



ESESC: A Fast Performance, Power, and Temperature Multicore Simulator

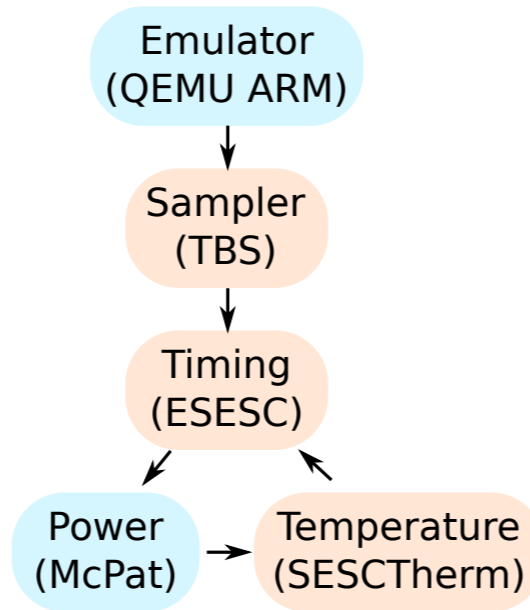
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Features:

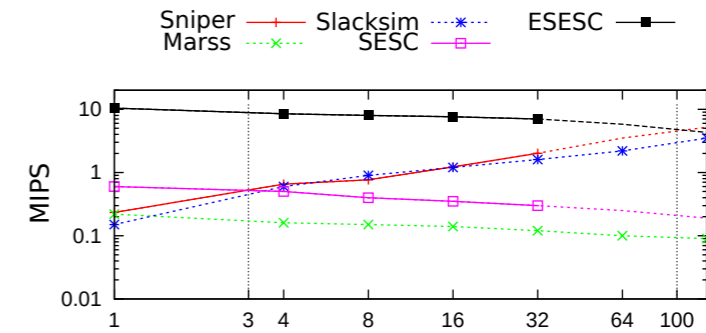
- ISA ARM
- Executes unmodified binaries
- Leverages QEMU
- Supports Time-Based Sampling
- Detailed Performance models
 - Out-of-order: ROB, RAT, window...
 - In-order: superscalar, load-hit...
 - Configurable memory hierarchy
 - Validated against ARM Cortex A15
 - Multicore MOESI coherence
- Detailed Power and Temperature
- Open source

<http://masc.soe.ucsc.edu/esesc>



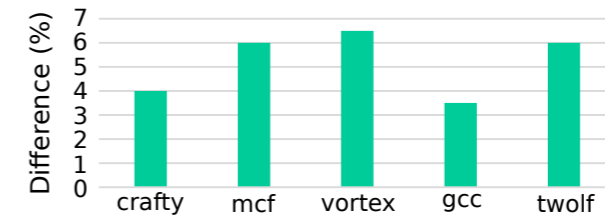
ESESC is FAST!

→Faster than any other available cycle accurate simulator



ESESC is accurate

→Validated against ARM A15 (chromebook)

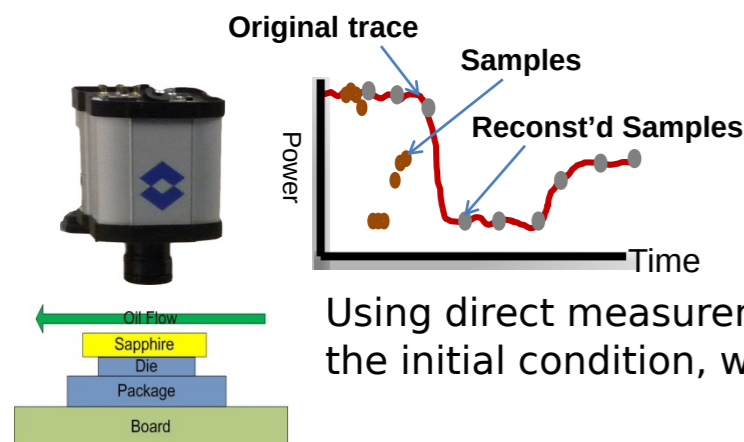


We need sampling for fast simulations

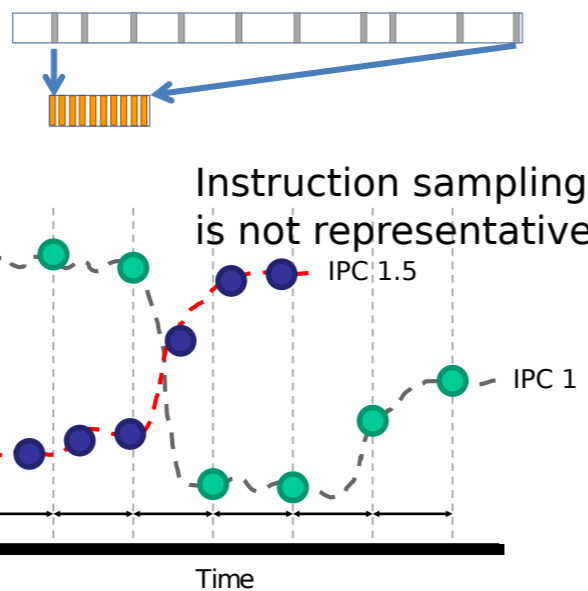
- Select a representative subset
- Automatic without profiling
- Just simulate a subset of the program

Current Sampling Problems:

- It does not work for multithreaded
- It does not work for temperature

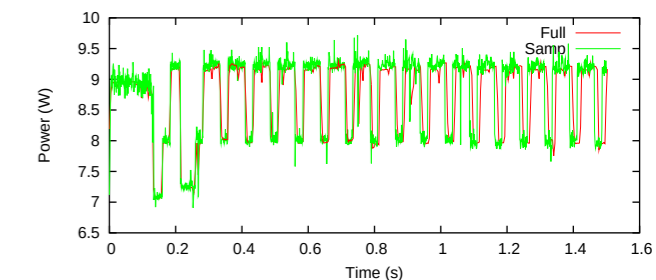
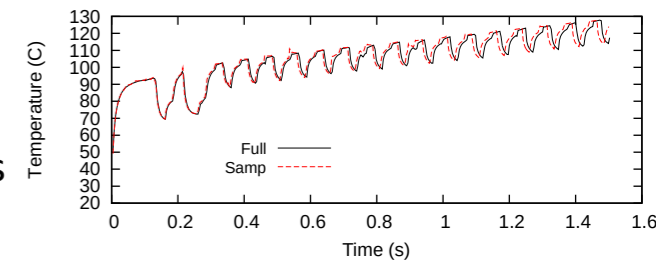
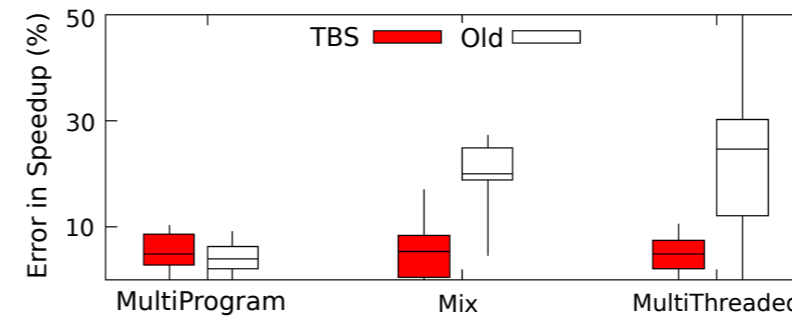


Using direct measurements, we observed that if we estimate the initial condition, we can do sampling for temperature



Time-Based Sampling (TBS):

- Sample based on time
- Not instructions as usual
- Estimates power/time for skipped phases



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