Dyninst

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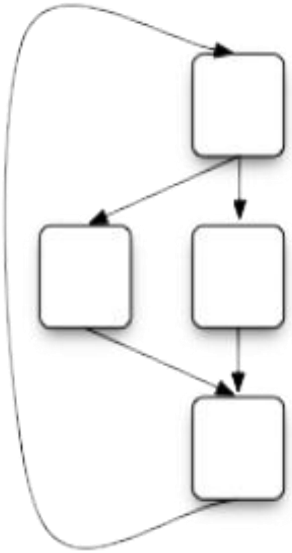
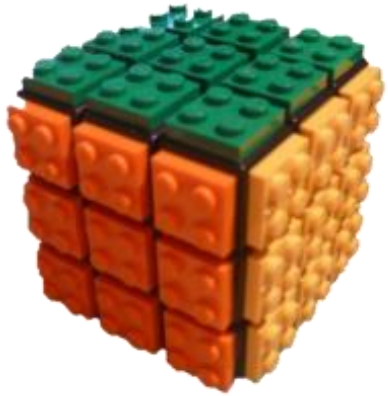
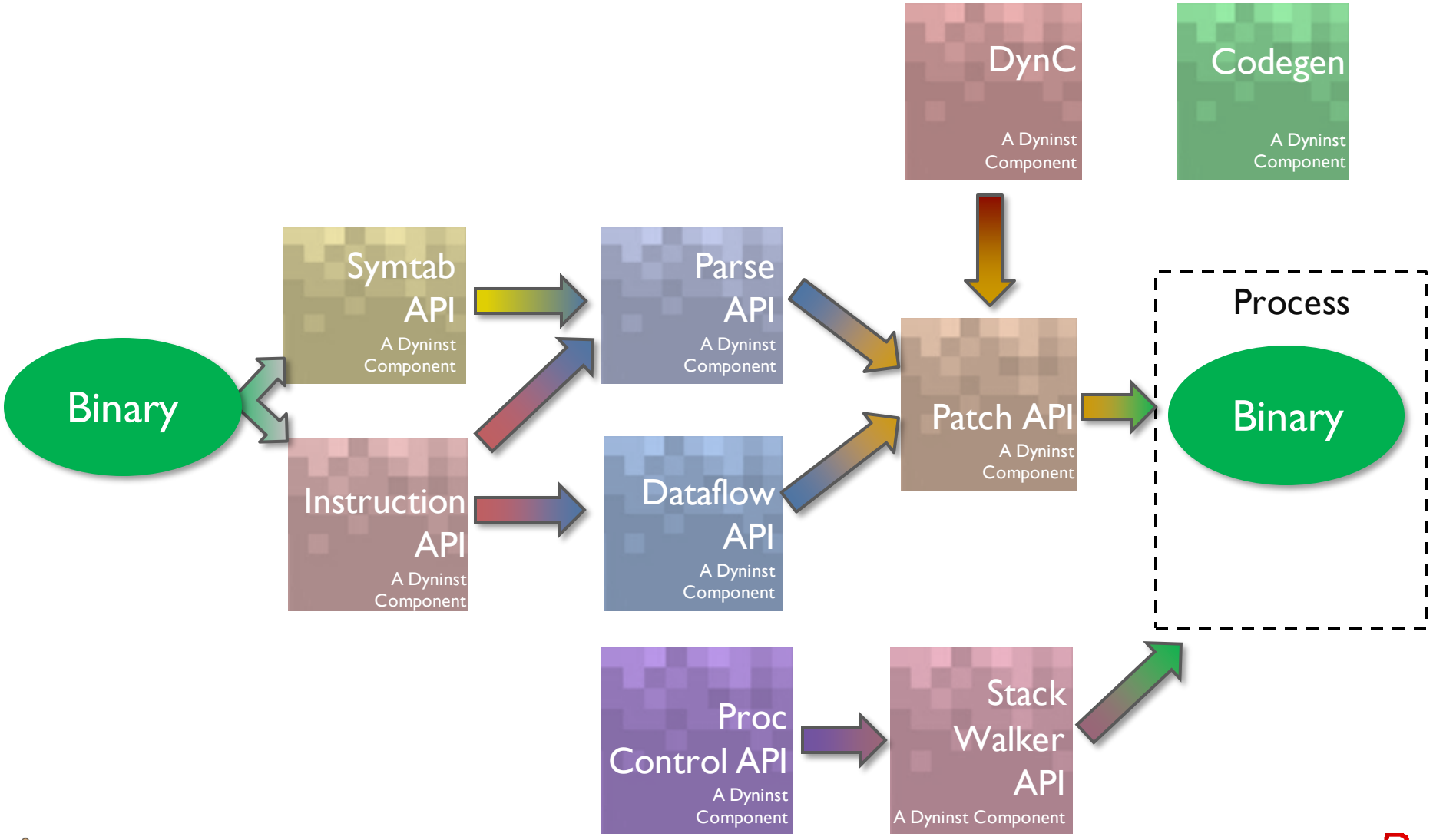
A Brief Introduction to Dyninst





Dyninst: a tool for static and dynamic binary instrumentation and modification

How is Dyninst organized?



What is new since July 2018?

- Changes to the build system
- Test suite enhancements to support Continuous Integration testing
- Parallel parsing
- ARMv8 advances

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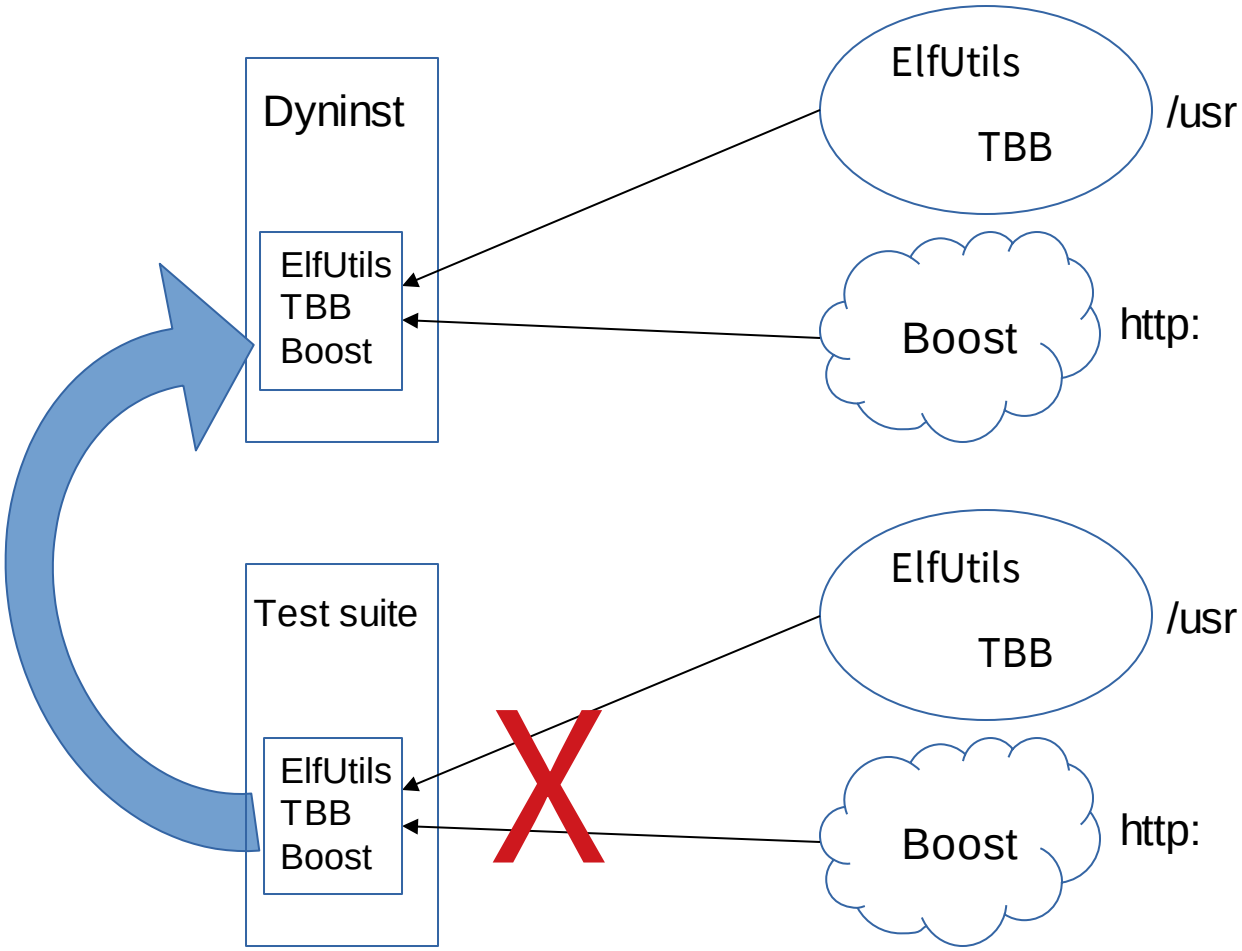

Changes to the Build System

- All CMake variable names are now uniform across all dependencies
- Many new variables have been exposed for finer control of the build
- Export all CMake variables into cache
  - applications use them through CMake's `load_cache`

Caveat: rpath doesn't work fully (yet)

github.com/dyninst/dyninst/wiki

Getting the Test Suite Ready for CI

Dyninst is one of three applications testing the CI workflow for ECP

New build script for turnkey building and testing of Dyninst

```
git clone dyninst
git clone testsuite
perl build.pl
```

github.com/dyninst/testsuite

1. Build Dyninst
2. Build Test suite
3. Run Test suite
4. Upload results to our dashboard

Getting the Test Suite Ready for CI

What effect does this have on you?

Users: None

Developers: Github pull requests will be manually run through the new build script before acceptance

Future:

- All PRs will be automatically run through CI
  - this is 6+ months away
- Automatic nightly and weekly builds of the head of Master

Parallel Parsing

- Dyninst 10.0 added parallel code parsing
  - Uses function level parallelism in ParseAPI
  - Speedup relative to 1 thread is **~2-4x**
- Dyninst 10.1 fixed a few bugs
- Performance is still limited by serial code
  - GNU memory allocator
  - symbol table construction
  - parse frame initialization
  - parse finalization

Parallel Parsing

- Post 10.1 features under testing:
  - Optimized parallel ParseAPI
  - New parallel SymtabAPI
- Changes include:
  - Parallel symbol table construction
  - Parallel parsing frame initialization
  - Parallel finalization
  - Remove redundant calculation
  - Scalable allocator from TBB

Parallel Parsing

Performance compared to 10.1 version

Speedup

	min	max
10.1	baseline	3.4x
10.1 optimized	1.1x	6.1x

ARMv8 Advances

Code analysis: **complete**

Dynamic instrumentation: **complete**

Binary rewriting:

- Dynamically-linked code: **complete**
- Statically-linked code: **in progress**

What can I do with Dyninst?

Function entry/exit tracing

Stack walking

Code coverage

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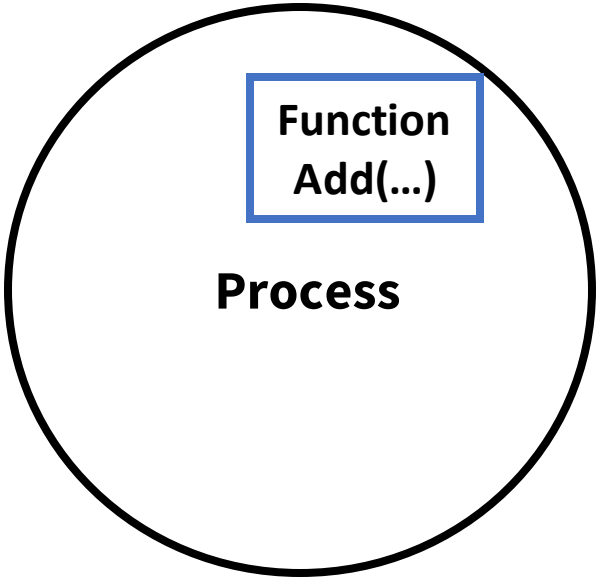

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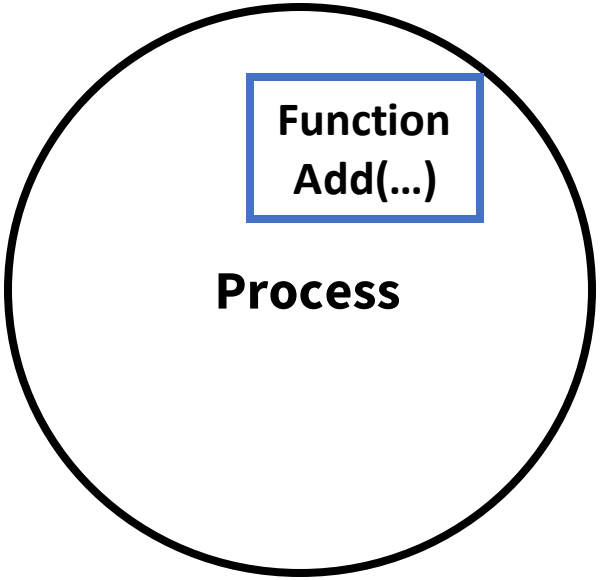

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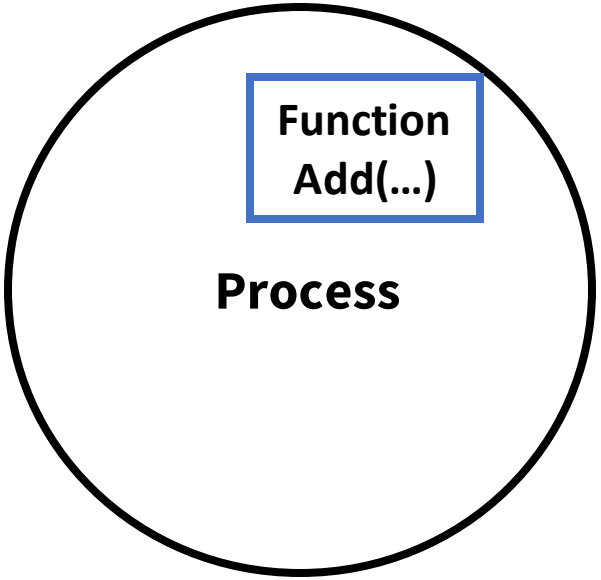

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Show an example of how to use Dyninst to insert entry/exit instrumentation into a function.

- Function call to a tracing library at entry/exit.

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Only minor modifications are needed to extend this example to:

- Basic Block Instrumentation
- Memory Tracing

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5. Find the entry/exit points of the blocks in the function

```
add->getCFG()->getAllBasicBlocks(blocks)
for(auto block : blocks)
   entry.push_back(block->findEntryPoint())
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5. Find Load/Store operations in the function

```
std::set<BPatch_opCode> axs;
axs.insert(BPatch_opLoad);
axs.insert(BPatch_opStore);
lsp = add->findPoint(axs)
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Walk through the stack frames that lead to the current program counter address

Example Use Cases:

- Examining the context of crashes
- Attribute performance measurement

We will be doing third-party stack walk (attach to the process of the code example)

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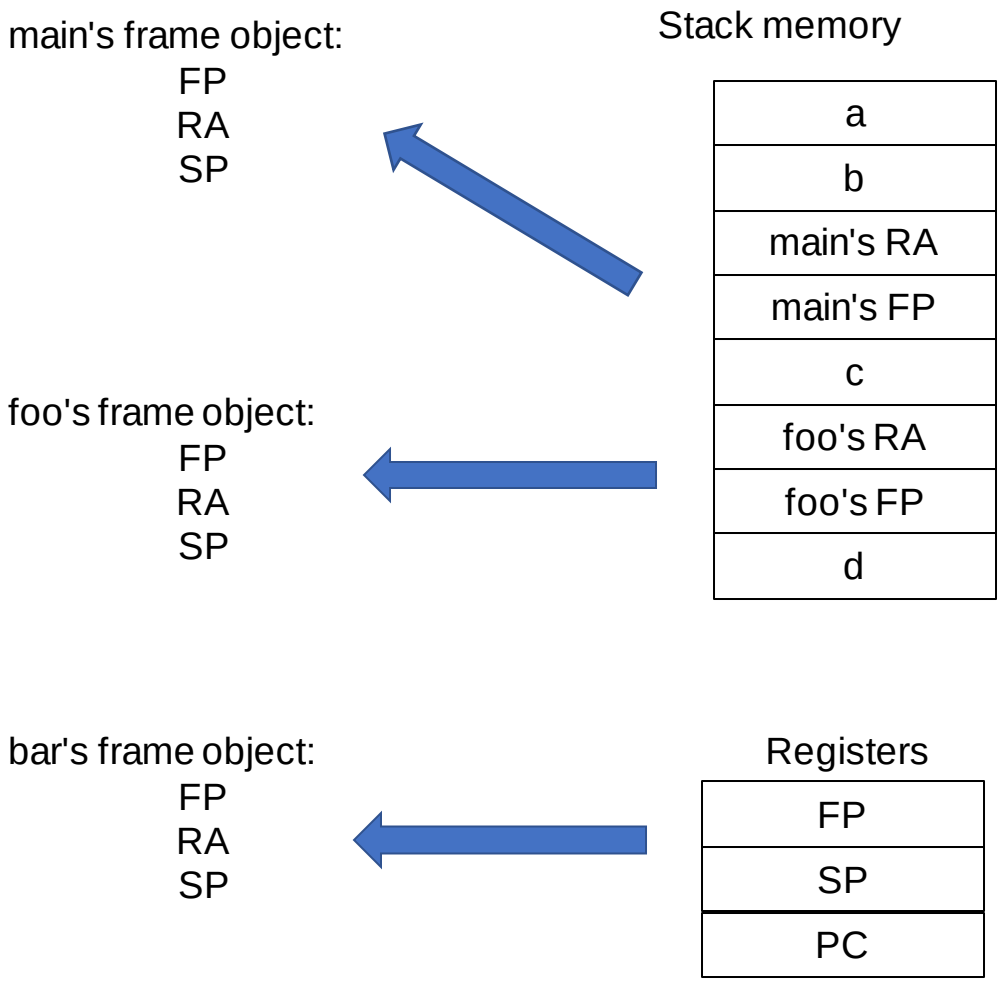

We use binary analysis, DWARF frame information, signal context information, and analyze Dyninst instrumentation to extract frames

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main's frame object:
FP
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SP

foo's frame object:
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bar's frame object:
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1. Attach to or create the process to perform stack walk

```
walker = Walker::newWalker(pid);
```

2. Perform the stack walk

```
vector<Frame> frames;
Walker->walkStack(frames);
```

3. Examine each frame

```
// function name of frame i
frame[i].getName(s);
// stack pointer value of frame i
frame[i].getSP()
// frame pointer value of frame i
frame[i].getFP()
// return address of frame i
frame[i].getRA()
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  BPatch_breakPointExpr bp;

 addrSpace->insertSnippet(assign,point)
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   // WaitForStatusChange()
   // Program at breakpoint
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Code coverage (basic block)

1. Count basic blocks

```
m = for each function -> number of basic blocks
```

2. Allocate memory for flags

```
vectorFlag = addrSpace()->malloc(m)
```

3. Instrument entry point of every function

```
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The Road Ahead: Features for 2020

- Statically-linked code for ARMv8
- Continue to improve build system
- Automate CI testing
- Parallel DWARF parsing

Who collaborates on Dyninst?

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Who uses Dyninst?

Dyninst is used by:

- HPCToolkit (Rice)
- SystemTap (Red Hat)
- Open|SpeedShop
- stat (LLNL)
- ATP (Cray)
- …

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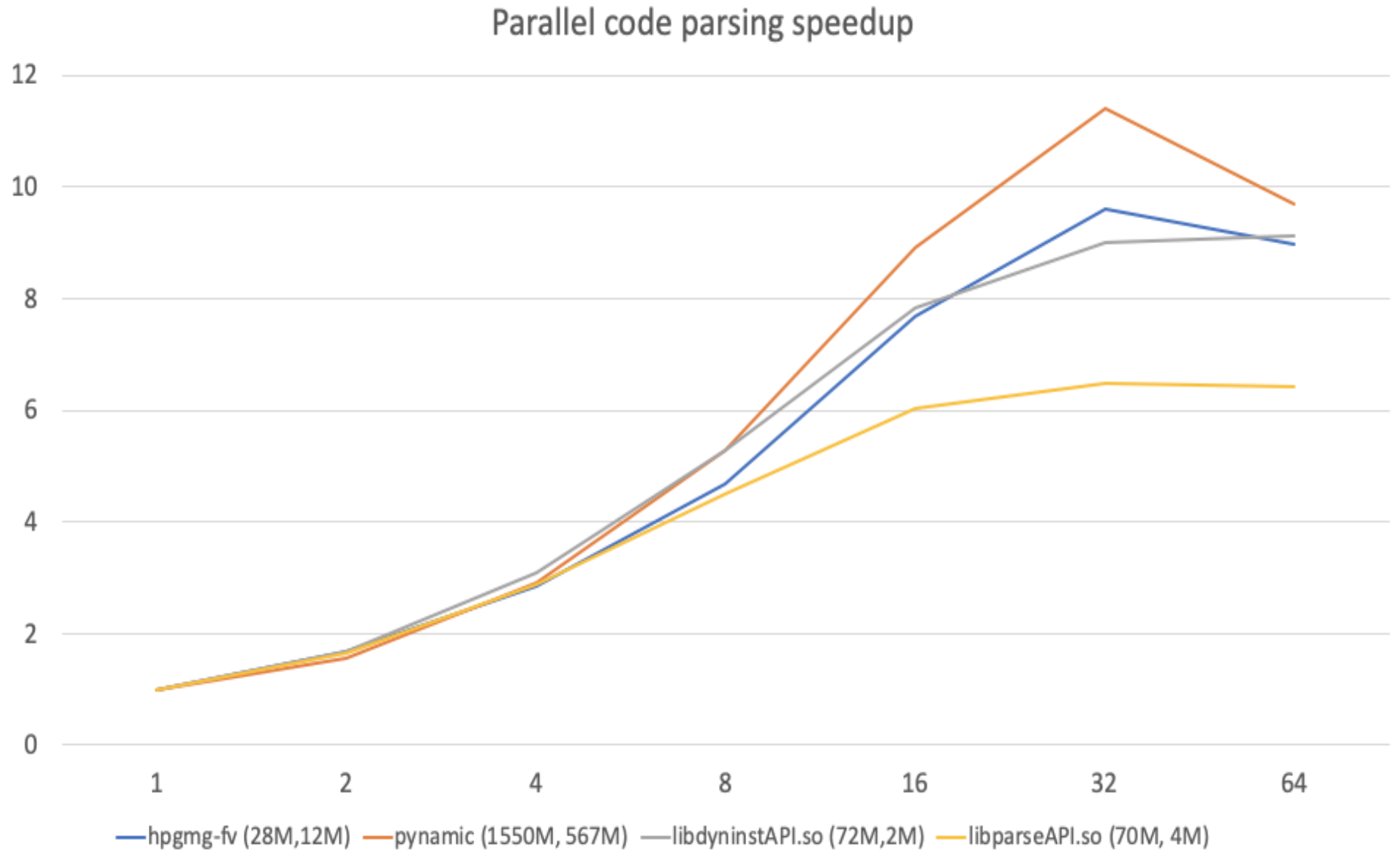
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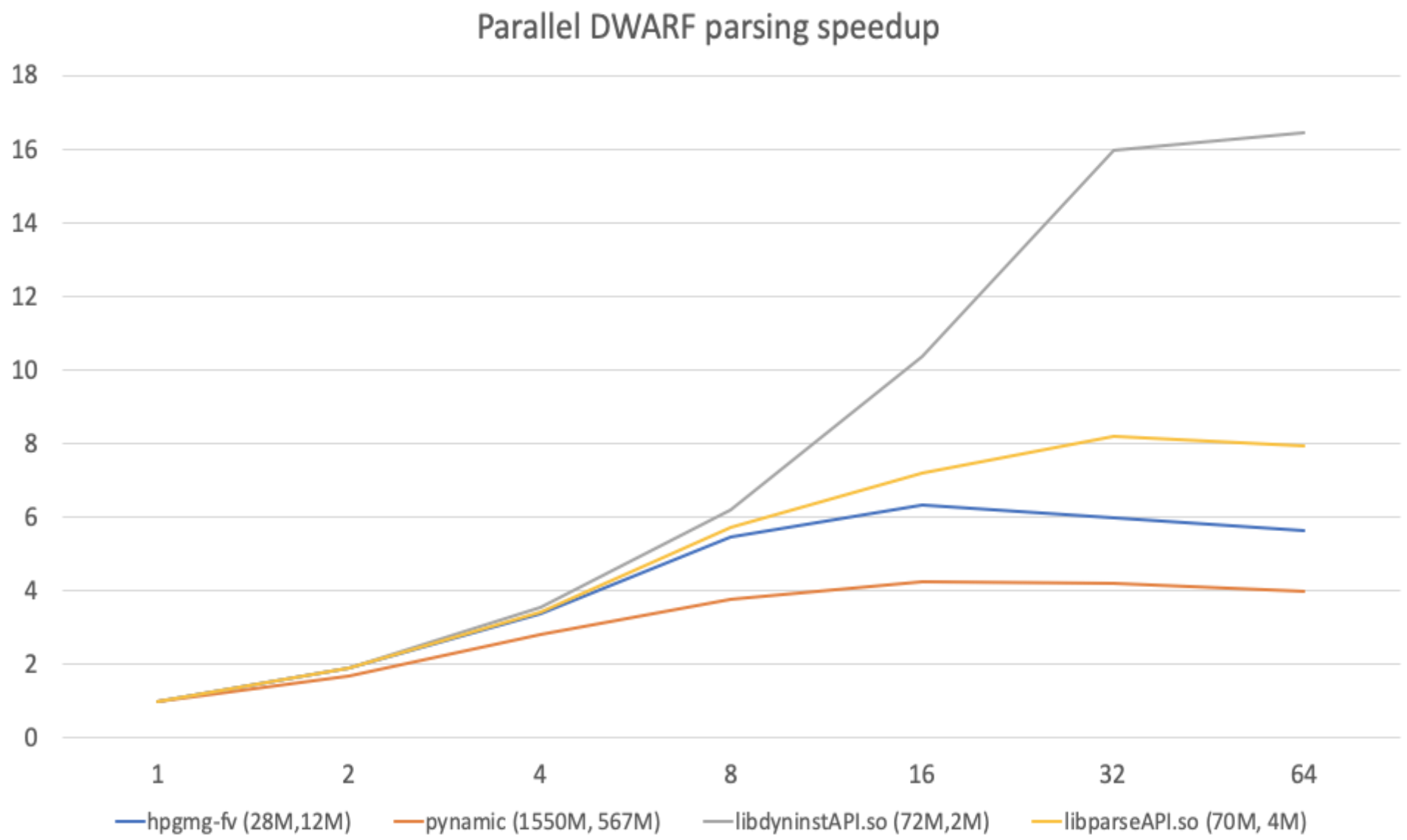
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