

Entering the FrayChapel's Computer Language Benchmarks Game Entry

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But wait...



This is IPDPS / HPC / Chapel...

...do we really care about a single-node benchmark suite?

Yes:

- success at the largest scales depends on good scalar performance
- despite its focus on large-scale systems, Chapel is also intended for productive programming on workstations
- several CLBG features match early user wishes
 - memory management
 - tasking and lightweight synchronization
 - arbitrary precision arithmetic
 - strings and regular expressions
 - vectorization
 - ...
- who doesn't enjoy a good game?



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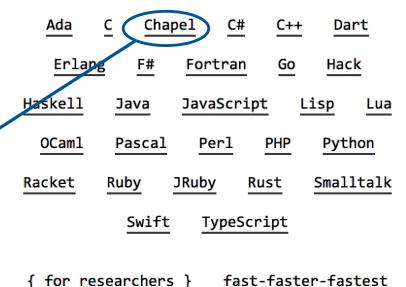
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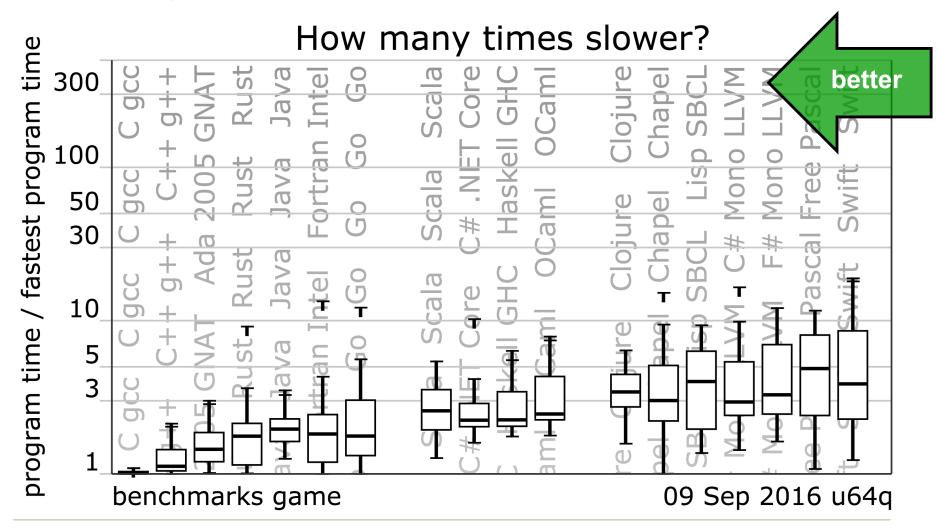
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CLBG: Fast-faster-fastest graph (Sep 2016)



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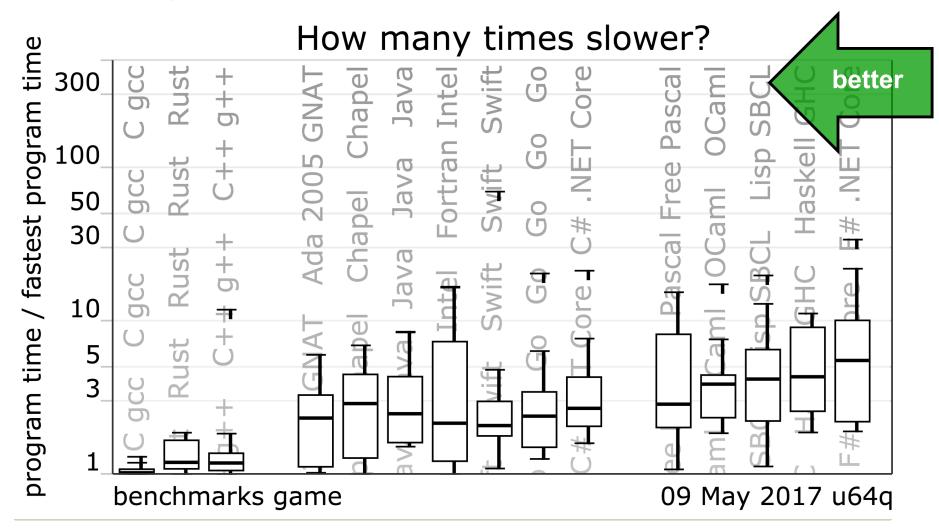








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CLBG: Viewing per-benchmark results



Can sort results by execution time, code size, memory or CPU use:

The Computer Language Benchmarks Game

chameneos-redux description

program source code, command-line and
measurements

×	source	secs	mem	gz	cpu	cpu load
1.0	C gcc #5	0.60	820	2863	2.37	100% 100% 98% 100%
1.2	C++ g++ #5	0.70	3,356	1994	2.65	100% 100% 91% 92%
1.7	Lisp SBCL #3	1.01	55,604	2907	3.93	97% 96% 99% 99%
2.3	Chapel #2	1.39	76,564	1210	5.43	99% 99% 98% 99%
3.3	Rust #2	2.01	56,936	2882	7.81	97% 98% 98% 98%
5.6	C++ g++ #2	3.40	1,880	2016	11.88	100% 51% 100% 100%
6.8	Chapel	4.09	66,584	1199	16.25	100% 100% 100% 100%
8.0	Java #4	4.82	37,132	1607	16.73	98% 98% 54% 99%
8.5	Haskell GHC	5.15	8,596	989	9.26	79% 100% 2% 2%
10	Java	6.13	53,760	1770	8.78	42% 45% 41% 16%
10	Haskell GHC #4	6.34	6,908	989	12.67	99% 100% 2% 1%
11	C# .NET Core	6.59	86,076	1400	22.96	99% 82% 78% 91%
11	Go	6.90	832	1167	24.19	100% 96% 56% 100%
13	Go #2	7.59	1,384	1408	27.65	91% 99% 99% 78%
13	Java #3	7.94	53,232	1267	26.86	54% 96% 98% 94%

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1.1 Perl #4	5 min	14,084	785	7 min	40% 40% 29% 28%
1.1 Racket	5 min	132,120	791	5 min	1% 0% 0% 100%
1.1 Racket #2	175.88	116,488	842	175.78	100% 1% 1% 0%
1.2 Python 3 #2	236.84	7,908	866	5 min	24% 48% 27% 45%
1.3 Ruby	90.52	9,396	920	137.53	35% 35% 35% 34%
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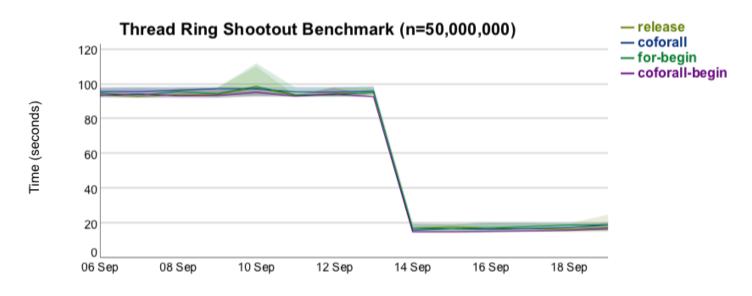


CLBG: Improvements due to 1.14



1.14 improved many benchmarks with no code changes:

- thread-ring: benefitted from qthread sync variable improvements
 - climbed ~16 slots ⇒ 5th fastest after Haskell, Go, F#, Scala
 - 1st most compact code followed by Ruby, Racket, Erlang, Ocaml, Python
- specifically, Chapel 1.14...
 - ...extended Qthreads sync vars to handle all Chapel operations
 - ...mapped Chapel sync vars directly to Qthreads sync vars (for simple types)



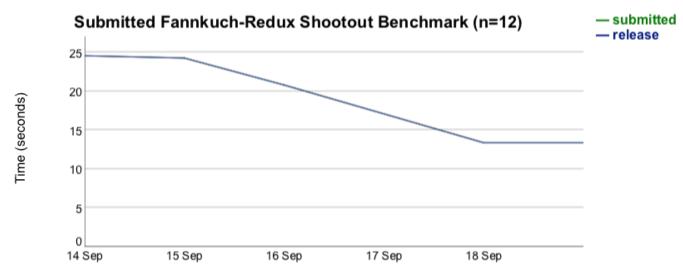


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- fannkuch-redux: benefitted from optimized array accesses
 - climbed from ~#22 to #6 in performance
 - ~1.5–2x more compact than most other top entries
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 - ...optimized an unnecessary multiply out of typical array accesses



- this helped several other performance benchmarks as well
- Chapel 1.15 made this optimization more precise and robust



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- chameneos-redux: benefitted from tasking improvements
 - climbed from ~#11 to #8 in terms of performance
- binary-trees: benefitted from jemalloc improvements
 - climbed ~2 performance slots as a result
 - still ~5x off from top entries which use explicit memory pools
- n-body: saw marginal improvements, but climbed ~17 slots
- regex-dna, revcomp: saw marginal improvements, climbed ~3 slots
- meteor: saw marginal improvements, climbed ~1 slot



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ongoing: Improved programs themselves in spare time

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What's new with the CLBG since then?



Two programs changed their official definitions:

binary-trees:

- improved checksum to avoid false positives at 1/2, 1/4, 1/8 the memory
- eliminated per-node data field
- changed what trees are allocated and freed, slightly
- increased the problem size

regex:

- changed the regular expression used
- renamed the test to regex-redux
- several versions are not currently passing due to these changes
 - our current standings may be due in part to this

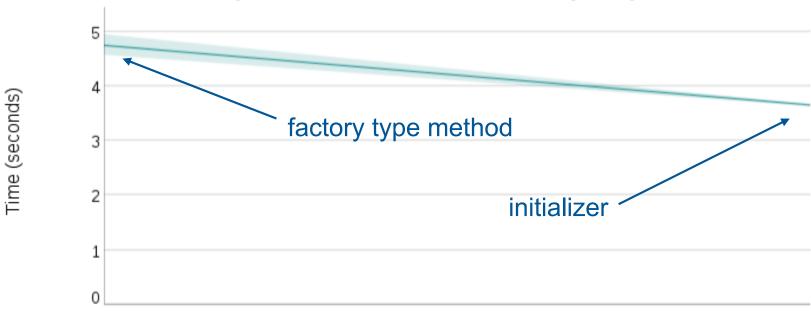




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Binary Trees Shootout Benchmark (n=20)

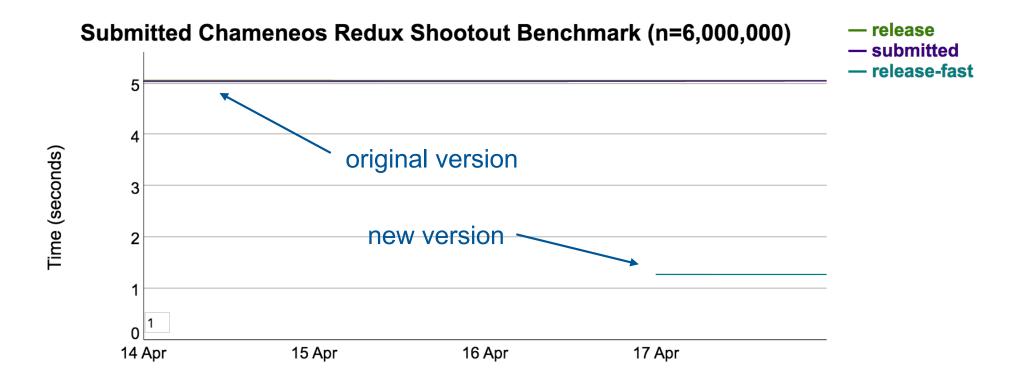






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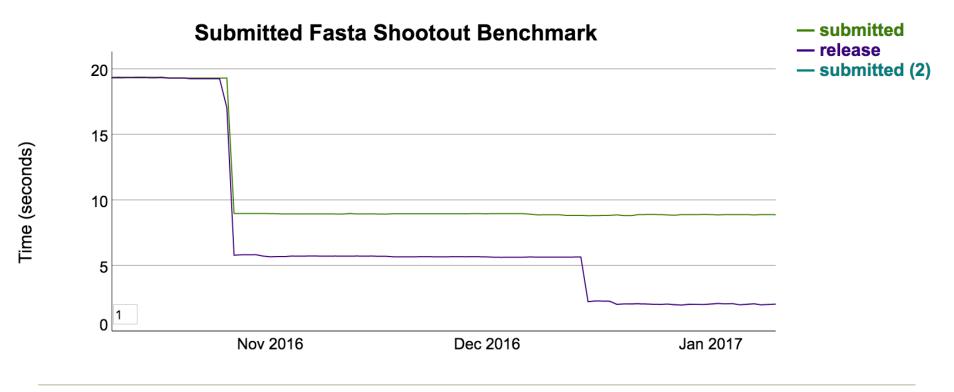




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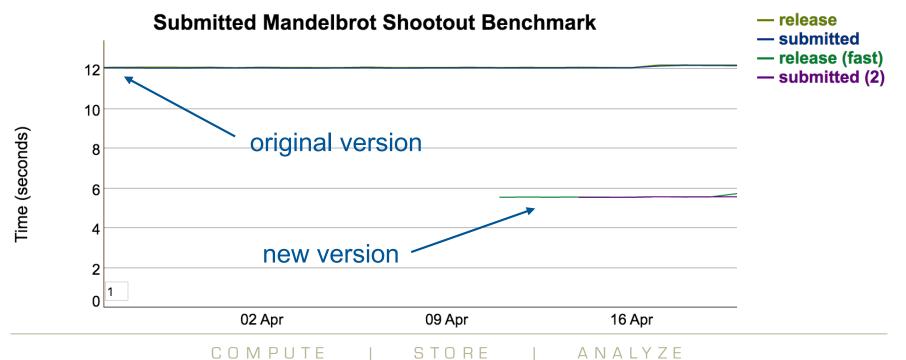




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- textbook example of an array being used by a 'begin' task
 pidigits: submitted a version that uses 'bigint's
 - currently the #1 fastest version, and also quite elegant

Note that some of these changes followed the 1.15 release

• As such, not all are found in examples/benchmarks/shootout/ for 1.15







Can also compare languages pair-wise (for performance only):

The Computer Language Benchmarks Game							
Chapel programs versus Go all other Chapel programs & measurements							
by benchmark task performance							
regex-red	ux						
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Happily, all the data is open!



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CLBG Scatter Plots

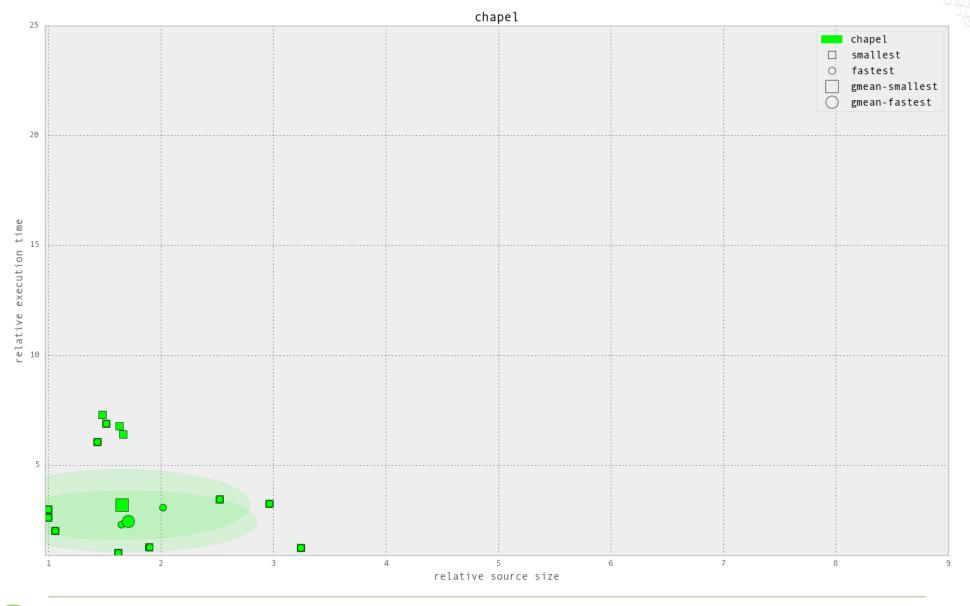


- The following graphs use the CLBG's normalized ratios
 - Graphs were created using April 20th data (current at time of creation)
 - things have continued to be in flux again since that date...



Chapel entries (Apr 2017)

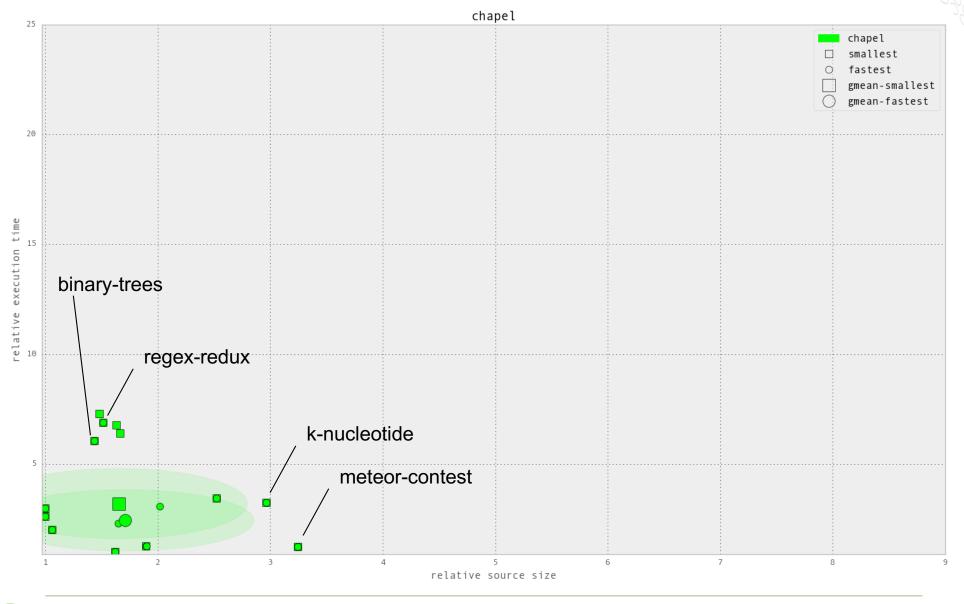






Chapel entries (Apr 2017, noting outliers)







Chapel vs. 9 other languages





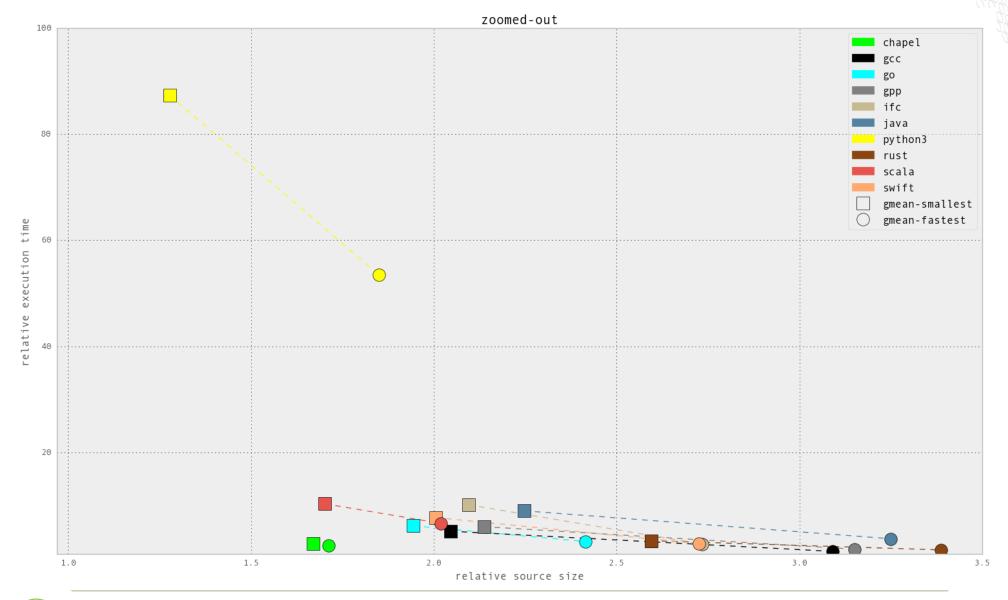
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Cross-Language Summary



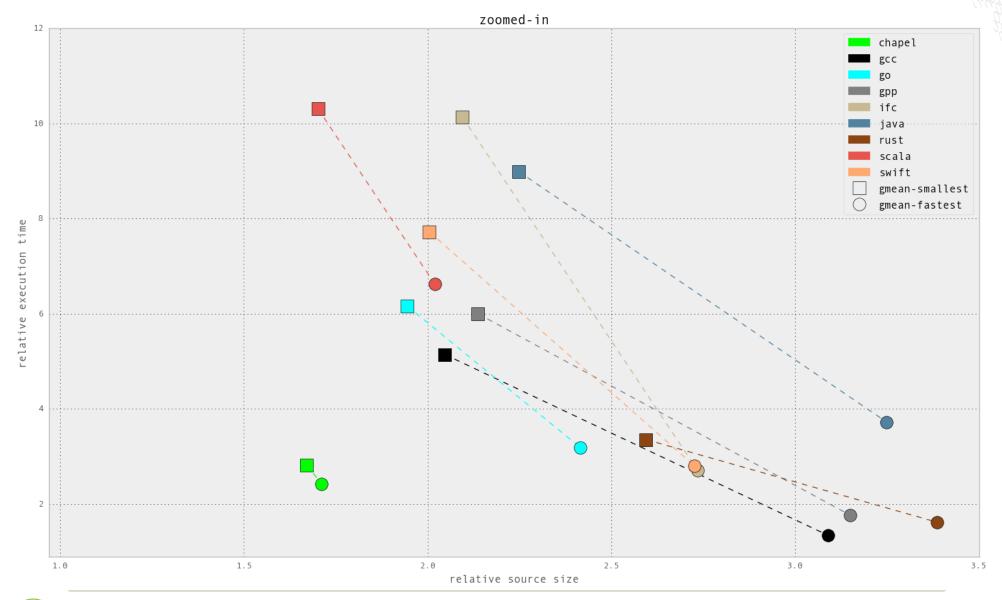




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Comparing Chapel vs. C Chameneos



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 const group2 = [i in 1..popSize2] new Chameneos(i, colors10[i]);
 cobegin {
    holdMeetings(group1, n);
    holdMeetings(group2, n);
 print(group1):
 print(group2);
 for c in group1 do delete c;
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// Print the results of getNewColor() for all color pairs.
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    char
                                buf [2048];
    char const*
                                pos;
    int
                                cpu idx;
    int
                                physical_id;
    int
                                core_id;
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   size t
                                cpu count;
   size_t
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   for (i = 0; i != CPU SETSIZE; i += 1)
        if (CPU_ISSET(i, &active cpus))
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 - 1 other in the top-10 smallest:
 regex-redux

 3 others in the top-20 smallest: chameneos-redux mandelbrot meteor-contest



Comparing Chapel vs. C pidigits

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iter genDigits(numDigits) {
 var numer, denom: bigint = 1,
     accum, tmp1, tmp2: bigint;
 var i, k = 1;
 while i <= numDigits {</pre>
   nextTerm(k);
   k += 1:
   if numer <= accum {</pre>
     const d = extractDigit(3);
      if d == extractDigit(4) {
       yield(d, i);
        eliminateDigit(d);
        i += 1;
 proc nextTerm(k) {
   const k2 = 2 * k + 1;
   accum.addmul(numer, 2);
   accum *= k2;
   denom *= k2;
   numer *= k;
 proc extractDigit(nth) {
   tmp1.mul(numer, nth);
   tmp2.add(tmp1,accum);
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#include <gmp.h>
mpz_t tmp1, tmp2, acc, den, num;
typedef unsigned int ui;
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   return mpz_get_ui(tmp1);
void eliminate_digit(ui d) {
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   mpz_mul_ui(num, num, 10);
void next_term(ui k) {
  ui k2 = k * 2U + 1U;
   mpz_addmul_ui(acc, num, 2U);
  mpz mul ui(acc, acc, k2);
   mpz_mul_ui(den, den, k2);
   mpz_mul_ui(num, num, k);
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  ui d, k, i;
   int n = atoi(argv[1]);
   mpz init(tmp1);
  mpz_init(tmp2);
   mpz init set ui(acc, 0);
   mpz init set ui(den, 1);
   mpz_init_set_ui(num, 1);
   for (i = k = 0; i < n;) {
     next term(++k);
      if (mpz_cmp(num, acc) > 0)
         continue;
      d = extract_digit(3);
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      putchar('0' + d);
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         printf("\t:%u\n", i);
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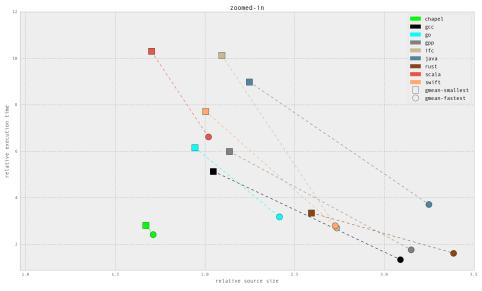


Additional Performance Improvements

- Improve vectorization support
- Optimize idioms used by string-related benchmarks
 - strings, associative domains/arrays, byte arrays
- Support memory pools?

• How to shine a light on these qualitative comparisons?

Chapel blog articles?





CLBG: Next Major Steps



- How can we create a similar competition within HPC?
 (where "we" == "the HPC community", not Chapel)
 - multi-language
 - ongoing
 - open
 - addictive
- Intel Parallel Research Kernels (PRK) as a possible basis
 - My EMBRACE talk this morning has related thoughts





Questions?



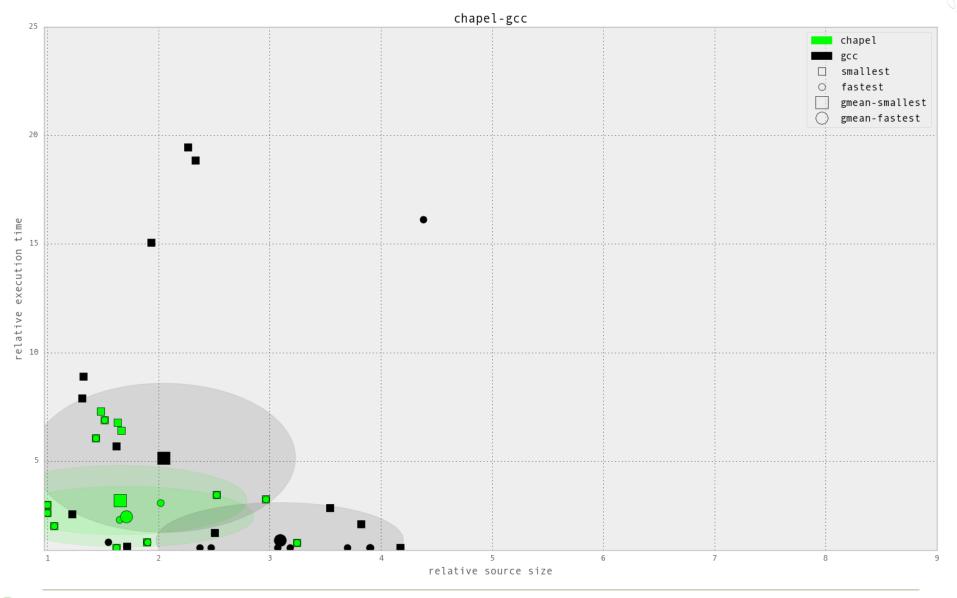


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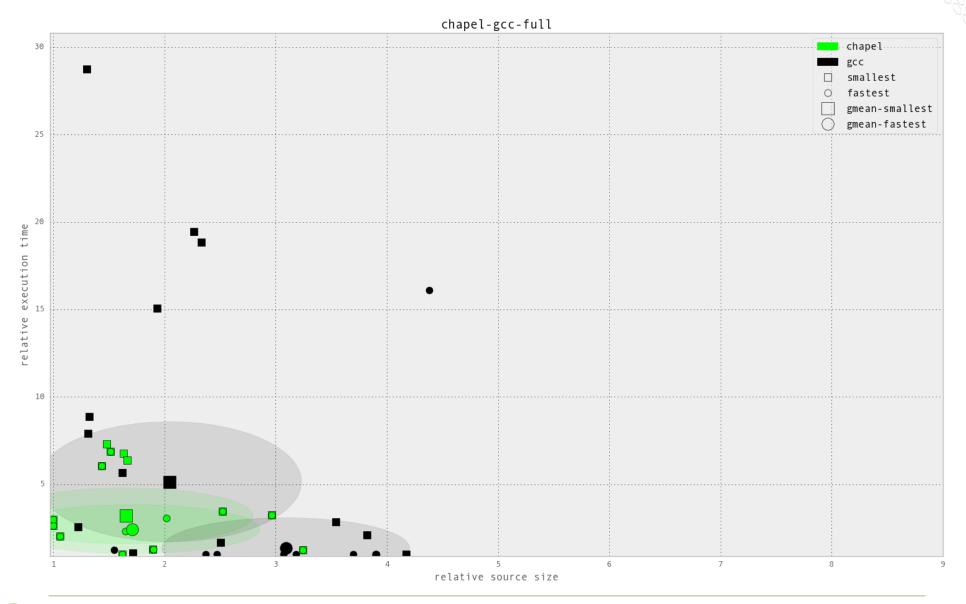






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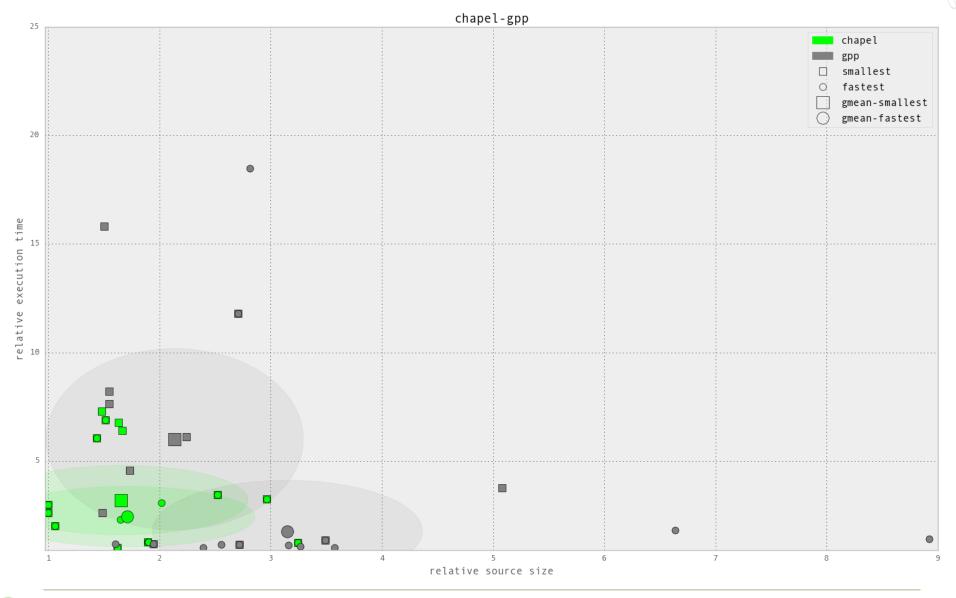






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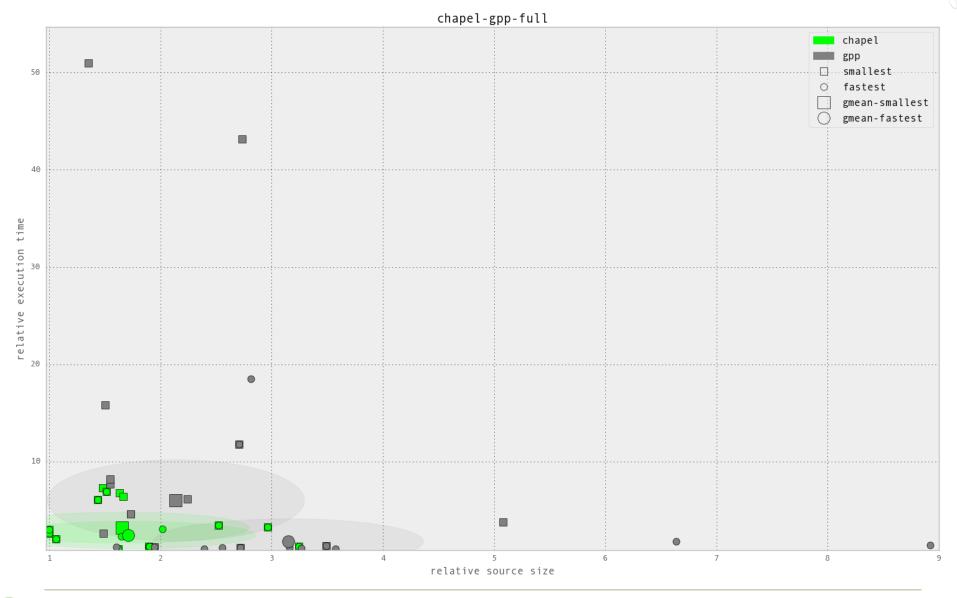






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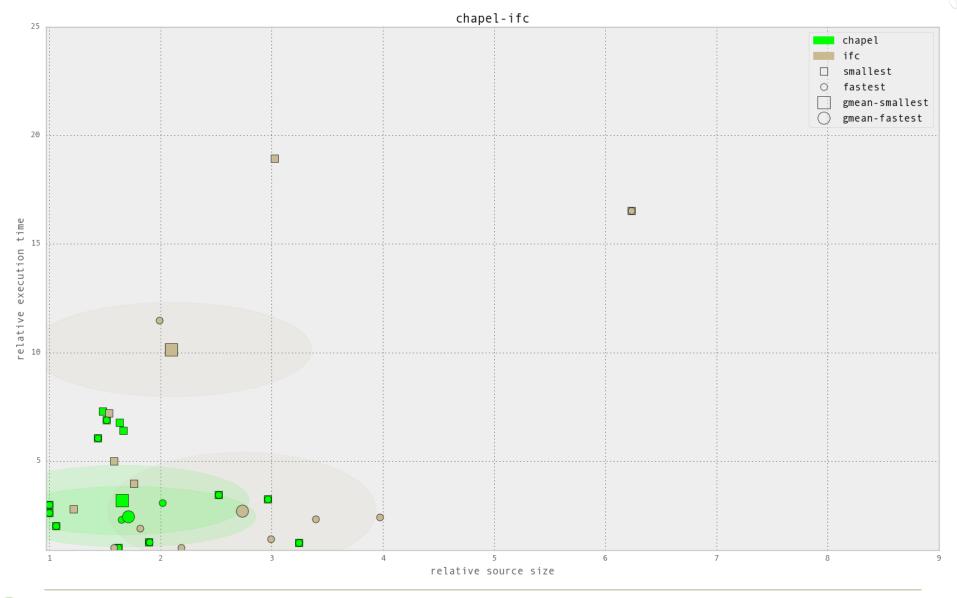






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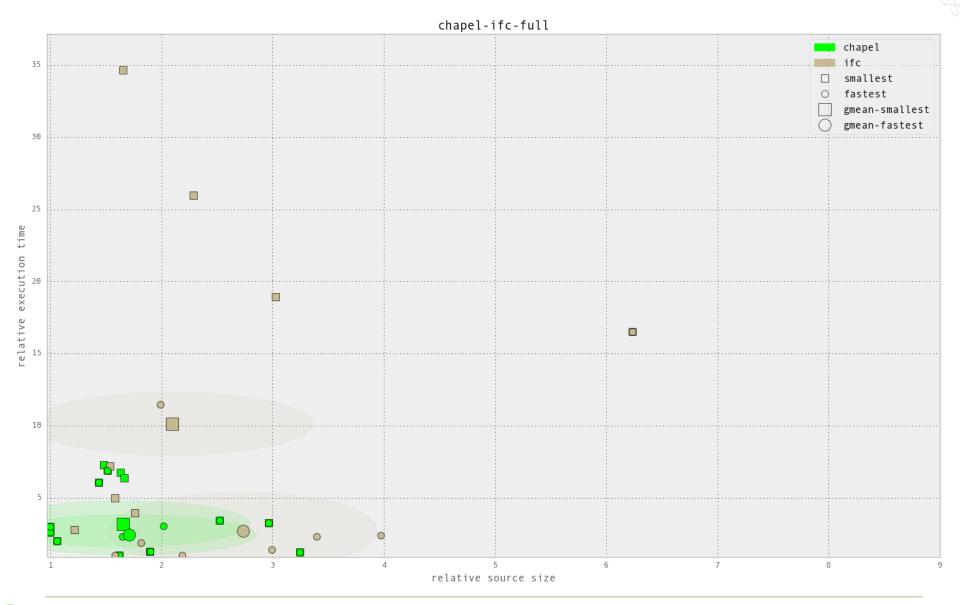






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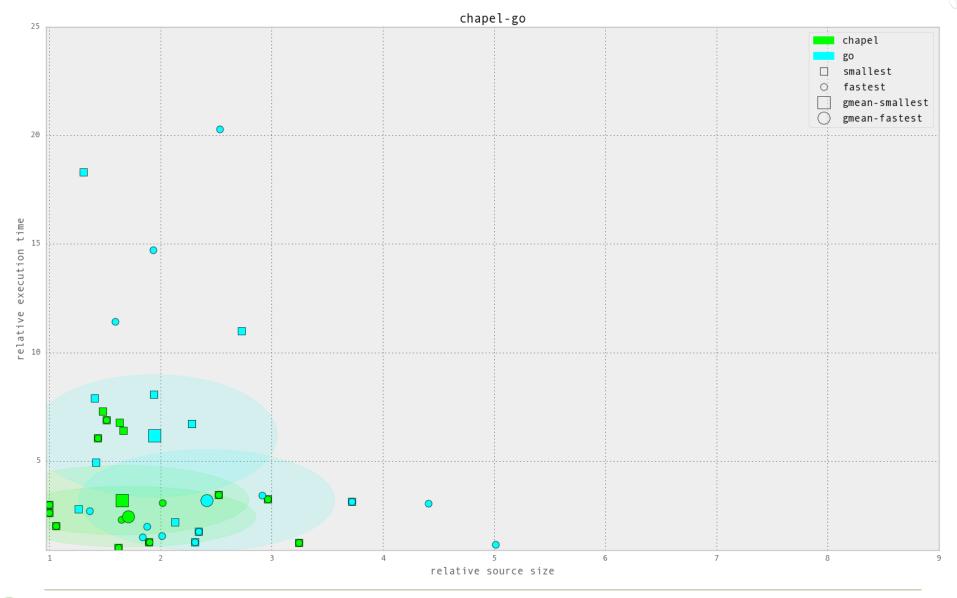






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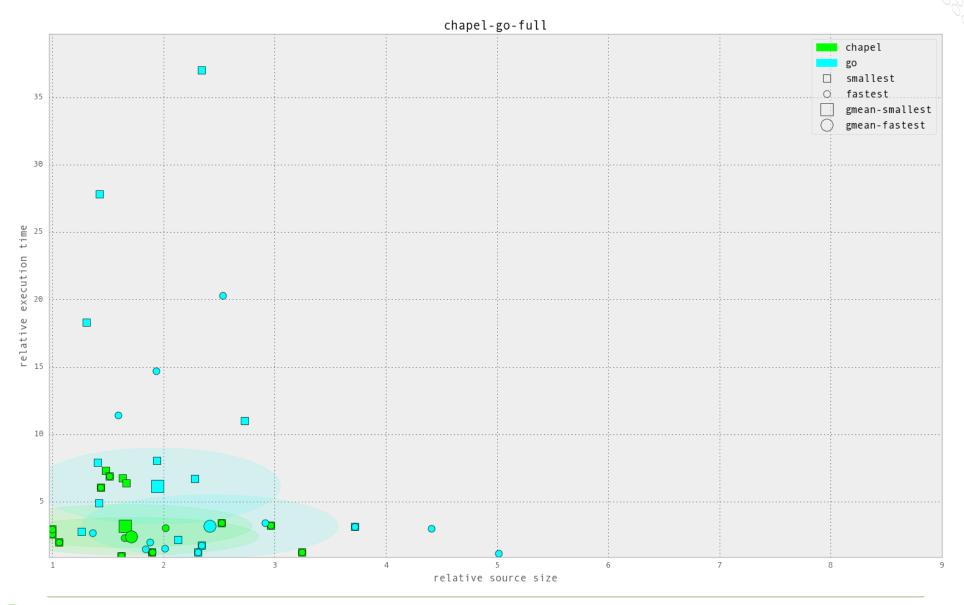






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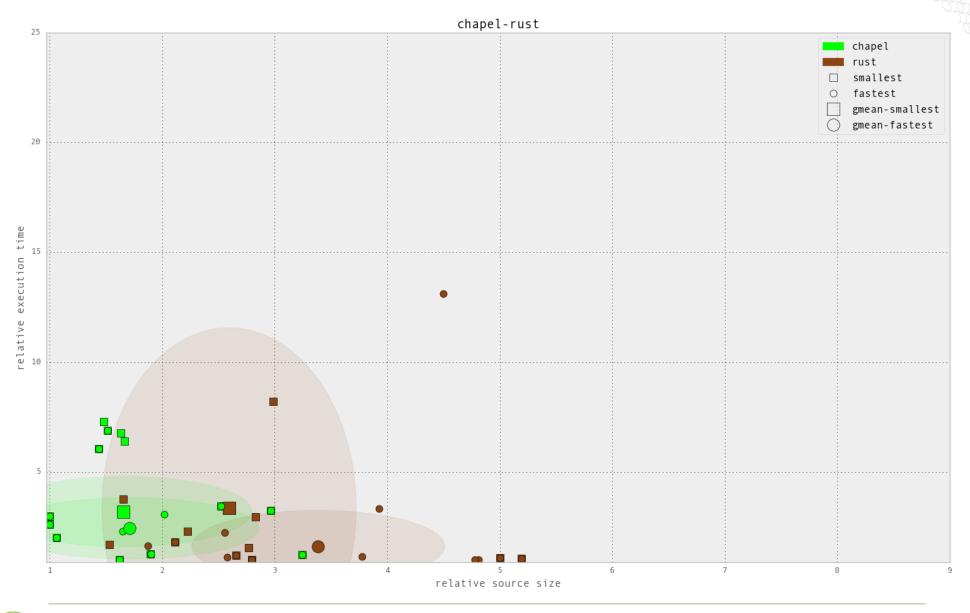






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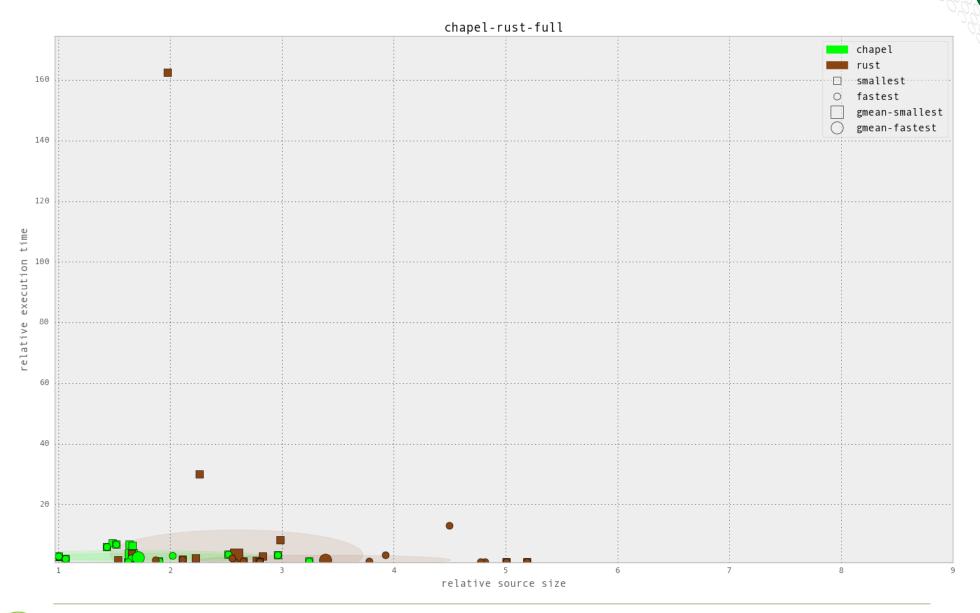






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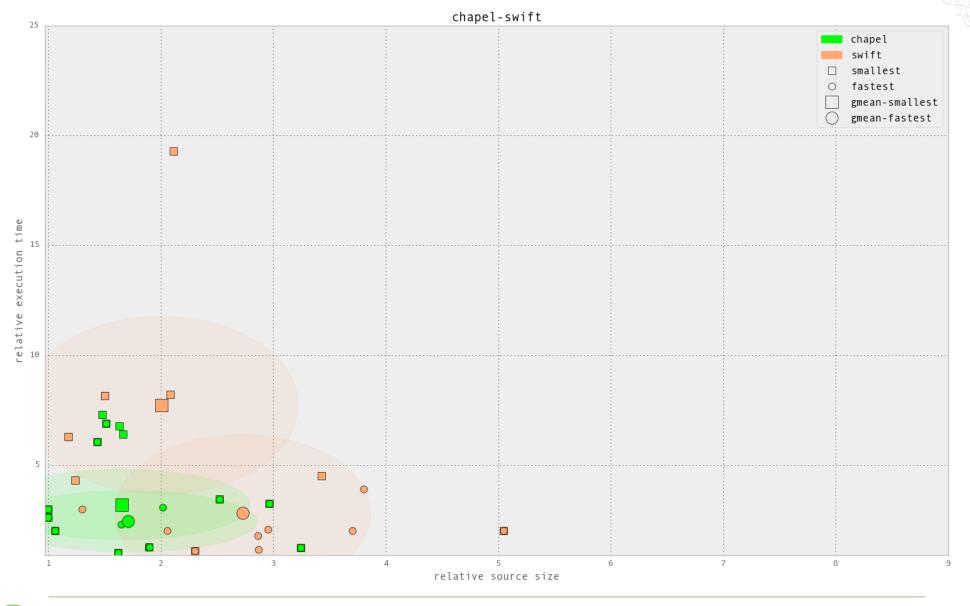






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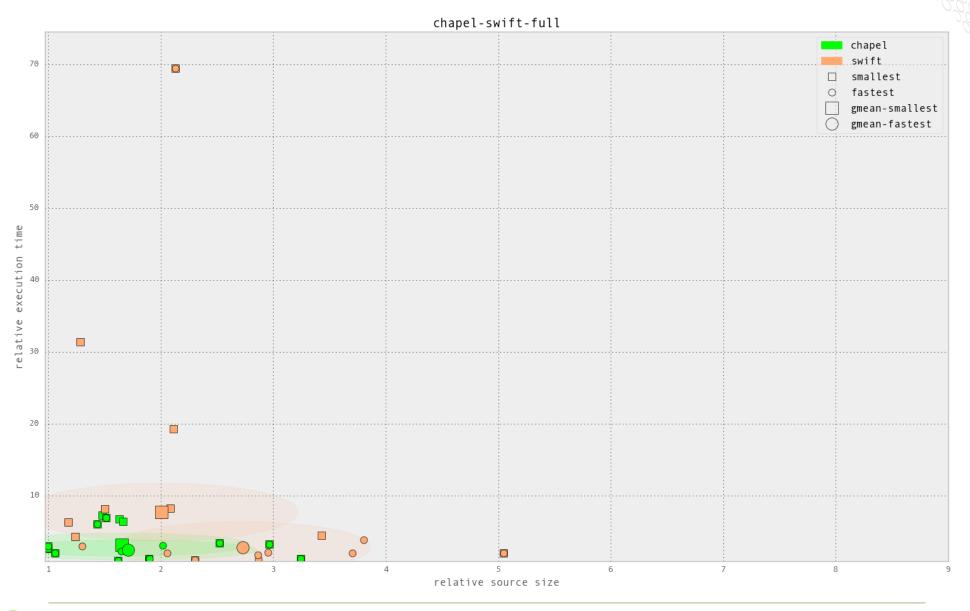






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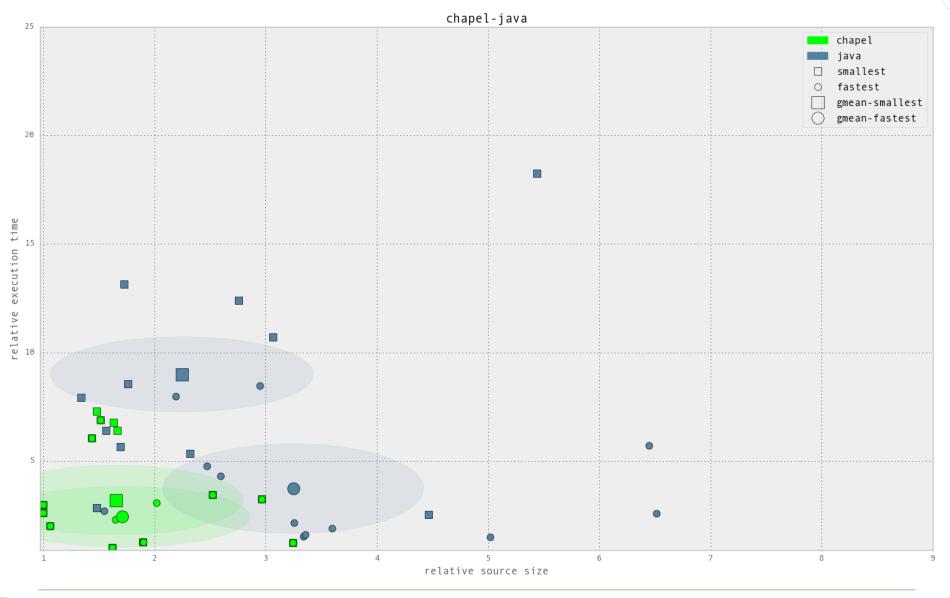






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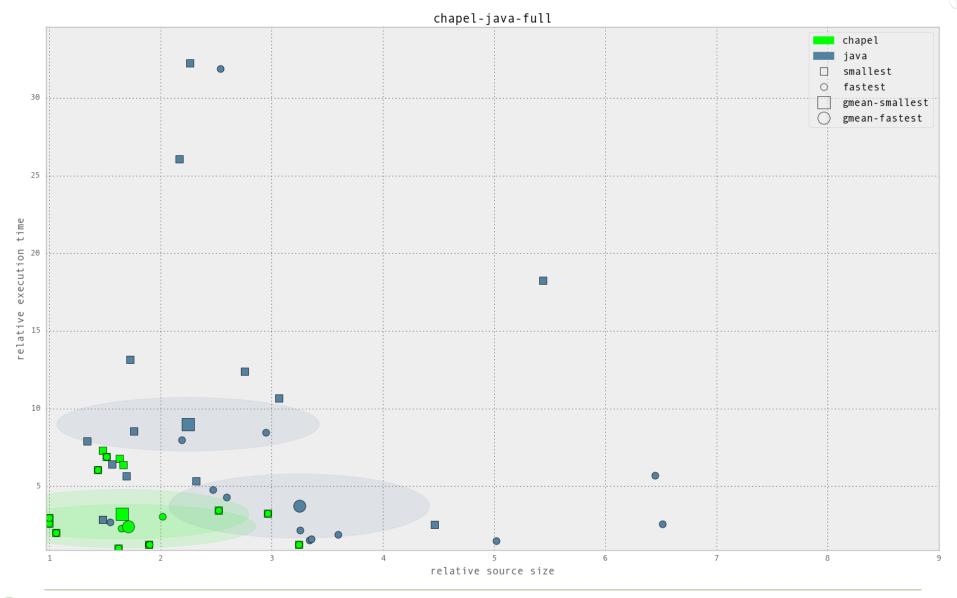






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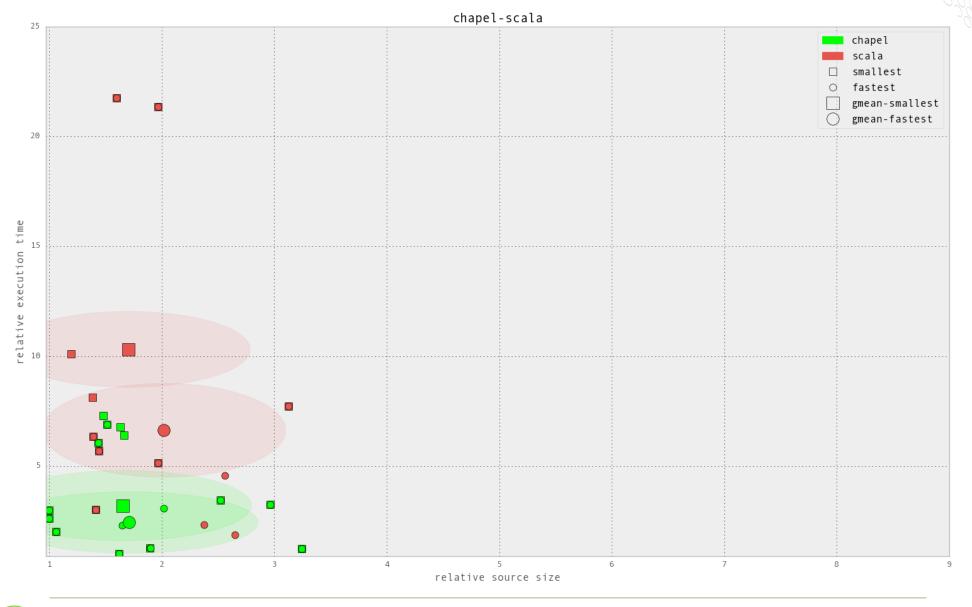






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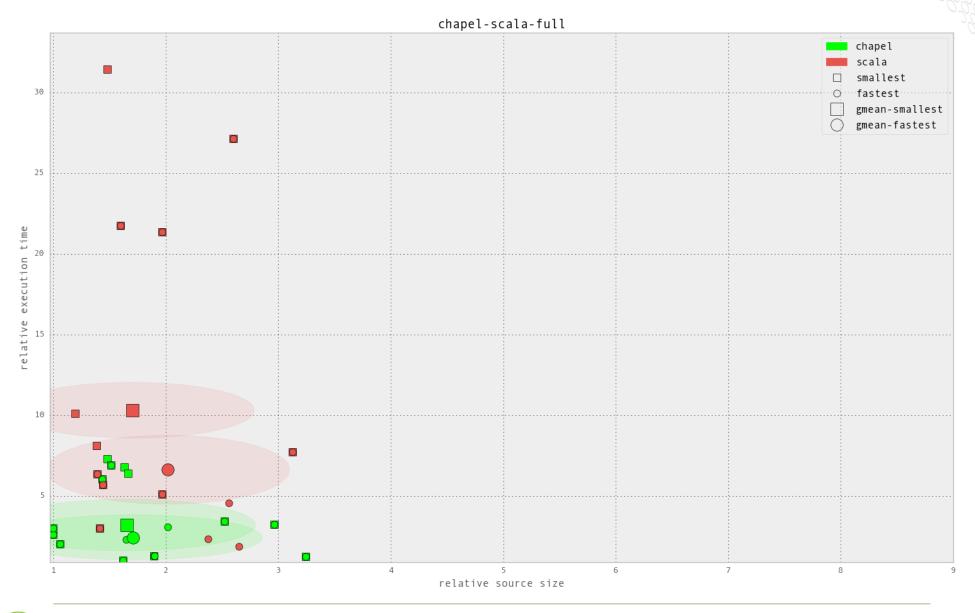






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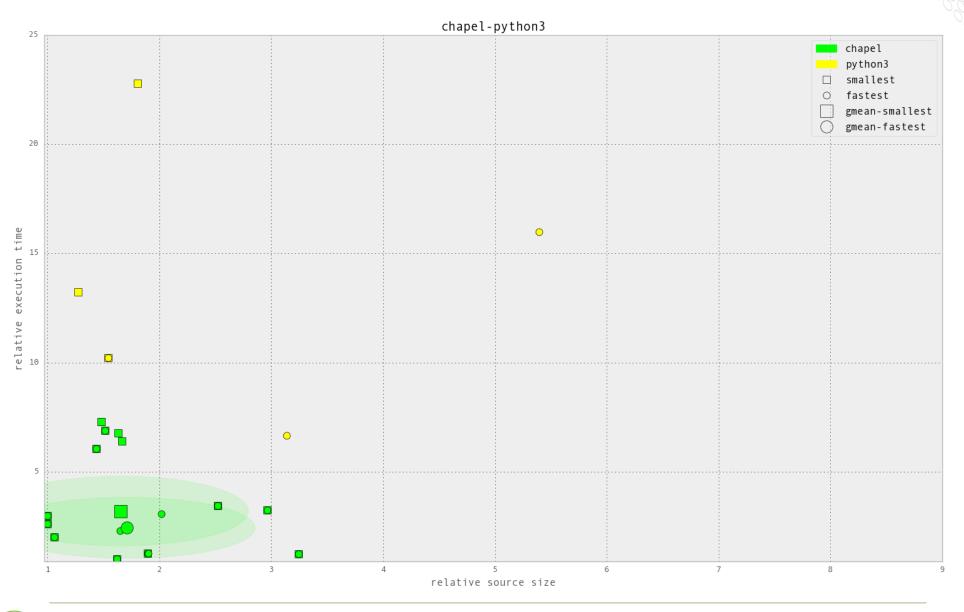






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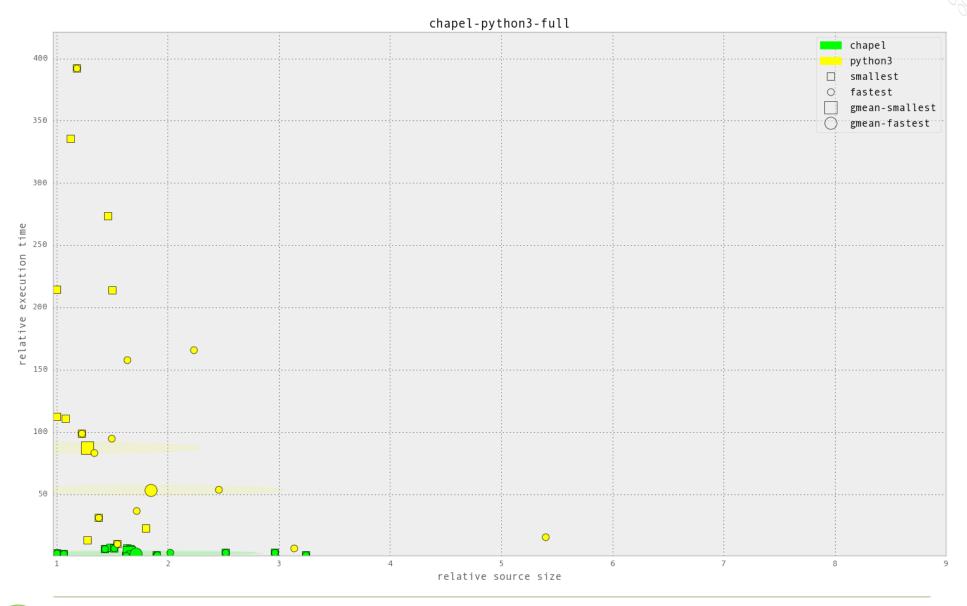






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