



MAQAO Performance Analysis and Optimization Tool



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Performance analysis and optimisation

How much of an application can be optimized?

What would the effort/gain ratio be?

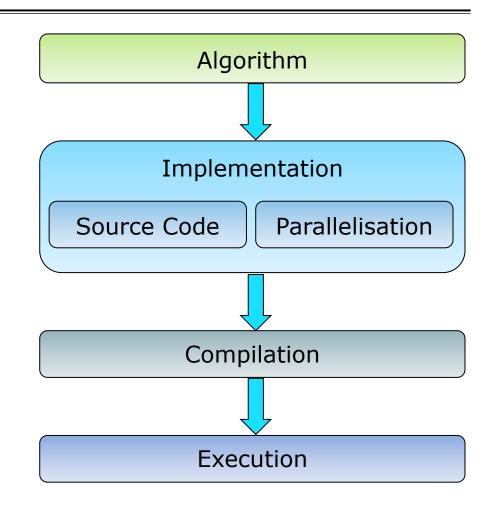
Where is the application spending most execution time and resources?

Why is the application spending time there?

- Algorithm, implementation, runtime or hardware?
- Data access or computation?

How to improve the application?

- At which step(s) of the workflow or dev process?
- What additional information is needed?



A multifaceted problem

Pinpointing the performance bottlenecks

Identifying the dominant category of issues

Algorithms, implementation, parallelism, ...

Making the **best use** of the machine features

- Complex multicore and manycore CPUs
- Complex memory organization

Finding the **most rewarding** issues to be fixed

- 40% total time, expected 10% speedup
 - → TOTAL IMPACT: 4% speedup
- 20% total time, expected 50% speedup
 - → TOTAL IMPACT: **10%** speedup



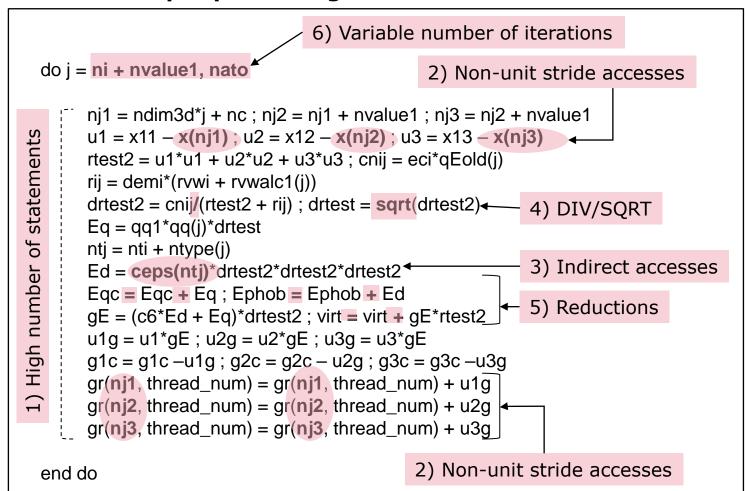


→ Need for dedicated and complementary tools



Motivating example

Code of a loop representing ~10% walltime



Source code and associated issues:

- 1) High number of statements
- 2) Non-unit stride accesses
- 3) Indirect accesses
- 4) DIV/SQRT
- 5) Reductions
- 6) Variable number of iterations



MAQAO: Modular Assembly Quality Analyzer and Optimizer

Objectives:

- Characterizing performance of HPC applications
- Focusing on performance at the core level
- Guiding users through the optimization process
- Estimating return on investment (R.O.I.)

Characteristics:

- Modular tool offering complementary views
- Support for Intel x86-64 and Xeon Phi
 - ARM on-going development
- LGPL3 Open Source software
- Developed at UVSQ since 2004
- Binary release available as a static executable

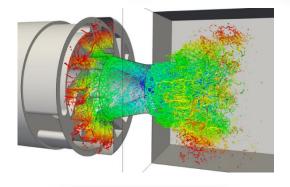


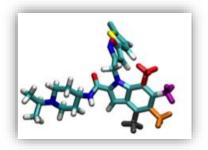
Success stories

MAQAO is used for optimizing industrial and academic HPC applications:

- QMC=CHEM (IRSAMC)
 - Quantum chemistry
 - Speedup: > 3x
 - Optimization: moved invocations of functions with identical parameters out of the loop body
- Yales2 (CORIA)
 - Computational fluid dynamics
 - Speedup: up to 2.8x
 - Optimization: removing double structure indirections
- Polaris (CEA)
 - Molecular dynamics
 - Speedup: **1.5x 1.7x**
 - Optimization: enforcing loop vectorization through compiler directives
- AVBP (CERFACS)
 - Computational fluid dynamics
 - Speedup: **1.08x 1.17x**
 - Replaced divisions by reciprocal multiplications
 - Complete unrolling of loops with a small number of iterations







Partnerships

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Provides core binary analysis and instrumentation capabilities and features for other tools:

- TAU performance tools with MADRAS patcher through MIL (MAQAO Instrumentation Language)
- ATOS bullxprof with MADRAS through MIL
- Intel Advisor
- INRIA Bordeaux HWLOC

PeXL ISV also contributes to MAQAO:

- Commercial performance optimization expertise
- Training and software development
- www.pexl.eu



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Analysis at binary level

Advantages of binary analysis:

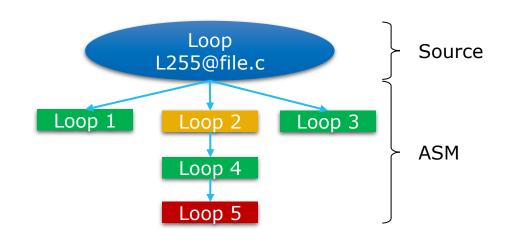
- Compiler optimizations increase the distance between the executed code and the source code
- Source code instrumentation may prevent the compiler from applying certain transformations

Evaluate the "real" executed code: What You Analyse Is What You Run

Main steps:

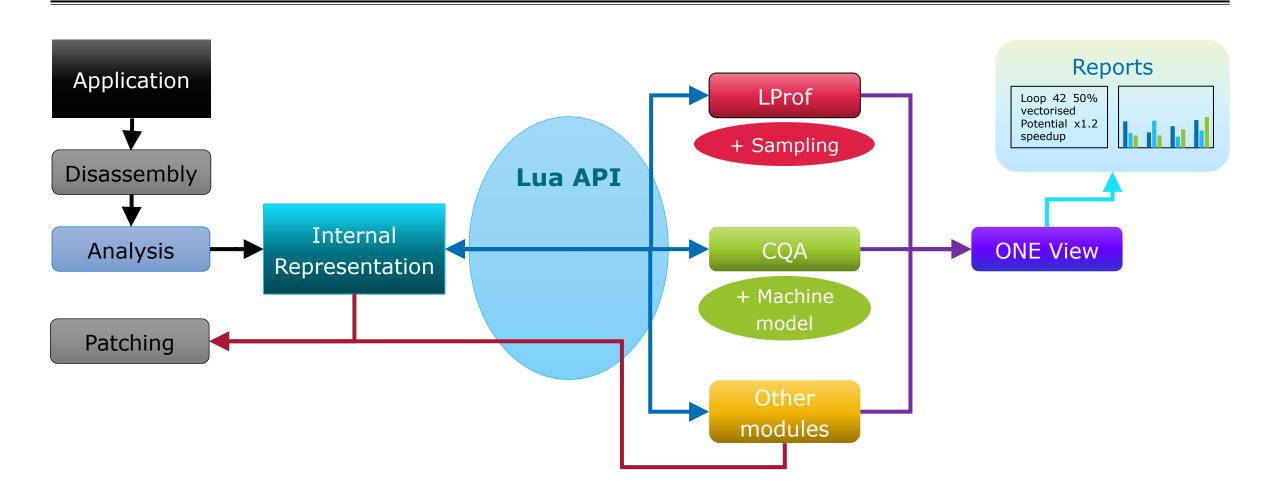
- Construct high level structures (CFG, DDG, SSA, ...)
- Relate the analyses to source code
 - A single source loop can be compiled as multiple assembly loops
 - Affecting unique identifiers to loops







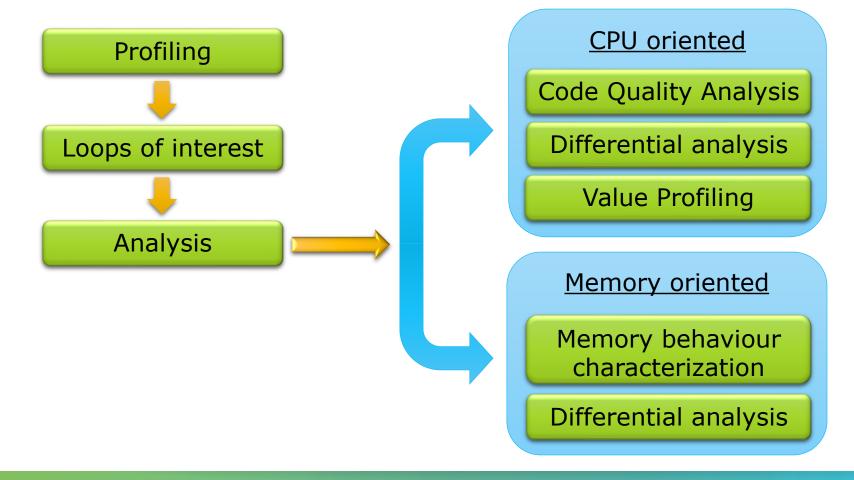
MAQAO Main structure





MAQAO Methodology

Decision tree





SIMD, Memory and Compiler optimizations

SIMD/Vectorization/Data Parallelism

• Scalar pattern: a[i] = b[i] + c[i]

• <u>Vector pattern:</u> a(i, i + 8) = b(i, i + 8) + c(i, i + 8)

• Benefits: increases memory bandwidth and IPC

• Example implementations :

■ ARM : Neon, SVE

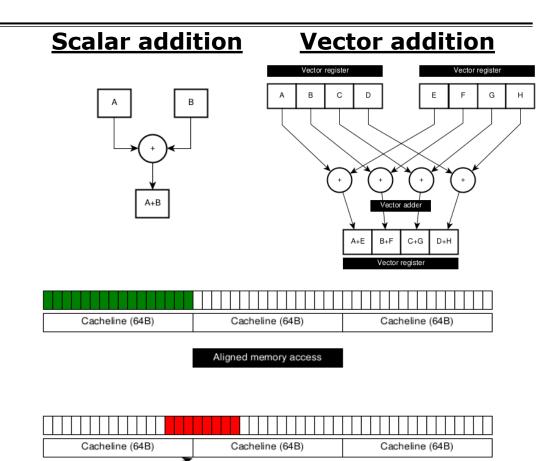
• x86 : SSE, AVX, AVX512

Memory

- Computations are, in general, faster than memory accesses
- Alignment/Contiguity of memory (x86): posix_memalign, aligned_alloc, ...
- Caches: L1, L2, L3, ...

Compiler optimizations

- Programming languages: C, C++, Fortran, ...
- Target micro-architectures : Haswell, Skylake, Rome, ...
- Loop unrolling
 - Reduce branches
 - Fill the pipeline (more instructions per iteration)
 - Increases memory bandwidth and IPC



Unaligned memory access

Crossing cacheline boundar



MAQAO LProf: Lightweight Profiler

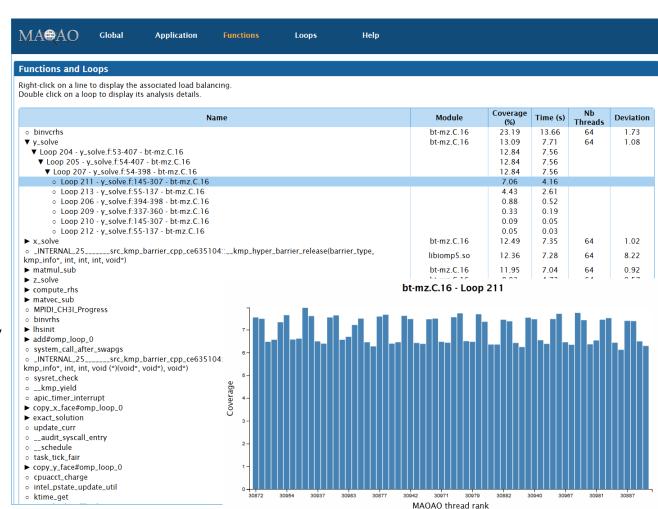
Goal: Lightweight localization of application hotspots

Features:

- Sampling based
- Access to hardware counters
- Analysis at function and loop granularity

Strengths:

- Non intrusive: No recompilation necessary
- Low overhead
- Agnostic with regard to parallel runtime





MAQAO CQA: Code Quality Analyzer

Goal: **Assist developers** in improving code performance

Features:

- Static analysis: no execution of the application
- Allows cross-analysis of/on multiple architectures
- Compiler generated code quality evaluation
- Proposes hints and workarounds to improve quality/performance
- Loops centric
 - In HPC, loops cover most of the processing time
- Targets compute-bound codes

Static Reports

▼ CQA Report

The loop is defined in /tmp/NPB3.3.1-MZ/NPB3.3-MZ-MPI/BT-MZ/z_solve.f:415-423

▼ Path 1

2% of peak computational performance is used (0.77 out of 32.00 FLOP per cycle (GFLOPS @ 1GHz))

gain potential hint expert

Code clean check

Detected a slowdown caused by scalar integer instructions (typically used for address computation). By removing them, you can lower the cost of an iteration from 65.00 to 57.00 cycles (1.14x speedup).

Workaround

- . Try to reorganize arrays of structures to structures of arrays
- Consider to permute loops (see vectorization gain report)
- To reference allocatable arrays, use "allocatable" instead of "pointer" pointers or qualify them with the "contiguous" attribute (Fortran 2008)
- For structures, limit to one indirection. For example, use a_b%c instead of a%b%c with a_b set to a%b before this loop

Vectorization

Your loop is not vectorized. 8 data elements could be processed at once in vector registers. By vectorizing your loop, you can lower the cost of an iteration from 65.00 to 8.12 cycles (8.00x speedup).

Workaround

- Try another compiler or update/tune your current one:
 - use the vec-report option to understand why your loop was not vectorized. If "existence of vector dependences", try the IVDEP directive. If, using IVDEP, "vectorization possible but seems inefficient", try the VECTOR ALWAYS directive.
- Remove inter-iterations dependences from your loop and make it unit-stride:
 - If your arrays have 2 or more dimensions, check whether elements are accessed contiguously and, otherwise, try to permute loops accordingly: Fortran storage order is column-major: do i do j a(i,j) = b(i,j) (slow, non stride 1) => do i do j a(j,i) = b(i,j) (fast, stride 1)
 - o If your loop streams arrays of structures (AoS), try to use structures of arrays instead (SoA): do i a(i)%x = b(i)%x (slow, non stride 1) => do i a%x(i) = b%x(i) (fast, stride 1)

Execution units bottlenecks

Found no such bottlenecks but see expert reports for more complex bottlenecks.

MAQAO CQA: Main Concepts

Applications exploit at best 5 to 10% of the peak performance.

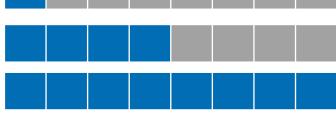
Main elements of analysis:

- Peak performance
- Execution pipeline
- Resources/Functional units

Key performance levers for core level efficiency:

- Vectorization
- Avoiding high latency instructions if possible (DIV/SQRT)
- Guiding the compiler code optimization
- Reorganizing memory and data structures layout





Process up to 8X data

MAQAO CQA: Guiding the compiler and hints

Compilers can be driven using flags, pragmas, and keywords:

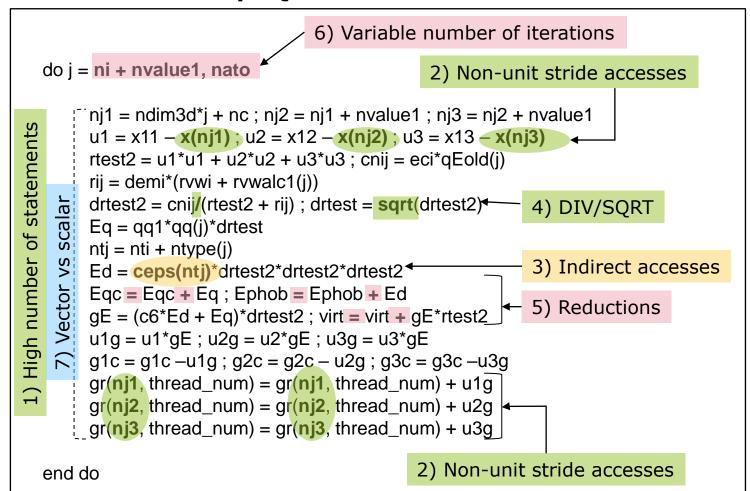
- Ensuring full use of architecture capabilities (e.g. using flag -xHost on AVX capable machines)
- Forcing optimizations (unrolling, vectorization, alignment, ...)
- Bypassing conservative behaviour when possible (e.g. 1/X precision)

Hints for implementation changes:

- Improve data access patterns
 - Memory alignment
 - Loop interchange
 - Changing loop strides
 - Reshaping arrays of structures
- Avoid instructions with high latency (SQRT, DIV, GATHER, SCATTER, ...)

Application to Motivating Example

Issues identified by CQA

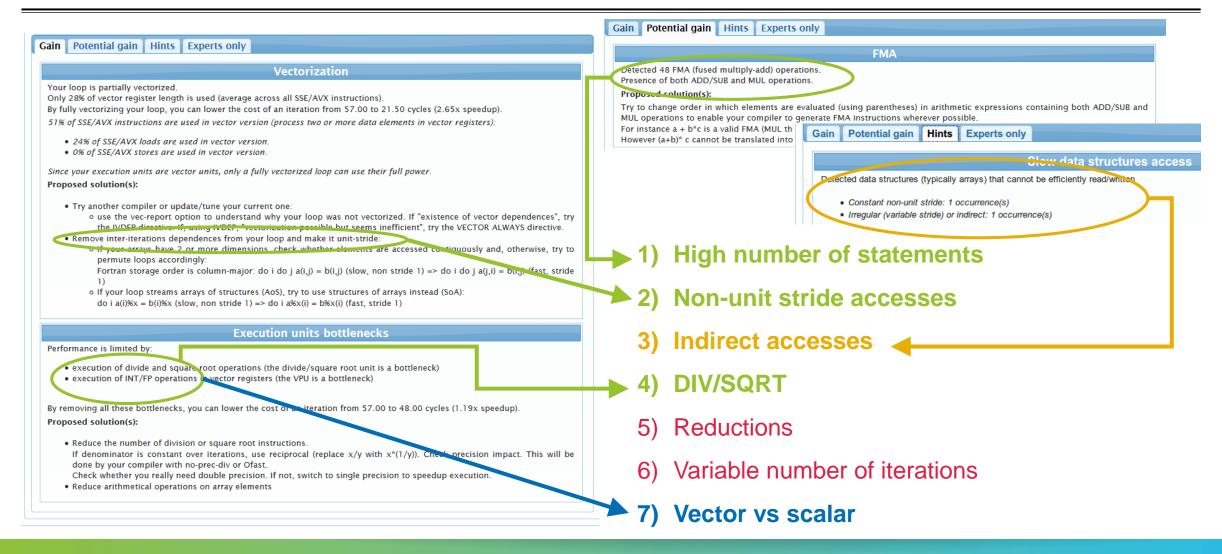


CQA can detect and provide hints to resolve most of the identified issues:

- 1) High number of statements
- 2) Non-unit stride accesses
- 3) Indirect accesses
- 4) DIV/SQRT
- 5) Reductions
- 6) Variable number of iterations
- 7) Vector vs scalar



Application to Motivating Example





MAQAO ONE View: Performance View Aggregator

Automating the whole analysis process

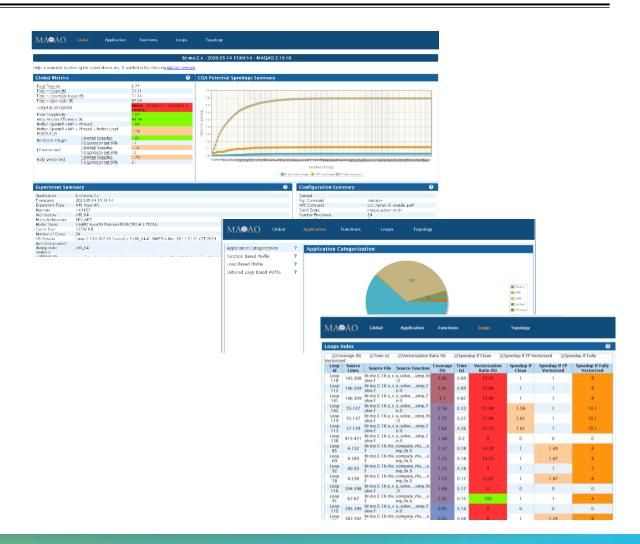
- Invoke multiple MAQAO modules
- Generate aggregated performance views
- Generate a report in HTML format

Main steps:

- Invokes LProf to identify hotspots
- Invokes CQA on hotspots

Available results:

- Speedup predictions
- Global code quality metrics
- **Hints** for improving performance
- Parallel efficiency analysis



Analysing an application with MAQAO

ONE View execution

- Provide all parameters necessary for executing the application
 - Parameters can be passed on the command line or as a configuration file
 - Parameters include binary name, MPI commands, dataset directory, ...

```
$ maqao oneview --create-report=one --binary=bt-mz.C.16 --mpi_command="mpirun -n 16"
```

```
$ maqao oneview --create-report=one --config=my config.lua"
```

- Analyses can be tweaked if necessary
 - Report level one corresponds to lightweight profiling (LProf) and code quality analysis (CQA)
- ONE View can reuse an existing experiment directory to perform further analyses
- Results available in HTML format by default
 - XLS spreadsheets and textual output generation are also available

Online help is available:

```
$ maqao oneview --help
```



Analysing an application with MAQAO

MAQAO modules can be invoked separately for advanced analyses

- LProf
 - Profiling
- \$ maqao lprof xp=exp dir --mpi-command="mpirun -n 16 -ppn 4" ppn=4 -- ./bt-mz.C.16
- Display functions profile
- \$ maqao lprof xp=exp dir -df
- Displaying the results from a ONE View run
- \$ maqao lprof xp=oneview_xp_dir/tools/lprof_npsu -df
- CQA
- \$ maqao cqa loop=42 bt-mz.C.16

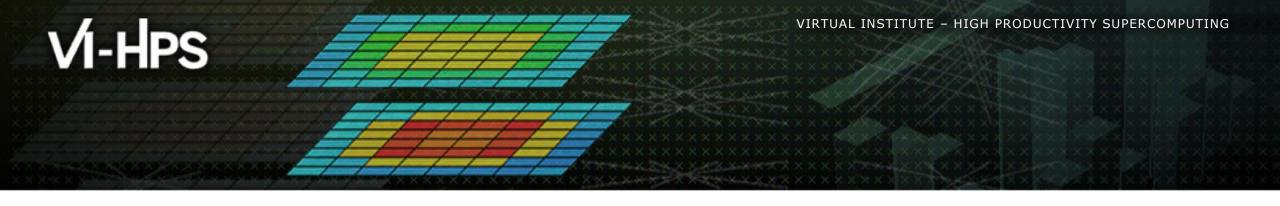
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- \$ maqao cqa --help

More on MAQAO

MAQAO website: www.maqao.org

- Documentation: www.maqao.org/documentation.html
 - Tutorials for ONE View, LProf and CQA
 - Lua API documentation
- Latest release: http://www.maqao.org/downloads.html
 - Binary releases (2-3 per year)
 - Source code
- Publications around MAQAO: http://www.maqao.org/publications.html



Navigating ONE View Reports











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Global summary

Experiment summary

Machine characteristics and configuration

Global metrics

- General quality metrics derived from MAQAO analyses
- Global speedup predictions
 - Speedup prediction depending on the number of vectorised loops
 - Ordered speedups to identify the loops to optimise first

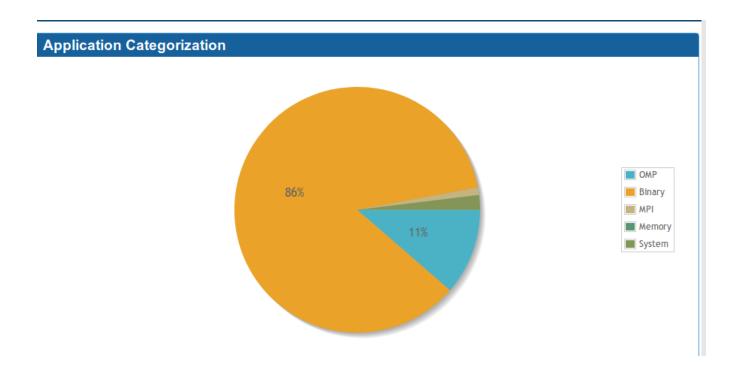




Time Categorisation

Identifying at a glance where time is spent

- Application
 - Main executable
- Parallelization
 - Threads
 - OpenMP
 - MPI
- System libraries
 - I/O operations
 - String operations
 - Memory management functions
- External libraries
 - Specialised libraries such as libm / libmkl
 - Application code in external libraries

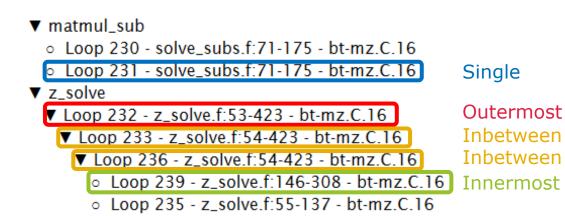




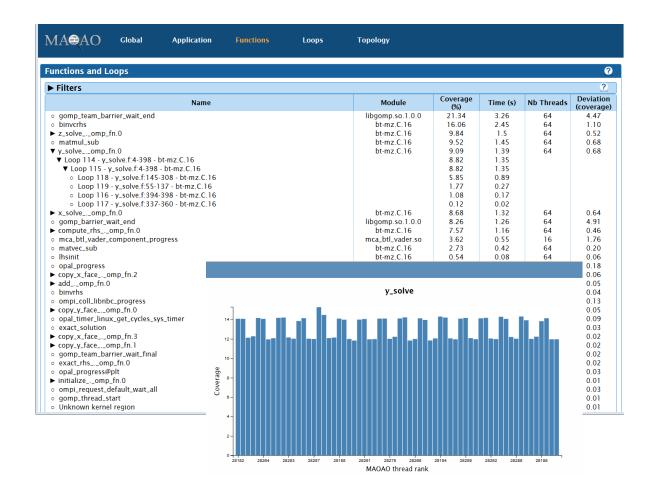
Functions Profiling

Identifying hotspots

- Exclusive coverage
- Load balancing across threads
- Loops nests by functions



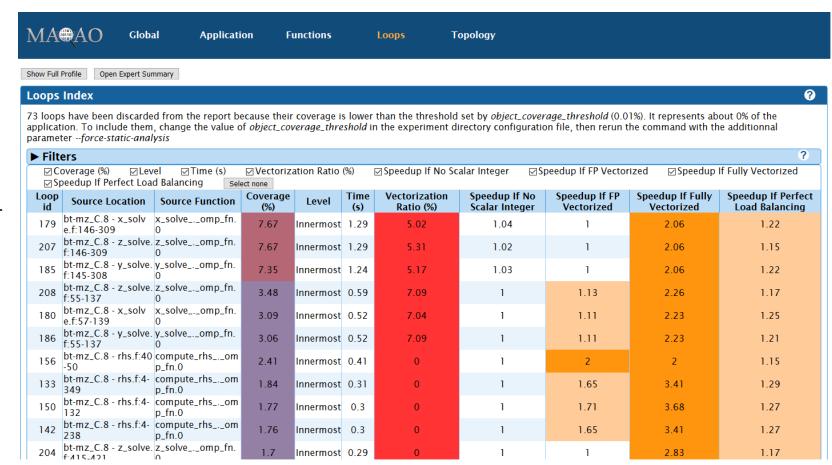
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Loops Profiling Summary

Identifying loop hotspots

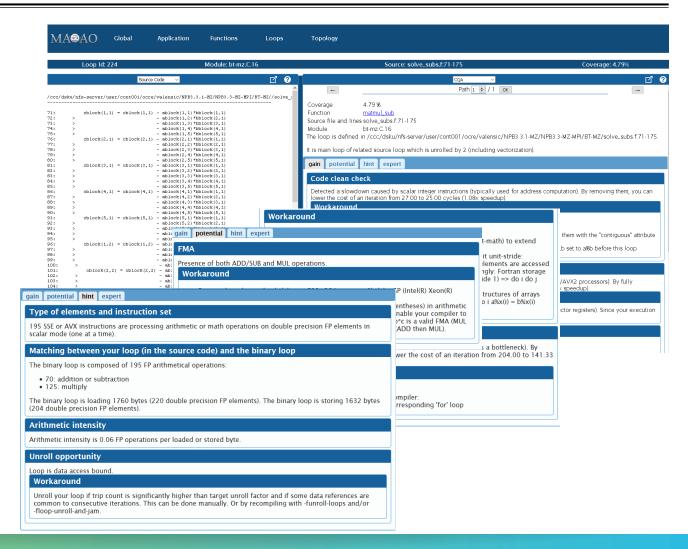
- Vectorisation information
- Potential speedup by optimisation
 - No scalar integer: Removing address computations
 - FP Vectorised: Vectorising floatingpoint computations
 - Fully Vectorised: Vectorising floating-point computations and memory accesses
 - Perfect Load Balancing: Optimal balance across all threads



Loop Analysis Reports

High level reports

- Reference to the source code
- Bottleneck description
- Hints for improving performance
- Reports categorized by probability that applying hints will yield predicted gain
 - Gain: Good probability
 - Potential gain: Average probability
 - Hints: Lower probability





Loop Analysis Reports – Expert View

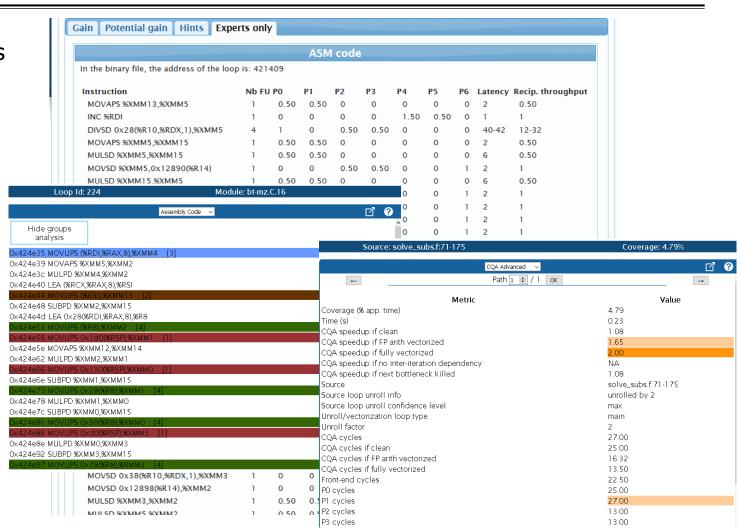
Low level reports for performance experts

- Assembly-level
- Instructions cycles costs
- Instructions dispatch predictions
- Memory access analysis

Assembly code

 Highlights groups of instructions accessing the same memory addresses

CQA internal metrics



MAQAO ONE View Thread/Process View

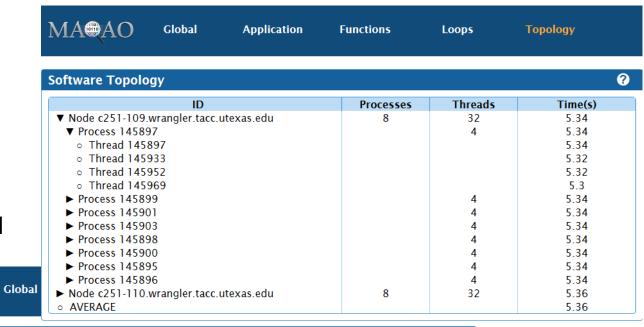
Software Topology

- List of nodes
- Processes by node
- Thread by process

View by thread

Function profile at the thread or process level

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Profiling node c251-109.wrangler.tacc.utexas.edu - process 145897 - thread 145897

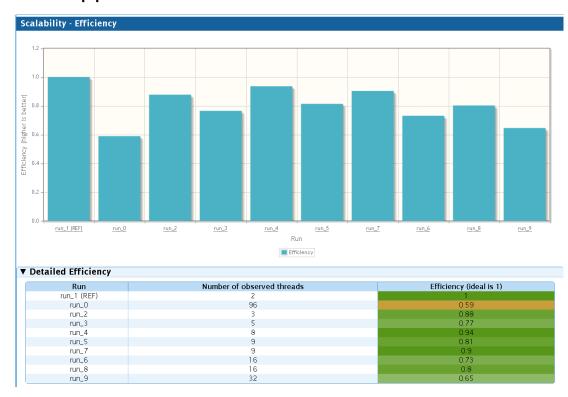
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► matmul_sub	bt-mz_B.16	12.73	0.68
► y_solve	bt-mz_B.16	7.87	0.42
► compute_rhs	bt-mz_B.16	7.49	0.4
► x_solve	$bt-mz_B.16$	7.12	0.38
► z_solve	bt-mz_B.16	6.74	0.36



MAQAO ONE View Scalability Reports

Goal: Provide a view of the application scalability

- Profiles with different numbers of threads/processes
- Displays efficiency metrics for application





MAQAO ONE View Scalability Reports – Application View

Coverage per category

Comparison of categories for each run

Coverage per parallel efficiency

• $Efficiency = \frac{T_{sequential}}{T_{parallel*N_{threads}}}$

Distinguishing functions only represented in parallel or sequential

Displays efficiency by coverage



Scalability - Coverage per Category

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Function Based Profile

Application Categorization

Scalability - Coverage per Category

MAQAO ONE View Scalability Reports – Functions and Loops Views

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Displays metrics for each function/loop

- Efficiency
- Potential speedup if efficiency=1

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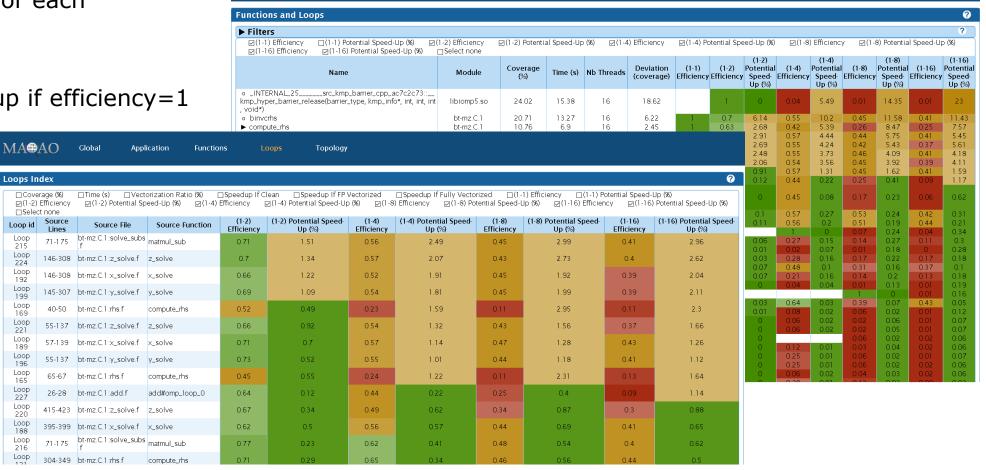
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Loops

Topology

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Questions?







