TOPAZ: An Open-Source Interconnection Network Simulator for Chip Multiprocessors and Supercomputers

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Interconnects Research: Simulation Tool

What makes a Simulation Tool better than others?

Flexibility

-Heterogeneous field, from supercomputers to CMP.

- Highly Configurable

Accuracy Vs. Comp. Effort

- Avoid slow simulations for first stages of research process.
- But provide accurate enough results at last stages.

Ease-of-Use

-Fast learning is essential.

- MAX: 1-day delay for user-mode

TOPAZ

- **Interfaz to Full-System Simulation.**
- **Multithreaded simulation for massive number of routers.**
- **Simple & Complex models.**
- **Dynamic accuracy simulation.**
- **Many out-of-the-box components.**
- **Very modular code, easy to understand.**

Outline

- **Simulator Description**
- **Out-of-the-Box**
- **Utilization Examples**
- **Support & Collaboration**

Main Features

- Evolution of SICOSYS
- Object-oriented Design
  - **Implemented in C++**
  - **100 classes / 50,000 lines of code**
  - **High portability (C++ standard compiler)**
- Different levels of detail
- Support for [illegible]

[REF] V.Puente, J.A. Gregorio, R. Beivide, SICOSYS: an integrated framework for studying interconnection network performance in multiprocessor systems. IEEE Comput. Soc, 2000.

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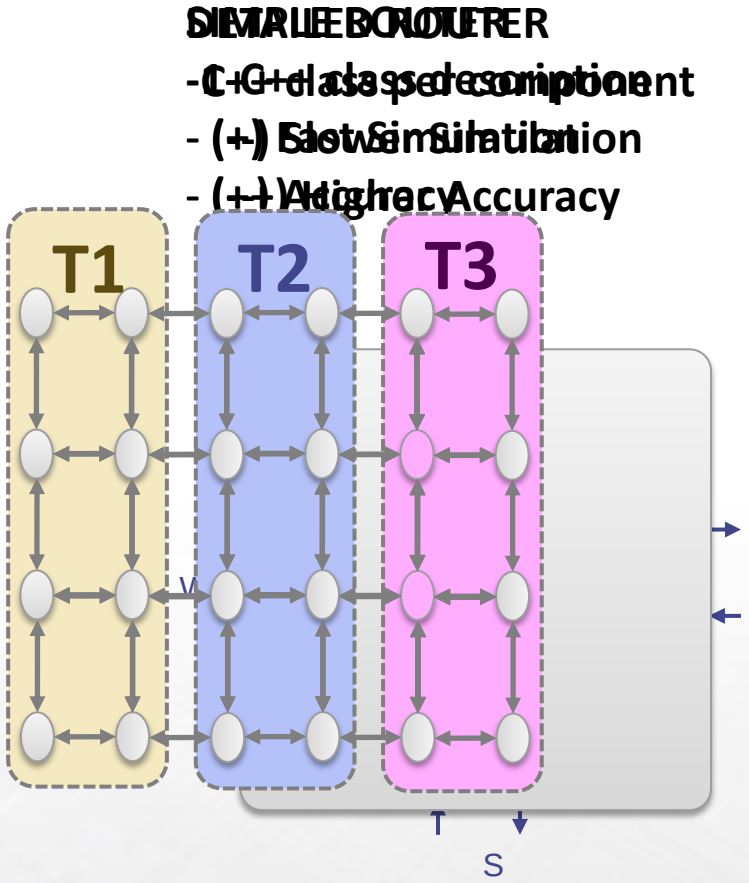

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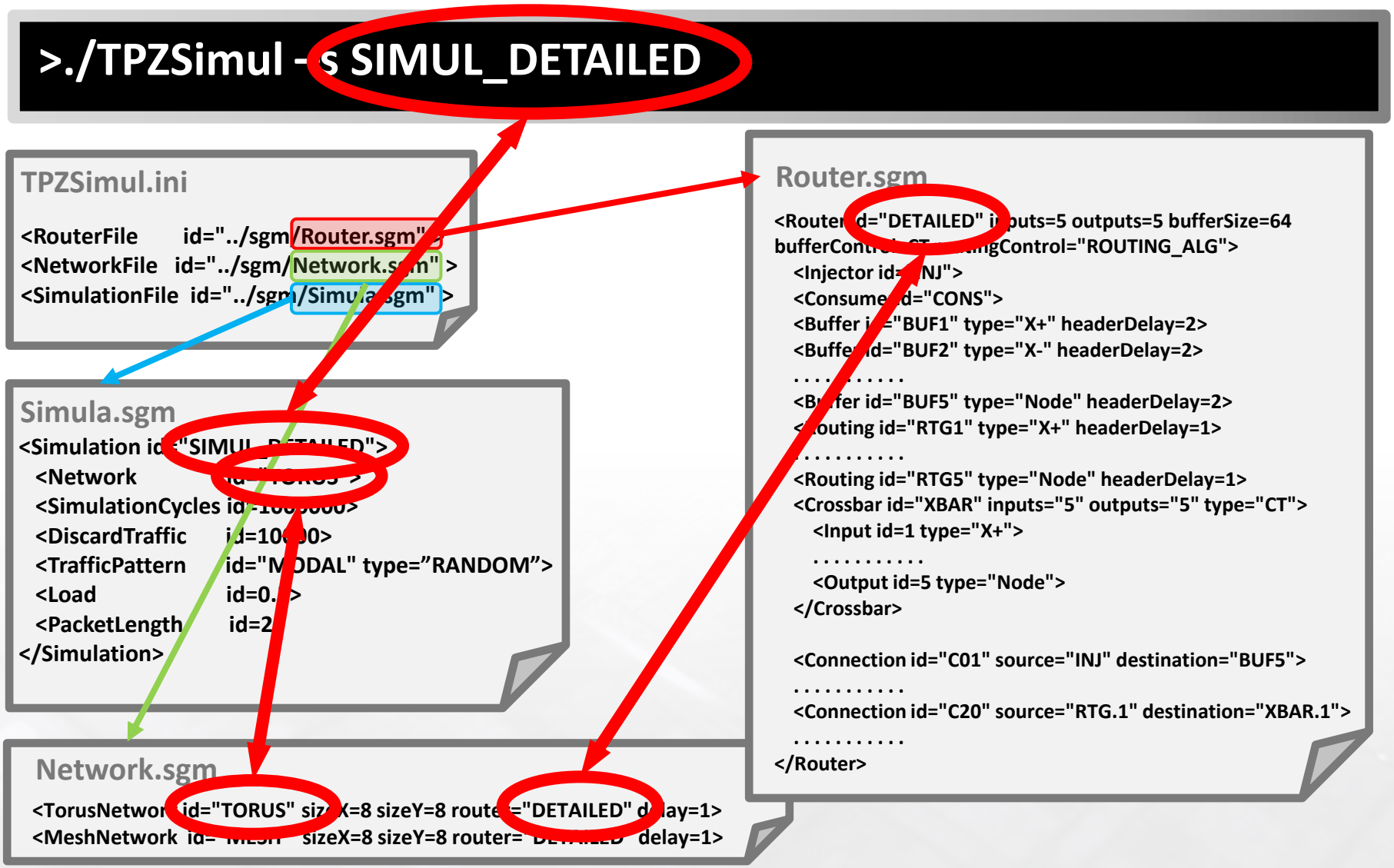

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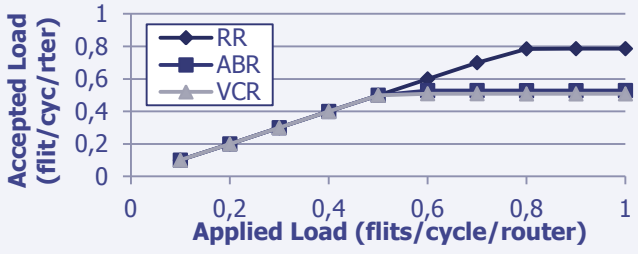
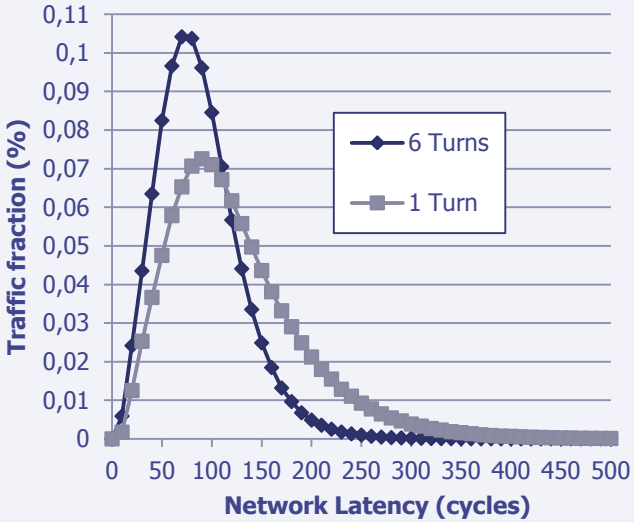


Throughput/Latency curves



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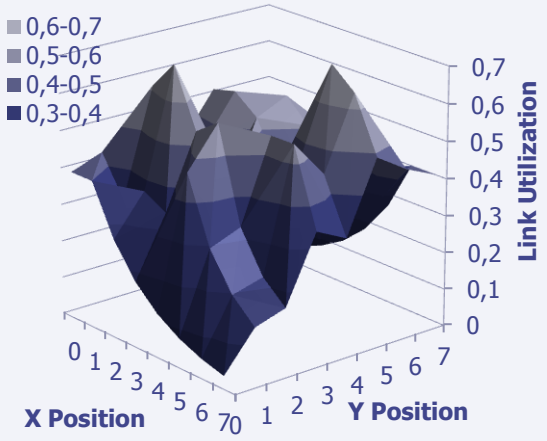
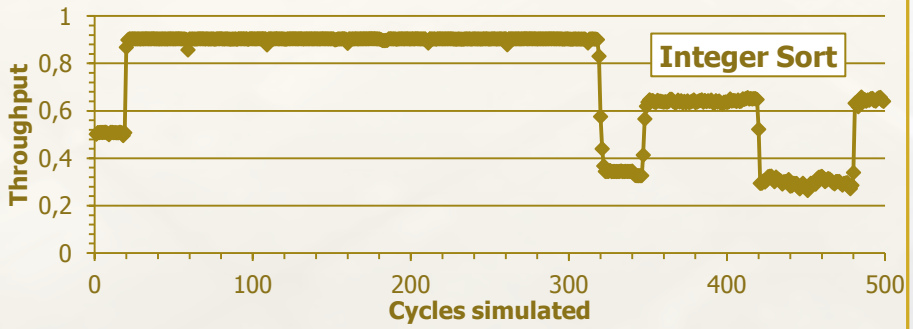


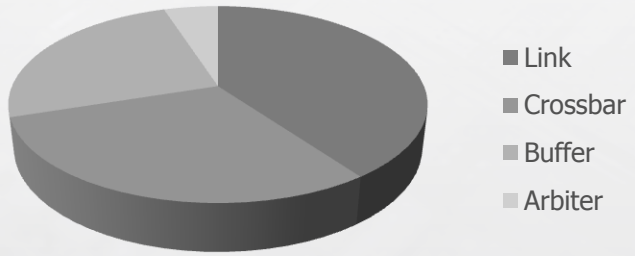
Injection/Consumption/Link map

+ Gems (or Gem5)



Throughput/Latency evolution

+ Orion



Power Breakdown

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Out of the Box

1. Configuration Parameters

Router	Flow Control	Topology	Traffic
Buffer Size	Virtual Cut Through	Ring	Random
Buffer Delay			Bit-Reversal
Packet Size	Bubble Flow Control	Mesh (2D & 3D)	Perfect-Shuffle
# Virtual Channels		Torus (2D & 3D)	Transpose Matrix
#Physical networks	Wormhole		Tornado
Message Types		Midimew (2D)	Hot-Spot
Router Pipeline	Virtual Channel flow Control	Square Midimew (2D)	Local
Link Delay			Trace-Based

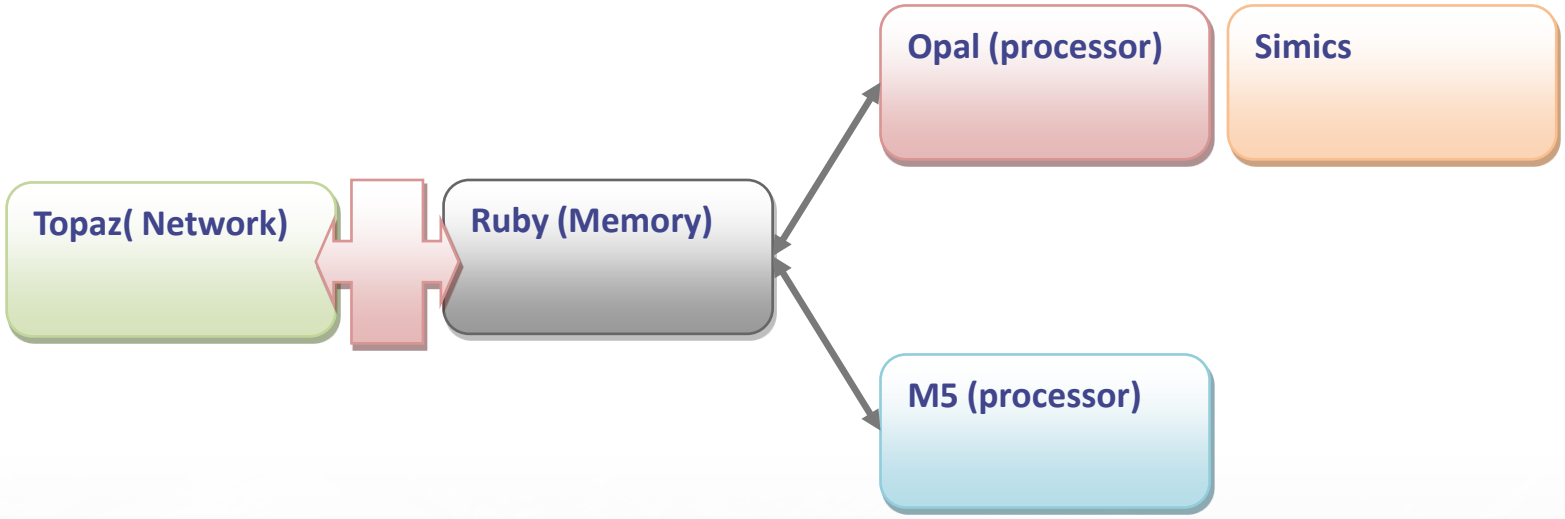
Out of the Box

2. Available Routers

Router	REF	Year	Level of Detail
Adaptive Bubble Router	[14]	2001	Complex & simple
Deterministic Bubble Router	[15]	1998	Complex & simple
Deterministic with VC (Dally)	[16][17]	2001	Complex & simple
VCTM (Dally + MC Support)	[18]	2008	Complex & simple
Pipeline Optimized	[24]	2008	Complex & simple
Rotary Router	[19]	2007	Complex
Bufferless Router	[21]	2010	Simple
Bidirectional Router	[22]	2009	Simple
Buffered Crossbar	[23]	1987	Complex

Out of the Box

3. Integration with Full-System Simulation Tools



Wisconsin Multifacet Gems: http://research.cs.wisc.edu/gems/

Gem5 simulator system: http://gem5.org/Main_Page

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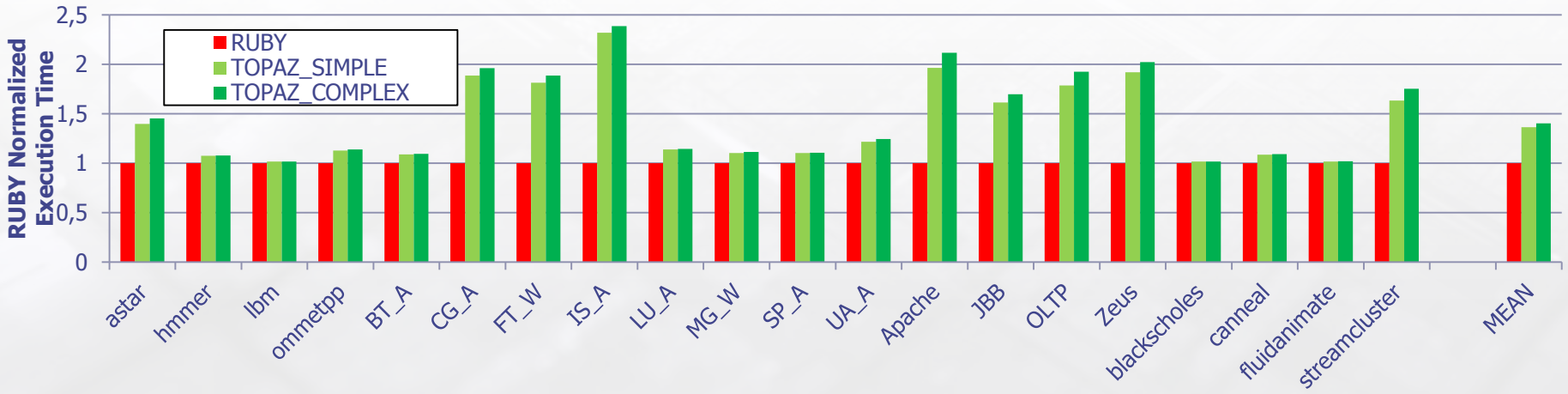
Increasing Full-System simulation accuracy

Main System Parameters

System				Network	
Cores	16 Cores, @4GHz, OOO, 4-wide issue, 64-entry IW, 16 outstanding Mem. Req	L2	16 MB, SNUCA, Token(B) coherence protocol, 6 msg. dependence chain	Topology	4x4 Mesh
L1	Independent I/D caches, 32KB, 4-way, 1 cycles	L2 Bank	1MB, 16-way, 5 cycles, pseudo LRU	Links	1 cycle, 128bits wide
Memory	4GB, 320GB/s, 260 cycles	OS	Solaris 10		

Broadcast Coherence Protocol (Execution Time)



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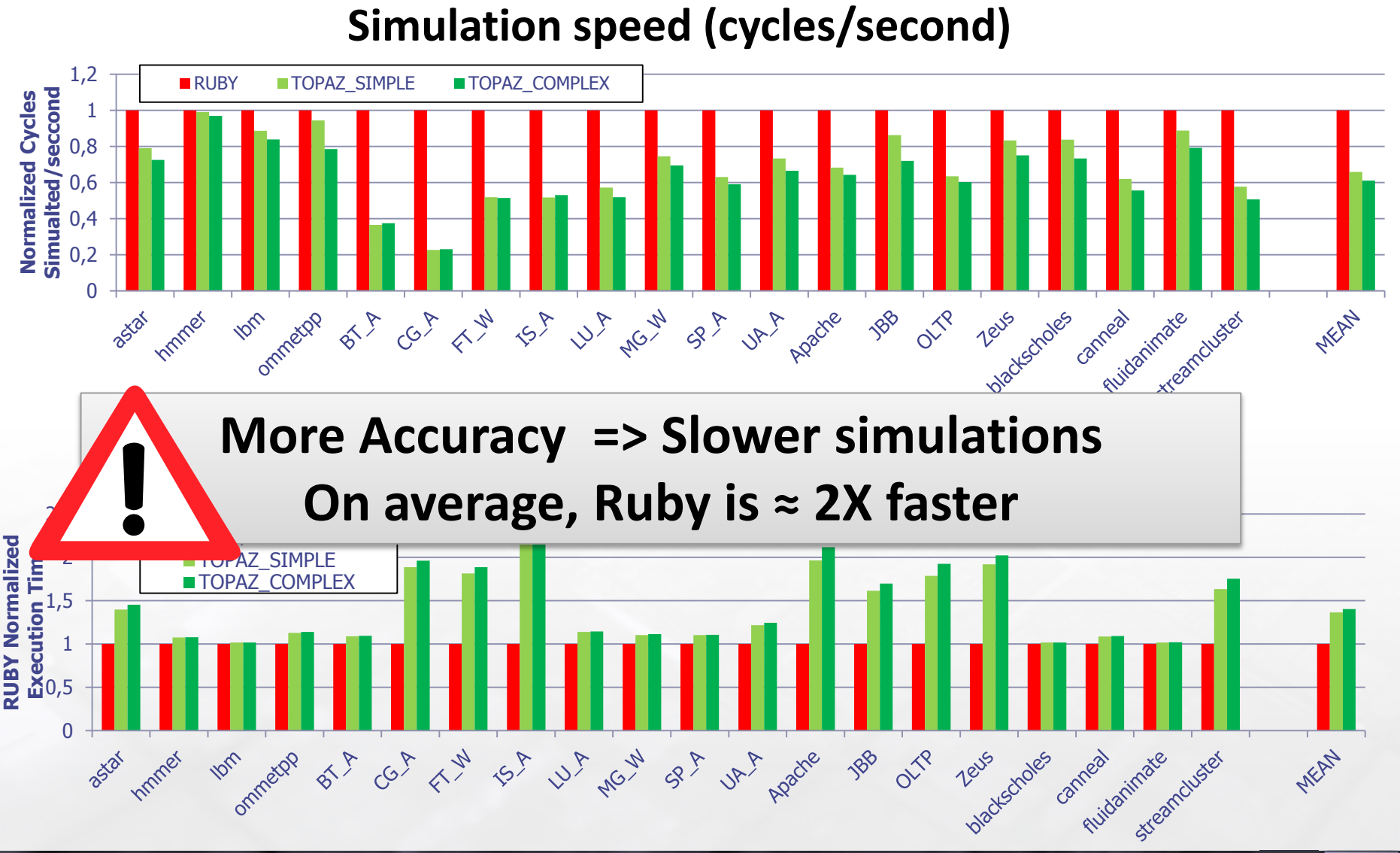

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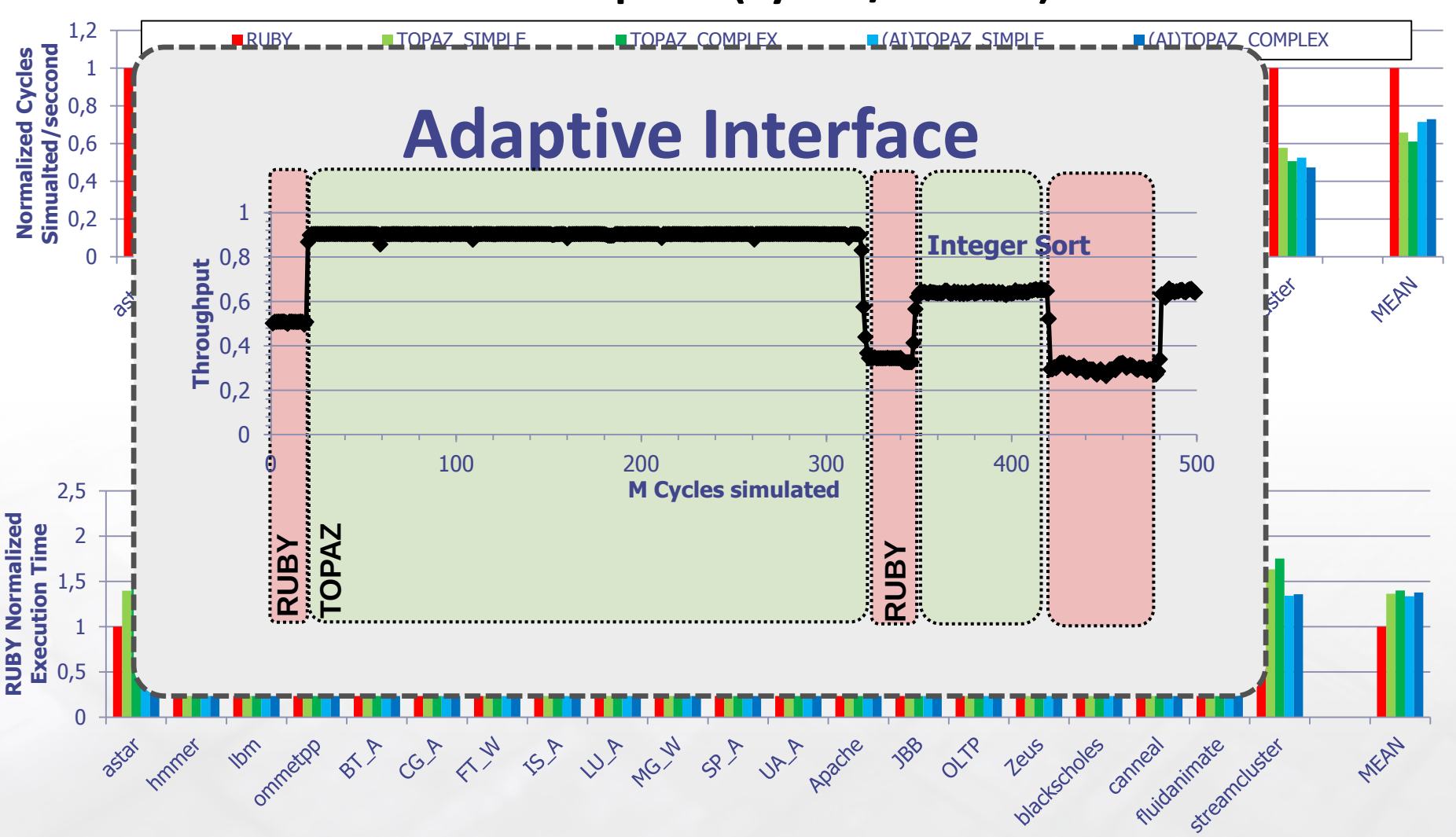

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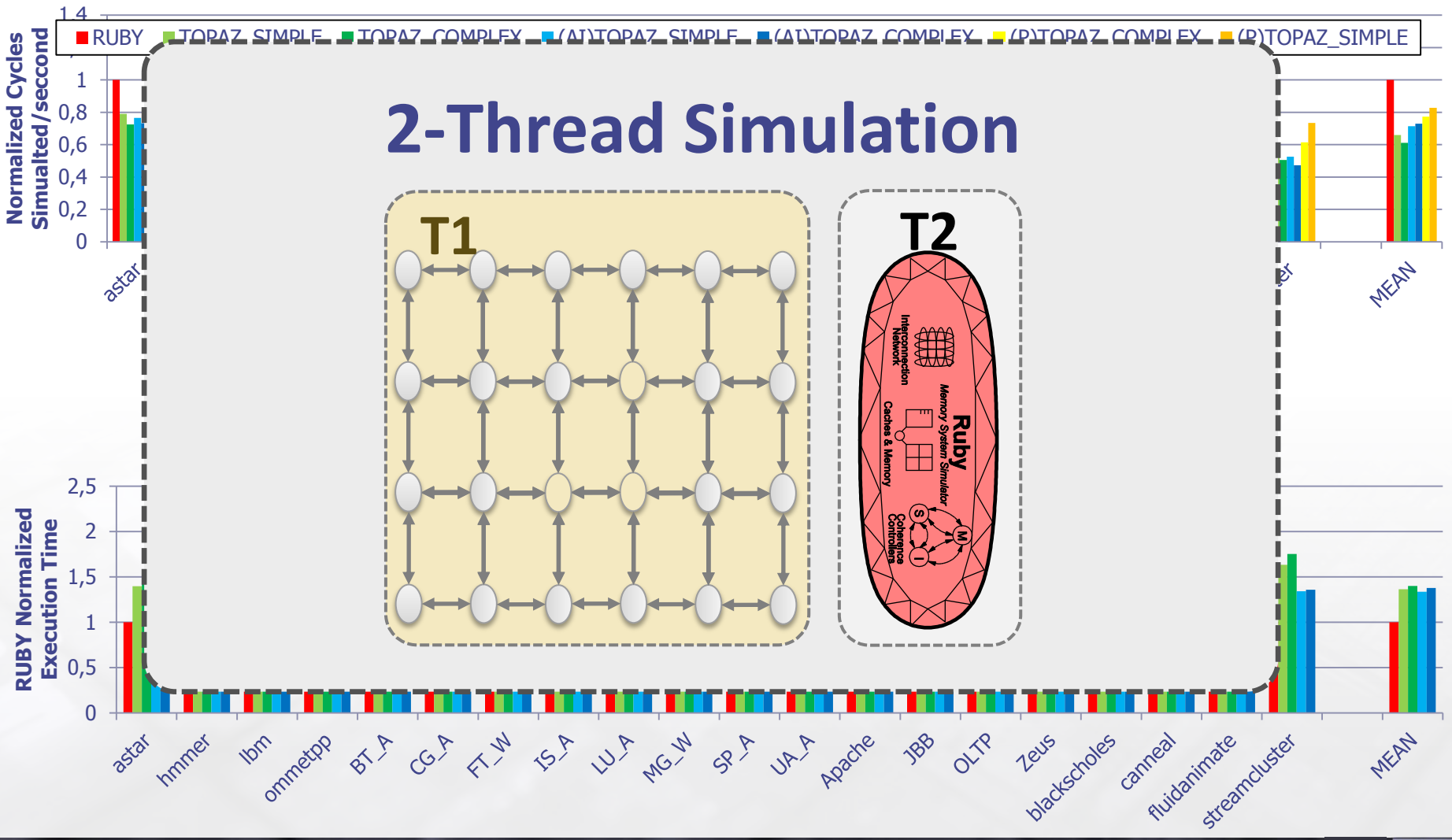
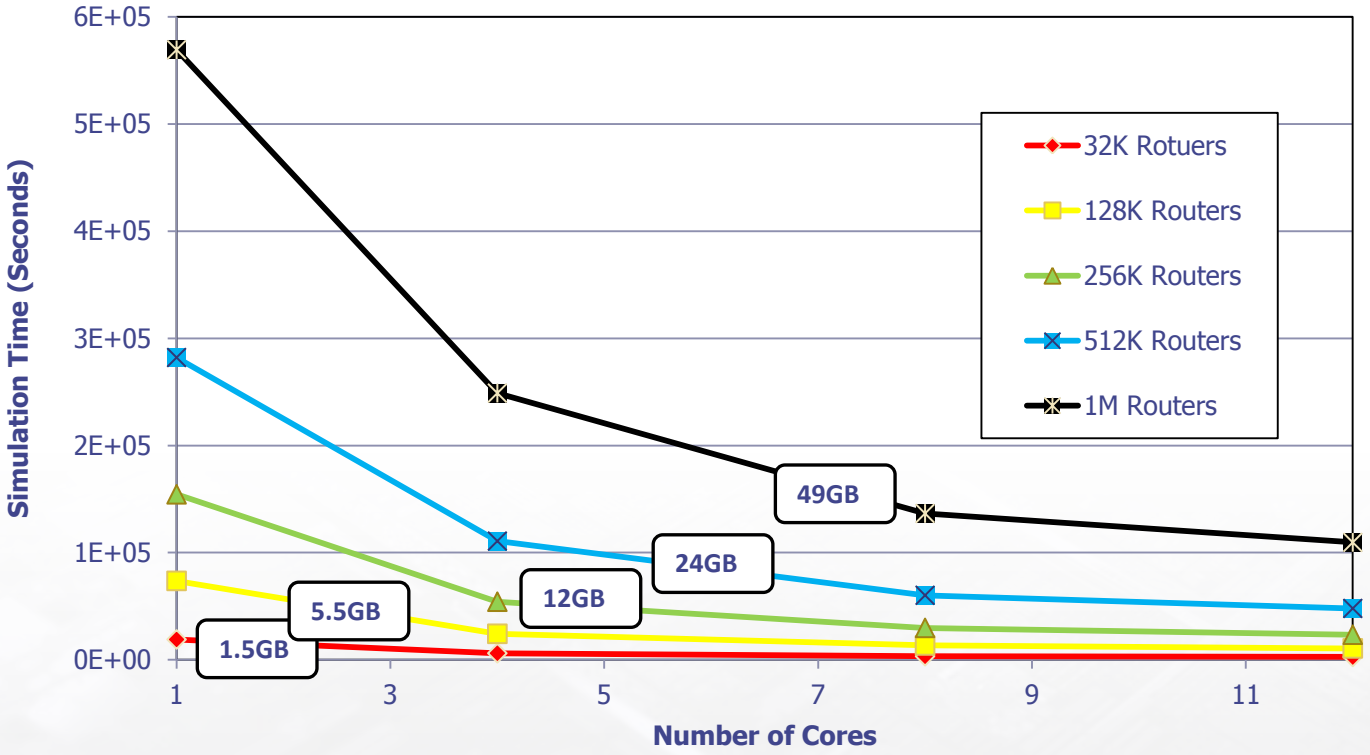


Simulating thousand-node Networks

12-Core (Xeon E5645) server with 54GBytes of main memory.



- 3D Torus, Bubble Router (simple), similar to IBM Blue Gene.
- Multithreaded implementation takes advantage of multicore server
- Good speedup for 1 Million routers

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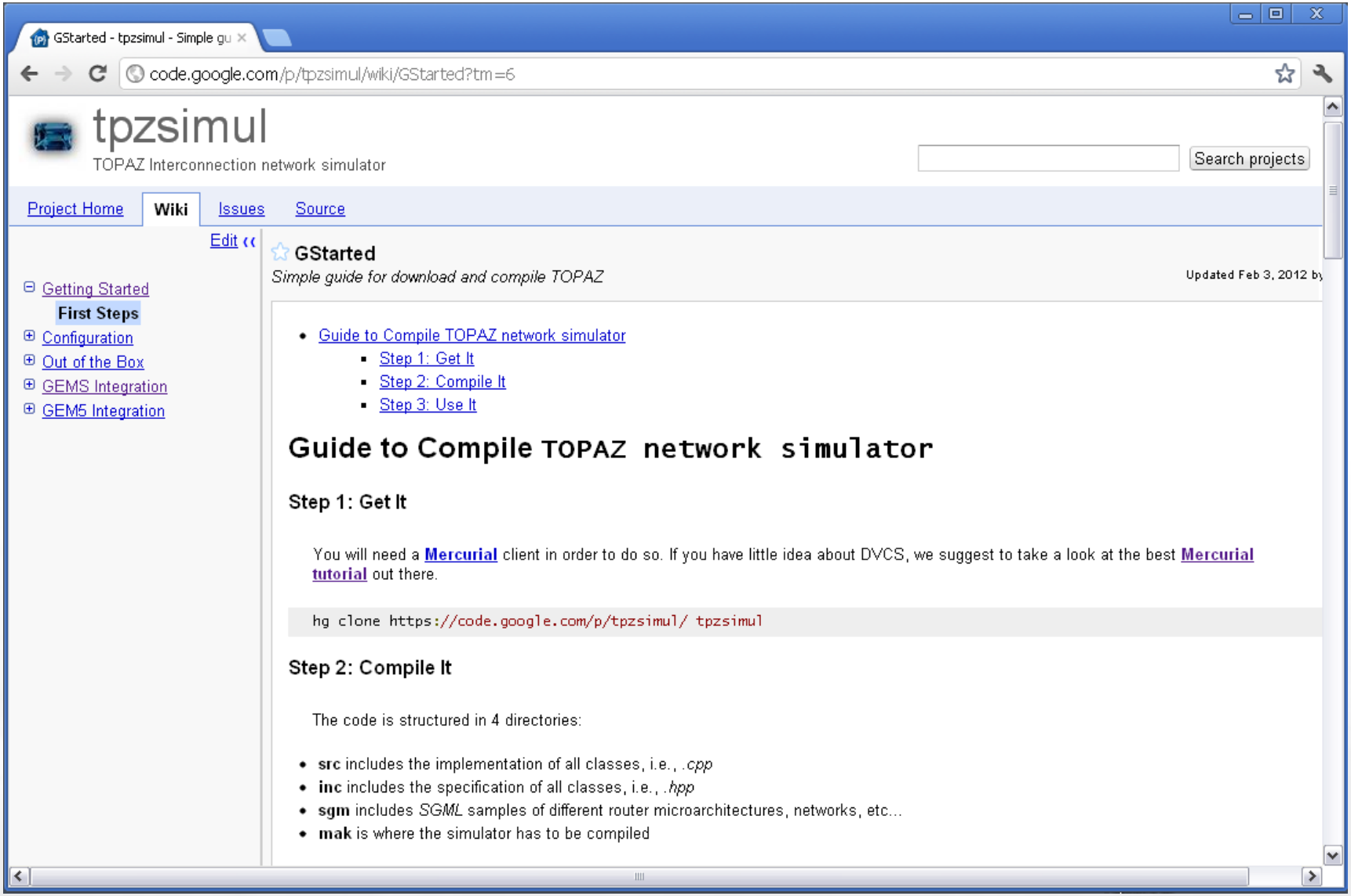

Thanks for your attention

Questions?

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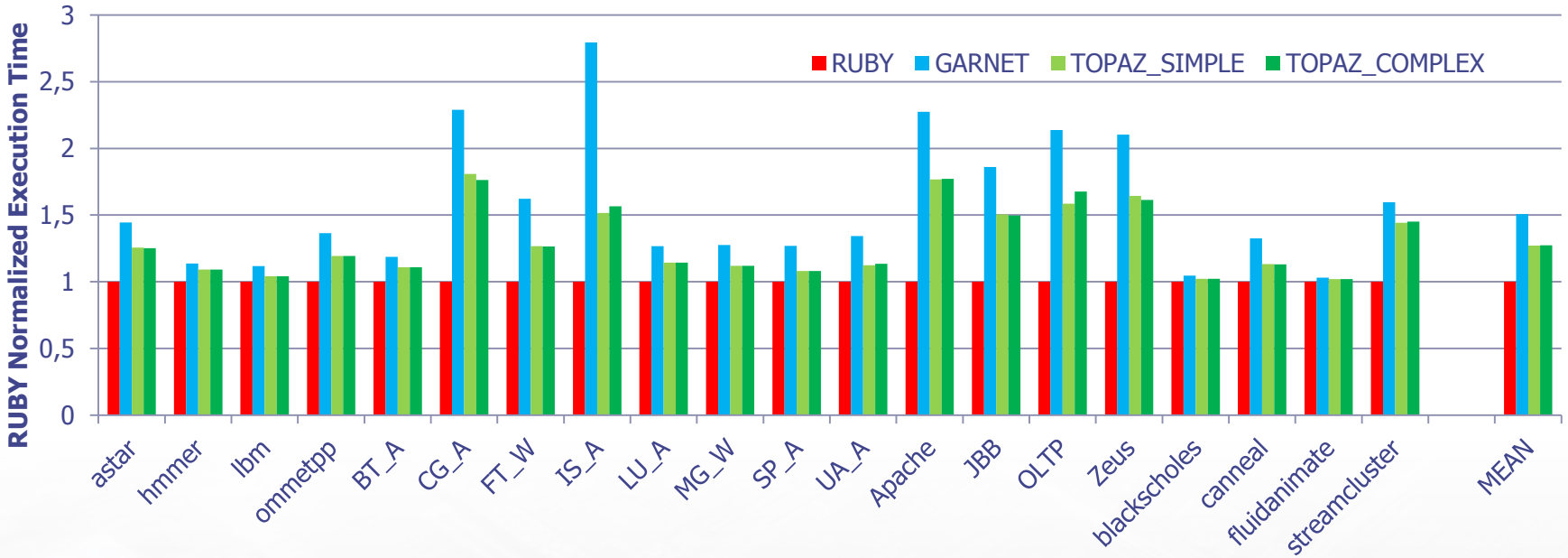
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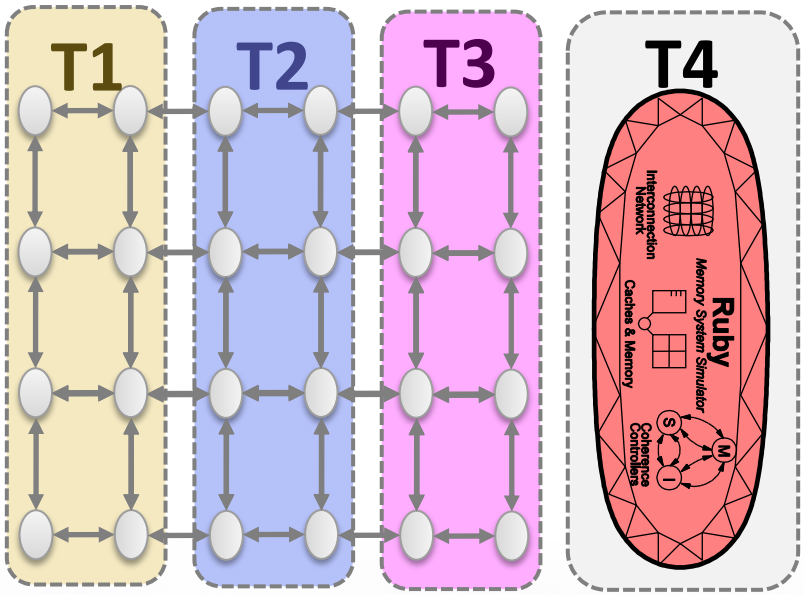
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Using TOPAZ

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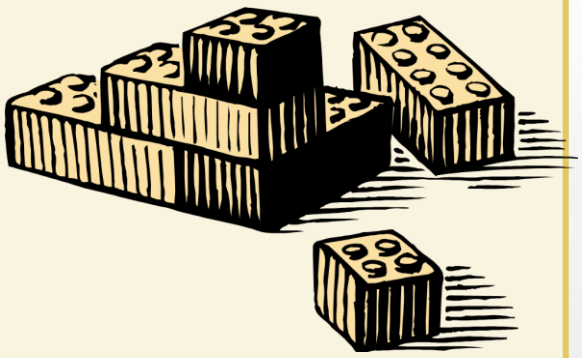

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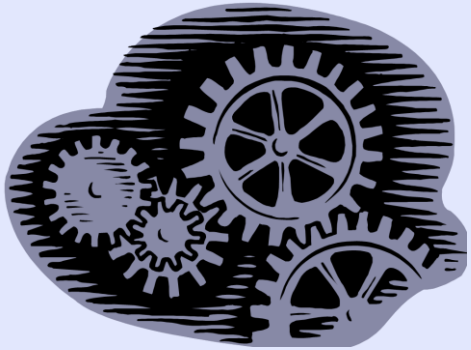

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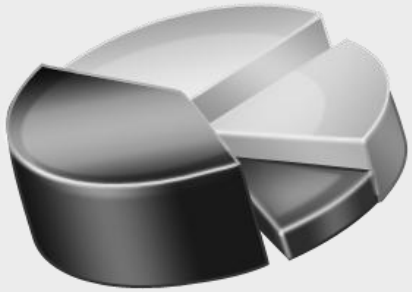

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- Buffer Size
- Routing & Flow Control Policies

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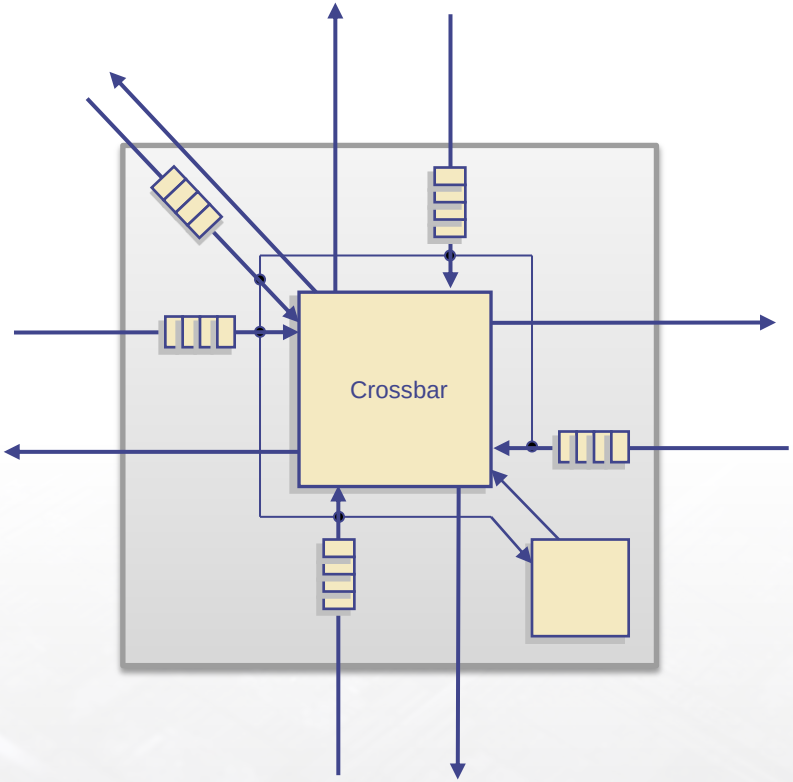

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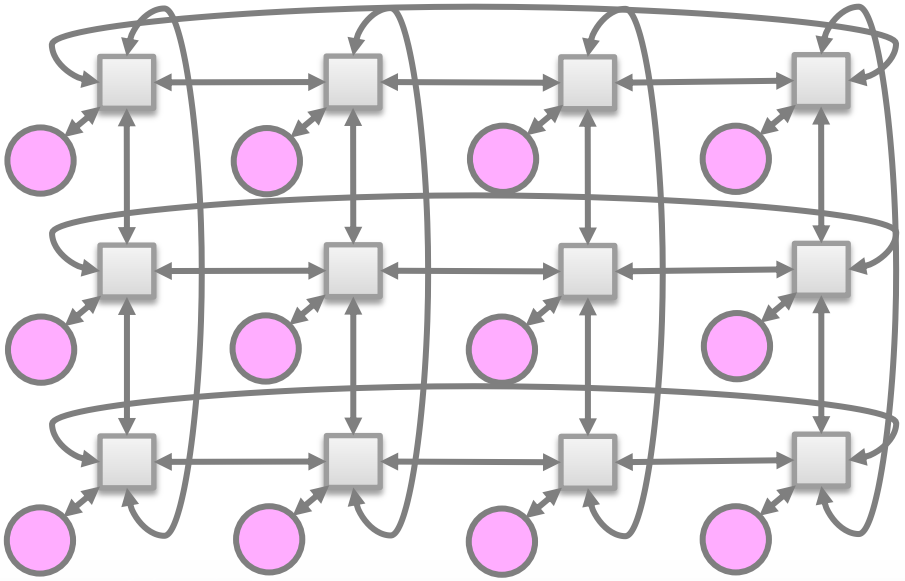
-Network Size
- Network Topology
- Link Delay

Simula.sgm

-Traffic Pattern
- Message Size
- Simulation Cycles



Using TOPAZ (Running)

No need to re-compile

- Only need to add new configutations at **sgml files**.
- Each configuration identified by a tag at **Simula.sgm**. Option **–s** at command line to choose a specific configuration.

Different Execution Modes:

- Run your simulation for **XXX Cycles.**
- Run your simulation until **YYY Messages** reach their destination.

Command Line Options:

- Many sgml parameters can be overwritten through command line options.
- Example:
- Useful for **scripting.**