



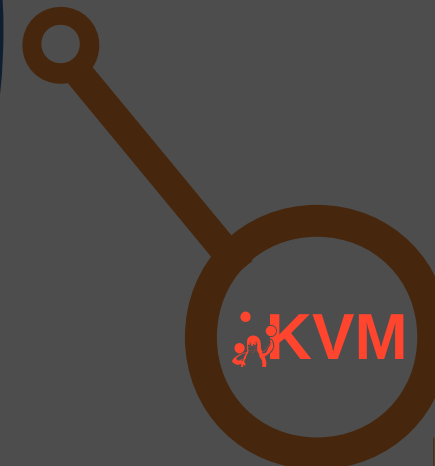
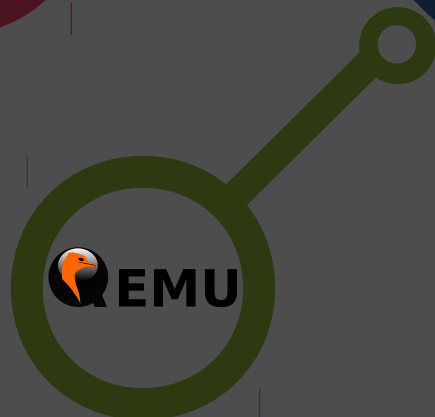
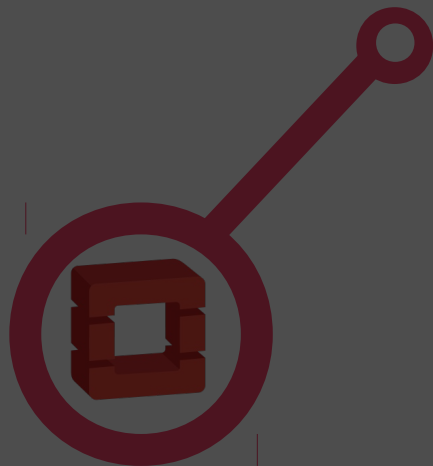
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# Host Hypervisor Trace Mining for Virtual Machine Workload Characterization

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Old Kernel  
Limited Resources

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## VM Clustering

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CPU Intensive  
Disk Intensive  
Network Intensive

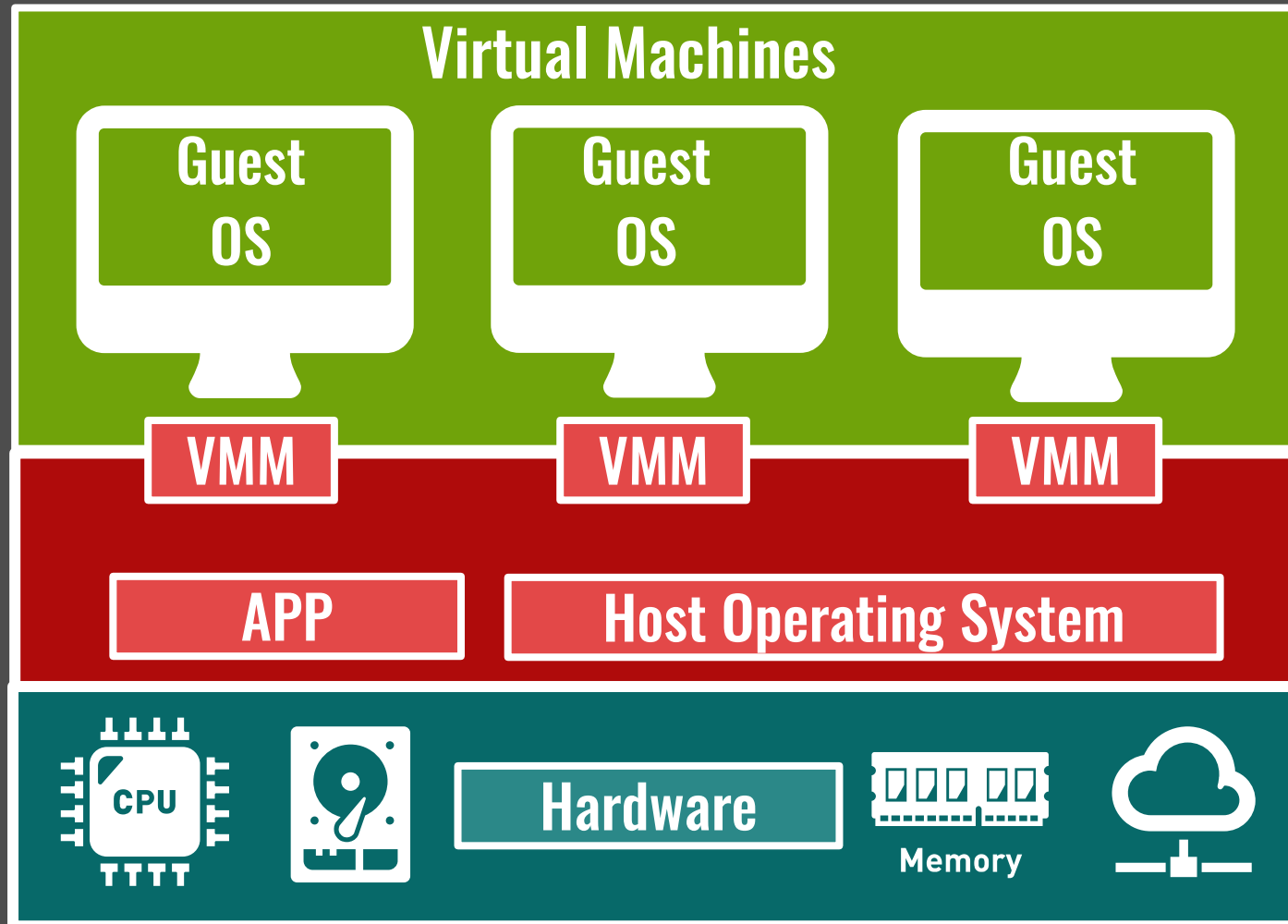
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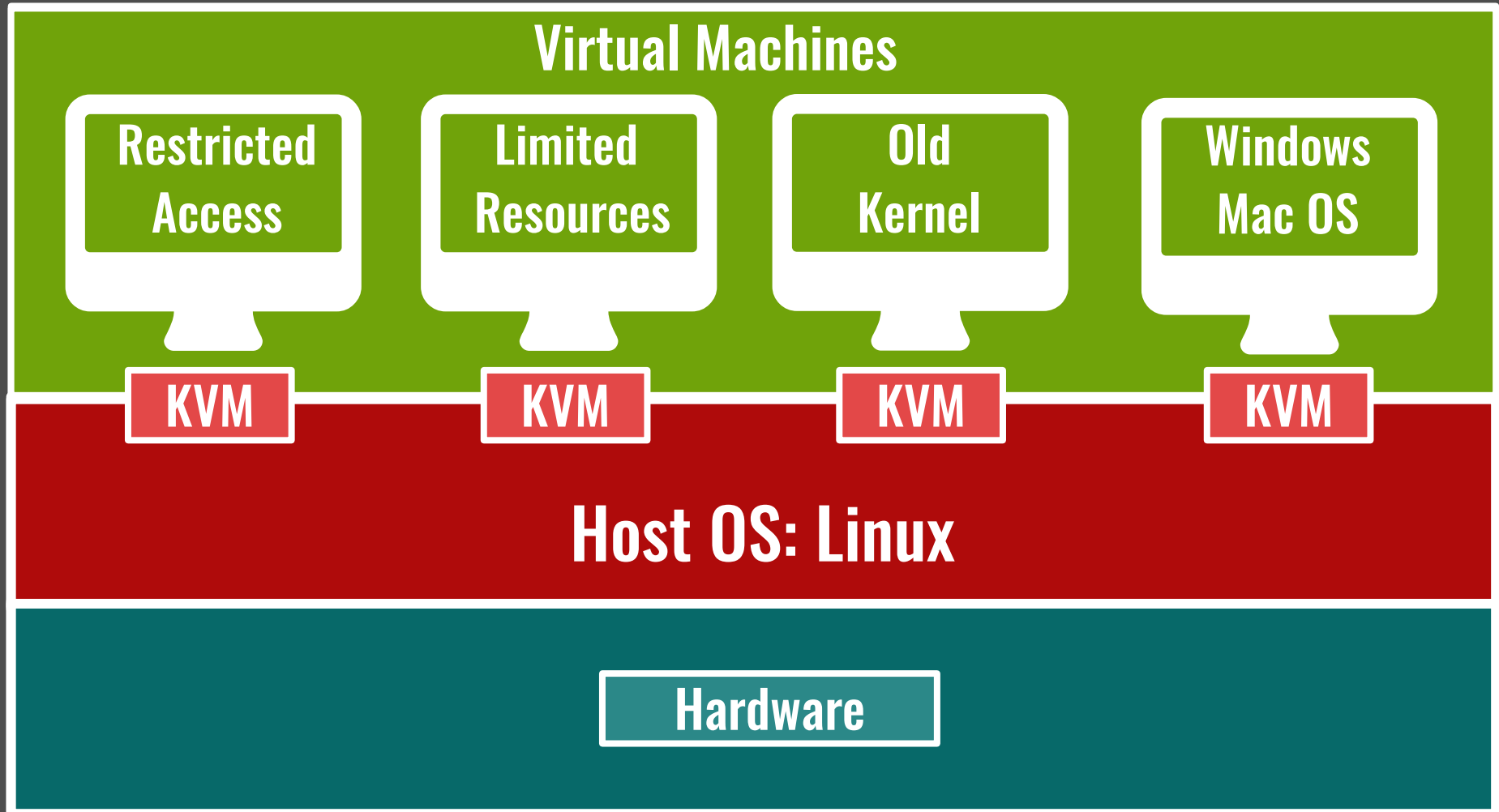
## Conclusion & Future Work

Trace mining  
VM Clustering  
vCPU features  
Process Clustering

# VM Architecture



# Motivation



# Previously on VM Analysis



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## Fine-grain resource Monitoring

Retrieve guest state from VMCS  
 Analyzing VM interference  
 Disk View, vCPU view, Network view

### Step 01 - Monitoring

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the Qemu Resource View. The top part displays a timeline of resource usage for various components like Disk, CPU, and Net. Below this, there is a table of system events and a CPU usage graph showing percentage over time.

TID	Process	%	Time
3073	qemu-system-x86	59.037	20909f
3483	qemu-system-x86	58.652	20564d
3768	qemu-system-x86	61.074	21413d
3577	qemu-system-x86	60.604	21146f
3450	qemu-system-x86	61.527	21517d

The diagram illustrates a virtual machine architecture. It shows a host kernel at the top, which manages the virtual machine. Below the host kernel, there are components for the virtual machine, including a stack range, thread ID, and thread. The diagram also shows a VCPU and a Handle Exit Reason button. A time axis is shown at the bottom, indicating the progression of time.

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# Previously on VM Analysis

## • Resource Overcommitment Detection

- CPU Running State Analysis
- CPU overcommitment Analysis
- Memory overcommitment Analysis



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Step 02 - Overcommitment

### Investigations

#### Use Case – Preemptive Virtual Machine

30 runs of Sysbench to find primes < 10000

Resources CPU View

Virtual Machine CPU view - Without Preemption

CPU 0

Average = 324ms    STD = 5ms

Resources CPU View

Virtual Machine CPU view - With Preemption

CPU 0

Average = 443ms    STD = 116ms

Resources Qemu View

Process	TID	PTID	Tr
qemu-system-x86	13330	1	
qemu-system-x86	13344	13330	
qemu-system-x86	17007	1	
qemu-system-x86	17026	17007	

Blocked Running

Preempted

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# Previously on VM Analysis



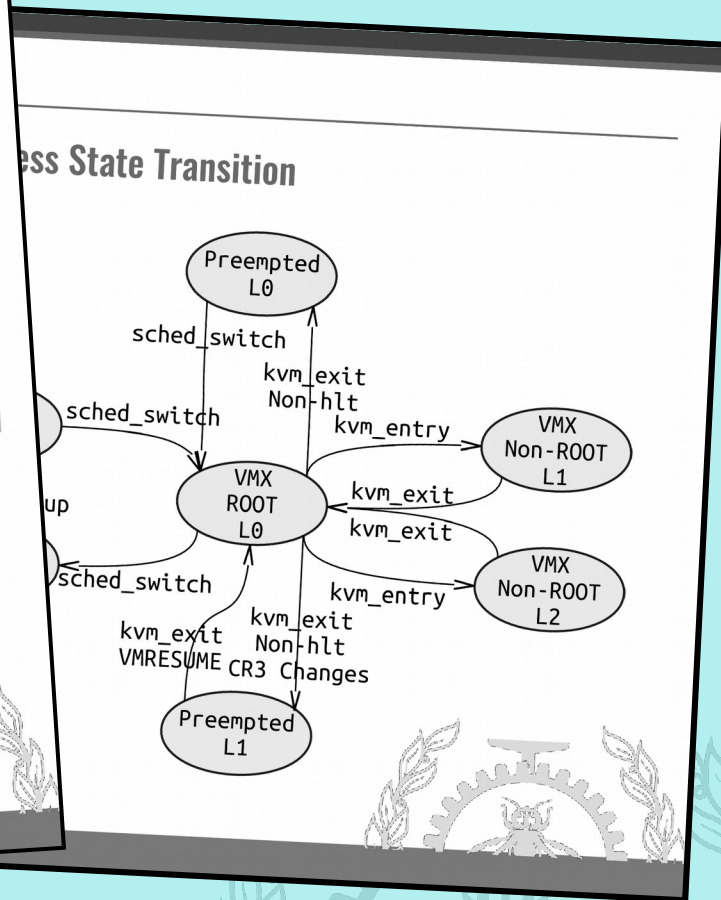
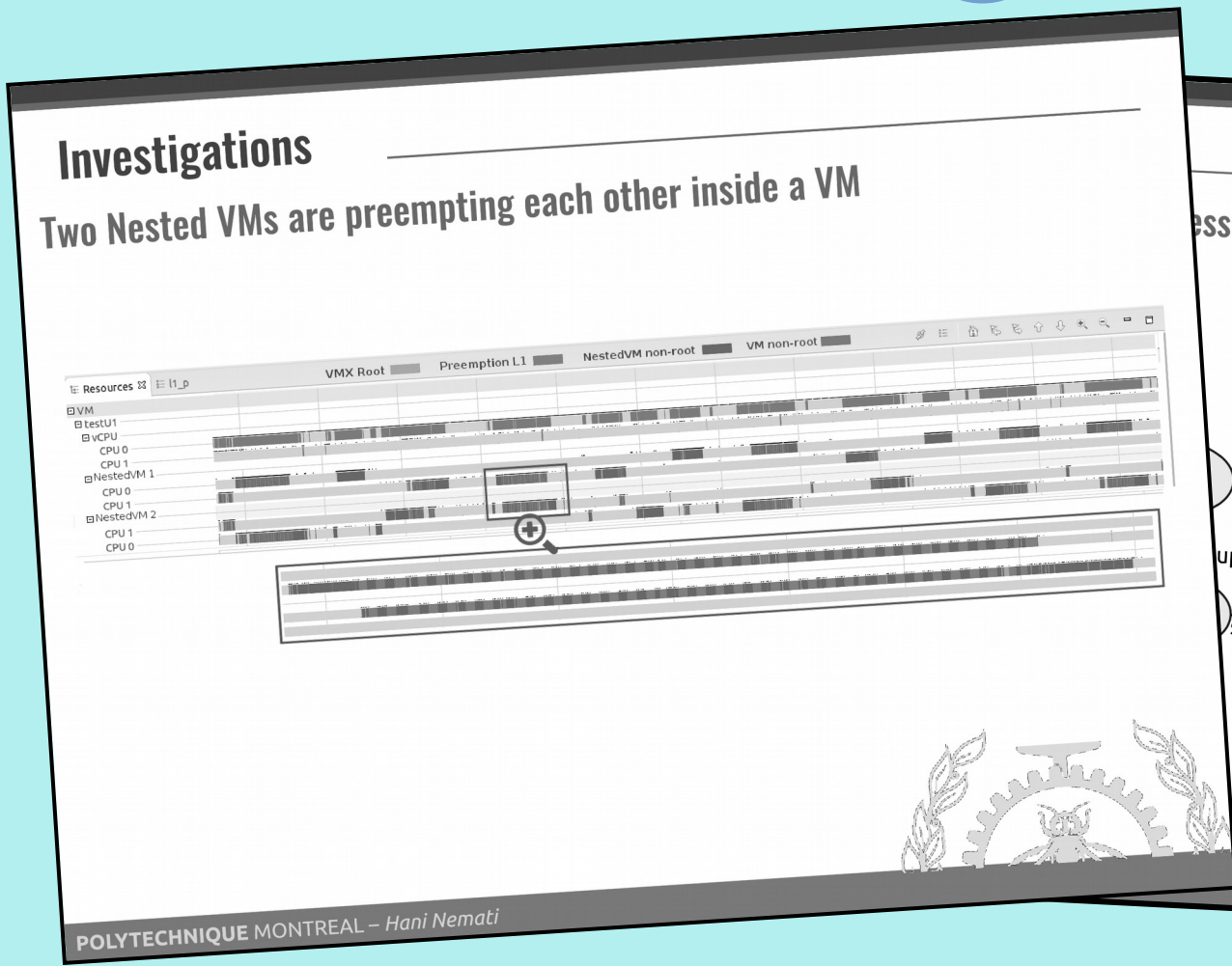
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## Step 03 - Nested VM

### Any level Nested VM State Analysis

- Nested VM vCPU state analysis
- Nested VM overcommitment detection
- Virtualization overhead analysis



# Previously on VM Analysis

- vCPU idle State Analysis**

Virtual interrupt injection Analysis  
 Analyzing idle State of VM  
 eBPF based VM analysis

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## Step 04 - Wait Analysis

### Investigations

Vec from kvm\_inj\_virq  
CR3 from vcpu\_enter\_guest

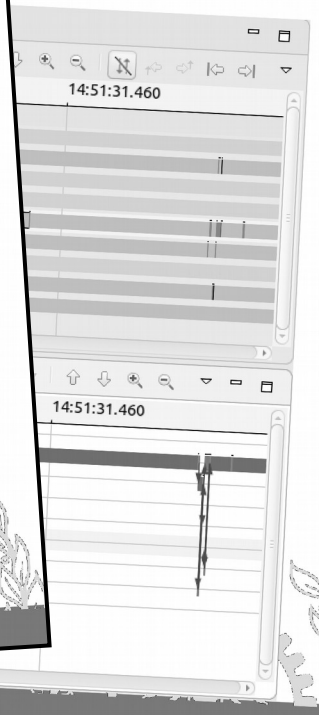
Vec from kvm\_inj\_virq  
CR3 from vcpu\_enter\_guest

Main Thread	Block	Running	Block	Running	Block
vCPU Thread	Running	Block	Running	Block	Running
Block I/O Thread	Block	Running	Block		
Network Thread	Block				Running
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Process #CR3	Running	Block I/O	Running	Network	Running

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If (Vec == (Block I/O irq)) {
    Block State = Block I/O State
} else if (Vec == (network irq)) {
    Block State = Network State
}
        
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**Previously on VM Analysis**



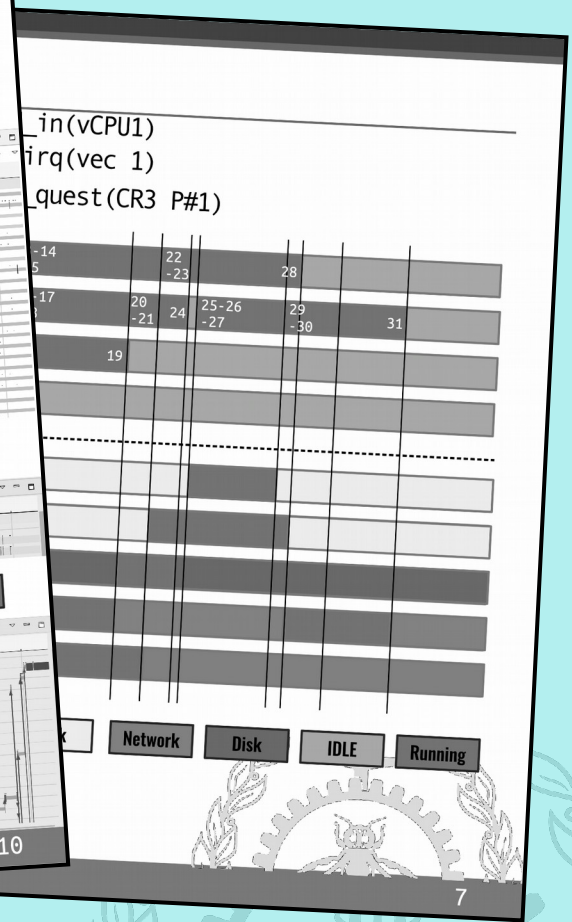
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**Execution Path Analysis of VM**

- Contention of Disk
- Cap on virtual resources
- VM boot-up comparison

Step **05** - Critical Path



# Previously on VM Analysis

## Hierarchical Distributed Critical Path

Critical Path for Nested VM  
Critical Path for distributed VMs



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Step 06-Distributed VM

### Investigations

#### Critical Path Analysis

#### Linux Advance Packaging Tool

What is going on here?

Process	Elapsed	Percent
28121	3.142286559	25.91
[VMkernel/14,14]	3.142286559	25.91
[VMkernel/11,11]	0.710649494	5.86
[VMkernel/12,12]	3.424921246	28.24
[VMkernel/15,15]	0.017832304	0.15
[VMkernel/13,13]	0.000371324	0.00
[VMkernel/16,16]	0.001683075	0.01
[VMkernel/19,19]	1.376046145	11.35
[VMkernel/18,18]	0.029978880	0.25
[VMkernel/20,20]	0.021167240	0.17
[VMkernel/17,17]	1.250179591	10.31
[VMkernel/21,21]	0.058515969	0.48
[VMkernel/10,10]	0.409174618	3.37
[VMkernel/23,23]	0.057533012	0.47
[VMkernel/24,24]	0.329493844	2.72
[VMkernel/25,25]	0.107198374	0.88
[VMkernel/27,27]	0.043744213	0.36
[VMkernel/28,28]	0.05869488	0.47
[VMkernel/29,29]	0.137048265	1.13
[VMkernel/26,26]	0.000017530	0.00
[VMkernel/31,31]	0.040457394	0.33
[VMkernel/32,32]	0.000644807	0.01

- apt-get downloads and reads cached packages
- apt-get installs the packages along with downloaded dependencies
- The installation of man-pages

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### Methodology

#### Nested vCPU view

running block

on-root root Timer

thread)

# Previously on VM Analysis

- Hierarchical Distributed Critical Path



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Step 05 - Critical Path

- vCPU idle State Analysis



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Step 03 - Nested VM

- Resource Overcommitment Detection



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Step 01 - Monitoring

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Step 06 - Distributed VM

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- Execution Path Analysis of VM

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- Any level Nested VM State Analysis

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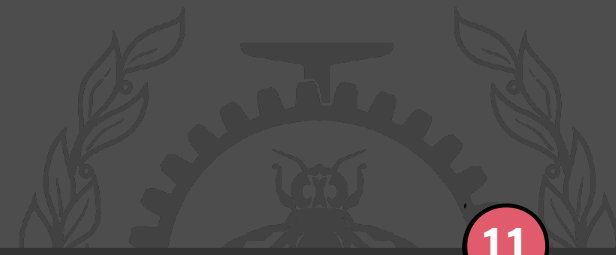
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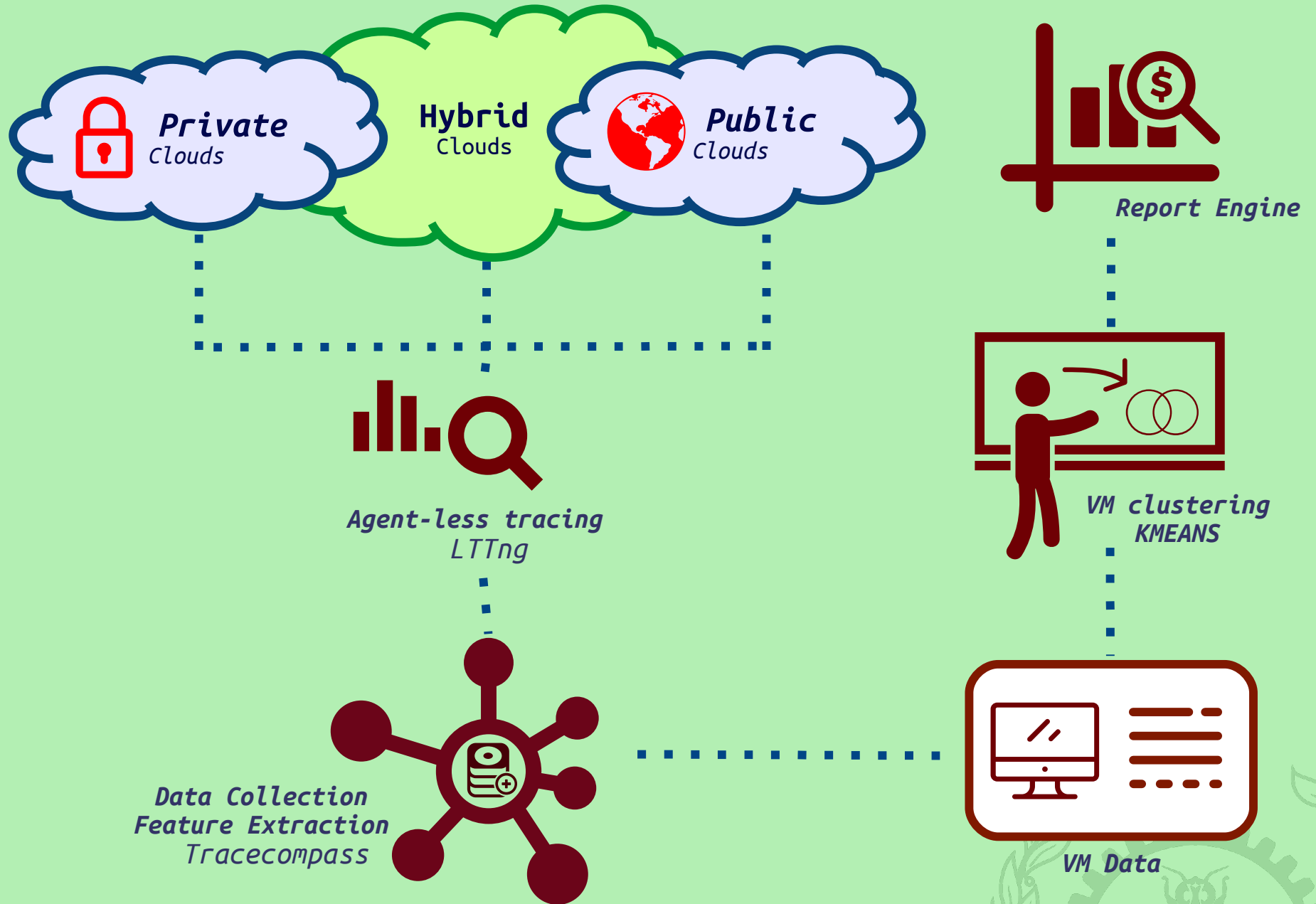
- Fine-grain resource Monitoring

How about

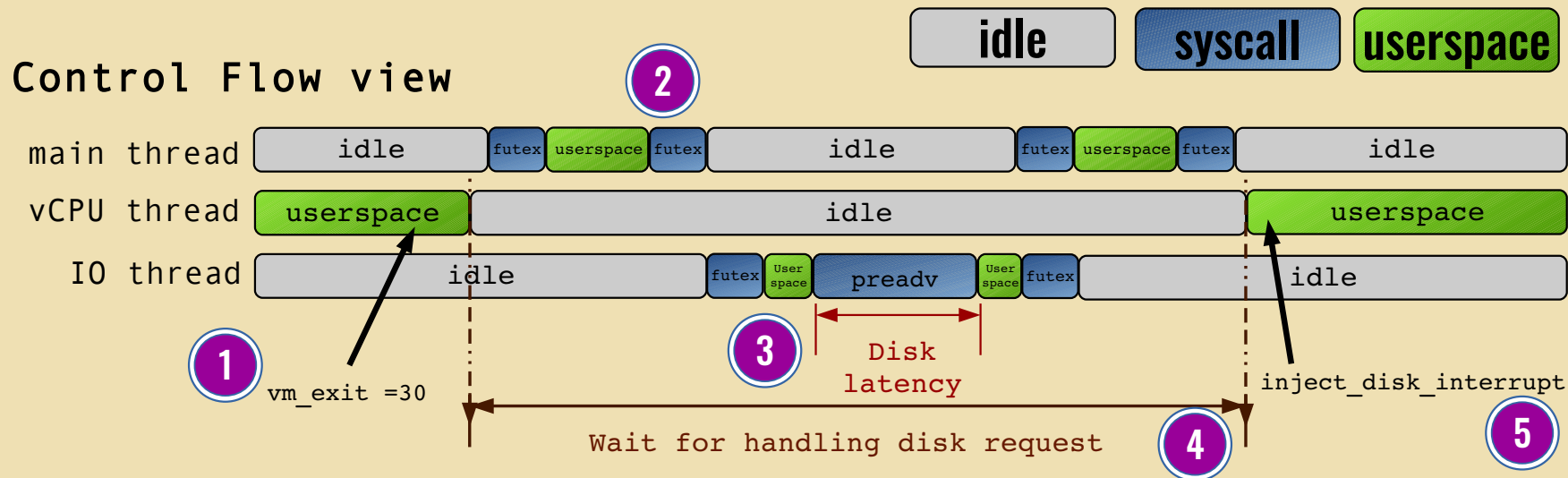
# Automation?



# VM Clustering Architecture



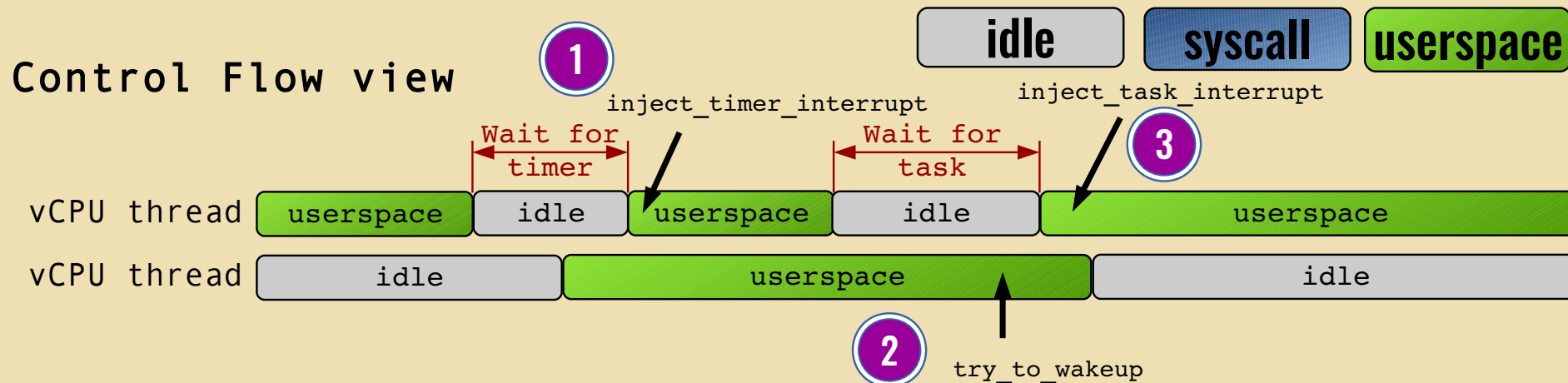
# Disk Metrics



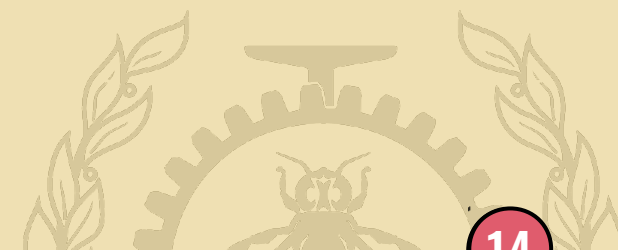
- 1 VM exits from guest mode to host mode to handle disk request
- 2 Qemu main thread submits the disk request
- 3 Qemu IO thread handles the disk request
- 4 Two metrics: wait for handling disk request and disk latency
- 5 Virtual disk interrupt is injected to VM



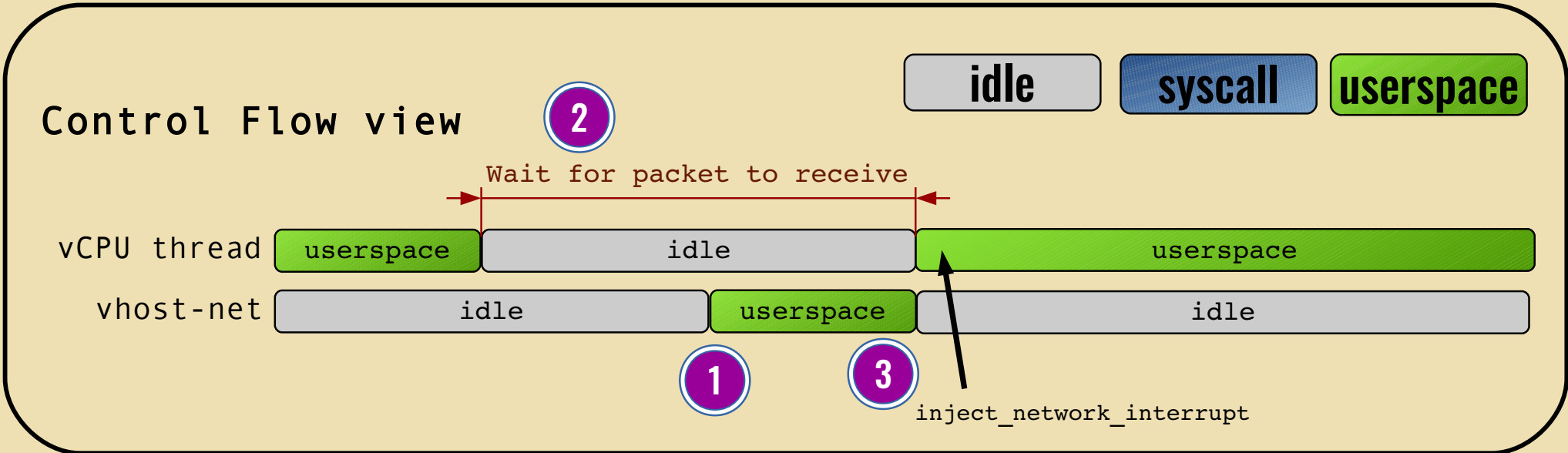
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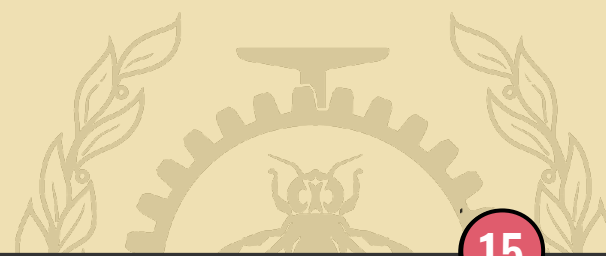
- 1 Virtual timer interrupt is injected to VM
- 2 A VM process wakes up another VM process
- 3 Virtual task interrupt is injected to VM



# Network Metrics

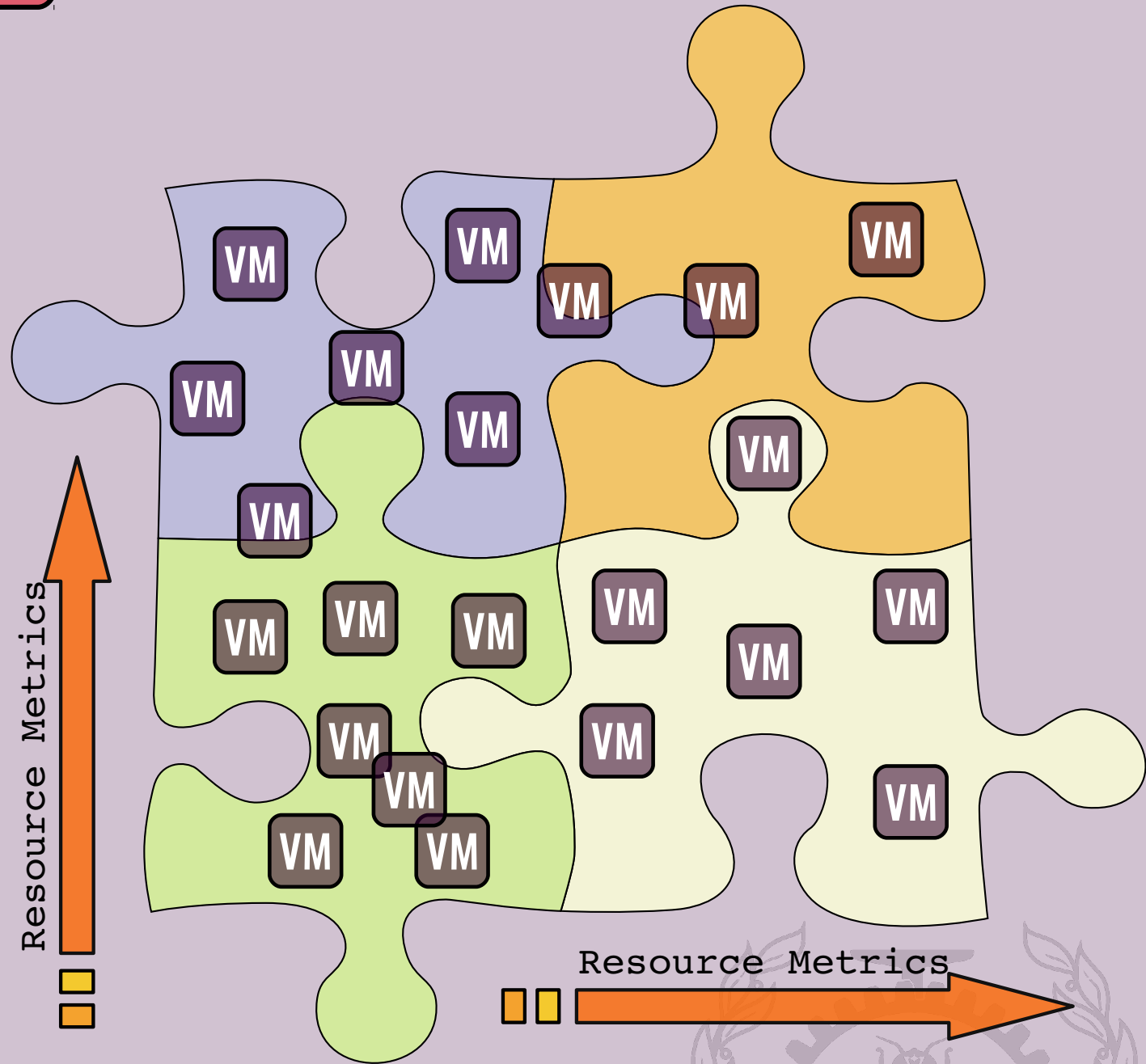


- 1 A packet is received by vhost-net
- 2 Wait for a packet to receive
- 3 Virtual network interrupt is injected to VM

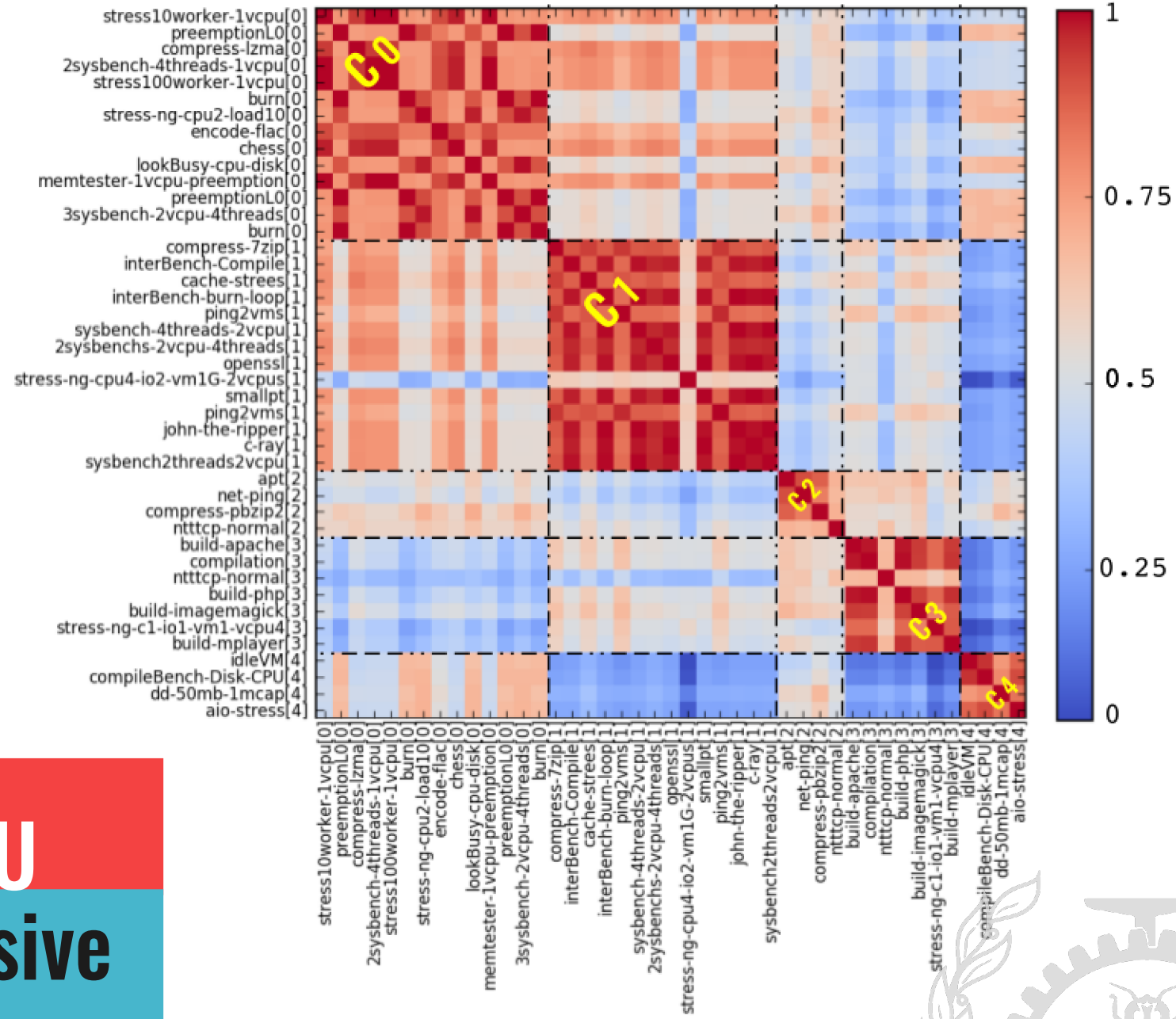


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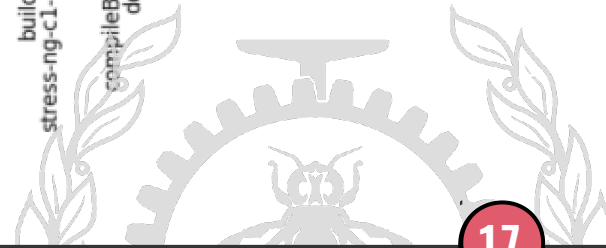
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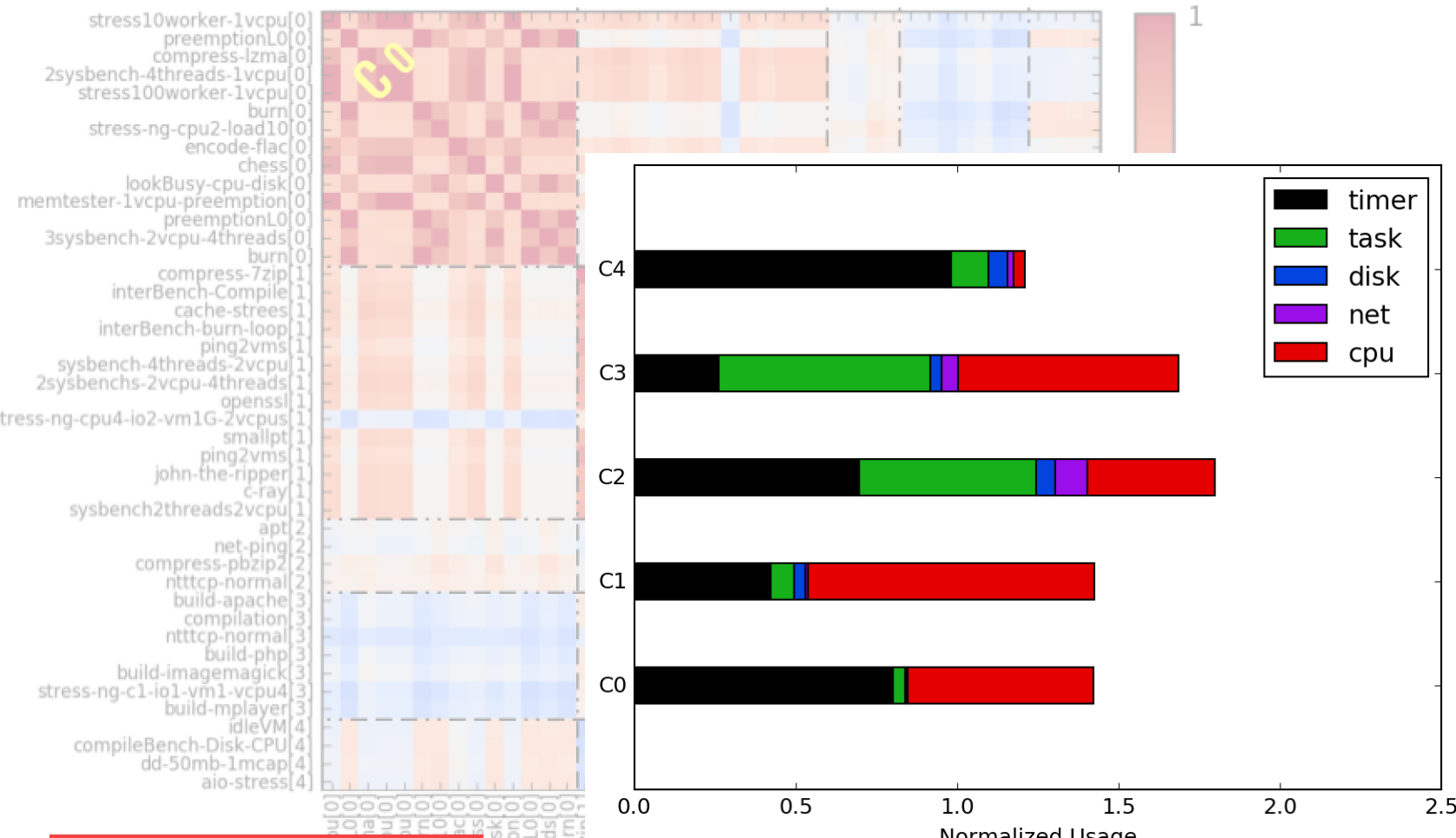
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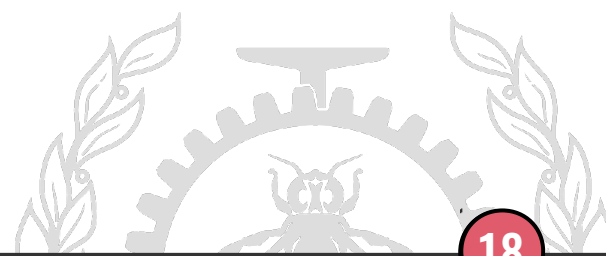
**CPU**  
**Intensive**



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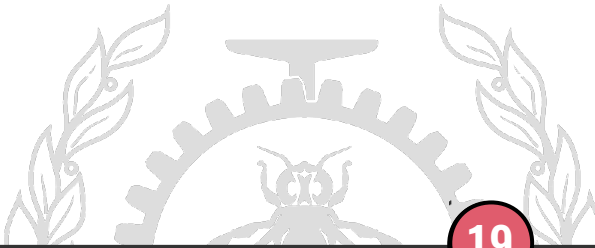
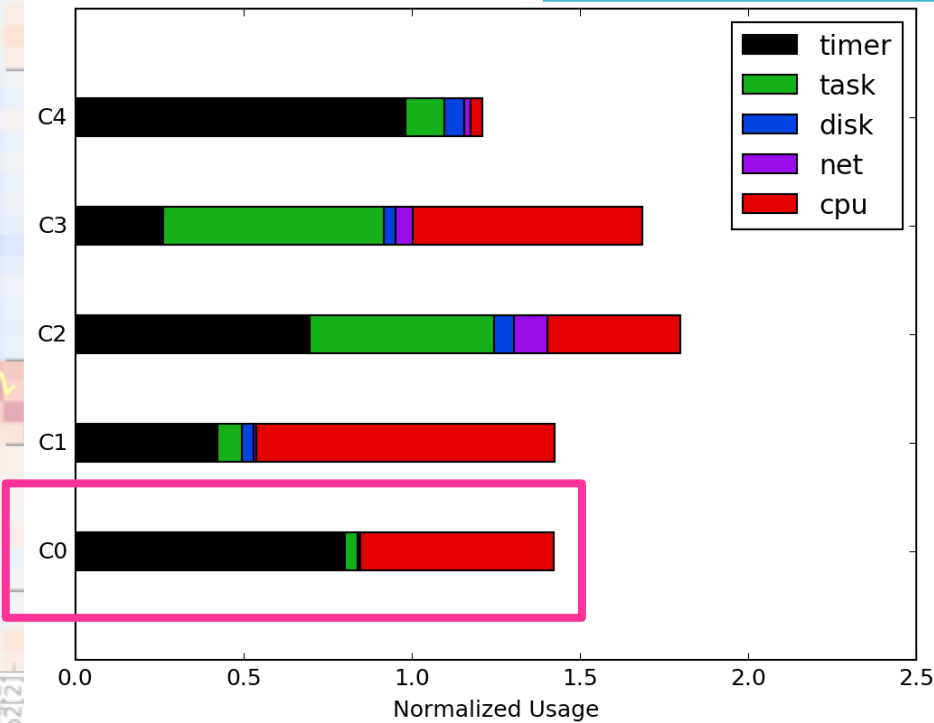
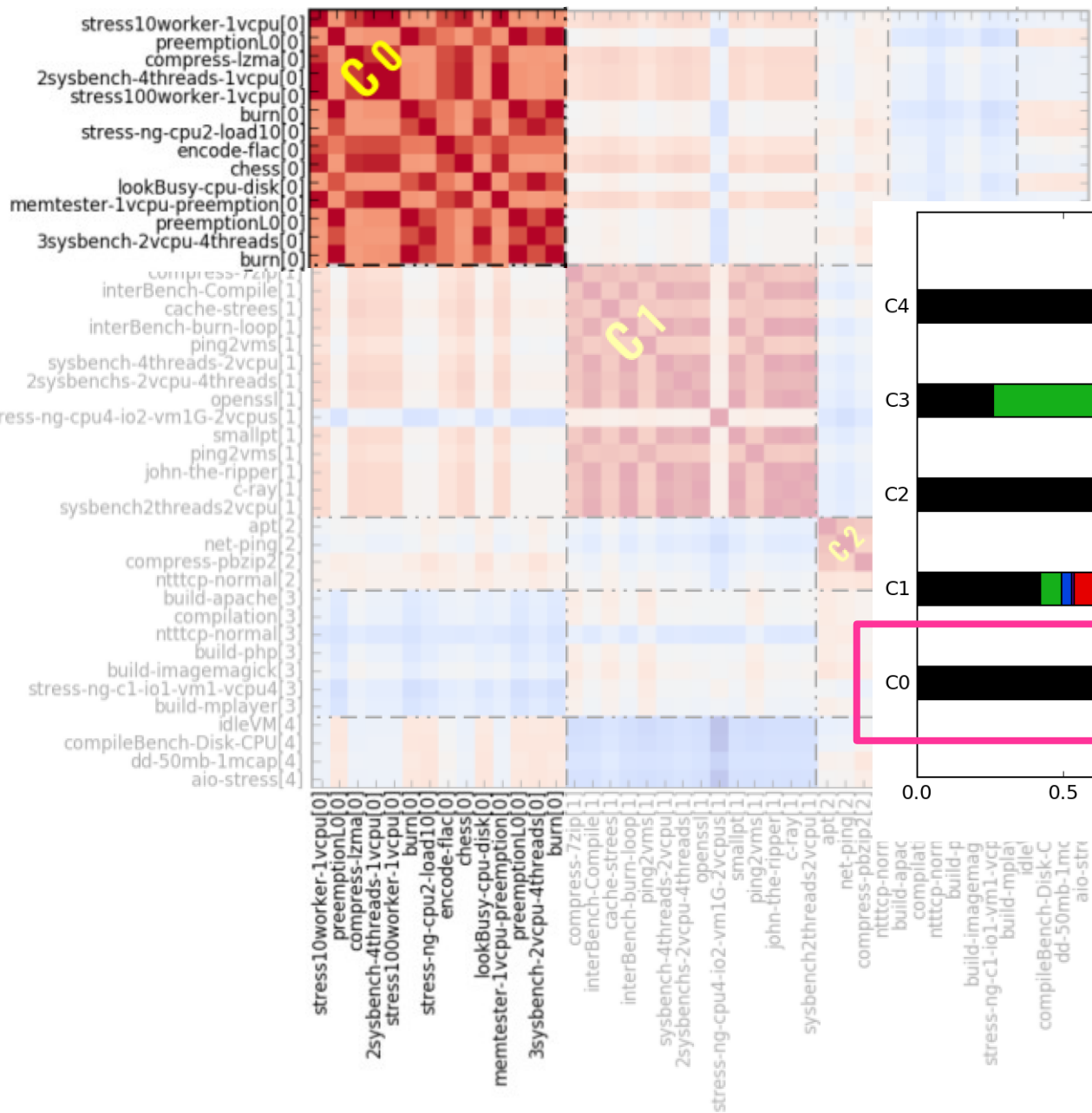


**CPU**  
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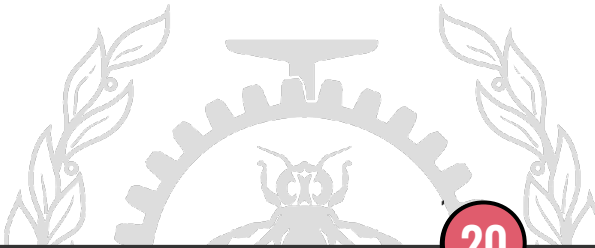
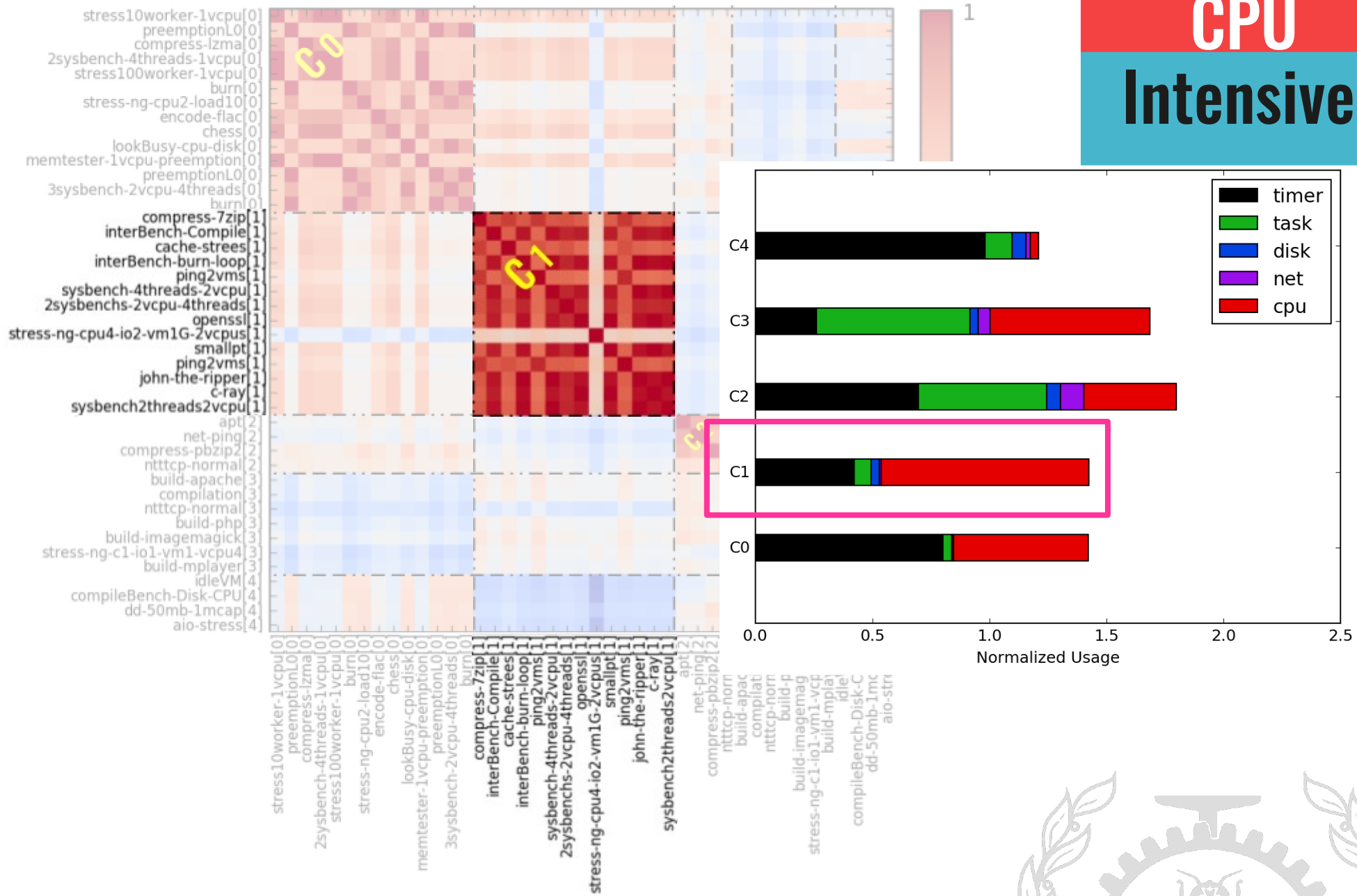
**CPU Intensive**



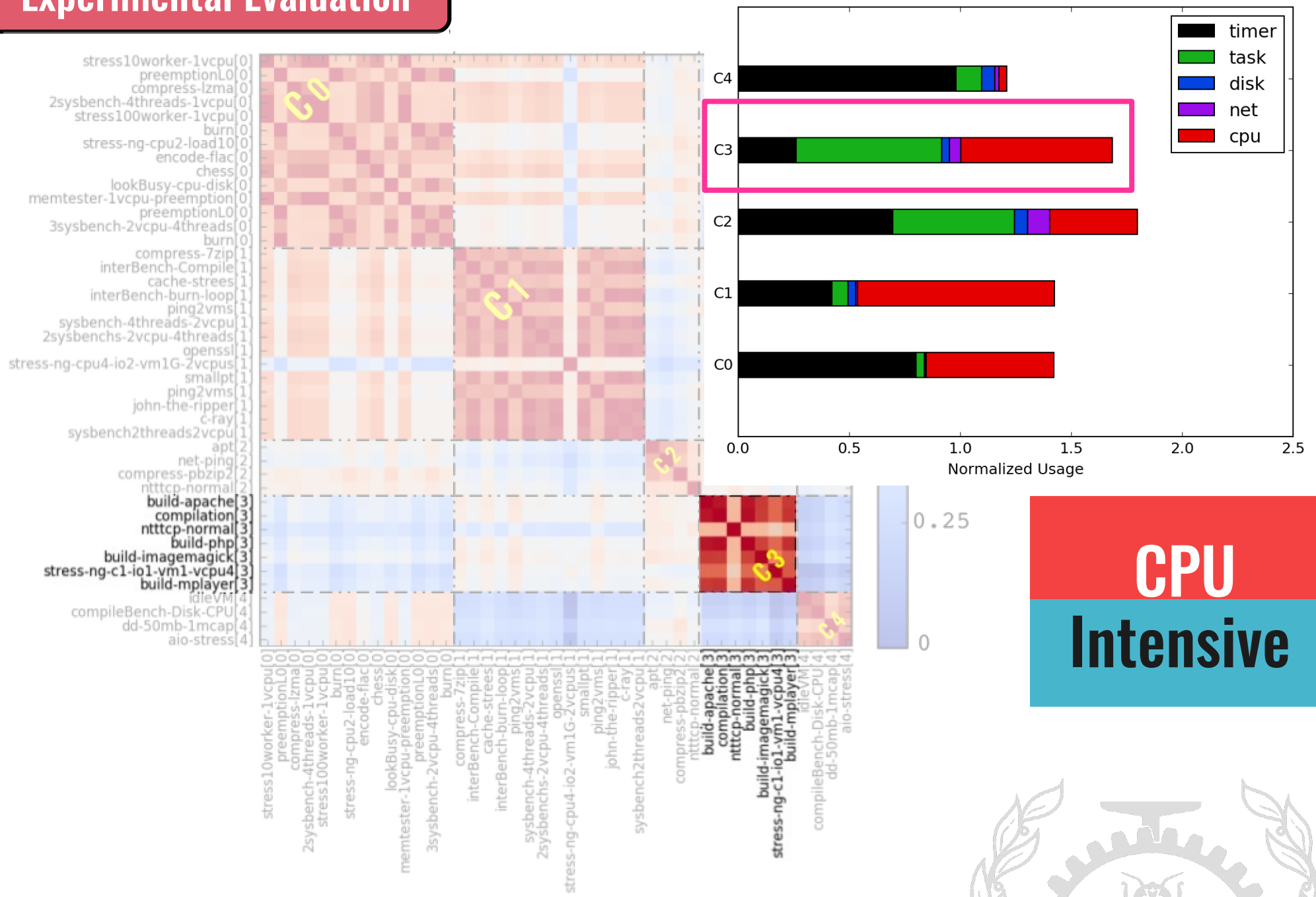


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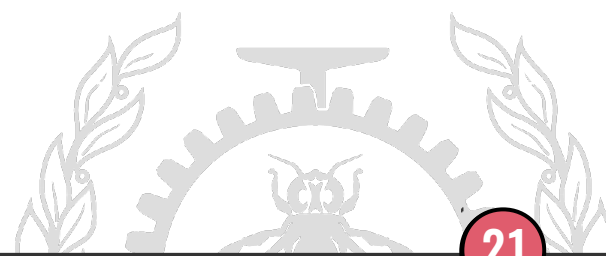
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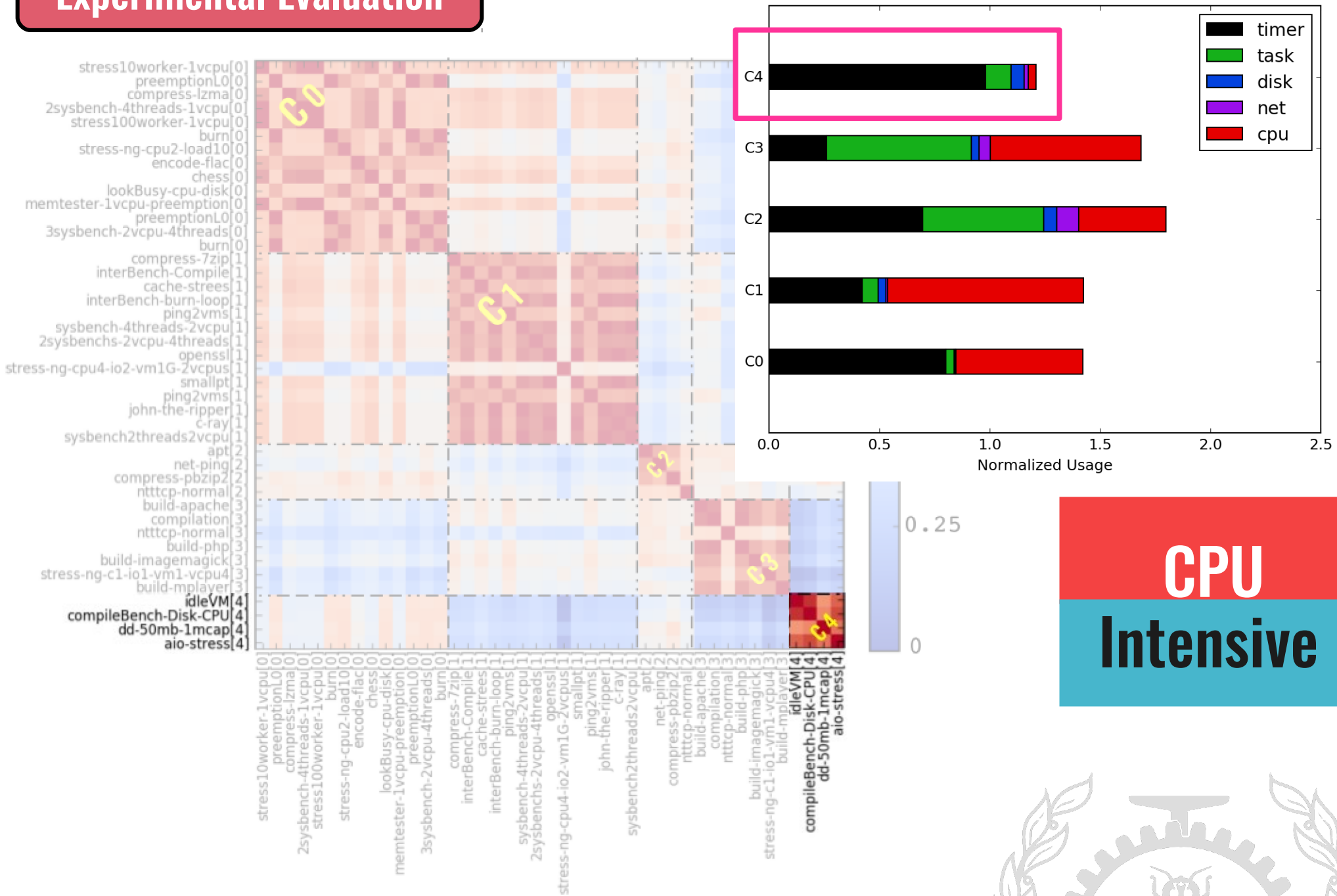
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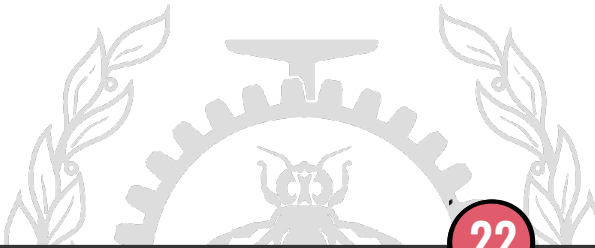
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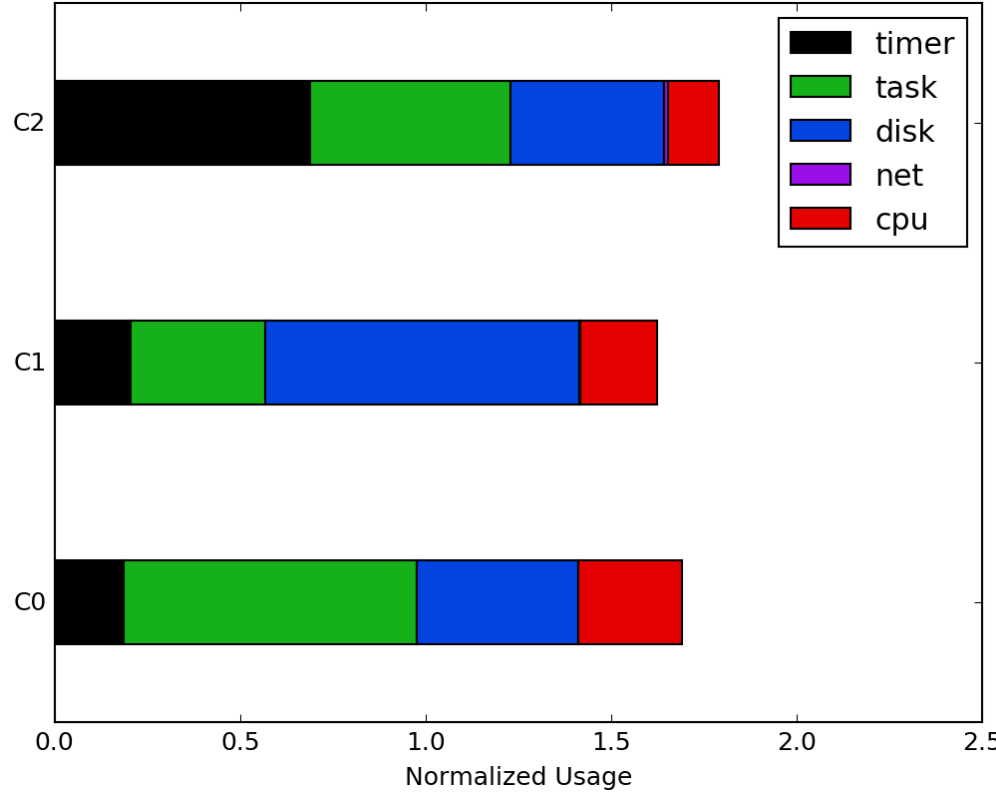
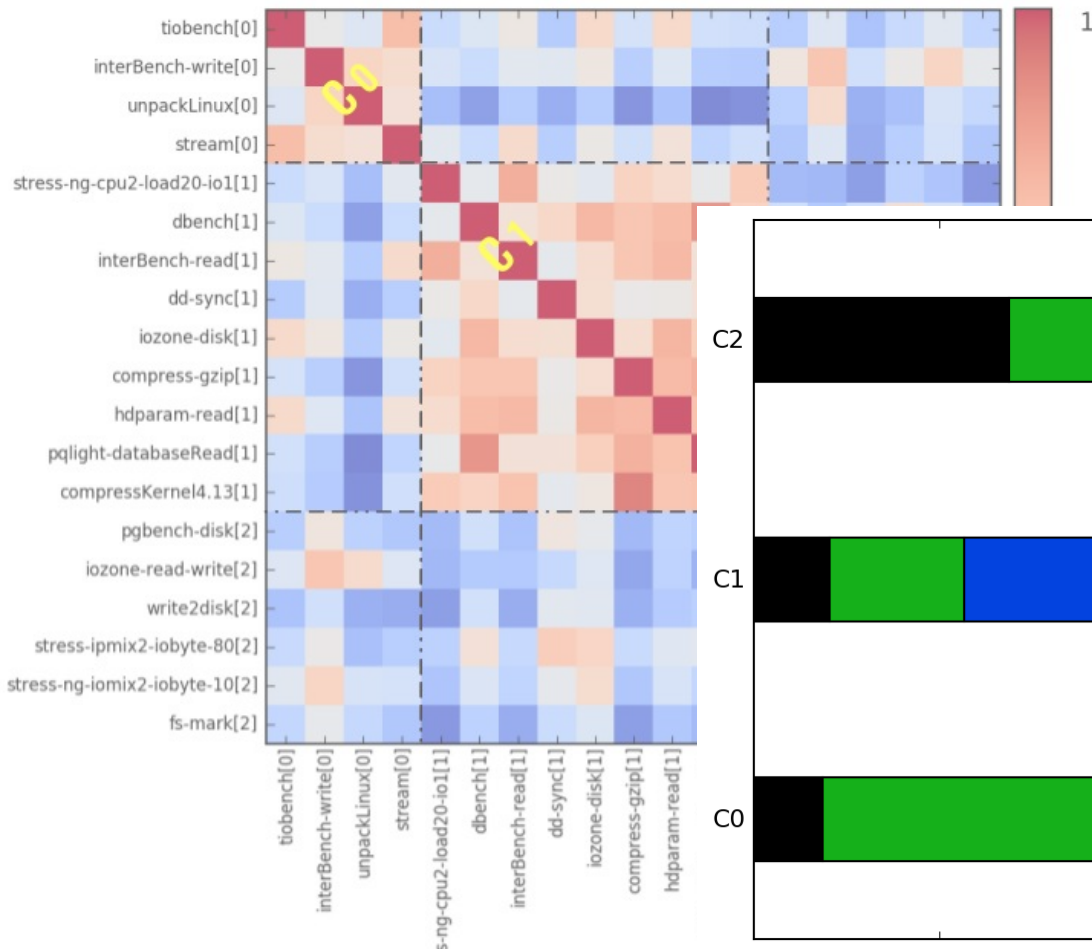
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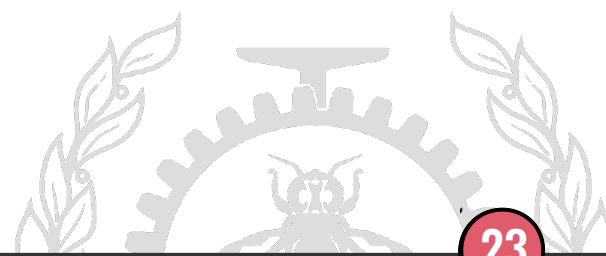
**CPU**  
**Intensive**



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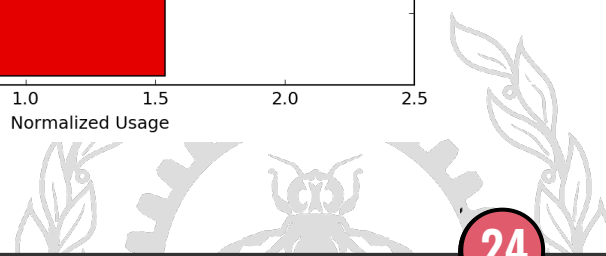
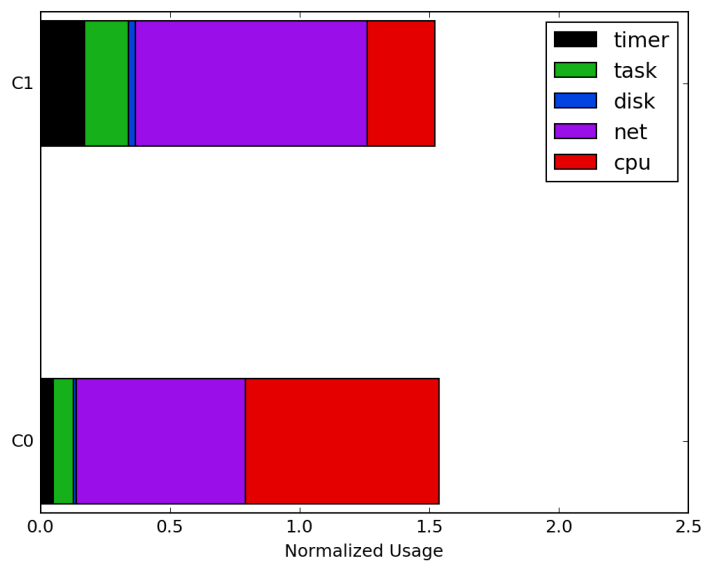
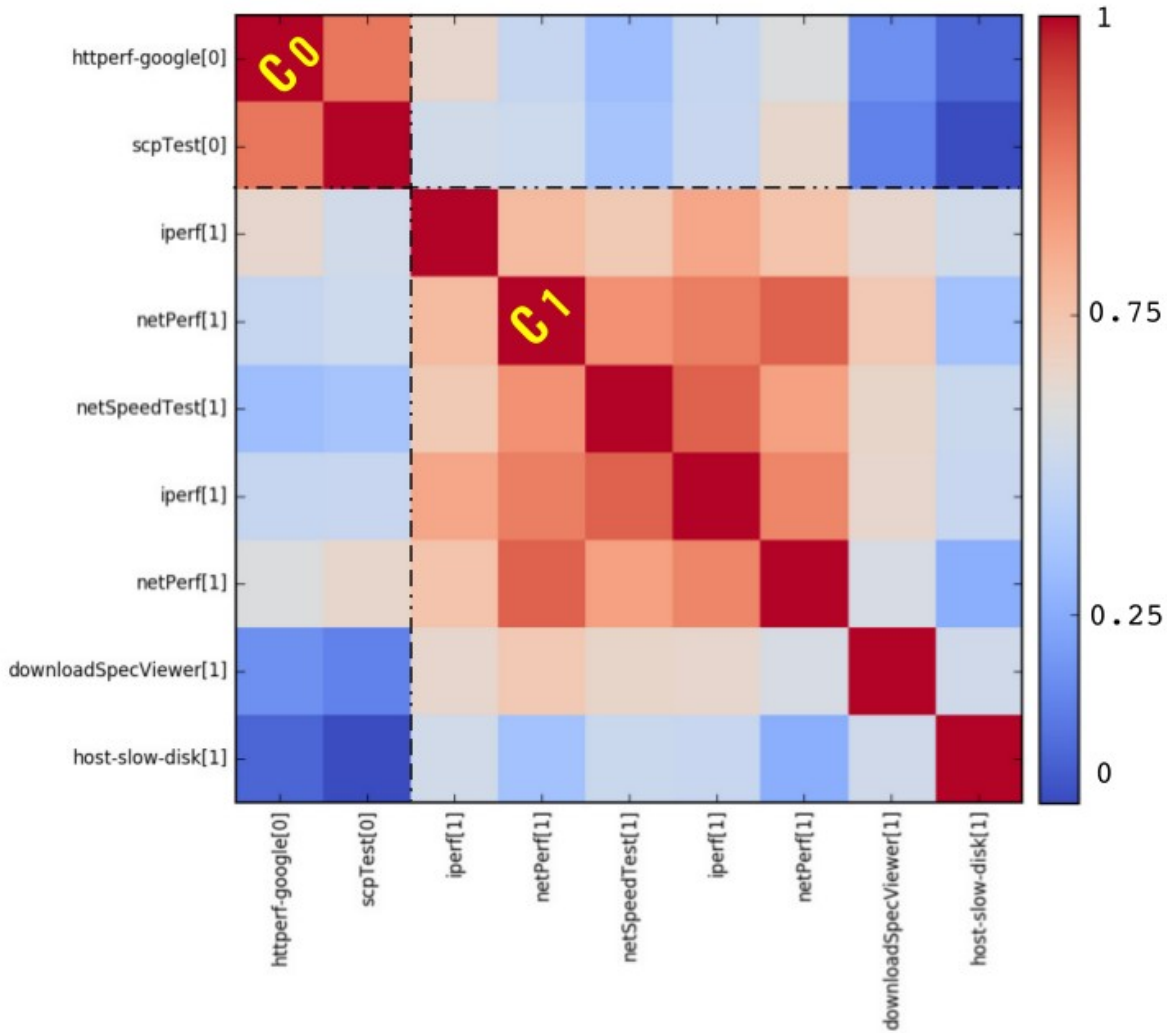


**Disk Intensive**



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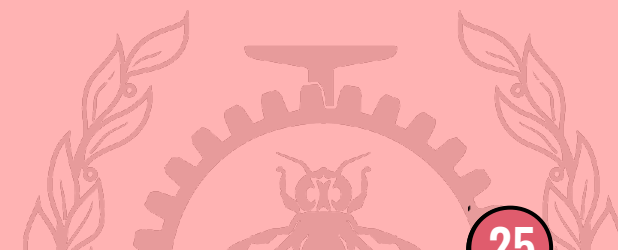
**Network Intensive**



# Experimental Evaluation

## How to Try

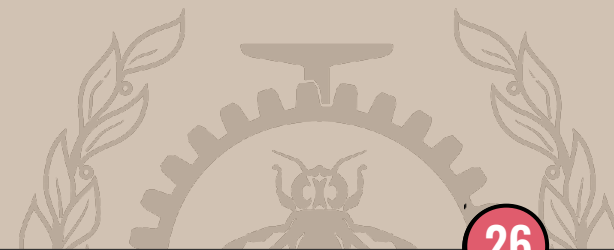
- 1 Access to Host only
- 2 Run LTTng on Host with my new added tracepoint (vcpu\_enter\_guest)
- 3 Clone TraceCompass from github  
(incubator:<https://github.com/Nemati/org.eclipse.tracecompass.incubator.git> )
- 4 Git checkout vm2
- 5 Clone lamiminer from github (<https://github.com/azharivs/lamiminer.git>)





# Conclusions

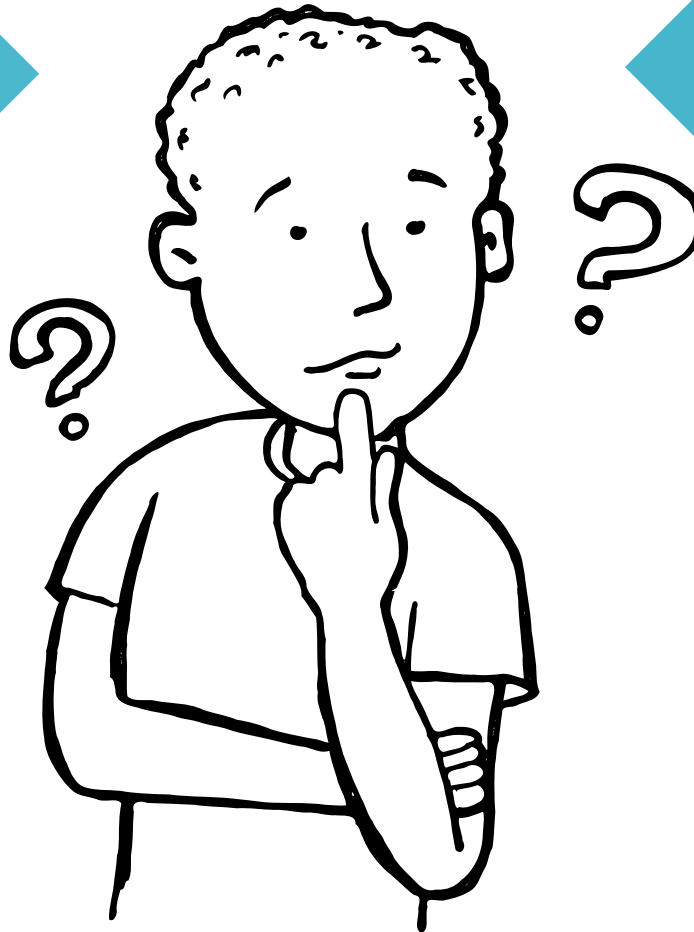
- 1 **Clustering VM based on injected interrupts to VM**
- 2 **CPU intensive group has high timer interrupt and high CPU usage**
- 3 **Disk intensive group has high disk interrupt and high task interrupt**
- 4 **Network intensive group has high network interrupt and high CPU usage**



# Questions

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