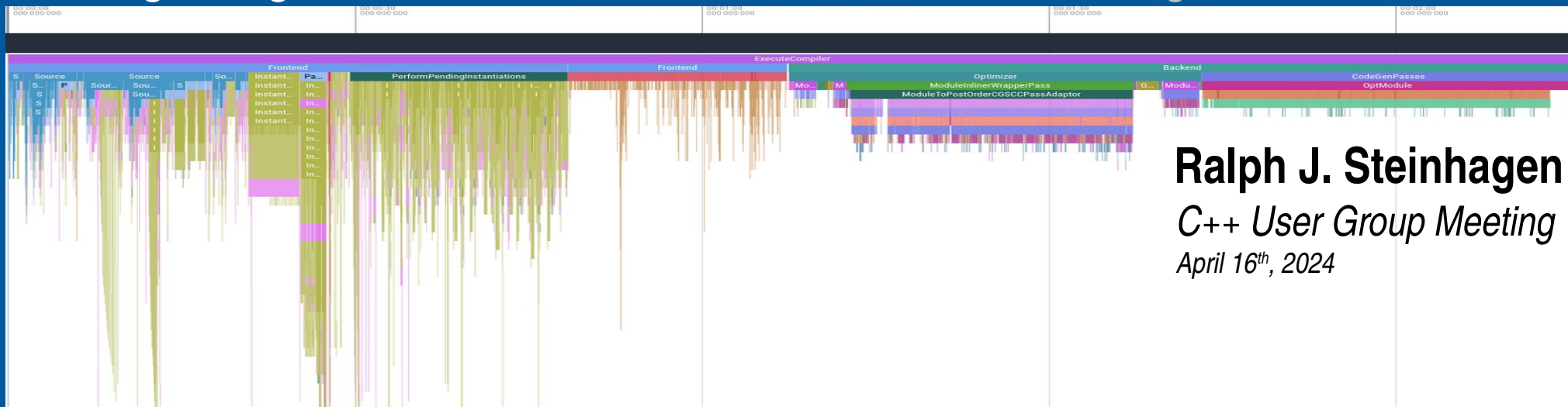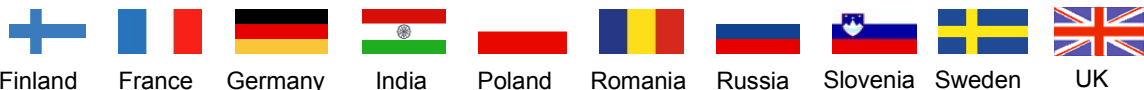# Optimising Build-Times & Meta-Programming …
… using Clang's '`-ftime-trace`' and '`chrome://tracing/`'

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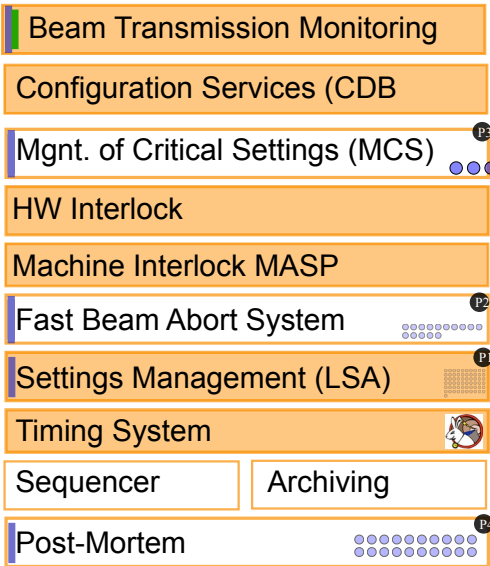
PSP 2.14.17 The 'Big Picture'
Major Accelerator Control Sub-Systems with SYS Involvement

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FAIR Control Centre

| Beam Based Applications | Beam Diagnostics Applications | Status & Fixed-Displays | Generic Control Applications | Time Series Data UI (Archiving) | Legacy Control Applications | SCADA Supervisary Control and Data Acquisition (GAT, Cryo, Vacuum, …) |

ACO

- Beam Transmission Monitoring
- Configuration Services (CDB
- Mgnt. of Critical Settings (MCS)
- HW Interlock
- Machine Interlock MASP
- Fast Beam Abort System
- Settings Management (LSA)
- Timing System
- Sequencer | Archiving
- Post-Mortem

FESA / RBAC / CMW / Front-End Controller

SYS

Data Visualisation (Charts Java/C++)

CARAT-GREMLIN (EU AI-R&D)

Beam Quality Monitoring

Electrical Load Monitoring

Front-End-Controller

> 300 digitizers

Beam-Based Services

Injection Matchin

Closed Orbit & Radial Loop

SIS18/SIS100 Trajectory Contro

OpenDigitizer | 📡 GNURadio THE FREE & OPEN SOFTWARE RADIO ECOSYSTEM

OpenCMW ☀️ | Bridges ⇄ | RBAC 🔑

CIT

Time Series Data Logging (Archiving)

IDM Identity Management System

RBAC 🔑

IT infrastructure
- Network
- DB/Storage
- GreenIT Cube/HPC

Machine<->Exp./GAT Interface

GAT

Media Supplies:
- Water
- el. Power
- Ventilation
- P. Safety
- Fire Protection
- …

Vacuum

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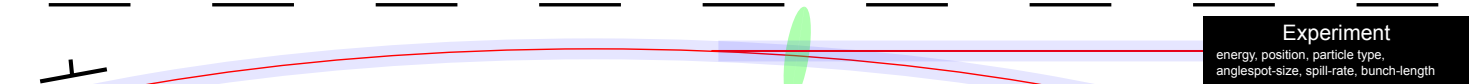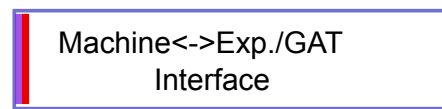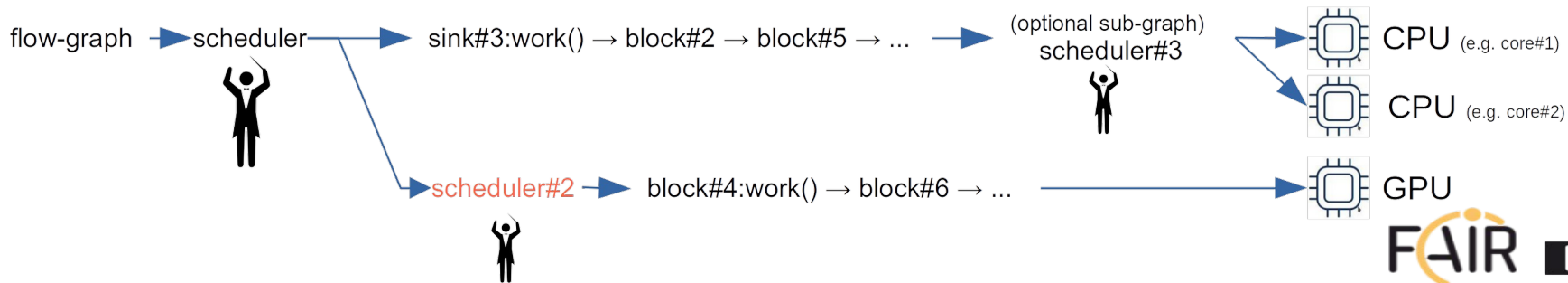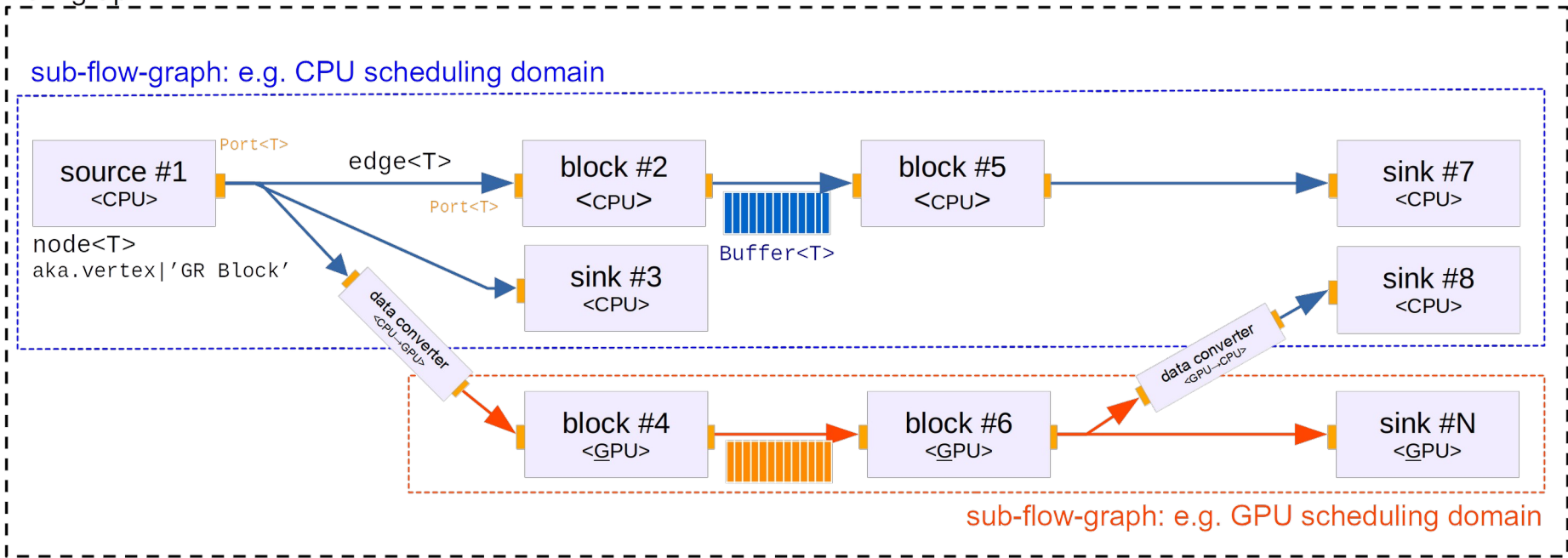
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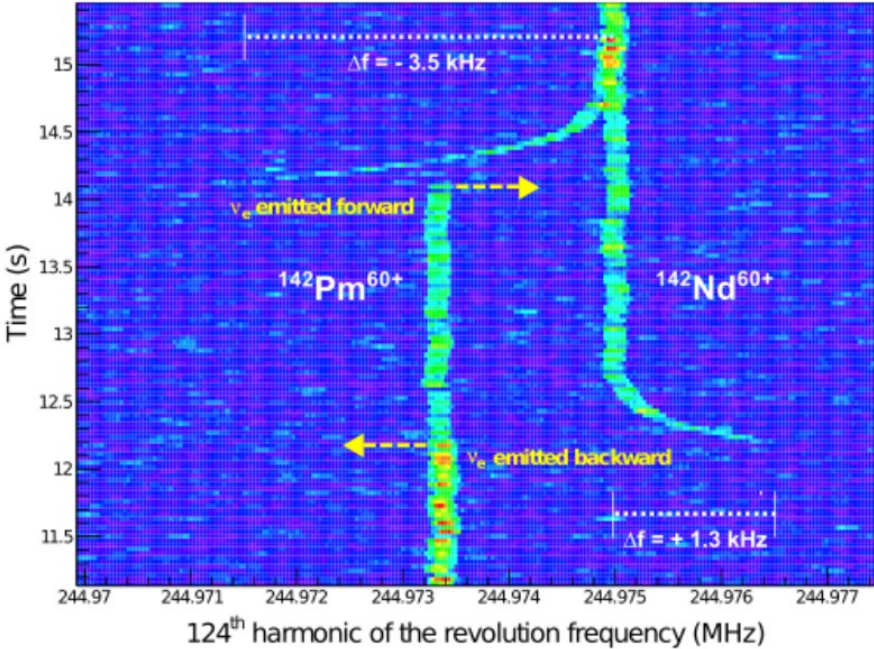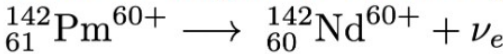
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GNU Radio 4.0 – Core Structure

Nuclear Physics: Two Body Decay

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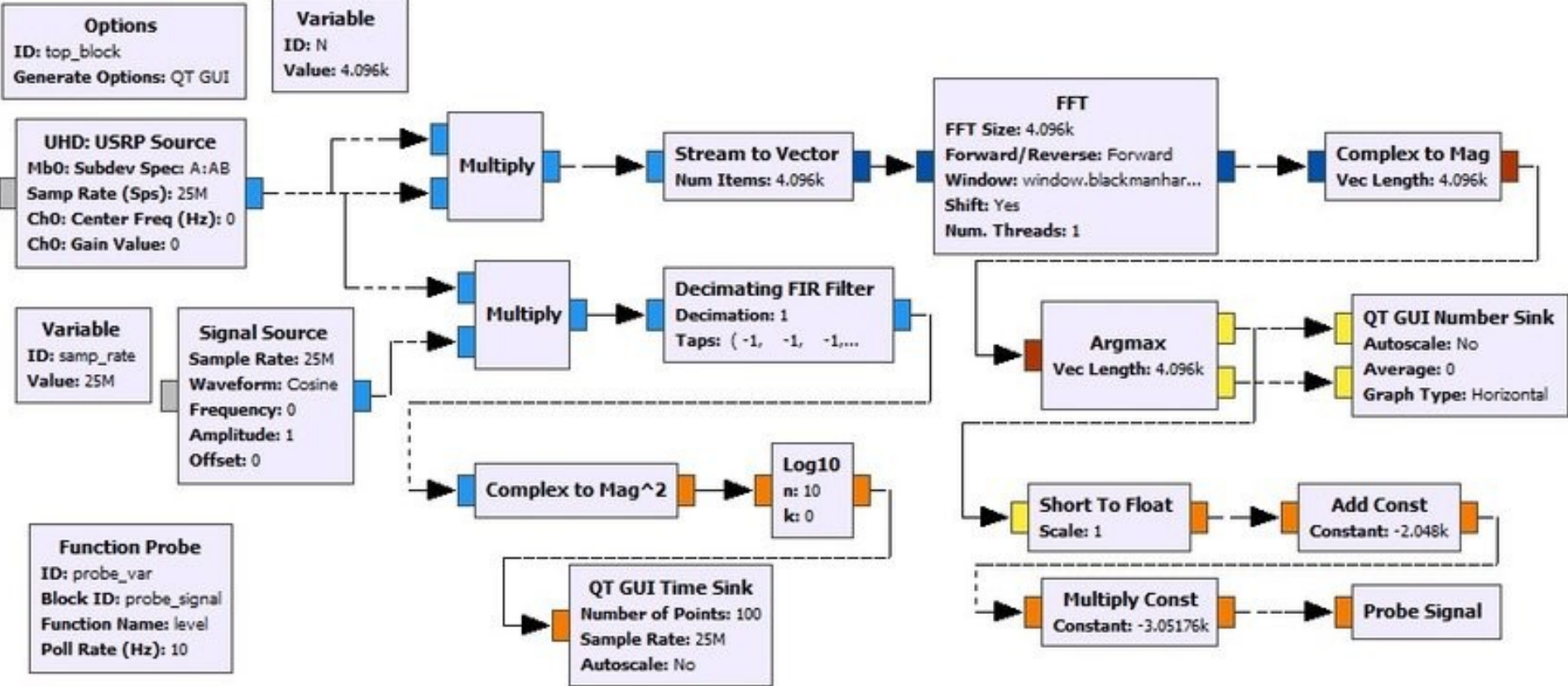
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GNU Radio 4.0
Power: Composition with Graph reflecting C++-Signal Processing Flow & Dependencies

Gulzar Khawaja, Wahab Ali & Ozdemir, Ozgur & Guvenc, Ismail. (2017). UAV Air-to-Ground Channel Characterization for mmWave Systems (pdf)

GNU Radio 4.0
Block<T> - Function Signature

```cpp
template<typename T>
struct MyBlock : public gr::Block<MyBlock<T>> {
    MsgPortIn                 msgIn;   /// used for async processing
    MsgPortOut                msgOut;
    std::array<PortIn<T>, 2>  inputs; /// used for sync  processing
    std::array<PortOut<T>, 2> outputs;

    void processMessages(const MsgPortIn &, std::span<const Message> messages) {
        /// asynchronous data processing …

        sendMessage<Command::Notify>(msgOut, /* serviceName */, /* endpoint*/, /* msg*/, /* clientID */);
    }

    template<gr::ConsumableSpan TInSpan, gr::PublishableSpan TOutSpan>
    work::Status processBulk(const std::span<TInSpan> &ins, std::span<TOutSpan> &outs) {
        /// synchronous data processing …

        return gr::work::Status::OK;
    }
};

ENABLE_REFLECTION_FOR_TEMPLATE(MyBlock, msgIn, msgOut, inputs, outputs);
```

GNU Radio 4.0
Block<T> - extensive use of meta-programming/templating

for example: 'Annotated<>' Wrapper – containing optional/mandatory meta-info

```cpp
// optional shortening
template<typename U, gr::meta::fixed_string description = "", typename... Arguments>
using A = Annotated<U, description, Arguments...>;

A<float, "sample rate", Visible, Doc<"sampling rate in samples per second (Hz)">>        sample_rate;
A<std::string, "signal name", Doc<"name of the signal">>                                 signal_name;
A<std::string, "signal quantity", Doc<"physical quantity (e.g., 'voltage'). ISO 80000-1:2022.">> signal_quantity;
A<std::string, "signal unit", Doc<"unit of measurement (e.g., '[V]', '[m]').ISO 80000-1:2022">>  signal_unit;
A<float, "signal min,", Doc<"minimum expected signal value">>                            signal_min;
A<float, "signal max,", Doc<"maximum expected signal value">>                            signal_max;
```

- **improves runtime performance (latency & throughput)**
- **simplifies user-defined code** (N.B. domain-expertise vs. C++/RSE expertise)
- **simplifies library-code** – DRY principle:
  - compile-time reflection and introspection:
    automatic serialiser, settings management, generate Python-API, in-code documentation …
  - locality: in-code documentation as single source of truth
- **Type and Physical-Unit Safety** i.e. fail early, ideally during compile-time
  - e.g. quantities: 'voltage' vs. 'energy' quantity, 'GeV' vs. 'GeV/c'
  - e.g. units: 'GeV' vs. 'MeV', 'V` vs. `kV`, ...

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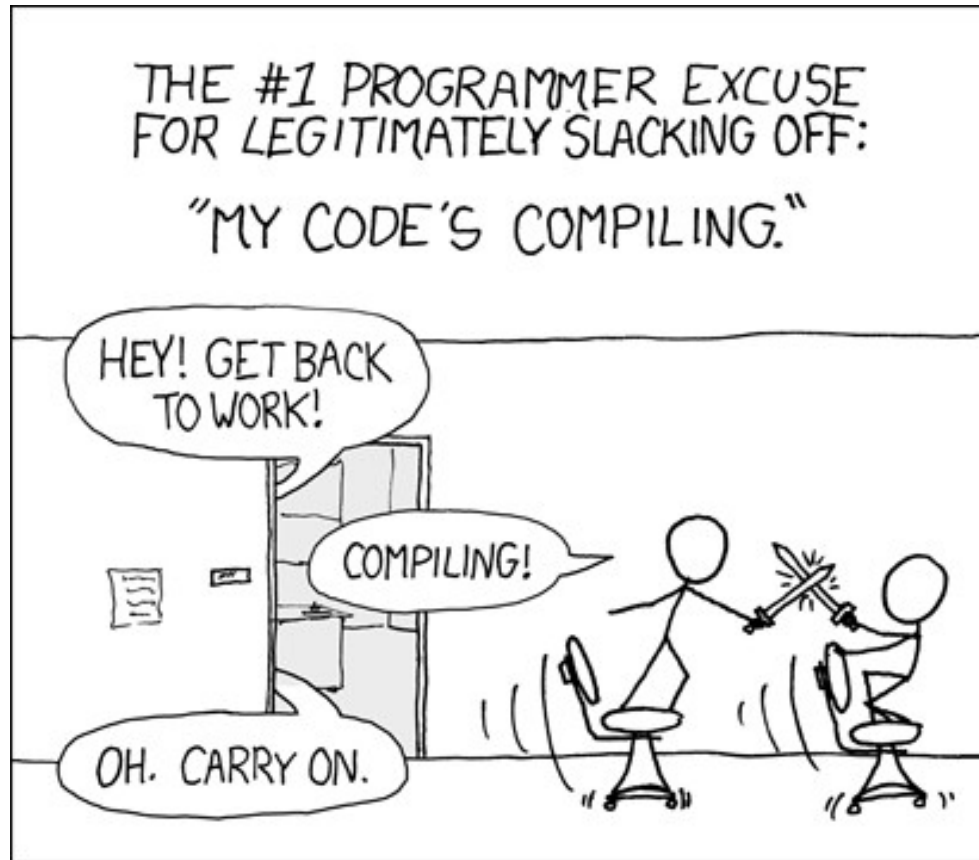
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- **clang18 – default build**
  - real   3m10.854s
  - user   27m43.901s
  - sys   1m3.295s

- **clang18 – lld + Ninja**
  - real   3m11.979s
  - user   27m49.442s
  - sys   1m0.728s

Trace-Diagnostic Tooling – Under our very nose ...

Clang's `-ftime-trace` & https://github.com/aras-p/ClangBuildAnalyzer/

```
cmake -GNinja -DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=clang++
      -DCMAKE_CXX_FLAGS="-fuse-ld=lld -ftime-trace"


./ClangBuildAnalyzer --all <artifacts_folder> <capture_file>
    Processing all files and saving to 'analyse.bin'...
    done in 4.2s. Run 'ClangBuildAnalyzer --analyze analyse.bin' to analyze it.
./ClangBuildAnalyzer --analyze <capture_file> > <output.txt>
```

- free & open-source tool developed by Aras Pranckevičius

- **-ftime-trace** merged upstream since Clang 9[src]

  - produces Google's Chrome Tracing .json files for each compiled object file

  - no equivalent in GCC or MSVC

- **ClangBuildAnalyser**; parses and aggregates `-ftime-trace` output (~ bin similar results)
  - produces a human-friendly actionable reports

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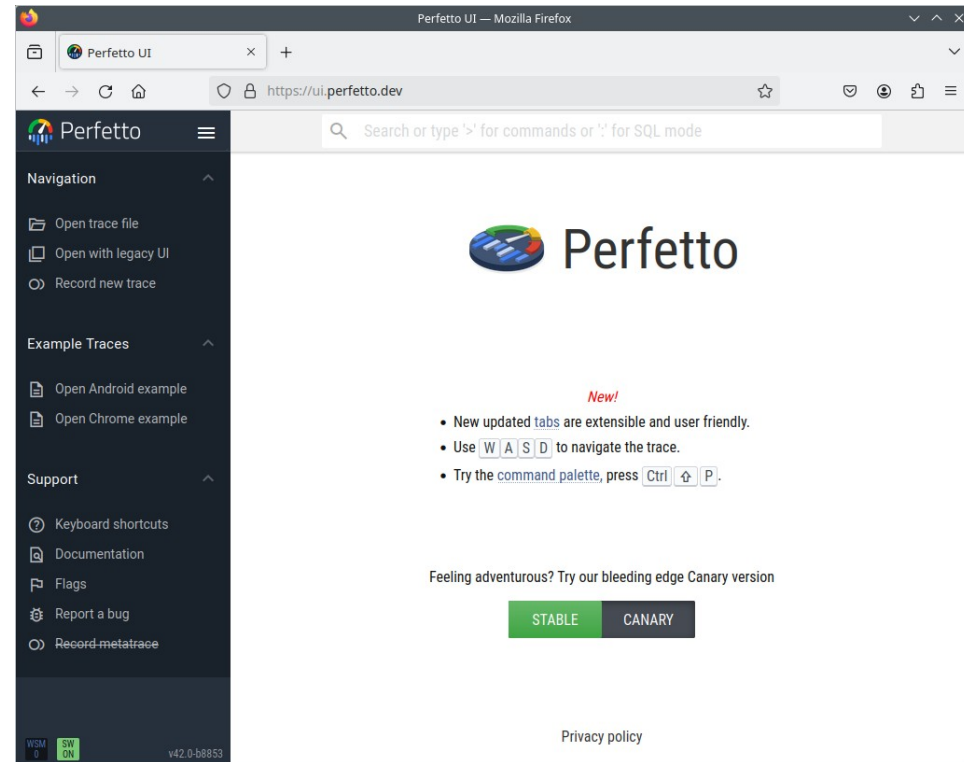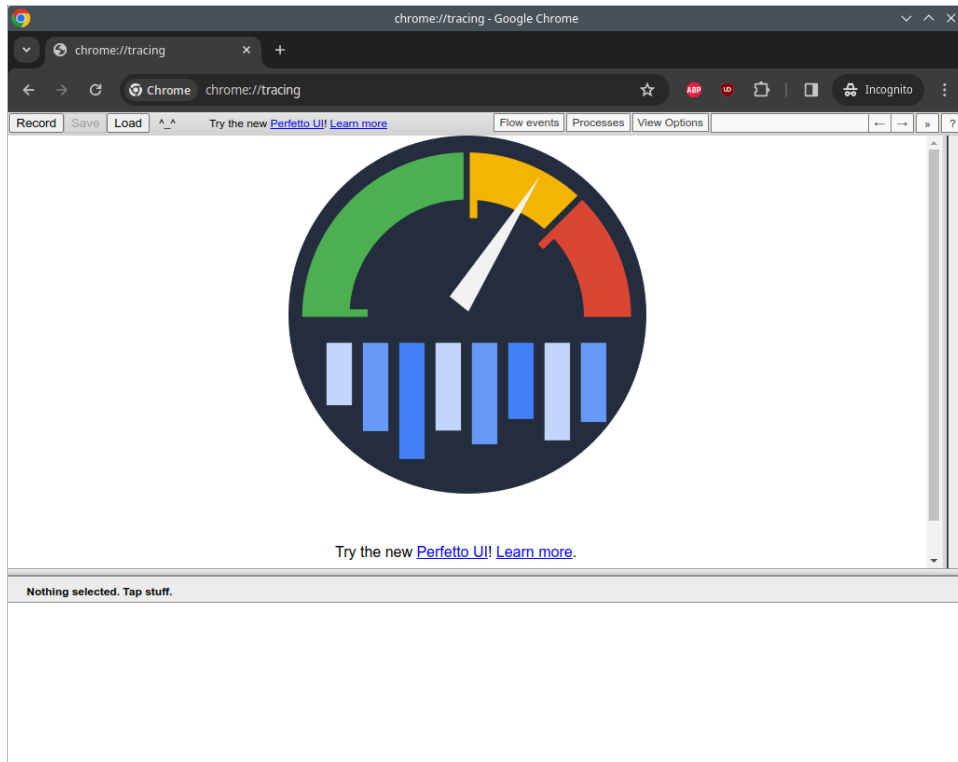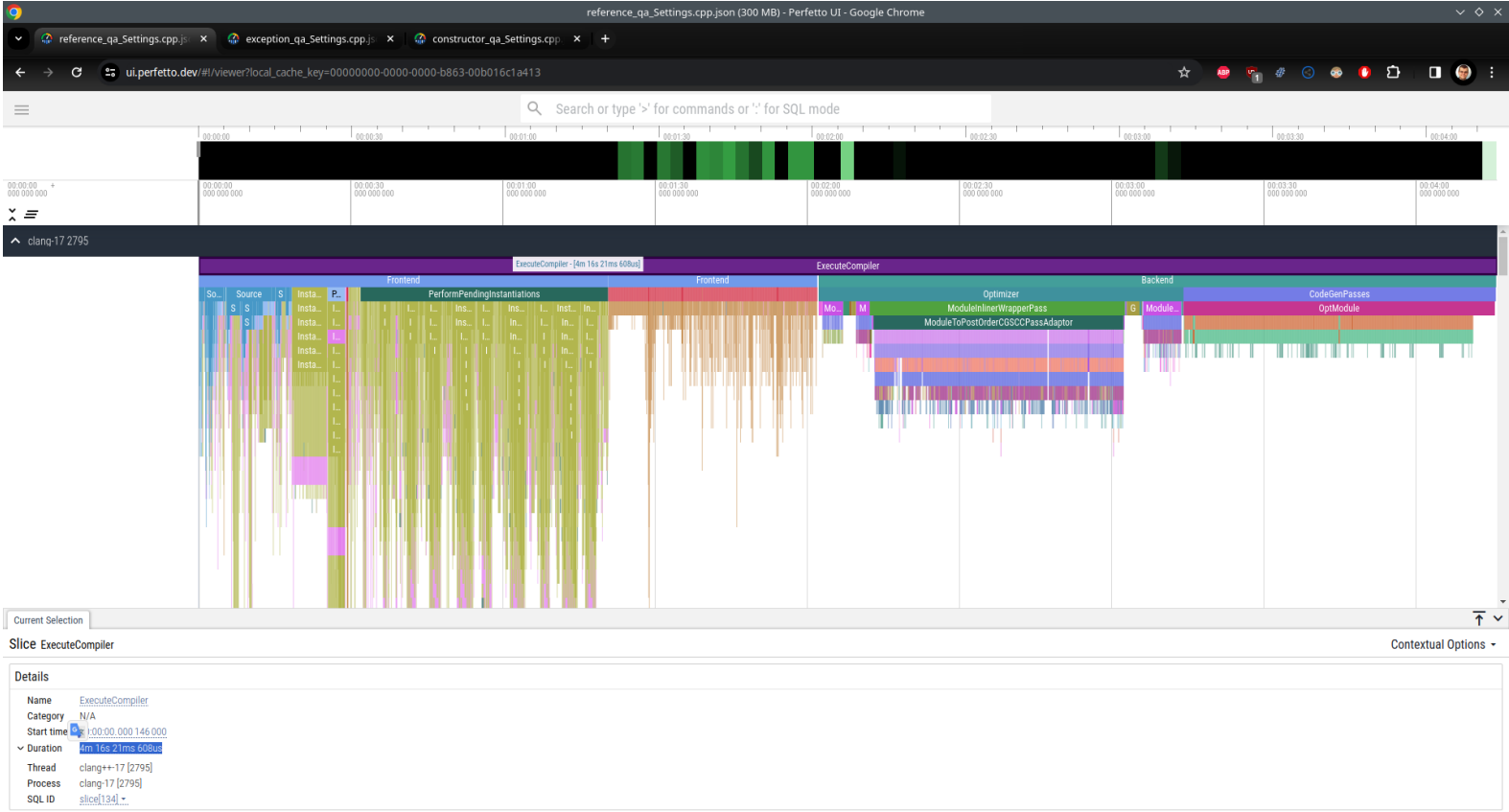

- same format being used by:
  Google, Android, Clang (both: compile- and runtime-analysis), … GR4.0

GNU Radio 4.0 – Demo Time
Compilation Times – Before using '`-ftime-trace`' – 4min 16s (GR4.0 target: <20s)

GNU Radio 4.0 – Demo Time
Compilation Times – Before using '`-ftime-trace`'

```
**** Time summary:
Compilation (2 times):
  Parsing (frontend):           67.3 s
  Codegen & opts (backend):     68.1 s
[..]


**** Templates that took longest to instantiate:
  4466 ms: std::visit<(lambda at ../qa_Settings.cpp:63:21), const rva::variant<... (1 times, avg 4466 ms)
  4464 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__variant::__visit_value<(lambd... (1 times, avg 4464 ms)
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  4462 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__visit_alt<std::__vari... (1 times, avg 4462 ms)
  4450 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__make_fmatrix<std::__v... (1 times, avg 4450 ms)
  4448 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__make_fmatrix_impl<std... (1 times, avg 4448 ms)
  2286 ms: fmt::basic_format_string<char, const std::string &, const rva::varia... (1 times, avg 2286 ms)
  2278 ms: fmt::detail::format_string_checker<char, std::string, rva::variant<s... (1 times, avg 2278 ms)
  2268 ms: fmt::detail::arg_mapper<fmt::basic_format_context<fmt::appender, cha... (1 times, avg 2268 ms)
  2268 ms: fmt::detail::has_const_formatter<rva::variant<std::monostate, bool, ... (1 times, avg 2268 ms)
  2263 ms: fmt::formatter<rva::variant<std::monostate, bool, unsigned char, uns... (1 times, avg 2263 ms)
  2253 ms: std::visit<(lambda at ../cmake-build-d... (1 times, avg 2253 ms)
  2252 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__variant::__visit_value<(lambd... (1 times, avg 2252 ms)
  2252 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__variant::__visit_alt<std::__v... (1 times, avg 2252 ms)
  2251 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__visit_alt<std::__vari... (1 times, avg 2251 ms)
  2250 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__make_fmatrix<std::__v... (1 times, avg 2250 ms)
  2249 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__make_fmatrix_impl<std... (1 times, avg 2249 ms)
  2216 ms: gr::meta::tuple_for_each<(lambda at ..... (9 times, avg 246 ms)
  2208 ms: gr::meta::tuple_for_each((lambda at ..... (9 times, avg 245 ms)
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   7626 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__visit_alt<$> (10 times, avg 762 ms)
   7598 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__make_fmatrix<$> (10 times, avg 759 ms)
   7592 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__make_fmatrix_impl<$> (10 times, avg 759 ms)
   7565 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__make_dispatch<$> (1296 times, avg 5 ms)
   7284 ms: std::visit<$> (5 times, avg 1456 ms)
   7280 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__variant::__visit_value<$> (5 times, avg 1456 ms)
   7277 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__variant::__visit_alt<$> (5 times, avg 1455 ms)
   6993 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__dispatcher<$>::__disp... (1296 times, avg 5 ms)
   6593 ms: gr::Block<$>::Block (12 times, avg 549 ms)
   6138 ms: refl::util::for_each<$> (439 times, avg 13 ms)
   5982 ms: refl::util::detail::eval_in_order<$> (439 times, avg 13 ms)
   5518 ms: gr::BlockWrapper<$>::BlockWrapper (8 times, avg 689 ms)
   4523 ms: std::make_unique<$> (27 times, avg 167 ms)
   4404 ms: std::__invokable_r<$> (1365 times, avg 3 ms)
   3825 ms: gr::BasicSettings<$>::BasicSettings (10 times, avg 382 ms)
   3815 ms: std::__variant_detail::__visitation::__variant::__std_visit_exhausti... (1116 times, avg 3 ms)
   3782 ms: std::is_invocable<$> (1198 times, avg 3 ms)
   3734 ms: gr::BlockRegistry::addBlockType<$> (3 times, avg 1244 ms)
   3483 ms: fmt::basic_format_string<$>::basic_format_string<$> (116 times, avg 30 ms)
   2994 ms: gr::meta::tuple_for_each<$> (76 times, avg 39 ms)
   2985 ms: fmt::detail::format_string_checker<$>::format_string_checker (59 times, avg 50 ms)
   2386 ms: fmt::detail::arg_mapper<$>::formattable<$> (15 times, avg 159 ms)
   2382 ms: fmt::detail::has_const_formatter<$> (15 times, avg 158 ms)
   2347 ms: fmt::formatter<$>::format<$> (7 times, avg 335 ms)
   2345 ms: gr::Block<$>::work<$> (8 times, avg 293 ms)
   2236 ms: magic_enum::enum_name<$> (3 times, avg 745 ms)
   2228 ms: std::function<$>::function<$> (21 times, avg 106 ms)
   2219 ms: std::__function::__value_func<$>::__value_func<$> (21 times, avg 105 ms)
   2208 ms: gr::meta::tuple_for_each((lambda at ..... (9 times, avg 245 ms)
   2186 ms: gr::Block<$>::workInternal (8 times, avg 273 ms)
```

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Compilation Times – Before using '`-ftime-trace`'

```
**** Functions that took longest to compile:
   275 ms: $_2::operator()() const::'lambda'()::operator()() const (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
   173 ms: $_5::operator()() const::'lambda0'()::operator()() const (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
   145 ms: gr::scheduler::SchedulerBase<gr::scheduler::Simple<(gr::scheduler::E... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
   139 ms: $_5::__invoke() (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
   113 ms: _ZZN2gr13BasicSettingsINS_12setting_test4SinkIdEEEC1ERS3_ENKUlTyT_E_... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
   111 ms: gr::Block<gr::setting_test::TestBlock<double>, gr::BlockingIO<true>,... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
   111 ms: gr::load_grc(gr::PluginLoader&, std::__1::basic_string<char, std::__... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    94 ms: gr::Block<gr::setting_test::TestBlock<double>, gr::BlockingIO<true>,... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    92 ms: gr::Block<gr::setting_test::Source<double> >::workInternal(unsigned ... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    91 ms: _ZZN2gr13BasicSettingsINS_12setting_test9TestBlockIdEEEC1ERS3_ENKUlT... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    89 ms: gr::scheduler::Simple<(gr::scheduler::ExecutionPolicy)0, gr::profili... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    89 ms: $_2::operator()() const::'lambda5'()::__invoke() (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    84 ms: gr::Block<gr::setting_test::Sink<double> >::~Block() (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    83 ms: gr::Block<gr::setting_test::Source<double> >::processMessages(gr::Po... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    78 ms: $_2::operator()() const::'lambda3'()::__invoke() (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    76 ms: $_2::operator()() const::'lambda1'()::__invoke() (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
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    71 ms: _ZZN2gr13BasicSettingsINS_12setting_test9TestBlockIdEEEC1ERS3_ENKUlT... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
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    69 ms: $_5::operator()() const::'lambda'()::__invoke() (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    68 ms: _ZZN2gr13BasicSettingsINS_12setting_test9TestBlockIdEEEC1ERS3_ENKUlT... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
    67 ms: _ZZN2gr13BasicSettingsINS_12setting_test4SinkIdEEEC1ERS3_ENKUlTyT_E_... (../core/test/qa_Settings.cpp)
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Compilation Times – Before using '`-ftime-trace`'

```
**** Function sets that took longest to compile / optimize:
    567 ms: decltype(auto) std::__1::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__d... (626 times, avg 0 ms)
    516 ms: gr::Block<$>::workInternal(unsigned long) (8 times, avg 64 ms)
    475 ms: gr::Block<$>::processMessages(gr::Port<$>&, std::__1::span<$>) (8 times, avg 59 ms)
    362 ms: gr::Block<$>::~Block() (10 times, avg 36 ms)
    272 ms: gr::Block<$>::init(std::__1::shared_ptr<$>, std::__1::shared_ptr<$>) (8 times, avg 34 ms)
    253 ms: gr::Block<$>::Block(std::initializer_list<$>) (10 times, avg 25 ms)
    239 ms: std::__1::basic_string<$> gr::meta::type_name<$>() (25 times, avg 9 ms)
    238 ms: gr::lifecycle::StateMachine<$>::changeStateTo(gr::lifecycle::State, ... (11 times, avg 21 ms)
    224 ms: YAML::convert<$>::decode(YAML::Node const&, std::__1::vector<$>&) (11 times, avg 20 ms)
    201 ms: decltype(fp0.out()) fmt::v10::formatter<$>::format<$>(fmt::v10::join... (15 times, avg 13 ms)
    185 ms: char const* refl::descriptor::get_display_name<$>(refl::descriptor::... (66 times, avg 2 ms)
    168 ms: void boost::ext::ut::v2_0_0::reporter<$>::on<$>(boost::ext::ut::v2_0... (19 times, avg 8 ms)
    150 ms: void gr::CircularBuffer<$>::buffer_writer<$>::translate_and_publish<... (10 times, avg 15 ms)
    149 ms: gr::BasicSettings<$>::applyStagedParameters() (10 times, avg 14 ms)
    145 ms: gr::scheduler::SchedulerBase<$>::processScheduledMessages() (1 times, avg 145 ms)
    125 ms: gr::Port<$>::newIoHandler(unsigned long) const (22 times, avg 5 ms)
    119 ms: gr::Port<$>::newTagIoHandler(unsigned long) const (22 times, avg 5 ms)
    117 ms: char const* fmt::v10::formatter<$>::parse<$>(fmt::v10::basic_format_... (8 times, avg 14 ms)
    116 ms: gr::BasicSettings<$>::set(std::__1::map<$> const&, gr::SettingsCtx) (10 times, avg 11 ms)
    113 ms: gr::Block<$>::applyChangedSettings() (8 times, avg 14 ms)
    111 ms: gr::load_grc(gr::PluginLoader&, std::__1::basic_string<$> const&) (1 times, avg 111 ms)
    110 ms: gr::Block<$>::requestStop() (8 times, avg 13 ms)
    102 ms: gr::Port<$>::~Port() (22 times, avg 4 ms)
    101 ms: gr::Block<$>::updatePortsStatus() (8 times, avg 12 ms)
     98 ms: std::__1::pair<$> std::__1::map<$>::insert_or_assign[abi:ue170006]<$... (10 times, avg 9 ms)
     96 ms: decltype(auto) std::__1::__variant_detail::__visitation::__base::__d... (62 times, avg 1 ms)
     92 ms: void fmt::v10::detail::value<$>::format_custom_arg<$>(void*, fmt::v1... (28 times, avg 3 ms)
     89 ms: gr::scheduler::Simple<$>::runSingleThreaded() (1 times, avg 89 ms)
     88 ms: gr::Block<$>::updateInputAndOutputTags(long) (6 times, avg 14 ms)
     88 ms: gr::BasicSettings<$>::get(std::__1::span<$>, gr::SettingsCtx) const (10 times, avg 8 ms)
```


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GNU Radio 4.0 – Demo Time
Compilation Times – Before using '`-ftime-trace`'

```
**** Expensive headers:
10507 ms: ../core/include/gnuradio-4.0/Block.hpp (included 1 times, avg 10507 ms), included via:
  1x: <direct include>

4703 ms: ../cmake-build-debug-clang17/_deps/ut-src/include/boost/ut.hpp (included 1 times, avg 4703 ms), included via:
  1x: <direct include>

1975 ms: ../core/include/gnuradio-4.0/Graph_yaml_importer.hpp (included 1 times, avg 1975 ms), included via:
  1x: <direct include>

1224 ms: /usr/include/c++/v1/string (included 1 times, avg 1224 ms), included via:
  1x: <direct include>

881 ms: ../core/include/gnuradio-4.0/Scheduler.hpp (included 1 times, avg 881 ms), included via:
  1x: <direct include>

630 ms: ../core/include/gnuradio-4.0/Graph.hpp (included 1 times, avg 630 ms), included via:
  1x: <direct include>

536 ms: ../cmake-build-debug-clang17/_deps/fmt-src/include/fmt/format.h (included 1 times, avg 536 ms), included via:
  1x: <direct include>

215 ms: ../core/include/gnuradio-4.0/Transactions.hpp (included 1 times, avg 215 ms), included via:
  1x: <direct include>

26 ms: ../cmake-build-debug-clang17/_deps/fmt-src/include/fmt/ranges.h (included 1 times, avg 26 ms), included via:
  1x: <direct include>

19 ms: /usr/include/c++/v1/stdexcept (included 1 times, avg 19 ms), included via:
  1x: <direct include>
```

ClangBuildAnalyzer.ini Config File (optional)

N.B. should be in invocation root

```ini
How many of most expensive things are reported?
[counts]
# files that took most time to parse
fileParse = 10
# files that took most time to generate code for
fileCodegen = 10
# functions that took most time to generate code for
function = 30
# header files that were most expensive to include
header = 10
# for each expensive header, this many include paths to it are shown
headerChain = 5
# templates that took longest to instantiate
template = 30

# Minimum times (in ms) for things to be recorded into trace
[minTimes]
# parse/codegen for a file
file = 10

[misc]
# Maximum length of symbol names printed; longer names will get truncated
maxNameLength = 200

# Only print "root" headers in expensive header report,
# i.e. only headers that are directly included by at least one source file
onlyRootHeaders = true
```

GNU Radio 4.0 – Demo Time
Compilation Times – optimising {fmt}-formatting

```cpp
if (std::string(get_display_name(member)) == key && !std::holds_alternative<Type>(value)) {
    const std::size_t required_index = meta::to_typelist<pmtv::pmt>::index_of<Type>();
    std::visit([&key, &value, &required_index](auto &&arg) {
        using ActualType = std::decay_t<decltype(arg)>;
        throw std::invalid_argument(fmt::format("value for key {} has a wrong type ({}: {}) vs. expected ({}: {})", //
                                                key, value.index(), gr::meta::type_name<ActualType>(),
                                                required_index, gr::meta::type_name<Type>()));
    },value);
}
```
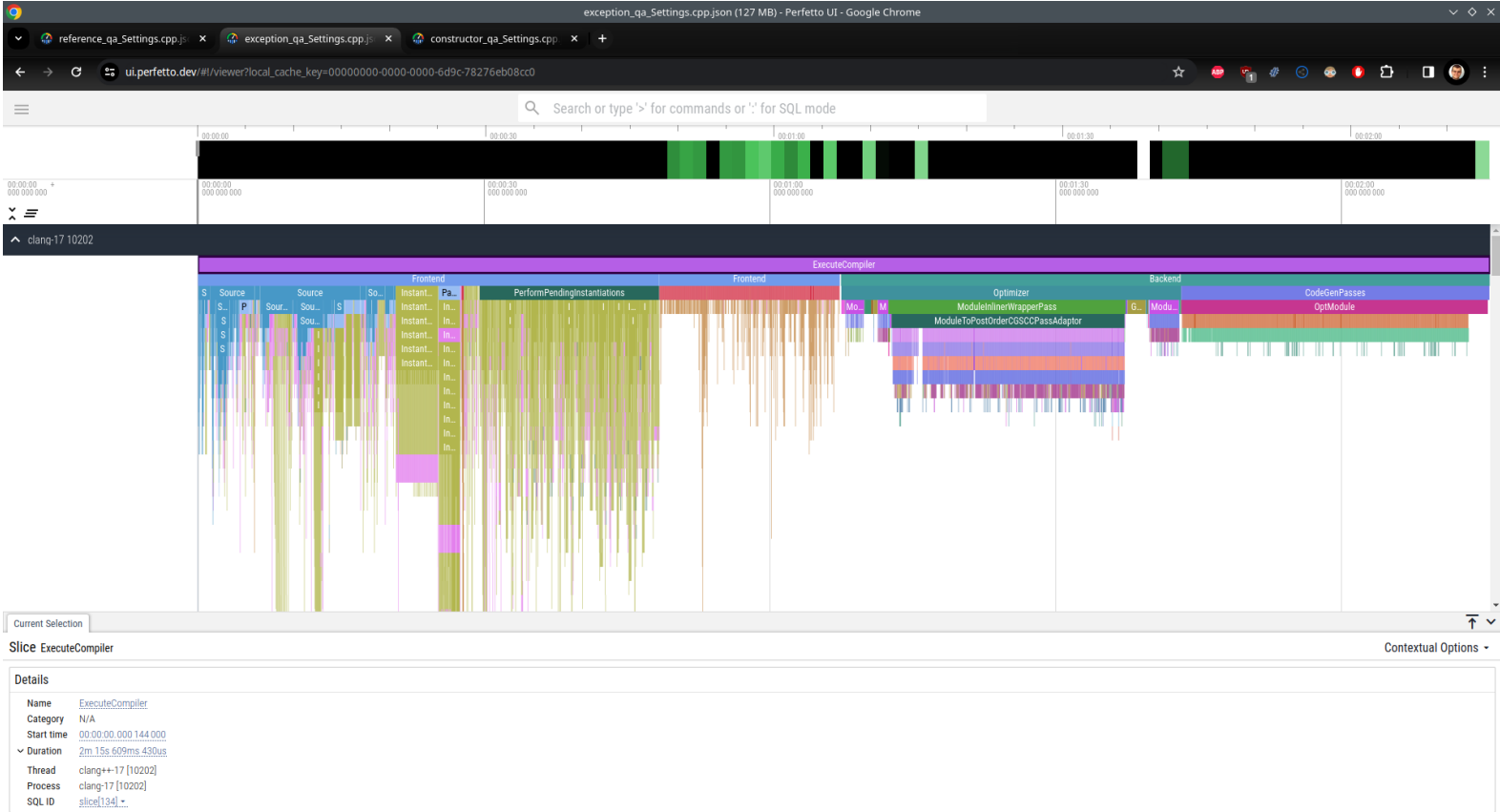
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    },value);
}
```

```cpp
if (fieldName == key && !std::holds_alternative<Type>(value)) {
    throw std::invalid_argument([&key, &value] { // lazy evaluation
        const std::size_t actual_index   = value.index();
        const std::size_t required_index = meta::to_typelist<pmtv::pmt>::index_of<Type>(); //
        return fmt::format("value for key '{}' has a wrong type. Index of actual type: {} ({}), Index of expected type: {} ({})",
                           key, actual_index, "<missing pmt type>",
                           required_index, gr::meta::type_name<Type>());
    }());
}
```

GNU Radio 4.0 – Demo Time
Compilation Times – optimising {fmt}-formatting – 2min 15s (GR4.0 target: <20s)

GNU Radio 4.0 – Demo Time
Compilation Times – optimising {fmt} & Settings Handling

Commit: https://github.com/fair-acc/graph-prototype/pull/299/files

- **Shortened `Template<typename …, NTTP...>` parameter names**
  - N.B. compiler seems to work with unmangled names)

- **Flattened Tuple Iteration:**
  - Removed nested `meta::tuple_for_each` loops.
  - Simplified handling with direct metadata checks and additions.

- **Meta-Information Enhancement**:
  - Introduced `hasMetaInfo` concept for block-level meta presence
  - Direct addition of descriptions, documentation, unit, and visibility to metadata.

- **Simplified Error Handling**
  - Refactored error logic using lambda for lazy evaluation.
  - Improved readability and efficiency in type mismatch handling.

- **Clearer Member Handling:**
  - Metadata and settings update logic separated from type conditions.
  - More declarative approach with explicit type safety checks (`constexpr` and static assertions).

- **Performance Gains:**
  - Reduced compile times by optimizing metadata processing and reducing template complexity.

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GNU Radio 4.0 – Demo Time
Compilation Times – optimising {fmt} & Settings Handling – 1min 18s (GR4.0 target: <20s)
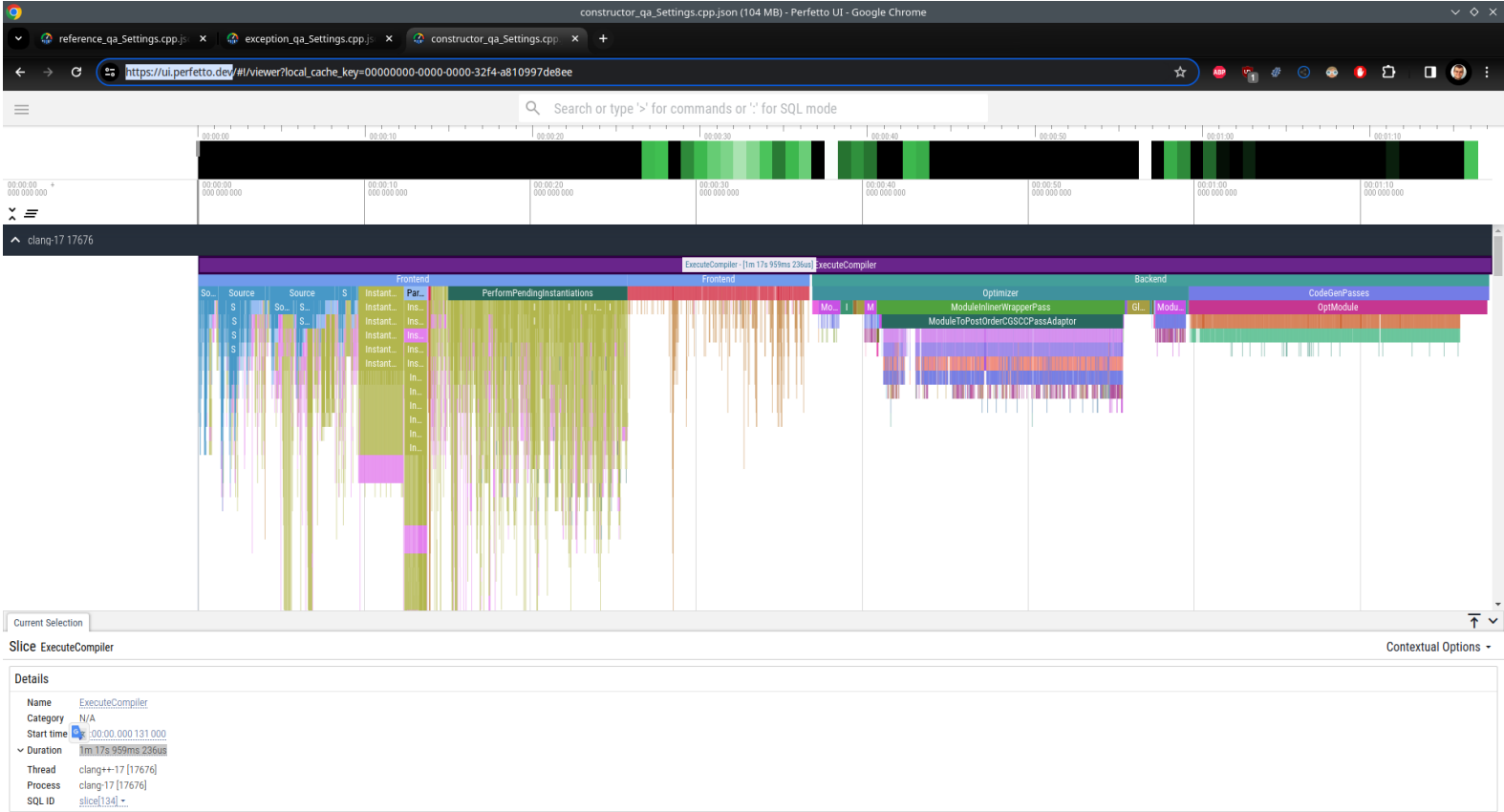
Live Demo – if time permits I/III

```cpp
// small example to illustrate compile-time analysis
// compile with:
//
// clang++ -std=c++23 -O3 -ftime-trace -o example0 example0.cpp
//

template <unsigned int n>
struct Factorial {
    enum { value = n * Factorial<n - 1>::value };
};

template <>
struct Factorial<0> {
    enum { value = 1 };
};

int main() {
    return Factorial<1000>::value;
}
```

Live Demo – if time permits II/III – adding some includes

```cpp
// small example to illustrate compile-time analysis
// compile with:
//
// clang++ -std=c++23 -O3 -ftime-trace -o example1 example1.cpp
//
#include <cmath>
#include <cstdint>
#include <print>
#include <tuple>
#include <variant>
#include <vector>

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```

Live Demo – if time permits III/III – evil example

```cpp
// small example to illustrate compile-time analysis
// compile with:
//
// clang++ -std=c++23 -O3 -ftime-trace -o example example.cpp
//
#include <bitset>
// and many more include

using Pmt =
        std::variant<std::monostate, bool, std::uint8_t, std::uint16_t,
                     std::uint32_t, std::uint64_t, std::int8_t, std::int16_t,
                     std::int32_t, std::int64_t, float, double>;

// visitor that applies an operation to each variant type
struct OperationVisitor {
    void operator()(const std::monostate &i) const { /* do nothing */ }
    void operator()(bool &i) const { i = !i; }
    void operator()(std::uint8_t &i) const { i = std::pow(i, 2); }
    void operator()(std::uint16_t &i) const { i = std::pow(i, 2); }
    void operator()(std::uint32_t &i) const { i = std::pow(i, 2); }
    void operator()(std::uint64_t &i) const { i = std::pow(i, 2); }
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    void operator()(std::int64_t &i) const { i = std::pow(i, 2); }
    void operator()(float &f) const { f = std::sin(f); }
    void operator()(double &d) const { d = std::cos(d); }
};

template <typename T>
void applyOperations(std::vector<T> &variants) {
    for (auto &var : variants) {
        std::visit(OperationVisitor{}, var);
    }
}

template <typename T>
void printVariantVector(std::vector<T> &variants) {
    for (const auto &num : variants) {
        std::visit([](const auto &value) { std::print("value: {}\n", value); },
                   num);
    }
    std::println("- done");
}

template <unsigned int n>
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};

template <>
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};

int main() {
    // Example usage
    std::vector<Pmt> vars{{}, true, static_cast<std::uint8_t>(1), static_cast<std::uint16_t>(2),
                          static_cast<std::uint32_t>(3), 4.0f, 5.0, static_cast<std::uint64_t>(6)};

    applyOperations(vars);

    printVariantVector(vars);

    return Factorial<1000>::value;
}
```

Bonus - Trace-Diagnostic Tooling – Under our very nose ...
Clang's XRay Runtime Performance Profiler

or:

```
clang++ -o sample -O3 <source> <other flags> \
        -fxray-instrument -fxray-instruction-threshold=1
XRAY_OPTIONS="patch_premain=true xray_mode=xray-basic" ./sample
```

converting this to Google's Trace format:

```
llvm-xray convert --output-format=trace_event --sort --symbolize
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```

creating a visual call graph:

```
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// XRAY_OPTIONS="patch_premain=true xray_mode=xray-basic" ./sample
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>

[[clang::xray_always_instrument]] void f() {
    std::cerr << '.';
}

[[clang::xray_always_instrument]] void g() {
    for (int i = 0; i < 1 << 10; ++i) {
        std::cerr << '-';
    }
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    std::thread t1([] {
        for (int i = 0; i < 1 << 10; ++i)
            f();
    });
    std::thread t2([] {
        g();
    });
    t1.join();
    t2.join();
    std::cerr << '\n';
}
```