



# MAQAO Performance Analysis and Optimization Tool



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### Performance analysis and optimisation

**How much** can I optimise my application?

- Can it actually be done?
- What would the effort/gain ratio be?

Where can I gain time?

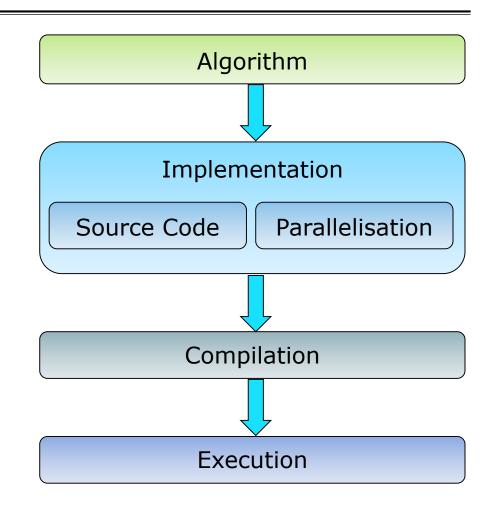
Where is my application wasting time?

Why is the application spending time there?

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

**How** can I improve the situation?

- In which step(s) of the design process?
- What additional information do I need?



### A multifaceted problem

**Pinpointing** the performance bottlenecks

**Identifying** the dominant issues

• Algorithms, implementation, parallelisation, ...

Making the **best use** of the machine features

- Complex multicore and manycore CPUs
- Complex memory hierarchy

Finding the **most rewarding** issues to be fixed

- 40% total time, expected 10% speedup
  - → TOTAL IMPACT: **4%** speedup



■ → TOTAL IMPACT: **10%** speedup



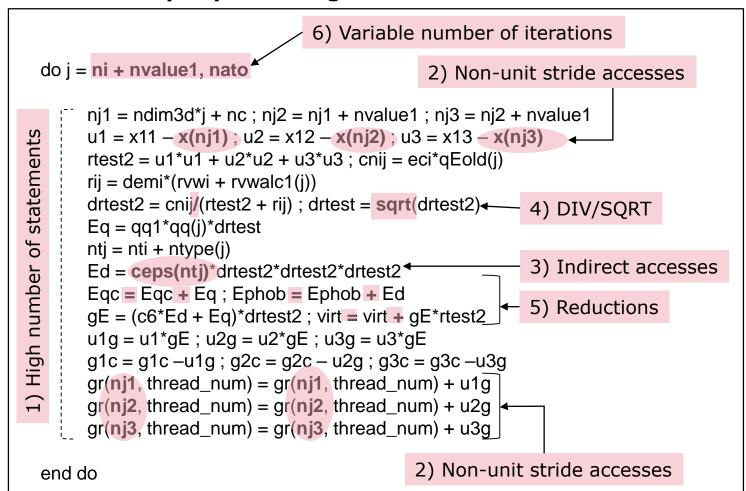


**→** Need for dedicated and complementary tools



### **Motivating example**

#### Code of a loop representing ~10% walltime



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
- Focusing on performance at the core level
- Guiding users through optimization process
- Estimating return of investment (R.O.I.)

#### Characteristics:

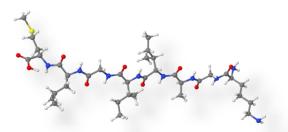
- Modular tool offering complementary views
- Support for Intel x86-64 and Xeon Phi
  - ARM under development
- LGPL3 Open Source software
- Developed at UVSQ since 2004
- Binary release available as static executable

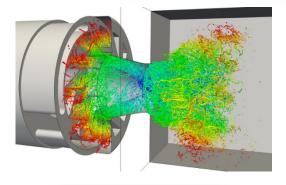


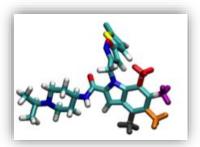
#### **Success stories**

MAQAO was used for optimizing 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







#### **Partnerships**

MAQAO was funded by UVSQ, Intel and CEA (French department of energy) through Exascale Computing Research (ECR) and the French Ministry of Industry through various FUI/ITEA projects

(H4H, COLOC, PerfCloud, ELCI, etc...)





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
- www.pexl.eu



#### **MAQAO** team and collaborators

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#### **Analysis at binary level**

Advantages of binary analysis:

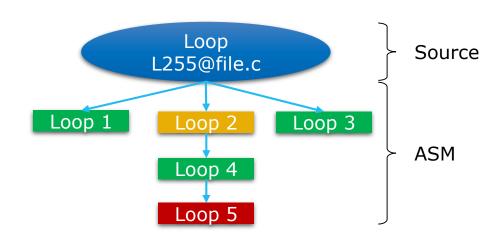
- Compiler optimizations increase the distance between the executed code and the source
- Source code instrumentation may prevent the compiler from applying some transformations

We want to evaluate the "real" executed code: What You Analyse Is What You Run

#### Main steps:

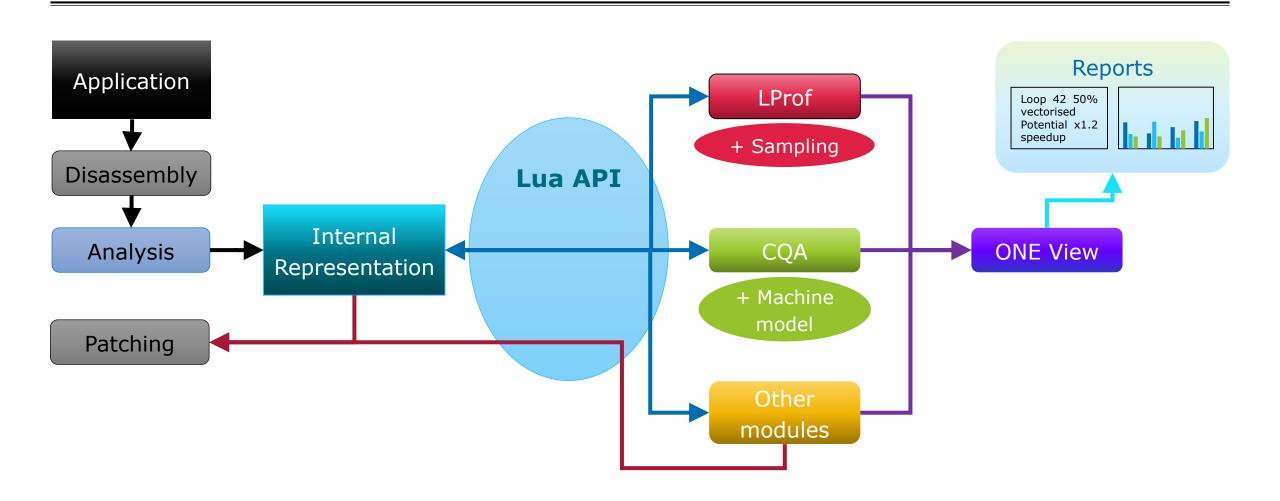
- Reconstruct the program structure
- Relate the analyses to source code
  - A single source loop can be compiled as multiple assembly loops
  - Affecting unique identifiers to loops





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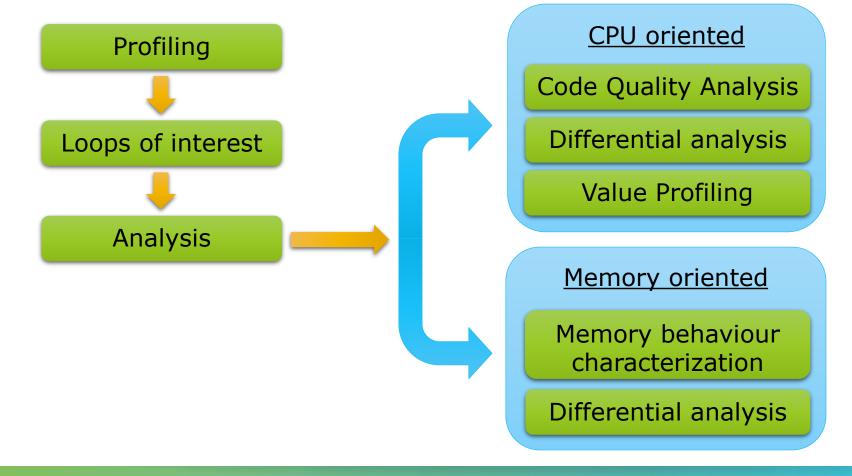
### **MAQAO Main structure**





#### **MAQAO** Methodology

#### **Decision tree**





### **MAQAO LProf: Lightweight Profiler**

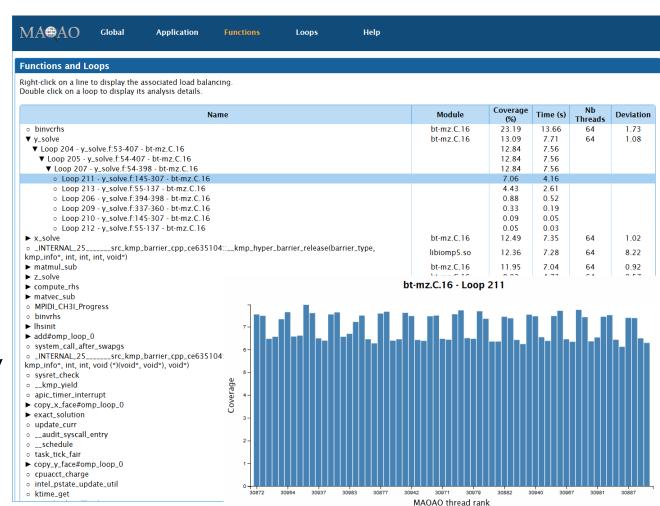
**Goal**: Lightweight localization of application hotspots

#### Features:

- Sampling based
- Access to hardware counters for additional information
- Results 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:

- Evaluates the quality of the compiler generated code
- Returns hints and workarounds to improve quality
- Focuses on loops
  - In HPC most of the time is spent in loops
- Targets compute-bound codes

#### Static analysis:

- Requires no execution of the application
- Allows cross-analysis

#### 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,j) = 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**

Most of the time, 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:

- Vectorizing
- Avoiding high latency instructions if possible
- Having the compiler generate an efficient code
- Reorganizing memory layout





Process up to 8X data

#### **MAQAO CQA: Compiler and programmer hints**

Compiler can be driven using flags and pragmas:

- 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)

#### Implementation changes:

- Improve data access
  - Loop interchange
  - Changing loop strides
  - Reshaping arrays of structures
- Avoid instructions with high latency



### **MAQAO ONE View: Performance View Aggregator**

#### **Automating** the whole analysis process

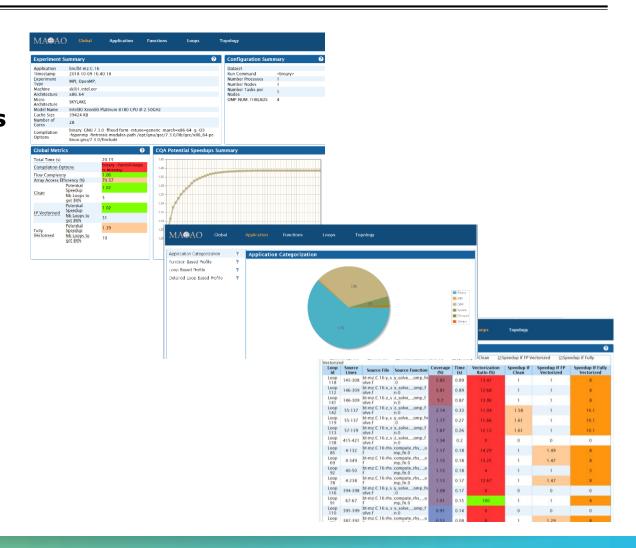
- Invocation of the required MAQAO modules
- Generation of aggregated performance views available as HTML files

#### Main steps:

- Invokes LProf to identify hotspots
- Invokes CQA on loop hotspots

#### Available results:

- Speedup predictions
- Global code quality metrics
- **Hints** for improving performance
- Parallel efficiency



### **Analysing an application with MAQAO**

#### **Execute ONE View**

- Provide all parameters necessary for executing the application
  - Parameters can be passed on the command line or into a configuration file
  - Parameters include binary name, MPI commands, dataset directory, ...

```
$ maqao oneview --create-report=one --binary=bt-mz.C.16 --mpi_command="mpirun -n 16"
```

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

- Analyses can be tweaked if necessary
  - Report one corresponds to profiling and code quality analysis
- ONE View can reuse an existing experiment directory to perform further analyses
- Results available in HTML by default
  - XLS files or console output available

#### Online help 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" -- ./bt-mz.C.16
- Display
- \$ 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 bt-mz.C.16

Online help available:

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

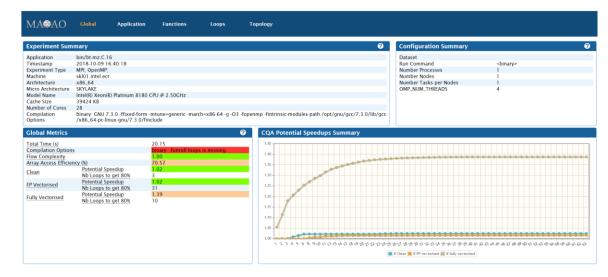
#### **Global summary**

#### 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





#### **Application Characteristics**

Application categorisation

Time spent in different regions of code

Function based profile

Functions by coverage ranges

Loop based profile

Loops by coverage ranges

Detailed loop based profile

Loop types by coverage ranges

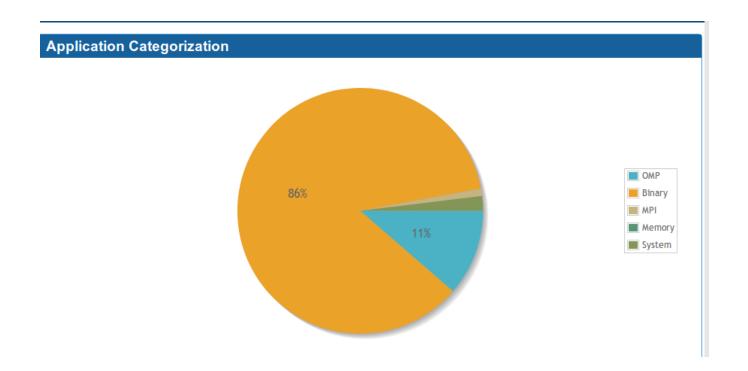




### **Application Characteristics: Time Categorisation**

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



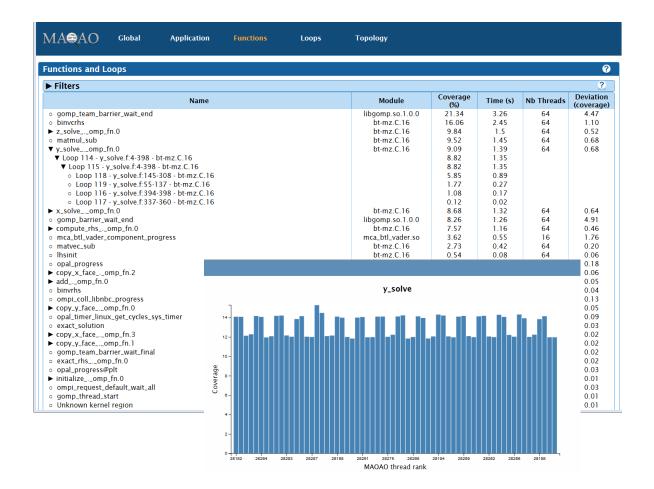
#### **Functions Profiling**

#### Identifying hotspots

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

▼ matmul\_sub
 Loop 230 - solve\_subs.f:71-175 - bt-mz.C.16
 Loop 231 - solve\_subs.f:71-175 - bt-mz.C.16
 ▼ z\_solve
 ▼ Loop 232 - z\_solve.f:53-423 - bt-mz.C.16
 ▼ Loop 233 - z\_solve.f:54-423 - bt-mz.C.16
 ▼ Loop 236 - z\_solve.f:54-423 - bt-mz.C.16
 Loop 239 - z\_solve.f:146-308 - bt-mz.C.16
 Loop 235 - z\_solve.f:55-137 - bt-mz.C.16

Loop 234 - z\_solve.f:415-423 - bt-mz.C.16



#### **Loops Profiling Summary**

#### Identifying loop hotspots

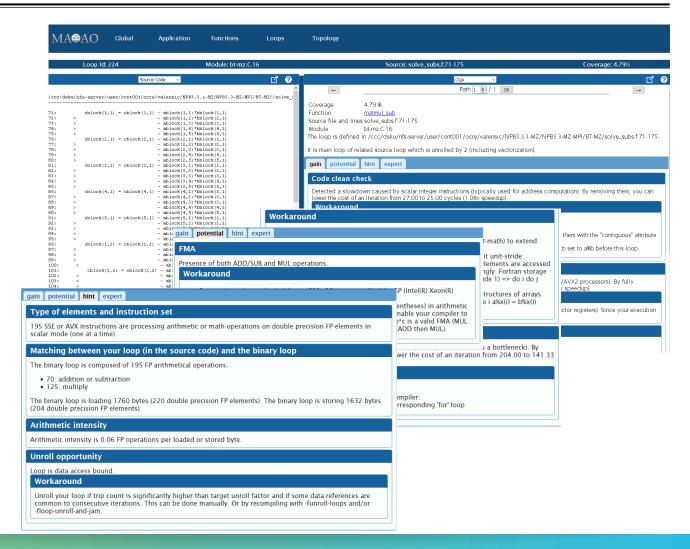
- Vectorisation information
- Potential speedup by optimisation
  - Clean: Removing address computations
  - FP Vectorised: Vectorising floatingpoint computations
  - Fully Vectorised: Vectorising floating-point computations and memory accesses



#### **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





### **Loop Analysis Reports - Expert View**

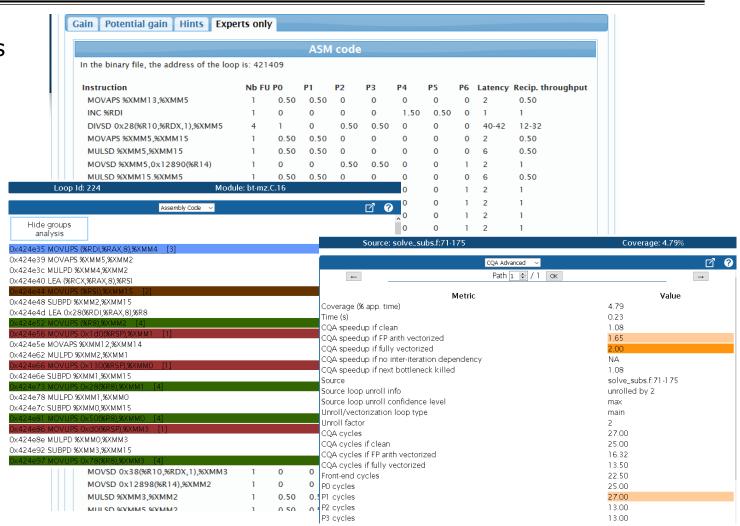
Low level reports for performance experts

- Assembly-level
- Instructions cycles costs
- Instructions dispatch predictions
- Memory access analysis

#### Assembly code

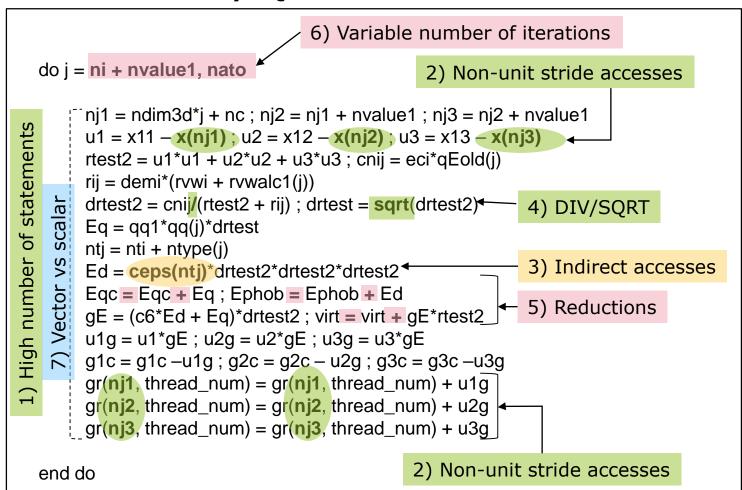
 Highlights groups of instructions accessing the same memory addresses

CQA internal metrics



### **Application to Motivating Example**

#### **Issues identified by CQA**

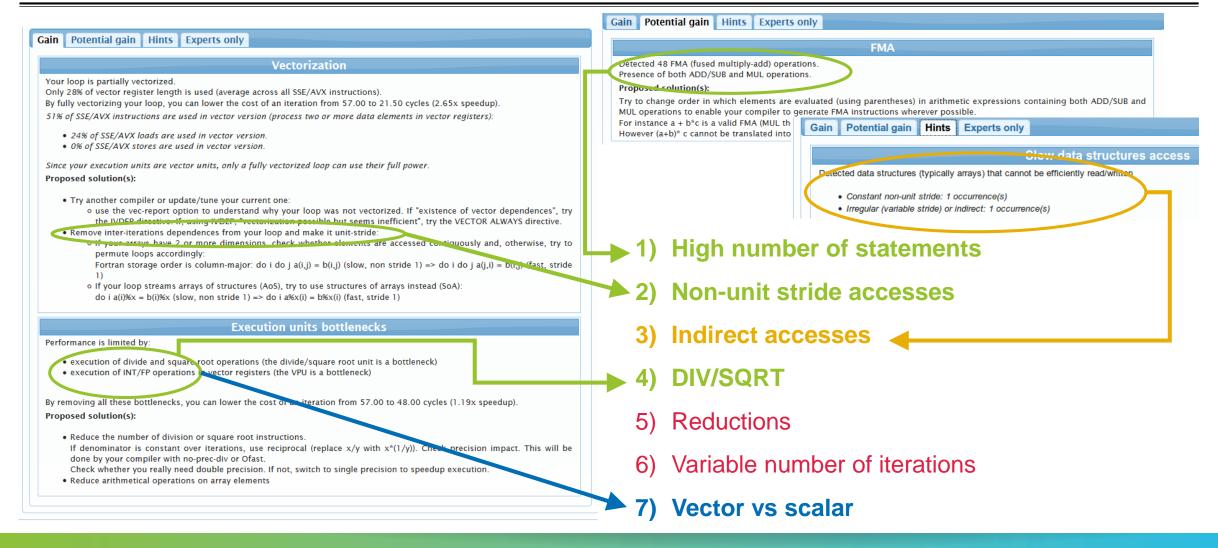


CQA can detect and provide hints to resolve most of the identified issues:

- 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



#### **Application to Motivating Example**



### **MAQAO ONE View Thread/Process View**

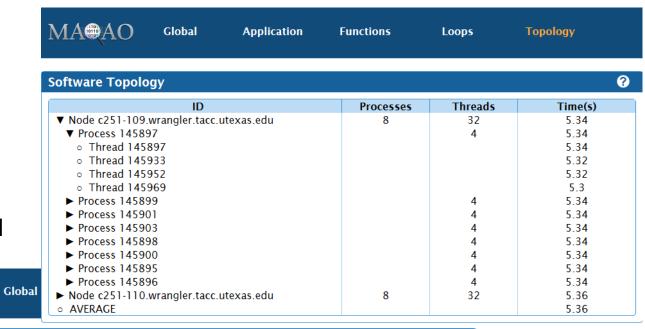
#### Software Topology

- List of nodes
- Processes by node
- Thread by process

#### View by thread

Function profile at the thread or process level

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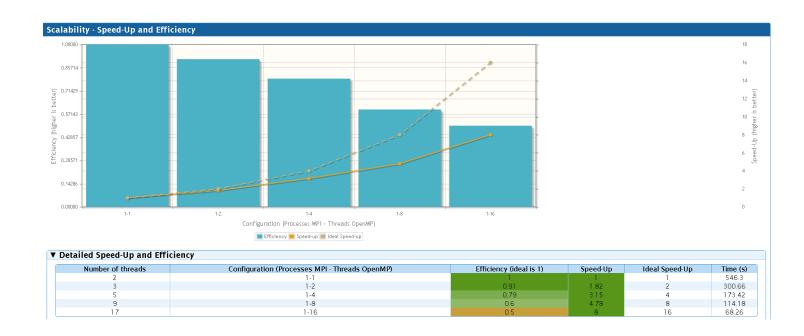
#### Profiling node c251-109.wrangler.tacc.utexas.edu - process 145897 - thread 145897

Name	Module	Coverage (%)	Time (s)
o binvcrhs	bt-mz_B.16	24.34	1.3
<ul> <li>INTERNAL_25src_kmp_barrier_cpp_fa608613::_kmp_hy per_barrier_gather(barrier_type, kmp_info*, int, int, void (*)(void*, void*), void*)</li> </ul>	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

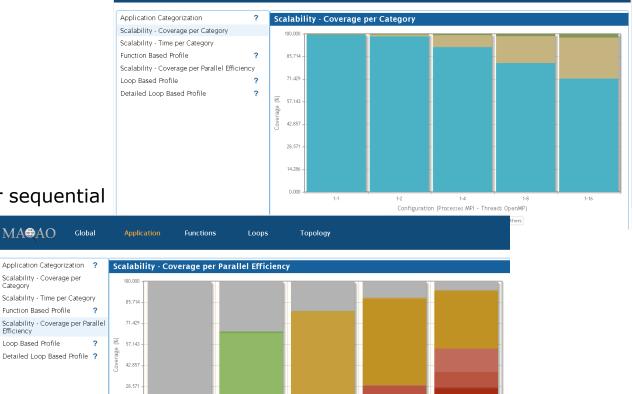
Comparison of categories for each run

Coverage per parallel efficiency

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

Distinguishing functions only represented in parallel or sequential

Displays efficiency by coverage



Configuration (Processes MPI - Threads OpenMP)

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

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

Function Based Profile



### **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

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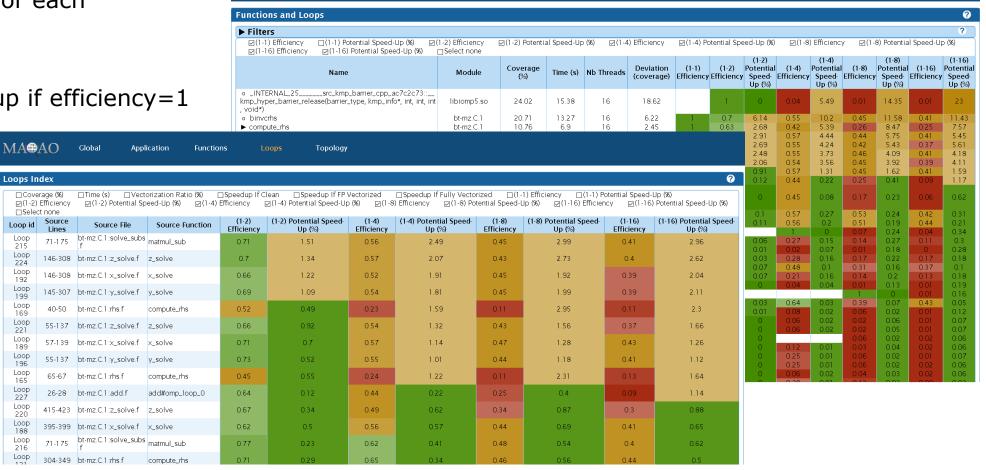
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Loops

Topology

#### **More on MAQAO**

MAQAO website: www.maqao.org

- Documentation: www.maqao.org/documentation.html
  - Tutorials for ONE View, LProf and CQA
  - Lua API documentation
- Latest release: <a href="http://www.maqao.org/downloads.html">http://www.maqao.org/downloads.html</a>
  - Binary releases (2-3 per year)
  - Core sources
- Publications around MAQAO: <a href="http://www.maqao.org/publications.html">http://www.maqao.org/publications.html</a>

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**Questions?** 







