

GPU Solutions for PSCAD: IT17112

Reporting Period	June 11, 2020 - June 18, 2020
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran a final check on self-consistency between two compilers of <i>Province</i> data set. See figure 1 for details. Observed that the relative differences between values of \mathbf{x} over all time steps is small on average, but does contain some significant variation, while \mathbf{b} demonstrated a much greater degree of variation. • Compiled and ran QRFactor on both NVIDIA Tesla P100 and NVIDIA V100 PCIe. See table 1 for a summary of hardware characteristics. • Best performance: While the V100 card took approximately 9 ms to perform the one-time factoring of the full system matrix A, it provided an average solving time of 0.5 ms per time step. With this timing, the <i>Province</i> data set could be solved for a million time steps in only 8.3 minutes. See figure 2 for a comparison of timings for various hardware.
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Milestones Accomplished	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran QRFactor on Telsa P100 and V100 PCIe cards, and collected new timing data. • Significant per-time step speedup achieved on V100 hardware; average per-time step solve time $0.5ms$.
Milestones Not Accomplished	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Next Week's Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss next steps.
Forwarded Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

NVIDIA GPU	Compute Version	CUDA Cores	Double-Precision Performance
Quadro RTX 3000	7.5	2304	198.7 GFLOPs
Tesla P100	6.0	3584	4.7 TFLOPs
V100 PCIe	7.0	5120	7.8 TFLOPs

Table 1: Short summary of hardware specifications for the three types of GPUs used. Links are to the respective hardware datasheets.

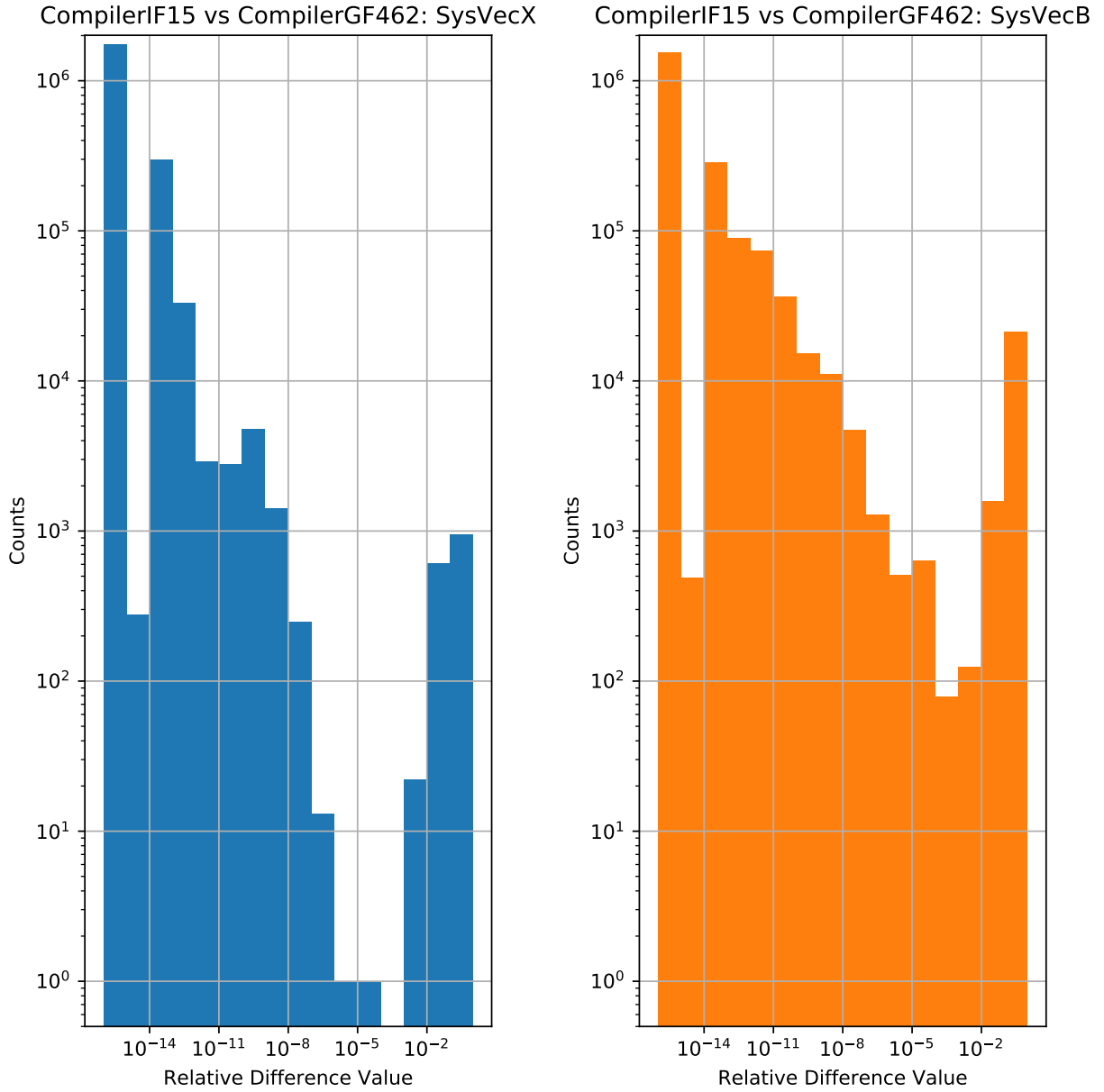


Figure 1: *Left* The relative difference between the full system output vectors \mathbf{X} in CompilerIF15 and CompilerGF462, over all time steps. *Right* The same comparison, but applied to full system input vectors \mathbf{B} .

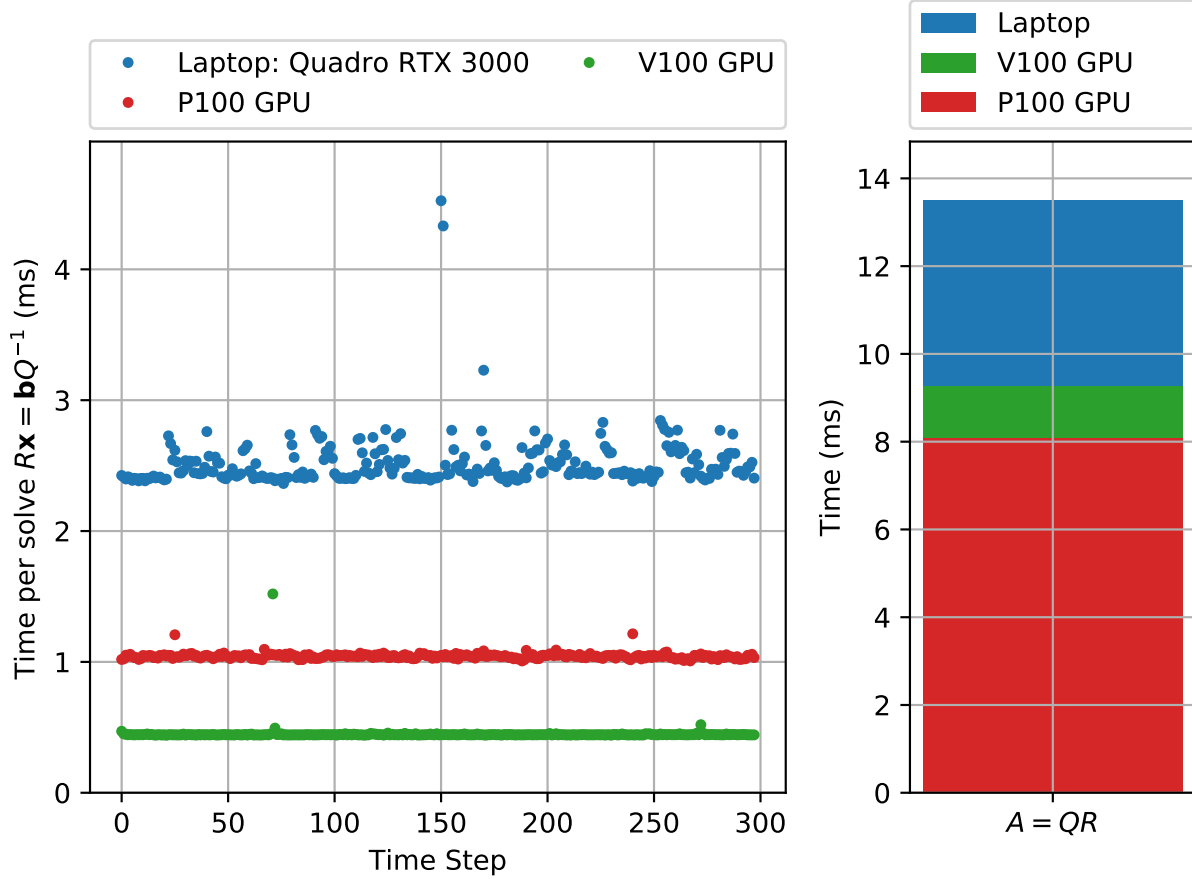


Figure 2: *Left* Time in milliseconds to solve the pre-factored system $R\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}Q^{-1}$ at each time step for the three hardware choices. *Right* Time in milliseconds to perform the factoring of the full system matrix A into QR for each of the hardware choices. Note that while the V100 takes slightly longer to perform the one-time factoring of the matrix, it outperforms the other hardware choices after the factoring is done.