



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?

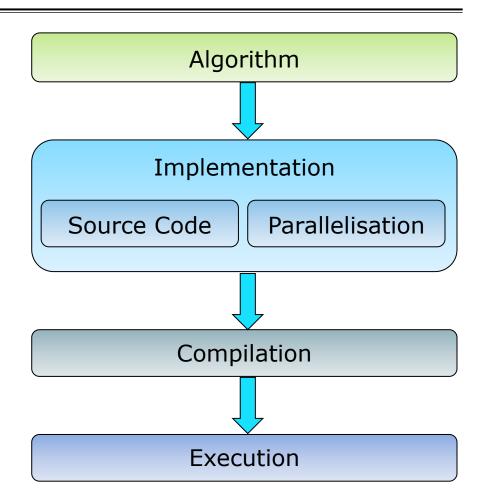
- Algorithm, implementation, runtime or hardware?
- Data access or computation?

How to improve the application?

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

How much gain can be expected?

At what cost?





Motivating example

Code of a loop representing ~10% walltime

```
do j = ni + nvalue1, nato
     nj1 = ndim3d*j + nc; nj2 = nj1 + nvalue1; nj3 = nj2 + nvalue1
     u1 = x11 - x(nj1); u2 = x12 - x(nj2); u3 = x13 - x(nj3)
     rtest2 = u1*u1 + u2*u2 + u3*u3; cnij = eci*qEold(j)
     rij = demi*(rvwi + rvwalc1(j))
     drtest2 = cnij/(rtest2 + rij) ; drtest = sqrt(drtest2)
     Eq = qq1*qq(j)*drtest
     ntj = nti + ntype(j)
     Ed = ceps(ntj)*drtest2*drtest2*drtest2
     Egc = Egc + Eg : Ephob = Ephob + Ed
     gE = (c6*Ed + Eq)*drtest2; virt = virt + gE*rtest2
     u1q = u1*qE; u2q = u2*qE; u3q = u3*qE
     g1c = g1c - u1g; g2c = g2c - u2g; g3c = g3c - u3g
     gr(nj1, thread_num) = gr(nj1, thread_num) + u1g
     gr(nj2, thread num) = gr(nj2, thread num) + u2g
     gr(nj3, thread_num) = gr(nj3, thread_num) + u3g
end do
```

Where are the bottlenecks?

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
statements
       u1 = x11 - x(nj1); u2 = x12 - x(nj2); u3 = x13 - x(nj3)
       rtest2 = u1*u1 + u2*u2 + u3*u3; cnij = eci*qEold(j)
       rij = demi*(rvwi + rvwalc1(j))
       drtest2 = cni/(rtest2 + rij); drtest = sqrt(drtest2)←
                                                         - 4) DIV/SORT
       Eq = qq1*qq(j)*drtest
oę
       nti = nti + ntype(i)
                                                            3) Indirect accesses
High number
       Ed = ceps(ntj)*drtest2*drtest2*drtest2*
       Egc = Egc + Eg : Ephob = Ephob + Ed
                                                            5) Reductions
       gE = (c6*Ed + Eq)*drtest2; virt = virt + gE*rtest2_
       u1q = u1*qE; u2q = u2*qE; u3q = u3*qE
       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
```

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

Which is the dominant one?

→ Need analysis tools to identify performance issues

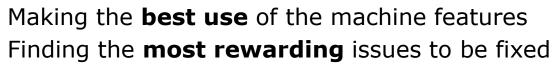
A multifaceted problem

What type of problems are we facing?

- CPU or data access problems
- Identifying the dominant issues: Algorithms, implementation, parallelisation, ...

What transformations to apply?

- Compiler switches, Partial/full vectorization
- Loop blocking/array restructuring, If removal, Full unroll
- Binary tranforms (prefetch),
- ...



- 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



Our Approach

Nobody wants problems everybody wants solutions ©

- Focusing on the knobs that code developers can operate:
 - Compiler flags and runtime settings
 - Code restructuring
 - Data restructuring
- Helping the user in using these knobs
- → Instead of pinpointing problems, guiding the user towards a way to address them.

Philosophy: Analysis at Binary Level

- Compiler optimizations increase the distance between the executed code and the source code
- Source code instrumentation may prevent the compiler from applying certain transformations
- → What You Analyse Is What You Run



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 Aarch64 (beta version)
 - Work in progress on GPU support
- LGPL3 Open Source software
- Developed at UVSQ since 2004
- Binary release available as a static executable

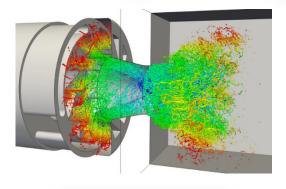


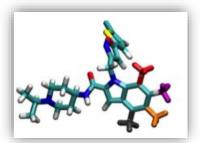
Success stories

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

MAQAO is part of the POP Centre of Excellence

- Provides performance optimisation and productivity services for academic and industrial codes
- https://pop-coe.eu/



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

- TAU performance tools with MADRAS patcher through MIL (MAQAO Instrumentation Language)
 - X86_64 only, aarch64 under development
- Intel Advisor

MAQAO team and collaborators

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More on MAQAO

MAQAO website: www.maqao.org

- Mirror: <u>maqao.liparad.uvsq.fr</u>
- 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
- Repository of MAQAO analyses: http://datafront.exascale-computing.eu/public/
- Email: contact@magao.org



MAQAO Main Features

Binary layer

- Builds internal representation from binary
 - Construct high level structures (CFG, DDG, SSA, ...)
 - Links binary instructions to source code
 - ▲ A single source loop can be compiled as multiple assembly loops → Affecting unique identifiers to loops
- Allows patching through binary rewriting

Profiling

LProf: Lightweight sampling-based Profiler operating at process, thread, function and loops level

Static analysis

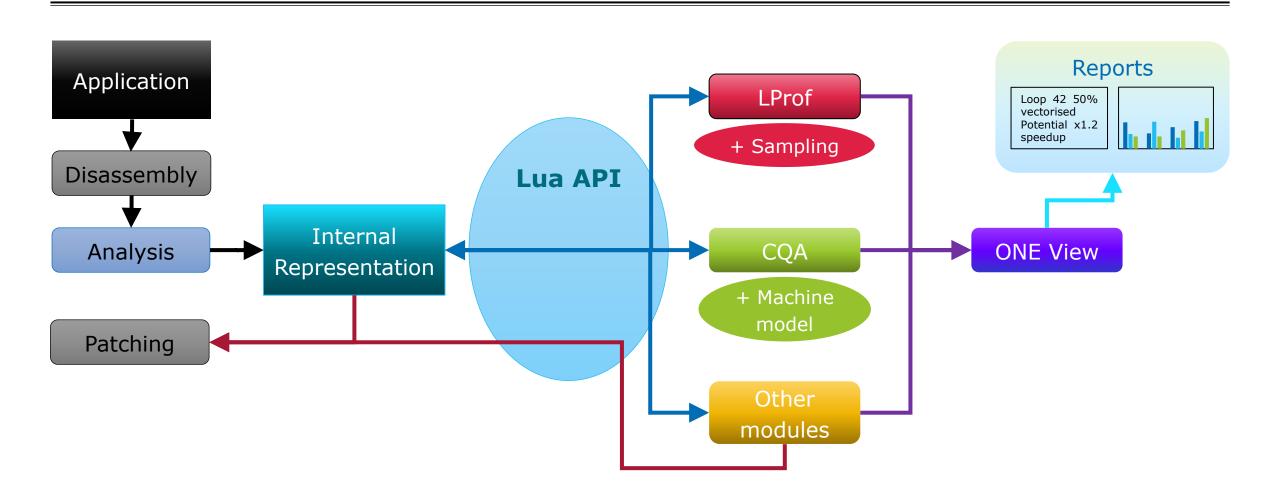
CQA (Code Quality Analyzer): Evaluates the quality of the binary code and offers hints for improving it

Performance view aggregation module: ONE View

- Goal: Guiding the user through the analysis & optimization process.
- Synthesizes information provided by different MAQAO modules
- Automatizes execution of experiments invoking other MAQAO modules and aggregates their results to produce high-level reports in HTML or XLSX format

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MAQAO Main structure



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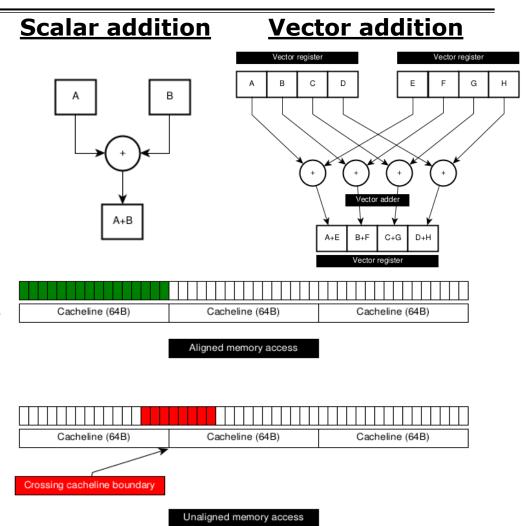
Useful notions

SIMD/Vectorization/Data Parallelism

- Scalar pattern: a[i] = b[i] + c[i]
- Vector pattern: 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 and caches

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





MAQAO LProf: Lightweight Profiler

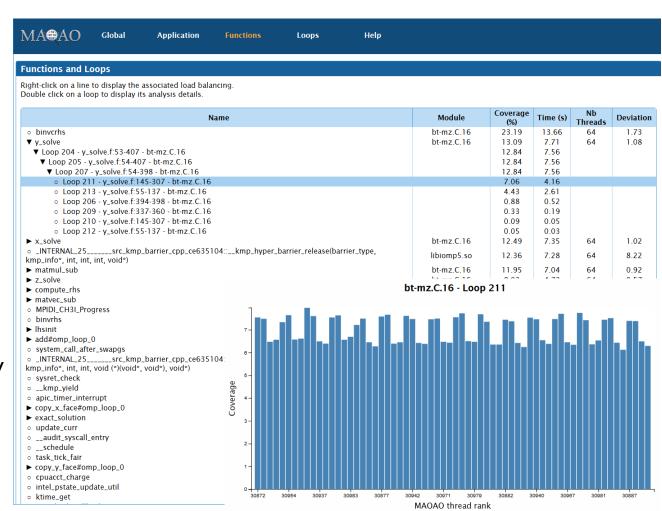
Goal: Lightweight localization of application hotspots

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
- Evaluates the quality of compiler generated code
- 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

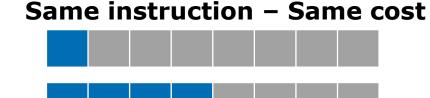
Applications exploit at best 5 to 10% of the peak performance.

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



"What If" Scenarios: Vectorization

Code "Clean"

- Generate an Assembly "Clean" variant: keep only FP Arithmetic and Memory operations, suppress all other
- Generate a CQA Performance estimate on the "Clean" Variant

Code "FP Vector"

- Generate an Assembly "FP Vector" variant: only replace scalar FP Arithmetic by Vector FP
 Arithmetic equivalent. Generate additional instructions to fill in Vector Registers.
- Generate a CQA Performance estimate

Code "Full Vector"

- Generate an Assembly "Full Vector" variant: replace both scalar FP Arithmetic and FP Load/Store by their Vector equivalent.
- Generate a CQA Performance estimate

All of these "What If Scenarios" are generated in a fully static manner.

MAQAO CQA: Guiding the compiler and implementation 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)

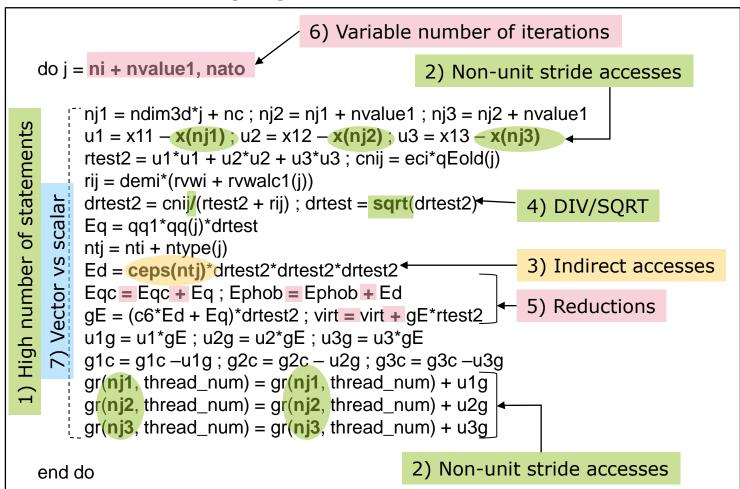
Hints for implementation changes:

- 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

MAQAO ONE View: Performance View Aggregator

Automating the whole analysis process

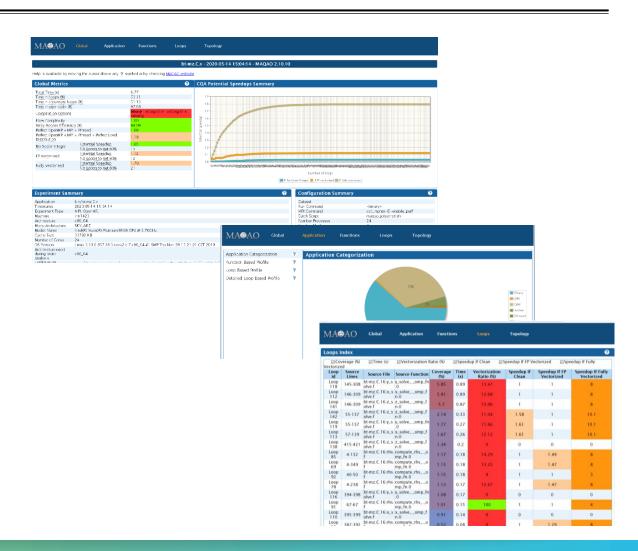
- Invoke multiple MAQAO modules
- Generate aggregated performance views
- Generate a report in HTML format

Main steps:

- Invokes LProf to identify hotspots
- Invokes CQA on hotspots

Available results:

- Speedup predictions
- **High-leve**l summary
- Global code quality metrics
- **Hints** for improving performance
- 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

Scalability mode

- Multiple executions with varying parallel configurations
- Allows to evaluate scalability or parallel behaviour of applications

Comparison mode

- Comparison of multiple runs (iso-binary or iso-source)
- Allows to compare performance across different datasets, compilers, or hardware platforms

Stability mode

- Multiple runs with identical parameters
- Allows to assess the stability of execution time

Analysing an application with MAQAO

ONF 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 --executable=bt-mz.C.16 --mpi_command="mpirun -n 16"
```

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

- 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

Online help is available:

- \$ maqao lprof --help
- \$ maqao cqa --help

Navigating ONE View Reports

















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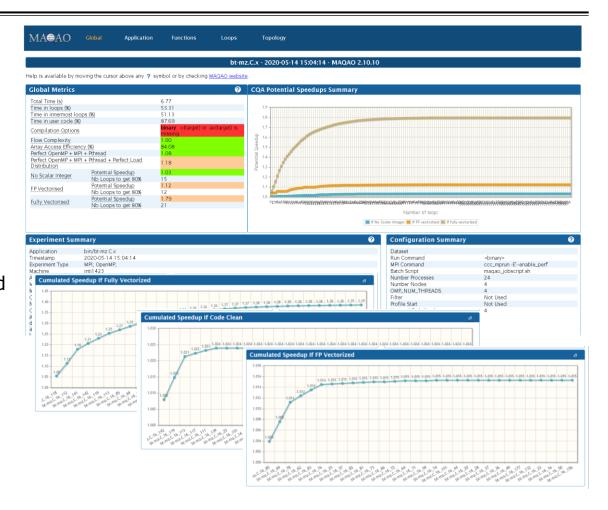
Global summary

Experiment summary

Machine characteristics and configuration

Global metrics

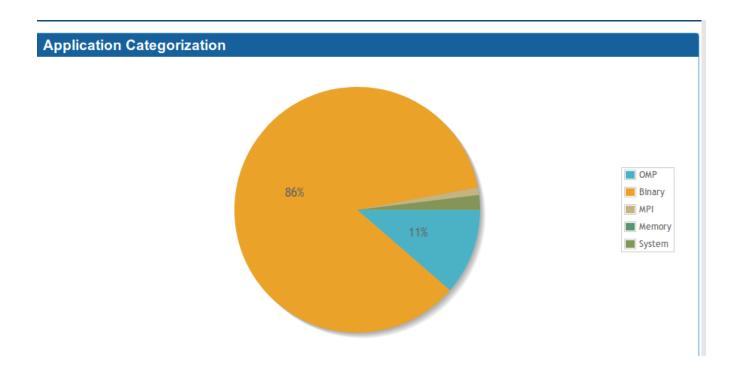
- General quality metrics derived from MAQAO analyses
- Global speedup predictions
 - Speedup prediction depending on the number of vectorised loops
 - Ordered speedups to identify the loops to optimise first



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

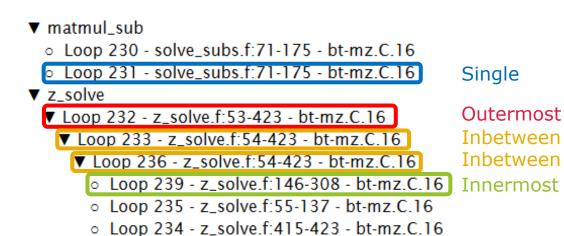


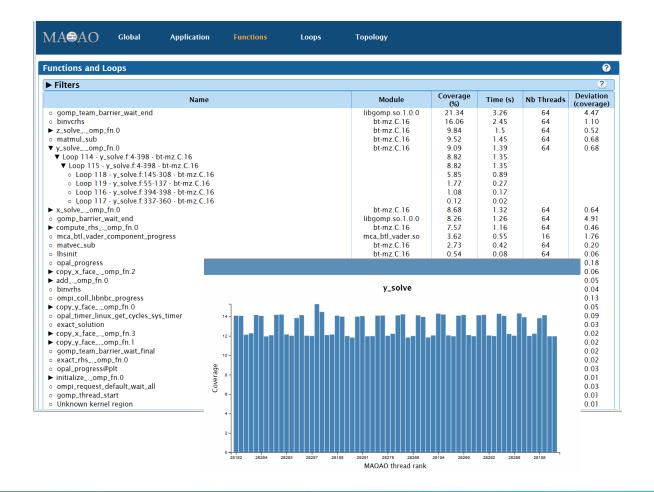


Functions Profiling

Identifying hotspots

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

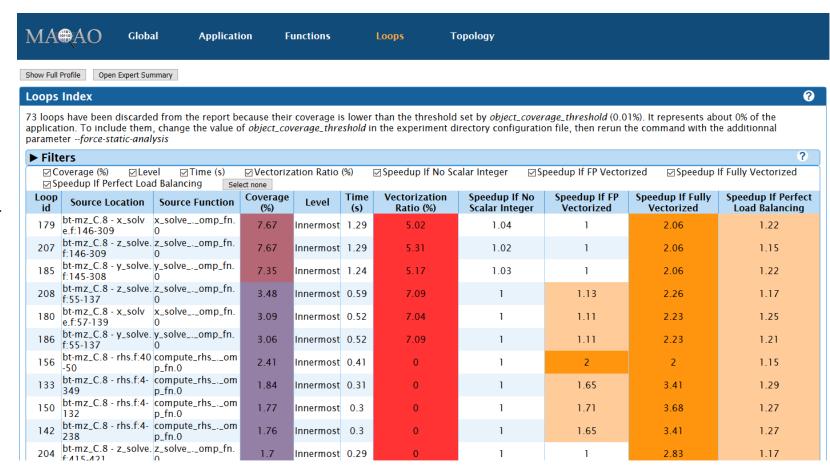




Loops Profiling Summary

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

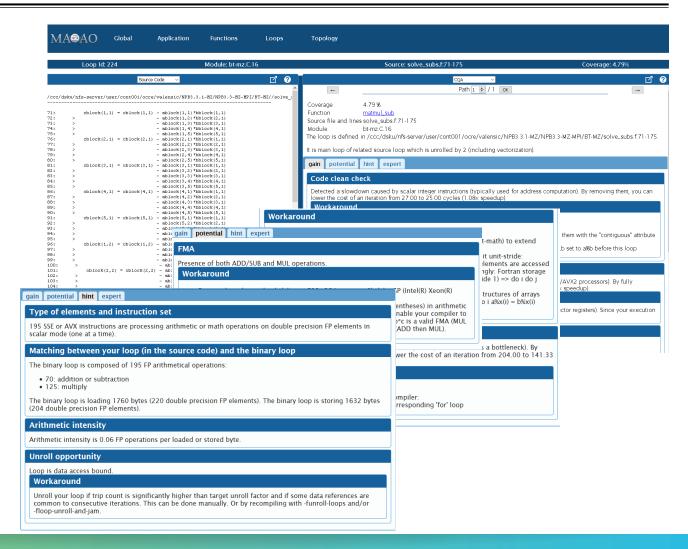




Loop Analysis Reports

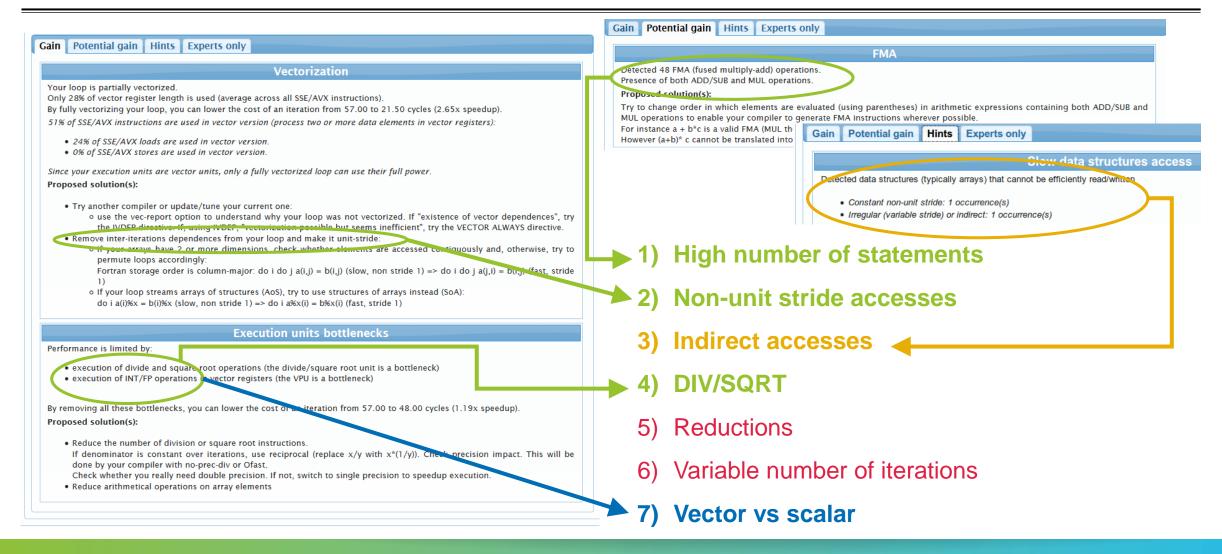
High level reports

- 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





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Loop Analysis Reports - Expert View

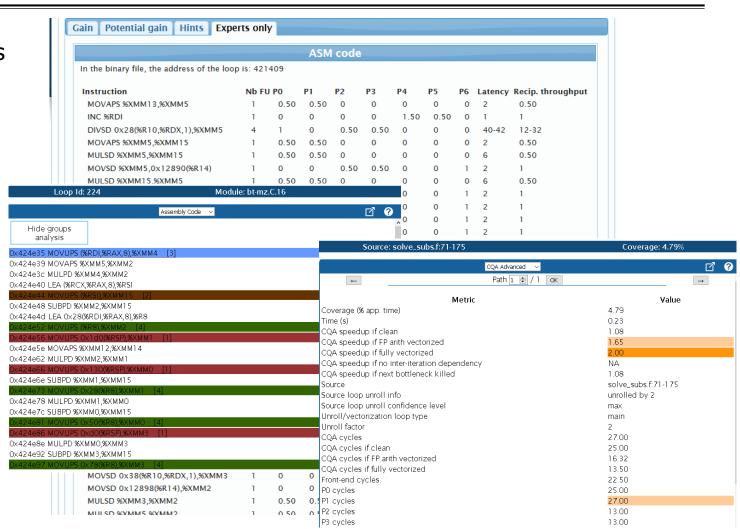
Low level reports for performance experts

- 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

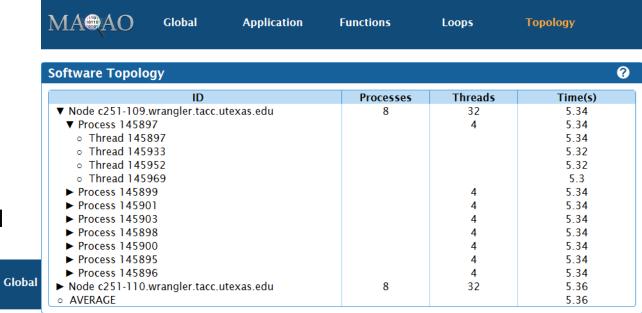
Software Topology

- 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

Name	Module	Coverage (%)	Time (s)
o binvcrhs	bt-mz_B.16	24.34	1.3
 INTERNAL_25src_kmp_barrier_cpp_fa608613::_kmp_hy per_barrier_gather(barrier_type, kmp_info*, int, int, void (*)(void*, v oid*), void*) 	libiomp5.so	17.6	0.94
► 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

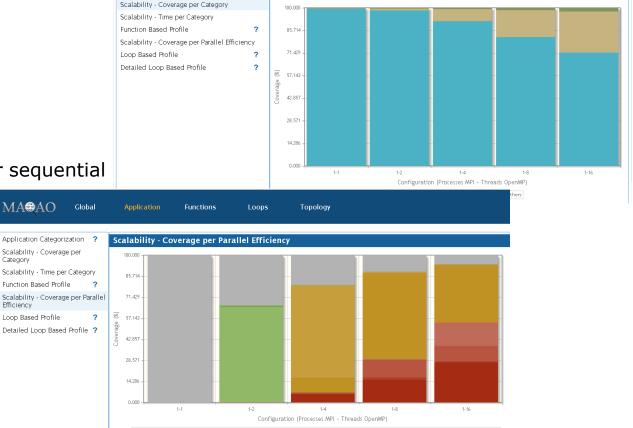
Comparison of categories for each run

Coverage per parallel efficiency

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

Distinguishing functions only represented in parallel or sequential

Displays efficiency by coverage



0% to 10% 10% to 20% 20% to 30% 30% to 40% 40% to 50% 50% to 60% 60% to 70% 70% to 80% 80% to 90% 100% efficiency efficie

Scalability - Coverage per Category

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Application Categorization ? Scalability - Coverage per Scalability - Time per Category

Function Based Profile

Application Categorization

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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



Loops

Topology

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?







