Measuring Hardware Counters for HPC Application Phase Detection

Gabriel B. Moro and Lucas M. Schnorr {gbmoro,schnorr}@inf.ufrgs.br









XIV Workshop de Processamento Paralelo e Distribuído UFRGS, Porto Alegre, 2nd September 2016

Introduction

Motivation:

- Reducing the power consumption of parallel applications;
- Fine-granularity to identify the <u>memory-bound regions</u> of parallel application several timestamps;
- Lower overhead of measurement.

Objective:

 Measure hardware counters at every given time interval to discover memory-bound regions

Related Works

Spiliopoulos et al:

- Tool that analyzes the behavior of sequential application (the concept of phases);
- Based on cache misses of different caches' levels.

Laurenzano et al:

Finer granularity for each application loop.

Freeh et al.:

- Define the most suitable frequency for each phase of MPI applications;
- Analyse of the best frequency for each node.

References