

MAQAO Performance Analysis and Optimization Framework

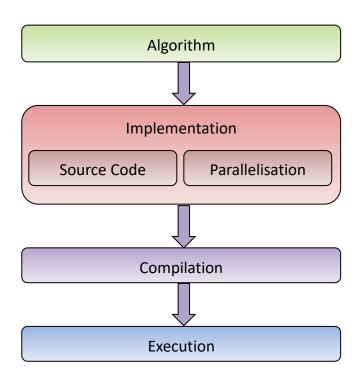
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Performance Analysis and Optimisation

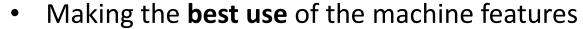
- Where is the application spending most execution time and resources?
- Why is the application spending time there?
 - Algorithm, implementation, runtime or hardware?
 - Data access or computation?
- How much of an application can be optimised?
 - What would the effort/gain ratio be?
- How to improve the situation?
 - At which step(s) of the design process?
 - What additional information is needed?





A Multifaceted Problem

- Pinpointing the performance bottlenecks
- Identifying the dominant issues
 - Algorithms, implementation, parallelisation, ...



- Complex multicore and manycore CPUs
- Complex memory hierarchy



- 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

```
6) Variable number of iterations
 do j = ni + nvalue1, nato
                                                   2) Non-unit stride accesses
       nj1 = ndim3d*j + nc; nj2 = nj1 + nvalue1; nj3 = nj2 + nvalue1
       u1 = x11 - x(ni1); u2 = x12 - x(ni2); u3 = x13 - x(ni3)
       rtest2 = u1*u1 + u2*u2 + u3*u3; cnij = eci*qEold(j)
1) High number of statements
       rij = demi*(rvwi + rvwalc1(j))
       drtest2 = cni/(rtest2 + rij); drtest = sqrt(drtest2)-
                                                               4) DIV/SQRT
       Eq = qq1*qq(j)*drtest
       nti = nti + ntype(i)
                                                                3) Indirect accesses
       Ed = ceps(ntj)*drtest2*drtest2*drtest2*
       Eqc = Eqc + Eq; Ephob = Ephob + Ed
                                                               5) Reductions
       qE = (c6*Ed + Eq)*drtest2 ; virt = virt + qE*rtest2
       u1g = u1*gE; u2g = u2*gE; u3g = u3*gE
       g1c = g1c - u1g; g2c = g2c - u2g; g3c = g3c - u3g
       gr(nj1, thread_num) = gr(nj1, thread_num) + u1g
       gr(ni2, thread num) = gr(ni2, thread num) + u2g
       gr(nj3, thread_num) = gr(nj3, thread_num) + u3g
                                                 2) Non-unit stride accesses
  end do
```

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
- Guiding users through optimization process
- Estimating return of investment (R.O.I.)



Characteristics:

- Modular tool offering complementary views
- Support for Intel x86-64, Xeon Phi and AArch64 (beta version)
- LGPL3 Open Source software
- Developed at UVSQ since 2004
- Binary release available as static executable



Website & resources

- MAQAO website: <u>maqao.exascale-computing.eu</u>
 - Mirror: www.maqao.org
- Documentation: <u>maqao.exascale-computing.eu/documentation.html</u>
 - Tutorials for ONE View, LProf and CQA
 - Lua API documentation
- Latest release: <u>maqao.exascale-computing.eu/downloads.html</u>
 - Binary releases (2-3 per year)
 - Core sources
- Publications: maqao.exascale-computing.eu/publications.html

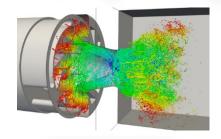


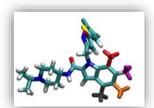
Success stories:

Optimisation of Industrial and Academic HPC Applications

- QMC=CHEM (IRSAMC)
 - Quantum chemistry
 - Speedup: > 3x
 - Moved invocation of function with identical parameters out of loop body
- Yales2 (CORIA)
 - Computational fluid dynamics
 - Speedup: up to 2,8x
 - Removed double structure indirections
- Polaris (CEA)
 - Molecular dynamics
 - Speedup: 1,5x 1,7x
 - Enforced loop vectorisation through compiler directives
- AVBP (CERFACS)
 - Computational fluid dynamics
 - Speedup: 1,08x 1,17x
 - Replaced division with multiplication by reciprocal
 - Complete unrolling of loops with small number of iterations
- Ongoing effort
 - TREX CoE project codes
 - CEA DAM codes









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- Provides core technology to be integrated with 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
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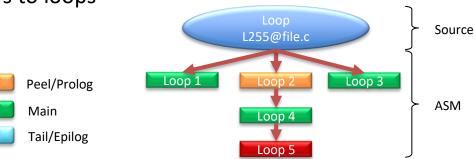
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Analysis at Binary Level

- Advantages of binary analysis: What You Analyse Is What You Run
- Issues binary analysis addresses:
 - Compiler optimizations increase the distance between the executed code and the source code
 - Source code instrumentation may prevent the compiler from applying certain transformations
- Main steps:
 - Construct high level structures (CFG, DDG, SSA, ...)
 - Relate the analyses to source code using debug information
 - A single source loop can be compiled as multiple assembly loops
 - Affecting unique identifiers to loops



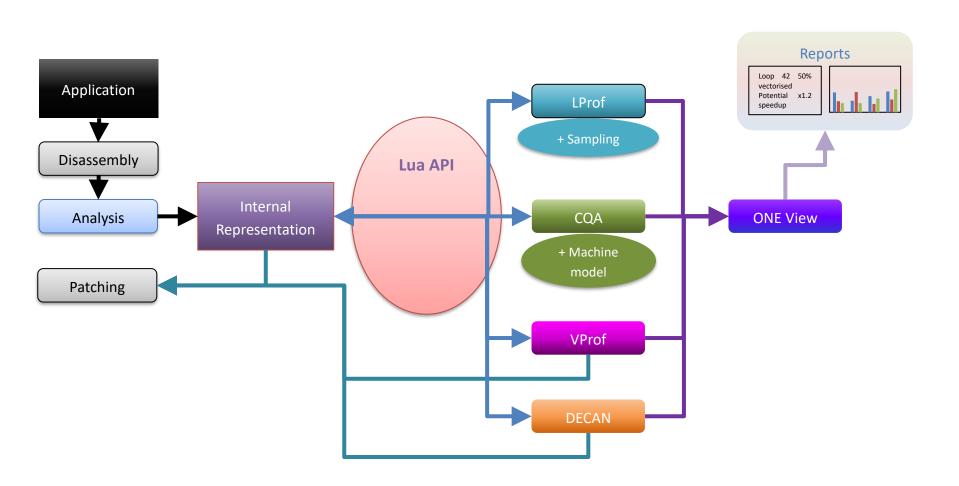


MAQAO Main Features

- Binary layer
 - Builds internal representation from binary
 - Allows patching through binary rewriting
- Profiling
 - LProf: Lightweight sampling-based Profiler
 - VProf: Instrumentation-based Value Profiler
- Static analysis
 - CQA (Code Quality Analyzer): Evaluates the quality of the binary code and offers hints for improving it
 - UFS (Uops Flow Simulator): Cycle-accurate CPU engine simulator
- Dynamic analysis
 - DECAN (DECremental Analyzer): Modifies the application to evaluate the impact of groups of instructions on performance
- Performance view aggregation module
 - ONE View: Invokes the modules and produces reports aggregating their results



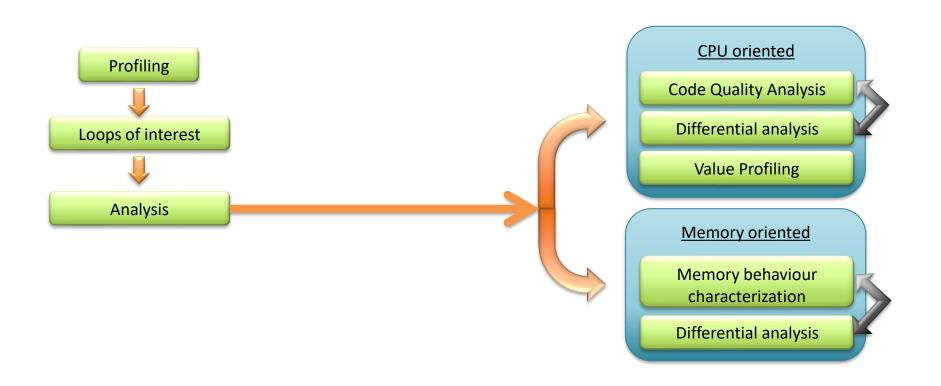
MAQAO Main Structure





MAQAO Methodology

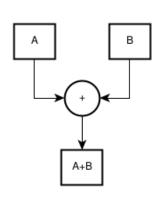
Decision tree

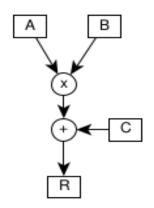


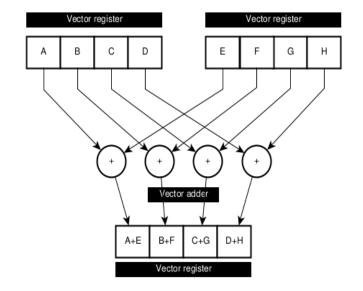


SIMD/Vectorization/Data Parallelism

- Scalar pattern (C): a[i] = b[i] + c[i]
- Vector pattern (FORTRAN): a(i, i + 8) = b(i, i + 8) + c(i, i + 8)
- Benefits: increases memory bandwidth and IPC
- Implementations:
 - x86 : SSE, AVX, AVX512
 - ARM : Neon, SVE
- FMA/MAC: (the core operation of LinAlg/DSP algorithms)
 - Fused-Multiply-Add
 - Multiply-Accumulate







Scalar addition

FMA / MAC

Vector addition



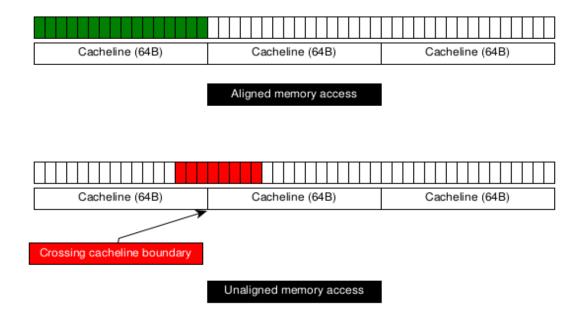
Compiler optimisations

- Compiler flags:
 - Loop unrolling: -funroll-loops
 - Reduce branches
 - Fill the pipeline (more instructions per iteration)
 - Increases memory bandwidth and IPC
 - Function inlining: -finline-functions
 - Vectorization: -ftree-vectorize, -ftree-slp-vectorize, ...
 - Target micro-architectures: -march or -mtune or -xHOST
- Compiler directives:
 - OpenMP directives: #pragma omp simd, #pragma omp parallel for, ...
 - Intel compiler specific: #pragma simd, #pragma unroll, #pragma inline, ...
- Compiler/language keywords/features:
 - Using restrict for pointers aliasing in C/C++
 - Using inline for function inlining in C
 - Using array sections in FORTRAN



Memory and caches

- Computations are, in general, faster than memory accesses
- Alignment/Contiguity of memory (x86): posix_memalign, aligned_alloc, ...
- Are caches (L1, L2, L3) used properly?
- Memory performance → Maximum bandwidth

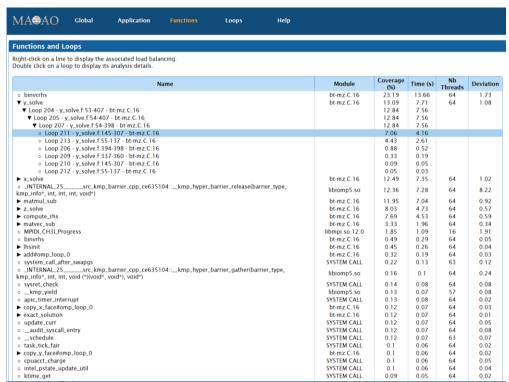




MAQAO LProf: Lightweight Profiler

 Goal: Localization of application hotspots

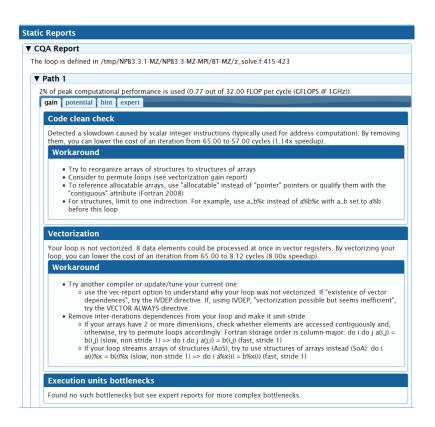
- Features:
 - Lightweight
 - Sampling based
 - Access to hardware counters
 - Analysis at function and loop granularity
- Strengths:
 - Non intrusive: No recompilation necessary
 - Low overhead
 - Agnostic with regard to parallel runtime





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
 - Evaluate the quality of compiler generated code
 - Proposes hints and workarounds to improve quality / performance
 - Loop centric
 - In HPC loops cover most of the processing time
 - Targets compute-bound codes





MAQAO CQA Main Concepts

- Applications only 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:
 - Vectorisation
 - Avoiding high latency instructions if possible (e.g. DIV/SQRT)
 - Guiding the compiler code optimisation
 - Reorganizing memory and data structures layout



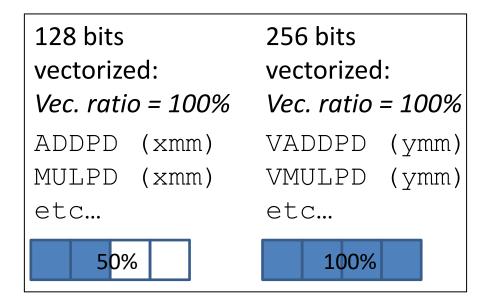
MAQAO CQA Guiding the compiler and hints

- Compiler can be driven using flags, pragmas and keywords:
 - Ensuring full use of architecture capabilities (e.g. using flag -xHost on AVX capable machines)
 - Forcing optimization (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
 - Change loop stride
 - Reshaping arrays of structures
 - Avoid instructions with high latency (SQRT, DIV, GATHER, SCATTER, ...)



MAQAO CQA Advanced Features Vector Efficiency

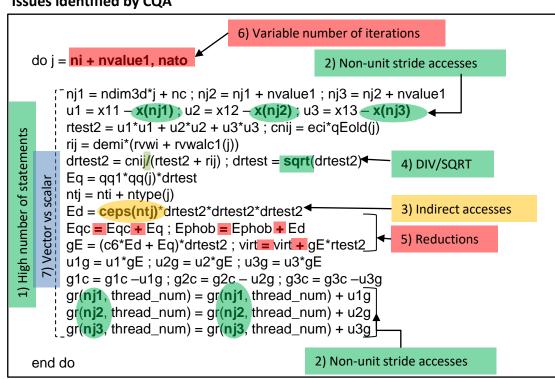
- Ex: vectorized SSE code on AVX machine
- Compiler: "LOOP WAS VECTORIZED"
- In reality 50% vectorization speedup loss
- CQA:
- vectorization ratio: 100% ("all instructions vectorized")
- vec. efficiency ratio: 50% ("but using only half vector width")
- hint: "recompile with –xHost" (on Intel compilers)





MAQAO CQA Application to Motivating Example

Issues identified by CQA

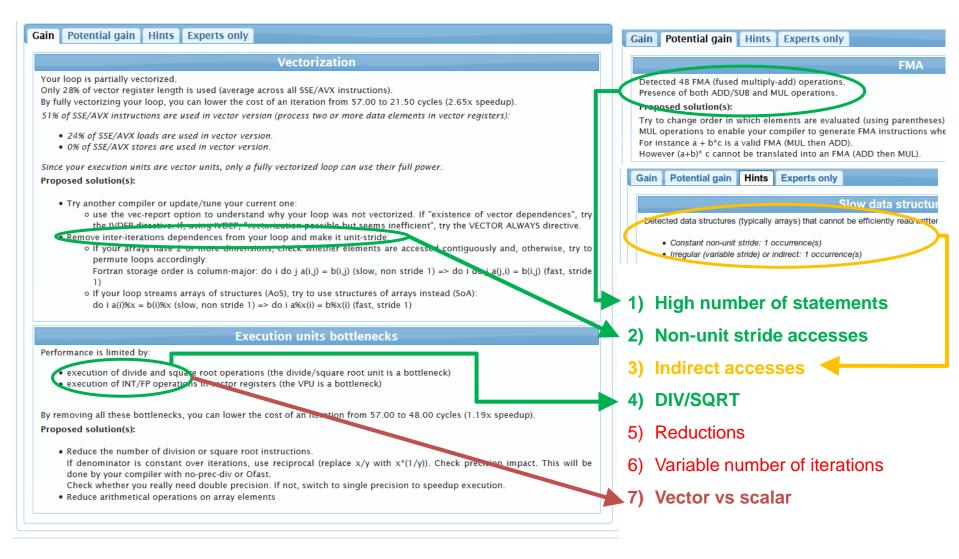


CQA can detect and provide hints to resolve most of the identified issues:

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



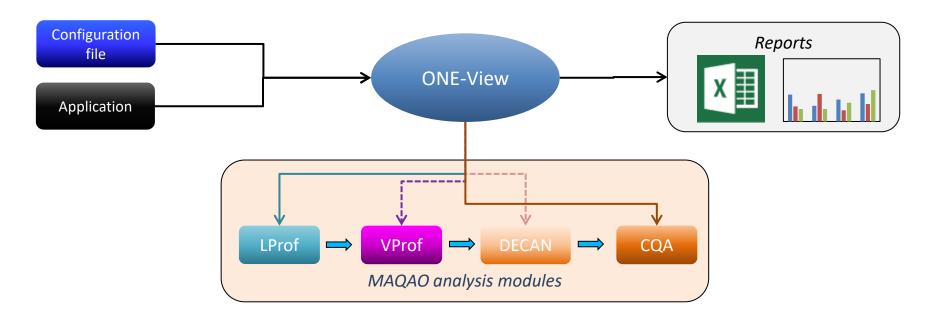
MAQAO CQA: Code Quality Analyzer Application to motivating example





MAQAO ONE View: Performance View Aggregator

- Goal: Automating the whole analysis process
 - Invoke multiple MAQAO modules
 - Generate aggregated performance views
 - Reports in HTML or XLS format





MAQAO ONE View: Performance View Aggregator

Main steps:

- Invokes LProf to identify hotspots
- Invokes CQA and other modules on loop hotspots
- Available results:
 - Speedup predictions
 - Global code quality metrics
 - Hints for improving performance
 - Detailed analyses results
 - Parallel efficiency analysis





ONE View Reports Levels

- ONE VIEW ONE
 - Requires a single run of the application
 - Profiling of the application using LProf
 - Static analysis using CQA
- ONE VIEW TWO (includes analyses from report ONE)
 - Requires 3 or 4 runs on average
 - Value profiling using VProf to identify loop iteration count
 - Decremental analysis for L1 projection using DECAN
- ONE VIEW THREE (includes analyses from report TWO)
 - Requires 20 to 30 runs
 - Decremental analyses using all DECAN variants
 - Collects hardware performance events
- Comparison mode
 - Comparison of multiple runs (iso-binary or iso-source)
 - Allows to evaluate scalability or compare performance across different datasets, compilers, or hardware platforms



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

```
$ maqao oneview -R1 ./myexe

$ maqao oneview --create-report=one --executable=./myexe --mpi_command="mpirun -n 16"

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

- Analyses can be tweaked if necessary
- 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

```
$ magao lprof xp=exp dir --mpi-command="mpirun -n 16" -- ./myexe
```

Display functions profile

```
$ maqao lprof xp=exp dir -df
```

Displaying the results from a ONE View run

```
$ maqao lprof xp=oneview_xp_dir/lprof_npsu -df
```

CQA

```
$ maqao cqa loop=42 myexe
```

Online help is available:

```
$ maqao lprof --help
$ maqao cqa --help
```



Thanks for your attention

QUESTIONS?



NAVIGATING ONE VIEW REPORTS



MAQAO ONE View Global Summary

- Experiment summary
 - Characteristics of the machine where the experiment took place
- 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 in priority





ONE View Global Metrics

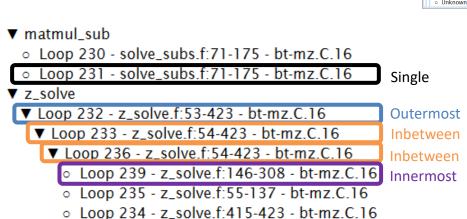
- Global metrics
 - General quality metrics derived from MAQAO analyses
 - Global speedup predictions
- Potential speedups
 - Speedup prediction depending on the number of optimised loops
 - Ordered speedups to identify the loops to optimise in priority
- Global Speedup = \sum_{loops} coverage * potential speedup
- LProf provides coverage of the loops
- CQA and DECAN provide speedup estimation for loops
 - Speedup if loop vectorised or without address computation
 - All data in L1 cache

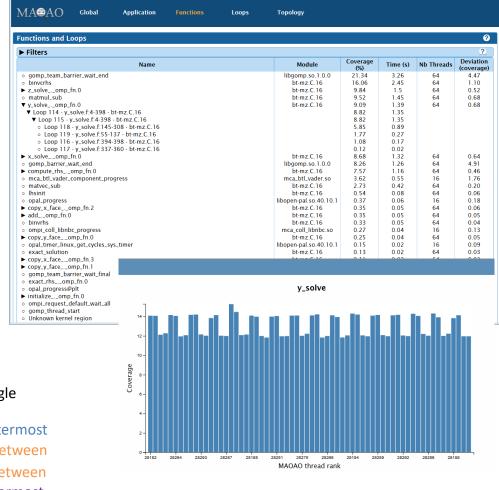


MAQAO ONE View: Functions Profiling

Identifying hotspots

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







MAQAO ONE View Loop Profiling Summary

- Identifying loop hotspots
- Vectorisation information
- Potential speedups by optimisation
 - Clean: Removing address computations
 - FP Vectorised: Vectorising floating-point computations
 - Fully Vectorised: Vectorising floating-point computations and memory accesses





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







BACKUP SLIDES



MAQAO History

- 2004: Begun development
 - Focusing on Intel Itanium architecture
 - Analysis of assembly files
- 2006: Transition to Intel x86-64
- 2009: Binary analysis support
 - First version of decremental analysis
- 2012: Support of KNC architecture
- 2014: Profiling features
- 2015: First version of ONE View
- 2017: Prototype support of ARM architecture
- 2018: Scalability mode
- 2020: Comparison mode
- 2022: Support of ARM (beta)

