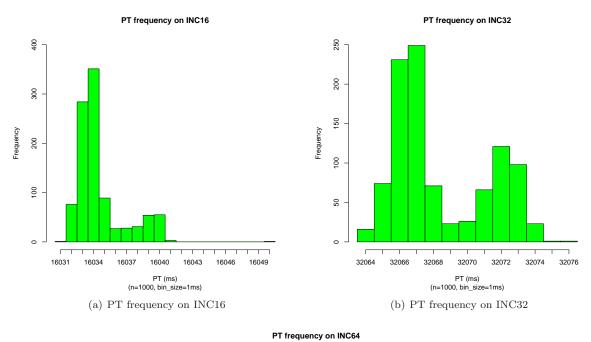


Figure 34: PT Histograms of INC1 ... INC8



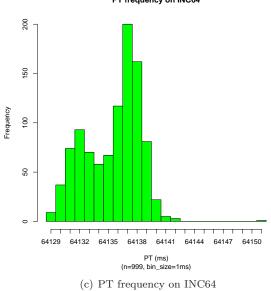


Figure 35: PT Histograms of INC16 \dots INC64

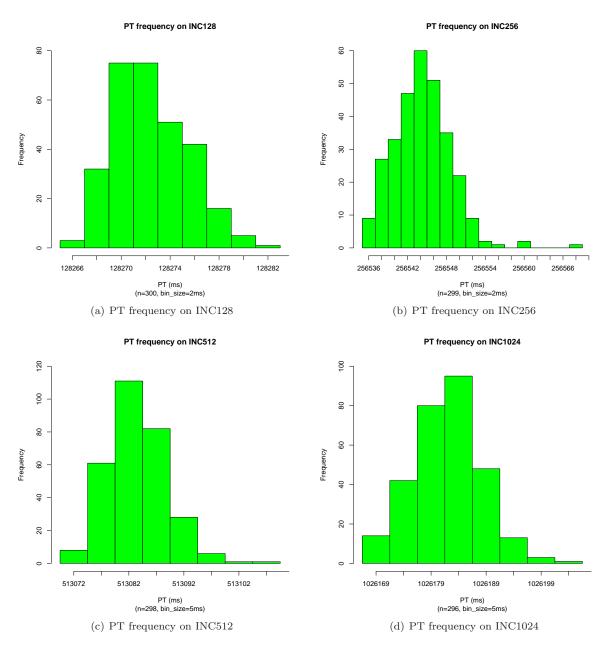


Figure 36: PT Histograms of INC256 \dots INC1024

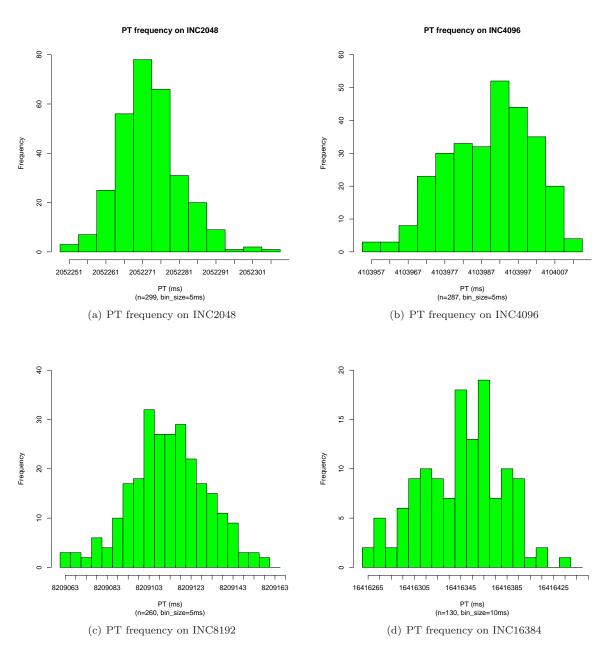


Figure 37: PT Histograms of INC2048 \dots INC16384

3.2.1 Analysis

In this section we look into what happened inside the peaks observed in a certain histogram. We consider Figure 34(d) for this study. In the figure, we see the peaks at 8015 msec, 8020 msec, and 8021 msec.

Table 12 shows captured daemons and their runtime statistics per bin of figure. Note that bin is at the unit of PT. It appears that the peaks are definitely correlated with (1) appearances of some daemons and (2) times that those daemons co-ran with INC8.

TASK_LEN	BIN (PT)	DAEMON	MIN_PT	MAX_PT	AVG_PT	STD_PT	Counts
INC8	8013	jbd2/md0-8	1	1	1	0	1
INC8	8013	kslowd000	1	1	1	0	1
INC8	8013	md0_raid1	1	1	1	0	17
INC8	8013	proc_monitor	196	200	197.72	1.07	18
INC8	8014	jbd2/md0-8	1	1	1	0	5
INC8	8014	kslowd000	1	1	1	0	35
INC8	8014	kslowd001	1	1	1	0	26
INC8	8014	md0_raid1	1	1	1	0	58
INC8	8014	proc_monitor	196	200	197.31	1.06	95
INC8	8015	java	2	7	4.5	3.54	2
INC8	8015	jbd2/md0-8	1	1	1	0	2
INC8	8015	kslowd000	1	1	1	0	86
INC8	8015	kslowd001	1	1	1	0	89
INC8	8015	md0_raid1	1	1	1	0	18
INC8	8015	proc_monitor	196	200	197.28	1.01	194
INC8	8016	kslowd000	1	1	1	0	36
INC8	8016	kslowd001	1	1	1	0	40
INC8	8016	md0_raid1	1	1	1	0	8
INC8	8016	proc_monitor	196	200	196.45	.95	78
INC8	8017	kslowd000	1	1	1	0	11
INC8	8017	kslowd001	1	1	1	0	10
INC8	8017	md0_raid1	1	1	1	0	3
INC8	8017	proc_monitor	196	200	197.15	1.16	26
INC8	8018	kslowd000	1	1	1	0	13
INC8	8018	kslowd001	1	1	1	0	9
INC8	8018	md0_raid1	1	1	1	0	6
INC8	8018	proc_monitor	196	200	197.24	1.27	29
INC8	8019	jbd2/md0-8	1	1	1	0	3
INC8	8019	kslowd000	1	1	1	0	9
INC8	8019	kslowd001	1	2	1.06	.24	18
INC8	8019	md0_raid1	1	1	1	0	27
INC8	8019	proc_monitor	196	200	197.1	1.18	52
INC8	8020	jbd2/md0-8	1	1	1	0	8
INC8	8020	kslowd000	1	1	1	0	52
INC8	8020	kslowd001	1	1	1	0	57
INC8	8020	md0_raid1	1	1	1	0	91
INC8	8020	proc_monitor	196	200	197.03	1.02	180
INC8	8021	cifsd	1	1	1	0	1
INC8	8021	java	2	37	19.5	24.75	2
INC8	8021	kslowd000	1	1	1	0	146
INC8	8021	kslowd001	1	1	1	0	143
INC8	8021	md0_raid1	1	1	1	0	11
INC8	8021	proc_monitor	196	198	197.15	.98	299
INC8	8022	kslowd000	1	1	1	0	20
INC8	8022	kslowd001	1	1	1	0	9
INC8	8022	proc_monitor	196	198	196.07	.37	29

Table 12: Daemons observed from the INC8 run

4 Histograms with 10,000 samples

This section exhibits histograms on two runs of INC, each with 8 and 16 seconds as its task length, having 10,000 repetitions. The detailed description of the base data is from Table 13.

Machine	Task Length (sec)	Description	Description Experiment Period	
				Histograms
sodb9	INC8	10000 samples	$2017-03-29 \sim 2017-03-30$	Figs. 38(a) and 38(b)
sodb10	INC16	10000 samples	$2017-03-29 \sim 2017-03-31$	Figs. 38(c) and 38(d)

Table 13: Notes on experiment runs used for histograms

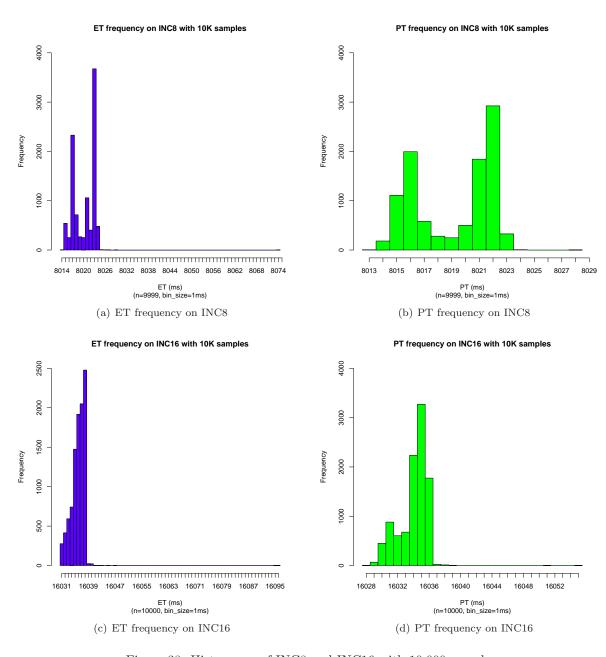


Figure 38: Histograms of INC8 and INC16 with 10,000 samples

5 Histograms on Consecutive INC1024 Runs

This section exhibits histograms on (three) consecutive runs of INC1024. The detailed description of the base data is from Table 11.

Machine	Task Length (sec)	Description Experiment Period		Relevant	
				Histograms	
sodb9	INC1024	300 samples, each	$2017-04-12 \sim 2017-04-23$	Figs. 39 and 40	

Table 14: Notes on experiment runs used for histograms

5.1 ET

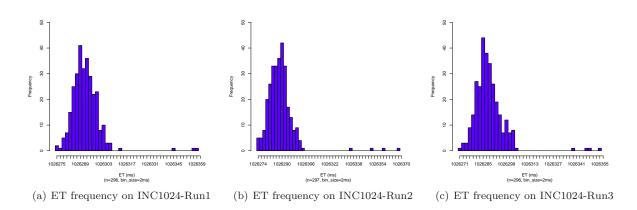


Figure 39: ET Histograms of Three Consecutive INC1024 Runs

5.2 PT

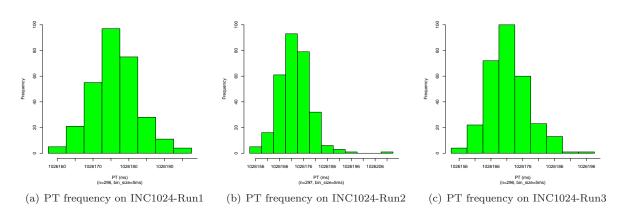


Figure 40: PT Histograms of Three Consecutive INC1024 Runs

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