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PS4b: Performance engineering - HPC debugging and profiling



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UL HPC tutorials:

<https://github.com/ULHPC/tutorials>

UL HPC School:

<http://hpc.uni.lu/hpc-school/>

PS4b tutorial sources:

ulhpc-tutorials.rtf.d.io/en/latest/debugging/advanced/

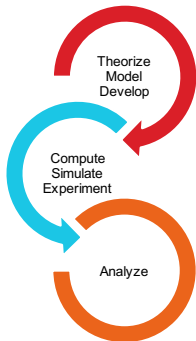




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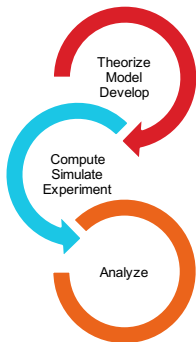
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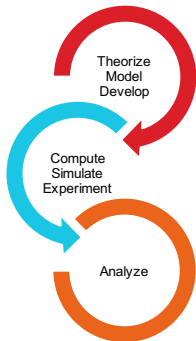
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Knowing what to do when you experience a problem is half the battle.



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Tools at your disposal (I)

Common tools used to understand problems

- Do you know what time it is?
 - ↳ `/usr/bin/time -v` is just magic sometimes
- Don't remember where you put things?
 - ↳ **Valgrind** can help with your memory issues
- Is your application firing on all cylinders?
 - ↳ with **htop** green means go! (red is bad)
- Got stuck?
 - ↳ **strace** can tell you where you are and how you got there

Some times simple tools help you solve big issues.

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- license check integrated in SLURM: `scontrol show license`
- ask for licenses at job submission with e.g. `srun -L forge:16`

2017 software set lists the Arm tools under the previous *Allinea* name, the 2018 set will have them under *Arm*.

Tools at your disposal (III)

HPC specific tools - Intel

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- Intel Trace Analyzer and Collector
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All come as part of Intel Parallel Studio XE - Cluster edition!

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Free and Open Source!

See other awesome tools at <http://www.vi-hps.org/tools>

Arm DDT - highlights

DDT features

- **Parallel debugger**: threads, OpenMP, MPI support
- Controls processes and threads
 - ↪ step code, stop on var. changes, errors, breakpoints
- Deep **memory debugging**
 - ↪ find memory leaks, dangling pointers, beyond-bounds access
- C++ debugging – including STL
- Fortran – including F90/F95/F2008 features
- See vars/arrays **across multiple processes**
- Integrated editing, building and **VCS integration**
- Offline mode for **non-interactive debugging**
 - ↪ record application behavior and state

Full details at Arm HPC Tools: Forge-DDT

Arm DDT - on ULHPC

Modules

- On all clusters: module load tools/AllineaForge
- Caution! May behave differently between:
 - Debian+OAR (Gaia, Chaos) and CentOS+SLURM (Iris)

Debugging with DDT

- 1 Load toolchain, e.g. (for Intel C/C++/Fortran, MPI, MKL):
 - module load toolchain/intel
- 2 Compile your code, e.g. `mpiicc $code.c -o $app`
- 3 Run your code through DDT (GUI version)
 - iris: `ddt srun ./$app`
 - gaia/chaos: `ddt mpirun -hostfile $OAR_NODEFILE ./$app`
- 4 Run DDT in batch mode (no GUI, just report):
 - `ddt --offline -o report.html --mem-debug=thorough ./$app`

Arm DDT - interface

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code IDE with the following components:

- File Explorer (Left):** Displays the project structure, including folders like 'src' and 'headers', and files like 'main.c', 'mpi.h', and 'mpi.c'.
- Main Editor:** Shows the source code of a C program. The code defines the `MPI_Status` structure and uses it in a function `main`. The structure is defined as:


```

      typedef struct {
        int count;
        int rank;
        int error_code;
        int message_size;
        int message_rank;
        int message_status;
        int message_tag;
        int message_test;
        int message_troop;
        int message_x;
        int message_y;
      } MPI_Status;
      
```

 The `main` function uses `MPI_Status` to store the status of an MPI operation.
- Locals Panel (Right):** Shows the current state of the `MPI_Status` structure. The variables and their values are:
 - `argc`: 1
 - `argv`: 0x7ffff828
 - `argcWatched`: 0
 - `bigArray`: 134225502
 - `dst`: 0x7ffff828
 - `dynamicArray`: 0x7ffff828
 - `envIRON`: 32767
 - `message`: 0
 - `my_rank`: 0
 - `p`: 28
 - `s`: 0x0
 - `sdm`: 0x025f0
 - `source`: 1
 - `s-status`: 0x603010
 - `t2`: 0x603010
 - `tables`: 0
 - `tag`: 0
 - `test`: 0
 - `troop`: 0
 - `x`: 0
 - `y`: 0

Arm MAP - highlights

MAP features

- Meant to show developers **where&why code is losing perf.**
- **Parallel profiler**, especially made for MPI applications
- Effortless profiling
 - ↪ no code modifications needed, may not even need to recompile
- Clear **view of bottlenecks**
 - ↪ in I/O, compute, thread or multi-process activity
- Deep insight in **CPU instructions affecting perf.**
 - ↪ vectorization and memory bandwidth
- **Memory usage over time** – see changes in memory footprint
- Integrated editing and building as for DDT

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Arm MAP - on ULHPC

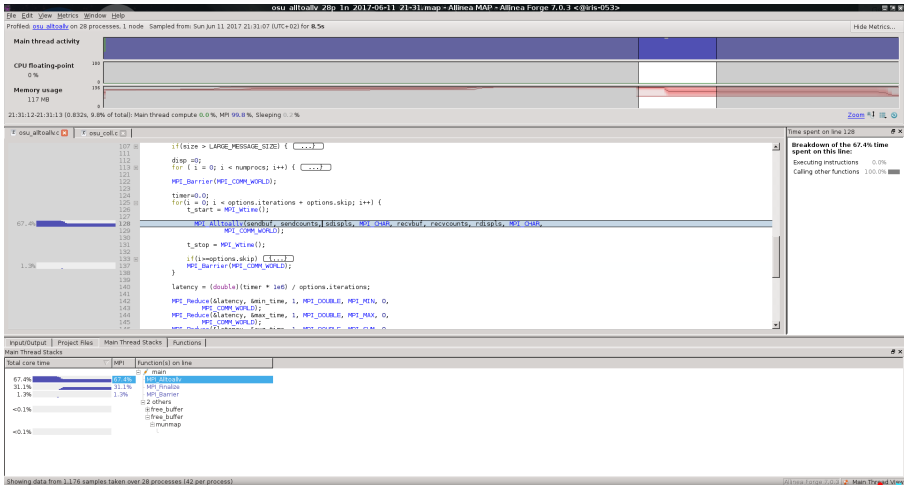
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Profiling with MAP

- 1 Load toolchain that built your app., e.g.
 - module load toolchain/intel
- 2 Run your code through MAP (attached, GUI version)
 - iris: map srunk ./ \$app
 - gaia/chaos: map mpirun -hostfile \$OAR_NODEFILE ./ \$app
- 3 Run MAP in batch mode (no GUI, create .map file):
 - iris: map --profile srunk ./ \$app

Arm MAP - interface



Arm Perf. Reports - highlights

Performance Reports features

- Meant to answer **How well do your apps. exploit your hw.?**
- Easy to use, on unmodified applications
 - ↳ outputs HTML, text, CSV, JSON reports
- One-glance view if application is:
 - ↳ **well-optimized** for the underlying hardware
 - ↳ running **optimally at** the given **scale**
 - ↳ **affected by** I/O, networking or threading **bottlenecks**
- Easy to integrate with continuous testing
 - ↳ programmatically improve performance by continuous profiling
- **Energy metric** integrated
 - ↳ using RAPL (CPU) for now on iris
 - ↳ IPMI-based monitoring may be added later

Arm Perf. Reports - on ULHPC

Modules

- On all clusters: `module load tools/AllineaReports`
- Caution! May behave differently between:
 - Debian+OAR (Gaia, Chaos) and CentOS+SLURM (Iris)
 - Gaia: can collect GPU metrics
 - Iris: can collect energy metrics

Using Performance Reports

- 1 Load toolchain that you run your app. with, e.g.
 - `module load toolchain/intel`
- 2 Run your application through Perf. Reports
 - iris: `perf-report srun ./$app`
 - gaia/chaos: `perf-report mpirun -hostfile $OAR_NODEFILE ./$app`
- 3 Analysis by default in .html and .txt indicating also run config.

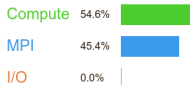
Arm Perf. Reports - output (I)



Command: `srun gmx_mpi mdrun -s bench_mase_cubic.tpr -ntsteps 10000`
 Resources: 1 node (28 physical, 28 logical cores per node)
 Memory: 126 GiB per node
 Tasks: 28 processes, OMP_NUM_THREADS was 0
 Machine: iris-053
 Start time: Sun Jun 11 2017 20:13:59 (UTC+02)
 Total time: 19 seconds
 Full path: `/mnt/irisgpfps/apps/resif/data/production/v0.1-20170602/default/software/bio/GROMACS/2016.3-intel-2017a-hybrid/bin`



Summary: gmx_mpi is **Compute-bound** in this configuration



Time spent running application code. High values are usually good. This is **average**; check the CPU performance section for advice

Time spent in MPI calls. High values are usually bad. This is **average**; check the MPI breakdown for advice on reducing it

Time spent in filesystem I/O. High values are usually bad. This is **negligible**; there's no need to investigate I/O performance

This application run was **Compute-bound**. A breakdown of this time and advice for investigating further is in the **CPU** section below.

CPU

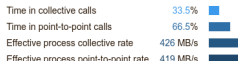
A breakdown of the **54.6%** CPU time:



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MPI

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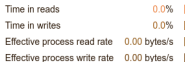
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I/O

A breakdown of the **0.0%** I/O time:



No time is spent in I/O operations. There's nothing to optimize here!

Memory

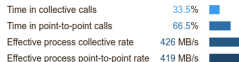
Per-process memory usage may also affect scaling:



The peak node memory usage is very low. Running with fewer MPI processes and more data on each process may be more efficient.

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OpenMP

A breakdown of the **94.5%** time in OpenMP regions:



OpenMP thread performance looks good. Check the CPU breakdown for advice on improving code efficiency.

Energy

A breakdown of how the **0.899 Wh** was used:



The **whole system energy** has been calculated using the **CPU energy** usage.

System power metrics: No Allinea IPMI Energy Agent config file found in (null). Did you start the Allinea IPMI Energy Agent?

Intel Advisor - highlights

Advisor features

- Vectorization Optimization and Thread Prototyping
- Analyze vectorization opportunities
 - ↳ for code compiled either with Intel and GNU compilers
 - ↳ SIMD, AVX* (incl. AVX-512) instructions
- Multiple data collection possibilities
 - ↳ loop iteration statistics
 - ↳ data dependencies
 - ↳ memory access patterns
- Suitability report - predict max. speed-up
 - ↳ based on app. modeling

Full details at software.intel.com/en-us/intel-advisor-xe

Intel Advisor - on ULHPC

Modules

- On iris/gaia/chaos: `module load perf/Advisor`

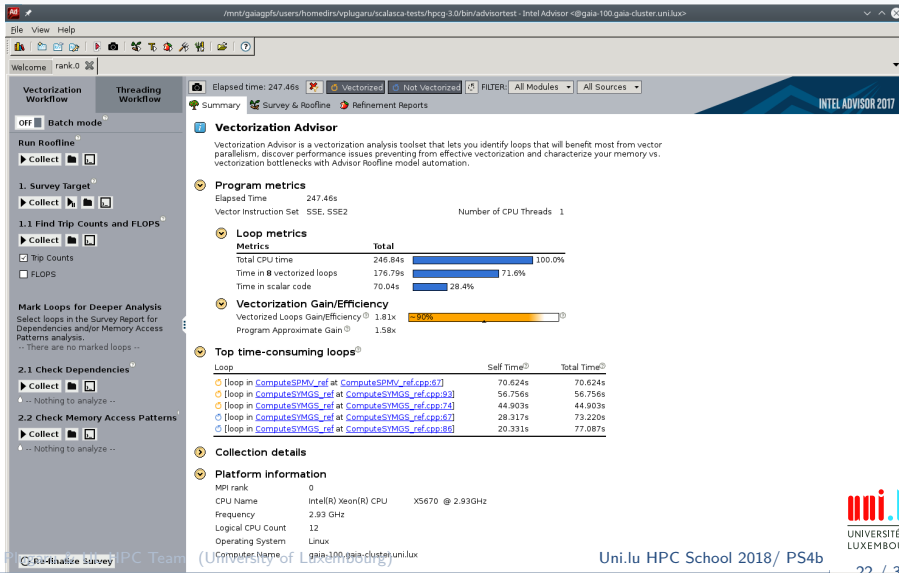
Using Intel Advisor

- 1 Load toolchain: `module load toolchain/intel`
- 2 Compile your code, e.g. `mpiicc $code.c -o $app`
- 3 Collect data e.g. on gaia:

```
mpirun -n 1 -gtool "advixe-cl -collect survey \  
-project-dir ./advisortest:0" ./$app
```

- 4 Visualise results with `advixe-gui $HOME/advisortest`

Intel Advisor - interface



The screenshot shows the Intel Advisor application window. The title bar indicates the path to the test binary: `/mnt/gaagpfs/users/homedirs/vplugaru/scalasca-tests/hpcg-3.0/bin/advisor-test - Intel Advisor <@gaia-100.gaia-cluster.uni.lu>`. The interface is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area.

Left Sidebar:

- Vectorization Workflow:** Includes buttons for "Run Rooftline", "Collect", and "1. Survey Target". Under "1.1 Find Trip Counts and FLOPS", there are checkboxes for "Trip Counts" (checked) and "FLOPS". A section "Mark Loops for Deeper Analysis" contains a "Collect" button and a note "Nothing to analyze --".
- Threading Workflow:** Includes buttons for "2.1 Check Dependencies" and "2.2 Check Memory Access Patterns". Both sections have "Collect" buttons and notes "Nothing to analyze --".

Main Content Area:

- Summary:** Shows "Elapsed time: 247.46s", "Vectorized" status, and "Refinement Reports".
- Vectorization Advisor:**
 - Text: "Vectorization Advisor is a vectorization analysis toolset that lets you identify loops that will benefit most from vector parallelism, discover performance issues preventing from effective vectorization and characterize your memory vs. vectorization bottlenecks with Advisor Rooftline model automation."
 - Program metrics:**
 - Elapsed Time: 247.46s
 - Vector Instruction Set: SSE, SSE2
 - Number of CPU Threads: 1
 - Loop metrics:**

Metrics	Total	Percentage
Total CPU time	246.84s	100.0%
Time in 8 vectorized loops	176.79s	71.6%
Time in scalar code	70.04s	28.4%
 - Vectorization Gain/Efficiency:**
 - Vectorized Loops Gain/Efficiency: 1.81x
 - Program Approximate Gain: 1.58x
 - Top time-consuming loops:**

Loop	Self Time	Total Time
[loop in <code>ComputeSPMV_ref</code> at <code>ComputeSPMV_ref.cpp:67</code>]	70.624s	70.624s
[loop in <code>ComputeSYMGs_ref</code> at <code>ComputeSYMGs_ref.cpp:93</code>]	56.756s	56.756s
[loop in <code>ComputeSYMGs_ref</code> at <code>ComputeSYMGs_ref.cpp:74</code>]	44.903s	44.903s
[loop in <code>ComputeSYMGs_ref</code> at <code>ComputeSYMGs_ref.cpp:67</code>]	28.317s	73.220s
[loop in <code>ComputeSYMGs_ref</code> at <code>ComputeSYMGs_ref.cpp:86</code>]	20.331s	77.087s
 - Collection details:**
 - Platform information:**
 - MPI rank: 0
 - CPU Name: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU X5670 @ 2.93GHz
 - Frequency: 2.93 GHz
 - Logical CPU Count: 12
 - Operating System: Linux
 - Computer Name: gaia-100.gaia-cluster.uni.lu

Scalasca & friends - highlights

Scalasca features

- Scalable performance analysis toolset
 - for large scale // applications on 100.000s of cores
- Support for C/C++/Fortran code with MPI, OpenMP, hybrid
- 3 stage workflow: instrument, measure, analyze
 - at compile time, run time and resp. postmortem
- Score-P for instrumentation + measurement, Cube for vis.
 - Score-P can also be used with Periscope, Vampir and Tau
- Facilities for measurement optimization to min. overhead
 - by selective recording, runtime filtering

Full details at <http://www.scalasca.org/about/about.html>

Scalasca - on ULHPC

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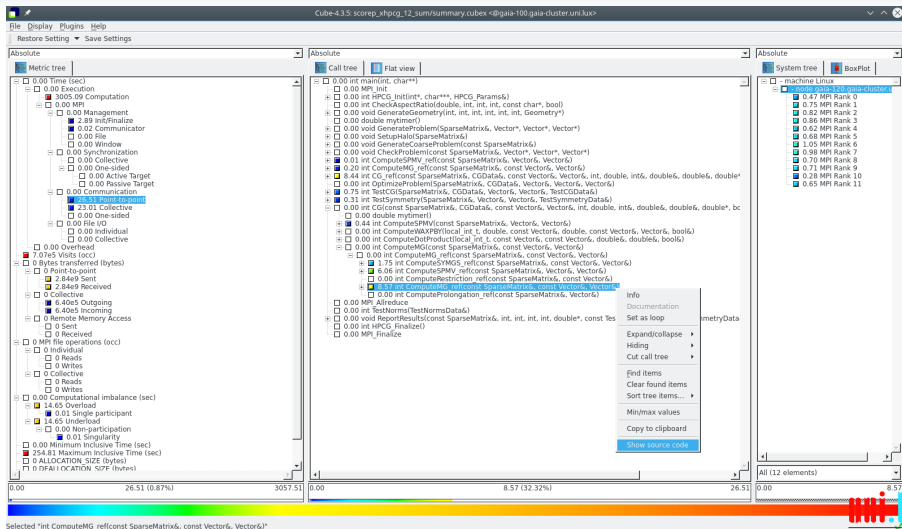
- On iris/gaia/chaos:

```
module load perf/Scalasca perf/Score-P
```

Using Scalasca

- 1 Load toolchain: `module load toolchain/foss`
- 2 Compile your code, e.g. `scorep mpicc $code.c -o $app`
- 3 Collect data e.g. on gaia: `scan -s mpirun -n 12 ./ $app`
- 4 Visualise results with `square scorep_$app_12_sum`
 - or generate text report: `square -s scorep_$app_12_sum`
 - ... and print it: `cat scorep_$app_12_sum/scorep.score`

Scalasca visualisation with Cube-P





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Your Turn!

Hands-on start

- We will first start with running HPCG (unmodified) as per:

<http://ulhpc-tutorials.rtfld.io/en/latest/advanced/HPCG/>

- ... your tasks:

- ① perform a timed first run using unmodified HPCG v3.0 (MPI only)
 - ✓ use `/usr/bin/time -v` to get details
 - ✓ single node, use ≥ 80 80 80 for input params (hpcg.dat)
- ② run HPCG (timed) through Allinea Perf. Report
 - ✓ use `perf-report` (bonus points if using iris to get energy metrics)
- ③ instrument and measure HPCG execution with Scalasca

- Remember: pre-existing reservations for the workshop:

- ↪ 'hpschool': Iris cluster resv. (use `--reservationname=hpcschoolday1`)
- ↪ 4354151: Gaia cluster regular nodes (use `-t inner=4354151`)

Questions?

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